

Optimization of Parking Prices using MATSim

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Motivation

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Optimization of the parking prices

Parking price optimization procedure:

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1: for each parking set do  
2:   if occupancy < 0.85 then  
3:     price -= 0.25  
4:   else  
5:     price += 0.25  
6:   end if  
7: end for
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This is executed before the start of each iteration.

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- ▶ Around 50,000 on-street parking spaces.
- ▶ Around 16,000 spaces in parking garages.
- ▶ More than 200,000 private parking spaces.

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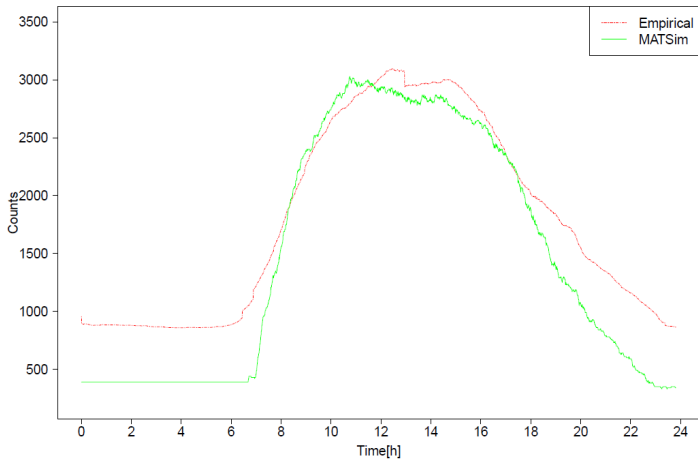
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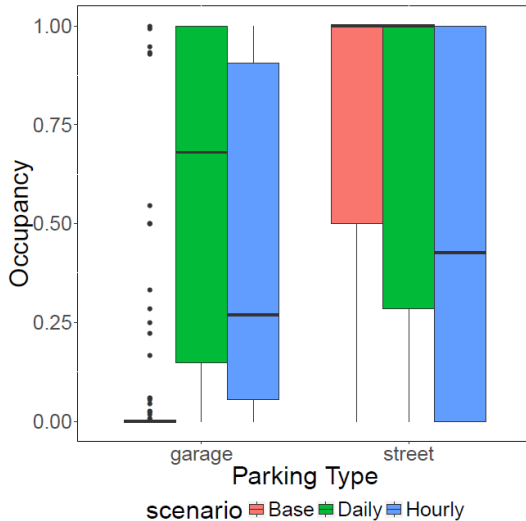
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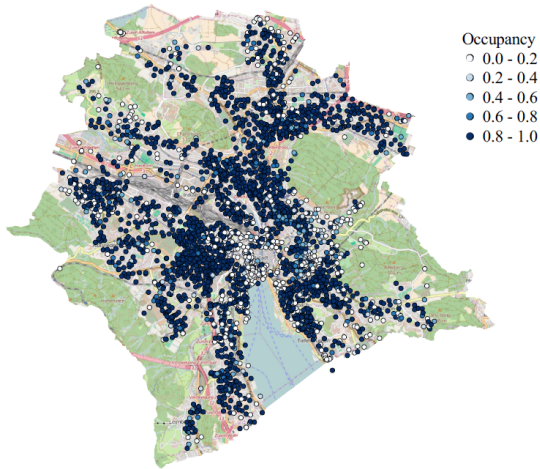
MATSim - Distance to parking location

Scenario	Base	Daily	Hourly
On-street mean [m]	229	212	158
On-street standard deviation [m]	228	234	176
Garage mean [m]	201	301	239
Garage standard deviation [m]	143	214	172

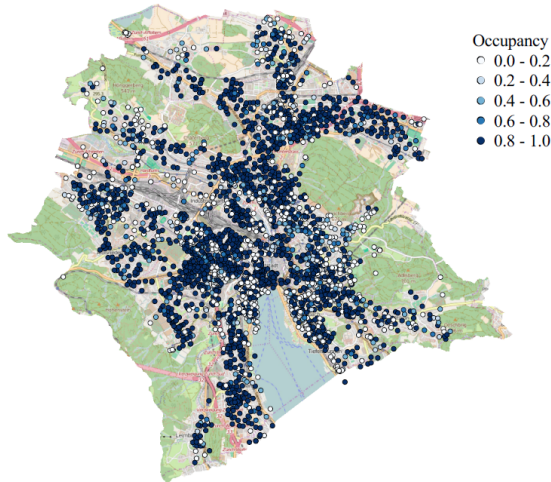
Parking Occupancy



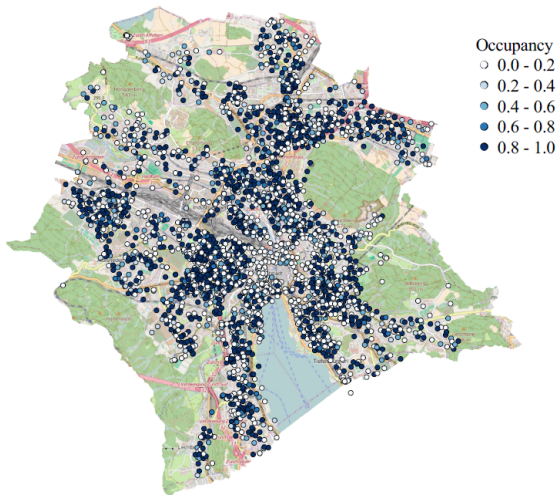
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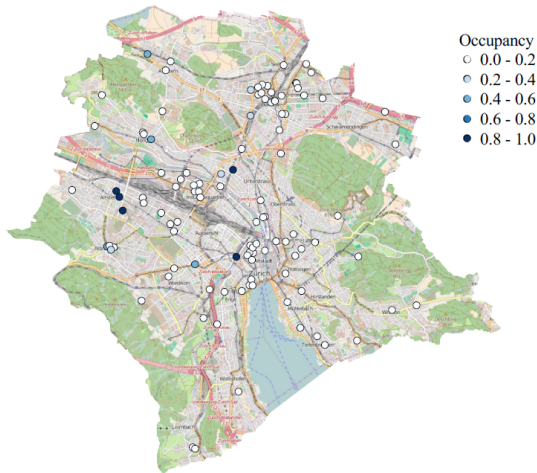
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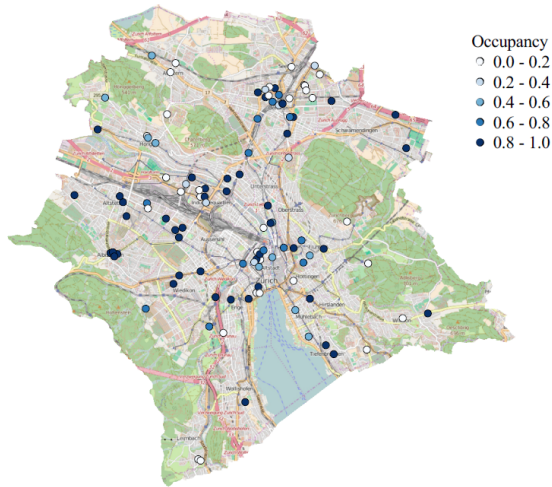
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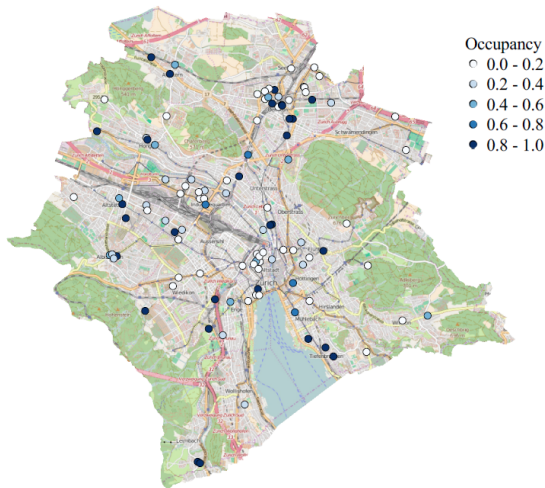
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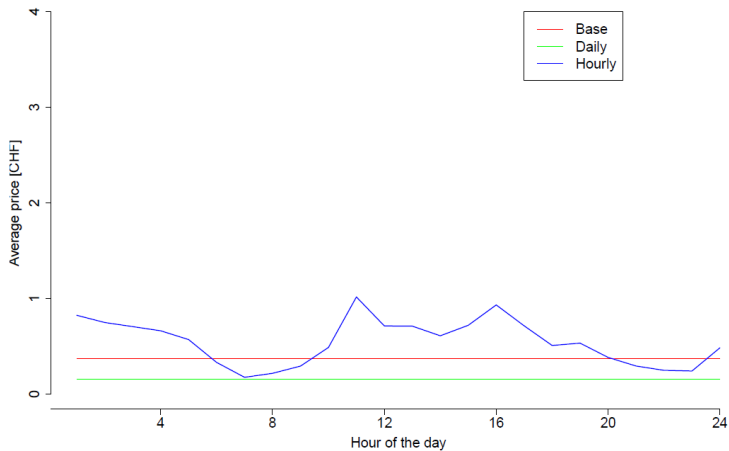
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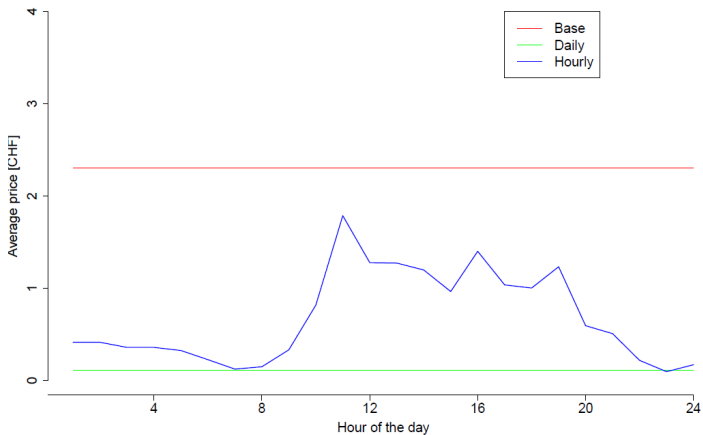
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On-street parking prices



Garage parking prices



Turnover

Revenue	Base	Daily	Hourly
Total [CHF]	29,832	16,472	77,844
On-street [CHF]	13,439	2,836	22,535
Garage [CHF]	16,392	13,635	55,308

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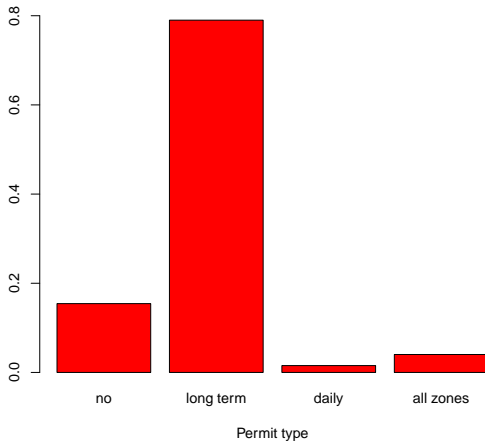
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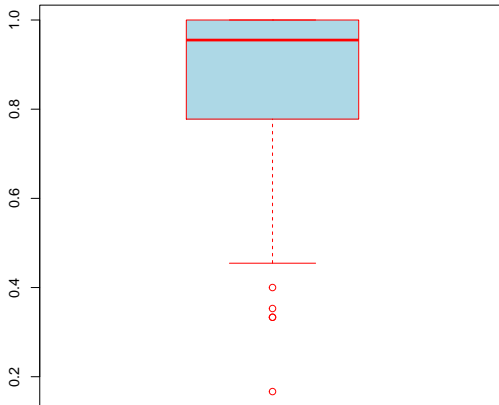
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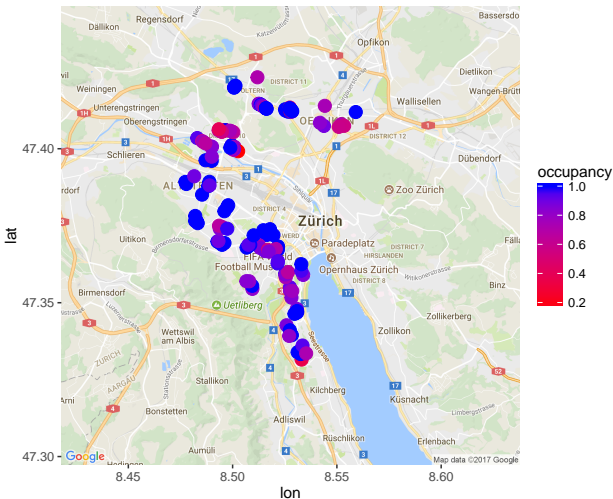


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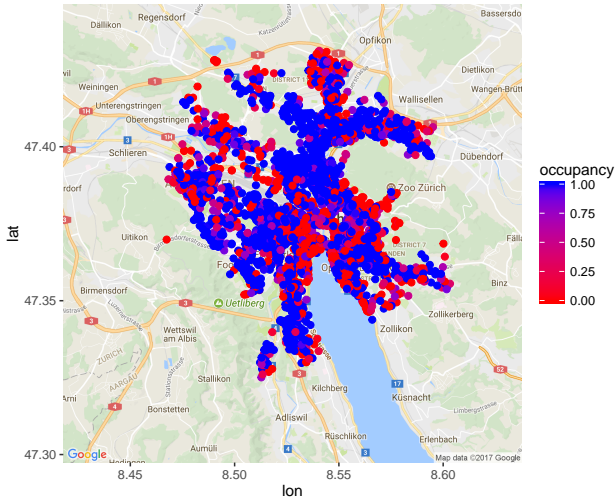


Parking space occupancy

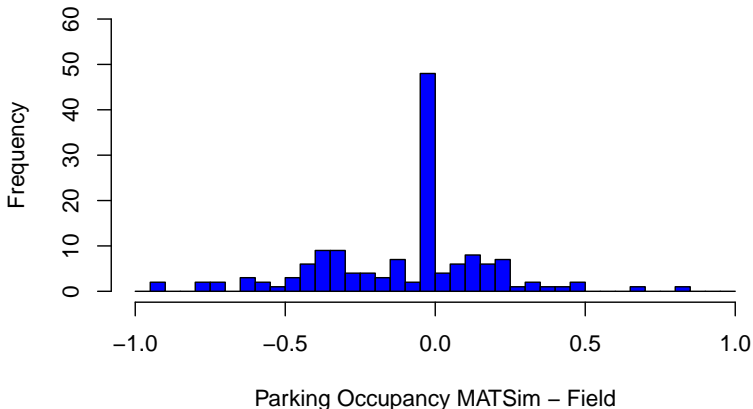
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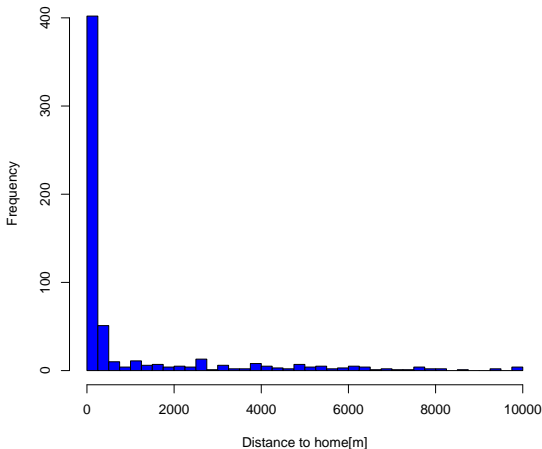
Same time of the day in MATSim - all on-street



MATSim VS Gathered data - Occupancy

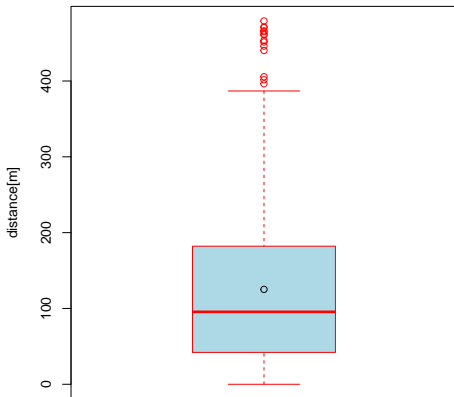


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If we only include distances below 500m.



Questions & Comments