



# LGSVL SIMULATOR

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# LGSVL Autonomous Driving Simulator

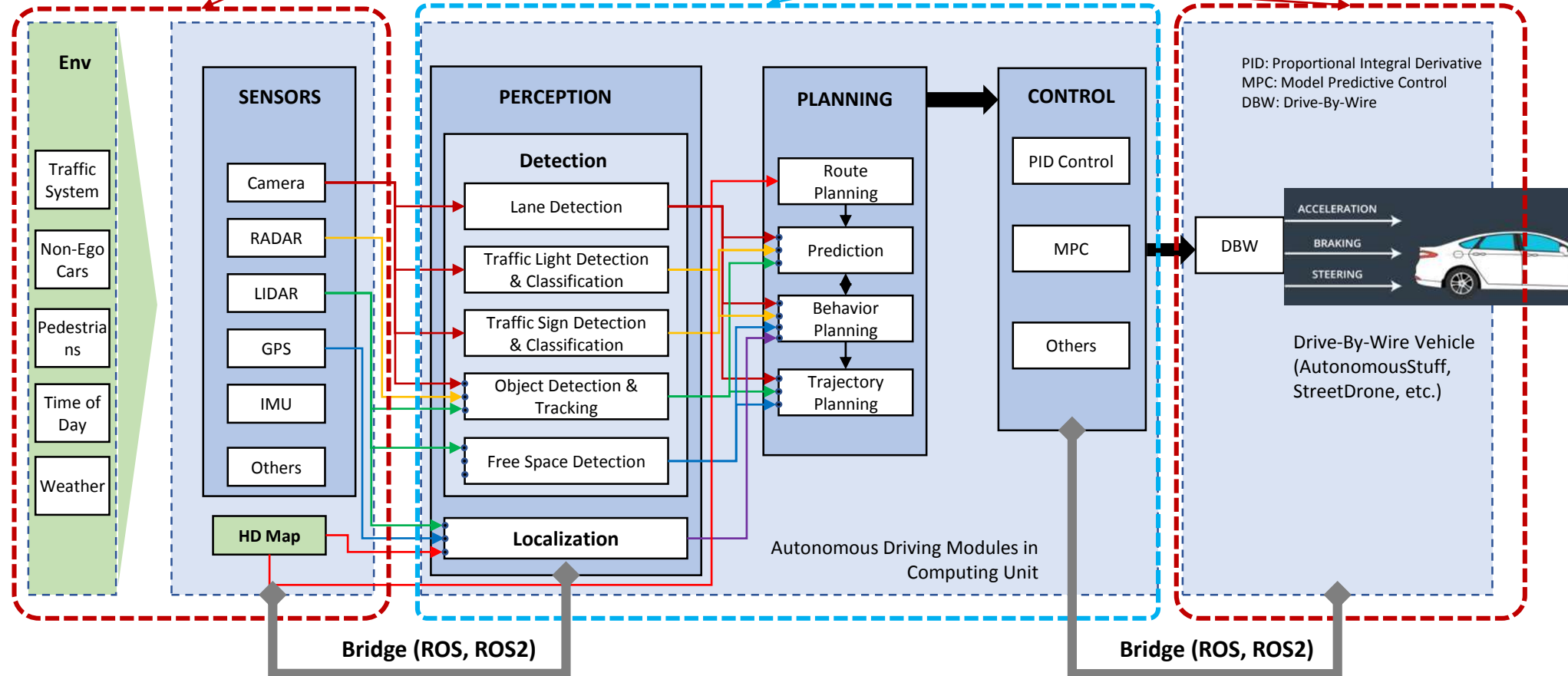
The LGSVL Simulator is a simulator that facilitates testing and development of autonomous driving software systems. It enables developers to simulate billions of miles and arbitrary edge case scenarios to speed up algorithm development and system integration.

The simulator is under active development on Github, and we hope to grow our developer community to best serve the autonomous vehicle and robotics industries in accelerating the testing and validation of autonomous systems.



# AD Simulation – Architectural Overview

**Scope of Simulator**      **Processed by Autonomous Vehicle Algorithms**





Tasks

Module Controller

Layer Menu

Route Editing

Data recorder

Audio capture

Default routing

# Apollo 3.5 support



GPS triggers safe mode:

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km/h

-32 %

UNKNOWN AUTO

## Components

GPS	FATAL	
Lidar 128	OK	
Localization	OK	
Recorder	FATAL	

## Modules

<input type="checkbox"/> Camera	<input type="checkbox"/> Canbus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Control	<input type="checkbox"/> GPS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prediction	<input type="checkbox"/> Radar	<input type="checkbox"/> Recorder
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## Automotive Simulator

ROS Bridge: Connected

Vehicle Position: Home

Sensor Effects:

Low Quality Rendering:

Enable Traffic:

Enable Traffic Physics:

Enable Pedestrians:

Toggle Telephoto Camera:

Toggle Segmentation Camera:

Toggle Right Camera:

Toggle Left Camera:

Toggle Main Camera:

Toggle Depth Camera:

Enable LIDAR:

Enable RADAR:

Enable IMU:

Enable GPS:

Camera Publish Rate:

Cruise Control Speed (mph):

Cruise Control:

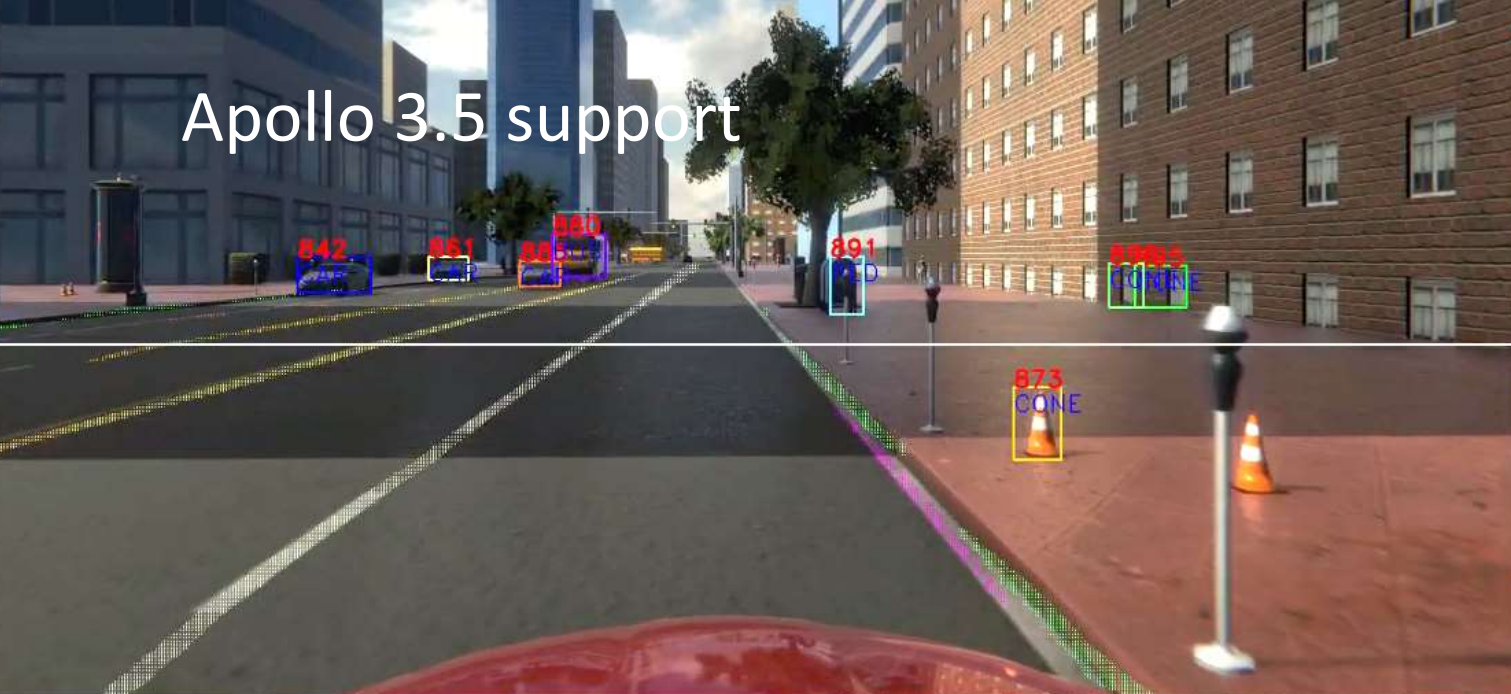
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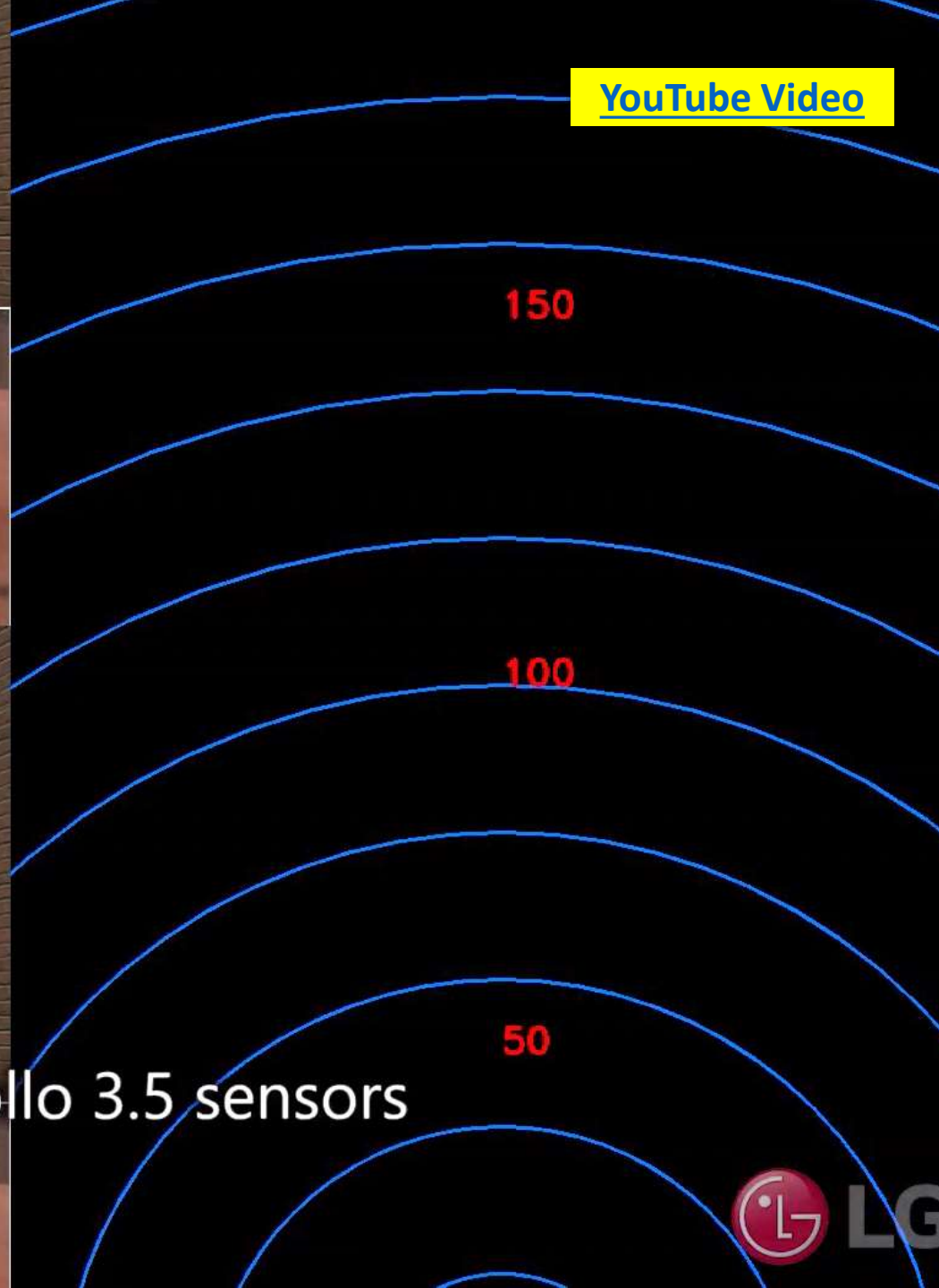
Apollo 3.5 support

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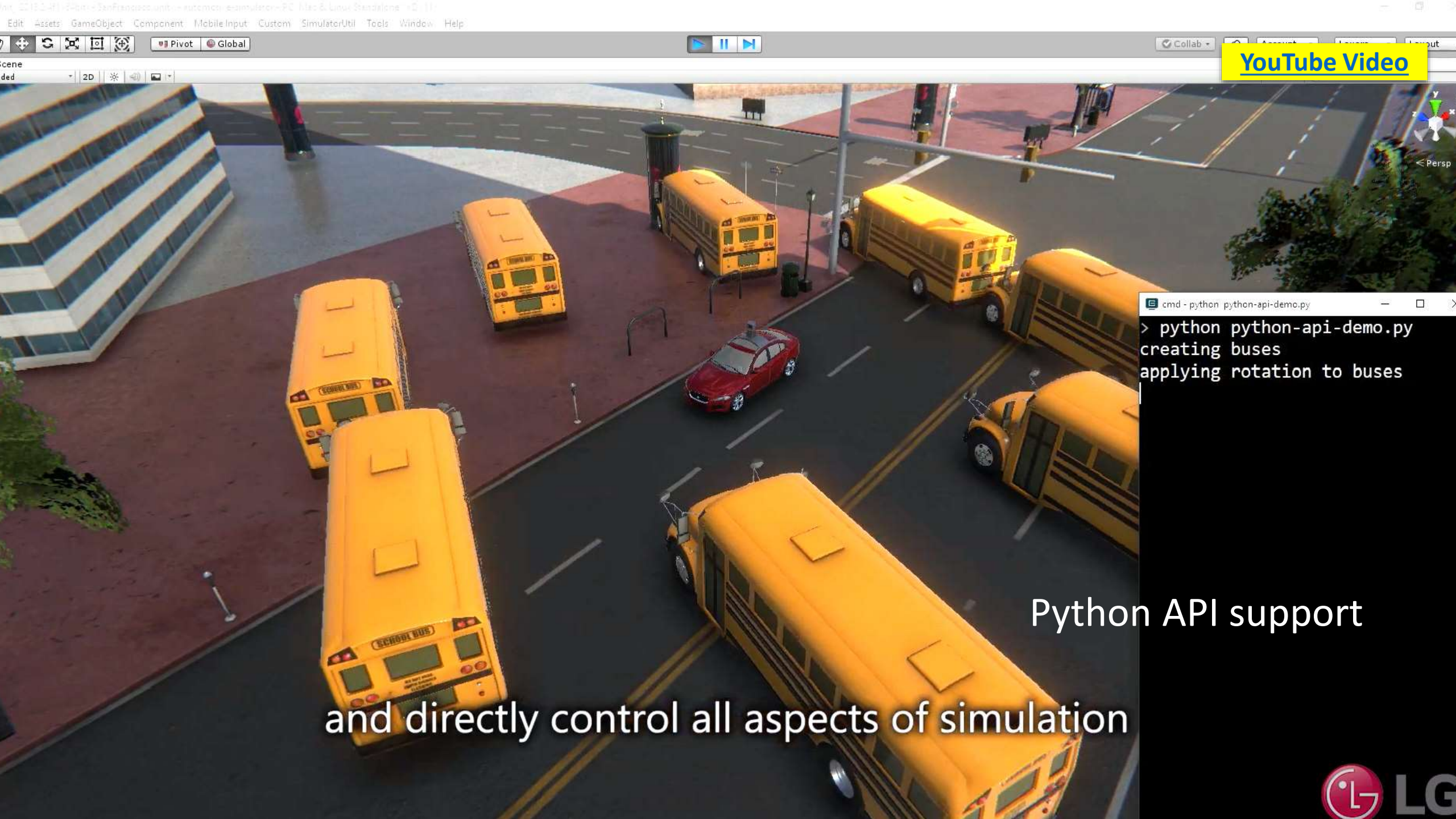


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camera\_id: 1682

Simulator fully supports Apollo 3.5 sensors







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```
cmd - python python-api-demo.py  
> python python-api-demo.py  
creating buses  
applying rotation to buses
```

Python API support  
and directly control all aspects of simulation







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```
cmd - python python-api-demo.py
> python python-api-demo.py
(1) adding Jeep
(2) adding SUV
(3) adding Sedan
(4) adding Sedan
(5) adding Jeep
(6) adding Jeep
(7) adding Jeep
```

Python API support



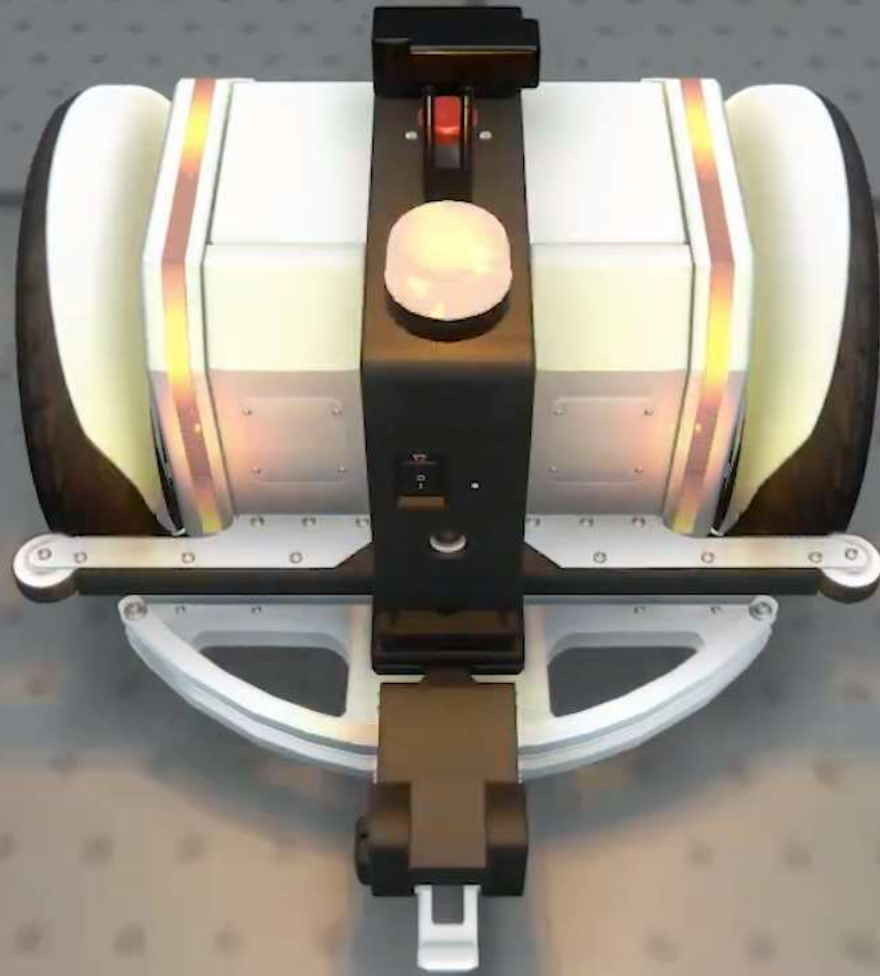


## New Akihabara (Tokyo) Map

Complete integration took less than one day



## Support Tugbot (by Mov.ai)



# Simulator

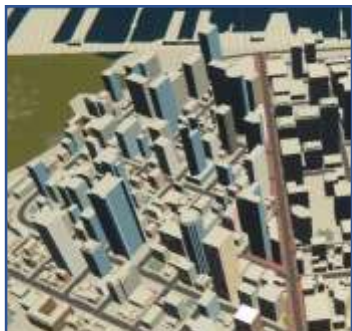


# Real World

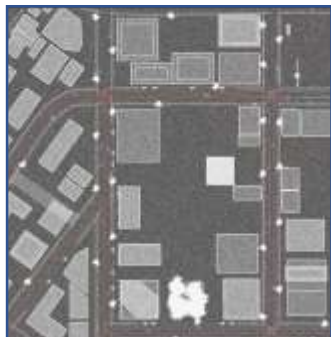




# LGSVL Simulator - Features



Maps



Map Annotation Tool



Vehicle models with  
sensor & vehicle  
physics model



Ground Truth  
Information



ROS/ROS2 Support



Open Source AD Stack support  
(Baidu Apollo & Autoware)

```
1 import os
2 import lgsvl
3
4 sim = lgsvl.SimulatorEnvironment("SIMULATOR_MODEL", "127.0.0.1", 8080)
5 if sim.current_scene == "SanFrancisco":
6     sim.reset()
7 else:
8     sim.load("SanFrancisco")
9
10 spawns = sim.get_spawn()
11
12 state = lgsvl.AgentState()
13 state.transform = spawns[0]
14 state.velocity = lgsvl.Vector(50, 0, 0)
15 a = sim.add_agent("40_Riggen-apollo", lgsvl.AgentType.FSD, state)
16
17 print("Vehicle bounding box =", a.bounding_box)
18
19 print("Current time =", sim.current_time)
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22 input("press enter to start driving")
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24 sim.run(time_limit = 2.0)
```

APIs



Different NPC Models  
& Traffic system  
(Cars, Pedestrians,  
Bikes, etc.)



Sensor Simulations  
(LiDAR, Radar, GPU,  
IMU, etc.)



Weather & Time of  
day



HDRP



Synthetic data  
generation for deep  
learning

# Features - Open Source AD Stack Support

Currently, supports Baidu Apollo 3.0 and 3.5 and Autoware by default.  
Any custom AD stacks can be supported as well.

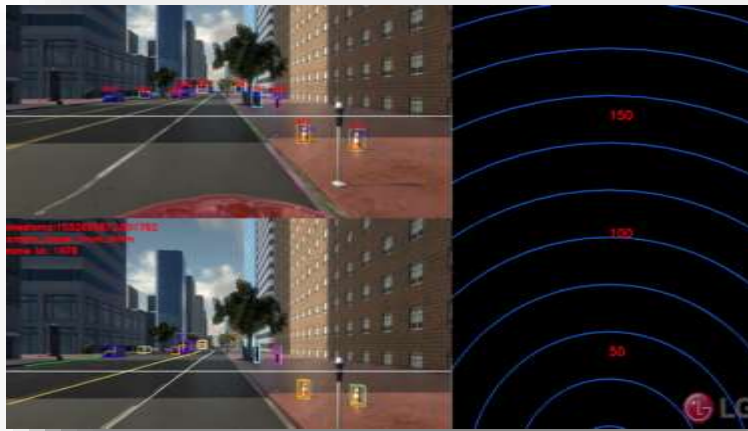
## Baidu Apollo 3.0



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- Customized ROS
- Protobuf based bridge to the Simulator

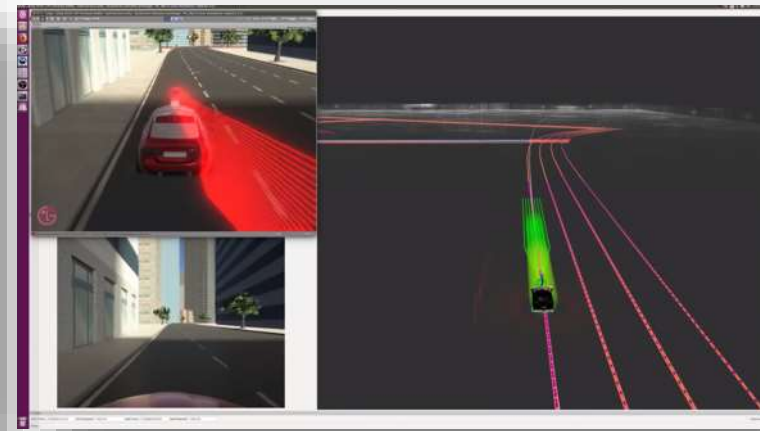
## Baidu Apollo 3.5



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- Cyber RT
- Cyber RT based bridge to the Simulator

## Autoware



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- ROS
- ROS Bridge to the Simulator



# Features - Maps & Environments

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San Francisco Map

[Video](#)



Procedurally Generated Map

[Video](#)



Akihabara (Tokyo) Map

[Video](#)



DuckieTown Map

[Video](#)



Shalun Map (Taiwan Car LAB)

[Video](#)



Sunnyvale (Photogrammetry & HDRP)

# Features - Map Annotation Tools

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Supports creating, editing, and exporting of HD/vector maps of existing 3D environments (Unity scenes). The maps can be saved in the currently supported Apollo or Autoware formats.

<https://www.lgsvlsimulator.com/docs/map-annotation/>





# Features - Vehicle Models

LGSVL Simulator supports the vehicle models below. Each vehicle moves based on its own vehicle dynamics model.

Sensors for a vehicle can be configured (added, moved, etc.) in Unity Editor. ([Video Link](#))



Jaguar XF

[Video](#)



DuckieBot (MIT)

[Video](#)



E-Palette Shuttle

[Video](#)



Tugbot (Mov.ai)

[Video](#)



Lincoln MKZ

[Video](#)

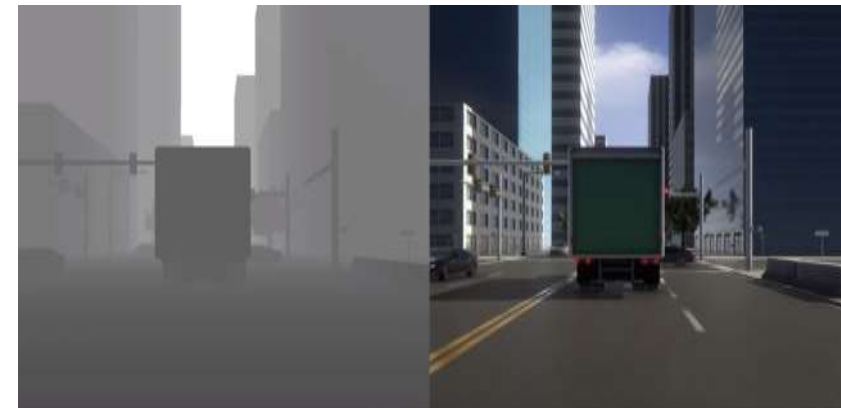
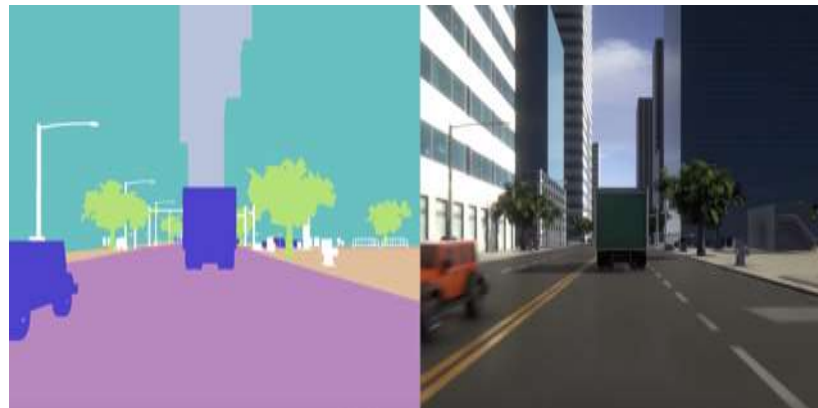
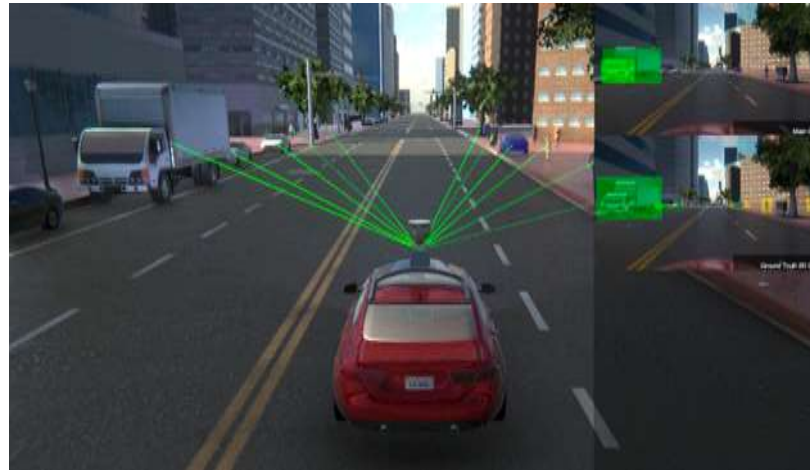


Lexus RX

# Features - Ground Truth Information & Image Segmentation

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View, subscribe to, and compare ground truth obstacle information. The simulator allows visualization of 2D or 3D bounding boxes of vehicles, pedestrians, and unknown objects, and publishes detailed information (currently in a custom ROS message format) about the ground truth obstacles.

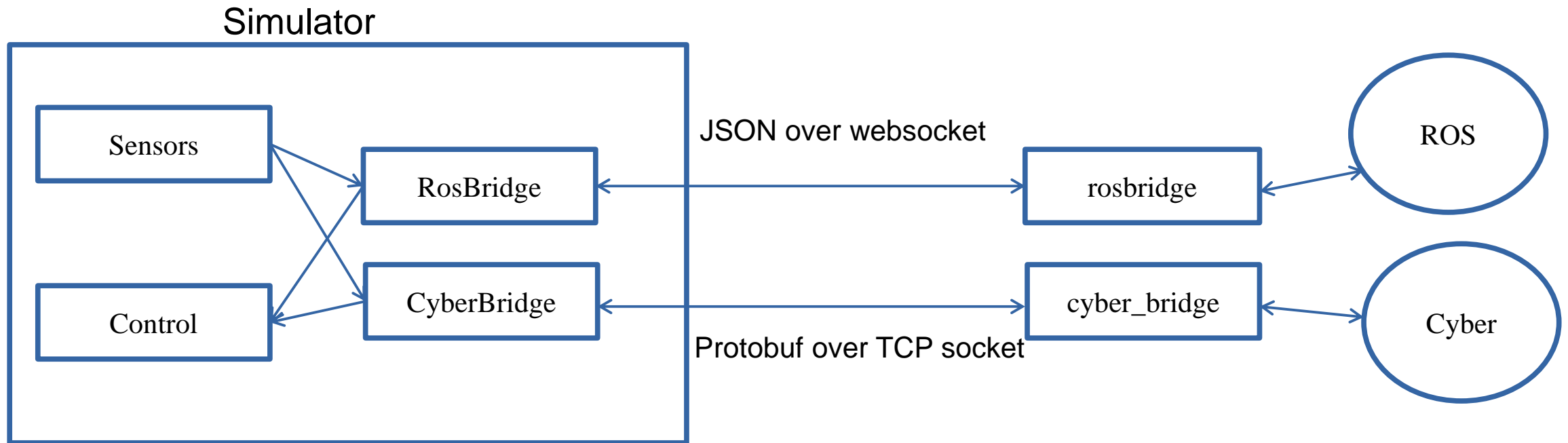




# Features - AD Stack Runtime Bridge

The simulator supports ROS / ROS2, Protobuf (Apollo 3.0) and Cyber RT (Apollo 3.5).

The simulator can also support bridges for any custom runtime framework by customers.



## Python API to configure, run, and automate LGSVL Simulator

- Create and start simulator instance
- Set up starting environment configuration
- Set up all starting agents: one or more Ego vehicles, NPC vehicles, pedestrians
- Control all vehicles (manually, waypoints, and follow HD map)
- Retrieve all sensor information
- Execute test run (duration or by time step)
- Lane change and stop line callbacks for NPCs,
- Map coordinate conversion
- And so on

<https://github.com/lgsvl/simulator/tree/master/Api>

<https://github.com/lgsvl/simulator/tree/master/Api/quickstart>

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# Features - NPCs & Pedestrians

## NPCs

- Each car behaves based on realistic physics PID control.
- NPCs generate a spline based on the waypoints in the HD Map and follow the Spline to smoothly travel through waypoints with little to know deviation from the centerline.



## Pedestrians

- Random pedestrians
- Random movement
- Different appearances
- Obstacle avoidance
- Random spawn locations
- Detected by all sensors: segmentation, lidar, camera



# Features - GPU Accelerated LiDAR

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- Depth image camera: GPU retrieves depth information of all pixels in field of view, rotate field of view to simulate LiDAR
- Supported sensors: up to 128 beams

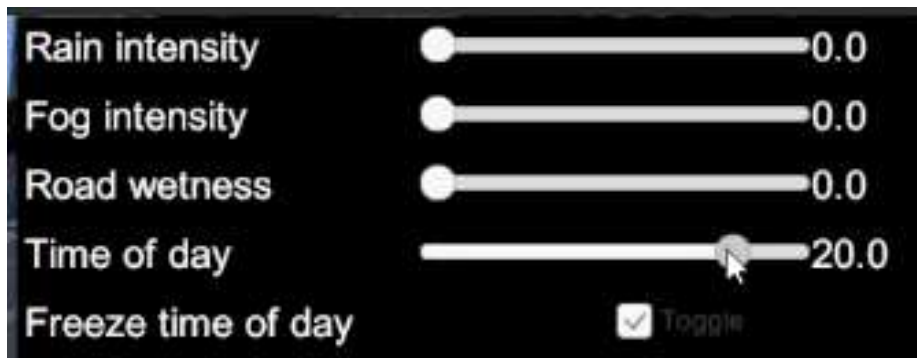




# Features - Dynamic Environment

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- Can be controlled dynamically by Simulator UI or Python APIs
- Weather effects: rain, fog
- Time of day
- Road wetness



# Features - Data Generation for Machine Learning

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## Lane Following Demo based on End-To-End Deep Learning training

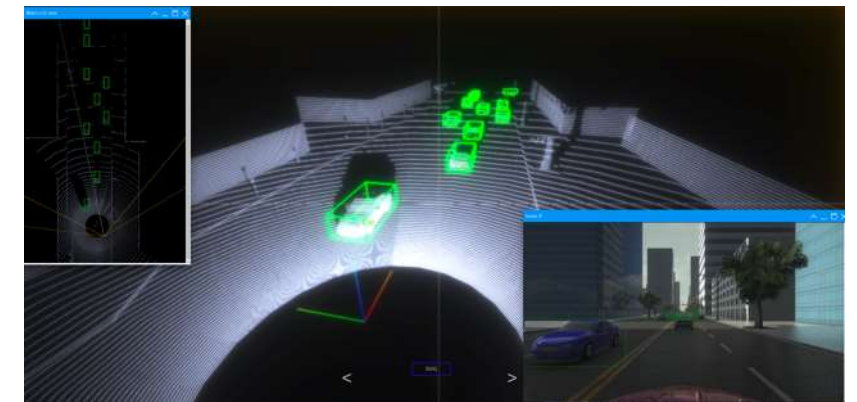
- Use LGSVL Simulator for customizing sensors (one main camera and two side cameras) for a car, collect data for training, and deploying and testing a trained model.



<https://github.com/lgsvl/lanefollowing>

## Automate data collection and data annotation using Python API

- Collect unlimited amount of data points with Lidar point clouds, camera images, sensor calibrations and annotated them with 2D and 3D bounding boxes in KITTI format
- Train 3D object detection model with the collected data



Object Detection using KITTI data

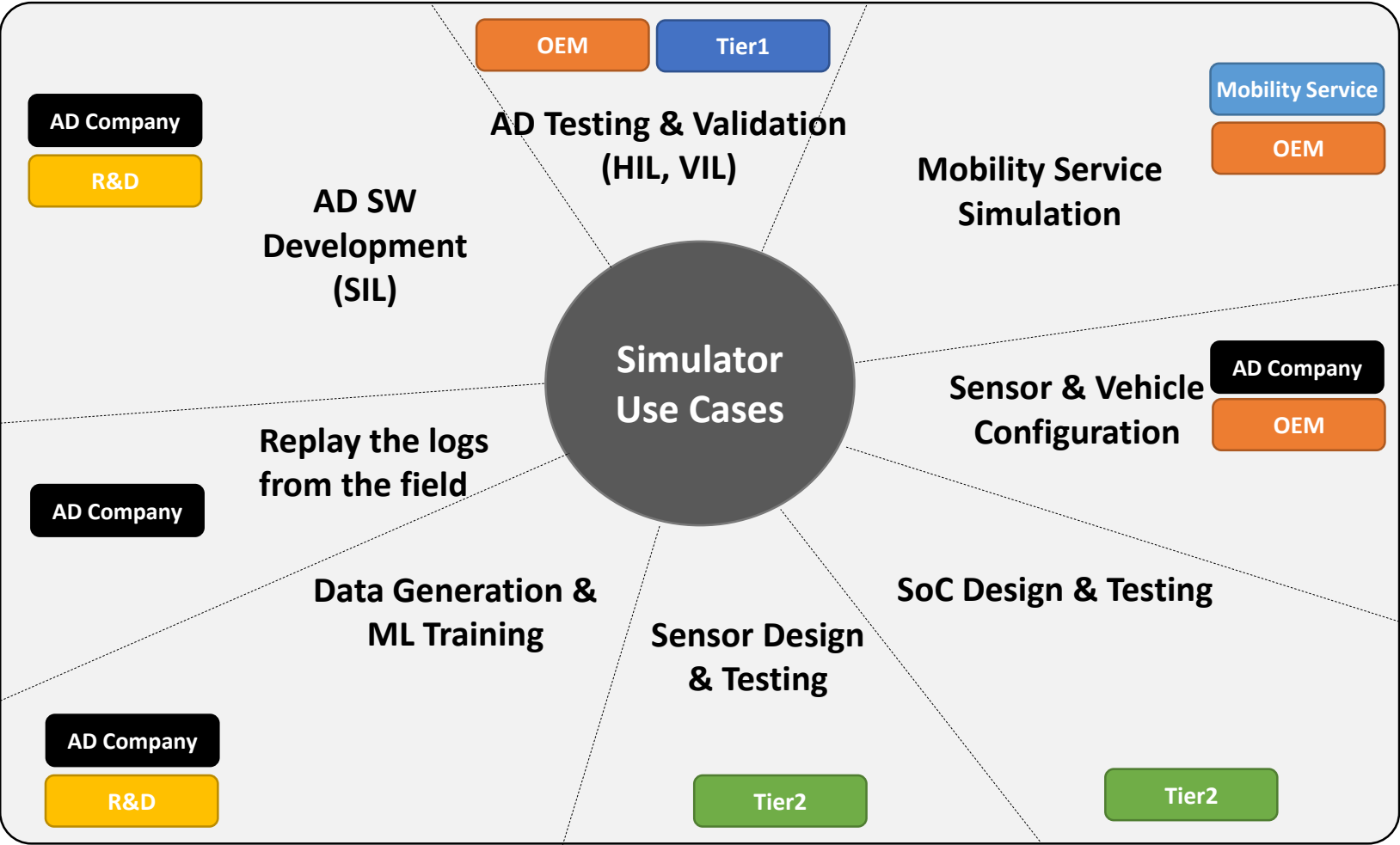
<https://github.com/traveller59/second.pytorch>



# Simulator Use Cases

## Customer Segments

- AD Company**
  - Develop and **provide the entire or parts of AD system**
- OEM**
  - **Validate AD system to meet safety requirements**
- MaaS Company**
  - Mobility as a Service
- Tier1**
  - **Integrate AD stack on HW platforms**
- Tier2**
  - **Sensor or SoC HW Platform**
- R&D**
  - Academia or institute **developing new algorithms or AD technologies** either in SW or HW.



Some AD companies are subsidiary of OEMs, Tier1s and MaaS companies.

# Thank You!



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