

Modelling movement for collective adaptive systems with CARMA

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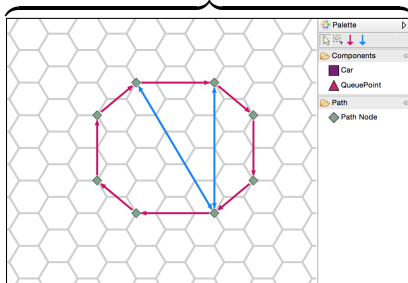
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- Space and **movement through space** play an important role in many collective adaptive systems.
- The CARMA language and its associated software tools can be used to model such systems.
- In particular, a **graphical editor for CARMA** allows for the specification of spatial structure and **generation of templates** that can be used in a CARMA model with space.

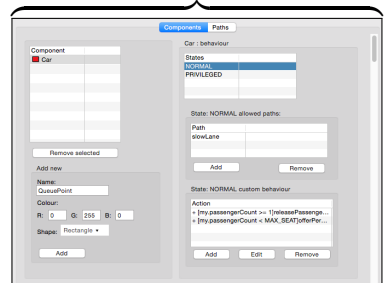


The CARMA Graphical Editor allows the user to specify the structure of movement in a CAS model by laying out graphical symbols on a plane.

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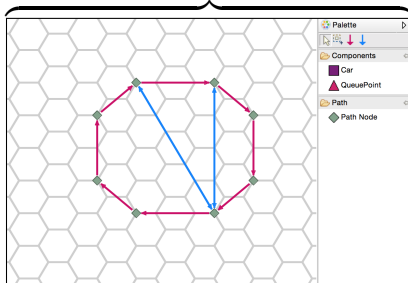


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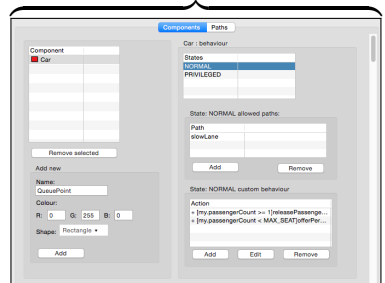


The editor generates CARMA code from the graph which the user has defined. This code generation relieves the user of the burden of creating it themselves.

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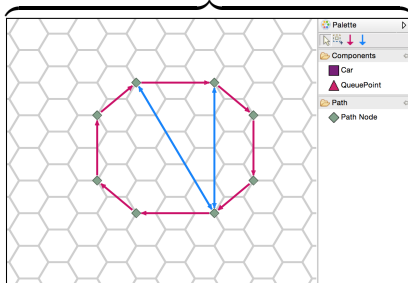


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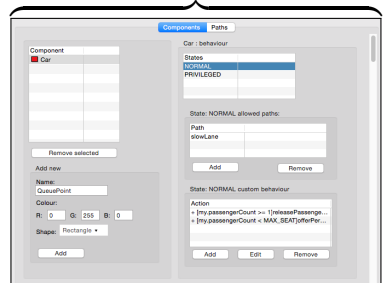


In addition to normal attributes, CARMA components which are defined in this way have a set of distinguished attributes to specify their current location in space.

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- A CARMA model consists of a **collective** N and the **environment** \mathcal{E} in which it operates, using the syntax N in \mathcal{E} .
- A collective is either a **component** C or collectives in parallel $N \parallel N$.
- Each component is either null, $\mathbf{0}$, or a combination of behaviour described by a **process** P and a **store** of attributes γ , denoted by (P, γ) .
- We use function notation to denote store access, thus if $\gamma = \{x \mapsto v\}$ then $\gamma(x) = v$.
- A component refers to its local store with the prefix **my** (similar to **this** in Java) so an **update** to store the value of x as the new value of **my.x** is written as $\{\mathbf{my.x} \leftarrow x\}$.

- Process prefixes are rich and permit actions that provide **value-passing unicast and broadcast communication using predicate guards** on the attributes in the store of the sending and receiving component.
- Communication between components will only take place if the predicates evaluate to *true*.
- The value *false* indicates that no communication partner is needed.
- Furthermore, attribute values can be updated (probabilistically) on completion of an action.

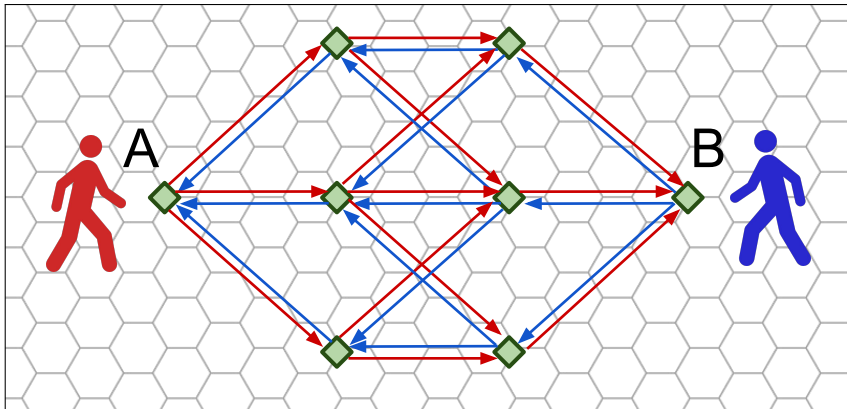
P, Q	$::=$	nil	— nil process
		kill	— kill a process
		$act.P$	— action prefix
		$P + Q$	— choice
		$P Q$	— parallel composition
		$[\pi]P$	— guarded process
		$A \quad (A \triangleq P)$	— constant definitions
act	$::=$	$\alpha^*[\pi]\langle \vec{e} \rangle \sigma$	— broadcast output
		$\alpha^*[\pi](\vec{x}) \sigma$	— broadcast input
		$\alpha[\pi]\langle \vec{e} \rangle \sigma$	— unicast output
		$\alpha[\pi](\vec{x}) \sigma$	— unicast input

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- We consider the example of pedestrians moving over a network of paths.
 - This could be a specific part of a city, a pedestrianised network of lanes, or paths through a large park.
- The defining feature of our example is that there are essentially two groups of pedestrians that start on opposite sides of the network who wish to traverse the paths to get to the side opposite to where they started.

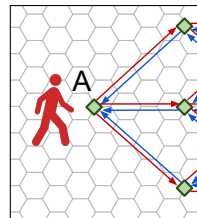
Pedestrian movement example

Crossing a network of paths in opposite directions

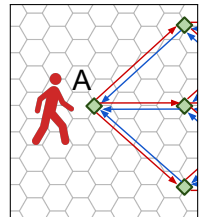


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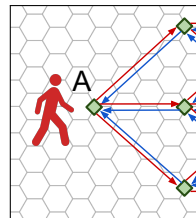
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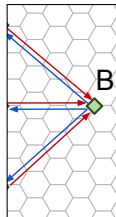
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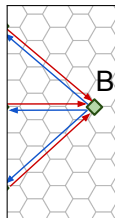
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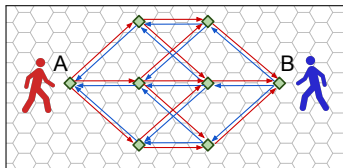
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The above code is generated by the CARMA graphical editor from the network graph drawn by the user. The **ExistsPath** function code is also generated by the graphical editor. The termination condition (beginning **AtGoal**) is generated by the graphical editor.

A function that is not directly related to the graph structure is $\text{MoveRate}(P, x, y, i, j, \dots)$ which determines the rate of movement along a particular edge.

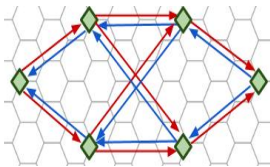
$$\text{MoveRate}(P, x, y, i, j, A_{ij}, B_{ij}) = \begin{cases} \text{move}_A / (B_{ij} + 1) & \text{if } P = A \\ \text{move}_B / (A_{ij} + 1) & \text{if } P = B \end{cases}$$

where A_{ij} are the number of A pedestrians at the target node and B_{ij} are the number of B pedestrians at the target node, and move_Q is a basic movement rate for each pedestrian type.

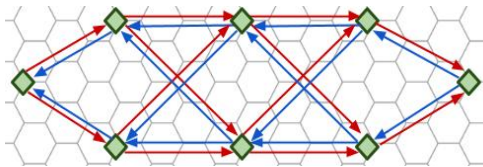


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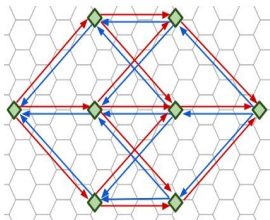
Four model instances of increasing size and complexity



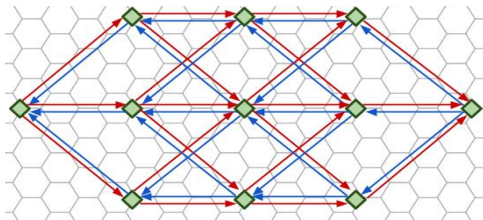
1×1



1×2



2×1

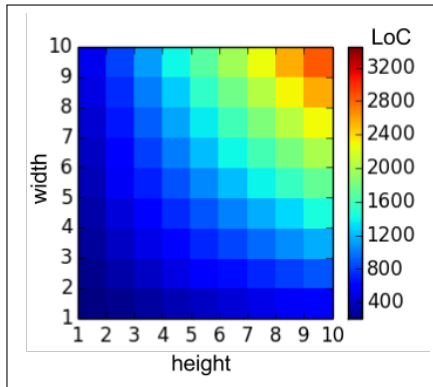


2×2

Code generation for models

Lines of CARMA model code per model structure

Model	Nodes	Connections	LoC
1x1	6	8	208
1x2	8	12	248
1x3	10	16	288
2x1	8	13	258
2x2	11	20	328
2x3	14	27	398
3x1	10	18	308
3x2	14	28	408
3x3	18	38	508

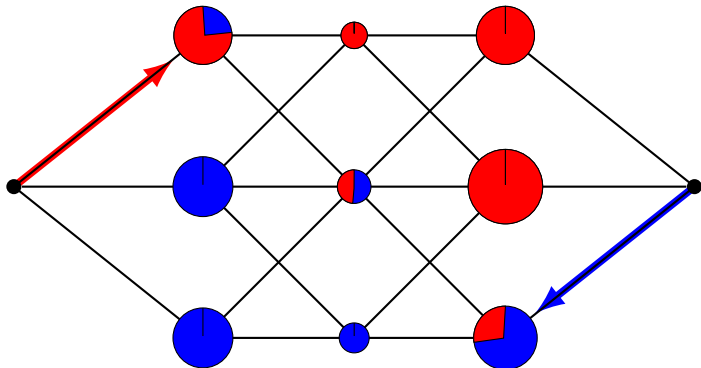


- We designed a suite of experiments to explore the behaviour of the model.
- To provide a baseline for average travel time we investigated the travel time in the presence of only one type of pedestrian (thereby giving a model which has no congestion).
- Thereafter we investigated the models with congestion in the presence or absence of pedestrian routing.
- When routing is present,
 - only one starting route has a non-zero rate, and
 - the non-zero rate is assigned in order to direct pedestrians away from each other (“keep to the left”).

The 2×2 model *with* routing

Node size reflects number, pie-chart reflects type

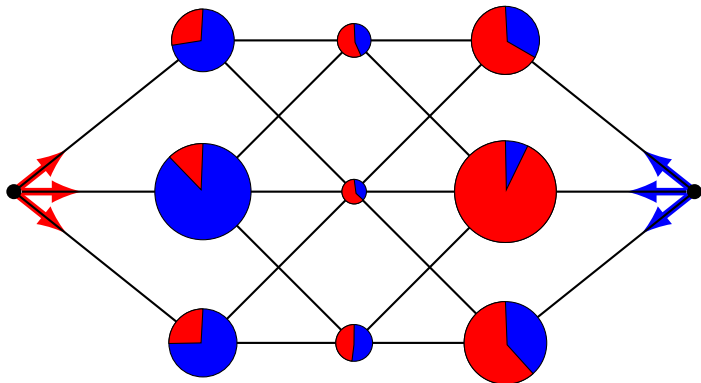
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The 2×2 model *without* routing

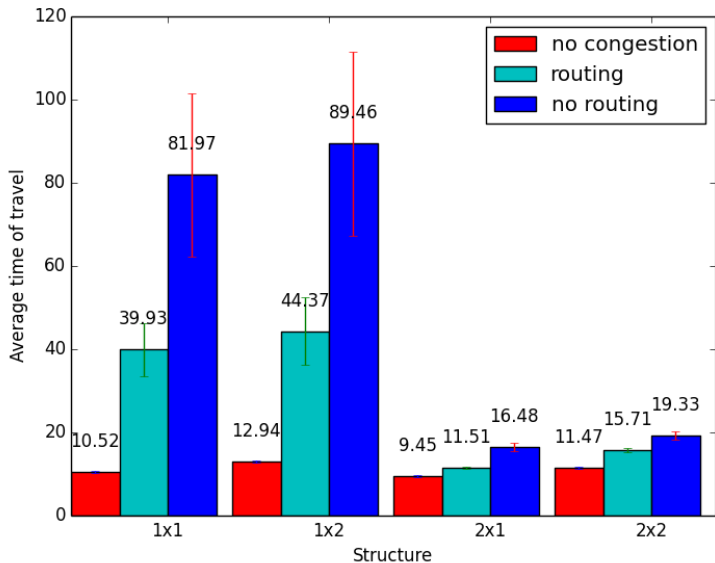
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Average travel time results

... from the experiments on structure and network usage



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- We have demonstrated a simple model of pedestrian movement over a number of different graphs, to illustrate the modelling of spatial aspects of collective adaptive systems.
- The CARMA Graphical Editor **allowed us to automatically generate the CARMA code for different networks** which simplified the task, and allowed our pedestrian components to be generic in nature.
- Our initial experiments have considered situations **with and without congestion** as well as **with and without explicit routing** of pedestrians as they enter the network.
 - We are also interested in identifying when the model shows **emergent behaviour**, in the sense that different groups of pedestrian use different paths through the network in response to environmental cues rather than explicit routing.

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Thank you for your attention.