# Machine Learning and Safety in Automotive Software

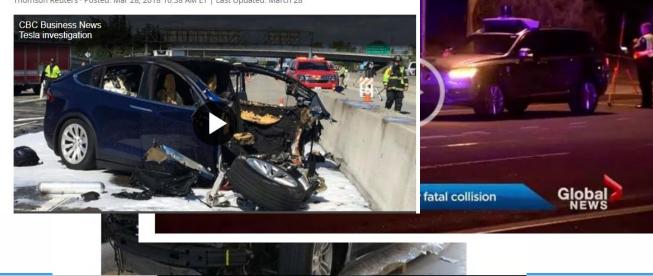
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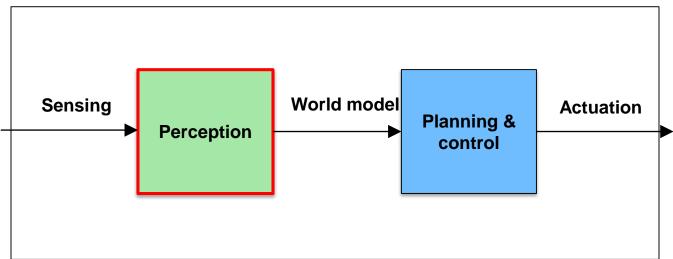


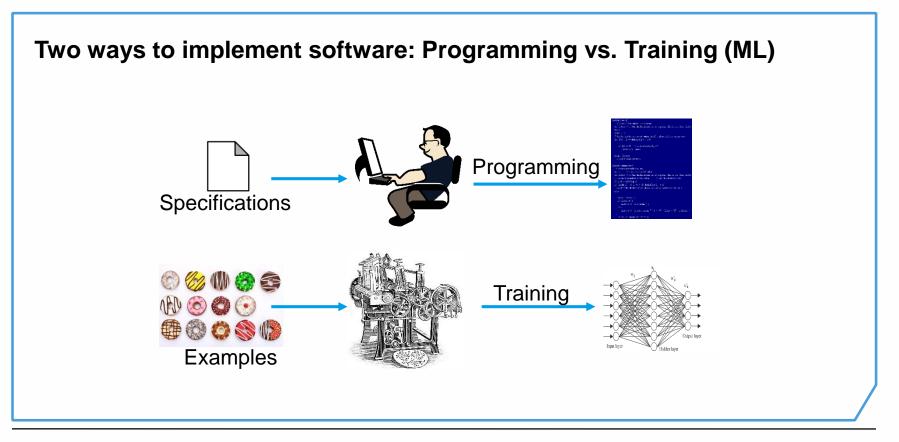
## Agenda – two strategies for safety assurance of ADS and ML

- 1. Hazard-based automotive safety standard (ISO 26262)
  - Will focus on key ML obstacles to V&V
    - lack of specification
    - lack of interpretability
  - Will discuss research directions to address these
- 2. Measurement uncertainty-reduction based (specifically for perception)
  - Identifying factors contributing to uncertainty and methods to address them

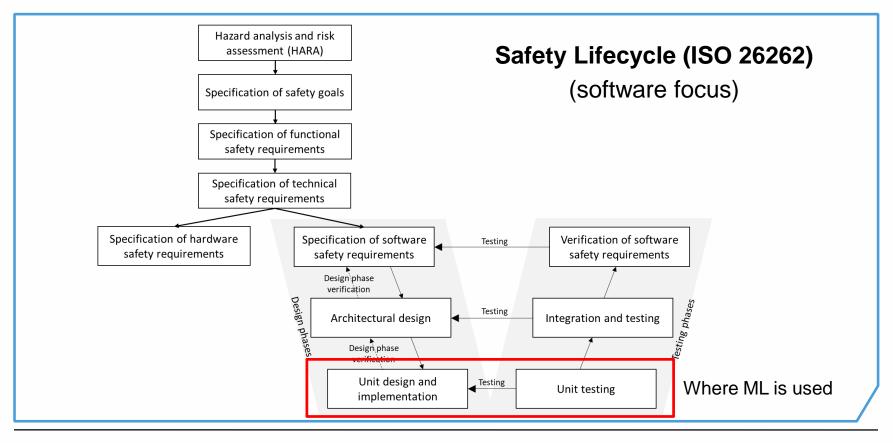
## **Focus on Perception and Supervised Learning**

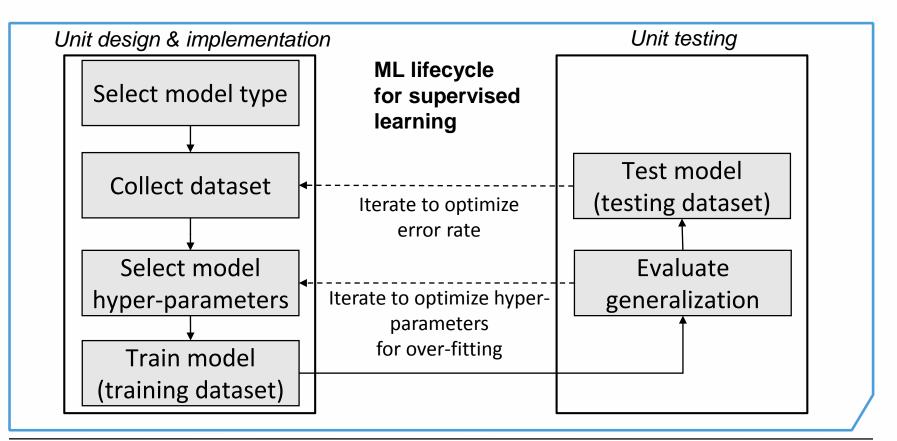






## Safety through a hazard-based automotive safety standard (ISO 26262)







Recommends a *particular level of rigor* in developing safety critical software - different levels for ASIL A-D

- consists of 83 software development techniques (34 at unit level)

Assumption: following the recommendations reduces residual risk of hazard due to SW failure to an acceptable level

## **Best Practices**

#### Table 8 — Design principles for software unit design and implementation

	Methods		SIL			
	metrious	Α	в	С	D	
1a	One entry and one exit point in subprograms and functions <sup>a</sup>	++	++	++	++	
1b	No dynamic objects or variables, or else online test during their creation <sup>ab</sup>	+	++	++	++	
1c	Initialization of variables	++	++	++	++	
1d	No multiple use of variable names <sup>a</sup>	+	++	++	++	
1e	Avoid global variables or else justify their usage <sup>a</sup>	+	+	++	++	
1f	Limited use of pointers <sup>a</sup>	0	+	+	++	
1g	No implicit type conversions <sup>ab</sup>	+	++	++	++	
1h	No hidden data flow or control flow <sup>c</sup>	+	++	++	++	
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1j	No recursions	+	+	++	++	
а	Methods 1a, 1b, 1d, 1e, 1f, 1g and 1i may not be applicable for graphical modelling notations us	ed in mod	del-based	develop	ment.	
b	Methods 1g and 1i are not applicable in assembler programming.					
с	Methods 1h and 1i reduce the potential for modelling data flow and control flow through jumps o	r global v	ariables.			

## Verification

#### Table 9 — Methods for the verification of software unit design and implementation

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	Methous	Α	в	С	D
1a	Walk-through <sup>a</sup>	++	+	0	0
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1e	Control flow analysis <sup>bc</sup>	+	+	++	++
1f	Data flow analysis <sup>bc</sup>	+	+	++	++
1g	Static code analysis	+	++	++	++
1h	Semantic code analysis <sup>d</sup>	+	+	+	+

## Testing

#### Table 11 — Methods for deriving test cases for software unit testing

	Methods		AS	SIL	
	Methous	Α	в	С	D
1a	Analysis of requirements	++	++	++	++
1b	Generation and analysis of equivalence classes <sup>a</sup>	+	++	++	++
1c	Analysis of boundary values <sup>b</sup>	+	++	++	++
1d	Error guessing <sup>c</sup>	+	+	+	+

<sup>a</sup> Equivalence classes can be identified based on the division of inputs and outputs, such that a representative test value can be selected for each class.

<sup>b</sup> This method applies to interfaces, values approaching and crossing the boundaries and out of range values.

<sup>c</sup> Error guessing tests can be based on data collected through a "lessons learned" process and expert judgment.

#### Fault Tolerance

#### Table 5 — Mechanisms for error handling at the software architectural level

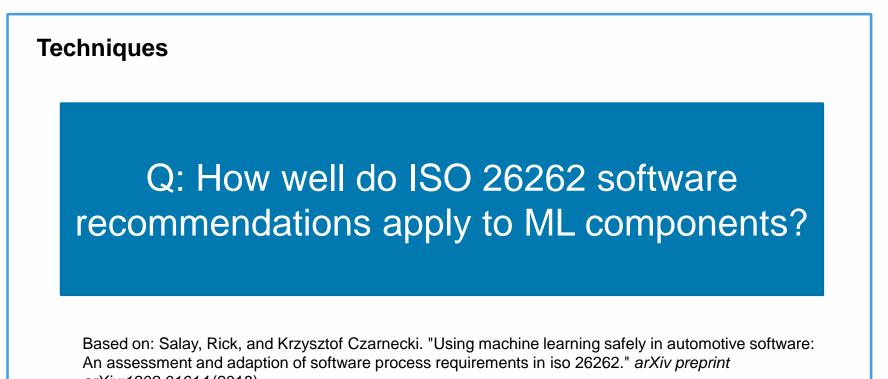
	Methods		AS	SIL	
	Methous	Α	в	С	D
1a	Static recovery mechanism <sup>a</sup>	+	+	+	+
1b	Graceful degradation <sup>b</sup>	+	+	++	++
1c	Independent parallel redundancy <sup>c</sup>	0	0	+	++
1d	Correcting codes for data	+	+	+	+

<sup>a</sup> Static recovery mechanisms can include the use of recovery blocks, backward recovery, forward recovery and recovery through repetition.

<sup>b</sup> Graceful degradation at the software level refers to prioritizing functions to minimize the adverse effects of potential failures on functional safety.

<sup>c</sup> Independent parallel redundancy can be realized as dissimilar software in each parallel path.

	Best Practices	Prevent faults	
nit _ evel	Verification	Find and repair faults	
GVCI	Testing	(and build confidence)	
	Fault Tolerance	Live with faults	
	Assumes	programmed software!	



arXiv:1808.01614 (2018).

#### Software technique classification

## N/A – technique is not applicable to ML Adapt – technique can be applied to ML with some adaptation Use – technique can be used with ML as-is

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1f	Data flow analysis <sup>bc</sup>	+	+	++	++
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1h	Semantic code analysis <sup>d</sup>	+	+	+	+

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#### **Best Practices**

#### Consist of coding guidelines, notation styles, principles

Table 1 — Topics to be covered by modelling and coding guidelines

#### Table 8 — Design principles for software unit design and implementation

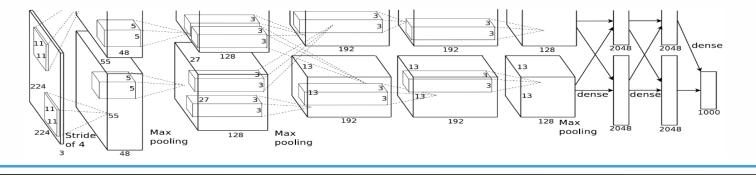
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#### Strongly biased toward (imperative) programming languages!

#### What about ML-specific best practices?

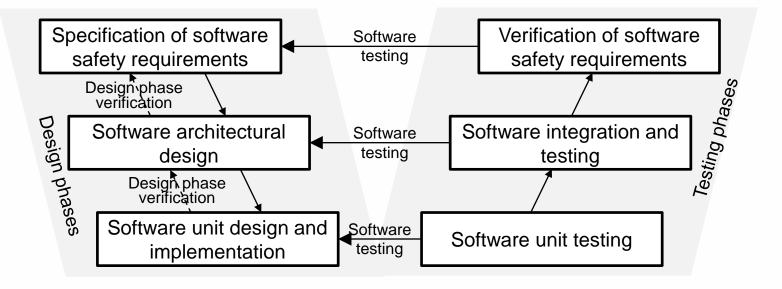
ML has low maturity compared to traditional programming

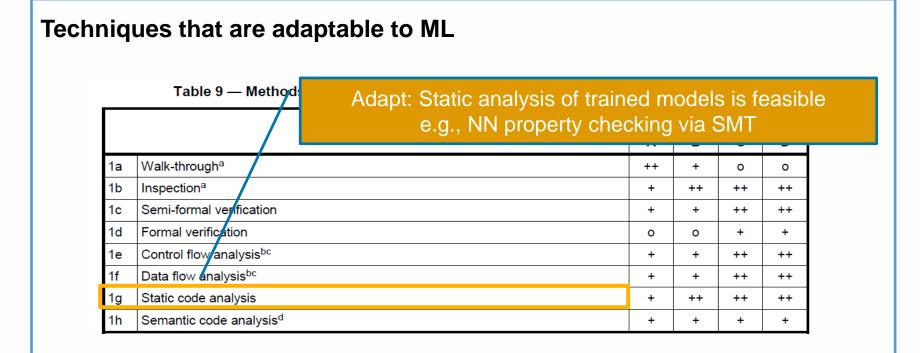
## Best practices are emerging E.g. standardized methods for deep neural networks



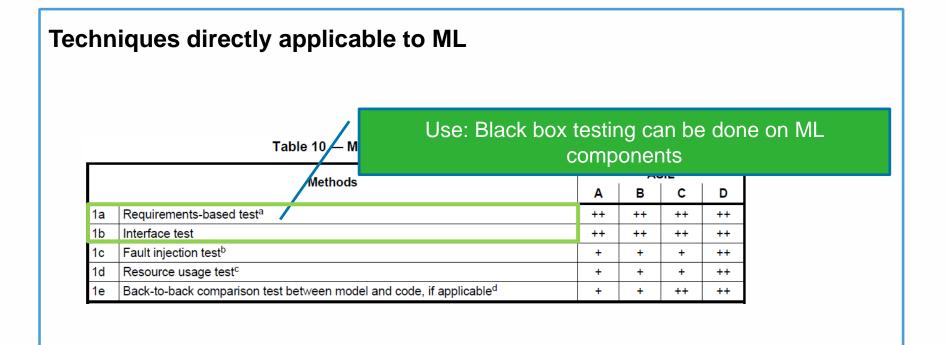
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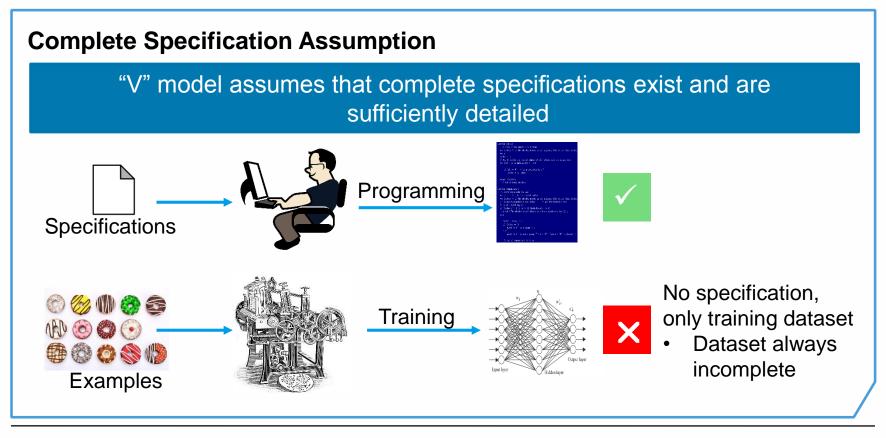
#### "V" Model of Software Development

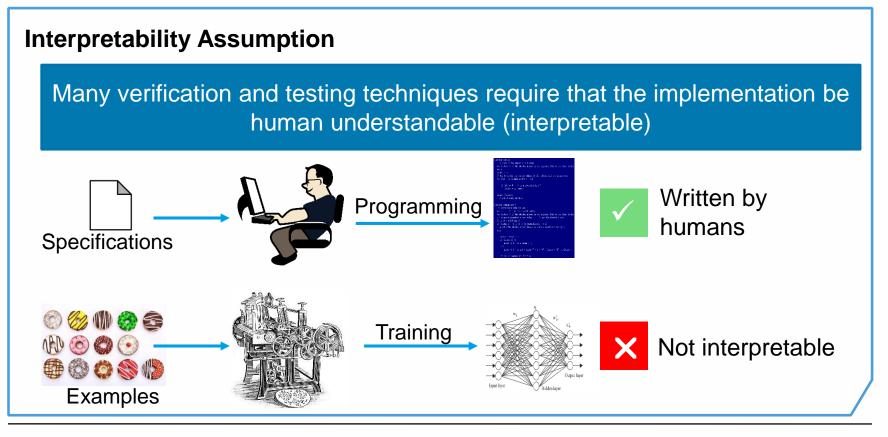




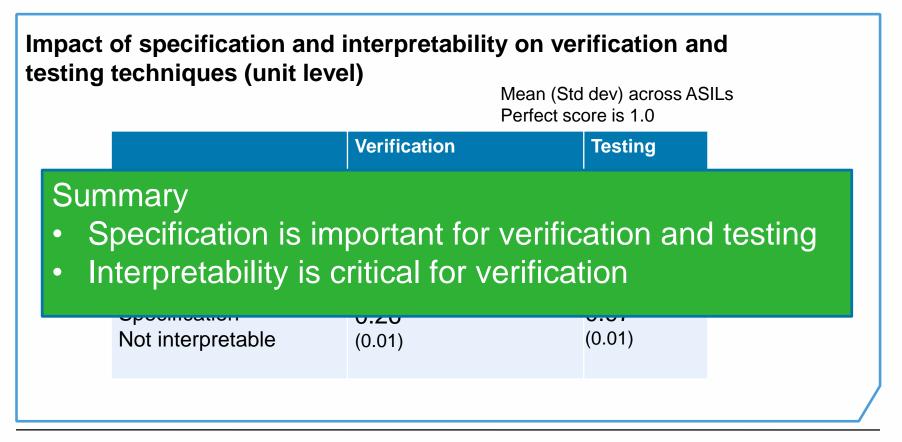
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#### **Complete Specification Assumption**

Is the complete specification assumption reasonable? Not for advanced functionality: ADAS, ADS

## Hard to specify: Perception tasks

e.g., What are complete necessary and sufficient conditions to identify a pedestrian?



Hard to specify: Planning tasks in an open environment



Is the complete specification assumption reasonable? Not for advanced functionality: ADAS, ADS!

No specification => hard to direct a programmer

Conclusion: Machine Learning is preferred approach!

No specification => nothing to verify against!

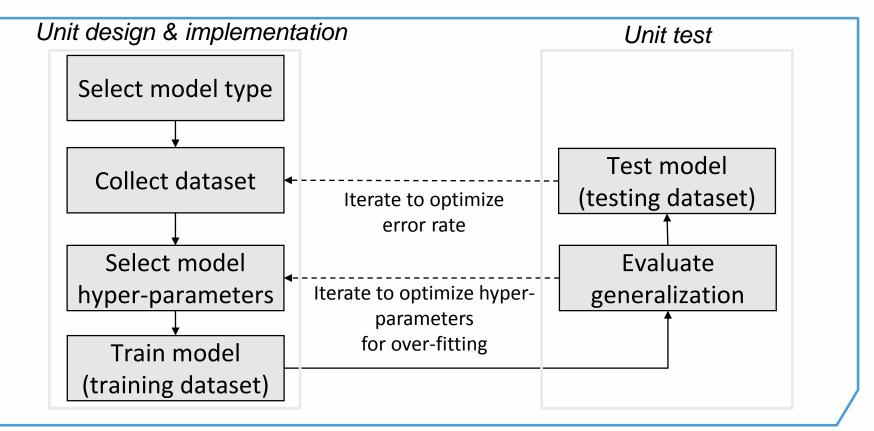
#### **Complete Specification Assumption : How to address?**

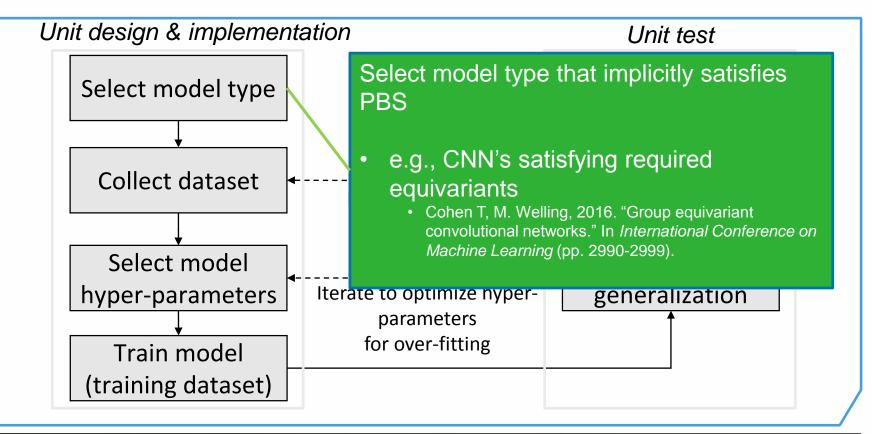
Some specifications with ML components still possible: two kinds

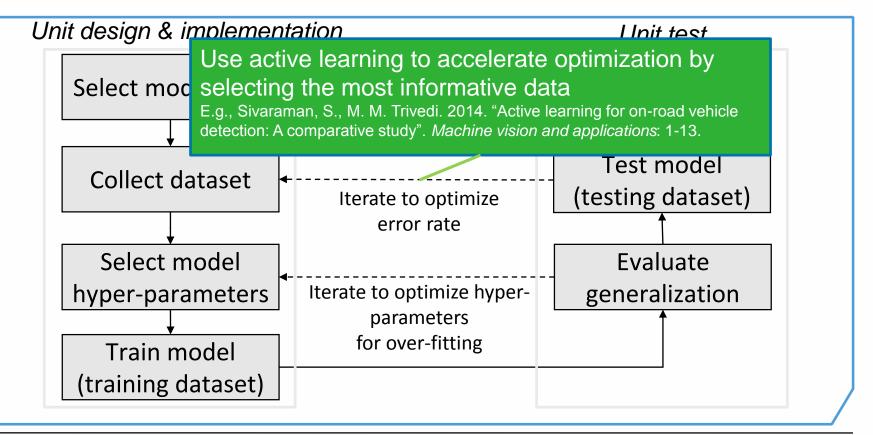
Partial behavioural specifications (PBS)

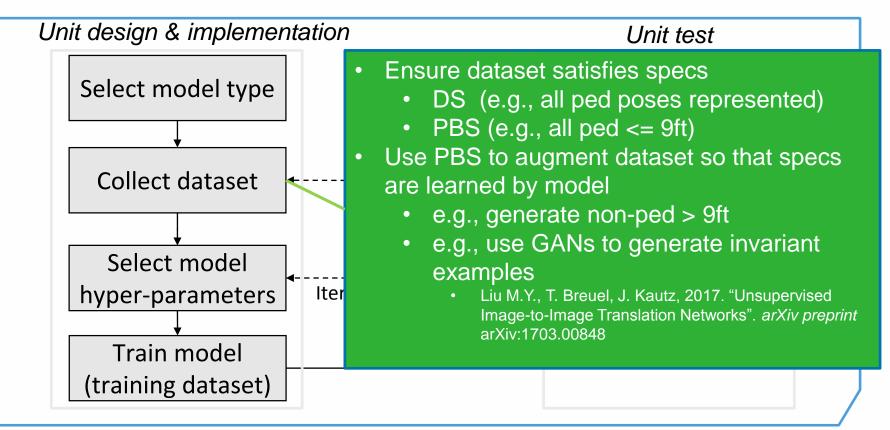
Assumptions e.g. illumination > 15000 lux Necessary/Sufficient conditions e.g., pedestrian < 9 feet tall Invariants, equivariants e.g., classification is invariant to rotation Complete data specifications (DS) Domain coverage requirements e.g., pedestrian equivalence classes

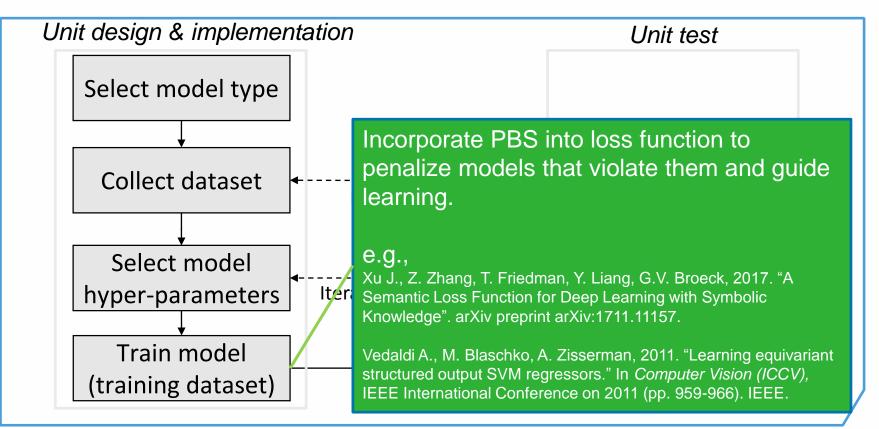
Risk profiling of inputs e.g. severity of misclassifying different subclasses of objects

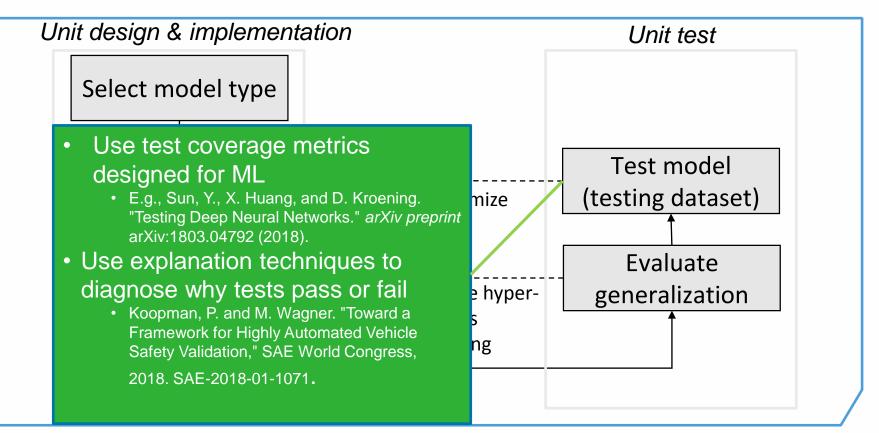


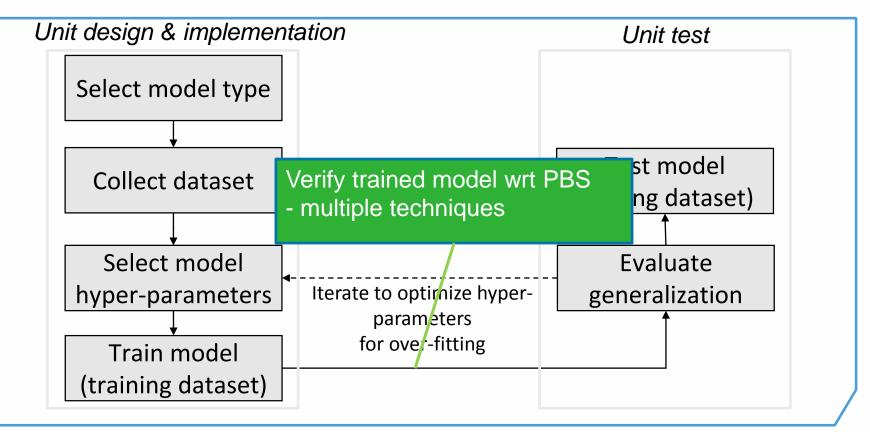












#### **Verification Techniques for ML**

Requires interpretability – use interpretability enhancing techniques discussed below

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#### **Verification Techniques for ML**

#### Combine formal and non-formal techniques

#### e.g. falsification

• Dreossi, T., A. Donzé, and S.A. Seshia. "Compositional falsification of cyber-physical systems with machine learning components." In *NASA Formal Methods Symposium*, pp. 357-372. Springer, Cham, 2017.

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#### **Verification Techniques for ML**

#### Proof that model satisfies PBS

• Seshia, S.A., D. Sadigh, and S.S. Sastry. "Towards verified artificial intelligence." *arXiv* preprint arXiv:1606.08514 (2016).

#### Proof of minimum adversarial attack radius

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#### **Verification Techniques for ML**

#### PBS property checking

- E.g., Katz, G., C. Barrett, D. Dill, K. Julian, and M. Kochenderfer. 2017. "Re-luplex: An Efficient SMT Solver for Verifying Deep Neural Networks". *arXiv preprint arXiv*:1702.01135
   Abstract Interpretation
- E.g., Gehr, T., M. Mirman, D. Drachsler-Cohen, P. Tsankov, S. Chaudhuri, and M. Vechev. "Al<sup>2</sup>: Safety and robustness certification of neural networks with abstract interpretation." In Security and Privacy (SP), 2018 IEEE Symposium on. 2018.

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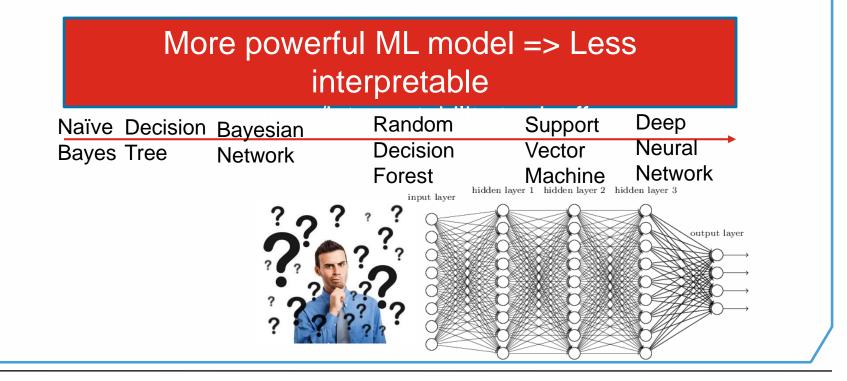
#### **Verification Techniques for ML**

# Translate the model to another semantically equivalent representation for which analysis tools exist

• E.g., Weiss, G., Y. Goldberg, and E. Yahav. "Extracting Automata from Recurrent Neural Networks Using Queries and Counterexamples." *arXiv preprint* arXiv:1711.09576 (2017).

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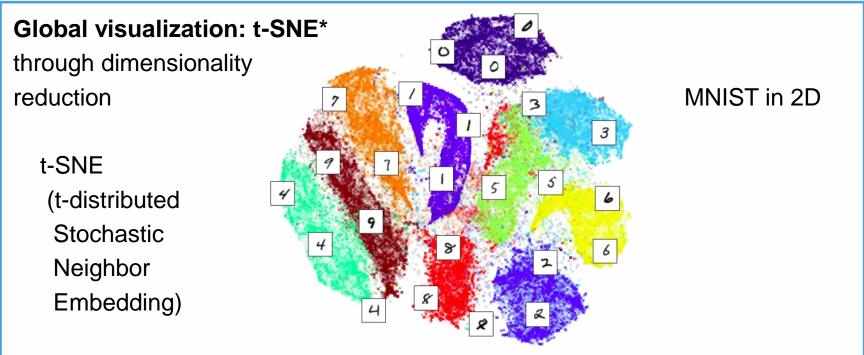
#### **Interpretability Assumption**



Interpretability Assumption : How to address?

Require use of interpretable models or, provide justification why not (safety case) and use interpretability increasing techniques

Model Visualization	Dependency Analysis
Rule Extraction	Natural Language
Saliency Maps	DARPA XAI

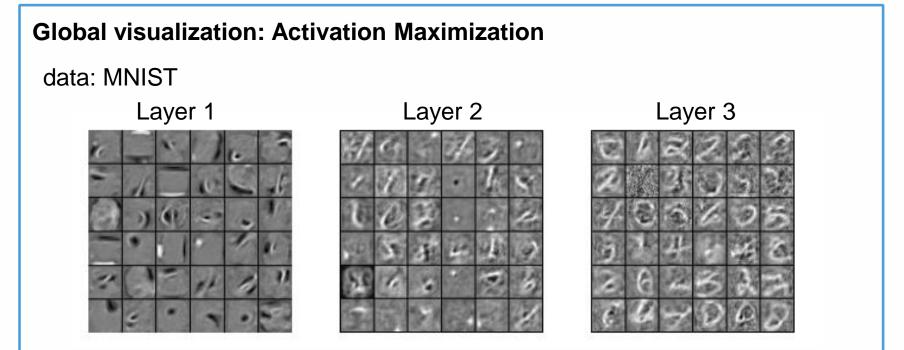


\* Maaten, L. van der, and G. Hinton. "Visualizing data using t-SNE." *Journal of machine learning research* no. 9, Nov (2008): 2579-2605.

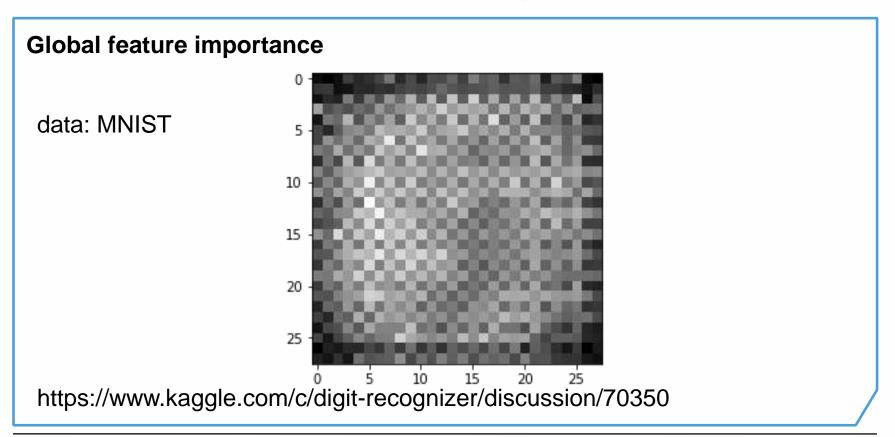
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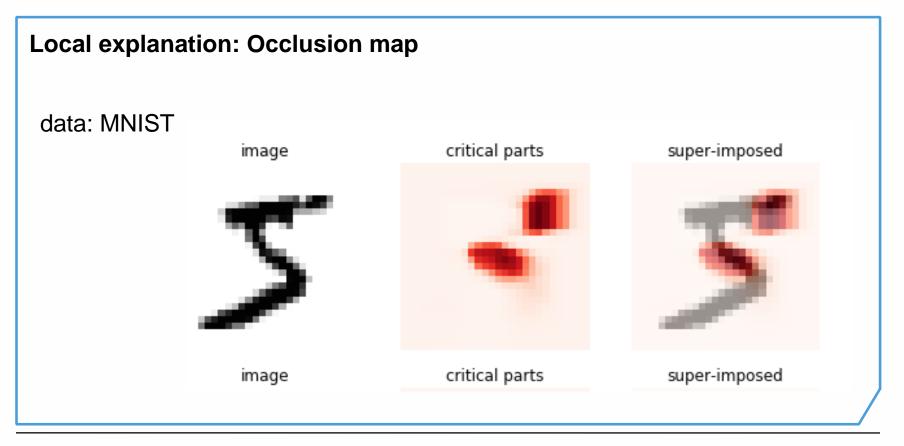
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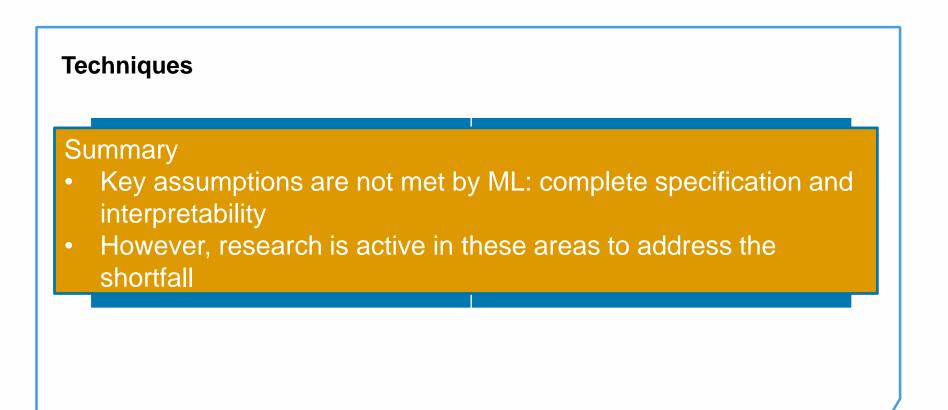
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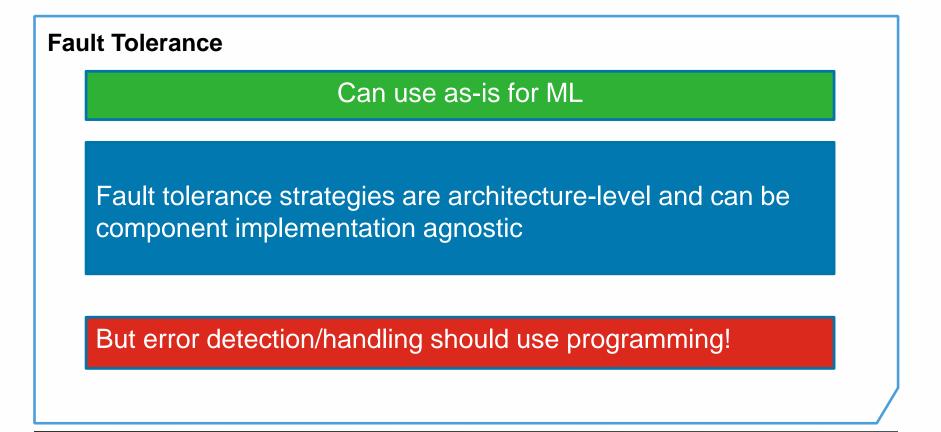
\* Erhan, Dumitru, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, and Pascal Vincent. "Visualizing higher-layer features of a deep network." University of Montreal 1341, no. 3 (2009): 1.







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Verification	
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#### **Some ML-oriented Fault Tolerance Methods**

**Ensemble methods** 

Use multiple classifiers and aggregate their results

Safety envelope

Use ML components only within safe contexts – e.g. to choose among a set of safe actions

#### Simplex architecture

Monitor when ML component is unreliable and switch to a reliable (but usually conservative) non-ML component – requires "uncertainty" check on ML component

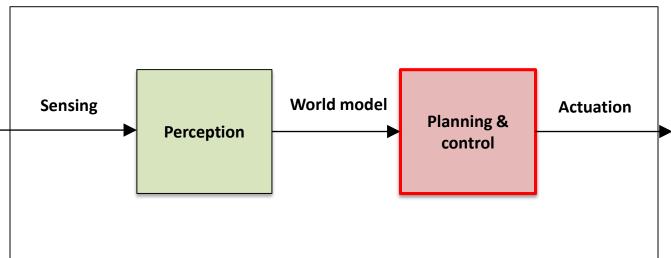
Runtime verification + Fail Safety

Monitor PBS satisfaction and go to fail safe behaviour if PBS is violated at run-time

Summary							
Q: How well do ISO 26262 SW recommendations fit ML?							
Best Practices	Prevent faults	N/A – but ML best practices will emerge (unclear of impact)					
Verification	Find and	Adapt/Use – if specification and					
Testing	repair faults	interpretability problems are addressed (research is active)					
Fault Tolerance	Live with faults	Use – Fault tolerance techniques can be used directly					

# What about planning & control?





Main type of ML in actuation/control: Reinforcement Learning (RL)

- learn an optimal control policy by training with simulation + reward function
- exploration/exploitation trade-off
- leaning could be on-line as well

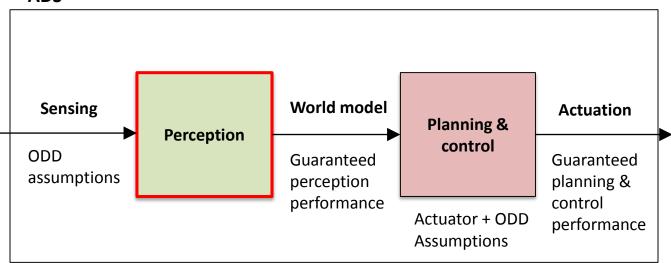
Some unique safety issues:

- e.g., reward function does not incorporate (safety) risk
- e.g., model learns to "game" the reward function
- See: Amodei, D., C. Olah, J. Steinhardt, P. Christiano, J. Schulman, and D. Mane. 2016. "Concrete problems in AI safety". arXiv preprint arXiv:1606.06565.

#### Safety through (Measurement) Uncertainty-Reduction

# **Managing Perceptual Uncertainty in ML**

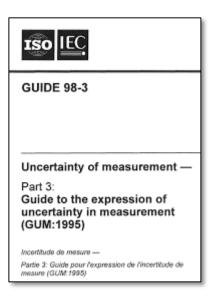




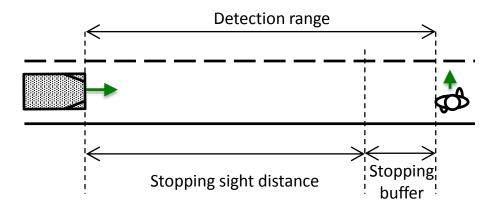
The following slides are based on Krzysztof Czarnecki and Rick Salay. Towards a Framework to Manage Perceptual Uncertainty for Safe Automated Driving. In WAISE, Västerås, Sweden, 2018 https://uwaterloo.ca/wise-lab/publications/towards-framework-manage-perceptual-uncertainty-safe

# Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement (GUM)

- True accuracy unknowable
   Accuracy in ML wrt. test set only
- Must estimate uncertainty



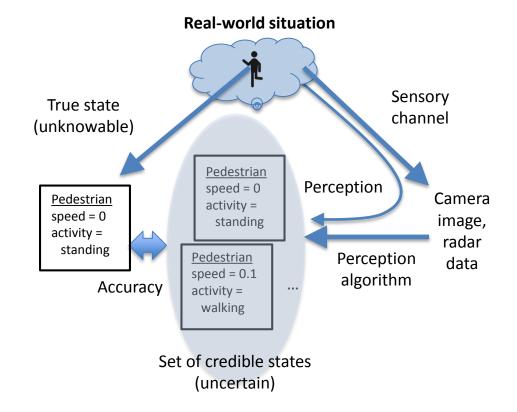
## Sample Scenario-Dependent Perception-Performance Safety-Requirement Spec



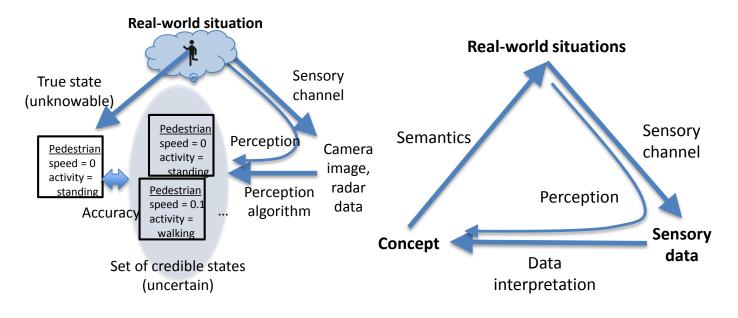
Detect pedestrians on the roadway

within range of 10 m and with maximum perception-reaction delay of 0.5 s with missed detection **probability** of  $10^{-9}$  or less with localization **uncertainty** of  $\pm$  0.5 m or better within ODD conditions

# **Perception Triangle (Instance-Level)**



# **Perceptual Triangle**

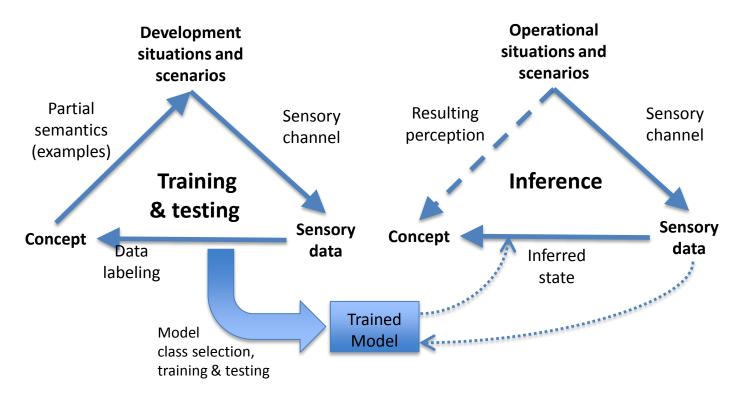


Instance-level

**Domain-level (generic)** 

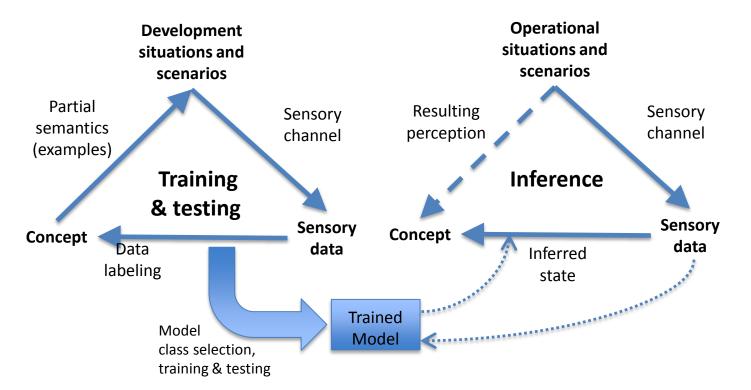
## **Perceptual Triangle When Using Supervised ML**

**Development** 



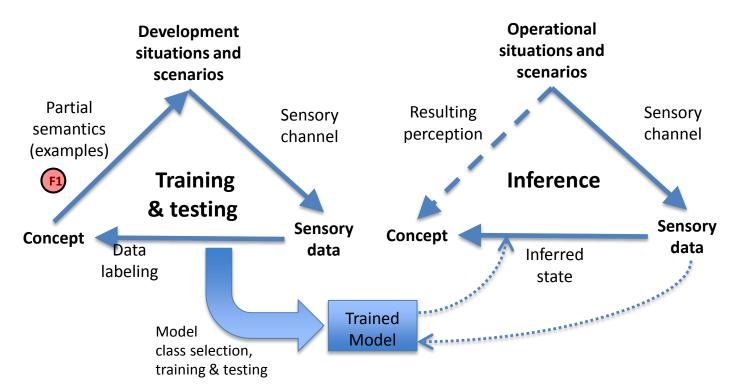
# **Factors Influencing Uncertainty**

**Development** 



# F1: Conceptual Uncertainty

#### **Development**

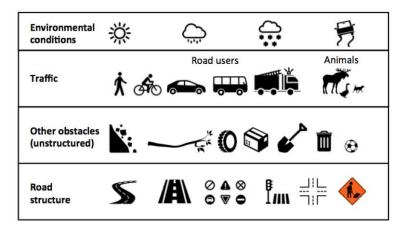


## F1: Conceptual Uncertainty Pedestrian or Cyclist?



## F1: Conceptual Uncertainty

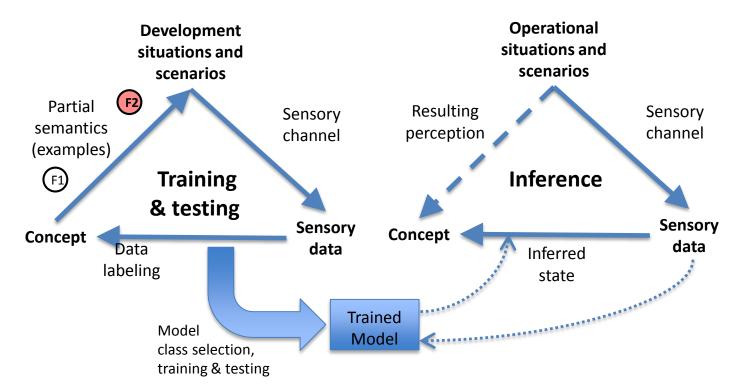
- Assessed by expert review or labeling disagreement
- Reduced by developing standard ontologies
  - E.g., WISE Drive Ontology



https://uwaterloo.ca/wise-lab/projects/wise-drive-requirements-analysis-framework-automated-driving

# F2: Development Scenario Coverage

**Development** 



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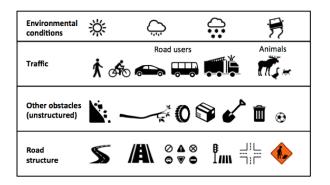






# F2: Development Scenario Coverage

- Assessed with respect to ontologies and field validation targets
  - Must include positive/negative and near-hit/near-miss examples



• Challenge: how much data is enough?

## Synthetic data sets



Angus et al. Unlimited Road-scene Synthetic Annotation (URSA) Dataset, ITCS'18

https://uwaterloo.ca/wise-lab/ursa

# **Active Learning**

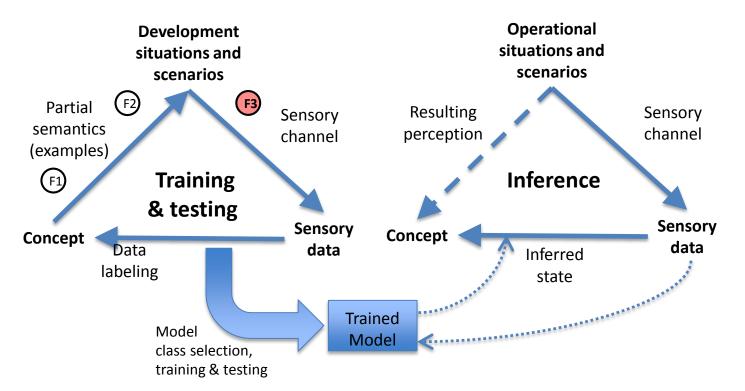
Data selection criteria

- 1. Uncertainty
- 2. Coverage & diversity
- 3. Collection & labeling cost
- 4. Risk profile

# **F3: Scene Uncertainty**

#### **Development**

**Operation** 



#### **F3: Scene Uncertainty**











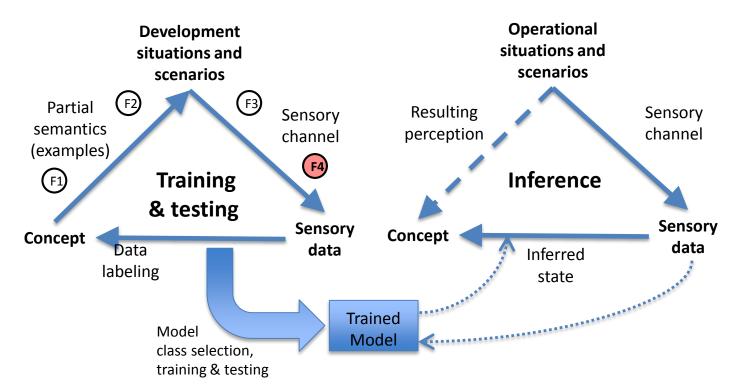
# F3: Scene Uncertainty

- Surrogate measures
  - range, scale, occlusion level, atmospheric visibility, illumination, clutter and crowding level
- May compare test set accuracy and output confidence with these measures
- Also part of development data set coverage

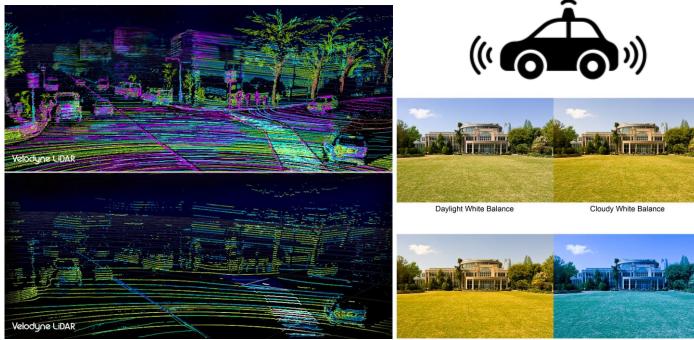
## **F4: Sensor Properties**

#### **Development**

**Operation** 



#### **F4: Sensor Properties**



Shade White Balance

Tungsten White Balance

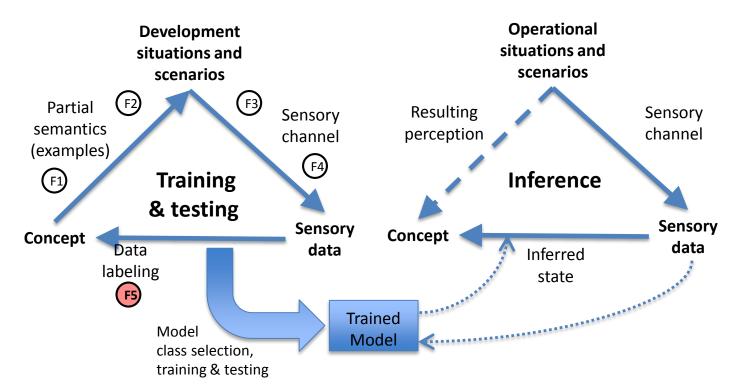
# **F4: Sensor Properties**

- Mature engineering discipline
  - Determining sensor properties to capture sufficient information
  - Mode, range, resolution, sensitivity, placement, etc.
- However, interaction between ML algorithms and sensor properties must be assessed
  - E.g., how effective is ML is ignoring sensor noise or artifacts?

# **F5: Label Uncertainty**

#### **Development**

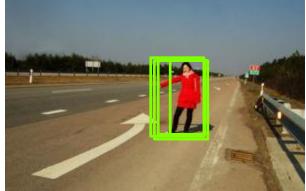
**Operation** 



#### **F5: Label Uncertainty**



Class: cyclist vs. pedestrian



#### Bounding box placement uncertainty



3D bounding box placement is challenging

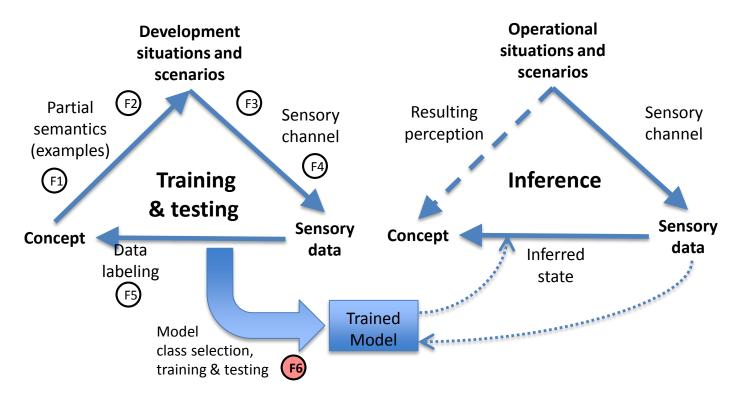
# **F5: Label Uncertainty**

- Assessed by expert review and labeler disagreement
  - Existing research on determining number of labelers in crowd sourcing
  - E.g., may need as many as 6 independent votes
- Reduction measures
  - Conceptual clarity (F1)
  - Quality control
    - Clear instructions, training, verification, etc.
    - Bread and butter of labeling companies

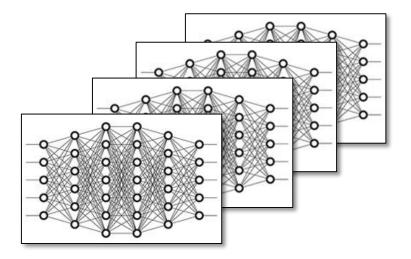
# **F6: Model Uncertainty**

#### **Development**

**Operation** 



### **F6: Model Uncertainty**

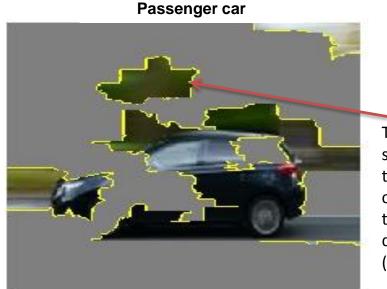


What model was learned in training? What decisions will it make in operation?

# **F6: Model Uncertainty**

- 1. Explanation methods help validate features
- 2. Robustness measures help assess risk of misclassification
- 3. Bayesian deep learning can help assess model uncertainty

#### **Deep Learning and Explanations**



The explanation shows that a tree contributed to the classification decision (method: LIME)

The top 15 features (superpixels) used to classify corresponding input image as a car by an Inception network trained on ImageNet

### **Adversarial Stickers**

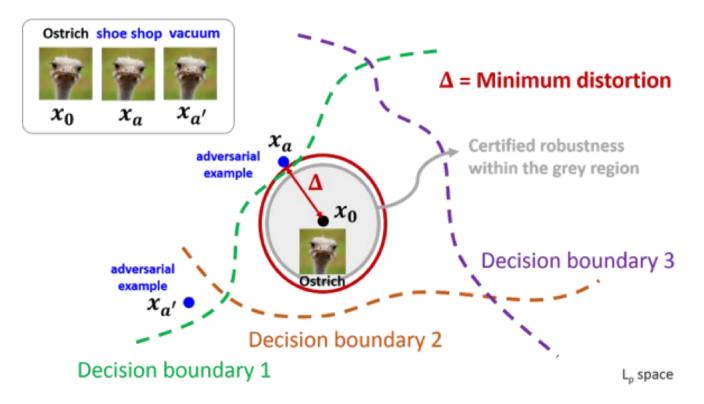




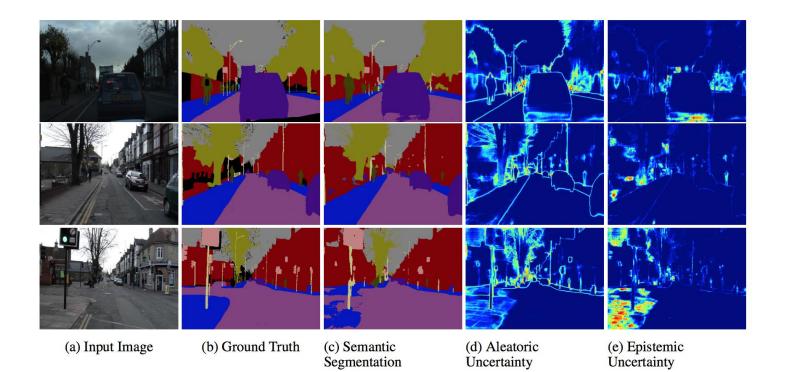


Misclassified as speed signs

#### **Robustness Measures**

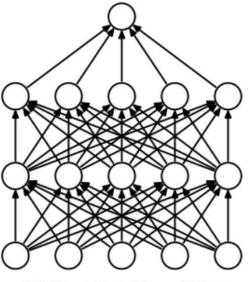


### **Aleatoric and Epistemic Uncertainty**

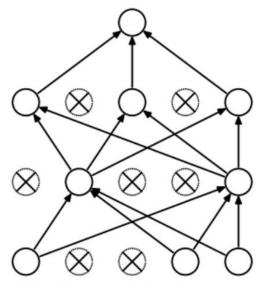


Yarin Gal, et al., https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.04977

### Dropout



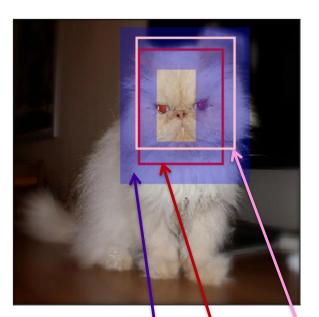
(a) Standard Neural Net



(b) After applying dropout.

# **Methods for Confidence Estimation**

- 1. Model uncertainty using MC Dropout
- 2. Data uncertainty using heteroschedastic regression
- 3. Confidence calibration



Phan, Salay, Czarnecki, Abdelzad, Denouden, Venekar. Calibrating Uncertainties in Object Localization Task. NIPS workshop. 2018, https://arxiv.org/abs/1811.11210 Ground truth Predicted mean box

95% confidence band

#### **F7: Operational Domain Uncertainty**

Development Operation Operational Development Domain shift (F7) situations and situations and scenarios scenarios ( F2) **( F3)** Partial (F3) (F2) Resulting Sensory Sensory semantics channel perception channel (examples) ( F4) F4**)** Inference Training (F1) & testing Sensory Sensory Concept Concept data Data data Inferred labeling state \*\*\*\*\*\*\* (F5) Trained Model Model class selection, training & testing (F6)

# **F7: Operational Domain Uncertainty**





New pedestrian pose



New type of car shape











Camera miscalibration

# **F7: Operational Domain Uncertainty**

- Assess situation novelty at operation time
  - E.g., autoencoders, partial specs
- Assess impact of level of sensor miscalibration on perceptual uncertainty
- Monitor sensor parameters and ODD

#### **Sample Incorrect Detections**



# Thank you

Questions?