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# A Mobile Traffic Predictor Enhanced by Neighboring Transportation Data (MTP-NT)

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# Introduction

**5 billion**

5G subscribers in 2028

**19 GB/month**

Data per month, per smartphone in 2028

**100 exabytes**

Data per quarter in 2028

Fonte: [Ericsson Mobility Report, November 2022](#)

# Introduction

To

**Allocate the maximum amount of users**

**Optimize network operability**

**Reach 5G QoS/QoE metrics<sup>1</sup>**

1ms latency

low energy consumption

High coverage

New 5G networks will count on

**Core Network (CN) based on Virtual Network Functions (VNF) over a Network Function Virtualization (NFV)<sup>2</sup> topology**

**Use Machine Learning (ML) and other predictive tools**

**Intelligent caching in network edge  
Cloud computing optimization**

[1] AGIWAL, M.; ROY, A.; SAXENA, N. Next generation 5g wireless networks: A comprehensive survey. *IEEE Communications Surveys Tutorials*, v. 18, n. 3, p. 1617–1655, 2016.

[2] Sun, Y. et al. Application of machine learning in wireless networks: Key techniques and open issues. *IEEE Communications Surveys Tutorials*, v. 21, n. 4, p. 3072–3108, 2019.

# Introduction

## AI models advantages

**Rely on historical data<sup>123</sup>**

**Can be less complex than conventional approaches<sup>4</sup>**

**Robust patterns and best overall performance<sup>5</sup>**

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# Introduction

**Mobile Traffic Predictor Enhanced by Neighboring  
Transportation Data (MTP-NT)**

Is a

**Machine Learning model**

That

**Helps the scheduler to better [optimize](#) the  
computational and/or radio resources**

By

**Providing a reliable [network traffic prediction](#)**

# Mobile Traffic Predictor Enhanced by Neighboring Transportation Data **MTP-NT**

**City of Milan  
Dataset<sup>1</sup>**

Network usage

Geolocalized tweets

Weather

Electricity

News

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# Related work

## Characterization

Metrics and mathematical characteristics of network usage

## Prediction

Mathematical models to predict network traffic



# Characterization – Xu

**Characteristics of traffic: temporal and frequency**

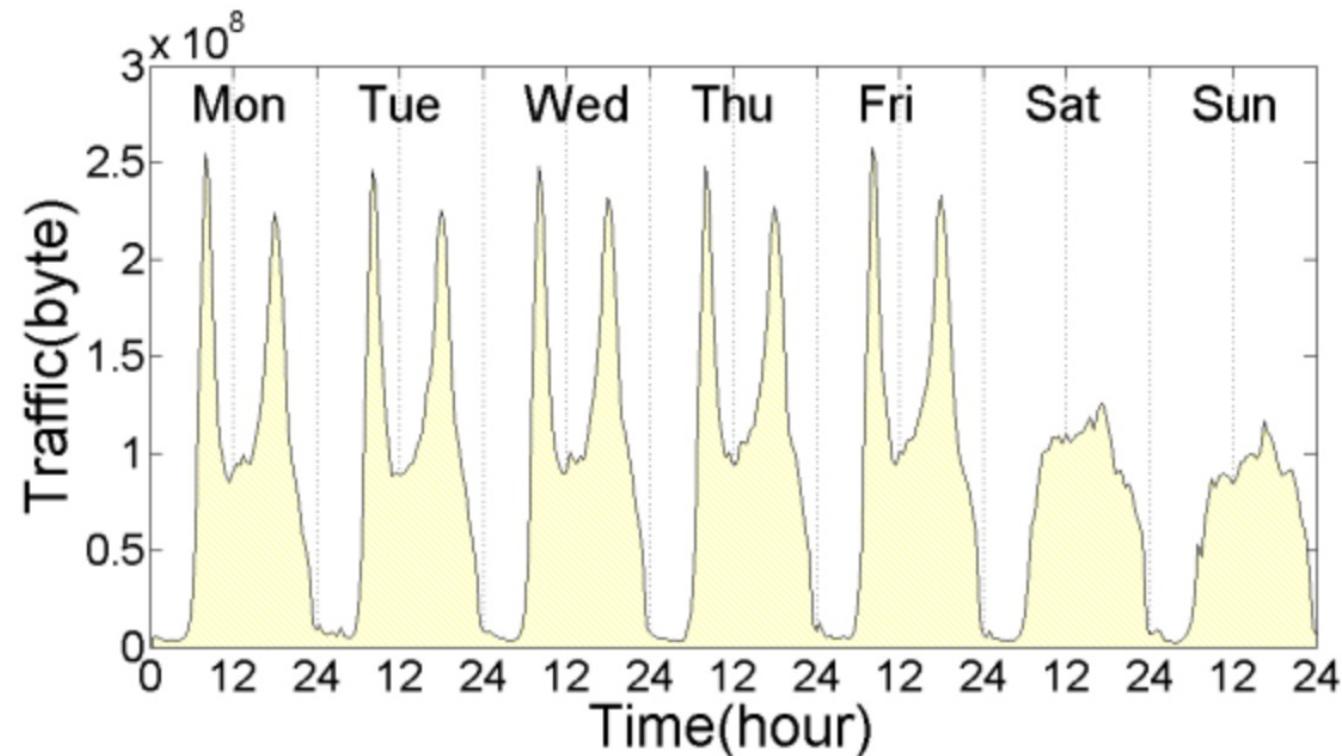
**Grouping of regions based on network usage patterns**

- Residential
- Transport
- Office
- Entertainment
- Comprehensive areas

**Human labelling of some regions to generalization**

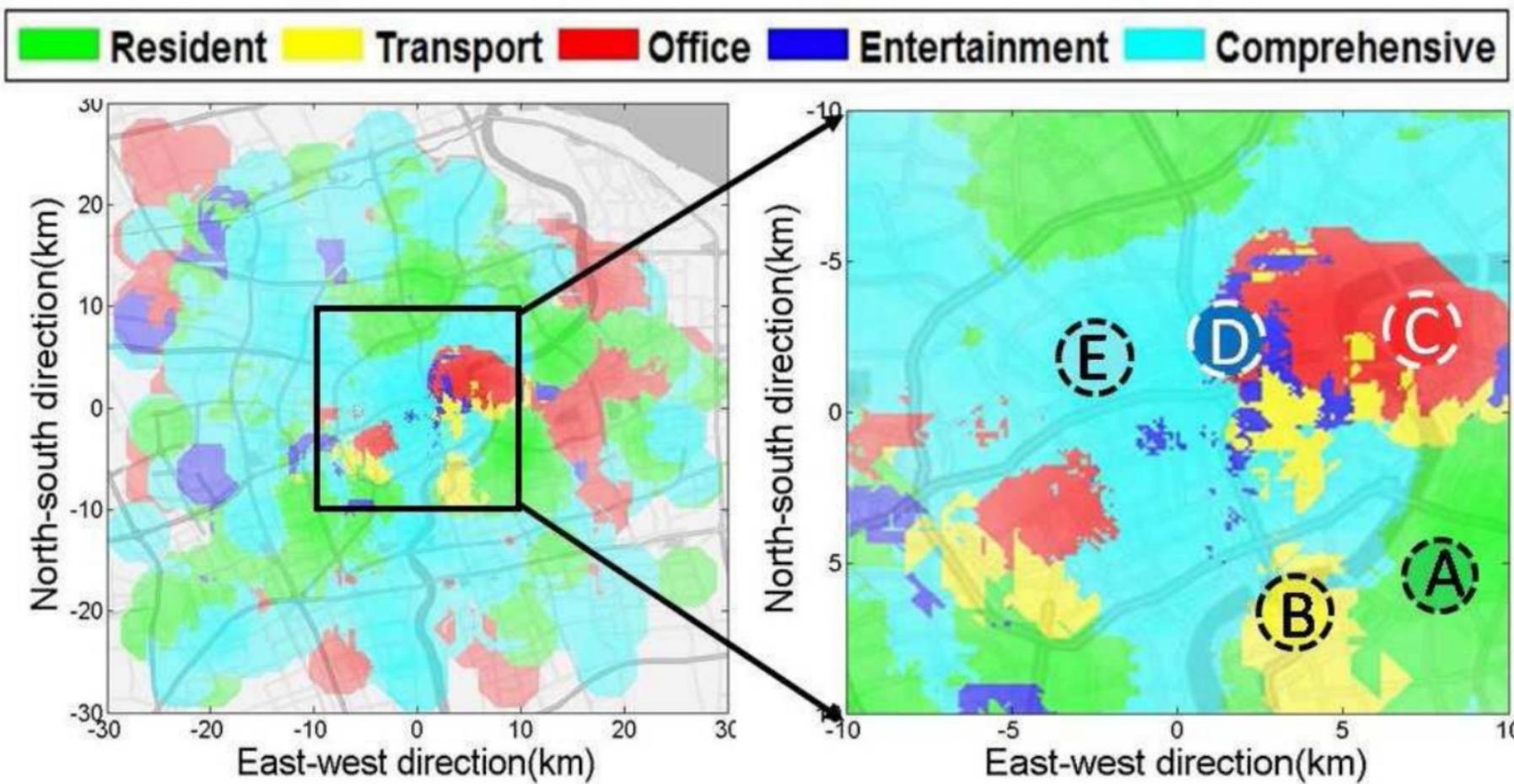


# Characterization – Xu



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# Characterization – Wang 2015

**380,000 Base Stations (BSs) in Shanghai**

**August 1 – August 31, 2014**

**10 minute samples of each Base Station (BS)**

**1.96 billion entries; 28PB (92TB per day, 7GB per BS on average)**

Source: WANG, H. et al. **Characterizing the spatio-temporal inhomogeneity of mobile traffic in large-scale cellular data networks**. In: Proceedings of the 7th International Workshop on Hot Topics in Planet-Scale MOBILE Computing and Online Social NeTworking. New York, NY, USA: Association for Computing Machinery, 2015. (HOTPOST '15), p. 19–24. ISBN 9781450335171. Disponível em: <<https://doi.org/10.1145/2757513.2757518>>.

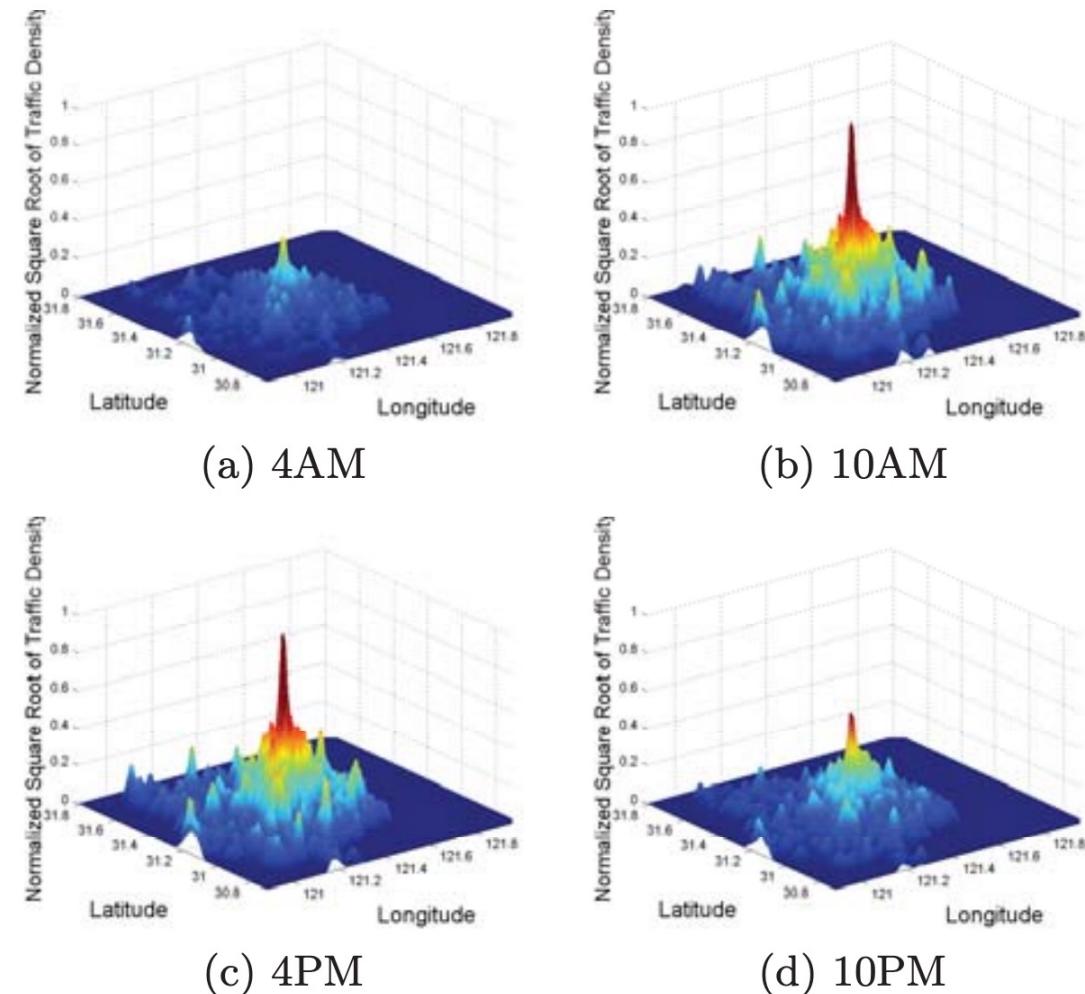


# Characterization – Wang 2015

## Findings

**Spatial and temporal distribution of network traffic highly concentrated**

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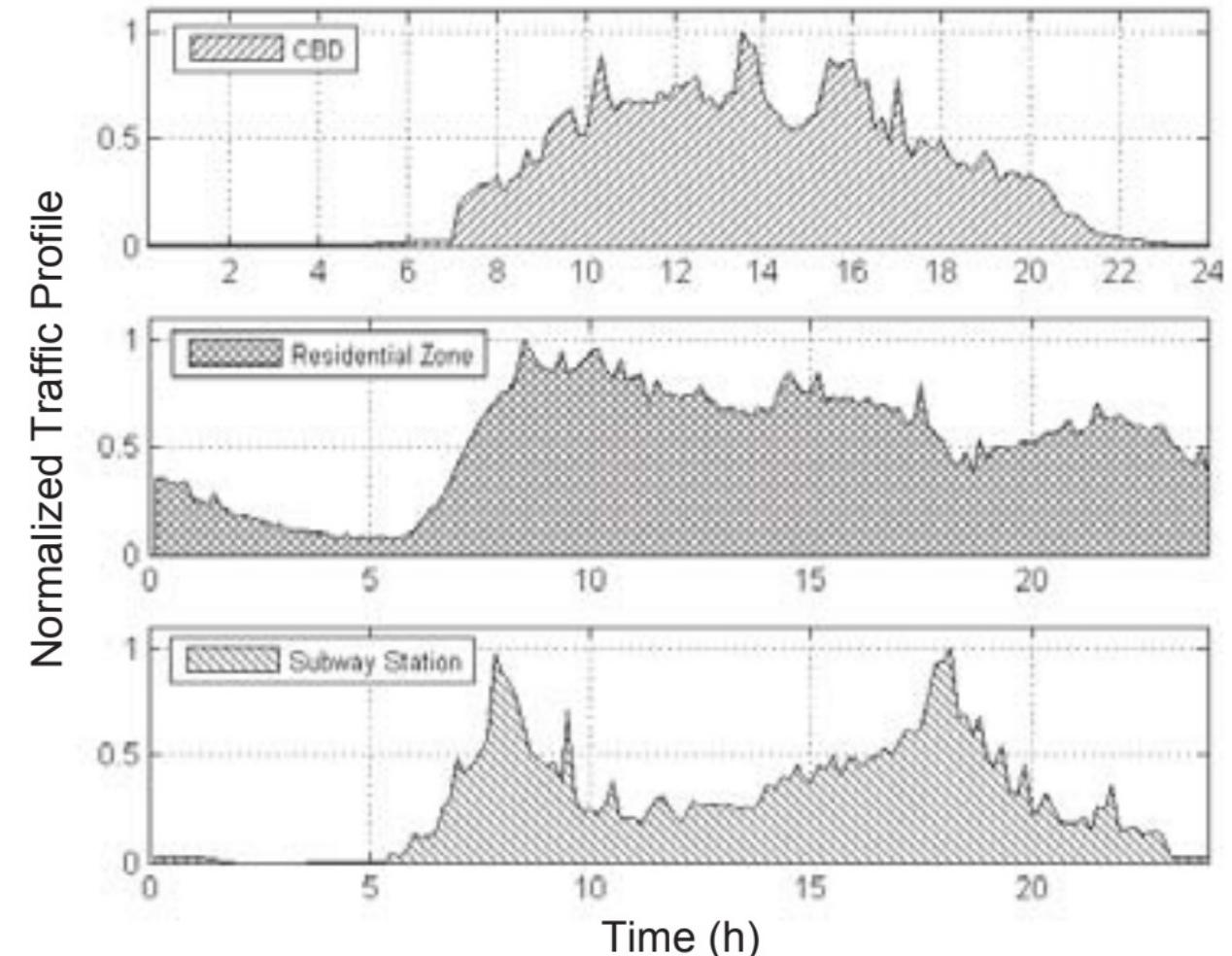


# Characterization – Wang 2015

## Findings

Irregular usage depending on the [urban ecology](#)

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# Characterization – Gotzner

**Network traffic in Berlin**

**May 1996 – August 1997**

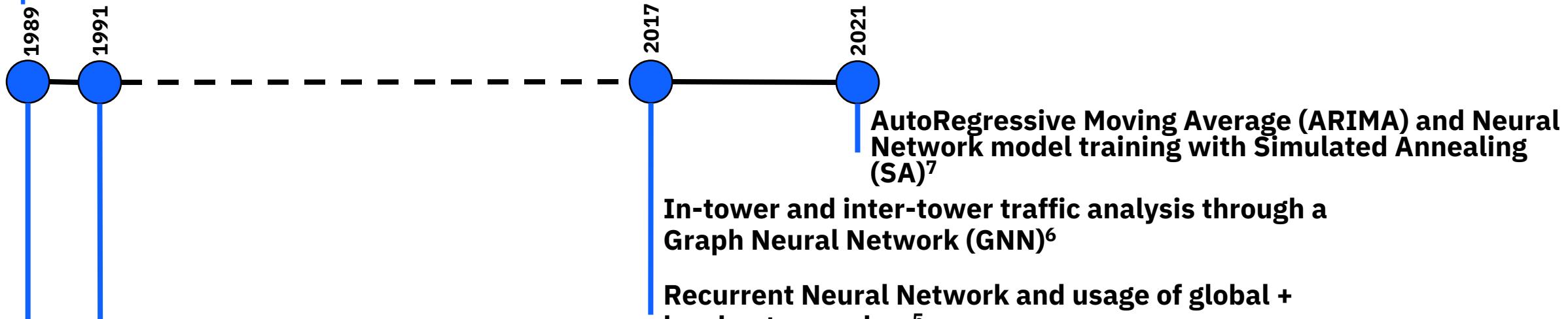
## **Findings**

- **Traffic concentrated in city centre**
- **Congestions in peak hours**
- **Network resources not fully used in other points**
- **The infrastructure reaches the maximum capacity before all processing power request**

Source: Gotzner, U.; Rathgeber, R. **Spatial traffic distribution in cellular networks.** In: VTC'98. 48th IEEE Vehicular Technology Conference. Pathway to Global Wireless Revolution (Cat. No.98CH36151). [S.l.: s.n.], 1998. v. 3, p. 1994–1998 vol.3.

# Network Traffic Prediction

Pure Time Series Function (TSF) and Non-TSF problem<sup>1</sup>



MLP to network traffic forecasting<sup>4</sup>

Single Layer Perceptron (SLP) to traffic prediction<sup>3</sup>

Multi Layer Perceptron (MLP) to traffic prediction<sup>2</sup>

[1] BOUTABA, R. et al. A comprehensive survey on machine learning for networking: evolution, applications and research opportunities. *Journal of Internet Services and Applications*, Springer, v. 9, n. 1, p. 1–99, 2018.

[2] CYBENKO, G. Approximation by superpositions of a sigmoidal function. *Mathematics of control, signals and systems*, Springer, v. 2, n. 4, p. 303–314, 1989.[3] Funahashi, 1989

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[7] YANG, H. et al. A network traffic forecasting method based on sa optimized arima–bp neural network. *Computer Networks*, v. 193, p. 108102, 2021. ISSN 1389-1286. Disponível em: <<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1389128621001821>>.

# Prediction – Wang 2017a

**2844 Base Stations (BSs) in Suzhou**

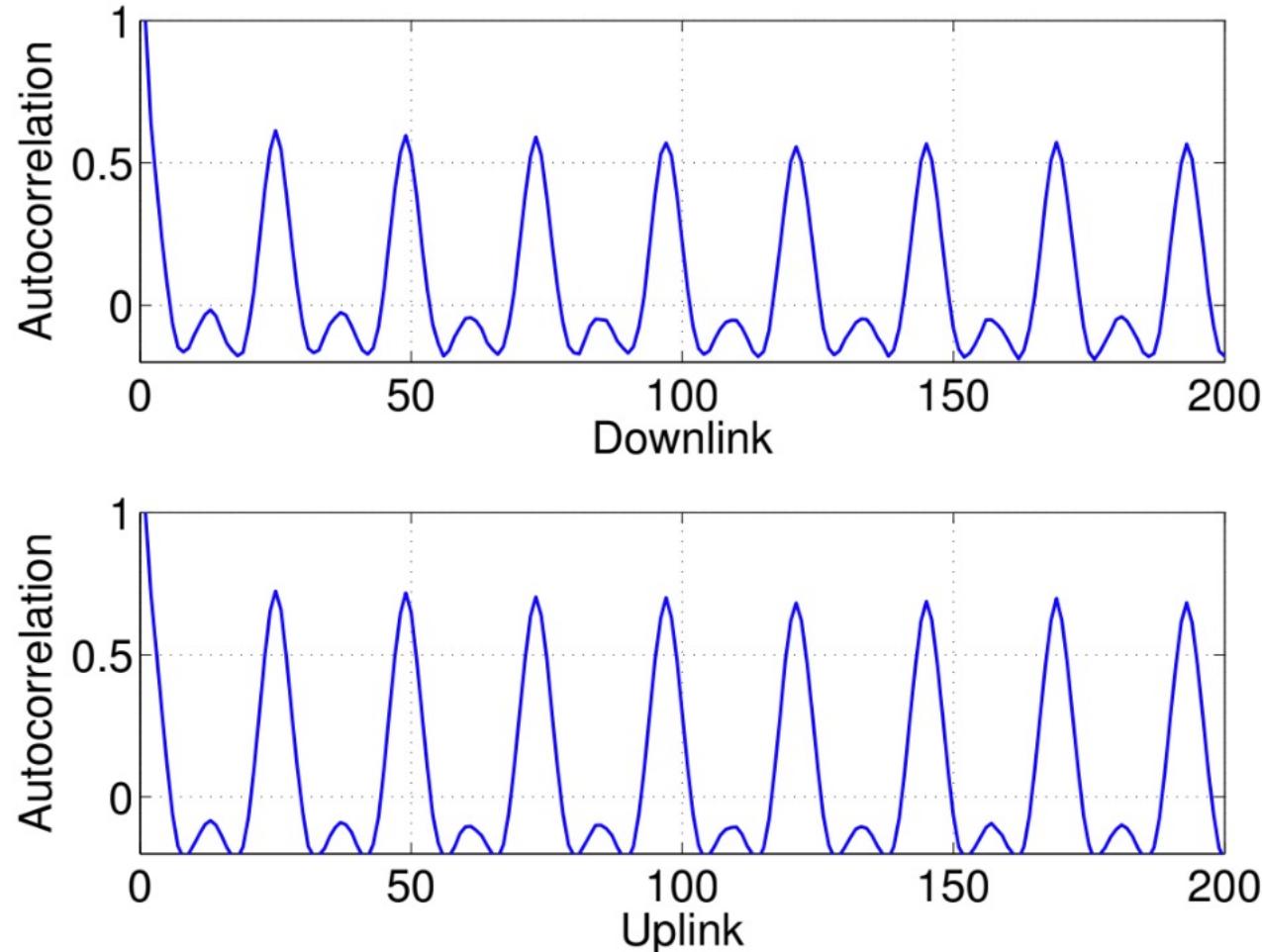
**500m<sup>2</sup>x 500m<sup>2</sup>**

**Uses the neighborhood concept**

**LSTM Cells paired with Global and Local Autoencoders**

Source: Wang, J. et al. Spatiotemporal modeling and prediction in cellular networks: A big data enabled deep learning approach. In: **IEEE INFOCOM 2017 - IEEE Conference on Computer Communications**. [S.l.: s.n.], 2017. p .1–9.

# Prediction – Wang 2017a



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# Prediction – Wang 2017a

Table 1 – Spatial correlation of a arrange of 7 BSs

	Cell 1	Cell 2	Cell 3	Cell 4	Cell 5	Cell 6	Cell 7
Cell 1	1.000	0.167	0.435	0.130	0.040	0.341	0.307
Cell 2	0.396	1.000	0.338	0.129	0.084	0.310	0.222
Cell 3	0.345	0.541	1.000	0.159	0.162	0.697	0.536
Cell 4	0.437	0.439	0.458	1.000	0.104	0.131	0.114
Cell 5	0.360	0.471	0.492	0.508	1.000	0.163	0.080
Cell 6	0.286	0.491	0.550	0.432	0.535	1.000	0.603
Cell 7	0.284	0.506	0.526	0.459	0.535	0.577	1.000

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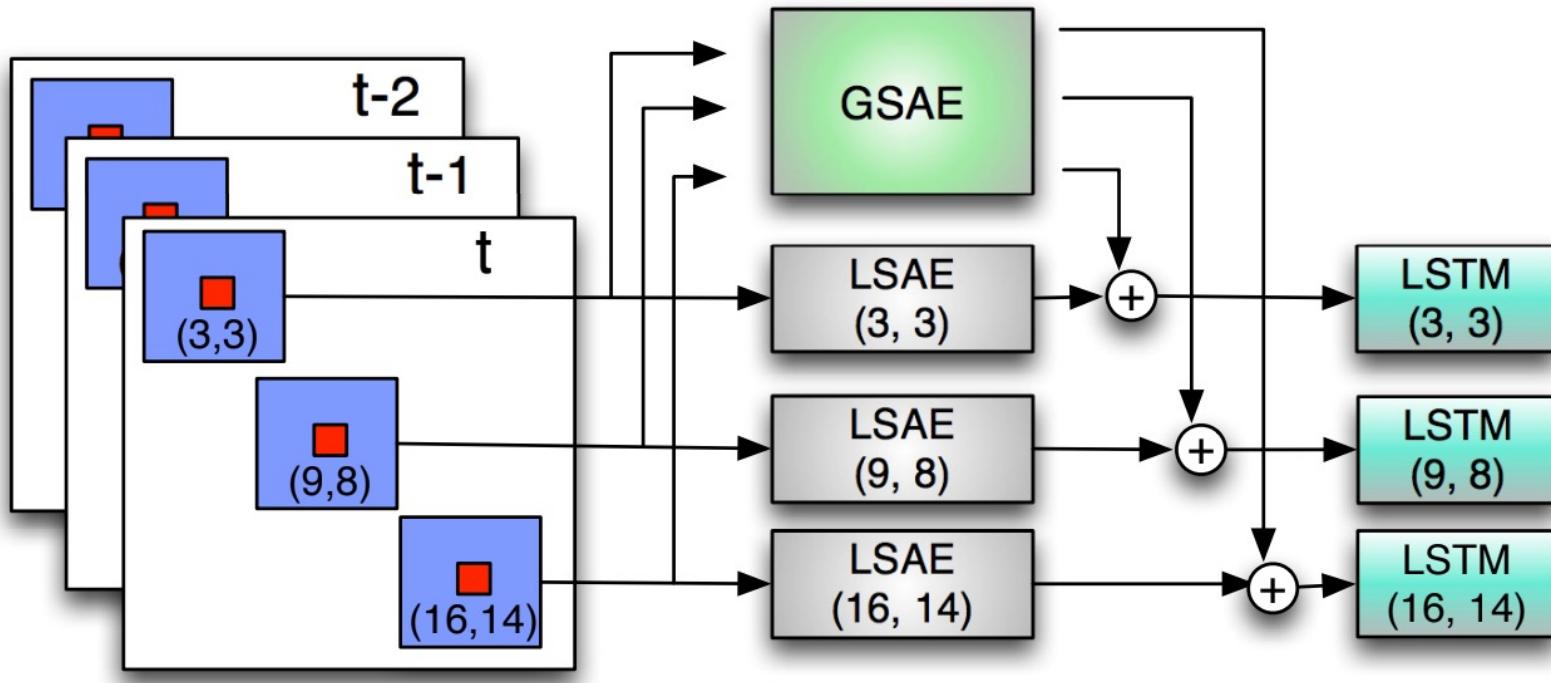


Fig. 3. The proposed deep learning model

Source: Wang, J. et al. Spatiotemporal modeling and prediction in cellular networks: A big data enabled deep learning approach. In: **IEEE INFOCOM 2017 - IEEE Conference on Computer Communications**. [S.l.: s.n.], 2017. p. 1–9.

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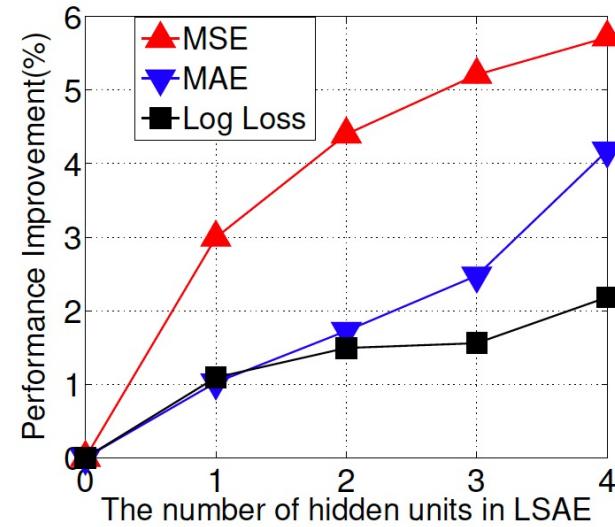
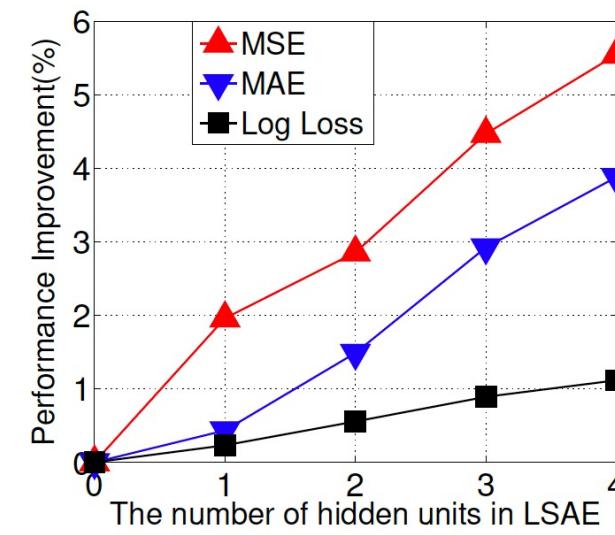


Fig. 13. Prediction performance improvement (Top: Downlink, Bottom: Uplink)

# Related work – Wang 2017b

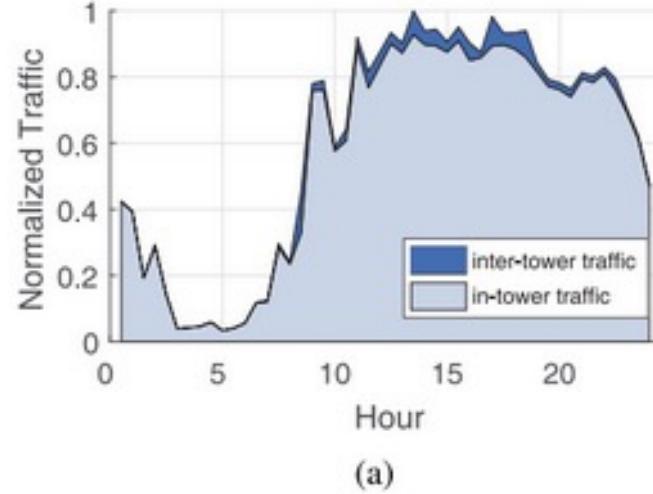
**5929 Base Stations (BSs), 1.5 million users**

**In-tower and inter-tower traffic**

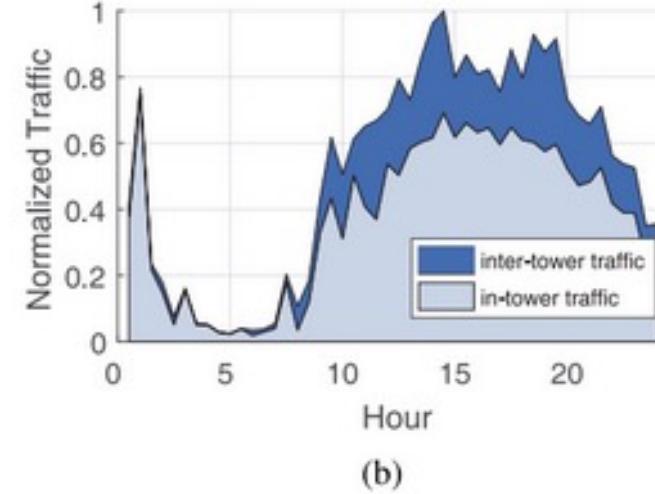
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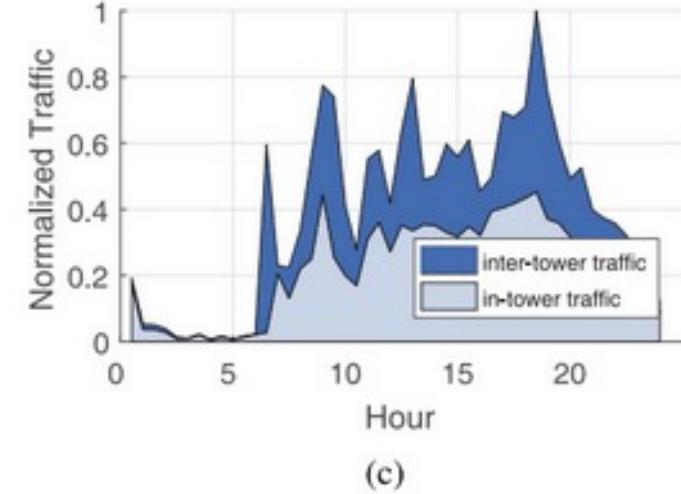
# Related work – Wang 2017b



(a)



(b)



(c)

Fig. 5. An illustration of three typical in-tower and inter-tower cell tower data traffic characteristics. (a) In-tower traffic dominant, collected from a cell tower in a residential area; (b) inter-tower traffic consistently notable during the daytime, collected from a cell tower in a shopping mall; and (c) inter-tower traffic surges at certain times, collected from a cell tower in a transit station.

Source: Wang, X. et al. Spatio-temporal analysis and prediction of cellular traffic in metropolis. In: **2017 IEEE 25th International Conference on Network Protocols (ICNP)**. [S.l.: s.n.], 2017. p. 1–10.



# Related work – Wang 2017b

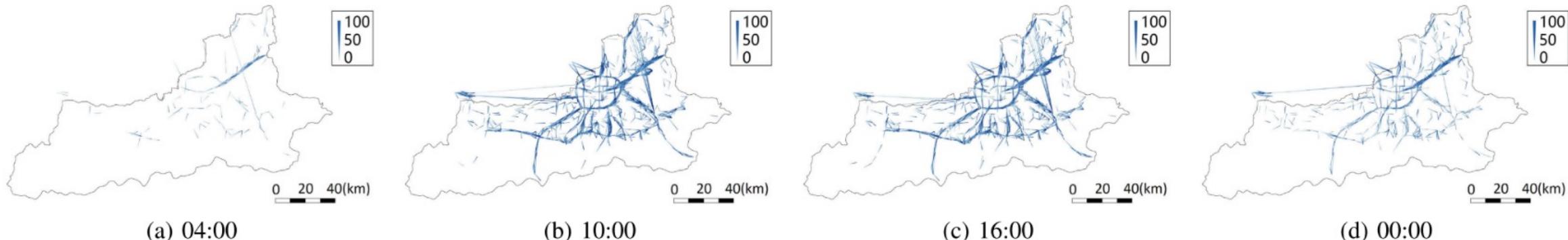


Fig. 7. Distribution of user mobility at different times of a day. An edge with gradient color from white to dark blue represents the direction of user mobility between a pair of cell towers. The line width of the edge shows the intensity of user mobility.

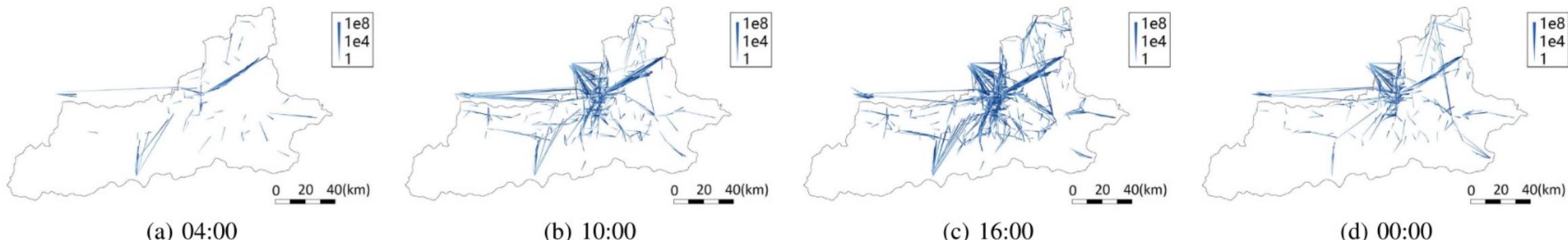


Fig. 8. Distribution of inter-tower traffic volume at different times of the same day. The line width of each edge represents the volume of inter-tower traffic between a pair of cell towers, aggregated by half an hour.

Source: Wang, X. et al. Spatio-temporal analysis and prediction of cellular traffic in metropolis. In: **2017 IEEE 25th International Conference on Network Protocols (ICNP)**. [S.I.: s.n.], 2017. p. 1–10.



# Related work – Summary

Ref.	LSTM	Time series	Grid arrange	Neighborhood concept	Spatial modelling	Residual/aperiodic events	Network traffic consumption characterization
Wang et al., 2015							✓
Wang et al., 2017a	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Wang et al., 2017b		✓		✓	✓	✓	
YANG et al., 2021		✓					
Gotzner; Rathgeber, 1998							✓
BOUTABA et al., 2018							✓

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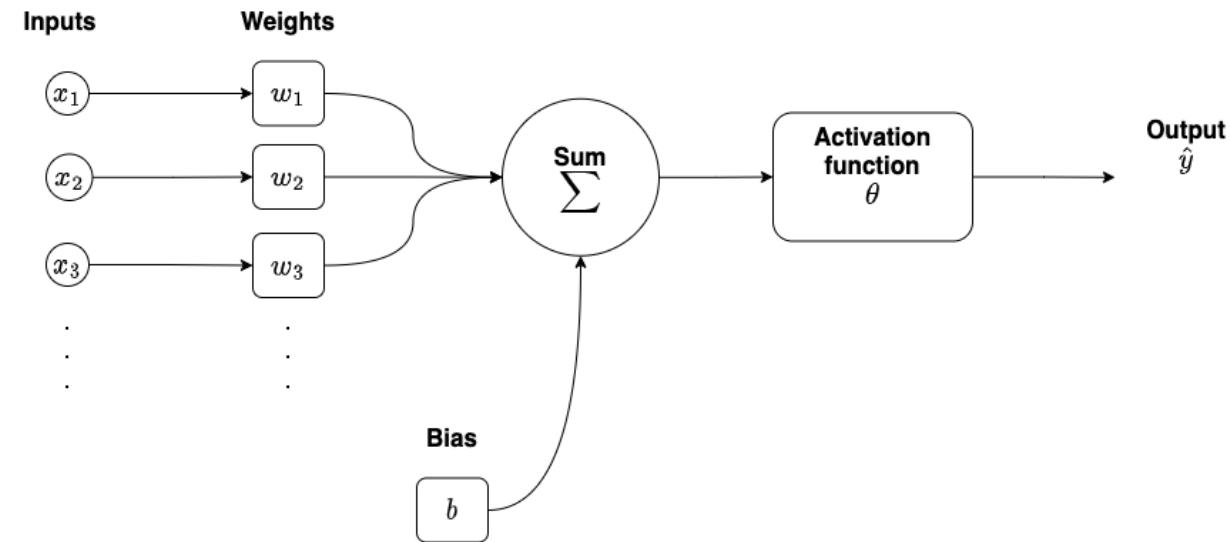
# Theoretical fundamentation – Neural networks development and training

$$Z = X \times W + b$$

$$\hat{Y} = \theta(Z)$$

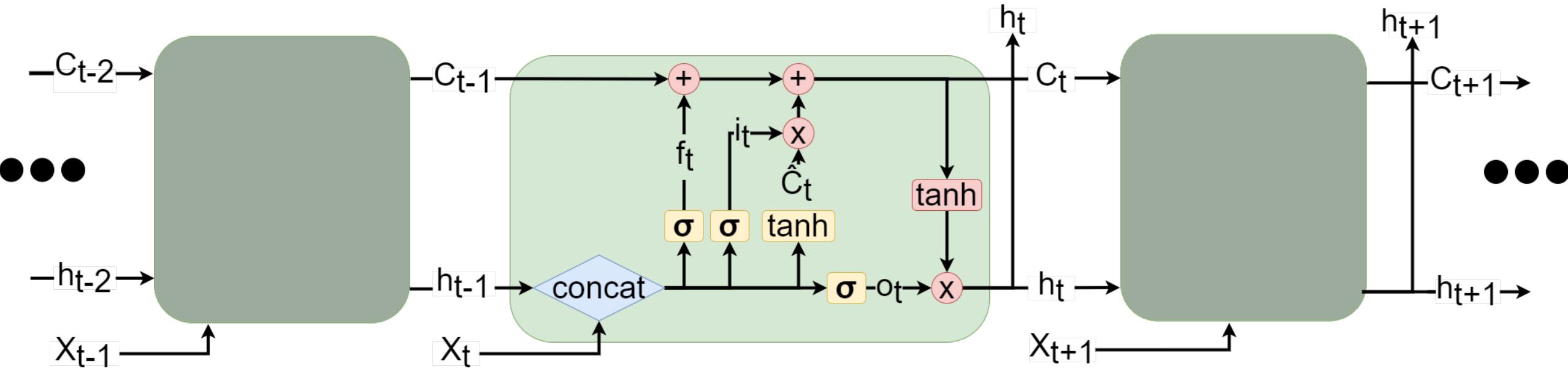
Common activation functions:

- Sigmoid: output between 0 and 1;
- Hyperbolic tangent: output -1 and 1;
- Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU)



Source: the author

# Theoretical fundamentation – LSTM



Source: the author

# Theoretical fundamentation – Feature selection

Mainly used to **dimensionality reduction**

**Pearson correlation coefficient**

- **Between -1 and 1**
- **Strength of the relationship between two variables**

**f-value**

**Distance based algorithm**

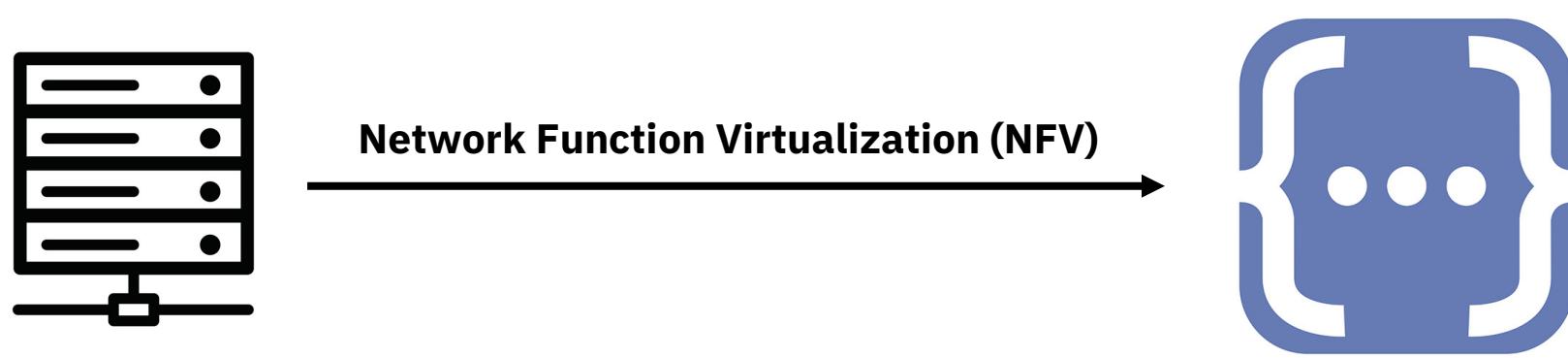
- **All transport regions inside 20 Moore distance\***

\*Later explained

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# Preliminaries on data Collection for MTP-NT – The predictive model in the 5G Infrastructure

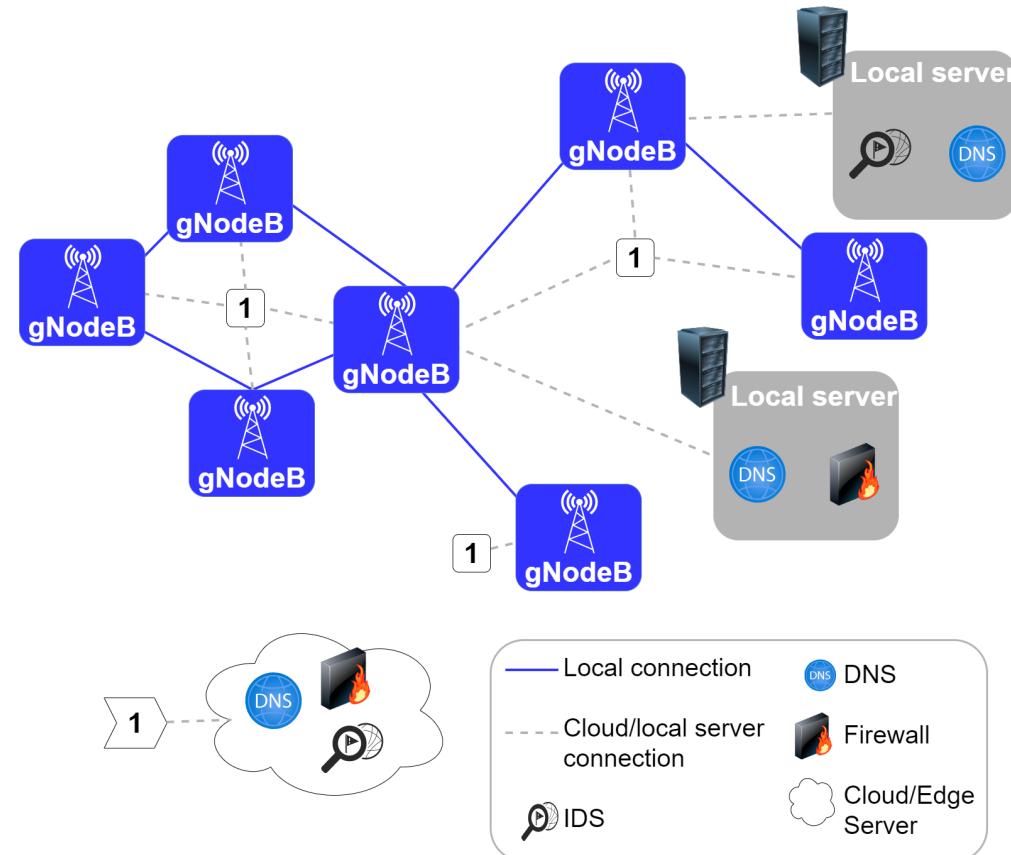


**Hardware middleboxes become software functions**

**Rely on dedicated hardware and/or cloud**



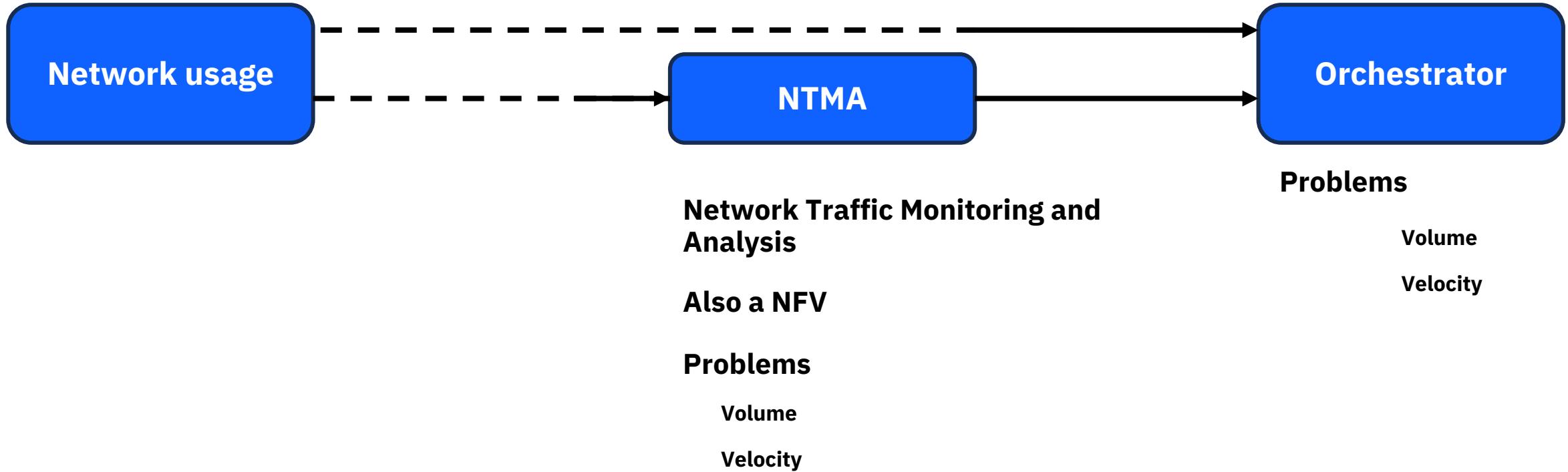
# Preliminaries on data Collection for MTP-NT – The predictive model in the 5G Infrastructure



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# Preliminaries on data Collection for MTP-NT – The predictive model in the 5G Infrastructure



# Preliminaries on data Collection for MTP-NT – The predictive model in the 5G Infrastructure



**How does it flow?**

**How to store?**

**Is there a open standard?**



# Preliminaries on data Collection for MTP-NT – Data flow



**Flow collectors/Network exporters and collectors**

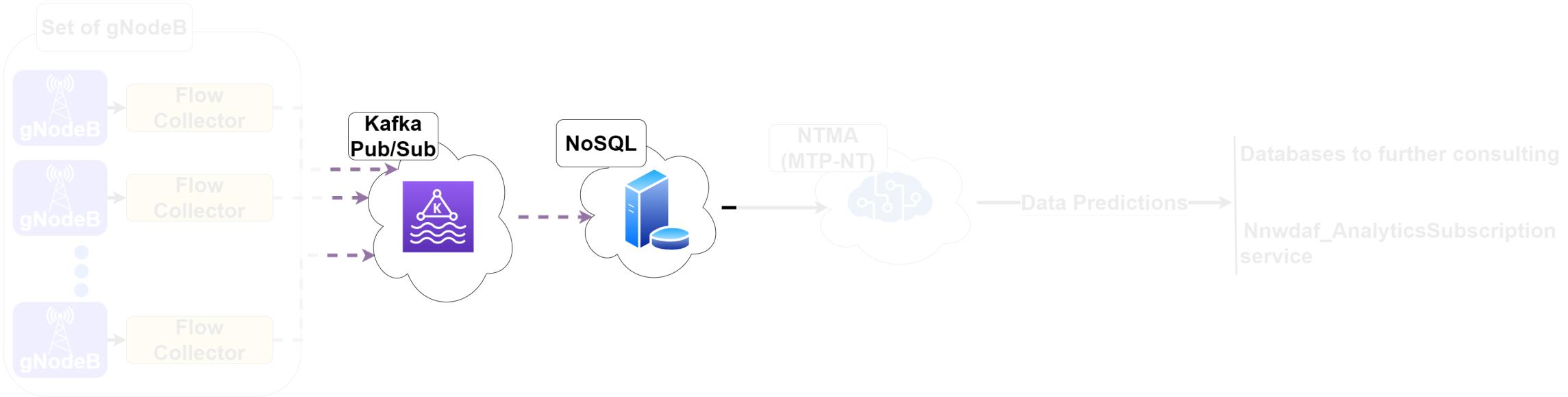
**Radio Access Network (RAN) layer**

**Network Data Analytics Function (NWDAF)<sup>1</sup>**

[1] 3GPP. Architecture enhancements for 5G System (5GS) to support network data analytics services. [S.l.], 2022. Version 17.5.0. Disponível em: <<<https://portal.3gpp.org/desktopmodules/Specifications/SpecificationDetails.aspx?specificationId=3579>>>.



# Preliminaries on data Collection for MTP-NT – Data flow



## NoSQL<sup>12</sup>

**Less performance penalties with large datasets**

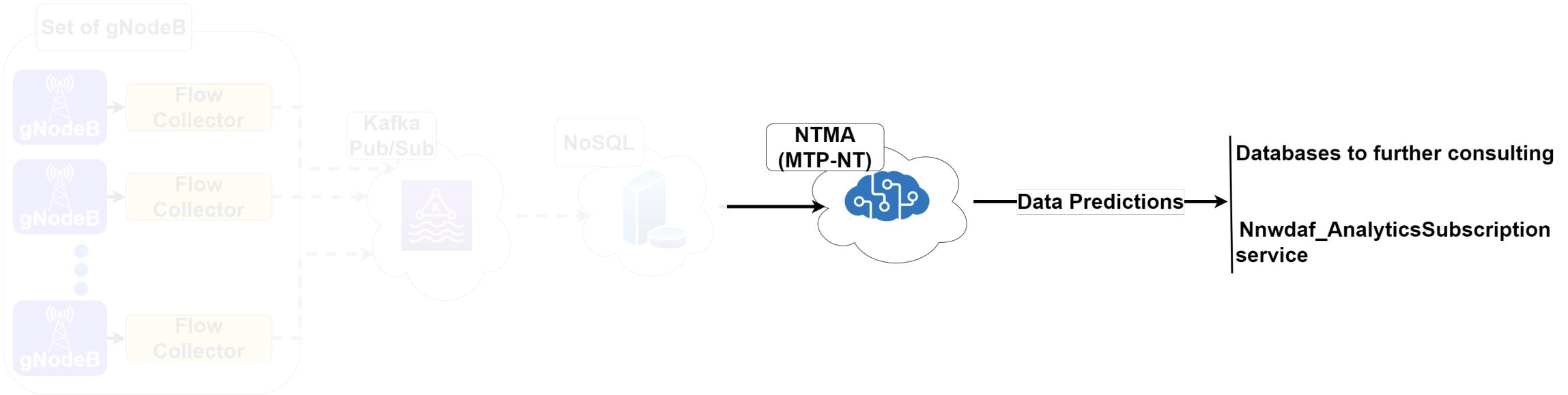
**Popular open source solutions**

[1] HAN, J. et al. Survey on nosql database. In: IEEE. 2011 6th international conference on pervasive computing and applications. [S.I.], 2011. p. 363–366.

[2] D'ALCONZO, A. et al. A survey on big data for network traffic monitoring and analysis. IEEE Transactions on Network and Service Management, IEEE, v. 16, n. 3, p. 800–813, 2019.

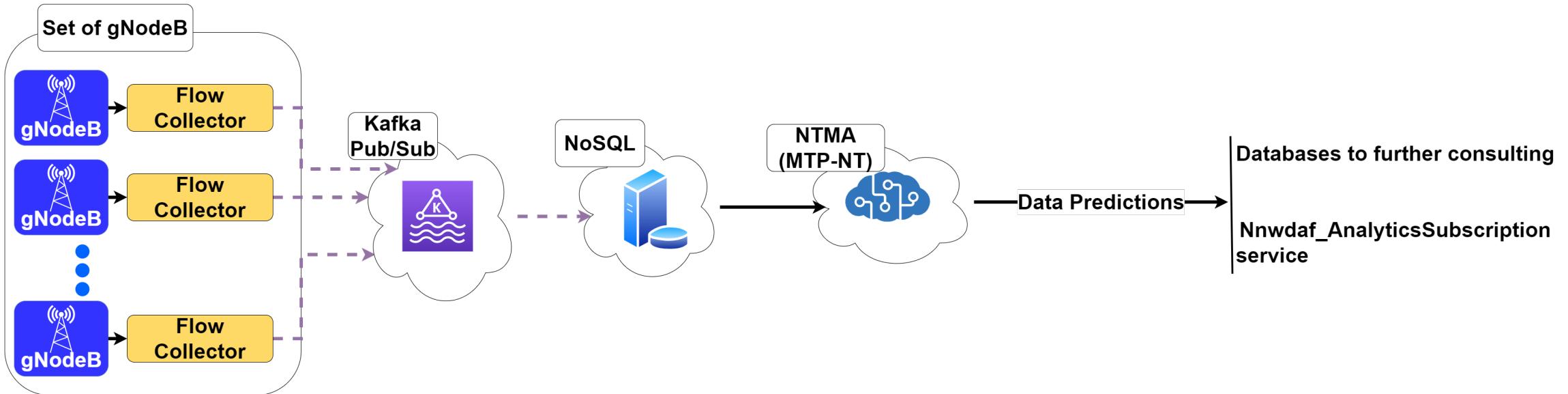


# Preliminaries on data Collection for MTP-NT – Data flow



**The data is pulled by the MTP-NT, which can be seen as a NTMA**

# Preliminaries on data Collection for MTP-NT – Data flow



Source: the author

# Preliminaries on data Collection for MTP-NT – Dataset used in this work

Database to **Milan** and Trento from November 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of 2013<sup>1</sup>

1. Grid (Telecom Italia)
2. Social Pulse (Spazio Dati, DEIB)
3. **Telecommunications** (Telecom Italia)
4. Precipitations (Metereotrentino, ARPA)
5. Weather (ARPA)
6. Electricity (SET Distribuzione SPA)
7. News (Citynews)

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# Preliminaries on data Collection for MTP-NT – Dataset used in this work

## Telecommunications dataset from Milan

- **10,000 zonal regions** in a **100x100 regular grid**
- Each regions is a square of **0.06km<sup>2</sup>**
- One log at every **10 minutes** in every region
- **Call Detail Records (CDRs)**
  - Every time an user initiates or ends a network connection;
  - For a given connection, an additional CDR is generated every **15 additional minutes of connection or if the user transfers more than 5MB over the internet;**
  - Other origins as SMS and calls, but this information is not used in this work.



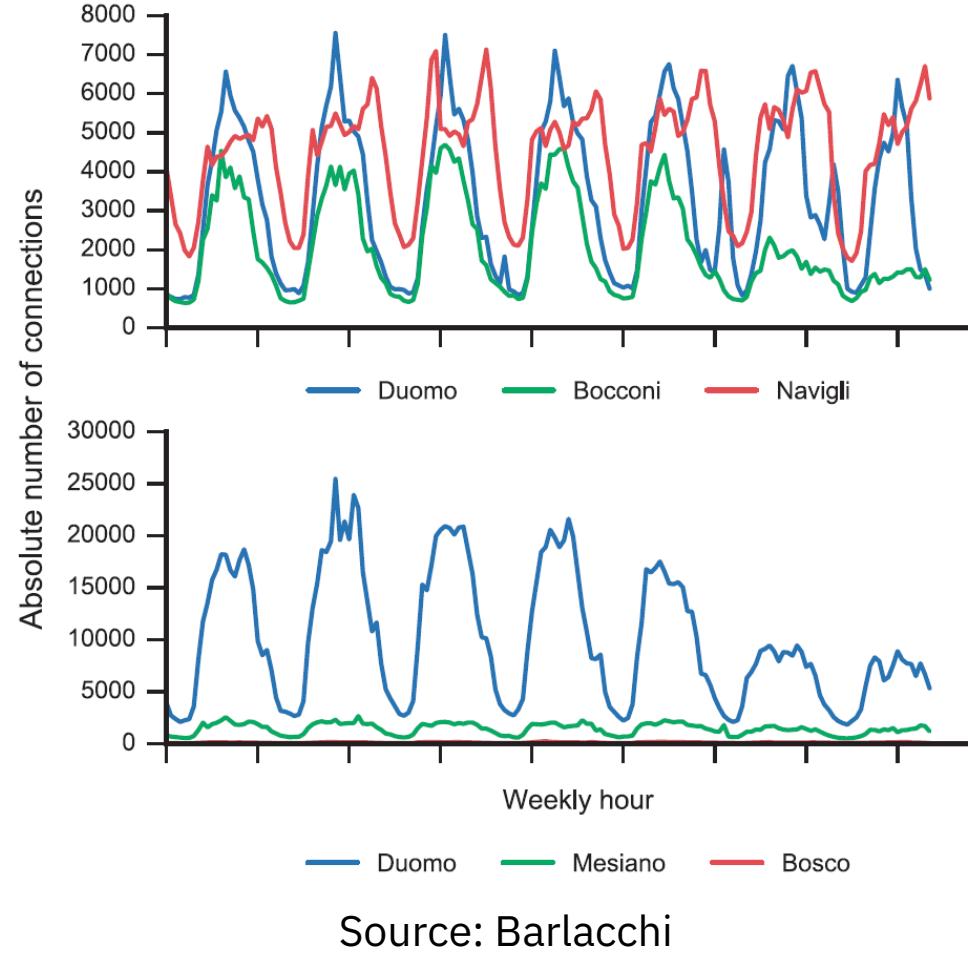
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## Anonymization of data

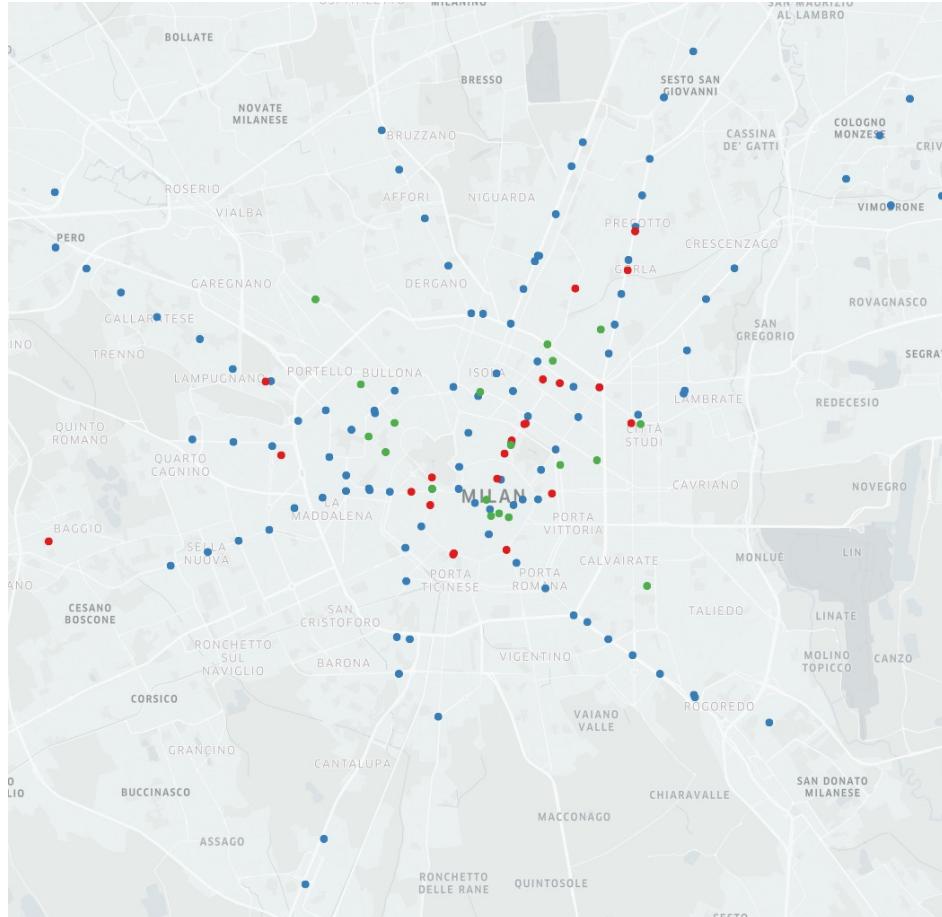
- **GDPR compliant**
- **Protects the real infrastructure capabilities**
- **Each parameter  $f$  is multiplied by a anonymization constant  $k_f$**



# Preliminaries on data Collection for MTP-NT – Dataset used in this work



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# Framework structure and fundamentation – Mathematical formalization of MTP-NT operations

## MTP-NT inputs

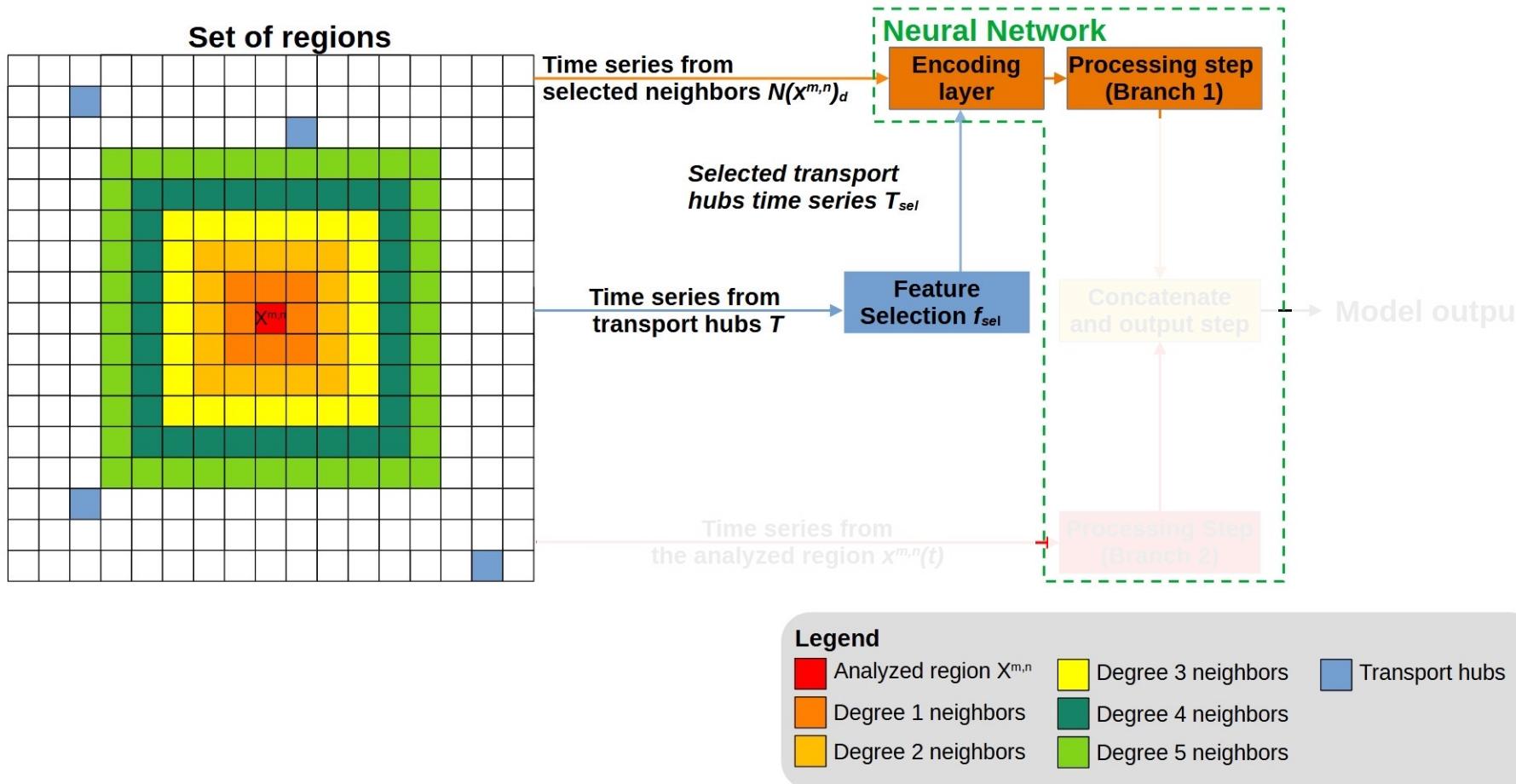
Time series from the analyzed region

Time series from selected neighbors

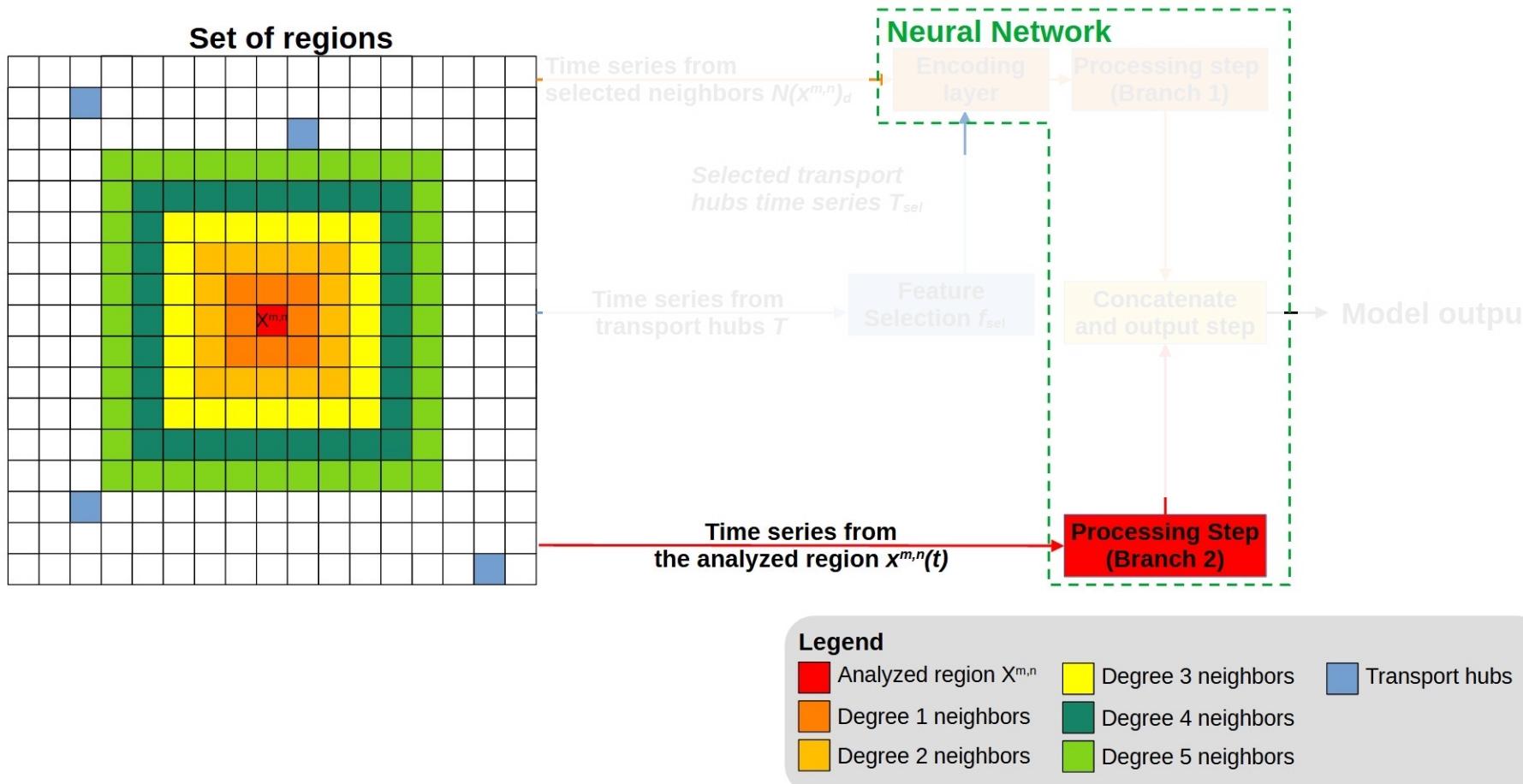
Time series from transport hubs



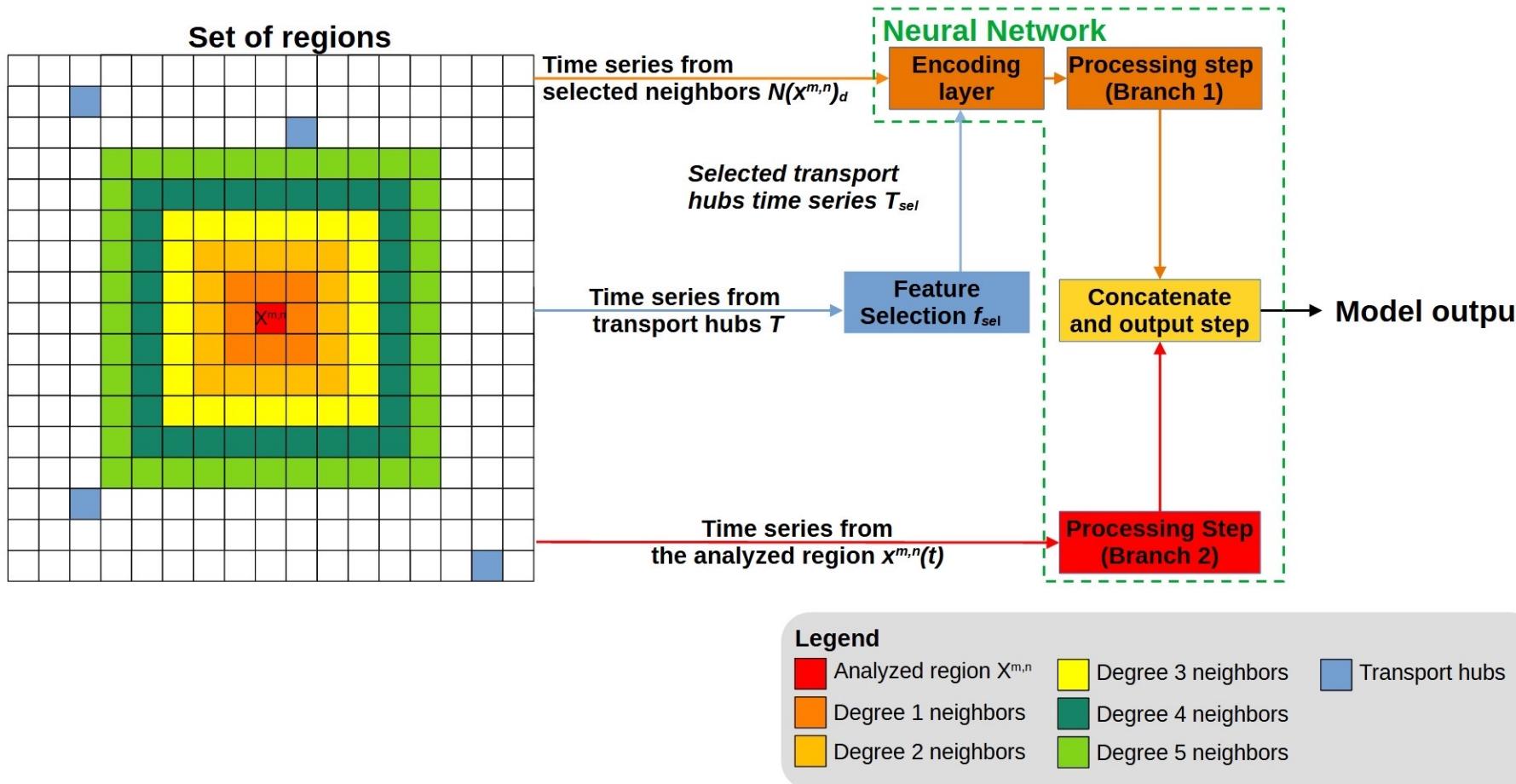
# Framework structure and fundamentation – Mathematical formalization of MTP-NT operations



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# MTP-NT's framework architecture

## Branch 1

### 1. Decode the input and begin the compression

*Input\_other; Encoding\_other\_1*

### 2. Temporal relations

*LSTM\_other\_1; Dropout\_other\_1*

### 3. Temporal relations

*LSTM\_other\_2; Decoder\_other\_1; Dropout\_other\_2*

### 4. General purpose correlations and reduce overfitting

*Dense\_other\_2; Dropout\_other\_3*

### 5. Concatenation of Branches

*Dense\_other\_3*

## Branch 1 Input: $N(x^{m,n})_d + T_{sel}$

### Encoding step

	input:	output:
Input_other: InputLayer	[(None, 1, 280)]	[(None, 1, 280)]
Encoding_other_1: Dense	(None, 1, 280)	(None, 1, 280)

### Processing step

	input:	output:
LSTM_other_1: LSTM	(None, 1, 280)	(None, 1, 144)

	input:	output:
Dropout_other_1: Dropout	(None, 1, 144)	(None, 1, 144)

	input:	output:
LSTM_other_2: LSTM	(None, 1, 144)	(None, 1, 144)

	input:	output:
Decoder_other_1: Dense	(None, 1, 144)	(None, 1, 560)

	input:	output:
Dropout_other_2: Dropout	(None, 1, 560)	(None, 1, 560)

	input:	output:
Dense_other_2: Dense	(None, 1, 560)	(None, 1, 1120)

	input:	output:
Dropout_other_3: Dropout	(None, 1, 1120)	(None, 1, 1120)

	input:	output:
Dense_other_3: Dense	(None, 1, 1120)	(None, 1, 560)

## Branch 2

## Input: $x^{m,n}(t)$

### Processing step

	input:	output:
Input_y: InputLayer	[(None, 1, 1)]	[(None, 1, 1)]

	input:	output:
LSTM1: LSTM	(None, 1, 1)	(None, 1, 144)

	input:	output:
Dropout1: Dropout	(None, 1, 144)	(None, 1, 144)

	input:	output:
LSTM2: LSTM	(None, 1, 144)	(None, 1, 144)

	input:	output:
Dropout2: Dropout	(None, 1, 144)	(None, 1, 144)

	input:	output:
Dense1: Dense	(None, 1, 144)	(None, 1, 4)

	input:	output:
Dropout3: Dropout	(None, 1, 4)	(None, 1, 4)

	input:	output:
Dense2: Dense	(None, 1, 4)	(None, 1, 2)

### Concatenate and output step

	concatenate_639: Concatenate	input:	output:
		[(None, 1, 2), (None, 1, 560)]	(None, 1, 562)

	Output_Dense	input:	output:
		(None, 1, 562)	(None, 1, 1)



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## Branch 2

### 1. Input layer

*Input\_y*

### 2. Temporal relations

*LSTM1; Dropout1*

*LSTM2;Dropout2*

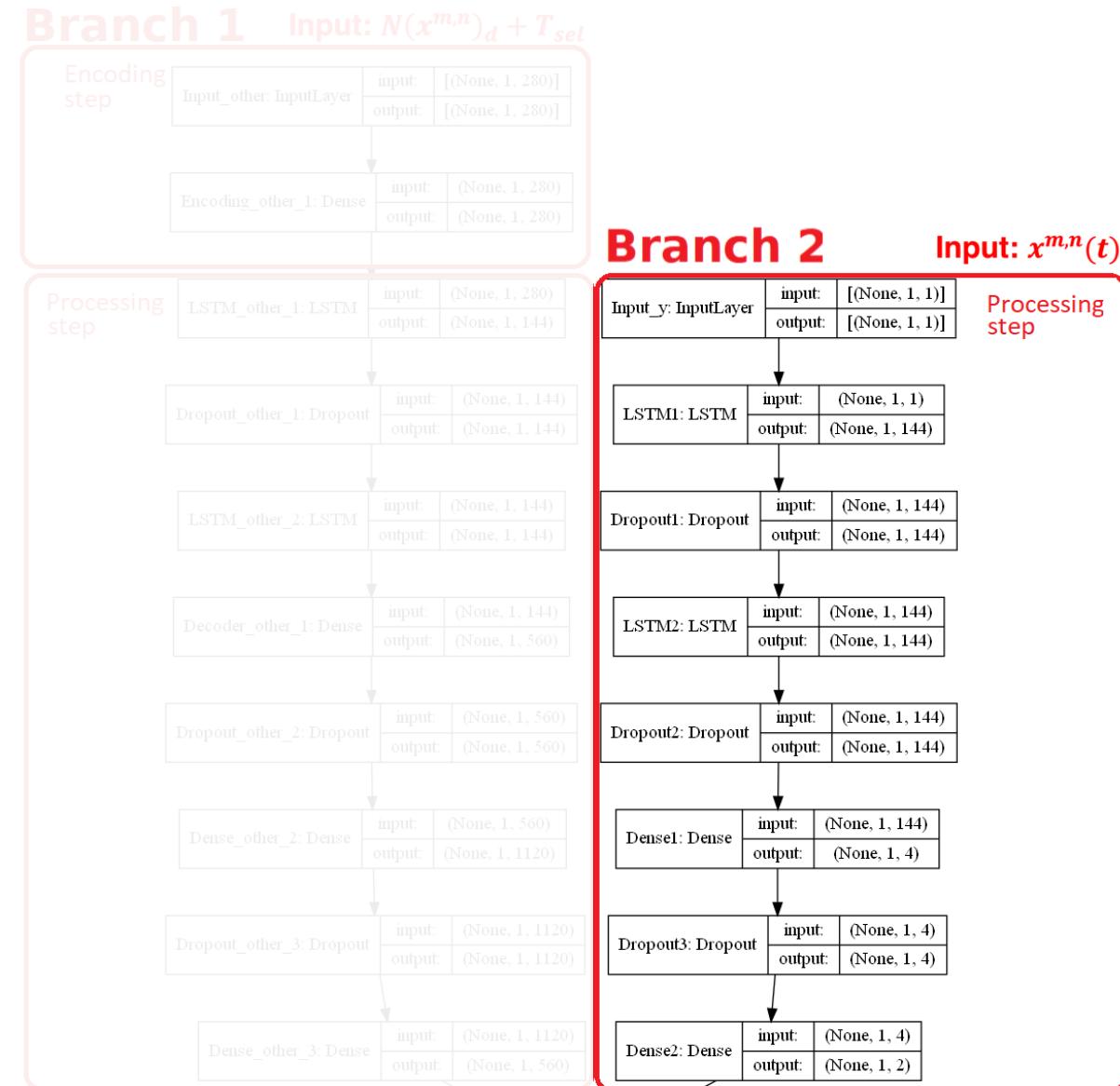
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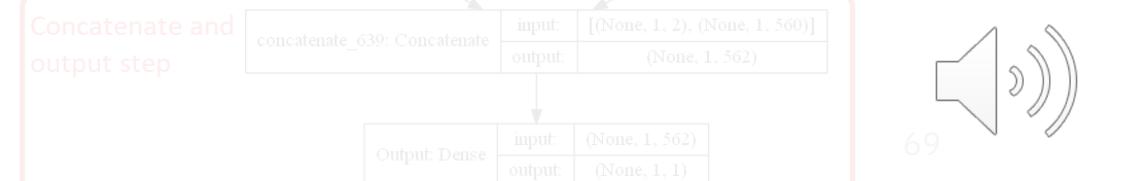
*Dropout3; Dense2*

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*Dense2*

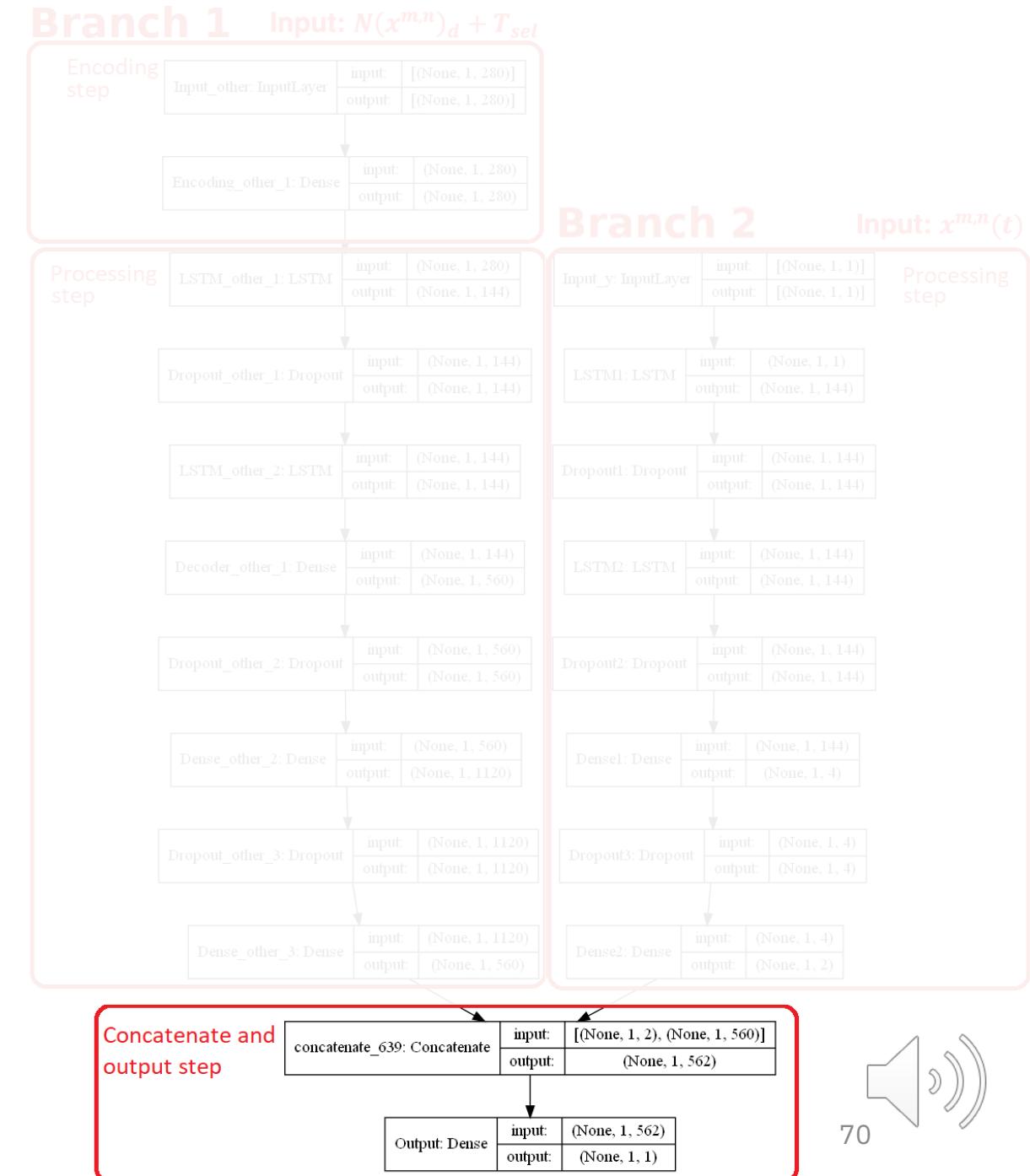


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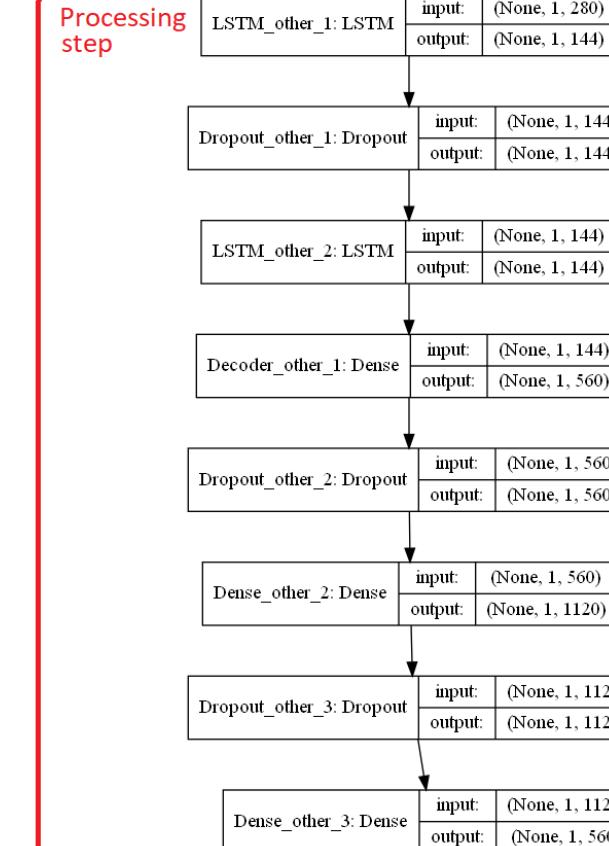
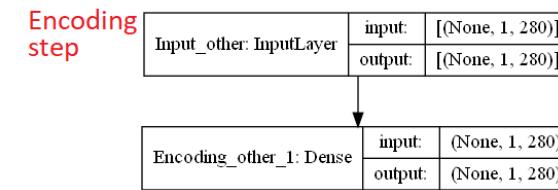
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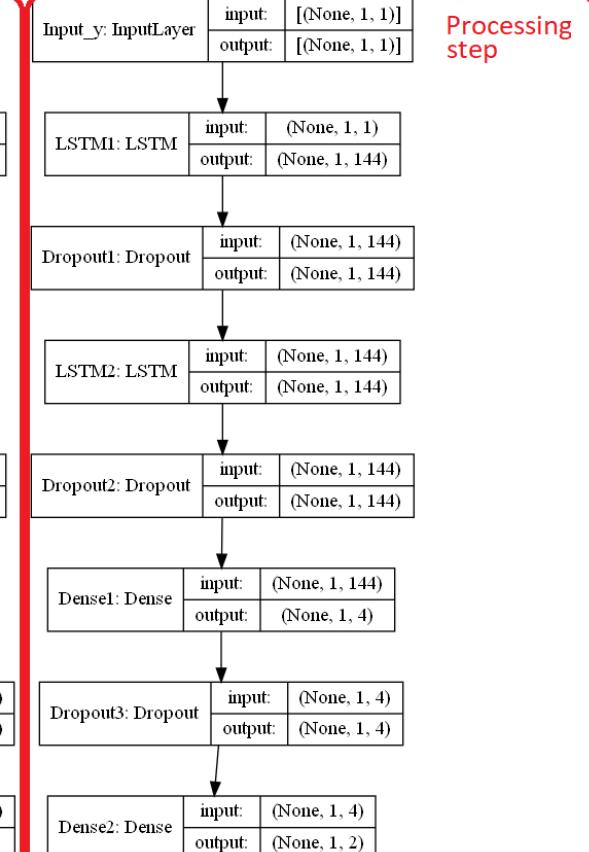


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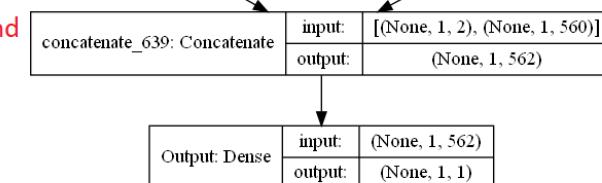
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**Branch 2** Input:  $x^{m,n}(t)$



Concatenate and output step



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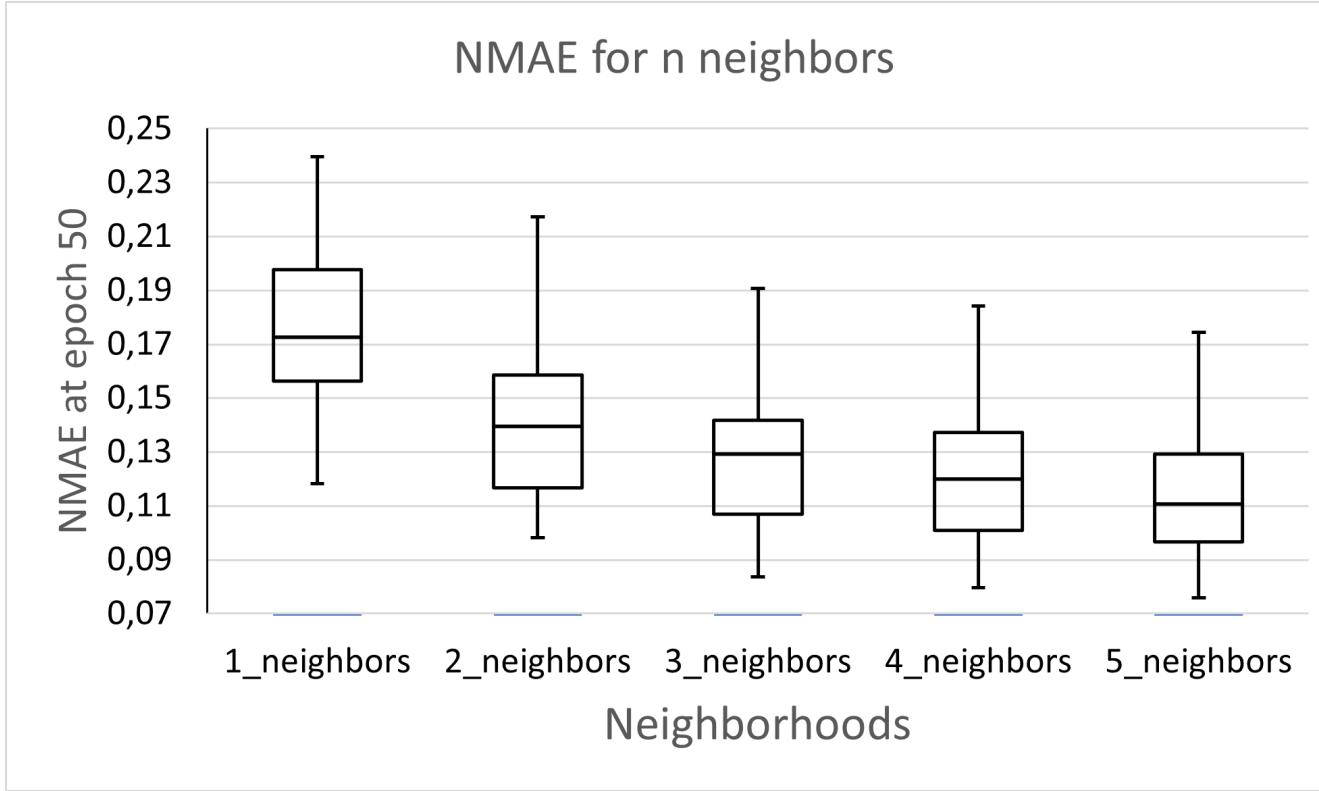
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## Evaluation metric

$$NMAE(y, \hat{y}) = \frac{\sum |\hat{y} - y|}{\sum y} \quad (12)$$



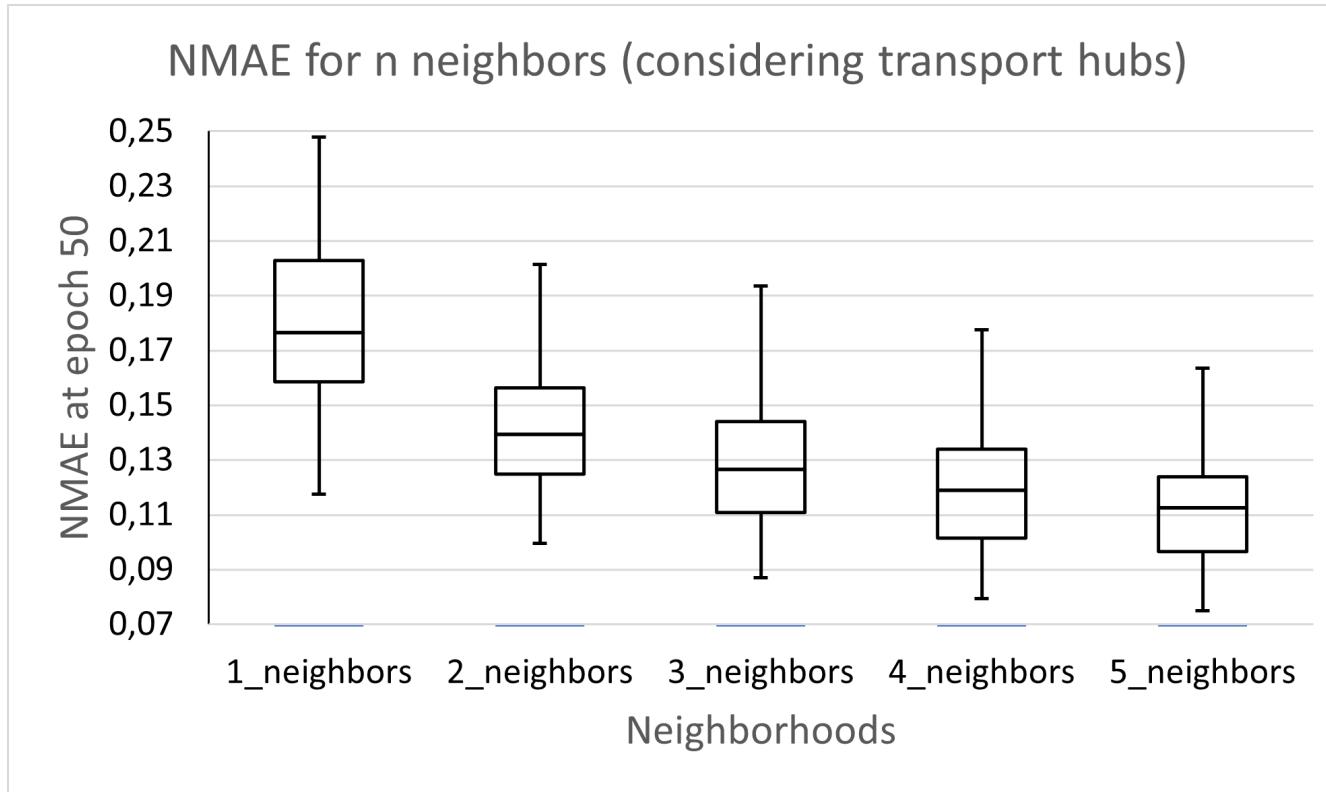
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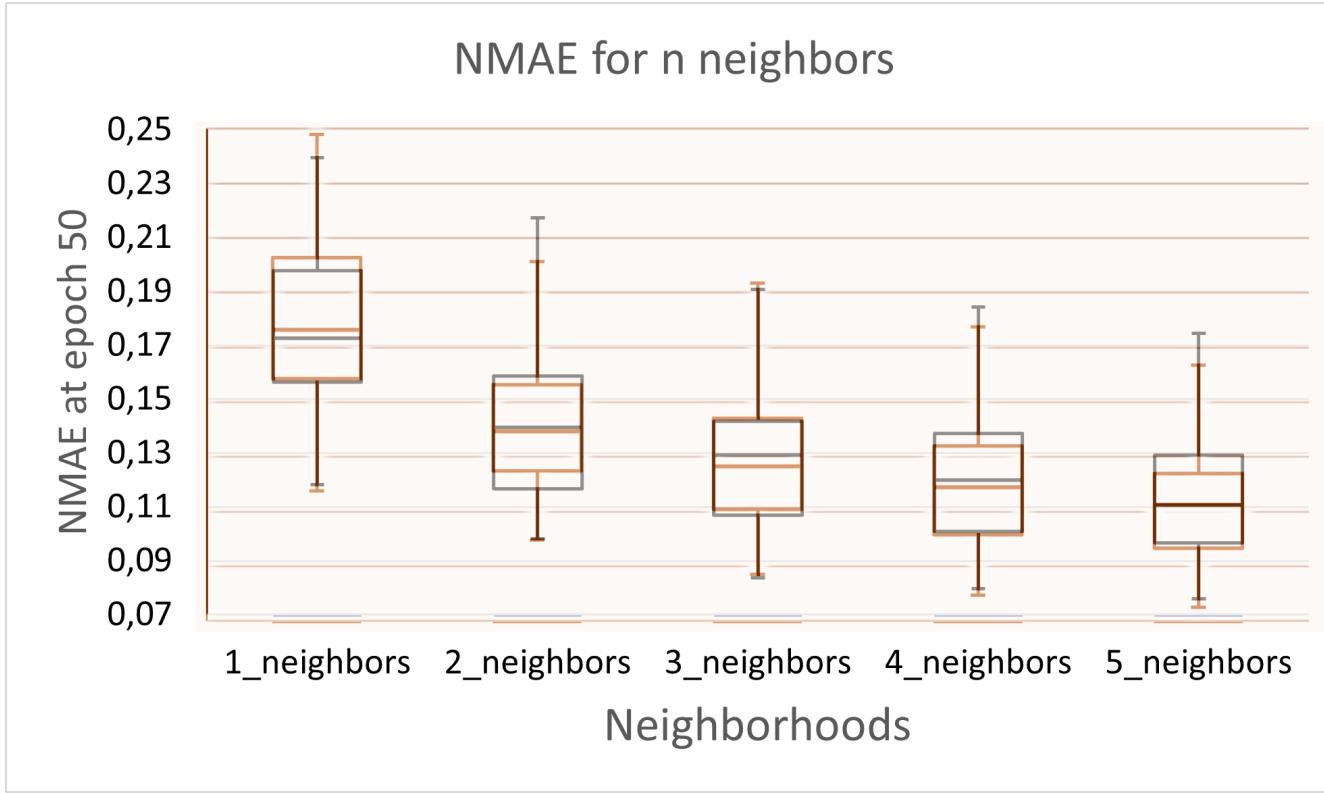


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Better overall performance, specially in:

- **Outliers**
- **Lower Moore distance models**

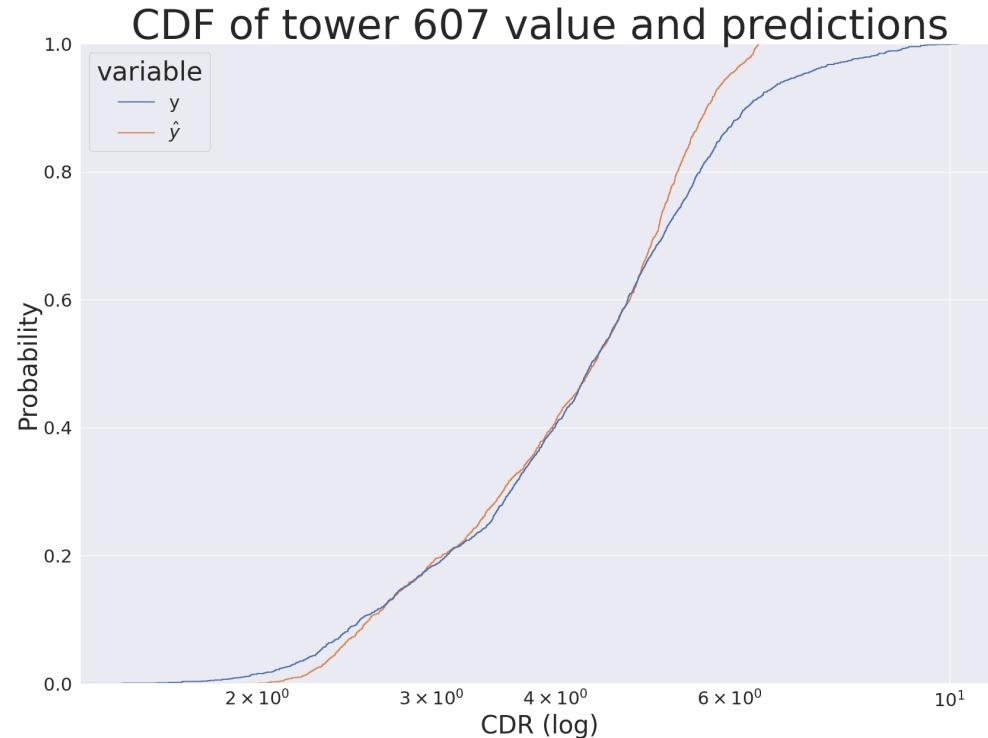
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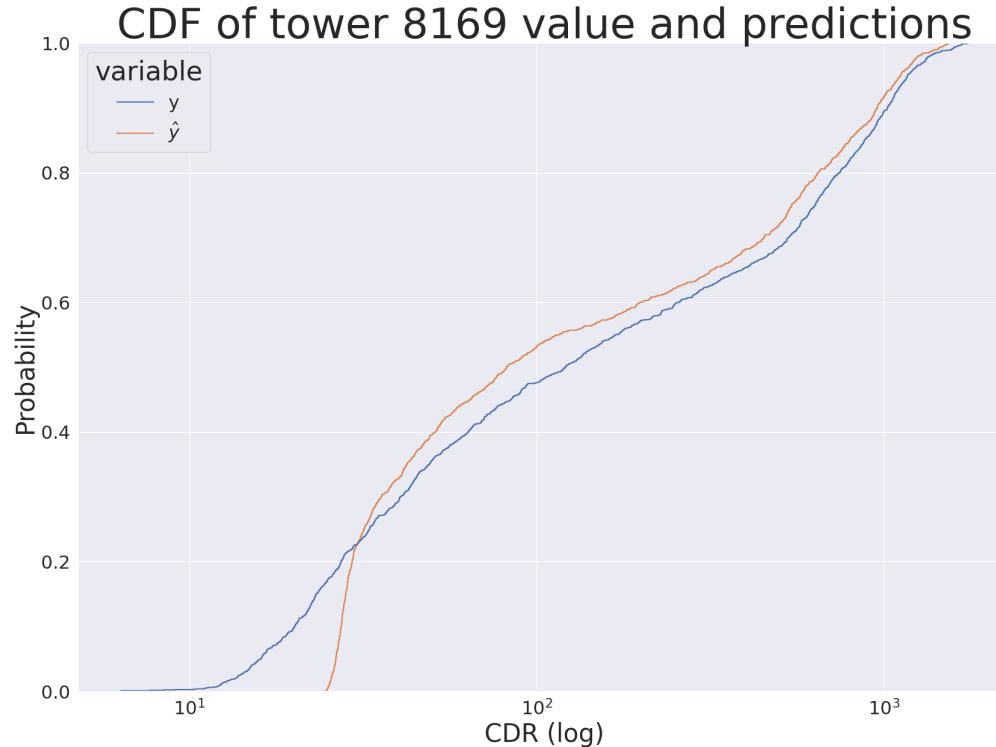
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## Region 607 (near Vigano)

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**How can MTP-NT perform in a different scenario?**

Table 6 – NMAE in tests with 10-minute and 1-hour observations, varying the usage of transport hubs.

Window size	NMAE with transport data	NMAE without transport data
10 minutes	0.1120	0.1100
1 hour	0.1355	0.1441

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# Experimental results – Execution Time Evaluation

**Growth of regions with the maximum Moore distance  $d$  considered**

$$N_d = N_{d+1} + 8(d + 1)$$

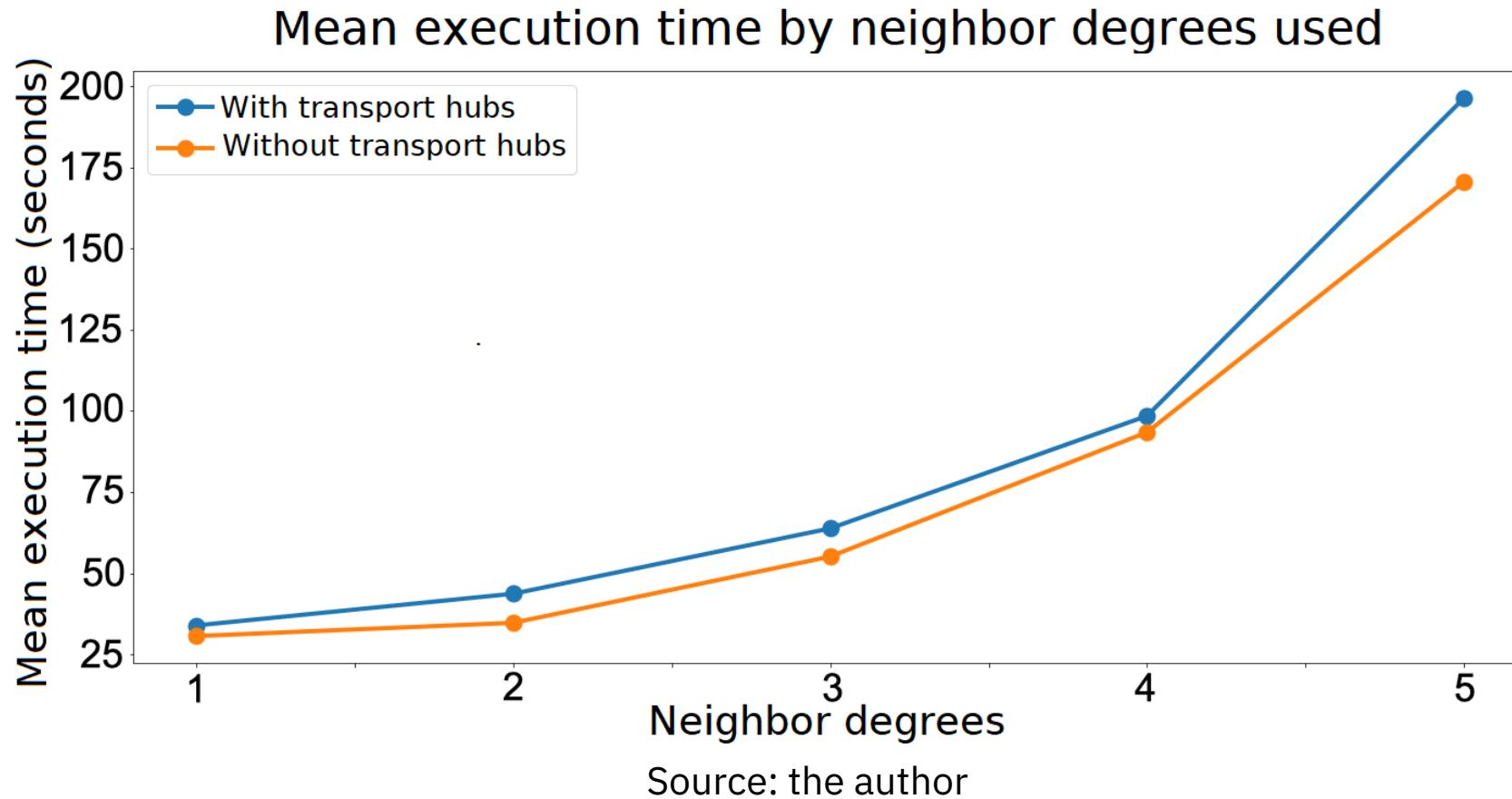
Table 5 – Number of regions and data samples in a 24 hour interval with increasing neighborhoods.

Neighborhoods	1	2	3	4	5
Total regions	9	25	49	81	121
Samples in 24 hours	1,296	3,600	7,056	11,664	17,424

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**Answer: Benchmark your proposal against widely known models**

- ARIMA
- HW
- Prophet
- LSTM model



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## Auto Regressive Integrated Moving Average - ARIMA

- Autoregression: self correlation (p)

$$Y_t = \beta_1 + \Phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \Phi_2 Y_{t-2} + \dots + \Phi_p Y_{t-p}$$

- Integration: stationary time series (d)

$$\begin{aligned} Z_t &= Y_{t+1} - Y_t & \dots d = 1 \\ Q_t &= Z_{t+1} - Z_t & \dots d = 2 \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$

- Moving Average: relation between error of previous samples and the actual (q)

$$Y_t = \beta_2 + \omega_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \omega_2 \varepsilon_{t-2} + \dots + \omega_q \varepsilon_{t-q} + \varepsilon_t$$

# Experimental results – Performance Analysis

**Auto Regressive Integrated Moving Average – ARIMA**

**Best model: p=36;d=1;q=0**



# Experimental results – Performance Analysis

Holt-Winters (HW) model: additive trend

Prophet: daily and weekly seasonality

LSTM model

- Standard scaler
- 128-cell LSTM layer + Dropout (10%)
- 128-cell LSTM layer + Dropout (10%)
- Dense layer

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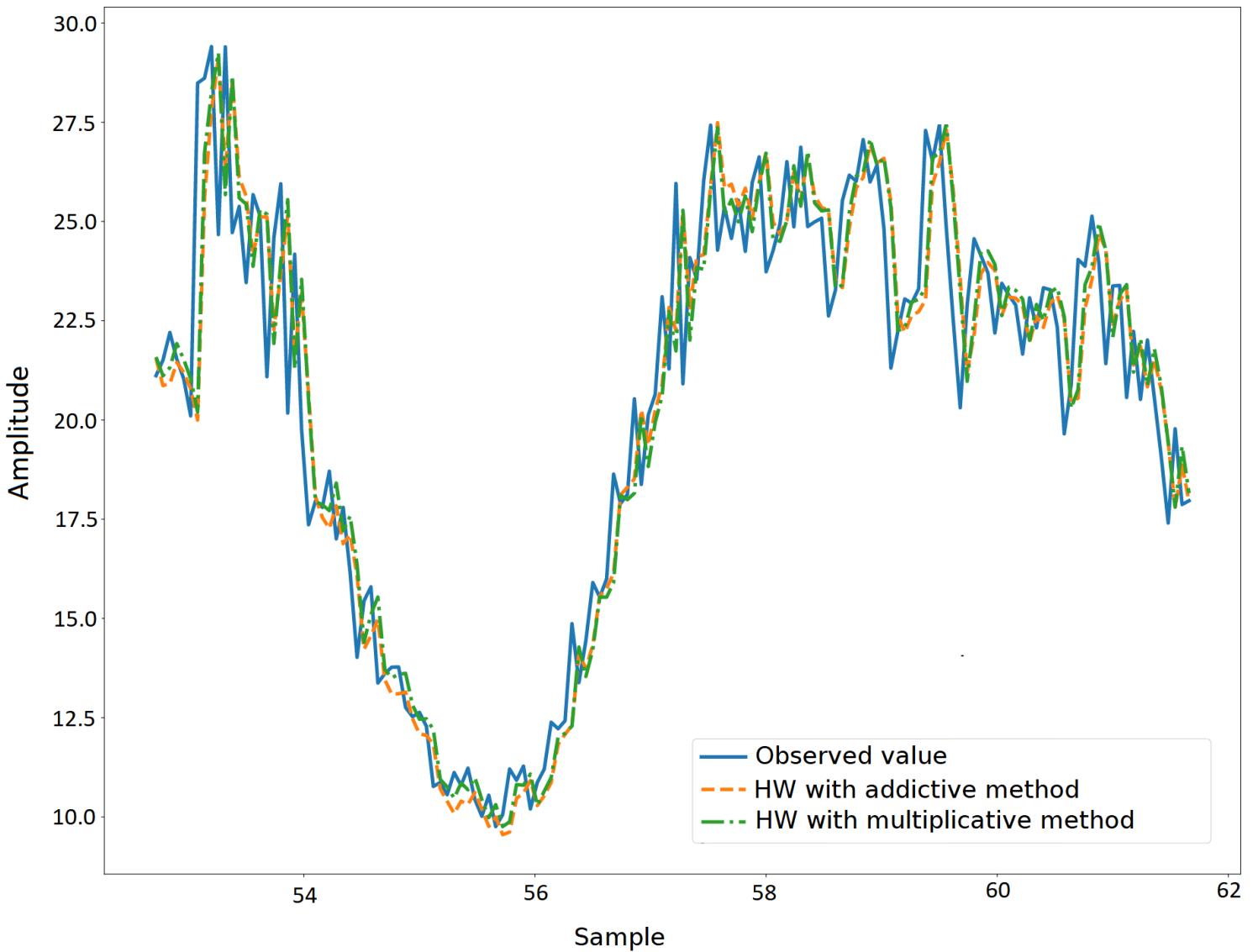
**MTP-NT: 77%**

**(Wang 2017b) 62% drop in error compared to HW**

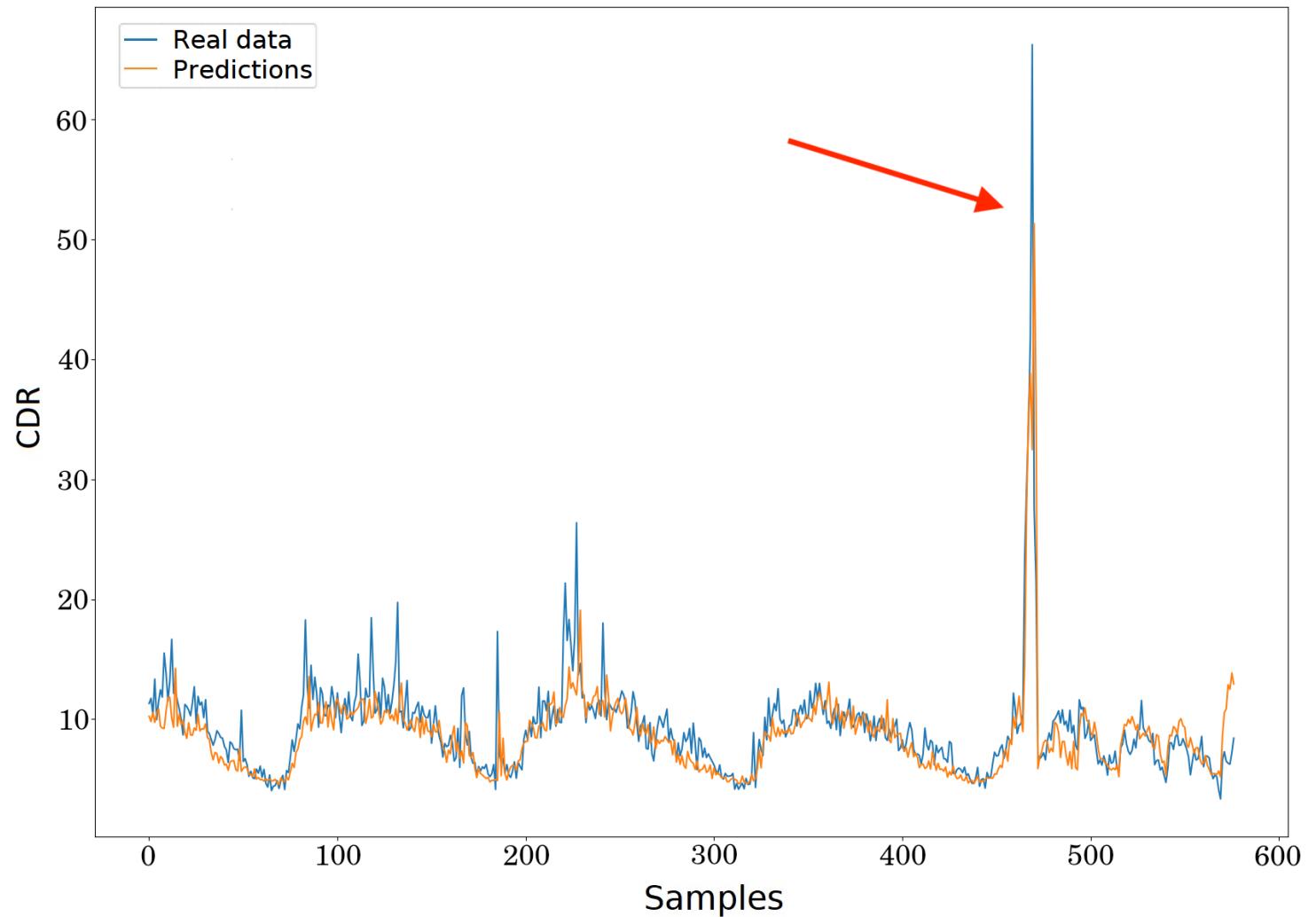
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**Data driven  
technologies in  
mobile  
networks**

**Large urban  
centers**

Dynamic scenarios

Patterns and irregular factors

Strict QoS/QoE metrics

**Cloud based  
architecture;  
3GPP  
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**GDPR and  
other major  
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# Future work

## More neighborhoods

Heavier models

GPUs and other advancements make cloud computing **cheaper**

## Multi-region model

MTP-NT compiles a single region at a time

A new multi-region architecture can be better





# Thanks!

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