CPS: Medium: Safety Assured, Performance Driven Autonomous Vehicles

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Challenge:

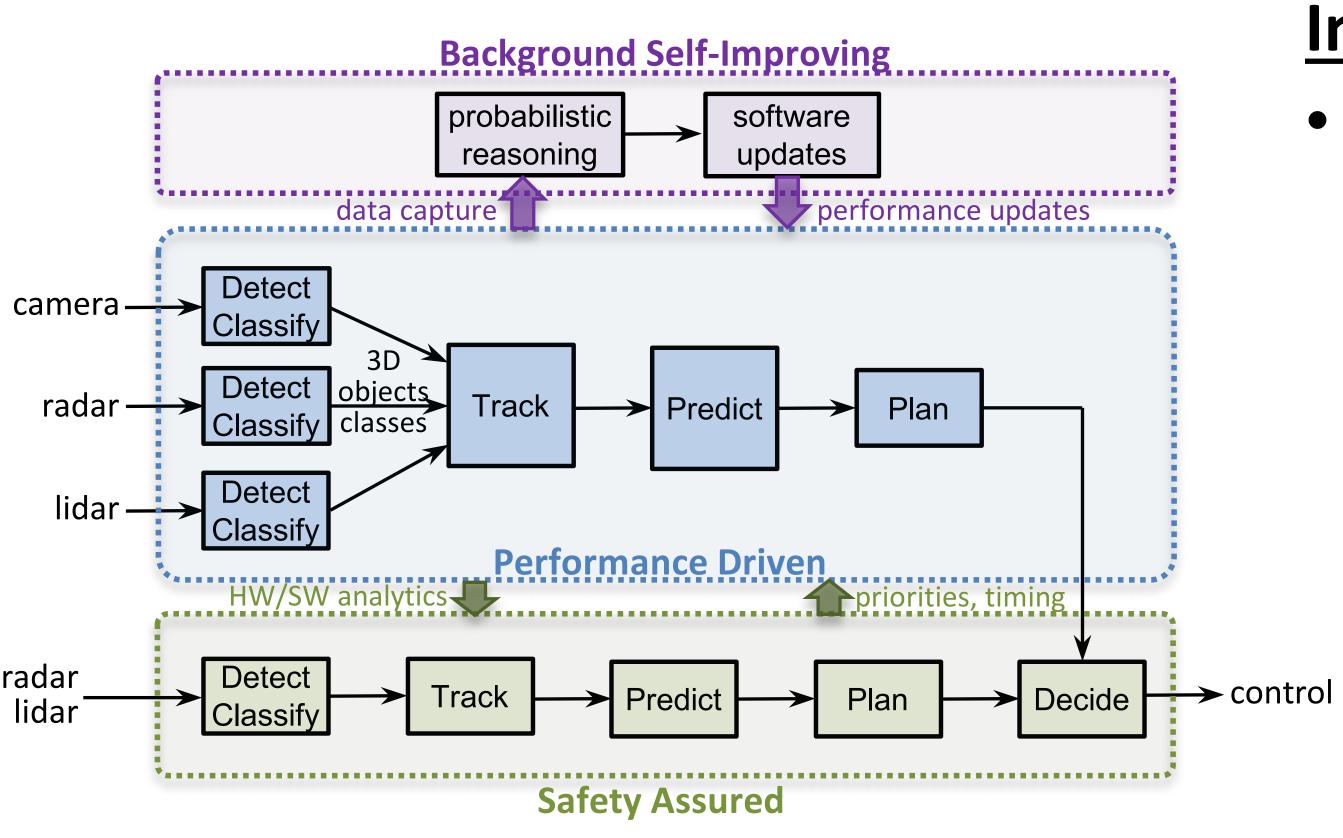
Deployment of autonomous vehicles requires addressing rare events with hardware/software/algorithm solutions:

• perception errors, environmental anomalies, cyber-attacks

Scientific Impact:

- Directly addresses rare events broadly applicable to CPS
- Solutions inherently coupled in HW+ SW/algorithms
- Balance Safety & Performance

Solution: Safety Assured (with guarantees), Performance Driven (adapt), Self-Improving (learn over time) architectures

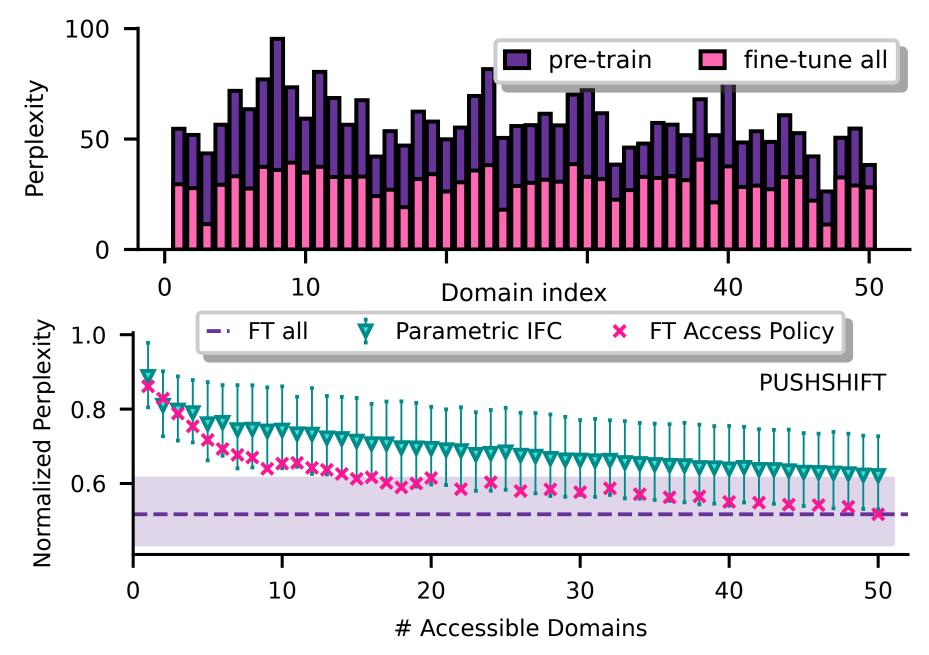


Broader Impact (society):

- CPS with safety/performance reqmts: self-driving cars, delivery robots, etc.
- Enable longer operations with robust solutions to rare events

Information Flow Control (IFC) for ML:

 Remove (unlearn) bad data without full re-training via transformers

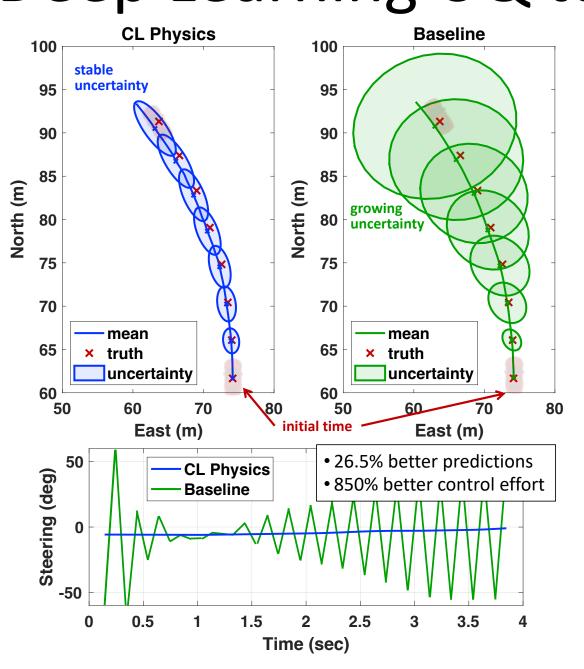


Broader Impact (educ & outreach):

- Data/examples for course projects
- Undergrads: Lab "intersection" to test/validate collisions
- LSAMP, CURIE, CATALYST, 4-H

Physics + deep learning predictions:

- Closed loop, physics driven forecasting
- Deep Learning UQ to detect outliers





Broader Impact (metrics):

- Probabilistic guarantees of safety
- Convergence speed/accuracy of collision probability, contingency plans
- % rare events impacting safety



