IBM Research Smarter Transportation Analytics

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INSTRUMENTED

We now have the ability to measure, sense and see the exact condition of practically everything.

INTERCONNECTED

People, systems and objects can communicate and interact with each .

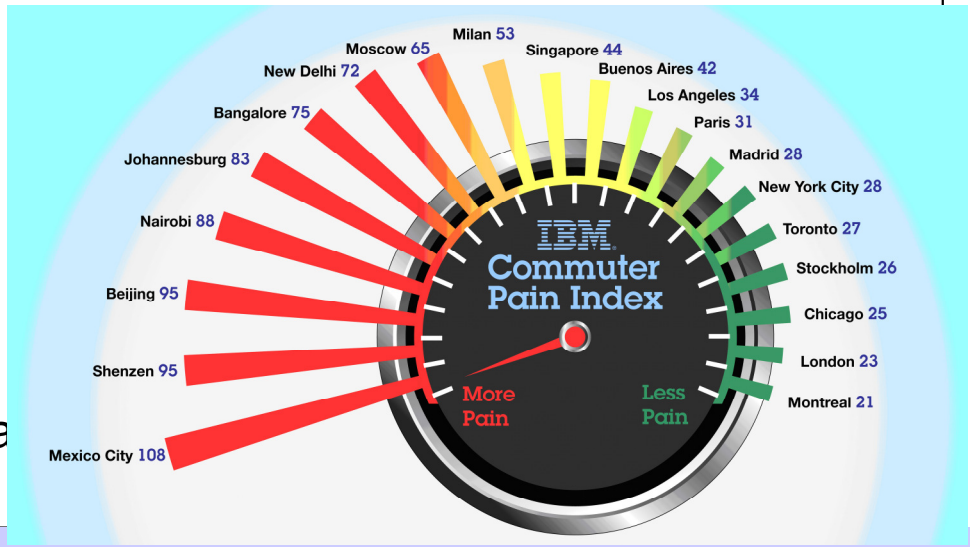
INTELLIGENT

We can respond to changes quickly and accurately, and get better results by predicting and optimizing for future events.

The commuter pain index

Click for the 2011 Commuter Pain Survey

- Surveyed 8,042 commuters in 20 cities on six continents to better understand consumer attitude toward traffic congestion
- Compiled the results into an Index that ranks the emotional and economic toll of commuting in 20 international cities (on a scale of 1 to 100, with 100 being the most onerous)
- The index is comprised of 10 issues:
  - commuting time
  - time stuck in traffic
  - price of gas is already too high
  - traffic has gotten worse
  - start-stop traffic is a problem
  - driving causes stress
  - driving causes anger
  - traffic affects work
  - traffic so bad driving stopped,
  - decided not to make trip due to tra



In order to improve traffic flow and congestion, cities need to move beyond knowing and reacting; they have to find ways to anticipate and avoid situations that cause congestion that could turn the world into one giant parking lot

IBM Smarter Transportation Focus Areas

- Transportation Strategy and Planning
- Transportation Maturity Model
- Total Cost of Ownership Models
- Multi-Domain Impact Analysis

Transportation Advisory Services

- Integrated payment solutions for multiple transportation modes
- Shared Back office across multiple cities
- Cloud Infrastructure

Integrated Fare Management

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ITS Solutions

Innovative Transportation Pricing

- Single Highway/Bridge Tolling
- Network of Tolled Highway (incl. HOT networks)
- City Congestion Charging
- Usage Based Pricing/Taxation

Transportation Information Management

- Real Time Multimodal Traveler Information
- Performance Management and Reporting
- Traffic Prediction and Analytics
- Asset Management
- Decision Support Systems
- Multimodal Integration and Operations Optimization

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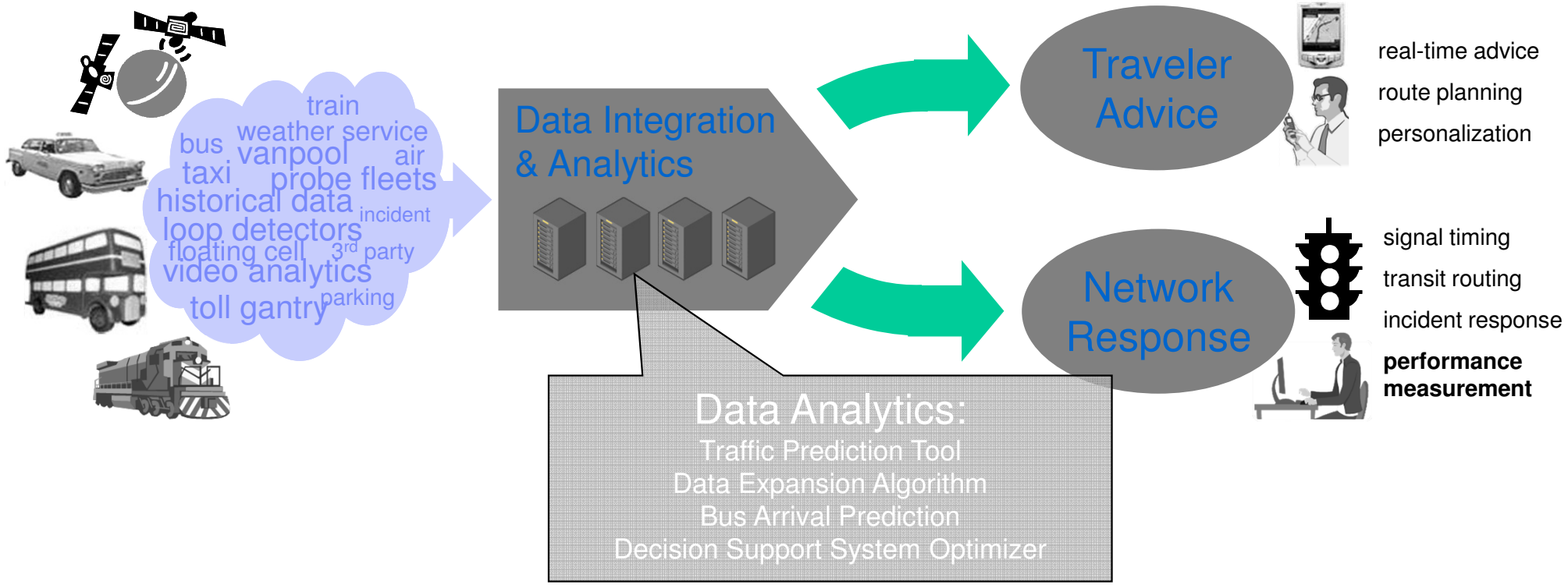
Innovation Concepts – Transport Information Management

Issue: **strained infrastructure**	***Issue:*** **navigating mass transit**	***Required Innovation:*** **foundation of data integration & analytics**
More transport capacity is needed, but construction of new physical infrastructure is **cost prohibitive**, if even possible	Transit is part of the solution, but it **must be easier** for travelers to find their way and weigh **options**	• Multiple data sources across transport modes • Integrated to single **foundation of information** • Leveraged for **multiple uses** • Based on **open standards** • Integrated **systems approach**, not point solutions



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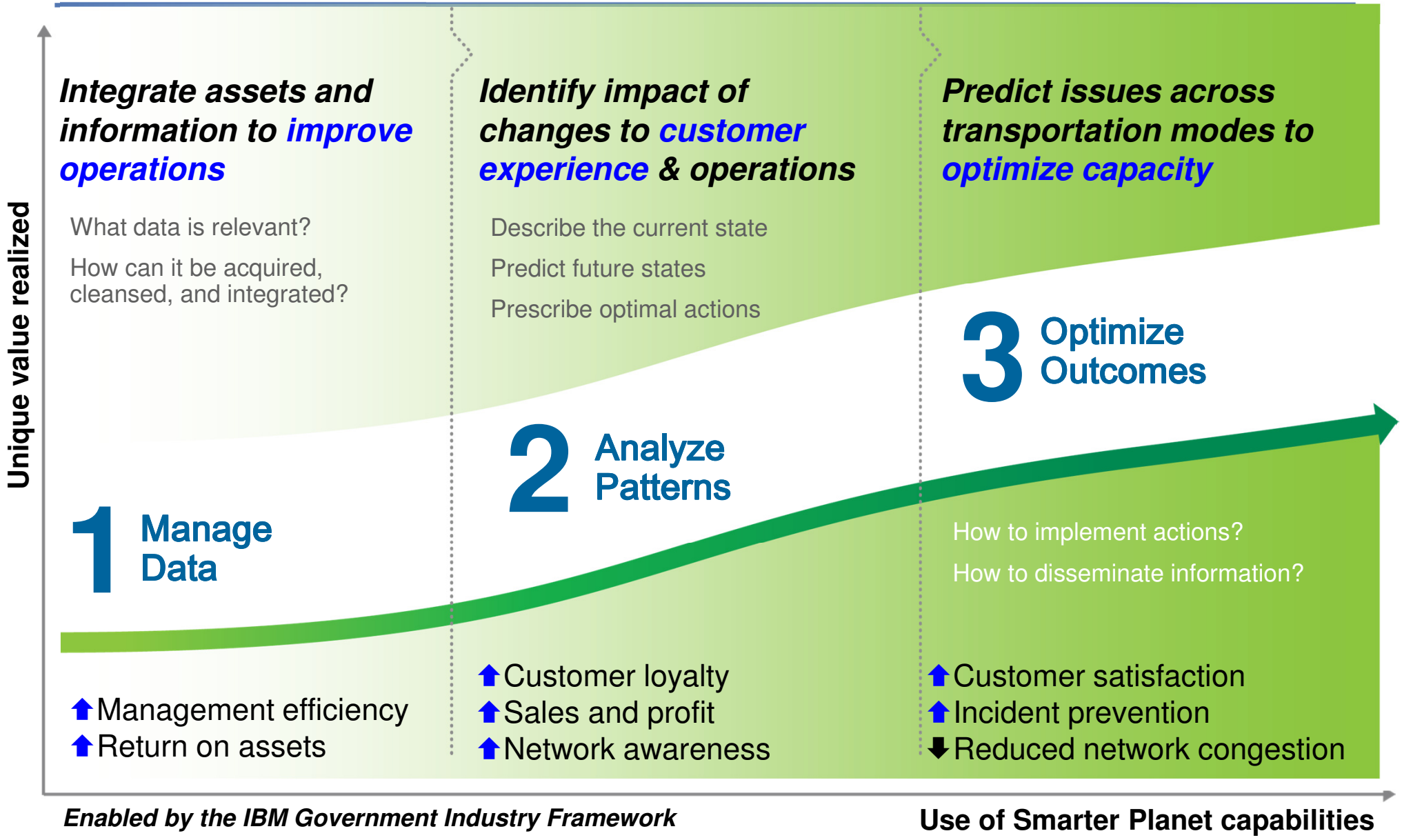


Traffic Prediction Tool (TPT)

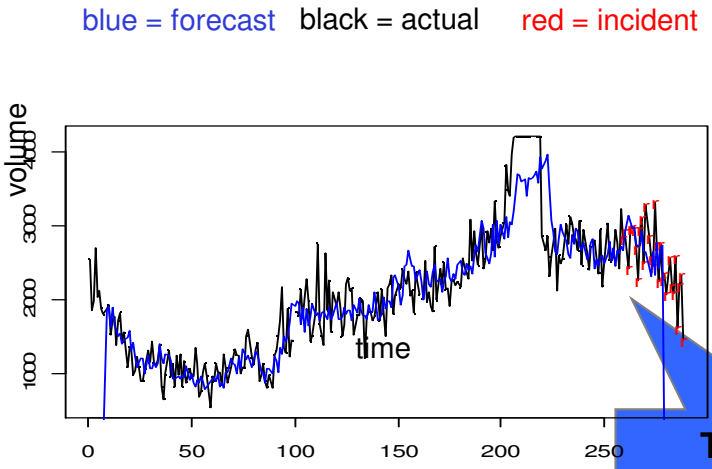
Issue: "real-time" is too late

Little automated use is made of the **gigabytes of real-time traffic data** today; often, by the time it is received, it is **no longer representative** of the actual traffic

IBM Innovation: forecast the future

IBM's TPT provides a layer of **intelligence** by using sensor data in sophisticated algorithms that **create relevant insights** from the raw data

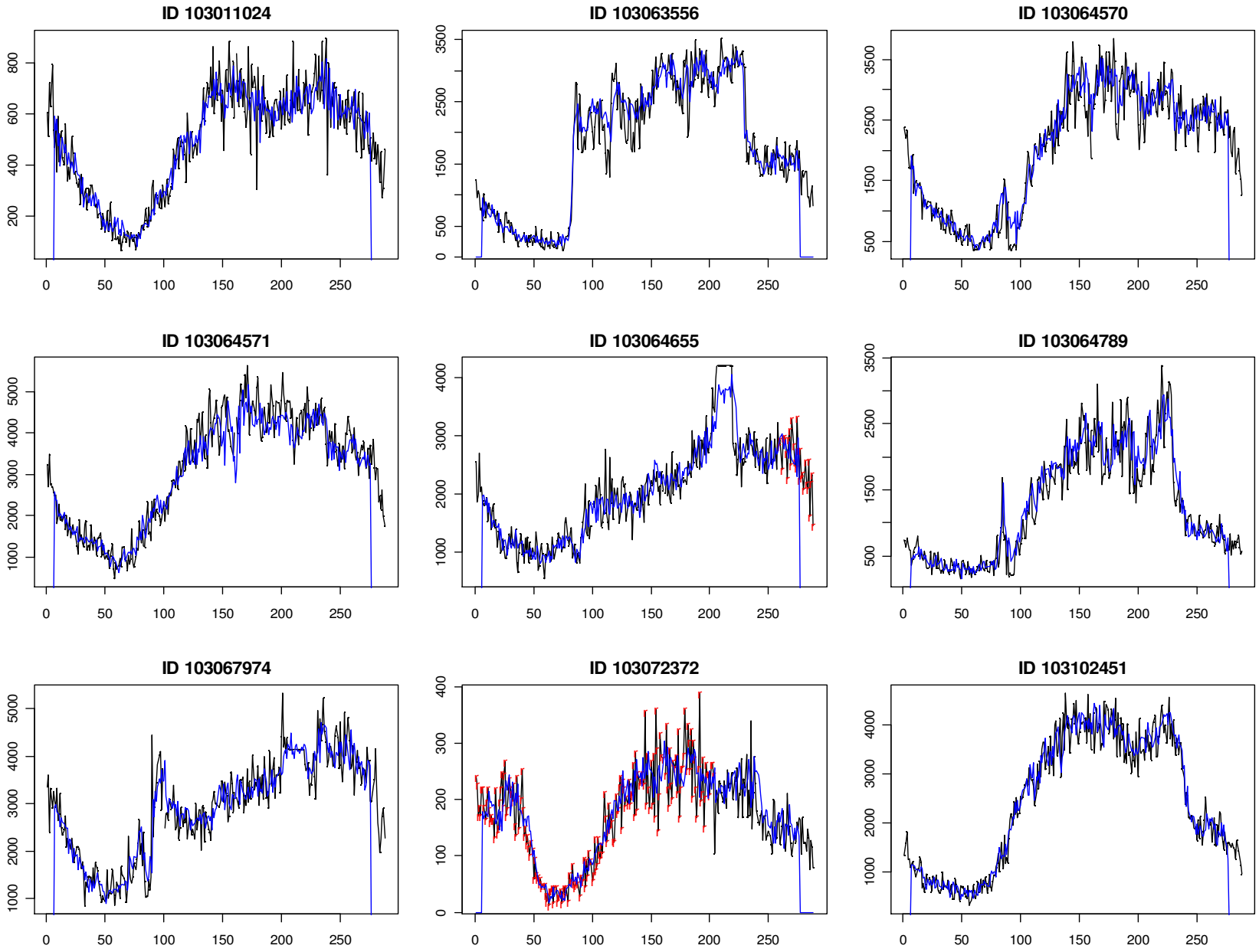
tool screenshot



TPT accurately forecasts future traffic conditions

Areas of Potential Use

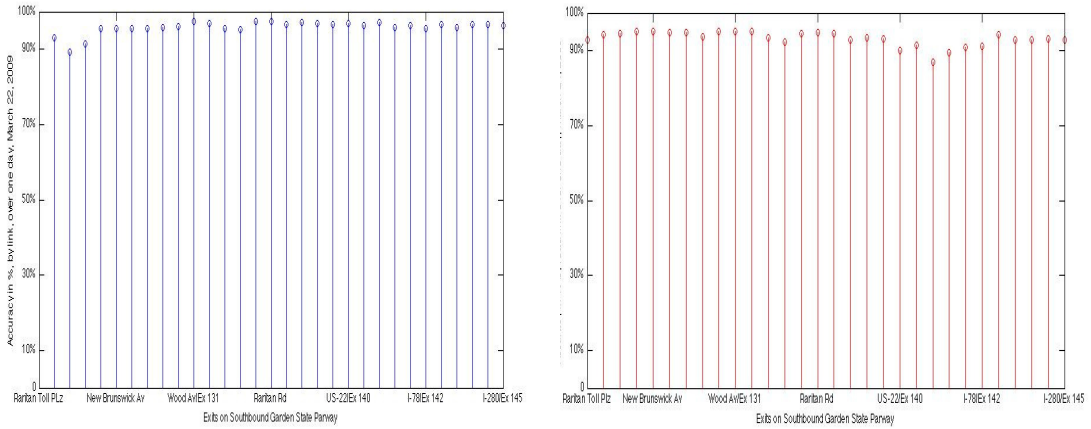
Traffic Operations: Advanced Traveler Information; traffic signal timing, ramp metering, route planning & advice, dynamic pricing



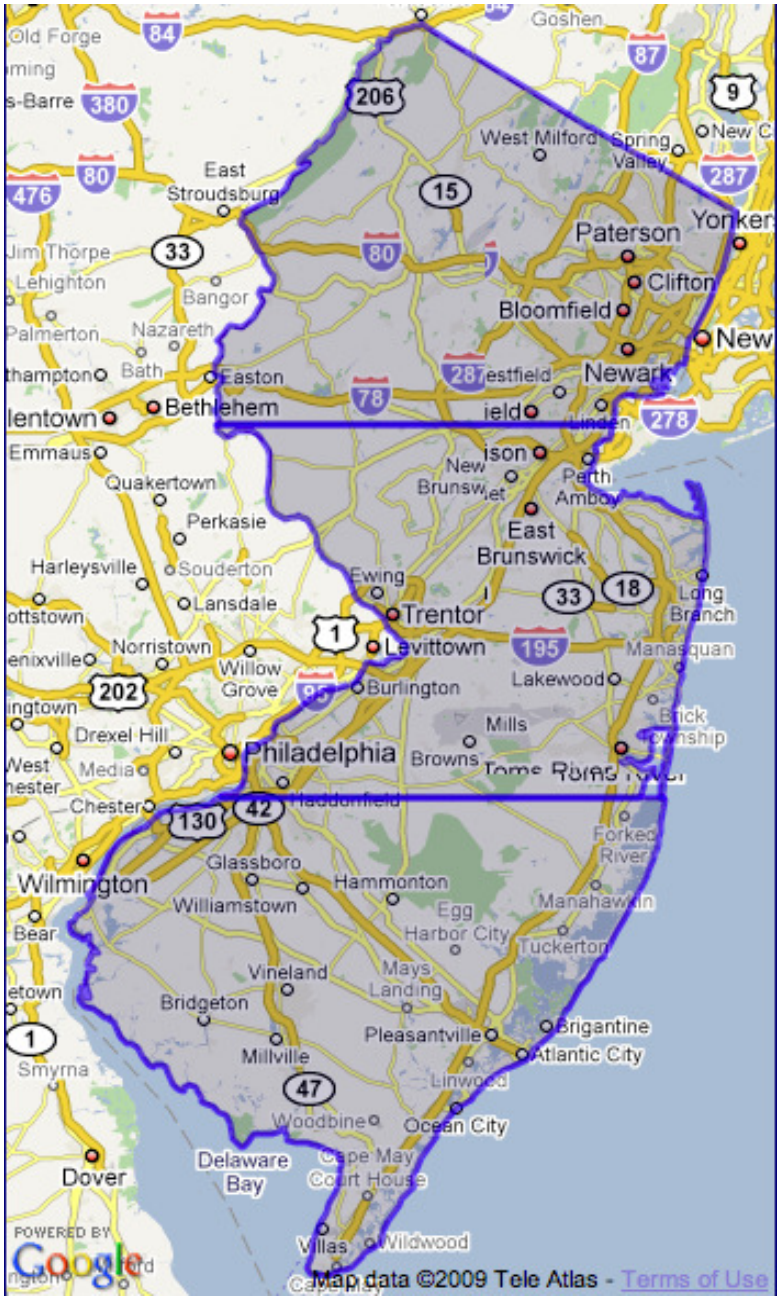
5 minute-ahead volume forecast (blue) vs. actual on Dec 10, 2006.
Roadworks were present on Link 103072372 and a vehicle breakdown on Link 103064655.

NJTA TPT Test
Section of Expressway Studied

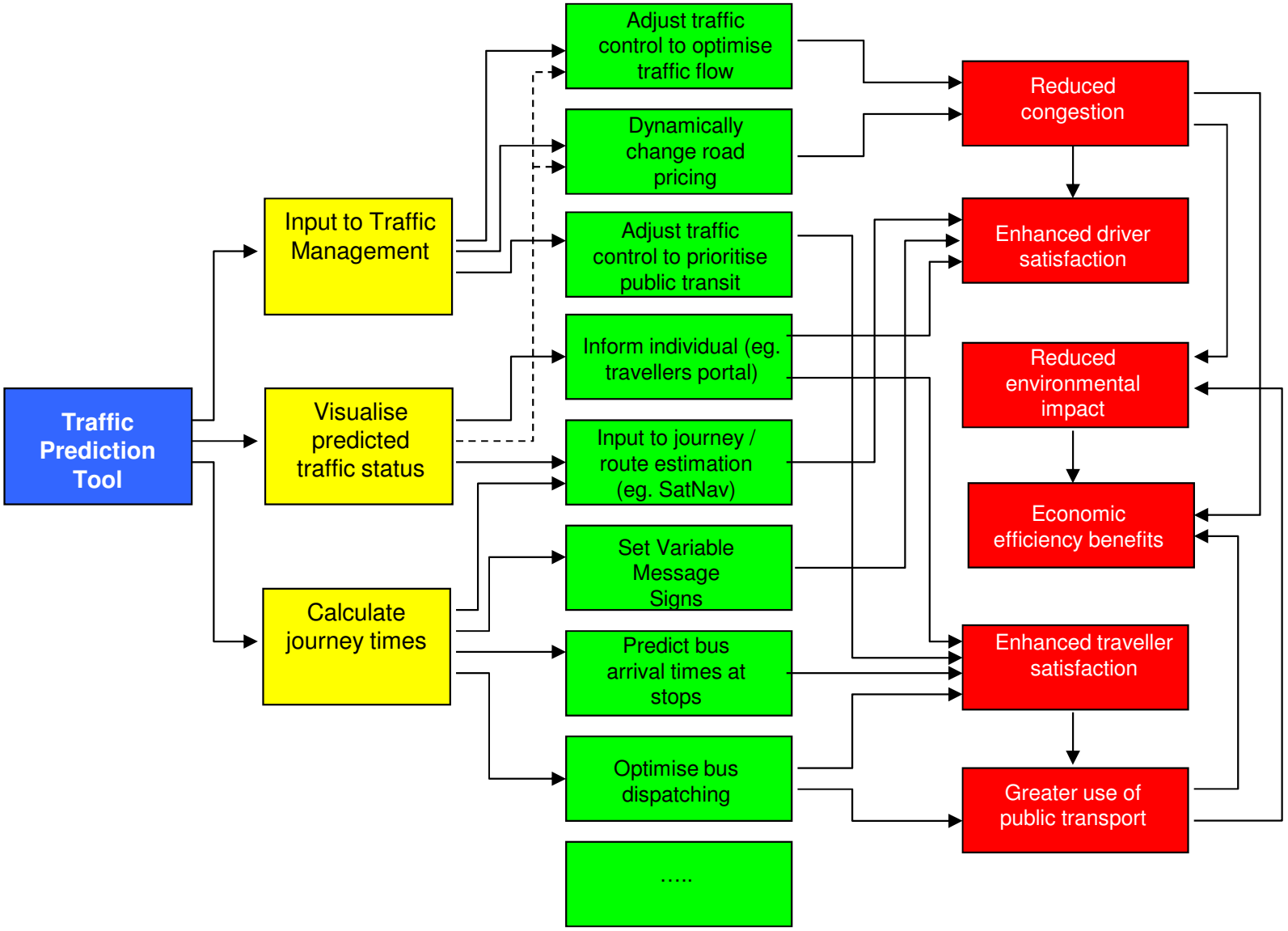
- Garden State Parkway
  - Raritan Toll Plaza to Exit 145/I-280
  - Southbound
  - Comprising 30 links on the Parkway
- New Jersey Turnpike - I-95
  - Northbound and Southbound
  - Comprising 65 links on the Turnpike
- Deployment underway following successful tests



Garden State Parkway, 10-mn predictions, daily average by road link
Overall average accuracy over two days analyzed is 95%

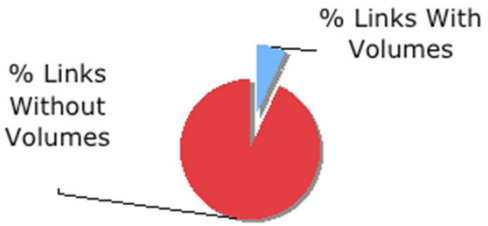


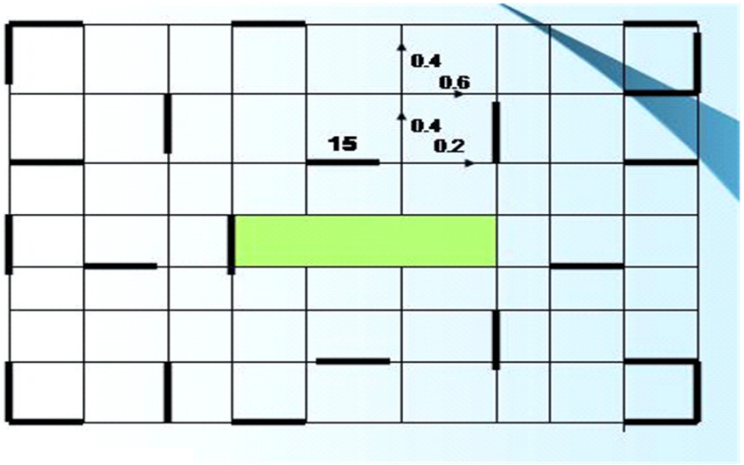
Traffic Prediction value proposition

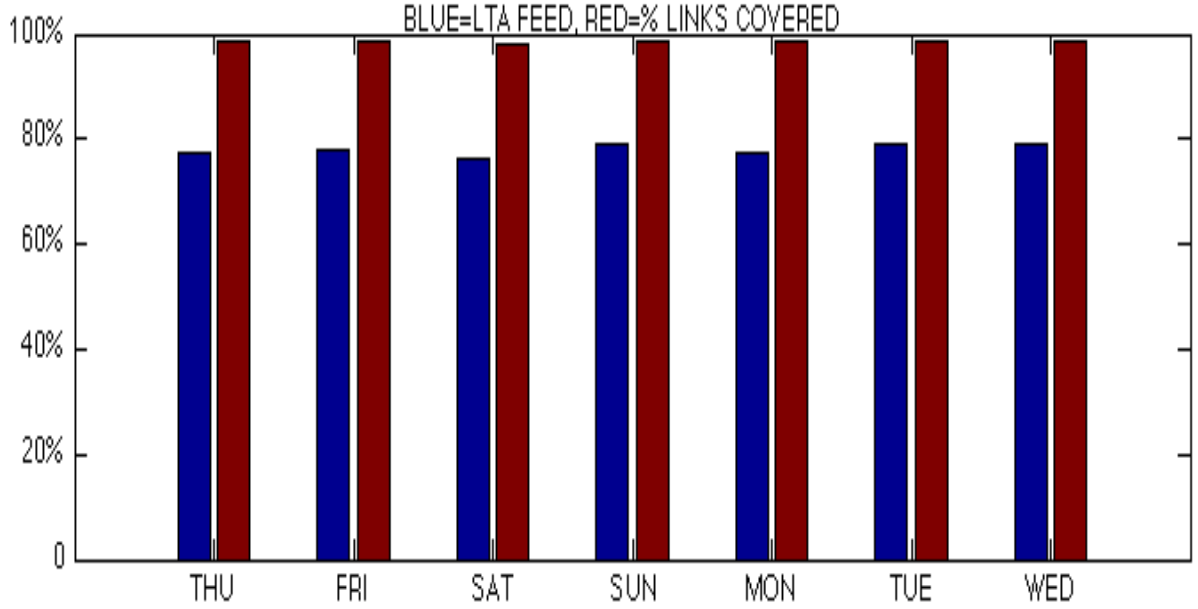


IBM DATA EXPANSION ALGORITHM (DEA)

Current state of LTA traffic volume data







- Problem description: Determine real-time traffic when sensor data is unavailable
- Solution: IBM's Data Expansion Algorithm (DEA)
- Outcome and Benefits: Expand real-time data to as close as possible to full network

BUS ARRIVAL PREDICTION (BAP)

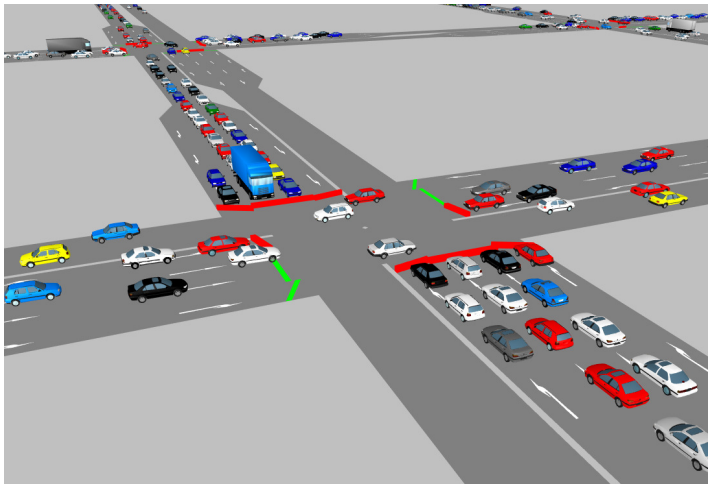
- Problem description:
  - Provide travellers with accurate and frequently updated future bus arrival time.
  - Existing similar systems' performance failed to match the sophistication level of data source.
  - Innovative approach is needed to fully unleash the useful information hidden in various data source in a more sophisticated manner, in order to bring the forecasting accuracy up to a level near plus/minus 1 minute with 90% confidence. (*Current service level is within +/- 3 min with 85% confidence)

- Solution:
  - IBM is currently collaborating with LTA, co-developing a new forecasting algorithm.
  - It is mining periodic trends and patterns of bus arrivals, using bus GPS data
  - as well as the TPT prediction of future traffic status on subsequent links along the bus routes.

- Outcome (*ongoing work, interim outcome*):
  - Selected bus service route 61 and 75, 8 bus stops each.

Decision Support System (DSS) Optimizer

- Transportation Command Centers today are largely not equipped to determine response plans based upon large volumes of data and analytic methods.
- Typically, today, some real-time data is visualized, but the expected outcomes of potential responses are generally not computed.
- It is widely accepted that the “Command Center of the Future” should leverage the massive amounts of transport data for more effective response plan generation.
- This is the motivation of the Decision Support System (DSS) Optimizer



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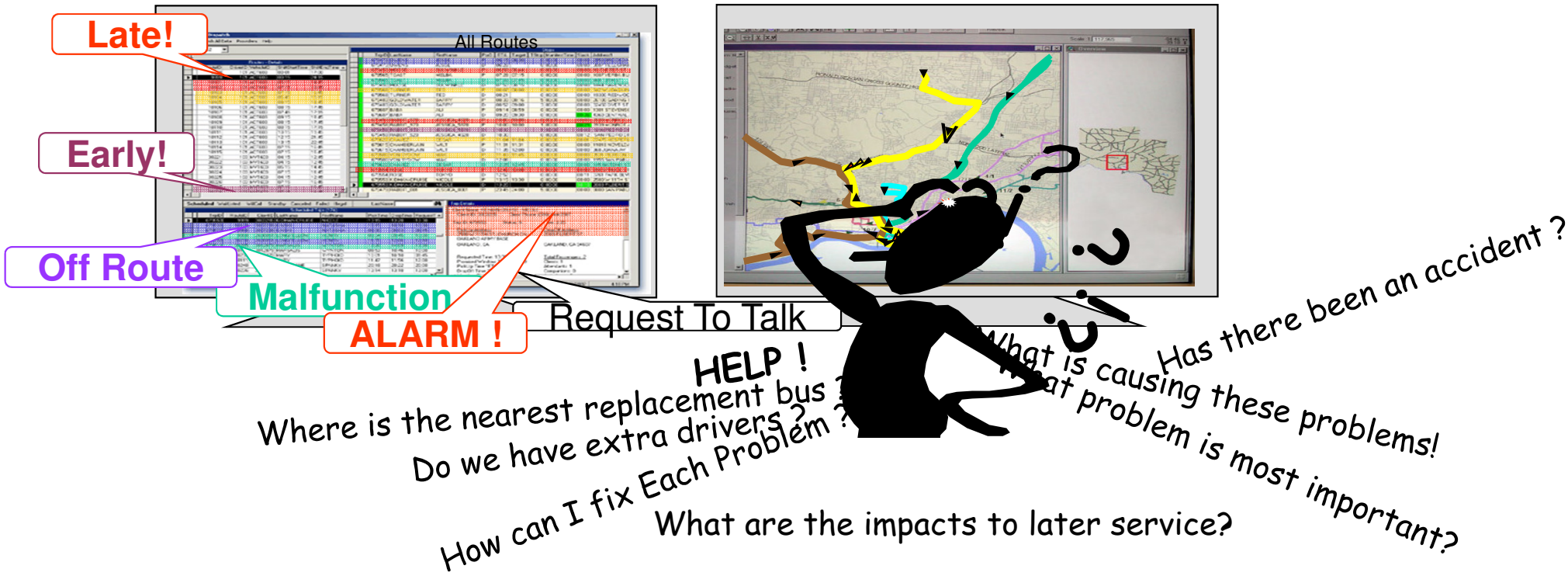

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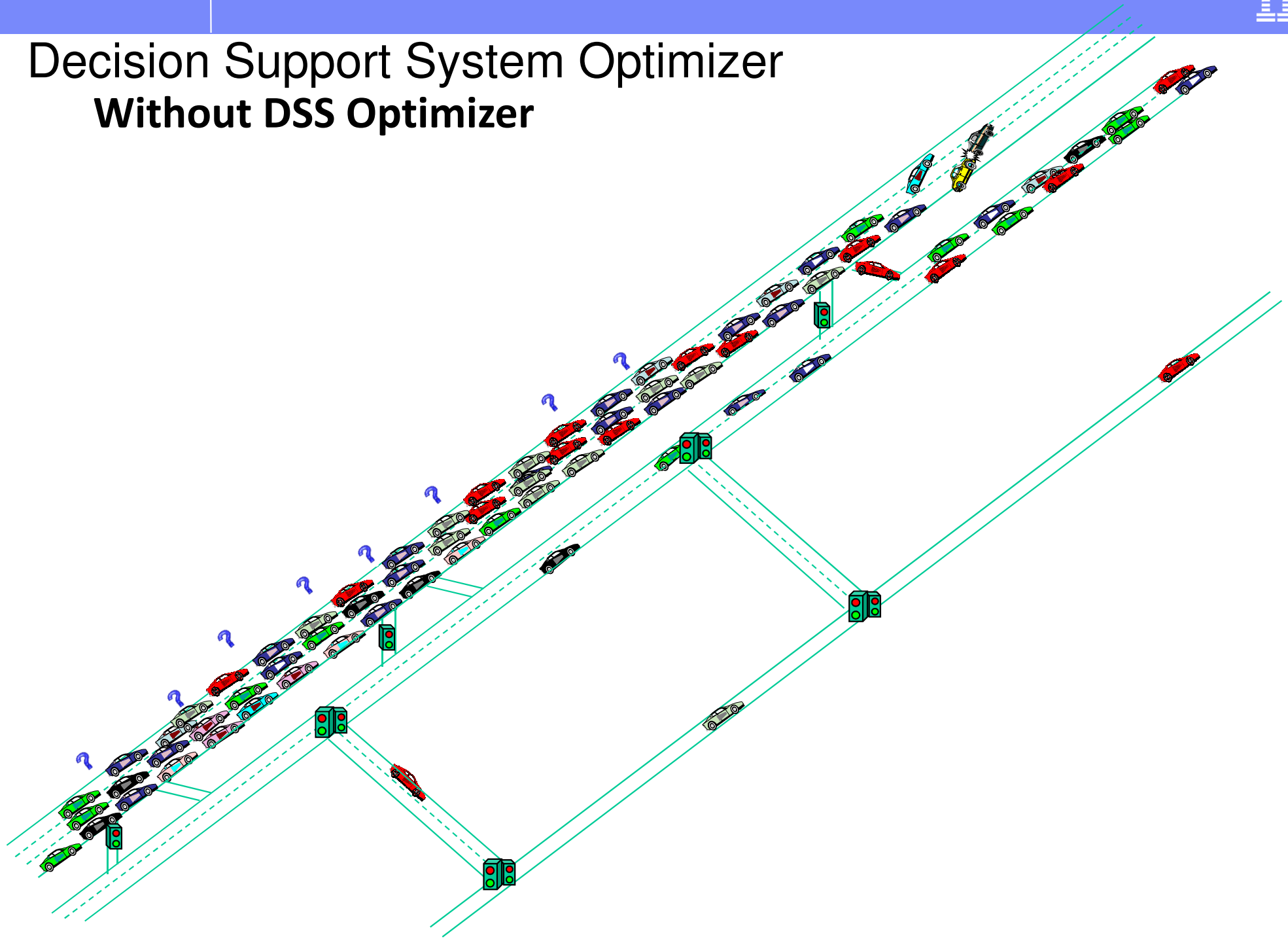


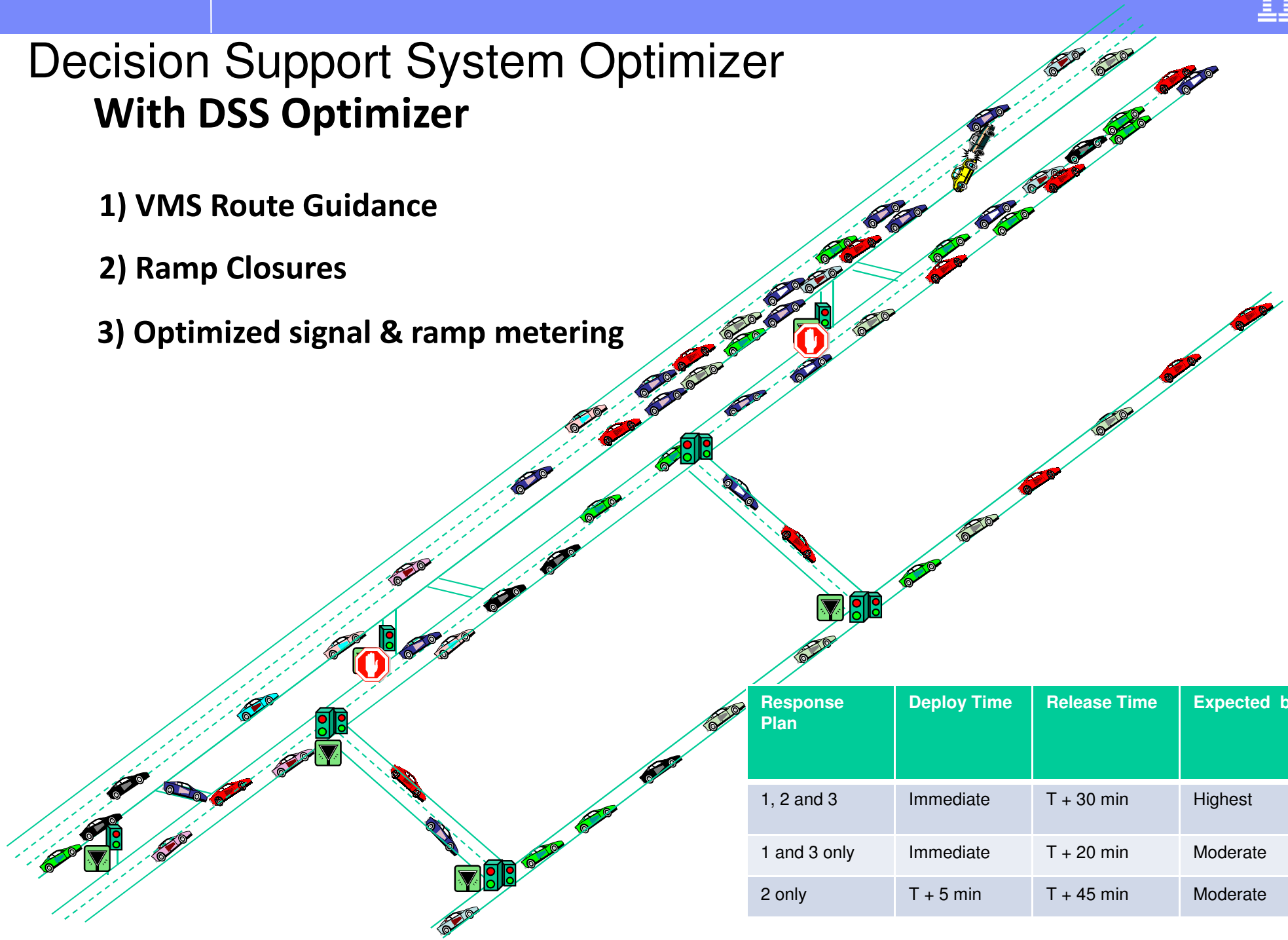
Decision Support System Optimizer

With DSS Optimizer

1) VMS Route Guidance

2) Ramp Closures

3) Optimized signal & ramp metering



Response Plan	Deploy Time	Release Time	Expected benefit
1, 2 and 3	Immediate	T + 30 min	Highest
1 and 3 only	Immediate	T + 20 min	Moderate
2 only	T + 5 min	T + 45 min	Moderate

Screen Shot of DSSO

- Includes traffic prediction, useful for normal or semi-normal conditions
- Incident detection module is present.
- Includes Incident Impact Factor Evaluation, a link-by-link list of impacted links and the degree of impact.
- DSSO Optimal control plan generation.
- Expected benefit and risk of each DSSO-generated plan
- Ability to enter a different, non-DSSO generated plan and assess its expected benefit.