# Sentiment Analysis on Online Automotive Forums

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#### Introduction







# Comparison with Twitter



#### Example block

@united I do not see where it talks about military baggage fees.

Can you please guide me. Thanks #usairline

#### Example block

Sono reali calcolati nel arco del tutto anno nel estate qualcosa in più causa gomme di 17" e climatizzatore nel inverno un po di meno. Per quanto riguarda le autostrade quelle che percorro io principalmente la A4 e molto congestionata cosi spesso la media e 110-115 km/h che ovviamente influisce positivamente a i consumi. Ma quello che mi piace di più è assenza dei guasti. Sulla vecchia Accord il primo guasto lo ho avuto a 200000 km si è rotto il termostato della clima. Ogni tanto faccio giro di altri forum e leggo delle turbine rotte catene di distribuzione progettate male iniettori fatti male mah nel 2015 per me sono le cose incomprensibili. Con tutti gli difetti che può avere preferisco la Honda .

# **Dataset Gathering**

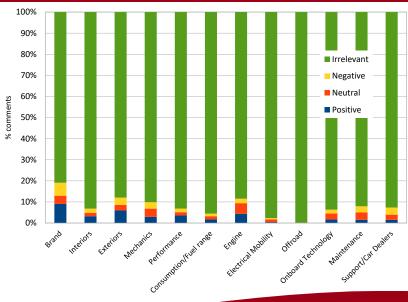


The creation of a suitable dataset is mandatory to train machine learning algorithm.

- Crawled some of the most visited Italian automotive forums (Quattroruote, Autopareri, Bmwpassion, HDmotori, Porschemania, Forumelettrico)
- Comments have been annotated with respect to the classes "Brand", "Interiors", "Exteriors", "Mechanics", "Performance", "Consumption", "Engine", "Electrical mobility", "Off-road" and "Technology", picking the labels "positive", "negative", "neutral" or "irrelevant".
- From a total of 1,200,000 crawled comments, 7,183 have been manually annotated

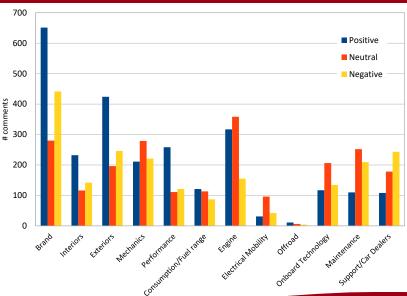
### **Dataset Statistics**





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# Baseline algorithm

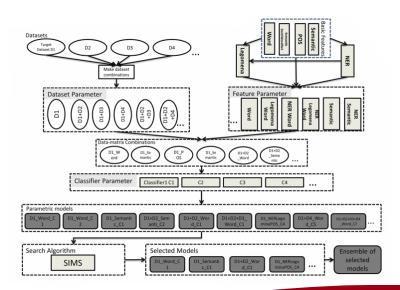


- → Preprocessing:
  - 1 encoding correction
  - 2 lowercase, punctuation and stopwords removal
  - 3 "http://someurl"  $\rightarrow$  "URL"
  - 4 replacing domain-specific tokens with common string (distances, speed, consumption, weight, power, ...)
  - 5 stemming
- → Support Vector Machine (SVM) Classifier with Term Frequency Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF) features vectorization

$$tf_{i,j} = \frac{n_{i,j}}{|d_j|}, \quad idf_i = \log \frac{|D|}{|\{d: i \in d\}|}, \quad tf - idf_{i,j} = tf_{i,j} \times idf_i$$

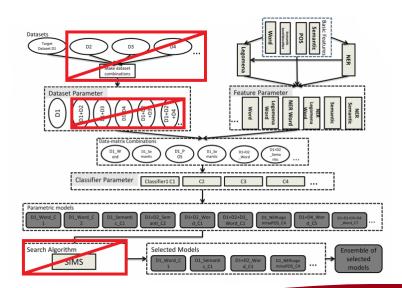
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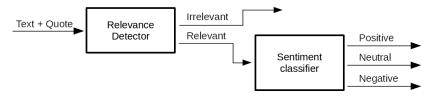




### Cascade Classifier



Implementation of a cascade classifier for the four-label classification.



- Logistic Regression relevance detector
- BPEF Sentiment classifier

### Results: Tests on our Dataset



#### Sentiment classification

SVM BPEF

#### Predicted value

| Positive | Neutral | Negative | Neutral | Negative | Neutral | N

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#### Predicted value

		Positive	Neutral	Negative
Actual value	Positive	29	22	0
	Neutral	15	42	0
	Negative	7	15	3

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#### 4-labels classification

**SVM** 

Cascade classifier

#### Predicted value

Irrelevant Positive Neutral Negative Neutral Positive Irrelevant 1000 11 6 32 15 4 0 38 10 9 0 20 3 2 0

Actual value

**F1-macro** 0.378

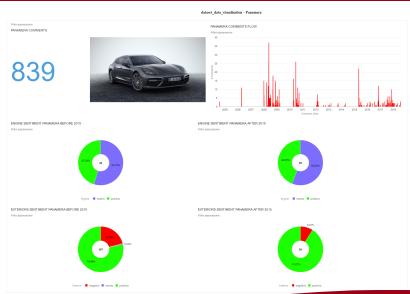
#### Predicted value

		Irrelevant	Positive	Neutral	Negative
Actual value	Irrelevant	933	18	61	5
	Neutral Positive Irrelevant	19	23	9	0
		20	4	33	0
	Negative	11	3	3	8

**F1-macro** 0.556

## **Data Visualization**





## Conclusions & Future Works



- BPEF model overcomes baseline approach
- Implemented model can be considered reliable for sentiment classification for Italian automotive forums

- Expanding the dataset, same algorithms should improve their scores
- Design a more sophisticated relevance detector for identifying the topic
- Integration in a production system: scheduled crawler, database and business intelligence software