



Modelling Emerging Transport
Solutions for Urban Mobility

Modelling shared mobility services

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Needs & objectives

Q M O M E N T U M

- Shared mobility services are penetrating the European cities
- Introduction of such services in cities calls for proper evaluation of them, to avoid inefficiency & ineffectiveness
- Modelling of shared mobility requires agent based approaches (based on existing pertinent literature)
- However, many cities, especially small & medium sized cities, continue to use the traditional strategic four-step modelling approach
- Need for an intermediate modelling approach, which can be integrated to the existing models of the cities



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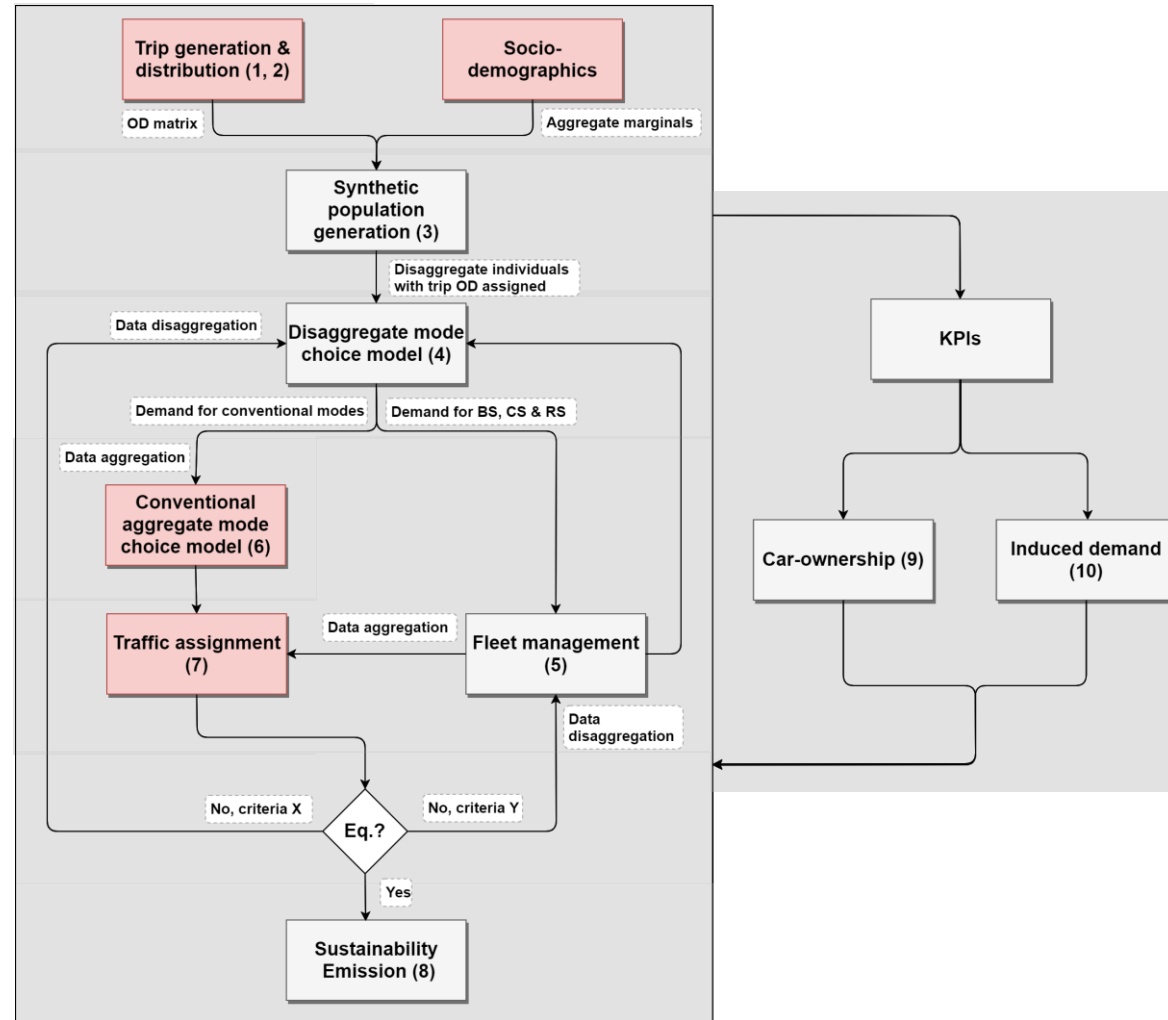
Modelling schema – High penetration



Red colour shaded boxes indicate the existing components in the traditional four-step transport modelling approach

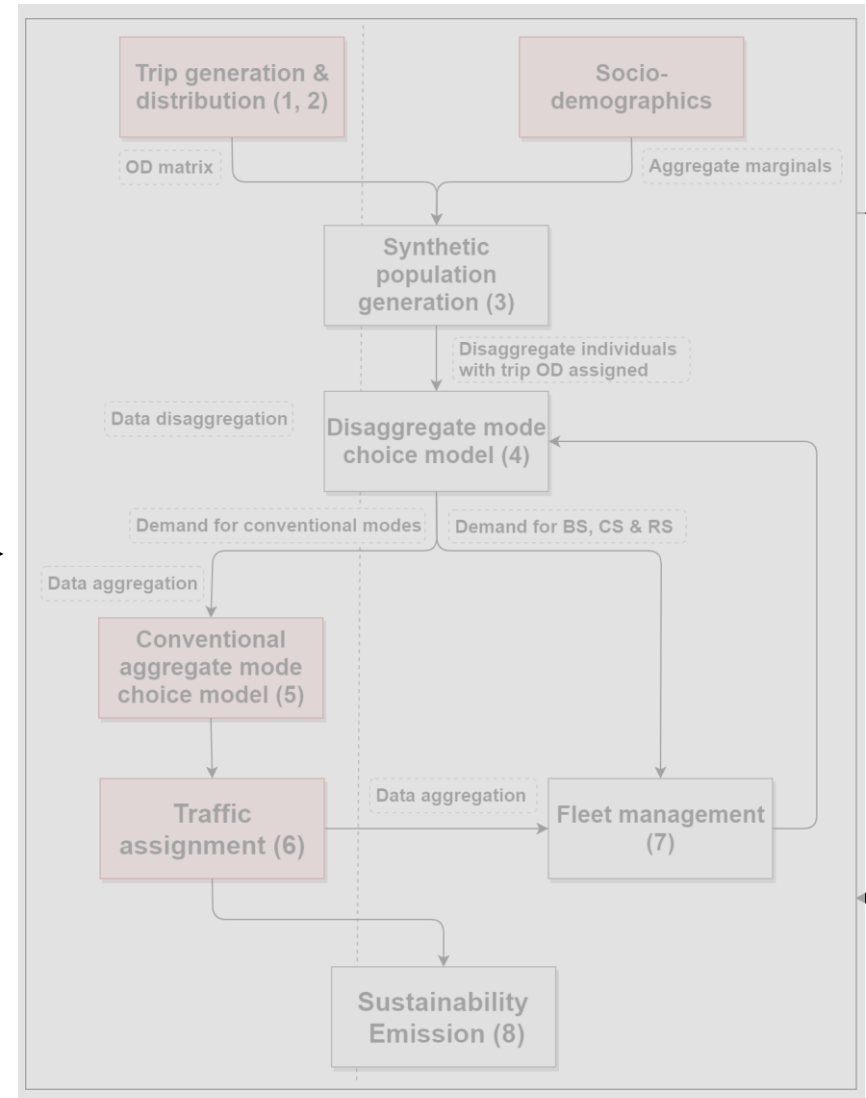
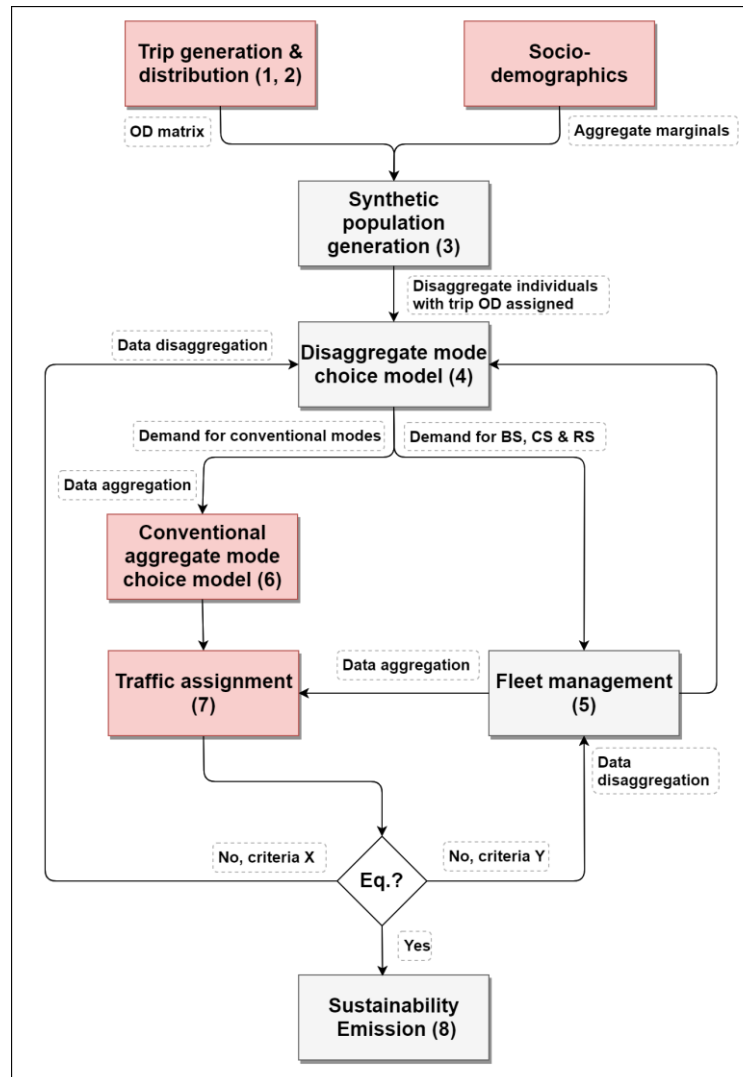
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Modelling schema – Low penetration



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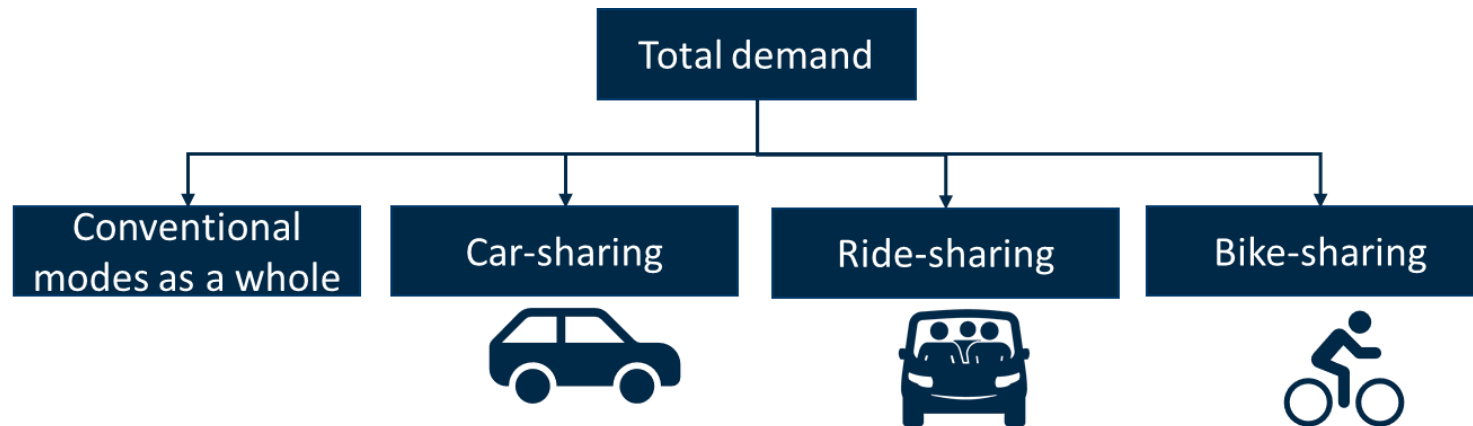
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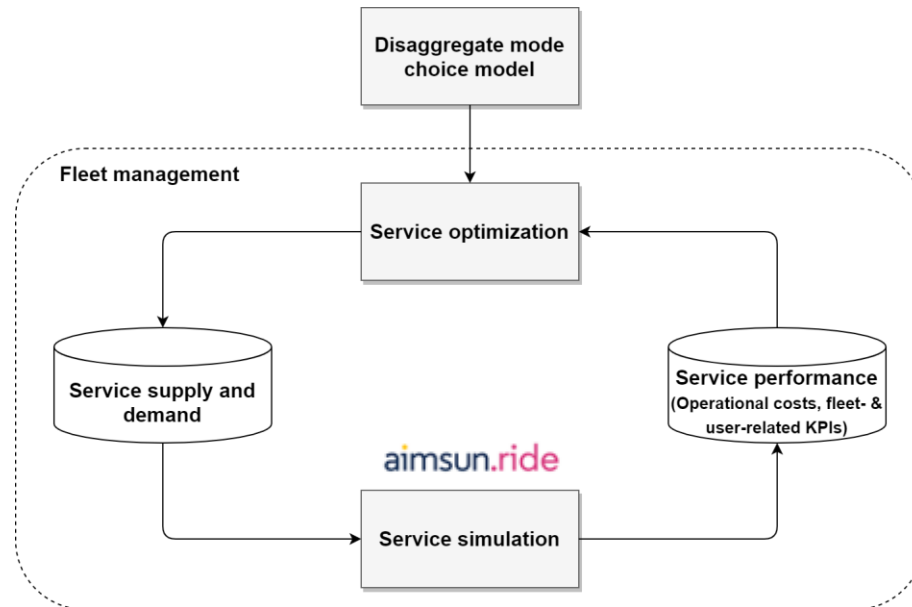
Step 4 - Disaggregate mode choice model

- Development of a generalised multinomial logit model based on smoted household survey data
- Consideration for non-availability of a sharing vehicle and inability to use car-sharing without license type B



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2. Trip distribution
3. Synthetic population generation
4. Disaggregate mode choice
5. Fleet management
6. Conventional agg. mode choice
7. Traffic assignment
8. Emission calculation
9. Car-ownership
10. Induced demand estimation

- Service optimization objective: Generate the supply side of the different shared mobility services (methods from operational research)
- Service simulation objective: Assess the service performance and calculate the necessary KPIs
- Iteration between the two steps until convergence



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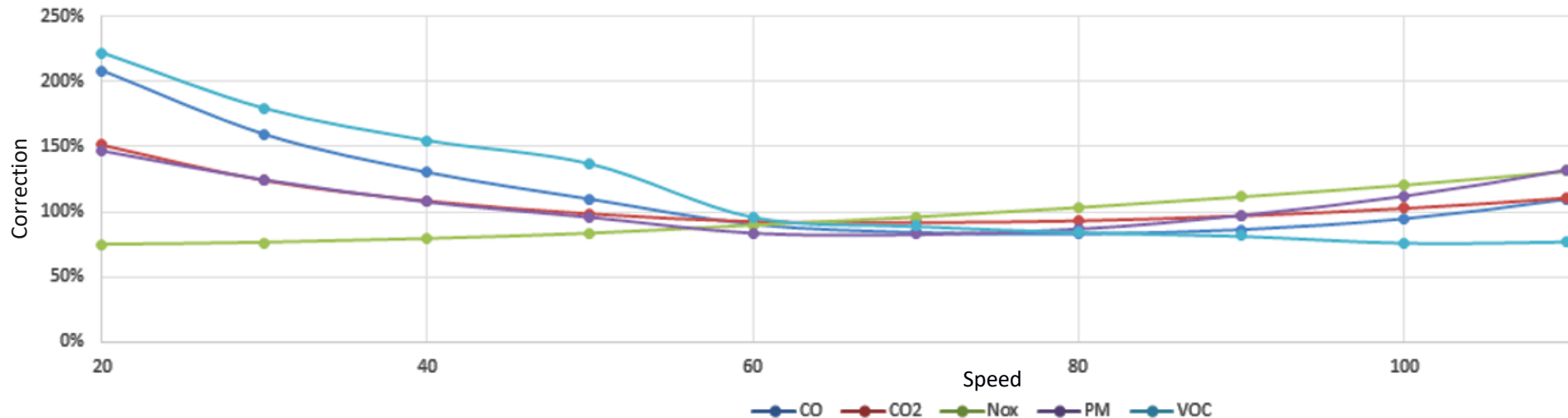
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Step 8 - Static emission model

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- Light-weight post-processing step to estimate emissions at link level and by aggregation on the entire network
- Country- and year-specific (2016 to 2050) , speed-corrected aggregated emission factors per pollutant (CO, CO₂, NO_x, PM, VOC) (Rodrigues et al., 2020)
- Network, traffic speeds and vehicle-kilometers extracted on a per-link basis from the traffic model



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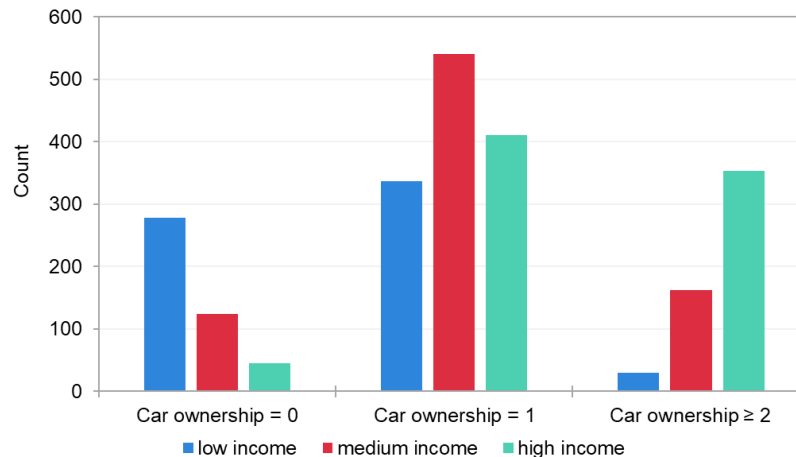
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Step 9 - Disaggregate car ownership model

- Growing concern for private car ownership, and the ability of car-sharing services to reduce car-ownership
- Need for a car-ownership model, especially with the consideration of the supply of car-sharing system
- Variables: Age, household size, income, cargo bike ownership, PT pass availability, car-sharing subscription, car-sharing supply (number of vehicles per district) and commute speed

Relationship between car ownership at household level and income



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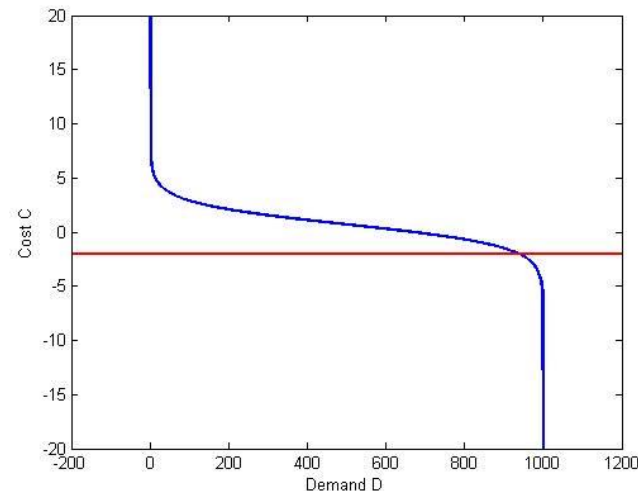
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Step 10 - Induced demand (demand elasticity)



- New modes of transport induce changes in demand (OD matrix)
- A nested logit model, with choices to travel or not at upper level and the different modes at lower level of the choice to travel
- Sum of the utilities of each mode (i.e., the total utility of the available modes) is considered as the utility to travel
- Direct quantification of the utility of the choice “not-to-travel” is not possible. Calibration based on case-specific survey or demand elasticity from the literature is feasible



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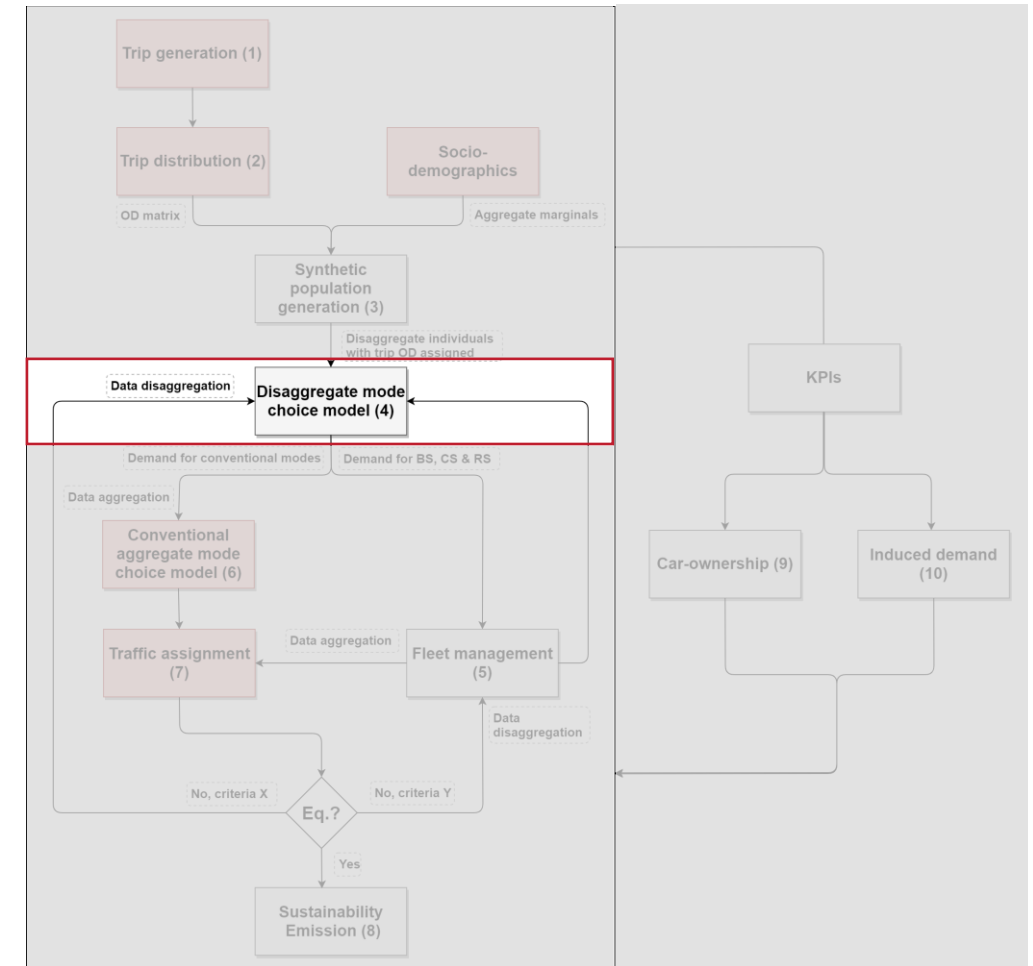
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- The round-trip station-based car-sharing system in Regensburg is specifically designed to focus on serving special trips (e.g., trips to furniture stores)
- PT is meant to cover regular trips like commuting and the car-sharing system is meant to cover special trips (e.g., trips to furniture stores), reducing the necessity for car-ownership.
- The OD matrices from strategic transport models in many cities, usually, do not adequately cover the demand stratum (i.e., special trips) of the aforementioned system.

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Needs & objectives

- The car-sharing system is small and the modal split for the service is very less (< 50 trips per day)
- It is not possible to account the demand for the service through the traditional mode choice models and adequately evaluate the service using existing transport modelling approaches.
- An external approach is needed to estimate demand. Besides demand, it is also required to characterize the users of such a system.



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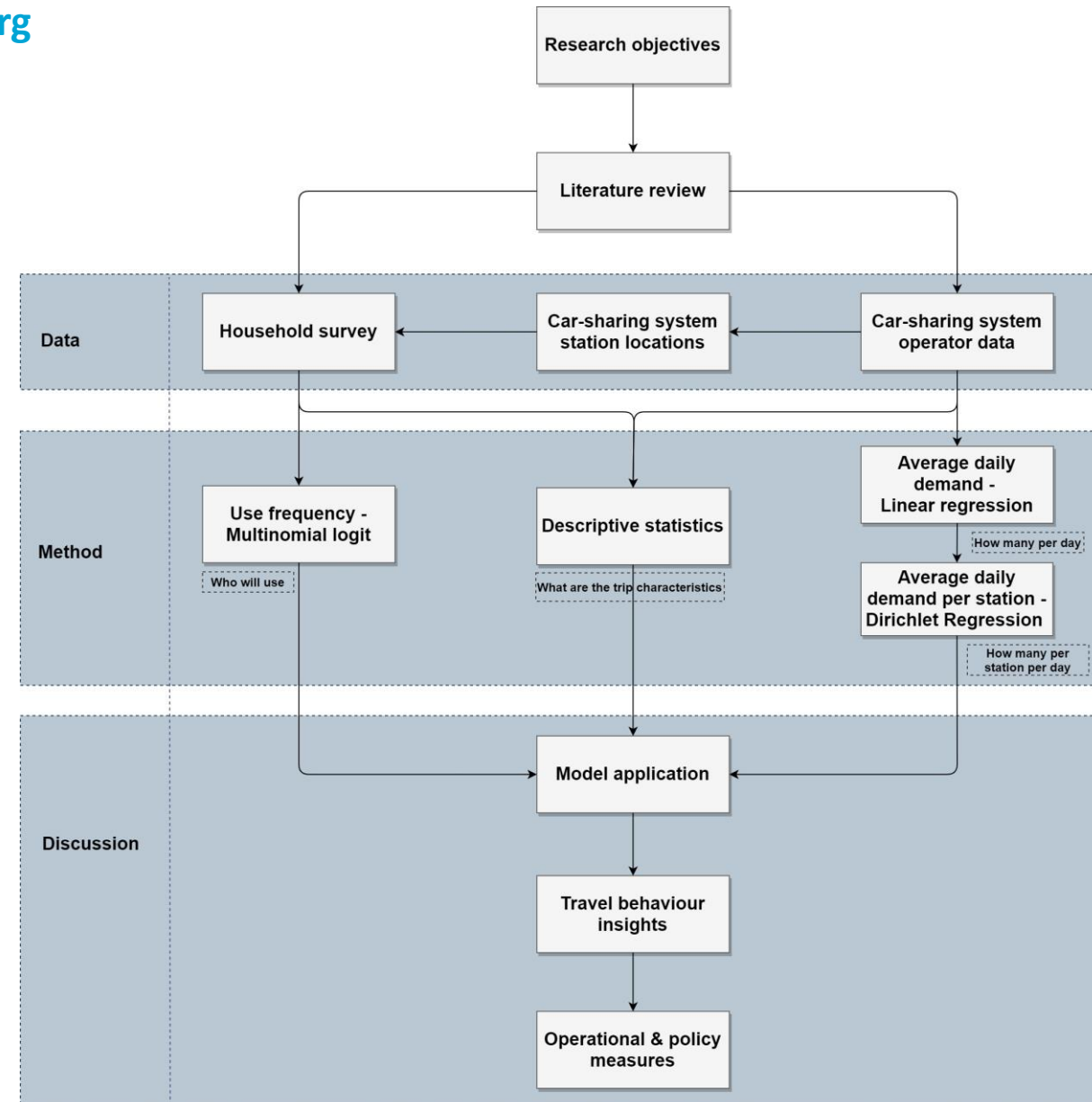
Methodology & data

- Household survey

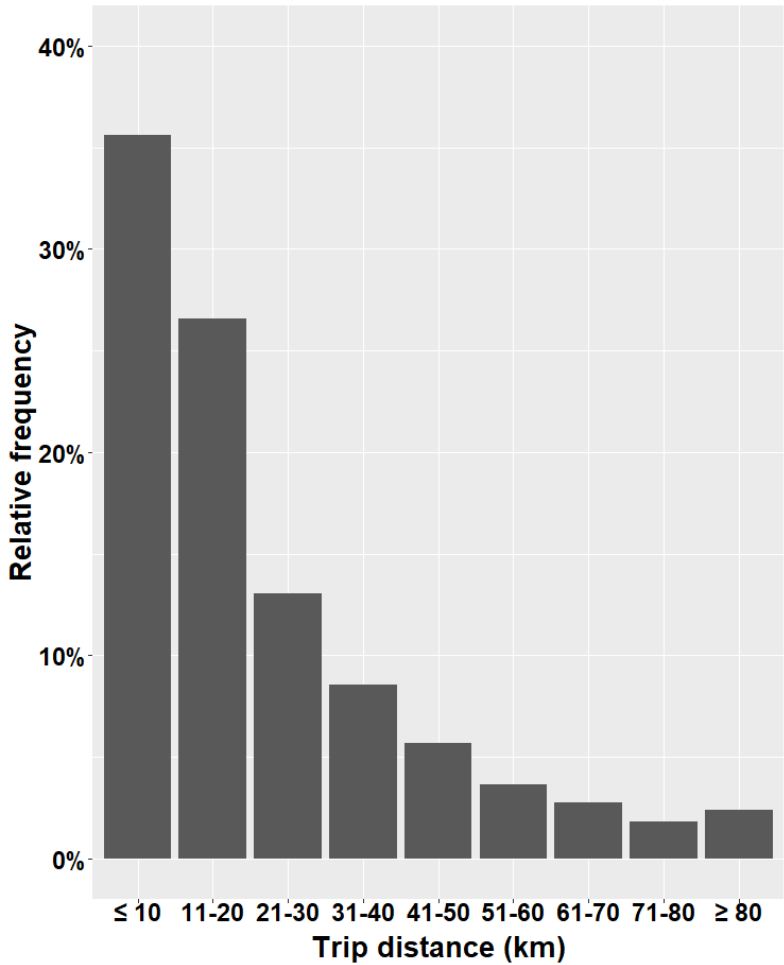
- Conducted between February 2018 and January 2019, with 2,501 individuals from 1,116 households
- Frequency of use of the car-sharing system: daily or almost daily, 3 to 4 days per week, 1 to 2 days per week, 1 to 3 days per month, 1 or 2 days per quarter, rare and never;
- First two categories have 0 sample; Next two categories grouped together as “medium frequency or occasional users” and the next two categories as “low frequency or rare users”

- Operator data

- A total of 8,567 trips recorded, with Information related to trips occurred between November 2016 and November 2019
- Details such as booking start and end date and time, pick up and return station (same value because of round-trip system), vehicle make and model, distance travelled during the booking

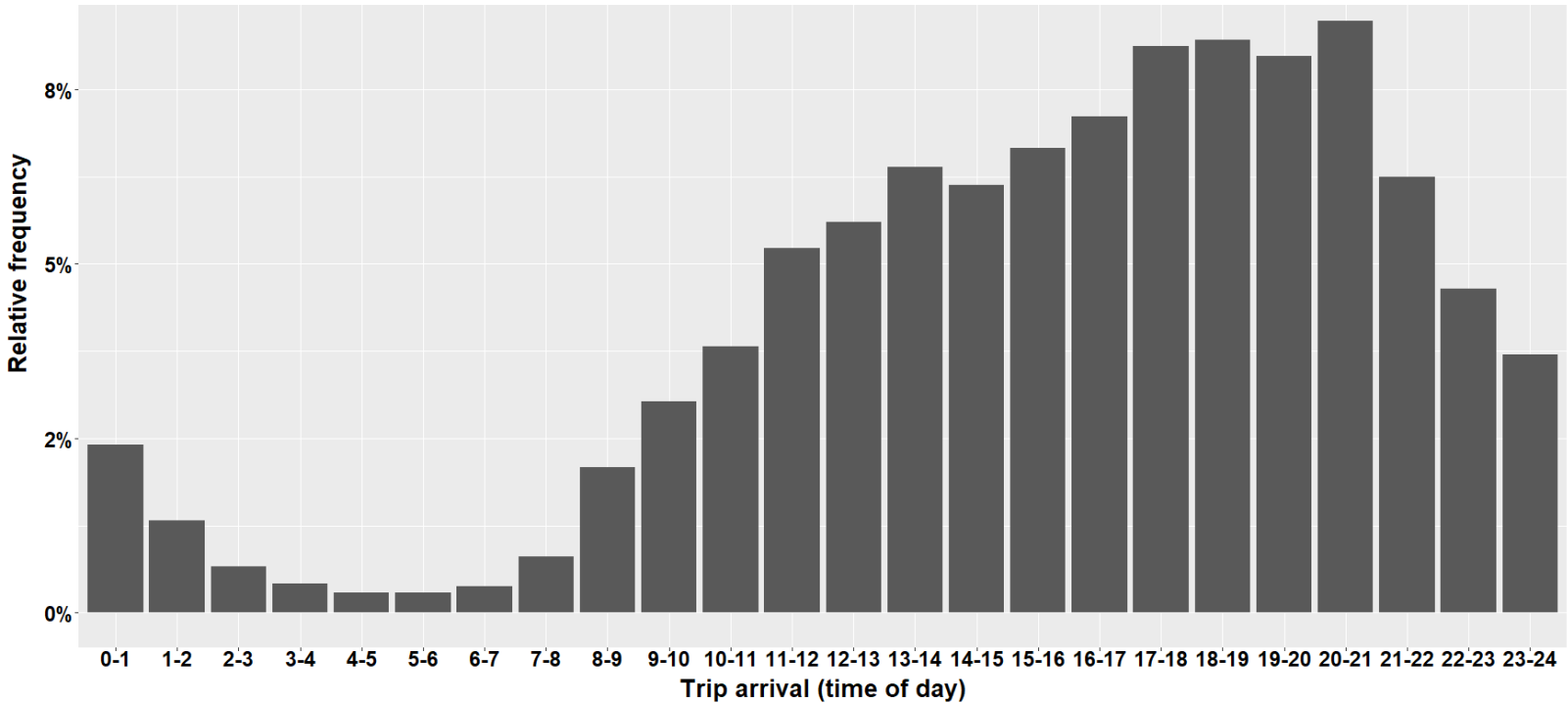
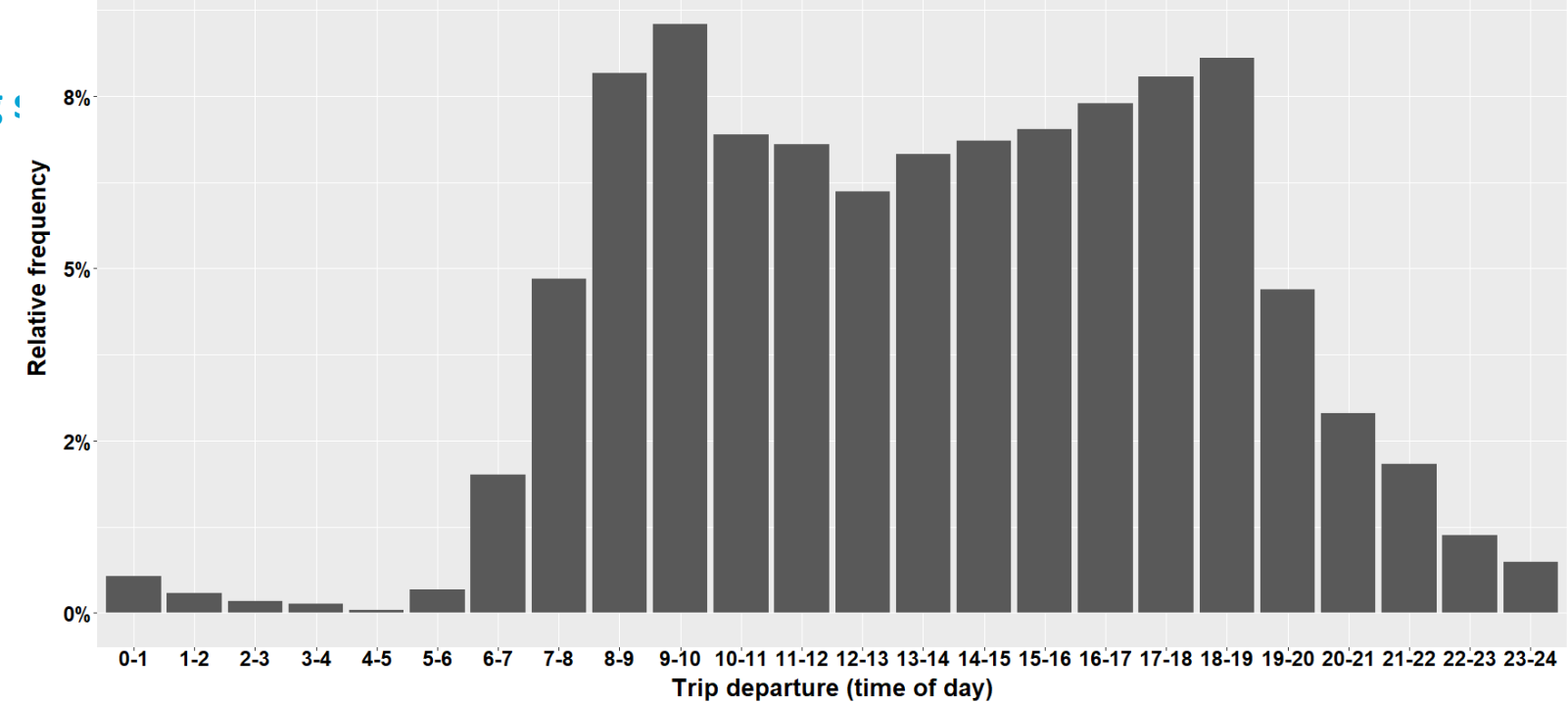


Multi-method framework for car-sharing :
Some descriptive statistics



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Estimation results – Use frequency (multinomial logit model)



Variable	Estimate	S.E.	z-value
Age(both O & R)	-0.04	0.01	-4.51 (***)
Employment _{Student} (O)	1.56	0.46	3.41 (***)
Employment _{Student} (R)	2.05	0.38	5.39 (***)
Employment _{Full} (O)	1.14	0.45	2.55 (*)
Employment _{Full} (R)	1.68	0.37	4.54 (***)
Employment _{Half} (both O & R)	1.63	0.39	4.14 (***)
hasLowIncome(R)	0.72	0.37	1.95 (.)
hasUniversityDegree(both O & R)	0.61	0.23	2.62 (**)
HHBicyclesNum(R)	0.17	0.05	3.29 (**)
HHCarsNum(both O & R)	-0.33	0.14	-2.35 (*)
BicycleUse _{Often} (O)	1.55	0.39	3.94 (***)
BicycleUse _{Occasional} (R)	0.54	0.24	2.23 (*)
PTUse _{Often} (O)	1.01	0.37	2.75 (**)
PTUse _{Occasional} (R)	0.50	0.22	2.21 (*)
PrivateCarUse _{Rare} (R)	0.68	0.33	2.07 (*)
isPTAndCarUser(R)	-0.71	0.35	-2.03 (*)

SharedCarsInTheDistrict(O)	0.24	0.09	2.76 (**)
SharedCarsInTheDistrict(R)	0.14	0.06	2.24 (*)
Intercept (O)	-5.24	0.57	-9.20 (***)
Intercept (R)	-4.21	0.48	-8.86 (***)

Summary statistics

Log-likelihood: -516.92

McFadden R^2 : 0.17

AIC: 1073.85

BIC: 1186.70

Note:

- **O**: Occasional; **R**: Rare; **HH**: Household
- (.) - $p < 0.1$; (*) - $p < 0.05$; (**) - $p < 0.01$; (***) - $p < 0.001$

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Estimation results – Average daily demand (linear regression)



Variable	Estimate	S.E.	t-stat
StationCount	1.82	0.03	55.78 (***)
isFriday	0.56	0.22	2.55 (*)
isSaturday	-0.46	0.22	-2.11 (*)
isSunday	-2.58	0.22	-11.87 (***)
isFebruary	1.23	0.29	4.32 (***)
isInMarch/April/May	1.52	0.18	8.52 (***)
isJuly	0.79	0.27	2.90 (**)
Intercept	0.91	0.17	5.23 (***)
Summary statistics			
Adjusted R ² : 0.75			
AIC:	5139.35		
BIC:	5184.44		

Note: (*) - $p < 0.05$; (**) - $p < 0.01$; (***) - $p < 0.001$

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Estimation results – Average daily demand per station (Dirichlet regression)



Variable	Estimate	S.E.	z-value
AverageDailyDemand(B)	2.85	0.59	4.84 (***)
AverageDailyDemand(C)	3.10	0.38	8.10 (***)
AverageDailyDemand(D)	2.07	0.38	5.40 (***)
AverageDailyDemand(K)	2.37	0.41	5.78 (***)
AverageDailyDemand(R)	1.97	0.32	6.11 (***)
AverageDailyDemand(P)	2.77	0.36	7.57 (***)
AverageDailyDemand(S)	1.96	0.43	4.55 (***)
AverageDailyDemand(T)	3.06	0.41	7.37 (***)
isMonday(C)	-0.46	0.25	-1.83 (.)
isTuesday(S)	0.40	0.22	1.85 (.)
isWednesday(R)	0.38	0.22	1.75 (.)
isWednesday(P)	0.51	0.18	2.88 (**)
isFriday(D)	-0.35	0.21	-1.67 (.)
isFriday(S)	0.33	0.20	-1.64 (.)
isSaturday(C)	0.49	0.21	2.32 (*)
isSunday(B)	0.79	0.37	2.12 (*)
isSunday (S)	0.51	0.29	1.73 (.)
Intercept(B)	-7.84	1.65	-4.75 (***)
Intercept(C)	-7.84	1.06	-7.38 (***)
Intercept(D)	-4.36	1.05	-4.16 (***)
Intercept(K)	-6.01	1.13	-5.31 (***)

Intercept(R)	-4.73	0.89	-5.33 (***)
Intercept(P)	-6.39	1.01	-6.32 (***)
Intercept(S)	-4.43	1.20	-3.70 (***)
Intercept(T)	-7.92	1.15	-6.90 (***)

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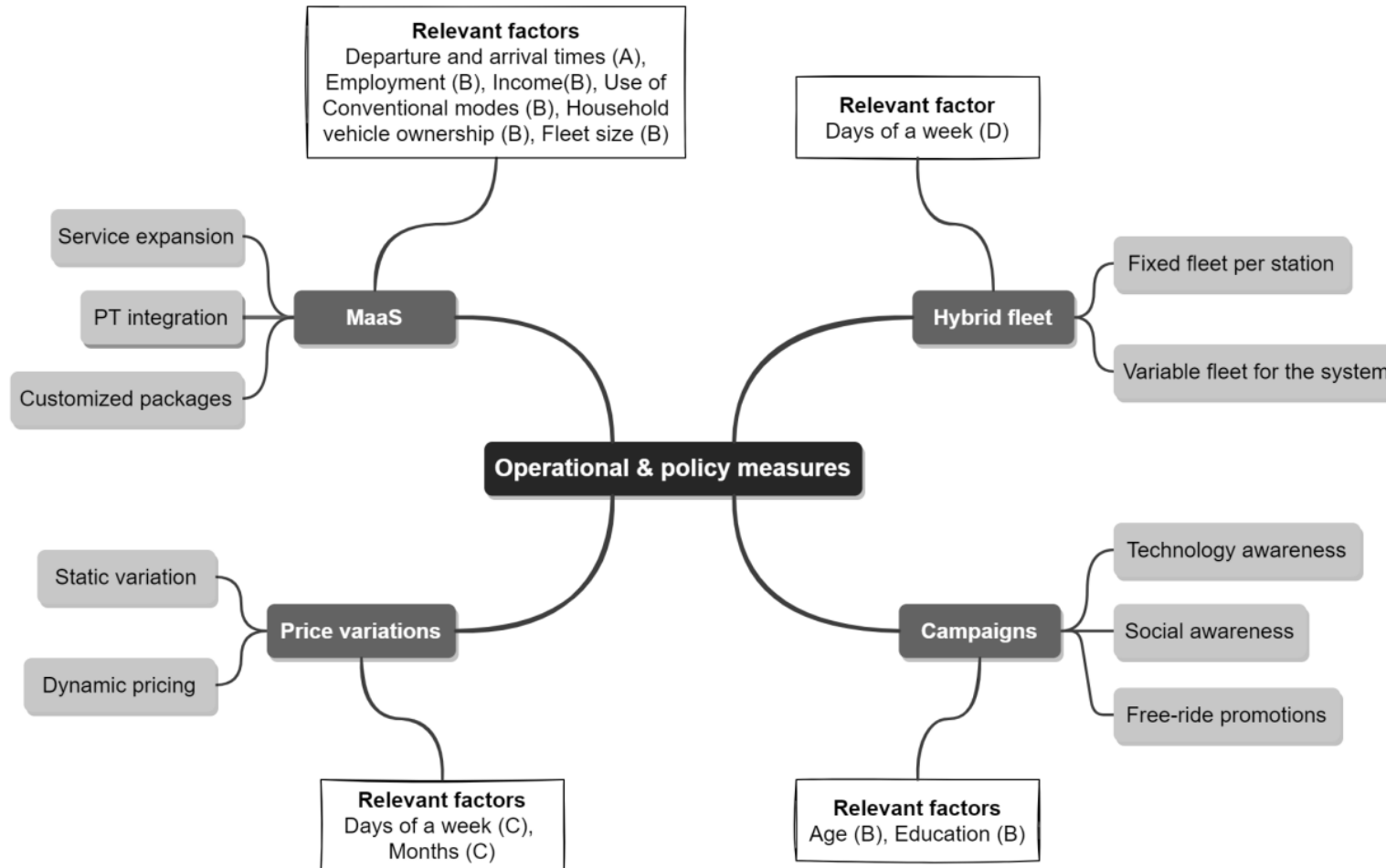
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BIC: -1125

Note:

- **B:** Burgweinting; **C:** Candis; **D:** Dachauplatz; **K:** Koenigswiesen; **L:** Landratsamt; **P:** Petersweg; **S:** Stadtamhof; **T:** Techbase
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Note: A - Based on descriptive statistics; B - Factor from multinomial logit model; C - Factor from linear regression model; D - Factor from dirichlet regression model

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