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1 ABSTRACT

2 This paper describes how the initial MATSim model of Tel Aviv has been updated and extended
3 since its first version presented by Bekhor et al. (see *1*). Main innovations are the inclusion of
4 road pricing in the scenario and the incorporation of destination choice as an endogenous choice
5 in the model. By conducting several experiments, it is shown that this implementation is able
6 to fully replace the ad-hoc destination choice part of the first model. Furthermore, the model
7 has been improved by several substantial updates in terms of data, such as population, network,
8 zonal information, traffic counts, road pricing, trip length distribution.

9 The outcomes of the calibrated model are compared to real world data as well as to the
10 outcomes of the original model using EMME/2 for the traffic assignment. It is shown that the
11 MATSim model reproduces the traffic flows very accurate and even better than EMME/2.

1 INTRODUCTION

2 Activity-based models have become popular in the last decade. Some examples for such models
3 can be found for regions inside the United States (e.g. Portland, Oregon (2), Dallas-Forth Worth,
4 Texas (3), Sacramento, California (4) and New York (5)) as well as for other countries (e.g.
5 Jakarta, Indonesia (6) and the Netherlands (7)).

6 In recent years, researches started to integrate activity-based models into agent-based traffic
7 assignment frameworks (e.g. 8, 9). Results from such studies indicate that the results produced
8 by agent-based simulations are not only comparable to those resulting from static assignments
9 but also have a higher level of detail from a temporal point of view.

10 Another example for combining an activity-based model with an agent-based simulation is
11 the MATSim model of Tel Aviv which was presented at TRB in 2011 (see 1, for details). This
12 paper reports recent updates and improvements of that model. Besides updated (population,
13 network, zonal information), also additional (traffic counts) and new data (road pricing, trip
14 length distribution) was available and included in the model. Work conducted can be separated
15 into four steps:

- 16 1. Updating the existing MATSim model using the latest data.
- 17 2. Adding two new features to the model: road pricing and destination choice.
- 18 3. Re-run and calibrate the model.
- 19 4. Analyzing the outcomes.

20 In the next section, the structure of the model is discussed. Afterwards, the simulation
21 framework MATSim is introduced. Then, the process to create the initial demand for the
22 MATSim model is described. The next section depicts the calibration process and presents the
23 outcomes of the calibrated MATSim model. Finally, an outlook is given.

24 MODEL STRUCTURE

25 Figure 1 shows the structure of the MATSim model of Tel Aviv. Traditionally, activity-based
26 models use a structure comparable to sub-figure (a), but instead of a dynamic agent-based
27 model, a static assignment module is used which needs OD matrices as input. As a result, the
28 high resolution (individual agents instead of aggregated flows) gets lost. This drawback was
29 overcome by using MATSim for the traffic assignment. In the first implementation of the model,
30 only departure time and route choice optimization were part of the implementation in MATSim.
31 However, feedback from MATSim to the activity-based still needs to be aggregated data.

32 As part of the work presented here, also location choice was added to the model's imple-
33 mentation (sub-figure (b)). The long-term goal is to reach the structure shown in sub-figure (c).
34 There, the activity-based model is fully integrated into MATSim, i.e. it is not necessary anymore
35 to aggregate the outcomes from the traffic flow simulation. Instead, the entire optimization loop
36 is using individual agents.

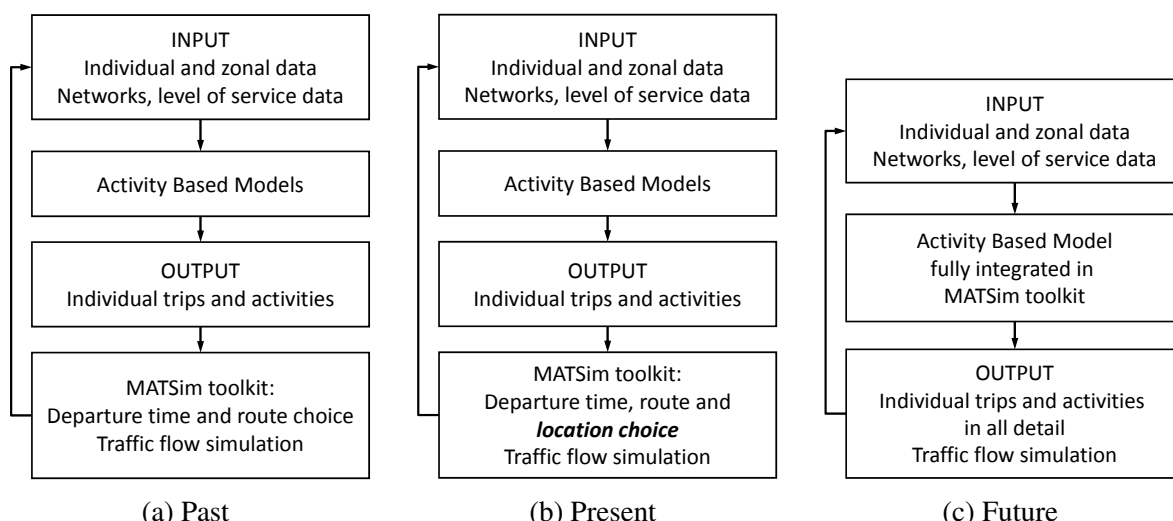


FIGURE 1 Structure of the MATSim model of Tel Aviv

1 **MATSIM**

2 MATSim is a framework for iterative, agent-based transport system micro-simulations written
 3 in Java. It is continuously developed since more than 10 years by teams at ETH Zurich and TU
 4 Berlin as well as senozon AG, a spin-off company founded by former members of both institutes.
 5 MATSim consists of several modules that can be used independently or as part of the framework.
 6 Moreover, it is possible to extend the modules or replace them with new implementations.
 7 Balmer (10) and Balmer et al. (11) give a detailed description of the framework, its capabilities
 8 and its structure.

9 Due to its agent-based approach, every person in the system is modeled as an individual agent
 10 in the simulated scenario. Each agent has personalized parameters such as age, gender, available
 11 transport modes and scheduled activities. MATSim has been applied to several scenarios all over
 12 the world. A large-scale scenario of Switzerland including over 6 million agents simulated on a
 13 high resolution network with 1 million links is presented by Meister et al. (12). Other models
 14 have been implemented e.g. for Gauteng, South Africa (13), the Greater Toronto and Hamilton
 15 Area, Canada (9, 8), Padang, Indonesia (14, 15) and Singapore (16).

16 Figure 2 shows the structure of a typical iterative MATSim simulation run. After creation of
 17 initial demand, agents' plans are modified and optimized in an iterative process until a relaxed
 18 system state (typically a user equilibrium) is found, which allows to use the results for analyses,
 19 under the assumption of a Nash equilibrium (17).

20 The loop shown in the figure contains *execution (simulation)*, *scoring* and *replanning*
 21 elements. Within the simulation module, agents' plans are executed. A description of MATSim's

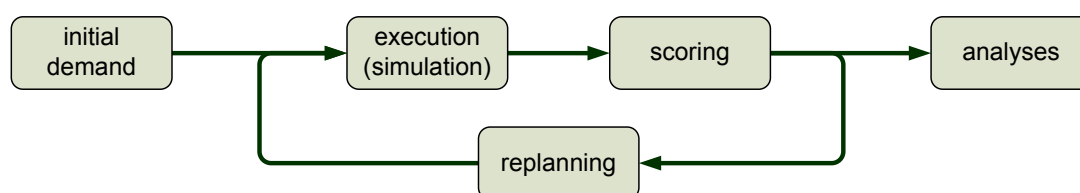


FIGURE 2 Structure of the iterative MATSim loop

1 mobility simulations is given in the next section. After executing the simulation, the scoring
2 module uses a utility function (18) to calculate the executed plans' quality. Based on this, the
3 replanning module creates new plans, e.g. by varying start times, durations and locations of
4 activities, as well as routes and modes used to travel from one activity to another.

5 **CREATION OF THE INITIAL DEMAND**

6 In this section, the input data as well as the performed steps to update and extend the MATSim
7 model of Tel Aviv are described. Data was provided by Ayalon Highways Ltd.

8 **Population**

9 The population was created based on the outcomes of the population generator from the Tel Aviv
10 activity-based model (19), which were exported to a csv-file. The attributes contained in the file
11 are listed and described in Appendix A (Tables 1 and 5). Each line represents a single person,
12 including socio-demographic attributes and a daily schedule containing up to six activities.

13 To simplify the conversion to a MATSim population, the timing of the activities, i.e. their
14 start- and end times, was defined in a pre-processing step by the project partner. In the Tel Aviv
15 activity-based model, those times are only defined by time periods (*Combined Time Of Day*; see
16 Appendix A, Table 6; e.g. MO (early morning): 03:00 - 06:00). For the file used as input, those
17 periods were replaced by seconds after midnight. The values were selected randomly within
18 the given period (*see 1, for details*). To keep the computational effort manageable—for the
19 preparation of the csv-file as well as for the MATSim simulations—only 10% of the population
20 were included in the file and therefore included in the MATSim population file.

21 Additional data was provided for external trips. In this context, this are trips where origin
22 and/or destination are not located within the study area. As a result, they are not included in the
23 prepared population file. For each of the three types (car, truck, commercial), values for three
24 different time periods (AM, OP, PM) were available. For each combination of type and period, a
25 csv-file was available containing three columns: from-zone, to-zone and number of trips. Within
26 the zones, the location where the trips start respectively end has been selected randomly.

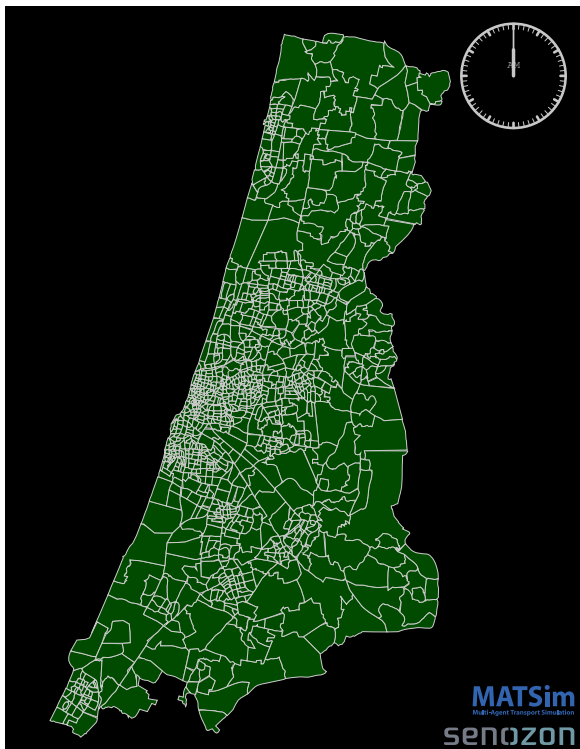
27 Finally, internal and external population files were merged in a single file. A person's
28 affiliation (internal respectively external) was stored in an additional file. The simulation used
29 this information to determine how a person's daily schedule should be optimized (internal:
30 timing, destination and route choice; external: route choice only).

31 **Traffic Analysis Zones**

32 The modelled area is divided into 1'219 traffic analysis zones (TAZ; see Figure 3(a)). The
33 geometry was provided as shape file (20). Attributes available for each zone are listed in tables
34 2 to 4 in Appendix A. The attributes contain information related to the population living in the
35 zone as well as the types of activities that can be performed.

36 **Network**

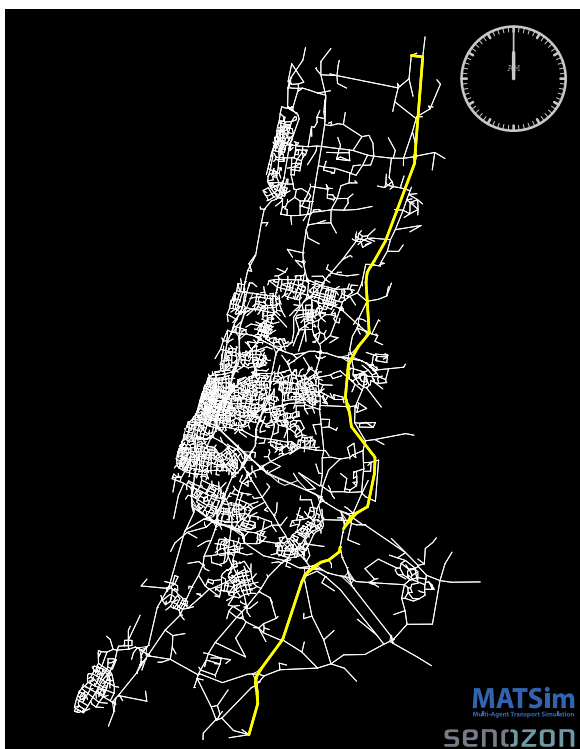
37 Input data for the network was taken from the EMME/2 model (*see 21*) which is used by the
38 Assignment Unit of the existing Tel Aviv Model. Details about the conversion process can be
39 found in Gao et al. (9). Turning restrictions were considered by adapting the network structure,
40 resulting in a network containing 9'474 nodes and 18'570 links (see Figure 3(b)). Capacities of



(a) Traffic Analysis Zones



(b) MATSim network of Tel Aviv



(c) MATSim network of Tel Aviv with tolled roads



(d) MATSim network of Tel Aviv with counted roads

FIGURE 3 Initial demand creation

1 some major roads were corrected manually because they were obviously too low (e.g. noticeably
2 lower than traffic counts indicated).

3 **Facilities**

4 Facilities are another input component of a MATSim scenario. Basically, a facility is a construct
5 that defines a place where activities can be performed. Therefore, a facility can roughly be
6 interpreted as a building (a park where people can go for a walk would also be modelled as a
7 facility allowing leisure activities).

8 For each facility a set of activities was defined that can be performed there (e.g. work, shop,
9 leisure). This set depends on the zone where the facility is located, i.e. is derived from the
10 attributes in the zonal file. Facilities were created for all links where buildings could be expected
11 (e.g. not next to highways).

12 When agents optimize their daily schedule, one option is to relocate activities to other places.
13 When doing so, they can only choose facilities (respectively zones) where the desired activity is
14 possible.

15 Moreover, capacities can be assigned to facilities, e.g. selected based on zonal attributes. If
16 a facility is overcrowded, agents performing activity there will gain less utility and therefore
17 might select another facility to optimize their daily plan. However, this feature is not used so far
18 in the current implementation of the MATSim Tel Aviv model. To do so, detailed information
19 related to the available capacities per zone would be necessary.

20 **Road Pricing**

21 For highway number 6, a list of links which are tolled was provided. Figure 3(c) shows the
22 location of those links in the MATSim network. Highway number 1 is also tolled but with a
23 flexible toll. As in the original model, this toll is taken into account by adapting the capacity of
24 the road network.

25 **Traffic Counts**

26 Traffic count data was provided from three different sources (Ayalon highway, Runway number
27 6 and some selected links) in 15 minute time bins. Since MATSim expects 1 hour time bins, the
28 data sets were prepared accordingly. Figure 3(d) shows the location of all links in the MATSim
29 network where count data was available. Comparing figures 3(c) and 3(d) shows that for most
30 of the tolled links on highway number 6 count data is available.

31 Additionally, the outcomes from the EMME/2 model used in the Assignment Unit of the
32 existing Tel Aviv Model were provided. There, only peak data is available for three periods
33 of the day (AM, OP and PM). To be able to compare those values to the count data and the
34 outcomes of the MATSim model, the peak values in the count data in the corresponding time
35 spans were identified.

36 **Trip Length Distribution**

37 A last dataset which was provided contained the length distribution of car trips for the various
38 activity types produced by the EMME/2 model (see Figure 4). Real world data, e.g. from a
39 travel survey, has not been available so far. To compare the data to the outcomes of the MATSim
40 model, the data was assigned to distance classes with a width of 1 km. Figure 5 shows the

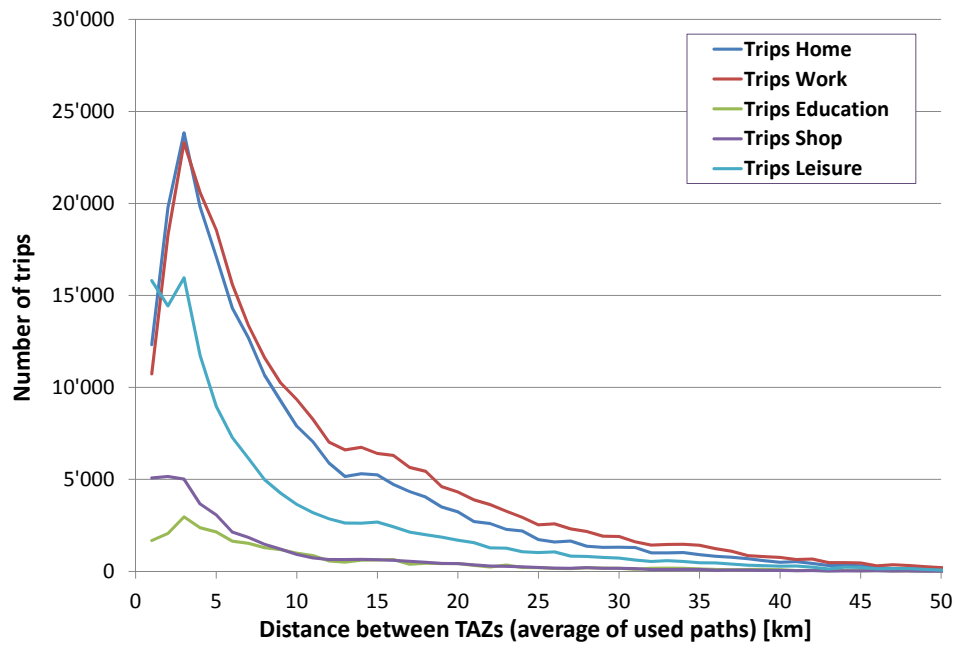
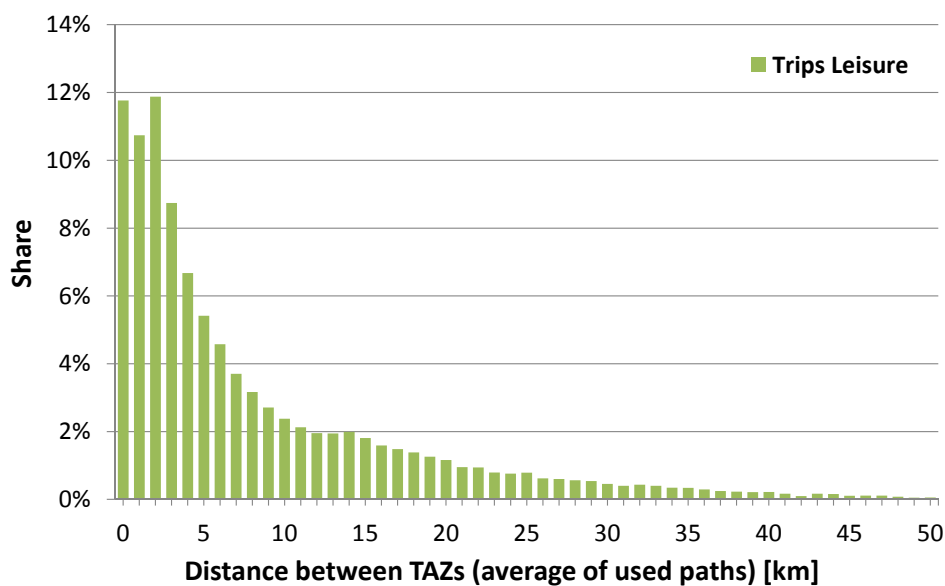
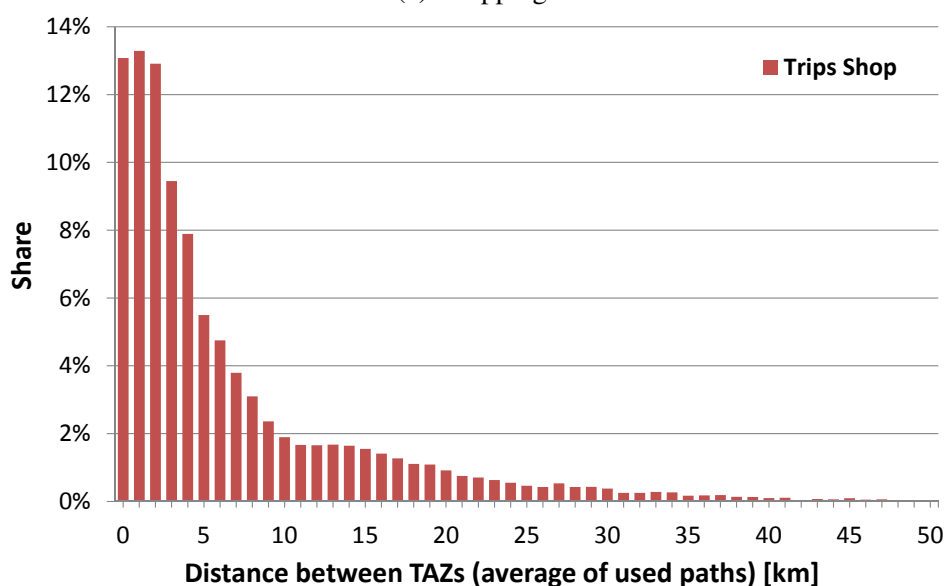


FIGURE 4 Trip length distribution per activity type

¹ distributions for shopping and leisure activities. Using MATSim's destination choice extension
² (see 22, 23, for details), the distribution of those two activity types could be reproduced.



(a) Shopping



(b) Leisure

FIGURE 5 Trip length distribution for optimized activity types

1 INTEGRATION OF THE MATSIM DESTINATION CHOICE MODULE

2 MATSim Destination Choice Module

3 As described by Horni (23), MATSim now includes destination choice in the iterative equi-
 4 bration process. The module is based on an MNL model. As always with MATSim, the utility
 5 function can be parameterized with estimated values or with values derived from calibration
 6 using observed network measures such as distance distributions.

7 In this paper, estimated values were taken from the activity-based model of Tel Aviv as an
 8 initial state, where the random error terms are calibrated to match the activity-based model
 9 distance distributions.

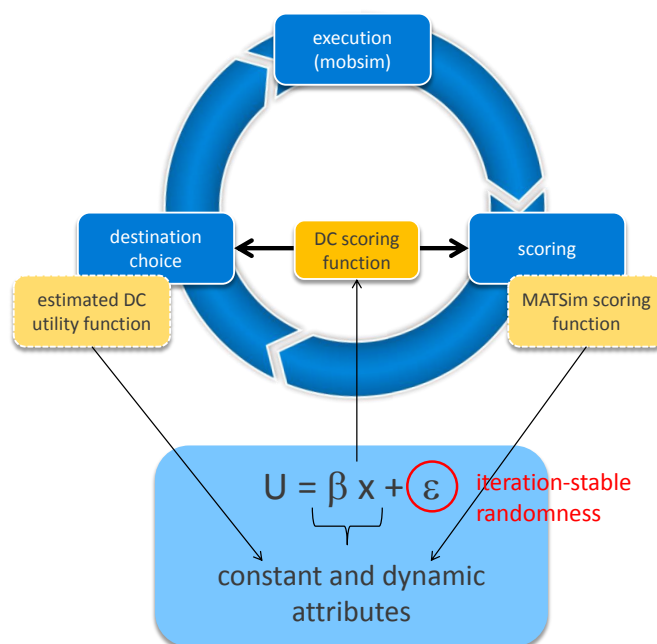


FIGURE 6 MATSim Destination Choice

1 Consistency of Destination Choice

2 Different than in the previous MATSim Tel Aviv model, destination choice is now integrated
 3 consistently; both in the replanning part as well as in the scoring part the same utility function
 4 is applied (see Figure 6). In other words, the former potentially poor convergence due to
 5 random selection of destinations based on probabilities is now solved by computing quenched
 6 randomness (24), meaning that the random elements of the choices, here the random error terms,
 7 remain identical for any person-destination pair over all iterations and do not randomly fluctuate
 8 anymore between iterations.

9 Integration

10 Although a non-zonal, combined estimated model relating time, route, and destination choice
 11 would be optimal, for backwards compatibility and in absence of such an estimation, the zone-
 12 based estimations are applied. The dynamic factors were already included in the standard
 13 MATSim destination choice utility function. The constant factors of the Tel Aviv utility function
 14 are added now. As the shopping and leisure values for $\logsumModeChoice \cdot betaDriverTime \cdot$
 15 $3600s/h$ (shopping 4.44 utils/h; leisure: 7.12 utils/h) are quite similar to the standard MATSim
 16 disutility for traveling (6 utils/h) (e.g., 25) no extensive scaling was necessary in parameterizing
 17 the new MATSim destination choice utility function.

18 SIMULATION RESULTS

19 Calibration

20 Using a model based on the input data described previously, several simulation runs were
 21 conducted to calibrate the model. Depending on an agent's type (internal agents created based
 22 on outcomes from the activity based model or external agents based on external trips data),
 23 different strategies to optimize its daily schedule were applied. While external agents could only

1 adapt their routes, internal agents additionally were allowed to change their activity timings
2 (start time and duration) and the location of their shopping and leisure activities.

3 As part of the calibration process, the values of the following parameters were optimized
4 with the objective to match the traffic count data as well as the travel distance distributions:

5 **Flow capacity factor**

6 This factor influences the traffic flow model of the mobility simulation. Its value defines
7 how many vehicles can leave a link within a time step.

8 **Flow and storage capacity factors**

9 How many vehicles can be physically present on a link at a time is defined by the storage
10 capacity factor. It also directly influences the traffic flow model.

11 **Destination choice parameter**

12 For each optimized activity type a parameter is defined which influences the shape of the
13 distribution.

14 **Road toll**

15 A final parameter that was optimized are the costs of the tolled regions of the road network.

16 **Trip Length Distribution**

17 Figure 7 shows the outcomes of the destination choice calibration runs. Each sub-figure shows
18 the results of ε values from 1 to 10. In addition, also the reference values from the EMME/2
19 model are included in the plots. For leisure activities, a value of 7.0 produces best results; for
20 shopping an optimal value of 4.0 was found.

21 The outcomes of the calibrated model are shown in Figure 8. Its sub-figures show the trip
22 length distribution of both activities as well as the EMME/2 model. Comparing the outcomes
23 shows a very good match.

24 After having found the optimal parameter setting for MATSim's destination choice module,
25 another simulation run was conducted. In contrast to the previously performed simulations,
26 the initial population was altered. Shopping and leisure activities were relocated to the closest
27 location to their previous activity, which resulted in a trip length distribution with a single bar to
28 the very left, i.e. all trips are performed within a 1 km radius.

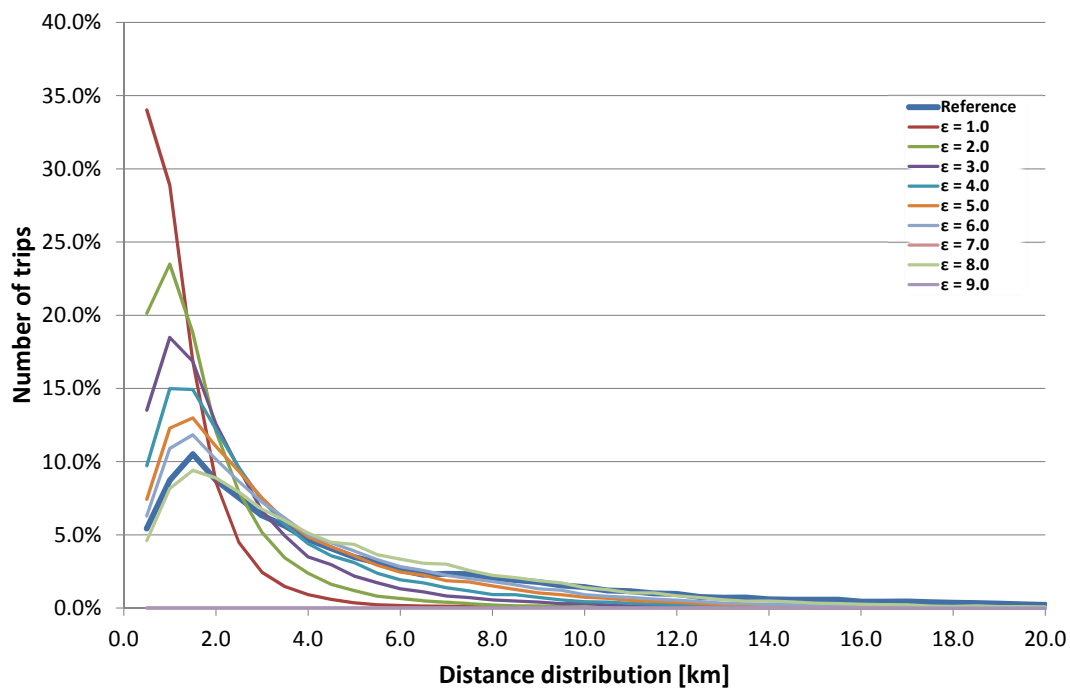
29 Comparing the outcomes to those from the calibrated model shows again a very good
30 match. This proves that MATSim's destination choice module is able to reproduce the distance
31 distribution even if the initial population does not contain any information about it (see Figure 9).

32 **Road Pricing**

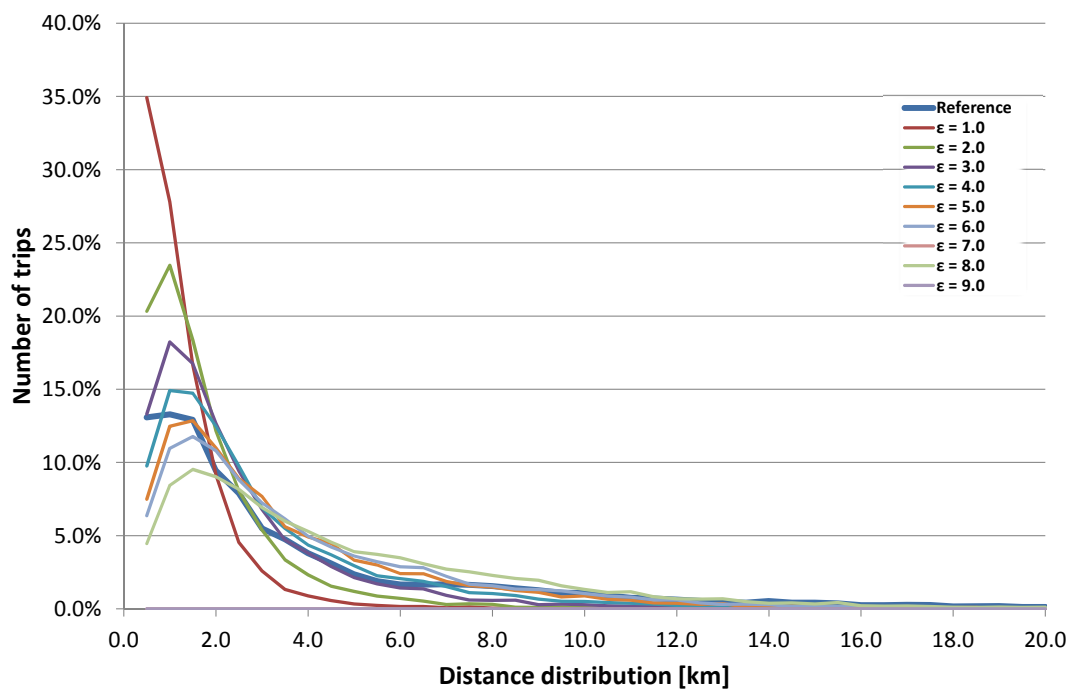
33 After calibrating road tolls, an additional simulation run was conducted where road pricing was
34 disabled. Comparing the outcomes of runs with and without road pricing shows that enabling it
35 improves the results. However, comparing the number of simulated cars per time period to real
36 world counts indicates that there too many trips in the OP period and a too few in the AM and
37 PM hours.

38 **Traffic Counts**

39 Figure 10 compares the outcomes of the calibrated MATSim model to real world data (the black
40 diagonal lines) and the EMME/2 results. In the left column, the peak values for the three time
41 periods are compared. While EMME/2 produces too much traffic, the MATSim results are a bit

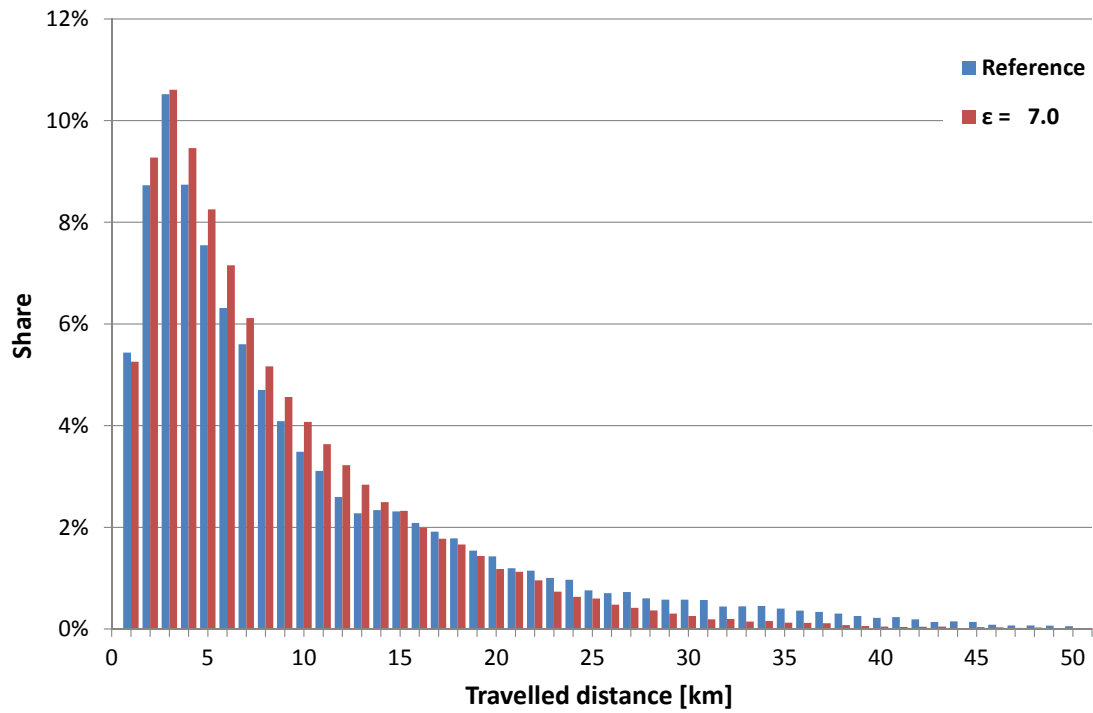


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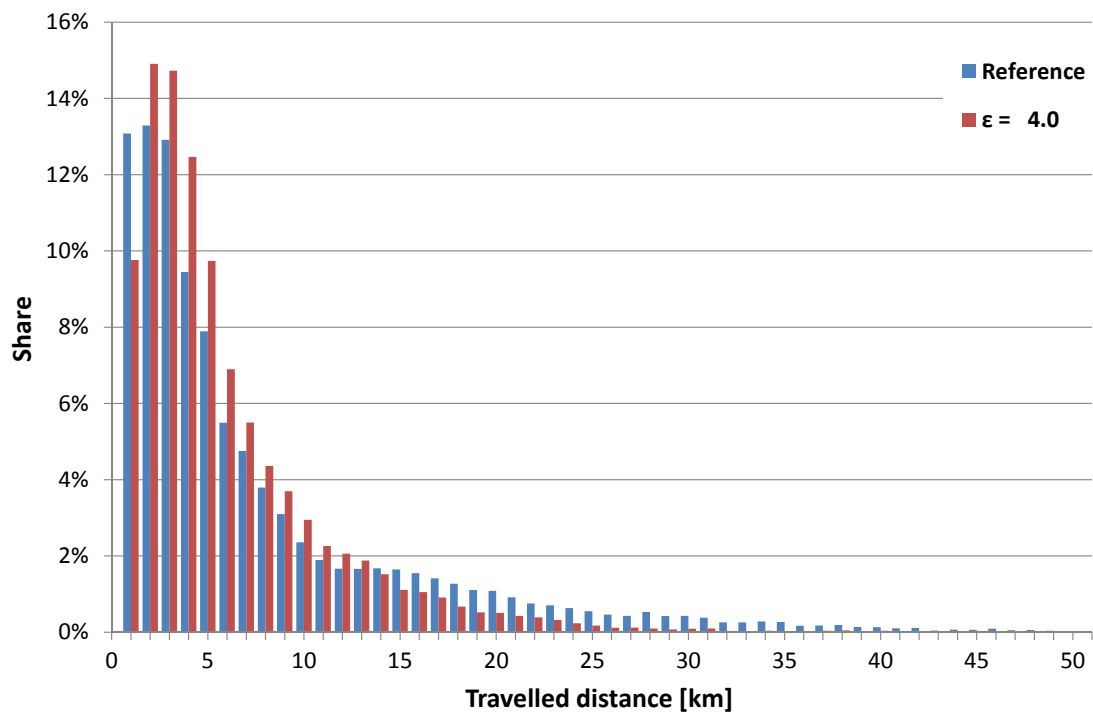


(b) Shopping

FIGURE 7 Destination choice calibration

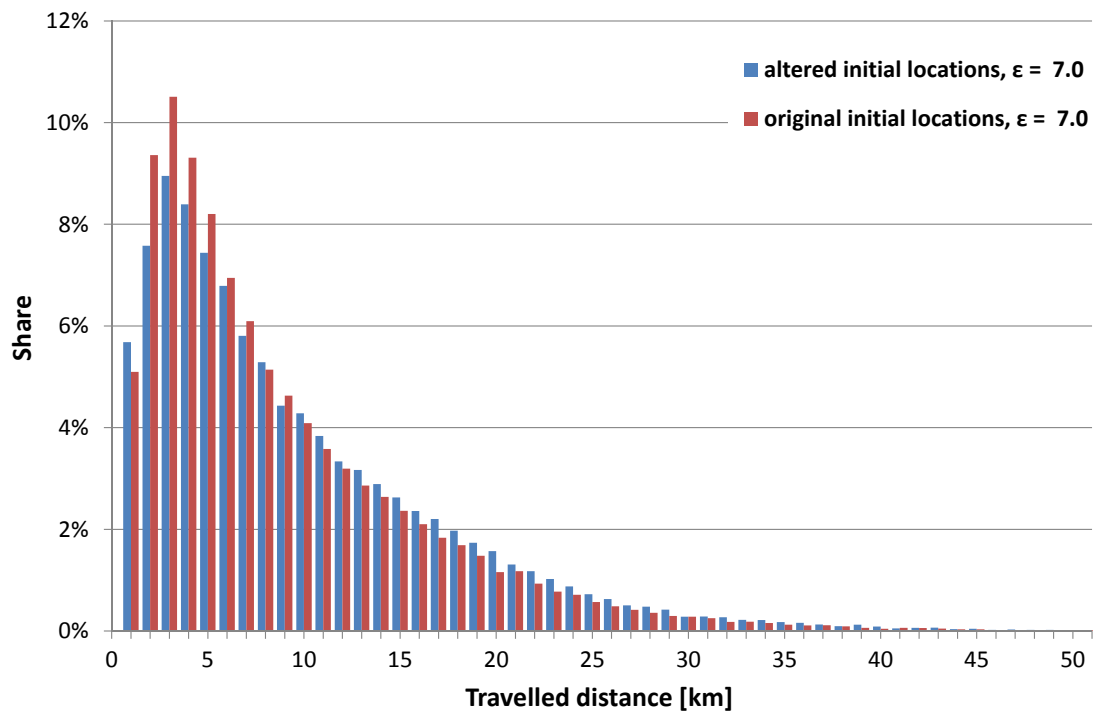


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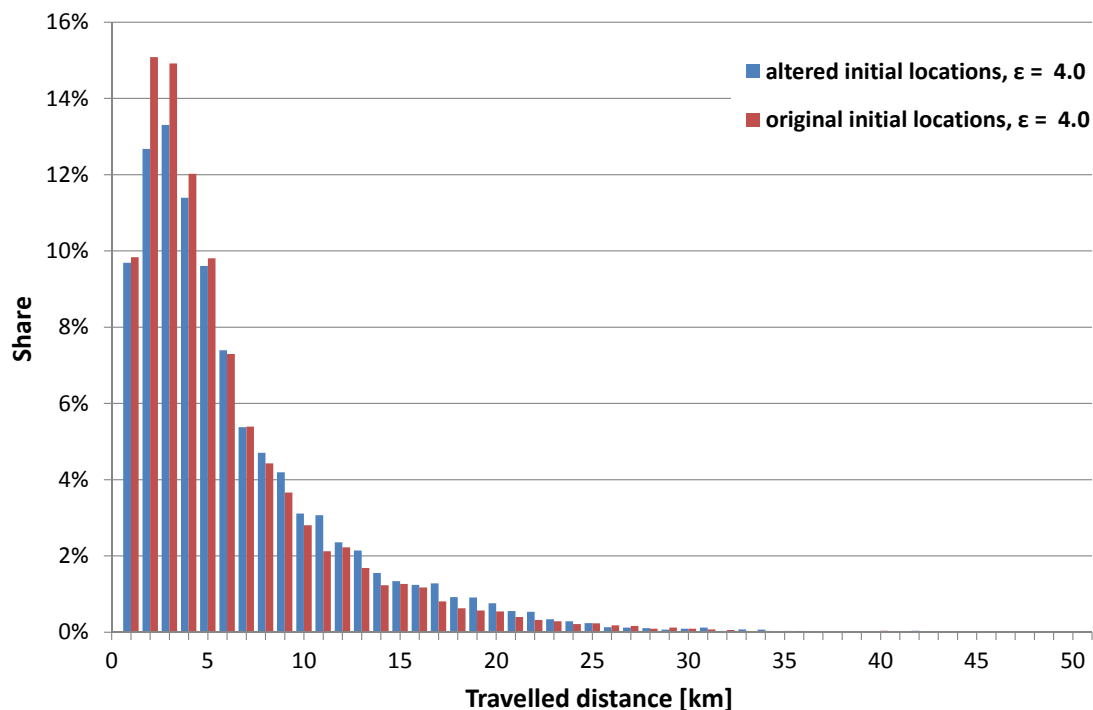


(b) Shopping

FIGURE 8 Calibrated destination choice: MATSim vs. EMME/2



(a) Leisure



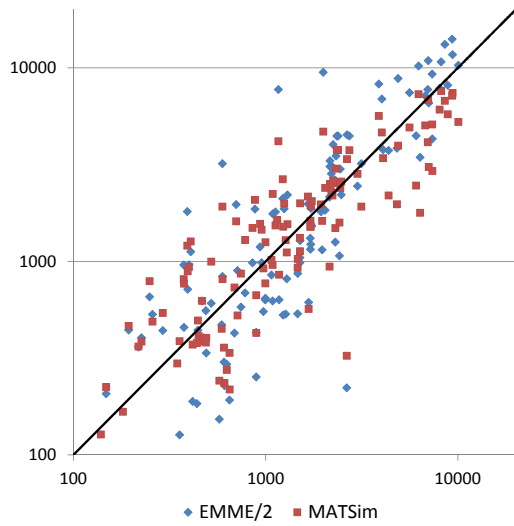
(b) Shopping

FIGURE 9 Calibrated destination choice: Original vs. altered initial destinations

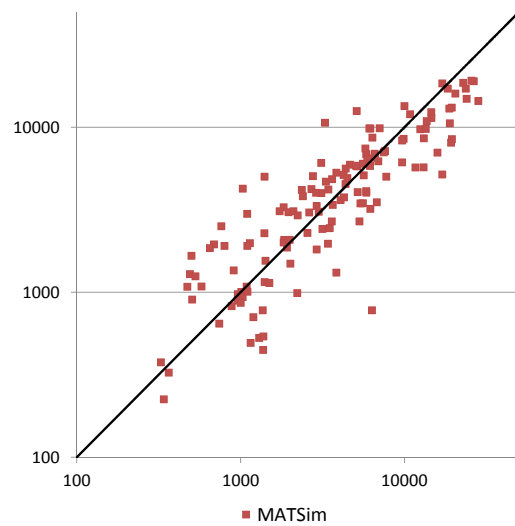
1 lower than the real world values. For the AM and PM peaks MATSim produces more accurate
2 results (RMSE¹ for EMME/2 vs MATSim: AM - 1552 vs. 1240; PM: 1502 vs. 873); for the OP
3 period, the EMME/2 results are slightly better (903 vs. 975).

4 The right column compares the accumulated values of the three time periods of the MATSim
5 outcomes to real world values. Again, the results show a very good match. This analysis cannot
6 be performed for the EMME/2 results since they are only available for the peak hours in the
7 periods.

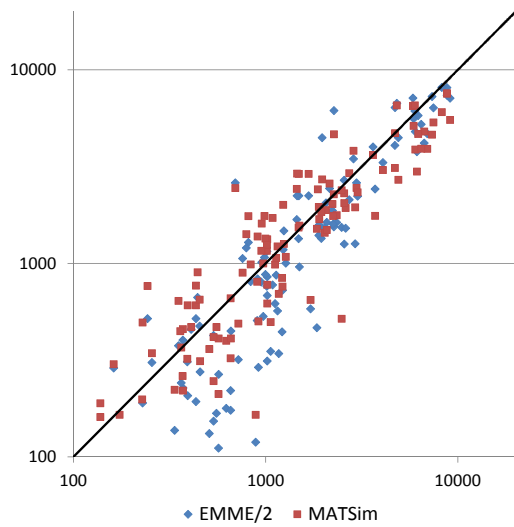
¹root-mean-square error - smaller values correspond to a better fit



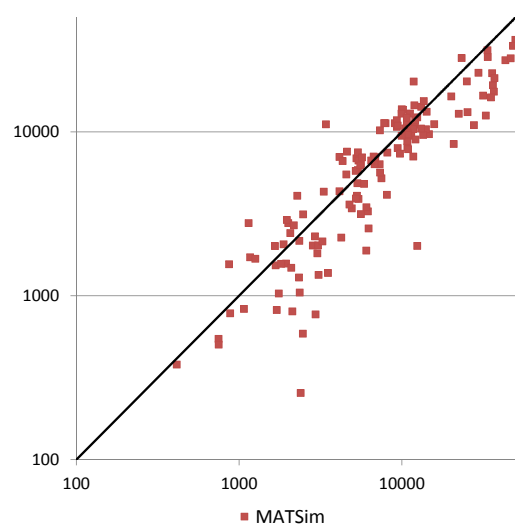
(a) AM period, peak values



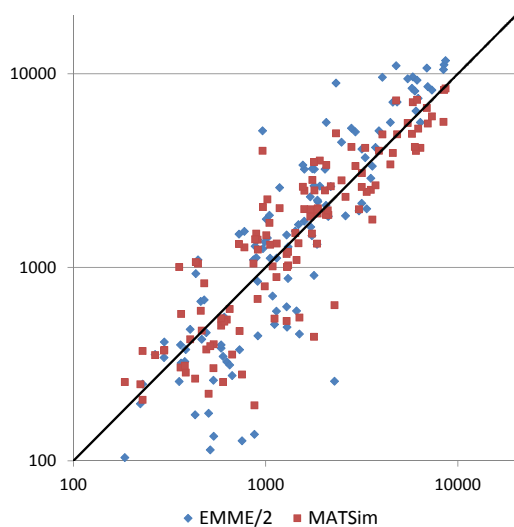
(b) AM period, accumulated values



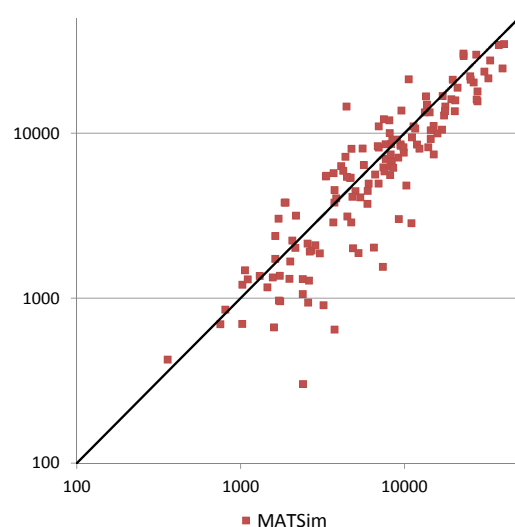
(c) OP period, peak values



(d) OP period, accumulated values



(e) PM period, peak values



(f) PM period, accumulated values

FIGURE 10 Traffic counts calibration results

1 **OUTLOOK**

2 To sum up, the update and extension of the MATSim model for Tel Aviv was presented in
3 the previous sections. First, the model's input data (population, road network, traffic counts,
4 road pricing) was updated. Second, the destination choice related parts of the original Tel
5 Aviv model's utility functions were implemented in MATSim. In combination with MATSim's
6 destination choice module, it is not necessary anymore to provide agent's leisure and shopping
7 destinations in the initial population data. In a next step, this could be extended to other activity
8 types such as education or work. The implementation of those utility functions is another step
9 toward a full integration of the Tel Aviv activity-based model into MATSim.

10 Compared to the previous version of the model, the run time has increased from 2 hours to a
11 few hours due to the additional effort for the location choice. The increase highly depends on the
12 quality of the initially selected locations. If they are selected according to the activity-based
13 model, run time duplicates to 4 hours. In contrast, the runtime of the experiments with the
14 altered initial locations was above 10 hours since a lot more iterations were necessary to reach
15 a user equilibrium.

16 A look at the outcomes of traffic count comparisons indicates that the MATSim model
17 reproduces the traffic flows very accurate and even better than EMME/2. The limiting factor
18 now is data availability; with further data—such as travel survey diaries containing people's
19 trip chains—available, the quality of the MATSim model could be improved even further. In
20 a currently planned follow up project, further functions of the activity-based model shall be
21 integrated of the MATSim model of Tel Aviv. Results of that project will be reported in a
22 subsequent paper.

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1 **APPENDIX**2 **Documentation of population and zonal attributes**

3 The subsequent tables are taken from the documentation of the Tel Aviv activity schedule model
4 (19, Tables 2.1 to 2.6).

TABLE 1 Fields in the Personal File

Field name	Description
NEWID	Temporary field for storing indexes during processing
PERSONID	Original personal ID
FACTOR	Expansion factor for given record
AGE	Age of person
GENDER	Gender (1 - male, 2 -female)
STUDY	1 - is student, 2 - no
YRSTUDY	Years of study: 1: no, 2: to 8, 3: 9-12, 4: 13-15, 5: 16+
ECONBRCH	Economic branch of work, according to CBS definition
HHID	Household ID
NUMVEH	Number of vehicles in HH; filled by TDM Unit
GENAGE	Age group + gender*10 (age groups: 1: 0-14, 2: 15-19, 3: 20-24, 4:25-34, 5:35-64, 6: 65+)
HHSIZE	Household size
HHWORKERS	Number of employed in household
MENLICENY	number of licenses held by males
WOMLICENY	number of licenses held by females
HHLICENSES	total number of licenses in HH
HHEDU14	Number of HH members with education > 14 years
CODE	working field
TAZH	TAZ of residence
WORKSTA	Employment status: 1: full time, 2: part time, 3: soldier
LICENSE	1 - car license holder, 0 - no
NUMCHILD	number of children of age <8 in HH

TABLE 2 Fields in the Zonal File

Field name	Description
AREA	zone area in sq. km.
TYPE	zone type (see Table 4)
CULTURAL	Zonal indicator (see Table 3)
EDUCATION	Zonal indicator (see Table 3)
OFFICE	Zonal indicator (see Table 3)
SHOPPING	Zonal indicator (see Table 3)
HEALTH	Zonal indicator (see Table 3)
RELIGIOSIT	Zonal indicator (see Table 3)
URBAN	Zonal indicator (see Table 3)
TRANSPORTA	Zonal indicator (see Table 3)
EMPL_COMM	Employment in commerce
EMPL_INDU	Employment in industry
EMPL_SERV	Employment in Services
EMPL_TOT	Total employment
STUDENTS	Number of students studying in zone
POPULATION	population
HOUSEHOLDS	Number of households
PARKCOST	Parking cost
PARKWALK	Parking walk time
POPDENS	Population density (1000 person/sq. km.)
GA21	Number of persons in Gender-Age group 21
GA22	Number of persons in Gender-Age group 22
GA23	Number of persons in Gender-Age group 23
GA24	Number of persons in Gender-Age group 24
GA25	Number of persons in Gender-Age group 25
GA26	Number of persons in Gender-Age group 26
GA11	Number of persons in Gender-Age group 11
GA12	Number of persons in Gender-Age group 12
GA13	Number of persons in Gender-Age group 13
GA14	Number of persons in Gender-Age group 14
GA15	Number of persons in Gender-Age group 15
GA16	Number of persons in Gender-Age group 16
WORKERS	Total number of employed in zone
WORKPERC	Employment/population ratio
AVGHH	average household size
SOCECO	Socio-economic level of zone (according to definition of NTA)
MLIC2	Number of licenses in Age group 2, males
MLIC3	Number of licenses in Age group 3, males
MLIC4	Number of licenses in Age group 4, males
MLIC5	Number of licenses in Age group 5, males
MLIC6	Number of licenses in Age group 6, males
FLIC2	Number of licenses in Age group 2, females
FLIC3	Number of licenses in Age group 3, females
FLIC4	Number of licenses in Age group 4, females
FLIC5	Number of licenses in Age group 5, females
FLIC6	Number of licenses in Age group 6, females
EMP2POP	Employment/population ratio
PARKCAP	overall parking capacity
PARKAM	intermediate values for parking model
PARKPM	intermediate values for parking model
PARKOP	intermediate values for parking model

TABLE 3 Zone Types

Indicator	Description	Values
Cultural Areas	Include entertainment centers (Theatres/movies/concert halls); "Social event" locations (clubs/cultural centers) which are open on normal working days. Differentiation was made between cultural areas that are significant at the metropolitan level and those with more local character.	0 - none, 1 - Metropolitan Cultural area, 2 - local Cultural area
Education	Zones where educational institutions are located, identified by the type of school.	0 - none, 1 - higher education (College, university), 2 - high school, 3 - elementary schools
Office	Office Concentrations (like the Ramad Gan Bursa area)	0 - none, 1 - Major office concentrations, 2 - Other zones with offices use (City center, commercial/industrial)
Shopping	Shopping areas including shopping malls, commercial streets and markets.	0 - none, 1 - Shopping mall, 2 - shopping streets, 3 - Market
Health Institutions	Location of major hospitals.	0 - none, 1 - hospitals
Urban cores	Zones with urban character.	0 - none 1 - Cities over 20,000 inhabits
Religious Character	Identify areas with special populations by religious cultural groups.	0 - none, 1 - Religious Jewish areas, 2 - Religious Islamic areas
Transportation	Identify areas where transportation facilities are located.	0 - none, 1 - transportation facilities

TABLE 4 Zone Types

Zonal Type	Description
1	Metropolitan CBD: follows the borders delineated by Tamam 5 subject to the zone being built up with CBD uses
2	Urban Residential - Low-density: zones under 5,000 inhabitants per sq. km.
3	Urban Residential - High-density: zones over 5,000 inhabitants per sq. km.
4	Major public institutions: educational / legal / hospitals.
5	Commercial: include city centers, shopping centers and markets.
6	Major Employment centers: employment centers over 4,000 employees.
7	Medium Employment centers: employment centers under 4,000 employees.
8	Mixed Use Areas: areas with a mix of residential, commerce and employment.
9	Major Transport facilities: airports, ports and bus stations.
10	Sports and Tourism: areas with concentrations of hotels, beaches and sport facilities.
11	Rural Areas: rural settlements (like moshavim and kibutzim), agricultural land and isolated developments.
12	Open Areas: empty or non-built areas with no special use.
13	Military Areas: zones used by the army.
14	Cemetery
15	Small Settlements: isolated development of urban residential uses outside the urban core.

TABLE 5 Additional Fields in the Personal File

Field name	Description
MAINACTPRI	Main activity, primary tour (0 - no, 1 - work, 2 - study, 3 - shopping, 4 - other)
PRIMCTOD	Primary tour Combined Time of Day (CTOD)
TAZDPR	TAZ of main destination, primary tour
MAINMODPR	Main mode, primary tour
INTSTOPPR	Intermediate stops for primary tour: 0 - no, 1 - before main dest., 2 - after main dest., 3 - both
INTACTBP	Activity at stop before main destination (code is the same as for main activity)
INTACTAP	Activity at stop after main destination (code is the same as for main activity)
TAZBPR	TAZ of intermediate stop before main destination
TAZAPR	TAZ of intermediate stop after main destination
SWMODPR	mode switch at main dest.: 1 - no switch, 2 - to rail, 3 - to bus, 4 - to taxi, 5 - to driver, 6 - to passenger
MAINACTSEC	Main activity, secondary tour
MAINMODSE	main mode, secondary tour: 1 - Bus, 2 - Driver, 3 - Car Passenger
TAZDSEC	TAZ of main destination, secondary tour
SECCTOD	Secondary tour Combined Time of Day (CTOD)
INTSTOPSEC	Intermediate stops for secondary tour: 0 - no, 1 - before main destination, 2 - after main destination, 3 - both
TAZBSEC	TAZ of intermediate stop before main destination, secondary tour
TAZASEC	TAZ of intermediate stop after main destination, secondary tour

TABLE 6 Definition of Combined Time of Day (CTOD)

CTOD	POD of Tour Start	POD of Tour End	Name Start POD	Name End POD
1	1	1	MO	MO
2	1	2	MO	AM
3	1	3	MO	MD
4	1	4	MO	PM
5	1	5	MO	EV
6	2	2	AM	AM
7	2	3	AM	MD
8	2	4	AM	PM
9	2	5	AM	EV
10	3	3	MD	MD
11	3	4	MD	PM
12	3	5	MD	EV
13	4	4	PM	PM
14	4	5	PM	EV
15	5	5	EV	EV

Note: POD stands for Period of Day; EV is evening, PM is PM peak, MD is midday, AM is AM peak, and MO is morning.