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MATSim User Meeting 2023

Researching the impact of extreme weather events on an On-Demand Transport service

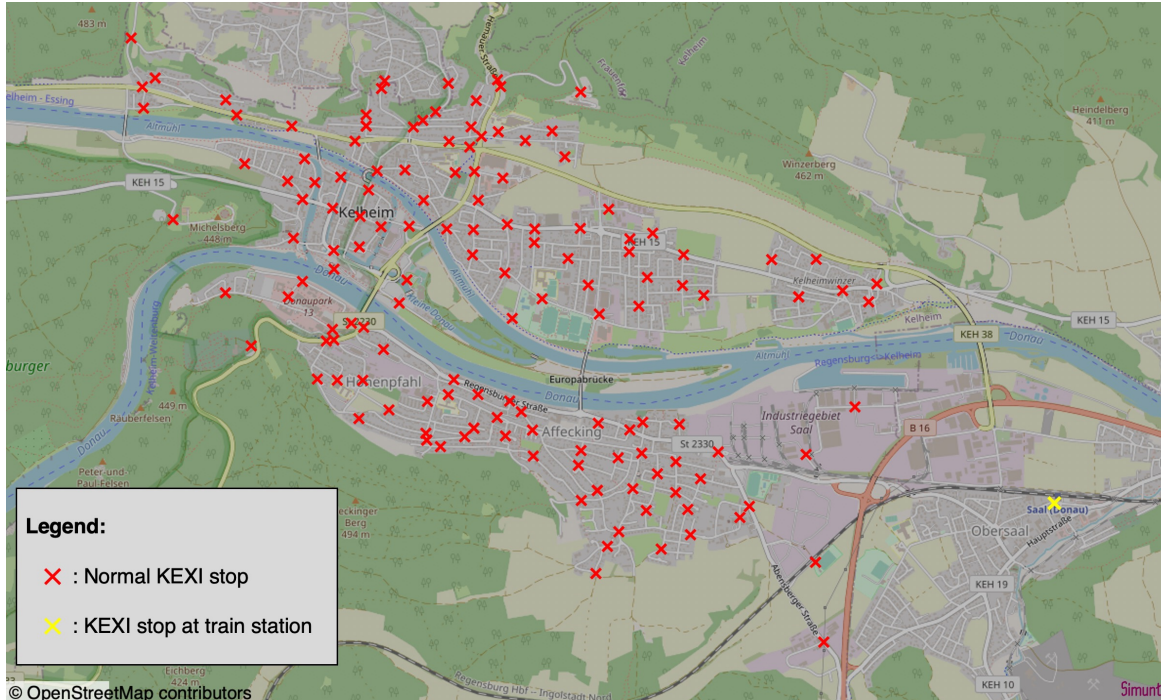
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Agenda

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- Statistical study: Multiple Linear Regression Analysis
- Simulation study: MATSim transport model
- Discussion

General information



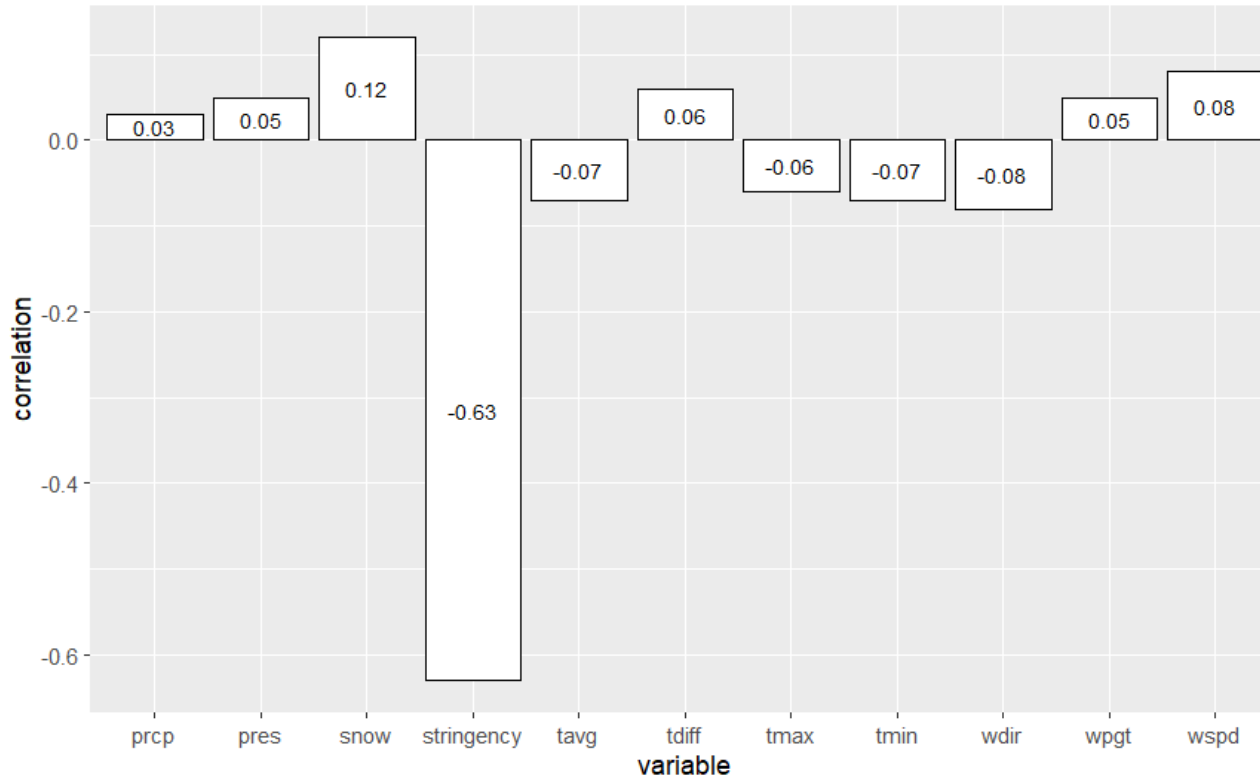
- KEXI DRT service
 - Kelheim, Germany
 - 2 € / ride, 3 € from / to train station Saal (Donau)
 - Operation time: Mo – Sa 06:00-23:00
- KelRide
 - Implementation of autonomous DRT segment
 - Weather-proof autonomous shuttles

➔ How do weather parameters influence DRT demand?

Multiple linear regression analysis

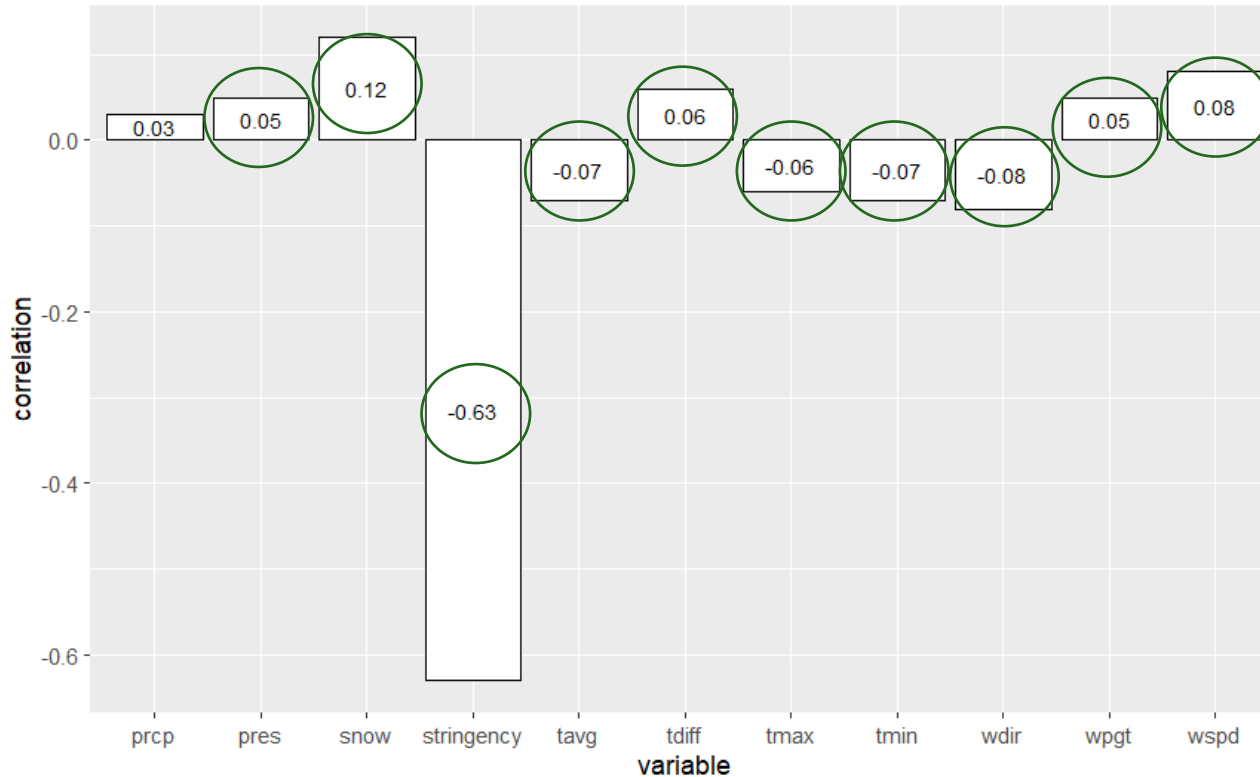
- Input Data
 - Weather data from Meteostat [3] and Weatherstack [4]
 - Mobility data provided by KelRide-project partners -> demand data on KEXI service
 - Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker [5]
- Analyzed time period: June 2020 – December 2022
- Methodology: Linear regression analysis to discover potential dependencies

Multiple linear regression analysis



- First step
 - Find possible (general) correlations (Pearson coefficients)

Multiple linear regression analysis



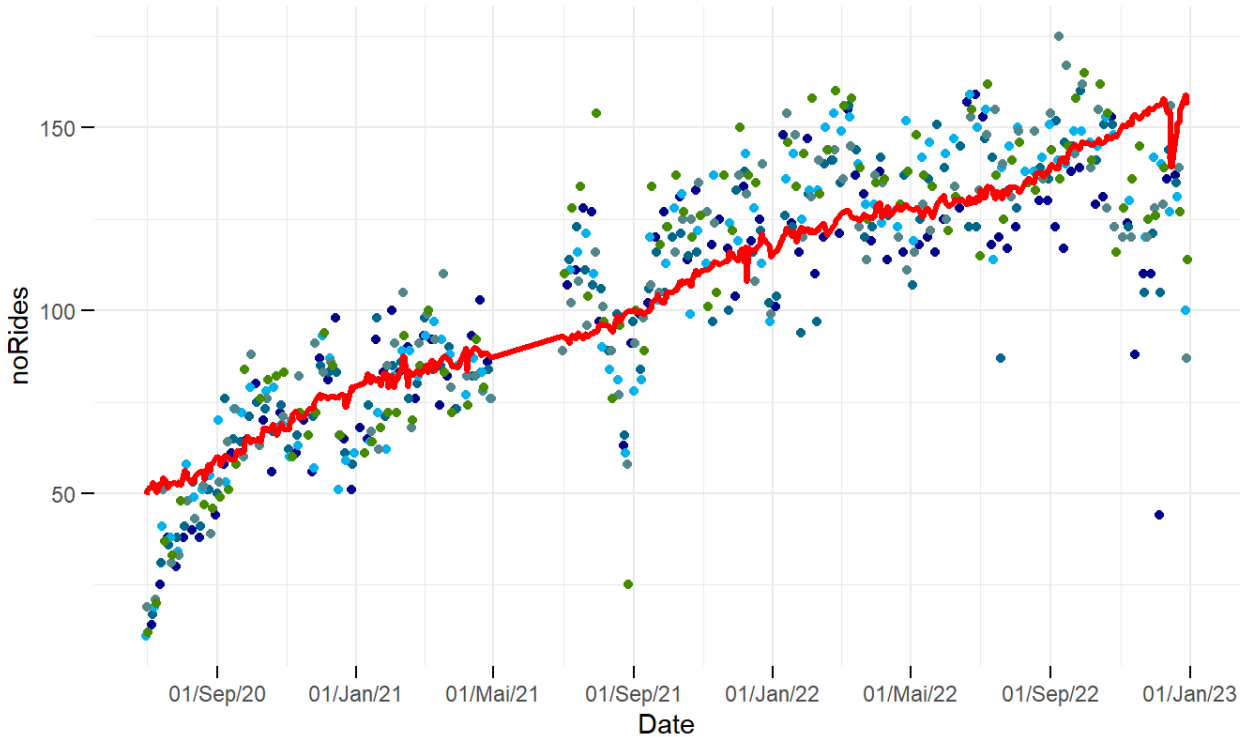
- First step
 - Find possible (general) correlations (Pearson coefficients)
 - Variables with correlation $\geq |0.05|$ are integrated into the regression model

Multiple linear regression analysis

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	$p > t $	[95% CI]
Intercept	58.895346	1.812681	$< 2e - 16$	(55.3346636, 62.456028269)
snow	-0.182138	0.090311	0.0442	(-0.3595371, -0.004739843)
tavg	-0.426429	0.102495	3.69e-05	(-0.6277617, -0.225096695)
trend	0.110944	0.002901	$< 2e - 16$	(0.1052444, 0.116643042)
R^2	0.731			

- Final regression model
 - Reduced to significant independent variables only: **tavg**, **snow** and **trend**
 - Continuous increase of daily DRT rides over time - > trend variable
 - Integration of trend variable makes COVID-19 related variable “stringency” obsolete

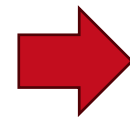
Multiple linear regression analysis



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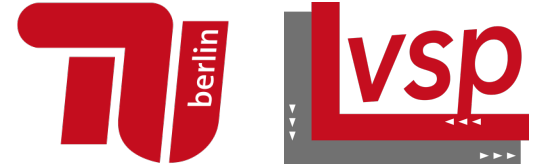
How do weather parameters influence DRT demand?

- An increase of t_{avg} by $1^{\circ}C$ decreases the daily number of DRT rides by 0.426429
- An increase of max. snow depth by 1 mm decreases the daily number of DRT rides by 0.182138



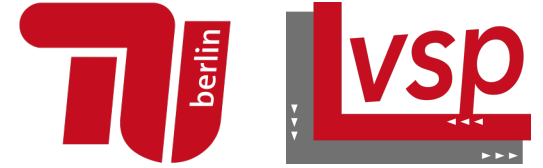
Almost no weather impact on DRT demand..

Simulation study



- Simulation study conducted with the MATSim Open Kelheim Model [6]
 - **We saw:** Marginal influence of weather parameters on DRT demand
 - **But:** Weather could still have influence on AV (autonomous vehicle) operation -> Parametrization of weather impact: Reduced maximum speed of AV
 - Based on information from EasyMile:
 - Base case (AV speed of 18 km/h) (based on [2])
 - Max. AV speed 12 km/h
 - Max. AV speed 9 km/h
 - Max. AV speed 6 km/h

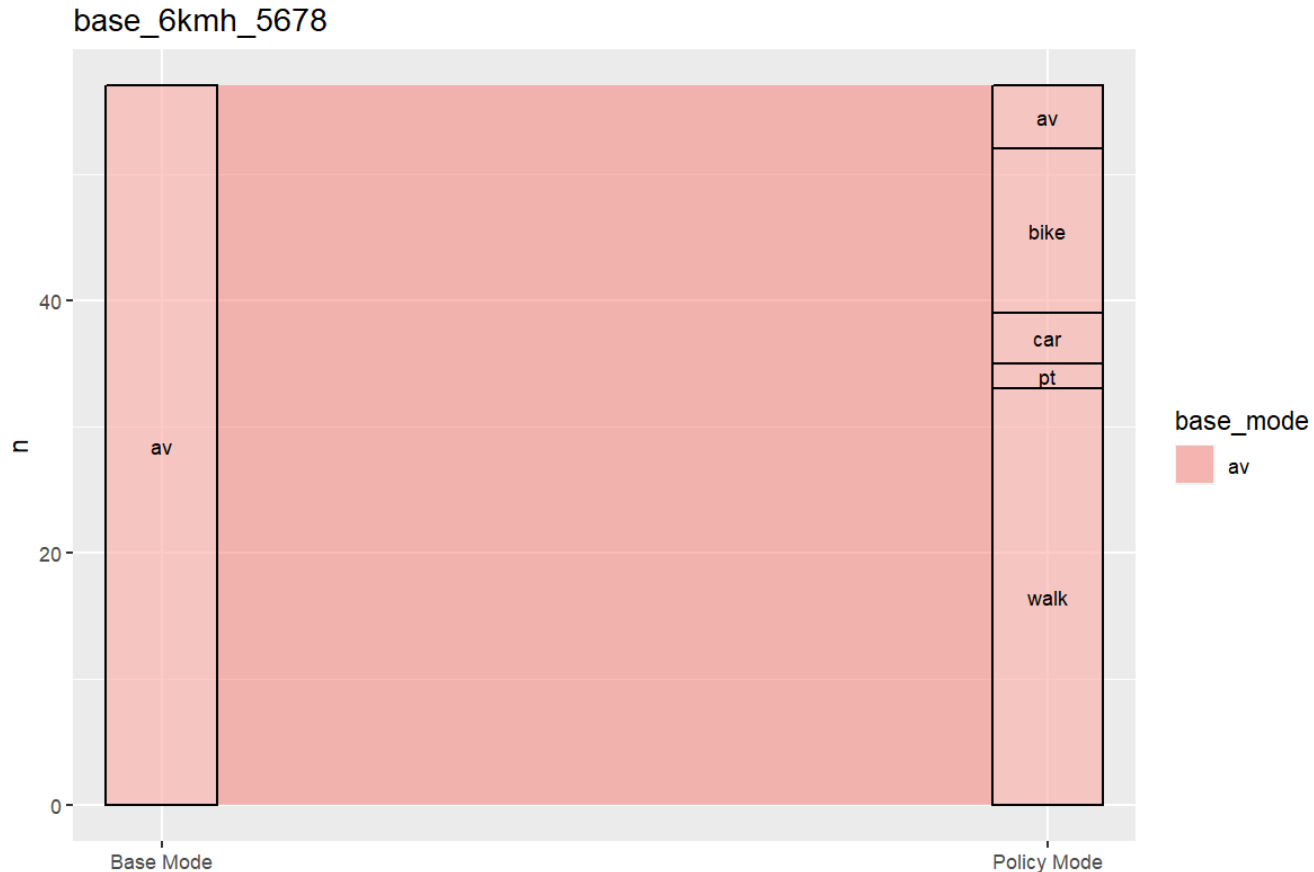
Simulation study



Case	Number of rides per day	mean waiting time [s]	mean euclidean distance [m]	mean in vehicle travel time [s]
Autonomous DRT				
Base Case	50	178	633	281
AV 12 km/h	28	219	660	392
AV 9 km/h	18	349	685	531
AV 6 km/h	3	471	694	610

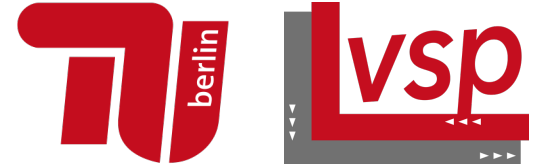
- Simulation results
 - Marginal impact on conventional DRT service
 - With decreasing max. AV speed:
 - Decreasing demand, increasing waiting time, increasing in veh. travel time

Simulation study



- Former AV users are switching to modes bike and walk mainly
 - This is where they came from in the first place (see [2])
 - This is explainable through..
 - AV service is free of charge
 - Loss of advantage (increased travel speed) -> bike and walk more attractive

Conclusion



- Multiple linear regression analysis
 - Only marginal impact of avg. temperature and maximum snow depth on daily DRT demand
 - Study ought to be repeated for a time period without COVID-19 related policies
 - Marginal weather impact could also just be statistical effects
 - Demand solely consists of DRT trips
- Simulation study
 - Decreased max. AV speed causes modal shift to modes walk and bike (mainly)
 - Simulation results are limited by dimension of AV service area

Thanks for listening!

Any questions / suggestions?

References

- [1] - <https://kelride.com/>
- [2] - <https://svn.vsp.tu-berlin.de/repos/public-svn/publications/vspwp/2022/22-17/>
- [3] - <https://bulk.meteostat.net/v2/>
- [4] - <https://weatherstack.com/>
- [5] - <https://covidtracker.bsg.ox.ac.uk/>
- [6] - <https://github.com/matsim-scenarios/matsim-kelheim>