

# Determinants of Station-Based Round-Trip Bikesharing

# A case study of OV-fiets in The Netherlands

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Aim of this research is to identify pre-COVID usage patterns within the train-system integrated bikesharing system OV-fiets





station to rent and return bike
 drop-off zone for free-floating bikes
 trips made by users





Stations to rent a bike located in or next to train stations for seamless transfer between modes Renting a bike with the same smartcard which is also used to travel by train to make the usage as easy as possible

Fixed price for 24hour rental, bikes should be returned to same location (otherwise penalty cost)

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Share of variance in the hourly demand which can be explained by the following determinants:



Number of travellers leaving train system (Number of checkouts)



temporal determinants (Season, Weekday, Hour, Holiday)



Weather-related determinants (Sunshine, Temperature, Rain)

### **Descriptive analysis of eight exemplary stations – different patterns are unravelled**



### Methodology

#### Data sources:

- NS Stations: OV-fiets, station information, checkouts
- National weather institute KNMI: Weather data
- Public calendars: school holidays

#### Data processing:

- Aggregation on hourly level for year 2018
- Combination of datasets
- Filtering for coherent data
- **Determinant identification:**
- Multiple linear regression (MLR) including all stations in one dataset combined with backward search algorithm to identify most significant determinants
- Additional MLRs performed per station to further assess station-specific performance,

## (Future) Relevance & Applicability

#### For current operators

- Information about determinants for systems' demand
- More efficient planning of shifts for
- employees and bike maintenance

#### For (potential) users

- Improved matching of supply and demand increases availability
- ที่ผู้ที่ Increased availability increases ผู้ที่ผู้ที่ผู้ attractiveness of system

#### For future operators

- Insights into usage of station-based round-
- Identification of potential of the system to enhance multimodal transportation

#### **For local stakeholders**

- Increase in multimodal trips, potential decrease in car usage
- Possible reduction of public transport usage in peak hours (for egress of train trips)

see thesis for further insights (Wilkesmann, 2022)

#### **Descriptive analysis:**

- Aggregation and filtering of data to investigate potential patterns within the data
- Visualisation for appealing comparison
- Forecasting (not covered in this poster, see thesis for further insights):
- Usage of created insights to perform comparative application of multiple forecasting methods to assess suitability of hourly forecasting for station-based round-trip bikesharing



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