Autonomous Driving in Urban Centers

Roundabout Monitoring

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Test Platform

Figure: Snowfox

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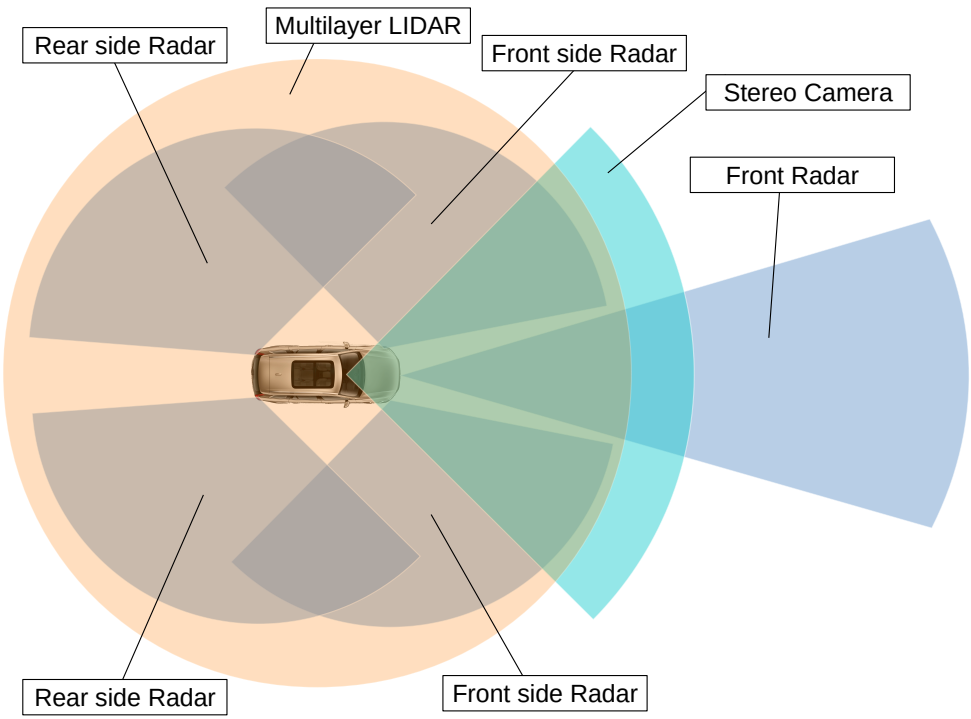
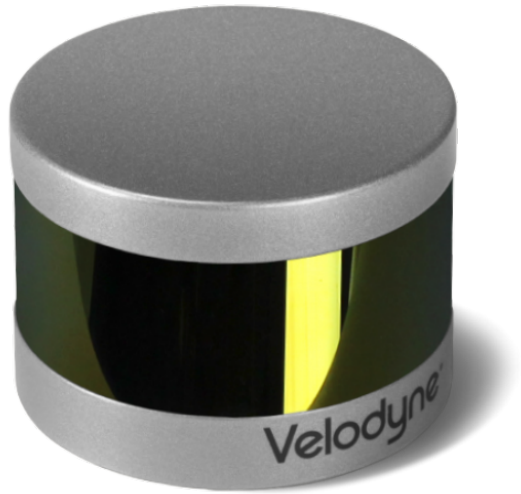
Figure: Snowfox Sensors



Main Problems

- Object Detection
  - Segmentation
  - Tracking
  - Classification
- Simulation
  - Scenario
  - Logic
- Evaluation
  - Simulation
  - Real Measurements
  - Performance



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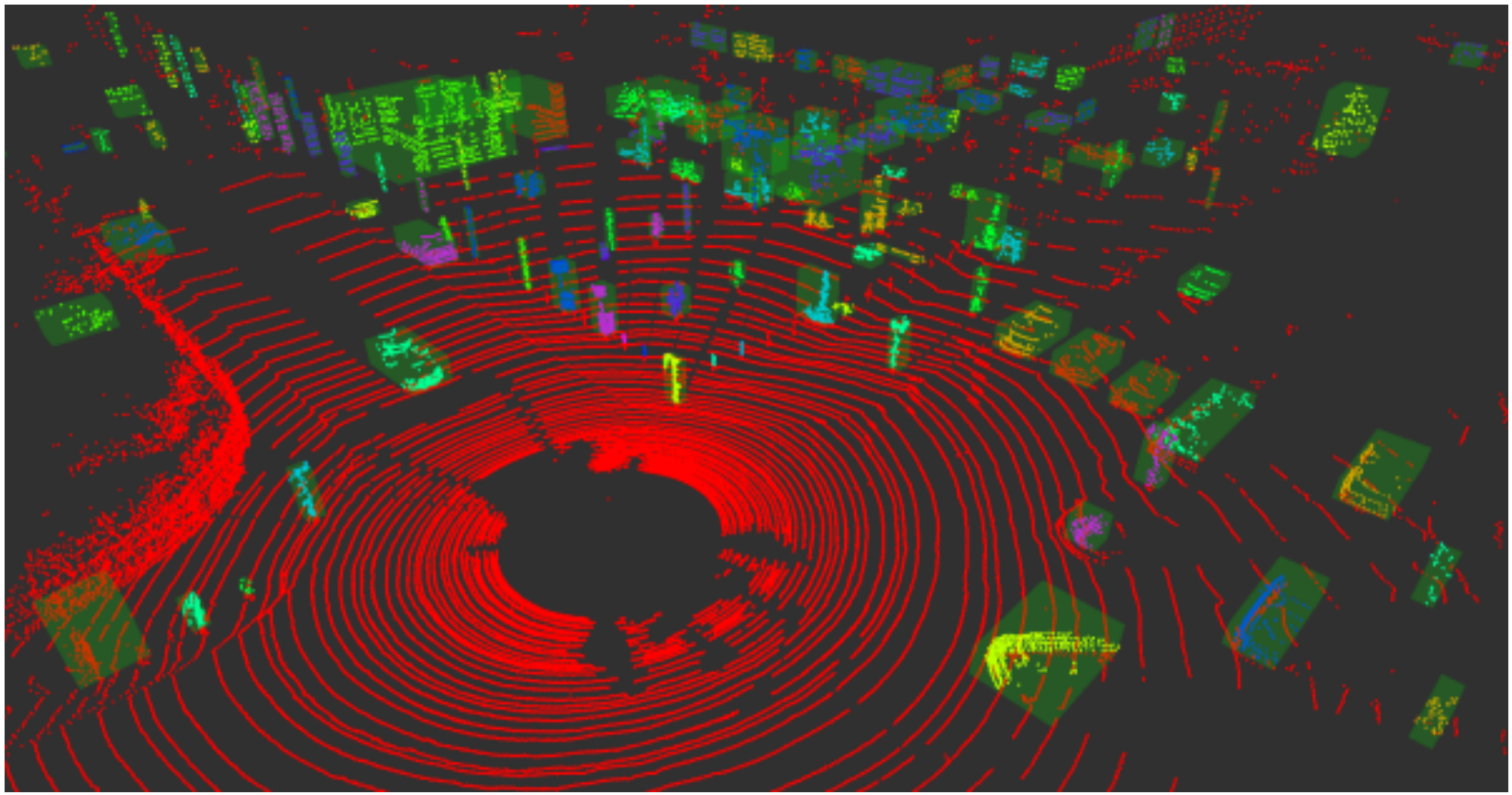
Segmentation



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Segmentation - Ground Removal

Figure: Unsegmented Data

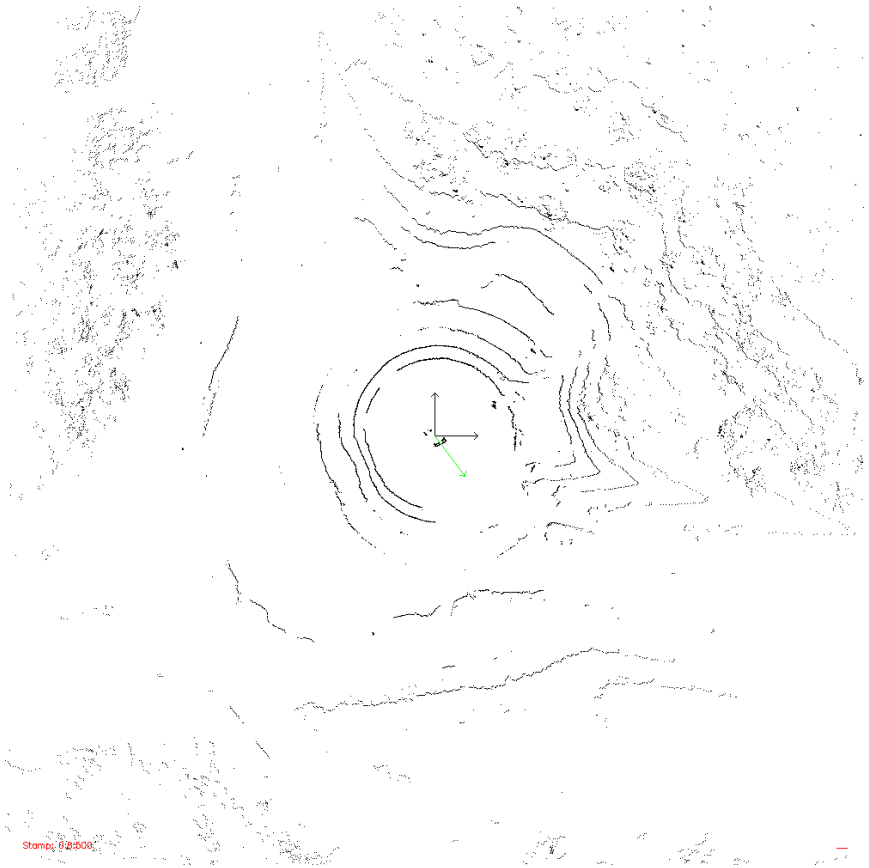

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Figure: Segmented Data

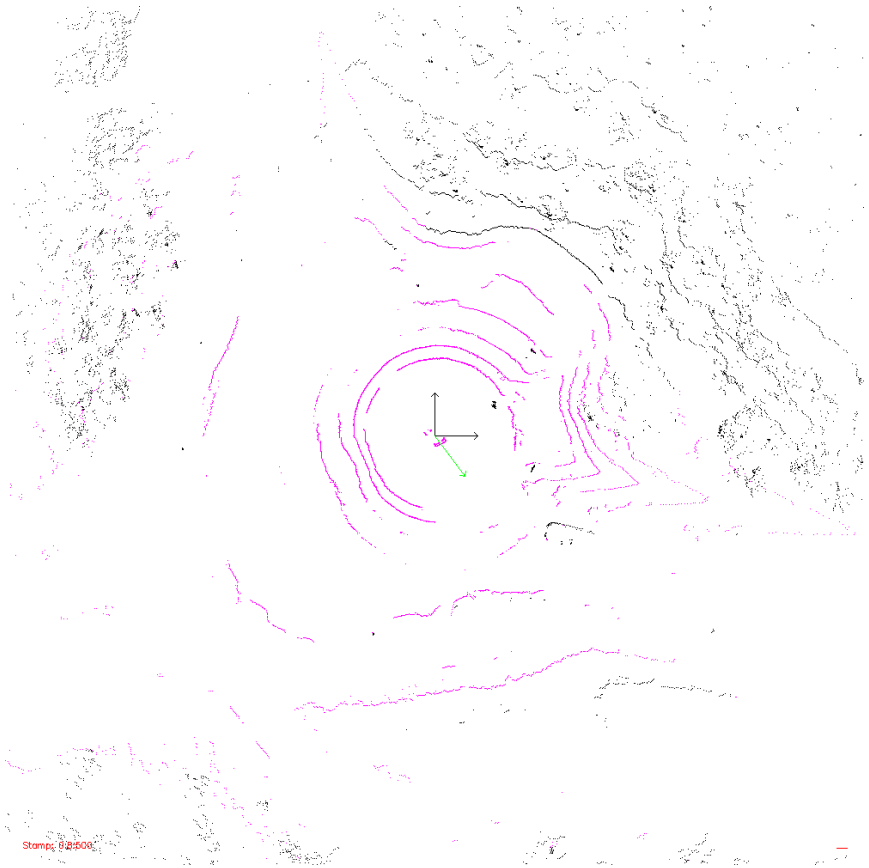

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Figure: LiDAR Segments

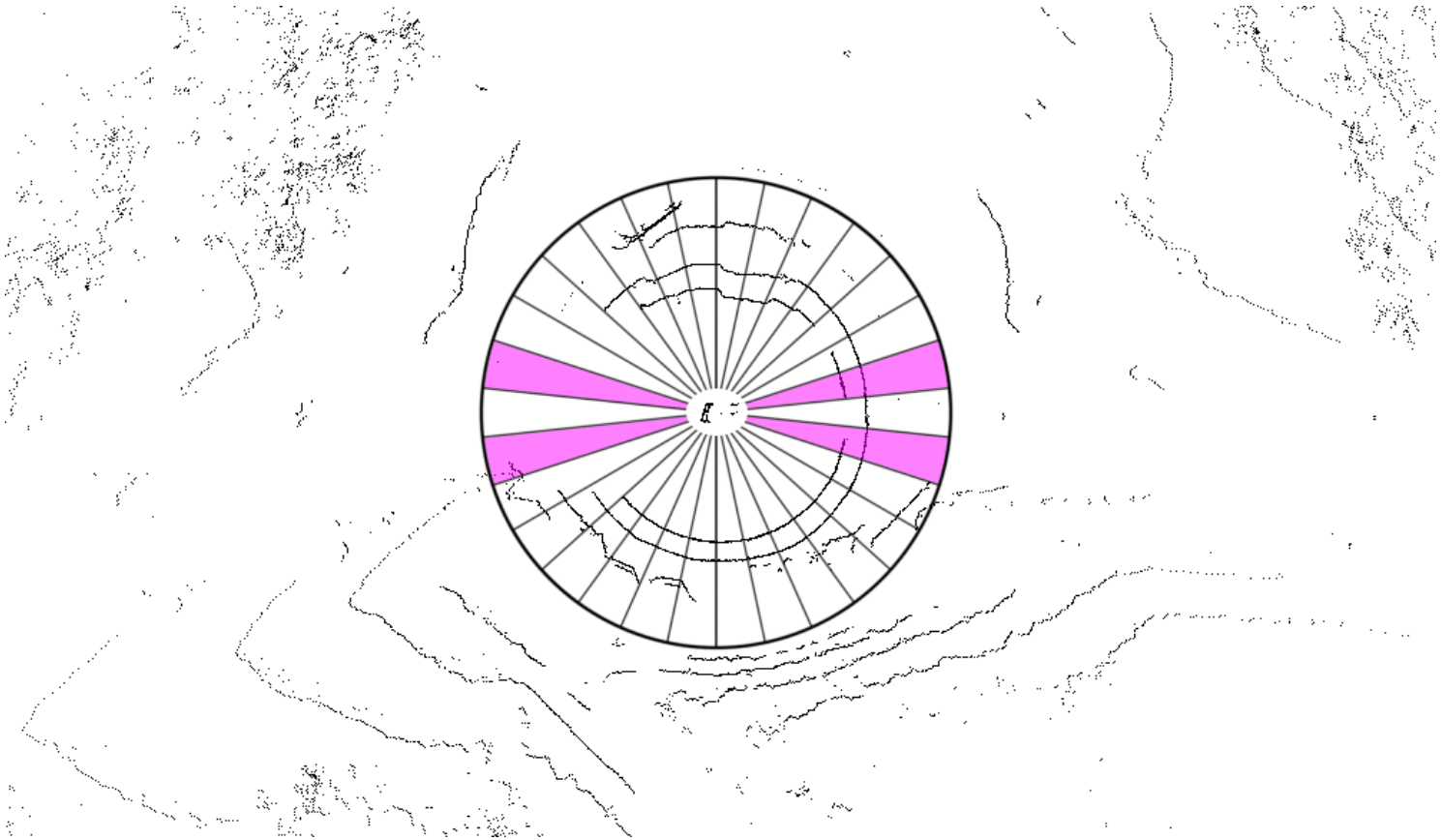

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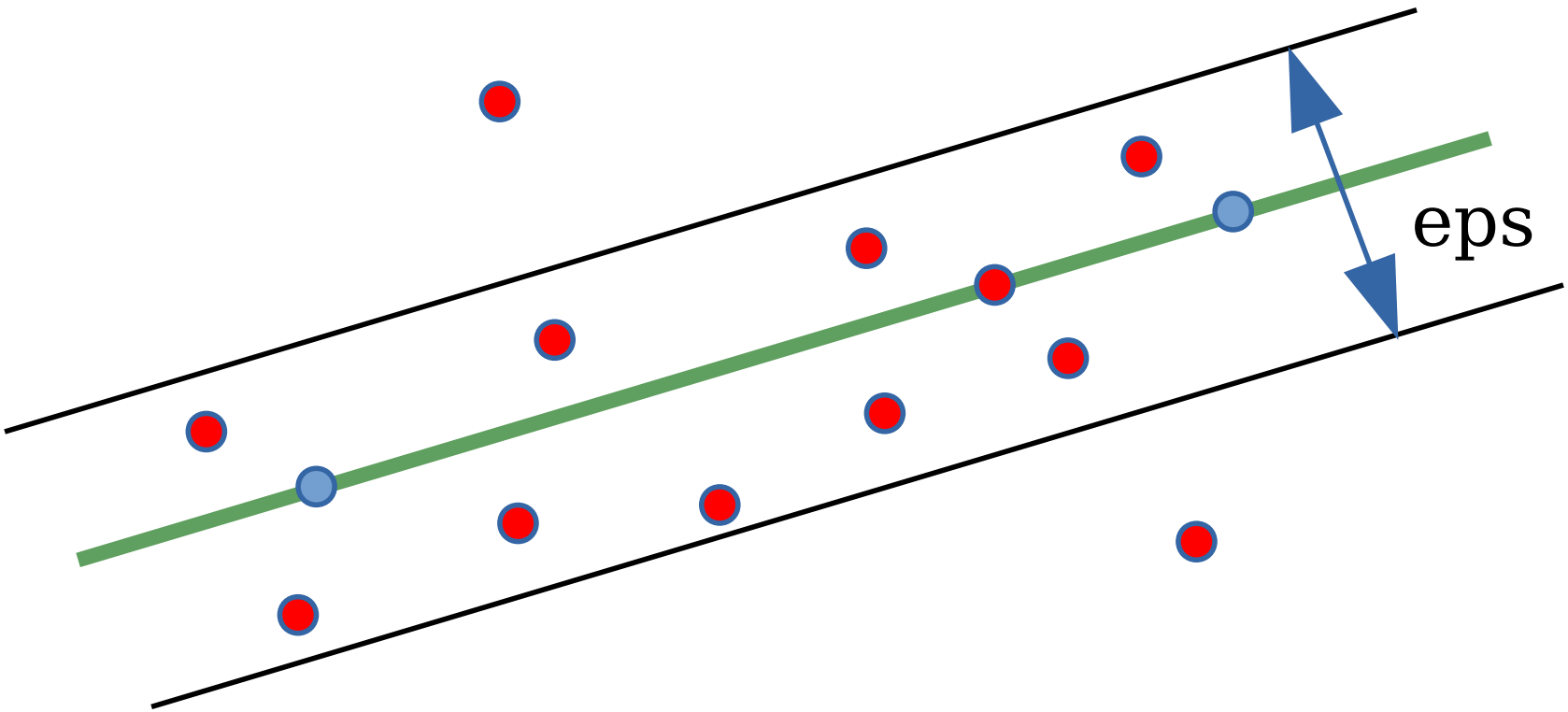
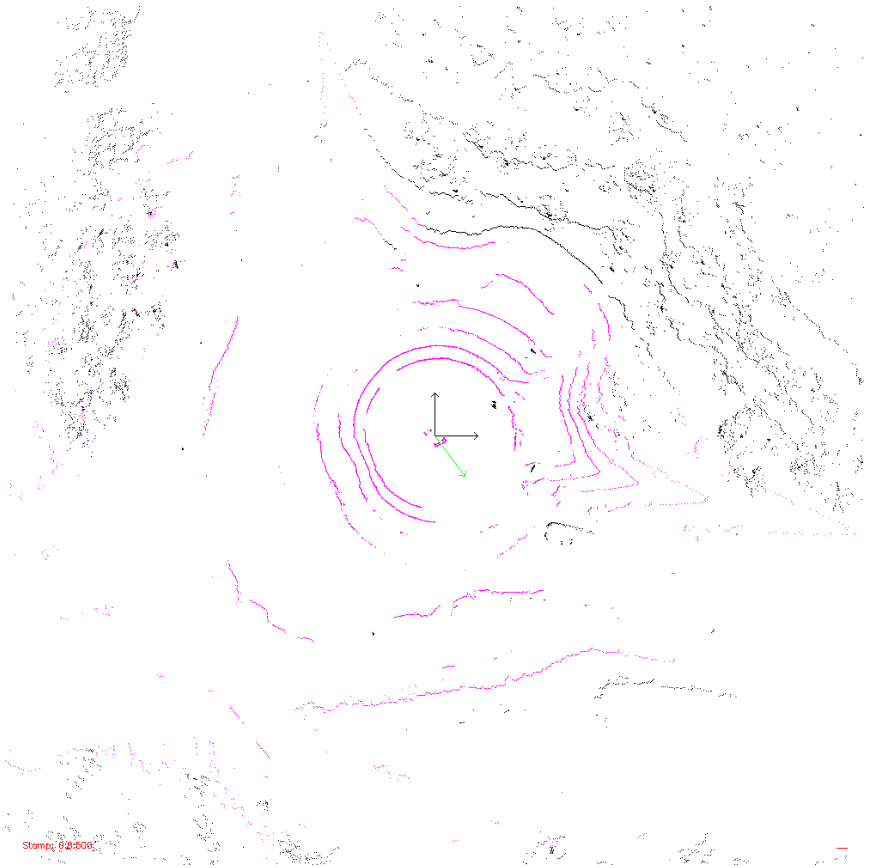
Figure: RANSAC - Random Sample Consensus



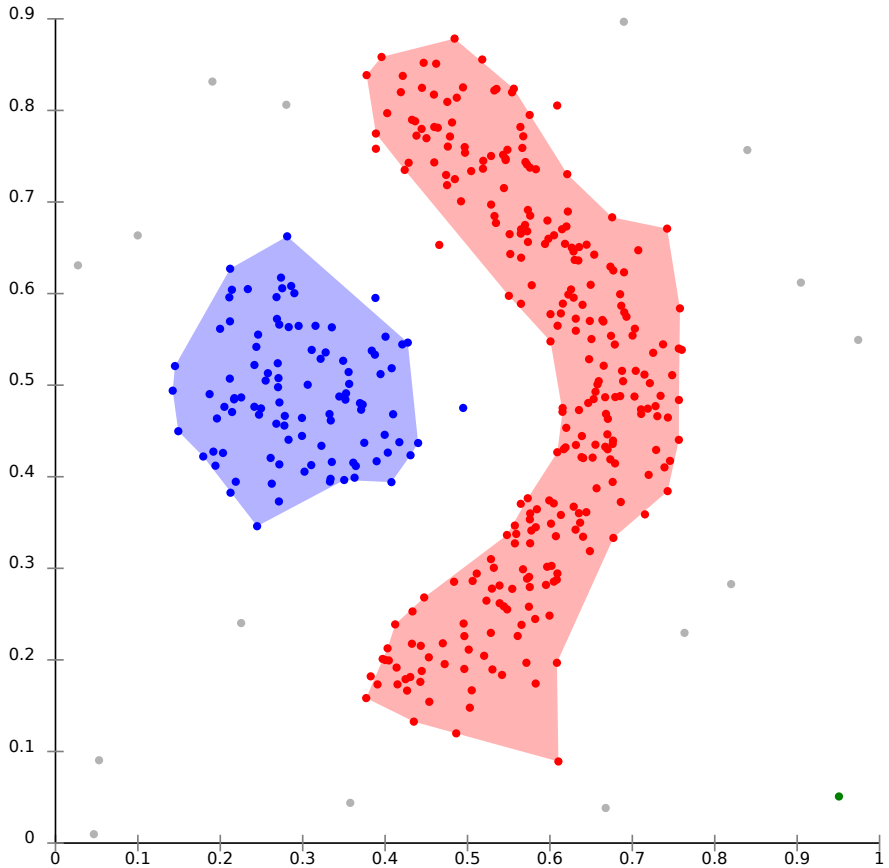
Segmentation - Clustering

Figure: Segmented Data



Segmentation - Clustering

Figure: DBSCAN - Density-Based Spatial Clustering with Noise



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DBSCAN

Tracking

http://www.vehicletrackingexperts.co.uk/is-it-illegal-to-track-your-spouses-or-childs-car/

Tracking

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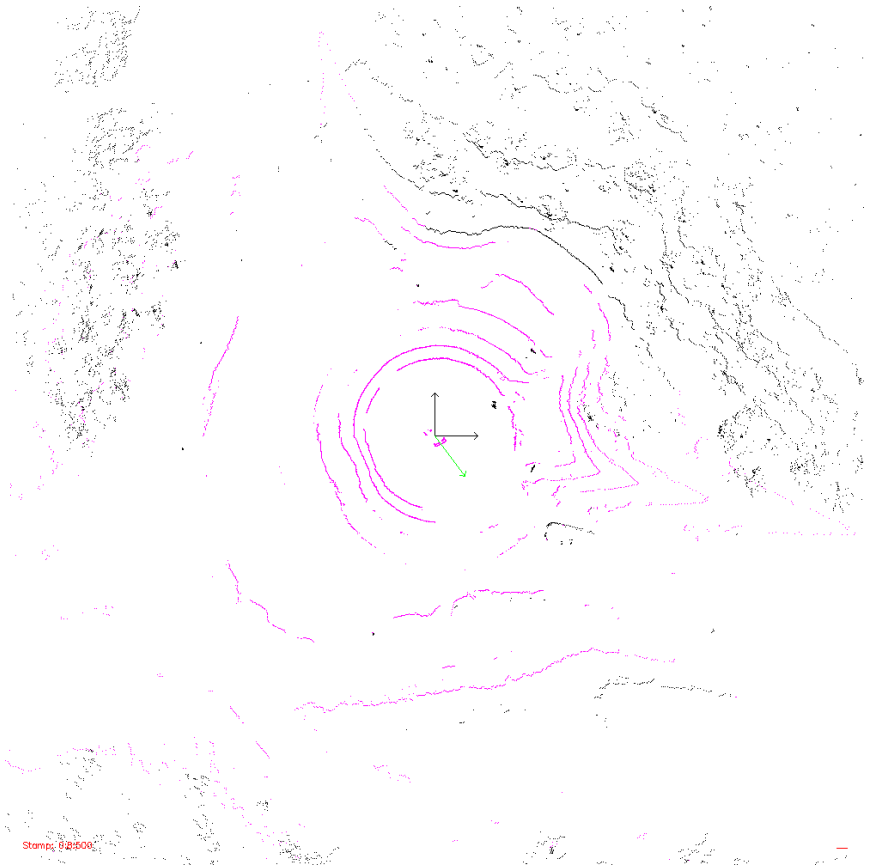
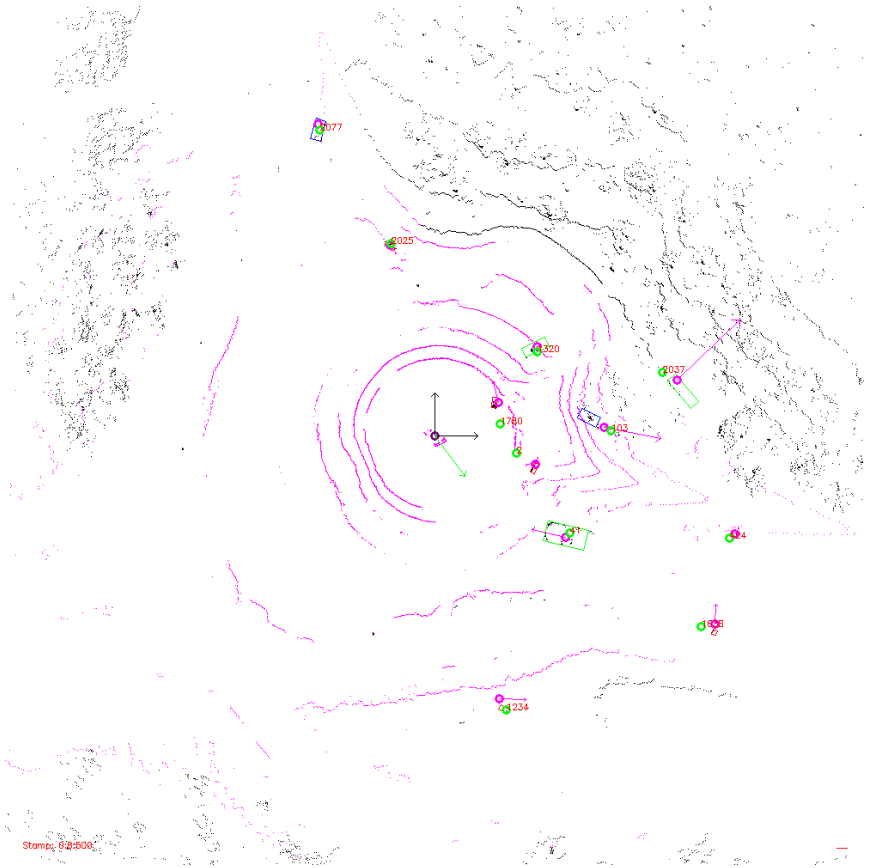


Tracking

Figure: Tracked Objects



Tracking - Tracking of simplified Clusters

- clusters are defined through their mean center point
- tracking is done through a simple distance criteria

Tracking - Tracking of Simplified Clusters

- now, we can track the objects from timestep to timestep
- but.. we need more information
  - direction and speed of the object movement
  - prediction of the movement

Tracking - Tracking of Simplified Clusters

- calculation the the movement through:

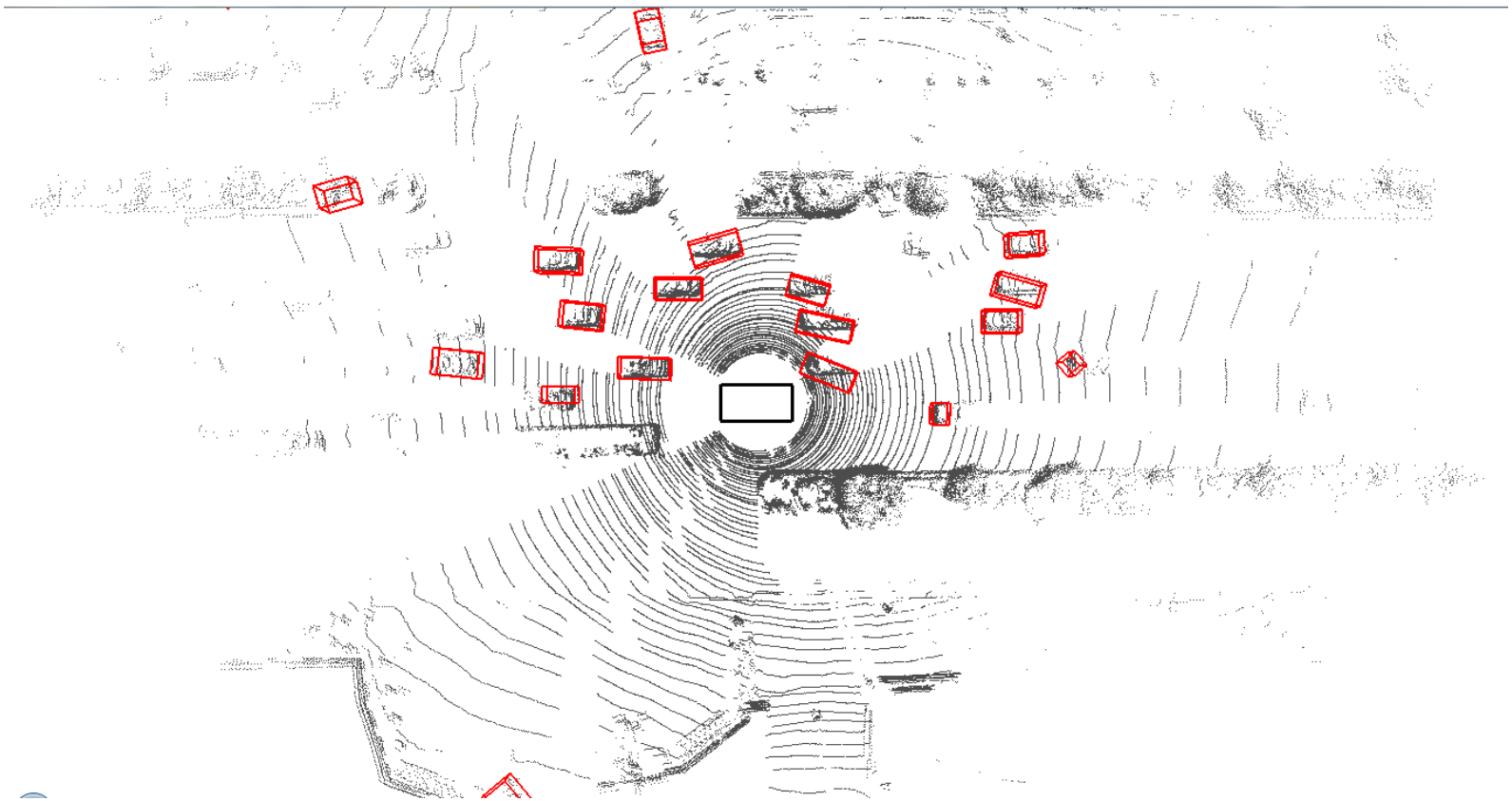
$$\Delta x = P_x(t) - P_x(t_{-2m}) + \Delta C_x$$
$$\Delta y = P_y(t) - P_y(t_{-2m}) + \Delta C_y$$
$$\theta = \text{atan2}(\Delta y, \Delta x)$$

Tracking - Tracking of Simplified Clusters

Figure: Direction of Movement

Tracking - How to Calculate Bounding Boxes

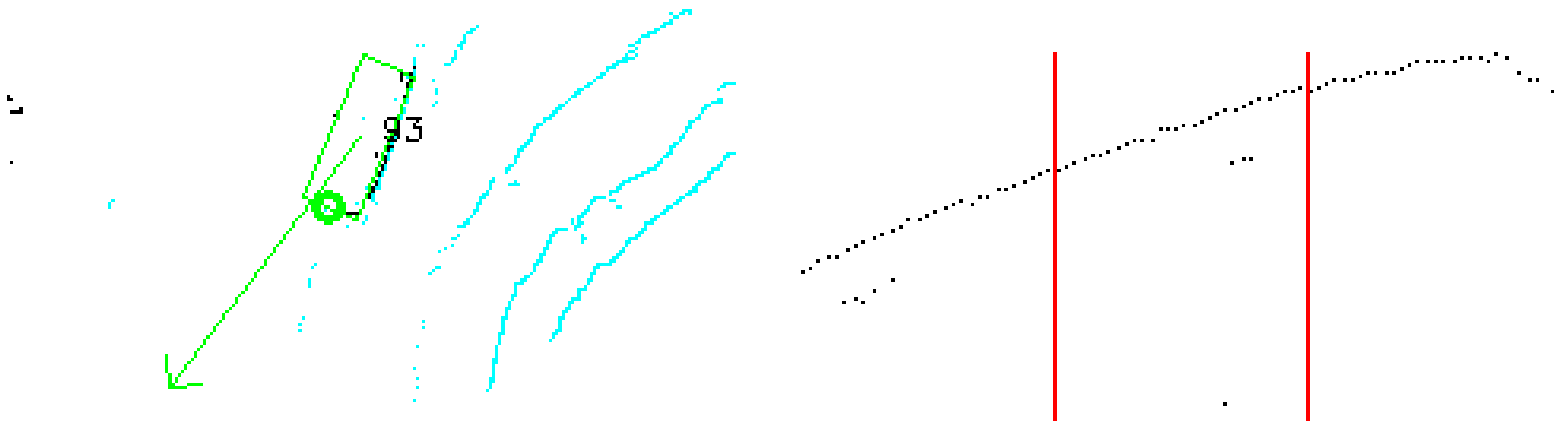
Figure: Minimum Bounding Box



Liang Zhang et al. "Multiple Vehicle-like Target Tracking Based on the Velodyne LiDAR"

Tracking - How to Calculate Bounding Boxes

Figure: Object Rotation and Division

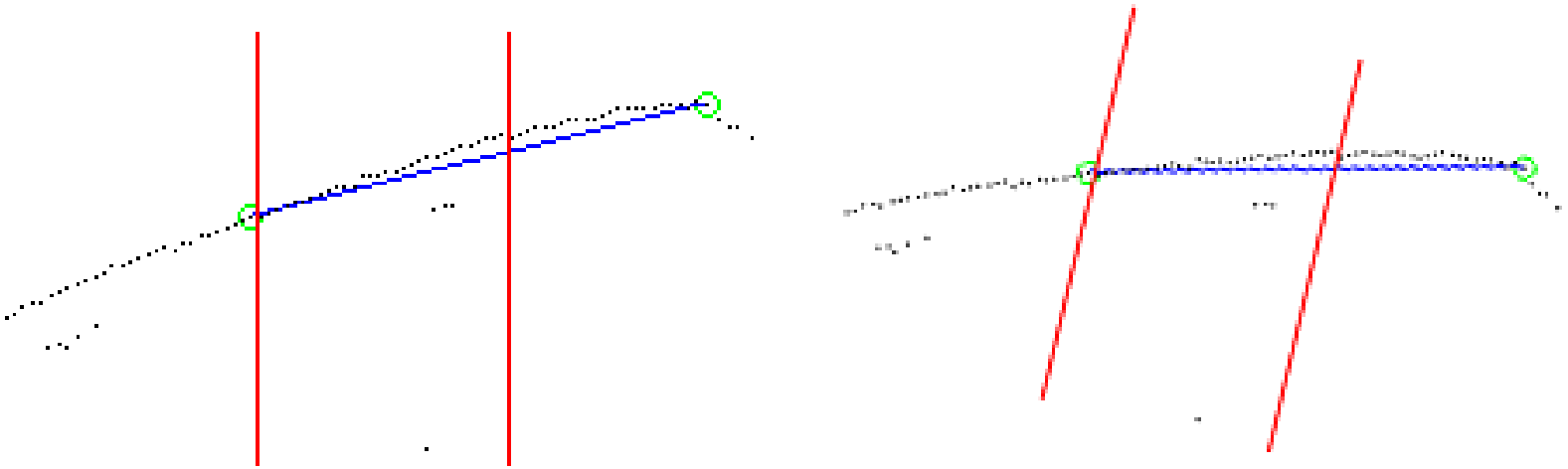


Tracking - How to Calculate Bounding Boxes

Figure: Maximize Y-Values

Tracking - How to Calculate Bounding Boxes

Figure: Calculating Correction



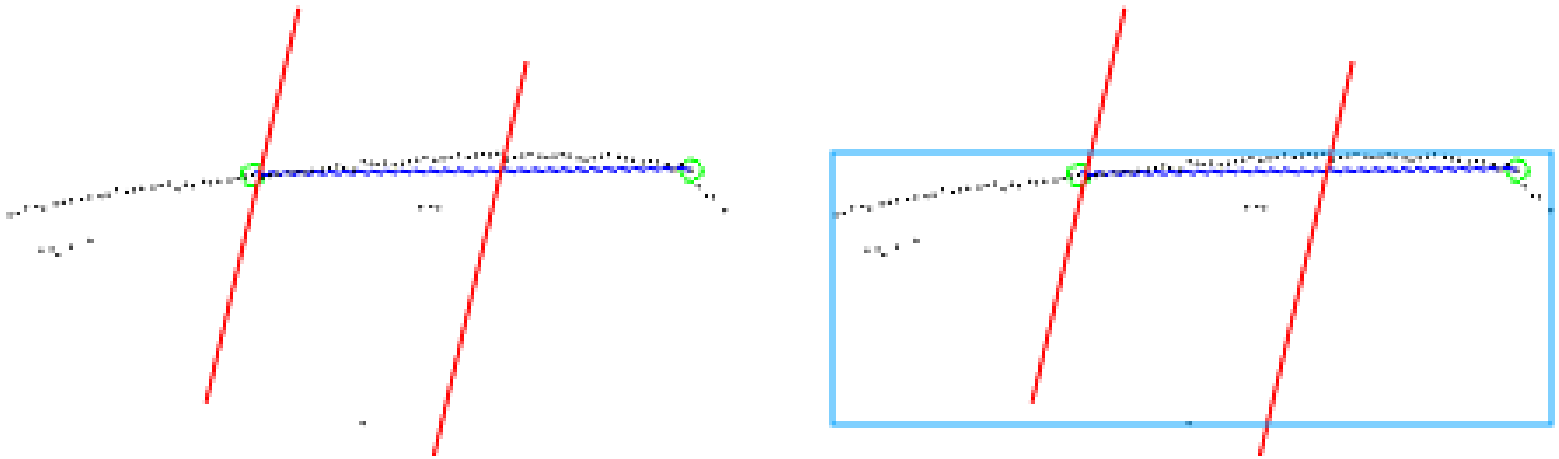
$$\Delta x = R_x - L_x$$

$$\Delta y = R_y - L_y$$

$$\theta_{correction} = \text{atan2}(\Delta y, \Delta x)$$

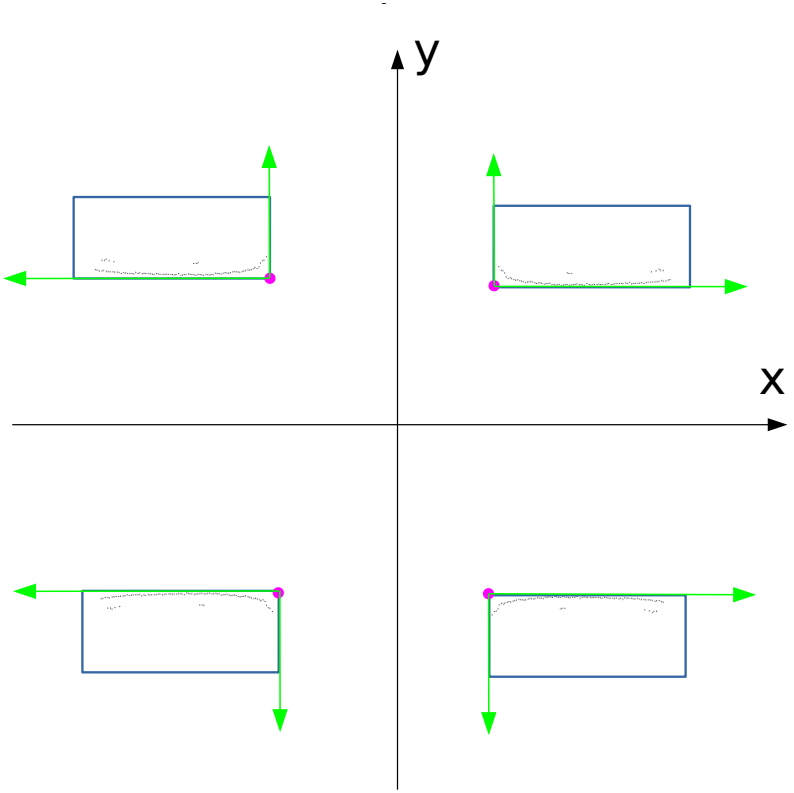
Tracking - Size calculation

Figure: Size Calculation



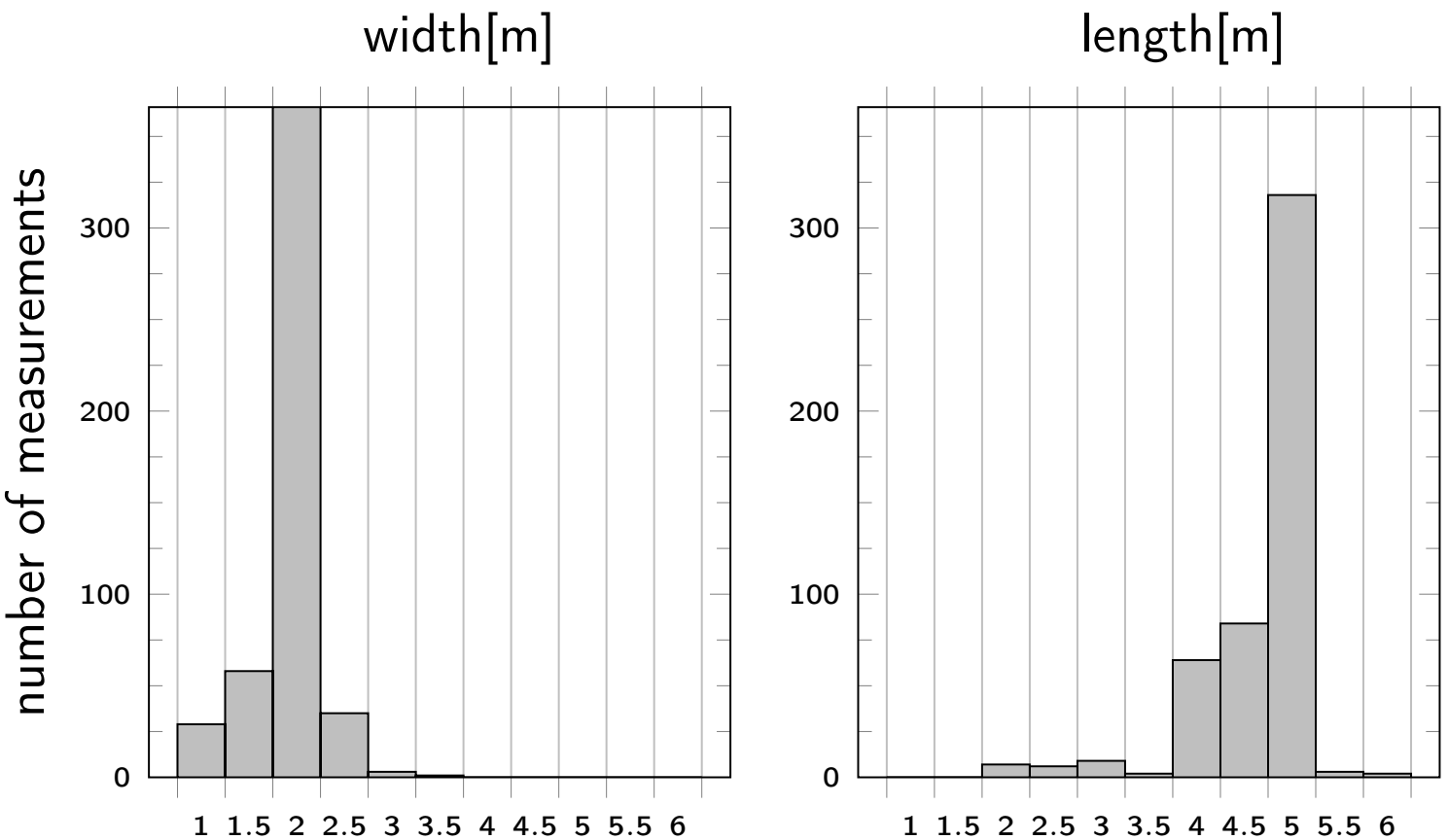
Tracking - Size calculation

Figure: Bounding Box Calculation Cases



Tracking - Size calculation

Figure: Object Size Histogram



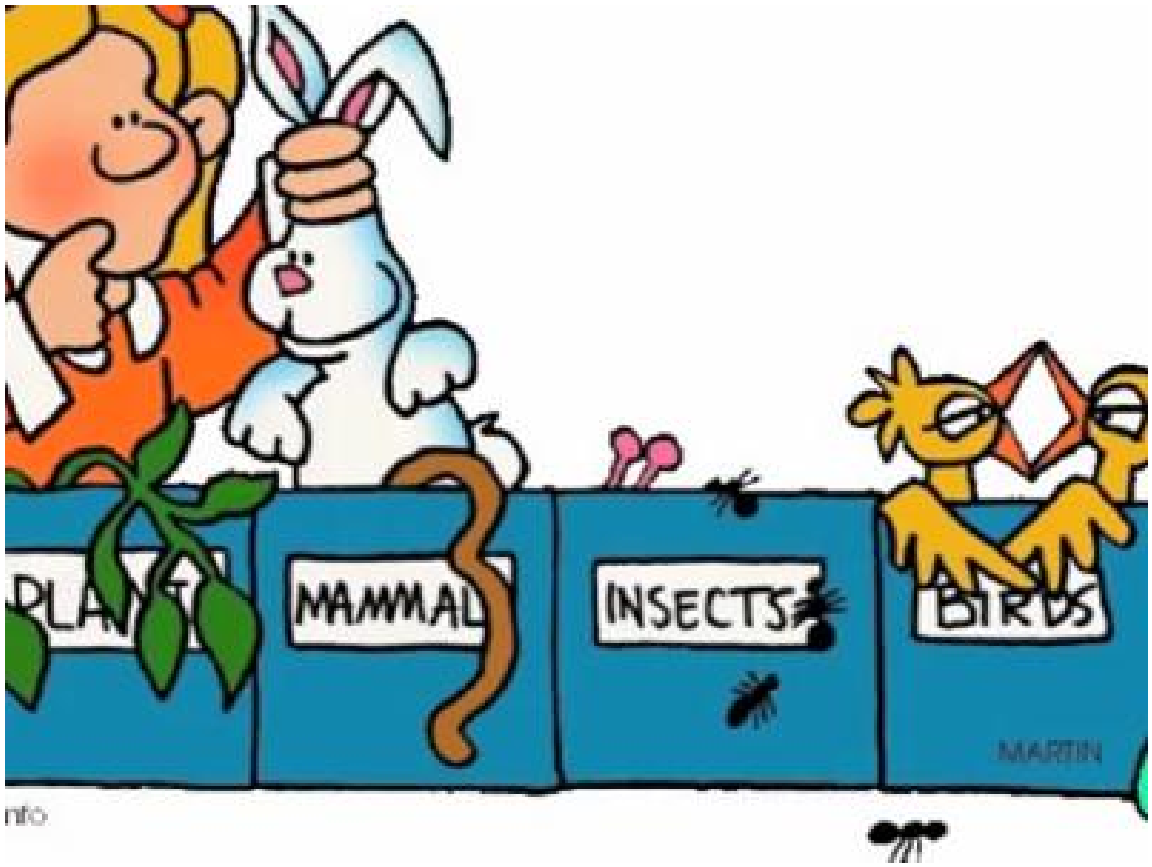
Tracking - Confidence

Increase confidence value by one, if the object could be tracked and

- The width of the object is less than the length of the obstacle plus 1.5m
- The length of the obstacle is less than 10m
- The width of the obstacle is less than 4m

and halved if not

Classification



http://www.playrific.com/t/9065/classification

Classification

Using simple size based approach

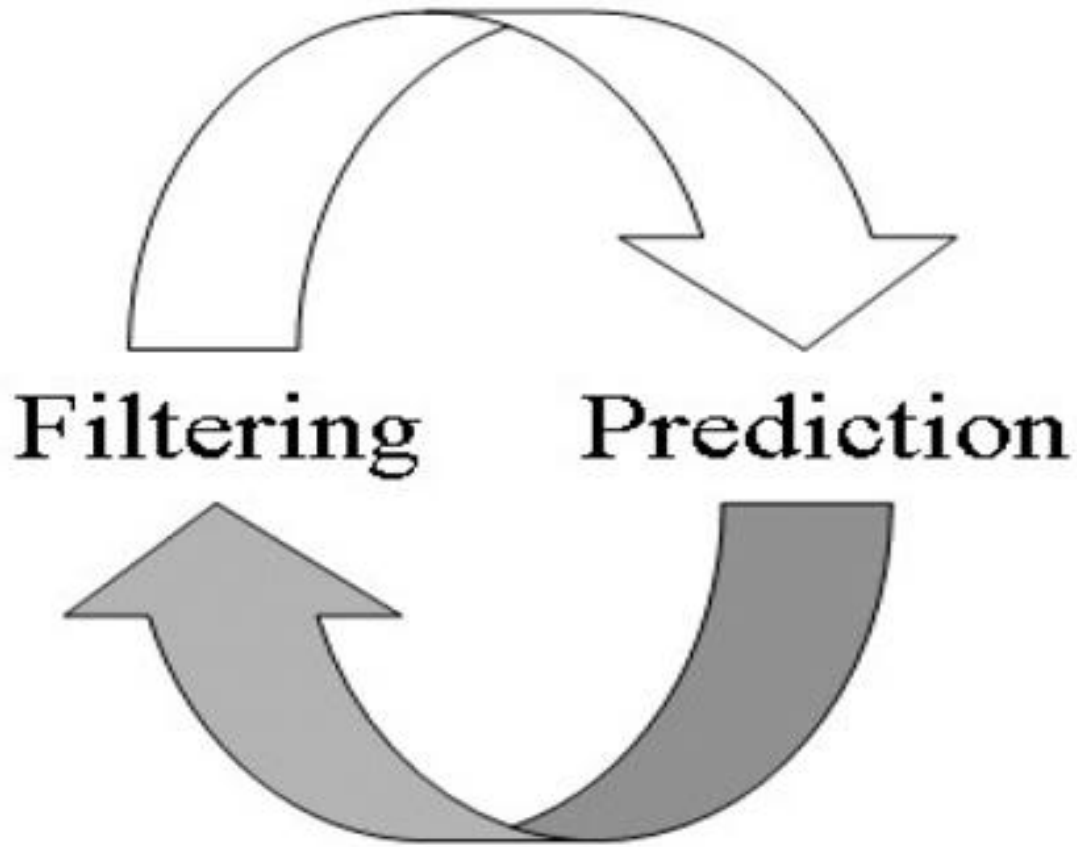
pedestrian: length $<$ 1.5 m and width $<$ 1.5 m

cyclist: length $<$ 2 m and width $<$ 1.5 m

car: length $<$ 10 m and width $<$ 4 m

undefined: length $>=$ 10 m and width $>=$ 4 m

State Estimation



http://www.mathfinance.cn/kalman-filter-example/

State Estimation

using constant turn rate and velocity model and extended Kalman filter

$$\vec{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x & y & \theta & v & \omega \end{bmatrix}^T$$

x - x-Axis

y - y-Axis

θ - Object Yaw Angle

v - Object Velocity

ω - Yaw Rate

State Estimation - Extended Kalman Filter

$$f = \vec{x}(t + \Delta t) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{v}{\omega}(-\sin(\theta) + \sin(\Delta t\omega + \theta)) + x(t) \\ \frac{v}{\omega}(\cos(\theta) - cos(\Delta t\omega + \theta)) + y(t) \\ \omega\Delta t + \theta \\ v \\ \omega \end{bmatrix}$$

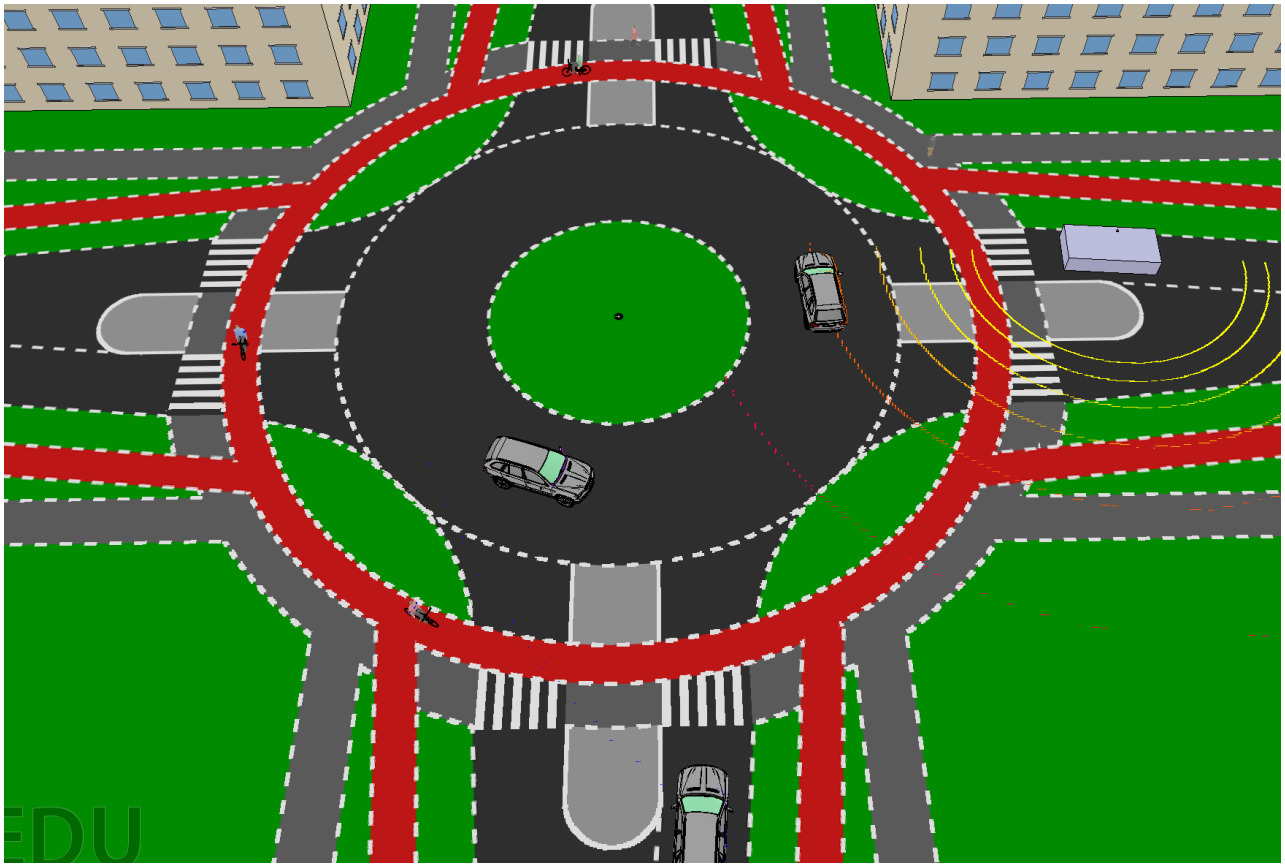
- a lot more equations..
- hacks for numerical stability (yawrate near zero)
- singularity in rotation (because $[-180° \leq \theta \leq 180°]$)

State Estimation - Extended Kalman Filter

- filtering the data
- prediction of the future position if an object could not be detected in a timestep
- reassigning in case of redetection, using the predicted position

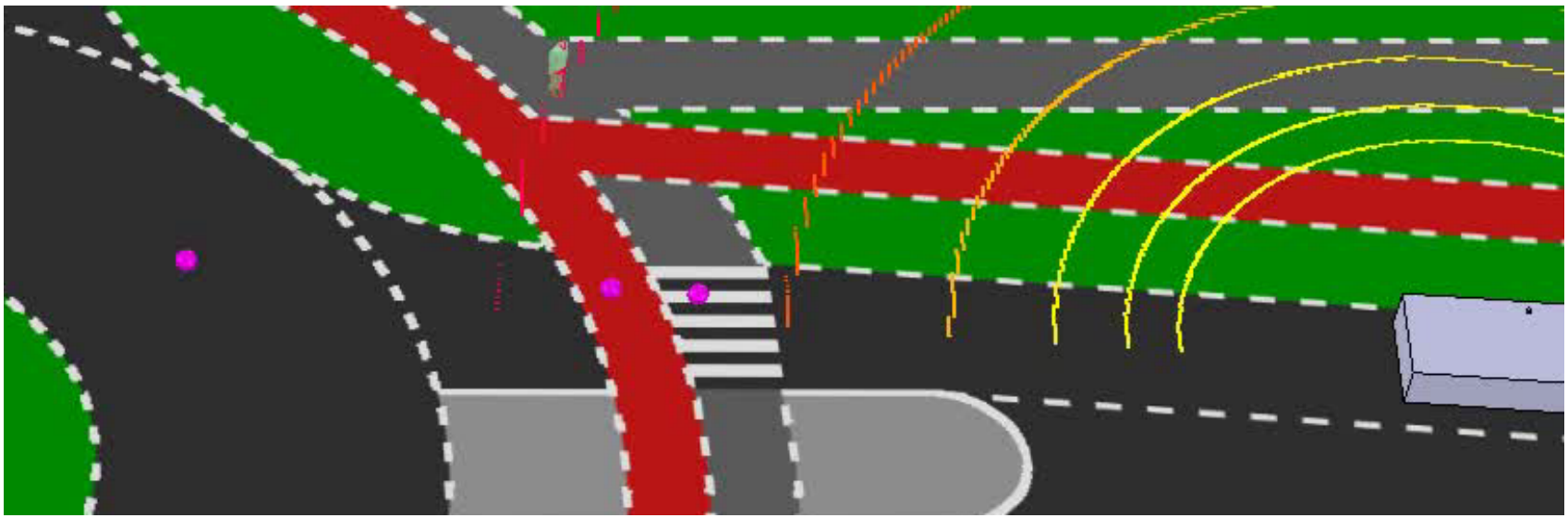
Simulation

Figure: Simulation - Scenario



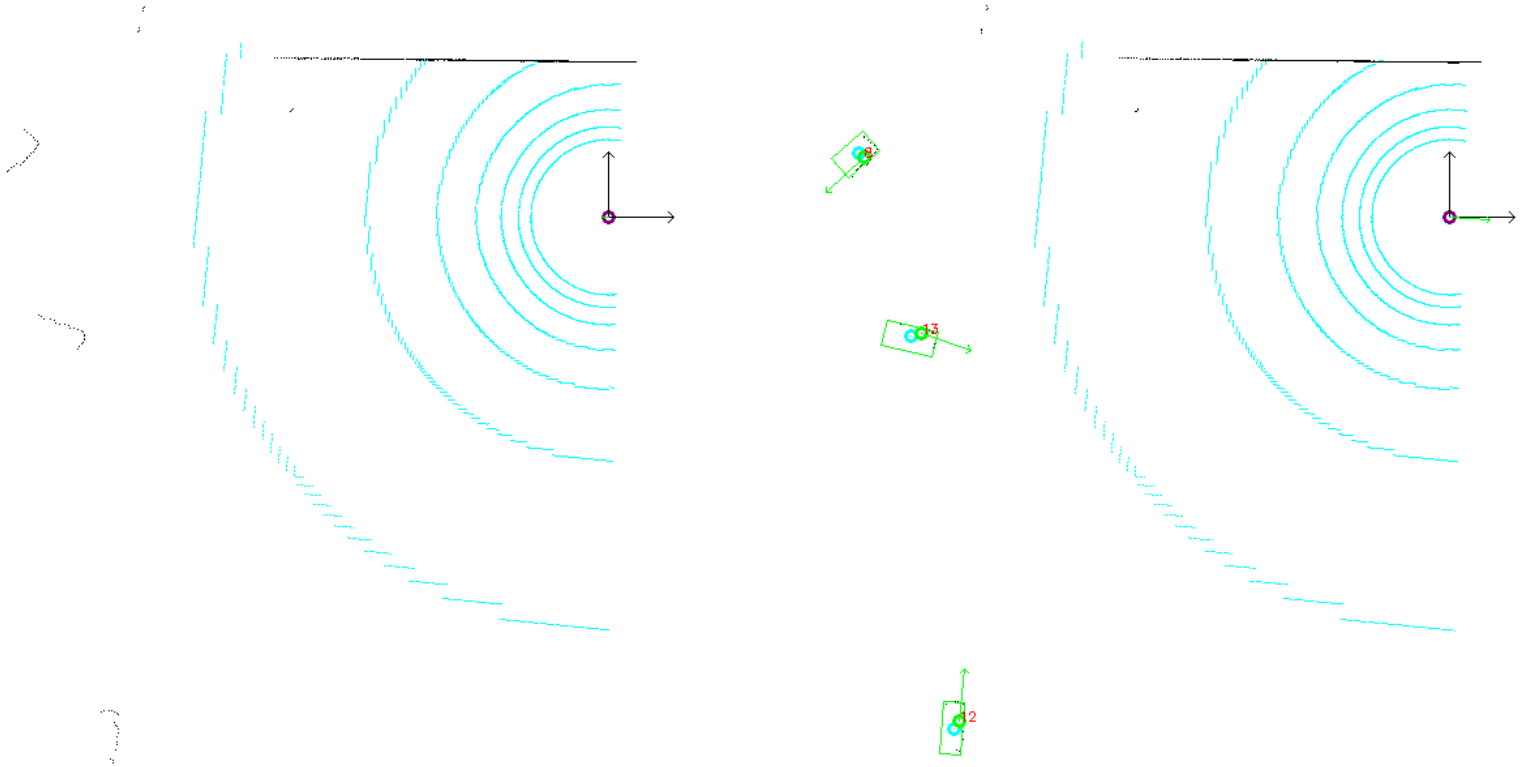
Simulation

Figure: Simulation - Intersection Position



Evaluation

Figure: Detection Distance Performance



Timestep 1 Timestep 2

Evaluation

Figure: Detection Distance Performance Pedestrians/Cyclists

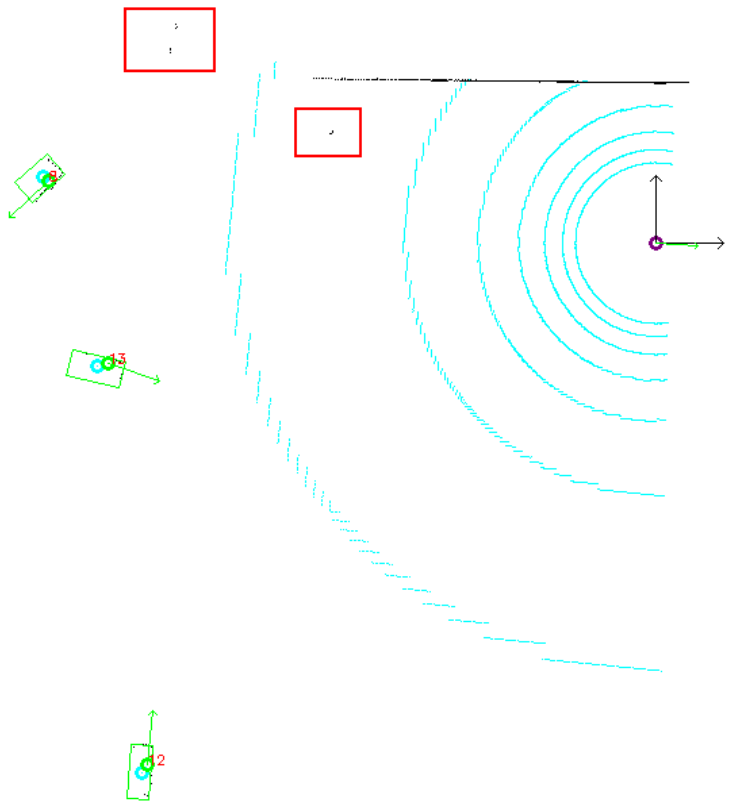


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Figure: Car Position Error

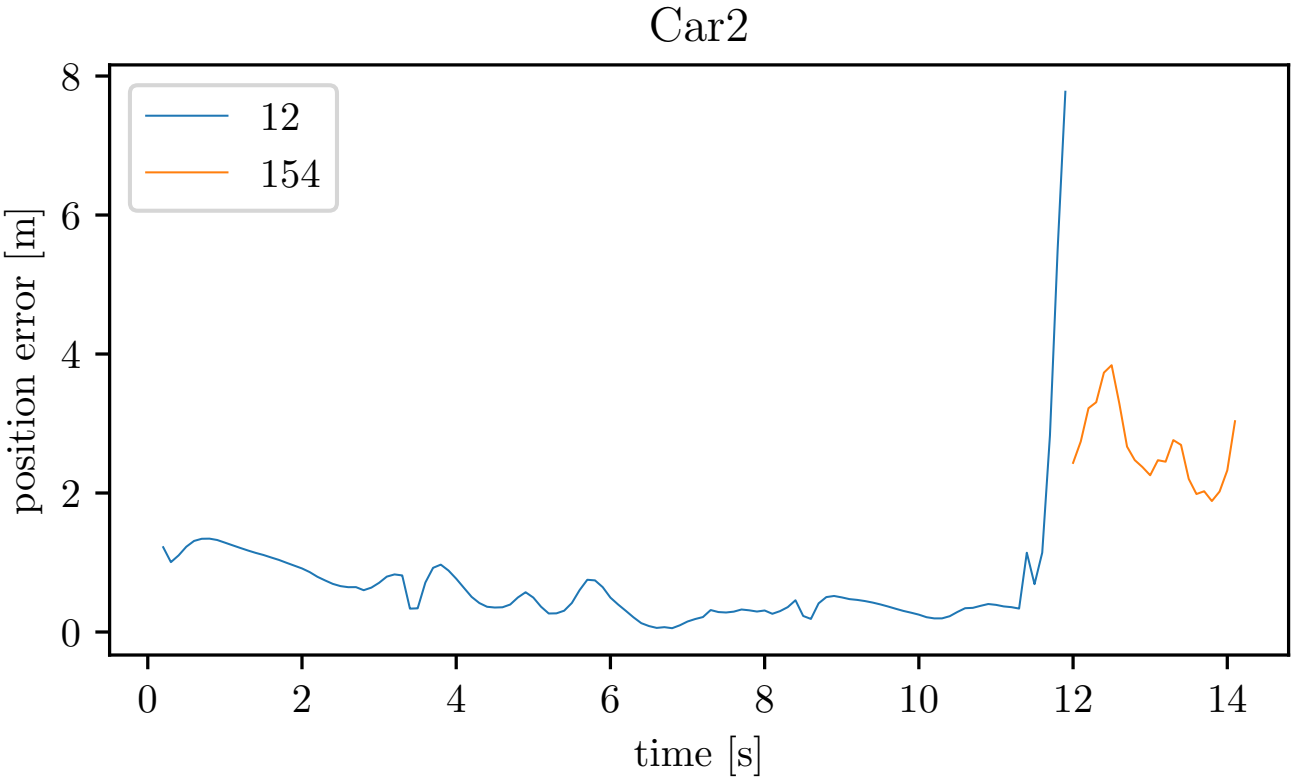

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Figure: Tracking Error

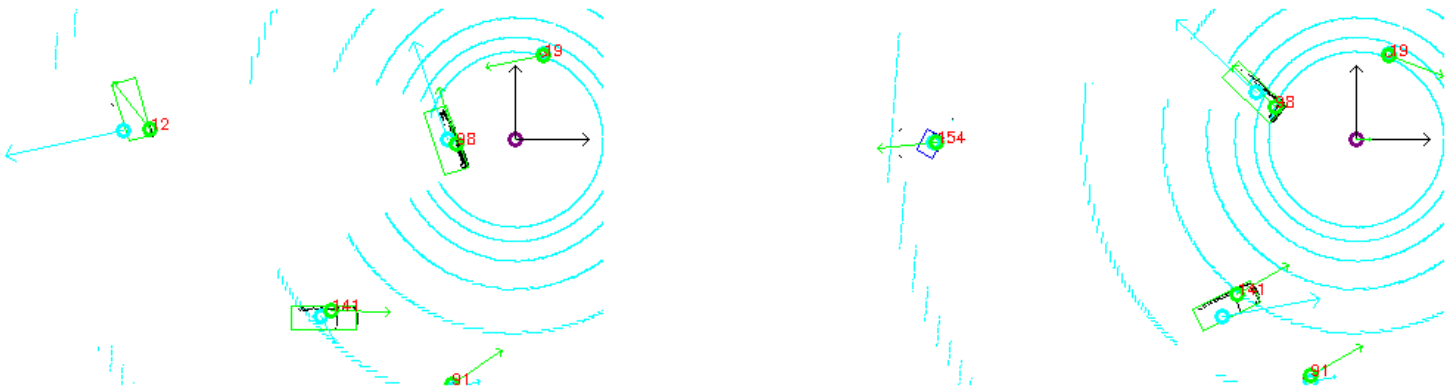

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Figure: Car Position Error / Distance

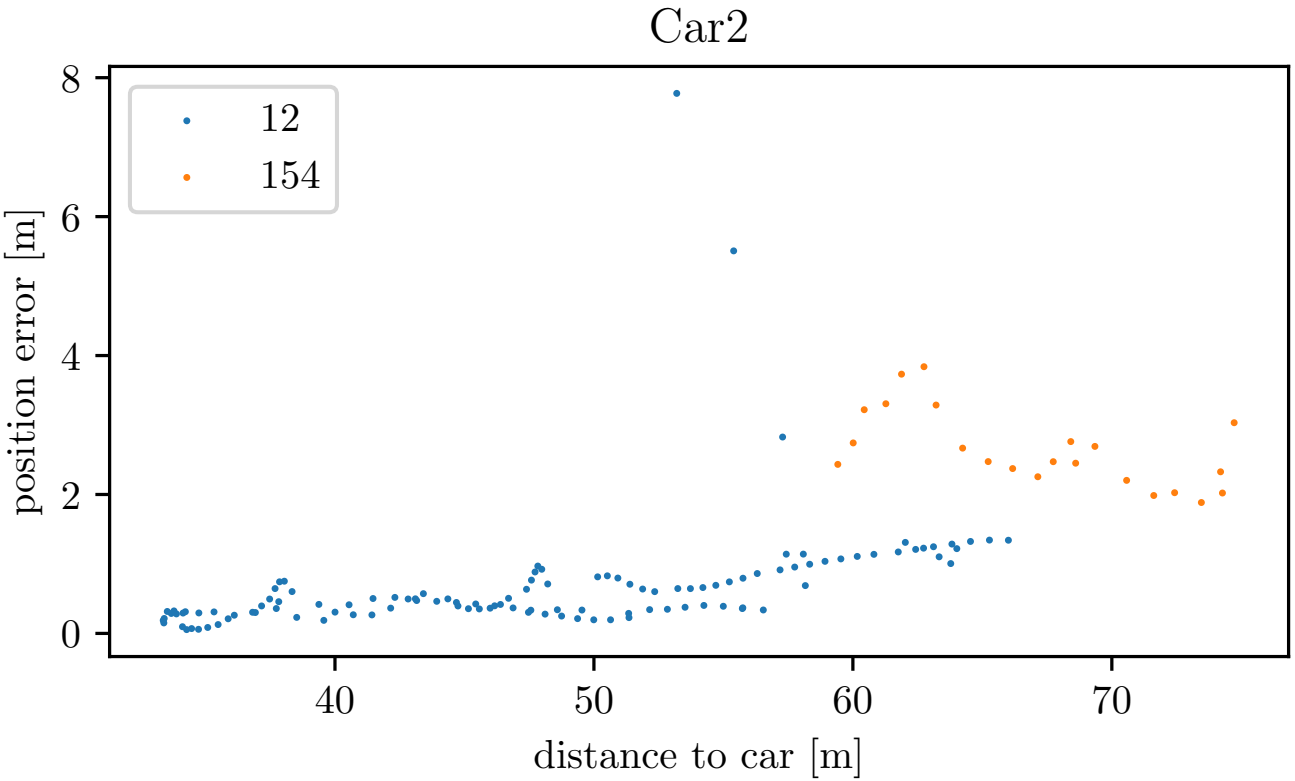

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Figure: Simulation Sensor Resolution

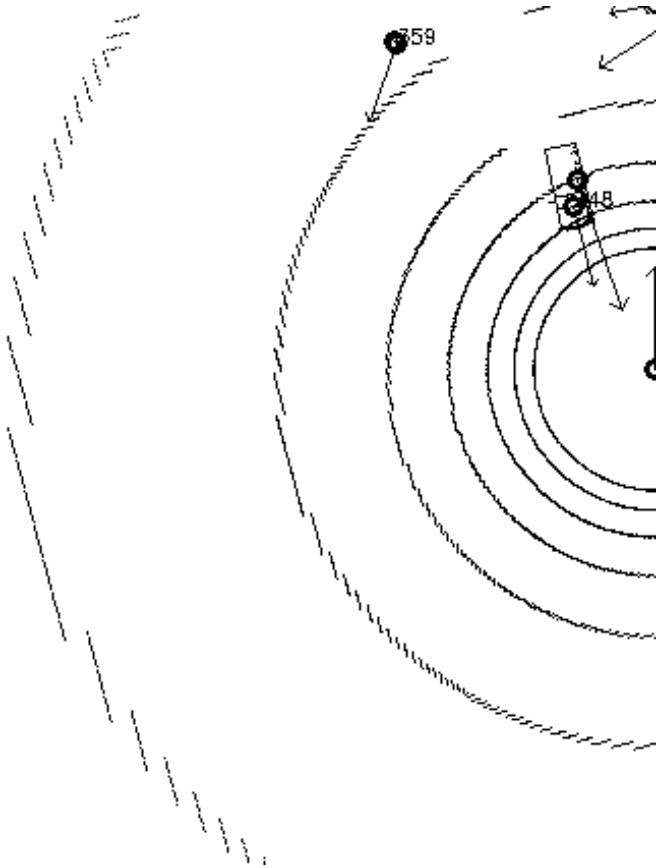

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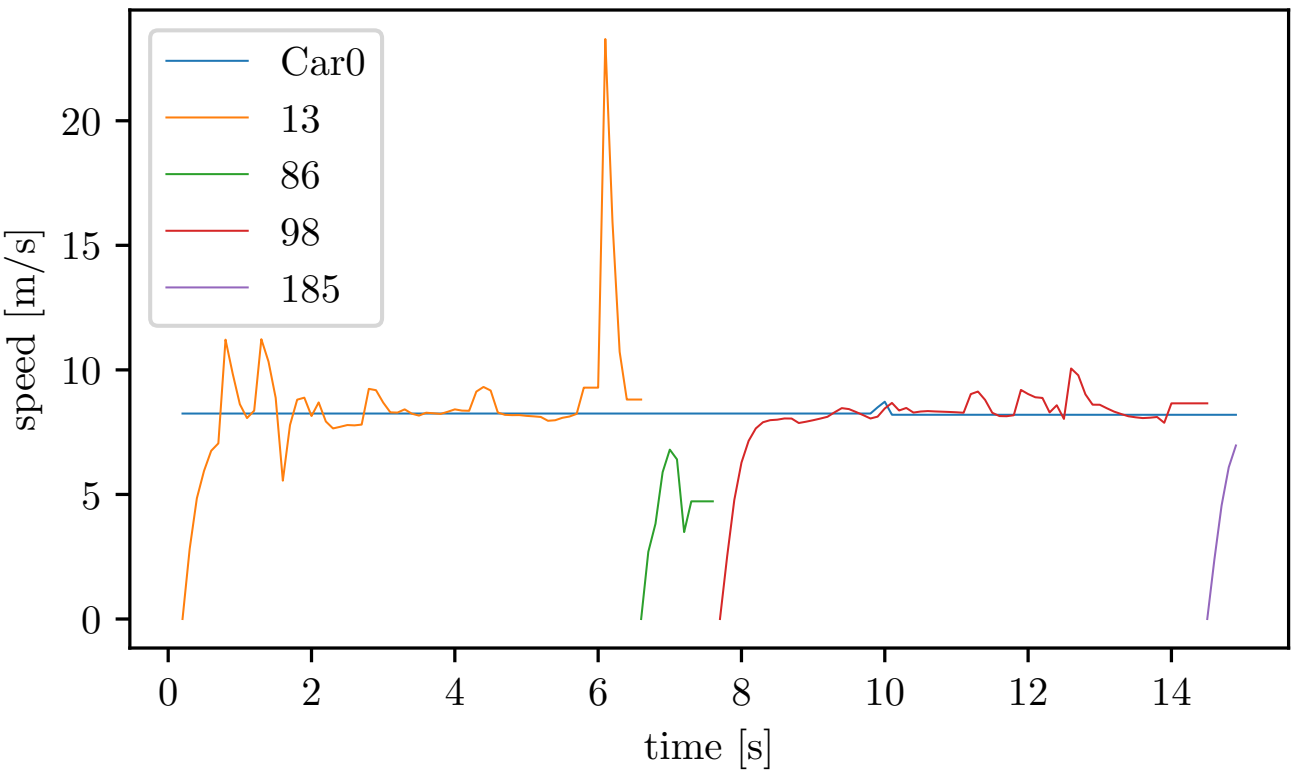
Figure: Speed



Evaluation

Figure: Classification

Name	Car [%]	Bike [%]	Pedestrian [%]	UnCl [%]
Pedestrian	0	0	100	0
Car0	100	0	0	0
Car1	100	0	0	0
Car2	98.2	0.73	0.98	0
Bike0	0	0.5	99.5	0
Bike1	0	0	100	0
Bike2	1.9	1.2	96.9	0

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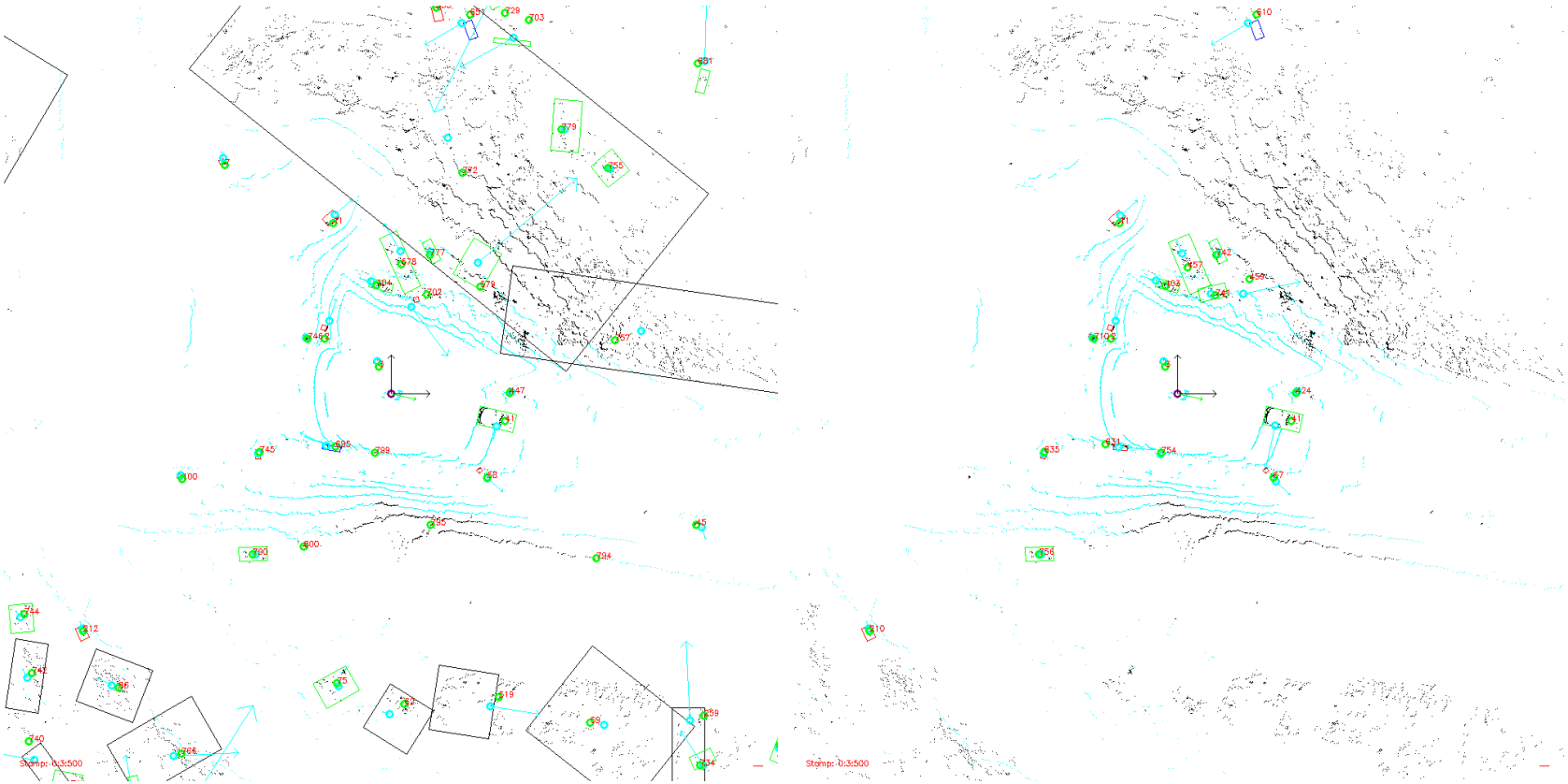
Figure: Confidence Filtering



without filtering

with filtering

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Figure: Reflector Posts

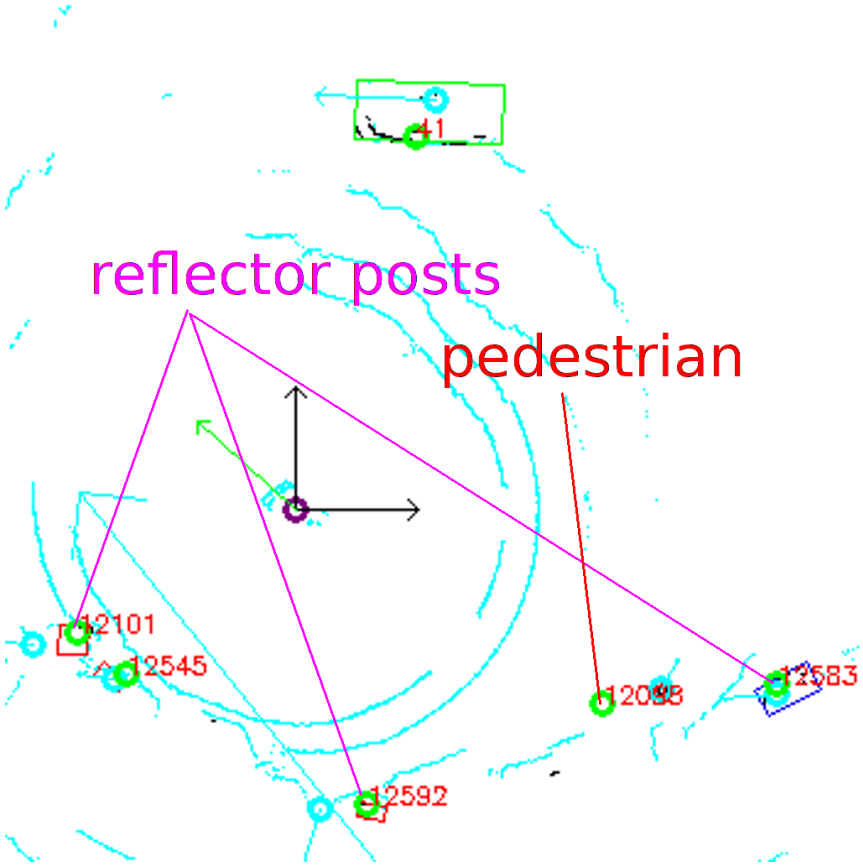

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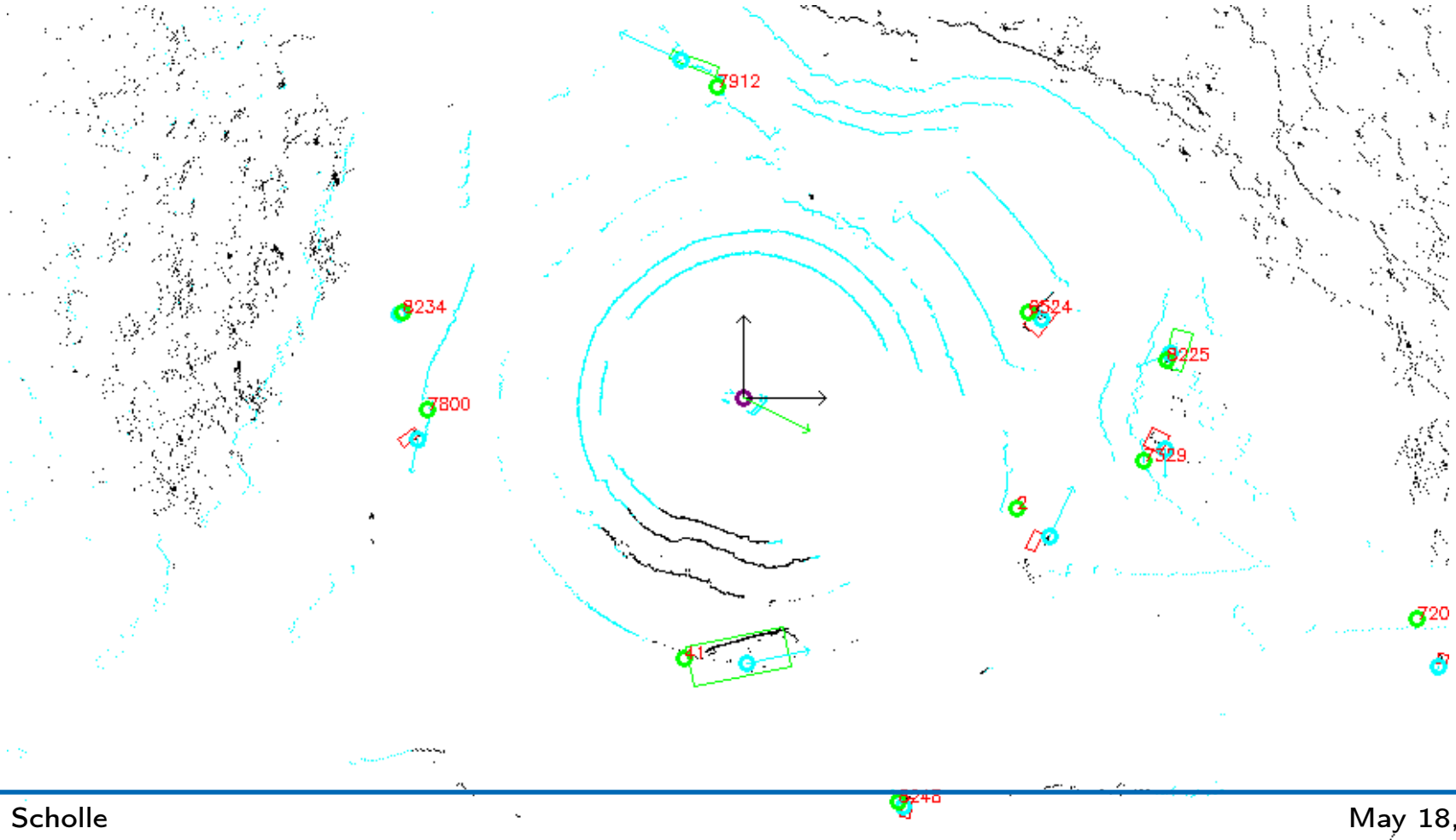
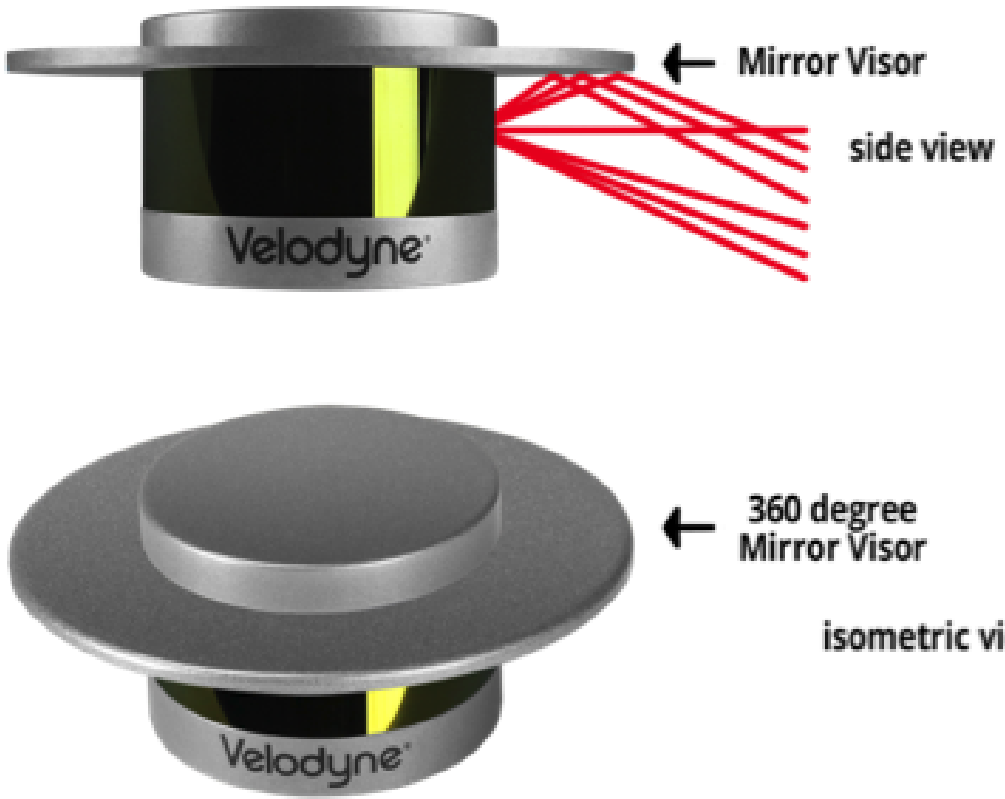
Figure: False-Positive Example



Conclusion

Improvements



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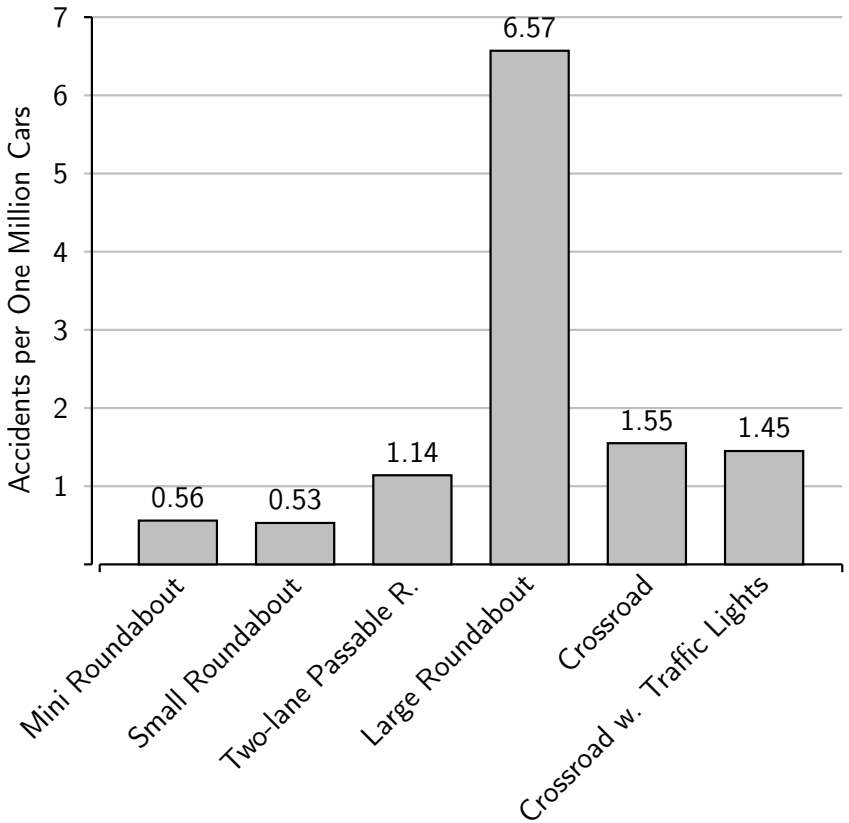

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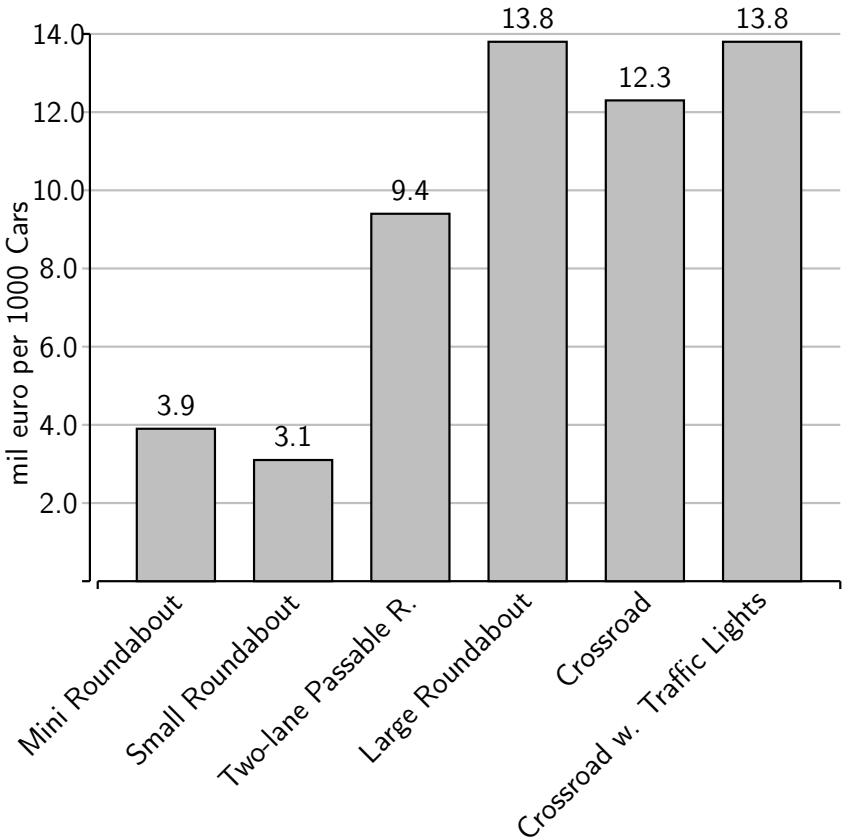

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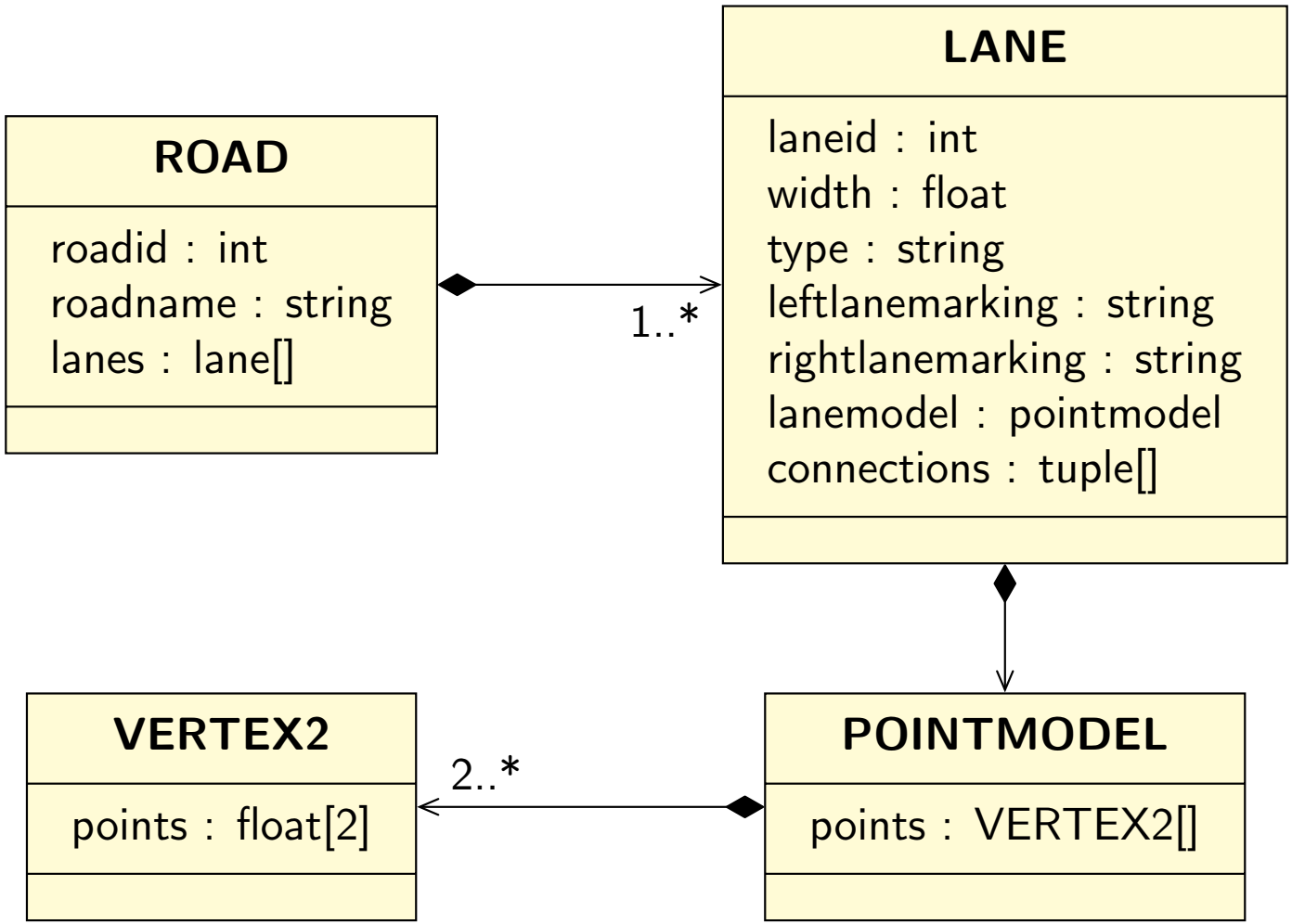
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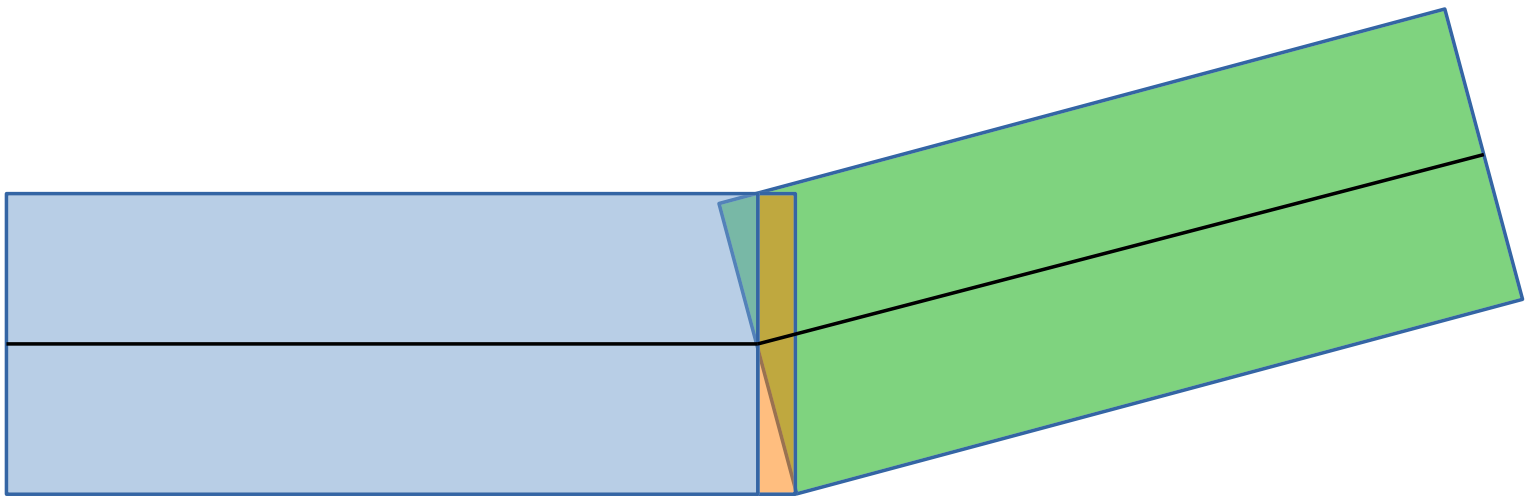
roadid : int
roadname : string
lanes : lane[]
1..*
LANE
laneid : int
width : float
type : string
leftlanemarking : string
rightlanemarking : string
lanemodel : pointmodel
connections : tuple[]
VERTEX2
points : float[2]
2..*
POINTMODEL
points : VERTEX2[]

Mapping

ROUNDABOUT
roundaboutid : int lanes : lane[] junctions : tuple[] inner_lane_radius : float[] outer_lane_radius : float[] center : VERTEX2

Mapping

Figure: Mapping - Lanesegment



State Machine

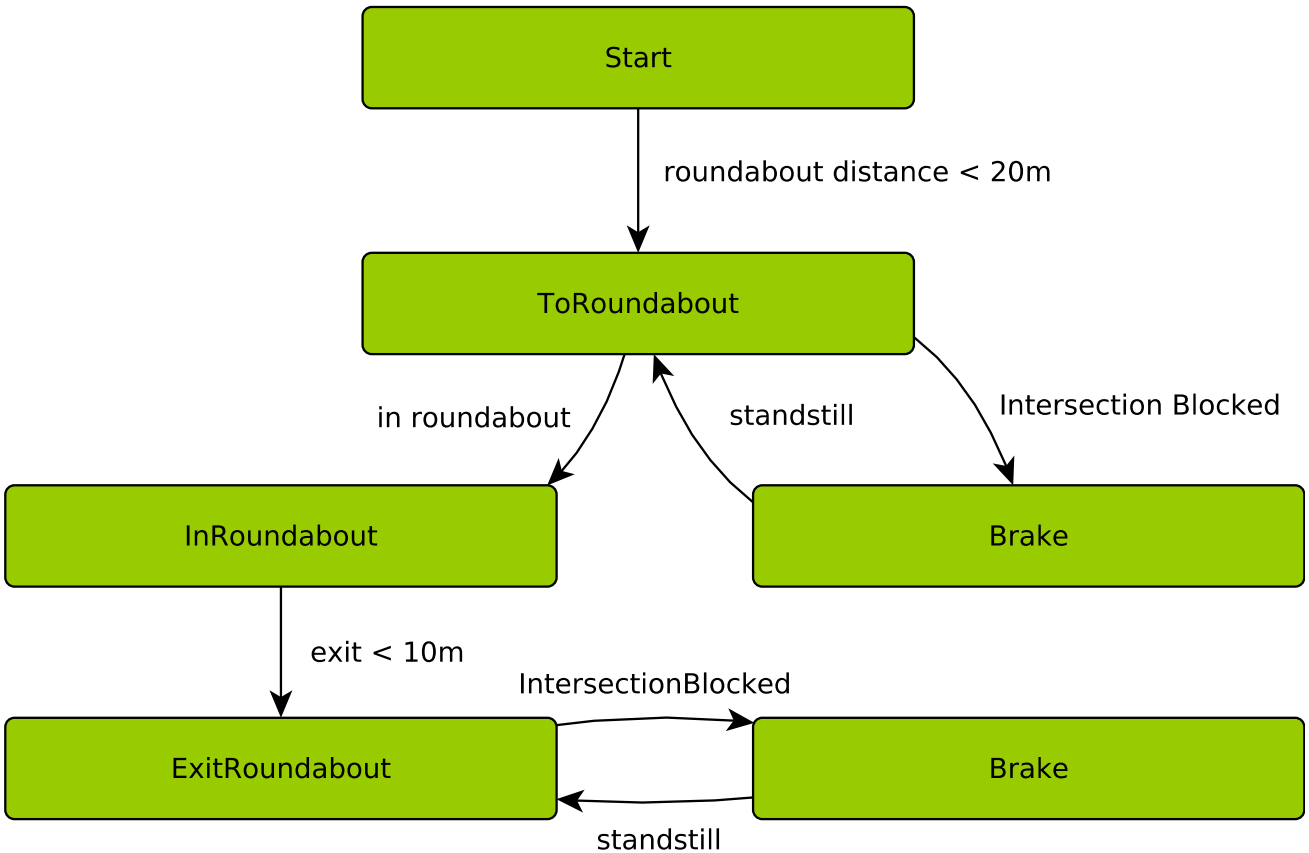


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Figure: Performance