

1 Intersection Movements Delay Modelling Based on Crowd-
2 sensed Global Positioning System Trajectory Data

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21 Abstract

22 Developing accurate large-scale transportation models, used to guide policy adoption and
23 evaluate infrastructure alternatives or changes in sociodemographic conditions, is data
24 and resource intensive. This research proposes a novel method for modeling intersection
25 movement delay using crowd-sensed Global Positioning System (GPS) data. This is
26 achieved by providing a general definition of turning movements and extracting travel
27 times through GPS trajectory data analysis. Additionally, a straightforward method is
28 proposed to integrate the observed delays per movement type into volume-delay
29 functions. The spatial definition provided for turning movements captured distinct speed
30 profiles per turn type. The significant differences in mean speeds for different turn types
31 highlights the importance of integrating turn penalty functions based on real observations
32 and underscore the importance of crowd-sensed GPS data. A simple technique is also
33 proposed to integrate the proposed method into the volume-delay functions used in large
34 scale transport models.

35 Keywords: Intersection Delay Model; Macroscopic Model; Turn Performance Function;
36 Global Positioning System, Transport Planning.

37 Introduction

38 Transport models are decision-making tools used to evaluate current system conditions
39 and propose modifications to it to optimize its performance (Jacyna et al., 2014). They
40 assist in evaluating the impact of policies, sociodemographic changes, and infrastructure
41 projects on the transport system (Wegener et al., 1991). Large-scale transport models,
42 known as macroscopic transport models, consists of three components: i) the supply, a

43 digital representation of the transport network for all modeled transport modes, ii) the
44 transport demand, representing all the trips that need to be made, and iii) the
45 performance, depicting network conditions when the demand is assigned to the transport
46 network reflecting the influence of demand on route choice and traffic conditions
47 (Ortúzar and Willumsen, 2011). Road network performance is usually evaluated by
48 examining travel time delays on road segments and at intersections (Ledezma-Navarro et
49 al., 2018, Sun et al., 2014). Delays at intersections originate from two main sources, traffic
50 signals and turning movements. Turning movement delay at intersections depends on
51 multiple factors, such as the number of approaches, intersection control type, intersection
52 size, number of conflicting movements, traffic intensity, presence of dedicated turning
53 lanes, and traffic signal phasing and timing (in presence of traffic lights)(HCM, 2022).
54 Acquiring data for all these variables at a regional level is challenging and even more
55 complex to maintain up to date. Due to the complexity of developing such models, some
56 modelers rely on major assumptions regarding turn penalty functions that represent turn
57 movement delays in macroscopic models or use generic penalties that represent turning
58 movement delays with sufficient accuracy. The impact of these inaccuracies is directly
59 reflected in the route choice results since the generalized cost is mostly based on delays
60 or travel times, which can lead to misleading results. This weakness has also been
61 identified by Abedini (2022) who proposed a data-driven method to calibrate more
62 accurate link performance functions.

63 Recently, Global positioning systems (GPS) trajectory data has been collected by GPS
64 enabled smartphones, creating large databases of GPS trajectories. This emerging data
65 source has the potential to provide high-resolution and high-coverage information about

66 the observed motorist's speed or travel time throughout the road network, offering an
67 opportunity to improve the current macroscopic modelling practice. The objective of this
68 work is to demonstrate the potential of crowd-sensed GPS data to accurately model road
69 intersection turning movement delay, using as a case study dataset from Quebec City,
70 Canada. It also aims to show how such information can be integrated into large-scale
71 simulation models to provide more accurate intersection delay functions. This is achieved
72 through the adoption of a replicable and standardized procedure to calculate the average
73 speed per turning movement. Average speed is selected since large-scale transport models
74 are deterministic and represent an average day. This method is not adapted for use with
75 dynamic traffic assignment models since it does not model turning movement delay as a
76 random variable. The case study examined in this paper examines the turning movement
77 delays at traffic signal-controlled intersections of arterial-arterial or arterial-collector
78 type roads.

79 Literature Review

80 Intersection delay estimation and modelling, using GPS trajectory data, has been
81 addressed in multiple studies (Jiang and Zhu, 2005, Ko et al., 2008, Strauss and Miranda-
82 Moreno, 2017). These studies can be categorized based on the examined transport mode
83 (car, bus, or bicycle).

84 Strauss and Miranda-Moreno (2017) conducted a study using crowd-sensed GPS
85 trajectory data in Montreal, Canada to estimate performance measures at signalized
86 intersections. They developed models to relate bicycle intersection delays to predictors
87 such as intersection geometry and built environment. While this work provides detailed
88 steps in GPS data processing, it confines the analysis to the approach and intersection

89 levels without exploring detailed intersection movements. Another study by Gillis et al.
90 (2020) used crowd-sensed cyclist GPS trajectory data to determine road intersection
91 delays. This research focuses on the main cyclist movements across the intersection and
92 emphasizes the importance of having an adequate sampling rate to capture details before
93 and after the intersection. The main limitations of the two studies examining cyclist GPS
94 data are the fact that they do not consider the impact of traffic flow on delay and that they
95 do not propose a standardized method to extract delays at the intersection movement
96 level.

97 Using real-time bus GPS trajectories, Wang et al. (2016b) proposed a method to predict
98 intersection delays and bus arrival time. This method, designed for real time use, does not
99 explicitly consider intersection movements, making it inapplicable for macroscopic
100 transport models. Another study by Wang et al. (2016a) uses low-resolution transit bus
101 GPS data to estimate control delays; however, it does not consider turning movements.
102 In addition, using bus GPS data to estimate control delays cannot be used to represent
103 the dynamics of the general population of motorists, as it may be biased due to differences
104 in vehicle characteristics and the presence of bus stops, which can create additional
105 delays.

106 One of the most commonly used methods to estimate intersection movement delays is
107 proposed by the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM). It combines three models: uniform,
108 random, and overflow delay models. This method can be seen in the work by Leong (2017)
109 and requires the collection of signal phasing and timing information, in addition to
110 intersection configuration. Although this method can yield good results, it requires

111 significant data collection efforts for large-scale models, limiting its suitability to small-
112 scale models.

113 Other studies have explored the use of passenger vehicle GPS trajectory data to estimate
114 delays while reducing data collection efforts and having a satisfying accuracy level. In fact,
115 a study by Liu et al. (2006) investigated the effect of different GPS trajectory sampling
116 rates on delay estimation quality and the ability to capture the delay. This study focused
117 on reducing the cost of real-time data transmission and does not propose a method to
118 estimate or model intersection movement delays.

119 In another study, Alkaissi et al. (2021) conducted an experiment by instrumenting a
120 vehicle with a GPS device to record 50 trips through an arterial corridor. Based on speed
121 and acceleration, they were able to determine delays at intersection; however, the study
122 only considered a limited number of trips and did not examine delays from movements
123 at the intersection.

124 Intersection delay estimation techniques were examined based on a theoretical
125 framework of vehicle dynamics. In a study by Jiang and Zhu (2005), a GPS-equipped
126 vehicle was used to collect trajectory data, proposing a method to calculate the approach
127 delay. The approach delay is defined as the difference between the actual time for the
128 vehicle to pass the intersection and the time it would take to pass the intersection at the
129 driver's desired speed. This delay can be estimated by measuring various components
130 such as stopped delay, control delay, approach delay, midblock delay, or segment delay.
131 A variation of this technique was explored by Hoeschen et al. (2005). However, these
132 measures remain limited to traffic signal operation applications and only consider delays
133 at the intersection approach level.

134 Intersection delay is crucial information for assessing intersection control performance
135 and determine the level of service (LOS). Tišljarić et al. (2018) estimated intersection
136 control delays based on GPS trajectory points by locating the first deceleration and
137 stopping points upstream on the intersection. The information was also used to create a
138 queuing profile for the examined intersections. However, this technique was limited to
139 the approach level and the queuing profiles were not compared to ground truth for
140 validation.

141 Most Recently, Saldivar-Carranza et. al (2021a) have been using connected vehicle
142 trajectory data to optimize traffic signal operation. This type of data, also referred to as
143 internet connected vehicle data (ICV), can include additional information in comparison
144 to traditional GPS trajectory data, such as hard braking or hard acceleration events and
145 was also used by Khadka et al. (2022). The purpose of their study was to evaluate queue
146 length and propagation, and delay estimation on arterials in addition to the generation of
147 time-speed diagrams by combining the data with available traffic signal timing
148 information. The increasing availability of ICV data enables the collection of statistically
149 significant amounts of data in a very short time which helps evaluate the safety conditions
150 of a specific intersection movement using surrogate measures as demonstrated by
151 Saldivar-Carranza et. al (2021b). Although studies using ICV data are focusing on traffic
152 operation optimization and traffic safety evaluation through surrogate measures, they
153 demonstrate that large scale trajectory data has a great a potential to evaluate traffic delay
154 related variables at a disaggregate level (ex.: intersection movement).

155 When studying delay modelling, understanding the level of detail required depends on
156 the model type and the capabilities available in transport planning and modelling

157 software to be able to produce results that can be integrated to the modelling tool.
158 Macroscopic models integrate intersection movement delays differently depending on the
159 modelling tool used. For example, the Aimsun simulation software divides delay into
160 three different components: link delay functions, turn penalty functions (TPF), and
161 junction delay functions (JDF). TPF and JDF are used for traffic signal-controlled
162 intersections and stop or yield controlled intersections, respectively. The TPF is also
163 capable of using the programmed signal timing plan to estimate macroscopic level delays
164 based on green time, cycle duration, and equations provided in the Highway Capacity
165 Manual. Although this possibility is interesting, integrating and maintaining all signal
166 timing plans for different time periods and for a whole metropolitan region requires
167 important resources and is generally not feasible.

168 Other tools used for macroscopic modelling, such as EMME or Visum also offer the
169 possibility to add turn penalties for each possible movement at an intersection. However,
170 the challenge remains in finding the correct values or functions that represent the
171 observed conditions adequately. Due to limited resources, in practice, this usually results
172 in the oversimplification of turn delay modelling by assuming fixed generic values or even
173 by limiting turn modelling to simple turning permissions indicating whether each
174 movement is permitted or prohibited.

175 In summary, intersection delay was studied by multiple researchers using GPS trajectory
176 collected by different transport modes, such as, bicycle, buses, and passenger cars.
177 Depending on the study objective, delay was defined differently in terms of spatial or
178 temporal resolutions (intersection level or approach level) to obtain indicators used for
179 traffic signal control operation and optimization. However, additional work is required to

180 explore crowd sensed GPS data and develop methods that consider delays at the
181 intersection movement level without the knowledge of signal phasing and timing or signal
182 groups. This is essential to model turning movement delays for large-scale models.
183 Therefore, this work proposes a framework and method to extract intersection movement
184 delays for use in large-scale transport models from GPS data, avoiding the use of data that
185 is difficult to obtain or collect.

186 Methodology

187 Definitions

188 Before describing the theoretical framework and the proposed method, it is important to
189 define a few terms. An intersection turning movement refers to a possible vehicular
190 movement at an intersection, usually described by the direction and the turn type (Board
191 et al., 2022). Intersection turn type refers to the maneuver performed at the intersection,
192 which can be left turn, through movement, or right turn. Although delay and speed are
193 two different concepts, this work interchangeably uses the two words. Since the proposed
194 method needs to be applicable to intersections of different dimensions, speed was
195 calculated instead of delay to eliminate the distance dimension and reduce the bias. This
196 is important for the proposed method, as it includes the upstream segment travel time in
197 the delay (speed) calculation. Calculating a typical delay value for all types of intersections
198 would incorrectly assume that all intersections have the same geometric configurations
199 and upstream road segment length.

200 To capture the average delay incurred by a vehicle associated with a given turning
201 movement and keeping in mind the macroscopic aspect of the transport model, it was
202 important to have an adequate definition of intersection movements. For each

203 intersection, an intersection zone is defined as the area containing the road intersection
204 in addition to all the upstream and downstream road segments that connect the given
205 intersection to the neighboring intersections (see Figure 1).

206 Moreover, the start and end points for each movement type (left turn, through movement,
207 and right turn) are defined as seen in Figure 2. The start point of every movement is the
208 entrance point of the upstream road segment (LT_{Start} , T_{Start} , RT_{Start}). The movement end
209 point is the point where the vehicle exits the analyzed intersection (LT_{End} , T_{End} , RT_{End}).
210 Defining the start and end point of every movement enables the calculation of length of
211 each of the left, through, and right movements, which are LLT , LT , and LRT , respectively.
212 This definition makes it possible to differentiate between delays of vehicles performing
213 different movement types. In a similar logic, the traffic flows for each of the movement
214 types are referred to as F_{LT} , F_T , and F_{RT} , representing flows for left turn, through, and right
215 turn movements, respectively. Connecting back to macroscopic models, it becomes
216 possible to adjust turn penalties based on real observations while considering mid-block
217 traffic delays due to traffic propagation associated with the downstream control type and
218 turning movement type.

219 Proposed Procedure

220 The method proposed by this work uses GPS trajectory points, traffic counts, and a road
221 network geographic representation to create an integrated database containing, for each
222 intersection movement, the mean 15-min speed and the corresponding 15-min traffic
223 count. Figure 3 presents a summarized diagram of the procedure used to create the traffic
224 count-speed database.

225 The yellow boxes represent input data while the grey rectangles represent data processing
226 steps, and the green cylinder represents the final output database.

227 The first step consists of spatially filtering the map-matched GPS trajectory data to allow
228 only relevant data points to be kept and reduce the size of the data base. This step is
229 required to only keep the required GPS points and avoid working with a large data file.

230 The second step is to manually select, for each trip segment within the intersection, the
231 first point (LT_{Start} , T_{Start} , RT_{Start}) and the last point (LT_{End} , T_{End} , RT_{End}). Each trip within
232 an intersection zone is visually inspected to verify if its start point and end point are
233 located at an acceptable distance of the theoretical start and end points defined above.

234 This step is carried out manually and is labor intensive given the large number of trips
235 per intersection. At the third step, the trip ends' timestamps and the geographic
236 coordinates are extracted to create a polyline representing the turn movement of each trip
237 segment within the intersection. The fourth step connects the trip ends using the shortest
238 path algorithm over the digital road network. The process allows the elimination of noise
239 caused by the GPS signal when a vehicle is stationary at trajectory points situated between
240 the trip ends. This step is carried out using the Network Analyst Extension of the ArcGIS
241 software which implements Dijkstra's algorithm to find the shortest path. This algorithm
242 was deemed suitable since it was able to correctly connect the first and last points of
243 intersection trajectories. Figure 4 presents the raw GPS data in addition to two sample
244 trip segments that were manually selected to be processed into a line using the shortest
245 path algorithm and considered in the delay analysis.

246 The fifth step consists of using the turning movement trip segment polyline to calculate
247 the intersection movement length and speed.

248 The following step, each turning movement trip segment is analyzed to determine the
249 movement type (left turn, through movement, or right turn) based on the movement's in
250 and out directions. A movement type-direction correspondence dictionary is used at that
251 step to determine the entering and exiting direction for each trip and associate it to the
252 correct movement type. For example, a vehicle entering an intersection from the south
253 and exiting from the east is considered a right turn. At the seventh step, mean 15-min
254 speeds are calculated per intersection movement.

255 The last (eighth) step is an independent treatment of traffic counts carried out to extract
256 and prepare traffic count data to be integrated to the mean 15-min speed table. Therefore,
257 a traffic count database is created containing detailed 15-min traffic counts for all
258 intersections per turning movement. This database is integrated to the mean 15-min
259 speed table based on the intersection ID and the turning movement to create the final 15-
260 min traffic count-speed database. The final database is used to perform exploratory
261 analysis to gain insight into the different movement types.

262 Integration to Macroscopic Models

263 To connect with large scale transport models, a method is then proposed to integrate the
264 findings to the volume delay functions used in macroscopic simulation models. Assuming
265 that through movement delays are already included in the link, or road segment, volume
266 delay function, it is possible to express the turn penalty, seen as an additional delay, as a
267 function of through movement travel time TT . This assumption is applicable since large
268 scale transport models are calibrated based on floating vehicles that drive straight
269 through main road corridors without turning at intersections. This results in link volume
270 delay functions that integrate road segment and intersection delay for through movement

271 only (T_T in Figure 2). The following are the proposed left turn and right turn penalty
272 functions based on the observed GPS trajectory data.

$$273 \quad (1) \quad T_{LT} = T_T + a * T_T = T_T(1 + a)$$

$$274 \quad (2) \quad T_{RT} = T_T + b * T_T = T_T(1 + b)$$

275 Where T_{LT} , T_{RT} , are the travel times for the left and right turns, respectively, and parameters a
276 *and* b are the speed adjustment ratios for left and right turns respectively. These
277 parameters are calculated using the trajectory length and travel time extracted from the
278 GPS trajectory points. The parameters a and b are calculated as follows:

$$279 \quad (3) \quad a = 1 - \frac{L_{LT}/T_{LT}}{L_T/T_T}$$

$$280 \quad (4) \quad b = 1 - \frac{L_{RT}/T_{RT}}{L_T/T_T}$$

281 For macroscopic models, the adjusted travel time for turning movements at intersections,
282 or turn penalty functions can be considered as follows:

$$283 \quad (5) \quad TP_{LT} = a * T_T$$

$$284 \quad (6) \quad TP_{RT} = b * T_T$$

285 Where TP_{LT} and TP_{RT} are the additional delay incurred for left turning vehicles and right
286 turning vehicles, respectively, with respect to the through movement travel time. The use
287 of these penalties results in the inclusion of all delays incurred at the intersection for all
288 turn types.

289 Case Study

290 This study is based on data collected in Quebec City, Canada. Three sources of data were
291 necessary. First, GPS trajectories data was recorded by motorists during the spring of
292 2014 in Quebec City, Canada. It was collected during 21 days by 2,000 voluntary users
293 through the Mon Trajet smartphone app, made available by the Municipality. Each point
294 is described by the following attributes: X and Y coordinates, trip ID, speed, and
295 timestamp (Year-Month-Day-Hour-Minute-Second). The GPS data had gone through a
296 preliminary round of preparation and map matching. The second data source, used at
297 step number 8 of the methodology, is traffic counts collected and provided by the
298 Municipality of Quebec City. Traffic counts were available for a one-day period per
299 intersection for 15-min time intervals from 7:00 to 10:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00. These
300 periods were selected by the municipality to cover peak traffic periods. Finally, the last
301 data source was a geographic representation of the road network in the form of a shapefile
302 which was obtained from OpenStreetMap (OpenStreetMap, 2023). Figure 5 presents the
303 location of the four intersections selected to perform this study. These intersections were
304 selected based on the road type and the control type. These variables are expected to have
305 an influence on intersection movement delay and can be obtained with a reasonable
306 amount of effort for large scale transport models. In this study, traffic light-controlled
307 intersections were selected, and the road type was limited to arterial-arterial or arterial-
308 collector intersections.

309 A total of 1400 intersection movements were individually examined and 1136 were found
310 to be adequate and selected for further analysis.

311 Results

312 Considering the four intersections that were analyzed in the case study, a total of 1136 trip
313 segments (126 left turns, 153 right turns, 857 through movements) were extracted for the
314 analysis period. The 15-min mean speed was the lowest for left turns at 14 km/h, followed
315 by the right turns at 17 km/h, and through movement at 21 km/hr. Left turns are typically
316 face conflicts with the opposite through traffic, requiring sharing of the green phase (with
317 priority given to the opposite direction). In addition, left turns often conflict with
318 pedestrian and cyclist users who also have priority over motorists. To mitigate these
319 conflicts, left turn movements are sometimes given a dedicated protected phase
320 depending on traffic control design standards. Both situations contribute to the
321 expectation that left turning movements have often slower travel times with respect to
322 right. Regarding right turns, generally this movement conflicts with cyclists and
323 pedestrians (who have priority), and occasionally conflicts with left turns from the
324 opposite direction, but this is less frequent and less critical. Therefore, right turn delays
325 are expected to fall between left turn delays and through movement delays. Through
326 movement generally do not conflict with other movements (except for right turn on red);
327 however, it's delay depends on the signal timing design based on traffic flows for all
328 movements. Thus, observed speeds for through movements are reasonable since they are
329 expected to be the fastest.

330 In parallel, the mean traffic count was the lowest for left turns at 33 vehicles per 15
331 minutes, followed by right turns at 36 vehicles per 15 minutes, and through movement at
332 77 vehicles per 15 minutes. The final database was used to visualize the frequency

333 distribution of mean 15-minute speeds and 15- minute traffic counts for each intersection
334 movement type, as shown in Figure 6.

335 Further analysis was conducted to examine the relationship between speeds and observed
336 traffic counts. No evident relationship was found between the two variables. Additionally,
337 the mean 15-minute speed is relatively volatile, explained by the fact that speed is affected
338 the intersection's signal timing, operation mode, and geometric configuration rather than
339 traffic flow. Additionally, traffic counts and GPS trajectories were not collected at the
340 same moment, which is not ideal when comparing relatively fine resolution data.

341 For this case study, “a” and “b” for traffic light controlled arterial-arterial or arterial-
342 collector intersections are calculated using equations 3 and 4 to be 0.33 and 0.19,
343 respectively. In other words, a left turn movement is 33% slower than a through
344 movement, considering movement definitions in Figure 2, and a right turn movement is
345 19% slower than a through movement. These parameters (a and b) represent an average
346 behavior of the analysis period as estimated using all observations. However, with more
347 data is available, it is possible to recalculate these parameters per peak period or hour of
348 the day to increase the accuracy.

349 Discussion

350 The large-scale aspect of macroscopic transport models, sometimes referred to as
351 strategic level models, can benefit from the availability of new sources of data for
352 calibration. The proposed framework and methodology can process crowd-sensed GPS
353 data to estimate turning movement delays and integrate them to macroscopic models.
354 The proposed solution is a balance between the delay estimation methods proposed by

355 the HCM or by Hoeschen et al. (2005) and Jiang and Zhu (2005), which are data-
356 intensive when the model is very large, and the simplifications imposed to macroscopic
357 models due to the lack of data and resources. Using GPS trajectory data, it was possible
358 to develop a standardized method to extract speed information at the intersection turning
359 movement level. Traditionally, delays were only calculated for operational purposes to
360 design and optimize traffic signal phasing and timing, therefore, research mostly
361 examining approach level delay, which is also used for level of service assessment, as can
362 be seen in the work by Tišljarić et al. (2018).

363 Using the extracted results, it was possible to determine the frequency distribution of
364 speeds and traffic counts for each of the turning movement types. These distributions can
365 eventually serve to calibrate other stochastic transport models through distribution fitting
366 and sampling variable delays based on the observed mean and variance values. However,
367 for macroscopic transport models, aggregate speed results were used to propose a method
368 to include GPS-based delays to turning movements. In fact, the main finding is that left
369 turn movements for traffic signal-controlled arterial-arterial or arterial-collector
370 intersections have the lowest average speed compared to through movements and right
371 turns. In addition, right turns were also found to have a lower average speed than through
372 movements. This justifies the importance of including turn penalty functions that reflect
373 this difference in observed speeds, which was the motivation of this work.

374 The proposed method can be applied to a larger sample of intersections, a larger sample
375 of GPS trajectories, and for a variety of road types for better coverage of the road network.
376 The procedure is semi-automated for the moment and will require the automation of
377 some the tasks to make it feasible to treat many trajectories rapidly. This will also allow

378 for the inclusion of more GPS trajectories in the analysis allowing for better temporal
379 coverage.

380 No clear relationship was found between mean 15-min speeds and 15-min traffic counts.
381 Although this is explained mainly by the intersection control type, which in this study was
382 traffic signal control, the fact that only one day of traffic counts was available per
383 intersection from a different year might contribute to the randomness observed in the
384 speed-flow chart.

385 This study controlled for intersection control type and road type. Intersection delay can
386 be influenced by additional variables such as the number of available lanes, the presence
387 of dedicated turning lanes, the permission to perform a right turn on red, the number of
388 conflicts, the type of traffic signal (fixed vs. actuated). Obtaining and maintaining these
389 variables up to date at a regional level is challenging. However, if any of them is available,
390 it could be interesting to include it to improve the classification of turning movements
391 and improve the delay prediction.

392 Limitations

393 This work explores a new method to use GPS trajectory data to model turn movement
394 delay per road type, movement type, and intersection control type for large-scale
395 transport models. Although it makes use of the emerging availability of GPS trajectory, it
396 is not without limitations. First, the applicability of the proposed method is to
397 deterministic static transport models that aim to represent an average situation to be used
398 for strategic planning and alternative comparison. Therefore, it is not possible to apply
399 this method to dynamic traffic assignments, further analysis would be required to do so.
400 Moreover, the case study examined in this work was limited by the available data. The

401 GPS trajectory data sample, traffic counts availability, and unavailability of ground truth
402 data were all limiting factors. To cover all intersection turn types, road types, and control
403 types, a larger road network should be used in addition to a larger GPS trajectory data
404 sample. Moreover, a larger GPS trajectory data temporal coverage will enable the
405 modelling of turning movement delay per time of day to better reflect the variation of
406 travel time during peak and off-peak periods.

407 Conclusion

408 This work emphasizes the need to consider intersection movement delays in macroscopic
409 transport models. It explores the availability of a new data source that can overcome data
410 collection challenges, typical in macroscopic models. It also complements the work done
411 on delay modelling for different transport modes, which focuses on the operational needs.
412 It was found that crowd-sensed GPS data is suitable to estimate intersection movement
413 delays at the intersection movement level. The case study examined traffic signal-
414 controlled arterial-arterial and arterial-collector type intersections. Average speeds were
415 found to be different for left turns, right turns, and through movements, justifying the
416 importance of considering turn penalties. These speeds were then used to propose a
417 method to integrate them back into macroscopic transport models to improve travel time
418 estimation and consequently improve route choice.

419 The proposed method can be further improved by increasing the automation of the
420 procedure, allowing for the rapid treatment of many GPS trajectories. This, in turn, will
421 increase the sample size of the observations and allow to estimate different turn penalties
422 per peak period or per hour. Moreover, an extension of this work can examine different
423 methods to address the length variable to ensure that no bias is introduced since different

424 road segments can have different lengths, which can in turn influence the calculated
425 turning speed. Furthermore, if more intersection variables are available, such as the
426 number of lanes, the number of conflicts per movement type, the possibility to turn right
427 on red, the presence of dedicated turning lanes, or other intersection control variables,
428 they can be included to classify turning movement to improve turn penalty estimation
429 accuracy.

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433 Competing Interests

434 The authors declare there are no competing interests.

435 Data Availability

436 The GPS trajectory dataset used for this research was available for public for a period on
437 the municipality website, however it has now been removed from the website and
438 therefore unavailable.

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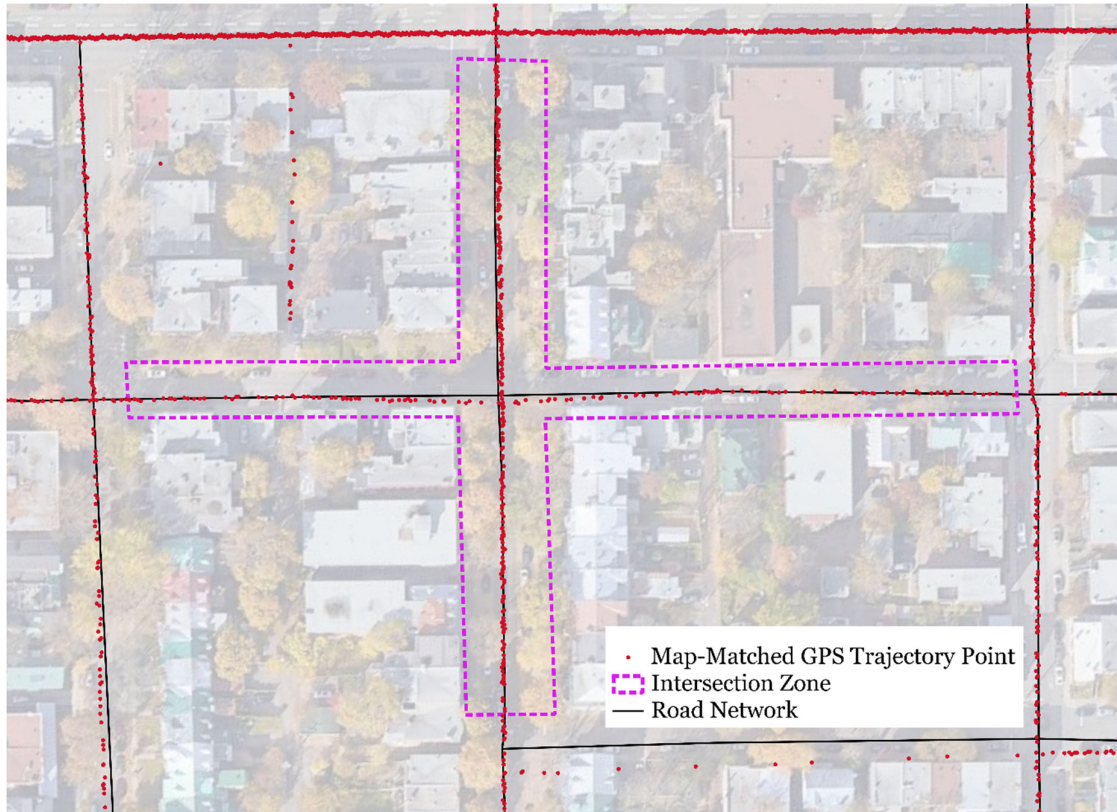


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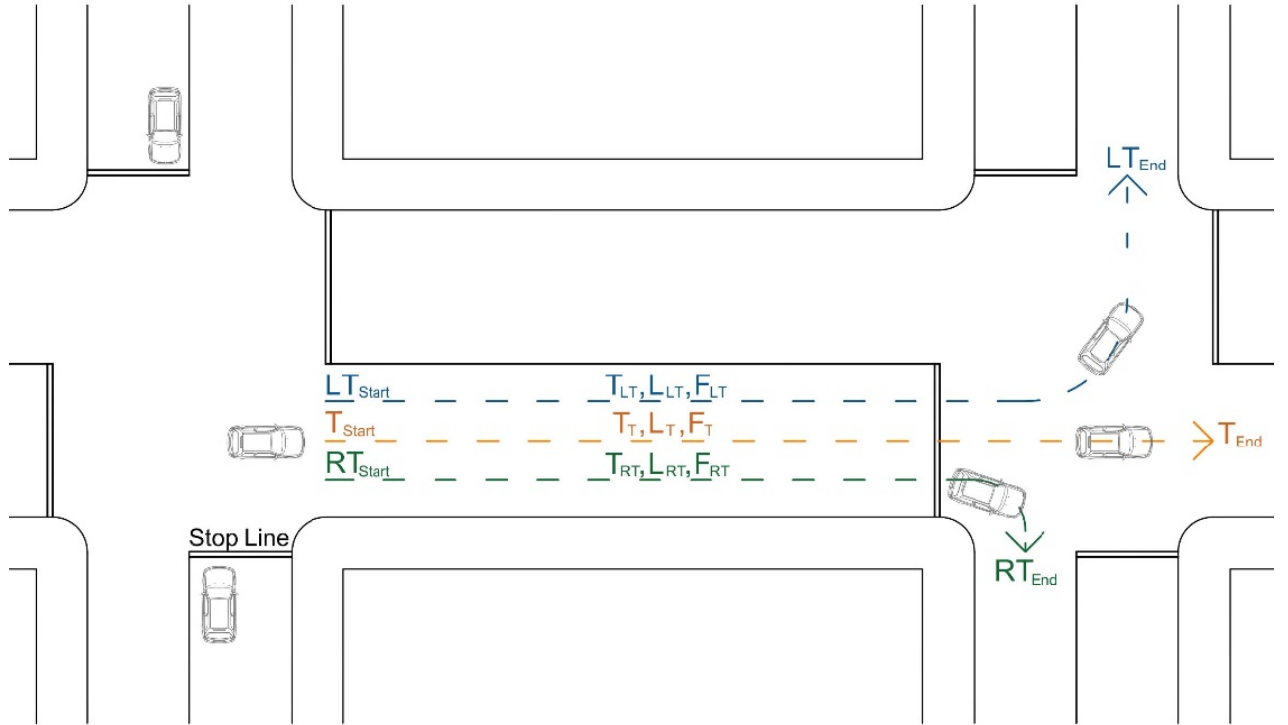


Figure 2. Intersection Movement Definitions

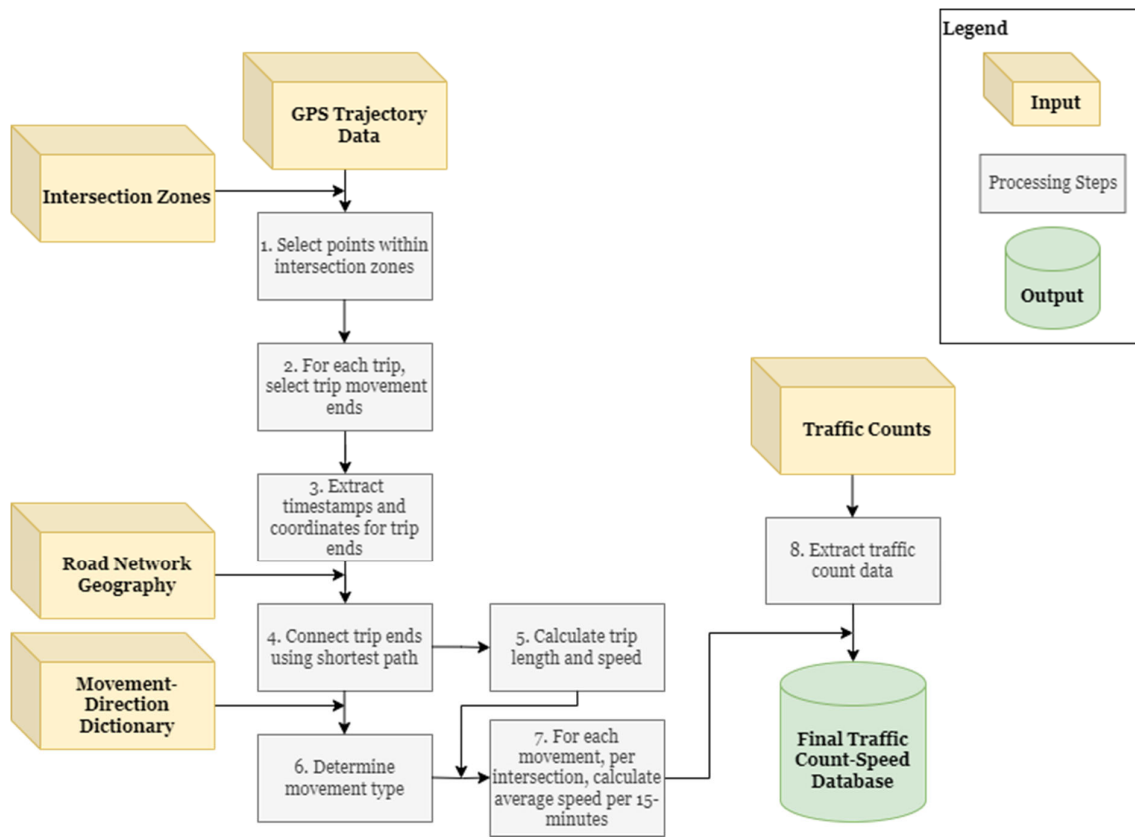


Figure 3. Diagram of Database Creation Procedure

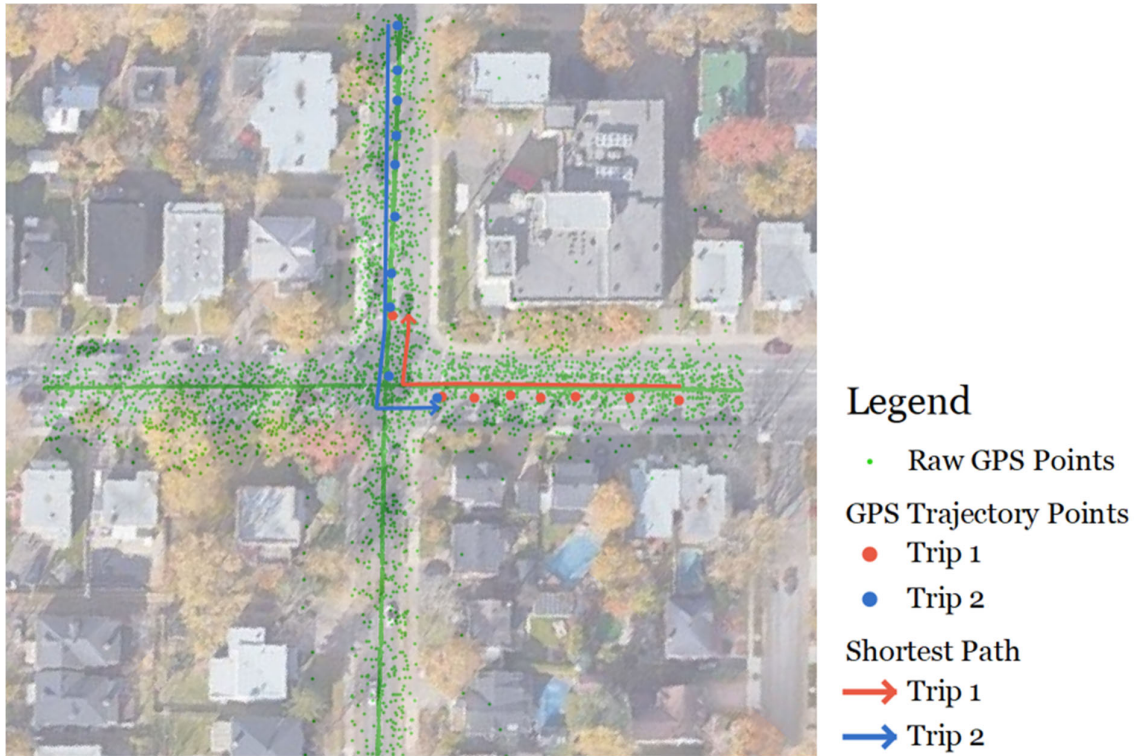


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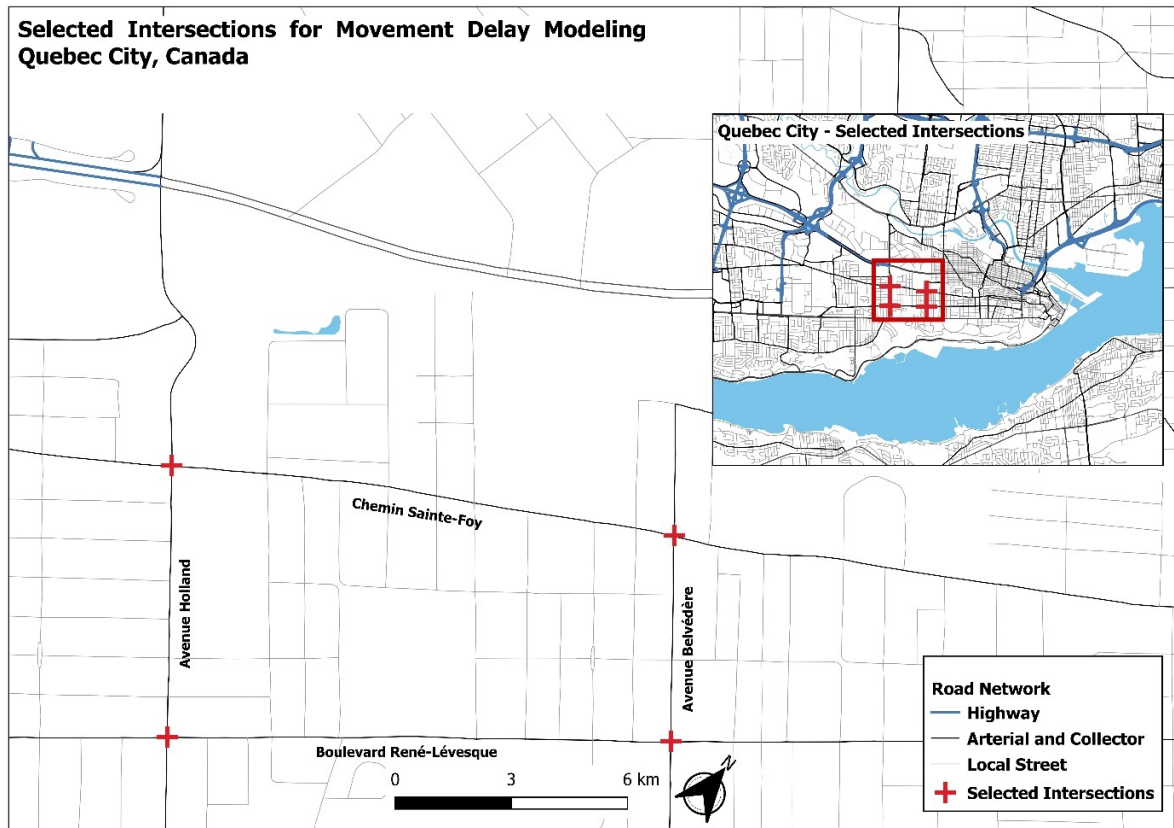


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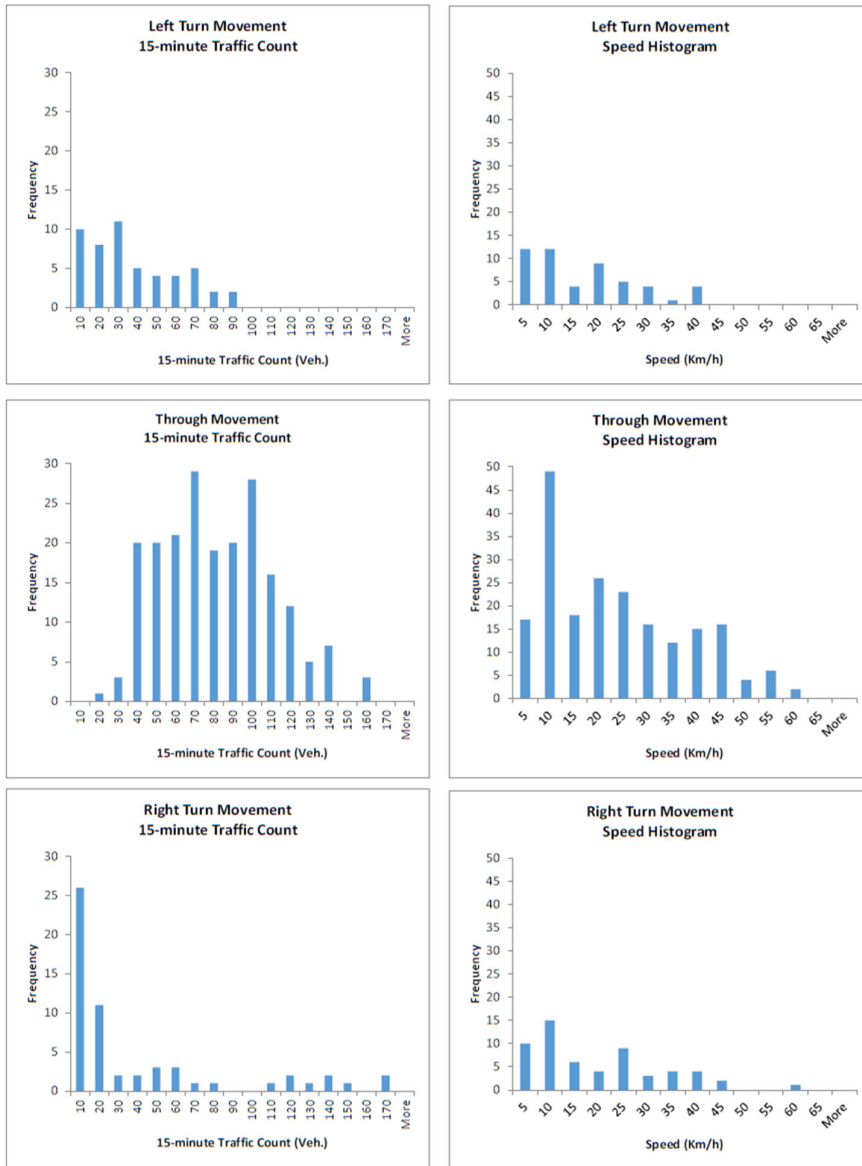


Figure 6. Frequency Distributions of Mean 15-min Speeds and 15-min Traffic Counts