Safety correlation and Implications of an In-vehicle Data Recorder on Driver Behavior

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Study Objectives

- Evaluate correlation between the Green Box indices and past risk of accident
- Study the impact of Green Box use on crash rates and costs
- Assess the Green Box effect on drivers behavior







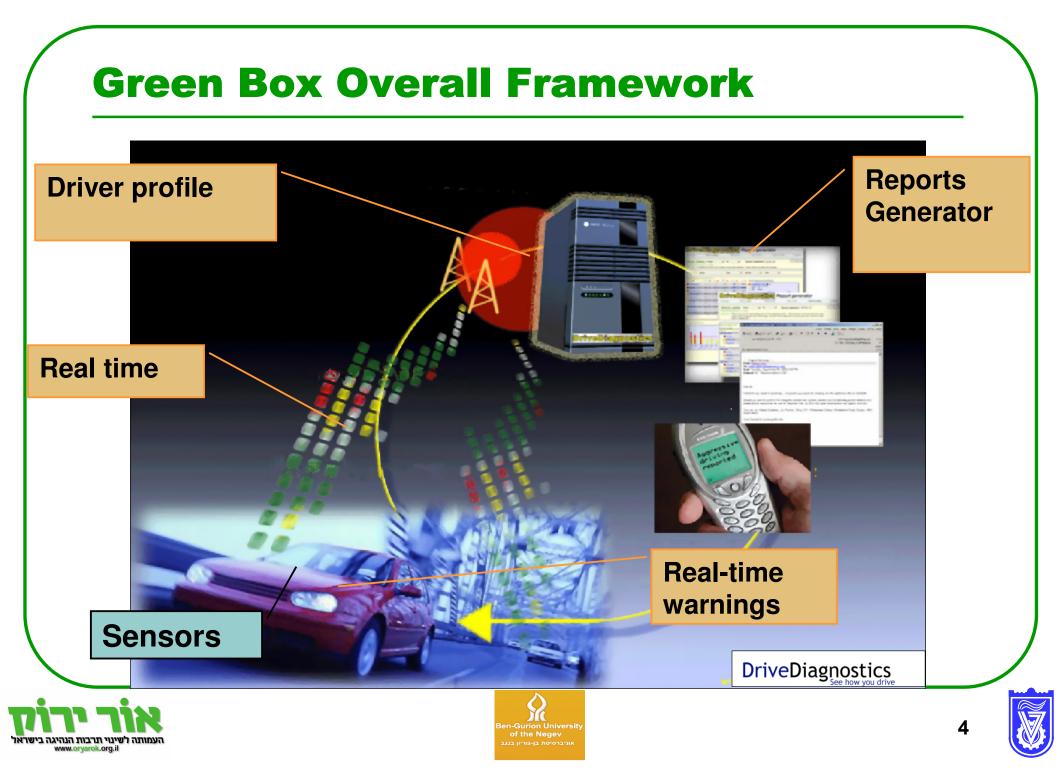
In - Vehicle Data Recorders

- Monitor vehicle movement and control
 - Most applications center on crash event or real time warnings
 - Recent interest in analyzing driver behavior
- Limited empirical evidence
 - Correlation with drivers crash history
 - Affect driving behavior
 - Correlation with vehicle maintenance costs

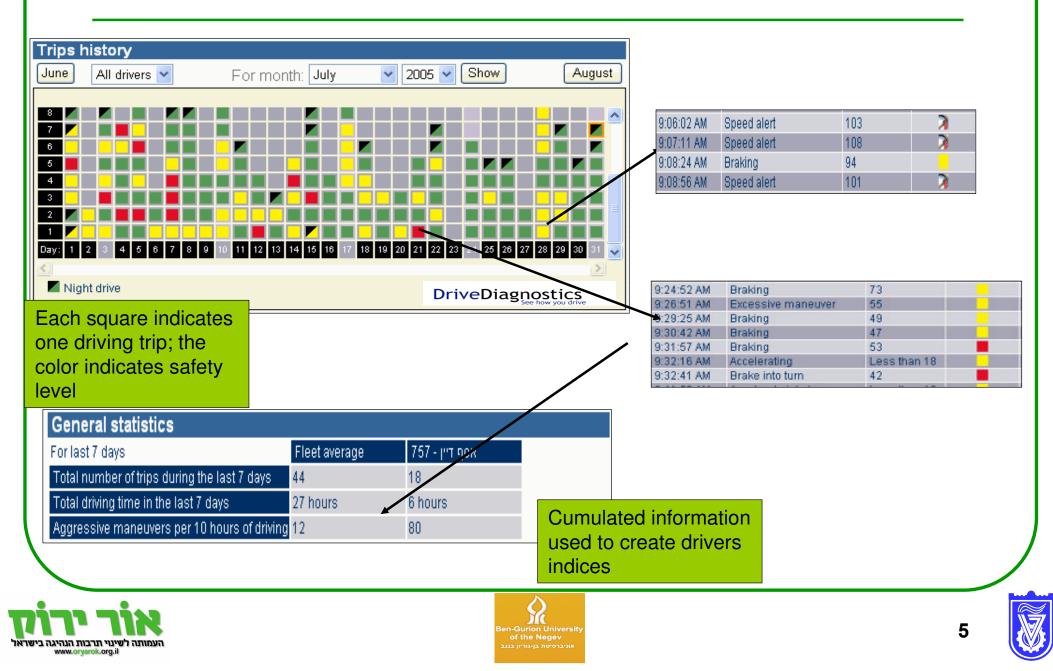








Web reports



Feedback to Drivers

<u>**Risk index :**</u> detected maneuvers per 10 driving hours

Safety Class: classification based on rates of unsafe maneuvers and their severity

<u>Green</u>	
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<u>Yellow</u>	
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<u>Red</u>	
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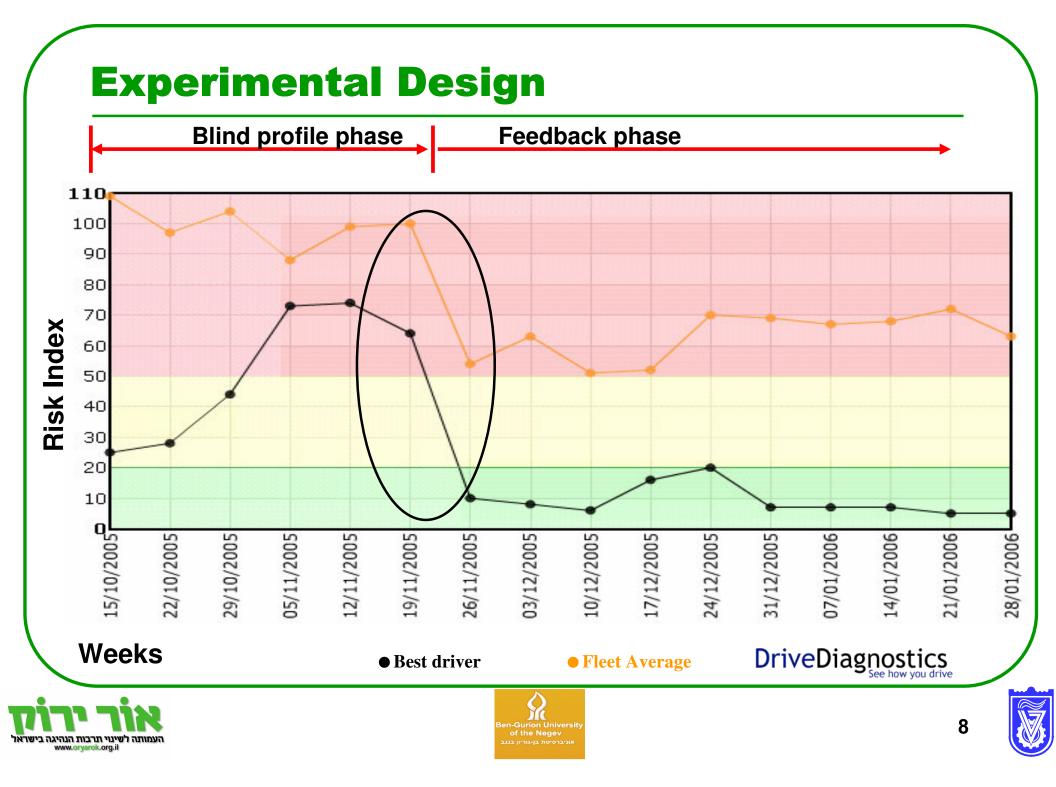
Data Used

- Green Box indices
- Crash involvement records
- Number of times a driver logged in to the web report









Correlation between Green Box data and accident involvement records – Ongoing study

Current study group

Crash records

- 297 Drivers
- 32446 driving hours
- 58367 trips

400 crashes (mostly

damage only)

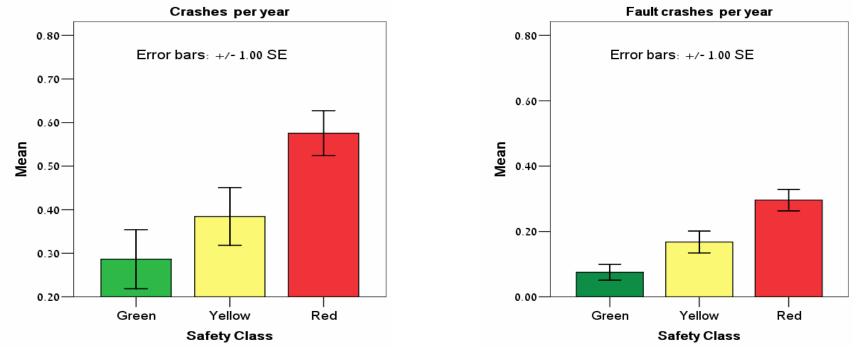
185 at fault crashes







Correlation between the Green Box "Safety class" and crash involvement records



Results

Green and Yellow < Red class (p<0.05)

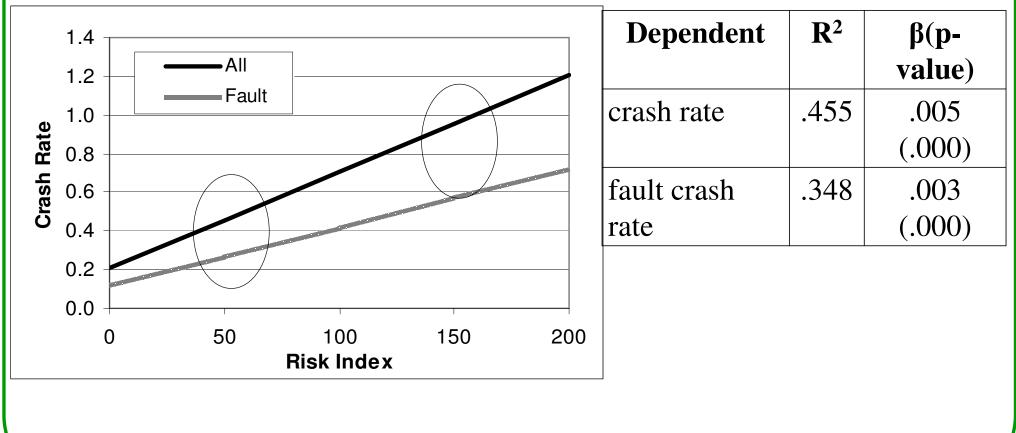






Correlation between the IVDR "Risk Index" and crash involvement records

Crashes rates Vs Risk index

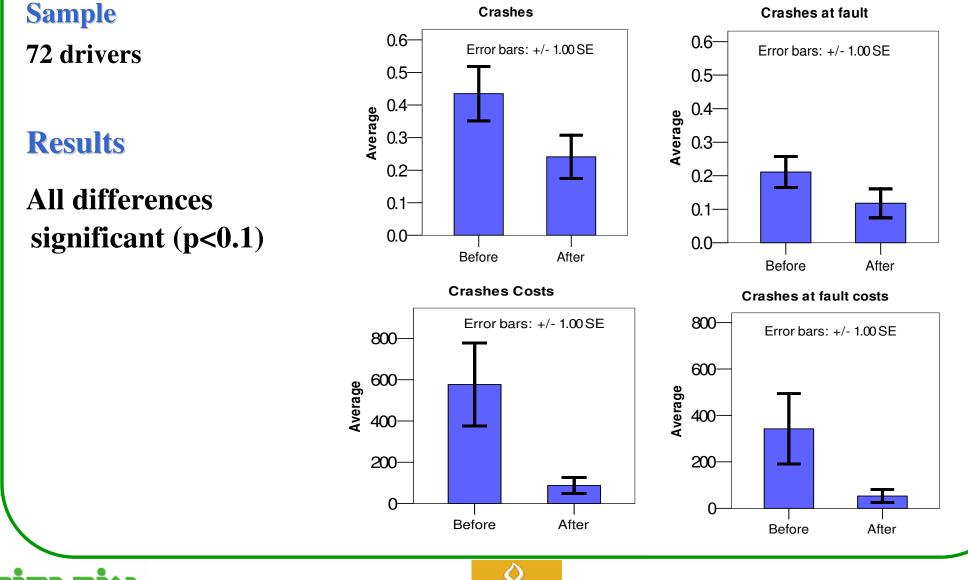








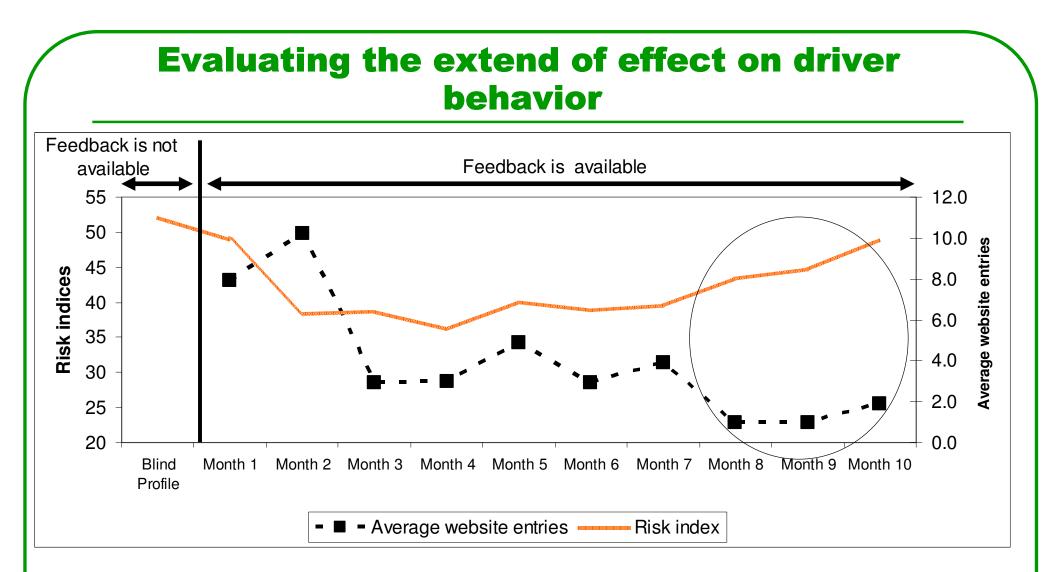
Impact of Green Box use on crash rates and costs a "before" and "after" analysis











Conclusion

sustainability of the Green Box affect depends on the level of feedback use







Summary of the results

Green Box risk indices :

- Positively correlated to past risk of accident
- Positive affect on crash rate and costs reduction
- To maintain sustainability constant follow-up is required







Future directions

Green Box as a tool to study driving behavior

- Novice young drivers
- Impact of fleet safety policies and organizational safety climate on employees driving behavior
- Impact of trip circumstances and vehicle types on driving behavior
- "Pay as you drive" for insurance policies













