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# Agent-based modelling of the travellers and their infrastructure demand

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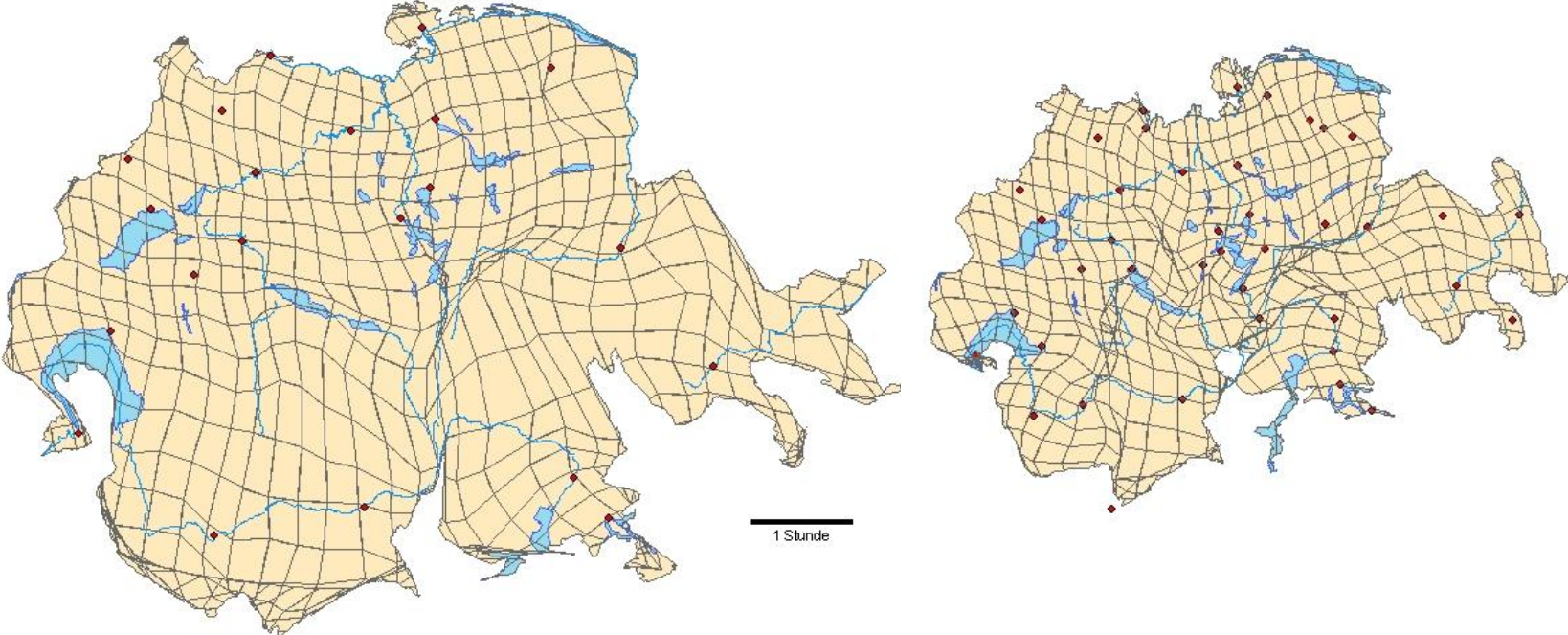
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# Setting the scene

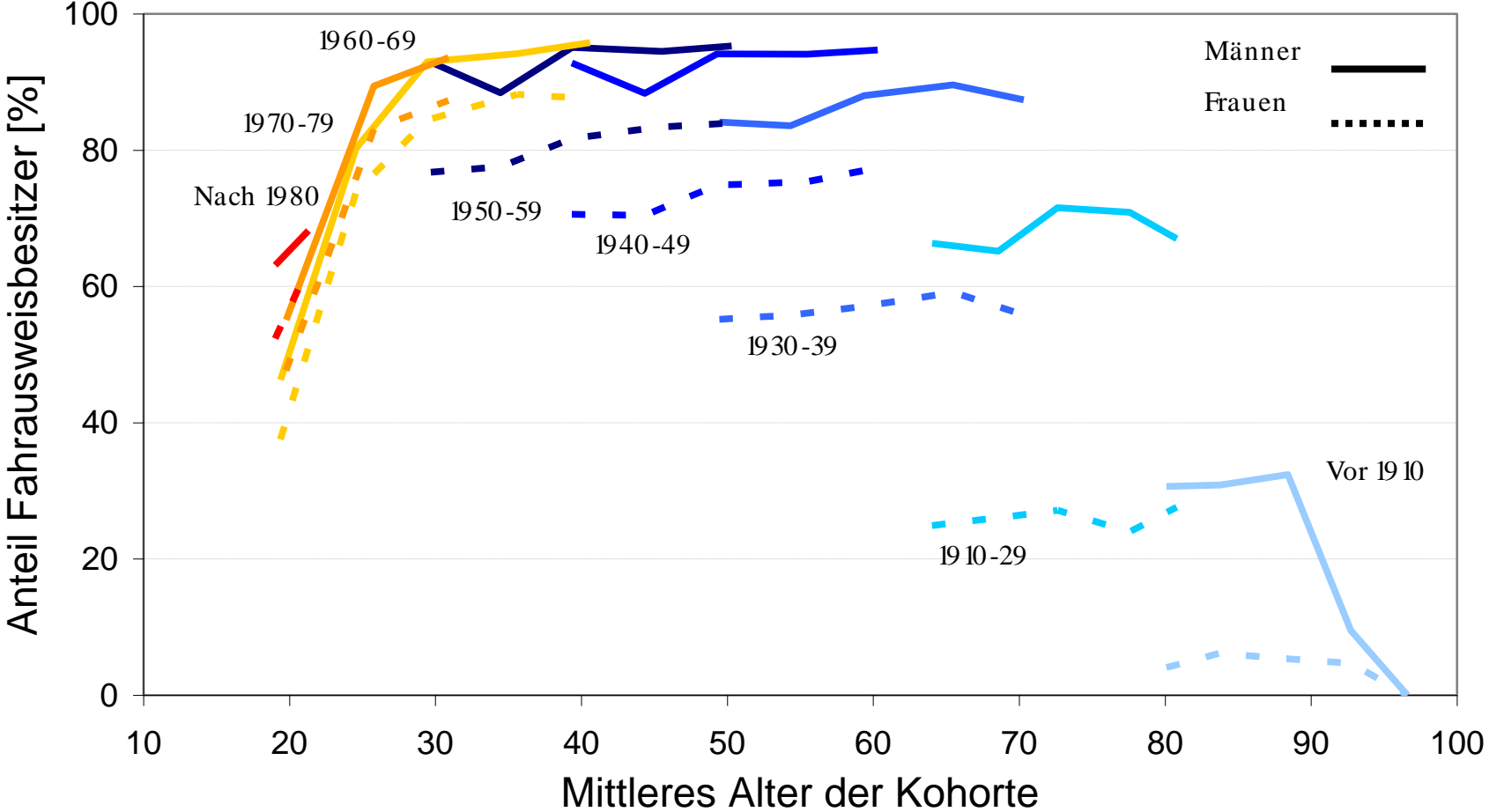
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# Road Switzerland 1950 and 2000

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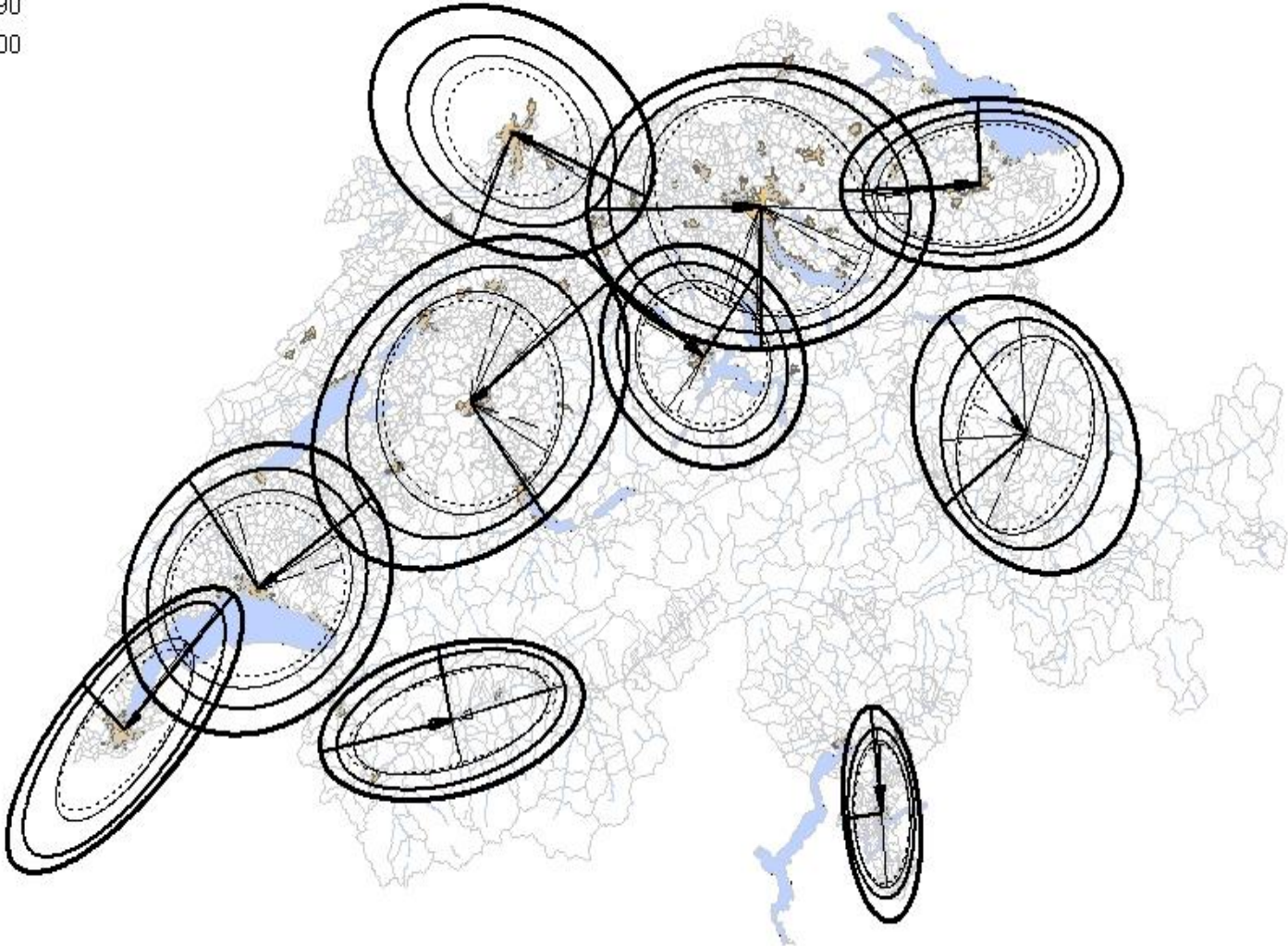


# Driving licences by gender and cohort

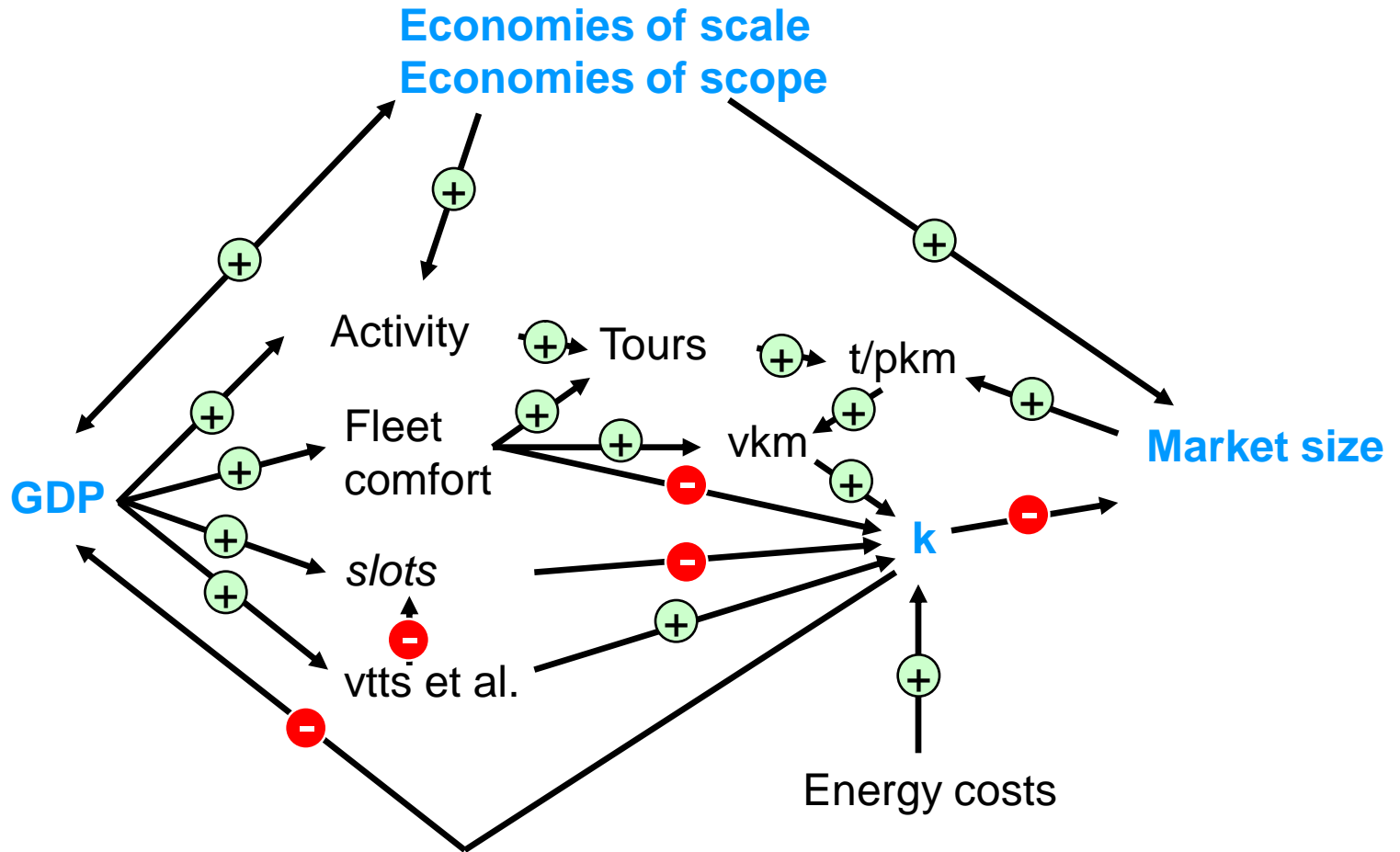


# Suburbanisation since 1970

- 1970
- 1980
- 1990
- 2000



# A conceptual model of traffic growth



⊕ Elasticity > 0

⊖ Elasticity < 0

Slots: possibilities to move goods or people  
 For a given infrastructure and commercial and private fleet

# Time horizons of transport planning

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	System	Person
Long term	slots Regulation	Home/work location Car ownership Social networks
Medium term	Services offered Prices Awareness	Season tickets
Short term	Operation	<b>Daily schedule</b>



# Task and solution methods

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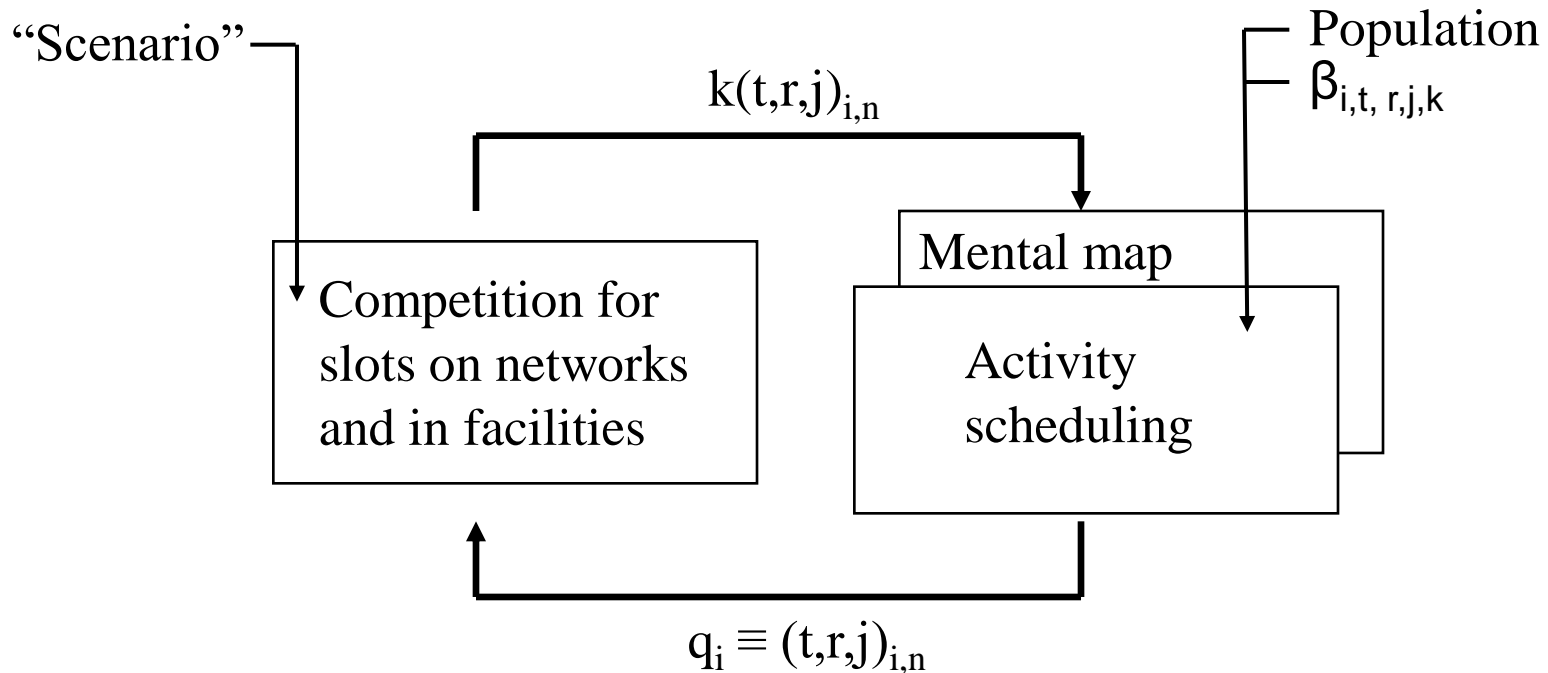
# Understanding scheduling

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- Budget constraints
- Capability constraints
- Generalised costs of the schedule
  - Generalised cost of travel
  - Generalised cost of activity participation
    - Risk and comfort-adjusted weighted sums of time, expenditure and social content

# What does MATSim-T do ?

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Demand  $q$  are the  $i^{\text{th}}$  movements of person  $p$  from the current location at time  $t$  on route (connection)  $r$  to location  $j$ . The resulting generalised costs  $k$  are used to adjust the schedules and to change the capacities  $C$  and prices  $P$  of facilities  $f$

# MATSIM-T: Steady-state version

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- Scale:
  - 7.5 mio agents,
  - 2 mio homes
  - 1 mio facilities
  - 1 mio links and nodes
- Continuous time resolution: Seconds
- Spatial resolution: Address (individual facilities)

# Choices modelled

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- *Number and type of activities*
- *Sequence of activities*
  - Start and duration of activity
  - Composition of the group undertaking the activity
  - Expenditure division
  - *Location of the activity*
    - Connection between sequential locations
      - Location of access and egress from the mean of transport
      - *Vehicle/means of transport*
      - Route/service
      - Group travelling together
      - Expenditure division

## Utility function: Individual schedules

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$$U_{plan} = \sum_{i=1}^n U_{act,i} + \sum_{i=2}^n U_{trav,i-1,i}$$

$$U_{act,i} = U_{dur,i} + U_{late.ar,i}$$

# Result of each iteration: Plan

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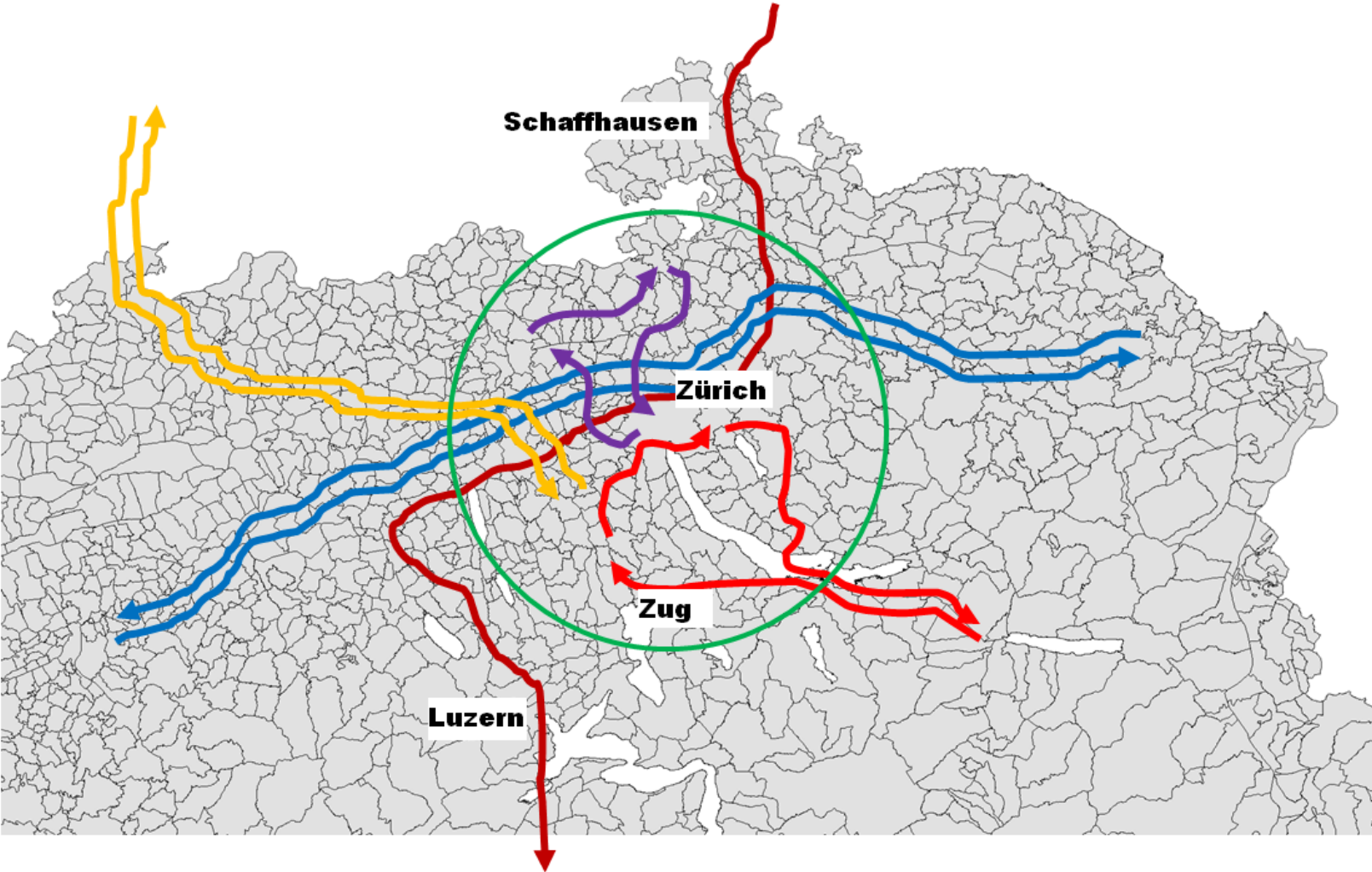
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# Example scenario

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# Study area and population (3% of Swiss population)

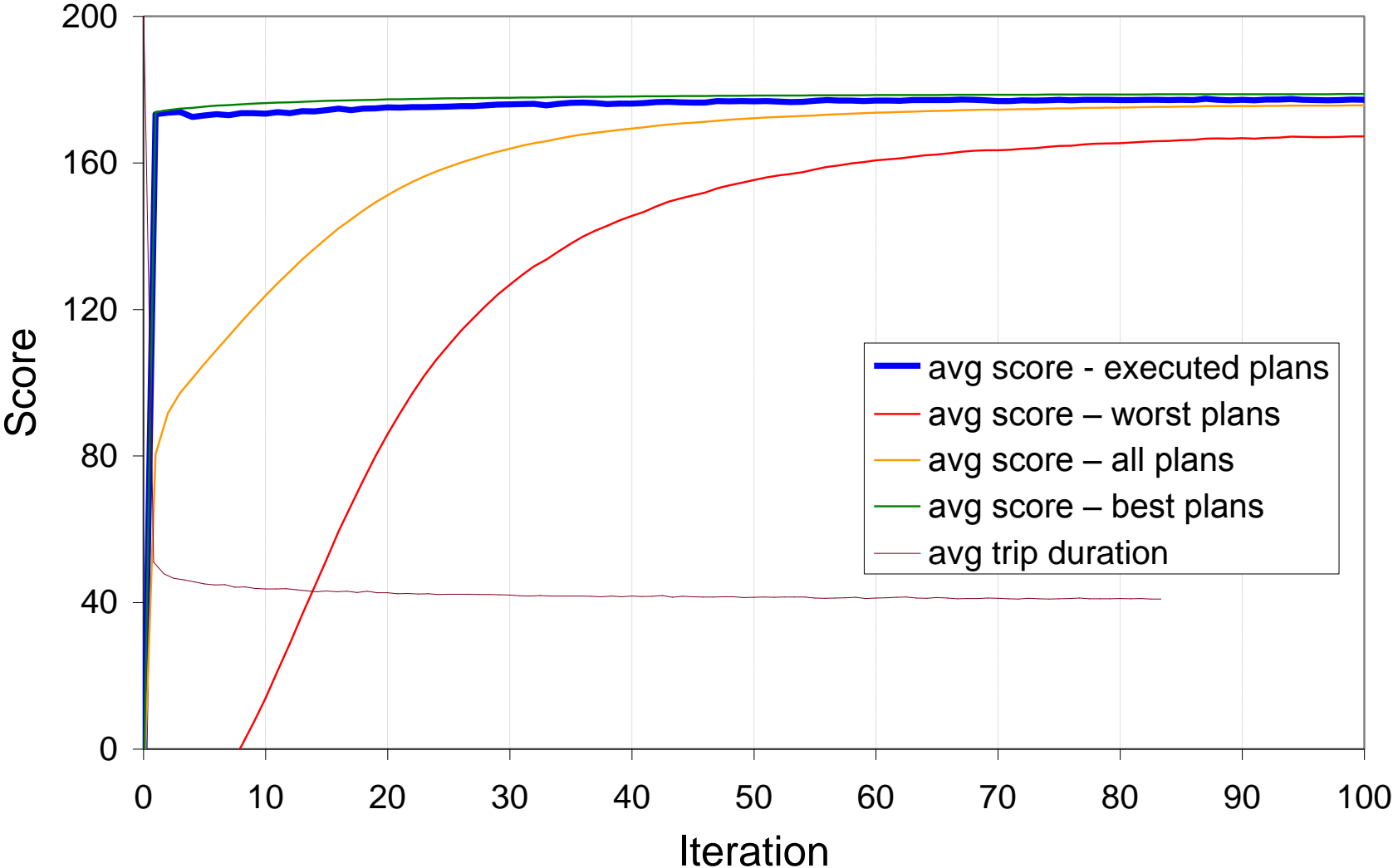


## Computing times by step

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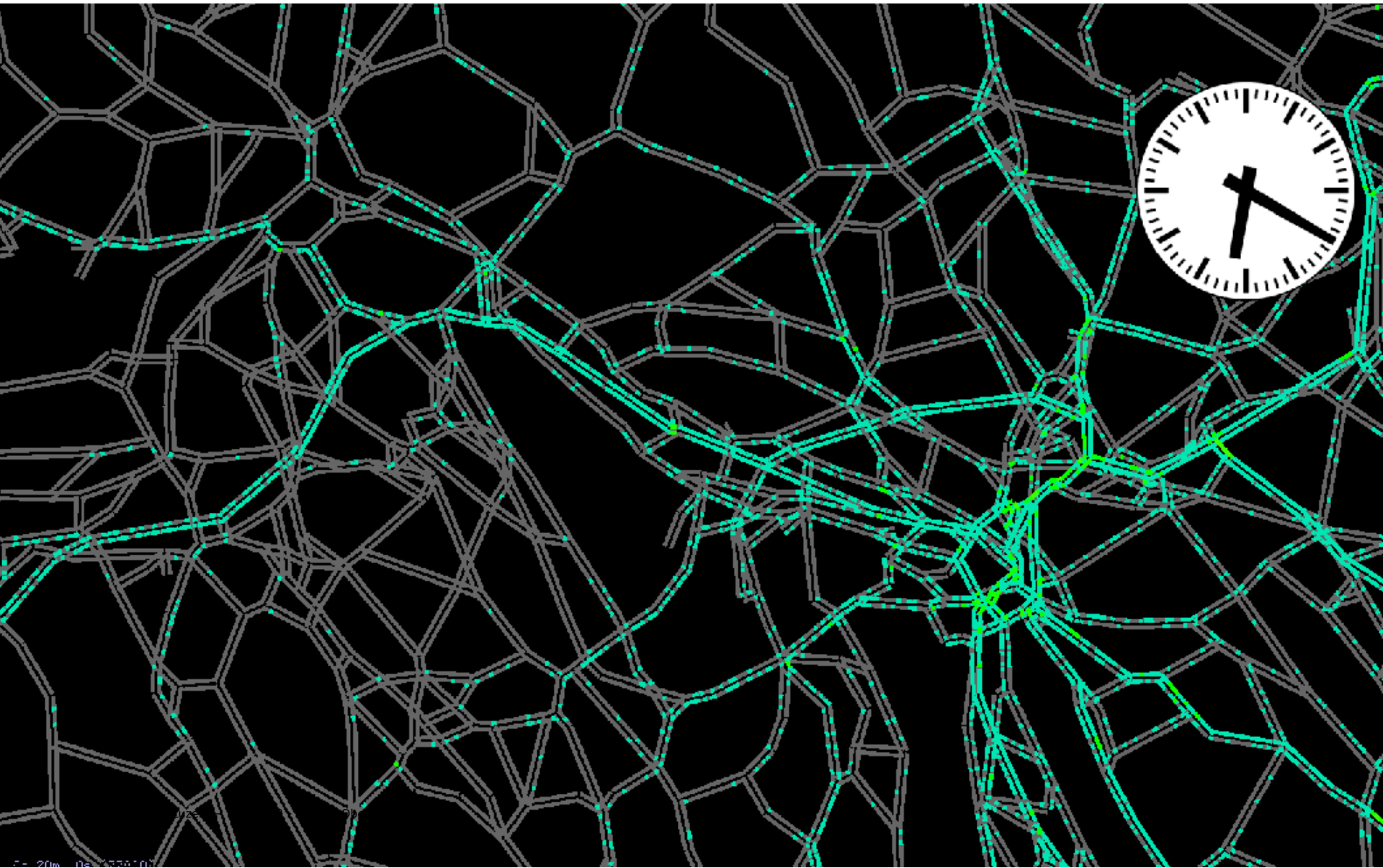
Operation	Unit	Units/sec
Initial demand		0.12h
Scheduling (fixed components)		14.40h
Scheduling (planomat)	Agent	100
Scheduling (routing)	Agent	1000
Time-step based traffic flow simulation	Agent	300
Learning	Agent	250'000
Total iteration (with I/O)		0.22h
Total run (with I/O) (100 iterations)		23h

# Score by iteration



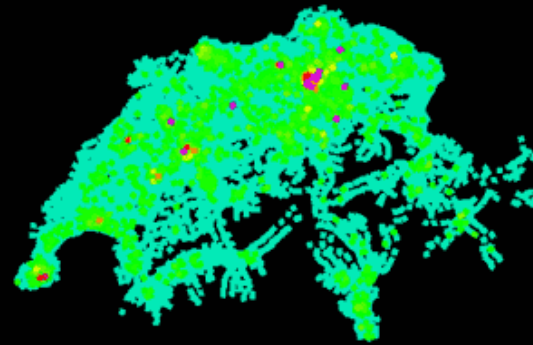
# A peak hour

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# Zooming in

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# Outlook

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- Shifting further choices to the inside of the learning iteration
- Including supply side agents
- Better description of the vehicles
- Integration of energy supply networks (Plug-in hybrid)
- Environmental accounting

## More information

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[www.matsim.org](http://www.matsim.org)