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Enhancing ADAPTS/POLARIS Agent-Based Transportation System Simulation Framework



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ADAPTS/POLARIS implements an agent-based activity-travel demand framework using variety of statistical/behavioral models

- **ADAPTS models dynamic activity-travel engagement:**
 - *Generation: deciding what needs to be done on a given day*
 - Activities are generated continuously on-the fly
 - Based on needs growth over time, household requirements, mandatory acts...
 - *Planning: determining the who/where/why/when/how of activity episodes*
 - Attribute choices made dynamically and updated throughout the simulation
 - Dependent on the order / priority in which activities are planned
 - *Scheduling: maintaining a consistent daily activity-travel plan*
 - Order in which activities are planned and executed is reflected
 - Activities (including travel, work, charging...) compete for time resources
 - Intra-person, intra-household, resource scheduling, all accounted for
 - *Execution: moving from planning to physical moves on the simulated network*
 - Continuous integration with multi-modal network model
 - An agent-based execution – persistent agents moving through networks based on their individual choices.

ADAPTS/POLARIS, initiated by UIC TransLab, has been further developed by Argonne National Lab to address key research questions

Originally proposed:

1. Flexible activity planning/scheduling
2. Improve model integration / Enhance Interoperability among existing tools
3. Model technology / ITS Systems for planning applications

Core Goals of the Effort:

- Modeling **Standards** and Protocols
- **Open Source** Modeling Environment
- **Listen** to the Transportation Community
- Common Modeling **Language**
- Maintain **Flexibility** and Modularity

FTA funding to:

1. Understand transit rider behavior and response to disruptions
2. Develop system short-term forecasting tools from big data sources
3. Simulation for transit planning and response and recovery to emergencies

Multi-modal

- Freight and logistics
- Ridesharing, car-sharing
- Enhanced bus service
- Bike-sharing
- Intermodal travel
- Modal energy use

Vehicles and Infrastructure

- Refueling infrastructure
- Traffic management center
- Connected signals
- Bike-share stations
- Bike and walk lanes

Connectivity and Automation

- Autonomous vehicles / fleets
- ACC / CACC
- Transit signal priority
- Eco-approach / departure
- Traveler information
- Impacts of level 3/4/5 automation

Urban Science

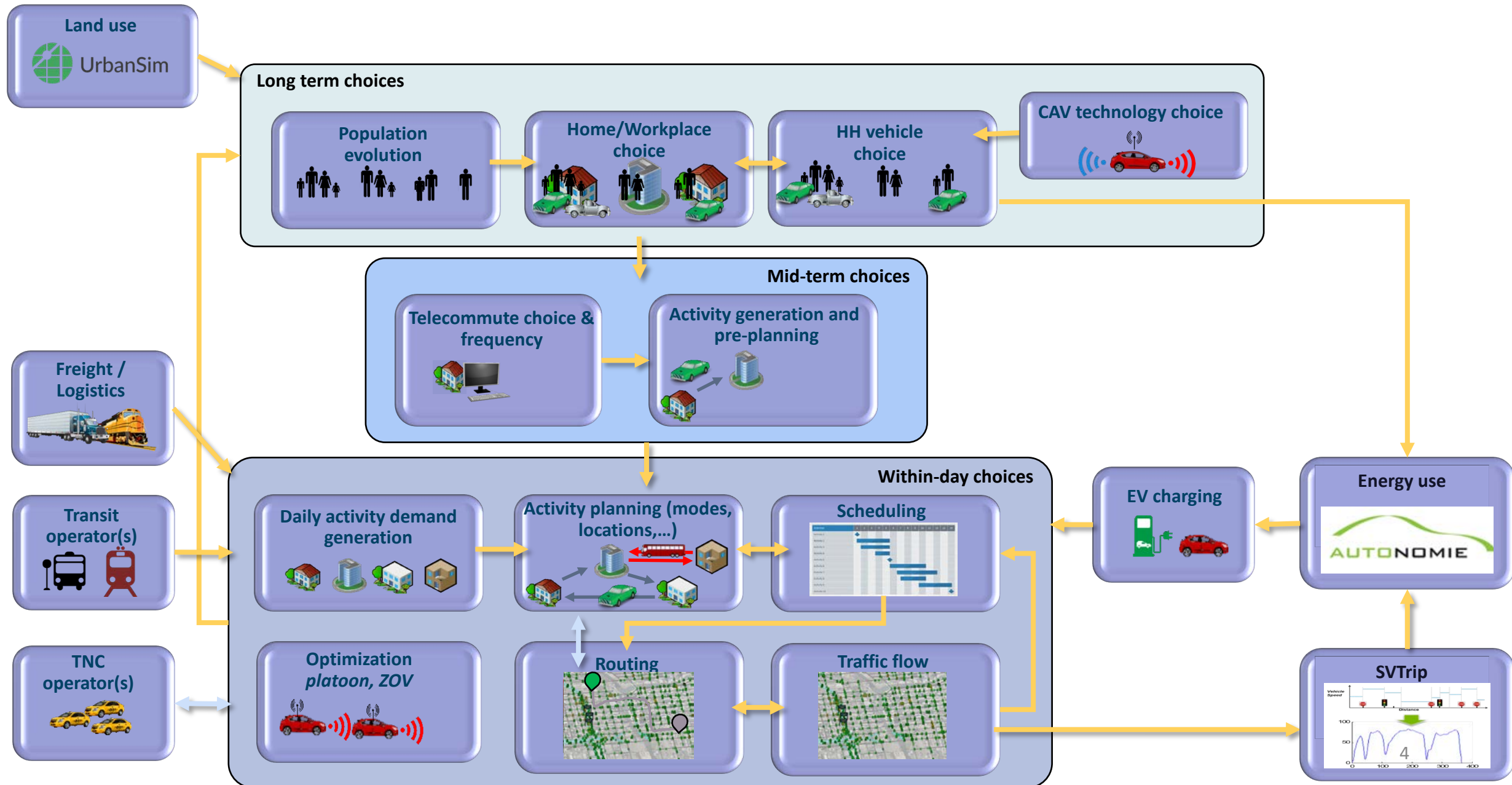
- Data collection from vehicles and infrastructure
- Supporting future growth plans
- Land use

Decision science

- Understanding mode choice behavior
- Providing useful information to travelers
- Incentivizing energy efficiency
- Increasing 'choice' ridership
- CAV impact on behavior



Transportation Systems Simulator Design...



POLARIS Workflow

- **Key modeling features:**

- Full-featured **activity-based** model
- **Integrated** demand, network assignment and traffic flow
- Includes **freight** shipments and local deliveries
- High-fidelity **vehicle energy** consumption
- **EV charging** and grid integration
- Connection to **UrbanSIM** land use
- Traveler behavior impacts of **VOTT** across many choices

- **Computational performance:**

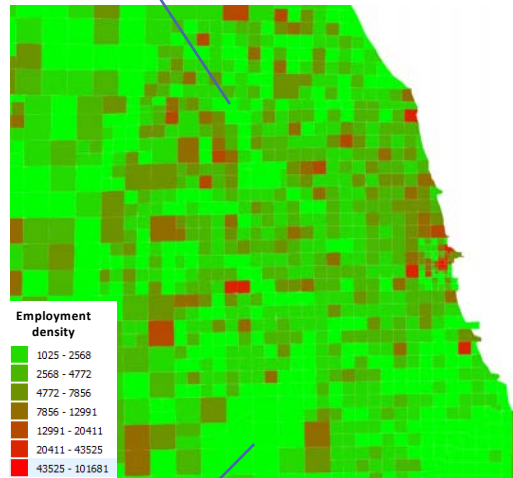
- Fully **agent-based**
- Integration with external **optimization** solvers (CPLEX, Gurobi, GLPK)
- High-performance **C++ codebase**
- Large-scale models with **100% of agents**
- **4-6 hr runtime** for up to 10 million agents
- Cross-platform implementation can run on Linux **HPC** clusters

Inputs for Population, Vehicles, and Land Use

Traffic analysis zones:

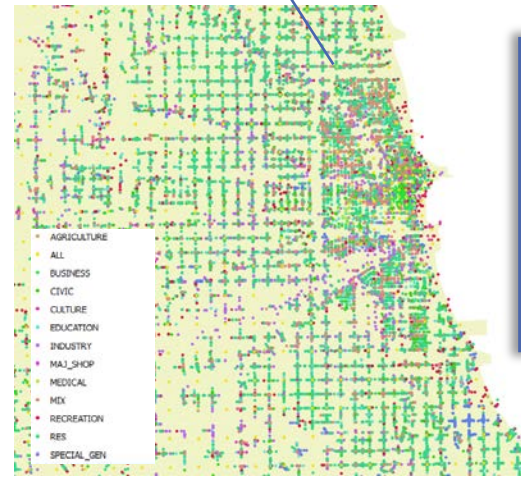
MPOs (base and forecast):

- Population
- Employment by category
- Housing
- Land use by type (civic, residential, business,...)
- Network skims
- Special generators



Location / Parcel data

- Land use category
- Size / sq. footage
- Use restrictions
- Parking & access
- Forecasts



HH Surveys (GPS and diary based)

- Activity engagement
- Routing
- Travel and activity times
- Travel party
- Mode choice
- HH demographics
- Commute patterns



Advanced behavior surveys: Vehicle purchase, travel attitudes, experiences, ...

- Stated preference for travel decisions
- New technology purchases
- Experiences / familiarity with new tech
- Travel attitudes and personality factors

According to the PIN you entered, we handed you the survey invitation on 03/15/2018 at the "LaSalle Street" METRA station at approximately 8:00.

Please indicate whether this station was:

- The starting station of the transit portion of your trip
- The end station of the transit portion of your trip
- A transfer station where you switched between transit trips.

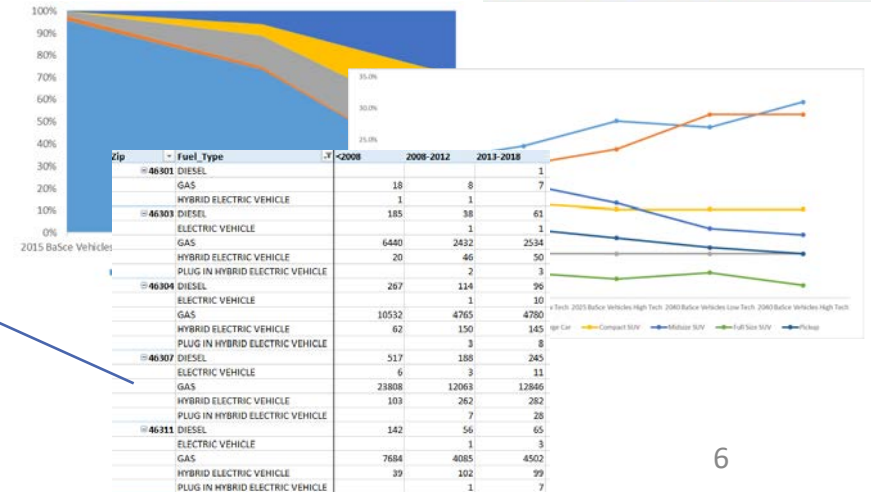


Census data (Summary file, ACS...):

- Marginal population distributions
- Population microdata
- Economic census
- Forecasts (UrbanSim)

Vehicle distributions

- Segment by powertrain by technology
- Detailed location data (zip code, TAZ,...)
- Advanced technology adoption
- Forecasts by detailed demographics



Detailed Inputs for Network and Mode Choice Modeling

Transit network data:

GTFS (static & real time), agencies:

- Services
- Stop locations
- Schedule and fares
- Vehicles



Traffic controls:

DOTs, MPOs

- Signal (timing, phasing, actuation, coordination)
- Stop/yield signs
- Variable Message signs
- Variable lanes
- Tolls
- Pedestrian movements

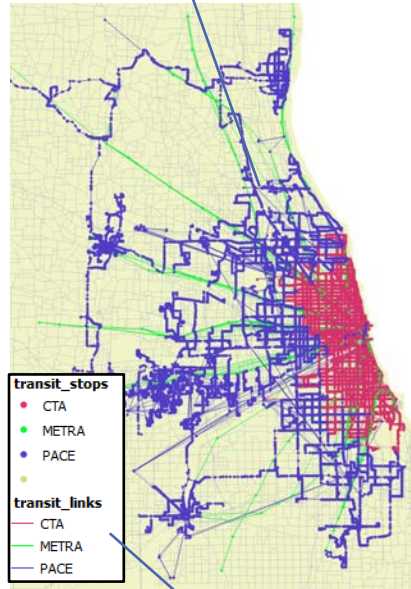


Taxi and TNC data

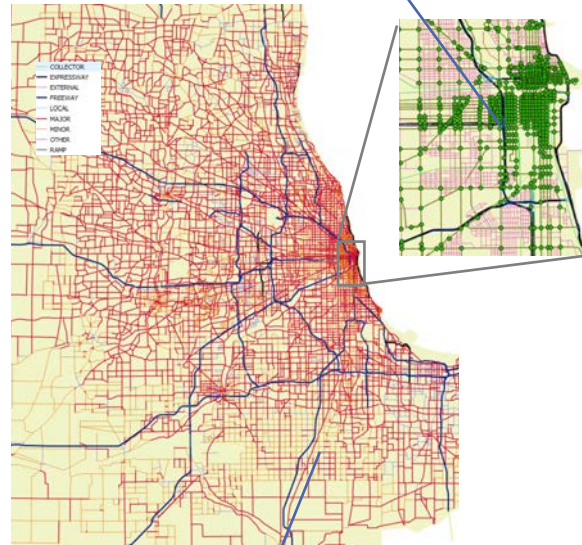
- Pickup / drop-off
- Fares & surge pricing
- Wait times
- Vehicles
- Driver surveys
- Passenger info



Red light / speed cameras Hwy / arterial detectors



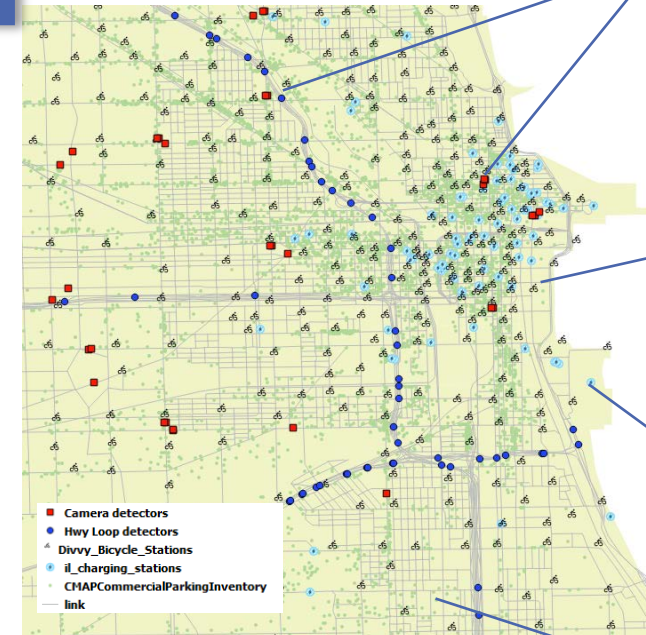
- transit_stops**
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 - METRA
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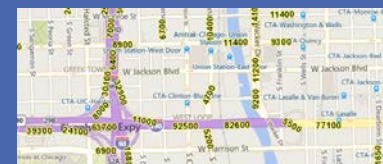
Road network information: MPOs,

DOT, Open sources

- Facility type
- Lanes, speeds, capacities
- Pocket lane locations
- Connectivity
- Use restrictions
- Bike / walk facilities



Traffic counts: State DOT, traffic studies, permanent counters, etc.



Bike share:

- Volume
- Ridership



Vehicle charging

- Volume / capacity
- Charging events
- Profile
- Location (EVI-PRO)



Transit Data: Agencies, MPO

- Automated passenger counts
- Fare card data
- AVL data
- On-board surveys

Stop	AVG ON	AVG OFF	AVG ACTIVITY
Rosemont CTA Station	3,832.6	2,793.9	6,626.5
95th/Dan Ryan CTA Station	3,446.7	2,818.8	6,265.5
Forest Park Transit Center/CTA Blue Line	3,136.7	2,516.6	5,653.2
Harvey Transportation Center	2,698.0	2,534.3	5,232.2
Midway CTA Station	1,824.7	1,516.0	3,340.7
Elgin Terminal/Elgin Transportation Centri	1,400.1	969.7	2,369.8
Jefferson Park CTA Station	1,576.4	1,222.8	2,799.2

Parking inventory

- Type and ownership
- Fees
- Volume and capacity



Behavior Models Example: Activity Time-of-day and Duration Choice Models Allow Travelers to Respond to Changing Traffic Conditions and Opportunities

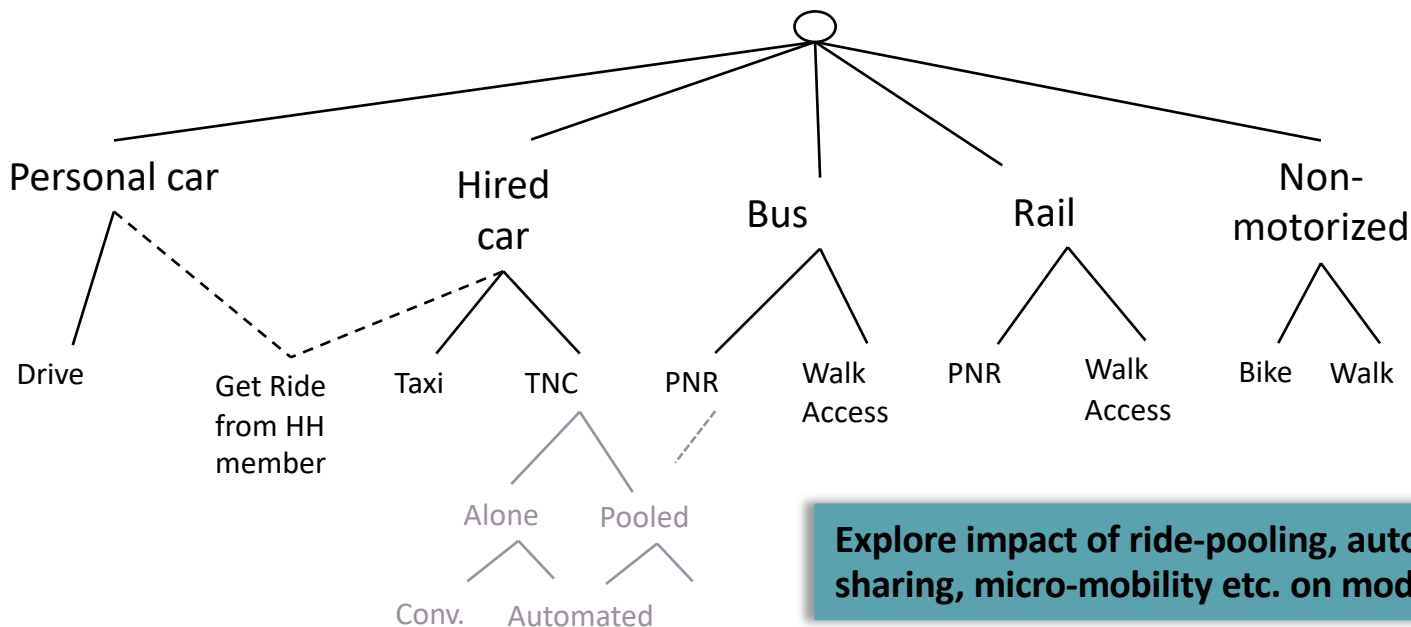
- Model jointly estimated for start time and duration
- Significant copula parameters: joint model valid
- Implemented as a parameterized choice
- Sensitive to key scenario parameters – i.e. **travel times** and **variability**, activity pressure, etc.

Start time Alternative	Direct Elasticity			Cross Alternatives	Cross Elasticity		
	Occupancy	TT	TTV		Occupancy	TT	TTV
Morning peak-hour				Morning off-peak	-	-0.17	-
				Afternoon off-peak	-	0.15	-
				Afternoon peak hour	-	-1.82	-
				Evening	-	0.35	-
			Night time	-	0.34	-	
Morning off-peak				Morning peak hour	-	1.87	0.14
				Afternoon off-peak	-	1.98	0.14
				Afternoon peak hour	-	1.74	0.14
				Evening	-	2.04	0.13
			Night time	-	2.03	0.13	
Afternoon off-peak				Morning peak hour	1.01	-0.05	-
				Morning off-peak	0.72	0.24	-
				Afternoon peak hour	0.25	-0.27	-
				Evening	0.08	0.53	-
			Night time	0.11	0.53	-	
Afternoon peak-hour				Morning peak hour	0.71	1.08	0.15
				Morning off-peak	0.07	0.45	0.22
				Afternoon off-peak	0.69	0.54	0.22
				Evening	0.23	0.10	0.23
			Night time	0.01	-0.22	0.14	
Evening				Morning peak hour	-	1.16	-
				Morning off-peak	-	0.27	-
				Afternoon off-peak	-	-0.38	-
				Afternoon peak hour	-	0.32	-
			Night time	-	-0.06	-	

Flexible, endogenous timing of all activities in the model, that is responsive to network conditions, captures realistic choice behavior...

Behavioral Models Example: Mode Choice Specification to Capture Multi-modal Decisions and New Mobility Options

- Updated ADAPTS/POLARIS mode choice model to include TNC:
 - Leveraged benefits of large household travel survey
 - Combined with smaller, choice-based sample
- Identified and addressed differences between survey datasets
- Constructed full multi-modal options using POLARIS router
- (Cross)-Nested choice structure allows significant flexibility in modal substitution patterns**



Explore impact of ride-pooling, automation, vehicle sharing, micro-mobility etc. on mode choice

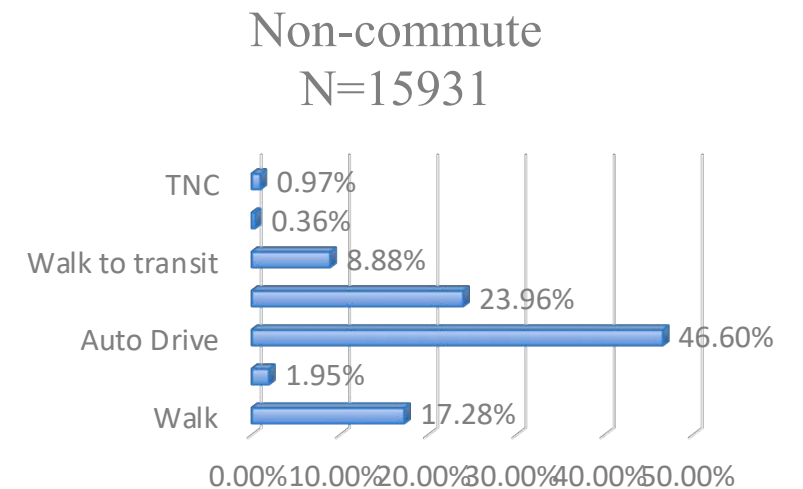
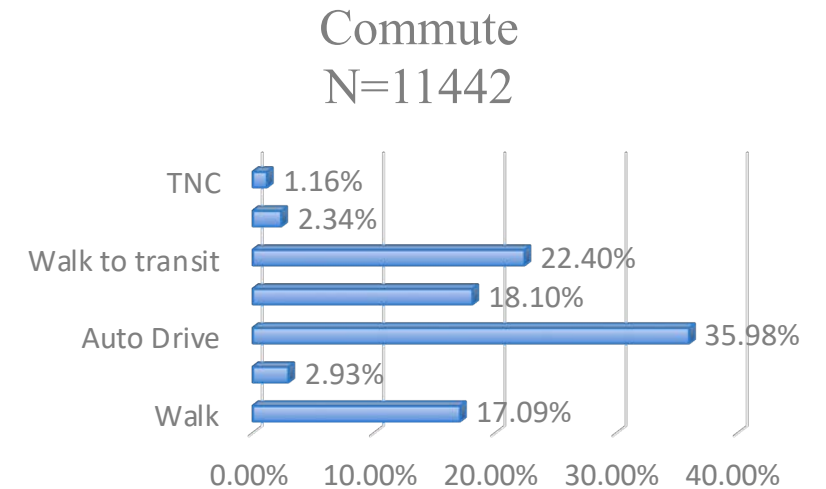
Key model results:
 Waiting more burdensome than traveling
 Taxi has high value, followed by drive
 Rail has low value due to significant in-vehicle multi-tasking

Mode	travel component	VOT by HH Income (\$)			
		5000	30000	75000	120000
Drive	time in motion	\$15.36	\$18.59	\$20.24	\$21.09
Drive	parking "vot"	\$66.66	\$80.68	\$87.85	\$91.53
Taxi	time in motion	\$59.37	\$71.86	\$78.25	\$81.53
RailDrv	IVTT + Ac/Eg	\$3.27	\$3.96	\$4.31	\$4.49
RailDrv	Waiting time	\$5.04	\$6.10	\$6.64	\$6.92
RailWlk	IVTT + Ac/Eg	\$2.53	\$3.06	\$3.33	\$3.47
RailWlk	Waiting time	\$3.99	\$4.83	\$5.26	\$5.48
XitDrv	total time (IV,Ac/Eg,Wait)	\$1.70	\$2.06	\$2.25	\$2.34
XitWlk	IVTT + Ac/Eg	\$11.04	\$13.36	\$14.55	\$15.16
XitWlk	Waiting time	\$9.16	\$11.08	\$12.07	\$12.57

TNC / auto access to transit

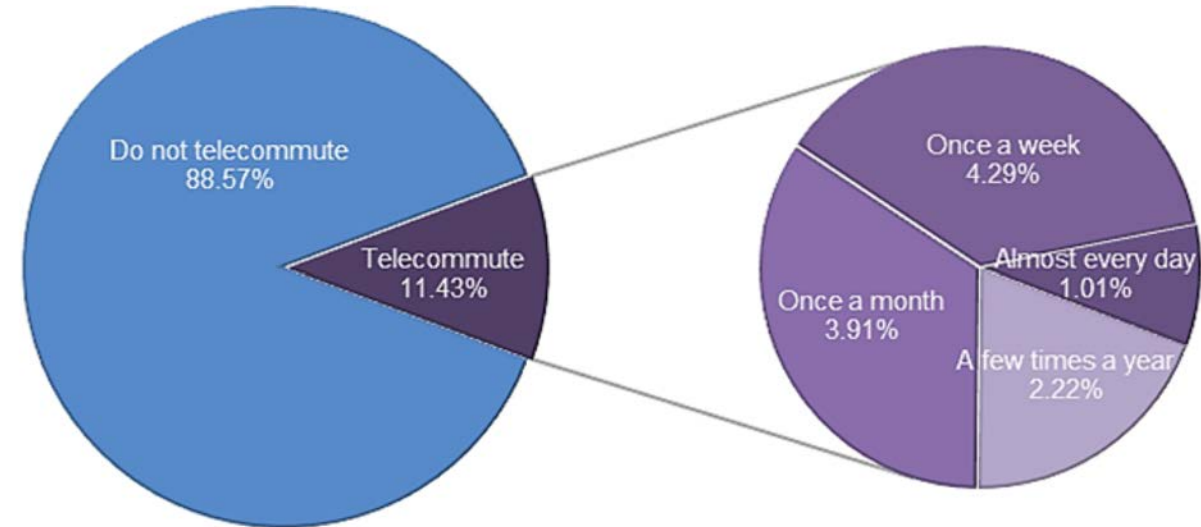
Data

- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Travel Tracker Survey conducted on 2018-19.
 - Including approximately 14,000 households' activity and travel records for 24 hours.
- Google Maps Direction API including travel time for Transit, Walk and Bike modes
- POLARIS simulated data including travel time and costs for Auto and park & ride modes.



Telecommuting Model Development

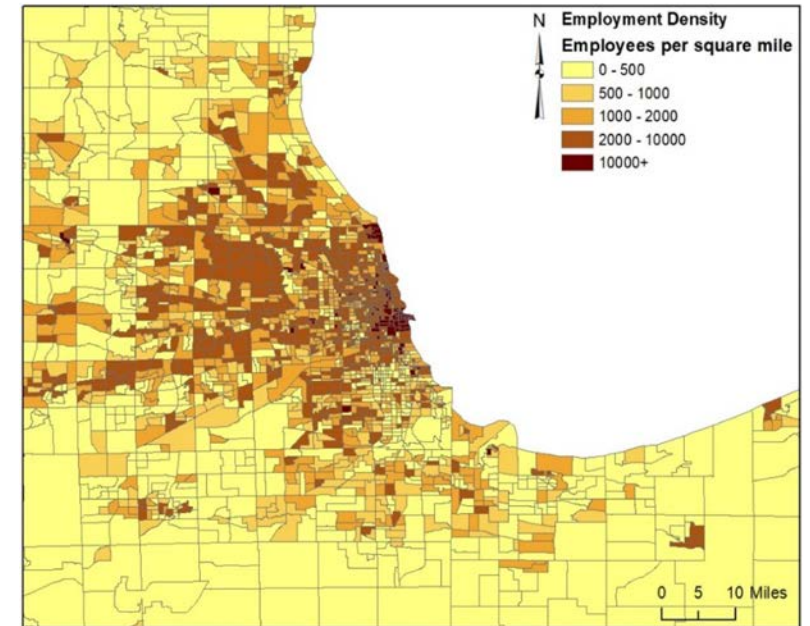
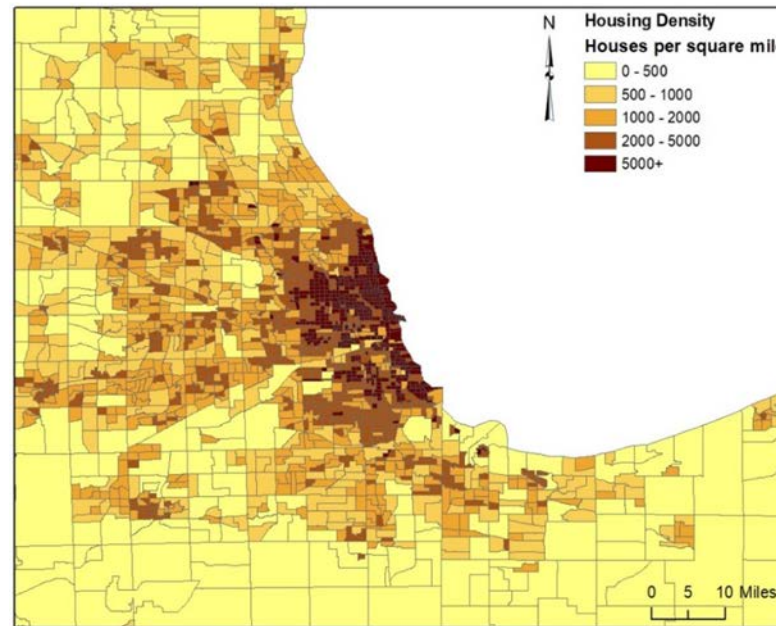
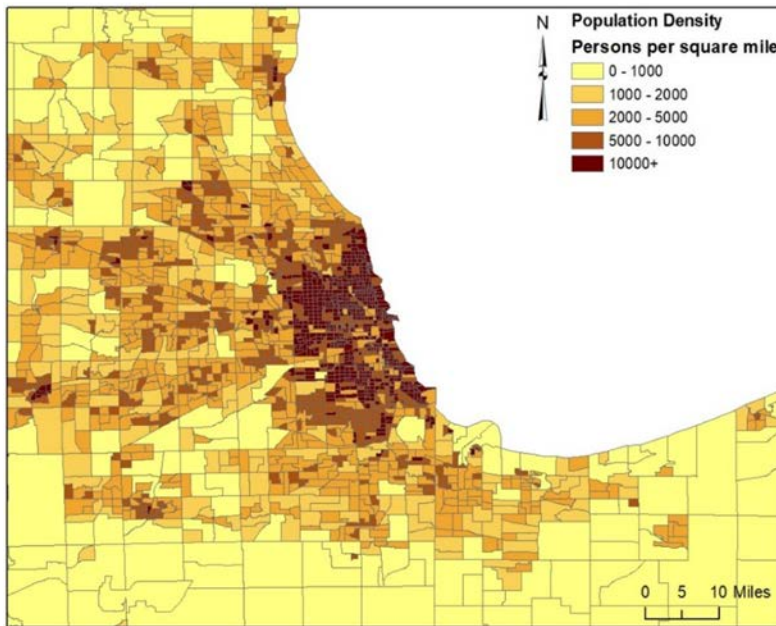
- Data source
 - Travel Tracker Survey conducted by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
 - Includes complete travel information of 10,500 households who were asked to report their travel diary for one or two randomly assigned days
 - Information collected
 - Socio demographics (e.g., age, gender, income, etc.)
 - Household features (e.g., number of vehicles, residential location, etc.)
 - Trip-related characteristics (mode, time-of-day, trip duration, etc.)
 - Activity-related features (e.g., activity type and duration, location, etc.)



Distribution of telecommuting frequency in the sample

Telecommuting Model Development

- A set of land-use and built-environment measures is calculated at the level of census tracts based on the available information about individuals' residential and work locations.
- A Zero-inflated hierarchical ordered probit model with correlated errors estimated telecommuting adoption and frequency.



Distribution of derived built-environment factors in Chicago Metropolitan Area

Telecommuting Model Estimation

Estimation Results of zero-inflated hierarchical ordered probit model with correlated errors.

Variables	Parameter	t-Stat
<i>Participation equation (Potential of Telecommuting Model):</i>		
Constant	-0.98***	-5.33
Gender: male	0.26***	3.01
Income: low	-0.64***	-5.64
Education: low	-0.67***	-6.03
Trip distance: high	0.22*	1.75
HH worker	0.18***	3.04
Work flexibility	0.89***	6.81
Occupation: transportation	-0.24*	-1.65
Occupation: management	-0.61*	-1.82
Occupation: health	-0.38***	-3.30
Employment density: high	0.34***	3.00
Population density	-0.07***	-3.46
<i>Activity equation (Level of Telecommuting Model):</i>		
Constant	-0.62***	-3.01
Income: med	0.49***	6.03
Age: 35-55	0.20***	3.31
Education: graduate	0.31***	4.48
Trip duration	0.23***	3.06
HH vehicle	0.14***	4.15
Work flexibility	0.82***	8.49
Occupation: government	-0.23**	-2.19
Occupation: communication	0.31**	2.27
Occupation: manufacturing	-0.16*	-1.65
Employment density: low	-0.22***	-3.10
<i>Threshold variables:</i>		
Work duration	0.03***	2.89
Vehicle availability	-0.11*	-1.72
HH vehicle: high	0.26***	3.22
<i>Threshold constants:</i>		
θ_1	-1.60***	-10.86
θ_2	-0.47***	-4.08
θ_3	0.43***	4.64
<i>Correlation coefficient:</i>		
ρ	0.28*	1.91
log-likelihood at convergence		-3206.05

Note: ***, **, * indicate significance at 1%, 5%, and 10% level.

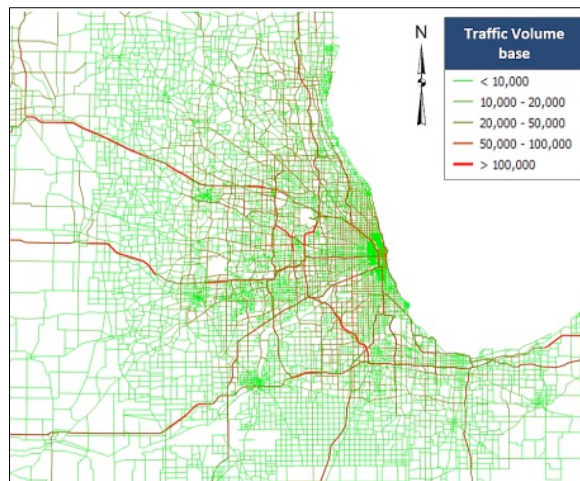
- Telecommuting adoption and frequency model suggests
 - occupation type also plays an important role in both participation and frequency level.
 - education and income level significantly affect both telecommuting participation and the frequency level.
 - flexibility of work schedule increases the probability of both telecommuting participation and frequency.
 - importance of trip-related and land-use variables on telecommuting choice:
 - travel time and distance to workplace
 - population density
 - employment density

Implementation in POLARIS

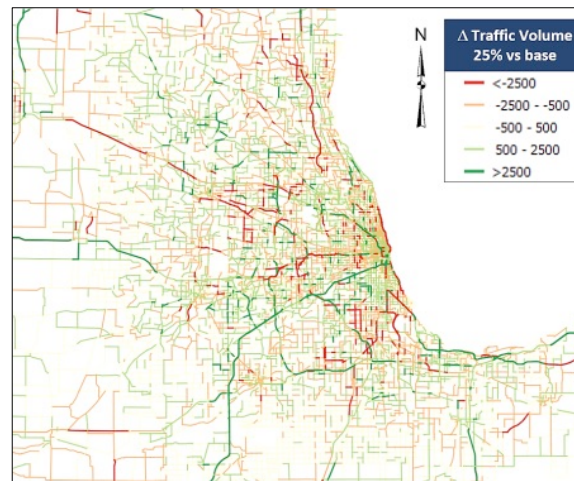
- The results endorse the fact that telecommuting policy has the potential to reduce network congestion and vehicular emissions specifically during rush hours
- As a sustainable transportation policy, Telecommuting can alleviate network congestion by reducing the total daily VMT and VHT by up to 2.4% and 4.15%
- Telecommuting policy also has the potential to reduce GHG and PM2.5 emissions by up to 2.65% and 2.95%

Changes in Emissions and Fuel Consumption in Telecommuting Scenarios

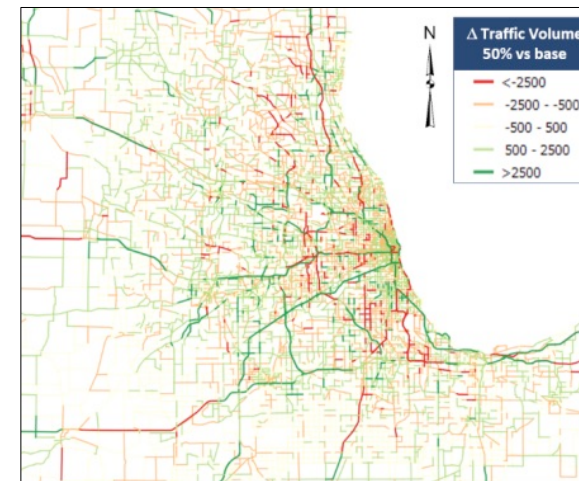
Emissions	Flex-25 vs. base scenario	Flex-50 vs. base scenario
Average Daily GHG (US ton)	-329.5 (-0.3%)	-766.3 (-0.7%)
Average Daily PM _{2.5} (lb)	-164.2 (-0.05%)	-367.5 (-1.1%)
Average Daily Fuel Consumption (Million Gallons)	-0.03 (-0.3%)	-0.08 (-0.8%)



(a) Baseline traffic volumes



(b) changes in network traffic volumes:
Flex 25% vs. base



(c) changes in network traffic volumes:
Flex 50% vs. base

Long-Distance Travel Overview

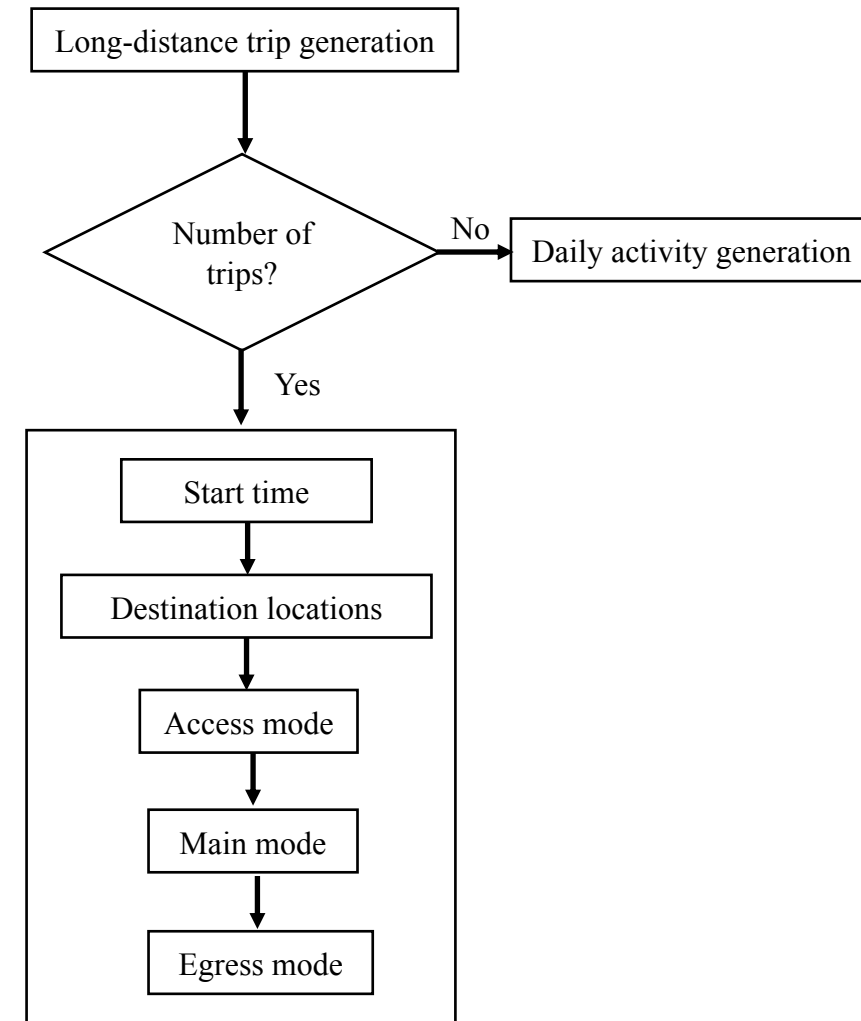
- Purpose
 - Critical to understand – what happens when travelers replace their average day trip with long-distance trips
 - Simulation of long-distance travel model is warranted
 - To represent travel demand in a more behaviorally realistic way
 - To provide solutions for the travel demand increment due to airport expansions
- Presents long-distance trip generation model and appropriate behavioral models representing the choice of airport access/egress mode including the high-speed rail
- Implements long-distance travel models within POLARIS and establishes linkages with activity-based models

Long-distance Travel Model Development

- Data source
 - Multi-wave survey of long-distance travel behavior for state of Illinois
 - Responses: 1791 households; 2,225 individuals; 3012 long-distance trips
 - Information collected:
 - Socio-demographics and Household features (e.g., housing income, vehicle ownership, etc.)
 - Details about all long-distance trips of the individual within a determined period (e.g., number of long-distance trips, start day and time, main mode of the trip, access/egress mode if applicable, party size, origin and destination, trip purpose, etc.)
- Long-distance travel models developed (for business trips and non-business)
 - Trip frequency models
 - Start time choice model
 - Access mode choice model
 - Egress mode choice model

Implementation in POLARIS

- At first, long-distance (LD) trip frequency models generate trip decisions and number of trips using zero-inflated negative binomial model
- For trips = 0, activity generation model generates average day trips and its attributes
- No. of long-distance trips ≥ 1 triggers the implementation of other trip attributes
- LD travel module replaces daily activity generation model, and generates long-distance trip attributes
- For each trip,
 - start time model generates time-of-day of the long-distance trip start time using multinomial logit model
 - destination is generated using nested logit model
 - finally, runs mode choice processes using multinomial logit model for access, main and egress modes



Micromobility

- E-scooters/e-bike/shared-bike provide people more options for short-distance trips
- Supplement transit services by providing more access/egress alternatives
- Carbon-free mobility - contributes to sustainable city development
- Purpose:
 - To better understand the role of shared micromobility in urban mobility
 - To explore how people adopt micromobility
 - How frequently they use them
- Presents micromobility adoption choice model
- Implements the adoption behavior within POLARIS
- Run operational scenarios to understand the effect of future micromobility usage

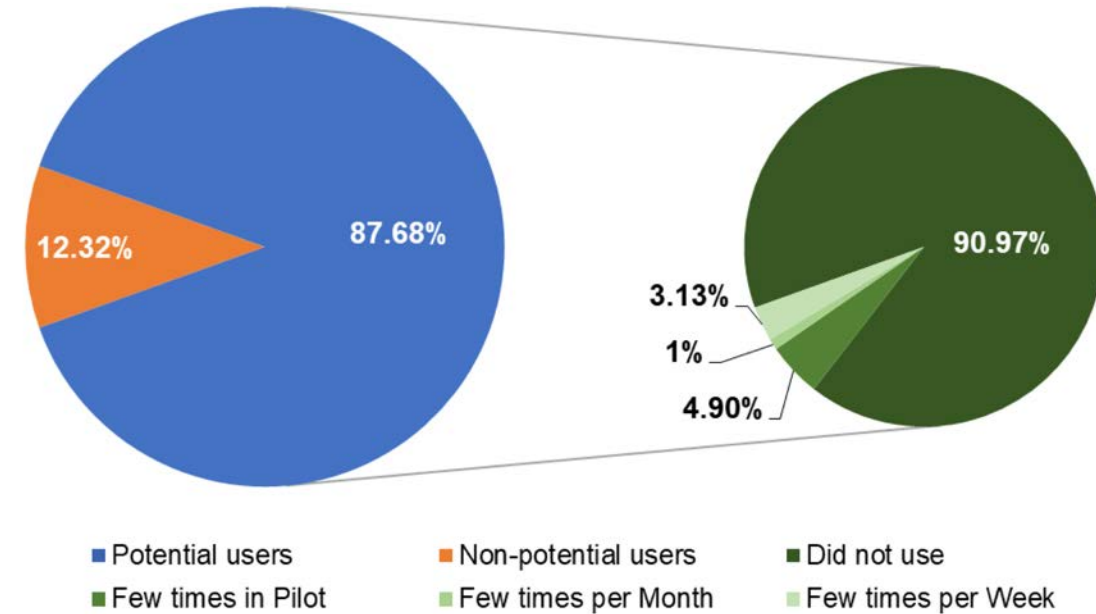
Data

- E-Scooter Adoption Model Survey: 603 respondents
- Collected information
 - Demographics
 - E-scooter adoption behavior (frequency of use) based on e-scooter pilot program participation
 - Reasons for e-scooter use
 - Daily travel mode choice (mode and usage frequency)
 - Residential location
- Additional data: EPA Smart Location Database, E-scooter API for trip service characteristics

Model

- Differentiate users

- Potential users (access to e-scooters but have not used it)
- Non-users (no access to e-scooters)
- Four level of usage considered for potential users
 - Do not use
 - Few times during pilot (3 months)
 - Few times per month
 - Few times per week



- Zero-inflated ordered probit model

- Bi-level approach, dealing with excessive zero counts
- Jointly investigates intention to adopt e-scooters and associated usage frequency

Scenarios

- 5 operational scenarios of e-scooter deployment were studied in *Bloomington*
- Demand for e-scooters depended on e-scooter availability by time of day
- Since some short auto trips can be replaced by e-scooters, **VMT savings up to 8%** are observed
- Shift away from walk also helps lower overall **PHT up to 11%**

E-scooter fleet size	Trips Made	% ΔVMT	% ΔPHT
Base 500	11,549	-	-
5x 2,500	14,166	-2.8%	-4.1%
10x 5,000	15,382	-4.5%	-5.6%
25x 12,500	17,030	-5.9%	-8.9%
50x 25,000	18,343	-8.3%	-11.1%

VMT – Vehicle Miles Traveled
 PHT – Person Hours Traveled

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