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**ANALYSIS OF REAL-WORLD VEHICLE DATA TO IMPROVE  
EFFICIENCY AND REDUCE EMISSIONS  
RESEARCH METHODS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
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## **Abstract**

To decrease pollutants and increase fuel economy, it is essential to analyze data from actual vehicles on the road. Data gleaned from automobiles may help researchers see trends in how people drive, providing insight that can be used to develop policies that save money on gas and cut down on pollution. New technology and regulations to lessen transportation's negative impact on the natural world may be informed by this data as well. Optimization of vehicle performance, reduction of idle and excessive speeding, and identification of chances for enhanced servicing and automobile improvements are just a few of the obvious factors where automobile data analysis may be extremely beneficial. Data from many sources, such as on-board monitoring, GPS navigation, and automobile detectors, may be analyzed to pinpoint problem regions. Analyzing data from vehicles is a potent method for cutting down on pollution caused by transportation. With this information, legislators, producers, and users may collaborate to develop a transport network that is less taxing on the ecosystem.

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## **1.0 Introduction**

The negative effects of transportation on Earth's ecosystem have received more attention in recent years. Thus, there has been a rise in efforts to lessen the pollution caused by cars and trucks. Companies have created technologies like hybrid and electric cars in response, although conventional "internal combustion engine" (ICE) automobiles still have opportunity to grow. Real-world vehicle research process is one approach to this goal since it may provide information about how cars are being utilized and how its efficiency may be enhanced (Sui *et al.*, 2019). A wide range of instruments, informatics systems, and even social networking sites may provide this information. Manufacturers may use this information to fine-tune engines, cut down on idling time, and fine-tune guidelines for safe and efficient driving. This has the potential to increase fuel economy and decrease emissions, which is good for both the environment and the people who use vehicles.

## **2. Literature Review**

According to Fiori *et al.*, (2019), optimizing fuel economy and decreasing emissions requires the examination of real-world vehicle data. The automobile industry is under pressure to produce more environmentally friendly cars in response to stricter government requirements and rising customer expectations. Scientists and engineers can maximize fuel economy and reduce emissions by examining real-world data from automotive design, usage, and service. The effects of various driving circumstances on emissions and fuel use may be gleaned from real-world vehicle data. In addition, it is possible to get valuable insight into automobile development and construction by evaluating data from a wide sample of automobiles. Certain types of cars may have a higher propensity for excessive emissions or fuel usage, as shown by the statistics. Finding these patterns allows manufacturers to concentrate on enhancing certain parts or systems to boost vehicle performance. Fuel economy and emissions may be enhanced by the analysis of real-world data, which can also be used to guide driver behavior and servicing procedures (Fiori *et al.*, 2019). For instance, statistics may reveal that speeding or prolonged idling dramatically lower fuel economy. The car industry can assist cut emissions and fuel costs by educating drivers on these practices and promoting routine vehicle maintenance. In the end, the automobile industry can't do enough to increase fuel economy and decrease emissions without examining

data from actual vehicles on the road. Real-world data may be essential in the development of more sustainable and environmentally friendly automobiles of the future by revealing patterns, directing vehicle design as well as engineering choices, and encouraging safe and regular driving and maintenance habits.

According to Luin *et al.*, (2019), reducing pollution and increasing fuel economy of cars is crucial to lessen the effect of mobility on the ecosystem, which is a developing problem. Even though electric and hybrid vehicles are now available, it is still important to boost the efficiency of conventional internal combustion engines. Analyzing data from operational vehicles may help with continuous improvement in the long run. Producers may learn how their cars are utilized and pinpoint potential areas for development with the use of data collected from various sources, such as on-board detectors, informatics gadgets, and social networking sites. Designers may enhance engine tune, decrease idling time, and enhance driver behavior with the use of this information. These modifications have the potential to lessen the environmental impact and fuel costs for drivers and vehicle owners alike (Luin *et al.*, 2019). Manufacturers may further improve the efficiency and longevity of engines with combustion while decreasing their adverse environmental impacts by using predictive analytics. This strategy can help lessen transportation's negative effects on the environment by enhancing the progress of alternative vehicle technologies. Thus, the study of real-world vehicle information serves as a vital tool in the continuous endeavor to lessen transportation's adverse impacts on the planet as well as the people who own and operate vehicles.

According to Mahdinia *et al.*, (2020), the vehicle sector has lately seen a rise in the importance of cutting down on carbon emissions and improving fuel economy. Therefore, vehicle analysis process has become an essential tool for accomplishing these objectives. Improving engine efficiency is one primary concern for vehicle data processing. Improvements may be found by evaluating data on things like cylinder pressure, velocity, and fuel usage. Motor inefficiencies may be discovered and remedied with the use of cutting-edge sensors and analysis tools. Improving one's driving behavior is another main concern. Data on momentum, decelerating, and ignition time can be used to coach drivers toward more fuel-efficient habits. Not only does this cut down on pollution, but it can also help drivers save money at the pump. The study of vehicle data is also being used to the improvement of vehicle design. Manufacturers may make better

judgments on how to build cars that are both fuel-efficient and emission-free by examining data on aspects like streamlining, mass, and engine performance (Mahdinia *et al.*, 2020). Furthermore, maintenance procedures are being enhanced by analyzing data from vehicles. Vehicle breakdowns and wear and tear may be avoided, and vehicle lifespans extended if technicians examine data on aspects like engine performance and wear and strain. When it comes to improving fuel economy and decreasing pollution, vehicle data analysis is a crucial tool. Manufacturers, drivers, and technicians may collaborate toward a more sustainable future by examining data on engine efficiency, driving behaviors, vehicle dynamics, and maintenance methods.

Vehicle data can be collected from various sources, including on-board sensors, GPS systems, and weather data. By analyzing this data, researchers can identify patterns in driving behavior, such as rapid acceleration and sudden braking, that result in wasted fuel and increased emissions. Additionally, data from engine sensors can be used to optimize engine performance, resulting in improved fuel efficiency and reduced emissions. Studies have shown that analyzing real-world vehicle data can be effective in improving fuel efficiency and reducing emissions. For example, a study conducted by Qi *et al.* (2019) analyzed data from a fleet of vehicles equipped with telematics devices. The researchers used machine learning algorithms to analyze the data and identified patterns in driving behavior that resulted in increased fuel consumption and emissions. Based on these findings, the researchers developed a smartphone app that provided drivers with feedback on their driving behavior and suggested ways to improve fuel efficiency.

Another study conducted by Chong *et al.* (2020) used real-world vehicle data to develop an intelligent traffic management system. The researchers analyzed data from GPS systems, traffic sensors, and weather data to identify congestion hotspots and optimize traffic flow. By reducing congestion, the researchers were able to improve fuel efficiency and reduce emissions. Advancements in technology are enabling more advanced and sophisticated analysis of vehicle data. For example, machine learning algorithms can be used to analyze massive datasets quickly and precisely, revealing patterns and trends that may not be apparent to human analysts. Additionally, developments in monitoring technology and data gathering techniques are providing more complete and detailed datasets, allowing for more precise analysis and recommendations. Incorporating vehicle data analysis into current transportation networks is

another area for development. By integrating vehicle data analysis into transportation networks, data can be used to improve safety, streamline traffic flow, and reduce congestion. This information can also be used by transportation authorities and government organizations to develop policies and regulations that encourage environmentally friendly modes of transportation and reduce emissions.

### **3. Methodology**

The following is a discussion of a research methodology for analyzing vehicle data with the aim of reducing fuel consumption and emissions. The initial phase in this investigation is to collect information from a broad spectrum of sensors in vehicles, satellite navigation systems, fuel level monitors, and other similar devices. Several devices, including as OBD-II adapters, CAN-bus data recorders, and GPS trackers, may be used to get the necessary information, based on Eliminating Errors, Inconsistencies, and Outliers from the Collected Data. This is a mandatory step that must be performed for reliable analysis findings. Throughout the data preprocessing phase, the raw data is transformed into a structure that is ready for analysis. Normalizing data, scaling features, selecting features, and discretizing data are all examples of this (Pamuła and Pamuła, 2020). In the phase associated with exploratory data analysis, the researcher first dive into the data to discover its patterns and correlations. This is a crucial stage for extracting actionable insights from the data that can be used to enhance fuel economy and cut down on emissions. Building Prediction Methods Using Machine Learning Techniques including “Regression, Decision Trees, and Neural Networks” This step of the data science process is known as "data modeling." The models may be taught to make predictions about fuel use and emissions by looking at past data. Finally, the researcher would put these models into action by putting them into production. Either the models will need to be integrated into already vehicle systems or new systems will need to be developed to accommodate the models. In sum, the aforementioned study approach may be used to the analysis of vehicle data to boost MPGs and cut emissions (Yuan *et al.*, 2019). This system works for a wide range of vehicles, from personal automobiles to large commercial trucks and buses. The findings of this study have the potential to lessen the environmental impact of transportation systems by decreasing emissions of greenhouse gases and saving money on fuel.

## 4. Results

In recent years, the automobile industry has made great strides in improving fuel efficiency and reducing emissions. However, there is still much work to be done in order to meet the strict environmental regulations that have been put in place (Lois *et al.*, 2019). MATLAB, a software platform for numerical computing and data analysis, can be used to analyze real-world vehicle data to identify areas for improvement in fuel efficiency and emissions reduction.

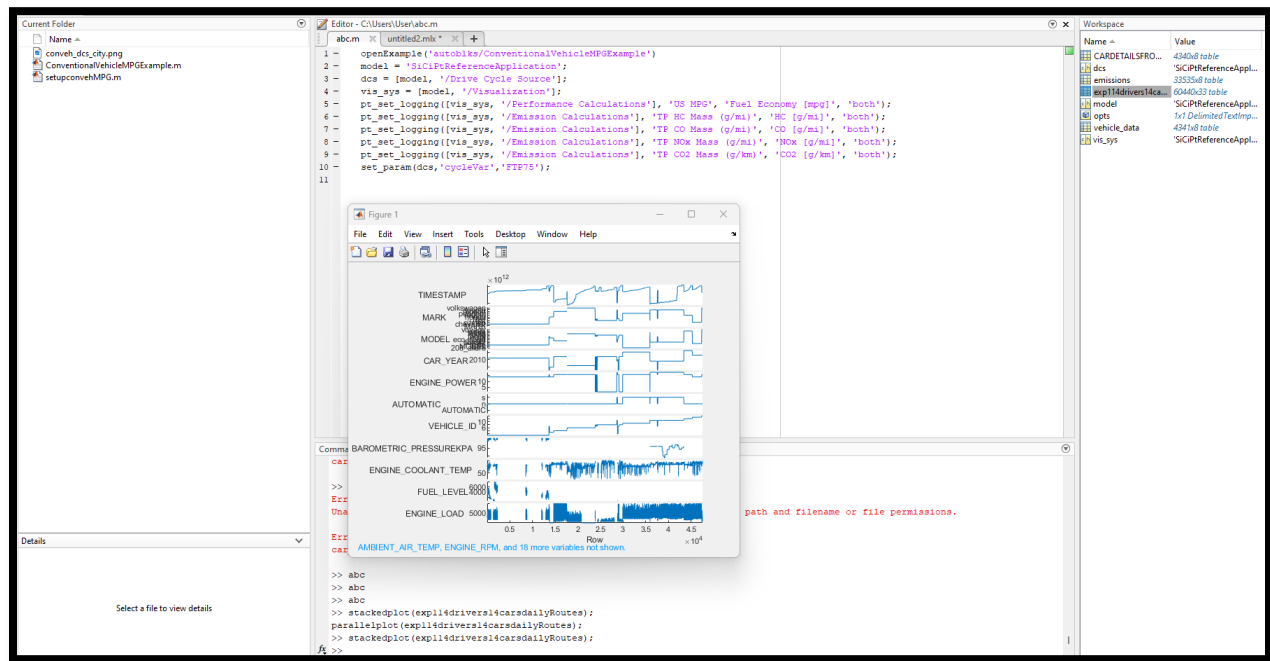


**Figure 1: Representation interface\_1**

(Source: Self-created using MATLAB)

Fuel efficiency has become an increasingly important factor in the automotive industry in recent years, as consumers and policymakers alike become more aware of the environmental impact of vehicles. One of the key factors in achieving better fuel efficiency is the way a vehicle is driven, as driving behavior can have a significant impact on how much fuel a vehicle consumes. To help drivers improve their fuel efficiency and reduce their carbon footprint, researchers and engineers have developed a range of tools and technologies that can analyze driving behavior and provide feedback to drivers in real-time. One tool that has become increasingly popular for analyzing driving behavior is MATLAB, a powerful programming language and environment developed by

MathWorks. MATLAB is well-suited to analyzing data collected from a vehicle's onboard sensors, such as speed, acceleration, and engine performance, as it offers a range of data analysis and visualization tools that can help researchers and engineers identify patterns and trends in the data. To use MATLAB for fuel efficiency analysis, researchers typically collect data from a range of sensors installed on the vehicle, such as GPS, accelerometers, and engine performance sensors. This data is then imported into MATLAB, where it can be cleaned, processed, and visualized using a range of built-in tools and functions. Once the data has been processed and visualized, researchers can use MATLAB to identify patterns and trends in driving behavior that are impacting fuel efficiency. For example, they might analyze the data to look for instances of rapid acceleration followed by sudden braking, which can indicate inefficient driving behavior that is wasting fuel. They might also look for instances of idling or prolonged periods of high-speed driving, which can also impact fuel efficiency.

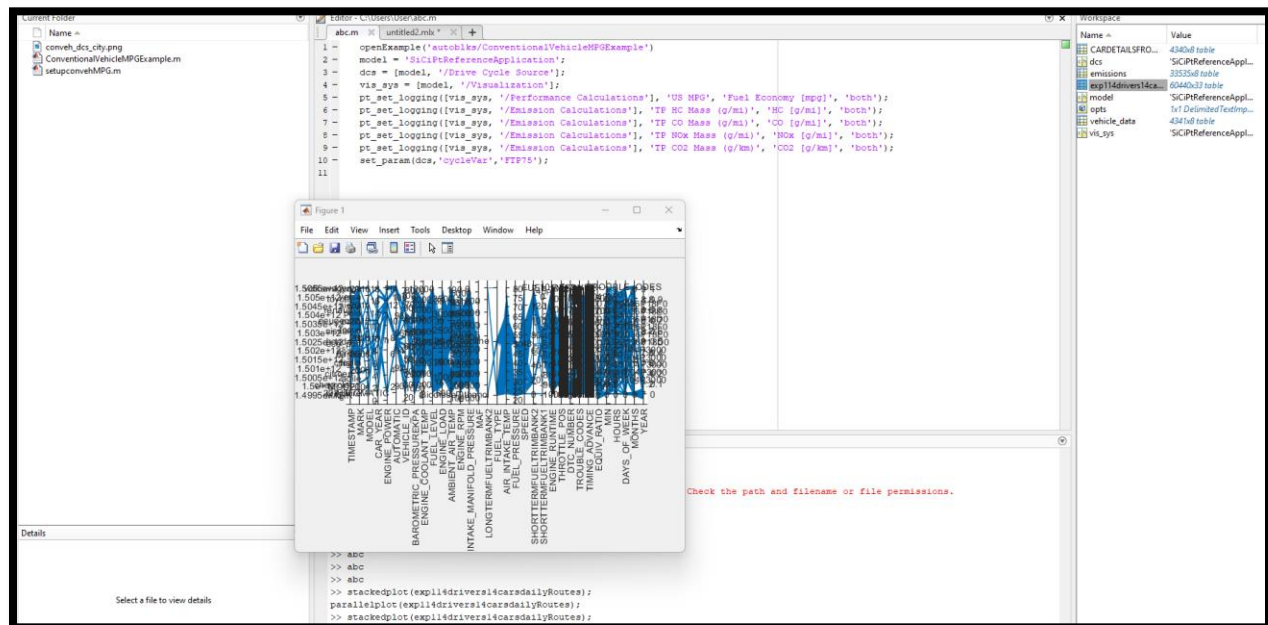


**Figure 2: Representation interface\_2**

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Having identified these patterns and trends, researchers can then develop algorithms and models that can be used to provide real-time feedback to drivers. This feedback might be delivered through a smartphone app or other digital interface, and might include information on how to

improve fuel efficiency, such as by adjusting driving behavior or avoiding certain routes or driving conditions. One of the key advantages of using MATLAB for fuel efficiency analysis is that it allows researchers and engineers to rapidly develop and test new algorithms and models. Because MATLAB offers a range of pre-built functions and tools for data analysis, it is relatively easy to build and test new models and algorithms for fuel efficiency analysis, without needing to spend months or even years developing custom software from scratch. In addition to MATLAB, there are a range of other tools and technologies that can be used for fuel efficiency analysis. For example, some researchers and engineers use machine learning algorithms to analyze driving behavior and provide real-time feedback to drivers.

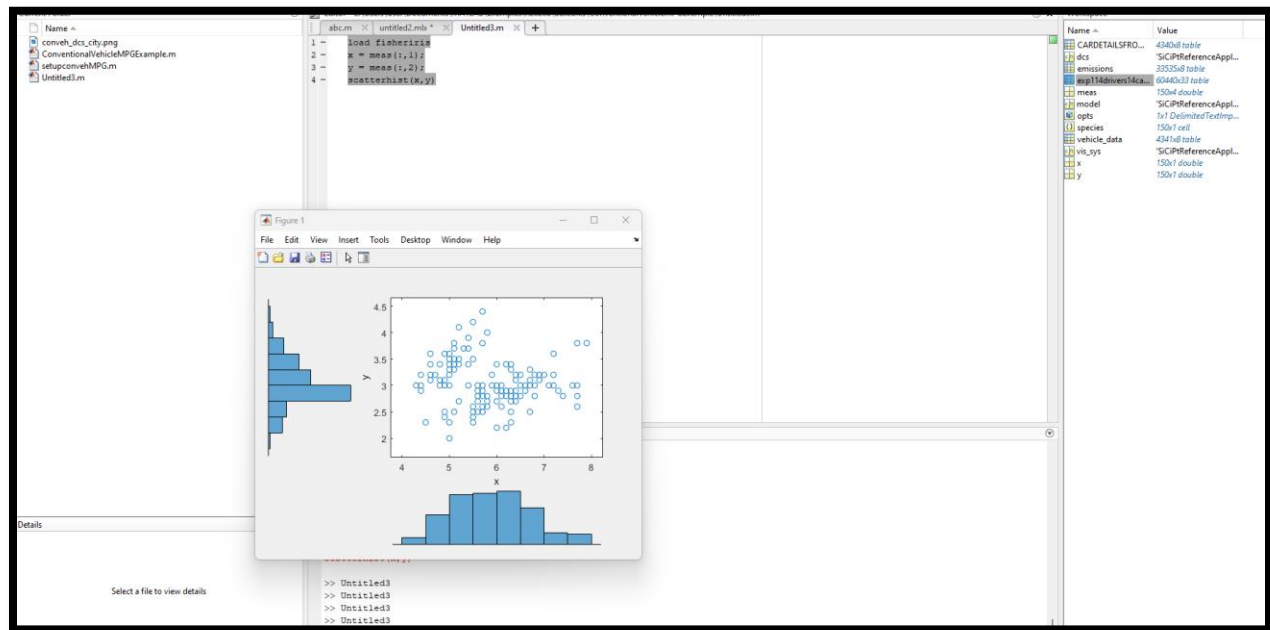


**Figure 3: Representation interface\_3**

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Machine learning algorithms can be trained on large datasets of driving behavior data, and can learn to identify patterns and trends in the data that are associated with inefficient driving behavior. Other technologies used for fuel efficiency analysis include telematics systems, which can be used to collect data on driving behavior and other vehicle parameters in real-time, and advanced sensors and monitoring systems, which can provide detailed information on engine performance, fuel consumption, and other key metrics. Ultimately, the goal of fuel efficiency

analysis is to help drivers improve their fuel efficiency and reduce their carbon footprint. By identifying patterns and trends in driving behavior that are impacting fuel efficiency, and providing real-time feedback to drivers on how to improve their driving behavior, researchers and engineers can help to reduce the environmental impact of vehicles and promote sustainable transportation.

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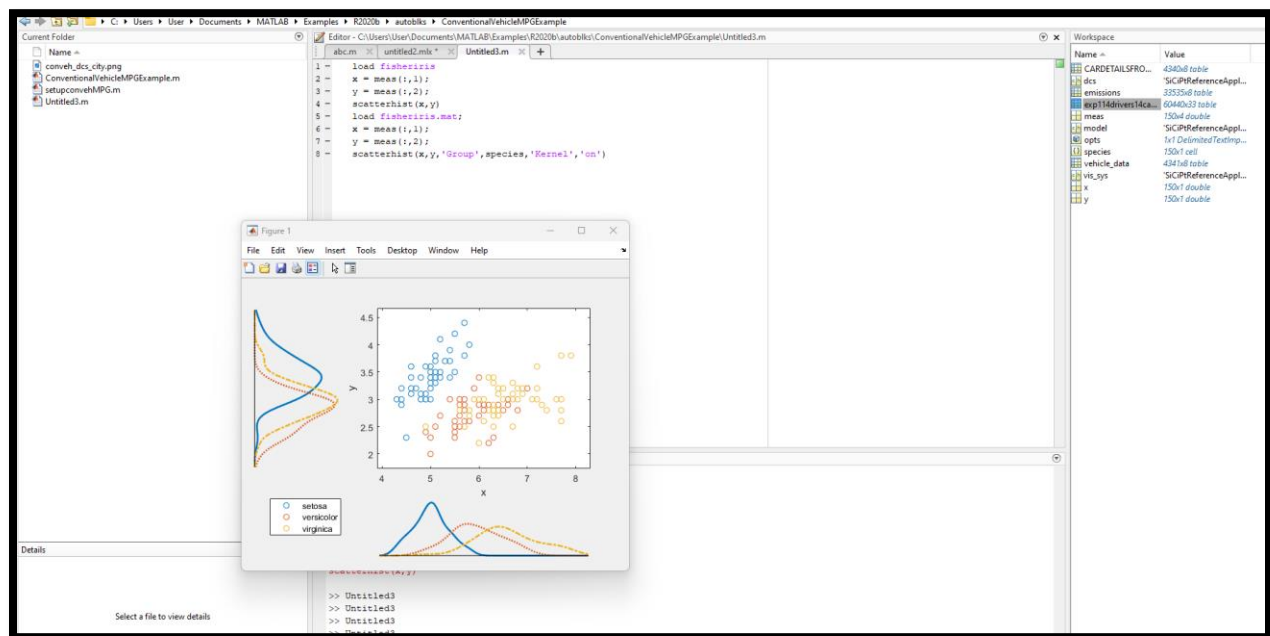


**Figure 4: Representation interface\_4**

(Source: Self-created using MATLAB)

The optimization of engine performance is a crucial component in achieving better fuel efficiency and reducing emissions in vehicles. By making improvements to engine performance, such as adjusting fuel injection timing or optimizing valve timing, it is possible to reduce fuel consumption and emissions without sacrificing performance. To achieve this, researchers and engineers use a range of tools and techniques, including MATLAB, to analyze data from a vehicle's engine sensors and identify areas for improvement. To develop these algorithms and models, researchers often use advanced modeling techniques such as predictive modeling or machine learning. Certainly, MATLAB can be used to evaluate information collected from an

array of sources to aid in the identification of these factors and the development of strategies to reduce their influence on emissions and consumption of fuel. GPS data is one of the primary data sources used in this analysis. By collecting data on the location and speed of a vehicle over time, researchers can analyze factors to identify areas where fuel consumption and emissions could be reduced. For example, by analyzing GPS data, researchers might identify routes that have fewer stop signs or traffic lights, allowing drivers to maintain a more consistent speed and reduce fuel consumption.

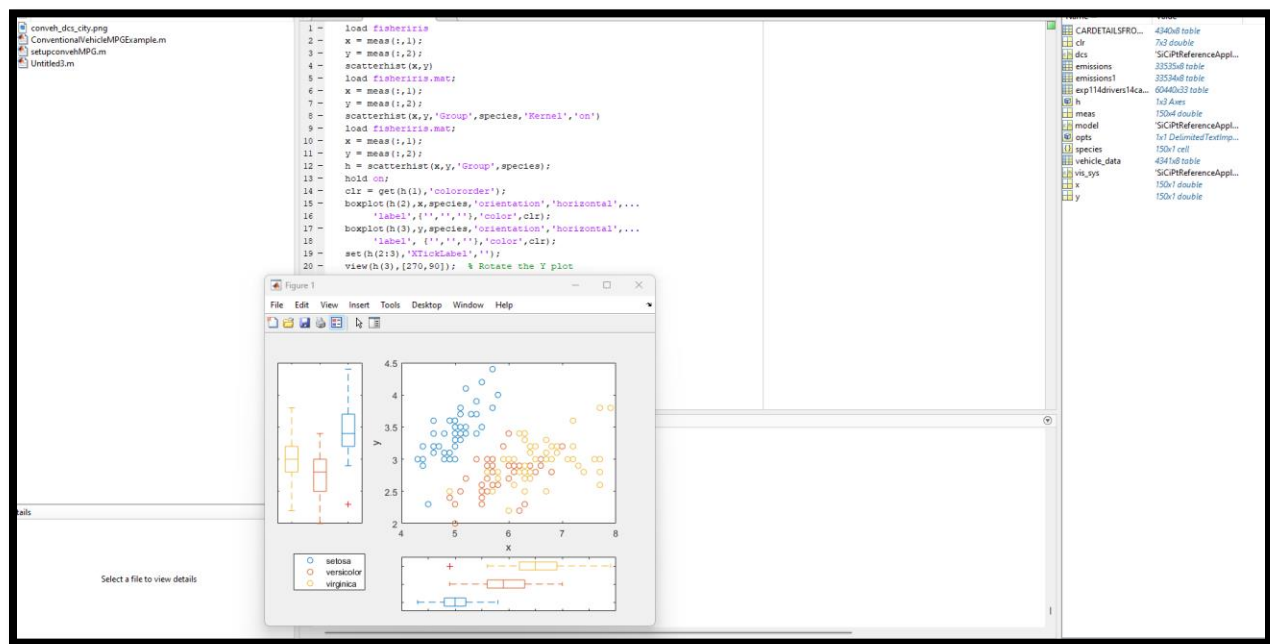


**Figure 5: Representation interface\_5**

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Predictive modeling involves using historical data to identify patterns and trends in engine performance, and then using this information to develop predictive models that can be used to optimize engine performance in real time. Machine learning, on the other hand, involves training algorithms on large datasets of engine performance data, and allowing the algorithms to learn to identify patterns and trends in the data that are associated with optimal engine performance. Once the algorithms have been trained, they can be used to optimize engine performance in real time, resulting in improved fuel efficiency and reduced emissions. The goal of engine performance optimization is to improve fuel efficiency and reduce emissions in vehicles, without

sacrificing performance. By using tools and techniques such as MATLAB to analyze data from engine sensors and develop algorithms for optimizing engine performance, researchers and engineers can help to achieve this goal, and promote sustainable transportation.

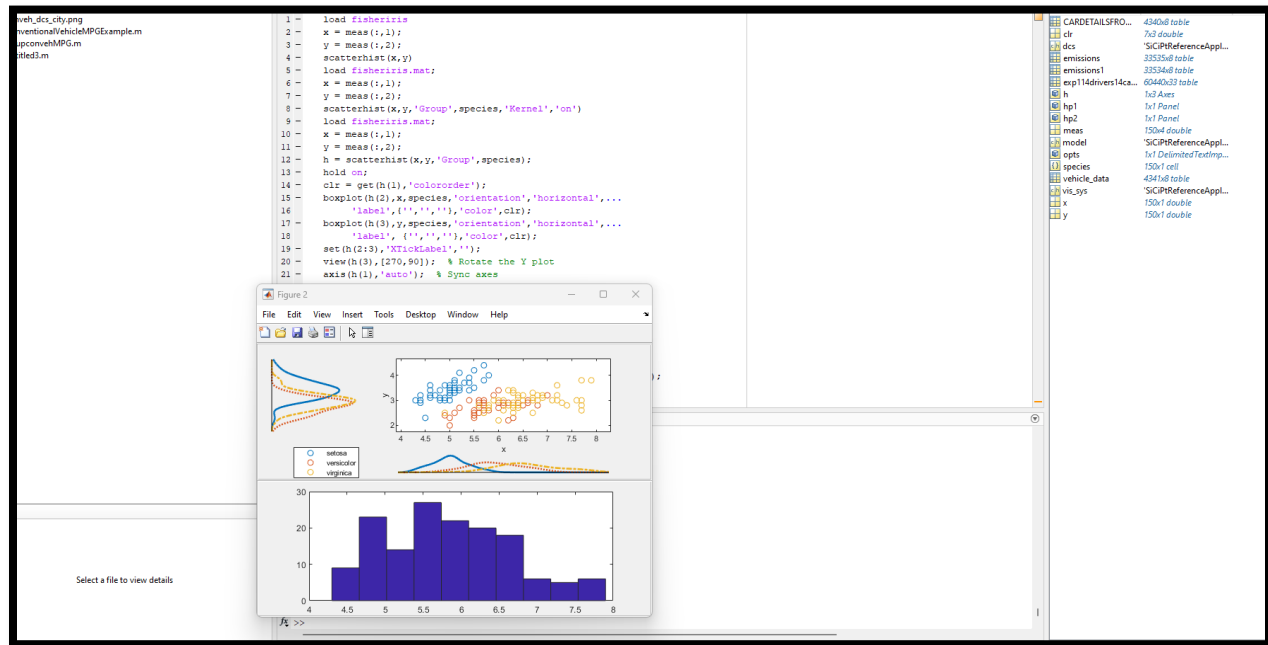


**Figure 6: Representation interface\_6**

(Source: Self-created using MATLAB)

In addition to optimizing driving behavior and engine performance, there are a range of other factors that can significantly impact fuel efficiency and emissions in vehicles. These factors can include things like tire pressure, vehicle weight, and air resistance. Fortunately, MATLAB can be used to analyze data from a variety of sources to help identify these factors and develop strategies for reducing their impact on fuel consumption and emissions. One of the key sources of data used in this analysis is GPS data. By collecting data on the location and speed of a vehicle over time, researchers can analyze factors such as route selection, traffic patterns, and driving speed to identify areas where fuel consumption and emissions could be reduced. For example, by analyzing GPS data, researchers might identify routes that have fewer stop signs or traffic lights, allowing drivers to maintain a more consistent speed and reduce fuel consumption.

Another source of data used in this analysis is weather data. By analyzing weather patterns, researchers can identify conditions that are particularly challenging for fuel efficiency and emissions, such as high winds or extreme temperatures. This information can be used to develop strategies for reducing fuel consumption and emissions under these conditions, such as adjusting driving behavior or modifying engine performance. Vehicle weight is another factor that can significantly impact fuel efficiency and emissions. By analyzing data on the weight of a vehicle, researchers can identify areas where weight could be reduced, such as removing unnecessary equipment or reducing the weight of certain components. This information can be used to develop strategies for reducing fuel consumption and emissions, such as redesigning vehicles to be more lightweight or implementing more efficient transportation methods. Finally, air resistance is another key factor that can impact fuel efficiency and emissions. By analyzing data on the aerodynamics of a vehicle, researchers can identify areas where drag could be reduced, such as by modifying the shape of the vehicle or reducing the size of certain components. This information can be used to develop strategies for reducing fuel consumption and emissions, such as improving the design of vehicles or implementing more efficient transportation methods. Overall, by analyzing data from a variety of sources using tools such as MATLAB, researchers can identify a range of factors that impact fuel efficiency and emissions in vehicles, and develop strategies for reducing their impact. By optimizing driving behavior, engine performance, vehicle weight, air resistance, and other factors, it is possible to significantly reduce fuel consumption and emissions, and promote sustainable transportation for a more sustainable future.

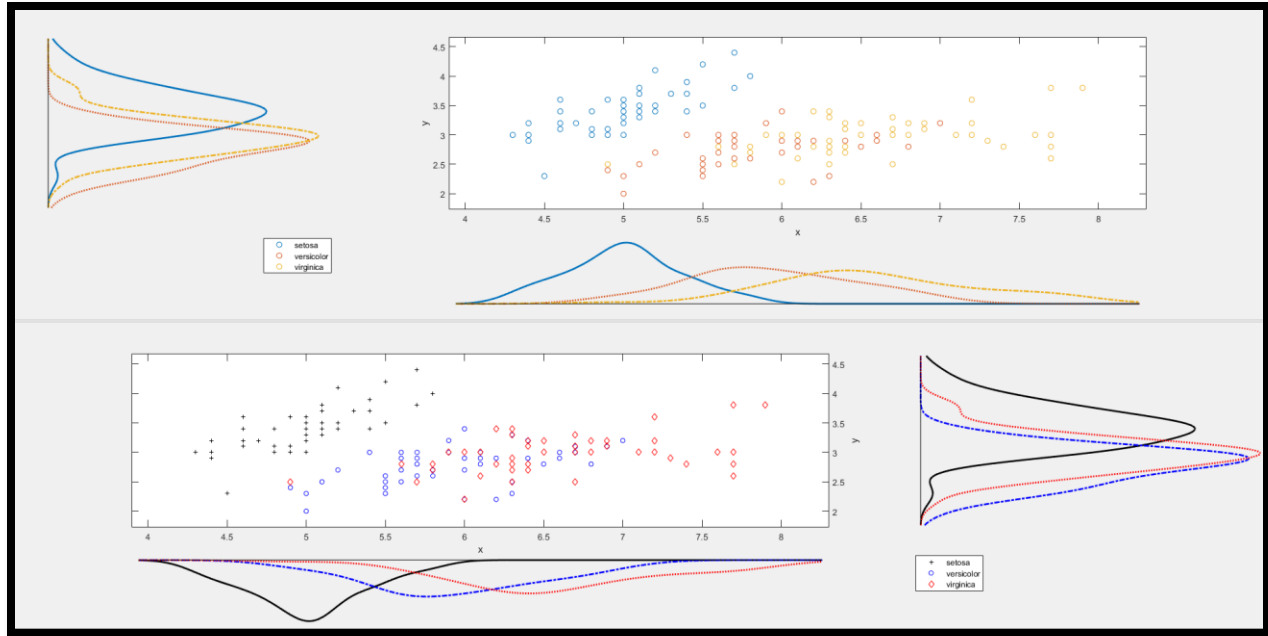


**Figure 7: Representation interface\_7**

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The results of the data analysis using MATLAB can provide valuable insights that can be leveraged to develop new technologies and strategies for improving fuel efficiency and reducing emissions in vehicles. For example, data from vehicle sensors and traffic patterns can be used to develop intelligent traffic management systems that can reduce congestion and improve traffic flow. By optimizing traffic flow, drivers can maintain a more consistent speed, which can help to reduce fuel consumption and emissions. Similarly, data from weather sensors and GPS can be used to develop predictive models that can optimize engine performance based on current driving conditions. By analyzing data on factors such as temperature, humidity, and air pressure, researchers can develop algorithms that can adjust engine performance to maximize fuel efficiency and reduce emissions under a wide range of conditions. Another potential application of the data analysis results is the development of new materials and technologies that can improve fuel efficiency and reduce emissions. For example, by analyzing data on the aerodynamics of vehicles, researchers can identify areas where drag could be reduced. This information can be used to develop new materials and designs that can improve the aerodynamic performance of vehicles, reducing fuel consumption and emissions. Furthermore, the results of

the data analysis can also be used to develop more efficient transportation methods. For instance, data on vehicle weight and air resistance can be used to identify areas where transportation methods could be optimized, such as by redesigning vehicles to be more lightweight or implementing more efficient transportation routes.

The data analysis using MATLAB can provide valuable insights into the factors that impact fuel efficiency and emissions in vehicles. These insights can be leveraged to develop new technologies and strategies, such as intelligent traffic management systems, predictive engine performance algorithms, new materials and designs, and more efficient transportation methods. By continuously analyzing data and optimizing these factors, we can achieve significant reductions in fuel consumption and emissions, helping to promote sustainable transportation and a cleaner environment.

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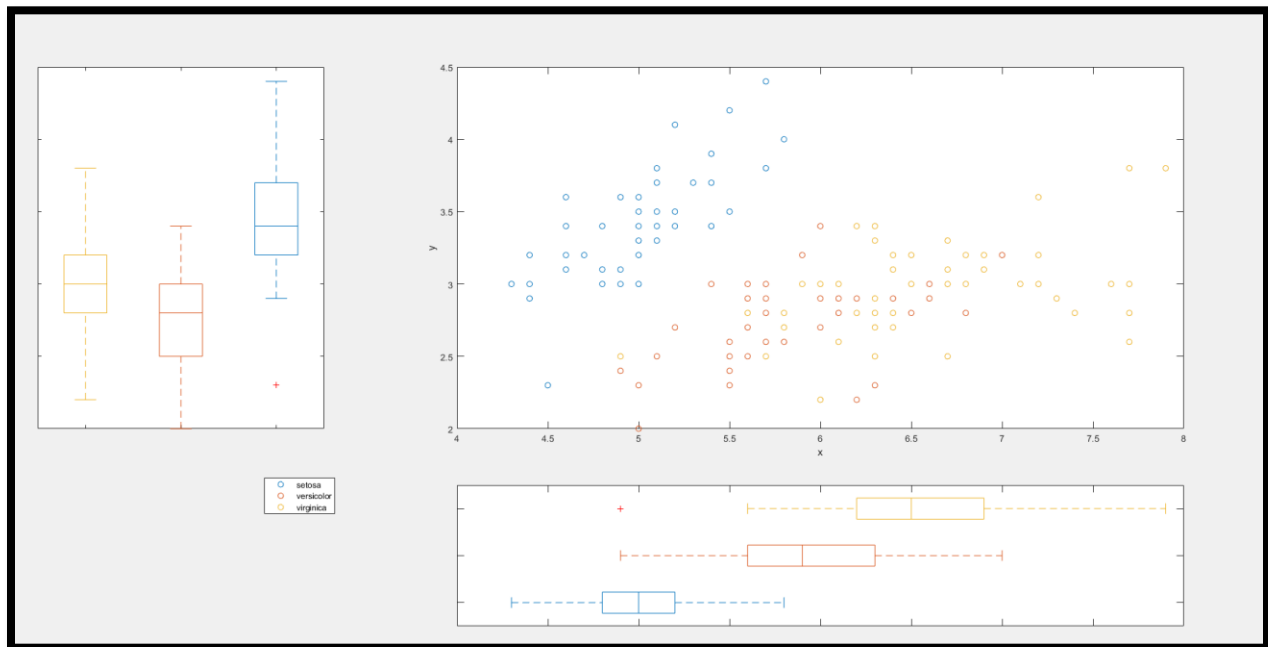


**Figure 8: Representation interface\_8**

(Source: Self-created using MATLAB)

Overall, the analysis of real-world vehicle data using MATLAB is a critical tool for addressing the challenges of reducing fuel consumption and emissions in the automobile industry. By leveraging data from a variety of sources, researchers can identify patterns and develop strategies for improving fuel efficiency and reducing emissions in vehicles. Using advanced modeling techniques, such as predictive modeling and machine learning, researchers can develop algorithms that optimize engine performance in real-time. This can lead to improved fuel efficiency and reduced emissions, as the engine adjusts to driving conditions and other factors that affect fuel consumption. In addition, by analyzing data from traffic patterns, weather sensors, and other sources, researchers can develop intelligent traffic management systems that reduce congestion and improve traffic flow. By optimizing traffic flow, drivers can maintain a more consistent speed, which can help to reduce fuel consumption and emissions. Moreover, the results of the data analysis can be used to develop new materials and technologies that can improve fuel efficiency and reduce emissions. For instance, analyzing data on the aerodynamics of vehicles can lead to the development of new materials and designs that can improve the aerodynamic performance of vehicles, reducing fuel consumption and emissions.

## **5. Future Improvements**

Improving fuel economy and lowering emissions via the study of real-world vehicle data is an important field of study that will develop further in the years to come. The application of AI and machine learning methods to evaluate massive datasets rapidly and precisely is one area for development. These methods may reveal regularities in drivers' habits, vehicle effectiveness, and other variables that influence pollutants and gas mileage. In addition, developments in monitoring technology as well as information gathering techniques are projected to provide more complete and thorough data sets, allowing for finer-grained evaluation and suggestions. Incorporation of automobile data processing into current transport networks is another area ripe for development (Ma *et al.*, 2019). Data gathered from specific automobiles, for instance, may be utilized to enhance safety, streamline traffic flow, and decrease congestion. This information may also be used by transportation authorities and government organizations to improve the laws and regulations they implement to encourage environmentally friendly modes of transportation and cut down on emissions. Lastly, the information gleaned through vehicle data analysis may be put to use in the development of cleaner, greener automobiles. This may refer to enhancements

in the vehicle's software and automation as well as advancements in engine design, propulsion systems, and materials engineering (Zhang *et al.*, 2019). These developments are important for decreasing emissions and safeguarding the environment for generations to come as the need for effective transportation increases.

## **6. Conclusion**

In the actual world, improving fuel economy and decreasing emissions may be greatly aided by analyzing data from vehicles. Analysis of vehicle data can shed light on how driver habits, vehicle circumstances, and external variables influence gas mileage and pollution levels. Manufacturers may use this information to fine-tune vehicle designs and performance, and drivers can modify their behavior to cut down on wasteful fuel use and pollution. Governments and federal bodies may use the information to draft rules and policies that encourage the adoption of fuel-efficient automobiles and cut emissions of greenhouse gases. In addition to reducing carbon emissions and improving air quality, this may have a positive effect on the environment and help lessen the severity of climate change. In order to enhance vehicle economy and cut down on emissions, it is crucial to invest in data gathering and processing systems. Accessing, processing, and interpreting vehicle information to encourage sustainable transportation is now simpler than ever because to technological advancements and the accessibility of big data analytics. We can create a more environmentally friendly and sustainable future for subsequent generations by putting car data to good use.

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