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Brief Description of Research Project	In this project, a novel data-driven strategy will be proposed for AV motion control when a GPS signal is not reliable. In recent years, data-driven approaches such as reinforcement learning (RL) and adaptive dynamic programming (ADP) algorithms have been widely adopted in solving dynamic programming problems. However, there is seldomly any related application in AV control systems when a GPS signal is not reliable, where technical difficulties occur due to the unavailability of the vehicle location, orientation and certain critical vehicle states. An AV's complex operation environment, external disturbances, system nonlinearities, modeling and non-structural uncertainties also lead to challenges for reliable motion control.
	To this end, this project will develop an enhanced ADP approach for AV motion control when the GPS signal is not reliable, based on the estimation results for the sideslip angle and tire-road friction coefficient. The dependable inputs will be signals collected/measured from on-board sensing results.

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