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Dear Colleagues,

Autonomous (self-driving) vehicles are one of the most significant trends in research and development, with several major automotive companies, research centers, and academic institutions regularly contributing to this field. Sensors (such as cameras, radars, lidars, sonars, global positioning systems or GPSs, inertial measurement units or IMUs, and wheel odometry) collect data that are analyzed by an on-board processor and used to control the speed, steering, and brakes of vehicles. Vehicle control systems may also use information collected by other cars and from environmental maps to make decisions.

As sensors are critical components, the fusion of the information from them and their proper interpretation, followed by the control of the vehicle, are paramount in autonomous driving. Researchers also understand that including more sensors in the sensor fusion system allows for the generation of more performing and robust solutions, but higher costs and reliability problems are the disadvantages of this approach.

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