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## Research Interests

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Environmental Economics, Transportation Economics, Behavioral Economics

## Education

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<b>University of Mannheim</b> Ph.D. Student in Economics	since 09/2019
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<b>University of Mannheim</b> Master of Science in Economics	09/2019 – 10/2021
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<b>University of Mannheim</b> Bachelor of Science in Economics	09/2016 – 08/2019
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<b>Justus Liebig University Giessen</b> B.Sc. Student in Economics and Business Administration	10/2015 – 08/2016
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## Work in Progress

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**Can social comparisons and moral suasion increase public transport ridership and decrease car use?** (with Ulrich Wagner and Wolfgang Habla)

## Dormant Papers

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**Are there Rebound Effects from Electric Vehicle Adoption? Evidence from German Household Data** (with Vera Huwe), *ZEW Discussion Paper* No. 20-048, 2020

*Abstract:* We analyze rebound effects of electric vehicle adoption on both the extensive (vehicle ownership) and the intensive (vehicle mileage) margin using cross-sectional household level data on vehicle ownership and use from Germany. To investigate the effect of electric vehicle adoption on household mileage, we predict the counterfactual number of cars owned if the household had not adopted an electric vehicle using a supervised learning model. We trained this model on a set of households not owning electric vehicles that were matched to the electric vehicle owners. We do not find a significant increase in the number of cars owned for households owning one electric and one conventional vehicle. However, electric vehicle ownership is associated with a significant reduction in annual mileage of -23 % of the sample mean. For the selection of covariates for matching, we contrast an ad hoc variable selection with a data-driven variable selection method (double LASSO). We find that the data-driven variable selection changes the magnitude of the estimation results substantially.

## Relevant Professional Experience

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### Research Assistant

RWI - Leibniz-Institute for Economic Research e.V.	since 07/2022
ZEW - Leibniz-Centre for European Economic Research GmbH	02/2020 – 06/2020
ZEW - Leibniz-Centre for European Economic Research GmbH	01/2019 – 06/2019

### Teaching Assistant

Advanced Econometrics (Master), Uni Mannheim	since 09/2022
Principles in Economics (Bachelor), Uni Mannheim	09/2021 – 02/2022
Linear Algebra 1 (Bachelor), Uni Mannheim	09/2017 – 01/2018

### Internships

NERA Economic Consulting	08/2021 – 09/2021
Institute of Energy Economics at the University of Cologne	07/2020 – 08/2020
Leibniz-Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW)	07/2019 – 08/2019

## Scholarships

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Doctoral Scholarship, Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences, Uni Mannheim	09/2020 – 08/2021
Scholarship, Bronnbacher Stipendium, Association of Arts and Culture of the German Economy at the Federation of German Industries e. V. ( <i>Kulturkreis der deutschen Wirtschaft im BDI e.V.</i> )	03/2020 – 11/2021
Scholarship, PROMOS, German Academic Exchange Service ( <i>Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst</i> )	08/2018 – 12/2018
Scholarship, Deutschlandstipendium, Uni Mannheim	08/2017 – 07/2019

## Presentations

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2022	27th EAERE Annual Conference, 10th Mannheim Conference on Energy and the Environment, University of Mannheim
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## Skills

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<b>Software:</b>	R, Stata, MATLAB, Python, GAMS, LaTeX, MS Office, Git
<b>Languages:</b>	German (native), English (C2), French (A2)

Citizenship: German

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