

Cycling Towards Cleaner Cities? Evidence from New York City's Bike Share Program

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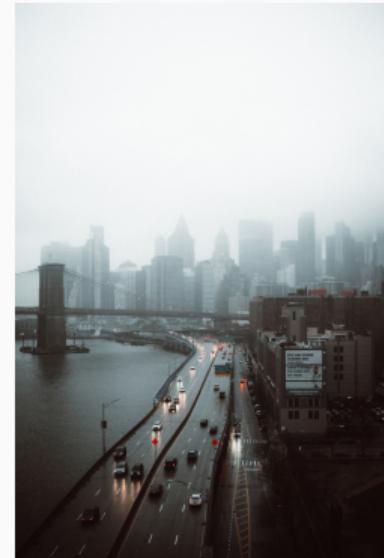


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- Decreases cognitive performance, productivity, alteration to decision-making (Lavy, et al., 2014; Hanna and Oliva, 2015; Shehab and Pope, 2019, Aguilar-Gomez et al., 2022)



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- Small reductions in air pollution concentrations for large populations can have substantial positive impacts (Carozzi and Roth, 2023; Strosnider et al., 2017)

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- However, it remains unclear if investments in cycling infrastructure...
 - Induce substitution away from polluting vehicles and towards cycling
 - Ultimately decrease air pollution

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- This paper estimates the causal impact of bike share on local air pollution concentrations
 - Exploiting the gradual roll-out of NYC's bike share program since 2013 by using a staggered difference-in-differences strategy
 - Combining it with ten years of high-resolution, ground-level measures of air pollution

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Evidence on mechanisms

- Does bike share reduce car traffic? Using taxi trips:
 - Taxi service is popular and taxi trips are similar to bike share trips → potential substitute
 - Suggestive evidence of fewer short taxi trips in areas served by bike share

Contribution

Previous literature

- Air quality impacts of other urban transportation interventions: e.g. underground expansion, congestion tolls, electric vehicles (Gendron-Carrier et al., 2018; Green et al., 2020, Basagaña et al., 2018; Levy et al., 2018; De Borger et al., 2013; Kheirbek et al., 2016)
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- Scarce causal evidence on the impacts of bike share on air quality (Shr et al., 2022; Wang and Zhou, 2017; Hamilton and Wichman, 2018)
 - First paper to estimate the long-term causal impact of bike share on air quality using high-resolution, ground-level measures of air pollution over ten years.

Data

Air pollution I

- NYC Community Air Survey (NYCCAS), 2009–2019
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- Nitric oxide (NO) and nitrous dioxide (NO_2)
 - Common marker of vehicular traffic
 - 30% of emissions attributed to on-road traffic
 - NO marker of fresh combustion emissions: steeper gradient near busy roadways

Air pollution II

- Particulate matter (PM 2.5) and black carbon (BC)
 - Significant proportions of PM 2.5 from outside the city, but local variation likely due to local emissions
 - 35% of PM emissions attributed to traffic in high-traffic locations
 - BC is a subset of PM 2.5 (4–11% in US cities), but up to 75% of PM 2.5 from diesel exhaust

► NO concentrations 2013

Bike share system in NYC

- Opened in May 2013, gradual expansion
- Fixed docking stations, 24/7
- Stations and bikes
 - **2013** 332 stations, 6K bikes
 - **2019** 780 stations, 13K bikes
- Average daily bike share trips
 - **2013** 22K trips
 - **2019** 56K trips (+154%)
 - Most trips by annual subscribers



Bike share system roll-out

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- For each year:
 1. Identify pairs of bike share stations (i.e., at least one trip between the two stations)
 2. Compute optimal **car** route for each pair stations and add a 300m buffer
 3. Intersect the routes+buffer with the grid map: cells intersected by routes+buffer are considered treated

→ Obtain the **spatial extent** of bike share's influence on car traffic, i.e., **areas where fewer cars are expected to be driven** after bike share

Bike share treatment construction

▶ Real routing

Bike share treatment

Estimation strategy and Results

Estimating equation

Staggered difference-in-differences: comparing cells treated by bicycle share with untreated ones, before and after the treatment (Two-Way Fixed Effects):

$$Y_{ct} = \beta Treat_{ct} + year_t + cell_c + \mathbf{C}_{ct} + \varepsilon_{ct}, \quad (1)$$

for cell c at year t

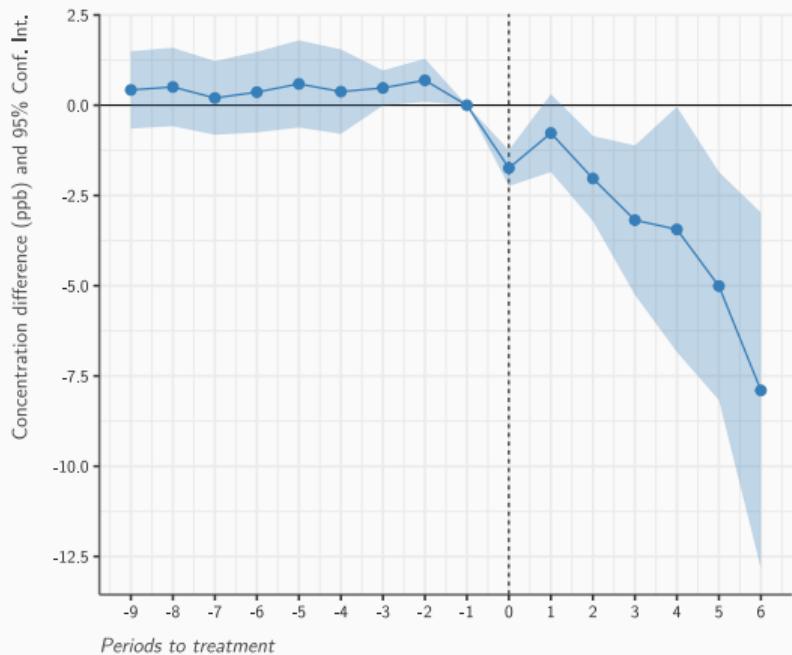
- Y_{ct} : concentration of pollutant Y
- $Treat_{ct}$: treated by bike share
- $year_t + cell_c$: year and cell fixed effects
- \mathbf{C}_{ct} : vector of control variables

Standard errors clustered at the community district level (neighbourhood)

▶ Estimation parameters

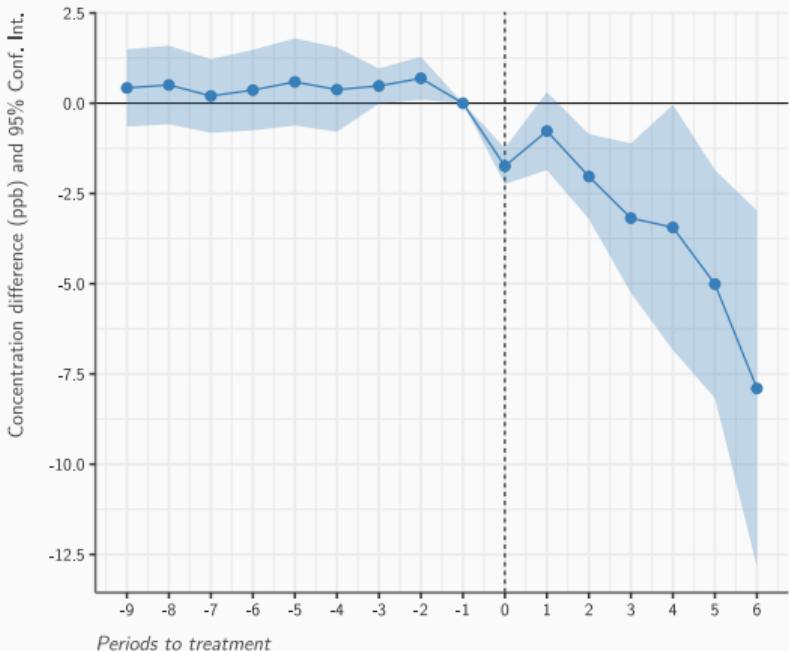
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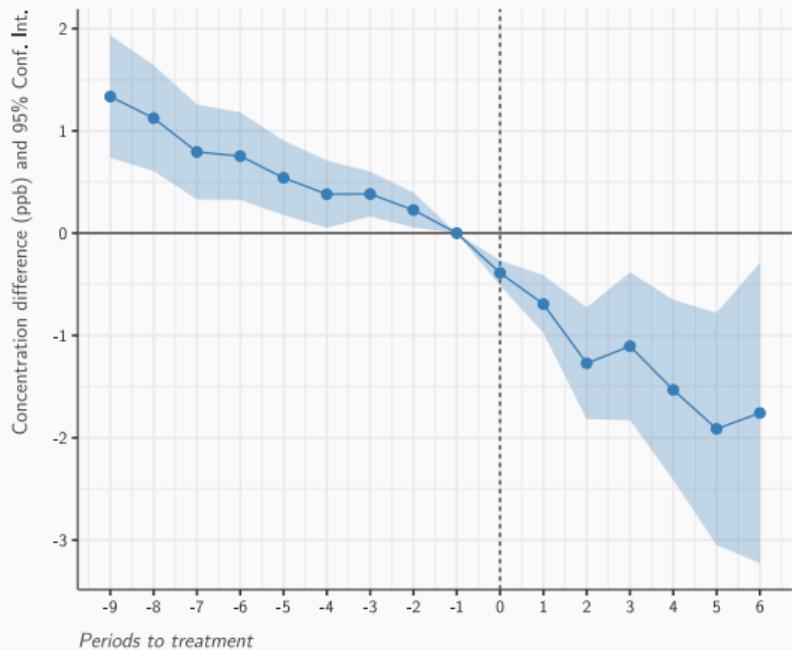


	NO	
	(1)	(2)
On-car-route	-2.5360*** (0.8595)	-2.7281*** (0.8543)
Baseline controls		✓
Cell FE	✓	✓
Year FE	✓	✓
Mean concentration pre-treat.	20.322	20.353
% mean concentration pre-treat.	-12.479	-13.404
Observations	91,710	90,898
R ²	0.906	0.908
Within R ²	0.049	0.066

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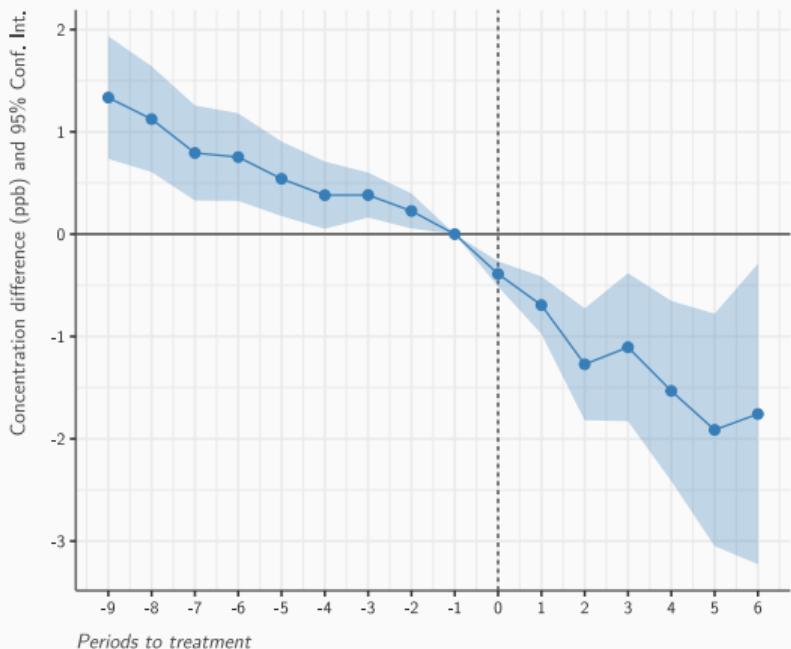
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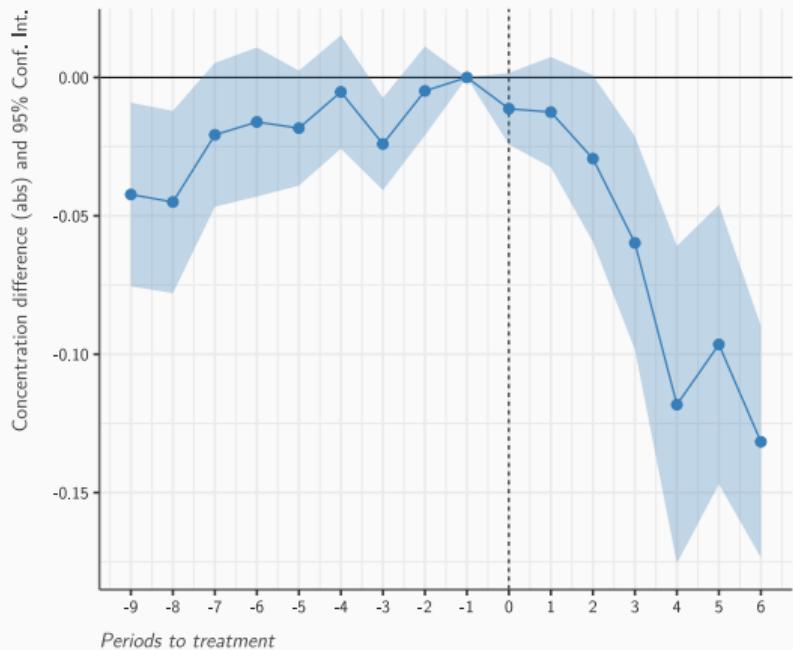


	NO ₂	
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On-car-route	-1.1489*** (0.2771)	-1.2554*** (0.2759)
Baseline controls		✓
Cell FE	✓	✓
Year FE	✓	✓
Mean concentration pre-treat.	19.950	20.007
% mean concentration pre-treat.	-5.759	-6.275
Observations	91,710	90,898
R ²	0.978	0.979
Within R ²	0.081	0.123

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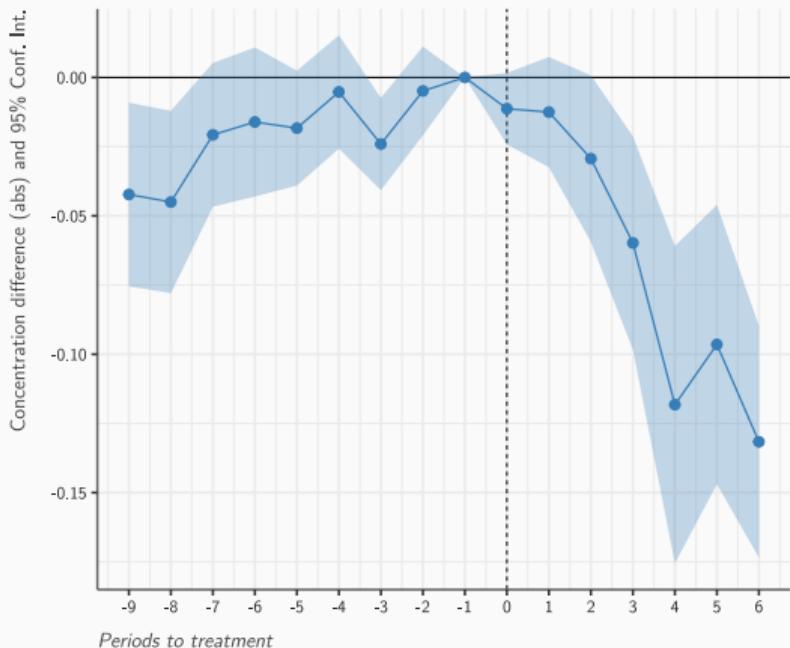
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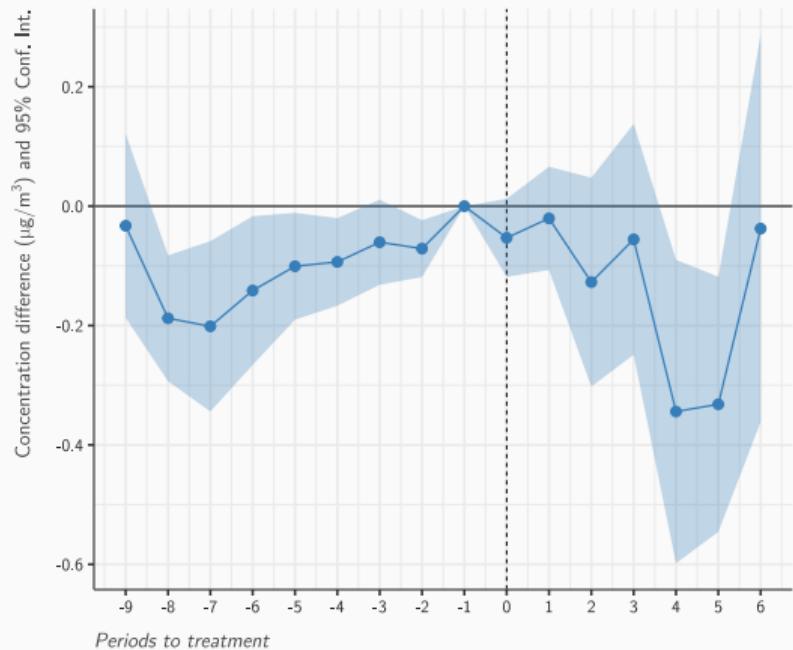


	BC	
	(1)	(2)
On-car-route	-0.0253* (0.0128)	-0.0280** (0.0129)
Baseline controls		✓
Cell FE	✓	✓
Year FE	✓	✓
Mean concentration pre-treat.	1.015	1.017
% mean concentration pre-treat.	-2.494	-2.757
Observations	91,710	90,898
R ²	0.956	0.956
Within R ²	0.006	0.011

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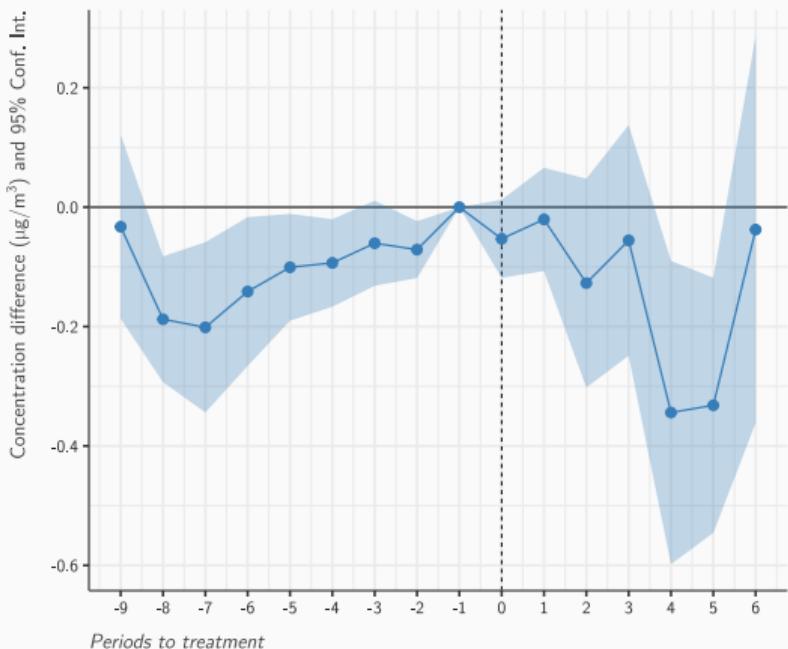
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On-car-route	-0.0097 (0.0686)	-0.0320 (0.0688)
Baseline controls		✓
Cell FE	✓	✓
Year FE	✓	✓
Mean concentration pre-treat.	9.433	9.441
% mean concentration pre-treat.	-0.103	-0.339
Observations	91,710	90,898
R ²	0.978	0.979
Within R ²	0.000	0.018

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- Robustness checks
 - Alternative treatment definitions
 - ▶ Service area
 - ▶ Stations
 - Intensity of treatment
 - ▶ NO
 - ▶ NO₂
 - ▶ BC
 - ▶ PM
 - Borusyak, Jaravel and Spiess (2022) estimator robust to variation in treatment timing and heterogenous treatment effects
 - ▶ Plots

Mechanism

Did bike share reduce motor traffic?

- Is there evidence that bike share reduced road traffic, which could explain the decrease in air pollution?
- Taxis serve a similar purpose as bike share: short trips in the city centre ▶ Taxis vs Bike share
- Is there evidence that taxi trips decrease after the arrival of bike share?

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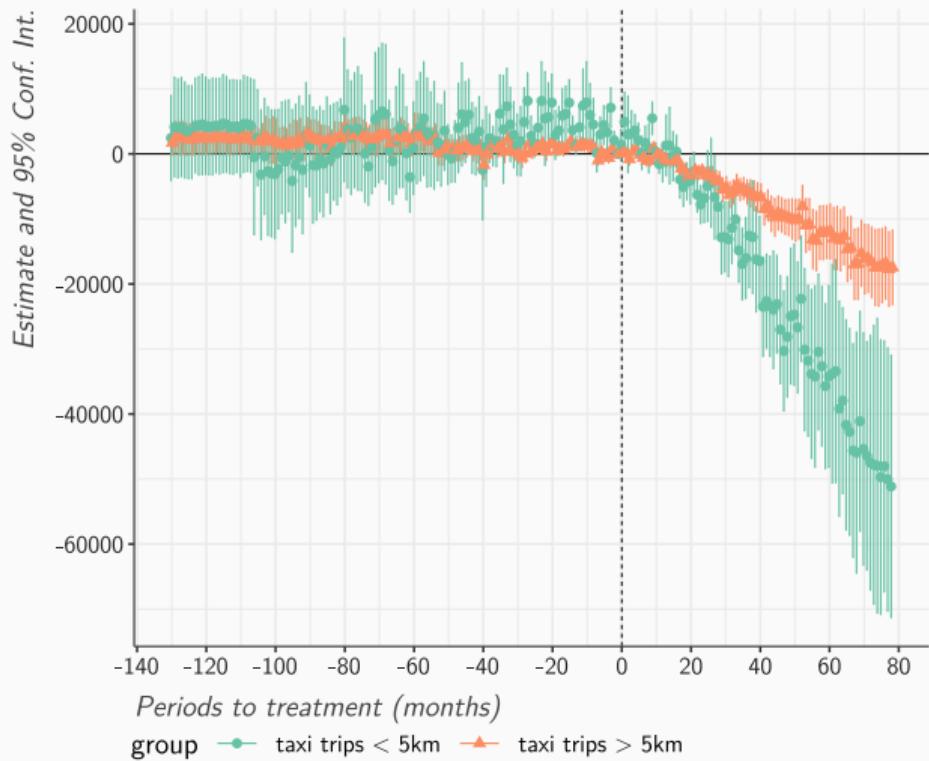
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 - Use the **universe of NYC taxi trips**: geolocated, timestamped, travel distance
 - Identify taxi trips most substitutable by bike share
 - 85% of bike share trips are less than 5km
 - distinguish **short** (<5km) taxi trips from **long** (>5km) ones
 - Same identification strategy: does the staggered roll-out of bike share reduce short taxi trips?

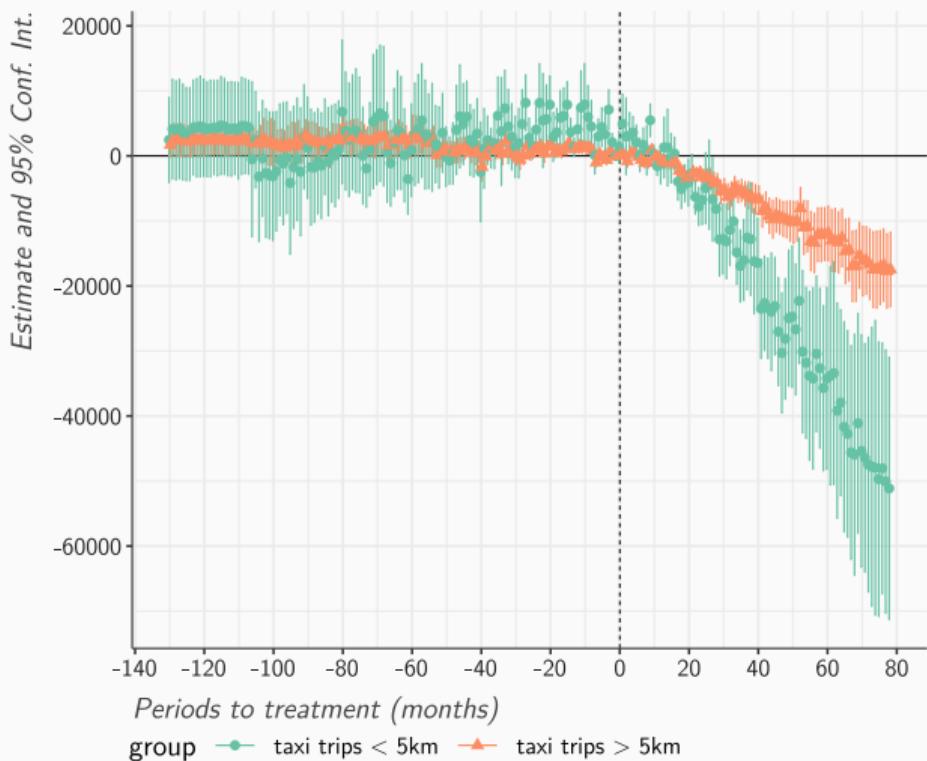
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Dynamic effect of bike share on yellow taxi pickups *All taxi zones*



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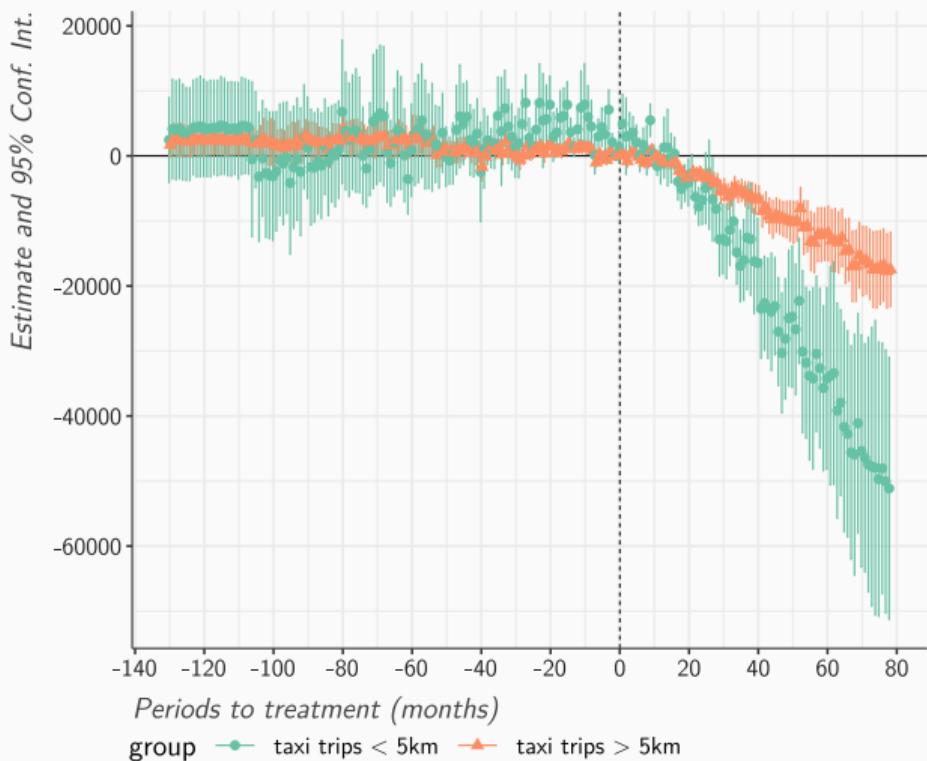
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→ Suggestive evidence that bike share substituted some trips away from taxis

Conclusion

This paper

- Estimated the **causal impacts** of bike share on air quality in NYC from 2013 to 2019
- Found that bike share **decreased the concentrations** of NO by up to 13.4% and BC by up to 2.7% compared to average concentrations before bike share
 - Avoided social damages valued at up to **\$327 million dollars**
- Shed light on the substitution mechanism by showing that **short taxi trips decreased faster** in bike share areas after the arrival of bike share compared to long taxi trips

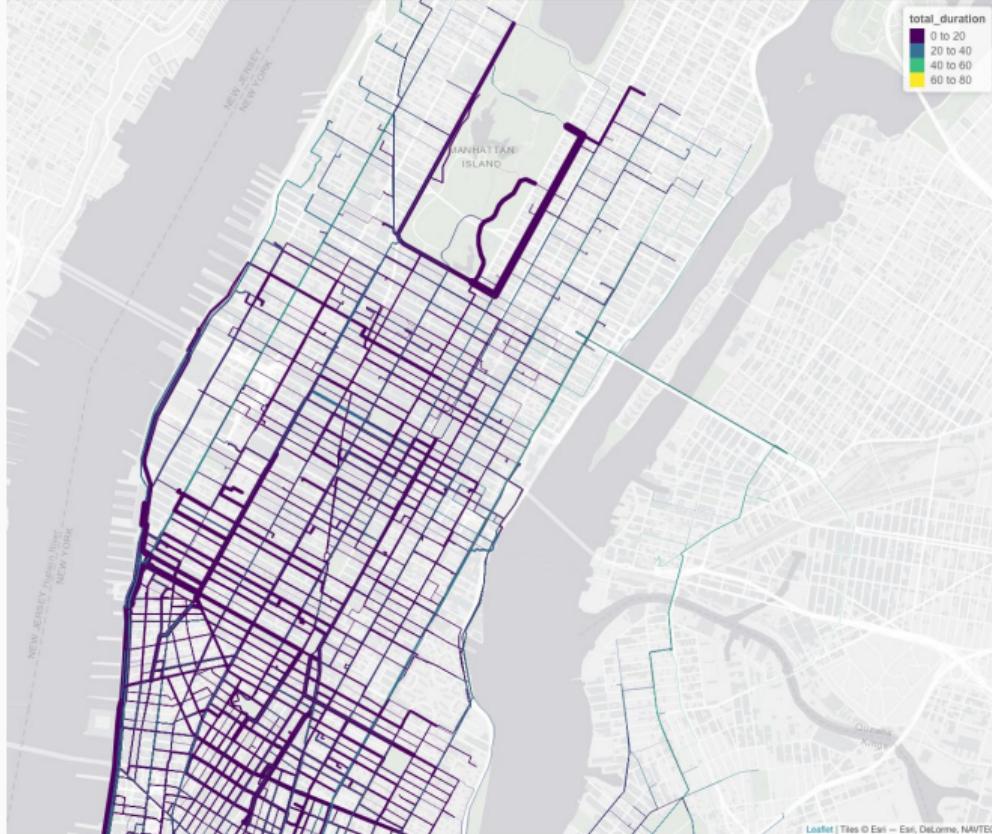
Thank you

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Conceptual framework

- Bike share **reduces** the cost of (and **improves** the accessibility to) cycling in areas where implemented
 - This change in the **relative local attractiveness** of cycling vs other transport modes leads some individuals to **switch** to cycling
 - Bike share reduces pollution if bike share trips **replace** (i.e., **substitute away from**) motor vehicle trips
 - We expect pollution to reduce **where fewer motor vehicles are driven** due to bike share

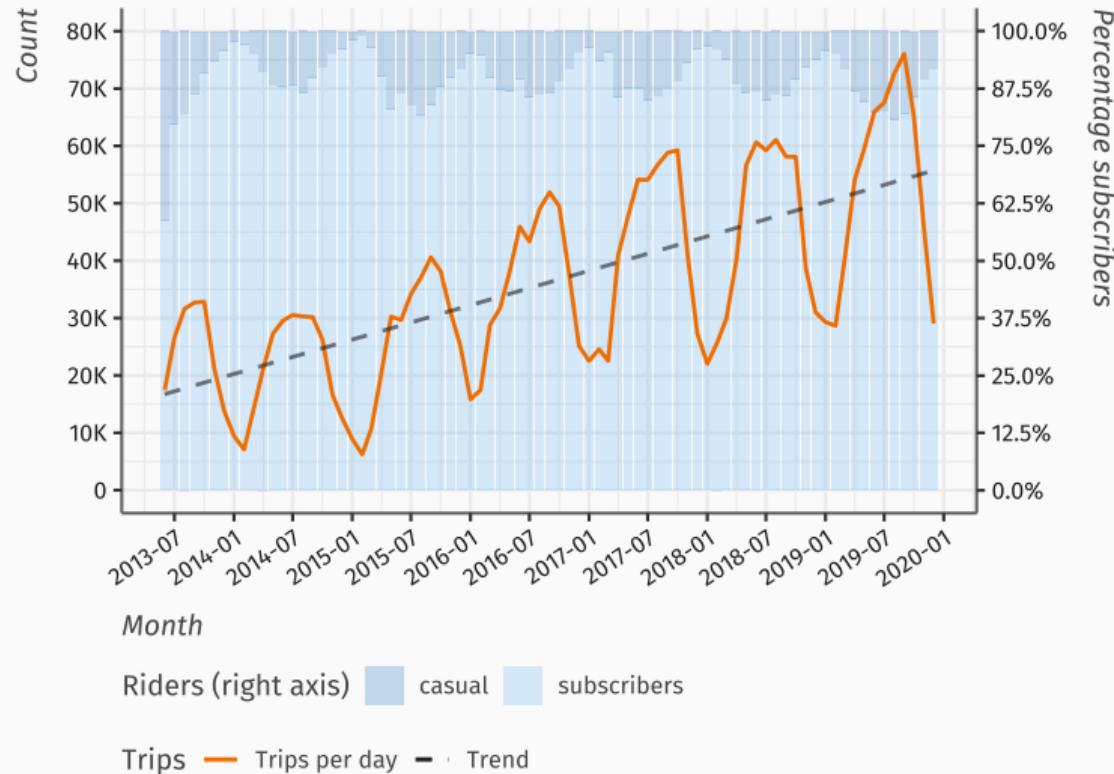
Routing illustration



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Bike share usage chart

Bike share in NYC

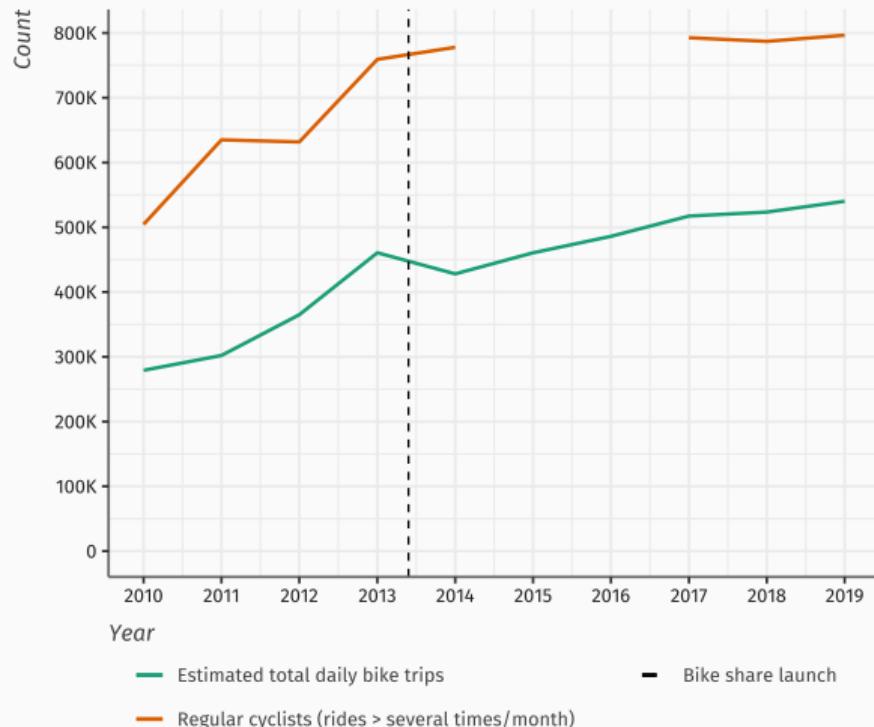


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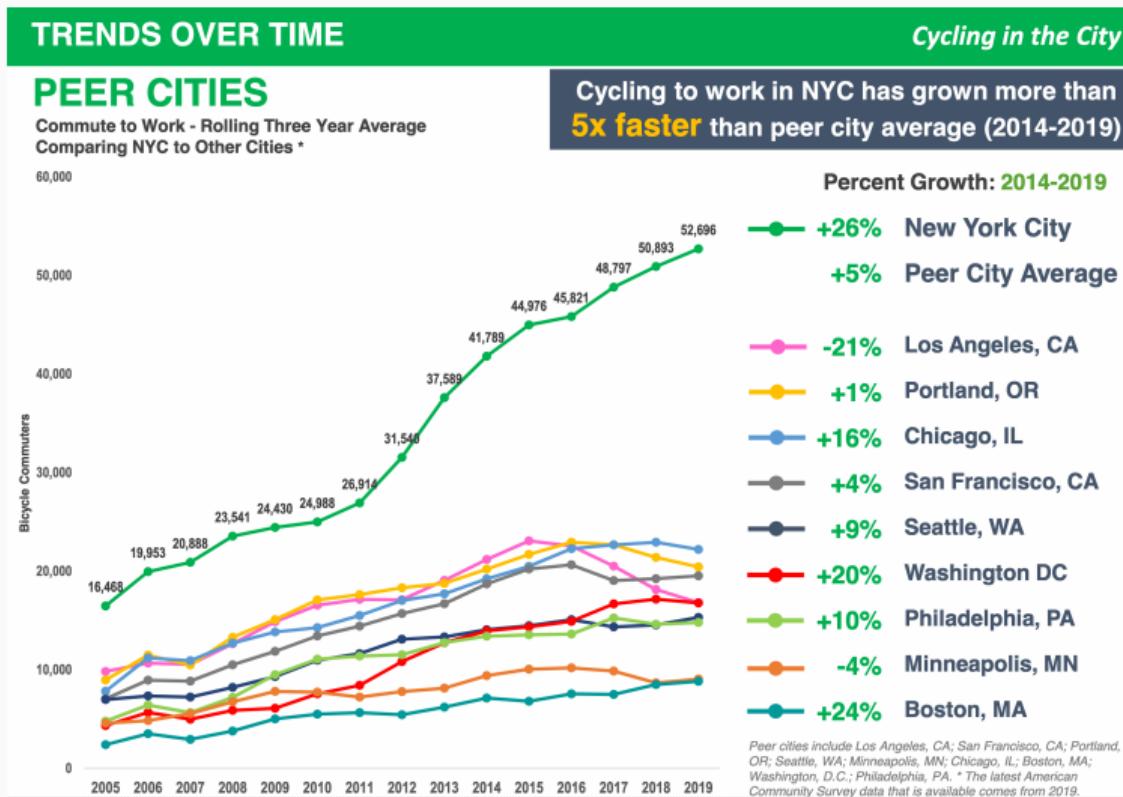
Cycling in NYC

- Daily bike trips estimates
(NYC DOT Mobility Survey)
 - **2010** 280K trips
 - **2019** 520K trips (+85%)
- Rides at least several times a month
(NYC Community Health Survey)
 - **2010** 504K cyclists
 - **2019** 793K cyclists (+57%)

Cycling in NYC



NYC cycling to work vs US peer cities

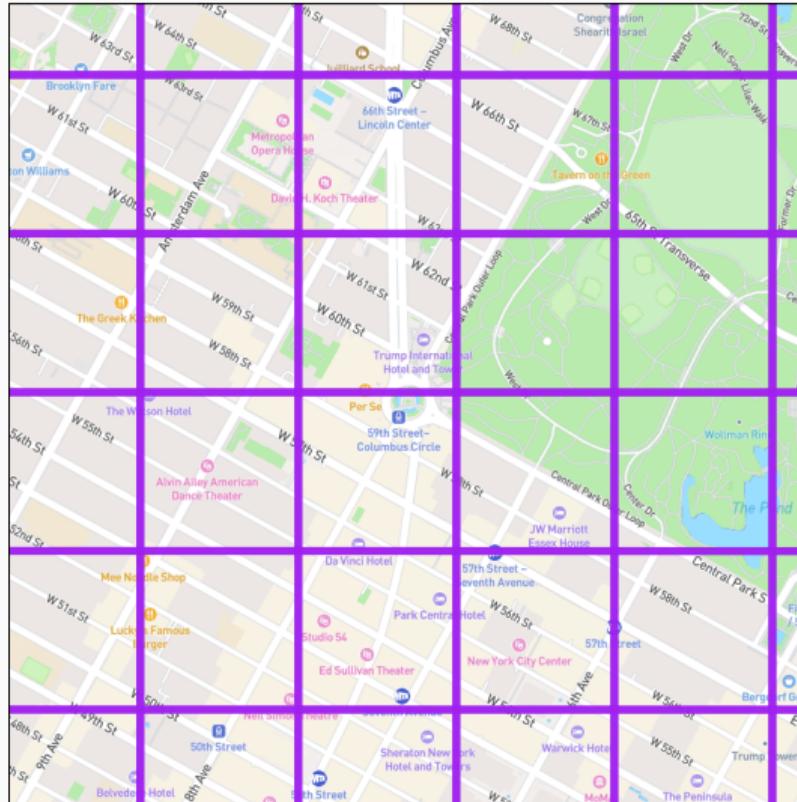


Cycling in the City Report, 2020, NYC DOT

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Scale of raster grid · Columbus Circle

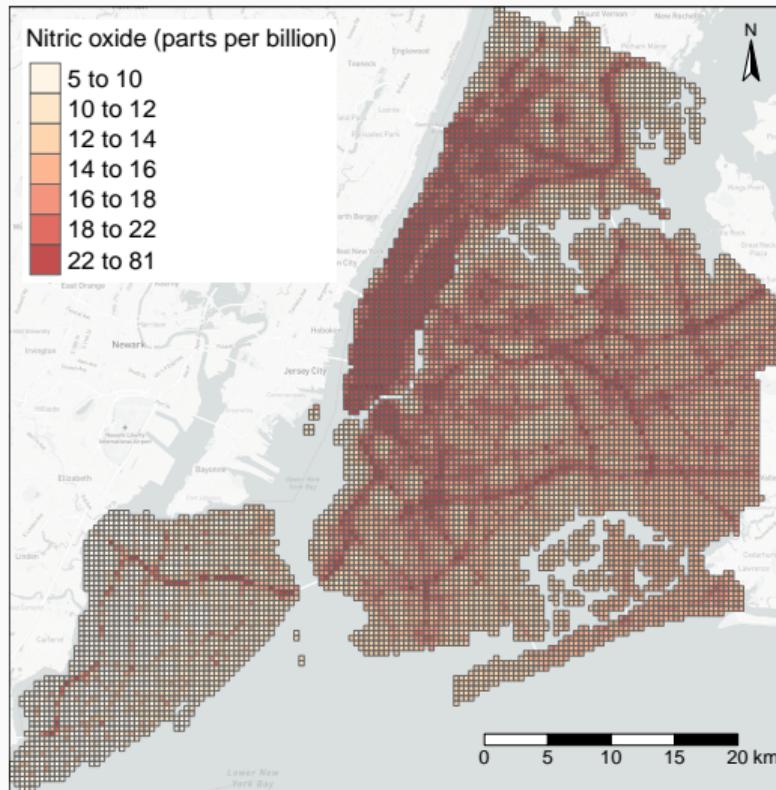
Grid scale · 300m×300m



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Mapping air pollution · nitric oxide (NO) 2013

2013



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NYCCAS details

Concentrations of PM 2.5, black carbon, nitrogen oxides (NO and NO₂), sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and ozone (O₃)

- 150 measurement stations: 120 randomly placed, 30 at purposeful sites
- Overlays a grid over the city made up of square cells 300m wide
- For each cell, estimates the annual average concentration of pollutant using a land-use regression (LUR) model

Land-use regression (LUR) model:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Concentration}_{it} = & \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{RefStation}_{it} + \beta_2 \text{Source1}_i \\ & + \beta_3 \text{Source2}_i + \beta_4 \text{Source1}_i \times \text{SiteCharac}_{it} + \varepsilon_{it} \end{aligned}$$

Estimation parameters

- Panel dataset
 - **units** grid cells (9,171)
 - **time** years (10, 2010–2019)
 - **treatment** cell treated by bike share: within “traffic footprint” of bike share
- Covariates
 - population (American Community Survey, ACS)
 - fraction of college graduates (ACS)
 - household income (ACS)
 - meters of bicycle lanes (NYC Department of Transportation)
 - built surface (NYC Department of City Planning)

Social benefits valuation

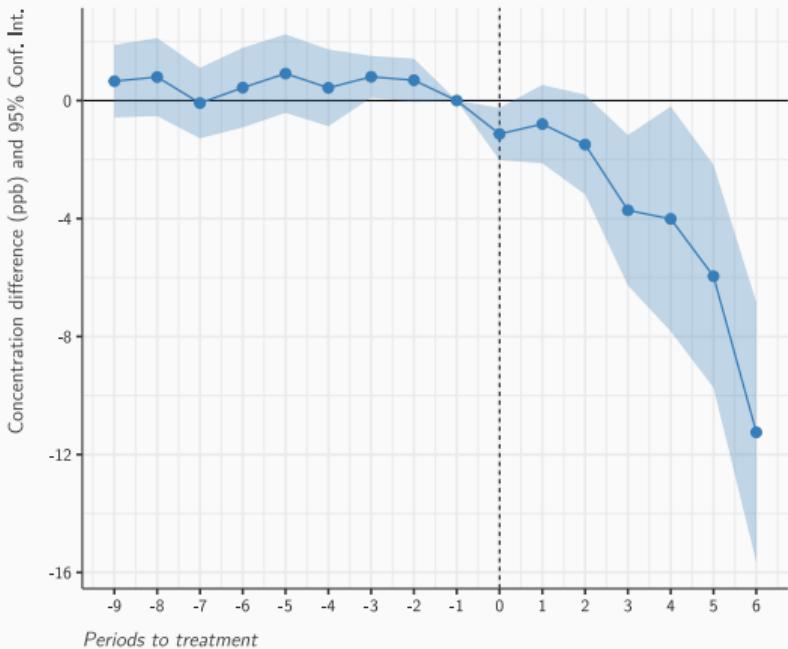
Are the results economically significant?

- Concentration-response function from the epidemiology literature for NO and
 - mortality
 - asthma related **emergency department (ED) visits** and **hospitalisations**
- Bike share saved up to 33 deaths, 1,122 ED visits and 412 hospitalisations
- Avoided social damages valued at up to \$327 million ($\$320M + \$1.2M + \$6.2M$)
 - Value of statistical life: EPA (2010); ED visits and hospitalisations average cost: Blewett et al. (2021)
- Does not take into account other outcome or other pollutants
 - likely a lower bound

Nitric Oxide · Service area

Dynamic effect of bike share on NO concentrations

"Service area" treatment



	NO		
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Convex polygon	-2.7534** (1.0736)	-0.1855 (0.6438)	-0.3325 (0.5012)
Baseline controls	✓	✓	✓
Cell FE	✓	✓	✓
Year FE	✓	✓	✓
Year-Community district FE		✓	
Year-Borough FE			✓
Mean concentration pre-treat.	20.353	20.353	20.353
% mean concentration pre-treat.	-13.528	-0.911	-1.633
Observations	90,898	90,898	90,898
R ²	0.907	0.959	0.936
Within R ²	0.058	0.008	0.008

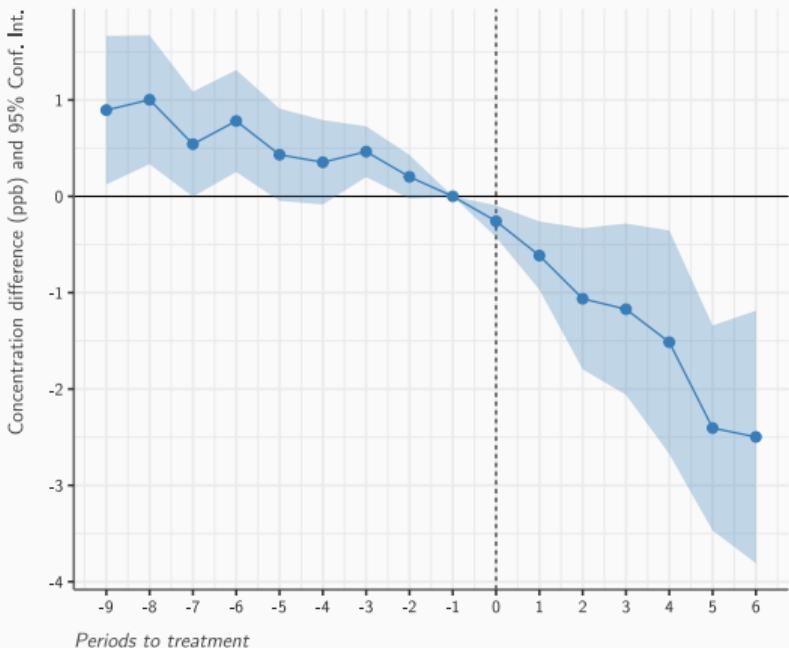
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Convex polygon	-1.1882*** (0.3380)	0.0989 (0.1864)	-0.2136 (0.2059)
Baseline controls	✓	✓	✓
Cell FE	✓	✓	✓
Year FE	✓	✓	✓
Year-Community district FE		✓	
Year-Borough FE			✓
Mean concentration pre-treat.	20.007	20.007	20.007
% mean concentration pre-treat.	-5.939	0.494	-1.067
Observations	90,898	90,898	90,898
R ²	0.979	0.994	0.985
Within R ²	0.100	0.010	0.016

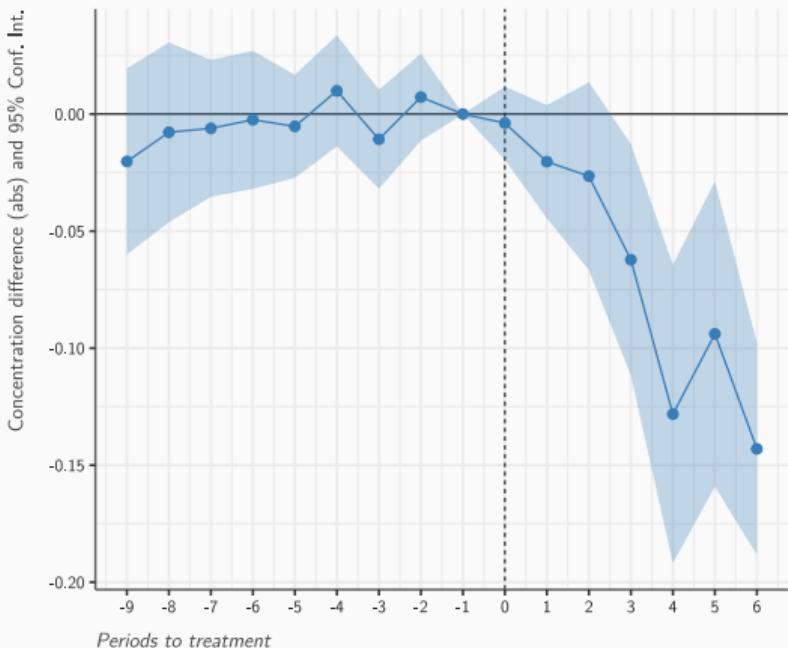
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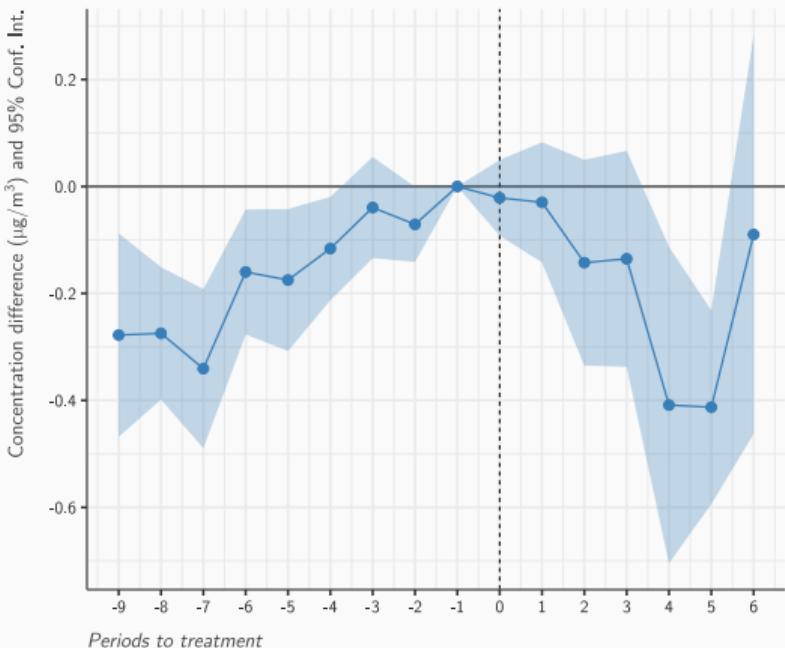
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Year FE	✓	✓	✓
Year-Community district FE		✓	
Year-Borough FE			✓
Mean concentration pre-treat.	1.017	1.017	1.017
% mean concentration pre-treat.	-3.729	-1.669	-1.638
Observations	90,898	90,898	90,898
R ²	0.957	0.979	0.970
Within R ²	0.015	0.002	0.004

Clustered (Community district) standard-errors in parentheses

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PM 2.5 · Service area

Dynamic effect of bike share on PM concentrations
 "Service area" treatment



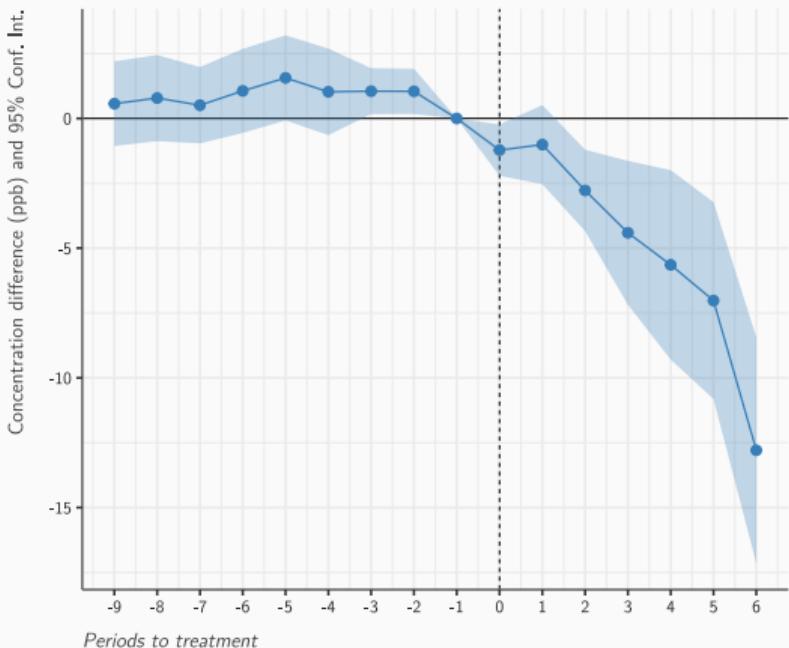
	PM		
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Convex polygon	-0.0353 (0.0802)	0.0399 (0.0378)	0.0748 (0.0535)
Baseline controls	✓	✓	✓
Cell FE	✓	✓	✓
Year FE	✓	✓	✓
Year-Community district FE		✓	
Year-Borough FE			✓
Mean concentration pre-treat.	9.441	9.441	9.441
% mean concentration pre-treat.	-0.374	0.423	0.792
Observations	90,898	90,898	90,898
R ²	0.979	0.992	0.984
Within R ²	0.018	0.004	0.018

Clustered (Community district) standard-errors in parentheses
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Nitric Oxide · Stations

Dynamic effect of bike share on NO concentrations
"Station < 300m" treatment



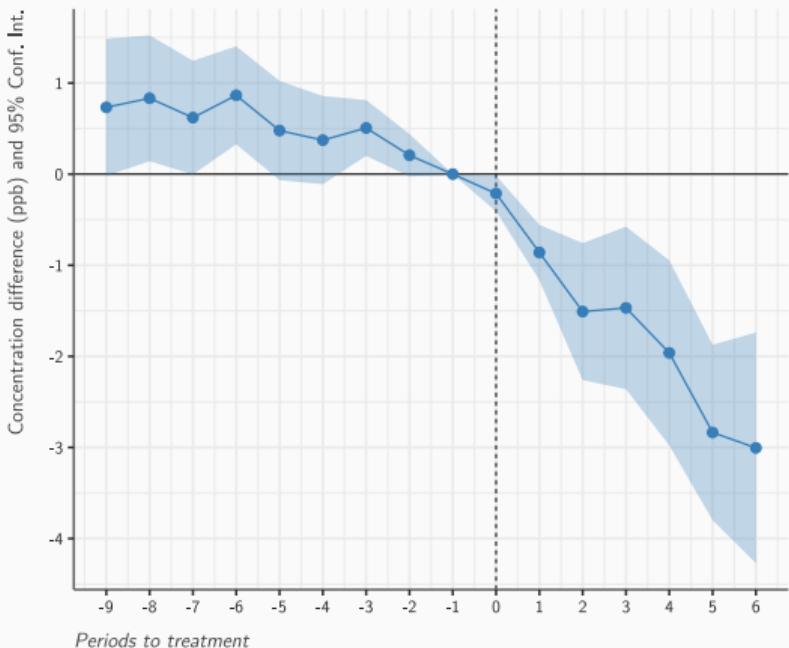
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Station	-3.8915*** (1.1872)	-2.1059*** (0.5868)	-1.5368*** (0.5721)
Baseline controls	✓	✓	✓
Cell FE	✓	✓	✓
Year FE	✓	✓	✓
Year-Community district FE		✓	
Year-Borough FE			✓
Mean concentration pre-treat.	20.353	20.353	20.353
% mean concentration pre-treat.	-19.120	-10.347	-7.551
Observations	90,898	90,898	90,898
R ²	0.910	0.960	0.937
Within R ²	0.089	0.028	0.021

Clustered (Community district) standard-errors in parentheses

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Nitrogen Dioxide · Stations

Dynamic effect of bike share on NO₂ concentrations
"Station < 300m" treatment

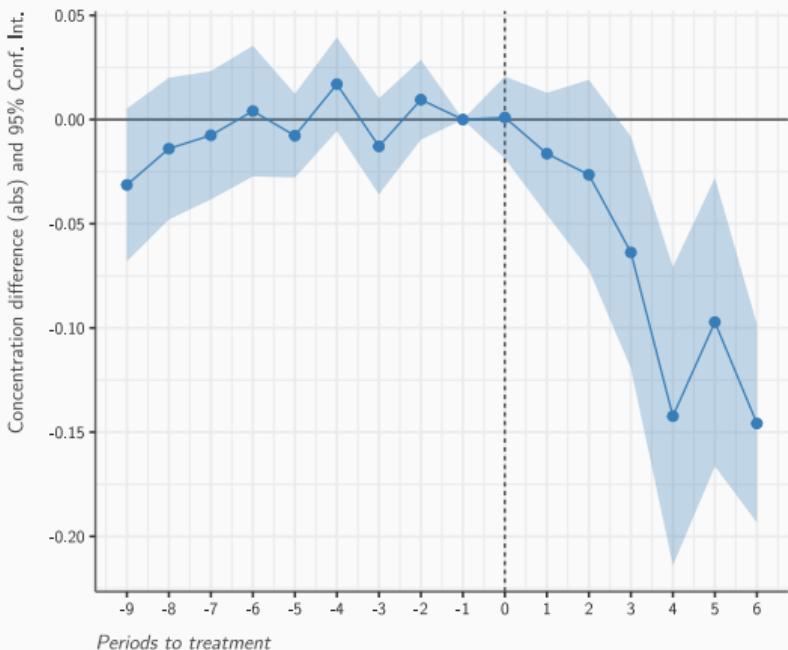


	(1)	(2)	(3)
Station	-1.4994*** (0.3277)	-0.4007*** (0.1384)	-0.5309*** (0.1807)
Baseline controls	✓	✓	✓
Cell FE	✓	✓	✓
Year FE	✓	✓	✓
Year-Community district FE		✓	
Year-Borough FE			✓
Mean concentration pre-treat.	20.007	20.007	20.007
% mean concentration pre-treat.	-7.494	-2.003	-2.654
Observations	90,898	90,898	90,898
R ²	0.979	0.994	0.985
Within R ²	0.122	0.018	0.028

Clustered (Community district) standard-errors in parentheses
Signif. Codes: ***: 0.01, **: 0.05, *: 0.1

Black carbon · Stations

Dynamic effect of bike share on BC concentrations
"Station < 300m" treatment



	BC		
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Station	-0.0404** (0.0162)	-0.0170* (0.0098)	-0.0153 (0.0093)
Baseline controls	✓	✓	✓
Cell FE	✓	✓	✓
Year FE	✓	✓	✓
Year-Community district FE		✓	
Year-Borough FE			✓
Mean concentration pre-treat.	1.017	1.017	1.017
% mean concentration pre-treat.	-3.978	-1.668	-1.506
Observations	90,898	90,898	90,898
R ²	0.957	0.979	0.970
Within R ²	0.015	0.002	0.003

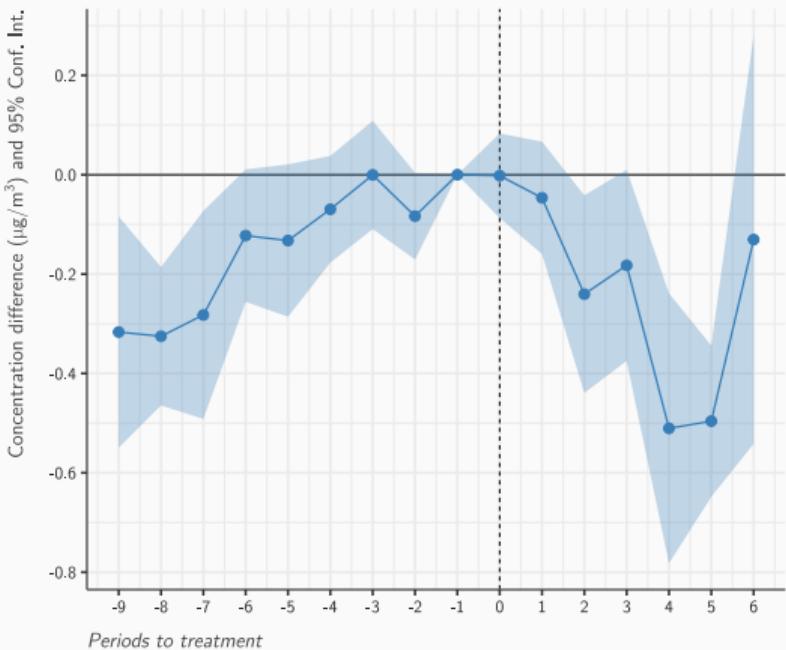
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PM 2.5 · Stations

Dynamic effect of bike share on PM concentrations
"Station < 300m" treatment



	PM		
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Station	-0.1002 (0.0788)	-0.0942** (0.0419)	0.0090 (0.0514)
Baseline controls	✓	✓	✓
Cell FE	✓	✓	✓
Year FE	✓	✓	✓
Year-Community district FE		✓	
Year-Borough FE			✓
Mean concentration pre-treat.	9.441	9.441	9.441
% mean concentration pre-treat.	-1.061	-0.997	0.095
Observations	90,898	90,898	90,898
R ²	0.979	0.992	0.983
Within R ²	0.022	0.007	0.014

Clustered (Community district) standard-errors in parentheses

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ATT · Nitric Oxide

	NO			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Trips (10K)	-0.0839*** (0.0115)		-0.0860*** (0.0114)	
Trips (IHS)		-0.2758*** (0.0850)		-0.2947*** (0.0845)
Baseline controls			✓	✓
Cell FE	✓	✓	✓	✓
Year FE	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mean concentration pre-treat.	20.322	20.322	20.353	20.353
% mean concentration pre-treat.	-0.413	-1.357	-0.423	-1.448
Observations	91,710	91,710	90,898	90,898
R ²	0.927	0.909	0.929	0.911
Within R ²	0.257	0.077	0.279	0.097

Clustered (Community district) standard-errors in parentheses

Signif. Codes: ***: 0.01, **: 0.05, *: 0.1

ATT · Nitric Dioxide

	NO2			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Trips (10K)	-0.0253*** (0.0034)		-0.0263*** (0.0033)	
Trips (IHS)		-0.1119*** (0.0256)		-0.1218*** (0.0254)
Baseline controls			✓	✓
Cell FE	✓	✓	✓	✓
Year FE	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mean concentration pre-treat.	19.950	19.950	20.007	20.007
% mean concentration pre-treat.	-0.127	-0.561	-0.131	-0.609
Observations	91,710	91,710	90,898	90,898
R ²	0.981	0.979	0.982	0.980
Within R ²	0.188	0.103	0.231	0.147

Clustered (Community district) standard-errors in parentheses

Signif. Codes: ***: 0.01, **: 0.05, *: 0.1

ATT · Black Carbon

	BC			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Trips (10K)	-0.0010*** (0.0002)		-0.0010*** (0.0002)	
Trips (IHS)		-0.0032*** (0.0012)		-0.0035*** (0.0012)
Baseline controls			✓	✓
Cell FE	✓	✓	✓	✓
Year FE	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mean concentration pre-treat.	1.015	1.015	1.017	1.017
% mean concentration pre-treat.	-0.097	-0.316	-0.100	-0.342
Observations	91,710	91,710	90,898	90,898
R ²	0.958	0.957	0.958	0.957
Within R ²	0.046	0.014	0.052	0.019

Clustered (Community district) standard-errors in parentheses

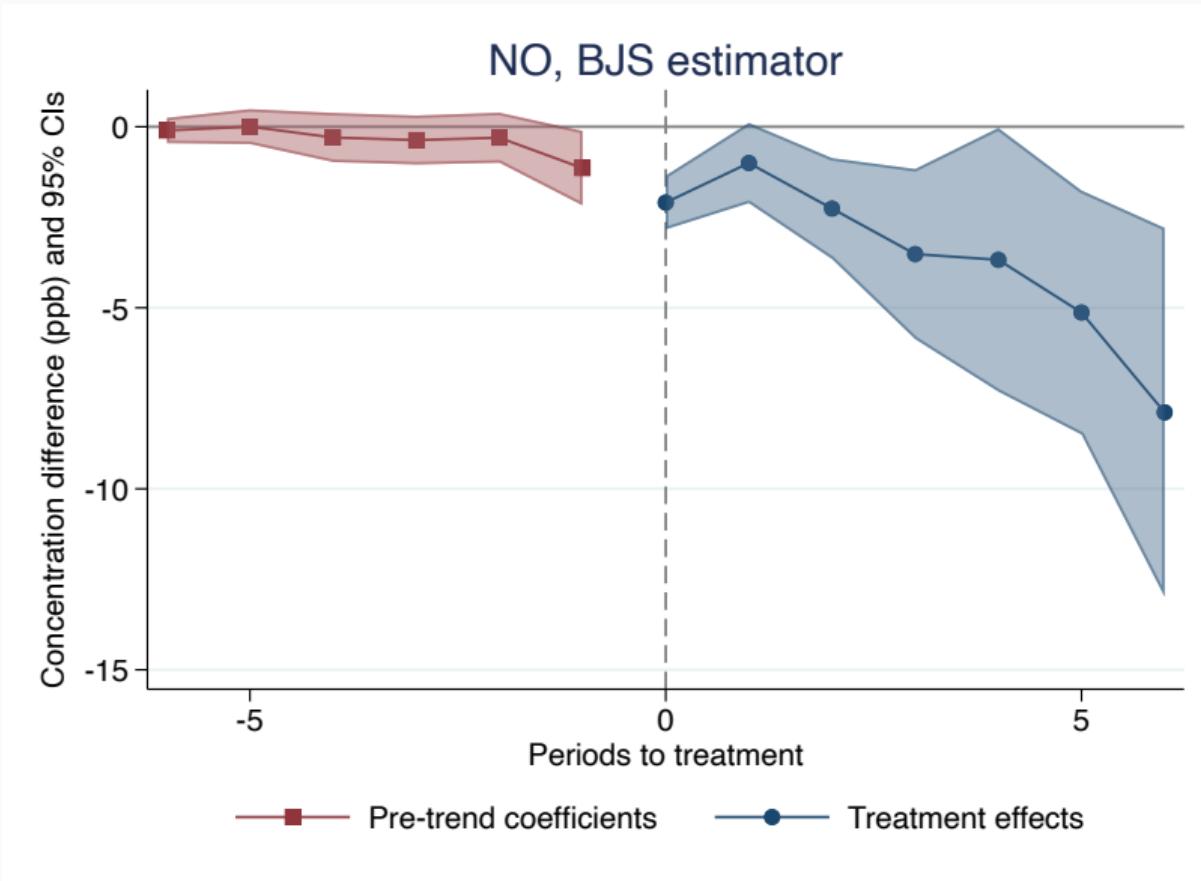
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	PM			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Trips (10K)	-0.0031*** (0.0011)		-0.0033*** (0.0011)	
Trips (IHS)		-0.0036 (0.0067)		-0.0057 (0.0067)
Baseline controls			✓	✓
Cell FE	✓	✓	✓	✓
Year FE	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mean concentration pre-treat.	9.433	9.433	9.441	9.441
% mean concentration pre-treat.	-0.033	-0.038	-0.035	-0.060
Observations	91,710	91,710	90,898	90,898
R ²	0.979	0.978	0.979	0.979
Within R ²	0.033	0.001	0.055	0.020

Clustered (Community district) standard-errors in parentheses

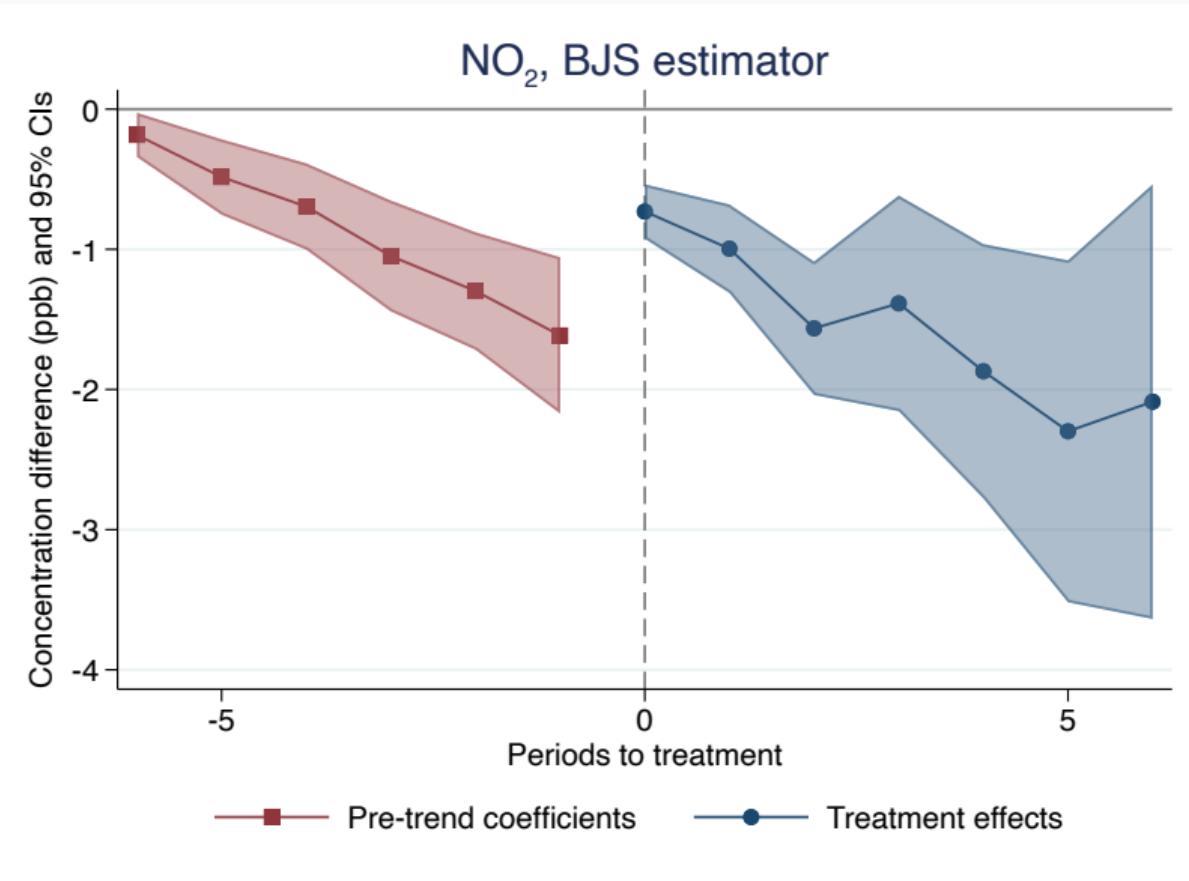
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NO · Borusyak, Jaravel & Spiess estimator



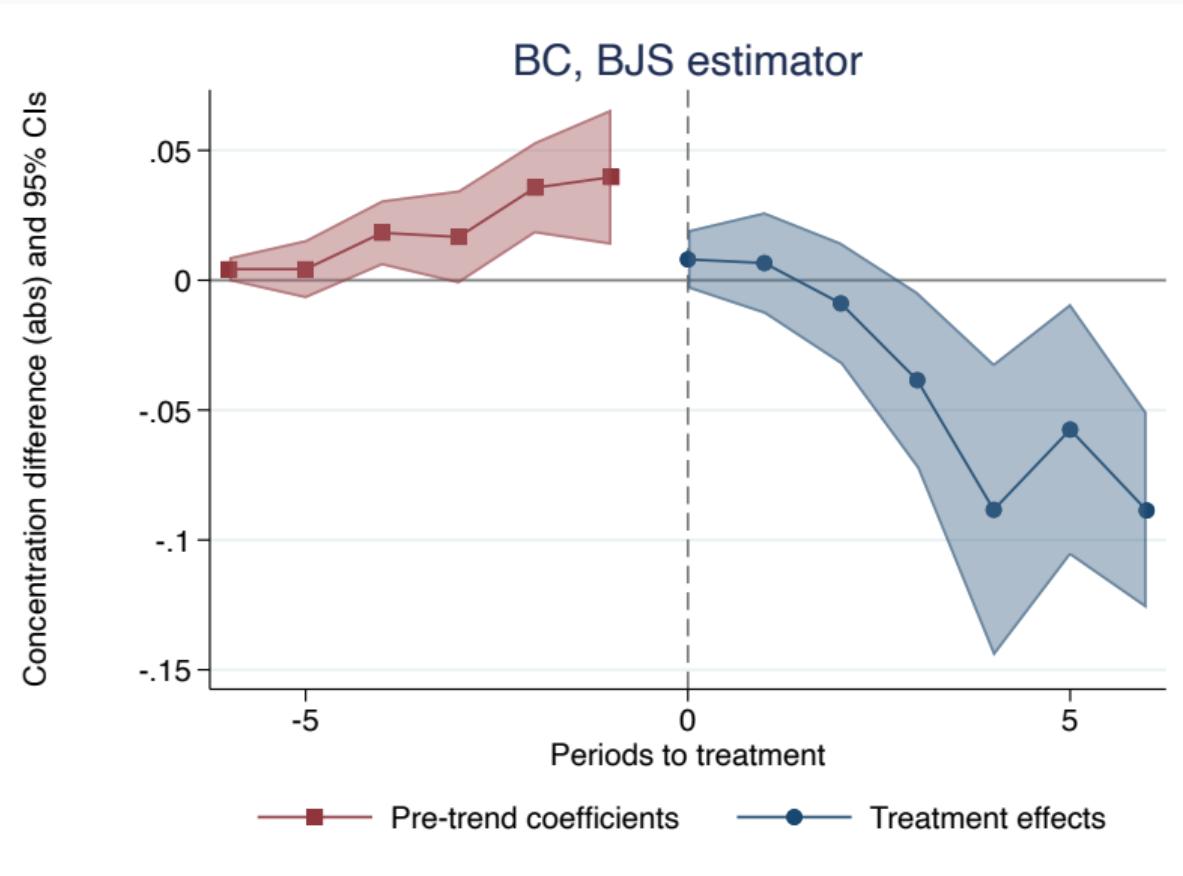
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NO₂ · Borusyak, Jaravel & Spiess estimator

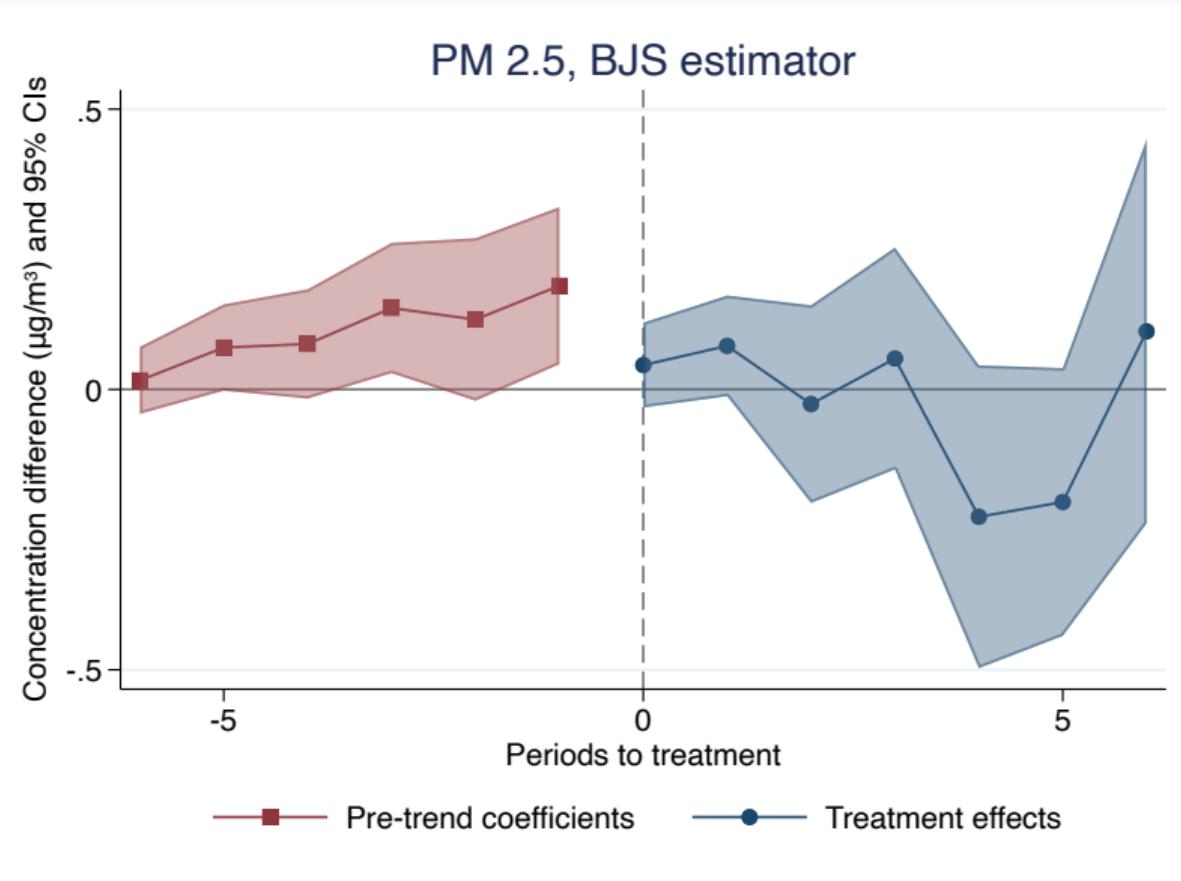


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BC · Borusyak, Jaravel & Spiess estimator



PM · Borusyak, Jaravel & Spiess estimator



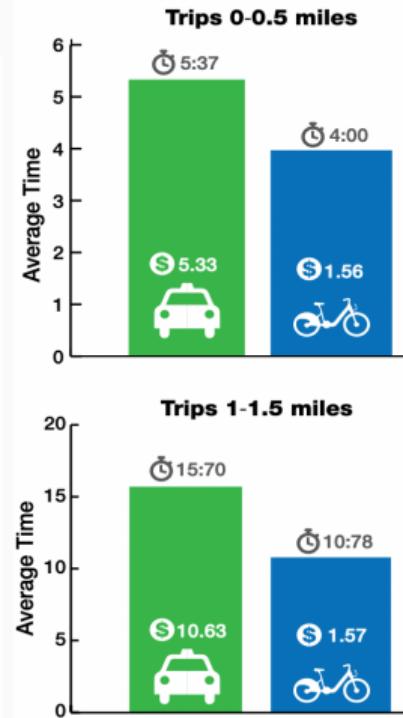
Taxis in NYC

Taxis are a popular transport mode in NYC. In 2014:

	Taxis	Bike share
Trips	485K trips/day 55% of trips <3km average price \$4/km	25K trips/day >70% of trips <3km
Passengers	70% ≤35 years old 55% male	Median age: 33 years old 70% male
Traffic	In Midtown, >50% of all vehicles	

Source: New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (2014) and Citi Bike trip data.

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