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Session 9: Scheduling & Time-of-Day (TOD) Choice

The **Travel** Model  
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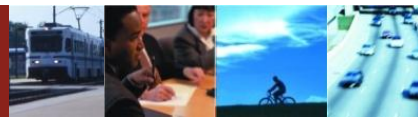
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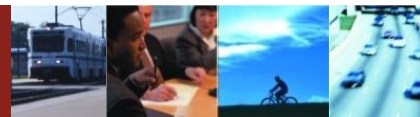
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# Learning Outcomes

- Role and placement of TOD choice in ABM
- Advantages of ABM TOD approach with fine temporal resolution vs. traditional peak factors
- Structure of TOD choice model and alternatives in choice set
- Consistency of individual daily schedules with all activities, trips, and tours w/o gaps or overlaps
- Main variables explaining individual TOD choice
- TOD choice sensitivity to congestion, pricing, and other policies



# Outline

- Basic terminology
- Temporal level of resolution for different TOD choice models
- Structure of statistical models for TOD choice with fine temporal resolution
- Examples of statistical analysis and model estimation
- Individual daily schedule consistency and concept of dynamically updated time windows
- Examples of TOD choice model validation and policy analysis
- Ongoing research, main directions, and challenges



# Terminology – Tour TOD Choice

Actual time	Event	Entire Tour	Primary Activity
7:00am	Depart from home	Start (outbound)	
7:10am	Stop at Starbucks	Tour duration 12hours 20min	
7:20am	Depart from Starbucks		
7:50am	Arrive at work		Start
12:00am	Leave for lunch		Activity duration 8hours 10min
12:50am	Return to workplace		
5:00pm	Depart from work		End
5:30pm	Arrive at shopping mall		
6:40pm	Depart from shopping mall		
7:20:pm	Arrive back home	End (inbound)	
8:00pm	Depart from home	Start	...
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# Terminology – Trip TOD Choice

Actual time	Event	Trip	Activity at Destination
7:00am	Depart from home	Departure	
7:10am	Stop at Starbucks	Arrival	Duration 10min
7:20am	Depart from Starbucks	Departure	
7:50am	Arrive at work	Arrival	Duration 8hours 10min
12:00am	Leave for lunch	Departure	...
12:50am	Return to workplace	Arrival	...
5:00pm	Depart from work	Departure	
5:30pm	Arrive at shopping mall	Arrival	Duration 1hour 10min
6:40pm	Depart from shopping mall	Departure	
7:20:pm	Arrive back home	Arrival	Duration 40 min
8:00pm	Depart from home	Departure	...
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# Terminology – Person Schedule Consistency

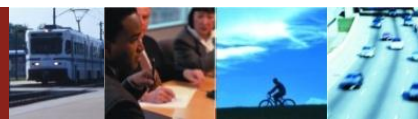
- Real schedules are always consistent w/o gaps or overlaps
- Surveys and model outcomes can be inconsistent
  - “Negative” travel time
    - Depart from home at 9:00am
    - Arrive at work at 8:30am
  - Overlap of activity participations
    - At work from 9:00am through 6:00pm,
    - Shopping from 5:00pm through 7:00pm
- In addition to formal consistency
  - Reasonable travel time obeying time-space constraints
  - Reasonable activity duration obeying time allocation rules





# Possible Levels of Temporal Resolution

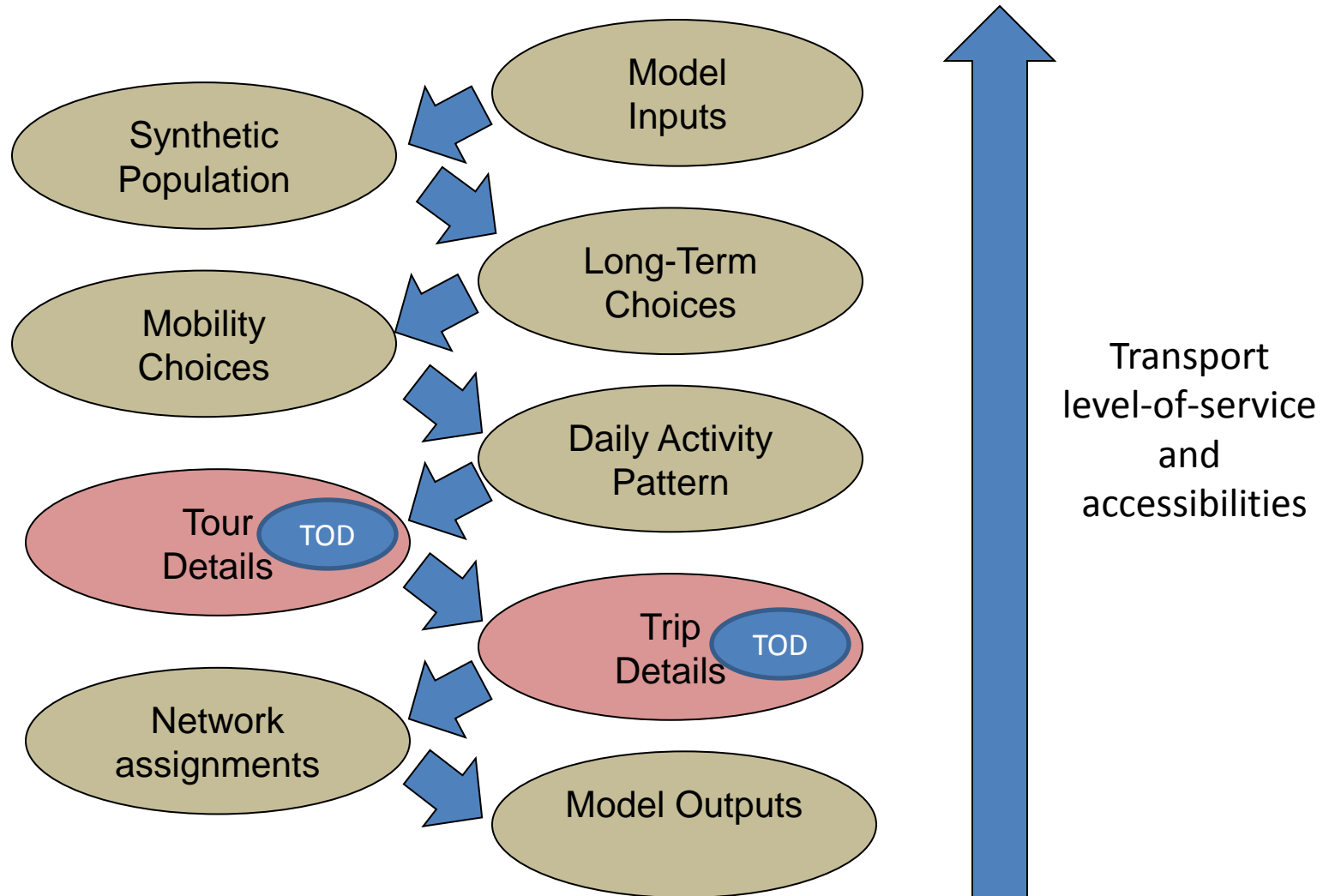
Continuous time – 1,440 min	5 min (ABM/trips) – 288 bins	30 min (ABM/tours) – 48 bins	Aggregate TOD periods (4-Step)
3:00am, 3:01am...	3:00am-3:04am	3:00am-3:29am	Night
3:05am, 3:06am...	3:05am-3:09am		
...	...		
3:25am, 3:26am...	3:25am-3:29am		
...	...	...	
5:55am, 5:56am...	5:55am-5:59am...	5:30am-5:59am	AM
6:00am, 6:01am	6:00am-6:04am...	6:00am-6:29am	
...	...	...	
8:30am, 8:31am	8:30am-8:34am...	8:30am-8:59am	PM
...	...	...	
4:00am, 4:01am	4:00pm-4:04am	4:00pm-4:29pm	
...	....	...	



# TOD Choice in ABM System

- Importance of Time of Day (TOD) choice:
  - Consistent scheduling of all activities, trips, and tours
  - Integral component of ABM and day-level approach
  - Yet another major feature differentiating ABM from 4-Step
- Advantages of ABM TOD choice:
  - Fine temporal resolution (30 min or less, up to continuous)
  - Sensitivity to congestion, pricing, and multi-modal LOS
- As in most other sessions we consider regular weekday:
  - Commuting TOD patterns for workers and students
  - TOD-specific congestion effects and policies

# Placement of TOD Choice in ABM



# Limitations of 4-Step w.r.t. TOD Choice

- Placement and structure of TOD choice never established
  - Between trip generation and trip distribution?
  - Between trip distribution and mode choice?
  - Between mode choice and assignment?
- Aggregate level of temporal resolution
  - Normally corresponds to 3-5 network TOD periods
  - Post-model 30-60 min peak-spreading procedures applied to AM and/or PM
- Cannot adequately address tour-level consistency
  - Simplified symmetry assumptions (PA format)
  - Ignoring activity duration
- Cannot adequately address congestion and pricing effects
  - All round-trip TOD combinations with 30 min resolution results in 800 segments per each travel segment (trip purpose, income, car ownership, etc)
  - Microsimulation ABM framework offers a better solution

# Bridge Expansion Example (as usual!)

- No Build Alternative
  - 4 lanes (2 in each direction, no occupancy restrictions)
  - No tolls
  - Regional transit prices do not change by time of day
- Build Alternative(s)
  - Add 1 lane in each direction (total of 6)
  - New lanes will be HOV (peak period or all day?)
  - Tolling (flat rate or time/congestion-based)
  - Regional transit fares priced higher during peak periods

# Bridge Expansion Example: Relevance to Time of Day Choice

- Congestion pricing results in shifting SOV trips to off-peak periods
  - More SOV trips in the off-peak periods
  - Less SOV trips in the peak periods
- Potential increase in intra-household ridesharing to take advantage of HOV
  - More HOV trips in both peak and off-peak periods:
    - Peak HOV trips take advantage of better conditions in the peak period (including a shift from peak)
    - Off-peak HOV trips generated by overall improvement of accessibility for HOV in all periods



# TOD Principal Modeling Approaches

- General tendency
  - Aggregate TOD periods → 30-60 min → 5-15 min → continuous
- Continuous duration models
  - Operate with continuous time
  - Large body of research on different activities & valuable behavioral insights
  - First examples of complete ABM with continuous time scheduling (CEMDAP, DASH, FAMOS)
  - Not easy to calibrate and apply if activities, tours, and trips are scheduled in a non-chronological order
- Compromise in most applied ABMs
  - Time discretized with a reasonable level of resolution
  - Hybrid discrete-duration models mimic continuous models
  - Activities, tours, and trips scheduled by priority and not necessarily in chronological order





# Practical Aspects of Discretizing Time: #Alts

Resolution	Model	Entire day with the same resolution	Earlier than 5am and later than midnight collapsed
60 min	Trip departure	24	21
	Tour TOD	$24 \times (24+1)/2 = 300$	$21 \times (21+1)/2 = 231$
30 min	Trip departure	48	40
	Tour TOD	$48 \times (48+1)/2 = 1,176$	$40 \times (40+1)/2 = 820$
5 min	Trip departure	288	230
	Tour TOD	$288 \times (288+1)/2 = 41,616$	$230 \times (230+1)/2 = 26,565$
Continuous, 1 min	Trip departure	1,440	1,142
	Tour TOD	$1,440 \times (1,440+1)/2 = 1,037,520$	$1,142 \times (1,142+1)/2 = 652,653$

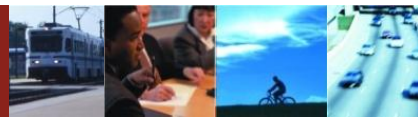
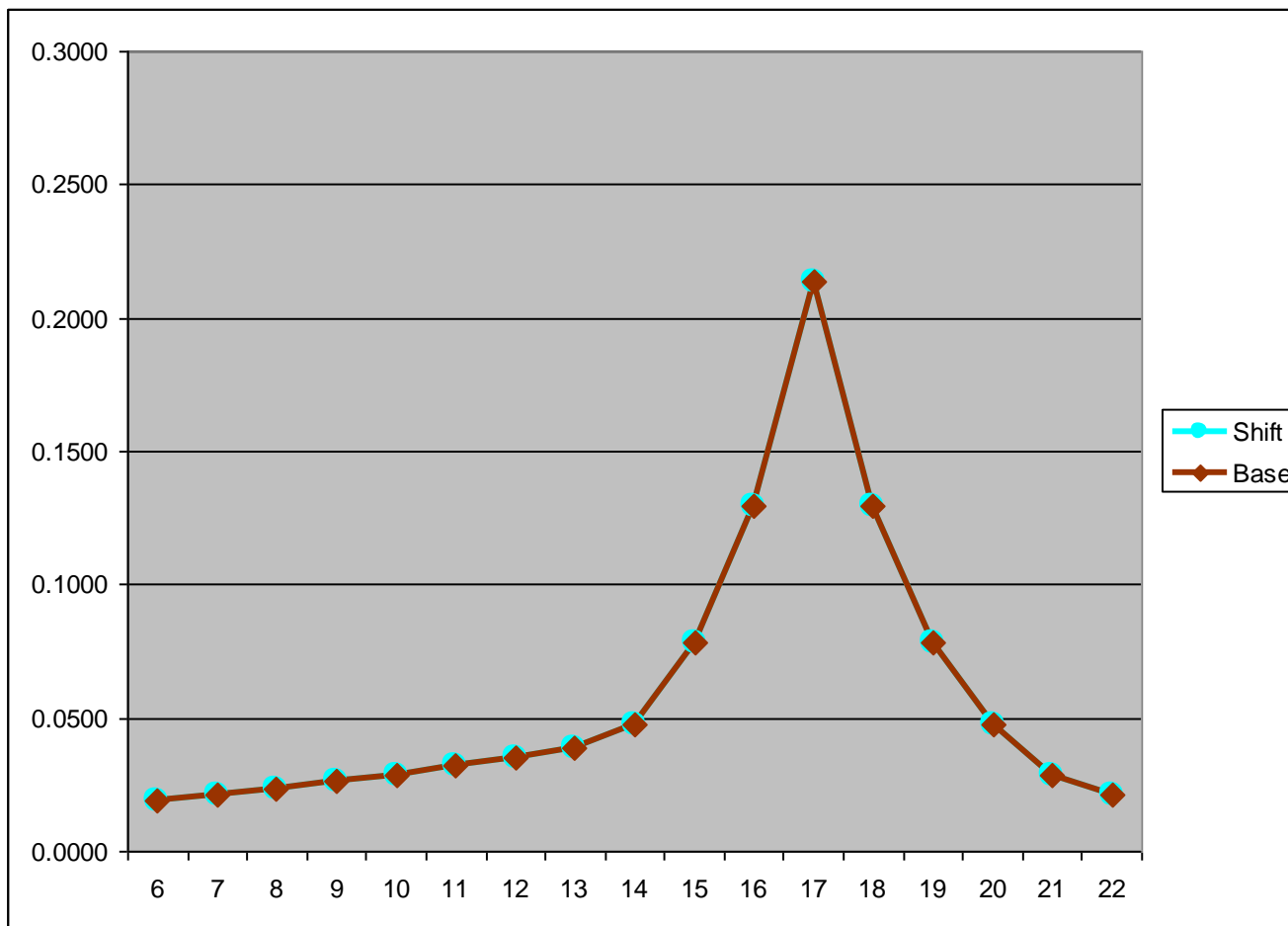
Limits of discrete technique

# Core Utility Structure

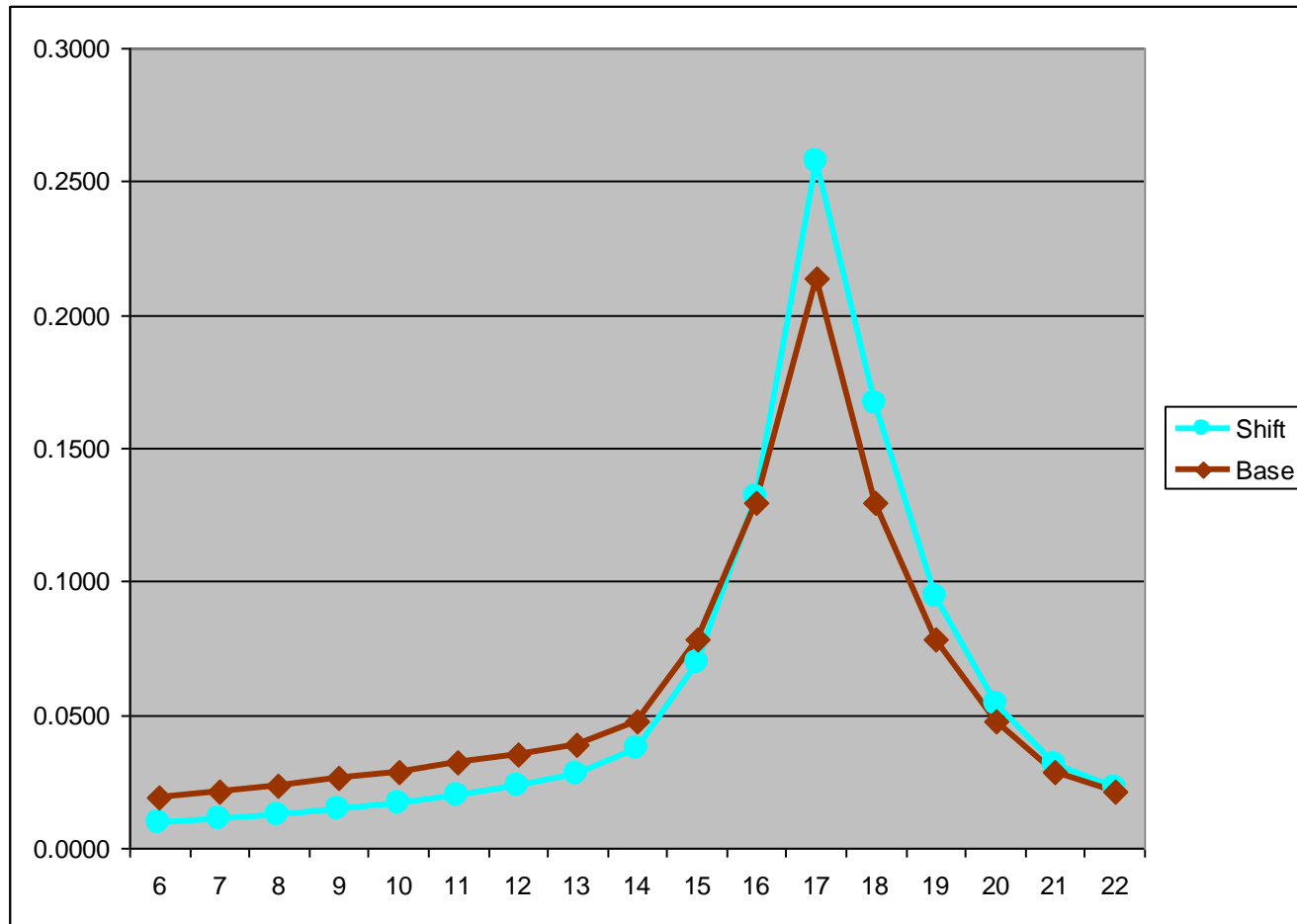
- Consider 1-dimensional choice of duration in discrete space
  - 0 hours
  - 1 hour
  - 2 hours
  - ...
- Consider a utility structure with a single linear “shift” variable  $X$  and coefficient  $C$ 
  - $U(0)=A(0)+0\times X\times C$
  - $U(1)=A(1)+1\times X\times C$
  - $U(2)=A(2)+2\times X\times C$
  - ....



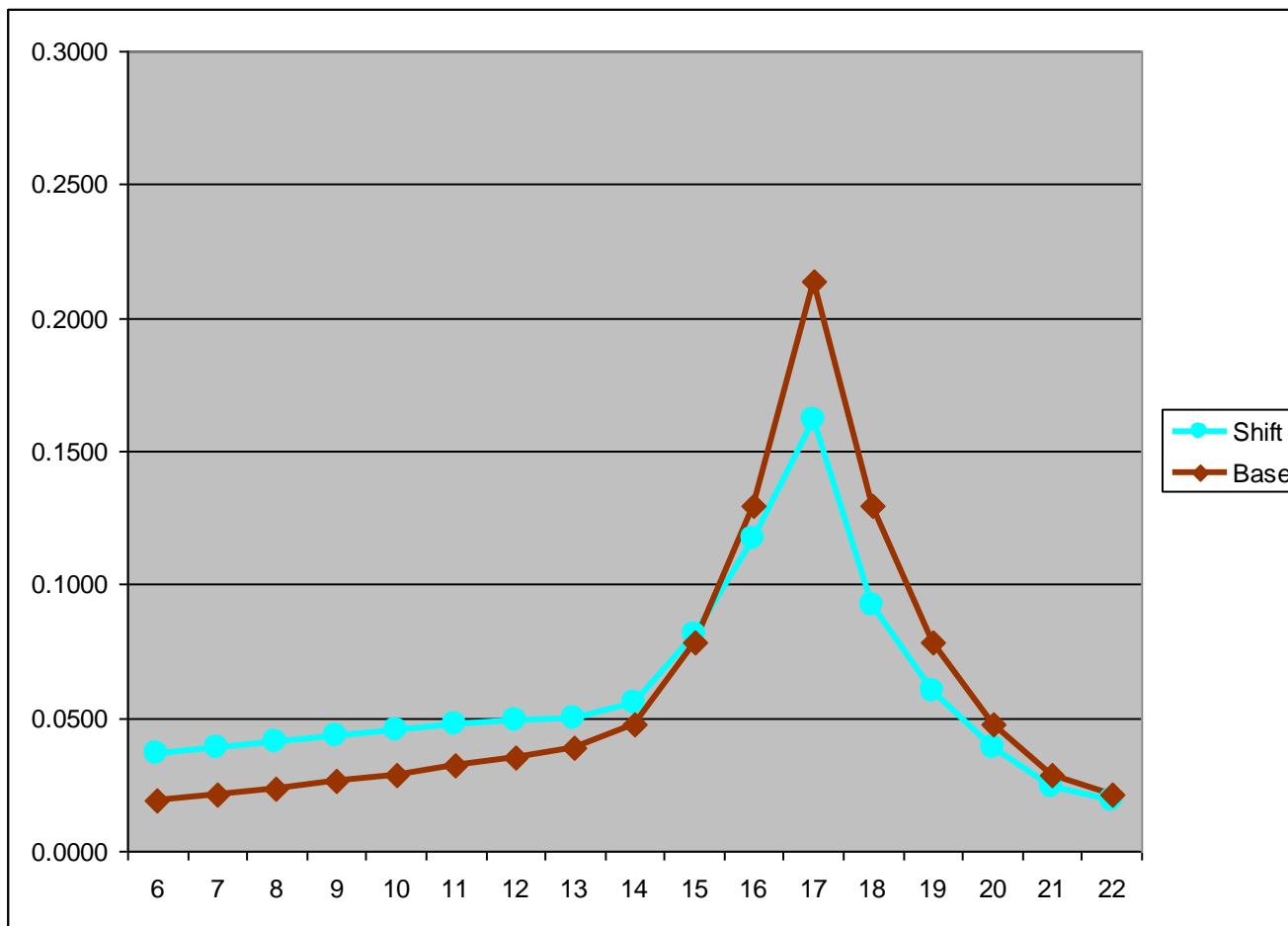
# Shift Effect Example - Base



# Shift Effect Example – Positive (to Later)



# Shift Effect Example – Negative (to Earlier)

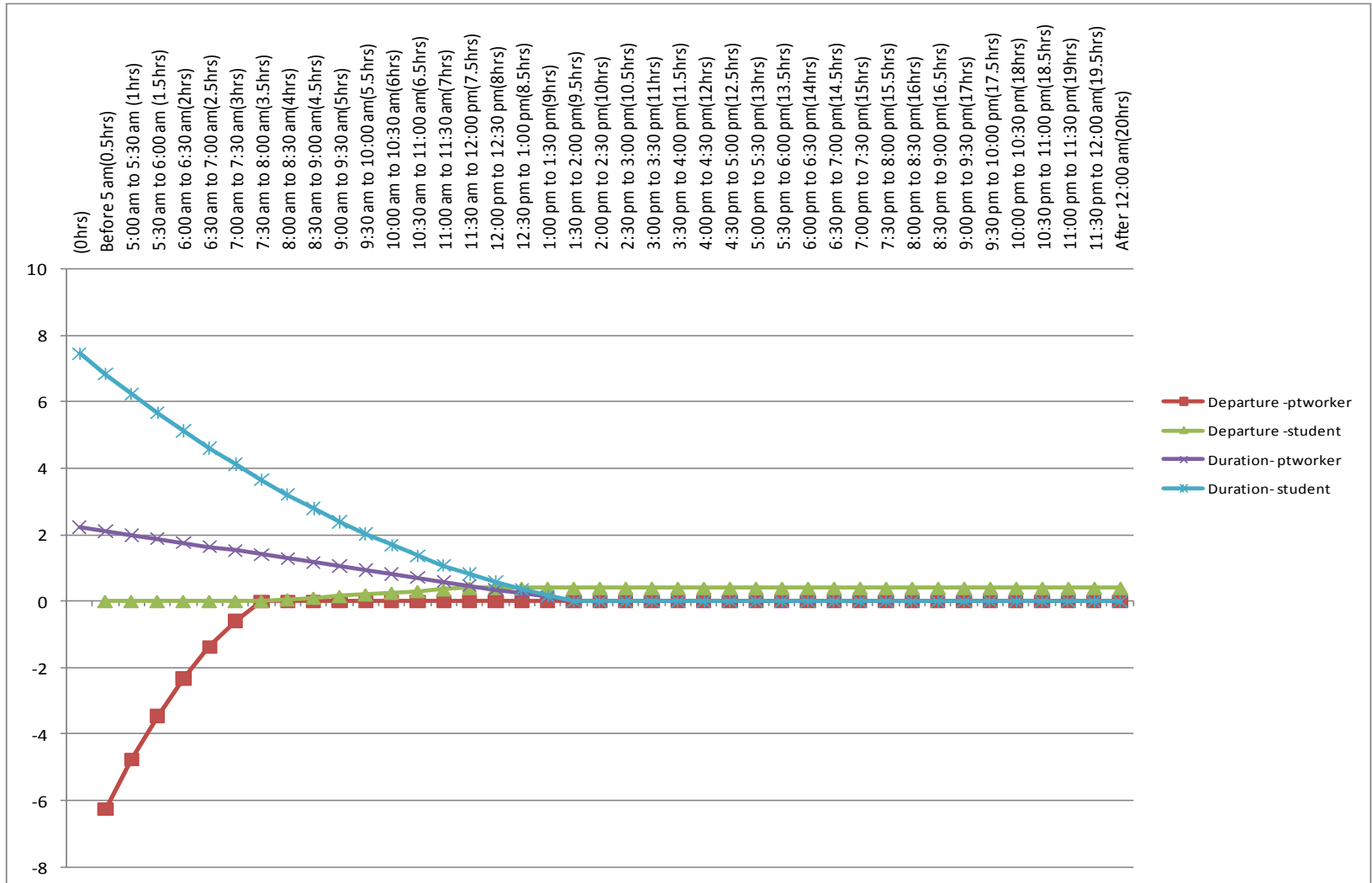


# Non-Linear Shift Variables (CT-RAMP, DaySim)

- Consider a utility structure with a single polynomial “shift” variable  $X$  and coefficients  $B, C, D...$ 
  - $U(0)=A(0)+0\times X\times B+0^2\times X\times C+0^3\times X\times D...$
  - $U(1)=A(1)+1\times X\times B+1^2\times X\times C+1^3\times X\times D...$
  - $U(2)=A(2)+2\times X\times B+2^2\times X\times C+2^3\times X\times D...$
  - ....
- Further generalized to account for constrained intervals of impact, piece-wise functions, trigonometric functions, and referencing to a certain (peak) point
  - Every variable  $X$  is associated with a temporal profile:
  - $F(t)=t\times B+t^2\times C+...$  or
  - $F(t)=\sin(2\pi t/24)\times B+\sin(4\pi t/24)\times C+...$
  - Temporal profiles are convenient to analyze in graphical form (examples will be shown)

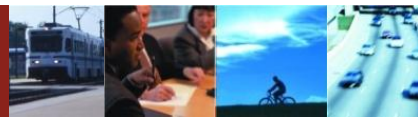
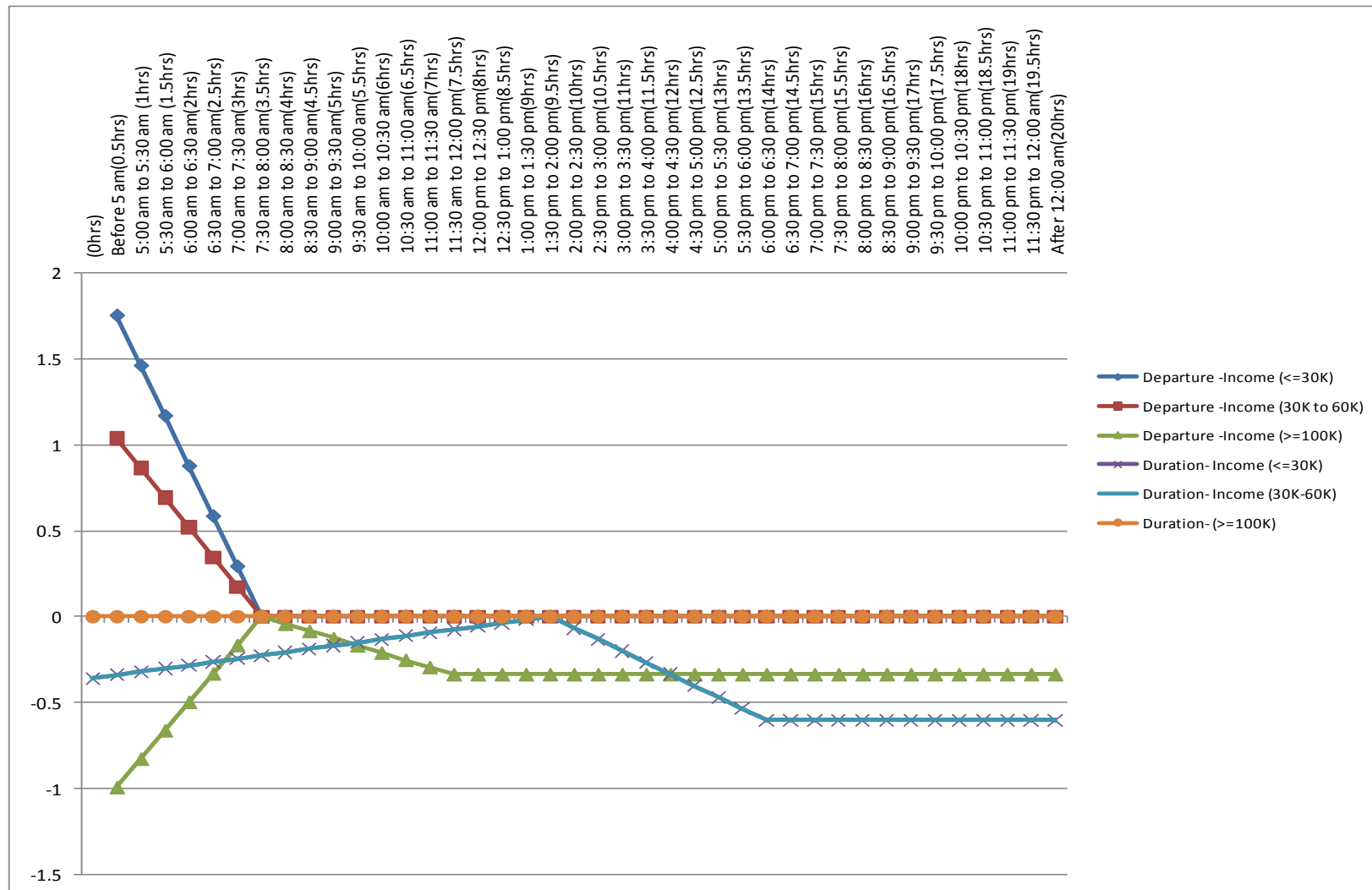


# Example of Worker Status Effects (San-Diego ABM)

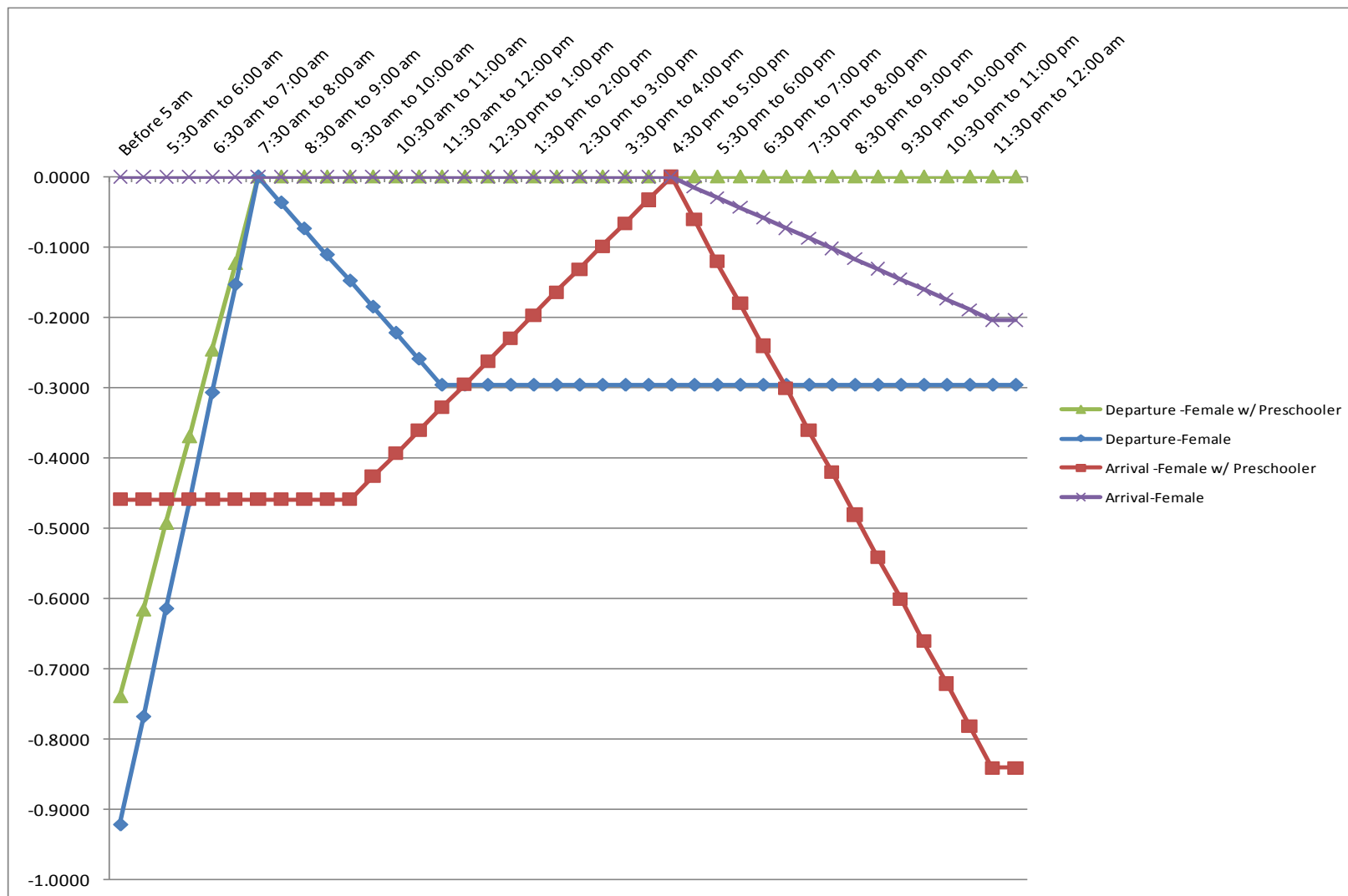




# Example of Income Effects (San-Diego ABM)

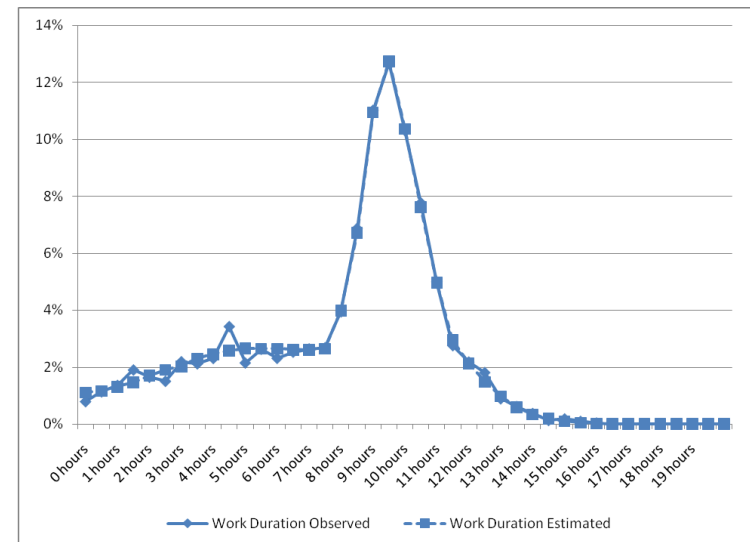
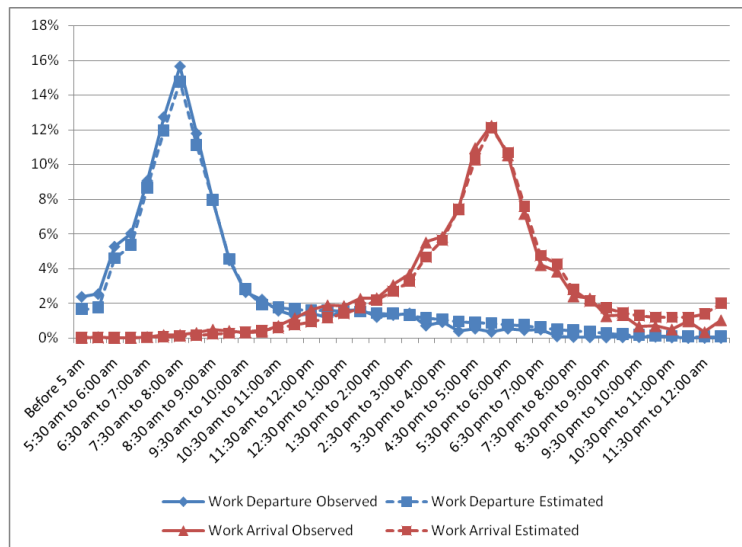


# Example of Gender Effects (San-Diego ABM)



# Resulted Temporal Profiles

- Temporal profiles modeled for each travel purpose and person type as a combination of multiple impacts and shifts
- They are compared to the observed distributions across multiple dimensions at the validations stage (see Part 2)



# Practical Advantages of Continuous Models in Discrete Space

- Properties of continuous models are mimicked
  - Any shift variables and profiles can be incorporated
  - Parsimonious parametric structure since each variable and profile can serve entire temporal range
- Actual model structure is simple
  - Logit model (MNL, NL, CNL)
  - Standard estimation software (ALOGIT, BIOGEME, etc)
  - Less coefficients to estimate than alternatives in choice set
- However continuous time models have there own merits:
  - Better and more natural incorporation of activity duration
  - Integration with discrete choice models possible

# TOD Choice and Assignments

- Ideally
  - TOD choice integrated with entire-day DTA
  - Trip tables and LOS variables generated by 5 min slices
- Practically
  - TOD choice integrated with SUE by 6-12 TOD periods (carrying over incomplete trips from period to period)
  - Trip tables and LOS variables aggregated by 6-12 TOD periods
  - HH, person, and zonal variables differentiate beyond TOD periods

## 8 periods (Chicago ABM)

Night (7pm-6am)

Early AM shoulder (6am-7am)

AM peak (7am-9am)

Late AM shoulder (9am-10am)

Midday (10am-3pm)

Early PM shoulder (3pm-4pm)

PM peak (4pm-6pm)

PM late shoulder (6pm-7pm)



# Example Tour TOD Model Formulation

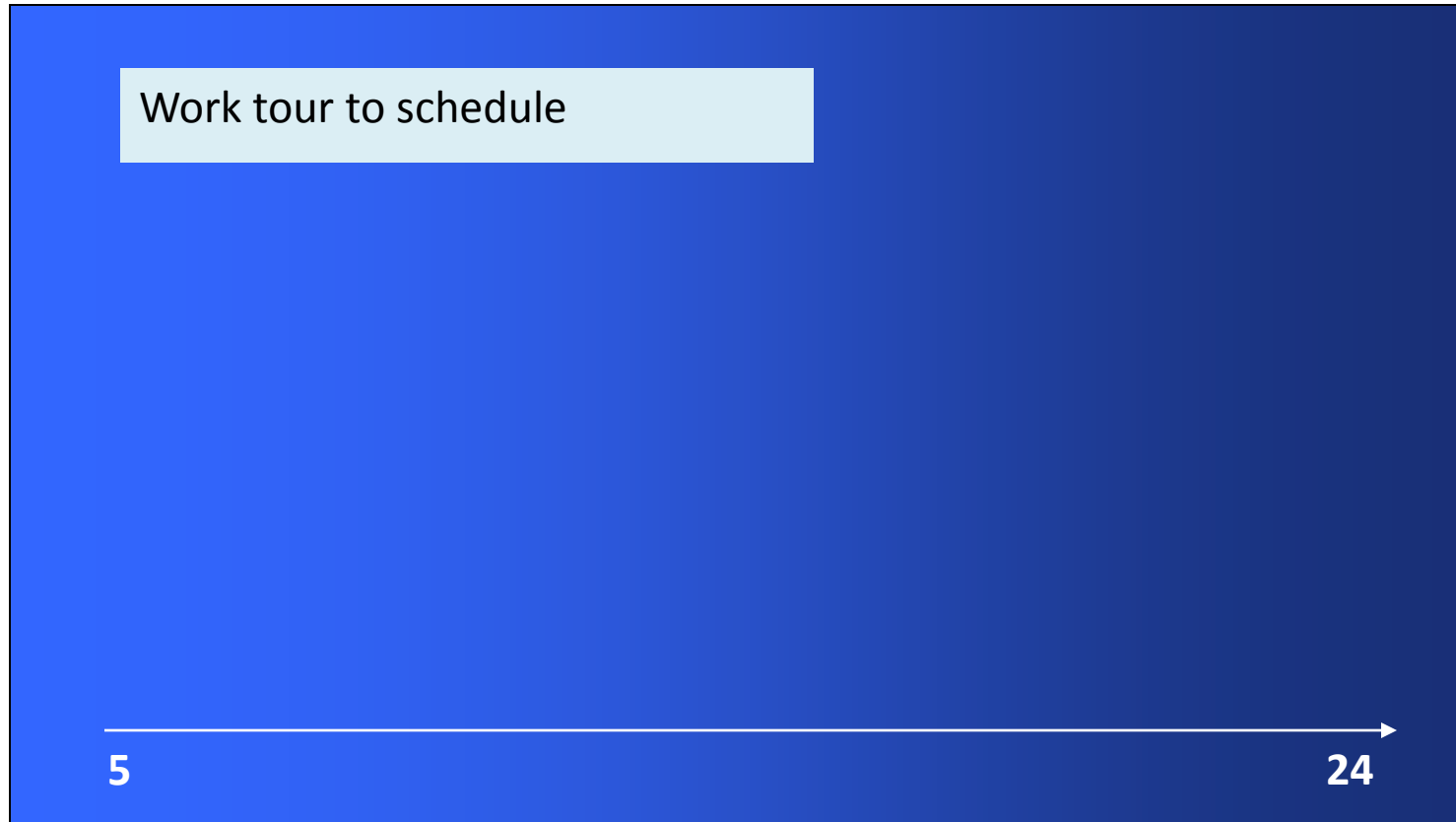
- Unit of modeling – travel tour
- Joint choice of
  - Departure time from home (or arrival at work)
  - Arrival time back home (or departure from work)
  - (Derived) Total duration including activity and travel (or activity duration only)
- Temporal resolution
  - 30 min (from 5am to 24pm)
  - Reported time rounded up to the nearest half-hour

# Example Tour TOD Choice Dimensions

- Formal (820)
  - 40 departure half-hours (5am-24pm) by
  - 40 arrival half-hours (departure-24pm) leads to
  - 820 feasible combinations
- Real & meaningful (120)
  - 40 departure half-hours and
  - 40 arrival half-hours and
  - 40 possible durations rounded to half-hour



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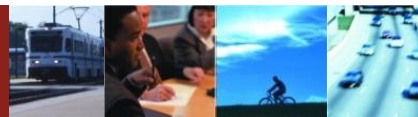
Work tour to schedule

Considerations for departure time:

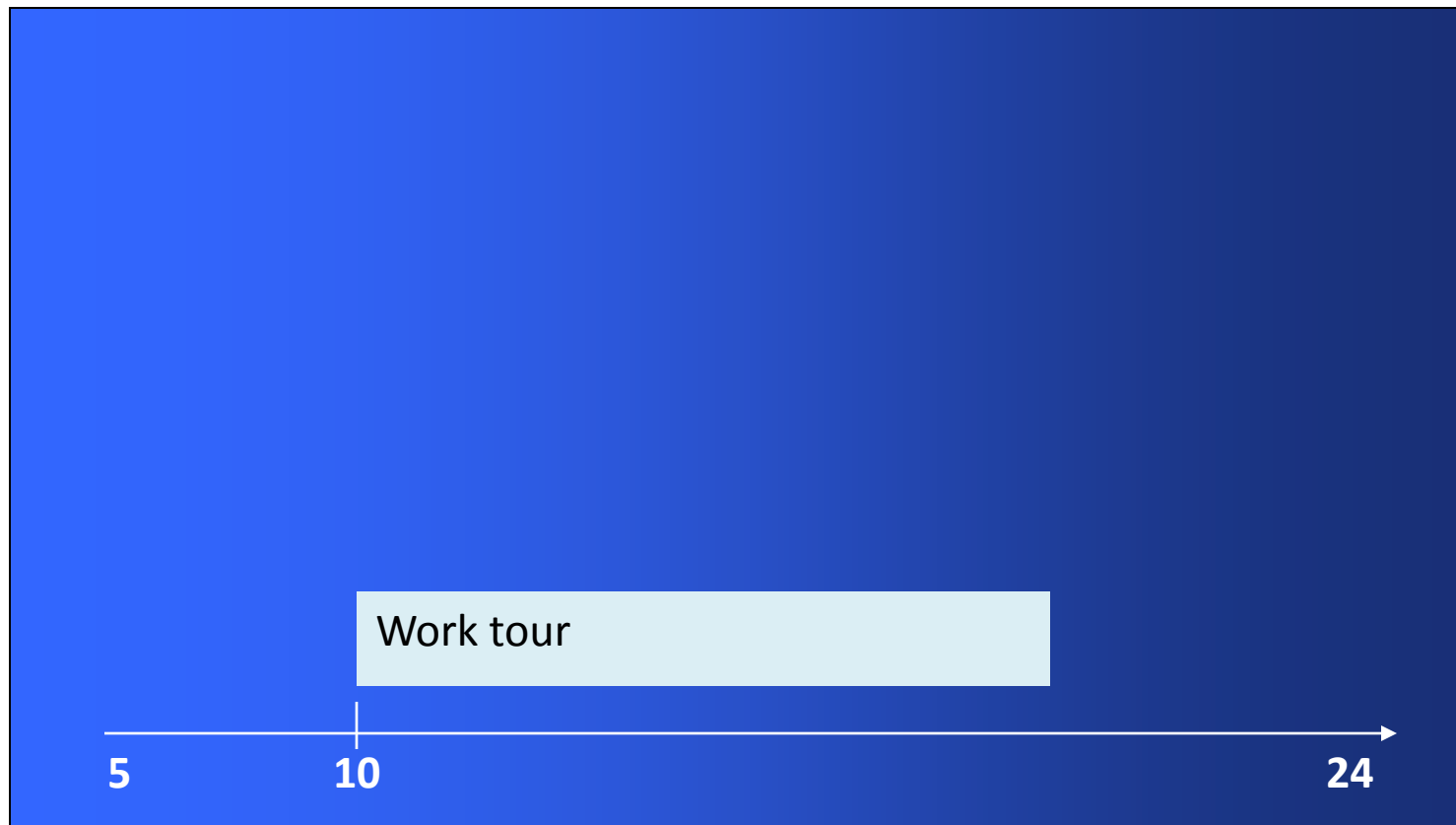
- Office hours (7-10)
- Avoid congestion (10+)
- Give ride to child (7)

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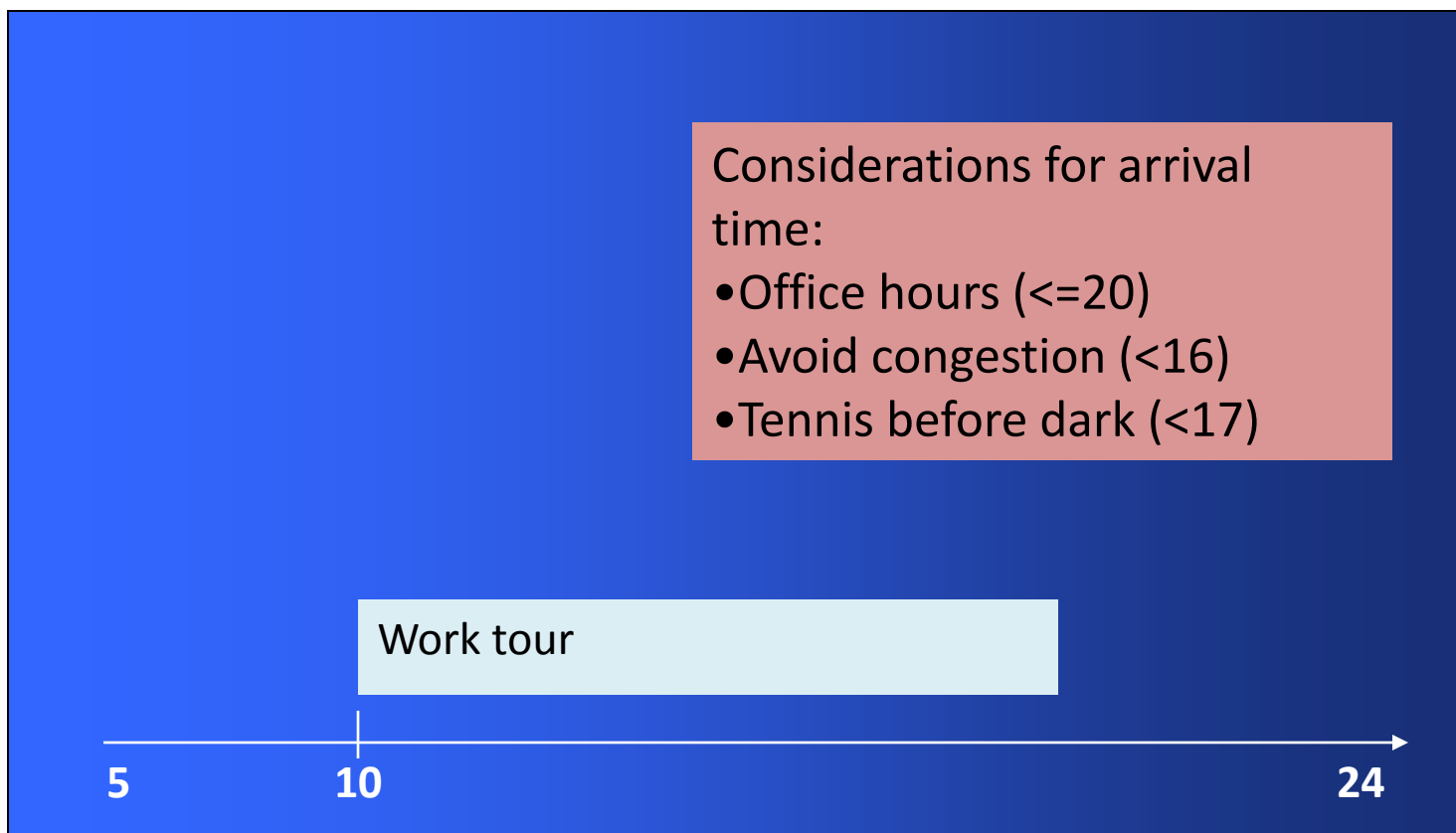
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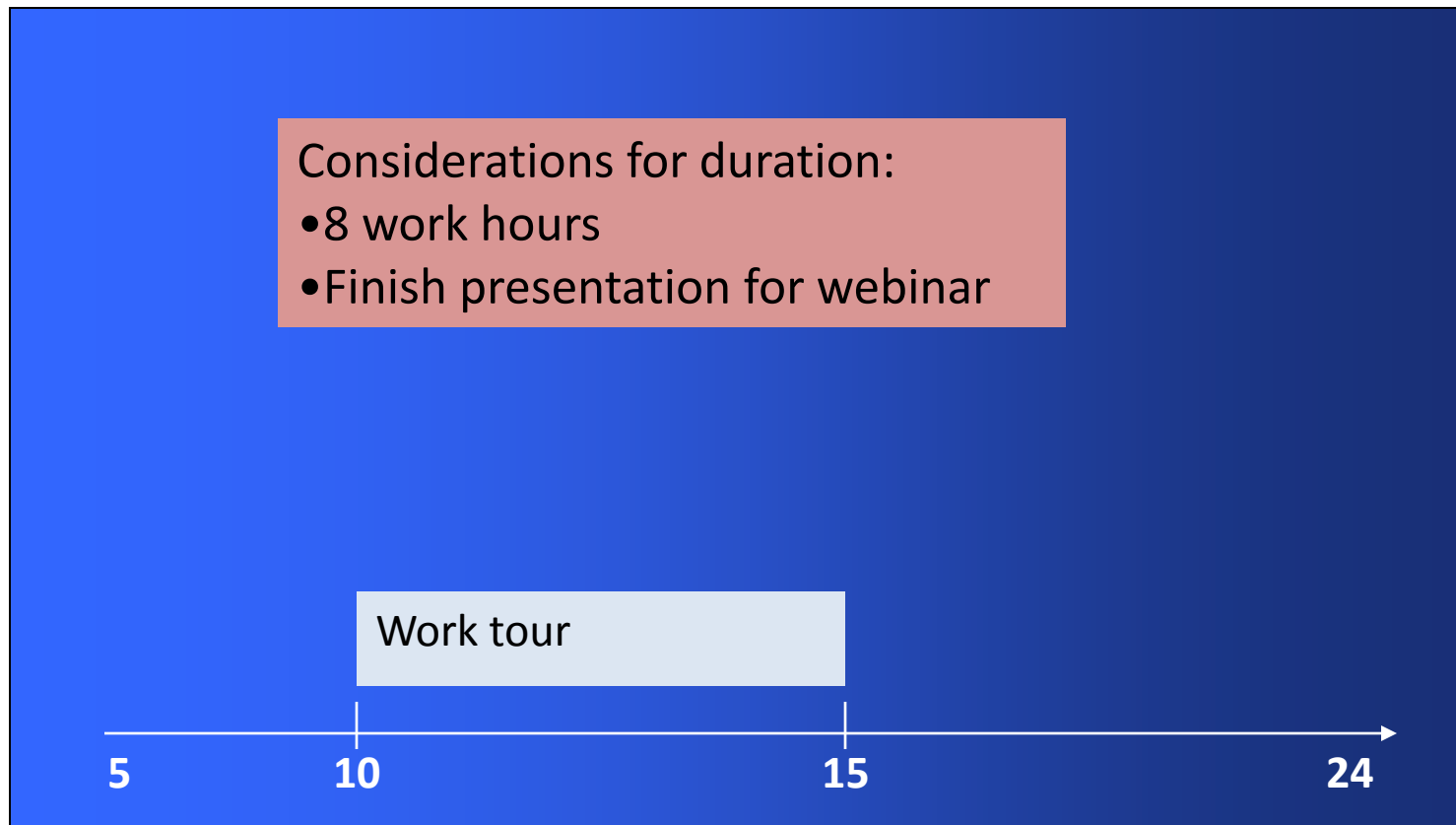
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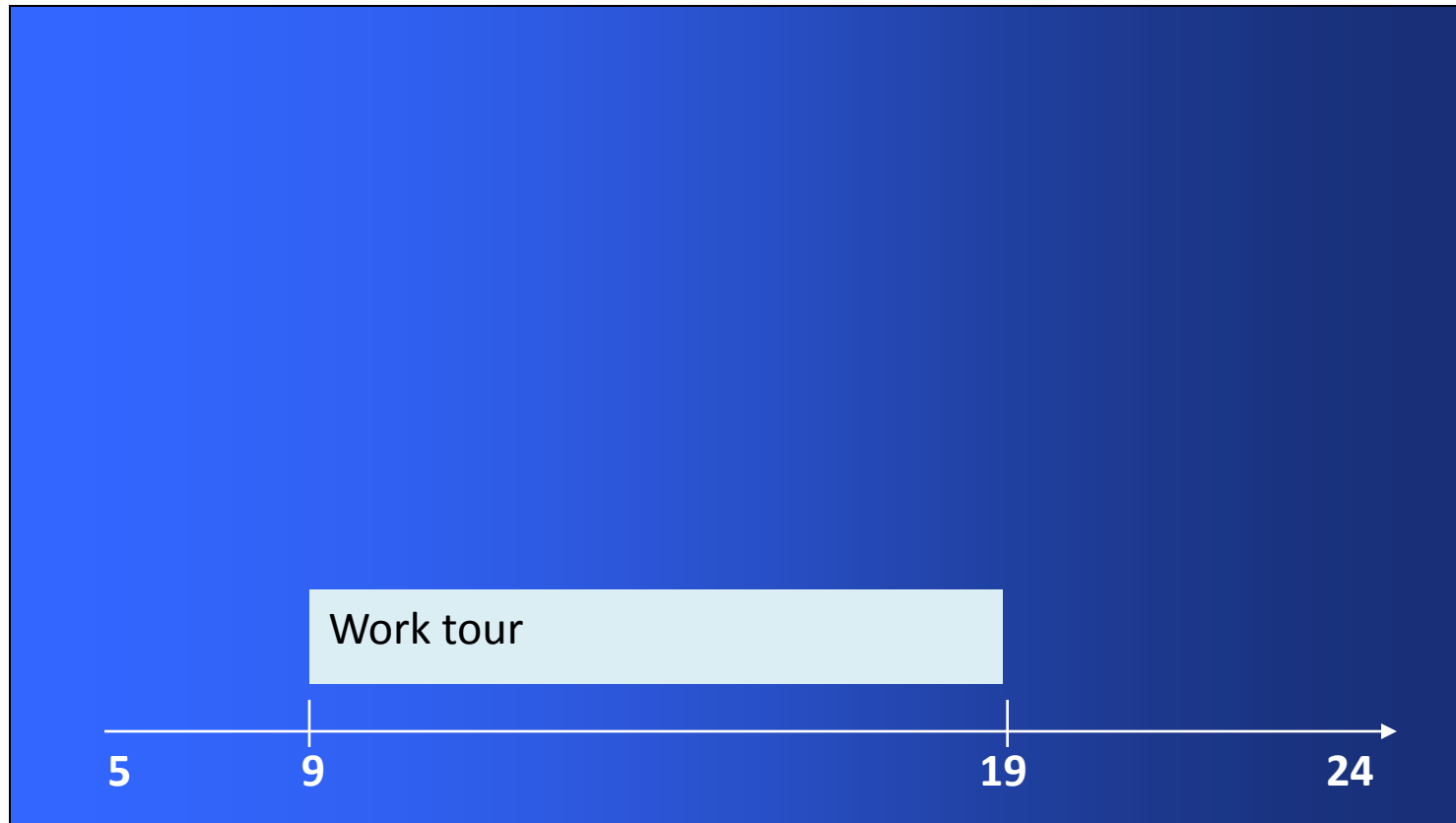
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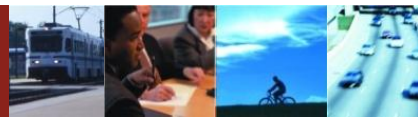
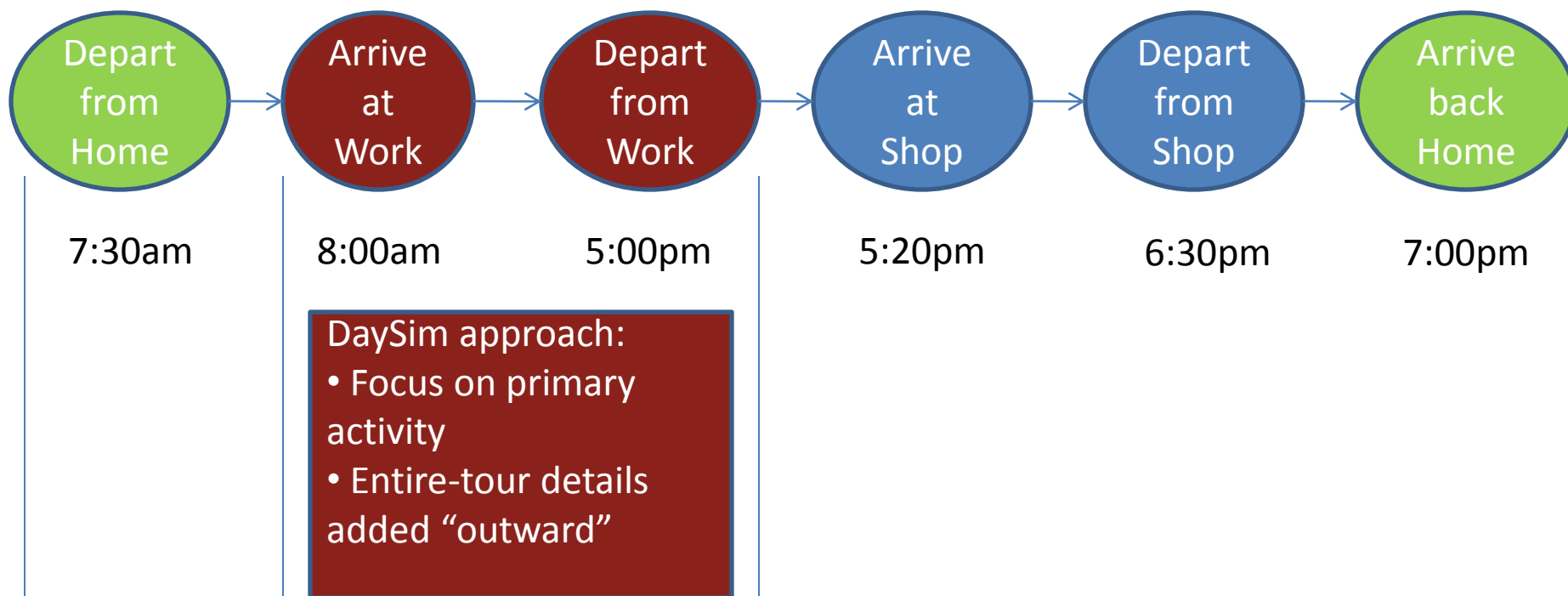
# Tour TOD Dimensions (DaySim)

- Joint choice of arrival time at primary destination and departure time from primary destination
- Entire-tour duration, departure from home, and arrival back home modeled later when stops are added
- 666 combined alternatives (similar to CT-RAMP):
  - 36 arrival half-hour bins from 5am through 10pm
  - 36 departure half-hour bins from arrival through 10pm
  - 36 possible activity durations rounded to half-hour





# Pros and Cons of 2 TOD Choice Approaches

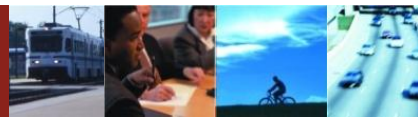
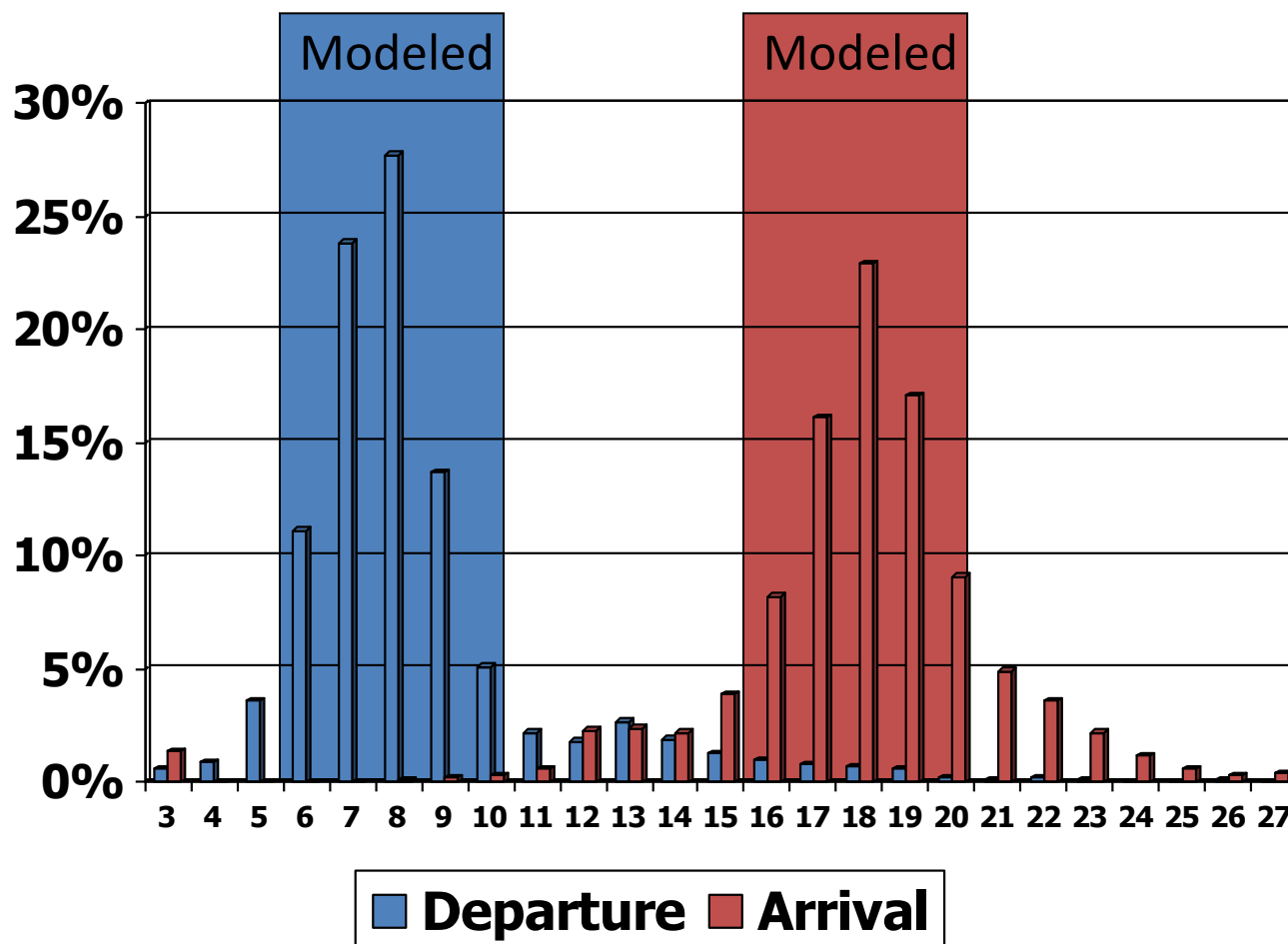


# Simplified Example

- Commuting tours to work
- 1 hour temporal resolution (instead of 30 min)
- Complete prototype TOD structure but the choice set is limited to a subset of most frequent alternatives
- Real stats from Bay Area Travel Survey (BATS), 2000



# TOD Work Tour Stats, BATS 2000



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Departure from home	Arrival back home				
	3-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-27
<b>3-5</b>	0.0%	0.1%	1.2%	3.4%	0.3%
<b>6-10</b>		0.6%	9.3%	62.9%	8.0%
<b>11-15</b>			1.0%	6.1%	2.7%
<b>16-20</b>				0.9%	2.0%
<b>21-27</b>					0.3%

Departure from home		Arrival back home	Duration	Alternative	Utility
6 (5:30-6:29 AM)		16 (15:30-16:29 PM)	10	1	DEP6 + ARR16 + DUR10
		17 (16:30-16:29 PM)	11	2	DEP6 + ARR17 + DUR11
		18 (17:30-16:29 PM)	12	3	DEP6 + ARR18 + DUR12
		19 (18:30-16:29 PM)	13	4	DEP6 + ARR19 + DUR13
		20 (19:30-16:29 PM)	14	5	DEP6 + ARR20 + DUR14
7 (6:30-7:29 AM)	16 (15:30-16:29 PM)	9	6	DEP7 + ARR16 + DUR9	
		17 (16:30-16:29 PM)	10	7	DEP7 + ARR17 + DUR10
		18 (17:30-16:29 PM)	11	8	DEP7 + ARR18 + DUR11
		19 (18:30-16:29 PM)	12	9	DEP7 + ARR19 + DUR12
		20 (19:30-16:29 PM)	13	10	DEP7 + ARR20 + DUR13
8 (7:30-8:29 AM)		16 (15:30-16:29 PM)	8	11	DEP8 + ARR16 + DUR8
		17 (16:30-16:29 PM)	9	12	DEP8 + ARR17 + DUR9
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		19 (18:30-16:29 PM)	11	14	DEP8 + ARR19 + DUR11
		20 (19:30-16:29 PM)	12	15	DEP8 + ARR20 + DUR12
9 (8:30-9:29 AM)		16 (15:30-16:29 PM)	7	16	DEP9 + ARR16 + DUR7
		17 (16:30-16:29 PM)	8	17	DEP9 + ARR17 + DUR8
		18 (17:30-16:29 PM)	9	18	DEP9 + ARR18 + DUR9
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		20 (19:30-16:29 PM)	11	20	DEP9 + ARR20 + DUR11
10 (9:30-10:29 AM)		16 (15:30-16:29 PM)	6	21	DEP10 + ARR16 + DUR6
		17 (16:30-16:29 PM)	7	22	DEP10 + ARR17 + DUR7
		18 (17:30-16:29 PM)	8	23	DEP10 + ARR18 + DUR8
		19 (18:30-16:29 PM)	9	24	DEP10 + ARR19 + DUR9
		20 (19:30-16:29 PM)	10	25	DEP10 + ARR20 + DUR10

# Statistical Estimation of Tour TOD Choice

- Conventional Household Travel Survey:
  - Processed in the tour format
  - Reported travel time rounded to the nearest half-hour (bin)
- LOS variables and mode choice logsums by broader TOD Periods:
  - Interpolations applied in some models to vary LOS within periods
- No sampling needed, all 820 alternatives are modeled
- Parsimonious utility structure:
  - 35-40 constants, and 30-55 other coefficients
  - Statistical fit much better than for the reference model with 820 constants because of the shift variables that capture many impacts



# Questions and Answers

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# Empirical Results for Work Tours

- Models were internally validated against observed departure, duration and arrival patterns across many different segmentations of the data
- Strong effects were found related to
  - Person & household characteristics
  - Trip & tour characteristics
  - Accessibility to the primary destination
  - Individual Daily Activity Pattern and scheduling pressures
- Most of the estimated effects are very similar for the data sets from Columbus, Atlanta, Sacramento, San-Diego, Bay Area, and others

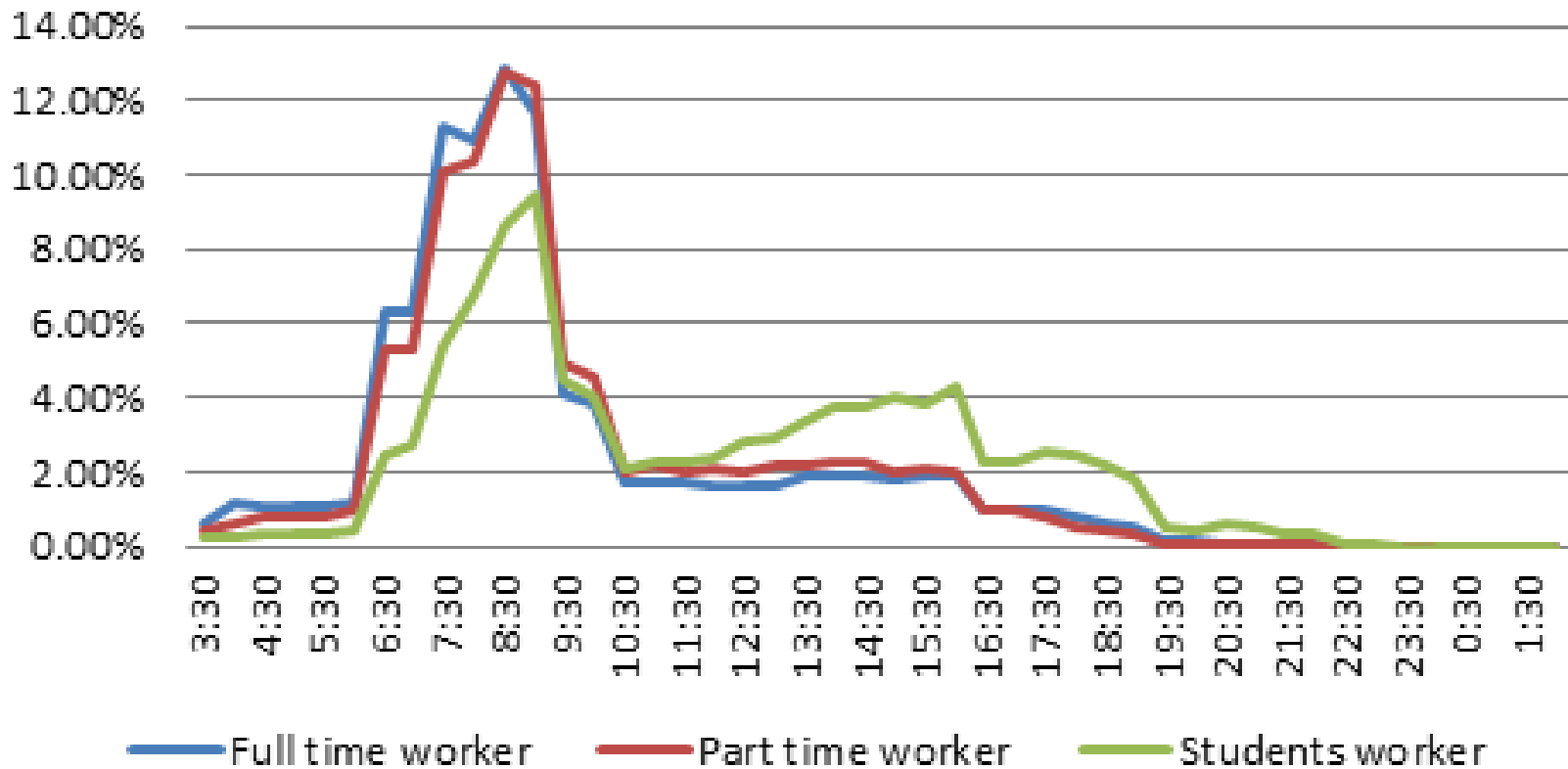


# Impact of Person & Household Characteristics

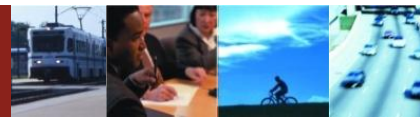
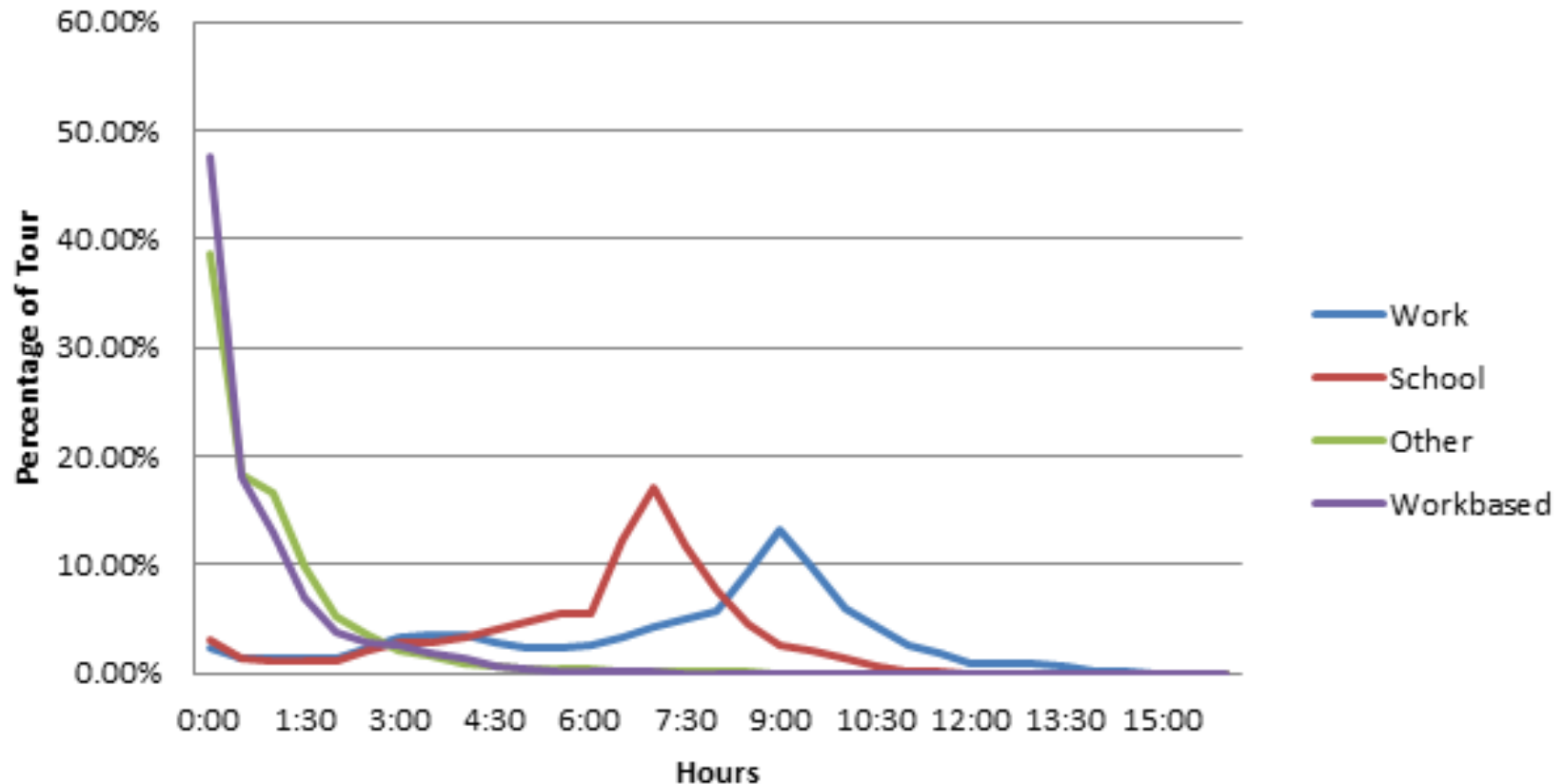
- Very different TOD patterns for full-time and part-time workers
- Higher income workers tend to work longer hours, but can avoid working extremely late or early.
- Female workers with young children avoid very early and late hours
- Younger workers have shorter work durations
- Carpoolers to work have more conventional schedules and avoid very early and late hours
- Workers with flexible schedules depart to work late more frequently



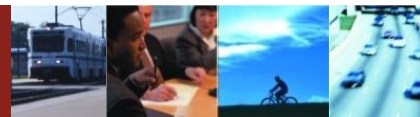
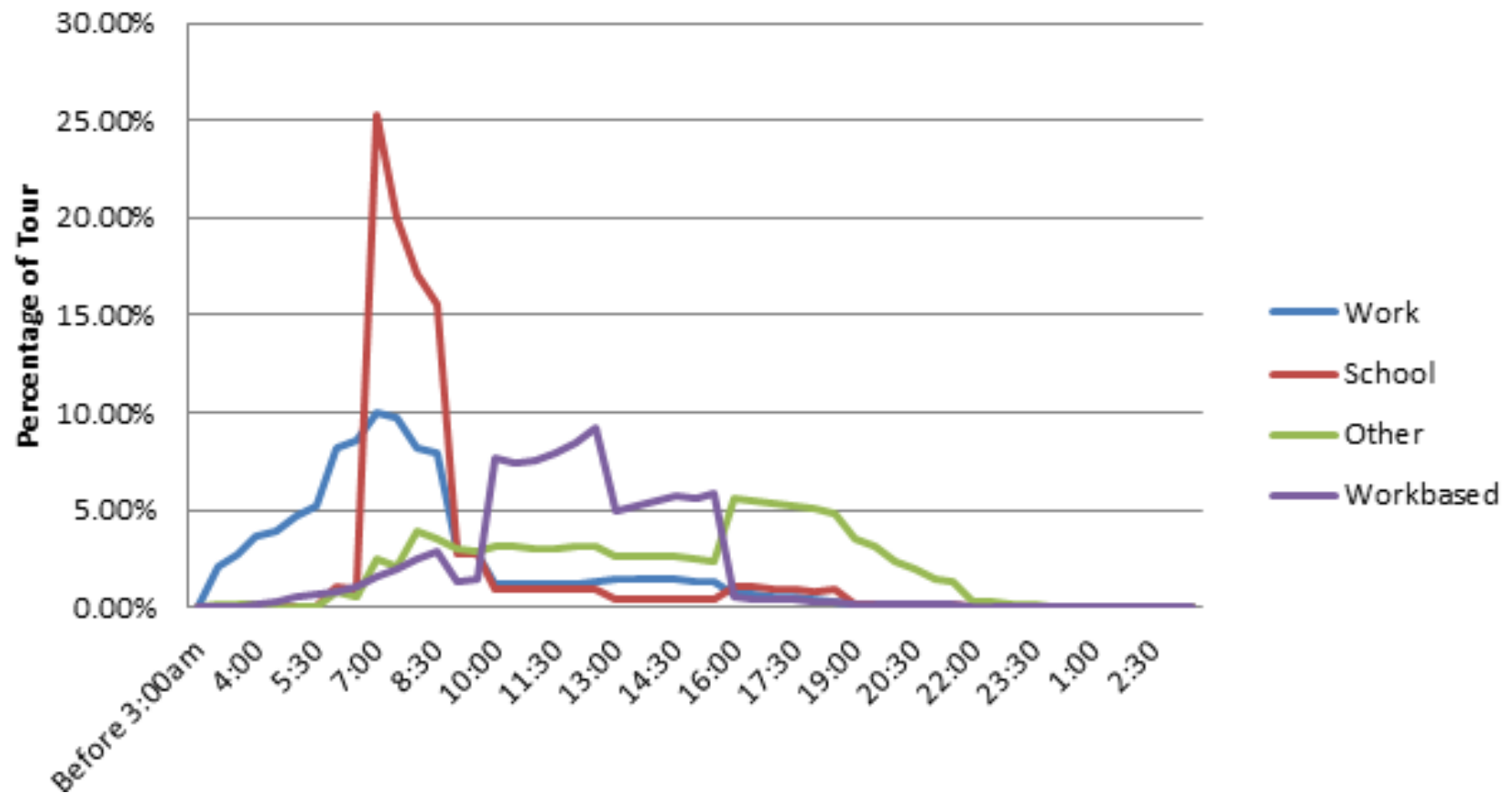
# Example of Work Tour Arrival Times by Person Type (San Joaquin Valley ABM)



## Example of Activity Duration by Purpose (San Joaquin Valley ABM)



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# Location & Accessibility Effects

- Longer travel time in general
  - Extends duration of work tour
  - Shifts departure from home to earlier hour
  - Shifts arrival back home to later hour
- Congestion effect: higher travel time impedance in peak periods shifts trips to and from work to other hours
- Stops on the way to or from the destination extend the tour duration in both directions (except for escort stops)
- Tours to CBD tend to be of longer duration and later in the day (occupation effect)
- Work tours that include sub-tours are of longer duration



# Activity Pattern & Schedule Pressure

- The more tours to schedule in the day, the shorter the duration of each tour
- Higher number of tours tends to shift work and school tours earlier, other tours later
- People generally tend to schedule tours shortly after previous tours to leave a larger amount of continuous free time for later

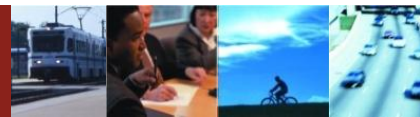


# Summary of TOD Effects for Non-Work Tours

- School tours
  - Very different TOD patterns for full- and part-time workers, and for students at various levels of school
  - Children stay at school longer when all adults in the household are working
- Shopping, maintenance, and discretionary tours
  - Likelihood of staying out late in the evening varies a great deal by age group
  - Shopping and maintenance tours tend to be short duration and restricted to retail hours
  - Maintenance and discretionary tours implemented jointly by several household members tend to be longer

# Modeling Complete Individual Daily Schedule

- Basic daily schedule consistency for each person
  - No overlaps between tours allowed
  - Tours scheduled sequentially by priority with dynamically updated residual time windows
  - Essential for evaluation of congestion & pricing effects that can be outside the congestion pricing period
- Advanced model features (CEMDAP, FAMOS, CT-RAMP, DaySim)
  - Residual time windows used also for generation of lower- priority activities & tours (TOD intertwined with DAP)
  - Time-space constraints affect destination choices (TOD intertwined with DC)
  - Activity duration is controlled along with entire-tour duration



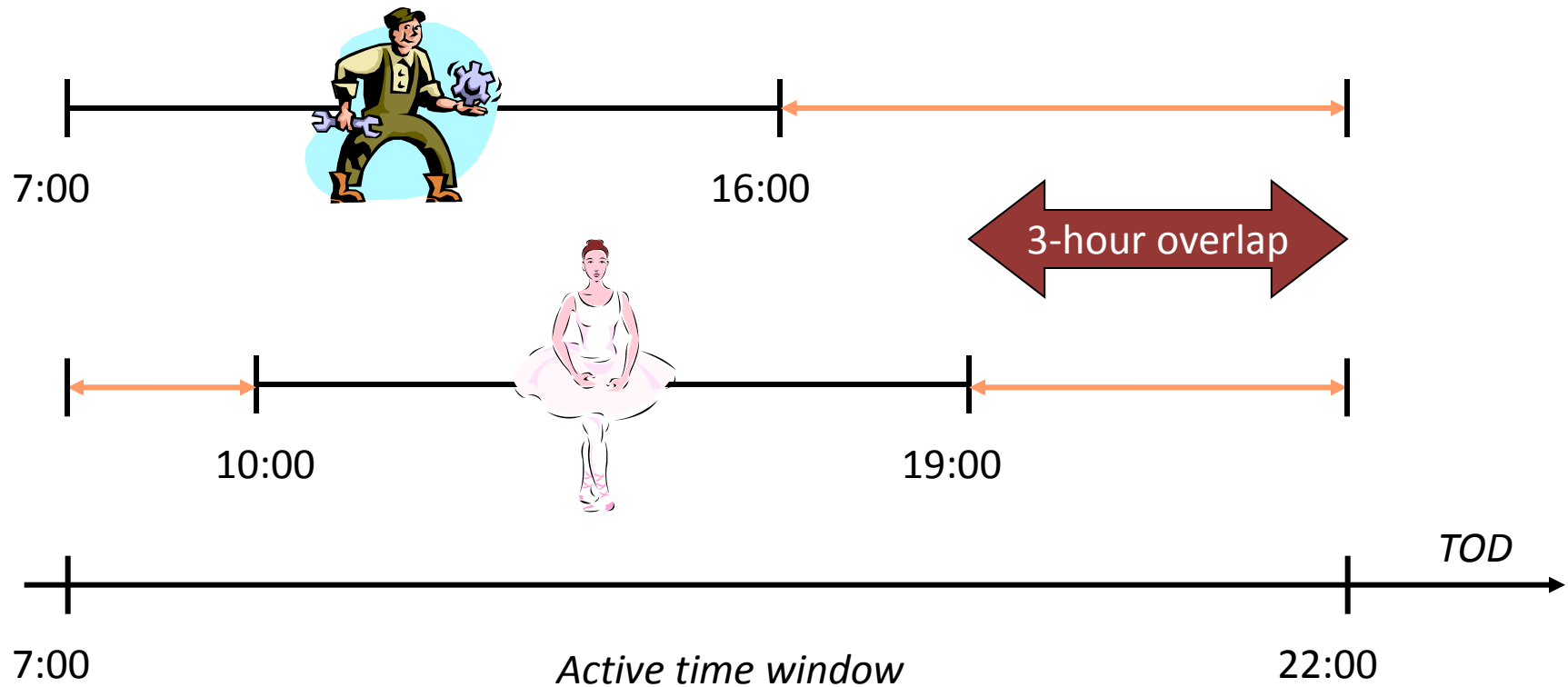


# Treatment of Joint Activities & Travel (CT-RAMP)

- Joint tours by several household members
  - Require intra-household schedule consolidation
  - Higher scheduling priority than individual tours
  - Fully joint tours for shared shopping maintenance & discretionary activities discussed in current presentation
  - Escorting and other partially joint tours require more complex sub-models beyond current presentation
- For fully joint tours, available time window is calculated as overlap of time windows for all participants

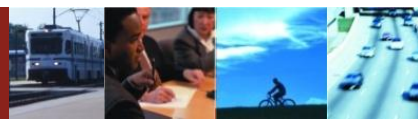


# Time Window Overlap

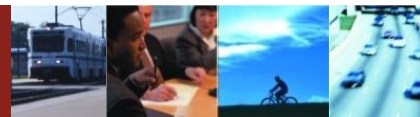
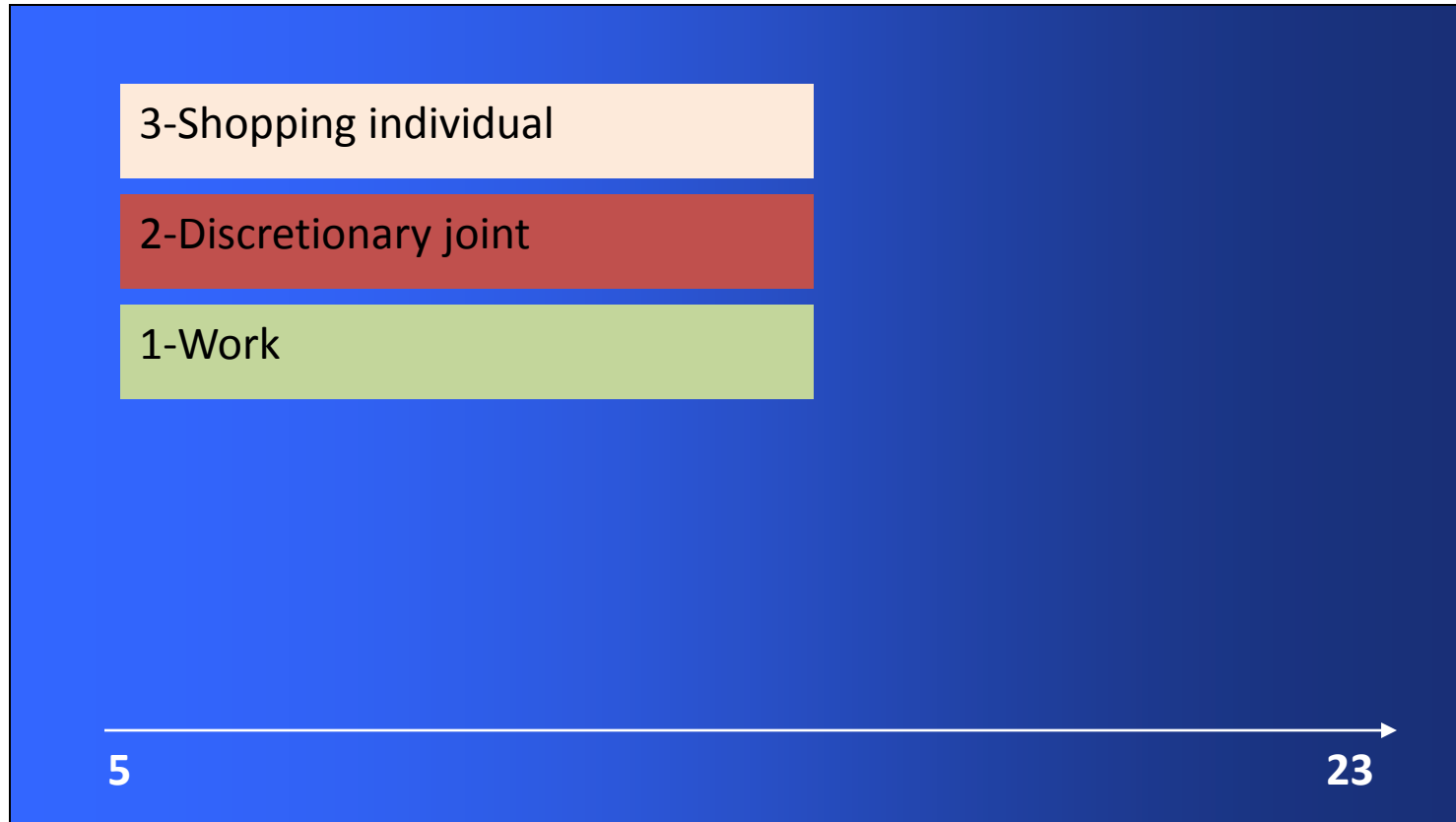


# Tour Hierarchy for Scheduling

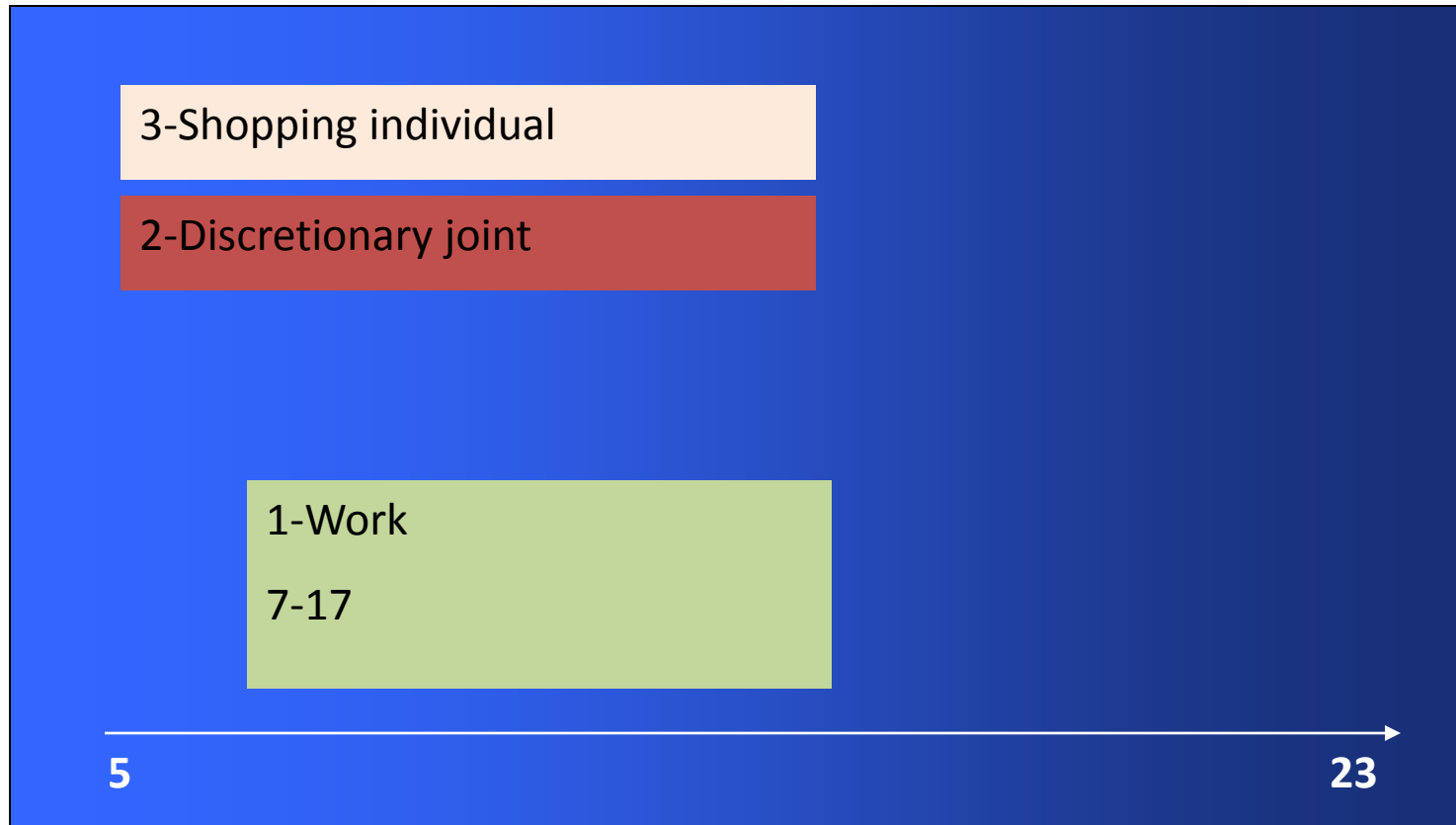
Priority	Workers / Non-workers	University students / School children
1	Work	University / School
2	University	Work
3	Maintenance joint	
4	Shopping joint	
5	Discretionary joint	
6	Eating-out joint	
7	Escorting	
8	Shopping individual	
9	Maintenance individual	
10	Discretionary individual	
11	Eating-out individual	



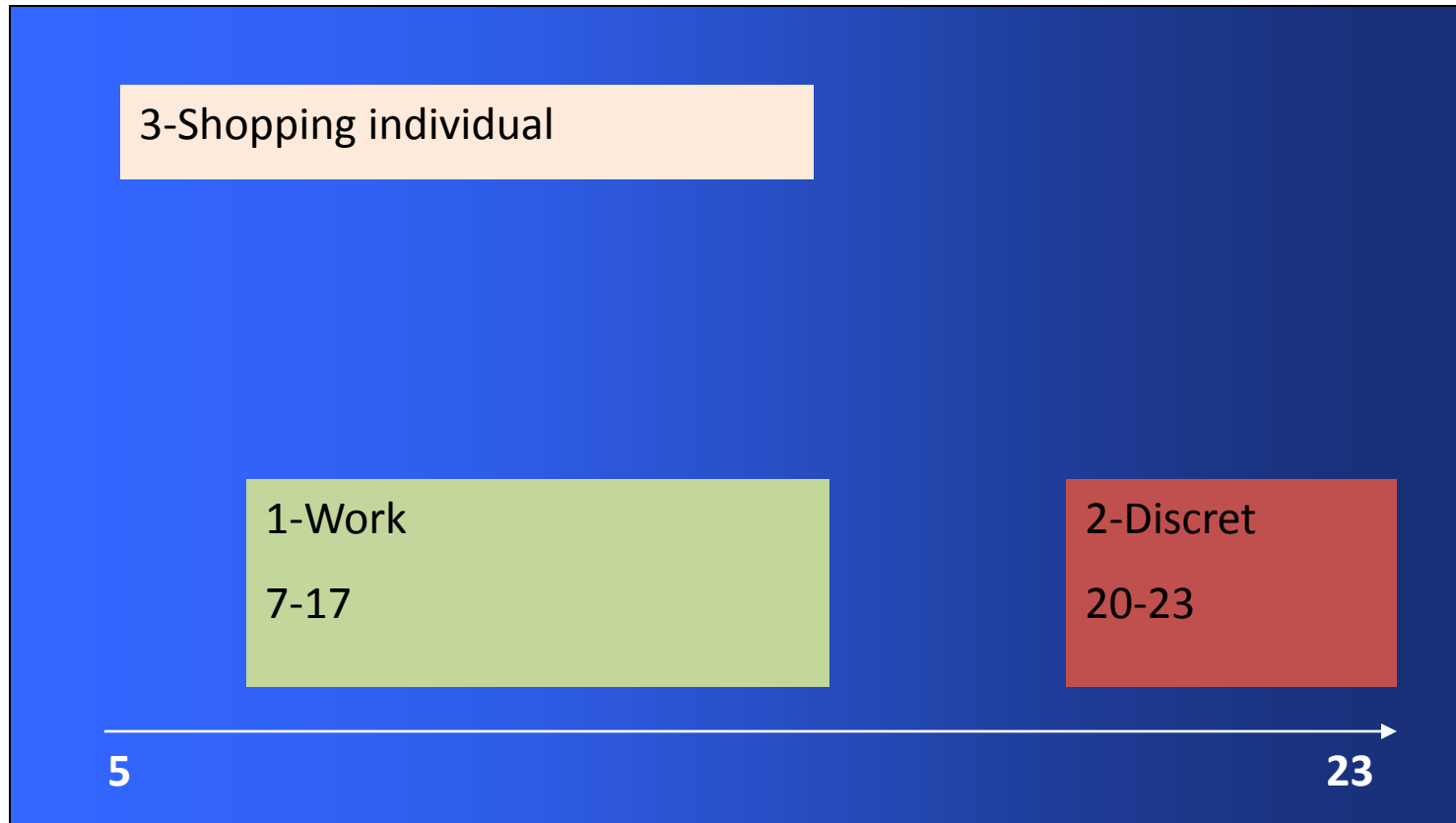
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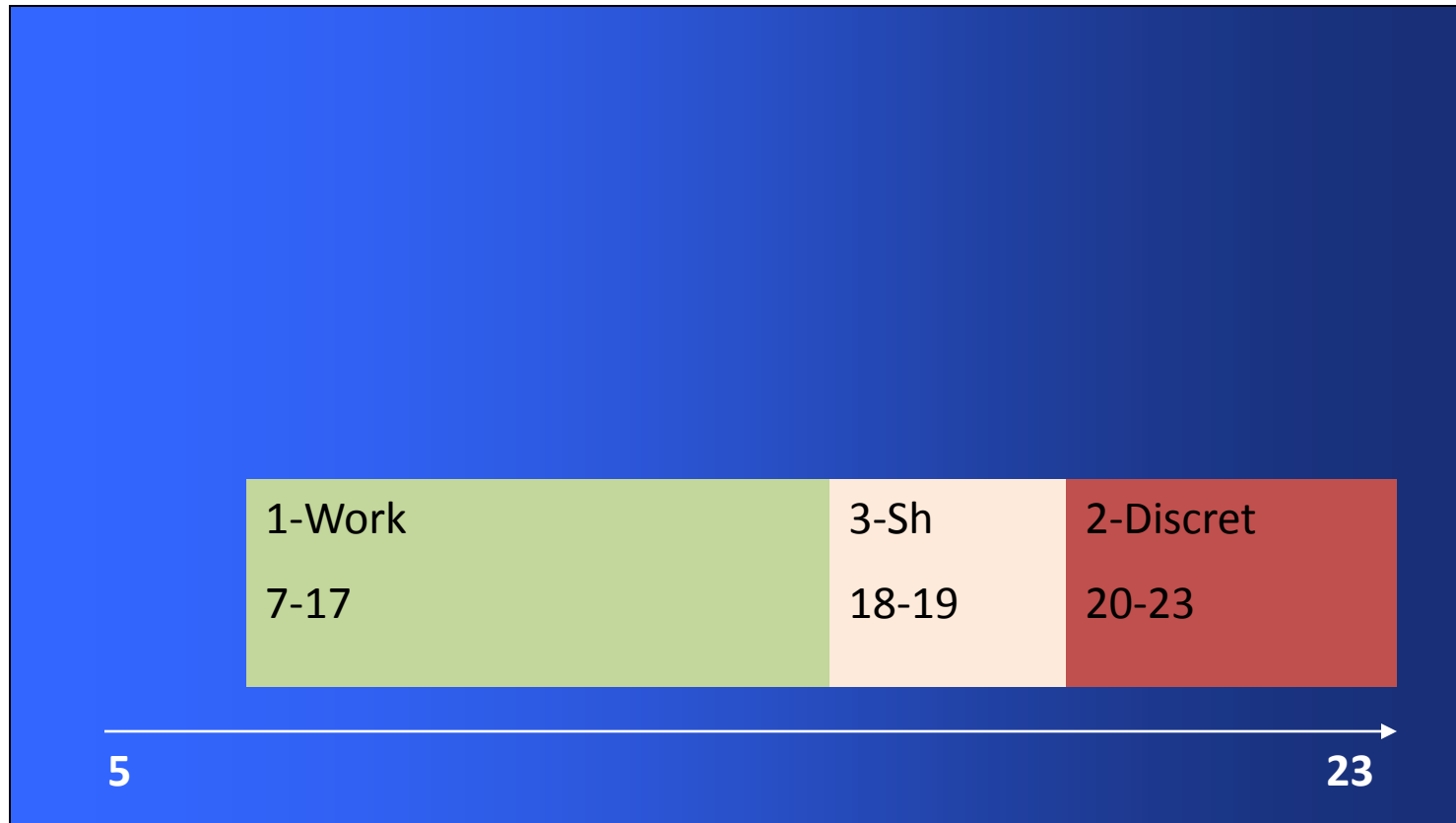
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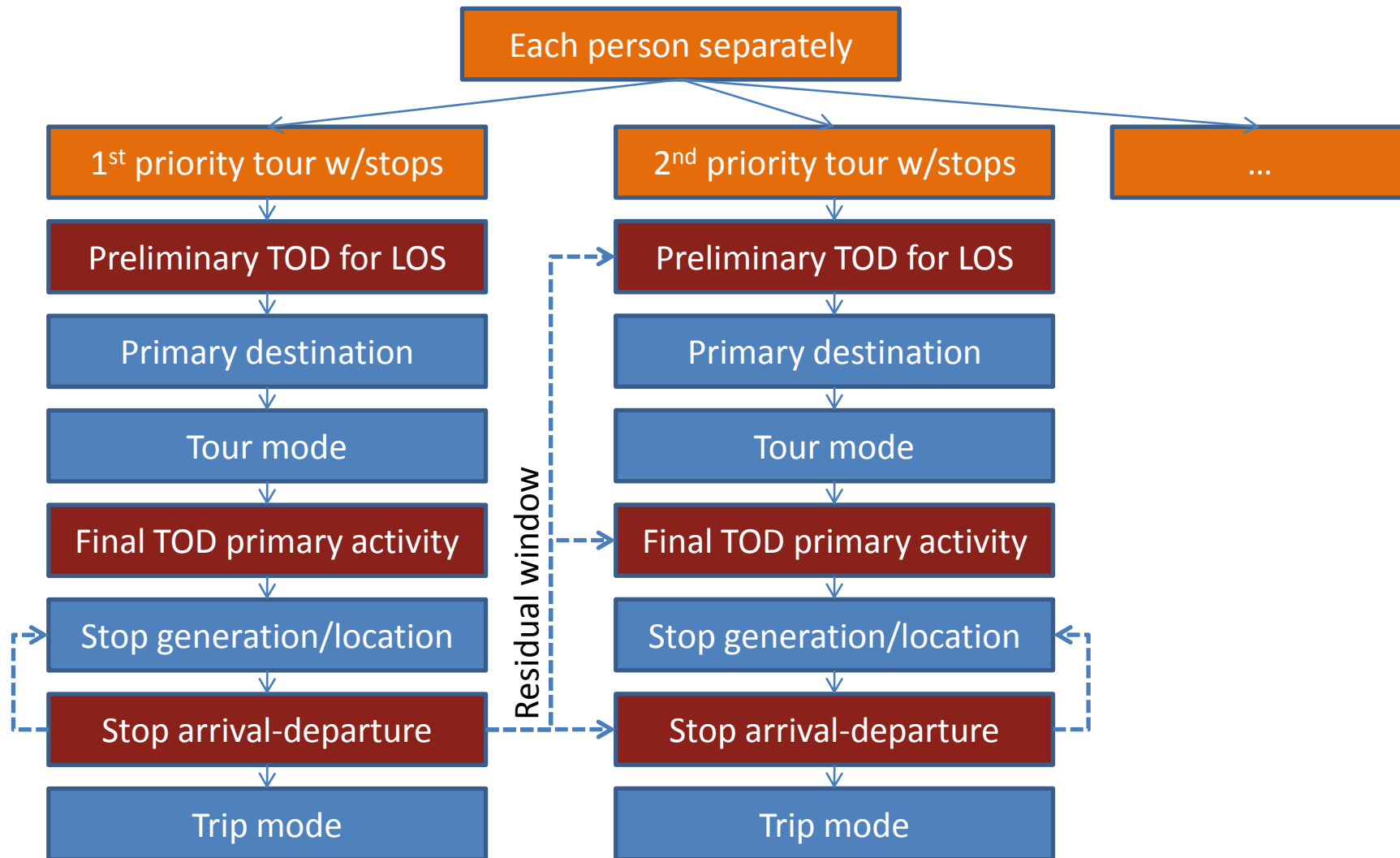
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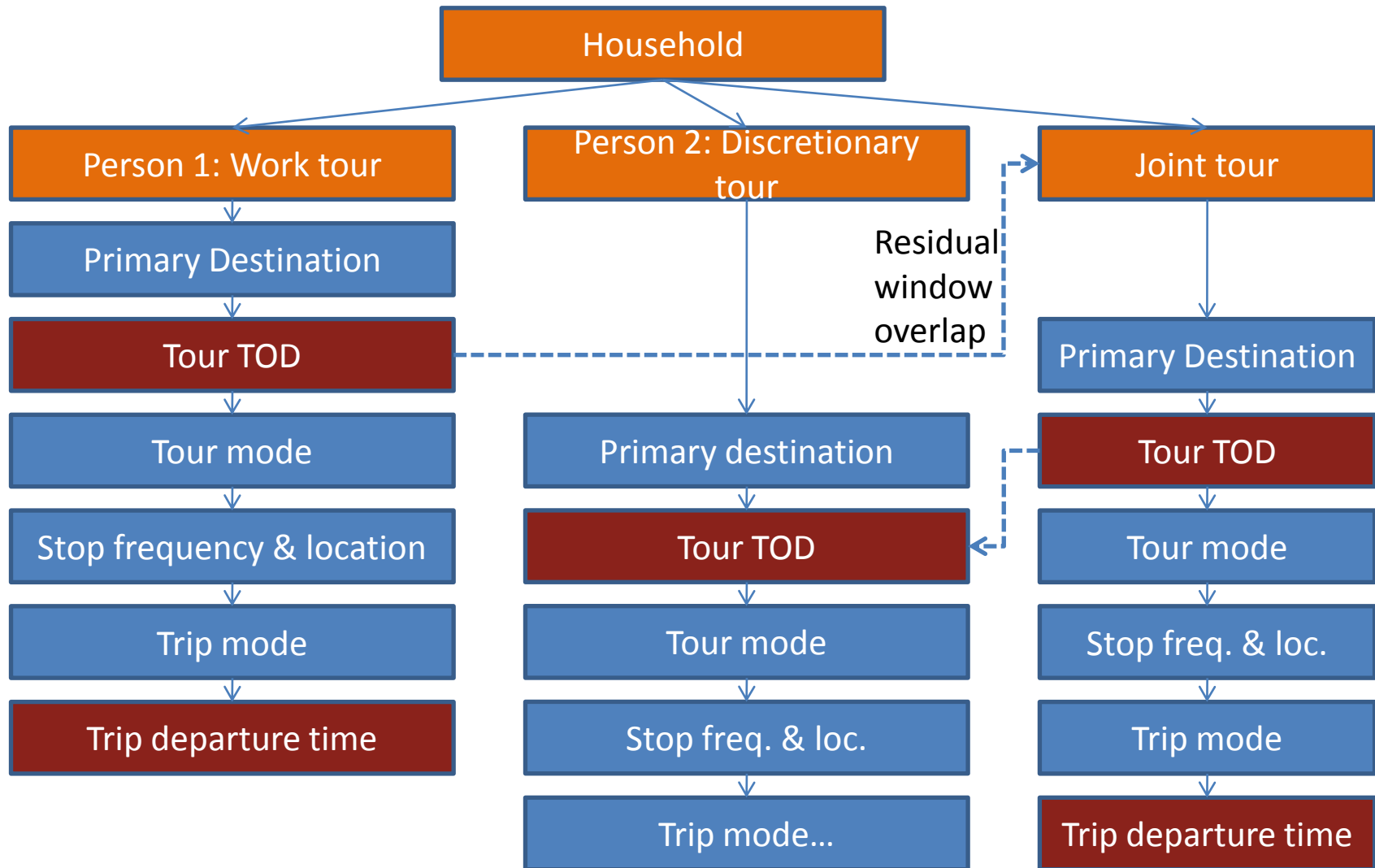


# TOD Choice in ABM System (DaySim)





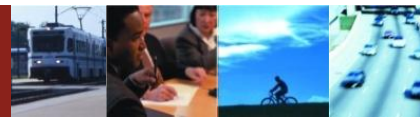
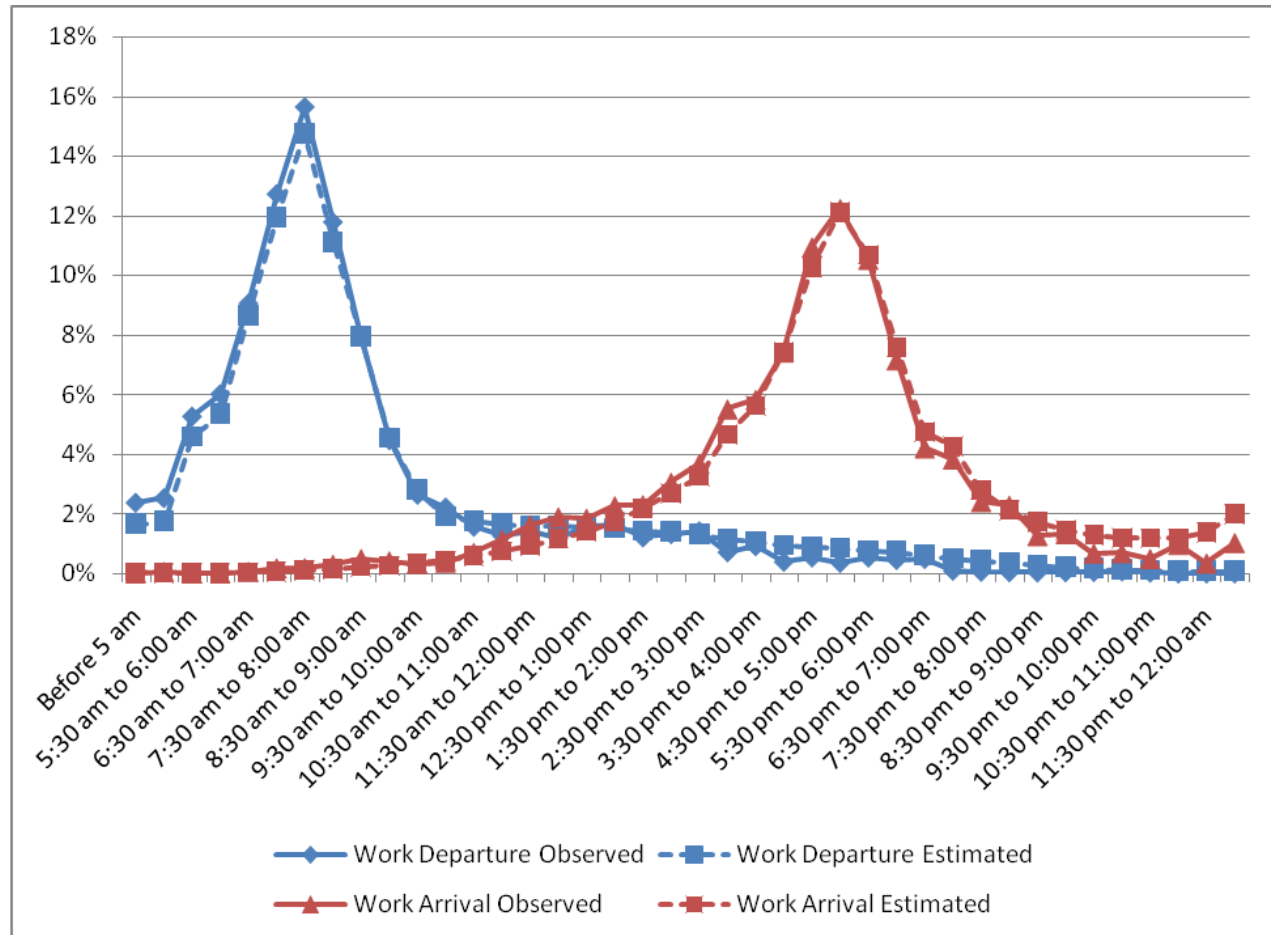
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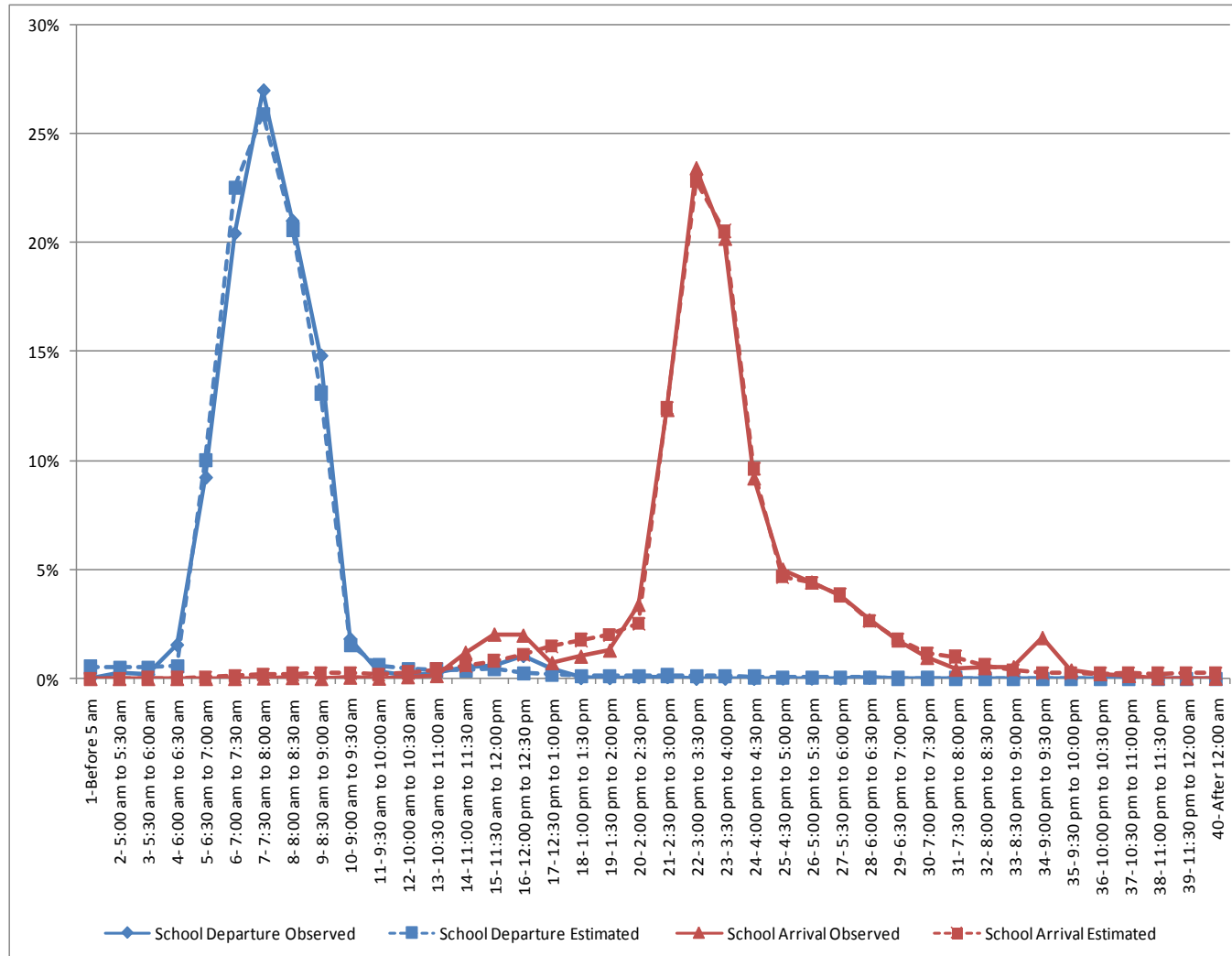
# TOD Model Validation & Calibration

- Validation process
  - ABM system is applied w/TOD for full synthetic population
  - TOD model is intertwined with other sub-models
  - Aggregate outcomes are compared to expanded HTS
  - Ideally, validation against hourly traffic counts if available
- Highlights
  - Remarkably good match for Work and School tours with higher scheduling priority
  - Reasonable match for Shopping, Maintenance, and Discretionary activities with lower scheduling priority
  - Either no or very minor calibration is required

# TOD Model Validation: Work Tour Arrival and Departure from Home



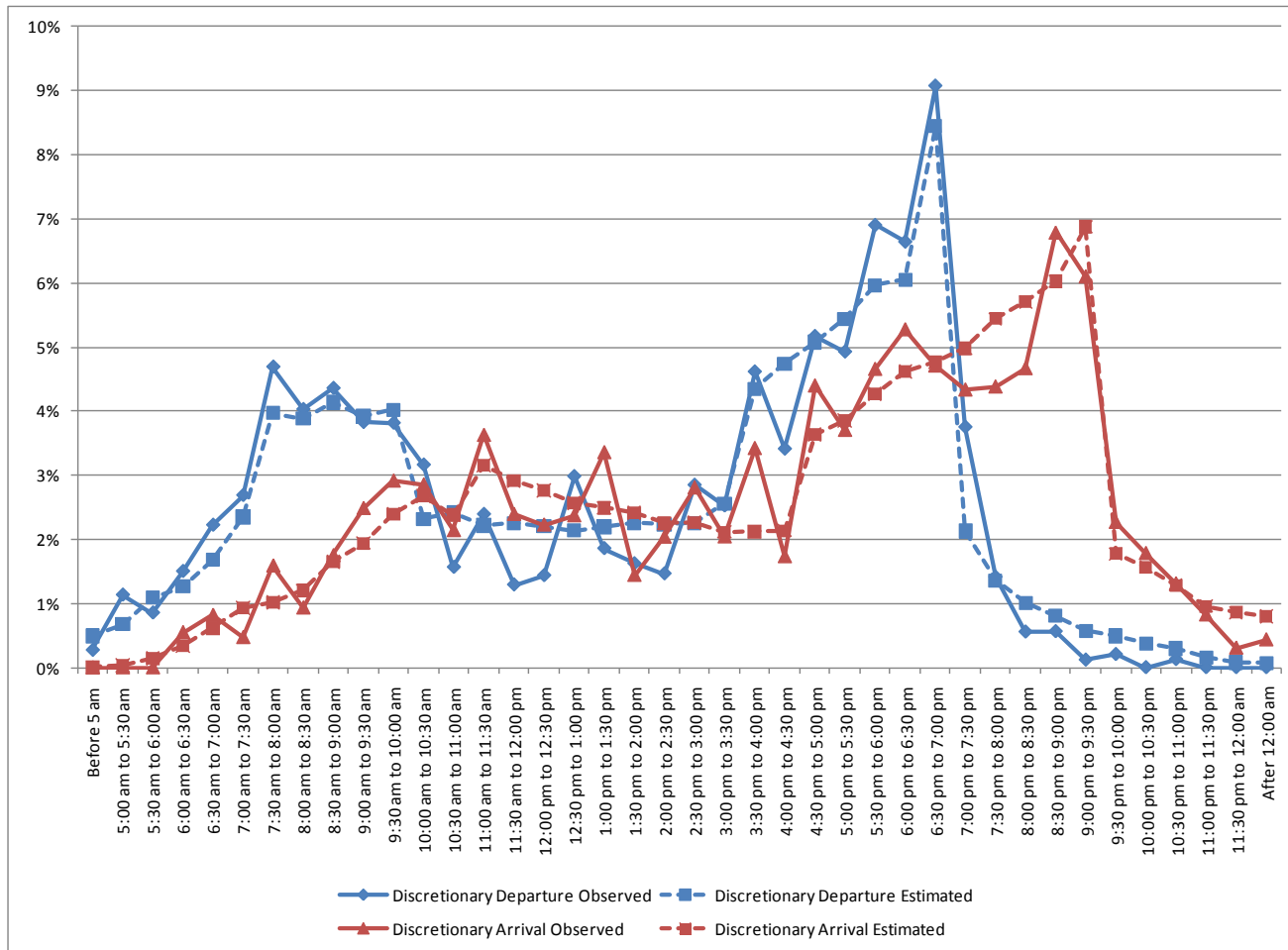
# TOD Model Validation: School Departure and Arrival



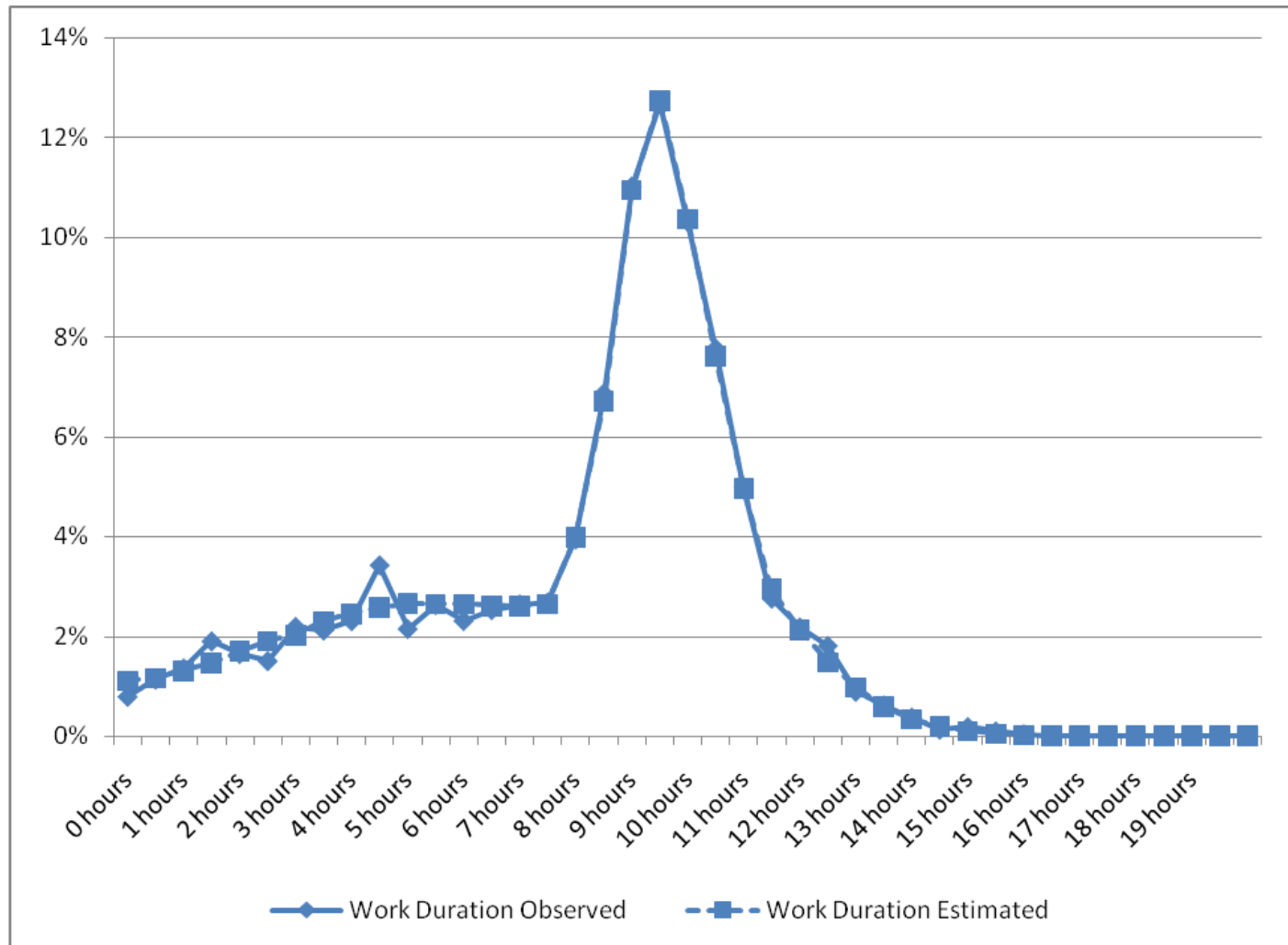
# TOD Model Validation: Shopping Departure Time



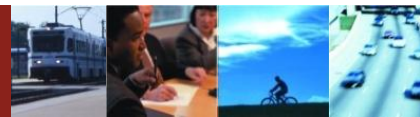
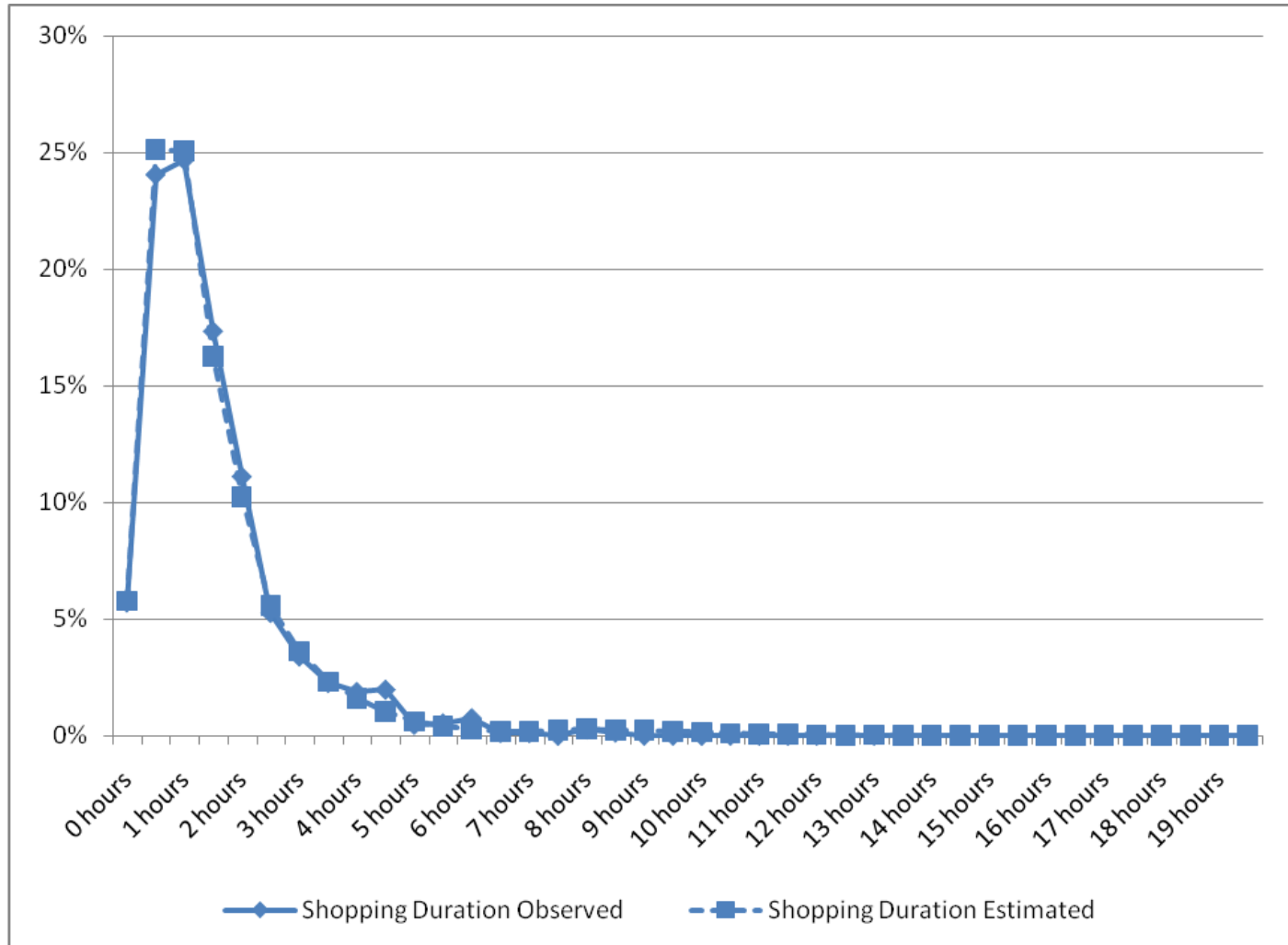
# TOD Model Validation: Discretionary Tour Departure and Arrival Times



# TOD Model Validation: Work Tour Duration



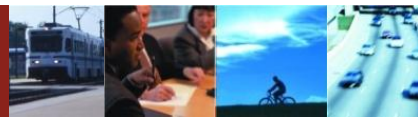
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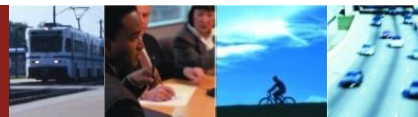
# Why it is Better for Work and School

- Validation results looks perfect for mandatory (work & school tours)
- Validation results look reasonable but less perfect for non-work tours
- What is the reason and possible improvements?
  - Work and school activities have clear schedules and it is easier to relate them to person characteristics
  - Work and school tours are modeled first in the scheduling chain; non-work activities are subject to compounding of small errors
  - Improvements in entire-schedule conditionality and sequence of scheduling steps are on the way



# Additional Validation against Traffic Counts

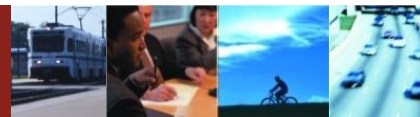
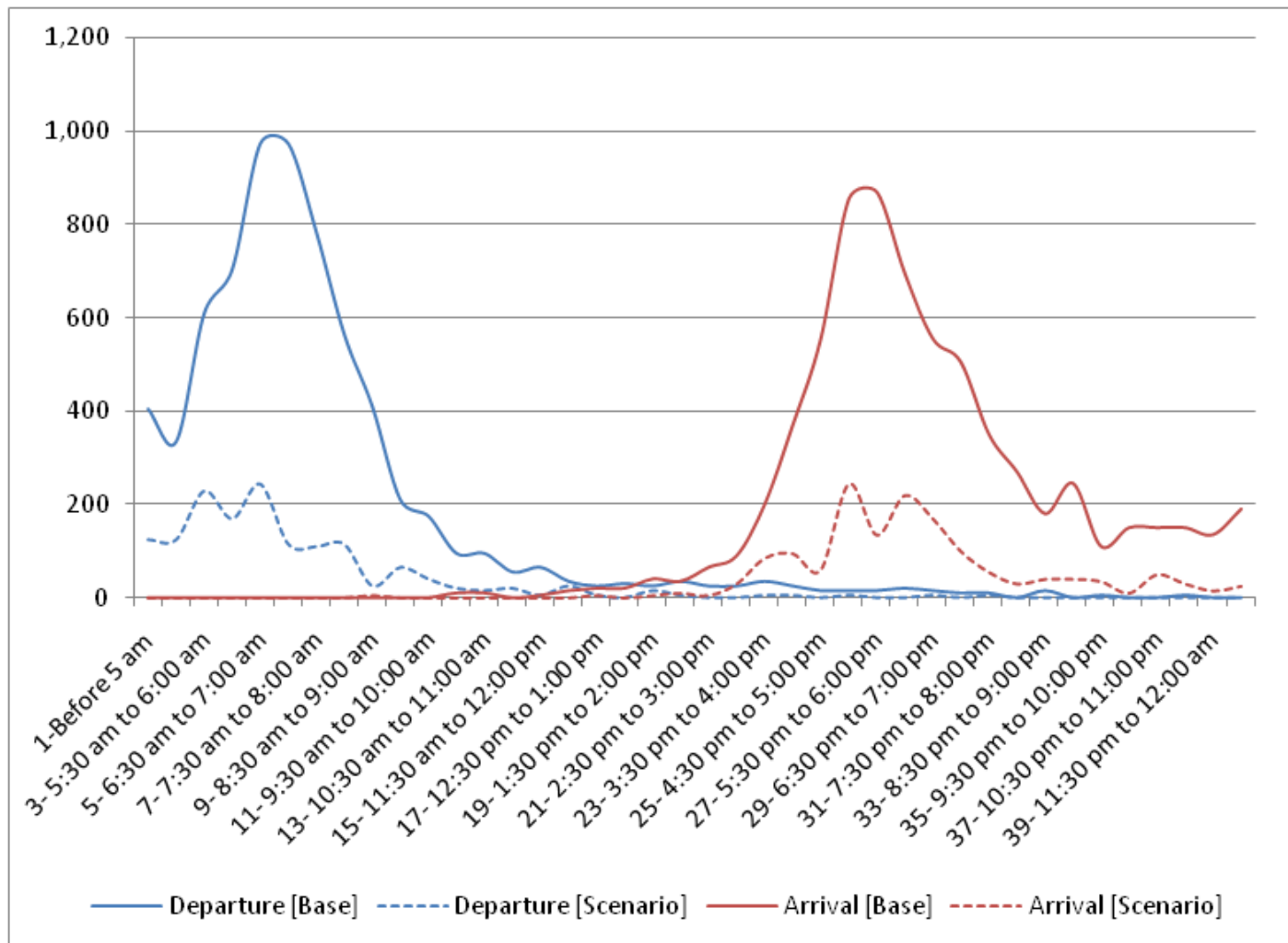
- In practice there can be significant differences between the traffic count validation at the hour/half-hour level and the household survey
  - Household survey expansion becomes “lumpy” at fine origin-destination level
  - Trip duration comes into play
- Additional validation is desired and calibration effort might be needed
  - Origin-destination specific adjustments can be introduced in TOD choice



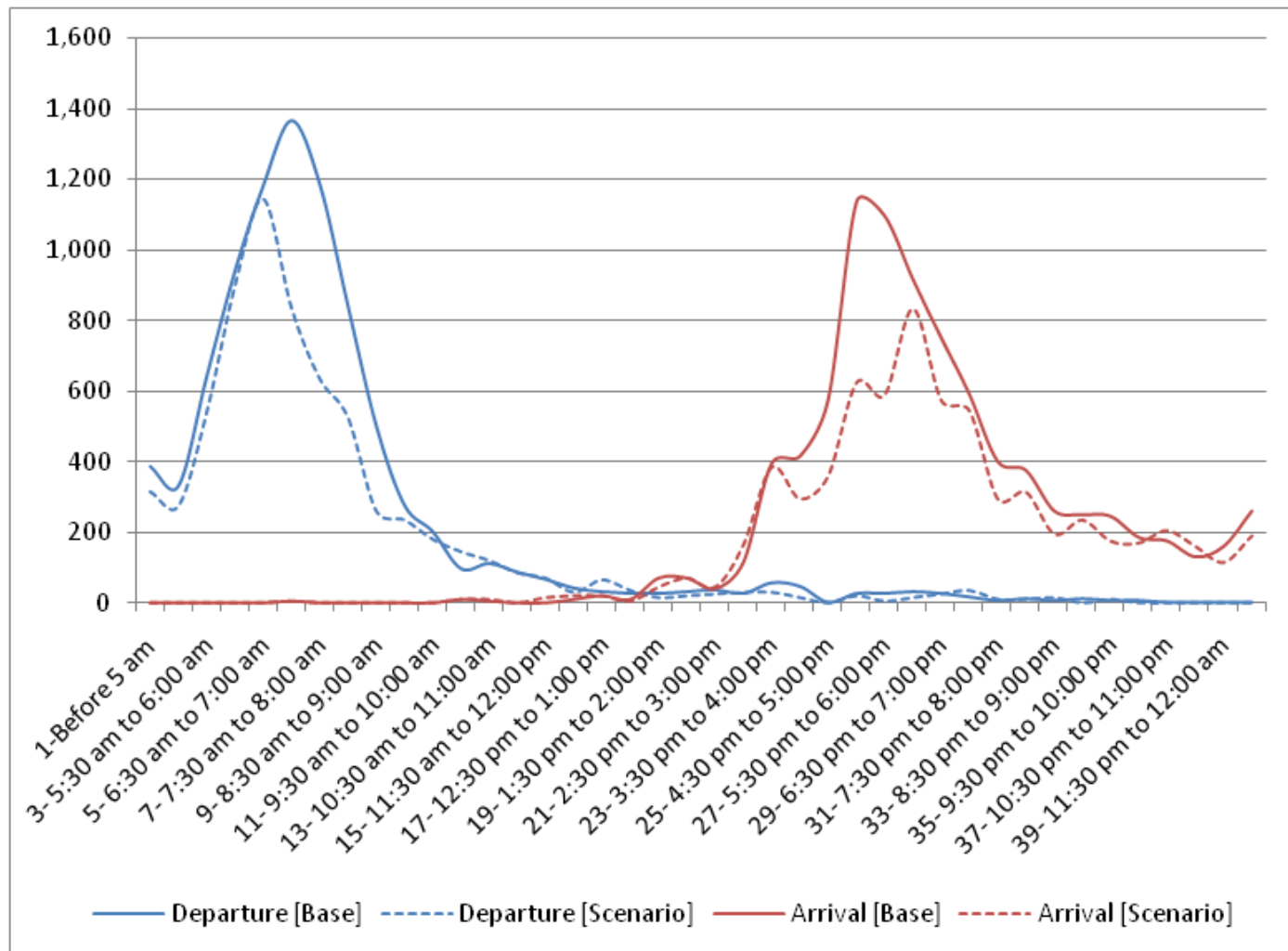
# Pricing Policy Evaluation (Chicago ABM)

- 2 pricing scenarios
  - (“Global”) Tolls $\times$ 5 on all toll facilities during the entire day
  - (“Congestion”) Tolls $\times$ 5 on all toll facilities for peak periods only (7am-9am and 4pm-6pm)
- We present results
  - (“Global”) Absolute number of toll users vs. the base
  - (“Congestion”) Absolute number of toll users vs. the base
  - (“Congestion”) TOD distribution of toll users vs. the base (peak spreading effect)

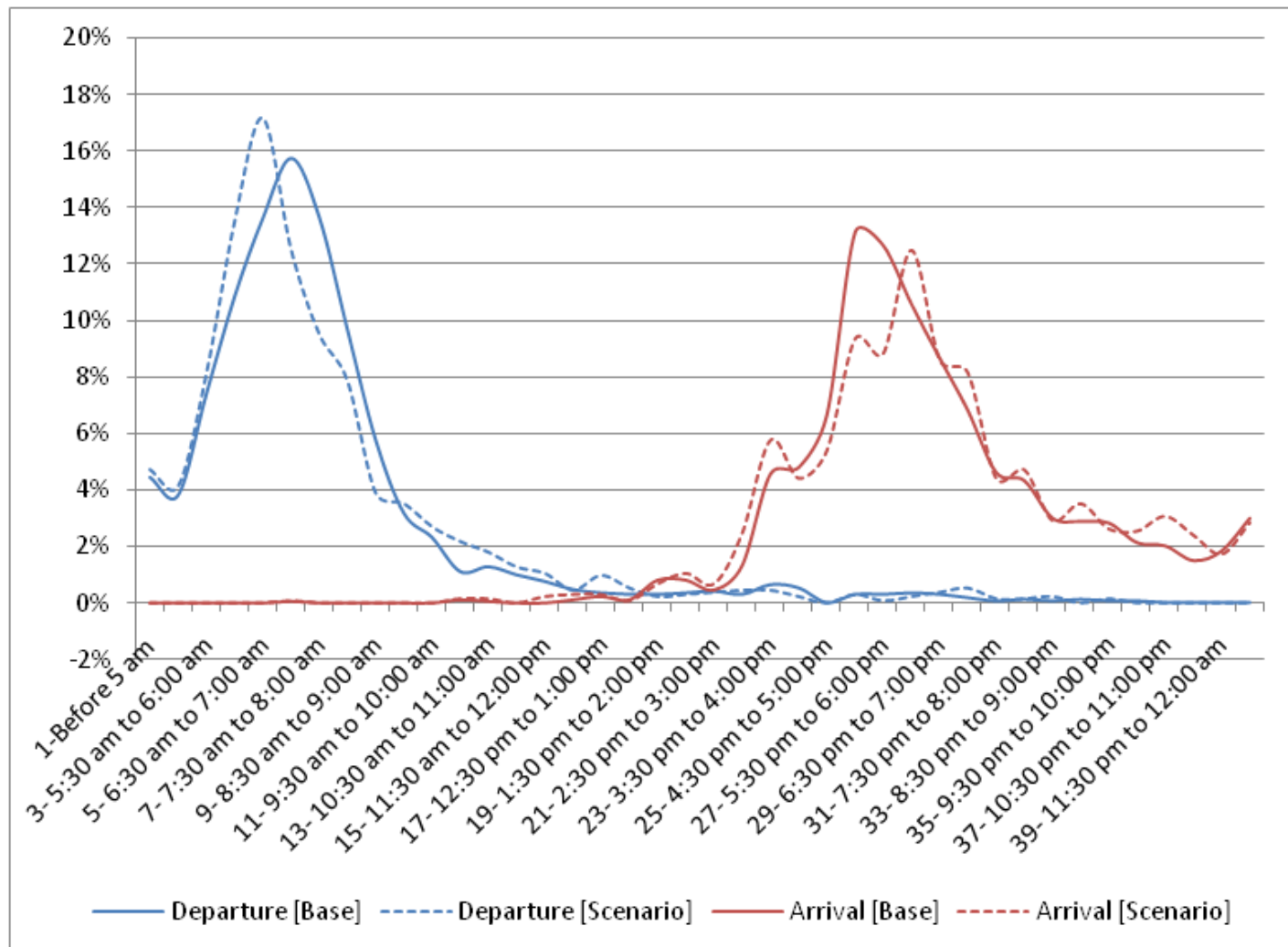
# Impact of “Global” Pricing



# Impact of “Congestion” Pricing

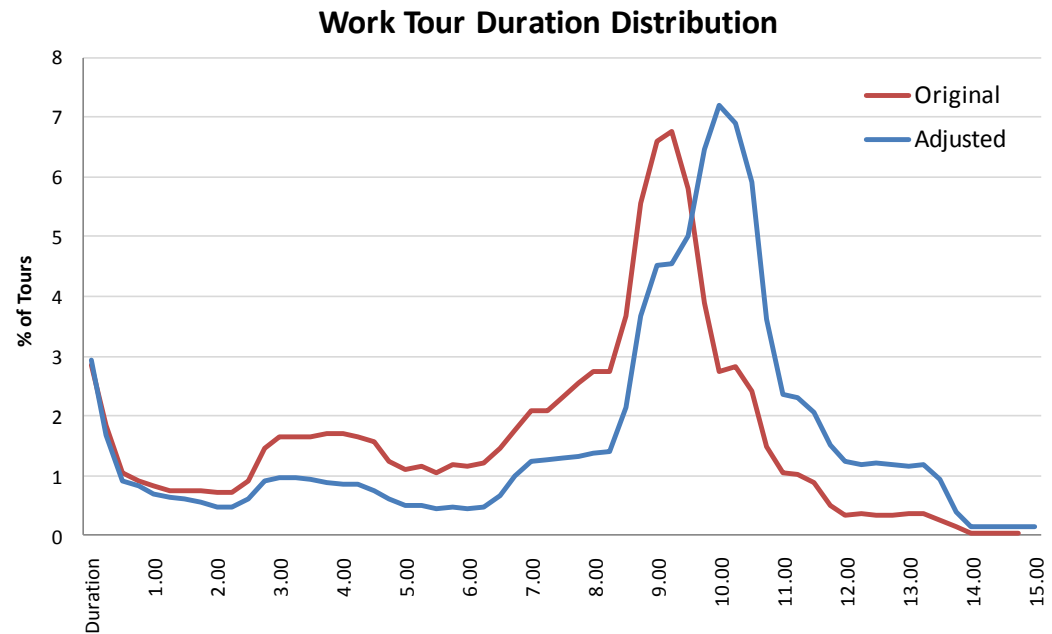


# Peak-Spreading Effect



# Travel Demand Management Evaluation (Burlington ABM)

- “Flexible Schedule” scenario
- Asserted assumptions about
  - Fewer individual work activities
  - Longer individual work durations
  - Aggregate work durations constant
- Target: Fulltime Workers

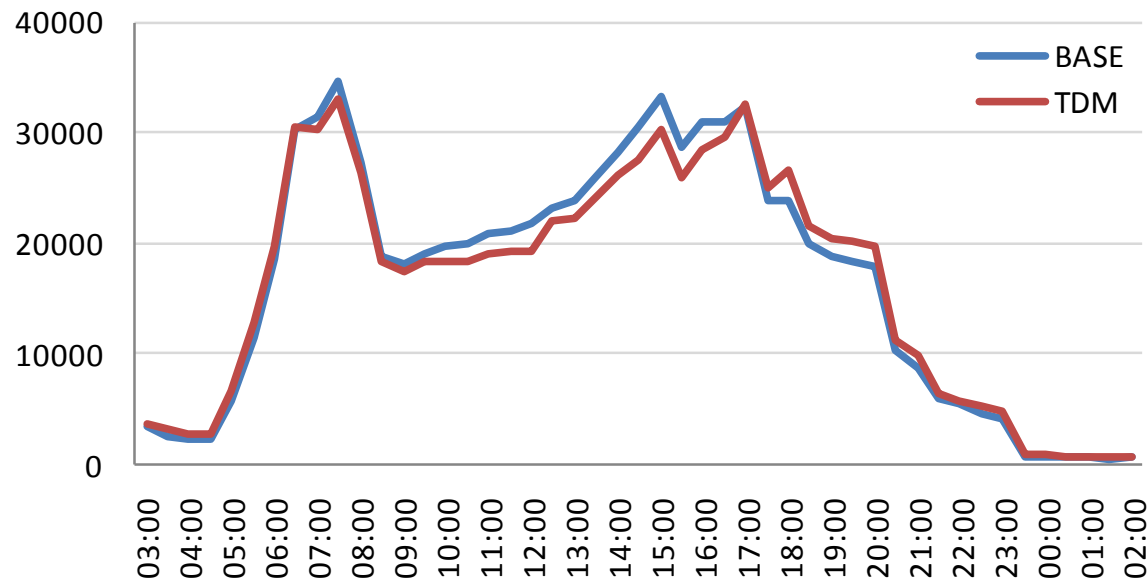




# TDM Total Trip Impacts

- Reduced peak period and midday travel
- Slightly more early AM travel
- Significantly more evening travel

**Total Trips by Departure Time**





# TDM Trips by Purpose

- Fewer, and earlier, work trips
- More non-work trips in morning and evening with fewer in midday

**Work and Nonwork Trips by Departure Time**

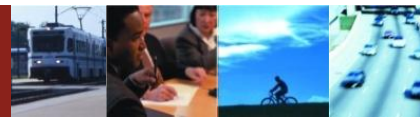


# Ongoing Research: Core Tour & Trip TOD

- Flexible correlation patterns
  - Nesting across similar departures, arrivals, and/or durations [Lemp et al, 2011; Hess et al, 2007]
  - Differential shifts from peak periods to shoulders vs. other [Small, 1987 (Ordered GEV)]
- Functional form of the utility
  - Non-linear shift-type variables and profiles
  - Exogenous activity supply-side variables (workday, opening hours) [SCAG ABM]
- TOD joint with other choice dimensions
  - Joint mode and TOD choice [Hess et al, 2007]
  - Joint destination and TOD choice [de Jong et al, 2003]
  - Car allocation within household and TOD choice [Vovsha & Petersen, 2005]

# Ongoing Research: Daily Schedule and Beyond

- Moving toward continuous representation of time (FAMOS, CEMDAP, DASH)
- ABM-DTA integration with enhanced temporal resolution (SHRP 2 C10 and L04 Projects)
- Integrated activity generation and scheduling procedures
  - Multiple Discrete Continuous Extreme Value (MDCEV) models (SCAG ABM; Bhat et al, 2010)
  - Real-time activity re-planning during the day (ADAPTS)
- Multi-day scheduling framework (ALBATROSS)
- Multi-stage scheduling procedures
  - Relaxation and consolidation rules [TASHA]



# Extending TOD Choice Framework: ALBATROSS

- Fundamental behavioral observation
  - People do not schedule and implement activities in one day
  - Some activities (special events) are scheduled many days in advance and come into daily schedule as pre-fixed
  - Some activities (shopping) occur periodically and can be shifted between days
  - Some activities (work, school) occur daily
- Modeling schedules requires longer time horizon (at least week)
  - Fixed events scheduled first
  - Daily activities are scheduled initially to assess time availability
  - Periodic activities are scheduled on certain days based on the “need” frequency function
  - Daily activities are adjusted if needed to accommodate periodic activities

# Summary: TOD Model Structure

- TOD choice
  - Key component of ABM
  - Closely intertwined with tour generation, destination choice, and mode choice
- Temporal resolution improving
  - From aggregate TOD periods to 30 min and eventually to continuous time
- Tour-level TOD is joint choice of
  - Departure from home (or arrival at primary destination)
  - Arrival back home (or departure from primary destination)
  - Tour duration (or activity duration)
- Trip-level TOD choice conditional upon tour TOD
  - Trip departure time



# Summary: TOD Model Application

- Described TOD modeling framework
  - Incorporates wide variety of variables and effects including person, household, travel and other variables
  - Generates consistent individual daily schedules w/o gaps or overlaps
  - Realistically sensitive to congestion, pricing, and other policies (compressed work weeks)
  - Successfully applied in many ABMs in practice and tested for many projects







# Questions and Answers

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