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Uniting Data Science and GIS: Spatial Analysis with Databricks & ArcGIS

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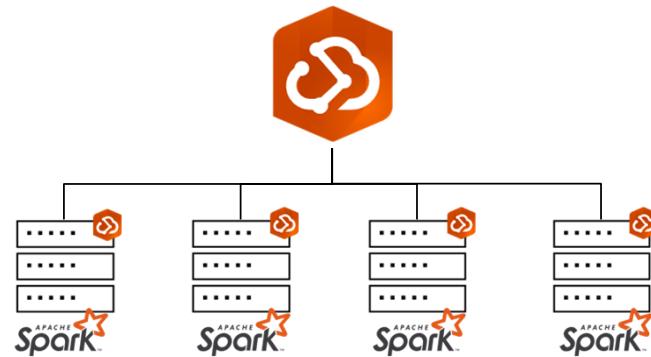
Surveyors
Australia



- Advanced Spatial Analytics in Databricks
- Use cases & examples
- Surfacing results from Databricks into GIS



ArcGIS GeoAnalytics Engine



- Spark native library that extends dataframes with spatial processing and analytics
- Over 200 spatial Functions & Tools
- Analyse data from data lakes, warehouses as well as ArcGIS systems

Supported Environments



Microsoft
Fabric



Azure
Synapse
Analytics



Amazon EMR



Google Cloud
Dataproc



databricks



APACHE
Spark™
Your own
Cluster

Data Sources

DATA FORMATS & SYSTEMS SUPPORTED BY SPARK

Generic Files

- CSV file
- Hive table
- JSON file
- Parquet file
- XML file
- Zip file
- ORC files

Data Lakes & Databases

- Amazon S3
- Azure Blob Storage
- Azure Data Lake Storage
- Azure Cosmos DB
- Cassandra
- Couchbase
- ElasticSearch
- Google Cloud Storage
- MongoDB
- Neo4j
- Oracle
- Redis
- Riak Time Series
- SQL databases using JDBC
- Hadoop HDFS

Data Warehouses

- Amazon Redshift
- Azure Synapse Analytics
- Google BigQuery
- Snowflake

ADDS SUPPORT FOR:

Spatial Formats

- Shapefile (Read/Write)
- Feature Service (Read/Write)
- File GeoDatabase (Read)
- Vector Tiles (Write)
- GeoJSON (Read/Write)
- GeoParquet (Read/Write)
- Use ArcGIS API for Python to write into additional spatial formats.

Spatial Functions

CONSTRUCTORS	ACCESSORS	OPERATIONS	RELATIONSHIP TESTS	BINNING
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ST_AsBinary• ST_AsText• ST_AsGeoJSON• ST_AsEsriJSON• ST_AsShape• ST_GeomFromBinary• ST_GeomFromText• ST_GeomFromGeoJSON• ST_GeomFromEsriJSON• ST_GeomFromShape• ST_PointFromBinary• ST_PointFromText• ST_PointFromGeoJSON• ST_PointFromShape• ST_MPointFromBinary• ST_MPointFromText• ST_MPointFromEsriJSON• ST_MPointFromGeoJSON• ST_MPointFromShape• ST_LineFromBinary• ST_LineFromText• ST_LineFromEsriJSON• ST_LineFromGeoJSON• ST_PolyFromBinary• ST_PolyFromText• ST_PolyFromEsriJSON• ST_PolyFromGeoJSON• ST_PolyFromShape• ST_Point• ST_MultiPoint• ST_LineString• ST_MultiLineString• ST_Polygon• ST_MultiPolygon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ST_GeometryType• ST_Area• ST_Azimuth• ST_GeodesicArea• ST_Centroid• ST_PointOnSurface• ST_CoordDim• ST_Dimension• ST_Distance• ST_GeodesicDistance• ST_GeodesicLength• ST_GeometryN• ST_Is3D• ST_IsClosed• ST_IsEmpty• ST_IsMeasured• ST_Length• ST_GeodesicLength• ST_MaxM• ST_MaxX• ST_MaxY• ST_MaxZ• ST_MinM• ST_MinX• ST_MinY• ST_MinZ• ST_NumGeometries• ST_NumInteriorRings• ST_NumPoints• ST_PointN• ST_IsRing• ST_SRID• ST_StartPoint• ST_EndPoint• ST_X, ST_Y, ST_Z, ST_M	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ST_Aggr_ConvexHull• ST_Aggr_Intersection• ST_Aggr_Linestring• ST_Aggr_Union• ST_Aggr_MeanCenter• ST_Aggr_StdevEllipse• ST_Bbox_Intersects• ST_Boundary• ST_Buffer• ST_GeodesicBuffer• ST_Cast• ST_Centerline• ST_ClosestPoint• ST_ConvexHull• ST_Densify• ST_Difference• ST_Envelope• ST_ExteriorRing• ST_Flip• ST_InteriorRingN• ST_Rotate• ST_Scale• ST_Shear• ST_Split• ST_SymDifference• ST_Union• ST_Segmentize• ST_Segments• ST_ShortestLine• ST_Points• ST_Geometries• ST_Generalize• ST_Simplify• ST_Transform• ST_Translate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ST_Contains• ST_Crosses• ST_Disjoint• ST_EnvIntersect• ST_Equals• ST_Intersects• ST_Overlaps• ST_Relate• ST_Touches• ST_Within• ST_DWithin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ST_SquareBin• ST_SquareBins• ST_BinGeometry• ST_BinCenter• ST_HexBin• ST_HexBins• ST_H3Bin• ST_H3Bins• ST_Binld

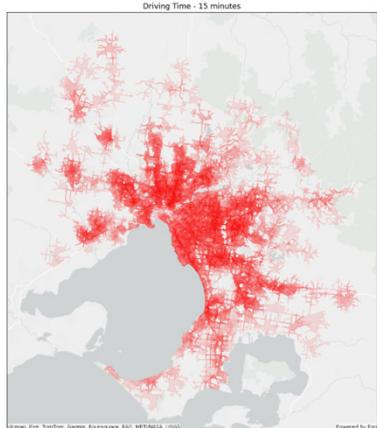
TRACK FUNCTIONS

- TRK_After
- TRK_Aggr_CreateTrack
- TRK_Before
- TRK_Between
- TRK_DistanceAlong
- TRK_Duration
- TRK_DurationAlong
- TRK_EndTimestamp
- TRK_IsValid
- TRK_LCSS
- TRK_Length
- TRK_Query
- TRK_Speed
- TRK_SplitByDistance
- TRK_SplitByDistanceGap
- TRK_SplitByDuration
- TRK_SplitByTimeGap
- Trk_StartTimestamp

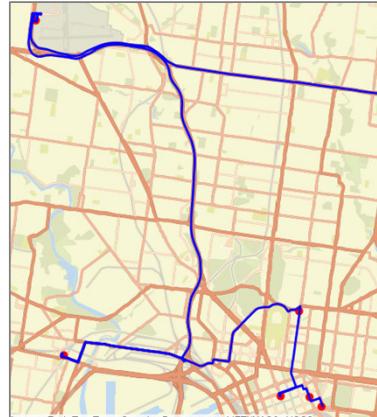
Spatial Analysis Tools



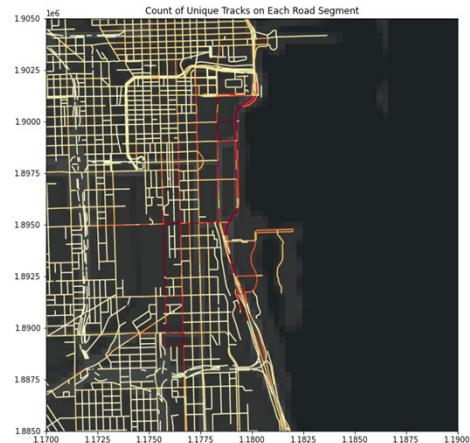
Hotspot analysis of crash data



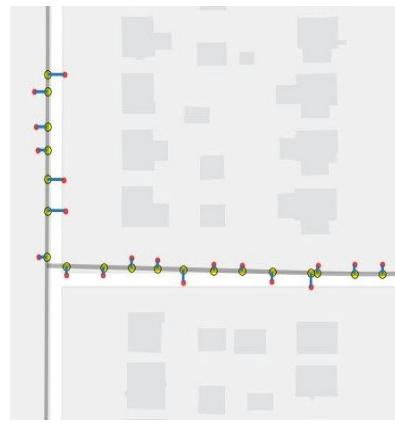
Walk & Drive times to schools



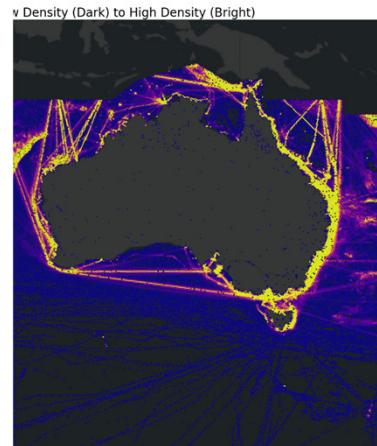
Route optimisation



Counting trips across segments



Snapping GPS data to roads



Time-stepped aggregations

- Aggregate Points
- Calculate density
- Calculate field
- Calculate motion statistics
- Clip Layer
- Create routes
- Create service areas
- Detect incidents
- Find closest facilities
- Find dwell locations
- Find hot spots
- Find point clusters
- Find similar locations
- Generate OD matrix
- Geocode
- Geographically weighted regression
- Group by proximity
- Nearest neighbors
- Overlay
- Reconstruct tracks
- Reverse geocode
- Snap tracks
- Spatiotemporal join
- Summarize within
- Trace proximity events

Compute

Simon Jackson's Cluster • 🛡



Terminate

Edit

Configuration

Notebooks (0)

Libraries

Event log

Spark UI

Driver logs

Metrics

Apps

Spark compute UI - Master

Policy ⓘ

Unrestricted

 Multi node Single node

Access mode ⓘ

Single user or group access ⓘ

Single user

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Summary

1 Driver

32 GB Memory, 8 Cores

Runtime

14.3.x-scala2.12

Photon

Standard_D8ads_v5

4 DBU/h

Performance

Databricks Runtime Version

14.3 LTS (includes Apache Spark 3.5.0, Scala 2.12)

 Use Photon Acceleration ⓘ

Node type ⓘ

Standard_D8ads_v5

32 GB Memory, 8 Cores

 Terminate after minutes of inactivity ⓘ

Tags ⓘ

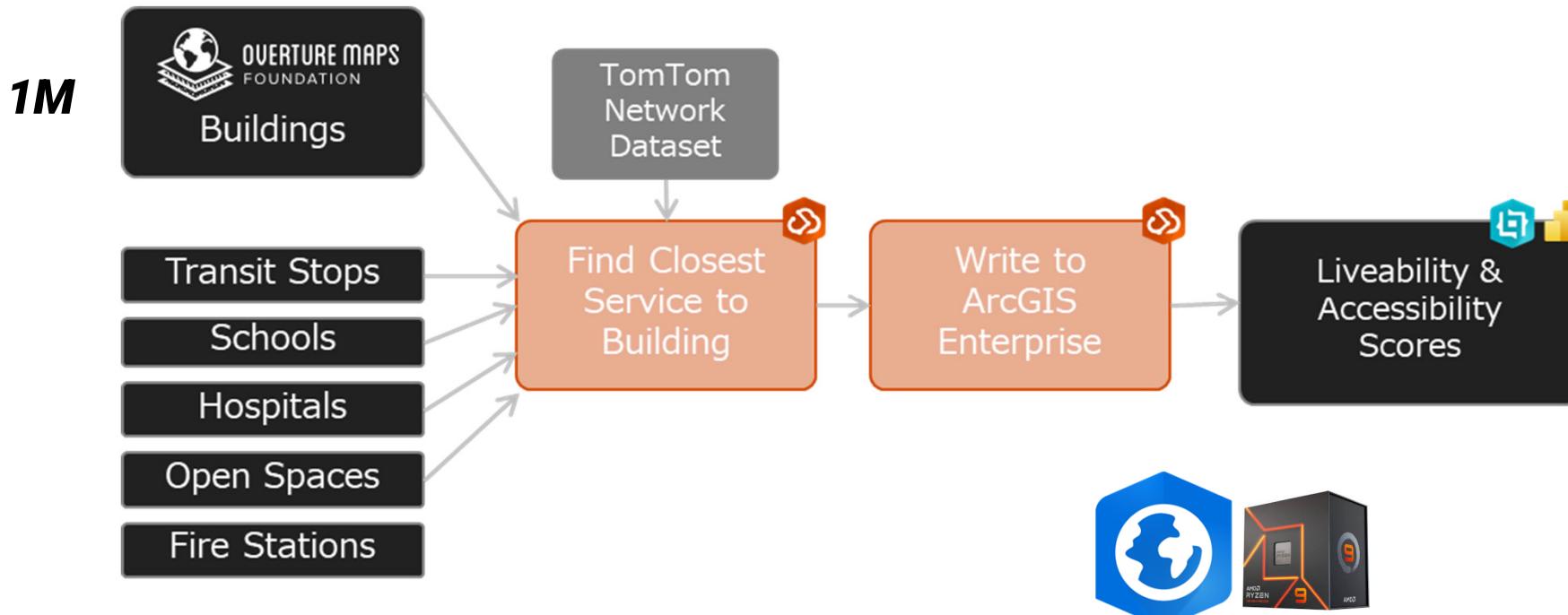
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▶ Advanced options

How accessible are transit stops in Greater Sydney?

ArcGIS brings scalable spatial analytics into Databricks



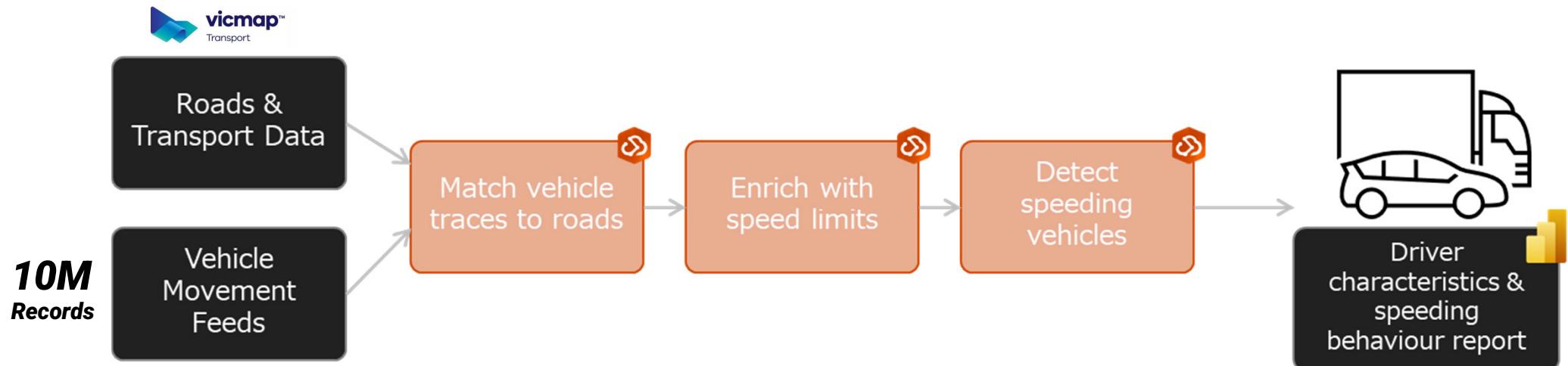
ArcGIS Pro
16 Cores CPU
64GB RAM

11 Hours



Databricks
Single-node
32 Cores CPU
128GB RAM
2 hours

Detecting speeding incidents from VPS Data



Detecting speeding incidents from VPS Data

*Speed &
location from
Vehicle Sensor*



*Speed limit
data*



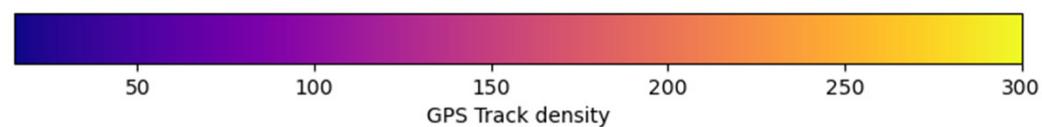
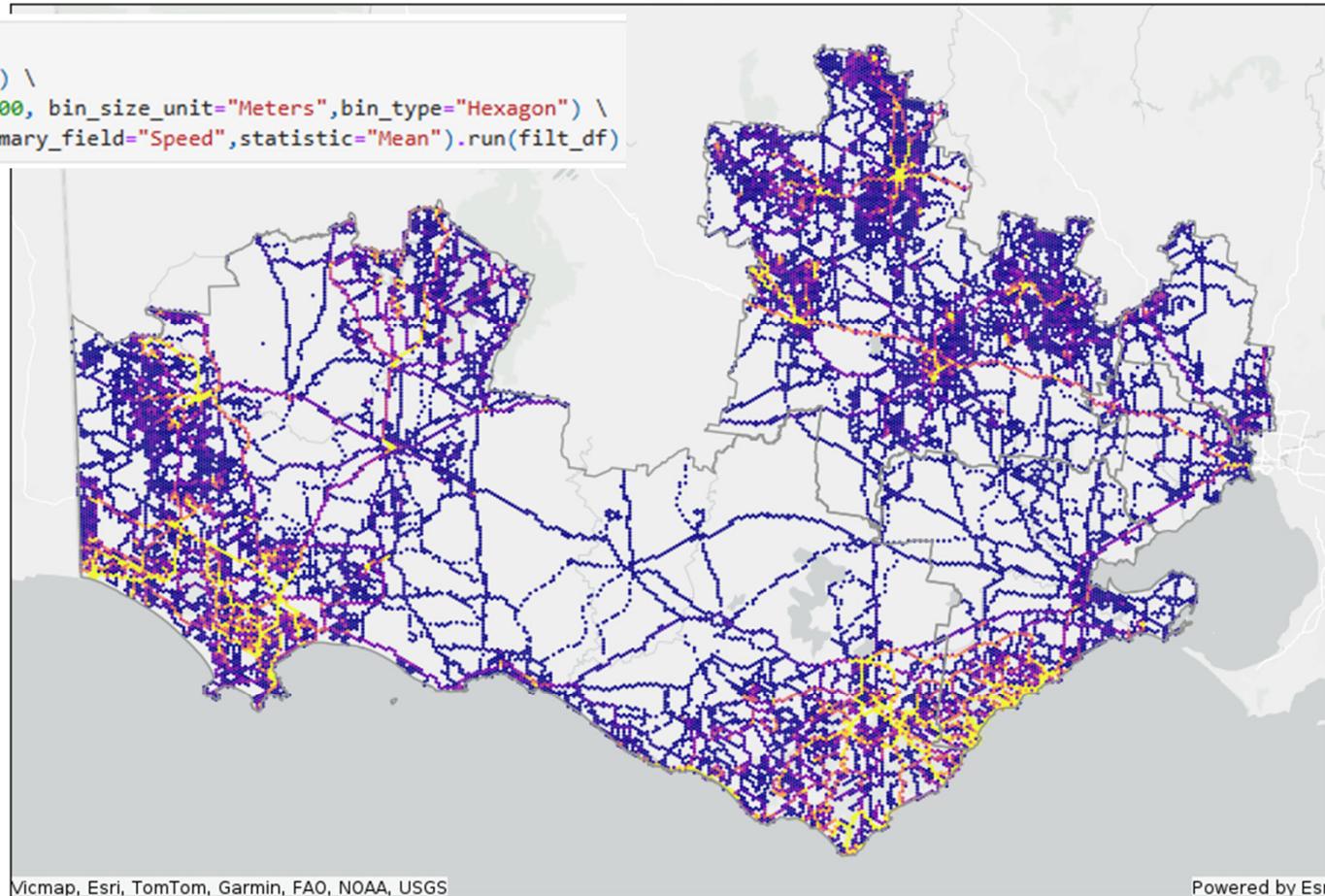
Incident?



Detecting speeding incidents from VPS Data

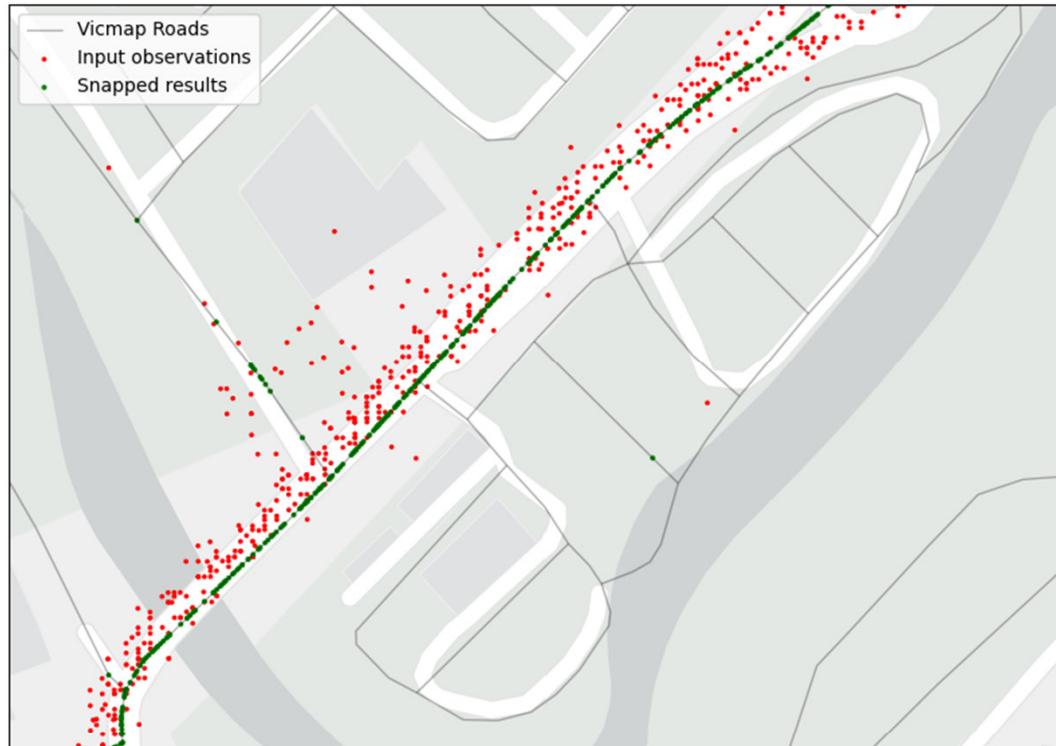
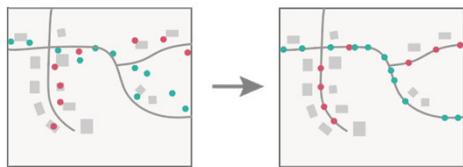
Vehicle movements - 1km aggregation in VicGrid GDA2020

```
# Aggregate data into bins
result_bins = AggregatePoints() \
    .setBins(bin_size=1000, bin_size_unit="Meters",bin_type="Hexagon") \
    .addSummaryField(summary_field="Speed",statistic="Mean").run(filt_df)
```



Detecting speeding incidents from VPS Data

Map Matching



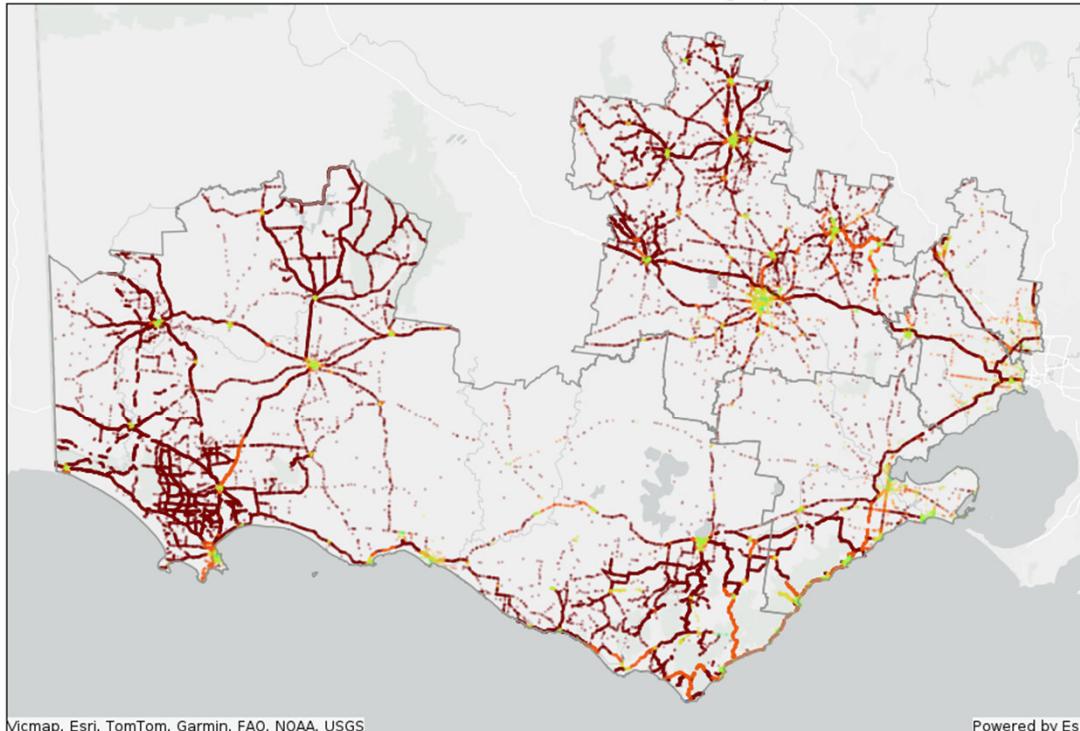
- Uses *direction attributes*
- Cleanses data
- Removes *GPS Drift*

```
# Snap tracks using the device ID as the track identifier and snap within 100 meters
vps_snap = SnapTracks() \
    .setTrackFields("Designator") \
    .setSearchDistance(search_distance=50, search_distance_unit="Meters") \
    .setDistanceMethod(distance_method="Planar") \
    .setConnectivityFields(from_node="from_ufi", to_node="to_ufi") \
    .setDirectionFieldMatching(direction_field="direction_code", forward_value="F", backward_value="R", both_value="B") \
    .setOutputMode(output_mode="MatchedPoints") \
    .run(filt_df, vmt_df)
```

Detecting speeding incidents from VPS Data

Enrich Vehicle Positioning points with road speed limits

Vehicle Position data enriched with intersecting speed zones data



Enrich Vehicle Position data with underlying Speed Limit from roads

```
# Get Geoscape Roads from Digital Atlas Australia
gs_url = "https://services-ap1.arcgis.com/ypkPEy1AmwPKGNNv/arcgis/rest/services/Nati...
gs_df = spark.read.format("feature-service").load(gs_url) \
    .filter("state == 'VIC'") \
    .withColumn("shape", ST.transform("shape", 7899)) # Transform to VicGrid GDA2020
gs_df = gs_df.withColumnRenamed("speed", "spd_limit")
```

StatementMeta(, 954eb665-5cd0-447b-89da-a6f4e53a9adc, 81, Finished, Available, Finishe

```
# Use nearest neighbour tool to enrich movement data with the nearest roads speed zone
nn_df = NearestNeighbors() \
    .setNumNeighbors(1) \
    .setSearchDistance(5, "Meters") \
    .setResultLayout("long") \
    .run(vps_snap, gs_df)
```

Detecting speeding incidents from Victorian Government VPS Data

Speeding Incidents with an Incident Detector

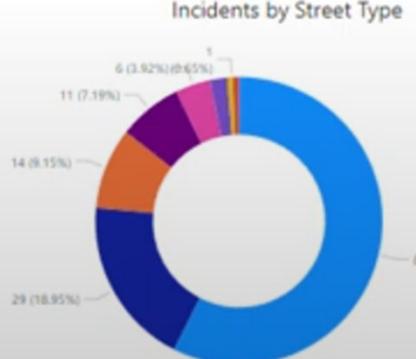
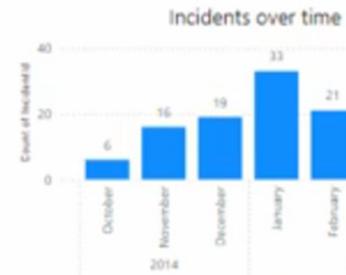
DRIVER SPEEDING ANALYSIS

KPI Dashboard

153 Incidents

39 Vehicles

1 High speed incidents



Run Detect Incidents to find where speeding is happening.

Above 1kph from intersecting speed limit.

```
s_condition = "($feature['spd_limit'] != null) && ($feature['speed'] > $feature['spd_limit'] + 5)"  
c_condition = "($feature['spd_limit'] != null) && ($feature['speed'] < $feature['spd_limit'] - 1)"
```

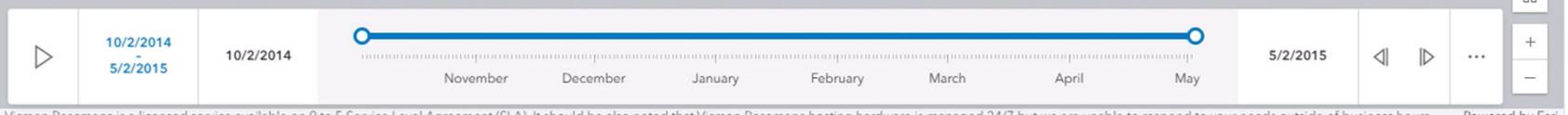
```
speeding = DetectIncidents() \  
.setTrackFields("Designator") \  
.setStartConditionExpression(s_condition) \  
.setEndConditionExpression(c_condition) \  
.setOutputMode("Incidents") \  
.run(dataframe=nn_df)
```

Speeding Incidents

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	Maribymong Valley	5/2/2015 7:49:00 PM
	Dunnstown	10/2/2014 7:49:00 PM
	Portland Bay	11/2/2014 7:49:00 PM

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Wealth of use cases for Spatial Analytics in Databricks

PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE
Predict where issues will occur with your assets

MINING
Fuel consumption monitoring across sites, outlier analysis

WATER UTILITY
Work Order Optimisation - proximity based clustering & efficient routing

RAIL
High level reporting of assets and incidents using linear measure values

LAW ENFORCEMENT
Identify patterns in call histories.

INSURANCE
Calculating exposure to cyclone risk / Flood risk modelling

ELECTRIC UTILITY
Demand forecasting from smart meter & weather data

FINANCE
Fraud detection in transactions.
Incident detection using spatiotemporal joins

LOGISTICS EFFICIENCY
Identifying where problems are in supply chain

HEALTH & PARTNERS
Processing human movement data for scenario modelling