

# Weather and daily mobility in international perspective

## A cross comparison of Dutch, Norwegian and Swedish city regions

### Findings from ClimaMob work package 1



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# International literature

- Seasonality and weather on travel behaviour, mainly transport mode
- Often assumed linear relationships

- Weather and outdoor physical activity
- Urban microclimates, biometeorology, thermal comfort and outdoor physical activity

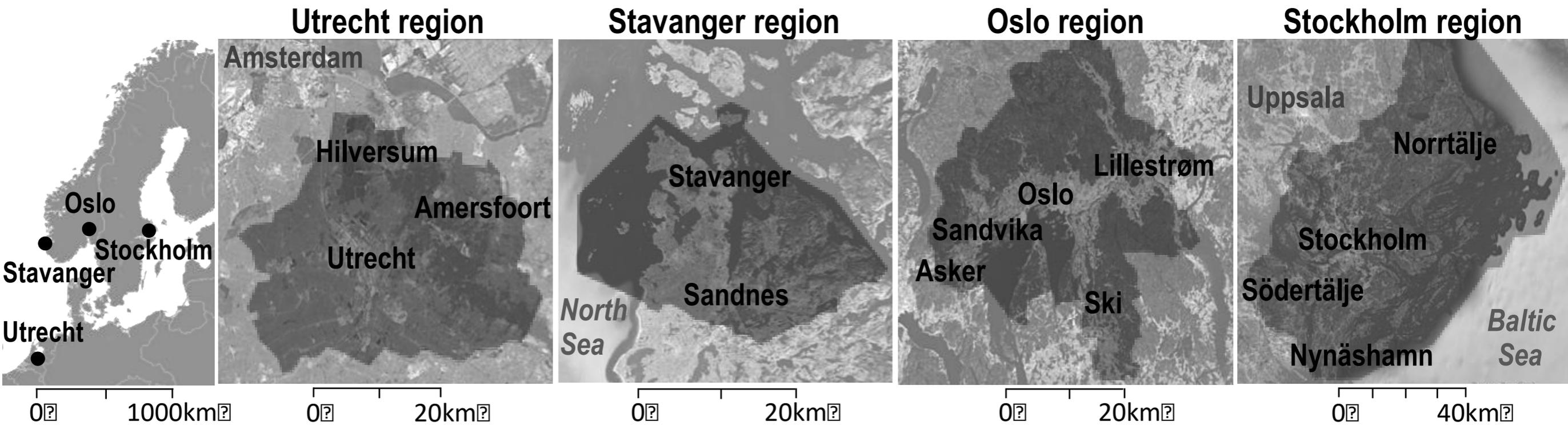
- Nonlinearity of weather effects
- Thermal optimum for walking, cycling and outdoor attendances
- Thresholds and tipping points

- A couple of systematic literature reviews point out that...
- Knowledge is highly fragmented over different disciplines
- Weather effects differ geographically by climate and transport regime

# Knowledge needs

- Need for international comparison studies
- Need for integrated examinations of how weather affects a wider range of travel behaviours simultaneously
- To address the complex relation between weather and climate, and between adaptation and mitigation, there is a need to explore direct linkages between weather and energy for transport

# Study areas



maritime climate

warm summers:  
(highs 23°C; lows 13°C),

mild winters:  
(highs 6°C; lows 0°C)

833 mm of precipitation

inland, totally flat terrain  
±50km from sea

maritime climate

mild summers:  
(highs 19°C; lows 12°C)

mild winters:  
(highs 3°C; lows -1°C)

1,180mm precipitation

coastal flat/hilly terrain

humid continental

warm humid summers:  
(highs 22°C; lows 12°C)

cold winters:  
(highs -2°C; lows, -7°C)

763mm precipitation

hilly terrain at inland  
end of sea inlet

humid continental

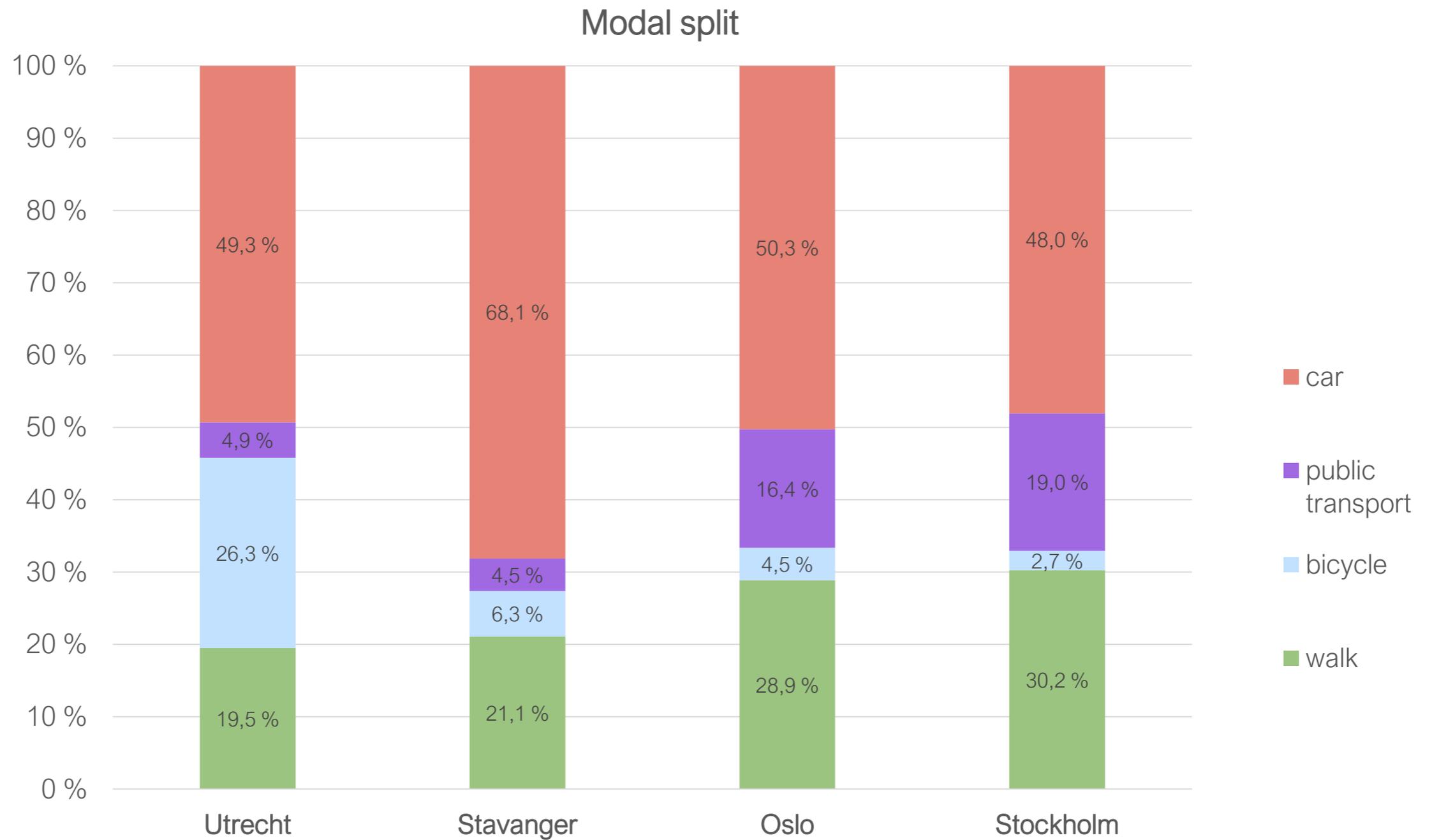
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539mm precipitation

near-coastal flat/hilly  
island-rich terrain

# Study areas



# Data

## Regional subsamples of **national travel survey data**

- Utrecht: 4413 respondents / 8972 trips (source: OViN 2010-2012)
- Stavanger: 1981 respondents / 5454 trips (source: RVU-Norway 2013-2014)
- Oslo: 6454 respondents / 14601 trips (source: RVU-Norway 2013-2014)
- Stockholm: 2087 respondents / 4650 trips (source: RVU-Sweden, 2011)

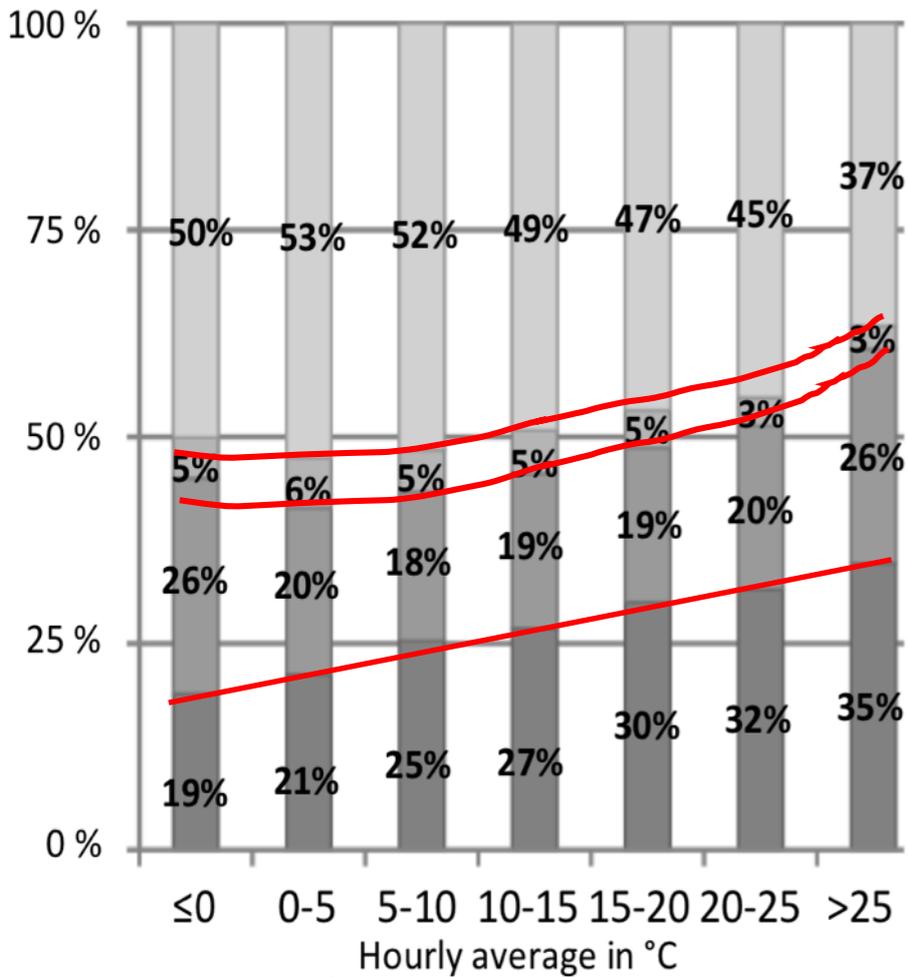
## **Daily and hourly data on air temperature, wind speed, rainfall, snowfall**

- Norwegian Meteorological Institute (MET, 2015)
- Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI, 2012)
- Royal Dutch Meteorological Institute (KNMI, 2015)

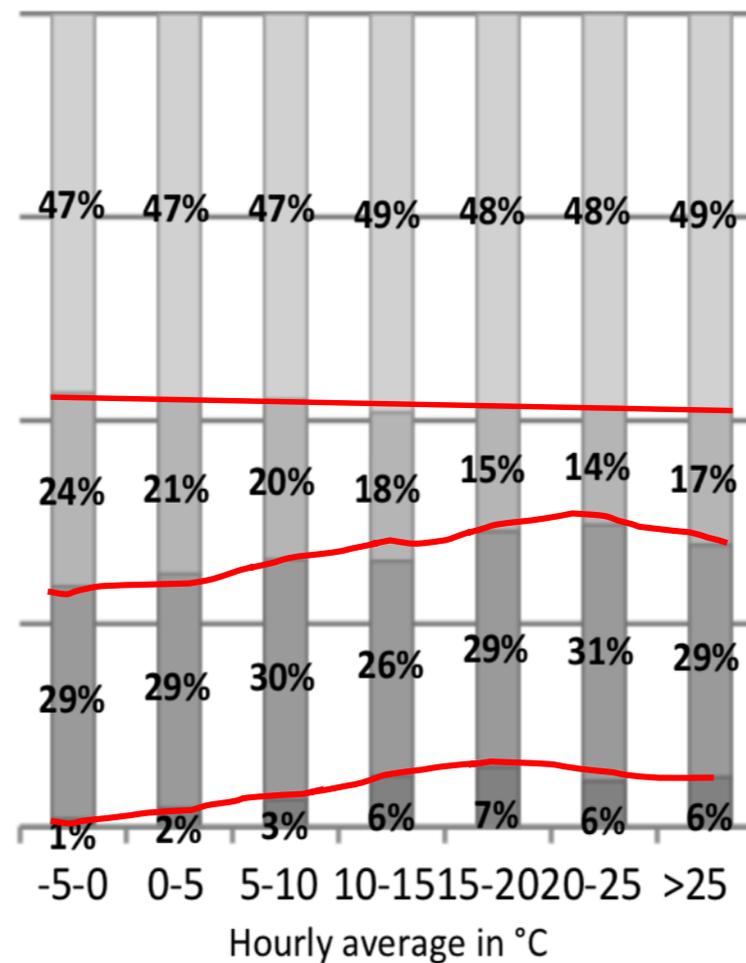
**Matched in GIS** via residential postal code to **nearest weather station** (max 20km)

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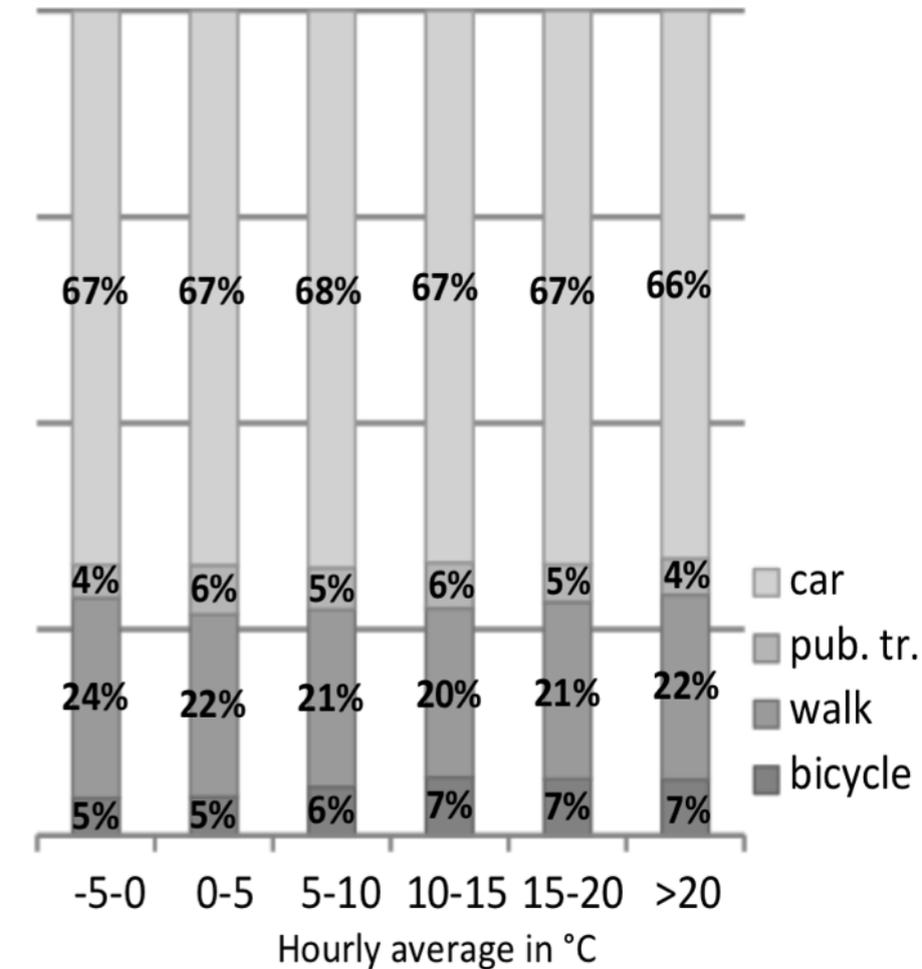
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Utrecht region



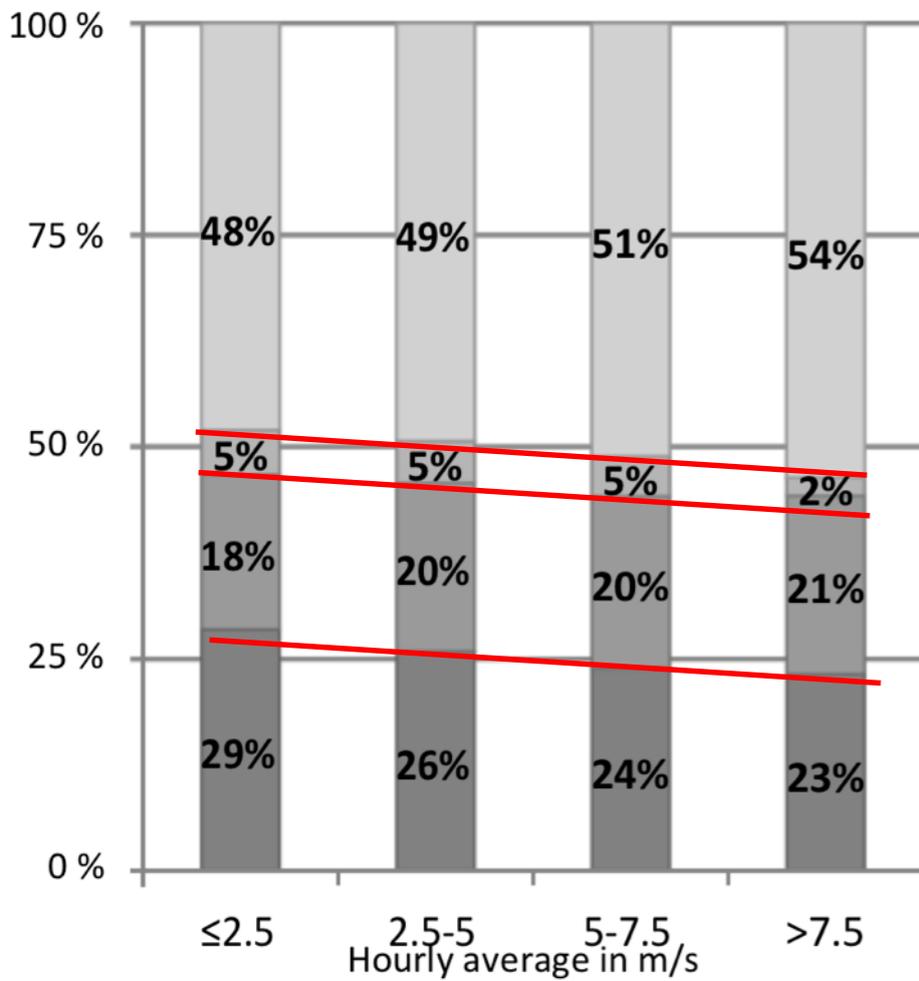
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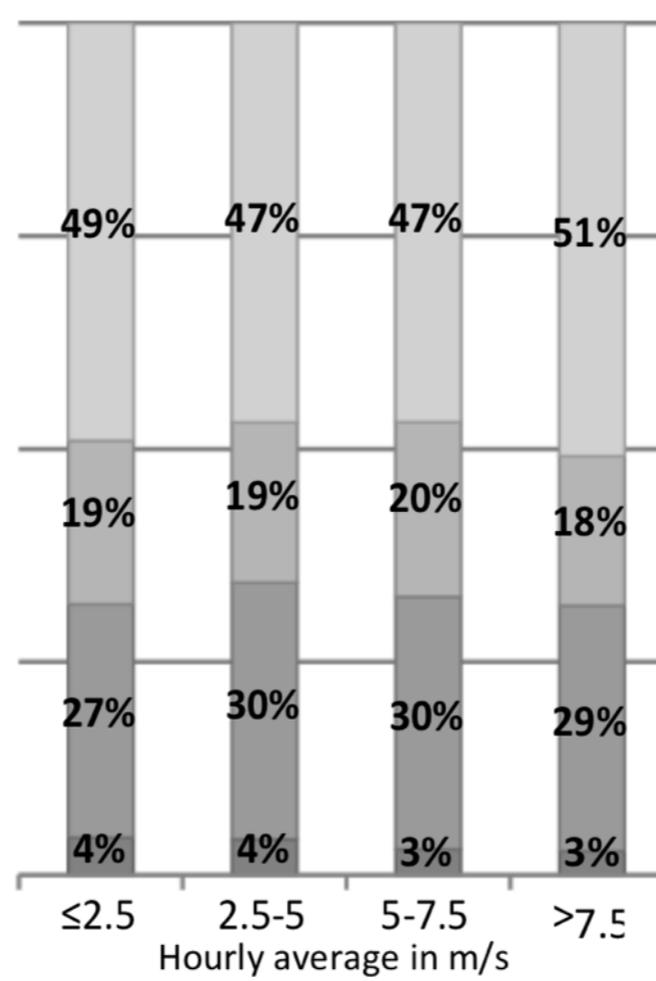
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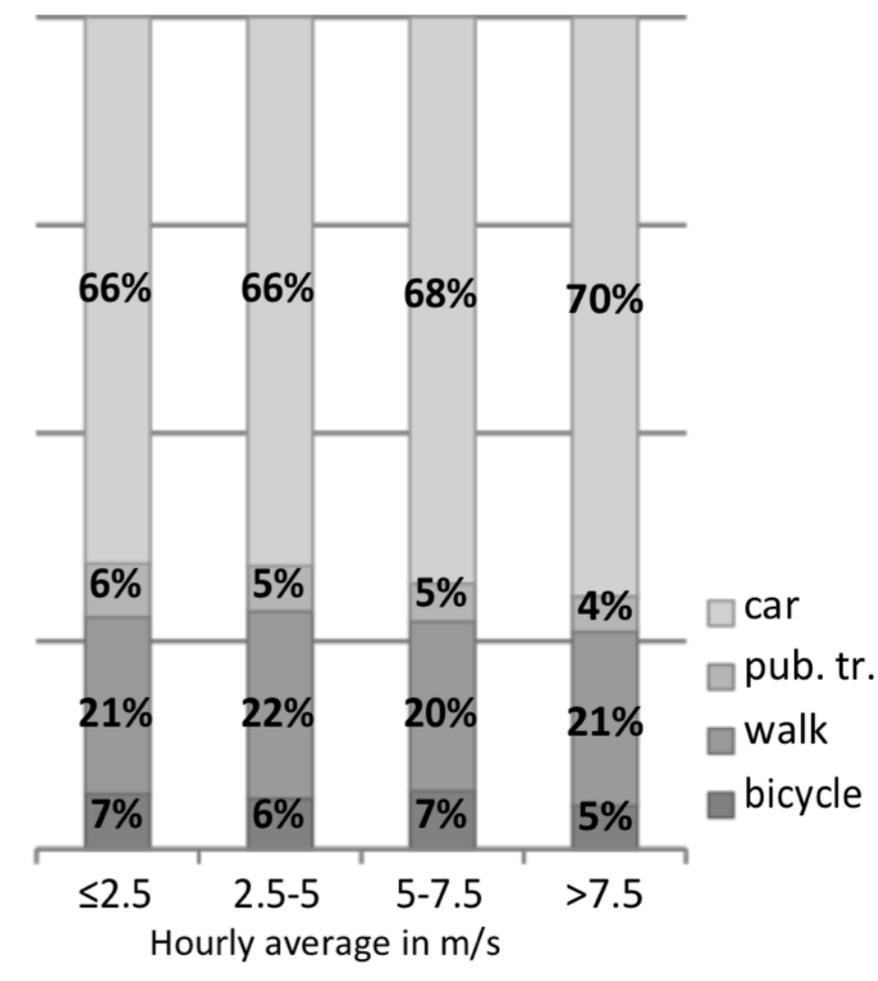
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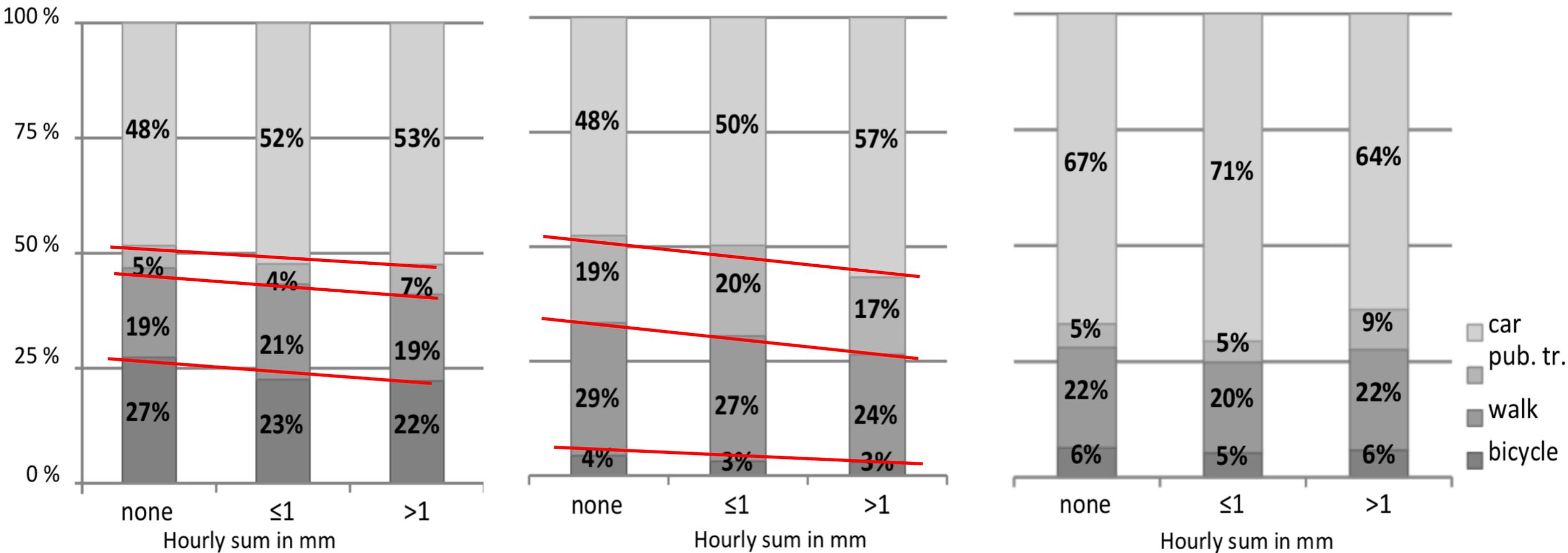
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## Precipitation



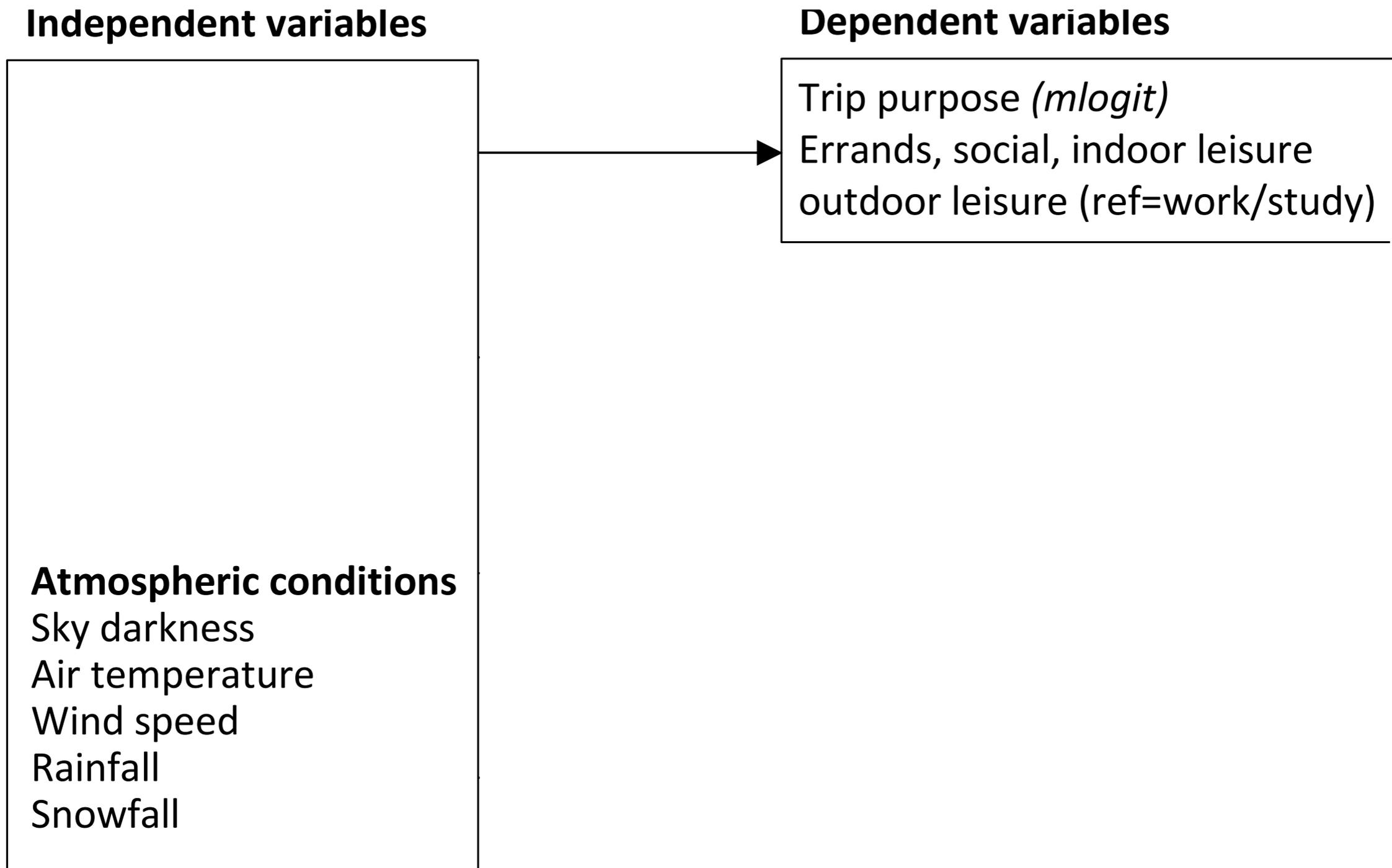
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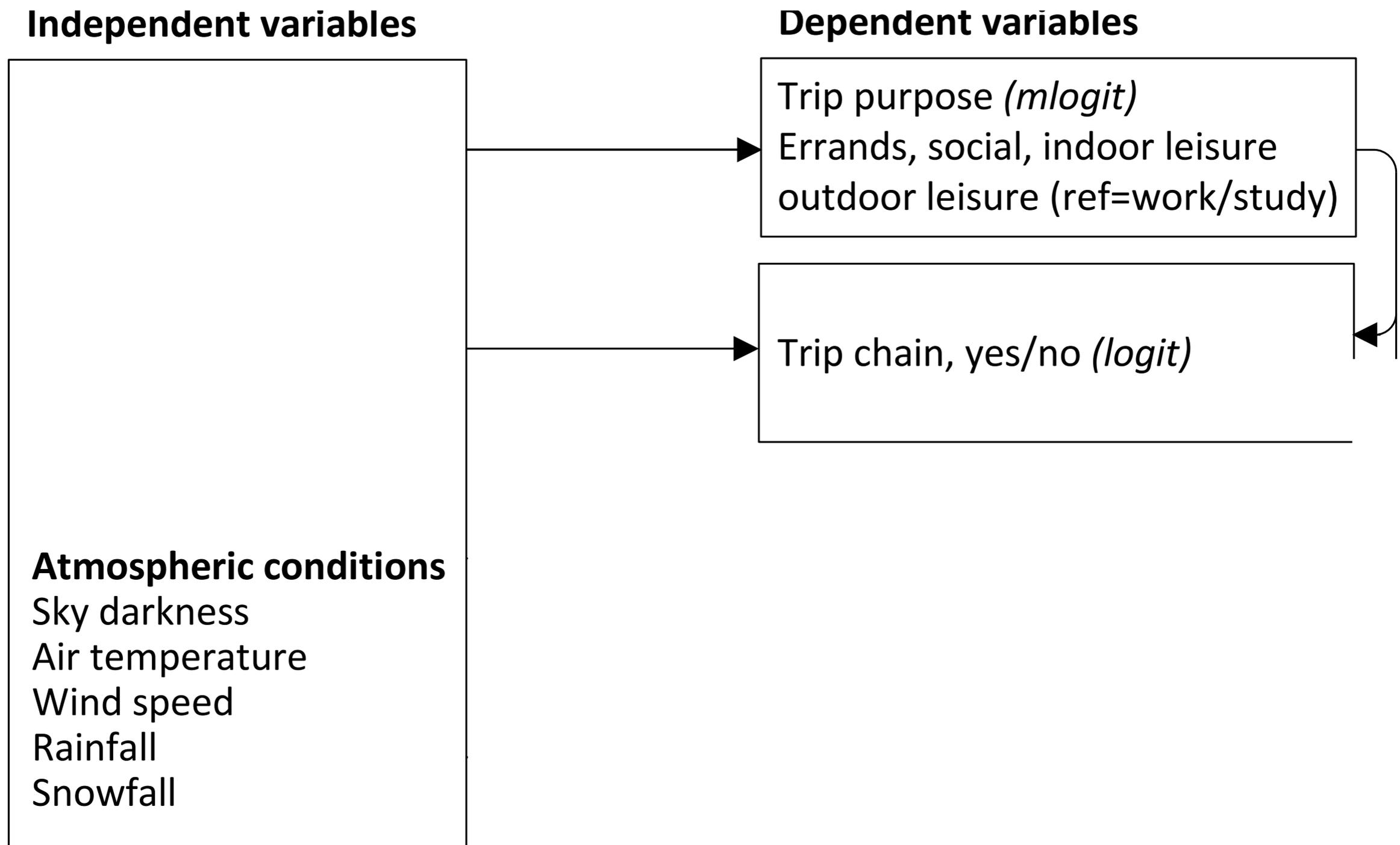
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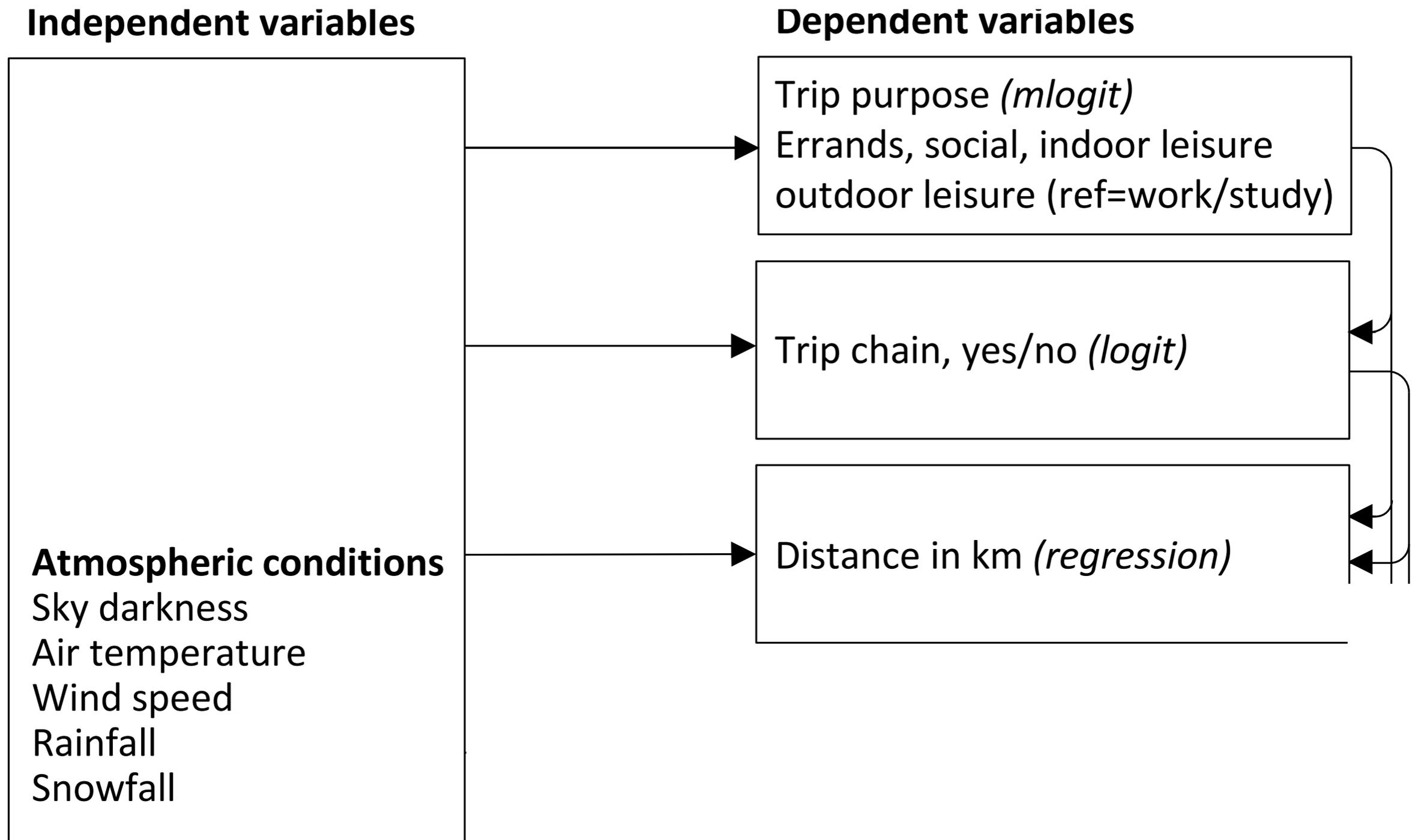
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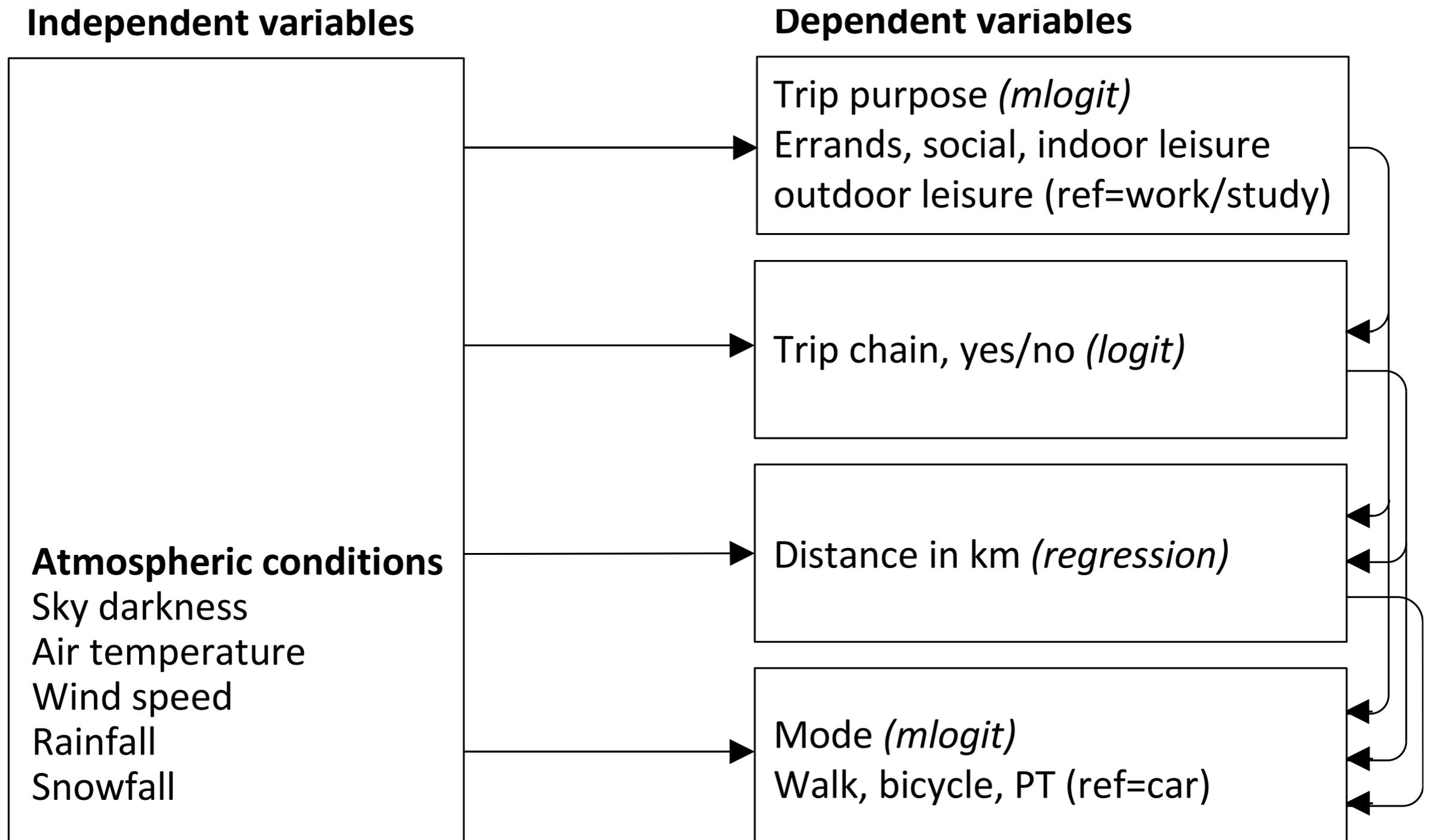
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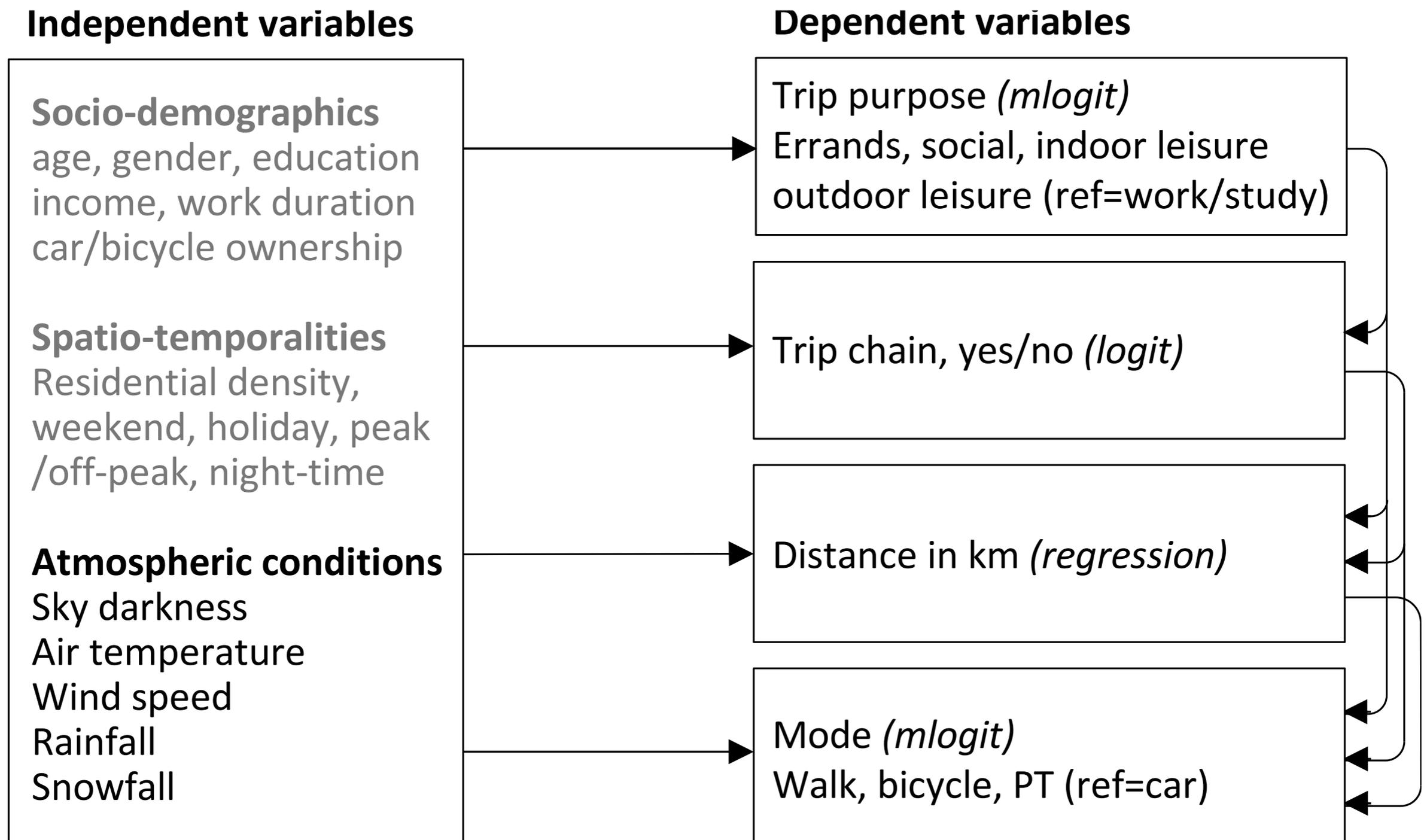
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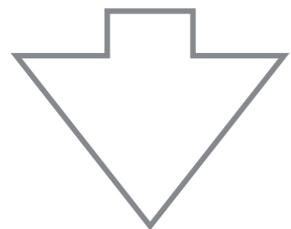
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# II Weather and transport energy

Conversion of mobility data to energy use and physical activity

Trip distance /respondent/day

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- By diesel car
- By electric car
- By local/regional train
- By tram
- By metro
- By bus

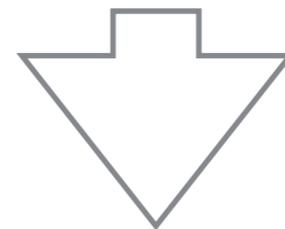


via local emission factors &  
vehicle occupancy data

Energy use: petrol, diesel, and  
electricity-based  
(*MJ/respondent/day*)

Trip duration /respondent/day

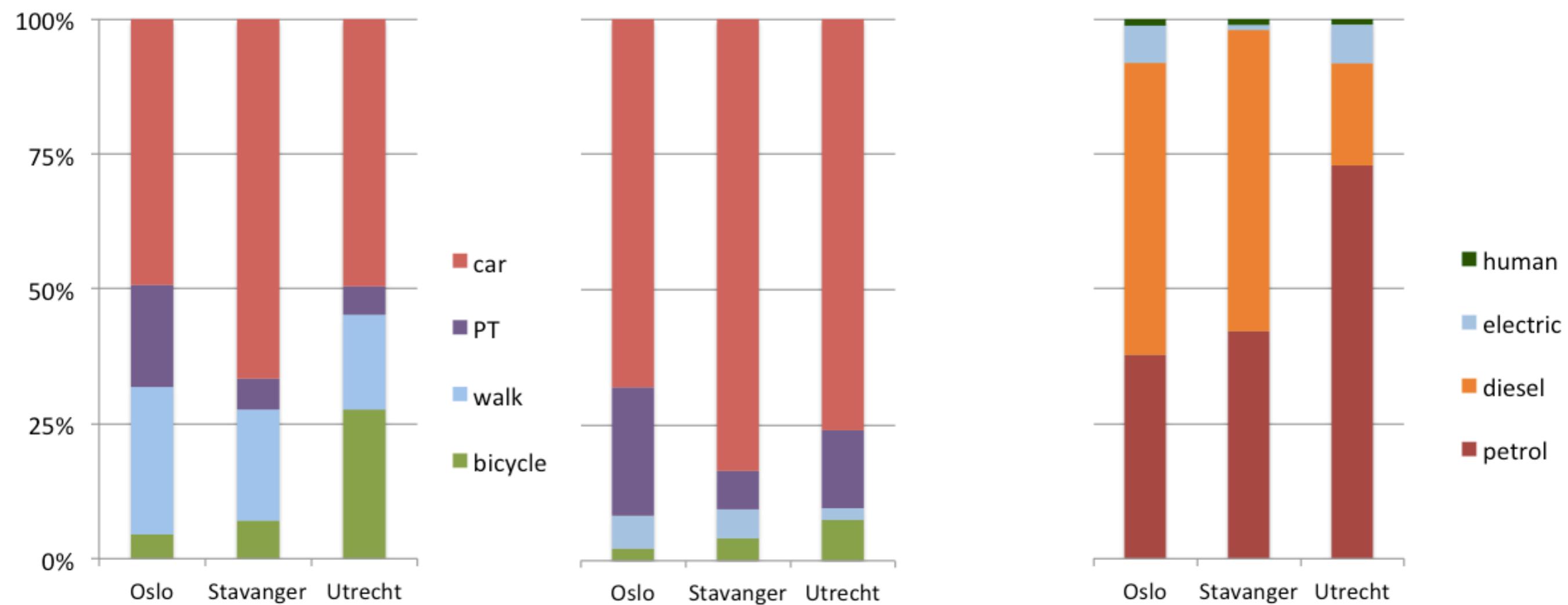
- By foot
- By foot to/from public transport
- By bicycle
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via Metabolic Equivalent of Task (MET)  
Fishman et al 2015; Ainsworth et al 2011

Physical activity from daily mobility  
(*MET-hours/respondent/day*)

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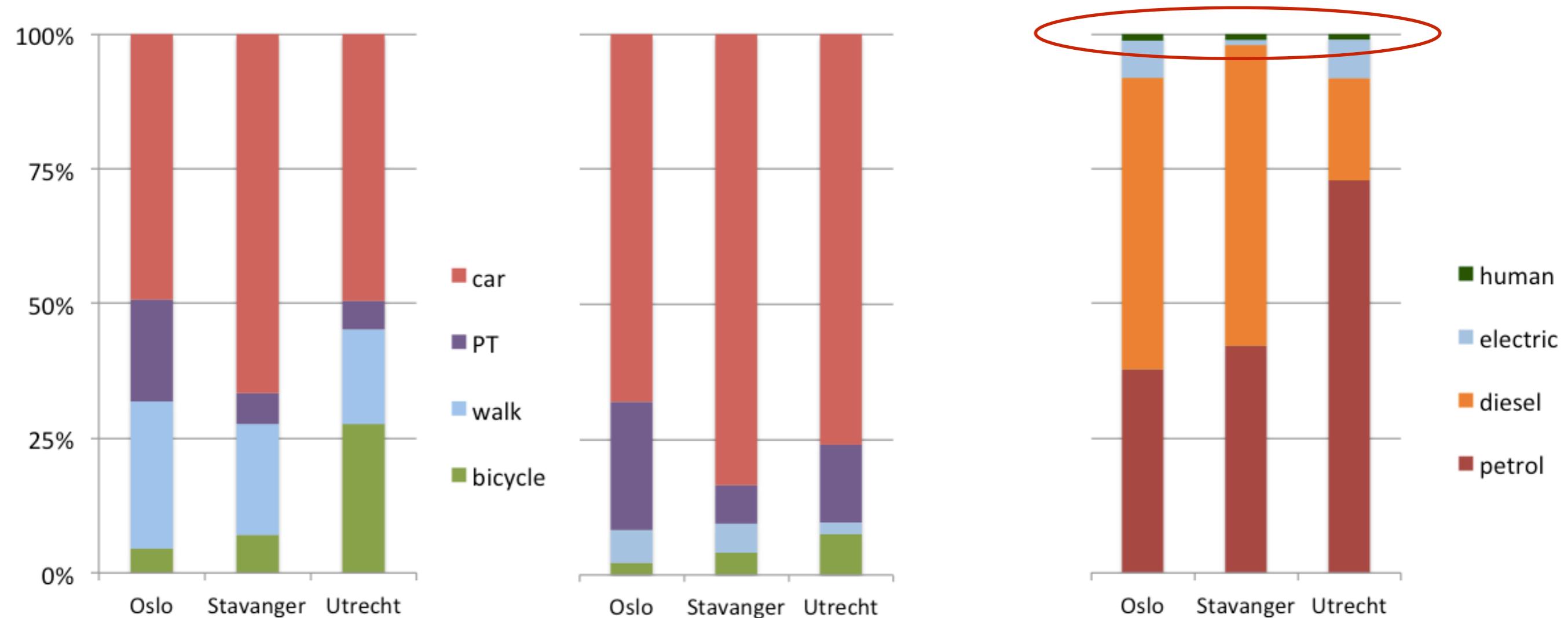


Trip based mode shares

Distance based mode shares

Distance based energy (MJ) shares

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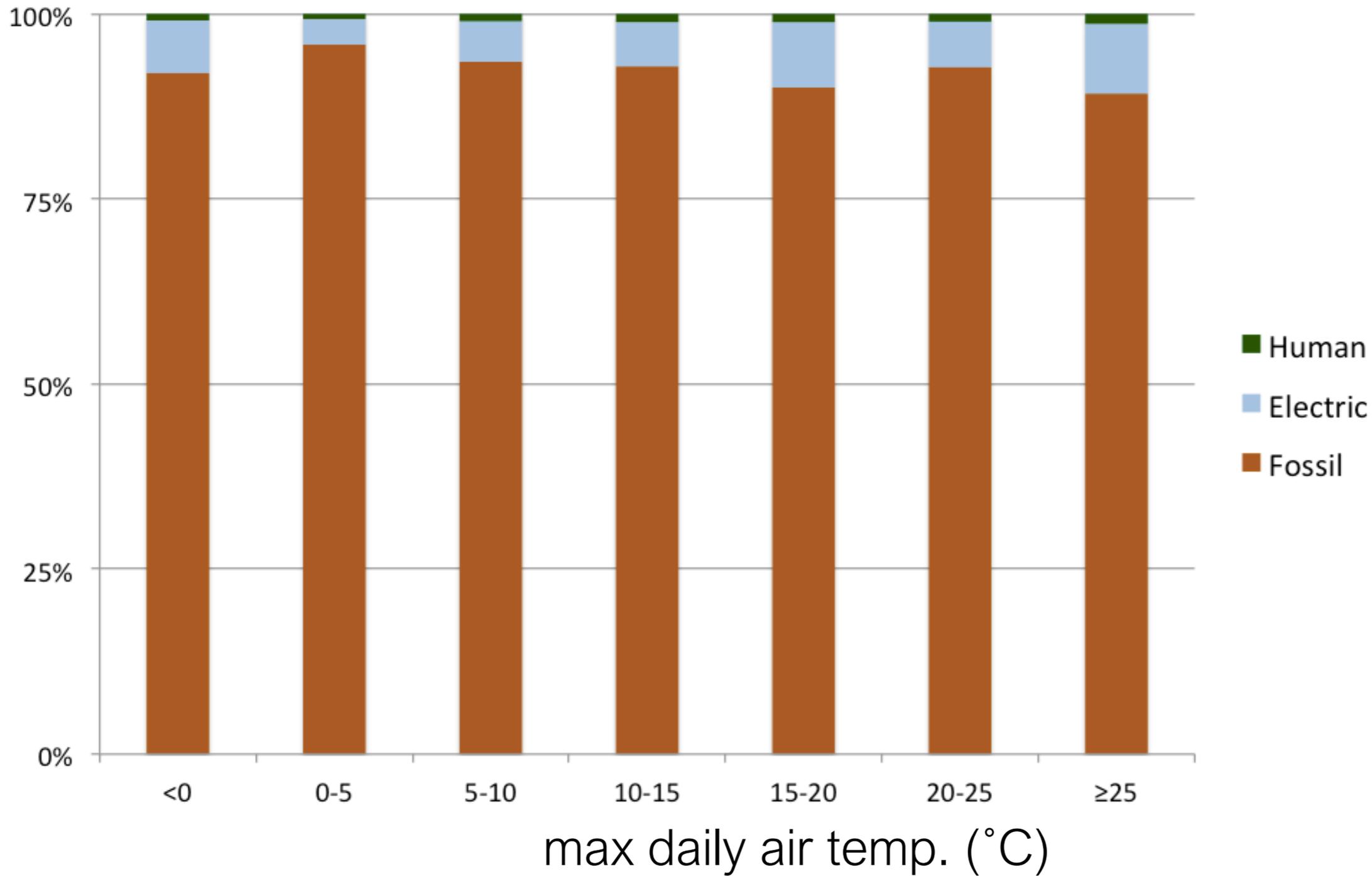


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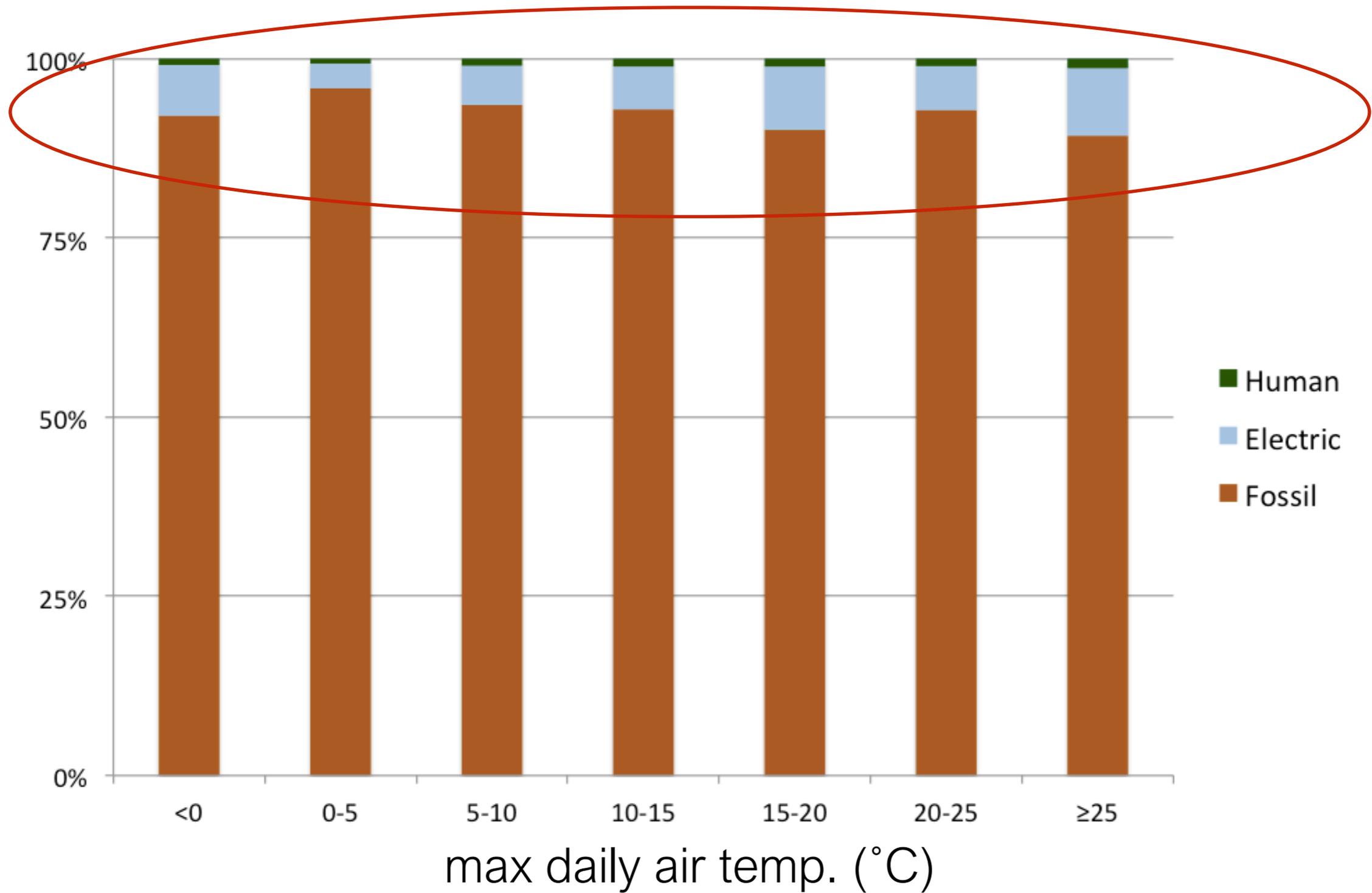
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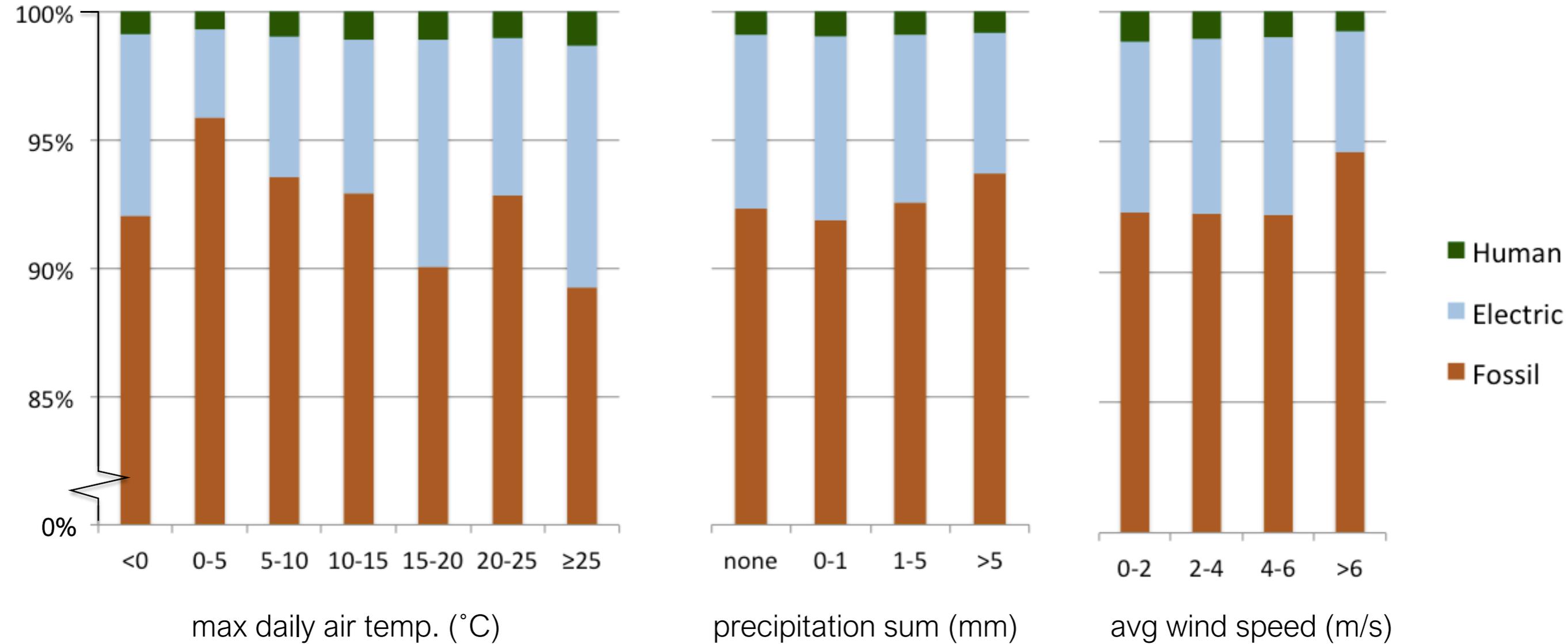
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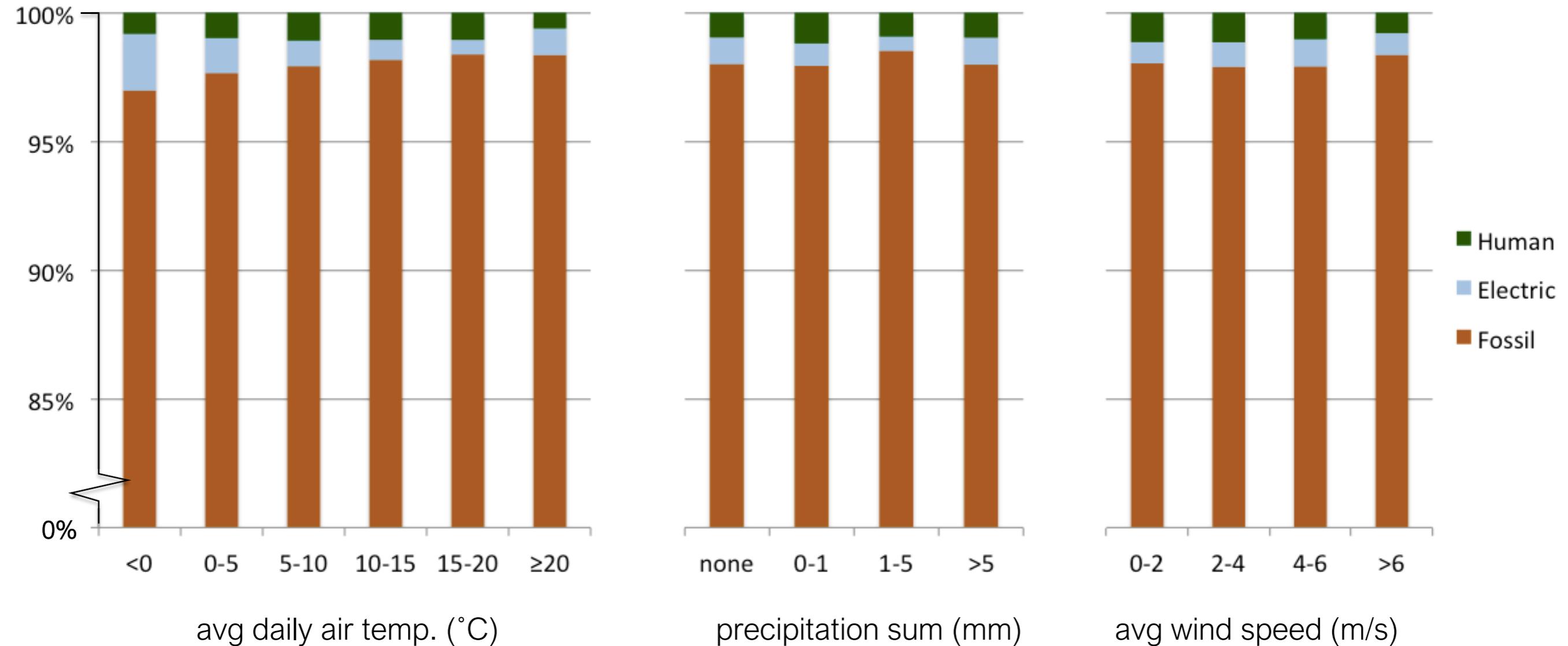
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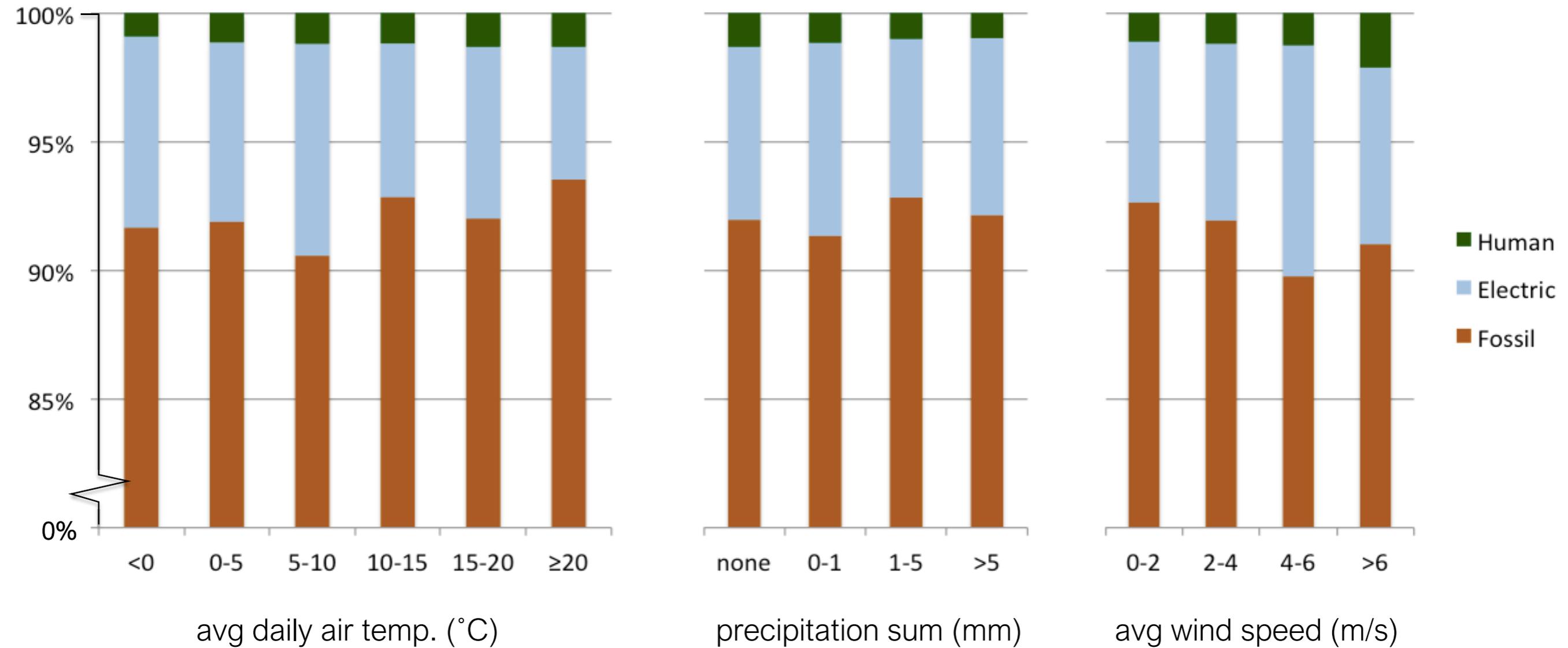
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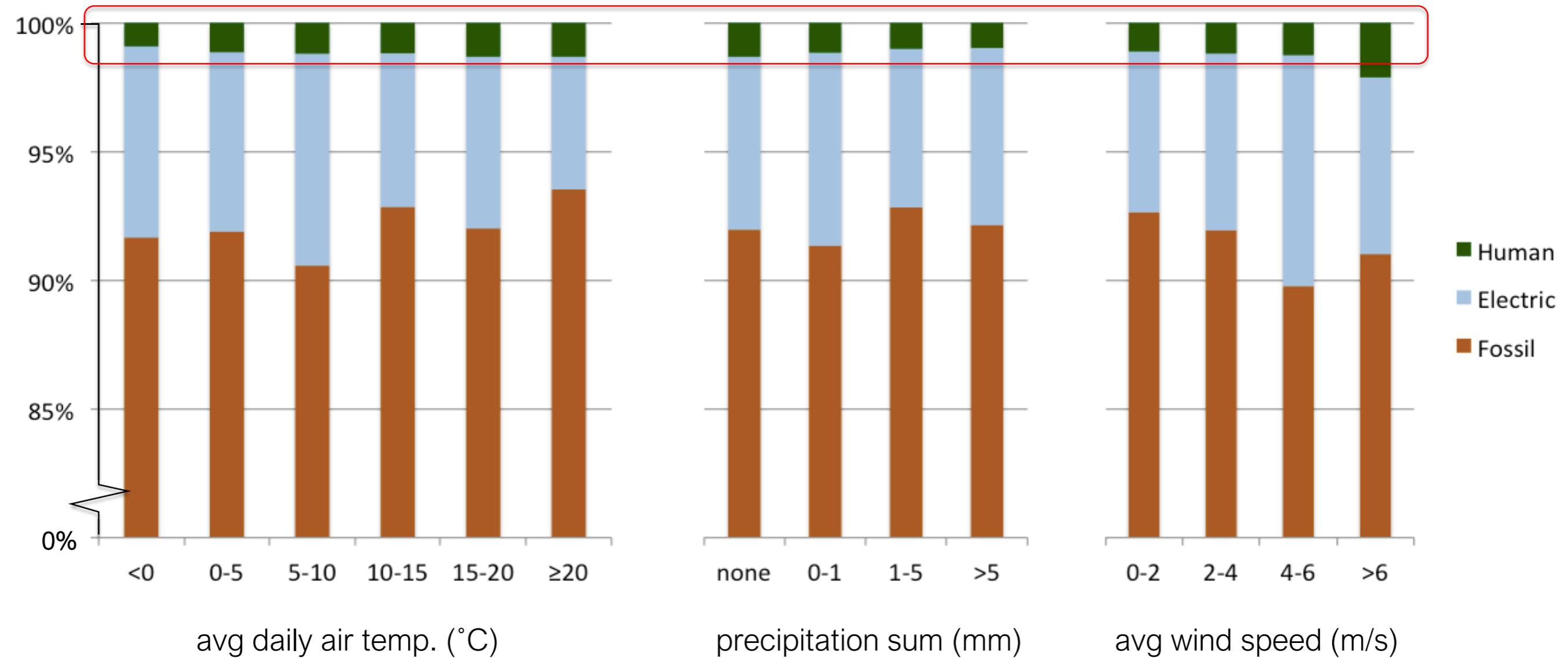
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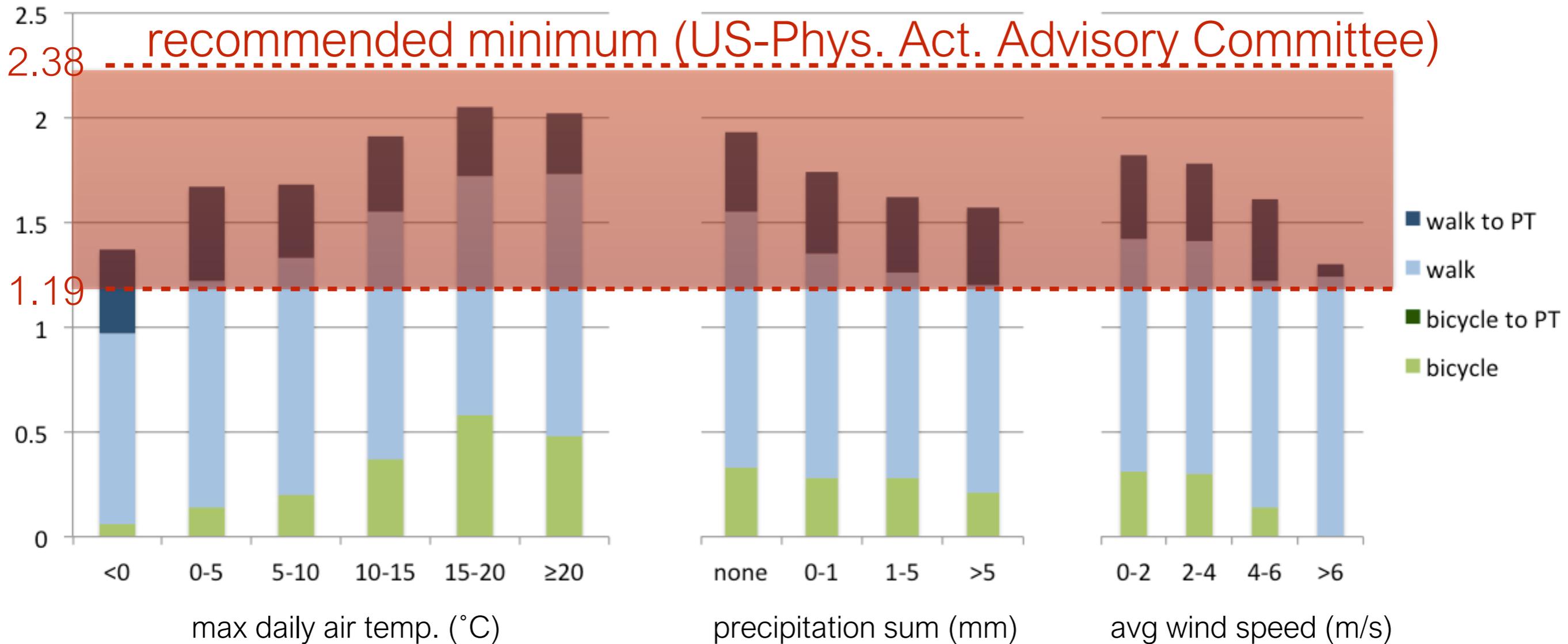
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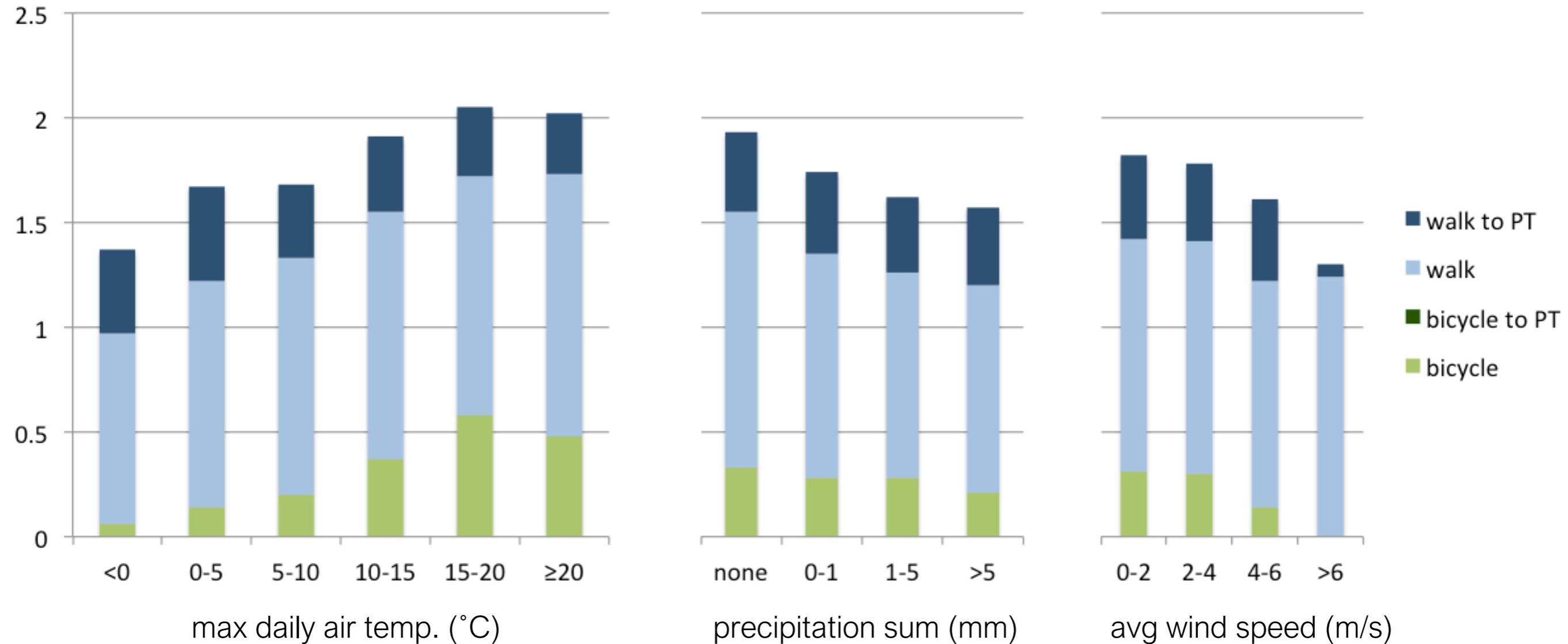
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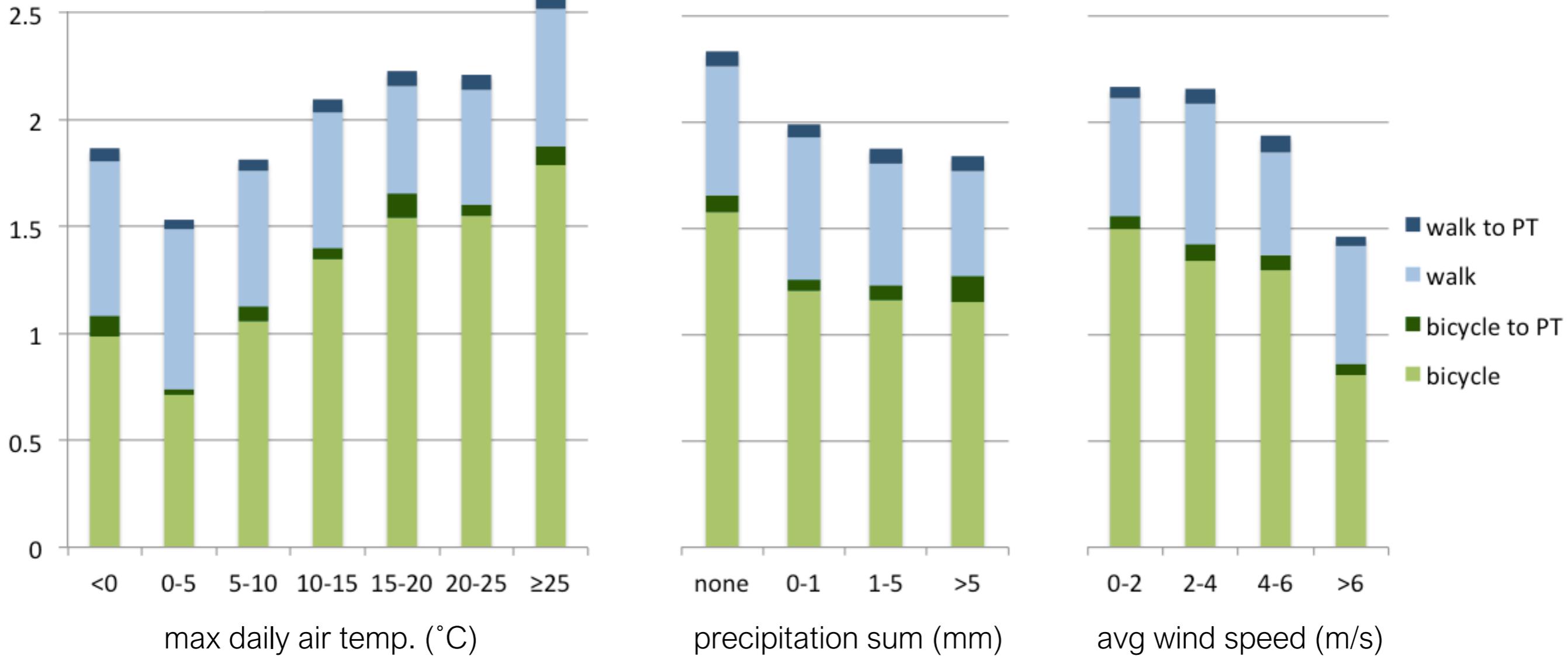
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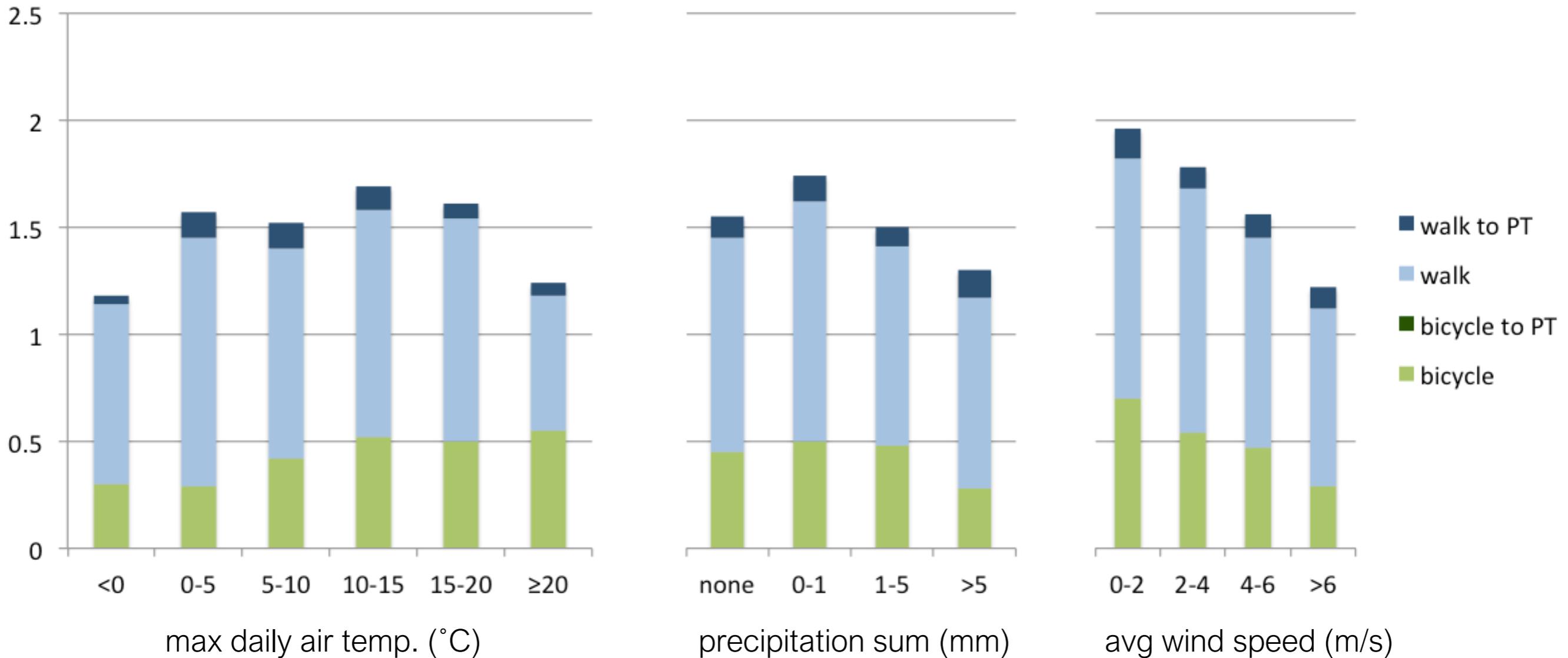
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# Multivariate analyses (TOBIT model)

## **Daily weather**

(avg. between 6am - midnight)

- Air temperature in °C
- Air temp. squared
- Precipitation sum in mm
- Avg. wind speed in m/s

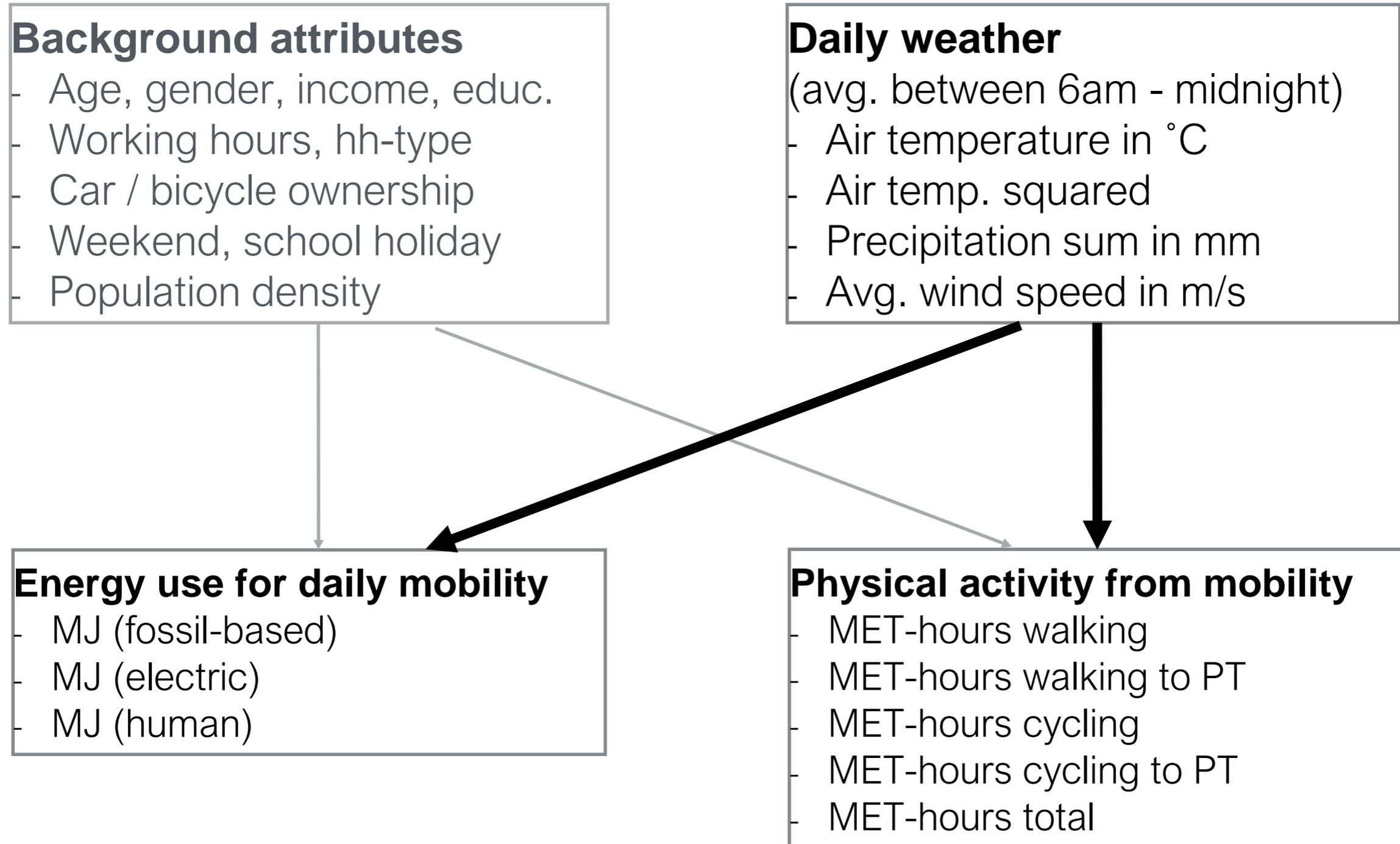
## **Energy use for daily mobility**

- MJ (fossil-based)
- MJ (electric)
- MJ (human)

## **Physical activity from mobility**

- MET-hours walking
- MET-hours walking to PT
- MET-hours cycling
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- MET-hours total

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# Multivariate results Utrecht

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Air Temperature (squared)	0.02	-0.01	-0.00**	-0.02***	-0.00**
Precip. (sum) in mm	0.68*	0.08	-0.02*	-0.03	-0.03**
Wind speed (avg) in m/s	-4.78***	0.02	0.01	-0.30	-0.02

# Multivariate results Stavanger

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Air Temperature (avg) in °C	-1.26	0.26	-0.03	0.54**	0.11
Air Temperature (squared)	0.06	-0.02	-0.00	-0.02	-0.00
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# Conclusion & discussion

- Light, warm but not too hot, calm and dry atmospheric conditions have the ability to positively affect cycling and the selection of outdoor leisure destinations, and also boost physical activity gained from mobility, but not necessarily decrease fossil fuel
- Cold, wet and windy weather enhances car use and travel optimising strategies like trip chaining to reduce weather exposures
- Considerable regional differences in weather effects, related to differences in land use and transport regime, climate conditions, cultures, habits and adaptations
- Policy makers are advised to be cautious when translating research findings and policy solutions on weather and mobility from other geographical contexts

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Research agenda...

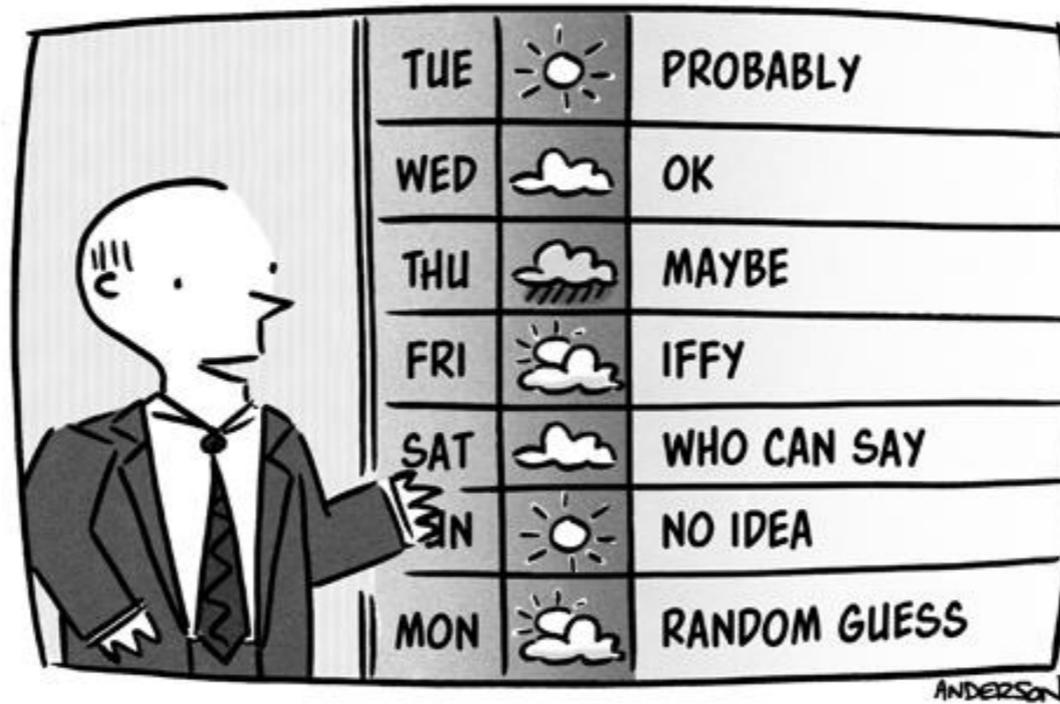
- Comparison studies to cover wider range of climates and (transport) cultures
- Also qualitative comparison studies that could provide insights on weather comfort and habits, adaptation and coping strategies related to weather
- Differential weather effects on socio-demographic/economic/cultural groups
- Explore alternative futures: climate scenarios, travel demand scenarios, (socio) technological innovation
- New transport modes: car/ride/bike sharing, e-bikes
- Long-distance (especially air) business and leisure travel

...but we cannot change the weather, why do we study this?

# Thank you!

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