

ENABLING SMART TRAFFIC WITH ADVANCED TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS



What Is an Adaptive Traffic Control System (ATCS)?

An adaptive traffic control system (ATCS) is a self-calibrating control solution that automatically adapts the timing of a traffic lights, based on real-time traffic conditions, to optimize the flow of traffic. ATCS offers many benefits and is a key component of the fast-growing smart traffic or intelligent traffic systems (ITS) market. The global ITS market is valued at \$4B today and expected to grow to \$22B by 2022 at 33% CAGR.

As traffic needs grow and smart city initiatives become more popular, ATCS has become an increasingly important area of investment. In the U.S. alone, less than 1% of existing traffic signals utilize ATCS and the National Traffic Signal report card rates the nation's traffic signal management at a mere D+. The value of the lost economic productivity due to time wasted in traffic congestions, wasted fuel, and the effects of pollution is staggering—in the billions of dollars. As a result, the demand for better traffic management solutions is greater than ever before.

ATCS helps solve many traffic congestion problems, regain lost productivity, and prepare the infrastructure to support the economy of the 21st century. Countries, states, and cities across the globe are seriously considering revamping their infrastructure with the next generation of ATCS solutions. This offers a huge growth opportunity for companies developing, deploying, and maintaining ATCS solutions and a chance to build the global infrastructure to meet the needs of tomorrow.

Adaptive traffic control systems are commonly used to optimize the timing of traffic lights based on:

- ▶ Traffic queue lengths
- ▶ Average speed of traffic
- ▶ Arterial travel time/delay
- ▶ Number of stops
- ▶ Intersection delays
- ▶ Unexpected events, such as accidents, construction, or breakdowns
- ▶ Pedestrian movement

Key Benefits of ATCS

- ▶ Improved flow of traffic
 - Up to 50% faster flow of traffic
 - Up to 25% reduction in travel times
- ▶ Fewer stops, accidents, and crashes
- ▶ Faster responses to unprecedented traffic conditions and fluctuations
- ▶ Reduced fuel consumption and pollution
- ▶ Improved driver satisfaction due to reduced delays
- ▶ Improved economic productivity due to less wasted time in traffic

Advantages of Multichannel Microwave Radar ATCS

- ▶ Cost-effective solution due to simpler installation and minimal maintenance requirements
- ▶ Long range of up to 200 m
- ▶ Unaffected by light conditions, dust, dirt, or moisture
- ▶ Multichannel system can monitor traffic in multiple lanes simultaneously
- ▶ Can detect, track, and monitor speed and direction of a moving object
- ▶ Can detect objects as small as 70 cm

Common ATCS Detector Technologies

- ▶ Inductive loops
- ▶ Video cameras
- ▶ Microwave radar
- ▶ Aggregated cell phone signals

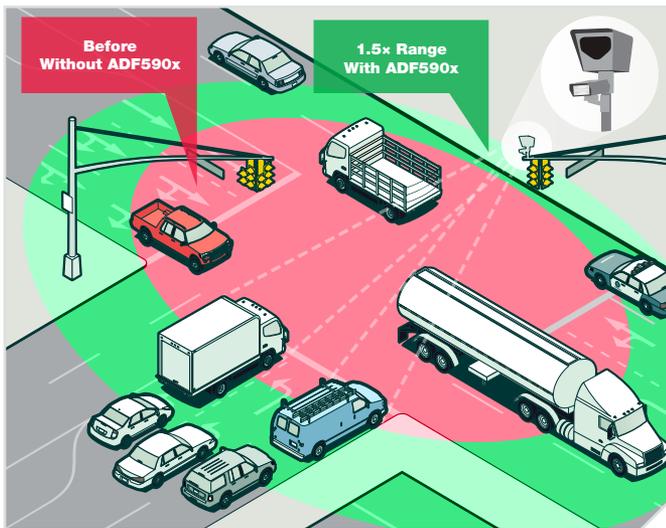


Figure 1. Busy intersections: more cars detected at a wider range.

Benefits of Analog Devices' 24 GHz Radar-Based ATCS Solution

- ▶ Full signal chain solution
 - Complete bits-to-antenna solution from one vendor
- ▶ Multichannel system
 - Multiple objection detection and tracking
 - Greater field of view
 - Lower cost compared to using multiple single-channel radar chips
- ▶ State-of-the-art performance
 - Best angular resolution
 - 1.5x detection range
 - 2x sensitivity
 - Low power consumption
- ▶ Flexibility and scalability
 - Unrestricted design choices, unlike fully integrated single chip radars
 - Easily scalable in multiples of 4 channels

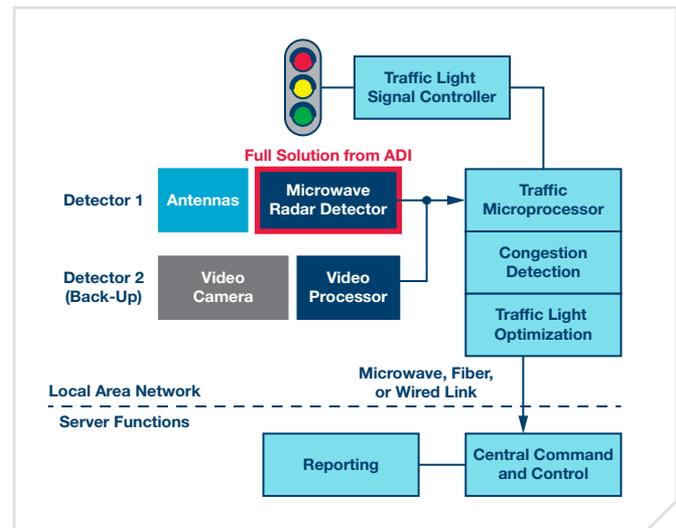


Figure 2. Typical ATCS system diagram.

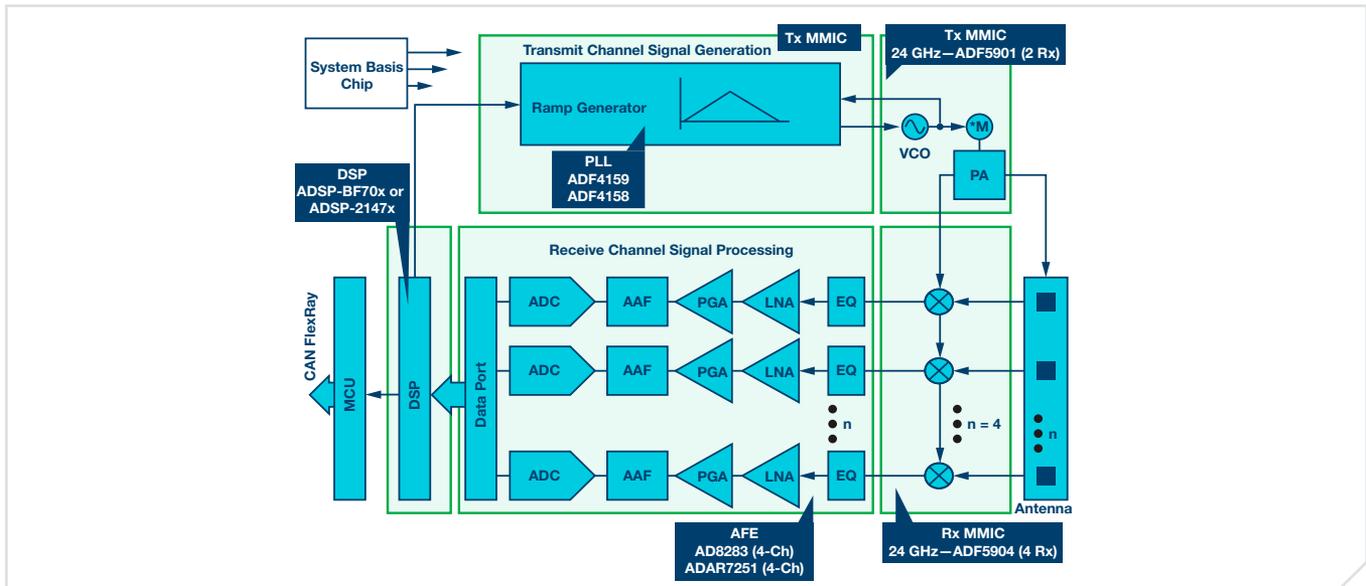


Figure 3. Complete microwave radar-based ATCS detector solution from ADI.

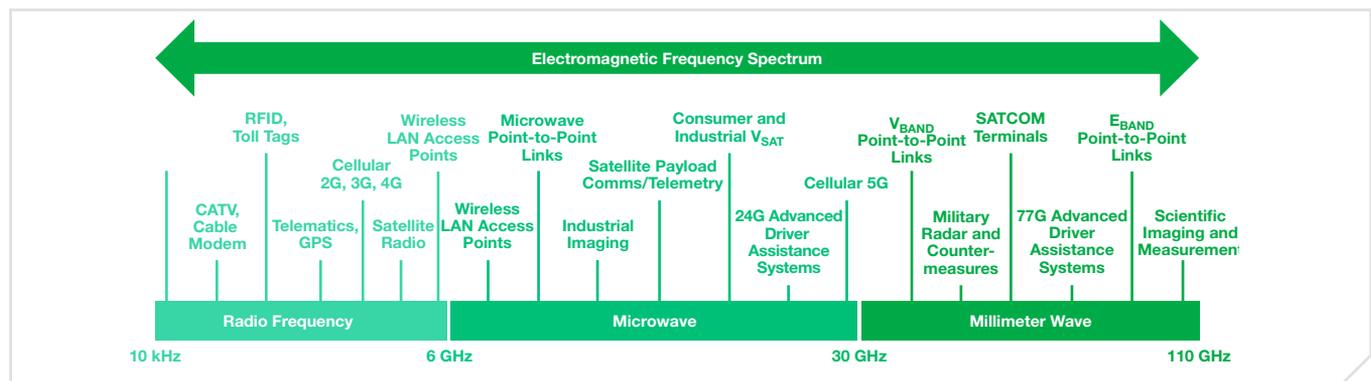
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