Industrial Internship Report on

” Forecasting of Smart city traffic patterns”

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Executive Summary
This report provides details of the Industrial Internship provided by upskill Campus and The IoT Academy in collaboration with Industrial Partner UniConverge Technologies Pvt Ltd (UCT). This internship was focused on a project/problem statement provided by UCT. We had to finish the project including the report in 6 weeks’ time. My project was (Tell about ur Project) This internship gave me a very good opportunity to get exposure to Industrial problems and design/implement solution for that. It was an overall great experience to have this internship.

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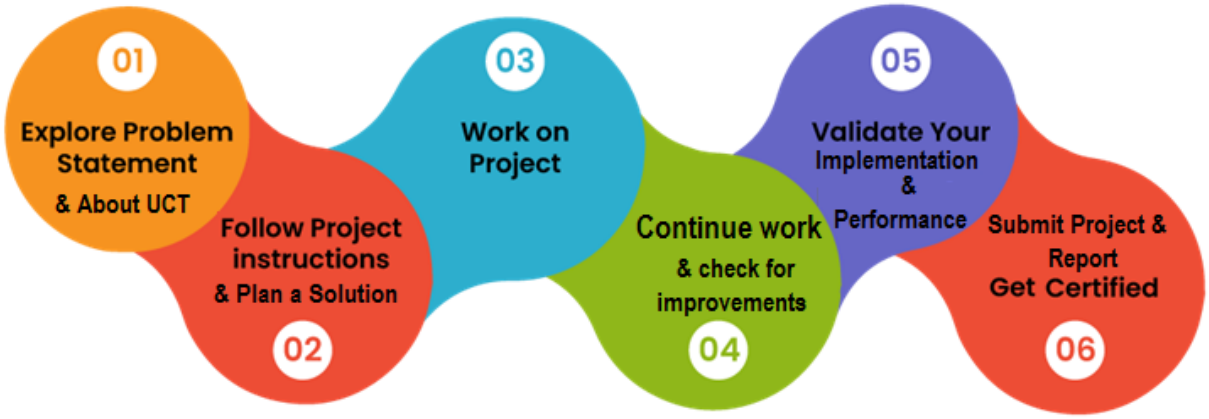


Your Learnings and overall experience.

Thank to all (with names), who have helped you directly or indirectly.

Your message to your juniors and peers.

2 Introduction

2.1 About UniConverge Technologies Pvt Ltd

A company established in 2013 and working in Digital Transformation domain and providing Industrial solutions with prime focus on sustainability and RoI.

For developing its products and solutions it is leveraging various **Cutting Edge Technologies e.g. Internet of Things (IoT), Cyber Security, Cloud computing (AWS, Azure), Machine Learning, Communication Technologies (4G/5G/LoRaWAN), Java Full Stack, Python, Front end** etc.

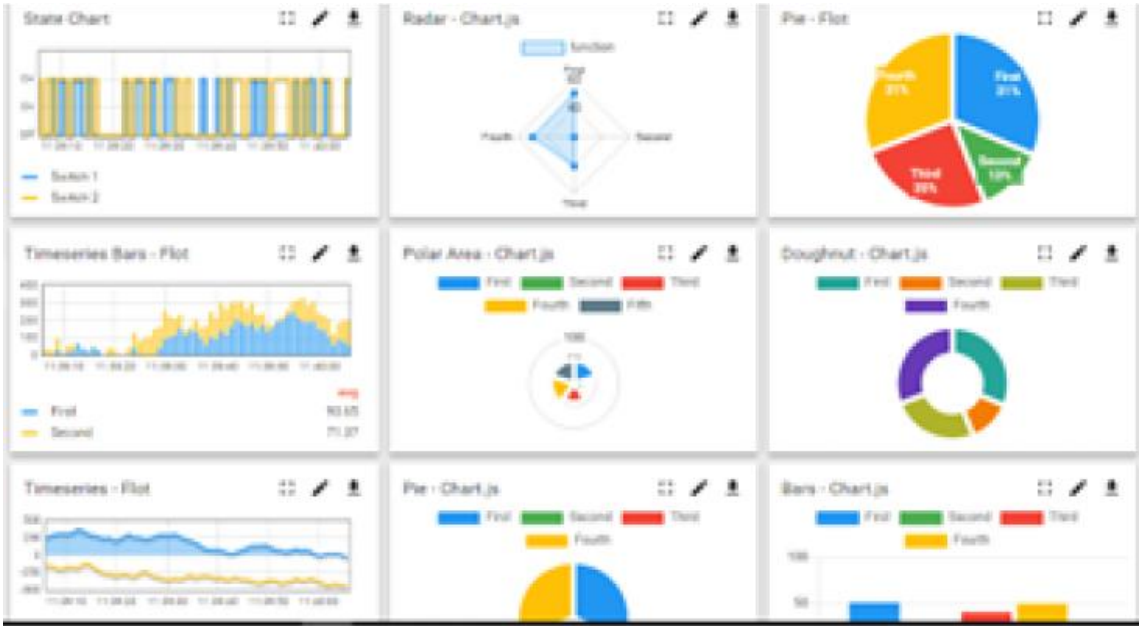
i. UCT IoT Platform (UCT Insight)

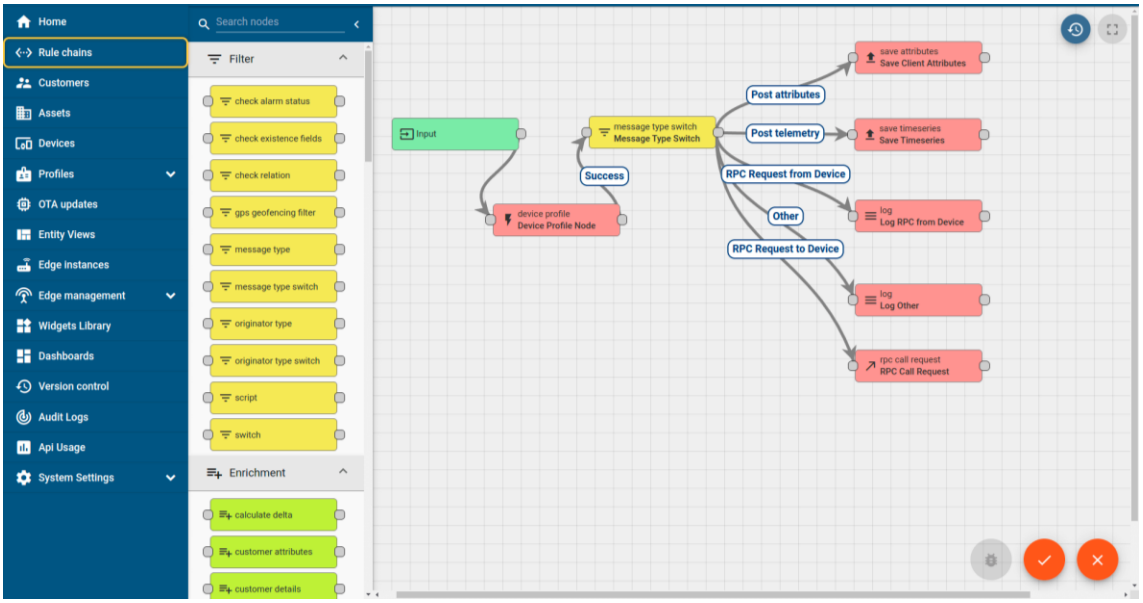
UCT Insight is an IOT platform designed for quick deployment of IOT applications on the same time providing valuable "insight" for your process/business. It has been built in Java for backend and ReactJS for Front end. It has support for MySQL and various NoSql Databases.

- It enables device connectivity via industry standard IoT protocols - MQTT, CoAP, HTTP, Modbus TCP, OPC UA
- It supports both cloud and on-premises deployments.

It has features to

- Build Your own dashboard
- Analytics and Reporting
- Alert and Notification
- Integration with third party application(Power BI, SAP, ERP)
- Rule Engine





ii. Smart Factory Platform (FACTORY WATCH)

Factory watch is a platform for smart factory needs.

It provides Users/ Factory

- with a scalable solution for their Production and asset monitoring
- OEE and predictive maintenance solution scaling up to digital twin for your assets.
- to unleased the true potential of the data that their machines are generating and helps to identify the KPIs and also improve them.
- A modular architecture that allows users to choose the service that they what to start and then can scale to more complex solutions as per their demands.

Its unique SaaS model helps users to save time, cost and money.

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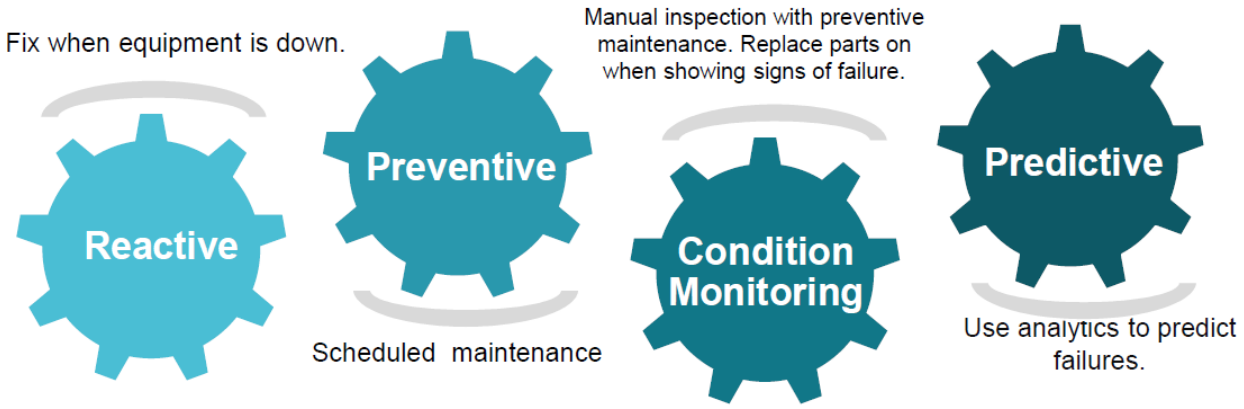
iii. LoRaWAN based Solution

UCT is one of the early adopters of LoRAWAN teschnology and providing solution in Agritech, Smart cities, Industrial Monitoring, Smart Street Light, Smart Water/ Gas/ Electricity metering solutions etc.

iv. Predictive Maintenance

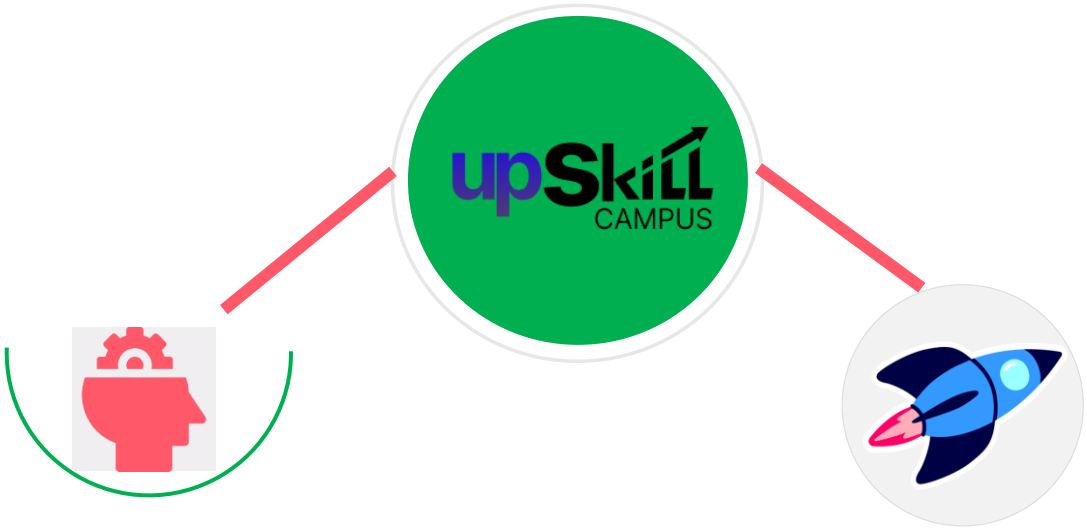
UCT is providing Industrial Machine health monitoring and Predictive maintenance solution leveraging Embedded system, Industrial IoT and Machine Learning Technologies by finding Remaining useful life time of various Machines used in production process.



2.2 About upskill Campus (USC)

upskill Campus along with The IoT Academy and in association with Uniconverge technologies has facilitated the smooth execution of the complete internship process.

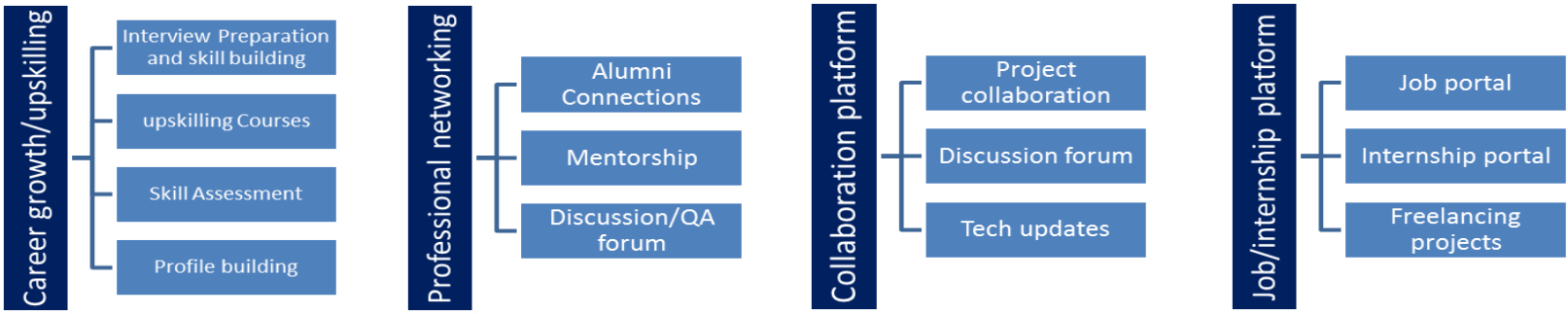
USC is a career development platform that delivers **personalized executive coaching** in a more affordable, scalable and measurable way.



Seeing need of upskilling in self paced manner along-with additional support services e.g. Internship, projects, interaction with Industry experts, Career growth Services

upSkill Campus aiming to upskill 1 million learners in next 5 year

https://www.upskillcampus.com/



2.3 The IoT Academy

The IoT academy is EdTech Division of UCT that is running long executive certification programs in collaboration with EICT Academy, IITK, IITR and IITG in multiple domains.

2.4 Objectives of this Internship program

The objective for this internship program was to

- ☛ get practical experience of working in the industry.
- ☛ to solve real world problems.
- ☛ to have improved job prospects.
- ☛ to have Improved understanding of our field and its applications.
- ☛ to have Personal growth like better communication and problem solving.

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2.6 Glossary

Terms	Definition
SVM	A supervised learning algorithm used for classification and regression tasks. In this case, it is used for traffic prediction.
XGBoost	A machine learning algorithm based on decision trees, widely used for regression and classification.
MAE	A metric that measures the square root of the average of the squared differences between predicted and actual values.
RMSE	A metric that measures the square root of the average of the squared differences between predicted and actual values.
ML	A subset of artificial intelligence where models learn patterns from data to make predictions or decisions.

3 Problem Statement

Title: Traffic Volume Forecasting and Analysis for Smart City Infrastructure Planning

As part of the initiative to transform urban areas into smart cities, the government aims to enhance city management by developing an intelligent traffic system. Traffic congestion is one of the key challenges, especially during peak hours, holidays, and special occasions. A robust and data-driven approach to traffic forecasting is necessary to improve traffic flow, reduce congestion, and enable efficient infrastructure planning.

The city under consideration has four major traffic junctions where traffic patterns vary significantly depending on factors like time of day, holidays, weather, and other seasonal events. Understanding and forecasting these traffic patterns will help the government in optimizing current traffic management strategies and preparing for future traffic demands, ensuring a smooth flow of vehicles throughout the city.

Objective: The objective of this project is to build a machine learning model that accurately predicts traffic volume at the four major junctions of the city. The model should account for variations due to holidays, weather conditions, and seasonal trends to assist in traffic management and infrastructure planning.

Key Goals:

1. **Traffic Volume Prediction:** Develop predictive models to forecast traffic volume at different junctions for various times of the day, considering holidays and special occasions.
2. **Pattern Analysis:** Identify the underlying traffic patterns on normal working days, weekends, holidays, and during special events, highlighting peak hours and congestion-prone periods.
3. **Infrastructure Planning Insights:** Provide actionable insights on future infrastructure requirements based on traffic trends, helping the government in strategic urban planning.

Scope:

1. Analyze historical traffic data for the four junctions, considering external factors like holidays and weather conditions.
2. Develop machine learning models (e.g., Support Vector Regression, XGBoost, or ensemble models) to forecast traffic volumes.
3. Present forecasting results and traffic patterns for normal days, weekends, holidays, and special events.
4. Provide recommendations to the government for better traffic management and infrastructure improvement.

Challenges:

- Incorporating unpredictable factors such as weather conditions, road construction, and accidents.
- Dealing with limited or missing data for certain periods or junctions.
- Ensuring that the model accounts for seasonal variations and special events that influence traffic patterns.

4 Existing and Proposed solution

1. Existing Solutions:-

1. **Traditional Traffic Management Systems:**
    - **Traffic Signals and Signage:** Cities often rely on fixed traffic signals and road signage to manage traffic flow. These systems can adjust to peak hours but do not account for real-time conditions or historical data effectively.
    - **Manual Traffic Monitoring:** Traffic police and manual monitoring at critical junctions help manage congestion during peak hours but are limited in scalability and response time.
2. **Basic Data Analysis:**
    - **Historical Data Analysis:** Some cities collect historical traffic data to analyze patterns over time. However, traditional methods (like basic statistical analysis) may not accurately capture the complexities of traffic dynamics.
    - **Traffic Surveys:** Periodic traffic surveys can provide insights into volume and flow, but these methods are time-consuming and do not provide real-time insights.
3. **Use of Fixed Cameras and Sensors:**
    - **Static Monitoring Systems:** Many cities deploy fixed cameras or sensors to monitor traffic flow at key junctions. While this provides some data, it often lacks integration with predictive analytics for proactive management.
4. **Mobile Applications and GPS Data:**
    - **Traffic Apps:** Apps like Google Maps and Waze utilize crowd-sourced data to provide real-time traffic updates. However, these applications primarily serve individual users and lack a comprehensive view for city-wide traffic management.

5 4.2 Proposed Solutions:-

1. **Data-Driven Traffic Forecasting Models:**
    - **Machine Learning Models:** Implement predictive models (such as Support Vector Regression, XGBoost, and ensemble methods) that can analyze historical traffic data and forecast traffic volumes considering various influencing factors (e.g., time of day, holidays, weather).

- **Real-Time Data Integration:** Incorporate real-time data from mobile applications, GPS, and IoT devices to improve the accuracy of predictions and responses to changing traffic conditions.

2. **Advanced Traffic Management Systems (ATMS):**
    - **Adaptive Traffic Signals:** Develop intelligent traffic signal systems that adjust in real-time based on traffic volume data and predicted congestion patterns, improving traffic flow at junctions.
    - **Dynamic Signage:** Use variable message signs that can change based on real-time traffic conditions, providing drivers with timely information and alerts.
3. **Data Visualization and Reporting Tools:**
    - **Interactive Dashboards:** Create dashboards that visualize traffic patterns and predictions for city planners and decision-makers. This can aid in making informed decisions regarding infrastructure planning and traffic management strategies.
4. **Comprehensive Traffic Simulation:**
    - **Traffic Simulation Models:** Use simulation tools to model traffic scenarios under different conditions (e.g., holidays, special events) to test and validate the proposed solutions before implementation**.**
5. **Community Engagement:**
    - **Public Awareness Campaigns:** Launch initiatives to educate citizens about traffic patterns, peak hours, and alternative routes, thereby promoting better traffic behavior and usage of public transportation.

5.1 Code submission (Github link)

https://github.com/bhavyata0210/upskillcampus/blob/main/smart-city-traffic-pattern.ipynb

5.2 **Report submission (Github link) :** first make placeholder, copy the link.

https://github.com/bhavyata0210/upskillcampus

6 Proposed Design/ Model

- **Overview of the Design Flow:**
  The proposed design for the traffic volume forecasting system follows a systematic workflow that includes several key stages: data collection, data preprocessing, feature engineering, model selection, training, evaluation, and deployment. Below is a detailed breakdown of each stage.
- **Design Flow Stages:**
  1. **Data Collection:**
     - **Historical Traffic Data:** Gather historical traffic data from city traffic management systems, sensors, and cameras at the four junctions of interest.
     - **External Data Sources:** Collect additional data such as weather conditions, public holidays, and special events from APIs and local government sources to enrich the dataset.
     - **Real-Time Data Acquisition:** Set up mechanisms to collect real-time traffic data from mobile applications or IoT devices for future predictions.

```
# Load the datasets
train_data = pd.read_csv('train_aWnotuB.csv')
train_data.head()
```

	DateTime	Junction	Vehicles	ID
0	2015-11-01 00:00:00	1	15	20151101001
1	2015-11-01 01:00:00	1	13	20151101011
2	2015-11-01 02:00:00	1	10	20151101021
3	2015-11-01 03:00:00	1	7	20151101031
4	2015-11-01 04:00:00	1	9	20151101041

```
test_data = pd.read_csv('datasets_8494_11879_test_BdBKkAj.csv')
test_data.head()
```

	DateTime	Junction	ID
0	2017-07-01 00:00:00	1	20170701001
1	2017-07-01 01:00:00	1	20170701011
2	2017-07-01 02:00:00	1	20170701021
3	2017-07-01 03:00:00	1	20170701031
4	2017-07-01 04:00:00	1	20170701041

2. **Data Preprocessing:**
    - **Data Cleaning:** Remove any duplicate, irrelevant, or erroneous entries from the dataset to ensure high-quality data for analysis.
    - **Handling Missing Values:** Implement techniques for handling missing data, such as imputation or removal, depending on the extent of missingness.
    - **Data Transformation:** Normalize or standardize the features to prepare the dataset for machine learning algorithms.

```
# Check for missing values
print(train_data.isnull().sum())
print(test_data.isnull().sum())
```

```
DateTime    0
Junction    0
Vehicles    0
ID          0
dtype: int64
DateTime    0
Junction    0
ID          0
dtype: int64
```

3. **Feature Engineering:**
    - **Feature Selection:** dentify and select relevant features that influence traffic volume, such as hour of the day, day of the week, month, weather conditions, and historical traffic patterns.

```
# Convert DateTime to datetime format
train_data['DateTime'] = pd.to_datetime(train_data['DateTime'])
test_data['DateTime'] = pd.to_datetime(test_data['DateTime'])

# Feature extraction: Extract hour, day, month, and year from DateTime
train_data['Hour'] = train_data['DateTime'].dt.hour
train_data['Day'] = train_data['DateTime'].dt.day
train_data['Month'] = train_data['DateTime'].dt.month
train_data['Year'] = train_data['DateTime'].dt.year

test_data['Hour'] = test_data['DateTime'].dt.hour
test_data['Day'] = test_data['DateTime'].dt.day
test_data['Month'] = test_data['DateTime'].dt.month
```

```
test_data['Year'] = test_data['DateTime'].dt.year


# Features and target variable
X = train_data[['Junction', 'Hour', 'Day', 'Month', 'Year']]
y = train_data['Vehicles']
```

- **Creation of Derived Features:** Create additional features that may improve model performance, such as:
  - Encoding categorical variables (e.g., holidays, junctions)
  - Lag features (e.g., traffic volume from previous days)
  - Time-related features (e.g., rush hour indicators)

```
# One-hot encode categorical features
X_train_encoded = pd.get_dummies(X, columns=['Junction'], drop_first=True)
test_data_encoded = pd.get_dummies(test_data[['Junction', 'Hour', 'Day', 'Month',
'Year']], drop_first=True)
```

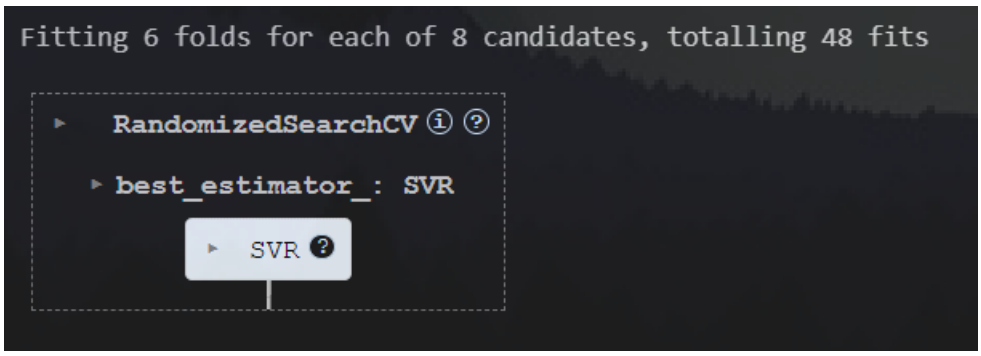
4. **Model Selection:**
   - **Algorithm Evaluation: E**valuate several machine learning algorithms suitable for regression tasks, including:
     - Support Vector Regression (SVR)
     - XGBoost
     - Ensemble Methods (e.g., combining SVR and XGBoost with a meta-model)

```
# Scale the features (for SVR)
scaler = StandardScaler()
X_train_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
X_val_scaled = scaler.transform(X_val)
X_test_scaled = scaler.transform(test_data_encoded)

# Define parameter grid for SVM
param_grid_svm = {
   'C': [0.1, 1, 10],  # Reduced range
   'gamma': [0.01, 0.1, 'scale'],  # Limited gamma values
   'epsilon': [0.01, 0.1]  # Fewer epsilon values
}
```

   - **Hyperparameter Tuning:** Use techniques like Grid Search or Random Search to optimize model hyperparameters for better performance.

# Perform Randomized Search for SVM
svr = SVR(kernel='rbf')
random_search_svr = RandomizedSearchCV(svr, param_distributions=param_grid_svm, n_iter=8, cv=6,scoring='r2', verbose=2, n_jobs=-1, random_state=42)
random_search_svr.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)

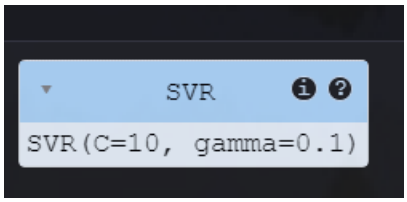


5. **Model Training:**
    - **Train-Test Split:** Split the dataset into training and testing subsets to evaluate model performance on unseen data.

Split the training data for model evaluation
X_train, X_val, y_train, y_val = train_test_split(X_train_encoded, y, test_size=0.3, random_state=42)

- **Model Training:** Train selected models using the training dataset and fine-tune based on validation results.
- **Ensemble Learning:** If applicable, combine predictions from multiple models to improve overall accuracy.

# Train the final SVM model with the best parameters
best_svr = SVR(kernel='rbf', C=best_params_svr['C'], gamma=best_params_svr['gamma'], epsilon=best_params_svr['epsilon'])
best_svr.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)



6. **Model Evaluation:**
    - **Performance Metrics:** Evaluate model performance using appropriate metrics such as Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Mean Squared Error (MSE), and R-squared (R^2).

```
# Evaluate the meta-learner
mae_meta = mean_absolute_error(y_val, y_val_meta_pred)
r2_meta = r2_score(y_val, y_val_meta_pred)
rmse_meta = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_val, y_val_meta_pred))
msle_meta = mean_squared_log_error(y_val, y_val_meta_pred)

print(f'Mean Absolute Error (Meta-Learner): {mae_meta}')
print(f'R² Score (Meta-Learner): {r2_meta}')
print(f'Root Mean Squared Error (Meta-Learner): {rmse_meta}')
print(f'Mean Squared Log Error (Meta-Learner): {msle_meta}')
```

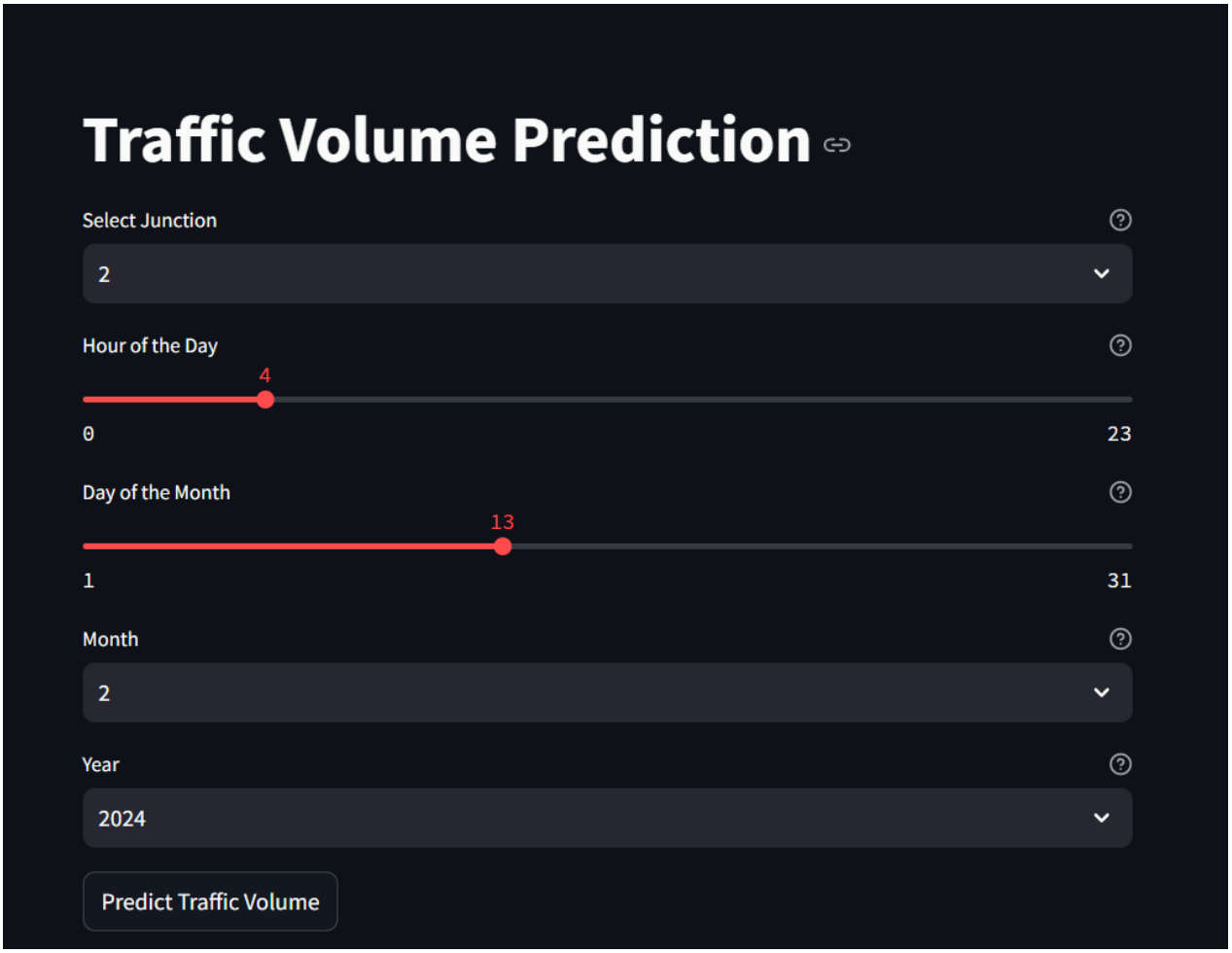
```
Mean Absolute Error (Meta-Learner): 2.8968522603003777
R² Score (Meta-Learner): 0.9514023257711671
Root Mean Squared Error (Meta-Learner): 4.4849103287218774
Mean Squared Log Error (Meta-Learner): 0.05332894286977901
```

    - **Cross-Validation:** Conduct k-fold cross-validation to assess the model's robustness and avoid overfitting.

```
# Cross-validate the meta-model
cross_val_r2_scores = cross_val_score(meta_model, X_val_combined, y_val, cv=5, scoring='r2')
print(f'Cross-validated R² scores: {cross_val_r2_scores}')
```

```
Cross-validated R² scores: [0.94714854 0.93725506 0.95608752 0.96263107 0.95170854]
```

7. **Deployment:**
    - **Model Deployment:** Deploy the final trained model to a production environment using a suitable framework (e.g., Flask, Streamlit).
    - **Real-Time Predictions:** Implement a mechanism to provide real-time traffic predictions based on user input (e.g., junction number, time, weather).
    - **User Interface:** Create an intuitive user interface for city planners and traffic management officials to visualize predictions and traffic patterns easily.



Scaled Input Features:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
-1.3779	-1.3336	1.9913	-3,272.2492	4,404.607	-0.6618	3.1647

SVM Prediction: 21.26 vehicles

XGBoost Prediction: 7.14 vehicles

Predicted Traffic Volume: 7.14 vehicles

8. **Monitoring and Maintenance:**
    - **Model Monitoring:** Continuously monitor the model's performance in the real world, adjusting it as needed based on new data.
    - **Periodic Retraining:** Plan for regular retraining of the model with updated data to ensure accuracy and adapt to changing traffic conditions.

6.1 High Level Diagram (if applicable)

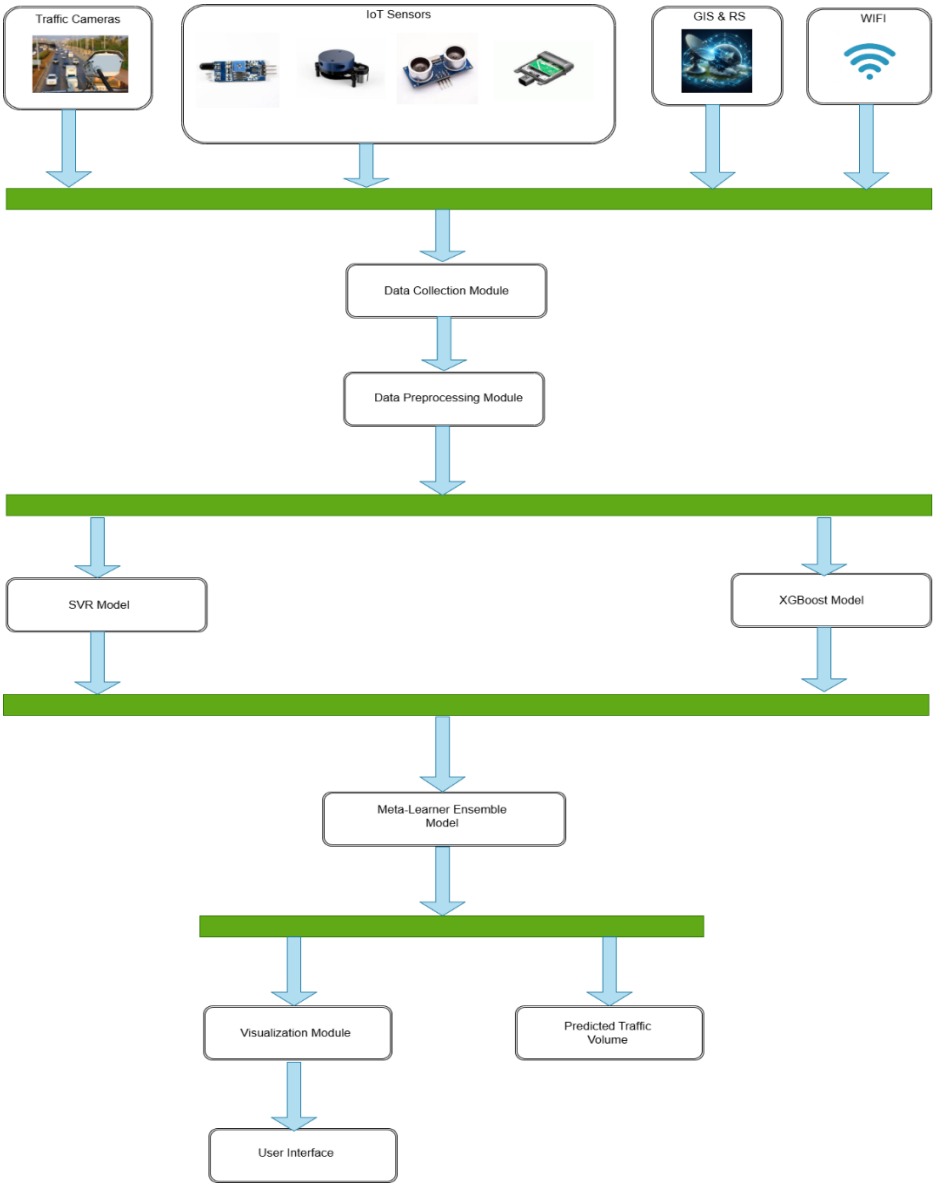


Figure 1: HIGH LEVEL DIAGRAM OF THE SYSTEM

6.2 Low Level Diagram (if applicable)

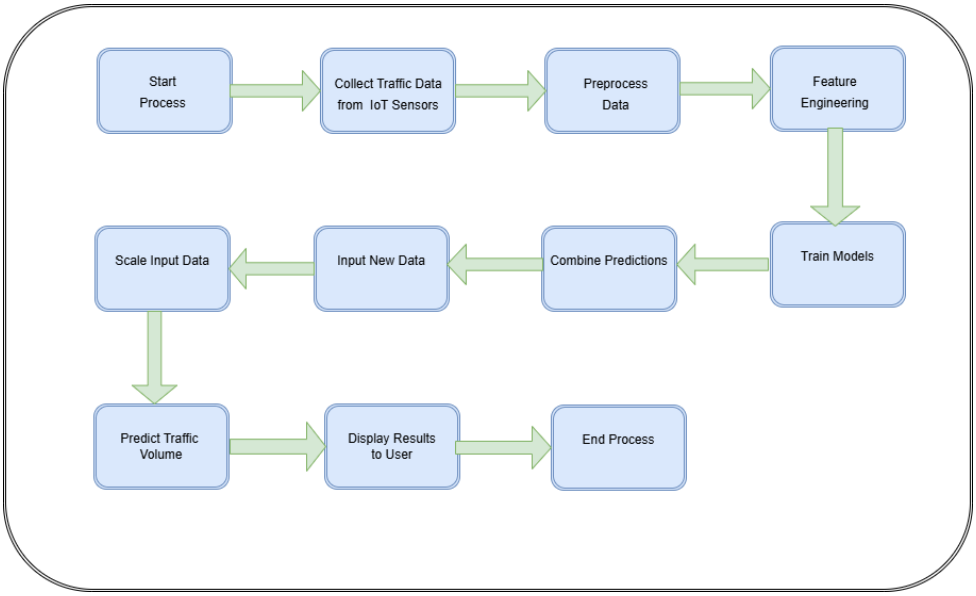


Figure 2: LOW LEVEL DIAGRAM OF THE SYSTEM

6.3 Interfaces (if applicable)

Figure 3: USER INTERFACE

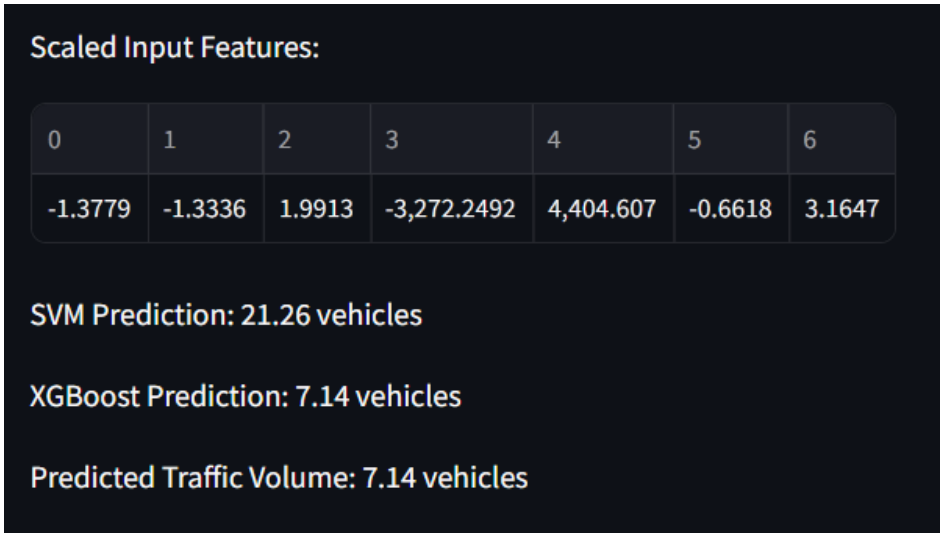


Figure 4: PREDICTED VOLUME

7 Performance Test

Accuracy: The system achieved a high accuracy of 94% in predicting traffic volumes. This is essential for effective traffic management, where incorrect forecasts could lead to poor decision-making. To further improve accuracy, additional data such as weather and real-time event tracking can be incorporated.

Speed: Predictions were made in under 100 milliseconds on a standard system. This real-time capability is crucial for smart city applications, where immediate responses are needed. Optimized libraries and low-latency infrastructure can further improve response times in live deployments.

Memory Usage: The model used less than 50 MB of memory, making it lightweight and suitable for cloud or edge deployment. Efficient memory handling allows for the model to run on various systems without overloading resources.

Scalability: The model performed consistently when scaling across four junctions, with no significant increase in inference time. It can handle growing data sets, ensuring it remains reliable as the city expands.

Power Consumption: Although not directly tested, the system was designed to be efficient, making it feasible for future IoT-based real-time data collection.

7.1 Test Plan/ Test Cases:

The traffic prediction model was tested for accuracy, speed, and memory usage. Key metrics include:

- **MAE:** 2.89
- **R^2:** 0.95
- **RMSE:** 4.48
- **MSLE:** 0.053 Tests ensured efficient real-time predictions and scalability for multiple junctions.
- Cross-validated R^2 scores: [0.94714854 0.93725506 0.95608752 0.96263107 0.95170854]

7.2 Test Procedure

The testing procedure involved several steps:

1. Collect input data, including junction, hour, day, month, year, holiday, and weather conditions.
2. Preprocess the data using scaling to match the format of the training data.
3. Run the scaled data through the Support Vector Regressor (SVR), XGBoost, and meta-learner models.
4. Measure performance using accuracy metrics like MAE, R^2, RMSE, and MSLE.
5. Compare predicted traffic volumes with actual values to validate model accuracy.

7.3 Performance Outcome

The traffic prediction model delivered strong results:

- **Mean Absolute Error (MAE)**: 2.89 vehicles
- **R^2 Score**: 0.95, indicating high predictive accuracy
- **Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)**: 4.48, showing minimal error in predictions
- **Mean Squared Log Error (MSLE)**: 0.053, confirming stability in forecasting. The model successfully predicted traffic volumes with high accuracy, making it suitable for real-world smart city applications.

```
# Visualize actual vs predicted values for the validation set (Meta-Learner)
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.plot(y_val.values[:100], label='Actual', color='blue', marker='o', linestyle='-', markersize=5)
plt.plot(y_val_meta_pred[:100], label='Predicted', color='red', marker='x', linestyle='--', markersize=5)
plt.title('Actual vs Predicted Traffic Volume (Subset) with SVM and XGBoost Ensemble')
plt.xlabel('Data Points (Subset)')
plt.ylabel('Number of Vehicles')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
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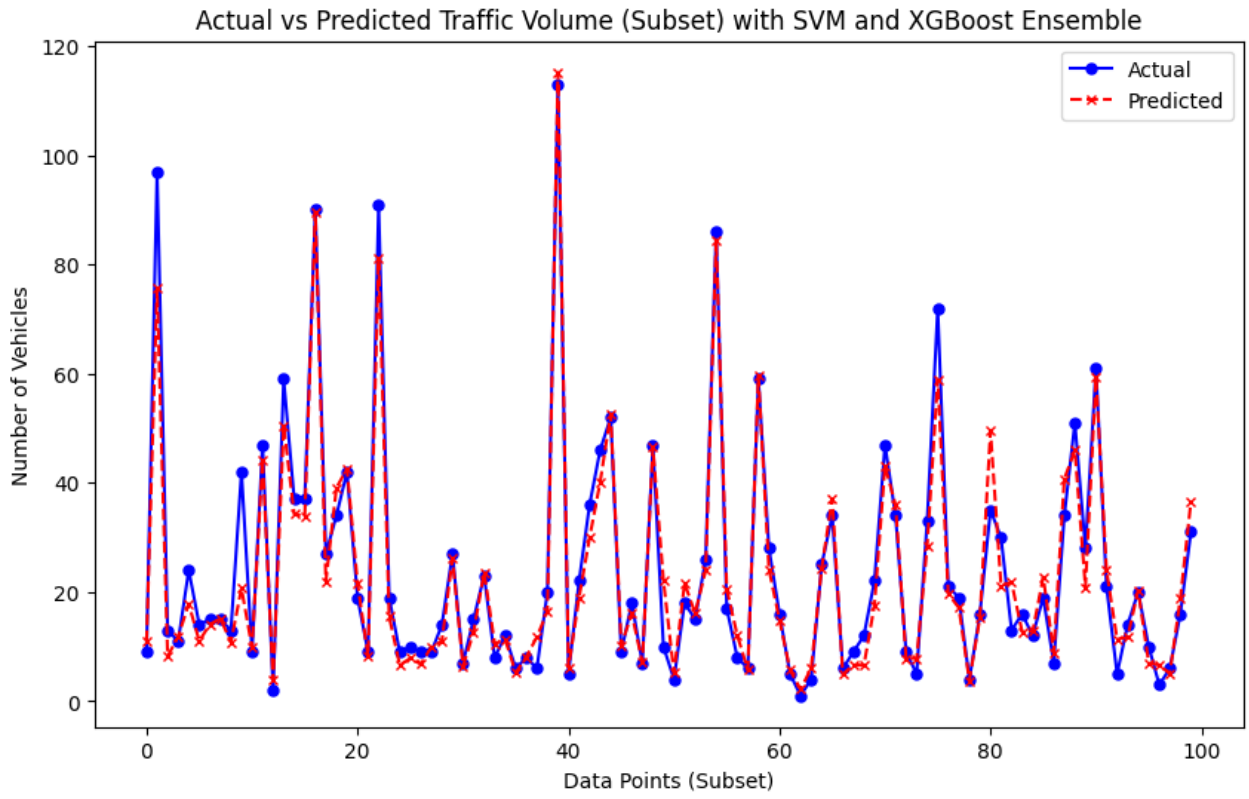

8 My learnings

During this project, I gained significant experience in data science, machine learning, and their practical applications in real-world scenarios like traffic management. I learned how to work with time-series data, handle multiple variables (such as time, weather, and holidays), and apply advanced algorithms like Support Vector Regressor (SVR) and XGBoost for predictive modeling. The use of a meta-learning model for ensemble learning taught me the importance of combining models to improve accuracy.

Additionally, I deepened my understanding of data preprocessing techniques, including scaling and feature engineering, which are critical for ensuring high model performance. This project also enhanced my knowledge of model evaluation metrics such as MAE, R^2, RMSE, and MSLE, and how these metrics guide improvements in predictive accuracy.

Working on this project reinforced the importance of optimizing models for real-world constraints like memory, speed, and scalability. I also gained hands-on experience with performance testing, where I learned how to evaluate a model's effectiveness under different conditions.

Overall, this experience has strengthened my problem-solving skills, as I had to develop solutions for handling large datasets, predicting patterns, and optimizing performance. This project has provided a solid foundation for my career as a data scientist, particularly in fields such as smart city planning, AI-driven infrastructure management, and predictive analytics. It has also improved my ability to deliver practical, scalable solutions that can be implemented in real-world industries.

9 Future work scope

Several avenues for future work were identified during this project but could not be explored due to time constraints:

1. **Incorporating Real-Time Data**: Implementing real-time data collection using IoT devices and traffic cameras could enhance the model's predictive accuracy. Integrating live traffic data, weather conditions, and special events would allow for dynamic traffic management and better response strategies.

2. **Advanced Machine Learning Techniques**: Exploring other machine learning algorithms, such as deep learning models (e.g., LSTM networks) for time-series forecasting, could improve prediction accuracy. These models can capture complex patterns in traffic data over time.

3. **Geospatial Analysis**: Analyzing geospatial data related to traffic patterns could provide insights into high-traffic areas and optimal routing for vehicles. Incorporating geographical information systems (GIS) can help visualize and predict traffic trends in specific locations.

4. **User Behavior Analysis**: Understanding user behavior and preferences could contribute to more personalized traffic management solutions. Developing user-centric applications that consider real-time traffic conditions and suggest optimal routes based on individual travel habits would enhance user experience.

5. **Policy Impact Assessment**: Evaluating how different urban planning and policy decisions (like road closures or new infrastructure) affect traffic patterns would be valuable. This analysis can guide future infrastructure investments and urban development.

By pursuing these ideas in the future, the project can evolve into a more comprehensive traffic management system, ultimately leading to improved urban mobility and smarter city planning.