# A Reliable Travel Time Prediction System with Sparsely Distributed Detectors Ph.D. Dissertation Defense 

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## Introduction

- Travel times (completed and en-route trips) are crucial information for an Advanced Traveler Information System (ATIS)


Baltimore, MD


Houston, TX

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CBRMANK TOLI }18\mathrm{ MIN
DNTWN VIA 290 38 MIN
DNTKN VIA }9033\mathrm{ MIN
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Chicago, IL

## Introduction (cont'd)

- Travel time prediction is a challenging task due to the impacts of
- Geometric features
- Traffic patterns
- Availability of the detection system
- Delay and/or missing of the real-time data, etc.


## Introduction (cont' d)

- Issues Associated with Existing Models and Systems:
- High system costs
- Densely distributed detectors (i.e., 0.5-mile apart)
- Accurate speed detection
- Recurrent measurement on travel times

Coifman et al. (2002, 2003), van Lint et al. (2003), Liu et al. (2006)

- Reliability
- Missing or delayed data
- Nonrecurrent congestions (for example, incidents)


## Features of A Cost-efficient and Reliable Travel Time Prediction System

- Required input variables should be obtainable from sparsely distributed traffic detectors
- Take advantage of some actual travel times from the field, but not rely on a large number of such data.
- Be capable of operating under normal and/or some data-missing scenarios and effectively dealing with related issues during real-time operations.
- Estimate the impact of the missing data and avoid potential large prediction errors.


## Research Objectives

- Develop a travel time estimation module
- Reliable estimates of completed trips
- Under all types of recurrent traffic patterns
- With sparsely distributed traffic detectors
- Construct a travel time prediction module
- For freeway segments
- Large detector spacing
- Historical travel times and traffic patterns
- Integrate a missing data estimation module
- To deal with various missing data and delay patterns
- Estimate the impact of the missing data


## T.T. Estimation vs. Prediction

Space


## T.T. Estimation

Space


## T.T. Prediction

Space


## Existing Travel Time Prediction Systems

- Example systems
- Houston, TX; Atlanta, GA; Chicago, IL; and Seattle, WA, etc.
- Almost all real-world systems use current detected traffic conditions as the prediction of the future
- Completed trips instead of en-route trips
- Big difference


## Completed Trips vs. En-route Trips



## Completed Trips vs. En-route Trips



## Completed Trips vs. En-route Trips



## System Flowchart



## System Flowchart



## Literature Review

- Travel Time Estimation
- Flow-based models
- Vehicle identification approaches
- Trajectory-based models


## Limitations of Flow-based Models

- Reliability of detector data
- Detection errors (volume drifting) vary over time and space
- Traffic patterns
- Require uniformly distributed traffic across all lanes
- Geometric features
- Cannot model ramp impact


## Limitations of Vehicle Identification Approach

- Traffic patterns
- Lane-based approach, therefore requires low lane changing rate
- Requires uniform traffic conditions across lanes
- Geometric features
- May not fit geometric changes, such as lane drop and lane addition
- System cost
- High. Require new hardware or high bandwidth
- Reliability
- Low detection resolution under high speed
- Reduced accuracy under low light (video-based)


## Limitations of Existing Trajectory-based Models

- Requires reliable speed measurement
- Not available from most traffic detectors
- Assumes constant traffic-propagation speed
- May not perform well on long links
- currently all studies are based on detectors less than 0.5 -mile apart


# A Hybrid Travel Time Estimation Model with Sparsely Distributed Detectors 

- A Clustered Linear Regression Model as the main model
- For traffic scenarios that have sufficient field observations
- An Enhanced Trajectory-based Model as the supplemental model
- For other scenarios


## Clustered Linear Regression Model

- Travel times may be constrained in a range under one identified traffic scenario
- For example, the travel time cannot be free-flow travel time when congestion is being observed at one detector
- Assume a linear relation between the travel time under one traffic scenario with traffic variables from pre-determined critical lanes


## Critical Lanes

- Those lanes that directly contribute to estimate the average travel speed of through traffic
- May includes both mainline lanes and ramp lanes
- From both upstream and downstream detector locations




## Model Formulation of the Clustered Linear Regression Model

$$
\begin{aligned}
\boldsymbol{\tau}_{d}(t)= & \sum_{l a \in \mathbf{C L} \mathbf{T}_{d, d+1}^{d}(p)} b_{d, l a}^{T, p} \frac{o_{d, l a}\left(t, \gamma_{p}^{d} \boldsymbol{\tau}_{d}^{E}(p)\right)}{v_{d, l a}\left(t, \gamma_{p}^{d} \boldsymbol{\tau}_{d}^{E}(p)\right)}+\sum_{l a \in \mathbf{C L R}_{d, d+1}^{d}(p)} b_{d, l a}^{R, p} \frac{o_{d, l a}\left(t, \gamma_{p}^{d} \boldsymbol{\tau}_{d}^{E}(p)\right)}{v_{d, l a}\left(t, \gamma_{p}^{d} \boldsymbol{\tau}_{d}^{E}(p)\right)} \\
& +\sum_{l a \in \mathbf{C L T}_{d, d+1}^{d+1}(p)} b_{d+1, l a}^{T, p} \frac{o_{d, l a}\left(t+\gamma_{p}^{d} \boldsymbol{\tau}_{d}^{E}(p),\left(1-\gamma_{p}^{d}\right) \tau_{d}^{E}(p)\right)}{v_{d, l a}\left(t+\gamma_{p}^{d} \boldsymbol{\tau}_{d}^{E}(p),\left(1-\gamma_{p}^{d}\right) \tau_{d}^{E}(p)\right)} \\
& +\sum_{l a \in \mathbf{C L R}_{d, d+1}^{d+1}(p)} b_{d+1, l a}^{R, p} \frac{o_{d, l a}\left(t+\gamma_{p}^{d} \tau_{d}^{E}(p),\left(1-\gamma_{p}^{d}\right) \tau_{d}^{E}(p)\right)}{v_{d, l a}\left(t+\gamma_{p}^{d} \tau_{d}^{E}(p),\left(1-\gamma_{p}^{d}\right) \tau_{d}^{E}(p)\right)}+b_{d}^{0, p}
\end{aligned}
$$

## An Enhanced Trajectory-based Model

- Combines two types of trajectory estimation:
- Traffic propagation relations when the vehicle is close to one detector
- An enhanced piecewise linear-speed-based model when vehicle is far from both detector
- Does not require speed in input variables
- Estimate the occupancy first, then use occupancy-flow-speed relation to estimate the vehicle's speed


## Trajectory-based Method



## An Enhanced Trajectory-based Method

Space


## An Enhanced Trajectory-based Method

Space


## Model Formulation

$$
\begin{aligned}
& o_{d}\left(t+\frac{x-x_{d}}{u_{c}^{\max }}, t+\frac{x-x_{d}}{u_{c}^{\min }}\right) \quad, \text { if } x-x_{d}<\hat{x} \\
& o_{d+1}\left(t-\frac{x_{d+1}-x}{u_{c}^{\min }}, t-\frac{x_{d+1}-x}{u_{c}^{\max }}\right) \quad \text {, if } x_{d+1}-x<\hat{x} \\
& \begin{array}{l}
o_{d}\left(t+\frac{\hat{x}-x_{d}}{u_{c}^{\max }}, t+\frac{\hat{x}-x_{d}}{u_{c}^{\min }}\right) \\
+\frac{\left(x-x_{d}-\hat{x}\right)}{\hat{x}}
\end{array} \\
& \times\left(o_{d+1}\left(t-\frac{x-\left(x_{d+1}-\hat{x}\right)}{u_{c}^{\min }}, t-\frac{x-\left(x_{d+1}-\hat{x}\right)}{u_{c}^{\max }}\right)\right. \\
& \left.-o_{d}\left(t+\frac{\hat{x}}{u_{c}^{\max }}, t+\frac{\hat{x}}{u_{c}^{\min }}\right)\right) \\
& \hat{x}=\left\{\begin{array}{lll}
\min \left(\frac{l_{d}}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \mathrm{mi}\right) & , \text { when } l_{d} \geq 1 \text { mile } & x_{d} \leq x \leq x_{d+1} \\
\frac{l_{d}}{3} & , \text { otherwise } &
\end{array}\right. \\
& u_{c}^{\min } \text { and } u_{c}^{\max } \text { are the minimum and the maximum traffic propagation speeds. }
\end{aligned}
$$

## Model Formation (cont'd)

$$
u(x, t)= \begin{cases}u_{\text {free }} & , o(x, t)<=o_{\text {free }} \\ u_{\text {cong }}+\left(u_{\text {free }}-u_{\text {cong }}\right)\left(1-\frac{o(x, t)-o_{\text {free }}}{o_{\text {cong }}-o_{\text {free }}}\right)^{m} & , o_{\text {free }}<o(x, t)<=o_{\text {cong }} \\ u_{\text {min }}+\left(u_{\text {cong }}-u_{\min }\right)\left(1-\frac{o(x, t)-o_{\text {cong }}}{o_{\max }-o_{\text {cong }}}\right)^{n} & , o_{\text {cong }}<o(x, t)<=o_{\max } \\ u_{\min } & , \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

## Numeric Examples



- I-70 eastbound from MD27 to I-695
- 10 detectors on a 25 -mile stretch
- Flow count and occupancy data
- 30-second intervals


## Methods for Comparison

- Proposed hybrid model
- Clustered Linear Regression (CLR) model
- Enhanced Trajectory-based (ETB) model
- Flow-based method (Nam and Drew, 1996)
- Piecewise Linear Speed-based (PLSB) method (Van Lint and van der Zijpp, 2003)


## Volume Drifting Issue

|  | $2006-06-27$ | $2006-06-28$ | $2006-06-29$ | $2006-06-30$ | $2006-07-01$ | $2006-07-02$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Daily Volume <br> at Detector 4 | 37040 | 39121 | 41595 | 42707 | 35190 | 29891 |
| Daily Volume <br> at Detector 6 | 37903 | 39695 | 42373 | 43410 | 35117 | 29741 |
| Difference | 863 | 574 | 778 | 703 | -73 | -150 |
| Relative <br> Difference | $2.33 \%$ | $1.47 \%$ | $1.87 \%$ | $1.65 \%$ | $-0.21 \%$ | $-0.50 \%$ |
| Daily Volume <br> at Detector 8 | 45332 | 49022 | 50160 | 50670 | 39469 | 34806 |
| Daily Volume <br> at Detector 9 | 44979 | 48945 | 49796 | 50449 | 39314 | 34784 |
| Difference | -353 | -77 | -364 | -221 | -155 | -22 |
| Relative <br> Difference | $-0.78 \%$ | $-0.16 \%$ | $-0.73 \%$ | $-0.44 \%$ | $-0.39 \%$ | $-0.06 \%$ |

## Flow-based Model


(481 actual travel time samples, January $19^{\text {th }}, 2007$ )

## Travel Time Surveys

| Date and Time |  | Link |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1-2 | 2-3 | 3-4 | 4-5 | 5-6 | 6-7 | 7-8 | 8-9 | 9-10 |
| 12/1/2005 | AM | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| 1/19/2006 | AM |  |  |  |  | Y |  |  |  |  |
| 1/20/2006 | AM |  |  |  |  |  | Y |  |  |  |
| 1/20/2006 | PM |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Y |
| 2/1/2006 | AM |  |  | Y |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2/2/2006 | AM |  |  | Y |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2/7/2006 | PM |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Y |  |
| 2/28/2006 | AM |  |  | Y | Y | Y | Y |  |  |  |
| 3/1/2006 | PM |  |  |  |  |  |  | Y | Y | Y |
| 3/7/2006 | AM |  |  |  |  |  |  | Y | Y | Y |
| 3/9/2006 | PM |  |  |  |  |  |  | Y | Y | Y |
| 4/6/2006 | AM |  |  | Y |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4/20/2006 | AM |  |  | Y |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6/13/2006 | AM | Y |  | Y |  |  | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| 6/15/2006 | PM | Y |  | Y |  |  | Y | Y | Y | Y |

## Performance on Individual Links - Link $(5,6)$

- 446 samples on January 19th, 2006
- 411 samples on February 28 ${ }^{\text {th }}, 2006$
- 4 identified scenarios

| ID | Description of the Scenario | Detector 5 |  | Detector 6 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Occ. in <br> Ln. 1 | Occ. in <br> Ln. 2 | Occ. in <br> Ln. 1 | Occ. in <br> Ln. 2 |  |
| 1 | No congestion on the link | $\leq 12$ | $\leq 10$ | $\leq 10$ | $\leq 10$ |
| 2 | Congestion at Detector 5; no congestion <br> at Detector 6 | $>12$ | $>10$ | $\leq 10$ | $\leq 10$ |
| 3 | Congestion at both Detectors 5 and 6 | $>12$ | $>10$ | $>10$ | $>10$ |
| 4 | Other | Other combinations |  |  |  |

## Performance on Individual Links - Link $(5,6)$ (cont'd)

| Scenario <br> 2 | All Samples <br> $(35$ Observations) |  | Travel Times $\leq 95 \mathrm{sec}$. <br> (20 Observations) |  | Travel Times $>95 \mathrm{sec}$. <br> (15 Observations) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | AAE <br> (Sec.) | AARE (\%) | AAE <br> (Sec.) | AARE (\%) | AAE <br> (Sec.) | AARE (\%) |
|  | 5.63 | 6.57 | 6.16 | 8.31 | 4.46 | 4.26 |
| ETB | $\mathbf{5 . 1 4}$ | 5.43 | 3.71 | 4.19 | 7.20 | 7.08 |
| PLSB | 6.17 | 6.49 | 5.47 | 5.86 | 7.67 | 7.33 |


| Scn. <br> 3 | All Samples (33 Observation) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | AAE (Sec.) | AARE (\%) |
| CLR | $\mathbf{6 . 6 0}$ | 4.79 |
| ETB | 19.48 | 13.35 |
| PLSB | 26.33 | 17.65 |


|  | Scenario 1 <br> (60 <br> Observations) |  | Scenario 4 <br> (151 Observations) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { AAE } \\ & \text { (Sec.) } \end{aligned}$ | AARE (\%) | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{AAE} \\ & \text { (Sec.) } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{ARE}<1 \\ & 0 \%(\%) \end{aligned}$ |
| ETB | 2.67 | 3.33 | 7.22 | 6.54 |
| PLSB | 2.92 | 3.67 | 8.69 | 7.66 |

## Performance on Multiple Links

- Subsegment $(3,10)$
- About 10 miles
- 71 samples on April 6 ${ }^{\text {th }}$, 2006
- 114 samples on April $20^{\text {th }}, 2006$


## Performance on Multiple Links (cont' d)

|  | Travel Time Range (sec) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 520 to 800 | 800 to 1000 | $>1000$ |
| Sample Size | 23 | 113 | 49 |
|  | 796 | 998 | 1290 |
| Average Travel Time (sec) | 742.3 | 847.2 | 1109.1 |
|  | AAE (sec) | 59.4 | 54.1 |
|  | AARE (\%) | $8.1 \%$ | $6.2 \%$ |
| PLSB | AAE (sec) | 139.8 | 266.6 |

## Performance on Multiple Links (cont' d)



April 6 ${ }^{\text {th }}, 2006$

## System Flowchart



## Travel Time Prediction

- Parametric Models
- Time series model
- Linear regression model
- Kalman Filter model
- Nonparametric models
- Neural Network model
- Nearest Neighbor model
- Kernel model and local regression model


## Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA)

- Advantages:
- Ability to predict a time series data set
- Good for predicting traffic data (volume, speed, or occupancy) at one detector
- Disadvantages:
- Focus on the mean value, therefore cannot well predict scenarios that less frequently occur
- It is hard to model multiple sets of time series data together (for example, multiple series of data from detectors)


## Linear Regression Models

- One single linear regression model cannot predict well for all traffic scenarios, therefore multi-model structure is often used:
- Layered/clustered linear regression model
- Varying coefficient linear regression model


## Kalman Filter Model

- Ability to auto-update parameters based on the evaluation of the prediction accuracy of the previous time interval
- Good performance when the true value can be obtained with a short delay (Chien et al., 2002 and 2003)
- May not work well for a prediction system with long travel times (long travel times = long delay for the update process)


## Neural Network Models

- Widely used to predict travel times
- Accurate and robust because of its good ability to recognize patterns
- Multi-layer Perceptron (MLP) and Time Delay Neural Network (TDNN) are mostly seen in the literature
- A large amount of training data



## $k$-Nearest Neighbor Model

- Looks for $k$ most similar cases as the current condition from the historical database to come out a prediction
- Requires a fairly large historical database

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \operatorname{dist}_{E U C}(p, q)=\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{K}\left(p_{i}-q_{i}\right)^{2}} \\
& \operatorname{dist}_{N U W}(p, q)=\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{K} w_{i}\left(p_{i}-q_{i}\right)^{2}}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Other Nonparametric Models

- Share a common structure
- A clustering function
- A kernel function (linear, nonlinear and/or other form) for each cluster
- For example
- Kernel regression
- Layered linear regression
- Time-varying coefficient linear regression


## A Hybrid Travel Time Prediction Model

- A Multi-topology Neural Network model
- A rule-based clustering function
- Customized topologies for various traffic scenarios
- An Enhanced $k$-Nearest Neighbor Model
- For cases with sufficient good matches in the historical data


## A Multi-topology Neural Network Model

- Categorize congestion patterns, instead of time-of-day, with a rule-based clustering function
- Select only data in critical lanes as input variables
- Geometric features
- Traffic patterns
- Various topology to fit different traffic patterns

IF $t \geq T M L_{d}^{w k}$ and $t \leq T M U_{d}^{w k}$ THEN
IF $\exists l a, o_{d^{*}, l a}(t-j)>O M_{d, l a}$ for all $j$, where $l a \in \mathbf{C L M}_{d, d+1}^{d^{*}}$ and $0 \leq j \leq T H N N$, THEN
$p_{d}(t)=1$ (moming congestion)
ELSE
IF $o_{d^{*}, l a}(t-j) \leq O M_{d, l a}$ for all $l a$ and $j$, where $l a \in \mathbf{C L M}_{d, d+1}^{d^{*}}$ and $0 \leq j \leq T H N N$, THEN

$$
p_{d}(t)=0(\text { off-peak period })
$$

ELSE

$$
p_{d}(t)=p_{d}(t-1)
$$

END IF
END IF
ELSE
IF $t \geq T E L_{d}^{w k}$ and $t \leq T E U_{d}^{w k}$ THEN
IF $\exists l a, o_{d^{*}, l a}(t-j)>O E_{d, l a}$ for all $j$, where $l a \in \mathbf{C L E}_{d, d+1}^{d^{*}}$ and
$0 \leq j \leq T H N N$, THEN

$$
p_{d}(t)=-1(\text { evening congestion })
$$

## ELSE

IF $o_{d^{*}, l a}(t-j) \leq O E_{d, l a}$ for all $l a$ and $j$, where $0 \leq j \leq T H N N$, THEN

$$
p_{d}(t)=0 \text { (off-peak period) }
$$

## ELSE

$$
p_{d}(t)=p_{d}(t-1)
$$

END IF
END IF
ELSE

$$
p_{d}(t)=0 \text { (off-peak period) }
$$

where, $T M L_{d}^{w k}$ and $T M U_{d}^{w k}$ are the lower and upper time boundaries for moming peak hours in link $(d, d+1)$ on weekday $w k$ in the historical traffic patterns; $T E L_{d}^{w k}$ and $T E U_{d}^{w k}$ are the lower and upper time boundaries for evening peak hours in link $(d, d+1)$ on weekday $w k$ in the historical traffic patterns; $0: 00 \leq T M L_{d}^{w k}<T M U_{d}^{w k} \leq T E L_{d}^{w k}<T E U_{d}^{w k}<24: 00$;
$d^{*}=d$ or $d+1$;
$O M_{d, l a}$ is the occupancy threshold at lane $l a$ at detector $d$ in the morning; $O E_{d, l a}$ is the occupancy threshold at lane $l a$ at detector $d$ in the evening;
$\mathbf{C L M}_{d, d+1}^{d^{*}}$ and $\mathbf{C L E}_{d, d+1}^{d^{*}}$ are sets of critical lanes at detector $d^{*}$ in link ( $d$, $d+1)$ in the morning and in the evening respectively, and $T H N N$ is the required duration for the traffic condition to maintain congested or uncongested stably;

## Enhanced Topology

- Combines time-series and non-time-series data



## $k$-Nearest Neighbor Model for Travel Time Prediction

- An updated distance function
- Based on three types of traffic state
- Geometric features
- Take traffic data from critical lanes only
- The time range of input data increases with the distance to the origin
- Daily and weekly traffic patterns
- Varying search window based on historical traffic patterns


## Modified Definition of the Distance

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { mdis }=\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{k} w_{i}\left(p_{i}^{*}-q_{i}^{*}\right)^{2}} \\
& p_{i}^{*}= \begin{cases}p_{i} & , \text { when } T C_{d}^{l_{a}}(t, t+\Delta t)=0 \\
O C_{d}^{l_{a}} & , \text { when } T C_{d}^{l_{a}}(t, t+\Delta t)=1 \\
O F_{d}^{l_{a}} & , \text { when } T C_{d}^{l_{a}}(t, t+\Delta t)=-1\end{cases} \\
& q_{i}^{*}= \begin{cases}q_{i} & , \text { when } T C_{d}^{l_{a}}\left(t_{h}, t_{h}+\Delta t\right)=0 \\
O C_{d}^{l_{a}} & , \text { when } T C_{d}^{l_{a}}\left(t_{h}, t_{h}+\Delta t\right)=1 \\
O F_{d}^{l_{a}} & , \text { when } T C_{d}^{l_{a}}\left(t_{h}, t_{h}+\Delta t\right)=-1\end{cases}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Consideration of Traffic Patterns

$$
m d i s=\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{k} w_{i}\left(\hat{p}_{i}-q_{i}^{*}\right)^{2}}
$$

Where
$\hat{p}_{i}= \begin{cases}M & , \text { if }\left|t-t_{h}\right|>T_{t h}(d, t) \\ p_{i}^{*} \times \hat{w} & , \text { otherwise }\end{cases}$
$\hat{w}= \begin{cases}1 & , \text { if } \exists s, w k_{h} \in \boldsymbol{W}_{s} \text { and } w k_{c} \in \boldsymbol{W}_{s}(1 \leq s \leq \mathrm{S}) \\ M & , \text { otherwise }\end{cases}$
$\bigcup_{s=1}^{S} \boldsymbol{W}_{s}=\{$ all weekdays $\}$
$M$ is a very large number.
$w k_{c}$ and $w k_{h}$ are weekdays of the current case and the historical case respectively

## Numerical Examples

- Same dataset from I-70 eastbound
- Subsegment $(3,10)$
- About 10 mile
- Comparison 1:
- Predicted travel times vs. estimated travel times
- Comparison 2:
- Predicted travel times vs. actual travel times


## Models for Comparison

|  | 4 Weeks of Training Data | 10 Weeks of Training Data |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hybrid model developed in this study | HM4 | HM10 |
| Neural Network model in the developed hybrid model | NN4 | NN10 |
| k-Nearest Neighbors model in the developed hybrid model | kNN4 | kNN10 |
| Constant current speed-based model | CCSB |  |
| Time-varying coefficient model | TVC4 | TVC10 |

## Predicted vs. Estimated

- 6:00 to 10:30 and 15:00 to 19:30
- AM: May 16 ${ }^{\text {th }}, 2006$ to May 19 $9^{\text {th }}, 2006$
- PM: May $16^{\text {th }}, 2006$ and May 17th, 2006




## All Sample Days

| Model | Average Absolute <br> Error (second) | Average Absolute <br> Relative Error (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CCSB | 77.92 | 10.89 |
| TVC4 | 173.99 | 28.10 |
| TVC10 | 65.64 | 9.44 |
| kNN4 | 64.38 | 9.04 |
| kNN10 | 60.86 | 8.56 |
| NN4 | 53.88 | 7.81 |
| NN10 | 48.68 | 7.07 |
| HM4 | 48.84 | 6.92 |
| HM10 | 45.69 | 6.53 |

## Each Peak Period

| Average <br> Absolute <br> Error <br> (seconds) | $5 / 16$ <br> AM | $5 / 16$ <br> PM | $5 / 17$ <br> AM | $5 / 17$ <br> PM | $5 / 18$ <br> AM | $5 / 19$ <br> AM |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CCSB | 56.37 | 73.93 | 106.62 | 106.84 | 63.95 | 71.97 |
| TVC4 | 186.04 | 127.27 | 232.82 | 128.47 | 166.45 | 168.96 |
| TVC10 | 39.64 | 105.05 | 83.84 | 121.86 | 41.38 | 36.99 |
| kNN4 | 34.42 | 84.09 | 81.48 | 126.45 | 34.10 | 58.85 |
| kNN10 | 31.71 | 71.08 | 79.46 | 127.66 | 33.68 | 54.25 |
| NN4 | 31.81 | 68.18 | 64.77 | 93.47 | 32.80 | 53.39 |
| NN10 | 30.70 | 65.38 | 55.64 | 75.96 | 36.83 | 43.92 |
| HM4 | 29.44 | 54.00 | 58.37 | 87.17 | 28.95 | 49.82 |
| HM10 | 29.09 | 52.10 | 53.75 | 75.96 | 35.26 | 36.69 |

## Predicted vs. Actual

- 70 actual travel times collected by a third party company
- Same sample peak periods

|  | Average <br> Travel Time <br> (seconds) | HM4 <br> AAE <br> (seconds) | HM10 <br> AAE <br> (seconds) | Number of <br> Samples |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All samples | 655.67 | 56.58 | 51.69 | 70 |
| $\mathrm{TT} \leq 580$ | 532.58 | 15.74 | 15.11 | 24 |
| $580<\mathrm{TT} \leq 900$ | 703.86 | 80.45 | 72.02 | 36 |
| $\mathrm{TT}>900$ | 949.67 | 113.43 | 95.29 | 10 |

## System Flowchart



# Missing Data Estimation 

- Data discard
- Single imputation
- Multiple imputation


## Multiple Imputation Technique

- Estimate the distribution of the missing values
- Randomly draw missing values until the distributions converge
- Repeat the imputation for $m$ times


## Proposed Models

- Model M-1:
- An integrated missing data imputation and travel time prediction model
- Rely on data of the entire target segment
- Model M-2:
- Multiple imputation model for missing values
- Rely on data from predefined subsegment



## Model Flowchart

## Numerical Examples

- Same dataset on I-70
- Four weekdays
- June $20^{\text {th }}$ (Tuesday) 21 $1^{\text {st }}$ (Wednesday), $22^{\text {nd }}$ (Thursday) and 26th, 2006 (Monday)

- Comparison focuses on the impacts of:
- The missing rate
- The imputation models
- Mean substitution (MS), Bayesian Forecast (BS)
- The number of imputation


## Performance Comparison (Travel Time)

- One most critical detector has missing data



## Different Congestion Levels

| TT $\leq 700$ |  | MS | BF | M-2-50 | M-1-50 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Missing Rate | 20\% | 3.10\% | 2.78\% | 3.11\% | 2.54\% |
|  | 40\% | 4.10\% | 3.63\% | 3.26\% | 2.80\% |
|  | 60\% | 5.05\% | 4.47\% | 3.73\% | 3.07\% |
|  | 100\% | 8.53\% | 7.47\% | 5.42\% | 6.37\% |
| $700<T T \leq 900$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Missing Rate | 20\% | 8.23\% | 7.35\% | 7.43\% | 6.65\% |
|  | 40\% | 8.76\% | 8.56\% | 7.29\% | 6.43\% |
|  | 60\% | 9.33\% | 8.64\% | 7.71\% | 6.95\% |
|  | 100\% | 10.48\% | 10.26\% | 8.58\% | 8.66\% |
| TT>900 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Missing Rate | 20\% | 13.46\% | 12.80\% | 12.36\% | 10.96\% |
|  | 40\% | 13.82\% | 15.05\% | 12.57\% | 11.86\% |
|  | 60\% | 14.29\% | 15.28\% | 12.99\% | 12.76\% |
|  | 100\% | 16.12\% | 15.86\% | 13.55\% | 14.07\% |



## $m=5,10,20,50$



Missing rate: 20\%


Missing rate: $60 \%$


Missing rate: $40 \%$


Missing rate: 100\%

## Summary

- Contributions
- Perform an in-depth review of literature associated with travel time prediction
- Develop a modeling framework for a travel time prediction system with widely spaced detectors on the freeway
- Propose a hybrid model for estimating travel times
- Develop a hybrid model for travel time prediction
- Construct an integrated missing data estimation model for contending missing data issue


## Future Research

- Determining optimal detector locations for better prediction performance
- Detecting incidents and other special events to minimize the potential prediction errors
- Monitoring change in traffic patterns and estimating potential impacts

Thank you!

Any questions?

