

# High-speed rail impact on urban economic growth ——Based on grey prediction model

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**Abstract.** With the rapid development of high-speed railways, China has entered the era of high-speed rail. High-speed railways inject new impetus into the economic development of the city and enable the economy to achieve a new leap-forward development. This article takes Changsha City as an example to evaluate high-speed railways using comparative evaluation methods. It is assumed that under the conditions of “having high-speed rail” and “without high-speed rail” the impact of high-speed railway on regional economic development will be discussed by the regression model and gray predict the GM(1,1) model. The results show that the opening of high-speed rail has a pulling effect on urban economic growth and the contribution rate to economic growth shows a tendency of increasing first and then decreasing. Particularly, the contribution of high-speed rail to the economic growth in the first few years is swift and violent, with significant impact, then slows down.

## 1. Introduction

With the development of high-speed railways, the impact of high-speed rail on urban economic development is also gradually strengthened. High-speed rail has a great influence on all aspects of urban economic development. Because of the high-speed rail's own effects and characteristics, it has a strong mobility for the mobilization of funds, technology, and manpower. Therefore, it will certainly create undeniable influence in the process of economic development.

## 2. Literature review

Yechun Wu (2009) analyzes the impact of the Wuhan-Guangzhou high-speed railway construction on the development of the urban system along the route from three aspects of the hierarchical structure, spatial structure, and functional structure of the urban system. There is no deeper study of the urban economic realm [1]. Wei Zhang (2010) analyzed the technical and economic advantages of high-speed railways and explained that the impact of high-speed railways on the economic development along the region is extremely important for regional development [2]. Weifeng Yang (2010) The Beijing-Shanghai high-speed railway speeds up the circulation of spatial elements of modern service industry, expands the spatial differentiation of the distribution of production factors, and forms different forms of spatial organization [3]. Mingming Hou (2010) proposed that there are catalysis and catalysis between the construction of integrated transportation hubs and regional development, and they are not driven and driven [4]. Lu Xu and Xu Hao pointed out that the high-speed rail economy refers broadly to relying on the comprehensive advantages of high-speed railways to promote capital, technology, manpower and other production factors [5].

## 3. Evaluating the impact of high-speed railway on economic growth (Changsha's high-speed railway as an example)

This paper first establishes a regression analysis model, which is obtained from 2001-2009 data fitting. The regression equation of railway passenger volume and economic growth without high-speed rail is forecasted by the grey forecasting method GM(1,1) when there is no high-speed railway in 2010-2015 Railway passenger traffic. By comparing the economic growth indicators without high-speed

rail with the actual economic growth indicators after the opening of the high-speed rail, the quantitative analysis and research on the contribution of high-speed rail to Changsha's economic growth will be conducted.

### 3.1 Selection of indicators

Relevant indicators of economic growth: From the perspective of total economic growth and structural growth, select Changsha City's gross domestic product (GDP), total domestic tourism revenue, real estate development investment, and the added value of the first, second, and third industries.

Table 1. Various economic indicators for high-speed rail in 2001-2015.

Year	Railway passenger traffic (10,000 people)	GDP (billion yuan)	Total domestic tourism revenue (100 million yuan)	Real estate development investment (100 million yuan)	Value added in primary industry (100 million yuan)	Value added by the second industry (100 million yuan)	Value added by the third industry (100 million yuan)
2001	1070	728.08	79.79	63.19	78.37	297.09	352.62
2002	984	812.85	90.28	81.56	80.7	337.3	394.9
2003	942	929.49	115.4	110.83	83	393.92	451.3
2004	1187	1133.9	126.3	175.5	103.33	492.57	512.95
2005	1218	1519.9	132.17	255.61	112.59	665.27	752.04
2006	1243	1799	151.95	303.86	123.25	774.66	892.75
2007	1305	2190.3	204.6	407.05	138.8	984.83	1066.63
2008	1442	3001	271.2	493.27	172.38	1567.41	1261.19
2009	1479	3745	324.8	497.35	179.4	1893.59	1671.78
2010	1642	4547.1	422.3	684.1	202	2437	1908
2011	1816	5619.3	543.5	926.01	243.38	3151.68	2224.26
2012	1954	6399.9	741.1	1034.35	272.3	3592.5	2535.1
2013	2088	7153.1	958	1157.63	294.55	3946.97	2911.61
2014	2188	7824.8	1143.6	1313.62	311.9	4241.25	3271.66
2015	2394	8510.1	1302.6	1006.84	341.78	4333.58	3834.77

### 3.2 Regression model establishment

Changsha opened a high-speed railway and used data from 2001 to 2009 to establish a regression equation for the relationship between passenger volume and GDP ( $y_1$ ), domestic tourism revenue ( $y_2$ ), real estate development investment ( $y_3$ ), the value added of primary ( $y_4$ ), secondary ( $y_5$ ), and tertiary ( $y_6$ ) industries without high-speed rails [6]. Linear regression model equation:

$$y_{nt} = a + bx_t \quad (1)$$

Among them,  $n=1,2,3,4,5,6$ ;  $t=2001,2002,2003,2004,2005,2006,2007,2008,2009$ .  $a$ ,  $b$  are the parameters to be estimated,  $x_t$  is the passenger traffic in the  $t$ -th year (million people), and  $y_{nt}$  is the value of the  $n$ th economic indicator in the  $t$ -th year.

Table 2. Regression equations of railway passenger traffic and various economic indicators without high-speed rail.

	Quasilinear equation	$R^2$	P
Equation (1) Changsha's GDP	$y_{1t} = 5.9x_t - 5345.57$	0.8675	0.0000
Equation (2) Total domestic tourism revenue	$y_{2t} = 0.8594x_t - 874.58$	0.8205	0.0000
Equation (3) Real estate development investment	$y_{3t} = 0.8839x_t - 785.07$	0.9052	0.0000
Equation (4) Value added in primary industry	$y_{4t} = 0.1953x_t - 116.34$	0.9314	0.0000
Equation (5) Value added by the second industry	$y_{5t} = 3.2979x_t - 3105.62$	0.8492	0.0000
Equation (6) Value added by the third industry	$y_{6t} = 2.4392x_t - 2129.65$	0.8606	0.0000

Among the above six regression equations, the  $R^2$  value is higher than 0.80 and the regression equation has a good fitting effect. At the same time, the coefficient test P of these six fitting equations is  $0.000 < 0.05$ . Thus, empirical analysis of regression analysis shows that the amount of railway passenger transport has a significant impact on GDP, domestic tourism revenue, real estate development investment, and the value added of the first, second, and third major industries [6].

### 3.3 Gray prediction model establishment

Establish a grey prediction GM (1, 1) model to predict the railway passenger traffic in the absence of high-speed rail in Changsha City during 2010-2015.

Table 3. Railway passenger transport volume 2001-2009 .

Unit: 10,000

year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
X(0)	1070	984	942	1187	1218	1243	1305	1442	1479

Then, establish a first order linear differential equation for  $x(1)$  (k):

$$\frac{dx^{(1)}}{dt} + ax^{(1)}(t) = u. \quad (2)$$

Accumulate to form a sequence of new data:  $x^{(1)}$ . Where a and b are the coefficients to be estimated. In the MATLAB 20 software programming calculation, draws the underestimation parameter  $a = -0.0612$ ,  $b = 883.7166$ , then the time response function of the railway passenger GM (1,1) model is:  $x(1)(k) = 15501.97 * \exp(0.0612k) - 14431.97$ , Substituting this equation to calculate the predicted value of railway passenger traffic without high-speed rail during 2010-2015 is:  $x = [1596.363, 1698.539, 1805.796, 1919.825, 2041.056, 2169.942]$ . After the model test, the post-test variance ratio  $C = 18.2727\% < 0.35$ , small error  $P = 1$ , so the model fitting effect is good, and the predicted no-high-speed railway passenger traffic data is available [7].

### 3.4 Empirical results and analysis

By substituting the prediction of the passenger traffic of high-speed trains during 2010-2015 into the regression equation of Table 1, six economic indicators without high-speed rails can be calculated. Then compare and analyze the economic indicators of the high-speed rails actually opened during 2010-2015 and calculate the contribution rate of the high-speed rail to the economic growth index (%) = (high-speed rail-without high-speed rail)/(without high-speed rail)\*100% [6].

Table 4. Comparing the economic indicators of high-speed railway with and without high speed rail in 2010-2015

		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
GDP	high-speed rail	4547.1	5619.33	6399.9	7153.1	7824.81	8510.13
	without high-speed rail	3760.97	4292.3	4850	5443	6073.3908	6743.6
	contribution rate	20.90%	30.92%	31.96%	31.42%	28.84%	26.20%
Total domestic tourism revenue	high-speed rail	422.3	543.5	741.1	958	1143.6	1302.6
	without high-speed rail	324.484	366.085	409.75	456.2	505.523	557.993
	contribution rate	30.14%	48.46%	80.87%	110.0%	126.22%	133.44%
Real estate development investment	high-speed rail	684.1	926.01	1034.5	1157.6	1313.62	1006.84
	without high-speed rail	603.738	692.707	786.11	885.4	990.971	1103.21
	contribution rate	13.31%	33.68%	31.58%	30.75%	32.56%	-8.74%
Value added in primary industry	high-speed rail	202	243.38	272.3	294.55	311.9	341.78
	without high-speed rail	195.49	215.59	236.69	259.12	282.965	308.317
	contribution rate	3.33%	12.89%	15.04%	13.67%	10.23%	10.85%
Value added by the second industry	high-speed rail	2437	3151.68	3592.5	3947	4241.25	4333.58
	without high-speed rail	1906.83	2191.83	2491.0	2809.1	3147.2173	3506.71
	contribution rate	27.80%	43.79%	44.22%	40.51%	34.76%	23.58%
Value added by the third industry	high-speed rail	1908	2224.26	2535.1	2911.6	3271.66	3834.77
	without high-speed rail	1685.43	1913.70	2153.3	2408.1	2678.92	2966.87
	contribution rate	13.21%	16.23%	17.73%	20.91%	22.13%	29.25%

## 4. Summary

### 4.1 Economic growth analysis

From 2010 to 2015, GDP of high-speed railways in Changsha is much higher than that without high-speed rails, which indicates that the opening of high-speed railways has a significant role in promoting economic growth. The contribution rate to GDP is increased first and then decreased, indicating that the impact of high-speed rail on economic growth is fluctuation. The contribution rate during the four years from 2010 to 2013 has gradually increased and reached a peak in 2013 and then declined in the following two years. This shows that the impact of high-speed rail on economic growth has been rapid in the just-opened year, with significant efficiency gains. Particularly, the high-speed rail is driving the growth of urban tourism economy significantly, which is significantly higher than the contribution rate of other economic indicators. The contribution of high-speed railways to the growth of real estate development investment will increase first and then decrease. The high-speed rail is the artery of urban development and it gives new energy to the development of the urban economy.

### 4.2 Analysis of economic structure growth

The contribution rate of high-speed trains to the three major industries also increases first and then decreases. This has a significant impact in the first few years of the high-speed rail operation, which is consistent with the impact on GDP growth. The opening of high-speed rail has a positive effect on the growth of the primary, secondary and tertiary industries, and the secondary industry contributes more than the tertiary industry. As can be seen from the primary industry indicators in Table 3, during the first year of the high-speed rail opening in 2010, the contribution rate of high-speed rail development to the primary industry was not very large, and the contribution rate of the high-speed rail economy began to increase sharply in 2011. It is reflected in the primary industry. The development and improvement of the urban transport system has provided convenient conditions, thus promoting the sustainable development of the agricultural economy.

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