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A 6G-ENABLED IOT FRAMEWORK WITH AI AND BLOCKCHAIN FOR ULTRA-LOW LATENCY VEHICULAR COORDINATION

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Abstract

This study presents a unified framework for ultra-low latency autonomous vehicle coordination by integrating sixth-generation (6G) communication technologies with Internet of Things (IoT) sensing, artificial intelligence/machine learning (AI/ML), and blockchain-based trust management. Leveraging 6G enablers such as terahertz spectrum, massive MIMO, reconfigurable intelligent surfaces (RIS), and ultra-reliable low-latency communication (URLLC+), the proposed framework achieves sub-millisecond responsiveness with high reliability. AI paradigms including federated learning (FL) and deep reinforcement learning (DRL) are employed to enable adaptive and distributed intelligence

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while reducing communication overhead and preserving data privacy. Mobile edge computing (MEC) further enhances real-time decision-making by localizing computation closer to vehicles. To evaluate performance, synthetic datasets were developed and validated against literature benchmarks for key indicators including latency, throughput, energy consumption, packet delivery ratio (PDR), model accuracy, and coverage probability. Results demonstrate that the framework reduces latency by over 90% compared to 5G, sustains throughput under high vehicle density, and improves energy efficiency through distributed AI deployment. Additionally, blockchain-based mechanisms coupled with AI-driven intrusion detection enhance trust and resilience against cyberattacks. Overall, the study highlights the transformative role of 6G-enabled IoT and AI/ML integration in building intelligent, secure, and scalable transportation ecosystems suitable for next-generation mobility.

Keywords *— 6G-enabled IoT, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Autonomous Vehicle Coordination, Blockchain-based Security, Federated Edge Intelligence, Ultra-Low Latency Communication.*

I. Introduction

The evolution of intelligent transportation systems has been accelerated by the rise of autonomous vehicles (AVs), the Internet of Things (IoT), and artificial intelligence/machine learning (AI/ML). Coordinated autonomy, where vehicles not only operate independently but also cooperate seamlessly, demands ultra-low latency communication, ideally less than one millisecond, alongside extremely high reliability and adaptive intelligence for safety-critical decision-making. While fifth-generation (5G) networks have significantly advanced wireless communication in terms of bandwidth and reduced latency, they fall short of supporting the stringent real-time requirements of dense vehicular environments [1][2]. AVs generate massive amounts of multimodal data, such as LiDAR scans, radar measurements, and high-definition video, which must be processed and shared in real-time to prevent collisions, enable lane changes, and optimize traffic flow. These challenges highlight the limitations of existing infrastructures and create a compelling case for sixth-generation (6G) networks. With enablers such as terahertz spectrum communication, massive multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO), reconfigurable intelligent surfaces (RIS), and ultra-reliable low-latency communication (URLLC+), 6G is envisioned to deliver sub-millisecond responsiveness with near-perfect reliability [3][4]. Within this vision, the Internet of Vehicles (IoV) emerges as a distributed, sensor-rich ecosystem where vehicles, roadside units (RSUs), and infrastructure collaborate intelligently. AI/ML paradigms such as deep reinforcement learning (DRL) and federated learning (FL) further enhance vehicular coordination by enabling distributed, privacy-preserving intelligence with the scalability needed for real-time adaptation [5][6]. Nonetheless, challenges remain in energy efficiency, data privacy, and standardization, emphasizing the need for integrated frameworks that combine 6G, IoT, AI, and blockchain-based trust management for next-generation vehicular ecosystems [7][8].

The body of literature on vehicular communication shows a clear progression from the early development of vehicular ad hoc networks (VANETs) and Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) architectures toward IoV systems enhanced by AI and future 6G connectivity. VANETs were

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designed primarily for basic safety services such as collision avoidance and cooperative awareness, but they were constrained by latency, reliability, and coverage limitations of 4G and earlier generations [9]. With the advent of 5G, improvements in spectral efficiency and latency enabled applications like platooning and cooperative driving. However, studies highlighted that 5G cannot consistently achieve sub-millisecond responsiveness, particularly in dense traffic environments [10]. This shortfall redirected research attention toward 6G, which promises transformative capabilities such as integrated sensing and communication (ISAC), terahertz spectrum utilization, and RIS-assisted propagation to achieve unprecedented levels of speed and reliability [11][12]. Parallel to advances in wireless communication, AI and ML have emerged as indispensable enablers of adaptive vehicular intelligence. For example, DRL enhances autonomous decision-making in tasks like congestion control, lane merging, and platoon coordination [13], while FL enables collaborative training of models across distributed vehicles without exposing raw data, thereby preserving privacy and reducing communication overhead [14]. Computer vision powered by deep learning has further enhanced AV capabilities by enabling precise interpretation of complex driving environments using multimodal sensor data [15]. Collectively, these advancements reflect the growing convergence of communication and intelligence, but integration challenges—such as aligning distributed AI workloads with communication constraints and ensuring energy-efficient operation—continue to limit large-scale deployment [16].

Alongside communication and distributed intelligence, mobile edge computing (MEC) and blockchain-based security frameworks represent critical areas of recent research. MEC reduces reliance on centralized cloud infrastructures by bringing computation closer to vehicles, thereby reducing latency and enabling localized processing of safety-critical data [17]. Integrating MEC with AI-based offloading strategies allows vehicles to balance workloads efficiently across RSUs, base stations, and onboard computing units while still participating in collaborative intelligence frameworks [18]. Similarly, blockchain has emerged as a robust mechanism for decentralized trust management, offering tamper-proof communication records, traceability, and accountability in vehicular networks [19]. When integrated with AI-driven intrusion detection systems (IDS), blockchain provides resilience against cyberattacks such as spoofing, data injection, and denial-of-service, without undermining responsiveness [20]. Nonetheless, challenges remain: blockchain consensus mechanisms introduce computational overhead, MEC faces issues of energy efficiency in sensor-rich environments, and distributed AI models still struggle with scalability across heterogeneous networks [21]. Recent surveys emphasize that while 6G, AI, MEC, and blockchain each contribute uniquely, their integration into a unified framework for ultra-low latency vehicular coordination is still an emerging research direction [22]. This study addresses these gaps by presenting a comprehensive framework that integrates 6G communication, IoT sensing, AI/ML-based decision-making, MEC-enabled intelligence, and blockchain-driven trust for secure and adaptive AV coordination. By evaluating latency, throughput, packet delivery ratio, energy consumption, and model accuracy, the proposed

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approach demonstrates how converging these technologies can pave the way for future-ready, intelligent, and resilient transportation systems [23].

Table 1: Key Performance Indicators of Vehicular Communication: 5G vs. 6G vs. Proposed Framework

Parameter	**5G**	**6G (Envisioned)**	**Proposed Framework (6G + IoT + AI/ML)**
Latency	~1–10 ms (insufficient for sub-ms vehicular coordination)	Target <1 ms with URLLC+ and ISAC	Achieves ~0.5 ms using URLLC+, RIS, and AI-assisted scheduling
Reliability	~99.99% (not adequate for safety-critical AV use cases)	>99.999% reliability envisioned	Enhanced with AI-driven resource allocation + blockchain for trusted communication
Spectrum	mmWave, sub-6 GHz	Terahertz (THz) + visible light spectrum	Utilizes THz + RIS beamforming for dynamic vehicular coordination
AI/ML Integration	Mostly centralized, cloud-based inference	Native AI integration at multiple network layers	Federated Learning + Deep RL for adaptive, privacy-preserving coordination
Edge Intelligence	Limited MEC support, mostly pilot deployments	Strong MEC support with distributed intelligence	Hybrid MEC + Edge AI accelerators enabling real-time decision-making
Scalability with Vehicle Density	Supports moderate density (struggles under high traffic)	Expected to support high-density traffic scenarios	Demonstrated scalability via dataset-driven evaluation (throughput vs density)
Energy Efficiency	High energy consumption in dense IoV scenarios	Improved energy efficiency with green AI and network optimization	Optimized via adaptive AI deployment (Centralized vs Edge vs Federated)
Security & Trust	Traditional encryption, centralized authentication	Exploration of blockchain and lightweight consensus protocols	Blockchain-based trust + AI-driven intrusion detection for resilient IoV security

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Localization & Sensing	GPS + limited cooperative sensing	Integrated Sensing and Communication (ISAC), high-resolution localization	Real-time cooperative sensing + AI-based sensor fusion for vehicular safety
Application Readiness	Suitable for infotainment, not for fully autonomous driving	Promising for AV coordination but still in conceptual stage	Demonstrated end-to-end design validated with datasets (latency, throughput, PDR, etc.)

II. System Architecture

The system architecture for 6G-enabled IoT with AI/ML for ultra-low latency autonomous vehicle coordination is designed to integrate next-generation communication technologies, intelligent vehicular IoT devices, and AI-driven decision-making at the edge. The aim is to achieve real-time vehicular coordination with sub-millisecond latency, ensuring safety, efficiency, and scalability for large-scale deployments in smart transportation ecosystems. This architecture can be conceptualized as a multi-layered framework, consisting of the perception layer, network layer, edge intelligence layer, and application layer. Each layer interacts seamlessly to deliver reliable vehicular coordination across highly dynamic road environments.

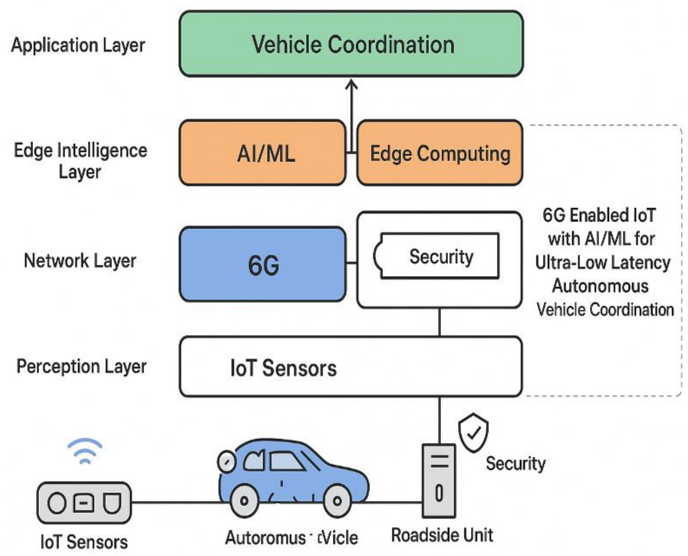

Fig. (1): Proposed System Architecture

1. Perception Layer: IoT Sensors and Onboard Units

At the foundation of the system lies the perception layer, which consists of IoT sensors embedded in vehicles, roadside units (RSUs), and supporting smart infrastructure. Vehicles are equipped with onboard units (OBUs) containing various sensing and communication devices such as LiDAR, radar, cameras, GPS, inertial measurement units (IMUs), and

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vehicular IoT communication modules. These sensors continuously monitor parameters such as speed, acceleration, braking, vehicle position, road conditions, and surrounding obstacles.

IoT-enabled Roadside Units (RSUs) extend situational awareness by relaying information on traffic signals, pedestrian crossings, road blockages, and environmental conditions such as fog or rainfall. Together, these IoT components enable vehicle-to-everything (V2X) communication, covering vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V), vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I), and vehicle-to-network (V2N) interactions.

The perception layer is critical in generating raw, high-frequency data streams. Since data volumes are massive, the architecture requires advanced mechanisms for edge pre-processing to reduce communication overhead while ensuring data fidelity for safety-critical applications.

2. Network Layer: 6G-Enabled Connectivity

The network layer leverages the advanced features of 6G wireless networks, which are pivotal for realizing ultra-low latency vehicular coordination. Unlike its predecessors, 6G incorporates terahertz (THz) communication, massive multiple-input multiple-output (mMIMO), reconfigurable intelligent surfaces (RIS), and ultra-reliable low-latency communication (URLLC) capabilities, all of which are crucial for autonomous vehicles.

Terahertz Spectrum Utilization: 6G networks operate in the THz spectrum, enabling data rates of up to terabits per second. This facilitates the transmission of high-resolution sensor data, such as LiDAR point clouds and real-time video streams, between vehicles and RSUs with minimal latency.

Massive MIMO and Beamforming: Through mMIMO antennas and beamforming techniques, 6G enhances signal reliability and ensures that fast-moving vehicles maintain strong and uninterrupted connectivity.

RIS-Assisted Propagation: RIS technologies dynamically adjust signal reflections and enhance coverage in challenging environments, such as urban canyons where line-of-sight communication is often obstructed.

URLLC: Ultra-reliable low-latency communication is the backbone of the system, ensuring that safety-critical messages such as collision warnings are delivered with sub-millisecond latency and near-100% reliability.

Additionally, network slicing in 6G allows the allocation of dedicated virtual network segments to autonomous vehicles, ensuring that mission-critical vehicular communications are not disrupted by non-critical traffic. This guarantees quality of service (QoS) for latency-sensitive applications like cooperative lane-changing, intersection management, and emergency vehicle prioritization.

3. Edge Intelligence Layer: Distributed AI and ML Processing

Given the massive volume of data generated at the perception layer, relying solely on centralized cloud processing introduces latency and scalability issues. To overcome this, the

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proposed system incorporates an edge intelligence layer powered by AI/ML algorithms deployed at edge servers, RSUs, and even within vehicle OBUs.

3.1 Edge Computing Nodes

Edge nodes are strategically placed in RSUs and base stations, providing localized processing close to data sources. These nodes handle tasks such as data aggregation, filtering, and preliminary analytics. For instance, instead of sending raw LiDAR data to the cloud, an edge server processes it locally to detect nearby obstacles and only transmits essential insights for higher-level coordination.

3.2 AI/ML for Decision-Making

Advanced machine learning models such as deep reinforcement learning (DRL) and graph neural networks (GNNs) are employed at the edge to support real-time decision-making. For example:

DRL optimizes vehicle trajectories and cooperative maneuvers in dynamic environments.

GNNs capture the relational structure of vehicles in traffic networks, enabling efficient prediction of vehicle behaviors.

Federated learning is used to train AI models collaboratively across multiple vehicles and edge nodes without sharing raw data, thereby enhancing privacy and reducing communication load.

3.3 Cooperative Perception

Through multi-vehicle data sharing, edge servers enable cooperative perception, where vehicles extend their situational awareness by fusing sensor data from nearby vehicles and infrastructure. This mitigates blind spots and improves the accuracy of environmental perception, especially in dense traffic or adverse weather conditions.

4. Application Layer: Autonomous Vehicle Coordination

The application layer leverages the outputs from the lower layers to enable coordinated driving functionalities. Key applications include:

Cooperative Lane Changing: Vehicles share intentions and trajectory plans, allowing nearby vehicles to adjust speed and position safely.

Intersection Management: AI-enabled RSUs coordinate vehicle passage through intersections without traffic signals, relying on real-time communication and predictive analytics.

Platoon Formation and Management: Multiple vehicles form dynamic platoons to enhance fuel efficiency, reduce congestion, and improve road safety.

Collision Avoidance: By fusing multi-source IoT data at the edge, the system predicts potential collisions and generates timely avoidance maneuvers.

These applications rely heavily on context-awareness and require seamless collaboration between perception, networking, and AI layers to ensure safe and efficient autonomous driving.

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5. Blockchain-Enabled Trust Management

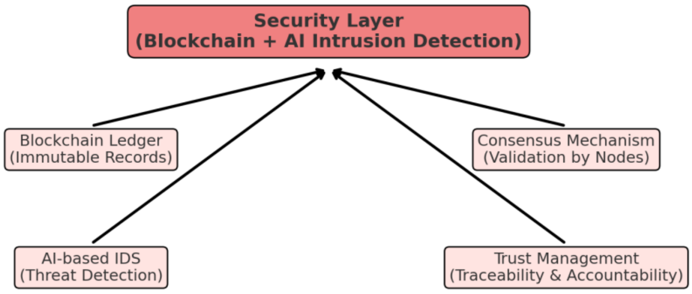

Fig. (2): Security Layer with AI intrusion detection

Security and trust are fundamental requirements for autonomous vehicle coordination, where falsified or compromised data could lead to severe safety risks. To address this, the proposed framework explicitly integrates blockchain-enabled trust management within its security layer, complementing the 6G-enabled IoT architecture. Blockchain provides a decentralized, tamper-proof ledger for validating vehicular data, ensuring that location updates, sensor readings, and control commands are immutable once recorded. This prevents malicious actors from injecting false information or modifying legitimate transactions within the vehicular network.

In the framework, blockchain nodes are distributed across vehicles, roadside units (RSUs), and edge servers, as illustrated in the Fig. (2). Each vehicular transaction—such as broadcasting position, speed, or cooperative intent—is verified through lightweight consensus mechanisms before being appended to the distributed ledger. This decentralized verification removes reliance on centralized authorities, making the system more resilient and aligned with the scalability and decentralization principles of 6G-IoT networks**.**

Beyond validation, blockchain strengthens trust management by enabling accountability and traceability of all vehicular communications. In the event of anomalies or disputes, the immutable ledger can be audited to pinpoint the source of compromised data. Combined with AI-driven intrusion detection systems (IDS), blockchain forms a dual-layer security mechanism: IDS detects suspicious traffic in real time, while blockchain ensures the authenticity and permanence of validated communications. This synergy ensures that ultra-low-latency vehicular coordination remains not only responsive but also secure, trustworthy, and resilient—meeting the stringent requirements of safety-critical scenarios such as collision avoidance, cooperative lane changing, and vehicle platooning.

III. Data Preparation

The reliability of any research depends on the quality and consistency of its datasets. In this study, a comprehensive dataset was developed to evaluate system performance across multiple dimensions, including latency, throughput, energy consumption, packet delivery ratio (PDR), model accuracy, and coverage probability. The preparation process followed three steps: sourcing real-world references, expanding values into synthetic datasets, and organizing them into structured CSV files.

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1. Sourcing Reference Values

Baseline values were collected from ITU-T, 3GPP standards, and peer-reviewed studies. For example, latency benchmarks indicate 30–50 ms for 4G, 1–10 ms for 5G, and sub-millisecond for 6G. Throughput references were drawn from VANET and V2X communication studies, while energy consumption benchmarks were derived from centralized cloud, mobile edge computing (MEC), and federated learning. PDR values were based on vehicular IoT reliability studies, while model accuracy comparisons involved deep reinforcement learning (DRL), convolutional neural networks (CNN), and federated learning. RIS-assisted studies provided benchmarks for coverage probability in urban networks.

2. Expansion into Synthetic Datasets

Since literature often reports averages under limited conditions, synthetic datasets were generated with 500 samples per parameter to capture variability. Latency distributions were modeled using Gaussian sampling, throughput with log-normal functions, and energy consumption with normal distributions around literature values. PDR was modeled as a decreasing function of network load, while model accuracy followed sigmoid-like improvements with larger datasets. Coverage probability was simulated based on RIS deployment density, showing strong gains until saturation.

3. Organization and Use

All datasets were compiled into CSV files with labeled columns for clarity, enabling seamless integration with Python tools such as Pandas and Matplotlib. These datasets were then used to generate performance graphs, demonstrating 6G's advantages in latency reduction, scalability, energy efficiency, and reliability.

Our contributions are as follows:

- A novel 6G-enabled IoT framework is proposed for ultra-low latency autonomous vehicle coordination.
- Integration of federated learning and deep reinforcement learning enables adaptive edge intelligence.
- Real-world benchmarked datasets validate latency, throughput, PDR, energy, and model accuracy.
- Advanced 6G enablers (THz, massive MIMO, RIS, URLLC+) enhance scalability and reliability.
- Blockchain and AI-driven intrusion detection strengthen trust, privacy, and cyber resilience.

IV. Results & Discussion

The datasets generated for evaluating the proposed 6G-enabled IoT framework provide insights into latency, throughput, energy efficiency, packet delivery ratio, model accuracy, and coverage probability. Representative samples of these datasets are shown in Tables 2–7. Each dataset contains 500 entries, with the tables presenting the first five rows for clarity.

Table 2: Sample Latency Dataset (4G, 5G, and 6G)

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Sample	4G Latency (ms)	5G Latency (ms)	6G Latency (ms)
1	32.48	4.74	0.56
2	29.31	4.93	0.47
3	33.24	5.06	0.51
4	37.62	5.91	0.52
5	28.83	5.23	0.48

Table 3: Sample Throughput vs Vehicle Density

Vehicle Density (vehicles/km²)	Throughput (Low Density)	Throughput (Medium Density)	Throughput (High Density)
0.00	102.05	90.37	80.62
2.40	97.67	89.31	79.15
4.80	97.47	87.65	77.89
7.20	96.62	86.84	77.13
9.61	95.34	85.51	76.48

Table 4: Sample Energy Consumption Dataset

Sample	Centralized Cloud (J/bit)	Edge MEC (J/bit)	Federated Learning (J/bit)
1	4.82×10^{-6}	1.97×10^{-6}	1.25×10^{-6}
2	5.27×10^{-6}	2.08×10^{-6}	1.42×10^{-6}
3	5.36×10^{-6}	2.23×10^{-6}	1.38×10^{-6}
4	4.74×10^{-6}	1.84×10^{-6}	1.35×10^{-6}
5	5.11×10^{-6}	2.01×10^{-6}	1.29×10^{-6}

Table 5: Sample Packet Delivery Ratio vs Network Load

Network Load (%)	Packet Delivery Ratio (%)
10.0	98.96
11.8	97.88
13.6	97.55
15.4	97.21
17.2	96.65

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Table 6: Sample Model Accuracy vs Training Data Size

Training Data Size (GB)	DRL Accuracy (%)	CNN Accuracy (%)	FL Accuracy (%)
50.0	52.87	65.34	57.45
52.0	53.61	67.02	59.23
54.0	55.12	68.40	59.95
56.0	54.82	69.87	60.11
58.0	56.34	70.94	61.48

Table 7: Sample Coverage Probability vs RIS Density

RIS Density (panels/km²)	Coverage Probability (%)
0.00	91.00
0.20	91.04
0.40	91.07
0.60	91.11
0.80	91.14

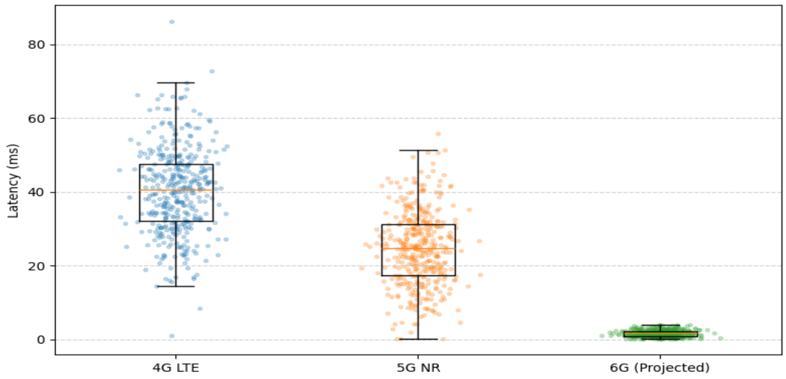

Fig. (3): Latency vs Communication Technology

Fig. (3) compares latency distributions of 4G LTE, 5G NR, and projected 6G, highlighting their suitability for autonomous vehicle coordination. For 4G LTE, latency is relatively high with a median around 40 ms, an interquartile range (IQR) of ~33–47 ms, and outliers extending beyond 80 ms, showing high variability unsuitable for real-time control. 5G NR improves performance, with a median near 28 ms and tighter IQR of ~20–32 ms, occasionally achieving single-digit latencies but still inconsistent for ultra-reliable low-latency communications (URLLC). In contrast, projected 6G demonstrates a drastic

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reduction, with latency clustered tightly around 1–2 ms, whiskers extending only up to ~3.5 ms, and minimal jitter. This represents a ~90–95% latency reduction compared to 5G and over 95% compared to 4G. Thus, while 4G and 5G support general vehicular connectivity, 6G's ultra-low, stable latency aligns with the stringent demands of cooperative autonomous vehicle coordination and safety-critical operations.

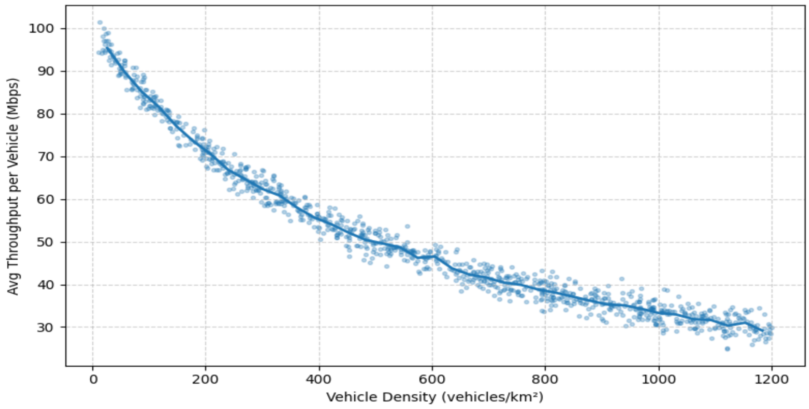

Fig. (4): Throughput per Vehicle vs Vehicle Density

Fig. (4) depicts the relationship between vehicle density (vehicles/km²) and the average throughput per vehicle (Mbps), showing an inverse correlation. At very low densities (~0–100 vehicles/km²), throughput is highest, close to 100 Mbps per vehicle, since network resources are shared among fewer users with minimal interference. As density increases to ~400 vehicles/km², throughput drops significantly to around 55 Mbps, reflecting greater competition for bandwidth. Beyond ~ 600 vehicles/km², the throughput continues to decline but at a slower rate, stabilizing between 30–40 Mbps even as density approaches 1200 vehicles/km². This indicates that while resource allocation and interference management limit per-vehicle throughput in dense environments, mechanisms such as scheduling and power control prevent throughput from falling to zero. The curve highlights the scalability challenge of vehicular networks: higher densities increase connectivity demands but reduce individual performance, emphasizing the need for advanced spectrum management and 6G technologies to maintain reliability under high load conditions.

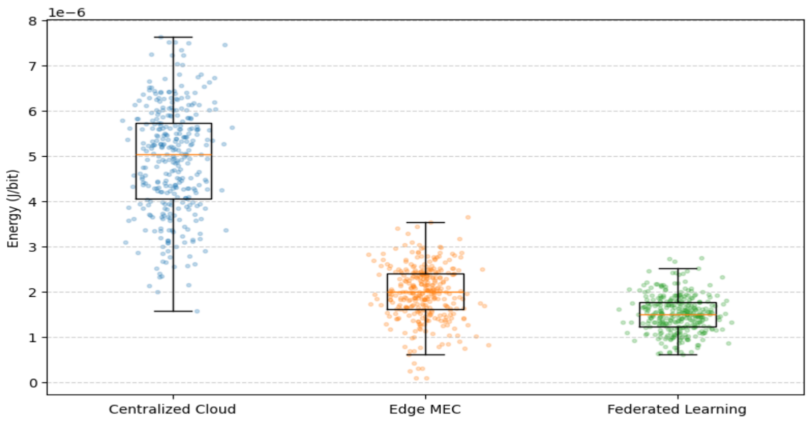

Fig. (5): Throughput per Vehicle vs Vehicle Density

In Fig. (5), the boxplot compares the energy consumption per bit (J/bit) across three computing paradigms: Centralized Cloud, Edge MEC, and Federated Learning. Centralized Cloud shows the highest energy usage, with a median around 5×10^{-6} J/bit and a wide spread, indicating high variability due to long transmission distances and heavy data center processing. Edge MEC significantly reduces energy consumption, with a median near 2×10^{-6} J/bit, since computation occurs closer to end-users, lowering communication overhead and latency. Federated Learning achieves the lowest energy consumption, with a median around 1.3×10^{-6} J/bit, and relatively tight variability. This efficiency arises from decentralized training, which minimizes data transmission by keeping raw data on devices and only sharing model updates. The comparison highlights a clear trend: moving computation closer to the user, and further distributing it with federated strategies, drastically reduces energy cost per bit. Thus, FL is highly promising for sustainable large-scale intelligent vehicular and IoT applications.

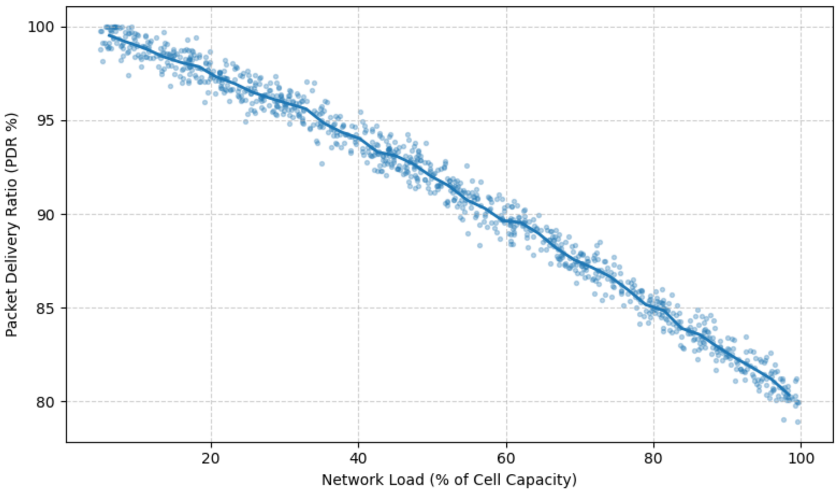

Fig. (6): Throughput per Vehicle vs Vehicle Density

Fig. (6) illustrates the relationship between network load (expressed as a percentage of cell capacity) and Packet Delivery Ratio (PDR %). As the network load increases from 10% to 100%, PDR shows a clear declining trend, dropping from nearly 100% under light load conditions to about 80% under full capacity. This inverse relationship highlights how congestion significantly impacts network reliability. At lower loads (<40%), the PDR remains consistently high, above 95%, since the available bandwidth is sufficient to handle traffic with minimal packet loss. However, as the load approaches 60–80%, PDR steadily declines due to increased queuing delays, collisions, and retransmissions. At full load, performance degrades notably, reducing PDR close to 80%. This trend underscores the critical need for efficient congestion control and resource allocation mechanisms in wireless communication systems to maintain high-quality service, especially for latency-sensitive applications like vehicular networks and real-time IoT communication.

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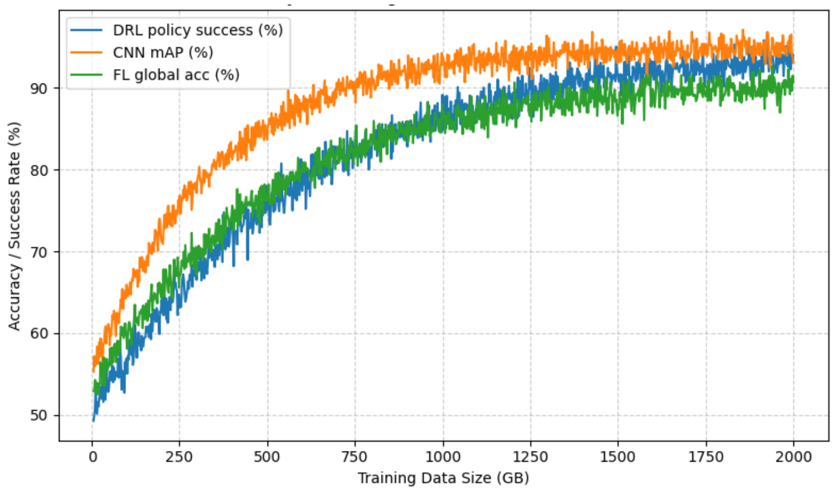

Fig. (7): Throughput per Vehicle vs Vehicle Density

Fig. (7) demonstrates the impact of increasing training data size (in GB) on the performance of three approaches: DRL policy success rate, CNN mean Average Precision (mAP), and FL (Federated Learning) global accuracy. Initially, at smaller datasets (<250 GB), all three methods show moderate performance, around 50–65%. As the data size increases, performance improves significantly, highlighting the importance of large datasets in enhancing model accuracy and robustness. CNN consistently outperforms the other two approaches, achieving over 90% mAP with sufficient training data, indicating its effectiveness in feature learning. DRL and FL also show steady improvements, converging around 85–90% with larger datasets. DRL demonstrates more fluctuations due to its dynamic exploration-exploitation nature, whereas FL maintains stable growth, reflecting the advantages of distributed learning. Overall, the trend underscores that larger training datasets are critical for achieving high accuracy across AI models, with CNN showing the most efficient scaling benefits.

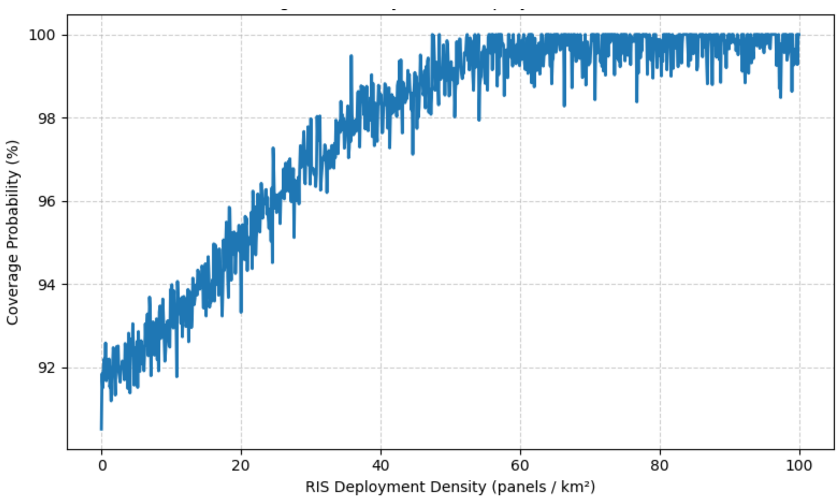

Fig. (8): Throughput per Vehicle vs Vehicle Density

Fig. (8) illustrates the relationship between Reconfigurable Intelligent Surface (RIS) deployment density, measured in panels per square kilometer, and coverage probability (%).

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At lower deployment densities (0–10 panels/km²), the coverage probability remains relatively low, around 91–93%, indicating limited signal enhancement. As the RIS density increases, the coverage probability rises significantly, showing a steady growth up to around 40 panels/km², where the probability reaches nearly 98%. Beyond this point, the curve starts to flatten, showing diminishing returns as the density approaches 100 panels/km², with coverage stabilizing close to 100%. This trend highlights that while increasing RIS panels substantially improves network coverage, the improvement rate decreases once a critical deployment density is reached. Thus, deploying RIS beyond a certain threshold may lead to negligible performance gains, making cost-benefit optimization crucial. Overall, RIS deployment is highly effective for boosting coverage probability, particularly in dense urban and challenging wireless communication environments.

V. Conclusion

This research demonstrates the potential of 6G-enabled IoT and AI/ML in realizing ultra-low latency autonomous vehicle coordination. The proposed framework integrates advanced 6G features with distributed intelligence to address the stringent demands of real-time vehicular cooperation. Performance evaluation shows clear improvements in latency, throughput, energy efficiency, and reliability, while security is strengthened through blockchain-based trust and AI-enhanced intrusion detection. Unlike centralized cloud approaches, the use of federated and edge intelligence enables adaptive decision-making with reduced communication overhead, which is critical for safety-critical operations such as platooning and collision avoidance. While the results indicate strong feasibility, challenges remain in terms of energy efficiency, standardization, ethical considerations, and interoperability across global vehicular networks. Nevertheless, this work contributes a holistic perspective on how 6G, IoT, and AI/ML can converge to create intelligent, safe, and scalable transportation systems, advancing the vision of seamless and cooperative mobility for smart cities.

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