



A strategic dynamic model for integrating housing and transport interactions

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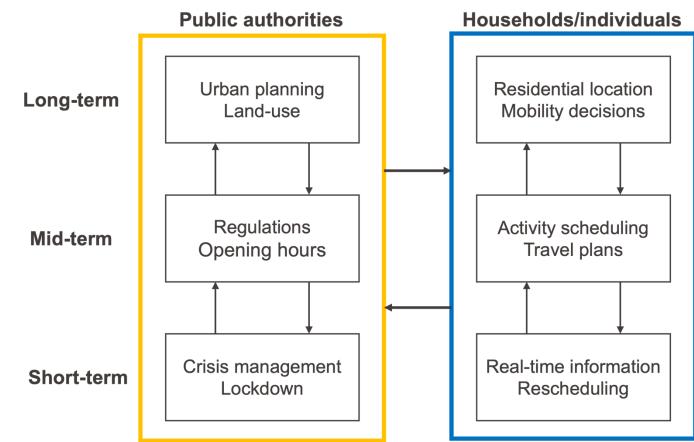
EPFL Outline

- Motivation
- Model framework and methodology
- Application
- To conclude and future work

EPFL Urban systems and choices

- Think of an urban area where individuals are living in.
- The urban context is a combination of choices:
 - Different time horizons.
 - Choices of household/individuals.
 - Choices of public authorities.
- Thus, there are various decisions made at different temporal, spatial, and hierarchical level.

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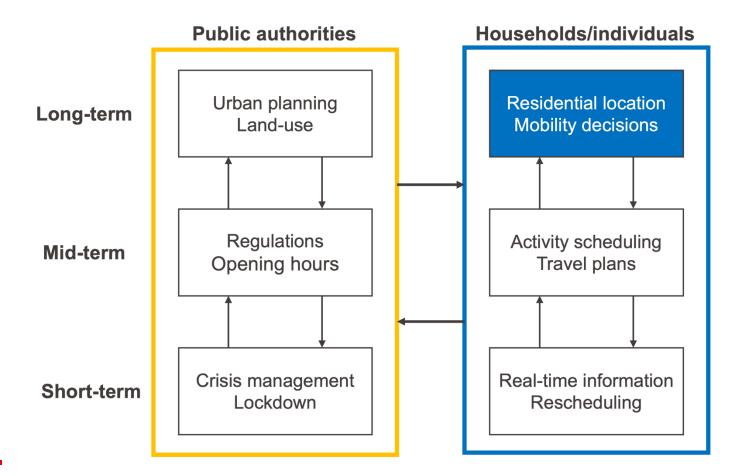


EPFL Introduction

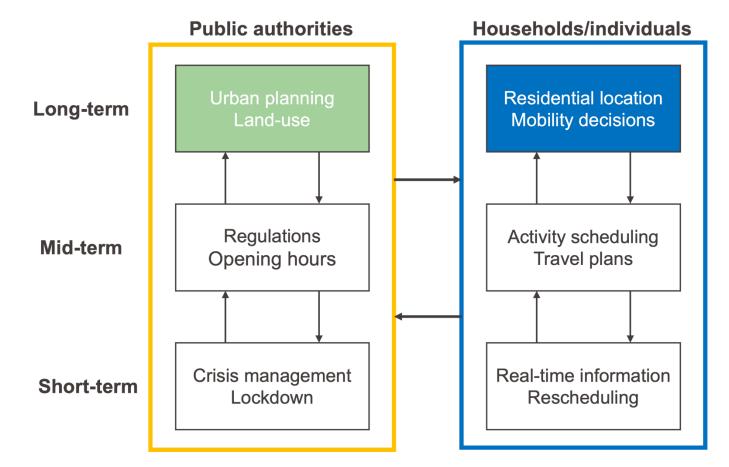
 Urban areas face challenges stemming from the interplay of transport and land-use developments, such as:

- · Congestion,
- Accessibility issues,
- Increasing housing prices,
- Housing shortage,
- · Relocation of residents, and
- Migration.
- Effective urban planning demands a "What if?" forecasting capability to predict the **development paths** for a given region **over time**.
- Thus, for a structured decision-making process, we need a **comprehensive model** accounting for their interrelations

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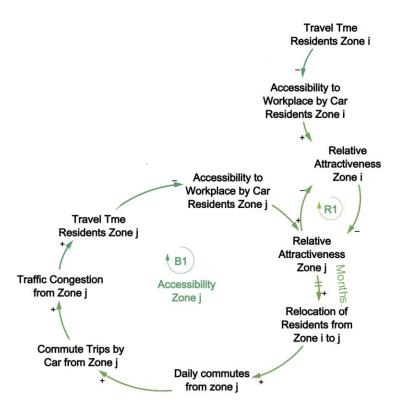
EPFL Causal loops

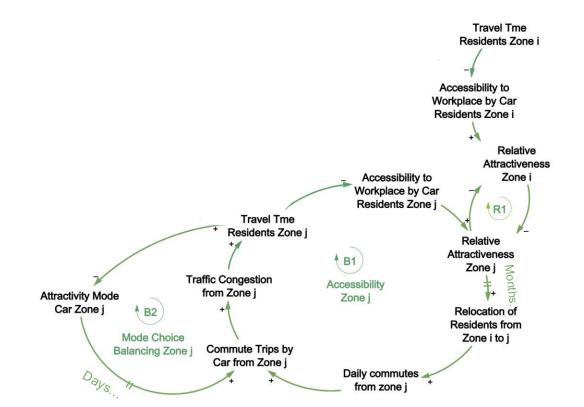
• Help tell a story about the system.

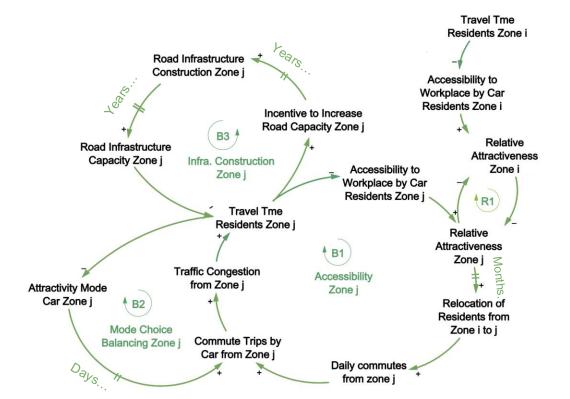
• Easily illustrates the mental model.

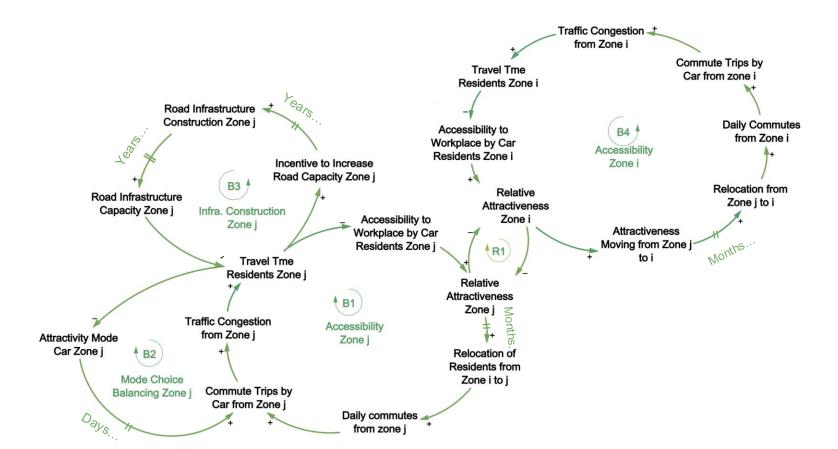
• Communicate the important feedbacks responsible for a problem.

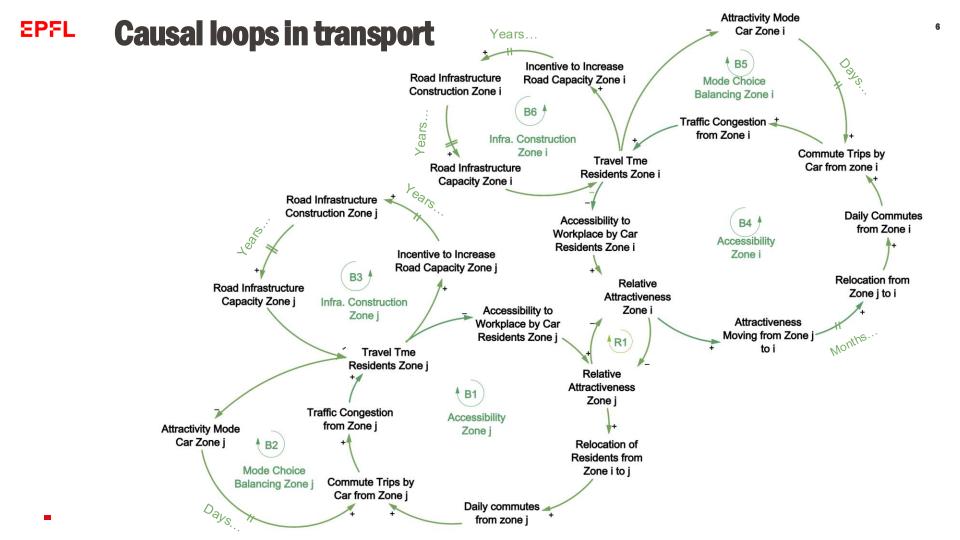








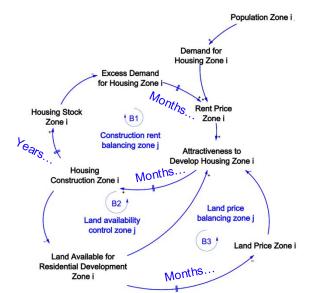




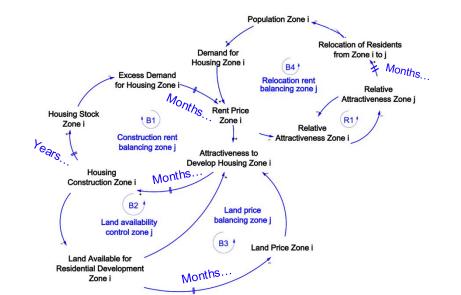
EPFL Causal loops in residential location

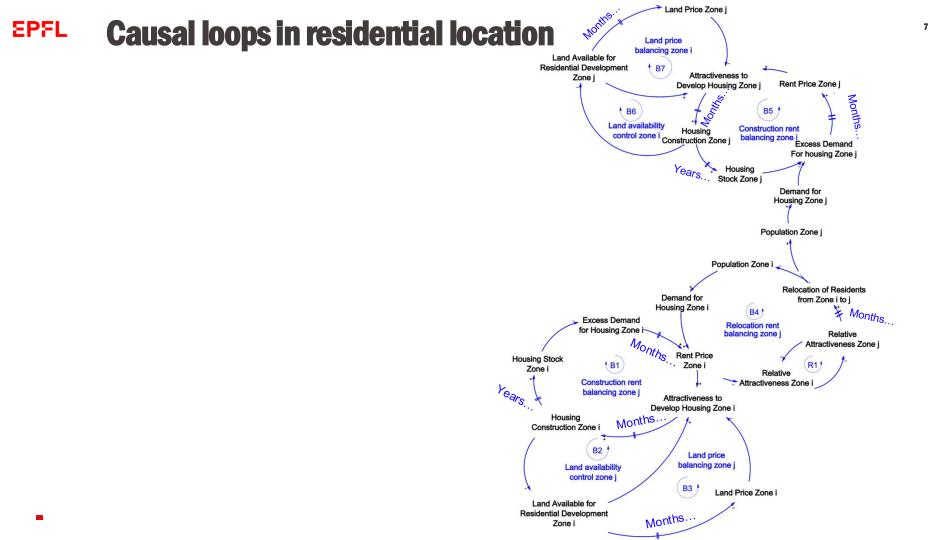


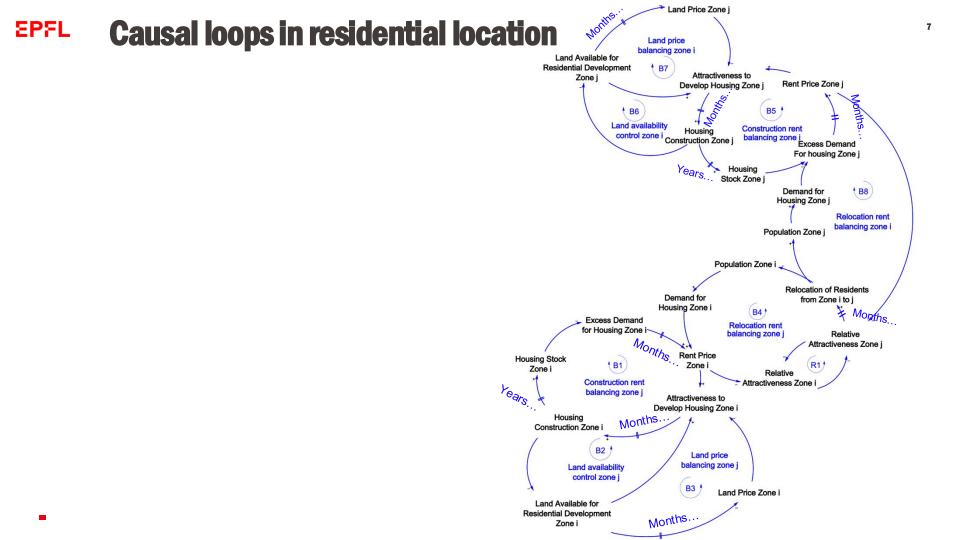
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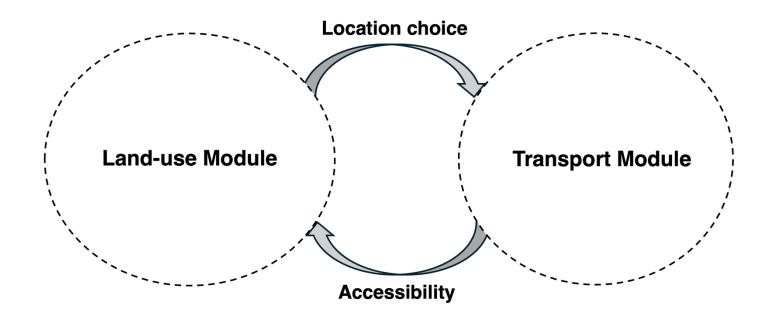


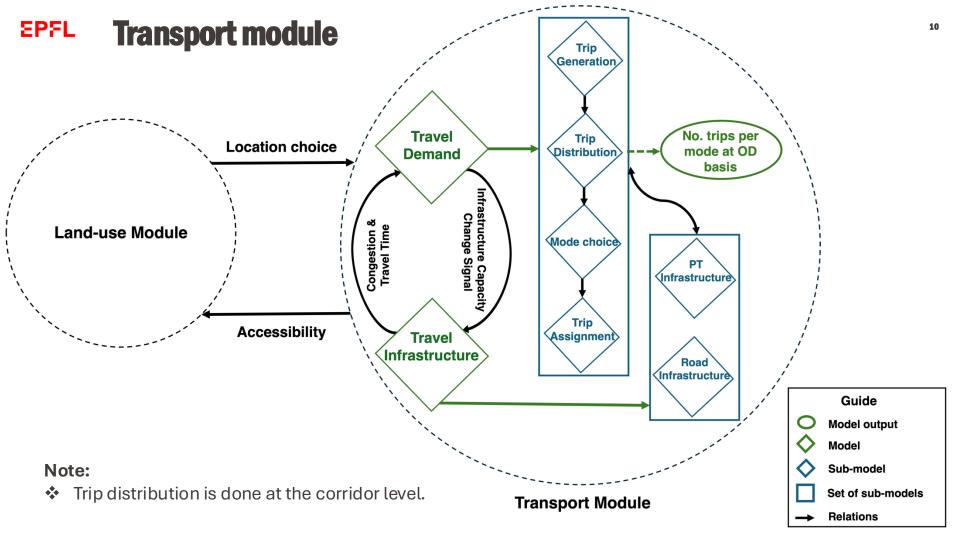


EPFL **Objective**

- Can we have a framework that:
 - Integrates transport and land-use models.
 - Model both transport and land-use endogenously within the same framework.
 - Capture interaction and feedback mechanisms explicitly.
 - **Dynamic** modelling, development path over time.
 - Take into account time lags between entities.
 - Elicit the **structure** that drives the system behaviour.
 - Computationally quick.

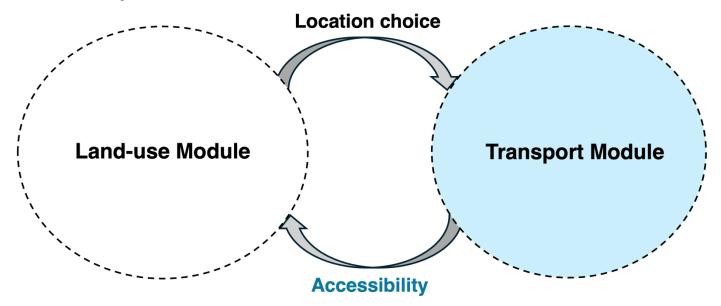
EPFL Integrated approach

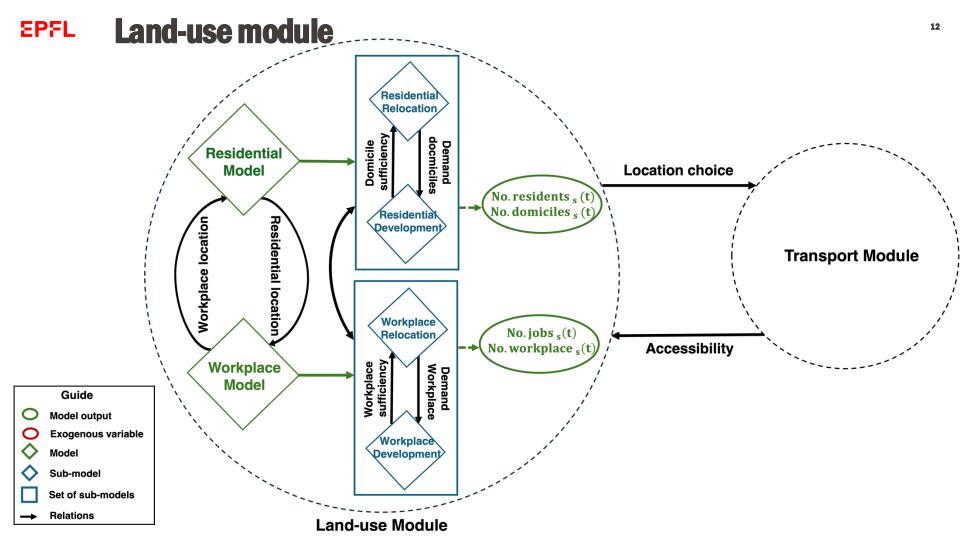


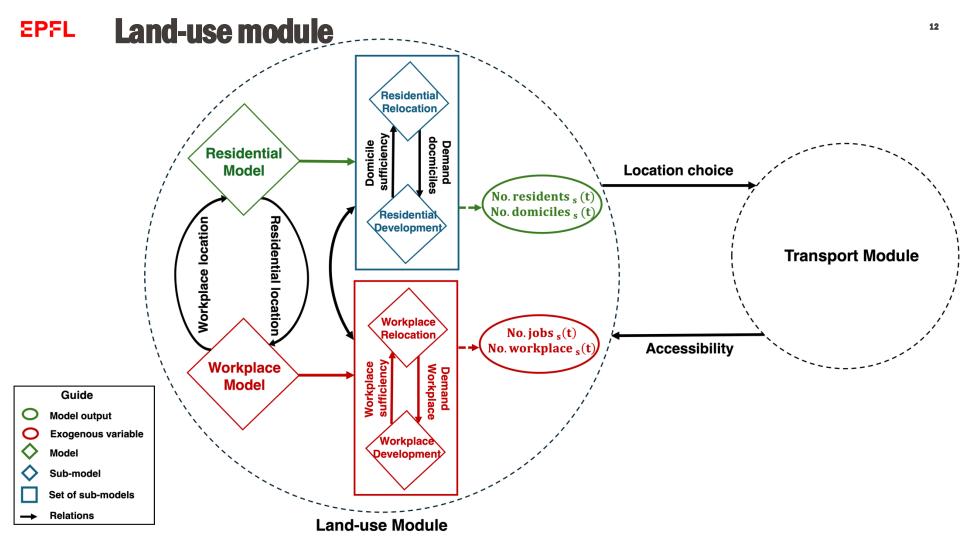


EPFL Transport module: output

The output of the transport module in each simulation step is the number of trips at an origin-destination basis by each mode, travel times and cost between each origin-destination pair, which links the transport module back to the land-use module through accessibility.







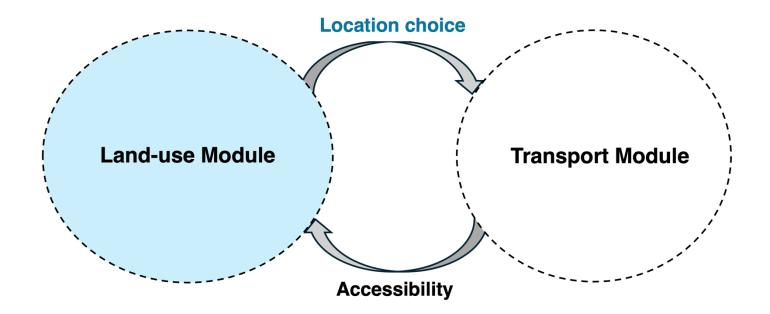
EPFL Residential relocation sub-model

- The residential relocation sub-model simulates the relocation of residents within the zones in the area through 3 steps:
 - The out-migration of residents is estimated for each zone.
 - The out-migration residents are **pooled** over all the zones.
 - The movers are **distributed** within residential zones based on a **logit model** based on the characteristics of the destination such as rent prices, and accessibility to workplace.
 - Check sufficiency of housing in the area for the movers.
 - Sufficiency of available domiciles in each zone is checked when distributing the residents. In case of insufficient housing in a zone, the unsatisfied demand is **redistributed** within other zones.

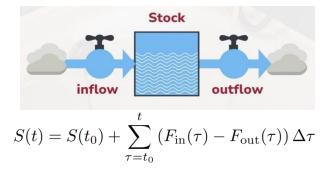


EPFL Land-use module: output

• The output of the land-use module in each simulation step is the **spatial distribution**, which links the land-use module back to the transport module.



EPFL Variable types in the SD model



Transport section:

- Stock variables: transport infrastructure.
- *Flow variables*: transport infrastructure construction processes, transport infrastructure depreciation.
- Auxiliary variables: travel cost, travel time, speed, modal split, ...

Land-use section:

- Stock variables: Population, housing units, available land to construct, rent price, land price.
- *Flow variables*: Population growth/decline, migration, construction/demolition of housing units, change in available land.
- Auxiliary variables: average household size, distance.

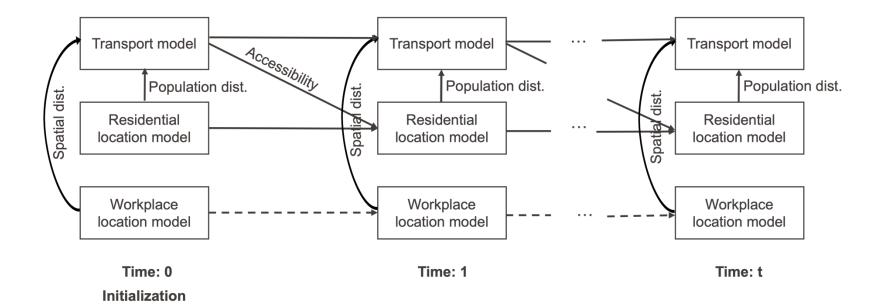
Intersection of land-use and transport:

• Auxiliary variables: accessibility measure, spatial distribution.

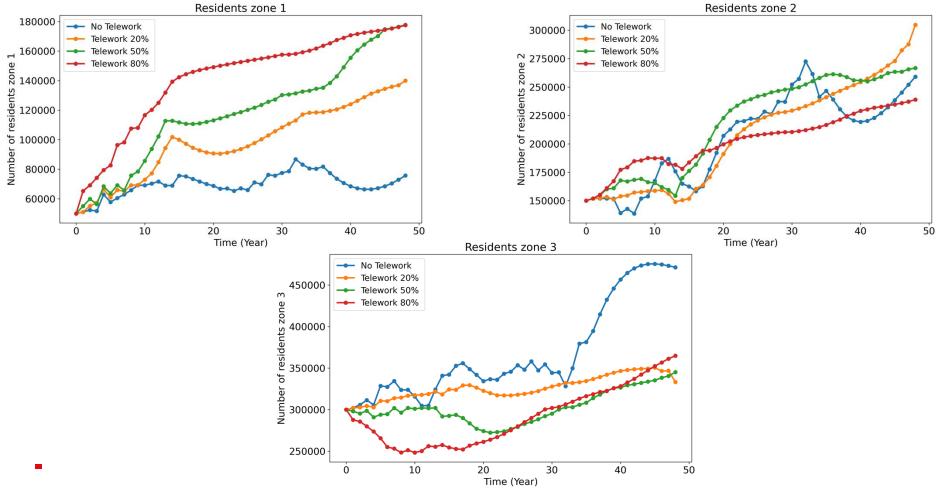
EPFL Specification

- Dynamic model.
- Spatial: Discrete urban zonal level.
- Time-step: Years, Months, Days.
- The state of the urban system is directly derived through dynamic modelling.

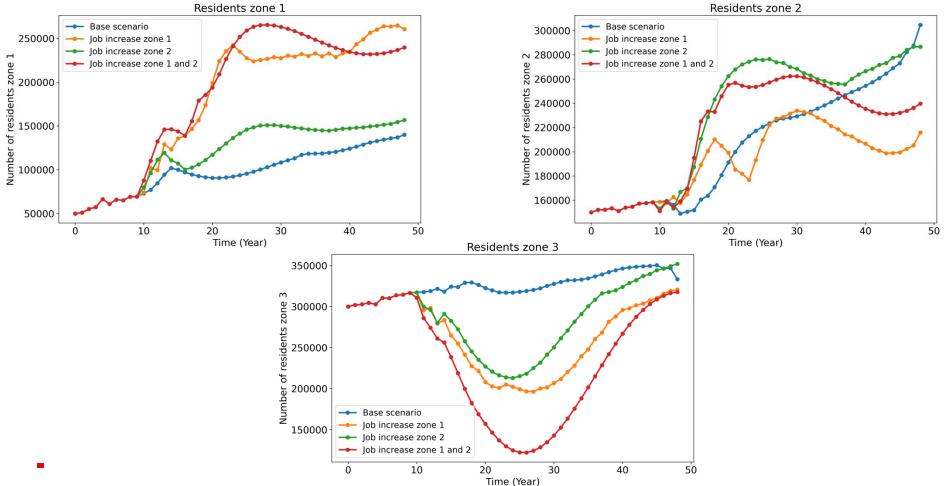
EPFL Stepping through time...



EPFL Example- Telework policies



EPFL Example- New business district



EPFL Summary

- Motivation: computationally efficient dynamic integrated transport and land-use.
- Combine land-use and transport models.
- Use system thinking and dynamic modelling.
- Main advantages of the framework:
 - Integrated design,
 - 📊 Computationally efficient decision-support tool,
 - 🖸 Dynamic,

 - I Flexibility, and
 - 🗹 Easy to understand.

EPFL Conclusion

Future work:

- Empirical application to Luxembourg; calibration.
- Testing: behaviour reproduction, model robustness and sensitivities.
- Other choice complexities; e.g., buying or renting for satisfying residential demand
- Probabilistic simulation.
- Economic aspects; time value of money and inflation.

Thank you!