

Chattanooga's Smart Infrastructure for Safe and Efficient Mobility Systems

Mina Sartipi

Executive Director of UTC Research Institute

Guerry Professor of Computer Science and Engineering at UTC

Joint Appointment with ORNL





Scenic City



Gig City



**Smart and
Connected City**

Chattanooga's Vision: Chattanooga be the city-wide testbed to next-generation smart city and transportation (electric, connected, and automated vehicles)



**THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
CHATTANOOGA**



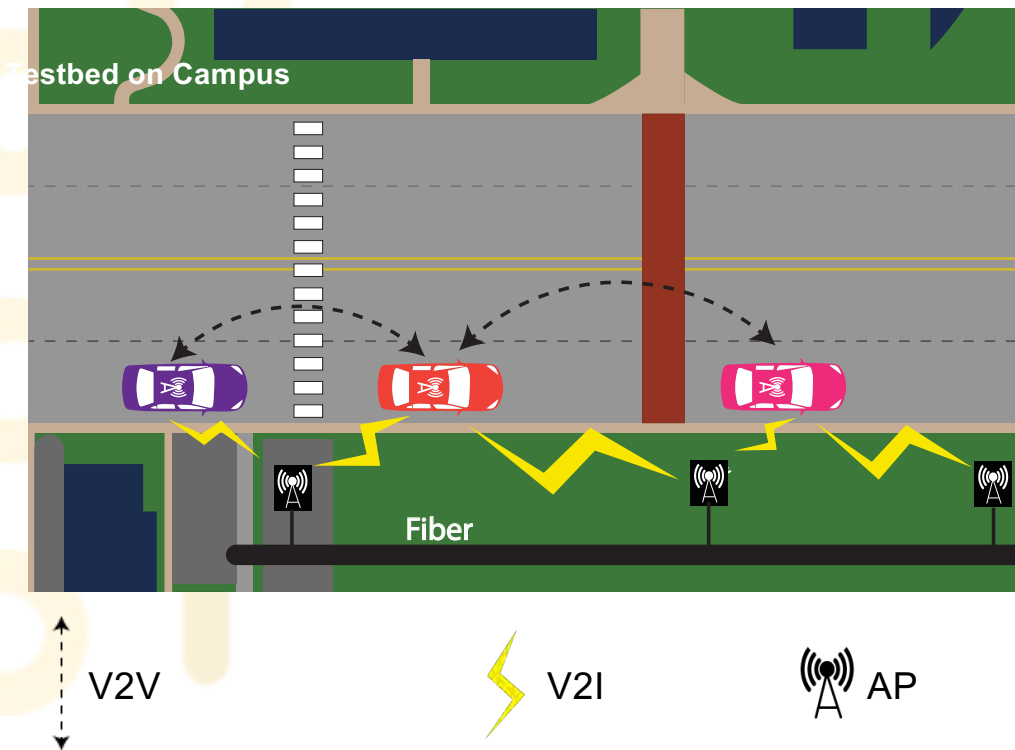
Partners/ Collaborators

- City of Chattanooga
- Hamilton County
- Electric Power Board (EPB) of Chattanooga
- CDOT/ TDOT
- The Enterprise Center in Chattanooga
- Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)
- Tennessee American Water
- Siskin Hospital for Physical Rehabilitation
- Erlanger Health Systems
- Co-Lab
- US Ignite
- MetroLab Networks
- South Big Data Hub
- Next Generation Internet (NGI) - European Commission initiative to shape the development and evolution of the Internet into an Internet of Humans
- Oak Ridge National Lab (ORNL)
- Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI)
- Georgia Tech
- University of Pittsburgh
- Vanderbilt University
- University of Arizona
- University of San Francisco
- Colorado School of Mines
- Virginia Tech
- University of Tennessee at Knoxville
- University of Memphis
- LeMoyne-Owen College
- I3s Research Center - Leibniz University (Germany)



How It Started!

NSF - US Ignite: Fleet Management of Connected and Autonomous Vehicles in Urban Settings – 2016



THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
CHATTANOOGA



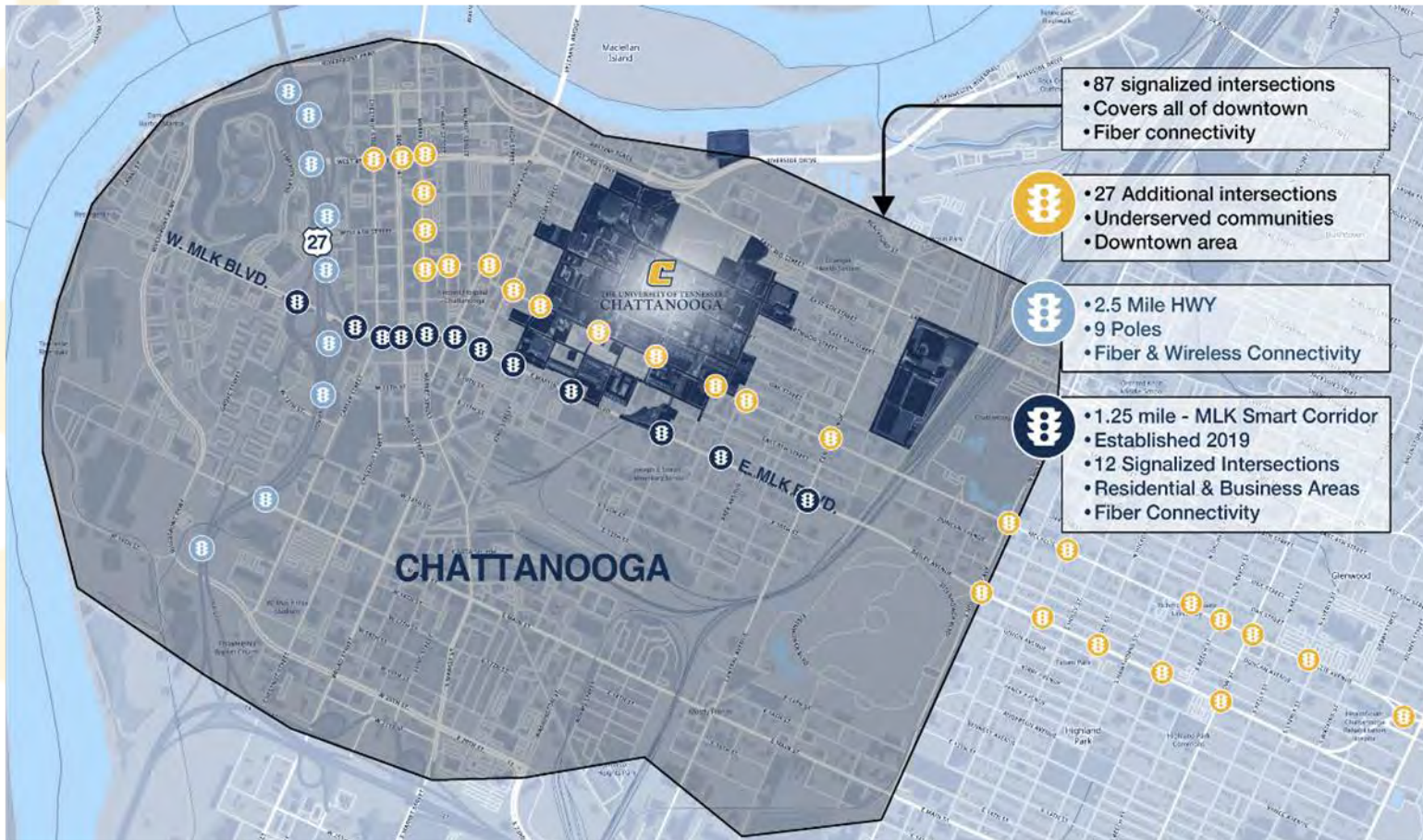


City-Wide R&D Environment

- 3.83 Square Miles Downtown Area
- 100 signalized intersections
- 2.5 miles of Highway
- Residential, business, and underserved areas
- Fiber Connectivity



Chattanooga Testbeds



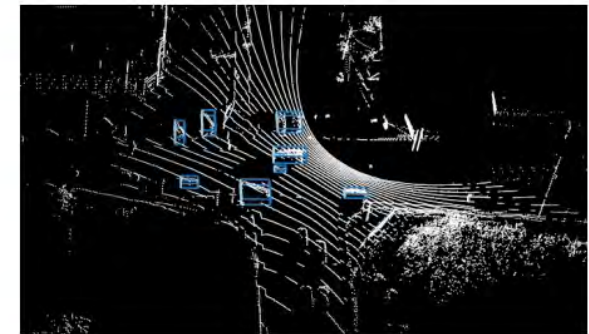
Testbed-As-A-Service

- TaaS - Cloud-based platform that provides streamlined access to testbed resources and data
- Accessible anywhere
- Software Development Kit - Access to historical streams and real-time data streams
- Hybrid - Event Driven Architecture
 - Data filtered, enriched, and processed at Edge, On-Premise, and Cloud
- Events: SPaT, CV Msg, Approach Arrival, Pedestrian Crosswalk, etc.
- 10,000,000 Events Messages/ Day
- 2 Billion Data Points



Digital Twin

- Real-time data on traffic flow and traffic state using AI/ ML
 - object detection & object tracking
 - multi-target multi-camera tracking
- Real-time speed and travel time
- Real-time data from all traffic controllers
- Collecting data from connected infrastructure and connected vehicles
 - DSRC
 - CV2X
- Real-time data from transit



THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
CHATTANOOGA



Digital Twin - MLK Smart Corridor



THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
CHATTANOOGA



Applications

Application Categories

- Safety Applications (VRU and Roadway)
- Traffic Optimization and Control
- Nexus of Transportation, Energy, and People

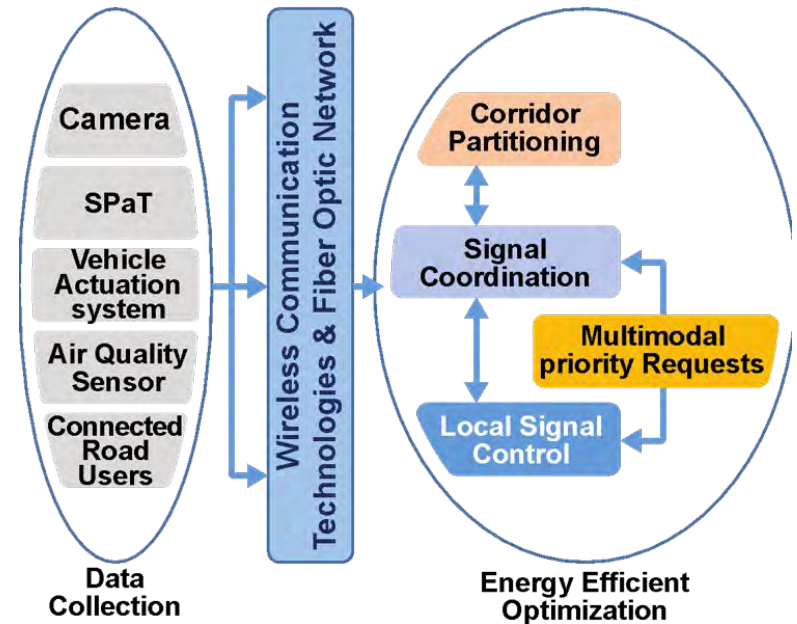
Safety Applications	Traffic Optimization and Control	Nexus of Transportation, Energy, and People
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• VRU Safety• Roadway Safety• Cooperative Perception and Autonomation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Eco Traffic Signal Timing</u>• Emergency Vehicle Preemption• Transit Signal Priority• Smart Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• System-of-Systems Analytics• E2E Decision Support System for EV Charging



Optimizing Traffic Control Systems

Improve corridor-level fuel consumption and GHG emissions

- Ecological Adaptive Traffic Control System (**Eco-ATCS**) that minimizes an Ecological Performance Index (**Eco-PI**)
- A bi-level signal control system: a lower-level at local intersections and a global-level, enabling coordination
- A flexible priority system ready to accommodate transit priority and vulnerable road users (VRU)



THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
CHATTANOOGA



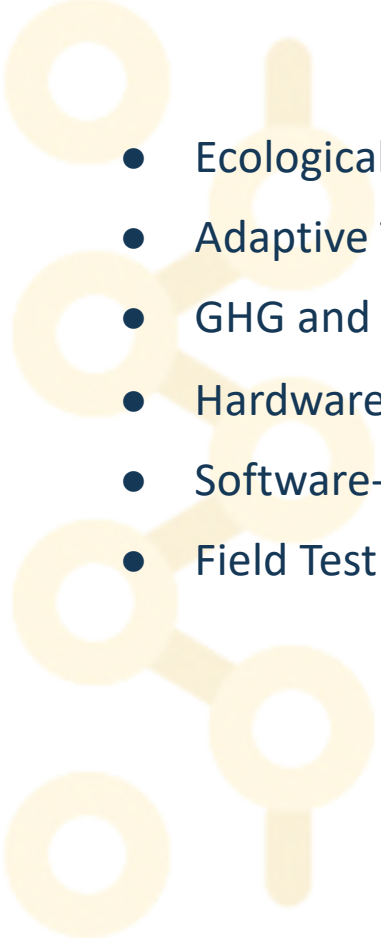
University of
Pittsburgh



THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
CHATTANOOGA



Center for Urban
Informatics & Progress

- 
- Ecological Performance Index (Eco-PI)
 - Adaptive Traffic Controller Optimization Algorithm
 - GHG and Energy Consumption
 - Hardware-in-the-Loop (HIL)
 - Software-in-the-Loop (SIL)
 - Field Test



Eco-PI

Development of Ecological Performance Index (Eco-PI) for Various Vehicle Types

- Stop penalty (k) is defined as function of following parameters:

$$K = f(S_A, S_D, G_A, FC_I, T_D, A)$$

S_A : accelerating (final) speed (mph)
 S_D : decelerating (initial) speed (mph)
 G_A : accelerating grade (%)
 FC_I : idling fuel consumption rate (g/sec)
 T_D : decelerating duration (sec)
 A : acceleration (ft/sec²)



$$k_{LDV} = \frac{1.321e - 2 \cdot S_D^2 \cdot T_D + 0.3979 \cdot T_D^2 - 5.102 \cdot FC_I \cdot T_D}{FC_I \cdot T_D} + \frac{1.608 \cdot S_D + 0.2311 \cdot S_D \cdot T_D + 4.966e - 3 \cdot S_D^2 \cdot G_A \cdot T_D + 3.073e - 2 \cdot S_D^2 \cdot FC_I \cdot T_D + 7.796e - 3 \cdot S_A \cdot S_D \cdot T_D}{FC_I \cdot T_D \cdot A}$$

$$k_{bus/HDV} = 6 \cdot \left(\frac{8.674e - 19 \cdot S_D \cdot (1.574e14 \cdot S_A \cdot G_A^2 + 1.574e14 \cdot S_A \cdot S_D \cdot G_A + 7.553e17)}{FC_I \cdot A} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{(8.314e - 3 \cdot S_D^2 \cdot FC_I^2 \cdot T_D^2 + 8.977 \cdot S_D^2 \cdot FC_I + 5.725e23 \cdot FC_I^2 + 2.983 \cdot (S_A \cdot FC_I \cdot T_D) + 4.946 \cdot T_D) \cdot 1.694e - 3}$$

- If the fleet consists of both categories (LDVs and buses (HDVs)) final K for the movement should be adjusted by the percentage of each vehicle category in the fleet:

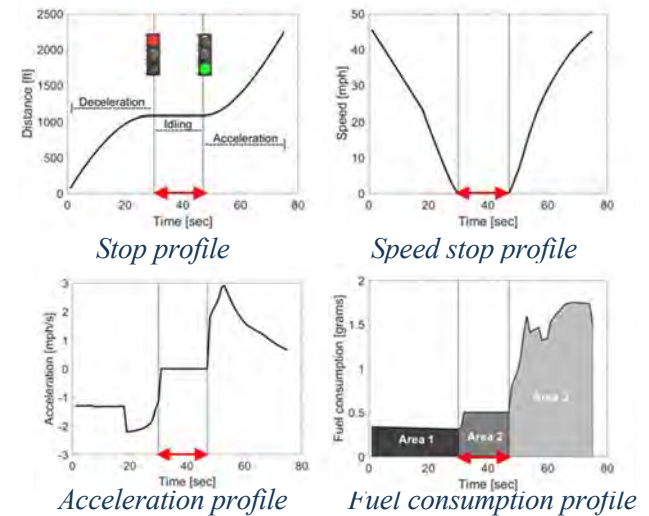
$$K = (1 - p)k_{LDV} + p \cdot k_{bus/HDV}$$

- Eco-PI is a combination of mobility and sustainable measures to be minimized during the optimization, which can be mathematically expressed as:

$$Eco - PI_{total}^i = \sum_{m=1}^n D_{m_i} + K_{m_i} * S_{m_i}$$

i : Observed intersection
 n : Total number of eligible movements
 m : An eligible movement in the network
 D : Stopped delay for movement
 K : Stop penalty of the fleet
 S : Number of stops

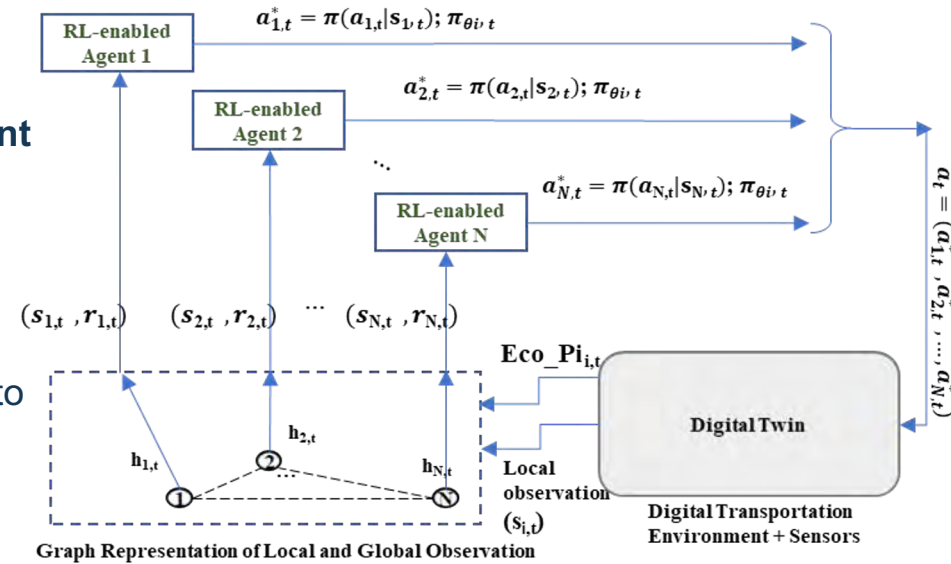
- Eco-PI considers the impact of several operating conditions (e.g., vehicle type, speed, grade) that impact vehicular fuel consumption footprints at signalized intersections.



Global Optimization – RL

- Using Decentralized Graph-based Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning (DGMARL) to optimize signal timing

- Objective Function: Eco_Pi
- Input: Vehicles occupancy, Signal State
- Output: Switch or Stay in current phase
- Signal Phase Control: Phase sequence free, priority given to the phase with highest occupancy;
- Constraints Enforced: Minimum green, Pedestrian recall, Pedestrian, Yellow and red clearance time

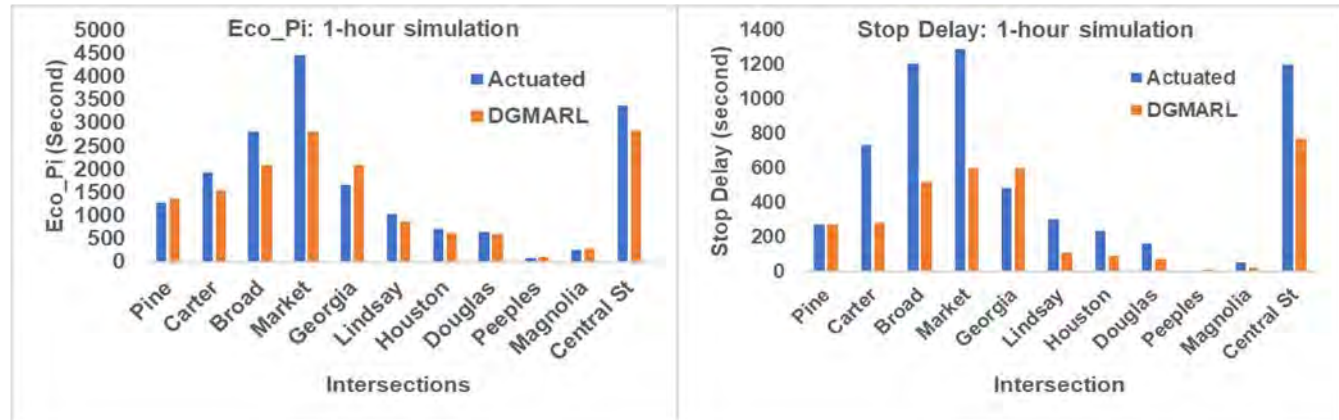


Test Scenario:

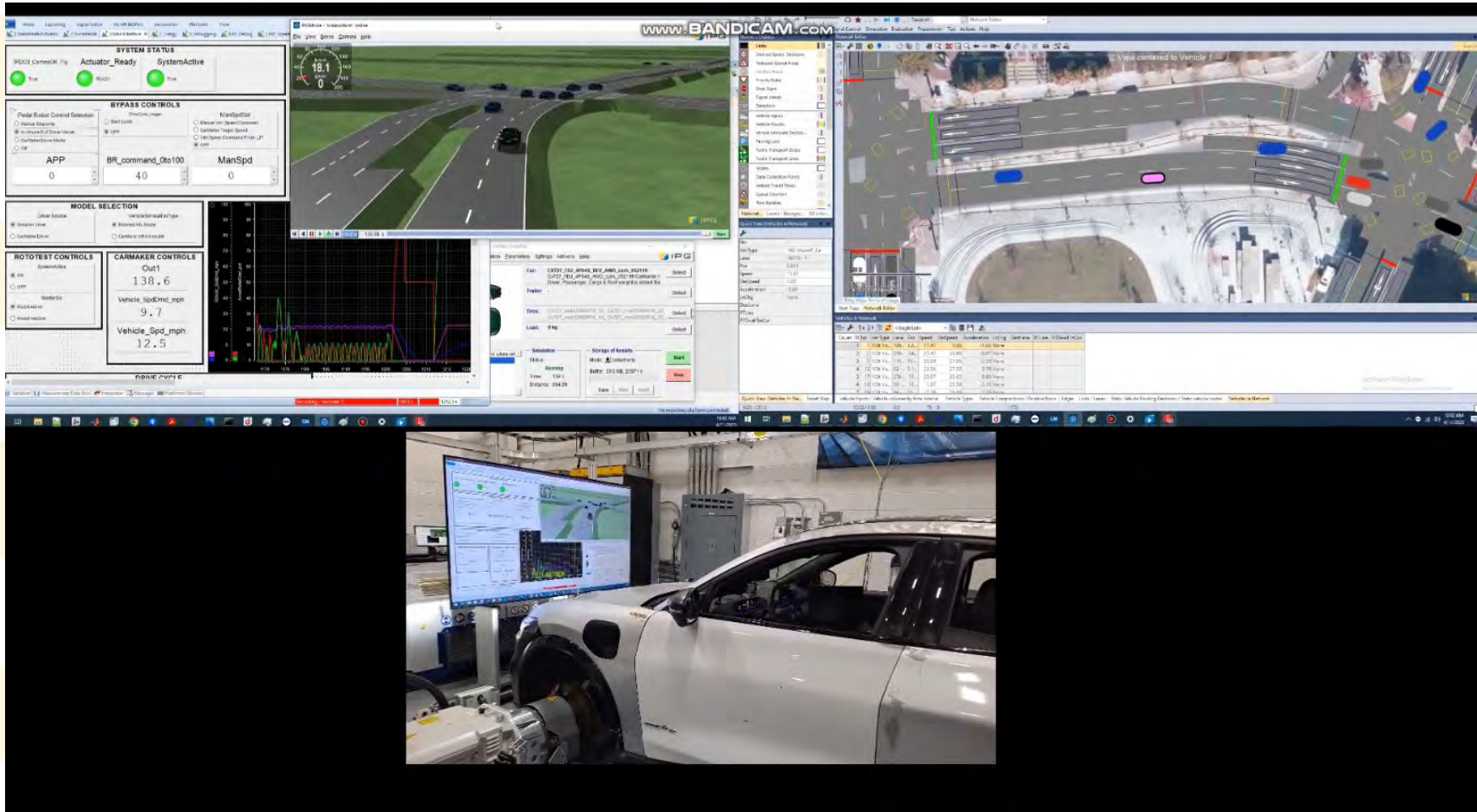
- Data: PM-peak hour, Dec-15-2022

Summary of Results

- Overall Eco_Pi improved by **16.63%**
- Overall stop delay improved by **43.80%**
- Number of stops reduced by **15.13%**





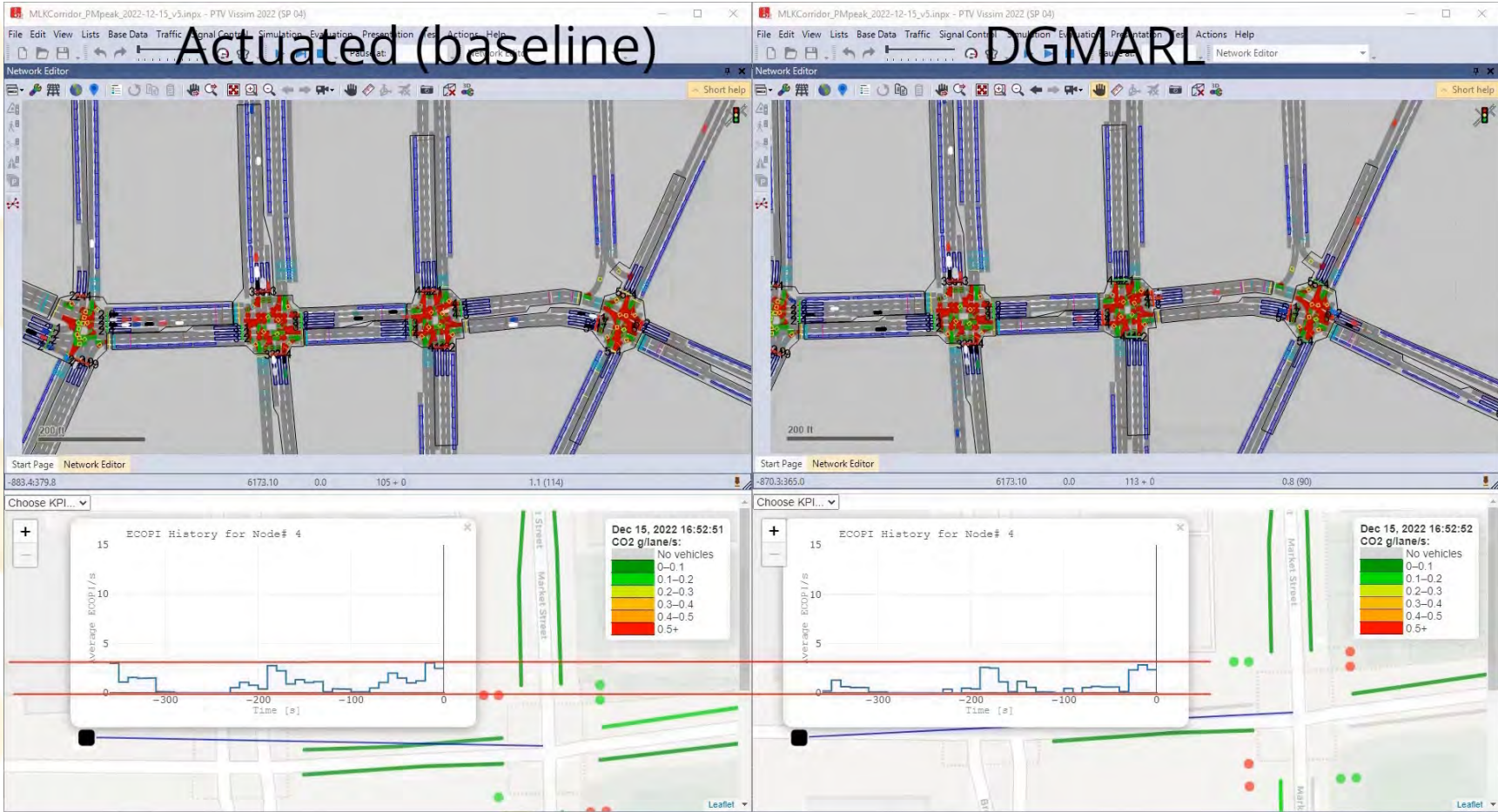


THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
CHATTANOOGA



Actuated (baseline)

DGMARL



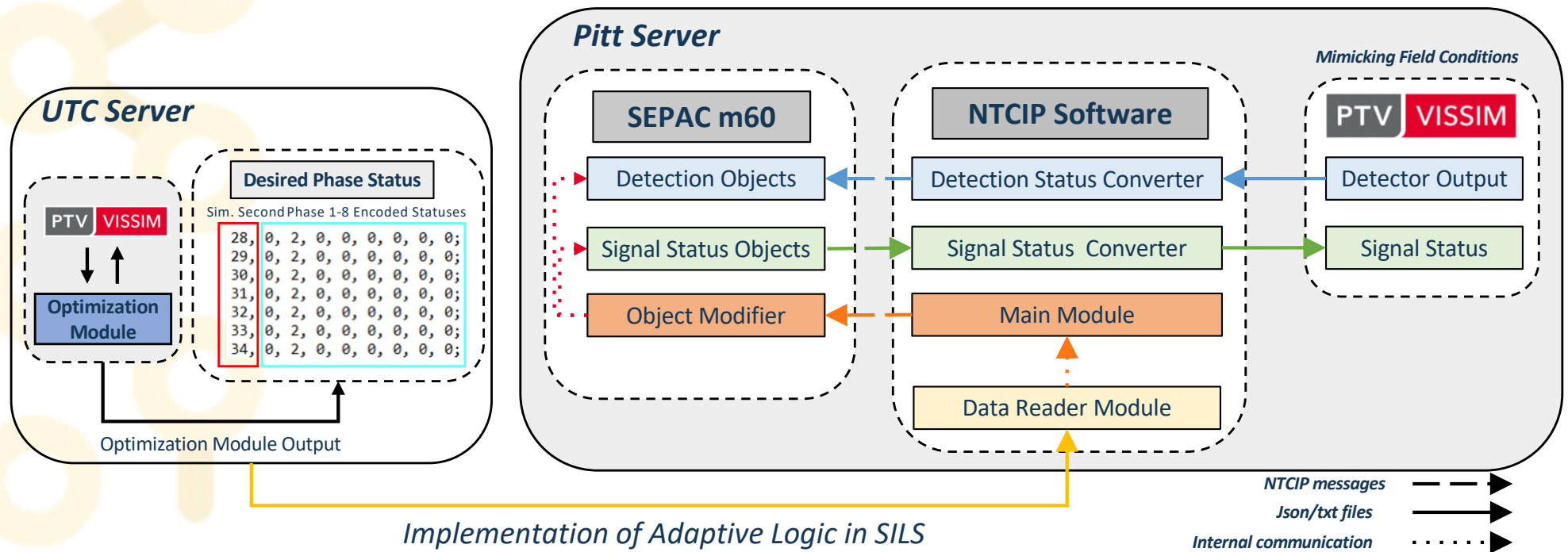
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
CHATTANOOGA

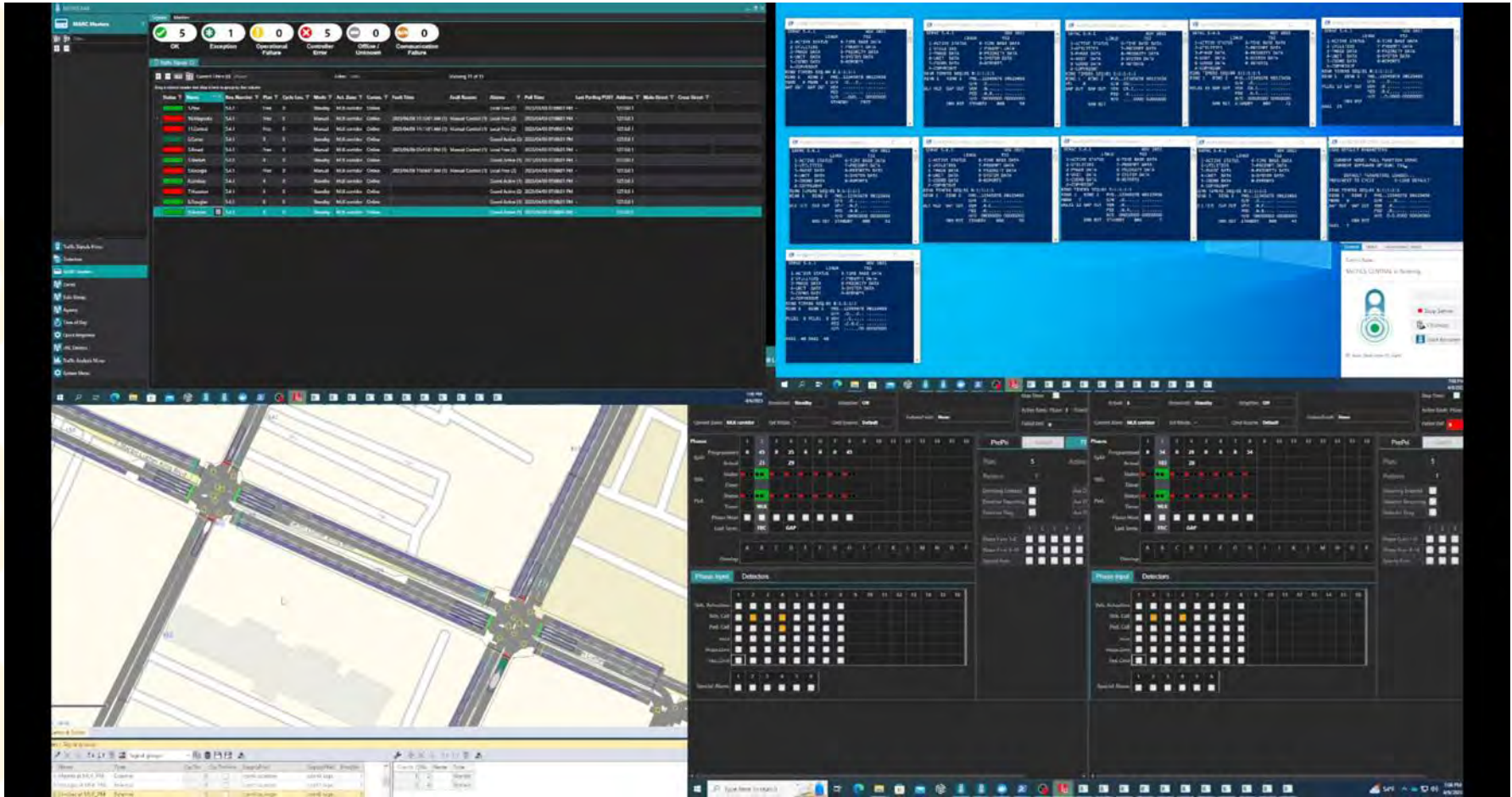


SILS

Three ways of controlling signal timings in adaptive traffic control with the actual field controller (SEPAC):

1. Manipulation of detection actuations;
2. Use of phase holds, omits, and force-offs;
3. Changing time-of-day (TOD) patterns.

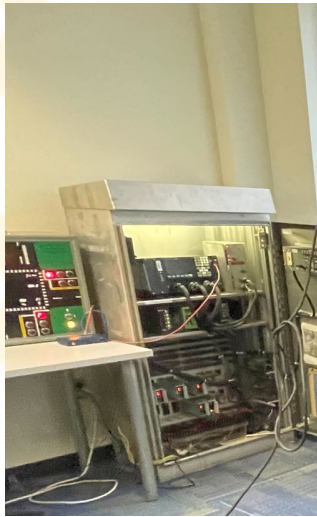
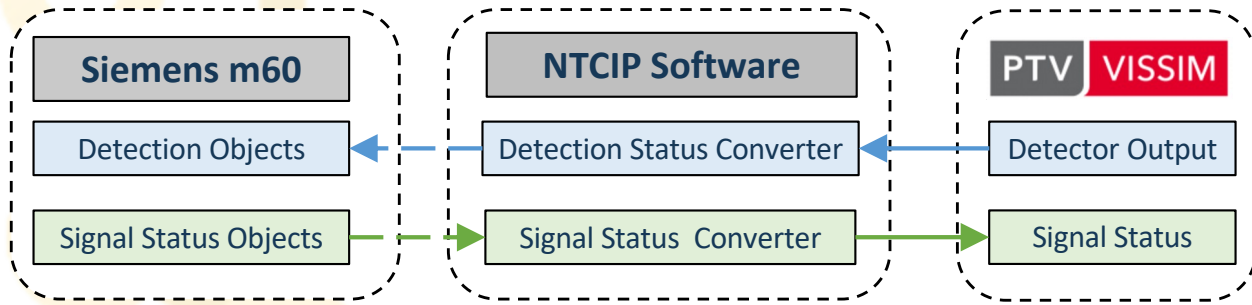




THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
CHATTANOOGA



HIL





THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
CHATTANOOGA

