Scenario Generation for Autonomous Driving Development and Testing

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Challenges with autonomous driving

Environment sensors

- New technologies
- 360° view, all weather conditions

Autonomous

Vehicle



- High performance computing
- Data management

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

- Deep Neural Networks (DNNs)
- Data driven development

Vehicle networks

- Increasing bandwidth
- Service-oriented communication

Validation and homologation

- From real world to simulation
- New testing methodologies and operational safety



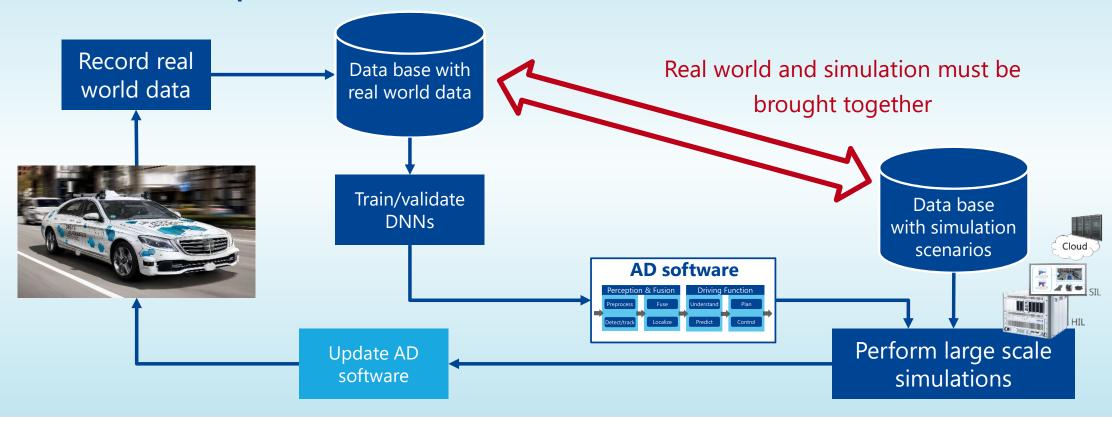




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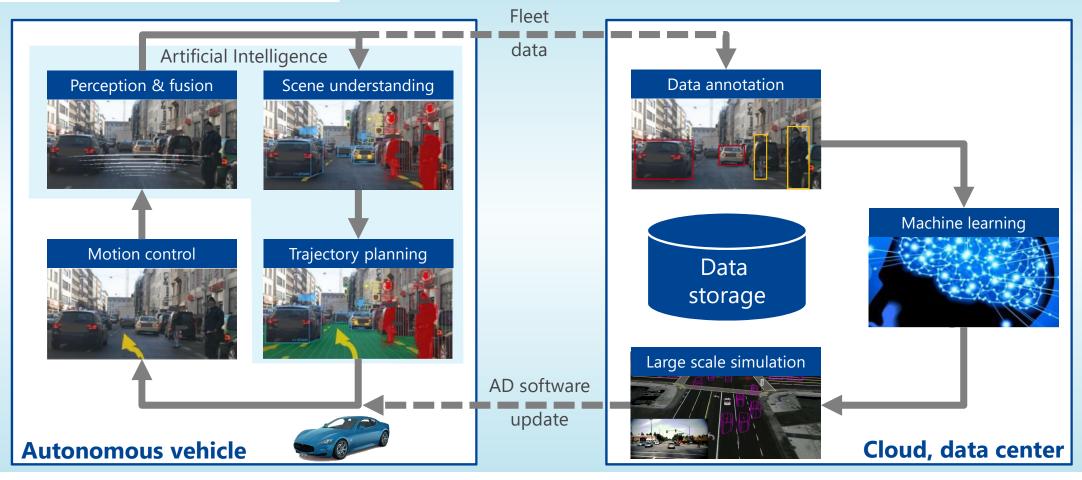
Autonomous Driving – typical approach

Data driven development



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Data driven development

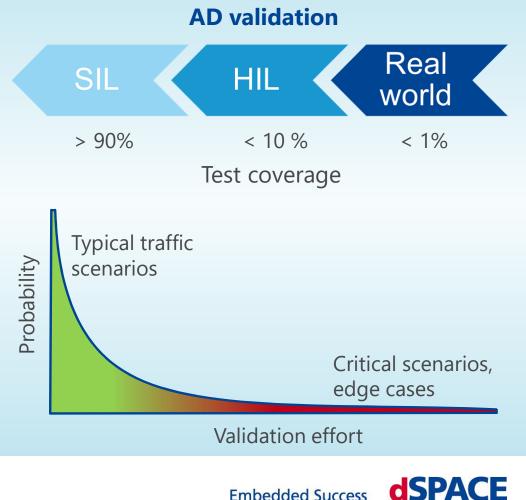


DNNs: Deep Neural Networks

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Autonomous Driving – The challenge ...

- Realism in simulation
- Amount of simulation scenarios
- Critical traffic scenarios and edge cases



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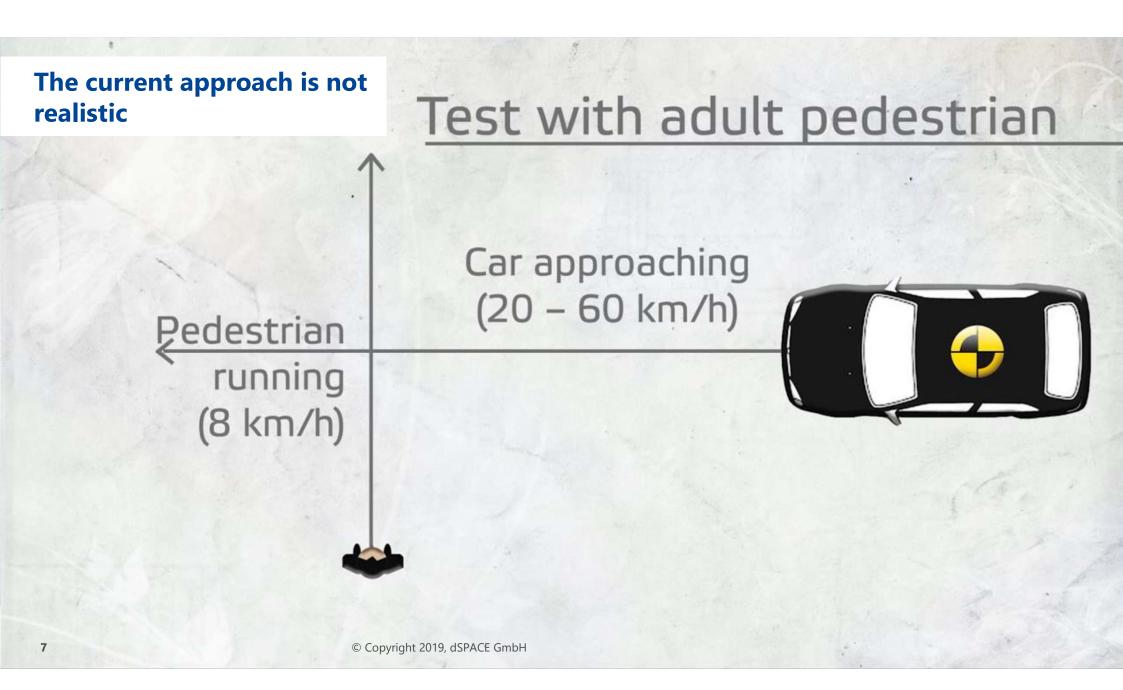
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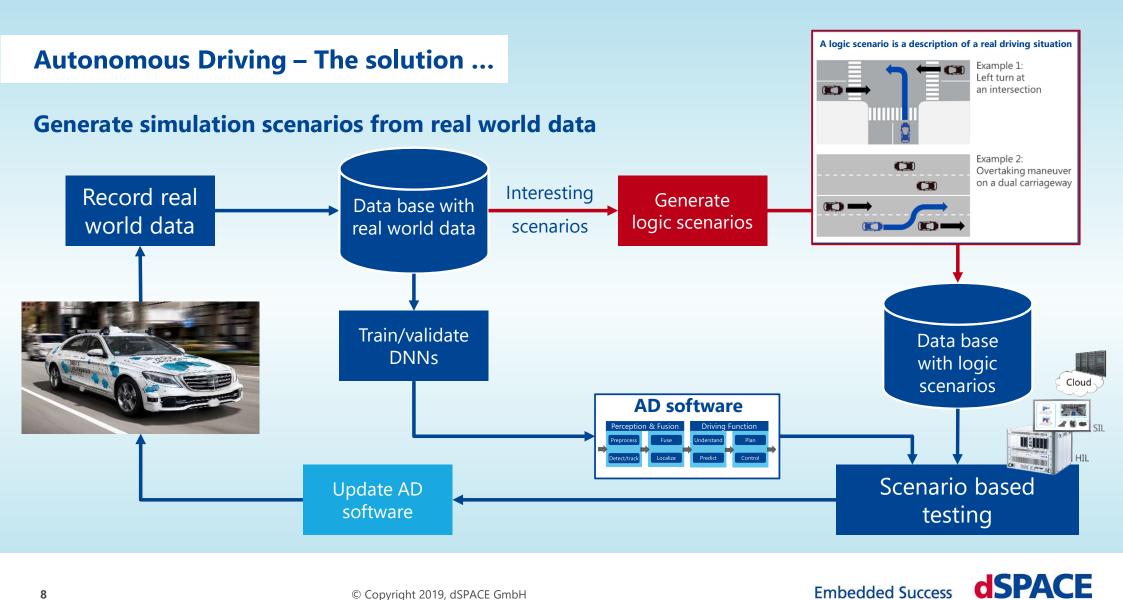
Autonomous Driving – The solution ...

Bringing the complexity of the real-world into AV simulation



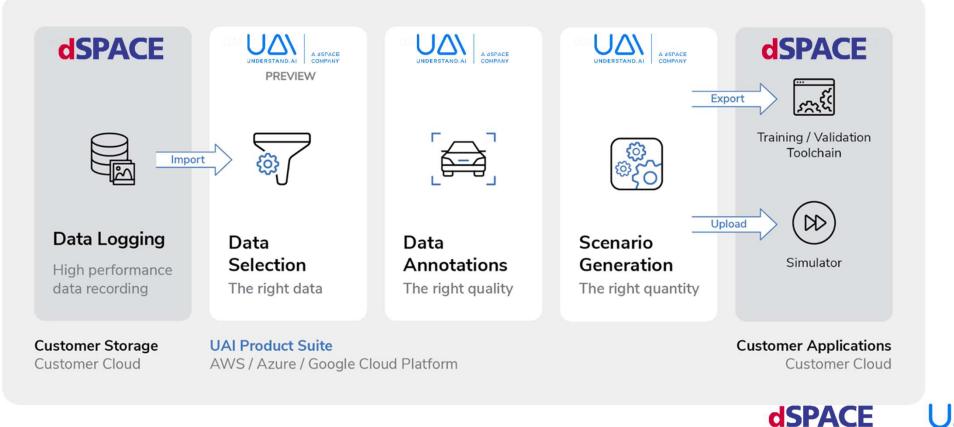
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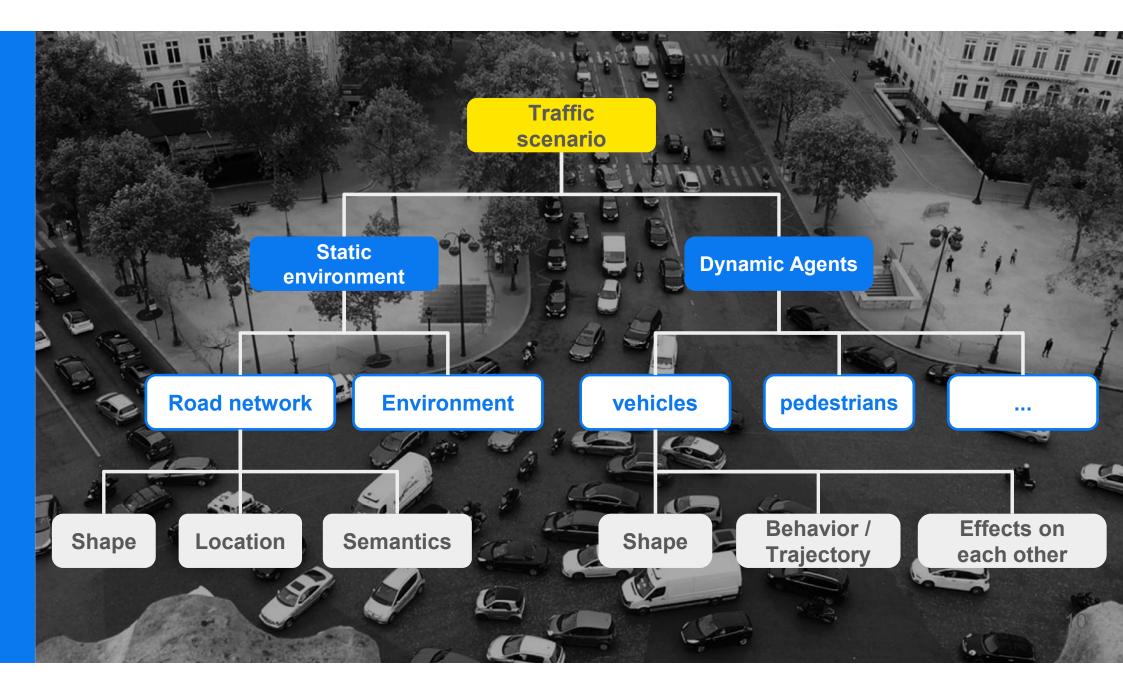


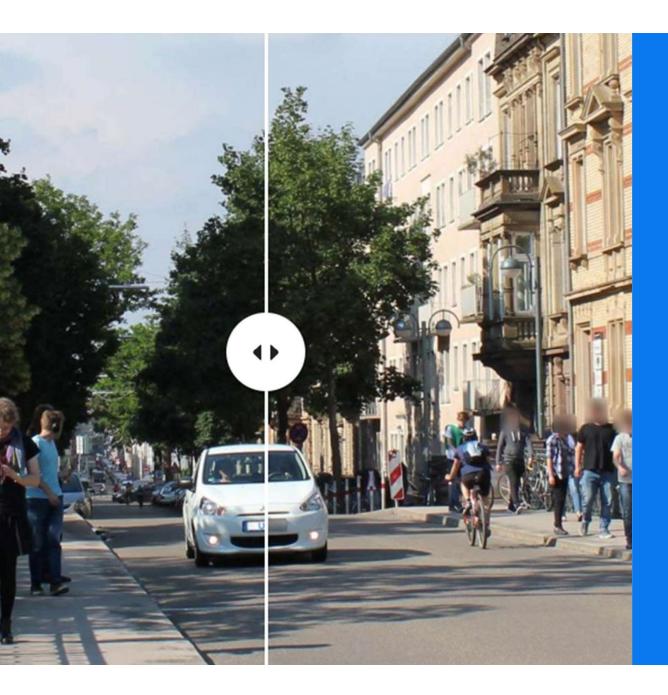


UAI / dSPACE Toolchain

A suite to generate high quality training and validation data







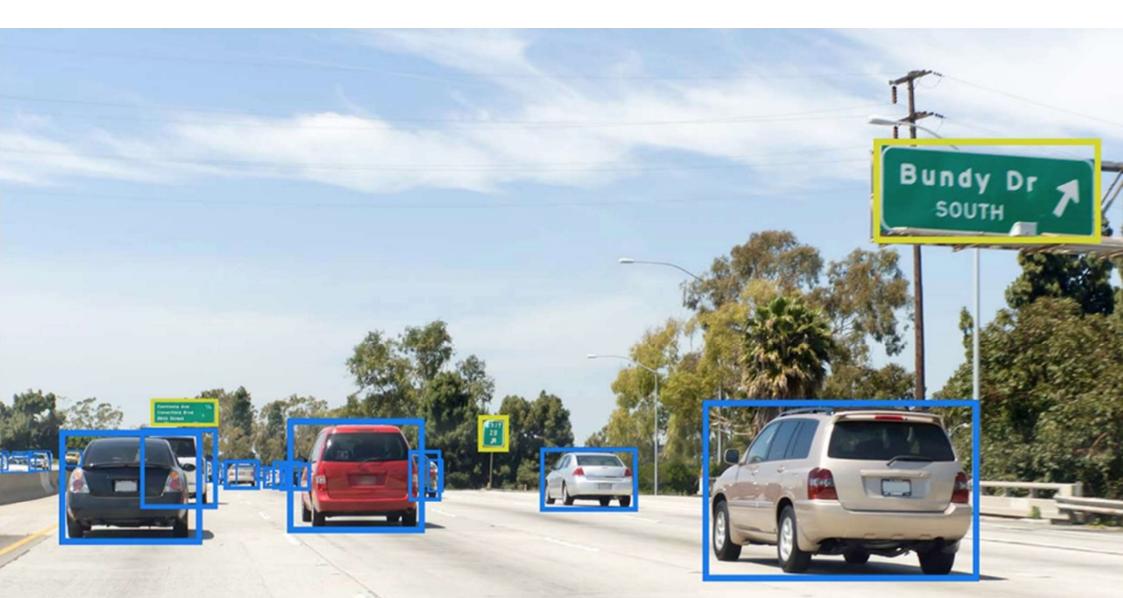
The Problem:

With GDPR autonomous vehicles need to be able to collect street scene data with all the critical personal information automatically removed.

Solution: UAI Anonymizer

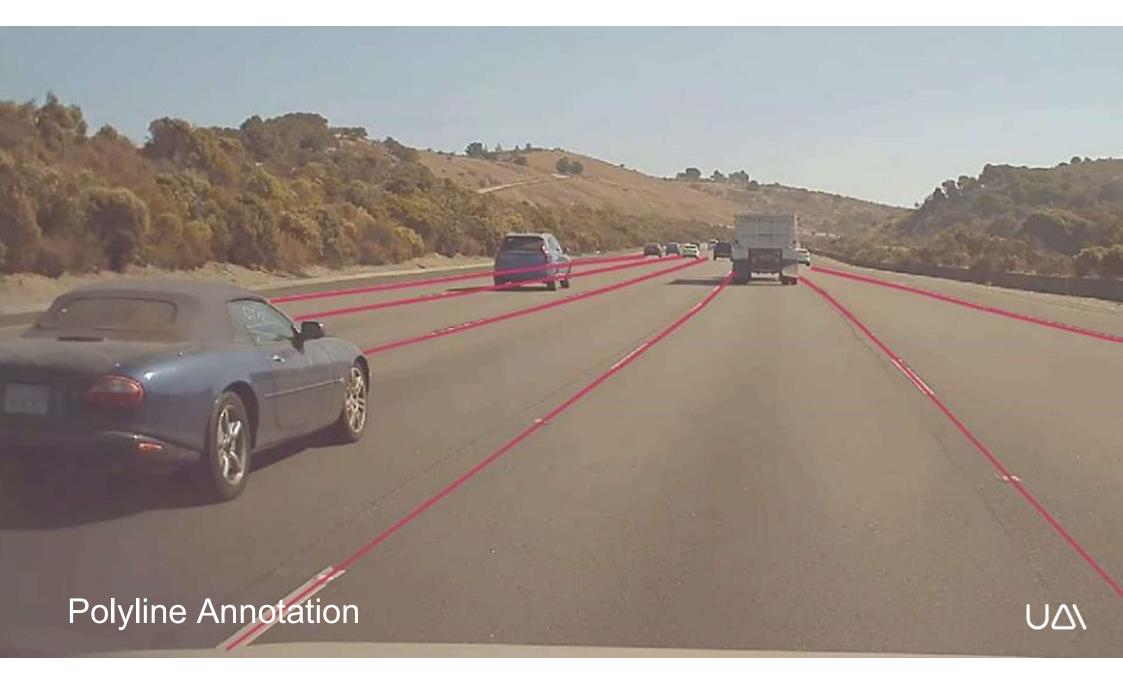
- Detects and anonymizes faces and licence plates in a wide range of situations
- Fully integrated into the UAI data enrichment pipeline
- covers > 99.9% of all readable license plates and > 99.5% of all identifiable faces
- Keeps getting better and better over time!





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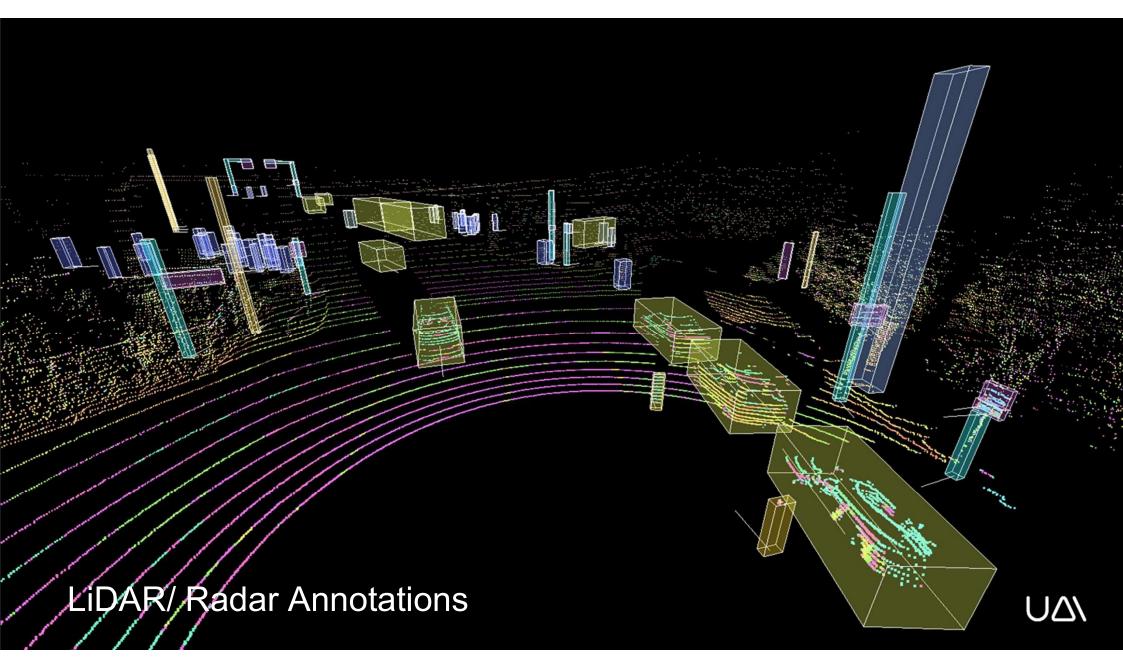
2D Bounding Box Annotation





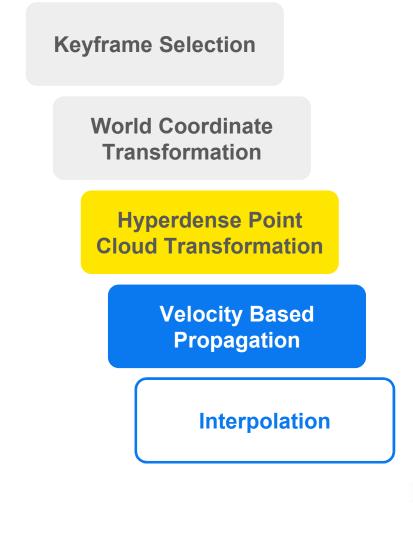
Semantic Segmentation



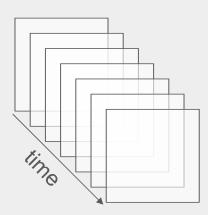


Automation Strategy

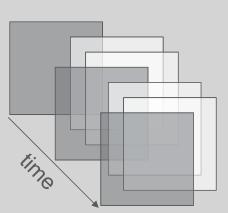
UAI combines a variety of different automation strategies which build upon one another in order to achieve industry leading automation rates.



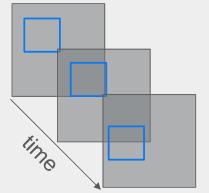
Keyframe Selection our base level automation works for 2D and 3D



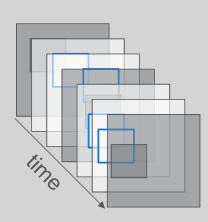
Raw data from customer



UAI removes frames from the stack



Manually annotate objects on remaining frames



UAI merges removed frames back into stack and automatically interpolates annotations

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World Coordinates

prerequisite for advanced 3D automation on top of Interpolation





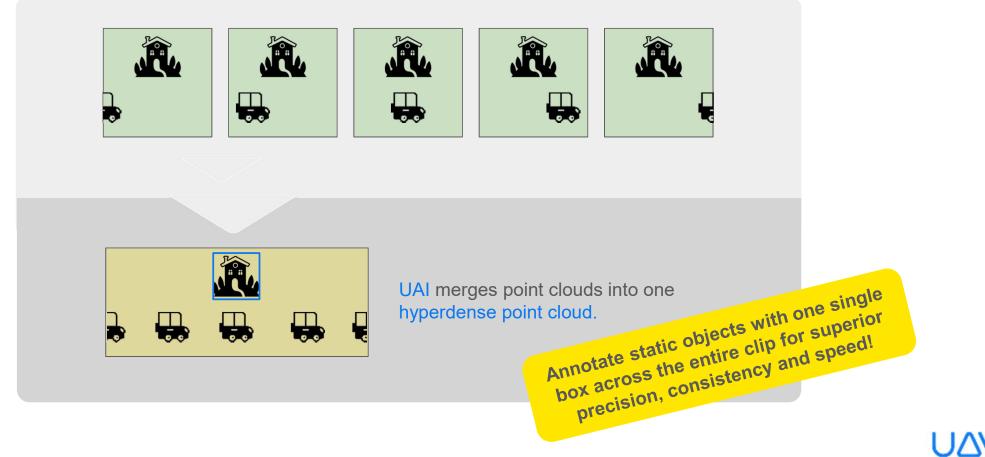
Data is recorded relative to the position of the car. Thus, static objects like houses are moving backwards through the scene. As a consequence, all objects will be dynamic which makes labeling super hard.



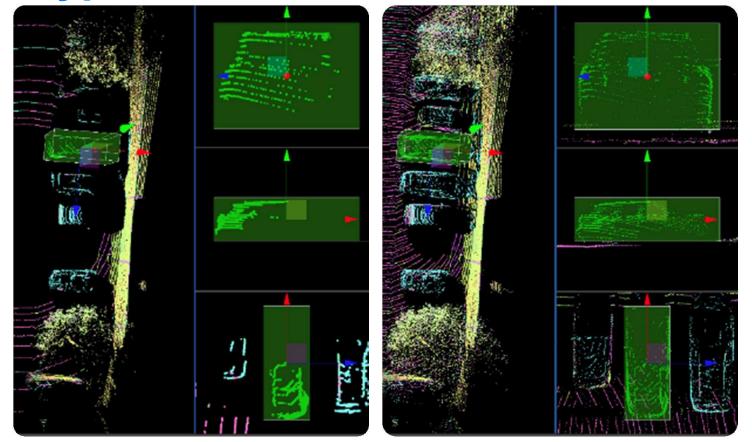
UAI transforms data into world coordinates so that static objects stay at a fixed position and dynamic objects move less. Labeling gets much, much easier this way!

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Hyperdense Point Cloud[™] in action



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Velocity Based Propagation on top of Interpolation, World Coordinates & Hyperdense Point Cloud



Manually annotate dynamic object



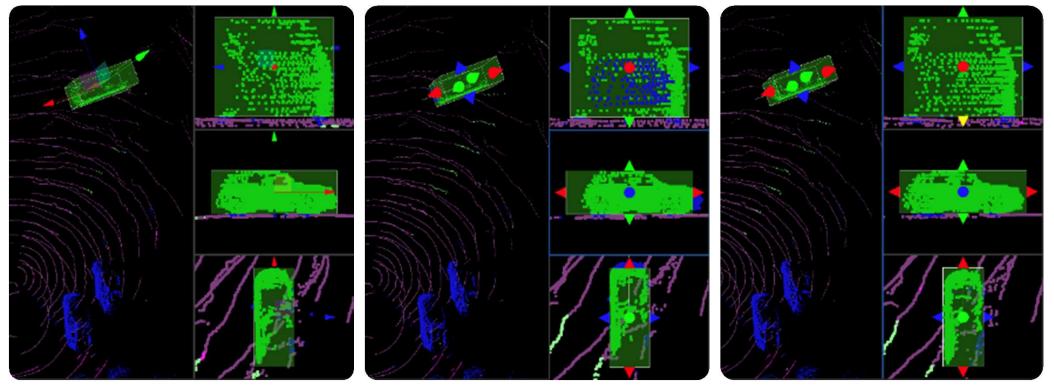
Propagate box to next frame and manually updated position



Via velocity based propagation UAI correctly propagates box to subsequent frames

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Velocity Based Propagation in action



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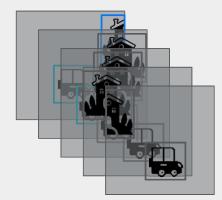
Zero-Touch Magic

resolve Hyperdense Point Cloud[™] back into keyframes





Interpolation

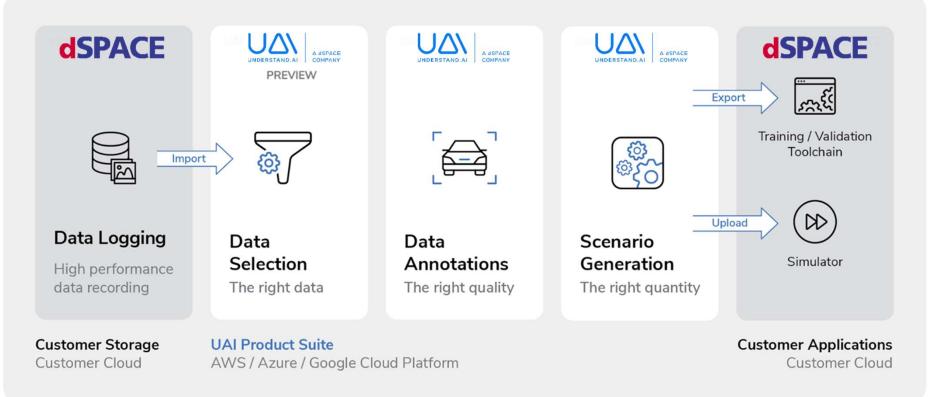


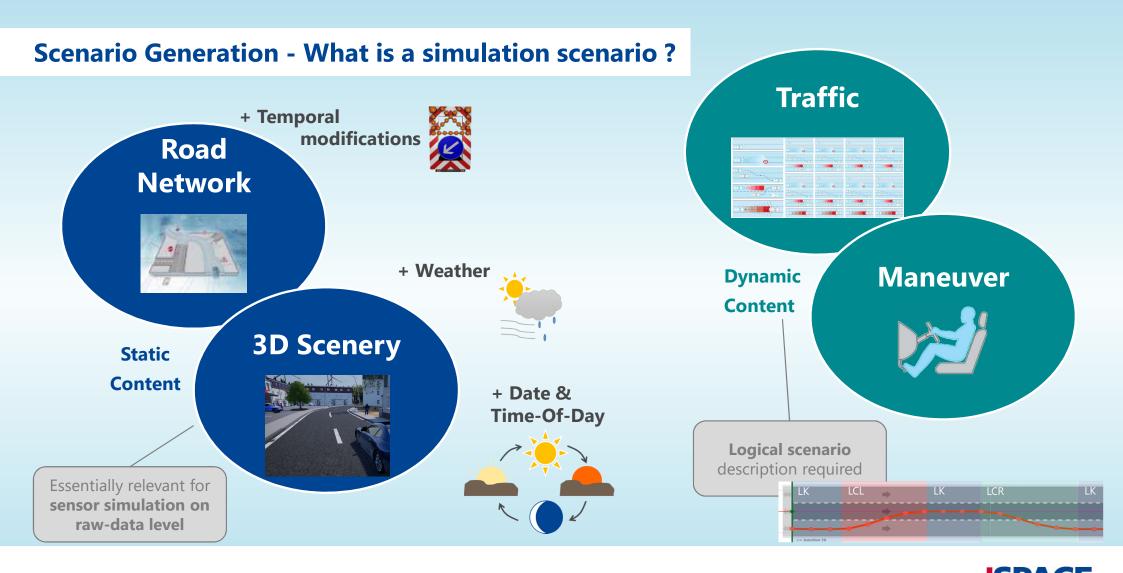
UAI adds nonkeyframes back into the stack and on the way zero-touch boxes are interpolated



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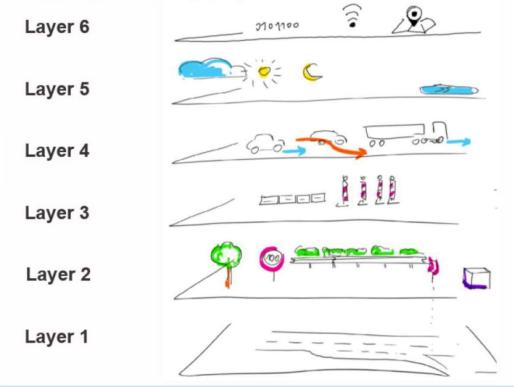
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Scenario Generation - What is a simulation scenario ?

6-Layer model, describing relevant factors and their geometric, temporal and/or logic relationship according to [1], based [2], integration planned



Digital information:

e.g. V2X information on traffic signals, digital map data => Availability and quality of information communicated to ownship

Environmental conditions

Light situation, weather (rain, snow, fog...) temperature => environmental influences on system performance

Moving objects

Vehicles, pedestrians moving relatively to ownship => relevant traffic participants and their motion incl. dependencies

Temporal modifications and events

Road construction, lost cargo, fallen trees, dead animal => temporary objects minimizing / influencing the driving space

Road furniture and Rules

traffic signs, railguards, lane markings, bot dots, police instructions => including rules, where to drive how

Road layer

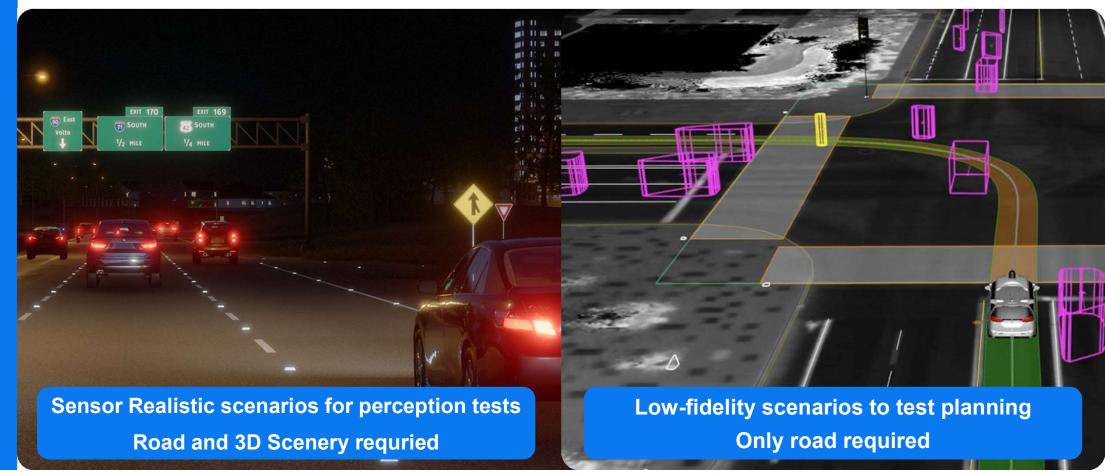
road geometry. Road uneveness (openCRG), => physical description, no scenario logics

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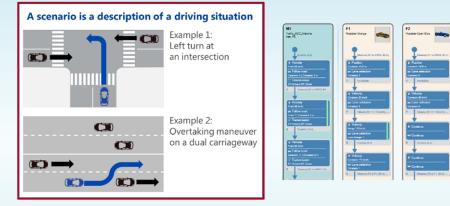


Different types of scenarios

Usable for testing different parts of the pipeline



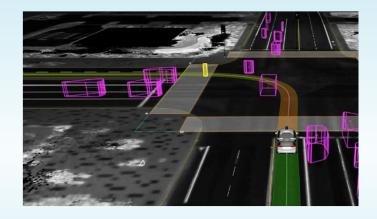
Logical Scenarios vs. Replay-Scenarios



Logical Scenario

- Might not exactly replay scenario due to abstraction and generalization
- Scenario can be changed by scenario-parameters
 → Scenario can be varied by user → ScBT
- Scenario will be consistent in valid parameter space

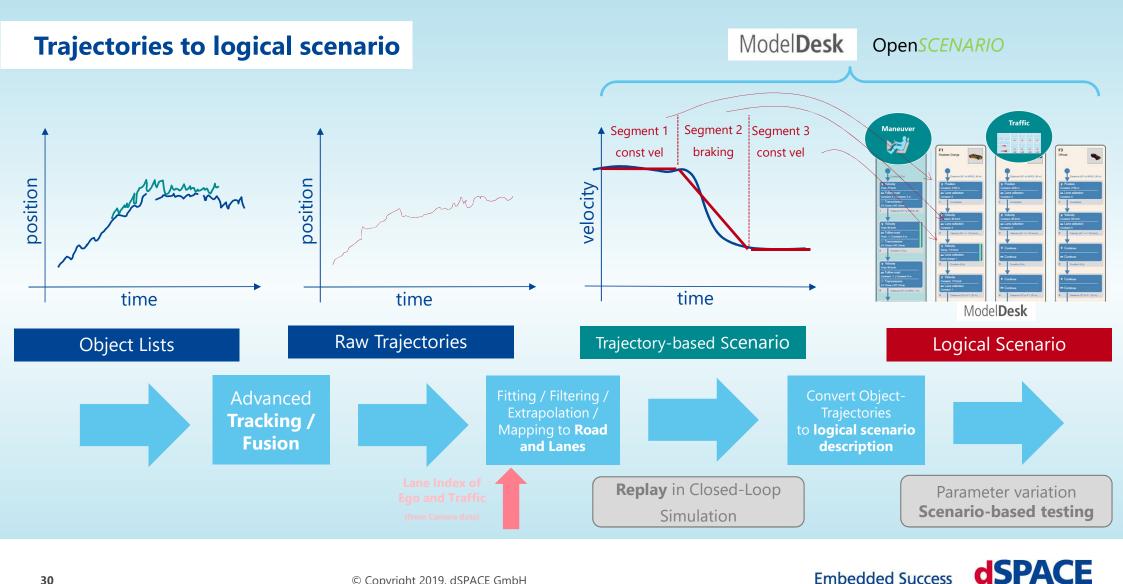
Replay Scenario



Replay of trajectories
 → Exact reproduction of real scenario in the simulation

- Not possible to change scenario
- Scenario might become inconsistent if ego motion changes due to different reaction of AD algorithm





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Demo Scenario from Only Camera



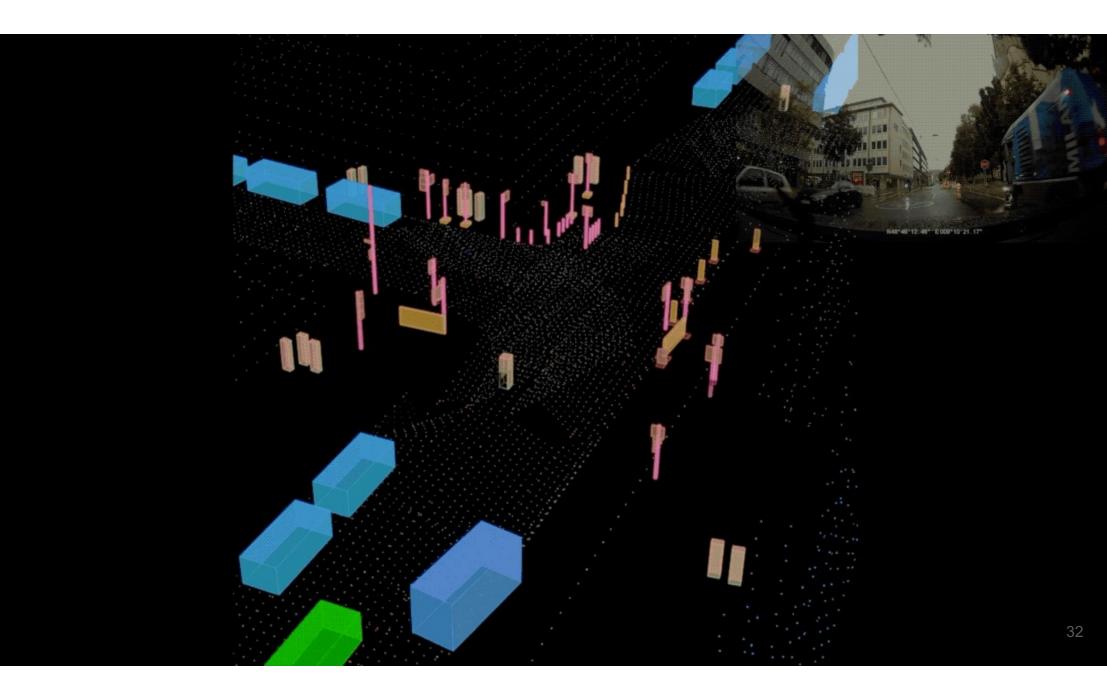


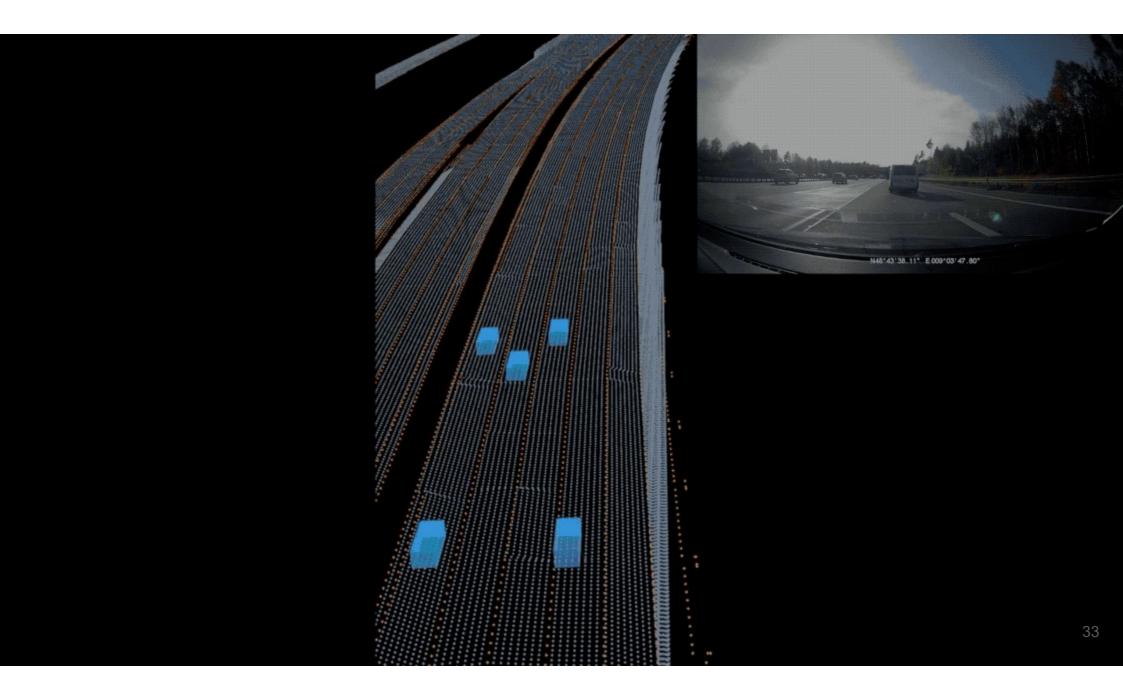












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