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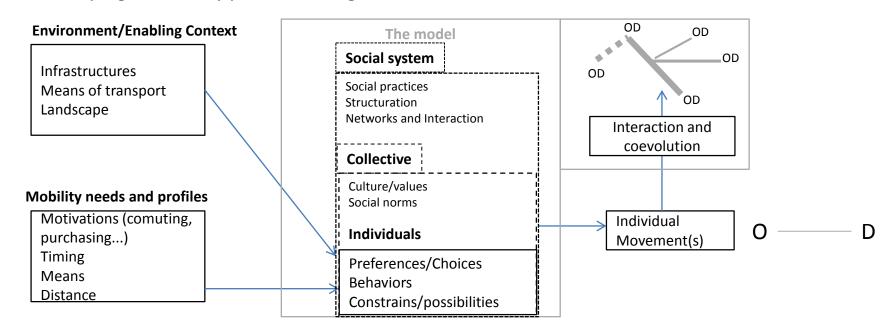
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Premises ...and genealogy of the research questions

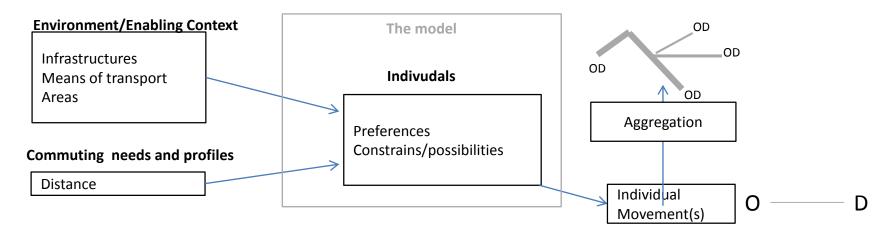
Premises

- Commuting, as a breed of the wider mobility phenomenon, results from the interplaying of individual (preferences, needs and constrains) and objective (infrastructure, means and distance) elements.
- People decide how to move by adapting their preferences and possibilities to the present conditions in order to satisfy their own needs.
- Studies on mobility mainly focus on preferences and choices, we decide to go a step behind...
- 1°) How social factors and people's preferences, opportunities and choices in a heterogeneous world may influence the shaping of mobility patterns at regional level?

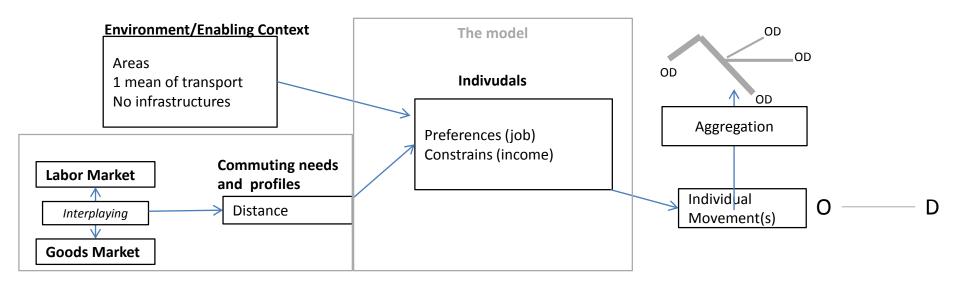


Premises ...and genealogy of the research questions

2°) How people's preferences, opportunities and choices may influence the community patterns in a limited geographical area (reducing complexity)?



3°) How individuals (people and neterpises) interaction in the labor and good markets may determined the commuting patterns in a limited geographical area (endogenizing commuting)?



Objectives and research questions

Objectives

- overcoming the limitations of considering mobility flows as an exogenous variable of the mobility system
- explaining generative mechanisms of commuting as a result of interactions among elementary agents in the labor, goods and credit market

Questions

Given a spatial area, that entirely contains both economic dynamics and mobility patterns

- how do mobility patterns evolve due to the evolution of the general economic dynamics through the 'filter' of individual preferences?
- how are economic dynamics influenced by individual mobility behaviors?

Main assumptions (1)

1. Environment: a bounded area where zones are settled. Zones do not have geomorphological properties but are identified only on the basis of their location. They host interacting enterprises and workforces and that represent the Origin/Destination of the commuting

2. Individual Agents

Enterprises (Ent):

- price-takers,
- homogeneous production technology; labor only input
- heterogeneous endowment (assets, employees) and strategic planning

<u>Laborforces (emplyed/unemployed) (Lf_{e/u})</u>

Homogeneous: skills (deteriorate along unemployment)

Heterogeneous: scheme of preferences (fragility, wage and distance) in selecting employer, income (wages and subsidy)

Main assumptions (2)

3. Markets

- <u>Credit</u>: regulated by a reserve mechanism; companies and labor forces can deposit /withdraw without limit; due to interest, borrowers are at risk of bankruptcy or insolvency
- <u>Labor</u>: demand driven; under the assumption of limited rationality, in selecting enterprise LF have access only to some public information related to the situation at the zone-level
- LF perspective -> for Lf_u Ents are identical, for Lf_e Ents are slected based on preference schemes
- Ents perspective -> for Ents Lf_e are identical but distinguishable and preferred to Lf_u
- <u>Goods</u>: 1 good, production is entirely purchased by laborforces (no stokes, no export)

4. Mobility system

- systematic journey-to-work mobility flows are considered
- a unique mean of transport with a unique cost per unit of distance covered; t
- he infrastructures have not been considered.

5. Multi-level system

- Micro level -> active elementary agents (Ents and LFs)
- Meso level -> zones, inactive agents that influence agency of hosted micro agents, connect each other (are OD nodes of commuting flows)
- Macrolevel -> system

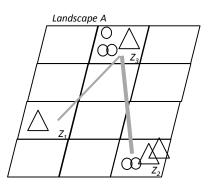
Overview - Purpose

- Explore the mechanisms of generation of commuting flows in a delimited area as they derived from the balancing of the local economic system that emerge from the interactions among elementary agents (laborforces and enterprises) within the labor, goods and credit markets.
- Commuting is at the same time determined by and determinants of wider socioeconomic dynamics as the cost for commuting play a crucial role in determining the scheme of preferences and the final choices of laborforces
- In practice, through the simulation of economic dynamincs along T periods, the objective of the model is to produce a OD matrix at the ned of each period and to study how it is related with processes involved:
- how do commuting patterns evolve due to the evolution of the general economic dynamics?
- what are the relationships among different combination of planning and production strategy diffused in the local systems and the commuting flows?
- what are the relationships among different scheme of preferences and priorities diffused among citizens and the commuting flows?
- how are economic dynamics influenced by individual commuting behaviors?

Overview - Variables and scales (1)

Scales

<u>Space</u>: the simulated enevironment is an indefferentiated landscape *A* where a *Z* number of zones (not overlapping portions of the space) host laborforces and enterprises and represent the Origin-Destination of the commuting flows (including self-containment)



Time:

The t_i period T doesn't have an actual meaning but is connected to the completion of the periodical functions and procedures typical of a micro-economic cycle (production, sell, budgeting, planning).

Variables

The total amount of variables managed by Nlogo code is 118: 18 macro; 20 meso referred to zones; 62 micro referred to enterprises (33) and laborforces (29). 12 globals and 6 parameters are located in the interface for setting up the experiments (...)

Overview - Variables and scales (2)

Macro scale

Variable name

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Areas	List of areas that host laborforces/eneterprises
totEnterprises /_dead/_Born	Total amount of enterprises / dead/ new
totLaborForces /totUnemplyed/totEmployed	Total amount of labor forces
theta_1_0_list / theta_2_0_list	parameters for programming/production functions [-1, 0, 1]
laborforcePreferenceSchemes	List of the scheme of preferences of labr forces
totY_t / _t-1	Value of production at time t / t-1
qEstimatedTotal /_t-1	Total amount of production at time t/t-1
P_t / _t+1	Average price of the good at period t /t-1
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Description

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Meso scale Variable name

pEnterprises /_dead/_Born	N of enterprises (/dead/new) in the area
pLaborForces /totUnemplyed/totEmployed	N of labor forces (unemployed/employed) settled in the area
pWorkers	N of employees in the area (settled or not)
p_Y/_T-1	Value of production at time t / t-1 in the area
Trends	Track of the last n periods in the area
S1	Financial Salubrity (health) of the area (pEntDead/pEnterprises)
S2	Fragility odd-ratio (pEntDead and notSelfFinancing/ pEntDead & SelfFinancing) /(pEnterprises & notSelfFinancing /pEnterprises & SelfFinancing)
R	Average of wages in the area
D	Distances among the area and all the other areas of the landscape
zonesByPreference	List of 6 elements corresponding to the 6 schemes of preferences of laborforces. Each element is a list composed of : 1 scheme of preference and 2 areas selected on the basis of that scheme
inFlows / outFlows	Laborforces that move in/move out the area

Overview - Variables and scales (3)

Micro scale - enterprises

Variable name	Description
Equity/settlment	Equity/ area
theta_1_0/theta_2_0	Parameter for programming/production function
theta_2_0	parametro di forma della funzione di produzione
operating /selffinancing /hiring	Operating / self financing
qEstimated/q_t-1	Estimated production/production at t-1
qToBeSelled / qSelled	Total (decreasing)amount of quantity to be sold/total (increasing) amount of sold production
salary/salaryDelta	Wage offered by the enterprise/ coefficient to avoid bankrupt
productionCost	Total amount of salary payed
price	Price decided on the basis of the average expected price and an idiosyncratic shock u
y/_t-1	Value of production q_estaimted*price
profit	Profit
financialPosition/finacilaFlowEnt	Equity – productionCost / debit
workers/_Needed /demand	Current employees / employees needed on the basis of programming function/ open positions
workersMovingAway/applicants	Emplyees candidates to other enterprise/ candidates to the enterprise
Micro scale - laborforces	

Micro scale - laborforces

qPurchased/ myqToBePurchased

cF/cCom

financialFlowLf

myDistance

Variable name	Description
residence/weath/employed?	Residence area (Origin)/ patrimony / employment
workplace	Enterprise work for
destination	workplaceArea (Destination)
mypreferencescheme	Scheme of preferences chosen among 6 available at global level
mytargetareas	2 areas selected on the basis of preferences scheme
target1/2	Enteprise to which apply
income/subsidy	salario o sussidio percepito nel periodo corrente

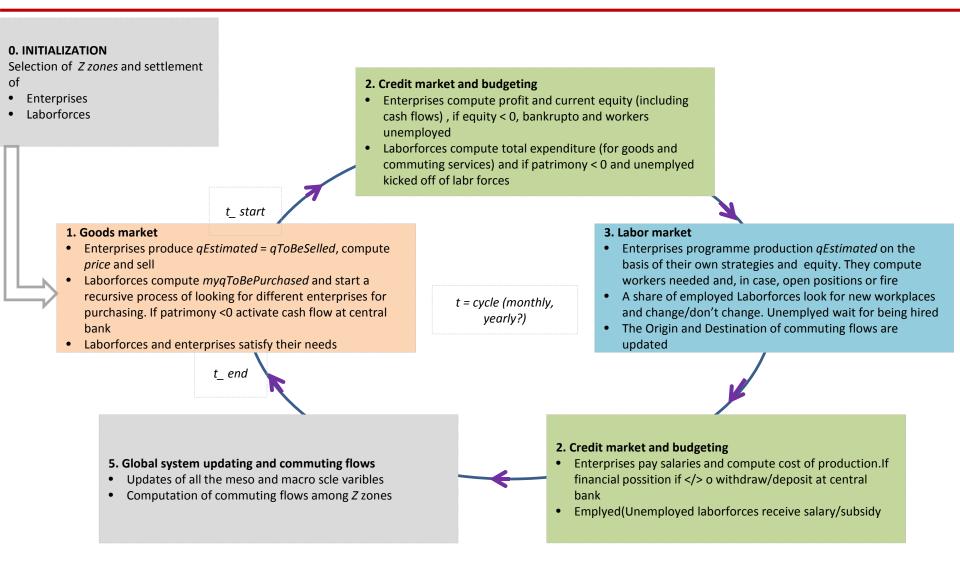
(increasing) amount of purchased good/(decreasing) amount

Expenditure for purchasing goods / commuting services

distanza percorsa per recarsi al lavoro

debit

Overview - Process overview and scheduling



Design concepts (1)

1. BASIC PRINCIPLES

<u>Heterogeneity</u>: different interactions among different agents at different levels

- •Enterprises are different for settlement, size, equity, programming and prduction strategies, prices and salaries
- •Laborforces are different for settlement, employment, wealth, preferences' schemes in looking for job
- •Zones are different for total amount of enterprises, workers and emplyed(unemplyed population
- •Interactions among laborforces and enterprises are direct (labro and goods market) and indirect (mediated by zone as basin of information)

Bounded rationality: agents define expectations and take decision on the basis of uncertainity and limited information

- •Labor market
- Laborforces select targets for submission on the basis of information at meso(zone) level (for S1,S2, R and D). When got in contact with enetprises they access infos about wages
- Enterprises offerr a salry on the basis of past period with no certain information about prices and possible profit of the current period
- Goods Market,
- Laborforces access infos about the price at the moment of purchasing
- Enterprise define the price on the basis of past period (with idiosincratic correction). They take risk

2 EMERGENCE

- Phenomena at meso and macro level result from the simple aggregation of values computed at the micro level.
- But values at micro level result form the complex and unpredictable interaction among agents and among level, e.g.: total value of production (sum of individual production) depends on the idiosincratic correction to the prices applied by enterprises
- OD flows (sum of individual flows) depend on the unpredictable matching between enterprises' demand and laborforces preferences scheme

Design concepts (2)

3. ADAPTATION

Both the system and the agents keep memory of the past events and agents continously reformulate expectations and decisions by adapting to the modifications of the wider environemnt, e.g.:

Laborforces look for alternative workplaces on the basis of statistics computed taking into account previous periods. Eneterprises foreseen future equity and correct salary to avoid bankrupt on the basis of salaries and price expectations computed on previous periods

4. OBJECTIVES

Just to survive, both for enterprises (no maximisation) and laborforces (no enrichment)

5. LEARNING

Not appliable

6 PREDICTION

Enterprises decide salary on the basis of budget expectations. They consider the value of aggregaate production (at t-1 prices), cost production (salaries) e and through a reiterative process adjust salary to avoid bankrupt

7 Sensing(Cognition)

Agents get knowledge about the world thorugh accessing public information at meso (SRD, macroeconomic variables) and macro level (macroeconomic variables).

All information at micro level are in general private (preferences, eqity, wealth..) and not accessible (except for price and salary when interacting)that's why micro agents behave with bounded rationality

8 Interaction

Among agents: direct on Labor market (matching labor demand/supply) and goods market (matching good demand / supply); iIndirect in laborforces research for alternatives (mediated by the zones)

Among levels, reciprocal influence in constraining (meso->micro) and define (micro->meso)

Design concepts

9 STOCHASTICITY

Inizialization: enterprises and population per zone, Unemployment rate per zone, Equity and wealth, Programming and production functions

Searching for job: assignment of preferences scheme, selection of enterprises once decides the area

Price of good: idiosincratic shock applied to average price

All selecting processes (hiring, firing, seller) are random choices

10 COLLECTIVES

Not appliable

11 OBSERVATION

Phenomena are observed at macro and meso levels. In details

Type of verichle		Level		
Type of variable	Macro	meso		
	Production (quantity and value)	Production (quantity and value)		
Macroeconomics variables	Price and salary (inflation)	Price and salary (inflation)		
	Emplyment/unemplyment rate	Emplyment/unemplyment rate		
	Enterprises turnover rate	Enterprises turnover rate		
	Work mobility	Work mobility		
	cashflows	cashflows		
	Safety of economy structure (nakrupted/not	Safety of economy structure (nakrupted/not		
	selfFinancing eneterprises)	selfFinancing eneterprises)		
Commuting variables	Matrix OD			
	Distances covered	In/out commuting flows		
	Overall cost of commuting services			

Details - Inizialization and Inputs Data* (1)

No inputs data but random assignment of the values to the variables that describe the environment and the agents properties and initial models of behaviors (strategies for enterpirses and preferences for laborforces)

```
to setup
                                                                 to setup-random
 clear-all
                                                                   ;zones
 setup-globals
                                                                 ask n-of nAreas patches[
 ifelse RealWorld
                                                                 set areas lput self areas; append to the global areas
 [setup-RW]
                                                                 set pid position self areas; name itself
 [setup-random]
                                                                 ; initailize list to store distances and keep track of past periods
 setup-unemployed
                                                                 set D[]
 assess-financial-position
                                                                  set trends [];
update-macro-meso; first update, in the run
                                                                  sprout-admins 1 [set hidden? false]; instrumeental to create link
substituted by end-update-variables
                                                                  set inFlows []
set qEstimatedTotal t sum [qEstimated] of enterprises
                                                                  set outFlows []
reset-ticks
                                                                  set inoutFlows []
end
                                                                 foreach areas
                                                                   [ ask ?[ foreach areas [set D | put (list ? distance ?) D]
                                                                   ; enterpsies and employed
                                                                  sprout-enterprises (MinEntArea + random (maxEntArea - MinEntArea))
                                                                  [ born-enterprises-rand ]
```

end

^{*}A RealWorld version has been considered (and partially developed) aimed at feeding the model with data that describe a styized landscape of Piemonte region (33 AIT or SLL)

Details - INIZIALIZATION AND INPUTS DATA (2)

```
to born-enterprises-rand
                                                                            Parameters to feed programming and
 ; shape parameter for programming and producing
                                                                            production function...
set theta 1 0 one-of theta 1 0 list
set theta 2 0 one-of theta 2 0 list; shape parameter for producing
  ; equity randomly assigned in min-max range (interface) normalized per size (AIDA2011)
  let i 0
  ifelse i < 0.85
  [set equity precision (4 + random-float 3) 2]
  [set equity precision (7 + random-float 2.2) 2 ]
; prgramming and estimating workers need
set qEstimated scalingProg * (equity ^ (elasticityProg ^ theta 1 0));
set nWorkers ceiling((qEstimated / scalingProd) ^ ((1 / elasticityProd )^ theta 2 0));
                                                                                                                     ... and derive
                                                                                                                     Quantity to be produced
; salary assigned on the basis of dimensions (AIDA 2011)
                                                                                                                     Workers needed
    ifelse nWorkers < 50 [set salary equity * 0.031647646]
  [ifelse nWorkers < 100 [ set salary equity * 0.007070202]
   [ifelse nWOrkers < 250 [ set salary equity * 0.003426548 ]
    [ set salary equity * 0.001358794 ]
  hatch-laborforces nWorkers
      ; set all laborforces properties ]
set workers laborforces with [workplace = myself]
 set productionCost salary * count workers
                                           On the basis of employed LFs, by applying proportion based
end
                                           on current statistics, the total amount of laborforce is
```

computed for each area

Details – submodels (1)

```
to go
                if ticks = simDuration [stop]
                tick
                sell-purchase
                budgeting
                                                                Goods market
                init-update-variables
                planning-production-workers_demand
Labor market
                hire-fire
                assess-financial-position
                end-update-variables
                compute-flows
                export-OD-vector
                end
```

Details – submodels (2)...model equations for enteprises behavior

Eq. 1
$$\tilde{q}_{f^{j},t} = \tilde{Q}(e_{f^{j},t}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_{1}) > 0$$
 Programming function (equity based)

Eq. 2 $\tilde{q}_{f^{j},t} = Q(\tilde{a}_{f^{j},t}^{*}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_{2}) > 0$ Production function (labor based)

Eq. 3 $a_{f^{j},t}^{*} = A(e_{f^{j},t}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_{3}) \equiv Q^{-1}(\tilde{q}_{f^{j},t}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_{3}) > 0$ Estimating labor demand

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$a_{f^j,t}^* =$		decrescenti $\theta_2^{(0)} = -1$	$\begin{array}{l} {\rm costanti} \\ \theta_2^{(0)} = 0 \end{array}$	crescenti $\theta_2^{(0)} = +1$
Programmazione	$\theta_1^{(0)} = -1$ meno che prop.	$\left(\frac{\bar{q}_{f^{\vec{J}},t}}{\theta_2^{(1)}}\right)^{\theta_2^{(2)}}$	$\left(\frac{\bar{q}_{f^{\tilde{J},t}}}{\theta_2^{(1)}}\right)$	$\left(\frac{\bar{q}_{f^{\vec{J},t}}}{\theta_2^{(1)}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_2^{(2)}}}$
con	$\theta_1^{(0)} = 0$ proporzionale	$\left(\frac{\bar{q}_{f^{f,t}}}{\theta_2^{(1)}}\right)^{\theta_2^{(2)}}$	$\left(\frac{\bar{q}_{f^{\tilde{J},t}}}{\theta_2^{(1)}}\right)$	$\left(\frac{\bar{q}_{f^{\vec{\jmath}},t}}{\theta_2^{(1)}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_2^{(2)}}}$
Strategia	$\theta_1^{(0)} = +1$ più che prop.	$\left(\frac{\bar{q}_{f\bar{J},t}}{\theta_2^{(1)}}\right)^{\theta_2^{(2)}}$	$\left(\frac{\bar{q}_{f^{\tilde{J},t}}}{\theta_2^{(1)}}\right)$	$\left(\frac{\bar{q}_{f^{\tilde{\mathcal{I}},t}}}{\theta_2^{(1)}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_2^{(2)}}}$

Heterogeneity: 9 different typologies of enterprises

Submodels (3): goods market

```
to planning-production-workers demand
 ask enterprises[
                                                                          to sell-purchase
programming prooduction and computing workers need
                                                                          ask enterprises[
set qEstimated ceiling(scalingProg * ((equity) ^ (elasticityProg ^ theta 1 0))); Eq 1
set workersNeeded ceiling(((qEstimated / scalingProd) ^ ((1 / elasticityProd )^
                                                                           ;compute production to be sold and price
theta 2 0))); Eq. 3
                                                                          set qToBeSelled qEstimated
set workersDemand workersNeeded - (count workers - count
                                                                          let u1 0
workersMovingAway)
                                                                          set u1 2 - u0
                                                                          set u u0 + random-float (u1 - u0)
end
                                                                          set price u * P t+1
                                                                          ask laborforces; loop for consumers satisfaction
                                                                           while [qPurchased < realqToBePurchased]
                            Enterprises perspective
                                                                           set mygToBePurchased realgToBePurchased - gPurchased
                                                                          let ent_sellers enterprises with [qToBeSelled > 0]
                                                                          ifelse any? ent sellers
                                                                          [ let ent seller one-of ent sellers ;seleziona un'impresa
                                                                           ifelse mygToBePurchased <= [gToBeSelled] of ent_seller
                                                                           set gPurchased gPurchased + mygToBePurchased ;update own variable
                                                                            let ent price [price] of ent seller
                                                                             set cF cF + (ent price * myqToBePurchased);
                                                                          ask ent seller; update seller variables
                            Consumers/laborforces
                                                                             [set gToBeSelled gToBeSelled - [mygToBePurchased] of myself
                            perspective
                                                                              set qSelled qSelled + [myqToBePurchased] of myself
                                                                              set y y + ([myqToBePurchased] of myself * price)
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end

Submodels (3): labor-market – laborforces preferences

preference with the available rankings at zone level, a preferred zone is selected and 2 enterprises

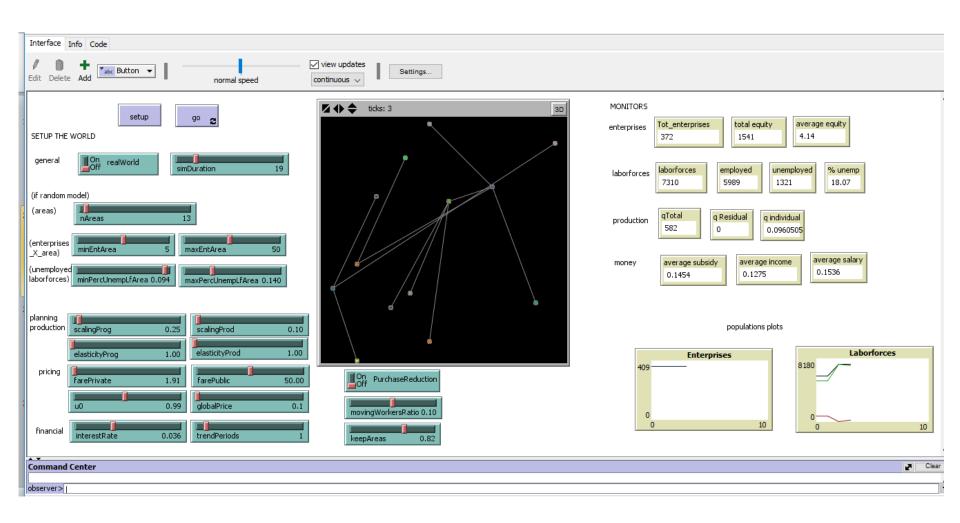
are randolmly chosen

to planning-production-workers demand to orderAreasByPreferenceSchemes Zones level ask enterprises[foreach areas An array with rankings of zones based on different combination of ;select a share of workers that will search for alternative workplaces set workersMovingAway n-of round(random-float movingWorkersRatio * count workers) ask? prioirities (S x R x D)is computed workers and stored ask workersMovingAway [let preference "SRD" Laborforces settled in the zone set moving? true let tl [] access the same rankings selectTarget1-2 let zonesOfinterest patch-set areas set zonesByPreference [] end set tl sort-on [S1] zonesOfInterest set zonesOfInterest patch-set filter [position ? tl < round(0.90 * (length tl - 1))] tl set tl sort-on [S2] zonesOfInterest to selectTarget1-2 set zonesOfInterest patch-set filter [position ? tl < round(0.90 * ;ask laborforces (length tl - 1))] tl set myPreferenceScheme one-of laborforcePreferenceSchemes set tl sort-on [R] zonesOfInterest set zonesOfInterest patch-set filter [position ? tl < round(0.90 * foreach zonesByPreference (length tl - 1))] tl if myPreferenceScheme = item 0 ? set tl sort-on [distance myself] zonesOfInterest [set myTargetAreas (list item 1? item 2?) set zonesOfInterest patch-set filter [position ? tl < round(0.90 * set target1 one-of enterprises with[settlement = item 1?] (length tl - 1))] tl set target2 one-of enterprises with[settlement = item 2 ?] set zonesByPreference lput (list preference item 0 tl item 1 tl) Laboforce level end zonesByPreference By matching its own scheme of

Submodels (3): labor-market - matching

```
to planning-production-workers demand
   ask enterprises[
                                                                                        to salary-adjustment
                                                                                        ; expectations about future default
 ;select a share of workers that will search for alternative workplaces
                                                                                        ;computing expected production cost and cash flow
                                                                                        set clup (productionCost / q_t-1) ;eq. 13
 set workersMovingAway n-of round(random-float movingWorkersRatio *
                                                                                        let salary e clup * (qEstimated / workersNeeded);eq.15
 count workers) workers
                                                                                        let production cost e salary e * count workers ;eq.16
 ask workersMovingAway [
                                                                                        let financial position e equity - production cost e ;eq. 17
  set moving? true
                                                                                          ifelse financial_position_e > 0; eq.18
  selectTarget1-2
                                                                                          [set selfFinancing e 1]
                                                                                          [set selfFinancing e -1]
                                                                                          let financial_flow_ent_e (0.5 * (1 + selfFinancing_e) + interestRate) *
                                                                                        financial_position_e ;eq. 19
 end
                                                                                        ;computing price and Y
to hire-fire
                                                                                        let price e P t;eq.20
                                                                                        let y e price e * qEstimated ;EQ.21
ask enterprises[
                                                                                        ;computing expected, equity and probability of default
; check if workers are needed and hire/fire
                                                                                        let profit e (y e - production cost e);eq.22
set workersApplicants laborforces with [target1 = myself or target2 =
                                                                                        let equity_e ( equity + profit_e + financial_flow_ent_e ); eq.23
myself]
                                                                                          ifelse equity_e > 0; eq.24
 ifelse workersDemand > 0 [set hiring 1 hiring workers
                                                                                          [set operating e 1]
abs(workersDemand)]
                                                                                          [set operating_e -1]
[set hiring -1 fireing-workers abs(workersDemand)]
                                                                                        ;loop for adjusting salary until bankrupt is avoided
... update list of workers...
                                                                                        set salaryExpected salary e
                                                                                        ifelse operating e = 1
salary-adjustment
                                                                                        [set salary salary e]
                                                                                        [set salaryDelta 0.01
                                                                                         while [equity e <= 0]
set productionCost ((salary * count workers with[origin = 1 or origin = 0]) + (
                                                                                         [ set salary e salary e * (1 - salaryDelta)
(1 - dEntryLevel) * salary * count workers with[origin = 2 or origin = 3])); eq.
                                                                                         set equity e ( equity + (y_e - (salary_e * count workers)) + financial_flow_ent_e
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                                                                                         set salary salary e
End
                                                                                        end
```

Interface



Work in progress and next steps

What we have done

- Partial formalization (enterprises' behaviors)
- Complete implementation in Nlogo
- Verification

What to do

- Calibrate and validate the current release
- Integrate formalization of laborforces' behavior
- Time scale: is it reasonable to align the enterprises' cycle with the laborforces' cycle or It would be better to have a longer lasting cycle for the laborforces?

Thank you for your attention!

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