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		Detection	
		Exists	Does not Exist
Ground Truth	Exists	True Positive (TP)	False Negative (FN)
	Does not Exist	False Positive (FP)	True Negative



• The current metrics

- Precision = TP / (TP + FP) = TP / All Detected
- Recall = TP / (TP + FN) = TP / All Exists
 - × FN *i.e.*, not detecting obstacles that exist, safety issue

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State of the art



• Object Importance

- Ohn-Bar E, Trivedi MM. "Are all objects equal? Deep spatiotemporal importance prediction in driving videos."
 - × User annotated object importance
- Refaat KS, Ding K, Ponomareva N, Ross S. Agent prioritization for autonomous navigation.
 - × Agent prioritization by impact on planning

Neural Network based scene Risk Annotation

- Wang Y, Kato J. Collision risk rating of traffic scene from dashboard cameras.
- Feth P, Akram MN, Schuster R, Wasenmüller O. Dynamic Risk Assessment for Vehicles of Higher Automation Levels by Deep Learning.

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Approximate or subjective determinations not suitable for Safety Analysis Need an Objective Safety Performance Indicator

Assessment for Vehicles of Higher Automation Levels by Deep Learning.

Design Choices I



• Time Horizon

- For any risk analysis what time frame should be considered?
 - × We choose Time to Stop (TTS)
- Emergency stop acceptable default safety response [1].
- Time to stop includes
 - × reaction time of the AV
 - × physical conditions of the scene (safe deceleration)
- *i.e.,* more information about ground truth and AV system, more accurate the risk evaluation.

[1] Meder B, Fleischhut N, Krumnau NC, Waldmann MR. How should autonomous cars drive? A preference for defaults in moral judgments under risk and uncertainty.

Design Choices II



• IoU vs IoG

- o IoU : Intersection over Union
- IoG : Intersection over GroundTruth



- SuperSet existence detection is enough to avoid collision.
- Truncated and Occluded objects are also handled with this

Design Choices III



• Flexible Options

• TP determination

- × Class match
 - Classification provides additional information, but unclassified obstacles should also be avoided.
 - Class match is not used as a requirement for TP determination.
- × Depth
- × Volume IoG

o Sensor / System type

- × Vision
- × Lidar
- × Radar
- × Vision was primarily used in this work.

Methods/Approach



• Risk Ranked Recall

- R_1^3 : Recall for objects that pose an imminent risk of collision
- R_2^3 : Recall for objects that pose a potential risk of collision
- R_3^3 : All other objects in the environment.

Methods/Approach



• Imminent Collision

- Collisions that will happen without any corrective action
- Trajectories with current heading and velocity over TTS
- Check for any collision
- Such scenarios are not present in real world datasets



Methods/Approach

• Potential Collisions

- o Collisions that can potentially happen
- Existence Region E(t) [2]
 - Area where an object's center point may exist at time t
 - $\times \text{ Center} = x(0) + v(0)t$
 - × Area = $\frac{1}{2} a^{max} t^2$
 - $d_{min}(t)$ = Min distance between E(t)of objects at time t
 - *d_{crit}* = Max distance between center of objects where their edges still touch, for rectangles that's sum of half diagonals.
 - × Considers a_max for each object
- $d_{min}(t) < d_{crit} \rightarrow$ Potential Collision









• Object Detection DNN, Pretrained

- o Yolo v3, FasterRCNN, MaskRCNN
- o Input resolutions 320x320, 416x416, 608x608 pixels

• Waymo Open Dataset, 24 sequences, 10 Hz

- R_1^3 : o objects in GroundTruth
- R_2^3 : 952 objects in GroundTruth
- R_3^3 : 27021 objects in GroundTruth





Conclusions



- Existing metrics are incomplete
- Need for an objective safety performance indicator
- Risk Ranked Recall bridges the gap
- Additional information to existing metrics
- Future work will explore object detection system design and evaluation using the new metrics