

# Bevorzugter Zitierstil für diesen Vortrag

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# Implementing UrbanSim in Zürich: Experiences and results

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# First: A bit about Switzerland

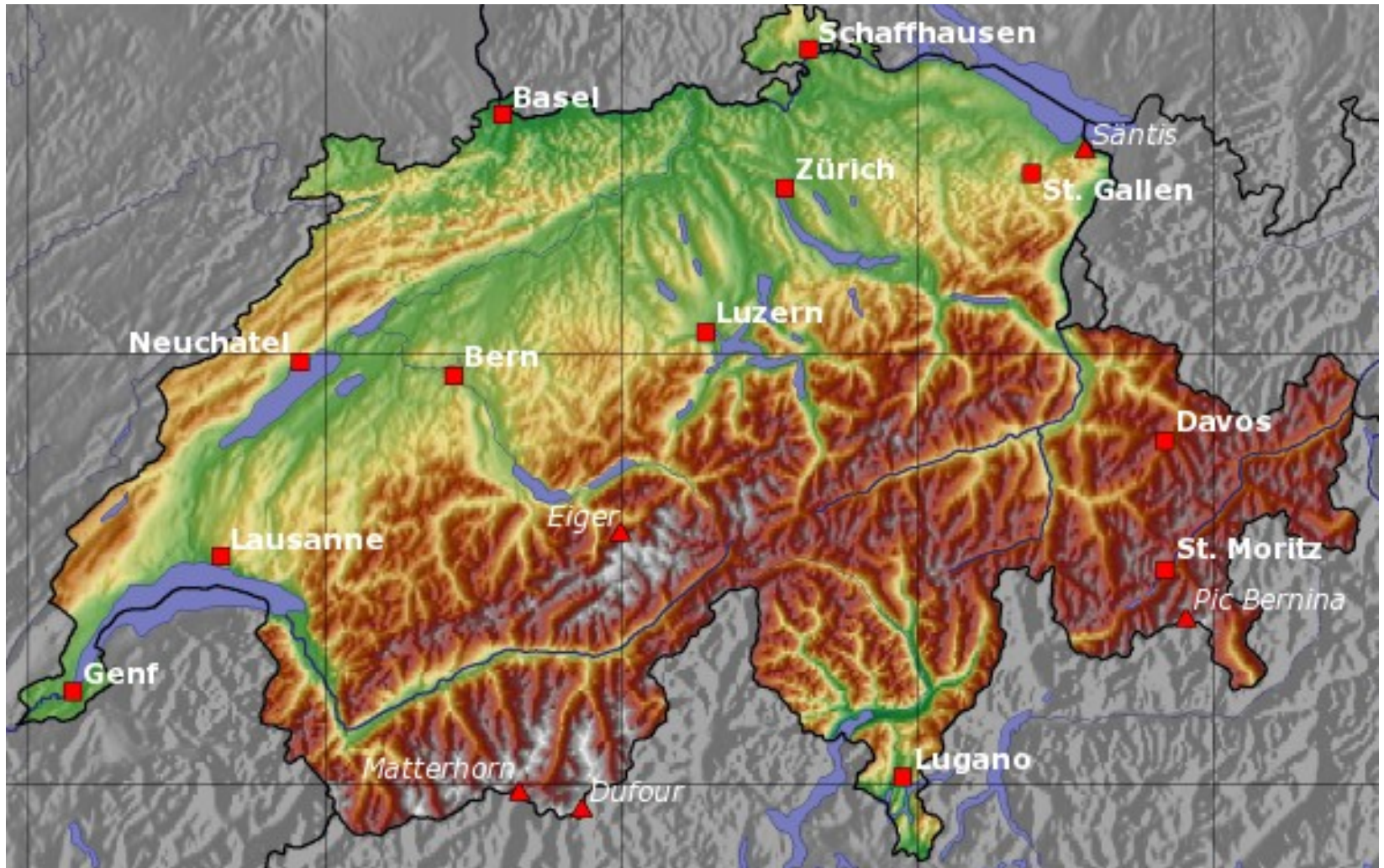
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# Some facts

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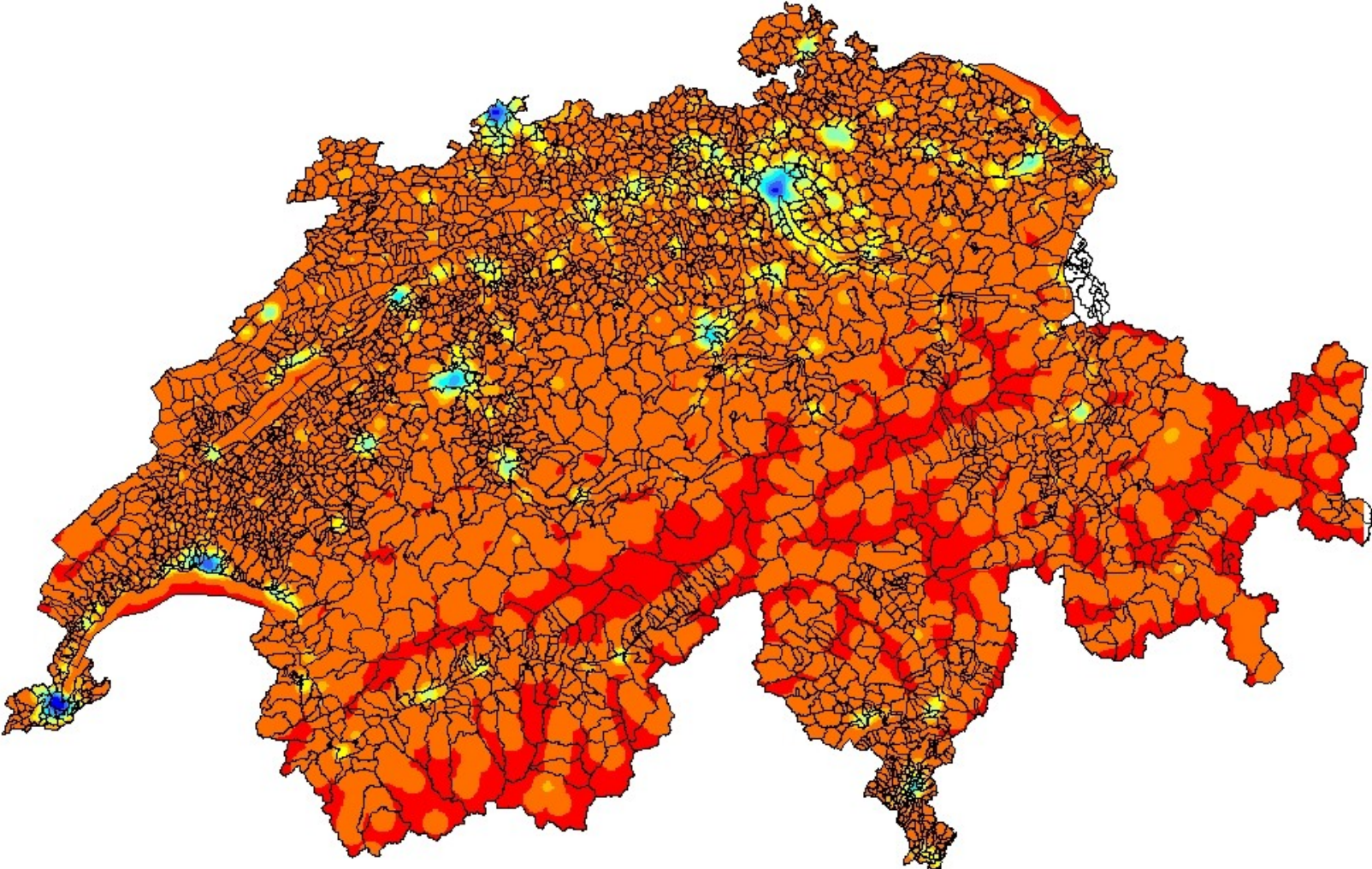
- 7.5 mio residents (20% with foreign passports)
- 39'000 km<sup>2</sup> with about 2'800 tax-raising and planning authorities (1+26+2800) (Kyushu)
- 4 (5) official languages (1:3:9 for Italian, French, German plus Romanch Grisun and – unofficially - English)
- Administrative executives
- (Quarterly) referendum driven politics

# Topography



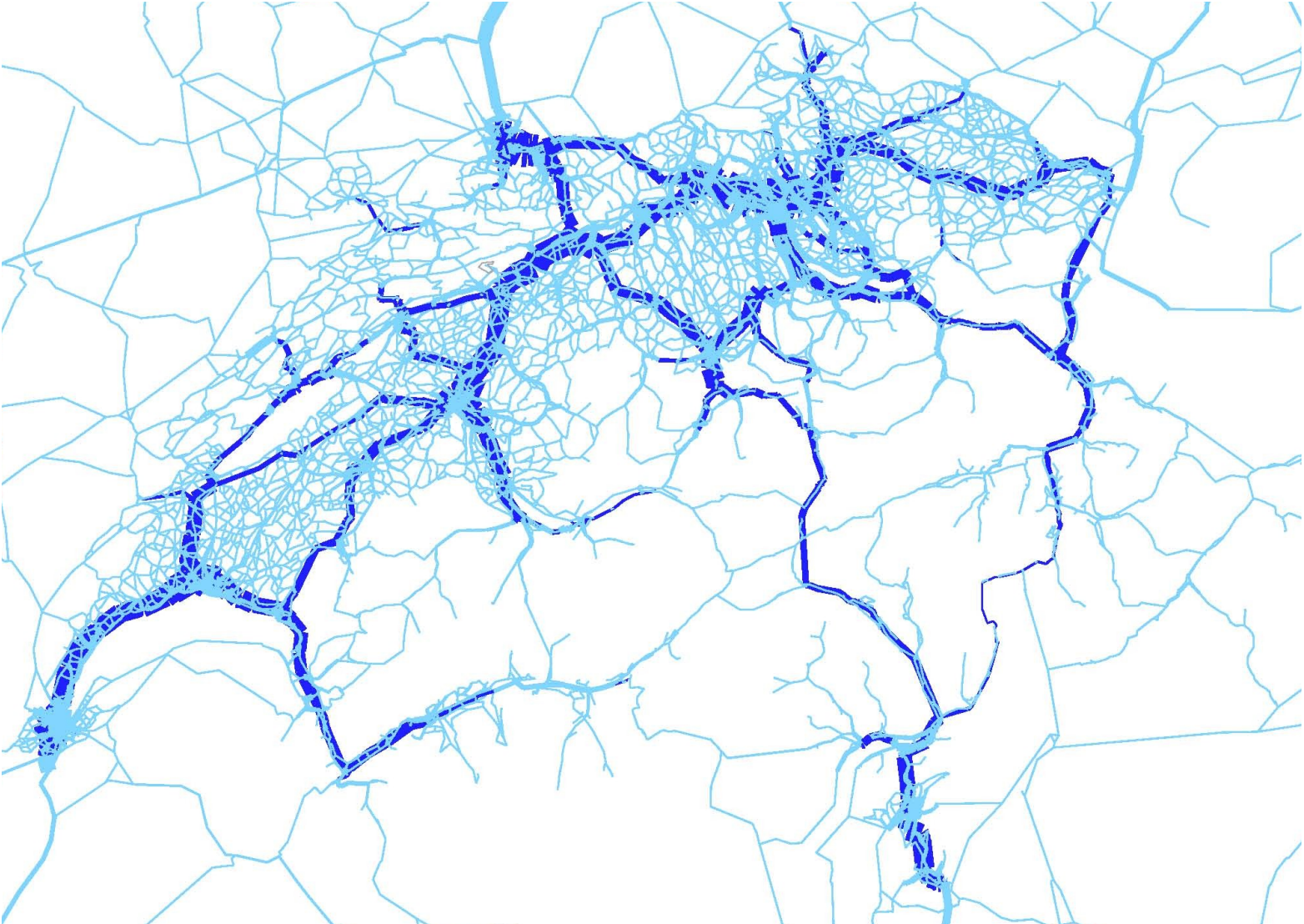
# Population density

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# Road traffic volumes (2000)

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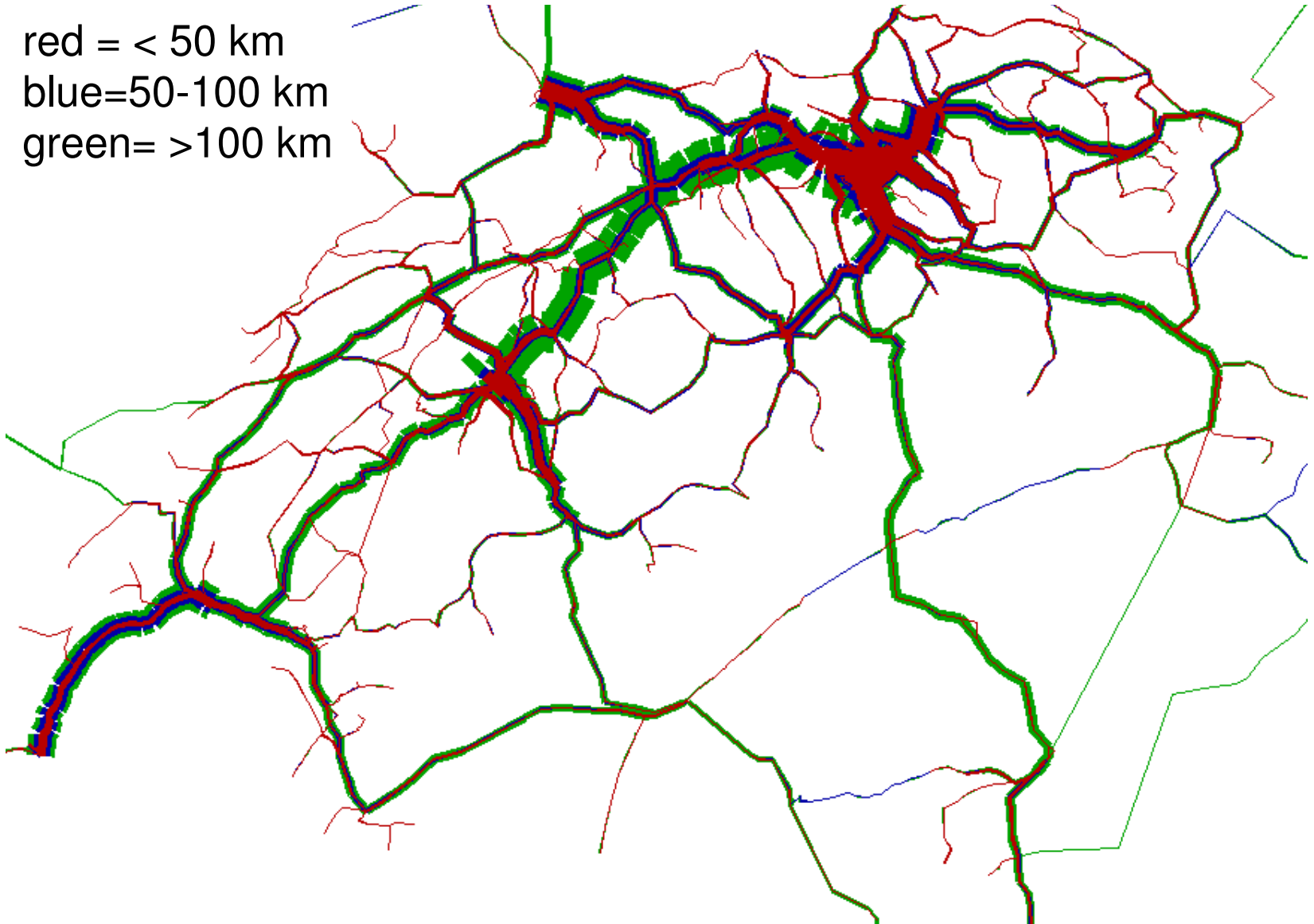




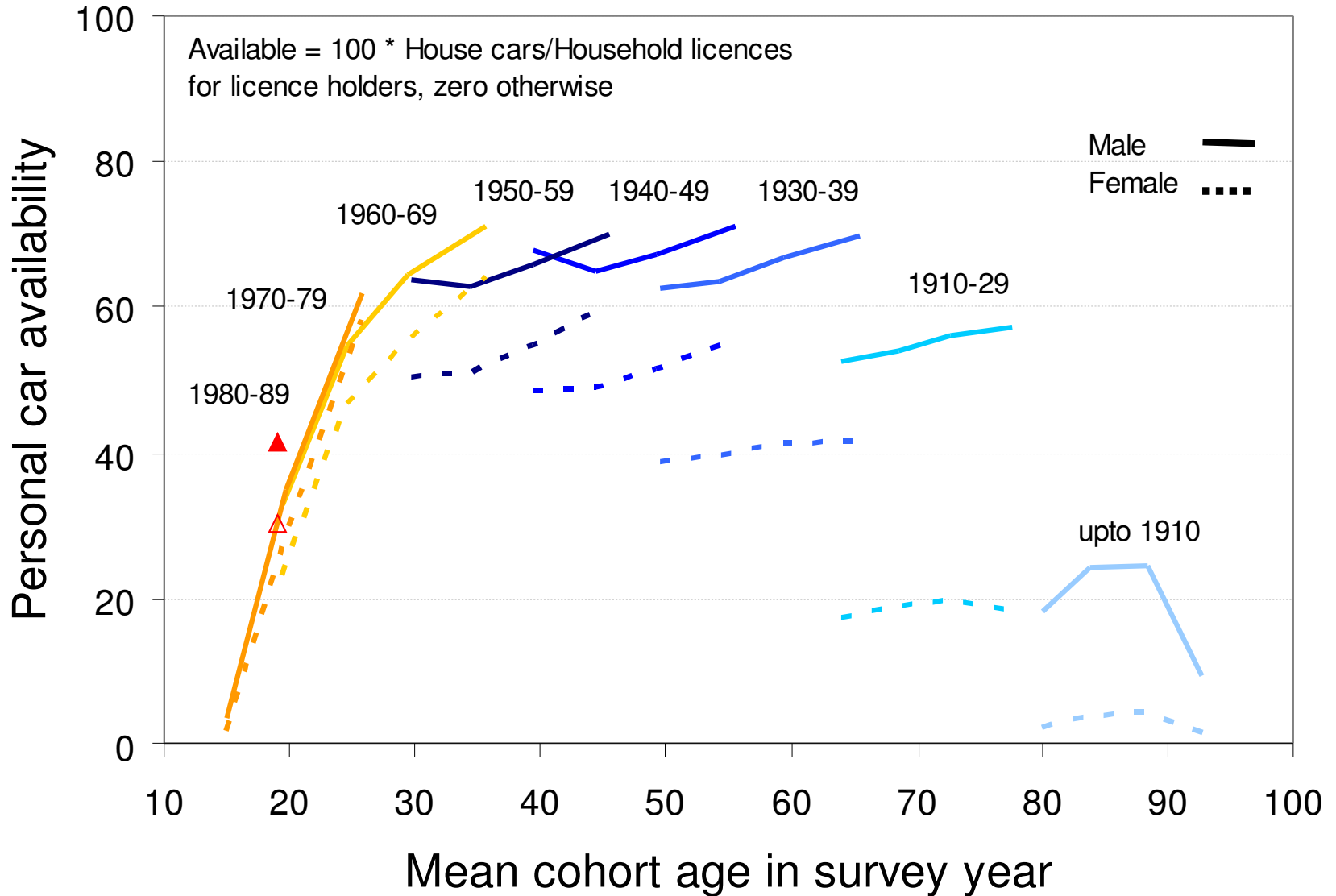
# Railway passenger flows by distance

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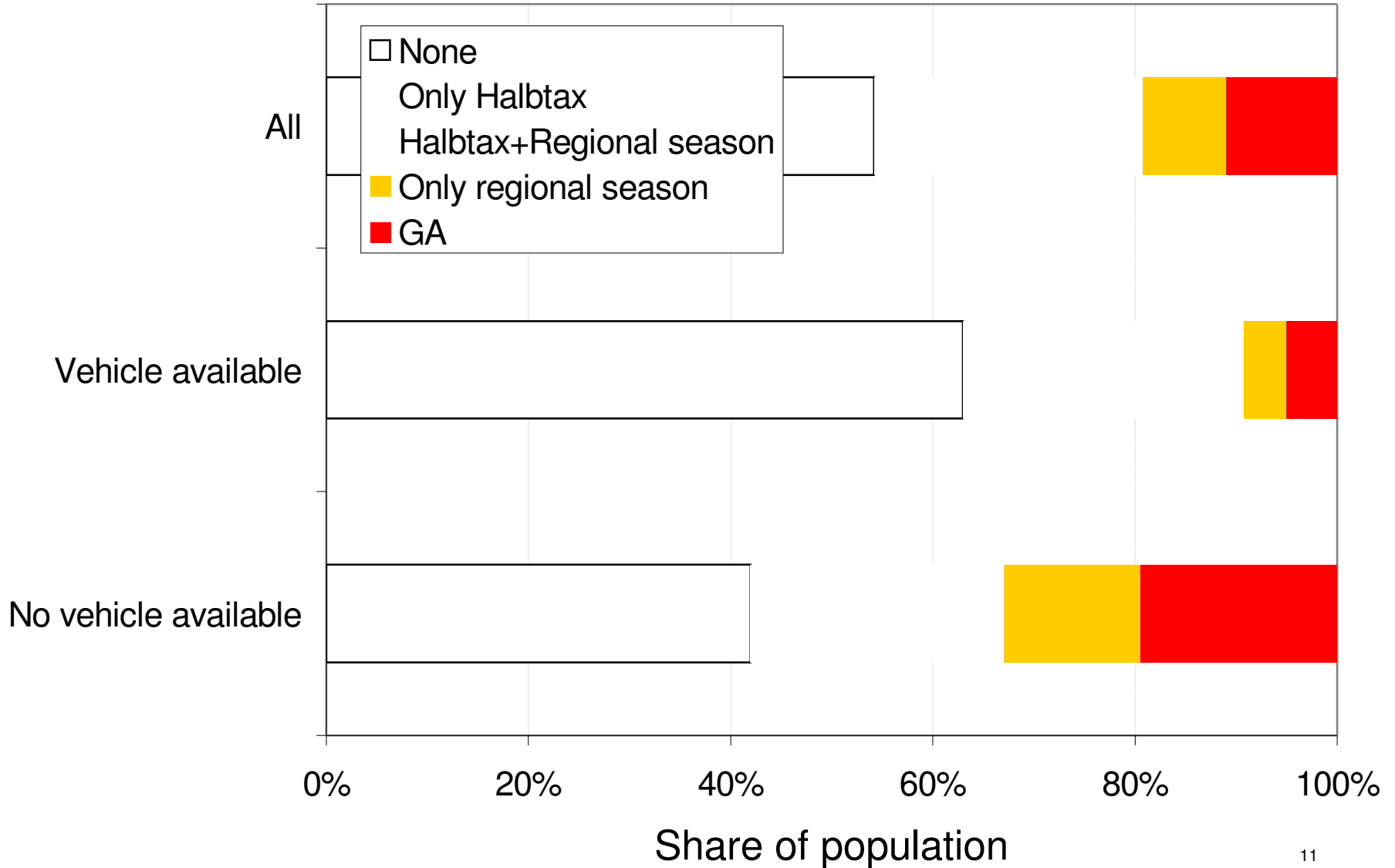
red = < 50 km  
blue = 50-100 km  
green = > 100 km



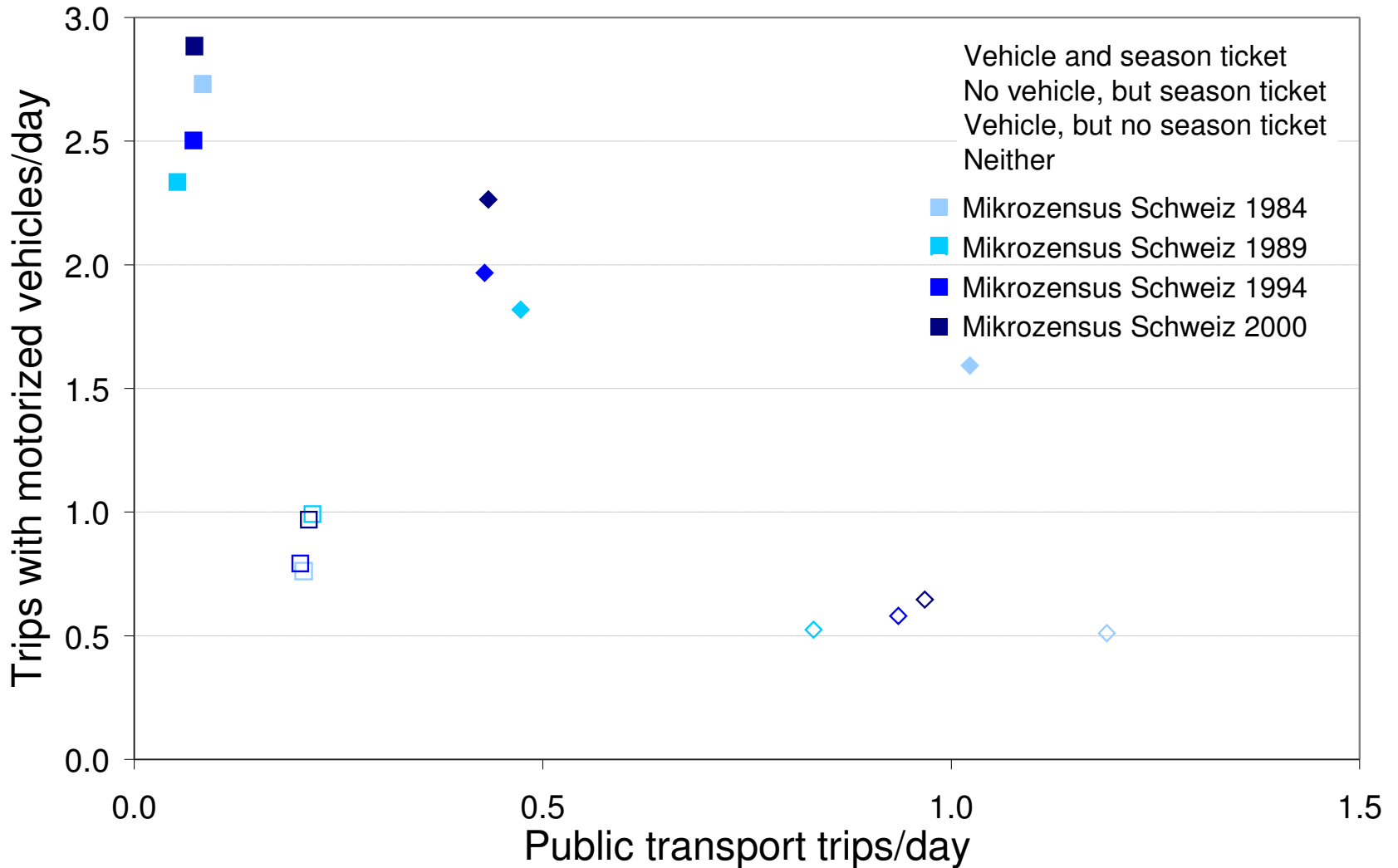
# Car availability



# Season tickets and discount cards (MZ 2005)



# Mobility tools and model split (CH 1984-2000)



# Why UrbanSim ?

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# Why ?

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- GNU Open source
- Fast on single CPU machines
- Good backup and documentation ([www.urbansim.org](http://www.urbansim.org))
- Active development
- Worldwide user community
- Incremental modelling approach
- Quasi-agent driven

# Known applications

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# UrbanSim basics

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# Inputs/Outputs

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## **Exogenous**

*Given for forecast period*

- land use plan
- transport network characteristics
- economic forecasts
- population forecasts

## **Endogenous**

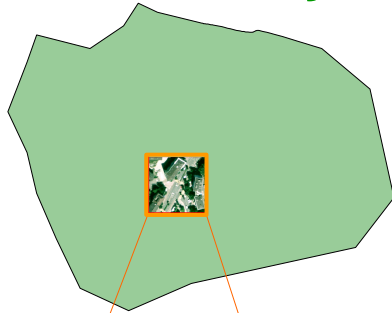
*Modelled for forecast period*

- households
- jobs
- built floorspace
- land prices
- traffic flows

# Elements

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## Traffic analysis zone



Accessibility (road, public transport)

100 Meter

100 Meter



Hektar

Number of households by type

Workplaces

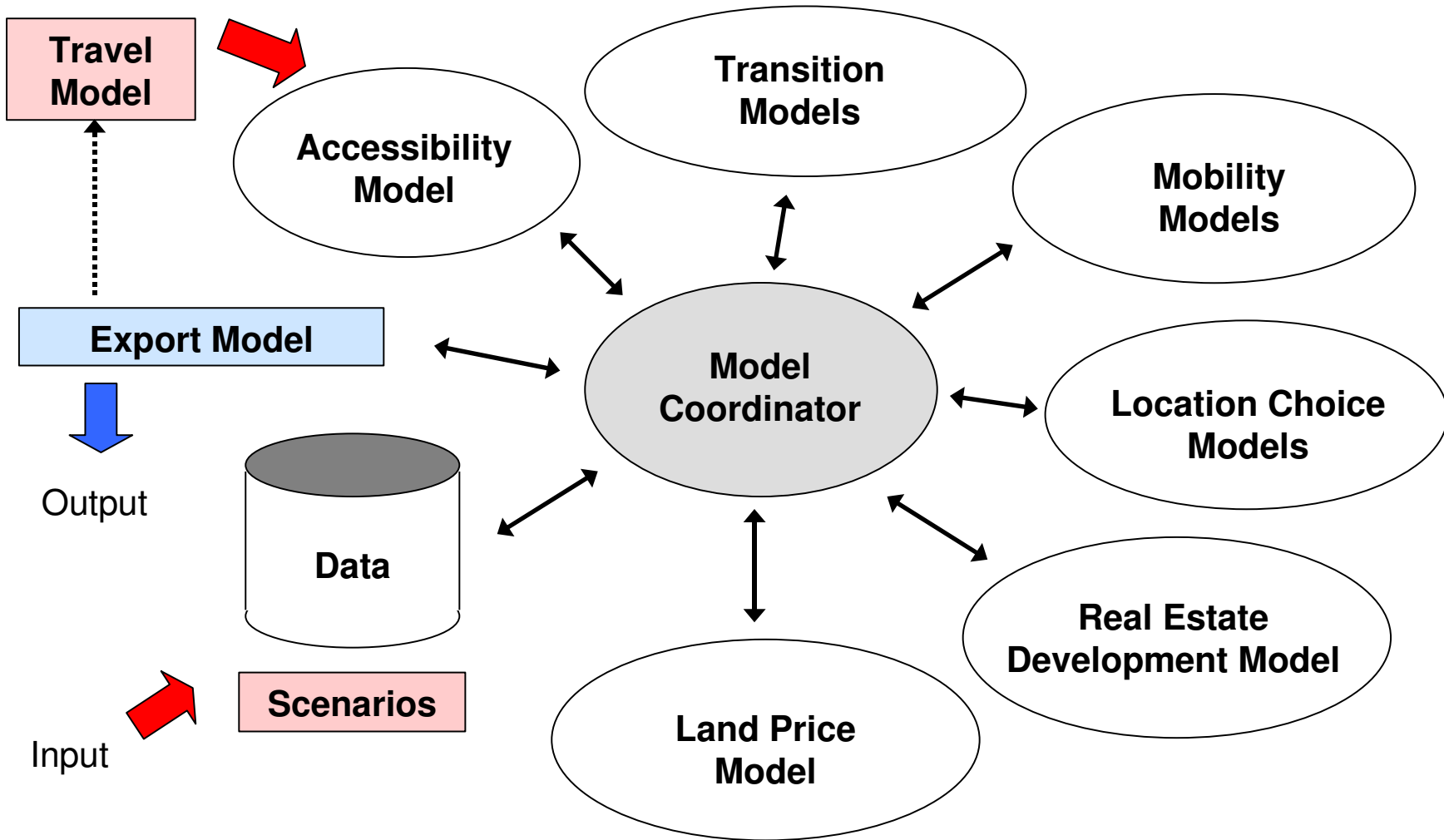
Floor area

Flats

Land price index

Maximum use & use regulations

# Structure

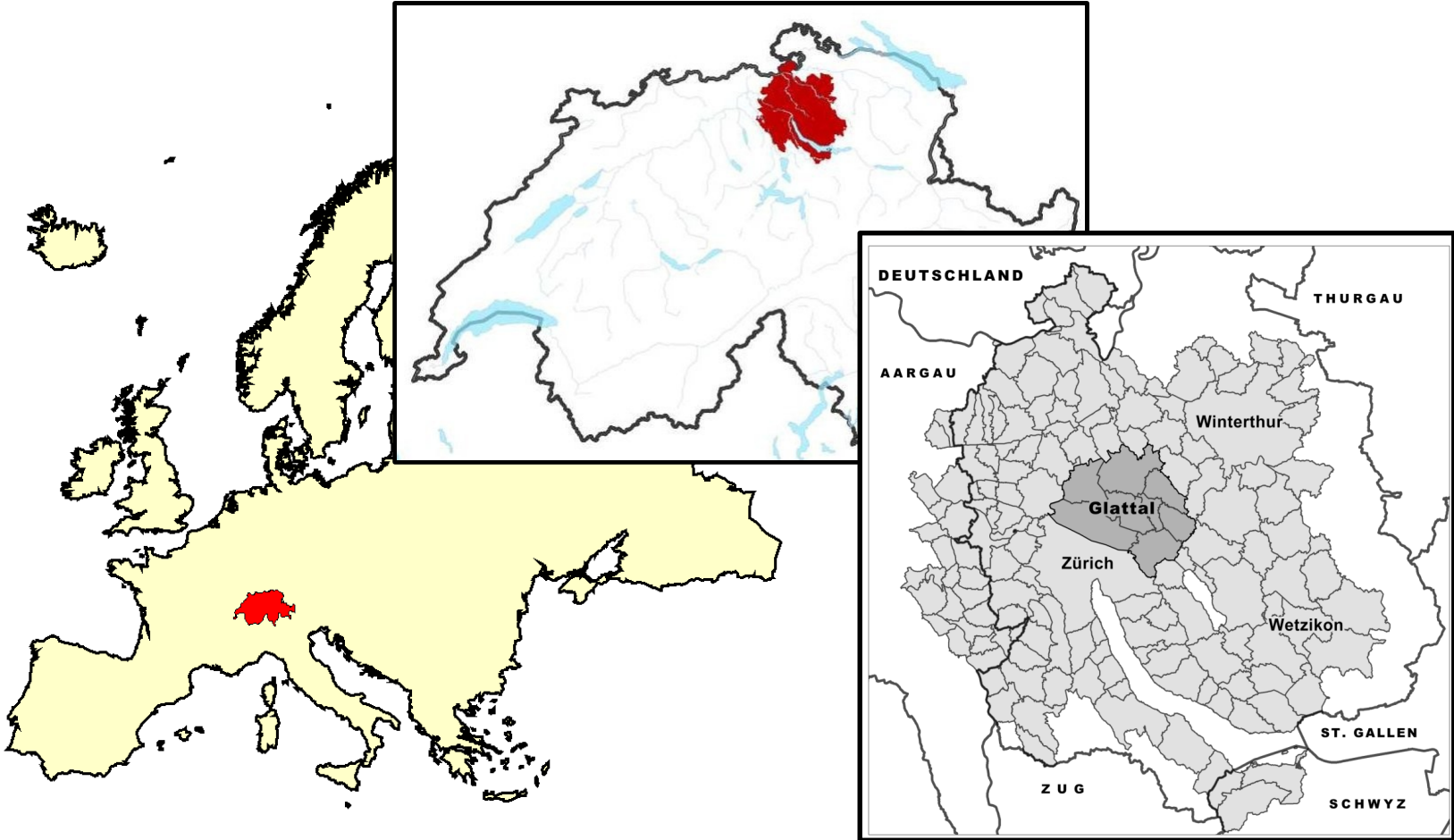


# Data needs & sources

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# Study area

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# Items and providers

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Issue

Provider

Topographical maps

Swiss Topo

Digital terrain model

Swiss Topo

Vector maps 1:25000

Swiss Topo

Census data by hectare

BfS

Census of work places by hectare

BfS

Building volumes, floor area

Cantonal fire insurance

Land use regulation

Canton Zürich

# Items and providers

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Issue

Provider

Public transport stops

ZVV

Road noise

Canton

Rail noise

IVT

Aircraft noise

Unique Airport

Road accessibilities

IVT (Cantonal model)

Public transport accessibilities

IVT (Cantonal model)

# Models

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Hedonic models for land values

Probability to move (households, firms)

Residential location choice

Employment location choice

Development decision choice



# Firmographics

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# Data

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## Sources:

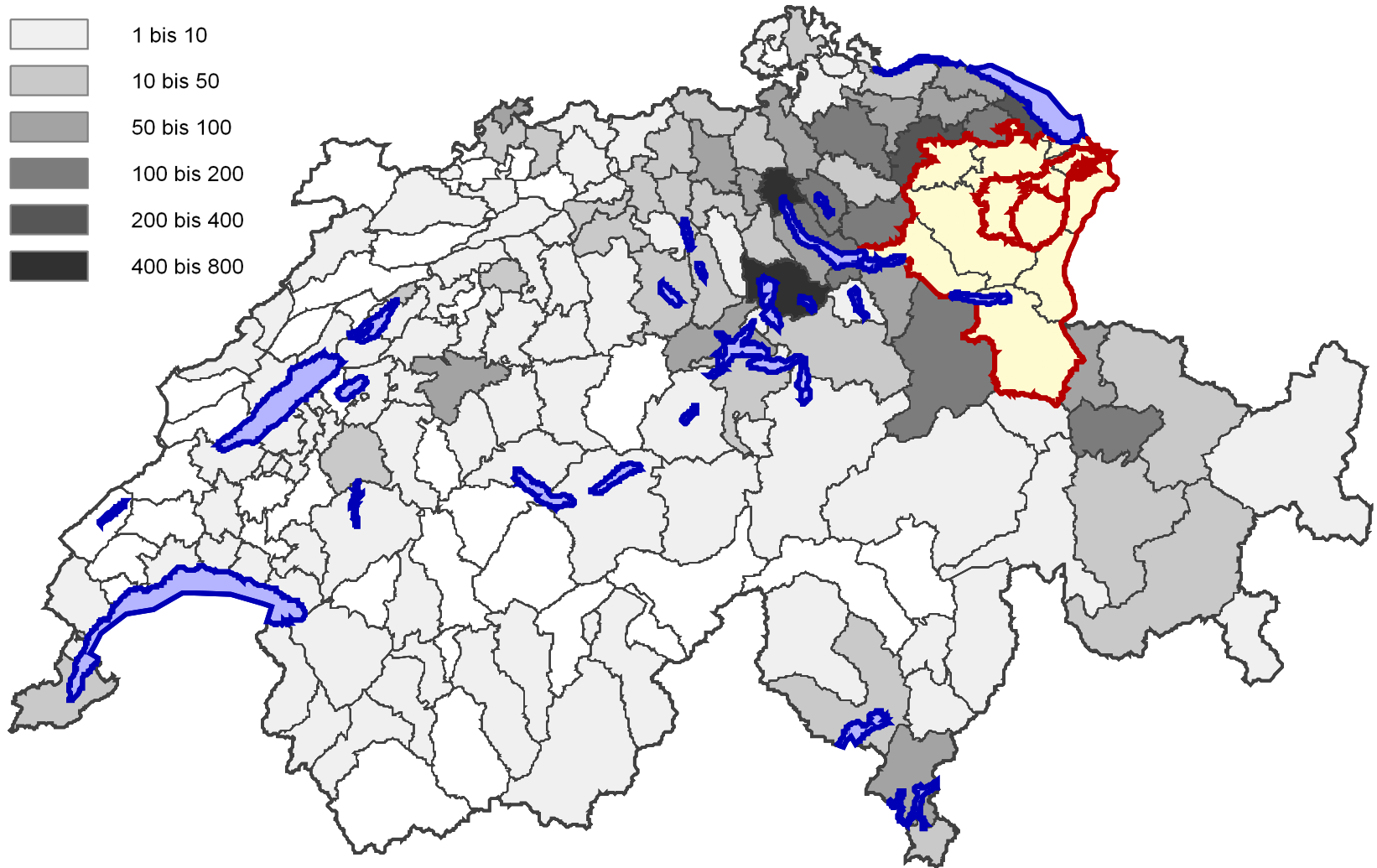
- Official business register
- Census of places of employment

## Area:

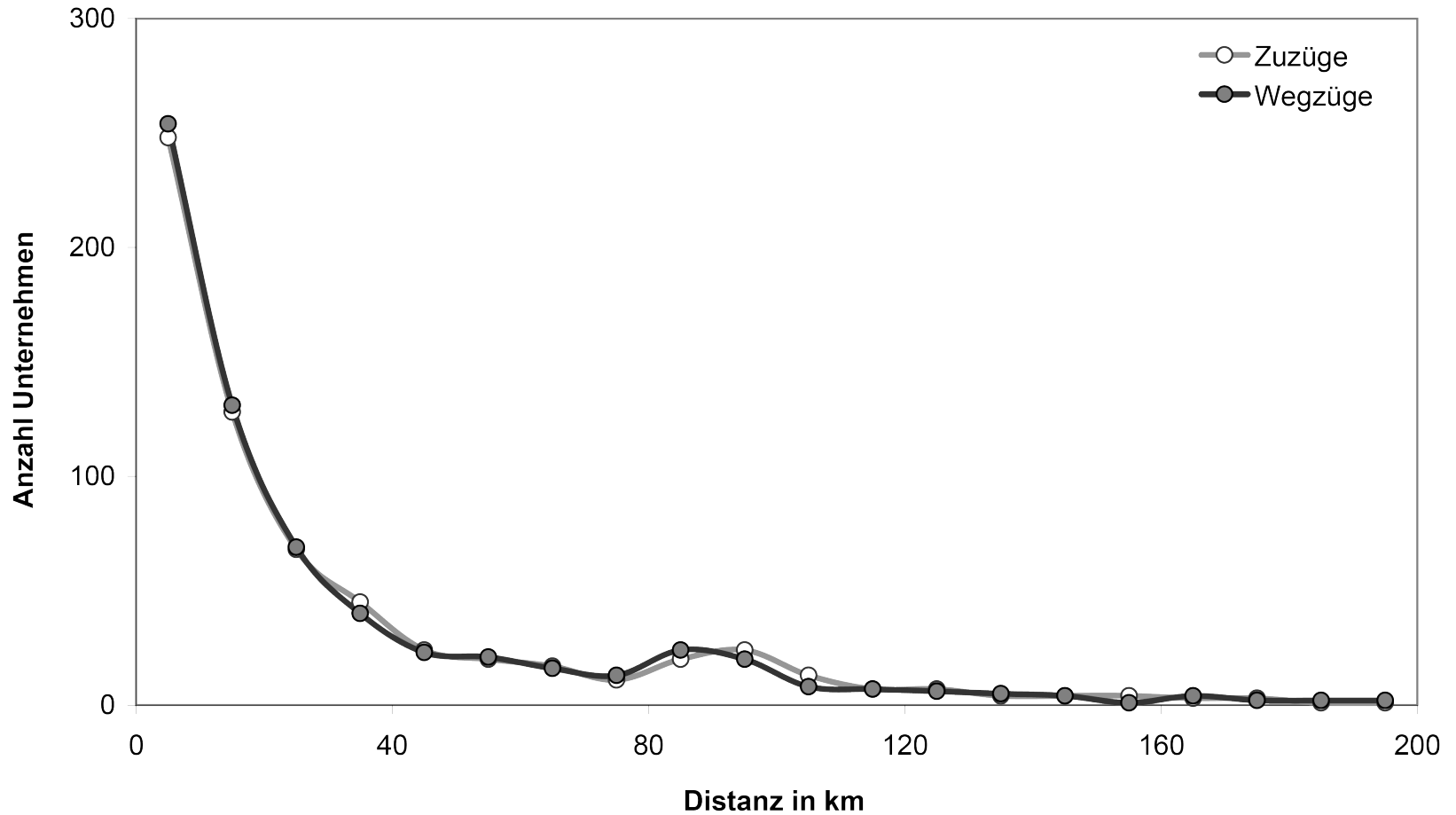
- St. Gallen
- Appenzell

# Distribution of the moves

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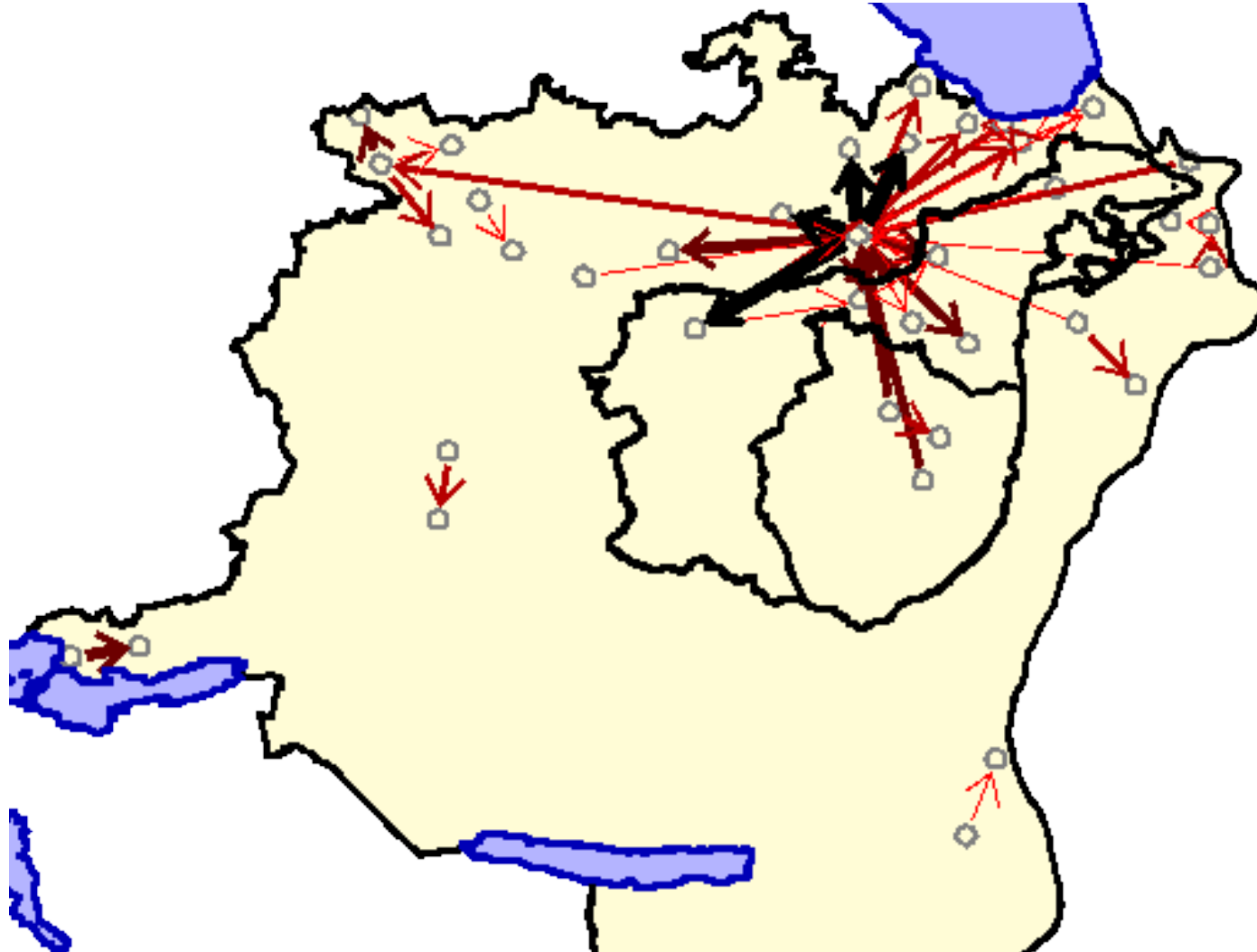


# Distance distribution of the moves

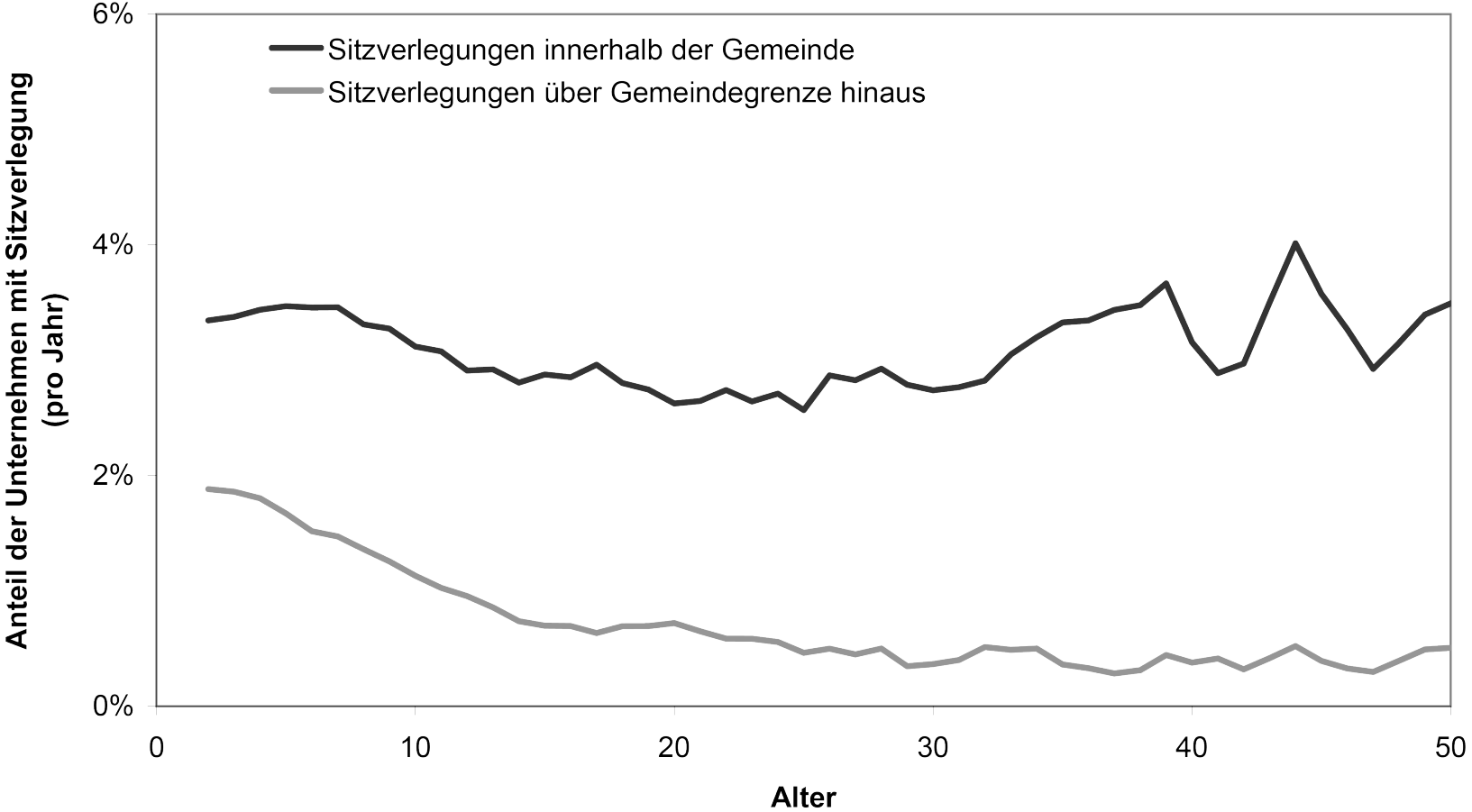


# Pattern of the moves

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# Annual chance of moving (within/without the municipality)

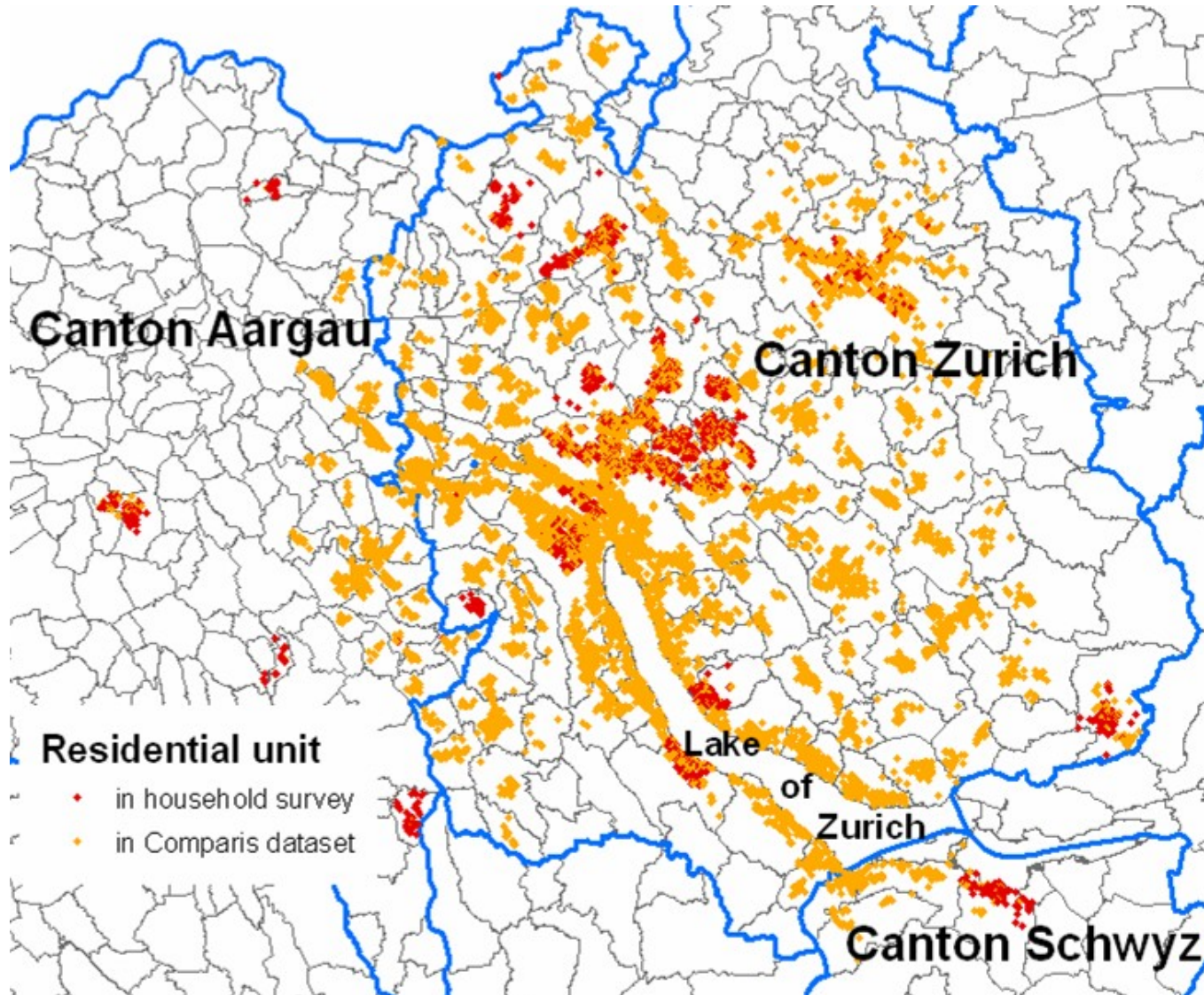


# Residential location choice and hedonic model

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# Data sources

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# Comparison of the two data sets

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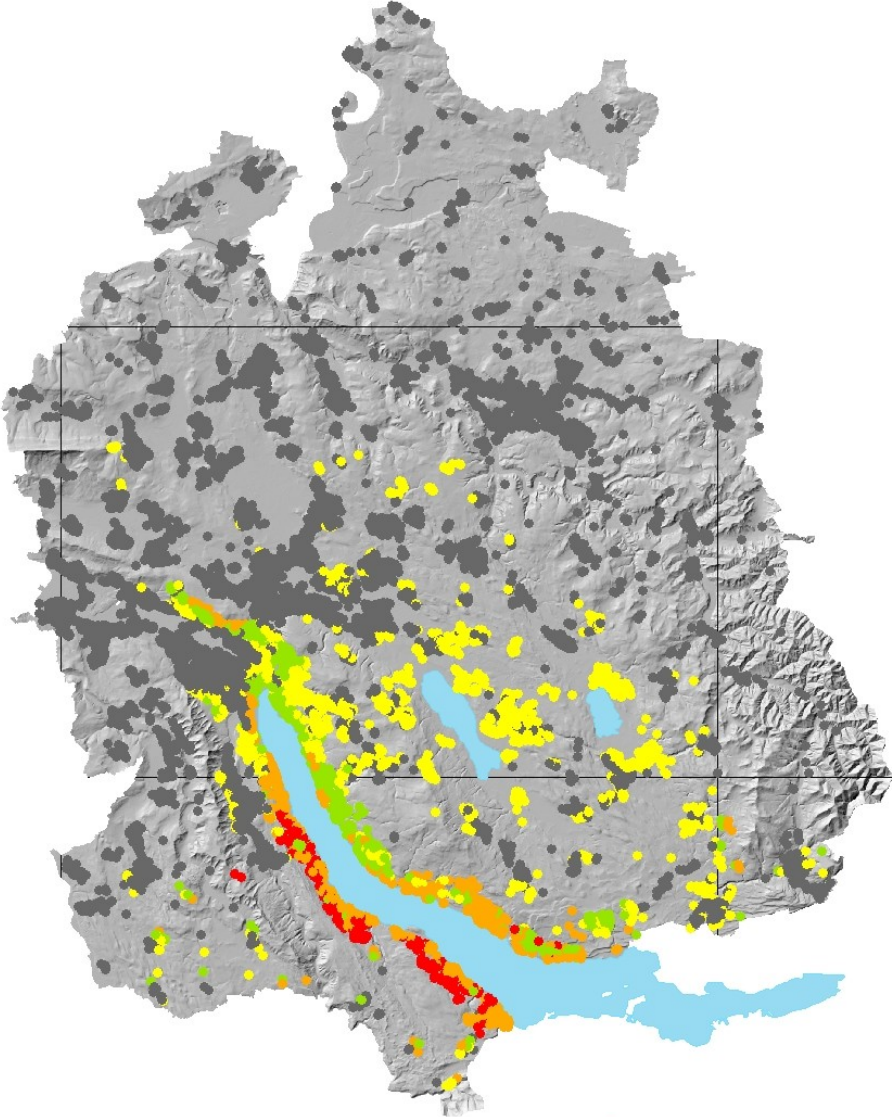
	Household survey data (N=1488)			Comparis data (N=9764)		
	Mean	Median	Std.Dev.	Mean	Median	Std.Dev.
Rent abs. (CHF)	1426.92	1375.00	563.11	1857.19	1667.00	901.81
Rent per sqm (CHF)	16.73	16.50	4.97	20.56	19.34	5.68
Floor space in sqm	88.84	85.00	34.52	92.54	90.00	37.53
Number of livable rooms	3.48	3.50	1.13	3.68	3.50	1.23

# GIS enrichment of the geocoded objects (1)

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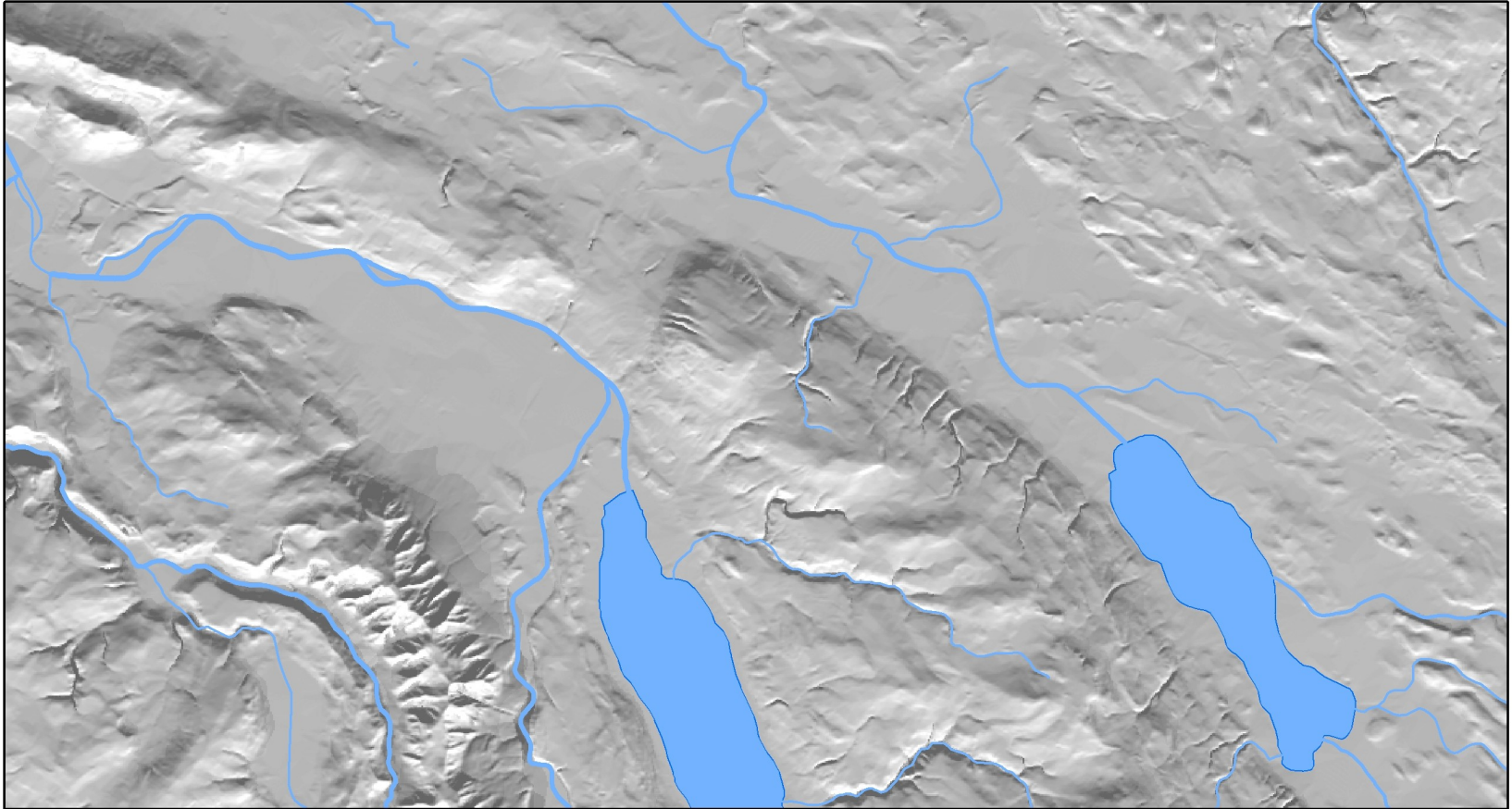
Total lake surface visibility  
in sqkm

- 0
  - 1 - 100
  - 101 - 200
  - 201 - 400
  - 401 - 1000
- Lake



## GIS enrichment of the geocoded objects (2)

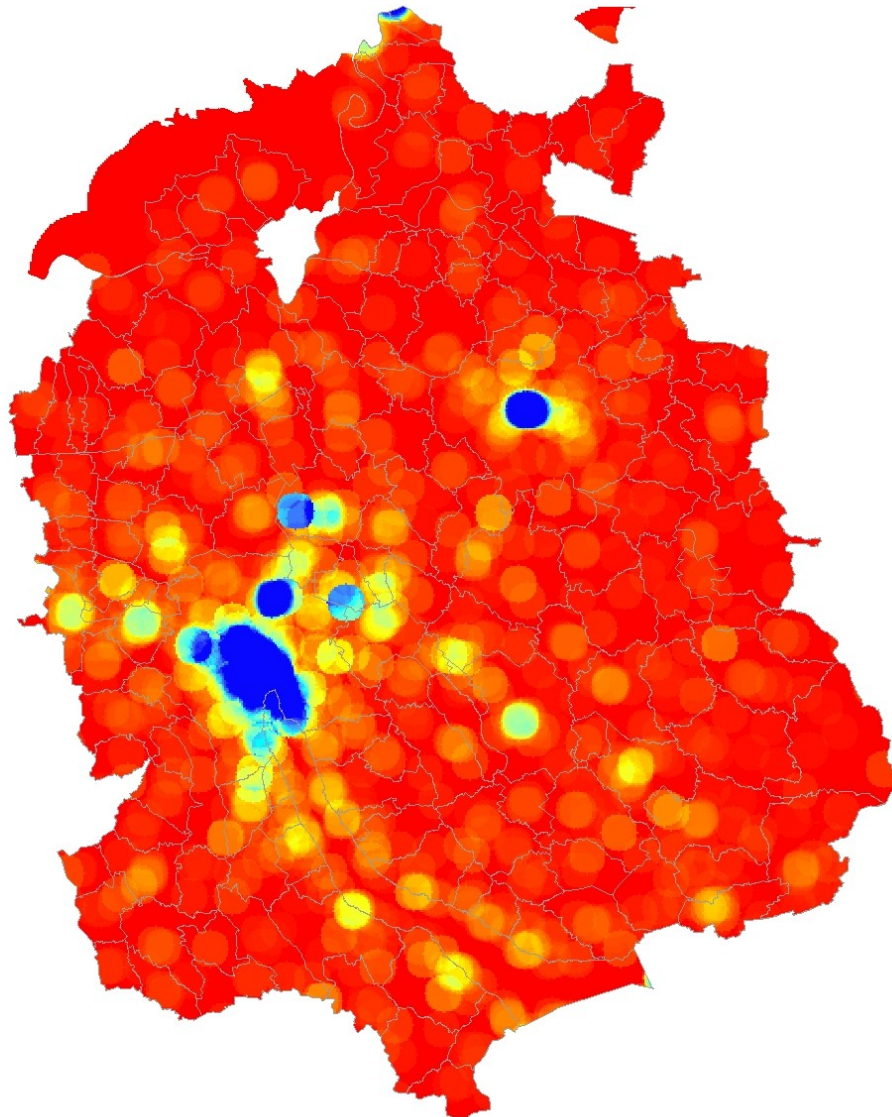
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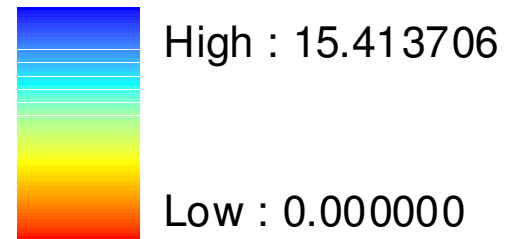
Sunshine Index: Shade and shadow situation for 9 typical sun positions (summer, spring, winter; morning, midday, evening)

# GIS enrichment of the geocoded objects (3)

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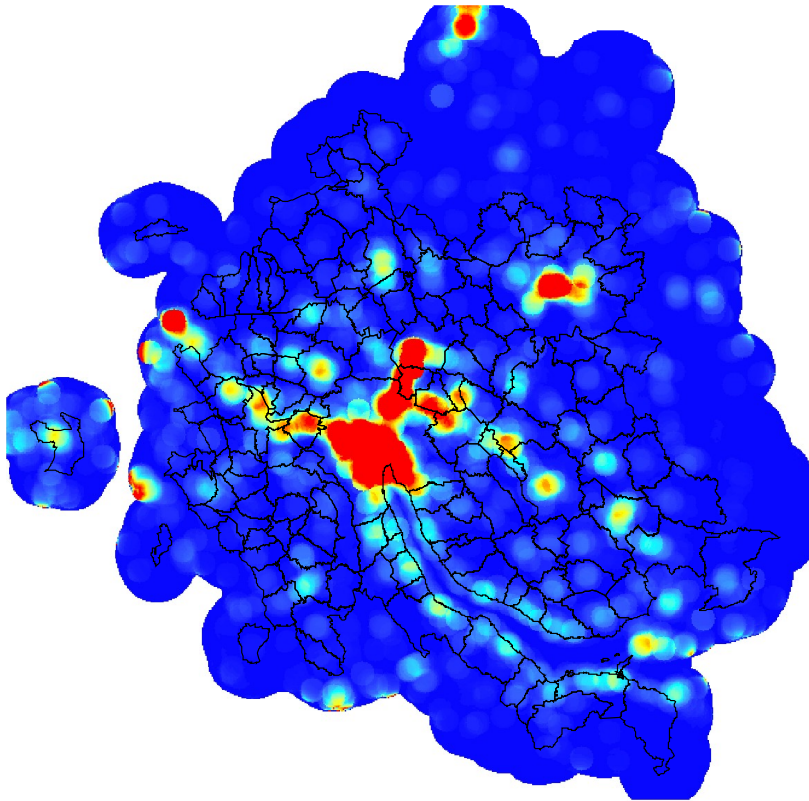


Density of  
employment in  
restaurants, bars  
and cafes (1 km)

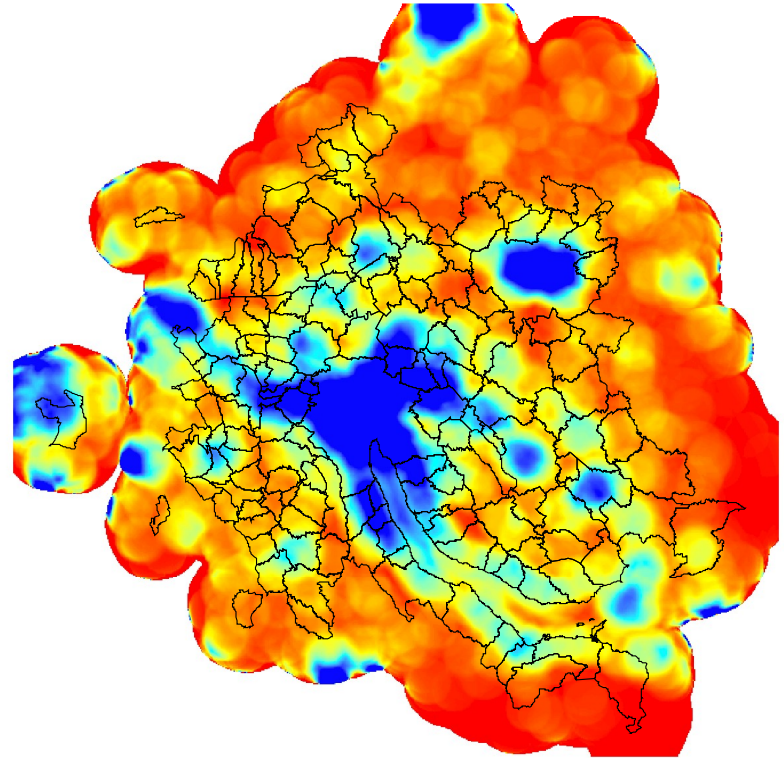


# GIS enrichment of the geocoded objects (4)

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Employment density (1km radius)



Open space density (2 km radius)

# Location choice versus hedonics (1)

Variable	m <sup>2</sup> - rents		Location choice	
	Standard- ized	Non- Standardiz ed	Best model	Urban-Sim
Constant		27,327 <sup>***</sup>		
<i>Accessibility</i>				
Ln (car travel time to Zürich CBD)	-0,349 <sup>***</sup>	-5,580 <sup>***</sup>	0,018 <sup>***</sup>	-3,335 <sup>***</sup>
Ln (transit accessibility) for non-car owners			0,570 <sup>***</sup>	0,600 <sup>***</sup>
Distance to work [km]			-5,459 <sup>***</sup>	
Power of distance to work			0,167 <sup>***</sup>	
Ln (Distance to next motorway ramp [km])	0,080 <sup>***</sup>	0,581 <sup>***</sup>		0,119 <sup>**</sup>
Ln (Distance to next station [km])	-0,033 <sup>***</sup>	-0,242 <sup>***</sup>		-0,115 <sup>***</sup>
Railway line within 50m	-0,027 <sup>***</sup>	-0,878 <sup>***</sup>		-0,933 <sup>***</sup>
Motorway within 100m	-0,017 <sup>**</sup>	-0,702 <sup>**</sup>		-0,400 <sup>*</sup>
Increased noise level			-0,236 <sup>***</sup>	

## Location choice versus hedonics (2)

Variable	m <sup>2</sup> - rents		Location choice	
	Standard- ized	Non- Standardiz ed	Best model	Urban-Sim
<i>Local socio-demographics</i>				
Density of young households				0,006 <sup>***</sup>
Household of same size within 1km			0,0004 <sup>***</sup>	0,0001 <sup>**</sup>
Jobs in hotels&restaurants within 1km [10 <sup>-3</sup> ]	0,193 <sup>***</sup>	1,289 <sup>***</sup>		
<i>Environment</i>				
Ln (distance to next lake [km])	-0,101 <sup>***</sup>	-0,447 <sup>***</sup>		
Sunshine index	0,090 <sup>***</sup>	0,081 <sup>***</sup>		
Slope (%)	0,064 <sup>***</sup>	0,111 <sup>***</sup>		
<i>Municipal socio-demographics</i>				
Federal income tax take per head [10 <sup>-3</sup> CHF]	0,169 <sup>***</sup>	0,977 <sup>***</sup>	-0,026 <sup>***</sup>	1,037 <sup>***</sup>
Share of buildings built before 1971 (%)	0,146 <sup>***</sup>	0,049 <sup>***</sup>		0,041 <sup>***</sup>
Share of empty units (%)			-0,224 <sup>***</sup>	-0,110 <sup>***</sup>

# Location choice versus hedonics (3)

Variable	m <sup>2</sup> - rents		Location choice	
	Standard- ized	Non- Standardiz ed	Best model	Urban-Sim
Share of empty units (%)			-0,224 <sup>***</sup>	-0,110 <sup>***</sup>
Share of college graduates (%)				-3,073 <sup>***</sup>
<i>Household variables</i>				
Ratio of rent to household income			-0,546 <sup>**</sup>	
Rent per m <sup>2</sup> [CHF]				-0,600 <sup>***</sup>
Size (m <sup>2</sup> )/ Squareroot of household size			-0,289 <sup>***</sup>	
	n = 9199; adjusted R <sup>2</sup> = 0,454; F = 695,883		n = 877, rho <sup>2</sup> =0,26	n = 1356 rho <sup>2</sup> =0,08



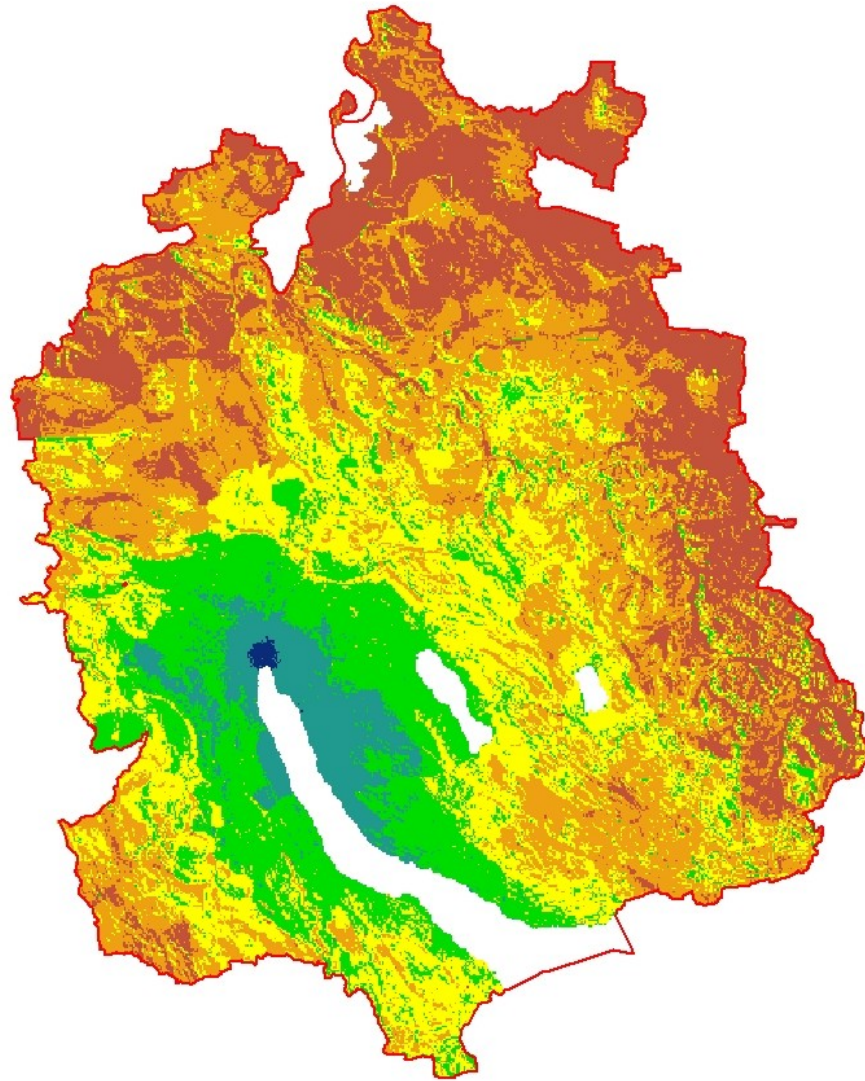
# Very latest hedonic results

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<b>Variable</b>	<b>Impact on rent price</b>
Travel time to Zurich CBD by car	-
Income per capita in municipality	+
Viewshed of lake surface (only lakes larger 1sqkm considered)	+
Number of workers in bars and restaurants within 1 km radius	+
Average aircraft noise above 52dB (dummy)	-
Percentage of buildings built before 1971 in municipality	+
Next autobahn ramp within 2km crow-fly-distance distance (dummy)	-
Evening sunshine index	+
Number of inhabitants in hectare of property	-
Crow-fly distance to next rail station	-
Slope	+
Autobahn within 100m linear distance (dummy)	-
Rail line within 50m linear distance (dummy)	-
Power line within 200m linear distance (dummy)	-
Share of foreigners in hectare of property	-
Public transport accessibility (to employment)	+

# Preliminary results

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## Monthly gross rent in CHF per sqm

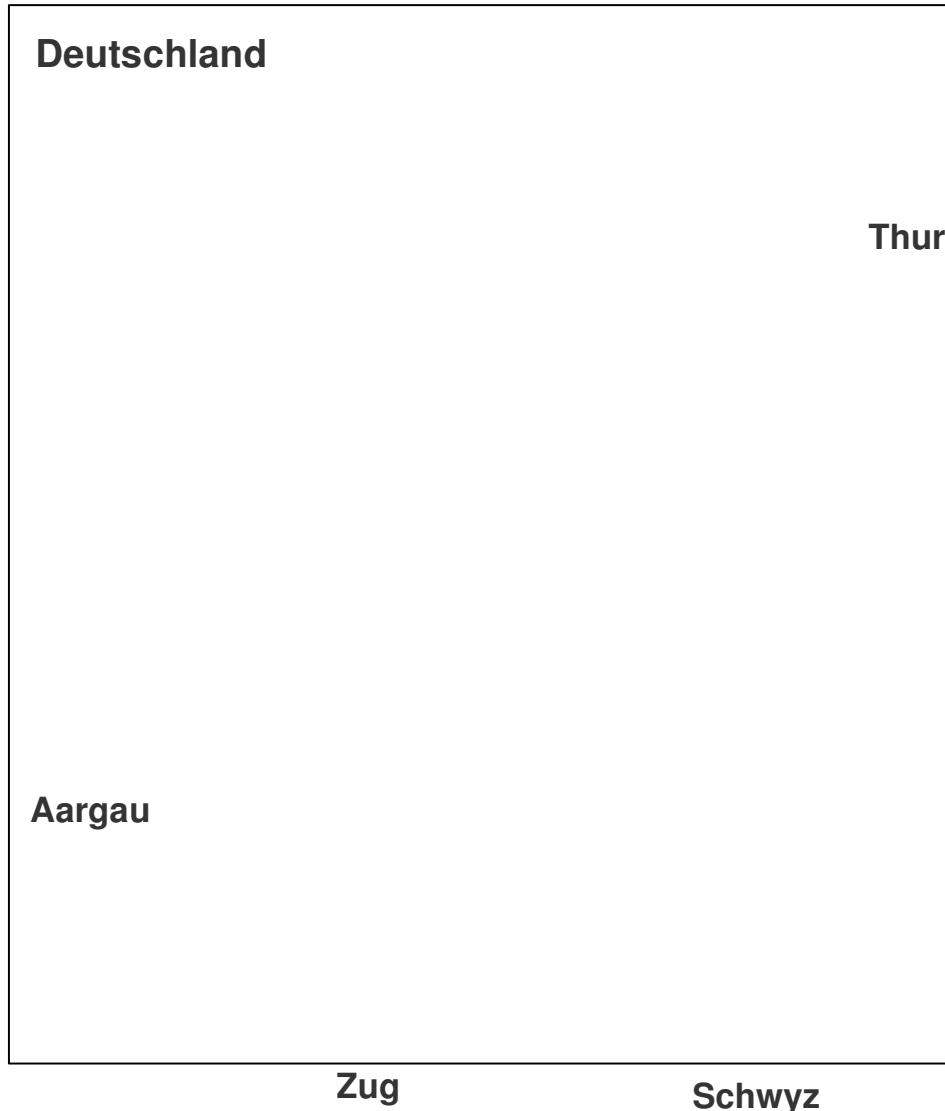


# First experiences

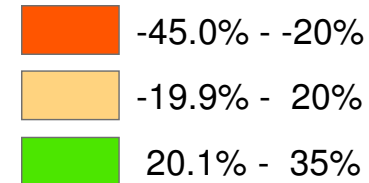
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# Running the model for four years (1996 – 2000)

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**Deviation of households per municipality:  
Simulation 1996 to 2000 in comparison to  
Census 2000**



Administrative Units:  
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(DV33492.2)

# Next steps

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# Research

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- Next generation of UrbanSim: OPUS
- Moving to a full agent approach (parcel, household)
- Coupling MATSIM/UrbanSim
- Adding supply-side agents to MATSIM-T

# Application

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- Full calibration
- Better integration of the transport model
- Policy analyses

# Case studies

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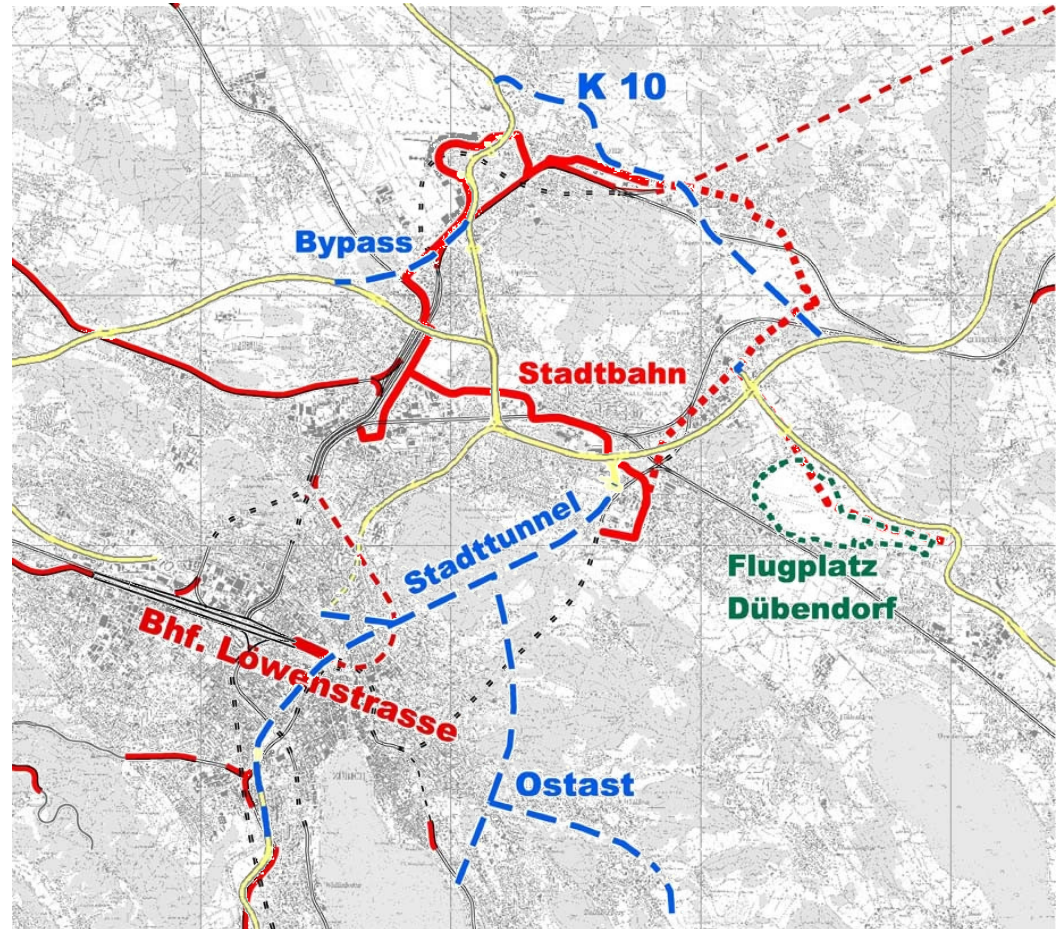
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Underground rail station  
Löwenstrasse

S-Bahn extension

Autobahn extensions

Future use of military  
airport Dübendorf





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