



Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures

HELPING TRAFFIC ENGINEERS MANAGE DATA TO MAKE BETTER DECISIONS

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What is TIG?



- **AASHTO TECHNOLOGY IMPLEMENTATION GROUP**
- **ACCELERATED ADOPTION VIA TECH ASSISTANCE AND SHARED RESOURCES**
- **HIGH-PAYOFF, MARKET-READY TECHNOLOGIES**

Who are the Lead States for TIG's Automated Signal Performance Measures?

- **INDIANA**
- **MINNESOTA**
- **UTAH**



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Traffic Signal Systems Operations and Management

General Information

Study Number: TPF-5(258)

Status: Cleared by FHWA

Lead Agency: Indiana Department of Transportation

Contract/Other Number:

Last Updated: Oct 18, 2011

Contract Start Date:

Est. Completion Date:

Contract End Date:

Partners: City of Chicago , CA , GA , KS , MN , MS , NH , TX , UT , WisDOT

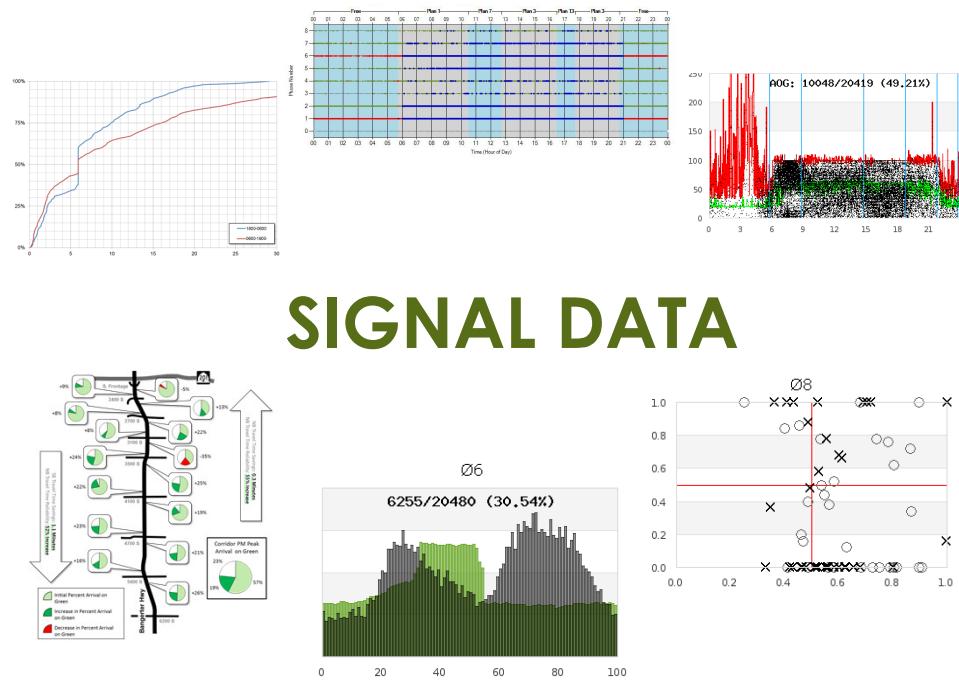
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What are Traffic Signal Performance Measures?



SIGNAL DATA

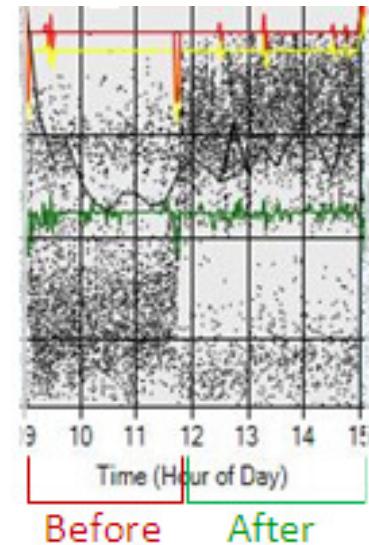
Why Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures?



Manage Resources



Minimize Traffic Delay



Communicate Results

Active Phase Events:

0	Phase On	Phase # (1-16)
1	Phase Begin Green	Phase # (1-16)
2	Phase Check	Phase # (1-16)
3	Phase Min Complete	Phase # (1-16)
4	Phase Gap Out	Phase # (1-16)
5	Phase Max Out	Phase # (1-16)
6	Phase Force Off	Phase # (1-16)
7	Phase Green Termination	Phase # (1-16)
8	Phase Begin Yellow Clearance	Phase # (1-16)
9	Phase End Yellow Clearance	Phase # (1-16)
10	Phase Begin Red Clearance	Phase # (1-16)
11	Phase End Red Clearance	Phase # (1-16)

Detector Events:

81	Detector Off	DET Channel# (1-64)
82	Detector On	DET Channel# (1-64)
83	Detector Restored	DET Channel# (1-64)
84	Detector Fault- Other	DET Channel# (1-64)
85	Detector Fault- Watchdog Fault	DET Channel# (1-64)
86	Detector Fault- Open Loop Fault	DET Channel# (1-64)

Preemption Events:

101	Preempt Advance Warning Input	Preempt # (1-10)
102	Preempt (Call) Input On	Preempt # (1-10)
103	Preempt Gate Down Input Received	Preempt # (1-10)
104	Preempt (Call) Input Off	Preempt # (1-10)
105	Preempt Entry Started	Preempt # (1-10)

Controller Enumerations

Event Code, Event Description, Parameter

Time: 1:29:51.1
Code: 82 (ON)
Parameter: 5 (Det. Ch.)

Time: 1:30:08.1
Code: 1 (Green)
Parameter: 8 (Phase)

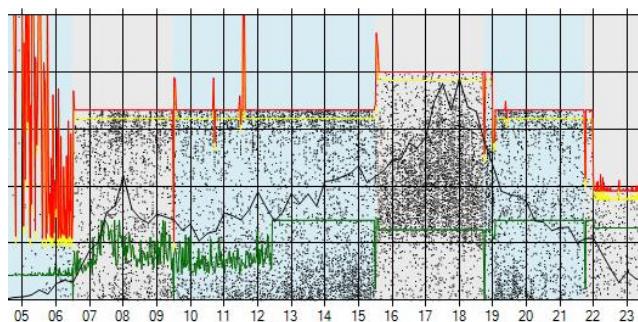
Time: 1:30:15.8
Code: 81 (OFF)
Parameter: 5 (Det. Ch.)

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
06/27/2013 01:29:52.3	82	2
06/27/2013 01:29:52.8	82	4
06/27/2013 01:29:52.9	81	4
06/27/2013 01:29:53.3	81	6
06/27/2013 01:29:54.5	81	2
06/27/2013 01:30:02.2	8	2
06/27/2013 01:30:02.2	8	6
06/27/2013 01:30:02.2	33	2
06/27/2013 01:30:02.2	33	6
06/27/2013 01:30:02.2	32	2
06/27/2013 01:30:02.2	32	6
06/27/2013 01:30:06.1	10	2
06/27/2013 01:30:06.1	10	6
06/27/2013 01:30:08.1	1	8
06/27/2013 01:30:13.1	32	8
06/27/2013 01:30:15.8	81	5
06/27/2013 01:30:18.5	82	6
06/27/2013 01:30:27.5	81	6
06/27/2013 01:30:30.4	8	8

High Resolution Data

Timestamp, Enumeration Code, Parameter

Today's Goals:



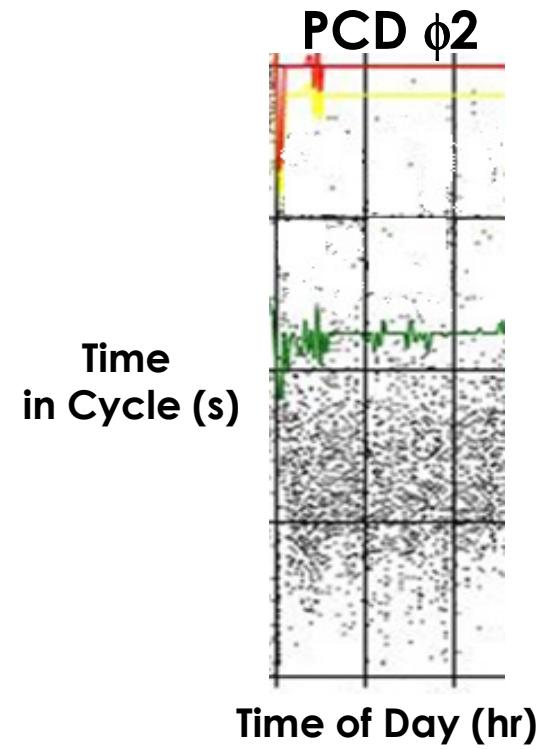
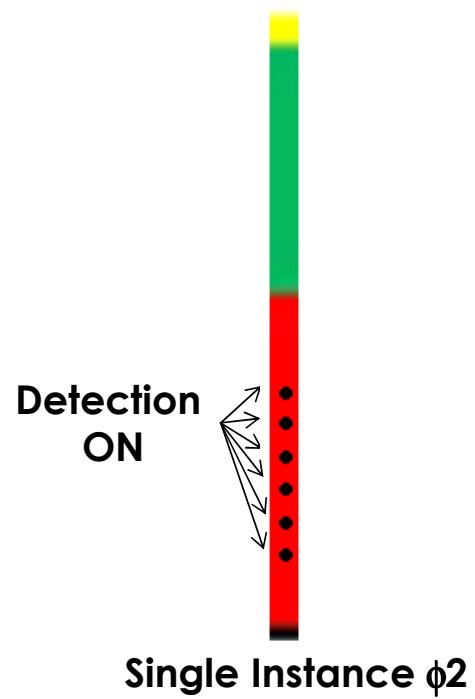
Purdue Coordination
Diagram (PCD)



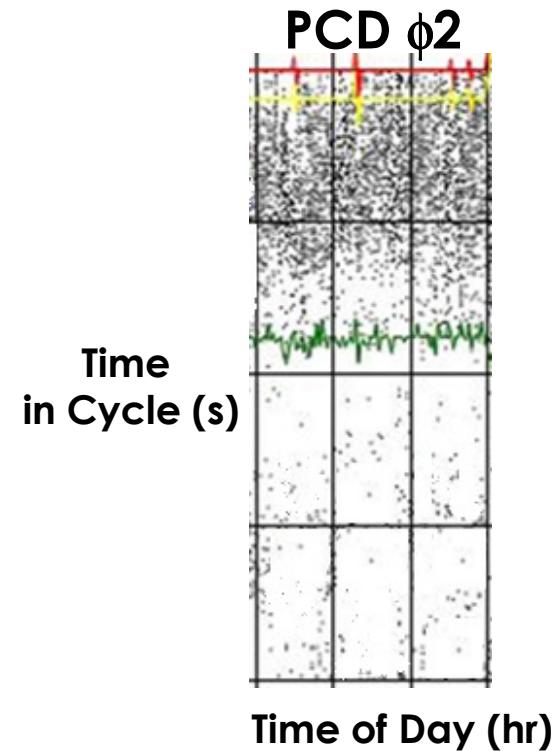
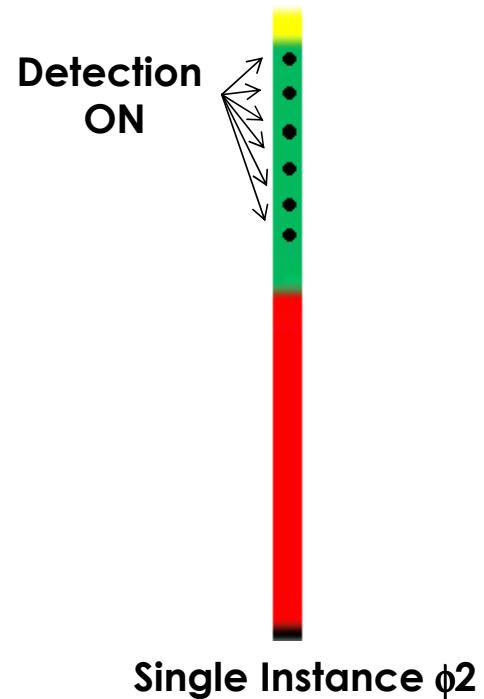
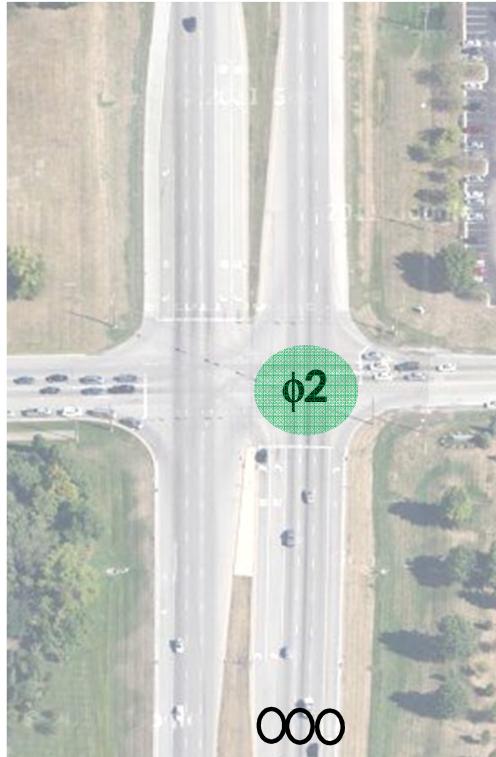
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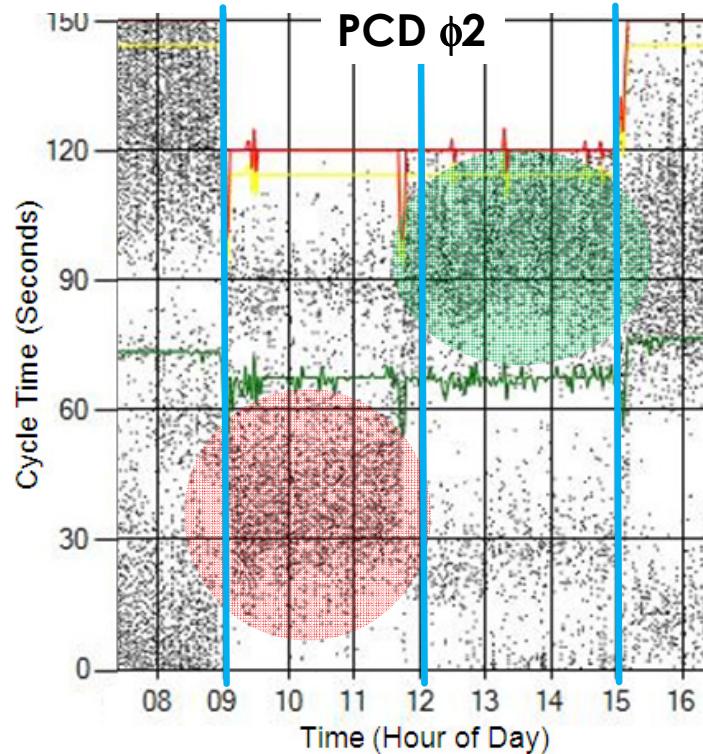
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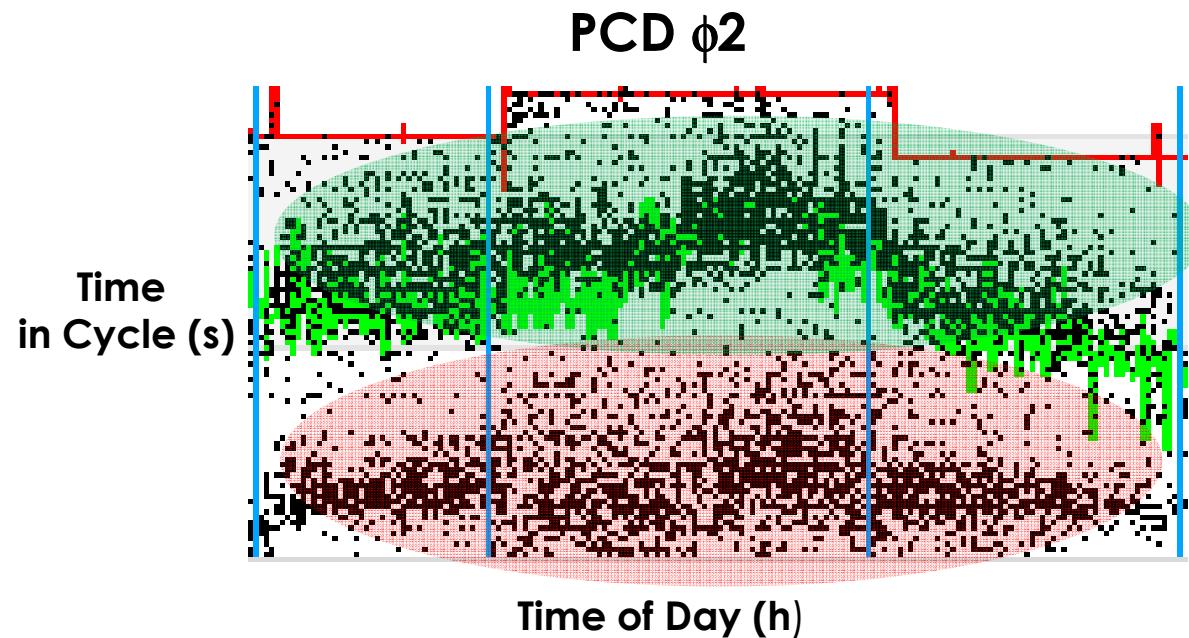
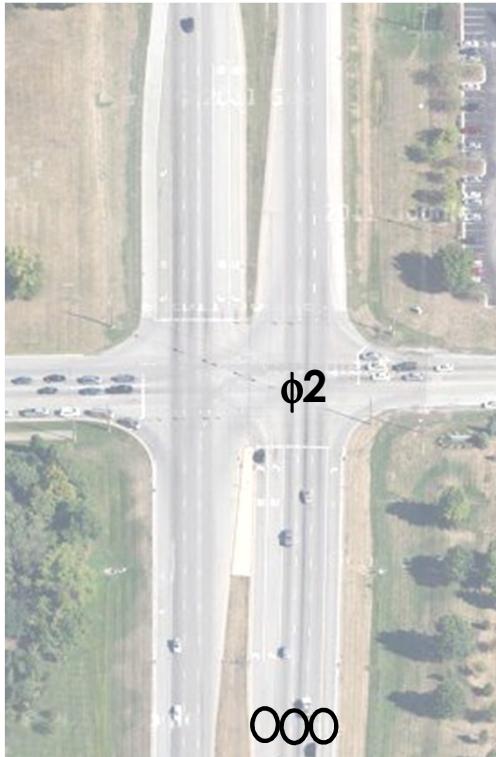
PCD: Red Arrival



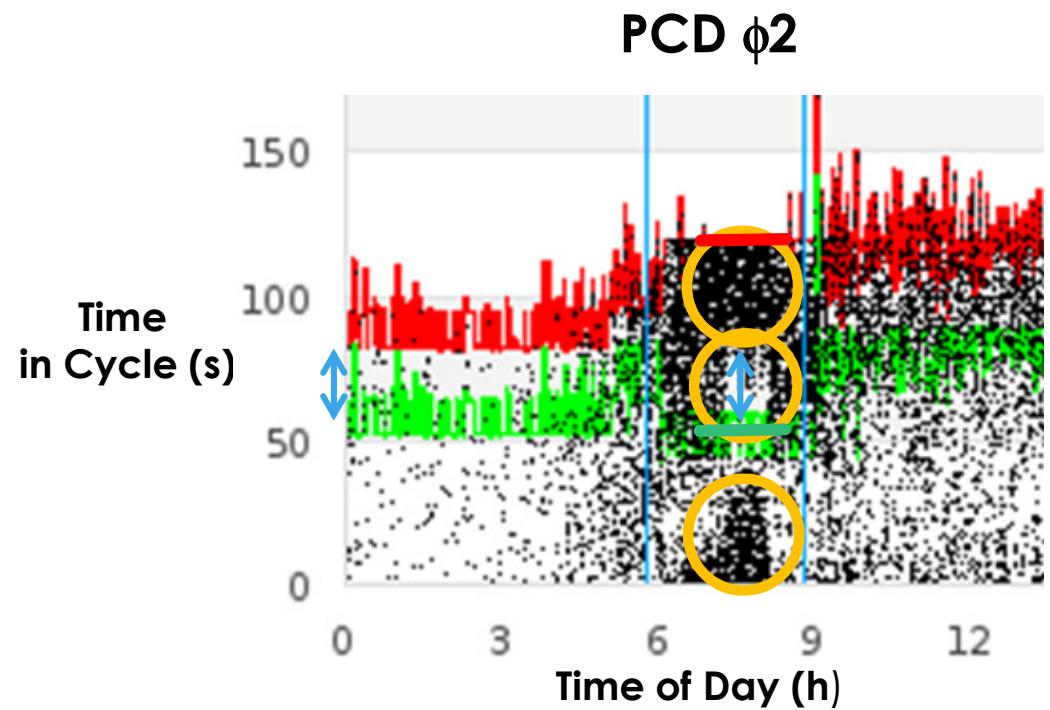
PCD: Green Arrival



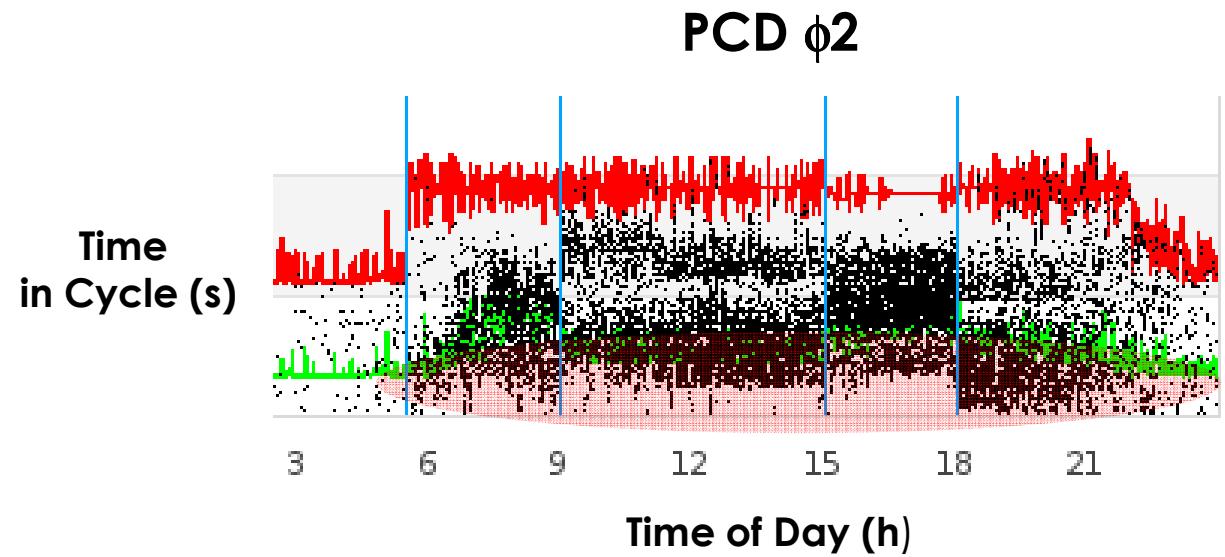
PCD: Platoon Arrival by TOD



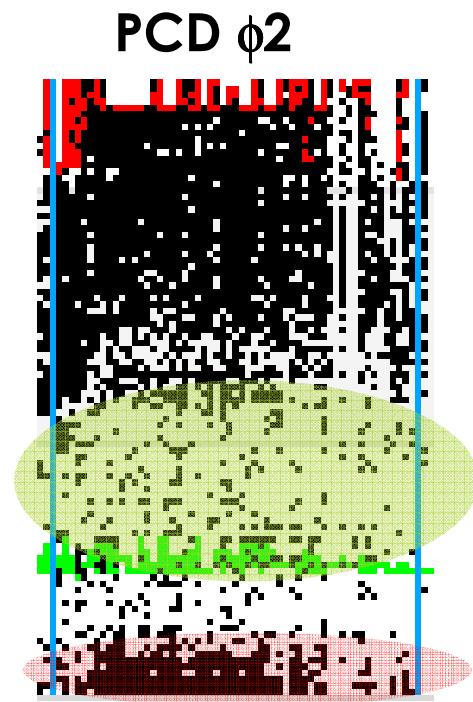
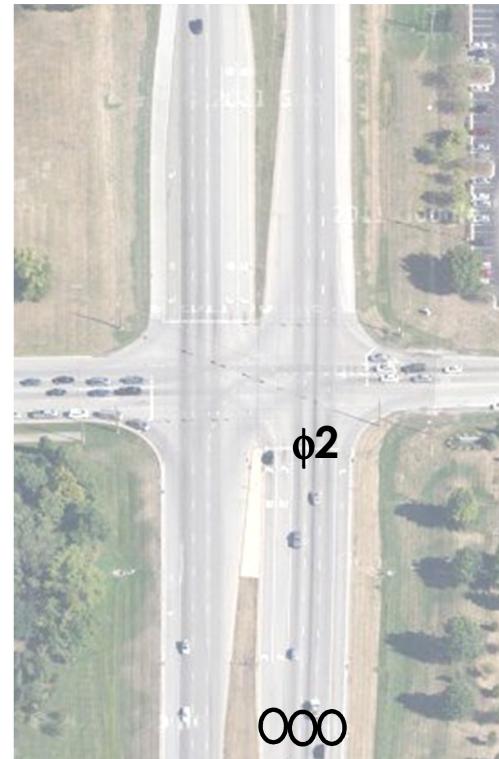
PCD: Distinct Platoons



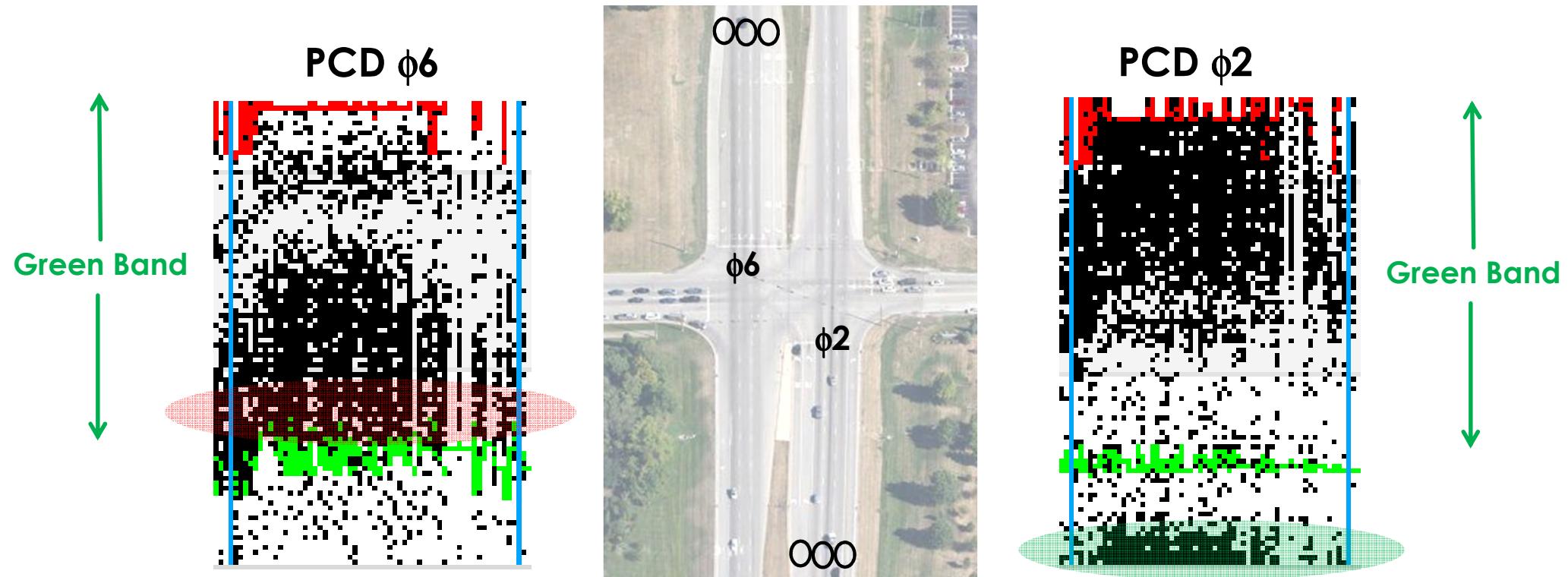
PCD: Cycle Failure



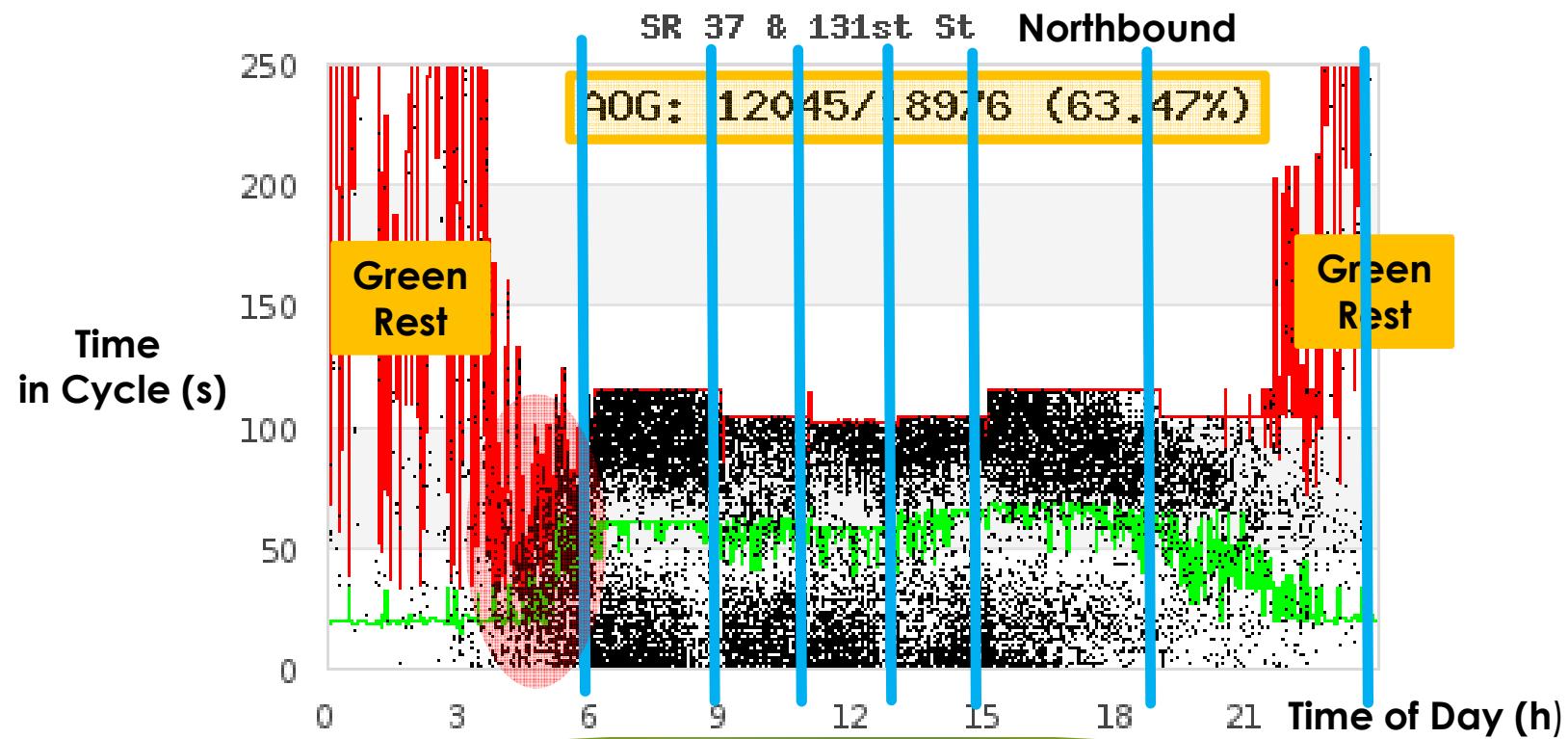
PCD: Early Platoon Arrival



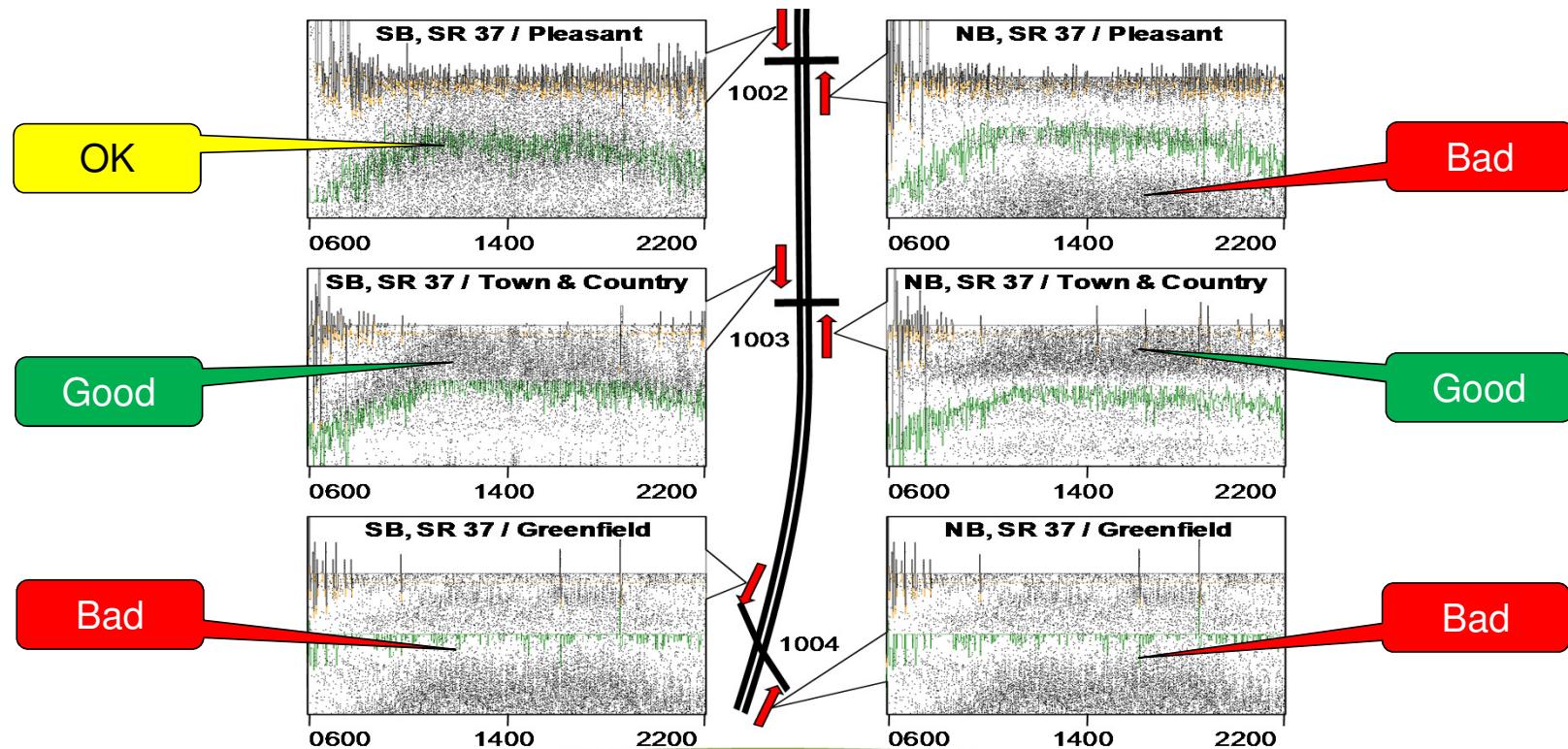
PCD: Platoon Clipping



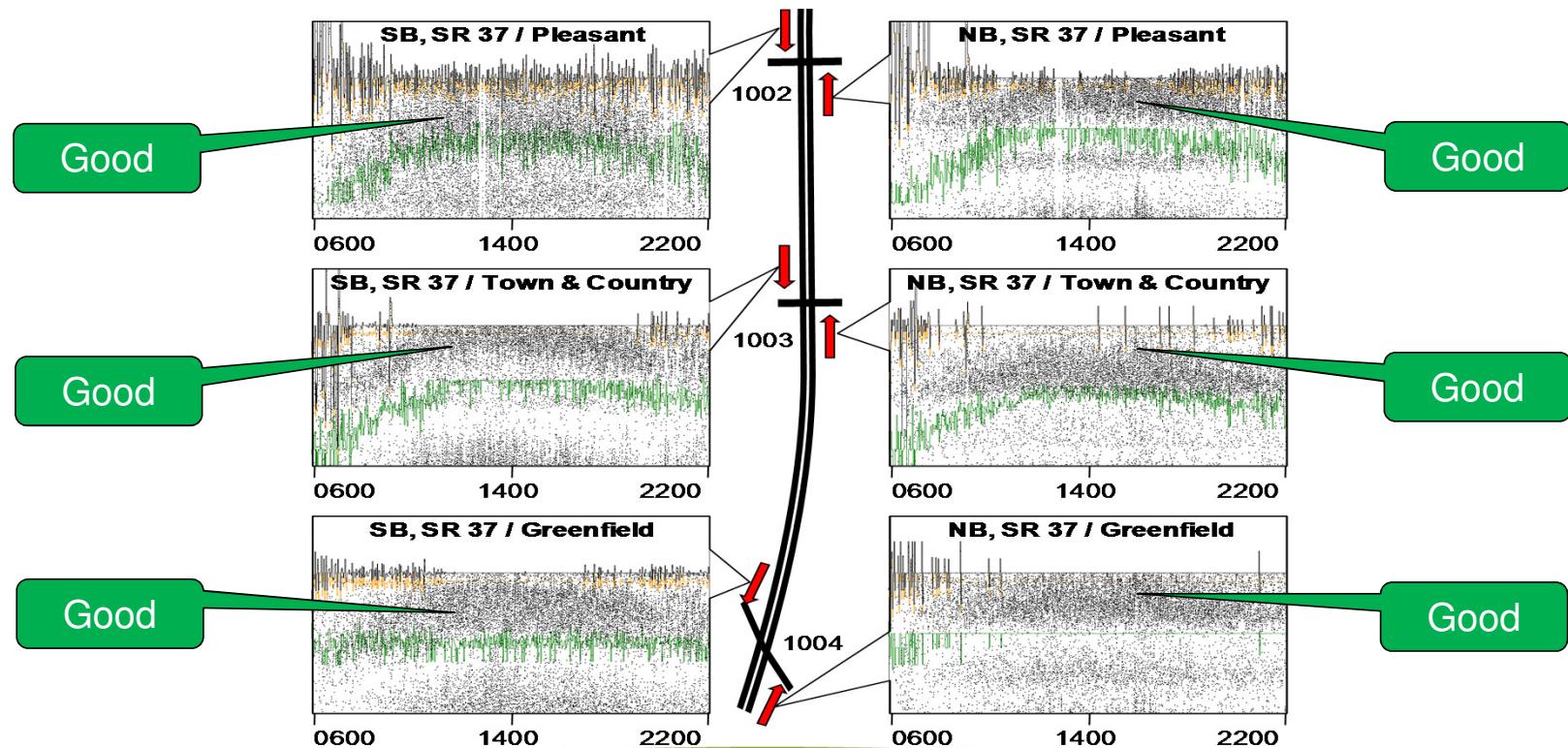
PCD: Adjust Offsets



PCD: Pattern Start & End Times

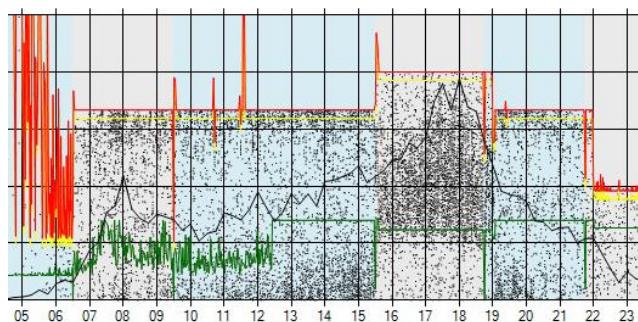


BEFORE Offset Optimization



AFTER Offset Optimization

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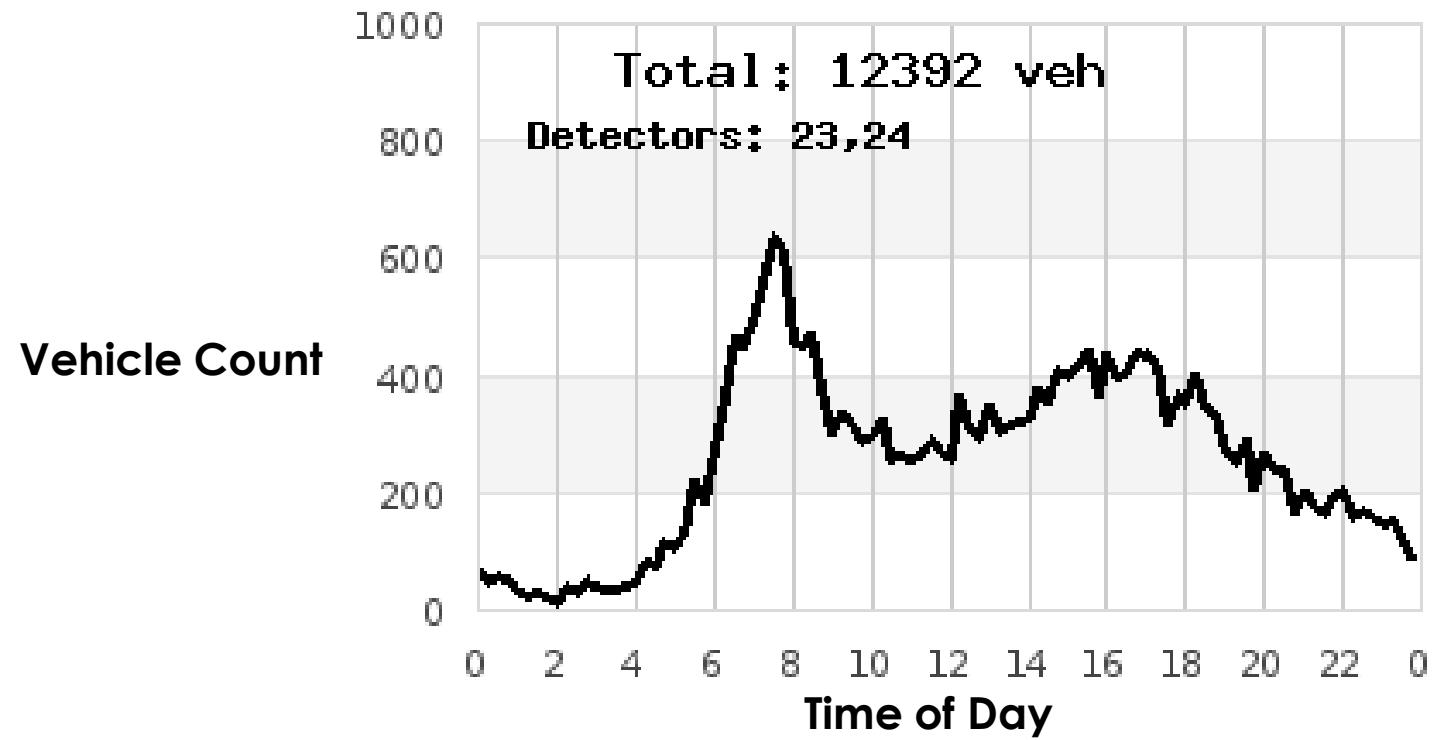


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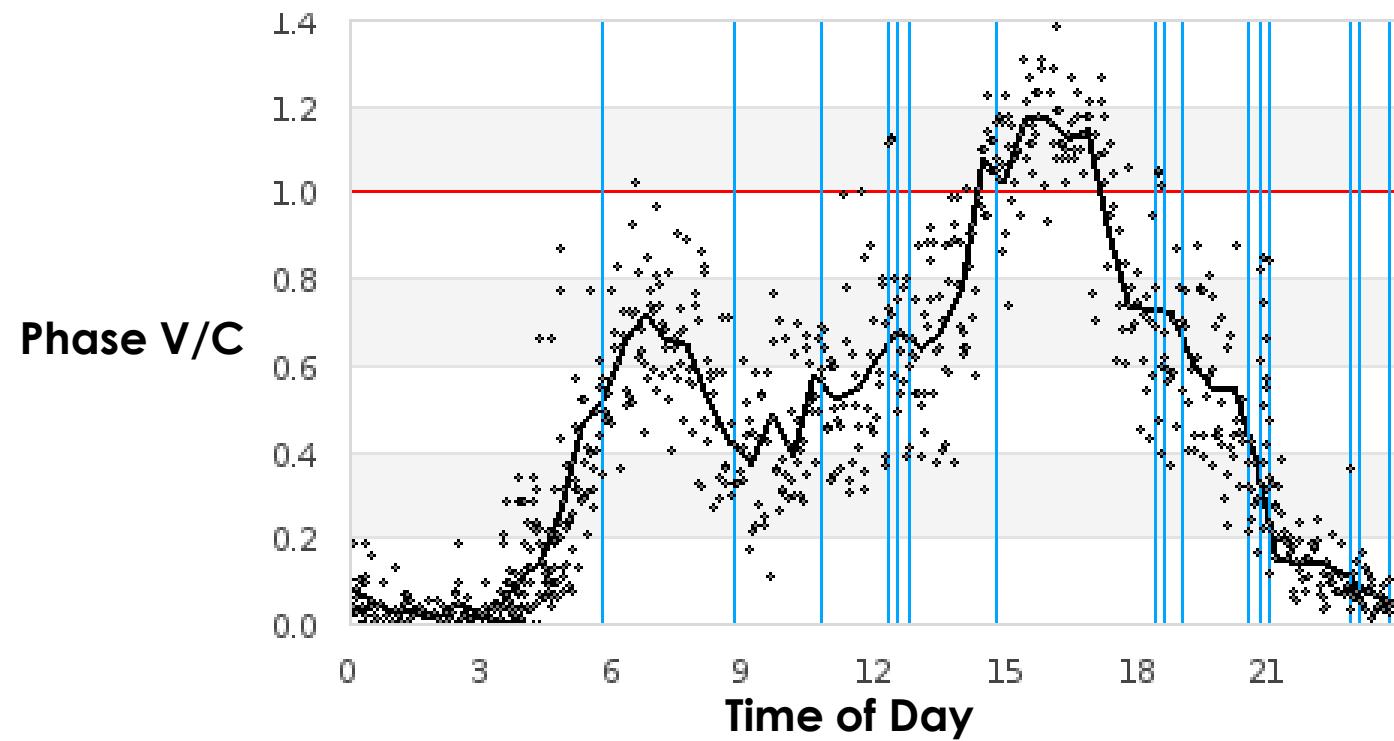
HCM & Signal Performance Measures

- FLOW RATE
- LEVEL OF SERVICE
- VOLUME / CAPACITY RATIO
- ORIGIN-DESTINATION DISTRIBUTION (FOR CLOSELY SPACED INTERSECTIONS)
- VEHICLE DELAY
- PLATOON RATIO
- QUEUE LENGTH
- PROPORTION ARRIVAL ON GREEN
- PASSAGE TIMES
- VEHICLE SPEED (RADAR OR PROBE DATA)
- LANE UTILIZATION
- PEDESTRIAN/BIKE/PREEMPTION ACTIVITY

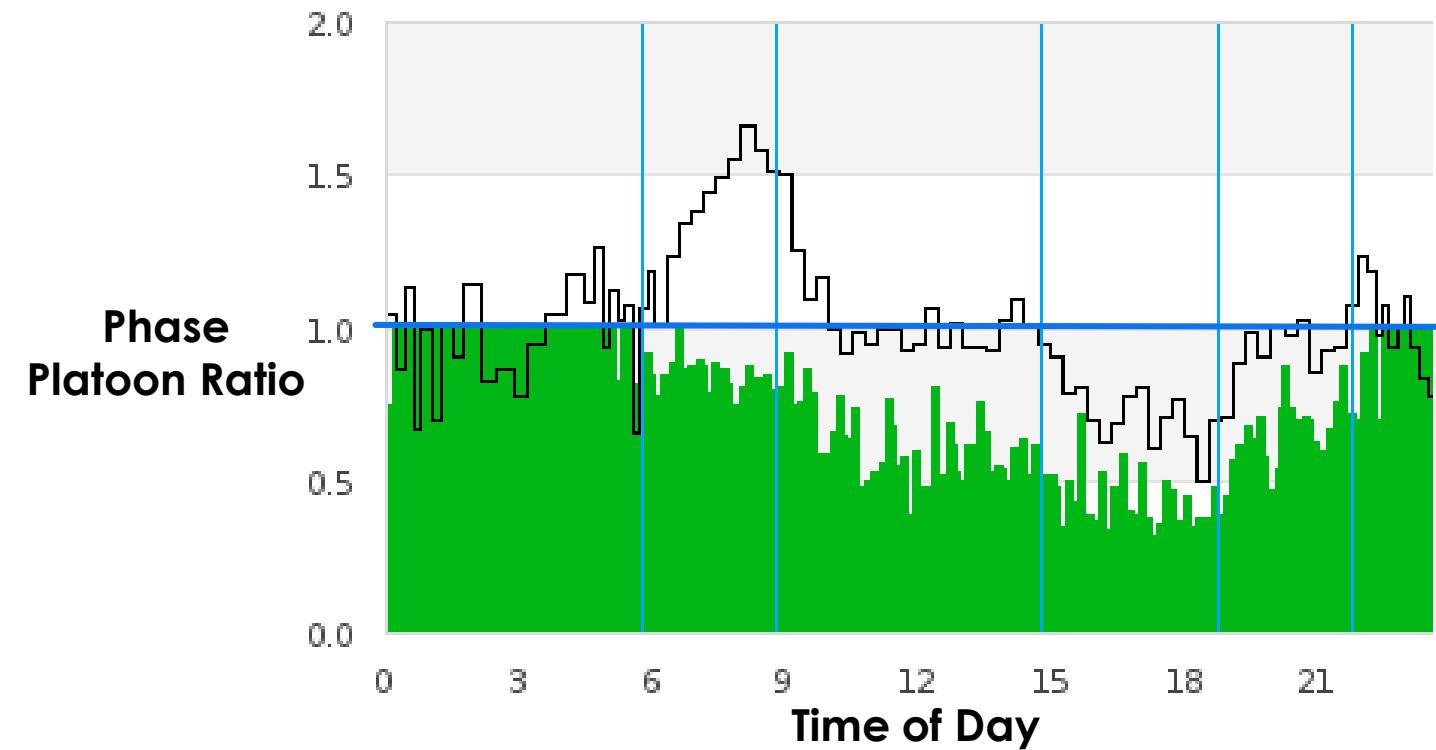




Volumes by TOD



Volume to Capacity Ratio



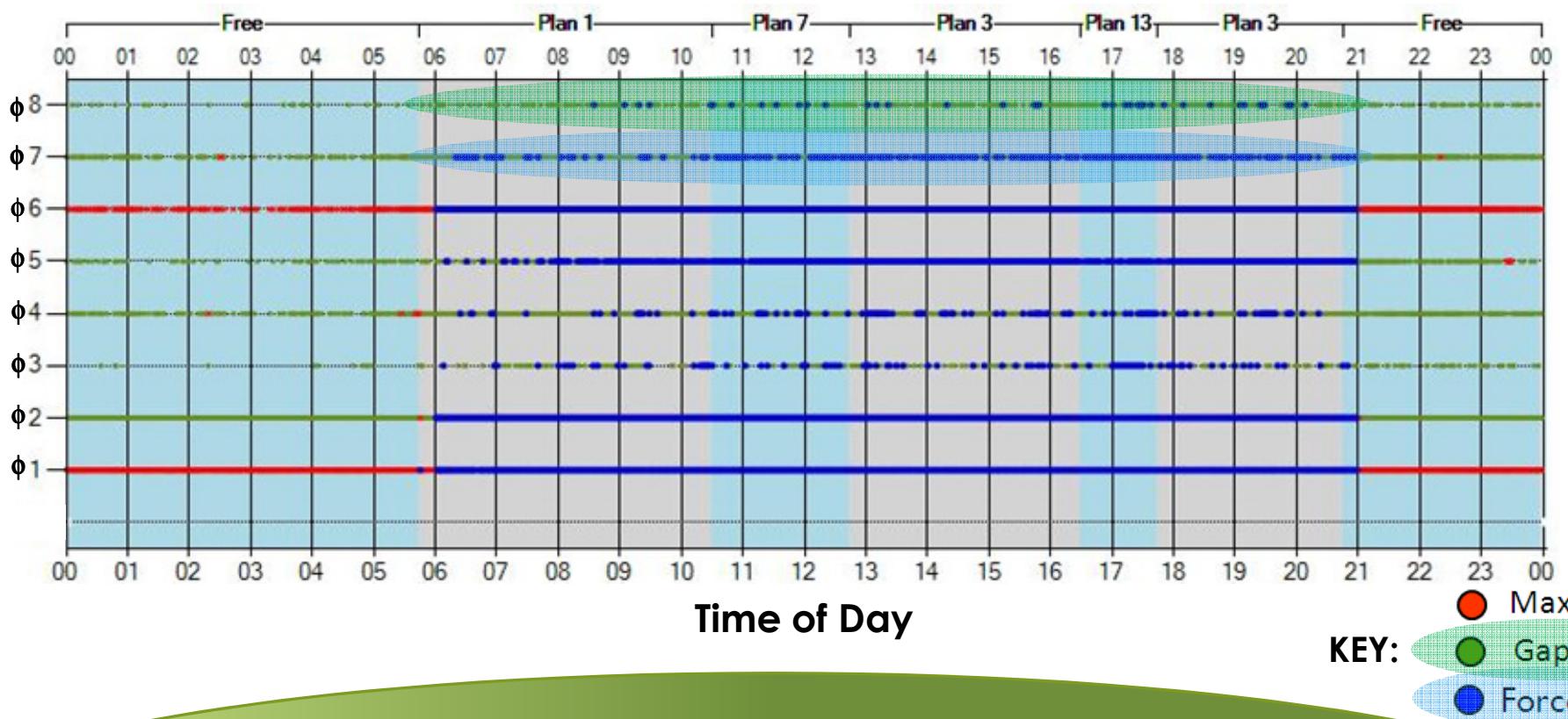
Example Calculations:

$$\frac{75\% \text{ AOG}}{50\% \text{ Green Time}} = 1.5$$

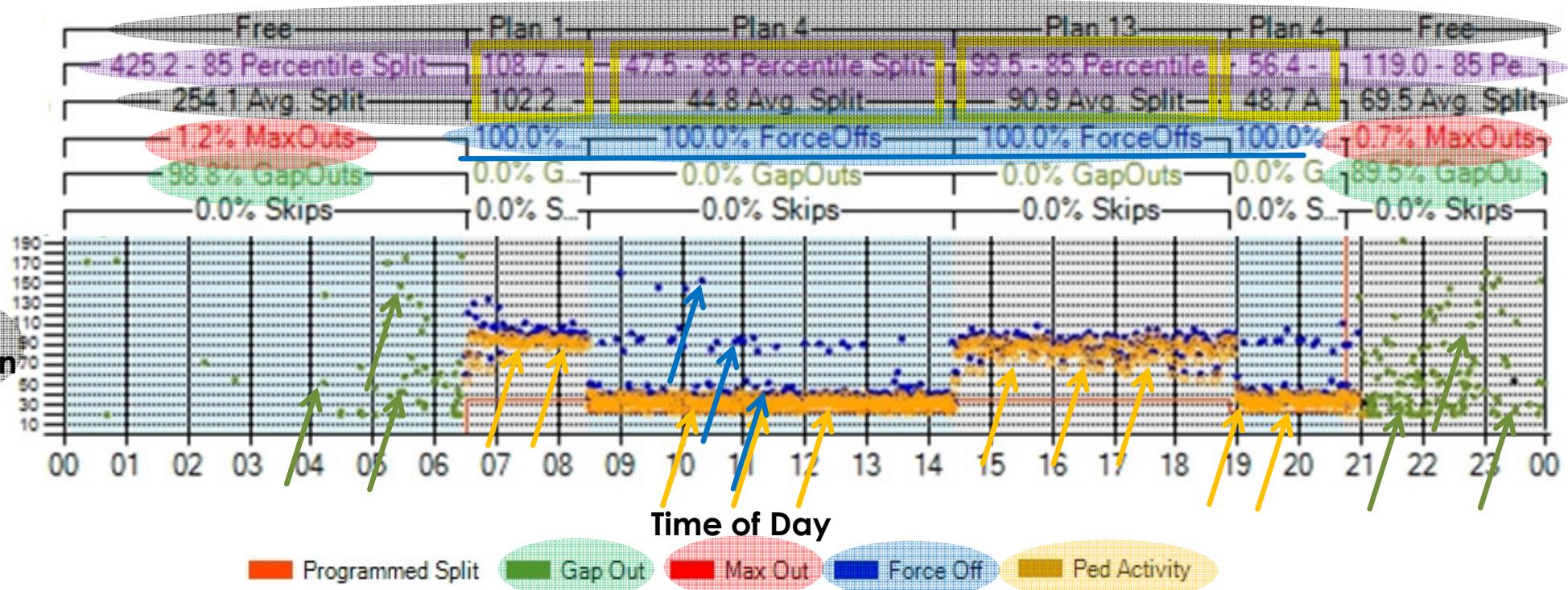
$$\frac{50\% \text{ AOG}}{50\% \text{ Green Time}} = 1.0$$

$$\frac{50\% \text{ AOG}}{75\% \text{ Green Time}} = 0.67$$

Platoon Ratio



Purdue Phase Termination Diagram

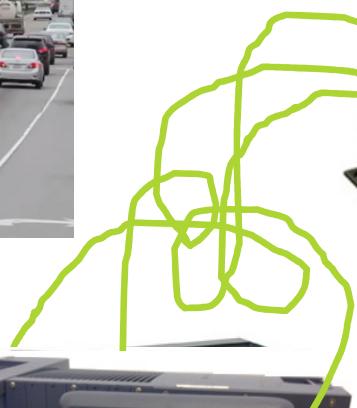


Split Monitor

What is the Best Infrastructure for Automated Signal Performance Measures?



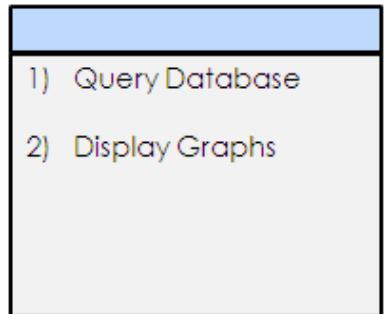
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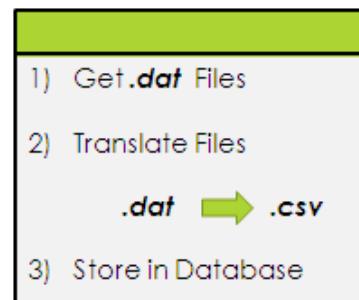
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High Resolution Controller



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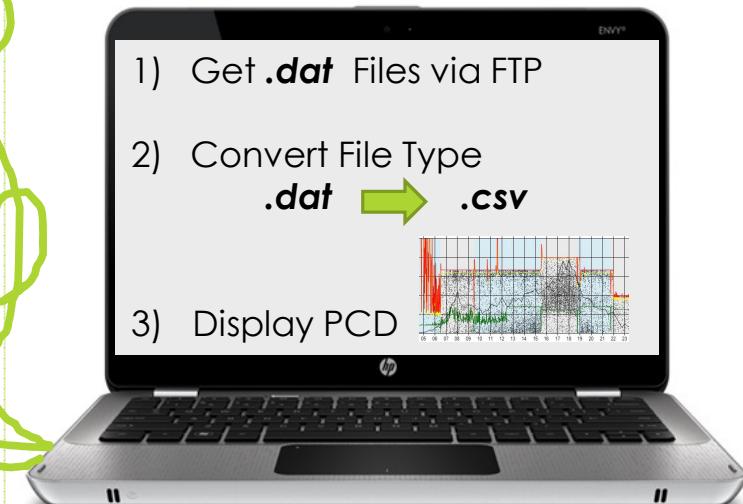
What are minimum requirements for PCD's?



**Advanced
Detection**



**High Resolution
Controller**



Computer

What are the minimum requirements for Automated Signal Performance Measures?



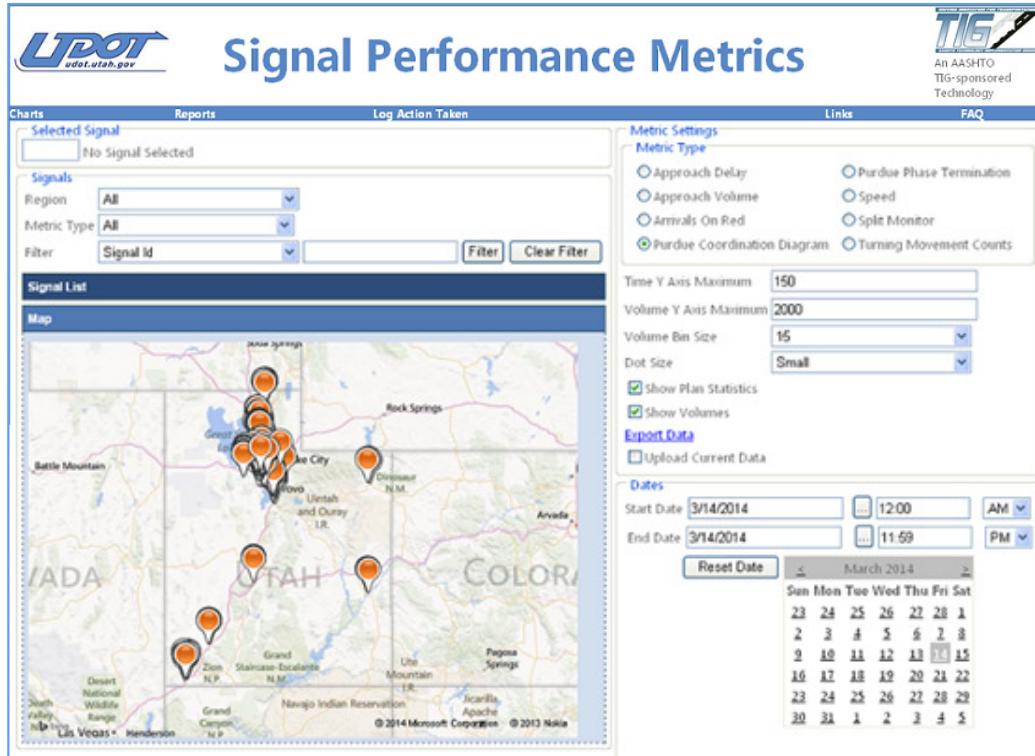
**High Resolution
Controller**

Computer



What Agency Tasks can be Automated?

- **OPTIMIZE TRAFFIC FLOW**
- **AUTOMATE REPORTS**
 - Management
 - Maintenance
 - Signal Systems Engineering
- **ARCHIVE SIGNAL DATA**
- **INFORMATION ACCESS FOR STAKEHOLDERS**
- **MONITOR SIGNAL TIMING USING THRESHOLD ALARMS**



UDOT's Signal Performance Website



“Traffic Was Bad Saturday!”

- Monday Customer Service Report

- **WAS SATURDAY TYPICAL?**
 - An accident?
 - Equipment failures?
 - Have timings changed?
 - Unusually High Volumes?
- **DOES SATURDAY NEED RETIMED?**
 - Gather Counts & Model new plan?
 - Schedule Saturday field retiming?
 - Can we fix a timing issue today?
- **NEXT SATURDAY: DID WE FIX THE PROBLEM?**

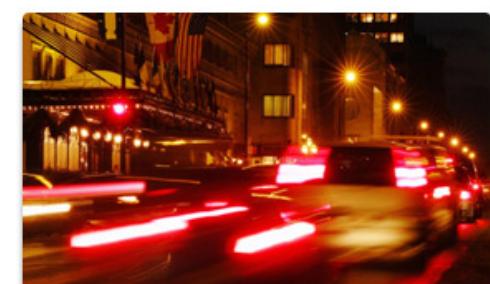
What do Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures mean to you?



Always on...

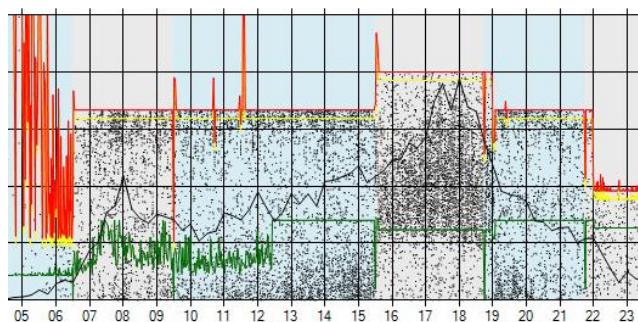


**Measure vs.
model...**

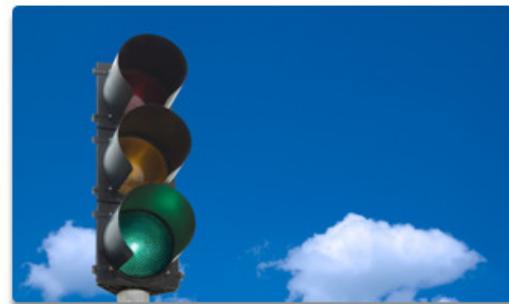


**Improved
mobility...**

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Diagram (PCD)



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Get Started!



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- **ITE WEBINAR APRIL 9TH, MAY 7TH, JUNE 11TH**
- **SERVER/WEBSITE EXPERTISE**
- **OPEN SOURCE CODE**
- **PROCUREMENT SPECIFICATION EXAMPLES**



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