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# Development paths for agent-based models of activity scheduling

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### Productivity and population growth in Western Europe



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### A shrinking world





Scherer, 2004

Stunde 1





### Quality-adjusted price of a new car in Switzerland



Frei, 2005



Adapted from FCC (2001)

### Swiss commuter catchment areas since 1970



Adapted from Botte, 2003

### Retail productivity 2003 in selected European countries

Country	€/Employee	€/m²	m <sup>2</sup> /Head	€/Head
Austria	134.612	5.261	1,9	2.767
Germany	132.052	4.198	1,4	3.038
Italy	139.131	4.224	1,4	3.128
Belgium	199.585	5.384	1,4	3.835
Denmark	152.703	5.671	1,4	4.029
Netherlands	111.656	4.845	1,1	4.412
France	203.985	5.772	0,9	6.411
UK	115.926	6.089	0,7	8.696

### An example activity space



### Trip purpose distributions (ca. 2005)

Share of kilometers traveled [%]	Switzer- land	Germany	UK	USA
Leisure	44.8	38.3	33.7	32.2
Work/School	35.0	29.7	32.0	31.3
Shopping/Privat business	11.2	21.7	19.7	27.6
Escort	4.9	4.5	7.6	8.5
Others	1.8	4.8	7.1	0.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0



Ohnmacht, 2004

Theoretical approaches

### Dynamics of personal space use and speed



(Moving) actors in social/physical networks



What are we currently looking at ?

### A microscopic explanation ?



What do we do?







### Equilibrium search in ABM & assignment combinations



### Equilibrium search in MATSim



- Choice modelling driven:
  - Construction of choice sets
  - Complex nested choice models
- Equilibrium-driven:
  - Optimal schedules
  - Description of traveller heterogenity
- Naturalistic non-equilibrium
  - Unforeseen interactions and possibilities
  - Incremental dynamic choices at different strategy levels

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
  - Movement between sequential locations
    - Location of access and egress from the mean of transport
      - Parking type
    - Vehicle/means of transport
    - Route/service
    - Group travelling together
    - Expenditure division

$$U_{perf,ij}(t_{perf,ij}) = U_{ij}^{min} + \frac{U_{ij}^{max} - U_{ij}^{min}}{\left(1 + \gamma_{ij} \cdot exp\left[\beta_{ij}(\alpha_{ij} - t_{perf,ij})\right]\right)^{1/\gamma_{ij}}}$$



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### Example: MATSim – Zürich scenario



### Case study area: 10% sample with NPVM network



170'000 agents travelling in and through 30 km radius NPVM – planning network 1'300'000 home locations, 300'000 facilities

No freight traffic No border crossing traffic Rule of thumb - public transport travel times Rule of thumb – marginal cost estimates (accounting for mobility tool ownership)

Undifferentiated closing times for leisure facilities Leisure only out-of-home

### Planomat-X with schedule recycling





- 19 randomly selected sequences
- Personalised with Planomat-X (locations, mode, timings)
- "dissim" based Joh's multi-dimensional similarity measure (sequence, mode, location)

### **Estimates and corrections**

		Estimated	n aramatara	Manually calibrated	
Parameter		Value	t-test	parameters Value	
home	α	5.32	9.72	12.00	
	β	0.249		0.429	
	Ŷ	1.00		1.00	
	V min	0.00		0.00	
	V max	9.58	14.49	5.41	
innerHome	α	0.249	8.5	1.90	
	β	15.2		17.80	
	Y	1.00		1.00	
	V min	0.00		0.00	
	V max	1.92	26.38	1.10	
work	α	3.86	26.24	4.50	
	β	0.491		0.568	
	Y	1.00		1.00	
	V min	0.00		0.00	
	V max	4.97	19.09	5.00	
education	α	1.49	11.54	6.00	
	β	2.29		2.50	
	Y	1.00		1.00	
	V min	0.00		0.00	
	V max	5.09	18.83	4.00	
leisure	α	0.0488	6.91	2.00	
	β	100.0		5.00	
	Y	1.00		1.00	
	V min	0.00		0.00	
	V max	1.92	30.88	1.90	
shopping	α	0.0453	5.22	0.70	
	β	100.0		5.00	
	Y	1.00		1.00	
	V min	0.00		0.00	
	V max	1.94	25.49	0.35	

### **Estimates and corrections**

		Estimated	narameters	Manually calibrated
Paramete	r	Value	t-test	Value
car	β travelTime	-3.77	-15.33	-3.10
	β travelCost	0.0374	6.83	0.0374
	λ income	0.185	2.67	0.185
pt	constant	-0.578	-16.17	-0.35
	β travelTime	0.563	8.77	0.563
	β travelCost	-0.117	-9.7	-0.117
	λ income	-0.27	-3.88	-0.27
bike	constant	0.145	3.21	-0.07
	β travelTime	-1.07	-10.49	-1.07
walk	constant	0.854	19.34	0.40
	β travelTime	-1.48	-18.83	-1.90
β female la	act	-0.0577	-2.35	-0.0577
ß female travel		0.0797	4.13	0.0797
β age education		-0.0146	-16.08	-0.0146
β age work		-0.00664	-11.49	-0.00664
β license_car		-0.537	-15.11	-0.25
βdissim		-139.0	-3.63	-139.0
λ dissim		-0.949	-8.47	-0.949
β repeat			-	-0.50

- (Implicit) full-factorial choice set across all dimensions
- (Unweighted) random selection from exhaustive choice set
- No on-the-spot change during the day
- No history of the choice situation
- No social content variables
- No quality of location variable(s)
- Poor description of the choice situation (weather, luggage, social pressure etc.)
- No iteration between generalised cost estimation and parameter estimation

### Utility profiles for activities



Duration in hours

### Modal utilities by distance



### 110 counting stations in the study area



- Search or add a shortest path to the set of paths considered
- Allocate flows among the set of paths considered
- Check if chosen convergence criterion is met

- Search or add a shortest path given the current generalised cost estimate to the set of paths considered
- Allocate flows among the the set of paths considered
- Check if chosen convergence criterion is met

- Enumerate all possible schedules
- Allocate flows randomly among the set of schedules
- Execute the schedules without within-day replanning
- Check if chosen convergence criterion is met

- Construct all schedules considered relevant
- Allocate flows randomly among the set of schedules
- Execute the schedules without within-day replanning
- Check if chosen convergence criterion is met

### Activity scheduling with some **best response** modules

- Number and type of activities
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### Source of variance in MATSim today

- Home location
- Work location
- (Socio-Demographics)
- Congestion feedback through the facilities and network
- MNL models, if variance among the plans is still available

### Source of variation in MATSim tomorrow

- Home location
- Work location
- Congestion feedback from facilities and network
- Quality of location
- Social network membership
- Agent-specific taste parameters (via socio-demographics)
- (Agent-specific choice sets)

- For all agents:
  - Find dissatisfied agent
  - Construct a best schedule given the current generalised cost estimate and agent specific tastes to add to the set of schedules already considered.
  - Rescore existing schedules
  - Select best schedule
- Execute schedule with congestion feedback
- Check if convergence criterion is met

## Challenges

### Diversified MATSims for S, M, L

Within-day rescheduling	Time horizon	
	One-day	Open-ended multiple days
Yes	MATSim& (Short-term control; evacuation and events)	[CIRST] (Learning; longer-time horizon demand shifts, impacts of events)
No	MATSim (SUE; project evaluation)	MATSim+ (Learning; Supply-side and demographic adaptations)

- Find/define the minimum set needed
- Get an idea of the distributions and their correlations
- Finding general attitudional scales for:
  - Variety seeking
  - Risk seeking- and aversion
  - Impatience (short term) and myopia (personal discount rates) (mid- and long-term)
  - Modal preference as a product of comfort, status, independence seeking
  - Location preference as a product of value for money, quality needed, goods and budgets

- Speed up search for convergence
  - With-in day replanning as a short-cut
- Maintenance of variance in MATSim
- Demonstrate (unique) convergence of both approaches
  - Explicit models of choice set construction
  - Choice models with general similarity structures (space, schedule, social space)
- Integration of social networks and of their dynamics

- Demographics development
  - Migration
  - Residential moving
  - Change in tastes with aging and social change
- Developers
  - Mass optimisation
- Stores and service providers
  - Location choice
  - Capacity choice
- Environmental services



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