

Traffic Congestion: Finding Sustainable Solution through Transport Modelling

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Traffic Operation Analysis

- ▶ How to do analysis for Long Arterial?



Importance of Modeling

- ▶ To understand the existing condition of the road section/link/network.
- ▶ To understand the future needs for improvement (time-based, location-based).

Importance of Simulation

- ▶ Platform to create the model.
- ▶ Handling of Complex scenarios.
- ▶ Time Saving.
- ▶ Scientific way of Analysis- Reliability.

Popular Simulation Software

- PTV group (Germany)
 - VISSIM – Freeway, Arterial (Signalized, unsignalized) Traffic Operation Analysis
 - VISSUM- Travel demand modeling
 - VISTRO- Intersection Analysis
 - VISWALK- Pedestrian movement analysis
- Trafficware
 - Synchro- Intersection Analysis based on HCM
 - Simtraffic- Traffic Operation
- SIDRA- Intersection, Network Analysis
- CUBE- Travel demand Modeling
- Aimsun- Traffic Operation Analysis

Case Study: Intersection Operation Improvement Using Synchro

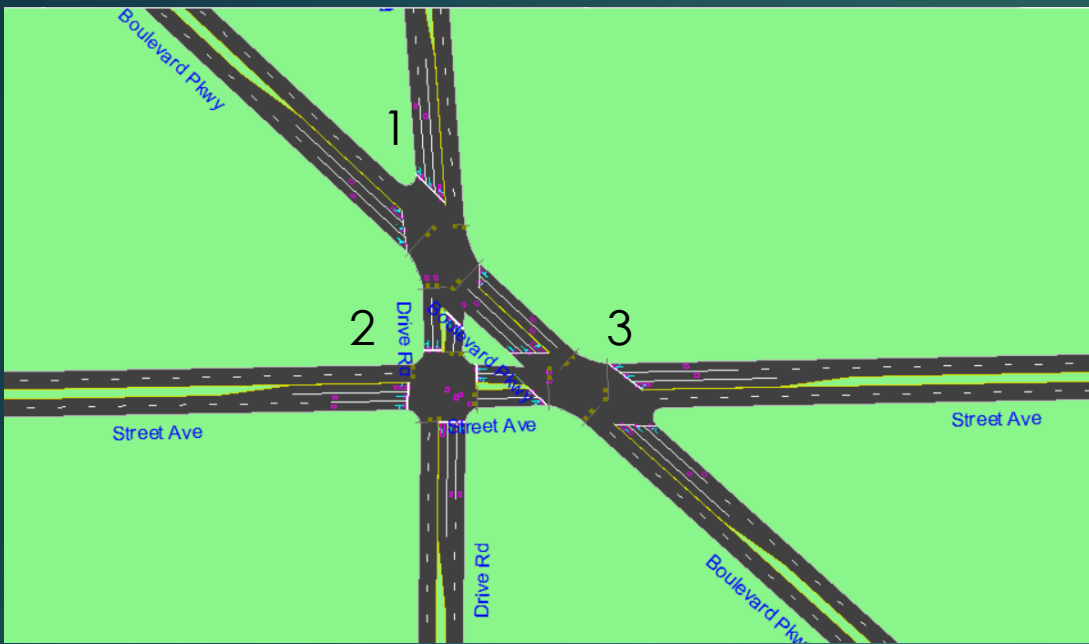


- ▶ Three closely intersections
- ▶ 7-10 minutes to clear the intersections
- ▶ Very short storage length
- ▶ Volume / Capacity ratio is more than 1.
- ▶ Pretimed signal system
- ▶ 17 parcels of land owned by the city, cost \$900,000 per parcel.
- ▶ Bus stops are near the side of the intersections
- ▶ Bike crashes at NW and SE bound traffic (Boulevard Parkway).



	Intersection 1	Intersection 2	Intersection 3
Max V/C ratio	1.37	1.37	1.37
Int Delay (s)	29.5	31.5	63.5
LOS	C	C	E
Control Type	Pretimed	Pretimed	Pretimed
Cycle Length	120 s	120 s	120

Simulation Layout Preparation



Synchro 11 - C:\Users\...TE.zip\MWITE\PM PEAK_ST LOCATIONSBURG.syn (read-only)

Scenario 1

File Home Options Transfer Optimize Reports Help

Map View Zoom View Options View Ports Select Int. Lane Settings Templates Merge Template Volume Settings TIA Timing Settings Template Ring & Barrier Cluster Editor Phasing Settings TSD Detection Settings Detector Template

HCM 6th Ed Int. Results Mvmt Results Reset Warnings HCM 6th Edition

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Simulation Settings SimTraffic Link Node Ln/Mvt Display Results

SCENARIO MANAGER

103 Boulevard Pkwy & Street Ave

VOLUME SETTINGS	EBL	EBT	EBR	WBL	WBT	WBR	SEL	SET	SER	NWL	NWT	NWR
Lanes and Sharing (#RL)												
Traffic Volume (vph)	0	350	150	100	400	100	400	100	0	100	200	50
Development Volume (vph)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Combined Volume (vph)	0	350	150	100	400	100	400	100	0	100	200	50
Future Volume (vph)	0	350	150	100	400	100	400	100	0	100	200	50
Conflicting Peds. (#/hr)	0	—	0	0	—	0	0	—	0	0	—	0
Conflicting Bicycles (#/hr)	—	—	0	—	—	0	—	—	0	—	—	0
Peak Hour Factor	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92
Growth Factor	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Adjusted Flow (vph)	0	380	163	109	435	109	435	109	0	109	217	54
Heavy Vehicles (%)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Bus Blockages (#/hr)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adj. Parking Lane?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking Maneuvers (#/hr)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Traffic from mid-block (%)	—	0	—	—	0	—	—	0	—	—	0	—
Link OD Volumes	—	EB	—	—	—	—	—	SE	—	—	—	—
Traffic in shared lane (%)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lane Group Flow (vph)	0	543	0	109	544	0	435	109	0	109	271	0

Simulation Running Video



Future Expectations

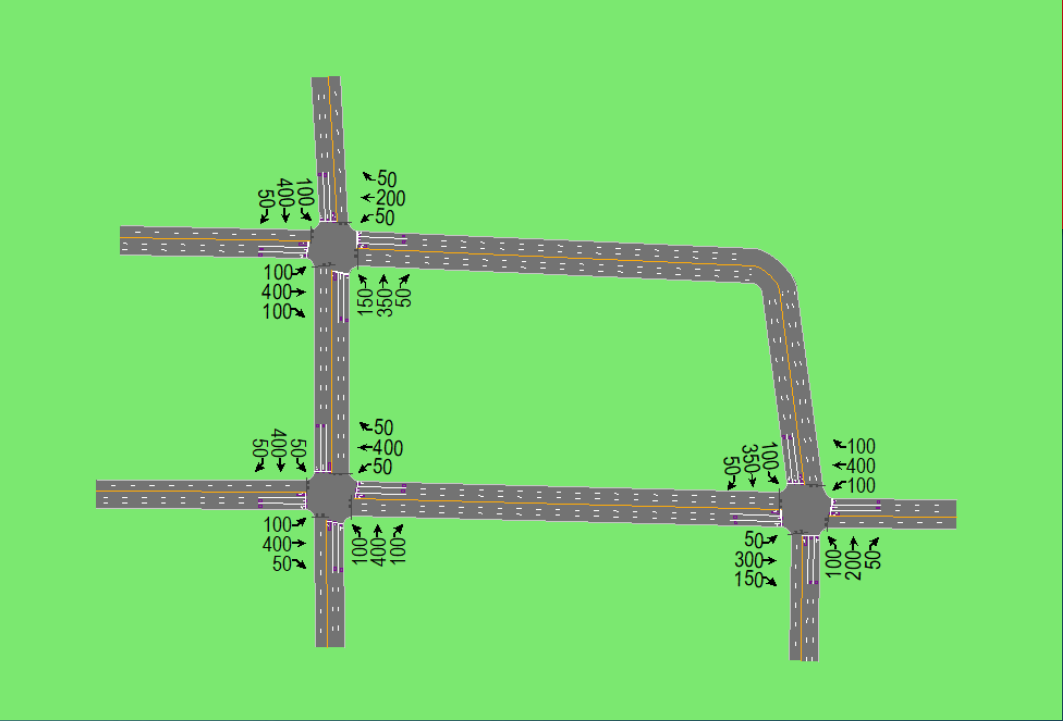
- Decreasing The Waiting Time In The Intersections
- Improving The Mobility Of The Road Users
- Enhancing The Safety Of The Bikers, Pedestrians, Transit Users, Vehicles By Reducing Crash Severity.
- Developing Bike Routes Infrastructure In All Over The City.
- Reshape The Parcels After Proposing New Layout Of The Road Geometry.

Design Motivations For The Alternative Solution

- Reducing Heavily Congested Intersections And Making New Three Regular Standard Intersections.
- Relocate Intersection One And Three By Replacing The Diagonal Road With New Convenient Route.
- Relocating Bus Stops At Farther Sides Of The Intersections.
- Creating New Routes For The Bikers And Pedestrians.

Proposed Alternative

- Proposed a New route removing the diagonal road
- Proposed new bike routes sharing with roads
- Far side bus stops



Parameters	Intersection 1		Intersection 2		Intersection 3	
	Before	After	Before	After	Before	After
Max V/C ratio	1.37	0.8	1.37	0.71	1.37	0.74
Int Delay	29.5	20.8	31.5	20.3	63.5	22.6
LOS	C	C	C	C	E	C
Control Type	Pretimed	Actd-Coord	Pretimed	Actd-Coord	Pretimed	Actd-Coord
Cycle Length	120 s	90 s	120 s	90 s	120	90 s

Transportation Modeling

1. Data Collection

- Existing Traffic Data
- Road Geometry data
- Vehicle Types Data
- Speed Distribution Data
- Traffic Control System Data

2. Performance Test

Calibration (Comparing Model output with same-day field Data)

Validation (Comparing model output with different day field data)

Simulation- Based Model

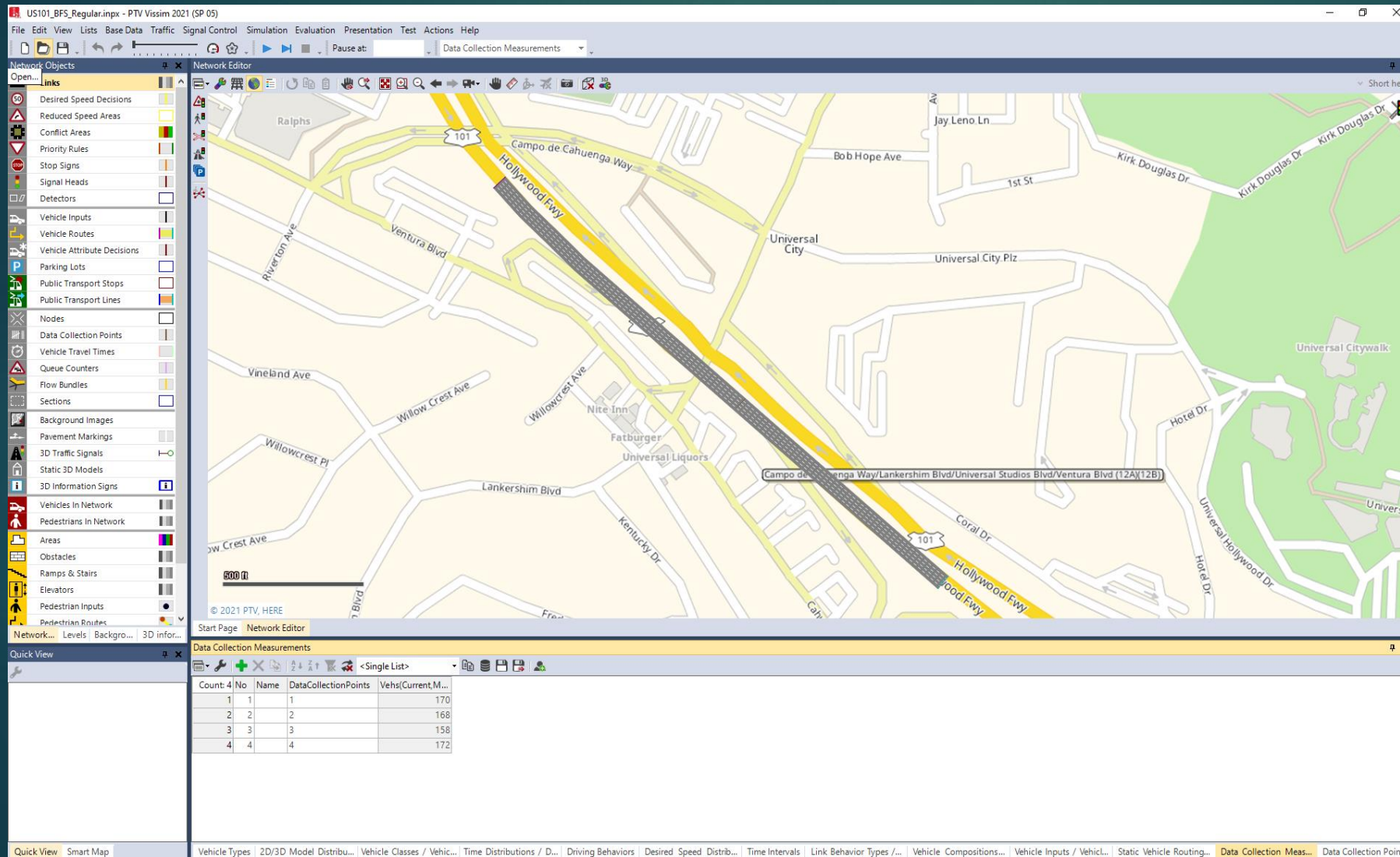
3. Future Traffic Data

Origin Destination Data
Turning Movement Data

Future Performance Analysis

Capacity
Travel Time
Queue Length
Speed Distribution
Delay

Case Study: Basic Freeway Capacity Analysis in VISSIM



➤ Objective: Capacity Analysis for Basic freeway segment under mixed traffic with Autonomous and Connected Autonomous Vehicle

➤ Data: Trajectory Data for Traditional Vehicle

➤ Methodology: Wiedemann Car Following model

➤ Base case Scenario: Capacity Assessment for Traditional Vehicle

➤ Mixed Case Scenario: changing relative flow of vehicles with proportion and assessing optimum traffic flow.

➤ Comparison with the base case.

Simulation Layout Preparation

Selection of

Vehicle Type Car, Bus, Autonomous Vehicle (Cautious, Normal, Aggressive)


Driving behavior Freeway

Desired Speed Distribution 55 mph, 60 mph, 65 mph, 70 mph

Vehicle Composition Different Composition for Assessment

Vehicle Input 1st 5 minutes for warm-up
Next 15 minutes field-collected vehicle data running

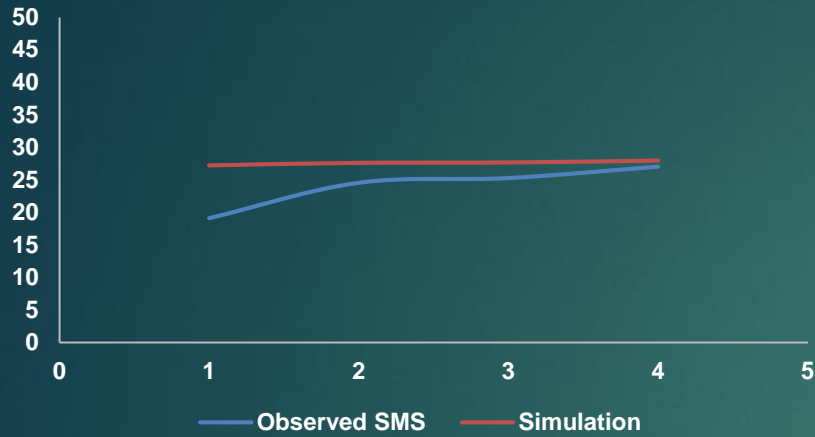
Data Collection Measurement Collecting Flow data from the simulation



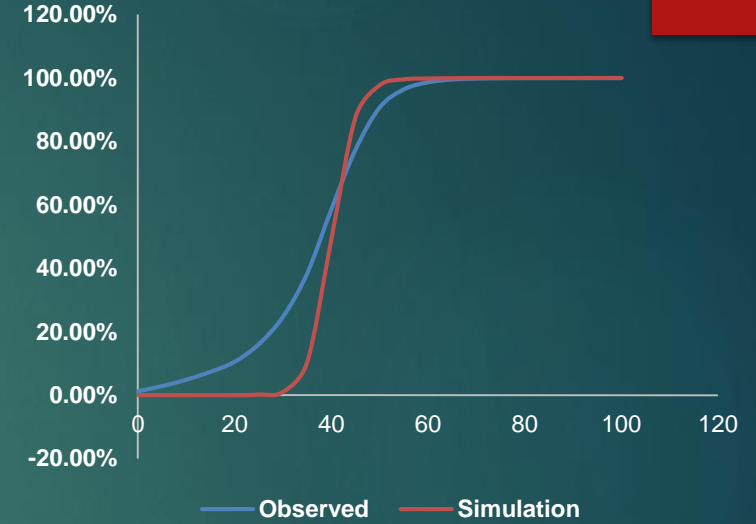
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1	100: Car	1051: 65 mp ▾	0.390
2	200: HGV	1051: 65 mph	0.010
3	630: AV...	1051: 65 mph	0.200
4	640: AV...	1051: 65 mph	0.100
5	650: AV...	1051: 65 mph	0.300

Calibration and Validation

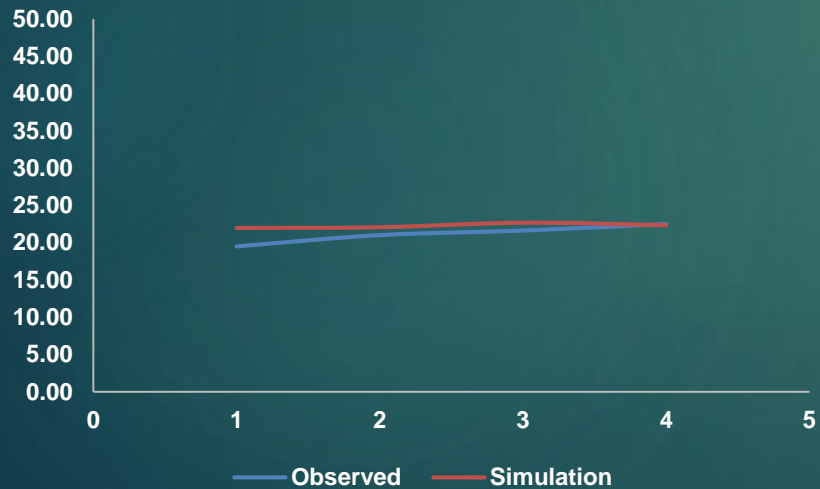
Space mean Speed (mph) vs Lane Number (a)



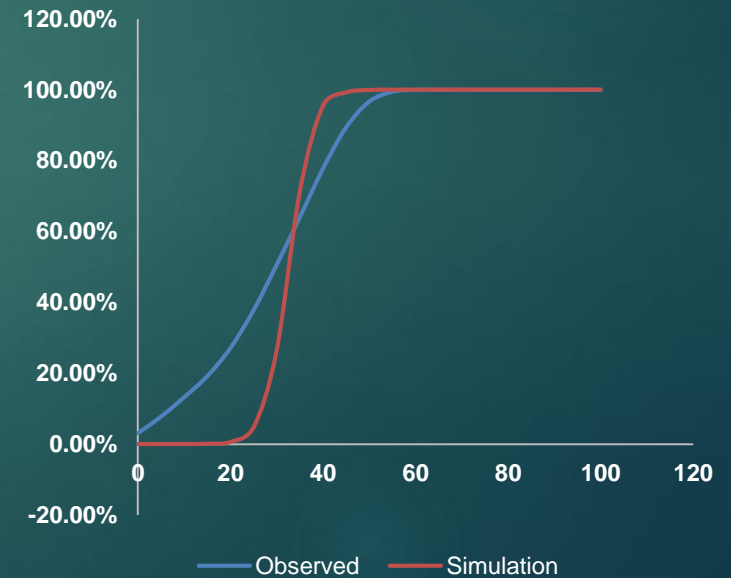
Cumulative Speed Distribution Comparison (b)



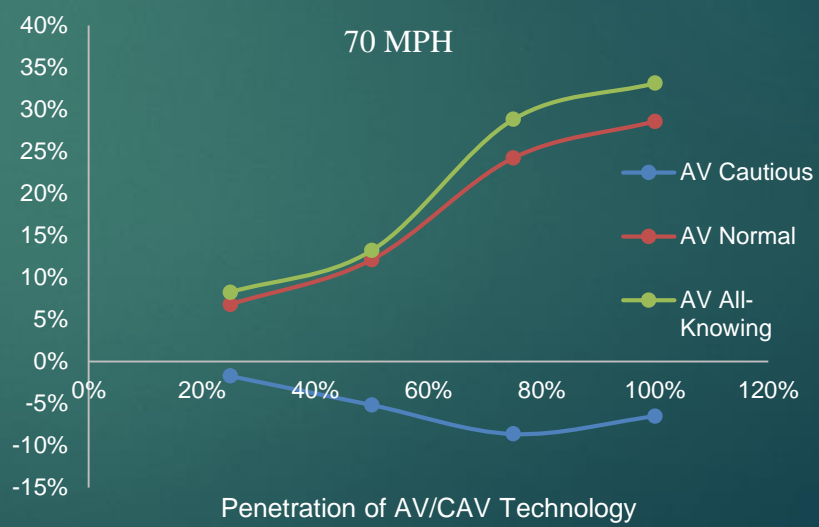
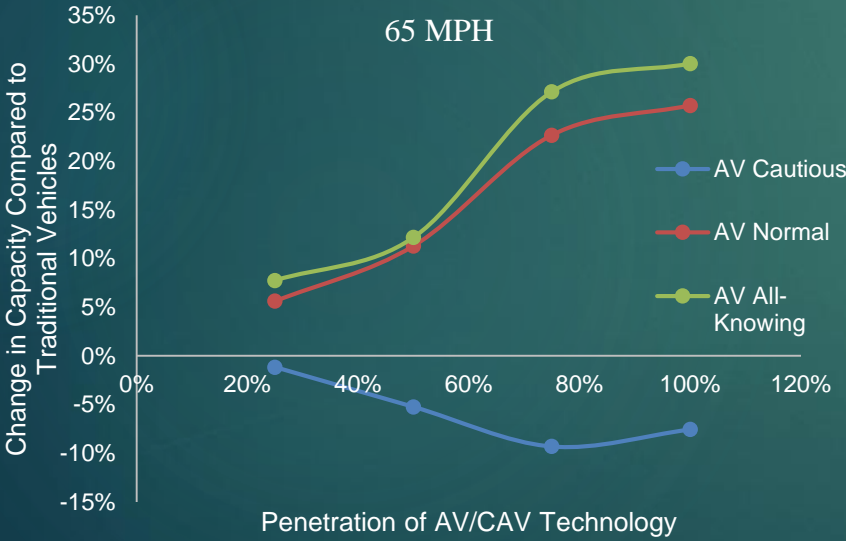
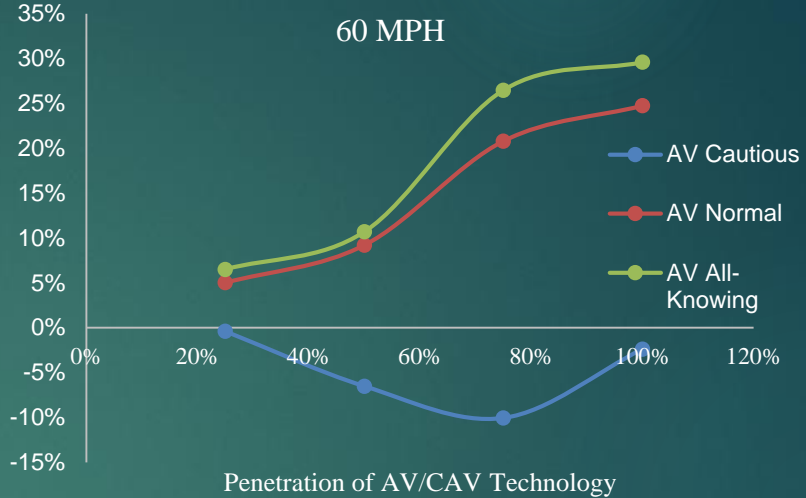
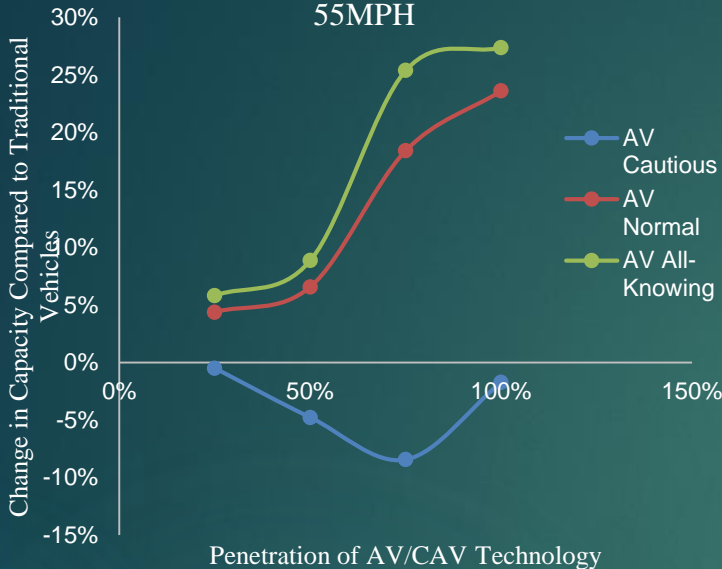
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Cumulative Speed Distribution Comparison (b)



Capacity Assessment in Mixed Scenarios



How can we solve the Congestion Problem in Bangladesh?

- ▶ Do we have a proper data collection system/devices?
- ▶ Do we have the appropriate software to analyze?
- ▶ Do you have skilled persons to run that software?
- ▶ Do we have sufficient funding to implement the solution?
- ▶ Do we have a consultancy firm?
- ▶ Do we have a traffic warrant/manual for implementation?



Thank You!