

# Non-GPS-based ETA Models Constructed from Historical GPS Data and Traffic Contexts

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Project: An IoT-based Public Transport Data Collection and Analytics Framework  
using Bluetooth Proximity Beacons

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# Outline

## Background

Environment: P211, P411

Task: predict ETA without realtime GPS information

Why? : low cost, could be useful for small bus operators, passengers can plan travel time effectively.

## ETA models

Descriptive statistic baseline models

Nonlinear regression models

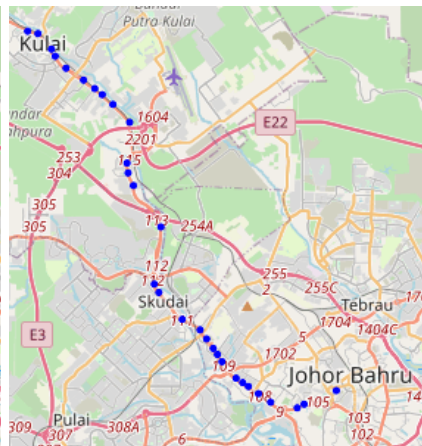
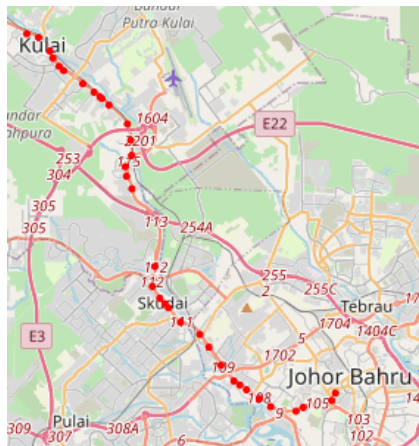
ANN Predictive models

## Discussion and Conclusion

## Public Bus Service: P211



## Public Bus Service: P411



## Public Bus Service

- ▶ P211: Taman University terminal and Larkin terminal
- ▶ P411: Kulai terminal and Larkin terminal
- ▶ The raw dataset made available to this project comprises bus information (e.g., vehicle ID, license plate), GPS locations of the bus recorded every four seconds and time stamps.
- ▶ Based on historical GPS data, the traveled time between any two bus stops for a given day of a week and time of day can be calculated.
- ▶ The knowledge distilled then serves as a representative traveled duration between bus stops. The look-up table models are constructed using traditional descriptive statistics and machine learning techniques.

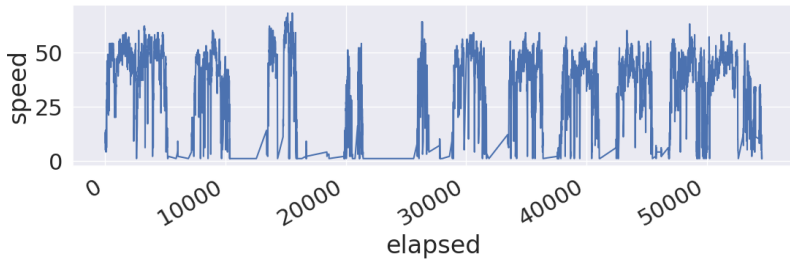
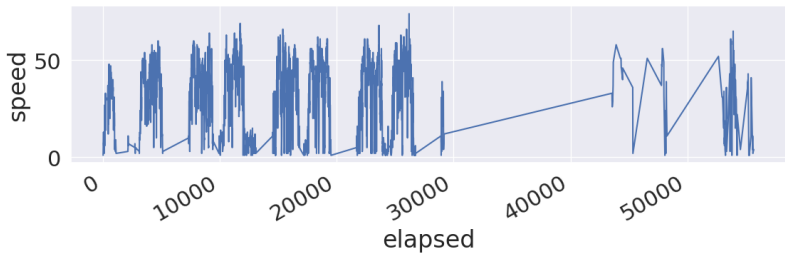
## ETA Models using Historical Data

- ▶ Historical data for predicting travel times between bus stops:
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# Preparing Historical GPS Data for ETA Estimation

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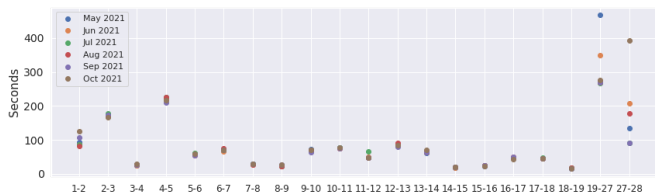
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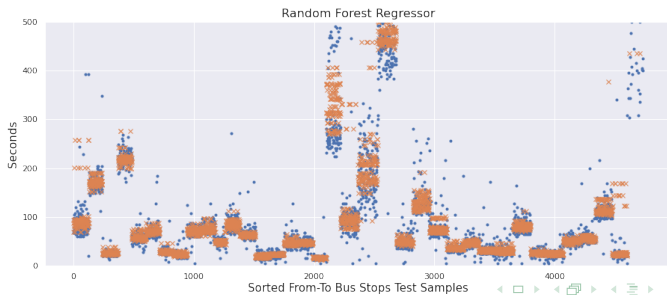
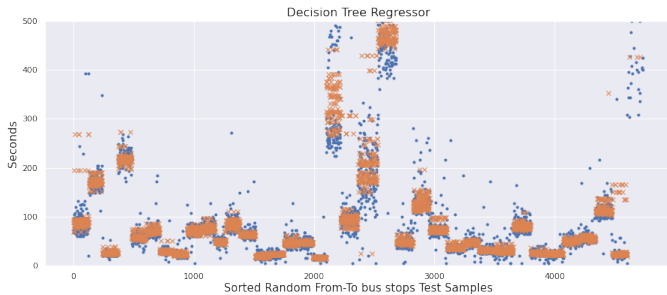
## Descriptive Statistic Models

- ▶ Let  $S = [s_1, \dots, s_n]$  be a sequence of  $n$  bus stops.
- ▶ Expected ETA can be computed based on historical data.
- ▶  $\mathbb{E}[d(s_i, s_{i+1})] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N (t_{s_{i+1}} - t_{s_i})_j$



## Non Linear Regression Models

- ▶ Regression:  $d(s_i, s_{i+1}) = f(X, \beta) + \epsilon$ , where
- ▶  $x = (\text{busstop}(i, j), \text{day}, \text{time})$  where  $\text{busstop}(i, j) \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $\text{day} \in \{0, \dots, 6\}$ ,  $\text{time} \in \{0, \dots, 4\}$  and  $d$  is the duration between bus stops  $i$  and  $j$ , i.e.,  $d(s_i, s_j) \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- ▶ Decision tree regressor
- ▶ Random forest regressor, and
- ▶ KNN regressor



## Regression Model Evaluation

- ▶  $MSE$  represents the squared distance between actual and predicted values.

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

- ▶  $R^2$  score is a metric that tells the performance of the model, not the loss in an absolute sense.  $R^2 = 1$  is the best case.

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum_i (y_i - y'_i)^2}{\sum_i (y_i - \mathbb{E}[y])^2}$$

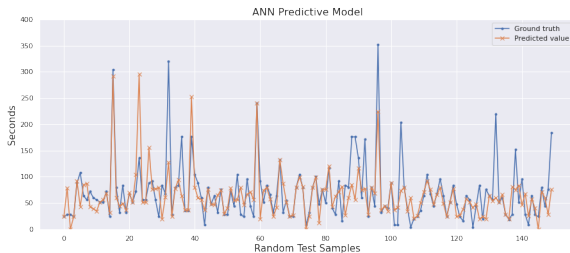
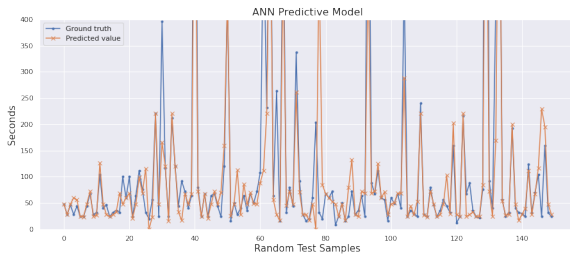
## Predictive Models

- ▶ Since ETA is dependent on the dynamics of the traffic environment, previous duration spans observed from prior bus stops of the same trip can reveal the dynamics of the environment.
- ▶ In this paper, two previous duration spans were employed to predict the duration to the next bus stop. This can be expressed as:

$$d(s_i, s_{i+1}) \leftarrow \phi([d(s_{i-1}, s_i), d(s_{i-2}, s_{i-1})], C)$$

where the predicted  $d(s_i, s_{i+1})$  is computed from previous duration spans and a given context  $C$  i.e., day of week and time of day.

# Predictive Models



	Regressors			ANN
	Decision Tree	Random Forest	K-Nearest Neighbor	Tri-gram Predictor
<b>RP2 (P211)</b> <sup>a</sup>				
MSE ( $\mu$ )	341.11	340.64	356.67	129.27
MSE ( $\sigma$ )	103.91	104.11	94.42	6.60
R <sup>2</sup> ( $\mu$ )	0.212	0.215	0.115	0.573
R <sup>2</sup> ( $\sigma$ )	0.081	0.082	0.143	0.033
parameters	DT: no depth limit for tree RF: employ 300 estimators KNN: use 7 neighbors Dataset size: 15,780 samples			b  15,470 samples
<b>RP4 (P411)</b> <sup>a</sup>				
MSE ( $\mu$ )	123.77	123.81	129.62	132.64
MSE ( $\sigma$ )	39.31	39.29	37.42	5.10
R <sup>2</sup> ( $\mu$ )	0.738	0.738	0.714	0.670
R <sup>2</sup> ( $\sigma$ )	0.117	0.117	0.114	0.026
parameters	DT: no depth limit for tree RF: employ 300 estimators KNN: use 7 neighbors Dataset size: 53,044 samples			b  46,610 samples

<sup>a</sup> test results are averaged over 40 runs

## Conclusion 1

- ▶ Without GPS data, ETA can be estimated with good precision from historical GPS data with time stamps.
- ▶ Three approaches were employed to compute the duration between bus stops:
  - (i) statistical central tendencies,
  - (ii) nonlinear regression techniques i.e., decision tree regressor, random forest regressor and k-nearest neighbors regressor, and
  - (iii) an ANN predictive model.



## Conclusion 2

- ▶ It is possible to estimate ETA using historical GPS data. The accuracy of the estimated ETA depends on the quality of the collected data, including whether the data has captured relevant traffic contexts.
- ▶ The dynamics of the traffic scene might not be fully captured in the current setup (e.g., congestion due to accidents and weather conditions).
- ▶ For this setup, it may be more effective to place Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) sensors at a predetermined distance before each bus stop  $s_i$ , rather than installing them directly at the bus stops.

## Q & A

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