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Combining Mechanistic Modelling, Nonlinear Control, and Neuronal Learning for Road Traffic Optimization

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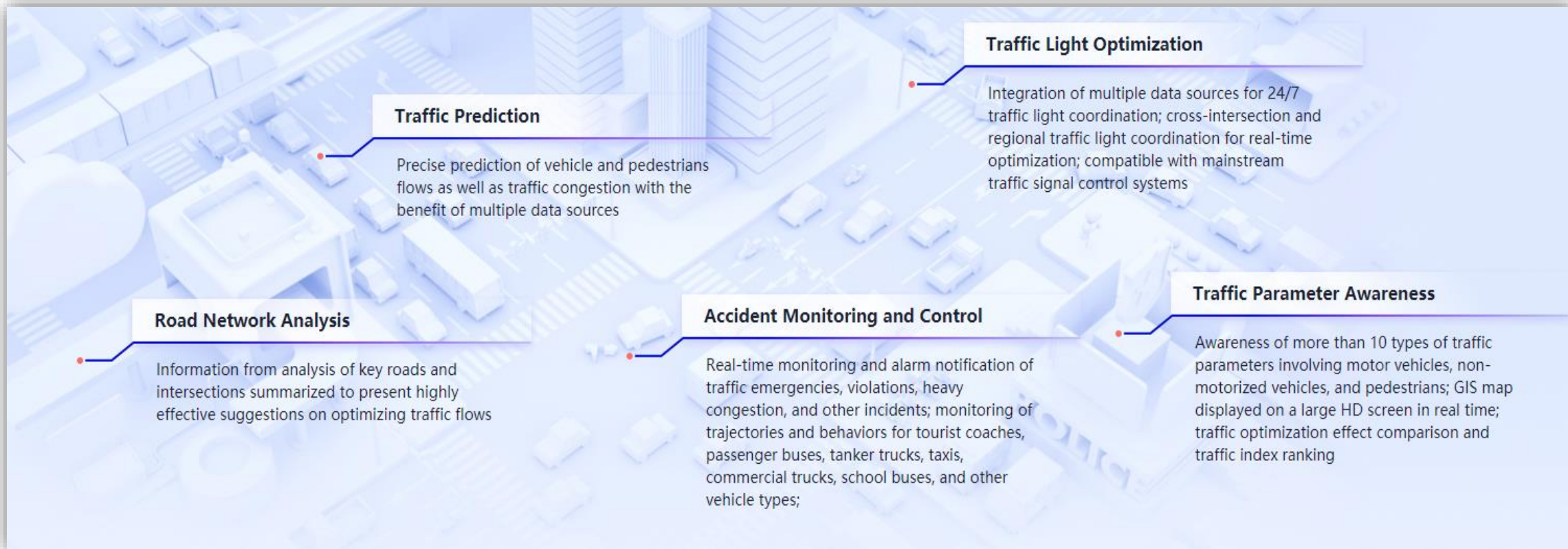
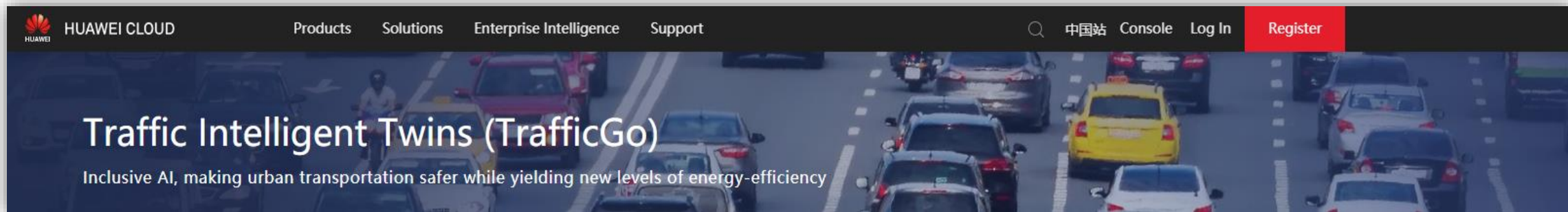
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Agenda

- TrafficGO Solution
- Real Time Traffic Control at District Level
- System design: modelling, control, and learning
- Evaluation
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TrafficGO Solution



Traffic Intelligent Twins (TrafficGO)

Inclusive AI, making urban transportation safer while yielding new levels of energy-efficiency

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Real-Time Traffic Signal Scheduling

Formulates the first security communication interface standards for intelligence-infused traffic management and signal control systems.



District-wide Coordination

Maximizes traffic volume and minimizes vehicle wait time. Coordinates travel requirements of vehicles and pedestrians for smooth traffic.



Deep Data Mining

Integrates the Internet with big data for traffic control to deepen data mining efforts.



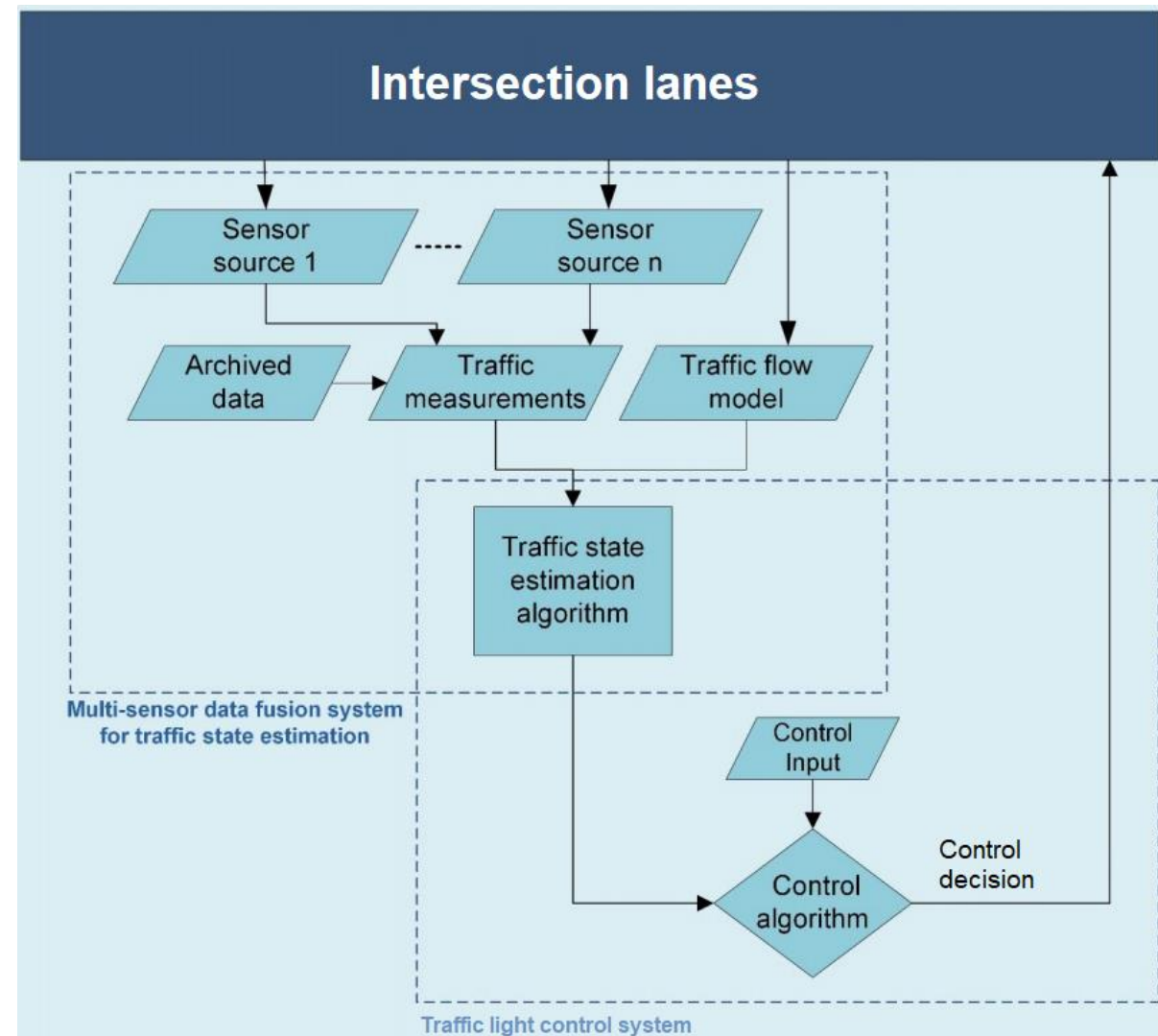
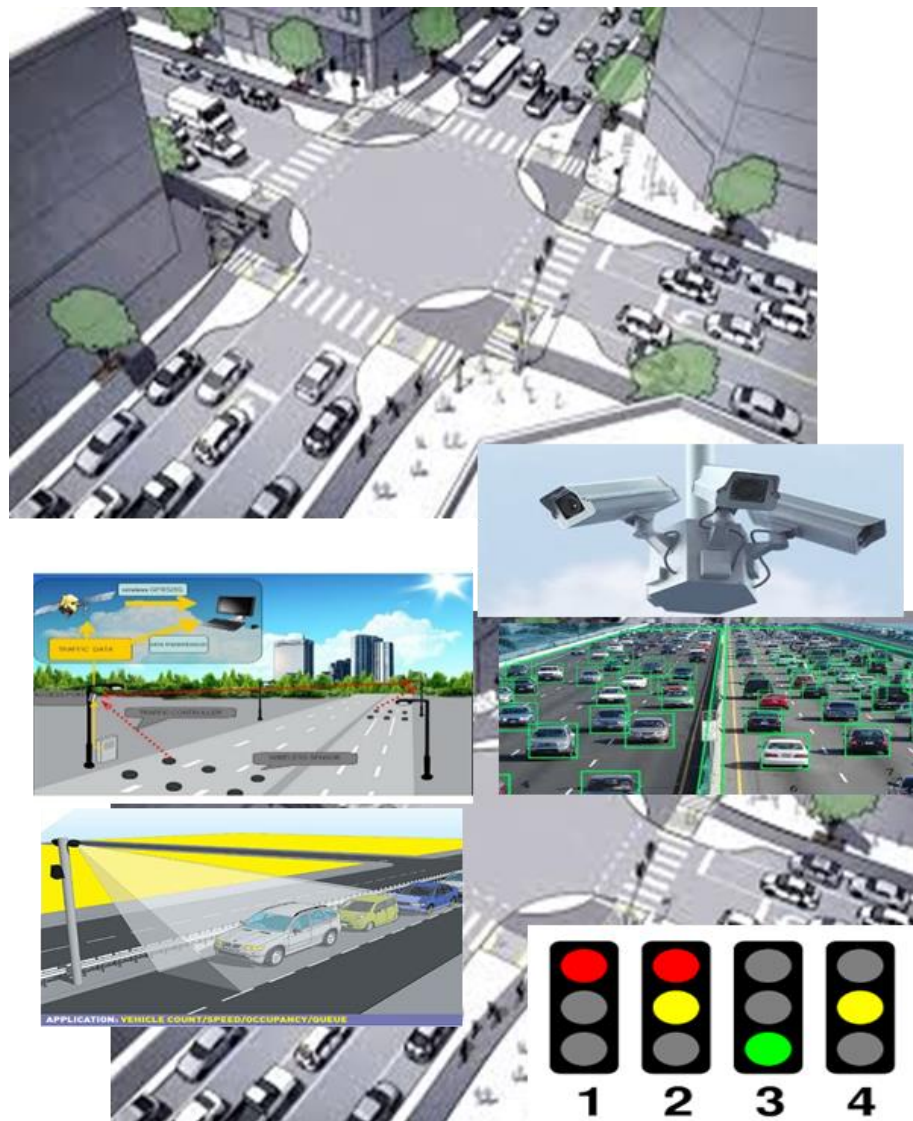
Precise Tracking and Planning

Accurately predicts trajectories and plans routes in advance.

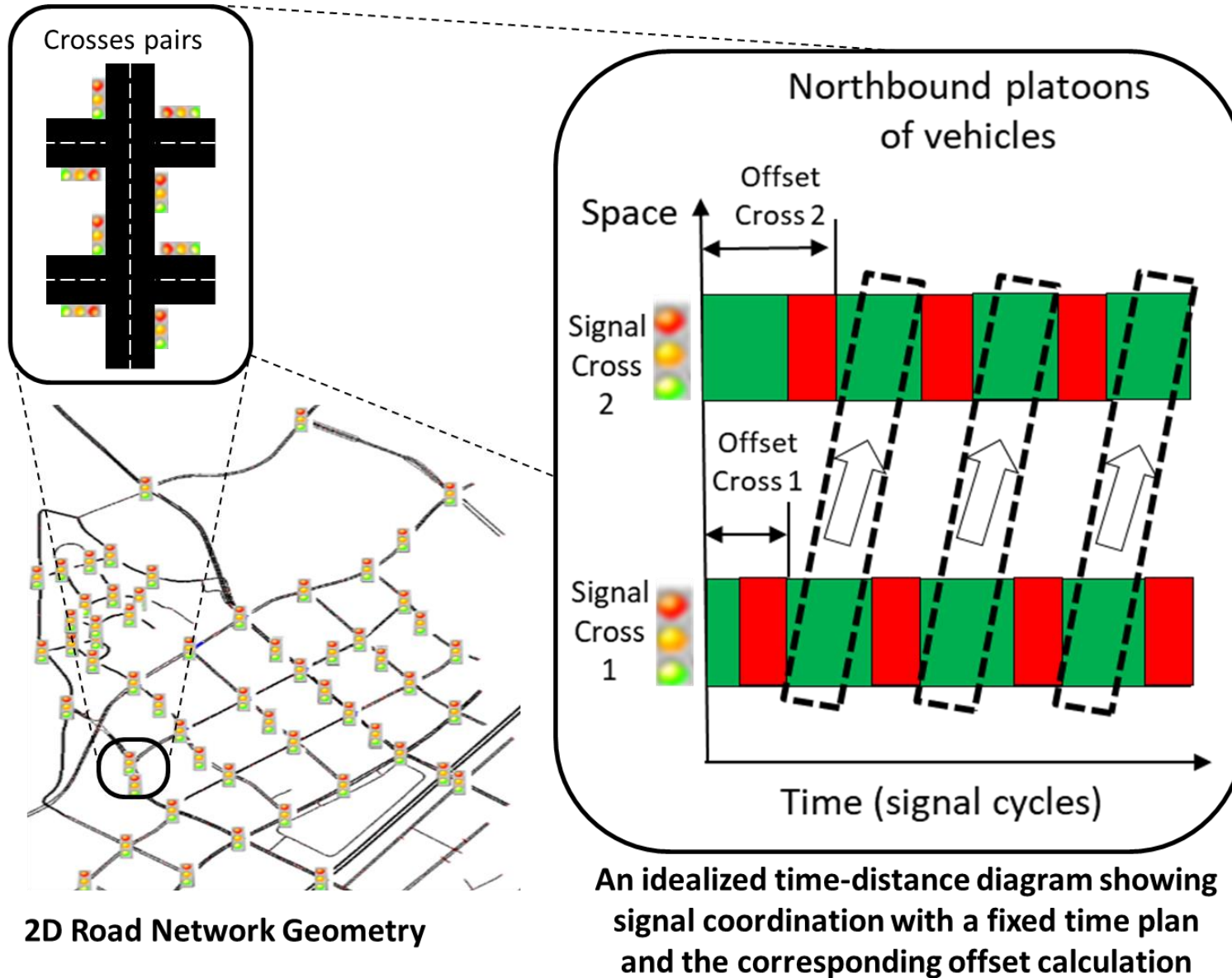
OBELISC

Oscillator-Based Efficient Learning In phase offset State Control

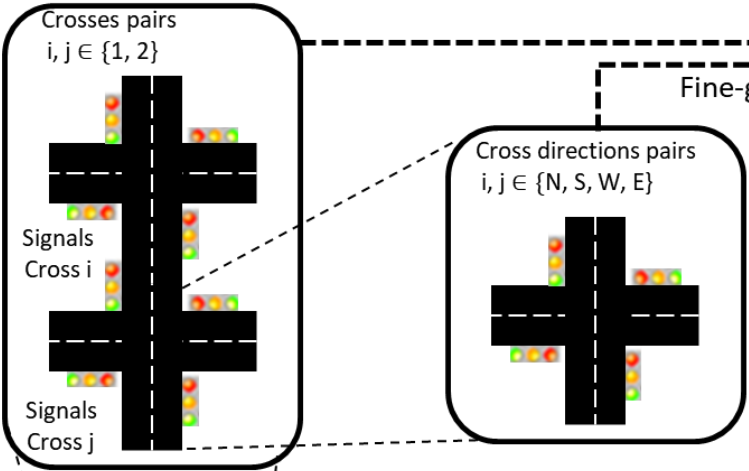
Real Time Traffic Control at District Level



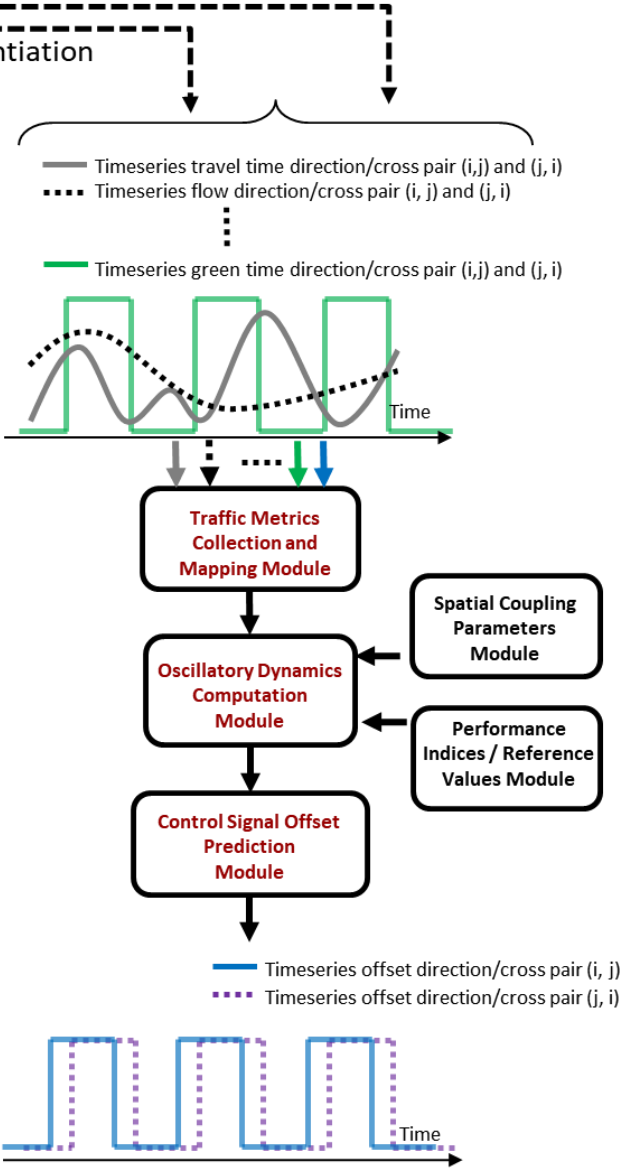
Real Time Traffic Control at District Level



System design



2D Road Network Geometry



System design: modelling

$$\frac{d\theta_i(t)}{dt} = \underbrace{\omega_i(t)}_{\text{Angular speed}} + \underbrace{k_i(t) \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} \sin(\theta_j(t) - \theta_i(t))}_{\text{Coupling strength}} + \underbrace{F_i \sin(\theta^*(t) - \theta_i(t))}_{\text{Variability}}$$

where:

θ_i - the amount of green time of traffic light i

ω_i - the frequency of traffic light i oscillator

k_i - the flow of cars passing through the direction controlled by traffic light i oscillator

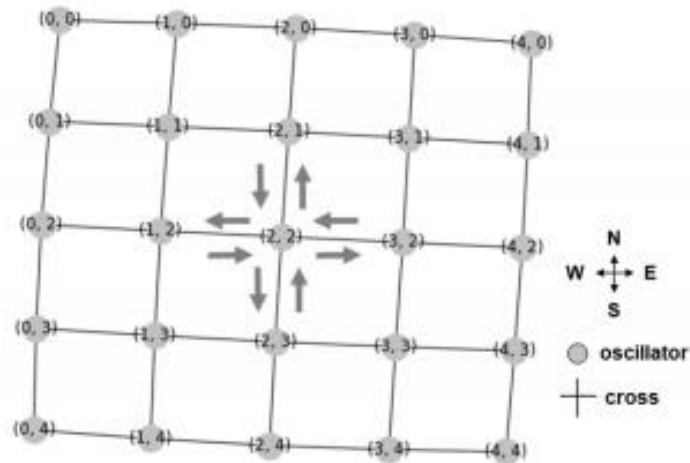
A_{ij} - the static spatial adjacency coupling between oscillator i and oscillator j

F_i - the coupling of external perturbations (e.g. maximum cycle time per phase imposed by law)

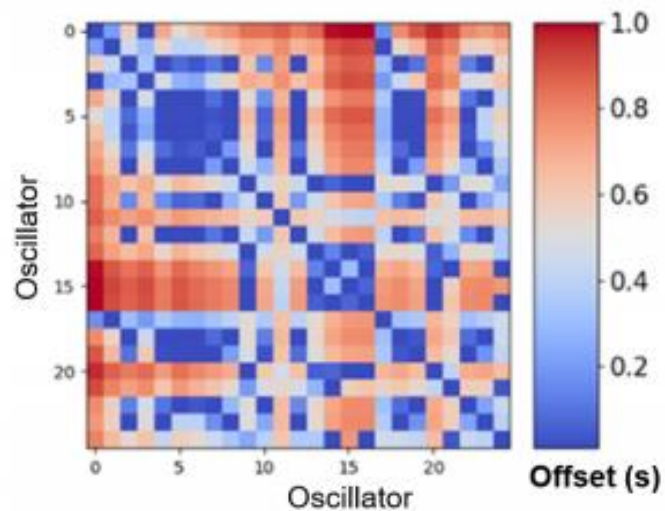
θ^* - the external perturbation (e.g. the upper limit of green time)

System design: modelling

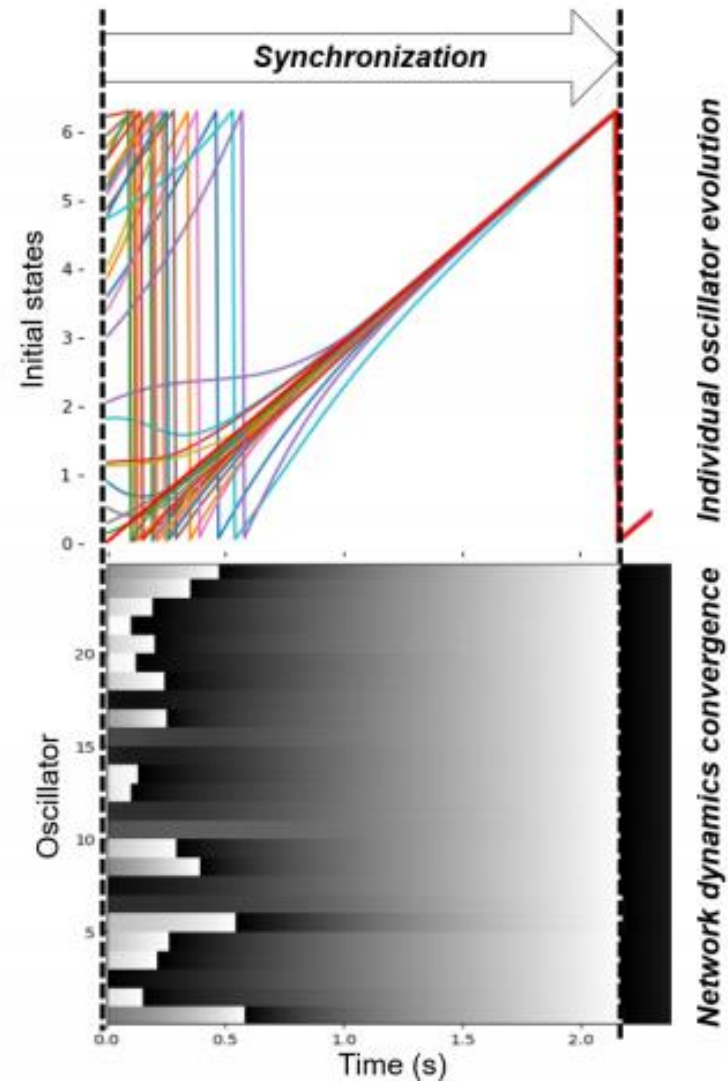
a. Example road network topology



c. Time to synchronization (offset)



b. Dynamics of the oscillator network



System design: control

Oscillator dynamics

Regularizing control law

$$\frac{d\theta_i(t)}{dt} = \omega_i(t) + k_i(t) \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} \sin(\theta_j(t) - \theta_i(t)) + F_i \sin(\theta^*(t) - \theta_i(t)) + u_i(t)$$

with

$$u_i(t) = \epsilon_1 \int_0^t \hat{s}_i(\tau) d\tau$$

$$\frac{\hat{s}_i(t)}{dt} = \epsilon_2 \left(\sum_{i,j} (\hat{s}_j(t) - \hat{s}_i(t)) + s_i(t) \right)$$

$$\frac{s_i(t)}{dt} = \epsilon_3 \sum_j (s_j(t) - \frac{\hat{s}_i(t)}{dt}) - \text{sign}(\hat{s}_i(t)) \frac{d^2\theta_i(t)}{dt^2}$$

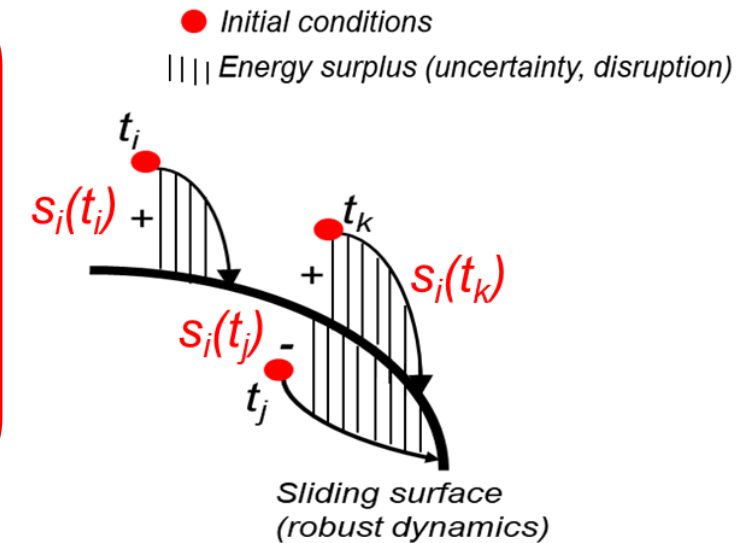
Sliding Mode Control

$$0 < \epsilon_1 < \epsilon_2 < \epsilon_3 < 1$$

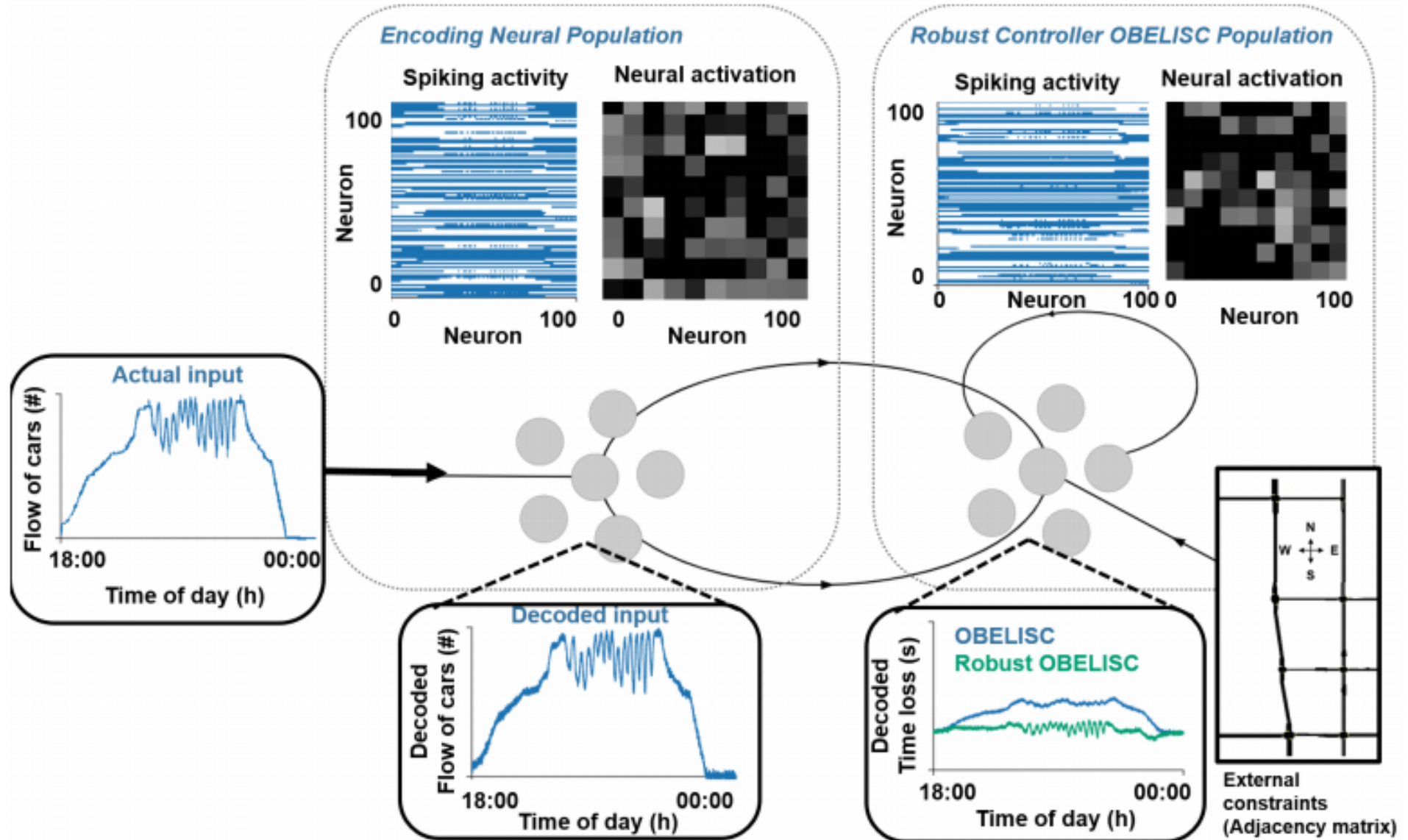
where:

$s_i(t)$ - the surplus energy of traffic light i oscillator

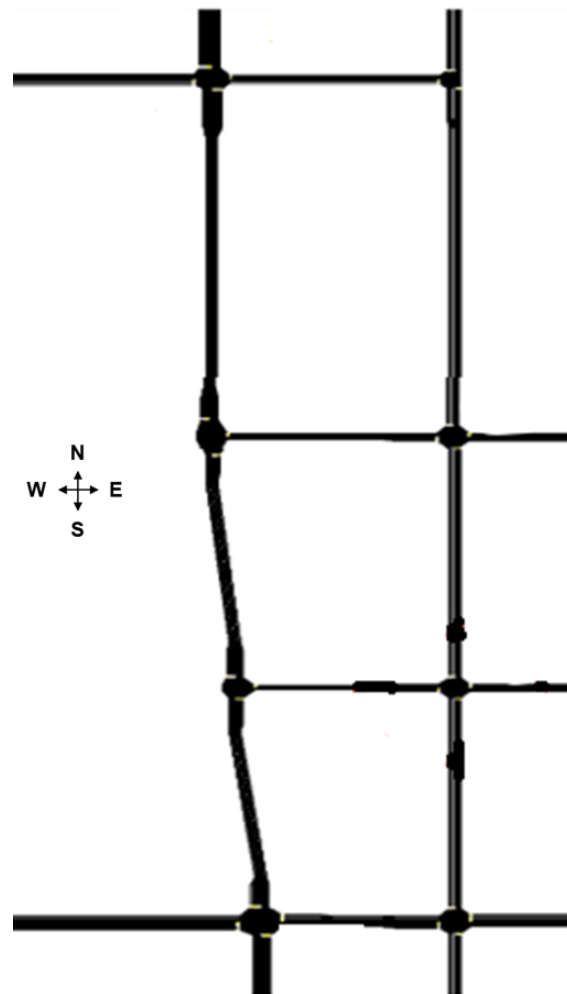
$\hat{s}_i(t)$ - the estimated surplus energy of traffic light i oscillator



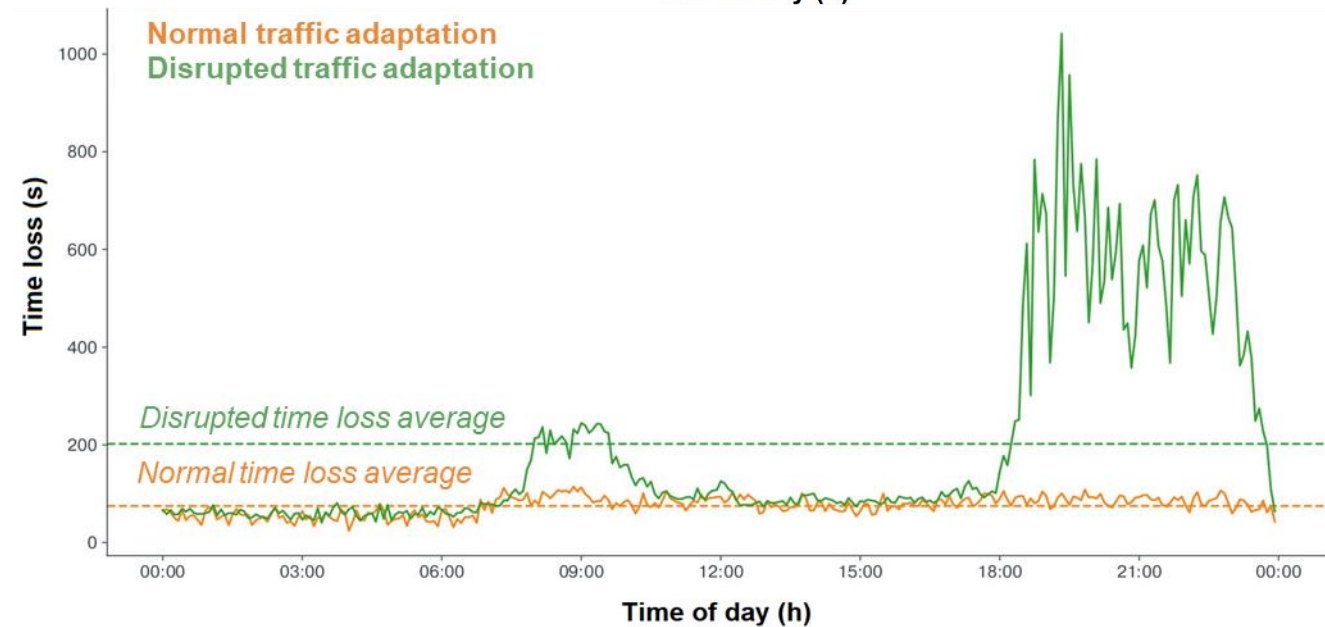
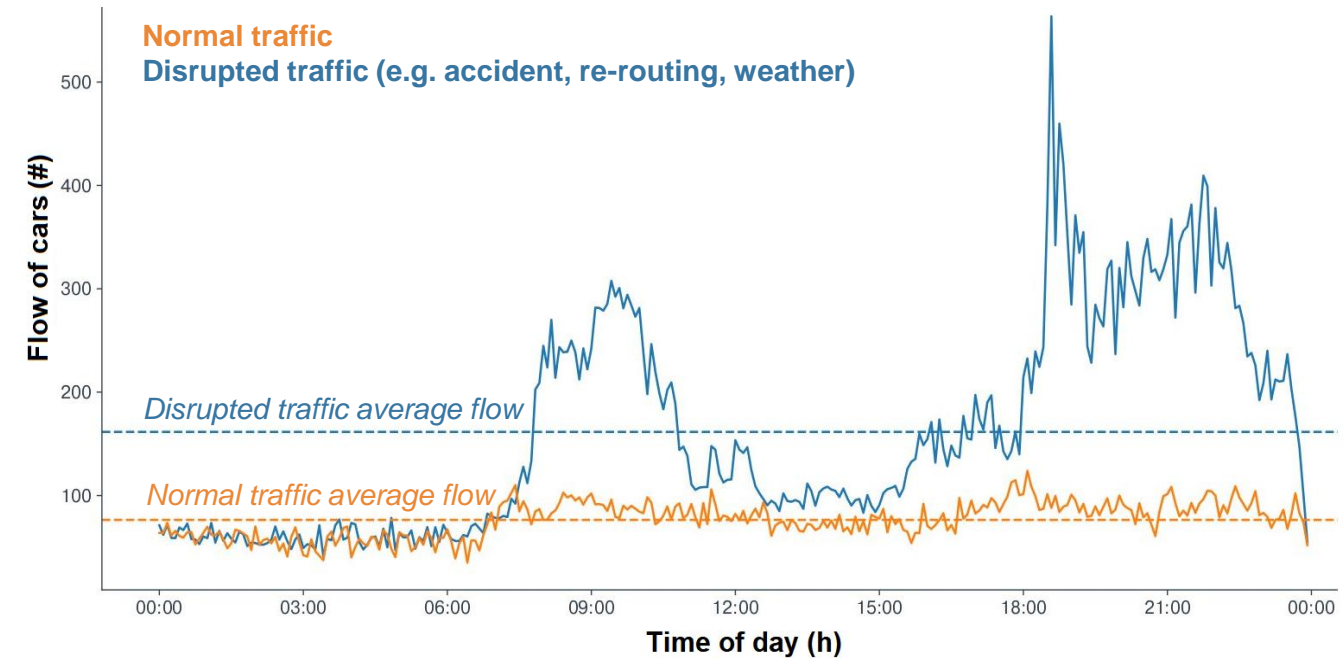
System design: learning



Evaluation

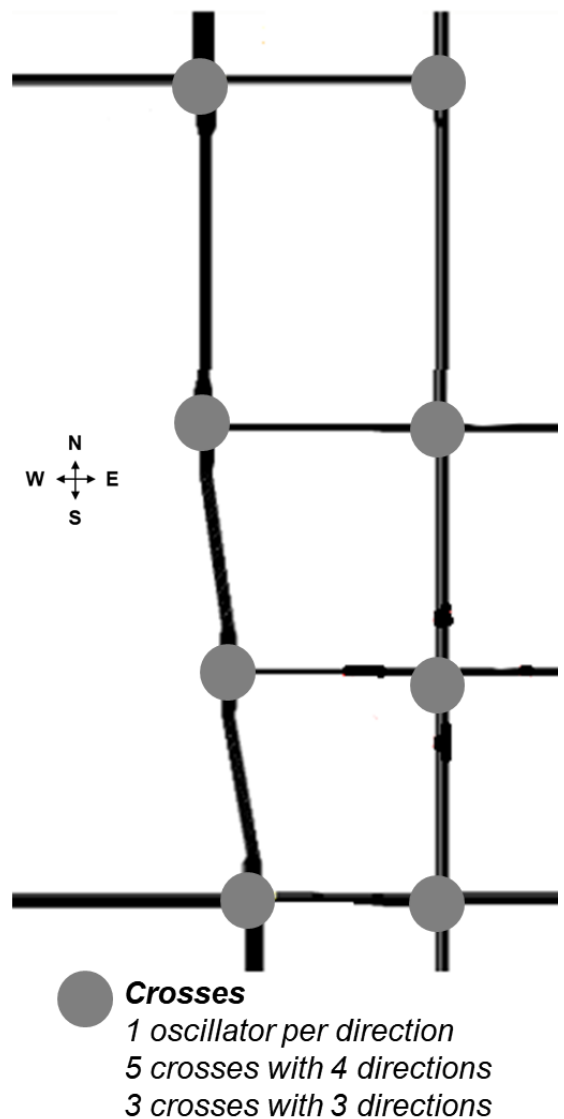


- **Crosses**
- 1 oscillator per direction
- 5 crosses with 4 directions
- 3 crosses with 3 directions

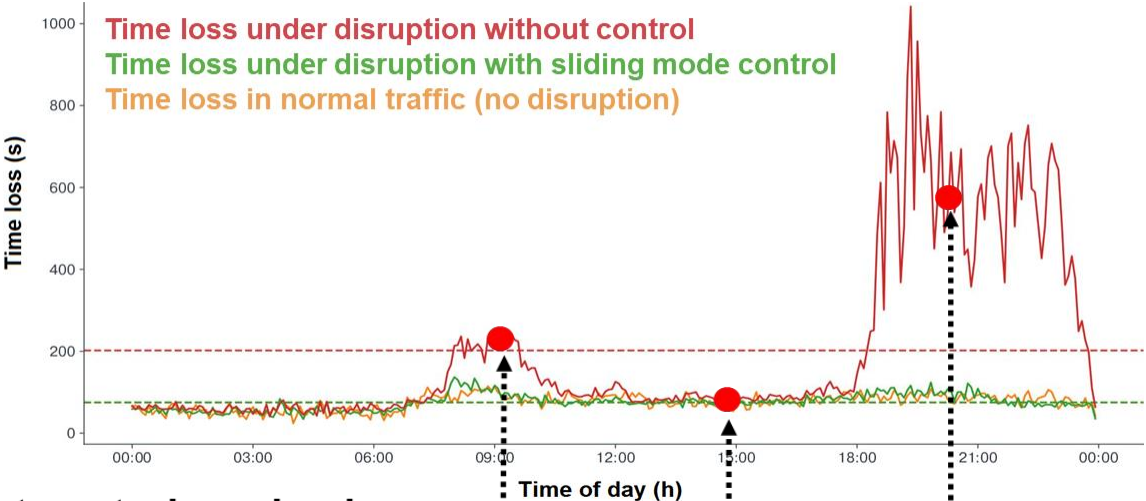


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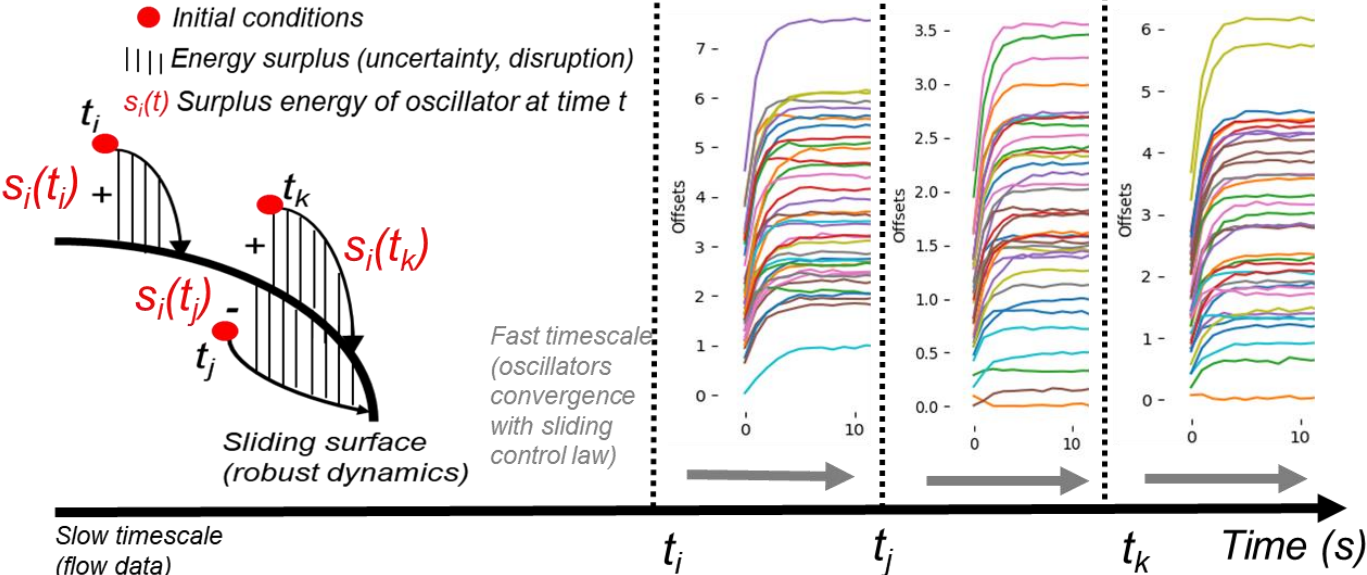
Real road network layout



Traffic profile in the road network

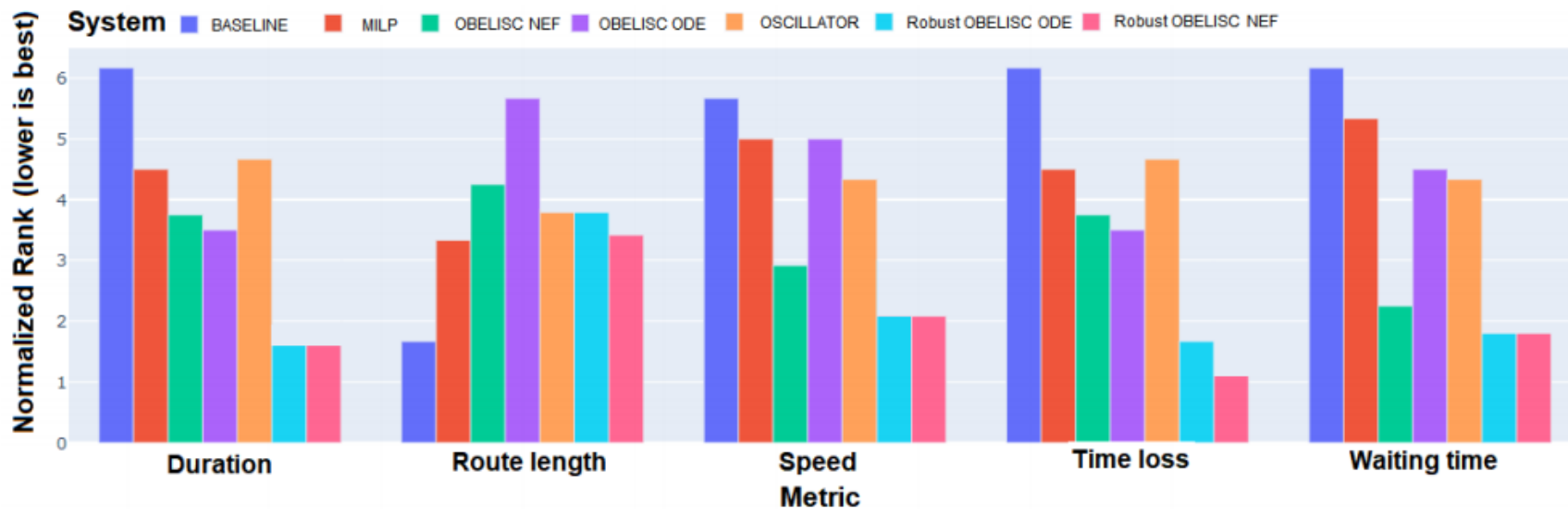


Robust control mechanism



Evaluation

Performance



Run-time

Model	Single cross Region (8 crosses)	
MILP	0.0510	0.3930
OSCILLATOR	0.0568	0.4544
OBELISC ODE	0.0489	0.4534
OBELISC NEF	0.0071	0.0426

Conclusions

- **modelling** is a fundamental dimension for **control**
- **network of oscillators** capturing the **spatial** and **temporal interactions** among different crosses in a traffic network
- **adaptively** cope with **unexpected** traffic flow **disruptions**
- **sliding mode controller** that extends the adaptation capabilities of the model towards handling **high-magnitude high-frequency disruptions**
- lightweight **learning system** using **spiking neural networks** exploiting the **coupling** interactions among the different **controlled oscillators**
- overcoming state-of-the-art approaches



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