

# Approximation of point equilibria in MATSim

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# Motivation

- Try to compete with static assignment.
  - ▶ Well understood computation process and solution properties.
  - ▶ Application (CBA) calls for reproducible, unique solution.
- [Speed. Parallel replanning, minimize number of mobsim runs.]
- [[Support facilities when using MATSim for decision support.]]
- For myself: Figure out if this is worth maintaining for external users.

**Code is here:**

`https://github.com/vtisweden/matsim-projects`

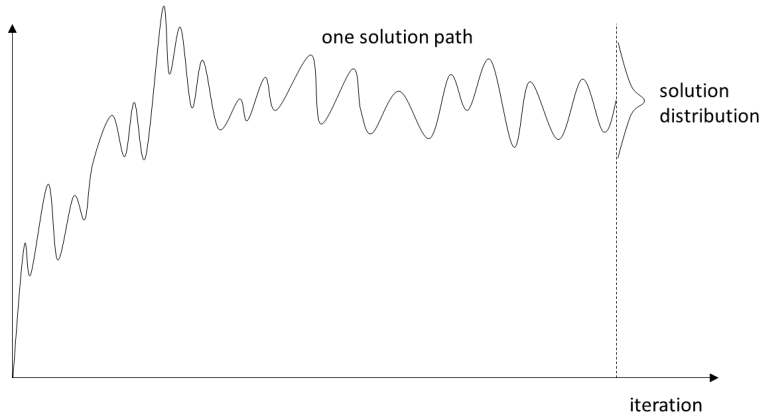
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- Move agents according to fixed travel times through the network.
- May be combined with replanning: agents replan less randomly.
- Much more lightweight than running a mobility simulation.
- Versions of this have been around in MATSim for decades.

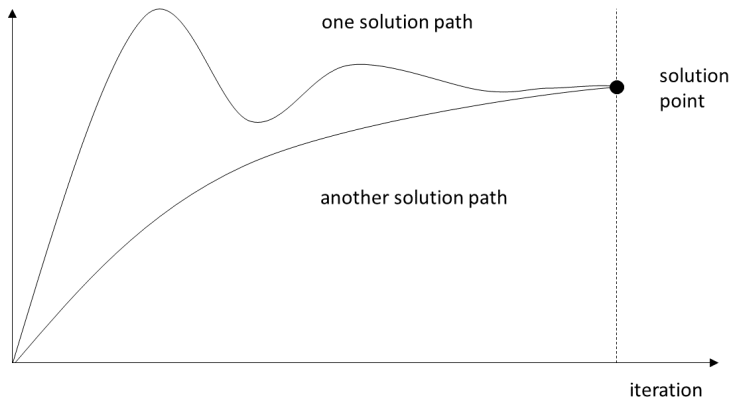
# Emulation is useful

- Play through what-if scenarios.
  - ▶ Replanning: discard obviously useless strategies.
  - ▶ Optimization (eg station placement): Linearize demand curves.
- Compute distances between populations.
  - ▶ Scoring: plan overlap.
  - ▶ Replanning: stabilization.
- Allows to compute gap functions that monitor deviation from equilibrium.

# Assignment: stochastic equilibrium



# Deterministic equilibrium



## Approximate deterministic equil.

- Find travel plans that cannot (or hardly) be unilaterally improved.
- Compatible with what MATSim's coevolutionary algorithm looks for.
- Look for point solutions (concrete plans, no distributions thereof).
  - ▶ Agents become “greedy” (strict utility maximizers).
  - ▶ Minimize “innovation noise” and solution variability.
  - ▶ Measurable solution quality (gap function).
- Attempts to get rid of within-assignment randomness.
  - ▶ Considers expected plan performance given stochastic mobsim.
  - ▶ Choice model error terms: if at all, simulated and freeze.



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- Turns MATSim into a point equilibrium approximizer. Balances
  - ▶ unilateral utility improvement (emulation-based replanning)
  - ▶ and step size (population distance between iterations).
- Details here:

| Session E5     |              |      |  |   | E9 |
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| Road Transport |              |      |  |   |    |
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| thu<br>9:00    | thu<br>9:30  | 2329 | Felix Hofinger and Martin<br>Fellendorf  | Lane change behavior on motorways based<br>on naturalistic trajectory data                              |    |
| thu<br>9:30    | thu<br>10:00 | 2643 | Gunnar Flötteröd   | Improved precision in a heuristic for particle-<br>based and stochastic dynamic traffic assign-<br>ment |    |
| thu<br>10:00   | thu<br>10:30 | 2677 | Magdalena Schilling, Mar-<br>vin V. Baumann, Jörg<br>Sonnleitner, Markus Fried-<br>rich and Peter Vortisch | Design hourly volume estimation at freeway<br>nodes using floating car data                             |    |

# Minimal configuration

```
<module name="emulation">  
  <param name="iterationsPerCycle" value="10" />  
  ...  
</module>
```

```
<module name="greedo">  
  <param name="replanningRateIterationExponent" value="-1.0" />  
  <param name="populationDistance" value="Kernel" />  
  <param name="replannerIdentifier" value="UPPERBOUND" />  
  ...  
</module>
```

## Code example (vanilla carsharing)

```
Greedo greedo = new Greedo();
greedo.setEmulator("tway_vehicle", NetworkLegEmulator.class);
greedo.setEmulator("access_walk_tw", OnlyDepartureArrivalLegEmulator.class);
greedo.setEmulator("egress_walk_tw", OnlyDepartureArrivalLegEmulator.class);
greedo.setActivityEmulator
    (PlanCalcScoreConfigGroup.createStageActivityType("tway"),
     OnlyStartEndActivityEmulator.class);
greedo.addHandler(RoadPricingEmulationHandler.class);
[...]
Config config = ...
greedo.meet(config);
[...]
Scenario scenario = ...
Controller controller = new Controller(scenario);
greedo.meet(controller);
[...]
controller.run();
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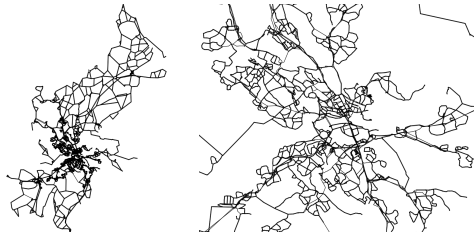
## Code example, continued

```
@Singleton
class GreedoReplanning implements PlansReplanning, ReplanningListener,
AfterMobsimListener

@Inject
GreedoReplanning(Provider<EmulationEngine> emulationEngineProvider, ...)

@Override
public void notifyReplanning(ReplanningEvent event) {
    [...]
    EmulationEngine emulationEngine = emulationEngineProvider.get();
    emulationEngine.setOverwriteTravelTimes(true);
    emulationEngine.emulate(iterationNumber, mode2travelTimes, eventHandler);
    [...]
```

# Stockholm scenario



- >20'000 links, >5000 agents (1% sample), car-only.
- All-day travel plans. Utility function:
  - ▶ penalization of travel times,
  - ▶ penalization of deviations from desired arrival time times.
- Better response plans computed by
  - ▶ shortest path calculations,
  - ▶ random departure time variations.

# Indicative results

