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# **Self-Adaptation and Automated Control Design**

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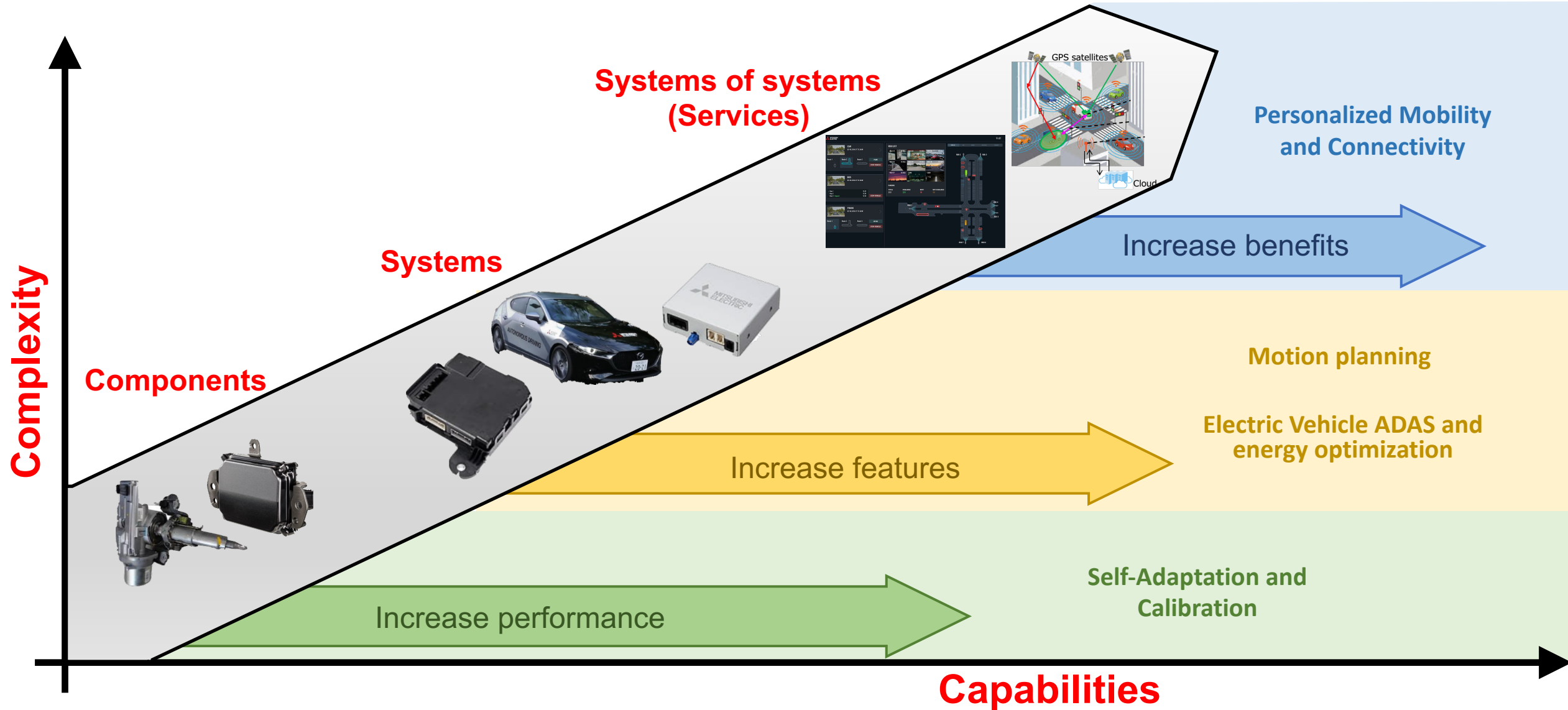
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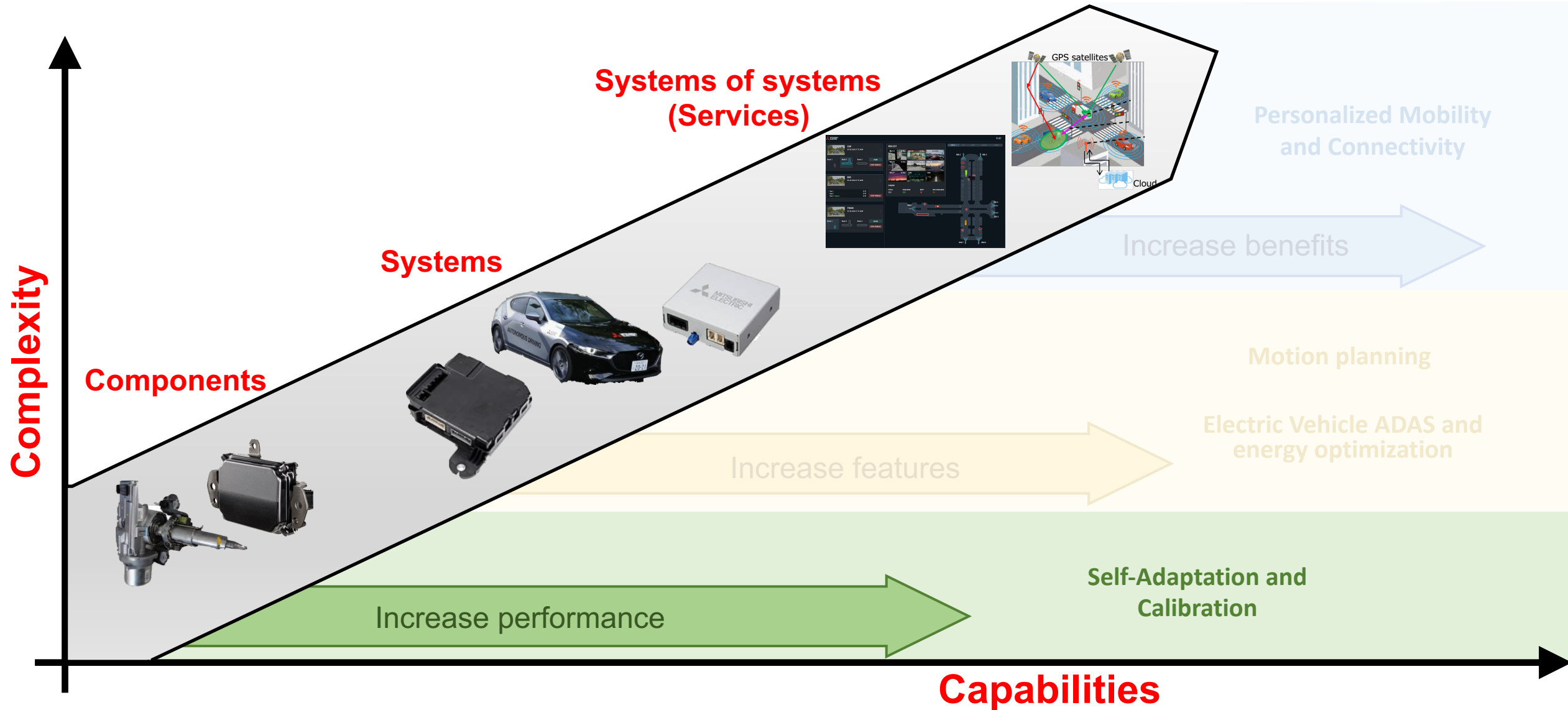
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# Overview of Research Directions



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## Calibrate Controller to Satisfy Specifications for System

Recursive controller calibration algorithm

**Main idea:** Kalman filter estimating controller parameters

→ Controller parameters can be: MPC cost function (weights), PID gains, filter coefficients, Neural Network weights, ...

Control law with parameters  $\theta$

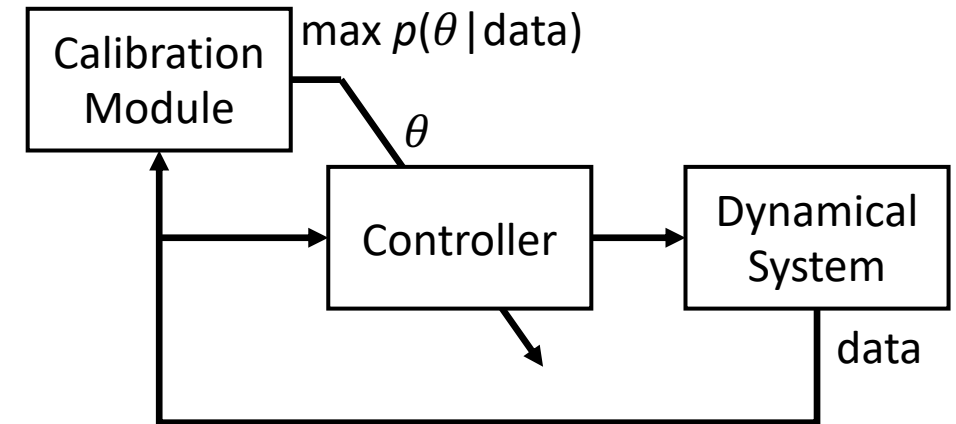
$$u_k = \kappa_{\theta}(x_k, z_k)$$

$\theta$  Control parameter

$u_k$  Control input

$x_k$  Measured states of dynamical system

$z_k$  Internal controller states, e.g., integrator, state estimate



# Automated Controller Calibration

Control law with parameters  $\theta$   $u_k = \kappa_\theta(x_k, z_k)$  Model mismatch

Model-based calibration  $x_{k+1} = f(x_k, u_k) + w_k$

Specification function  $h(\theta) = r(x_{k-N:k}, u_{k-N:k})$

Desired values  $h_{\text{ref},k}$

Training objective  $\|h_{\text{ref},k} - h(\theta)\|_{C_h^{-1}}$

Objective: Find control parameter update law

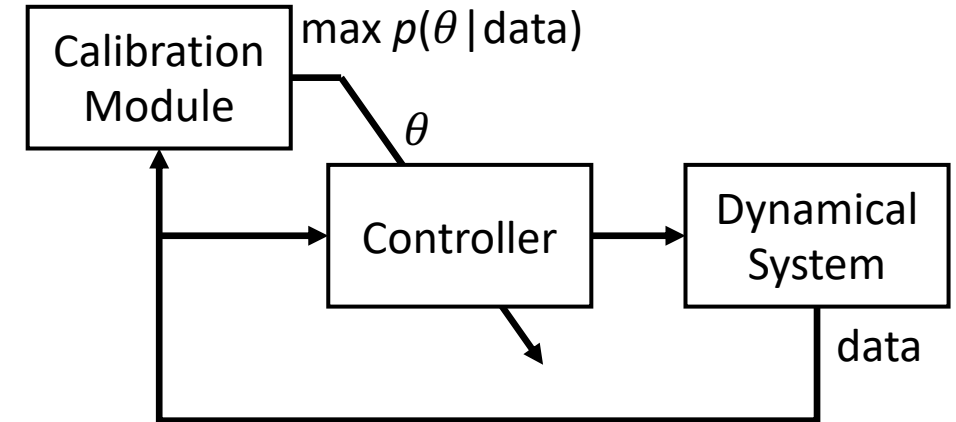
$$\theta_{k+1} = \theta_k + \Delta\theta_k$$

## Control parameter adaptation as estimation problem

with priors  $\theta_{k+1}^{\text{prior}} \sim N(\theta_k, C_\theta)$  and  $h_{\text{ref},k} \sim N(h(\theta_k), C_h)$

Control parameters from posterior distribution

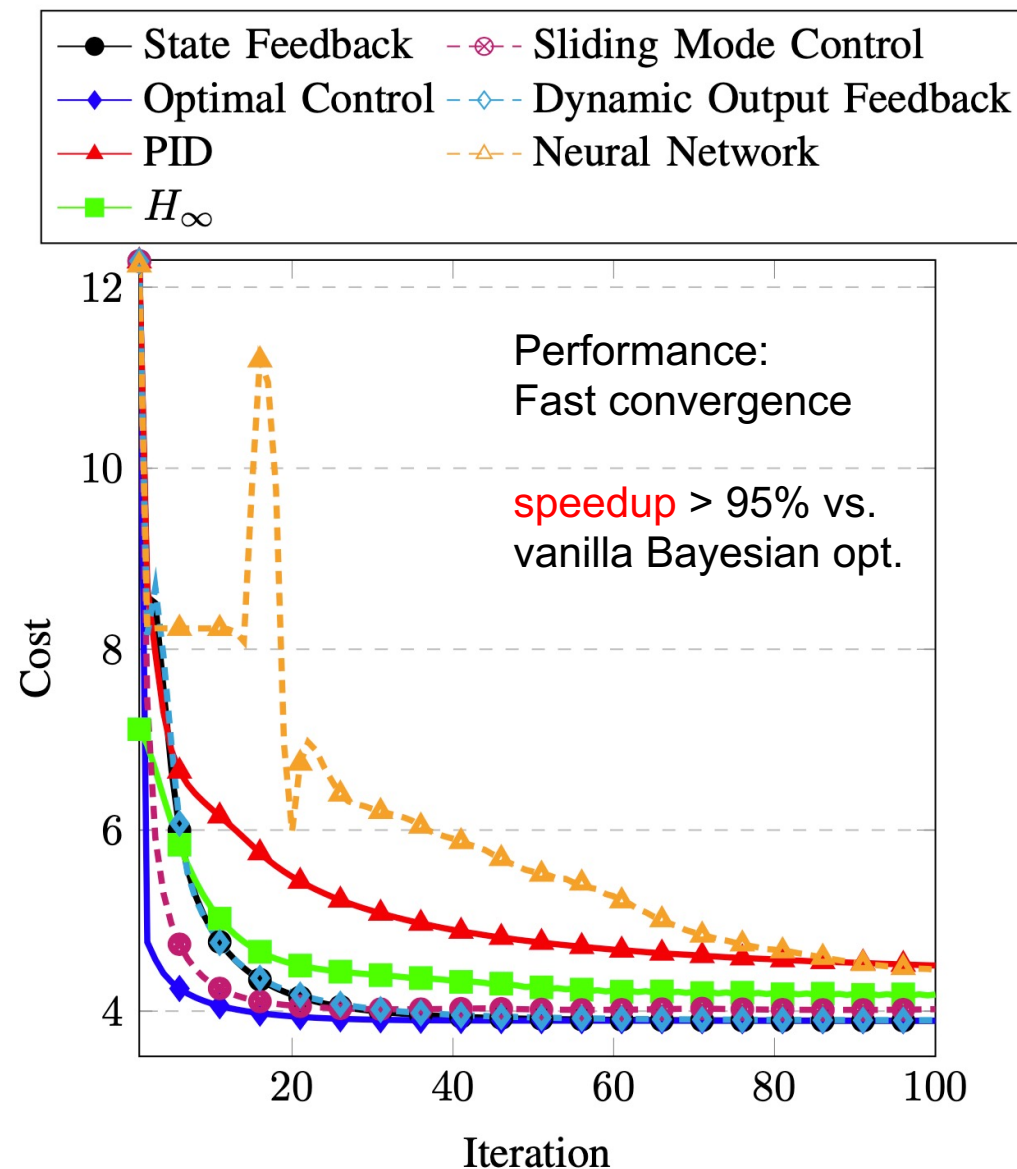
$$p(\theta_{k+1} | \theta_k, \theta_{k-1}, \dots, \theta_0, h_{\text{ref},k}, \dots, h_{\text{ref},0}) \\ = \prod_{i=0}^k p(\theta_{i+1} | \theta_i, h_{\text{ref},i}) p(\theta_0)$$



# Automated Controller Calibration

## Calibration applied to different controllers

- State feedback: Gains
- Optimal control: Cost function weights
- PID: Gains
- $H_\infty$ : Filter coefficients of pre- and post-compensator
- Sliding mode controller: Gains and sliding surface
- Dynamic output feedback: Feedback gains and Luenberger observer gains
- Neural Network: Weights

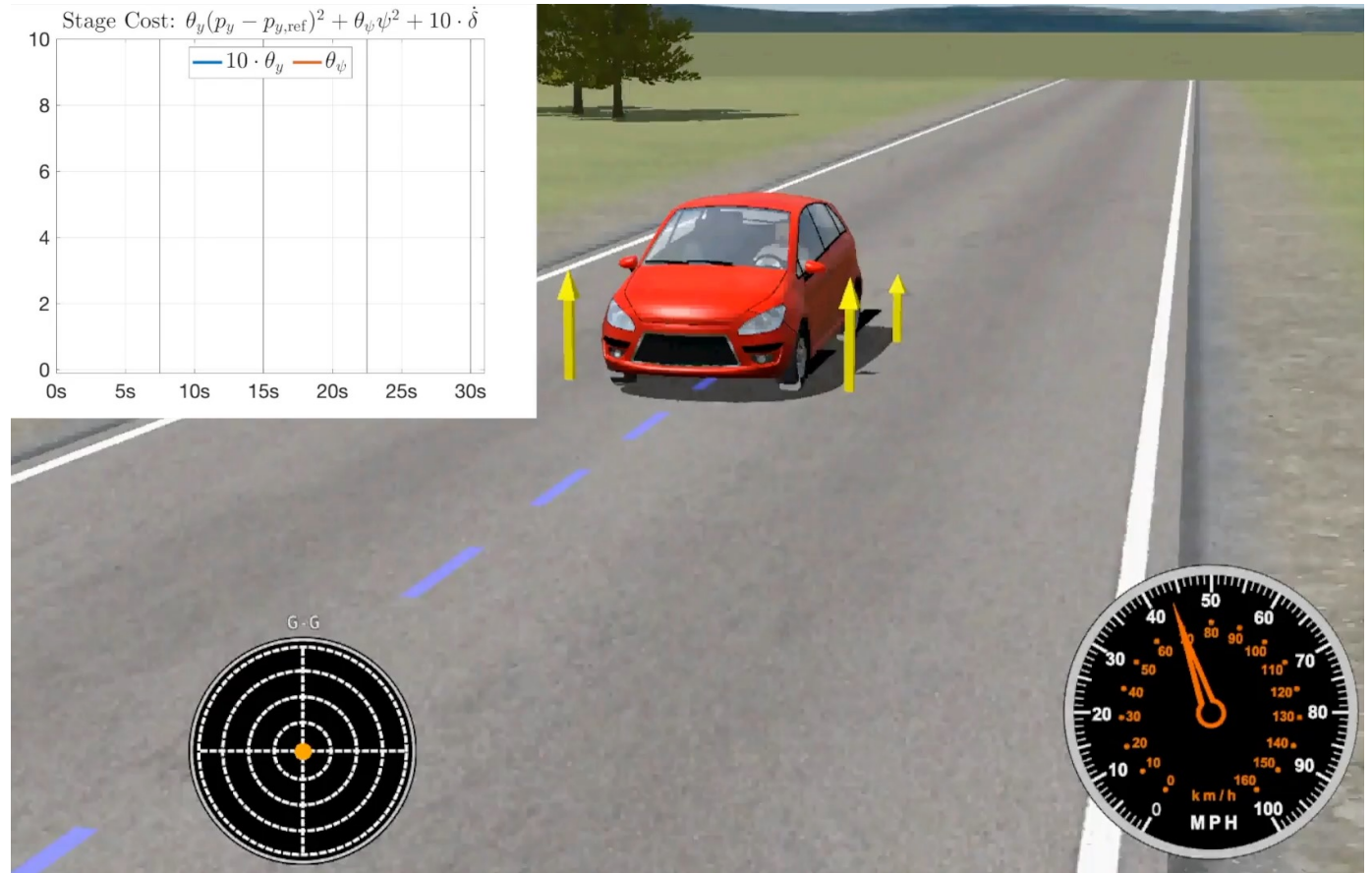
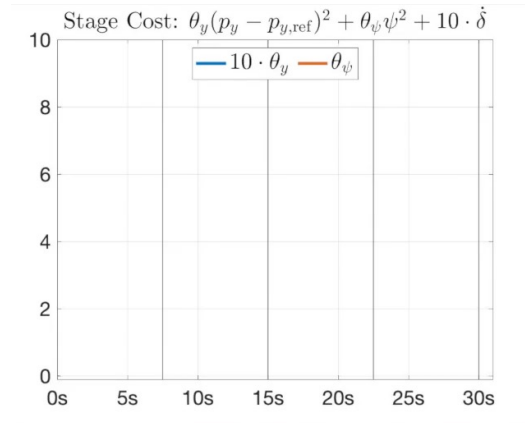
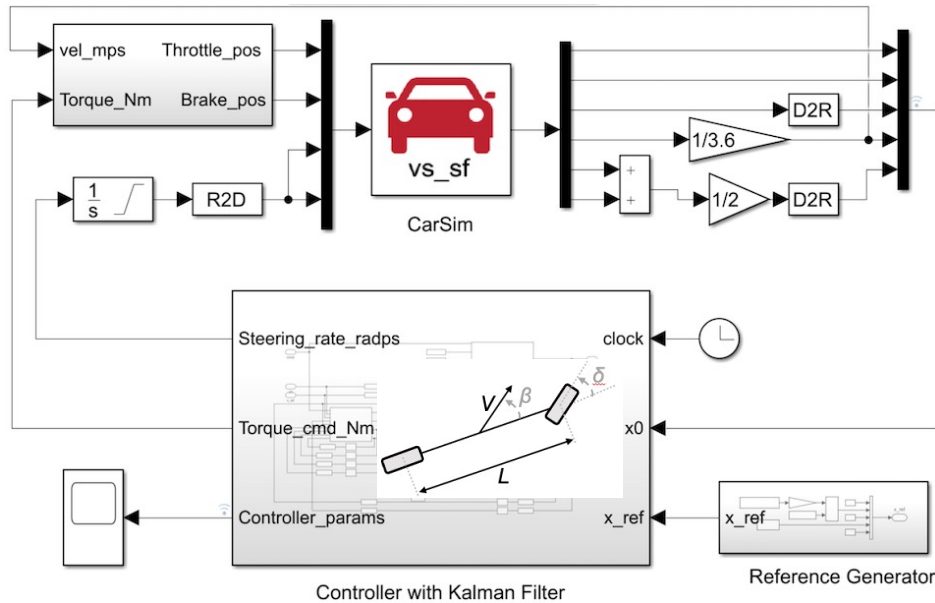


# Automated Controller Calibration for Vehicle Control

## Kalman filter estimates parameters

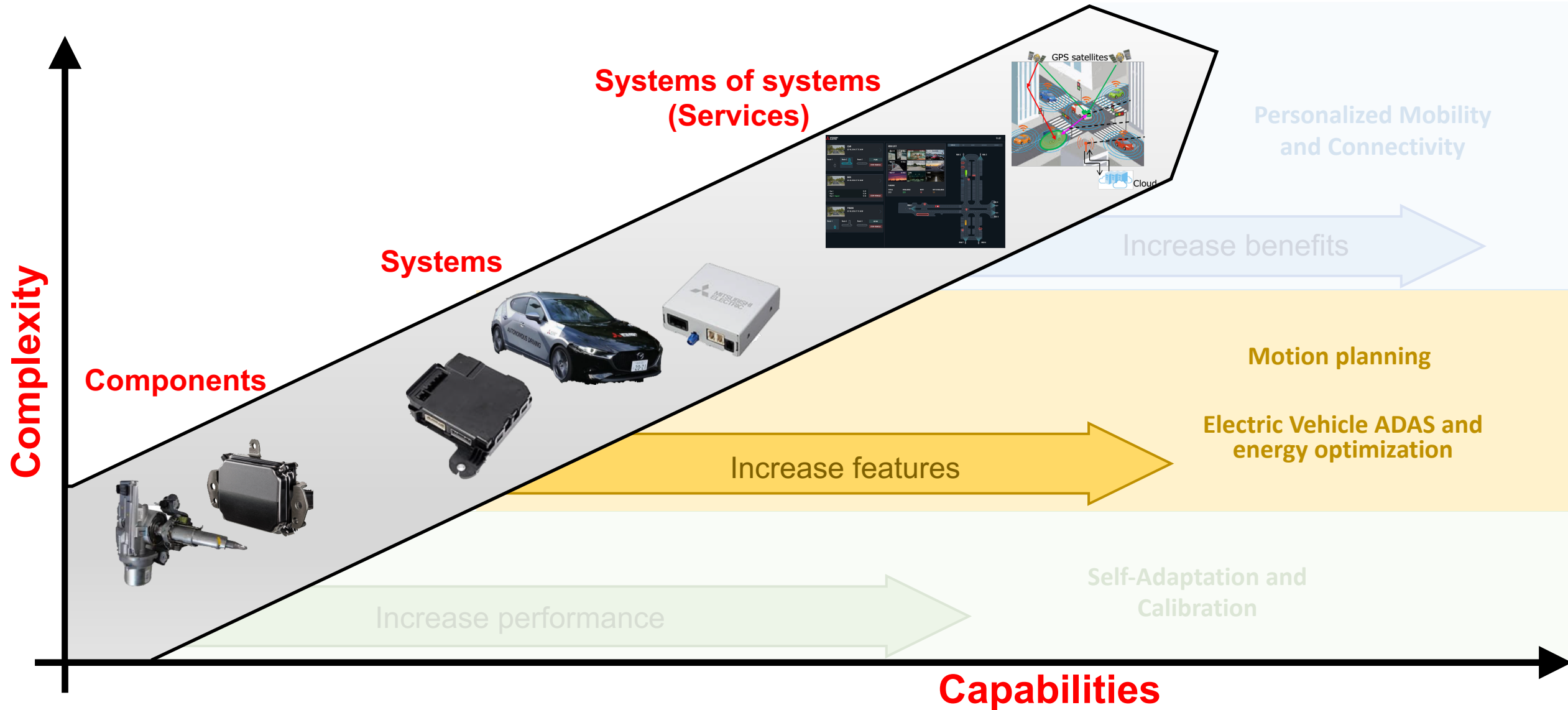
### Calibration driven by specifications

- Model-based approach
  - Little data needed
- Recursive implementation
  - Low hardware requirements



CarSim – Lane Change Controller

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# Kernel Regression for Energy-Optimal Control of EVs

## Degrees of freedom for controlling battery electric vehicles

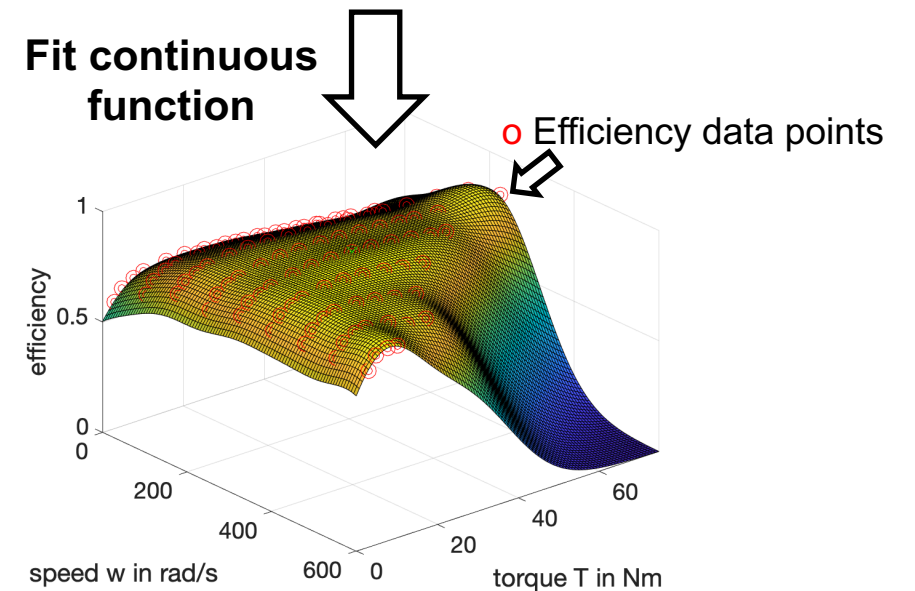
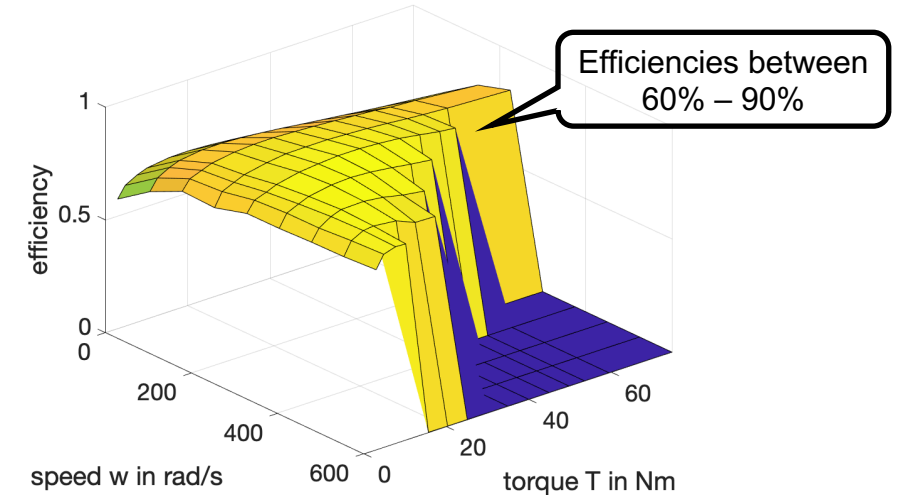
- i. Transmission gears
- ii. Torque-split ratio between motors
- iii. Velocity profile, e.g., for adaptive cruise control or autonomous driving

## Challenges

- Fast control algorithms needed
- Mathematical model (cost function) must have flexible shape

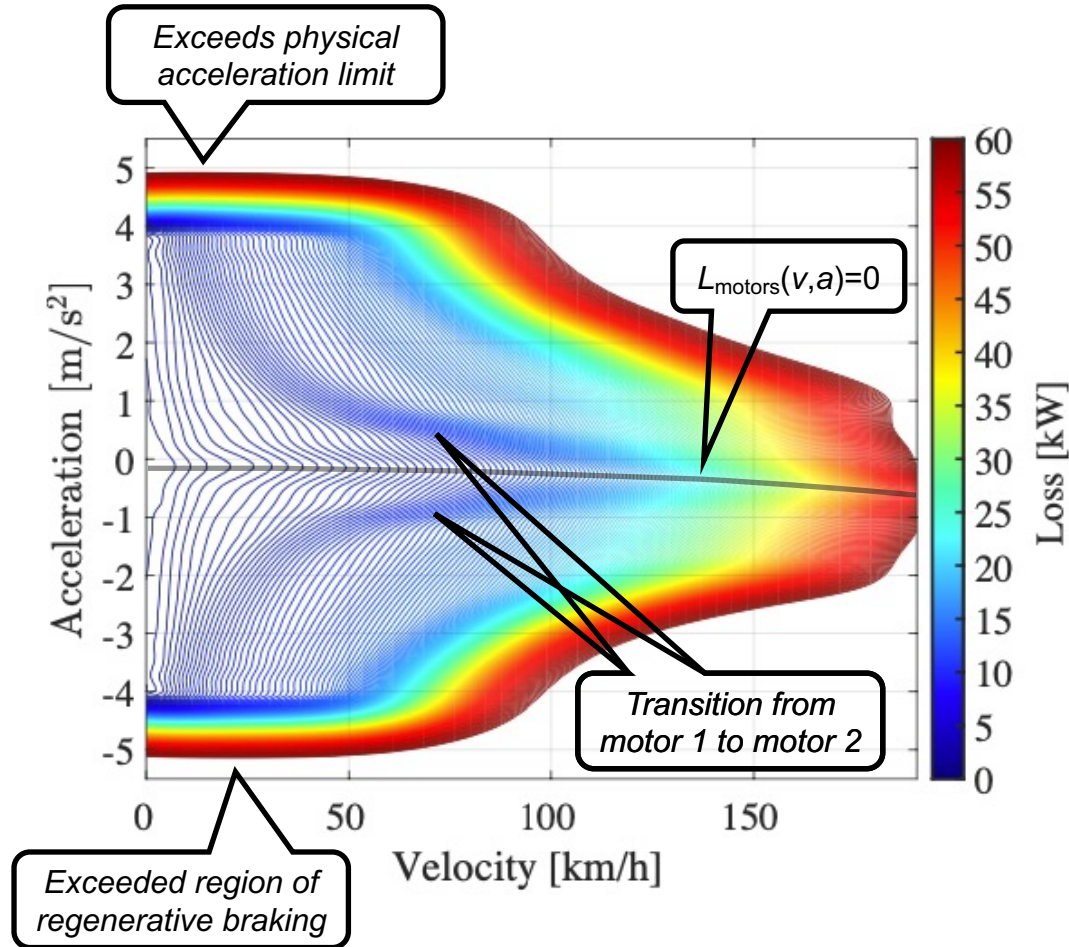
## Approach for real-time efficiency optimization

- Learn model suited for numerical optimization using kernel regression
- Combine motor losses (from tabulated data of motor efficiency) with driving losses (from Newtonian mechanics)



## Pseudo-Convex Cost Function for Velocity Profile Optimization

Combined minimization of driving losses and motor losses



### EV loss function $L_{EV}(v,a)$

$$L_{EV}(v,a) = L_{driving}(v) + L_{motors}(v,a)$$

$$L_{driving}(v) = v(F_{drag}(v) + F_{roll}(v))$$

# Advantages of Asymmetric Electric Motor Sizes

## Design (Motor Size) Optimization

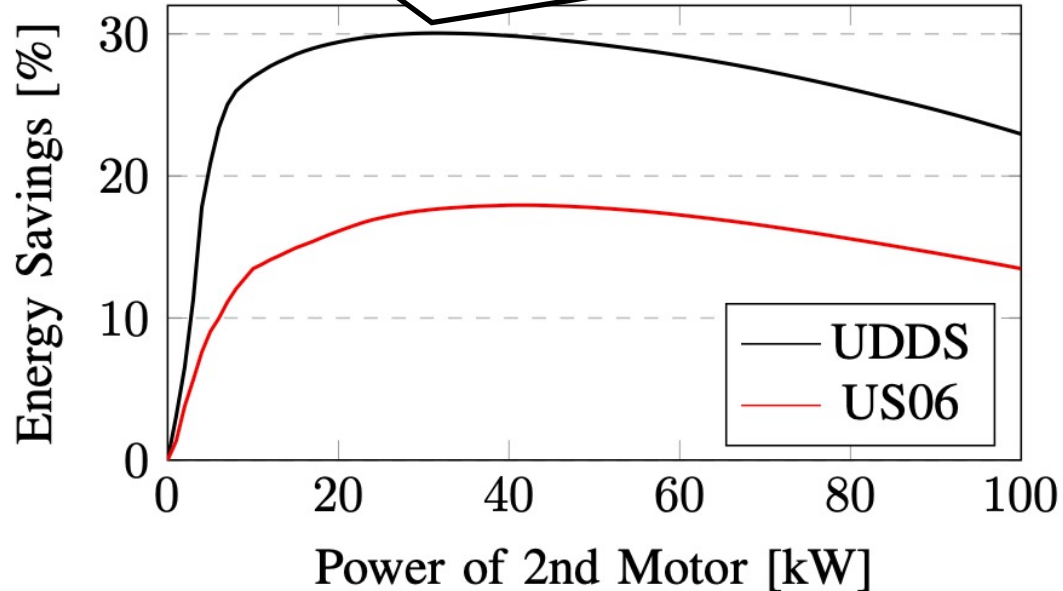
Fixed Vehicle Torque/Speed Demand from Urban Dyno Driving Schedule (UDDS) and US06

Motor 1 with max. power  $P_1 = 200\text{kW}$  –  $P_2$

Motor 2 with max. power  $P_2$

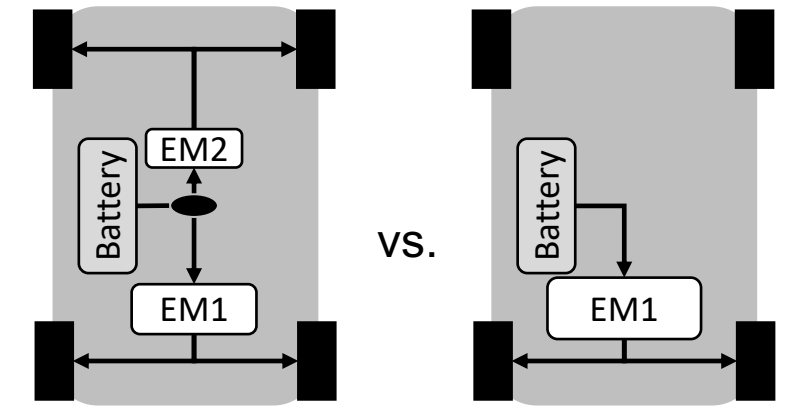
→  $P_2 = 0$  implies EV with 1 motor

EV with 2 motors (peak power 170kW, 30kW) saves 30% energy for UDDS, compared to EV with 1 motor



Same as 2 equal in-wheel in front, 2 equal in-wheel EMs in back

Same as 4 equal in-wheel EMs,  $T_1=T_2=T_3=T_4$



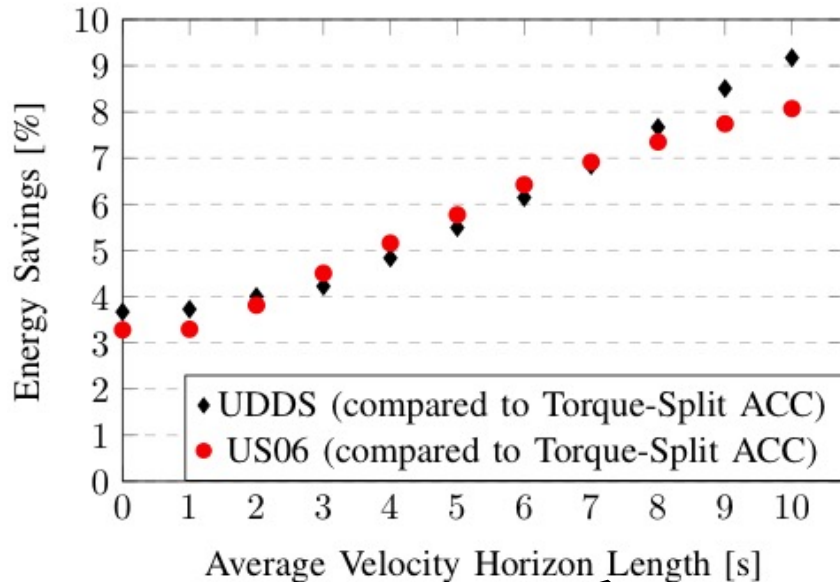
**Torque-split Control (fixed gear)**

$$T_{\text{vehicle}} = T_{\text{EM1}} + T_{\text{EM2}}$$

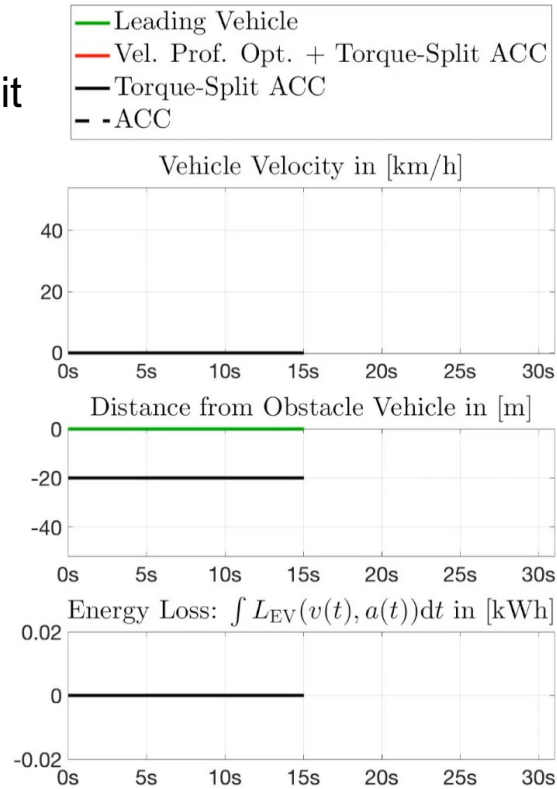
# Energy Savings of Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC)

## Savings of 2-motor (170kW, 30kW) compared to 1-motor (200kW)

- 30%/18% for UDDS/US06 with torque split
- Additional 3–10% with velocity profile optimization, e.g., for ACC

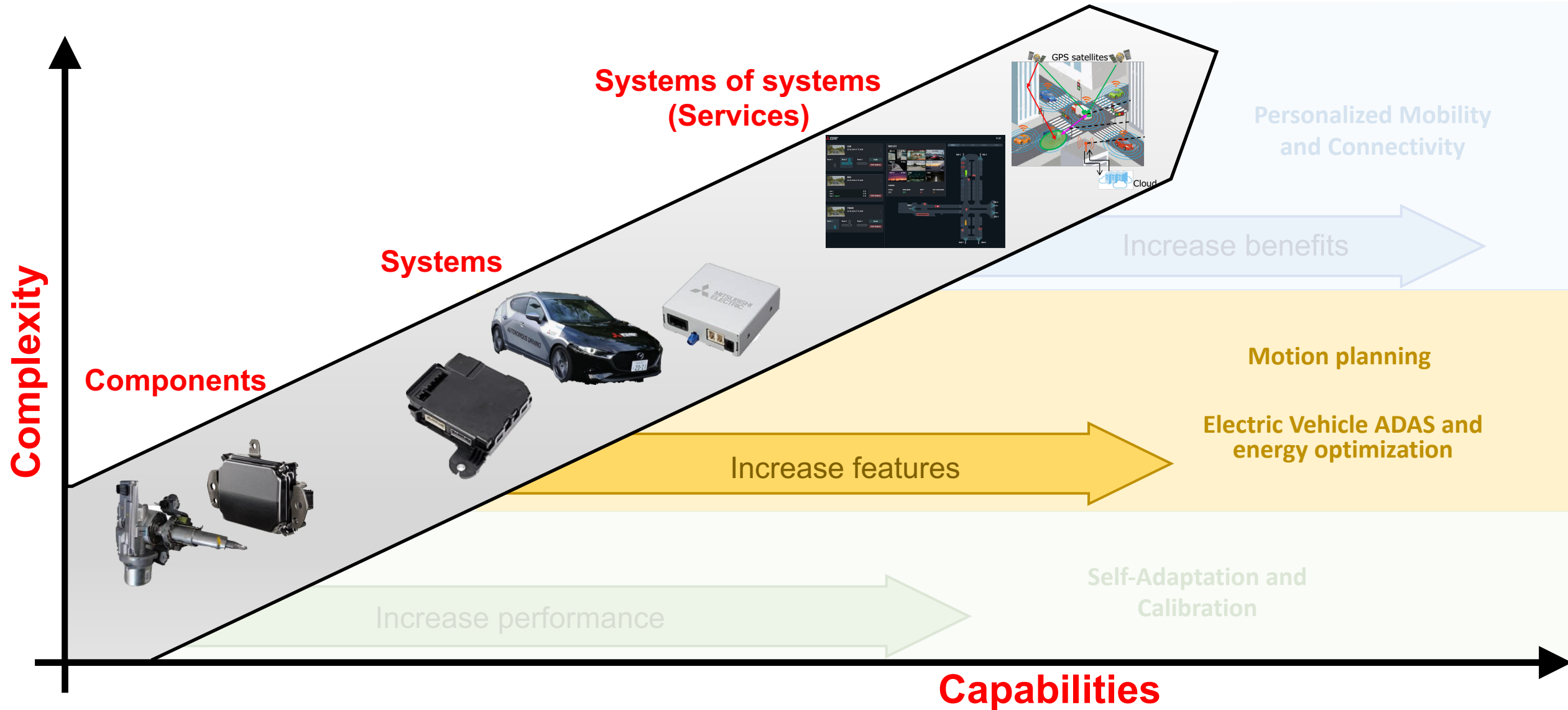


Average velocity of leading vehicle over horizon of x sec



## Energy-Optimized Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC)

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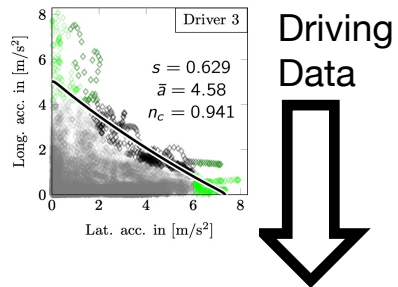


# Human-Adaptive Motion Planning

## Personalizing Driving Experience of Autonomous Vehicle

Model-based Learning: Keep Safety Guarantees, Learn Performance Parameters

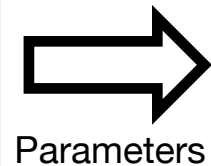
- Fixed: Motion model, driving limits, computational structure
- Parametrized: Driving objectives, relative importance of objectives



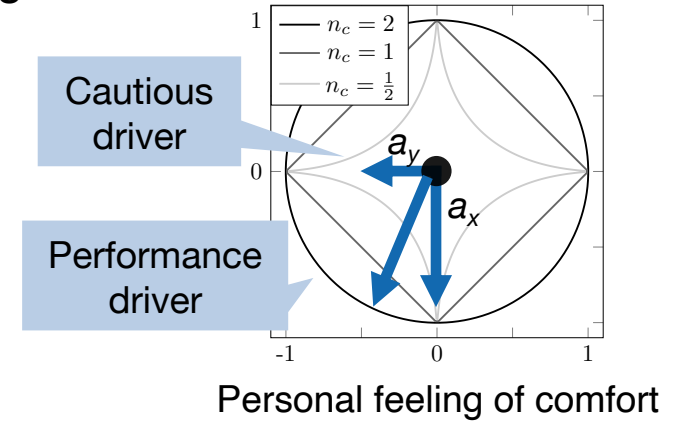
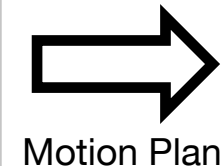
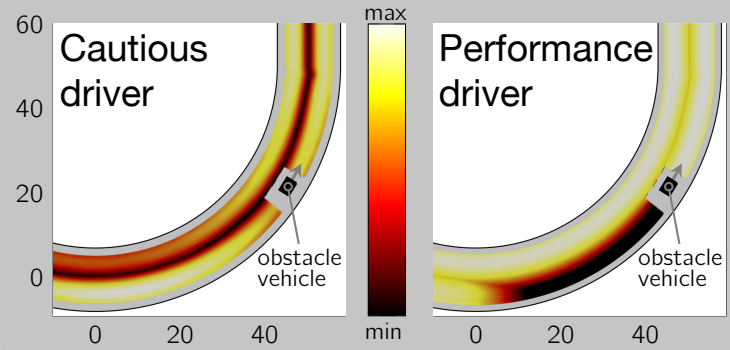
**Learning Algorithm  
(offline calibration)**



$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\theta} \quad & p(\theta | \text{data}) \\ \text{s. t.} \quad & \theta \in \mathcal{C}_{\theta} \end{aligned}$$



### Motion Planner



## Personalizing Driving Experience of Autonomous Vehicle

### Parametrized driving objectives

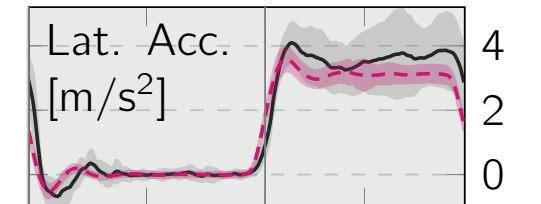
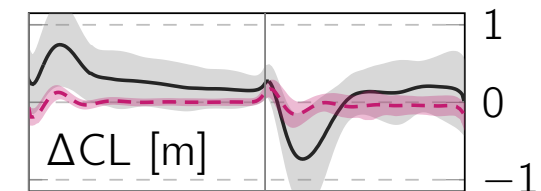
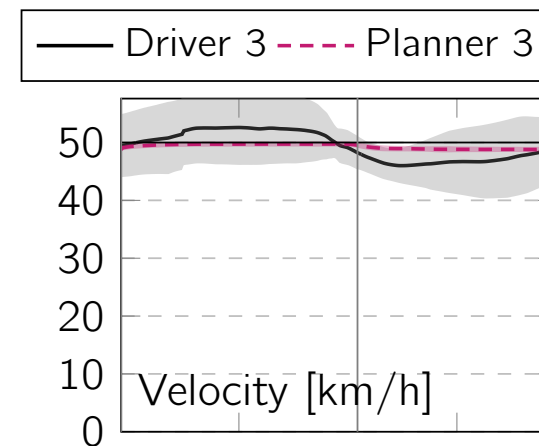
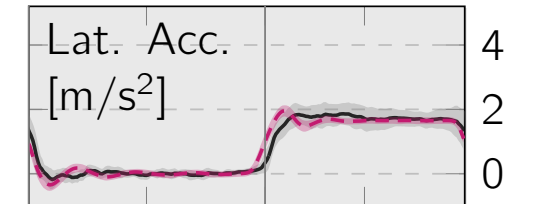
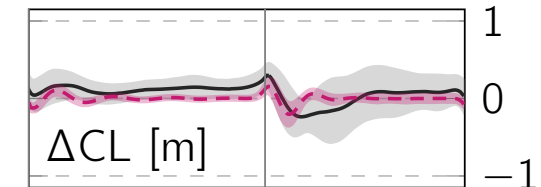
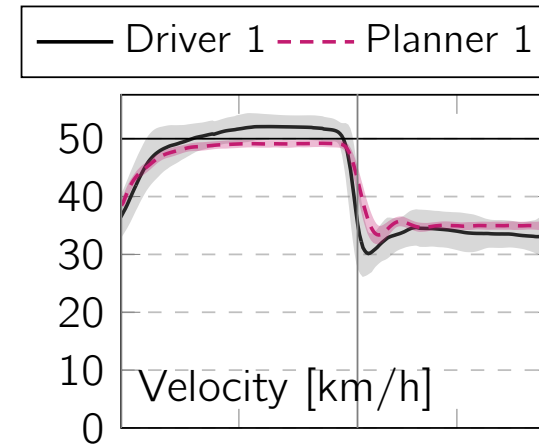
→ similarities of planner & driver

- Lateral accelerations and velocities of planners match drivers

### Fixed model-based algorithm

→ safety properties

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straight | turn

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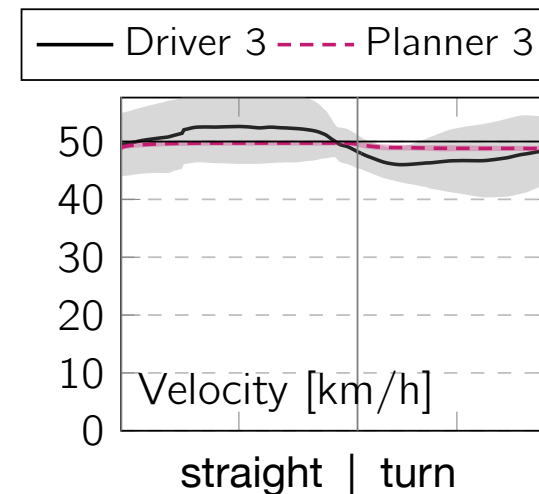
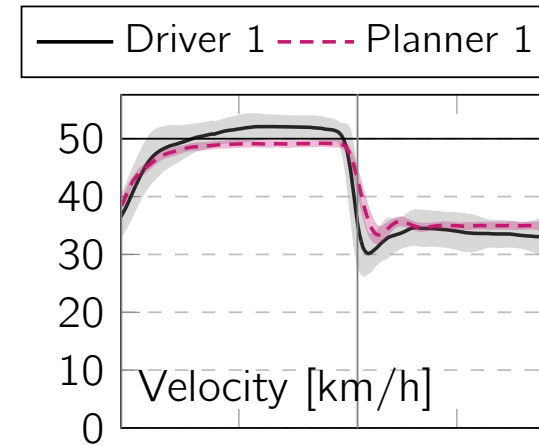
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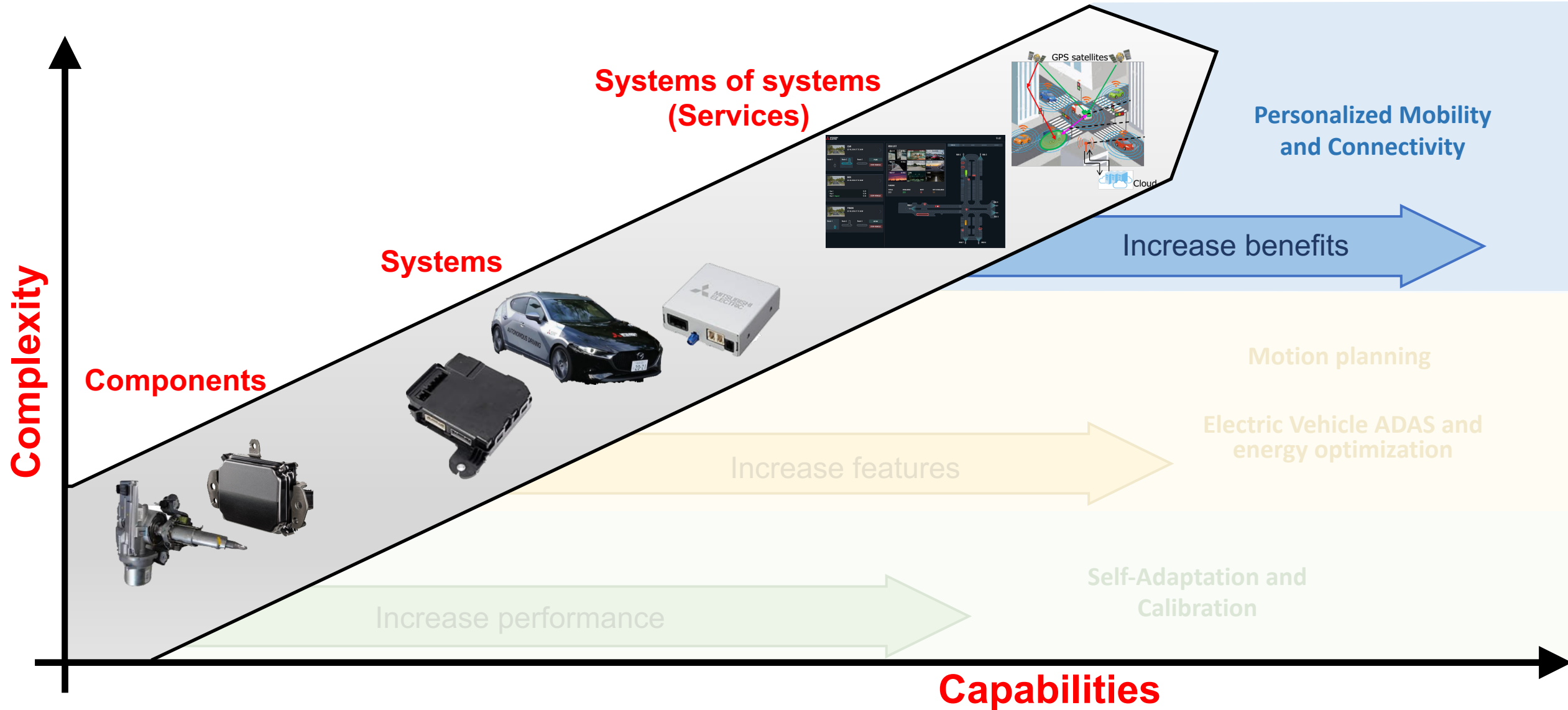
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# Vehicle Calibration from Population Data (Crowdsourcing)

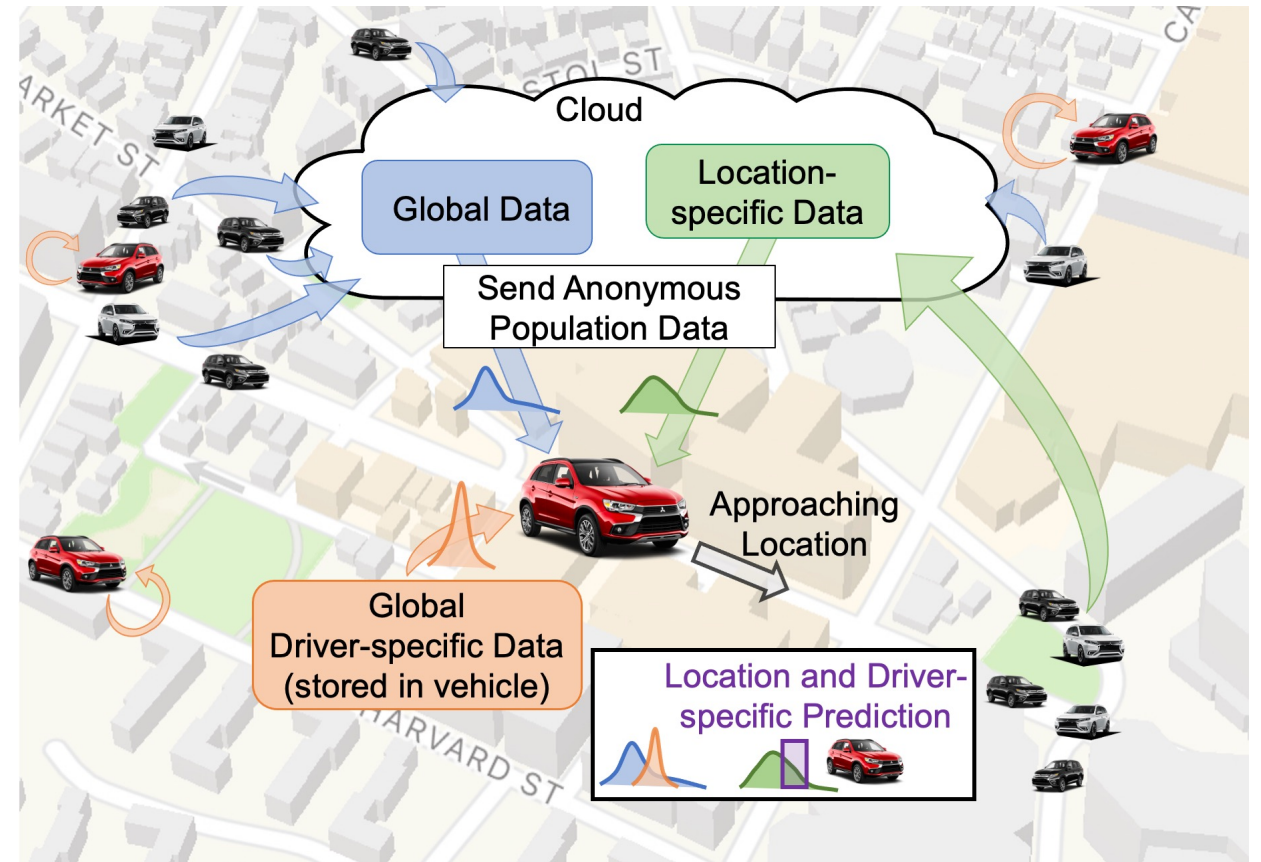
## Adapting ADAS using Vehicle Data and Crowdsourced Data

- Vehicle data for driver-specific adaptation
- Crowdsourced data for environment/location/time-specific adaptation  
→ driving scenarios that impact all drivers

## Fundamental Idea

### Exploit Population Data and Vehicle Data

- Use data set for population in all locations  
*e.g., stored in cloud (unlabeled/anonymous)*
- Use data set for population in specific location  
*e.g., stored in cloud (unlabeled/anonymous)*
- Use data set for driver in all locations  
*stored only in vehicle (labeled)*
- Predict behavior for driver in specific location and use for adapting ADAS



# Prediction using Empirical Cumulative Density Functions

Prediction-making using percentiles and ranking assumption

## For global data

Compare rank of driver,  $\tilde{p}$ , w.r.t. population,  $\tilde{p}_X$

$$\tilde{x}_{X|D} = F_{X|D}^{-1}(\tilde{p})$$

$$\tilde{p}_X = F_X(\tilde{x}_{X|D})$$

## For specific location

Compare rank of driver,  $\tilde{p}_{X|D,L}$ , w.r.t. population,  $\tilde{p}_{X|L}$

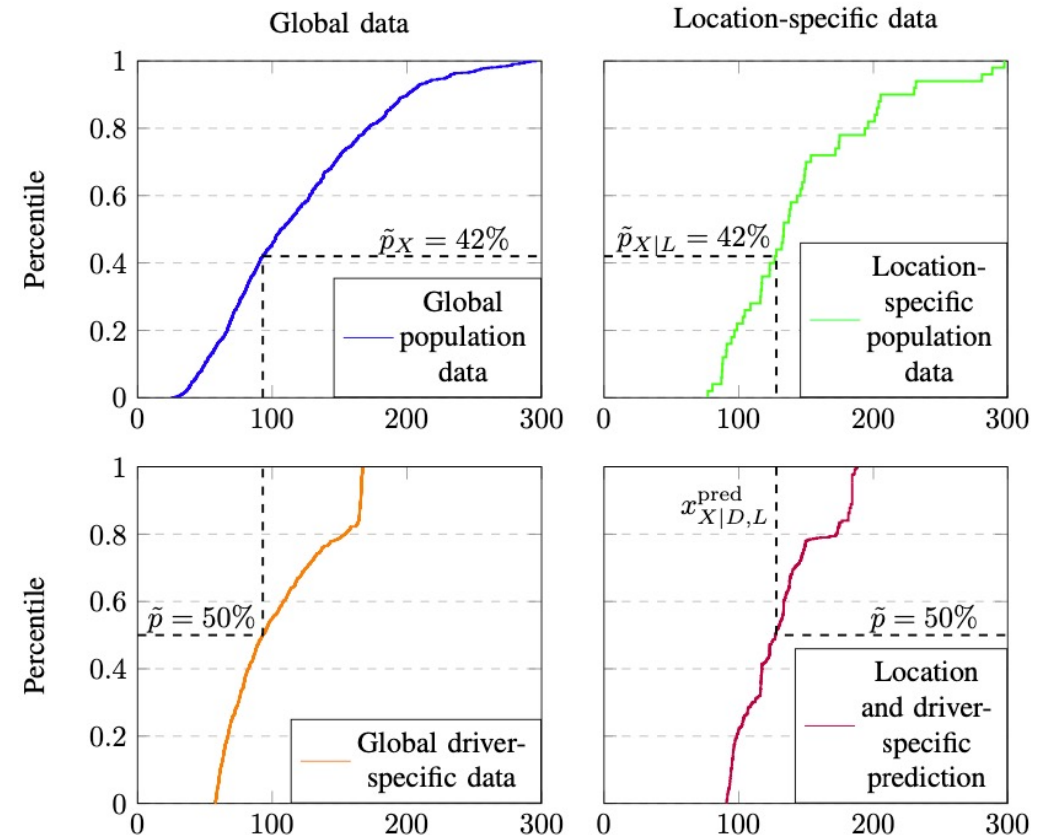
$$\tilde{x}_{X|D,L} = F_{X|D,L}^{-1}(\tilde{p}) \quad \boxed{F_{X|D,L} \text{ is unknown}}$$

$$\tilde{p}_{X|L} = F_{X|L}(\tilde{x}_{X|D,L})$$

To predict  $F_{X|D,L}$ , we use  $\tilde{p}_X = \tilde{p}_{X|L}$  (ranking assumption)

$$\rightarrow x_{X|D,L}^{\text{pred}} = F_{X|L}^{-1} \left( F_X \left( F_{X|D}^{-1}(\tilde{p}) \right) \right)$$

Repeat prediction step for  $\tilde{p} = 1\%, \dots, 99\%$



## Calibration of Automated Emergency Braking

- Based on driving style of drivers
- Based on road surface condition

## Simulation Setup

Given:  $F_X$ ,  $F_{X|D}$

Collected over time:  $F_{X|L}$  (data samples collected is x axis)

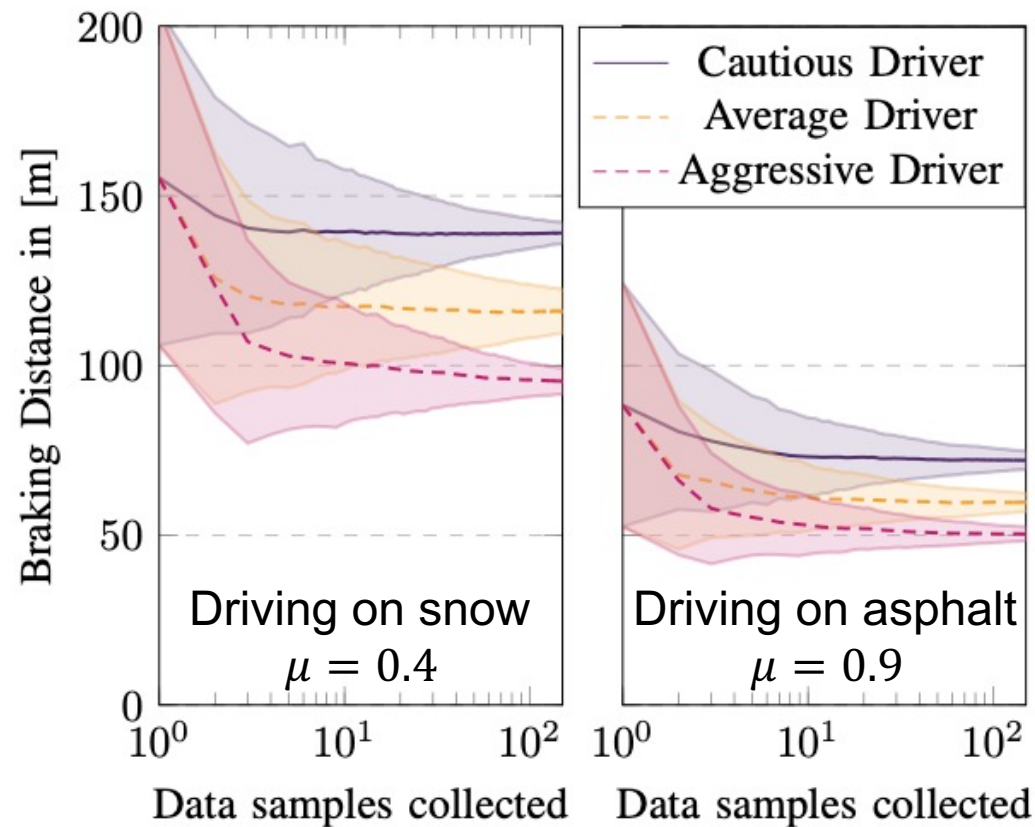
## Results

- Fast separation of different environmental conditions (e.g., icy, dry, rainy) with less than 10 data points
- Fast separation of driving styles (e.g., cautious, average, aggressive) with as little as 10 data points
- Robust separation of environment and driving styles within 100 data points

## Interpretation of ranking assumption in this study

- Cautious driver on asphalt is predicted to be cautious on snow
- Aggressive driver on asphalt is predicted to be aggressive on snow

## How quickly can we make accurate predictions?



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