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Former Projects: Frei and Axhausen, 2006

Personal networks in Zurich city:

- Respondents' mobility biography
- Home location of social contacts

Mode to stay contact

Aims of the study

The integration of network data in agent-based models needs:

Understanding the spatial structure of full leisure networks

Understanding planning processes of joint activities

Surveying personal networks: Questionnaire

- Ego's characteristics
- Name generator
 - Leisure contacts
 - Emotionally important contacts
- Name interpreter
- Sociogram

Surveying personal networks: Diary

Eight days in sequence

Geographical spread of (leisure) activities

Involved persons (actual personal network)

Evolution of (joint) activities

Protocol

Step	Ego-seeds	Iteration 1 and 2	
Announcement letter	yes	yes	
Recruitment call	yes	yes	
Post card of Ego	-	if permitted	
Interview (+ incentive)	only	-	
Written instrument (+ incentive)	if requested	only	
Diary survey	only participants	only participants	

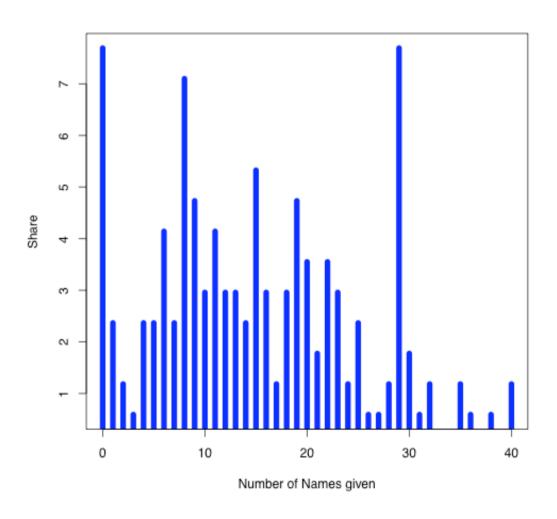
Data validation

- Start with a stratified random sample
- Run several subsamples successively
- Compare with other data
- Compare with data from Swiss Environmental Study

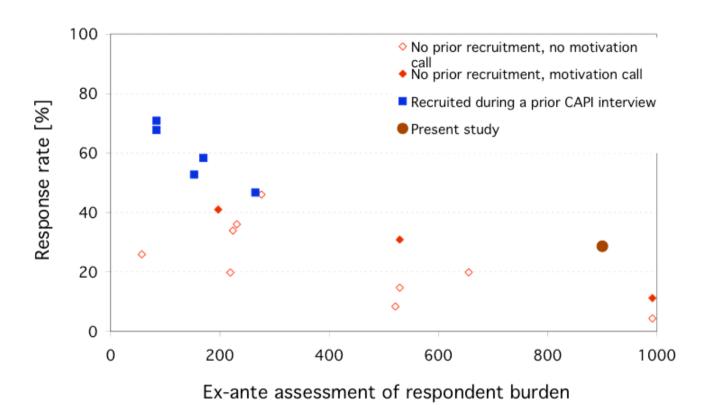
Survey data: Response rate

	Whole sample	9	Ego-s	eeds	Iteratio	on 1	Iteratio	on 2
	[abs]	[%]	[abs]	[%]	[abs]	[%]	[abs]	[%]
Sample size	1034		140		250		736	
second time	-		-		-		92	
Wrong addresses	261		3		71		187	
Valid addresses	773		137		179		457	
Contacted	608	100.0	137	100.0	179	100.0	292	100.0
Participants	154	25.3	20	14.6	64	35.8	70	24.0

Survey data: Name Generator



Survey data: Response rate and response burden



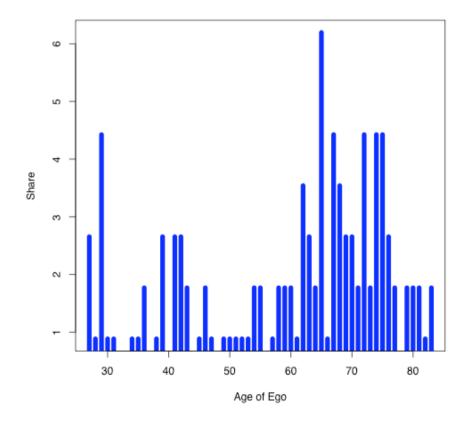
Survey data: Representativeness

	All Egos (n = 115)	All Alters (n=1649)	Microcensus 2005
Sex			
- Male	49.6	48.1	48.7
- Female	50.4	51.9	51.3
Civil status			
- Single	15.8	23.6	29.9
- Married	61.4	60.5	54.5
- Divorced	9.6	8.0	7.6
- Widowed	12.3	7.2	6.6
- Living seperately	0.9	0.7	1.4

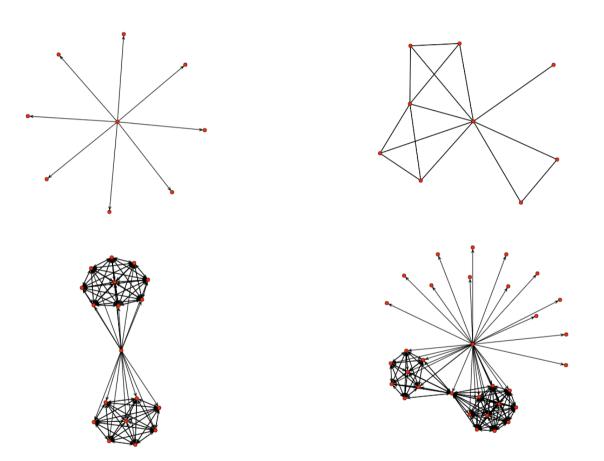
Survey data: "The age problem"

Age	All Egos	All Alters	Microcensus
	(n = 115)	(n=1649)	2005
- Mean	59.2	54.4	42.3

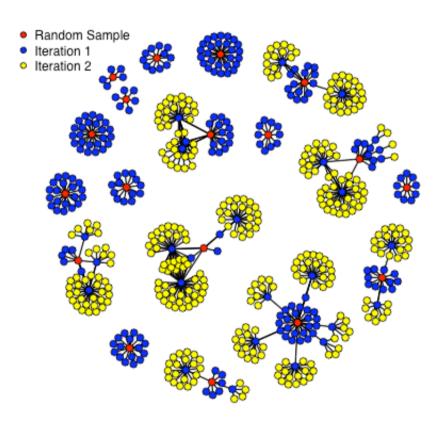
- Median 42.0



Survey data: Types of Egocentric networks



Survey data: Combined egocentic network components



Perspective

Continue with subsample two

Oversample younger persons

Test new electronic instrument