DeepAccident: A Motion and Accident Prediction Benchmark for V2X Autonomous Driving

Tianqi Wang¹, Sukmin Kim¹, Ji Wenxuan¹, Enze Xie²*, Chongjian Ge¹, Junsong Chen³, Zhenguo Li², Ping Luo¹*
¹The University of Hong Kong
²Huawei Noah’s Ark Lab
³Dalian University of Technology

{wangtq, u3544547, jiweixia, rhettgee}@connect.hku.hk, johnny_ez@163.com, jschen@mail.dlut.edu.cn, li.zhenguo@huawei.com, pluo@cs.hku.hk

Abstract

Safety is the primary priority of autonomous driving. Nevertheless, no published dataset currently supports the direct and explainable safety evaluation for autonomous driving. In this work, we propose DeepAccident, a large-scale dataset generated via a realistic simulator containing diverse accident scenarios that frequently occur in real-world driving. The proposed DeepAccident dataset includes 57K annotated frames and 285K annotated samples, approximately 7 times more than the large-scale nuScenes dataset with 40k annotated samples. In addition, we propose a new task, end-to-end motion and accident prediction, which can be used to directly evaluate the accident prediction ability for different autonomous driving algorithms. Furthermore, for each scenario, we set four vehicles along with one infrastructure to record data, thus providing diverse viewpoints for accident scenarios and enabling V2X (vehicle-to-everything) research on perception and prediction tasks. Finally, we present a baseline V2X model named V2XFormer that demonstrates superior performance for motion and accident prediction and 3D object detection compared to the single-vehicle model.

Introduction

In recent years, single-vehicle autonomous driving has achieved significant progress owing to the well-established datasets for autonomous driving, such as KITTI (Geiger et al. 2013), nuScenes (Caesar et al. 2020), Waymo (Sun et al. 2020), etc. Using those datasets, researchers have proposed various representative algorithms for different downstream tasks, including perception (Lang et al. 2019; Shi et al. 2020; Huang et al. 2021; Li et al. 2023) and prediction (Hu et al. 2021; Zhang et al. 2022).

Nevertheless, single-vehicle autonomous driving suffers from performance degradation in distant or occluded areas due to poor or partial visibility of raw sensors. One possible solution is to seek the help of vehicle-to-everything (V2X) communication technology which can provide a complementary perception range or enhanced visibility for the ego vehicle. Based on the additional information source, V2X communication can be further categorized as vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) and vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I). Most of the existing V2X datasets (Xu et al. 2022c; Li et al. 2022; Yu et al. 2022) support perception tasks but ignore the critical motion prediction task. The only V2X dataset that supports motion prediction is V2X-seq (Yu et al. 2023), that is recently released, but it requires ground truth vehicle positions, map topology, and traffic light status as inputs, which is impractical for real-world autonomous driving. Moreover, mainstream datasets lack an essential attribute for evaluating the safety of autonomous driving: the inclusion of safety-critical scenarios, such as collision accidents. Existing accident datasets (Sadegh Aliakbarian et al. 2018; Hoon et al. 2019; Xu et al. 2022d) suffer from limitations such as low-resolution images captured from a single forward-facing camera and coarse accident annotation labels.

We propose the DeepAccident dataset, the first V2X autonomous driving dataset supporting end-to-end motion and accident prediction, and various perception tasks. Using the CARLA simulator (Dosovitskiy et al. 2017), we reconstructed diverse real-world driving accidents according to NHTSA pre-crash reports (Najm et al. 2007). For each scenario, four vehicles and one infrastructure are designed to collect full sets of sensor data, including multi-view cameras and LiDAR, with labels for perception and prediction tasks. This setup fills the gap of a lack of safety-critical scenarios in existing V2X datasets. Additionally, we introduce a new end-to-end accident prediction task to predict collision accidents’ occurrence, timing, location, and involved vehicles or pedestrians. An illustration of this task is shown in Figure 1. Lastly, we propose a V2X model named V2XFormer, which demonstrates superior performance compared to the single-vehicle model on the DeepAccident dataset.

Our main contributions can be summarized in three-fold: (i) DeepAccident, the first V2X dataset and benchmark that contains diverse collision accidents, (ii) a new task named end-to-end accident prediction that predicts the occurrence of collision accidents and their specific timing, location, and involved vehicles or pedestrians, and (iii) a V2X model named V2XFormer for both perception and prediction tasks to serve as a baseline for further research.

Related Work

V2X datasets for autonomous driving. The existing V2X datasets primarily focus on perception tasks, includ-
Figure 1: Illustration of our proposed end-to-end motion and accident prediction task. Given the history camera observations, the single vehicle model (vehicle #1) fails to predict any motion or accident on the forward right side due to occlusion from buildings. In contrast, the V2X model communicates with other vehicles and infrastructure, thereby successfully anticipating the upcoming accident. The red and green bounding boxes in the images, respectively, represent the colliding vehicles and the other V2X vehicles behind them.

Accident scenarios can be categorized as optimization-based and knowledge-based. AdvSim (Wang et al. 2021) and STRIVE (Rempe et al. 2022) belong to the former and generate the perturbed adversary trajectories for other vehicles to attack the fixed ego planner. AdvSim selects adverse vehicles beforehand and optimizes their action profiles with the kinematics bicycle model and black-box optimizations. STRIVE represents the traffic motion as a learned latent vector and leverage gradient-based optimization to optimize the latent vector. However, the optimization-based methods can be prohibitively time-consuming for generating large-scale accident datasets. For instance, generating a single 10-agent 8s scenario takes 6-7 minutes for STRIVE, even several hours for AdvSim. Besides, the optimization-based methods can generate implausible or unrealistic scenarios and thus need additional filtering steps, which adds more computational overhead. Our accident generation method is mostly similar to CARLA’s ScenarioRunner and belongs to the knowledge-based method. It uses rules for adverse agent behaviors and generates corresponding trajectories. The proposed DeepAccident dataset focus on the accidents that happen in inter-
## DeepAccident Dataset

### Dataset Generation

The accident scenarios in DeepAccident are designed following the pre-crash report by NHTSA, where various types of collision accidents are reported from real-world crash data. We design 12 types of accident scenarios that happen in intersections in DeepAccident, as shown in Figure 2. Our designed accident scenarios generally involve two vehicles with overlapped planned trajectories at signalized and unsignalized intersections. In addition to the two accident vehicles, we spawn two more vehicles, each following behind one of the accident vehicles, to capture diverse viewpoints of the same scene (See Figure 2). Furthermore, full sets of sensors are installed on all four vehicles, and task labels are saved independently. Additionally, a full stack of sensors is installed facing toward the intersection on the infrastructure side, resulting in data from four vehicles and one infrastructure of the same scene to support V2X research.

**Accident generation details.** For the two accident vehicles that we design to collide, we first calculate the intersection point of their planned trajectories and then perturb their initial positions to arrive at a similar time by dividing the arriving distance by the randomly chosen maximum speeds. The two vehicles designed to follow the accident vehicles have the same trajectories as the accident vehicles. Note that, the accident vehicles will react to other surrounding vehicles to slow down via rule-based controllers when necessary, such that altering their arriving time at accident sites. As a result, these accident vehicles may collide at diverse relative positions or angles and could potentially collide with other vehicles to increase trajectory diversity. Despite not being specifically designed, other accident scenarios occurred during data collection, such as vehicles hitting crossing pedestrians and colliding with lane-changing vehicles. These are included in the proposed DeepAccident dataset, with plans to incorporate more scenarios in future versions. Normal scenarios without collisions are also included in DeepAccident to enhance motion diversity. Each scenario will terminate when a collision occurs, the ego vehicle completes its planned trajectory, or the scenario time exceeds 10 seconds.

### Dataset Statistics

**Scenario distribution.** During data collection, various random factors such as number of surrounding vehicles and pedestrians, weather, and time-of-day were applied to enhance diversity. As depicted in Figure 3, the DeepAccident dataset demonstrates significant diversity.

**Supported tasks.** DeepAccident supports various perception tasks such as 3D object detection, tracking, BEV semantic segmentation, and prediction tasks like motion prediction and accident prediction with detailed accident labels. All these tasks can be achieved within V2X settings in Deep-
Accident, thus stimulating more V2X research.

**Dataset size.** The proposed DeepAccident comprises a total of 285k annotated samples and 57k annotated V2X frames at a frequency of 10 Hz. Besides, we split the data with a ratio of 0.7, 0.15, and 0.15 for training, validation, and testing splits, resulting in 203k, 41k, and 41k samples, respectively.

**End-to-End Motion and Accident Prediction**

For this task, we select the camera-based setting to utilize multi-view camera image streams as inputs for generating motion prediction results for the entire scene. These motion prediction results are then post-processed to determine the occurrence of the accident and the accident vehicle ids, accident positions as well as timing (see Figure 1).

**Network Structure**

We choose BEVerse (Zhang et al. 2022) as our baseline single-vehicle model due to its support for end-to-end motion prediction. For the V2X setting, we propose a simple yet effective V2X model named V2XFormer due to using Swin-Transformer (Liu et al. 2021) as the image feature backbone. As shown in Figure 4, V2XFormer shares the same BEV feature extractor as the single-vehicle model such that each V2X agent would extract a BEV feature centered at its own coordinate system. These BEV features are then spatially wrapped to the ego vehicle coordinate system to concatenate with the ego vehicle BEV feature. To fuse the concatenated BEV features, we utilize the fusion modules of the state-of-the-art V2X methods. The aggregated BEV feature is then fed into the task heads to generate the motion prediction and 3D object detection results. In addition, given the fact that the ego vehicle itself can cause an accident with other vehicles or pedestrians, we also require the network to jointly predict the ego vehicle’s future motion.

**Accident Prediction**

**Post-processing for accident prediction.** We post-process the motion prediction results frame-wise to check the occurrence of accident. The performance of accident prediction can be viewed as a safety metric for autonomous driving. From the motion prediction results, which consist of several BEV outputs, including centrerness, segmentation, offset, and future flow, we can combine them to get the BEV instance segmentation results like the ones shown in Figure 1 for the current moment as well as the future period. For each timestamp, we can approximate the BEV segmentation results for each object as polygons and then find the polygons with the closest distance and store the object ids and positions to represent the accident candidates for this timestamp. By looking for the timestamp with the closest object distance, we determine whether an accident occurred and provide labels regarding the colliding object ids and positions, and the collision timestamp. In our experiment, we set a threshold for a dangerous distance as 1.0 meters.

**Accident prediction accuracy.** To evaluate the accuracy of accident prediction compared to ground truth accident information, the same post-process steps are applied to the ground truth motion to determine the occurrence of future accidents. A true positive prediction is when: (i) both the prediction and ground truth indicate the occurrence of an accident, and (ii) the total position difference of the colliding agents between the prediction and the ground truth is less than a threshold. Based on this, we propose a new evaluation metric named Accident Prediction Accuracy (APA) in Equation 1 where we calculate the average accident predic-
Figure 4: Network details of the proposed V2XFormer. We use the three-V2X-agent setting consisting of ego AV, AV, and Infra for illustration. V2X agents in V2XFormer utilize a shared-weight BEV extractor to extract BEV features based on multi-view camera observation history within the previous N frames.

Experiment settings. We use the settings for motion prediction in BEVerse (Zhang et al. 2022) and FIERY (Hu et al. 2021) as our default experiment settings. For 3D object detection, the BEV ranges are [-51.2m, 51.2m] for both X-axis and Y-axis with a 0.8m interval, while for motion prediction, the ranges are [-50.0m, 50.0m] with a 0.5m interval. The models use 1 second of past observations to predict 2 seconds into the future, corresponding to a temporal context of 3 past frames including the current frame and 4 future frames at 2Hz. We choose BEVerse-tiny as the single-vehicle model. For training, we train the models on the train split of DeepAccident for 20 epochs. As for evaluation, we randomly sample five BEV features from the learned motion Gaussian distribution along with the mean of this learned distribution to generate six different motion prediction results. Only the motion prediction result obtained from the mean vector of the learned Gaussian distribution is used to assess motion prediction performance. For accident prediction, we consider a prediction indicating the occurrence of an accident when any of the sampled motion predictions is analyzed to cause a collision accident, prioritizing safety.

We report the performance on DeepAccident’s validation split in the following sections. We start by comparing different V2X fusion modules and choosing the optimal one. After that, we compare the overall performance of V2X models with different agent configurations to the single-vehicle model and provide further ablation analysis that considers accident visibility, longer prediction horizon, and robustness on pose error and latency. Additionally, we conduct experiments on nuScenes to validate the trained models’ real-
Table 3: V2XFormer with different V2X fusion modules including the average pooling baseline and state-of-the-art methods under five V2X agents setting.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Config</th>
<th>Motion mIOU↑(↑)</th>
<th>VPQ↑(↑)</th>
<th>Accident APA↑(↑)</th>
<th>Detection mAP↑(↑)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Average Fusion</td>
<td>52.1</td>
<td>39.5</td>
<td>67.1</td>
<td>36.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DiscoNet</td>
<td>54.2</td>
<td>42.0</td>
<td>68.9</td>
<td>38.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>V2X-ViT</td>
<td>55.1</td>
<td>43.2</td>
<td>69.1</td>
<td>40.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CoBEVT</td>
<td>56.2</td>
<td>44.0</td>
<td>69.5</td>
<td>40.8</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 4: Performance comparison between the single-vehicle model and different V2X configuration models.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Config</th>
<th>Motion mIOU↑(↑)</th>
<th>VPQ↑(↑)</th>
<th>Accident APA↑(↑)</th>
<th>Detection mAP↑(↑)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Single vehicle</td>
<td>43.8</td>
<td>31.6</td>
<td>61.9</td>
<td>3.02</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ego+behind vehicle</td>
<td>51.3</td>
<td>39.2</td>
<td>66.8</td>
<td>3.27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ego+other vehicle</td>
<td>52.1</td>
<td>39.9</td>
<td>67.4</td>
<td>3.08</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ego+infra</td>
<td>52.7</td>
<td>40.1</td>
<td>68.1</td>
<td>3.20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ego+behind+other</td>
<td>53.6</td>
<td>41.2</td>
<td>68.4</td>
<td>3.27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 vehicles</td>
<td>55.5</td>
<td>42.5</td>
<td>68.9</td>
<td>0.07</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 vehicles+infra</td>
<td>56.2</td>
<td>44.0</td>
<td>69.5</td>
<td>0.06</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Figure 5: Performance comparison between the single-vehicle model and different V2X configuration models v.s. accident visibility.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Prediction horizon</th>
<th>all data</th>
<th>1s</th>
<th>2s</th>
<th>3s</th>
<th>4s</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2s</td>
<td>61.9</td>
<td>74.7</td>
<td>28.7</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>none</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3s</td>
<td>50.5</td>
<td>71.5</td>
<td>25.7</td>
<td>21.2</td>
<td>none</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4s</td>
<td>35.4</td>
<td>56.3</td>
<td>20.4</td>
<td>14.6</td>
<td>10.2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 5: Performance of single-vehicle models with different prediction horizon settings at different Time-To-Collision (TTC) for APA metric.

Figure 6 shows an example where the crossing pedestrian is invisible to the ego vehicle due to the uphill terrain. As a result, the single-vehicle model is unable to detect the pedestrian and fails to predict the upcoming accident. In contrast, the infrastructure provides comple-
Figure 6: A qualitative result where the ego vehicle is going uphill while the ahead vehicle will collide with the pedestrian crossing the road. The crossing pedestrian is invisible to the ego vehicle due to the uphill terrain. In this case, the infrastructure provides clear visibility for the colliding vehicle and pedestrian, thus successfully predicting the accidents for V2X-infra and V2X-5agents model.

Figure 7: Robustness test on pose error and latency.

Robustness on pose error and latency. We test the robustness of V2XFormer with different V2X configurations against pose noise (Gaussian noise with a mean from 0.1m to 0.5m and a standard deviation of 0.02m), and delay latency (0.1s to 0.5s). As shown in Figure 7, incorporating more V2X agents provides stronger robustness against pose error and communication latency. Nevertheless, communicating with more agents can subsequently increase time latency and hinder performance. Therefore, a trade-off is necessary when considering V2X configurations.

Sim2Real Domain Adaptation. To validate the real-world generalization ability of the models trained with our proposed DeepAccident dataset, we fine-tune the trained single vehicle model on nuScenes for five epochs and compare it with the original BEVerse-tiny model that is only trained on nuScenes for motion prediction and 3D object detection tasks. As shown in Table 6, the model trained with both datasets achieves 1.9 higher mAP and 0.8 higher VPQ on the nuScenes validation dataset, indicating the usefulness of our proposed DeepAccident dataset for real-world scenarios.

Conclusion
We propose DeepAccident, the first large-scale V2X autonomous driving dataset that includes various collision accident scenarios commonly encountered in real-world driving. Based on this dataset, we introduce the end-to-end motion and accident prediction task and corresponding metrics to assess the accuracy of accident prediction. DeepAccident contains sensor data and annotation labels from four vehicles and one infrastructure for each scenario, allowing for the V2X research for perception and prediction. Our proposed V2XFormer outperforms the single-vehicle model in both perception and prediction tasks, providing a baseline for future research. The proposed DeepAccident serves as a direct safety benchmark for autonomous driving algorithms and as a supplementary dataset for both single-vehicle and V2X perception research in safety-critical scenarios.

Acknowledgments
This paper is partially supported by the General Research Fund of Hong Kong No.17200622.
References


