

# AUTOMATED TRAFFIC SIGNAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES: Critical Infrastructure Elements for SPMs

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# ITE Webinar Series on Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures (SPMs)

- ▶ Critical Infrastructure Elements for SPMs  
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# Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures

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# Your Speakers Today



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# Questions for the audience

- ▶ How many signals are under your jurisdiction?
- ▶ What types of vehicle detection are used at your intersections?
- ▶ Are there any communication infrastructure connecting your cabinets?
- ▶ What operating system platform(s) do you use (Windows, Linux, Mac)?
- ▶ What are some of your biggest challenges for enabling performance metrics in your area?

# CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ELEMENTS: Background



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# Overview

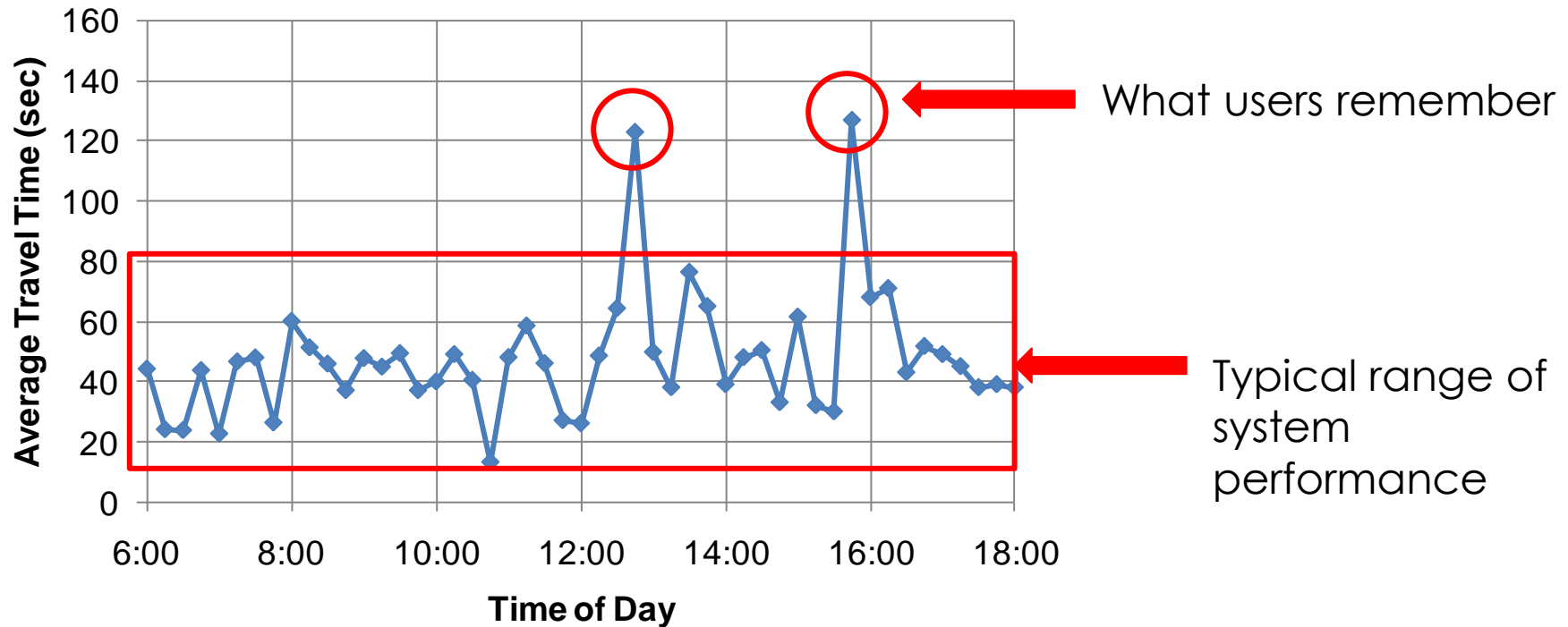
- ▶ Background on Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures
- ▶ Hierarchy of Infrastructure Requirements
  - ▶ Communications
  - ▶ Detection
- ▶ Data Infrastructure for Agency Implementation
  - ▶ Utah DOT
  - ▶ Indiana DOT

# Why Measure Traffic Signal Performance?

- ▶ Better respond to user complaints
  - ▶ Verify whether reported problems occur
  - ▶ Identify solutions
- ▶ Proactively identify and correct operational and maintenance inefficiencies
  - ▶ Improve quality of progression
  - ▶ Improve capacity allocation

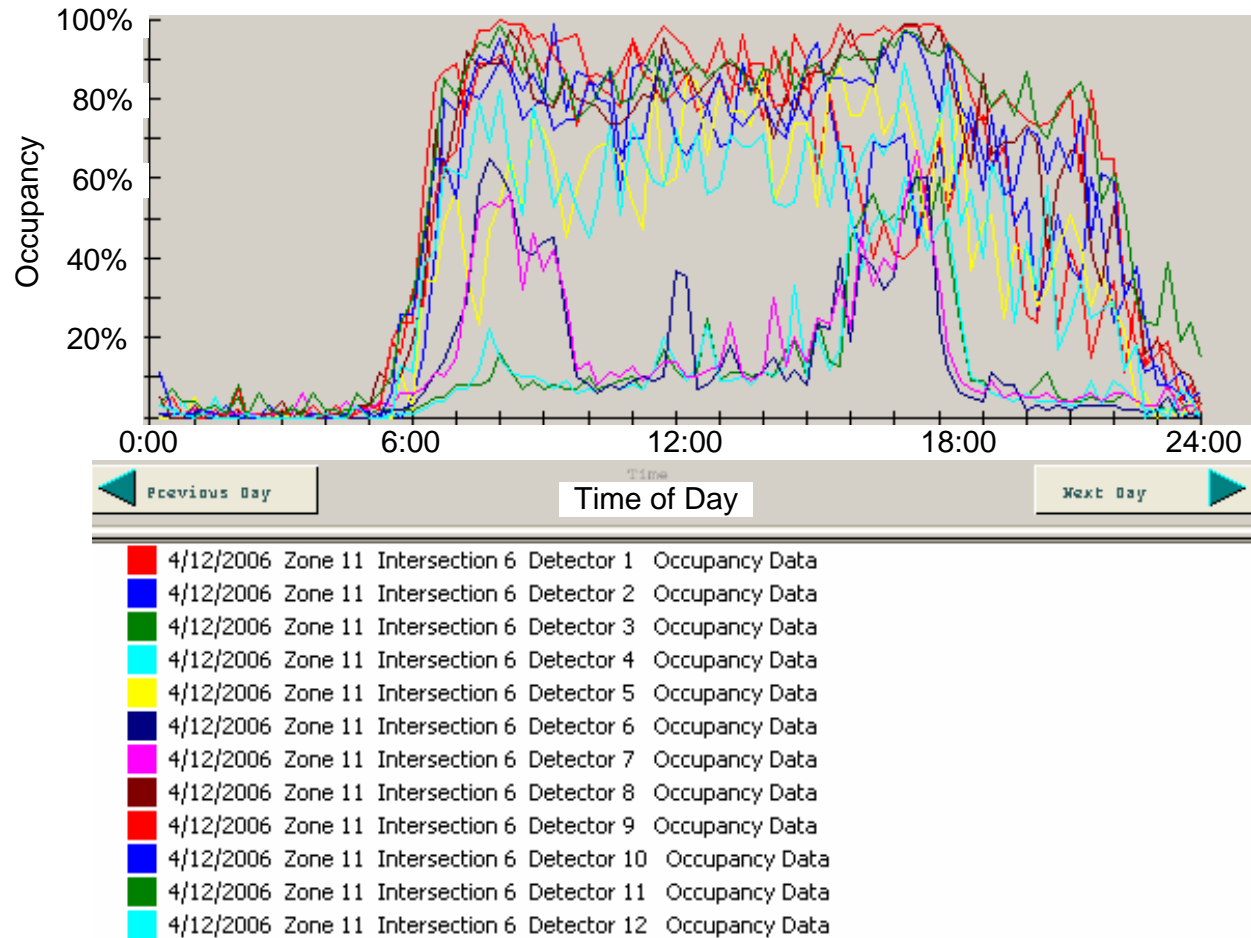


# Motivation

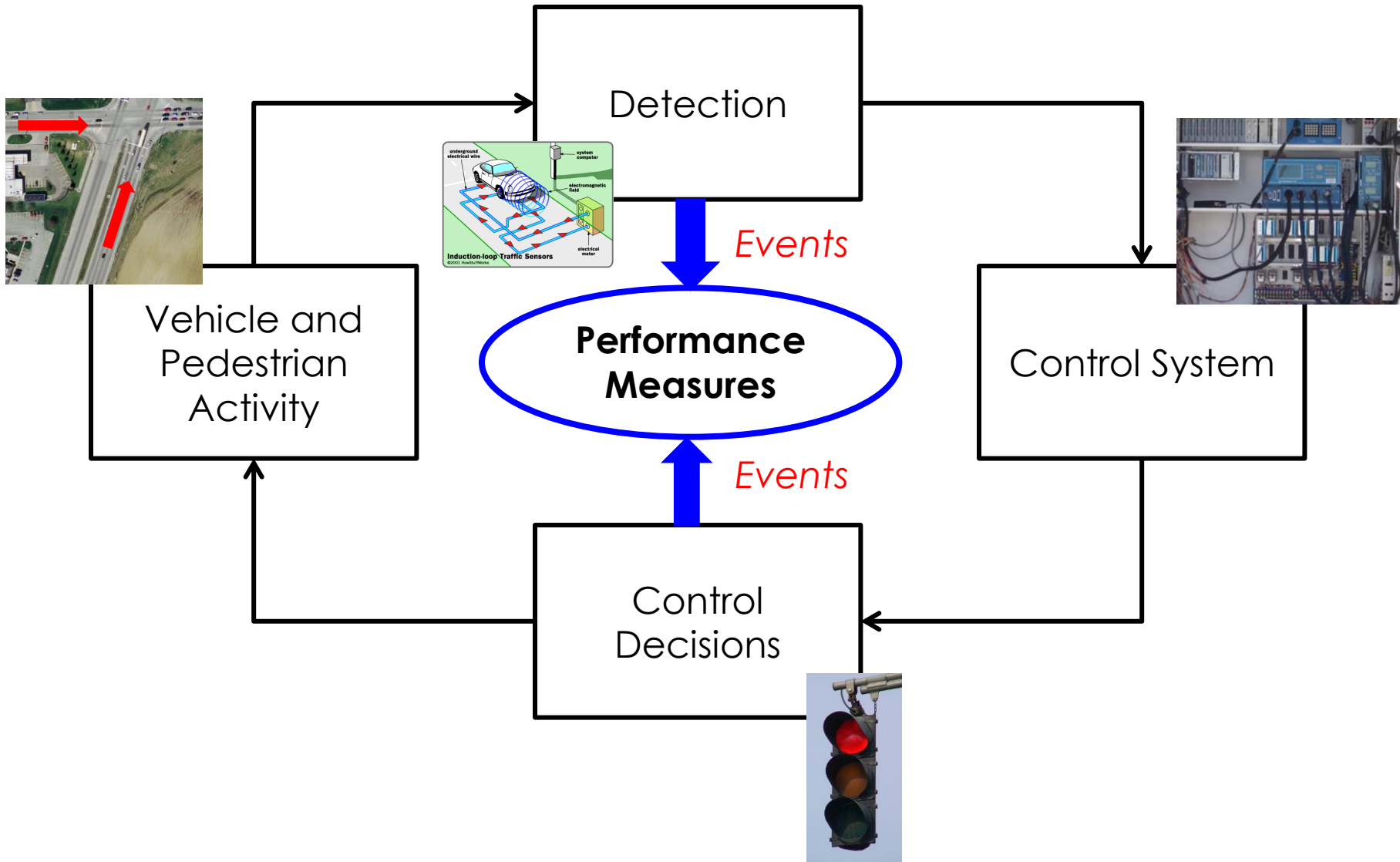


- ▶ **Average values** versus **full event timeline**
- ▶ When is intervention needed?

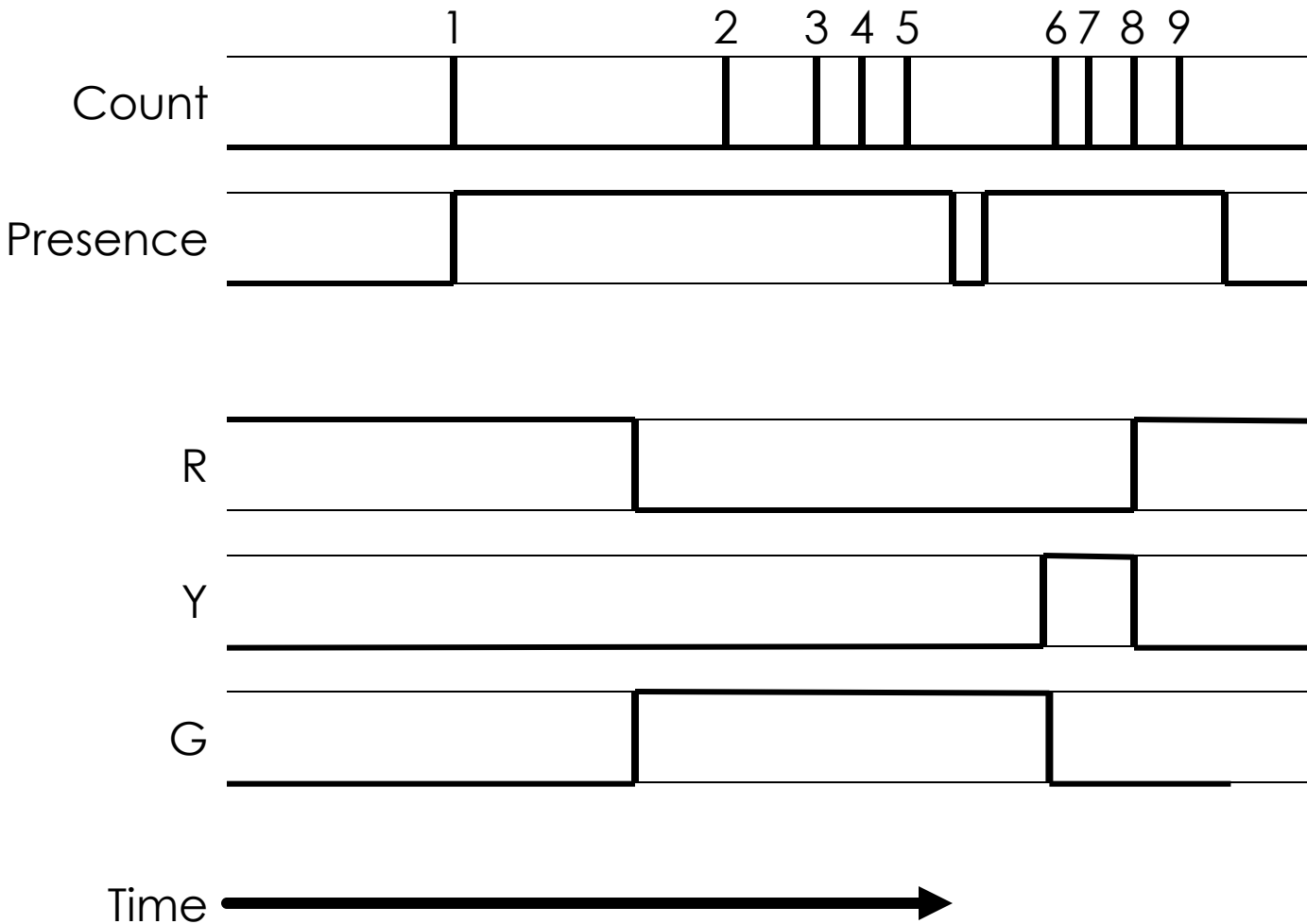
# Legacy Data Collection: 15-Minute Average Detector Occupancy



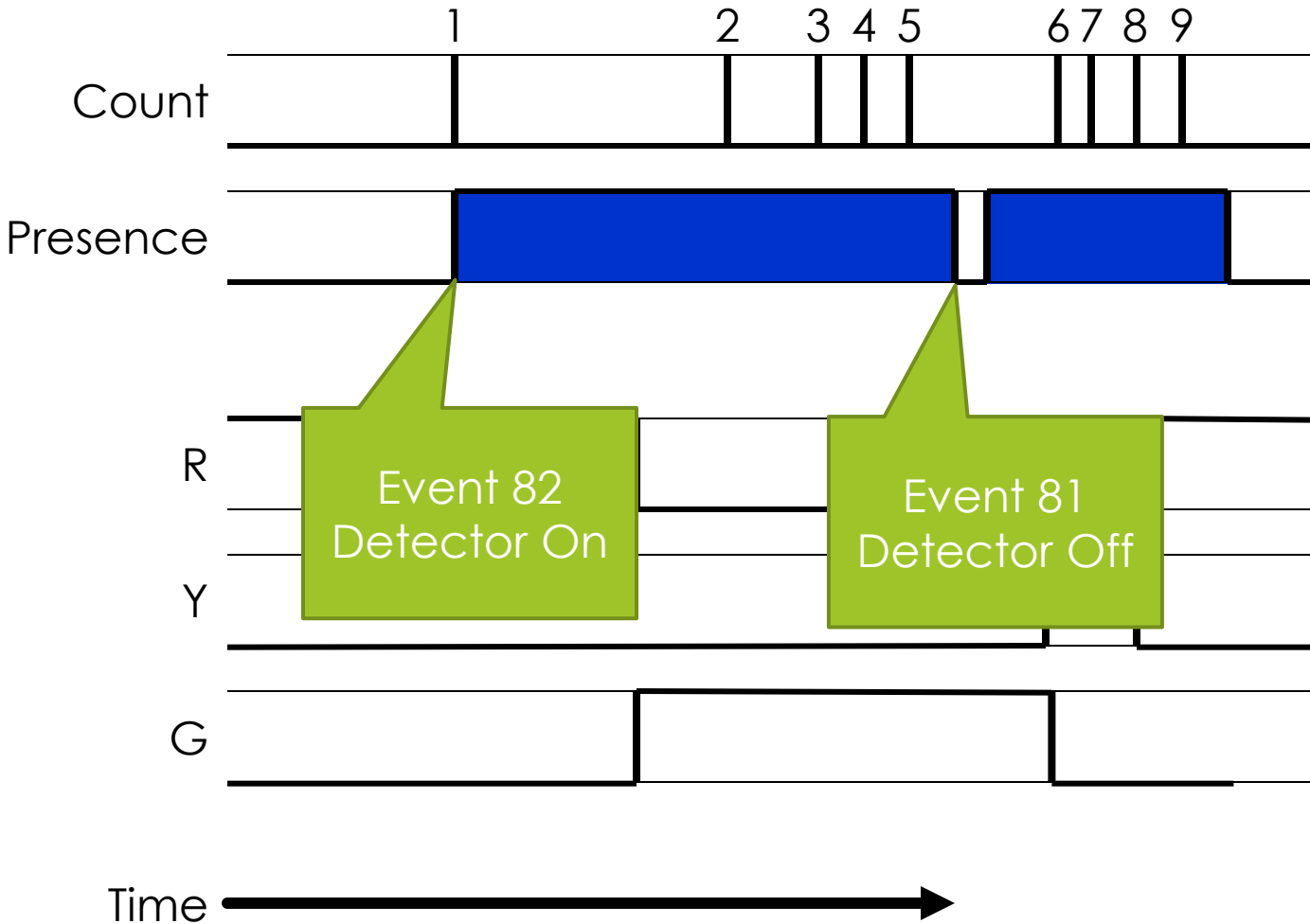
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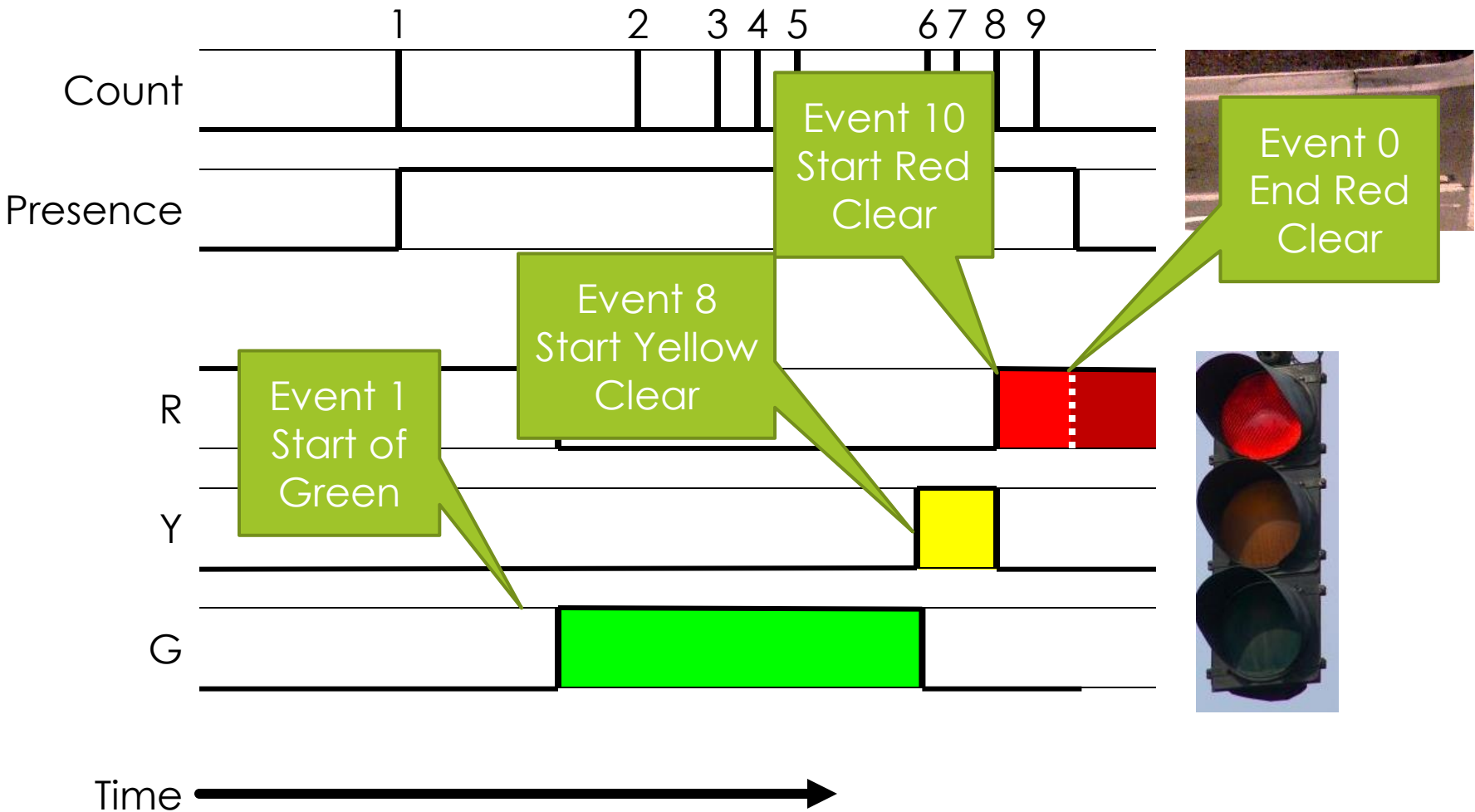
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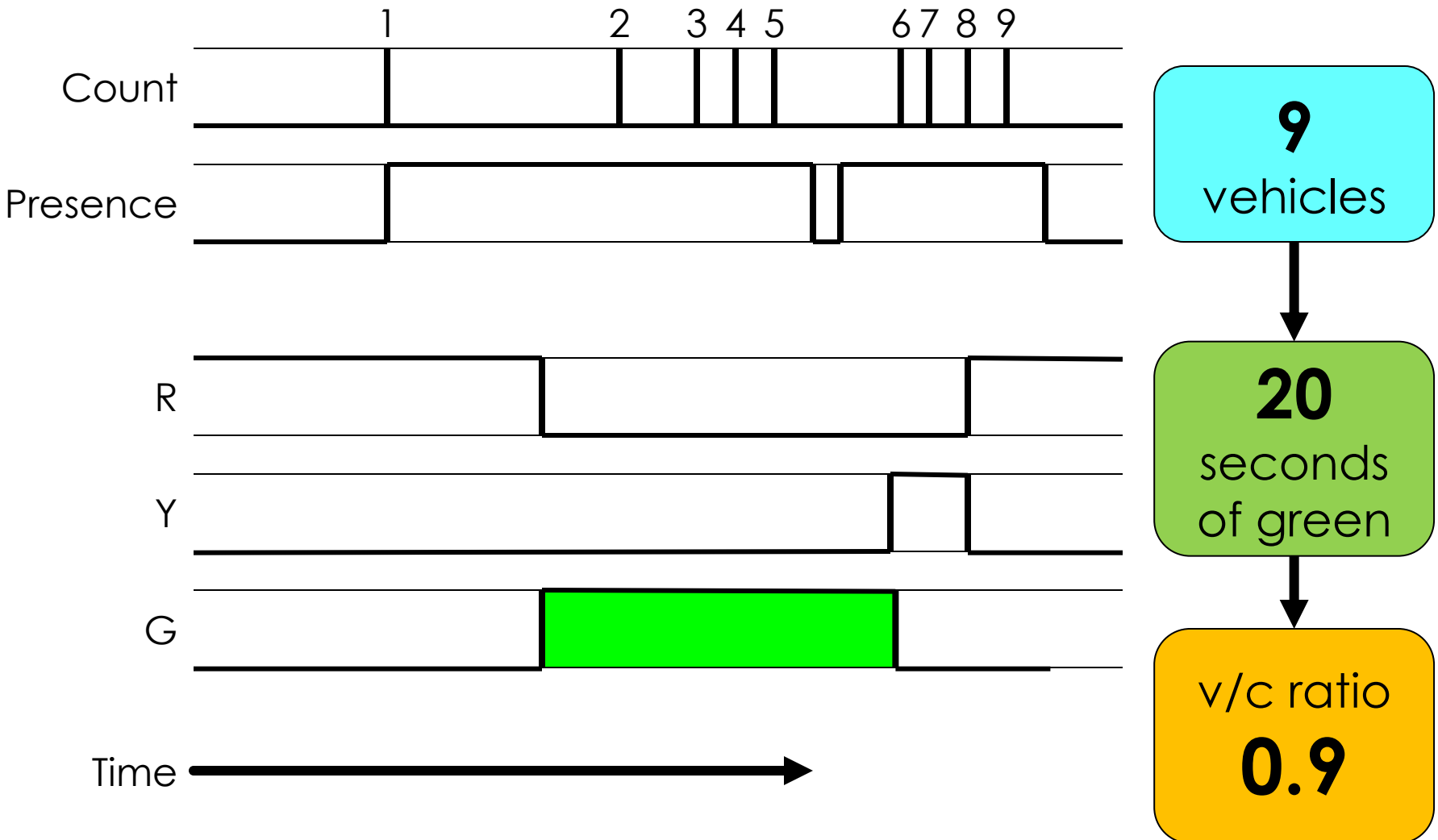
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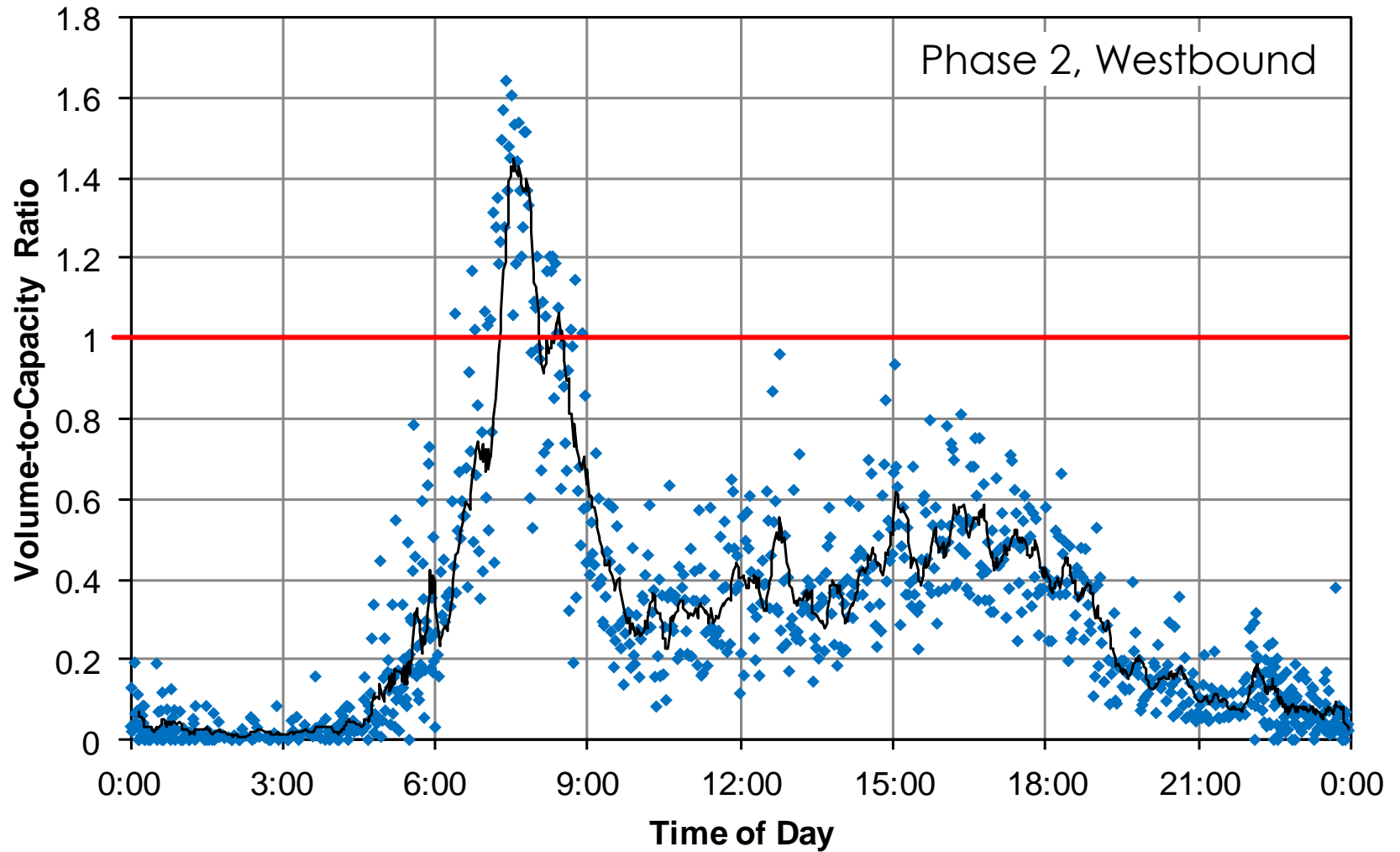
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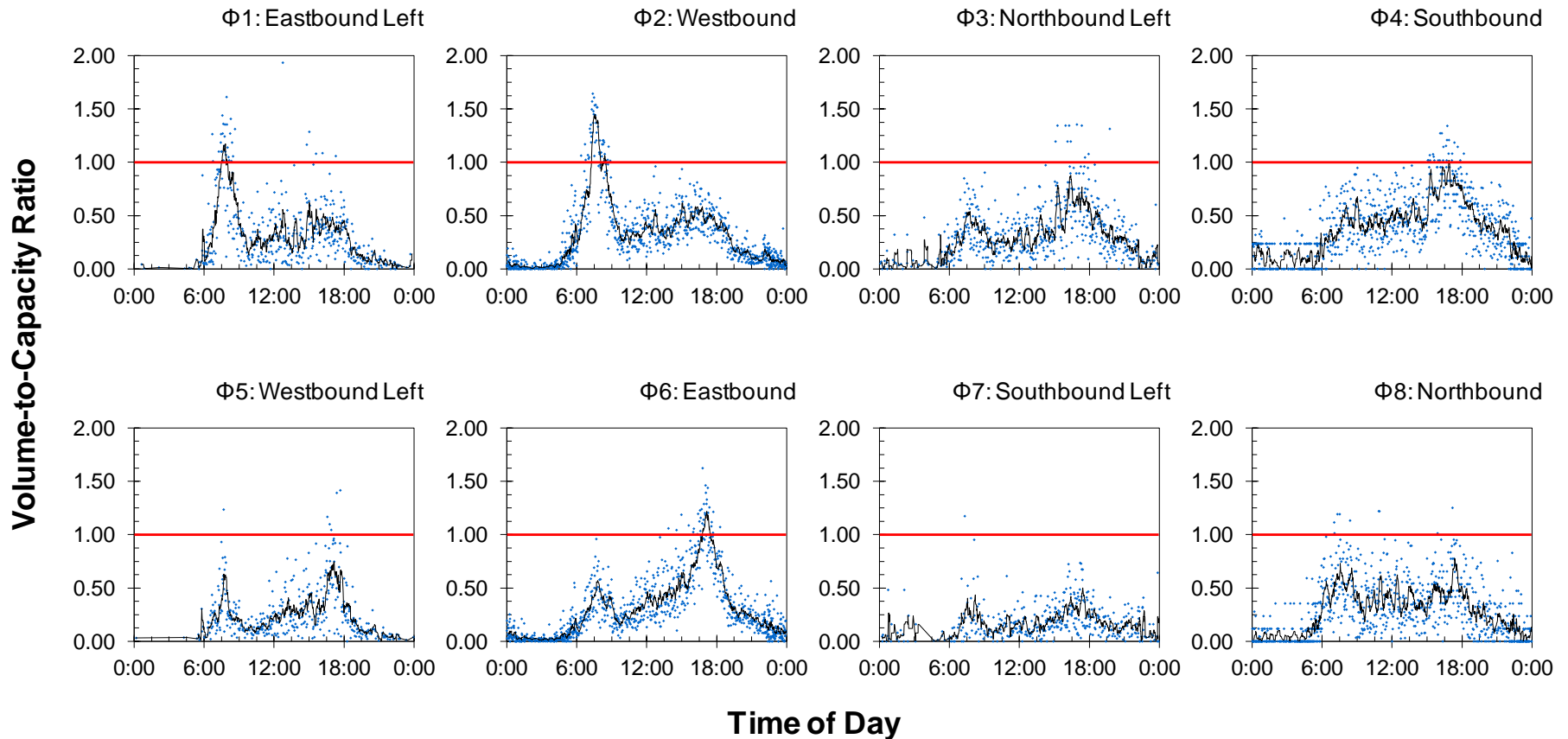


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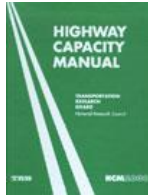




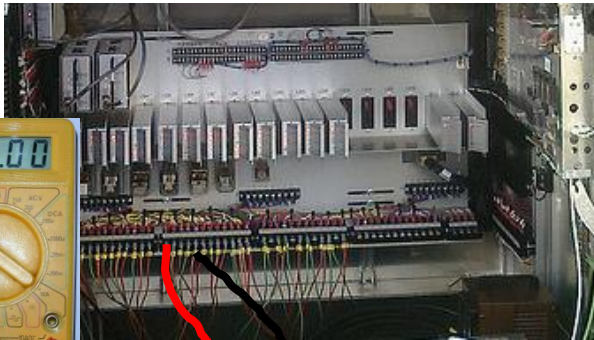
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# History of Development



- ▶ Manual Data Collection
  - ▶ 5, 15 minute averages

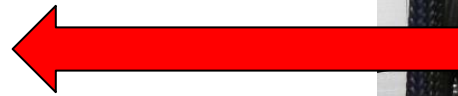


- ▶ Monitoring Load Switch Circuits
  - ▶ High-resolution data
  - ▶ Latency and clock drift issues
  - ▶ **“Do-it-yourself” data collection**



- ▶ Embedded Controller Data Collector
  - ▶ Record controller events that do not correspond to circuit closures
  - ▶ **Required vendor buy-in**

# Hardware-in-the-Loop Simulation



**Controller  
on Shelf**



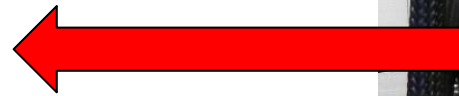
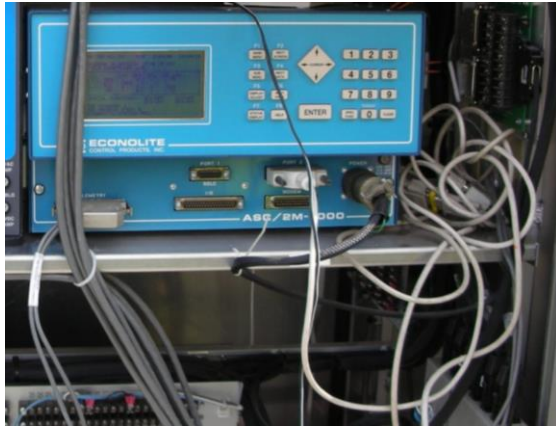
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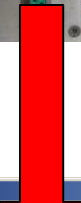
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- **Detector Events**
- **Coordination Events**



# Field Data Collection Using Industrial I/O Equipment



**Controller  
in Cabinet**



## Data:

- Signal Indications
- Detector Events
- Coordination Events

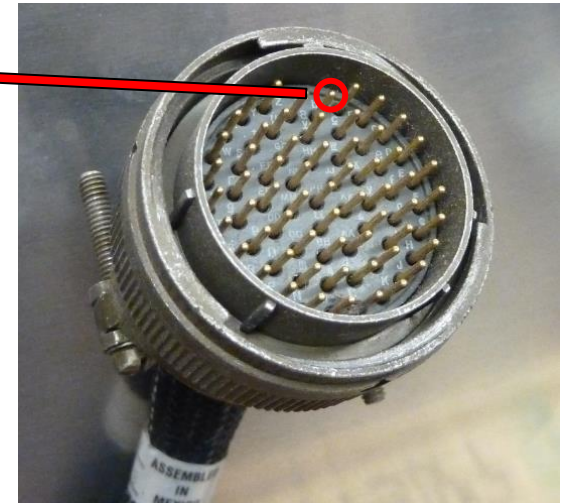
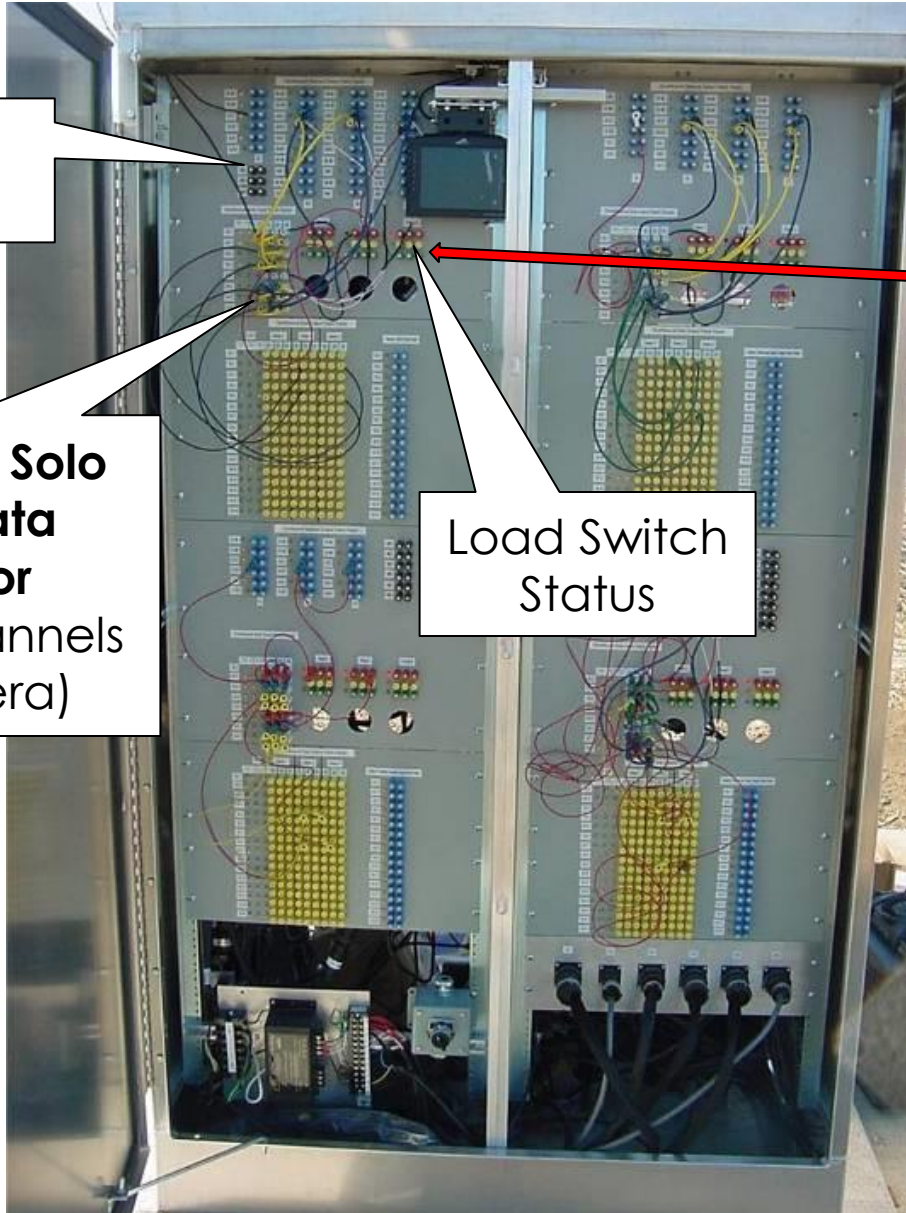
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# Field Data Collection Cabinet

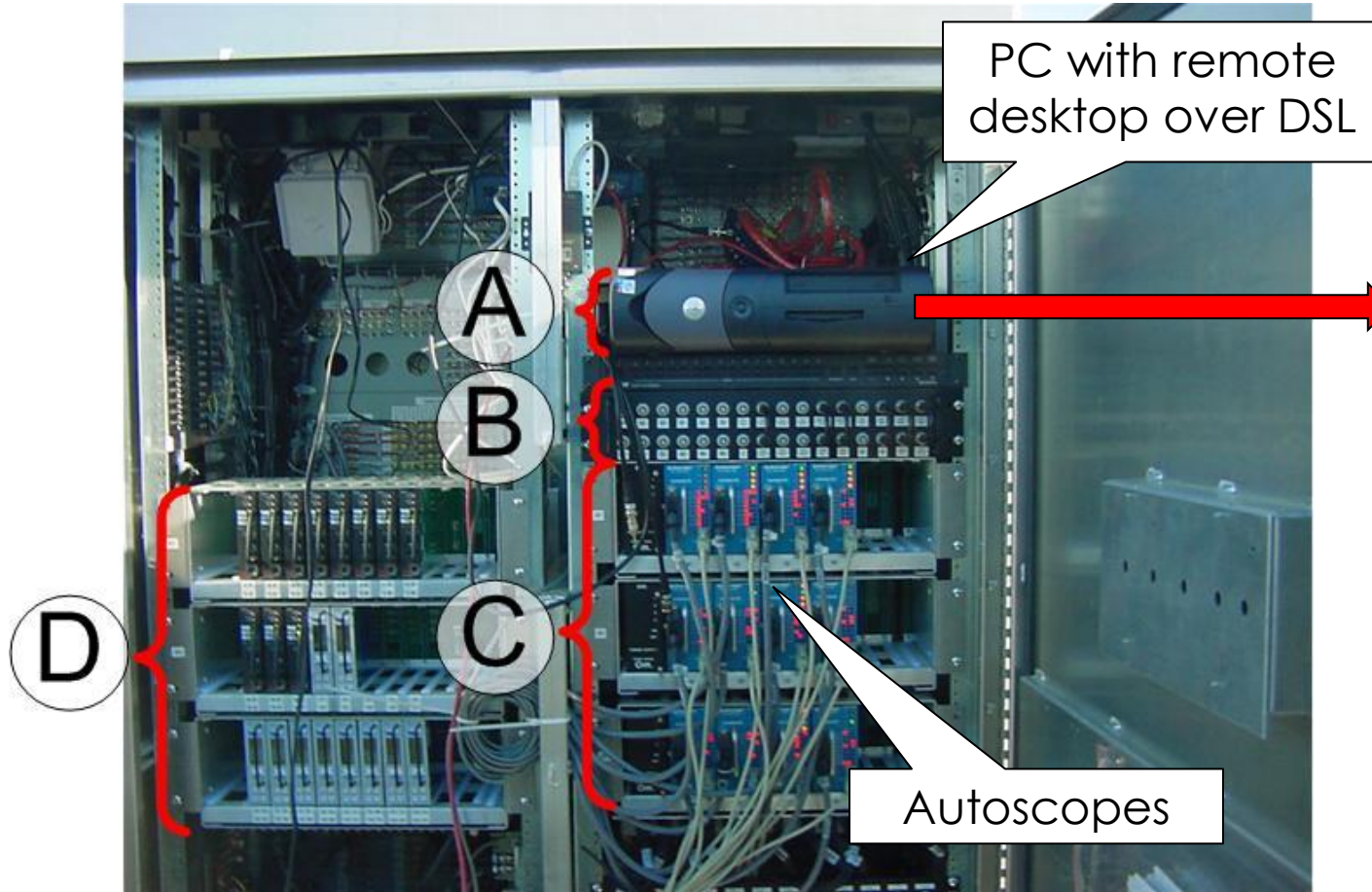
Detector Status

**Autoscope Solo Pro as Data Collector**  
(8 input channels per camera)

Load Switch Status

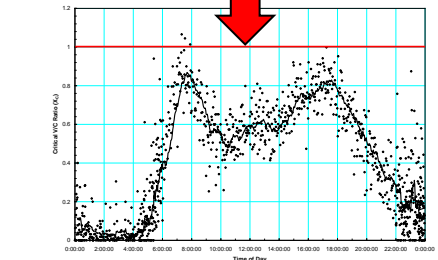
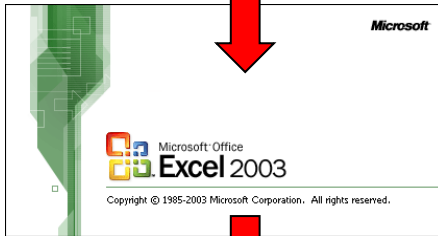


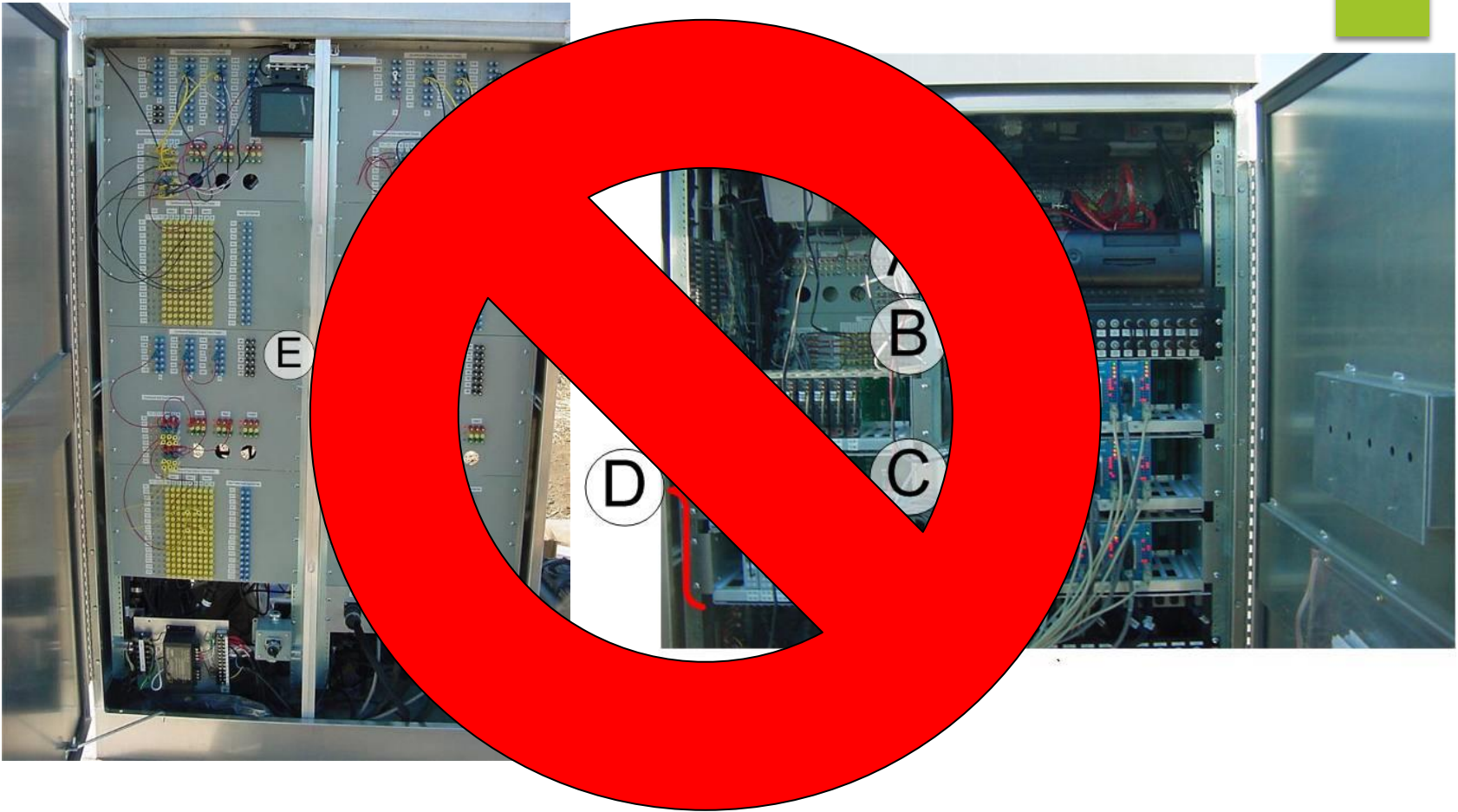
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PC with remote desktop over DSL

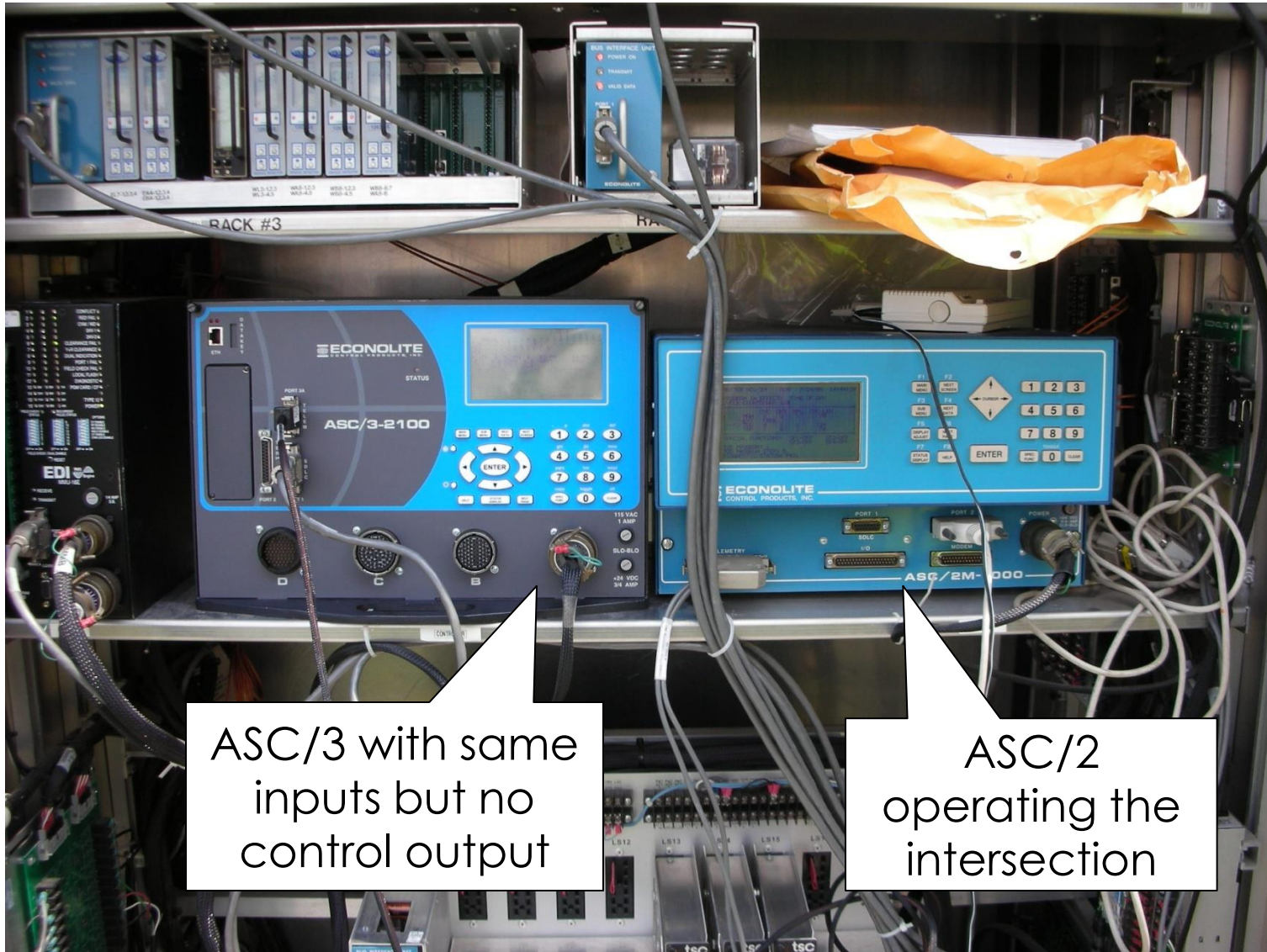
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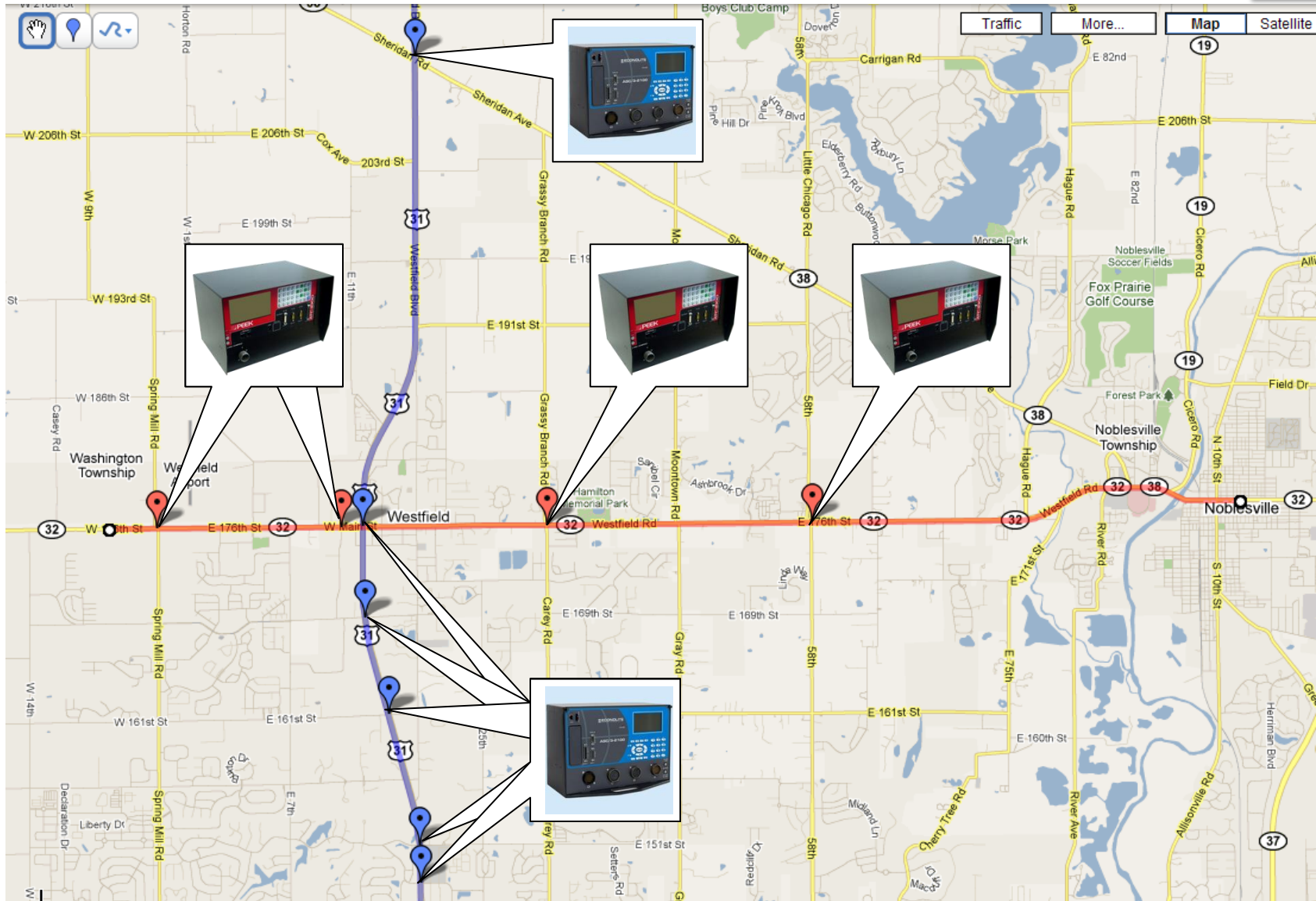
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# Pilot Test of Controller Data Logger (Fall 2006)





# Objective: Vendor Neutrality



# Development of Controller Data Enumerations



- ▶ Want to ensure that a “Phase 2 Green” is written down the same way in every vendor’s controller
- ▶ Invited controller manufacturers to collaborate to agree on a specification for the data
- ▶ Three vendors initially participated
- ▶ Today, five vendors have implemented a controller data logger

### Active Phase Events:

0	Phase On
1	Phase Begin Green
2	Phase Check
3	Phase Min Complete
4	Phase Gap Out
5	Phase Max Out
6	Phase Force Off
7	Phase Green Termination
8	Phase Begin Yellow Clearance
9	Phase End Yellow Clearance
10	Phase Begin Red Clearance
11	Phase End Red Clearance

### Detector Events:

81	Detector Off
82	Detector On
83	Detector Restored
84	Detector Fault- Other
85	Detector Fault- Watchdog Fault
86	Detector Fault- Open Loop Fault

### Preemption Events:

101	Preempt Advance Warning Input
102	Preempt (Call) Input On
103	Preempt Gate Down Input Received
104	Preempt (Call) Input Off
105	Preempt Entry Started

# Controller Enumerations

Event Code, Event Description, Parameter

**Detector 5 ON**

06/27/2013 01:29:51.1	10	8
06/27/2013 01:29:51.1	82	5
06/27/2013 01:29:52.2	1	2
06/27/2013 01:29:52.2	1	6
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**Phase 8 GREEN**

**Detector 5 OFF**

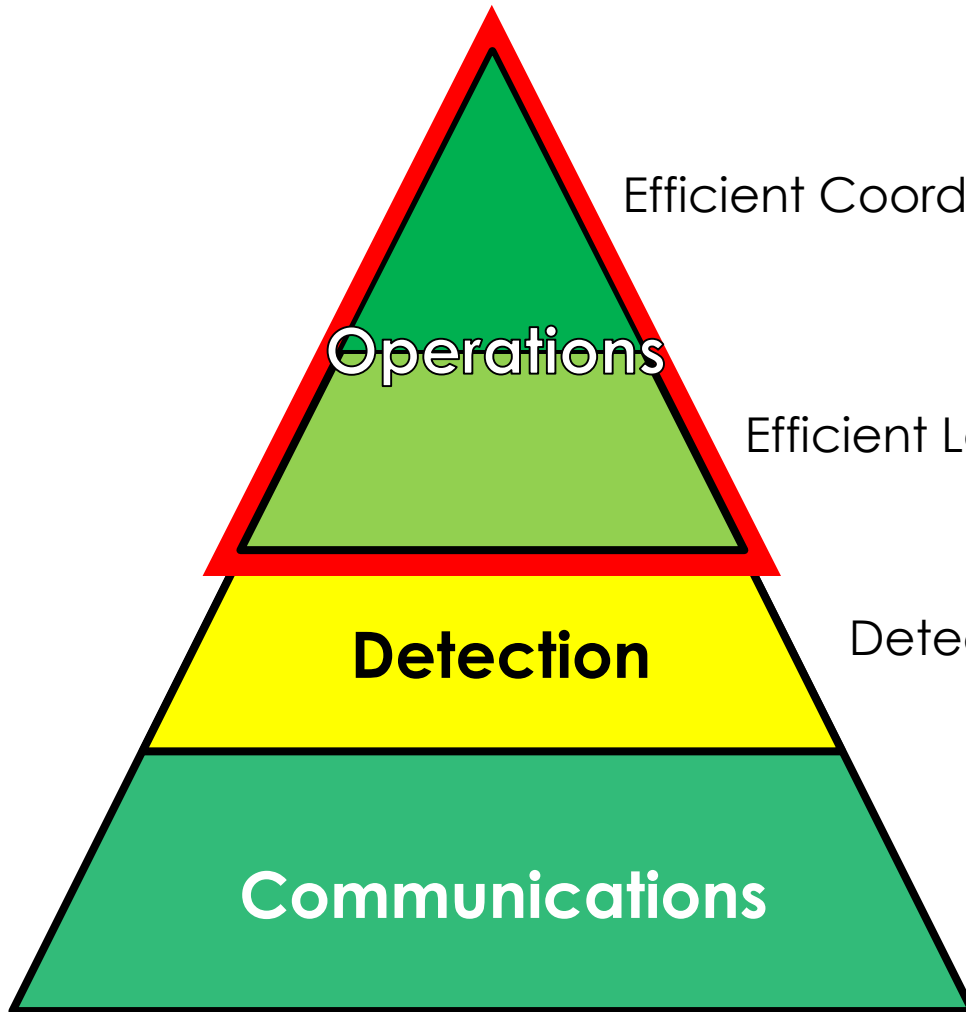
# High-resolution Data

Timestamp, Enumeration Code, Parameter

# Controllers with High Resolution Data Loggers (As of 2014)

- ▶ Econolite
- ▶ Peek
- ▶ Siemens
- ▶ Intelight
- ▶ Trafficware (Naztec)

# Hierarchy of Infrastructure Needs



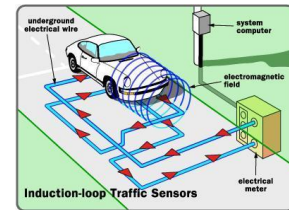
Efficient Coordination



Efficient Local Control



Detector Health



Working Communications



# System Requirements



## Communications

## High-resolution Controller

- 1) Get **.dat** Files
- 2) Translate Files  
**.dat** → **.csv**
- 3) Store in Database

## Server

- 1) Query Database
- 2) Display Graphs

## Website



## Detection (optional)

# Communications

- ▶ Needed to bring data from the field to the office to develop performance measures

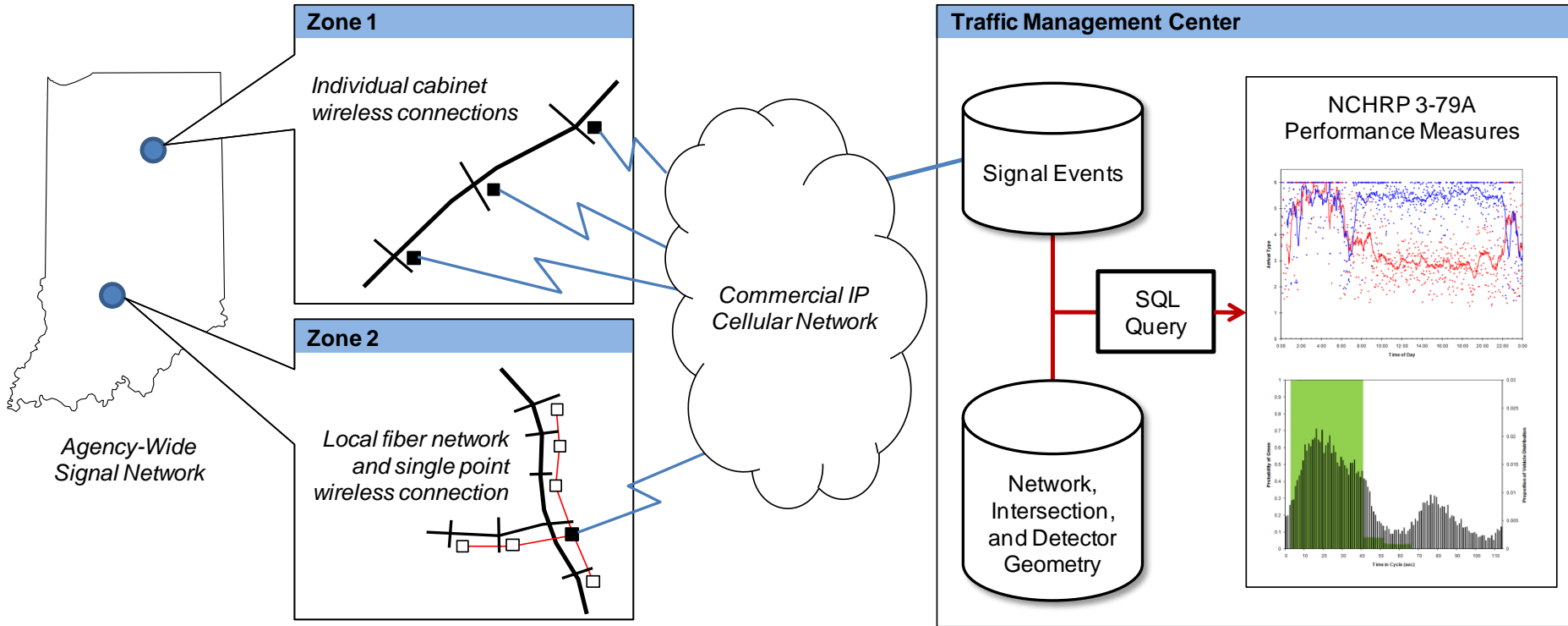




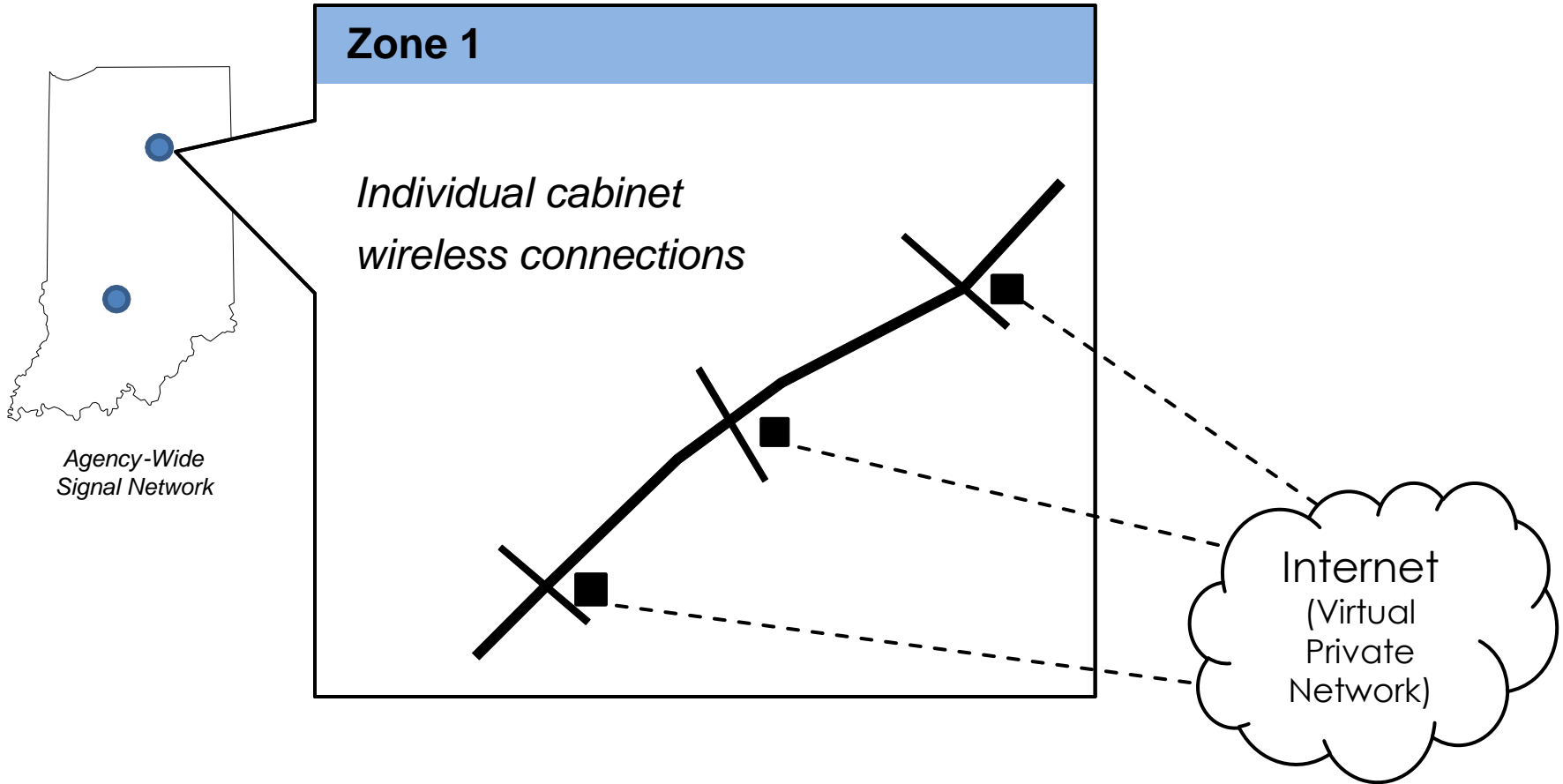
# Communications

- ▶ Methods of Data Transport
  - ▶ Fiber Interconnect
  - ▶ Cellular Modem
  - ▶ “Sneaker-net”

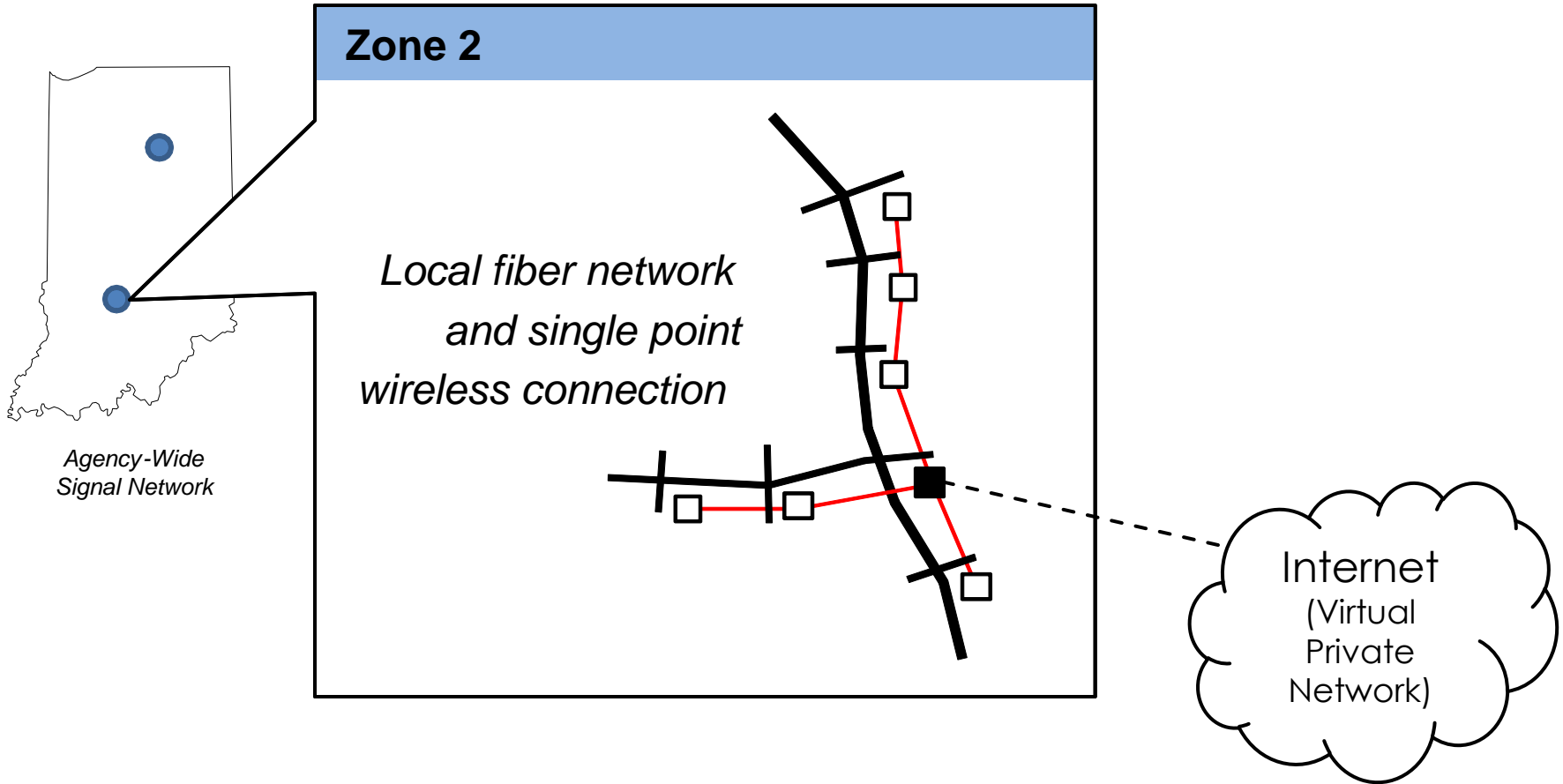
# Example Communications Infrastructure



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# What About Locations Without a Connection?

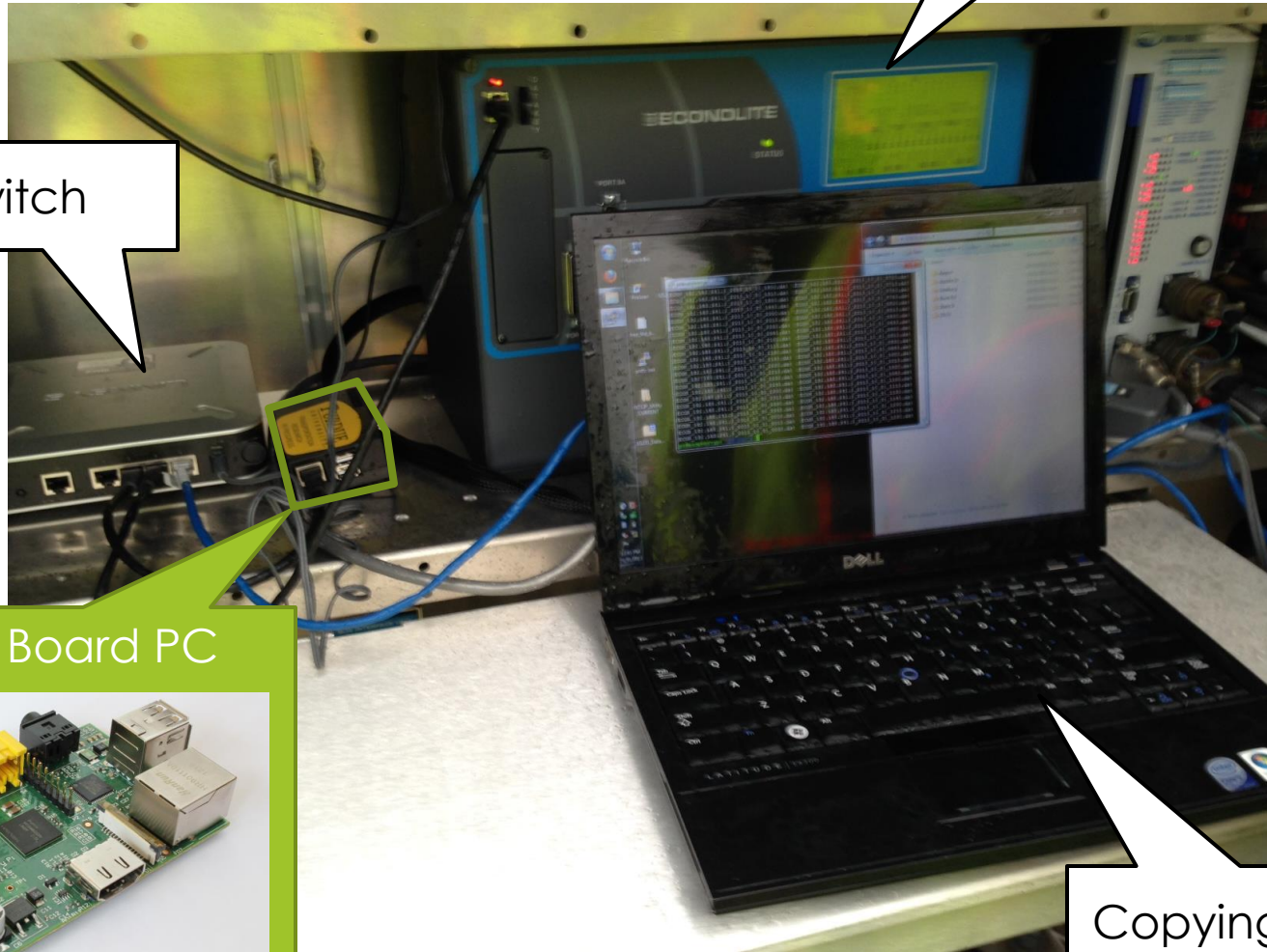
Controller

Switch

Single Board PC

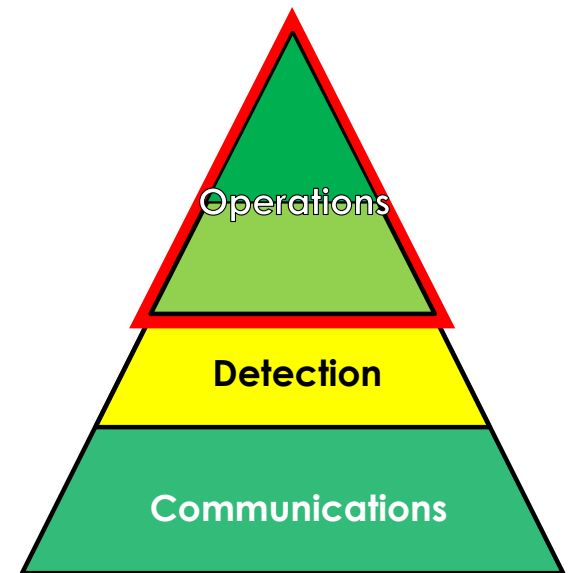


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# Detection Requirements

- ▶ Need some kind of detection on each movement that is desired to be analyzed
  - ▶ Any detection technology can be used (provided that it works)
- ▶ Flexible – Existing detection is often adequate
- ▶ Count detection allows more detailed analysis, but not required



# Stopbar versus Advance Detection



- ▶ Stop bar detection
  - ▶ Measure vehicles as they are served
  - ▶ Useful for measuring utilization of capacity for individual movements
- ▶ Advance detection
  - ▶ Measure vehicles as they arrive at the intersection
  - ▶ Needed to evaluate progression
  - ▶ Can also evaluate utilization of capacity

# Presence versus Count Detection

- ▶ When detection zone is longer than the length of a typical vehicle
- ▶ **Option 1 – Presence Only**
  - ▶ Measure detector occupancy
- ▶ **Option 2 – Presence with Count**
  - ▶ May require special detector equipment (e.g., count amplifier for loops)
  - ▶ Measure volume of vehicles



# Detection Types That Have Been Used

- ▶ Inductive Loop
- ▶ Radar
- ▶ Video
- ▶ Magnetometer



# Metrics & Detection Requirements

## Controller high-resolution data only

Purdue Phase Termination  
Split Monitor

## Advanced Count Detection (~400 ft behind stop bar)

Purdue Coordination Diagram  
Approach Volume  
Platoon Ratio

Arrivals on Red  
Approach Delay  
Executive Summary Reports

## Advanced Detection with Speed

Approach Speed

## Lane-by-lane Presence Detection

Split Failure (future)

## Lane-by-lane Count Detection

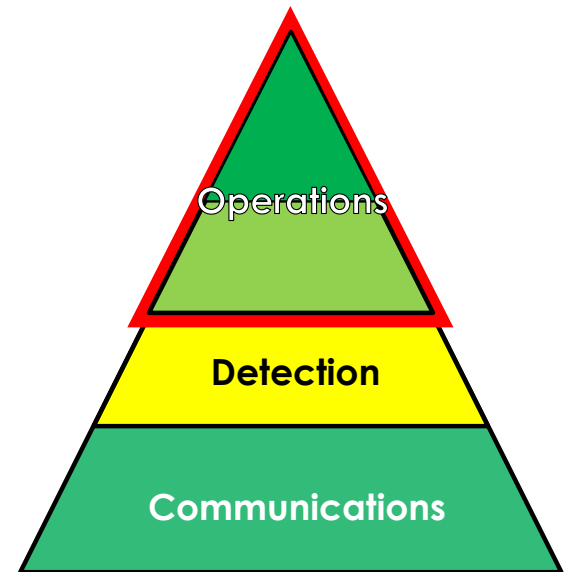
Turning Movement Counts

## Probe Travel Time Data (GPS or Bluetooth)

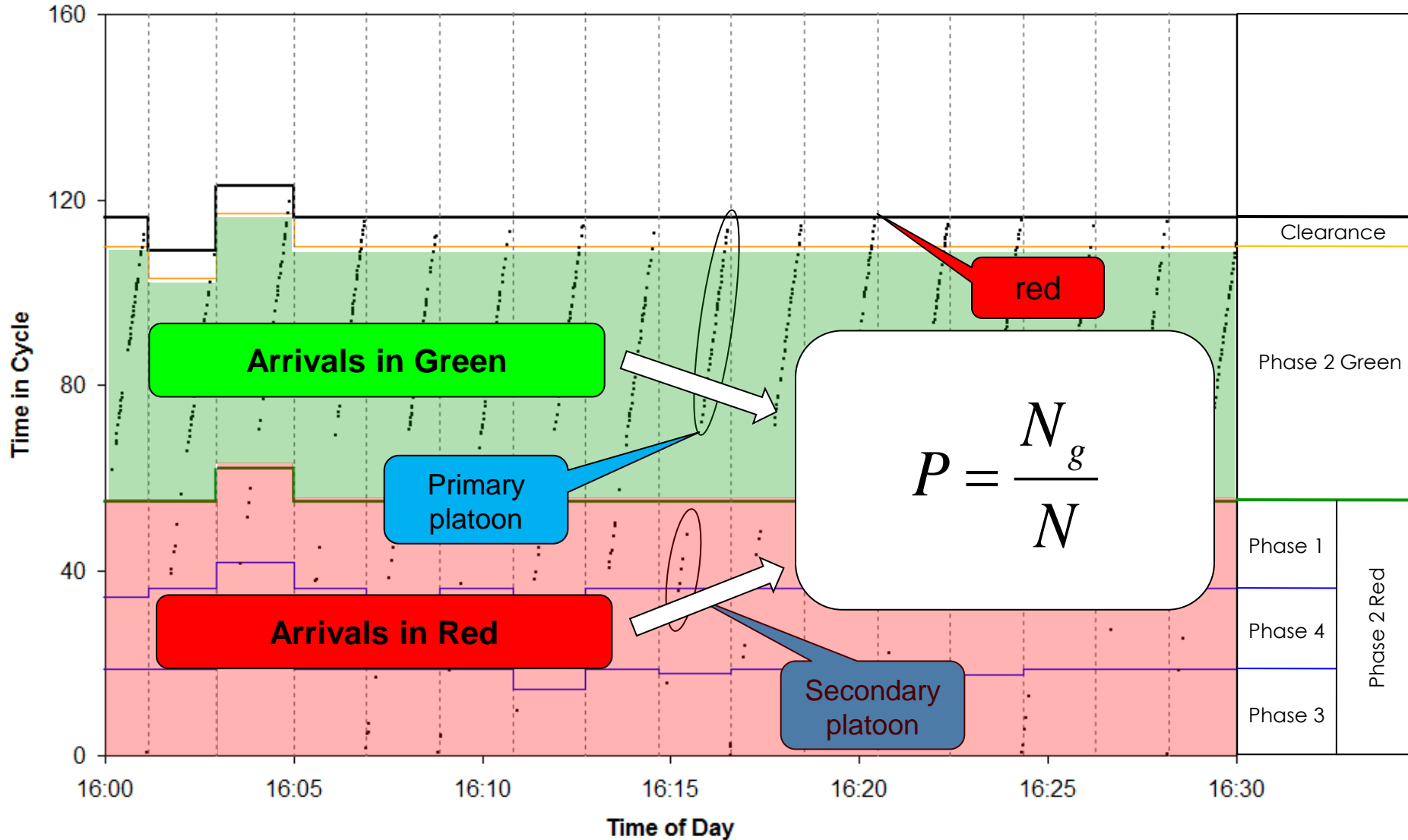
Purdue Travel Time Diagram

# Example Applications of Performance Measures

- ▶ 1. Capacity Allocation
  - ▶ Split Failure and Split Adjustment
- ▶ 2. Quality of Progression
  - ▶ Offset Optimization

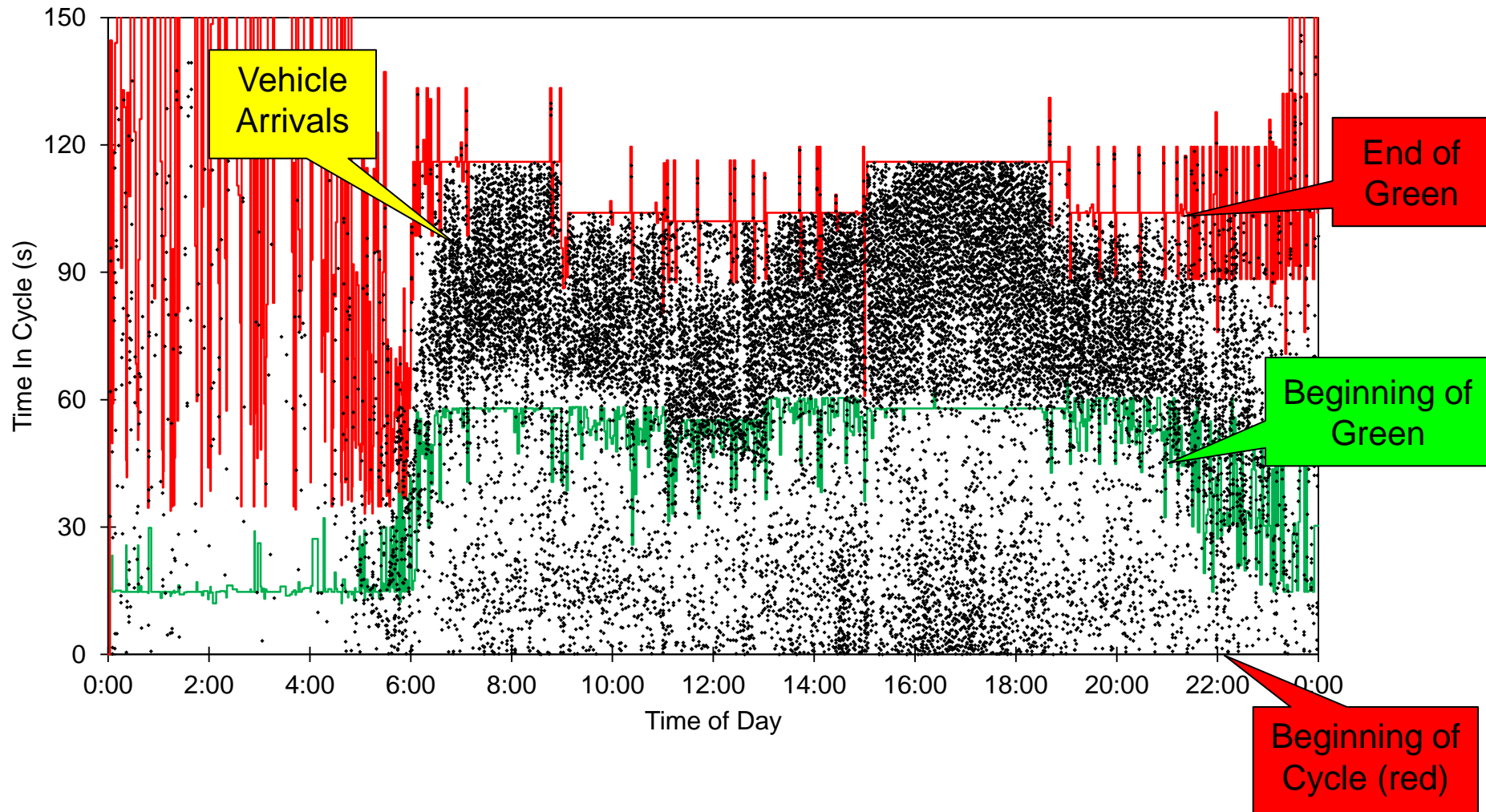


# Coordination Diagram

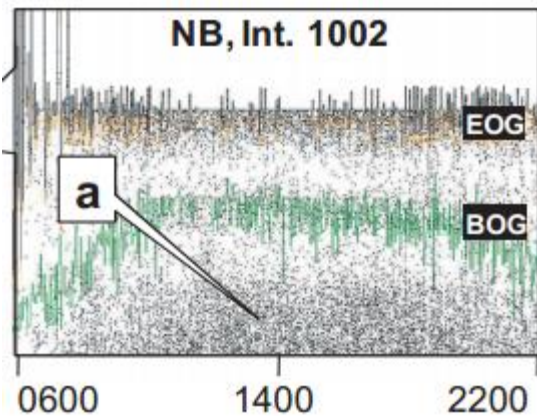
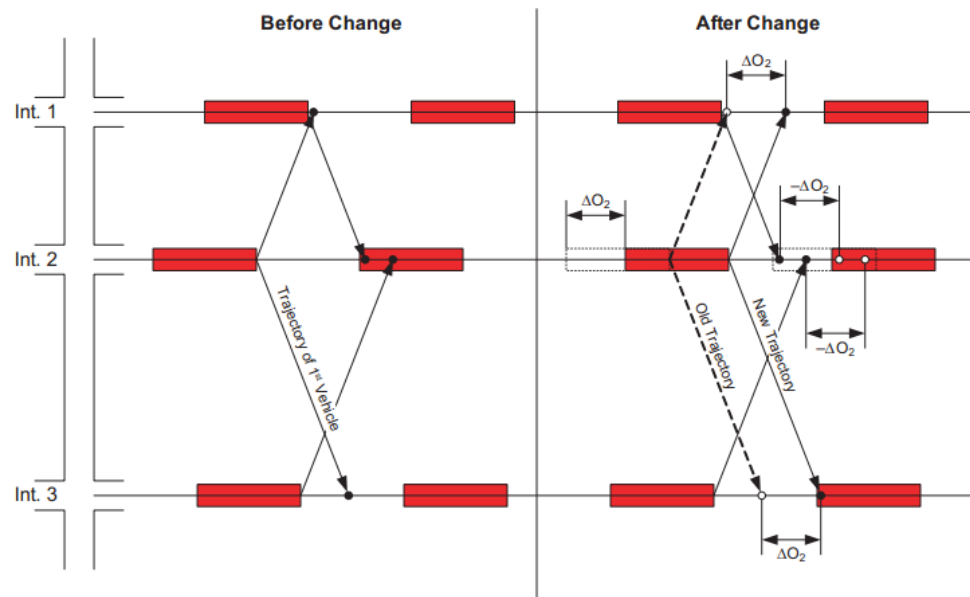


# Coordination Diagram 24-Hour View

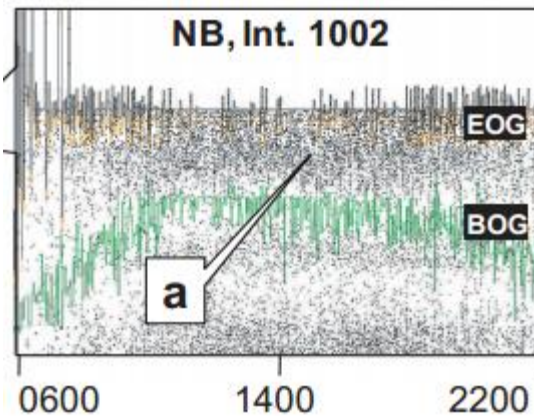
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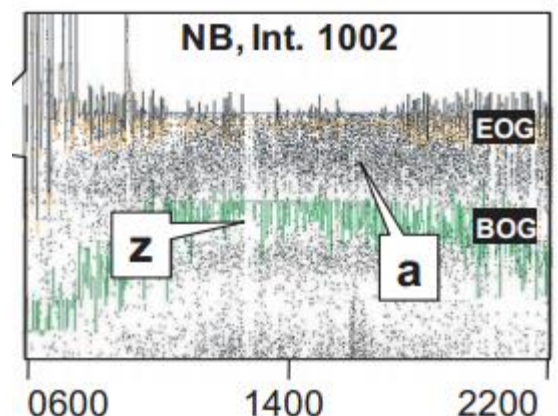
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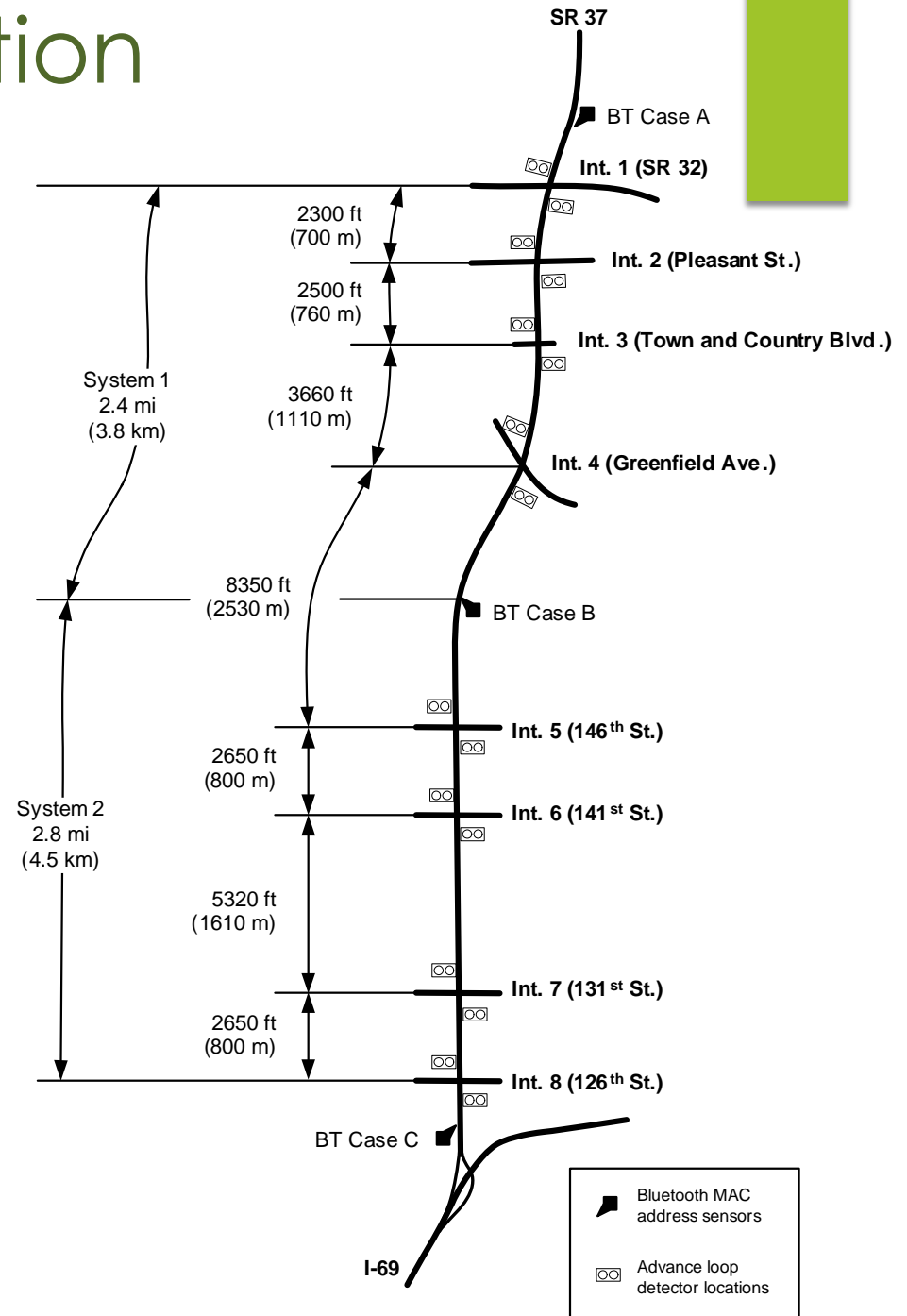
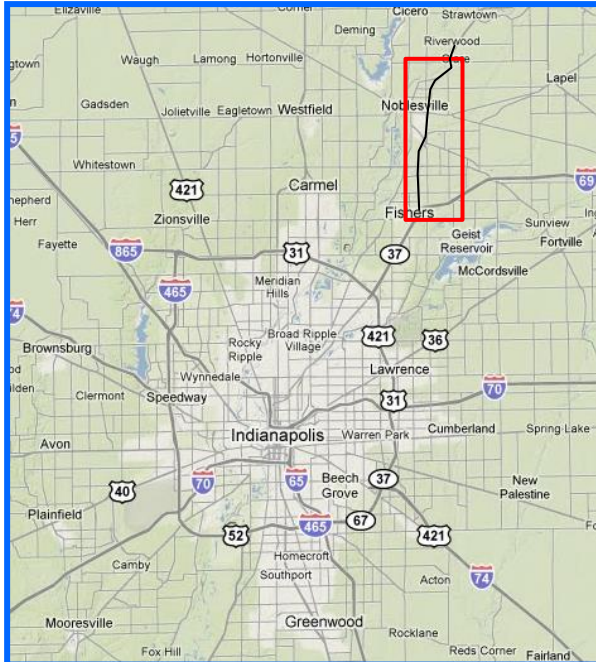


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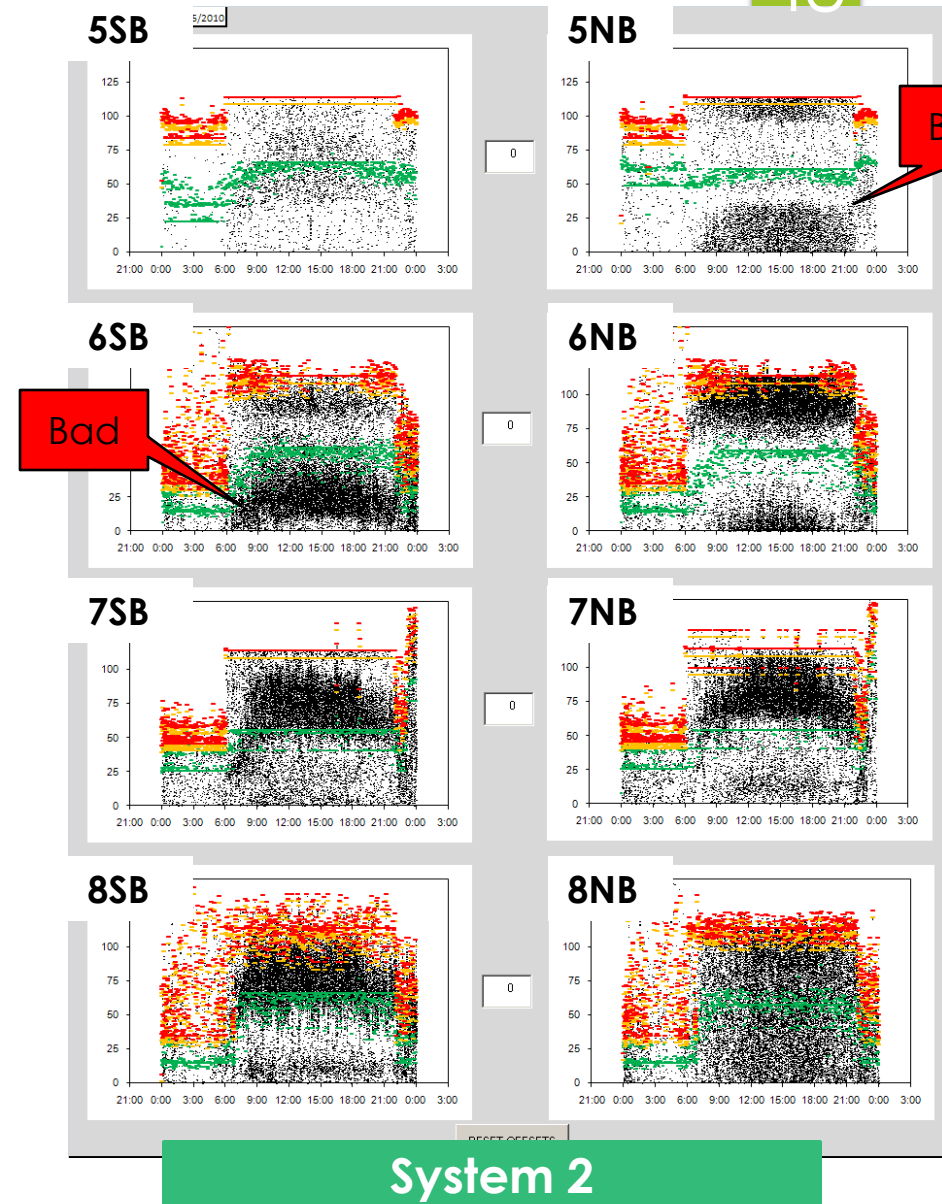
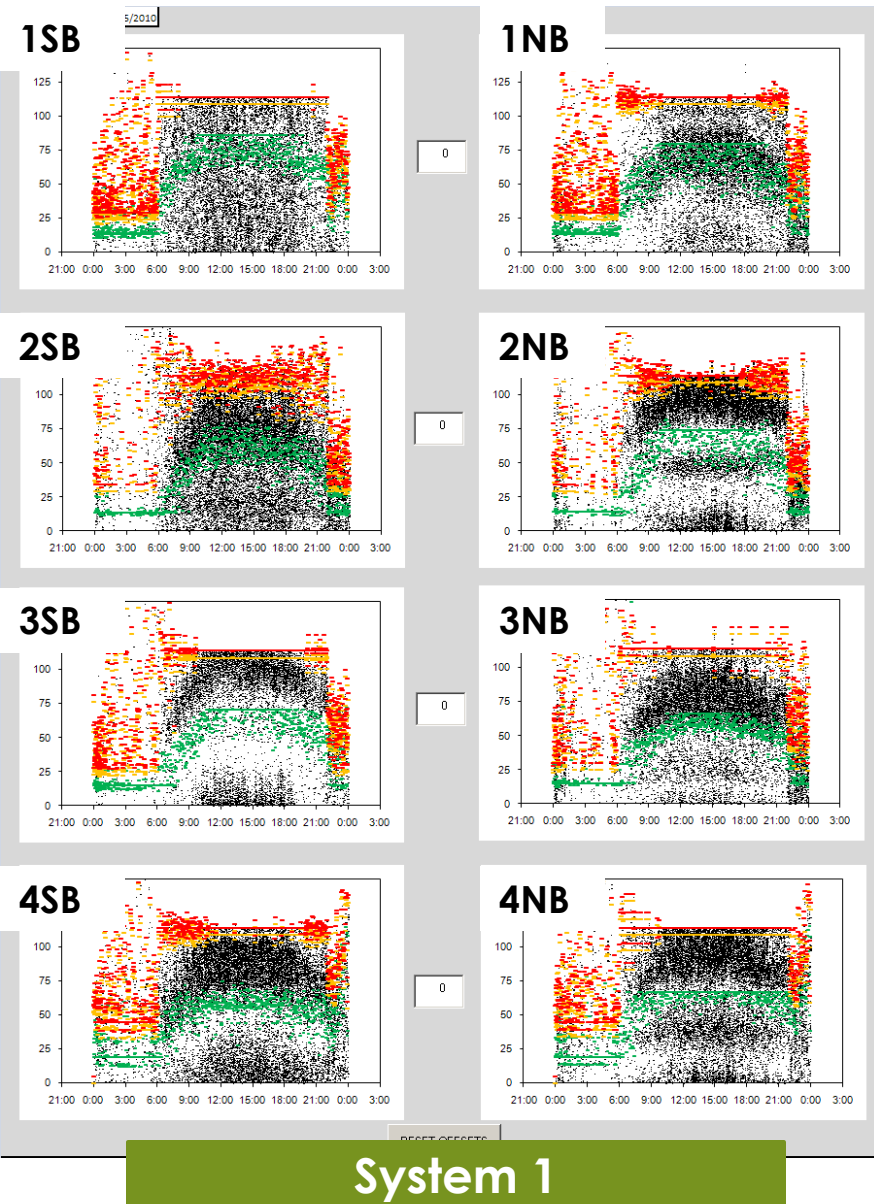
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# Offset Optimization Case Study



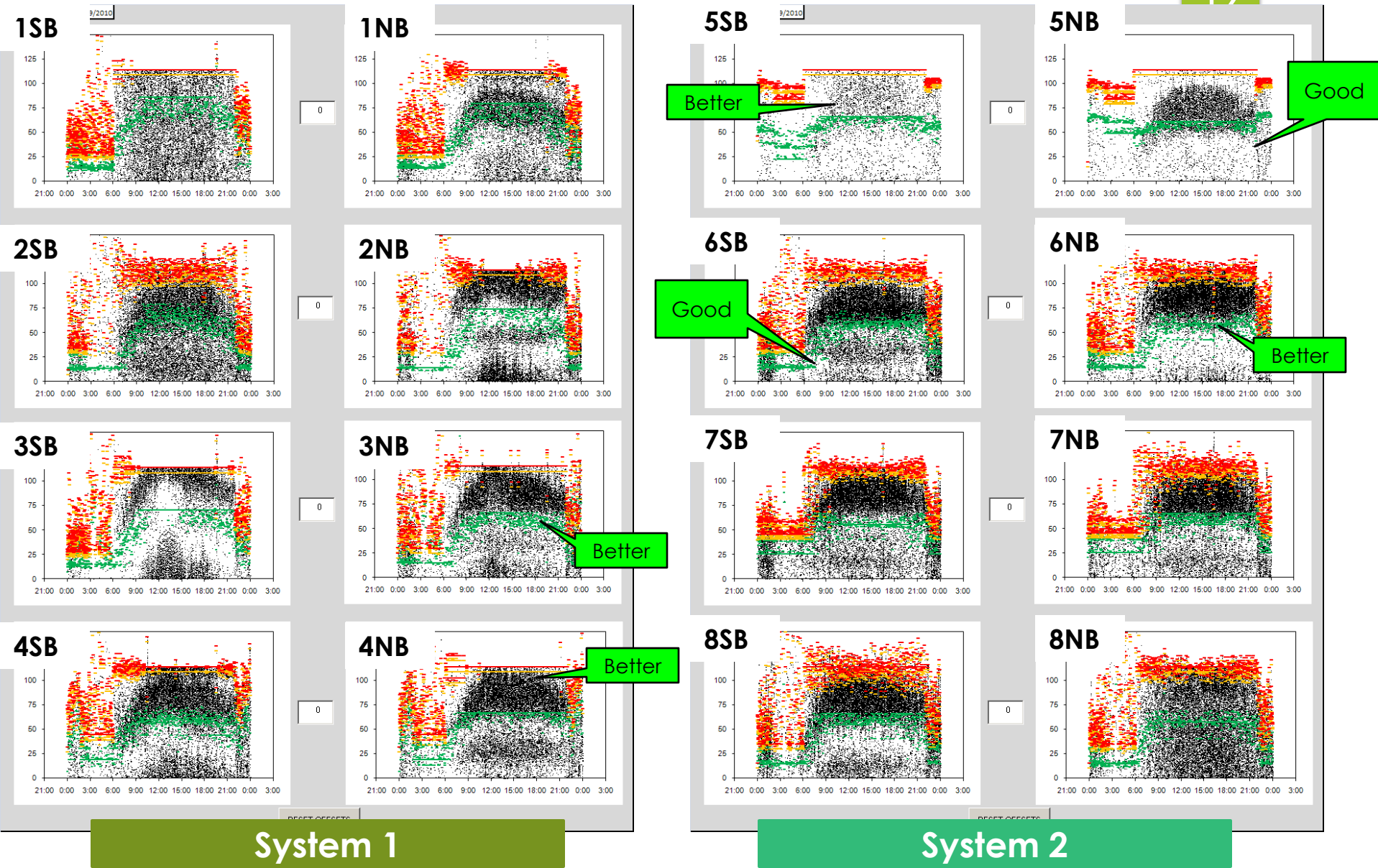
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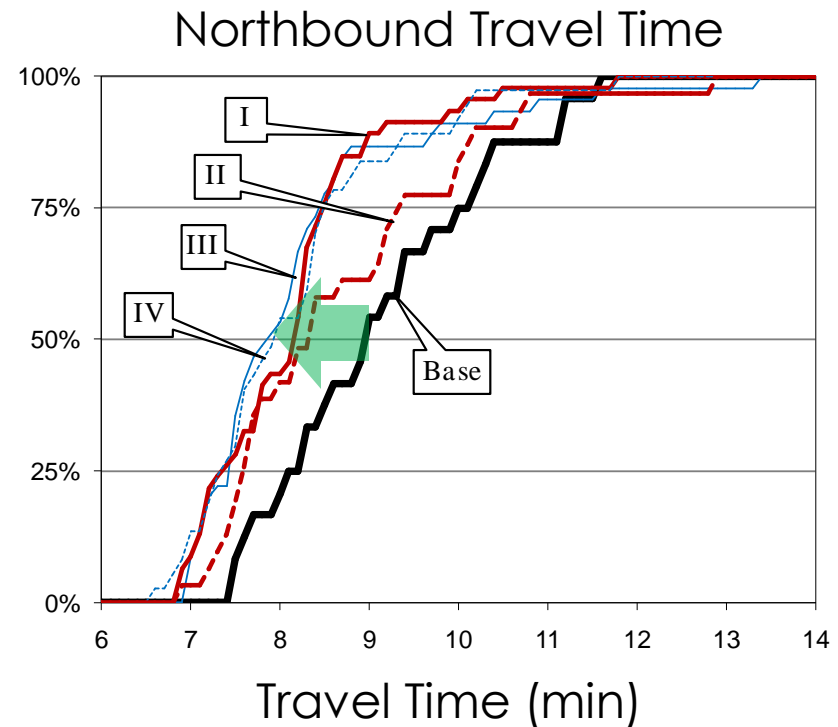
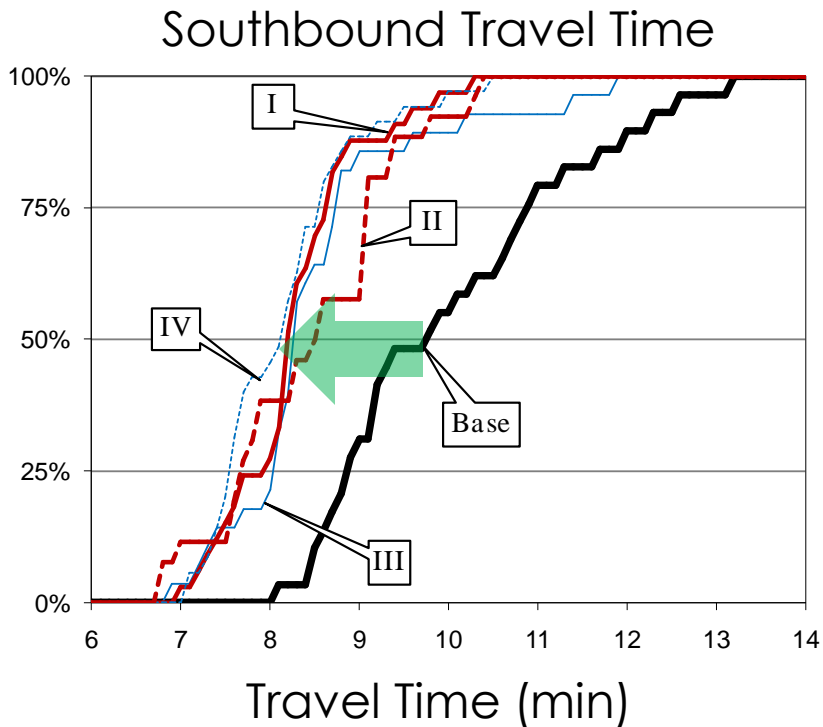




# Offset Optimization – AFTER



# Impact on Travel Times



**I. Min Delay**

**II. Min Delay / Stops**

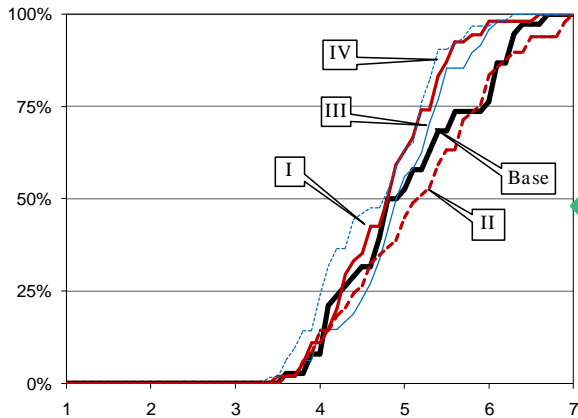
**III. Max Arrivals on Green**

**IV. Max Arrivals on Green with Queue Clearance**

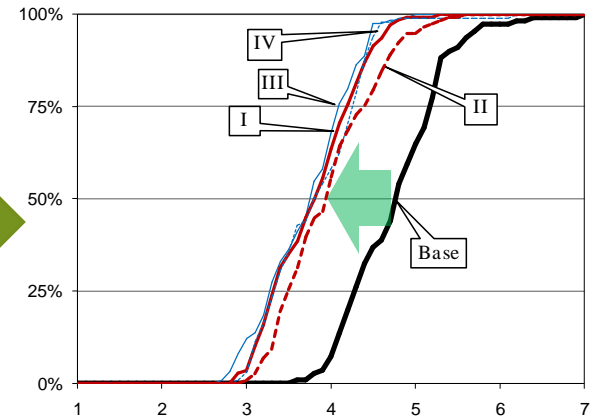
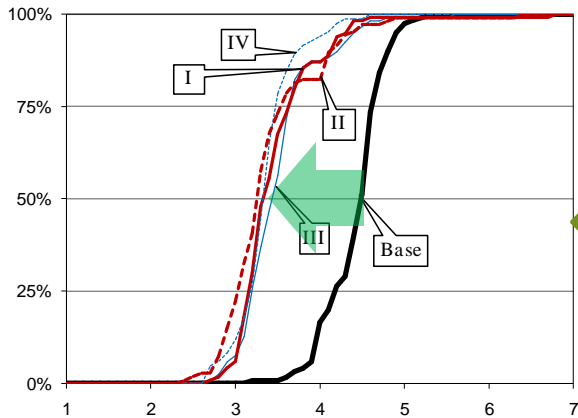
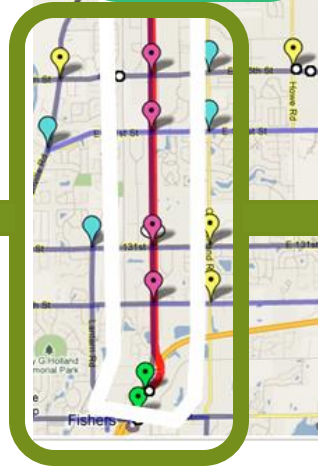
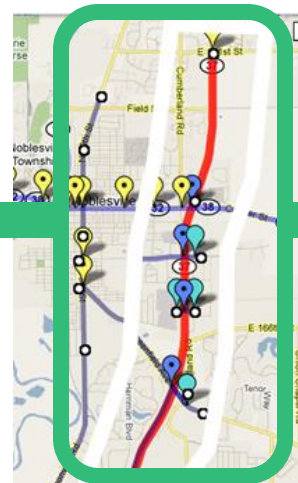
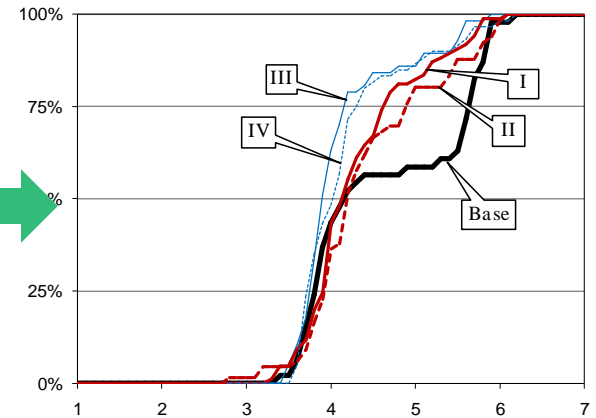
# Impact on Travel Times



## Southbound Travel Time



## Northbound Travel Time



Travel Time (min)

Travel Time (min)

# Estimation of User Benefit



Objective		Daily					Annual			
		Total Time Saved (veh-min)	CO <sub>2</sub> Emission Reduction (tons)	CO <sub>2</sub> Savings	User Benefits	Multiplier	CO <sub>2</sub> Emission Reduction (tons)	CO <sub>2</sub> Savings	User Benefits	
(a) System 1, Northern Section										
I	Min Delay	5032	0.71	\$16	\$1,697	52	37	\$810	\$88,233	
II	Min Delay and Stops	3813	0.54	\$12	\$1,286	52	28	\$614	\$66,864	
III	Max $N_g$	1760	0.25	\$5	\$593	52	13	\$283	\$30,855	
IV	Alt. Max $N_g$	7883	1.11	\$24	\$2,658	52	58	\$1,268	\$138,229	
(b) System 2, Southern Section										
I	Min Delay	24386	3.43	\$75	\$8,223	52	178	\$3,924	\$427,614	
II	Min Delay and Stops	25327	3.56	\$78	\$8,541	52	185	\$4,075	\$444,111	
III	Max $N_g$	25147	3.54	\$78	\$8,480	52	184	\$4,046	\$440,962	
IV	Alt. Max $N_g$	26338	3.70	\$81	\$8,882	52	193	\$4,238	\$461,845	
(c) System 1 and System 2, Arterial										
I	Min Delay	29418	4.14	\$91	\$9,920	52	215	\$4,733	\$515,847	
II	Min Delay and Stops	29140	4.10	\$90	\$9,826	52	213	\$4,689	\$510,976	
III	Max $N_g$	26907	3.78	\$83	\$9,073	52	197	\$4,329	\$471,817	
IV	Alt. Max $N_g$	34221	4.81	\$106	\$11,540	52	250	\$5,506	\$600,073	

Impact of going from arrivals in red to arrivals in green

# CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ELEMENTS: UDOT Implementation



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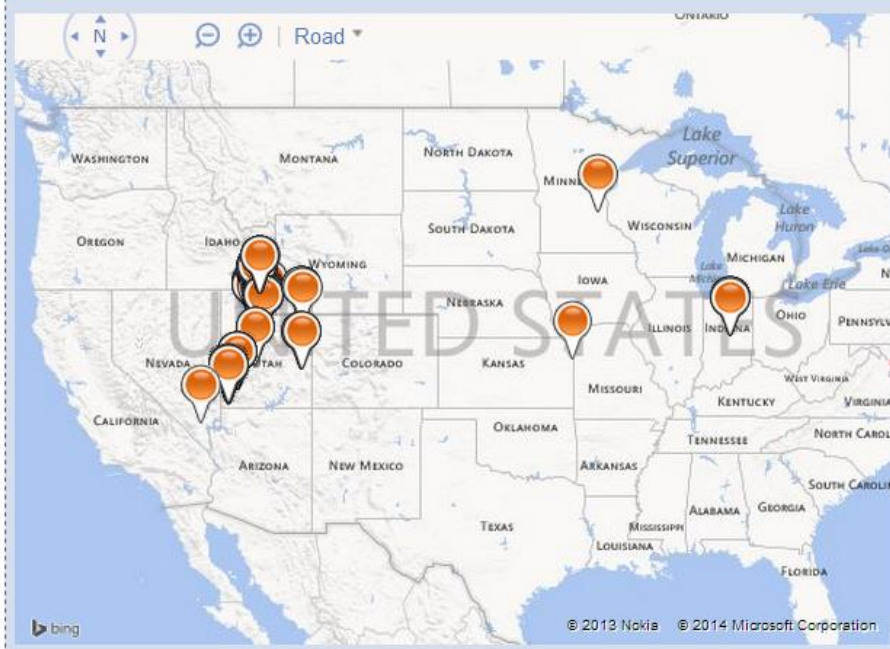
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Selected Signal  
 5600 West SR-201 Westbound

Signals  
 Region   
 Metric Type   
 Filter

### Signal List

### Map




Metric Settings

Metric Type

- Approach Delay
- Approach Volume
- Arrivals On Red
- Purdue Coordination Diagram
- Purdue Phase Termination
- Speed
- Split Monitor

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 Percentile Split   
 Show Plan Stripes  Show % Max Out/ Force Off  
 Show Ped Activity  Show Percent Gap Outs  
 Show Average Split  Show Percent Skip  
 Upload Current Data

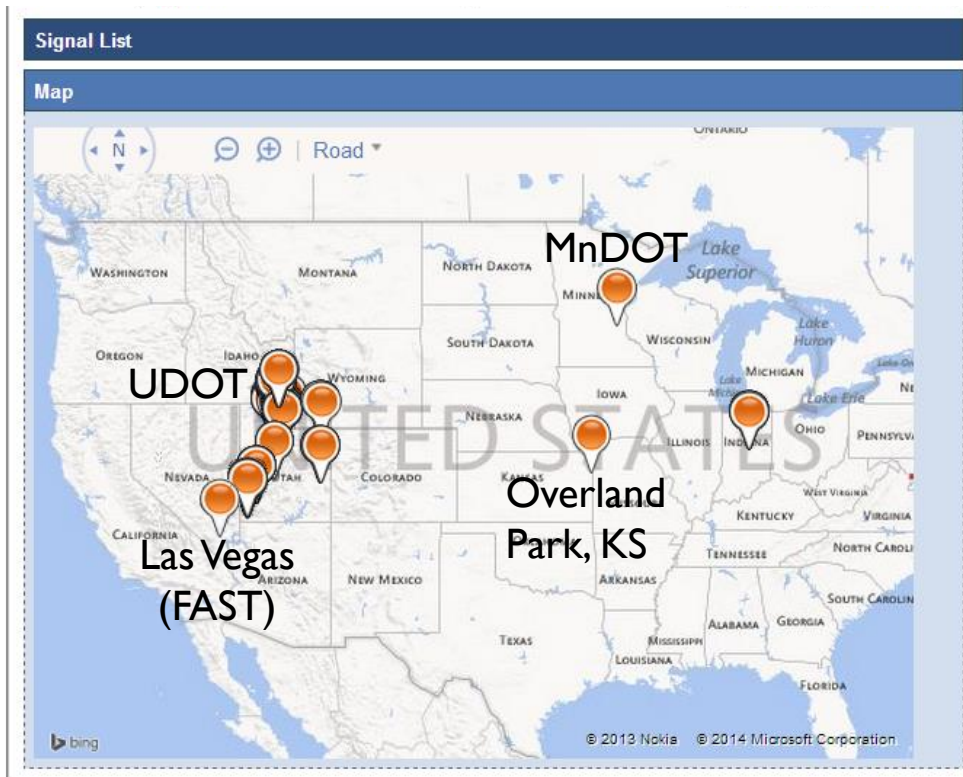
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Start Date   AM  
 End Date   PM

Reset Date

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27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

## Agencies using UDOT software for SPMs



Y Axis Maximum

Percentile Split

Show Plan Stripes  Show % Max Out/ Force Off

Show Ped Activity  Show Percent Gap Outs

Show Average Split  Show Percent Skip

Upload Current Data

Dates

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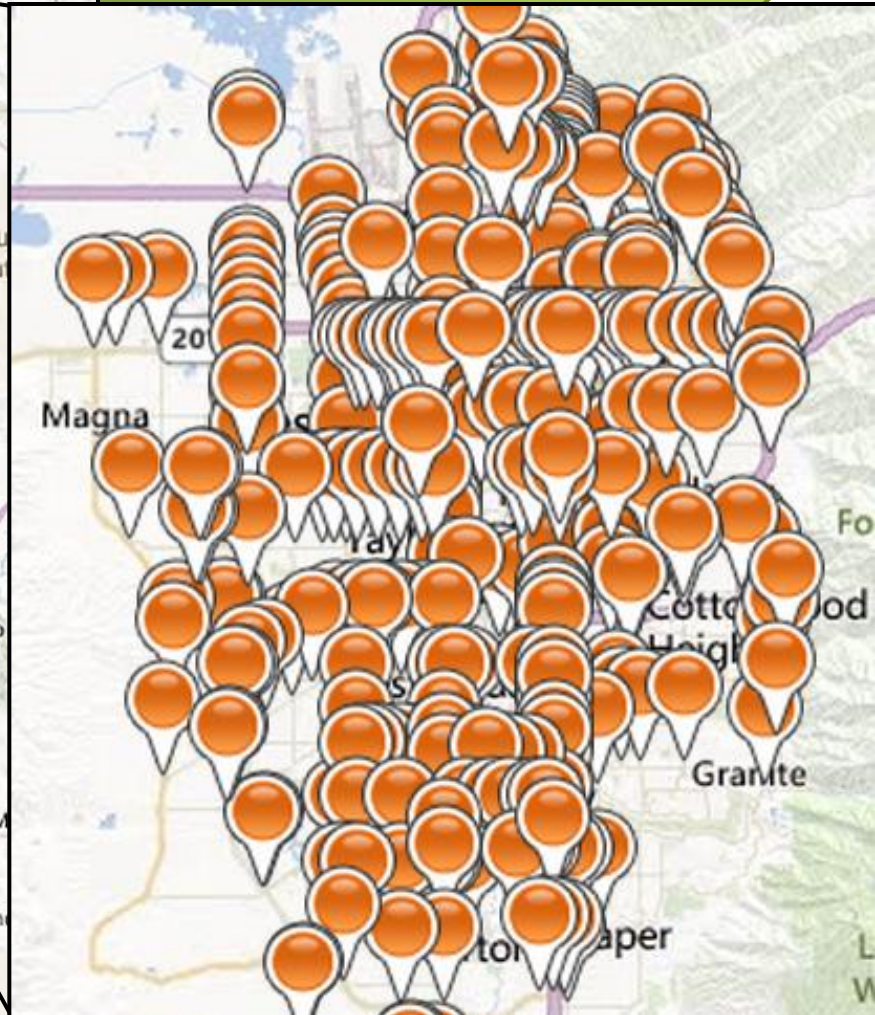
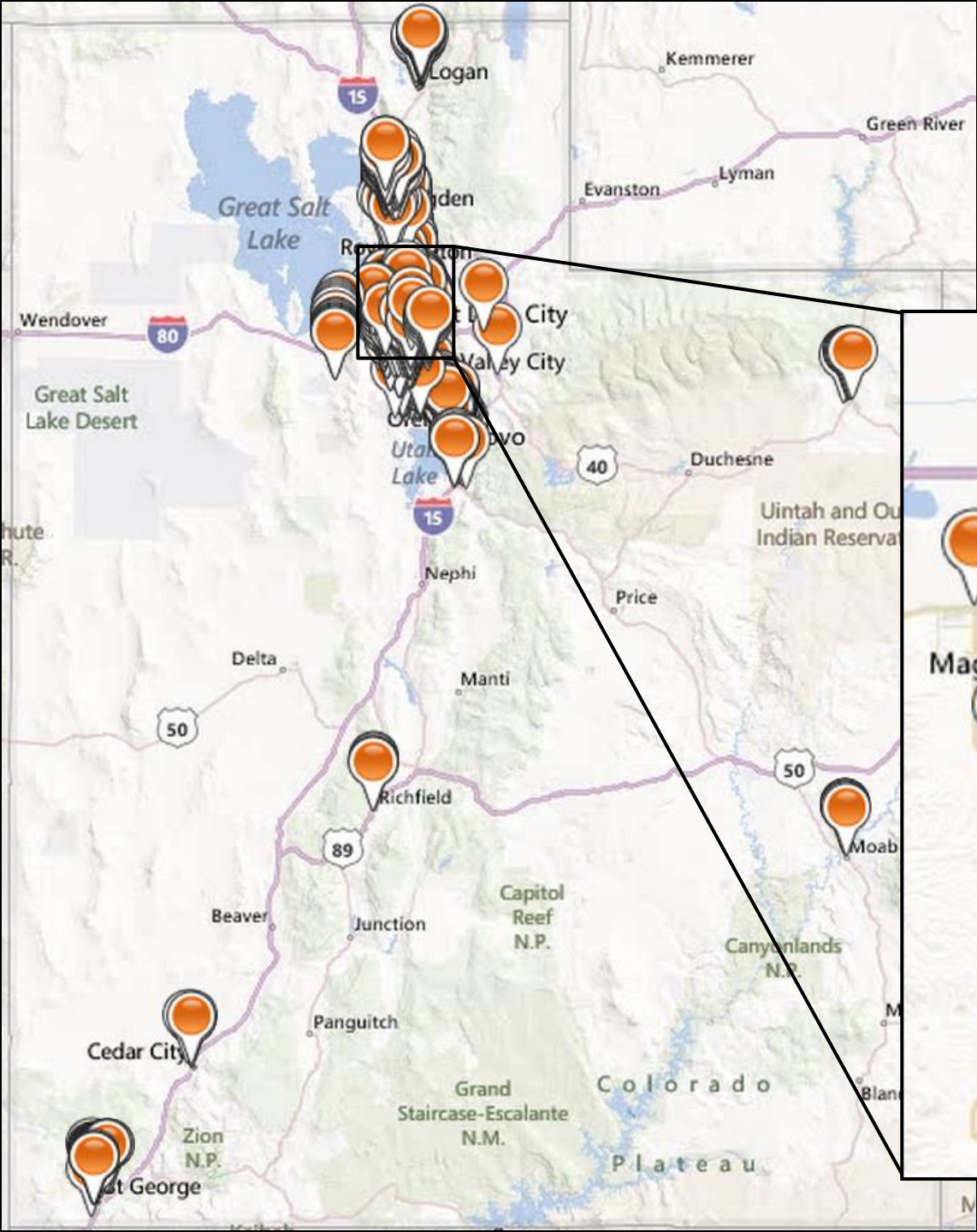
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Create Metrics

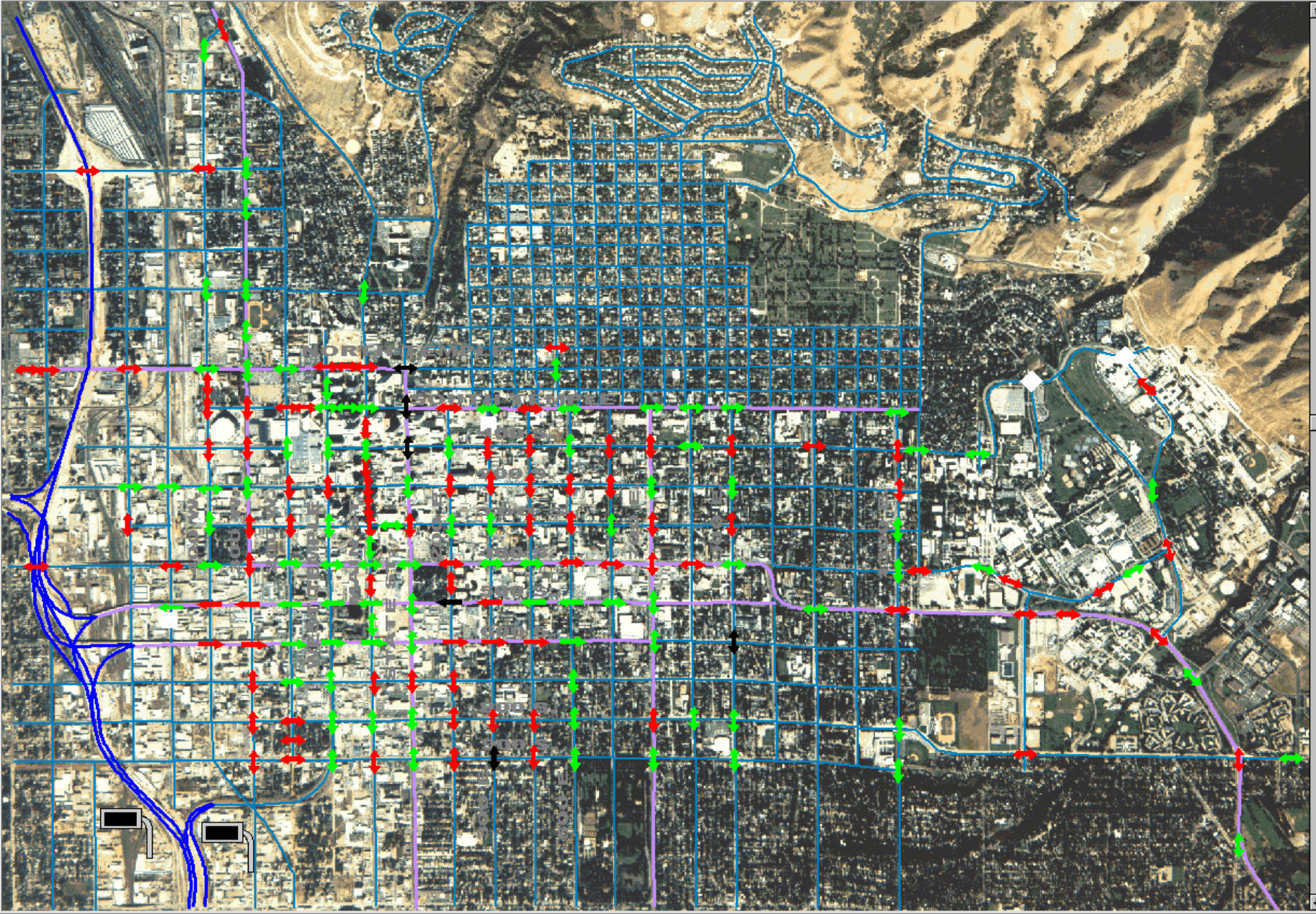
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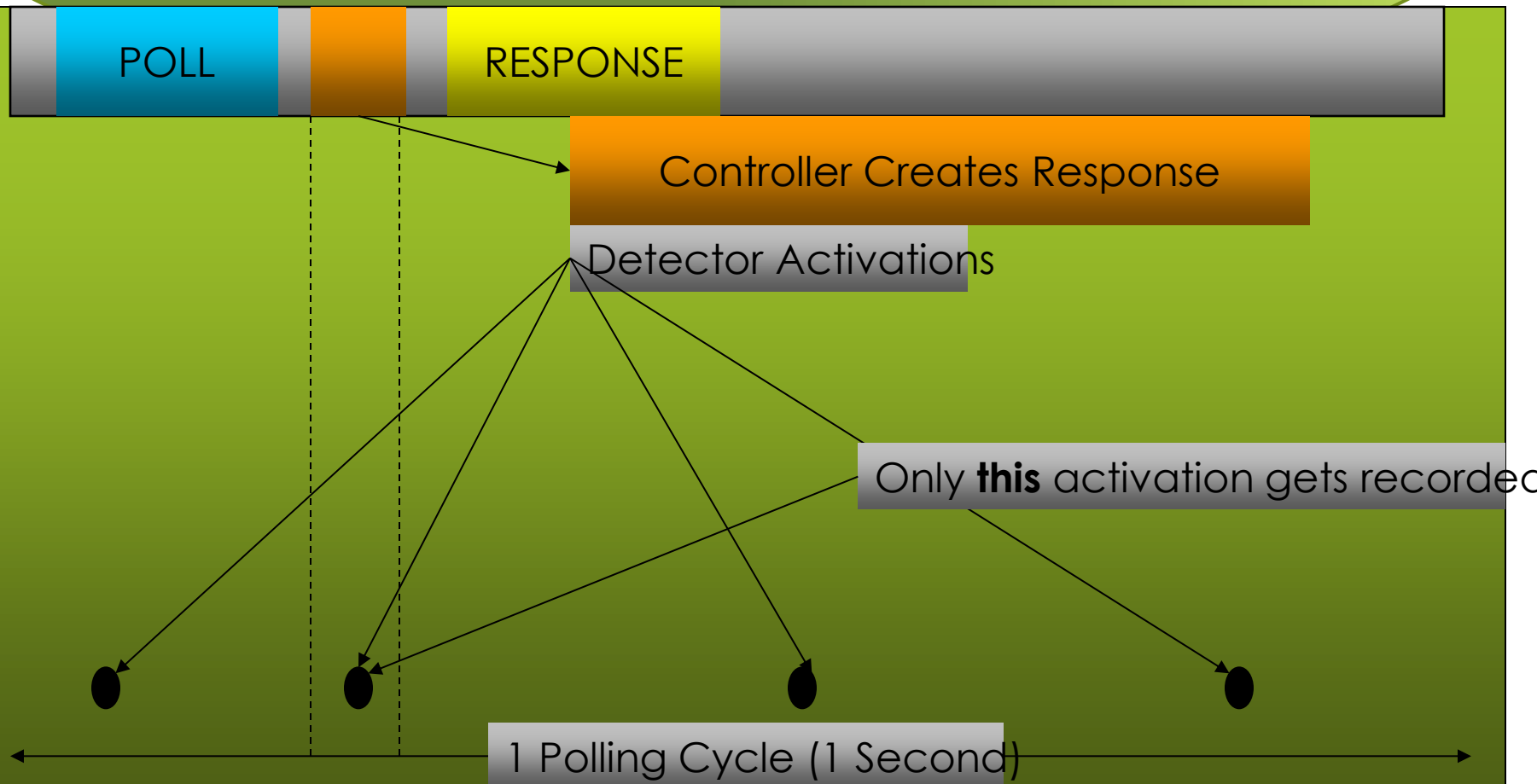


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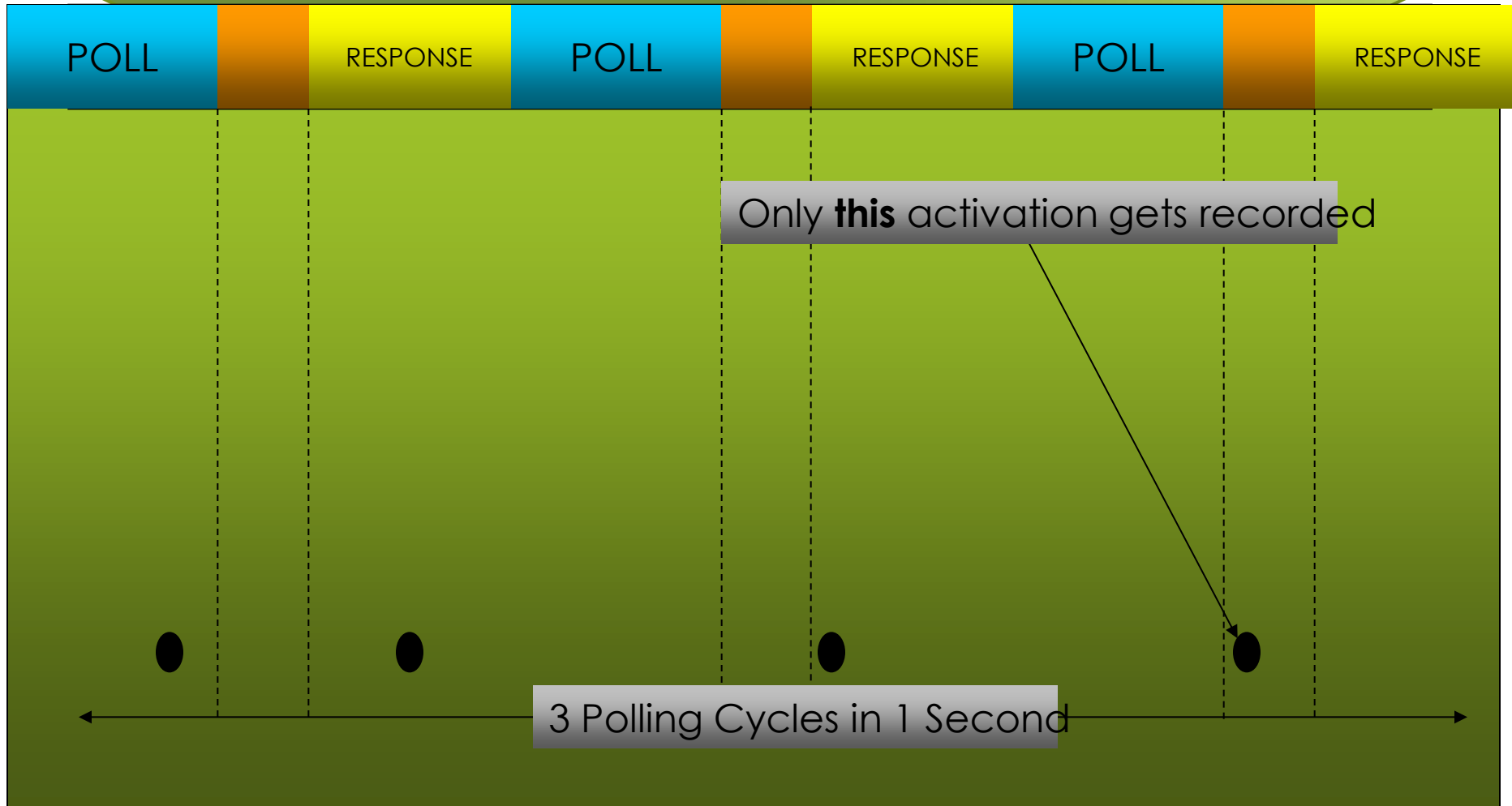
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# Detector Activations and Poll Rates.



# Detector Activations and Poll Rates.



# The Econolite ASC3 Controller

- ▶ Collects events at 1/10 second resolution
- ▶ Stores the collected events in binary log files for maximum storage efficiency
- ▶ The files are retrieved over FTP
- ▶ UDOT uses APP version 2.54 and OS version 1.14.03.

# Detection Technologies

## Setback Count Detectors

- ▶ Wavetronix Advance
- ▶ Used to timestamp vehicle arrivals
- ▶ 10' count zone placed ~350' behind stop bar
- ▶ No additional expense if already in place for dilemma zones
- ▶ May undercount dense traffic

**Verify Channels-Alerts-Zones**

**Tracker Logging**

Log File:

Off

Elapsed: **00:00:00**

View Log:

Date/Time  
07-16-13  
09:12:11

**Ch2-A1-Z1**

Zone1  
340 350

SBCnt  
Pu

Total:  
**00010**

Reset

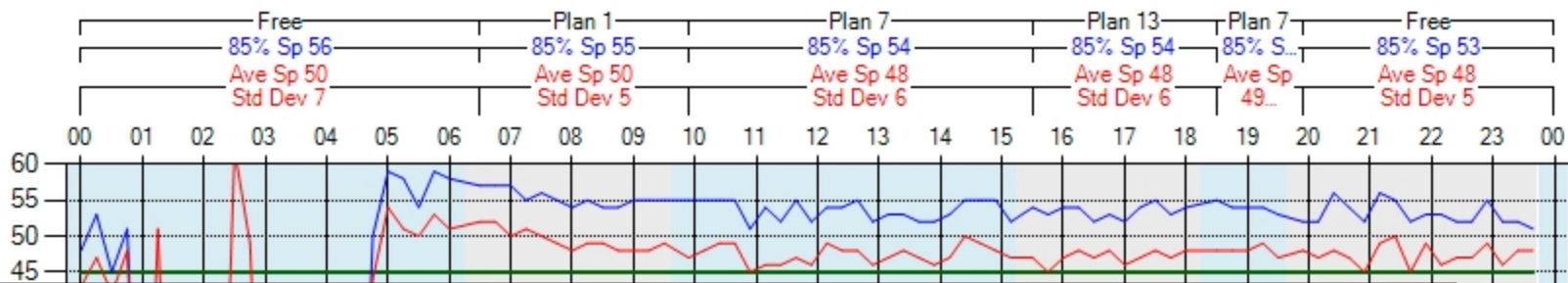
Logging Range | Speed | ETA Ch2

# Detection Technologies

## Loops

- ▶ We have one site that uses loops for advanced detection.
- ▶ The loops come in on separate detection channels. They are combined together in the SPM software to give accurate counts.

# Detection Technologies



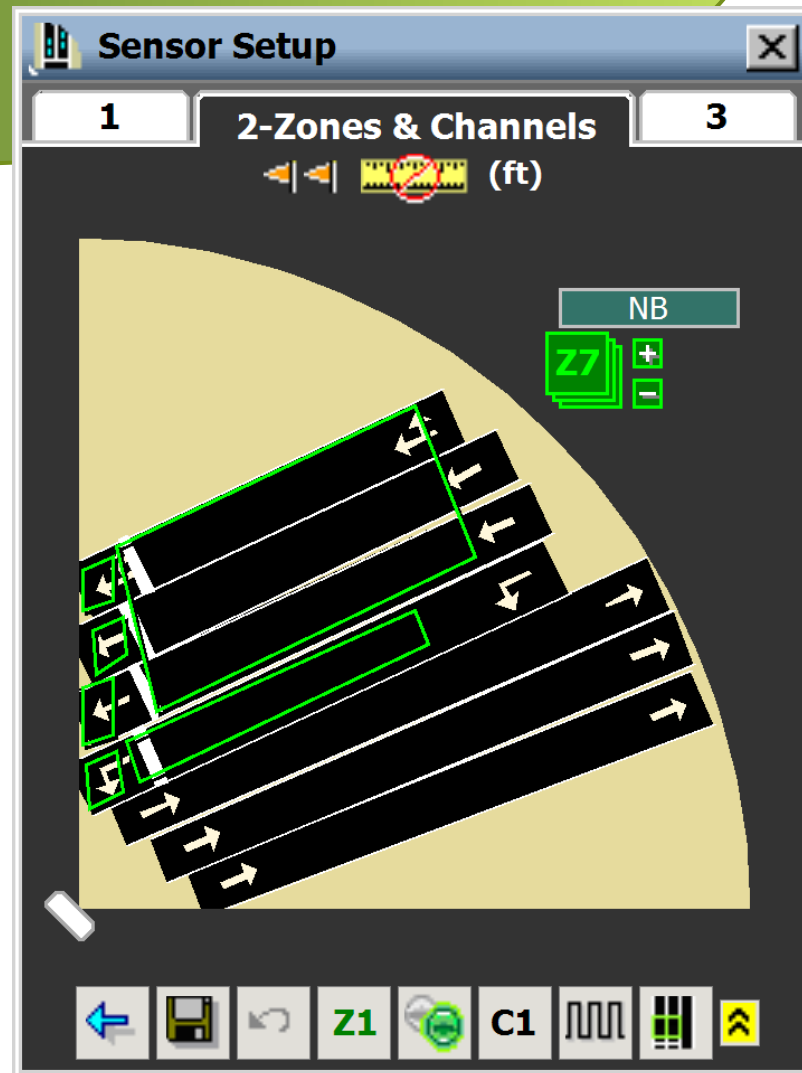
## Speed Detection

- ▶ Uses the Wavetronix Advance
- ▶ The detector sends the recorded MPH, KPH, timestamp and detector ID to a server.
- ▶ The server records the information to the database for use in the charts.

# Detection Technologies

## Wavetronix Matrix detectors

- ▶ Used for turning movement counts
- ▶ Lane-by-lane detection zones in front of stop bar
- ▶ Requires detection rack card for every two zones (\$\$\$\$\$)
- ▶ Wavetronix is expected to release a new high-capacity detector BIU in June, 2014.



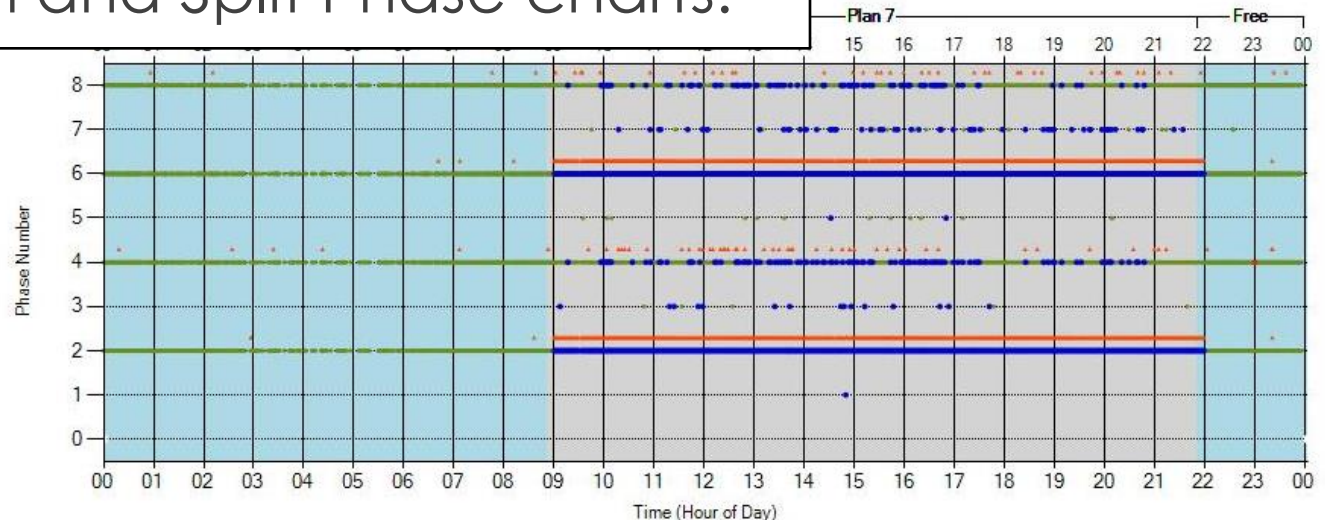


# Detection Technologies

## Standard stop bar detection

- ▶ The intersection can still be monitored with the Phase Termination and Split Phase charts.

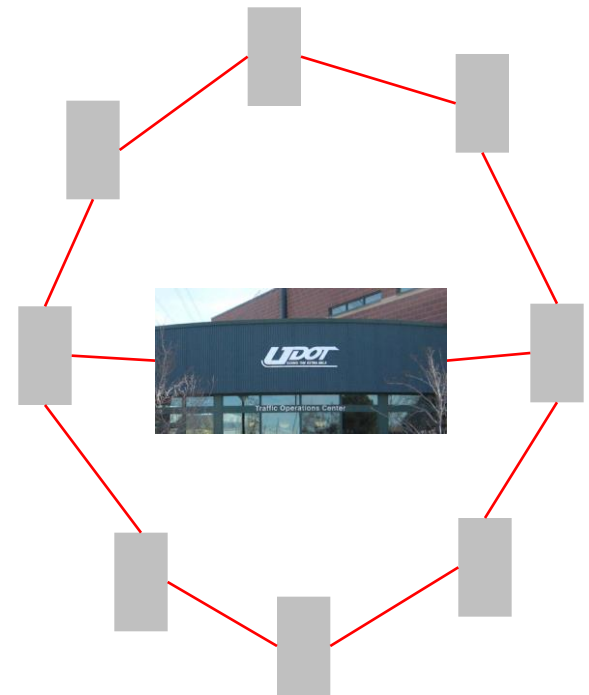
- ForceOff
- Ped Walk Begin



Currently showing Force-Offs, Max-Outs and Gap-Outs with a consecutive occurrence of 1 or more.  
Pedestrian events are never filtered

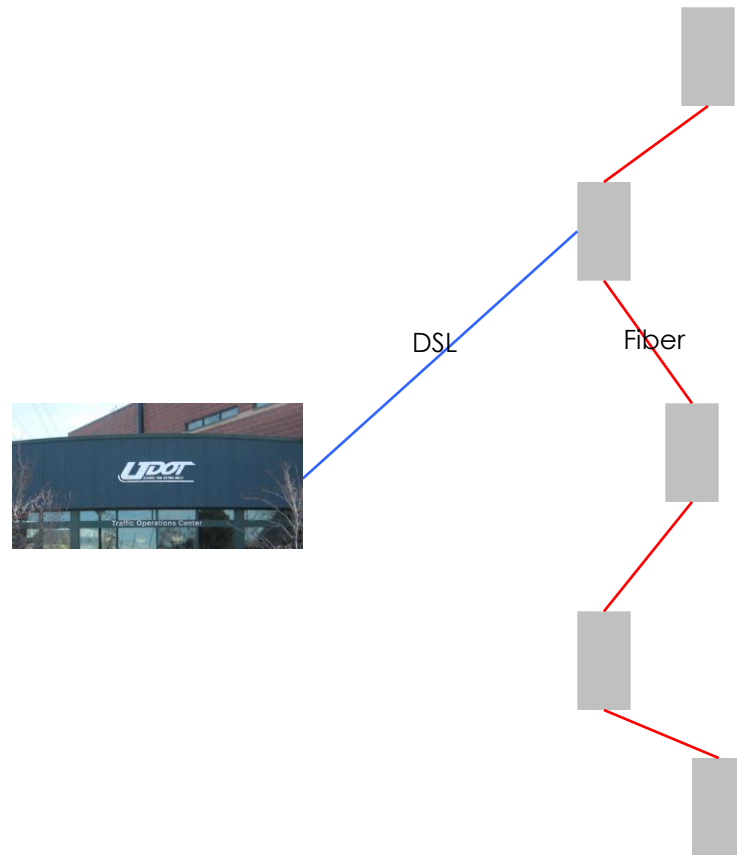
# Communication

- ▶ UDOT has the advantage of fiber Ethernet to nearly every signal cabinet in the state.
- ▶ This provides fast and reliable communication, making the wide-scale rapid collection of hi-res data feasible.
- ▶ Even so, event collection is typically 7-10 minutes behind real time.



# Communication

- ▶ In the locations we lack fiber, DSL provides a connection to a fiber channel.
- ▶ In the few sites that remain, we are investigating “Sneaker-Net” solutions, such as the Raspberry Pi.



# Signal Identifier

- ▶ Each intersection must have a unique identifier.
- ▶ UDOT uses 4-digit ID numbers that have been assigned by region to every intersection in the state.

The screenshot displays a web-based application interface. At the top, a dark blue header contains the text "Signal List". Below this is a section titled "Map" which shows a map of Murray, Utah. The map features several orange circular markers indicating signal locations. A pop-up window is open over one of these markers, displaying the following information:

- 7657 - State Street Intermountain Dr. (5150 S)**
- Purdue Phase Termination
- Split Monitor

The map includes street names such as W 4000 S, W 3900 S, W 4500 S, W 4800 S, W 5300 S, W 5600 S, Murray-Taylorsville Rd, E 4800 S, E 5300 S, E 5600 S, and Murray Hollac. It also shows highway shields for 15, 266, 152, and 173. The bottom right corner of the map area contains copyright information: "© 2013 Nokia" and "© 2014 Microsoft Corporation".

# Time Synchronization



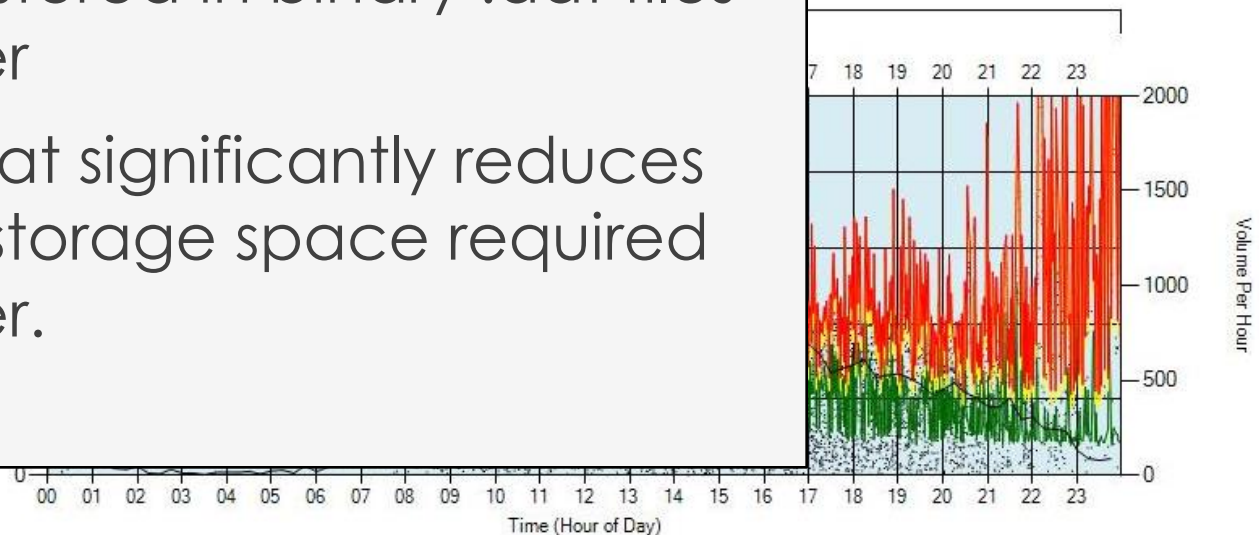
- ▶ The controller times must be synched, or the events do not make much sense.
- ▶ It is possible to synchronize the time on NTCIP controllers without a central signal system.

# Enabling the Hi-Res Logger

- ▶ Logging on the ASC3 controllers can be enabled and disabled over SNMP. There is no option for it through the front panel.
- ▶ VOIT logging, if enabled, must be disabled first.
- ▶ If the controller is reset, logging must be enabled again.

# Data retrieval and storage

- ▶ The ASC3 records each event in 1/10 second resolution.
- ▶ The events are stored in binary .dat files on the controller
- ▶ The binary format significantly reduces the amount of storage space required on the controller.



# The Econolite binary file

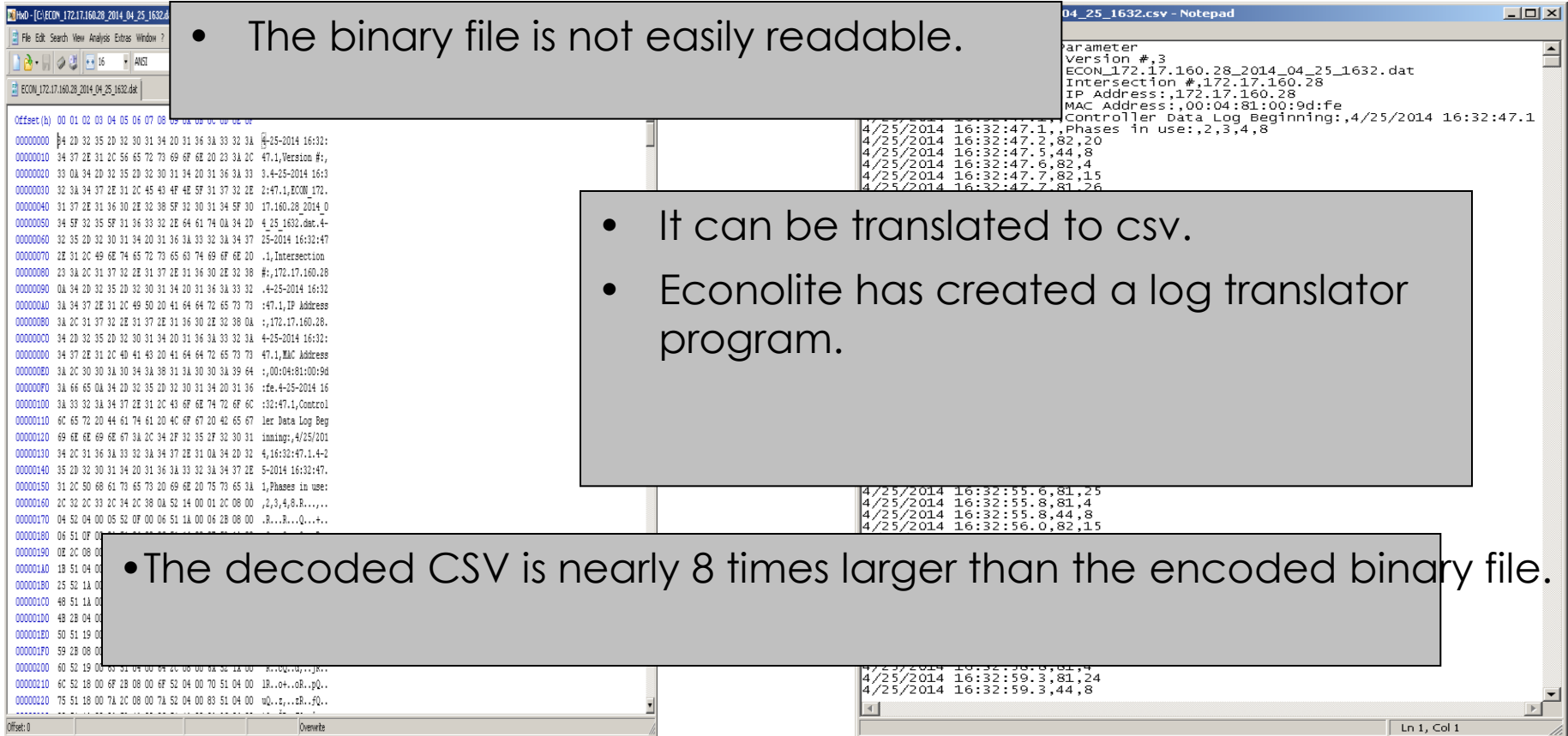
Before:

- The binary file is not easily readable.

After:

- It can be translated to csv.
- Econolite has created a log translator program.

- The decoded CSV is nearly 8 times larger than the encoded binary file.



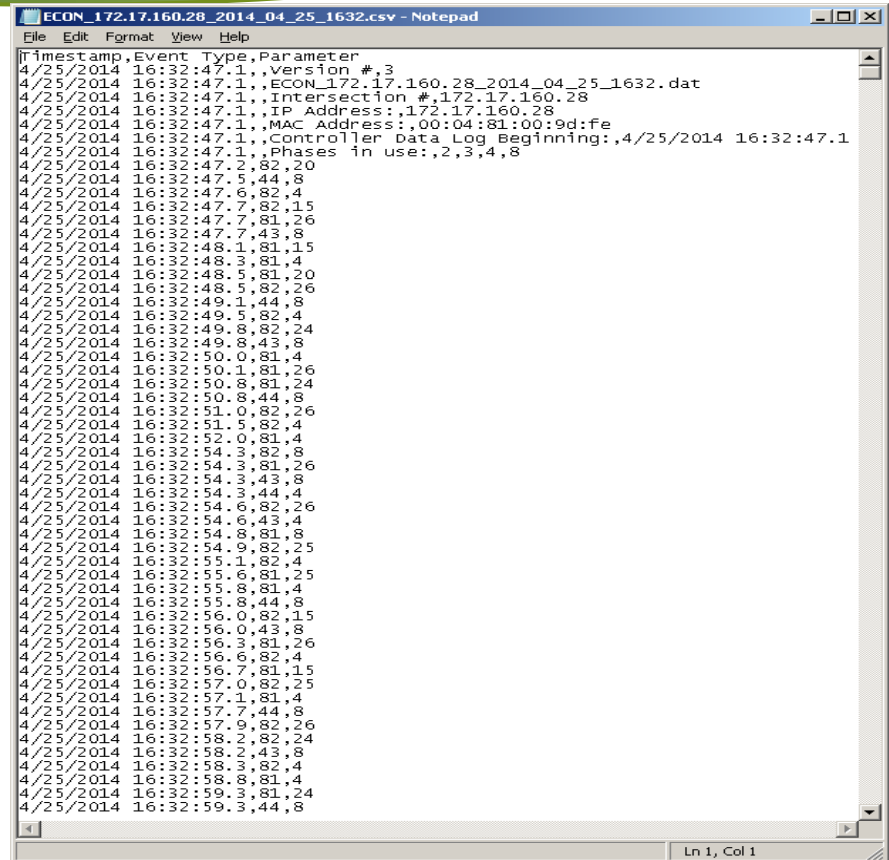


# Retrieving the binary file

- ▶ The ASC3 controllers have FTP servers.
- ▶ The .dat files are located in the /SET1 directory.
- ▶ A program periodically collects the .dat files from the controller using FTP, and stores the files in on the database server.

# The .CSV file

- ▶ The controller does not know its own ID.
- ▶ Therefore, the Signal ID is no where in the .csv file.
- ▶ That information must be added to the record before it is added to the database

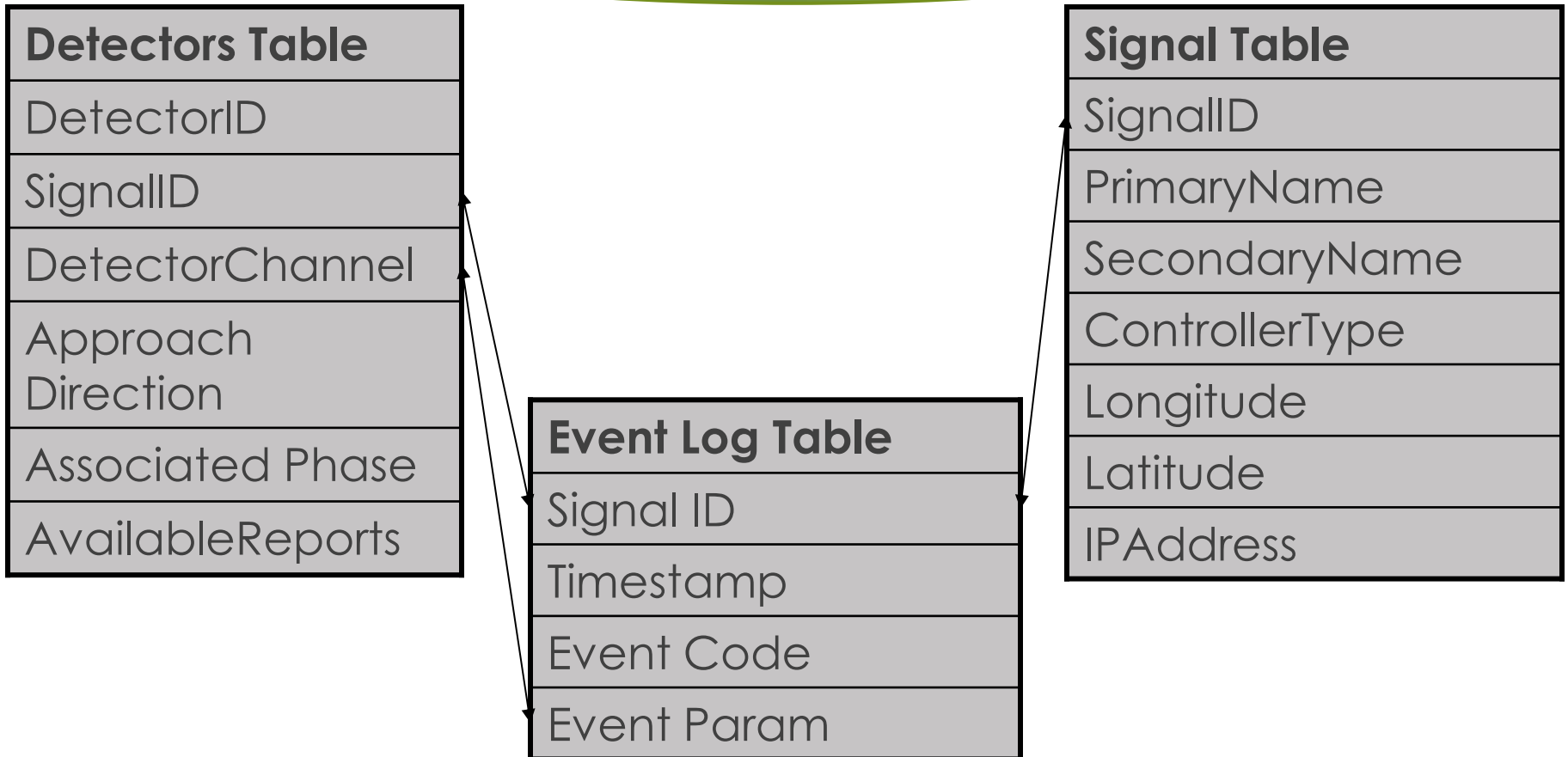


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ECON_172.17.160.28_2014_04_25_1632.csv - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
Timestamp,Event Type,Parameter
4/25/2014 16:32:47.1,,Version #,3
4/25/2014 16:32:47.1,,ECON_172.17.160.28_2014_04_25_1632.dat
4/25/2014 16:32:47.1,,Intersection #,172.17.160.28
4/25/2014 16:32:47.1,,IP Address:,172.17.160.28
4/25/2014 16:32:47.1,,MAC Address:,00:04:81:00:9d:fe
4/25/2014 16:32:47.1,,Controller Data Log Beginning:,4/25/2014 16:32:47.1
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# The Event Database

- ▶ Each record in the CSV must have the signal ID added to it.
- ▶ The record can then be added to the database.
- ▶ On average, each intersection will need 11MB per day.
- ▶ UDOT requires 11 GB per day to hold the collected controller events.

# Database Schema



# Why the Schema Matters

- The Event log contains four pieces of information:  
SignalID, Timestamp, Event Code and Event Parameter

- The entry for a detector activation would look like:

1001,01/01/2014 12:37 33:20, 82, 12

- The last two values are the Event code (82) and the Event Parameter (12)

- Event Code 82 indicates a detector activation on detector channel 12 (the Event Parameter)

Event Log Table
Signal ID
Timestamp
Event Code
Event Param

# Why the Schema Matters

- ▶ We need a way to relate signal ID and detector channel to approach direction and phase number.
- ▶ The controller does not have this information.
- ▶ That is why we need a list of Detectors

<b>Detectors Table</b>
DetectorID
SignalID
DetectorChannel
Approach Direction
Associated Phase
AvailableReports

# Why the Schema Matters

## Signal Table

SignalID

PrimaryName

SecondaryName

ControllerType

Longitude

Latitude

IPAddress

Signal List

Map

7657 - State Street  
Intermountain Dr. (5150 S)

Purdue Phase Termination

Split Monitor

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# What you will need

- ▶ A Database server
- ▶ Microsoft SQL server 2008 or later
- ▶ Microsoft Windows server 2008 R2 or later
- ▶ Disk space requirements will vary, but you will want a lot (We started with 8 TB, and we are running out)
- ▶ The more processors you can get, the happier you will be.



# What you will need

- ▶ A Web Server
- ▶ Windows Server 2008 R2 or later
- ▶ Internet Information Server 7.0 or later
- ▶ Faster processors and more RAM will provide a more responsive experience.
- ▶ Hard drive requirements for the web server are minimal

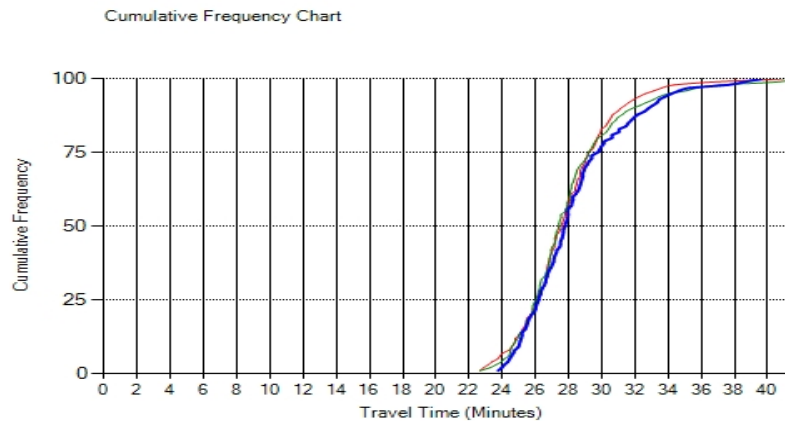
# Hardware Mitigation

- ▶ Reduce storage requirements by deleting old data. (Do you really need to know when a car crossed a detector 3 years ago?)
- ▶ Archive old records to tape or other media, and restore it when needed. (It might be best to do this in a .CSV format instead of a database backup)

# Hardware Mitigation

- ▶ The UDOT SPM system can be hosted on multiple smaller computers, instead of one large and expensive one.
- ▶ The hard drive requirements will still be large, however.

# Probe Data



TMC Code	TMC Name	Range ID	Time Range	TMC Length	Avg. Travel Time	Std. Dev.	% Good Bins	Avg. Confidence Score
116+05735	Bangerter From: 12600 S To: 9000 S	1	1/6/2014 - 1/17/2014 From: 5:00 PM To: 6:00 PM	4.6	6.04	0.51	94%	30
116+05735	Bangerter From: 12600 S To: 9000 S	2	1/27/2014 - 2/7/2014 From: 5:00 PM To: 6:00 PM	4.6	5.95	0.43	92%	30
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116+05738	Bangerter From: 7000 S To: 6200 S	1	1/6/2014 - 1/17/2014 From: 5:00 PM To: 6:00 PM	0.92	1.23	0.20	88%	30
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116+05738	Bangerter From: 7000 S To: 6200 S	3	2/3/2014 - 2/7/2014 From: 5:00 PM To: 6:00 PM	0.92	1.49	0.55	89%	30
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116+05739	Bangerter From: 6200 S To: 5400 S	2	1/27/2014 - 2/7/2014 From: 5:00 PM To: 6:00 PM	1.04	1.43	0.17	81%	30
116+05739	Bangerter From: 6200 S To: 5400 S	3	2/3/2014 - 2/7/2014 From: 5:00 PM To: 6:00 PM	1.04	1.45	0.19	92%	30
116+05740	Bangerter From: 5400 S To: 4700 S	1	1/6/2014 - 1/17/2014 From: 5:00 PM To: 6:00 PM	1.01	1.30	0.15	92%	30

# Executive-Level Reports

## Executive Summary

5/25/2014 to 5/25/2014

### Statewide Summary

Arrival on Red		Delay		Volume	Intersections	
Percent	Platoon Ratio	Daily Average Per Approach (hrs)	Average Per Veh (sec)	Daily Average Per Approach	Total	Number Of Approaches
29 %	2.72	0.01	6.18	4,761	375	773

### Region Summary

Region	Arrival on Red		Delay		Volume	Intersections	
Name	Percent	Platoon Ratio	Daily Average Per Approach (hrs)	Average Per Veh (sec)	Daily Average Per Approach	Total	Number Of Approaches
1	20 %	14.47	0.00	1.68	731	94	182
2	29 %	1.50	0.03	6.45	6,606	168	364
3	26 %	18.87	0.01	5.96	992	104	208
4	17 %	1.23	0.10	1.56	4,190	9	19

# Trivia and Statistics

- ▶ The UDOT SPM system is written in C#, Javascript and ASP.NET
- ▶ At last count, more than 90,000 lines of code went into the system (that includes the auto-generated files that must be maintained)
- ▶ As of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, there were more than 53 billion records in the UDOT SPM Database

# Trivia and Statistics

- ▶ Our database server, purchased in 2011, cost about \$15,000. 80% of that cost was for hard drives.
- ▶ We are adding another 12 TB of drive capacity, which we hope will provide another 3.5 years of record storage.
- ▶ We estimate we have saved the state 1.5 million dollars so far, based on our ability to find broken detectors, optimize offsets and collect count information.

# CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ELEMENTS: INDOT Implementation



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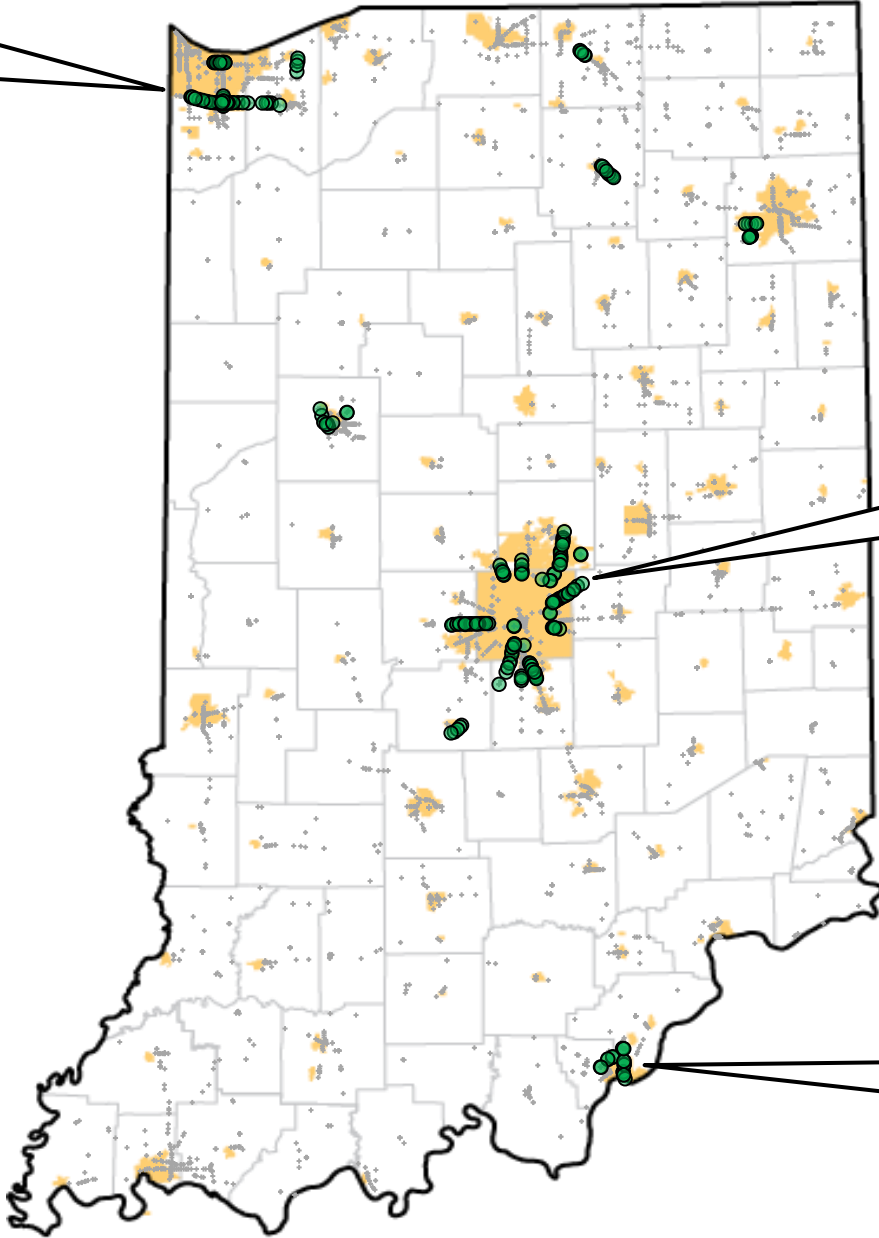


# INDOT Signal Systems Network

- ▶ 2505 signals
- ▶ 196 signals with high-resolution data enabled
  - ▶ Mixed cellular, wireless, and fiber infrastructure
- ▶ Vendor-neutral system
- ▶ Open source software for back office
- ▶ Joint INDOT-Purdue software development

• Intersections Offline    ● Intersections Online

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Metro



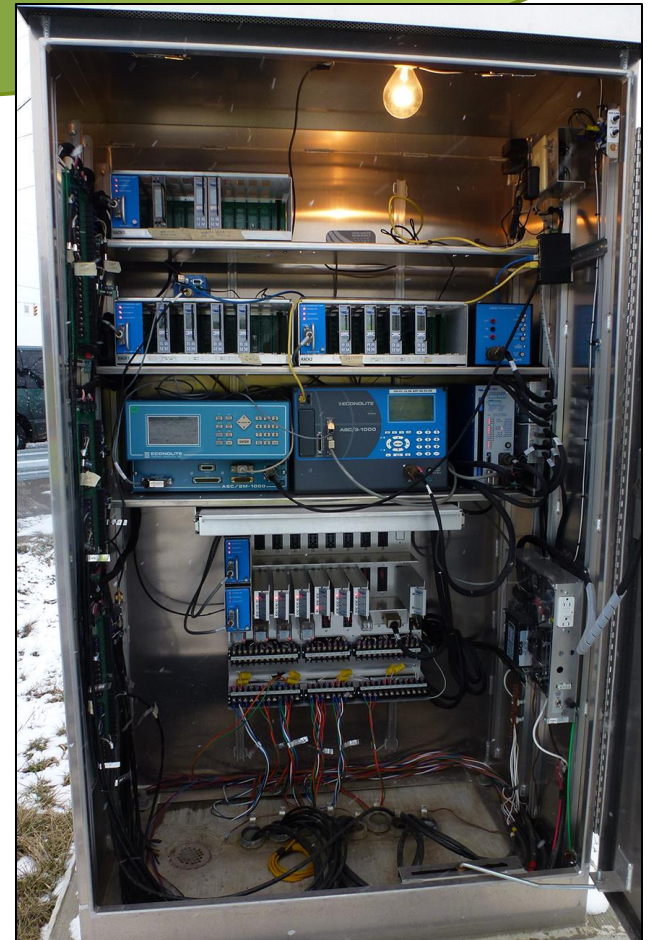
Indianapolis  
Metro

Louisville  
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# Cabinets and Controllers

- All performance measure-enabled cabinets are NEMA standard

Make	Num. Connected
Econolite	188
Peek	7
Siemens	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>196</b>



# Detection



Cut or pave-over loops

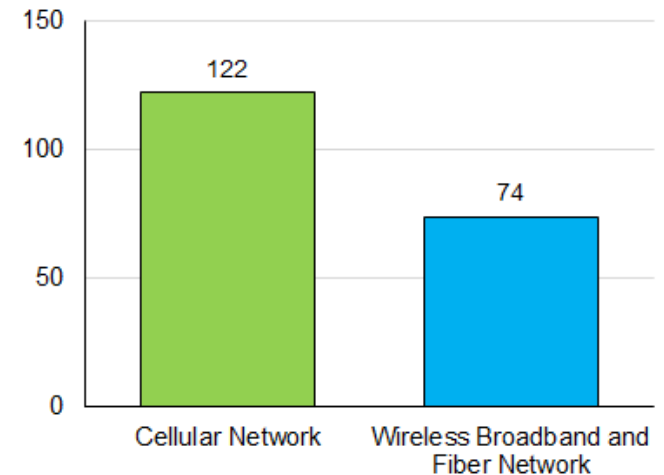


SDLC interface

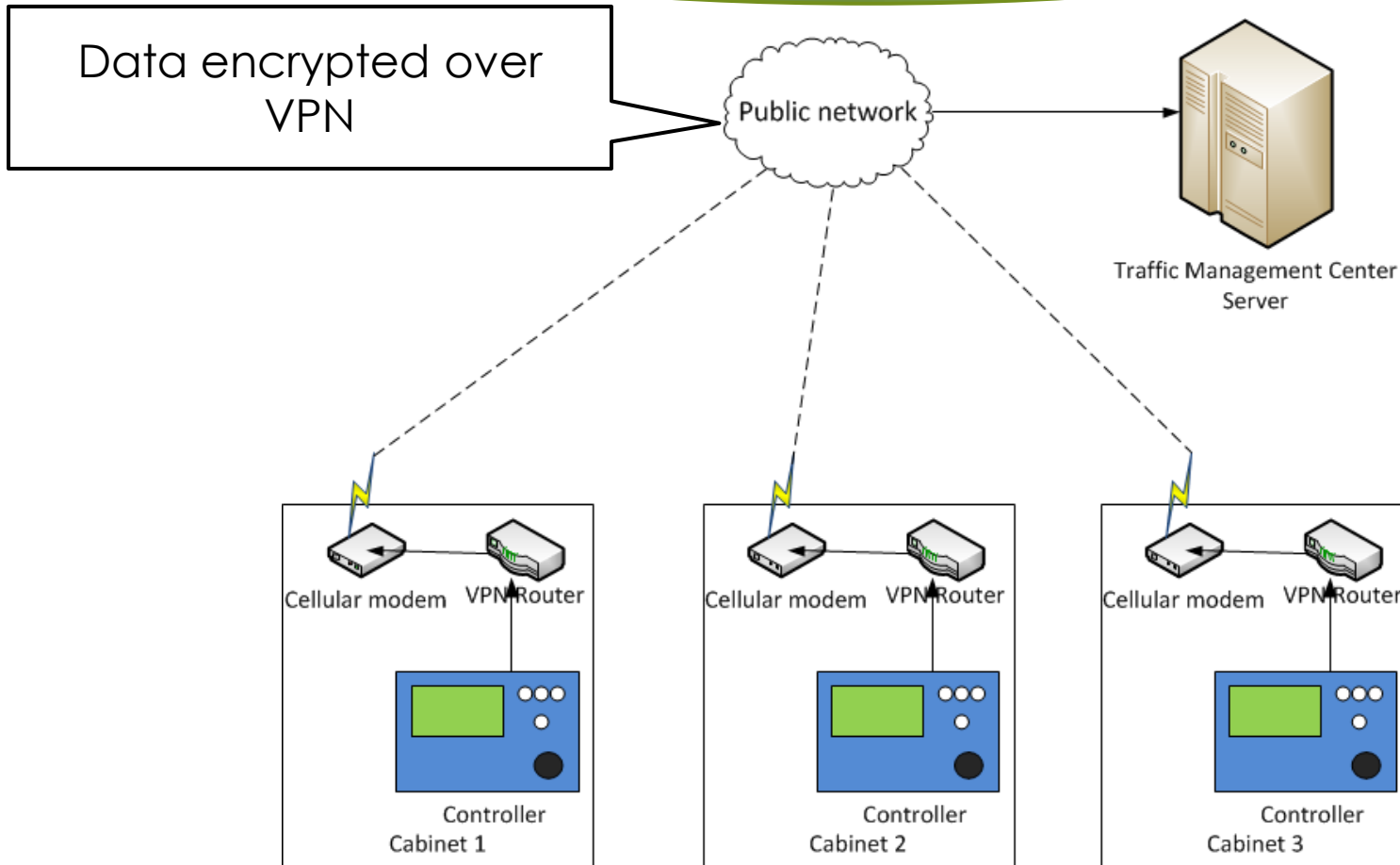
# Connection Methods

- **Hauling data back to the TMC**
  - Commercial cellular networks (public network)
    - Each subscription costs \$34.99/mo
    - Recommend separate Virtual Private Network (VPN)
  - Wireless broadband and fiber backbone (private network)
- **Hauling data between cabinets**
  - Localized longitudinal fiber
  - Broadband or 900 mhz Ethernet radios
- **Customize on location needs and costs**

INDOT Signals Connectivity



# Commercial Cellular Networks



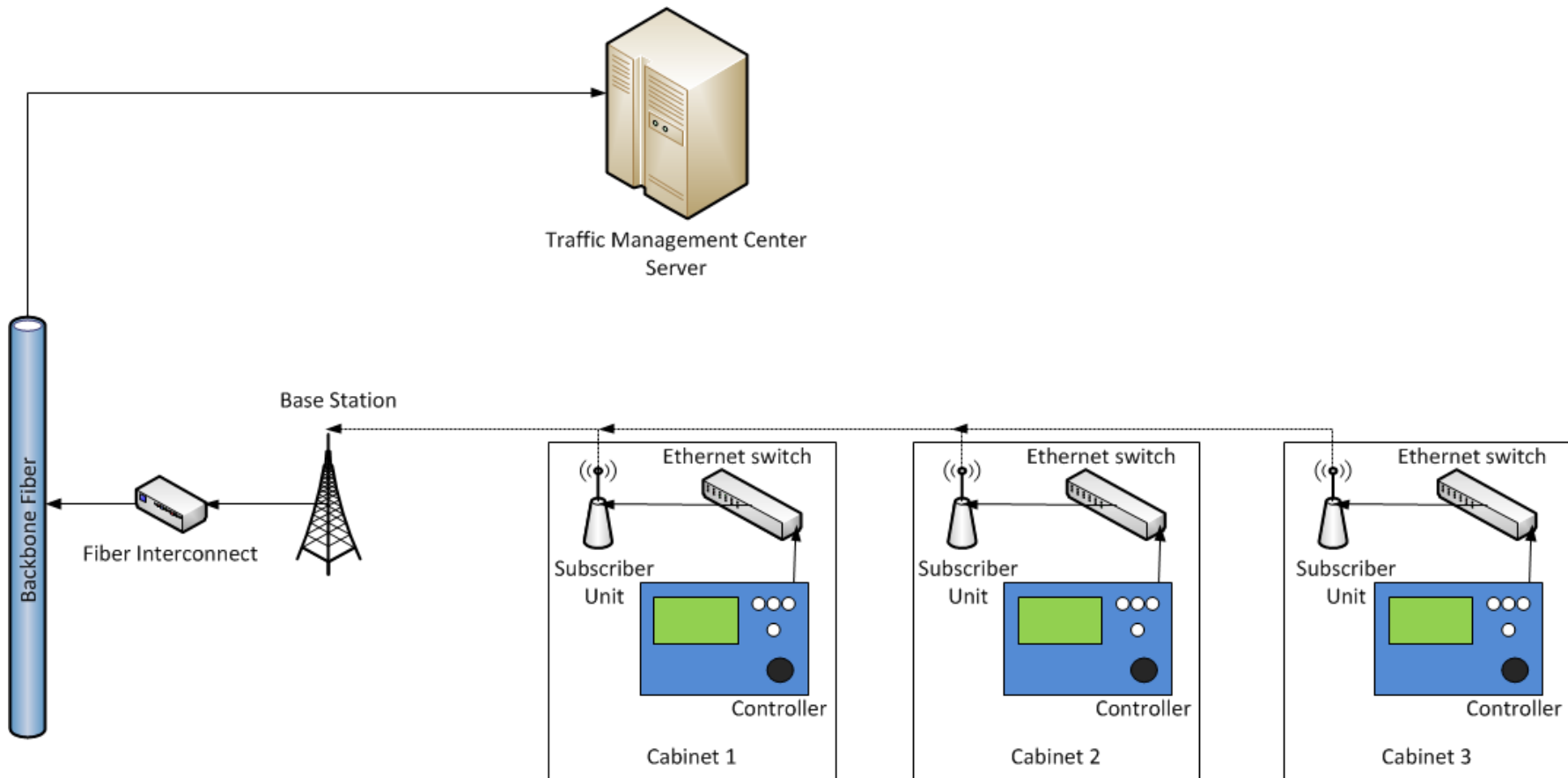
# Commercial Cellular Networks



RavenX  
Cell modem

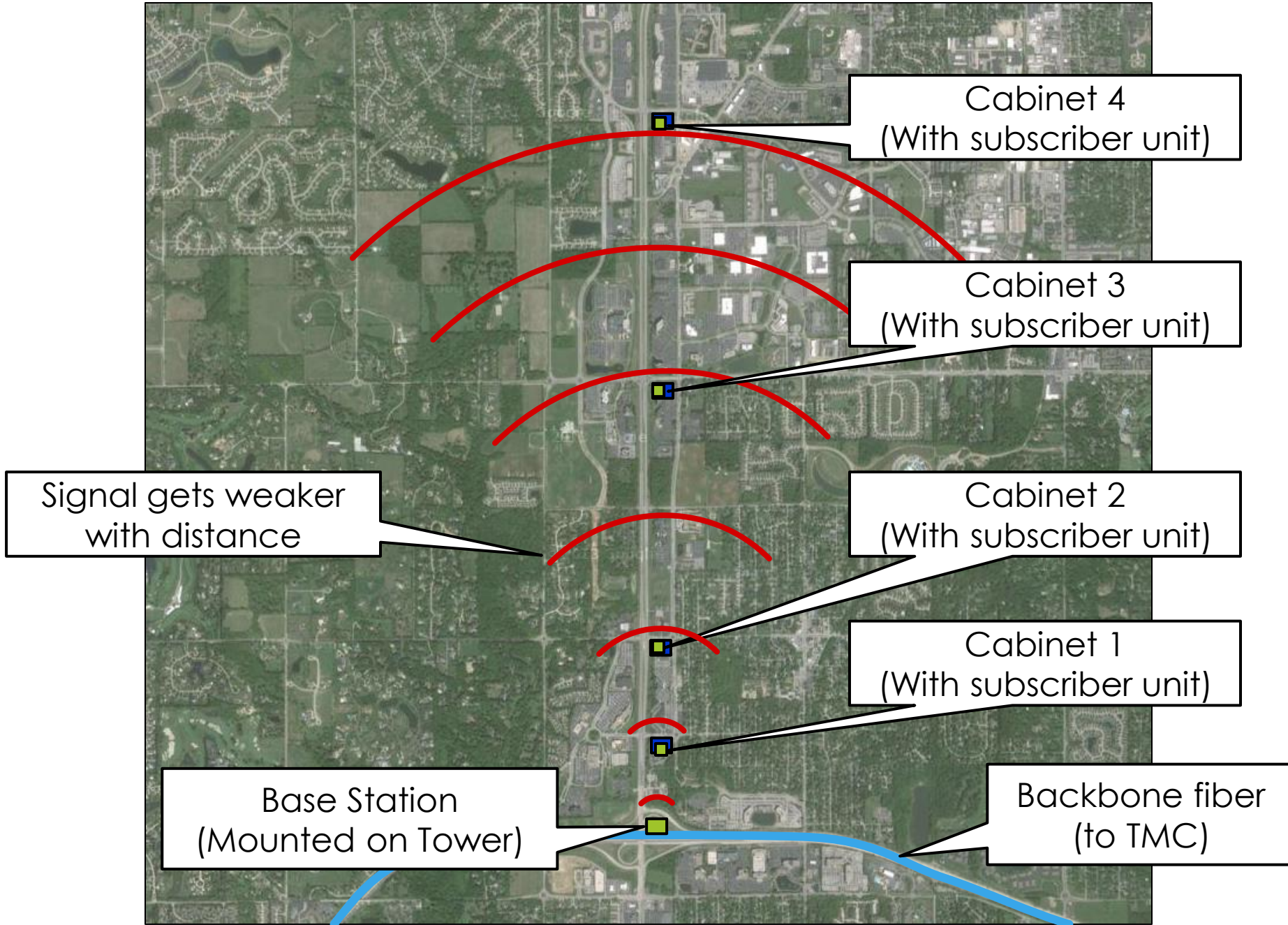
VPN router (now integrated with  
RavenX)

# Wireless Broadband and Fiber (no arterial fiber)





# Wireless Broadband and Fiber Backbone



Cabinet 4  
(With subscriber unit)

Cabinet 3  
(With subscriber unit)

Cabinet 2  
(With subscriber unit)

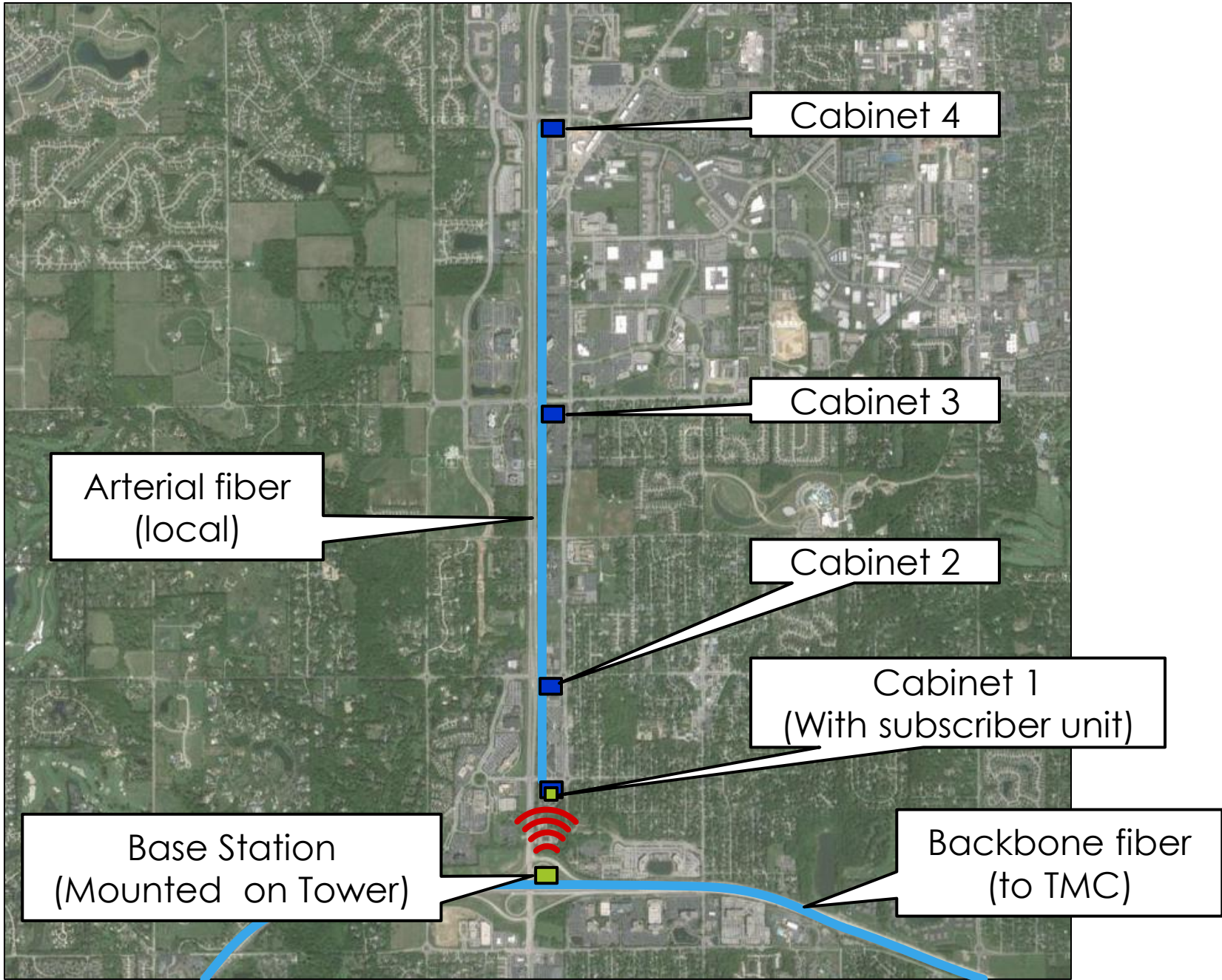
Cabinet 1  
(With subscriber unit)

Base Station  
(Mounted on Tower)

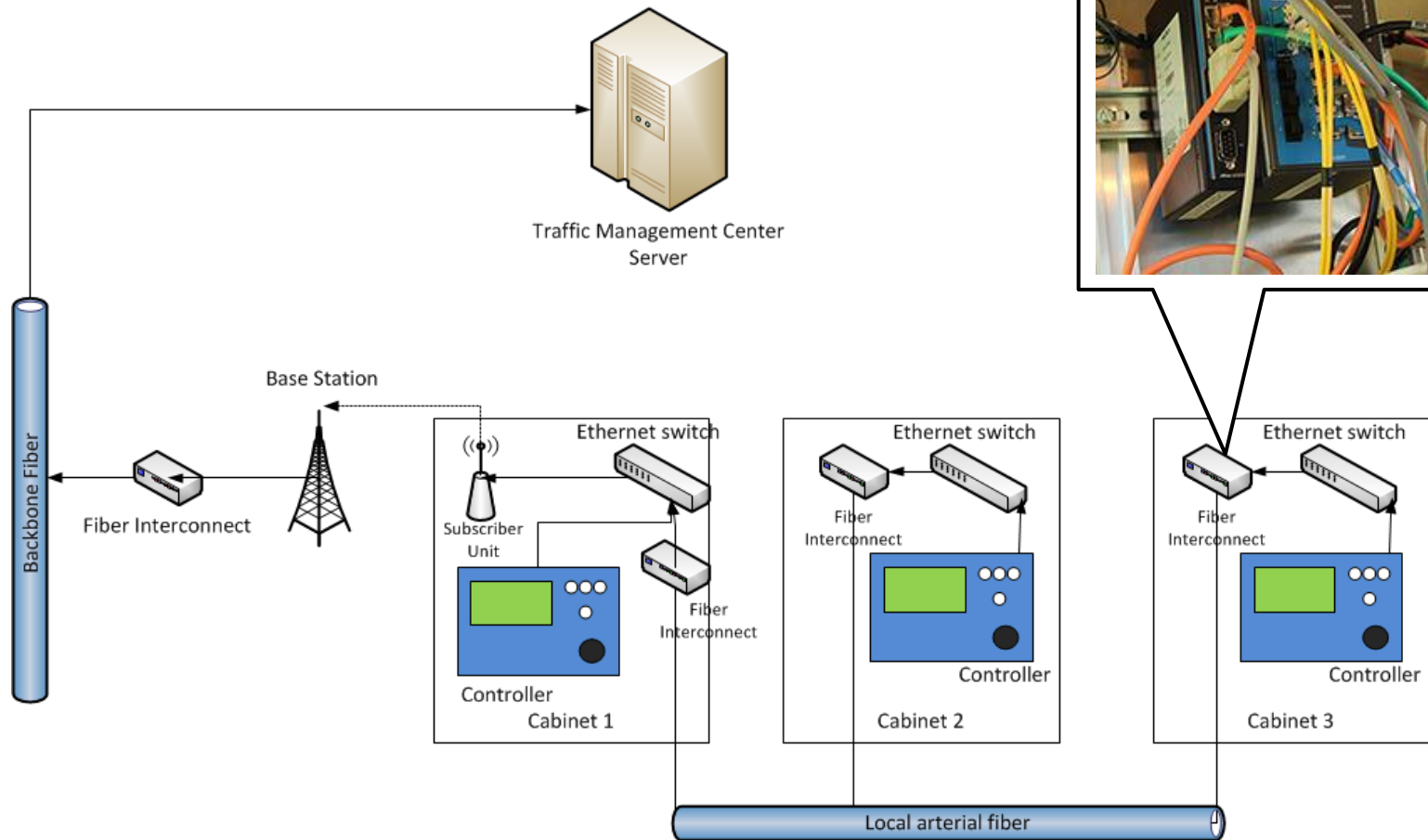
Backbone fiber  
(to TMC)

Signal gets weaker  
with distance

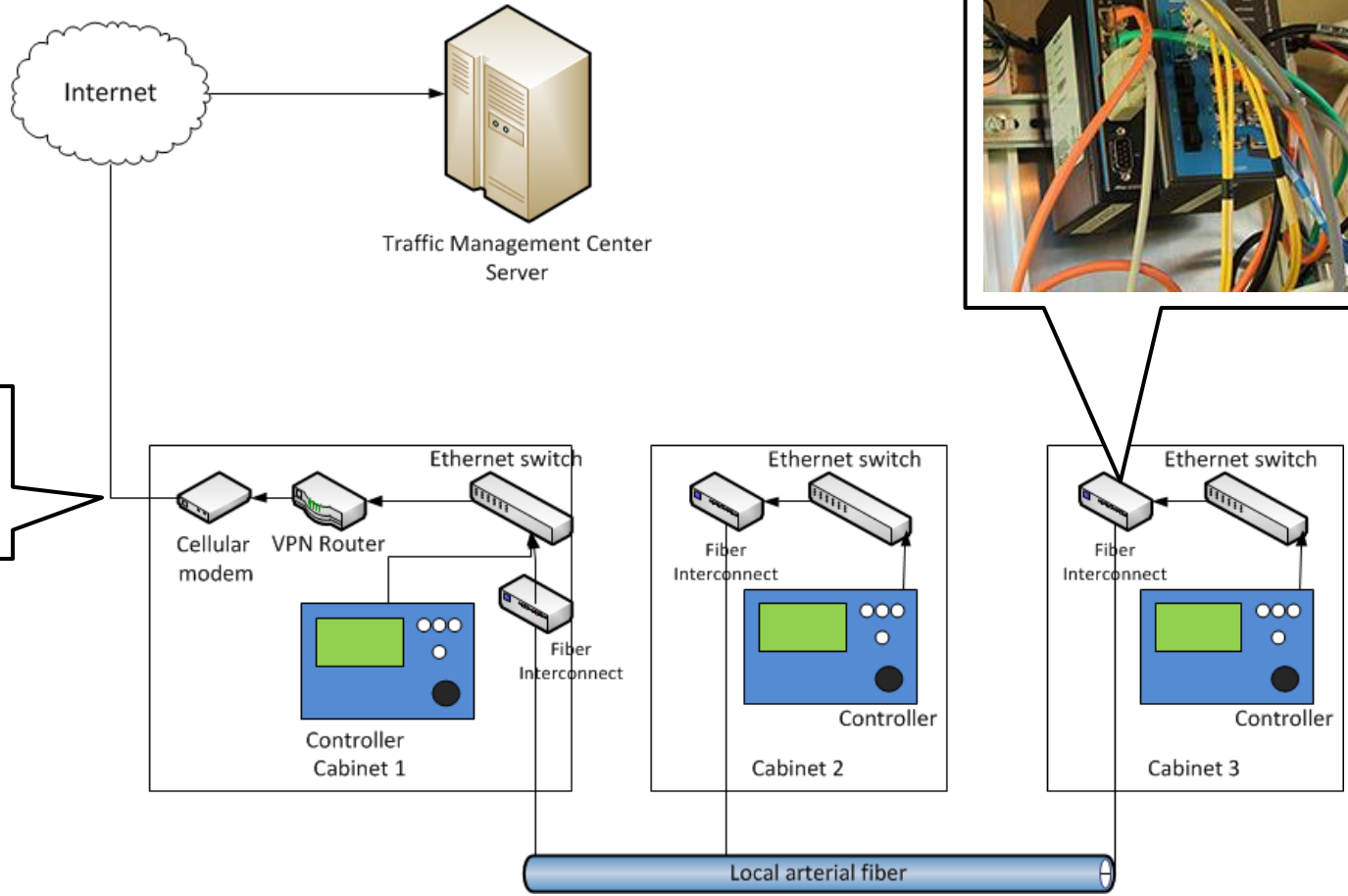
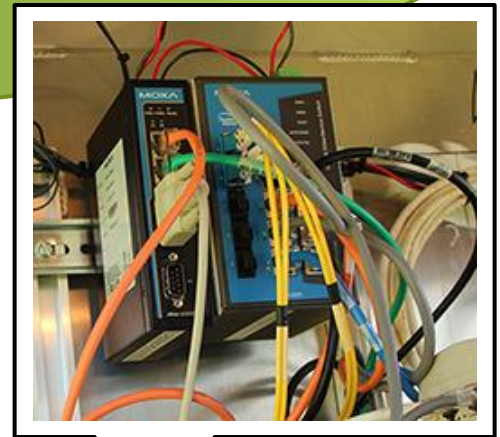
# Wireless Broadband and Fiber Backbone



# Wireless Broadband and Backbone Fiber

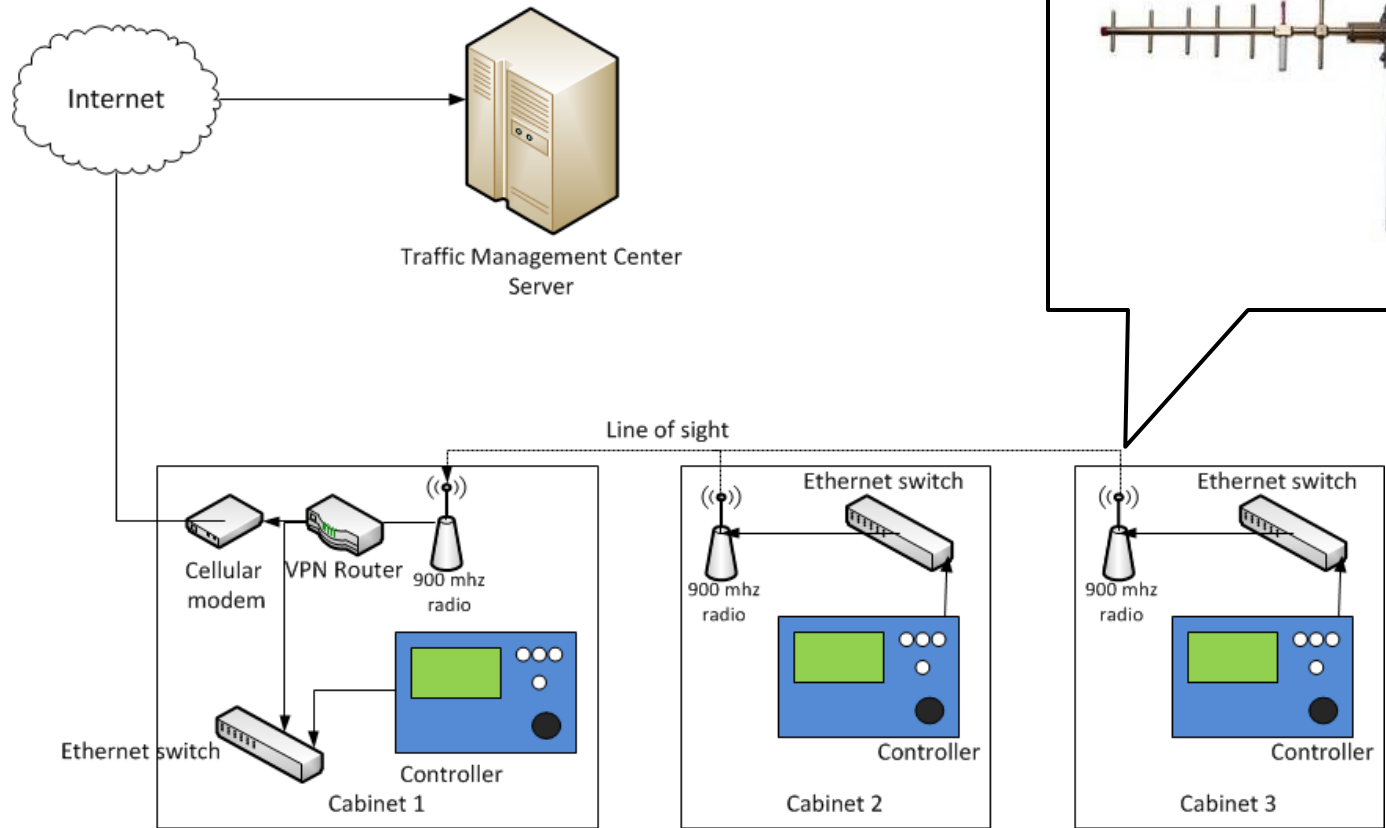


# Longitudinal Fiber with Cellular Backhaul



Replaced with cellular backhaul

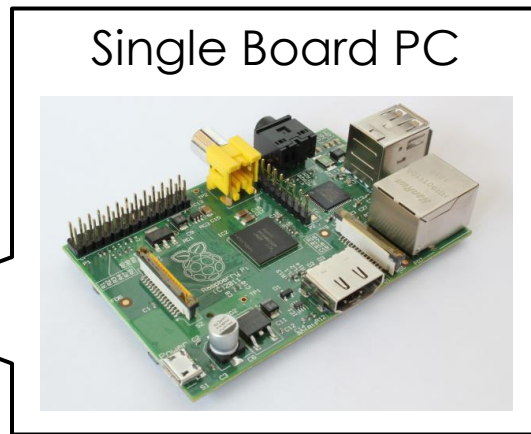
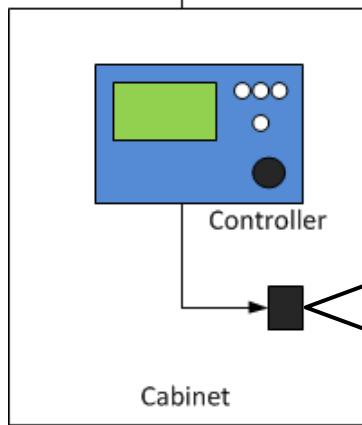
# 900 mhz Ethernet radio with Cellular Backhaul



# “Sneaker Net”



No connection infrastructure needed



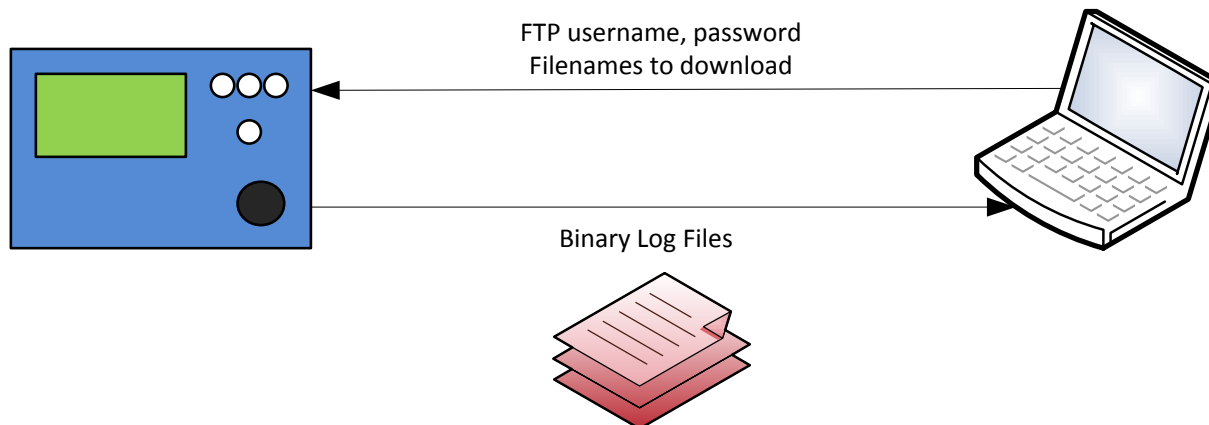
- Cost-effective solution to get data needed by performance measures
- Saves data on SD memory card (up to the size of the card)
- Requires occasional field visits for retrieval

# FTP File Retrieval

- ▶ FTP – File Transfer Protocol
  - ▶ Connect using FTP Client software (e.g. FileZilla)
  - ▶ Use FTP Client API to download files
    - ▶ API – Application Programming Interface
    - ▶ Automation
    - ▶ To include as part of a larger data processing system

Field testing

Production systems



# Servers for a Production System

- **Processing Server**
  - Retrieves data files from controllers via FTP
  - Data decoding and massaging
  - Saves processed data to Database Server
- **Database Server**
  - Stores and distributes high-resolution data
- **Web Server**
  - Client-side interface
  - Generates performance measures
- Hardware Specification
  - Dell PowerEdge R710
  - 2x Quad-Core Intel Xeon Processors
  - 96 GB of RAM
  - 3TB – 12TB disk storage (10,000 RPM drives, RAID)





# Software – All open source

- **Operating System**

- Ubuntu Linux (version 12.04 LTS)

- **Processing Server**

- PHP scripting (version 5.3)
- Vendor-supplied decoding software

- **Database Server**

- PostgreSQL (version 9.1)
  - Relational Database Management System (RDBMS)

- **Web Server**

- Apache HTTP Server (version 2.2)
- PHP Scripting (version 5.3)



ubuntu

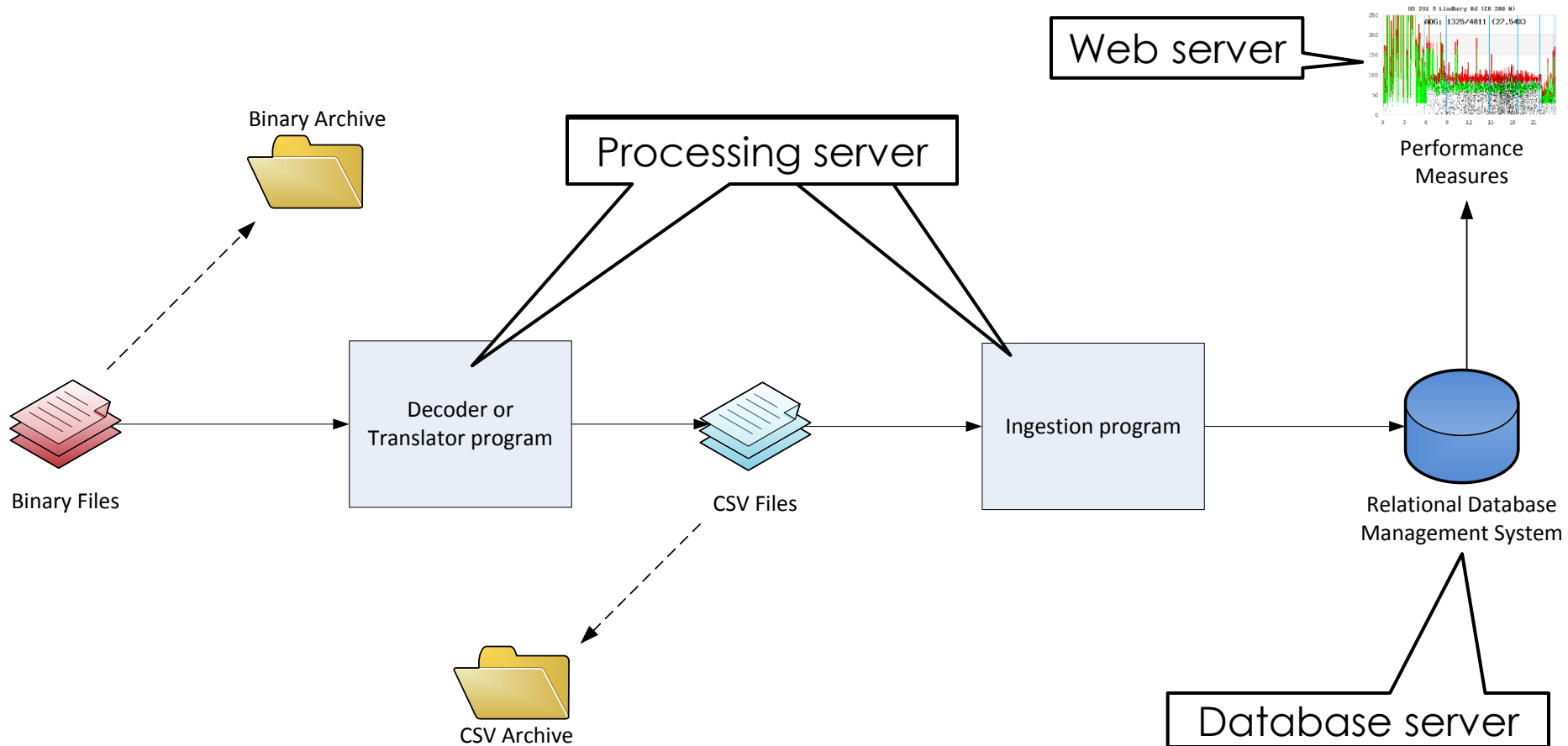


PostgreSQL

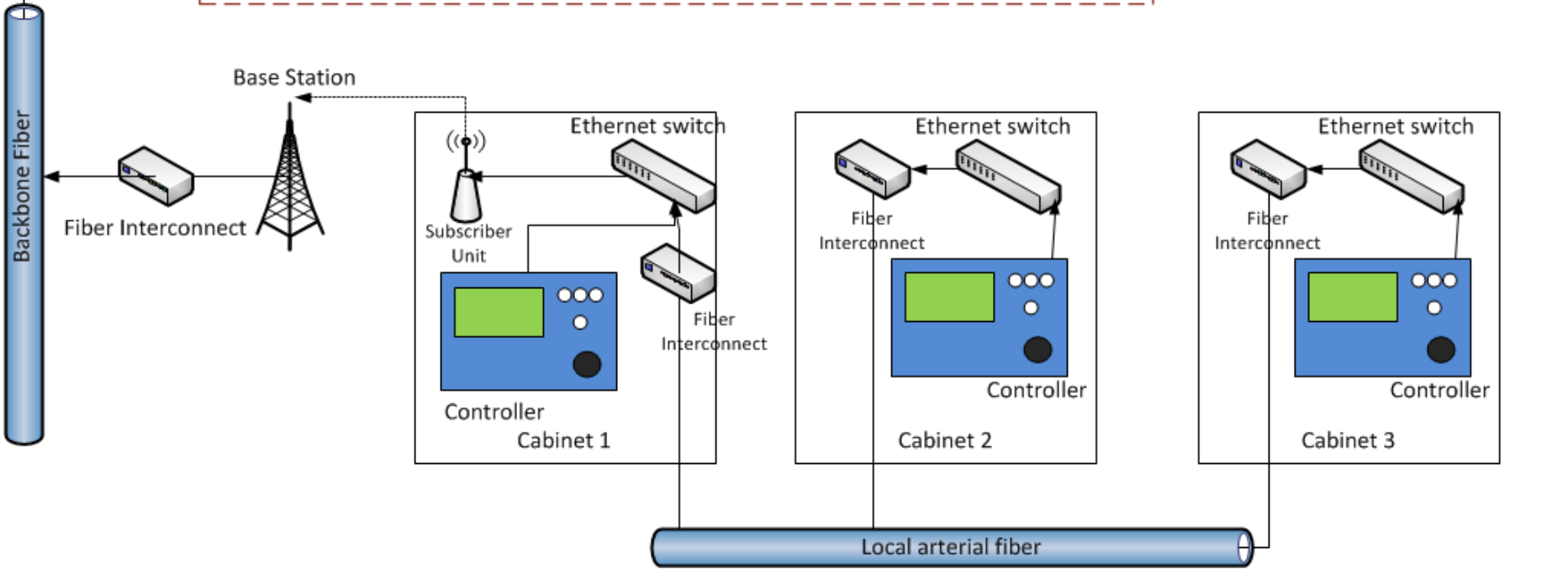
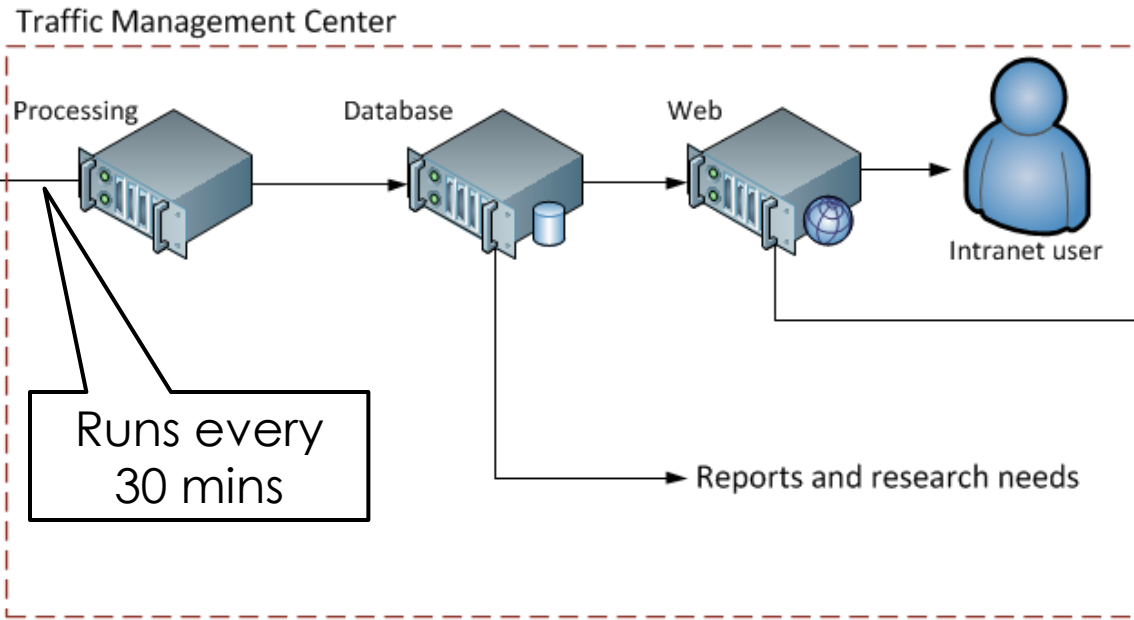


APACHE  
HTTP SERVER

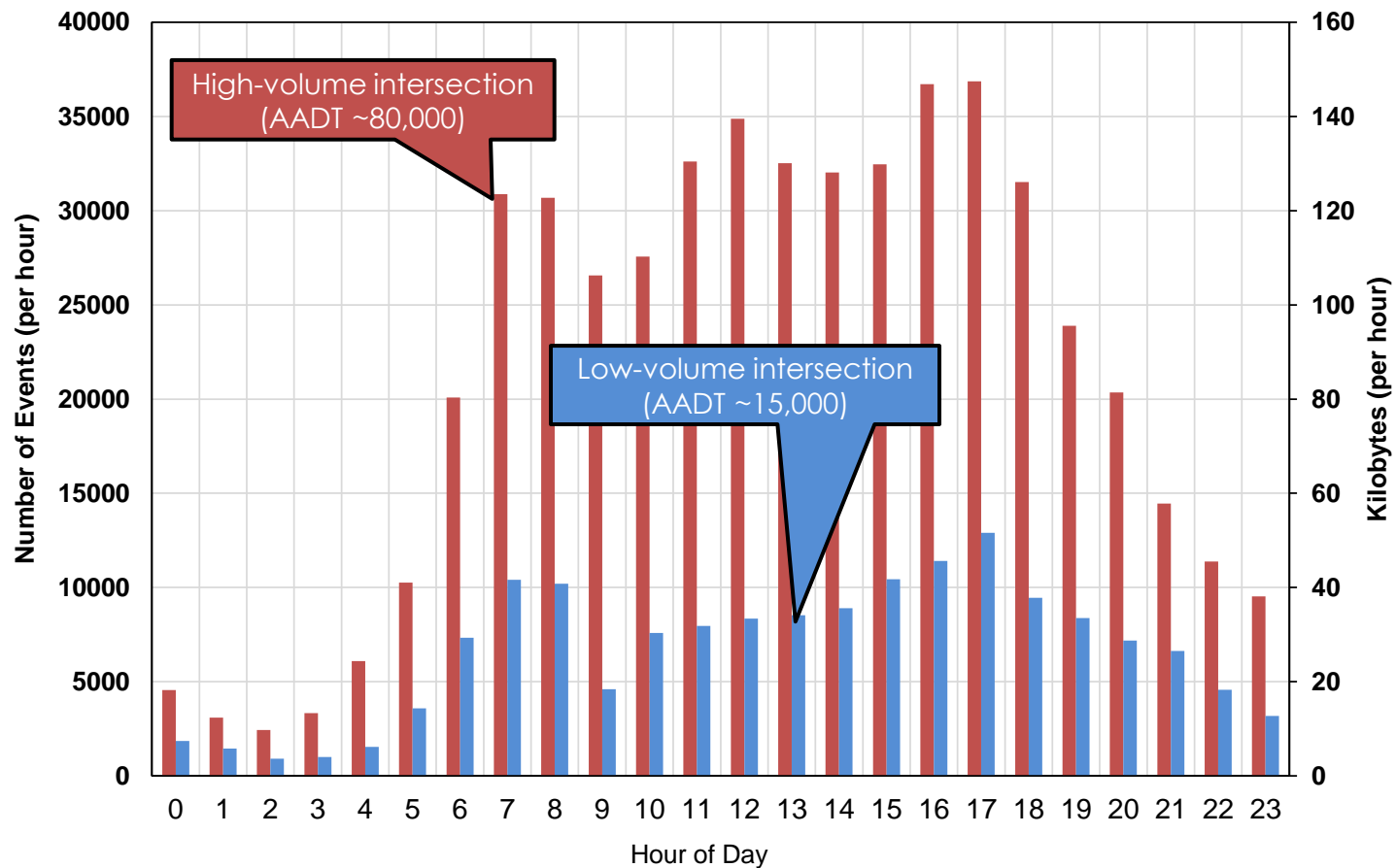
# How each server is tasked



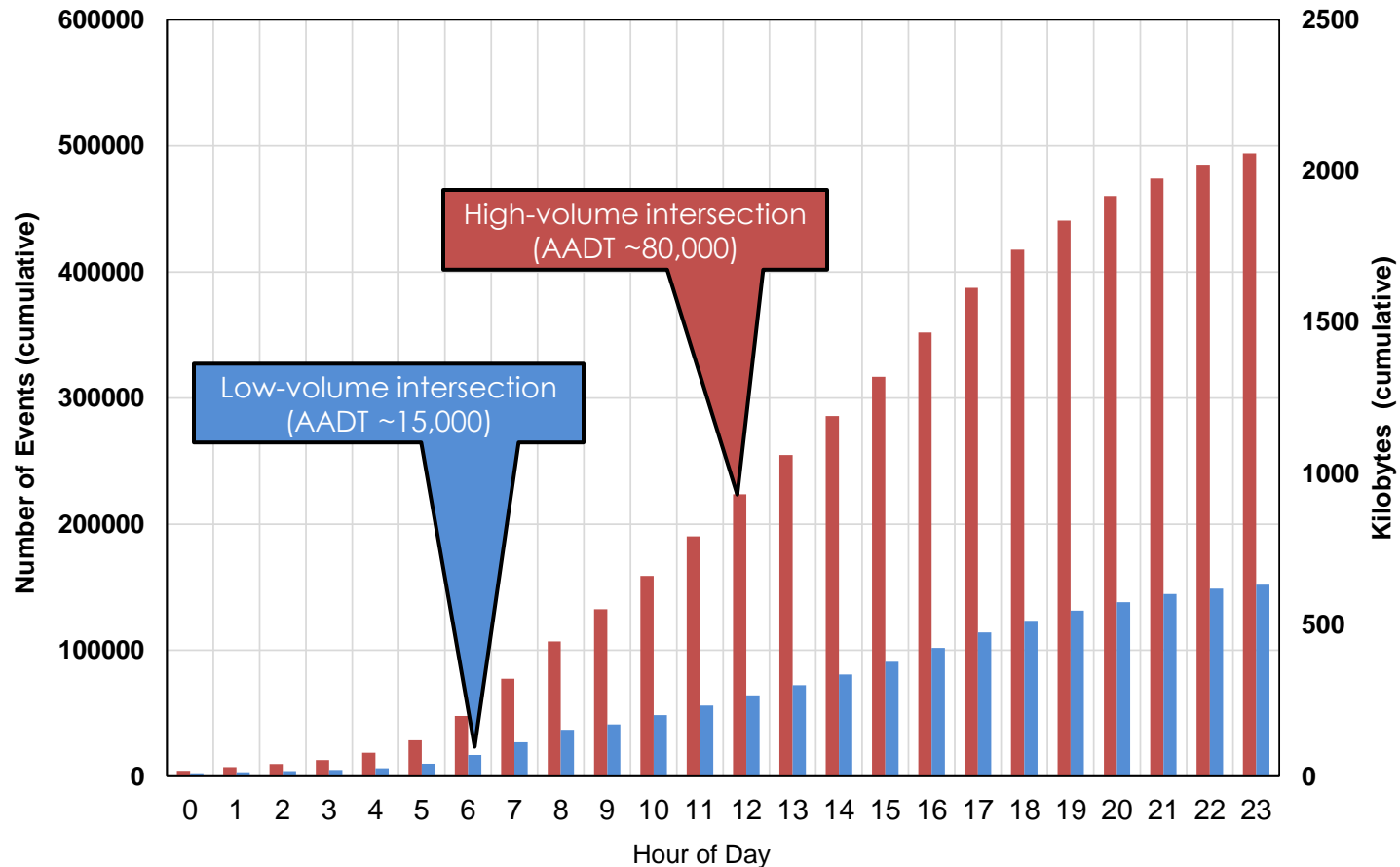
# Data Flow – From Field to User



# Data Storage Requirements

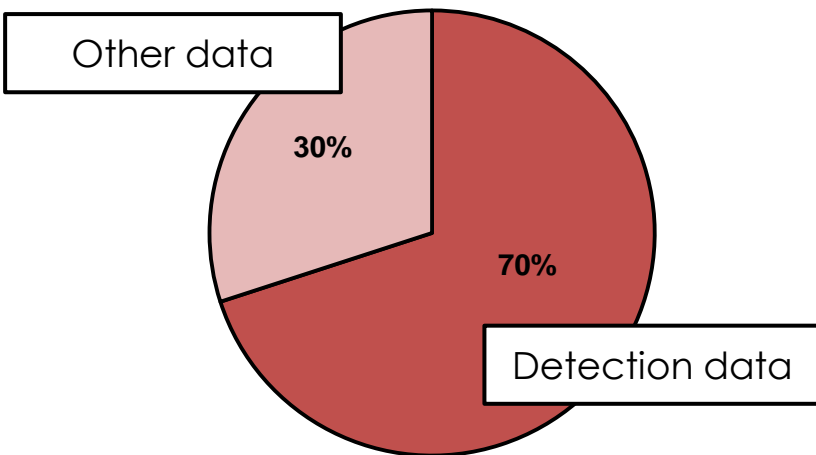


# Data Storage Requirements

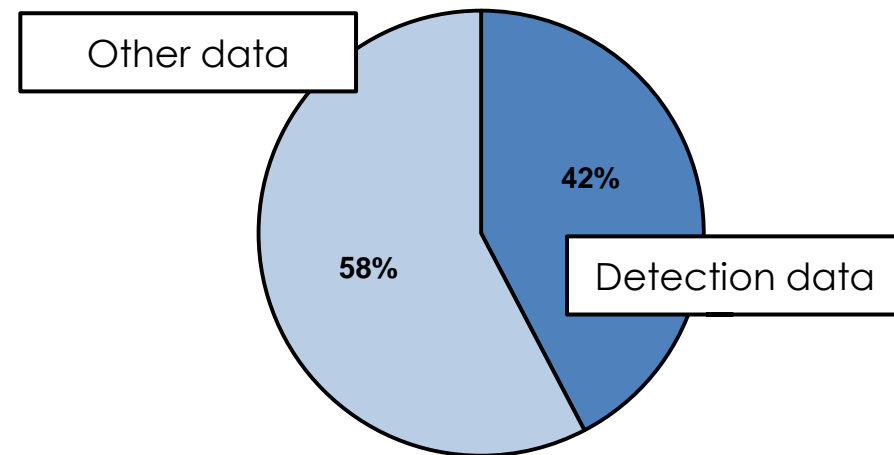


# Data Storage Requirements

- ▶ Data size contingent on intersection volumes
- ▶ Busy intersections = more detections = more data

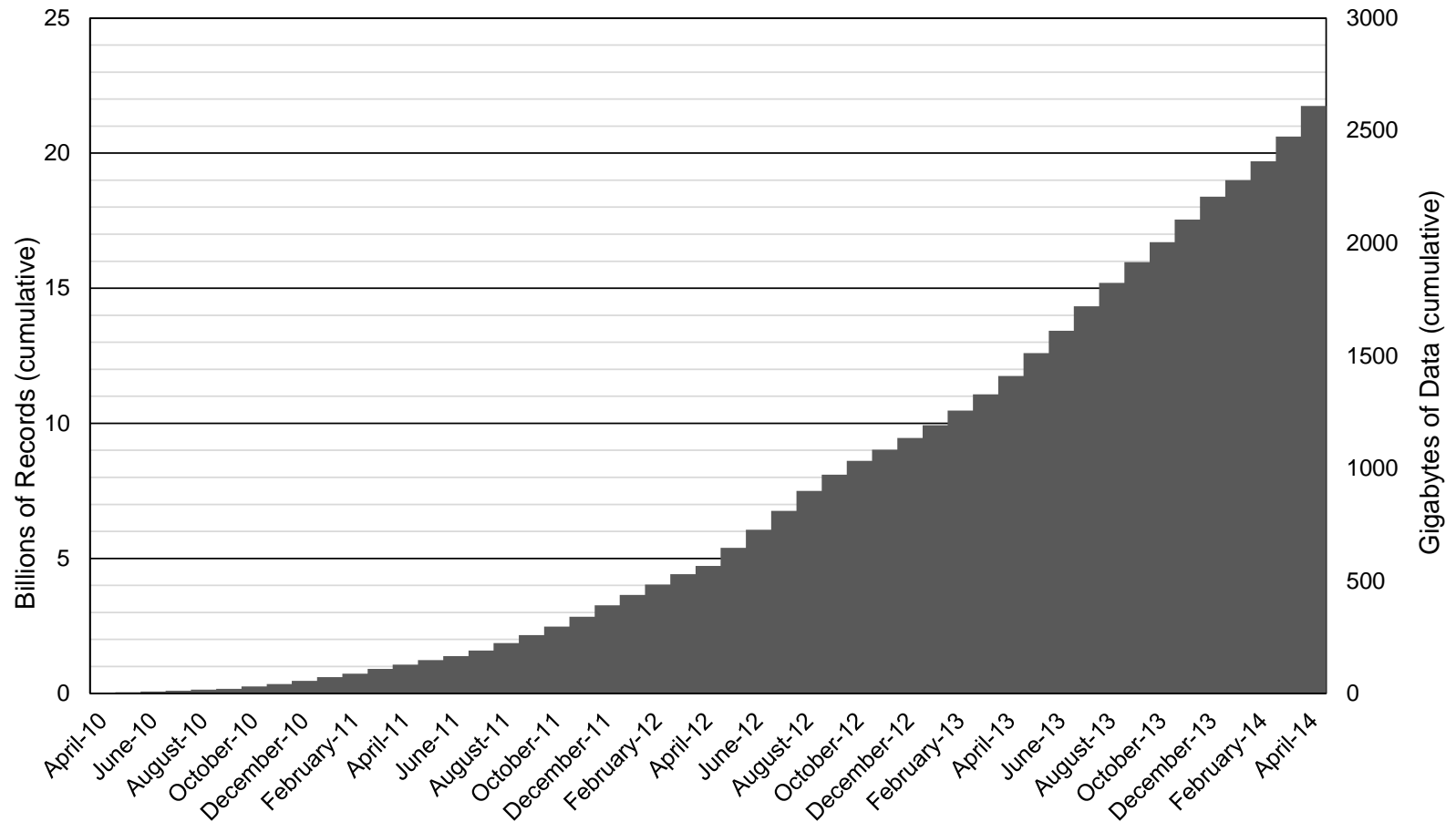


High-volume intersection  
(AADT ~80,000)

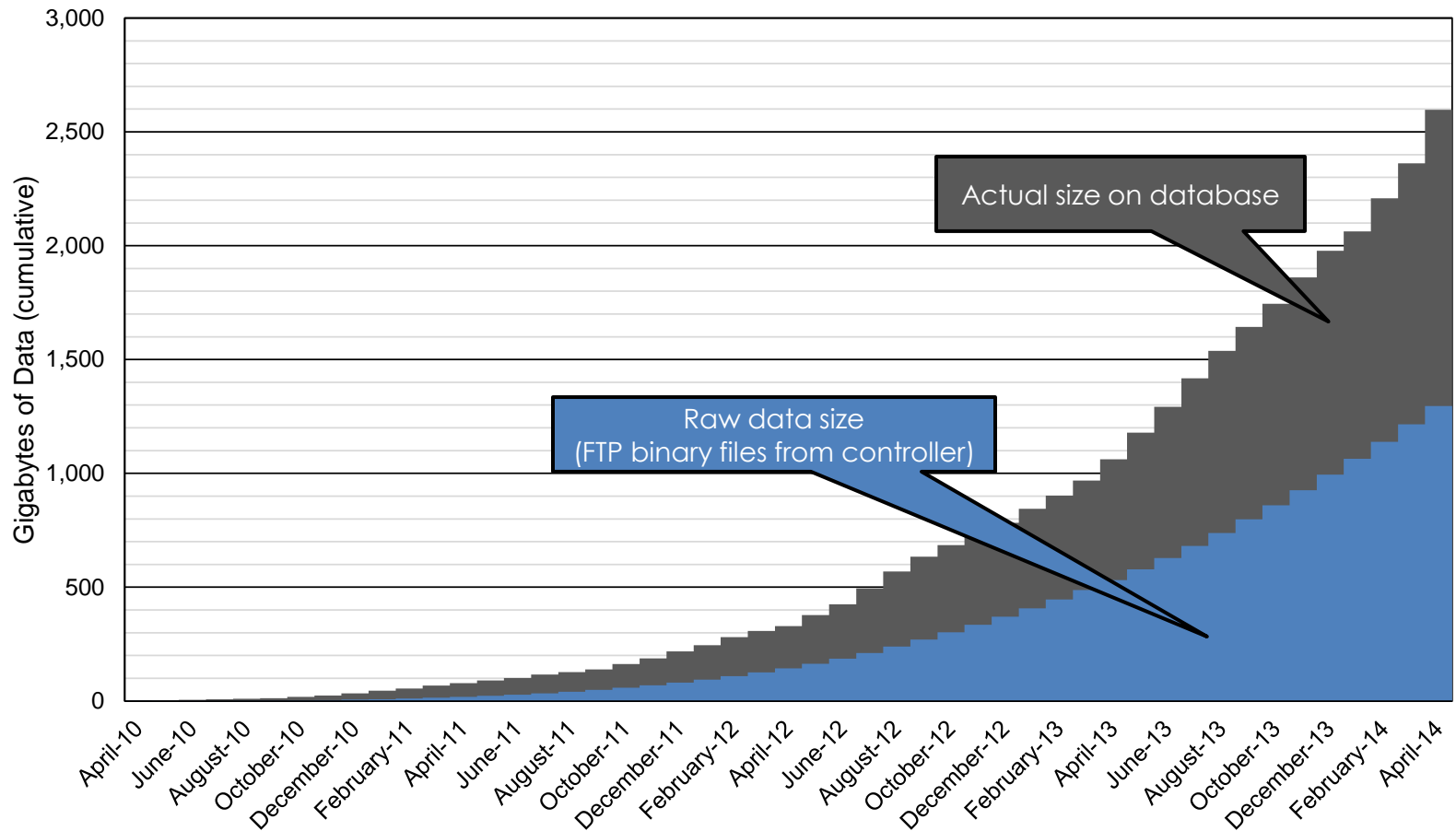


Low-volume intersection  
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# Data Storage Requirements



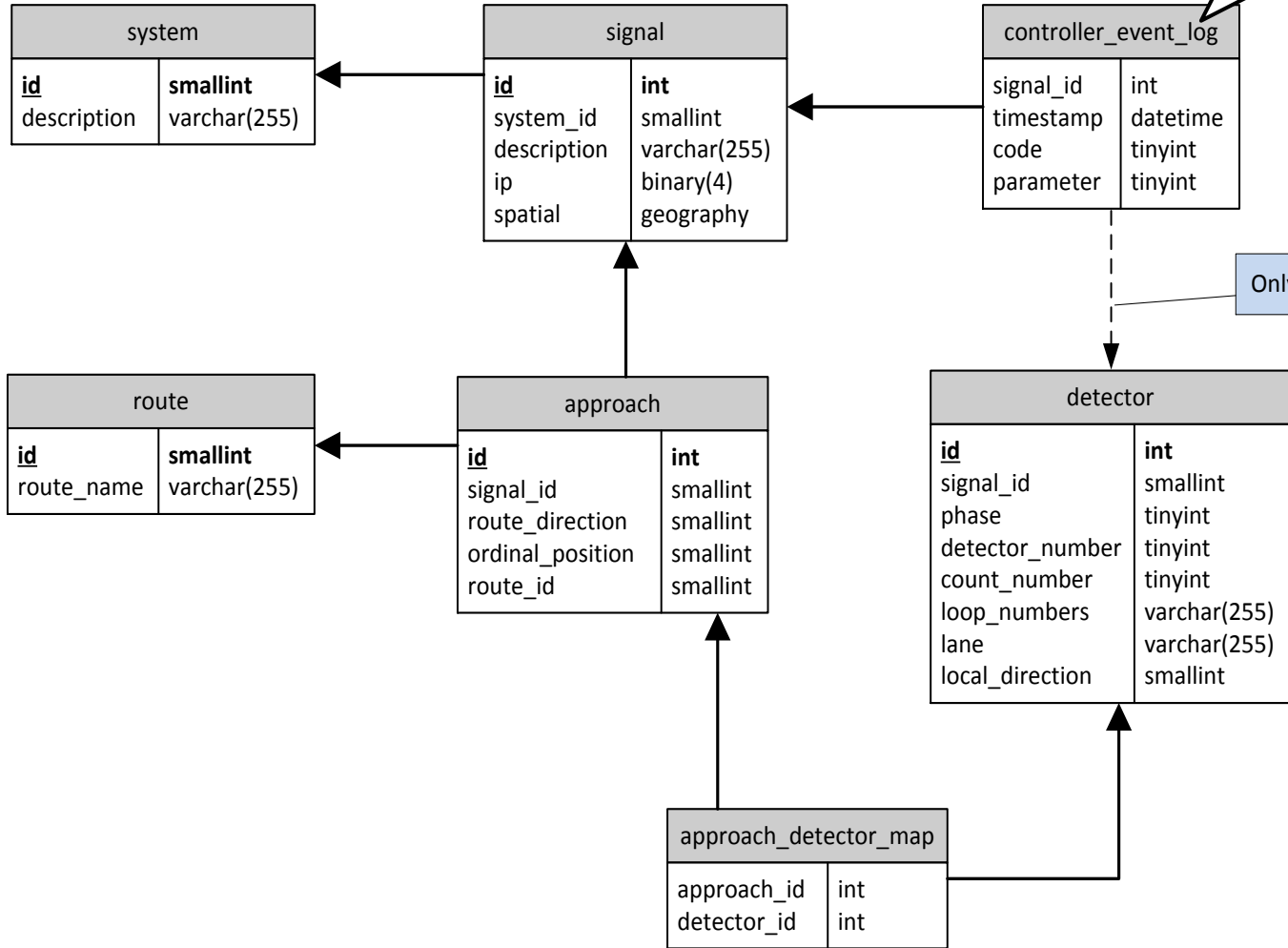
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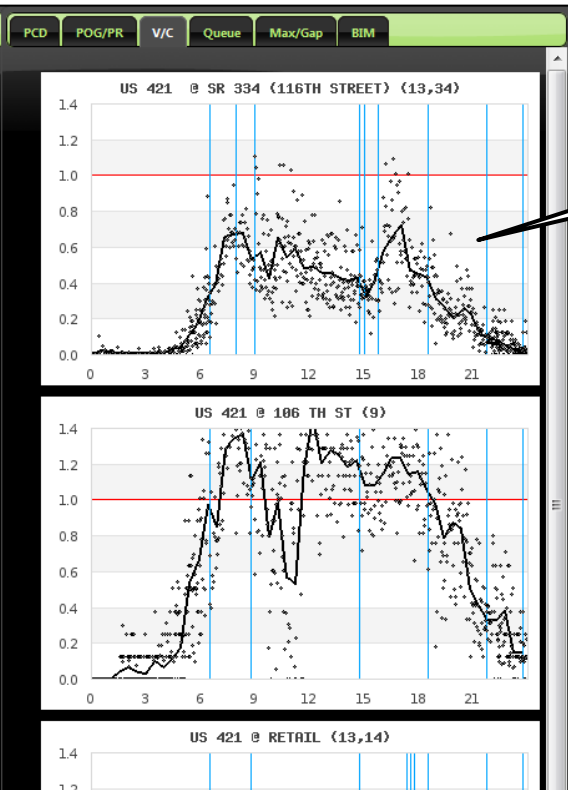
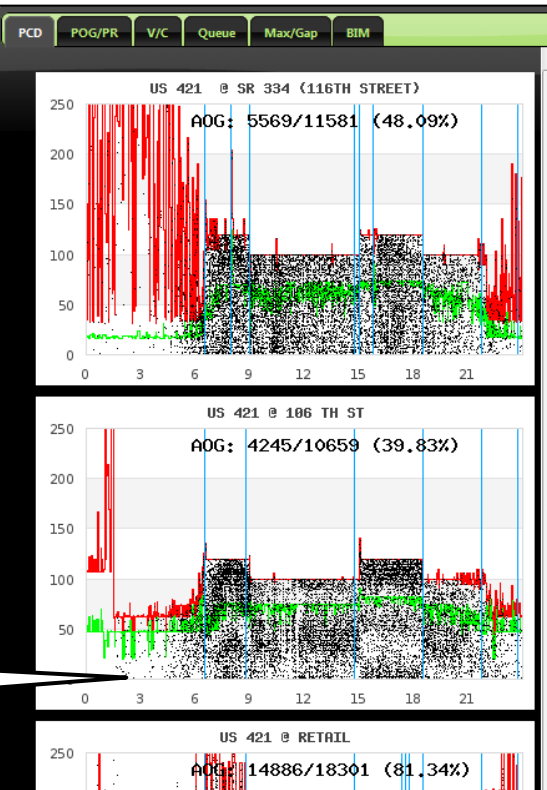
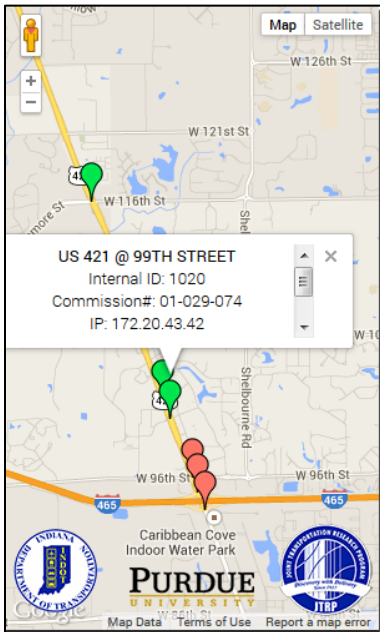


# Database Schema

Majority of data exists here: consider partitioning and compressing...



Only for detector events.



V/C Ratio

Split Failure graphs

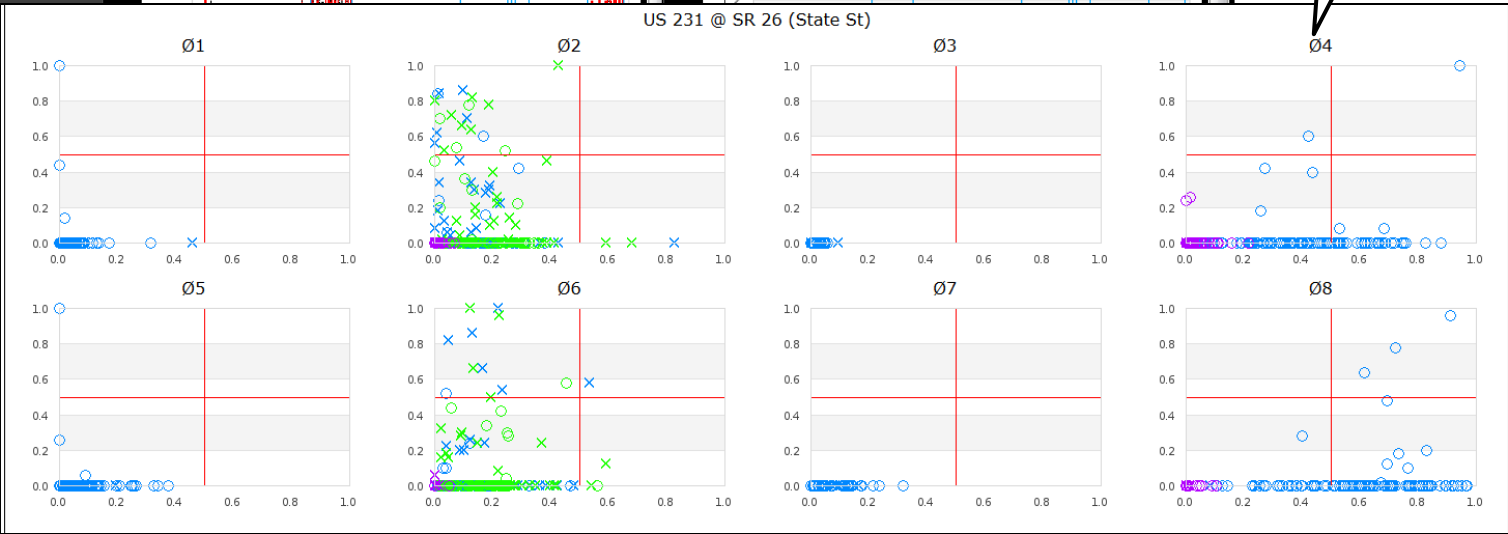
PCD

Date: 05/22/2014 Add

05/22/2014

Animate every 1 s

Direction: Southbound



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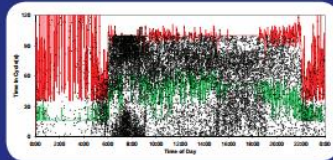
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# Additional Reading

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEMS

*An Outcome-Oriented Approach*



<http://tinyurl.com/signalmoie>

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