A sustainable and competitive transport system is an essential part to the well-being of every society. But the health and competitiveness of a transport system starts at the sub-system level where components, processes, and well-managed externalities—whether they are safety-oriented or operations-oriented— are all engineered and/or managed to optimally function in concert within the overall transport system be it at the local or national network level.

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- Control design of signalized network
- Modeling and design of measures of effectiveness (MOE)
- Integration of computation and communication technologies into transport systems
- Context-sensitive design and operations of transport system components
- Innovative maintenance strategies and practices
- Public transit signal priority control
- Driver behavior and control
- Control of congested networks
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