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Intelligent Autonomous Cooperative Systems

Week 3 – Autoware

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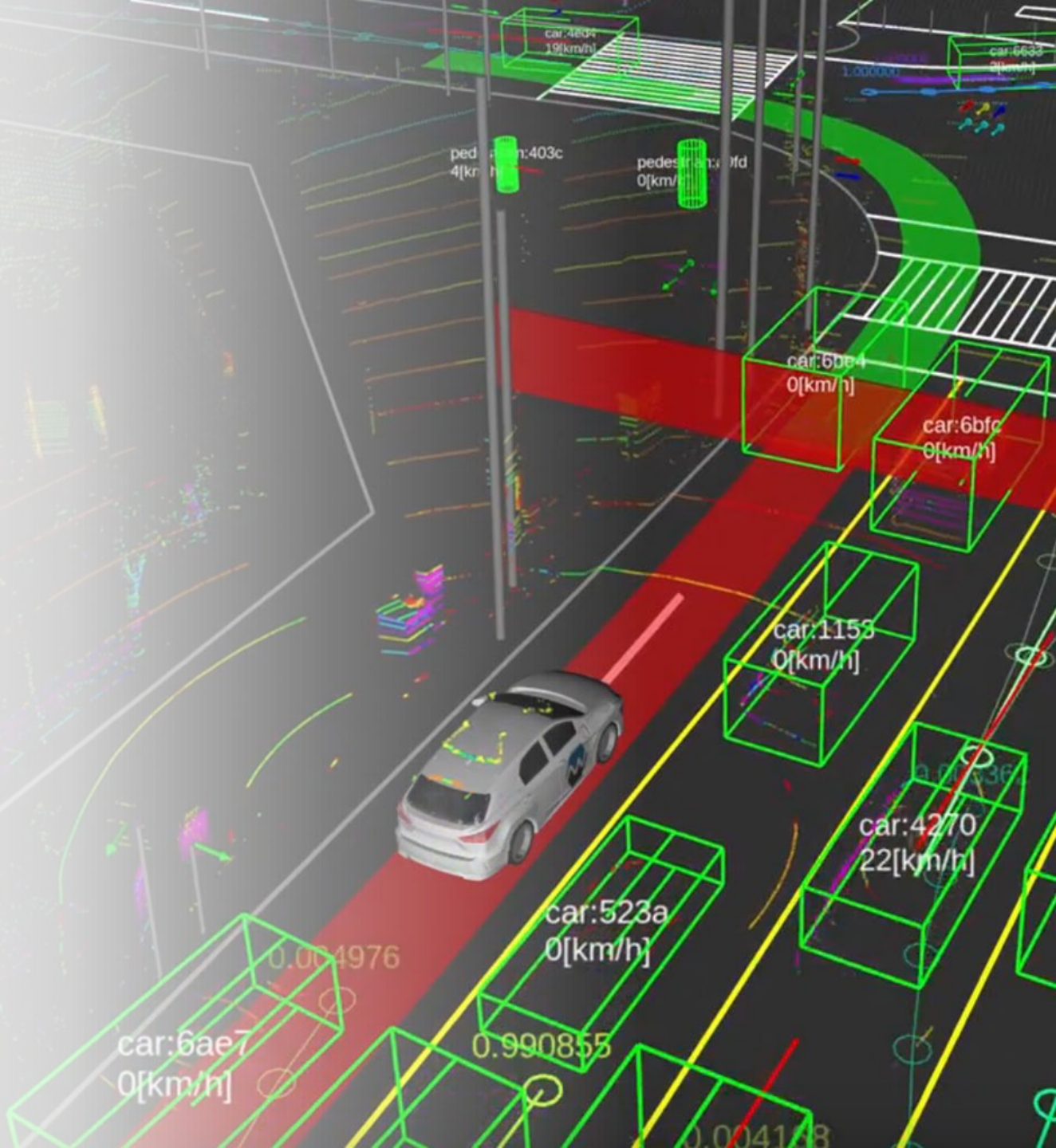
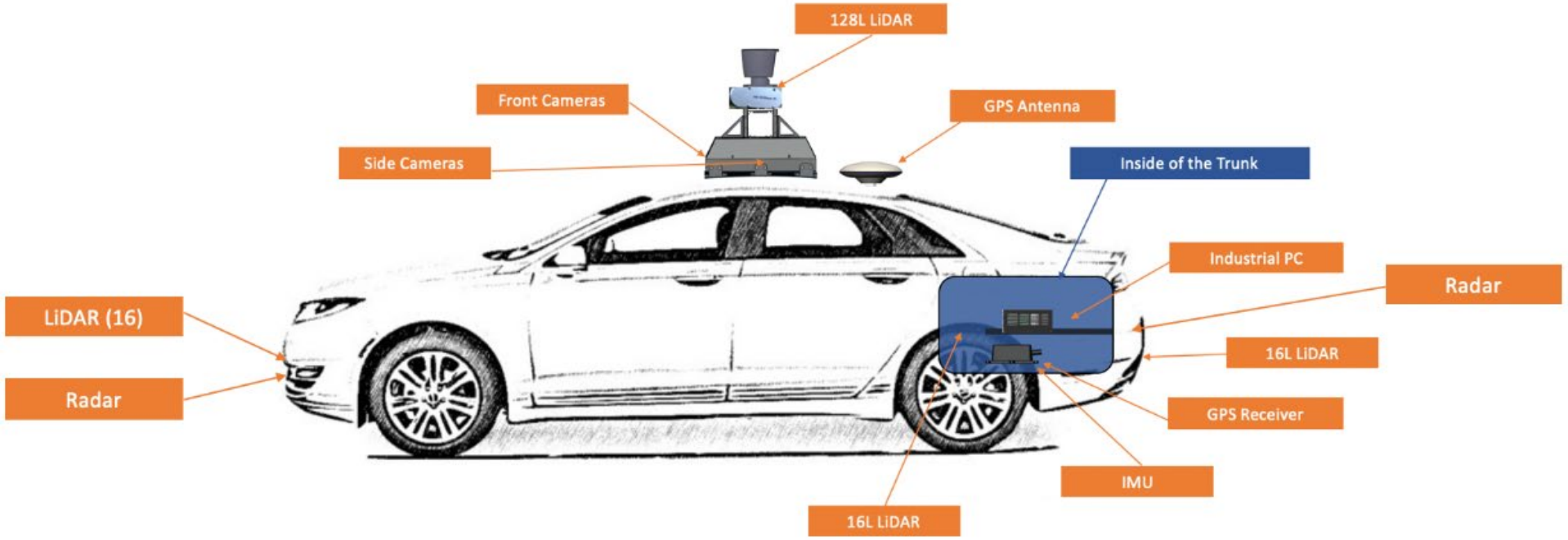
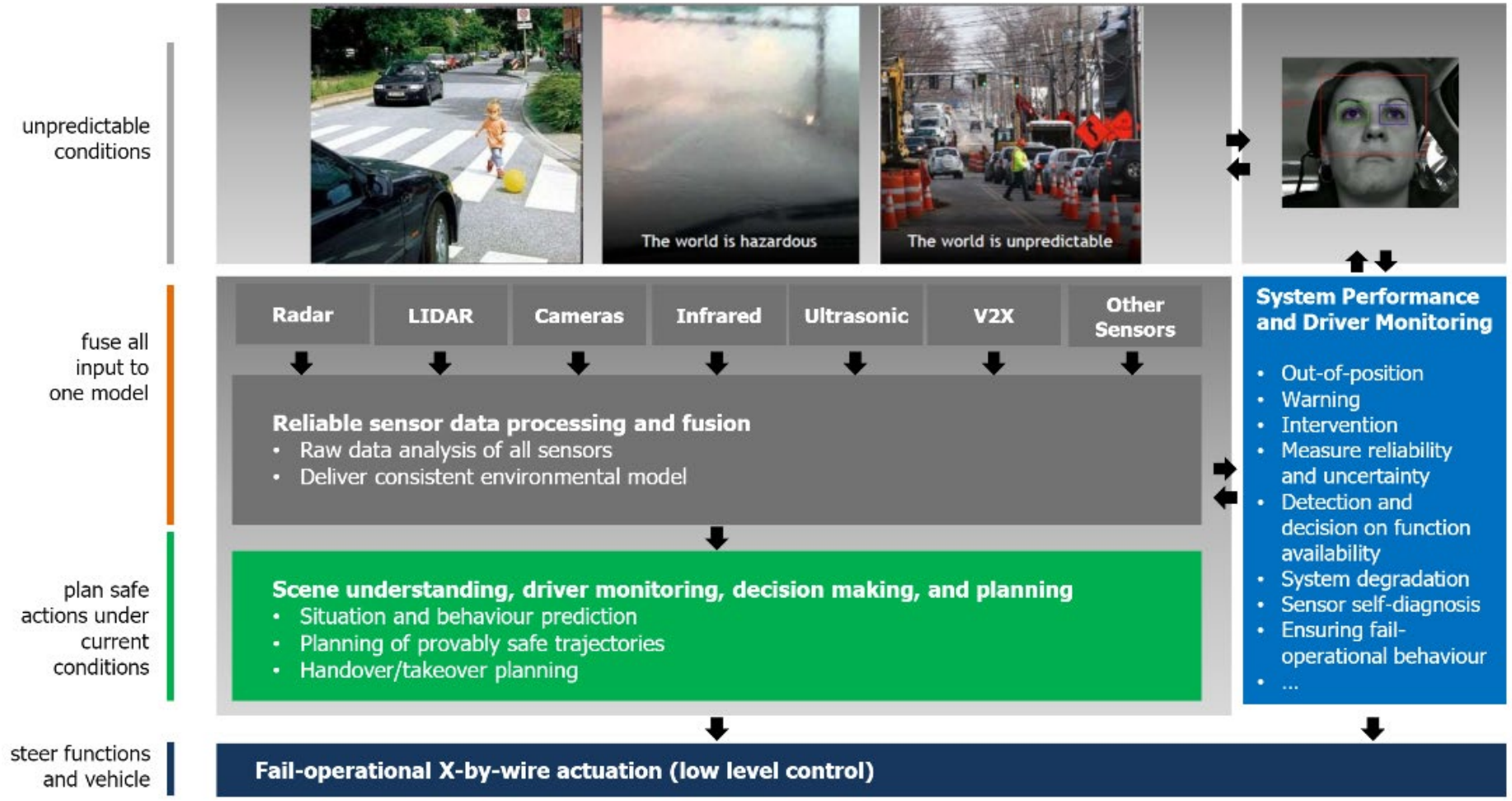


Autonomous Driving

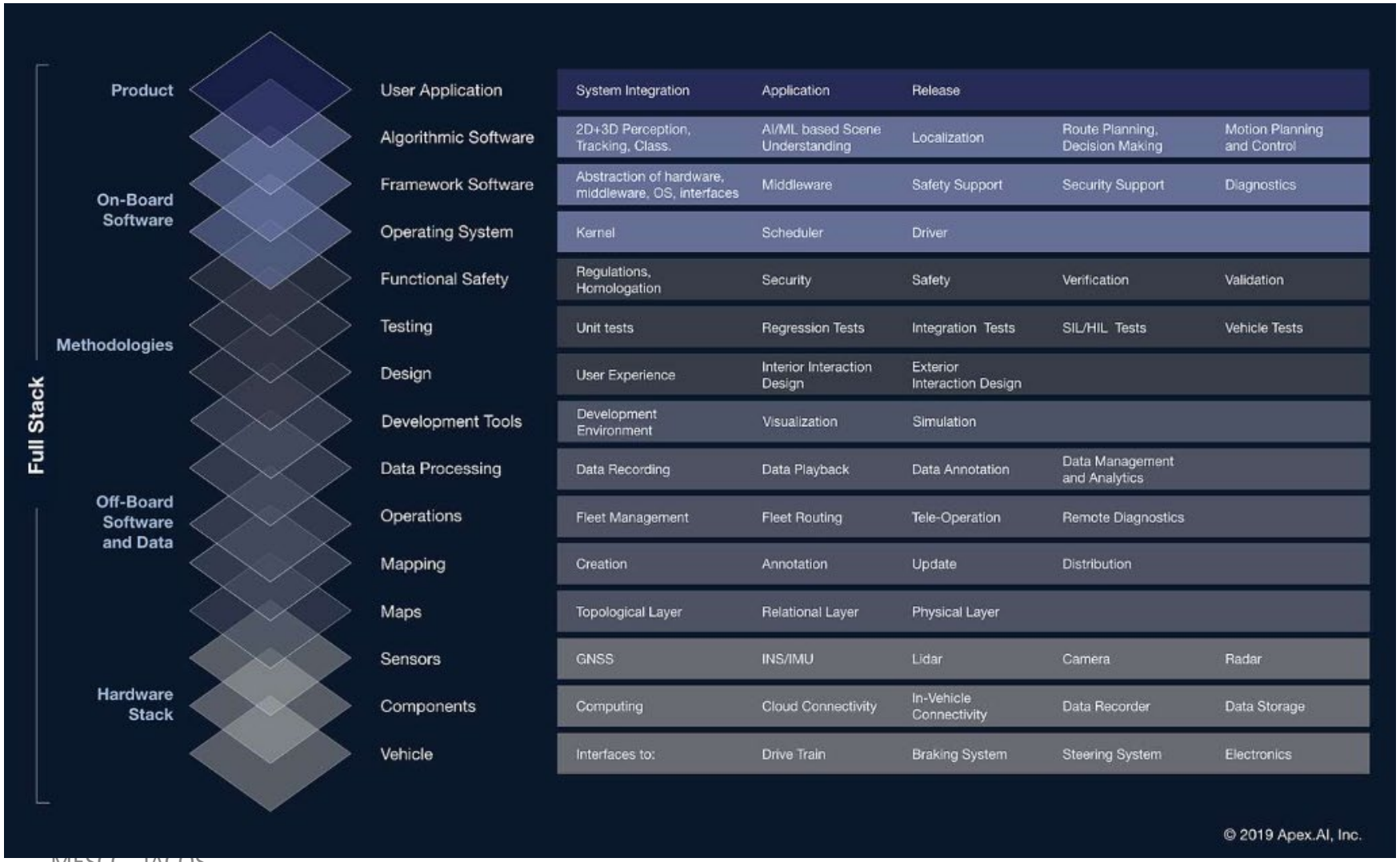


Autonomous Driving Architecture



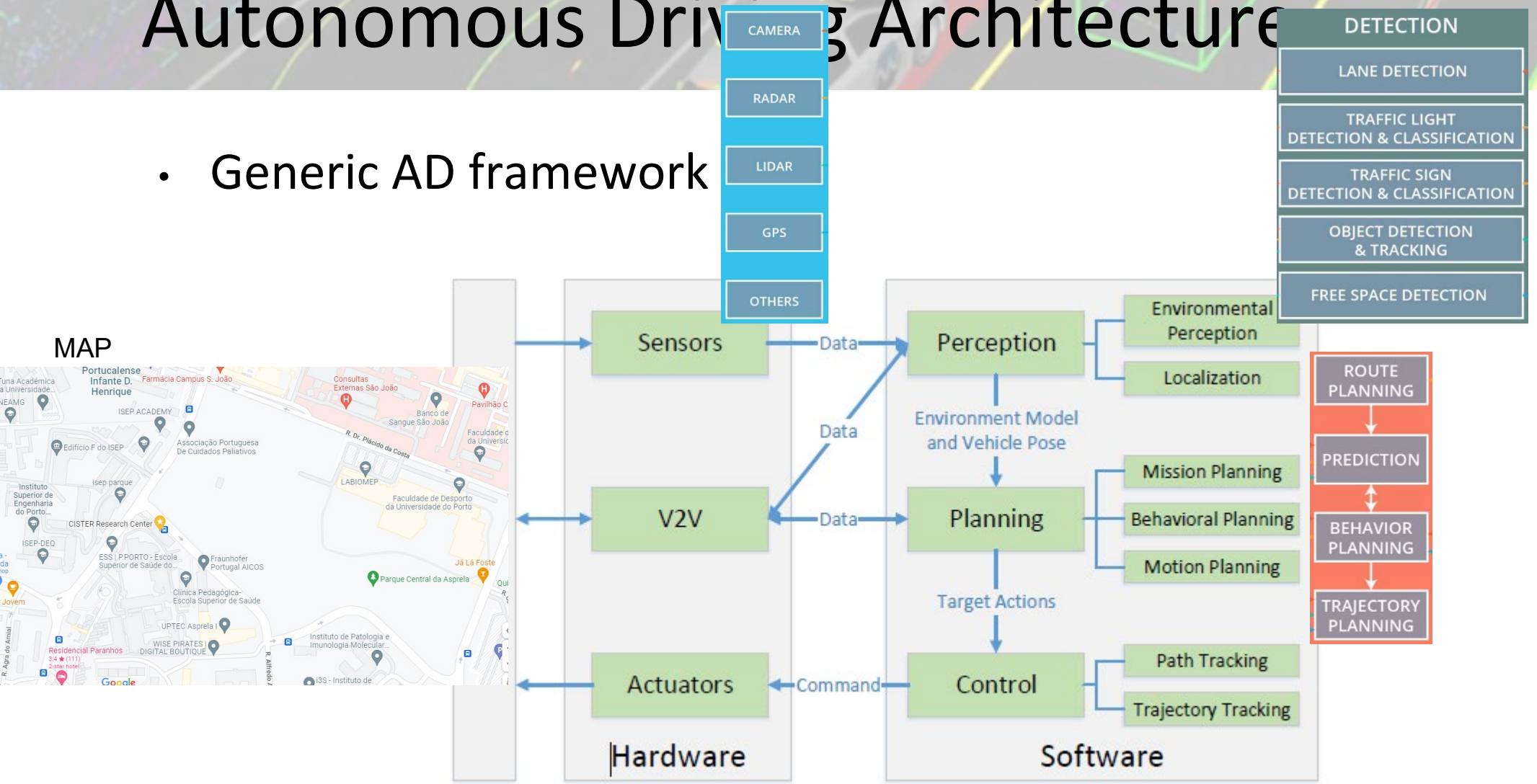
[Source: based on ECSEL Project RobustSense, 2016]

Autonomous Driving Stack



Autonomous Driving Architecture

- Generic AD framework



Autoware

- Autoware is an open-source software project for autonomous driving
  - Built on Robot Operating System (ROS)
  - Enables both research and commercial deployment of autonomous driving
- Autoware was started in 2015 by Professor Shinpei Kato at Nagoya University and Carnegie Mellon University
  - Today, it is supported by a Foundation
  - And a large autonomous driving open-source community
- Used by more than 100 companies and runs on more than 30 vehicles in more than 20 different countries
- Automotive OEMs are using Autoware for Mobility as a Service (MaaS) development
- Autoware has been qualified to run on driverless vehicles on public roads in Japan since 2017

Autoware Projects

- First project was Autoware.AI
  - Officially released in August 2015
  - Development in Github
    - Mainly developed by students/researchers
  - Based on ROS 1
  - Intended to be full self-driving stack (SAE Level 3/4)
  - Supporting many vehicle platforms
  - Contains over 209,000 lines of code
  - Multiple implementations of algorithms in:
    - Control, Localization, Perception, Planning, Simulation
  - Supports multiple simulators (LGSVL, CARLA)

Autoware Projects

- First project was Autoware.AI
  - Not designed for functional safety
  - Grew organically - code quality and development best-practices not priorities
  - Development started early in Autonomous Vehicle revolution
  - R&D and testing
  - Since January 2021 on maintenance mode
    - End of Life December 2022

Autoware Projects

- Autoware.IO
  - Extensions to Autoware - members' solutions in platforms which support Autoware.Auto and Autoware.AI software
  - Device drivers for sensors
  - By-wire controllers for vehicles
  - Heterogeneous hardware reference platforms

Autoware Projects

- Autoware.Auto
  - Autoware.Auto was introduced as Autoware reimagined
  - Based on ROS 2 and DDS
  - Open-Source Autonomous Vehicle Software Stack
  - Supported by software engineering practices
    - Intended to support specific Operational Design Domains (ODDs)
    - Provides a modular reference design with clearly-defined APIs
    - Importance given to documentation
  - Redesigned architecture
    - Allows extension with other (potentially proprietary) vendor-developed modules
  - Development in Gitlab

Autoware Projects

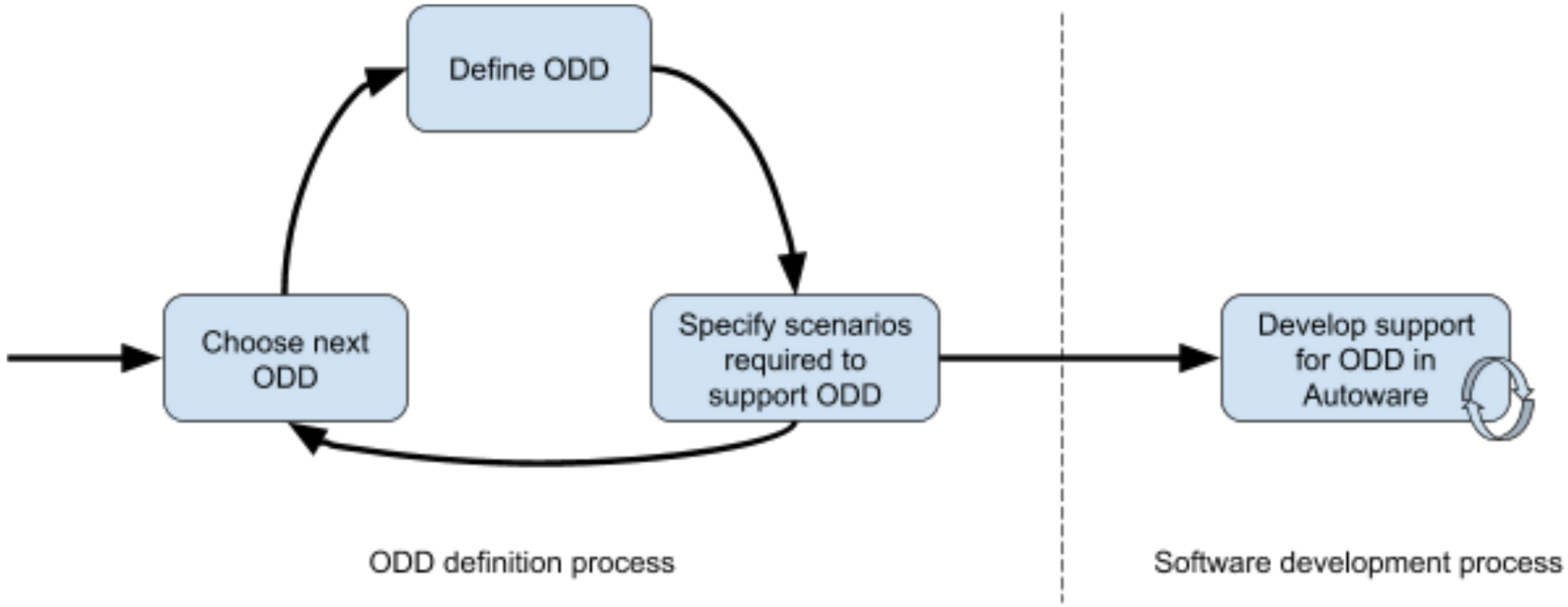
- Autoware.Auto
  - Importance given to autonomous driving important aspects
    - Safety
    - Code quality (multiple linters/static analyzers enforced)
    - Static memory allocation
    - Documentation
- Development began in August 2018
  - Initial framework and development by Apex.AI (in partnership with Tier IV)
- First release in August 2019
- Ongoing, active development by most AWF member organizations
  - Development managed by the Autoware Software Working Group (ASWG)

Autoware Projects

- Autoware.Auto
  - Currently targets Foxy ROS 2 release
  - Docker-based development/runtime environment, ADE
    - Used in IACOS laboratories
    - Supports the addition of simulation environments as Docker volumes in ADE
  - Supports the following functions
    - Sensing
      - E.g. Cameras, GPS, sensors, …
      - Additional drivers from ROS2
    - Localization
    - Ground Filtering (Ray Classifier)
    - Object Detection (Voxel Grid / Euclidean Clustering)
    - Vehicle Interface (currently through Linux SocketCAN or simulation-specific interfaces)
    - Motion Control (Pure Pursuit / MPC)

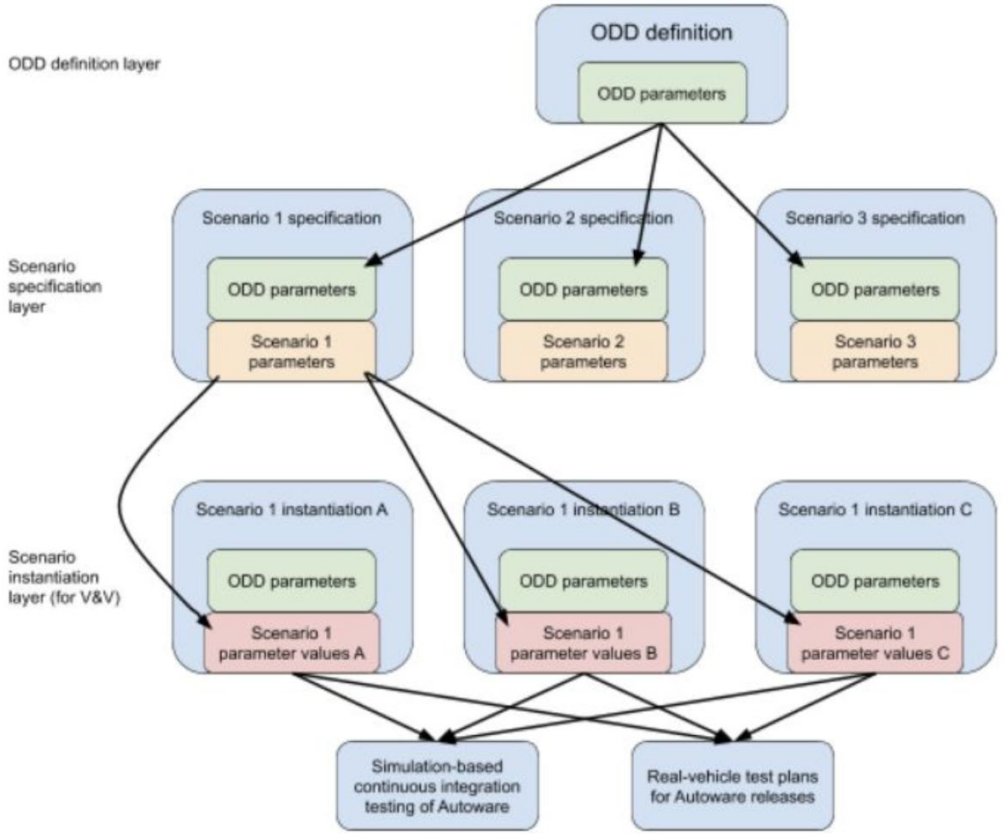
Autoware Projects

- Autoware.Auto shifted towards a use-case-based development approach
  - Use-cases: Operational Design Domain (ODD)
  - Determined by Autoware foundation leadership, approved by members



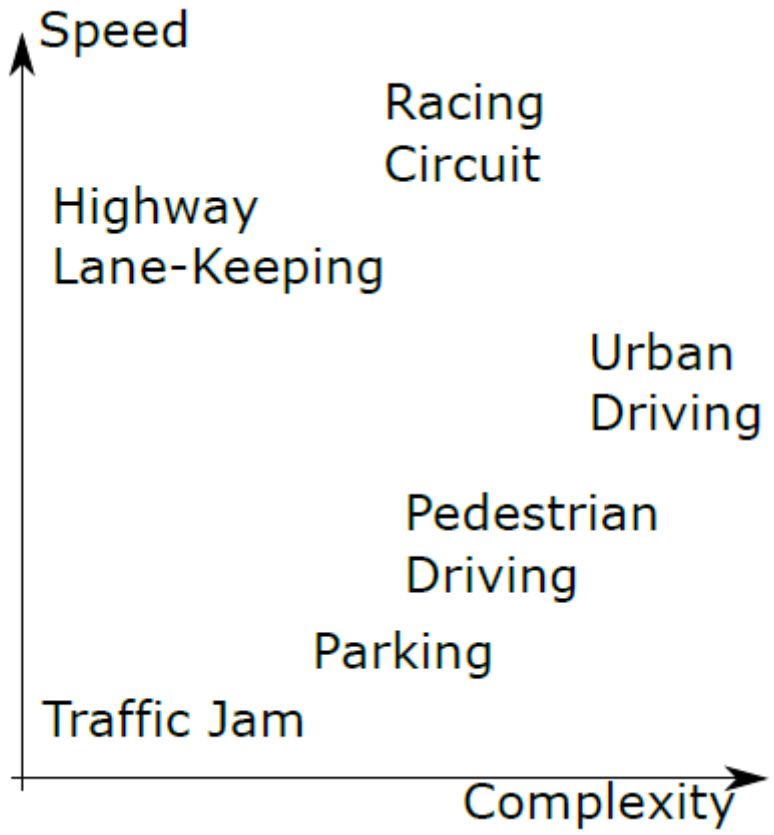
Autoware Projects

- Operational Design Domain (ODD)
  - Technical Steering Committee determines next ODD
  - ODD Workgroup scopes and refines ODD
    - Creates tests scenarios
  - Autonomy Software WG implements requirements in Autoware.Auto
  - Autonomy Hardware WG creates HW reference configuration and verifies HW compatibility
  - V&V Task force uses scenarios to validate implementation



Autoware Projects

- Operational Design Domain (ODD)
  - Autonomous Valet Parking
  - Cargo Delivery
  - Autonomous Racing
  - Robo-Bus/Shuttle
  - Robo-taxi



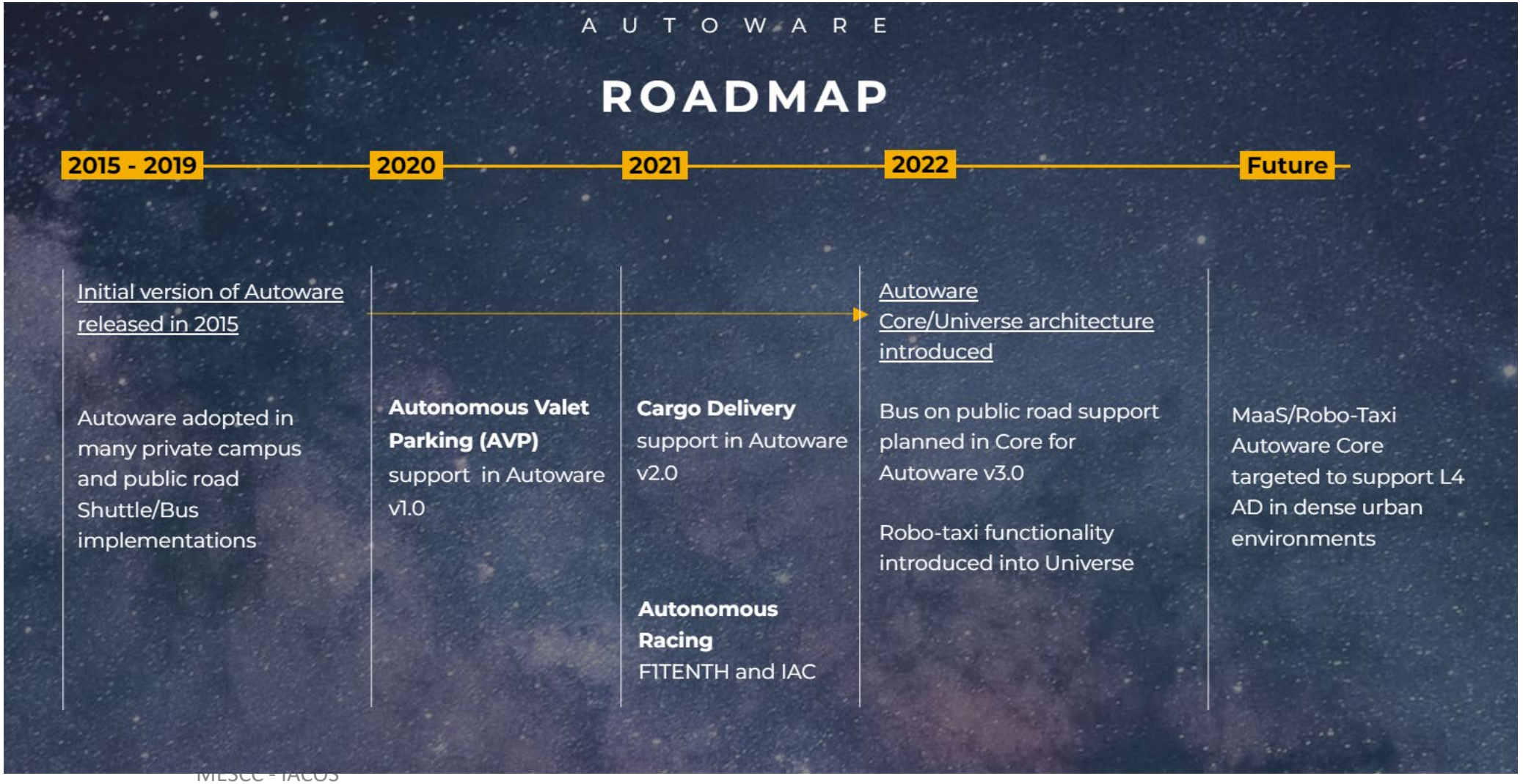
Autoware Projects

- Autoware Core/Universe
  - Autoware.Auto approach allowed stringent requirements such as
    - best-in-class software engineering practices
    - 100% code coverage
    - coding style guidance
    - exhaustive testing
  - However, it restricted evolutions and scaling
    - And commercialization

Autoware Projects

- Autoware Core/Universe
  - The new Core/Universe paradigm addresses this concern
  - Autoware Core will be an enhancement on Autoware.Auto project
    - Fundamental core following the same process as Autoware.Auto
  - Autoware Universe extends Autoware's scope broader
    - Enabling contributors to develop additional components on top of Autoware Core
    - Without being bound by stringent development requirements
    - Relaxed development, easy prototype
    - Lower the barriers for autonomous vehicle development and facilitates commercial solutions
  - Complemented by the OpenAD Kit initiative
    - Reference Platform for development of Software Defined Vehicle (SDV)

Autoware Projects



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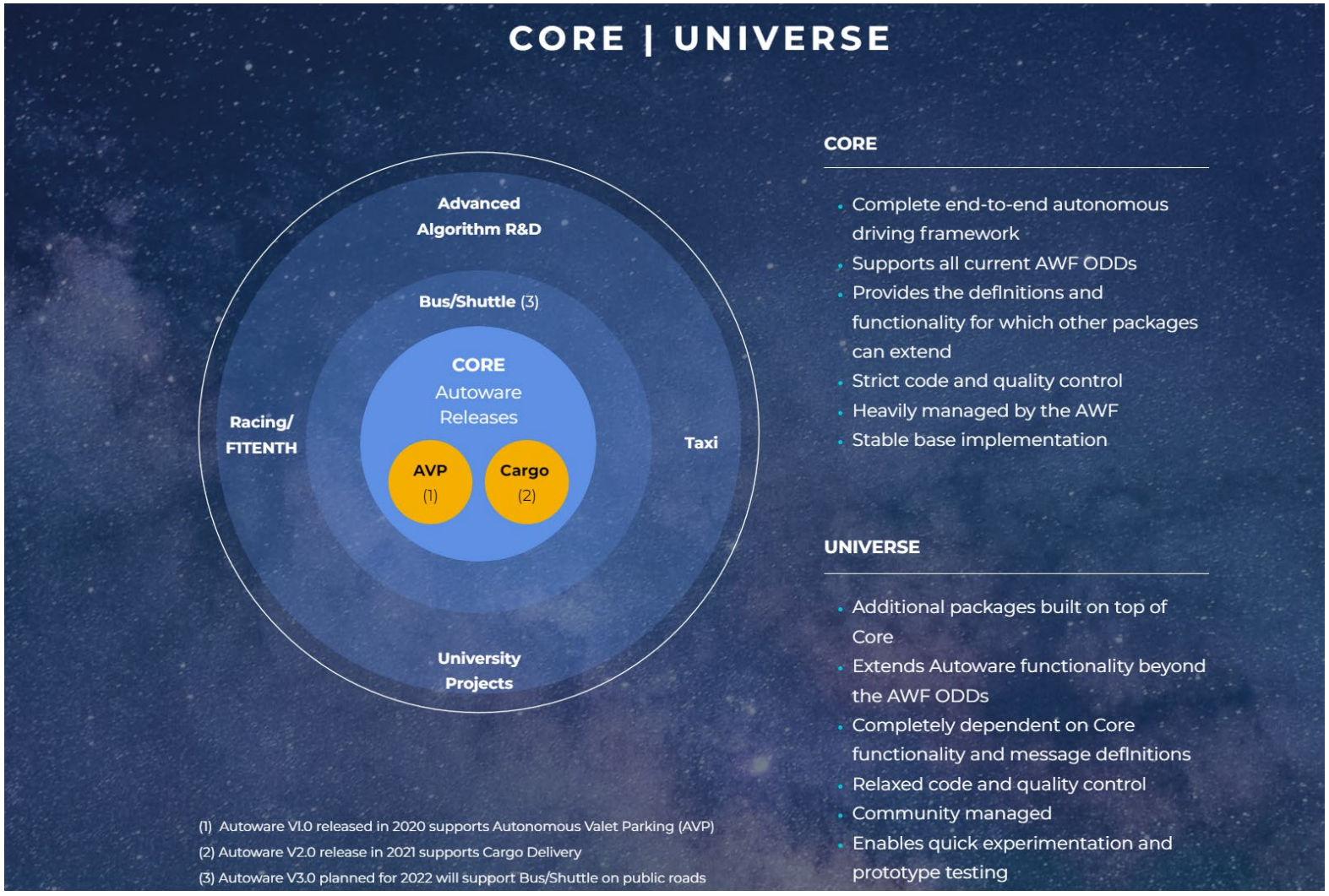
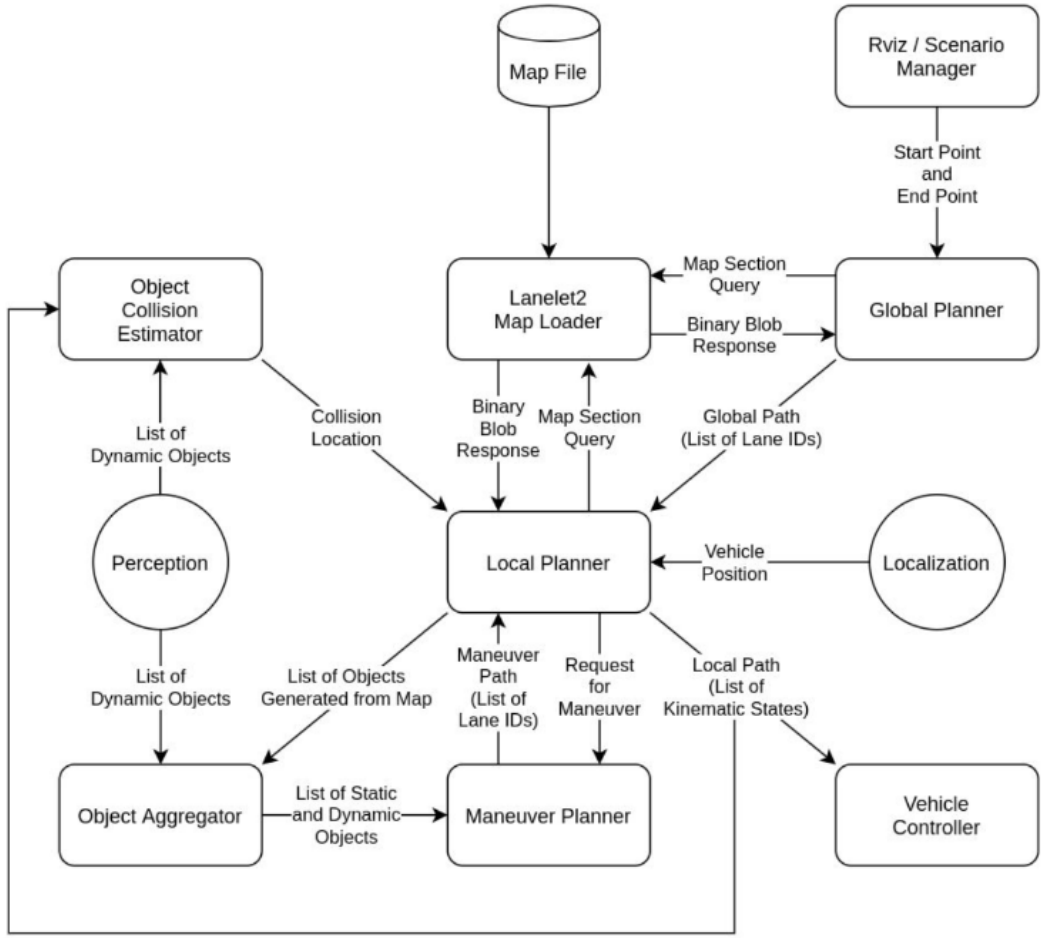


Autoware.Auto

- IACOS will address Autoware.Auto
  - Stable version 1.0.0
    - Gitlab
    - Autonomous Valet Parking ODD
    - https://gitlab.com/autowarefoundation/autoware.auto/AutowareAuto
  - Version 2 moved back to github
    - Basis of Autoware Core
    - Autoware.AI is also in github (stalled branch of Autoware core)

Autoware.Auto

- AVP



Other AD Frameworks

DRIVE AV

The DRIVE AV software stack contains the perception, mapping, and planning layers, as well as diverse DNNs trained on high-quality real-world driving data. These rich perception outputs can be used for both autonomous driving and mapping, so it can act as your chauffeur. In the planning and control layer, the NVIDIA Safety Force Field™ computational module keeps a vehicle out of harm's way and ensures that it won't contribute to or cause an unsafe situation.

DriveWorks

NVIDIA DriveWorks provides middleware functions on top of DRIVE OS that are fundamental to autonomous vehicle development. These consist of the sensor abstraction layer (SAL) and sensor plug-ins, data recorder, vehicle I/O support, and a deep neural network (DNN) framework. It's modular, open, and designed to be compliant with automotive industry software standards.

DRIVE OS

The foundation of the DRIVE Software stack, DRIVE OS is the first safe operating system for in-vehicle accelerated computing. It includes NvMedia for sensor input processing, NVIDIA CUDA® libraries for efficient parallel computing implementations, NVIDIA TensorRT™ for real-time AI inference, and other developer tools and modules to access hardware engines.

DRIVE Chauffeur

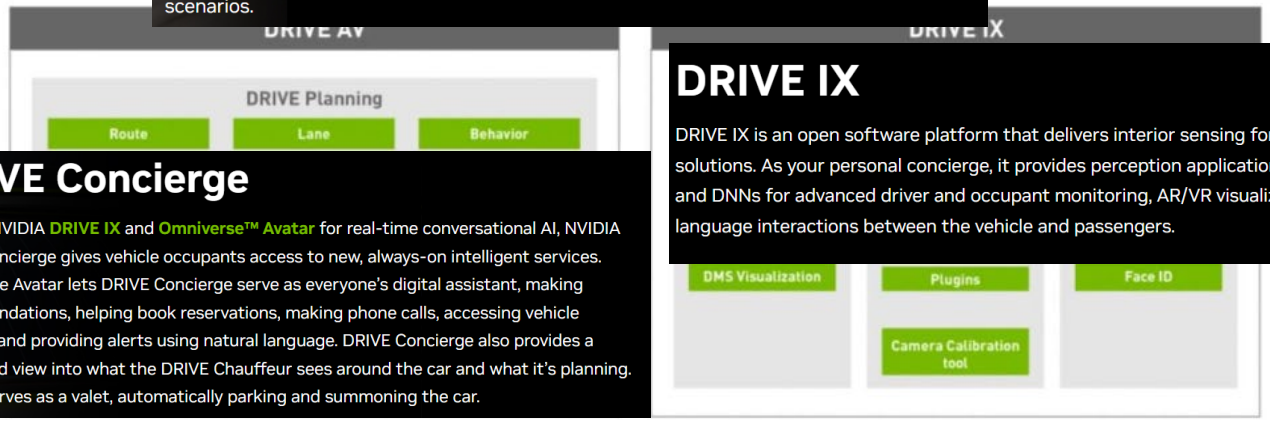
NVIDIA DRIVE Chauffeur is an AI-assisted driving platform based on the NVIDIA DRIVE AV SDK that can handle both highway and urban traffic with the utmost safety. It can use the high-performance compute reference architecture and sensor set of NVIDIA DRIVE Hyperion 8 to drive from address to address. For those who want to drive, the system also provides active safety features and the ability to intervene in dangerous scenarios.

DRIVE Concierge

Built on NVIDIA DRIVE IX and Omniverse™ Avatar for real-time conversational AI, NVIDIA DRIVE Concierge gives vehicle occupants access to new, always-on intelligent services. Omniverse Avatar lets DRIVE Concierge serve as everyone's digital assistant, making recommendations, helping book reservations, making phone calls, accessing vehicle controls, and providing alerts using natural language. DRIVE Concierge also provides a dashboard view into what the DRIVE Chauffeur sees around the car and what it's planning. Plus, it serves as a valet, automatically parking and summoning the car.

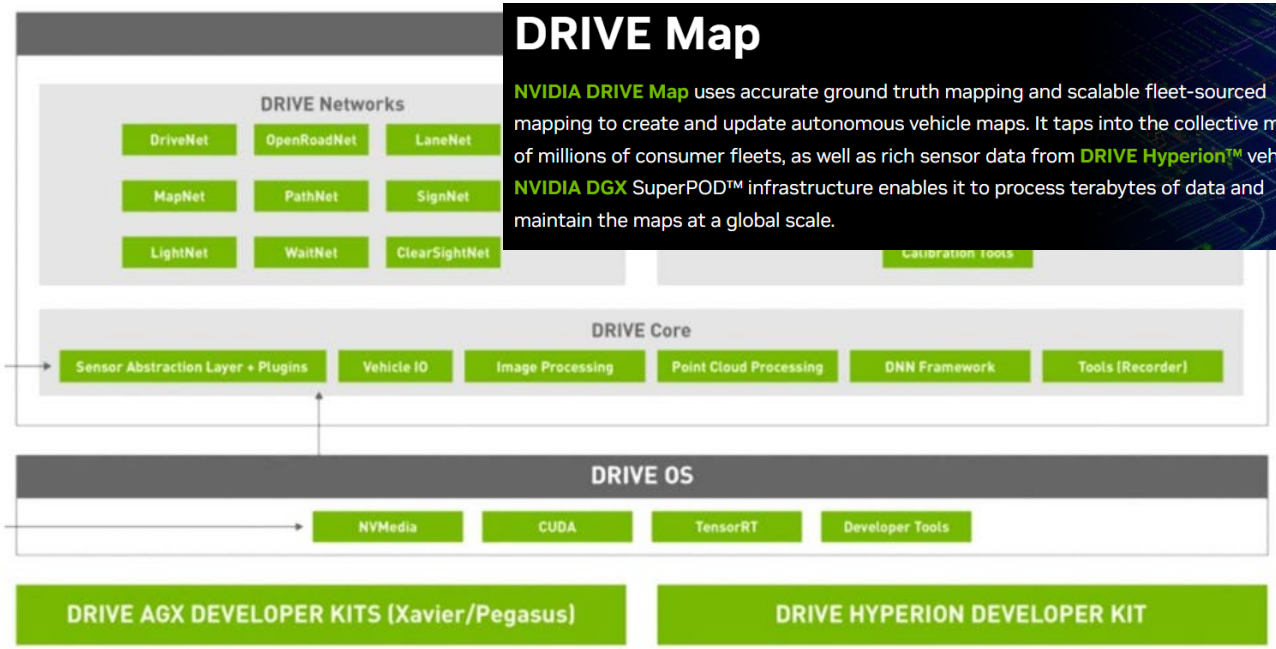
DRIVE IX

DRIVE IX is an open software platform that delivers interior sensing for innovative AI coc solutions. As your personal concierge, it provides perception applications to access featu and DNNs for advanced driver and occupant monitoring, AR/VR visualization, and natura language interactions between the vehicle and passengers.



DRIVE Map

NVIDIA DRIVE Map uses accurate ground truth mapping and scalable fleet-sourced mapping to create and update autonomous vehicle maps. It taps into the collective memory of millions of consumer fleets, as well as rich sensor data from DRIVE Hyperion™ vehicles. NVIDIA DGX SuperPOD™ infrastructure enables it to process terabytes of data and maintain the maps at a global scale.



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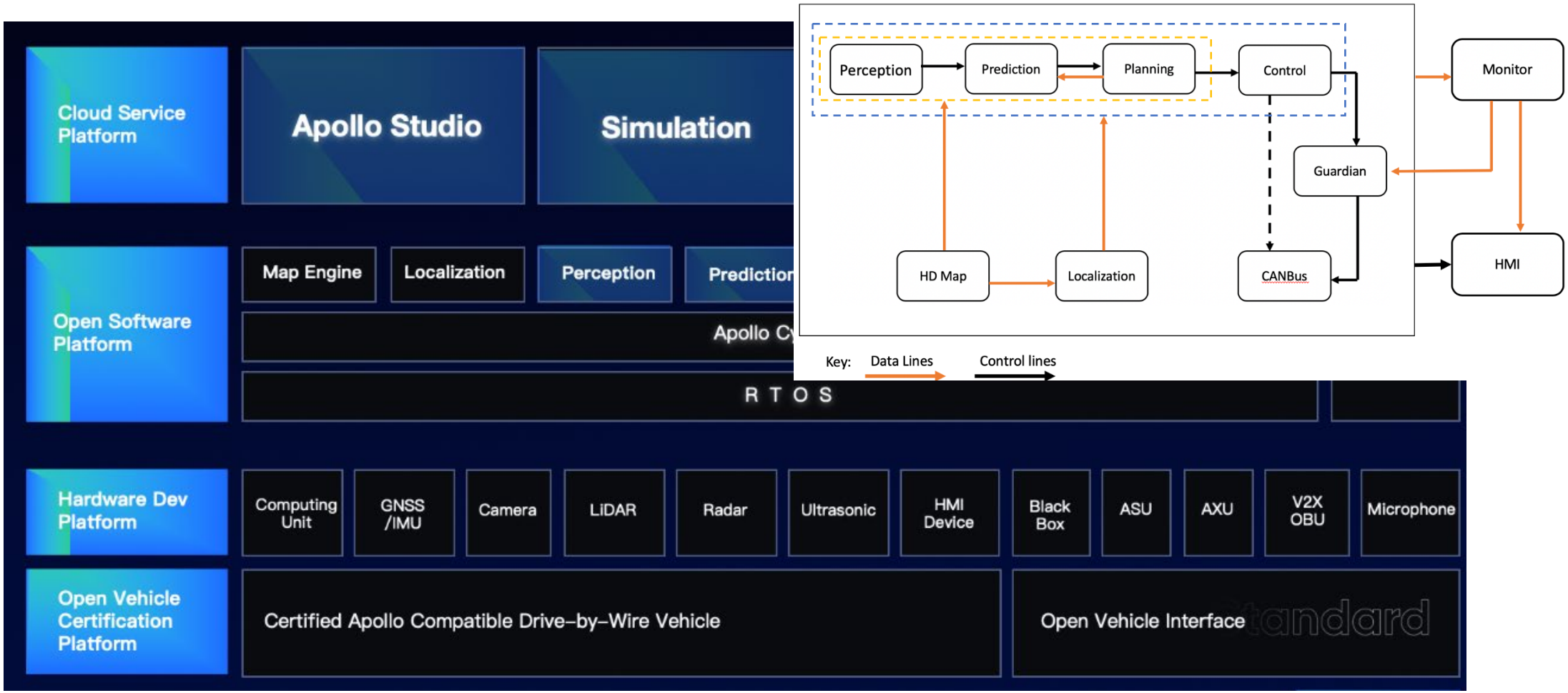

Autonomoums Driving

- Not everything is perfect
  - https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x154tbt

Credits

- Version 1.0, Ricardo Severino, Luis Miguel Pinho, based on
  - Autoware courseware https://www.autoware.org/training
  - NVIDIA Drive SKD, https://www.nvidia.com/en-us/self-driving-cars/drive-platform/software/
  - Apollo Autonomous Driving Solution, https://github.com/ApolloAuto/apollo
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