

First Year Project

Project 2 –

**COVID-19 Data Analysis of the
Netherlands 2020 – 2021**

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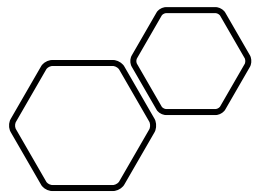
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COVID-19, Weather, and the Netherlands

1,056,447 Total Cases of COVID-19 in the Netherlands

6 % of the population has been infected

Hypothesis:

There is a statistical correlation between UV Index and other weather variables and COVID-19.

Spearman correlations between the UV Index and COVID-19 per region using IBM PAIRS & Jupyter Notebooks.

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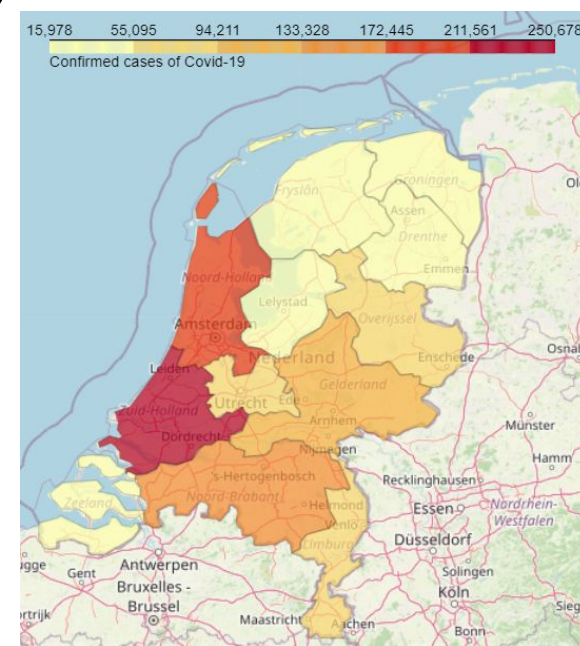
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Introduction

In the [last article](#) we introduced 1) IBM PAIRS that provides highly localized, geospatial and temporal data and 2) data sources that, on a regional level, give access to COVID-19 data. In this week's article we will start to explore our first analysis.



COVID-19 Data

Overview:

4152 Records

Data covers 29/2/2020 - 22/2/2021

Process:

1. Change spelling of region names
2. Check for missing values
3. Remove first two weeks
4. Verify data is only from the Netherlands

: COVID-19 case counts in The Nethe

NL collects numbers on COVID-19 disease count cases in **The Netherlands**. T
ources on a daily basis, like [RIVM \(National Institute for Public Health and the](#)
[rdinatiecentrum Patiënten Spreiding](#)), [NICE \(Nationale Intesive Care Evaluatie](#)
his project standardizes, and publishes data and makes it **Findable, Accessible**
R). We aim to collect a complete time series and prepare a dataset for repro

Weather and Additional Data

Weather Data from IBM Pairs:

7 Weather Variables

4500 Records

1. Check for missing values
2. Filtered region using two methods
3. Merged with COVID-19 data
4. Added external lockdown data



Government of the Netherlands

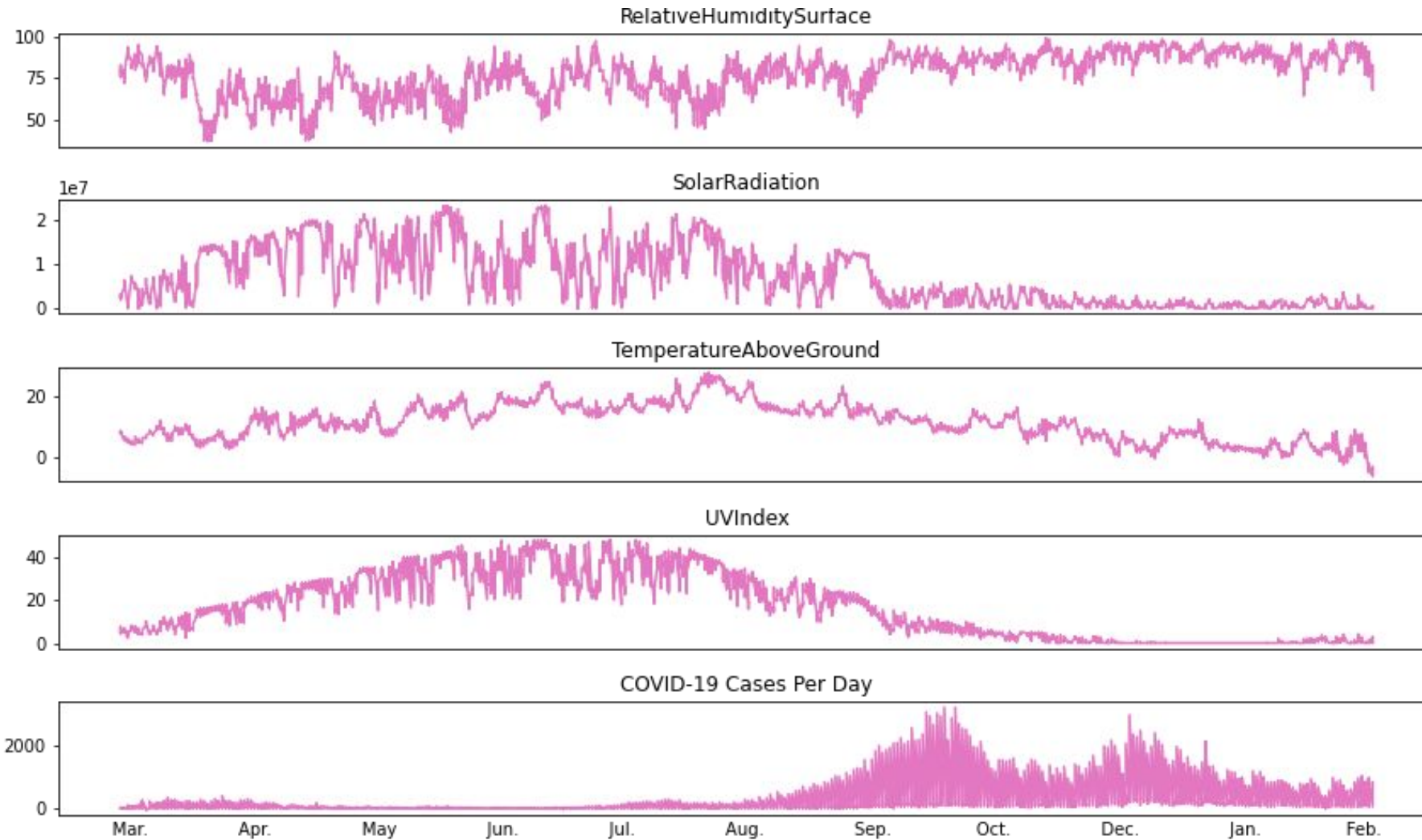
New measures to stop spread of coronavirus in the Netherlands

News item | 12-03-2020 | 18:18

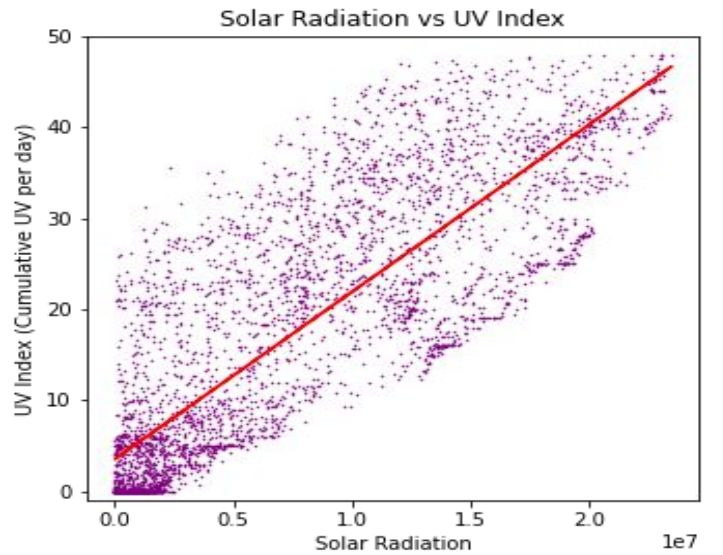
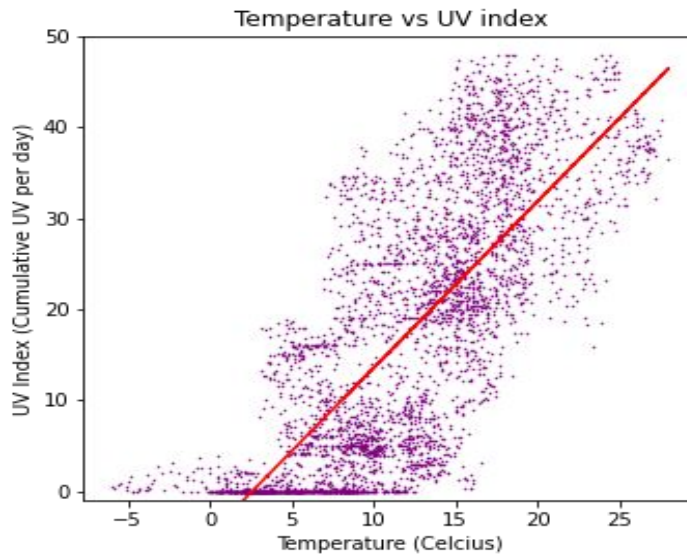
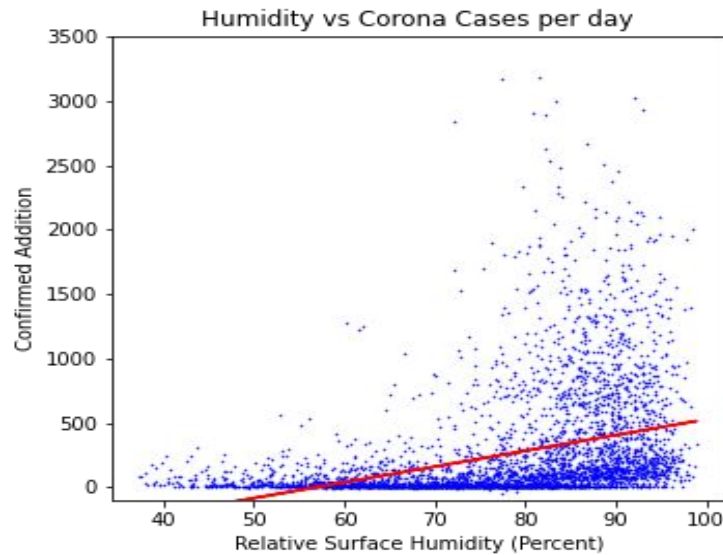
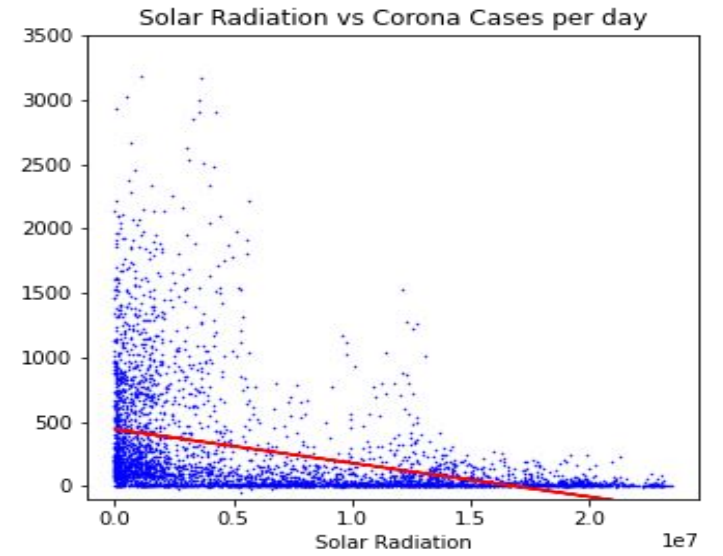
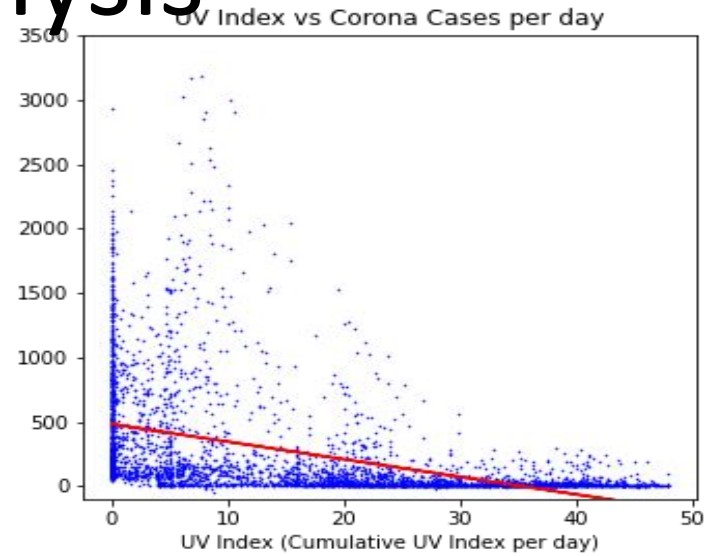
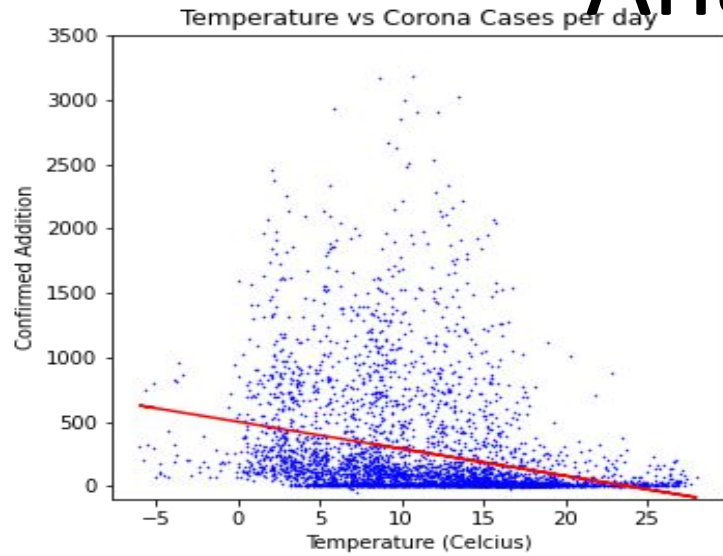
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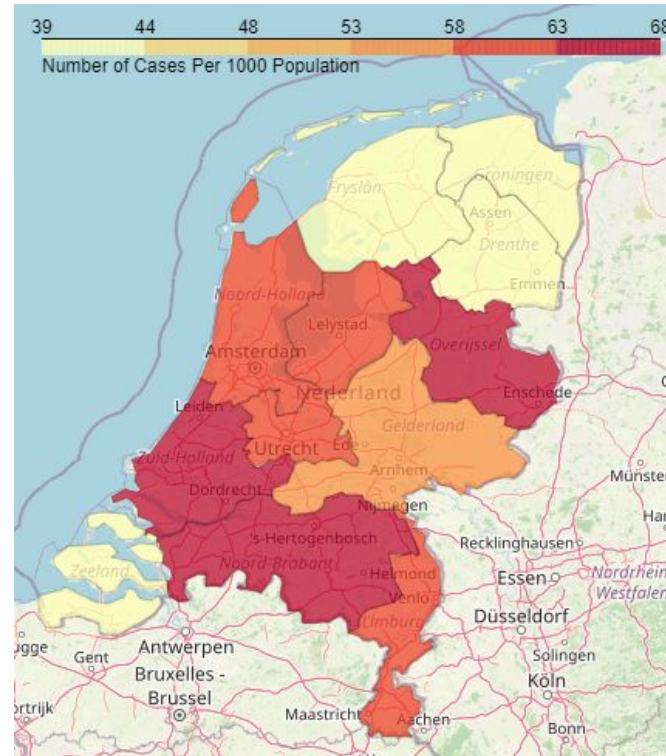
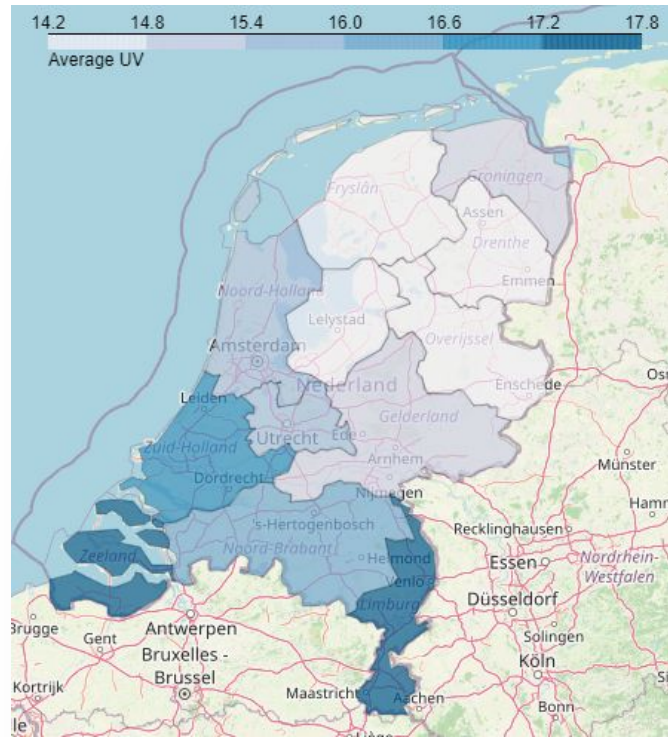
From Thursday 12 March 2020 new measures apply in the Netherlands to stop the spread of coronavirus. Prime Minister Mark Rutte and Minister for Medical Care Bruno Bruins announced the measures at a press conference. The measures are based on the advice of the

Single Variable Analysis



Multivariable Analysis





Maps of Key Variables

Statistical Testing

Pearson Test

Tests a linear relationship

Correlation Coefficient of UV
index: -0.467

Spearman Test

Linear relationship based on rank

Correlation Coefficient of UV
Index: -0.703

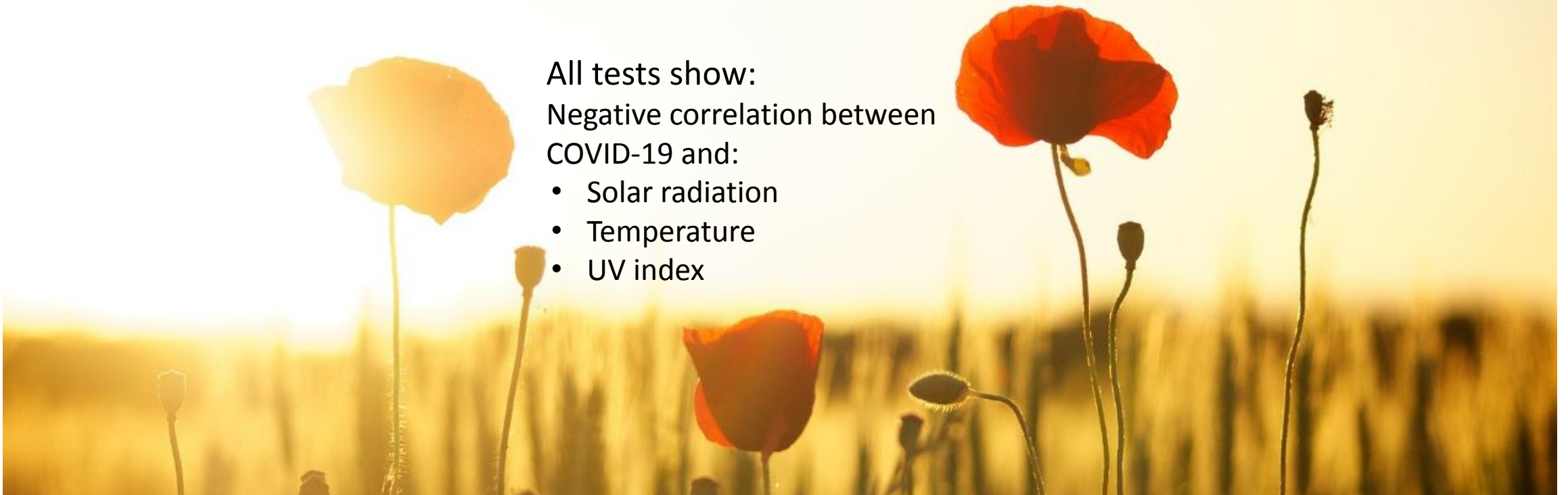
Pearson with log-transformed data

Handles skewed data

Correlation Coefficient of UV Index: -0.655

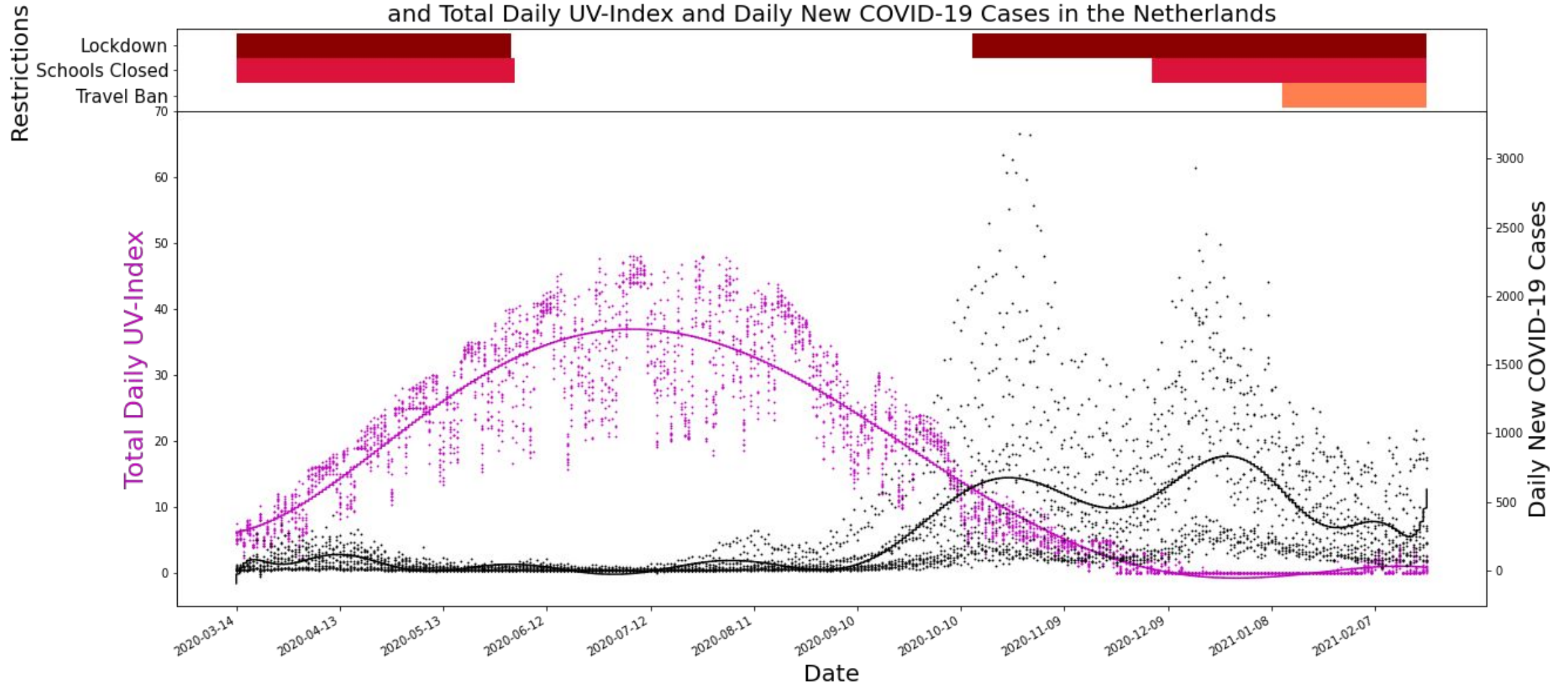
All tests show:
Negative correlation between
COVID-19 and:

- Solar radiation
- Temperature
- UV index



Confounding Factors

A Timeline of Covid-19 Restrictions in the Netherlands
and Total Daily UV-Index and Daily New COVID-19 Cases in the Netherlands



Multivariate Linear Regression



1. Weather Variables Only

R-squared: 0.463

UV P-Value: 0

UV T-Value: -35.195

2. With Lockdown Measures Added

R-squared: 0.481

UV P-Value: 0

UV T-Value: -30.464

Results:

UV Index is negatively correlated

Limitations in the Data

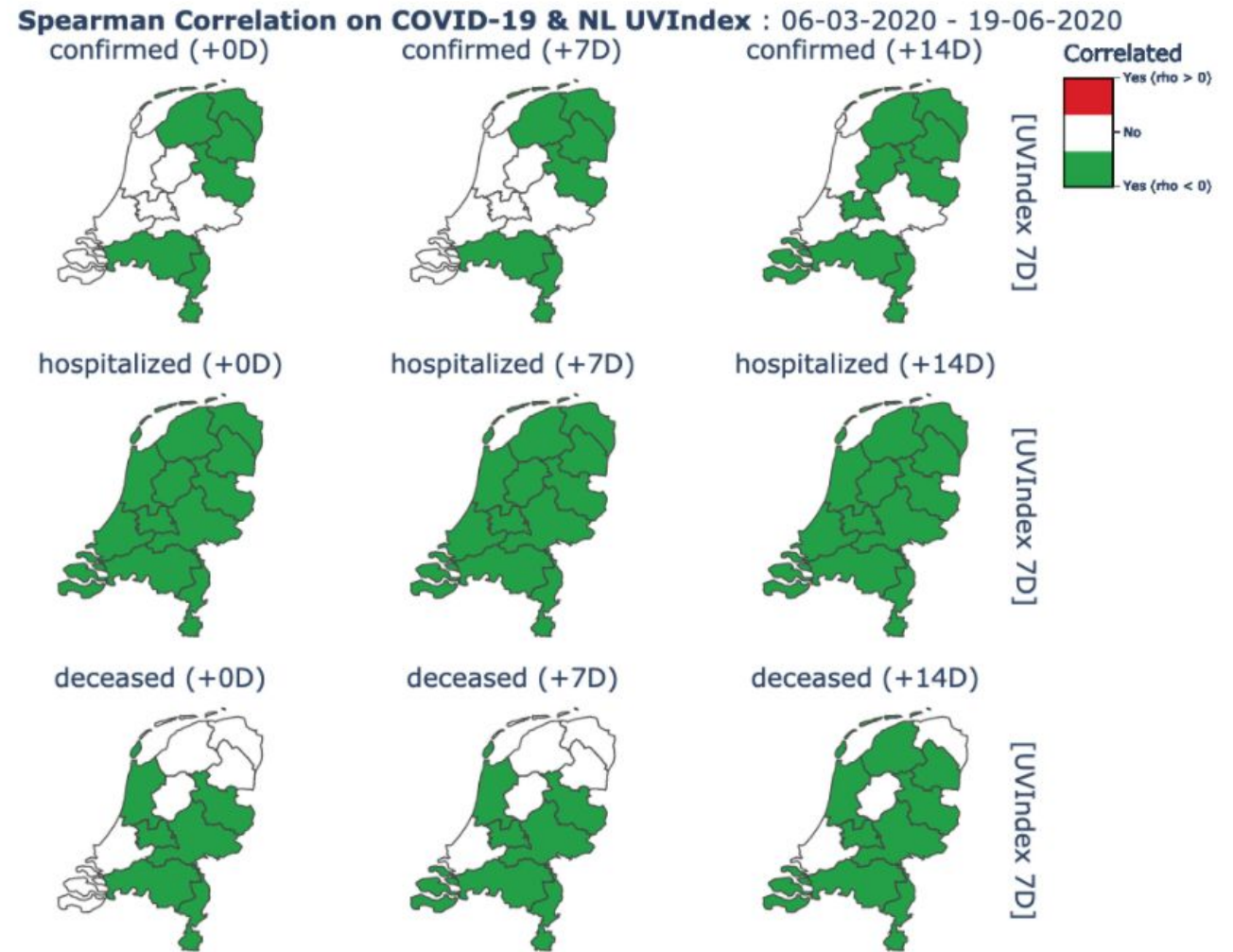
- Not generalizable without analysis
- Confounding Factors
- More precise location data



Limitations in Our Analysis

Improvements to be incorporated:

- Using a 7-day rolling sum to account for irregularities
- Using a precise incubation time





Conclusions and Future Work



Thank you for your time

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