



# **Security Analysis of Freeway Systems: A Distributed Control Approach**

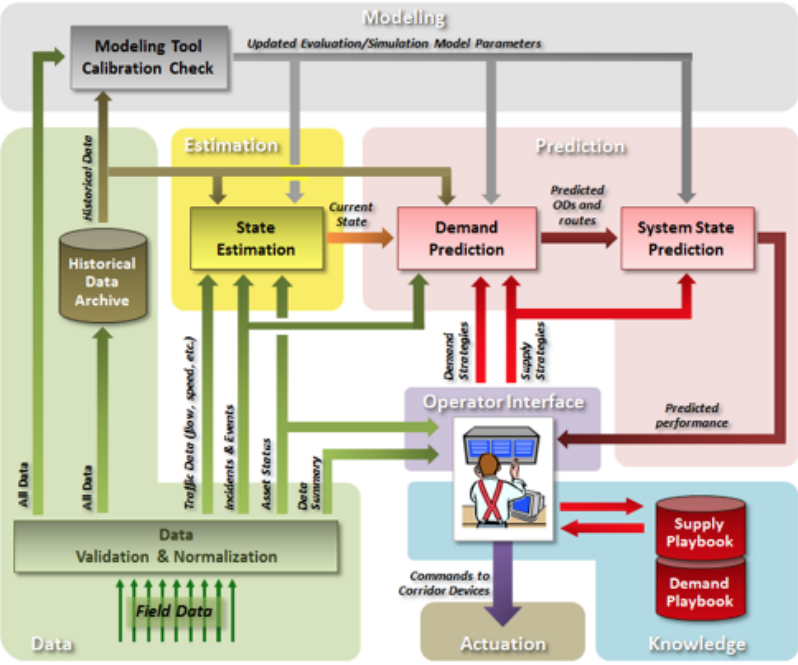
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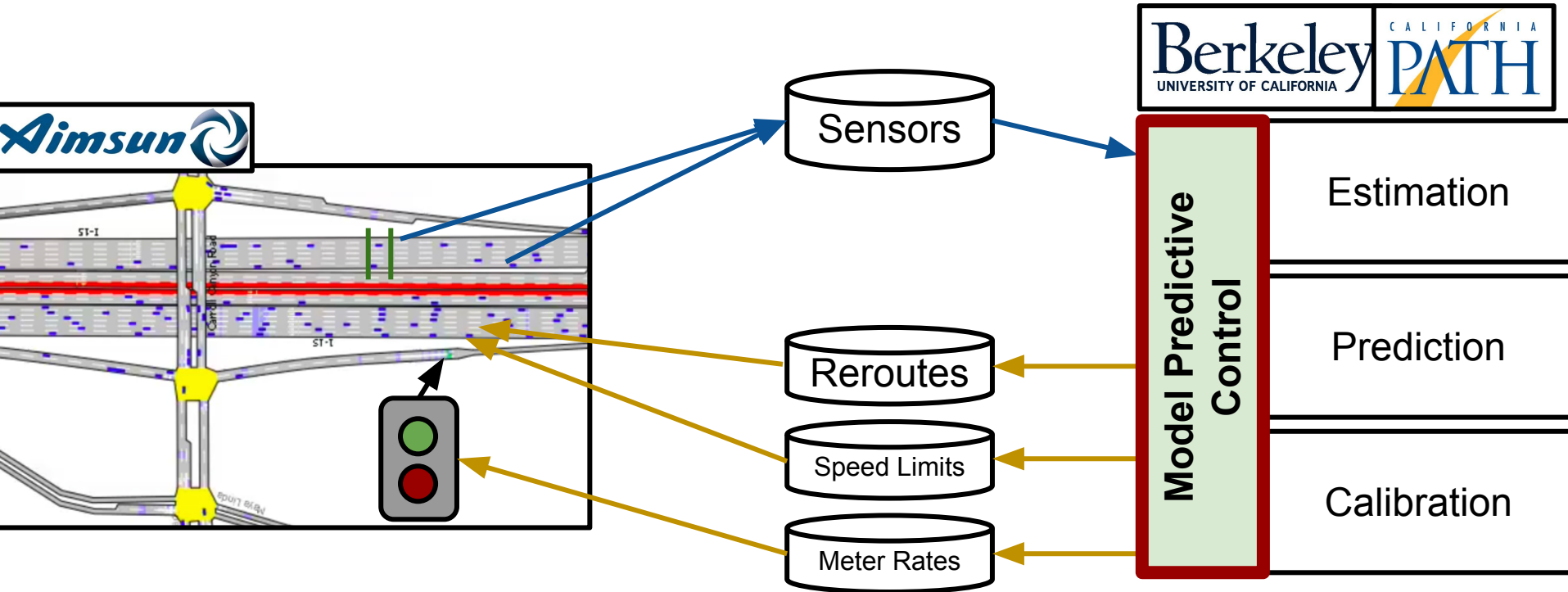
# Connected Corridors



“Reduce congestion and improve travel time reliability along fifty corridors throughout the state of California”  
 - Mission Statement

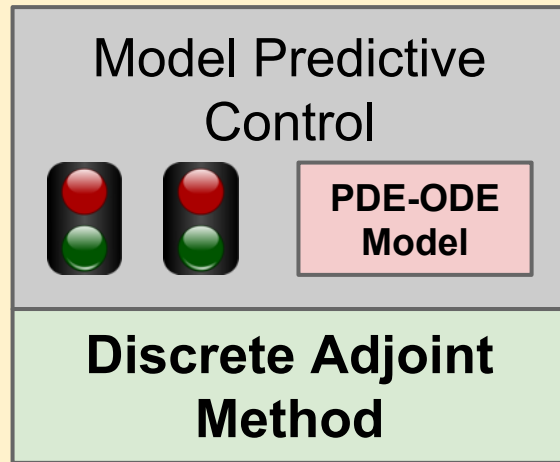
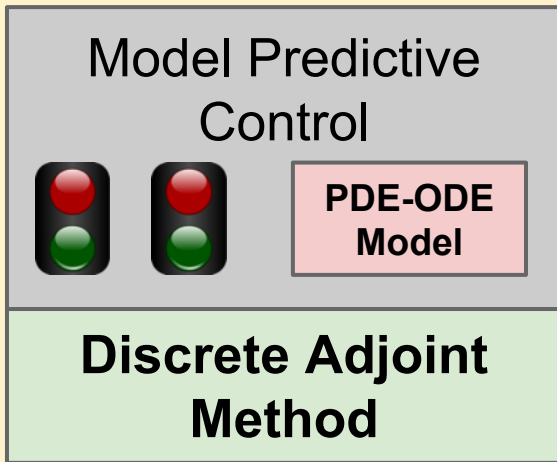
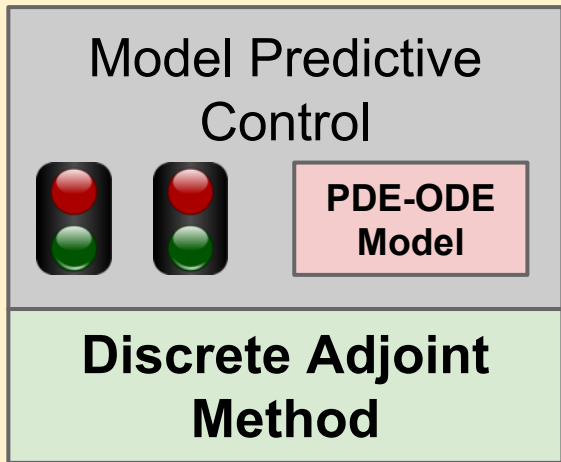


# CC System Architecture





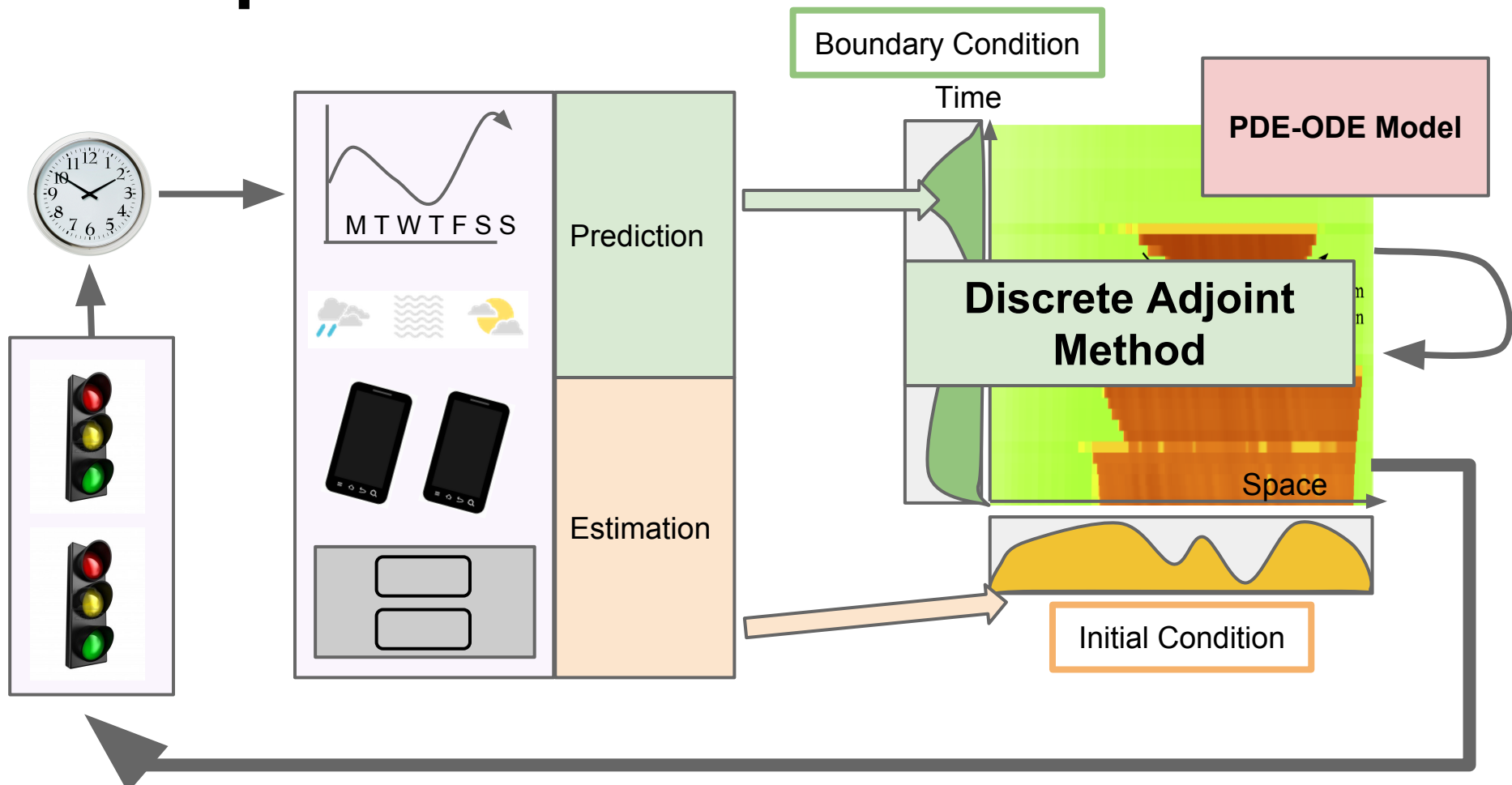
# Overview



Distributed Consensus-finding Controller

Security Analysis via Ramp  
Metering Attacks

# Model predictive control



# Model Predictive Control: Ramp Metering

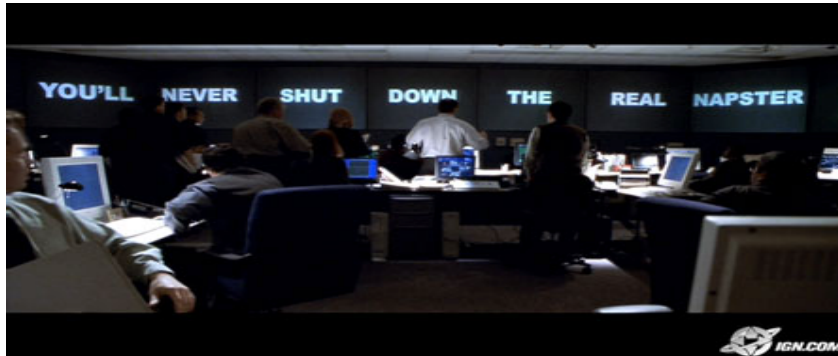


Distributed Consensus-finding Controller



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## Key signals targeted, officials say

*Two accused of hacking into L.A.'s traffic light system plead not guilty. They allegedly chose intersections they knew would cause major jams.*

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## Students hack Waze, send in army of traffic bots

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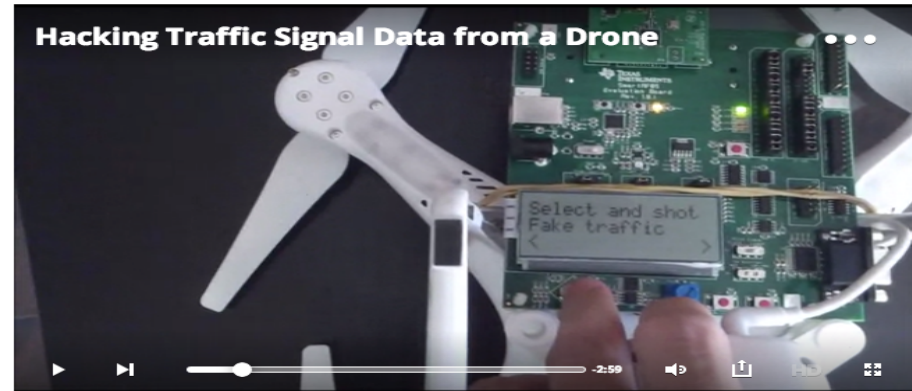


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## Security Analysis via Ramp Metering Attacks

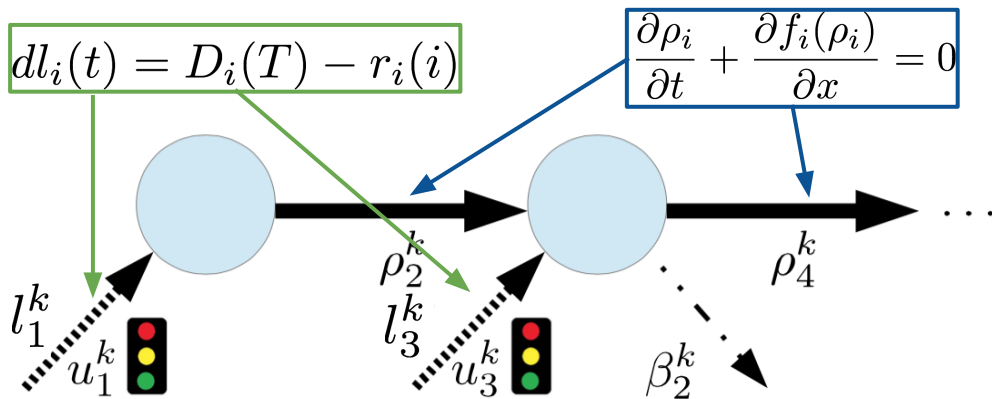
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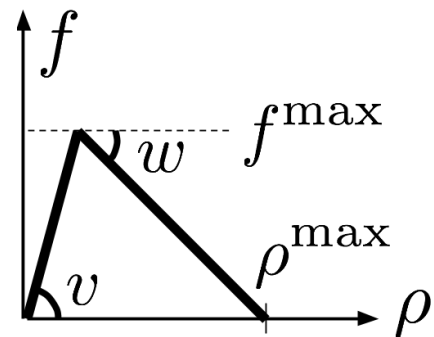
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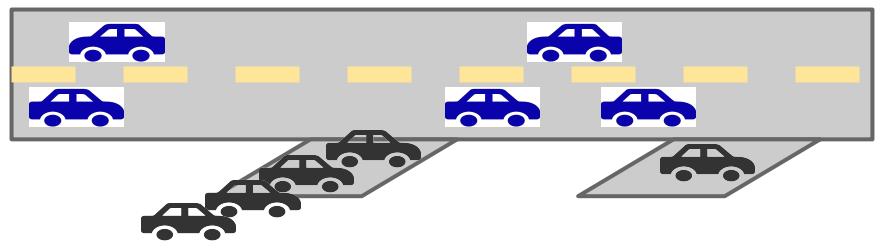
# Our model: LWR Network Overview



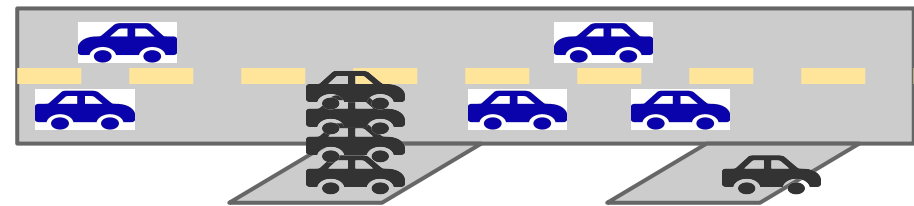
$\rho$	Vehicle Density
$f$	Flow Rate
$l$	Queue Length
$u$	Metering Rate
$\beta$	Turning Rate
$v$	Free Flow Vel.
$w$	Cong. Speed
$D$	Ramp Demand



Weak Boundary Conditions: **PDE**



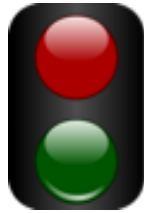
Strong Boundary Conditions: **ODE**





# Freeway Control Applications

Ramp  
Metering



$$\min_{u_i(t)} J(u) \text{ s.t. } r_i(t) = u_i(t) \tilde{r}_i(t)$$

Variable  
Speed Limit



$$\min_{v_i(t)} J(v) \text{ s.t. } \delta_i(t) = \min(v_i(t) \rho_i(t), f_i^{\max})$$

Optimal Re-  
routing



$$\min_{\beta_i(t)} J(\beta) \text{ s.t. } f_i^{\text{off}}(t) = \beta_i(t) f_i(t)$$

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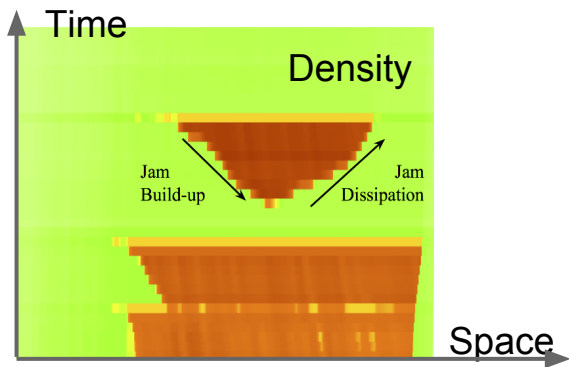
# Discretizing via Godunov's Method

$$\min_u J(\rho, u)$$

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$$\frac{\partial \rho_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f_i(\rho_i)}{\partial x} = 0$$

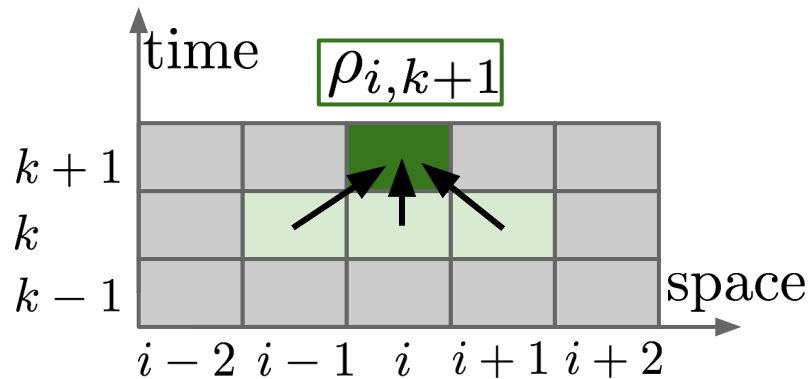
$$dl_i(t) = D_i(T) - r_i(i)$$



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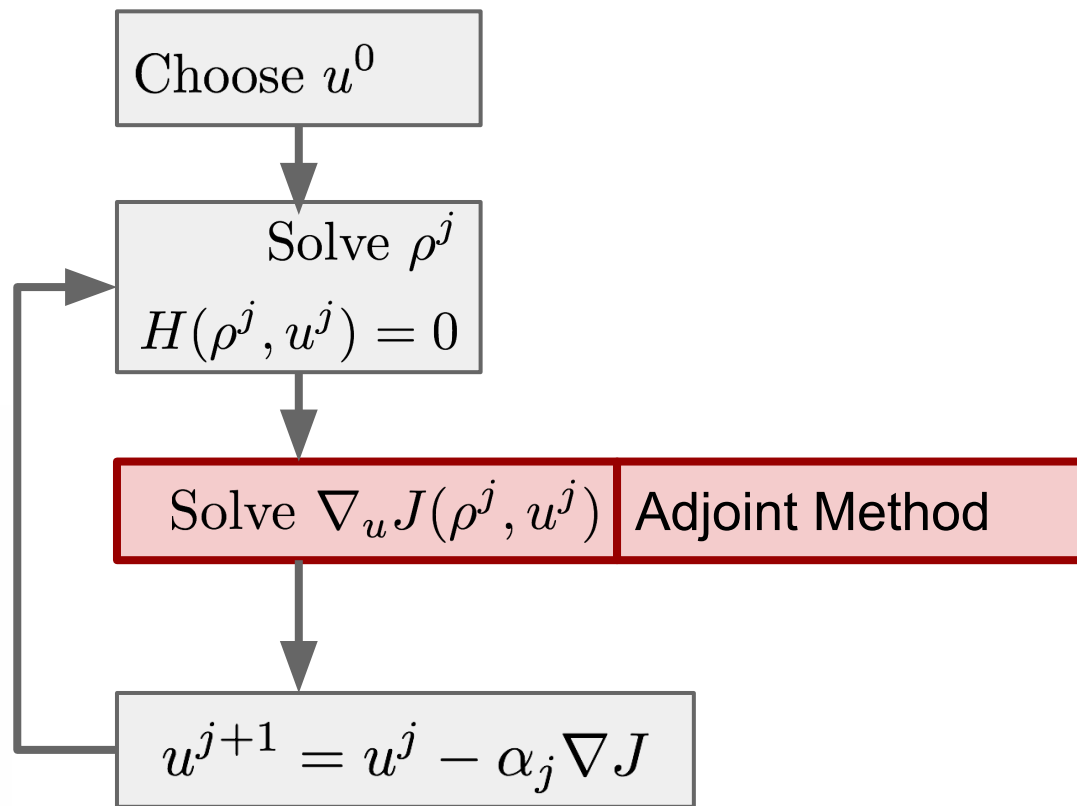
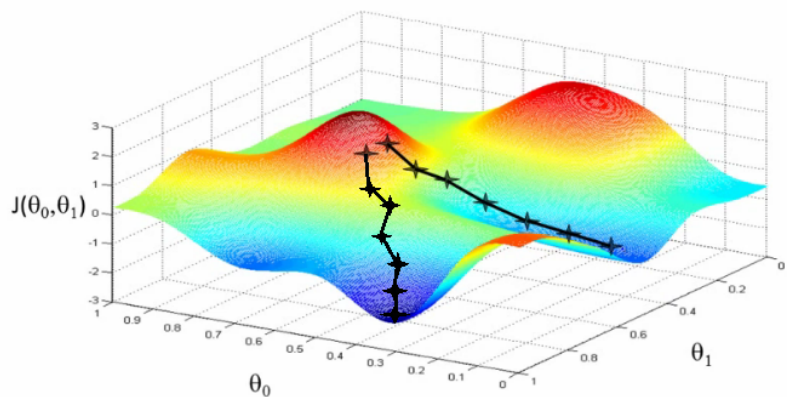
$$H(\rho, u) = 0$$

$$H_{i,k+1} = \rho_{i,k+1} - g_i(\rho_{i\pm,k}, u_k)$$



# Optimizing Control Via Gradient Descent

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\mathbf{u} \in U} J(\mathbf{u}, \rho) \\ & \text{s.t. } H(\mathbf{u}, \rho) = 0 \end{aligned}$$



# Adjoint Formulation

$$\begin{array}{l} \min_{\mathbf{u} \in U} J(\mathbf{u}, \rho) \\ \text{s.t. } H(\mathbf{u}, \rho) = 0 \end{array}$$

Compute gradient:  $\nabla_{\mathbf{u}} J = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial \rho} \frac{d\rho}{d\mathbf{u}}$

Eliminate  $\frac{d\rho}{d\mathbf{u}}$  using system:  $\nabla_{\mathbf{u}} H = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{u}} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial \rho} \frac{d\rho}{d\mathbf{u}} = 0$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{u}} J =$$

$$J_{\mathbf{u}} + \lambda^T H_{\mathbf{u}} \implies$$

$\lambda$  : Adjoint Variable

$$H_{\rho}^T \lambda = -J_{\rho}^T \implies$$

Discrete Adjoint Eqn.

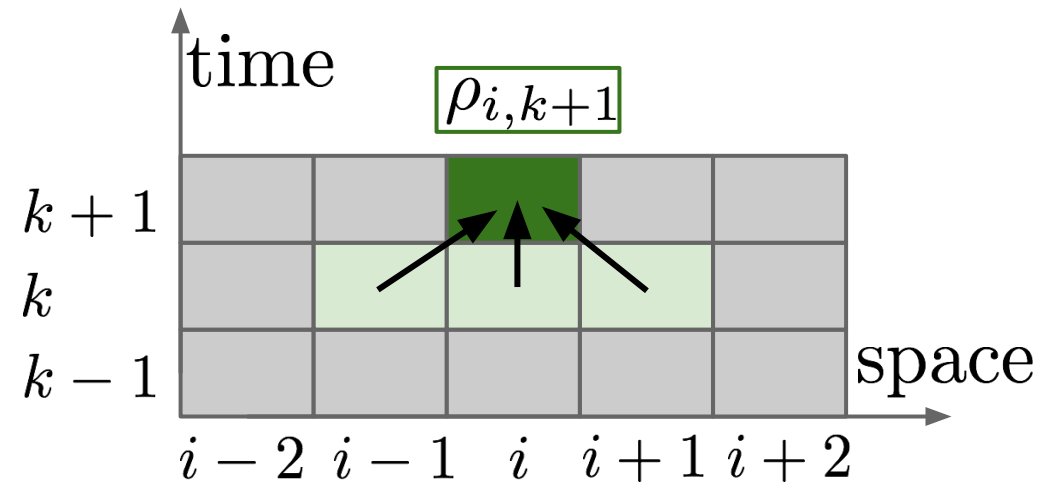
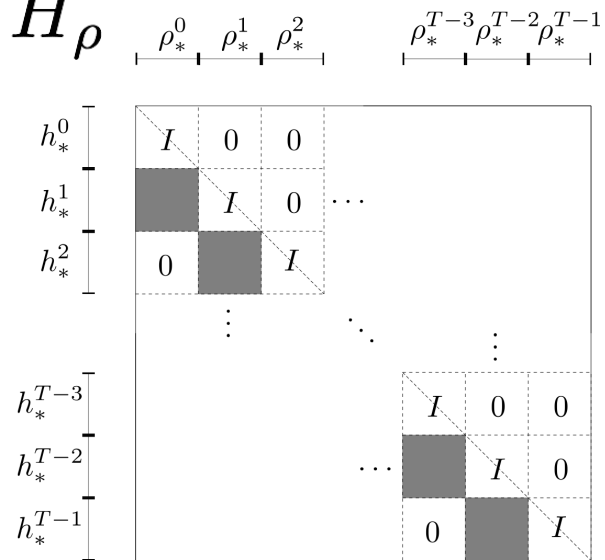


# Exploiting Sparsity of System Coupling

$$\nabla_u J = J_u + \lambda^T H_u$$

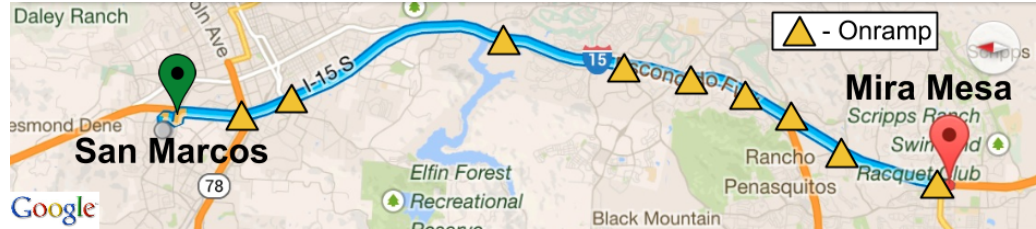
$$H_\rho^T \lambda = -J_\rho^T$$

Sparsity of  $H_\rho$

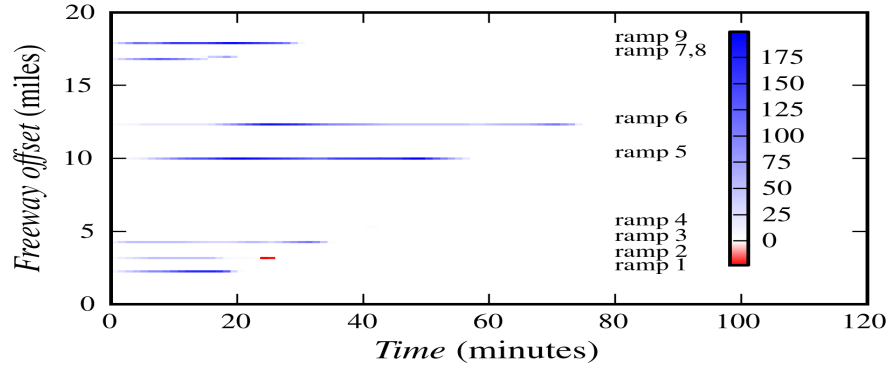


- Lower Triangular
- Sparse
- Linear Complexity

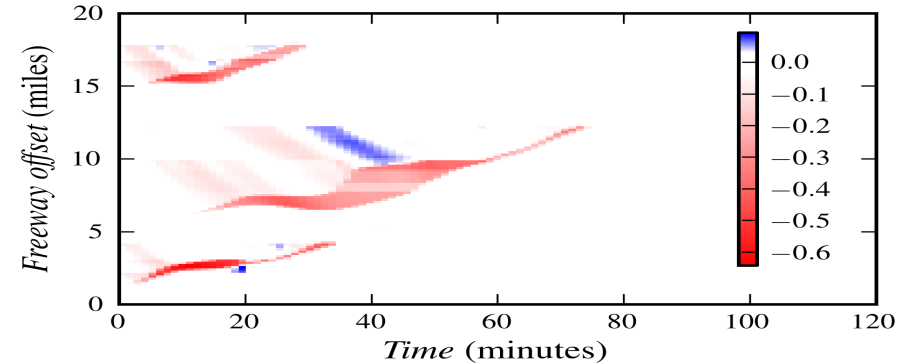
# I15 FW (San Diego) Simulations.



## Increase in Onramp Queue Lengths

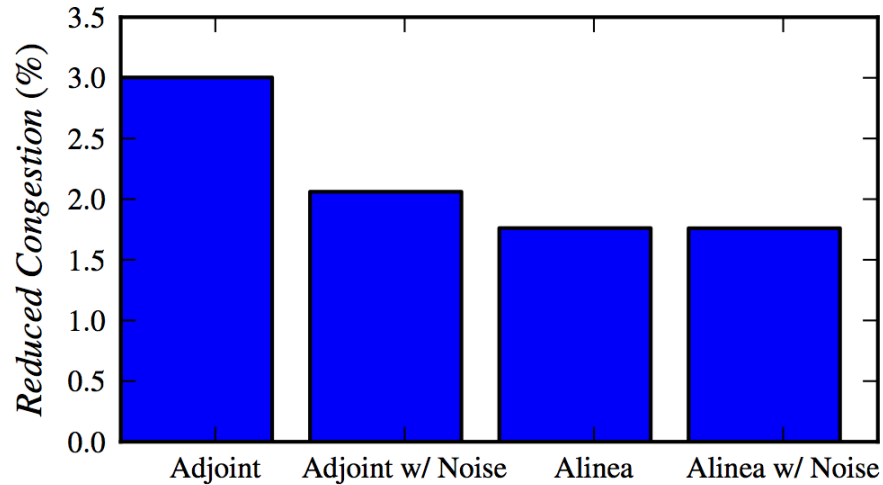


## Decrease in Mainline Vehicle Density

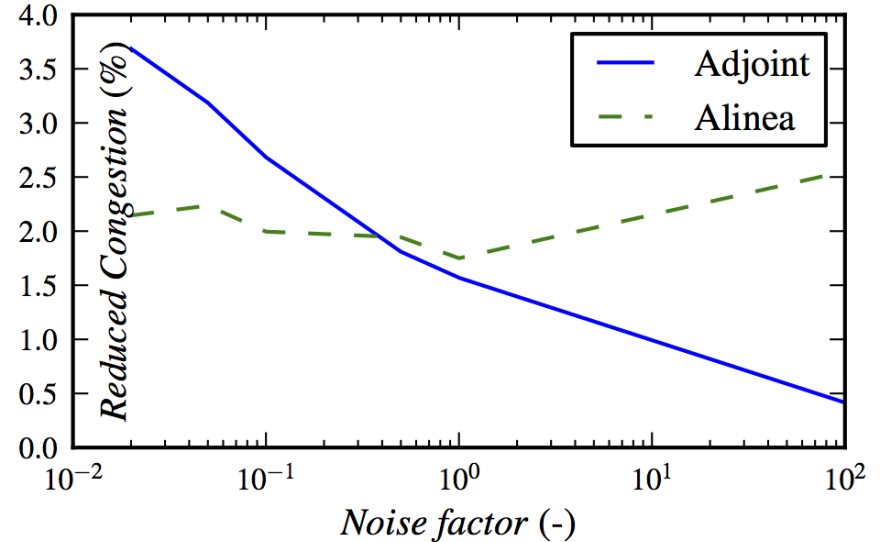


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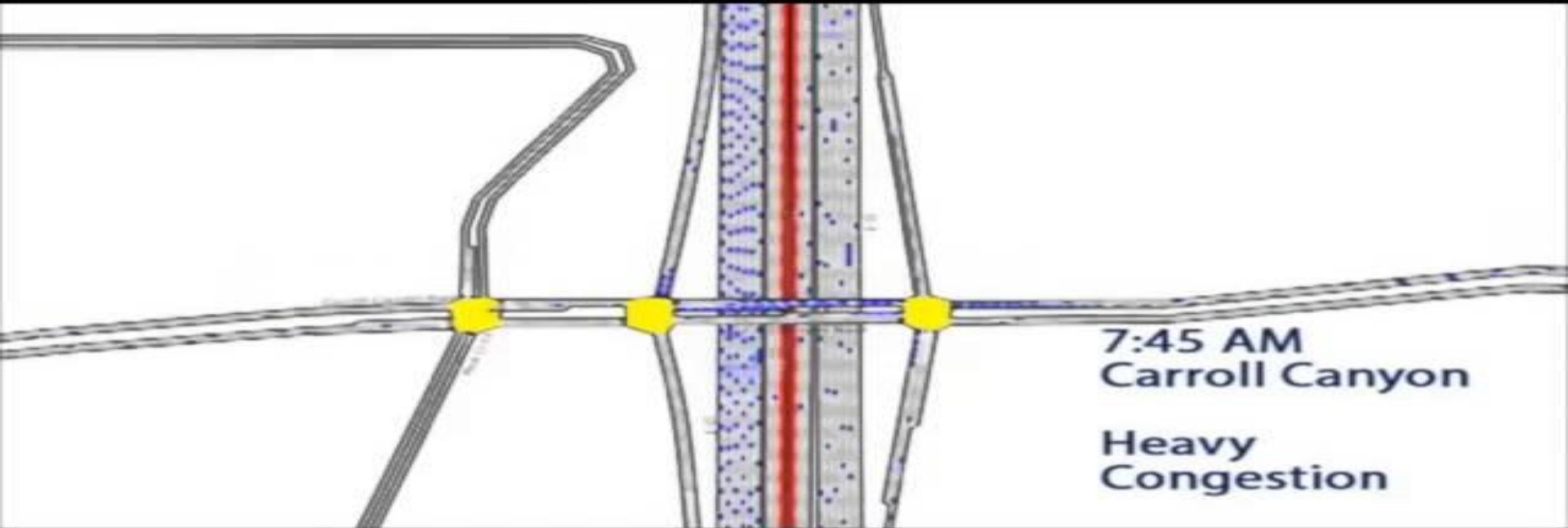
## Percentage Reduction in Congestion



## Robustness of Controller to Noise



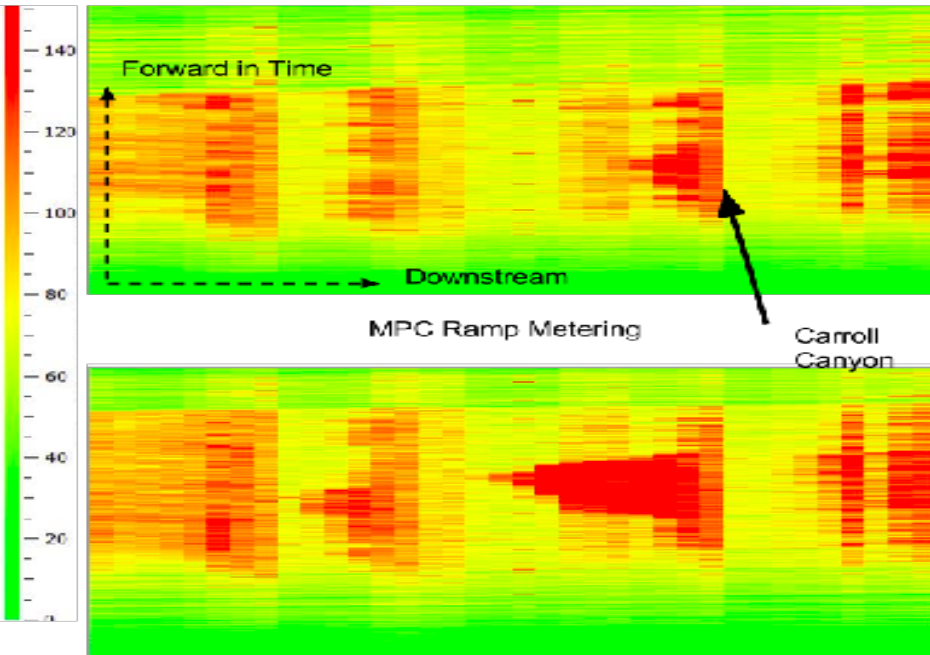
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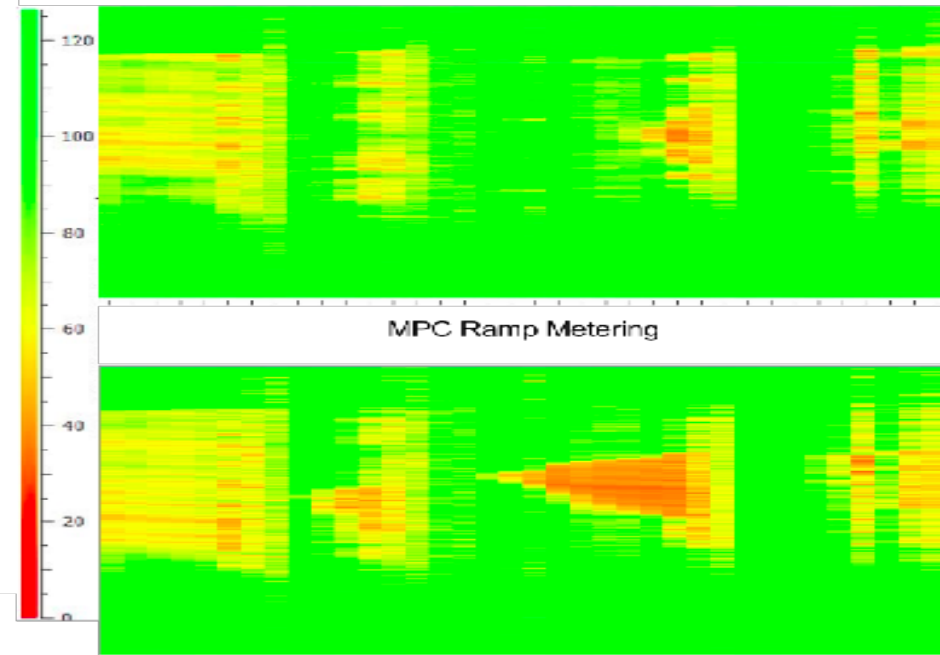
# Aimsun I15 Space-time Summary

## Contour Summaries

Density (veh / km)



Speed (km / hr)

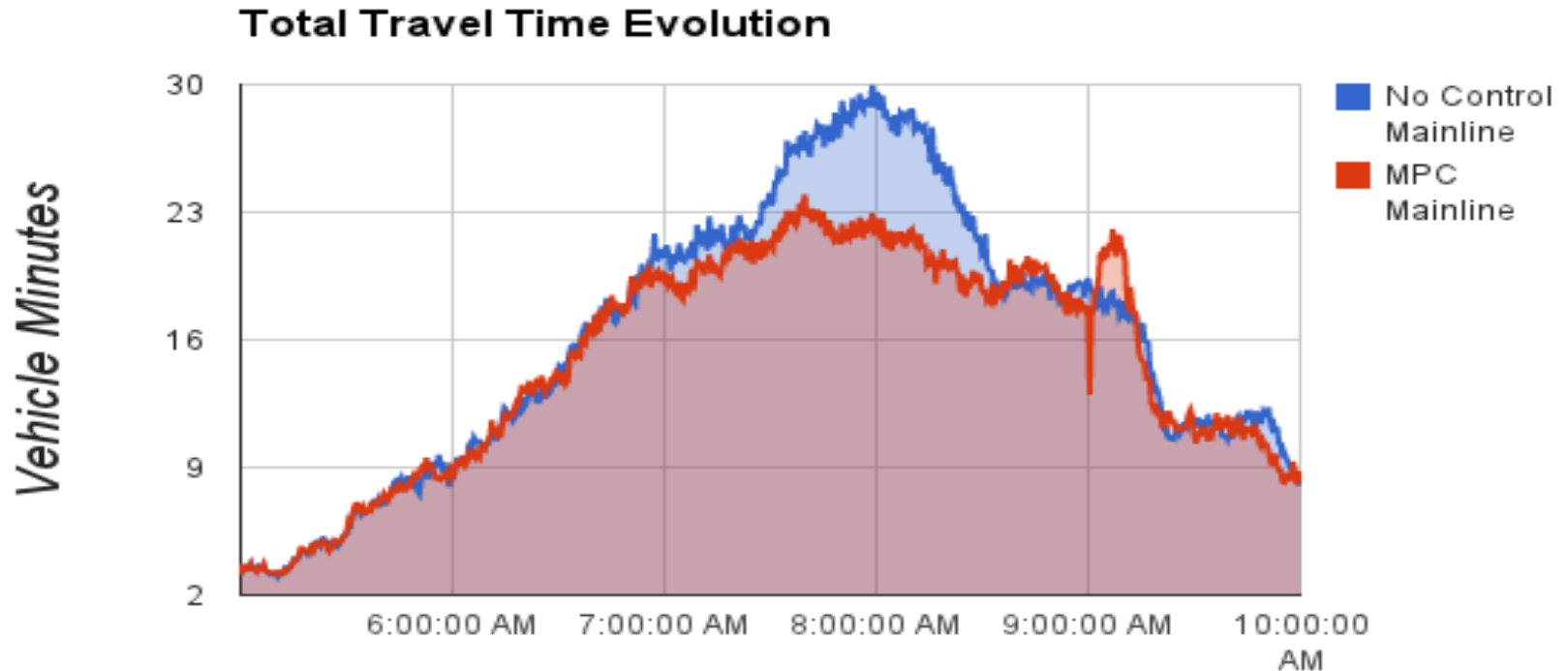


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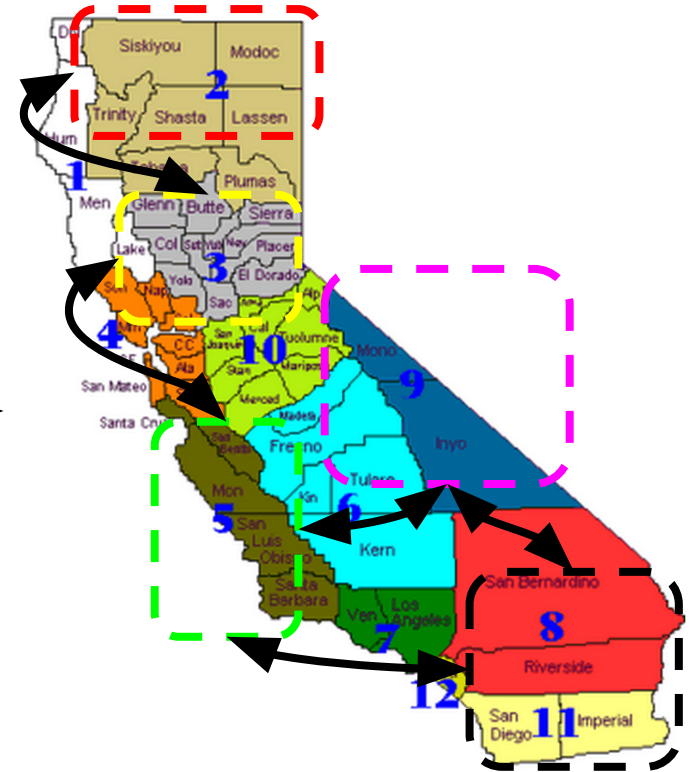
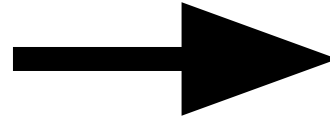
# Mainline Travel Time Decrease



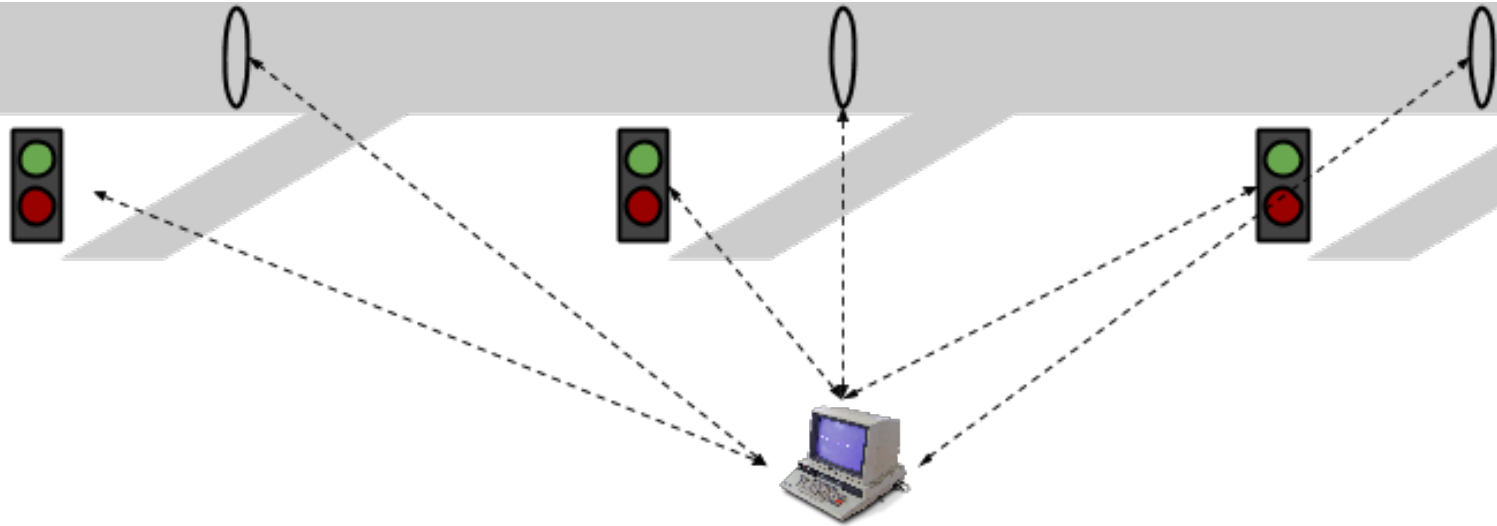
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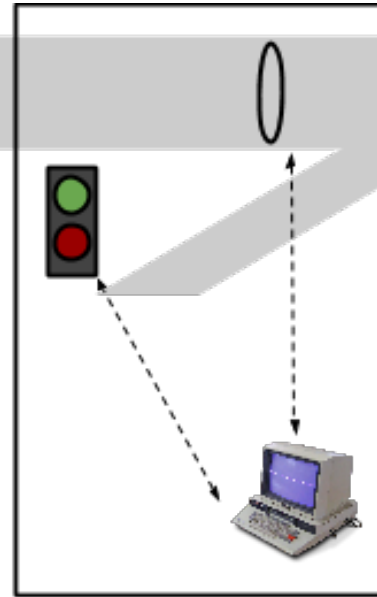
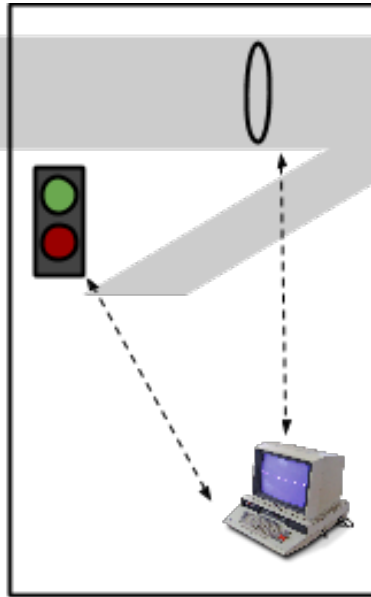
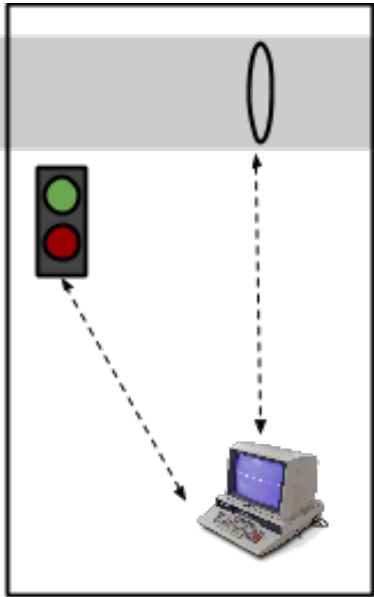
# Distributed Control Architectures



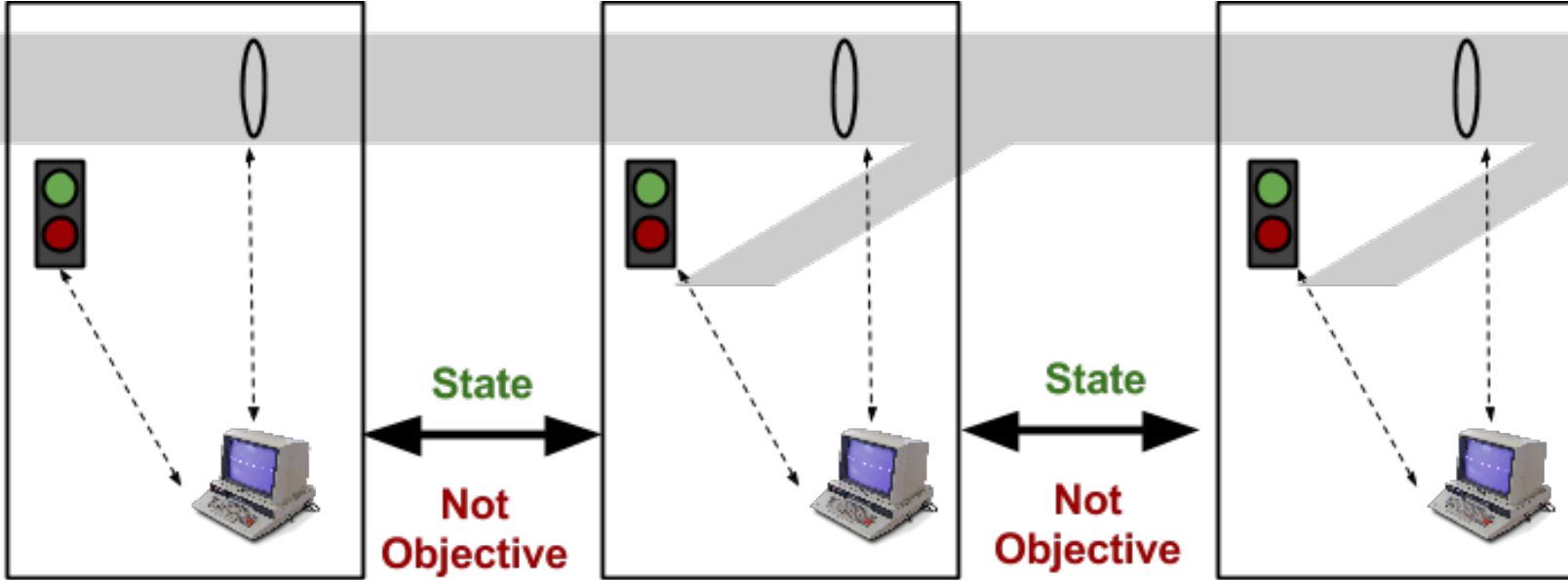
# Existing approaches: Centralized



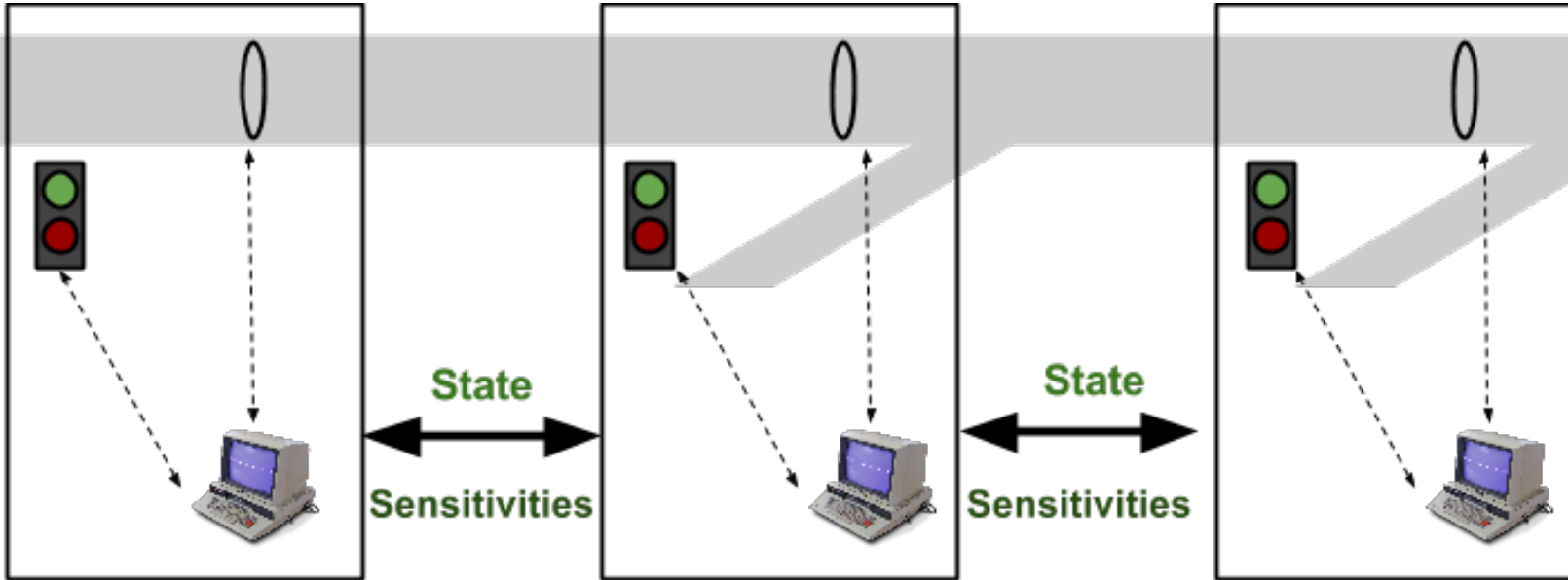
# Existing approaches: Local



# Existing approaches: Communicative



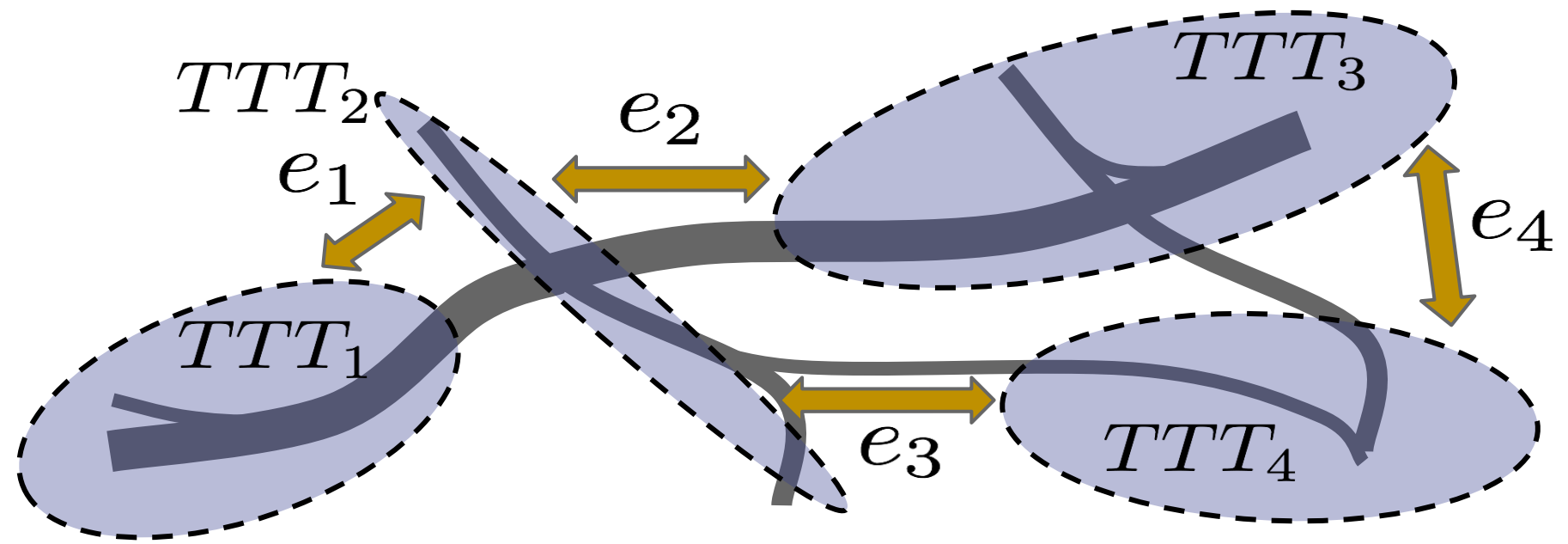
# Our approach: Consensus Sensitivity



# Multi-agent Consensus Optimization: HOW IT WORKS

$$\min J = TTT = \sum_i TTT_i + \sum_e \lambda_e^T (BC_{e,l} - BC_{e,r})$$

$\max_{\lambda_{e \in E}}$





# Asynchronous ADMM Algorithm

$$\min_{\lambda_{e \in E}} J = TTT = \sum_i TTT_i + \sum_e \lambda_e^T (BC_{e,l} - BC_{e,r})$$

```
def A-ADMM(J_i, E):
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```
  While Not Converged:
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```
    Choose e from E
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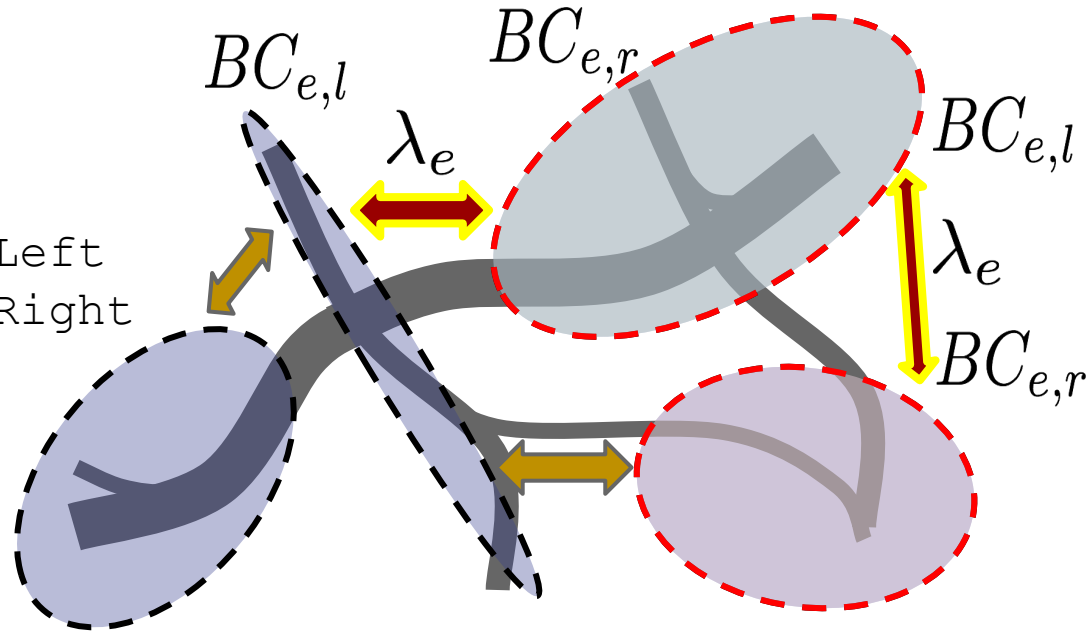
```
    Minimize J_i: i = e-Left
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```
    Minimize J_i: i = e-Right
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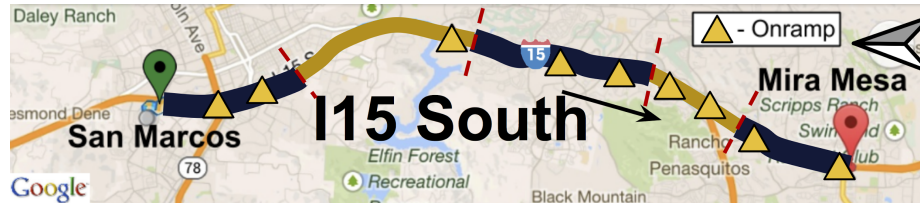
```
    Exchange BC's
```

```
    Maximize e- $\lambda$ 
```

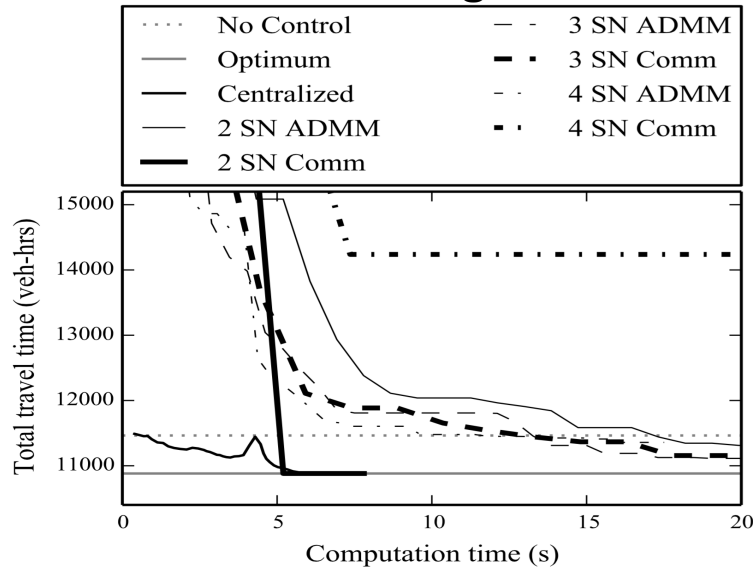
```
  return optimal_control
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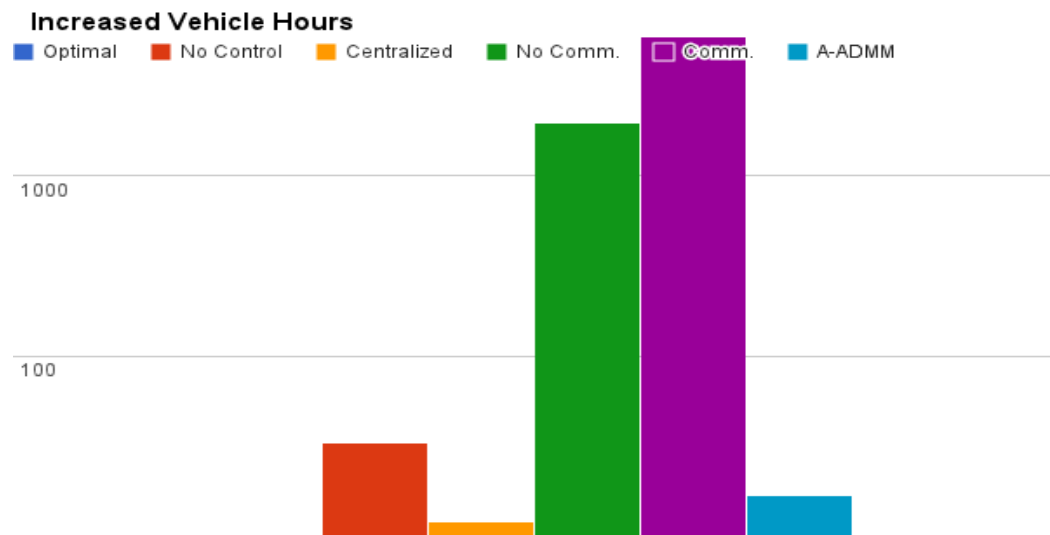
# I15 Experiment: Metering + VSL



## Convergence Time vs. Number of Agents



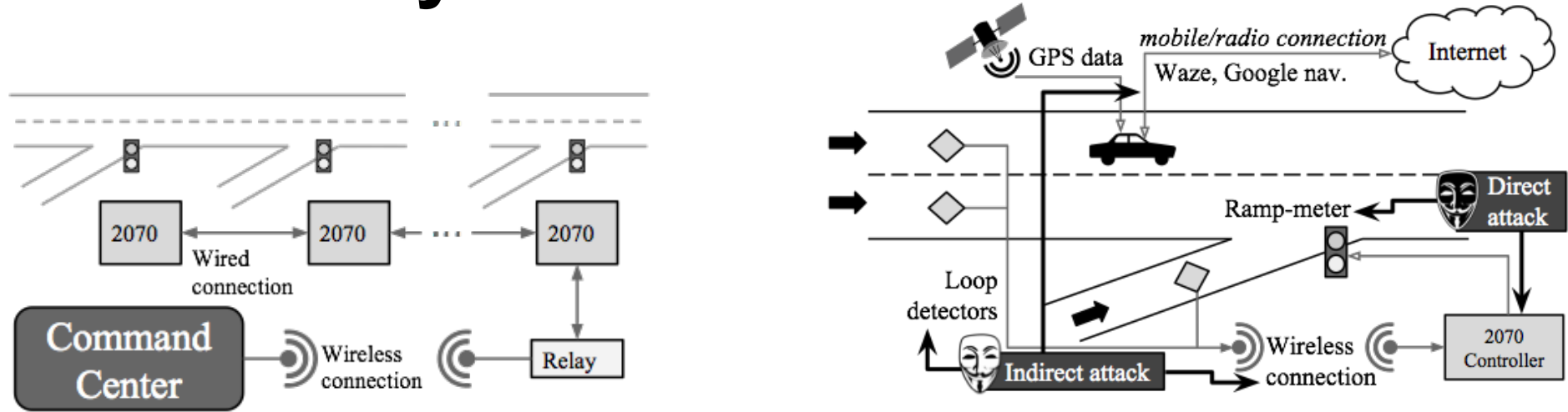
## MPC Travel Time Above Theoretical Optimum



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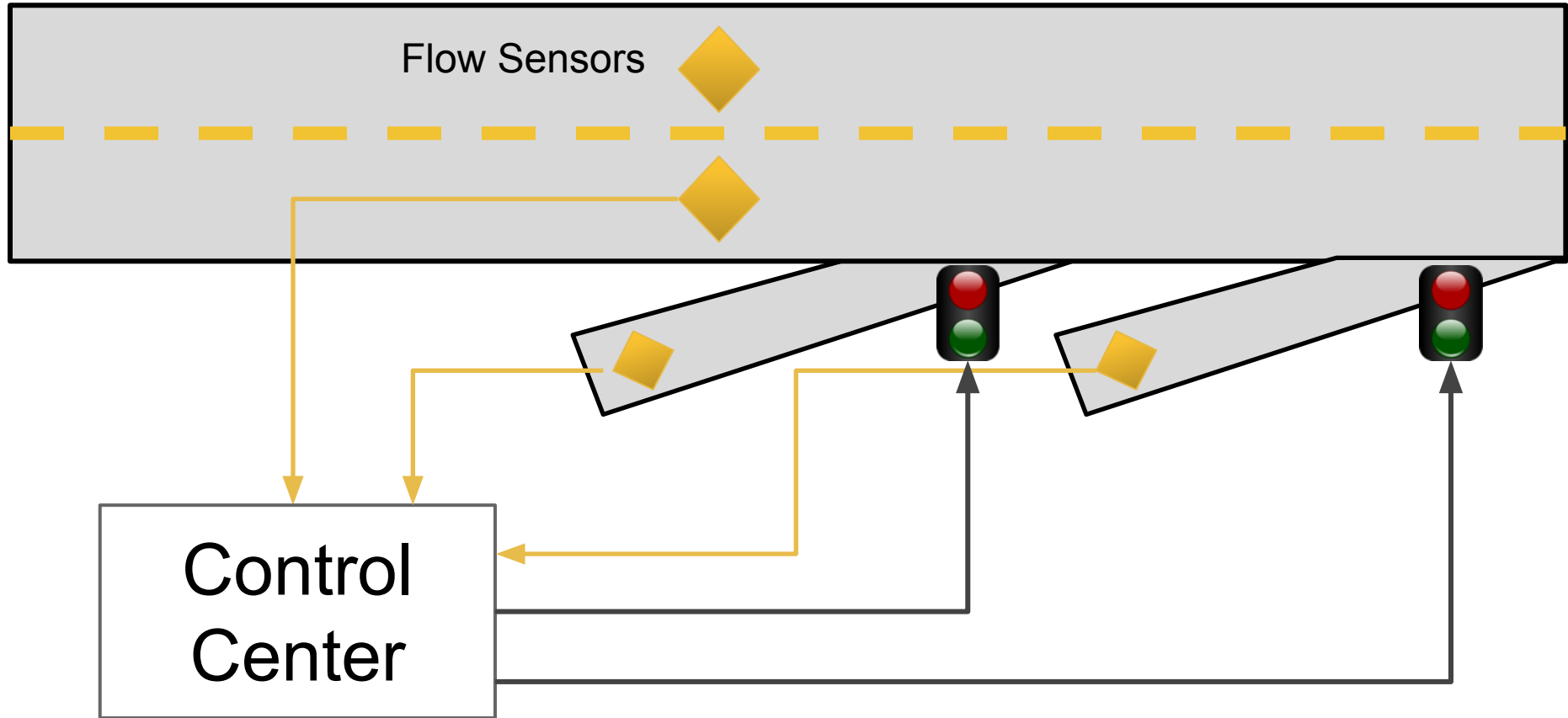
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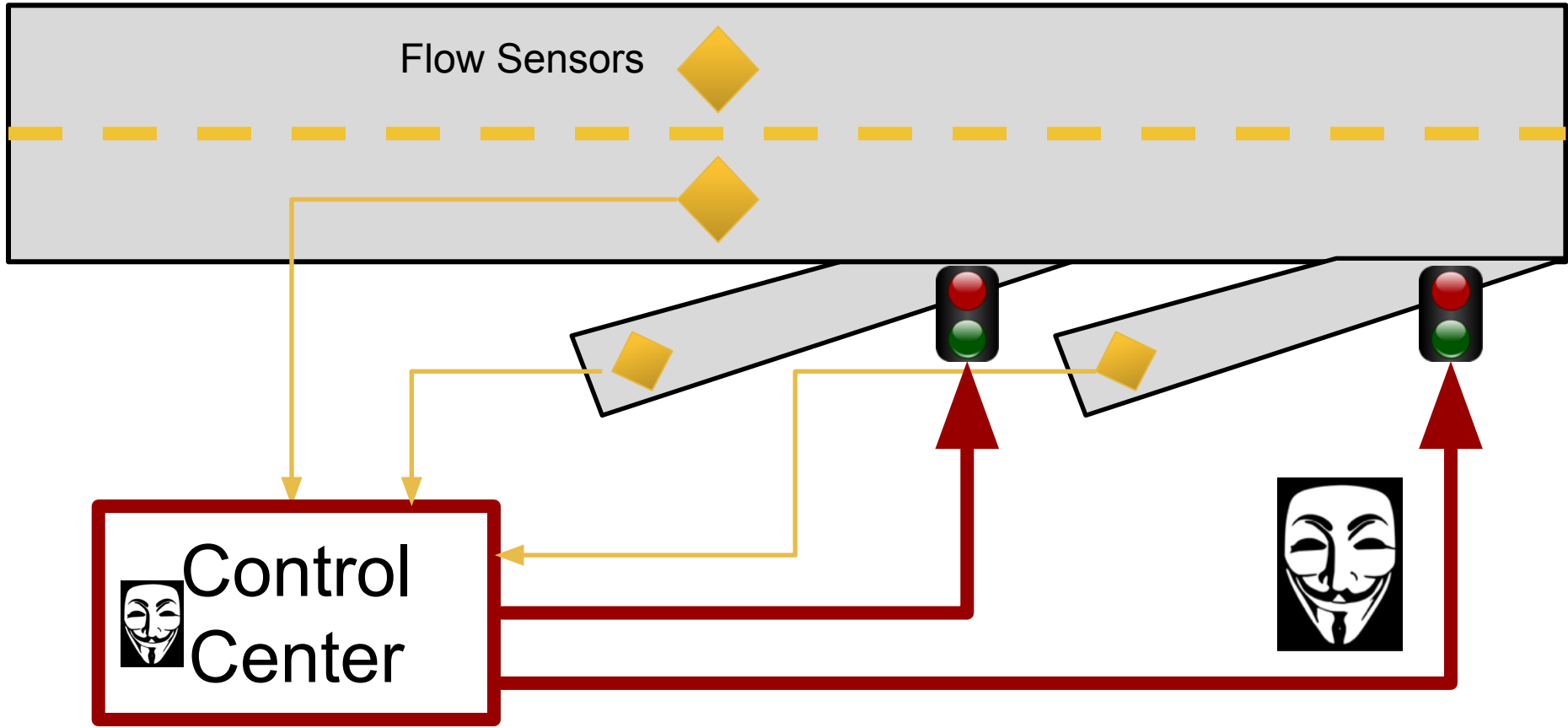


Attack Description	Access	Control	Complexity	Cost
copper theft/clipping wires	physical	low	low	low
replacing a single sensor/actuator	physical	low	low	low
attacking a single sensor/actuator	locality	low	medium	low
replacing a single control box	physical	medium	medium	medium
replacing a set of sensors/actuator	physical	medium	medium	medium
attacking a set of sensors/actuator	locality	low	medium	low
replacing a corridor of control boxes	physical	high	medium	medium
attacking a corridor of control boxes	network	high	high	medium
attacking the control center	network	high	high	high
spoofing GPS data	network	medium	high	medium
attacking navigation software	network	medium	medium	medium

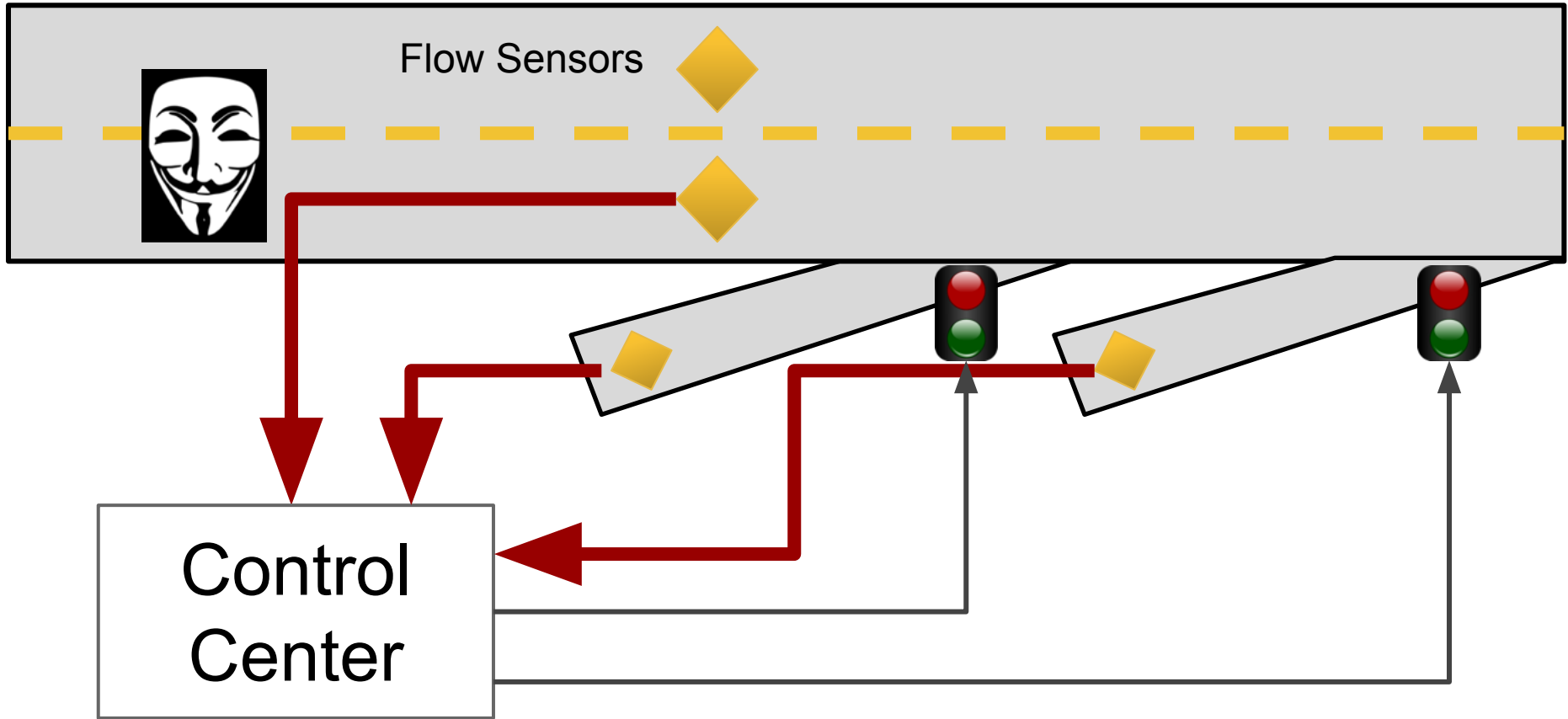
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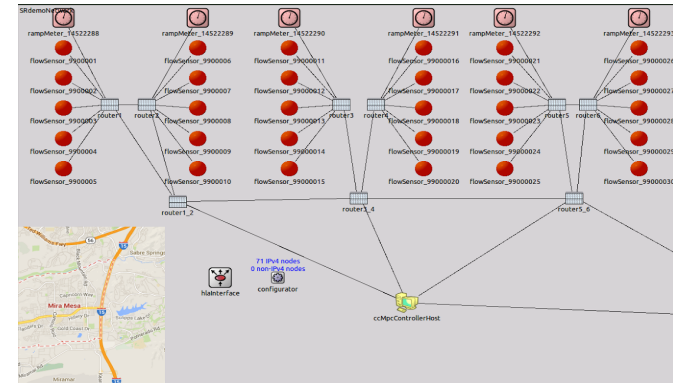
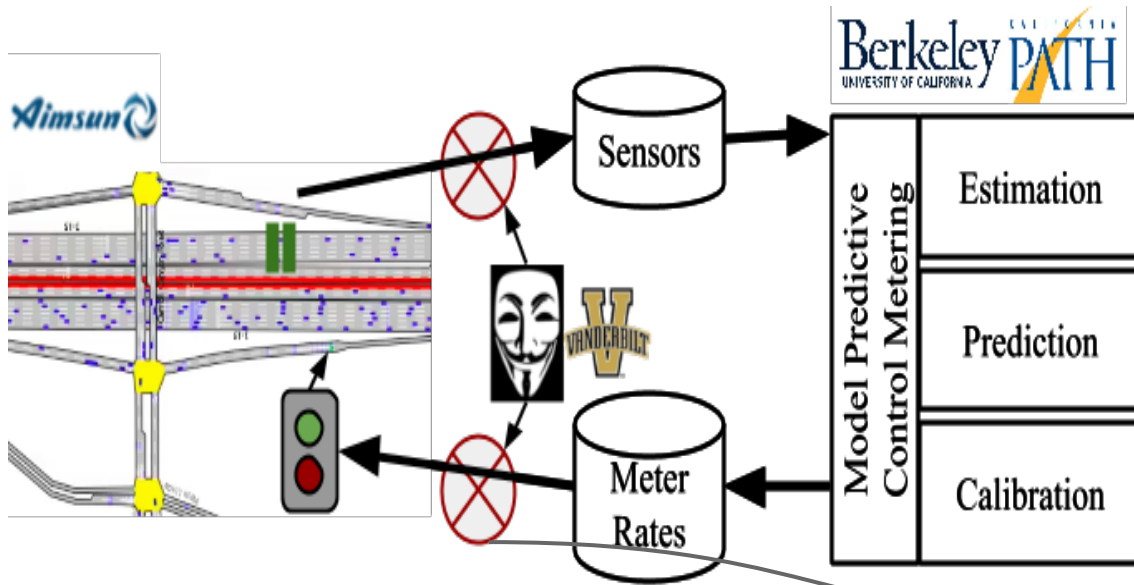
# Direct Control



# Indirect Control



# SmartRoads project

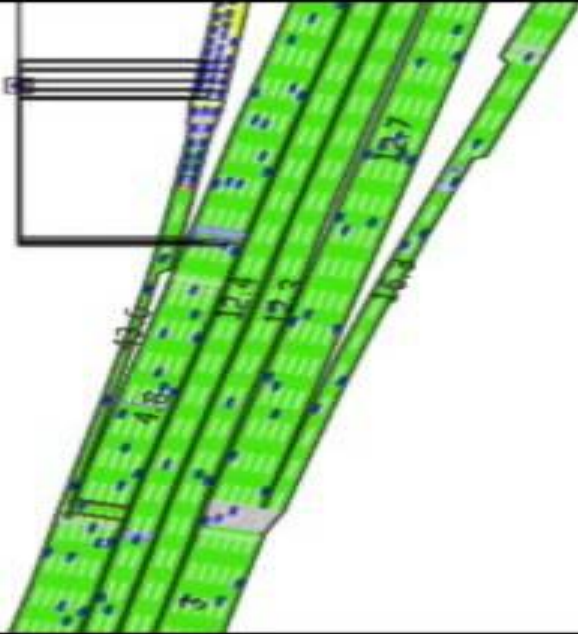


SmartRoads

C2WindTunnel



# Indirect Control: Sensor Spoofing



STANDARD METERING  
6:00

# Direct Control: High-level Objectives

$f_1$

Maximize Congestion Behind Leo.

$f_2$

Maximize Hanks' Travel Time

$f_3$

Minimize Detection (Min TTT)

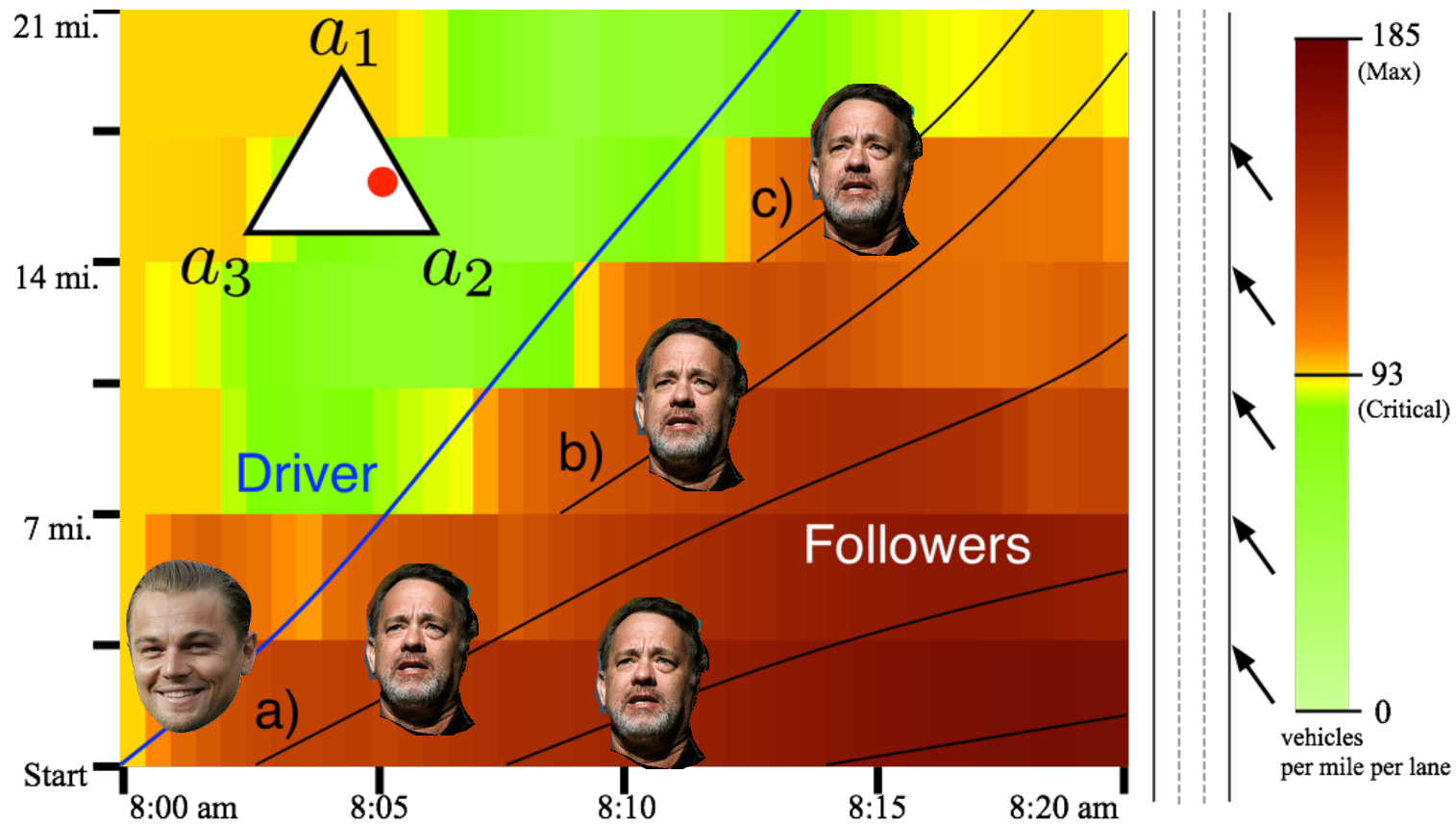
$f_4$

Minimize Leo's Travel Time.

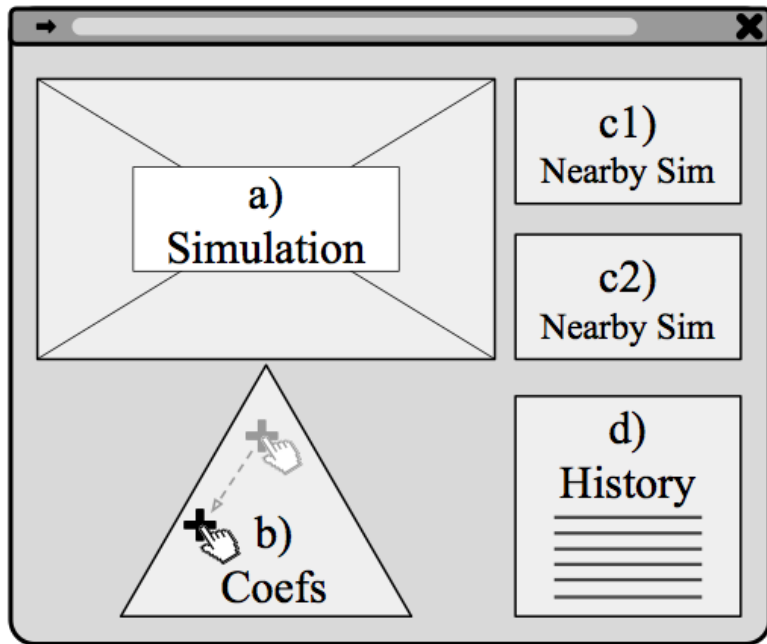
$$\sum_i a_i f_i$$



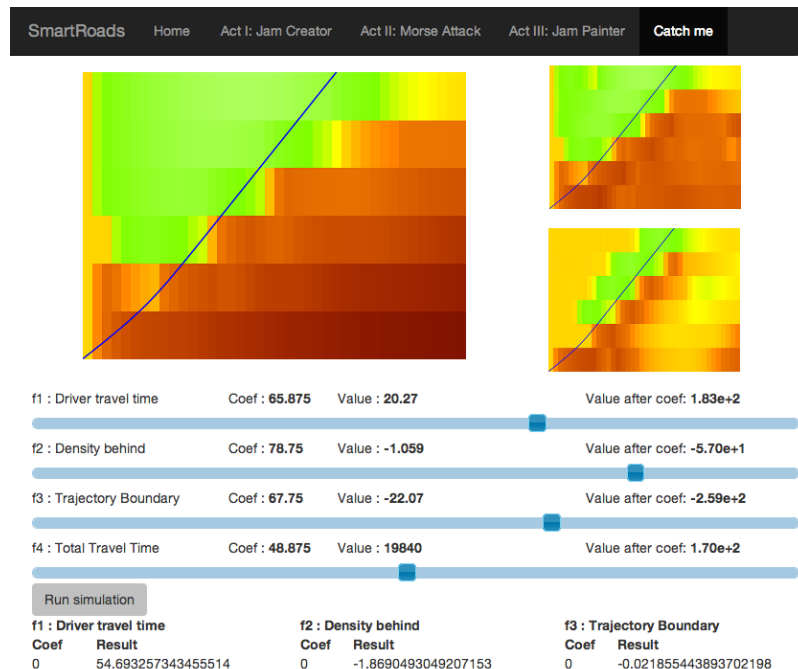
# CATCH ME IF YOU CAN



# Achieving high-level objectives via Multi-objective Optimization

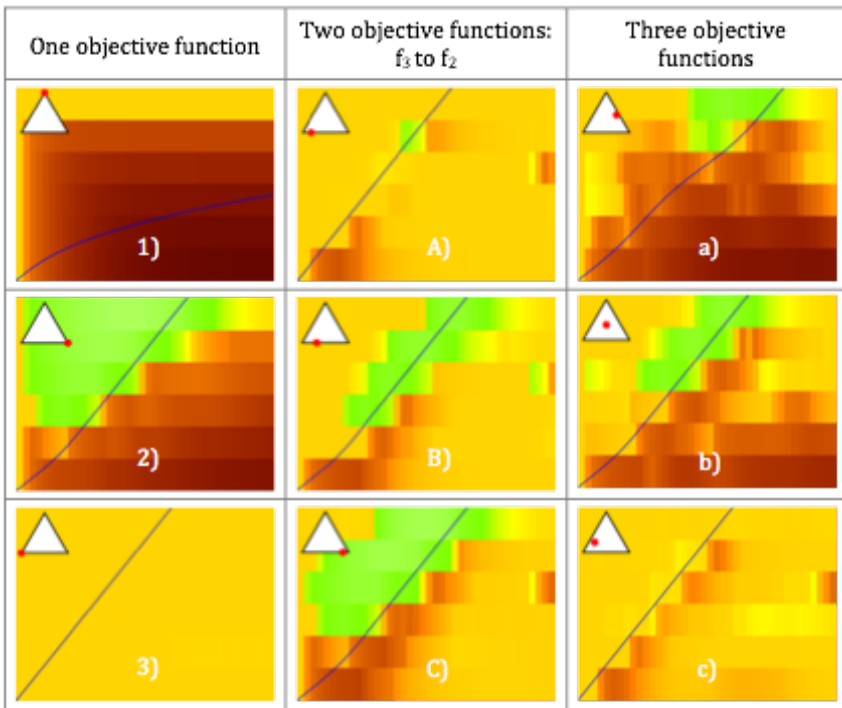


UI Diagram



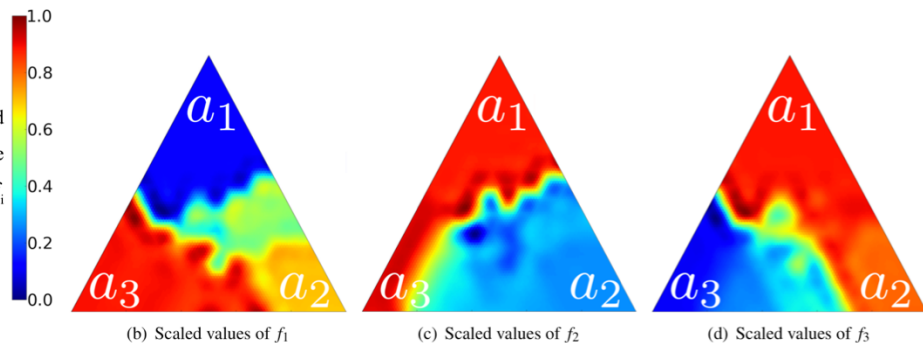
Actual Slider Implementation

# Interactive vs. A Posteriori Optimization



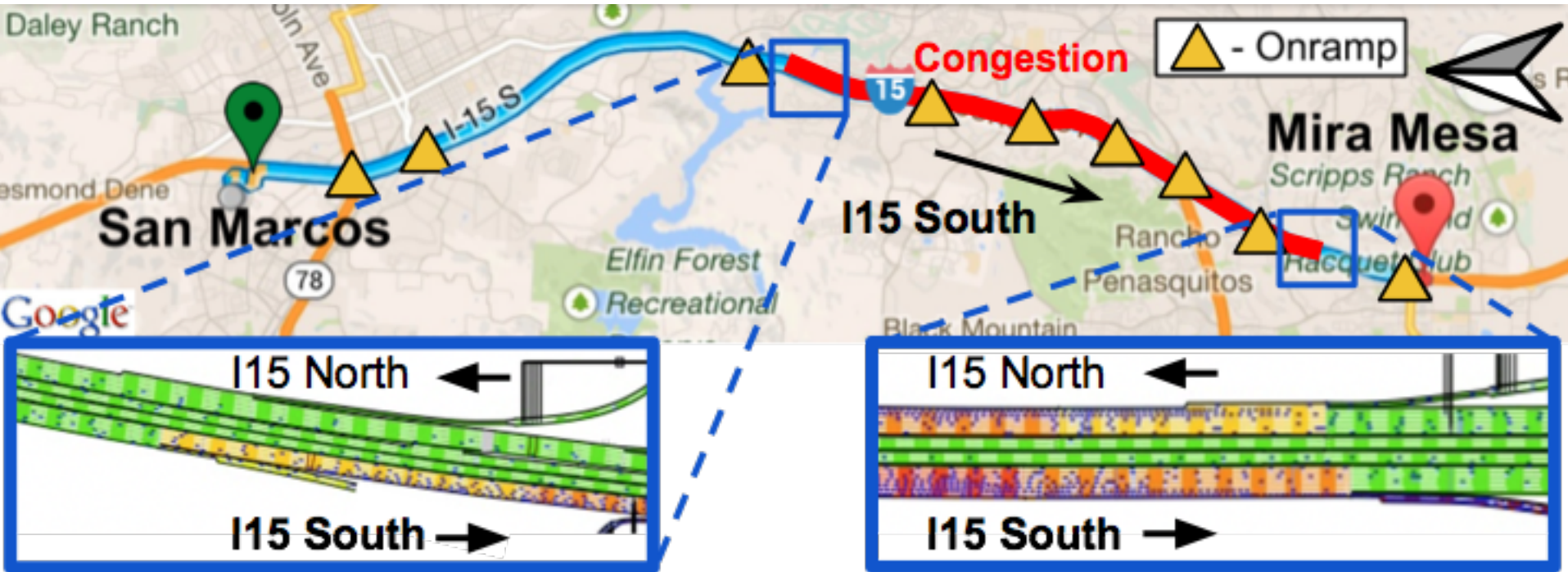
Interactive

Normalized  
objective  
values for  $f_i$



A posteriori

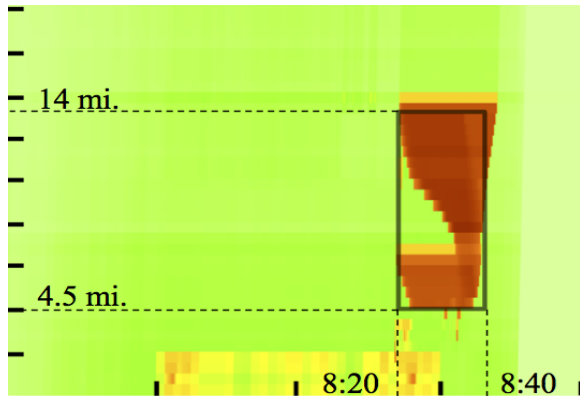
# Box Objective on I15 Freeway



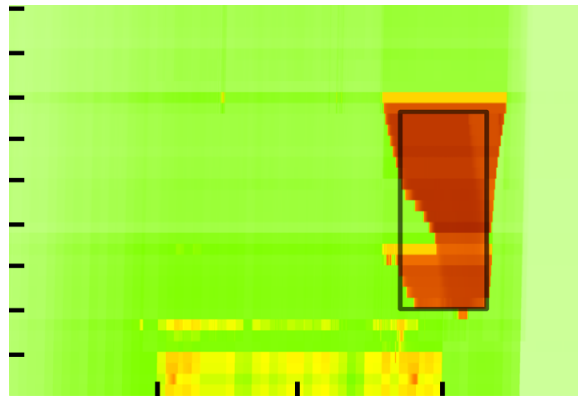
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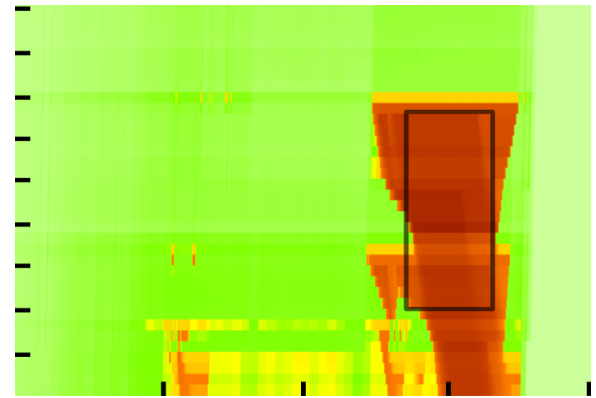
$$J = (1 - \alpha)TTT_{\text{out of box}} - \alpha TTT_{\text{in box}}$$



$\alpha = .3$



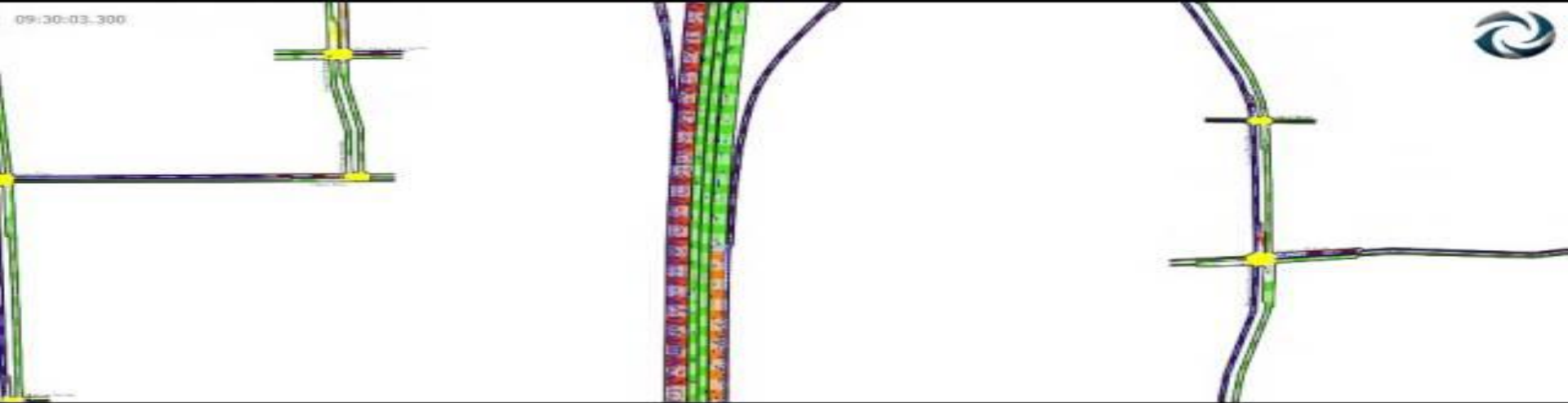
$\alpha = .5$



$\alpha = .9$

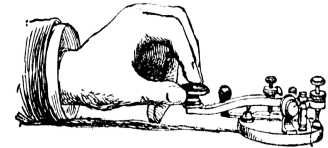


# SmartRoads Box Objective





# Morse Code Attack



SmartRoads: Hacking Freeway Congestion

Home

Freeway Speed Viewer

Act I: Jam Creator

Act II: Morse Attack

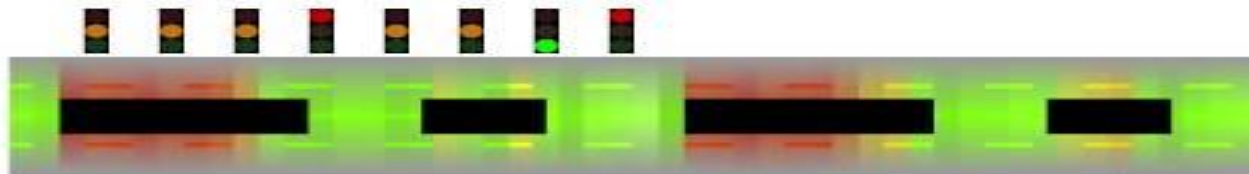
Act III: Jam Painter

Type your initials and watch a "personalized" jam take place along the freeway.

[Continue to Act III](#)



Play



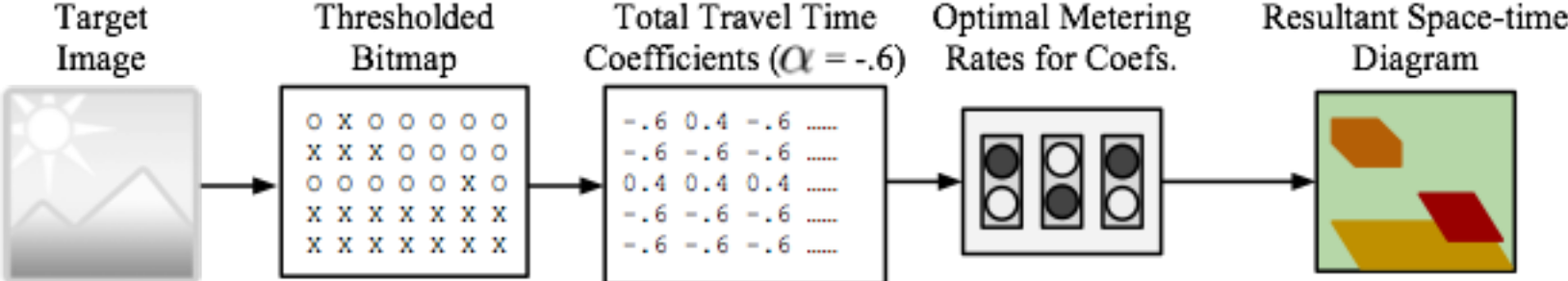
CAL

[Create your jam!](#)

[Console Log]

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pirate@hackysack.hack> Your jam is ready to be simulated, take a close look
pirate@hackysack.hack> Taking control of the freeway...
pirate@hackysack.hack> Converting to morse...
pirate@hackysack.hack> Analyzing your initials...
pirate@hackysack.hack> Your jam is ready to be simulated, take a close look
pirate@hackysack.hack> Taking control of the freeway...
pirate@hackysack.hack> Converting to morse...
pirate@hackysack.hack> Analyzing your initials...
pirate@hackysack.hack> Simulation loaded
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# Freeway Painter

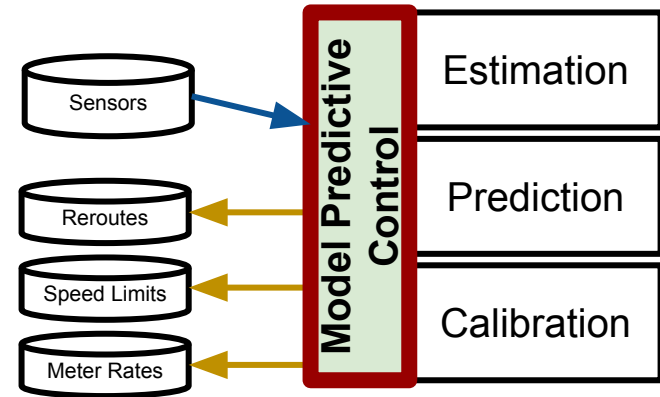
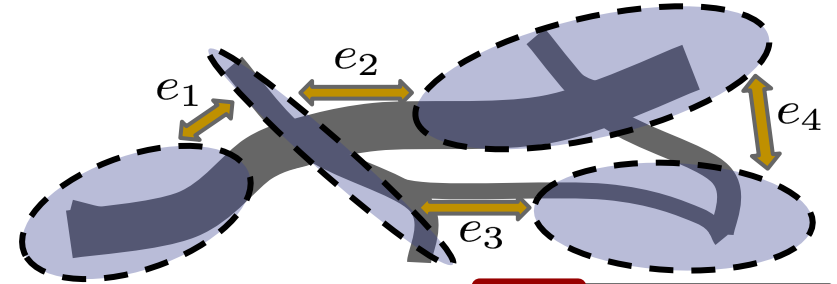
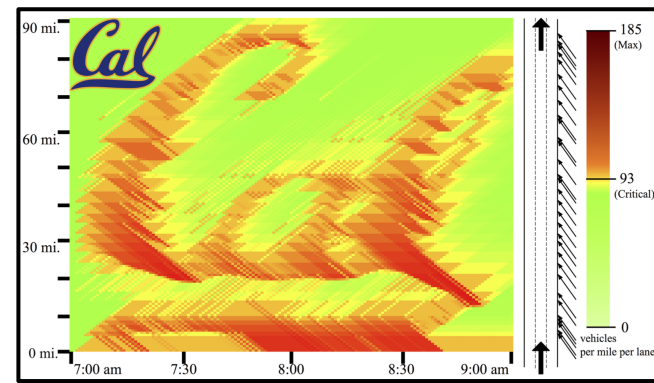


# Conclusions

Real-world application  
and robustness

General and extensible  
framework

Improves w/ estimation  
and prediction advances.



# Acknowledgments



Thank you for listening! Questions?

