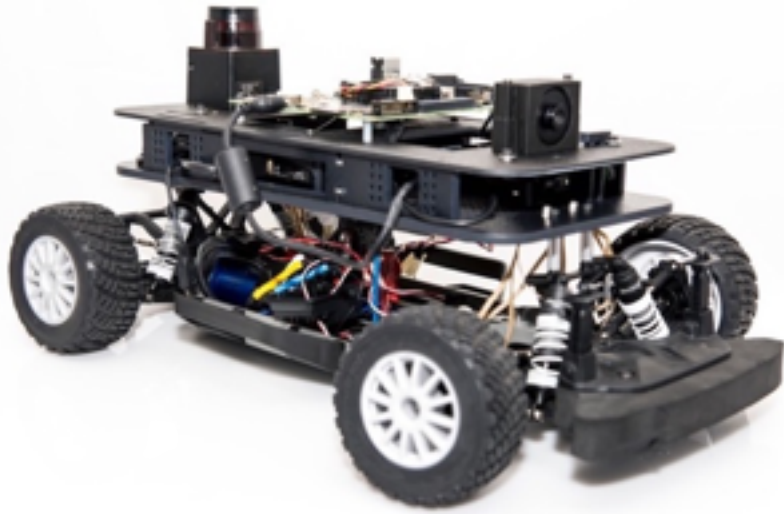




# Autonomous Racing Kit, Course & Competition



An open research and education platform to develop safe autonomous systems. F1/10 is 10<sup>th</sup> the scale by 10x the fun in learning the foundations of Perception, Planning, Control and Coordination with real hardware, software and mechanical platforms.

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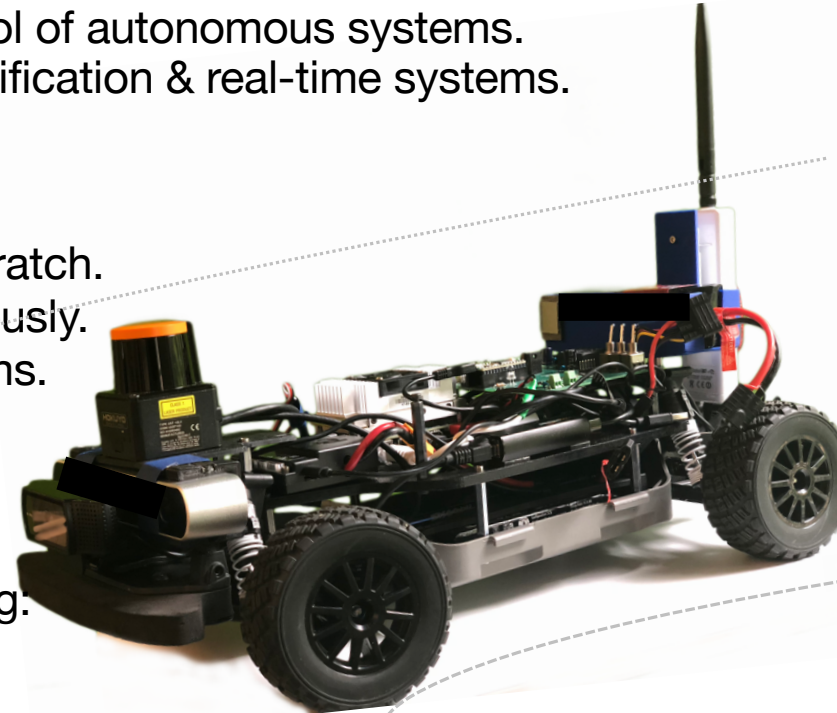
Build • Drive • Race

1/10th the scale. 10 times the fun!

- F1/10 is a complete, ready-to-run platform for research, education and outreach.
- Community driven with reference hardware, software, courses and competitions.
- A great introduction to perception, planning and control of autonomous systems.
- Explore challenges across learning, control, formal verification & real-time systems.

## THE F1/10 PLATFORM

- All the hardware needed to build an F1/10 car from scratch.
- All the software needed to have F1/10 drive autonomously.
- A simulator to test perception and navigation algorithms.
- Exhaustive documentation available online



## THE F1/10 COURSE KIT

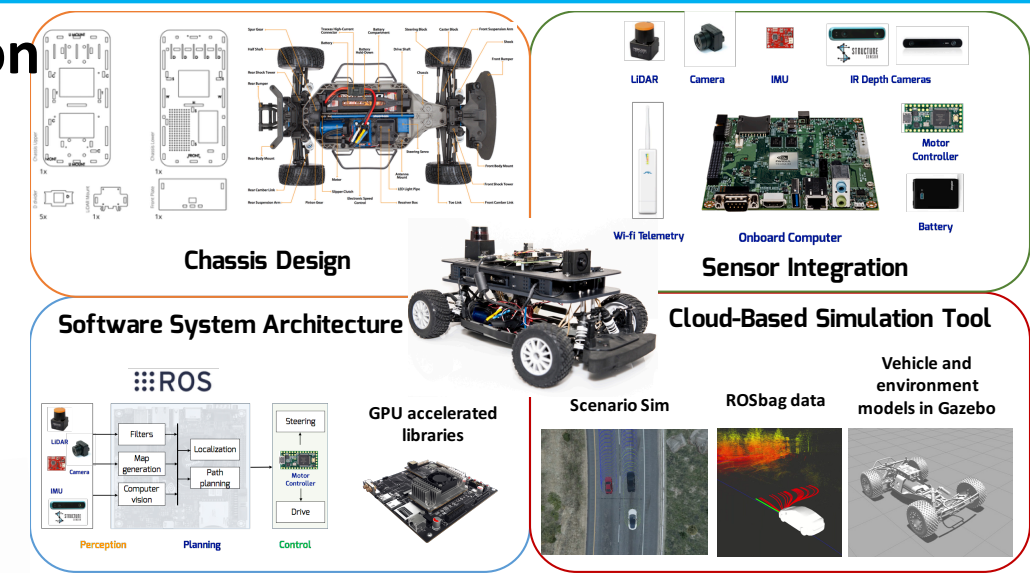
Material for a semester-long class on autonomous driving.

- Lecture slides and videos
- Code for weekly labs
- Month-long projects in Machine Learning, Computer Vision, IoT

## THE F1/10 COMPETITION

- Every year, 2 races are organized at CPS Week and ES Week.
- These are battles of algorithms: same hardware platform, compete on machine intelligence
- Some focus on better perception; others on better path planning; others still on better control.

*Do you have what it takes to be the best autonomous driver?*



## Build

**Scan matching: requirements**

Left Wall Right Wall

- Sufficiently fast scan rate
- A slow scan rate can lead to few matches between scans.
- Not really a risk for today's LIDARs







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## RESEARCH ENABLED

### Perception

Computer Vision

Image Processing

Sensor Fusion

### Planning

Sampling-based planning

Multi-agent systems

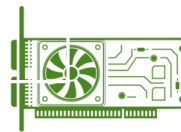
Scenario generation

### Control

Trajectory trackers

Distributed control

Learning and control



## Open-source AV Platform Development

Instrument Design

### Modular Chassis Design

Plug-n-play system to fit multiple sensors, actuators, compute platforms and controllers

### F1/10 AV Development Board

Plug-n-play unit for power management, multi-sensor interface and motor drivers

### F1/10 AV Programmable Hardware Platform

Specialized for perception, planning and control

AV System Software

### AV Software Libraries

Models, code and ROS APIs for Safe, Agile and Coordinate autonomy

### GPU-Accelerated Algorithms

ML-based planning, aggressive maneuvers, overtaking strategies, collaborative mapping

AV Toolchains

### Cloud-based AV Simulator

Vehicle and environment data to model capture, race strategy optimization, power optimization

### Robustness-Guided Verification

Capture AV scenarios in a domain specific language, falsification and reachability analysis engine, counter-example visualization

## Research Enabled

### Robustness-guided Verification

Combine robust testing with delta-decidability to scale up formal verification

### On-board Verification

Real-time, periodic, on-board verification of plans

### Formally-Constrained Machine Learning

Machine-learned controllers that are provably correct

### Aggressive Maneuvering and Control

High-speed path planning and overtaking

### Attention, Anticipation & Task-driven Perception

Exploit information sparsity; Throttle perception and verification to suit control needs

### Cooperative Map Merging

Navigate with partial knowledge of environment

### Cooperative Path Planning

Navigate with shared information across fleet

### Coordination with Model Exchange Protocol

Networked active safety with models and intents

Safe Autonomy

Agile Autonomy

Coordinated Autonomy

## Impact

3 Annual AV Racing Events

Online Ed and MOOCs

Benchmark Datasets

Community Platforms

## CROSS-CUTTING RESEARCH

- Formal verification and testing of autonomous systems
- Security of connected Autonomous Vehicles
- Learning for planning and control
- Runtime verification and online monitoring
- Real-Time robotic systems
- Energy-efficient hardware for perception workloads

## F1/10 ROLES

- Research Advisor: Conduct research using the F1/10 platform.
- Team Director: Send a team to an F1/10 racing competition.
- Course Instructor: Offer a quarter-long or semester-long class
- Community Builder: Organize outreach and demonstrations to local community

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