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# Impacts of long-term commitments on daily choices

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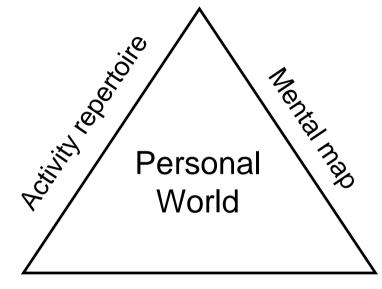
Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich Core of current mobility choices:

- Home location, but constrained through family and partnership commitments
- Work location
- Car ownership
- Season ticket ownership

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- "Personal world" (over time)
- Current marginal cost of travel

# Personal world



**Expectation space** 

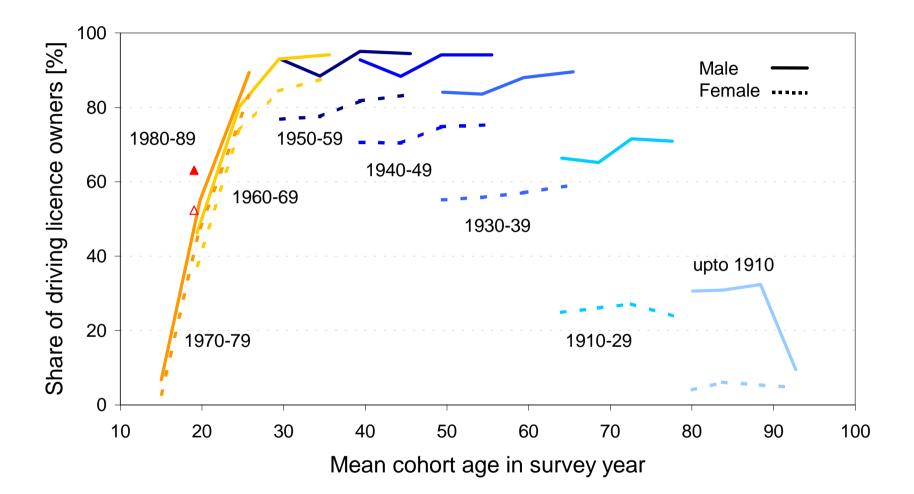
- Activity repertoire: Known activities (what, what for, with whom, what minimum or maximum duration, how expensive)
- Mental map: Known locations (where, which activity, generalised costs of travel by time-of-day and day-of-week, temporal availability)
- Expectation space: Generalisations, rules derived from the mental maps and activity repertoire for known and yet unknown locations

- Influences current behaviour by providing assumptions for not yet visited parts of the environment
- Influences investment choices by defining expectation of how the world will be in the future

Examples:

- Learning to cycle
- Acquiring a driving licence, even if the time gap between the licence and the first car has become shorter.
- Purchase of housing

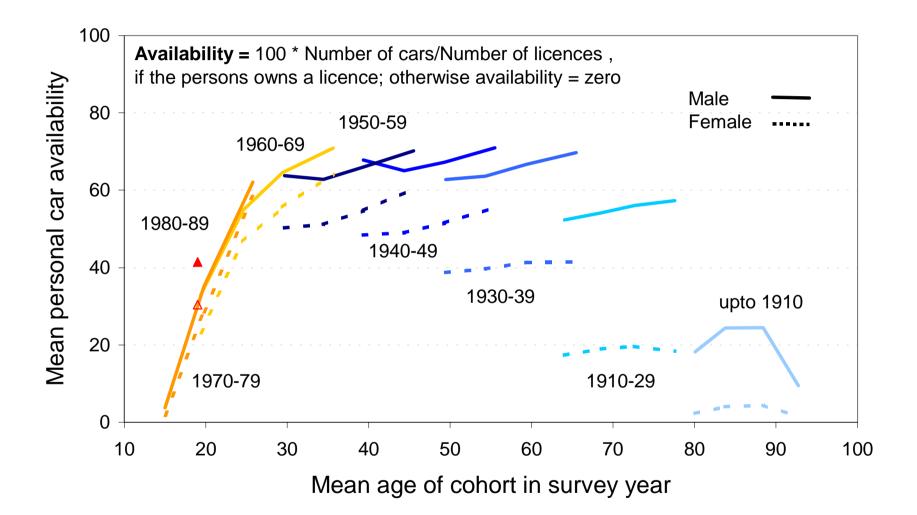
## Early commitments: Licence holding in Switzerland

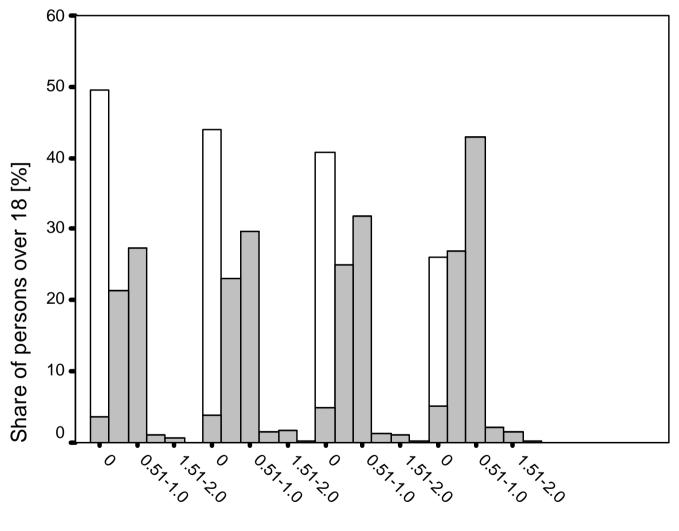


- Mobility tools and home/work location
- Activity space, i.e. the set of locations personally known to a traveller. Does this define the choice set of the traveller ?

Activity space is the observable aspect of the mental map or activity repertoire

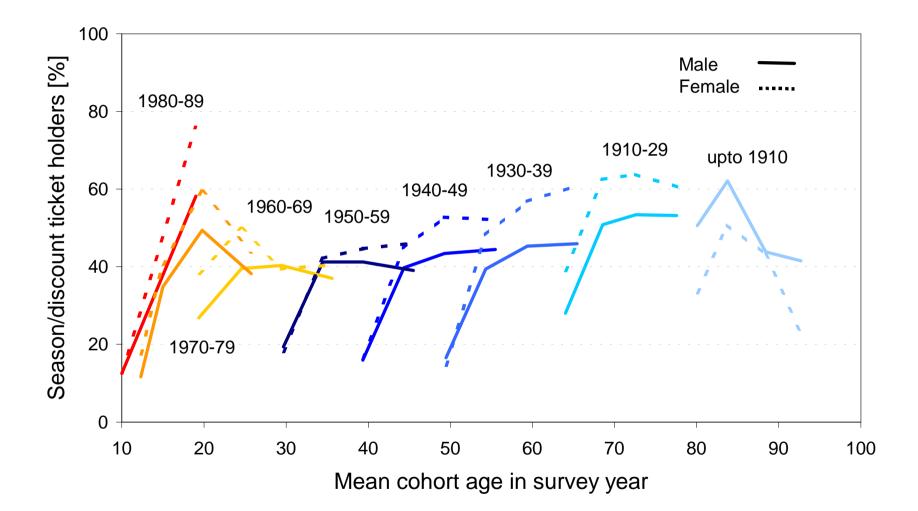
## Current commitments: Car availability in Switzerland



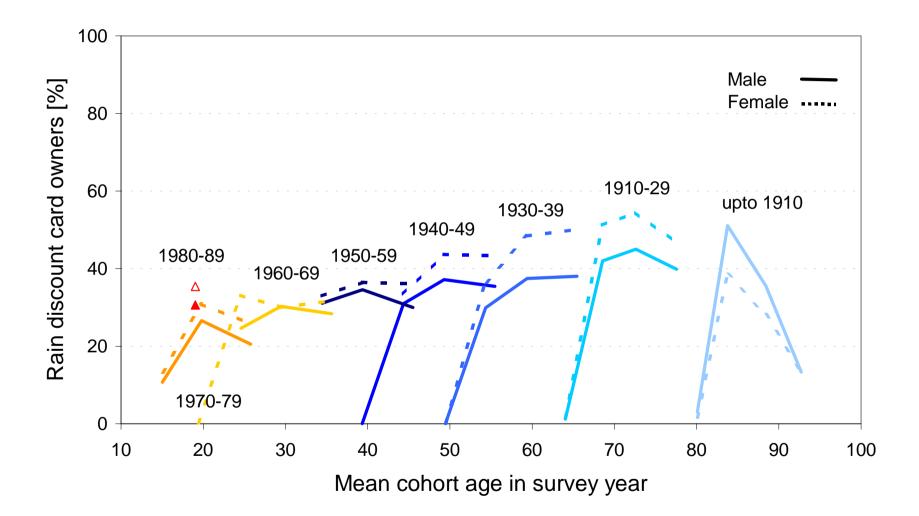


Household vehicles/Household licence

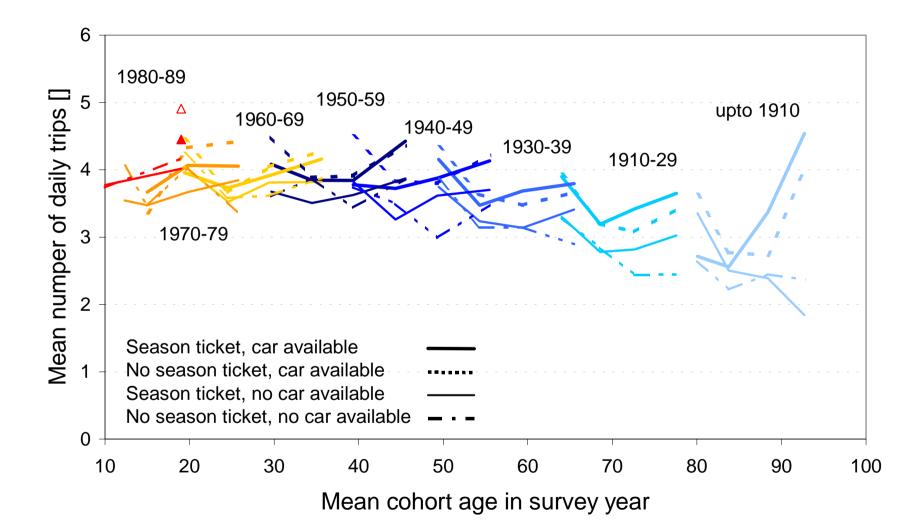
#### Current commitments: Season/discount tickets in CH



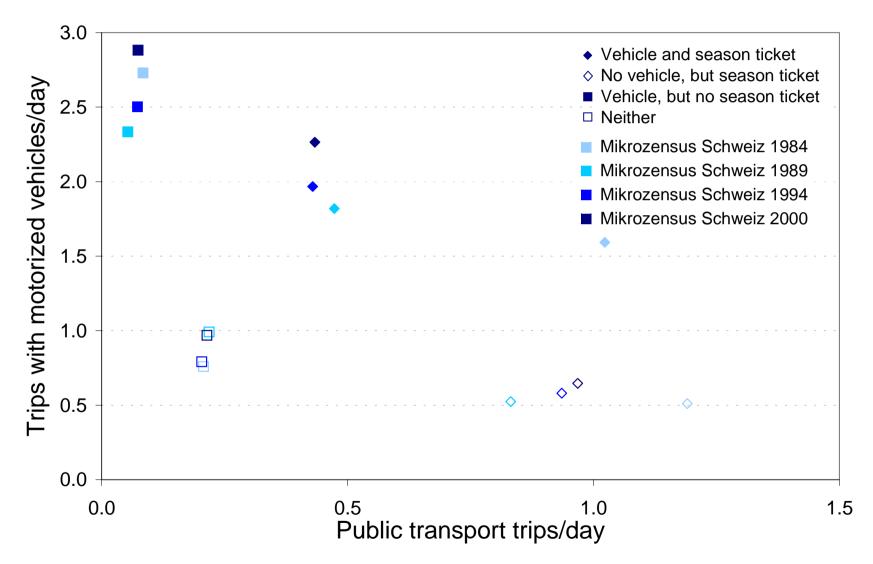
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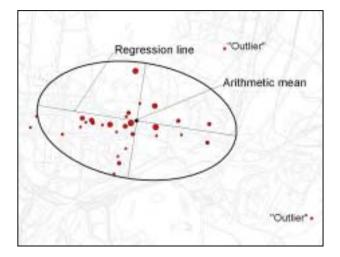
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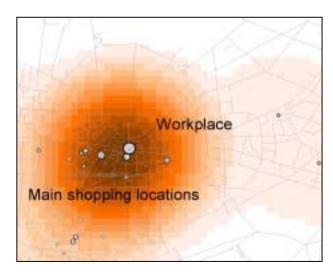


#### Current commitments: Behavioural impacts



- What are the expectations of drivers beyond their current activity space ?
- How do these expectations influence the response to ITS, in particular information services
- Does the activity space bind travellers to the known routes and locations ?



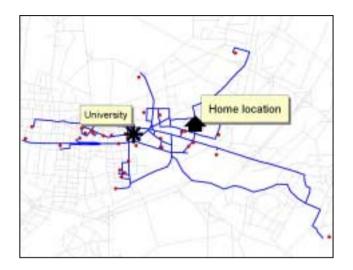


#### Confidence ellipse

Smallest possible area of a defined share of visited locations Measure: Area Dispersion

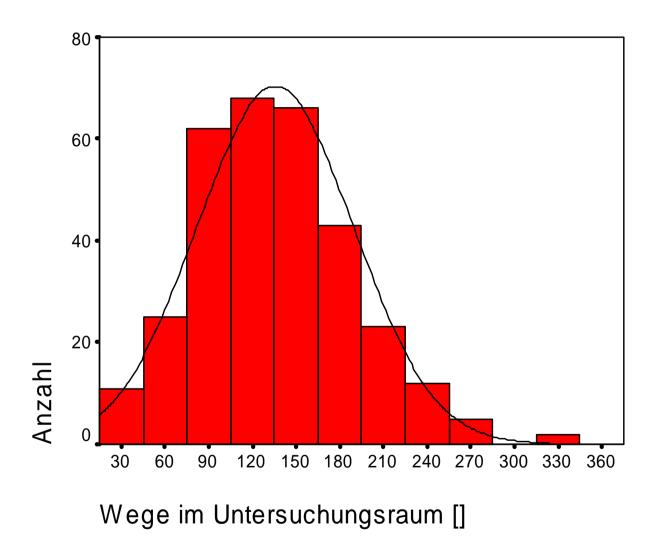
#### Kernel densities

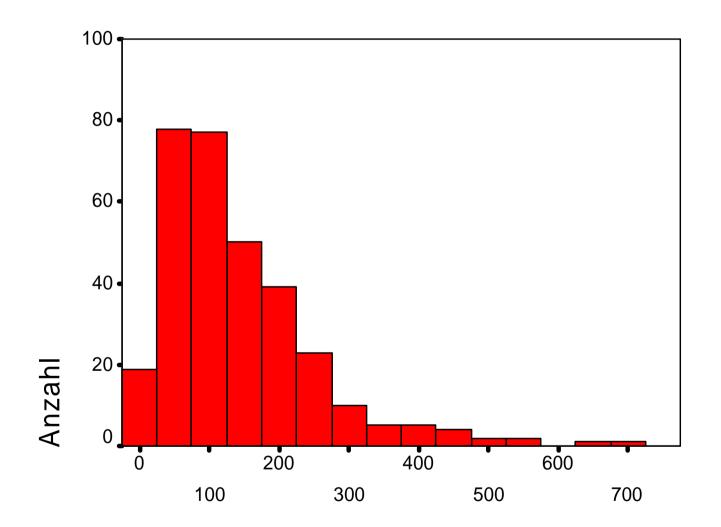
Density surface based on frequency and proximity Measure: Area / "Volume" Local clusters / sub-centres



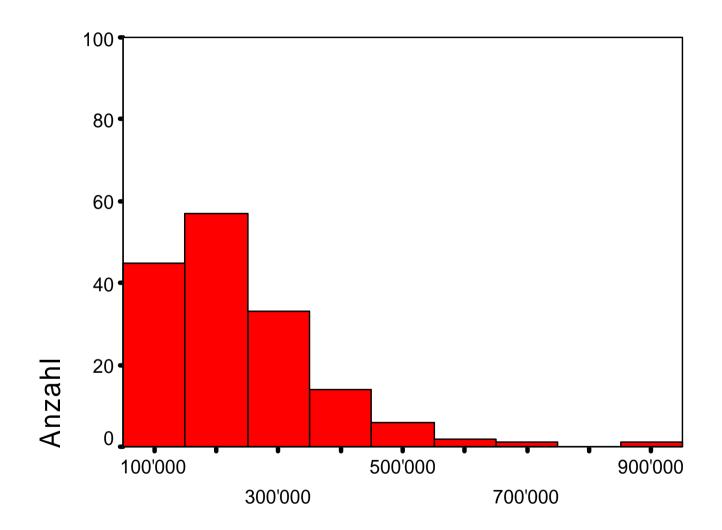
#### "Minimum spanning tree" (network)

Smallest geometry based on all O-D pairs Measure: Length of tree/network Perception of space and networks Mobidrive: Number of trips in the study area



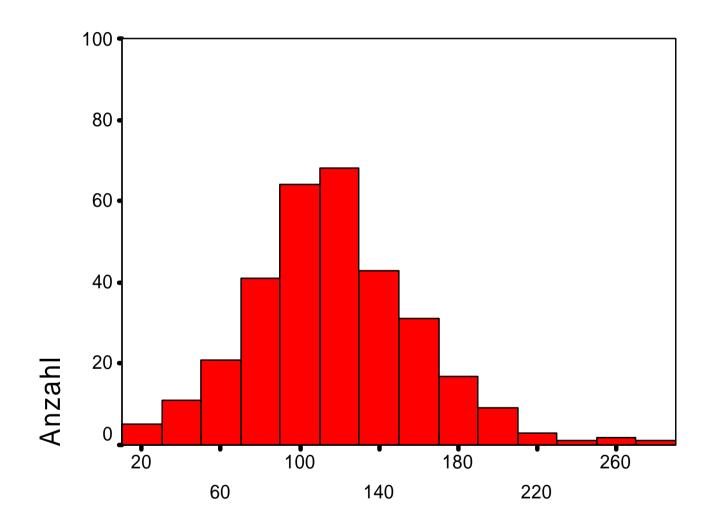


Grösse der 95% Konfindenzellipse [km]



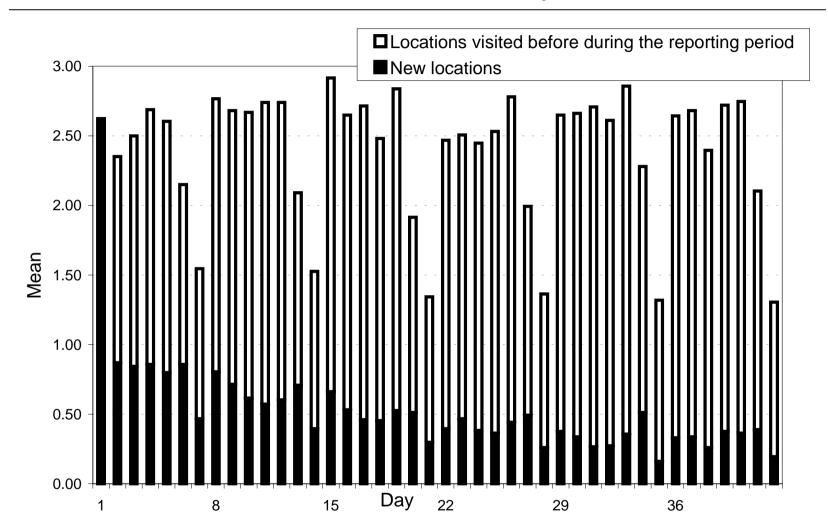
Minimales Wegenetz [m]

Mobidrive activity spaces: Areas with positive densities



Besuchte Flächen [500\*500 m]

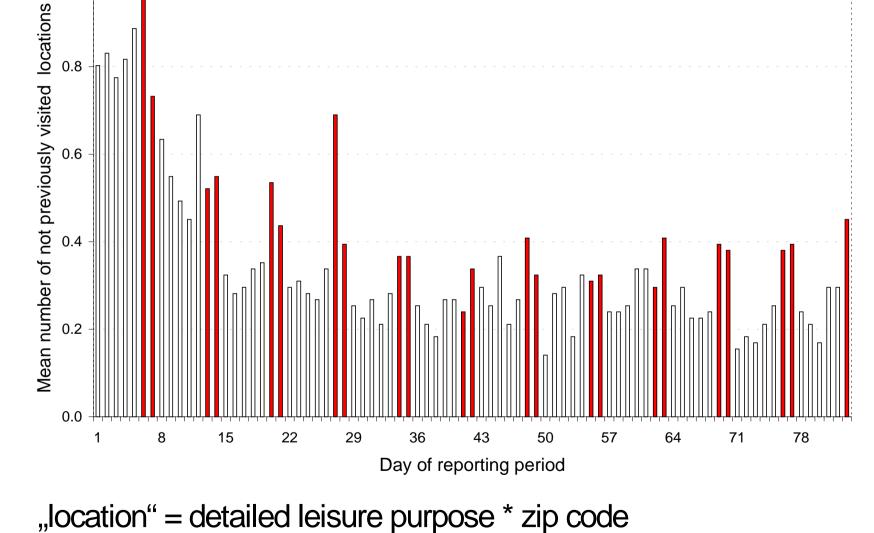
New locations in a 6-week travel diary



"location" = detailed purpose \* street address

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## New locations in a 12-week leisure diary

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ITS systems guide, control and influence through real-time information, regulation and pricing

The information impacts are limited through:

- Understanding travellers have of the world (partially measured as activity spaces)
- Long-term commitments to locations and contacts (social networks)

Their information impacts are enhanced through:

- Variety seeking of the traveller
- Unreliability of the transport systems

Appendix: Data sources

Brief description:

- Large scale random sampling surveys of the whole country
- 1984 and 1989 conducted as postal self-completion travel diary surveys (trip-based forms)
- 1994 and 2000 CATI stage-based diary
- One day plus some long-distance travel

For details see:

• Simma, A. (2003) History of Swiss travel surveys, paper presented at the *3rd Swiss Transport Research Conference*, Ascona, March 2003 (www.strc.ch)

Brief description:

- Combined time use (all purposes) and activity-survey (outof-home leisure only)
- Twelve (six) one-week diaries in Zürich (Berlin)
- 70 respondents with a 150 sFr incentive payment (about 10% recruiting rate from a random telephone sample) (hardly any drop-out after the start of the diary)

For details see (in German):

http://www.ivt.baug.ethz.ch/vrp/ab123.pdf http://www.ivt.baug.ethz.ch/vrp/ab121.pdf Brief description:

- 6-week travel diary in Karlsruhe and Halle
- Spring and fall 1999
- 360 persons in 160 households receiving small incentives (100-200 DM/household) (20% of eligible households recruited)
- 95% of trips in the study area geocoded

For details see:

http://www.ivt.baug.ethz.ch/vrp/ab140.pdf http://www.ivt.baug.ethz.ch/vrp/ab25.pdf