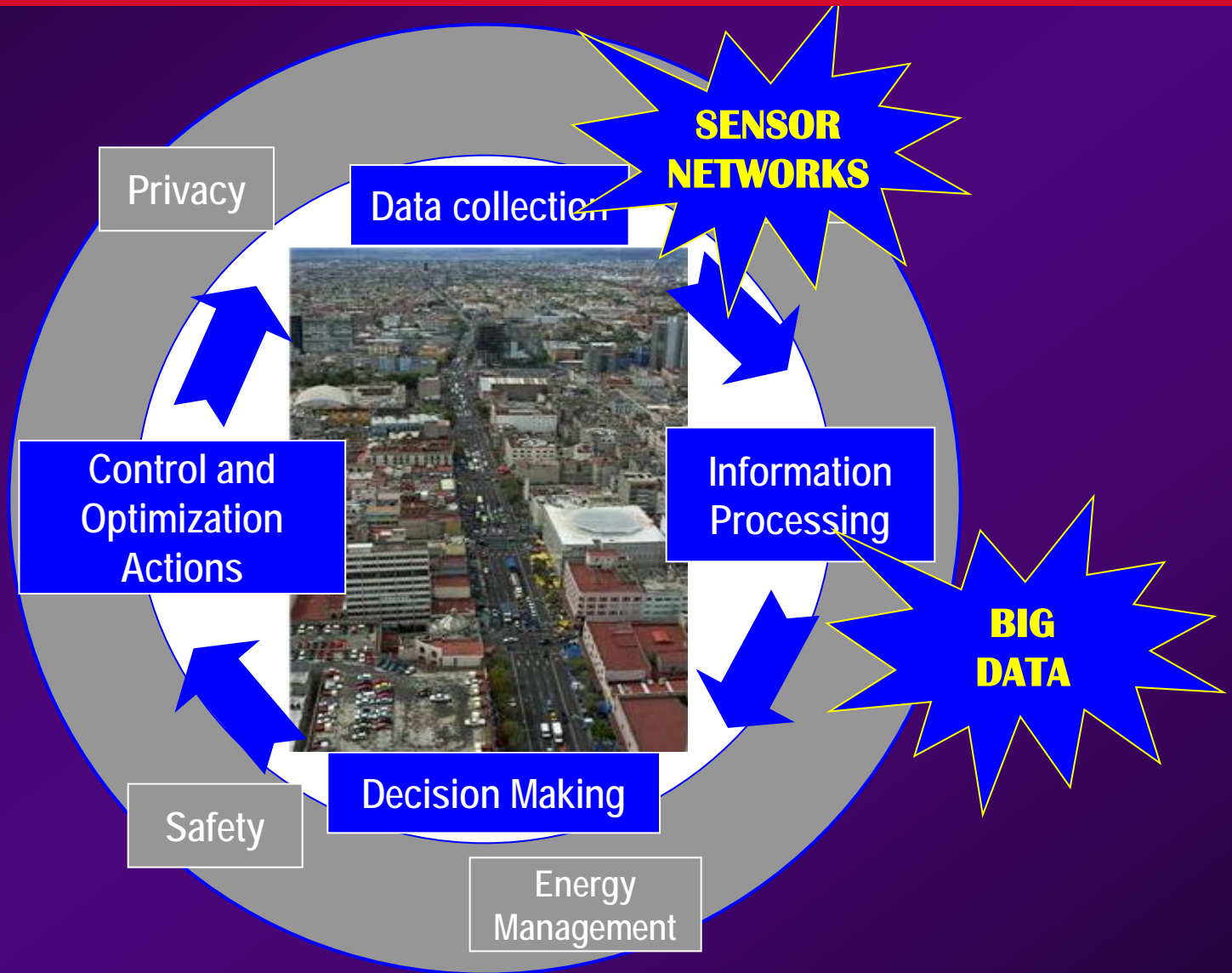


SMART CITIES AS CYBER-PHYSICAL SYSTEMS

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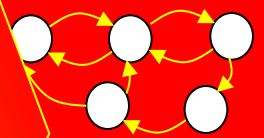
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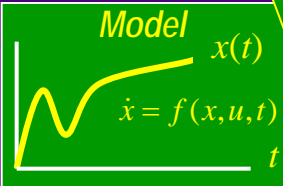
This is a
HYBRID SYSTEM

Model



Decision Making

Model



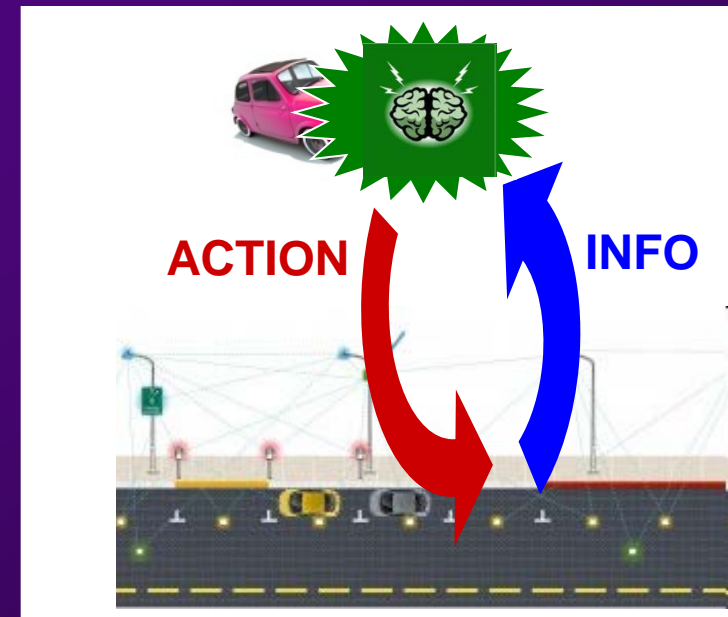
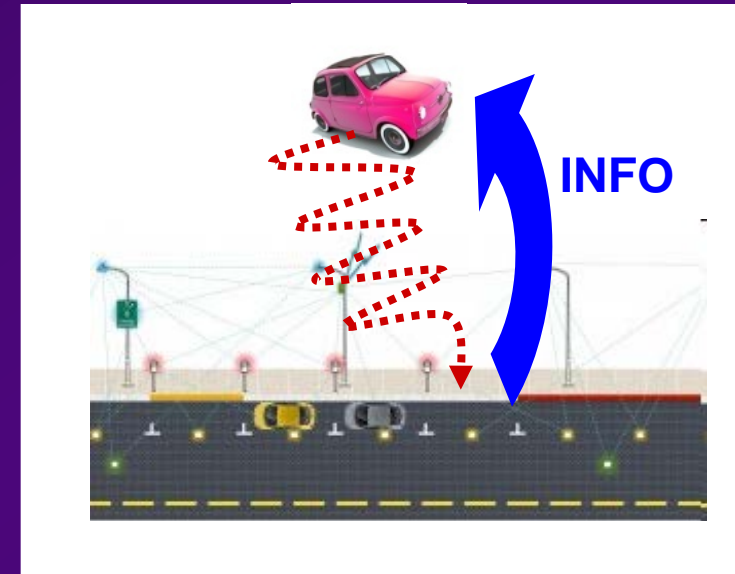
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WHAT IS *REALLY* “SMART” ?

COLLECTING DATA IS NOT “SMART”

- JUST A NECESSARY STEP TO
BEING “SMART”

PROCESSING DATA TO MAKE
GOOD DECISIONS IS “SMART”



SMART CITY PROJECTS - URBAN MOBILITY

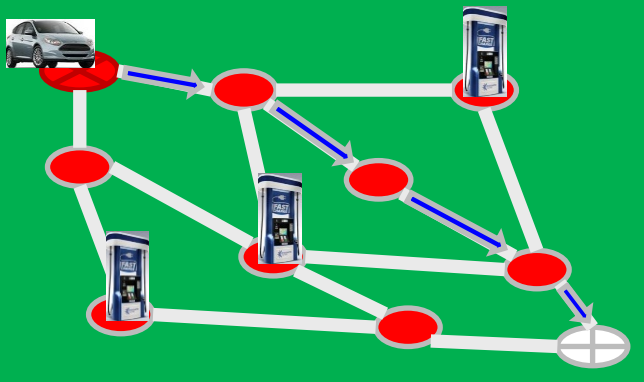
SMART PARKING

2011 IBM/IEEE Smarter Planet Challenge prize



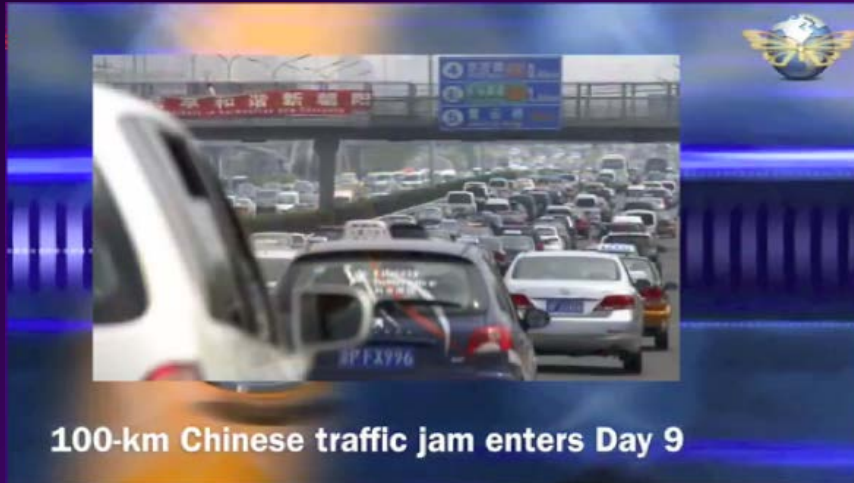
Finds optimal parking space for driver
+ reserves it

ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) ROUTING AND RECHARGING



Optimally routes EVs to minimize travel times
+ finds optimal charging station + reserves it

SMART CITY PROJECTS - URBAN MOBILITY



TRAFFIC CONTROL

Exploit “connected vehicles” technology:
from (selfish) “driver optimal” to
(social) “system optimal” traffic control



TRAFFIC LIGHT CONTROL

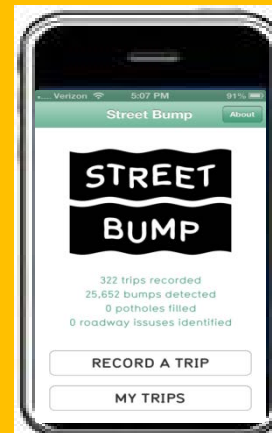
Real-time, data-driven dynamic traffic light control:

- Alleviate congestion
- Reduce pollution and fuel waste

SMART CITY PROJECTS - URBAN MOBILITY

STREET BUMP

2014 IBM/IEEE Smarter
Planet Challenge prize

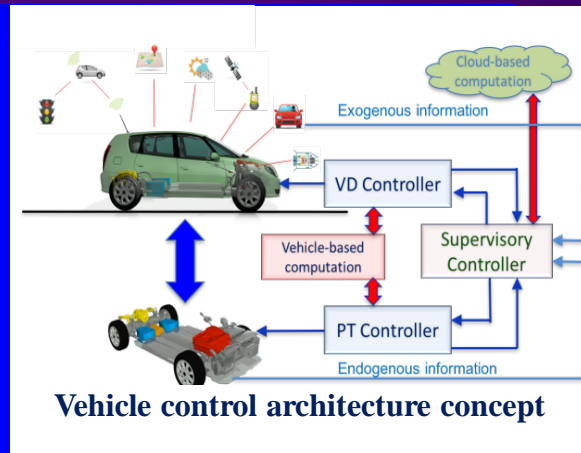


Detect roadway
“bumps” +
classify them +
prioritize and
dispatch crews

Used in Boston

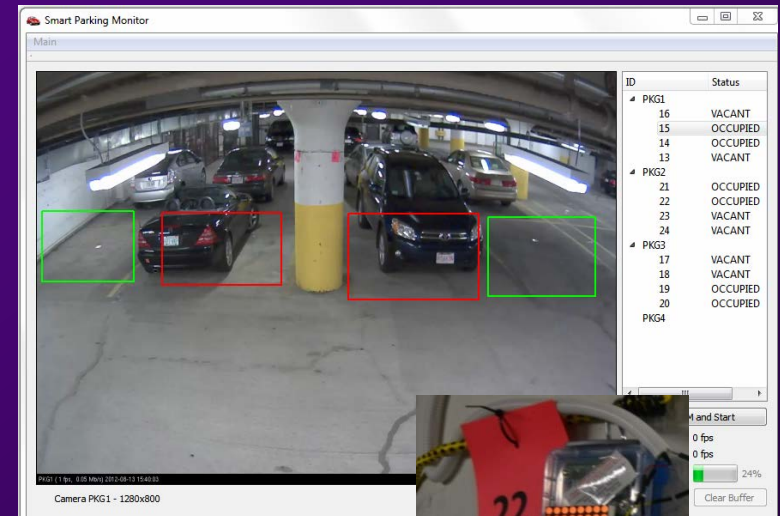
SMART AUTONOMOUS CARS

NEXTCAR project :
Self-driving autonomous cars for minimizing
energy consumption: integrate *Vehicle Dynamics*
with *Powertrain Control*



SMART PARKING

iPhone app



SMART PARKING



30% of vehicles on the road in the downtowns of major cities are cruising for a parking spot. It takes the average driver **7.8** minutes to find a parking spot in the downtown core of a major city.

R. Arnott, T.Rave, R.Schob, *Alleviating Urban Traffic Congestion*. 2005

GUIDANCE-BASED PARKING – DRAWBACKS...

Drivers:

- May not find a vacant space
- May miss better space
- Processing info while driving

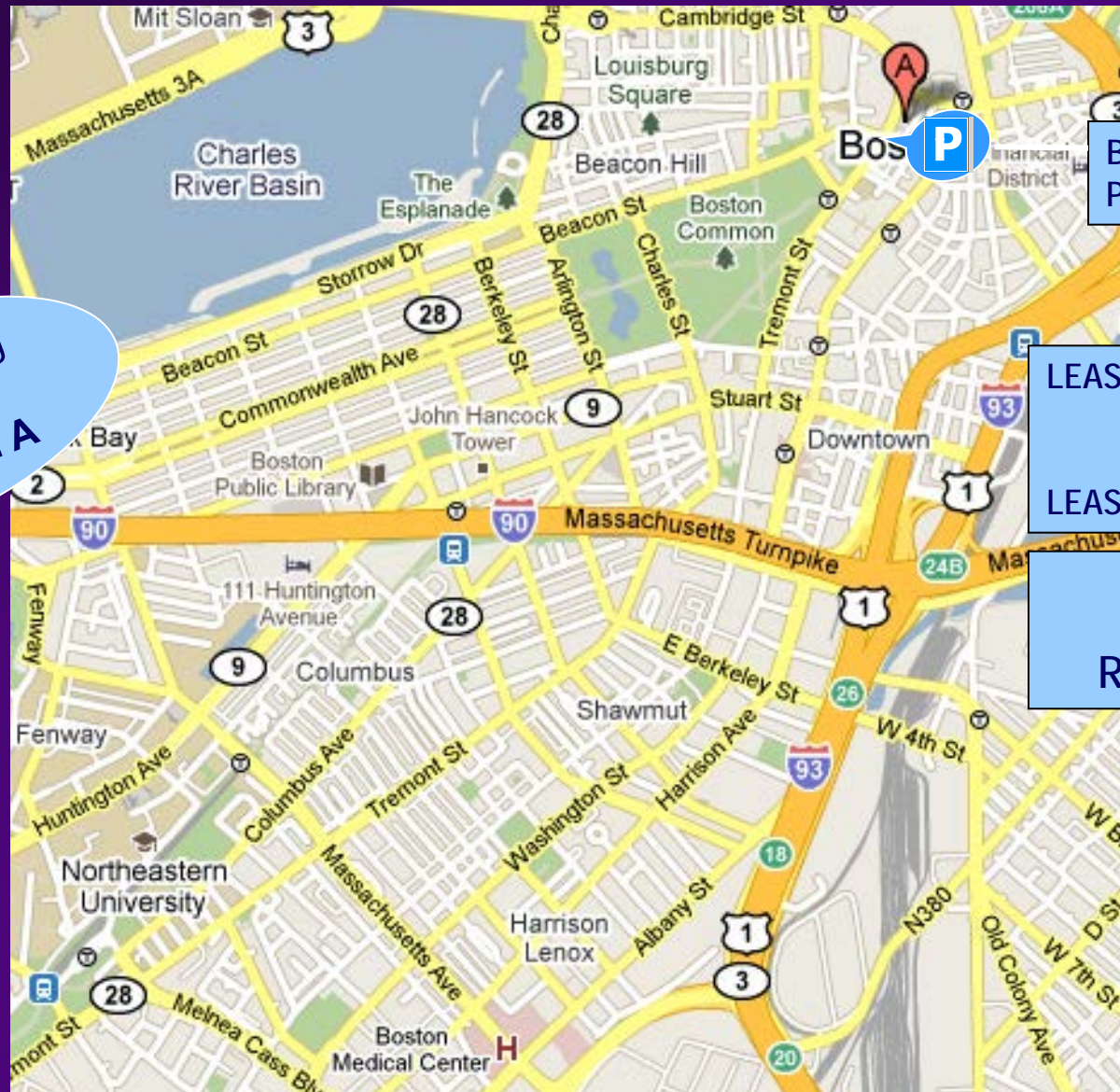
City:

- Imbalanced parking utilization
- May create **ADDED CONGESTION**
(as multiple drivers converge to where a space exists)

Searching for parking \Rightarrow Competing for parking

SMART PARKING

Find best parking spot for
DESTINATION A



BEST
PARKING SPOT



LEAST DISTANCE from A
+
LEAST COST

+
RESERVE IT

[Geng and Cassandras, *IEEE Trans. on Intelligent Transportation Systems*, 2013]

SMART PARKING – IMPLEMENTATION

- Parking space availability detection →
 - Standard sensors (e.g., magnetic, cameras)
 - Wireless sensor networking
- Vehicle localization →
 - GPS
- System-Driver communication →
 - Smartphone
 - Vehicle navigation system
- **Parking reservation** →
 - Red/Green/Yellow light system



SIMULATION CASE STUDY



On-street parking spaces

Off-street parking spaces

Points of interest

KEY CONCLUSIONS

1. 10-20% higher parking utilization
⇒ HIGHER REVENUE,
LOWER CONGESTION
2. % drivers searching for parking (wandering) < 2%
⇒ HIGHER REVENUE,
LOWER CONGESTION
3. 50% reduction in parking time under heavy traffic
⇒ LOWER CONGESTION,
LESS FUEL,
DRIVER COMFORT

STREET BUMP: DETECTING “BUMPS” THROUGH SMARTPHONES + DATA ANALYTICS

iPhone app

2014 IBM/IEEE *Smarter Planet*
Challenge prize



STREET BUMP – PROCESSING “BIG DATA”

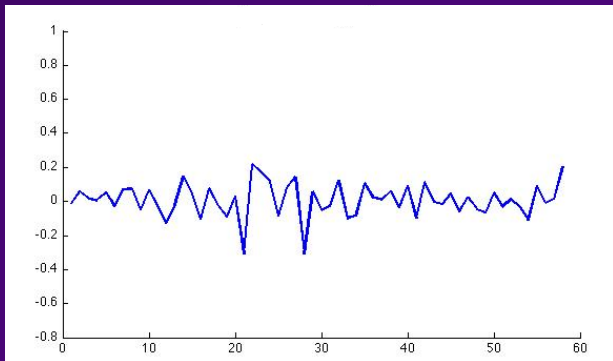
- Detect obstacles using iPhone **accelerometer** and **GPS**
⇒ **no infrastructure needed**
- Send to central server through Street Bump app
- Process data to classify obstacles:
Anomaly detection and clustering algorithms,
similar to cybersecurity problems
- Detect “actionable” obstacles
- Prioritize and dispatch Smart City crews to fix problems:
DATA-DRIVEN DYNAMIC RESOURCE ALLOCATION



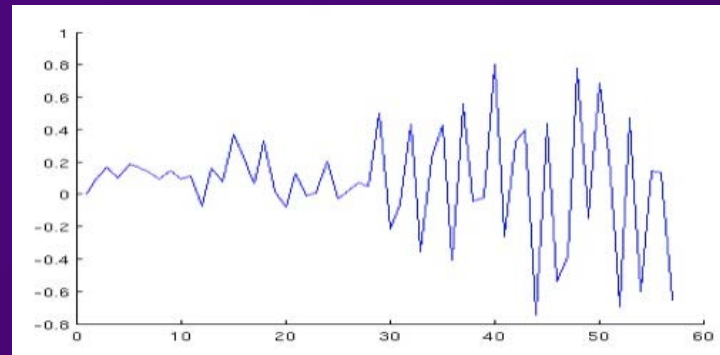
STREET BUMP – PROCESSING “BIG DATA”

Methodologies used:

- Anomaly detection, Machine Learning algorithms
- Bump signal signature analysis: REGULARITY METRIC
- Bump signal randomness content: ENTROPY METRIC



NON-ACTIONABLE
(Flat Casting)



ACTIONABLE
(Pothole)

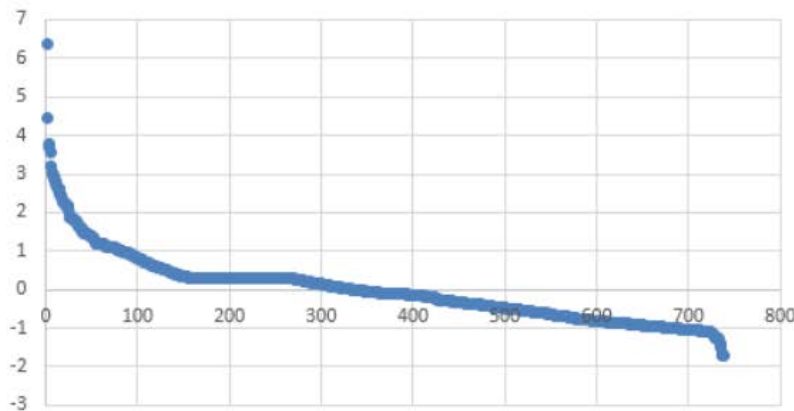
STREET BUMP – ANOMALY INDEX RANKED LIST

$$AI = 0.5MSE + 0.5H(x)$$

TOP-10 ACTIONABLE OBSTACLES

- $\lambda = 0.5$
- Truly actionable (T): 88/100 (88%)
- False Alarm (F): 12%

Normalized Comb. of MSE & Entropy - $\lambda = 0.5$

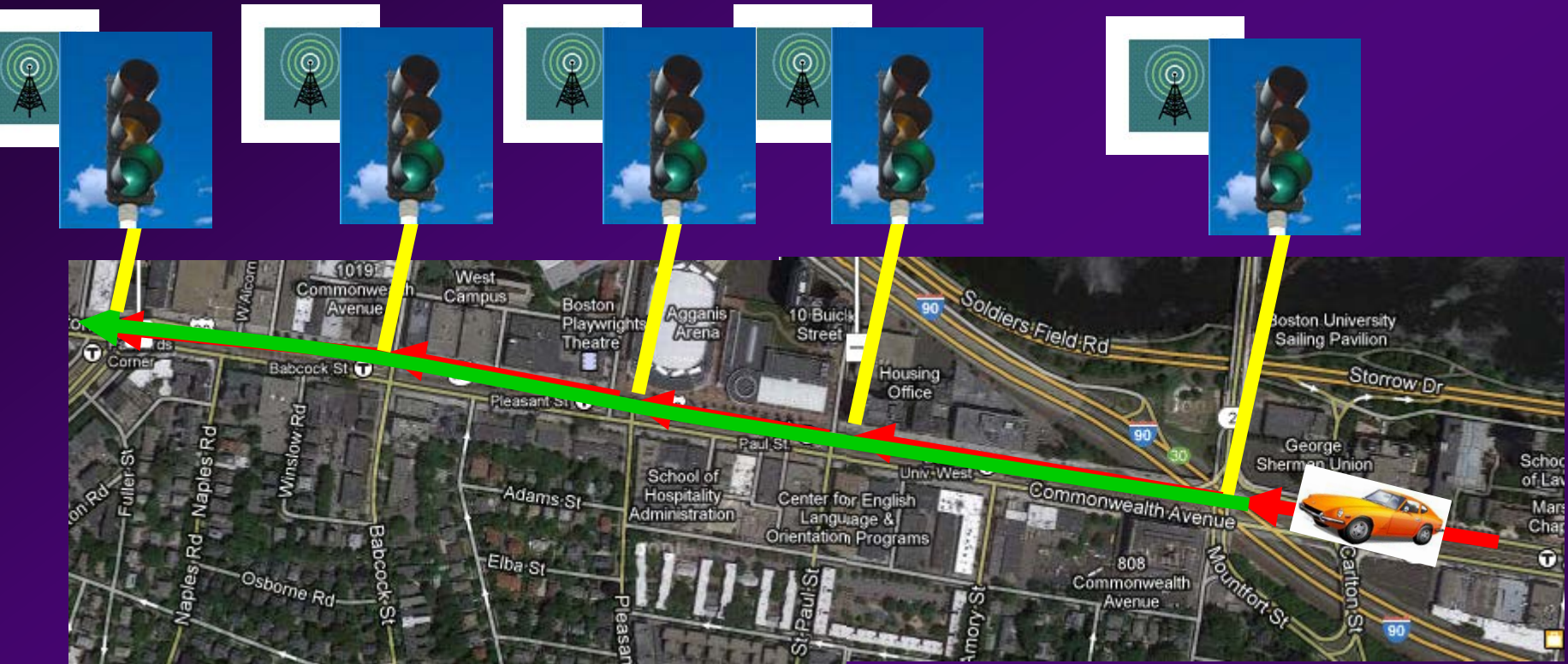


Categories	I = Non-actionable	Comb. of MSE & Entropy
'Pot Hole'	2	6.358133291
'Sunk Casting (Immediate repair)'	2	4.458249603
'Pothole'	2	3.781396384
'Cracking Around Casting (Pothole)'	2	3.696543324
'Bad Utility Patch (permanent)'	2	3.553264957
'Pothole'	2	3.209940023
'Pothole'	2	3.035801435
'Bad Utility Patch (permanent)'	2	2.963345039
'Flat Casting'	1	2.928413599
'Pothole'	2	2.83604503
'Bad Utility Patch (permanent)'	2	2.783582864
'Sunk Casting (immediate repair)'	2	2.726196475
'Catch Basin (repair)'	2	2.626632962
'Pothole'	2	2.626487835
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'Cracking Around Casting (pothole)'	2	2.186933029
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'Bad Utility Patch (temporary)'	2	2.096893702
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'Sunk Casting (repair)'	2	1.876441708
'Flat Casting'	1	1.855250669
'Pot Hole (no repair)'	1	1.83324128
'Bad Utility Patch (permanent)'	2	1.825949708
'Sunk Casting (Repair)'	2	1.815833626
'Pothole'	2	1.772191028
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'Raised Casting (repair)'	2	1.618505807
'Pothole'	2	1.574023242
'Sunk Casting (immediate repair)'	2	1.574015672
'Pothole'	2	1.497205598
'Pot Hole'	2	1.484528469
'Pothole'	2	1.469825022
'Catch Basin (repair)'	2	1.462558728
'Sunk Casting (repair)'	2	1.454257109
'Pothole'	2	1.453174152
'Flat Casting'	1	1.422754809
'Sunk Casting (repair)'	2	1.417971776
'Pothole'	2	1.402428087
'Catch Basin (repair)'	2	1.37466431

ADAPTIVE TRAFFIC LIGHT CONTROL



NETWORK-WIDE TRAFFIC LIGHT CONTROL



- Automatically adapt red/green light cycles based on observed data
- Predict and **alleviate congestion** over entire urban network
- Reduce waiting times, **congestion**
- Reduce **pollution** and **fuel waste**

TRAFFIC CONTROL



100-km Chinese traffic jam enters Day 9



The BU Bridge mess, Boston, MA (simulation using VISSIM)

WHY CAN'T WE IMPROVE TRAFFIC...

... EVEN IF WE KNOW THE ACHIEVABLE OPTIMUM IN A TRAFFIC NETWORK ???

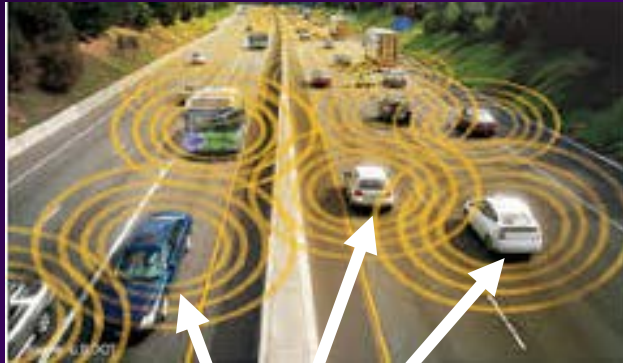
Because:

- **Not enough controls** (traffic lights, tolls, speed fines)
→ No chance to unleash the power of feedback!
- **Not knowing other drivers' behavior** leads to poor decisions
(a simple game-theoretic fact)
→ Drivers seek individual (**selfish**) optimum,
not system-wide (**social**) optimum



**PRICE OF ANARCHY
(POA)**

GAME-CHANGING OPPORTUNITY: CONNECTED AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES (CAVs)



FROM (SELFISH) "DRIVER OPTIMAL"
TO (SOCIAL) "SYSTEM OPTIMAL"
TRAFFIC CONTROL

CAVs

THE "INTERNET OF CARS"

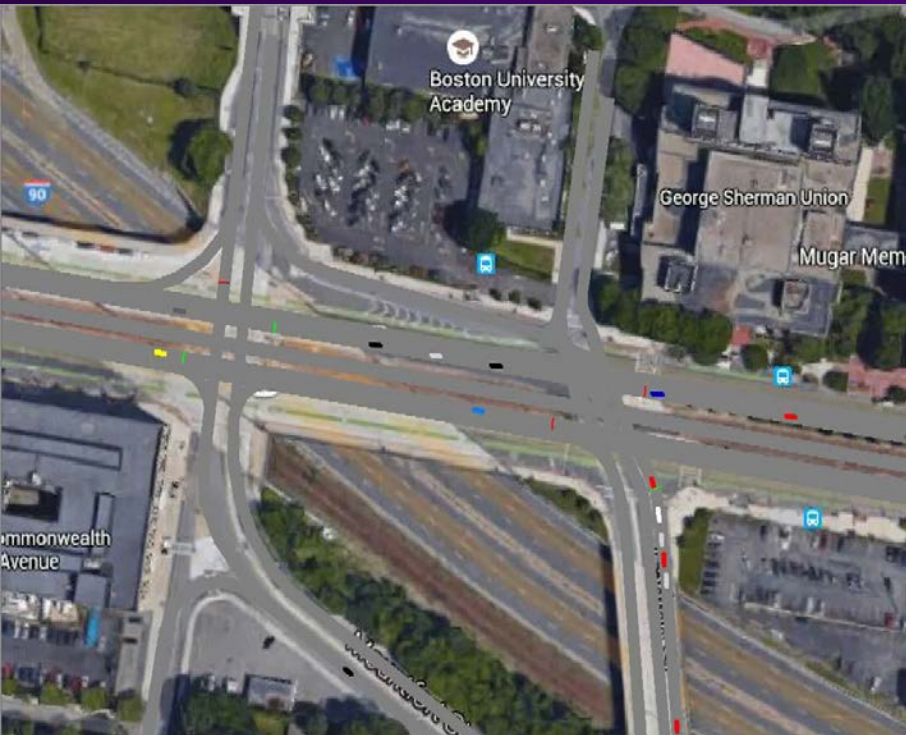


NO TRAFFIC LIGHTS, NEVER STOP...

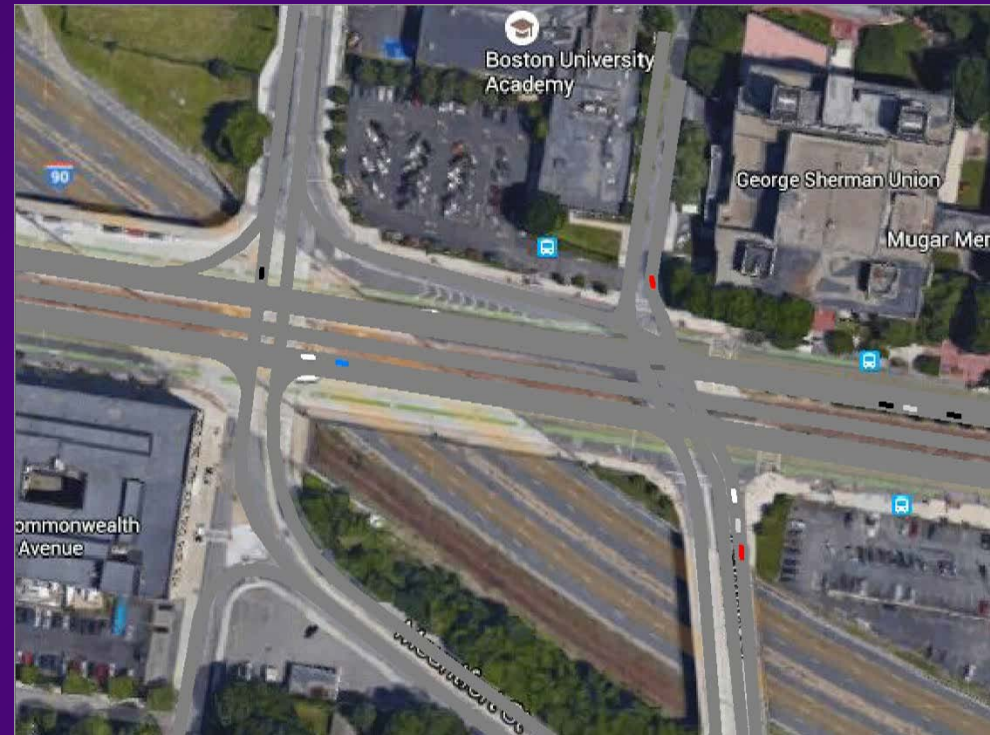
[Zhang et al, *Proceedings of the IEEE*, Special Issue on Smart Cities, 2018]

WHO NEEDS TRAFFIC LIGHTS?

With **traffic lights**



With **decentralized control of CAVs**



One of the worst-designed double intersections ever...
(BU Bridge – Commonwealth Ave, Boston, MA)

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