

Integrated models of transport and energy demand

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EPFL Motivation

Common element: behavior



EPFL Covid-19: An unprecedented decline in demand for mobility (EIA, 2020)

 Covid-19 has led to large changes in urban transport activities; public transport demand has declined dramatically while cycling, walking, and car use has been less impacted and sometimes higher than usual.



EPFL Lockdowns have also driven decreases in electricity demand (EIA, 2020)



EPFL Research question

 How can we jointly model energy and transportation demand from behavioral first principles?

EPFL Proposed solution

- Activity-based approach to model complex individual behaviors
 - Capture relationships between participations in various activities.
 - Model high-level demand as the result of the **interactions** of multiple agents.
 - Can represent **complex behaviors** within a city or region to test more flexible scenarios and policies.

Framework



EPFL Research challenge

Modelling interdependencies of urban systems

 requires co-simulating urban systems (e.g. buildings, transportation networks) including their co-dependencies (Hong et al., 2020) 8



EPFL Literature review

- What approaches have been used to (independently) model transportation and building energy demand?
- What is the relation between building energy demand and transportation?
- How have the links between building energy demand and transportation been analyzed in the literature?
- To what extent, the activity-based modeling has been applied to analyze urbanscale energy demand?

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EPFL Urban scale energy modeling platfrom (USEM) (Sola et al., 2018)



EPFL USEM in practice

- USEM is *conceptual*
- Behavioural elements considered independently e.g. using ABM (among other techniques)
- High potential for integration of ABM in a full USEM (Keirstead et al., 2012, Sola et al., 2020)



EPFL Scheduling – State of research

Energy modeling approaches

Travel behaviour modeling





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EPFL Scheduling-proposed solution





- How to re-implement the scheduling model from first principles to take into account both in-home and out-of-home activities?
 - Capture the trade-offs between decisions to do activities in- or out of-home which is a new behavioral modelling including decisions where to do an activity.

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• Capturing interaction between individuals in a household.

build on a current ongoing research at TRANSP-OR (Pougala et al., 2020) +

incorporate time-use for activities in the home

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calibrate based on TUS





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