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Vehicle-to-Infrastructure Research - Track 1 Enabling Technologies

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V2I Track 1 – Enabling Technologies

Goal – Develop and integrate the infrastructure components necessary to provide the foundation for V2I deployment.

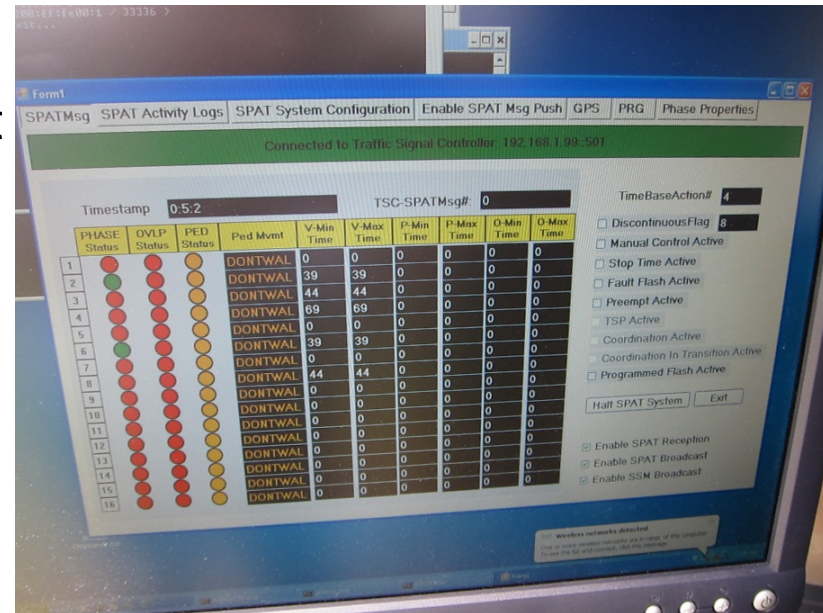
- Signal Phase and Timing (SPaT)
- Mapping
- Positioning
- Communications
- Roadside Equipment (RSE)
- Integrated Prototype



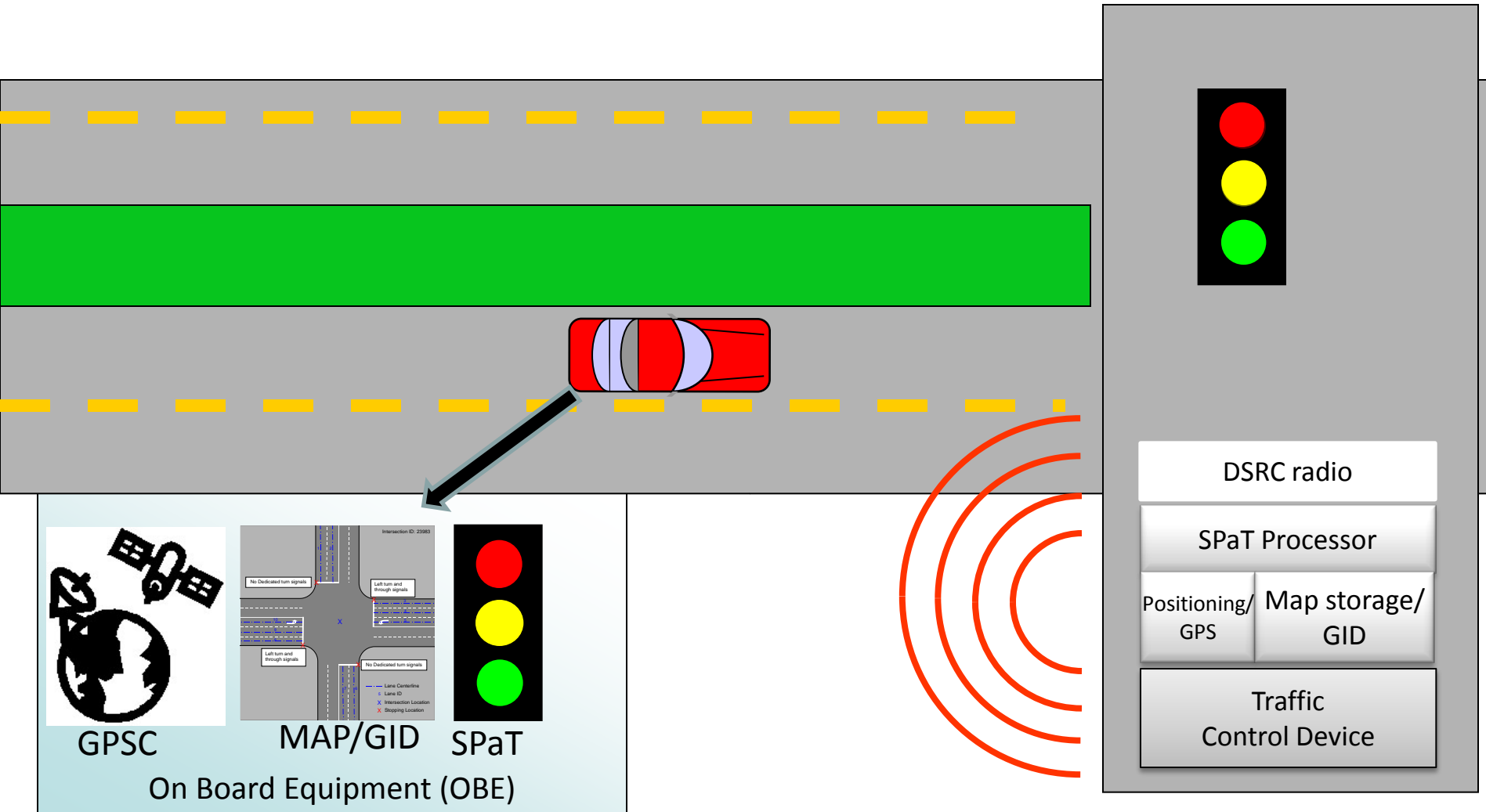
Signal Phase and Timing (SPaT)

Goal: Develop an interface between signal controllers and RSE to enable 2-way data exchange between vehicles and controllers

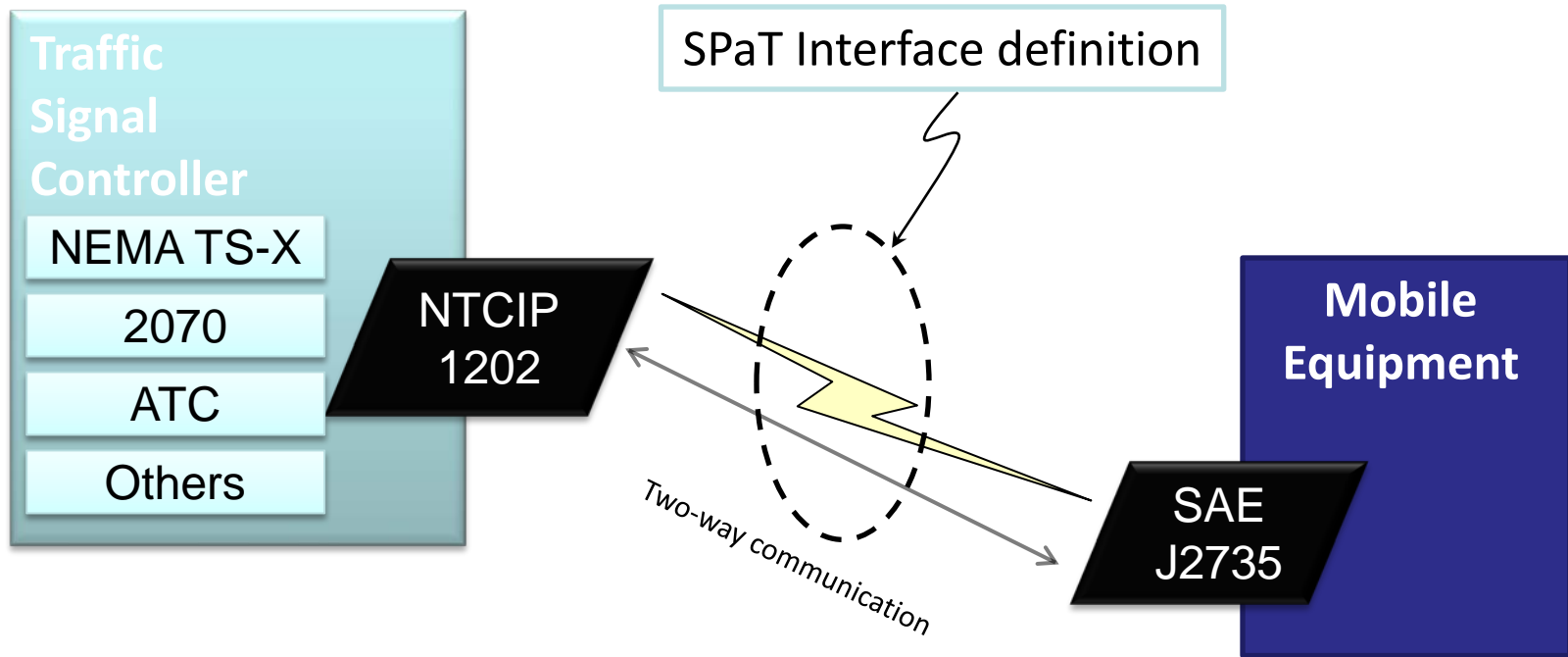
- SPaT Data
 - Signal state by movement
 - Min/max time remaining by movement
 - Exact time remaining in yellow
- Geometric intersection description (GID)
- Signal request messages (Emergency vehicle preemption, transit signal priority, etc.)
- RTCP position correction message
- Standards to promote interoperability
 - NTCIP 1202 and 1211
 - SAE J2735



SPaT Operation Overview



Open Interface – Concept



Signal Phase and Timing (SPaT)

- Interface tested in the Connected Vehicle Highway Testbed (CVHT) at the Turner Fairbank Highway Research Center (TFHRC)
- Safety Pilot - 12 intersections equipped
 - broadcast the SPaT information
 - Transit apps plan to use data, required a new field for pedestrian detection
 - SPaT data will be logged to facilitate future application development
- Safety, mobility and environmental V2I applications will need SPaT data



Mapping

Goal: Collect relevant roadway geometry and attributes data and broadcast it for use in V2I applications.

- Mapping Data
 - Pavement marking
 - Roadway signs
 - Roadside furniture (poles, cabinets, other potential obstructions)
 - Roadway geometry (e.g. curvature)
- Mapping Technology
 - LIDAR
 - Aerial Photogrammetry
 - As-built plans/maps
 - Data Fusion
 - Probe Data/crowd sourcing



Mapping Findings

- Vehicle mounted technologies solution (LIDAR) provides the most detailed data for use as a core mapping solution
- Vehicle mounted technologies solution is relatively costly and requires an investment in resources including skilled personnel and equipment.
- The other mapping solutions will remain useful for change detection as well as for mapping under certain specific conditions.
- Collection, preparation, and use of mapping data completed at the TFHRC Testbed May 2012.
- Three lane-level applications were demonstrated using decimeter-level positioning techniques
 - Lane departure warning
 - Curve speed warning
 - Signal Phase and Timing, at lane-level



Positioning

Goal: Ascertain which current or near-term positioning technologies can meet requirements of V2I applications

- Which road?
- Which lane?
- Within lane?
- Two technology platforms for positioning
 - On-board vehicle equipment
 - Infrastructure-based correction messages



Positioning Findings

- Positioning and mapping are closely related
- Two approaches based on application type
 - V2I relies on absolute positioning solution
 - V2V relies on relative positioning solution
- Accurate vehicle position at intersection is critical
 - SPaT information is based on a phase to lane assignment
 - Requires lane-level accuracy
- Testing technologies at the CVHT in early fall
 - Baseline OEM grade GPS
 - Inertial Measurement Units (IMU)
 - GPS code and carrier solutions (correction messages)

Communications

Goal: To test multiple communication technologies for potential use in V2I applications

- Quantify capabilities of the technologies against requirements of key V2I applications
- Gather subject matter expert opinions to select the most promising candidates
 - Dedicated Short Range Communications (DSRC)
 - Cellular 4G/LTE
 - High definition radio
- Test the technologies in a laboratory field test at CVHT this fall



Communications Findings

- Connected vehicle program will likely utilize multiple technologies
 - Active safety applications to use DSRC
 - mobility and environmental applications to use DSRC and/or cellular (4G/LTE)
- Deployment of 4G/LTE is limited and dependent on private development
- DSRC has limited bandwidth and footprint
- Some wireless communications appear to interfere with GPS signals



Roadside Equipment (RSE)

Goal: Foster the development of RSE that meets the requirements of the connected vehicle program

- Current RSE to broadcast and receive using DSRC
- Modular in both physical and logical architectures
- Immediate forwarding (e.g. SPaT)
- Store and replay (mapping data, traffic incident management messages)
- Connected to backhaul for data logging



Roadside Equipment (RSE)

- 5 vendors participated in prototyping
- Research qualified products list (rQPL) issued 5/11/12 for use by Safety Pilot
- Development will continue to refine design based on Safety Pilot results
- Refinements will be made to incorporate multiple radio chipsets, if warranted



Integrated V2I Prototype

- Comprehensive solution to connected vehicle infrastructure needs
 - Incorporate all parts of Track 1 to work seamlessly to enable V2I applications
 - Comprehensive review of V2I system requirements
 - Integration and testing of a complete infrastructure system.
 - Data flows
 - Information exchange
 - Standards



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