

# Hunting the Energy Optimal Fleet Composition

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## *Vehicle Specification*

the process of selecting a vehicle's components and sizes

How to select the right powertrain, and vehicle spec for target operation/route?

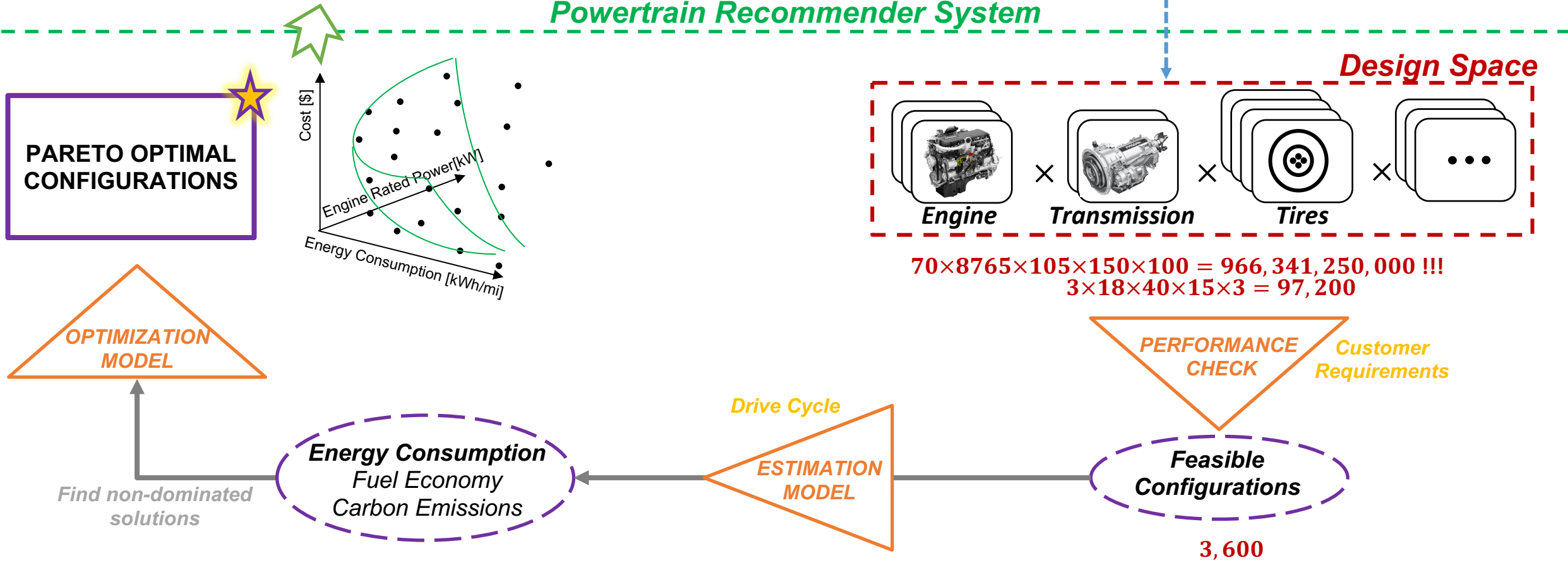
How to choose the right powertrain tech? (conventional or electric)



Can we use **data** to answer these questions?



# LET'S BUY A TRUCK!



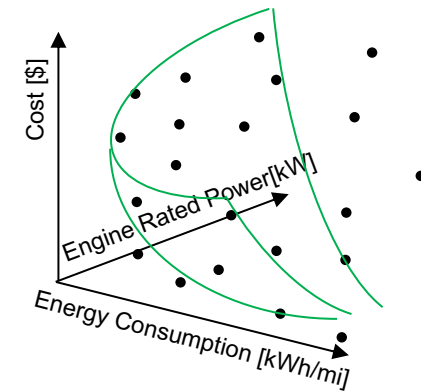
## Functionalities of the Powertrain Recommender System

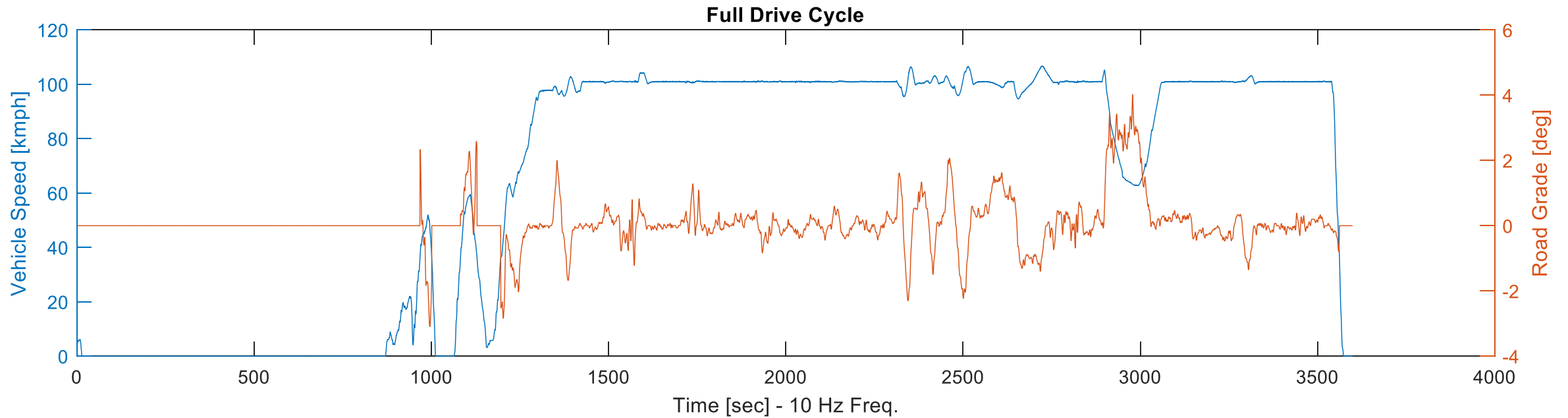


Evaluate Performance

Estimate Energy Consumption

Find the Pareto  
Optimal Configurations





## DRIVE CYCLE

VEHICLE SPEED PROFILE  
ROAD GRADE PROFILE  
DISTANCE  
TIME  
WEATHER (TEMP, PRES.)  
FUEL FLOW RATE

## VEHICLE SPEC

ENGINE  
TRANSMISSION  
REAR AXLE  
VEHICLE CHASSIS/BODY  
AERODYNAMICS  
MASS

# WHAT IS THE GOAL?



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Goal:

*Estimate Energy Consumption =  $f(\text{Drive Cycle}, \text{Vehicle Spec})$*



*Large Scale Telematics Data*

*Expertise on Powertrain Dynamics & Simulation,  
Machine-Learning, Route-Optimization, UI-UX*

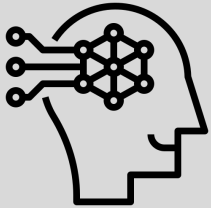


# A QUICK INTRO TO MACHINE LEARNING



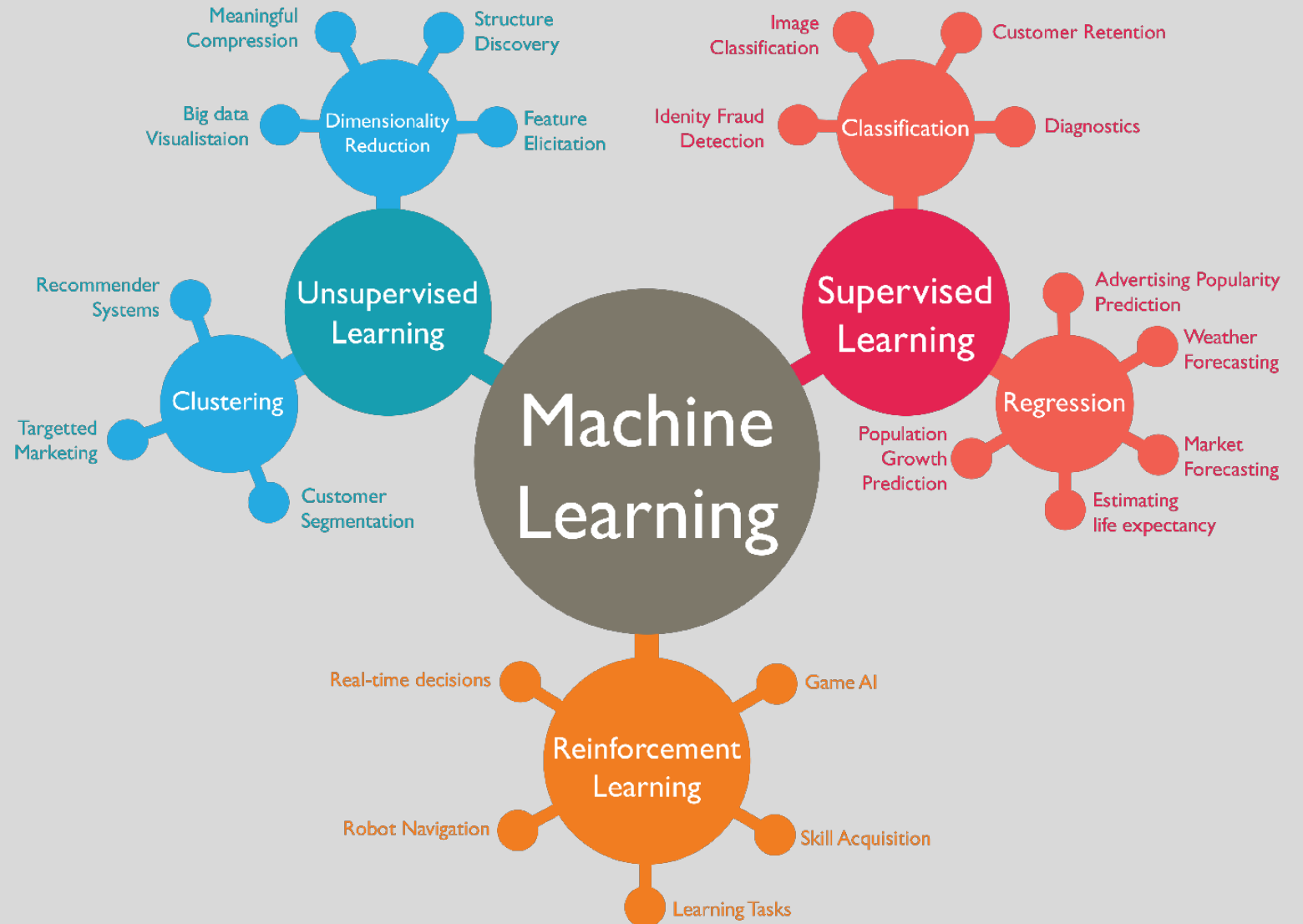
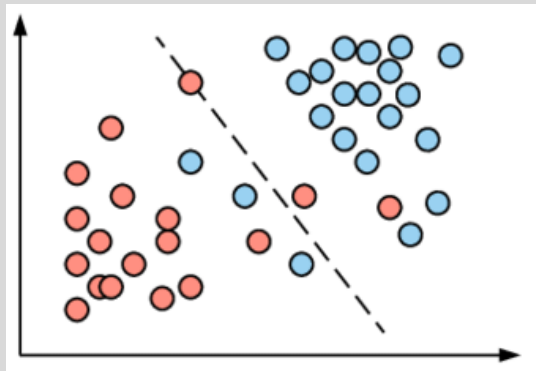
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ABILITY TO PERFORM TASKS WITHOUT EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS AND RELYING ON PATTERNS

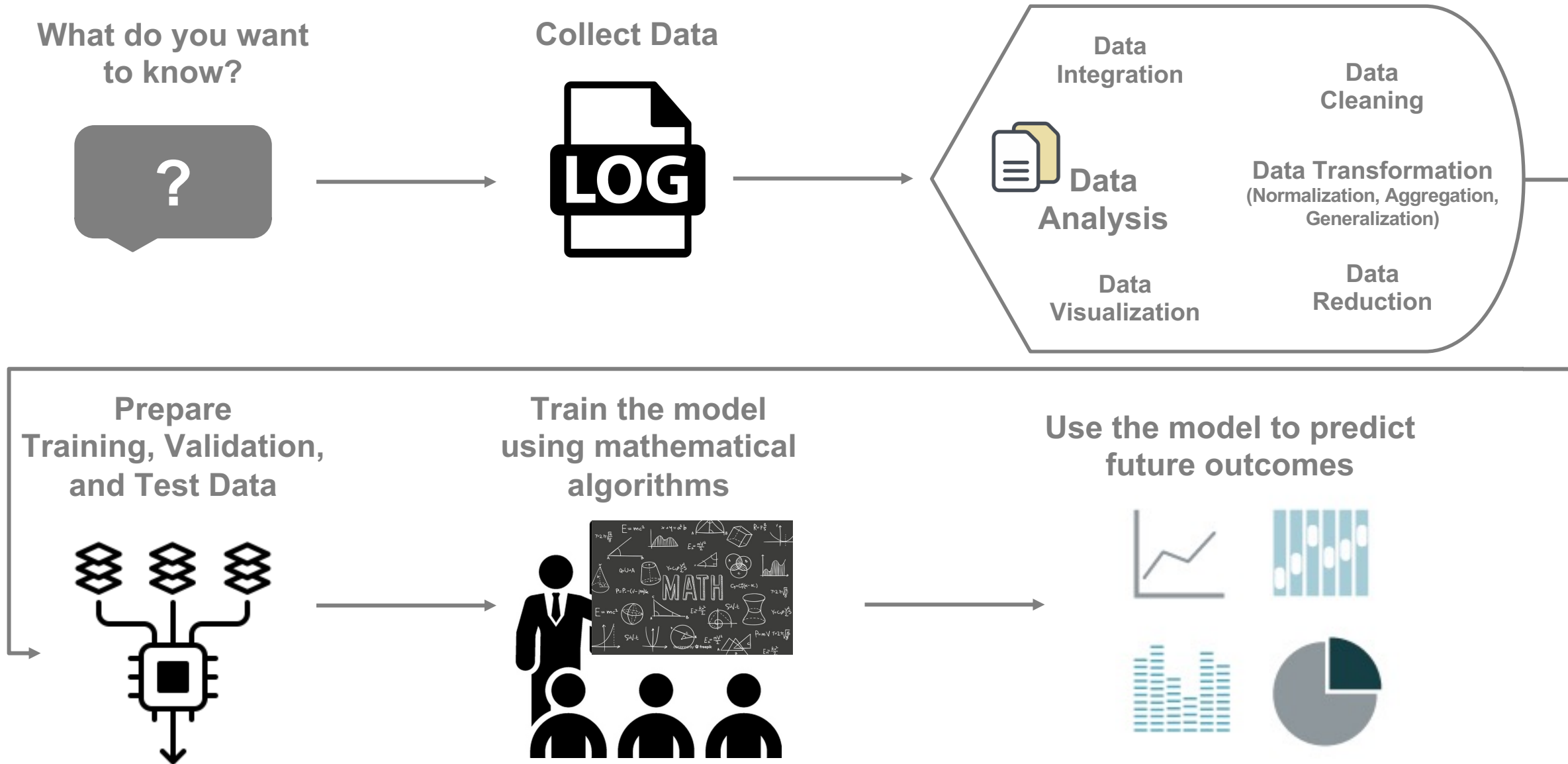


## SUPERVISED LEARNING

TASK OF LEARNING A FUNCTION THAT MAPS AN INPUT TO AN OUTPUT BASED ON EXAMPLE OF INPUT-OUTPUT PAIRS



# HOW TO BUILD ML MODELS





# WHAT DO WE WANT TO KNOW?



*Goal:*

$$\text{Energy Consumption} = f(\text{Drive Cycle}, \text{Vehicle Spec})$$

*where  $f$  = Machine Learning Model*

Can we use Machine Learning?

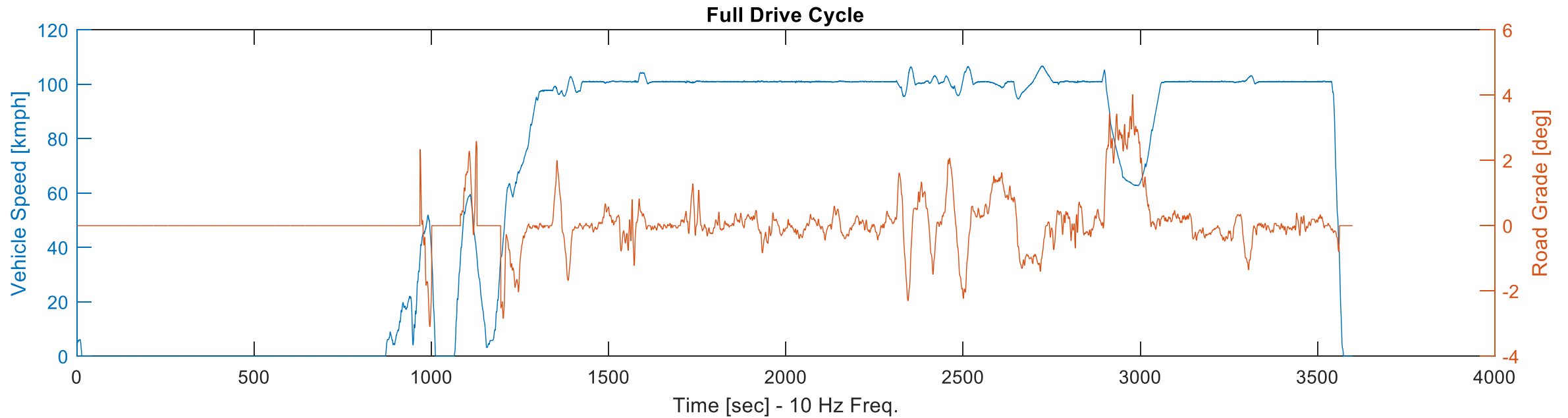
Is there a better alternative?  
*Computational Efficiency*  
*Accuracy*



Choosing the right ML Algorithm?  
*Type of Data? - Numeric Labelled Data*  
*Supervised Learning Algorithm*

Which Supervised Learning Algorithm ?  
*Classification/Regression? - Regression*  
*Extrapolation/Interpolation? - Both*

Algorithm  
*Random Forest*  
*Neural Network*



## DRIVE CYCLE

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ROAD GRADE PROFILE  
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FUEL FLOW RATE

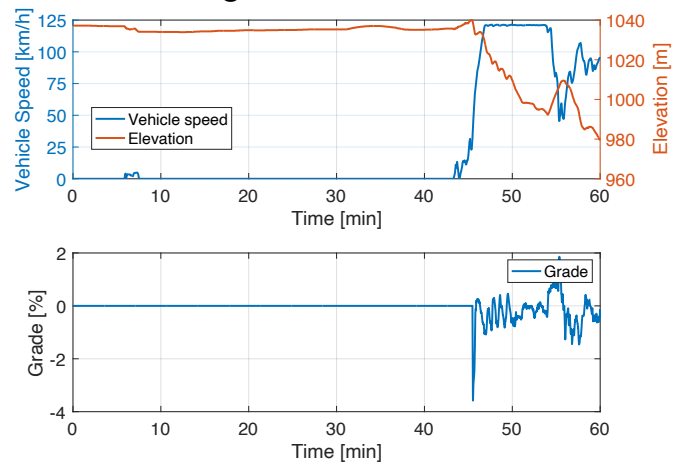
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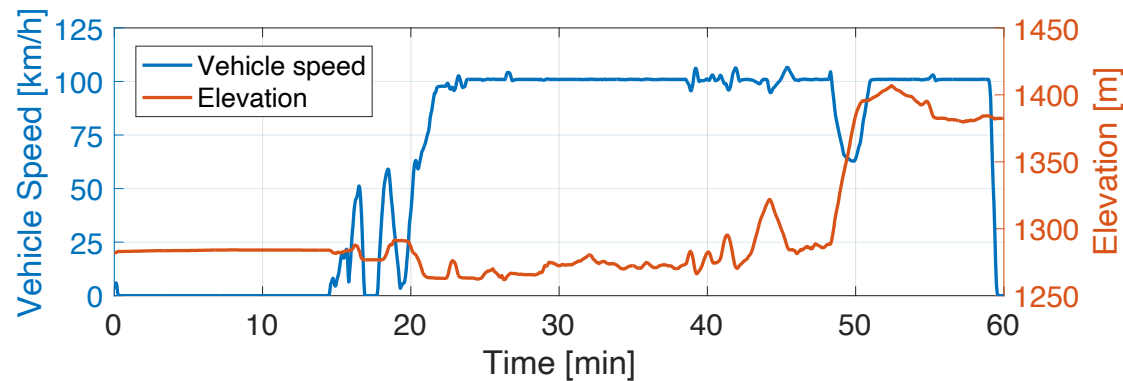
# IDEAL DATA vs WHAT YOU GET



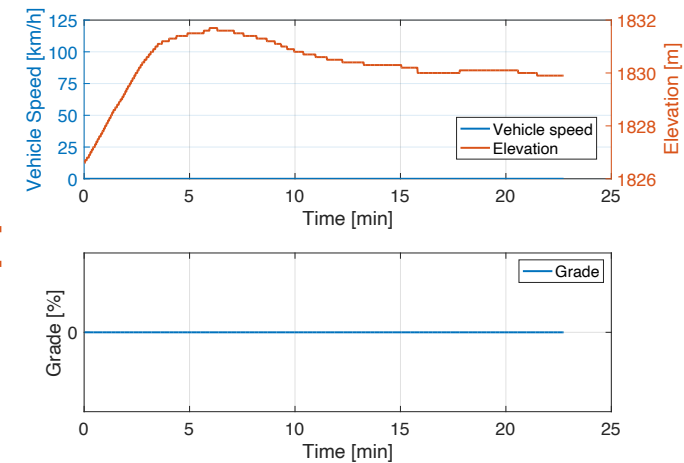
### Long time, little data



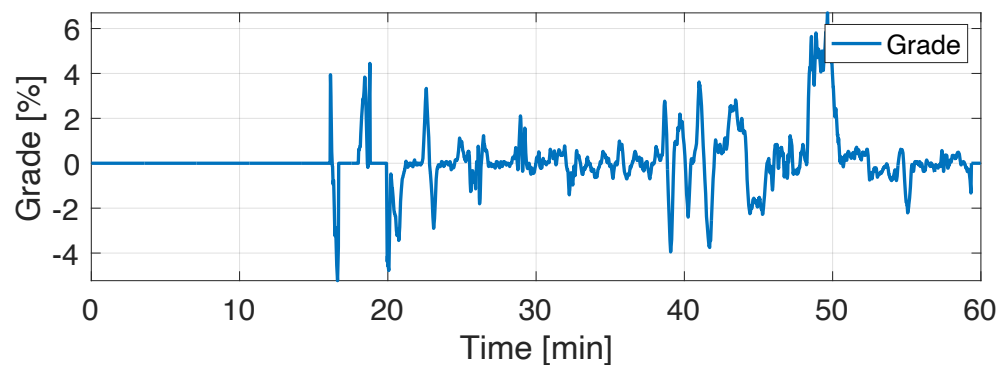
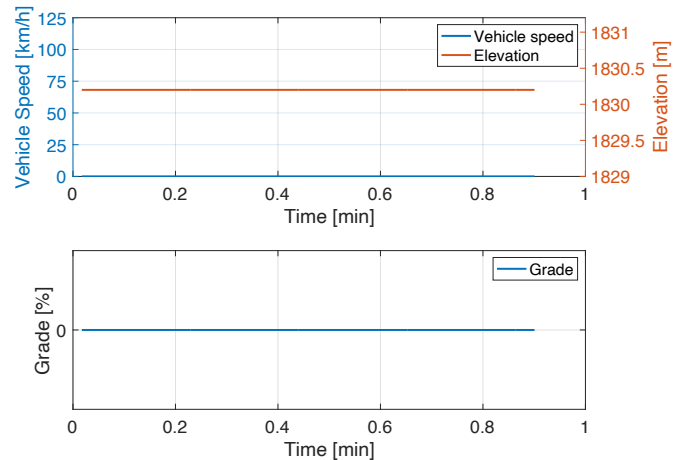
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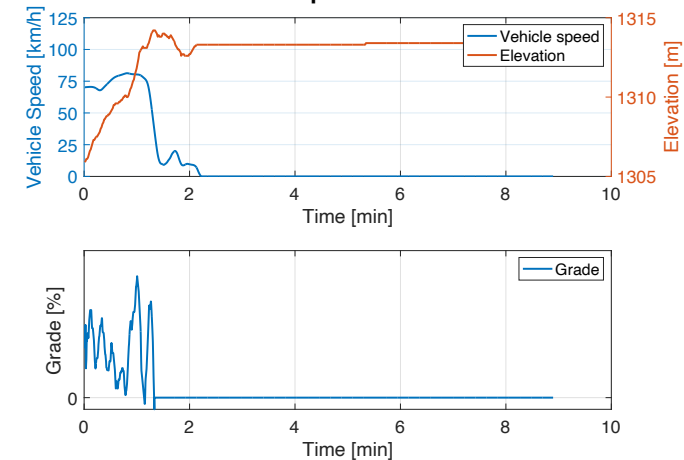
### No actual variation in data



### Just no data



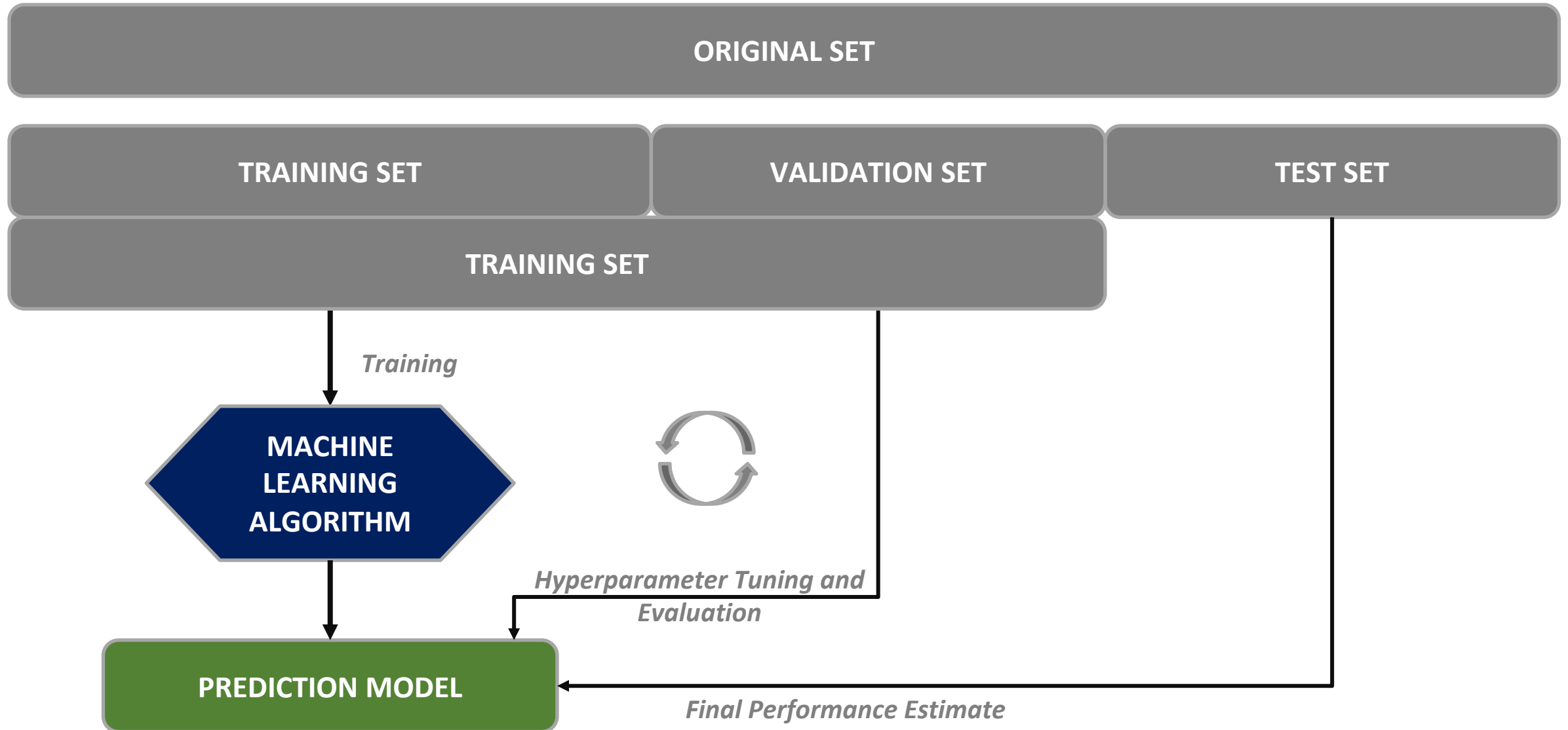
### Incomplete data



Data Integrate → Data Cleaning → Data Transformation → Data Reduction

| Potential Issue             | Source                                | Action                          |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Trips < 1 Mi                | Data logging errors or short trips    | Remove                          |
| Non-zero Start/Stop         | Data logging errors                   | Remove or Use Gap-Filling-Algos |
| Unrealistic Values          | CAN bus signals error                 | Remove/Normalize                |
| Time Gaps                   | Redundant information                 | Remove                          |
| First and Last days of data | Installation and removal of equipment | Remove                          |
| Missing data points         | Data logging errors                   | Interpolation                   |
| Noise                       | Sensor noise                          | Smoothing                       |

# TRAINING, VALIDATION, & TEST



|                               |                             |                     |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Drive Cycle</b><br>[x 400] | <b>Time</b>                 | Time_sec            |
|                               | <b>Distance</b>             | Distance_km         |
|                               | <b>Speed Profile</b>        | Max_Speed_kmph      |
|                               |                             | Min_Speed_kmph      |
|                               |                             | Avg_Speed_kmph      |
|                               |                             | Median_Speed_kmph   |
|                               |                             | StdDev_Speed_kmph   |
|                               |                             | Variance_Speed_kmph |
|                               |                             | x25th_Speed_kmph    |
|                               | x75th_Speed_kmph            |                     |
|                               | <b>Road Grade Profile</b>   | Max_Grade_deg       |
|                               |                             | Min_Grade_deg       |
|                               |                             | Avg_Grade_deg       |
|                               |                             | Median_Grade_deg    |
|                               |                             | StdDev_Grade_deg    |
|                               |                             | Variance_Grade_deg  |
|                               |                             | x25th_Grade_deg     |
|                               | x75th_Grade_deg             |                     |
|                               | <b>Acceleration Profile</b> | Max_Accln_mps2      |
|                               |                             | Min_Accln_mps2      |
|                               |                             | Avg_Accln_mps2      |
|                               |                             | Median_Accln_mps2   |
|                               |                             | StdDev_Accln_mps2   |
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|                               |                             | x25th_Accln_mps2    |
|                               | x75th_Accln_mps2            |                     |
| <b>Idle Time</b>              | IdleTime_sec                |                     |
| <b>Weather</b>                | Avg_Pressure_kPa            |                     |
|                               | Avg_Temp_degC               |                     |

**INPUTS**

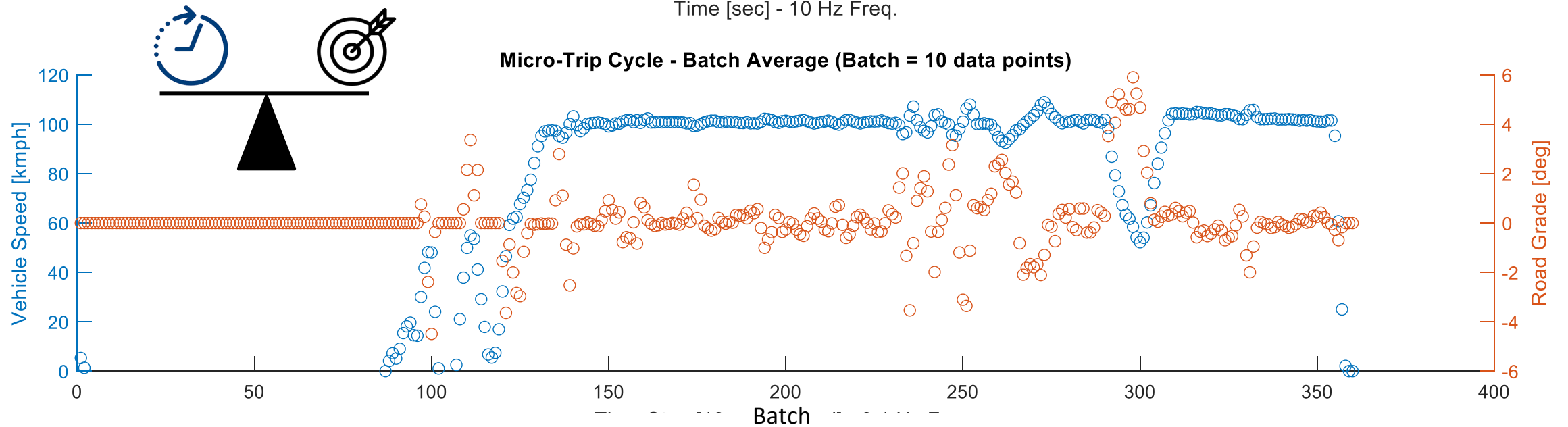
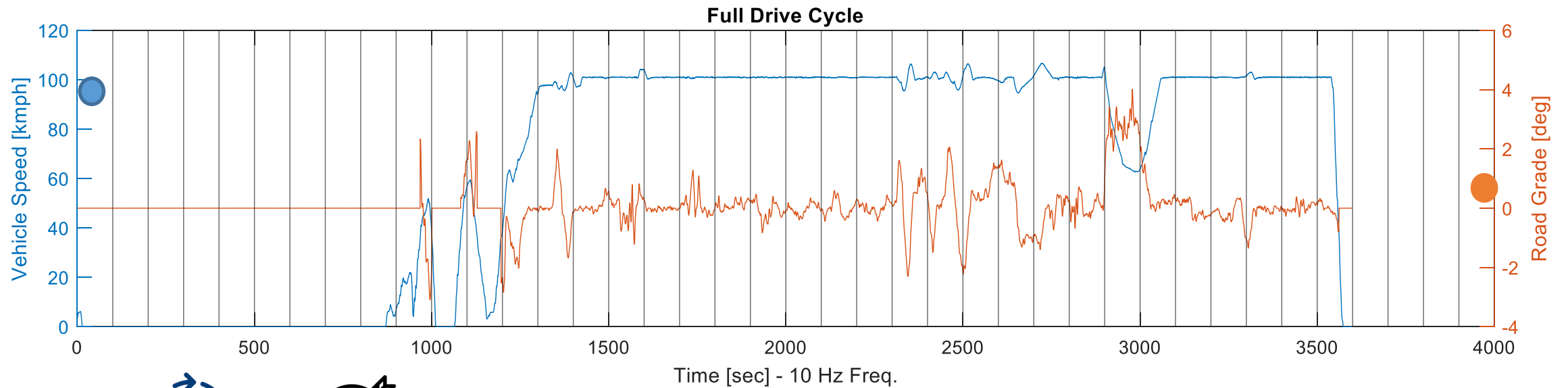
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|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Vehicle Spec</b><br>19 Trucks | <b>Engine</b><br>[x 3]       | EngineType                |
|                                  |                              | EngineMaxSpeed_RPM        |
|                                  |                              | EnginePeakPower_HP        |
|                                  |                              | EnginePeakTorque_Nm       |
|                                  | <b>Transmission</b><br>[x 2] | Trans_Speed               |
|                                  |                              | Trans_Deeppest_Gear_Ratio |
|                                  |                              | Trans_Efficiency          |
|                                  | <b>Rear Axle</b><br>[x 12]   | Rear_Axle_Ratio           |
|                                  |                              | RearAxle_Efficiency       |
|                                  | <b>Tire</b><br>[x 10]        | Tire_Radius_inch          |
|                                  |                              | Road_Rolling_Resistance   |
|                                  | <b>Body</b><br>[x 12]        | Vehicle_Frontal_Area_ft2  |
| Drag_Coefficient                 |                              |                           |
| Curb_Weight_lbs                  |                              |                           |
|                                  | GCVW_lbs                     |                           |

*Estimate Energy Consumption*  
 $= f(\text{Drive Cycle, Vehicle Spec})$

*Supervised Learning*  
*(Input, Output) Pairs*

**OUTPUT**  
**FUEL CONSUMPTION**

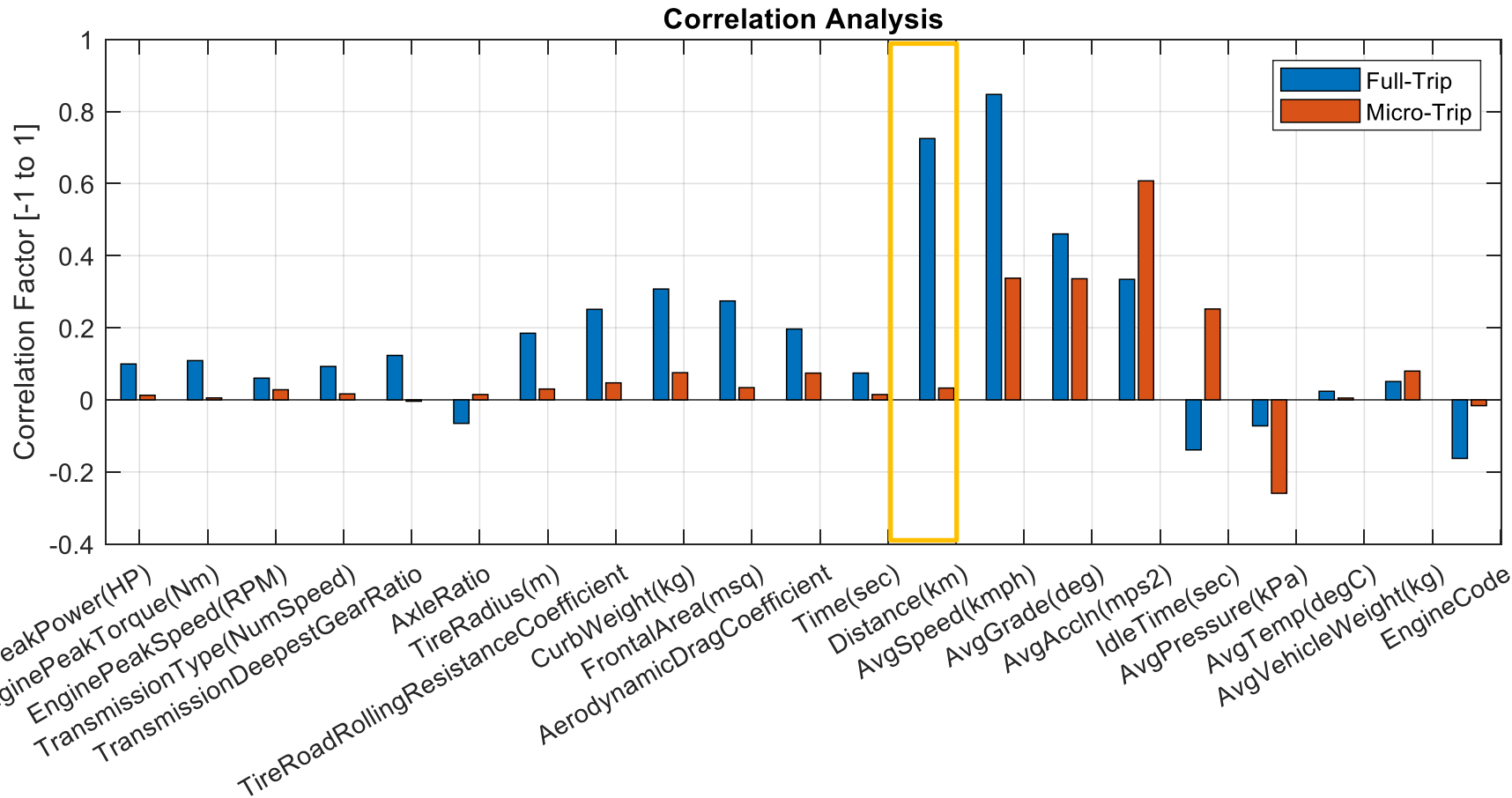
# DRIVE CYCLE – FULL-TRIP vs. MICRO-TRIP



# HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT'S IMPORTANT?



## 400 Drive Cycles with 19 Trucks



**Correlation**  
*Degree to which a pair of variables are linearly related*

*Range: [-1,1]*

*Correlation  $\neq$  Causation*

*Correlation w.r. to Fuel Consumption*



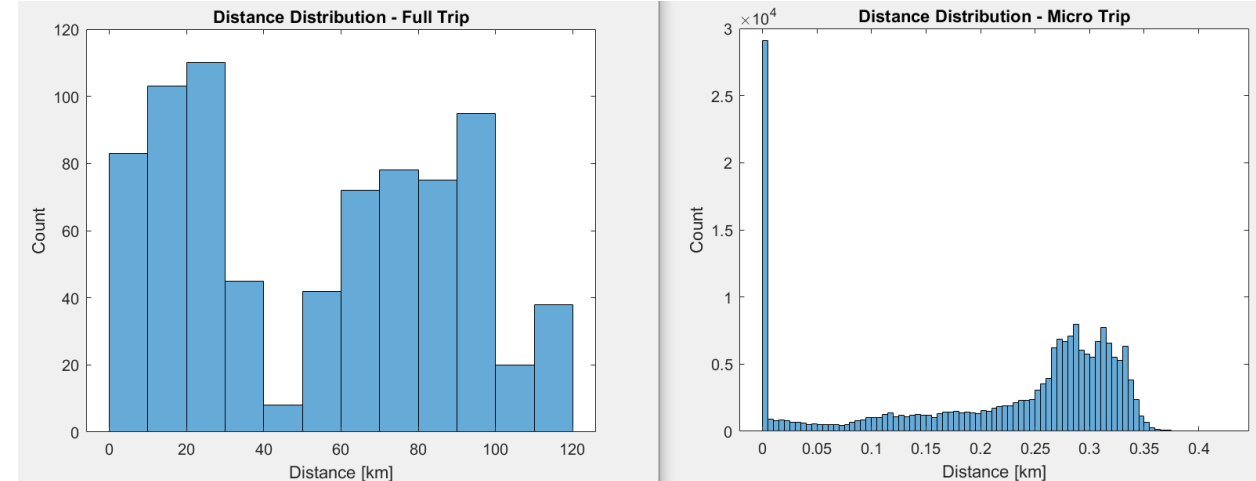
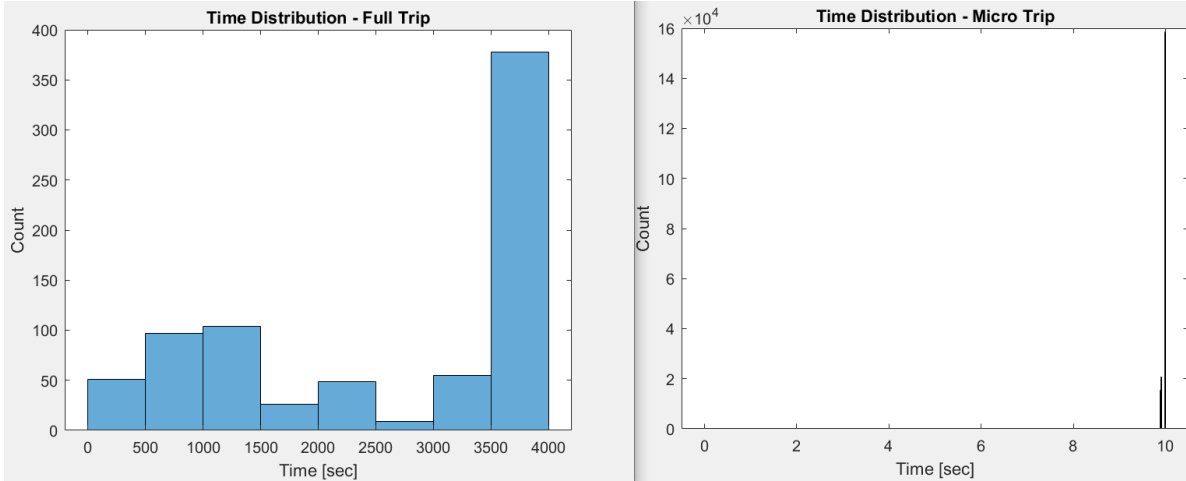
# DATA DISTRIBUTION – FULL TRIP vs. MICRO TRIP



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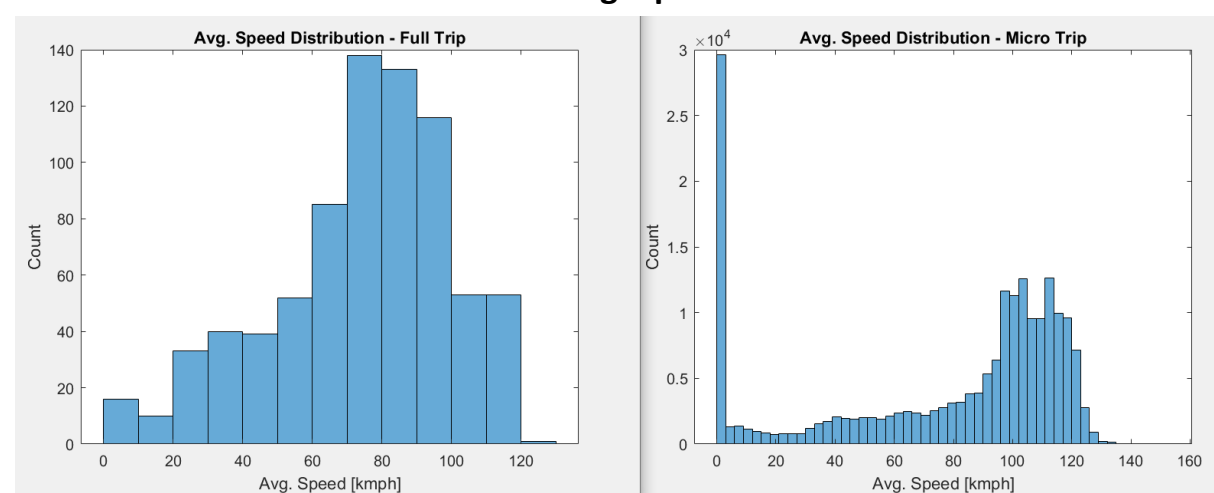
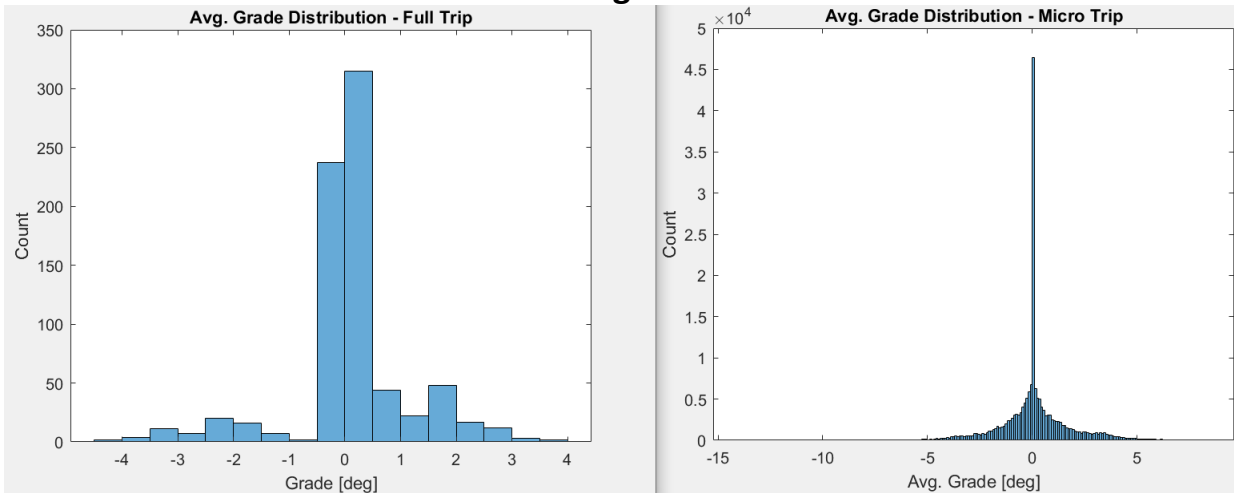
Time

Distance



Avg. Grade

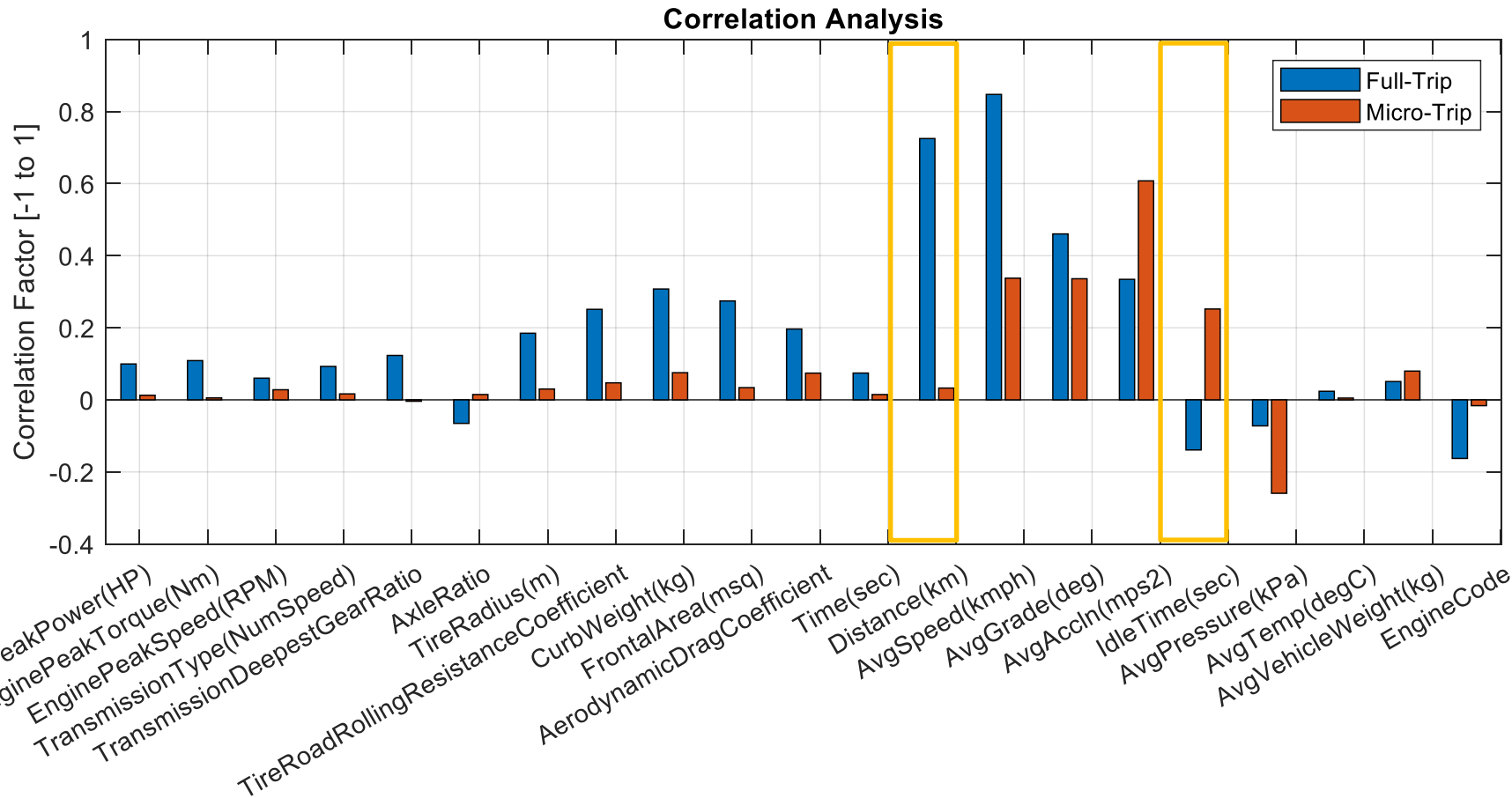
Avg. Speed



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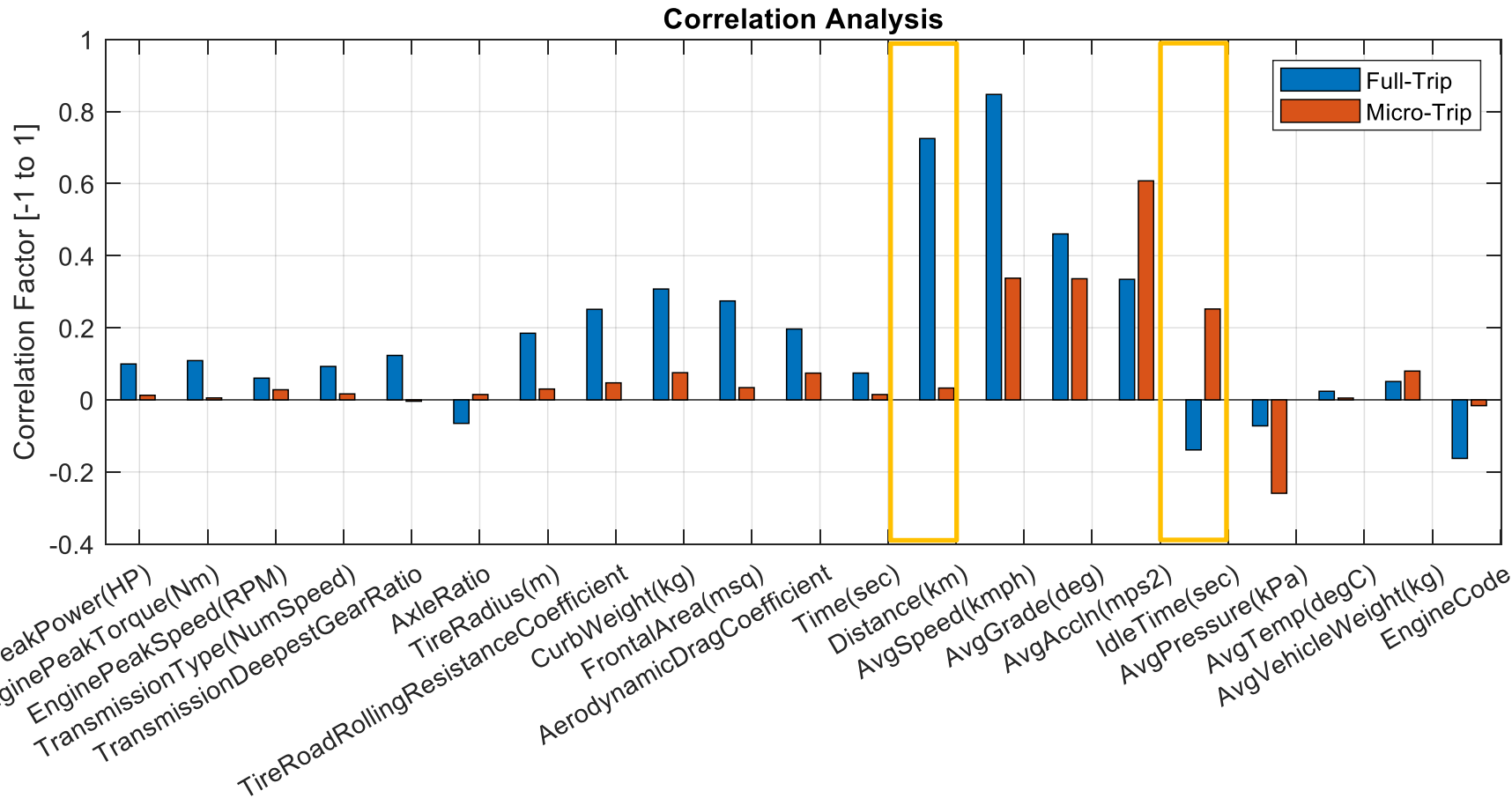
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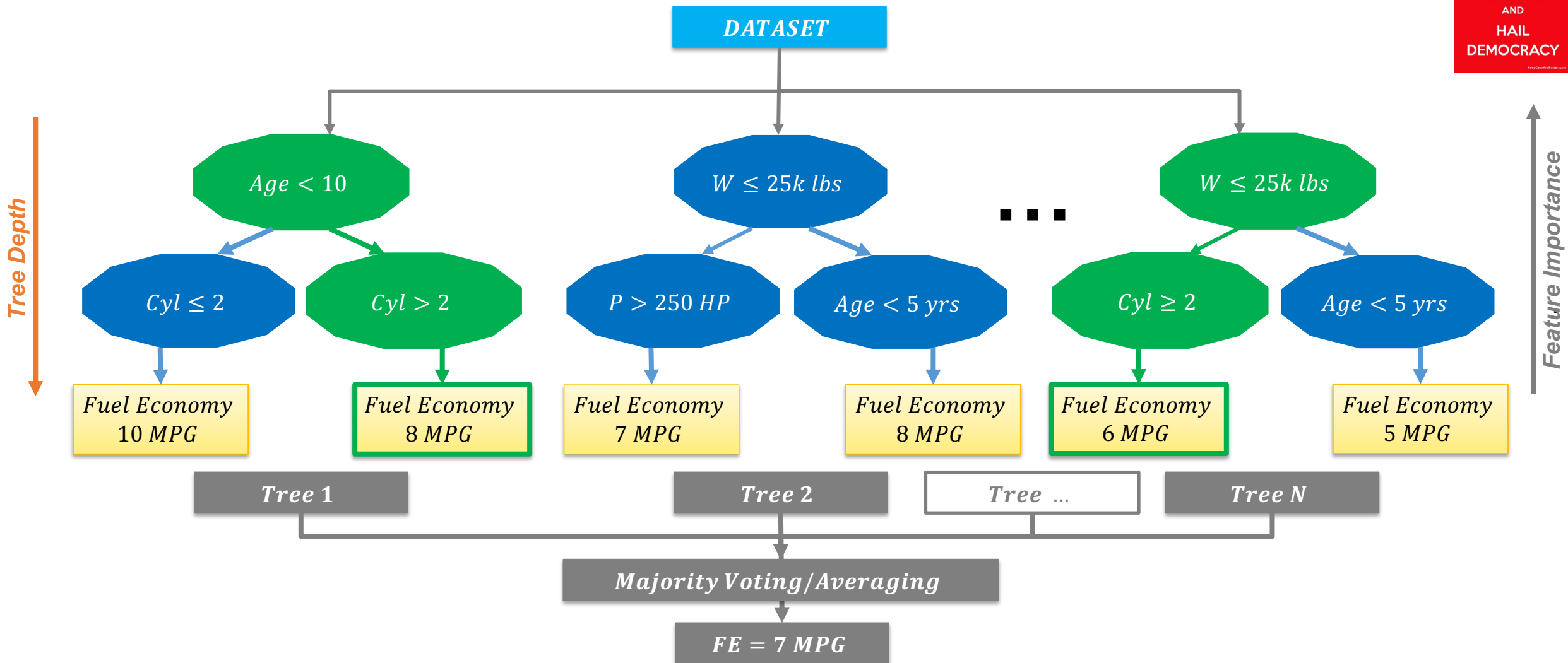
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# MACHINE LEARNING MODELS – RANDOM FOREST



*Predict Fuel Economy =  $f(\text{Weight, Engine Power, Num Cylinders, \& Age})$*



$$\text{Energy Consumption} = f(\text{Drive Cycle}, \text{Vehicle Spec})$$

## Random Forest Hyperparameters

*Tree Depth*

*Learning Rate*

*Minimum Leaf Size*

*Number of Learning Cycles*

*Minimum Number of Splits*

*Training Method (Bagging vs. Boosting)*

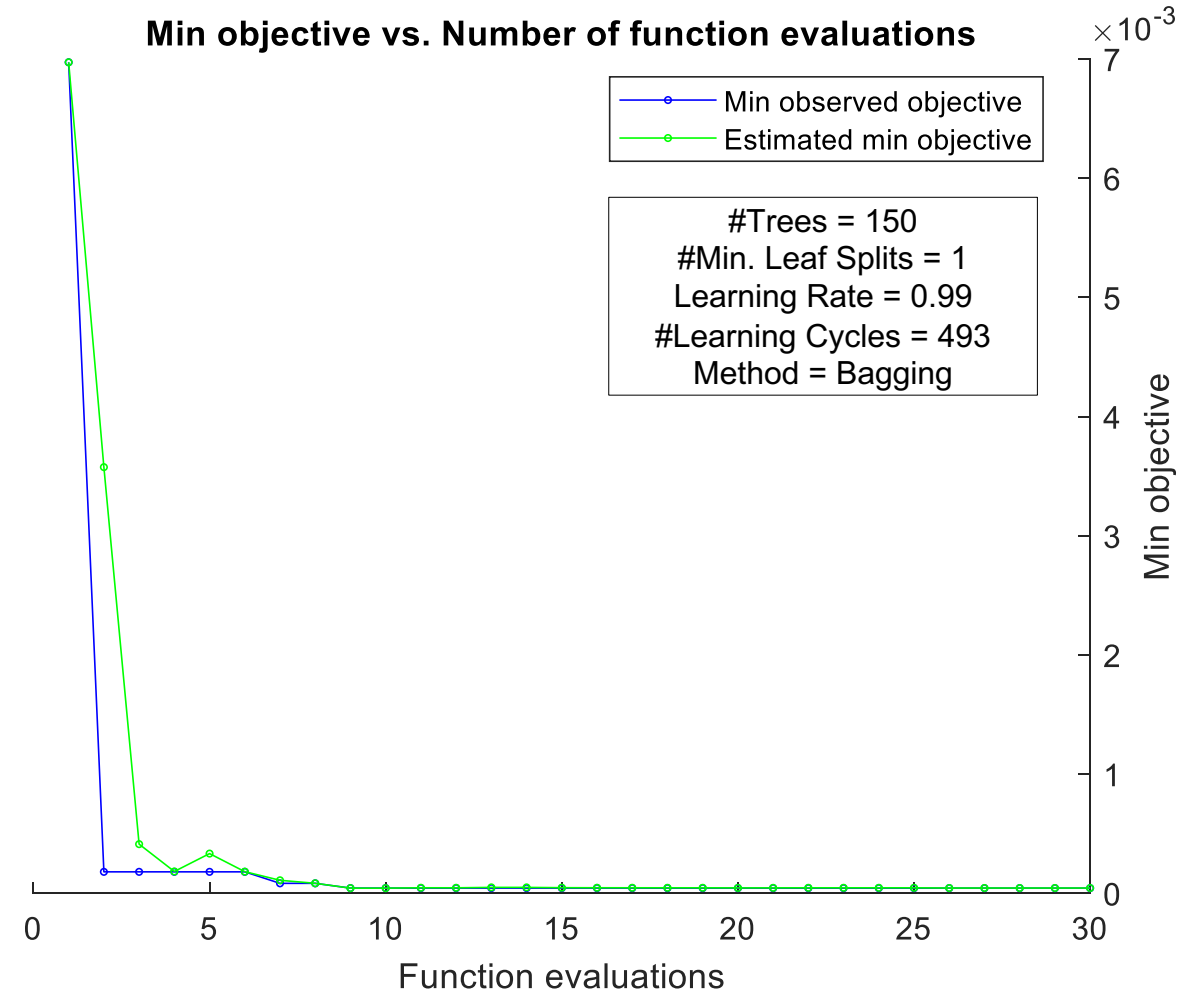
Best estimated feasible point (according to models):

| Method  | NumLearningCycles | LearnRate | MinLeafSize |
|---------|-------------------|-----------|-------------|
| LSBoost | 465               | 0.83153   | 1           |

Estimated objective function value = 0.00044326

Estimated function evaluation time = 324.094

Min objective vs. Number of function evaluations





## *PROS*

*Does not require large amount of data*

*Can handle linear and non-linear relationships well*

*Requires large number of trees to avoid overfitting*

*Provides good accuracy*

*Does not require validation data*

*Implicitly perform feature selection*

## *CONS*

*Cannot Extrapolate*

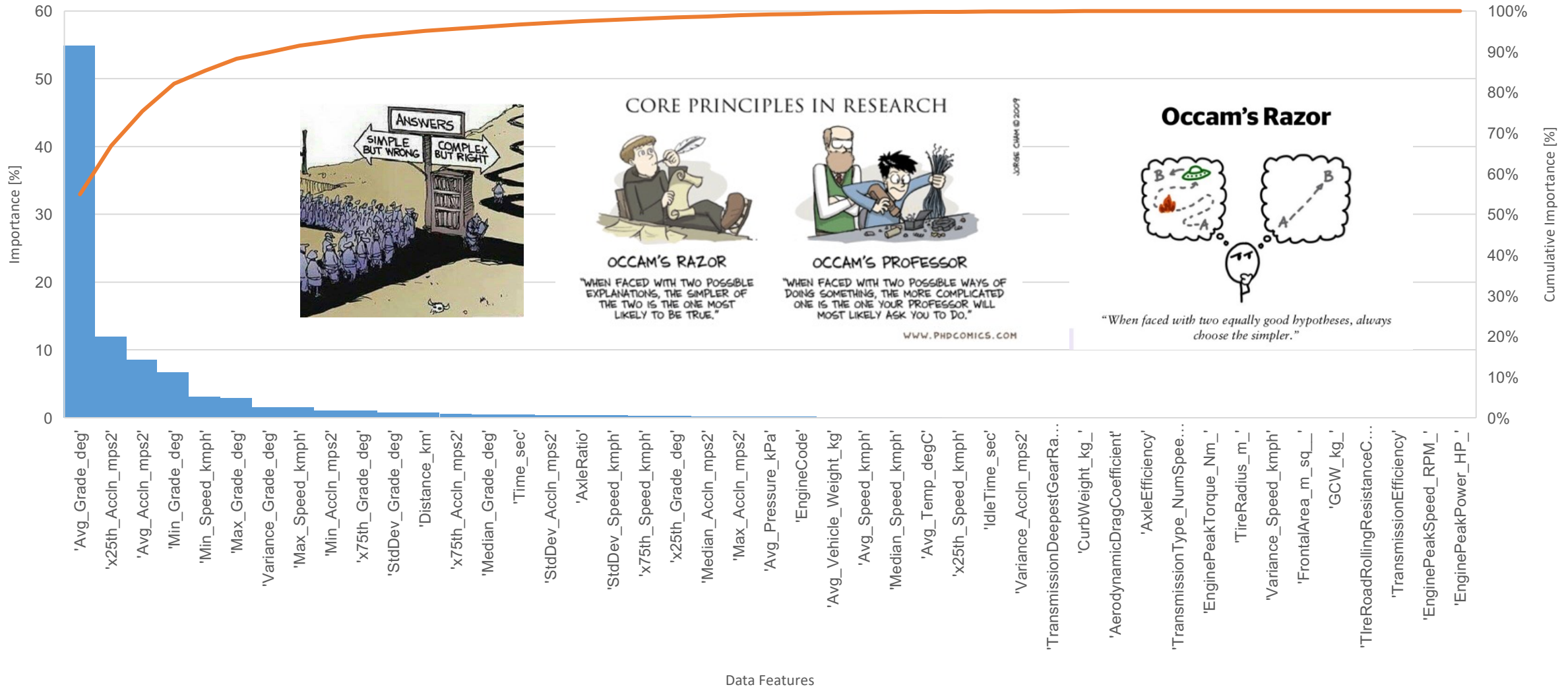
*“good for classification but not for regression”*

*Relatively Computationally Expensive*

# FEATURE IMPORTANCE – RANDOM FOREST



Feature Importance [%] - Random Forest



# MACHINE LEARNING MODELS – NEURAL NETWORK

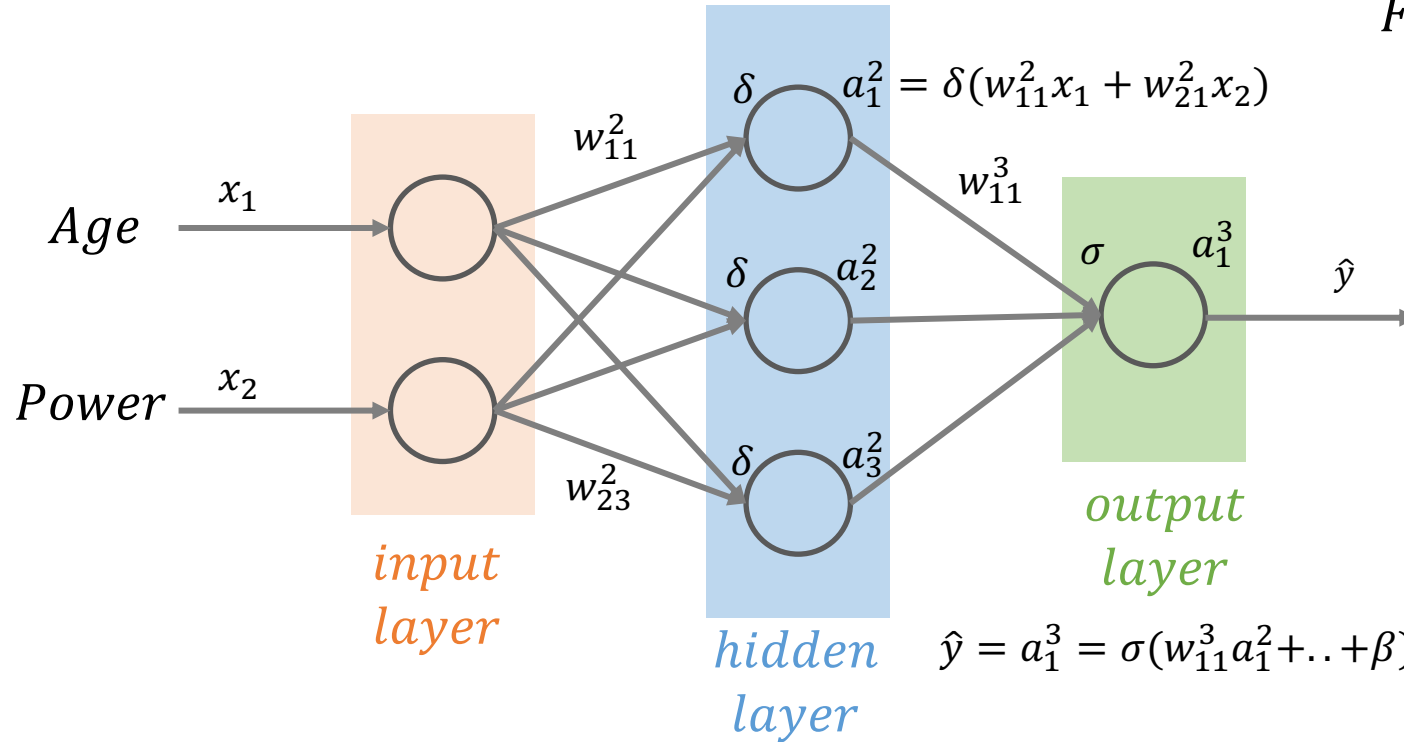


*Predict Fuel Economy = f(Vehicle Age, Engine Power)*



$\delta, \sigma \rightarrow$  Activation Fn  
 $\beta \rightarrow$  Bias

| Age | Power |
|-----|-------|
| 1   | 250   |
| 2   | 250   |
| 3   | 150   |
| ... | ...   |
| 7   | 250   |



*Fuel Economy*

| $\hat{y}$ | $y$ | $e = y - \hat{y}$ |
|-----------|-----|-------------------|
| 8.5       | 9   | 0.5               |
| 8         | 8   | 0                 |
| 10.8      | 10  | -0.8              |
| ...       | ... | ...               |
| 6.8       | 7   | 0.2               |

$$MSE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

*Neural Network Model*





$$\text{Energy Consumption} = f(\text{Drive Cycle}, \text{Vehicle Spec})$$

## Neural Network Hyperparameters

*Learning Rate*

*Number of hidden layers*

*Number of neurons in hidden layers*

*Activation function*

*Optimizer*

*Batch Size*

*Epochs*

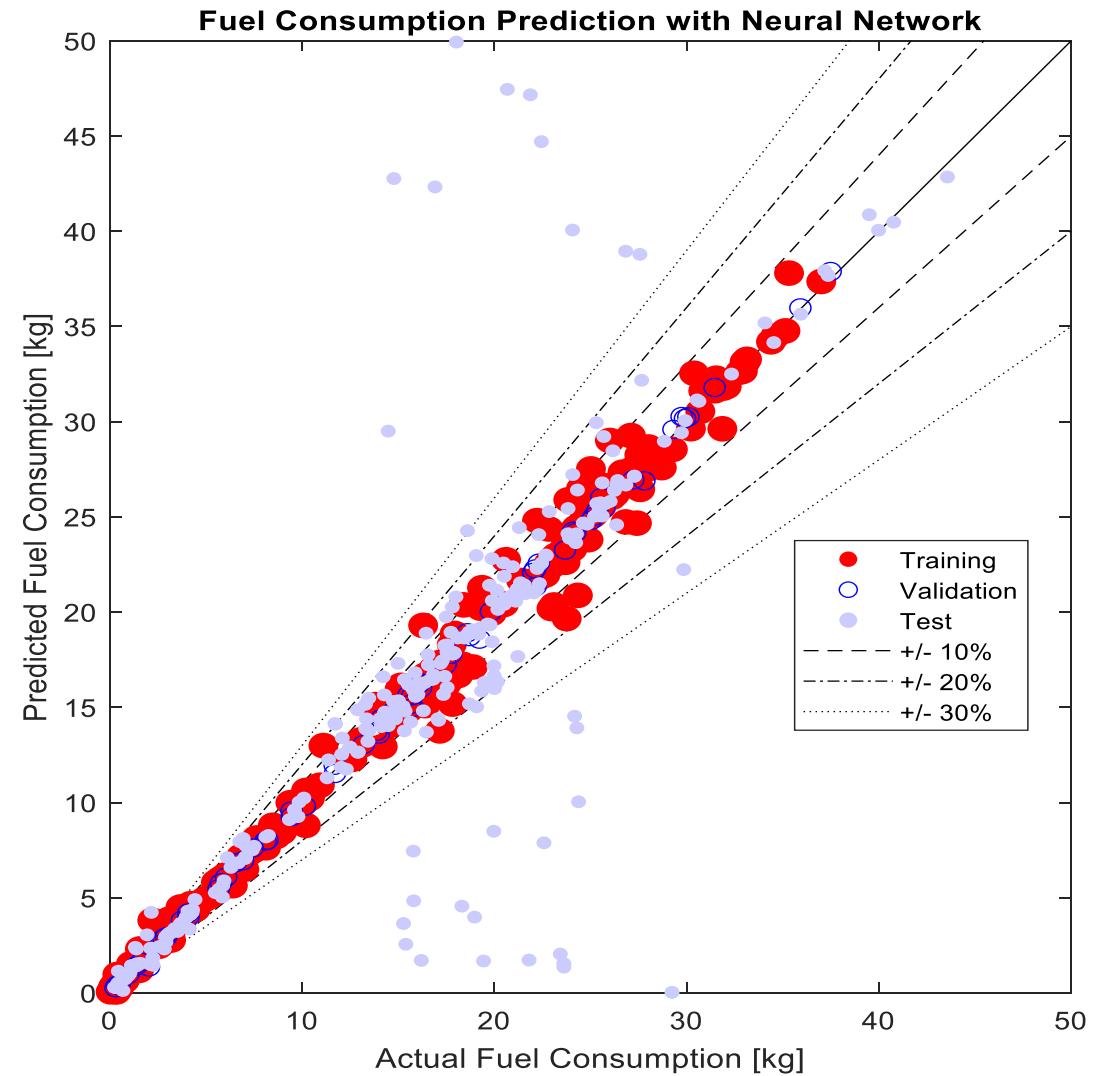
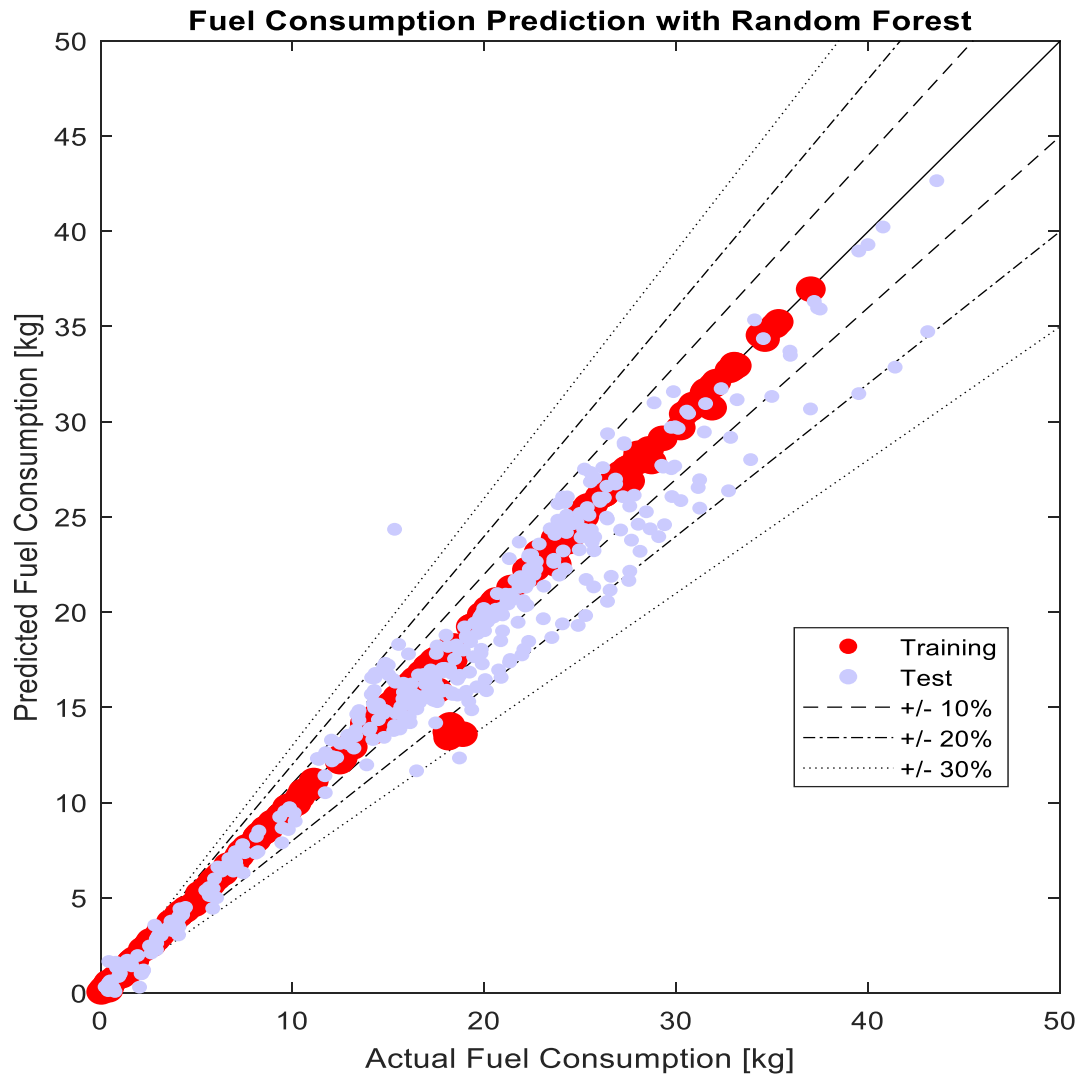
| Results     |         |            |            |
|-------------|---------|------------|------------|
|             | Samples | MSE        | R          |
| Training:   | 75827   | 9.93451e-5 | 9.86243e-1 |
| Validation: | 17499   | 9.84205e-5 | 9.86383e-1 |
| Testing:    | 23332   | 1.00411e-4 | 9.85941e-1 |

| Results     |         |             |            |
|-------------|---------|-------------|------------|
|             | Samples | MSE         | R          |
| Training:   | 45      | 1.38169e-2  | 9.99973e-1 |
| Validation: | 10      | 14.20137e-0 | 9.11043e-1 |
| Testing:    | 10      | 17.67531e-0 | 8.68514e-1 |

# RANDOM FOREST vs. NEURAL NETWORK - MODEL ACCURACY



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**400 Drive Cycles with 19 Trucks**

# I/O OF POWERTRAIN RECOMMENDER SYSTEM



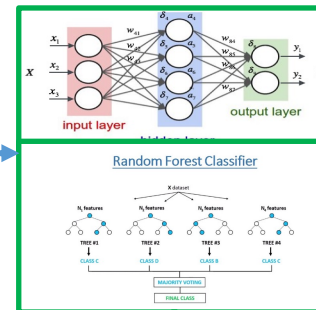
## INPUTS

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Dealer/Customer Input</b> | Freight Capacity (lbs)    |
|                              | Top Speed                 |
|                              | Max Road Grade            |
|                              | Extreme Road Grade        |
| <b>Design Space</b>          | EngineType                |
|                              | EngineMaxSpeed_RPM        |
|                              | EnginePeakPower_HP        |
|                              | EnginePeakTorque_Nm       |
|                              | Trans_Speed               |
|                              | Trans_Deeppest_Gear_Ratio |
|                              | Trans_Efficiency          |
|                              | Rear_Axle_Ratio           |
|                              | RearAxle_Efficiency       |
|                              | Tire_Radius_inch          |
|                              | Road_Rolling_Resistance   |
|                              | Vehicle_Frontal_Area_ft2  |
|                              | Drag_Coefficient          |
|                              | Curb_Weight_lbs           |
|                              | GCVW_lbs                  |

|                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Target</b>    | Time_sec            |
|                  | Distance_km         |
|                  | Max_Speed_kmph      |
|                  | Min_Speed_kmph      |
|                  | Avg_Speed_kmph      |
|                  | Median_Speed_kmph   |
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|                  | Variance_Accln_mps2 |
|                  | x25th_Accln_mps2    |
|                  | x75th_Accln_mps2    |
| IdleTime_sec     |                     |
| Avg_Pressure_kPa |                     |
| Avg_Temp_degC    |                     |

## Design Space Filter

## Supervised ML Models



|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Output</b>                | TopSpeed_FlatRoad_Eng_MPH                 |
|                              | TopSpeed_FlatRoad_Trans_MPH               |
|                              | TopSpeed_On_Max_RoadGrade_MPH             |
|                              | ExtremeRoadGrade_Startability_Accln_ftps2 |
|                              | Accln0to30MPH_Time_sec                    |
|                              | Accln0to60MPH_Time_sec                    |
|                              | <b>Fuel_Consumption_kg (ML)</b>           |
|                              | Fuel_Economy_MPG                          |
|                              | Freight_Efficiency_kWhpTonMi              |
|                              | CO2_Emission_metTon                       |
| <b>Selling_Price_USD*</b>    |   |
| <b>Pareto_Optimal (MOOP)</b> |   |

## OUTPUTS

*How to buy a truck?*

*How to spec the truck that is best  
for your operation using a data driven approach?*

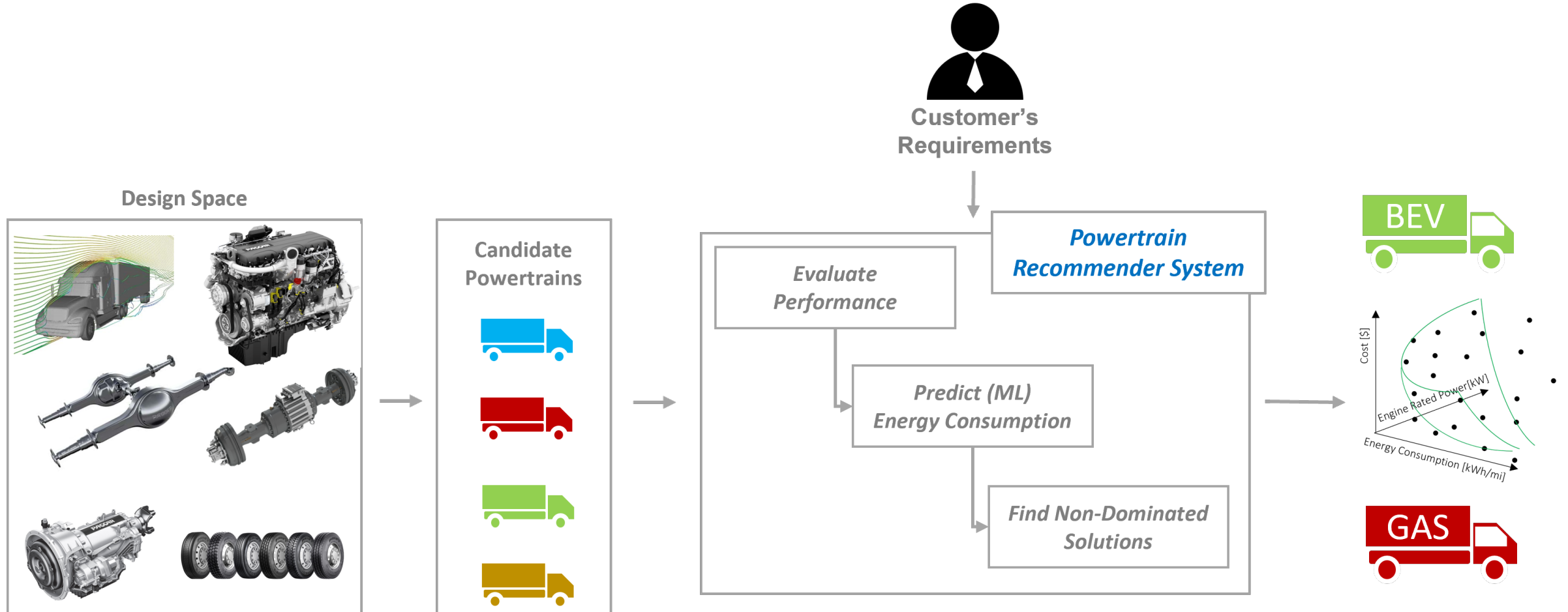
*How to analyze telematics data?  
Correlation, Bias*

*What is machine learning and how to build ML models?  
Supervised learning algos to predict energy consumption  
Random Forest, Neural Network*

*Fleet composition examples*



# SUMMARY





# Thank you

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