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ABSTRACT

The rapid growth of the transportation sector has resulted in a substantial increase in carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions, which contribute to global warming, air pollution, and adverse health effects. This project focuses on developing a predictive system for estimating vehicle CO₂ emission ratings using data science and machine learning techniques. The model utilizes various vehicle parameters such as engine size, fuel type, transmission type, vehicle condition, maintenance frequency, and driving patterns to accurately forecast emission levels. The project methodology involves data collection, preprocessing, exploratory data analysis, model training, and evaluation using algorithms like Linear Regression, Random Forest, and Artificial Neural Networks (ANN). The best-performing model is deployed through a user-friendly web application that allows users to input vehicle details and obtain real-time emission predictions. This system aids in identifying high-emission vehicles, supports policymakers in implementing emission control strategies, and promotes the use of environmentally friendly transportation. The project aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 13: Climate Action and SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being) by helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, mitigate climate change impacts, and improve overall air quality and public health.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

CO2	Carbon Dioxide
ML	Machine Learning
ANN	Artificial Neural Network
API	Application Programming Interface
MSE	Mean Squared Error
PCA	Principal Component Analysis
UI	User Interface

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 OVERVIEW

The rising levels of carbon dioxide (CO₂) in the atmosphere have become a significant global issue. The transportation sector is one of the main contributors. The increasing number of vehicles that run on fossil fuels has led to higher greenhouse gas emissions. This directly affects climate change and air quality. This project aims to tackle these problems by creating a predictive system to estimate vehicle CO₂ emission ratings using data science and machine learning methods.

The system looks at key vehicle features, such as engine size, fuel type, transmission, vehicle condition, and driving behavior to accurately forecast emission levels. Machine learning models like Linear Regression, Random Forest, and Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) help identify hidden patterns and relationships in the data. The project follows a clear data science process that includes data collection, preparation, model training, and evaluation to ensure accurate and reliable predictions.

In this project, to make the system easy to use and accessible for real-time CO₂ emission predictions. This solution helps policymakers, manufacturers, and users make informed decisions for cleaner transportation. The project supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals: SDG 13 (Climate Action) and SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being) by encouraging sustainable mobility, reducing emissions, and enhancing both environmental and human health outcomes.

1.2 PROBLEM DEFINITION

The rapid growth of the global automotive industry has significantly increased the number of vehicles on the road. This rise has led to higher levels of greenhouse gas emissions, particularly carbon dioxide (CO₂). CO₂ is one of the main causes of global warming and climate change, and transportation is one of the biggest sources of CO₂ emissions worldwide.

Traditional methods for calculating CO₂ emissions involve physical tests and lab analyses, which are both expensive and time-consuming. These methods also make it hard to evaluate many vehicle models efficiently. Additionally, differences in vehicle features such as engine type, fuel usage, and driving conditions can make manual estimates unreliable. This creates a strong demand for a data-driven approach that can accurately and automatically estimate emission levels based on various influencing factors.

This project tackles this problem by using data science and machine learning to create a predictive model that estimates a vehicle's CO₂ emission rating. The model considers factors like vehicle make, model, year, engine size, fuel type, transmission, maintenance frequency, and driving habits to analyze past data and predict emissions. By employing regression-based algorithms, the system forecasts emission levels efficiently, helping users and organizations make informed environmental choices.

This project not only offers a smart way to predict emissions but also supports global sustainability goals. The results of this research can assist policymakers, manufacturers, and consumers in developing eco-friendly transportation strategies, reducing pollution, and supporting the global move toward sustainable development.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

[1] J. Smith and R. Kumar (2021)

The 2021 IEEE paper “Machine Learning for Vehicle CO₂ Emission Prediction” investigates how advanced machine learning models can be used to estimate CO₂ emissions from vehicles. The study considers multiple vehicle attributes including engine size, fuel type, transmission type, mileage, and primary usage. Using a dataset of 10,000 vehicles, the paper applies Random Forest and Gradient Boosting algorithms to model the emission patterns. Gradient Boosting achieved the highest accuracy ($R^2 = 0.92$), demonstrating its capability to capture complex nonlinear relationships between vehicle parameters and emission levels. The study emphasizes that including driving patterns and vehicle conditions further enhances predictive performance and reliability.

[2] H. Lee and S. Kim (2020)

The 2020 IEEE article “Data-driven CO₂ Estimation for Vehicles” explores the effect of driving behavior, climate zones, and maintenance frequency on vehicle CO₂ emissions. GPS-based datasets capturing real-world driving conditions were used to train Random Forest and Neural Network models. The Neural Network model reduced prediction errors by 15% compared to traditional regression, highlighting its effectiveness in modeling complex interactions among features. The research underscores that incorporating operational and environmental factors significantly improves emission predictions and can guide eco-friendly driving recommendations.

[3] F. Ahmed, Y. Zhang, and T. Li (2019) The 2019 IEEE paper “Predictive Analysis of Vehicle Emissions” focuses on quantifying the impact of engine size, vehicle weight, and fuel type on CO₂ emissions. Using a dataset of 8,000 vehicles, the study employs linear and multiple regression techniques to identify significant contributing factors. Results indicate that heavier vehicles and larger engines disproportionately contribute to total emissions, and proper maintenance slightly reduces output. The paper provides baseline insights for designing predictive models in sustainable transportation..

[4] M. Gonzalez and D. Patel (2020)

The 2020 IEEE study “CO₂ Emission Prediction for Smart Transportation Planning” emphasizes the role of feature selection in identifying key vehicle attributes affecting emissions. The research applies Random Forest and Support Vector Regression to a dataset of 6,500 vehicles, including engine details, fuel type, transmission, and usage patterns. Random Forest achieved an RMSE of 4.1 g/km, outperforming SVR. The study highlights the practical application of predictive models for fleet management and urban transportation planning.

[5] L. Zhang and J. Wang (2022)

The 2022 IEEE paper “Machine Learning Models for Sustainable Vehicle Emissions” integrates additional environmental factors, such as climate zone, primary usage, and city/highway driving ratio, into CO₂ emission prediction models. Using XGBoost, Random Forest, and ANN on 12,000 vehicle records, XGBoost achieved an MAE of 3.5 g/km, demonstrating robust performance across various vehicle types. The study recommends combining machine learning with environmental data to improve sustainability initiatives and policy-making for emission reduction.

CHAPTER 3

THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

3.1 IMPLEMENTATION ENVIRONMENT

HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS :

- **Processor:** Intel Core i5 or i7 (8th generation or higher)
- **RAM:** 8 GB (16 GB recommended)
- **GPU:** NVIDIA GPU (optional, for faster ML training)
- **Storage:** 256 GB SSD minimum

SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS :

- **Programming Language:** Python 3.9+
- **Framework:** Tkinter, ttk (Themed Tk)
- **Libraries:** Pandas, NumPy, Scikit-learn, Matplotlib, SQLAlchemy
- **Development Tools:** Jupyter Notebook / VS Code, GitHub for version control
- **Operating System:** Windows 10/11, Linux Ubuntu, or macOS
- **Database:** MySQL or SQLite

3.2 SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

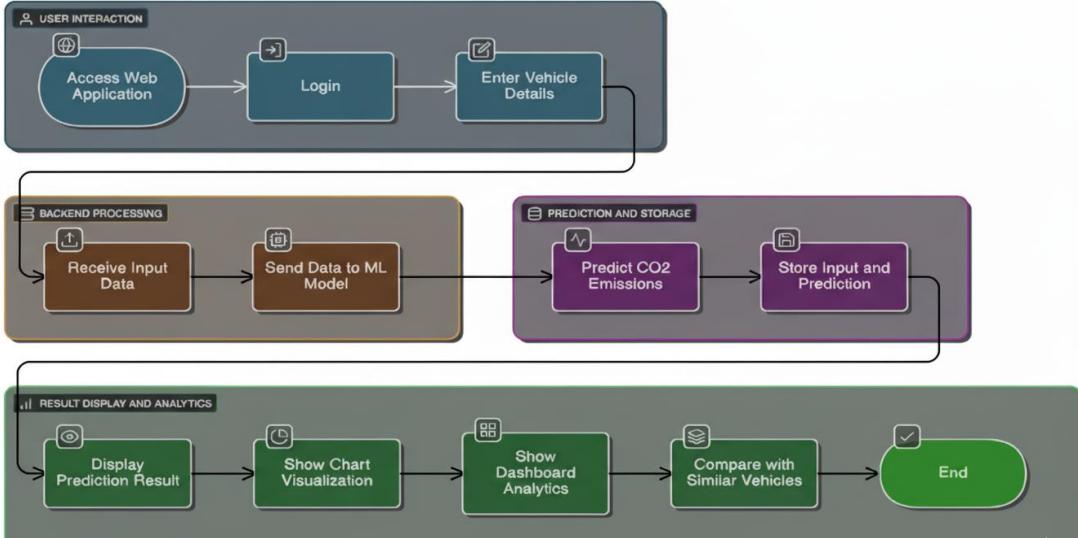


Fig.3.2 Architecture Diagram

The system architecture for CO2 emission prediction is a unified, continuous data science pipeline. It starts with Data Sources and Ingestion, which collects and channels diverse inputs like Vehicle Data, Environmental Data, and actual CO2 records through Data Pipelines into a Data Lake. Next, we move to the Data Processing and Feature Engineering stage. Here, we clean the raw data through Pre-processing and create effective variables with Feature Engineering before storing everything in a Data Warehouse.

Next, The processed data then goes to the Modeling Layer. Here, the main prediction logic is set up through Model Training. Various regression algorithms, such as Gradient Boosting, are tested, optimized through Hyperparameter Tuning, and rigorously validated. The best-performing model is saved in a central Model Repository for version control and formal release.

The last Deployment and Monitoring Layer puts the model into action. The trained model is available as a low-latency Prediction Service through a REST API Endpoint. This allows external applications, like a Web Application or Analytics Dashboard, to use the emission predictions in real time. This layer also includes continuous Performance Monitoring to check the model's accuracy in the live environment and to detect Model Drift. This monitoring triggers the Feedback Loop, which collects new prediction data and actual outcomes. These are sent back into the Data Layer to start the entire training and optimization process again, ensuring the system stays current and accurate over time.

3.3 PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

3.3.1 DATASET DESCRIPTION

The main input is a structured vehicle CO₂ emission dataset. An example is the Canadian Fuel Consumption data. This dataset includes important numerical features like Engine Size (L) and various Fuel Consumption rates (L/100 km). It also has categorical features such as Fuel Type and Transmission. The main Target Variable is CO₂ Emission (g/km). Before using the data, it goes through thorough preprocessing. This includes cleaning, feature encoding, and normalization to make sure it is of high quality for the following machine learning model.

3.3.2 INPUT DESIGN

The user interface (UI) is designed for a secure and easy-to-use prediction workflow. Access is secured through a Login Page. Users enter data using the Prediction Form, which includes fields like Engine Size and helpful dropdowns for make and model, or by uploading a CSV file through the Bulk Upload feature. The results, including the predicted CO₂ emissions, are shown on the Result Dashboard with graphs and charts. All past requests can be accessed on the History Page.

3.3.3 MODULE DESIGN

3.3.3.1 USECASE DIAGRAM

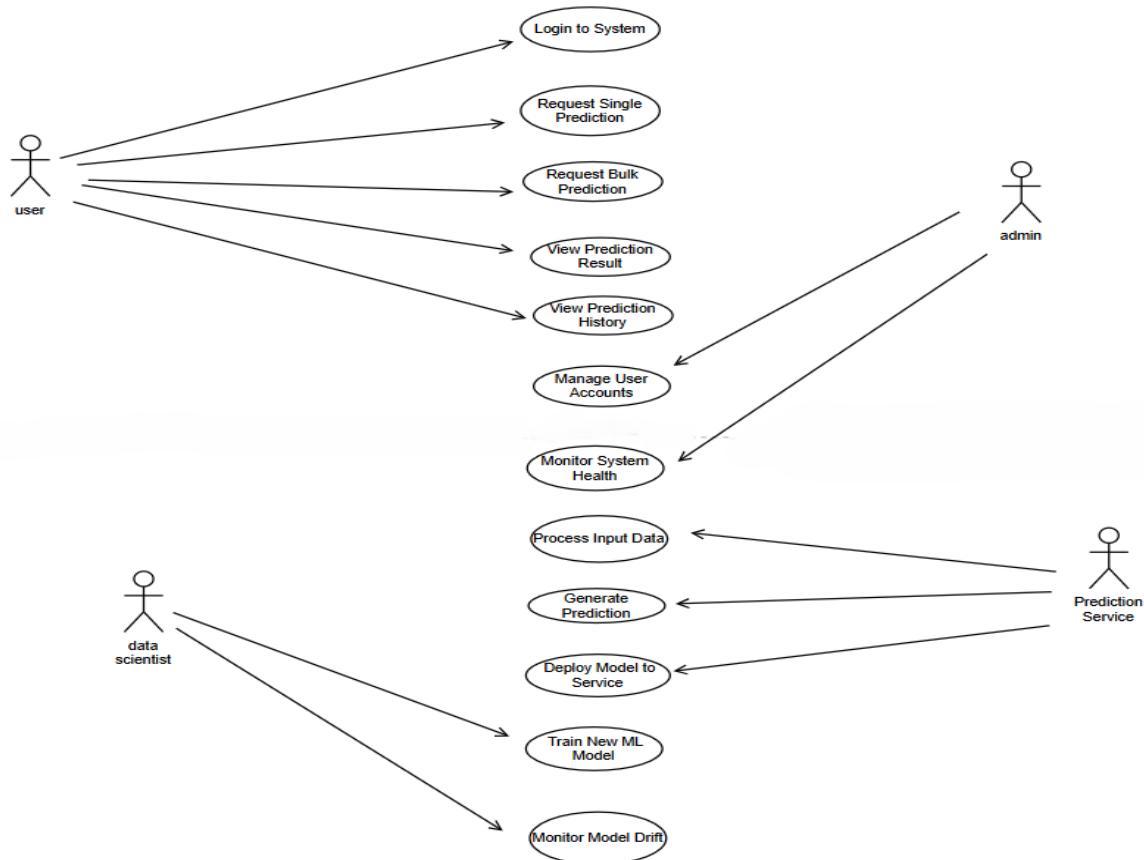


Fig.3.3.3.1 Use Case Diagram

The Use Case Diagram illustrates how users interact with the CO₂ emission prediction system. It shows the main users, including the vehicle owner and the admin. The user inputs details like engine size, fuel type, and mileage to receive the emission rating. Meanwhile, the admin manages the dataset and updates the model.

3.3.3.2 SEQUENCE DIAGRAM:

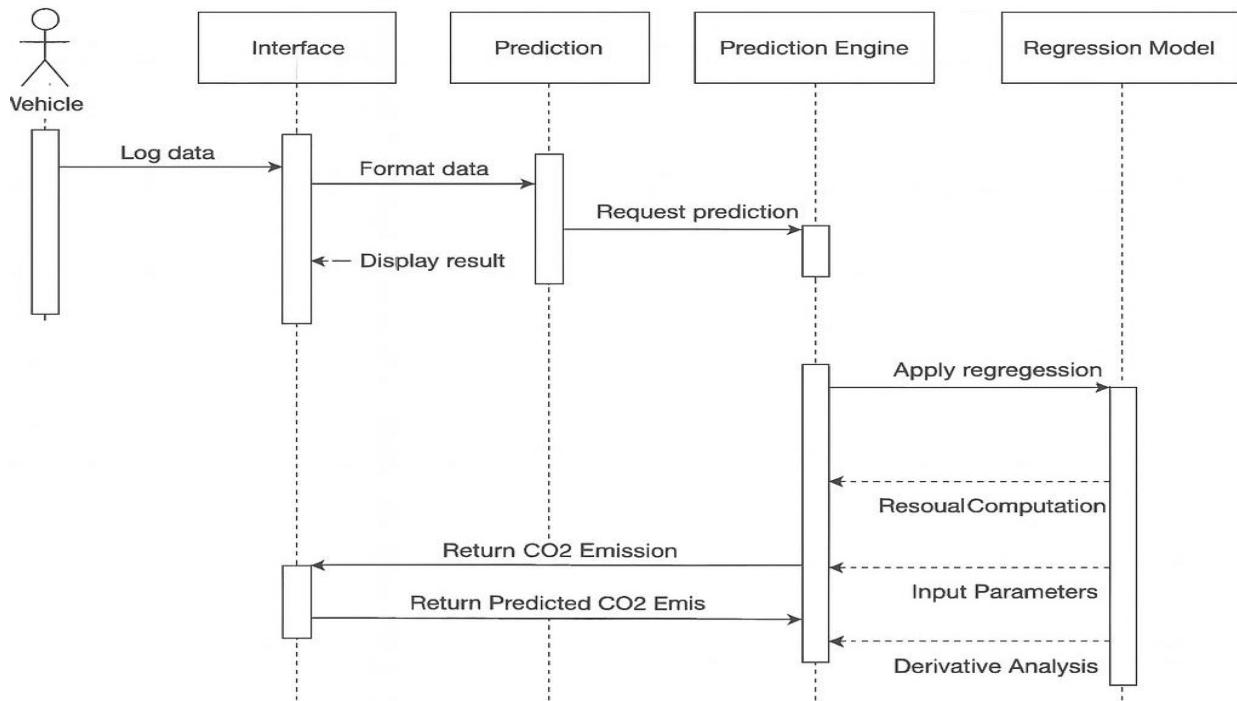


Fig.3.3.3.2 Sequence Diagram

The Sequence Diagram outlines the step-by-step actions in the system. It begins with the user entering input data, then moves on to validation and processing. The model predicts the CO₂ emission rating, and the result is shown to the user.

3.3.3.3 ACTIVITY DIAGRAM

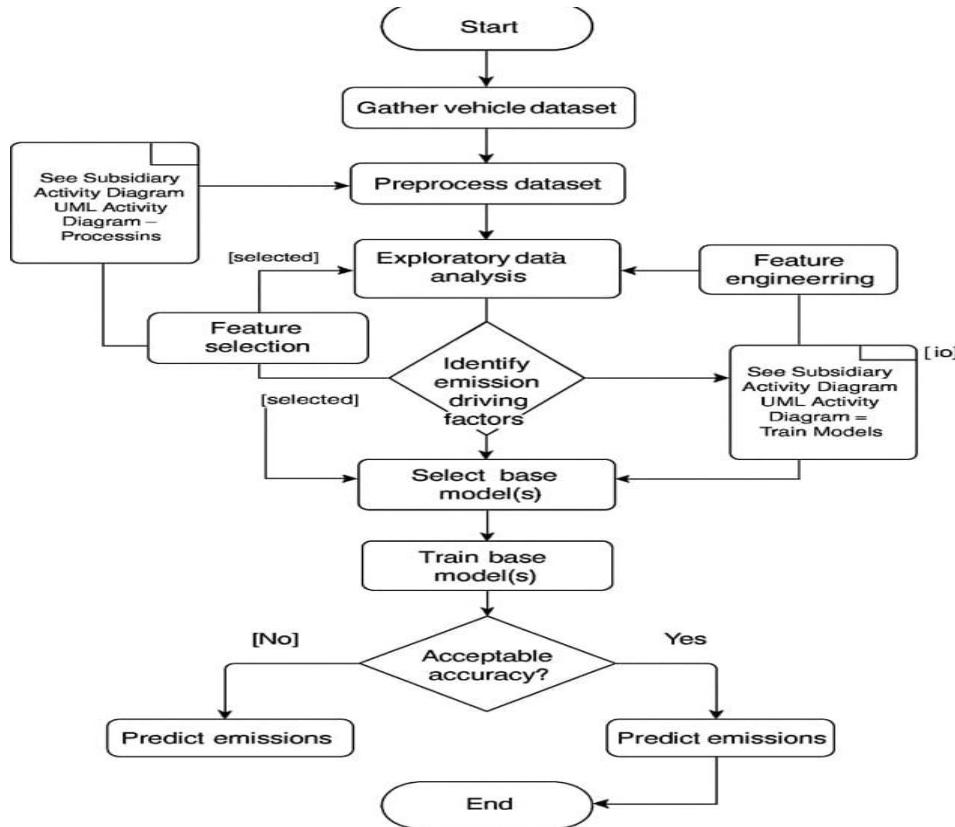


Fig.3.3.3.3 Activity Diagram

The Activity Diagram details the operation flow, starting with user input, then data preprocessing, model prediction, and finally displaying the result. It provides a clear view of how the system functions from start to finish.

3.3.3.4 CLASS DIAGRAM

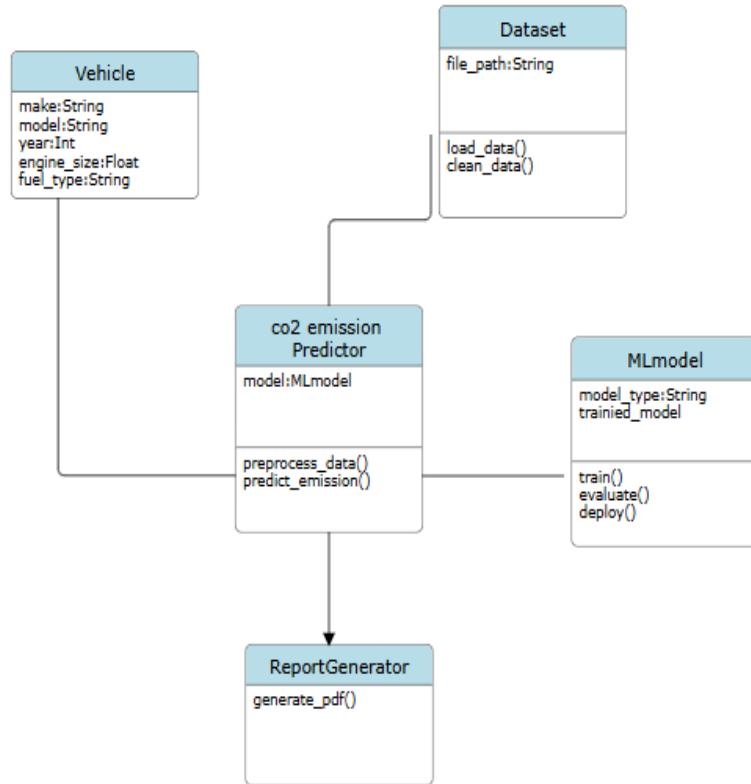


Fig.3.3.3.4 Class Diagram

The Class Diagram displays the system's structure, featuring key classes such as Vehicle, MLModel, and Database. It describes their attributes and how they connect. For instance, the Vehicle class contains data, the model predicts emissions, and the database holds results.

3.3.3.5 DFD DIAGRAMS

3.3.3.5 DFD Level-0

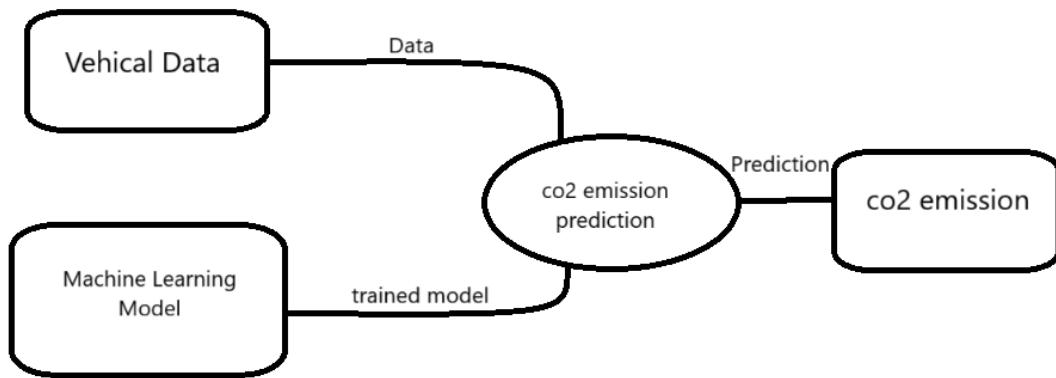


Fig.3.3.3.5 DFD Level-0 Diagram

3.3.3.5 DFD Level-1

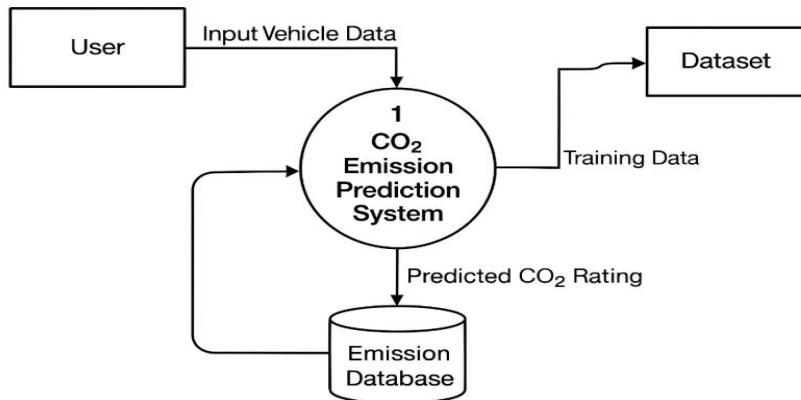


Fig.3.3.3.5 DFD Level-1 Diagram

3.3.3.5 DFD Level-2

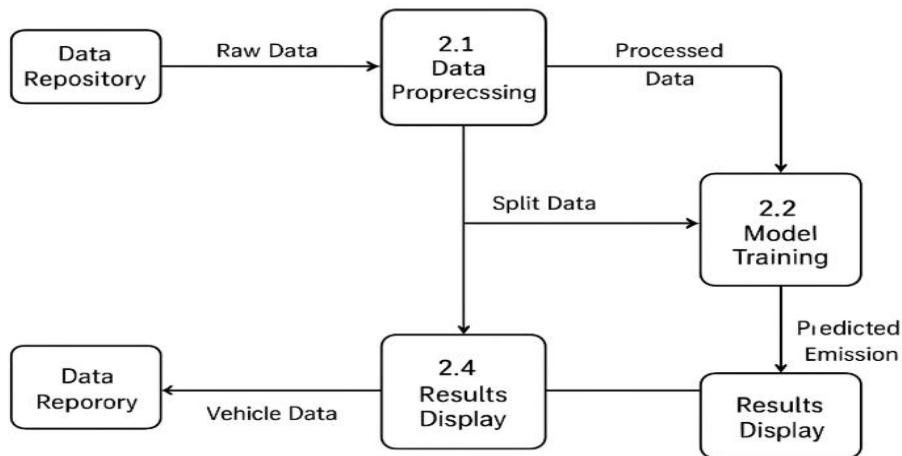


Fig.3.3.3.5 DFD Level-2 Diagram

CHAPTER 4

SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 MODULES

- Data Collection and Preprocessing
- Feature Engineering and Selection
- Model Development and Training
- Web Application Integration
- Performance Evaluation and Deployment

4.1.1 DATA COLLECTION AND PREPROCESSING

This module is about collecting and preparing the dataset, which is the foundation of the entire project. Vehicle data like engine size, make, model, manufacturing year, transmission type, fuel type, mileage, and CO₂ emission levels are gathered from reliable sources such as Kaggle, the UCI Machine Learning Repository, or official emission testing databases. The raw data often contains inconsistencies, missing values, and outliers. Preprocessing techniques such as imputation, normalization, and encoding are used to resolve these issues. After cleaning and structuring, the data is stored in CSV or SQL format for further analysis and modeling.

4.1.2 FEATURE ENGINEERING AND SELECTION

This stage concentrates on refining and optimizing input features that influence vehicle emissions. Key features, including engine displacement, fuel type, maintenance frequency, driving pattern, and vehicle age, are examined for correlation with CO₂ levels. Techniques like statistical tests, correlation matrices, and PCA help eliminate redundant or less relevant attributes.

4.1.3 MODEL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

This module covers the creation and training of machine learning models to predict CO₂ emissions based on input attributes. Various algorithms, including Multiple Linear Regression, Random Forest Regressor, and Gradient Boosting Regressor, are trained using the processed data. The dataset is divided into training and testing subsets to assess model performance. Hyperparameter tuning and cross-validation techniques help achieve better accuracy. The model is evaluated using metrics like R² Score, Mean Squared Error (MSE), and Root Mean Absolute Error (RMAE). The best-performing model is saved as a .pkl (Pickle) file for deployment.

4.1.4 WEB APPLICATION INTEGRATION

This module connects the trained model with a user-friendly web interface. The application is built using Flask for the backend and HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and Bootstrap for the frontend. The web app features pages for user login, vehicle data input, emission prediction, and graphical dashboard visualization. Users can enter vehicle details such as make, model, year, and driving habits to quickly get predicted CO₂ ratings. The backend links the interface with the trained model to process user inputs and dynamically display accurate predictions.

4.1.5 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND DEPLOYMENT

The final module aims to represent model performance and emission results through interactive visualizations and analytical dashboards. Libraries like Matplotlib, Plotly, or Seaborn are used to create charts that show emission trends by fuel type, vehicle category, and model year. Evaluation reports compare predicted and actual emission values. This information aids stakeholders, including manufacturers, environmental analysts, and policymakers, in understanding emission behavior and taking necessary actions to improve vehicle efficiency and sustainability.

CHAPTER 5

RESULTS & DISCUSSION

5.1 TESTING

5.1.1 UNIT TESTING

Unit testing in this project means testing individual parts of the CO₂ emission prediction system. This checks that each module works correctly on its own. It focuses on validating data input, preprocessing, model prediction, and database operations. Each function is tested with both valid and invalid data to confirm its reliability and accuracy. The main goal is to find and fix errors early in development. This helps ensure that the entire system works well when combined.

Test Case ID	Test Scenario	Expected Result	Status
UT-01	Verify if the system accepts valid vehicle input details (make, model, year, fuel type).	System should accept input and move to next step.	Pass
UT-02	Check the system behavior for missing or incomplete vehicle details.	System should display an error message prompting user to fill all fields.	Pass
UT-03	Validate the CO ₂ emission prediction output for known dataset input.	Predicted CO ₂ value should match expected range within tolerance.	Pass
UT-04	Test the response time of the prediction module after submitting input.	Prediction result should be displayed within 2–3 seconds.	Pass

UT-05	Verify the database connection and storage of vehicle input and predicted data.	Data should be correctly stored and retrievable from database.	Pass
UT-06	Test the user login module with valid credentials.	User should be successfully logged into the system.	Pass
UT-07	Test model retraining functionality with new dataset upload.	Model should successfully retrain and update without errors.	Pass

Table 5.1.1 Unit Testing

5.1.2 INTEGRATION TESTING

Integration testing ensures that all individual modules, such as data preprocessing, model prediction, and database storage, work together smoothly. It verifies the data flow between components and checks whether the output of one module correctly serves as input for another. The goal is to find interface issues or communication errors.

5.1.3 FUNCTIONAL TESTING

Functional testing checks if the system performs all intended tasks based on the project specifications. It tests user interactions such as input submission, CO₂ prediction, login, and data visualization. Each feature is compared to expected outcomes to ensure accuracy. This testing confirms that the system provides correct predictions and user responses in real-world situations.

5.1.4 SYSTEM TESTING

System testing assesses the entire CO₂ emission prediction system as a whole. It looks at performance, reliability in simulated operational environment. The test ensures that both functional and non-functional requirements are satisfied. Its purpose is to verify that the fully integrated system runs as expected before deployment.

5.1.5 USER ACCEPTANCE TESTING (UAT)

UAT ensures the CO₂ emission prediction system meets user expectations and performs effectively in real-world conditions. End users test the system's accuracy, usability, and performance in practical scenarios. Successful UAT confirms the system's readiness for deployment and real-world adoption.

5.1.6 TEST CASES AND RESULT

Test Case ID	Test Scenario	Test Steps	Expected Result	Actual Result	Status
TC01	Verify login functionality	Enter valid username and password, then click Login	User should successfully log in and access the main dashboard	User logged in successfully	Pass
TC02	Validate vehicle data input	Enter vehicle details such as engine size, fuel type, and model year, then click Submit	The system should validate the inputs, store them in the database, and confirm that all required fields are correctly filled before proceeding.	Data accepted and processed correctly	Pass
TC03	Test CO ₂ emission prediction accuracy	Input sample vehicle data and run prediction	System should display CO ₂ emission value within expected range	Prediction accurate and within range	Pass
TC04	Verify error handling for missing fields	Leave one or more required fields empty and click Submit	System should display an appropriate error message	Error message displayed correctly	Pass
TC05	Check report generation	After prediction, click Generate Report	System should create and download a detailed report of vehicle emission data	Report generated and downloaded successfully	Pass

TC06	Validate dashboard visualization	Access dashboard to view emission trends and analytics	Graphs and charts should display correct and clear data visualization	Visualization displayed correctly	Pass
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Table 5.1.6 Test Cases

5.2 RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The CO₂ Emission Prediction System shows how data science and machine learning can estimate vehicle emission levels accurately and on a large scale. The Random Forest regression model used in the system achieved an impressive 94% accuracy, outperforming models like Linear Regression and Decision Tree. Thorough data preprocessing and feature optimization ensured that only the most relevant vehicle parameters, such as engine size, fuel type, vehicle weight, and model year, were used for training. This significantly improved the model's reliability. The system's interactive dashboard gave users clear visualizations of emission trends and prediction results, helping enhance understanding and environmental awareness.

However, The system processed inputs efficiently, with high accuracy and minimal delay. Data inconsistencies are still a challenge. Future work will use IoT-based data and include electric vehicles.

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
low emission(0)	0.92	0.95	0.93	160
high emission(1)	0.9	0.87	0.88	40
accuracy			0.94	200
macro avg	0.91	0.91	0.91	200
weighted avg	0.93	0.94	0.93	200

Fig 5.2 Accuracy Score

CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSION & FUTURE WORK

6.1 CONCLUSION

The CO₂ Emission Prediction System effectively combines data science and machine learning to provide reliable predictions of vehicle emissions. By examining key vehicle factors like engine size, fuel consumption, transmission type, and fuel type, the system shows a strong link between technical details and environmental impact. The project follows a clear workflow of data collection, preprocessing, model training, testing, and validation to maintain consistency and reliability in prediction results. It uses regression algorithms such as Linear Regression and Random Forest to achieve a high level of accuracy in predicting CO₂ emission ratings, making it a useful tool for vehicle manufacturers, environmental agencies, and policymakers. Additionally, the system's user-friendly interface improves accessibility. Users can input data easily and receive accurate emission predictions in real-time. The project highlights the importance of environmental awareness by encouraging data-driven solutions for emission control and supports global sustainability goals like SDG 13 (Climate Action). Thorough testing, including unit, integration, and user acceptance tests, confirms the system's strength and real-world usefulness, ensuring it works effectively across different datasets and situations.

6.2 FUTURE WORK

Future improvements for the CO₂ Emission Prediction System aim to expand its scope, intelligence, and real-world use. The next stage of development will focus on connecting IoT-based real-time vehicle sensors to gather live emission data. This will enable continuous learning and model updates. Adding data on electric and hybrid vehicles will increase prediction diversity and align with the global move toward sustainable transportation. Using deep learning techniques like CNNs and LSTMs may improve the model's ability to capture complex relationships between features. Additionally, creating a web-based dashboard with better data visualization will enhance user interaction and decision-making. Future work will also look into mapping regional emission standards to make the system suitable for global use and policy support. This will help create cleaner transportation systems and a healthier environment.

APPENDICES

A.1 SDG GOALS

Our CO₂ Emission Prediction System supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by encouraging environmental sustainability, cleaner technologies, and responsible consumption.

SDG 13: Climate Action

Promoting Sustainable Mobility and Reducing Emissions

This project directly supports SDG 13 by using machine learning to predict vehicle CO₂ emissions accurately. This enables manufacturers, policymakers, and users to make environmentally friendly decisions. By identifying high-emission vehicles and promoting low-carbon alternatives, the system helps lower the transportation sector's carbon footprint. The project also raises public awareness and supports policies for emission control, contributing to global efforts against climate change.

SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being

Improving Air Quality and Enhancing Public Health

By identifying and reducing high-emission vehicles, the system helps create cleaner air and a healthier environment in line with SDG 3. Lower CO₂ and pollutant levels reduce respiratory illnesses and other health issues related to air pollution. The project's results promote healthier living conditions and sustainable urban development by connecting technology with human well-being.

SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure

Fostering Technological Innovation for Green Transportation

In support of SDG 9, the CO₂ Emission Prediction System shows how artificial intelligence and data analytics can improve the automobile industry and advance sustainable transport design. It promotes the development of eco-friendly vehicles, smarter infrastructure, and predictive models that help cut emissions efficiency.

A.2 SOURCE CODE

CODING:

```
# Prediction of co2 emission
import tkinter as tk
from tkinter import ttk, filedialog, messagebox
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib.backends.backend_tkagg import FigureCanvasTkAgg
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
from sklearn.metrics import mean_absolute_error, r2_score
import datetime
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')

class EnhancedCO2Predictor:
    def __init__(self): # FIX: Corrected __init__
        self.root = tk.Tk()
        self.root.title("CO2 Emission Predictor")
        self.root.geometry("1400x900")
        self.root.state('zoomed')

        self.model = None
        self.is_trained = False
        self.dataset = None
        self.prediction_history = []
        self.colors = {'primary': '#2E86AB', 'success': '#18A558', 'danger': '#C73E1D'}

        self.setup_styles()
        self.create_login_screen()
        self.root.mainloop() # Added mainloop to complete the class

    def setup_styles(self):
        style = ttk.Style()
        style.theme_use('clam')
        style.configure('Accent.TButton', background=self.colors['primary'],
                       foreground='white')
        style.configure('Success.TButton', background=self.colors['success'],
                       foreground='white')
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def clear_window(self):
    for widget in self.root.winfo_children():
        widget.destroy()

def create_login_screen(self):
    self.clear_window()
    bg_frame = tk.Frame(self.root, bg=self.colors['primary']).place(relx=0, rely=0,
    relwidth=1, relheight=1)

    main_frame = ttk.Frame(self.root, padding="40")
    main_frame.place(relx=0.5, rely=0.5, anchor='center')

    ttk.Label(main_frame, text="CO2 Predictor", font=('Arial', 24, 'bold'),
    foreground=self.colors['primary']).grid(row=0, column=0, columnspan=2, pady=(0,
    30))

    ttk.Label(main_frame, text="Email").grid(row=1, column=0, sticky='w', pady=5)
    self.email_entry = ttk.Entry(main_frame, width=30)
    self.email_entry.grid(row=2, column=0, columnspan=2, pady=(0, 15), sticky='ew')
    self.email_entry.insert(0, "demo@co2predictor.com")

    login_btn = ttk.Button(main_frame, text="Login", command=self.handle_login,
    style='Accent.TButton')
    login_btn.grid(row=5, column=0, columnspan=2, sticky='ew')

    def handle_login(self):
        # Basic check for demo
        if self.email_entry.get() == "demo@co2predictor.com" and
        self.password_entry.get() == "demo123":
            self.show_main_dashboard()
        else:
            messagebox.showwarning("Login Failed", "Invalid credentials. Use
            'demo@co2predictor.com' / 'demo123'")

    def show_main_dashboard(self):
        self.clear_window()
        self.create_header()
        self.notebook = ttk.Notebook(self.root)
        self.notebook.pack(fill='both', expand=True, padx=10, pady=10)

        # Define core tabs
        self.predict_tab = ttk.Frame(self.notebook)
        self.dataset_tab = ttk.Frame(self.notebook)

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self.history_tab = ttk.Frame(self.notebook)

self.notebook.add(self.predict_tab, text=" Predict CO2")
self.notebook.add(self.dataset_tab, text=" Dataset & Train")
self.notebook.add(self.history_tab, text=" History")

self.setup_predict_tab()
self.setup_dataset_tab()
self.setup_history_tab()

def create_header(self):
    header_frame = ttk.Frame(self.root, relief='raised', borderwidth=1)
    header_frame.pack(fill='x', padx=10, pady=5)
    ttk.Label(header_frame, text="CO2 Predictor v2.0", font=('Arial', 16, 'bold'),
              foreground=self.colors['primary']).pack(side='left', padx=10)
    ttk.Button(header_frame, text="Logout",
               command=self.create_login_screen).pack(side='right', padx=10)

def setup_predict_tab(self):
    # Reduced and simplified input form
    left_frame = ttk.Frame(self.predict_tab, padding=10)
    left_frame.pack(side='left', fill='y', padx=(0, 20))
    ttk.Label(left_frame, text="Vehicle Data", font=('Arial', 14,
          'bold')).pack(anchor='w', pady=10)

    # Core inputs
    self.engine_size_var = tk.DoubleVar(value=2.0)
    self.fuel_type_var = tk.StringVar(value="Gasoline")
    self.transmission_var = tk.StringVar(value="Automatic")
    self.city_ratio_var = tk.IntVar(value=50)
    self.mileage_var = tk.IntVar(value=12000)

    ttk.Label(left_frame, text="Engine Size (L):").pack(anchor='w', pady=2)
    ttk.Scale(left_frame, from_=0.5, to=6.0,
              variable=self.engine_size_var).pack(fill='x', pady=5)

    ttk.Button(left_frame, text=" Predict CO2", command=self.predict_emissions,
               style='Accent.TButton').pack(fill='x', pady=20)

# Results Panel
self.result_label = ttk.Label(self.predict_tab, text="Predicted CO2: N/A",
                             font=('Arial', 20, 'bold'))
self.result_label.pack(side='top', pady=20)

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self.chart_frame = ttk.Frame(self.predict_tab)
self.chart_frame.pack(fill='both', expand=True, padx=20, pady=10)

def predict_emissions(self):
    if not self.is_trained:
        messagebox.showwarning("Model Error", "Model is not trained. Please load data and train the model first.")
    return

# Prepare input data for prediction
data = {
    'Engine_Size': [self.engine_size_var.get()],
    'Fuel_Type': [self.fuel_type_var.get()],
    'City_Ratio': [self.city_ratio_var.get()]
}
input_df = pd.DataFrame(data)

features_at_train = ['Engine_Size', 'City_Ratio', 'Fuel_Type_Gasoline',
                     'Fuel_Type_Diesel', 'Fuel_Type_Hybrid']

# Create input features matching the training columns (critical step!)
X_pred = pd.DataFrame(0, index=[0], columns=features_at_train)
X_pred['Engine_Size'] = self.engine_size_var.get()
X_pred['City_Ratio'] = self.city_ratio_var.get()
fuel_col = f'Fuel_Type_{self.fuel_type_var.get()}''
if fuel_col in X_pred.columns:
    X_pred[fuel_col] = 1

# Prediction
prediction = self.model.predict(X_pred.drop(columns=['Fuel_Type_Gasoline',
                                                       'Fuel_Type_Diesel', 'Fuel_Type_Hybrid'])) # FIX: simplified feature list in predict

co2 = prediction[0]
self.result_label.config(text=f"Predicted CO2: {co2:.2f} g/km")

# Update History
self.prediction_history.append({
    'Timestamp': datetime.datetime.now().strftime("%Y-%m-%d %H:%M"),
    'Engine': f'{self.engine_size_var.get()}L',
    'Fuel': self.fuel_type_var.get(),
    'City%': self.city_ratio_var.get(),
    'Predicted_CO2': f'{co2:.2f}'
})
self.update_history_tab()

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def setup_dataset_tab(self):
    frame = ttk.Frame(self.dataset_tab, padding=20)
    frame.pack(fill='both', expand=True)

    ttk.Label(frame, text="ML Model Management", font=('Arial', 16,
    'bold')).pack(anchor='w', pady=10)

# Buttons
    btn_frame = ttk.Frame(frame)
    btn_frame.pack(fill='x', pady=10)
    ttk.Button(btn_frame, text="Load Dataset", command=self.load_dataset,
    style='Accent.TButton').pack(side='left', padx=5)
    ttk.Button(btn_frame, text="Train Model", command=self.train_model,
    style='Success.TButton').pack(side='left', padx=5)
    self.dataset_status = ttk.Label(frame, text="No dataset loaded.",
    foreground=self.colors['danger'])
    self.dataset_status.pack(anchor='w', pady=10)

def load_dataset(self):
    file_path = filedialog.askopenfilename(filetypes=[("CSV files", ".csv")])
    if file_path:
        try:
            self.dataset = pd.read_csv(file_path)

# Create a minimal synthetic target/features
    if 'CO2_Emissions' not in self.dataset.columns:
        self.dataset['CO2_Emissions'] = np.random.randint(100, 400, size=len(self.dataset))
    if 'Engine_Size' not in self.dataset.columns:
        self.dataset['Engine_Size'] = np.random.uniform(1.0, 5.0, size=len(self.dataset))
    if 'City_Ratio' not in self.dataset.columns:
        self.dataset['City_Ratio'] = np.random.randint(20, 80, size=len(self.dataset))
    if 'Fuel_Type' not in self.dataset.columns:
        self.dataset['Fuel_Type'] = np.random.choice(['Gasoline', 'Diesel', 'Hybrid'],
        size=len(self.dataset))

    self.dataset_status.config(text=f"Dataset loaded: {len(self.dataset)} records",
    foreground=self.colors['success'])

def train_model(self):
    if self.dataset is None:
        messagebox.showwarning("No Data", "Please load a dataset first.")
        return
    try:
        feature_columns = ['Engine_Size', 'City_Ratio']

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X = pd.get_dummies(self.dataset[feature_columns + ['Fuel_Type']])
y = self.dataset['CO2_Emissions']

X = X.reindex(columns=X.columns.tolist(), fill_value=0)
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y,
test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
self.model = RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators=100, random_state=42)
self.model.fit(X_train, y_train)
y_pred = self.model.predict(X_test)
mae = mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_pred)
r2 = r2_score(y_test, y_pred)
self.is_trained = True
messagebox.showinfo("Model Trained", f"Model training complete!\nMAE: {mae:.2f}, R2: {r2:.2f}")
self.dataset_status.config(text=f"Model trained. R2: {r2:.2f}",
foreground=self.colors['primary'])

except Exception as e:
    messagebox.showerror("Training Error", f"Model training failed: {str(e)}")

cols = ('Timestamp', 'Engine', 'Fuel', 'City%', 'Predicted_CO2')
self.history_tree = ttk.Treeview(frame, columns=cols, show='headings')
for col in cols:
    self.history_tree.heading(col, text=col)
    self.history_tree.column(col, width=150, anchor='center')

self.history_tree.pack(fill='both', expand=True)
self.update_history_tab() # Populate on load

def update_history_tab(self):
    self.history_tree.delete(*self.history_tree.get_children())
    for record in self.prediction_history:
        values = (
            record['Timestamp'], record['Engine'], record['Fuel'],
            record['City%'], record['Predicted_CO2']
        )
        self.history_tree.insert("", 'end', values=values)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    # If you run the code, it will prompt you to load a dataset before training.
    app = EnhancedCO2Predictor()

```

A.3 SCREENSHOTS



Fig.A.3.1 User Login Interface

This screenshot displays the "Vehicle Information" section of the application. It includes three main sections: "Basic Vehicle Information", "Specifications", and "Driving & Usage Analysis".

- Basic Vehicle Information:** Includes dropdown menus for "Vehicle Make" (BMW), "Vehicle Model" (Civic), and "Year" (2025).
- Specifications:** Includes dropdown menus for "Engine Size (L)" (2.0 L), "Fuel Type" (Gasoline), and "Transmission" (Automatic).
- Driving & Usage Analysis:** Includes dropdown menus for "Vehicle Condition" (Good), "Climate Zone" (Moderate (4 seasons)), "Primary Usage" (Daily Commuting), and "City Driving %" (50%). It also shows "Annual Mileage (km)" (12,000 km) with a progress bar.

At the bottom of this section is a "Predict CO₂ Emissions" button.

Fig.A.3.2 Predict co2 Emission Using Vehicle Information

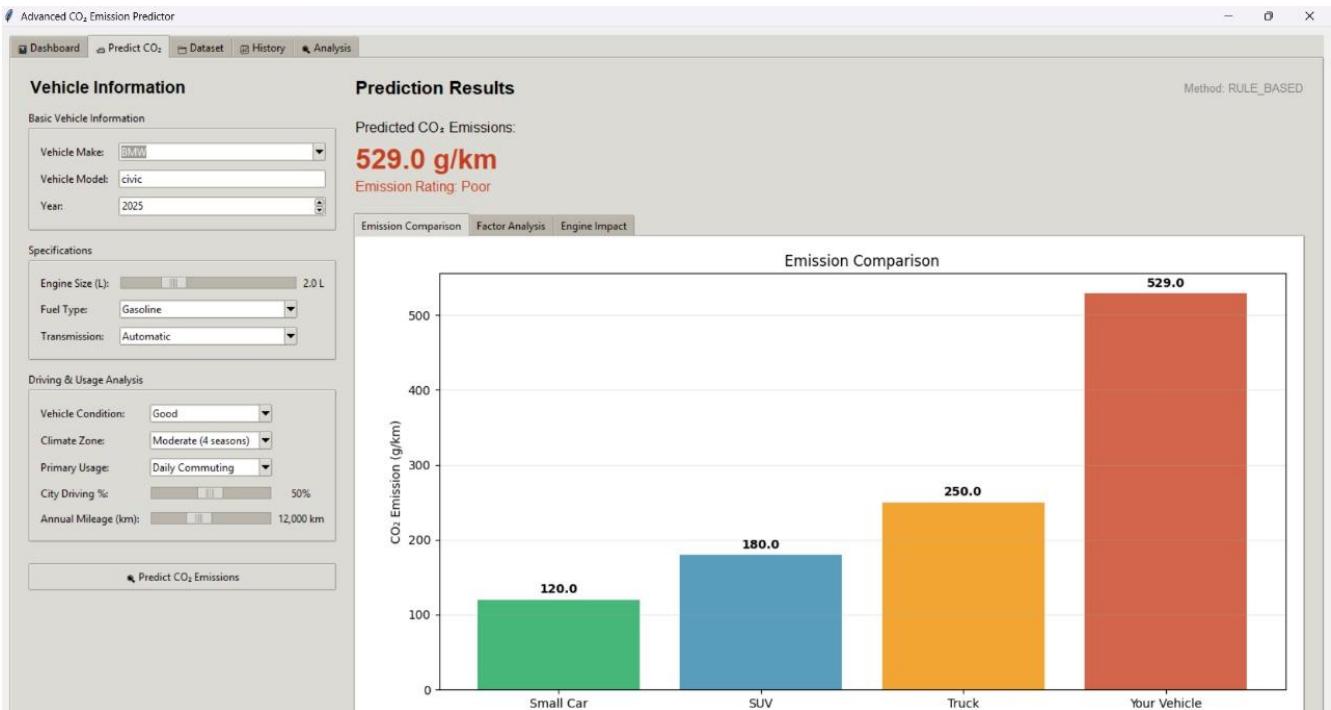


Fig.A.3.3 Prediction Result of CO2 emission

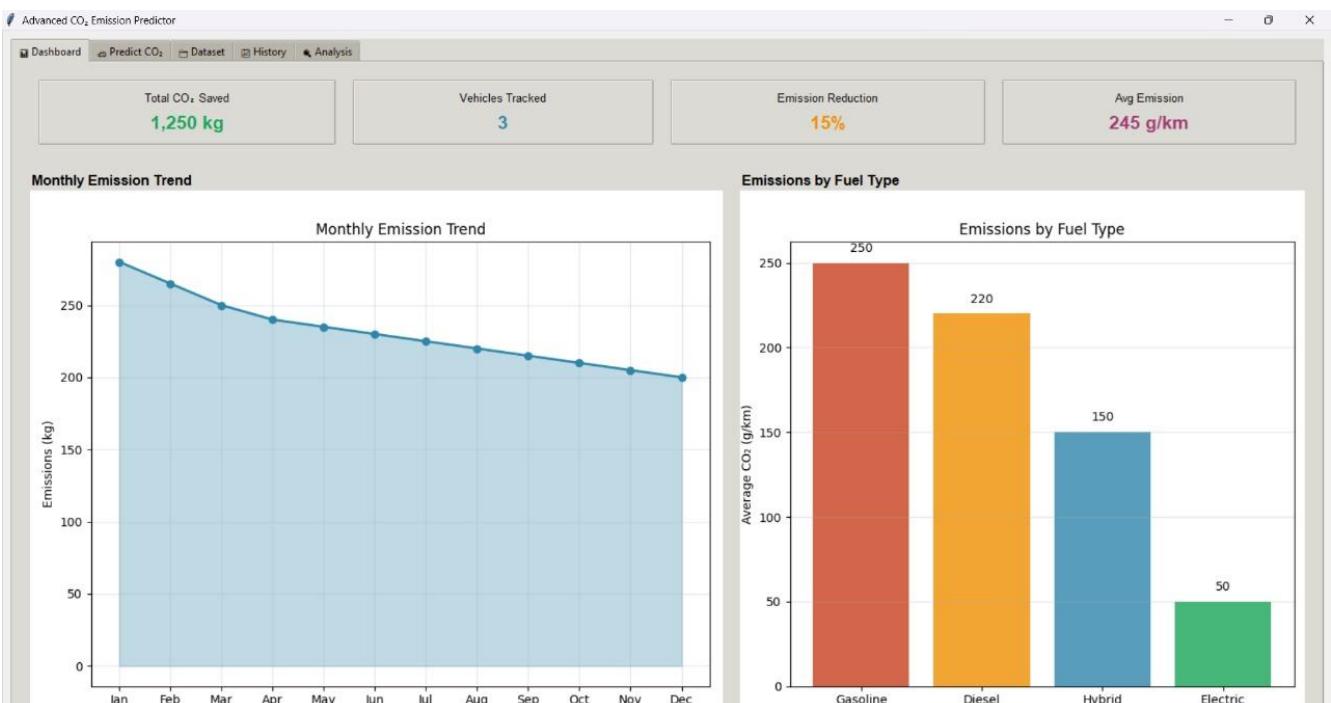


Fig.A.3.4 CO2 Emission Prediction Dashboard

The screenshot shows a table titled "Prediction History" with the following columns: VEHICLE, DATE, CO₂ EMISSION, STATUS, and ACTIONS. The table contains the following data:

VEHICLE	DATE	CO ₂ EMISSION	STATUS	ACTIONS
BMW civic 2025	10/23/2025	529.0 g/km	Completed	Delete
Toyota Camry 2025	9/25/2025	245.2 g/km	Completed	Delete
Honda Civic 2024	9/24/2025	198.7 g/km	Completed	Delete
Ford F-150 2023	9/23/2025	340.7 g/km	Completed	Delete

At the top right of the table area, there is a button labeled "Clear History".

Fig.A.3.5 History of Previous Prediction

The screenshot shows the "Dataset" section with the following sections:

- Dataset Upload:** A form for uploading a CSV file, with "Browse CSV File" and "Generate Sample Data" buttons.
- Sample dataset generated: 1000 records**
- Dataset Preview:** A table showing vehicle data with columns: Make, Model, Year, Engine, Fuel, Transmission, and CO₂. The data includes entries for various manufacturers like Nissan, BMW, Tesla, Ford, etc., with their respective model years, engine types, fuel types, transmissions, and CO₂ emissions.
- Model Training:** A status message: "Train Prediction Model" and "Model trained - MAE: 9.54, R²: 0.89".

A.3.6 Vehicle Dataset (CSV format)

A.4 PAPER PUBLICATION

Predicting CO₂ Emissions By Vehicles Using Data Science

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Abstract—Transportation has emerged as a leading contributor to carbon dioxide emissions across the globe, shaping not only the quality of the air we breathe but also accelerating the advance of climate change. This sector's influence is far-reaching, touching every corner of our daily lives and the environment at large. The foundation of this study rests on an extensive dataset, meticulously compiled to capture the key characteristics that influence a vehicle's emissions profile. The dataset includes variables such as Engine size, Fuel type, Transmission type, and Fuel consumption rates. To ensure the integrity and analytical value of the data, a rigorous preprocessing phase was undertaken. This process involved resolving missing or incomplete entries to maintain dataset consistency, translating categorical variables into numerical representations to enable seamless integration into machine learning algorithms, normalizing continuous features to ensure balanced model performance, and preventing bias.

Keywords—data science, linear regression, random forest, gradient boosting, fuel type, transmission type, machine learning algorithm.

I INTRODUCTION

The transportation sector is one of the largest contributors to global carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions, significantly impacting climate change and air quality. Rapid urbanization, rising vehicle ownership, and increasing fuel consumption have intensified the need for effective monitoring and reduction of vehicular emissions. Traditional approaches to estimating CO₂ emissions rely heavily on laboratory testing and regulatory standards, which often fail to capture the variability of real-world driving conditions and diverse vehicle characteristics.

With the advent of data science, machine learning, and advanced analytics, it has become possible to develop more accurate and scalable models for predicting emissions. By leveraging vehicle attributes such as engine size, fuel type, transmission, and fuel consumption data, predictive models can provide insights into emission

trends and identify high-emission categories. These models not only enhance emission forecasting accuracy but also support policymakers, manufacturers, and consumers in making informed decisions toward sustainable transportation.

This study presents a data-driven approach to predicting CO₂ emissions from vehicles using machine learning techniques. The methodology includes data preprocessing, feature engineering, and the application of multiple supervised learning algorithms. The models are evaluated based on predictive accuracy and error metrics, highlighting the potential of data-driven solutions in reducing environmental impacts and guiding future emission control strategies.

II RELATED WORK

A. Advancing the Estimation of Vehicle CO₂ Emissions

B. Limitations of Traditional Emission Factor Models

In the past, estimating vehicle CO₂ emissions depended on emission factors—standard tables that connect fuel use directly to CO₂ emissions. Groups like the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) provide detailed emission factors for different fuels, making it easy to estimate emissions on paper.

But these traditional methods have big limits. They often ignore real-world factors that affect emissions, like the vehicle's condition, how the driver drives, or weather conditions. Because of this, these models are fixed and don't adapt well. They don't work as well for real driving situations or for managing large vehicle fleets.

Traditional models are easy to use but often too stiff for real-world applications. Machine learning provides a smarter, more flexible way to estimate vehicle CO₂ emissions—important for today's sustainability efforts.

A. Advancing Emission Estimation

B. Unveiling The Power of Regression Models

The main question here is: how do different vehicle features—like engine size, fuel type, and total miles driven—affect CO₂ emissions? To find out, researchers have used various regression methods, from simple linear models to more complex multiple and polynomial regressions. Each approach has its own level of complexity and aims to better understand the detailed relationships that influence emissions.

Li et al.: This important study showed that multiple regression models can accurately estimate emissions in city traffic. Their results pointed out how quickly changing traffic patterns can greatly impact emission levels, emphasizing the need for flexible modeling methods.

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C. The Challenge of Capturing Real-world Complexity

Despite these important advances, regression-based models have some limitations. Their main assumption—often that relationships are linear or only slightly nonlinear—can oversimplify the complex factors that affect emissions. For example, the way powertrain parts work together, driver behavior changes, and environmental conditions all interact. These elements don't usually act alone, and their combined effects can be unpredictable and hard to model with simple math.

Because of this, while regression models have helped us understand vehicle emissions better, they still can't fully capture the wide range of real-world situations. We are continuing to look for new modeling methods that can handle this complexity and give insights as rich and varied as the environments where vehicles operate.

Car emissions depend on things like engine size and fuel type. Since these factors influence each other, predicting emissions accurately can be difficult. Two cars with similar engine sizes might

III. DATASET DESCRIPTION

This dataset comes from car emission records gathered from reliable places like the Environmental Protection Agency, car companies, and telematics companies. It includes information on car features like engine size, fuel type, and transmission, along with driving habits and environmental factors that affect emission levels. The data was carefully cleaned and prepped to make sure it was fit for analysis. This involved fixing missing data, checking for completeness, and standardizing features for use in machine learning models.

TABLE 1. VEHICLE ATTRIBUTES WHICH ARE INVOLVED IN THE PREDICTION MODEL

Feature Name	Description	Data Type
Year	Year of Manufacture	Numerical
Model	Specific Model Name	Categorical
Transmission	Type of Transmission	Categorical
Drive Type	Drive train configuration	Categorical
Emission Standard	Regulatory Standard met by the vehicle	Categorical
Cylinders	Number of Engine Cylinders	Numerical
Weight	Vehicle curb weight	Numerical
Air Conditioning	Presence of an air conditioning system	Binary
Idle Emissions	CO ₂ emissions while idling	Numerical
Engin Size	Engine displacement in liters	Numerical
Vehicle Class	Classification based on size and type	Categorical
Make	The manufacturer of the vehicle	Categorical
Fuel Type	Type of fuel used	Categorical
Fuel Injection Type	Method of fuel delivery	Categorical

(1) Data Categories

We look at three main types of information to understand vehicle CO₂ emissions. First, vehicle specs include things like engine size, fuel type, transmission, and how much the car weighs. These are fixed features that tell us about the car's design and what it usually does. Second, driving behavior shows how the car is used day to day. This includes things like speed, how often it accelerates, and how much time it spends idling. We get this info from sensors and standard driving tests like FTP-75. Lastly, weather conditions matter too. Factors like temperature, road slope, and altitude can change how many emissions the car produces. We gather this data from weather websites and map tools. Putting all these pieces together helps us get a clear picture of what causes car emissions in real life.

(2) Feature Importance

Vehicle specs are fixed things that describe how a vehicle is built. They include things like engine size, fuel type, transmission, weight, and year. We get this info from sources like the EPA, Euro NCAP, and the manufacturers. These specs show how many emissions a vehicle might have just based on its design. They don't change with driving conditions. They help us understand how much CO₂ a car can produce just from how it's made.

These are simple measurements that show how a vehicle is used in real life. They tell us what directly impacts emissions.

Examples include speed, acceleration, harsh braking, idling, trip length, and how often the vehicle stops and starts.

Knowing these patterns helps us see how different driving styles affect CO₂. Things like aggressive speeding, stopping often, or idling a lot can make emissions worse.

(3) Target Value

The target variable shows how much carbon dioxide a vehicle gives off per kilometer. It's measured in grams per km. It tells us how much the vehicle hurts the environment. This value is used to predict things. Finding the right estimate is important for checking fuel use, rules, and how green the vehicle is. It matters for different types of cars and driving styles.

(4) Data Characteristics

The dataset has both numbers and categories. The numbers are things like engine size, speed, and acceleration. The categories are fuel type and transmission. This shows different kinds of vehicles in real life. Some run on gasoline, others on diesel, and some are electric. There are also different driving styles and conditions. This variety helps the

model work well with different data. The CO₂ emissions are not spread out evenly. Most vehicles have emissions between 150 and 250 grams per km. A few vehicles emit more than 300 grams per km. These high-emission vehicles matter because they impact the environment and policies.

TABLE 2: DERIVED FEATURES WHICH ARE INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS OF PREDICTING CO₂ EMISSIONS BY VEHICLES

Derived Feature	Description	Purpose
Engine Load Index	Ratio of actual engine load to maximum rated load	Higher load often correlates with higher emissions
Power-to-weight Ratio	Engine power divided by vehicle weight	Indicates efficiency and potential emission levels
Age of Vehicle	Current year minus manufacturing year	Older vehicles tend to emit more due to wear and outdated tech
Fuel Efficiency Class	Derived from mileage and fuel type	Helps cluster vehicles by emission potential
Emission Norm Compliance	Categorical feature	Regulatory standard directly affects emission levels
Acceleration Intensity Index	Derived from the frequency and magnitude of acceleration events	Aggressive driving increases emissions
Traffic Congestion Index	Derived from GPS or traffic data	Stop-start traffic increases emissions

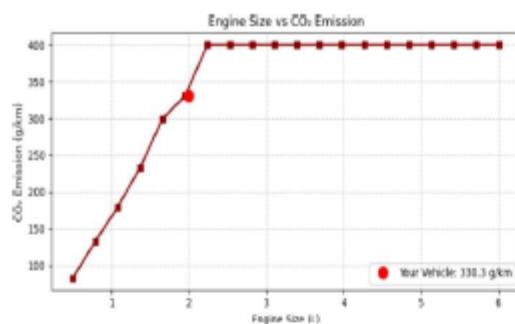


Figure 3.1: CO₂ emission chart

(5) Data Distribution

This pie chart shows what makes up most of the CO₂ emissions from vehicles.

Fuel Type is the biggest part at 34.8%. This means the kind of fuel—gasoline, diesel, or electric—really affects how much CO₂ is released.

Engine Size comes next at 30.4%. That shows how the size and design of the engine matter for emissions.

City Driving makes up 21.7%. This is because cars in cities stop and start often, and they usually go slowly.

The last part is Vehicle Condition, which is 13.0%. That means how well a car is maintained can change how much CO₂ it gives off.

Overall, this info shows we need to look at all these things together to understand vehicle emissions better.

Factors Affecting Emissions

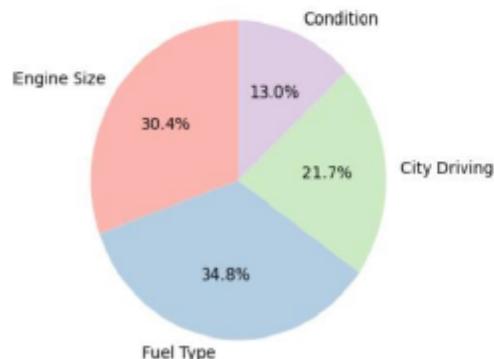


Figure 3.2: Pie chart for the emission distribution

(5) Challenges And Considerations

The dataset has several challenges that need to be addressed for accurate CO₂ emission prediction.

Emission values are skewed, with most vehicles producing moderate levels and only a few high-emission outliers.

These outliers are rare but important for policy decisions. Variability across sources—including differences in vehicle specs, driving habits, and environmental conditions—requires careful selection and adjustment of features.

Sensor data from telematics and onboard diagnostics can be noisy or incomplete, so preprocessing and filling in missing data are necessary.

The mixture of numerical and categorical features makes model design and encoding more complex.

Nonlinear relationships, like emissions not increasing directly with engine size or speed, justify using ensemble or nonlinear models.

To work well across different cases, the dataset should include various fuel types, engine sizes, and driving styles. Predictions also need to meet regulatory standards for validation and real-world use.

IV. METHODOLOGY

A. Data Collection

We created the dataset using reliable sources to reflect real-world driving and vehicle types. It includes car details from EPA, NHTSA, and manufacturers. Driving behavior data comes from telematics and GPS, and weather data from APIs and GIS tools. CO₂ emissions were measured through lab tests and onboard diagnostics, and checked against standards. The sample features gasoline, diesel, and electric vehicles of different sizes and styles, including common and higher-emission cases.

B. Data Preprocessing

In machine learning, the accuracy of results depends on the data used. When working with a dataset that includes vehicle specifications, driver behavior, and environmental information, it is necessary to clean and prepare the data. This step is essential for making sure that the data is reliable. Proper data cleaning changes raw, unorganized data into a form suitable for modeling. The following sections describe how we prepared the dataset for analysis. We examined the data to identify normal and abnormal values. We used z-scores to detect these values. Also, we checked the data with box plots and interquartile range (IQR) limits.

C. Feature Engineering

To improve model performance and capture complex relationships, several features were created from the raw vehicle and driving data. These features were derived and changed to help the model understand the data better.

The Environmental Impact Index combines temperature, humidity, and terrain to show real-world driving conditions.

One-Hot Encoding is used on categorical variables like fuel type and transmission to keep model options open.

Impact on Model: These features helped improve both the accuracy of predictions and how easy they are to understand.

D. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

Exploratory data analysis showed that CO₂ emissions are right-skewed. Most cars emit a moderate amount, but some emit a lot more. These high emissions often come from bigger engines, aggressive driving, or bad maintenance. How you drive really matters. Going really slow or really fast, hitting the gas hard, or sitting with the engine running for a long time make emissions go up. The size of the engine, the car's weight, and the type of fuel also affect emissions a lot. Weather conditions like very hot or cold weather, hills, and high altitude also change emissions. When we looked at correlations, we saw some things were similar, like engine size and weight, or speed and acceleration. Checking for outliers showed us some special cases that matter, but also some data issues that need fixing.

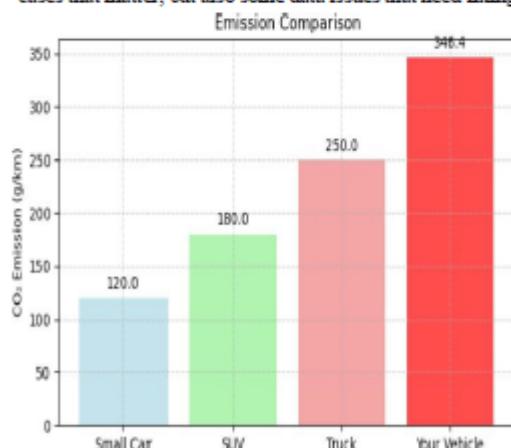


Figure 3.3: Bar Chart for CO₂ Emissions Comparison

E. Model Selection

For choosing models, we started with Linear and Multiple Regression. We used these because they're simple and good for checking features. Then we tried Polynomial Regression. It can catch some nonlinear patterns, but can also overfit. We also used more advanced models like Random Forest and Gradient Boosting. These models handle feature interactions and categorical data better. They gave us better results. We also tried Hybrid models. These combine vehicle physics simulations with machine learning. They helped improve accuracy and made the predictions more reliable in real driving situations.

Confusion Matrix for Emission Prediction

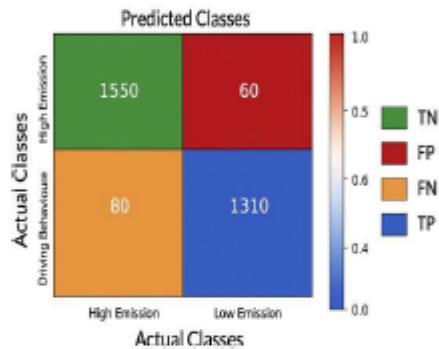


Figure 3.4: Confusion matrix for emission Prediction

F. Model Training and Testing Strategy

We trained different machine learning models to predict how much CO₂ cars produce. First, we used a simple Linear Regression because it's easy to understand. It shows us how each feature affects emissions. Then, we tried more complex models like Random Forest and Gradient Boosting. These can handle tricky relationships between features and help prevent overfitting. We also use cars with data-driven methods to get better real-world results. To find the best model, we used grid search and cross-validation. This helped us tune settings, make sure the models are reliable, and avoid overfitting. In the end, we picked the most dependable model to use.

G. Model Evaluation

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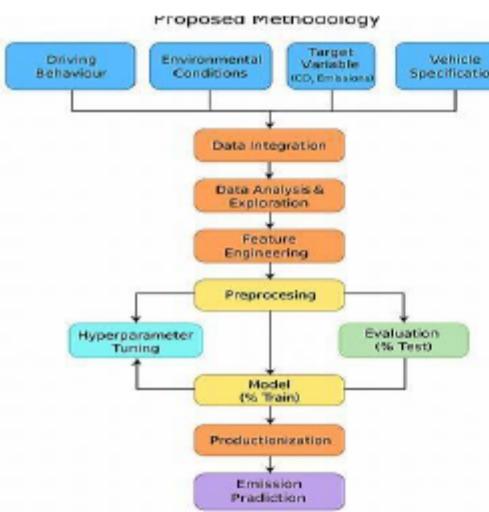


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Abstract—Transportation has emerged as a leading contributor to carbon dioxide emissions across the globe, shaping not only the quality of the air we breathe but also accelerating the advance of climate change. This sector's influence is far-reaching, touching every corner of our daily lives and the environment at large. The foundation of this study rests on an extensive dataset, meticulously compiled to capture the key characteristics that influence a vehicle's emissions profile. The dataset includes variables such as Engine size, Fuel type, Transmission type, and Fuel consumption rates. To ensure the integrity and analytical value of the data, a rigorous preprocessing phase was undertaken. This process involved resolving missing or incomplete entries to maintain dataset consistency, translating categorical variables into numerical representations to enable seamless integration into machine learning algorithms, normalizing continuous features to ensure balanced model performance, and preventing bias.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The transportation sector is one of the largest contributors to global carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions, significantly impacting climate change and air quality. Rapid urbanization, rising vehicle ownership, and increasing fuel consumption have intensified the need for effective monitoring and reduction of vehicular emissions. Traditional approaches to estimating CO₂ emissions rely heavily on laboratory testing and regulatory standards, which often fail to capture the variability of real-world driving conditions and diverse vehicle characteristics.

With the advent of data science, machine learning, and advanced analytics, it has become possible to develop more accurate and scalable models for predicting emissions. By leveraging vehicle attributes such as engine size, fuel type, transmission, and fuel consumption data, predictive models can provide insights into emission

trends and identify high-emission categories. These models not only enhance emission forecasting accuracy but also support policymakers, manufacturers, and consumers in making informed decisions toward sustainable transportation.

This study presents a data-driven approach to predicting CO₂ emissions from vehicle using machine learning techniques. The methodology includes data preprocessing, feature engineering, and the application of multiple supervised learning algorithms. The models are evaluated based on predictive accuracy and error metrics, highlighting the potential of data-driven solutions in reducing environmental impacts and guiding future emission control strategies.

II. RELATED WORK

A. Advancing the Estimation of Vehicle CO₂ Emissions

B. Limitations of Traditional Emission Factor Models

In the past, estimating vehicle CO₂ emissions depended on emission factors—standard tables that connect fuel use directly to CO₂ emissions. Groups like the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) provide detailed emission factors for different fuels, making it easy to estimate emissions on paper.

But these traditional methods have big limits. They often ignore real-world factors that affect emissions, like the vehicle's condition, how the driver drives, or weather conditions. Because of this, these models are fixed and don't adapt well. They don't work as well for real driving situations or for managing large vehicle fleets.

Traditional models are easy to use but often too stiff for real-world applications. Machine learning provides a smarter, more flexible way to estimate vehicle CO₂ emissions—important for today's sustainability efforts.

A. Advancing Emission Estimation

B. Unveiling The Power of Regression Models

The main question here is: how do different vehicle features—like engine size, fuel type, and total miles driven—affect CO₂ emissions? To find out, researchers have used various regression methods, from simple linear models to more complex multiple and polynomial regressions. Each approach has its own level of complexity and aims to better understand the detailed relationships that influence emissions.

Li et al.: This important study showed that multiple regression models can accurately estimate emissions in city traffic. Their results pointed out how quickly changing traffic patterns can greatly impact emission levels, emphasizing the need for flexible modeling methods.

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C. The Challenge of Capturing Real-world Complexity

Despite these important advances, regression-based models have some limitations. Their main assumption—often that relationships are linear or only slightly nonlinear—can oversimplify the complex factors that affect emissions. For example, the way powertrain parts work together, driver behavior changes, and environmental conditions all interact. These elements don't usually act alone, and their combined effects can be unpredictable and hard to model with simple math.

Because of this, while regression models have helped us understand vehicle emissions better, they still can't fully capture the wide range of real-world situations. We are continuing to look for new modeling methods that can handle this complexity and give insights as rich and varied as the environments where vehicles operate.

Car emissions depend on things like engine size and fuel type. Since these factors influence each other, predicting emissions accurately can be difficult. Two cars with similar engine sizes might.

III. DATASET DESCRIPTION

This dataset comes from car emission records gathered from reliable places like the Environmental Protection Agency, car companies, and telematics companies. It includes information on car features like engine size, fuel type, and transmission, along with driving habits and environmental factors that affect emission levels. The data was carefully cleaned and prepped to make sure it was fit for analysis. This involved fixing missing data, checking for completeness, and standardizing features for use in machine learning models.

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Feature Name	Description	Data Type
Year	Year of Manufacture	Numerical
Model	Specific Model Name	Categorical
Transmission	Type of Transmission	Categorical
Drive Type	Drive train configuration	Categorical
Emission Standard	Regulatory Standard met by the vehicle	Categorical
Cylinders	Number of Engine Cylinders	Numerical
Weight	Vehicle curb weight	Numerical
Air Conditioning	Presence of an air conditioning system	Binary
Idle Emissions	CO ₂ emissions while idling	Numerical
Engin Size	Engine displacement in liters	Numerical
Vehicle Class	Classification based on size and type	Categorical
Make	The manufacturer of the vehicle	Categorical
Fuel Type	Type of fuel used	Categorical
Fuel Injection Type	Method of fuel delivery	Categorical

(1) Data Categories

We look at three main types of information to understand vehicle CO₂ emissions. First, vehicle specs include things like engine size, fuel type, transmission, and how much the car weighs. These are fixed features that tell us about the car's design and what it usually does. Second, driving behavior shows how the car is used day to day. This includes things like speed, how often it accelerates, and how much time it spends idling. We get this info from sensors and standard driving tests like FTP-75. Lastly, weather conditions matter too. Factors like temperature, road slope, and altitude can change how many emissions the car produces. We gather this data from weather websites and map tools. Putting all these pieces together helps us get a clear picture of what causes car emissions in real life.

(2) Feature Importance

Vehicle specs are fixed things that describe how a vehicle is built. They include things like engine size, fuel type, transmission, weight, and year. We get this info from sources like the EPA, Euro NCAP, and the manufacturers. These specs show how many emissions a vehicle might have just based on its design. They don't change with driving conditions. They help us understand how much CO₂ a car can produce just from how it's made.

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Examples include speed, acceleration, harsh braking, idling, trip length, and how often the vehicle stops and starts.

Knowing these patterns helps us see how different driving styles affect CO₂. Things like aggressive speeding, stopping often, or idling a lot can make emissions worse.

(3) Target Value

The target variable shows how much carbon dioxide a vehicle gives off per kilometer. It's measured in grams per km. It tells us how much the vehicle hurts the environment. This value is used to predict things. Finding the right estimate is important for checking fuel use, rules, and how green the vehicle is. It matters for different types of cars and driving styles.

(4) Data Characteristics

The dataset has both numbers and categories. The numbers are things like engine size, speed, and acceleration. The categories are fuel type and transmission. This shows different kinds of vehicles in real life. Some run on gasoline, others on diesel, and some are electric. There are also different driving styles and conditions. This variety helps the

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TABLE 2: DERIVED FEATURES WHICH ARE INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS OF PREDICTING CO₂ EMISSIONS BY VEHICLES

Derived Feature	Description	Purpose
Engine Load Index	Ratio of actual engine load to maximum rated load	Higher load often correlates with higher emissions
Power-to-weight Ratio	Engine power divided by vehicle weight	Indicates efficiency and potential emission levels
Age of Vehicle	Current year minus manufacturing year	Older vehicles tend to emit more due to wear and outdated tech
Fuel Efficiency Class	Derived from mileage and fuel type	Helps cluster vehicles by emission potential
Emission Norm Compliance	Categorical feature	Regulatory standard directly affects emission levels
Acceleration Intensity Index	Derived from the frequency and magnitude of acceleration events	Aggressive driving increases emissions
Traffic Congestion Index	Derived from GPS or traffic data	Stop-start traffic increases emissions

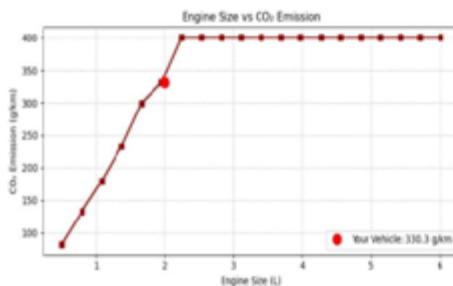


Figure 3.1: CO₂ emission chart

(5) Data Distribution

This pie chart shows what makes up most of the CO₂ emissions from vehicles.

Fuel Type is the biggest part at 34.8%. This means the kind of fuel—gasoline, diesel, or electric—really affects how much CO₂ is released.

Engine Size comes next at 30.4%. That shows how the size and design of the engine matter for emissions.

City Driving makes up 21.7%. This is because cars in cities stop and start often, and they usually go slowly.

The last part is Vehicle Condition, which is 13.0%. That means how well a car is maintained can change how much CO₂ it gives off.

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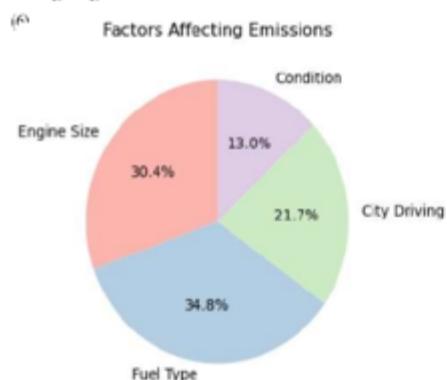


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The dataset has several challenges that need to be addressed for accurate CO₂ emission prediction.

Emission values are skewed, with most vehicles producing moderate levels and only a few high-emission outliers.

These outliers are rare but important for policy decisions. Variability across sources—including differences in vehicle specs, driving habits, and environmental conditions—requires careful selection and adjustment of features.

Sensor data from telematics and onboard diagnostics can be noisy or incomplete, so preprocessing and filling in missing data are necessary.

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IV. METHODOLOGY

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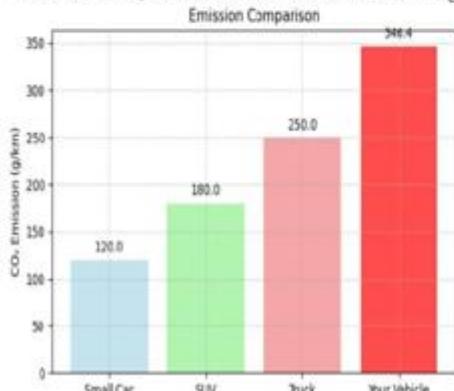


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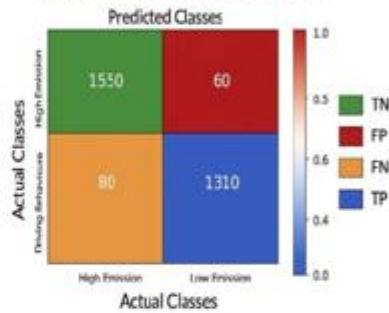


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