

Core C++ 2024

3d logs to analyze self-driving cars

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AVRIDE



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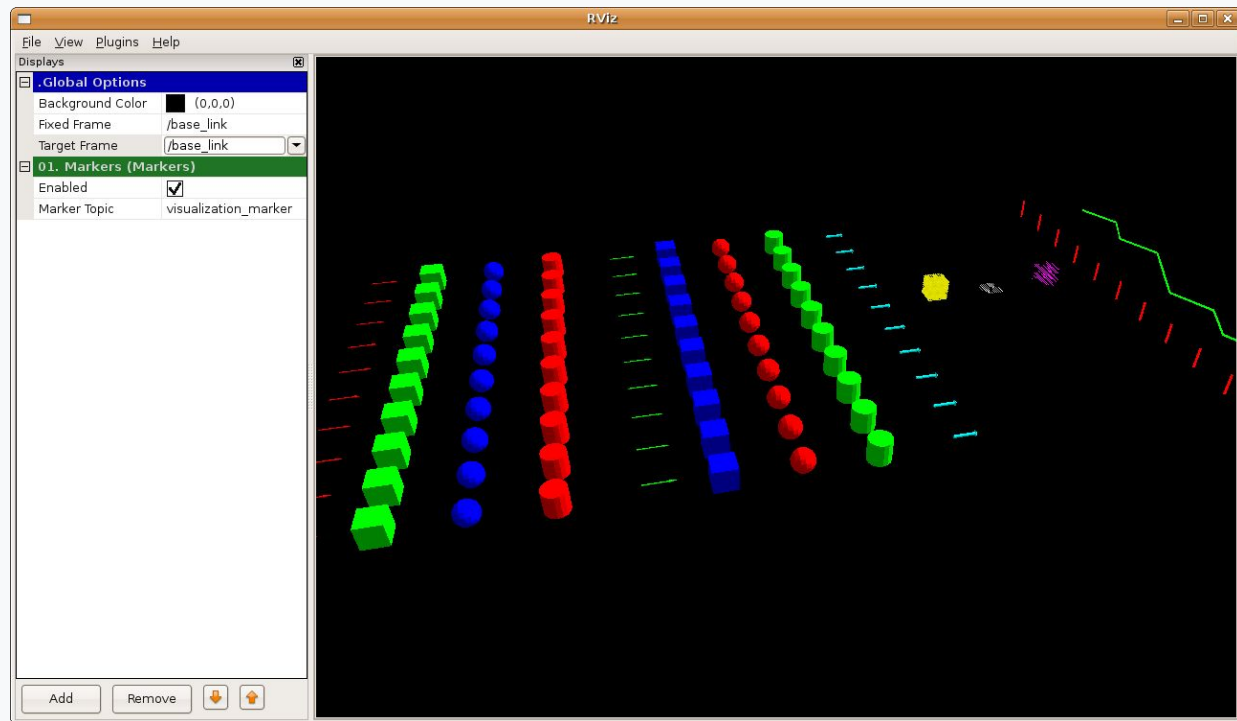
Visualization for self-driving ride





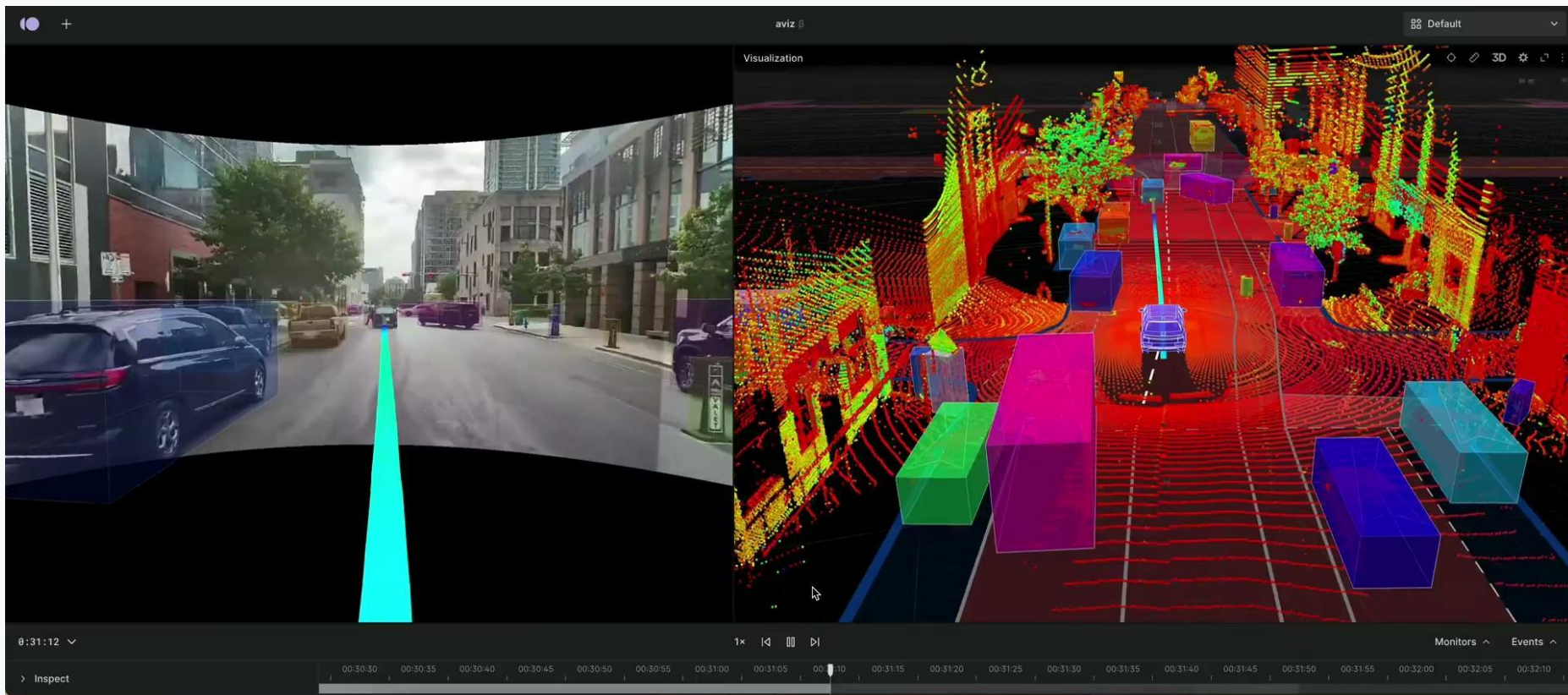
Rviz

- Desktop
- Performance issues
- No cloud



Rviz: image courtesy of Open Robotics

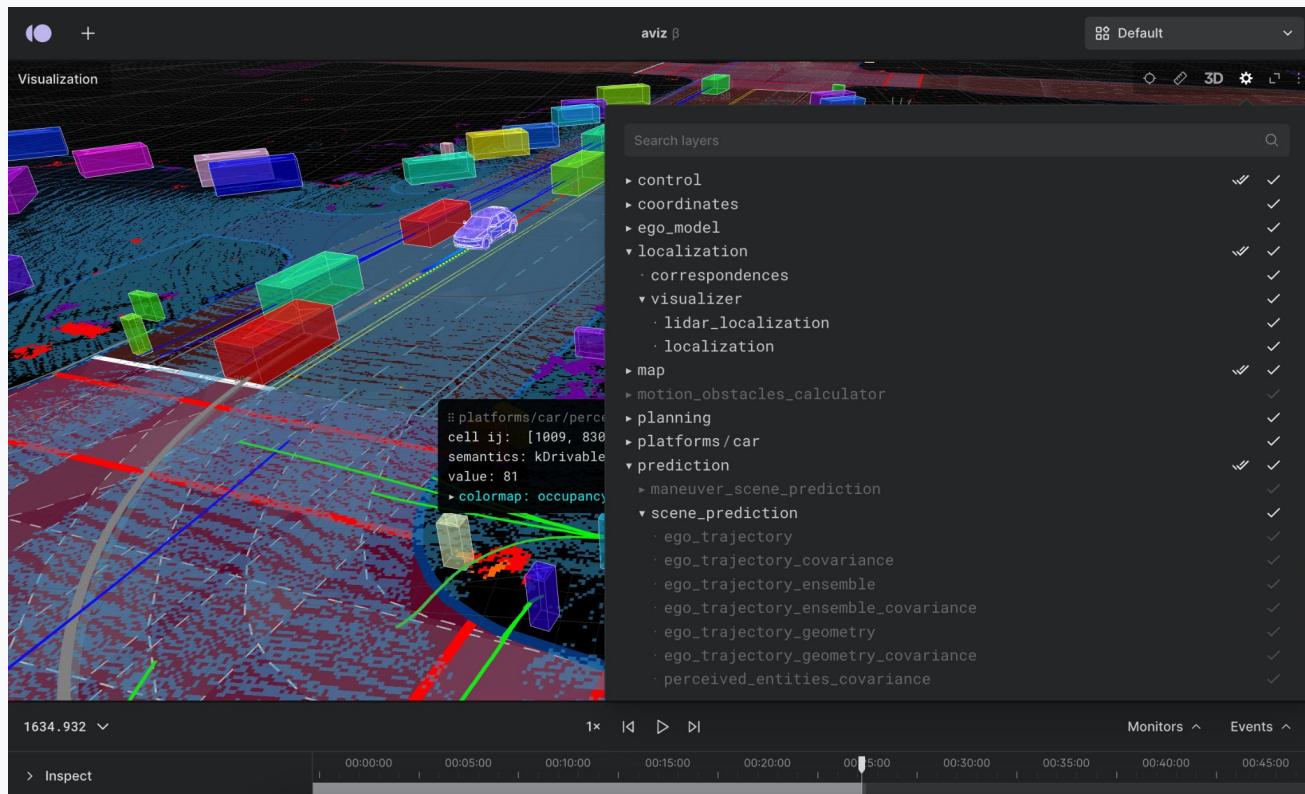
Visualization for self-driving ride





Aviz

- Web
- Cloud Streaming
- Real optimization
- Write optimization



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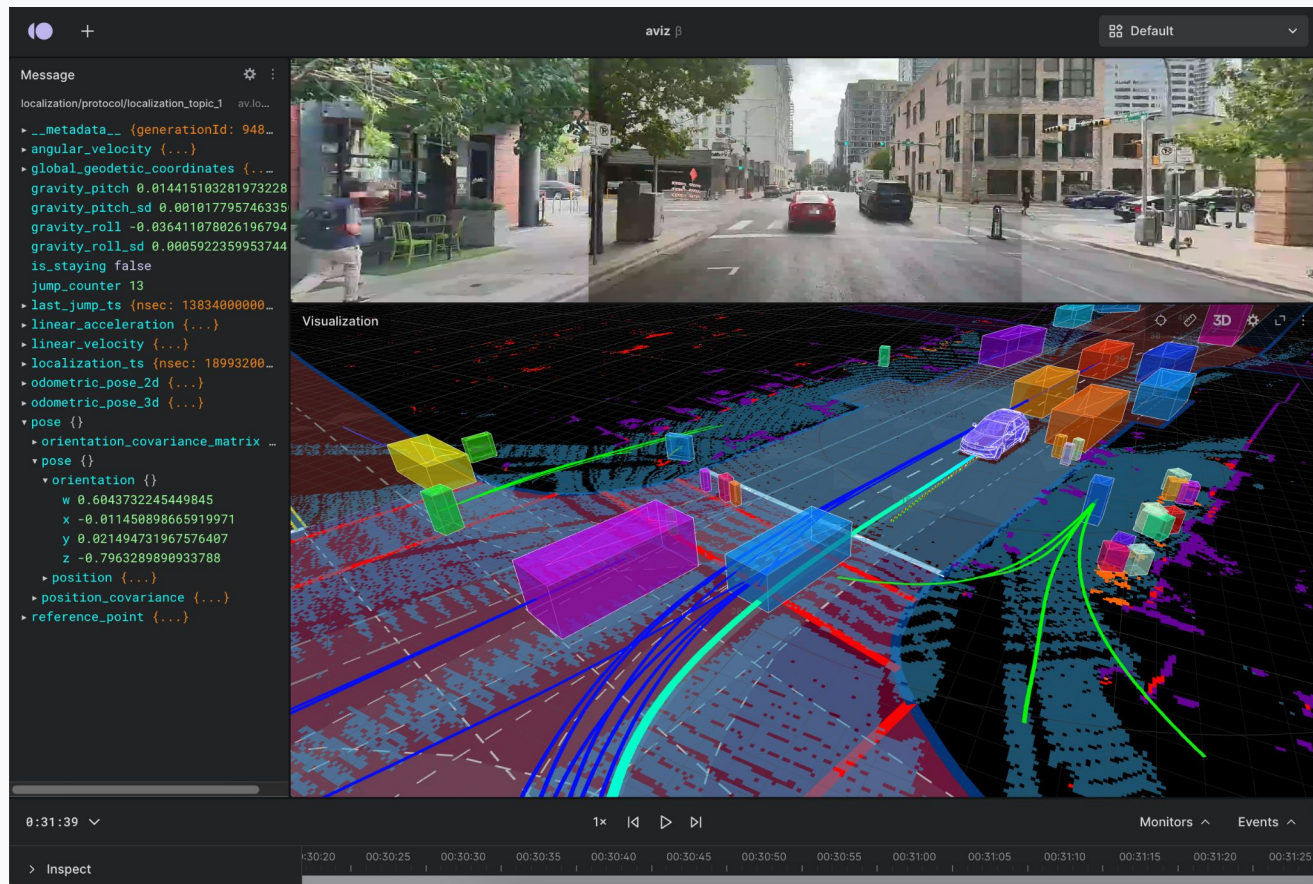
Read Optimization



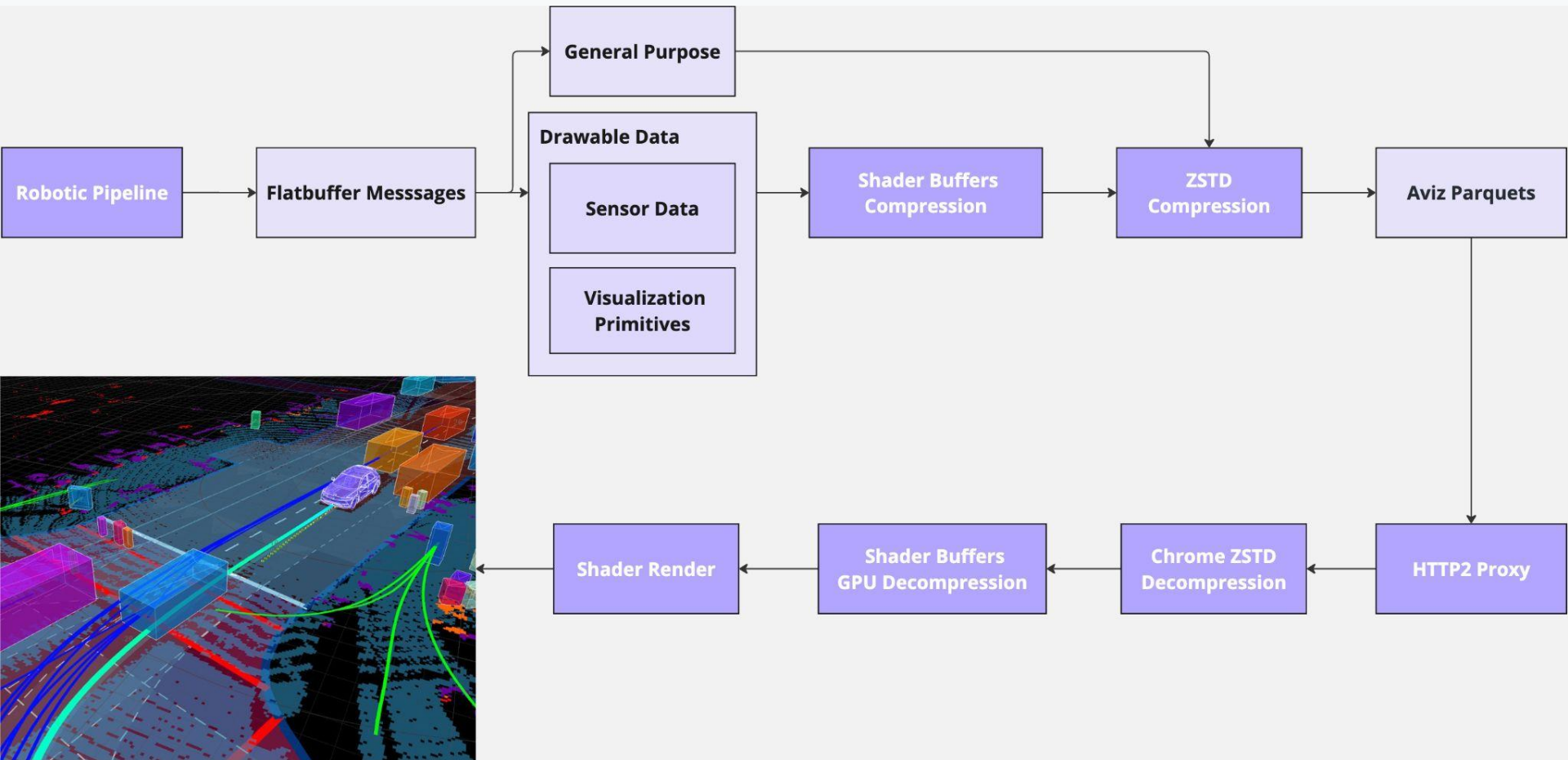


Read Requirements

- Huge data volume
- Low latency
- High throughput
- High performance



Read Optimization





Draw Calls Reduction

- Struct of vectors instead of vector of structs
- Concatenate primitives attributes
- Merge topics draw calls further through 1D texture mask

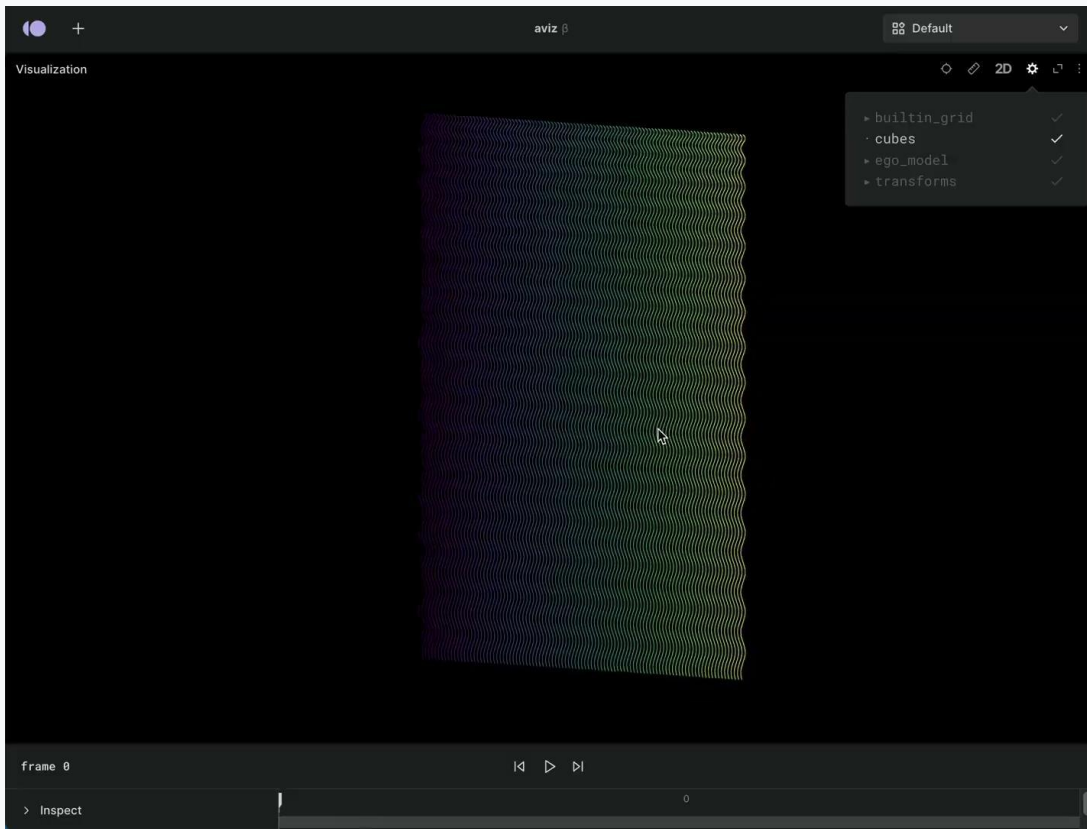
```
// many draw calls - expensive
// vector of structs
for (const auto& cube : cubes) {
    BufferDataToGPU(cube.x);
    BufferDataToGPU(cube.y);
    BufferDataToGPU(cube.z);
    DrawCall();
}

// single draw call - efficient
// struct of vectors
auto buffer = Buffer{
    .xs = Concatenate(cubes, &Cube::x),
    .ys = Concatenate(cubes, &Cube::y),
    .zs = Concatenate(cubes, &Cube::z)
};
BufferDataToGPU(buffer.xs);
BufferDataToGPU(buffer.ys);
BufferDataToGPU(buffer.zs);
DrawCall();
```

buffers pseudocode



1 000 000 cubes - 60+ fps



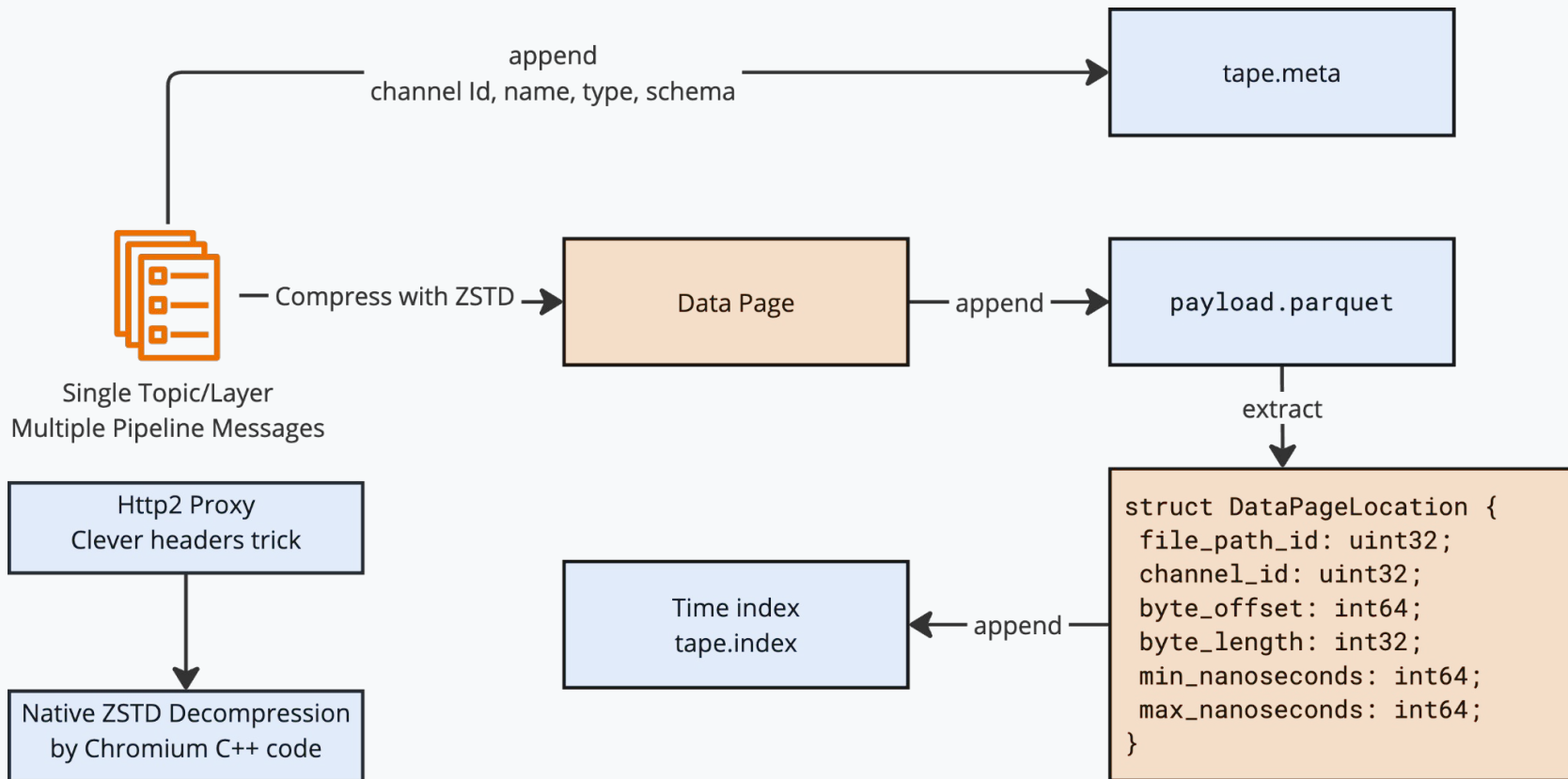


Buffer Size Reduction

- Center all attributes around primitives center
- Quantize the attributes, for e.g. to `int16_t` or `int8_t`
- Collapse close data into the constant
- Struct of vector leads to better zstd compression
- Compressed data takes **~6.8x** less storage than ROS



Aviz Parquet/Tape Format



03

Write Optimization





Old way of adding visualization

- Declare visualization topic
- Drill it to the place you want to draw
- Draw your primitives
- Update ~8 places to record it
- Debug your issues and discover that you don't need these primitives anymore

How to draw in the old world?



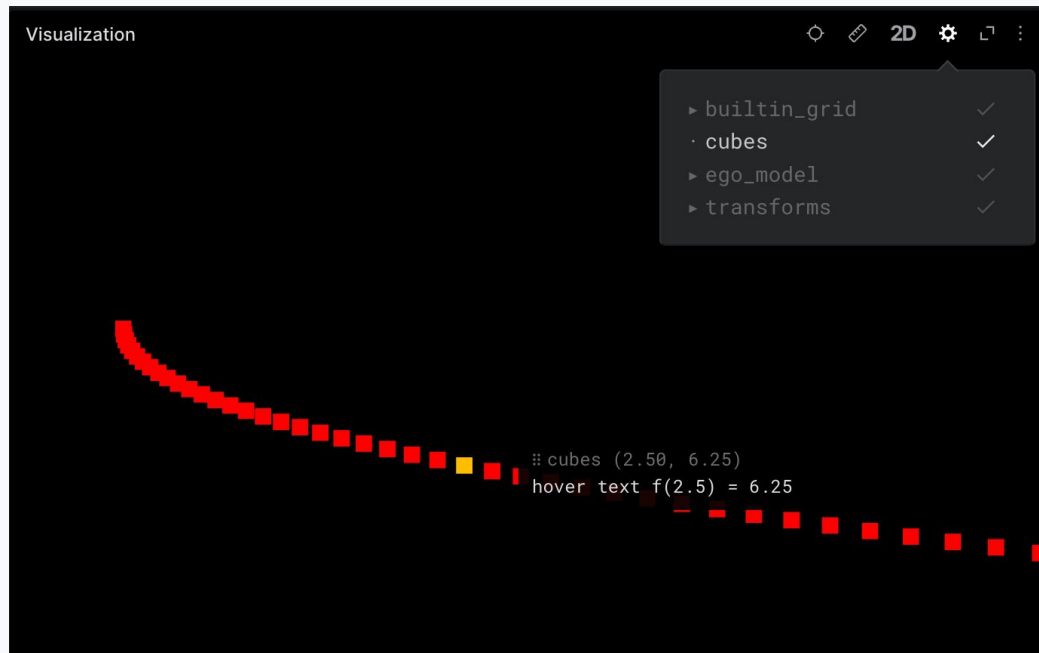
When team lead asks you to *“add just one more visualization topic”*





Debug Visualization == Debug printing in 3d

```
AV_DRAW("/cubes", []() -> Markers {  
  return {  
    Cube{  
      .position = {0, 0, 0},  
      .color=palette::kRed,  
      .text="f(0) = 0"  
    },  
    Cube{  
      .position = {2, 4, 0},  
      .color=palette::kRed,  
      .text="f(2) = 4"  
    },  
    // ...  
  };  
})();
```





Minimal set of primitives

LLVM kinda approach

- A. API can create composite shapes like occupancy grids.
- B. Has low level internal geometry format. Draws few primitives, but can render lots of them.

// merge into one to reduce draw calls

Markers{

 LineList{

 .points = {{1, 0, 0}, {5, 0, 0}},

 .palette = palette::kRed,

 .sublayer = "First LineList"

 },

 LineList{

 .points = {{10, 0, 0}, {15, 0, 0}},

 .palette = palette::kRed,

 .sublayer = "Second LineList"

 }

};

"payload": {

 "drawables_type": ["LineDrawable"],

 "drawables": [{

 "type": "LineList",

 "frame_id": 2,

 "pos_xy": {

 "array_type": "I16Array",

 "array": {

 "data": [-1166, 0, -500, 0, 333, 0, 1166, 0]

 },

 "scale": 0.006000000052154064,

 "origin": [8.0, 0.0],

 "count": 8

 }

}]



The image displays a 3D scene graph visualization. The background is a dark gray grid. Various colored geometric shapes are scattered across the space, representing different objects in a scene. These include red and green spheres, blue and yellow cubes, orange and purple cylinders, and several smaller, multi-colored cones. A prominent label "example_geometry/a (0.00, 0.00)" is visible near the center, indicating a specific object or coordinate system within the graph. The overall composition suggests a hierarchical or relational structure between these geometric elements.



Integration with Pipeline Operation

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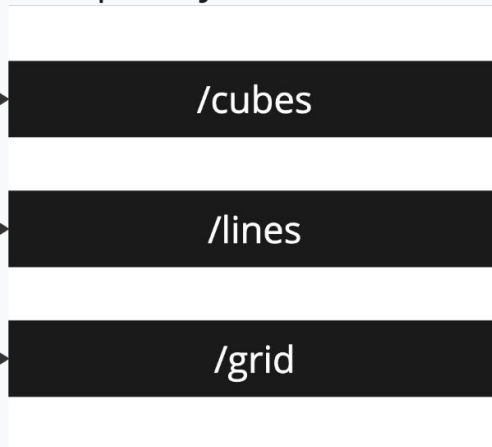


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Single Multiplexed Topic



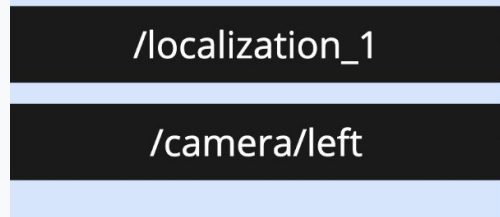
Multiple Layers



Parquet Columns



Regular Topics



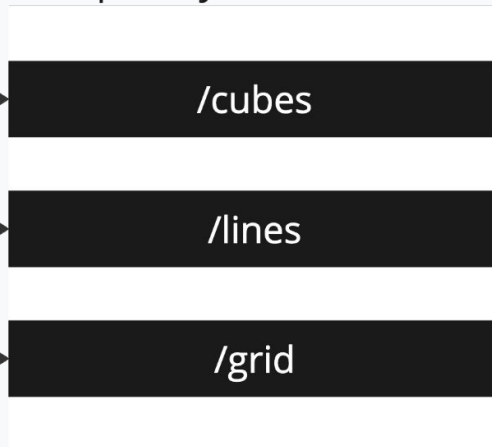


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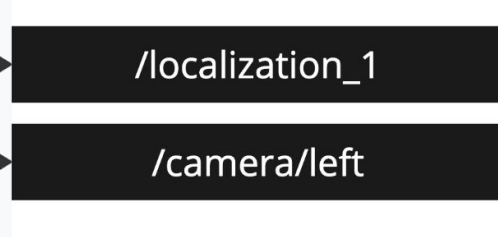
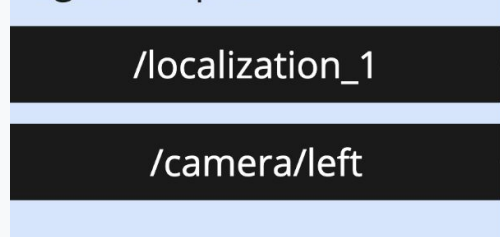
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Regular Topics





Tape Format + Parquet Version 1

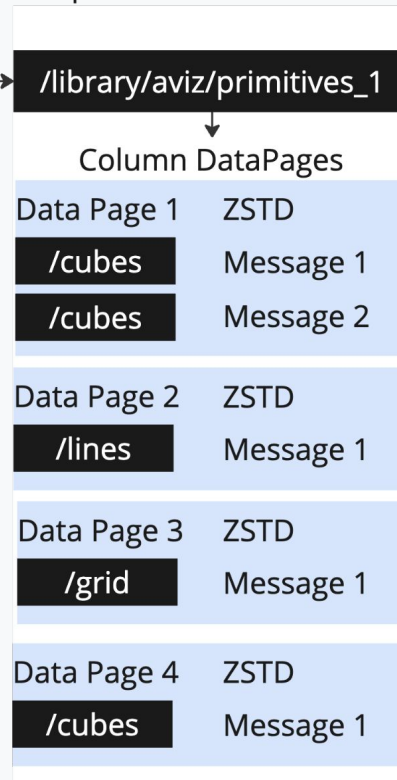
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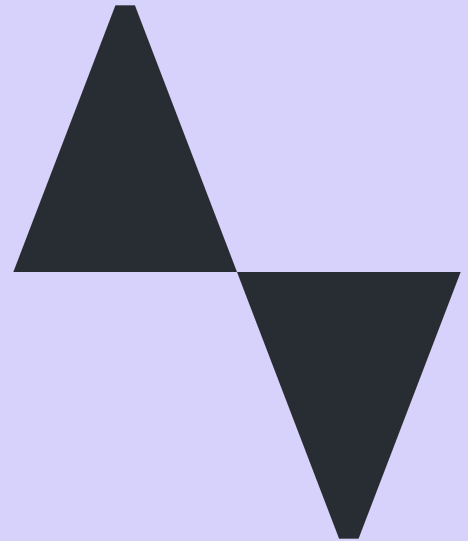
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Thank you!



Q&A

