Personalized Vehicle Control for Energy Efficiency and Driving Safety Enhancements

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Abstract: The recent advances on vehicle onboard computation and communication technologies have led the ground transportation into a new era. In particular, the smart mobility technologies such as vehicle-to-vehicle, vehicle-to-infrastructure, and vehicle-to-human communications have offered an unprecedented information richness and availability, which if utilized intelligently may enable substantial improvements on vehicle operational energy efficiency and driving safety that are of societal importance. Synergistic combinations of physical insights into vehicle system characteristics, computational and communication capabilities, and theories of optimization and control may offer effective means for tackling the transportation safety and energy challenges. This talk introduces a variety of smart vehicle system estimation and control research activities aiming to safe and efficient ground transportation by leveraging the smart mobility technology. Innovative syntheses of estimation, optimization, and control theories with physical understanding of vehicle and transportation systems for conventional, electrified, connected and automated vehicles will be emphasized through examples. Along with the system analytical designs, experimental and simulation results will be given to demonstrate the importance and efficacy of the smart mobility technologies for current and future ground vehicles and transportation.

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