

### The many faces of reliability of visual perception for autonomous driving

# **Trends and perspectives**

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### Growing number of complex datasets

- Several datasets to assess specific use-cases:
  - Weather: ACDC, Cityscapes Rainy / Foggy, Dark Zurich, Raincouver
  - Distribution shift: Cityscapes-C/OC, SHIFT (S), WildDash, WildDash2, RoboBEV
  - OOD: Fishyscapes, SegmentMelfYouCan, StreetHazards (S), BDD-Anomaly
- Datasets with different sources of error in the same conditions: MUAD (S)
- BRAVO challenge: unified reliability bench
- Neural closed-loop simulators from real-data: Vista, Vista 2, UniSim
- New datasets for classification: ImageNet-C, ImageNet-R, ImageNet-A, ImageNet-O, ImageNetV2
- Similar trend of other sensors, e.g., Lidar



Out-of-Context Cityscapes



Cityscapes-C



ACDC



SegmentMelfYouCan

#### (S): synthetic data

### **Reluctance to focus on multiple KPIs**

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Method	Accuracy
Foo	***
Bar	***
Foo+Bar	***
Ours	SoTA

We're SoTA ... most of the time. Here are our limitations.

Method	Metric 1	Metric 2	Metric 3	Metric 4
Foo	***	***	***	***
Bar	***	***	***	SoTA
Foo+Bar	***	SoTA	***	***
Ours	SoTA	***	SoTA	***

- The academic peer-review systems seems to reward bold numbers
- Potential solution: aggregate scores across conditions and metrics, e.g., nuScenes Detection Score (NDS)

### Opportunity to adapt foundation generative models for testing

#### Editing to get edge cases (for Robustness evaluation or validation)



"People and kids are crossing the street"



"Trash is littering the street"



Original image

Original image

Spatially localized edits

"A baby crossing the street"

"An old lady fell in the middle of the road"

### Opportunity to adapt foundation generative models for testing

#### Create training or validation data for domain generalization



Original image

"In Paris"

"In India"

#### Annotations in the original domain are still valid



Original image

"Heavy fog, zero visibility"

"Heavy snow"

Image credit: Matthieu Cord et al.

### Opportunity to adapt foundation generative model for training data

#### Create training data for OOD and corner-cases



Figure 1: **Top**: Original ID training data in IMAGENET [13]. **Bottom**: Samples generated by our method DREAM-OOD, which deviate from the ID data.

# Dream-OOD: generate useful images for OOD skills

**Robusta:** generate segmentation data with unseen layouts, corruptions and OOD



Figure 4. Perturbed label maps. Different label maps from Corrupted-Cityscapes (top) and Outlier-Cityscapes (bottom).

*M.* Hariat et al., Learning to Generate Training Datasets for Robust Semantic Segmentation, WACV 2024 X. Du et al., Dream the Impossible: Outlier Imagination with Diffusion Models, NeurIPS 2023

### Opportunity to adapt foundation generative model for perception

Repurpose foundation models for improved generalization with computational efficiency



**Different model soups variants** 

A. Ramé et al., Model Ratatouille: Recycling Diverse Models for Out-of-Distribution Generalization, ICML 2023

### Reliability of vision-language models



*Figure 1.* Construction of a zero-shot classifier with zero-shot prompt ensembling (ZPE) for text-image models. Logits ( $\Box$ ) are calculated by combining text ( $\Box$ ) and image ( $\Box$ ) representations. The final text representation is a weighted ensemble of representations corresponding to different prompts ( $\Box$ ). Crucially, the ZPE scores ( $\Box$ ) for weighting each prompt are calculated without access to any labeled training data, as described in Section 3 and Algorithm 2.

#### Zero-shot prompt ensembling

J. Urquhart Allingham et al., A Simple Zero-shot Prompt Weighting Technique to Improve Prompt Ensembling in Text-Image Models, ICML 2023

### Swiss Cheese model



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# The end.