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Impact of HSR on Land Use

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Theory

High-Speed Rail

 Construction of new line

Accessibility

 Reduction of travel time increases accessibility

Land Use Impacts

- Land prices increase
- Workers accept longer commute distances ...
- ... and move further away from work
- ... and choose jobs that are further away from their home



Actual Impacts

Very difficult to quantify, as

- other changes happen at the same time (such as population growth, employment growth, economic changes).
- impacts are compounded. Higher costs of living may force people to move out, but also improved accessibility may encourage people to move.



Impacts are Very Difficult to Model

Most land use models work on **urban** scales, while the impact of high-speed rail tends to be **interregional**.

Economic models assess the impact of accessibilities, but lack the spatial resolution needed to understand the land use impact of HSR.

Multi-layer models are needed to credibly assess the impact of HSR.

