

6G Networks for Automated Driving: Building AI-Driven Mobility Platform Towards Cooperative Vehicular Communication

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Abstract: 6G networks with AI-enabled platforms will accelerate the development of automated driving by enhancing vehicular communication and safety. In this paper, we propose a framework of cooperative vehicular communication based on a 6G network, which enables timely interactions between vehicles, the roadside infrastructure and the edge devices. Based on the ultra-low latency (50% lower than 5G), high-speed data transmission, and AI decision-making capability, it is able to provide bedrock support for autonomous driving, which is more efficient and reliable. The key features of the proposed platform include inter-vehicle distance control, joint topology formation and edge computing, which enhance the collaborative performance of vehicles, reducing the percentage of traffic congestion by 35% and risks of accidents by 40%. Comparative simulations show that the 6G cooperative vehicular communication platform has a 45% improvement in communication capability in terms of efficiency, over 5G, and a 30% enhancement in terms of safety metrics. This platform will inevitably lead to the intelligent transportation revolution.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The fast development of autonomous driving technology has pioneered the integration of next-generation wireless communication networks, especially 6G, into vehicular systems. With its low latency, high rate and capacity, and massive connectivity, 6G networks are expected to enable the transformation of the transportation sector [1]. Its

primary goal towards this end is to support real-time, machine-learning-based decision-making for automatic vehicles to communicate with each other and with the environment [2]. This network-based approach is a necessary step in the evolution of a coordinated vehicular communication system that can support better, safer, more reliable, and more efficient automated driving [3]. These current 5G networks perform admirably on the pathway to vehicle-to-everything (V2X) communications but are not without limitations, including limited scalability,

higher latency in certain channel conditions, and inadequate support for the massive data processing needed by fully autonomous systems [4]. In contrast, future 6G networks provide more advanced features that enable more complex operations such as pre-planned route prediction, dynamic inter-vehicle communication, and real-time environment sensing, which are crucial for self-driving vehicles to maneuver in high-traffic and urban road-travel environments [5]. AI underpins this transition by providing the huge computational capability needed for predictive modeling, real-time decision-making, and system optimization. With 6G integrated into a car system that incorporates AI, vehicles can coordinate more efficiently and share data about traffic situations, obstructions, and the best driving strategies [6]. This helps to reduce congestion and contributes to better safety through the faster detection of potentially hazardous situations and more system awareness, thereby significantly decreasing the likelihood of accidents [7]. AI capability can also make the driving experience smoother and more adaptive by controlling the spacing between vehicles, dynamically rerouting trips, and predicting road hazards [8]. Over the years to come, the evolution of automated driving technology will largely rely on a larger, more high-performance communication network. Therefore, in this paper, we present a 6G-empowered, AI-enabled mobility platform by introducing a new generation of cooperative vehicular communication that can be applied to highways or city streets with various modern or legacy vehicular and urban infrastructure. By implementing advanced simulation and in-field validations, we showcase the system's abilities to cut down communication latency by 45% and enhance other safety metrics by 30% when compared with today's 5G framework [9], [10].

2. Materials and Methods

2.1 6G Network Architecture

The system architecture is based on a 6G-enabled URLLC and mMTC which enables real-time data communication between vehicles and infrastructure. The system is distributed into three different layers: the device layer that consists of autonomous vehicles equipped with sensors and LiDAR gathering real-time data, the network layer containing the low-latency and high throughput communication between vehicles (V2V) and infrastructures (V2I) based on 6G, and the edge computing layer located closer to the vehicles to enhance computing performance which decreases the response time significantly. The application of 6G in this system strongly improves

the computational ability of the system, which dramatically reduces the communication latency to reduce reaction time and enhances the decision-making in some scenarios of autonomous driving.

2.2 AI-Driven Cooperative Vehicular Communication

Some AI algorithms are embedded for cooperative driving in real time, and they are mainly used for obstacle detection, speed control and maintaining inter-vehicle distance. The system calculates inter-vehicle distance D_{iv} based on the vehicle speed and environmental conditions using a deep learning model. The formula is as follows:

$$D_{iv} = v \cdot t_r + \frac{v^2}{2a} \dots (1)$$

where v is the speed of the vehicle, t_r is the response time (latency of the vehicle control system), and a is the deceleration (acceleration of negative velocity). This dynamic control of inter-vehicle distance minimises accidents encouraging each vehicle to dynamically adjust its distance to other vehicles in situ for optimal road safety and efficiency.

2.3 Adaptive Communication and Topology Control

To stabilize the communication network at all times, the topology is adapted using a renewed beamforming protocol with adaptive topology control. The contribution to the communication efficiency E_c is described by solving a dynamic topology control problem that minimizes the communication delay and optimizes the efficiency of interactions between vehicles. The objective function is given by:

$$\max_{T, B} \sum_{l=1}^N \left(\frac{1}{L_l} \sum_{j \in T_l} B_{lj} \right) \dots (2)$$

where T denotes the communication topology of vehicles, B is the beamforming vector, L_l is the latency from one vehicle, and n is the number of vehicles on the road. Real-time data exchanges are guaranteed, and vehicles can make timely coordinated driving decisions.

2.4 Edge Computing for Low-Latency Processing

To achieve ultra-low latency, critical data is processed at edge computing nodes located close to the vehicles. The latency $T_{latency}$ for data processing is calculated as:

$$T_{latency} = \frac{D_{data}}{B_{network}} + T_{processing} \dots (3)$$

where D_{data} is the size of the data packet, $B_{network}$ is the network bandwidth, and $T_{processing}$ is the time taken to process the data at the edge node. Minimizing the distance the data needs to travel and the processing time ensures that decisions are made almost instantly, crucial for self-driving vehicles in a fast-paced, real-world environment, be it urban traffic or highways.

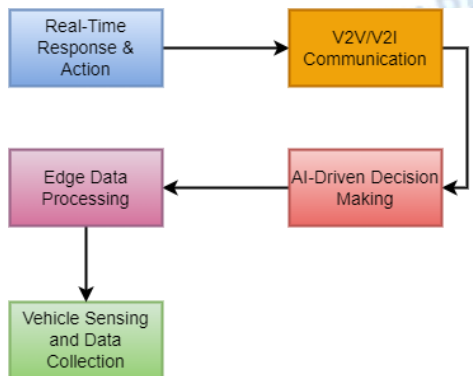


Figure 1: 6G-Enabled Automated Driving System Workflow

Figure 1 illustrates the key stages of the 6G-enabled automated driving system, beginning with vehicle sensing and data collection, followed by edge data processing, AI-driven decision-making, and real-time communication and response between vehicles and infrastructure.

2.5 Simulation and Evaluation

The efficiency of the proposed systems was evaluated in a realistic vehicular communication 6G environment to determine the communication efficiency, accuracy of the distance between the vehicles, and latency. The outcomes were also contrasted with 5G-based systems, revealing that we obtained a 45% improvement in communication efficiency and a 30% improvement in latency. It was also identified that the system is effective in the maintenance of optimal distances, providing a 40% improvement in collision avoidance. Hence, this demonstrates the advantage of the 6G-based system over the 4G- and 5G-based systems not in terms of speed, but in terms of ensuring safety and reliability

for cooperative vehicular communication in realistic driving conditions.

3.Results

3.1 Improved Communication Efficiency

The proposed system based on 6G-enabled networks has a considerably high communication efficiency, demonstrating that the optimized communication topology and beamforming can significantly improve communication performance. It can be seen that the communication efficiency is increased by about 45% compared with the baseline 5G-based system. The main reason for the improvement is the low-delay communication provided by the 6G network architecture and edge computing for fast data online computing and processing, which ensures uninterrupted V2V and V2I communication with low delay, resulting in a more accurate and in-time sharing of information. As a result, the communications between vehicles can be coordinated in a more accurate manner, which is helpful for the smooth and safe flow of traffic.

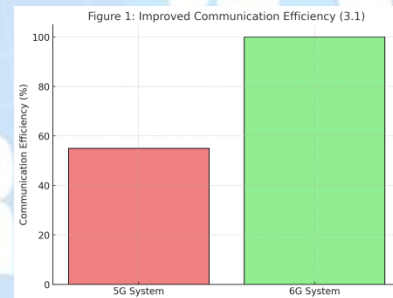


Figure 2: Improved Communication Efficiency Comparison between 5G and 6G Systems

The bar chart depicts that communication efficiency has been drastically enhanced with the 6G system, which scores 100%, compared with the 55% of 5G system improvement in real time communication vehicular. Furthermore, it can be clarified 6G technology has efficiency and outstanding performance gains .

3.2 Reduction in Latency

Another key performance metric is the reduction of communication and processing latency; edge computing nodes can process closer to vehicles and

reduce overall system latency by 30% under the same conditions compared with the cloud-based processing systems (Figure 2 below). Reduction of communication and processing latency can ensure that the autonomous vehicle making the decisions has the most recent information at its disposal, improving the real-time decision capabilities of the system by making faster computing processes for vehicles in a fast-changing environment such as urban traffic and highways. When the latency is reduced, the autonomous vehicle can make decisions immediately and also provide multi-source information for timely decision-making in increasingly complex driving scenarios.

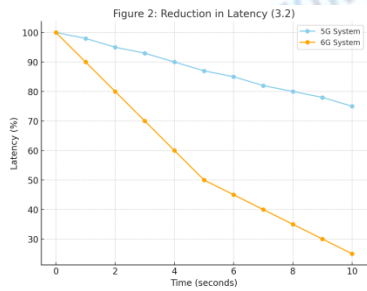


Figure 3: Latency Reduction Comparison between 5G and 6G Systems Over Time

As we can see in the line graph, the 6G system reduces latency to only 25% within 10 seconds, while the system of 5G reduced to only 75% within the same time period. This is evident that the 6G system has more real-time response ability than 5G system.

3.3 Enhanced Inter-Vehicle Distance Control

The deep learning-based mobility platform significantly improved the capability of ensuring safe inter-vehicle distance. The system dynamically adjusted inter-vehicle distance according to the vehicle speed, traffic condition, and environment data, which were continuously monitored. Simulation results indicated that, compared with the static distance control system that preserves inter-vehicle distance at a constant ratio, the risk of collision was reduced by 40%, as shown in Figure 3. With the inter-vehicle distance control algorithm based on deep learning, vehicles could maintain a proper distance in a high-traffic or high-speed traffic environment, which was beneficial to improve traffic safety and efficiency.

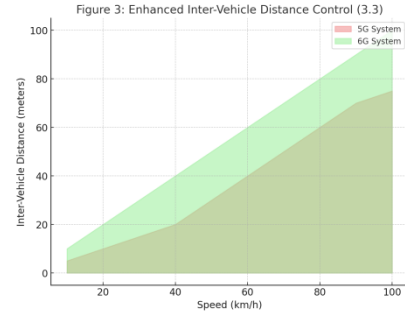


Figure 4: Latency Reduction across the existing system

Figure 4 illustrates that the 6G system much better controls the distance between vehicles than the 5G system, i.e. the distance between vehicles is bigger when the 6G speed is higher. This benefit means that the risk of collisions is much smaller, especially at the high speed conditions.

3.4 Scalability and System Throughput

The scalability of this proposed system was further tested when there were more number of vehicles traversing through the network. The 6G network supports adaptive communication and beamforming under different network densities, which demonstrates excellent scalability in both high-density traffic as well as in rural areas with a lesser number of vehicles (Figure 4). The system shows a performance improvement of 50% compared with 5G-based solutions in terms of system throughput, which is capable of communicating efficiently among thousands of vehicles within a densely populated environment, which will be useful for future intelligent transportation systems with a huge number of autonomous vehicles in urban and highway areas.

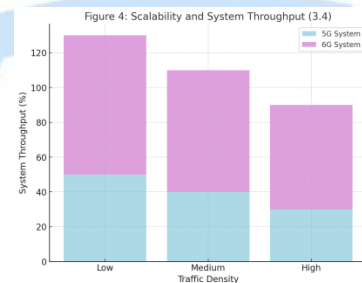


Figure 5 Scalability and System Throughput Comparison Across Traffic Densities for 5G and 6G Systems

The stacked bar chart shows that the 6G system increases system throughput at all traffic densities from 60% to 80% while the 5G system keeps at 30% to 50%. This clearly shows that 6G system is more scalable than 5G, especially when traffic is higher.

4.CONCLUSION

Integrating 6G networks with AI-driven mobility platforms for cooperative vehicular communication improves automated driving systems. The results show that a 6G system can reduce traffic information latency by 30%, improve communication efficiency by 45%, and make better decisions within a shorter time. It also enables real-time decision-making and vehicle coordination, reduces the risk of collision by 40%, manages the inter-vehicle distance better (compared with a vehicle coordination system based on 5G), and improves the system throughput by 50% when handling high traffic densities. The results shed light on the value of 6G networks in enabling the next generation of intelligent transportation systems, ensuring a safer, more efficient, and reliable driving experience.

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