Research on the fuel consumption conservation potential of ADAS on passenger cars

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Abstract. Under the trend of automobile electrification, network connection, and intelligence, EU and USA have carried out fuel-saving research and initiatives on ADAS and CAV. The eCoMove project has aimed at economically optimal driving control and traffic management; MAVEN discusses the technical path of GLOSA (Green Light Optimal Speed Advisory) and ecological auto-driving EAD (Eco-Autonomous Driving) by smoothing the vehicle speed. The American NEXTCAR project contains multiple projects. When supplemented with DSF (Dynamic Skip Fire) and 48V technology, the road test led by Ohio State University resulted in a 15% fuel saving rate. Platoon and optimizing intersection signal lights can offer vehicles a more fuel-efficient condition; slope energy utilization, HEV SOC active management, cold storage evaporator, coasting, 48V and mDSF (miller cycle Dynamic Skip Fire) fuel-saving potential has been fully utilized.

Preface

Advanced Driver-Assistance System (ADAS) and Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (CAV) can not only refrain the driver from fatigue and avoid traffic accidents, but also achieve energy saving and fuel conservation. In recent years, ADAS and CAV are developing rapidly in energy efficiency of vehicles[1]. ADAS was initialed by the Advanced Driver-Assistance System Interface Specifications Forum (ADASIS Forum), which is established in Europe in May 2001; the second edition released in 2012, with the merit of data format simplification, expendability, and the availability of software module for protocol testing, was extensively accepted around the OEMs. Version 3 is the latest version of ADAS.

Many advanced exploration projects were carried out by USA on ADAS, such as Safety Pilot Model Deployment 2011 project, the study cooperated by UMTRI (University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute) and Ann Arbor city[2]. UMTRI also leads another improving energy efficiency project in year 2015[3] succeeding that cooperation.

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1 Researches and activities in EU

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1.1 eCoMove—Researches before year 2014 in Europe

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![Fig. 2. eco Horizon chart flow.](image)

V2X (from the vehicle to the outside world) technology is a prerequisite for eCoMove applications. When most of the vehicles in the traffic are equipped with V2X, the ecological platform can appropriately extend the green light to release more vehicles or fleets when applicable, so as to improve overall traffic efficiency. The I2V (from infrastructure to the vehicle) information also offers more flexibility for traffic control. While not only the traffic light switching plan is acquirable, but also the speed and lane information of the vehicles in vicinity is transparent to a vehicle, it can calculate a recommended speed by ADAS.

### 1.2 Horizon subject—Research in EU after 2014

#### 1.2.1 AdaptiVe project

AdaptiVe project analyzes the needs of drivers, legislative environment in EU, and the test procedure for evaluation. Level 1 to 4 is defined in AdaptiVe.

#### 1.2.2 MAVEN Project’s progress in V2X

Unlike prior I2V (infrastructure to vehicle) single-direction communication, MAVEN (Managing Automated Vehicles Enhances Network) has been upgraded to twin-direction interaction. With the support of network and satellite transmission technology, synthesis with local dynamic map (LDM), CAV vehicles can reliably interact with a wide range of infrastructure systems, especially at signalized intersections which locates in the urban areas with narrow streets, so as to achieve CACC (Cooperative Adaptive Cruise Control) function.

Combining V2I (sending from vehicles to external facilities) and V2V (sending from vehicles to vehicles), MAVEN can simulate GLOSA (Green Light Optimal Speed Advisory) technology. A EAD (Eco-Autonomous Driving) module is embedded in the model, which can smooth the speed by minimizing abnormal acceleration and deceleration. Under the US
EPA’s 5 cycle tests, the fuel economy can be optimized by 3%. A greater benefit can be reached in the Austin cycle, which is 6.55%. Generated from Austin's 2006 vehicle speed on road sampling species, the Austin cycle consists of an urban part and a suburban part[5].

Another example of smooth is done by The University of Texas at Austin. Their model complies an EAD process (Eco-Autonomous Driving) by “spline data interpolation (spline)” method, with a presumption that the driving mileage unchanged. The solution is the output which can minimize the output of formula (1). The value of the smoothing factor $\lambda$ represents the intense of the smoothness to the original curve: When $\lambda$ is 0, the curve remains unchanged; when $\lambda$ tends to be $+\infty$, the curve is simplified to a linear line. $\lambda$ is assigned 0.23 in their research[6]. For example, the PKE (Positive Kinetic Energy, positive acceleration energy per unit distance) of SC03 cycle conditions is 20% higher than the value of UDDS’s 0~505s section[7], and it will be altered more dramatically through EAD smoothing than UDDS’s section.

$$\arg\min_m = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - m(x_i))^2 + \lambda \int dx (m''(x))^2$$  \hspace{1cm} (1)

The first term in the formula is "mean square error(MSE)", $y_i$ is the value of $y$ at $i^{th}$ data point $x_i$ in the original driving cycle, $i=1, 2, ..., n$; and $m(x_i)$ is the predicted value of $m$ at the $i^{th}$ data point $x_i$ in the smoothed cycle. $\lambda$ is smoothness factor to penalize MSEs.

1.2.3 L3 Pilot

The L3 Pilot project inherits the research results of AdaptiVe, and further focuses on how autonomous vehicles can be effectively integrated into European transportation infrastructure[8]. The project is constructed by 36 institutes, 100 self-driving cars, and 1,000 drivers. It was launched in 11 countries in Europe. The large-scale trial of L3 level functions was operated in 2017-2021, and some L4 level functions were evaluated. L3 Pilot has developed practical guidelines that describe the typical process of designing and developing autonomous driving functions, including checklists and the operation methods for functional safety confirmation.

1.2.4 Horizon’s further action

In June 2018, the European Commission released the Horizon Europe project, which proposed a blueprint for research and innovation from 2021 to 2027. Over 1/6 of the funds were invested in climate, energy and transportation.

1.3 Eco-innovation in EU

For a technology to be approved as an Eco-innovation, there are 7 criterions deems to comply[9]: the conditions are innovative, basic (except for occupant comfort), verifiability, measurability, not reflected or insufficient in traditional test methods Reflects CO2 reduction capability, penetration rate is less than 3%, and "not covered by Article 2 (1) of Regulation (EU) No725 / 2011". The EU has approved 26 items and granted them CO2 emission discounts, among whom are Bosch’s two issues relating to ADAS[10],[11].
2 Researches and activities in US

Among all the 7 sub-fields in ARPA-E (Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy) program in USA, NEXTCAR (Next-Generation Energy Technologies for Connected and Automated on Road Vehicles, CAV next-generation energy technology) has granted about 10 projects.

Quite some output of the NEXTCAR project can be found in SAE literatures in 2019: General Motors focuses on vehicle and traffic environment simulation. PSU (Pennsylvania State University) has analyzed the platoon of heavy-duty vehicles without jeopardizing the air cooling of the engine, MTU (Michigan Technology University) carried out the simulation and tests for the vehicles in running cycles, SwRI (Southwest Research Institute) explored and practiced the bench test method. OSU (Ohio State University) concerns the potential of various fuel-saving technologies.

In 2018, OSU announced two research results, one is of the performance improvement of coasting in N gear, and the other is about the nonlinear simulation of predictive cruise control. By modifying 2010 Prius, CU (Colorado State University) inquired several research topics, including the speed prediction by V2V-based technology vehicle to improve HEV fuel economy, ADAS to improve vehicle fuel economy, and improve the accuracy of prediction on fuel economy by control optimize.

3 Analysis of the fuel conservation potential

3.1 Platoon and the optimization of traffic signals for intersections

The distance between the vehicles is shortened when they are in platoon, so that the air resistance of the subsequent vehicles can be reduced. Great divergence about the fuel-saving rate appears among different publications, yet many institutes agrees the effect is promising when applied on commercial vehicles.

PSU believes that platoon technology saves 2.5% fuel in the Composite Highway cycle while taking into account the cooling air required for the thermal management of the vehicle engine, which is about 2.4h.

The Cambridge University study believes a more optimistic fuel economy expectation of 7% is achievable.

As a group of several cars, platoon will generally been offered more priorities to pass through directly when crossing the intersections supporting CAV. As each car can benefit from this concern, the gain in fuel saving will be multiplied. The MAVEN project uses SUMO software to simulate the urban driving of passenger cars, and a plug-in for simulating the green wave of the platoon is built in SUMO to support this function, which names simpa.

CACC (Cooperative Adaptive Cruise Control) coordinates the traffic control and the vehicle's internal system to ensure that the vehicle's power system works as often as possible in the high-efficiency range, while arriving the destination in time.

There several methods to smooth the speed, such as the spline smooth method by the University of Texas at Austin and SwRI’s CAV-PT method. A 2% fuel saving rate under the US06 cycle is achieved in the second method by a revised 2017 PHEV Prius Prime.

Quite a part of fuel is consumed while the vehicle wandering around for a parking slot in urban area, and during the creeps procedure to adjust the vehicle to a gesture that is kind to cars in vicinity. The fuel wasted is estimated to be 30% in MIT research, and ADAS’s parking guidance and active parking technology can effectively reduce the amount.
3.2 Road slope energy

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![Test speed and slope on a HEV with SOC preset function and navigation function](image)

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![Table 1. Run5 test and run6 test on PHEV Volt II](image)

| Test setting          | run5 | run6 |
|-----------------------|------|------|
| SOC\(_{\text{initial}}\) | 25%  | 15%  |
| Added ballast(kg)     | 330  | 0    |
| Aggressive drive      | ✓    | ×    |
| Gentle accelerator input | ×    | ✓    |
| Coasting              | ×    | ✓    |
| Early braking         | ×    | ✓    |
| Regenerative braking paddle | ×    | ✓    |
| CS mode start at      | About 15km mileage | At beginning |

When real time V2V communication and the previous driving records database are available, HEV energy management can be optimized by speed prediction. CSU (California State University) research reports that a NOVC 2010 Prius can save up to 6% fuel after taking into account of the forecast period interval and fidelity[20]. Tsinghua University apply adaptive energy management strategies to PHEV buses which utilizing synthesis traffic information. By contrast, the new strategy can save fuel by up to 15% [24] comparing to the traditional CDCS (Charge-Depleting followed by Charge-Sustaining). The curves of SOC under the two strategies is shown in Figure 4.

![Fig. 4. The SOC in the two strategies on a PHEV bus.](image)

Hyundai Motor Company proposed an EDPS (energy-optimal deceleration planning system) to maximize regenerative energy for PHEV on deceleration events, which maximize energy recuperation and avoid front collision and jittering. Their experiments on a Hyundai Ioniq PHEV’s real-world driving data with CAV’s EDPS strategy indicate that the regenerative energy is improved about 33% comparing to the event driven by a human driver[25]. More regenerative energy is of contribution to the vehicle’s fuel economy.
3.4 48V and α DSF

The fuel economy of a vehicle relies on the control synthesize effect of its relevant components. The 48V electrical architecture has better power performance and response than the 12V system, as more electrical components are operated by wire.

ADAS/CAV provides scheduled control signals to make electrical components ready for adjustment several seconds prior to the event. Low-speed electric crawling, electric boost acceleration, active suspension reduction, active intake grille active adjustment, coasting and other technologies, which is supported on 48V Architecture, can be offered more operation opportunity.

Stop-start function, which is endowed with more flexibility by 48V, is expected to avoid restarting the engine after a very short time period, which may consume more fuel than keeping it running. By leveraging CAV communication through the location information obtained to enhance the awareness of surrounding traffic conditions, the governor logic for controlling can deactivate the stop-start function automatically when vehicle is in the traffic situation where it is undesired.

α DSF (α Dynamic Skip Fire) cylinder deactivation technology enables each cylinder being controlled independently. For example, for a 4-cylinder machine, αDSF can arrange all 4 cylinders to work meantime, or only 0 to 3 cylinders to generate the propelling power [26]; mDSF (miller Dynamic Skip Fire) is an additional approach for each cylinder to run at a certain low power. During the mDSF 4-cylinder engine crankshaft’s rotating phase through 720 / ° CA, the arrangement combination possibility has possibility.

By radar and other sensing devices and X2V, α DSF can obtain real-time CAV information, including vehicle position, traffic flow, slope, terrain, obstacles, traffic lights, etc. engine output torque command expected value can be generated based on those signals, and a cylinder working status command generated, which emphasis on fuel economy priority.

A speed curve can be adjusted by ADAS / CAV which utilizing DSF to get more constant speed periods, as shown in Figure 5.

![Graph showing speed comparison with and without α DSF](image)

**Fig.5.** The speed under α DSF vs. the speed under traditional control.

It’s reported in OSU and Delphi’s SAE paper that 15% fuel savings in road tests is achievable through the joint optimization by ADAS’s velocity profile, DSF and powertrain torque split of 48V mild hybrid technologies, while the extrinsic factors includes signal phase information for CAVs, which is derived from route characteristics and traffic conditions.
3.5 Coasting with N gear

When the vehicle is decelerating gently, the Choices to conserve fuel includes Coasting with fuel-cut with D gear, engine idle with N gear, and fuel-cut with N gear. Drag effects from the engine’s pump air loss can be eliminated in the third option, and A certain model of Mercedes-Benz in market is able to perform this function. The 48V motor can be of assistance to recover braking energy and meanwhile provide additional braking force.

Certain technology risk, such as the lag of power when re-accelerating is ordered while the vehicle is coasting, has to be conquered by proper technical solutions. Besides modifying the clutch control, another advanced and effective solution is to rely on ADAS/CAV to judge the authenticity of seeming opportunities, to forecast the appropriate operating step, and to stir the control schedule accordingly.

In 2018, Bosch company announced an eco-innovation of engine idling technology\(^{(1)}\), together with 13 vehicle manufacturers in Europe, Japan, the United States, and South Korea. Since the engine pump air loss is eliminated from the driving resistance, fuel saving is achieved. In the NEDC cycle test, the vehicle can be driven according to the modified curve (mNEDC) shown in Figure 6. "m" means "modified".

The CO\(_2\) credit is calculated by formula (3). The utilization factor, parameter UF in formula (3), is dependent on vehicle transmission type and ADAS. For example, the coefficient for automatic transmission UF\(_{MC\_automatic\ transmission}\) is assigned 0.52, greater than the UF\(_{MC\_manual\ transmission}\), which is 0.48. The prior greater because it has more opportunities to coast.

Similarly, information such as traffic light information, surrounding traffic participant information, and road slope can also help improve UF.

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C_{\text{CO}_2} = (c \times B_{T\text{Ahot}} - E_{\text{MC}}) \times UF
\]

(3)

Here, \(c\) is the conversion coefficient, and the value is 0.96; \(B_{T\text{A hot}}\) is the fuel consumption value of the vehicle under the hot start of the type test (NEDC); \(E_{\text{MC}}\) is the fuel consumption value of the vehicle for the ecological innovation in the speed curve test adjustment.

![Fig. 6. mNEDC driving trace in coasting function of Bosch company.](Image)

When the road traffic ahead the vehicle is occupied by several cars, the decelerate distance and time period will be limited before a strong brake, so as an idle coasting in N gear will be restrain, and consequently the kinetic energy of the vehicle cannot be utilized as thoroughly as the coasting in D gear with engine fuel cut-off. An example of the instant engine rotate speed of the two kinds of control strategies during a certain gentle deceleration process are shown in Figure 7, together with the fuel injection rate of them, respective.

The vehicle decelerates from a speed of 60\(\text{km/h}\), and neither of two strategies injects fuel at first. Later, when the engine speed drops to the engine wake-up speed threshold RPM\(_{\text{w}}\)(Revolutions per minute) , the engine will start consuming fuel to sustain the engine.
speed. Without the kinetic energy in the transmission system of the vehicle to conquer the pump loss in the engine, \( t_{N-I-C} \) time point that represents the coasting with fuel-cut in N gear will happen earlier than \( t_{D-F-C} \), which is the time point under the control strategy of the coasting with fuel-cut in D gear.

If the vehicle’s gentle deceleration process is interrupted by the driver or ADAS control at \( 0 \sim t_{N-I-C} \), the fuel economy of the two strategies is of no difference. If it ends at \( t_{N-I-C} \sim t_{D-F-C} \), the fuel cut-off in D gear option will be more fuel efficient because the engine has not injected fuel, and this prevailing will be sustained also at the time points adjacent to \( t_{D-F-C} \). If the deceleration ends at a time point much later than \( t_{D-F-C} \), the fuel cut-off in N gear option is more fuel-efficient, because the overall comprehensive merit in coasting distance and the relatively lower rate of idle fuel injection will be more beneficial to the fuel reservation than the option of fuel cut-off in D gear. With ADAS/CAV, a proper choice can be made between these two options, depending on the speed of the vehicle and the traffic conditions.

OSU’s Research the NCC (Neutral Coasting Control) management strategy based on ADAS / CAV technology to identify coasting opportunities\[^{18}\], and an algorithm is applied to abandon those seemingly opportunities for coasting, which is in fact is contrary. They are not coasting opportunities because the driver or ADAS will interrupt the gentle deceleration by a reacceleration or braking very soon. NCC (Neutral Coasting Control) management strategy can save 3% fuel in urban driving or suburb driving.

![Fig. 7.](image)

**Fig. 7.** the rotating speed and fuel injection during coasting control in N gear vs. in D gear.

Furthermore, the 48V technology vehicle equipped with a cold storage evaporator can further extend the coasting range under the NEDC cycle at 35 °C, so as to contribute extra 5% fuel saving\[^{27}\].

### 3.6 Other relevant affairs

Many new components necessary for ADAS / CAV are supplemented to the vehicle, which consume electricity during operation, which is can be sourcing back to the fuel. The solution to the problem of excessive power consumption is to use special integrated hardware chips for intelligent driving vehicles.
4 Summary

European Union and the United States have carried out many researches to investigate the fuel conservation potential of ADAS / CAV, which can endow vehicles sensing ability and the communicating ability.

When intelligence, interconnection, and electrical control are organically coordinated, with the support of V2X and X2V, vehicles are more likely to be offered “convenience” by road facilities and neighboring vehicles. The fuel-saving potential also comes from a wider range of information guidance, including local big data such as slope terrain provided by interconnection, intelligent arrangement and pre-adjustment of vehicle control components and systems.

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