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Pedestrian macroscopic models: game-theoretical versus mechanistic viewpoints

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Abstract: Many Individual-Based Pedestrian models have been proposed in the literature. They can roughly be categorized in two classes: a first class considers pedestrians as rational agents able to optimize their trajectory in order to fulfil their goal [1]. The second class of models rely on a mechanistic view of agents reacting to close encounters like physical particles [2]. In both cases, we derive macroscopic models and discuss their similarities and differences.

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