

# State Estimation and Motion Prediction of Vehicles and Vulnerable Road Users for Cooperative Autonomous Driving: A Survey

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**Abstract**—The recent progress in autonomous vehicle research and development has led to increasingly widespread testing of fully autonomous vehicles on public roads, where complex traffic scenarios arise. Along with these vehicles, partially autonomous vehicles, manually-driven vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists, and some animals can be present on the road, to which autonomous vehicles must react. This study focuses on a comprehensive survey of the literature on motion prediction and state estimation of vehicles and VRUs, which are essential for path planning and navigation functionalities of an autonomous vehicle. Motion prediction and state estimation methods utilize the vehicle's own sensory perception capabilities and information obtained through cooperative perception from V2V and V2X connections. This survey summarizes the significant progress that has been made in both categories, discusses the most promising results to date and outlines critical research challenges that need to be overcome to achieve full autonomy, from an ego vehicle's perspective in mixed traffic environments.

**Index Terms**—Cooperative autonomous driving, motion prediction, perception, state estimation, vulnerable road users.

## LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACC	Adaptive Cruise Control
AD	Autonomous Driving
ADAS	Advanced Driver Assistant Systems
ADS	Automated Driving System
AP	Average Precision
AV	Autonomous Vehicle
BEV	Bird's Eye View
CACC	Cooperative Adaptive Cruise Control
CAS	Collision Avoidance System
CAVs	Connected Autonomous Vehicles
CCAD	Connected and Cooperative Autonomous Driving
CNN	Convolutional Neural Network
CP	Cooperative Perception

CPN	Cooperative Perception and Navigation
DL	Deep Learning
DSRC	Dedicated Short-Range Communication
FoV	Field of View
HMM	Hidden Markov Model
HOG	Histogram of Oriented Gradients
LoS	Line of Sight
ML	Machine Learning
MLP	Multi-layer Perceptron
NHTSA	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
R-CNN	Regions with Convolutional Neural Network
RoI	Regions of Interest
SLAM	Simultaneous Localization and Mapping
SSD	Single Shot Detector
SVM	Support Vector Machine
SVM-BF	Support Vector Machines-Bayesian Filtering
V2I	Vehicle to Infrastructure
V2V	Vehicle to Vehicle
V2X	Vehicle to Everything
VEC	Vehicular Edge Computing
VRUs	Vulnerable Road Users
YOLO	You Only Look Once

## I. INTRODUCTION

RECENT breakthroughs in deep learning-based computer vision have advanced autonomous driving technology to the next level. The worldwide research and development carried out by academia and vehicle manufacturers has significantly expanded the knowledge base for autonomous driving, reducing the time horizon to deploy fully autonomous vehicles on public roads. This progress, however, has brought forth new problems and challenges arising from the operation of autonomous vehicles in dynamic and heterogeneous traffic scenarios where manually-driven vehicles and partially-automated vehicles will be on the road along with pedestrians, bicyclists, and other VRUs.

A critical challenge facing fully autonomous vehicles is an improper or inaccurate response to the surrounding environment in a driving scenario that may endanger other vehicles or VRUs. This can be because the vehicle has not encountered that specific scenario before, because of detection or classification failure, because of sensor FoV blockage or failure, or because of extreme weather conditions. Take, for example,

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TABLE I  
A SUMMARY OF ADAS AND AV SURVEY PAPERS

Author(s)	Year	Survey Topic(s)
Sivaraman and Trivedi [10]	2013	Vision-based on-road vehicle detection, tracking, and behavior analysis
Lefèvre et al. [11]	2014	Motion prediction and risk assessment for intelligent vehicles
Mukhtar et al. [12]	2015	On-road vision-based vehicle detection and tracking systems for CAS
Paden et al. [13]	2016	Planning and control algorithms for self-driving vehicles in urban traffic/scenario
Gonzalez et al. [14]		Motion planning techniques implemented in intelligent transportation literature
Abboud et al. [15]		DSRC and cellular solutions for V2X communications already adopted and deployed in vehicles by car manufacturers
Bresson et al. [16]	2017	Localization, mapping, and SLAM
Pendleton et al. [22]		Perception, planning, control, and coordination for AVs
Zhu et al. [18]		Environment perception: lane and road detection, traffic sign recognition, vehicle tracking, behavior analysis, and scene understanding
Kuutti et al. [23]	2018	Ego vehicle localization techniques using on-board sensors and information obtained from V2X communication channels and their applicability to AVs
Van Brummelen et al. [24]		Perception, localization, and mapping methods currently implemented in AV research
Schwarting et al. [19]		Integrated perception for behavior-aware planning
Bighashdel and Dubbelman [25]	2019	Path prediction techniques/approaches for VRUs
Montanaro et al. [26]		Connected autonomous driving
Eskandarian et al. [27]		Methods and algorithms for sensing, perception, planning, and control of CAVs
Badue et al. [28]	2020	Architectural autonomy of AVs for perception and decision making
Yurtsever et al. [17]		Localization, mapping, perception, planning, and human-machine interfaces
Feng et al. [29]		Deep multi-modal object detection with semantic segmentation
Yu and Marinov [30]		Obstacle detection in extreme weather and in urban areas
Rasouli and Tsotsos [20]		Pedestrian behavior studies and interaction problems with AVs
Rudenko et al. [21]		Human motion trajectory prediction
Wu et al. [31]		Intrusion detection for in-vehicle networks
Hu et al. [32]		Multi-sensor fusion-based obstacle detection for intelligent ground vehicles in off-road environments
Hu et al. [33]		Research on traffic conflicts based on intelligent vehicles
Pilz et al. [34]		2021
Yeong et al. [35]	Sensor and sensor fusion technology in AVs	

the Tesla on Autopilot's crash in California [1], where the car's sensors could not recognize a parked fire truck on the side of the road. In another crash involving Tesla and Autopilot in Florida [2], the vehicle could not discern a white crossing truck against the bright sky background. There are still many other instances of circumstances leading up to bad decisions, such as the Uber incident [3]. In that case, the vehicle did detect an unknown object, a pedestrian walking with a bicycle, from a distance. As the vehicle approached the unknown object, it first classified that object as a vehicle and later as a bicycle, but it was too late by then. While these incidents highlight the challenges facing autonomous vehicles and the importance of perception failure mitigation, we should not gloss over the incredible progress that has been made in autonomous vehicle research, nor the benefits of having fully autonomous vehicles on the road, given that according to NHTSA, 94% of road accidents are caused by human error [4].

An enormous amount of research work has been carried out to introduce and implement ADAS [5] such as CAS, lane-keeping [6], ACC [7], and CACC [8], [9] to counteract a signal loss, reduce human error and improve vehicle safety. The same is true for the methods and algorithms enabling vehicle autonomy in areas ranging from perception to motion planning and control. Overall, the progress made toward intelligent

transportation systems over the past several years has been reviewed by researchers in different areas, with important surveys listed in Table I each highlighting a core area of research and the advances made in that area; namely, on-road vehicle detection [10], motion prediction and risk assessment [11], vehicle detection techniques for collision avoidance [12], motion planning [13], [14] and control techniques [13], DSRC and cellular solutions for V2X communication for intelligent vehicles [15], localization and mapping [16], [17], environment perception and traffic sign detection [18], perception for behavior-aware planning [19], pedestrian behavior [20] and its motion trajectory prediction [21], etc.

Most of these works only cover a few aspects of connected autonomous driving, which is reflective of the current approach to autonomy that has focused on building small and disparate intelligences that are closed off to the rest of the world. In the current approach, even if several autonomous vehicles are traveling in the same environment at the same time, they each have to carry expensive sensing, navigation, and processing hardware and still, lacking coordination with other road users, they may get into accidents. A future with a mixed traffic of CAVs and other vehicles on the road requires a paradigm shift in communications and coordination, cooperative sensing, and real-time dynamic planning and controls to be effective

TABLE II  
A SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSED EXTEROCEPTIVE SENSORS USED IN AVs

SM	IA	WA	C	A	Benefits	Drawbacks
Standard Camera	Yes	Yes	Lowest	High	Good lane and obstacle detection, object classification, 3D mapping (using a stereo camera), long-range detection, depth information can be extracted	Image processing may become computationally expensive, distance and velocity measurements are not easy, performance degrades in extreme weather conditions, sensitive to scene lighting (except thermal Camera)
Stereo camera			Low			
Thermal Camera	No		Low			
Lidar	Yes		High	High	Direct distance measurement and obstacle detection, large FoV, robust 3D mapping, intensity measurement can lead to lane detection	Poor object classification and indirect velocity estimation, difficulty detecting an object with high reflectivity or in bad weather conditions, difficulty in short-distance measurements
Radar	No	No	Low	Medium	Direct distance and velocity measurement, can operate in extreme weather conditions	Poor object classification, poor performance in short distance measurement and pedestrian and static object detection, susceptible to interference

SM: Sensor Modality; IA: Illumination Affects; WA: Weather Affects; A: Accuracy; C: Cost;

at improving traffic congestion, road user safety, and overall efficiency. This future can be imagined as a multi-lane highway or a city block with a mix of autonomous and manually-driven cars which are communication-enabled, each having a navigation plan, and a generated trajectory and a maneuver of some sort to meet that plan. The autonomous ones have situational awareness by virtue of their sensors, and this awareness can be shared with the surrounding road users within a region or area. This will ultimately improve traffic congestion, minimize driver load, increase the effective usage of on-road vehicles, and improve fuel efficiency. Observing this untapped potential, researchers are moving towards connected and cooperative intelligent transportation systems by merging established and developing technologies from diverse areas. Therefore, the prime objective of this comprehensive study is to connect all the relevant research areas, summarize the existing developments, and highlight the challenges in each area so that a bird's-eye view is available to the new researchers in this field.

This survey begins with a discussion of exteroceptive sensor types used in AVs and a comparison of their range, accuracy, cost, weather performance, and a discussion of each sensor type's drawbacks. We then review DL-based 2D and 3D dynamic object detection methods used in AV research, with a focus on the applications and limitations of these methods. Next, we discuss and categorize different approaches for detection, motion prediction, intent estimation, and behavior analysis of other vehicles and pedestrians from a practical point of view, along with a summary of existing data sets for training, validation, and testing of these methods. We will also highlight open challenges in mixed driving traffic scenarios for future research. Considering the critical nature of perception failure mitigation, in this survey we focus on detection and tracking, state and intent estimation, and motion prediction of dynamic agents and objects an autonomous ego vehicle encounters. In this survey, dynamic agents include pedestrians and other vehicles - primarily passenger cars. The recent emergence of cooperative perception and navigation plays an important role in the development of CAVs, which should ultimately help them take appropriate actions in heterogeneous

traffic scenarios. Therefore, we provide a summary of major developments in cooperative perception and navigation and present an overall analysis of current implementations and their limitations. As CCAD [36] seems a promising approach for the widespread adoption of vehicle autonomy, we think this survey will be beneficial to researchers who are working in or entering this area.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Section II highlights major developments of exteroceptive perception sensors used in AVs, sensor fusion, egocentric dynamic object detection methods using DL and machine intelligence, their limitations, and open challenges. Section III summarizes the state-of-the-art classical methods of state estimation and motion prediction of pedestrians and vehicles. Section IV discusses the progress of cooperative perception for autonomous driving and a detailed analysis of existing implementation issues in AVs. Future research directions are discussed in Section V, and finally, Section VI concludes our review of the literature.

## II. EGO VEHICLE PERCEPTION OF ON-ROAD OBJECTS

An AV's level of intelligence depends on its sensors and the sophistication of the algorithms that interpret information from those sensors. This section first reviews perception sensors commonly used in CAVs, then discusses various object detection methods, and finally highlights the existing challenges of ego-centric object detection.

### A. Perception Sensors

Based on their application, AV sensors can be divided into onboard exteroceptive and proprioceptive or interoceptive sensors. The primary task of exteroceptive sensors is the perception of static and dynamic objects in the surrounding environment and prediction of their motion and behavior. This subsection focuses on exteroceptive perception sensors, particularly camera, lidar, and radar, and discusses their purpose, major advantages and disadvantages, cost-effectiveness, level of uncertainty, and suitability for different weather conditions. A comparative summary of our discussion on these sensors is available in Table II.

170 1) *Camera*: cameras are passive sensors in the sense that  
 171 they do not interfere with other systems or sensors by affecting  
 172 the environment. They can distinguish color, which is critical  
 173 to AVs for recognizing traffic lights and signs, lane mark-  
 174 ings, other vehicles, and pedestrians on the road. A recent  
 175 survey [17] has highlighted the state-of-the-art computer vision  
 176 algorithms utilizing monocular, omnidirectional, and event  
 177 cameras, comparing their advantages and limitations. Though  
 178 event and thermal cameras have drawn some interest for ADS,  
 179 they still suffer from problems arising from scene illumination  
 180 and weather conditions. Another survey paper [27] has detailed  
 181 computer vision-based algorithms for object and traffic sign  
 182 detection. Additional details regarding the performance of  
 183 standard, stereo, and thermal cameras are highlighted below.

184 a) *Standard camera*: standard cameras are cost and com-  
 185 putationally efficient but subject to performance degradation  
 186 due to scene illumination and weather conditions. They are  
 187 mainly utilized for vehicle [10], [37], pedestrian [38]–[40],  
 188 lane marking [41]–[43], and traffic sign [18] detection in AVs.  
 189 360° or omnidirectional cameras can be used to obtain a  
 190 panoramic view for navigation, localization, and mapping [44].  
 191 It is generally difficult to obtain accurate depth information  
 192 from a single camera, but promising studies to improve  
 193 monocular camera-based depth estimation are ongoing.

194 b) *Stereo camera*: depth information from a scene can  
 195 be measured by a stereo camera system, similar to the human  
 196 eye. Stereo cameras are commonly used for 3D mapping,  
 197 better target classification, and long-range detection with better  
 198 detection capacity than standard vision. Image processing of  
 199 stereo cameras is more computationally demanding, and cam-  
 200 era performance suffers in poor weather or lighting conditions.

201 c) *Thermal camera*: thermal cameras are used as stand-  
 202 alone or with standard color cameras in object detection  
 203 to overcome poor lighting [45], [46]. They are effective at  
 204 pedestrian detection in low light conditions [47] and are useful  
 205 for vehicle detection and tracking at night. Information from a  
 206 thermal camera can be fused with data from other sources such  
 207 as standard color cameras and lidar to get depth information  
 208 in normal weather conditions.

209 2) *Lidar*: lidar is a relatively expensive sensor and utilizes  
 210 IR light to measure its distance to targets, outputting a 3D  
 211 point cloud. Lidars calculate target distance through either  
 212 pulse measurement or phase shift measurement. Phase shift  
 213 measurement is used for small distances and has a higher  
 214 accuracy compared to pulse measurement, which is commonly  
 215 used for long-range distance measurement and hence suitable  
 216 for AVs. Lidar is suitable for the identification and recognition  
 217 of road markings, pedestrians, bicyclists, and cars. A per-  
 218 ception process utilizing lidar is generally divided into three  
 219 steps: segmentation, fragmentation clustering, and tracking.  
 220 The range of lidars is generally below 300 m, but is subject to  
 221 performance degradation especially in extreme weather condi-  
 222 tions such as fog and snow. Overall, lidars are most effective  
 223 for mid-near range and multi-target object detection, though  
 224 they cost more compared to other exteroceptive sensors.

225 3) *Radar*: compared to lidar, radar has a lower cost,  
 226 is lightweight, and is small in size, but also has a lower  
 227 accuracy. In AV applications, it is primarily used to measure

TABLE III  
 ONBOARD SENSOR COMBINATIONS FOR SOME AV PLATFORMS [17]

Platform	360° rotating lidar (No.)	Stationary lidar (No.)	Radar (No.)	Camera (No.)
Yurtsever et al. 2020 [17]	1	-	-	4
Boss [49]	1	9	5	2
Junior [48]	1	2	6	4
BRAiVE [56]	-	5	1	10
RobotCar [50]	-	3	-	4
Google car (Pirus) [57]	1	-	4	1
Uber car (XC 90) [52]	1	-	10	7
Uber car (Fusion) [52]	1	7	7	20
Bertha [54]	-	-	6	3
Apollo Auto [53]	1	3	2	2

228 the position and velocity of an object and is more reliable  
 229 in extreme weather conditions than lidar or camera. As its  
 230 performance is not affected by scene illumination, radar can  
 231 also cover some of the shortcomings of camera. Radar is  
 232 good at detecting vehicle-sized objects, but the detection task  
 233 becomes challenging if the object is smaller. Moreover, due  
 234 to its lower resolution precise shape estimation is challenging,  
 235 though fusing with camera images can increase the precision  
 236 and accuracy of such an operation.

237 Research groups and vehicle manufacturers worldwide have  
 238 developed different AV platforms utilizing various sensor com-  
 239 binations, indicating each platform’s approach to achieving  
 240 full autonomy. Among them are not only platforms from  
 241 academia such as Stanford’s Junior [48], CMU’s Boss [49],  
 242 and RobotCar [50], but also commercial ones like the Tesla  
 243 Autopilot [51], Uber Car (Ford Fusion) [52], Apollo Auto [53],  
 244 Bertha [54], and Google’s self-driving car [55]. A summary  
 245 of various full-size AVs and their sensor combination is  
 246 provided in Table III. Some of these platforms prioritize vision  
 247 data while others favor that of lidar, with a few pursuing a  
 248 balance between these two types of perception sensors. Further  
 249 study is needed to understand the optimal number, type, and  
 250 combination of sensors that achieve the best overall perception  
 251 quality and redundancy while maintaining some level of cost-  
 252 effectiveness.

### B. Deep Learning-Based 2D Object Detection

253 Detection, state estimation, and motion prediction of  
 254 dynamic objects on the road is the most challenging task  
 255 facing an AV, as the ego vehicle needs to frequently update its  
 256 path based on the predicted behavior of surrounding objects  
 257 to prevent any hazardous situations. Computer vision research  
 258 over the past few decades has enabled the detection and  
 259 classification of thousands of static and dynamic objects in  
 260 a scene (image frame) [58], first using traditional detection  
 261 methods and from 2012 using DL [59]. This can be seen in  
 262 the road-map of object detection milestones shown in Fig. 1.  
 263 Detection of static objects has allowed AVs to understand  
 264 traffic signs and traffic lights and obey basic driving rules.  
 265



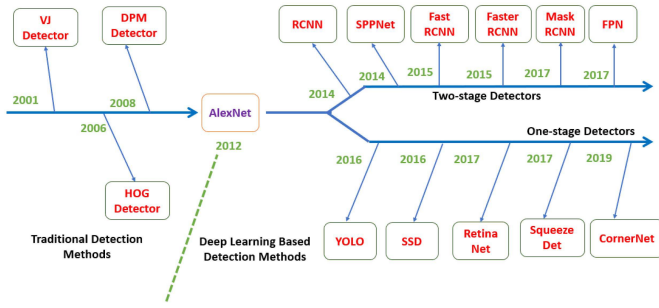


Fig. 1. Milestones of object detection over the last 20 years [58].

TABLE IV  
COMPARISON OF THE ACCURACY OF DL OBJECT DETECTION ARCHITECTURES ON THE IMAGENET 1K TEST SET [17]

Architecture	No. of Parameters ( $\times 10^6$ )	No. of Layers	Top 5% Error
Inception-ResNet v2 [61]	30	95	4.9
Inception v4 [61]	41	75	5
ResNet 101 [62]	45	100	6.05
DenseNet 201 [63]	18	200	6.34
YOLO v3-608 [64]	63	53+1	6.2
ResNet 50 [62]	26	49	6.7
GoogLeNet [65]	6	22	6.7
VGG-16 [66]	134	13+2	6.8
AlexNet [60]	57	5+2	15.3

Moreover, the progress in object detection research in more recent years has accelerated research focused on the localization of dynamic objects, detection of their pose, and prediction of their short-term future trajectories to enable safe path planning for AVs. Though these dynamic objects – vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists – can now be easily detected and classified, prediction of their future intention is still not an easy task. State-of-the-art object detection methods based on DL proposed in computer vision literature are highlighted in Table IV (ordered by Top 5% error). All these methods use CNN in some form. The number of parameters and layers is a good indicator of the computational load of the respective architecture. The research indicates that an ego vehicle utilizing one of those architectures [60]–[66] in its vision pipeline can detect and identify an unknown object with an accuracy of around 95%. However, real-time implementation of such heavy networks with online training is still challenging.

All state-of-the-art object detection methods used for AD are based on DL. They work by first detecting and classifying target object(s) and then drawing a bounding box around them to position those objects in the scene. These methods can be categorized as either two-stage or single-stage frameworks [67], with an overview of each category provided below.

1) *Two-Stage Framework*: the two-stage framework is also known as region proposal object detection. In this framework, general regions of interest are usually targeted in the first neural network. In the second stage, they are classified by a separate classifier network. A few methods belonging to this framework are R-CNN, Fast R-CNN, and

TABLE V  
AP OF COMMON 3D OBJECT DETECTION METHODS ON THE CAR CLASS OF THE KITTI 3D OBJECT DETECTION TEST SET [17]

Algorithm	T (s)	Easy	Moderate	Hard
PointRCNN [73]	0.10	85.9	75.8	68.3
PointPillars [74]	0.02	79.1	75.0	68.3
SECOND [75]	0.04	83.1	73.7	66.2
IPOD [76]	0.20	82.1	72.6	66.3
F-PointNet [77]	0.17	81.2	70.4	62.2
VoxelNet [78]	0.23	77.5	65.1	57.7
MV3D [79]	0.24	66.8	52.8	51.3

Faster R-CNN. A detailed list of such methods and a discussion of them is available in [67]. Overall, two-stage object detection methods are more accurate but are also less computationally efficient, requiring more computational power and inference time.

2) *Single-Stage Framework*: compared to the previous category, methods in this category are generally faster and more computationally efficient, making them suitable for real-time object detection, but have less accuracy. YOLO [64], [68], [69] and SSD [70] are two examples of such methods.

### C. Deep Learning-Based 3D Object Detection

Lidar outputs 3D point clouds indicating the surfaces of a scene. If the data is sparse, it makes object detection and classification challenging. In general, lidar-based object detection methods consist of three steps: segmentation, clustering, and tracking [71], typically utilizing machine learning techniques such as SVM. The shape of objects and their motion characteristics [48], [72] can also be utilized to identify VRUs and cars. State-of-the-art 3D object detection methods commonly used in AVs are listed in Table V along with their AP on the car class of the KITTI 3D object detection data set. While Table V shows that these detection methods have greatly increased 3D object detection accuracy, convolution complexity still remains a challenge for real-time usage.

### D. Pedestrian, Cyclist and Vehicle Detection

A critical task of AVs in a real traffic environment is detecting and tracking other cars and VRUs, the most important dynamic objects on the road. The performance of current state-of-the-art object detection methods for these object classes can be compared through studies like the one proposed by Lang *et al.* [74]. They considered various sensing configurations as well as object detection methods developed by them or other researchers and calculated the detection and classification mAP for each object class. For their first study, the authors used the KITTI BEV benchmark data set, and the comparative results are shown in Table VI. Their second study used the KITTI 3D detection benchmark data set, and the results are presented in Table VII. The tabulated results of case studies with moderate difficulty indicate that the PointPillars method performs better than almost all other methods and also outperforms them when fusion-based methods are applied to detect cars and cyclists. More research is still needed in this

TABLE VI

COMPARATIVE STUDY OF STATE-OF-THE-ART OBJECT DETECTION METHODS [74] (RESULTS ON THE KITTI BEV DETECTION BENCHMARK DATA SET)

Method	M	S	mAP	Car	Pe	C
			Mod.	Mod.	Mod.	Mod.
MV3D [79]	L&I	2.80	N/A	76.90	N/A	N/A
Cont-Fuse [80]		16.70	N/A	85.83	N/A	N/A
Roarnet [81]		10.00	N/A	79.41	N/A	N/A
AVOD-FPN [82]		10.00	64.11	83.79	<b>51.05</b>	57.48
F-PointNet [77]		5.90	65.39	84.00	50.22	61.96
HDNET [83]	L&M	20.00	N/A	<b>86.57</b>	N/A	N/A
PIXOR++ [83]	Lidar	25.00	N/A	83.70	N/A	N/A
VoxelNet [78]		4.40	58.25	79.26	40.78	54.76
SECOND [75]		20.00	60.56	79.37	46.27	56.04
PointPillars [74]		<b>62.00</b>	<b>66.19</b>	86.10	50.23	<b>62.25</b>

M: Modality; S: Speed (Hz); Pe: Pedestrian; C: Cyclist; L&I: Lidar & Image; L&M: Lidar & Map; mAP: Mean Average Precision

TABLE VII

COMPARATIVE STUDY OF STATE-OF-THE-ART OBJECT DETECTION METHODS [74] (RESULTS ON THE KITTI 3D DETECTION BENCHMARK DATA SET)

Method	M	S	mAP	Car	Pe	C
			Mod.	Mod.	Mod.	Mod.
MV3D [79]	L&I	2.8	N/A	62.35	N/A	N/A
Cont-Fuse [80]		16.7	N/A	66.22	N/A	N/A
Roarnet [81]		10	N/A	73.04	N/A	N/A
AVOD-FPN [82]		10	52.62	71.88	42.81	52.18
F-PointNet [77]		5.9	57.35	70.39	<b>44.89</b>	56.77
VoxelNet [78]	Lidar	4.4	49.05	65.11	33.69	48.36
SECOND [75]		20	56.69	73.66	42.56	53.85
PointPillars [74]		<b>62</b>	<b>59.2</b>	<b>74.99</b>	43.53	<b>59.07</b>

M: Modality; S: Speed (Hz); Pe: Pedestrian; C: Cyclist; L&I: Lidar & Image

area since the mAP of the current methods, especially when it comes to pedestrians and cyclists that are more vulnerable and frequently disobey traffic laws, is far lower than 90%.

### E. Sensor Fusion-Based Object Detection

An accurate fusion of data collected from different sensory sources would dramatically improve object detection effectiveness. It allows different sensing modalities to reinforce each other's strengths and cover individual weaknesses. For sensor fusion, either all sensing modalities perform detection tasks simultaneously and then validate each other's results, or one modality performs the detection while others validate the data [84], [85]. In [86], human sensing performance is compared to ADS, where one of the key findings is that even though human drivers are still better at reasoning overall, the perception capabilities of an ADS utilizing sensor fusion can exceed that of humans, especially in degraded environmental conditions such as low scene lighting [17]. To that end, various sensor combinations commonly used for data fusion are briefly discussed below.

1) *Radar-Camera Data Fusion* [12]: in this fusion process, radar is mainly used for estimating RoI or distance, while recognition is carried out using cameras [87]–[96]. In two

studies, guardrails' locations were determined by radar data, and vehicles were detected using the limited region's vertical symmetry features in image frames [88]. In similar approaches [94], [97], vehicles were detected using symmetry, edge information, and optical flow features of images. Once a vehicle was detected, its distance was calculated using radar-and-camera-fused data. That data was then projected onto a common global occupancy grid, where vehicles were tracked in a global frame of reference using a Kalman filter [89].

2) *Lidar-Camera Data Fusion*: some approaches have used lidar for reliable object detection while simultaneously using lidar and Camera to perform classification [85], [98], [99]. Others have used a camera for vehicle detection and lidar for ranging [100], [101]. MV3D, AVOD-FPN, and F-PointNet are some of the popular lidar-camera data fusion methods.

3) *Radar-Lidar Data Fusion*: Data from radar and lidar can be fused to improve the performance of state estimation and tracking of dynamic objects [102]. The state is estimated using Bayesian methods, extended Kalman filter, or particle filter, while data from two independent systems are fused for improved detection and tracking.

4) *Radar-Lidar-Camera Data Fusion*: through this fusion process, object detection and classification results from the camera are utilized to improve tracking model selection, data association, and movement classification [103], [104].

### F. Challenges of Ego-Centric Object Detection

Although dynamic objects such as cars and pedestrians are well-structured and easy to detect, estimation of their dynamics and intent is not a simple task. Therefore, the following challenges have to be addressed to step closer to full autonomy.

1) *Physical Limitations of Sensors*: compared to camera images, a lidar measurement results in better 3D object detection accuracy and FoV. Motion-based object detection using a camera is sensitive to noise and scene lighting. On the contrary, lidar can work in low visibility environments and is not affected by low light conditions. Compared to radar, however, lidar performs less satisfyingly in rainy and snowy climates [37]. More research is still needed to address challenges arising from sensor physical limitations in scenarios with complicated scene lighting or extreme weather conditions.

2) *Accuracy Issues*: pedestrian detection accuracy of 2D object detection methods such as YOLO v3 or RetinaNet on some large-scale data sets such as COCO or ImageNet is usually much higher (around 85-95%) than it is on the KITTI 3D object detection data set (lower than 50%) that is much closer to real-world driving conditions. Because of this, a pedestrian may not be detected in some (from a couple to tens of) frames.

3) *Reliability and Robustness Issues*: despite significant progress in AV research and technology, the reliability and robustness of the perception sensor suite cannot be fully guaranteed. Some sensors may not work as well in low light conditions, while others may be rendered useless by snow or dirt, affecting the AV's performance despite sensor redundancy and sensor fusion. Because of this, finding answers to the following questions is crucial to making progress on sensor

TABLE VIII  
OVERVIEW OF HUMAN MOTION PREDICTION METHODS

Category	Based on	Methods		Comments
Modeling approaches	Physics-based	Single-model methods [105]–[112]	Works using Newton’s laws of motion	Needs dynamic model
		Multi-model methods [113]–[118]		
	Pattern-based	Sequential models [119]–[126]	Learns prototype of trajectory from observed behavior	Needs past trajectory or behavioral data
		Non-sequential models [122], [127]–[132]		
Planning-based	Forward planning methods [133]–[141]	Reasons about likely goals and computes possible future paths	Explicit reasoning on long-term motion goals	
	Inverse planning methods [142]–[151]			
Contextual cues	Target agent cues	Motion state [109], [117], [124], [127], [131], [136], [144], [145], [151]–[154]	Position and velocity	Needs to account for relevant internal and external stimuli that influence motion behavior
		Articulated pose [123], [155]–[160]	head orientation	
		Semantic attributes [117], [161]–[163]	Age, gender, personality, and awareness	
	Dynamic environment cues	unaware [107], [127], [164]–[169]	Does not care about presence of other agents	
		Individual-aware [108], [117], [119], [126], [131], [145], [153], [154]	Considers the presence of other agents	
		Group-aware [111], [170]–[175]	Considers the presence of other agents and social groupings	
	Static environment cues	Unaware [123], [129], [158], [176]–[182]	Assumes open-space environment	
		Obstacle-aware [120], [126], [131], [152]–[154], [183], [184]	Accounts for the presence of individual static obstacles	
		Map-aware [117], [118], [125], [137]–[139], [142], [147], [151], [185]–[191]	Accounts for the environment geometry and topology	
		Semantics-aware [106], [136], [144], [148], [161], [192]–[195]	Accounts for environment semantics	

417 reliability: (i) what should be done when a sensor fault occurs?  
 418 (ii) How can the AV recognize defective data from a sensor?  
 419 (iii) How to anticipate sensor failure? (iv) How to determine  
 420 the absolute ground truth during extreme weather conditions?

421 4) *Time Latency Issues*: the total time latency from an  
 422 occurrence in the environment to detection by an AV is  
 423 dependent on the scan rate of sensors and the AV’s com-  
 424 putational speed. Processing image frames from cameras and  
 425 point clouds from lidars require high computational power,  
 426 without which there would be increased latency. In high-  
 427 speed driving scenarios where an AV is going upward of  
 428 100 km/hr, a 1 second latency means traveling a distance  
 429 of at least 36 m, significantly reducing the available braking  
 430 distance in case of an emergency. Therefore, the total time  
 431 latency should be below 100 ms to ensure safety for fully  
 432 autonomous driving. What complicates this is that all recent  
 433 object detection algorithms are DL-based, resulting in a much  
 434 heavier computational load. Therefore, a trade-off has to be  
 435 made between speed and accuracy. Some recent high-speed  
 436 object detection algorithms such as YOLO v3-v5 and Inception  
 437 v3 are gaining popularity but require a high-performance GPU  
 438 for real-time application in ADS. Nevertheless, they have  
 439 shown promising gains in both speed and accuracy. Further  
 440 research is needed to build upon this progress.

### 441 III. STATE ESTIMATION AND MOTION PREDICTION

#### 442 A. Pedestrian State Estimation and Motion Prediction

443 Accurate estimation of pedestrian state and future motion is  
 444 challenging for AVs on the road, especially in heterogeneous

445 traffic environments. So AVs need to analyze a pedestrian’s  
 446 past motion and present state and predict its future path.  
 447 This is difficult because although most pedestrians frequently  
 448 move along sidewalks and intersection crossings, they may  
 449 behave randomly in some instances and not follow traffic  
 450 rules, perhaps due to an external stimulus. The reaction to  
 451 that stimulus may or may not be shared with other traffic  
 452 agents, and those factors may or may not be observable  
 453 or controllable by an AV. Hence an AV has to consider a  
 454 multitude of factors, including a pedestrian’s pose – standing,  
 455 starting, walking, stopping – facial expressions, and move-  
 456 ment through space to make an effective prediction of that  
 457 pedestrian’s future motion and intention. A summary of human  
 458 motion prediction methods for AVs developed over the past  
 459 few decades is presented in Table VIII, broadly categorized  
 460 by modeling approach and contextual cues. These prediction  
 461 methods are validated using real-time ground-truth data from  
 462 data sets collected and standardized by various research  
 463 and development communities. Table IX provides an overview  
 464 of popular data sets available and used for human motion  
 465 prediction and research works performed by researchers in  
 466 this area.

467 Despite the progress [20], [21] made in the development of  
 468 pedestrian state estimation and motion prediction techniques,  
 469 their accuracy and reliability are still not fully guaranteed.  
 470 This can be a problem because AVs need to make anticipatory  
 471 actions for their short-term path plan based on accurate state  
 472 estimation and motion prediction of the surrounding pedestri-  
 473 ans. Furthermore, there is still no model for the prediction of  
 474 the abnormal behavior of pedestrians walking on the roadside.



TABLE IX  
SUMMARY OF EXISTING DATASETS ON HUMAN MOTION TRAJECTORIES

Data set (agent: person)	Scene description	Used by
ETH [109]	Two pedestrian scenes, top-down view, moderately crowded	[38], [39], [111], [119], [126], [131], [162], [186], [196]–[214]
UCY [215]	Two pedestrian scenes (sparsely populated Zara and crowded students), top-down view	[38], [39], [111], [119], [133], [161], [171], [196], [198]–[214], [216]
Stanford Drone Data Set [173] (with cyclists and vehicles)	Eight urban scenes, 900 m <sup>2</sup> each, top-down view, moderately populated	[106], [180], [196], [203], [205], [217]–[223]
Edinburgh [224]	One pedestrian scene, top-down view, 12×16 m <sup>2</sup> , varying density of people	[138], [153], [225]–[228]
Grand Central Station Data Set [229]	Recorded in the crowded New York Grand Central train station	[38], [141], [226], [227], [230], [231]
VIRAT [232] (with cars and other vehicles)	Sixteen urban scenes, 20–50° camera view angle towards the ground plane (homographies included)	[139], [140], [144], [150], [225]
KITTI [233] (with cyclists and vehicles)	Recorded around the mid-size city of Karlsruhe (Germany), in rural areas and on highways	[136], [146], [234]–[236]
Town Center Data Set [237]	Pedestrians moving along a moderately populated street	[155], [161], [204], [231]
ATC [238]	Recording in a shopping center, 900 m <sup>2</sup> coverage, with varying density of people	[190], [239], [240]
Daimler Pedestrian Path Prediction Data Set [181]	Recorded from a moving/standing vehicle, with pedestrians crossing the street, stopping at the curb, or starting to move	[223], [241], [242]
L-CAS [243]	Recorded in a university building from a moving or standing robot	[199], [244]
TrajNet [245]	A superset of data sets, collecting relevant metrics and visualization tools	[231]

475 While V2X connectivity has been proposed as a solution,  
476 its feasibility is still not guaranteed since a pedestrian may  
477 not always be online throughout a traffic scenario. Some  
478 of the other difficulties in pedestrian state estimation and  
479 motion prediction are the following: variation in dimensions  
480 of the human body, presence of human pictures on street  
481 advertisements, dense or occluded pedestrian detection, and  
482 difficulty in real-time robust pedestrian detection.

#### 483 B. Vehicular State Estimation and Motion Prediction

484 For any AV, other vehicles on the road are generally the  
485 primary concern at any time. Hence, accurate state estimation,  
486 tracking, and prediction of other vehicles' near-future paths  
487 and understanding their behavior is as important as that of  
488 pedestrians. This subsection briefly reviews and summarizes  
489 classical vehicle detection, state estimation, tracking, and  
490 motion prediction methods.

491 Vision-based vehicle detection has reached its maturity  
492 after decades of research in ML and DL, and the following  
493 tables (Tables X - XV) provide an overview of that research.  
494 Classic vision-based vehicle detection methods are presented  
495 in Table X, and are categorized by their usage of the motion  
496 or appearance of vehicles through monocular and stereo cam-  
497 eras. Alongside vehicle detection, state estimation and motion  
498 tracking are also essential for predicting the future position  
499 of vehicles on the road so that short and long-term path  
500 planning and collision avoidance are possible for the ego  
501 vehicle. Hence, Table XI highlights application-specific on-  
502 road vehicle tracking methods commonly used for monocular  
503 and stereo vision setups. Furthermore, Table XII presents the

504 methods utilized for task-specific behavior analysis of on-road  
505 vehicles.

506 Table XIII provides a summary of the existing benchmark  
507 data sets for vehicle detection and trajectory prediction, and  
508 interested readers can refer to [10] for a detailed analysis  
509 and comprehensive review of vision-based vehicle detection,  
510 tracking, behavior analysis, and data sets used for this pur-  
511 pose. Alongside detection and tracking, motion prediction  
512 and maneuver intention estimation [12] of other vehicles are  
513 also equally important for an ego vehicle's safe trajectory  
514 planning and execution. Therefore, an overview of current  
515 motion prediction methods and their limitations is presented  
516 in Table XIV. Finally, methods used for maneuver intention  
517 estimation at road intersections are provided in Table XV.

518 While significant progress has been made in the devel-  
519 opment of vehicle detection and motion prediction methods,  
520 some challenges remain unsolved. Among them is a reduction  
521 in the performance of the current methods in extreme weather  
522 conditions. Another challenge is identification of abnormal  
523 driving behavior of other vehicles in real time. A final  
524 challenge is long-term motion prediction of other vehicles  
525 irrespective of traffic signals, where a multi-model tracking  
526 method is needed.

#### 527 IV. COOPERATIVE PERCEPTION AND NAVIGATION

528 CPN refers to the practice of sharing perception and naviga-  
529 tion information using V2V and V2X communication [340],  
530 [341] in a traffic network to better understand the surround-  
531 ing environment and increase safety. Receiving perception  
532 information from other AVs can help the ego vehicle better  
533 understand blind spots or areas blocked by large objects. It can



TABLE X  
SUMMARY OF VISION-BASED VEHICLE DETECTION METHODS

Vision type	Characteristic used	Method description
Monocular vision	Motion	Dynamic background modeling of overtaking area [246]
		Optical flow for blind-spot detection [247]
		Optical flow, HMM classification [248]
	Appearance	SVM and NN classification [249], HOG and Gabor features
		Statistical modeling of local features [250]
		Haar-like features, boosted classification, online learning [251]
		Haar-like features, Adaboost classification, active learning [252]
		HOG features, SVM classification. Orientation determined using multiplicative kernel learning [253]
		HOG features, deformable parts-based model [254]
Stereo vision	Motion	SURF and edge features, probabilistic classification, blind-spot detection [255]
		Optical flow [256]
		Occupancy grid, free space computation [257]
		Optical flow, clustering 6D points [258]
		Optical flow, particle-based occupancy grid [259]
		Tracking stixel and fitting probabilistic cuboid model [260]
	Appearance	Optical flow, spatiotemporally smoothed occupancy grid [261]
		Size, width, height, image intensity features, Bayesian classification [262]
		Clustering of 3D points, vehicle orientation estimation [263]
		Color, 3D vertical edges [264]
		V-disparity, clustering in the disparity space [265]

TABLE XI  
SUMMARY OF VISION-BASED VEHICLE TRACKING METHODS

Tracking Method	Vision type	Application	
Optical flow, geometric constraints, and Kalman filtering [266]	Monocular vision	Tracking and motion estimation	
Template matching [267]		Tracking	
Feature-based tracking and Kalman filtering [268], [269]		Detection and tracking	
Particle filtering		Sivaraman and Trivedi, 2010 [252]	Tracking
		Quan et al., 2011 [253]	Tracking and orientation detection
		Xue and Ling, 2011 [270]	Tracking
		Niknejad et al., 2012 [254]	Detection and tracking
Kalman filtering		Danescu et al., 2011 [259]	Position and velocity
		Rabe et al., 2007 [271]	Motion estimation
		Bota and Nedevschi, 2011 [272]	Position and velocity (tracking)
Extended Kalman filtering	Barth and Franke, 2009 [258]	State and turning behavior estimation	
	Lim et al., 2011 [273]	Tracking	
Kalman filtering, interacting multiple models [274]	stereo vision	Motion estimation	
Mean-shift on 3D points [275]		Tracking	

534 also be an added layer of safety in case of sensor failure.  
535 Moreover, sharing trajectory information can help vehicles  
536 navigate more seamlessly, for example, by negotiating at inter-  
537 sections or forming highway platoons, or relevant platooning  
538 tasks [342]–[347].

539 The most straightforward approach to CPN is raw  
540 (or lightly-processed) information sharing, though this can be  
541 challenging due to bandwidth limitations and heavy commu-  
542 nication load [348]. Aside from that, both fusing data received  
543 from a large variety of sensor arrays of other road users and  
544 processing a large volume of raw data can be computationally  
545 challenging. Therefore, a more common approach is to share  
546 processed perception information, for example an occupancy  
547 grid or a real-time map indicating the location, pose, and

548 predicted trajectory of the surrounding objects, vehicles, and  
549 VRUs. This section briefly highlights major developments in  
550 this area and discusses open challenges facing CPN. Interested  
551 readers can visit [27] for a more comprehensive discussion.

#### A. Recent Progress in CPN

552 Working cooperatively benefits all vehicles in a net-  
553 work, as it improves every vehicle's understanding of the  
554 surrounding environment. In what follows, we list what  
555 vehicles stand to gain from cooperative perception and  
556 navigation:  
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558 1) It extends the LoS and FoV of every vehicle in  
559 the network. This, in turn, facilitates detection of traffic

TABLE XII  
METHODS FOR ON-ROAD BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

Specification	Method/classification	Task
Non-context-specific	Template matching score [276]	Detection and tracking of overtaking vehicles
	Dynamic Bayesian network [247]	Dynamic Bayesian network used to predict lane changes of other vehicles
	Optical flow direction, intensity [84]	Optical flows used to detect overtaking vehicles
Context-specific	Neural network [277]	Dynamic visual model of typical on-road behavior, saliency used to detect unusual and critical situations
	Interfacing multiple model likelihood [277]	Velocity and yaw-rate estimation used to infer the turning behavior of oncoming vehicles
	SVM [278]	Histograms of scene flow used to classify intersection vs. non-intersection driving environment
	Trajectory-based augmented particle filter [279]	Vehicle motion is matched to 44 prototypes using QELCS distance
	Trajectory-based HMM [280]	Unsupervised clustering of observed on-road trajectories

TABLE XIII  
DATASETS FOR VEHICLE DETECTION AND TRAJECTORY PREDICTION

Data set	Scene description
Caltech 1999, 2001 [281], [282]	Static images of vehicles in a variety of poses
PETS 2001 [283]	Testing set of some 2867 frames from two cameras. Includes videos of preceding vehicles viewed through the front windshield, and a video of following vehicles viewed through the rear windshield
LISA 2010 [252]	Three short videos, 1500, 300, and 300 frames, comprised of highway and urban driving. Monocular detection of preceding vehicles only
Caraffi 2012 [284]	Several videos comprising some 20 minutes of driving on Italian highways
HighD Dataset 2018 [285]	Six different highway locations near Cologne, top-down view, varying densities with light and heavy traffic
Vehicles NGSIM 2006, 2007 [286], [287]	Recording of US Highway 101 and Interstate 80, road segment length 640 and 500 m
KITTI 2012 [233]	Recorded around the mid-sized city of Karlsruhe, Germany, in rural areas and on highways

TABLE XIV  
SUMMARY OF VEHICLE MOTION PREDICTION METHODS

Based-on	Broad category	Sub-category	Limitations
Physics-based motion models	Evolution models	Dynamic models [288]–[294]	Limited to short-term motion prediction, unable to anticipate any change in the motion caused by the execution of a particular maneuver or changes caused by external factors
		Kinematic models [116], [288], [295]–[303]	
	Trajectory prediction	Single trajectory simulation [289], [296], [297], [299], [303]	
		Gaussian noise simulation [116], [296], [298], [301], [302], [304]–[306]	
Maneuver-based motion models [115], [310], [316]–[318]	Prototype trajectories [309]	Representation [120], [310]–[315]	Strictly deterministic representation of time, heavy computational burden, inability to consider physical limitations of a vehicle, and difficult to adapt to different road layouts
		Trajectory prediction [120], [309], [310], [312], [314], [319]–[321]	
	Maneuver intention estimation and maneuver execution	Maneuver intention estimation [105], [310], [316], [318], [322]–[329]	Inter-vehicle dependencies are particularly strong at road intersections, can lead to erroneous interpretations of the situation
		Maneuver execution [105], [310], [322], [330]–[332]	
Interaction-aware motion models	Models based on trajectory prototypes [128], [333]		Computationally expensive and not compatible with real-time risk assessment
	Models based on dynamic Bayesian networks [113], [334]–[339]		

560 congestion, avoidance of hidden obstacles and hazardous  
561 situations [349], safe lane changing/overtaking, and smooth  
562 path planning [350].

563 2) It helps AVs with short-term planning and control, for  
564 example, in immediate longitudinal control [351].

3) Speed and heading angle sharing through V2V commu- 565  
566 nication can help with collision avoidance and complement  
567 emergency braking systems.

4) Cooperative intersection management through trajec- 568  
569 tory sharing can improve the safety of intersection naviga-

TABLE XV  
SUMMARY OF MANEUVER INTENTION ESTIMATION  
METHODS AT ROAD INTERSECTION

Maneuvers	Methods
Stop, go straight, left turn, right turn [322]	Heuristics
Go straight, left turn, right turn [330]	
Safe errant [105]	SVM-BF
Lane-keeping, lane change left, lane change right [325]	
Lane-keeping, lane change left, lane change right [326]	SVM
Lane-keeping, lane change left, lane change right [324]	
Go straight, turn right, stop [323]	Logistic regression
Stop, brake, keep speed [318]	MLP
Complaint violating [316]	HMM
Go straight, left turn, right turn [310]	Hierarchical HMM
Go straight, left turn, right turn [327]	
Lane-keeping, lane change left, lane change right [329]	HMM
Go straight, turn left, turn right [328]	

tion [27]. This can lead to significant improvements because, for instance, during the ten years from 2005 to 2014, over 20% of the fatalities on EU roads took place at intersections [352] only. Therefore, such cooperative management algorithms, along with rule-based heuristic methods [353], and optimization-based methods [354], could make a noticeable difference in intersection safety.

### B. Challenges Facing CPN

Despite recent developments and benefits listed above, CPN faces many challenges that need to be addressed before it can be widely adopted. These challenges include data privacy, data authenticity, handling data from malfunctioning sensors, development of a general architecture for cooperative data fusion, multi-object detection and tracking, and cooperative driving. Some of these challenges are further discussed below.

1) *Data Transfer Decision*: assuming that V2V communication is established between multiple vehicles for CP, each vehicle has to decide when and how to transmit or receive data:

a) *Transmitter*: some questions that need to be addressed are the following: what data to send? When and in what situation to send that data? How to assess a hazardous situation? If a nearby vehicle is in a hazardous situation, how to handle it? Among multiple nearby vehicles, how to select a target vehicle to send data? How to be aware of all nearby vehicles' relative positions in real-time?

b) *Receiver*: what data and how to fuse to extend FoV? Which received data to fuse for object detection if the ego vehicle failed to detect an object? How to select one transmitting vehicle among multiple such vehicles to receive data from? Or should data be received from all such vehicles? Should receiving data be continuous or selective? If continuous, how to handle the increased communication and processing burden? Overall, there needs to be a general frame-

work for CP that defines protocols for data transmission and cooperative behavior. This can enable efficient implementation of CP and reduce potential compatibility issues during data transmission.

2) *Data Reliability and Accuracy Issues*: an AV connected to a cooperative network perceives the driving environment through several on-board sensors, among which a few are its own, and the rest are located on other vehicles. Therefore, the sensing accuracy is not only dependent on the sensors of an individual vehicle and their accuracy, but also on the performance of the overall network.

3) *Data Association Issues*: setting aside communication issues, it is still non-trivial to associate the information received from one vehicle with another vehicle's local understanding of the same situation [355]. Further research is needed to understand how the ego vehicle should select from among the data it receives and how that data should be fused with the ego vehicle's own sensory information.

4) *Computing Issues*: fusing perception data, driving decisions, and future trajectories requires high computational power. A possible solution may be VEC, through which the computational burden is offloaded to nearby edge computing servers, though further research is needed to investigate the viability of this method.

5) *Time-Delay and Communication Issues*: one area that requires further research is the impact of time delay [356] on the usability of information received through 5G or DSRC V2V and V2X communication. This concerns both information that travels from a single road user to another one and information that travels through a number of intermediaries to reach a road user. Analysis of the technical literature has shown that the lumped communication delay usually ranges from 200 to 800 ms, while the actuation time delay is typically within 20 to 250 ms [357]. According to [358], a lumped actuation delay is the combined result of pure time delays in (i) the engine response, (ii) the throttle actuator, (iii) the brake actuator, and (iv) low-pass filters used for sensors such as engine manifold pressure sensor, wheel speed sensor, etc.

6) *Relative Pose and Localization Issues*: effective fusion of data from onboard sensors and those obtained through communication requires knowledge of the relative pose and location of the surrounding road users. Determining this can become challenging when a large number of road users are present in a network.

## V. FUTURE RESEARCH DIRECTIONS

Up to this point, this survey has presented an overview of research in various areas that enable the development and deployment of CAVs. While significant progress has been made in these areas, many are still facing challenges that require innovative solutions. These challenges and directions of future research are summarized below.

Though an enormous amount of research has been conducted on detection, estimation, and tracking techniques using different sensors for cars, trucks, and VRUs, further research on these methods and sensing modalities is needed so that an AV can confidently identify and predict the behavior of all road users. For vision-based object detection, it is usually difficult



to obtain accurate depth information from a single camera, but promising studies to improve monocular camera-based depth estimation are ongoing. Stereo cameras perform much better in this regard, though their performance suffers in poor weather or lighting conditions and future works should address that, bringing their capabilities closer to the human eye. For lidar-based object detection, since sensor cost is a major factor, a future research track can be the study of the use of multiple, low-cost lidars with less dense point clouds instead of one expensive sensor, and how that can affect detection robustness and reliability. Further research is also needed to understand the optimal number, type, and combination of sensors that achieve the best overall perception quality, even in challenging weather and lighting conditions, while maintaining some level of cost-effectiveness.

While current research has made great strides in detecting and classifying vehicles and VRUs, further research is needed to increase object detection accuracy, particularly when it comes to smaller objects. More research is also needed to more accurately predict the intention of different road users and their future trajectories, which should be complemented with advances in computational hardware and software pipelines. This is especially important since VRUs such as pedestrians and cyclists are frequently present in urban traffic environments and may disobey traffic rules or behave unpredictably. While V2X and V2I connectivity have been proposed as means of increasing VRU awareness and enhancing their interaction with AVs, more research is needed to demonstrate the feasibility of this proposal. Future research should also address current challenges in pedestrian state estimation and motion prediction such as variations in human body dimensions, presence of human pictures on street or vehicular advertisements, and dense or occluded pedestrian detection.

While CPN looks like a promising approach for handling a future with a traffic mix of autonomous and manually-driven vehicles, it still faces many challenges that need to be addressed before it can be widely adopted. Some of these challenges are data privacy, data authenticity, data association, handling data from malfunctioning sensors, handling time-delay and communication issues, calculation of relative pose, and cooperative driving.

## VI. CONCLUSION

This survey of the literature on state estimation and motion prediction of vehicles and VRUs summarized the significant progress that has been made in both categories, discussed the most promising results to date, and outlined the areas where further research is needed. In a review of the perception sensors most commonly used in AV research, we described the strengths and weaknesses of cameras, lidars, and radars, reviewed DL algorithms used for 2D and 3D object detection and noted that the most reliable detection results come from a fusion of data from different sensor modalities. We also outlined the areas that need further research, including sensor reliability and performance in extreme weather conditions. In the next section, we surveyed the literature on pedestrian and vehicle state estimation and motion prediction, categorizing existing detection, tracking, behavior analysis, and

motion prediction algorithms and available benchmarking data sets. We also reviewed the progress made in the area of cooperative perception and navigation, using V2V and V2X communication to share perception and trajectory information for increased safety and traffic efficiency. While much research is still needed in this area to address several challenges such as data accuracy and association as well as time delay issues, this research can ultimately have a great impact on the widespread adoption of CAVs. Finally, possible future research directions have been proposed that can help address current challenges and accelerate the deployment of AVs on the road.

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