

論文題目 #1

# 從閱讀他人論文中尋找自己的研究主題

**Datasets** for Motion Prediction in AD

論文題目：

- A review of trajectory prediction **evaluation metrics** in AV
- A review of trajectory prediction **datasets** in AV

## Recap of Previous Lecture

# • 做研究要有 動機

- 多數的交通意外來自車輛駕駛的**人為疏失**。
- 開發提升安全的**緊急煞車系統**(AEB)，在車輛即將發生碰撞前，自動煞車以減緩車輛的損傷以及乘客的傷害。

# 自動緊急煞車系統 (Automatic Emergency Braking)

AEB是什麼？ AEB全稱Autonomous Emergency Braking主動煞停系統，主要透過感測器（雷達、鏡頭等）偵測前方目標，透過控制器計算危險程度，當駕駛分心時，造成與前車過近，系統藉由聲響或燈號提醒，甚至主動介入達成煞停目的。

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## •Trajectory / Intention Prediction



<https://www.atssa.com/Blog-News/ATSSA-Blog/atssa-issues-recommendations-for-a-vulnerable-road-users-program>

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## Towards trustworthy multi-modal motion prediction: Holistic evaluation and interpretability of outputs

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### Abstract

Predicting the motion of other road agents enables autonomous vehicles to perform safe and efficient path planning. This task is very complex, as the behavior of road agents depends on many factors and the number of possible future trajectories can be considerable (multi-modal). Most prior approaches proposed to address multi-modal motion prediction are based on complex machine learning systems that have limited interpretability. Moreover, the metrics used in current benchmarks do not evaluate all aspects of the problem, such as the diversity and admissibility of the output. In this work, we aim to advance towards the design of trustworthy motion prediction systems, based on some of the requirements for the design of Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence. We focus on evaluation criteria, robustness, and interpretability of outputs. First, we comprehensively analyse the evaluation metrics, identify the main gaps of current benchmarks, and propose a new holistic evaluation framework. We then introduce a method for the assessment of spatial and temporal robustness by simulating noise in the perception system. To enhance the interpretability of the outputs and generate more balanced results in the proposed evaluation framework, we propose an intent prediction layer that can be attached to multi-modal motion prediction models. The effectiveness of this approach is assessed through a survey that explores different elements in the visualization of the multi-modal trajectories and intentions. The proposed approach and findings make a significant contribution to the development of trustworthy motion prediction systems for autonomous vehicles, advancing the field towards greater safety and reliability.

### Index Terms

Autonomous vehicles, multi-modal motion prediction, evaluation, robustness, interpretability, trustworthy AI.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The ability of human drivers to predict the motion of other road agents allows us to anticipate potentially dangerous situations and take preventive actions to minimize safety risks. It also allows humans to perform more efficient and comfortable maneuvers. It is therefore important that autonomous vehicles also have this capability to predict the motion of other road agents in the

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**Evaluation.** There has been a significant surge of interest in trajectory forecasting over the past decade, spawning a diverse set of approaches combining tools from pattern recognition [17]. Accordingly, there have been many associated evaluation metrics that accurately evaluate these methods [6, 18, 19, 20]. Over the years, a variety of metrics have emerged: geometric and probabilistic. Geometric metrics measure a single predicted trajectory to the ground truth, whereas probabilistic metrics (ADE/FDE, NLL, kernel density estimate (KDE)-based NLL [21]) compare

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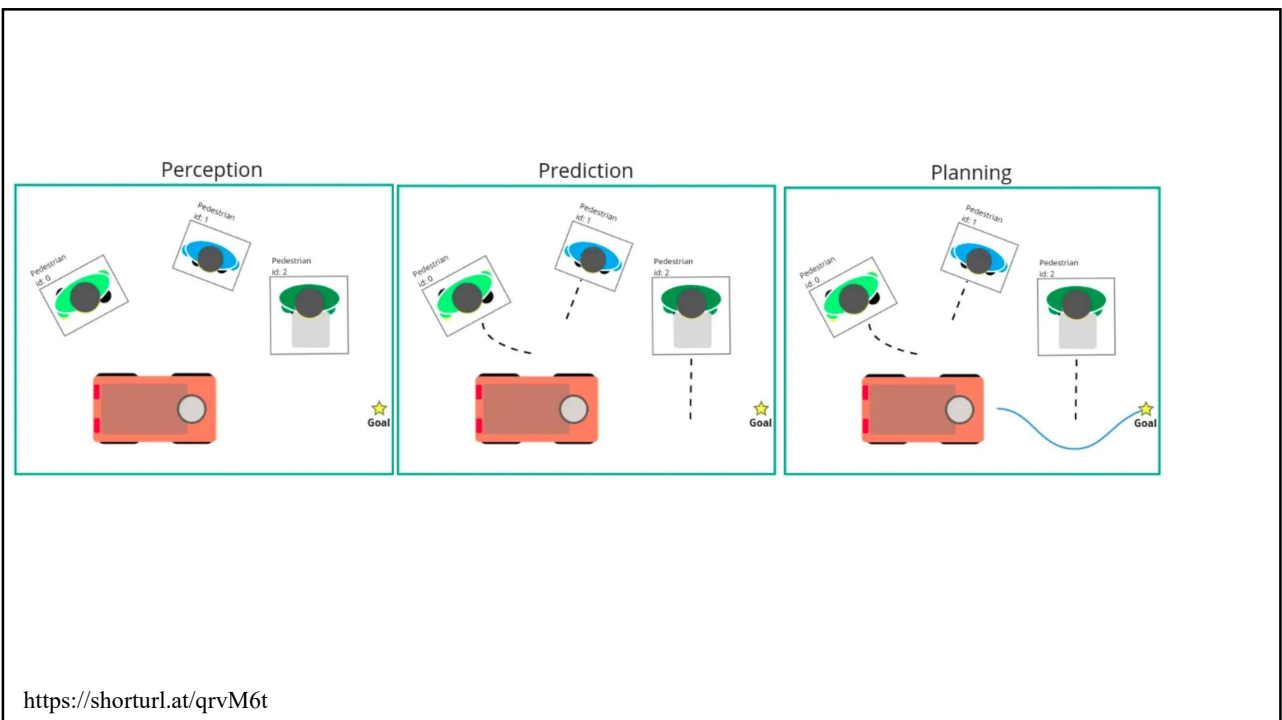
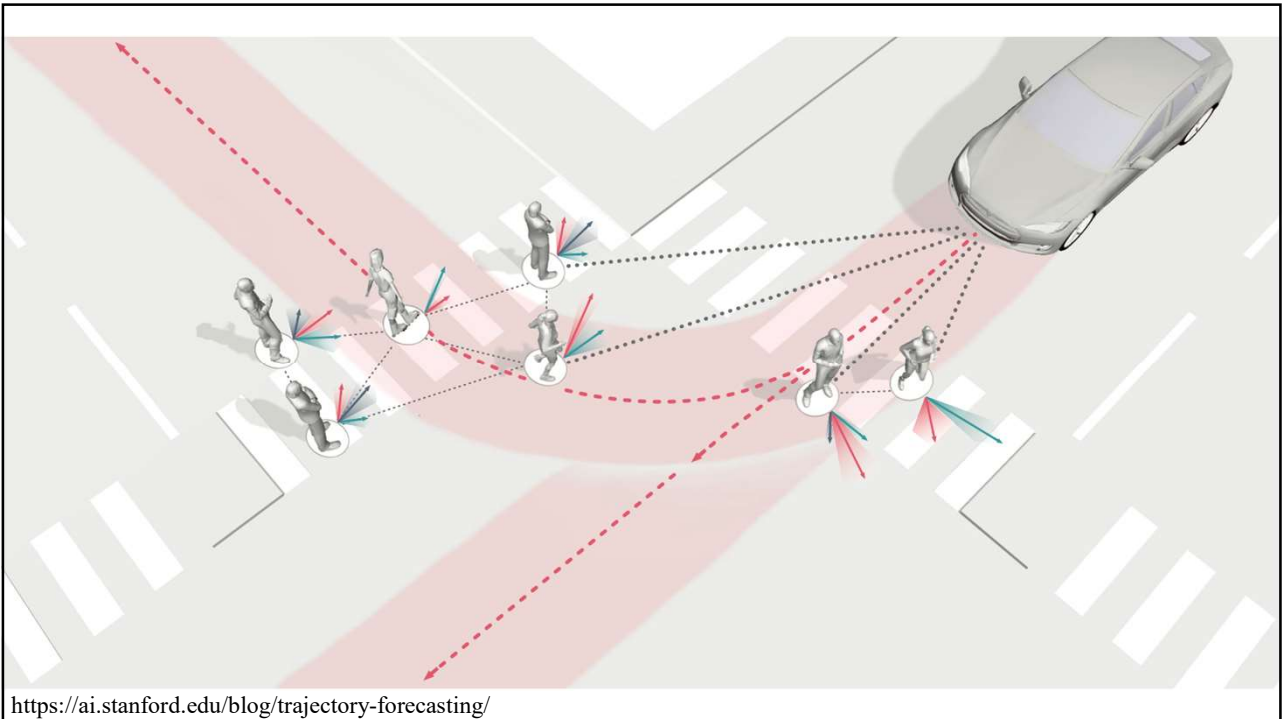
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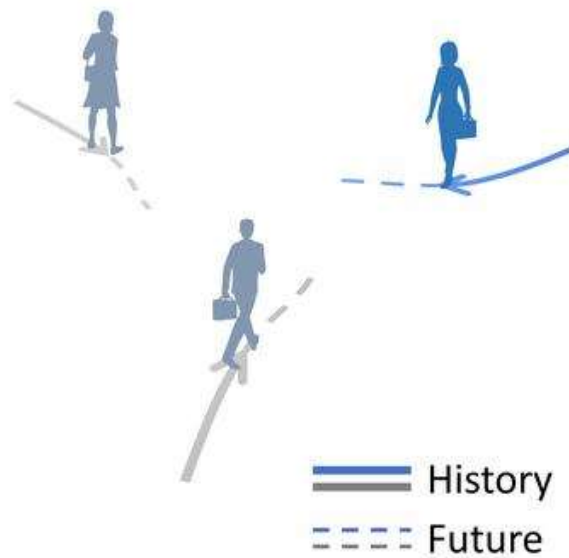
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## Problem Description

Trajectory Prediction





<https://paperswithcode.com/task/trajectory-forecasting>

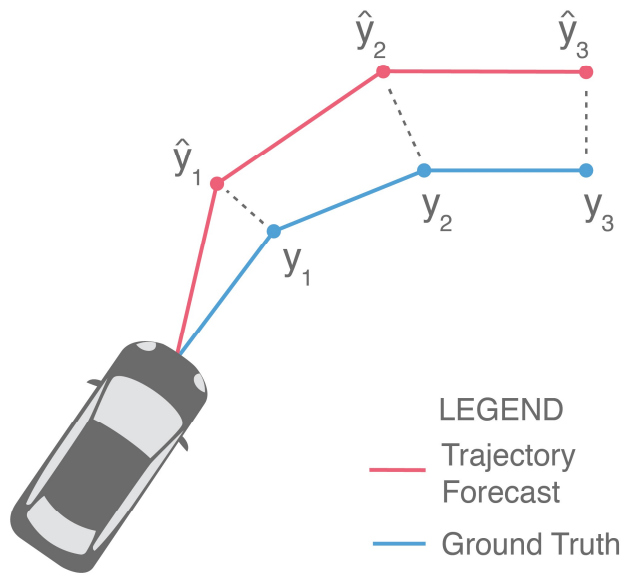
## Performance Evaluation in Trajectory Forecasting

**A**verage **D**isplacement **E**rror (ADE)

**F**inal **D**isplacement **E**rror (FDE)

**min**ADE

**min**FDE



$$ADE(\hat{y}, y) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=1}^T \|\hat{y}_i - y_i\|^2$$

$$FDE(\hat{y}, y) = \|\hat{y}_T - y_T\|^2$$

<https://ai.stanford.edu/blog/trajectory-forecasting/>

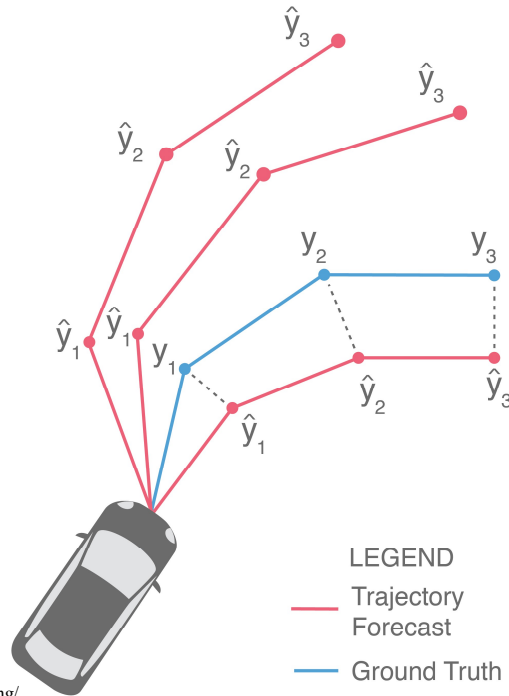


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Best-of-N (BoN)

Multi-modal



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Table 2: Trajectory prediction metrics.

Metric Name	Metric Equation
ADE	$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=1}^T \sqrt{(x_i - \hat{x}_i)^2 + (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}$
FDE	$\sqrt{(x_T - \hat{x}_T)^2 + (y_T - \hat{y}_T)^2}$
minADE	$\min_{k \in K} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=1}^T \sqrt{(x_i - \hat{x}_i)^2 + (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}$
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# Research Gap

Lack of study/insufficient study

Limitation of previous research

## Research Gap of Current Trajectory Prediction

Dataset Accuracy

Accuracy on **fixed datasets**

Prediction Capability

Driving performance in real-world tasks

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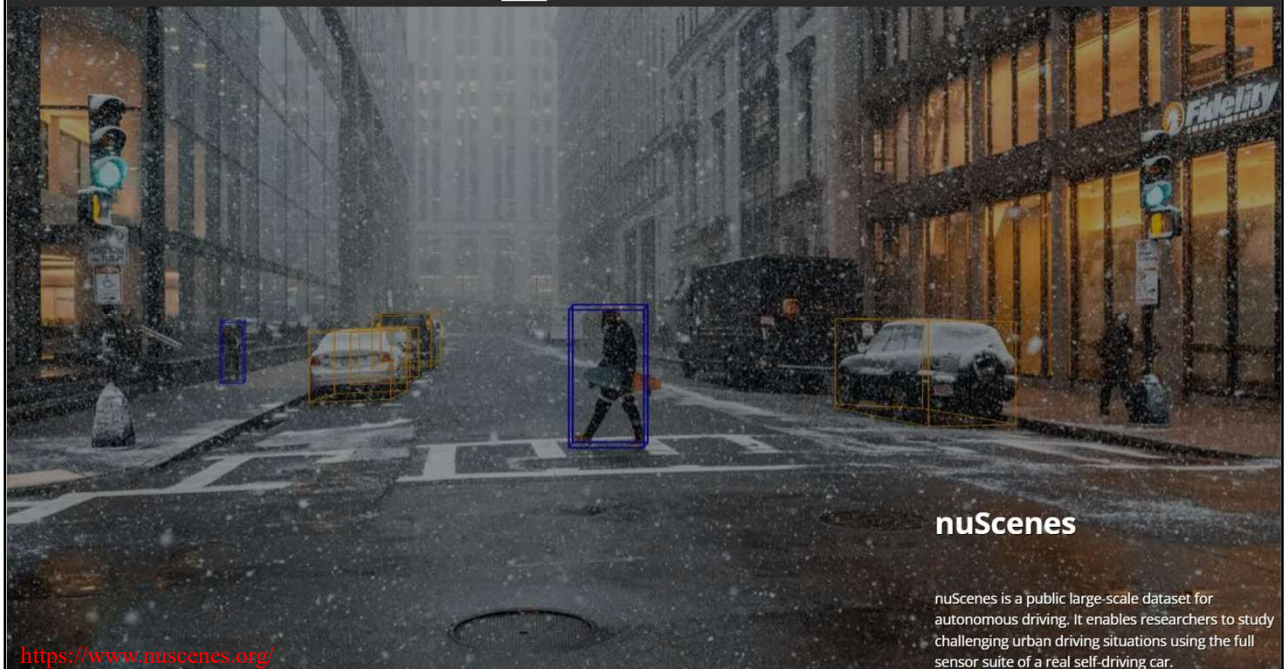
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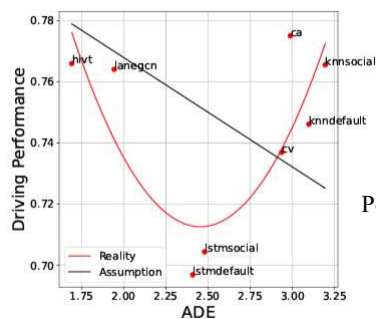
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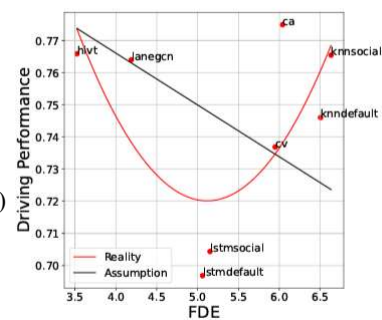
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No strong correlation between current prediction  
evaluation metrics and real-driving performance

ADE vs Driving Performance



FDE vs Driving Performance



Popular belief (BlackCurve)

Real driving performance (RedCurve)



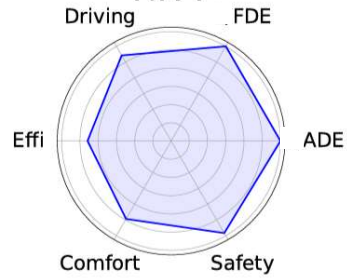
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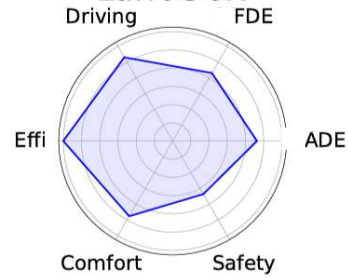
**CA** Constant Acceleration



**HiVT**



**LaneGCN**



**KNN**



**S-KNN**



**LSTM**



**S-LSTM**



## Driving Performance: Two Overlooked Factors

- **Dynamic** gap between the **dataset** and **real driving** scenario
- **Computational efficiency** of prediction models (predictors)
  - Focus only on accuracy fails to address computational efficiency
  - Balance between **computational efficiency** and **prediction accuracy**

## Dynamic ADE/FDE

- An **interactive** simulation environment
- Strong correlation between **Dynamic ADE/FDE** and driving performance

## Two Issues

- Limitation of current trajectory prediction **evaluation** methods
- Task-driven interactive evaluation metrics
  - Effective way to evaluate prediction models for AD by considering dynamics gap

## Related Work

- Modeling **Approach**
  - Physics-based
  - Learning-based
- **Output** Type
  - Intention
  - Single trajectory
  - Multi-trajectory
  - Occupancy map
- **Situational Awareness**
  - Unawareness
  - Interaction
  - Scene
  - Map awareness

Ability to  
incorporate  
**environmental info**



Collision avoidance  
Efficient driving



# Experiment

- 4 model-based, 6 learning-based models with varying output types and situational awareness

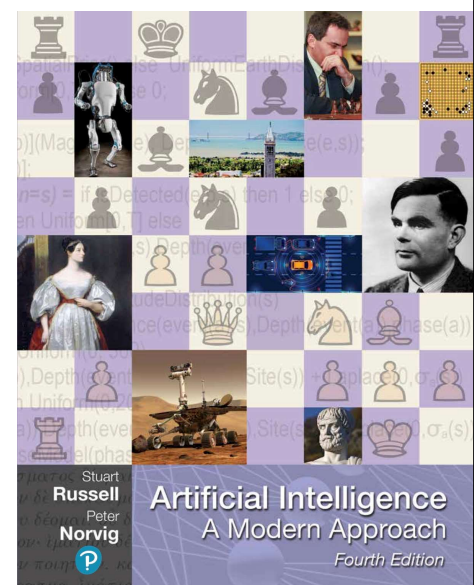
Table 1: Selected prediction methods.

Modeling Approach	Method	Output Type	Interaction Aware	Scene Aware	Map Aware
Model-based	CV [20]	ST	✗	✗	✗
	CA [20]	ST	✗	✗	✗
	KNN [5]	MT	✗	✗	✗
	S-KNN [5]	MT	✓	✗	✗
Data-driven	LSTM	ST	✗	✗	✗
	S-LSTM [1]	ST	✓	✗	✗
	HiVT [27]	MT	✓	✓	✓
	LaneGCN [14]	MT	✓	✓	✓
	HOME [8]	OM	✓	✓	✓
	DSP [26]	MT	✓	✓	✓

\*Abbreviations: **ST**: Single-Trajectory, **MT**: Multi-Trajectory, **OM**: Occupancy Map.

# Planning with Motion Prediction

- State
- Action
- Transition Function
- Planner
- Object function



# Simulator

## What's SUMMIT? [↗](#)



(a) Singapore-Highway



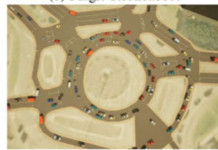
(b) Magic-Roundabout



(c) Meskel-Intersection



(d) Singapore-Highway in SUMMIT



(e) Magic-Roundabout in SUMMIT



(f) Meskel-Intersection in SUMMIT

SUMMIT (Simulator for Urban Driving in Massive Mixed Traffic) is an open-source simulator with a focus on generating high-fidelity, interactive data for unregulated, dense urban traffic on complex real-world maps. It works with map data in the form of OSM files and SUMO networks to generate crowds of heterogeneous traffic agents with sophisticated and realistic unregulated behaviors. SUMMIT can work with map data fetched from online sources, providing a virtually unlimited source of complex environments.

# Evaluation

- Motion Prediction Performance
  - ADE/FDE, minADE/minFDE
- Driving Performance
  - Safety
  - Comfort
  - Efficiency

# Conclusion

- Dynamic Gap
- Computational efficiency of prediction models
- Task-driven interactive evaluation

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Predicting the future behavior of surrounding agents is a necessary capability for modern robotic systems, especially as many autonomous systems are increasingly being deployed alongside humans in domains such as autonomous driving [1, 2], service robotics [3, 4, 5], and surveillance [6, 7, 8]. In particular, there has been a significant interest in trajectory forecasting within the autonomous driving community, with many major organizations incorporating behavior prediction within their autonomous vehicles' software stack [9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16]. As a result, it is important to accurately evaluate the performance of forecasting systems prior to their use.

To date, nearly all works have relied on accuracy-based metrics such as average or final displacement error (ADE/FDE), negative log-likelihood (NLL), and other geometric or probabilistic quantities (see Table 1 of [17] for a comprehensive list, and Figure 1 (a) for illustrated examples). At their core, accuracy-based metrics compare a model's predicted trajectory (or distribution thereof) with the ground truth future trajectory realized by an agent, producing a value that quantifies how similar the two are. Comparing trajectories solely based on accuracy, however, does not consider downstream ramifications, and errant predictions with equal metric inaccuracy can lead to vastly different outcomes, an example of which is illustrated in Figure 1 (b) and (c).

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### 2 Related Work

**Trajectory Forecasting Evaluation.** There has been a significant surge of interest in trajectory forecasting within the past decade, spawning a diverse set of approaches combining tools from physics, planning, and pattern recognition [17]. Accordingly, there have been many associated thrusts in developing prediction metrics that accurately evaluate these methods [6, 18, 19, 20]. Overall, two high-level classes of metrics have emerged: geometric and probabilistic. Geometric metrics (e.g., ADE and FDE) compare a single predicted trajectory to the ground truth, whereas probabilistic metrics (e.g., minimum ADE/FDE, NLL, kernel density estimate (KDE)-based NLL [21]) compare

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Forecasting the behavior of other agents is an integral part of the modern robotic autonomy stack, especially in safety-critical scenarios with human-robot interaction, such as autonomous driving. In turn, there has been a significant amount of interest and research in trajectory forecasting, resulting in a wide variety of approaches. Common to all works, however, is the use of the same few accuracy-based evaluation metrics, e.g., displacement error and log-likelihood. While these metrics are informative, they are task-agnostic and predictions that are evaluated as equal can lead to vastly different outcomes, e.g., in downstream planning and decision-making. In this work, we take a step back and critically evaluate current trajectory forecasting metrics, proposing task-aware metrics as a better measure of performance in systems where prediction is being deployed. We additionally present one example of such a metric, incorporating planning awareness within existing trajectory forecasting metrics.

## Autonomy Stack

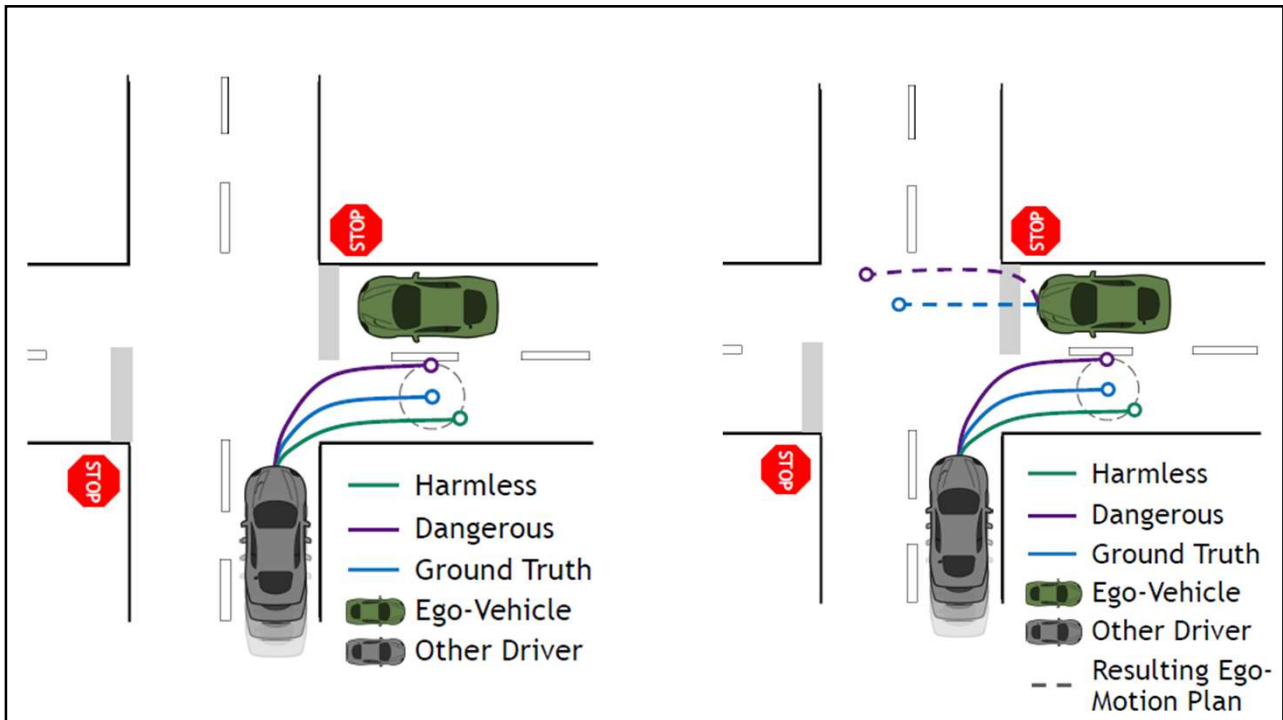
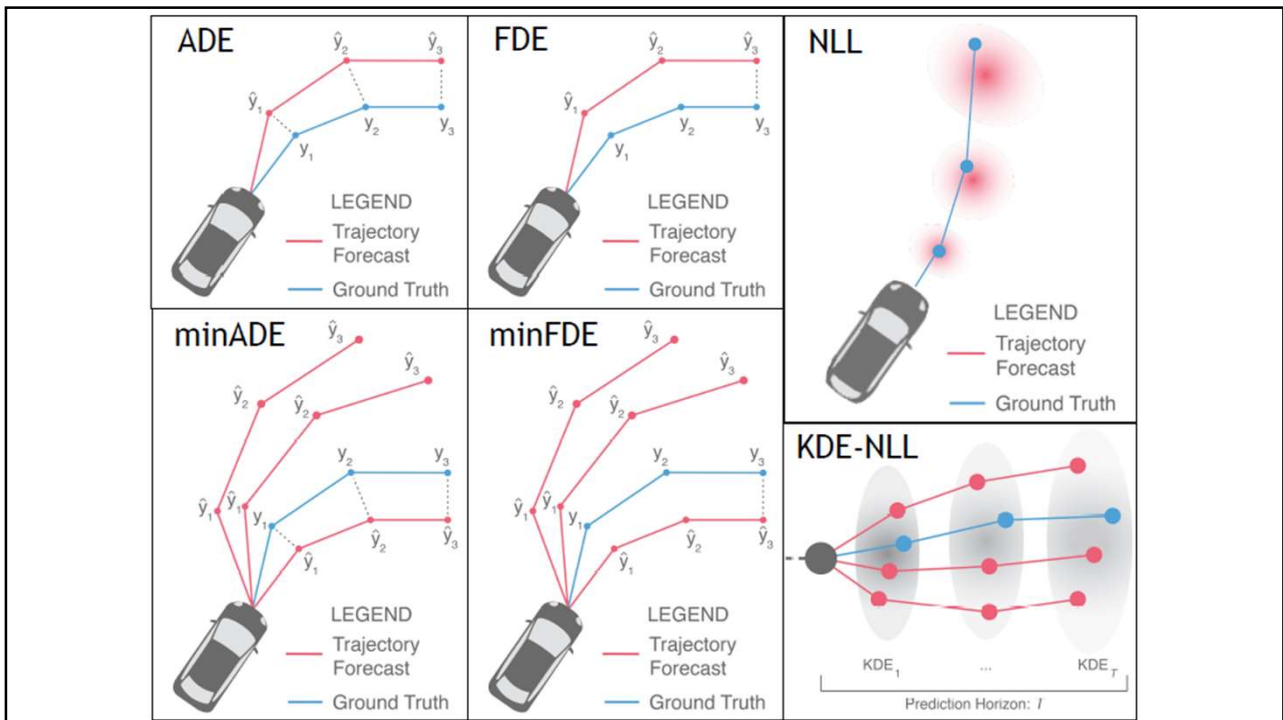
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## Contributions

- Proof of Concept
- Task-aware metrics
- Planning-aware prediction metric

## Related Work

- ADE/FDE
- minADE/minFDE
- Negative log-likelihood (NLL), Kernel density estimate (KDE)-based NLL



## Research Gap

- Existing metrics evaluate the performance of trajectory forecasting methods in **isolation**.
- Handling perception uncertainty
- Integrating prediction and planning **a closed-loop**
- Prediction errors are asymmetric
  - Predictions with the same metric accuracy may lead to vastly different outcomes,

## Related Work

- Task-aware Metrics
  - Planning KL Divergence (PKL)

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## Proposed Task-aware Prediction Metrics

- Able to capture **asymmetries** in downstream tasks
  - Weigh prediction accuracies based on planning influence
  - Learn planning cost function

- Task-aware and **method agnostic**

$$\text{PI-Metric} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{A}|} \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \overset{\text{planning-informed (PI)}}{f(a, |\nabla_{\hat{s}(t:T)} c|)} \cdot \text{Metric}(\hat{s}_a^{(t:T)}, s_a^{(t:T)})$$

- Computational feasible

- **Interpretable**

## Datasets

nuScenes, 2019

Lyft, 2020

Waymo, 2020



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**One Thousand and One Hours:  
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Figure 1: An overview of the released dataset for motion modelling, consisting of 1,118 hours of recorded self-driving perception data on a route spanning 6.8 miles between the train station and the office (red). The examples on the bottom-left show released scenes on top of the high-definition semantic map that capture road geometries and the aerial view of the area.

**Abstract:** Motivated by the impact of large-scale datasets on ML systems we present the largest self-driving dataset for motion prediction to date, containing over 1,000 hours of data. This was collected by a fleet of 20 autonomous vehicles along a fixed route in Palo Alto, California, over a four-month period. It consists of 170,000 scenes, where each scene is 25 seconds long and captures the perception output of the self-driving system, which encodes the precise positions and motions of nearby vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians over time. On top of this, the dataset contains a high-definition semantic map with 15,242 labelled elements and a high-definition aerial view over the area. We show that using a dataset of this size dramatically improves performance for key self-driving problems. Combined with the provided software kit, this collection forms the largest and most detailed dataset to date for the development of self-driving machine learning tasks, such as motion forecasting, motion planning and simulation.

Released Dataset: Self-driving Motion prediction

Name	Size	Scenes	Map	Annotations	Task
KITTI [1]	6h	50	None	3D bounding boxes	Perception
Oxford RobotCar [8]	71h	100	None	-	Perception
Waymo Open Dataset [9]	10h	1000	None	3D bounding boxes	Perception
ApolloScape Scene Parsing [10]	2h	-	None	3D bounding boxes	Perception
Argoverse 3D Tracking v1.1 [2]	1h	113	Lane center lines, lane connectivity	3D bounding boxes	Perception
Lyft Perception Dataset [3]	2.5h	366	Rasterised road geometry	3D bounding boxes	Perception
nuScenes [11]	6h	1000	Rasterised road geometry	3D bounding boxes, trajectories	Perception, Prediction
ApolloScape Trajectory [12]	2h	103	None	Trajectories	Prediction
Argoverse Forecasting v1.1 [2]	320h	324k	Lane center lines, lane connectivity	Trajectories	Prediction
<b>Ours</b>	<b>1,118h</b>	<b>170k</b>	<b>Road geometry, aerial map, crosswalks, traffic lights state, ...</b>	<b>Trajectories</b>	<b>Prediction, Planning</b>

Table 1: A comparison of various self-driving datasets available today. Our dataset surpasses all others in terms of size, as well as level of detail of the semantic map (see Section 3).

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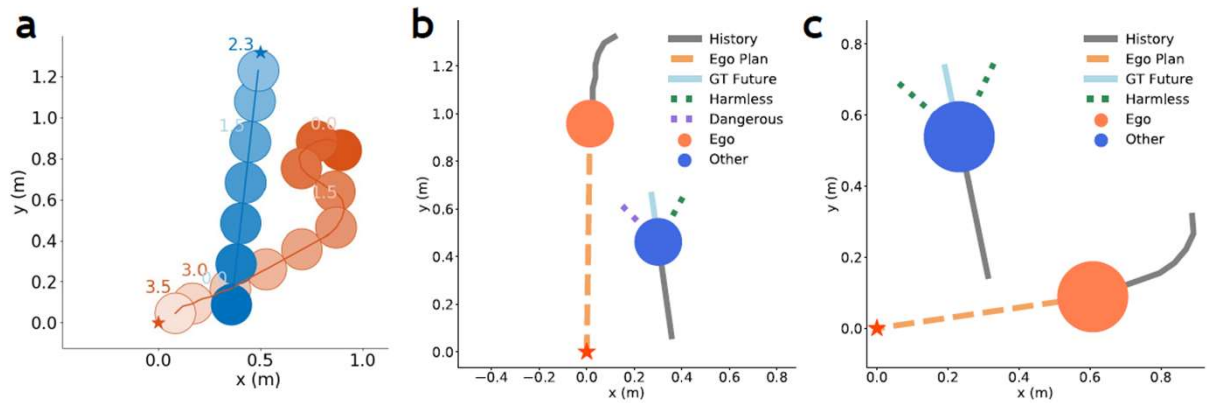


Figure 2: **(a)**. An ego-vehicle (orange) maneuvers to the origin while avoiding other agents (blue), lighter colors occur later. Importantly, our method is able to distinguish between metrically-equal errant predictions in a planning-aware manner. In a head-on scenario **(b)**, planning sensitivities are much higher for predictions that veer into the ego-vehicle's path (purple dashed) compared to those that steer away (green dashed). Further, when it is unlikely that an agent would influence the ego-vehicle's plan **(c)**, our method yields small planning sensitivities for all predictions.

# Conclusion

- Task awareness can be injected into existing metrics
- Enabling task-aware evaluation for other components (detection, tracking)

## Towards trustworthy multi-modal motion prediction: Holistic evaluation and interpretability of outputs

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### Index Terms

Autonomous vehicles, multi-modal motion prediction, evaluation, robustness, interpretability, trustworthy AI.

### I. INTRODUCTION

The ability of human drivers to predict the motion of other road agents allows us to anticipate potentially dangerous situations and take preventive actions to minimise safety risks. It also allows humans to perform more efficient and comfortable maneuvers. It is therefore important that autonomous vehicles also have the capability to predict the motion of other road agents, so that they can apply predictive planning approaches and therefore behave in a more human-like manner.

However, predicting future actions and motions of traffic participants is a very complex task, as the behaviour of road agents is influenced by many different variables and interactions [1], [2]. Furthermore, despite the fact that traffic environments are well structured (e.g. street layout, traffic rules), the number of possible future trajectories for each past trajectory for each agent can be considerable, whether for pedestrians, cyclists or vehicles. That is, the problem is multi-modal in nature.

In order to handle this complexity, most of the computational approaches proposed to address multi-modal motion prediction rely on very complex machine learning models which are far from being interpretable. These models are not at human scale and suffer from the characteristic of opacity (i.e. black-box models). Besides, there is no consensus on the most important

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