

On the Semantic AI Security in CPS: *The Case of Autonomous Driving*

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A bit about myself & my group

- Assistant Professor of Computer Science, UC Irvine (2018 -)
 - Ph.D., University of Michigan
- Group: **AS²Guard** (Autonomous & Smart Systems Guard)
- Expertise: **AI/Systems/Network Security**, mainly in **mobile/CPS/IoT**

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Impact: Demo & vulnerability report



NDSS'16

Euro S&P'17



IEEE S&P'16



Usenix Sec'14

NDSS'16



CCS'15

CCS'17

Usenix Sec'20

NDSS'18

My research so far in mobile/CPS/IoT security

- **CPS AI Security**
 - **Autonomous Driving (AD)** [ACM CCS'19, Usenix Security'20 (a), '20 (b), '21, IEEE S&P'21, NDSS'22, CVPR'22, ICLR'20]
 - **Intelligent transportation** [NDSS'18, TRB'18,'19,'20, ITS'21]
- **Network Security**
 - **Connected Vehicle (CV)** [Usenix Security'21]
 - **Automotive IoT** [Usenix Security'20, NDSS'20]
 - **Network protocol** [ACM CCS'15,'18, IEEE S&P'16]
- **UI (User Interface) Security**
 - **Smartphone** [Usenix Security'14, MobiSys'19]
- **Access Control / Policy Enforcement**
 - **Smartphone** [NDSS'16]
 - **Smart home** [NDSS'17]
- **Side Channel**
 - **Smartphone** [Usenix Security'14]
 - **Network** [ACM CCS'15]

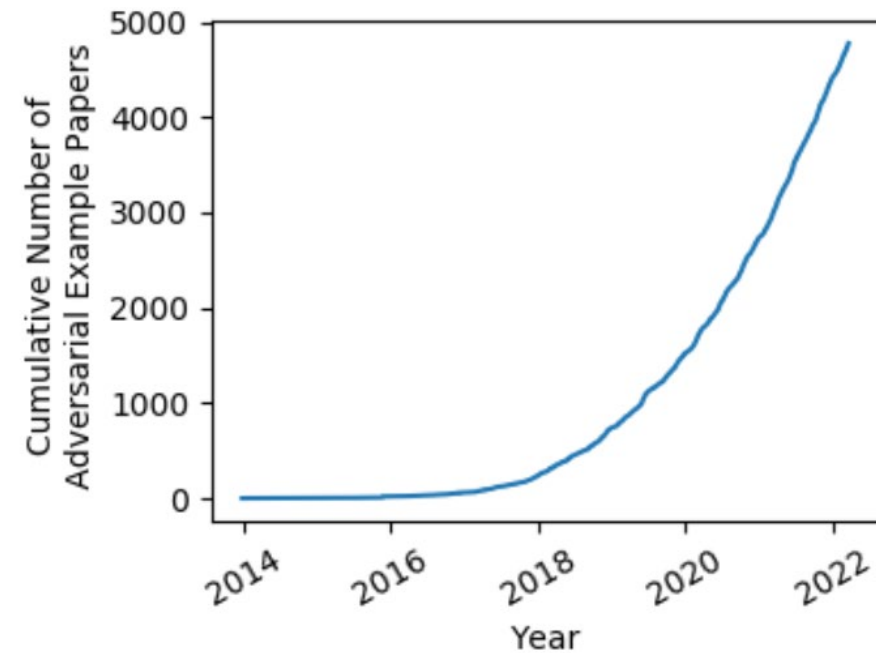
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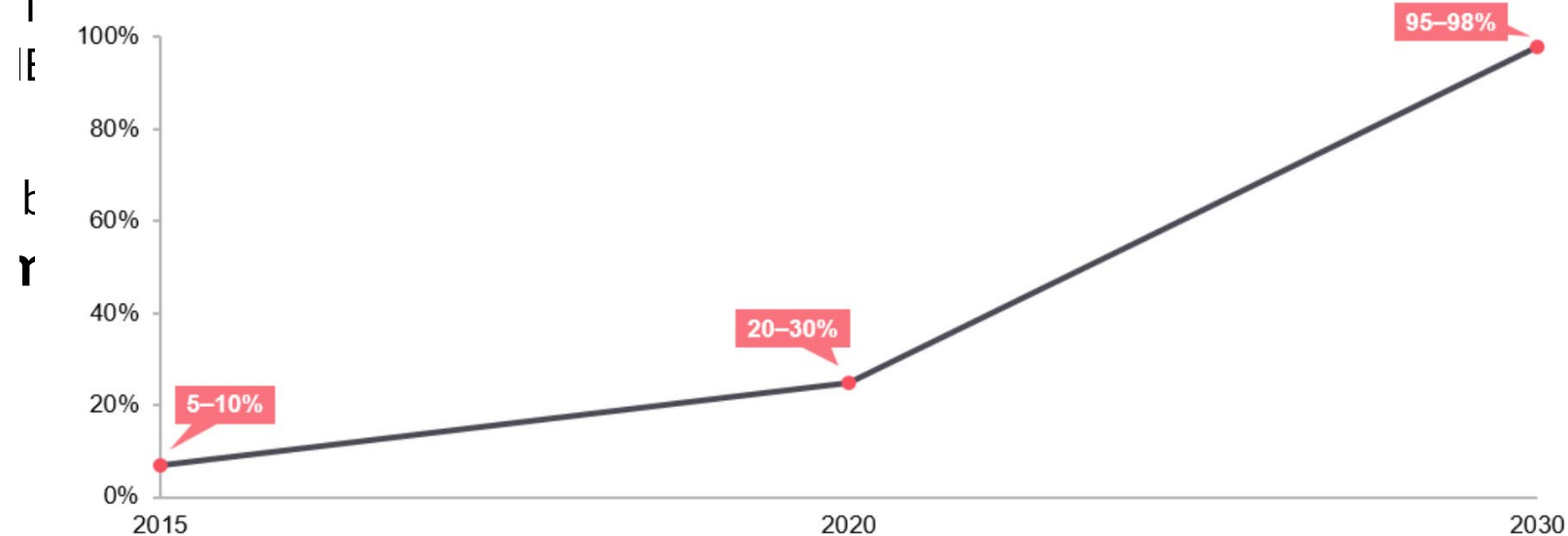
- Relatively new area:

- AI security: Since 2013 [Szegedy et al., "Intriguing properties of neural networks"]
- AI penetration in real-world CPS (e.g., since ~2015 in automotive industry)



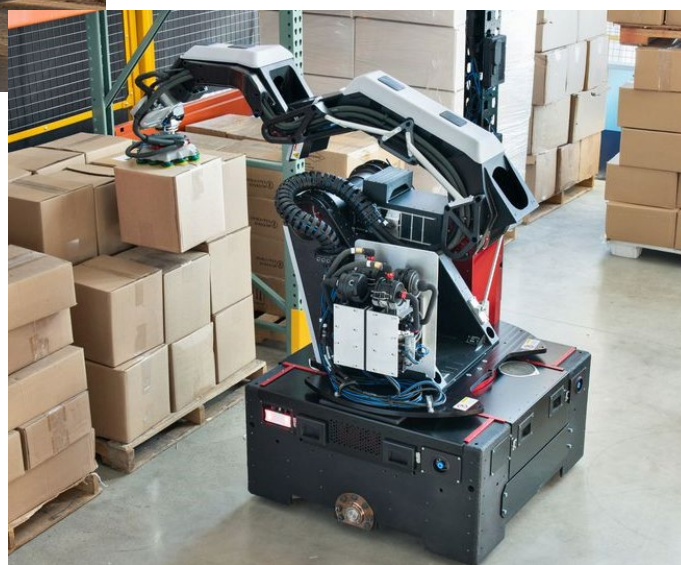
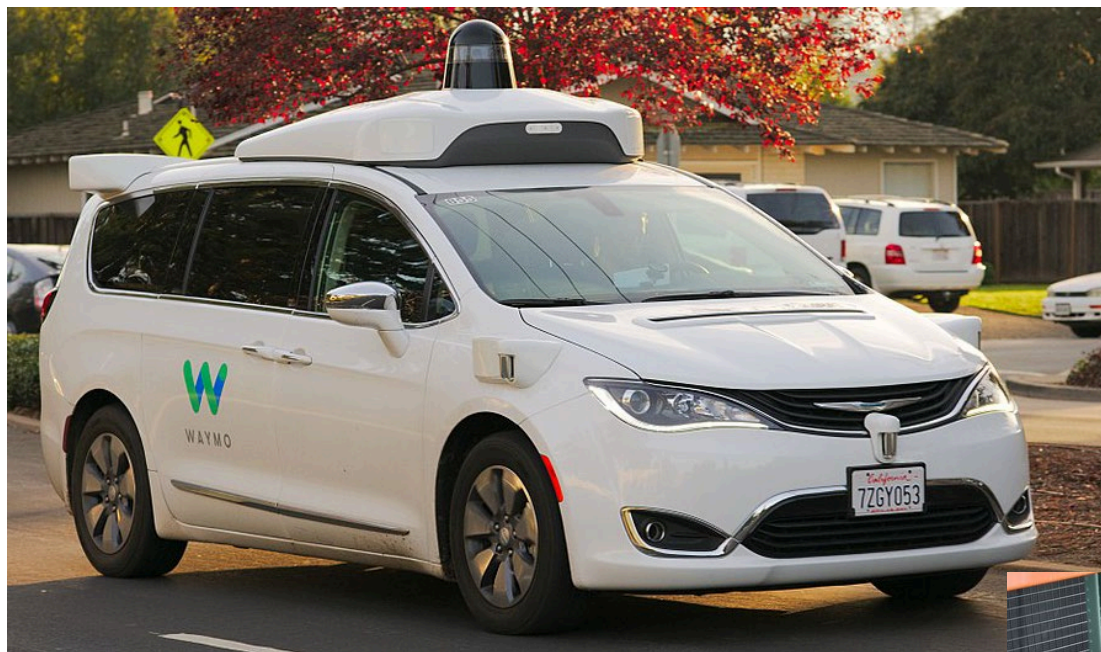
(*Image credit: Nicholas Carlini)

EXHIBIT 7: Penetration of AI in the Automotive Industry, 2019–2030



Source: FutureBridge Analysis and Insights

More recently, various kinds of AI-enabled autonomous systems coming into real life



Highly desired to study their security



IMPORTANT

- In charge of highly safety-critical decision-making in the physical world
→ Security problems can have *unprecedentedly high impacts on public safety & society* (e.g., fatal crashes)



An Uber self-driving car hit & killed a woman crossing street in Arizona since it cannot classify her as a pedestrian. [1] [2]



Fatal crash of a Tesla model X w/ Autopilot on in 2018 at California [3]. From the 2016 crash that killed a Florida driver, >20 Autopilot-related crashes have occurred [4].

[1] <https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/tech-news/self-driving-uber-car-hit-killed-woman-did-not-recognize-n1079281>

[2] <https://www.theverge.com/2019/11/6/20951385/uber-self-driving-crash-death-reason-ntsb-documents>

[3] <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-43604440>

[4] <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/23/business/teslas-autopilot-safety-investigations.html>

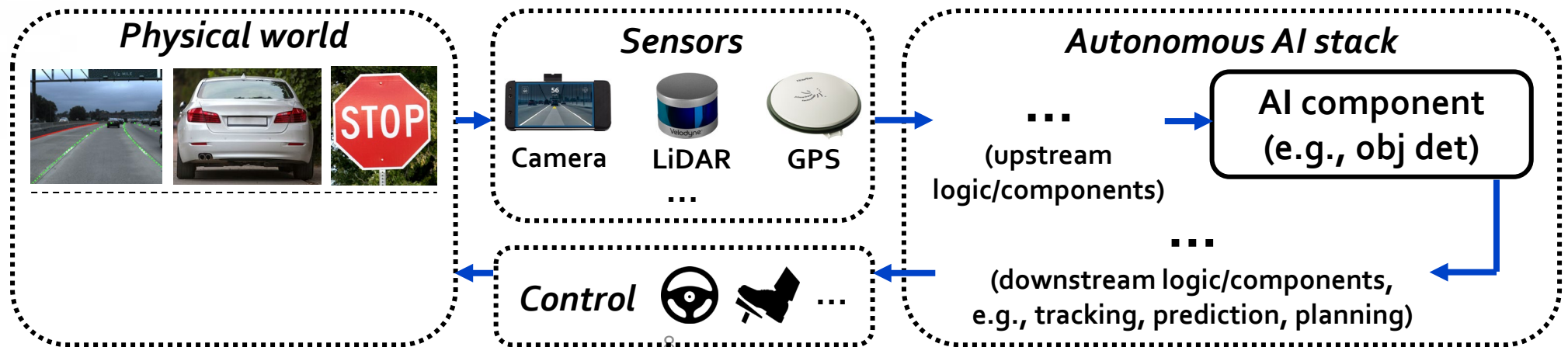
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- Domain-specific system components that may come with **new security properties**
- To meaningfully affect the AI-enabled autonomous decision-making (e.g., driving), face new research challenges **as a “semantic AI security” problem**
 - Proposed by us recently¹, generalized from “semantic adv deep learning” by Seshia et al. in 2018²



¹ Shen et al. @ arXiv 2203.05314, 2022

² Seshia et al. @ IEEE Design & Test'20



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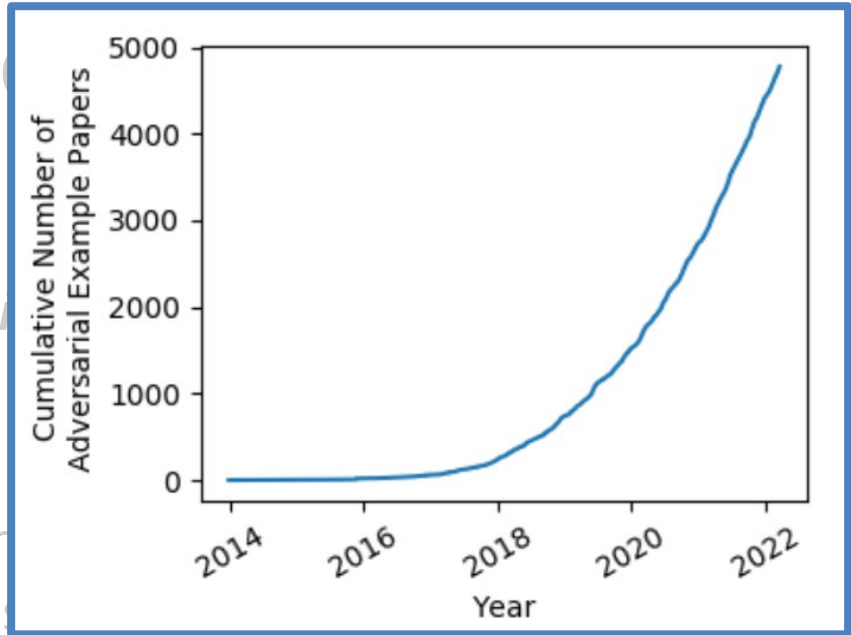
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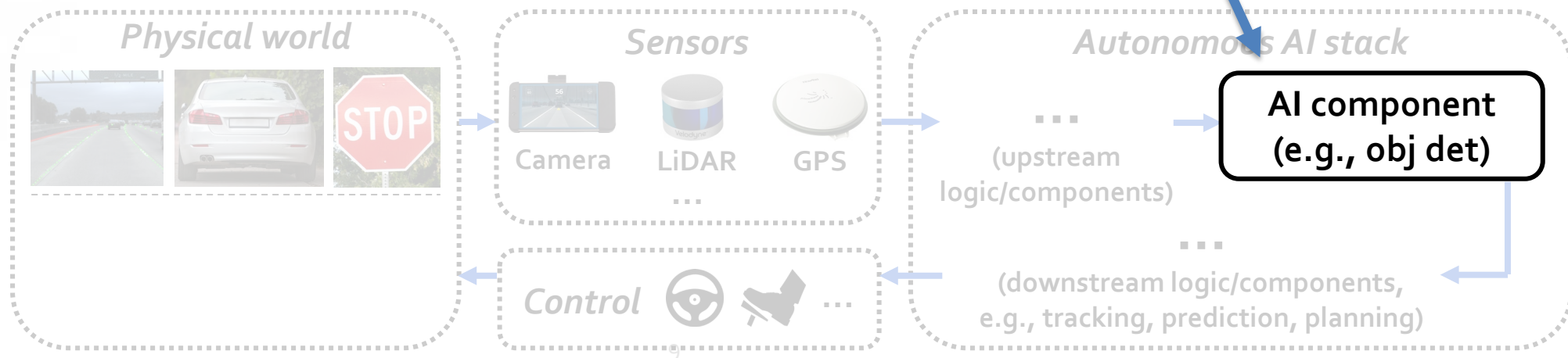
99.3% confidence

AI security papers



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System-level attack input spaces (e.g., add stickers, laser shooting)

→ those at AI component level (e.g., image pixel changes)

- Fundamentally challenging due to **inverse feature-mapping problem**³

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Autonomous decision-making (e.g., driving),



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- Need to further address

as a “**semantic AI security**” problem

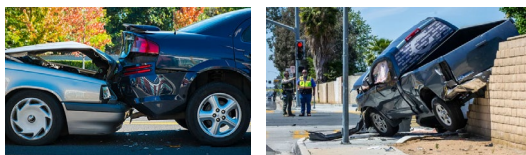
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From AI component-level attack effects (e.g., misdetected objects)

→ those at CPS system level (e.g., vehicle collisions)

- Challenging due to the **high end-to-end system-level complexity in CPS & dynamics from closed-loop control**^{2,4,5}

Physical world



System-to-AI semantic gap

Camera

LIDAR

GPS

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(upstream logic/components)

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(e.g., det)

AI-to-system semantic gap

Control



(downstream logic/components, e.g., tracking, prediction, planning)

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³ Pierazzi et al. @ IEEE S&P'20

⁴ Jia et al. @ ICLR'20

⁵ Sato et al. @ Usenix Security'21

My recent focus (2018-): Automotive & transportation domain

Autonomous Driving (AD)



V2X-based Intelligent Transp.



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Autonomous Driving (AD)



- **Fastest growing** AI-enabled autonomous system in industry today
- **Highly safety-critical**
 - *Heavy, fast-moving, & operate in public spaces*
- **Highly complex (to get right)**
 - Need to handle broad range of *weather, lighting, road & traffic conditions*, while being *safe* & complying to *traffic rule*



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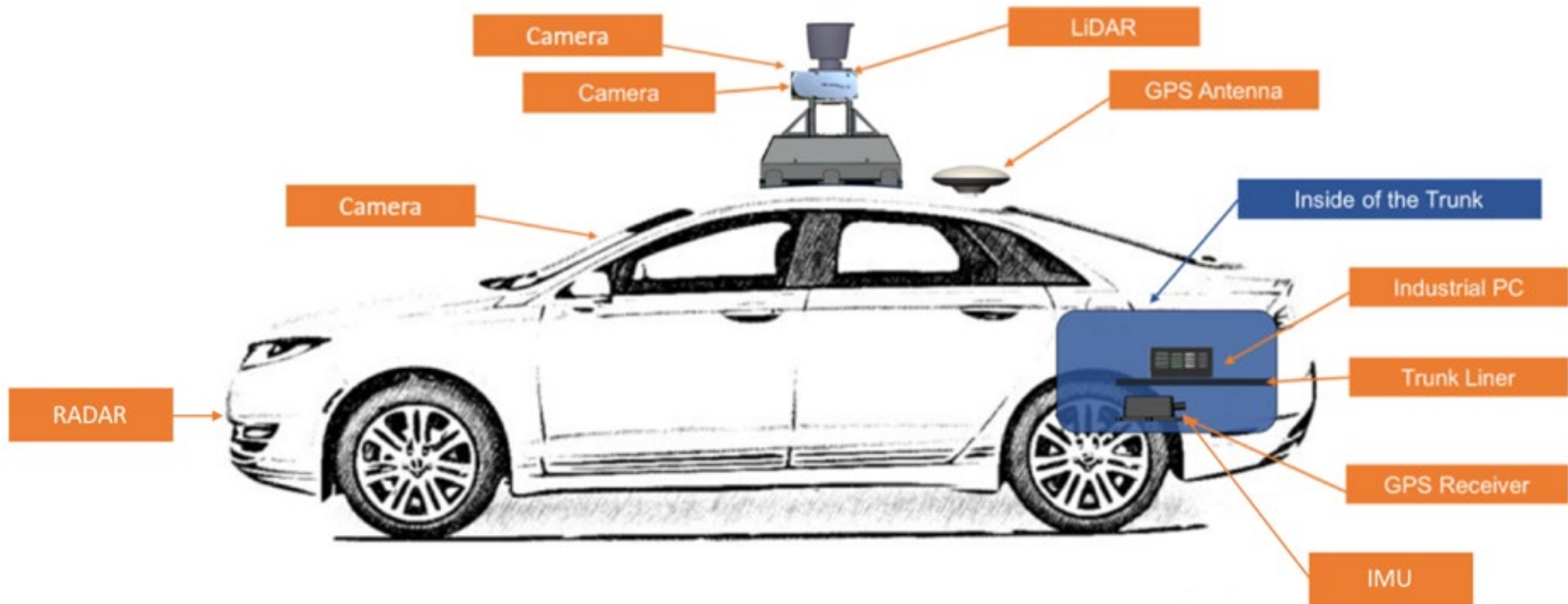
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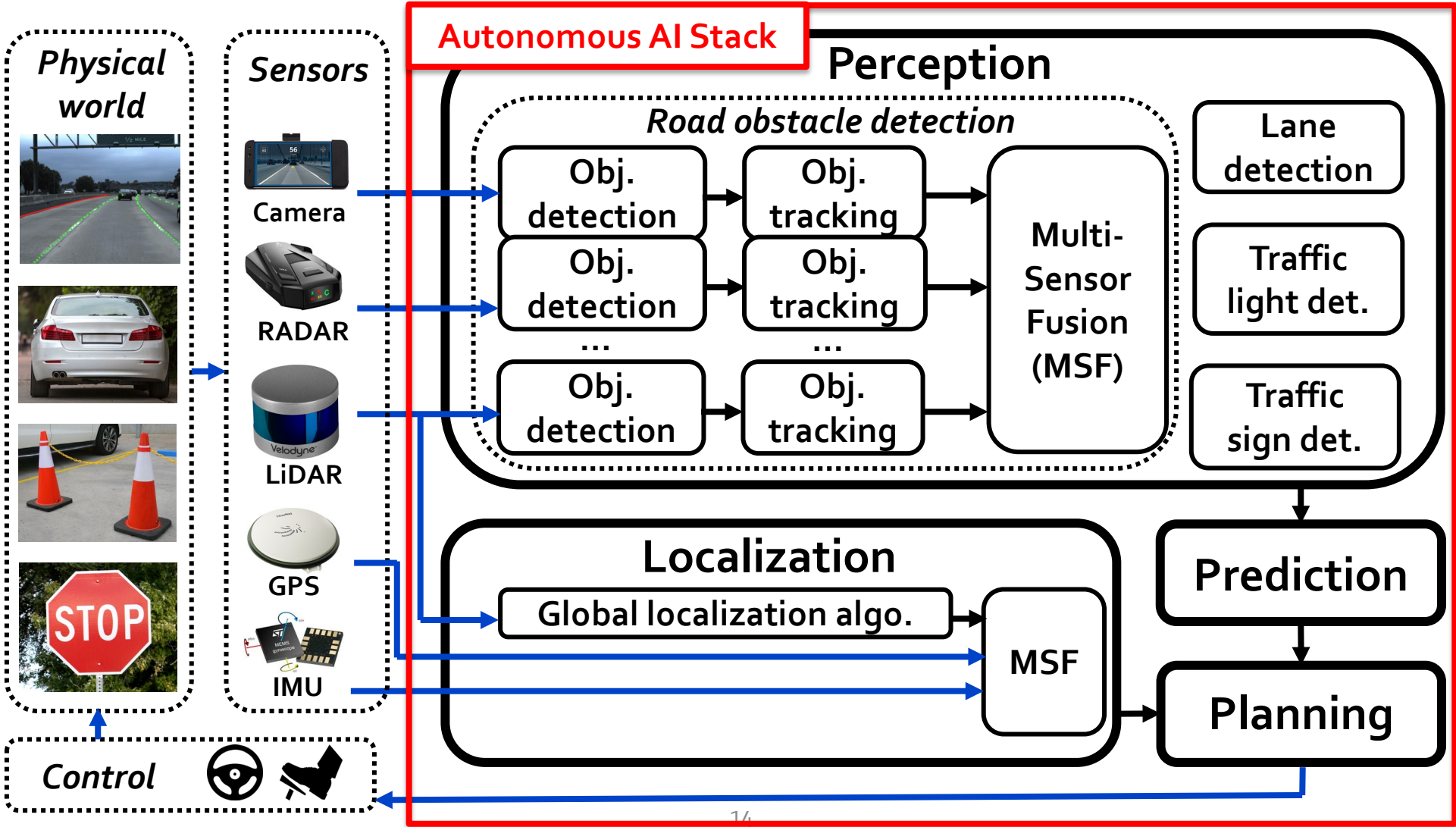
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Background: Autonomous Driving (AD) technology

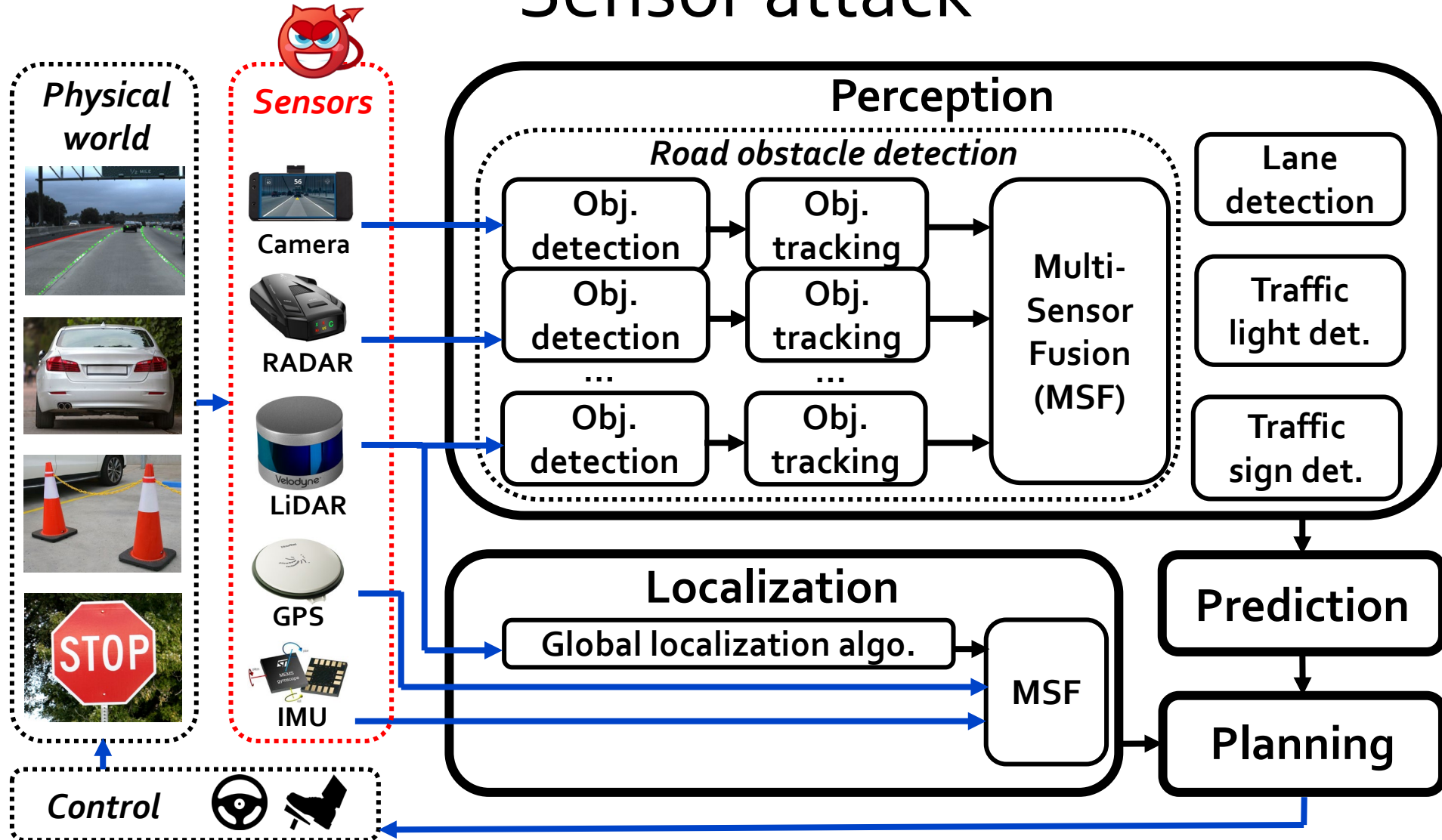
- Equip vehicles with various types of sensors to enable self driving



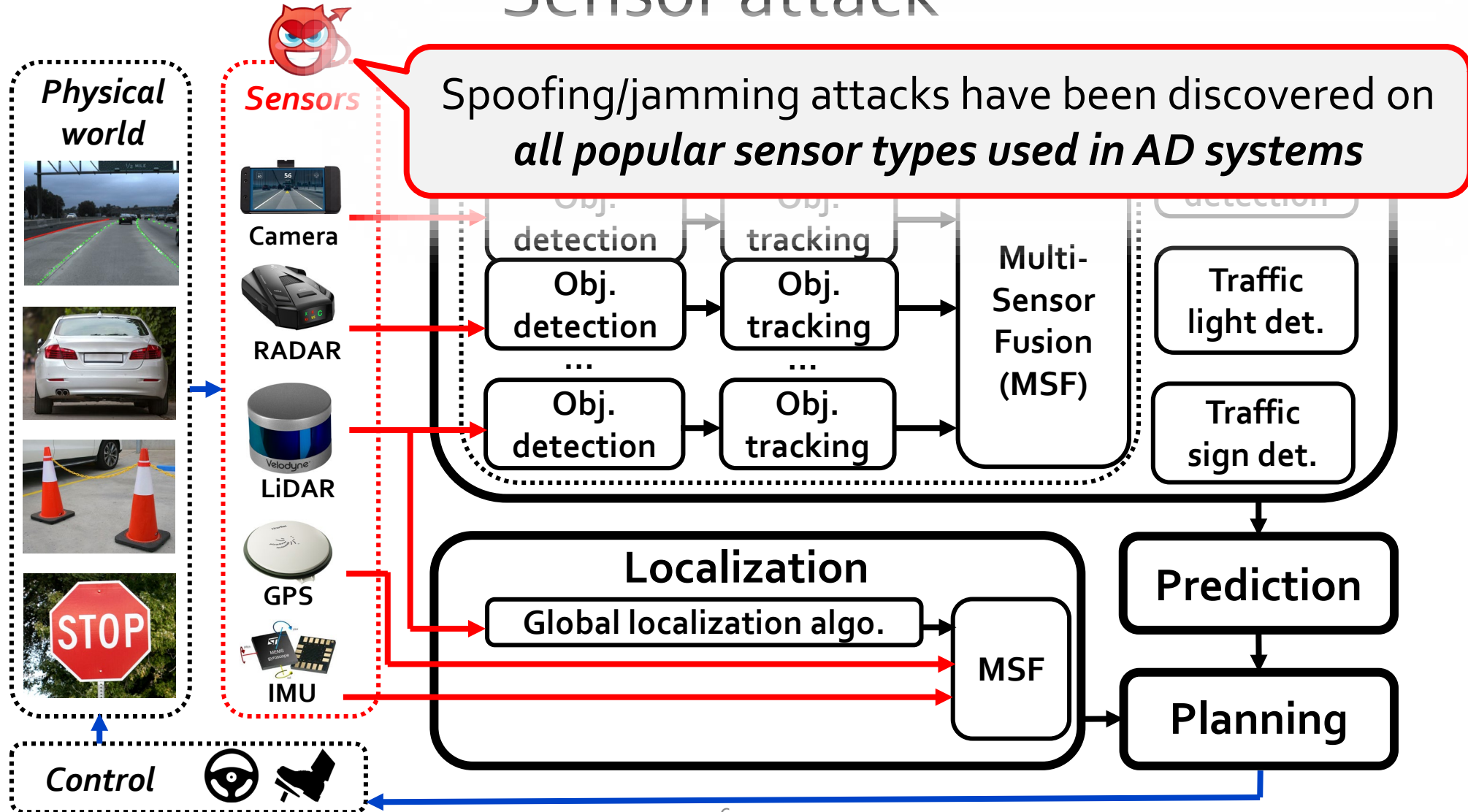
Background: System architecture of industry-grade AD



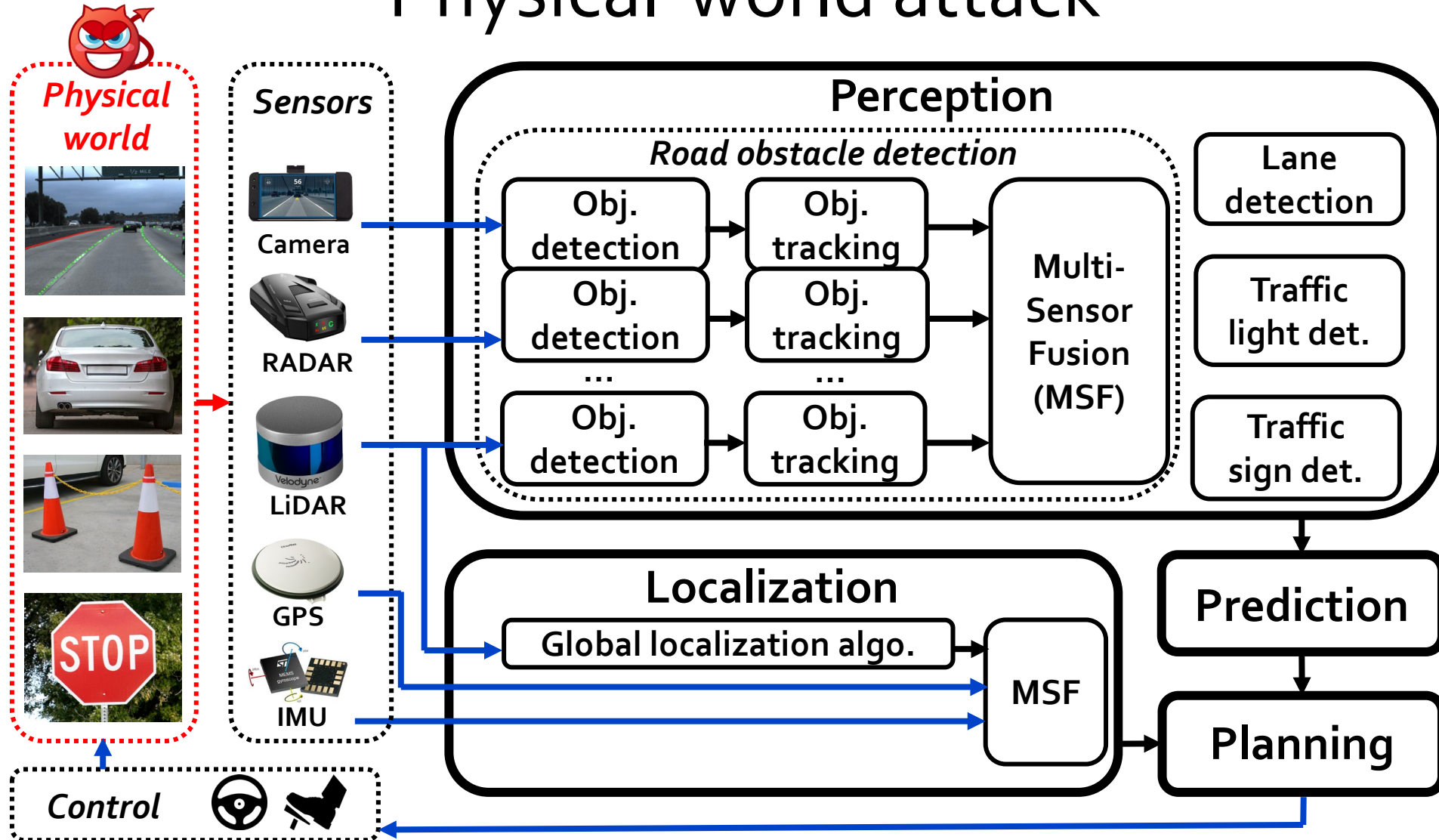
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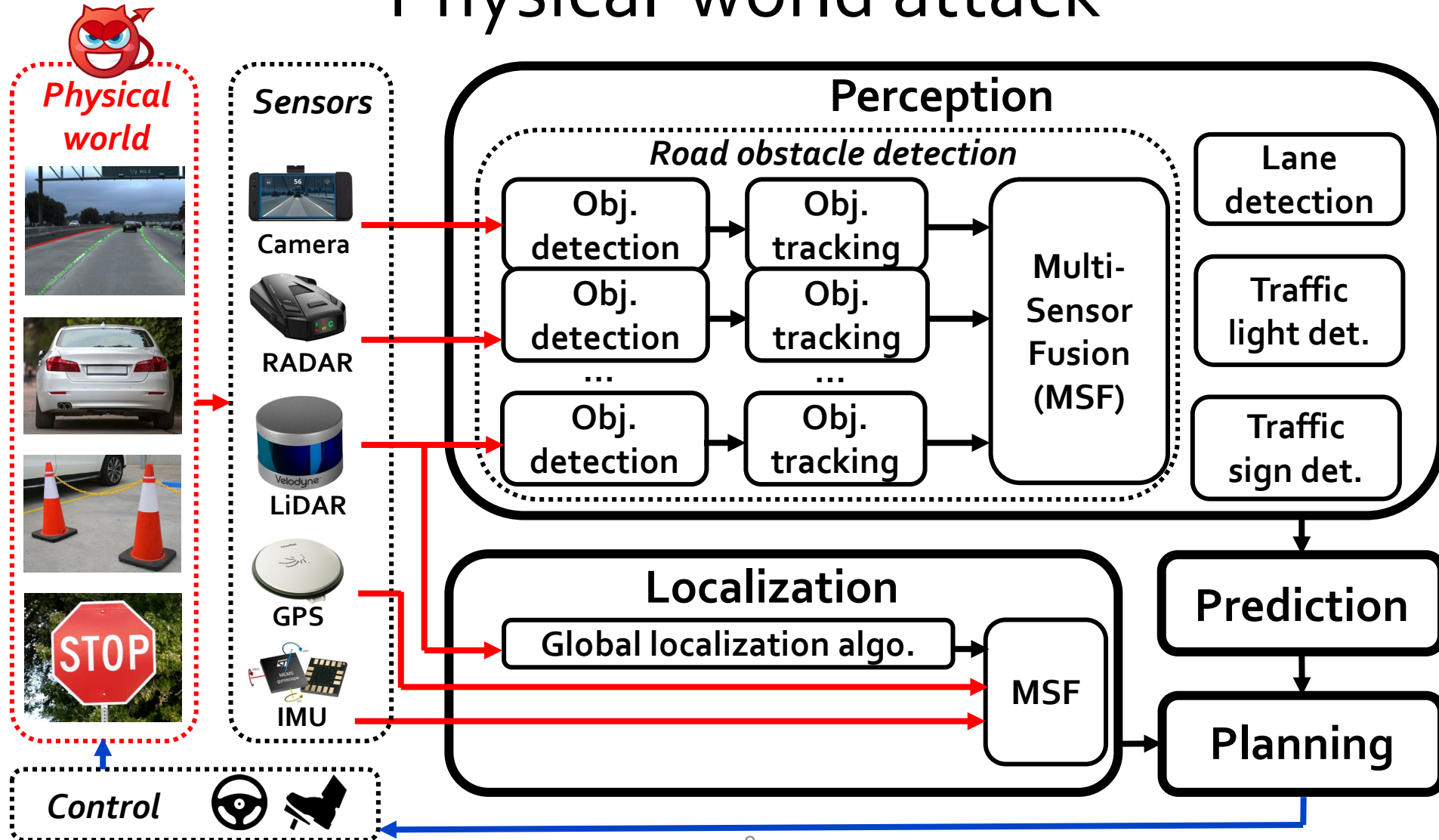
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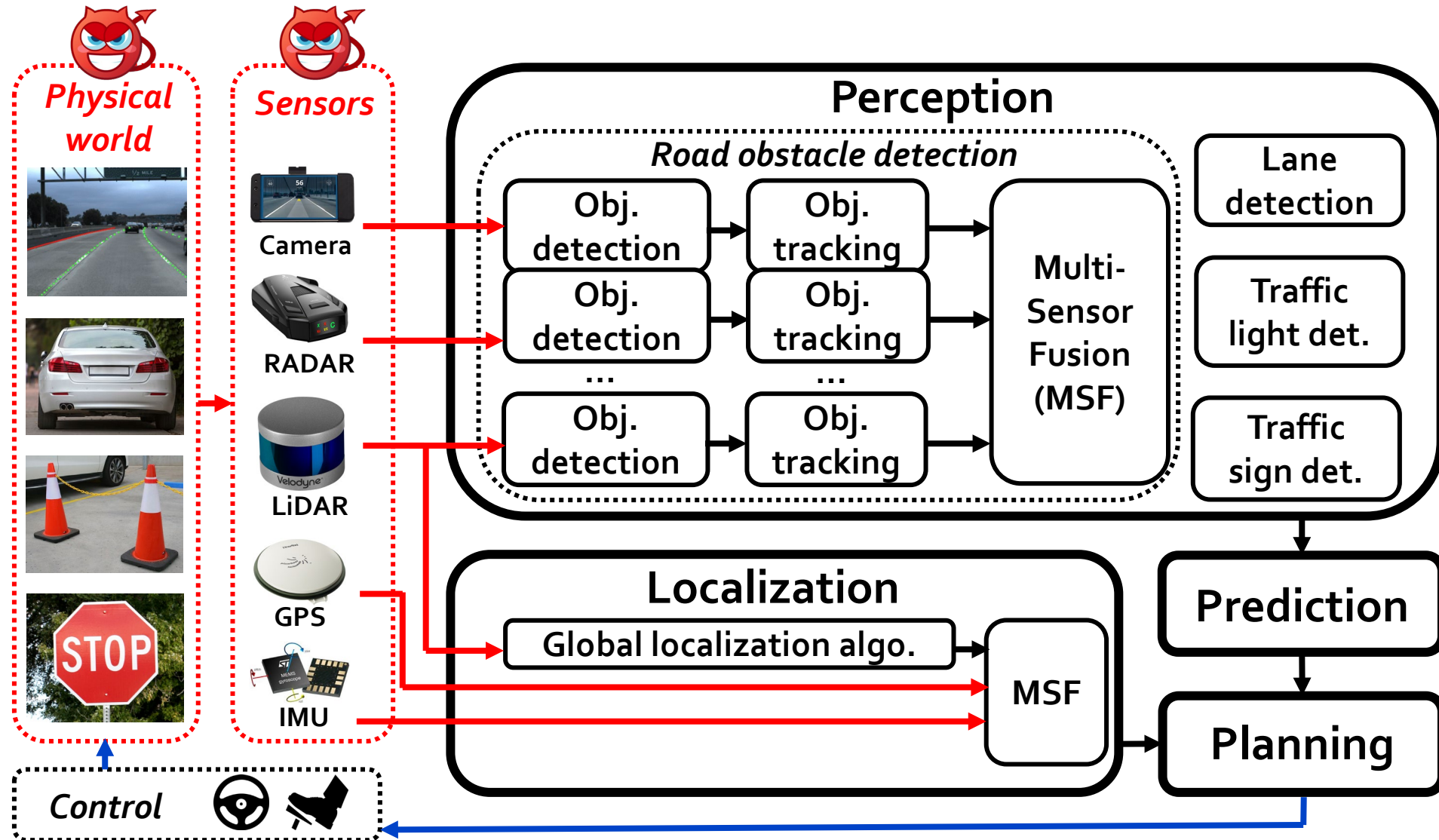
General & fundamental attack surface #2: Physical-world attack



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Both are considered in my research



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DEF CON'16

- Target: Sensors in production AD systems (e.g., Tesla)
- Attack vector: Sensor spoofing/jamming
- Impact: Make road obstacle disappear, or spoof fake ones

Physical world



Obj.

Obj. tracking

Obj. tracking

Multi-Sensor

Lane detection

Traffic light det



(a) Normal.



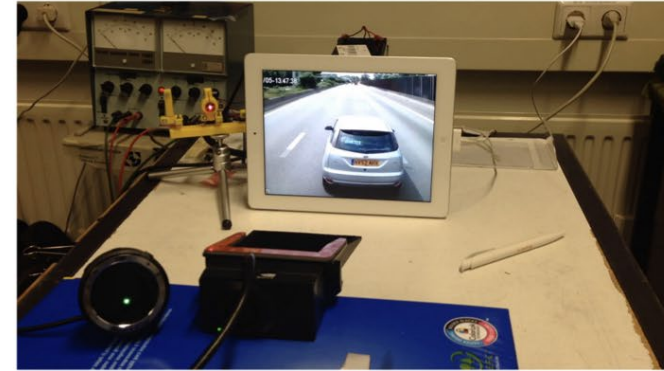
(b) Spoofed.



(c) Jammed.

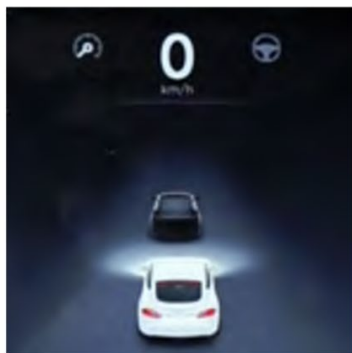


(a) Laser off, normal behavior of MobilEye C2-270



(b) Laser on, MobilEye C2-270 does not detect vehicle ahead

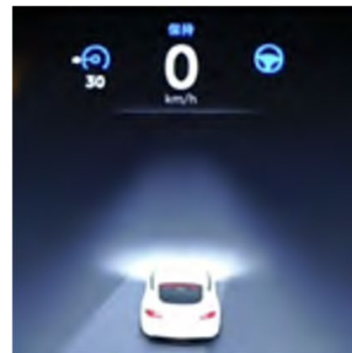
[Petit et al. @ Black Hat 2015]



(a) Drive gear.



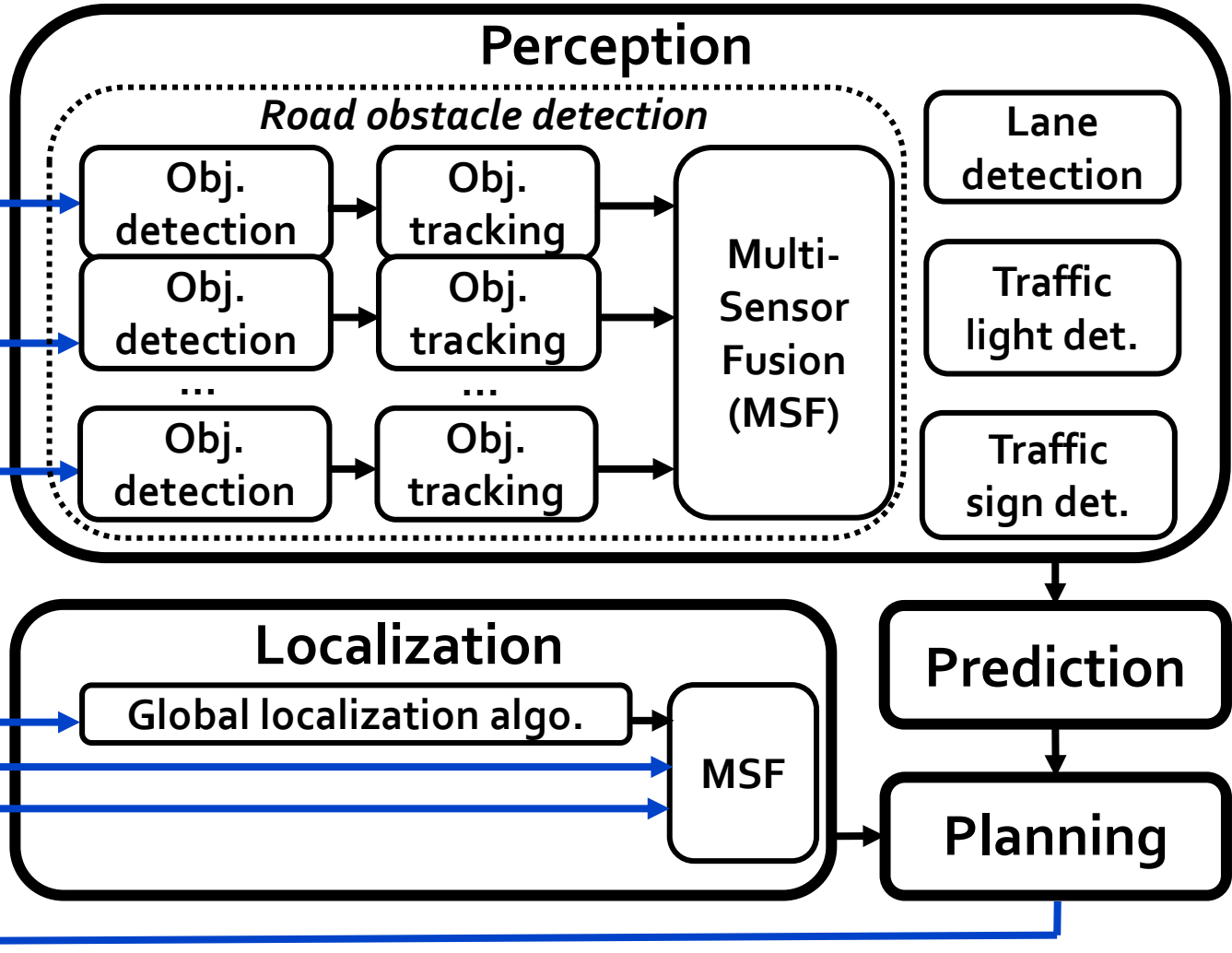
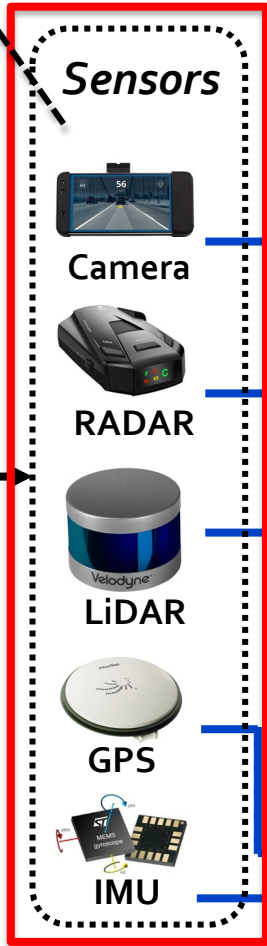
(b) Autopilot.



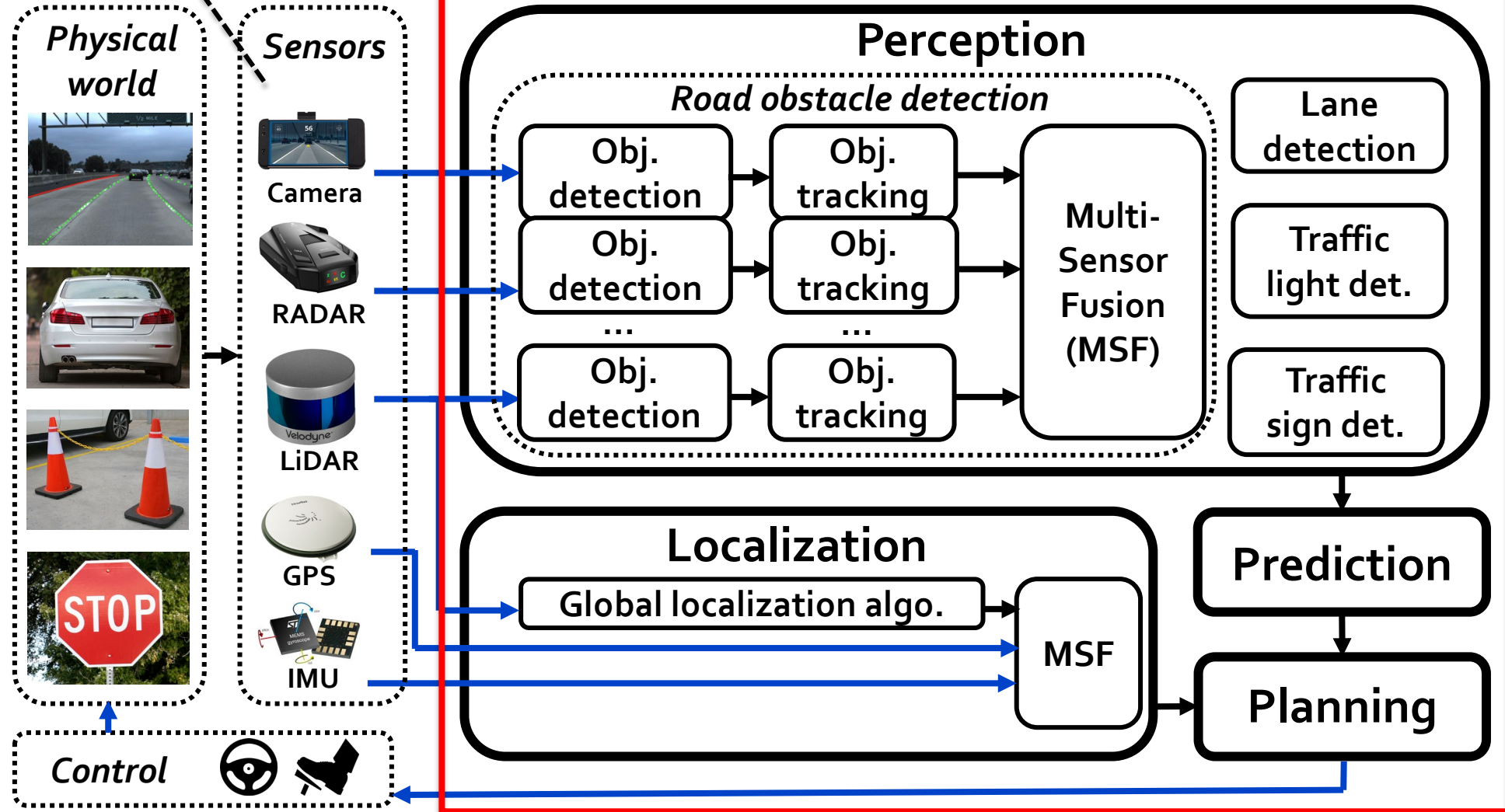
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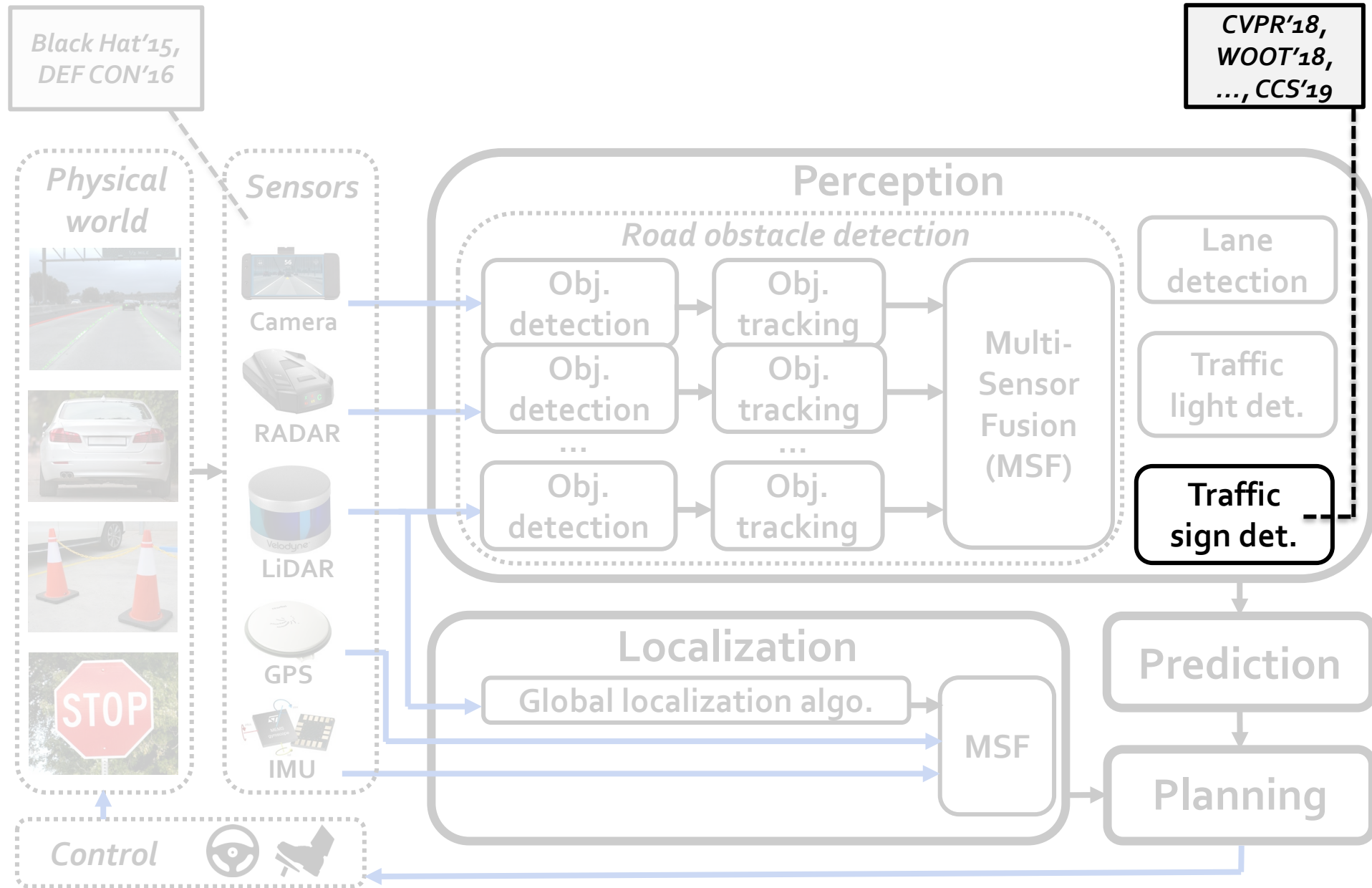
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..., CCS'19

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- Impact: Make a traffic sign disappear, misclassified, or spoof one



[Zhao et al. @ CCS'19]

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 - Latest work shown to work on **commercial vehicle system**¹

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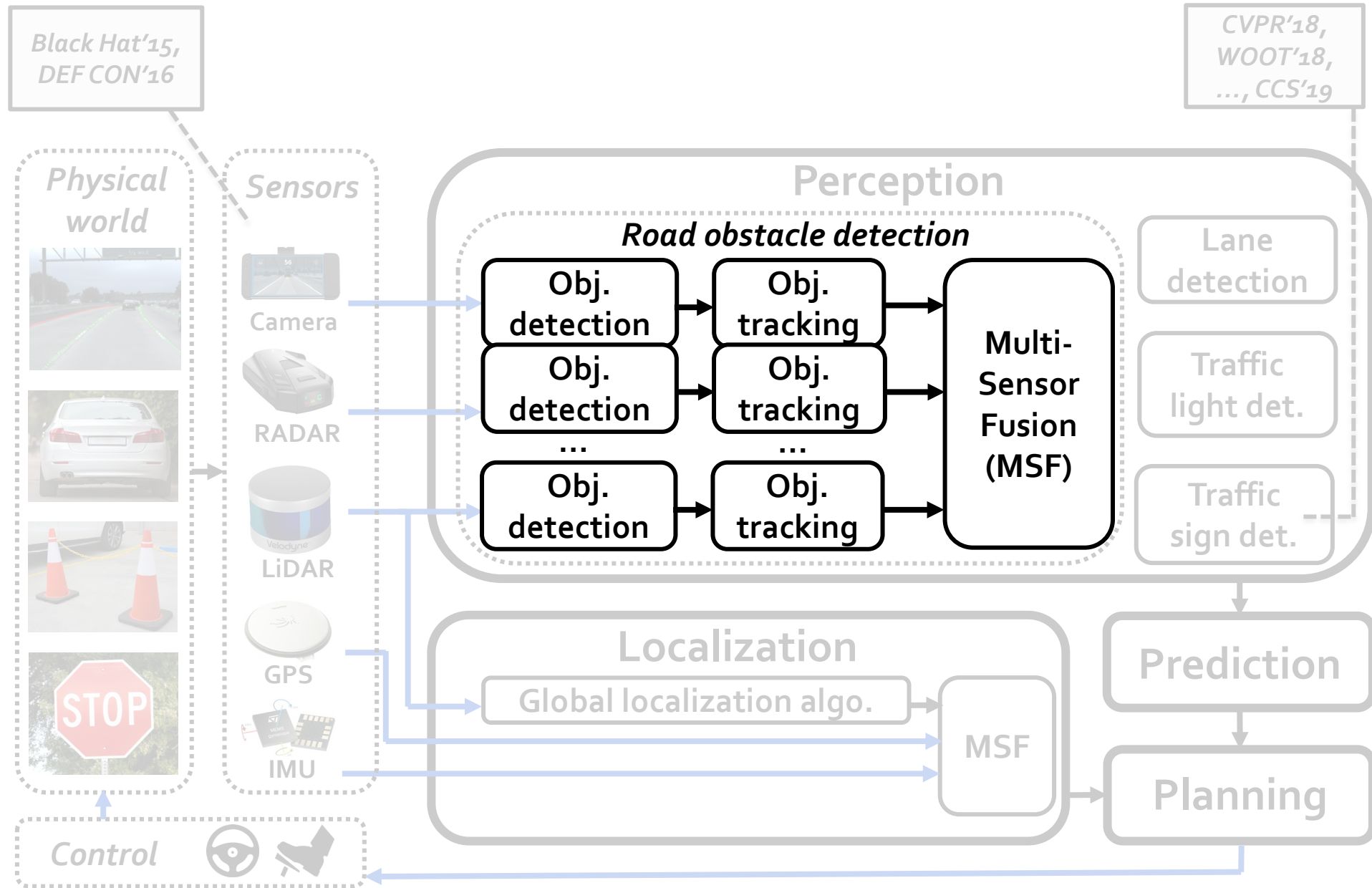
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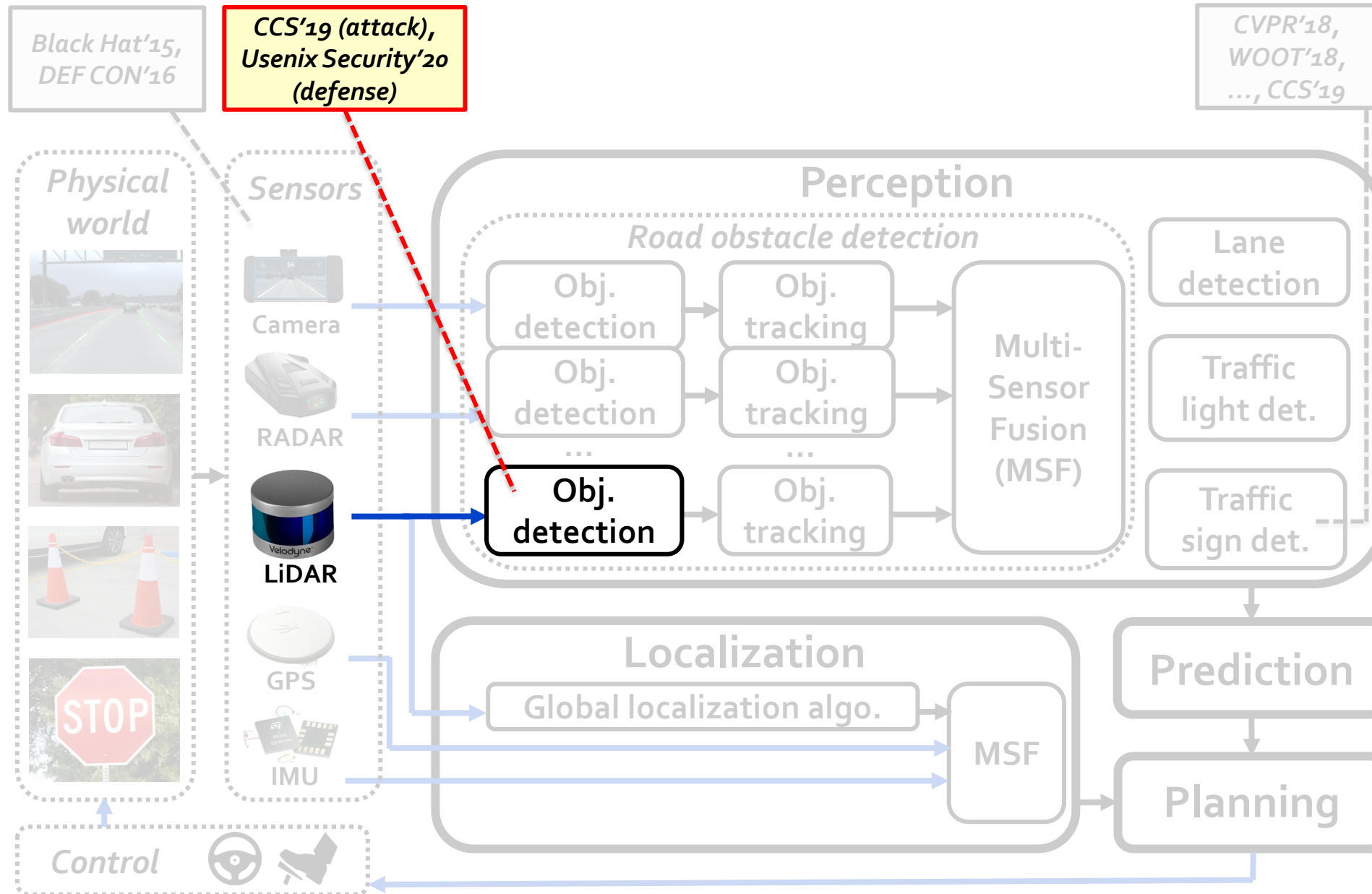


Control



¹ Jia et al. @ NDSS'22





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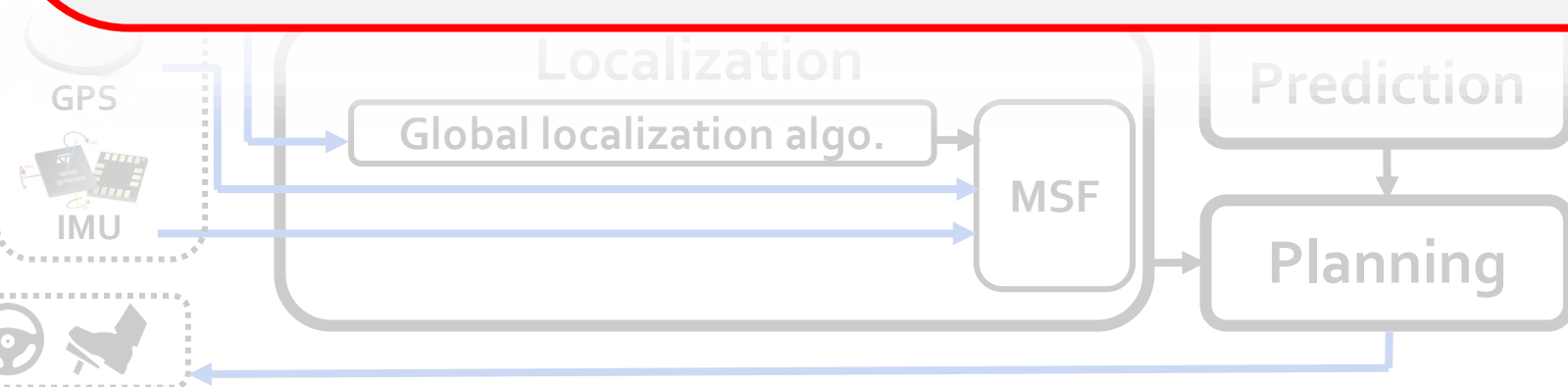


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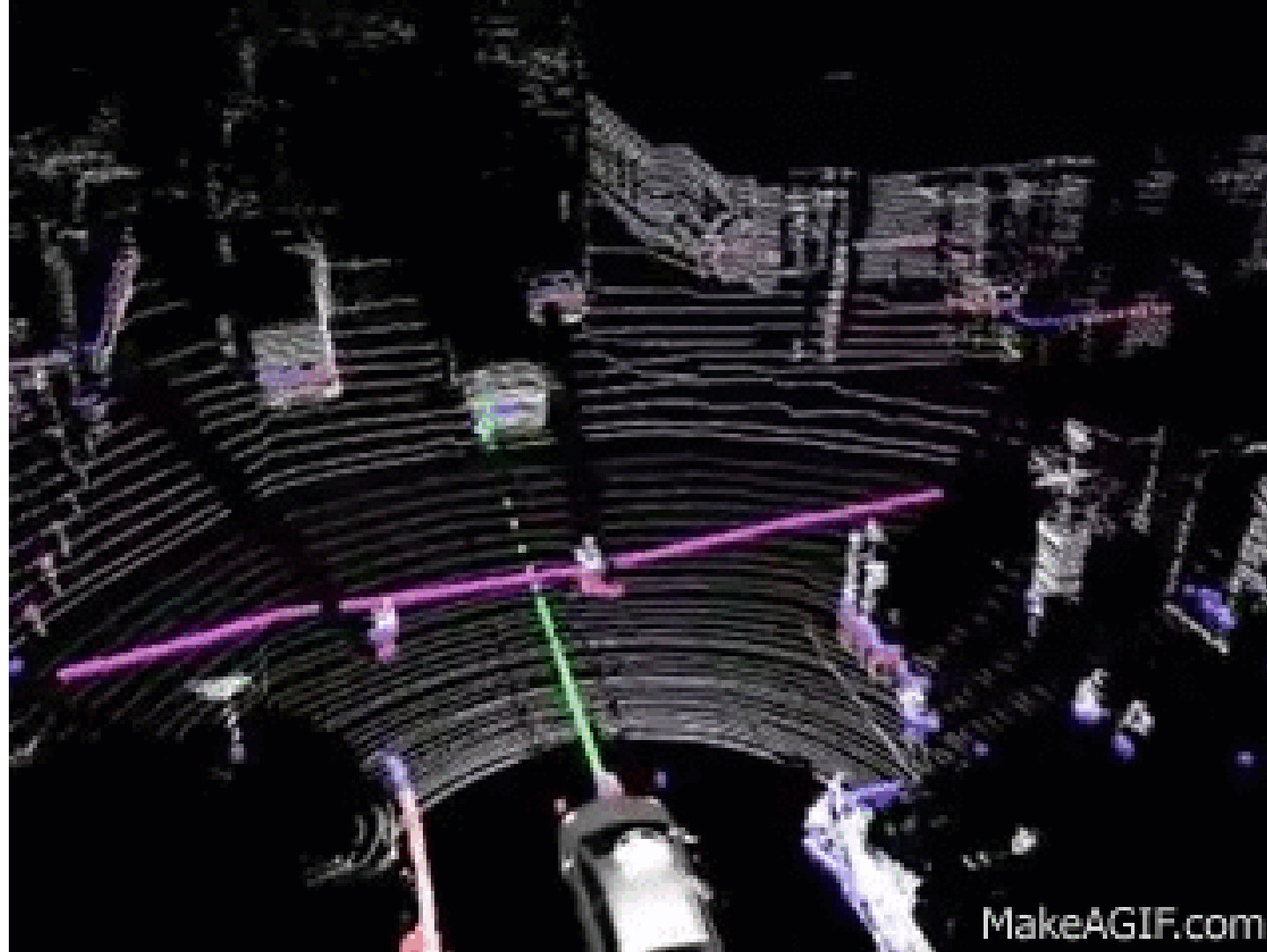


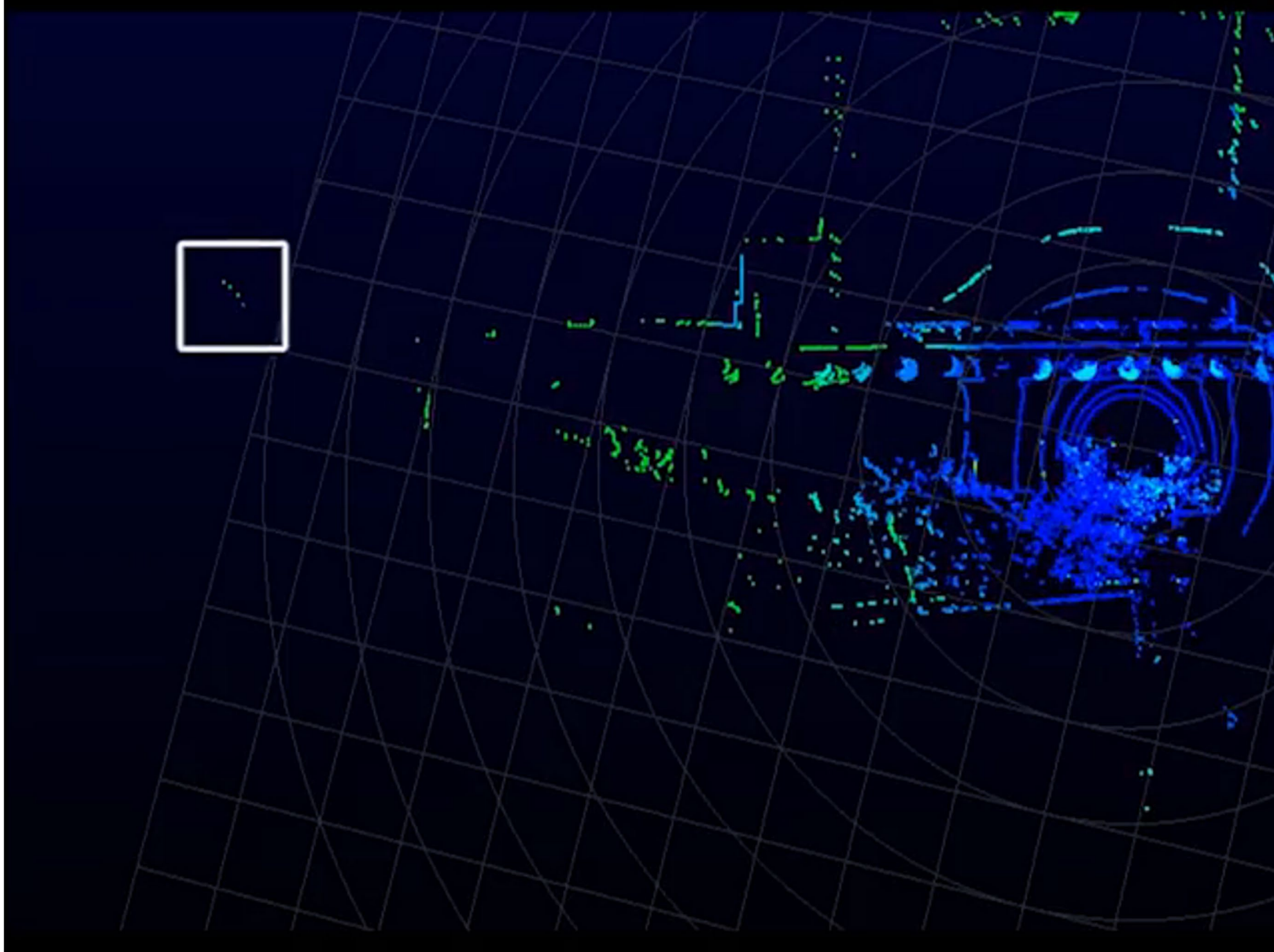
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Background: LiDAR basics





[Shin et al. @ CHES'17]

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WOOT'18,
..., CCS'19

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Normal Reflection

LiDAR System

Lens

Spoofed Reflection

Lens

Laser diode

Camera

Pan-tilt system

[Cao et al. @ AutoSec'21]

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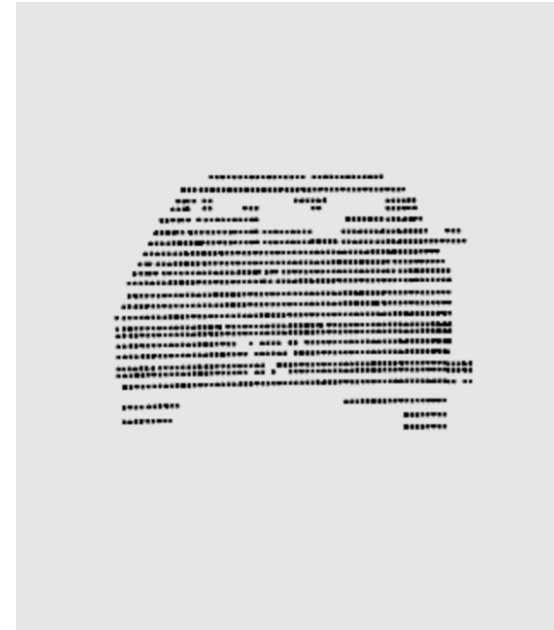
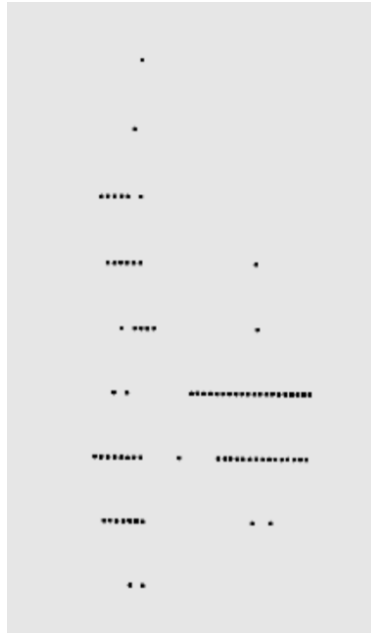
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Control

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Prediction

Planning

Blind spoofing is not enough: Tried various different angles & shapes, cannot spoof fake obstacles at SOTA LiDAR detection model output at all

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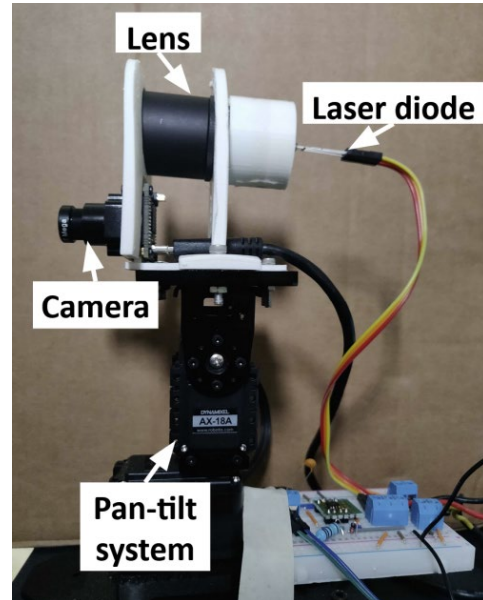


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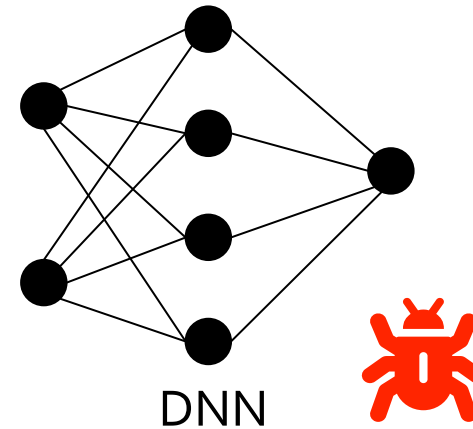
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First sensor-AI co-designed attack

- Call it "adversarial sensor attack"



LiDAR object detection



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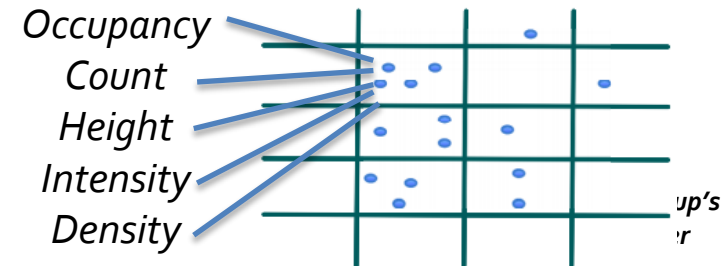
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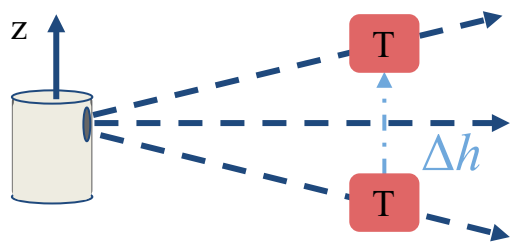
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Agg. features

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capability modelling &



(b) Altitude

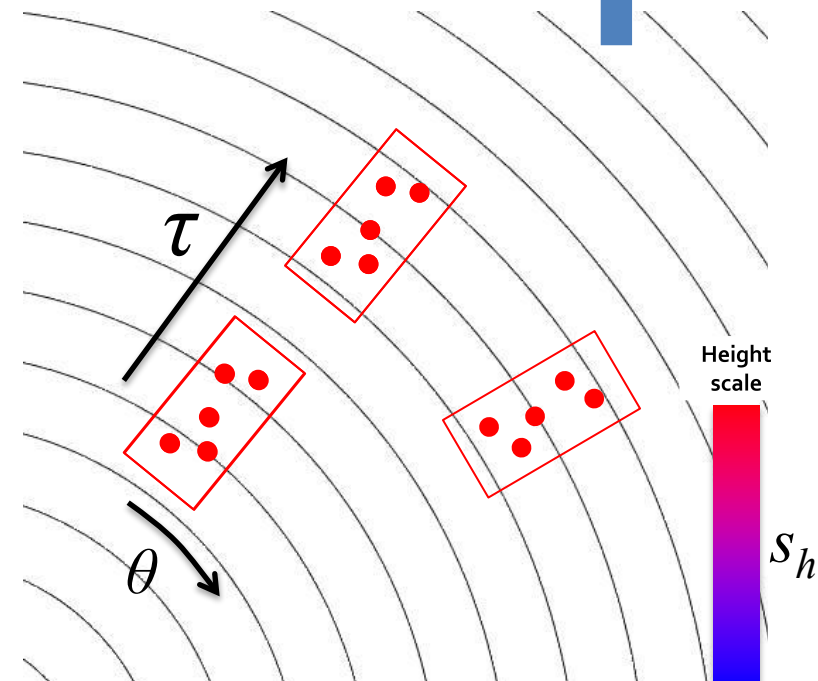


Differentiable

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Spatial Transformation

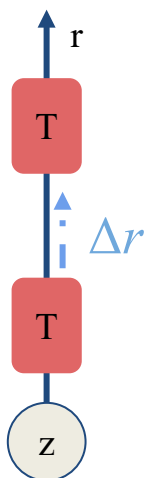
$$G_t(\theta, \tau_x, s_h; t)$$



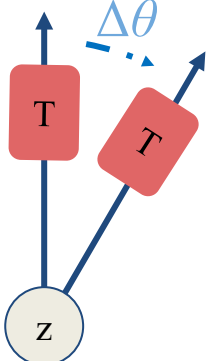
Height
scale

S_h

Addressing System-to-AI semantic gap: from attack perturbation capability at CPS system input space (i.e., LiDAR spoofing capability) to that at AI component input space (i.e., DNN model input)



(a) Distance



(c) Azimuth

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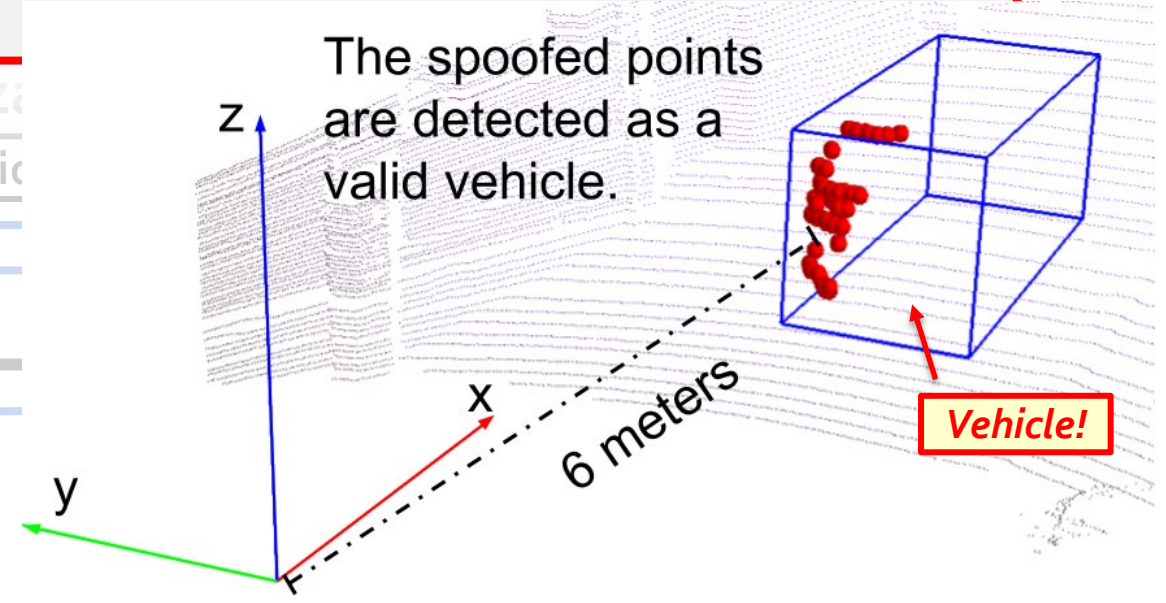
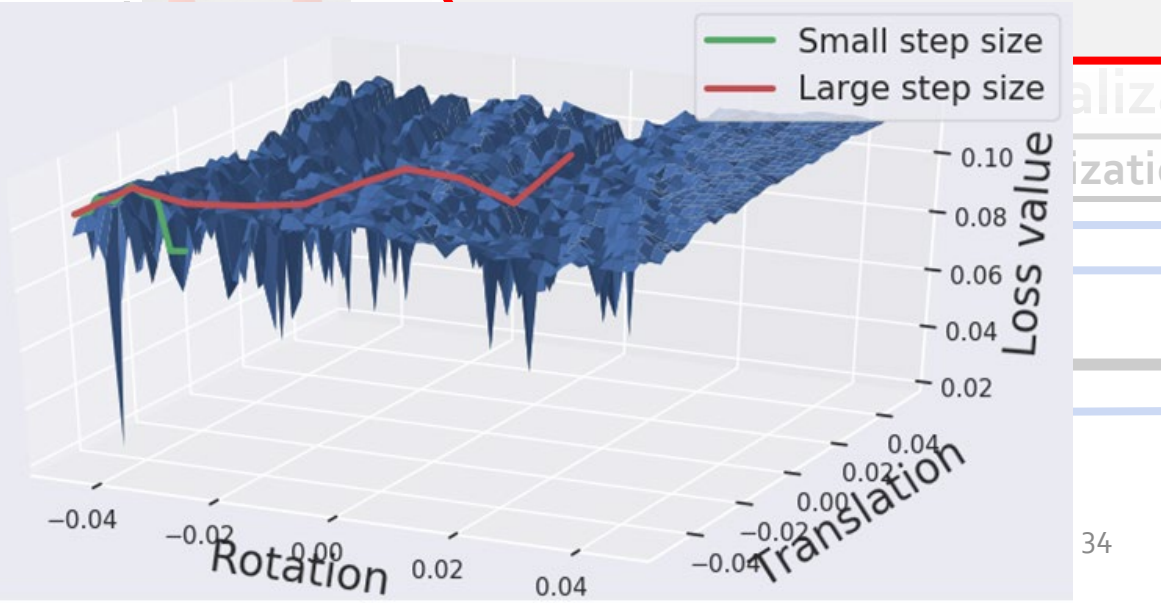
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world



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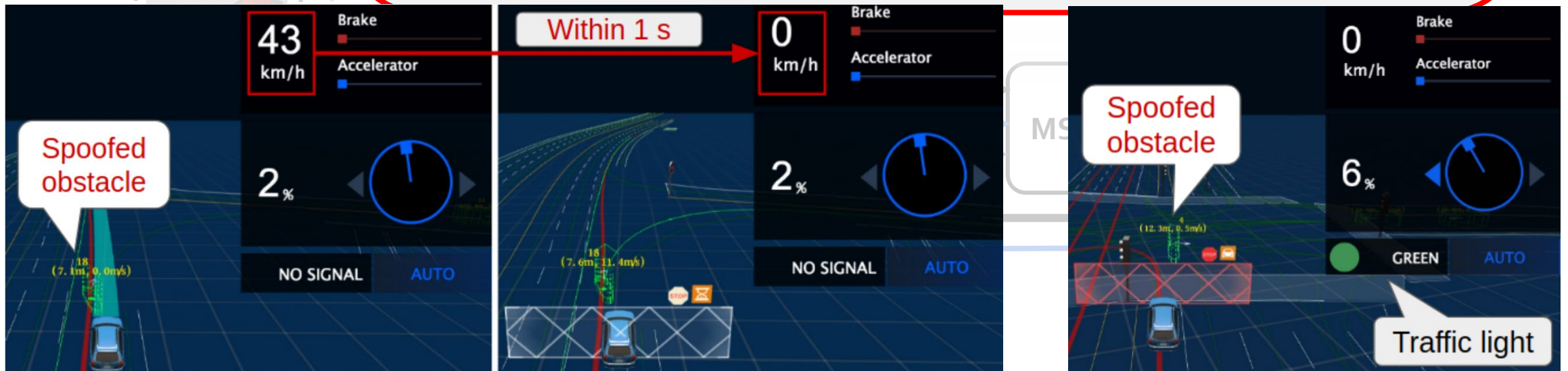
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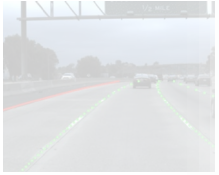


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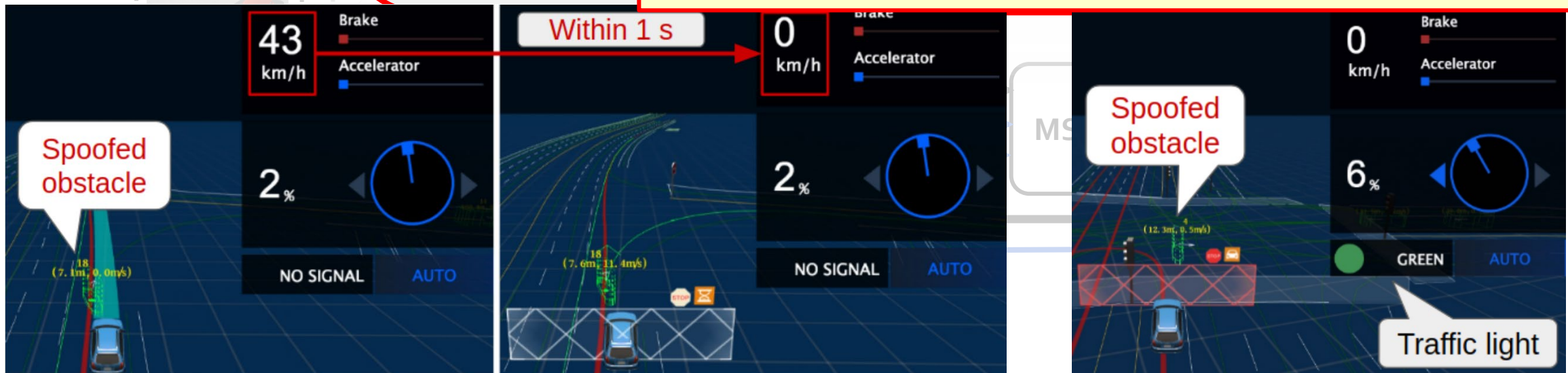
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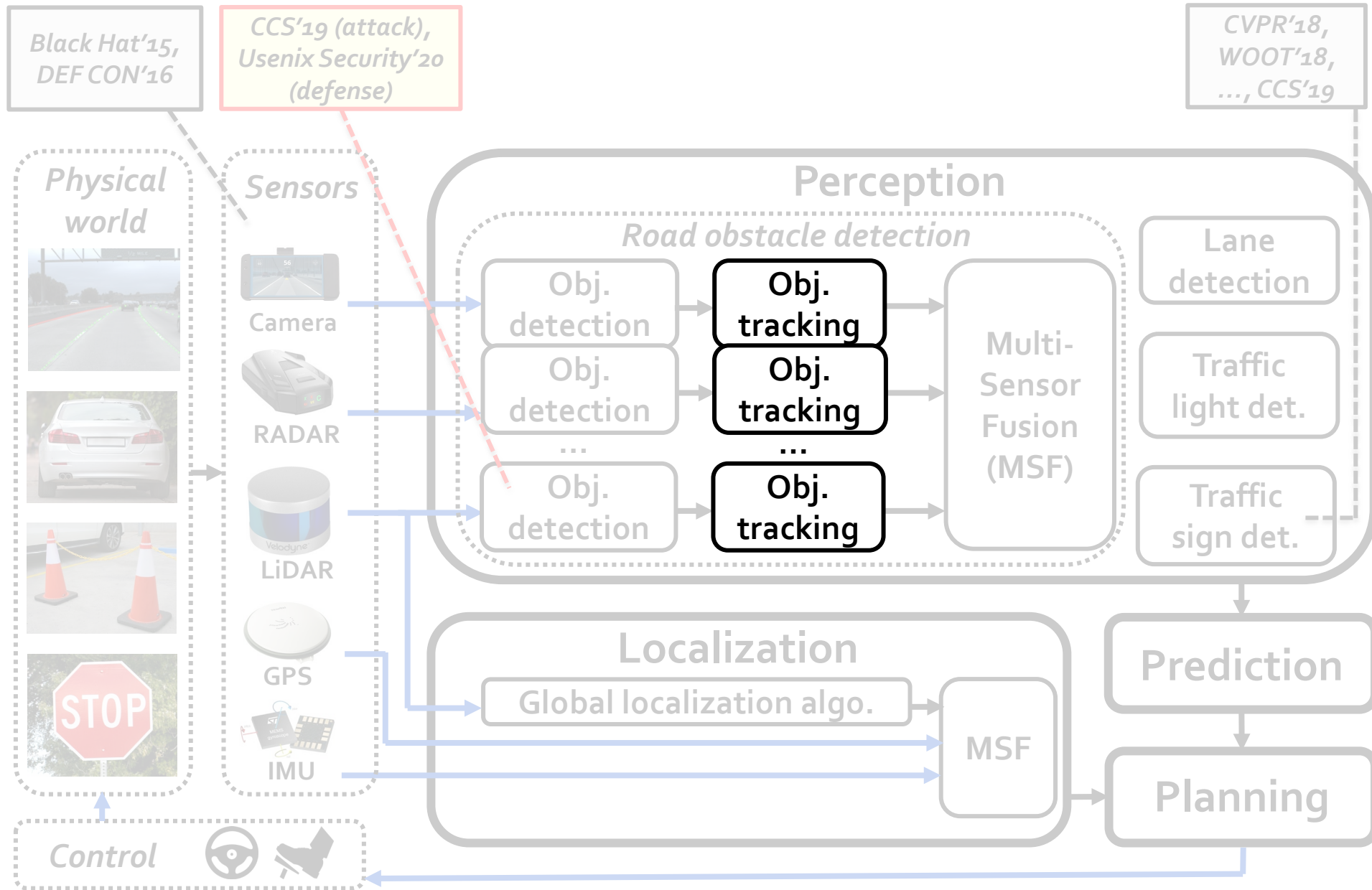


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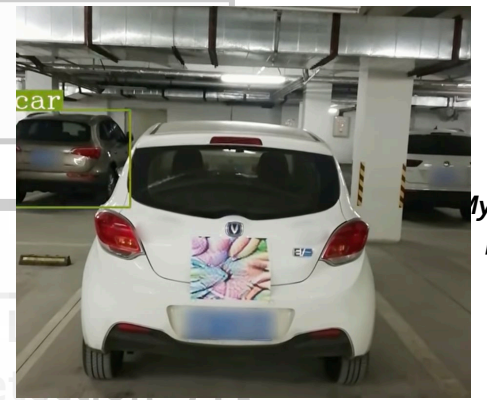




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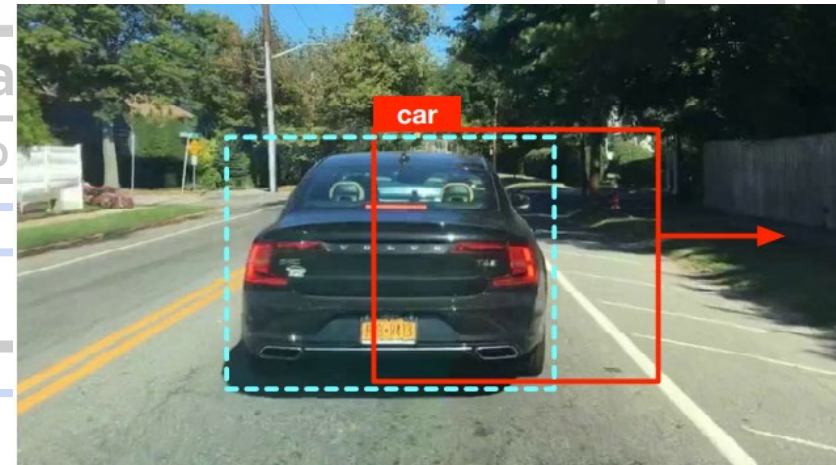
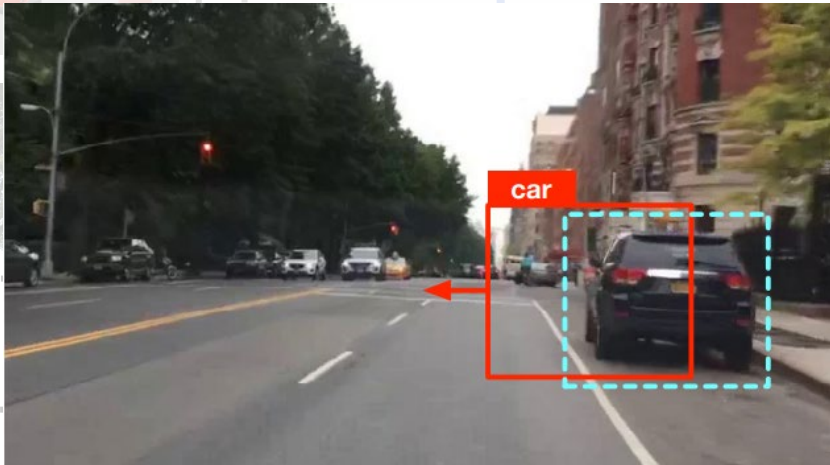
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[Zhao et al. @ CCS'19]

- **First** security analysis for object tracking
- Attack vector: Stickers on the back of front car
- Methodology: Optimize bounding box position shifting
- Impact: Move a road-side object into the current lane, causing **emergency brake**; or move a front car away, causing a **crash**.

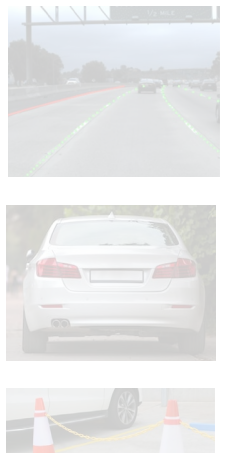


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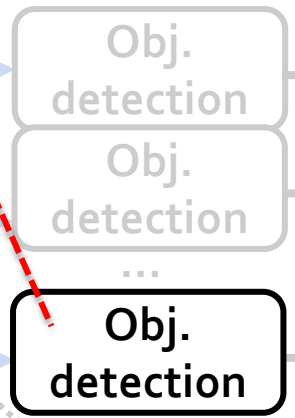
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Sensors



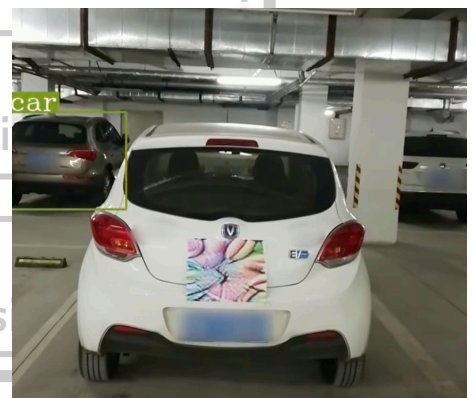
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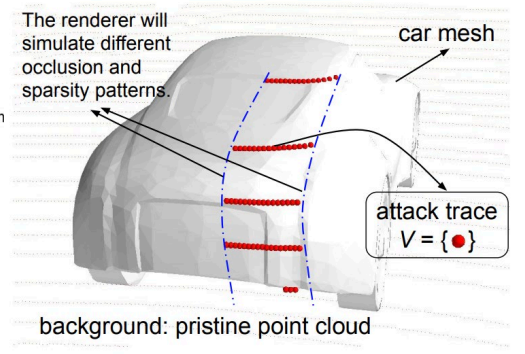
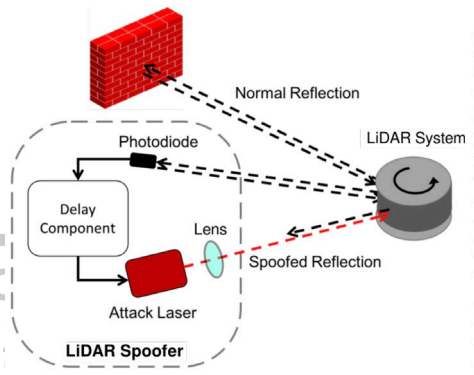
Multi-Sensor Fusion (MSF)



[Zhao et al. @ CCS'19]

Prediction

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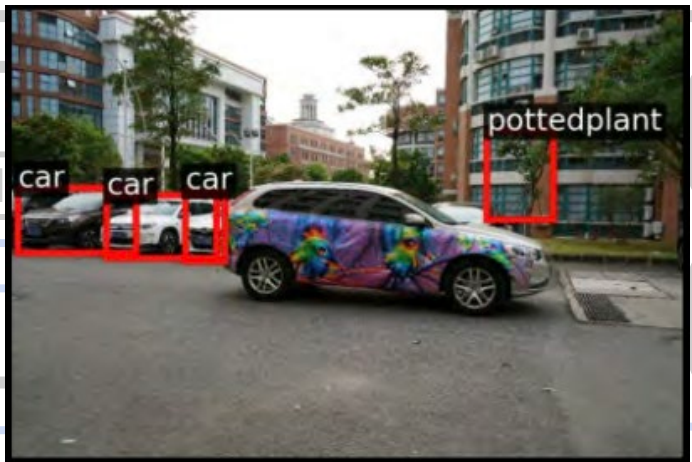


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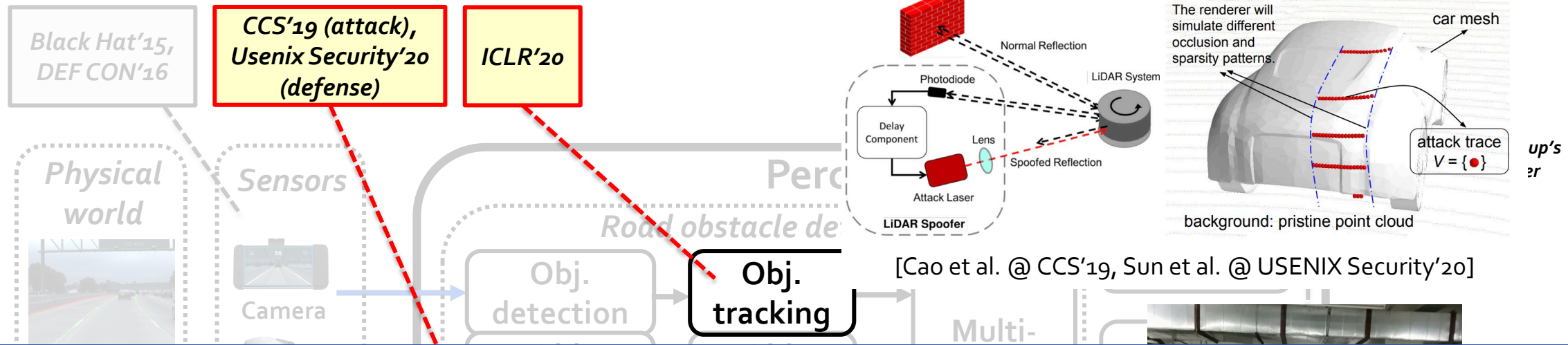
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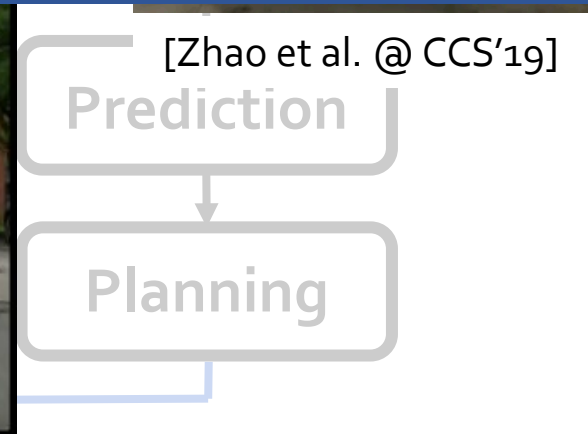
All limited to attacks on **a single source** of AD perception, e.g., camera- or LiDAR-based AD perception alone!



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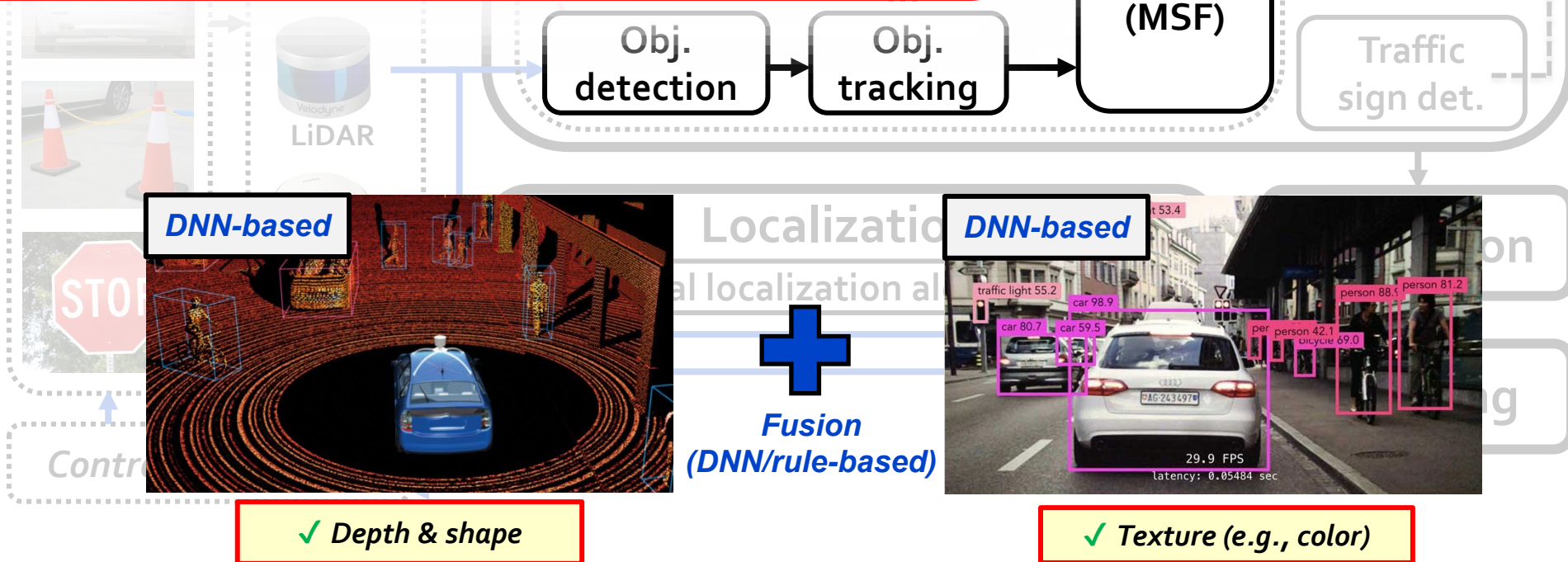
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✓ Depth & shape

✓ Texture (e.g., color)

MSF: Widely recognized as a general defense strategy against existing attacks on AD perception

10.3.2 *Sensor-Level Defenses.* Several defenses could be adopted against spoofing attacks on LiDAR sensors:

Detection techniques. Sensor fusion, which intelligently combines data from several sensors to detect anomalies and improve performance, could be adopted against LiDAR spoofing attacks. Systems are often equipped with sensors beyond LiDAR. Cameras, radars, and ultrasonic sensors provide additional information and redundancy to detect and handle an attack on LiDAR.

[Cao et al. @ CCS'19]

As the system's autonomy increases, so does the concern about its security. In modern vehicles, a malicious attacker may deceive the controller into performing a dangerous action by altering the measurements of some sensors [1], [2]. Depending on the attacker's goal and capabilities, the consequence can range from minor disturbances in performance to critical loss of human lives. Consequently, performing attack sensor fusion is essential for the safety of such systems.

[Ivanov et al. @ DATE'14]

5.2 Potential Countermeasures

Redundancy and Fusion: If a vehicle is equipped with multiple lidars having an overlapping field of view, the effect of saturating and spoofing can be mitigated to a certain extent. However, this directly increases the cost, and is not a definitive solution because attackers can blind multiple lidars simultaneously. Besides, it is also not easy to detect spoofing in non-overlapped zones. Likewise, the fusion of sensors can be an ultimate solution either. Radars [44] have all been revealed to be vulnerable to spoofing.

[Shin et al. @ CHES'17]

2.1 System Model and Current Approach

We consider a system with n sensors measuring the same physical variable. As mentioned above, we assume *abstract* sensors; therefore, each sensor provides the controller with an interval of all possible values. We assume the system queries all the sensors periodically such that a centralized estimator receives measurements from all sensors, and then performs attack detection/identification and sensor fusion (SF). We now explain the current approach to attack detection, referred to herein as a SF-based detector, before providing the improved version addressed in this paper.

⁴²
[Park et al. @ ICCPS'15]

In this work, we do not assume any particular sensing or actuation workflow to be trusted. However, we do assume that not all sensor readings can be corrupted simultaneously. Under the design where workflows run with isolation (see Section II-A), attacks or failures in a workflow can be constrained within. Admittedly, such cases could be possible in carefully crafted attacks. However, it is difficult for attackers. Firstly, for heterogeneous sensors, holding a vulnerability and a corresponding exploit which targets one sensing workflow is already costly [6], [9], not to mention corrupting all. Secondly, even if an attacker is capable of corrupting all sensors, then the attacks simultaneously to avoid at challenge to launch such coordinated target sensing workflows [9].

[Guo et al. @ DSN'18]

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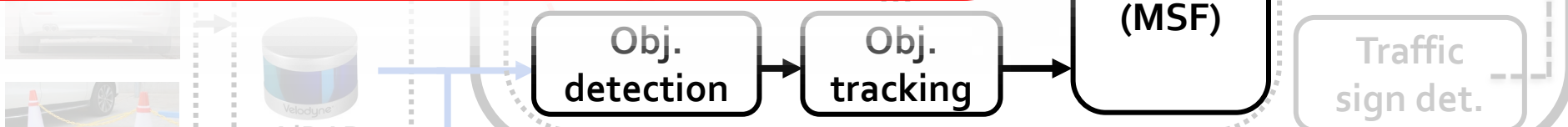
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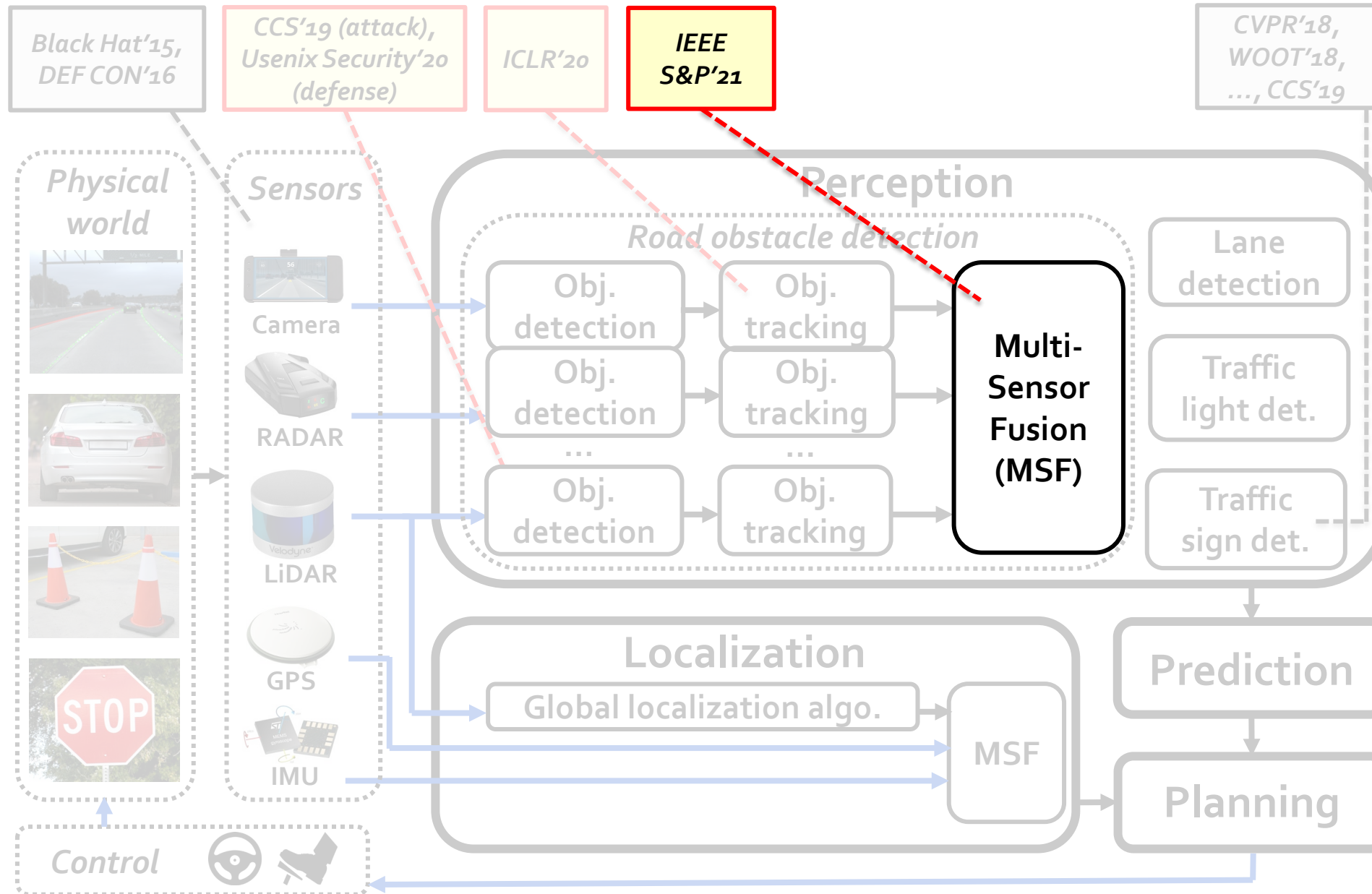


Research Question:

Can such basic security design assumption actually be broken, especially in practical AD settings?

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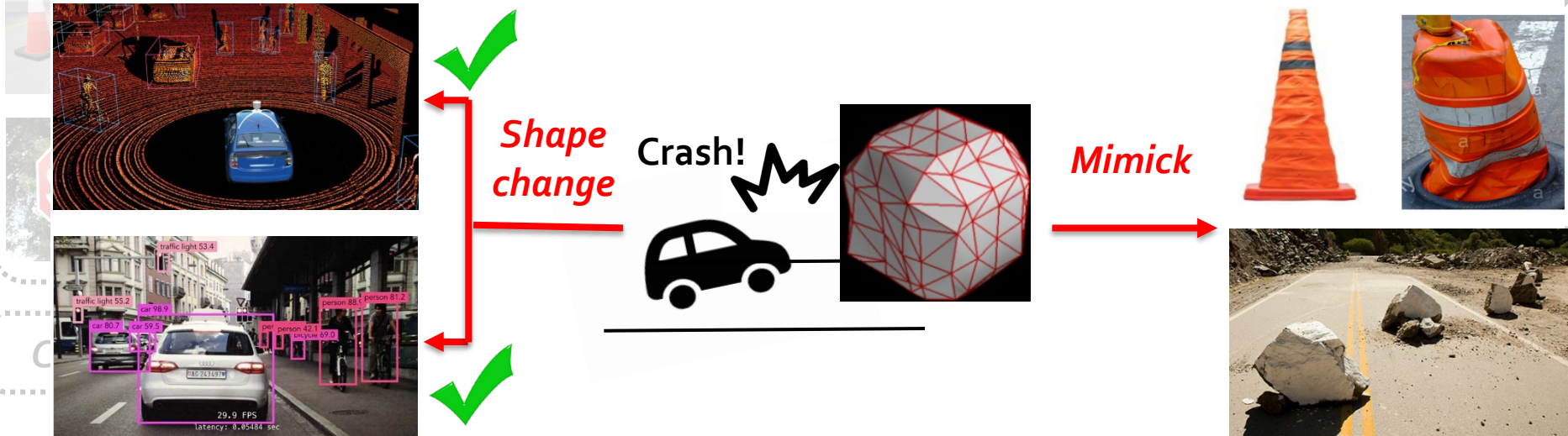
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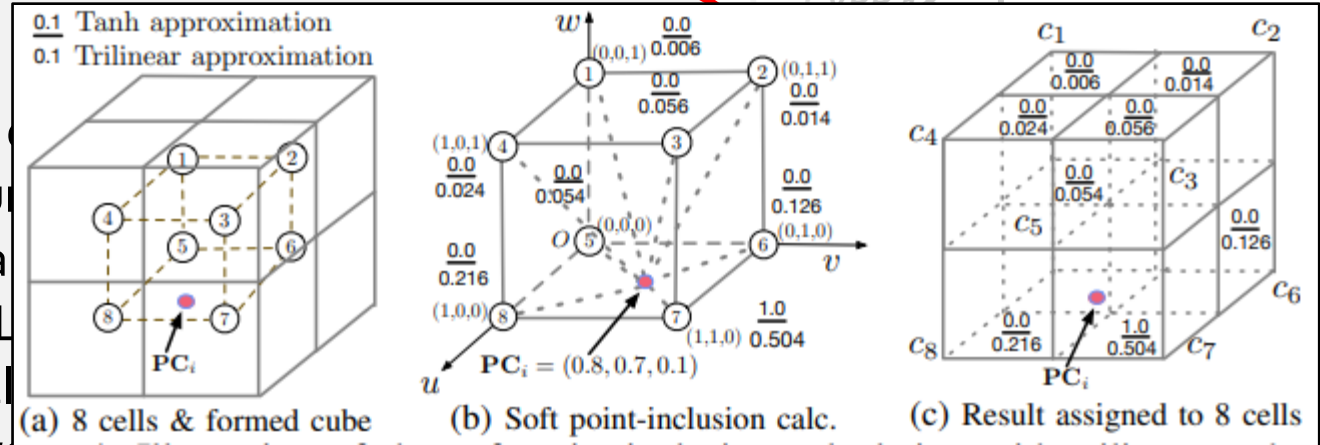
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 - **Physically-realizable** (via 3D printing) & **stealthy** (by mimicking)

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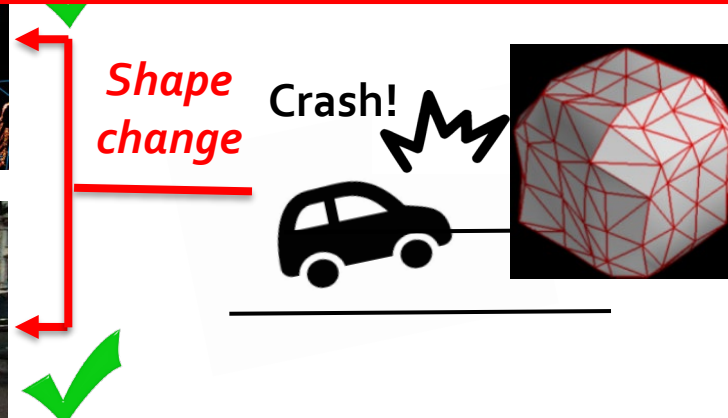
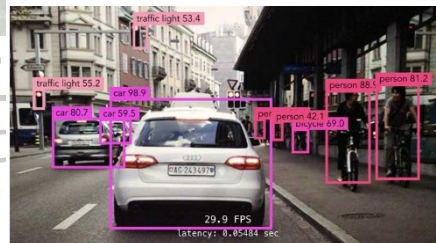
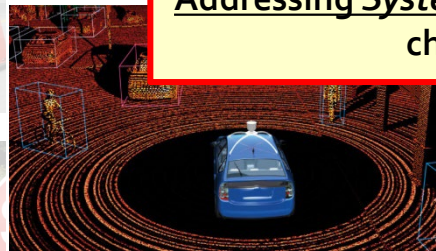
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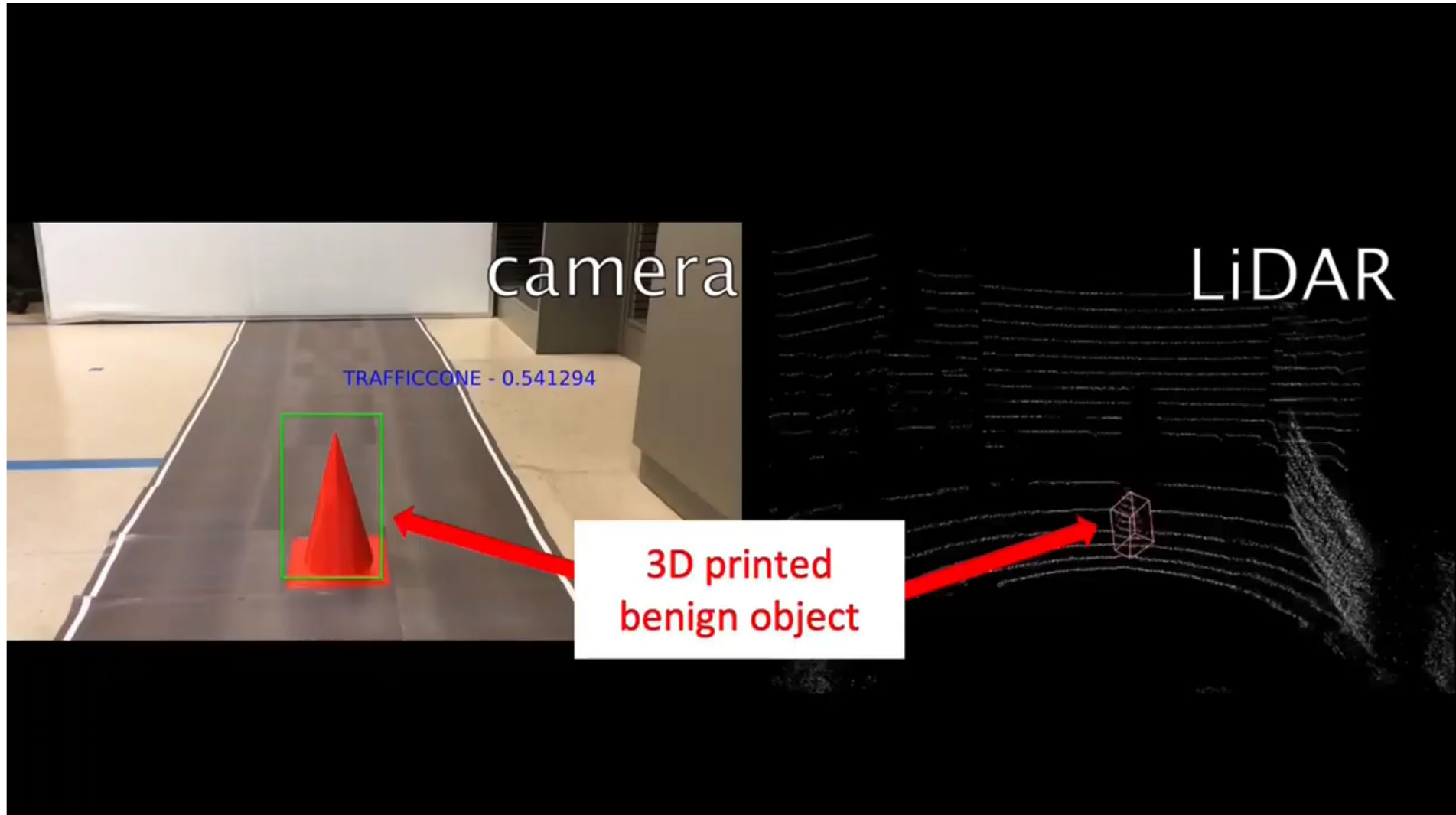
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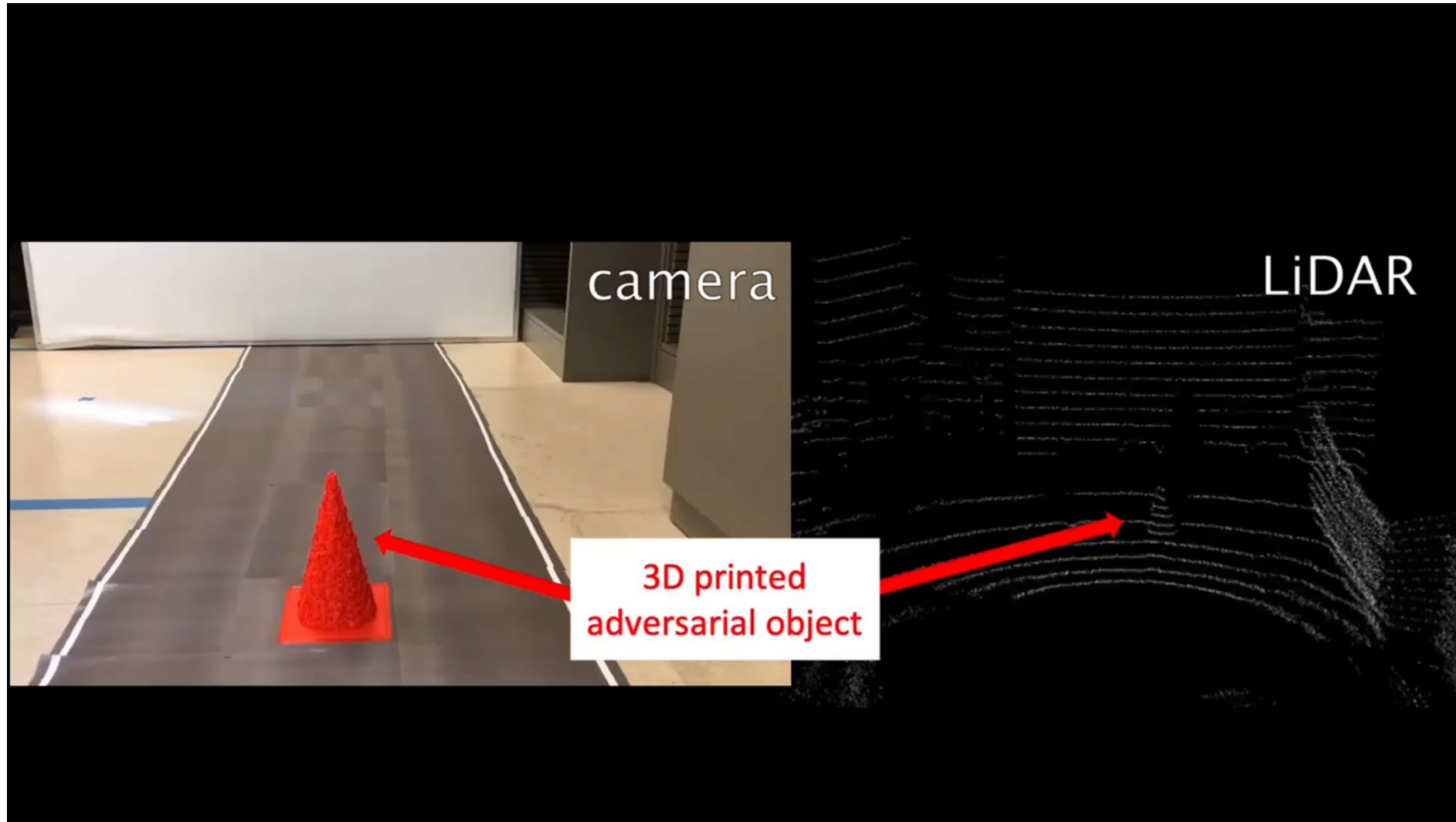
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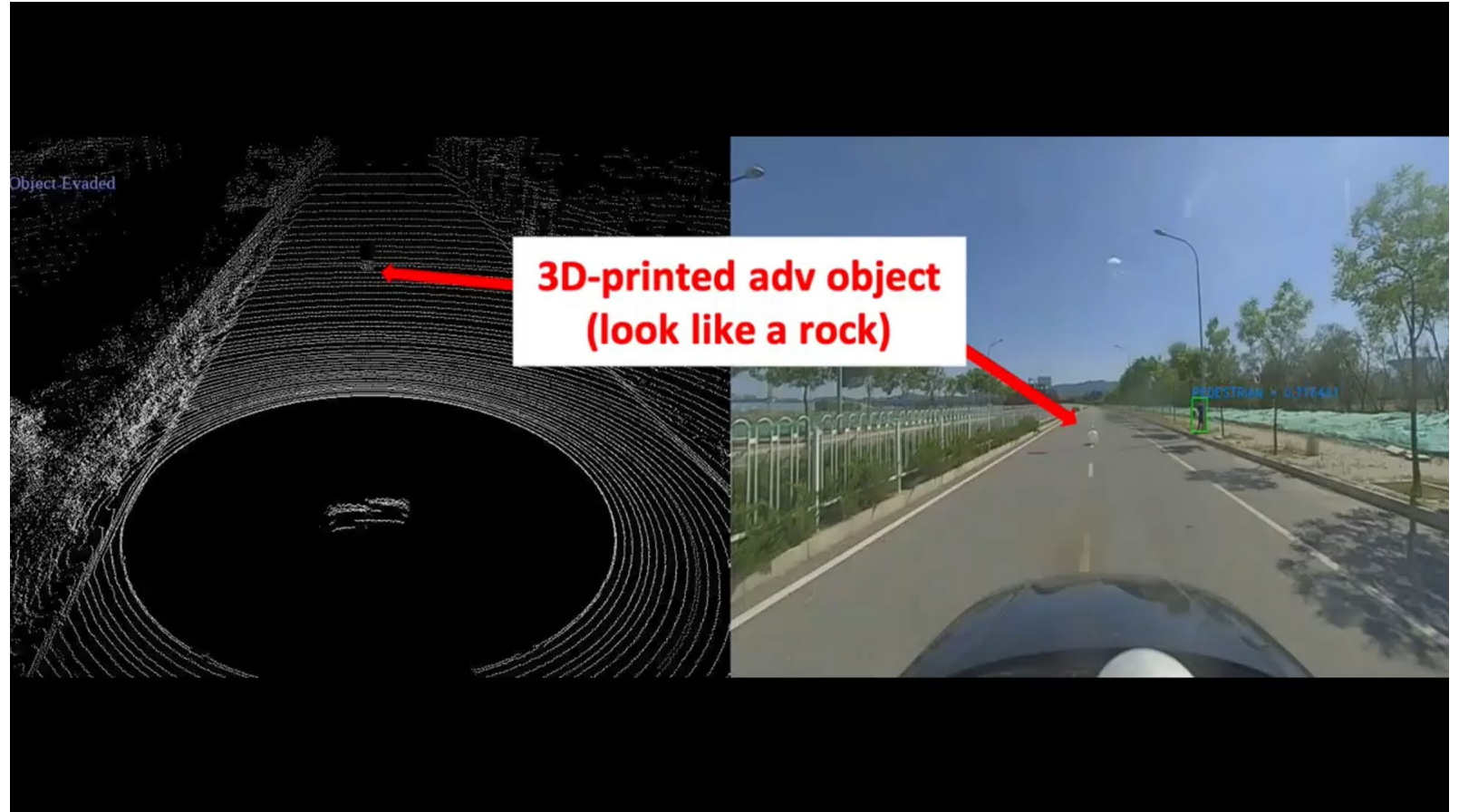
Attack demos: Benign case



Attack demos: Adversarial case



Attack demos



Demo website: <https://sites.google.com/view/cav-sec/msf-adv>

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Real-World
Road Patch



Dirty Patterns

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 - *Far below normal driver reaction time (~2.5 sec)*

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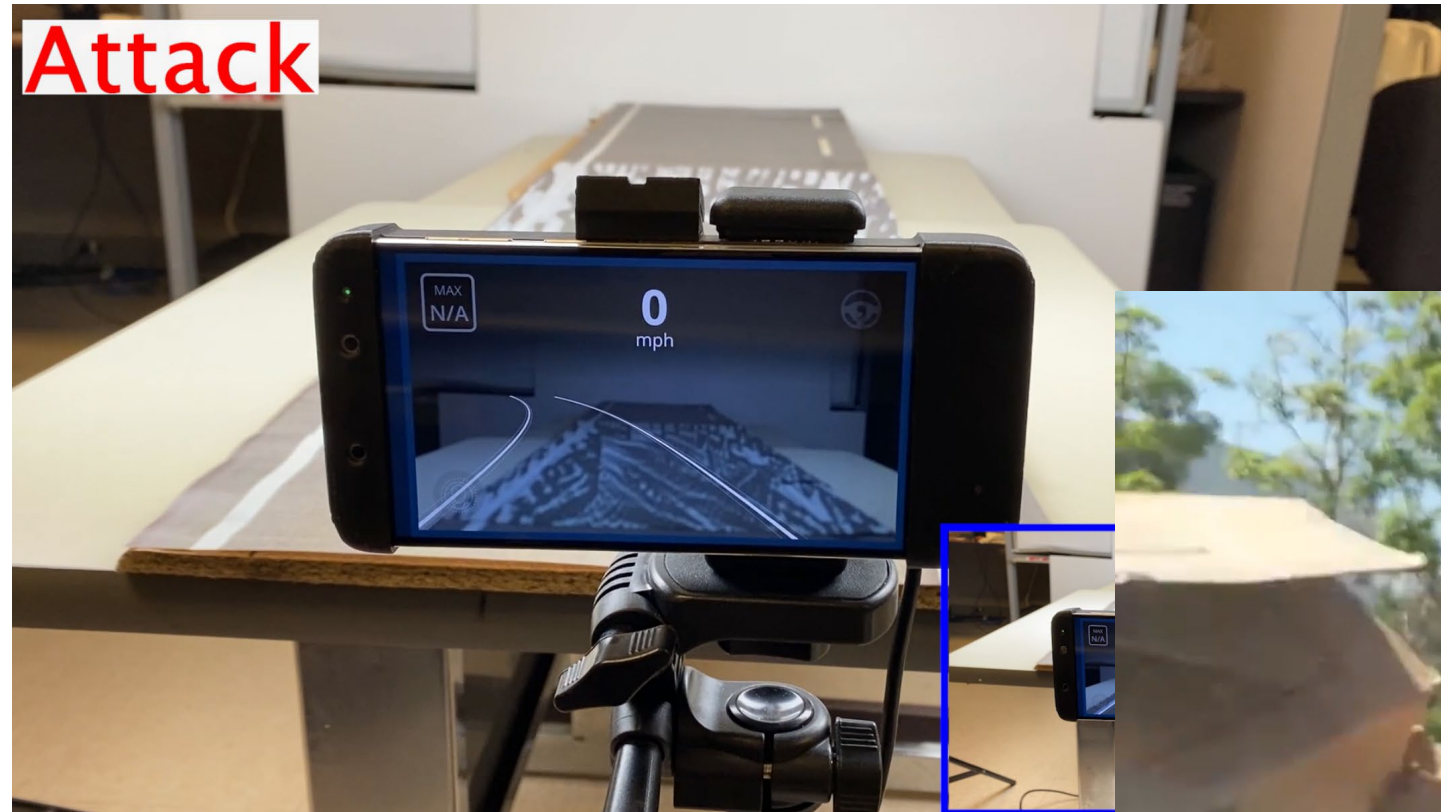


General semantic AI security challenges:

- *System-to-AI semantic gap*: from attack perturbation capability at CPS system input space (i.e., malicious dirty patterns on the ground) to that at AI component input space (i.e., camera pixel changes)
- *AI-to-system semantic gap*: from AI output-level errors (i.e., per-frame lane bending/shifting) to CPS system-level attack effect (i.e., lateral deviation)
 - *Especially challenging since single-frame attack success can only lead to ≤ 0.3 mm lateral dev. at 45 mph*

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Demo: Dirty road patch attack on lane detection



100% (10/10) crash rate for real vehicle w/ AEB



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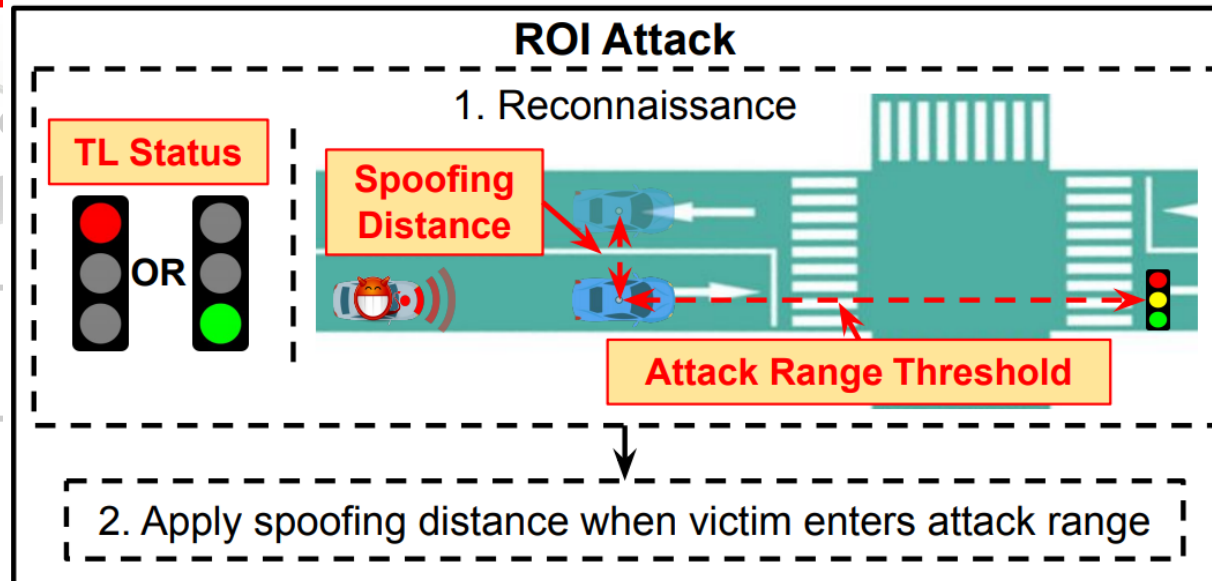
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Control

- First security analysis of traffic light detection
- Target: Industry-grade AD traffic light detection pipeline
 - Specifically, the use of **ROI (Region-of-Interest)** to narrow down detection scope in raw camera input
- Attack vector: GPS spoofing
- Impact: Move right traffic light out of ROI, causing **DoS**; or move wrong traffic light into ROI, causing **red light running**
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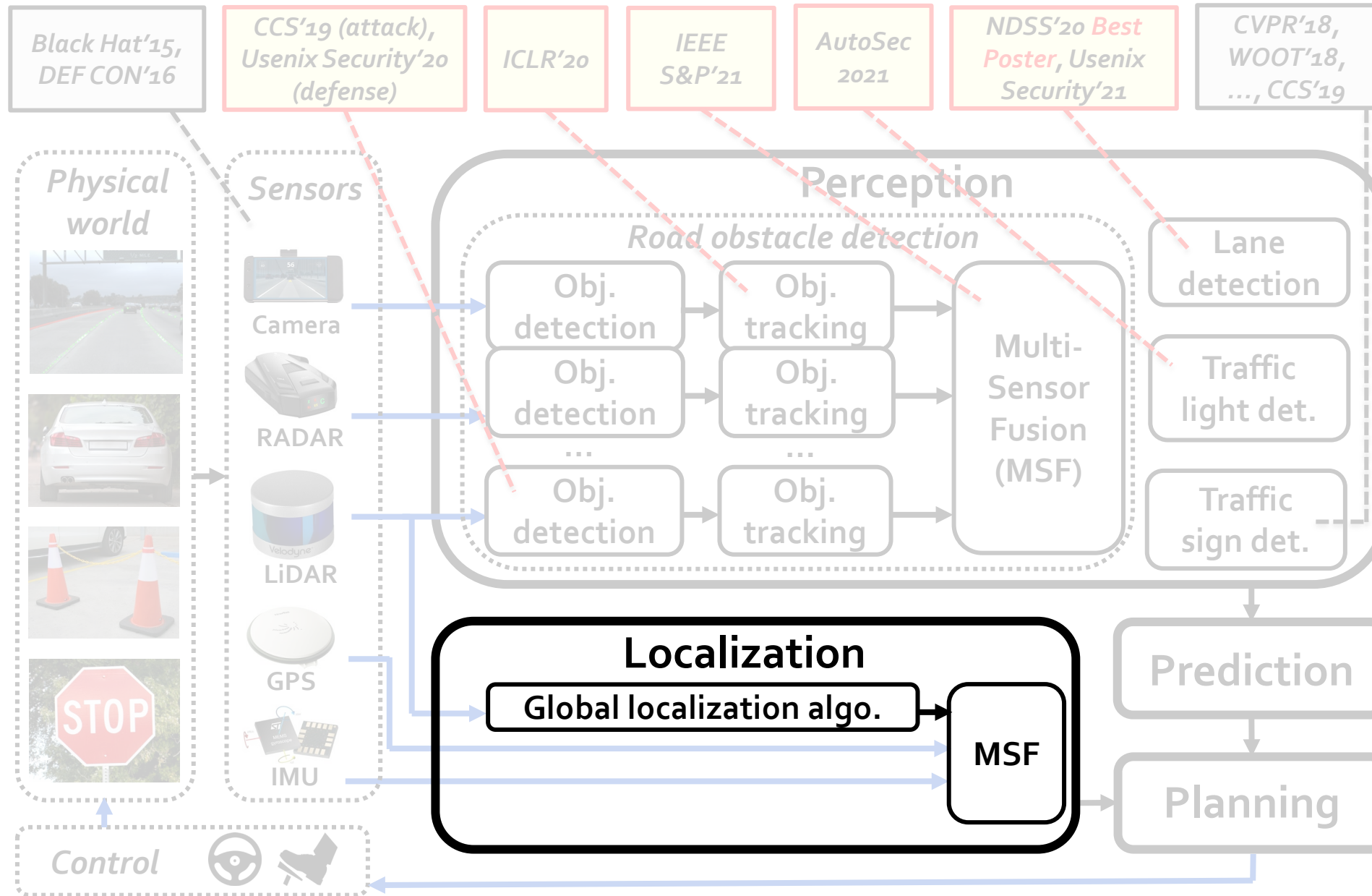


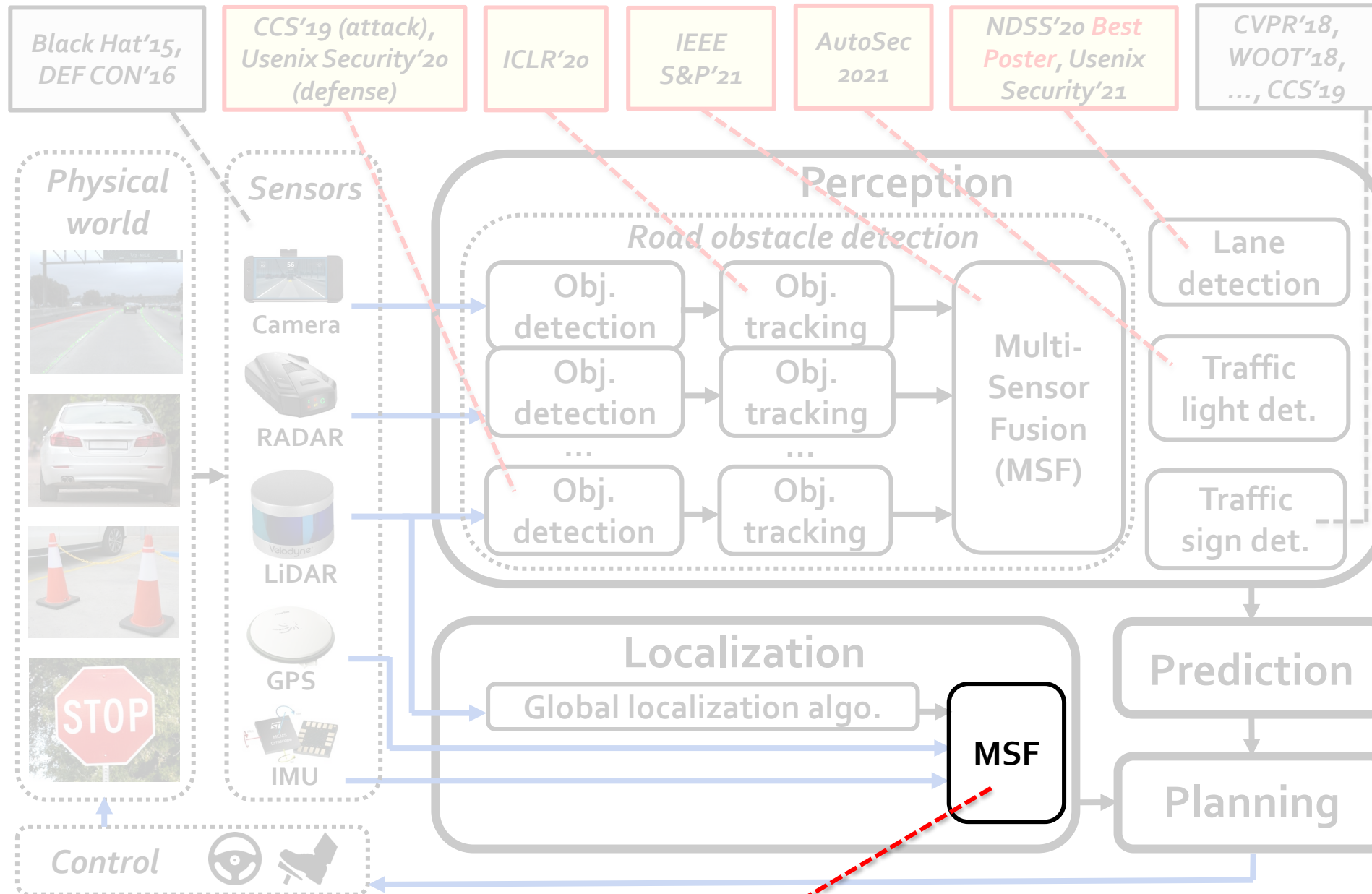
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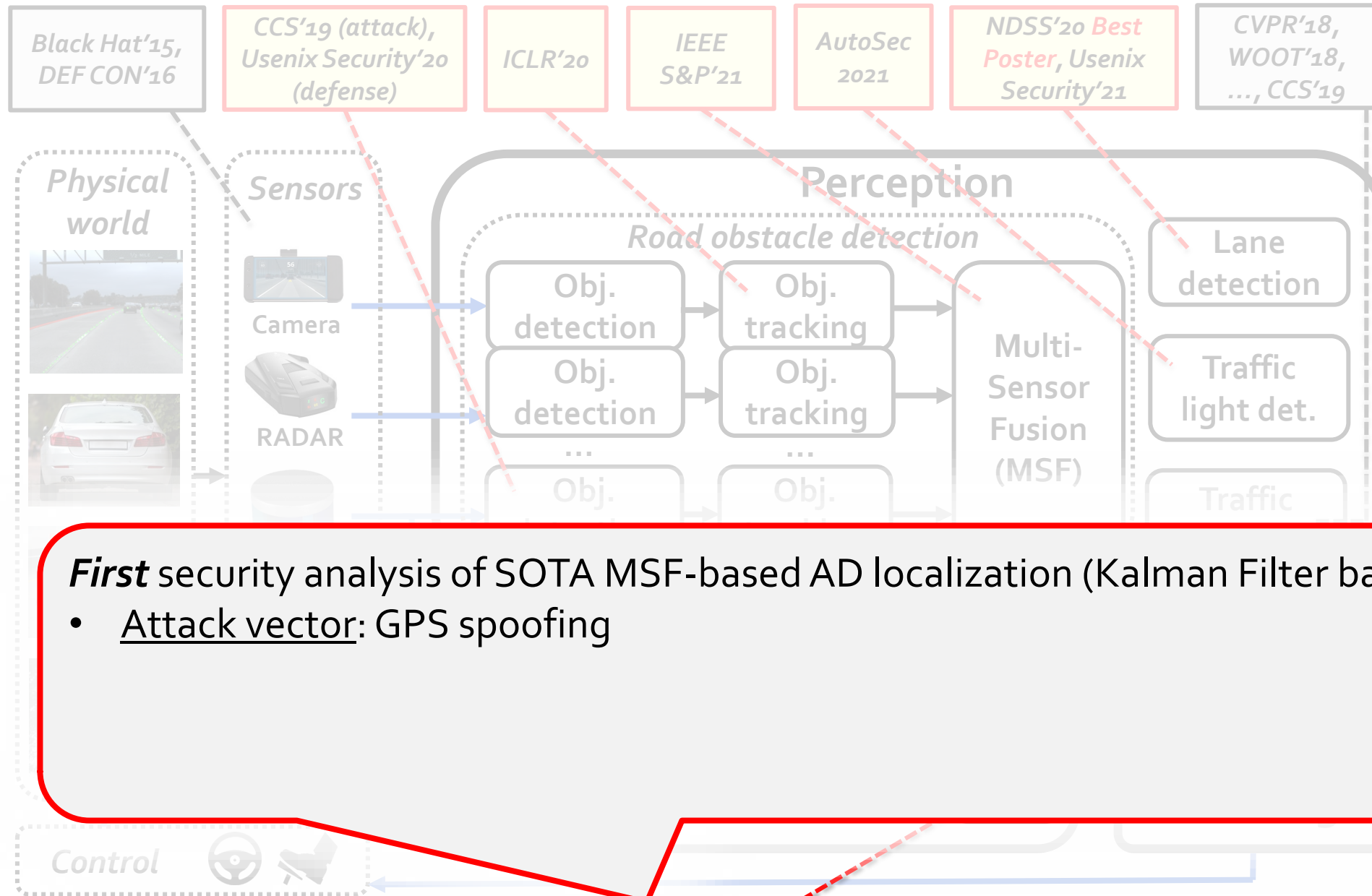






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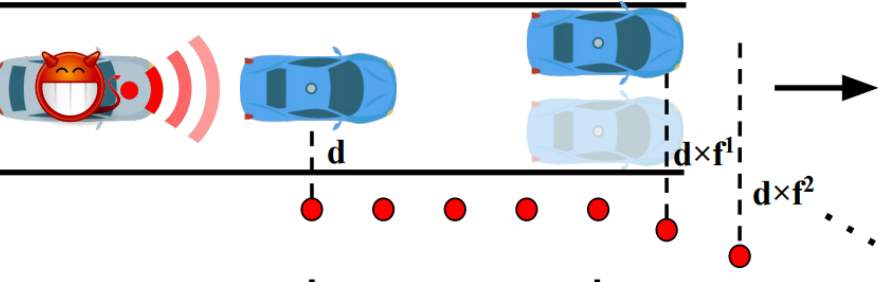
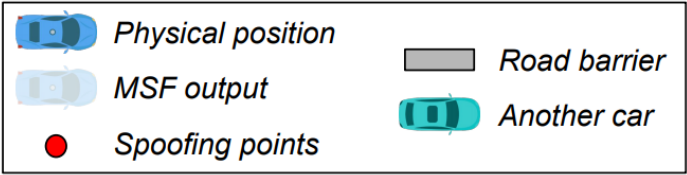
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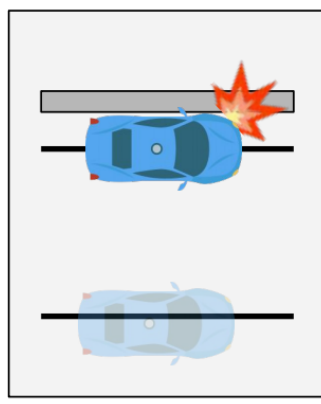
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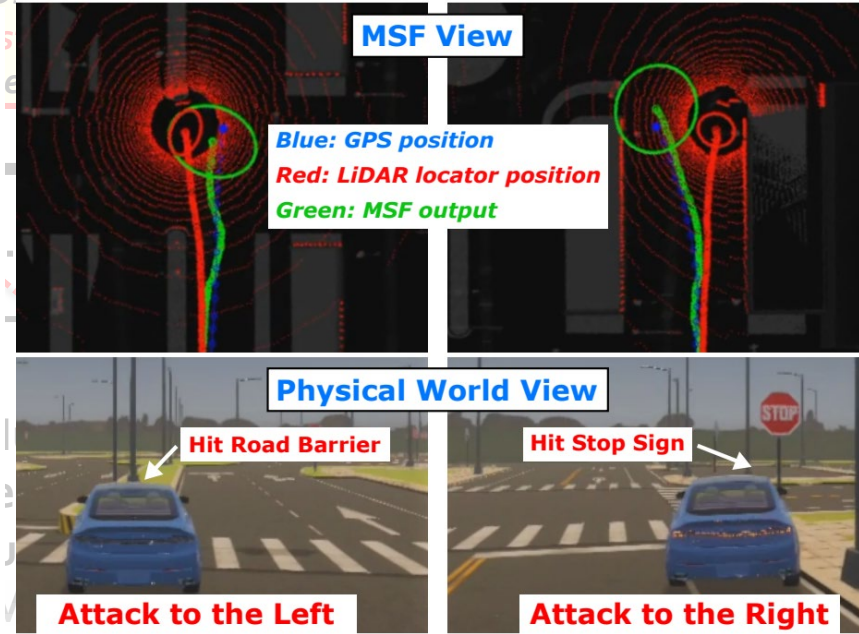
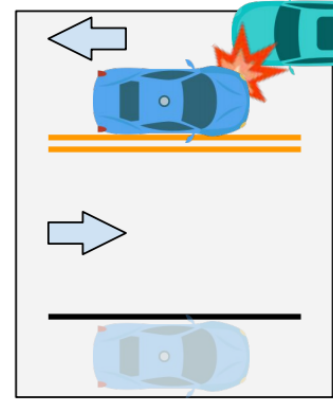
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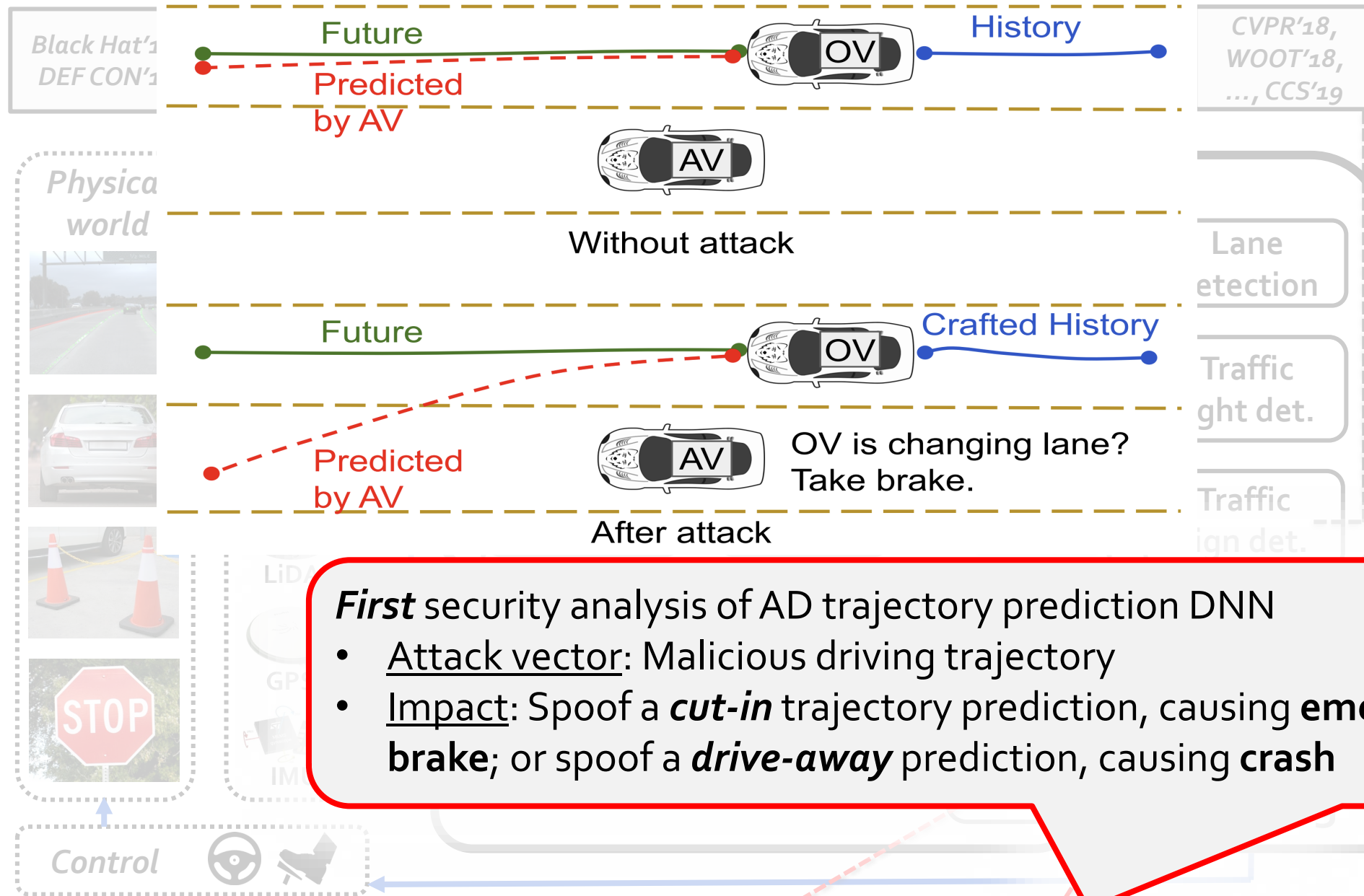


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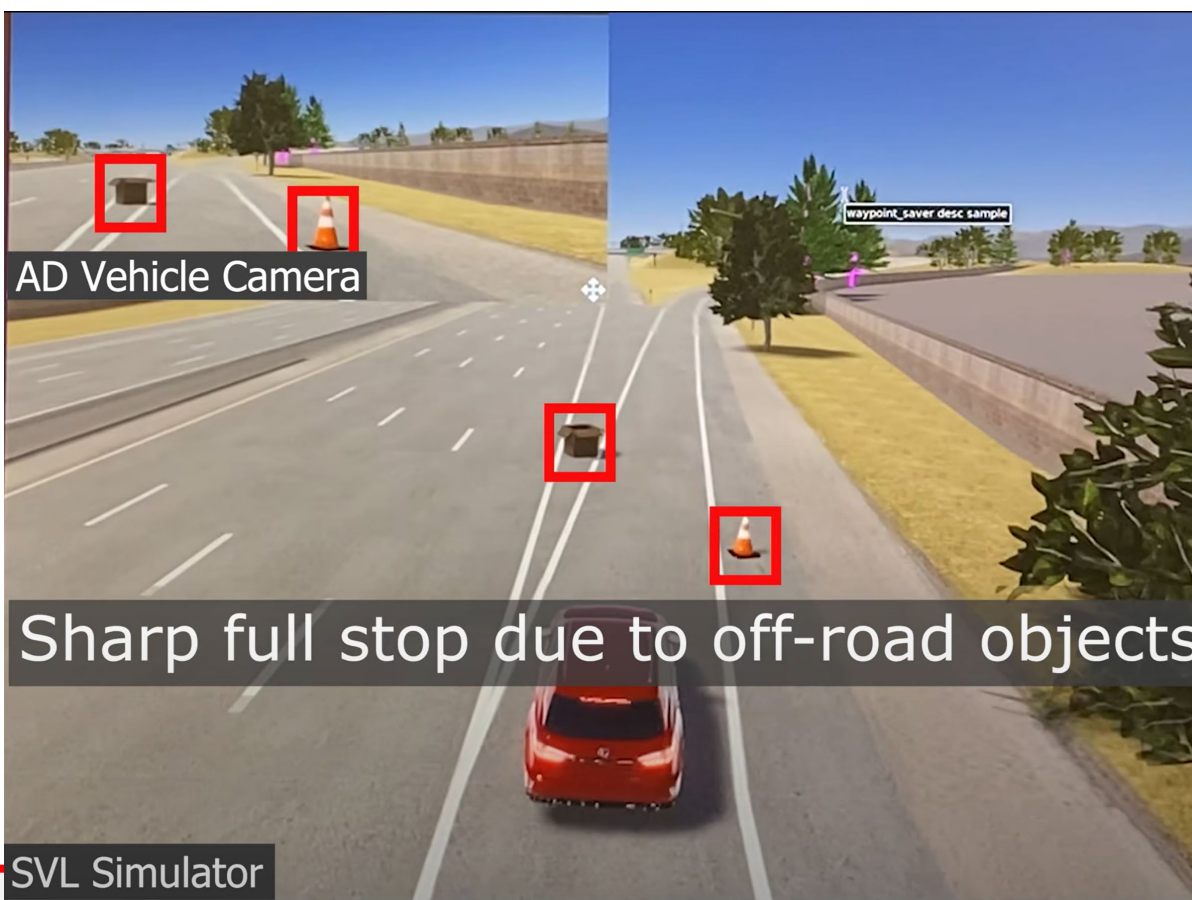
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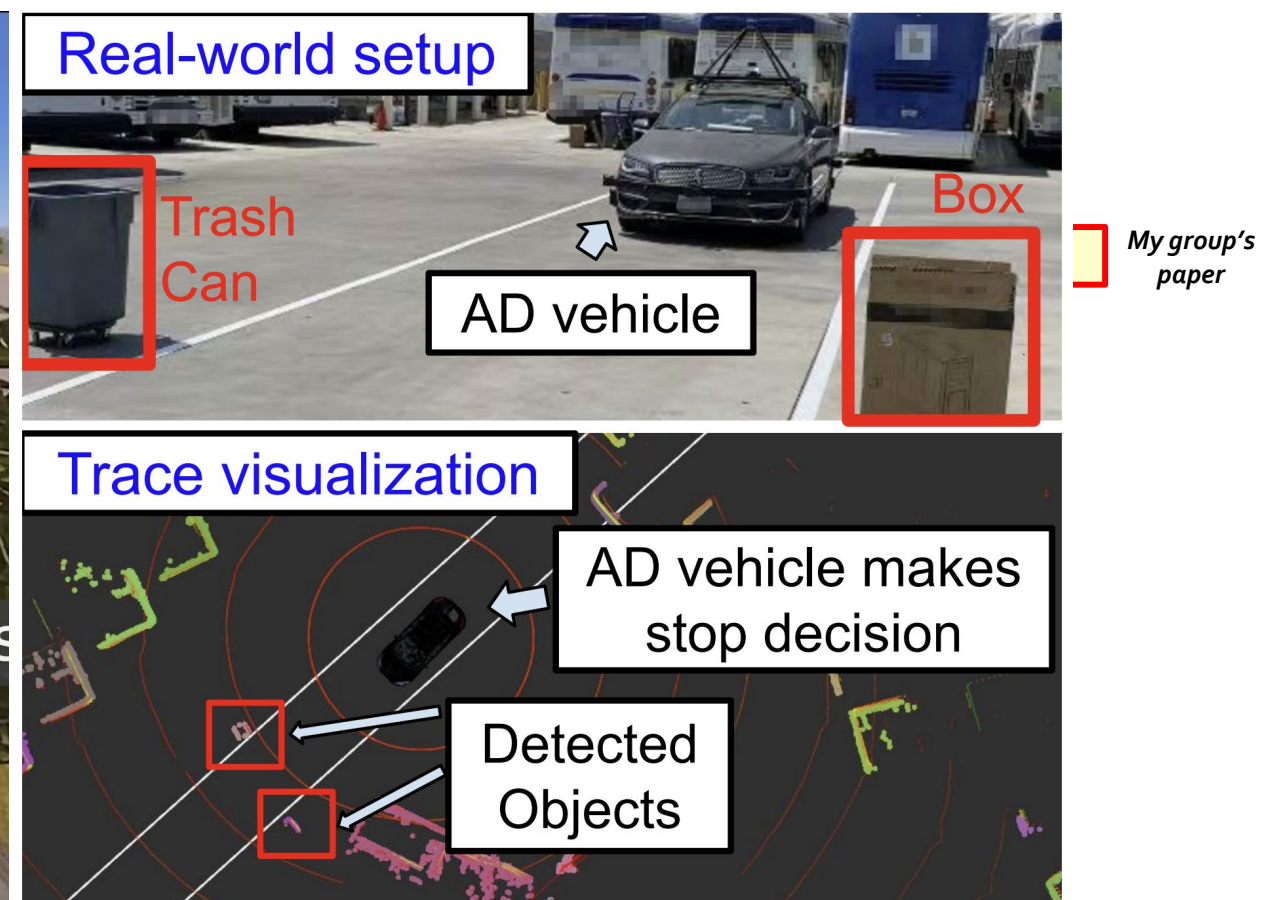
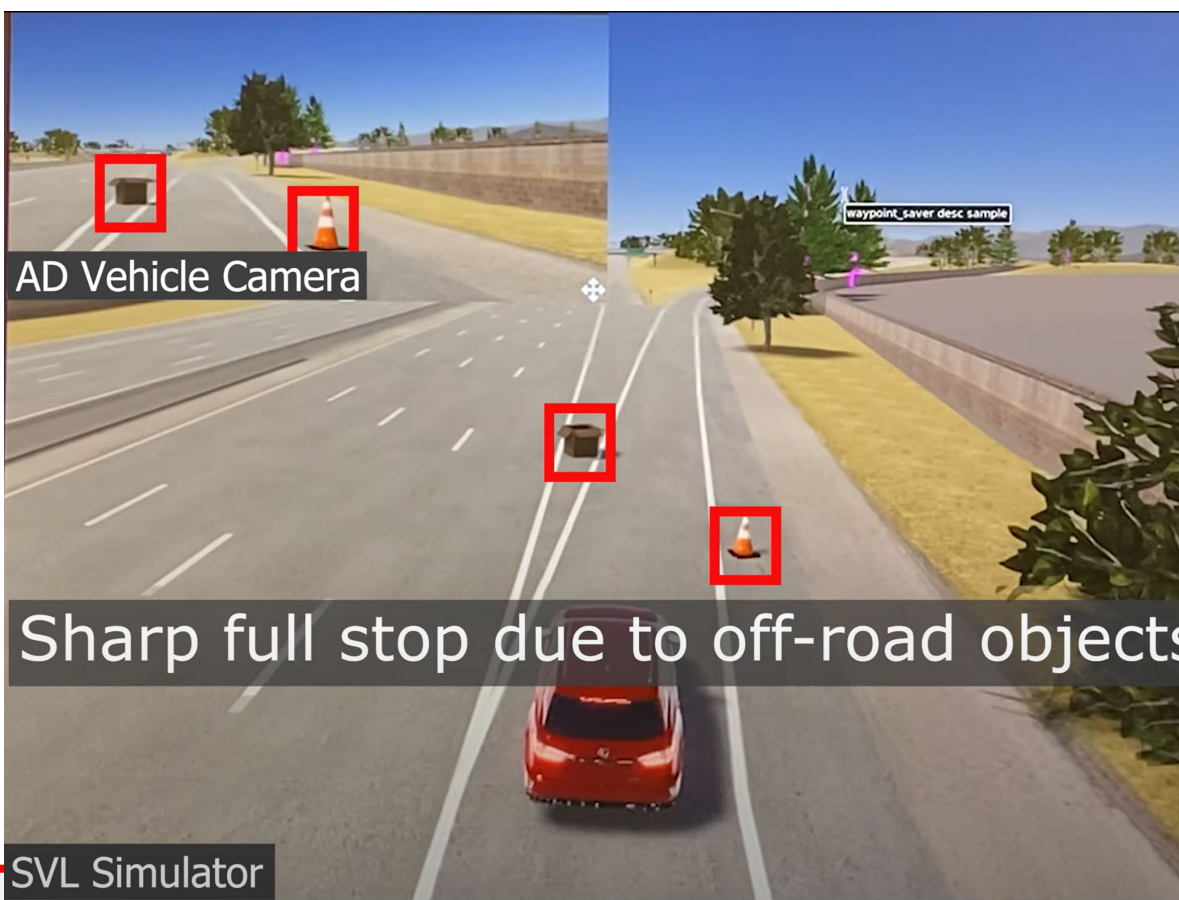
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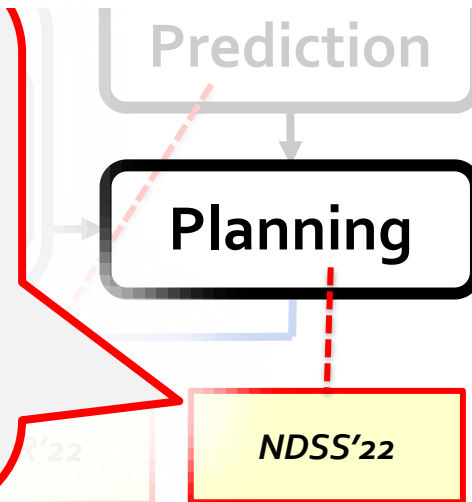
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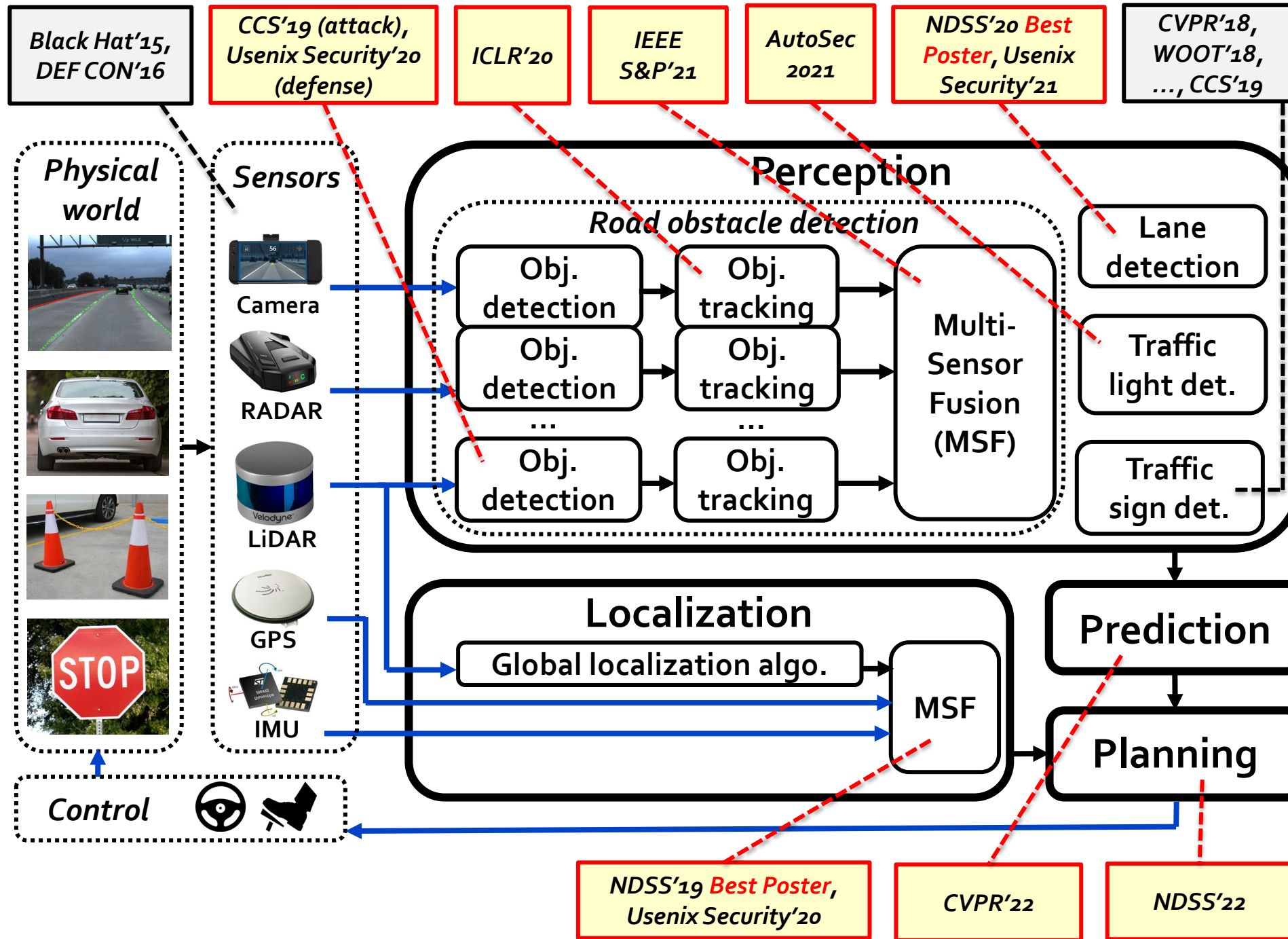
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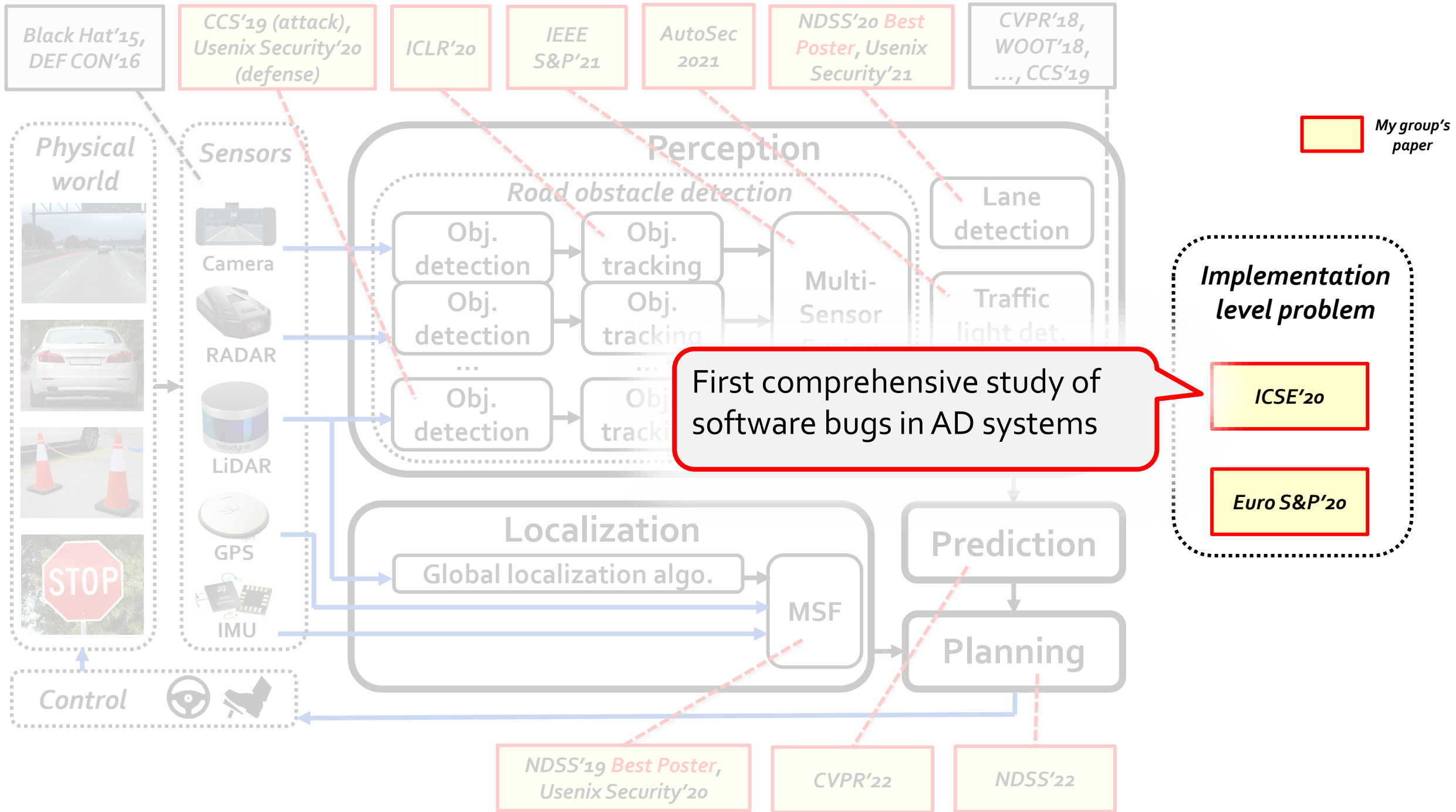


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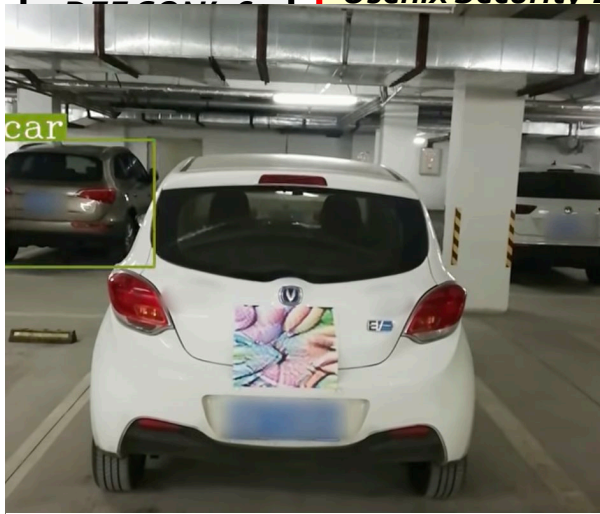




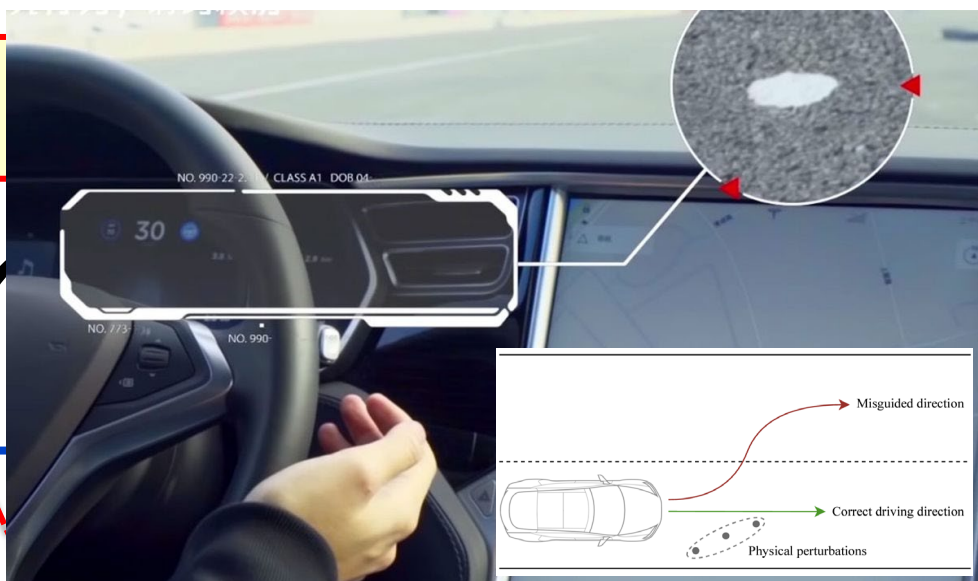


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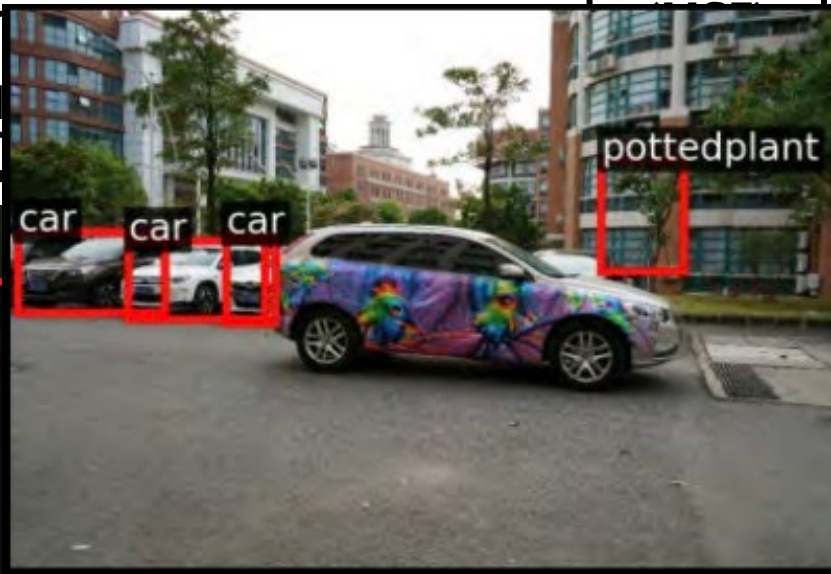


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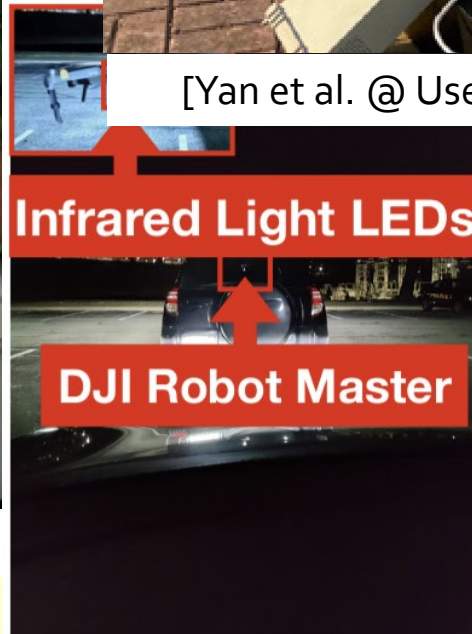
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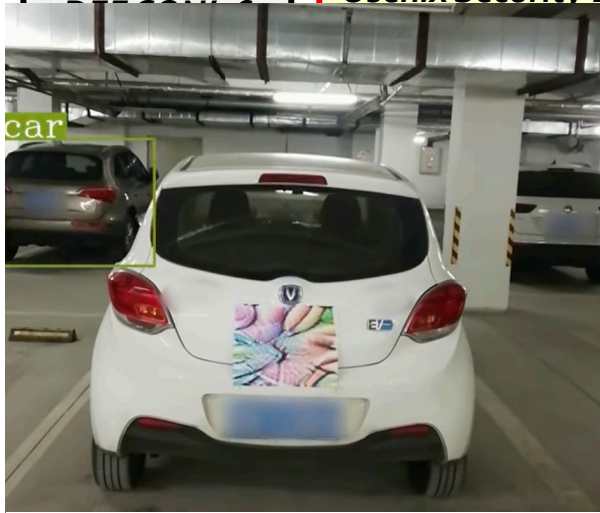
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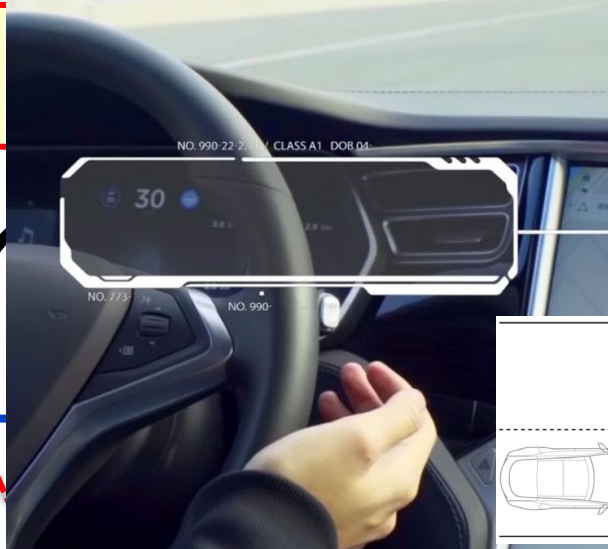


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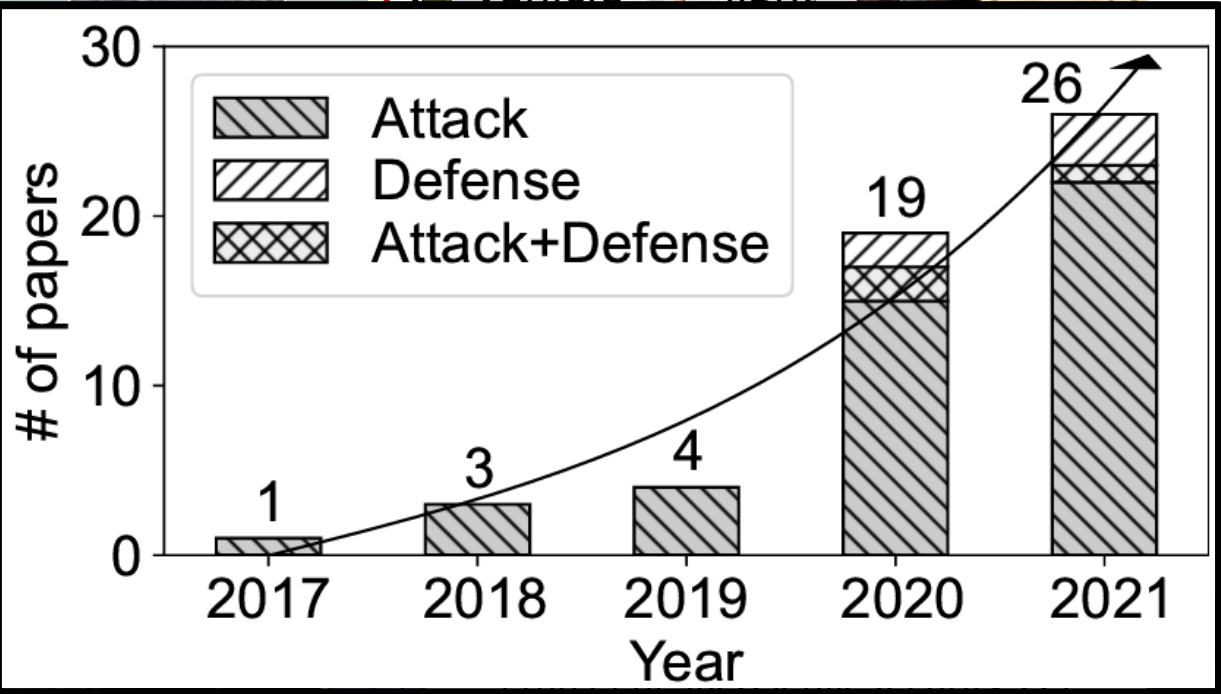


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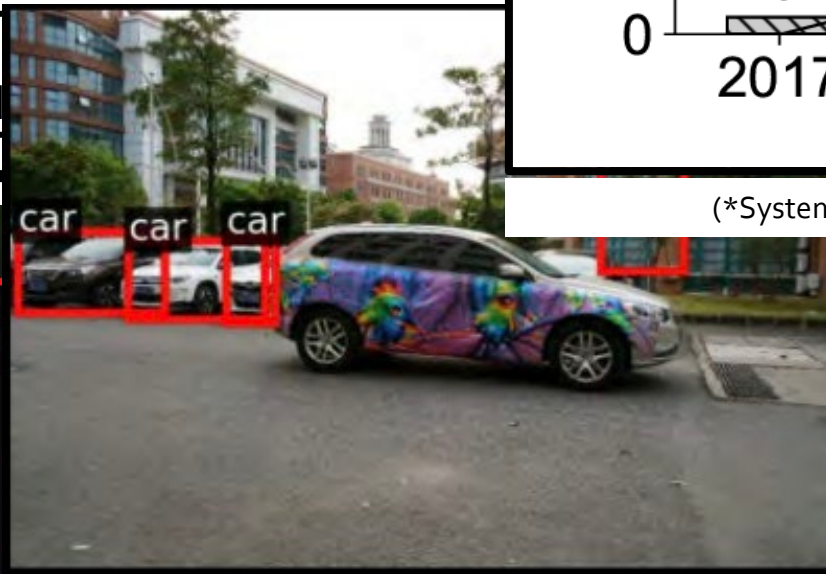
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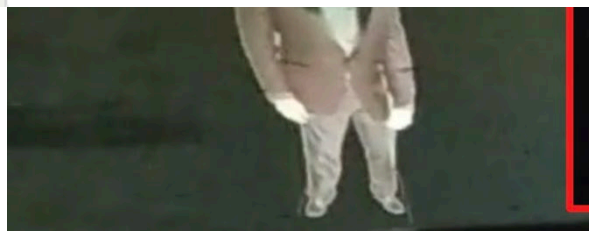
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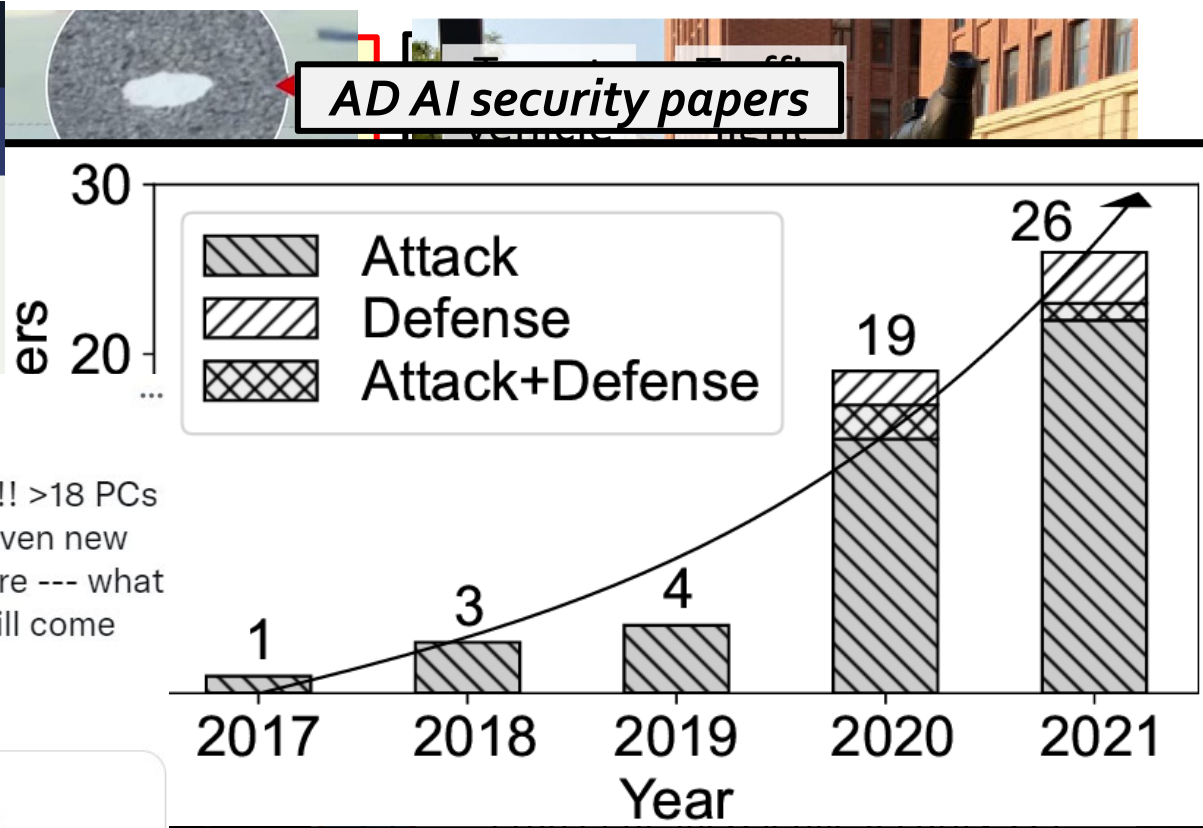
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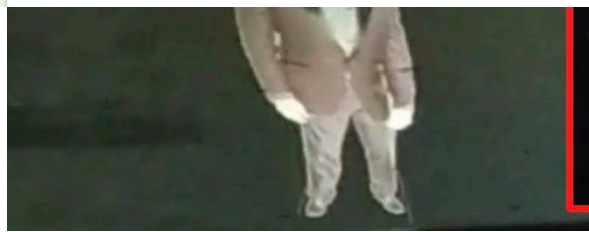
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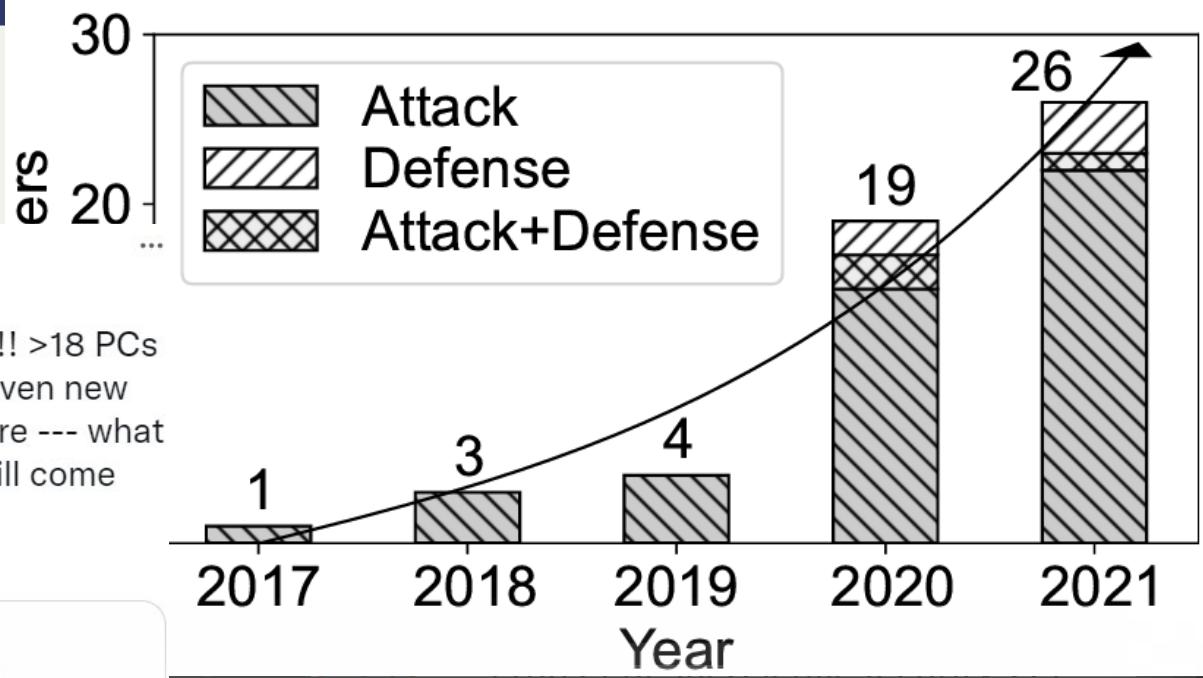
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Wow, another year of a record number of submissions #autosec22 @NDSSSymposium! 32 regular/short/wip+ 17 demo submissions, which are 23%+70% more than last year!! Looks like the community is growing crazy 😊 Now the review process begins... Good luck to all authors!



(*Systematization of Knowledge (SoK) effort from my group)

>5 years of growth in research space & community now!
→ *Time for some reflection?*

IPR'22

[Wang et al. @ CCS'21]

AD AI security papers

A reflection of the 5+ years of AD AI security research

- Conduct the **first Systemization of Knowledge (SoK) effort** on **semantic AI security** research in AD
 - Collect & analyze *53 papers in past 5 years*, mainly from *top-tier venues in security, CV (Computer Vision), ML (Machine Learning), AI, and robotics*

SoK: On the Semantic AI Security in Autonomous Driving

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Our SoK effort

- **Taxonomization, status & trend analysis,** based on critical research aspects for security
 - E.g., attack/defense goal, attack vector, defense deployability, evaluation methodologies, etc.

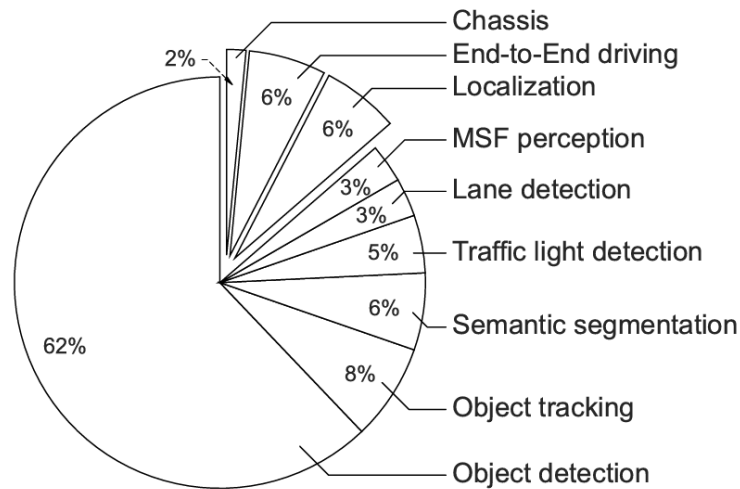


Figure 6: Distribution of (attack/defense) targeted AI components in semantic AD AI security papers.

Targeted AI component	Paper	Year	Field	Integrity	Confidentiality	Availability	Attack vector							Attacker's knowledge	Component-level	System-level	Open source	
							Attack goal		Physical-layer		Sensor attack							Cyber layer
							Object texture	Object shape	Object position	GPS spoofing	LiDAR spoofing	Radar spoofing	Laser/IR light					Acoustic signal
Camera perception	Lu et al. [54]	'17	V	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓		
	Eykholt et al. [18]	'18	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓		
	Chen et al. [37]	'18	M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓		
	Zhao et al. [26]	'19	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓		
	Xiao et al. [55]	'19	V	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓		
	Zhang et al. [56]	'19	M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓		
	Nassi et al. [57]	'20	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓		
	Man et al. [58]	'20	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓		
	Hong et al. [59]	'20	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓		
	Huang et al. [60]	'20	V	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓		
	Wu et al. [61]	'20	V	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓		
	Xu et al. [62]	'20	V	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓		
	Hu et al. [63]	'20	V	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓		
	Hamdi et al. [64]	'20	M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓		
	Ji et al. [65]	'21	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓		
Lovisotto et al. [66]	'21	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
Wang et al. [67]	'21	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
Kohler et al. [68]	'21	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
Wang et al. [69]	'21	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
Zolfi et al. [70]	'21	V	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
Wang et al. [71]	'21	V	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
Zhu et al. [72]	'21	M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
Semantic segmentation	Nakka et al. [73]	'20	V	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
	Nesti et al. [74]	'22	V	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
Object tracking	Jha et al. [75]	'20	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
	Jia et al. [17]	'20	M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
	Ding et al. [76]	'21	M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
	Chen et al. [77]	'21	M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
Lane detection	Sato et al. [78]	'21	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
	Jing et al. [79]	'21	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
Traffic light detection	Wang et al. [67]	'21	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
	Tang et al. [80]	'21	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
LiDAR perception	Object detection	Cao et al. [19]	'19	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
		Sun et al. [81]	'20	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
		Hong et al. [59]	'20	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
		Tu et al. [82]	'20	V	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
		Zhu et al. [83]	'21	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
		Yang et al. [84]	'21	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
		Hau et al. [85]	'21	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
		Li et al. [86]	'21	V	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
	Zhu et al. [87]	'21	O	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓				
	Semantic segmentation	Tsai et al. [88]	'20	M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
	Zhu et al. [87]	'21	O	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓				
RADAR perception	Obj. detection	Sun et al. [89]	'21	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
MSF perception	Cao et al. [38]	'21	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
	Tu et al. [90]	'21	O	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
LiDAR localization	Luo et al. [91]	'20	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
MSF localization	Shen et al. [92]	'20	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
Camera localization	Wang et al. [67]	'21	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
Chassis	Hong et al. [59]	'20	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
End-to-end driving	Liu et al. [93]	'18	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
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	Hamdi et al. [64]	'20	M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			
	Bolloor et al. [95]	'20	O	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓	✓			

Field: S = Security, V = Computer Vision, M = ML/AI, O = Others, e.g., Robotics, arXiv; Attacker's knowledge: ○ = white-box, ● = gray-box, ● = black-box

Table I. Overview of existing semantic AD AI attacks in our SoK scope (§II-C). (s/w = software)

Our SoK effort: Scientific gaps identification

- Most importantly, identify **6 most substantial scientific gaps**
 - Observed based on quantitative comparisons both *vertically* among existing AD AI security works and *horizontally* with security works from closely-related domains
 - Scientific Gap 1: Evaluation: General lack of system-level evaluation
 - Only 25.4% of existing works perform system-level evaluation
 - Scientific Gap 2: Research goal: General lack of defense solutions
 - Only 14.3% propose defenses
 - In comparison, much more balanced in drone security area (49% on defense)
 - Scientific Gap 3: Attack vector: Cyber-layer attack vectors under-explored
 - Only 11.1% assume cyber-layer attack vectors, e.g., malware, ML backdoors
 - Scientific Gap 4: Attack target: Downstream AI components under-explored
 - Limited study on prediction & planning
 - Scientific Gap 5: Attack goal: Attack goals other than “integrity” under-explored
 - Limited study on confidentiality & availability
 - Scientific Gap 6: Community: Substantial Lack of Open Sourcing
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- Widely recognized that in autonomous system, AI component-level errors (e.g., object errors) **do not necessarily lead to system-level effect (e.g., collisions)**
 - Essentially the AI-to-system semantic gap mentioned earlier
- However, today **vast majority (74.6%)** of existing works **did not perform any form of system-level evaluation**
 - I.e., eval w/ full-stack AD system & closed-loop control via simulation/real-vehicle setups
- Without it, may lead to **meaningless** attack/defense progress at the system level

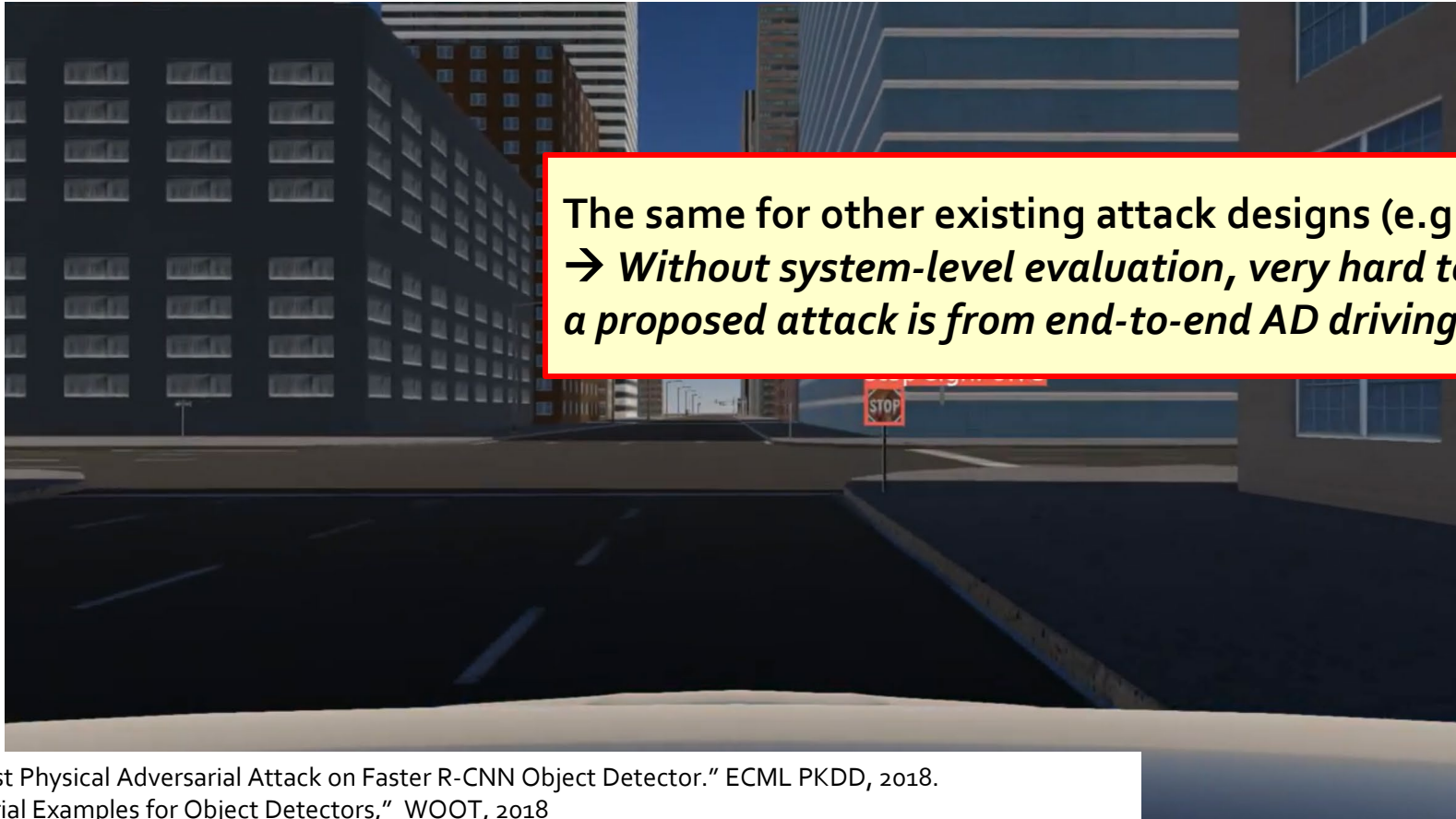


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Demo: Necessity of system-level evaluation

- Setup: Existing STOP sign disappearance attack [1]
 - **Effective at component level: > 70% *frame-level success rate*** to make STOP sign disappear (consistent success pattern w/ [1])
 - However, **failed at system level: 0% *stop sign violation rate*** due to **object tracking**



[1] Chen et al., "ShapeShifter: Robust Physical Adversarial Attack on Faster R-CNN Object Detector." ECML PKDD, 2018.

[2] Eykholt et al., "Physical Adversarial Examples for Object Detectors," WOOT, 2018

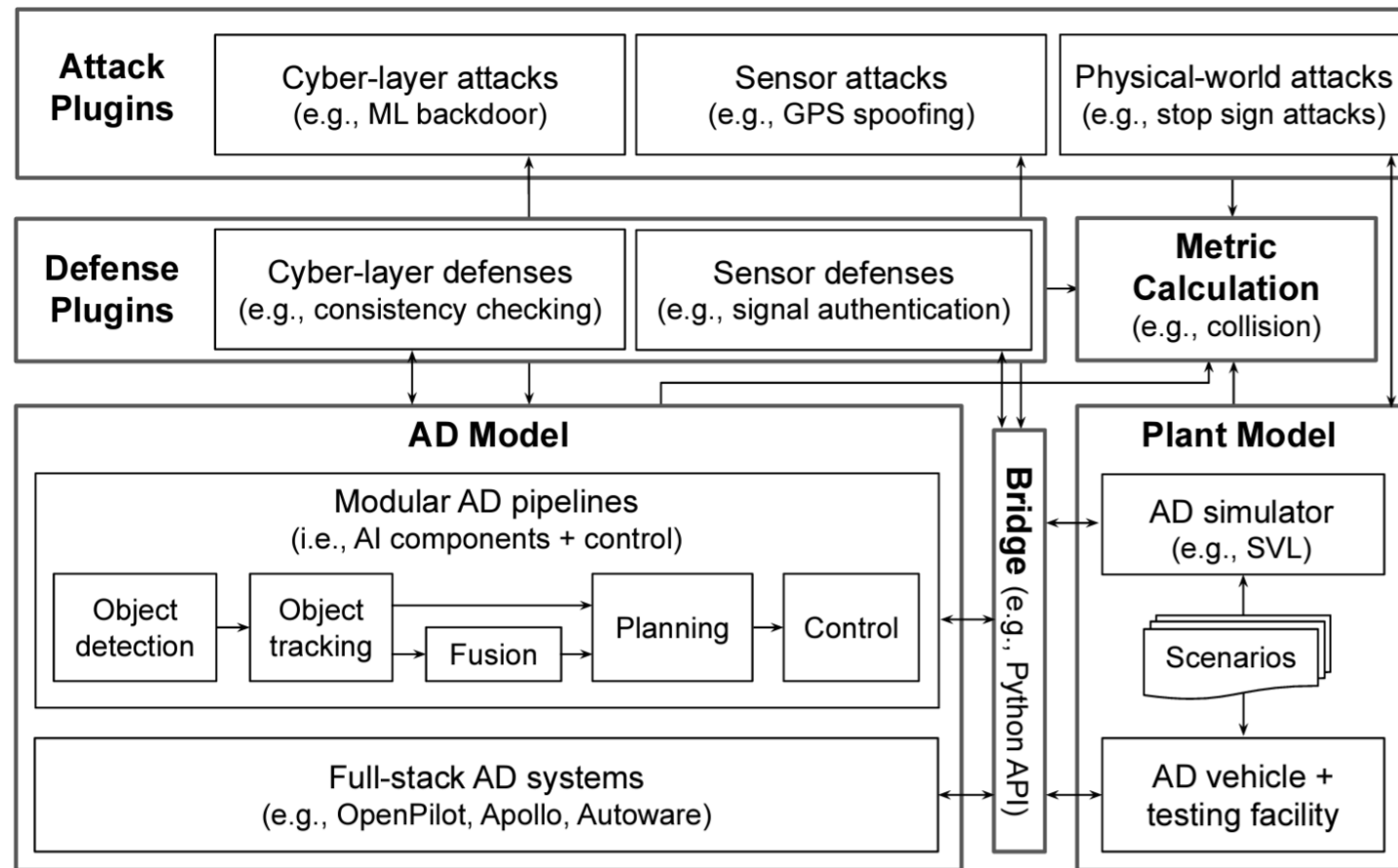
[3] Zhao et al., "Seeing isn't Believing: Towards More Robust Adversarial Attack Against Real World Object Detectors," ACM CCS, 2019

How to systematically address this?

- **Various challenges** to effectively fill this gap **at the *research community* level**
 - Real AD vehicle testing: Low affordability/accessibility, safety, flexibility, & reproducibility
 - Simulation-based testing: Still non-trivial engineering efforts to instrument simulation environment & engine for security testing
- **A *community-level effort*** can greatly help!
 - Collectively build a ***common system-level evaluation infrastructure***
 - Benefits:
 - (1) Avoid repeated engineering efforts in instrumenting the simulator/vehicle
 - (2) Improve result comparability due to the more unified evaluation setup, benefitting scientific advances

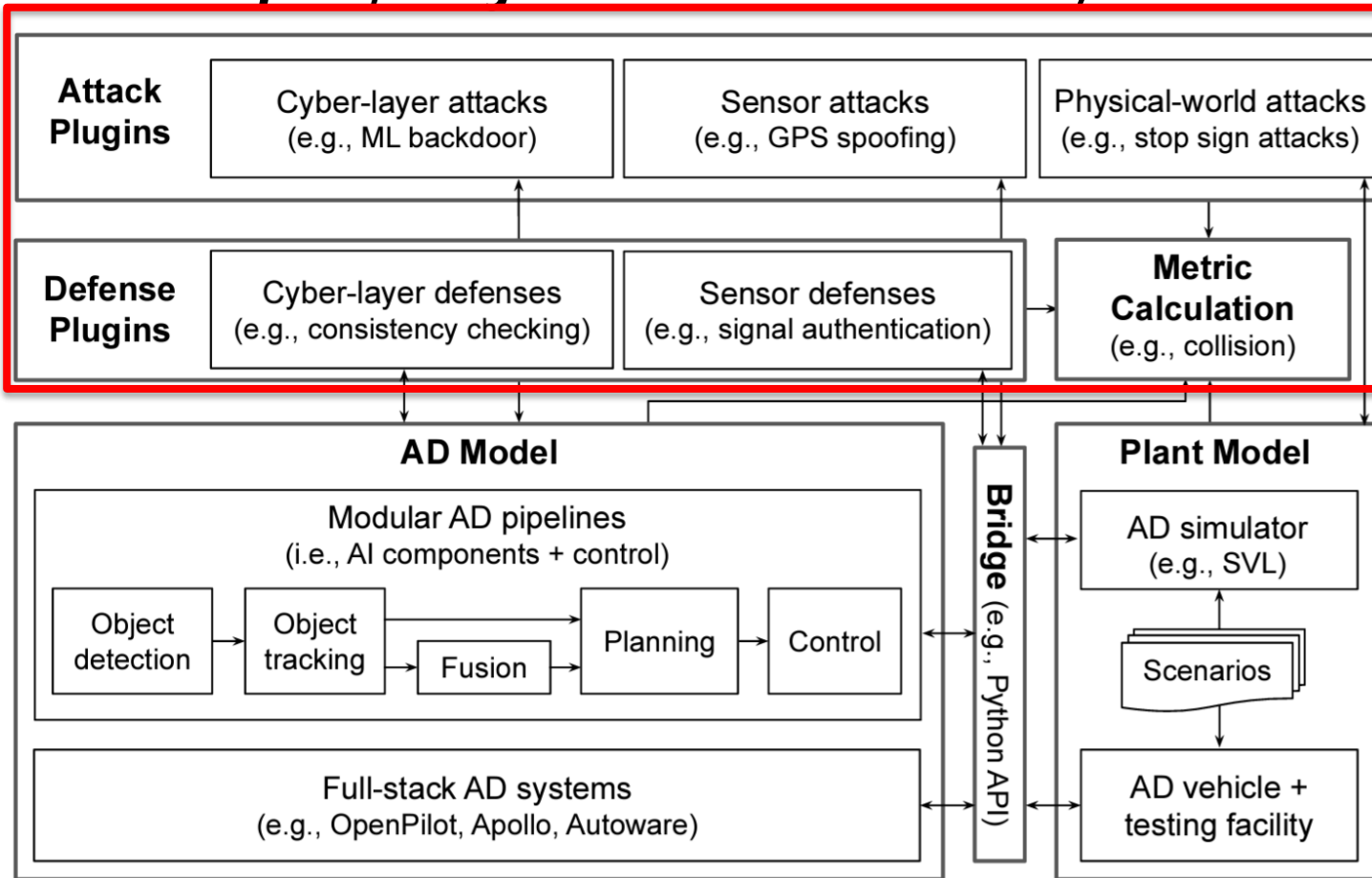
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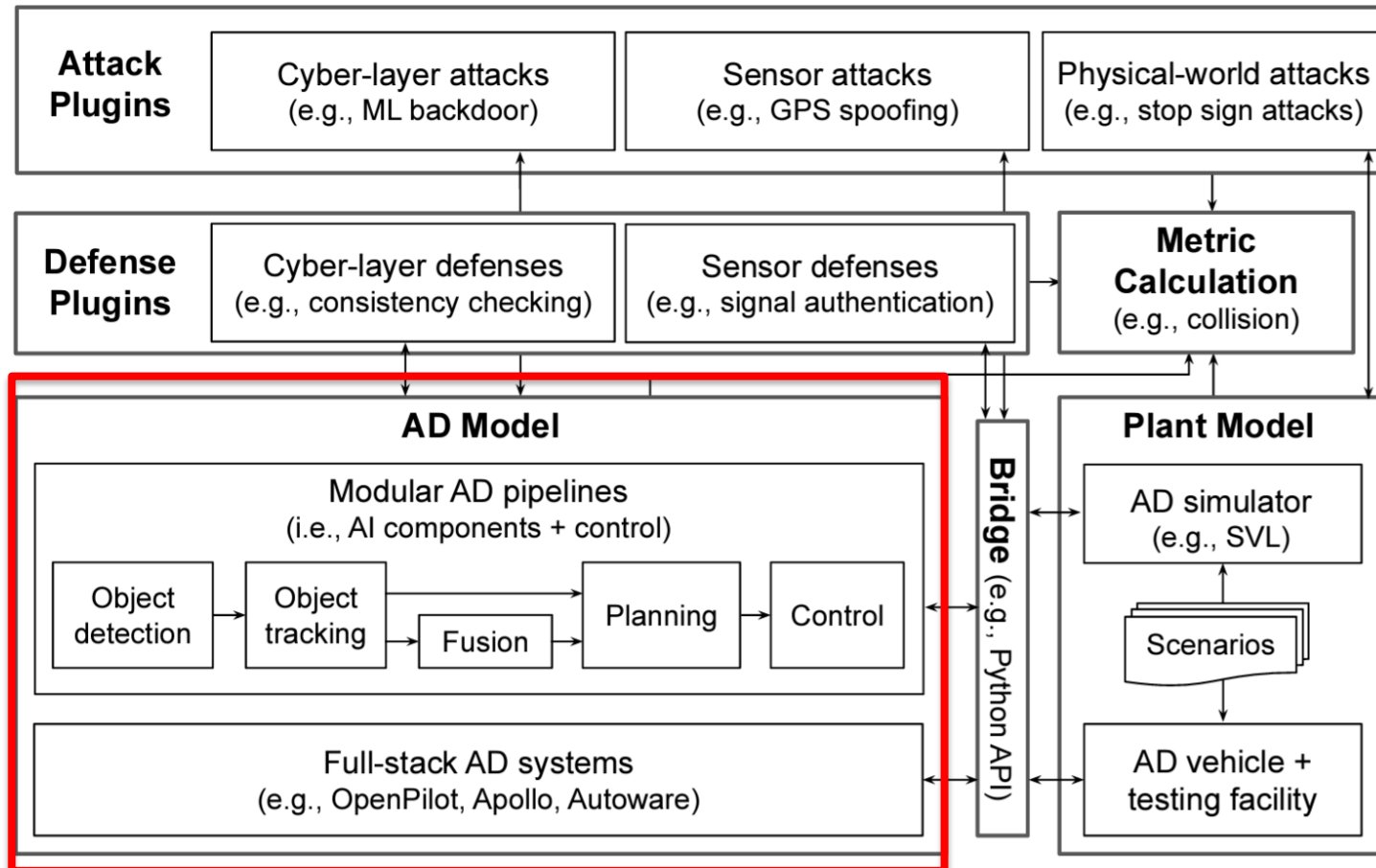
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# Physical-world attack API: adding a 2D patch or 3D object
# - is_3d: True for 3D, False for 2D
# - path: 2D image (.PNG) or 3D object (.FBX) file path
# - transform: position, rotation, scaling vectors
add_physical_object(is_3d:bool, path:str, transform:{}) -> bool

# Sensor attack/defense API: register a callback function
# for modifying the sensor data at runtime
# - sensor_type: GPS, LiDAR, IMU, Camera, etc.
# - op: callback function defines how to modify sensor data
register_sensor_callback(sensor_type:enum, op:Callable) -> bool

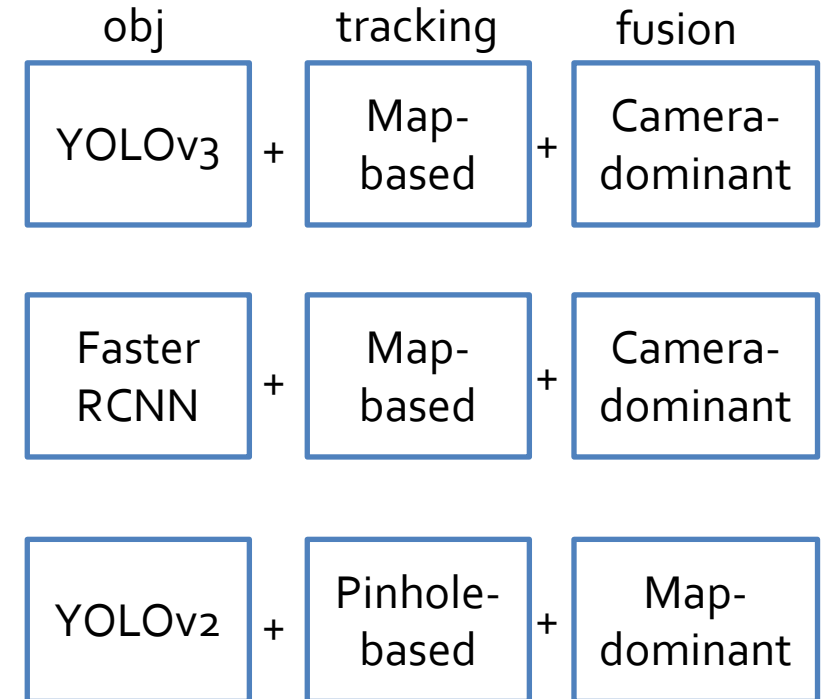
# Cyber layer attack/defense API: add a new component or
# replace an existing one with a new component
# - comp_type: ObjectDetector, ObjectTracker, etc.
# - new_comp: the Python code of the new component
add_component(comp_type:enum, new_comp:str) -> bool
replace_component(comp_type:enum, new_comp:str) -> bool
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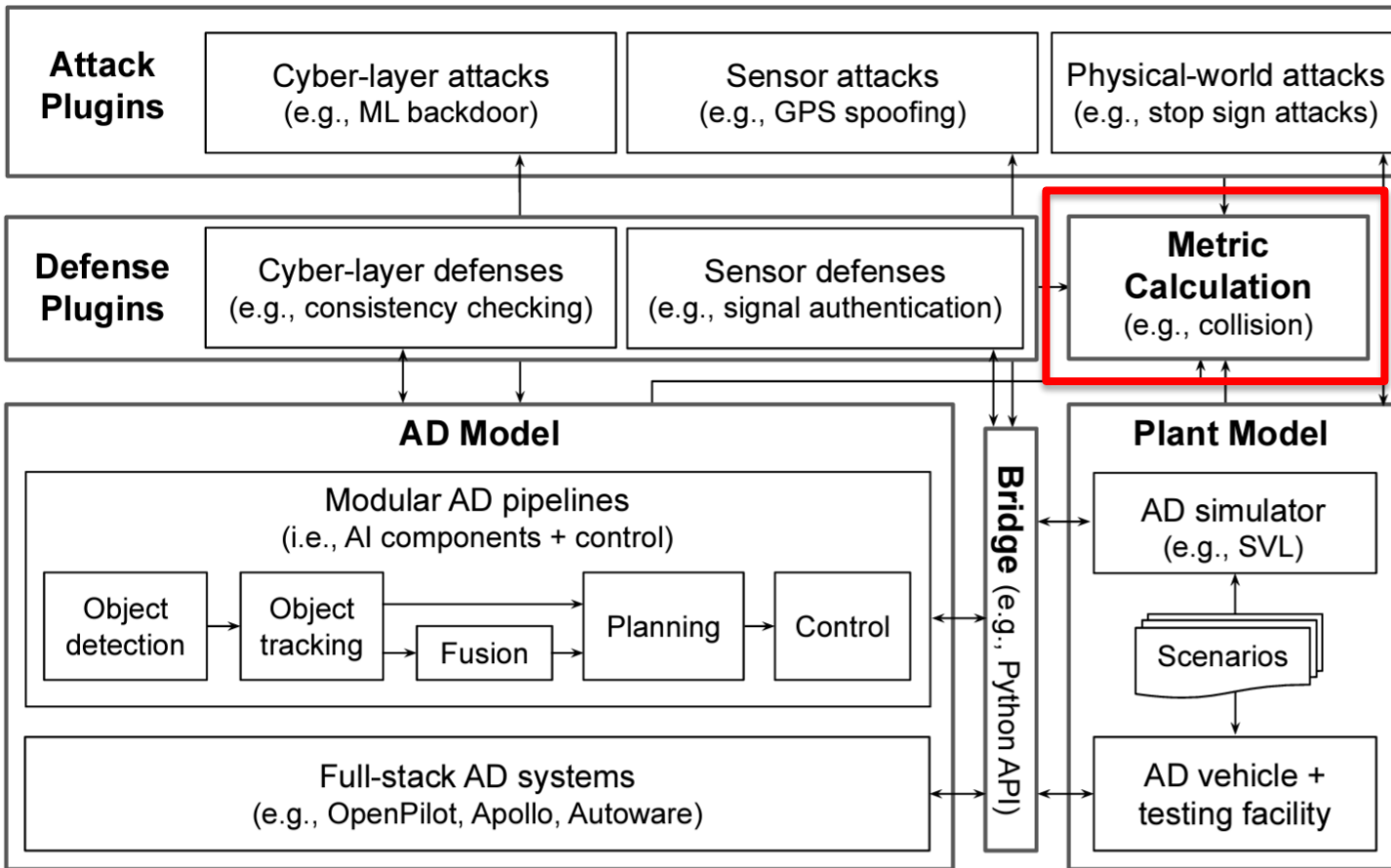
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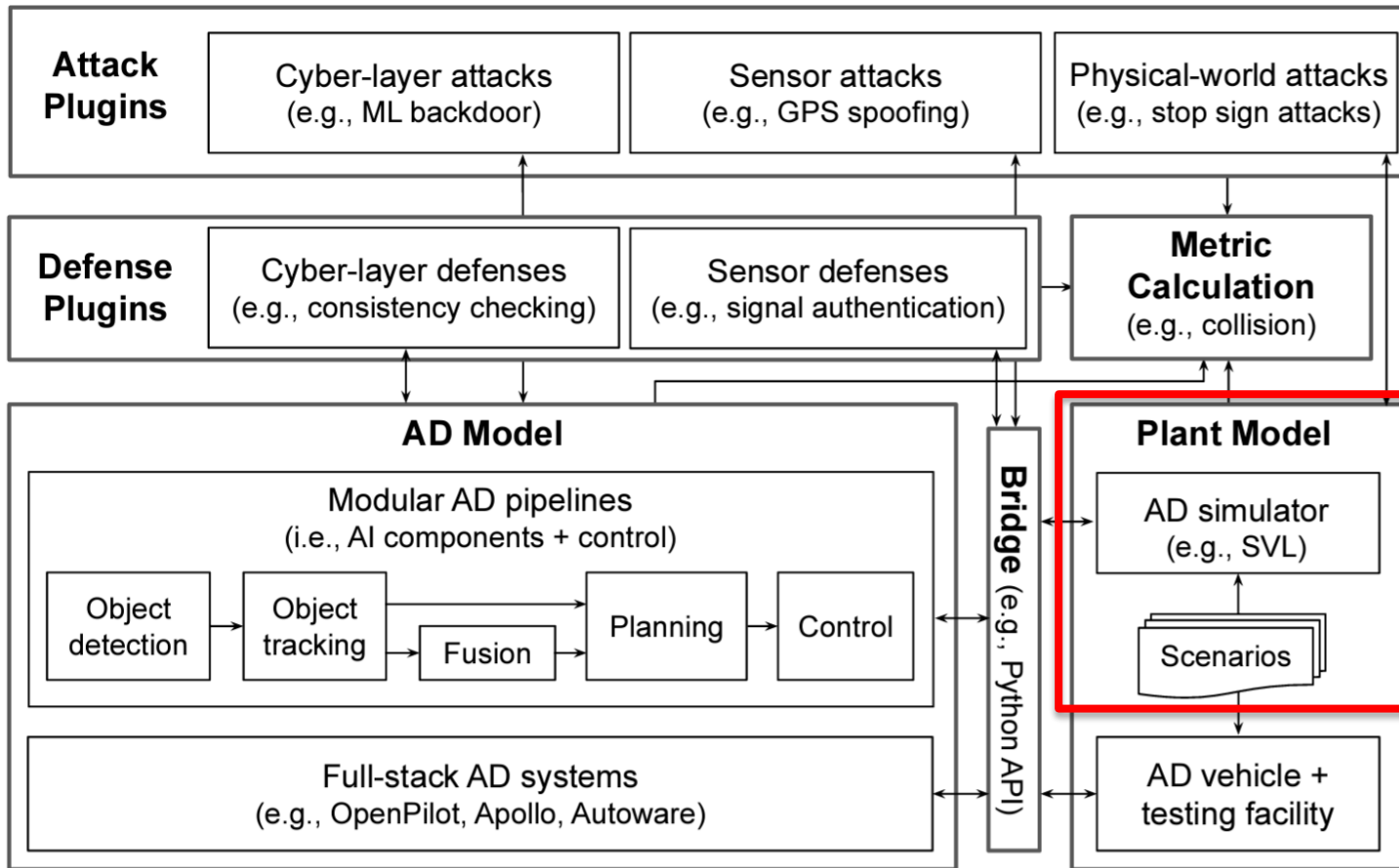
Component level metrics			System level metrics		
Mis detection rate (MSR)			Best MSR over 50 consecutive frames	Stop sign violation rate	Avg. distance exceed stop line (m)
near-range (<10m)	mid-range (10-20m)	far-range (20-30m)			



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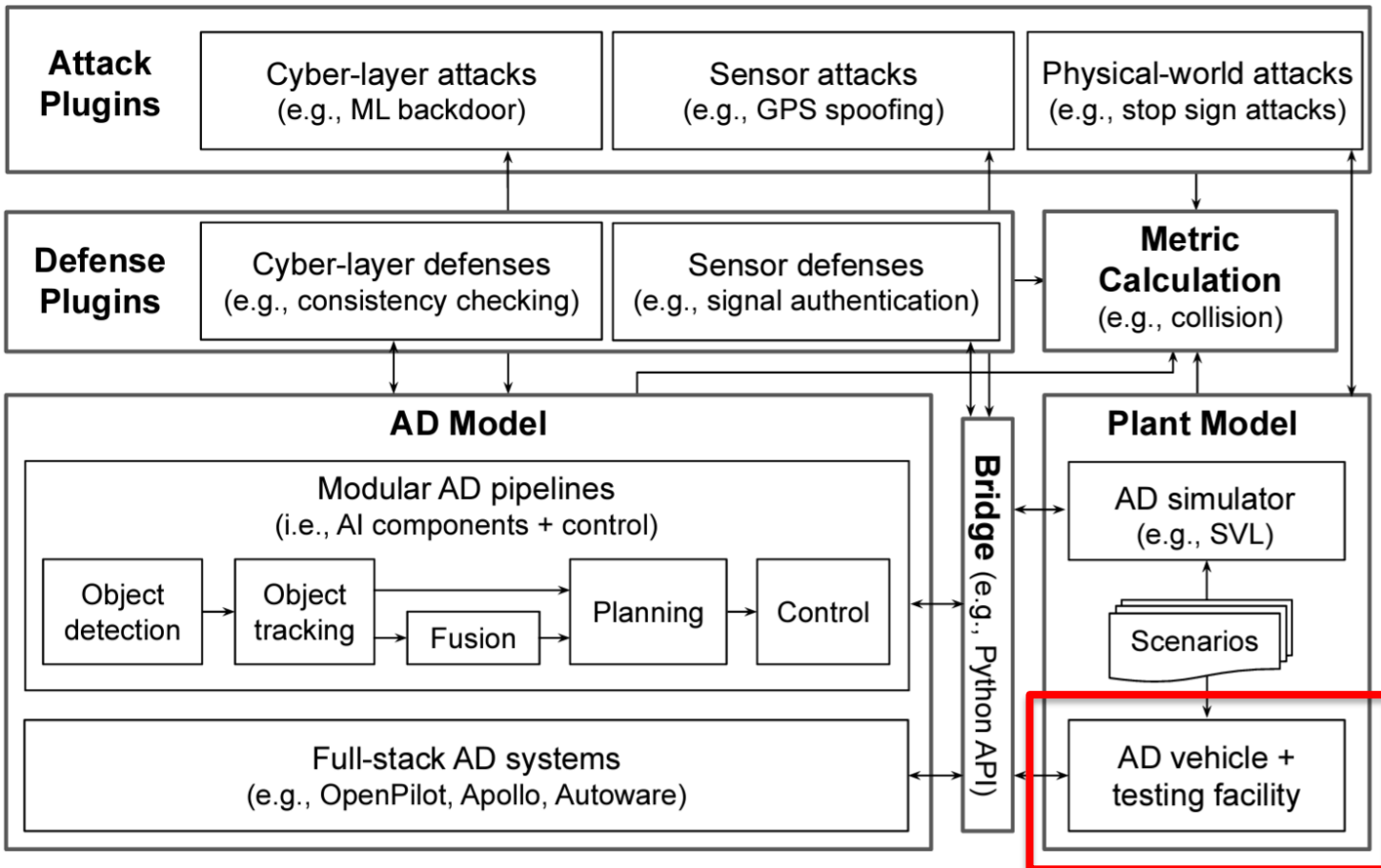
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Available L4 AD vehicle & AD development chassis

In the process of soliciting community feedback!

- Do you think such a platform can be **useful/beneficial** to you (e.g., in *research, education, training, and/or outreach*)?
- Any **features** you wish to *add/improve*?
- Any **concerns** you have regarding our current *design/vision*?
- Feel free to let us know your feedback anytime via ***the survey below*** or ***directly email me!***
 - Such info can also be found at the PASS website: <https://sites.google.com/view/cav-sec/pass>



Platform feedback Survey

(<https://docs.google.com/forms/u/1/d/e/1FAIpQLSf94hAZMKCdW-L5uROGnFrmI7XUakxYNkSA9JZydPZUM4I5fg/viewform>)



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