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(54) **SIGNAL EXPECTED RANGE FOR A VEHICLE**

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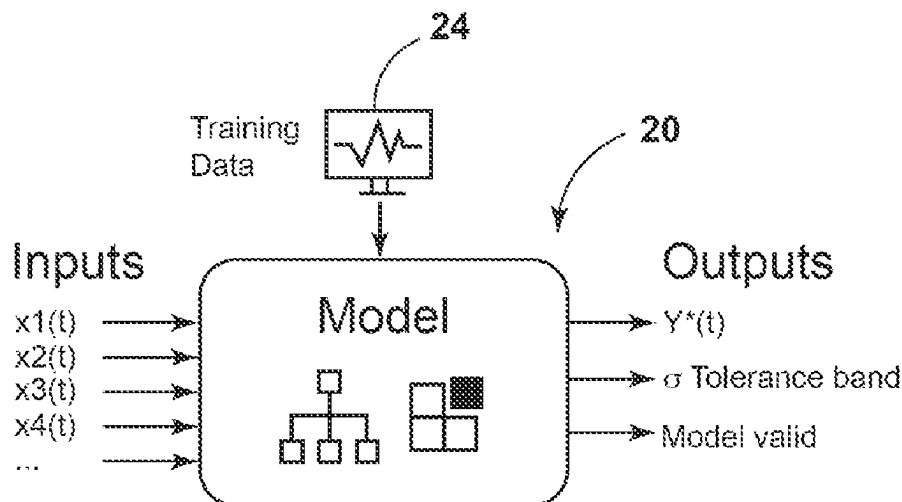
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A system and method for indicating failure of a vehicle component of a vehicle by determining anomalies for a vehicle signal of a vehicle is provided that includes a model that is trained with training data resulting in a trained artificial intelligence model. The trained model is executed by an electronic processor configured to: receive a plurality of input signals correlated with the vehicle signal; analyze the input signals; determine a predicted vehicle signal from the input signals; determine a tolerance band from the input signals; and when the model is valid, generate a model valid signal. A comparison device is configured to: receive the predicted vehicle signal, the tolerance band, and the model valid signal; receive the measured vehicle signal; and determine whether the measured vehicle signal is an anomaly based on the measured vehicle signal, the predicted vehicle signal, the tolerance band, and the model valid signal.

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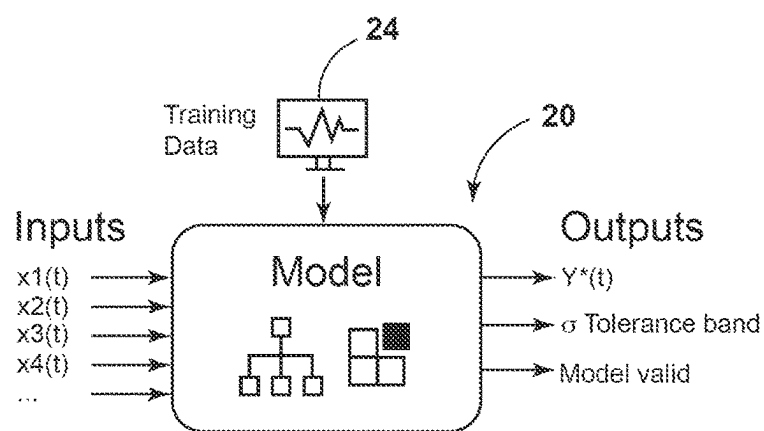
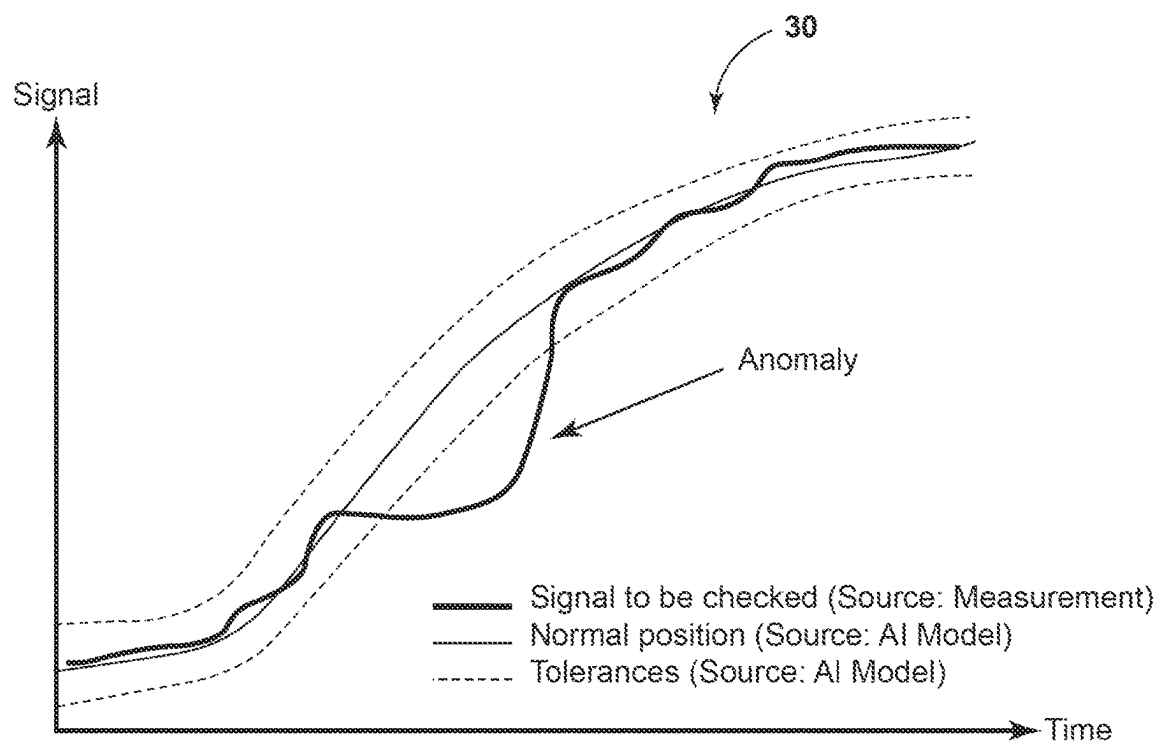
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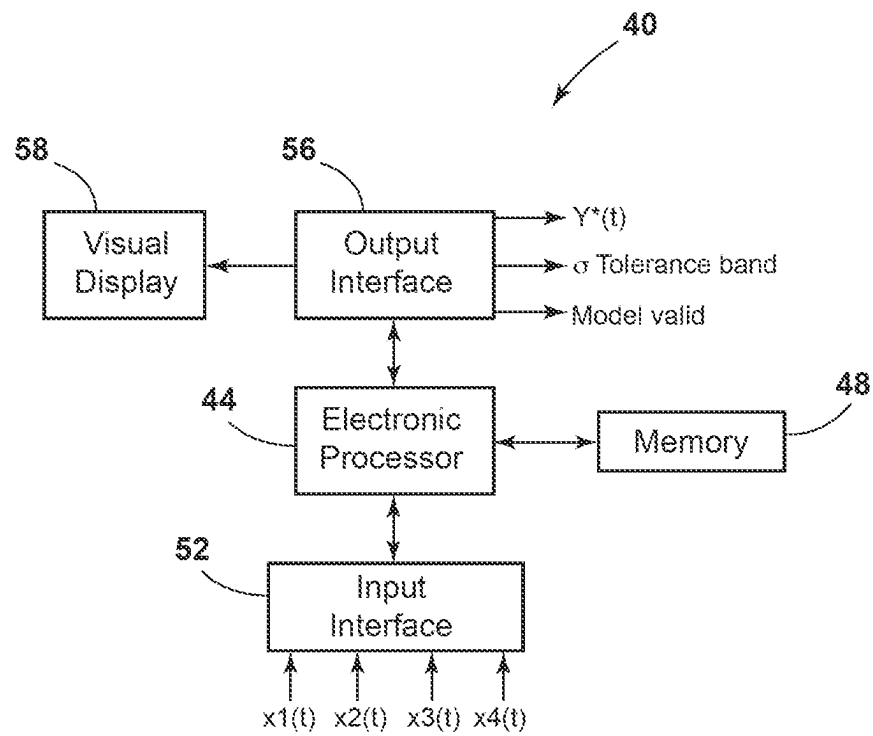
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**FIG. 1****FIG. 2**

**FIG. 2A**

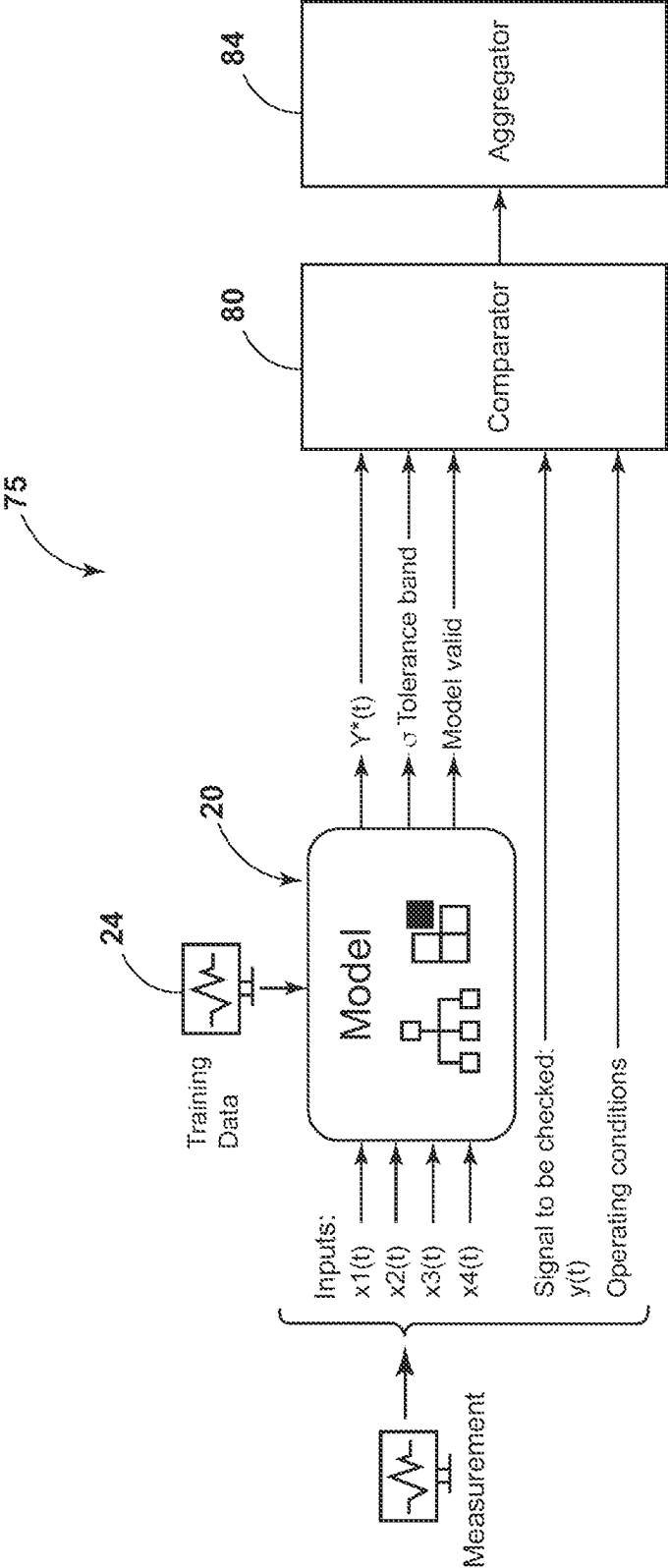
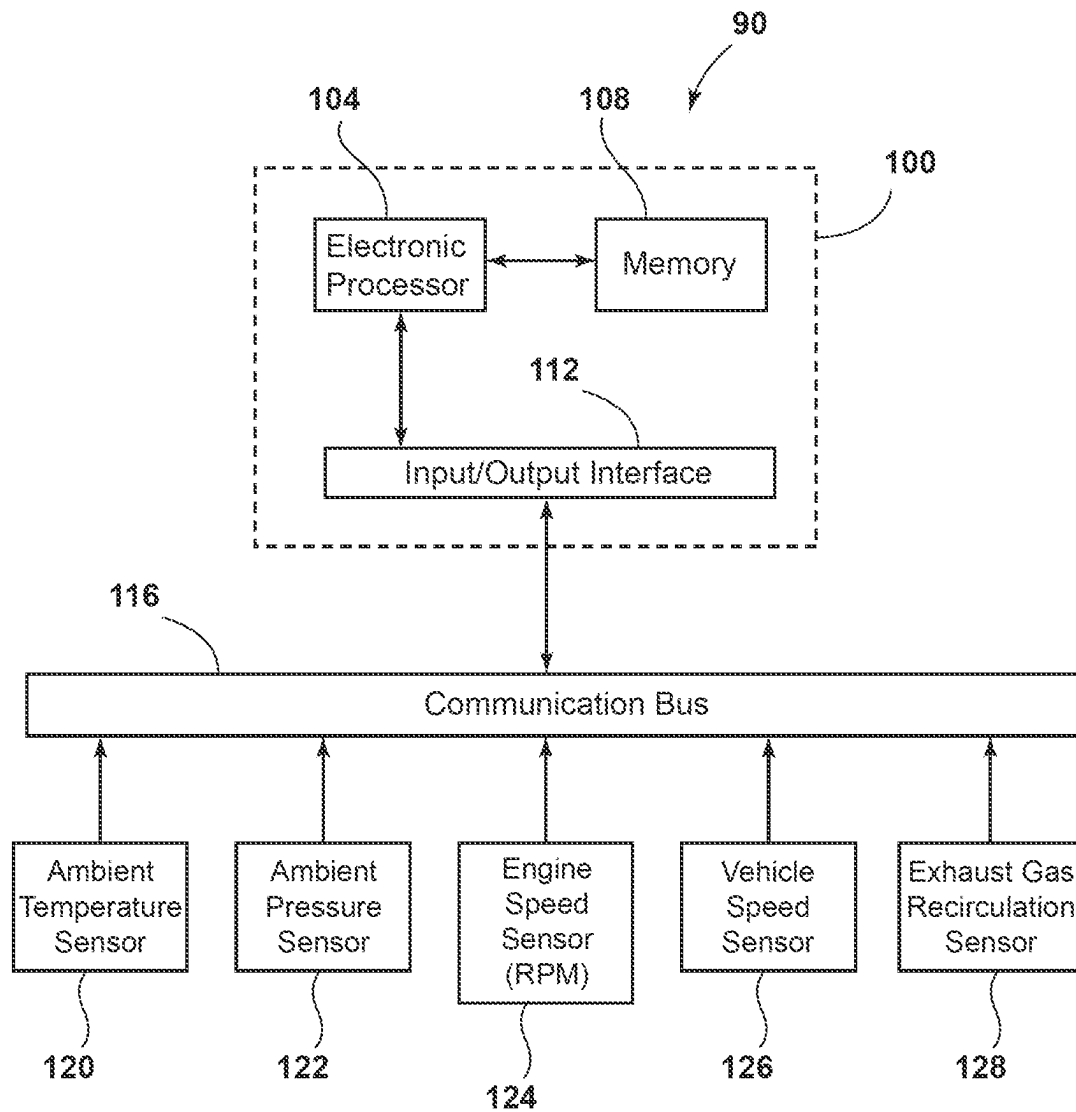
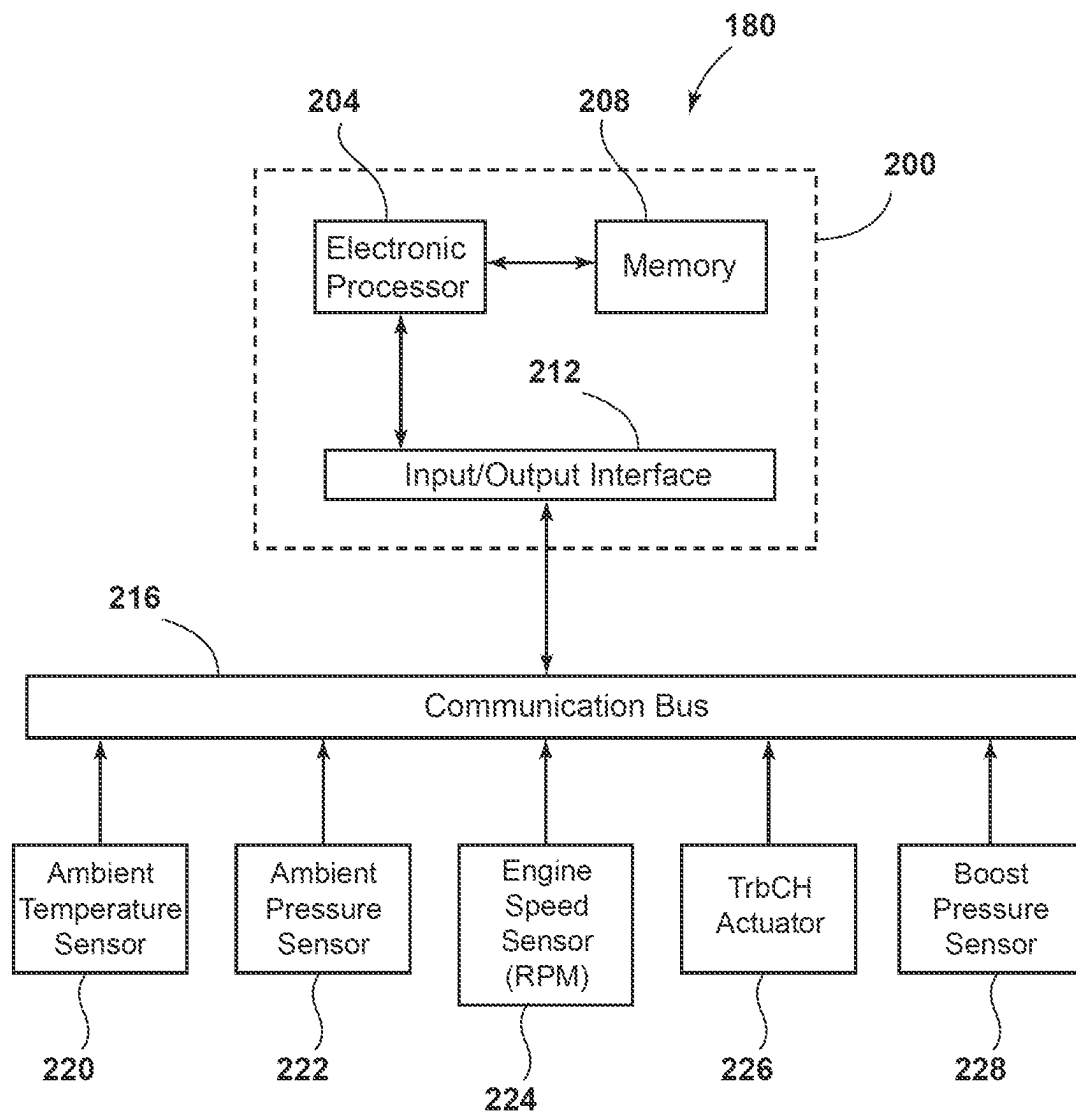


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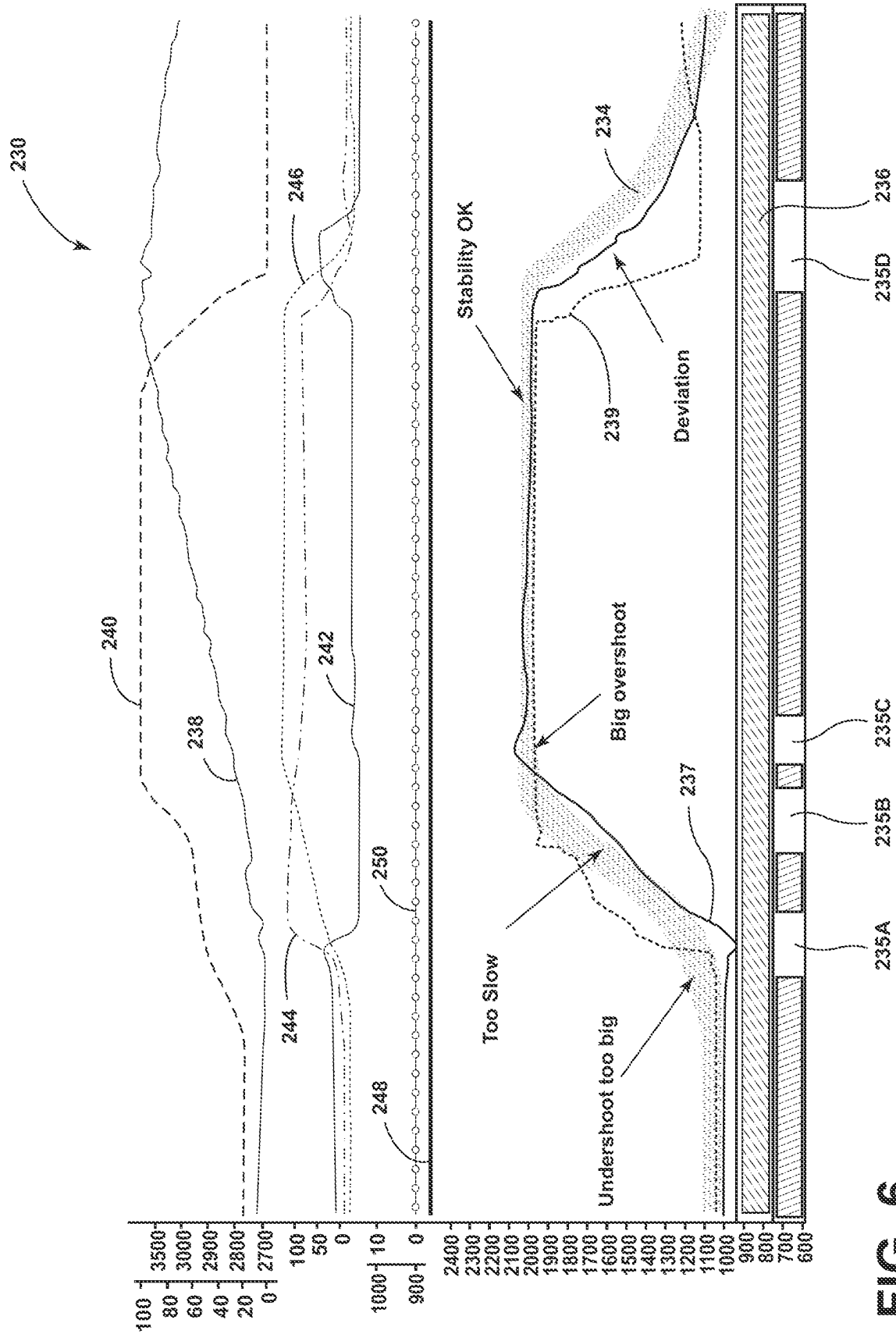
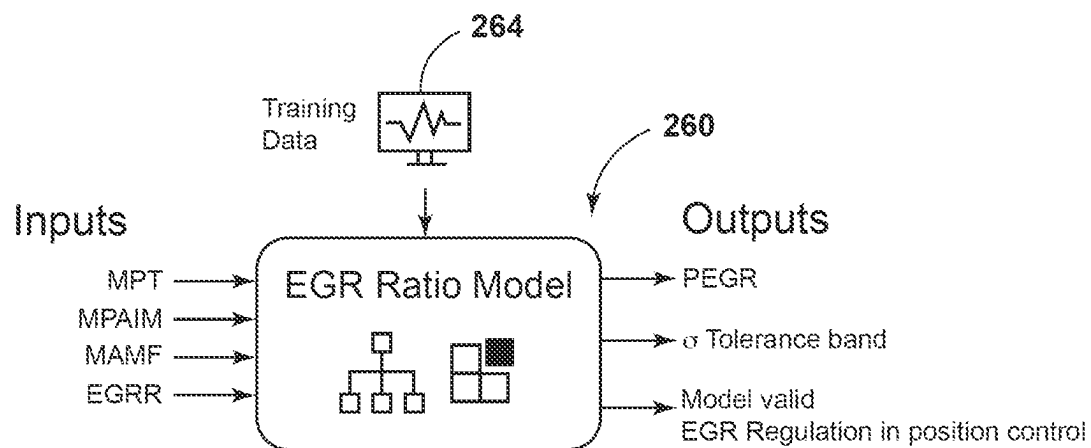
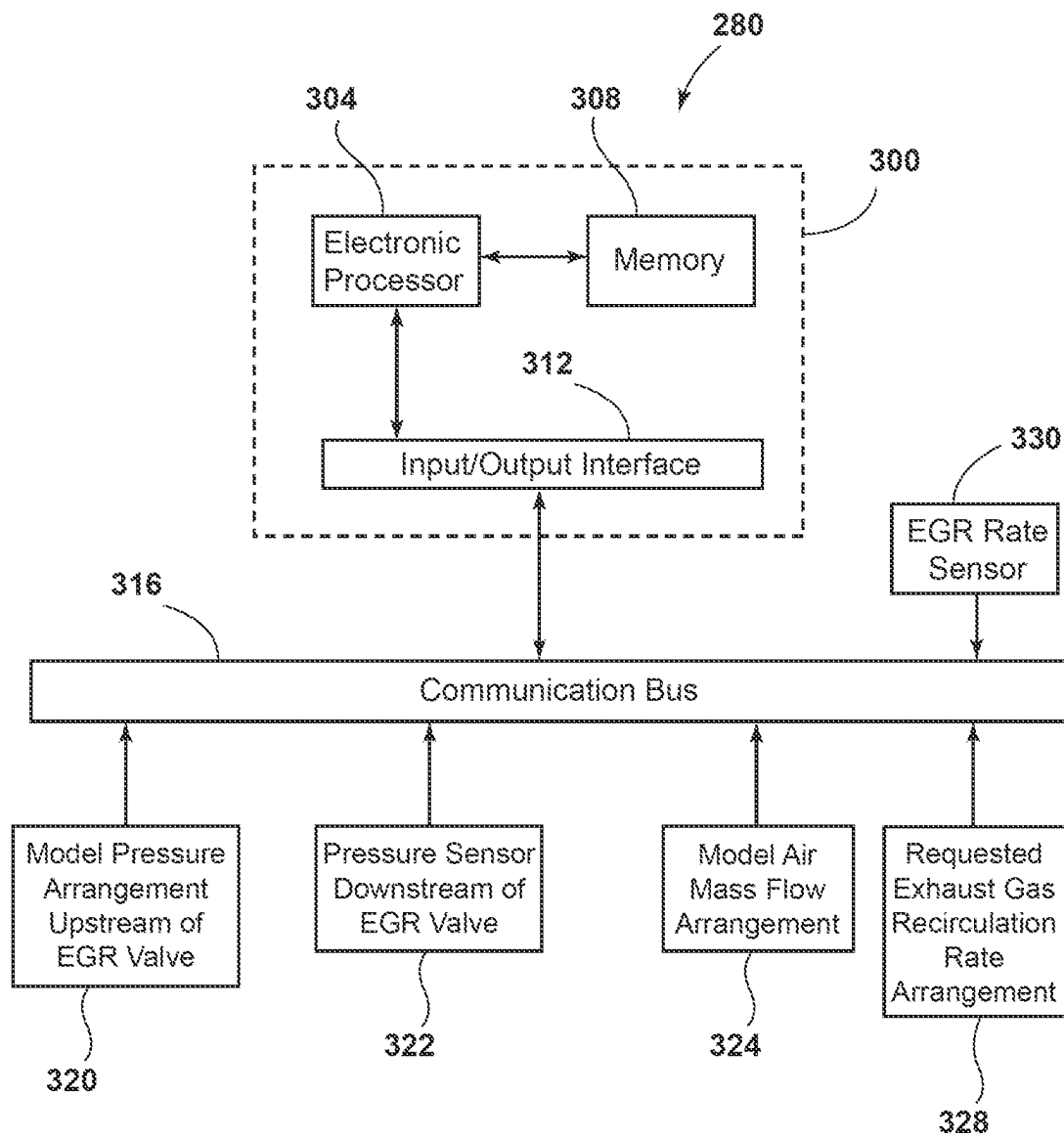


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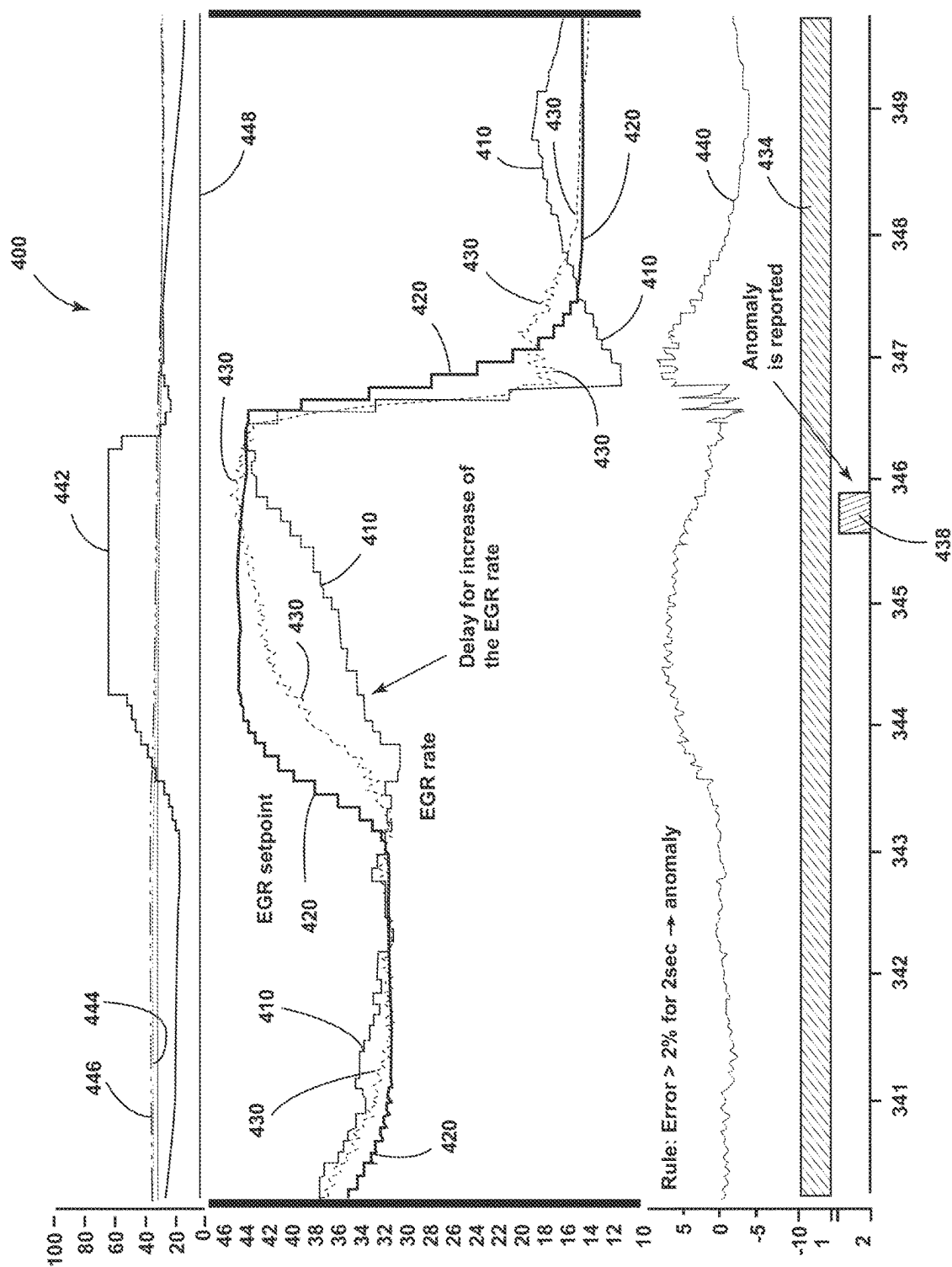
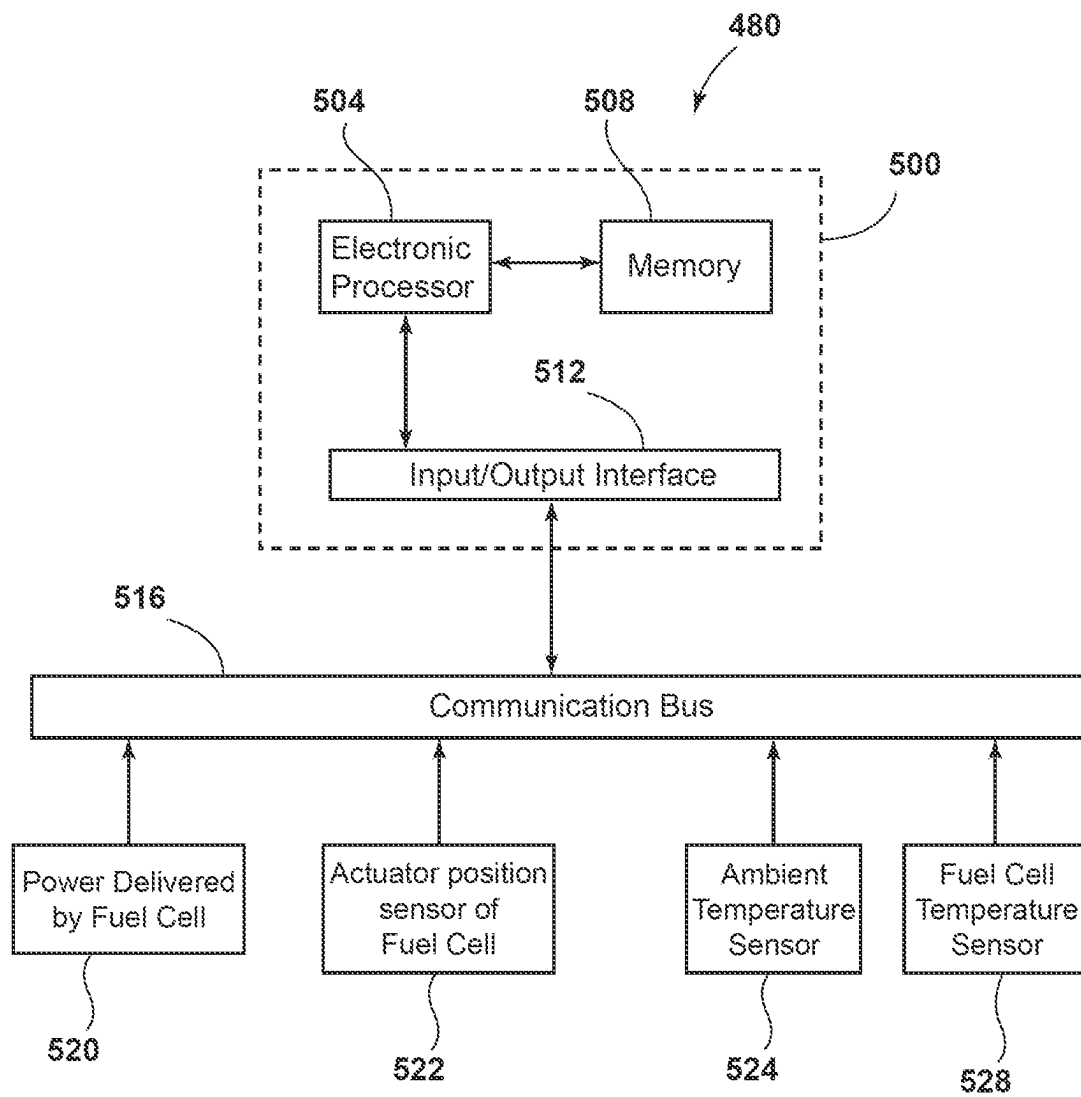


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SIGNAL EXPECTED RANGE FOR A VEHICLE

BACKGROUND

Arrangements, examples, and aspects described herein relate to, among other things, a system and method for determining whether a vehicle signal is in an expected range using artificial intelligence.

The detection of anomalies in measurements is a common problem in the field of engine calibration. A one to one comparison of measurements is not applicable as operating conditions continuously change. Such conditions include external or ambient temperature, altitude, driving style, and other vehicle properties.

Current approaches include manual inspection of vehicle data, which is prone to false positive results. A false positive result occurs when an evaluation returns a positive result that no anomaly was detected, even though an anomaly occurred. Another effort includes rules based algorithms that are also prone to false negative results. A false negative result occurs when an evaluation returns a negative result that an anomaly was detected, even though no anomaly occurred.

SUMMARY

The arrangement is directed to the detection of failure of a vehicle component of a vehicle by determining anomalies in measurements using a trained artificial intelligence model.

In one arrangement is directed to a system for indicating a failure of a vehicle component by determining anomalies for a measured vehicle signal of a vehicle. The system comprises: a memory that stores a trained artificial intelligence model and an electronic processor coupled to the memory that executes the trained artificial intelligence model. The electronic processor is configured to: retrieve a plurality of input signals that are correlated with the measured vehicle signal; determine a predicted vehicle signal from the plurality of input signals; determine a tolerance band from the plurality of input signals; determine whether the model is valid, and when the model is valid generate a model valid signal. The system includes a comparison device that is configured to: retrieve the predicted vehicle signal, the tolerance band, and the model valid signal, retrieve the measured vehicle signal, and determine whether the measured vehicle signal is an anomaly based on the measured vehicle signal, the predicted vehicle signal, the tolerance band, and the model valid signal. The system includes an aggregator coupled to the comparison device that is configured to: count and store times and occurrences of the anomalies; and indicate a failure of the vehicle component depending on a number of the anomalies over a period of time.

In another arrangement, a method for indicating failure of a vehicle component by determining anomalies for a measured vehicle signal of a vehicle includes executing a trained artificial intelligence model with an electronic processor. The electronic processor is configured for: retrieving a plurality of input signals that are correlated with the measured vehicle signal; determining a predicted vehicle signal from the plurality of input signals; determining a tolerance band from the plurality of input signals; determining whether the model is valid, when the model is valid generating a model valid signal; retrieving the measured vehicle signal; determining whether the measured vehicle signal is

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an anomaly based on the measured vehicle signal, the predicted vehicle signal, the tolerance band, and the model valid signal; counting and storing times and occurrences of the anomalies; and indicating a failure of the vehicle component depending on a number of anomalies over a period of time.

One arrangement is directed to a method for indicating failure of a vehicle component of a vehicle. The method comprises: retrieving a plurality of input signals that are correlated with a vehicle signal; determining a predicted vehicle signal from the plurality of input signals using a trained artificial intelligence model; determining a tolerance band from the plurality of input signals; determining whether the model is valid, when the model is valid generating a model valid signal; retrieving a measured vehicle signal; determining whether the measured vehicle signal is an anomaly based on the measured vehicle signal, the predicted vehicle signal, the tolerance band, and the model valid signal; counting a number of and storing times for occurrence of the anomalies, and indicating a failure of a vehicle component depending on the number of anomalies over a period of time.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a block illustration of a model that receives inputs and provides a predicted vehicle signal, a tolerance band, and a model valid signal according to some aspects.

FIG. 2 illustrates a graph of a predicted vehicle signal for the model of FIG. 1, according to some aspects.

FIG. 2A is a block illustration of an electronic operating device 40 for the trained AI model 20 of FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 is a block illustration of a system including the model of FIG. 1 connected to a comparator to evaluate an anomaly for a vehicle signal.

FIG. 4 is a block diagram of a vehicle electronic operating unit and sensors connected thereto via a bus to provide information related to exhaust gas recirculation, according to some aspects.

FIG. 5 is a block diagram of a vehicle electronic operating unit and sensors connected thereto via a bus to provide information related to boost pressure, according to some aspects.

FIG. 6 is a graph corresponding to the boost pressure arrangement for the data obtained by the arrangement of FIG. 5, according to some aspects.

FIG. 7 is a block illustration of a model that receives inputs and training data to provide a predicted EGR rate signal, according to some aspects.

FIG. 8 is a block diagram of a vehicle electronic operating unit and sensors connected thereto via a bus to provide and store information related to EGR rate, according to some aspects.

FIG. 9 is a graph corresponding to the EGR rate arrangement for the data obtained by the arrangement of FIG. 8, according to some aspects.

FIG. 10 is a block diagram of a vehicle electronic operating unit and sensors connected thereto via a bus to provide and store information related to a fuel cell of a fuel cell vehicle, according to some aspects.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Before any arrangements, examples, aspects, or features are explained in detail, it is to be understood that those arrangements, examples, aspects and features are not limited in their application to the details of construction and the

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arrangement of components set forth in the following description or illustrated in the following drawings. Other arrangements, examples, aspects, and features are possible and are capable of being practiced or of being carried out in various ways.

Also, it is to be understood that the phraseology and terminology used herein is for the purpose of description and should not be regarded as limiting. The terms “mounted,” “connected” and “coupled” are used broadly and encompass both direct and indirect mounting, connecting, and coupling. Further, “connected” and “coupled” are not restricted to physical or mechanical connections or couplings, and can include electrical connections or couplings, whether direct or indirect. Also, electronic communications and notifications may be performed using any known means including wired connections, wireless connections, etc.

It should also be noted that a plurality of hardware and software based devices, as well as a plurality of different structural components may be utilized in various implementations. Aspects, features, and instances may include hardware, software, and electronic components or modules that, for purposes of discussion, may be illustrated and described as if the majority of the components were implemented in hardware. However, one of ordinary skill in the art, and based on a reading of this detailed description, would recognize that, in at least one instance, the electronic based aspects of the invention may be implemented in software (for example, stored on non-transitory computer-readable medium) executable by one or more electronic processors. As a consequence, it should be noted that a plurality of hardware and software based devices, as well as a plurality of different structural components may be utilized to implement the invention. For example, “operating units” and “controllers” described in the specification can include one or more electronic processors, one or more memory modules including a non-transitory computer-readable medium, one or more input/output interfaces, and various connections (for example, a system bus) connecting the components. It should be understood that although certain drawings illustrate hardware and software located within particular devices, these depictions are for illustrative purposes only. In some instances, the illustrated components may be combined or divided into separate software, firmware and/or hardware. For example, instead of being located within and performed by a single electronic processor, logic and processing may be distributed among multiple electronic processors. Regardless of how they are combined or divided, hardware and software components may be located on the same computing device or may be distributed among different computing devices connected by one or more networks or other suitable communication links.

For ease of description, some or all of the example systems presented herein are illustrated with a single exemplar of each of its component parts. Some examples may not describe or illustrate all components of the systems. Other instances may include more or fewer of each of the illustrated components, may combine some components, or may include additional or alternative components.

FIG. 1 illustrates a block illustration of a trained artificial intelligence (AI) model 20 that receives multiple vehicle inputs $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x \dots$ over time (t). The trained AI model 20 provides a predicted vehicle signal $Y^*(t)$, a tolerance band (σ), and a domain validity signal corresponding to conditions where the trained AI model is designed to operate.

The artificial intelligence model 20 shown in FIG. 1 is trained with training data 24 using a model training algo-

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rithm. The model training occurs as follows. All available data is identified and an assessment of the relevance, and quality of the data is made. The data is separated between training data 24 and testing datasets. An iterative model training occurs where model structure and hyperparameters are selected. The trained model quality is evaluated and validated based on relevant metrics. The iterative process results in many candidate models. Only one model is selected for use. Model selection is based on a quality/complexity tradeoff. Analysis of model performance with test data is performed. The selected model is integrated into the artificial intelligence model 20 and formatted as a digital file.

In operation, the trained AI model 20, which is a trained algorithm in some arrangements, receives the various inputs $x_1(t)$ - $x_4(t)$ to determine a value for the predicted vehicle signal, along with a tolerance band value σ , and a valid signal indicating that the output of the trained AI model 20 is useful. The domain valid signal corresponds to conditions where the trained AI model is designed to operate.

FIG. 2 shows an example of graph 30 of a measured signal to be stored and checked over time. An anomaly is determined wherein the measured signal is outside of the tolerance band or range represented by respective broken lines. A normal predicted signal value is shown by the line that remains between/within the tolerance band or tolerance range defined by the broken lines.

In actual operation, the trained artificial intelligence model 20 is configured to: receive a plurality of input signals x_1 - x_4 that are correlated with the vehicle signal and the plurality of input signals are analyzed. The analysis by the trained AI model 20 determines a predicted vehicle signal $Y^*(t)$ from the plurality of input signals; determines a tolerance band value σ from the plurality of input signals; and determines whether the model is valid and generates a model valid signal. The predicted vehicle signal $Y^*(t)$ is shown changing over time in response to the inputs $x_1(t)$ - $x_4(t)$ as illustrated in FIG. 2. The predicted vehicle signal and the tolerance band also change over time as shown in FIG. 2. An indication (true/false) statement of when the model is valid, is provided by the trained AI model 20 generating the model valid signal.

FIG. 2A shows an electronic operating device 40 for the trained AI model 20 of FIG. 1 that includes an electronic processor 44 (for example, a microprocessor, application specific integrated circuit, etc.), a memory 48, and an input interface 52, along with an output interface 56 and a visual display 58. The memory 48 that is coupled to the electronic processor 44 stores the trained artificial intelligence model. The memory may be made up of one or more non-transitory computer-readable media and includes at least a program storage area and a data storage area. The program storage area and the data storage area can include combinations of different types of memory, such as read-only memory (“ROM”), random access memory (“RAM”), electrically erasable programmable read-only memory (“EEPROM”), flash memory, or other suitable memory devices. The electronic processor 44 is coupled to the memory 48, the input interface 52, and the output interface 56. The electronic processor 44 is configured for sending and receiving information (for example, from the memory 48 and/or the input interface 52) and processing the information by executing the trained AI model 20 via one or more software instructions or modules. The electronic processor 44 is also capable of storing processed information in the memory 48, or another non-transitory computer readable medium. The out-

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put interface **56** provides information or results for further evaluation by another device.

The portable electronic operating device **40** shown in FIG. 2A represents a portable electronic operating device **40** in one arrangement. The portable electronic operating device **40** includes a connector for connection to a vehicle port to read stored vehicle data from a separate vehicle memory or to read stored time sequenced vehicle data from the vehicle memory.

FIG. 3 shows a system **75** including the trained AI model **20** of FIG. 1 connected to a comparator or comparison device **80** to evaluate an anomaly for a vehicle signal. In FIG. 3, the comparison device **80** is configured to receive the predicted vehicle signal, the tolerance band, and the model valid signal generated by the trained AI model **20**. Further, the comparison device **80** receives the measured vehicle signal stored in the memory of a vehicle; and receives operating conditions of the vehicle. After receiving the received signals and conditions, the comparison device **80** determines whether the measured vehicle signal is an anomaly based on the measured vehicle signal, the predicted vehicle signal $Y^*(t)$, the tolerance band value σ , and whether the model is valid. In one arrangement, the anomalies are aggregated by an aggregator **84** that counts and stores the times and the occurrences or number of the anomalies. In one arrangement, the aggregated anomalies are further processed by the aggregator **84** to determine a vehicle component, system, or sensor failure/error for display. Vehicle component failures include sensor failures/faults or system failures/faults.

FIG. 4 shows a specific example of a vehicle system **90** for storing and providing information including a measured vehicle signal of a vehicle. The vehicle system **90** includes a vehicle electronic operating unit **100** that includes an electronic processor **104** (for example, a microprocessor, application specific integrated circuit, etc.), a memory **108**, and an input/output interface **112**. The memory **108** may be made up of one or more non-transitory computer-readable media and includes at least a program storage area and a data storage area. The program storage area and the data storage area can include combinations of different types of memory, such as read-only memory ("ROM"), random access memory ("RAM"), electrically erasable programmable read-only memory ("EEPROM"), flash memory, or other suitable memory devices. The electronic processor **104** is coupled to the memory **108** and the input/output interface **112**. The electronic processor **104** is configured for sending and receiving information (for example, from the memory **108** and/or the input/output interface **112**). The electronic processor **104** is also capable of storing processed information in the memory **108**, or another non-transitory computer readable medium. The software can include firmware, one or more applications, program data, filters, rules, one or more program modules, and other executable instructions.

The electronic processor **44** is configured to retrieve from the memory **48** and execute, among other things, software including a trained AI algorithm of the trained AI model **20** for performing methods as described herein. The input/output interface **52** retrieves information originally from the vehicle system **90** external to the electronic operating unit **40**. It should be understood that the vehicle electronic operating unit **100** may include additional components than those illustrated in FIG. 4 and in various configurations. For example, in some examples, the vehicle electronic operating unit **100** includes multiple electronic processors **104**, multiple memories **108**, multiple input/output interfaces **112**, or a combination thereof.

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In some instances, the communication bus **116** shown in FIG. 4 is a controller area network (CAN) bus. In some instances, the communication bus **116** is an automotive Ethernet, a FlexRay™ communications bus, or another suitable bus. In alternative instances, some or all of the components of the vehicle may be communicatively coupled using suitable wireless modalities (for example, Bluetooth™ or near field communication connections).

FIG. 4 shows sensors that measure one or more attributes of a vehicle/vehicle engine and the environment around the vehicle and communicate information regarding those attributes to the other components of the vehicle using, for example, messages transmitted on the communication bus **116**. The sensors shown in FIG. 4 include, for example, an ambient or external temperature sensor **120**, an ambient atmospheric pressure sensor **122**, an engine speed sensor **124**, a vehicle speed sensor **126**, and an exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) flow sensor **128**. In some instances, the listed sensors are similar to or the same as sensor sets used in an electronic stability control (ESC) system and/or a vehicle engine control system. In some arrangements the vehicle includes a diesel engine for a diesel powered vehicle.

In the FIG. 4 arrangement, in operation, the signals from an ambient or external temperature sensor **120**, an ambient atmospheric pressure sensor **122**, an engine speed sensor **124**, a vehicle speed sensor **126**, and an exhaust gas recirculation flow sensor **128** are retrieved by the electronic processor **44** of the electronic operating device **40** from a memory or storage device, for example, a memory outside of the vehicle. A wireless or wired connector provides the various signals thereto. The trained AI model **20** stored in memory **48** or elsewhere is executed by the electronic processor **44**. The electronic processor **44** uses the ambient temperature signal, the ambient pressure signal, the engine speed signal, and the vehicle speed signal received from the vehicle system **90** to determine a predicted exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) flow signal, a tolerance band σ , and a valid model signal. When the model signal is valid, the value of the predicted exhaust gas recirculation flow signal is compared with the value of the measured and stored exhaust gas recirculation flow signal from the EGR flow sensor **128** as shown by the comparator **80** in FIG. 3. In another arrangement, the electronic processor **44** determines a comparison from input signals received. When the measured EGR flow signal is outside of the tolerance band σ , an anomaly is determined by the electronic processor **44**. When the electronic processor **44** determines that there is an anomaly, the electronic processor **44** operates for storing the anomaly in the memory **48**. In one arrangement, the comparator **80** provides anomalies to the aggregator **84**. The aggregator **84** operates to count and store occurrences of anomalies. When a predetermined number of anomalies occur within a predetermined time, a warning is provided to a technician on a visual display and/or an audio speaker (not shown).

In another arrangement, the comparison device **80** and the aggregator **84** are integrated into the electronic processor **44** and the memory **48** shown in FIG. 2A, and are provided as an anomaly detection software algorithm and a vehicle component failure indication arrangement. The memory **48** store the anomalies and times for occurrence of the anomalies received from the vehicle. The electronic processor **44** operates to indicate failure of a vehicle component depending on a number of anomalies over a period of time. The vehicle component and type of failure can be indicated on visual display **58**. In one arrangement, the vehicle component is an EGR system.

FIG. 5 shows another specific example of a vehicle system **180** for storing and providing vehicle information including vehicle signals of a vehicle. The vehicle system **180** includes a vehicle electronic operating unit **200** that includes an electronic processor **204** (for example, a micro-processor, application specific integrated circuit, etc.), a memory **208**, and an input/output interface **212**. The memory **208** may be made up of one or more non-transitory computer-readable media and includes at least a program storage area and a data storage area. The program storage area and the data storage area can include combinations of different types of memory, such as read-only memory ("ROM"), random access memory ("RAM"), electrically erasable programmable read-only memory ("EEPROM"), flash memory, or other suitable memory devices. The electronic processor **204** is coupled to the memory **208** and the input/output interface **212**. The electronic processor **204** sends and receives information (for example, from the memory **208** and/or the input/output interface **212**). The electronic processor **204** is also capable of storing and retrieving one or more software instructions or modules from the memory **208**, or another non-transitory computer readable medium. The software can include firmware, one or more applications, program data, filters, rules, one or more program modules, and other executable instructions.

The electronic processor **44** shown in FIG. 2A is configured to retrieve from the memory **48** and execute, among other things, software including a trained AI algorithm for performing methods as described herein. The input/output interface **52** retrieves information originally from the vehicle electronic operating unit **200** external to the electronic operating unit **40**. It should be understood that the electronic operating unit **200** may include additional components than those illustrated in FIG. 5 and in various configurations. For example, in some examples, the electronic operating unit **200** includes multiple electronic processors **204**, multiple memories **208**, multiple input/output interfaces **212**, or a combination thereof.

In some instances, the communication bus **216** shown in FIG. 4 is a controller area network (CAN) bus. In some instances, the communication bus **216** is an automotive Ethernet, a FlexRay™ communications bus, or another suitable bus. In alternative instances, some or all of the components of the vehicle may be communicatively coupled using suitable wireless modalities (for example, Bluetooth™ or near field communication connections).

FIG. 5 shows sensors that measure one or more attributes of a vehicle/vehicle internal combustion engine and the environment around the vehicle and communicate information regarding those attributes to the other components of the vehicle using, for example, messages transmitted on the communication bus **216**. The sensors shown in FIG. 5 include, for example, an ambient or environmental temperature sensor **220**, an ambient atmospheric or environmental pressure sensor **222**, an engine speed sensor **224**, a Trb CH actuator sensor **226**, and a boost pressure sensor **228**. In some instances, the listed sensors are similar to or the same as sensor sets used in an electronic stability control (ESC) system and/or a vehicle engine control system. In some arrangements the internal combustion engine is for a gasoline or flex fuel powered vehicle.

In the FIG. 5 arrangement, in operation, signals from the ambient temperature sensor **220**, the ambient pressure sensor **222**, the engine speed sensor **224**, and the Trb CH actuator sensor **226** are retrieved by the electronic processor **44** of the electronic operating device **40** from a memory or storage device, for example, a memory outside of the

vehicle. A wireless or wired connector provides the signals thereto. The trained AI model **20** stored in memory **48** or elsewhere is executed by the electronic processor **44**. The electronic processor **44** uses the ambient or environmental temperature signal, the ambient or environmental pressure signal, the engine speed signal, and the value of the actuator sensor signal Trb CH to determine a predicted boost pressure signal value, a tolerance band σ , and a valid model signal. When the model signal is valid, the value of the predicted boost pressure signal is compared with the actual value of the measured boost pressure signal from the boost pressure sensor **228**. When the signal value is outside of the tolerance band σ , an anomaly is determined and stored in the memory **48**. In one arrangement, the electronic processor **44** operates to count anomalies and when a predetermined number of anomalies occur within a predetermined time, a warning of boost pressure signal failure is stored for reading by a technician scanning the vehicle data.

In another arrangement, the comparison device **80** and the aggregator **84** are integrated into the electronic processor **44** and the memory **48**, and are provided as an anomaly detection software algorithm executed by the electronic processor **44**.

FIG. 6 illustrates a graph **230** directed to properties of the boost pressure signal arrangement shown in FIG. 5. The graph **230** includes properties of the outputs from the sensors and shows the tolerance band σ in shaded region **234**. The bottom of FIG. 6 shows four different time periods **235A**, **235B**, **235C**, **235D** wherein the boost pressure value is not within the tolerance band σ . The amount of time that the measured boost pressure signal **237** is not within the tolerance band is stored in memory **208**. In some arrangements, when the measured boost pressure signal **237** or value is not within the tolerance band for greater than a predetermined time period, a warning or boost pressure failure is stored. At the bottom of FIG. 6 the valid model signal **236** is shown as being valid for the entire time period that is shown. A boost pressure set point **239** is also shown in FIG. 6. The top of FIG. 6 shows engine speed **238** represented by revolutions per minute (rpm) in a range of 2700 rpm to 3500 rpm. The top of FIG. 6 also shows an accelerator pedal position **240** that is provided in a range from zero to 100% of accelerator pedal movement. FIG. 6 also shows the turbocharger actuator signal **242** corresponding to the scale from 0 to 100. Another throttle valve actuator signal **244** corresponds to the scale from 0 to 100. An engine load signal **246** is shown in FIG. 6. FIG. 6 also shows environmental temperature signal **248** in degrees Celsius shown as 0 to 10 degrees on the scale. Finally, FIG. 6 shows environmental pressure signal **250** over time corresponding to a 900 to 1000 hPa scale.

FIG. 7 illustrates a block illustration of a trained exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) ratio artificial intelligence (AI) model **260** that receives multiple vehicle inputs. The multiple vehicle inputs shown include: 1), which represents a modeled pressure at the inlet of a turbocharger turbine (MPT) corresponding to pressure upstream of an exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) valve, 2) a measured pressure in an air intake manifold (MPAIM) of the vehicle that is downstream of the exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) valve, 3) a model fresh air mass flow signal (MAMF) corresponding to a model air mass flow, and 4) a dynamically adapted requested EGR ratio (EGRR) corresponding to an exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) rate setpoint. The EGR artificial intelligence ratio model **260** operates to provide an estimated or predicted exhaust gas recirculation (PEGR) rate.

In training the exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) artificial intelligence ratio model **260** using a model training, as described above with respect to the model of FIG. 7. The model training occurs as follows. All available data is identified and an assessment of the relevance, and quality of the data is made. The data is separated between the training data **264** and testing datasets. An iterative model training occurs where model structure and hyperparameters are selected. The trained model quality is evaluated and validated based on relevant metrics. The iterative process results in many candidate models. Only one model is selected for use. Model selection is based on a quality/complexity tradeoff. Analysis of model performance with test data is performed. The selected model is integrated into the trained EGR artificial intelligence ratio model **260** and formatted as a digital file. The trained EGR artificial intelligence ratio model **260** is provided with or for use by an electronic operating device **40** as shown in FIG. 2A in one arrangement.

In operation, the trained EGR artificial intelligence ratio model **260** is configured to provide an output PEGR that corresponds to the estimated or predicted EGR rate for an EGR system. The trained EGR artificial intelligence ratio model **260** also determines a tolerance band value σ from the plurality of input signals obtained and determines when the model is valid to generate a model valid signal. The predetermined or estimated EGR rate PEGR and the tolerance band also change over time, potentially along with the model valid signal.

FIG. 8 shows a specific example of a vehicle system **280** for storing and providing vehicle information including vehicle signals and modeled input signals. The vehicle system **280** includes an electronic operating unit **300** that includes an electronic processor **304** (for example, a microprocessor, application specific integrated circuit, etc.), a memory **308**, and an input/output interface **312**. The memory **308** may be made up of one or more non-transitory computer-readable media and includes at least a program storage area and a data storage area. The program storage area and the data storage area can include combinations of different types of memory, such as read-only memory ("ROM"), random access memory ("RAM"), electrically erasable programmable read-only memory ("EEPROM"), flash memory, or other suitable memory devices. The electronic processor **304** is coupled to the memory **308** and the input/output interface **312**. The electronic processor **304** sends and receives or obtains information (for example, from the memory **308** and/or the input/output interface **312**). The electronic processor **304** is also capable of storing and retrieving one or more software instructions or modules from the memory **44**, or another non-transitory computer readable medium.

The input/output interface **312** transmits and receives information from the vehicle electronic operating unit **300** (for example, components of the vehicle via a communication bus **316**). It should be understood that the vehicle electronic operating unit **300** may include additional components than those illustrated in FIG. 8 and in various configurations. For example, in some examples, the vehicle electronic operating unit **300** includes multiple electronic processors **304**, multiple memories **308**, multiple input/output interfaces **312**, or a combination thereof.

In some instances, the communication bus **316** shown in FIG. 8 is a controller area network (CAN) bus. In some instances, the communication bus **316** is an automotive Ethernet, a FlexRay™ communications bus, or another suitable bus. In alternative instances, some or all of the

components of the vehicle may be communicatively coupled using suitable wireless modalities (for example, Bluetooth™ or near field communication connections).

FIG. 8 shows arrangements and sensors that measure or determine one or more attributes useful for an exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) system of a vehicle/vehicle engine that includes an exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) circuit that controls an exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) valve, and an exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) bypass valve to provide exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) mass flow and fresh air mass flow that are mixed and output at an exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) rate. Sensors also sense the environment around the vehicle and communicate information regarding those attributes to the other components of the vehicle using, for example, messages transmitted on the communication bus **316**. The arrangement shown in FIG. 8 includes, for example, a model pressure arrangement **320** for determining a model pressure signal MPAIM upstream of an exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) valve, a pressure sensor **322** for sensing a pressure signal downstream of the EGR valve, a fresh air mass flow arrangement **324** to determine a model air mass flow signal, and an exhaust gas recirculation rate arrangement **328** to obtain a requested exhaust gas recirculation rate EGRR. In some instances, the model signals provided by arrangements **320**, **324**, **328** are obtained by a separate trained AI model, different than the trained AI model **260**, that is executed by an electronic processor or other device. In some instances, the vehicle exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) system is for a diesel powered vehicle. In other instances, the vehicle EGR system is contemplated for a gasoline engine. A EGR rate sensor **330** measures an exhaust gas recirculation rate.

In the FIG. 8 arrangement, in operation, stored signals from the model pressure arrangement **320** upstream of the EGR valve, the downstream pressure sensor **322**, the fresh model air mass flow arrangement **324**, and the requested EGR rate arrangement **328** are retrieved by the processor **44** of the electronic operating device **40** from a memory or storage device, for example, a memory outside of the vehicle in one example. The trained EGR AI ratio model **260** stored in memory **48** or elsewhere is executed by the electronic processor **44** of the electronic operating device **40**. The electronic processor **44** uses the pressure sensor **320** sensing a pressure upstream of an EGR valve, the pressure sensor **322** sensing a pressure downstream of the EGR valve, and the fresh air mass flow sensor **324** sensing a fresh air mass air flow signal, and a dynamically adapted exhaust gas recirculation rate setpoint calculated from sensed values.

The model pressure arrangement **320** obtains a model pressure signal MPT for a turbine of a vehicle engine. The downstream pressure sensor **322** provides a pressure signal corresponding to an air intake manifold pressure MPAIM. The fresh model air mass flow arrangement **324** provides a model fresh air mass flow into a mixer of the EGR system to provide a model fresh air mass flow signal MAMF.

The retrieved signals corresponding to the model pressure arrangement **320**, the pressure sensor **322** and the fresh model air mass flow signal from the fresh model air mass flow arrangement **324**, along with the requested EGR rate setpoint EGRR are used by the electronic processor **44** executing the trained EGR AI ratio model **260** to determine an estimated or predicted exhaust gas recirculation rate PEGR, a tolerance band σ , and a valid model signal for the EGR system. In some aspects, other sensed values, such as ambient pressure, ambient temperature and other additional vehicle parameters are used by the electronic processor **44**

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executing the trained EGR AI ratio model **260** by executing an algorithm to obtain the predicted EGR rate PEGR.

FIG. **9** shows a graph **400** of an example that displays the estimated or predicted EGR rate PEGR **410**, a requested EGR setpoint EGRR **420**, and a measured EGR rate **430** retrieved from a memory. In operation, the trained EGR AI ratio model **260** is not valid in certain instances, including when the EGR valve is closed, the EGR valve is ramping from an open loop, and when EGR system limits are reached. FIG. **9**, however shows the model valid signal **434** as valid the entirety of the time period shown. An anomaly **438** only occurs for a small time period. FIG. **9** also shows an error model **440** for the arrangement. The top of FIG. **9** shows an EGR valve position signal **442** corresponding to a percentage that the valve is open. FIG. **9** also shows a measured pressure signal **444** in an air intake manifold wherein the 0-100 scale represents a 1000 hPa to 1500 hPa scale. Model pressure signal **446** at the inlet of a turbo-charger corresponds to a 1000 hPa to 2000 hPa scale. FIG. **9** also shows model air mass flow signal **448**, which corresponds to a 100 mg/hub to 500 mg/hub scale.

In operation, when the EGR AI ratio model **260** is valid, the predicted EGR rate is compared with the measured and stored EGR rate from the EGR rate sensor **330**. When the measured EGR rate is outside of the tolerance band σ (not shown in FIG. **9**), an anomaly is determined by the electronic processor **44**. When the electronic processor **44** determines that there is an anomaly, the electronic processor **44** operates for storing the anomaly in the memory **48**. In one arrangement, the electronic processor **44** operates to count and store anomalies and when a predetermined number of anomalies occur within a predetermined time, a warning is provided to a technician analyzing the vehicle data.

In one arrangement, a comparison device similar to the comparison device **80** shown in FIG. **3** is integrated into the electronic processor **44** and the memory **48** shown in FIG. **2A**, and is provided as an anomaly detection software algorithm. In another aspect, a physical comparison device performs the comparison in place of the electronic processor **44**.

Another vehicle system **480** shown in FIG. **10** is provided for obtaining and storing vehicle information including vehicle signals for a fuel cell thermal system of a fuel cell vehicle. The vehicle system **480** includes an electronic operating unit **500** that includes an electronic processor **504** (for example, a microprocessor, application specific integrated circuit, etc.), a memory **508**, and an input/output interface **512**. The electronic processor **504** is coupled to the memory **508** and the input/output interface **512**. The electronic processor **504** sends and receives information (for example, from the memory **508** and/or the input/output interface **512**) to the electronic operating device **40** for the trained AI model **20** via one or more software instructions or modules, capable of being stored in the memory **508**, or another non-transitory computer readable medium.

FIG. **10** shows sensors that measure one or more attributes useful for an a fuel cell thermal system of a fuel cell vehicle. The sensors shown in FIG. **10** include, for example, a power sensor **520** for sensing power delivered by the fuel cell, an actuator position sensor **522** for sensing an actuator position signal for the fuel cell of the fuel cell vehicle, an ambient temperature sensor **524** for sensing an ambient temperature signal, and a fuel cell temperature sensor **528** for sensing a fuel cell temperature signal. The signals are stored in memory **508** or transmitted to a different memory not provided on the fuel cell vehicle.

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In operation, signals from the power sensor **520**, the actuator position sensor **522**, and the ambient temperature sensor **524** over time, are retrieved by the processor **44** of the electronic operating device **40** from a memory or storage device, for example, a memory outside of the vehicle, in one example. The trained AI model **20** stored in memory **48** or elsewhere is executed by the electronic processor **44** to determine a predicted thermal/temperature fuel cell value for the fuel cell thermal system, a tolerance band σ , and a valid model signal based on the power signal from the fuel cell, the actuator position signal, and the ambient temperature signal. When the model signal is valid, the predicted fuel cell thermal/temperature signal is compared with the measured and stored fuel cell temperature signal from the fuel cell temperature sensor **528**. When the compared value is outside of the tolerance band σ , an anomaly is determined and stored in the memory **48**.

In an arrangement for a fuel cell vehicle, when the measured fuel cell temperature signal is not within the tolerance band for the predicted fuel cell temperature signal as shown by a number of detected anomalies, a fuel cell temperature sensor warning indication is provided on a visual display **58** of the electronic operating device **40**. Besides, the above indications, the electronic operating device **40** is also able to determine sensor failure and other anomalies, such as engine performance anomalies and provide a visual display **58** of other warning indications.

In another arrangement, the fuel cell temperature sensor **528** is a first fuel cell temperature sensor and the vehicle includes a second fuel cell temperature sensor (not shown). When the vehicle component of the first fuel cell temperature sensor is indicated as a failure depending on a number of anomalies over a period of time, use of the first fuel cell temperature is discontinued by the electronic operating device **40** for the trained AI model **20**. In one arrangement, the second fuel cell temperature sensor is enabled for a fuel cell vehicle when the first fuel cell temperature sensor **528** has anomalies.

While FIGS. **4**, **5**, **8** and **10** show certain types of sensors, additional sensors for assisting in the determination of a predicted vehicle signal are contemplated. Such sensors include ascent sensors, descent sensors, towed load sensors, and other types of sensors. Other sensors determine that a vehicle engine or fuel cell is cold or hot, plus environmental conditions, such as altitude and environmental temperature. In one arrangement, the fuel cell vehicle is a hydrogen fuel cell vehicle. Other arrangements are contemplated.

The artificial intelligence (AI) model **20** shown in FIG. **1** is capable of being trained in various computer environments by various microprocessors and computer arrangements. The training data and data sets, such as vehicle sensor data are stored in any type of memory or on a cloud based memory. After training is completed, the trained AI model can be loaded on a plurality of electronic operating devices **40** for use by a technician.

Besides determining the presence of anomalies, the electronic operating device **40** is configured to indicate defective components in a vehicle being scanned. For instance, in one arrangement, when the measured and stored exhaust gas recirculation signal is not within the tolerance band for the predicted EGR signal as shown by a number of detected anomalies, an indication of an EGR system failure is provided as an indication on a visual display of the electronic operating device **40**.

In another arrangement, when the measured boost pressure signal is not within the tolerance band for the predicted boost pressure signal, as shown by detected anomalies, a

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boost pressure signal failure is provided by an indication on a visual display 58 of the electronic operating device 40. In another arrangement, the boost pressure sensor 228 is a first boost pressure sensor and the vehicle includes a second boost pressure sensor (not shown). When the vehicle component of the first boost pressure sensor 228 is indicated as a failure depending on a number of anomalies over a period of time, use of the first boost pressure sensor 228 is discontinued by the electronic operating device 40 for the trained AI model 20 sending a signal to the vehicle. In one arrangement, a second boost pressure sensor is enabled for use by an internal combustion vehicle.

Throughout the above text, sensor or model signals include a stored signal value and a stored time of occurrence of the measured/determined and stored signal value. Measured signals also include a stored signal value and time of occurrence. Thus, both signal values and a time stamp or time of occurrence are generally provided for all of the input vehicle signals and measured vehicle signals set forth above in some arrangements.

The above arrangements are used to provide various methods for determining anomalies. The correlated input signals depend on the type of vehicle signal of interest. While a plurality of sensors are listed in the specification and claims, the arrangements in FIGS. 4, 5, 8, and 10 are inclusive, and may also include additional sensors set forth herein that are not specifically disclosed in the arrangements.

In addition, unless the context of their usage unambiguously indicates otherwise, the articles “a” and “an” should not be interpreted as meaning “one” or “only one.” Rather these articles should be interpreted as meaning “at least one” or “one or more.”

Although certain arrangements, examples, features, and aspects have been described and illustrated, variations and modifications exist within the scope and spirit of the subject matter explained and shown.

What is claimed is:

1. A system for indicating a failure of a vehicle component by determining anomalies for a measured vehicle signal of a vehicle, the system comprising:

a memory that stores a trained artificial intelligence model;

an electronic processor coupled to the memory that executes the trained artificial intelligence model, wherein the electronic processor is configured to:

retrieve a plurality of input signals that are correlated with the measured vehicle signal;

determine a predicted vehicle signal from the plurality of input signals;

determine a tolerance band from the plurality of input signals;

determine whether the model is valid, and when the model is valid generate a model valid signal,

a comparison device that is configured to:

retrieve the predicted vehicle signal, the tolerance band, and the model valid signal,

retrieve the measured vehicle signal, and

determine whether the measured vehicle signal is an anomaly based on the measured vehicle signal, the predicted vehicle signal, the tolerance band, and the model valid signal, and

an aggregator coupled to the comparison device, the aggregator configured to:

count and store times and occurrences of the anomalies; and

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indicate a failure of the vehicle component depending on a number of the anomalies over a period of time.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein the predicted vehicle signal is a predicted exhaust gas recirculation flow signal and the measured vehicle signal is an exhaust gas recirculation flow signal.

3. The system of claim 2, wherein the plurality of input signals includes an ambient temperature signal, an ambient pressure signal, an engine speed signal, and a vehicle speed signal, and wherein the vehicle component is an exhaust gas recirculation flow sensor.

4. The system of claim 1, wherein the predicted vehicle signal is a boost pressure signal for an internal combustion engine and the measured vehicle signal is a measured boost pressure signal, and wherein the comparison device is configured to receive operating conditions of the vehicle.

5. The system of claim 4, wherein the plurality of input signals includes an environmental temperature signal, an environmental pressure signal, an engine speed signal, and an actuator sensor signal, and wherein the vehicle component is a boost pressure sensor.

6. The system of claim 1, wherein the predicted vehicle signal is a predicted fuel cell temperature signal and the measured vehicle signal is a measured fuel cell temperature signal, wherein the plurality of input signals include a power delivered by the fuel cell, an actuator position signal, an ambient temperature signal, and the measured fuel cell temperature signal, wherein the vehicle component is a fuel cell temperature sensor providing the measured fuel cell temperature signal, and wherein the vehicle is a fuel cell vehicle.

7. The system of claim 6, wherein the fuel cell temperature sensor is a first fuel cell temperature sensor and the fuel cell vehicle includes a second fuel cell temperature sensor, and wherein when the vehicle component of the first fuel cell temperature sensor is indicated as the failure depending on the number of anomalies over the period of time, use of the first fuel cell temperature sensor is discontinued, and the second fuel cell temperature sensor is enabled.

8. The system of claim 1, wherein the predicted vehicle signal is a predicted exhaust gas recirculation rate, and the plurality of input signals include a model pressure signal determined for upstream of an exhaust gas recirculation valve, a pressure signal downstream from the exhaust gas recirculation valve corresponding to an air intake manifold pressure, a model fresh air mass flow signal and a dynamically adapted exhaust gas recirculation rate setpoint.

9. A method for indicating failure of a vehicle component by determining anomalies for a measured vehicle signal of a vehicle, the method comprising:

executing a trained artificial intelligence model with an electronic processor by:

retrieving a plurality of input signals that are correlated with the measured vehicle signal;

determining a predicted vehicle signal from the plurality of input signals;

determining a tolerance band from the plurality of input signals;

determining whether the model is valid, when the model is valid generating a model valid signal;

retrieving the measured vehicle signal;

determining whether the measured vehicle signal is an anomaly based on the measured vehicle signal, the predicted vehicle signal, the tolerance band, and the model valid signal;

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counting a number of and storing times and occurrences of the anomalies; and
indicating the failure of the vehicle component depending on the number of anomalies over a period of time.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the predicted vehicle signal is a predicted exhaust gas recirculation flow signal and the measured vehicle signal is an exhaust gas recirculation flow signal, and wherein the vehicle component is an exhaust gas recirculation flow sensor.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein the plurality of input signals includes an ambient temperature signal, an ambient pressure signal, an engine speed signal, and a vehicle speed signal.

12. The method of claim 9, wherein the predicted vehicle signal is a boost pressure signal for an internal combustion engine, and wherein the plurality of input signals includes an environmental temperature signal, an environmental pressure signal, an engine speed signal, and an actuator sensor signal, and wherein the vehicle component is a boost pressure sensor.

13. The method of claim 9, wherein the predicted vehicle signal is a predicted exhaust gas recirculation rate, and the plurality of input signals include a model pressure signal determined for upstream of an exhaust gas recirculation valve, a pressure signal downstream from the exhaust gas recirculation valve corresponding to an air intake manifold pressure, a model fresh air mass flow signal and a dynamically adapted exhaust gas recirculation rate setpoint.

14. The method of claim 9, including a memory coupled to the electronic processor, the memory storing the trained artificial intelligence model.

15. The method of claim 9, wherein the predicted vehicle signal is a predicted fuel cell temperature signal and the measured vehicle signal is a measured fuel cell temperature signal, wherein the plurality of input signals include a power delivered by the fuel cell, an actuator position signal, and an ambient temperature signal, wherein the vehicle component is a fuel cell temperature sensor, and wherein the vehicle is a fuel cell vehicle.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the fuel cell temperature sensor is a first fuel cell temperature sensor and the vehicle includes a second fuel cell temperature sensor, and wherein when the vehicle component of the first fuel cell

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temperature sensor is indicated as the failure depending on the number of anomalies over the period of time, a signal is provided to a vehicle system to discontinue use of the first fuel cell temperature sensor, and to enable use of the second fuel cell temperature sensor for the fuel cell vehicle.

17. A method for indicating failure of a vehicle component of a vehicle, the method comprising:

retrieving a plurality of input signals that are correlated with a vehicle signal;

determining a predicted vehicle signal from the plurality of input signals using a trained artificial intelligence model;

determining a tolerance band from the plurality of input signals;

determining whether the model is valid, when the model is valid generating a model valid signal; retrieving a measured vehicle signal;

determining whether the measured vehicle signal is an anomaly based on the measured vehicle signal, the predicted vehicle signal, the tolerance band, and the model valid signal;

counting a number of and storing times for occurrence of the anomalies, and

indicating the failure of a vehicle component depending on the number of anomalies over a period of time.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the predicted vehicle signal is a predicted exhaust gas recirculation flow signal and the measured vehicle signal is an exhaust gas recirculation flow signal, and wherein the plurality of input signals includes an ambient temperature signal, an ambient pressure signal, an engine speed signal, and a vehicle speed signal.

19. The method of claim 17, wherein the predicted vehicle signal is a boost pressure signal for an internal combustion engine, and wherein the plurality of input signals includes an environmental temperature signal, an environmental pressure signal, an engine speed signal, and an actuator sensor signal.

20. The method of claim 17, wherein the predicted vehicle signal is a predicted fuel cell temperature signal and the measured vehicle signal is a measured fuel cell temperature signal, and wherein the plurality of input signals include a power delivered by a fuel cell, an actuator position signal, and an ambient temperature signal.

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