

Interactive Front-End for EV Traffic Simulation in Highways

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Smart scheduling approach for EVs

- paper: "Smart Charging Schedules for Highway Travel with Electric Vehicles"
 - authors: Victor del Razo and Hans-Arno Jacobsen
- idea: EVs determine their charging stops during a highway trip
- goal: reduce the total travel time for each EV
- summary: shortest path problem
 - A* search algorithm
 - extended with verification of constraints
- software: Python based simulation framework that provides
 - generated trip data
 - time-dependent parameters



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simulation model

- electric vehicles (EVs)
- charging stations (CSs)
- highway

scheduling design

- local to the EV
- communication with charging stations
- highway-related information system

scheduling process

- calculate set of charging stops and times
- submit bookings to the charging stations
- proceed trip as planned unless an update event is received



Interactive Front-Ends

Our task was to design and implement two front-ends for the simulation framework.

- Simulation Manager Interface
 - show current states of EVs and CSs
- EV Driver Interface
 - show relevant vehicle information
 - display travel-related information



Research question

What is the most suitable form of presentation for the data that is most relevant during the simulation and while driving respectively?

Simulation Manager Interface

- data-heavy application
- structured data access
- relation between EVs and CSs
- schedule changes
- aggregated metrics

EV Driver Interface

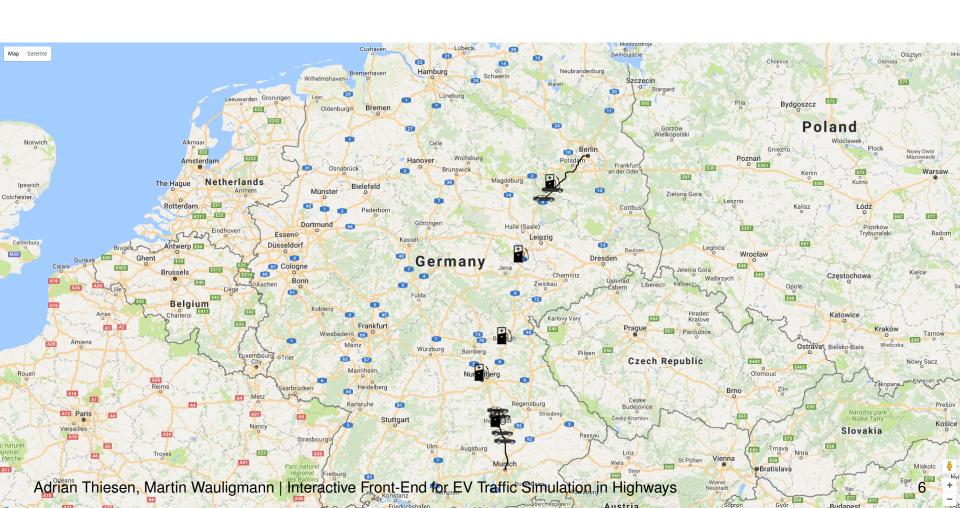
- limited user attention
- separation of information
- time-relevant data

Which tools, libraries, frameworks or APIs can be used to implement the two front-ends? Which are most suitable for our purpose?



Simulation Manager Interface

Google Maps JavaScript API





config.js

```
var config = {
    mapID: "map",
    mapCenter: "Germany",
    mapZoom: 7,
    markers: {
        car: {
            url: "img/markers/car.png",
            anchor: new google.maps.Point(24, 18)
        },
        battery: {
            url: "img/markers/battery.png",
            anchor: new google.maps.Point(20, 36)
        }
    }
};
```



main.js

```
$(document).ready(function () {
    // Init map
    var map = new Map();
    // Electric vehicles traveling from A to B
    var ev = [];
    ev.push(new EV(map.map, 1, 0, "Munich", "Berlin"));
    ev.push(new EV(map.map, 2, 10, "Munich", "Berlin"));
    ev.push(new EV(map.map, 3, 25, "Berlin", "Munich"));
    // Charging stations at location C
    var cs = [];
    cs.push(new CS(map.map, 1, "Ingolstadt"));
    cs.push(new CS(map.map, 2, "Nuremberg"));
    cs.push(new CS(map.map, 3, "Bayreuth"));
    cs.push(new CS(map.map, 4, "Osterfeld"));
});
```



map.js

```
function Map() {
   this.init = function () {
        // Create new Google Map
        this.map = new google.maps.Map(document.getElementById(config.mapID), {
            mapTypeId: google.maps.MapTypeId.ROADMAP
        });
        // Center and fit country in viewport
        var geocoder = new google.maps.Geocoder();
        var map = this.map;
        geocoder.geocode({'address': config.mapCenter}, function (results, status) {
            if (status == google.maps.GeocoderStatus.OK) {
                map.setCenter(results[0].geometry.location);
                map.fitBounds(results[0].geometry.viewport);
        });
   };
```



cs.js

```
function CS(map, id, location) {
    var CS = this;
    var stats = {
        id: id,
        time: '',
        queue_length: '',
        busy_poles_fc: '',
        busy_poles_tsc: '',
        arrived_cars: '',
        leaving_cars: '',
        queued_cars: '',
        plugged_cars: '',
        energy_consumed: '',
        energy_produced: '',
        energy_stored: '',
        energy_bought: '',
        queue_prediction_fc: '',
        queue_prediction_tsc: ''
    };
```



cs.js

```
this.init = function () {
   var marker = new google.maps.Marker({
       map: map,
       icon: config.markers.battery
   });

   CS.setPosition(marker);

   var panel = new google.maps.InfoWindow({
       content: CS.getStats()
   });

   CS.initStats(panel, marker);
};
```



cs.js

```
this.getStats = function () {
   var info = '';

  for (var key in stats) {
      info += key + ': ' + stats[key] + '<br>';
  }

  return info;
};
```



ev.js

```
function EV(map, id, start_time, origin, destination) {
    var EV = this;
    var stats = {
        id: id,
        time: '',
        position: '',
        geo_position: '',
        distance_travelled: '',
        time_travelled: '',
        time_waited: '',
        time_charged: '',
        time_driven: '',
        battery_level: '',
        speed: '',
        driving_flag: '',
        schedule_status: ''
    };
```



ev.js

```
this.start = function () {
    var directions = new google.maps.DirectionsService();
    var request = {
        origin: origin,
        destination: destination,
        travelMode: google.maps.TravelMode.DRIVING
    };
    setTimeout(function () {
        directions.route(request, function (result, status) {
            if (status == google.maps.DirectionsStatus.OK) {
                EV.autoUpdate(map, result.routes[0].legs);
        });
    }, start_time * 1000);
};
```



ev.js

```
this.autoUpdate = function (map, legs) {
    var route, marker, panel;
    route = new google.maps.Polyline({
        path: [],
        geodesic: true,
        strokeColor: '#000000',
        strokeOpacity: 0.8,
        strokeWeight: 2,
        editable: false,
        map: map
    });
    marker = new google.maps.Marker({
        map: map,
        icon: config.markers.car
    });
    . . .
```



ev.js

. . . var timeUnit = 0; for (var i = 0; $i < legs.length; i++) {$ for (var j = 0; j < legs[i].steps.length; <math>j++) { for (var k = 0; k < legs[i].steps[j].path.length; k++) {</pre> setTimeout(function (coords) { route.getPath().push(coords); EV.moveMarker(map, marker, coords); EV.updateStats(panel); }, 50 * timeUnit++, legs[i].steps[j].path[k]);