



Real-Time Vehicle Tracking System

Revolutionizing Fleet Management with Machine Learning

Transforming GPS data into intelligent, actionable insights for optimized logistics and transportation systems

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Background: The GPS Data Opportunity

Current GPS Limitations

- Traditional trackers offer only basic real-time location data.
- Lack deeper analytical insights into performance.
- Hidden patterns in GPS POLYLINE data (speed, direction, behavior) remain largely unexplored.

The Need for Predictive Insights

- Timely deliveries are critical for logistics and fleet operations.
- Delayed shipments impact customer satisfaction and operational costs.
- Early delay detection enables proactive planning and resource reallocation.
- Transforms reactive management into predictive optimization.

Build an ML-powered system to monitor and optimize vehicle tracking in real time

Existing systems fall short in predicting real-time delays from raw GPS trajectory data, leaving critical questions unanswered: "How late will this trip be?"

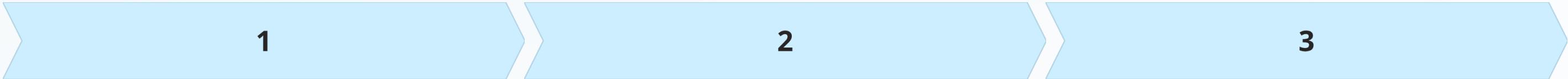
The Challenge

- Traditional GPS provides basic location, but lacks deeper analytical insights.
- Hidden patterns in POLYLINE data (speed, direction, behavior) remain unexplored.
- No system directly predicts delays from real-time GPS trajectories.

Who Benefits?

- Fleet management & logistics providers
- Emergency services & ride-sharing platforms
- Delivery operations
- Anyone relying on timely transport

Our Core Objectives



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1. Feature Extraction

Convert raw POLYLINE data into meaningful distance, duration, and speed metrics.

2. Delay Calculation

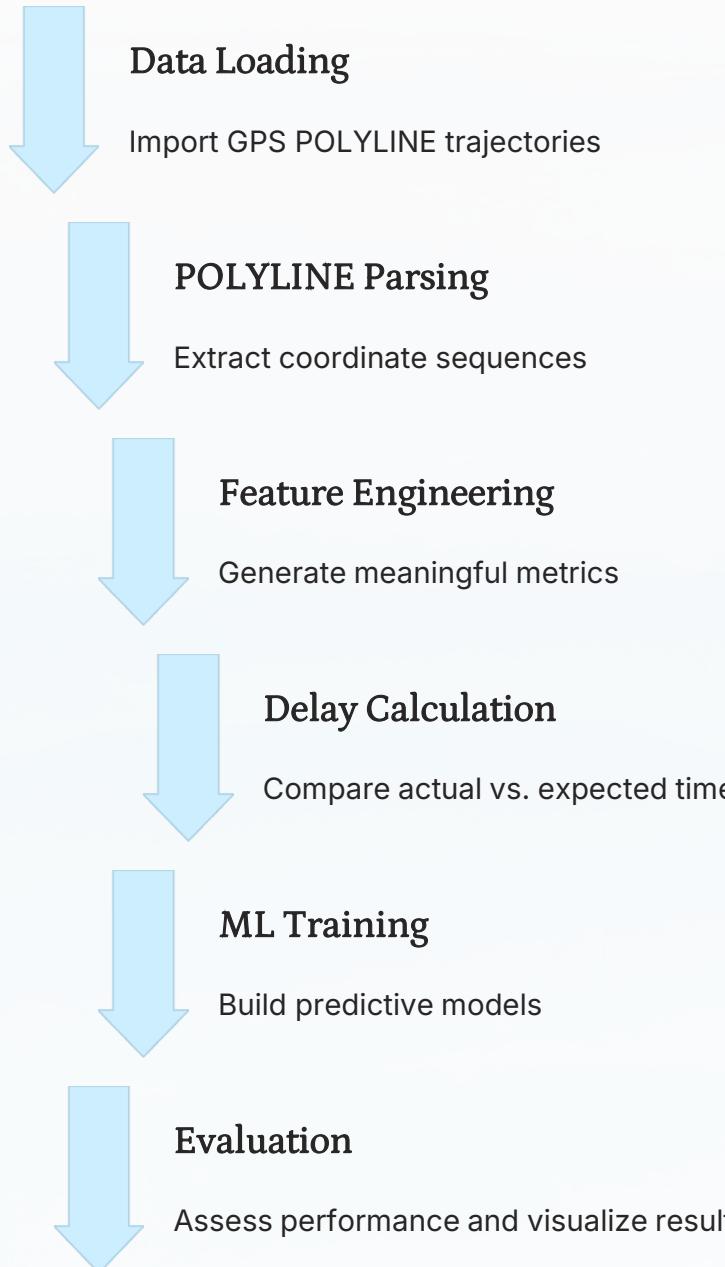
Accurately determine expected arrival times and actual delay minutes for each trip.

3. Prediction Models

Develop and apply machine learning models (e.g., Linear Regression, Random Forest) for precise delay forecasting.

System Workflow & Feature Engineering

Data Processing Pipeline



Engineered Features

Trip Duration
Calculated from 15-second GPS intervals between coordinate points
Trip Distance
Haversine formula computes great-circle distance between coordinates
Average Speed
Derived metric in km/h from distance and duration
Expected Travel Time
Baseline calculation using standard traffic conditions
Delay Minutes
Target Variable: Actual Time – Expected Time

Machine Learning Models & Results

Regression Model: Predicting Delay Duration (Gradient Boosting Regressor)

A Linear Regression model accurately predicts the exact delay duration in minutes.

0.161

MAE

Mean Absolute Error

0.256

RMSE

Root Mean Square Error

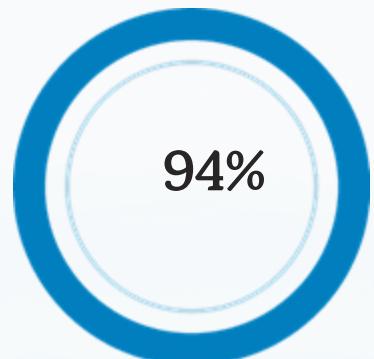
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R² Score

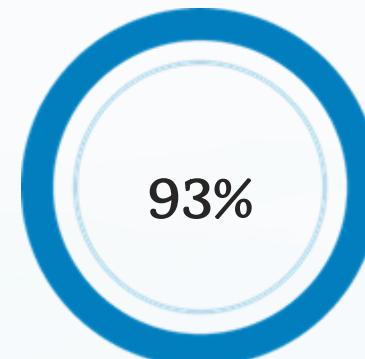
Explains all variance

Classification Model: Detecting Trip Delays (Random Forest Classifier)

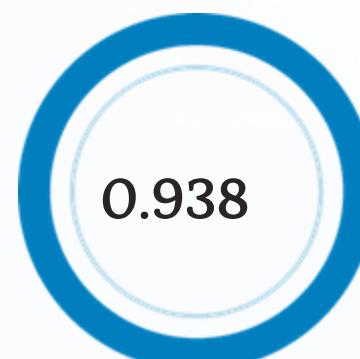
A Random Forest classifier identifies whether trips will experience delays with near-perfect accuracy.



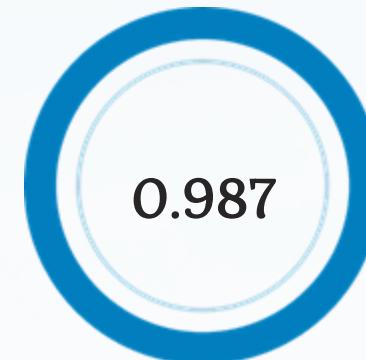
Train Accuracy



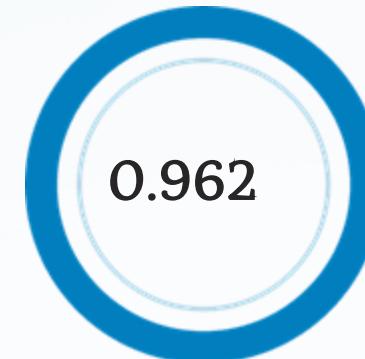
Test Accuracy



Precision



Recall



F1 Score

Caveats & Limitations

While our models demonstrate exceptional accuracy, it's important to acknowledge several constraints that affect real-world deployment:

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Distance Approximation

Haversine distance calculates straight-line geodesic distance between coordinates, not actual road network distances. Real routes include curves, turns, and elevation changes.

2

Fixed Speed Assumption

Expected time calculations use a constant speed of 25 km/h, which doesn't account for varying urban vs. highway conditions or time-of-day traffic patterns.

3

Temporal Resolution

GPS points recorded every 15 seconds may miss granular movement details, particularly for short trips or stop-and-go traffic situations.

4

External Factors

No integration of real-time traffic conditions, road accidents, weather events, or construction zones that significantly impact travel time.

5

Trip Length Sensitivity

Shorter trips have inherently less prediction accuracy due to fewer data points and higher relative impact of minor variations.

Conclusion: Transforming Fleet Intelligence



Intelligent Insights

The system successfully converts raw GPS trajectories into actionable intelligence, extracting meaningful patterns from coordinate data.



Proven Accuracy

Machine learning models demonstrate near-perfect performance with $R^2 = 0.94$ for regression and 94.95% accuracy for classification.



Broad Applications

Valuable for fleet management, logistics optimization, emergency response coordination, and smart mobility platforms.



Future Potential

Foundation for real-time dashboards, mobile applications, and integration with traffic APIs for enhanced predictive capabilities.

"This ML-powered tracking system represents a paradigm shift from passive monitoring to proactive fleet optimization, enabling data-driven decisions that improve efficiency, reliability, and customer satisfaction."

References & Acknowledgement

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