Investigation of the impact of eco-driving on fuel consumption using smartphone data

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Introduction

- Eco-driving emphasizes energy-saving driving practices, focusing on:
 - reducing fuel consumption
 - lowering gas emissions
 - enhancing road safety
- Key aspects of eco-driving: smooth acceleration, timely braking, adhering to speed limits, and harmonizing speed with other vehicles
- Considerable impact on road safety; however, certain practices might have negative implications under specific traffic conditions







- Impact of eco-driving on fuel consumption
- Identification of **parameters** affecting fuel consumption
- How parameters interact with each other to predict fuel consumption







Experimental Design

- Naturalistic driving experiment of 15 participants, aged 20-30
- 2 different driving scenarios
 - 4 months of normal driving (before)
 - 2 months eco-driving (after)
- A large database of thousands of trips
- Fuel consumption recording table by the participants themselves (questionnaire with the general driving data, the habits towards eco-driving, and the demographic data of each driver)







Smartphone Application

- Eco driving characteristics
 - **Fuel Consumption**
 - Speeding
 - Harsh braking/ acceleration/ cornering lacksquare
- Travel behaviour characteristics
 - Total distance
 - **Total duration**
 - Road network type
 - **Risky hours driving**
 - Vehicle type ${\bullet}$

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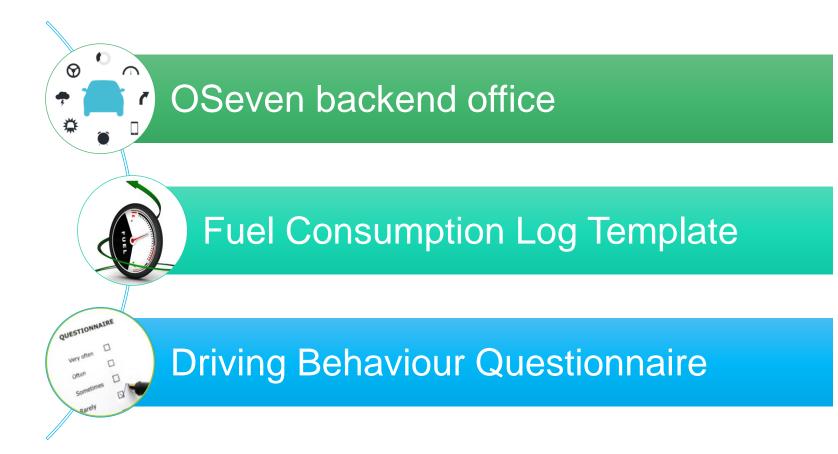
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Data Collection





Summary Statistics



- 60% male, 40% female drivers
- Majority vehicles over 10 years old
- Reduction in harsh accelerations (3.79%) & braking (27.42%)
- Reduction in speeding (14.22%) & fuel consumption (8.14%)





Statistical Models



- 3 Lognormal Regression models to identify driving characteristics influencing the fuel consumption
 - Model 1: General fuel consumption prediction
 - Model 2: Fuel consumption during regular driving
 - Model 3: Fuel consumption during eco-driving



Results



	Overall Model				
Parameters	Estimate	p-value	Odds Ratio		
(Intercept)	9.214	<0.001	-		
dec_avg	-2.027	<0.001	0.132		
acc_avg	-2.827	<0.001	0.059		
harsh_acc_per_km	5.794	<0.001	328.324		
duration_stops_avg	-0.021	0.005	0.979		
before_after	-0.116	<0.001	0.890		
veh_date	0.141	0.006	1.151		
age	-0.231	<0.001	0.794		
dr_exp	0.113	0.054	1.120		
quest_resp_speed	-0.207	<0.001	0.813		
R ²	0.9835				

	Before phase model			After phase model		
Parameters	Estimate	p-value	Odds Ratio	Estimate	p-value	Odds Ratio
(Intercept)	-336.8	<0.001	0.000	-191.6	0.015	0.000
harsh_brk	-0.233	0.063	0.792	0.08	0.319	1.083
dec_avg	-0.636	0.286	0.529	0.648	0.089	1.912
duration	-0.001	0.037	0.999	0.001	0.029	1.001
lisence_date	0.167	<0.001	1.182	0.096	0.015	1.101
daily_trip_dist	0.014	0.005	1.014	-0.007	0.052	0.993
vehicle_cc	0.001	0.007	1.001	0.001	0.011	1.001
R ²	0.7243			0.5899		



Conclusions

- Improved driving reduces fuel consumption by 8.14%
- Aggressive driving increases fuel consumption
- Increased abrupt accelerations lead to higher fuel consumption, especially in interurban areas
- Experienced drivers struggle to adopt ecodriving







Recommendations and Further Research

- Raise awareness of eco-driving benefits
- Stricter enforcement of driving laws
- Use apps to monitor & improve driving behavior

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