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USING SYSTEMIC MODELS IN GAMES AND SIMULATIONS TO FOR PARTICIPATORY PLANNING



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POLICY FORMULATION IN THE REAL WORLD











HOW - MODELLING APPROACHES?



Shubik, Martin. Games for society, business, and war. Elsevier, 1975.



We need policies that are relevant to the lives of people.

We need rapid policymaking.

We need policies responsive to changing social, political,

and environmental situation.



SIMULATION MODELS



Unquantifiable, Intangible -

Quantifiable, Tangible

Parker, Dawn C., et al. "Multi-agent systems for the simulation of land-use and land-cover change: A review." *Annals of the association of American Geographers* 93.2 (2003): 314-337.



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COMPLEXITIES IN THE REAL WORLD

- Multi-scalar and multi-sectoral
- Inter-temporal effects
- Formal and Informal institutions
- Actors at various levels (Individuals, communities, organizations, etc.)
- Differing Objectives and desired future states
- Governance structures
- Changing interaction dynamics between State-Private-Civil Society actors
- Scale



NEGOTIATING FUTURES THROUGH A GAMING SIMULATION

Evaluating simulation outcomes and choosing the trade-offs

HOW DO WE PLAN FOR CHENNAI'S FUTURE?



QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH





QUALITATIVE RESEARCH

Secondary data collection

Stakeholder interviews

Activity-based workshops

Follow-up interviews



MAPPING PROBLEMS TO THE POLICY-PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION CYCLE

PLANNING				POLICY AND APPROVAL		IMPLEMENTATION		EVALUATION	FEEDBACK AND MODIFICATION
Problem	Solutions	Choice of Project	Project specification	Institution	Legislation	Financing	Execution		
No water source/supply		Channelization of storm water into the water bodies					Non-maintenance of storm water drains/sewers		
Land boundary dispute		Carrying capacity of storm water drains					Illegal sewer connection into storm water drain		
Land encroachment		Rainwater harvesting arrangements					Storm water drainage network – proper disposal arrangements		
Lack of access to land Lack of land for housing Economic weaker sections/Low income groups"		Land use for each allotment					Fogging in all water bodies and		
		Scientific land use planning					storm water drains		
							inadequate Storm water drain causing		
Encroachments in water course, lakes, canals and government lands							inundation on the banks to avoid pollution		
							Storm water drain blockage		
Water course encroachment							Illegal water dumping in rivers and vacant lands		
Public encroachment in government prperties	Desilting, deepening of water bodies						Inadequate sewage treatment plant		

Water Supply



MAP OF CHENNAI'S INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE







MULTI-SCALE SIMULATION APPROACH



Cellular Automata (CA) based land-use Model

SCENARIO 2

Example: Agency : CMWSSB

Scenario:

Scenarios emerging due to differential prioritization of capital intensive projects (e.g. desalination plants) vis-a vis improved maintenance of existing infrastructure.



SCENARIO 2





HOW DO WE OPERATE BANGALORE'S PUBLIC TRANSPORT?



BANGALORE'S POPULATION GROWTH

Bangalore's Exploding Population



Source: Forecast*: BDA Draft Master Plans 2015 (Scenario Indicators) Census^: Directorate of Census Operations - Karnataka, Census 2011 (Provisional Population Totals)

BANGALORE GEOGRAPHY

Bangalore Wards (BBMP Data 2015)

Bangalore BBMP WArds



Bangalore Road Network (OSM, 2015)





JOINT ROAD FORWARD



Commuters from marginalized communities



Games Joint Road Forward



Civil society



Transport decision makers (Govt. of Karnataka) Dept of Urban development and Transport

Service provider and operations (BMTC Finance - Transport dept, KUIDFC, BMTC (Accounts) Transport planners (DULT, BMLTA, BBMP, BMTC planning)



BANGALORE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION (BMTC) SERVICES





DEPLOYING A NEW ROUTE



Minimise costs









Traffic density

Enhance accessibility







Infrastructure

Enhance network efficiency



ASSUMPTIONS FOR RIDERSHIP PLANNING

- Decadal growth of previous years are used to decide future targets
 - Load factor
 - Annual revenue
 - Population Growth Rate
- Ridership and revenue have a priority over addition of new routes
- Increase in buses would lead to increase in ridership
- Increase in ridership would lead to increase in revenue

INFORMATION SCREEN

SUMMARY/EXISTING STATUS	CURRENT STATUS OF COMMUTER PARAMETERS		CURRENT STATUS OF FINANCIAL PARAMETERS		CURRENT STATUS OF STRUCTURAL PARAMETERS
Please change the current year to check the changes in commuter, financial and structural parameters.	ROUTES OPERATED 2500 Absolute	PASSENGER CAPACITY/TRIP 24124 Absolute	TICKET SALE REVENUE	EPKM 48.9 INR	FLEET STRENGTH 6433 Absolute
YEAR 2017	SCHEDULES OPERATED 6219 Absolute	PER RIDERSHIP CAPITA TRIP RATE (PRCTR) 0.015 Rate	NET WORTH 64428 INR Lakh	CPKM 52.6 INR	FUEL EFFICIENCY 3.7 km/l
	BUS TRIPS 74292 Absolute	AVG TRIP LENGTH (ATL)/DAY/TRIP 15.50 km	PROFIT/LOSS - TICKET SALE REVENUE -39807 Lakh	AVG TICKET SALE REVENUE/BUS 2528090 INR	RATE OF BREAKDOWNS/10000KM 0.070 Rate
	TOTAL RIDERSHIP 17922 People In Lakhs	RATE OF OVERCROWDING/ROUTE (MAX PASSENGER CAPACITY = 60) 0.47% Percentage	PROFIT/LOSS - GROSS REVENUE -14171 Lakh	AVG GROSS REVENUE/BUS 2926597 INR	RATE OF ACCIDENTS/1 LAKH KM 0.050 Rate
	AVG RIDERSHIP/DAY 49.1 People In Lakhs	RIDERSHIP TO TRIP RATIO 66.1 Rate	PROFIT/LOSS PER KM -3.7 INR	MARGIN ON TICKET SALE REVENUE Max 180000, Min 51000	EFFECTIVE KM 4204 Lakh
	FREQUENCY/ROUTE 2.57 Absolute		GROSS REVENUE 188268 INR Lakh	MARGIN ON GROSS REVENUE Max 201500, Min 60000	EFFECTIVE KM/DAY 11.5 Lakh



GAME SESSIONS

BMTC

BBPV



INSIGHTS

- BMTC interested in knowing what kind of data is required and how can it be used for route rationalisation and to meet ridership demand on specific routes.
- New strategies are needed to tackle schedules affected by bus bunching.
- Form-4 process needs to be restructured to make it more responsive to changing traffic conditions.
- Not used to taking decisions at high level. Have been working towards a set target.
- Players were indifferent to messages from an IT system.
 - Preferred to clarify and discuss with people rather than reading information on the screen

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN POLICYMAKERS AND MODELLERS



TRUST

DATA

SILOIZATION

INCLUSIVITY

TRADE-OFFS





IMPLICATIONS FOR THE LONG-TERM

Does the principle of building institutional memory hold?
Caveats being applied to us as tool-builders and process-creators
Working with institutions vis-a-vis individuals in the institution
Role of the industry and tech-first approach
What is the precedent set by using such methods and tools?





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