Batteries on the Move: Overload Mitigation with Mobile and Connected Electric Vehicle

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Abstract: As electric vehicle (EV) becomes prevalent in the automobile market, extensive charging stations will be deployed in the smart grid, resulting in charging overloads and severe system operation issues. Considering the rechargeable nature of EV batteries, EVs can provide mobile energy storage (MES) service to carry energy from power nodes with excess energy to the nodes with overload issues. However, the MES service is confronted with various challenges due to vehicular mobility, battery degradation, and coupled operation of transportation networks and power system. In this talk, I will present our research works addressing the MES operation challenges along with future research directions with focus centered on the vehicle.

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