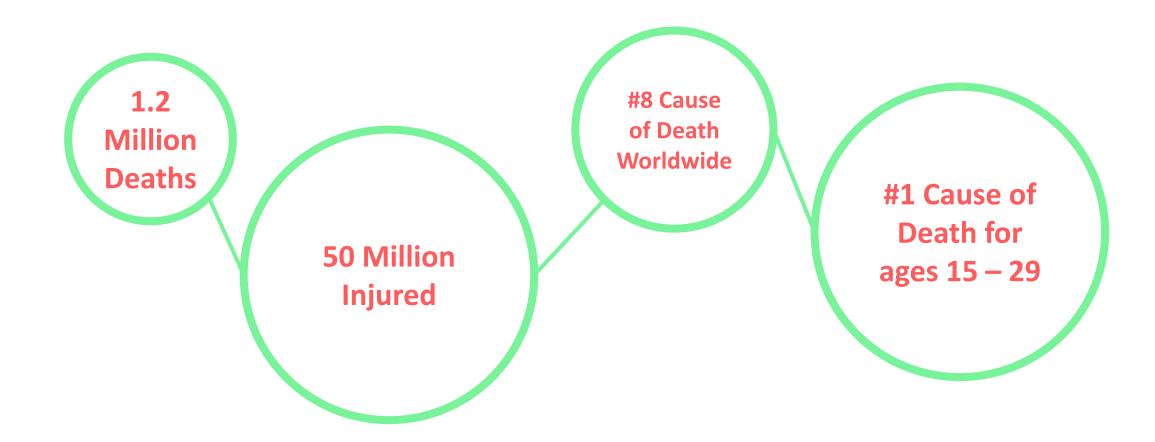


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Smart Cities Need Smarter Roads







Case Study: City of Toronto









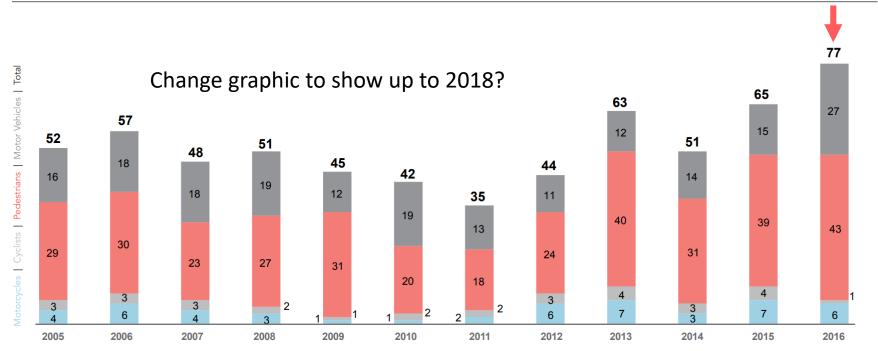
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Toronto Collisions on the Rise

Despite efforts introduced by Toronto's VisionZero plan, fatalities have reached a 10 year high and stagnated around this value

Total Traffic Fatalities in Toronto, Jan. 1, 2005 - Dec. 31, 2016



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Problem Definition



Current top-down approach: Slow acting policies and infrastructure changes with only marginal results



Need for bottom-up approach: Give people the tools they need to make safer decisions on the road



Target Stakeholders



PRIMARY USER: DRIVERS



PRIMARY STAKEHOLDER: MAPPING APPS



OTHER STAKEHOLDERS: GOVERNMENT, TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES, POLICE, HOSPITALS



Value Proposition in Toronto



CAD 3 Billion in Social Costs Due to Road Accidents



3.1 Million use Mapping Apps Daily



CAD 5.2k in Operating Costs



CAD 220 Million in Annual Healthcare Costs due to Road Accidents



Estimated CAD100k in Sales Revenue as Mapping Add-on



Over 13,600% Return on Investment



"Safe roads for all by 2030" - WHO
Can we wait for 2030?
The time to drive is now...
So...

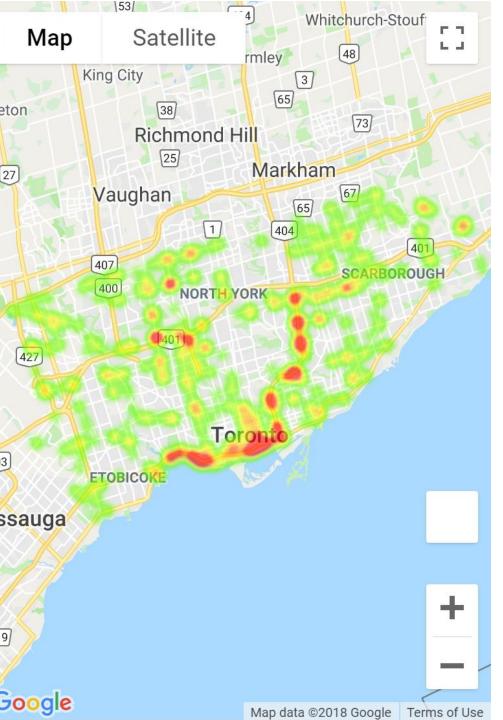






How Does it Work?

- Historical collision, traffic and road data
- Machine Learning algorithm for collision prediction
- Collision report suggests the safest (and fastest) route to your destination





Collision Mapping





Collision avoidance is a temporal problem

Collision avoidance is a spatial problem



Binary Classification

Historical Collision Data

- Compile data from 5 data sets to fill feature columns: Collision Events, Volume, Road Data
- Discard cases with insufficient features available

Obtaining Negative Samples

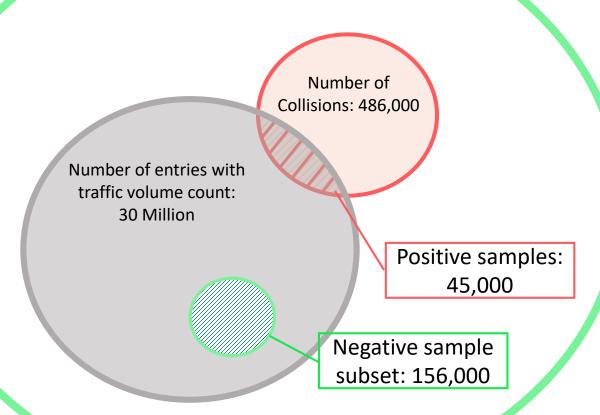
- Random sample a road segment, day and time
- Check if the combination is in the collision dataset
- If not, fill in features and add to negative sample list

Clustering

- Toronto is huge!
- Cluster areas based on density of sample reports



Total sample population from 2008 to 2017: 32.9 Billion



Negative Sampling

Sample population:

 All possible combination of road segment and time over the last 9 years.

Positive samples:

 All collision events with corresponding traffic volume count.

Negative samples:

 Combination of road segment and time that did not result in a collision, but has traffic volume count.



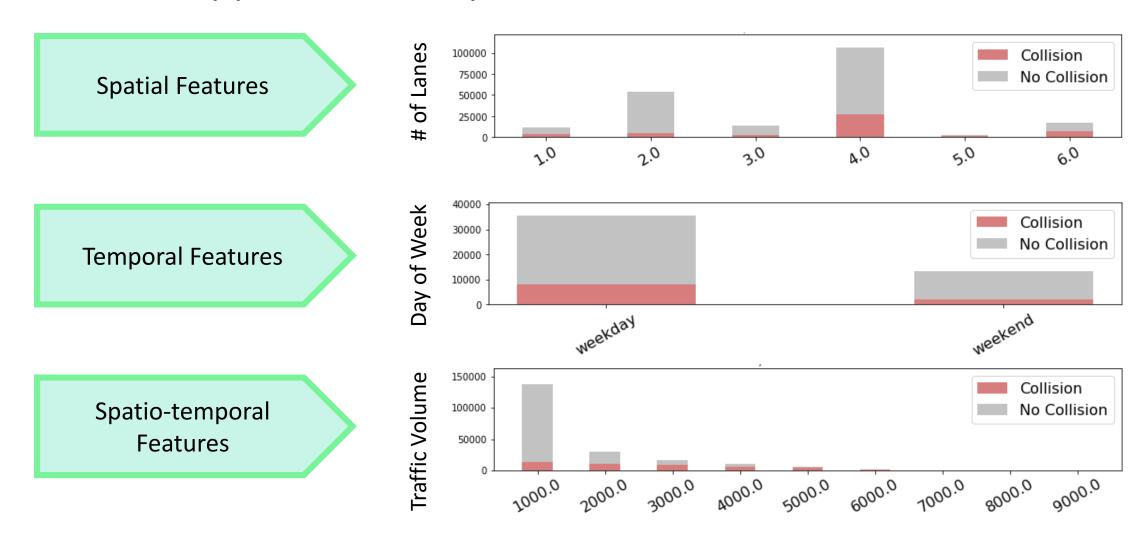
Feature Engineering: K-Means Clustering

- Sample points were clustered by Euclidean distance
- Cluster tags were used as an additional feature to the model
- Represents the regional variation within Toronto



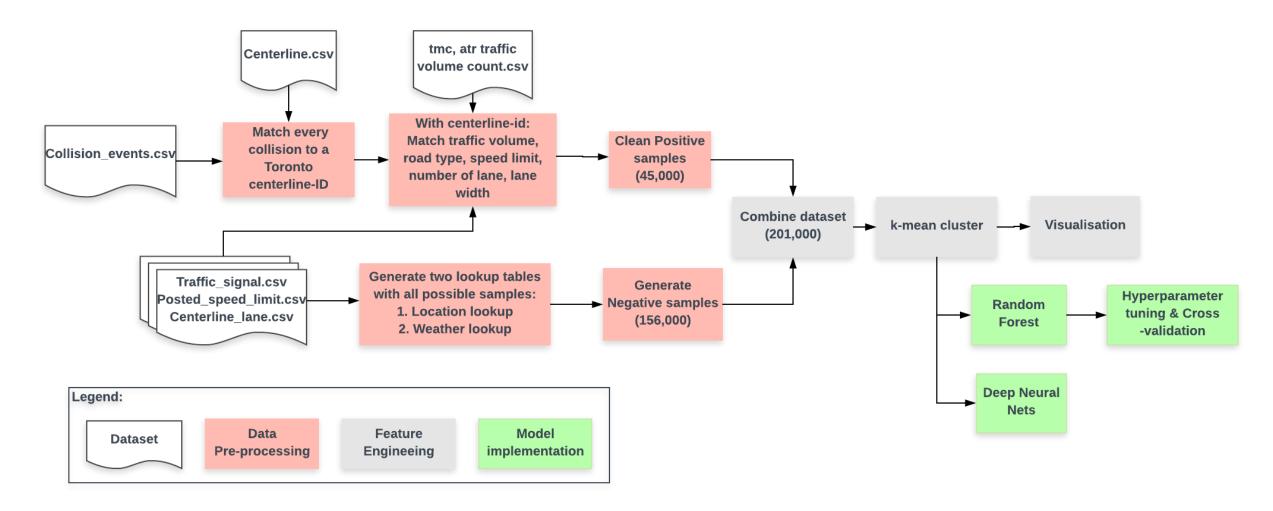


The Waypoints: Key Features



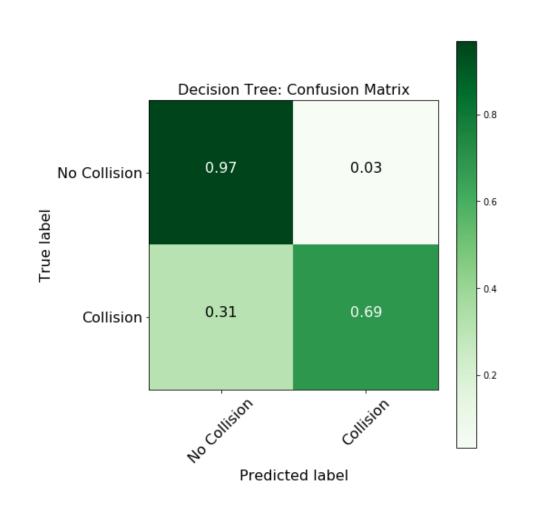


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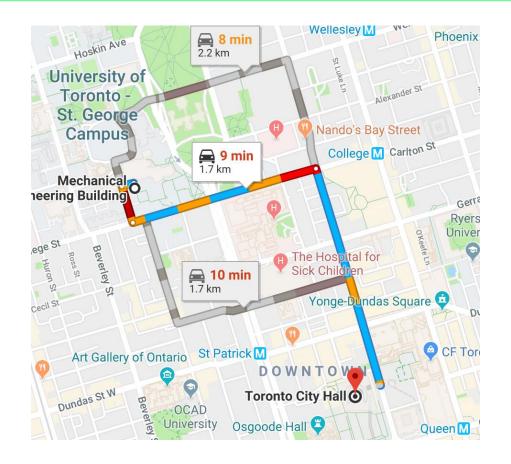
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