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Eco-Mobility: Leveraging Connected and Automated Driving Technologies to Improve Energy Efficiency of the Vehicular and Transportation Systems



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ABSTRACT: With the emergence of connected and automated vehicles (CAVs) equipped with advanced sensors for perception and localization, communications and feedback have become more integrated and ubiquitous, leading to tangible benefits with enhanced safety and improved energy efficiency, i.e., eco-mobility. While abundant evidence has been accumulated showing substantial energy-saving potential of the CAVs by up to 20%, uncertainties associated with real-world vehicle speed forecasts are remained to be the main challenge in harvesting energy from connectivity data. Additionally, the implications of the CAVs operation on the vehicular thermal system, with a slower time-scale as compared to power systems, have not been fully understood. This talk presents our efforts to address these challenges by developing an integrated power and thermal management (iPTM) strategy for CAVs (iPTM-CAVs). The iPTM-CAVs is based on hierarchical optimization, which allows for exploiting the connectivity data and traffic prediction models over different horizons with different accuracies. We will show how to leverage the hierarchy structure to enhance the robustness against the uncertainties using a new intelligent constraint handling mechanism. Next, the talk will touch upon our recent work on multi-range vehicle speed prediction using big data analytics tools, and incorporating this prediction into the hierarchical optimization framework for improved efficiency and robustness. The experimental and simulation results of applying the iPTM-CAVs will be presented for different applications, including power and thermal management of battery, cabin, engine, and exhaust aftertreatment systems of electrified vehicles.

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