

THE FUTURE OF ACTIVITY-BASED MODELLING AND BEHAVIORAL DATA COLLECTION

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Activity-based models

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Activity-based models

Scope



4 step versus activity-based models

4 step

Purpose.
Destination.
Mode.
Route.

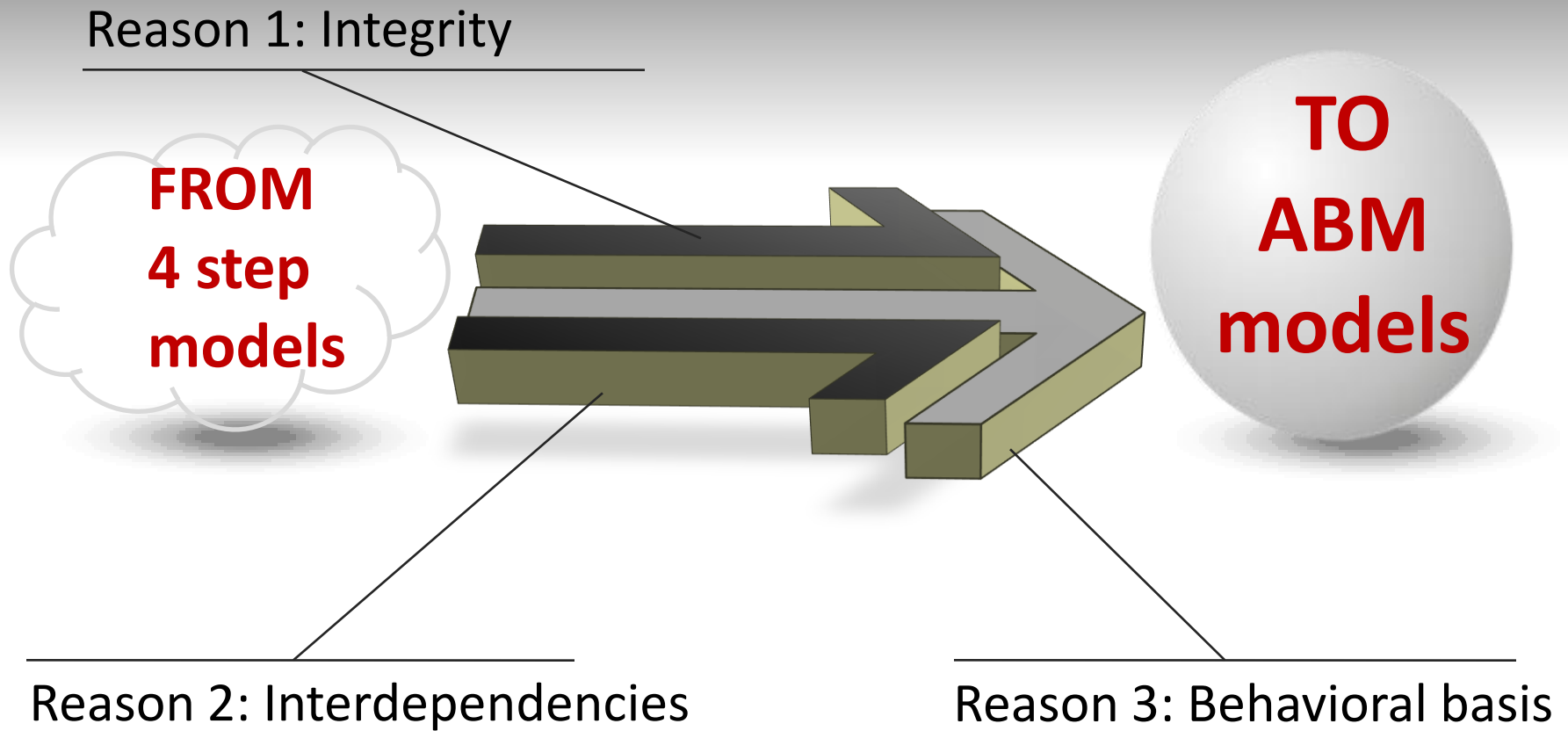


ABM

Activity type.
Destination.
Mode.
Route.



Reasons for change



Activity-based models

Models which predict how households organize their activities and implied travel, in time and space, subject to **a set of constraints**

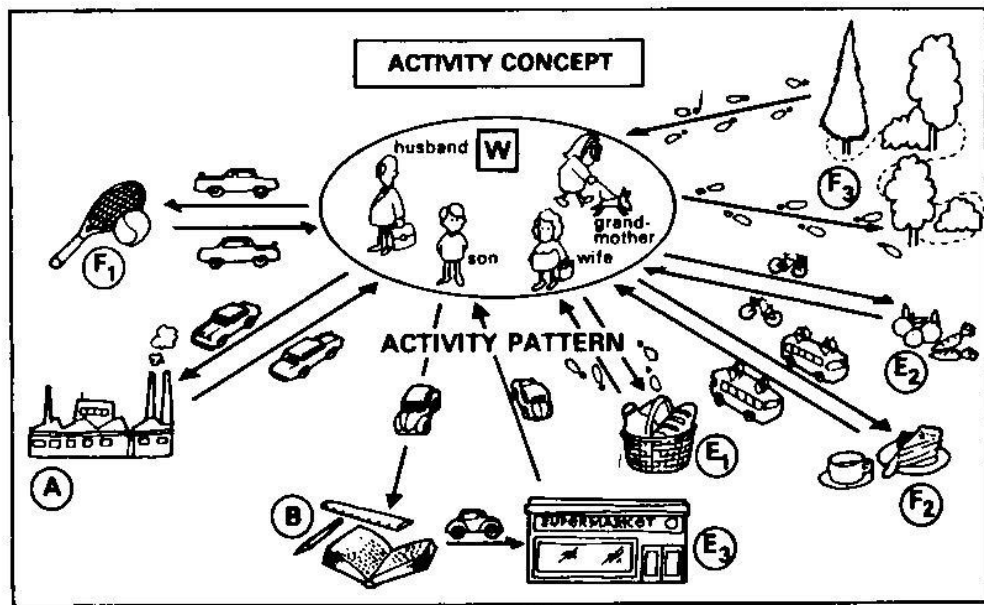


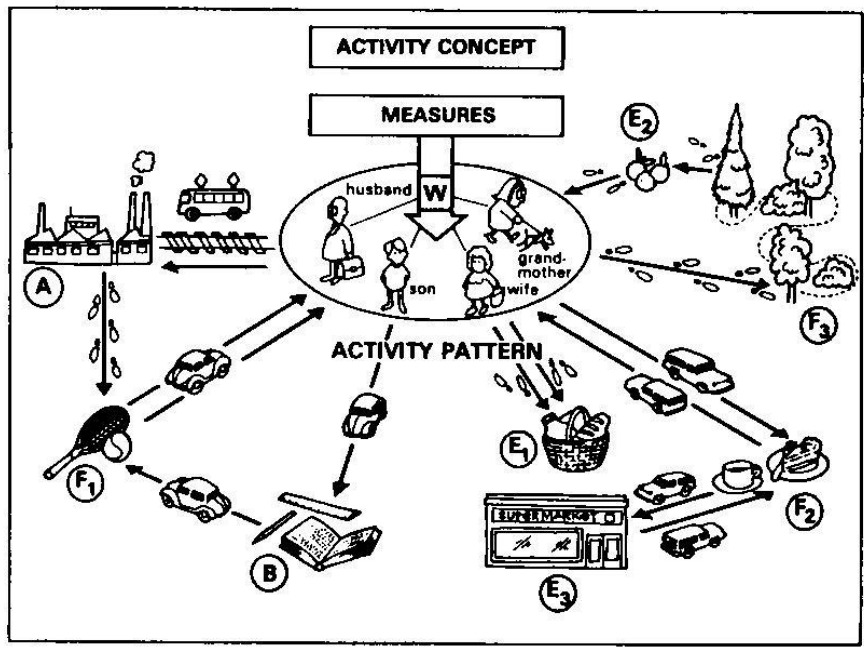
Activity-based models

Are much more sensitive to a wide set of alternative ways of responding to exogenous policies

Focus on primary and secondary effects







4 step vs. activity-based models: resolution

4 step

Peak vs off-peak.

Traffic zones.



ABM

Minutes.

Parcel or zip codes.



4 step vs. activity-based models: representation

4 step

Trips.
Individuals.
Traffic zones.
No constraints.



ABM

Activity episodes
Household.
People.
Various
constraints.





Activity-based models

History



History

CONSTRAINTS-BASED MODELS

1967

DISCRETE CHOICE MODELS

1978

COMPUTATIONAL PROCESS MODELS

2000



CONSTRAINTS-BASED MODELS



Theory

Behavior is primarily influenced by various kinds of constraints.



Specification

Set of constraints is applied to observed input activity-travel schedules.



Output

Check of feasibility of schedule

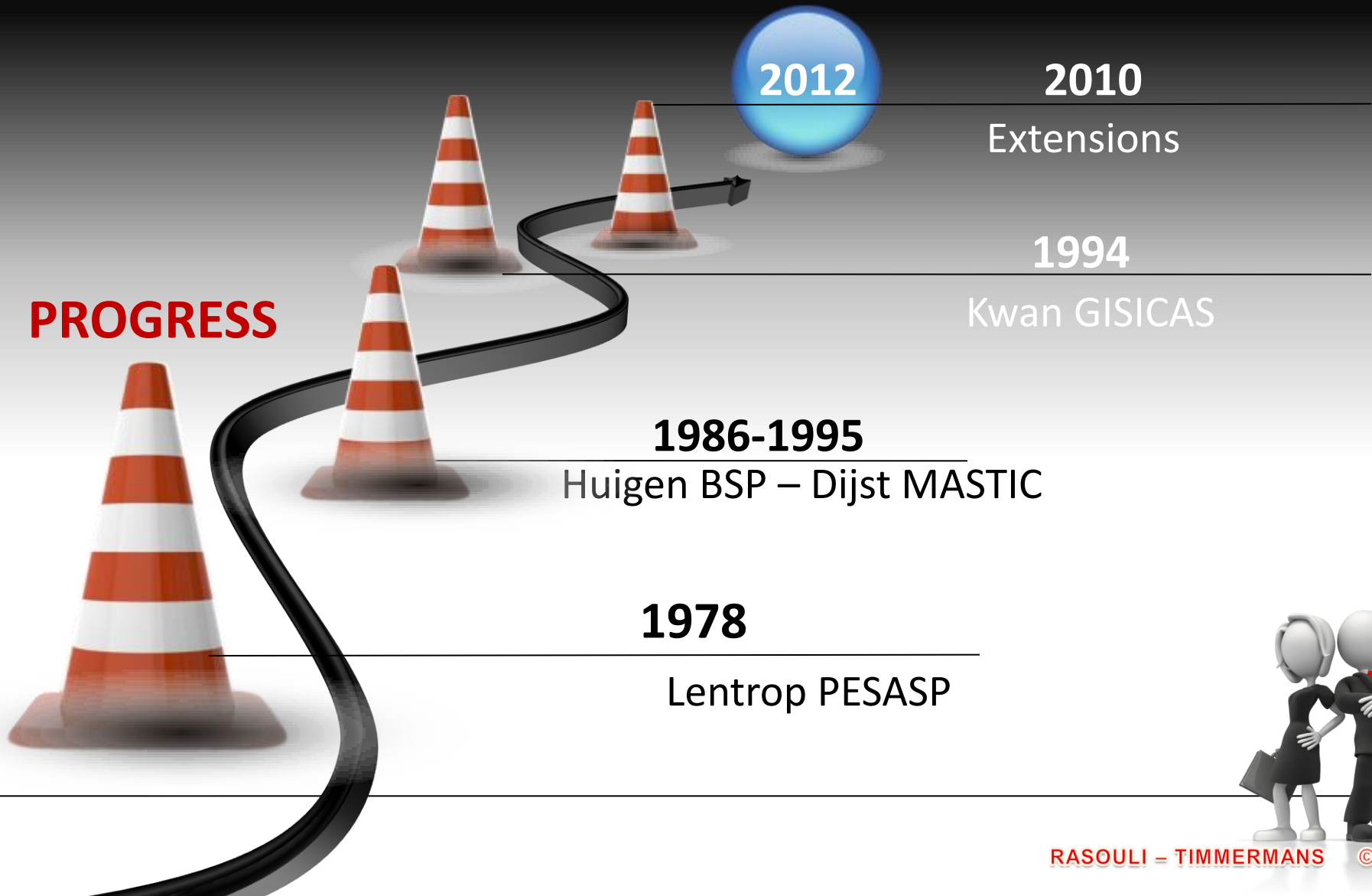
Social exclusion

Potential action space



Constraints-based models

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DISCRETE CHOICE MODELS



Theory

Probabilistic choice theory

Random utility theory

Specification

Algebraic typically linear function

Output

Predicted choices for set of travel choice facets



Discrete choice models

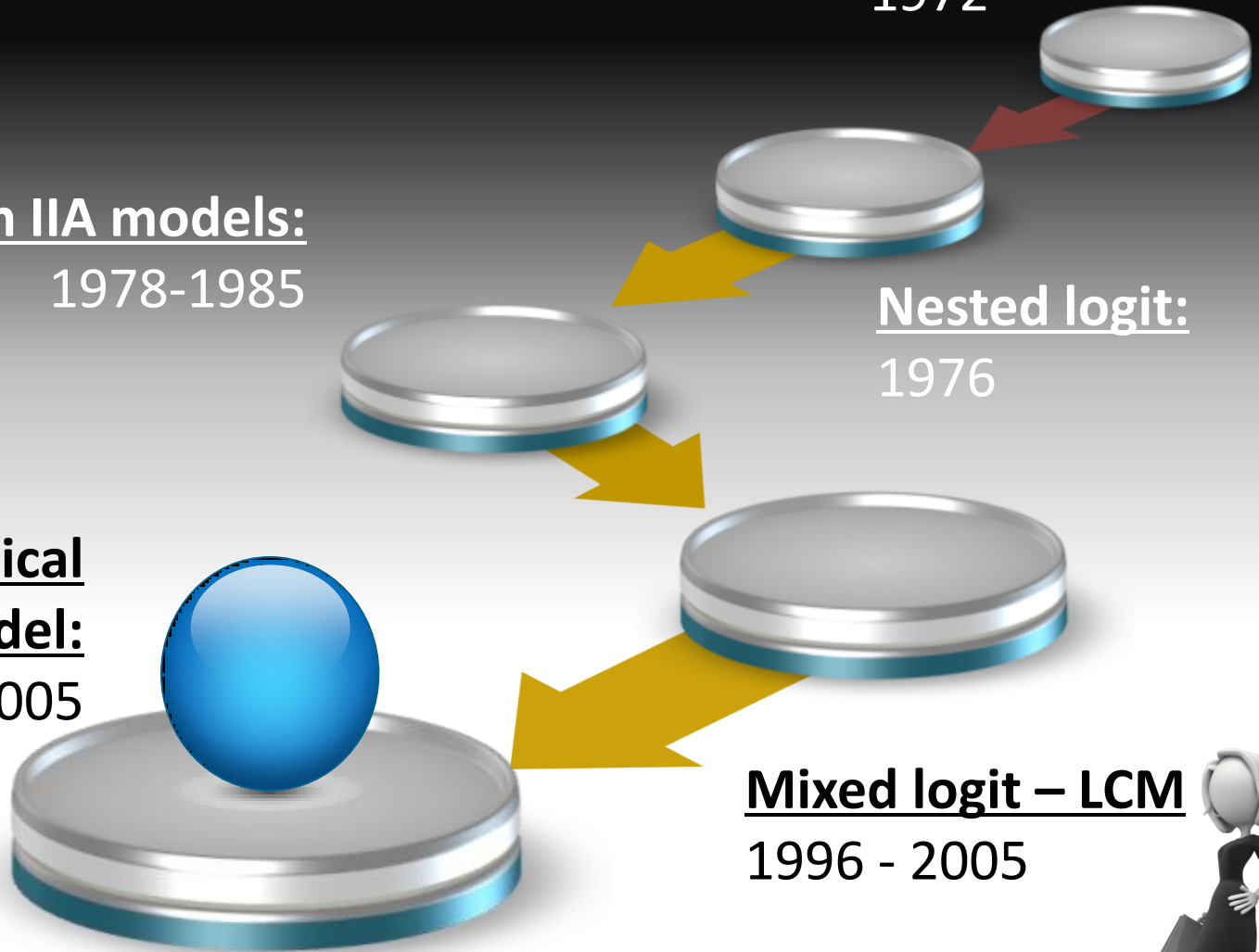
MNL:
1972

Non IIA models:
1978-1985

Nested logit:
1976

Hierarchical
choice model:
2005

Mixed logit – LCM
1996 - 2005



COMPUTATIONAL PROCESS MODELS



Theory

Context-dependent
choice heuristics



Specification

If THEN ELSE
Boolean expressions



Output

Simulated individual
space-time trajectories

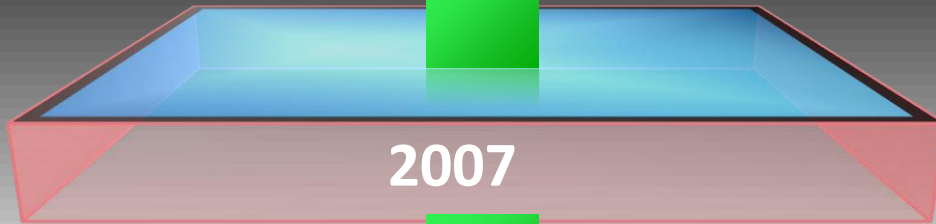


Computational process models

4 Stage Filter



Albatross
(Arentze Timmermans)



Tasha
(Roorda Miller)



Feathers – Belgium



South Korea

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Constraints-based models



Incorporation of constraints
Integral choice sets



No adaptation
No activity generation
No notion of value



Discrete choice models



Simple representation
Easy to estimate
Easy interpretation



No constraints
Focus on outcomes
Strict behavioral
assumptions



Computational process models



Preference and constraints
Flexible specification



Complex
Difficult to interpret



Comparison

FEATURES	CM-MODELS	DC-MODELS	CS-MODELS
Easy to develop	✓	✓	X
Data requirements	X	✓	X
Easy of application	✓	✓	X
Behavioral richness	X	X	✓

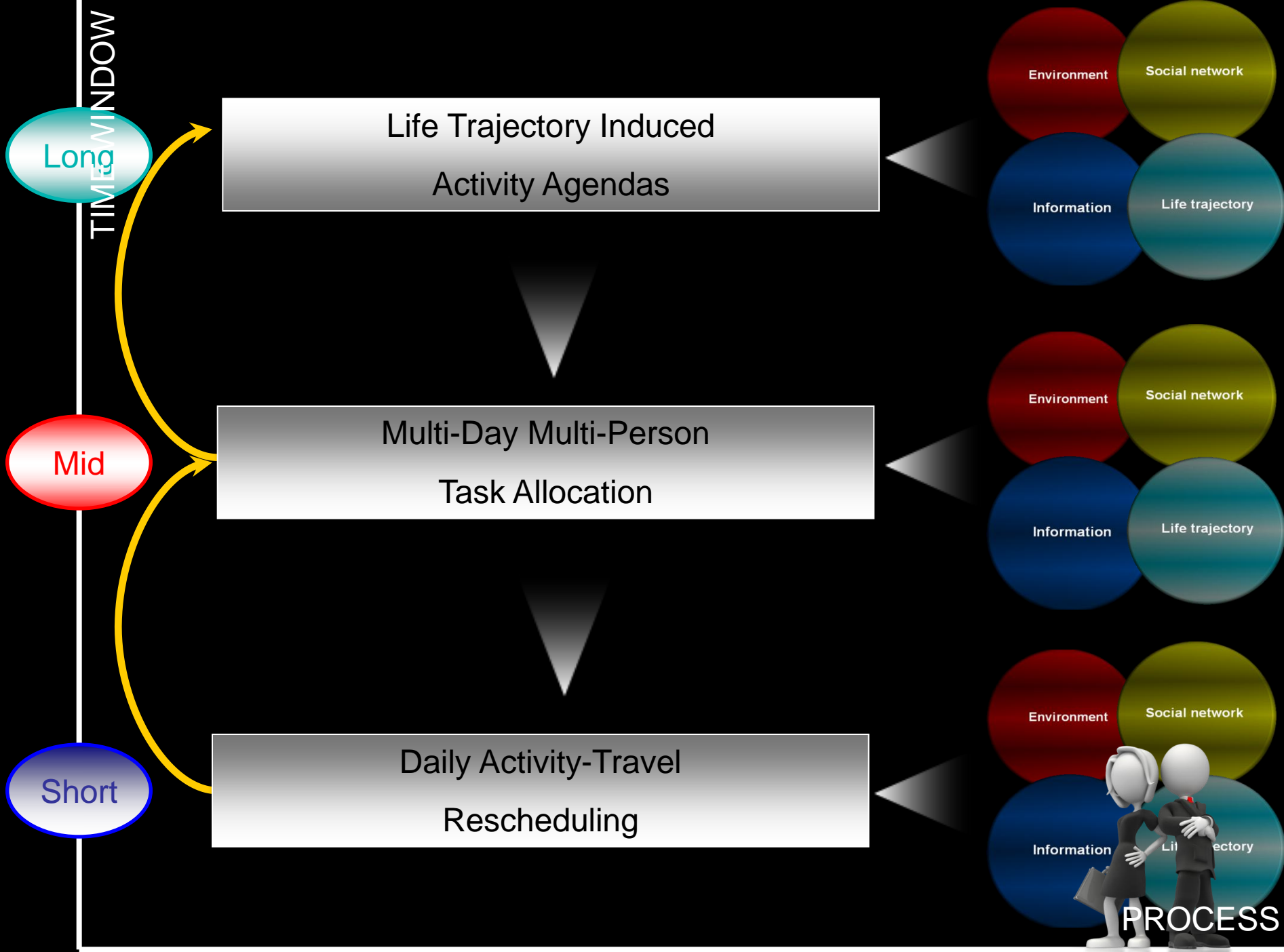




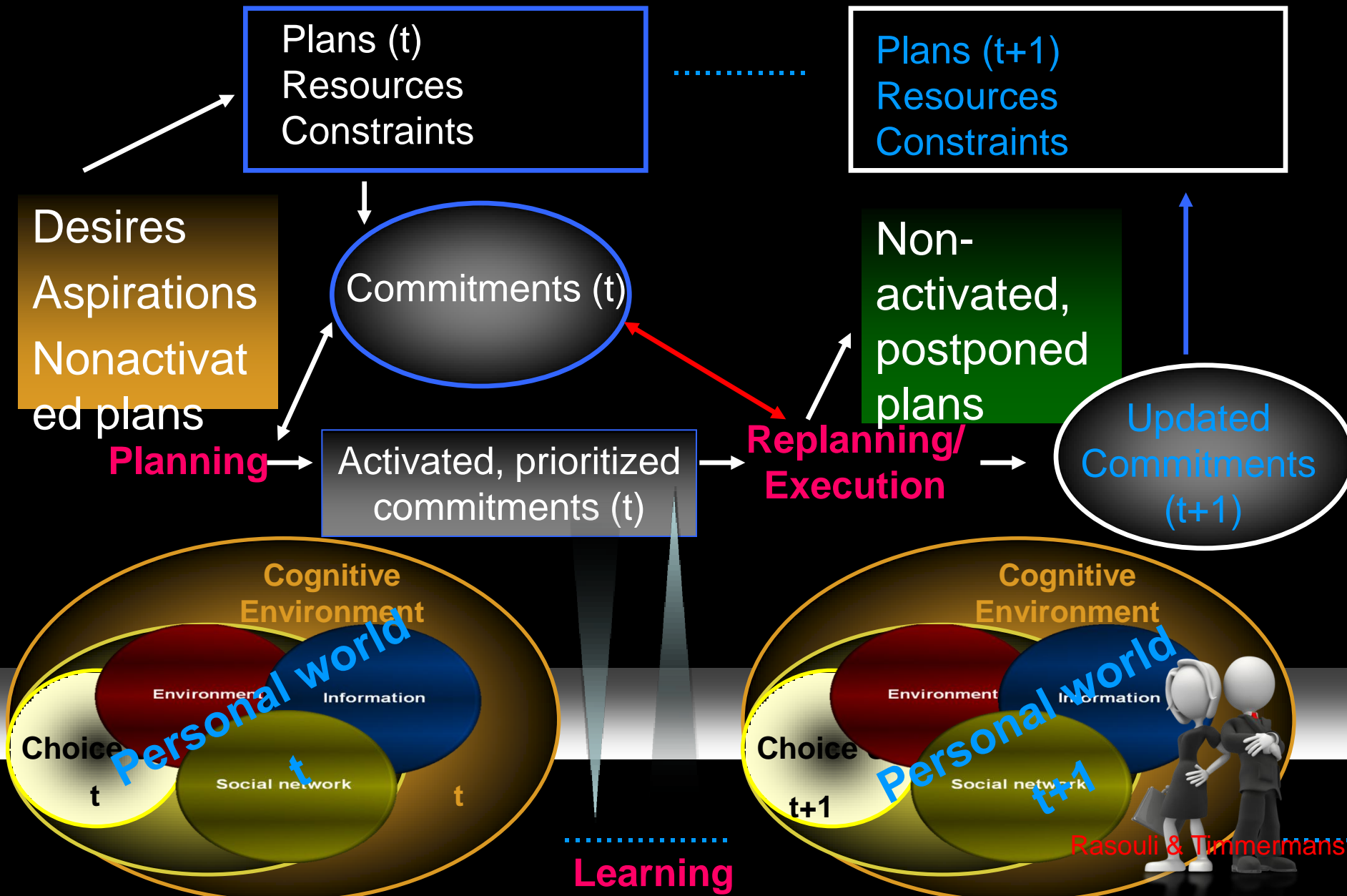
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Progress in Eindhoven

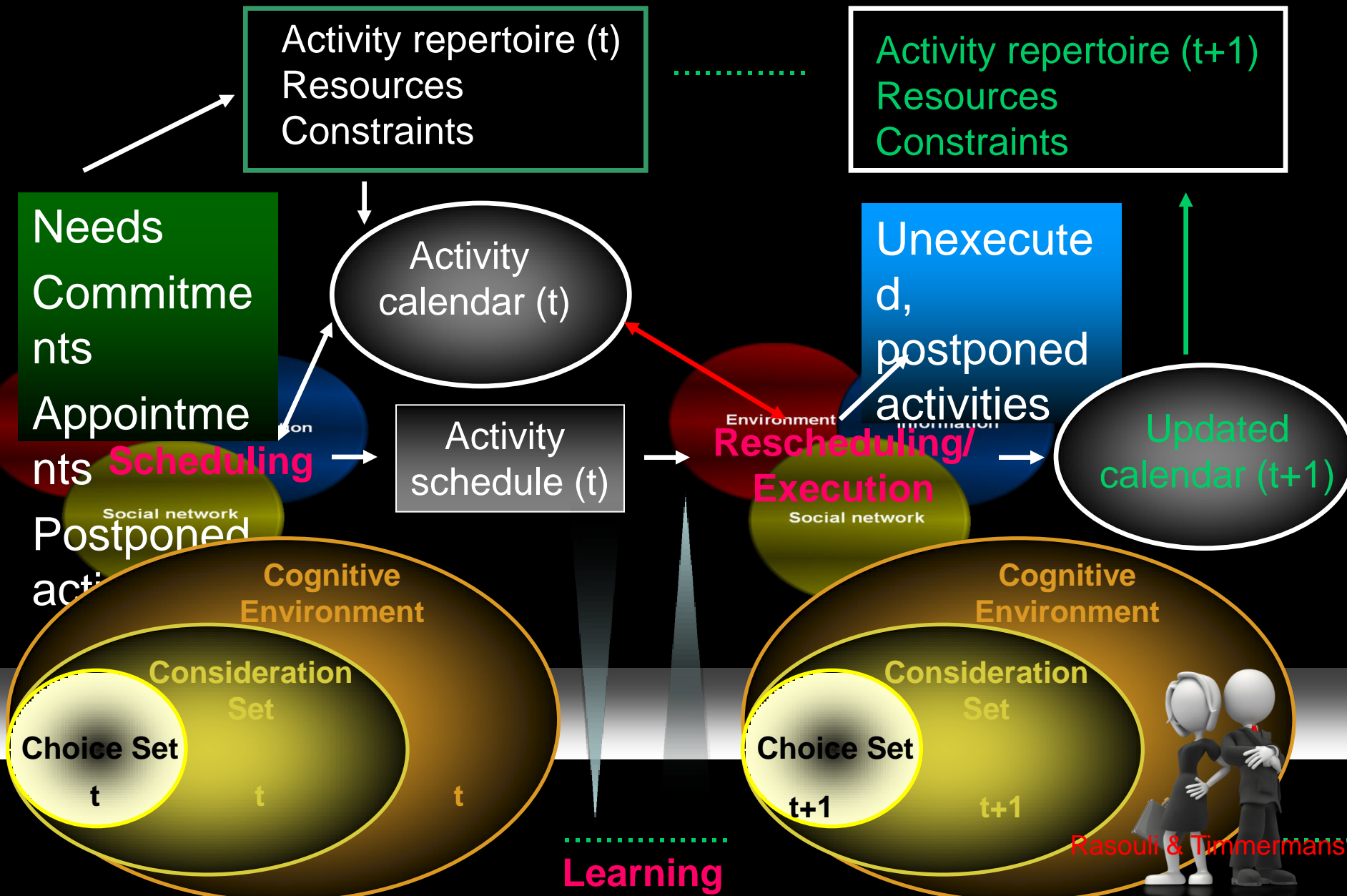




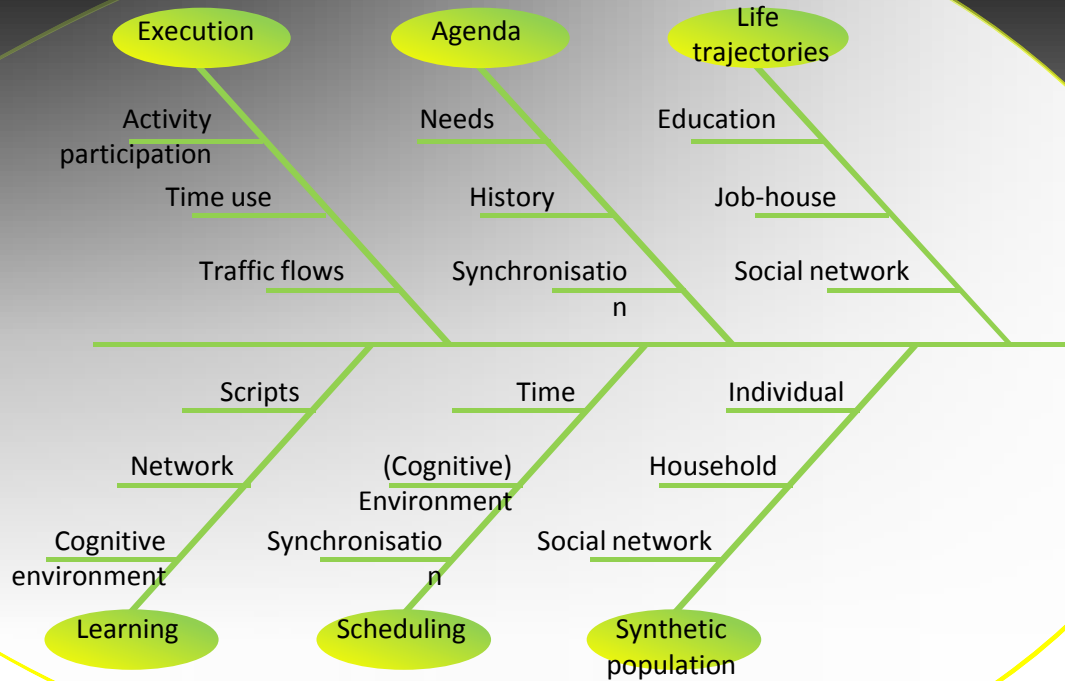
Long term dynamics



Short term dynamics



DYNAMIC ACTIVITY-BASED MODEL SYSTEM





Activity-based models

Research agenda



FROM SINGLE DAY TO MULTIPLE DAY TO VARYING TIME HORIZON



Week 1
Work

Grocery shopping

Week 2
School vacation

Sports event

Week 3
Cloths

Theatre show

Family reunion

Week 4
Work

Grocery shopping

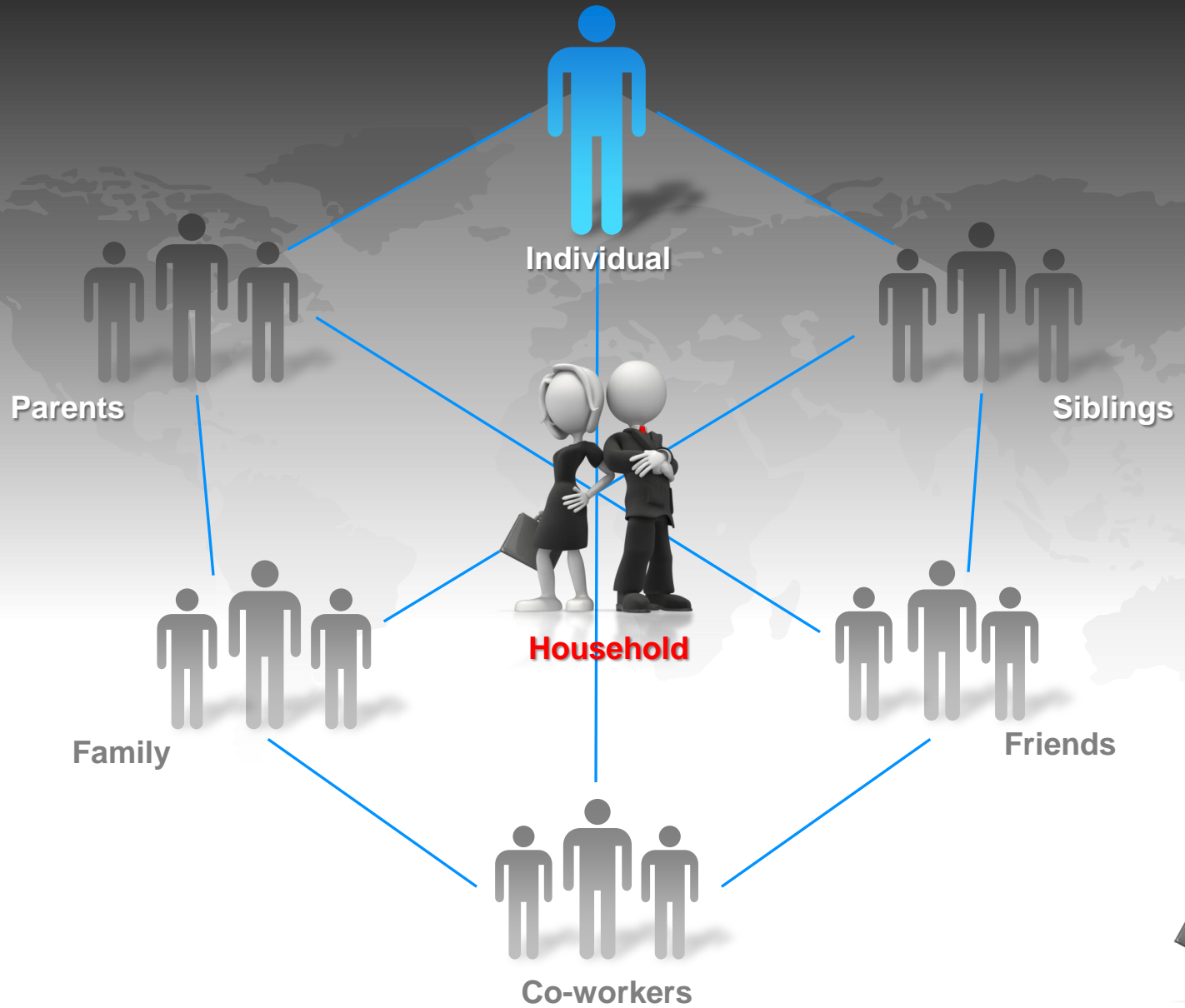
Week 5
Work

Grocery shopping

City trip



FROM INDIVIDUAL TO HOUSEHOLD TO SOCIAL NETWORK



Household decision making

Shift from individual level models to household level models

- Resource allocation
- Task and time allocation
- Joint activity participation
- Joint travel arrangements

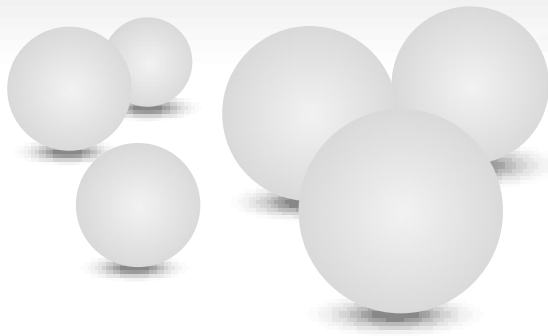


FROM OUTPUT MODELLING TO PROCESS MODELLING

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SCHEDULING
PROCESS



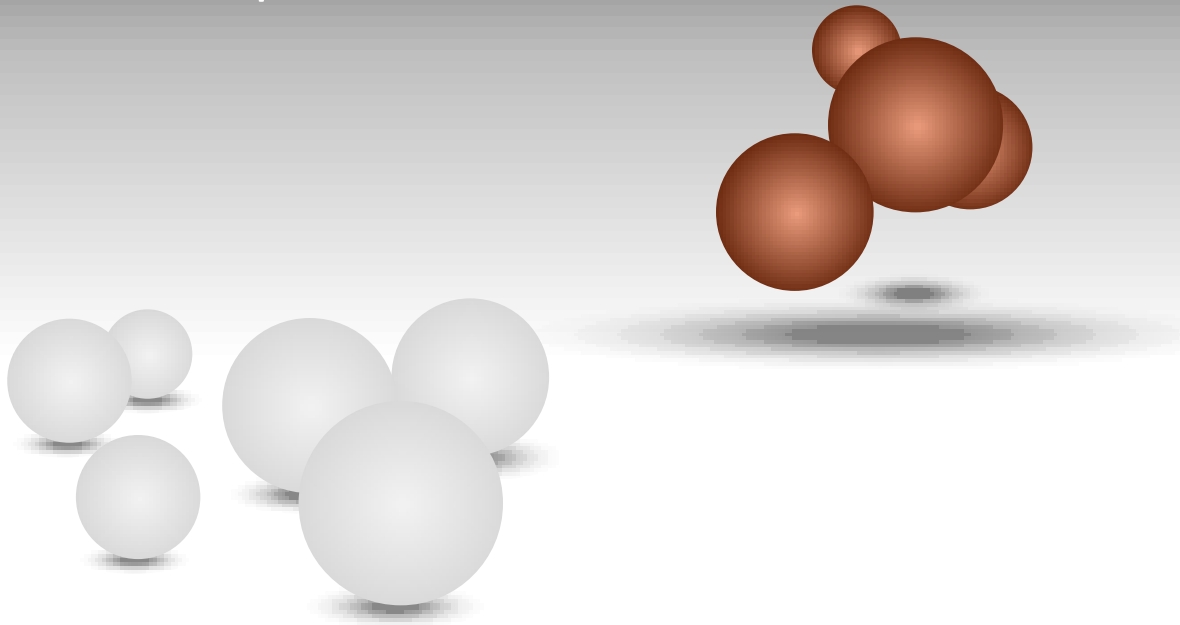
Needs, Preferences, Constraints
Activity-travel schedule



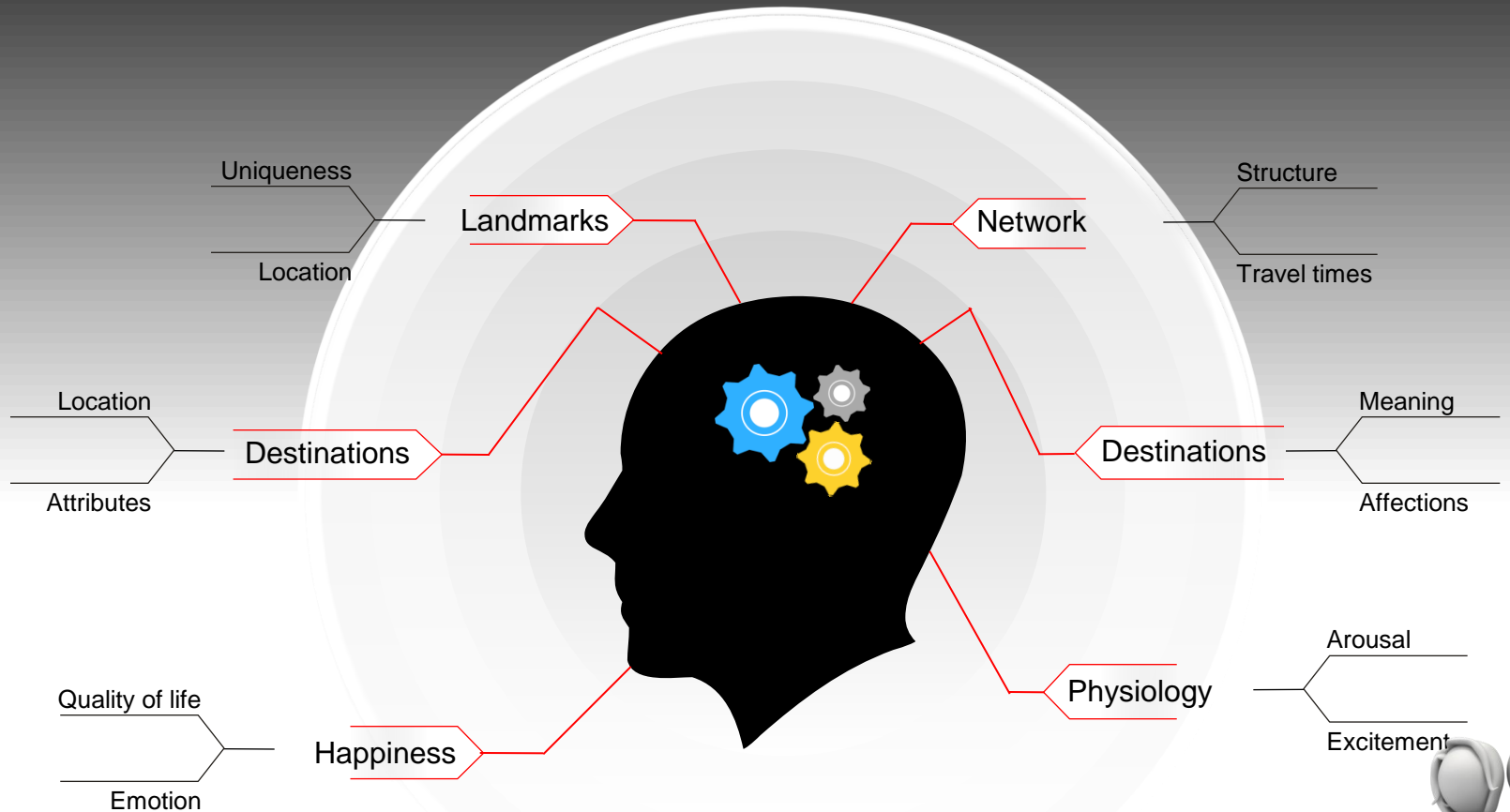
FROM OUTPUT MODELLING TO PROCESS MODELLING

Process is assumed more robust as outcomes as these depend on spatial structure and variance-covariances in the data.

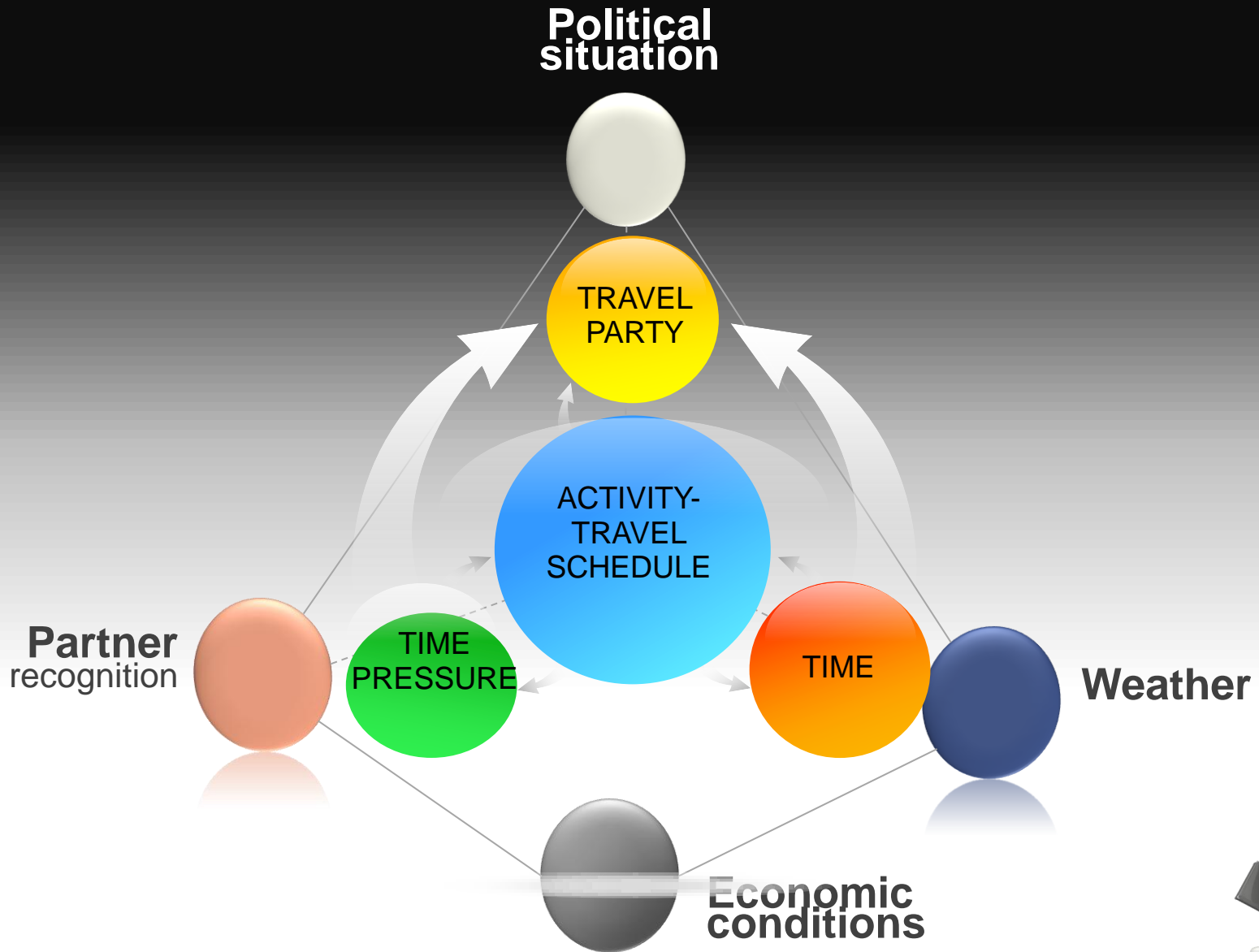
Current interest in modelling error terms may be counterproductive



FROM PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTS TO COGNITIVE-AFFECTIVE REPRESENTATIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENT



FROM CONTEXT INVARIANCE TO CONTEXT DEPENDENCY



FROM HOMOGENEITY TO BEHAVIORAL MIXING

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FROM HOMOGENEITY TO BEHAVIORAL MIXING

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MNL: specification and parameters the same for ALL agents

ML: specification the same for ALL agents, only parameters differ

LCM: specification and parameters the same for ALL agents within a class

Behavioral mixing: also different specification



FROM CERTAINTY TO UNCERTAINTY

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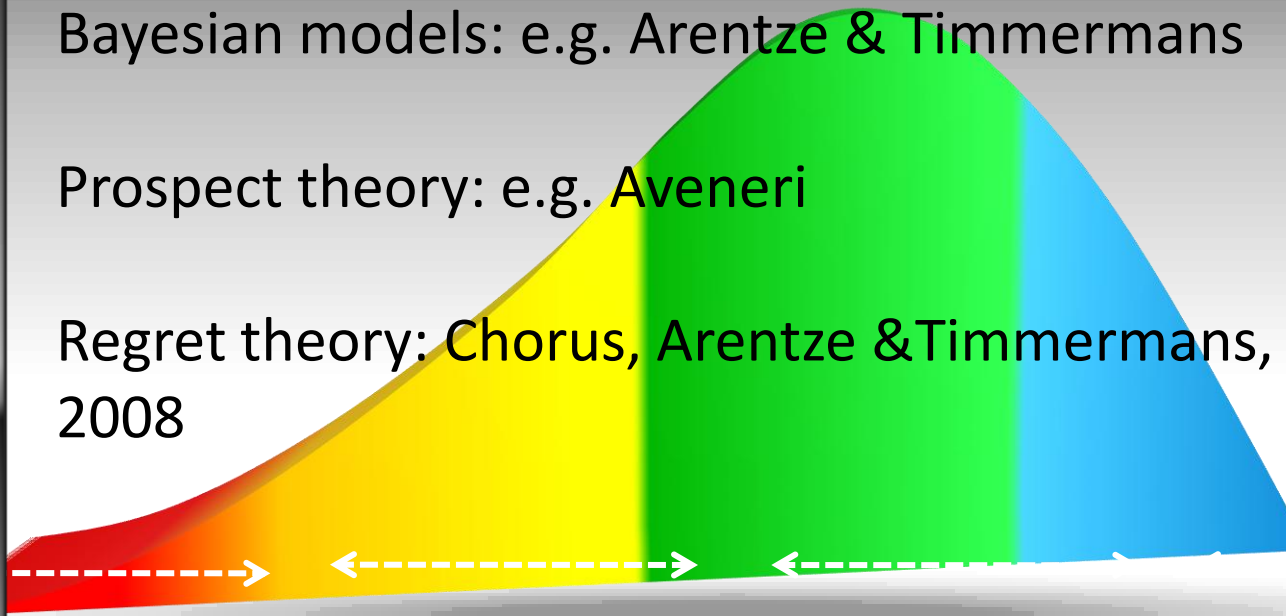


Expected utility theory

Bayesian models: e.g. Arentze & Timmermans

Prospect theory: e.g. Aveneri

Regret theory: Chorus, Arentze & Timmermans, 2008



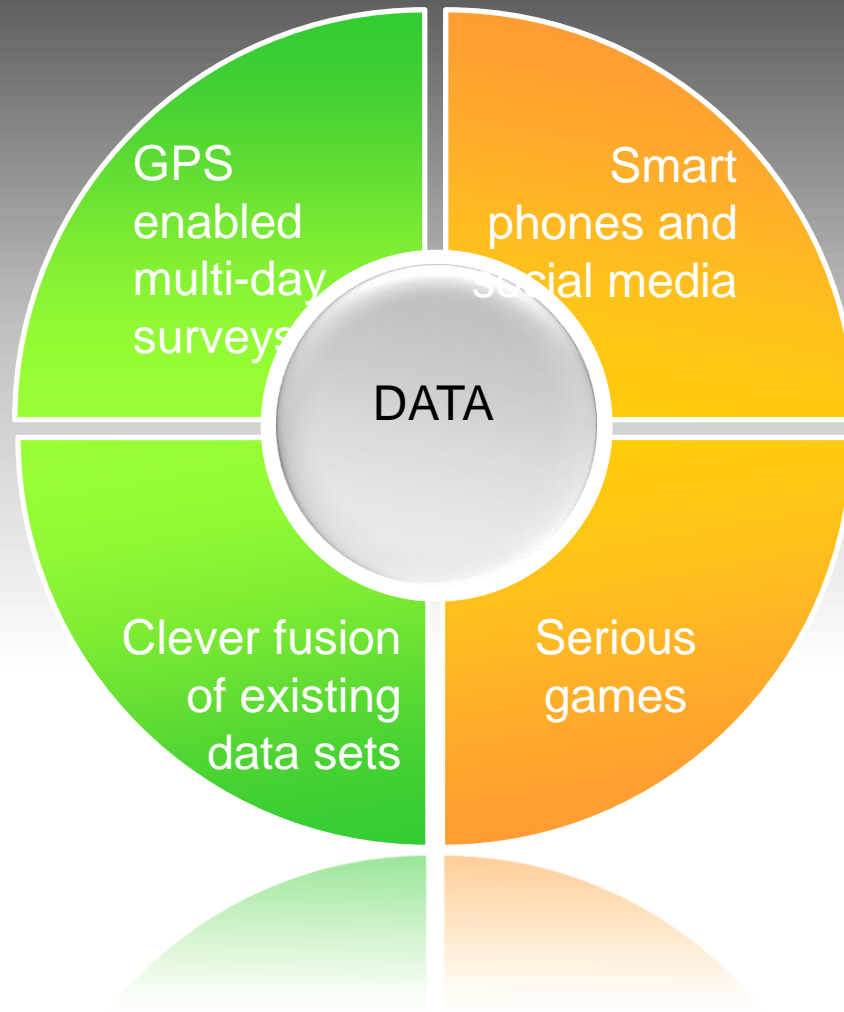


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Behavioral data
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SHIFTS IN DATA COLLECTION



Questions



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