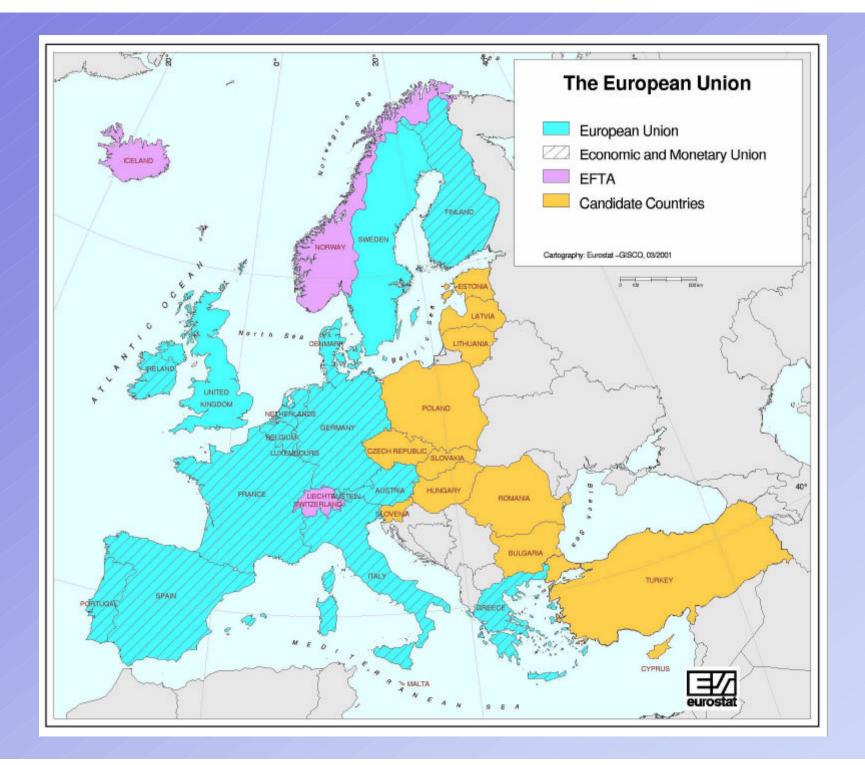
EURO COIN DIFFUSION - a numerical study

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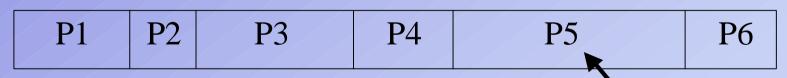
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THE METHOD

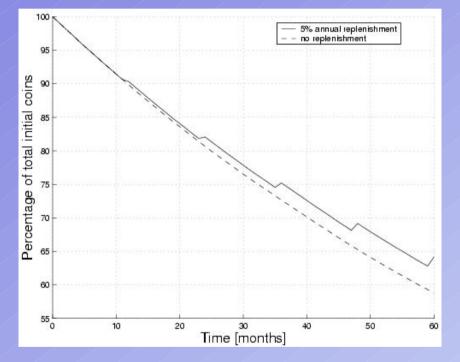
- Basic idea: coins move from one country to another with travellers.
- Residence time algorithm was used.
 - Also known as BKL (Bortz, Kalos, Lebowitz), kinetic Monte Carlo.

Transitions selected randomly according to probabilities:



• Travel statistics from European Union data (Eurostat).

RESULTS



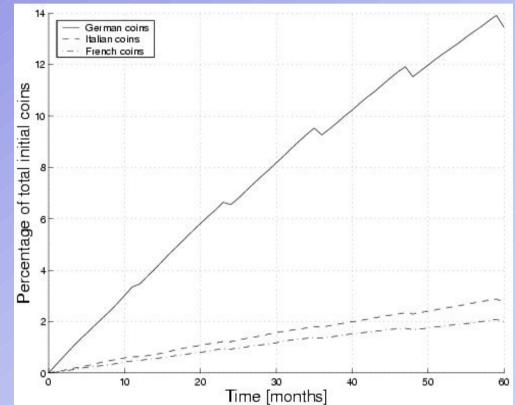
- Time evolution of the percentage of the Austrian coins in the domestic coin population.
- Effect of 5% annual replenishment.

RESULTS

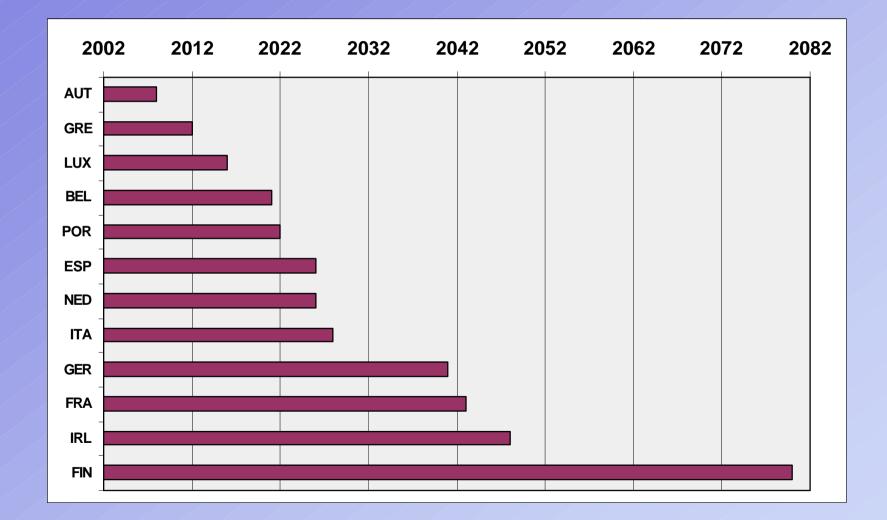
Time evolution

of the percentage
of the German,

Italian and
French coins in
the Greek total
coin population.



RESULTS: 50% FOREIGN



WHY?

- Diffusion is physics, isn't it?
- It is very important to show common public that physics methods can be used in "real life" applications.
- Out of curiosity

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