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Leading novel research to shift Canada's transportation industry to smart electric energy storage systems and fast-charging infrastructures

To keep pace with Canada's ambitious goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030, the automotive industry aims to provide affordable and reliable electric vehicles as an optimized, sustainable transportation solution for personal and mass transit. Yet, the driving range of an electric vehicle is still curbed by the charge of its battery pack. At best, Lithium-ion batteries for electric vehicles currently provide a 300- to 350-kilometre driving range on a single charge, and cost three to four times more than gas-powered vehicles.

Sheldon S. Williamson, PhD, Canada Research Chair in Electric Energy Storage Systems for Transportation Electrification, and Associate Professor in the Department of Electrical, Computer and Software Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, is leading groundbreaking research to extend the overall lifecycle of Lithium-ion batteries in electric vehicles using novel power electronic converter management systems. He is also focused on creating wireless and plugged fast-charging infrastructures for convenient use. Notably, he is spearheading development of the world's first method for charging electric vehicles using solar power and he aims to establish a first-of-its-kind Advanced Storage Systems and Electric Transportation (ASSET) Laboratory, featuring a solar charging station, at UOIT. Motivated to shift Canada's transportation system from fossil fuels to renewables, his research also explores electrifying mass transit using ultracapacitors.

Since joining UOIT in July 2014, Dr. Williamson has been the Founder and Director of the Smart Transportation Electrification and Energy Research (STEER) group. Previously, he was an Associate Professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Concordia University in Montreal. He received his Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering with high distinction from the University of Mumbai in India in 1999. In 2002, he earned his Master of Science and his Doctorate in 2006, both in Electrical Engineering, specializing in Automotive Power Electronics and Motor Drives from the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Noted author and co-author of over 150 papers, and several books and book chapters on electric transportation and energy storage systems, Dr. Williamson has garnered several Best Paper Awards. He is a Senior Member of IEEE and a distinguished lecturer of the IEEE Vehicular Technology Society.

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Associate Editor, IEEE Transactions and Journals
Dr. Williamson is the Associate Editor of the IEEE Transactions of Power Electronics, IEEE Transactions on Industrial Electronics, IEEE Transactions on Transportation Electrification, and the IEEE Journal of Emerging and Selected Topics in Power Electronics.

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