

RESEARCH ENGINEER PLAN

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1 Current System

1.1 Downloading Waze

For more details Sec. 3.

We have been downloading Waze data for over one year. We are using a Linux VM on azure which has a simple python script that calls the waze API every minute and stores the raw json file in file storage. We have defined a download region that covers both Cambridge and London.

1.2 Simple Model

We are developing multi-resolution Gaussian process models.

1.3 Technologies Used

1. Feature Extraction
 - (a) PostgreSQL + PostGIS
 - (b) Python
 - (c) Bash
2. Model
 - (a) Python + Tensorflow

2 Envisioned System

2.1 Pipeline

See Fig. 1.

2.2 Requirements

1. Data Download
 - (a) For each data source be continually download and store data from the feeds
 - (b) Store both historic, observed and predicted values from the feeds
 - (c) Data should be accessible for other projects
2. Pipeline
 - (a) Run the system everyday to provide 48 hour predictions across London
3. Pipeline Update

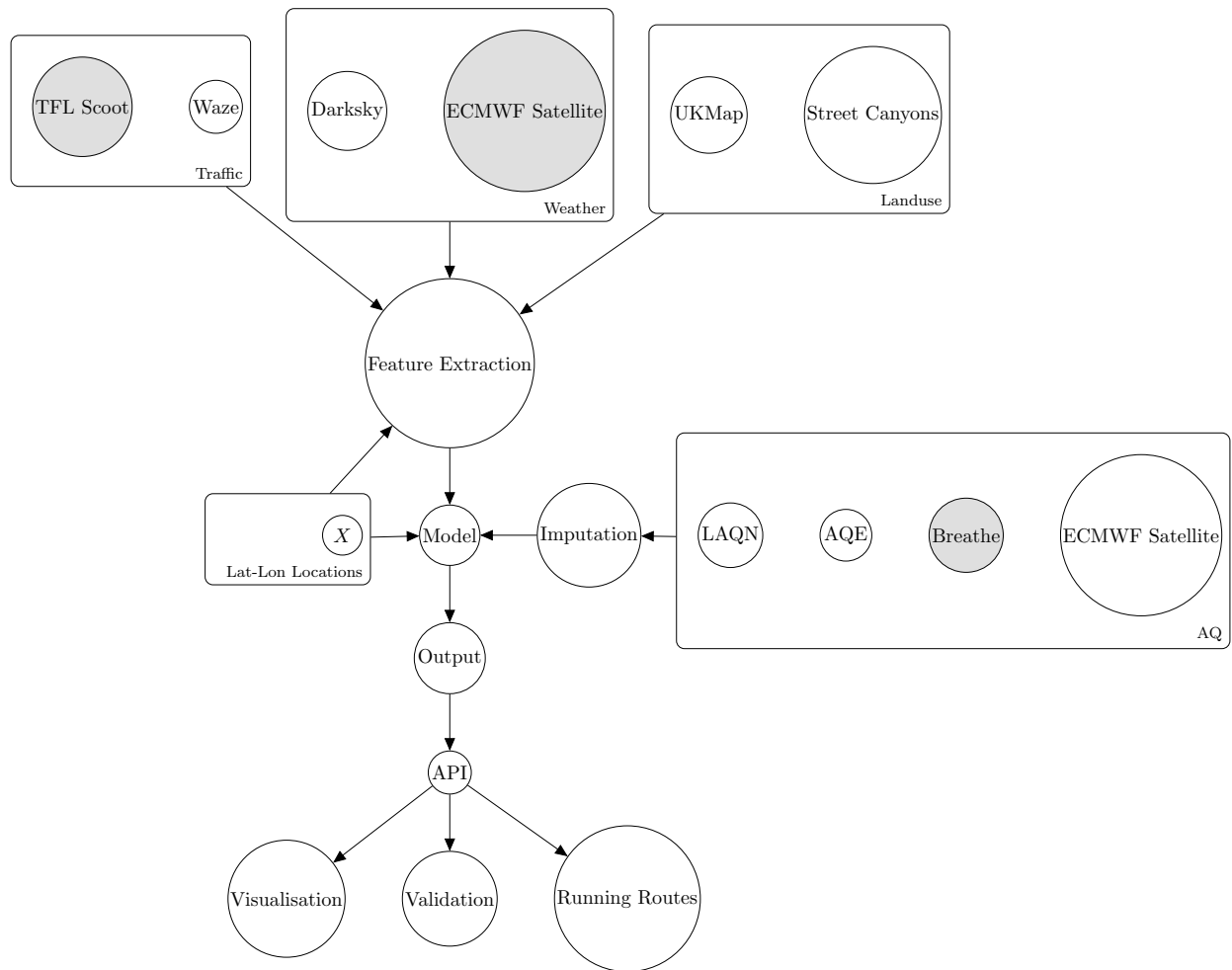


Figure 1: Pipeline of the required system. Datasets that are still to be obtained are shaded.

- (a) To be able to add data sources
 - (b) To be able to update model - perhaps via production github branch
4. API
- (a) To access historic and current predictions for a given region
 - (b) To provide simple queries
 - i. Which road is the most polluted for a given region and time period
 - (c) Provide $A \rightarrow B$ Routes which minimise air pollution
5. Visualisation
- (a) Website which provides simple visualisation of the current 48 hour prediction - see Sec. 4

3 Dataset Descriptions

3.1 Air Quality Data

- LAQN
 - Managed by Kings College London
 - 70-100 sensors at hourly resolution
 - Publicly available via <https://www.londonair.org.uk/Londonair/API/>
 - variables: NOx, PM10, PM25, O3. SO2 (not all sensors have all variables)
- Diffusion Tubes
 - Managed by the London Boroughs
 - 700 sensors at a monthly resolution
 - Publicly available by scraping the air pollution reports each borough has to publish each year
 - variables: NO2
- AQE (similar quality to LAQN)
 - Publicly available here: http://www.airqualityengland.co.uk/local-authority/?la_id=999
 - variables: NOx, PM10, PM25, O3. SO2 (not all sensors have all variables)
- ECMWF
 - Aggregation of lots of EU weather/pollution models - mechanistic models
 - Free and publicly available at <https://atmosphere.copernicus.eu/catalogue#/>
 - Provides historic data and at least 48h forecasts on a grid size of 7-10km by 7-10km
 - variables: NO2, PM10, PM25 (more available in the catalogue)

3.2 Traffic Data

- Waze traffic jam
 - every minute
 - provides location of traffic jams
 - We have been storing on Azure for about a year (minus a few months due to technical issues)
 - We are part of the connected citizen program (<https://www.waze.com/en-GB/ccp>) which gives access to the API

- TFL Scoot Data
 - every minute
 - provides flows/occupancy/counts of cars travelling over the induction loops on the roads
 - Data from around July 2018 to November 2018
 - TFL uploads the data to their amazon buckets
 - Through GLA we have access to these buckets

3.3 Weather Data

- Darksky
 - Has a free API (<https://darksky.net/forecast/51.4786,-0.158/us12/en>)
 - Provides 48 hours forecasts and historic data
 - variables: wind speed, wind direction, temperature, pressure etc

3.4 Landuse Datasets

- from GLA - not public

- Ordnance Survey (<https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk>)
 - Building - Provide geometries for buildings in London
 - Highways - Provide geometries and classification of Londons road network
 - Background - Provide landuse for London
- UKMap
 - Similar to OSHighways and OSBackground combined
- UKBuildings
 - Similar to OSBuildings

4 Visualisations

4.0.1 Python Visualisation

4.0.2 Web Based Visualisation

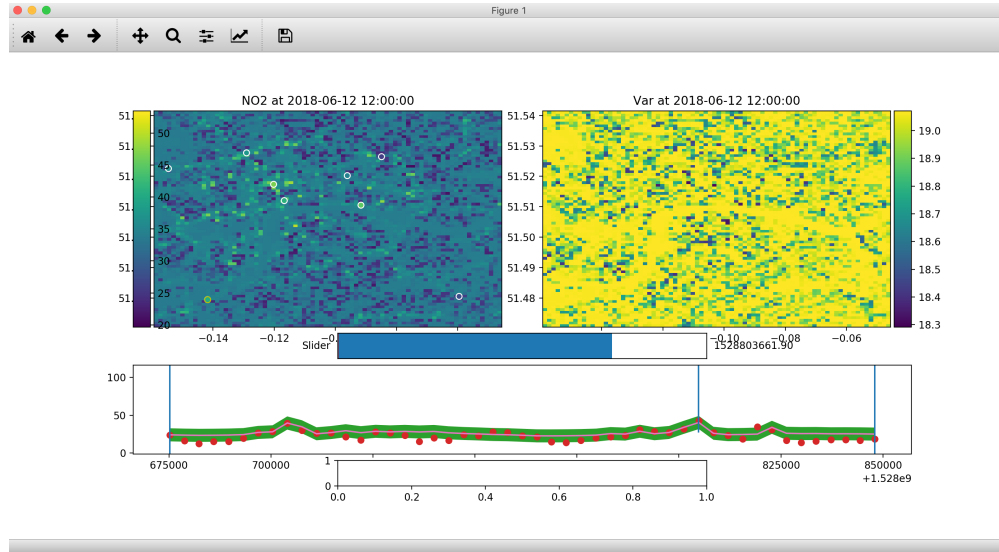


Figure 2: Python based visualisation

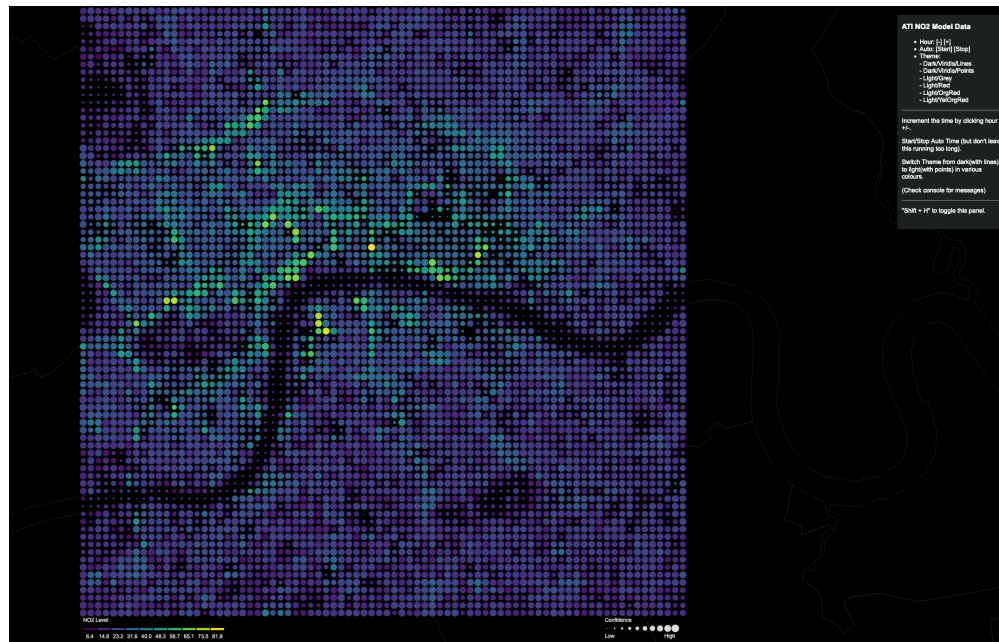


Figure 3: Prototype web based visualisation developed by the GLA. The size of points shows the certainty of the predictions and the colors expresses level of NO2. See <https://gla-ati-no2-map.glitch.me/>.