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# Open Data Plateform on e-Mobility

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# SARA Project : Social Acceptance of electric vehicles in Restricted Areas



The goal of SARAH is to understand the opinions of users at the University of Lille (students and staff) regarding electric vehicles.

The project aims to better identify potential challenges related to access to renewable transportation options while assessing participants' perceptions of electric cars.

Objective of the Internship : Vizualization of the trajectories of users on the Cité Scientifique University Campus Based on their Mode of Transport



The analysis focuses on how users move around the scientific campus based on their mode of transport.



This will provide insights into transportation habits and potential barriers to sustainable mobility.

# **Description of the Survey Dataset**



**Phase 1:** Before driving, to collect participants' initial opinions on electric vehicles.

- Phase 2: During the driving experience.
- Phase 3: After driving, to gather final feedback.



The questionnaire contains approximately 40 questions.

Two datasets are available:



# **Mapping Vizualization of Survey Results**

The objective of processing this questionnaire data is to create a map-based visualization of the daily movements of students and staff on the Cité Scientifique campus.



This will help identify potential **patterns** and transform data into **actionable knowledge** about users' **transportation habits** when commuting to campus.

## 9 Modes of Transportation Used by Respondents

- 1. Walking
- 2. Metro / Tramway (Grouped due to data limitations)
- 3. Bus
- 4. Mechanical Bicycle
- 5. Electric Bicycle
- 6. Car
- 7. Electric / Hybrid Car
- 8. Carpooling
- 9. Hybrid Carpooling

#### **Data Cleaning Process – Phase 1**

Before visualizing the data, we first processed the original CSV file, which contained over **40 columns**. The dataset was **filtered** to retain only the most relevant values:



Mode of transportation Travel duration Distance traveled Respondent's place of residence

However, the raw data was inconsistent, requiring standardization to ensure accurate analysis.

### **Data Cleaning Adjustments**

Several modifications were applied to harmonize the dataset:

- Standardizing city names and correcting misspellings
- Converting inconsistent time values (e.g., "More than 1 hour"  $\rightarrow$  75 min)
- Rounding distance values (e.g., "between 2-5 km"  $\rightarrow$  3.5 km)
- Replacing place names with distances (e.g., metro stop names → estimated distance)

These transformations required interpretation, meaning some assumptions were made to ensure data consistency.

## **Data Visualization – Anonymization Process**

To preserve anonymity, we apply a small random offset to all location points on the map.

A function called "add\_noise" is used on Shapely's "point" object.

**V** The noise level is set to **~1** km, ensuring minimal distortion while protecting identities.

The algorithm introduces **random shifts** in longitude (**x**) and latitude (**y**) to simulate anonymization.

This allows us to maintain **privacy** while enabling insightful **spatial analysis**.

### **Mapping Mobility Flows & Transportation Modes**

To visualize movement patterns, we create two dictionaries:

Transport Modes  $\rightarrow$  Separate dataframes for each travel mode. Color Assignments  $\rightarrow$  Each mode is color-coded for clarity.

These visual elements help identify mobility trends within the dataset.



# **Required Libraries for Data Vizualization**

- **Pandas**: dataframe manipulation (data tables).
- NumPy: numerical calculations.
- Shapely: shapes on maps and other geographic visualizations Folium: interactive maps.
- **Scikit-learn**: machine learning algorithms.
  - For our work, we only need one specific functionality:

DBSCAN (Density-Based Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise): clustering with a small amount of noise added. This helps automatically create clusters based on specified parameters while preventing the exact geographic position of users from being revealed and ensures compliance with GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation).

# **Intreractive Map of Cité Scientifque**





# **Issue with the Initial Visualization**

- Before applying clustering
- Representation of unique individual movement flows
- Chaotic and unreadable result
- Risk of revealing personal information despite adding an error margin
- Individual trajectory visualization is not usable



# **Clustering Approach With DBSCAN**

Grouping users into clusters (groups of similar flows) Algorithm used: **DBSCAN** (from scikit-learn) Parameters:

- eps: Maximum distance between users to consider them in the same group
- **min\_samples**: Minimum number of points required to form a cluster (here, 3)

```
#Application du clustering DBSCAN
clustering = DBSCAN(eps=eps, min_samples=min_samples).fit(points)
#Récupération des clusters
clusters = {}
for i, label in enumerate(clustering.labels_):
    if label == -1: # Label -1 signifie bruit (point isolé)
        continue
    if label not in clusters:
        clusters[label] = []
        clusters[label].append(points[i])
```

## **User Cluster's Flow Map**





# **Distance Similarity Between 2 Different Travel Mode**





# **Result Analyis and Usage Overview**

After data classification, we identified the most common modes of transportation among the respondents:

- Thermal car: 32 respondents (44%), the most used mode.
- Metro / Tramway: 19 respondents (26%), in second place.
- Walking & Electric/Hybrid Cars: 5 respondents each (7% each), tied for third place.
- Carpooling (thermal): 3 respondents (4%).
- Bicycle (electric & mechanical): 2 respondents each (3% each).
- Bus & Electric carpooling: 1 respondent each (1% each).

# **Comparison With University's Mobility Survey**

#### University of Lille 2023 Mobility Survey:

- Metro/tramway most used for daily commuting, followed by thermal car.
- Walking: Third most popular mode of transport.
- Bicycles and buses were more popular in their survey than in our dataset.
- **Train**: Not represented in our data, but used by around 10% of Cité Scientifique campus respondents.

**Differences**: Our sample size (72 responses) is much smaller than the university's (9,584 responses), so the results aren't fully representative.

# **Limitations and Hypotheses**

Sample size: The small number of responses (72 vs. 9,584) makes it difficult to generalize to the entire campus population (78,000 students and 7,200 staff).

**Context of the Survey**: The dataset was influenced by the target audience for the electric vehicle trial:

- Mainly **thermal car users** curious about electric vehicles.
- Electric car users might not have felt the need to participate, leading to skewed data.
- These factors help explain why thermal car users dominate our sample.

## **Insights from the Flowmap Visualization**

Thermal car travel: Most diversified, with 5 clusters present, reflecting the variety of residential areas (27 different municipalities).

#### Cluster observations:

- **Tourcoing clusters**: Overlapping, suggesting potential areas of transportation overlap.
- **Closest cluster to Cité Scientifique**: The smallest distance, indicating possible alternatives to thermal cars, such as public transport (metro, bus, tram), biking for shorter distances, carpooling, or electric vehicle adoption.

#### Villeneuve-d'Ascq:

- A low-carbon footprint with walking and metro/tramway as main modes of transport.
- The campus is <10 km for most residents, making metro and walking logical choices.

# **Limitations and Future Improvements**

#### Data limitations:

- Small sample size (72 responses), not enough to fully represent campus mobility flows.
- Lack of **Big Data** (GPS data, connected vehicles, sensors), limiting the depth of analysis.

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