



Disaster Response Maps

Identify road closures using social media

Problem Statement



North Carolina officials warn about using GPS apps like Waze after Florence

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- During disasters, search and rescue teams need to find the fastest and most effective routes.
- Current navigation systems are falling short-- even those that rely on real-time data.
- New Light Technologies has asked us to provide first responders more accurate travel information about road closures.

Our Solution

Real Time Social
Media



Twitter live API

Natural Language
Processing



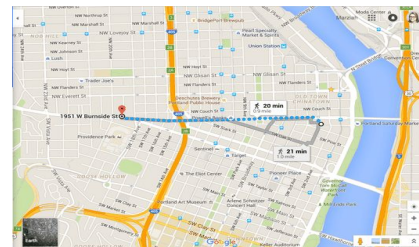
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Real Time
Road Closure



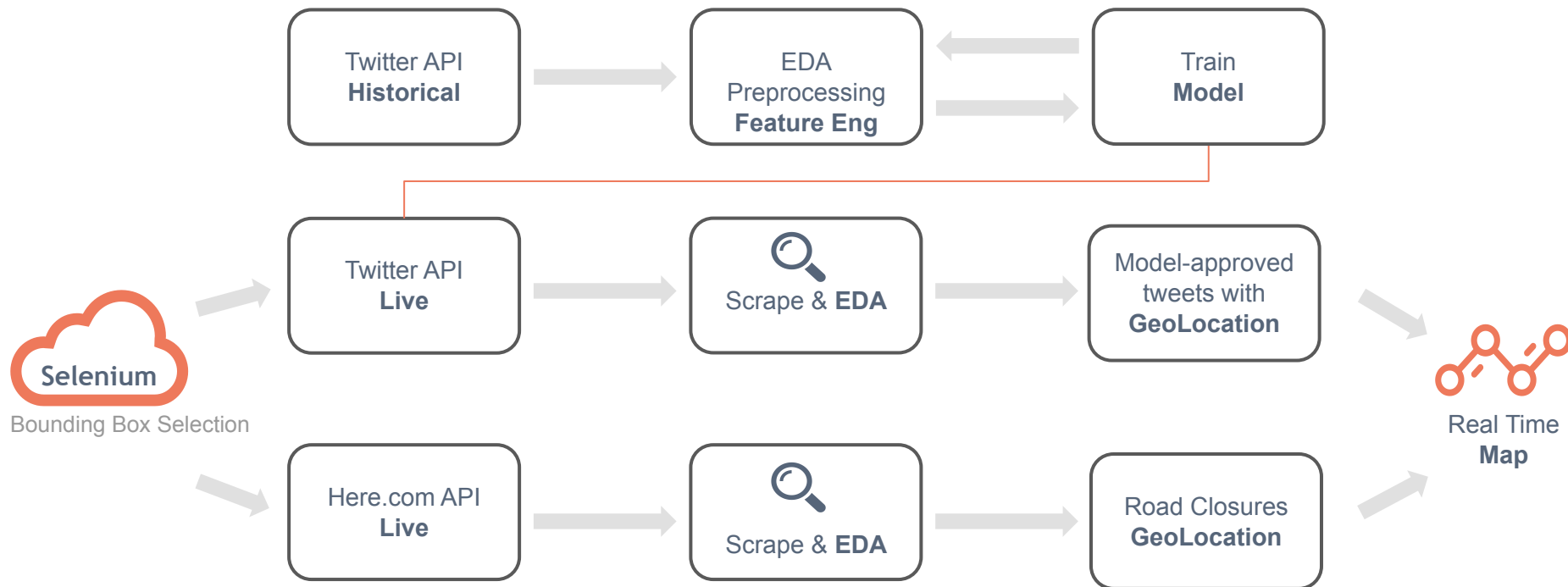
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Live Map



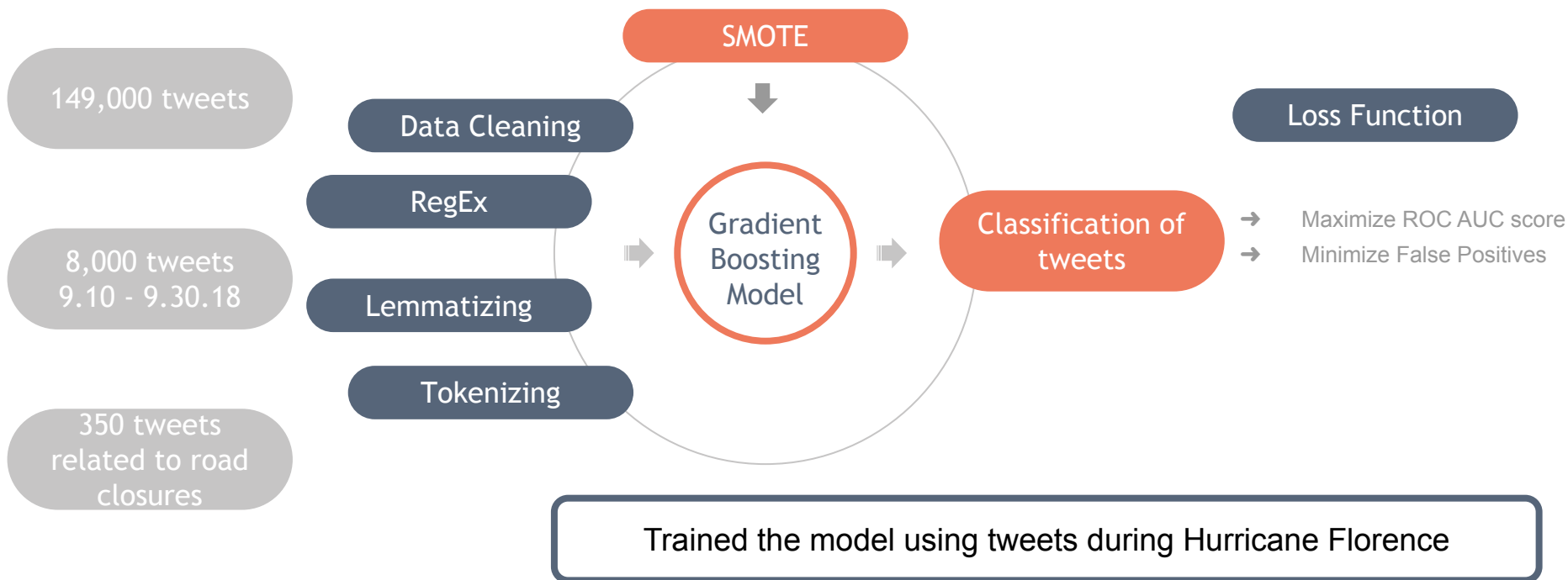
Mapbox /Tableau / Bokeh

Our Approach



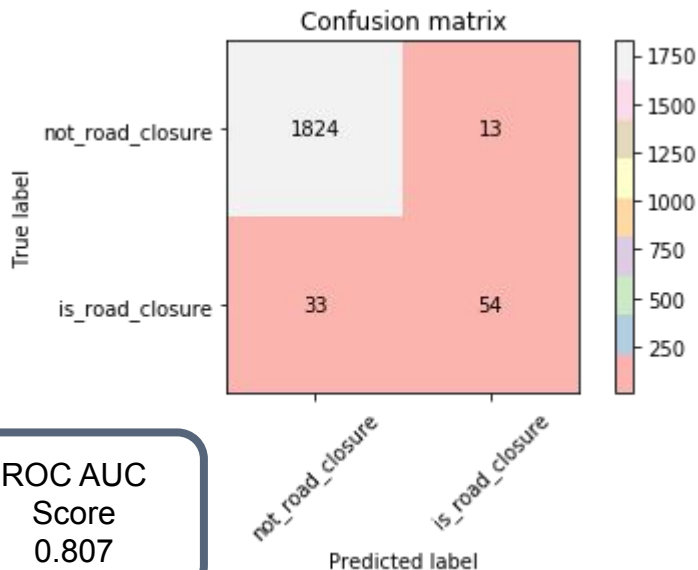
Modeling Strategy

Multiple techniques for handling severely imbalanced classes

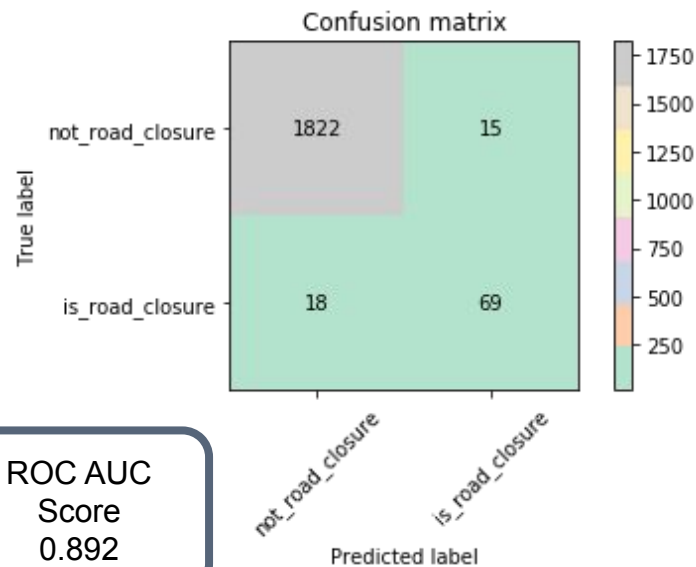


Modeling Steps

Logistic Regression

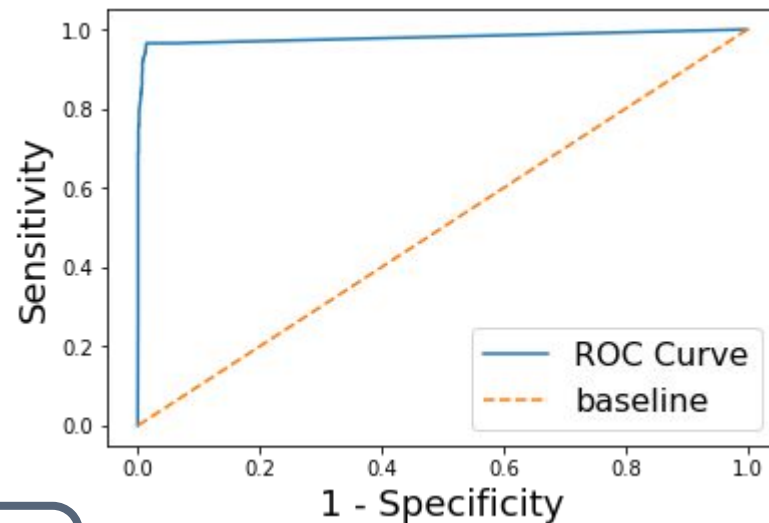
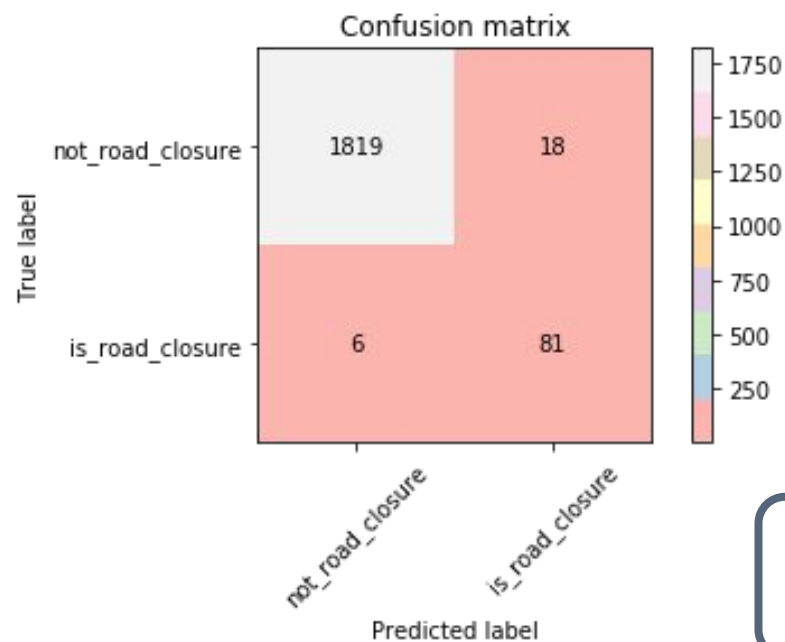


Gradient Boosting



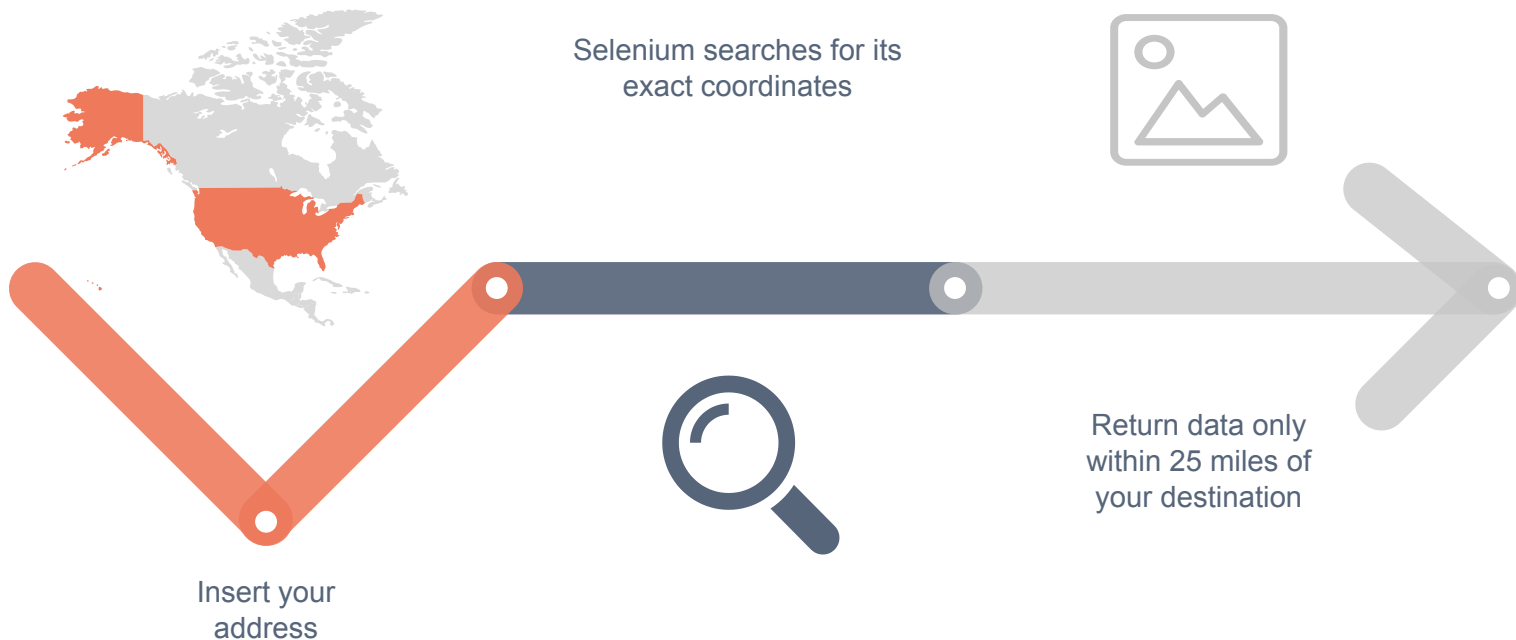
Final Model

TFIDF Vectorizer, SMOTE, Gradient Boosting



ROC AUC
Score
0.960

Map anywhere, **not everything**



Streaming Tweets

- Pull tweets within a 25 mile radius of address from the last 12 hours via keyword search
- Record all tweets with location data (either exact coordinates or city-wide coordinates)
- Run all tweets through classification model
- Map all tweets with exact location data
- Parse remaining tweets for mappable locations

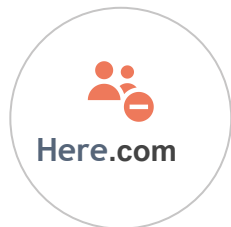


Streaming Traffic

- Connected to the here.com API to stream traffic live data
- Pulled only “critical” level incidents that would represent stoppages and not just congestion
- Added that data to list with twitter closures.

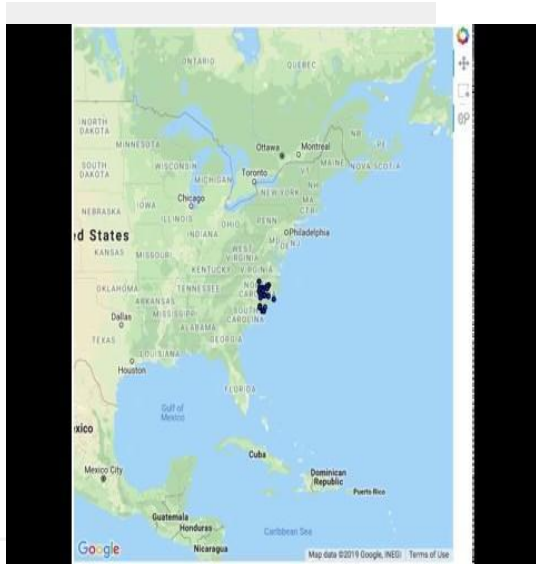


Mapping Process



	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	start_end	incident
0	35.180930	-77.942290	start	0
1	34.219480	-78.618100	start	1
2	35.727026	-77.636233	start	2





Demo

Google Maps API & Bokeh



The points shown here are start and end points of road closures based on the original bounding box.

Tableau **Live Map**

[Tableau Dashboard Example](#)



Open Source **Data**

The model pulls live information from social media and open source traffic applications about road closures, road conditions, damaged roads which may affect travel and accessibility.

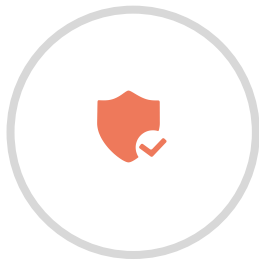
Efficient **Code**

The model is live, but doesn't require users to load information about the entire disaster or the entire — important in disaster situations where

Robust **Model**

A trained model that can be applied to any location and any emergency.

Next Steps



Flask

To integrate API connections, modeling, and mapping code from Python into one product



Google Maps

Explore paid opportunities with Google Maps for true optimization of routes that include our mapped road closure & search capabilities



Twitter

Work with Twitter to build a stronger crowdsourced dataset during emergencies



A more robust dataset

More data collected from natural disasters on traffic to help our model successfully read tweets



Questions?

Optimizing Evacuation Routes for First Responders