

A CERTAIN INVESTIGATION OF SMART SYSTEM FOR REGULATING VANET TRAFFIC WITH PROBABLE PATH PLANNING

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Abstract - Technology is grooming in all discipline lead to the development of automation in various domains. Incorporating automation in various devices will make the device to work smart. Though this automation does not conquer the automobile industry fully, it made vehicles as semi-automated by employing route navigation facility methods to avoid front end and rear end collision, etc. The evolution of automation in the automotive domain has paved the way for the improvisation in that sector. Though the existing methodology has proved to be working smoothly, it encounters few limitations in turns of accuracy, traffic/congestion monitoring etc. The proposed Smart Traffic support System (STS) improves the accuracy of the above mentioned parameters by integrating the advantages of both ad-hoc network and the cellular communication. The inclusion of real time path planning algorithm will provide an enhanced traffic management by suggesting various alternative paths instead of one.

Keywords- Vehicle Ad Hoc Networks (VANET), Road Side Unit (RSU), Video On Demad service (VoD)

1. Introduction

The recent survey by Google states that one billion users are using Google maps in a day across the globe. This lead to further more exploring the promising technology of autonomous car navigation system supported with GPS. Era of wireless technology equipped with sensor nodes made it possible to define the routes for any

location; this technology can be cumulatively referred to as VANET which is a combination of sensor nodes with ad hoc networks. VANET takes ultimate challenge of receiving information from nodes which is deployed on roadside sensor which senses data of the vehicles moving in a random fashion [1]. At such condition measuring the accuracy of traffic will remain to be a challenging task. Automation in auto mobile industry emphasis on better navigation system, so demand in this technique is raised gradually that incorporates up gradation directly in car navigation system and indirectly in coverage limit of VANET.

2. Early Studies

Automobiles which are manufactured in recent years are supported with navigation service system. Navigation Services which is available in vehicle provides high resolution traffic information to drivers. But traffic congestion information can be effectively analyzed for only monitored roadways, Scenario is totally different for unmonitored roadways. Hence unmonitored roadways needs keen attention in data collection and a better traffic estimation algorithm is needed to process the data. In conventional traffic monitoring method the data collection is accomplished by sensor networks [2]. Main Challenge in sensor network is deployment of such sensors in large area becomes expensive and maintenance of sensing system is a tedious job. As a result thereby monitoring roads during prime time and rush hours is difficult.

This drawback can be solved [3] by improving the coverage and timeliness through GPS probe vehicle based system. This method could potentially improve the collection of real time

traffic condition over complete network with minimal implantation cost. The reliability of such system is validated through analysis, simulation and experiments. Real time implementation of system is achieved by triggering up the privacy mechanism scheme where the prerequisite is most trusted centralized privacy servers.

The development of IEEE 802.11p with extended features of protocols which is guided with mobile multimedia services that claims higher bandwidth services [4] in various road scenarios for driver and passenger. This led to the new inventions on VANET. VANET aided with VoD (Video on Demand Service) has undergone two main challenges during implementation because of lack of interaction to improve user quality level. First main Challenge is the random behavior of user when interacting with the contents leads to data fragmentation, a primary cause for low sharing efficiency and high maintenance cost. Second main challenge is due to mobility of nodes the geographical distance between nodes changes rapidly. Hence, a better hybrid solution is needed to be framed for such VANET supported heterogeneous network.

In another method the grouping of community [5] is based on playback and movement of nodes of similar behavior. This is carried out by Fuzzy ant clustering algorithm and mobility similarity measurement model. Ant colony clustering and fuzzy C means is used to find nodes of similar playback and Markov process is used to locate the mobility of nodes. The maintenance process is done by Mobile Community Management Mechanism (MCMM) which takes care of role and task of users in the community, cumulative storage. Travel Time Index (TTI) is a ratio of travel time in rush hours to ratio of travel time in quiet period. TTI says, due to phenomenal increase in traffic congestion enormous time is wasted on road during a travel. To overcome this drawback many smart and intelligent traffic management system is been implemented and such system does not

guarantee successful congestion control at traffic as it claims [5].

Many researches has proved that VANET can anticipate congestion on road and it can ensures the road safety by altering the drivers regarding the traffic information and collision with front end or rear end vehicle thereby avoiding collisions on road [6]. Next level of VANET supports query mechanism , that means if a driver is not aware of road and needs to location of toll station or petrol bunk ,he/she can raise a query about it while it takes one to ten miles to reach the broadcast site finally information will reach drivers within the acceptable range of minimal delay.

As emphasized [8] the method provides sufficient data delivery with reasonable delay whenever a query is raised by driver in any kind of network architecture. If network is scarcely distributed Vehicle Assisted Data Delivery (VADD) method routes the query packet in another alternative path and receives reply at tolerant delay time. VADD uses carry and forward technique, the query is carried to broadcast station and if any issues at path then the packet is forwarded to another path within the coverage of network.

VANET is well developed and groomed technology as far as wireless sensor nodes is concerned. Deployment of wireless gateways on road side unSTS (RSU) developed another dimension on smart traffic management by grooming vehicles with on- board communication, vehicle to RSU communication and vehicle to vehicle communication [7]. Asymptotic laws are based on concept of probability of a vehicle can use multiple path within the particular capacity. Asymptotic throughput can bound number of RSUs to be deployed in a network. As mentioned [9] challenges are addressed by i) evaluating the asymptotic throughput capacity during the uplink scenario ii) scalability of RSU is determined iii) to improve throughput performance. This method is further improved by using intelligent packet forwarding to server with optimized throughput performance.

The proposed STS overcomes the above shortcomings by combining VANET with cellular communication, which in turn will provide an efficient vehicle to vehicle communication as well as monitoring.

3. Proposed Smart Transport Support System

Vehicle to Vehicle (V2V) communication is considered to be one of the most tedious process because of the difficulty in capturing and monitoring the information obtained from the adjacent vehicles, road side unSTS etc. The proposed STS incorporates both Vehicle Ad-Hoc network and cellular communication for the enhanced traffic control and monitoring. In this method the information obtained are shared among the vehicles, Road Side UnSTS (RSU) and traffic server. The traffic server plays the key role in identifying the alternative path and forwarding the location of collision to the nearby hospital or police station in case of any emergency. In addition the proposed method applies real-time path planning algorithm to get as much of alternative shortest paths during congestion instead of a single alternative path.

In Hybrid-VANET based transportation system, shown in fig 1, Vehicles are equipped with the on-board unSTS that enable Multihop V2V communication which inturn is used to deliver the periodic vehicle information (e.g., vehicle velocity, density, and location). This information is collected using sensor unSTS or camera. When vehicles sense accident-related information like congestion, a warning message is generated to alert the emergent accident information and then is shared not only among vehicles but with the nearest RSU via Vehicle to Road Side Unit (V2R) communications. Hence, the taxis or buses can directly upload the received warning message to the nearest cellular BS, and the BS will deliver the message to the vehicle traffic server.

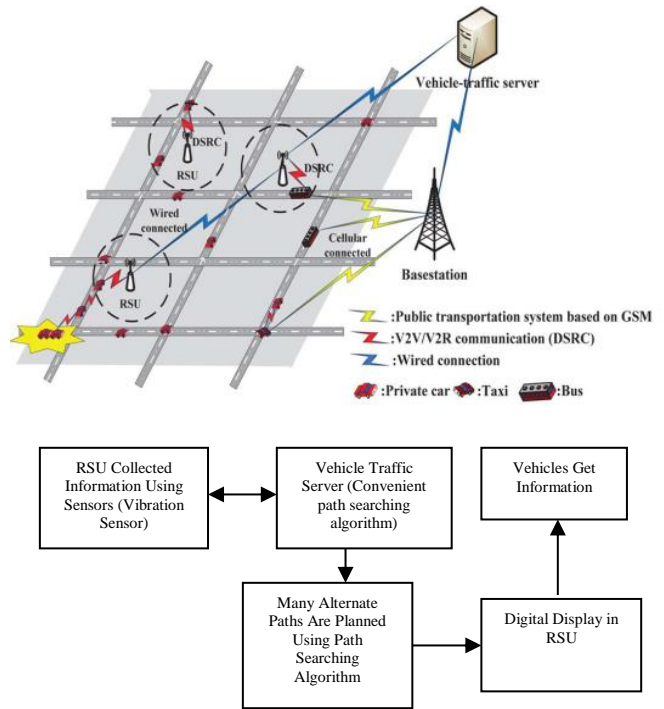


Fig 1. Intelligent Traffic System

RSUs deployed along the roads obtain vehicle-traffic statistical information (i.e, the vehicle arrival/ departure rate on each road). Here the taxis and buses are perfectly connected to the cellular system, and RSUs are well connected with each other through wire line. If RSUs are deployed at intersections, the traffic information can be detected by the equipped cameras or traffic flow meters connected to RSUs directly. Generally, vehicular networks contain two types of nodes: vehicles and roadside stations. Both possess Dedicated Short-Range Communications (DSRC) devices.

DSRC works in 5.9 GHz band with bandwidth of 75 MHz and approximate range of 1000 m. The network should support both private data communications and public (mainly safety) communications but higher priority is given to public communications.

Here in STS, Vehicle will work as a node and build the network to get up to date information about traffic condition on the road on different

available paths to reach the destination from the source. This will make it easy for the owner to take decision of selecting path based on available alternative path considering time and distance parameters. As vehicle progresses on road, it will get information about the current status of traffic. When vehicle head towards destination, if there is traffic on the route it is following and if alternate path is available, base station will send message about the available alternate path to leading vehicle on that route and traffic server plan many alternate path using time based path planning algorithm and it is displayed in the digital display on the road side unit. Digital display helps in case of any failure in the message transmission. Due to many alternate path vehicles can move through different alternate paths.

The traffic server will perform the real time path planning algorithm based on the obtained information and will in-turn provides various alternative paths. The information about the paths will be shared with the vehicles, RSU and will also be displayed in the monitors positioned on the roads as shown in Fig 2. The digital monitors will forecast the information like the congestion occurrence, alternative paths based on distance, climate condition etc., which will serve as a backup for the user in case of any hindrance in delivering the message to the user directly. The user can chose the path based on their preference. Also road side facilities like petrol pump, restaurants, entertainment centres, shopping malls, hospitals, banks, schools etc. information is mapped in the system and same can be communicated to the user on the navigation map. This system makes user more informed about the on route available facilities. User can take the required route if he wants to use the facility. This way this system can act as user friendly smart system which will guide driver as he proceeds on road.

If an accident is detected by the traffic server it will convey the information about the accident's location to the nearby hospitals and police station using cellular communication. The proposed

method uses kruskal's algorithm to determine the shortest path among the available alternative paths.

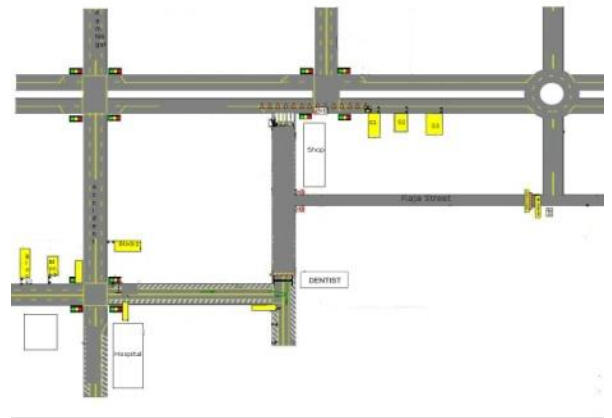


Fig 2. Path Planning in STS

The dynamic source routing is used to communicate the information due to STS efficient routing. The dynamic source routing is demand based routing technique in which the route is established only when it is required. Unlike table-driven approach the need to find routes to all other nodes in the network is eliminated. The intermediate nodes also utilize the route cache information efficiently to reduce the control overhead and enhance the bandwidth.

4. Result and Discussion

To collect time-varying traffic-condition information, most works in conventional STS usually rely on cellular systems or loop detectors. Exhaustive Collection of real-time traffic information for traffic forecast or reconstruction in experimental research is done which is shortly described in Table 1.

Table 1 Traffic Information

Simulation area	1500m x 1500m
Vehicles Cluster Size / lane	150-200
Transmission range	300m
Simulation time	500s
Vehicle velocity	50-60 kmh

In a traffic management system with loop detectors for continuous traffic measurement and

monitoring along arterials is introduced. However, inevitable drawbacks cast a shadow on the application of cellular systems and loop detectors. For cellular systems, as they are not dedicated for traffic data collection, the collection services can be highly costly, and the high volume of traffic data may also cause congestion for other cellular services. For the loop detectors, the deployment expense can also be very high. The improper distance measurement leads to incorrect path planning. Due to VANETs, V2V and V2R communications can make real-time message delivery much quicker, cheaper, and more efficient than the current systems, even for short-distance transmissions in dense networks. Hence, in this method to reduce the end-to-end transmission delay, taxis or buses are considered as super relays to help in delivering the information through the cellular network of public transportation system.

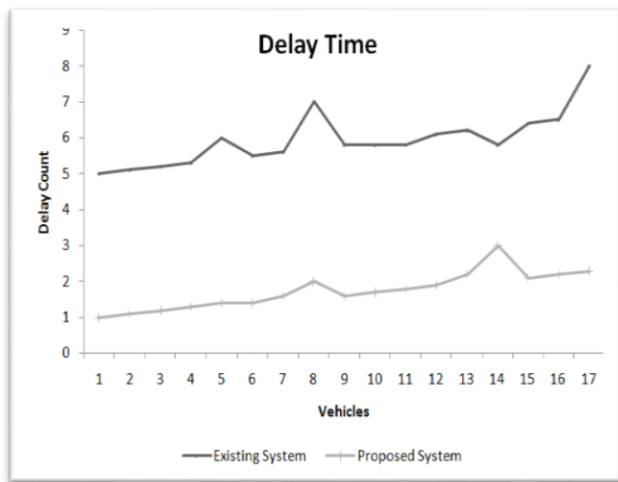


Fig 7. Destination reaching time

The figure 7 shows the variation in time taken to reach the destination. A study is done to compare the traditional method and STS. It is evident that the designed STS functions better and the time taken to reach the destination is reduced comparatively. Figure 8 shows the traffic rate of the proposed method. Traffic flow theory refers to the traffic stream variables of speed, flow, and concentration. These relationships are mainly

concerned with uninterrupted traffic flow, primarily found on freeways or expressways. In the proposed algorithm, even when the density of the vehicles increases, the congestion is prevented comparatively.

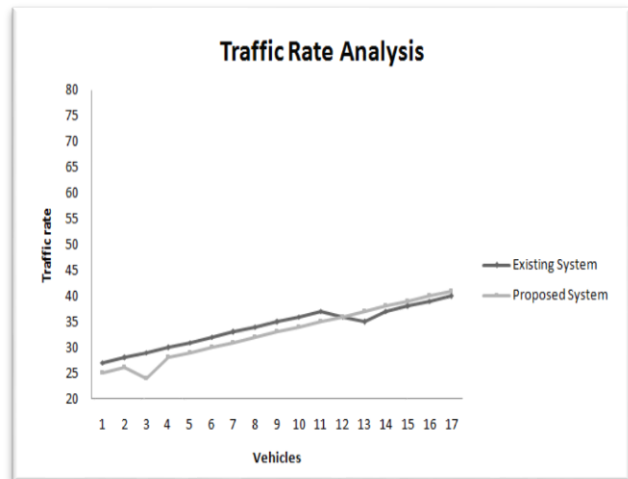


Fig 8. Traffic Rate

Figure 9, illustrate the network overhead analysis. Network overhead refers to metadata and network routing information sent by an application, which uses a portion of the available bandwidth of a communications protocol and is a reduced overhead is observed in STS.

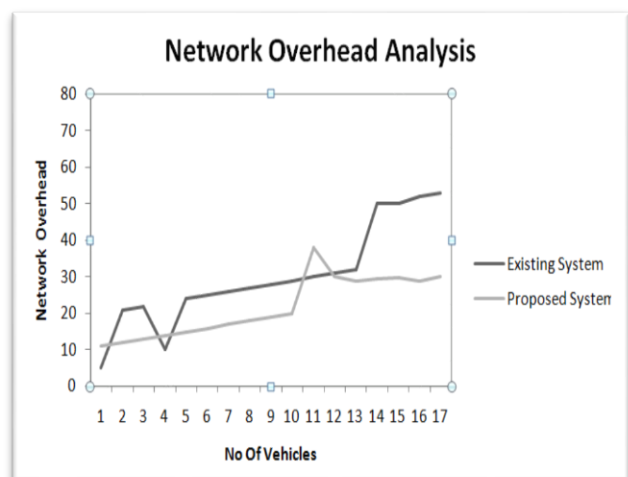


Fig 9. Network Overhead analysis

Figure 10 shows the number of vehicles cleared in case of congested road traffic. Though the road is misguided or blocked, the vehicles are directed to their destination path properly in STS.

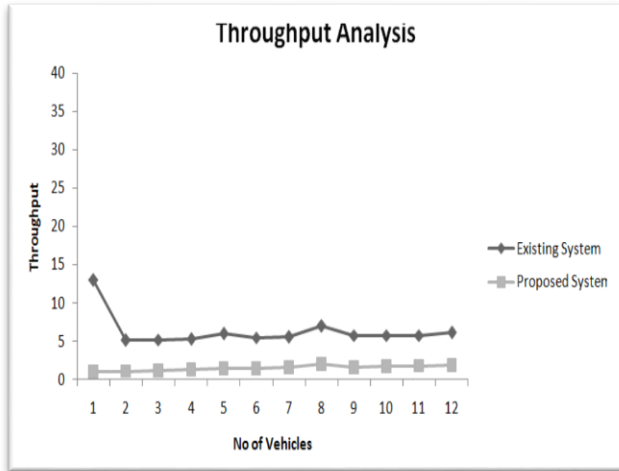


Fig 10. Throughput Analysis

It's evident from the scenario that the STS functions better and the number of vehicles subjected to smooth driving is increased

5. Conclusion

Recent advances in wireless technologies have given rise to emergence of Vehicular Ad-hoc Networks (VANETs), which is used to provide traffic management, route planning, and identifying roadside amenities using short-range wireless communication. The proposed technique discuss about the efficient and effectiveness in managing the traffic by incorporating both VANET and cellular communication. Here a real time path planning algorithm is used which provide several alternative paths instead of a single alternative path like the existing methods. Here the shortest path among these alternate paths is find out which reduces the delay of vehicles to a more extent. And in RSU speed sensors and cumulative sensor are used for detecting the speed of the vehicles and analysing the road condition. The usage of dynamic source routing improves the bandwidth by avoiding the periodic table update like table driven

approach. This system also creates an immediate path during any collisions. The time taken to find an alternate route is minimized comparatively. And because of this, it can also be claimed that the carbon emission is reduced to a greater extent which results in saving of non-renewable energy source such as diesel/ petrol.

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