

# OBIS Countries at a glance

## OBIS

Optimising Bike Sharing in  
European cities

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## 1. The OBIS sample

- 51 bike sharing schemes (BSS) were analyzed
- 48 Cities
- 10 Countries



Country	Number of BSS studied
Austria	4
Belgium	2
Czech Republic	1
France	8
Germany	7
Italy	11
Poland	1
Spain	7
Sweden	4
United Kingdom	6

## 1.1 Austria



Image: Alberto Castro



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- 89 cities provided with BSS in Austria in 2008
- Two major providers:
  - Citybike
  - Nextbike
- Special relevance of regional BSS

- 4 cities were analyzed by the OBIS project
  - Vienna: Citybike
  - Salzburg: Citybike
  - Mödling: Freiradl
    - Closed in 2009.  
Substituted by Leihradl-nextbike (WP4-Demo case)
  - Burgenland: nextbike

## 1.2 Belgium



Image: Sebastian Robert

- Only 1 city provided with BSS in 2008:  
Brussels

- 1 city (2 BSS) were analyzed
  - Brussels: Cyclocity
    - Closed in 2009 and substituted by Villo
  - Brussels: Villo!
    - Higher number of stations (100)



## 1.3 Czech Republic



Image: Jiri Martinek

- 1 city was analyzed  
– Prague: Homeport

- 16 cities provided with BSS in 2008
- 2 BSS
  - Homeport
  - Czech Railways Bike Hire Service (WP4-Demo case)
- Small and low technology BSS

## 1.4 France



Image: Alberto Castro

- 24 cities with BSS in 2008
- Most of BSS are
  - Large
  - High-tech
- In France are
  - 1<sup>st</sup> automatic BSS
  - 1<sup>st</sup> large-scale BSS
  - Largest BSS in Europe

- 7 cities (8 BSS) were analyzed
  - Lyon: Vélo‘v
  - Paris: Vélib‘
  - Montpellier: Velomaggg‘
  - Chalons-sur-Saône: Réflex
  - Dijon: VéloDi
  - Orleans: Velo+
  - Rennes
    - Vélo à la carte
    - Vélo star

## 1.5 Germany



Image: Alberto Castro

- 52 cities with BSS in 2008
- Two major providers:
  - Call a bike
  - Nextbike
- Many BSS work
  - with phone and
  - without stations

- 7 cities were analyzed
  - Berlin: Call a bike
  - Munich: Call a bike
  - Karlsruhe: Call a bike
  - Stuttgart: Call a bike
  - Leipzig: Nextbike
  - Düsseldorf: Nextbike
  - Chemnitz: Stadtfahrrad



## 1.6 Italy



Image: Alberto Castro

- 125 cities with BSS in 2008
  - Two major providers
    - C'entro in bici
    - Bicincittà
  - Many BSS are
    - low-tech
    - small
- 11 cities were analyzed
    - Modena: C'entro in bici
    - Rimini: C'entro in bici
    - Senigallia: C'entro in bici
    - Terlizzi: C'entro in bici
    - Bari: Bicincittà
    - Cuneo: Bicincittà
    - Parma: Bicincittà
    - Brescia: Bicincittà
    - Rome: Bicincittà
    - Bolzano: Bici Bolzano
    - Milano: Bikemi

## 1.7 Poland



Image: Bikeone. <http://www.bikeone.pl/miasto/krakow>

- 1 city was analyzed
  - Krakow: Bikeone

- 1 city with BSS in 2008
- Bike sharing is still in development

## 1.8 Spain



Image: Alberto Castro

- 53 cities with BSS in 2008
- The number of BSS has highly increased due to public subsidies

- 7 cities were analyzed
  - Barcelona: Bicing
  - Seville: Sevici
  - Saragossa: Bizi
  - Pamplona: Nbici
  - Terrasa: Ambicia't
  - Ribera Alta: Ambici
  - Vitoria: Public bicycle system

## 1.9 Sweden



Image: Alberto Castro

- 3 cities (4 BSS) were analyzed
  - Stockholm: City bikes
  - Örebro: Bike hiring
  - Göteborg
    - Greenstreet
    - Lundby mobility centre

- 3 cities with BSS in 2008



## 1.10 United Kingdom



Image: Oybike

- 6 cities were analyzed
  - London: Oybike
    - Before the implementation of the Barclays Cycle Hire (WP4-Demo case)
  - Reading: Oybike
  - Farnborough: Oybike
  - Cheltenham: Oybike
  - Cambridge: Oybike
  - Bristol: Hourbike

- 6 cities with BSS in 2008
- Small BSS
- Phone oriented systems

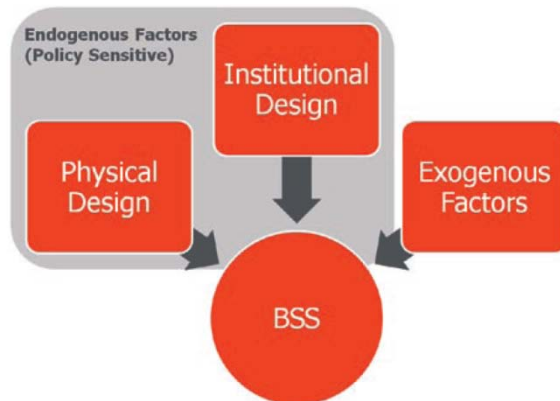


## 2.1 Notions of success

- Politicians
  - Improve the “city image”
  - Increase cycling
  - Reduce pollution
  - Manage public transport demand
- Operators
  - Visibility
  - Usage
  - Incomes & Costs
  - Efficiency of investment
- Users
  - Accessibility
  - Reliability
  - Comfort and speed

## 3. Influencing factors

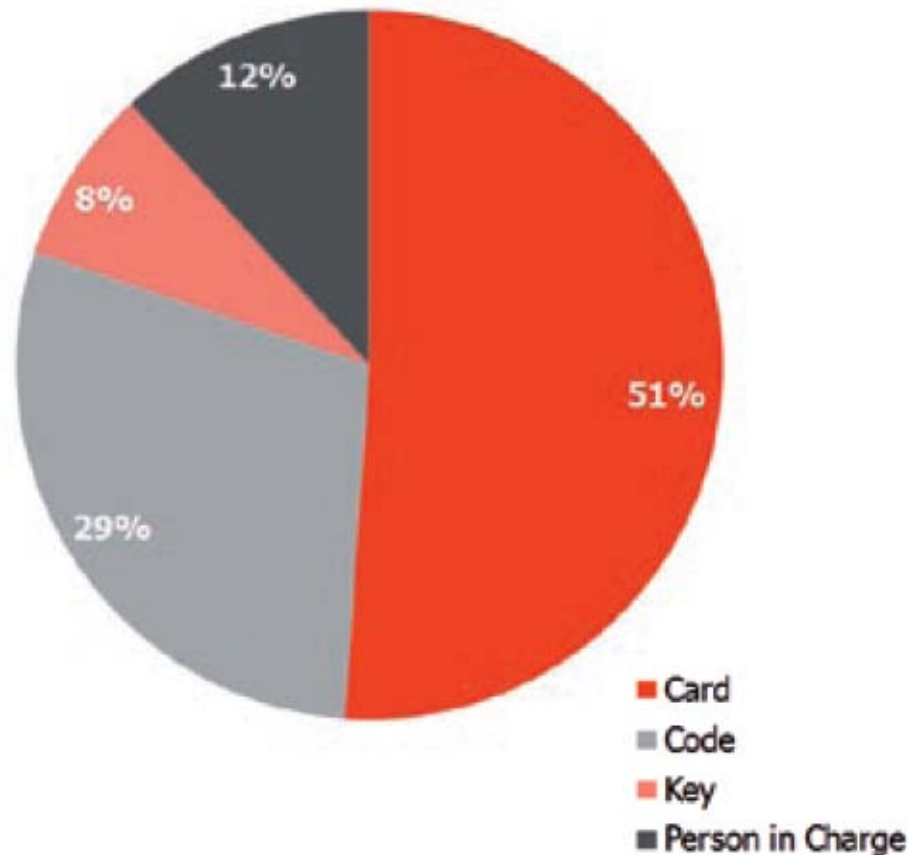
Factors that define BSS and that might influence success



Endogenous factors	Exogenous factors
<b>Physical design</b>	City size
Hardware & Technology	Climate
Service design	Mobility behaviour
<b>Institutional design</b>	Population density
Type of operator	Demographic factors
Contracts and ownership	Economic factors
Financing sources	Geographic factors and topology (hilliness)
Employment opportunities	Existing infrastructure
	Financial situation
	Political situation

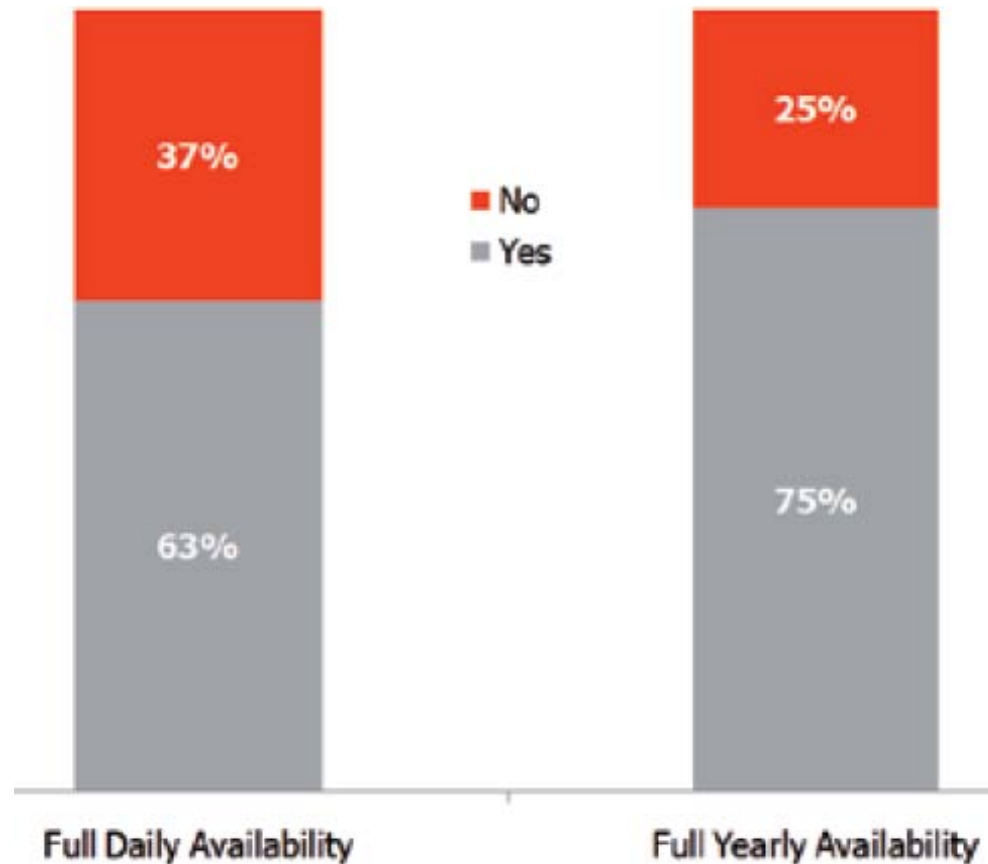
## 3.1 Endogenous. Technology

- Most of BSS implement high-tech systems



## 3.2 Endogenous. Availability

- Availability as wide as possible



## 3.3 Endogenous. BSS size

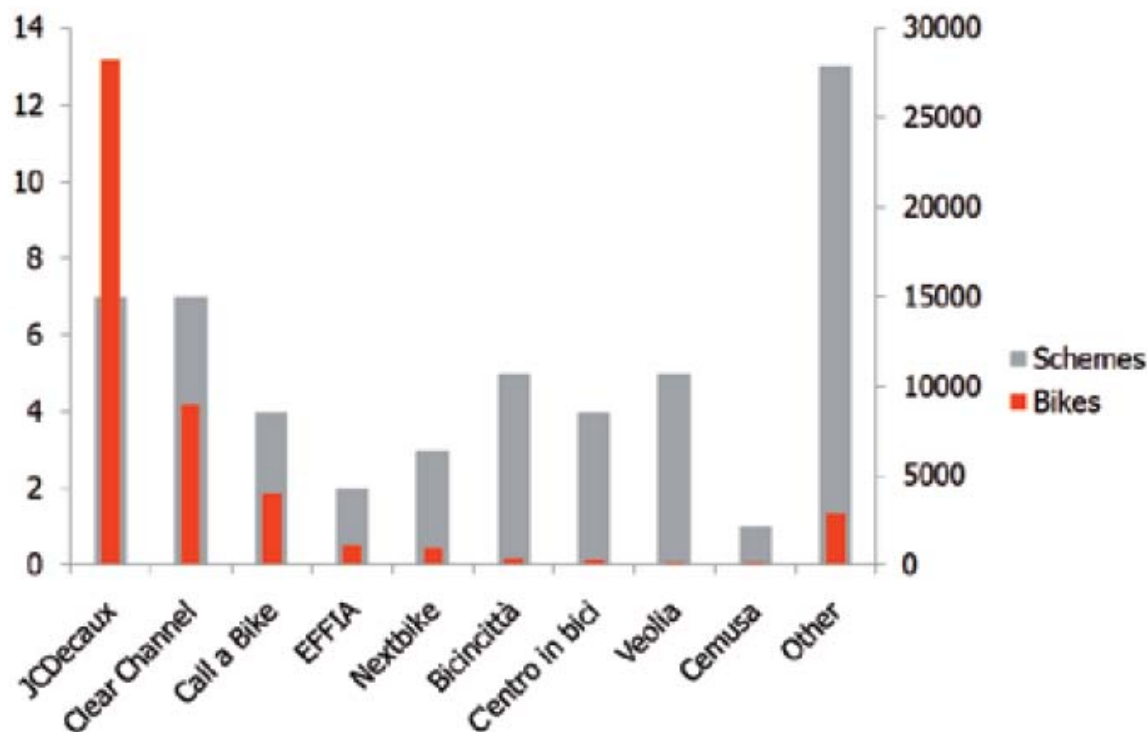
- Wide range of values

	Average	Max	Min
Bikes per 10,000 inhabitants	14.8	105.8	0.1
Stations per 10,000 inhabitants	1.5	6.7	0.1
Docking points per bike	1.7	3.2	1.0



## 3.4 Endogenous. Operators

- BSS are different depending on the operator → variety of providers is required



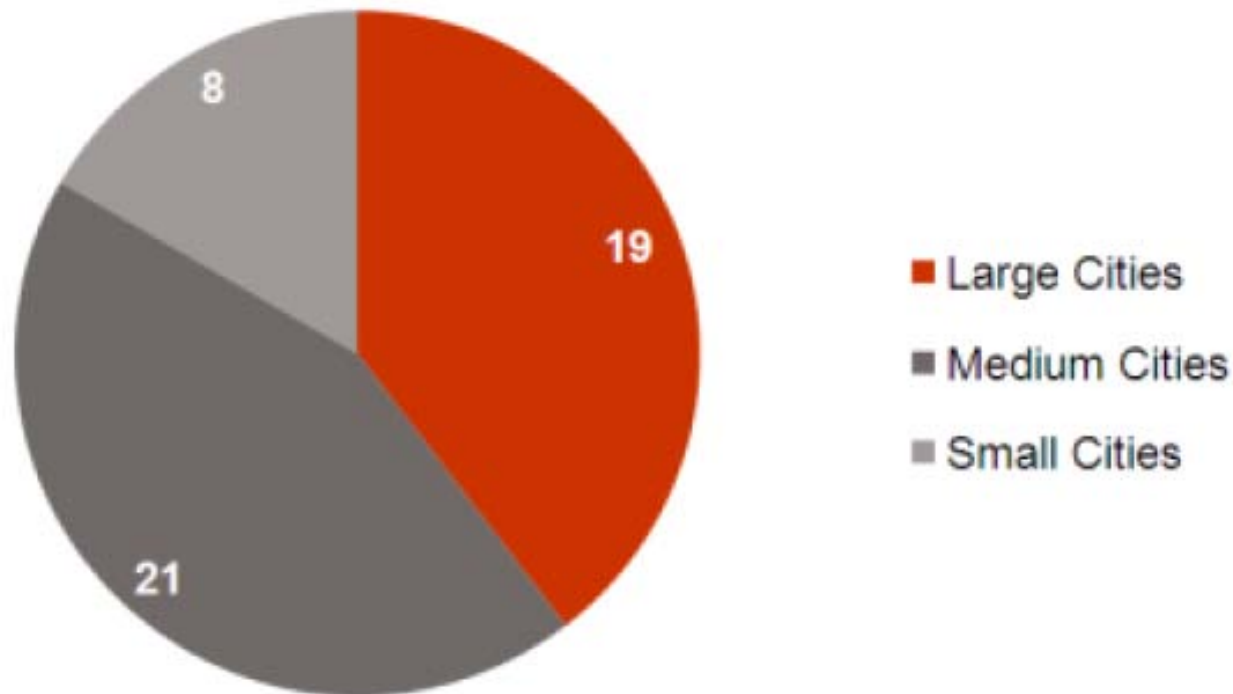
## 3.5 Endogenous. Costs

- Example: Bicing in Barcelona
  - Main implementation costs: Stations
  - Main running costs: Redistribution & maintenance

Infrastructure & Implementation	Share of total costs	Running Costs	Share of total costs
Station implementation: terminals, docking points and locking technology, station planning, ground work and cabling	70 %	Redistribution of bikes	30 %
Bikes	17 %	Bike Maintenance	22 %
Set-up operations: workshop and logistics	6 %	Station Maintenance	20 %
Communication	5 %	Back-end system	14 %
Administration	2 %	Administration	13 %
		Replacements (bikes, stations)	1 %

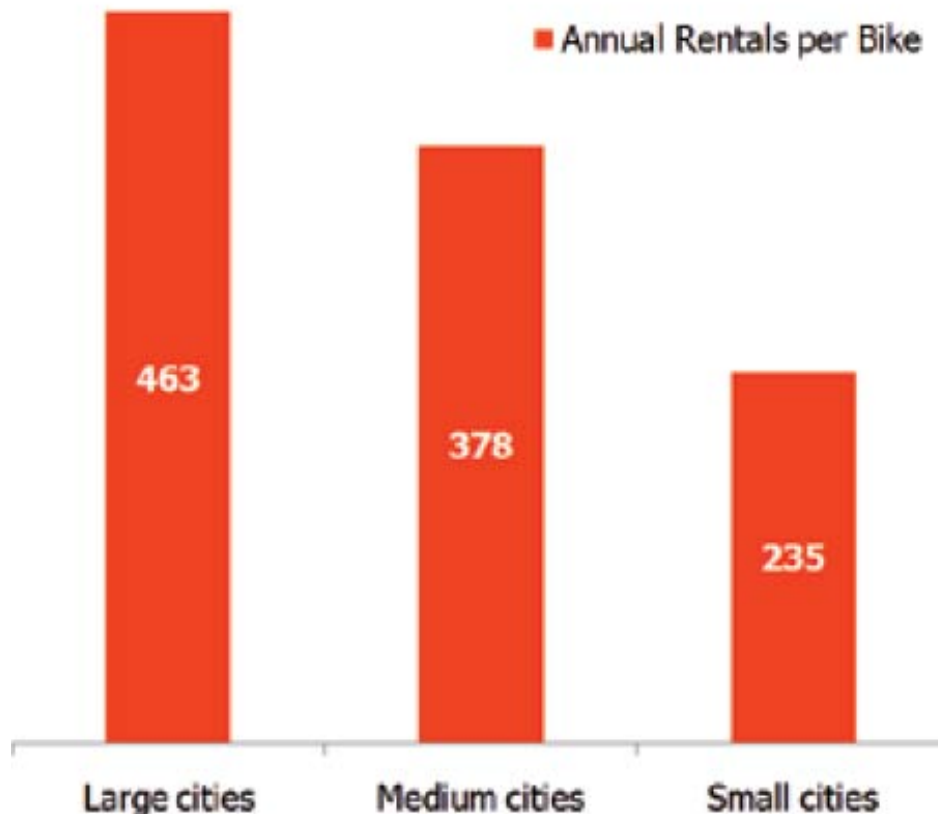
## 3.6 Exogenous. Population

- Large cities: >500,000 inhabitants → 40%
- Medium cities: 500,000-100,000 inhabitants → 43%
- Small cities: <100,000 inhabitants → 17%



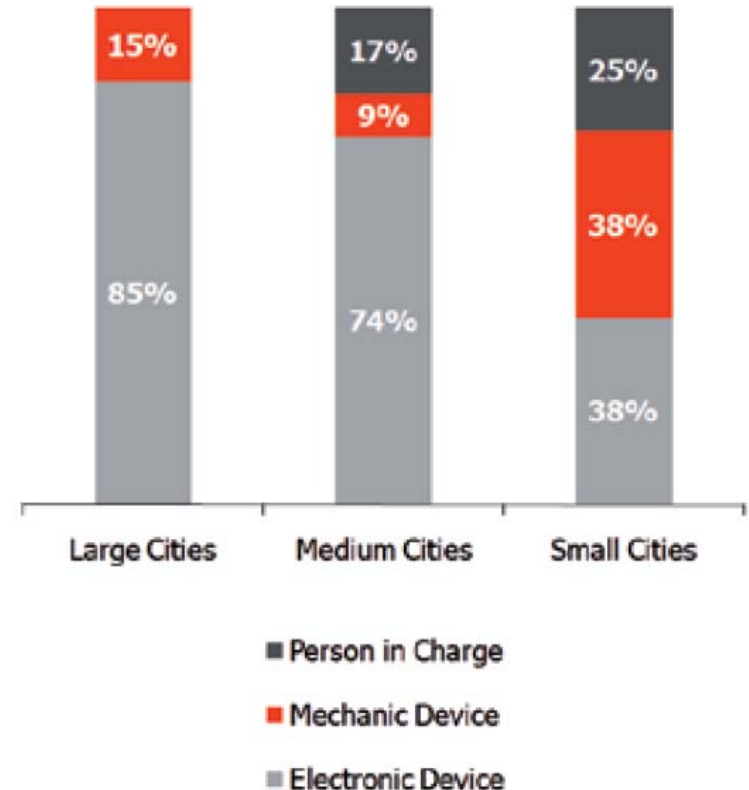
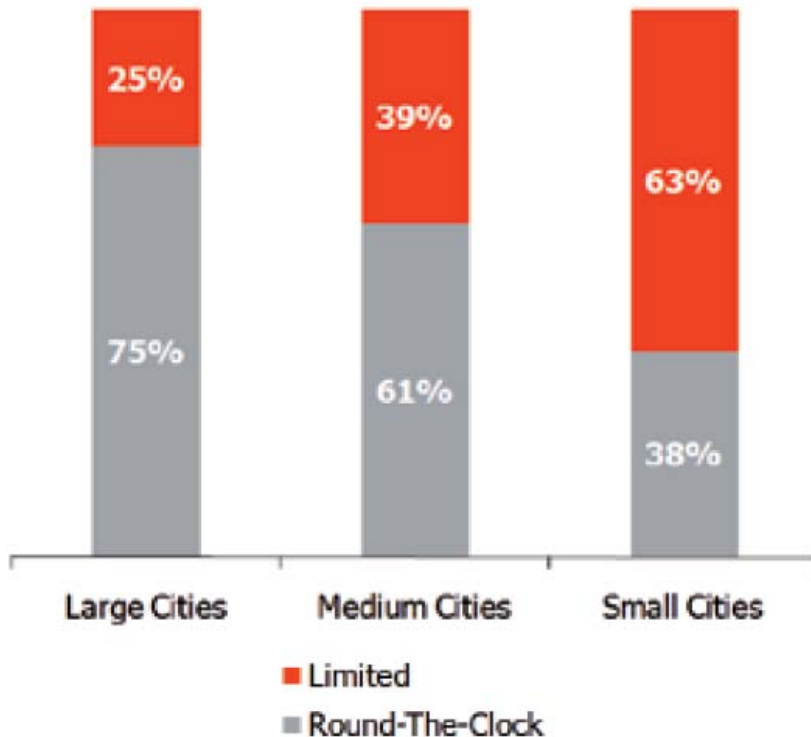
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- The number of rents per bicycle is higher in large cities



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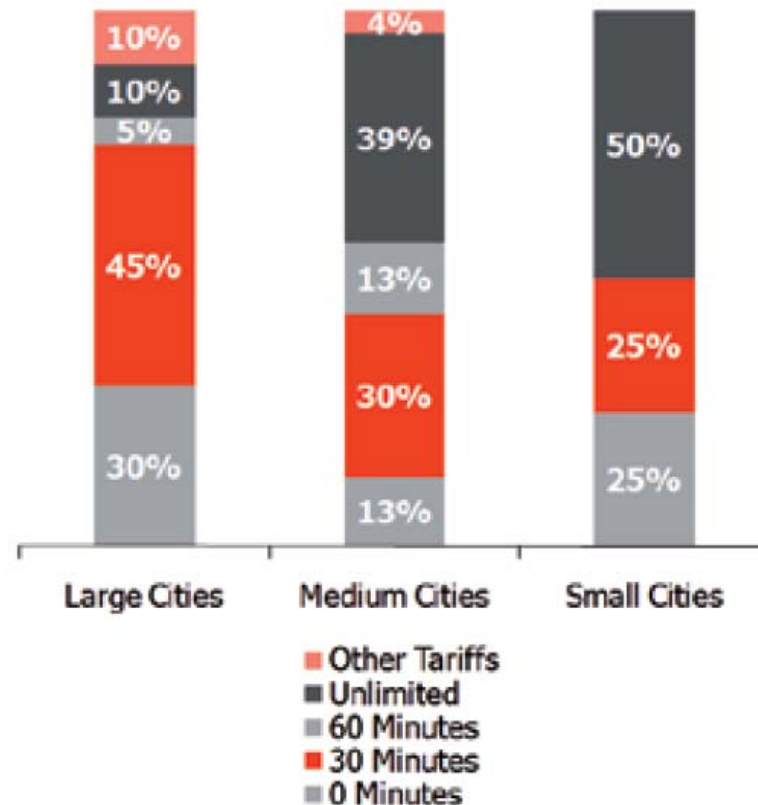
- Technology and availability throughout the day are higher in large cities





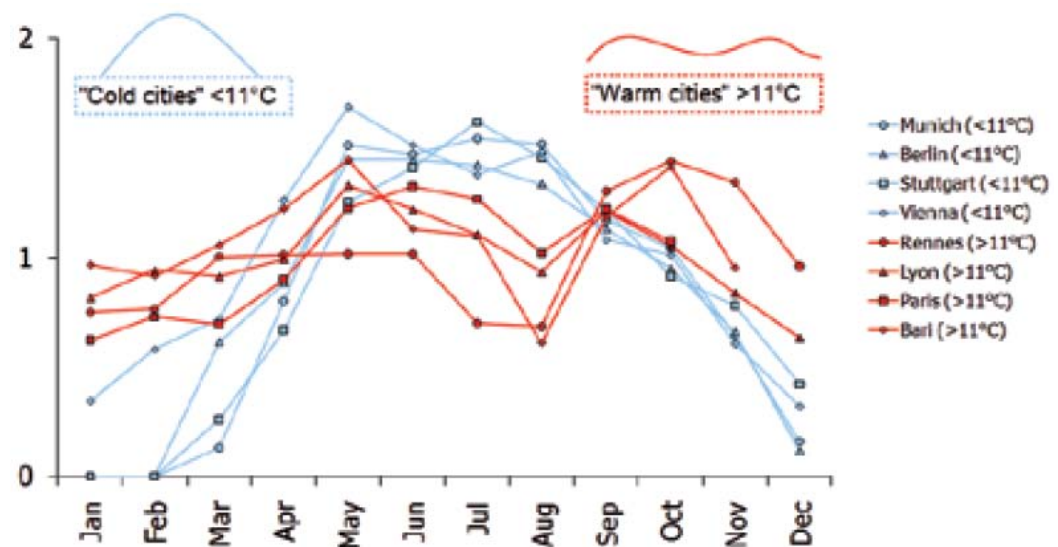
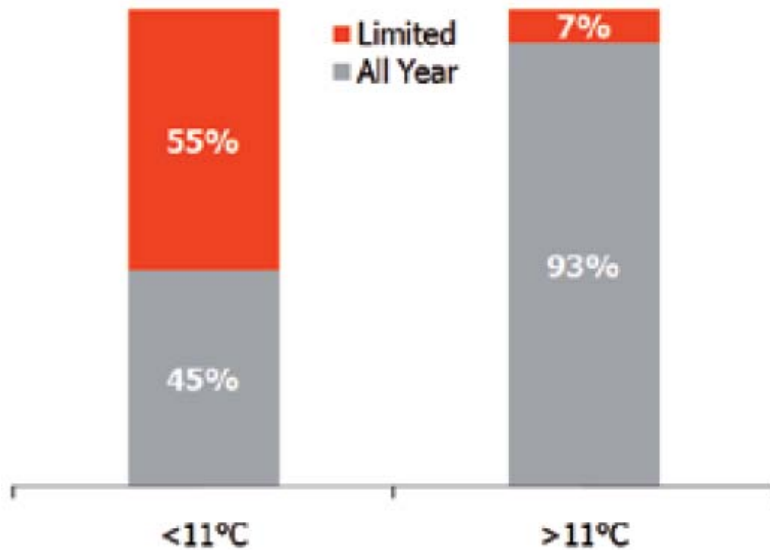
## 3.6 Exogenous. Population

- Most of large cities offer 30 minutes free of charge
- Small cities usually offer unlimited free rental



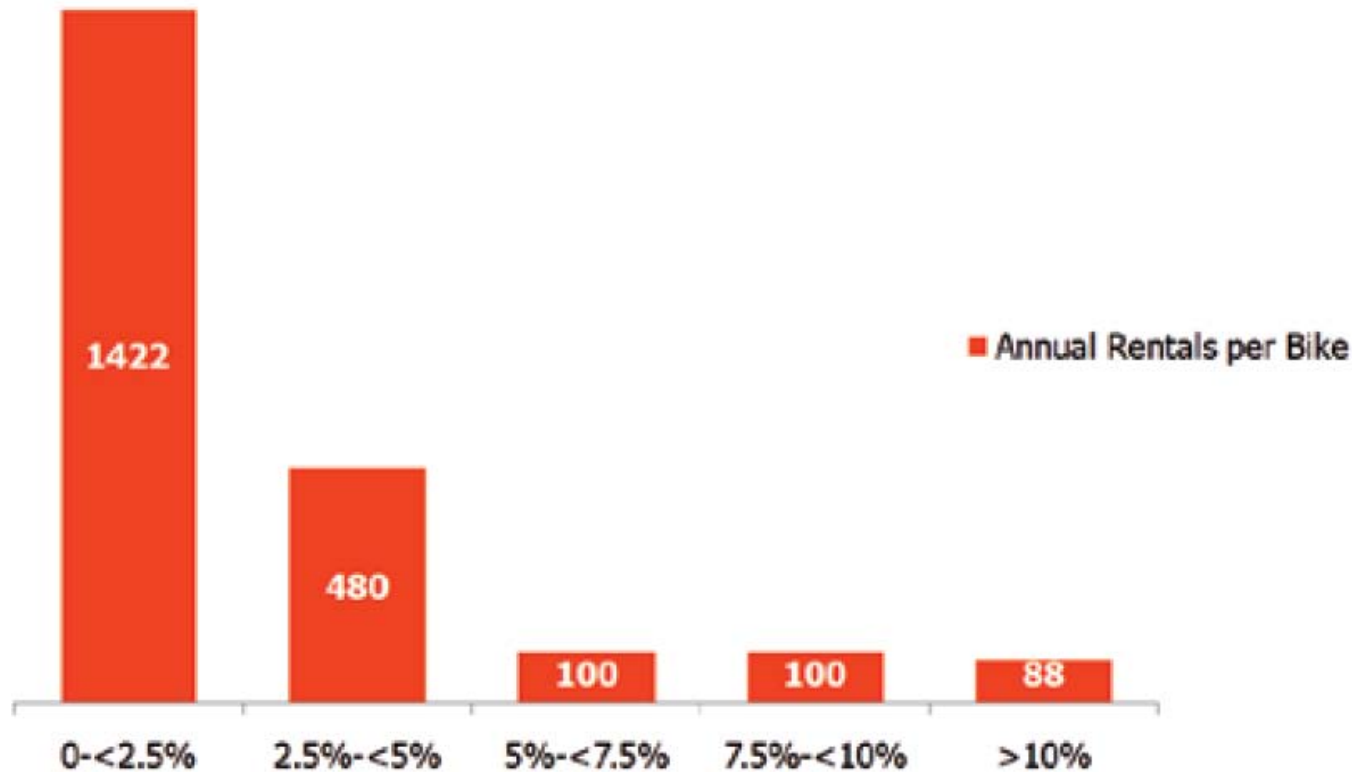
## 3.7 Exogenous. Climate

- Less BSS operate all-the-year-round in cold cities
- Different distribution of demand throughout the year
  - Peak in summer cold cities
  - More constant demand in warm cities



## 3.8 Exogenous. Cycling

- The number of rents per bicycles is higher in cities with lower cycle modal share



## 4 Conclusions

- It requires a huge work to fully understand how BSS work and how they become successful
- Availability of data is essential to carry out studies, but...
- Unfortunately data are sometimes not available
  - Because data are not compiled in a standardized way
  - Or because they are compiled but they are considered as confidential
- More transparency is needed
- Good practice: Capital bikeshare, BSS in Washington DC

## 4 Conclusions

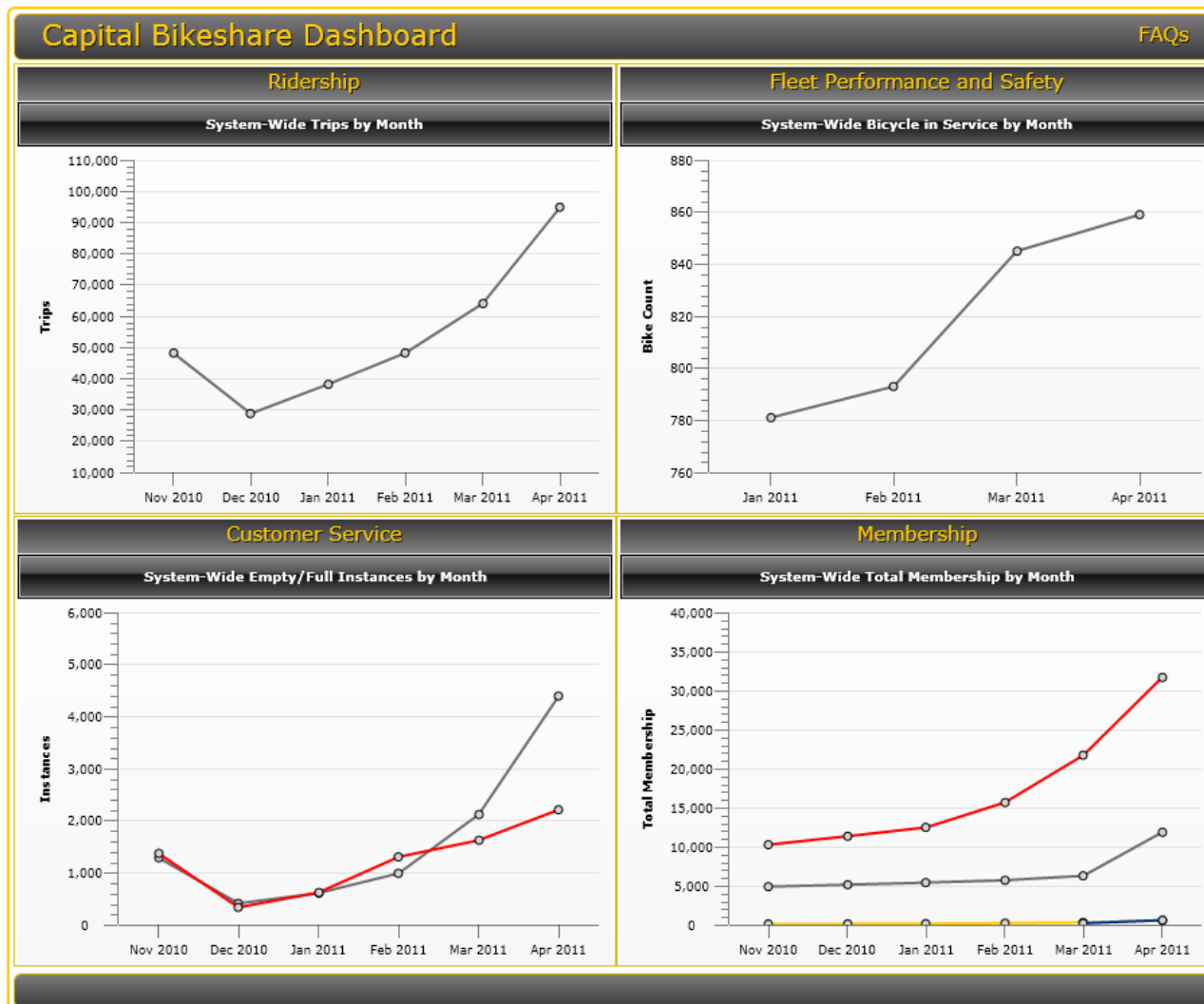


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