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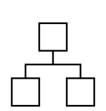
INTRODUCTION



Public policies aiming to improve air quality focus mainly on vehicle fleet regulation & low emission zones



Need to assess the effect of public transport policies on urban air quality and personal exposure



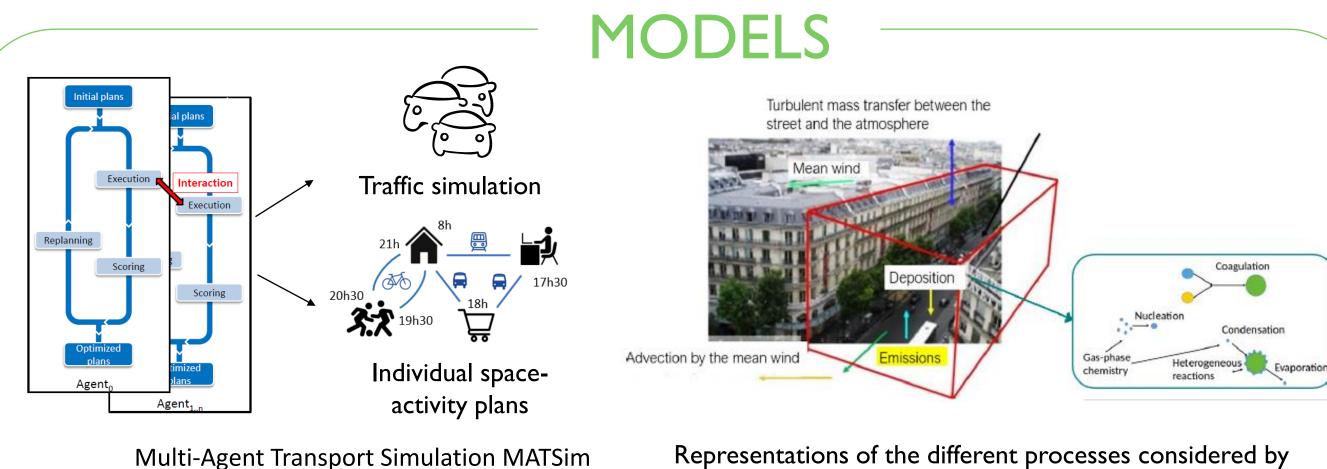
Development of modeling chain from road traffic to chemical transport models (CTM) in recent years [1] [2]



Uncertainties and model sensitivity to hypotheses remain little studied

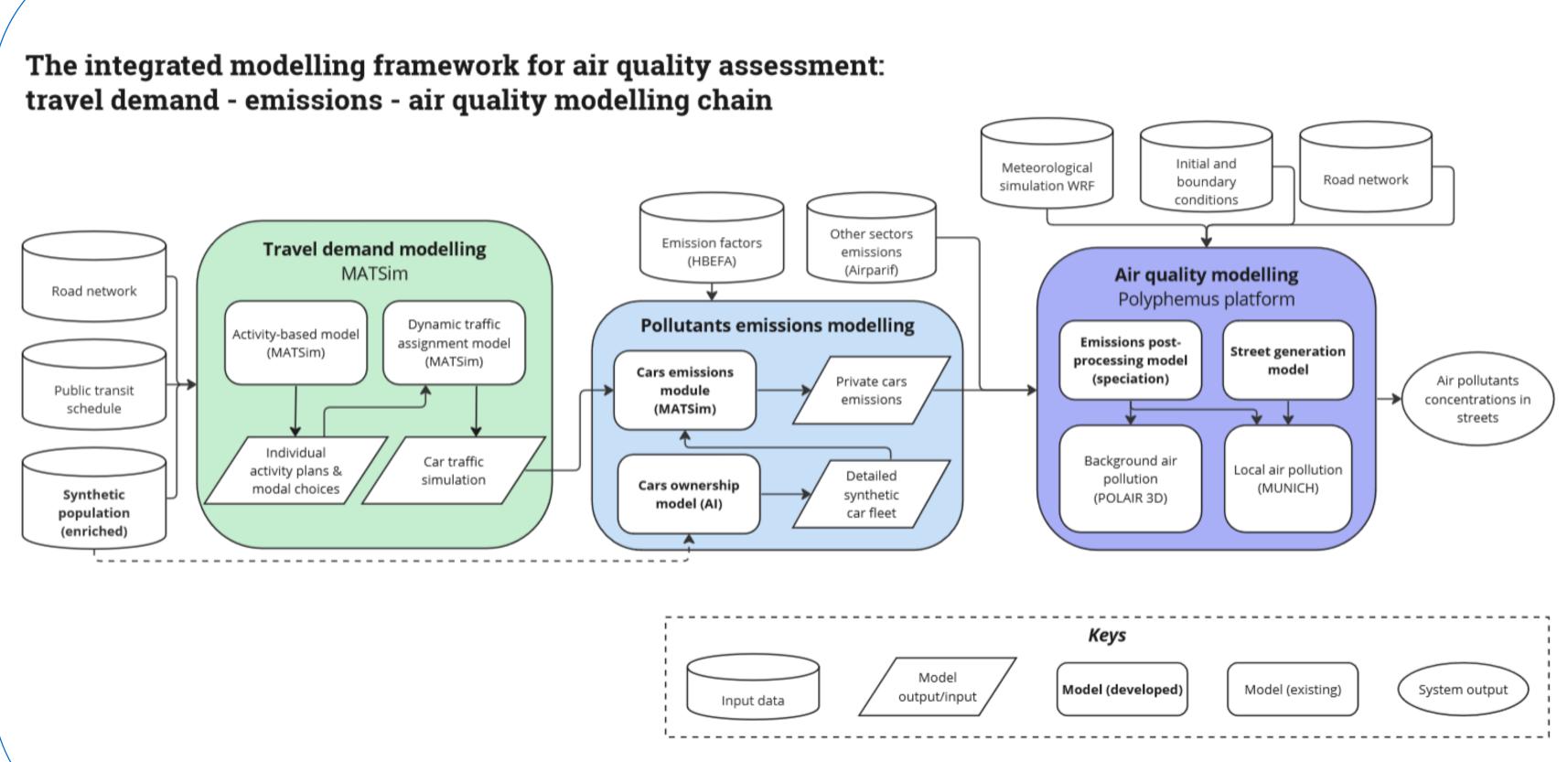
RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- 1) How to integrate high resolution traffic emissions into an air quality model based on street canyons?
 - 2) How sensible to modeling hypotheses is the modeling chain?



Representations of the different processes considered by MUNICH to compute concentrations in the street [3] (figure adapted from [4])

METHODOLOGY



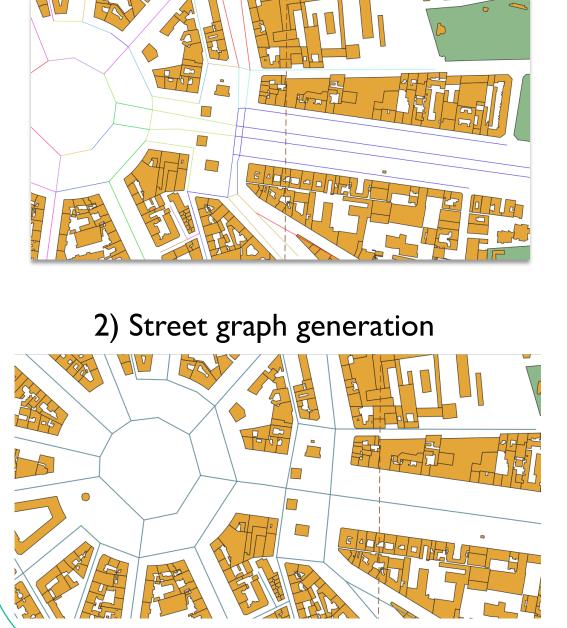
Modeling challenges

- Urban modeling: based on roads vs. streets
- Computational cost due to level of details required
- Pollutants speciation (e.g. from PM emissions to emissions by size class and species)



- In transportation models, traffic lines and junctions are used as a basis for urban modeling
- Chemical transport models rely on a **built** environment model based on streets and intersections

MODELS COUPLING



I) Grouping roads

3) Urban canyon streets selection

R = height / width

 $R_{lim} = 1/3$

SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

NO2 concentrations

in canyon streets $(R_{lim} = 1/5)$

on January 15, 2014

from 6 pm to 7 pm

___] 0.0, 3.4 [

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— [6.8, 10.2 [

— [10.2, 13.6 [

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NO2 emissions (in g/s) from 6 pm to 7 pm

48.835

emissions h18 0 - 0,0014

0.0014 - 0.0028

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4) Spatiotemporal

aggregation of emissions by

street and speciation

CONCLUSIONS

Development of an open-source air quality modeling platform based on multi-agent transportation model MATSim, CTM and urban street-network model.

Calculation costs: ~ I week simulation for the street network model

Sensitivity analysis show the contribution of street-level resolution for both road traffic emissions and air quality modeling.

Perspectives:



- Development of an exposure model
- Complementary sensitivity tests including cars emissions, temporal resolution...

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NO2 concentrations using urban street

model MUNICH



NO2 concentrations difference between

MUNICH simulation and background

concentrations (POLAIR 3D)







