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# Autoware in depth

Day 3

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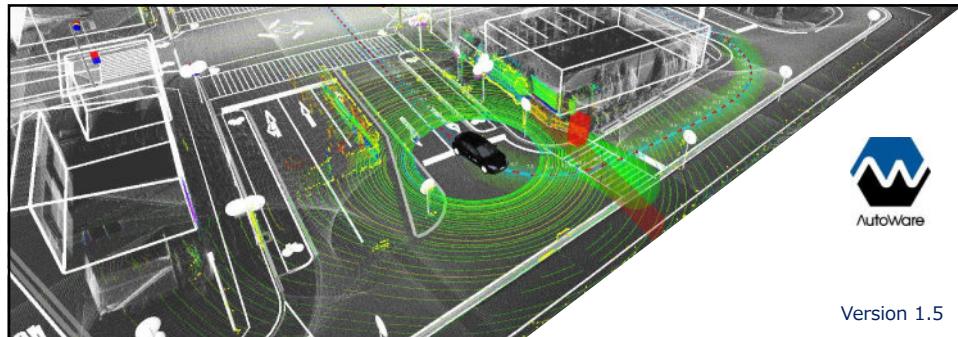
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## Chapter 4: Object Detection and Tracking

1. Image based detection

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### Object Detection

We need to detect all object not included in our map:

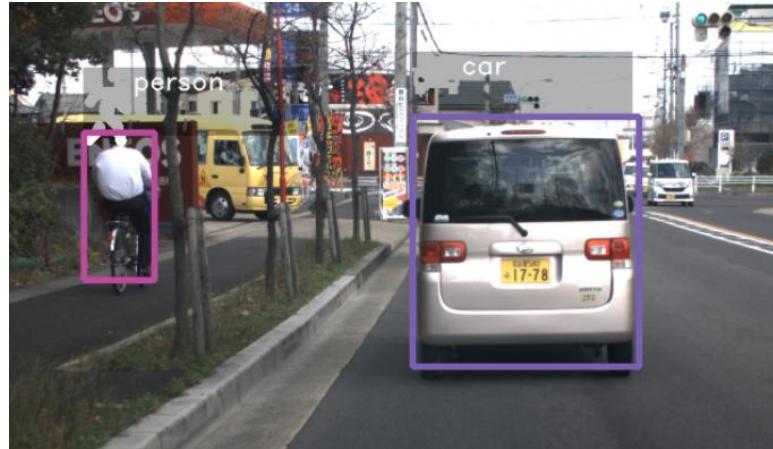
- Any static objects
- Dynamic objects (cars, pedestrians, cyclists)



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## Image Based Object and Traffic Light Detection

- Need to detect dynamic object in the scene, **cars**, **pedestrians**, **cyclists**...



## Image Based Object and Traffic Light Detection

- Need to be able to locate information relevant to planning like **traffic lights**, or unanticipated road conditions.



## Object Detection using Machine Learning

Supervised machine learning really shines for object detection



## Object Detection with YOLOv3

### YOLO – You Only Look Once

- A **real-time** object detection framework, **not only for driving**
- Performs a single neural network evaluation per image frame
  - Much faster than recurrent methods like R-CNN
- Different models (ex. YOLOv3 and YOLOv3-tiny) for different hardware.



## YOLOv3 in Autoware



### Before starting

- Model weights **are not** included in Autoware Github
- Download/copy the following files:

yolov3.weights  
yolov3-tiny.weights

and copy to the following location (create if necessary):

ros/src/computing/perception/detection/vision\_detector/packages/vision\_darknet\_detect/darknet/data/



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## YOLOv3 Object Detection – Messages

Autoware uses one msg type at all steps of perception pipeline,  
Vision Darknet Detect publishes: **/detection/vision\_objects**

```

DetectedObjectsArray.msg
std_msgs/Header header
DetectedObjects[] objects

DetectedObjects.msg
std_msgs/Header header
uint32 id
string label
float32 score // Score as defined by the detection. Optional
std_msgs/ColorRGBA color // Define this object specific color

# 3D information
string space_frame // 3D coordinate frame of the object, required if pose and dimensions are defined
geometry_msgs/Pose pose
geometry_msgs/Vector3 dimensions
geometry_msgs/Vector3 variance
geometry_msgs/Twist velocity
geometry_msgs/Twist acceleration
sensor_msgs/PointCloud2 pointcloud
geometry_msgs/PolygonStamped convex_hull
geometry_msgs/PolygonStamped camera_trajectory
bool pose_reliable
bool velocity_reliable
bool acceleration_reliable

# 2D information
string image_frame // Image coordinate Frame, Required if x,y,w,h defined
int32 x // X coord in image space(pixel) of the initial point of the Rect
int32 y // Y coord in image space(pixel) of the initial point of the Rect
int32 width // Width of the Rect in pixels
int32 height // Height of the Rect in pixels
float32 angle // Angle [0 to 2*PI], allow rotated rects

sensor_msgs/Image roi_image
  
```



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## YOLOv3 Object Detection – Setup and Start

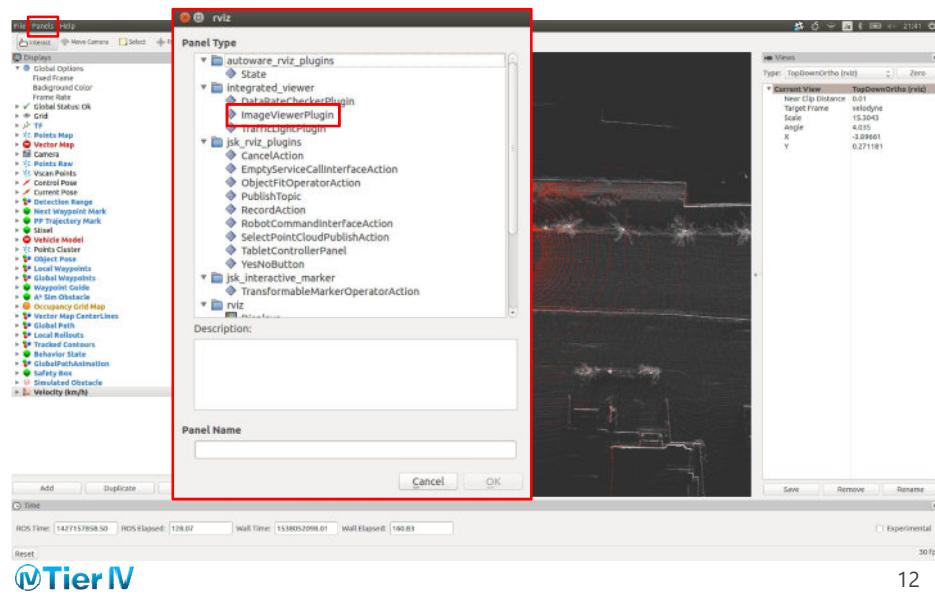
Configure and start the YOLOV3 module from the [Computing] tab.



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## YOLOv3 Object Detection – Visualization Step 2

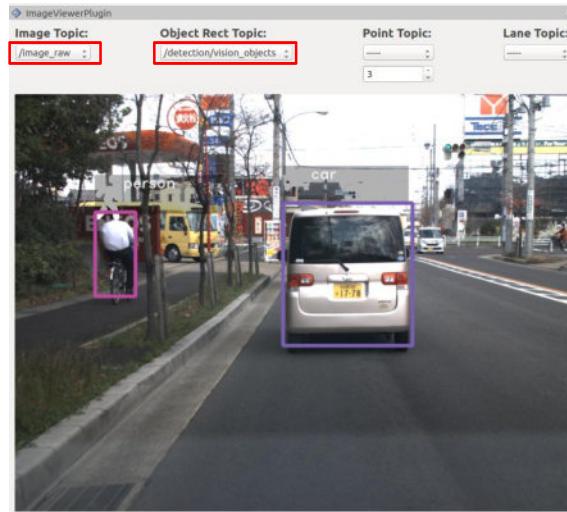
On RViz toolbar click Panels -> Add New Panel -> ImageViewerPlugin



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## YOLOv3 Object Detection – Visualization Step 3

Select Image Topic: /image\_raw and Object Rect Topic: /detection/vision\_objects



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## YOLOv3 Object Detection – Visualization Step 3



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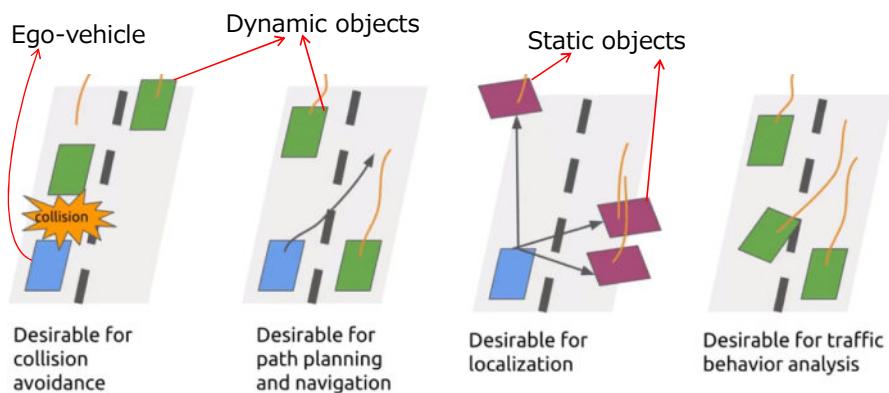
## Tracking Objects

YOLO is frame-to-frame, but we'd really like to keep track of cars



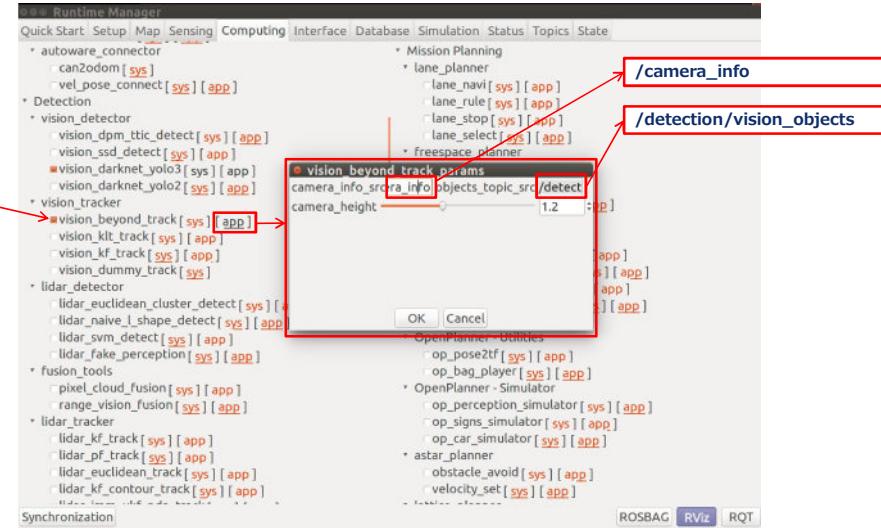
## Object Tracking

- **Tracking** is essential for many tasks related to autonomous driving.
- **Goal:** know which object we've seen before



## Tracking Objects Step 2 – Setup Beyond Pixel Tracker

Go back to the [Computing] tab, select [vision\_beyond\_track].



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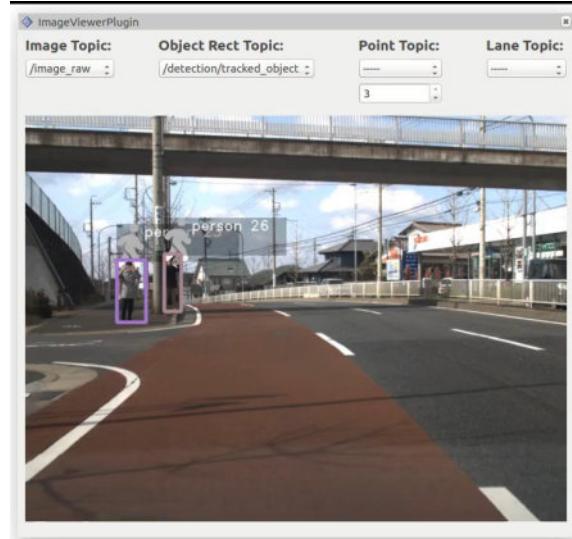
## Tracking Objects Step 3 – Visualization

In the RViz ImageViewerPlugin change the [Object Rect Topic]:



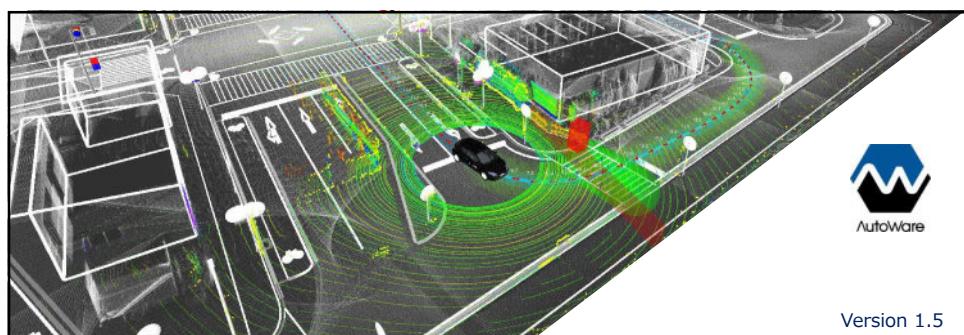
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### Tracking Objects Step 3 – Visualization



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### Chapter 4: Object Detection and Tracking

#### 2. Traffic Light Detection

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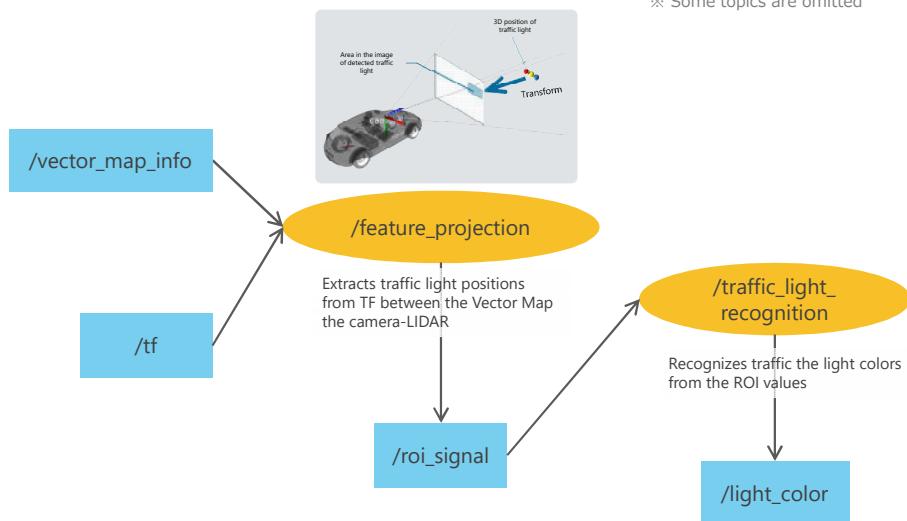
## Traffic Light Detection

- Detects traffic light color from camera images
- Calculates the coordinates of traffic lights from the current position and VectorMap information obtained by localization
- Starting/Stopping at traffic light can be enabled by linking the detection result with a path planning node



## Traffic Light Detection – Structure

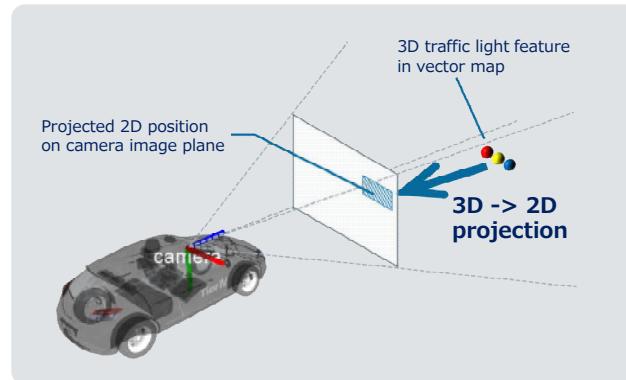
※ Some topics are omitted



## Feature Projection From Vector Map

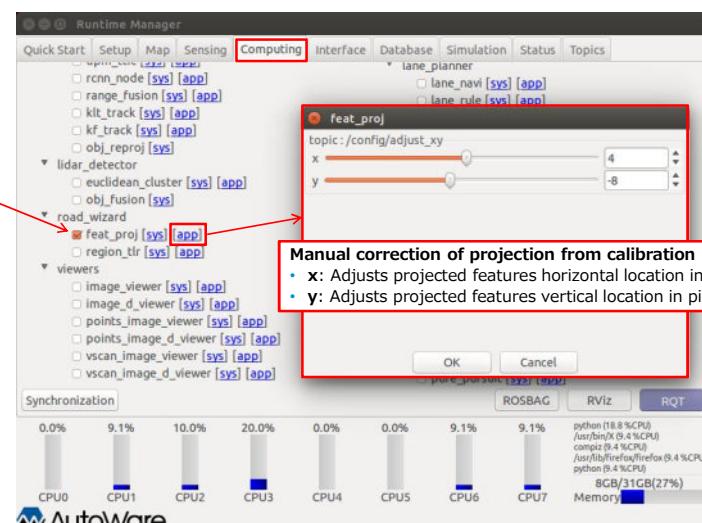
Traffic light features from the vector map must be projected into the camera frame.

- Current position comes from NDT matching (relative to LiDAR)
- Extrinsics between LiDAR and camera must be known

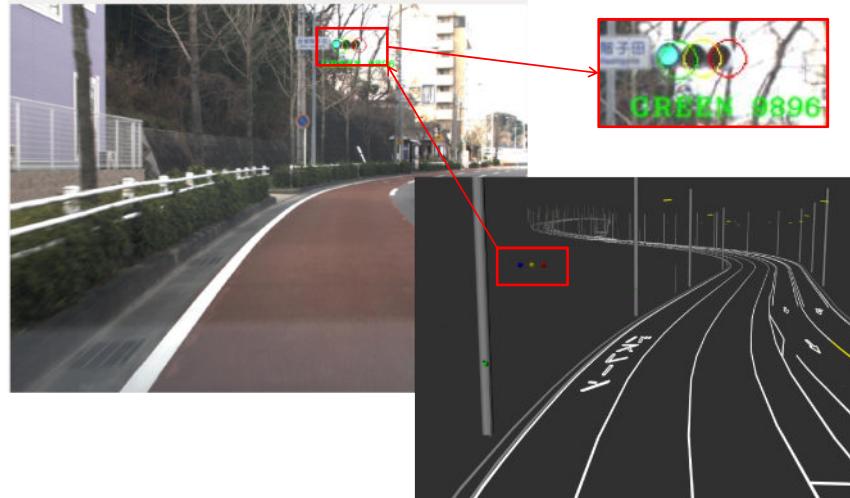


## Traffic Light Detection Step 2 – Feature Projection

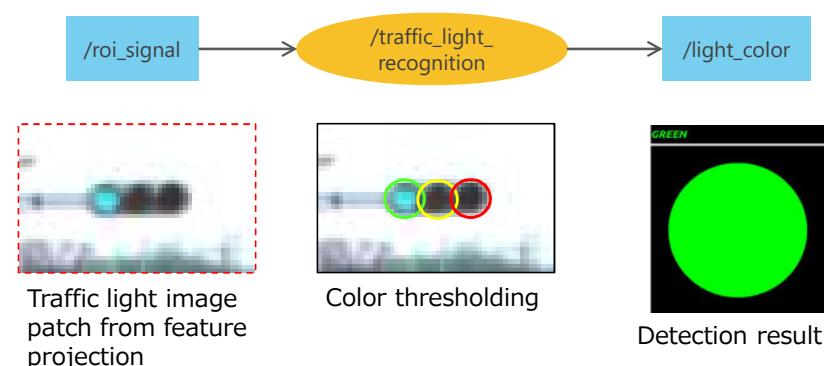
Configure and select 'feat\_proj' in the Computing tab



## Traffic Light Detection Step 2 – Feature Projection

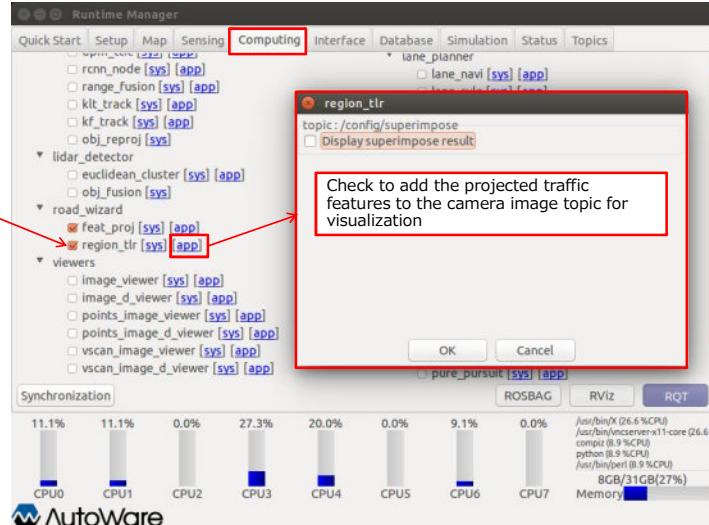


## Traffic Light Classification



## Traffic Light Detection Step 3 – Classification

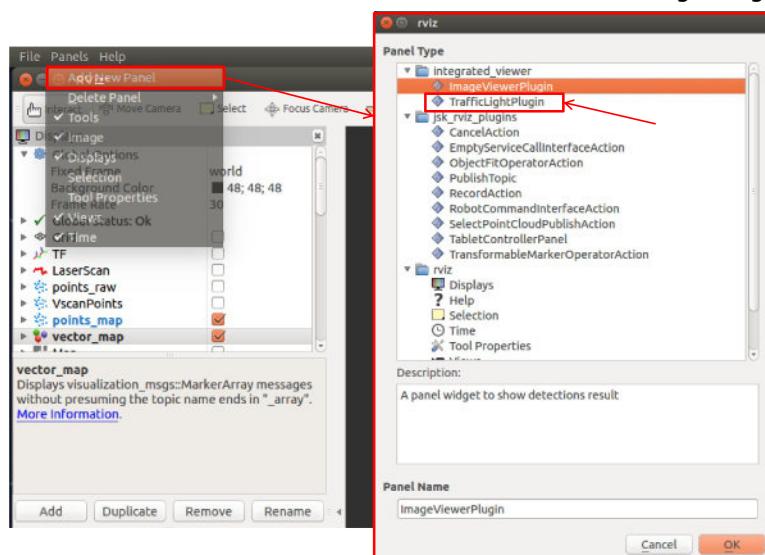
Configure and select [region\_tlr] in the [Computing] tab



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## Traffic Light Detection Step 4 – Visualization

On RViz toolbar click Panels -> Add New Panel -> TrafficLightPlugin



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## Traffic Light Detection Step 4 – Visualization

Change [Image Topic:] on [ImageViewerPlugin] to [/tlr\_superimpose\_image]

Three circles show projected traffic light feature positions

TrafficLightPlugin shows traffic light classification result

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## Chapter 4: Object Detection and Tracking

3. LiDAR based detection and tracking

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## LiDAR Object Detection

**Goal:** Segment, cluster, track, and classify LiDAR point cloud data.



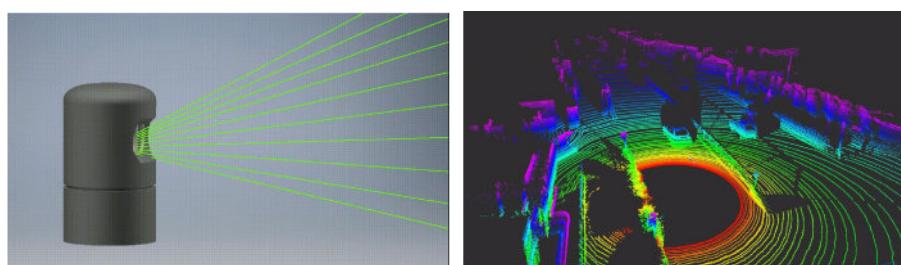
## 3D LiDAR Sensor Basics

**LiDAR:** Light Detection and Ranging

- Array of rotating lasers or one laser stirred by a mirror
- Infrared lasers, eye-safe (**1550** or **905 nm** wavelength)

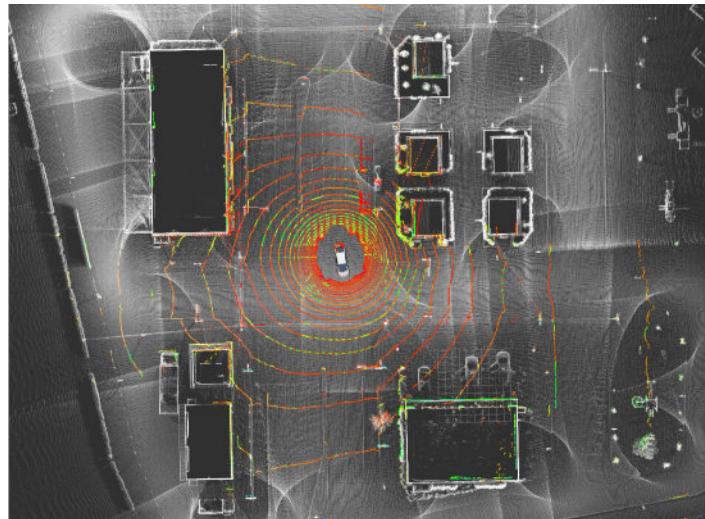
**Data:** 3D information and reflectivity

- Time-of-flight used to determine **range** from sensor (1D)
- **Angle** of laser from origin [yaw, pitch] is known (2D)
  - We can calculate **3D coordinate** [x, y, z]
- 300k points (16 beams) to 1.3m points (64 beams) per second



## 3D LiDAR Data – Point Clouds

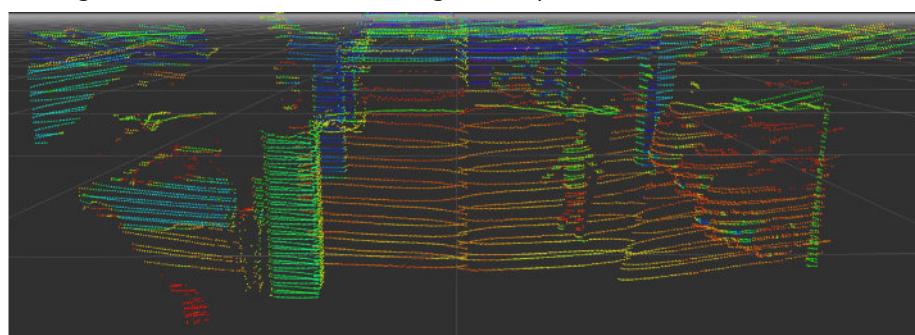
**Reflectivity** can be estimated based on intensity of returned beam:



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## 3D LiDAR Data – Point Clouds

Single-beam LiDAR with a rotating mirror produces sine-like scan lines.



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## 3D LiDAR Sensor Specifications

### Range:

- **Minimum range:** up to 1m; unreliable very close to sensor
- **Maximum range,** 200+ meters
- Precision: 1-2 cm normal error, progressively worse with range

### Field of View (FOV):

- 360° degrees horizontal FOV, 0.1° to 1° resolution, depends on sensor rate
- Around 20° to 30° vertical FOV, resolution from 0.4° - 2.0° and adaptive.



## Why LiDAR for autonomous vehicles?

### LiDAR is an alternative – or complementary – sensor to cameras

#### Advantages:

- **3D information** of raw environment; not a projection of the world.
- Much **larger FOV**, even vertical FOV sometimes.
- Infrared lasers **work just as well at night**
- Less susceptible to bad weather (rain, fog, light snow)
  - Recent multi-echo technology makes them reliable in rain

#### Disadvantage:

- **Sparse** at long range
- **Weaker texture** information
  - Not as dense as camera even at close range
  - Single-channel reflectivity, not as stable
- Susceptible to **interference** from other LiDAR or infrared sources
  - Less of a problem with latest technology
- Can be **bulky and power hungry**, more involved to install on a car
- Very expensive, thousands to tens of thousands.



## LiDAR on a vehicle

Installation on the top of the vehicle ensures best possible FOV, below is Velodyne 64-HDL, one of the largest models.



## LiDAR-based object detection

The goal of the lidar perception pipeline is:

### 1. Segmenting & Clustering

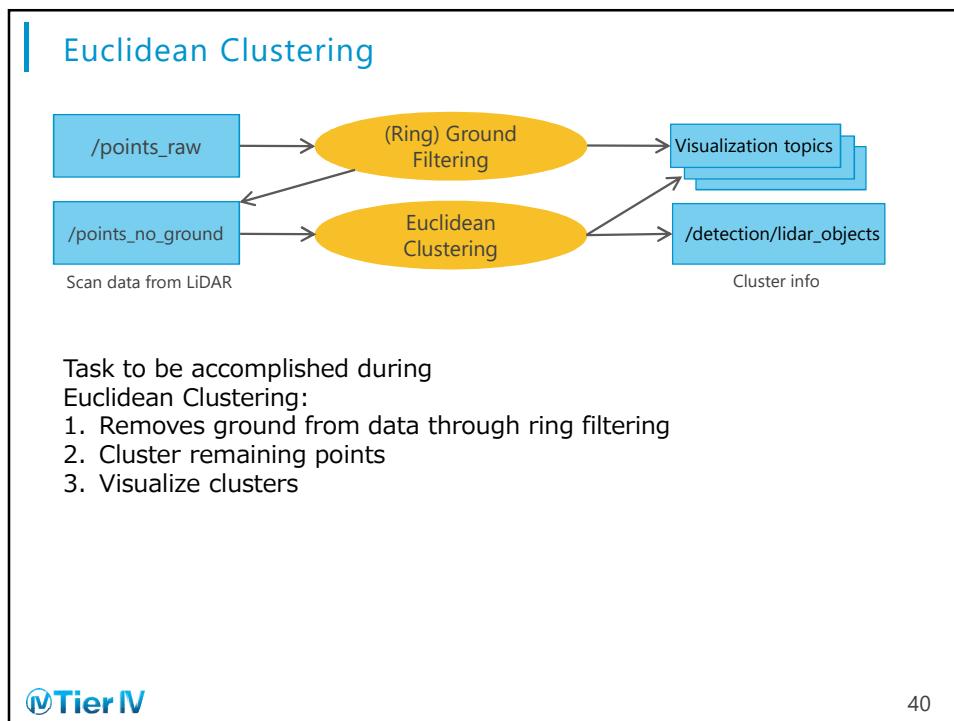
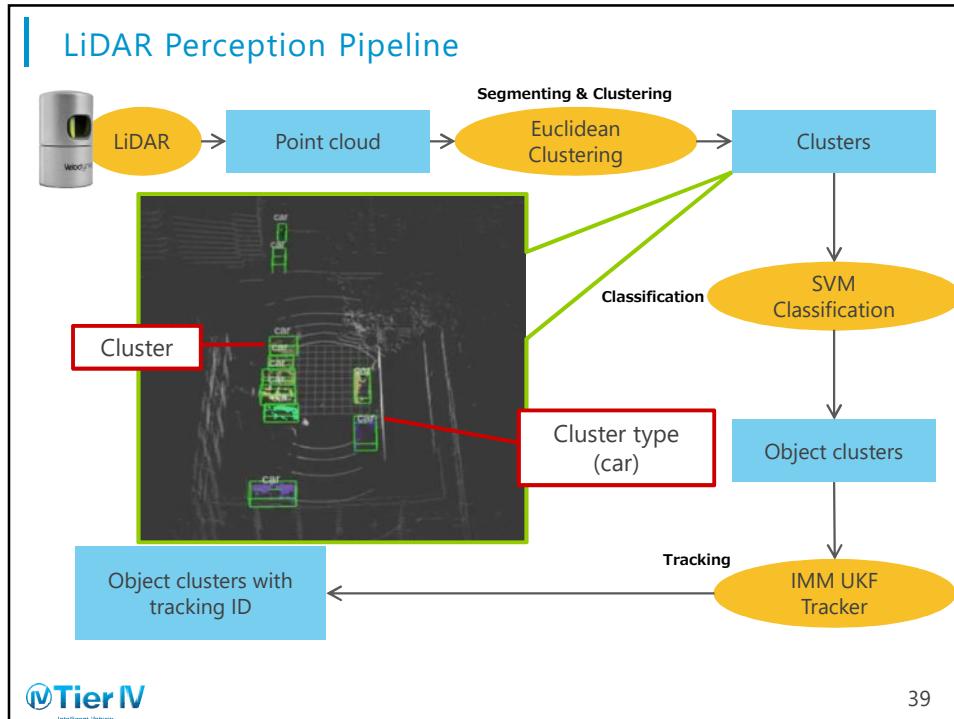
Separating the data into **distinct segments**, and merging segments into **clusters** that correspond to the same object point cloud data into **clusters** with a bounding box; objects or obstacles.

### 2. Classification

Determine the class of objects; car, cyclist, pedestrian or other.

### 3. Tracking

Estimate the heading and velocity of relevant objects and track them over time.



## Object Detection Message (Part 2)

Autoware uses one msg type at all steps of perception pipeline,  
Euclidean clustering publishes: **/detection/lidar\_objects**

```
DetectedObjectsArray.msg
std_msgs/Header header
DetectedObjects[] objects

DetectedObjects.msg
std_msgs/Header header
uint32 id
string label
float32 score // Score as defined by the detection, Optional
std_msgs/ColorRGBA color // Define this object specific color

# 3D information
string space_frame // 3D coordinate frame of the object, required if pose and dimensions are defined
geometry_msgs/Pose pose
geometry_msgs/Vector3 dimensions
geometry_msgs/Vector3 variance
geometry_msgs/Twist velocity
geometry_msgs/Twist acceleration
sensor_msgs/PointCloud2 pointcloud
geometry_msgs/PolygonStamped convex_hull
autoware_msgs/LaneArray candidate_trajectories

bool pose_reliable
bool velocity_reliable
bool acceleration_reliable

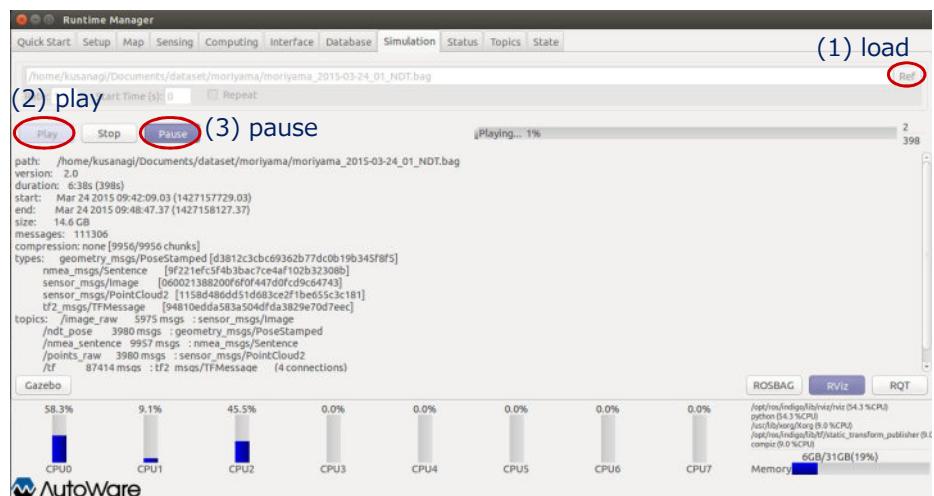
# 2D
string image_frame // Image coordinate Frame. Required if xywh defined
int32 x // X coordinate in pixels of the initial point of the Rect
int32 y // Y coordinate in pixels of the initial point of the Rect
int32 width // Width of the Rect in pixels
int32 height // Height of the Rect in pixels
float32 angle // Angle [0 to 2pi], allow rotated rects
sensor_msgs/Image roi_image
```



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## Euclidean Clustering – Setup

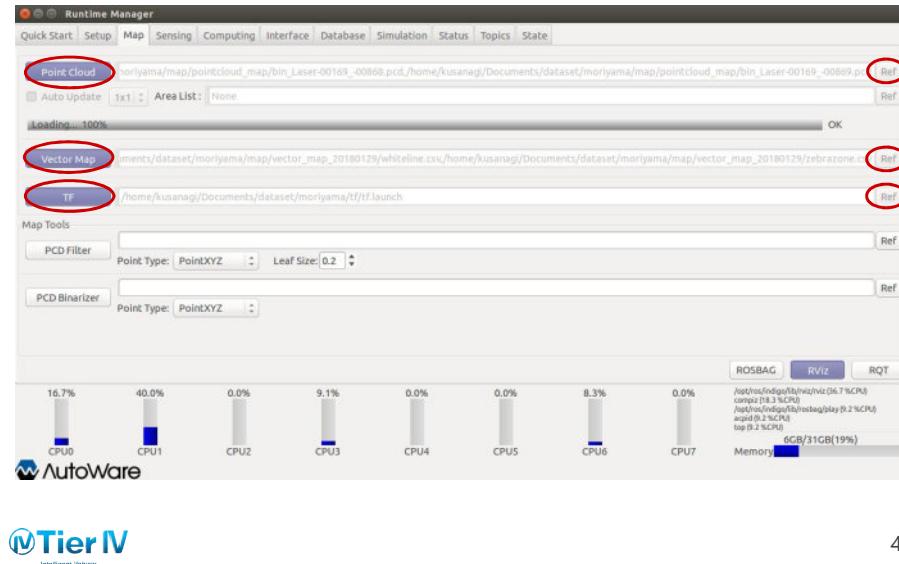
Start, then pause the rosbag as before.



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## Euclidean Clustering – Setup

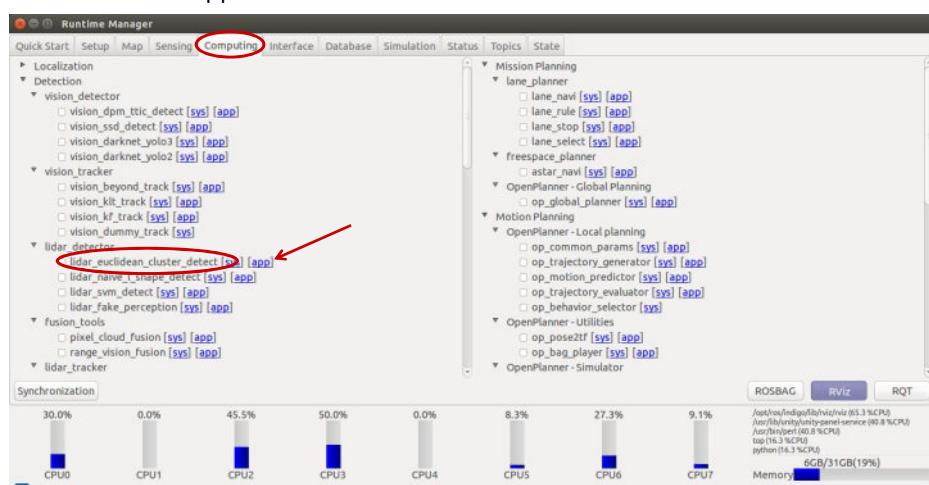
Load the pointcloud map, vector map and TF



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## Euclidean Clustering – Overview

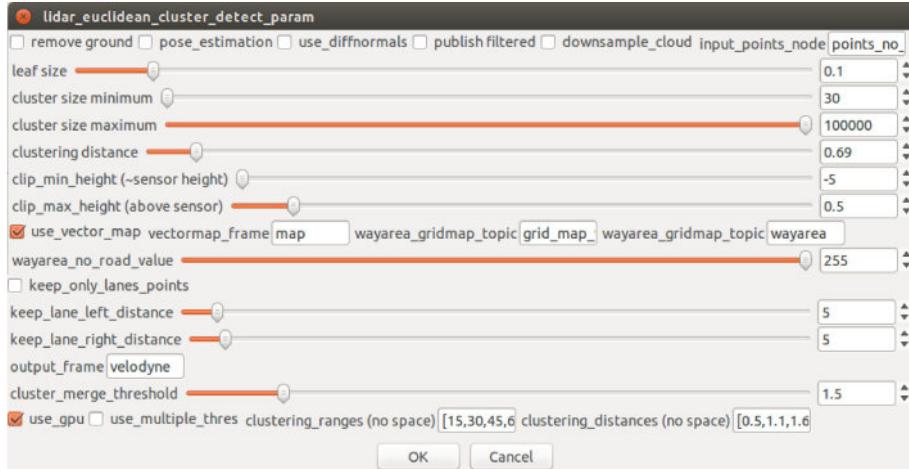
Take a look at the Euclidean clustering – computing, lidar\_detector  
Click on the app.



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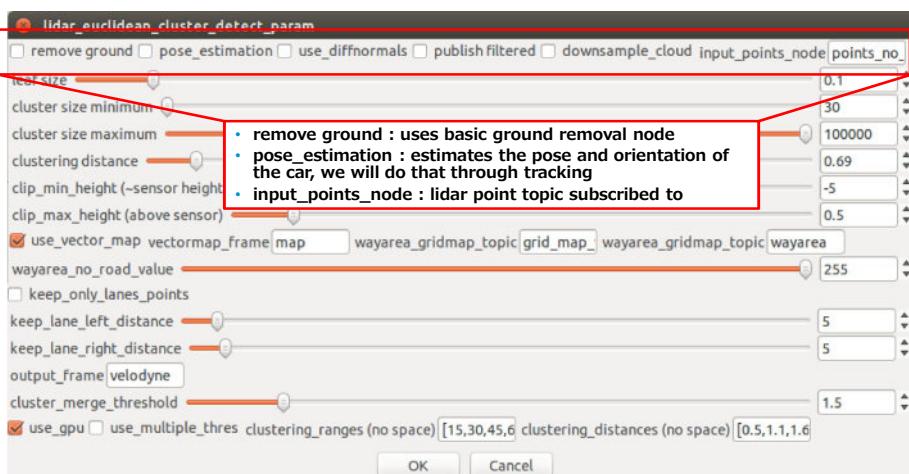
## Euclidean Clustering – Parameters

Several parameters can be adjusted based on setup



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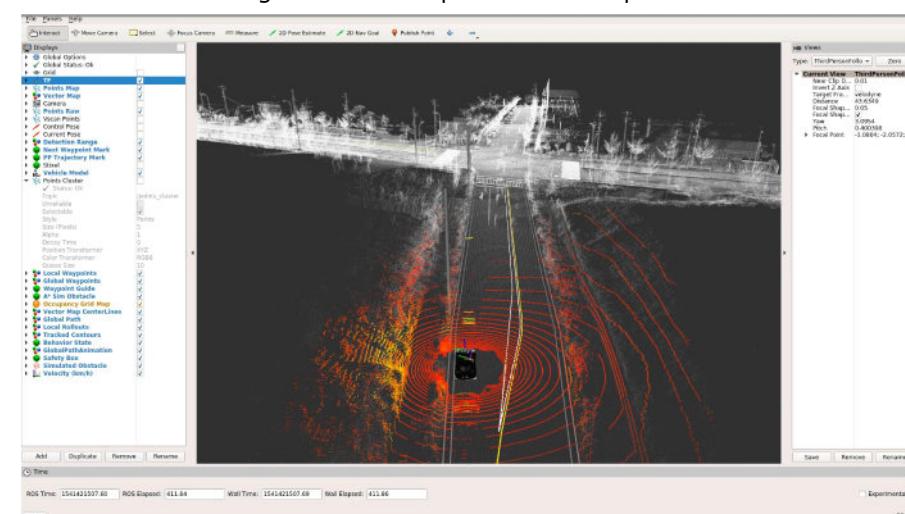
Several parameters can be adjusted based on setup



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## Euclidean Clustering – Raw

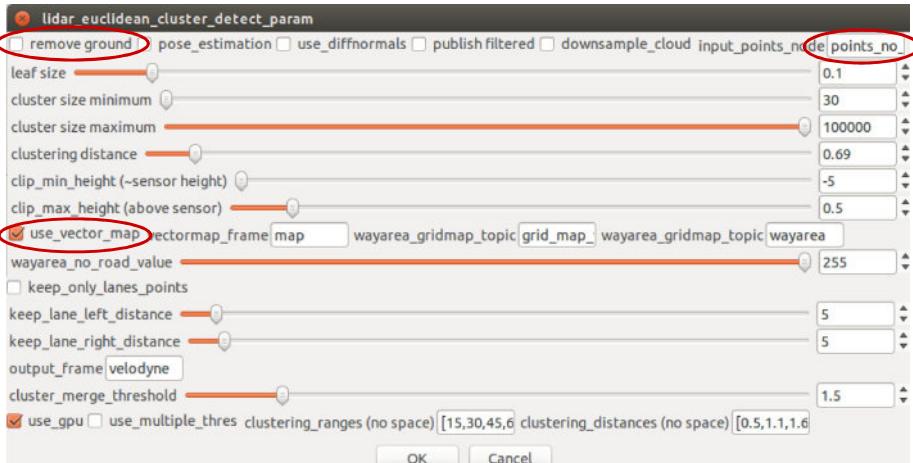
Euclidean Clustering on the entire pointcloud is expensive and inaccurate



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## Euclidean Clustering – Filtering

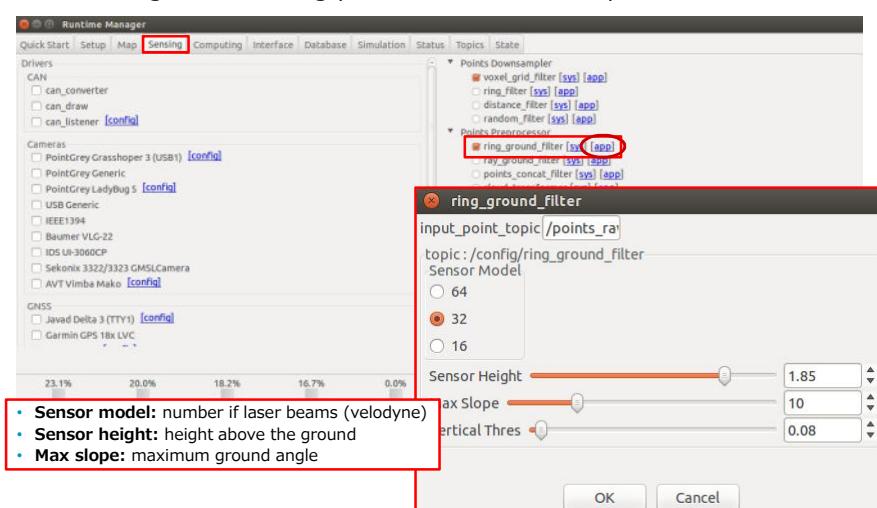
We can easily filter a lot of the data, making it more accurate.



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## Ring Ground Filtering

A better ground filtering procedure has been implemented in Autoware



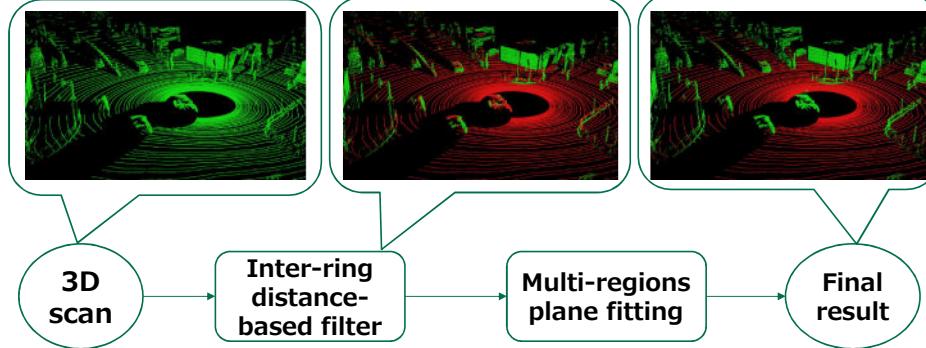
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## Ring Ground Filtering

Ground filtering consists of two step:

- Ring distance-based filtering
- Multi-region plane fitting

Processing pipeline:

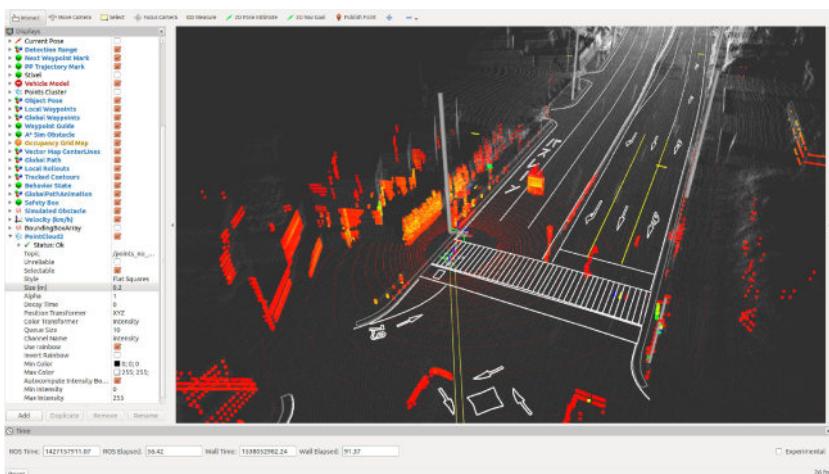


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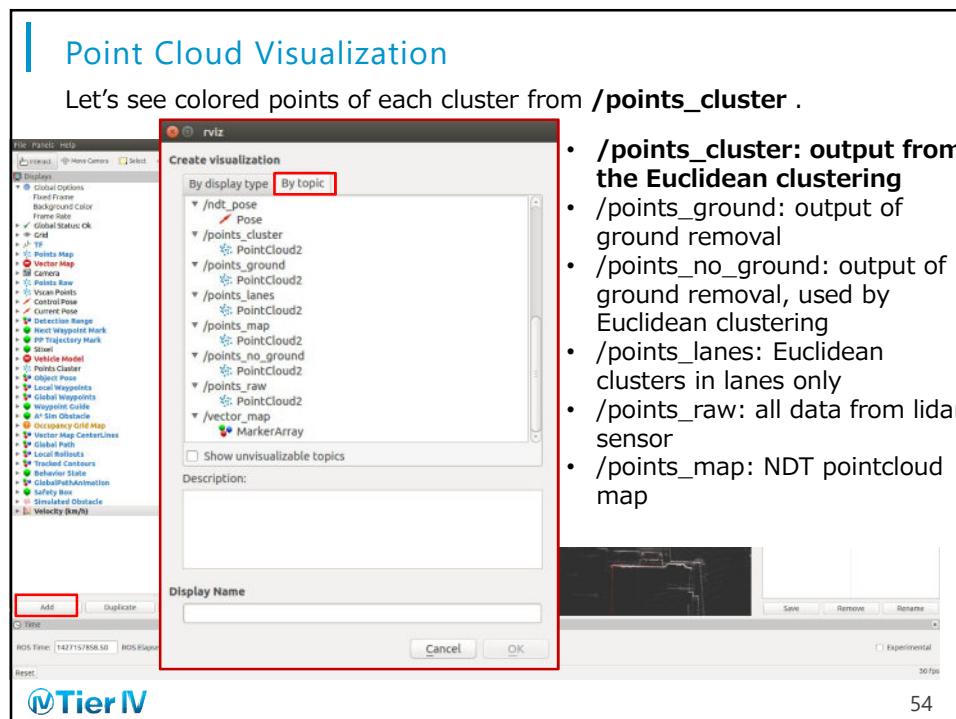
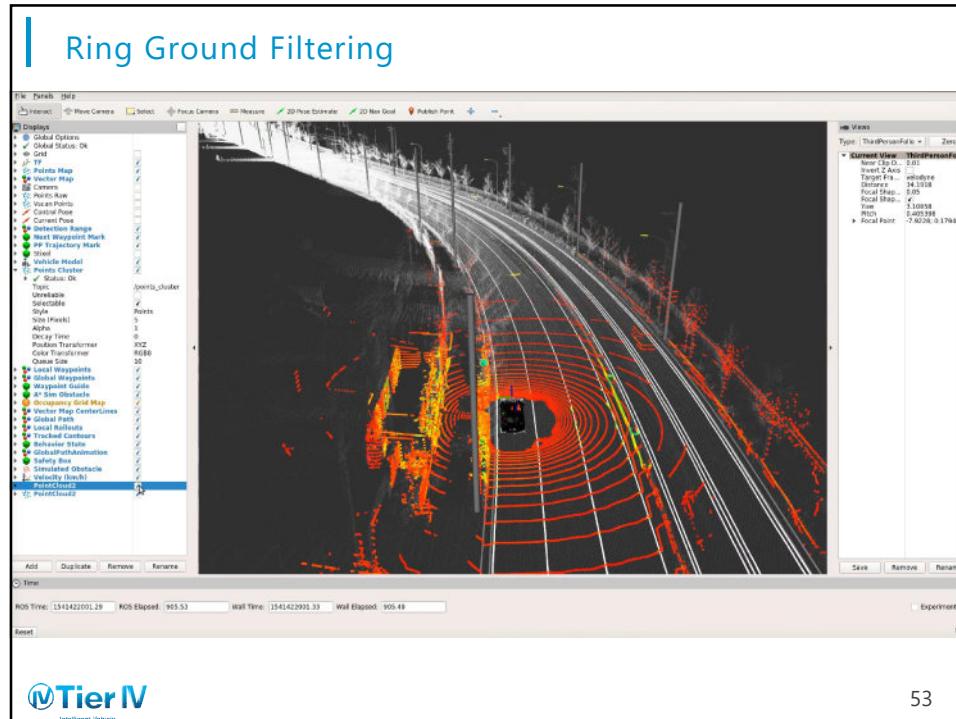
## Ring Ground Filtering

Ring ground filter publishes two topics you can visualize in RViz:

- `/points_ground` : points determined to be ground points
- `/points_no_ground` : points determined not to be ground points

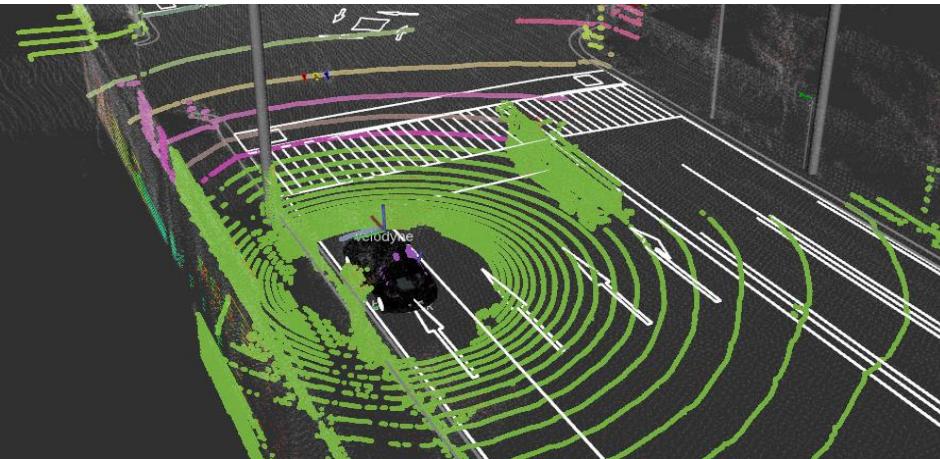


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## Impact of Ground Filtering

Comparing with and without ground filtering

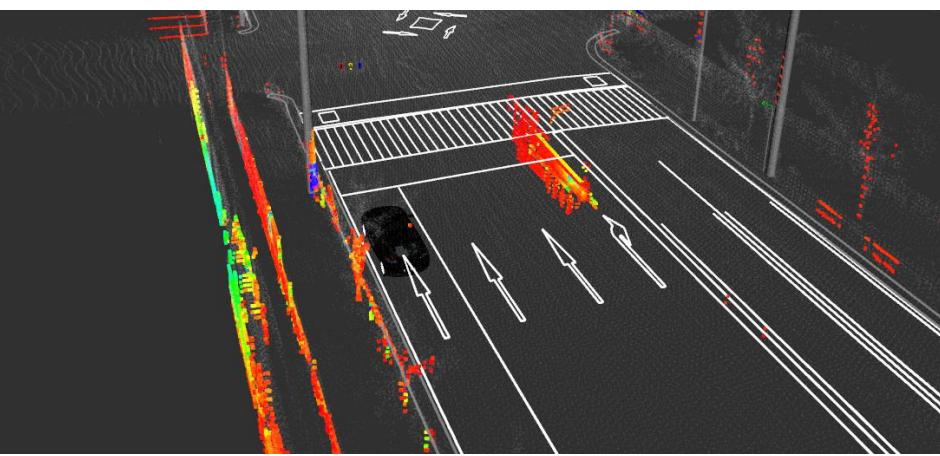


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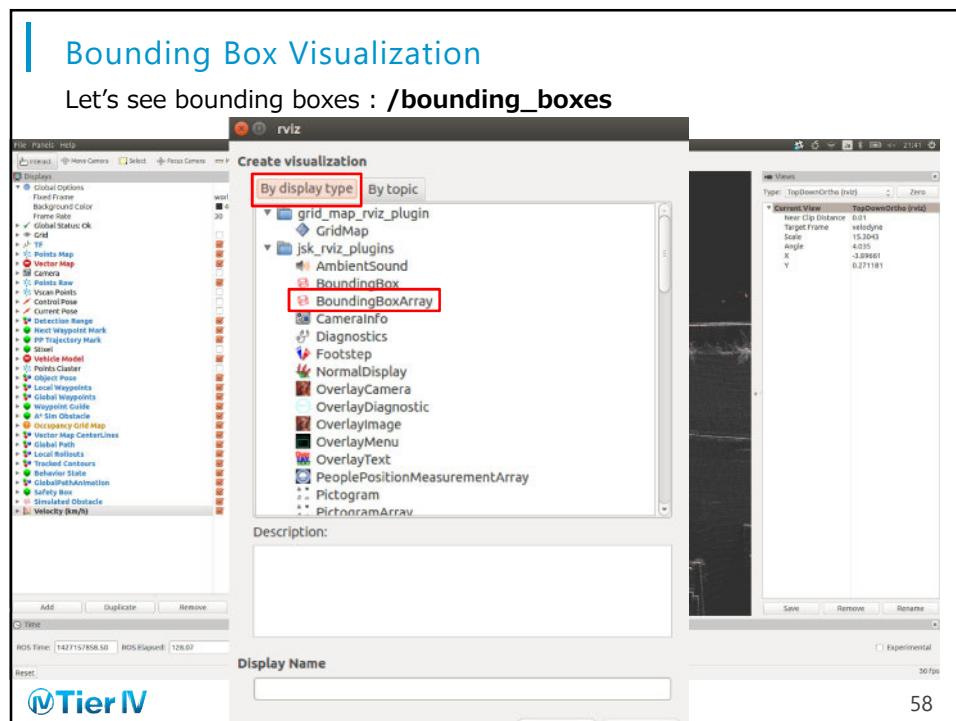
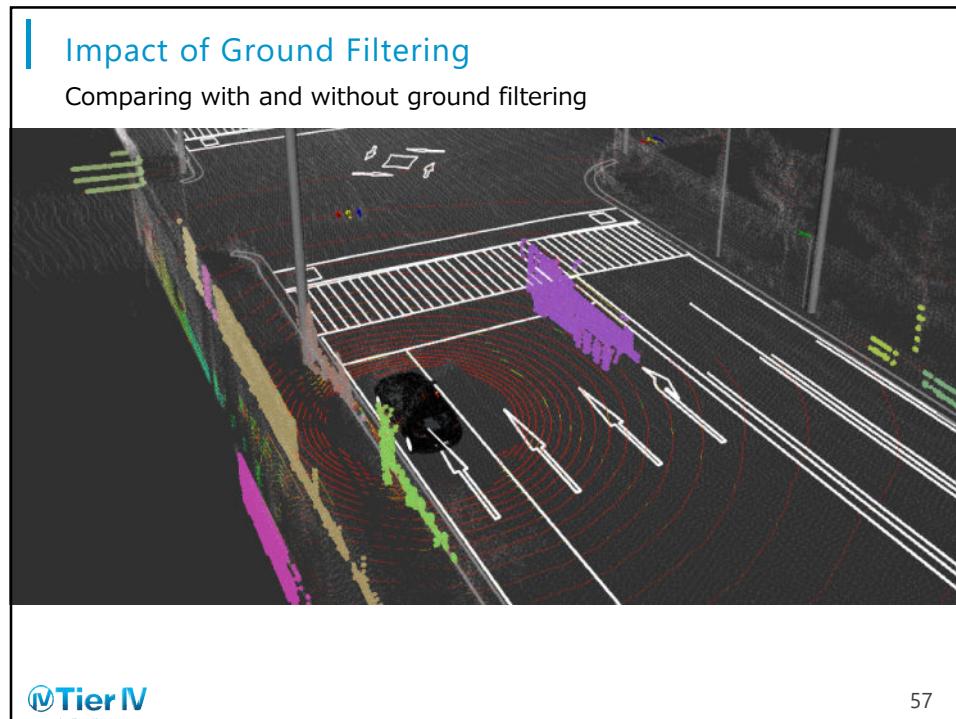
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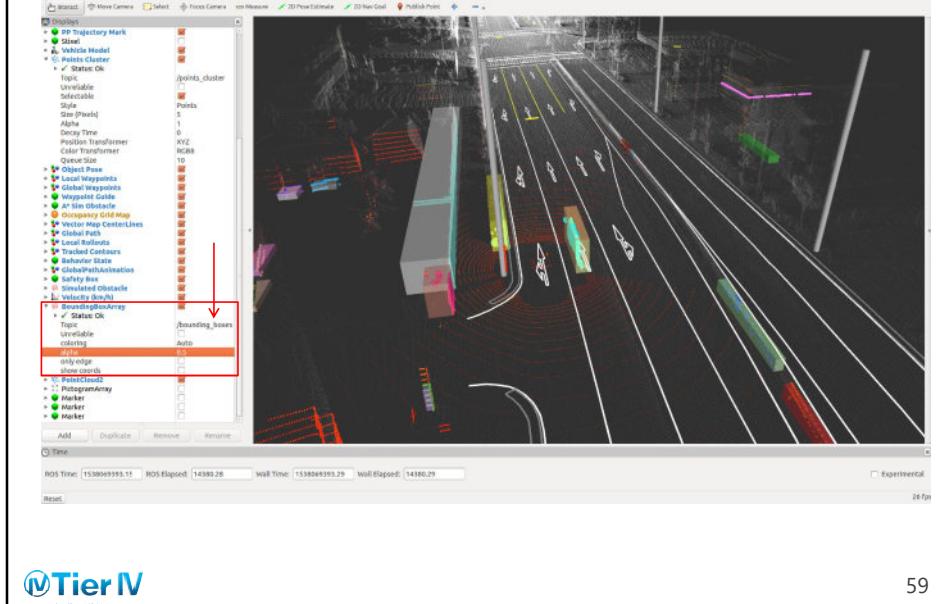
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## Bounding Box Visualization

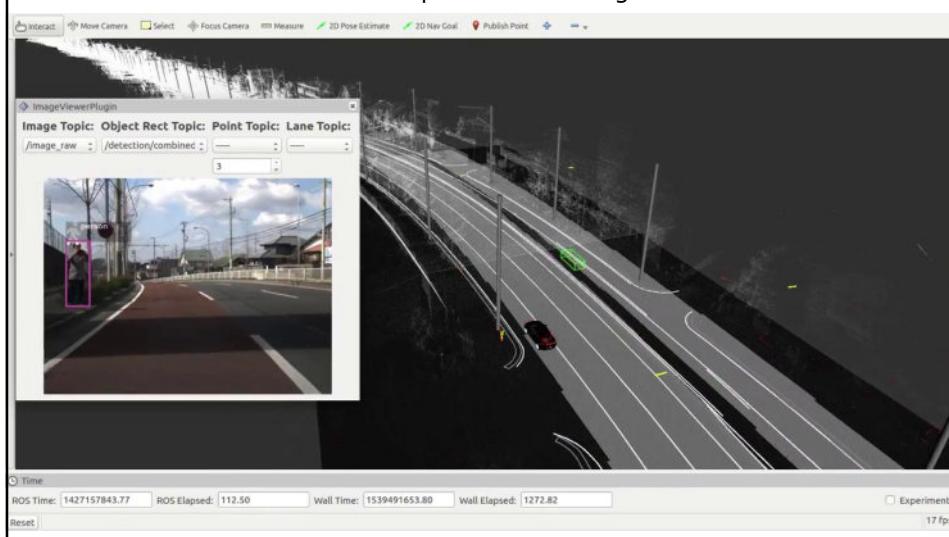
Let's see bounding boxes : `/bounding_boxes`



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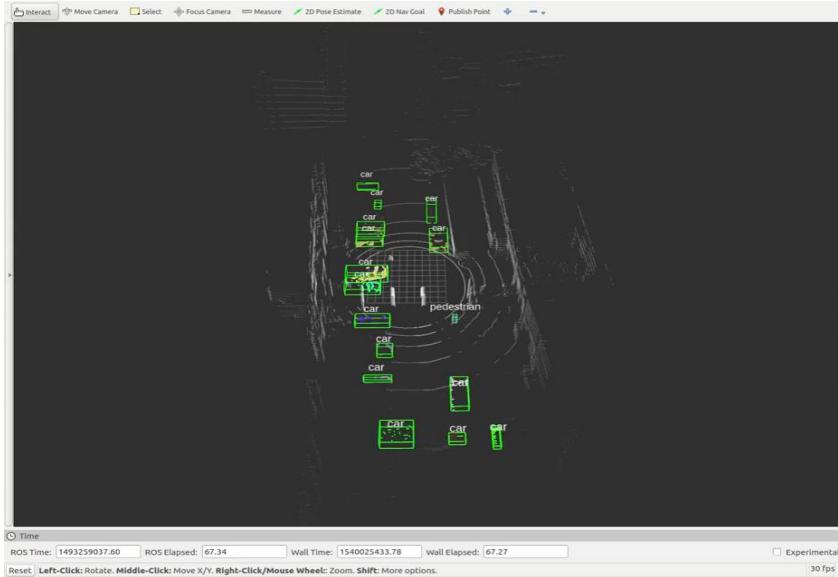
## Vector Map Filtering

We can also use the Vector Map to filter buildings



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## Step 2 - Euclidean Clustering



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## Tracking

Now that we have point clusters, we'd like to classify and track them.

- **lidar\_svm\_detect** : svm classification, **assigns cluster ids**
- **lidar\_kf\_track** : Kalman filter based tracking, simple and quick
- **lidar\_imm\_ukf\_pda\_track** : unscented Kalman filter based tracking, more advanced and reliable

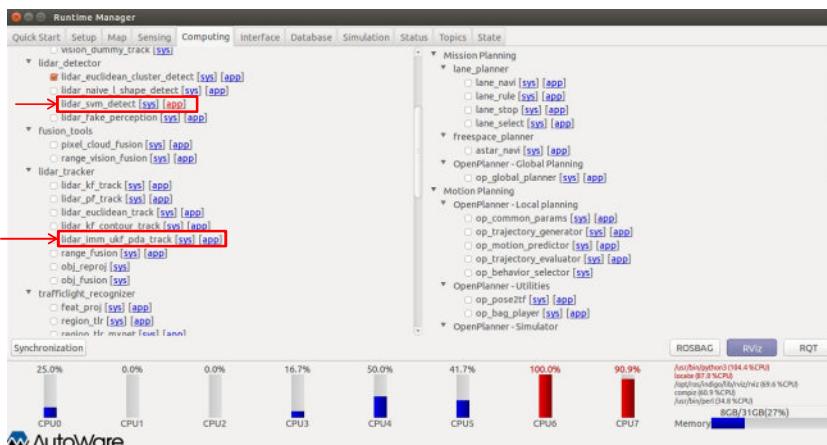


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## Tracking – IMM-UKF Tracker

IMM-UKF is more sophisticated, keeps track of objects even when they disappear for a short time, making it more stable.



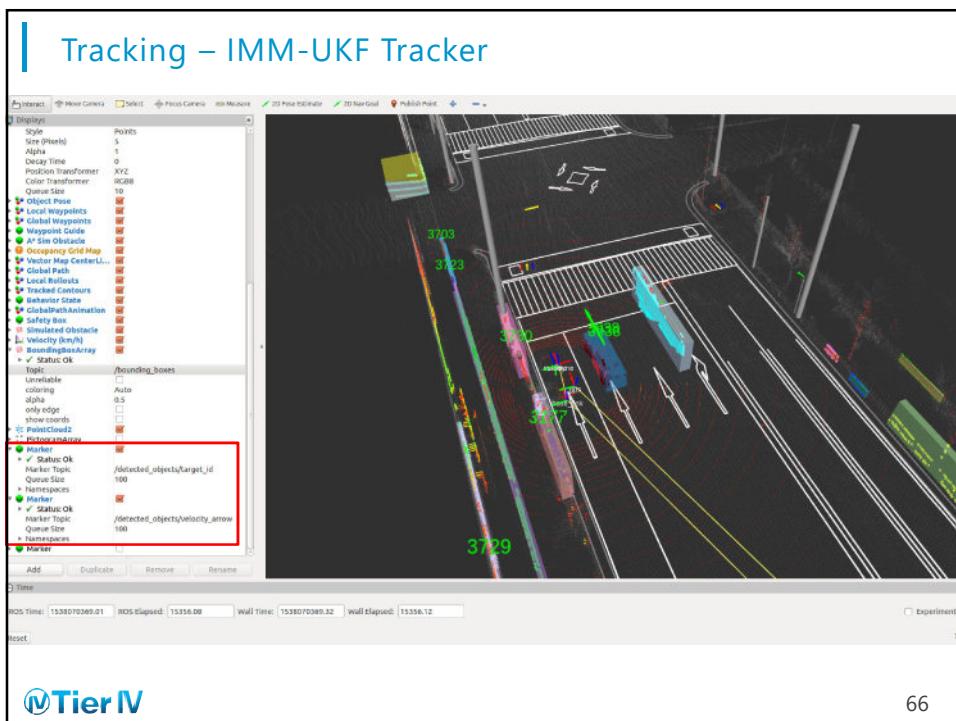
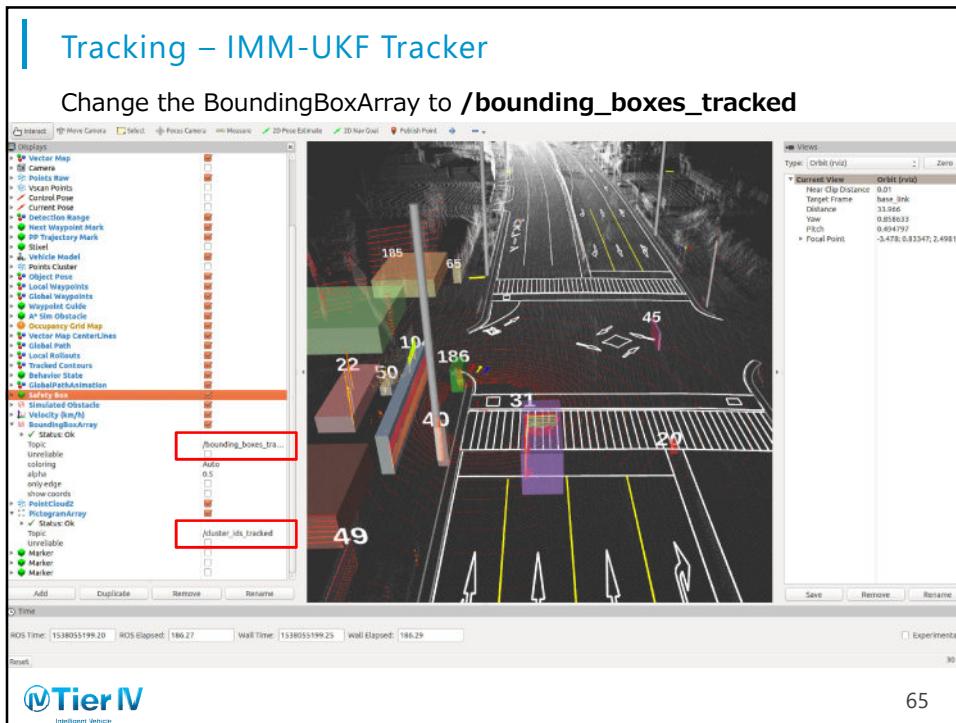
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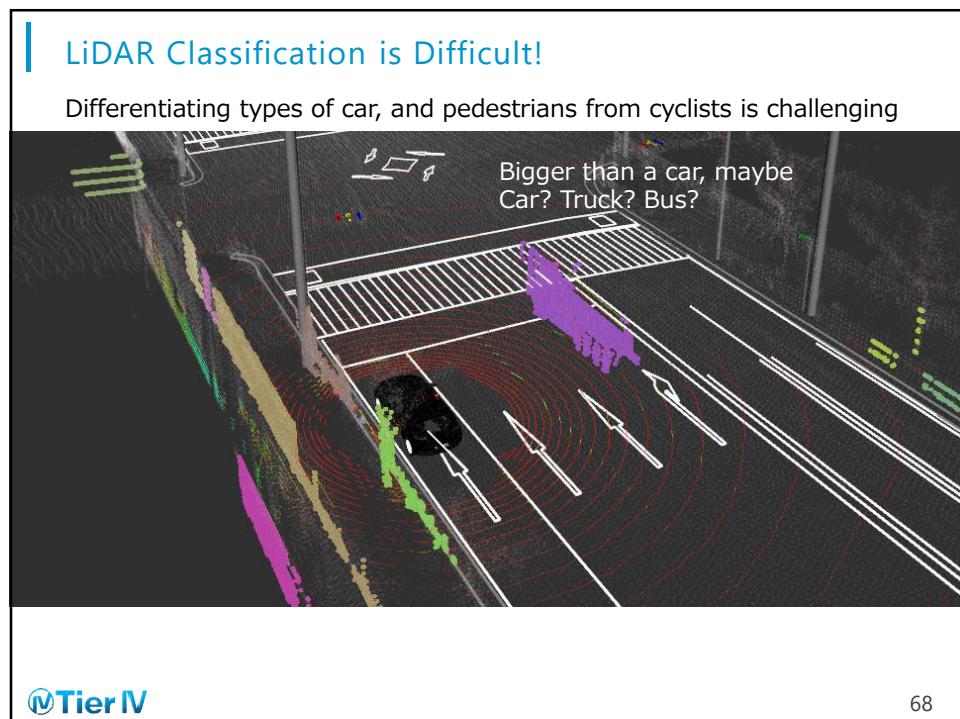
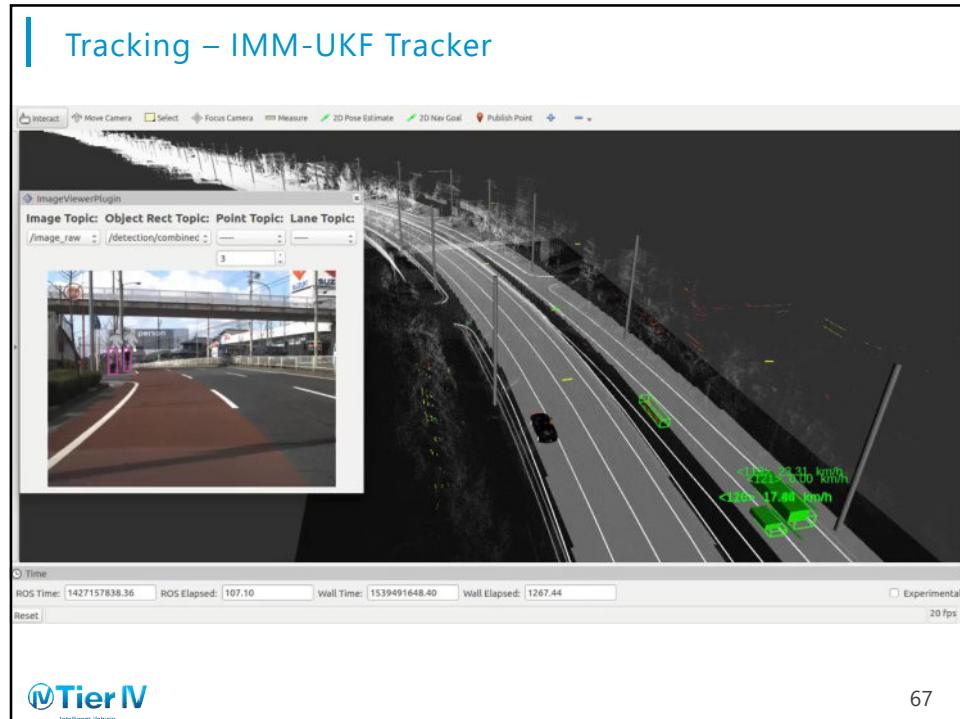
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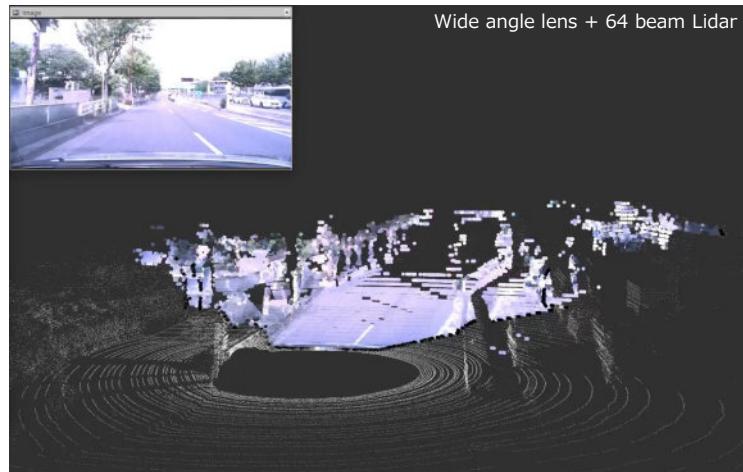




## Camera-LiDAR Fusion – The Best of Both Worlds

Each sensor modality has issues, but they complement each other:

- Camera provide **dense, colorful** information,
- LiDAR provides very **accurate range** information

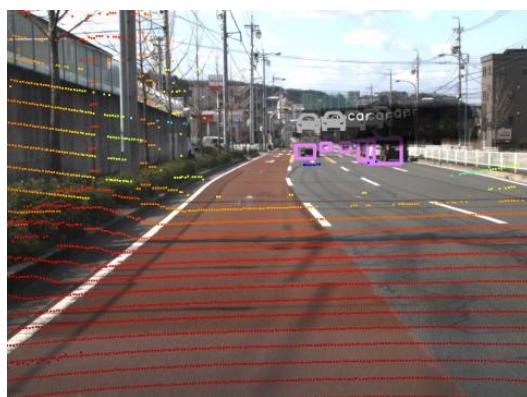


## Camera-LiDAR Fusion - Classification

Sensor fusion comes at a cost: we need **sensor calibration**:

1. Camera Intrinsic Calibration (image rectification)
2. Lidar-Camera Extrinsic Calibration

We need to be able to **correlate lidar data and image data**



## Camera Intrinsic Calibration

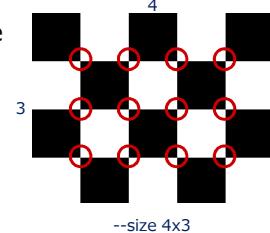
This tool is not yet available in GUI, must launch from terminal.

- cd ~/Autoware/ros/
- source devel/setup.bash
- rosrun autoware\_camera\_lidar\_calibrator cameracalibrator.py --square 0.1 --size MxN image:=~/image\_raw

There are several parameters based on your setup:

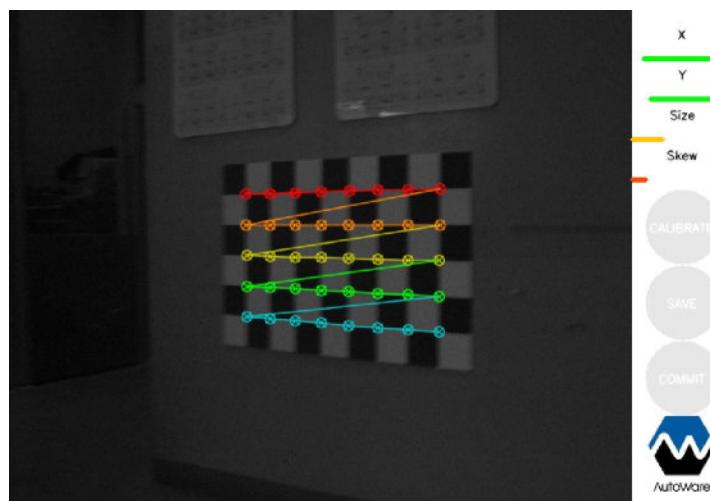
- --square is the size of chessboard square in meters
- --size is chessboard size, as in number of inner square corners
- image:= image topic (needs to be published)
- --detection cv2 or matlab, matlab is more reliable but cv2 is open-source.

If launched correctly, the GUI should pop-up with image being displayed.



## Camera Intrinsic Calibration

Intrinsics camera calibration GUI



## Camera Extrinsic – Launch Calibration

Launching the extrinsic calibration node is also through command line:

- rosrun autoware\_camera\_lidar\_calibrator camera\_lidar\_calibration.launch intrinsics\_file:=camera\_intrinsic\_calibration.yaml image\_src:=/image

Some parameters to specify:

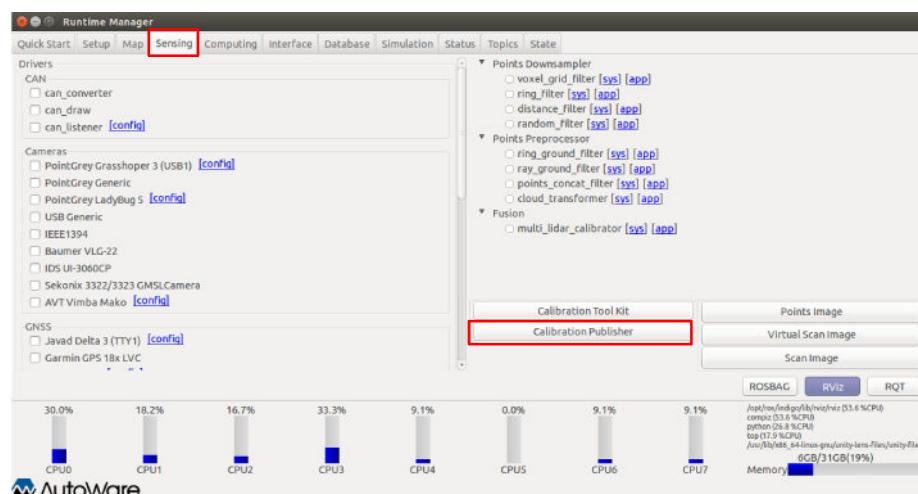
- **intrinsic\_file**: the output of the intrinsic calibration
- **image\_src**: the image topic name

Then you can set up Rviz to see the image and pointcloud side by side.



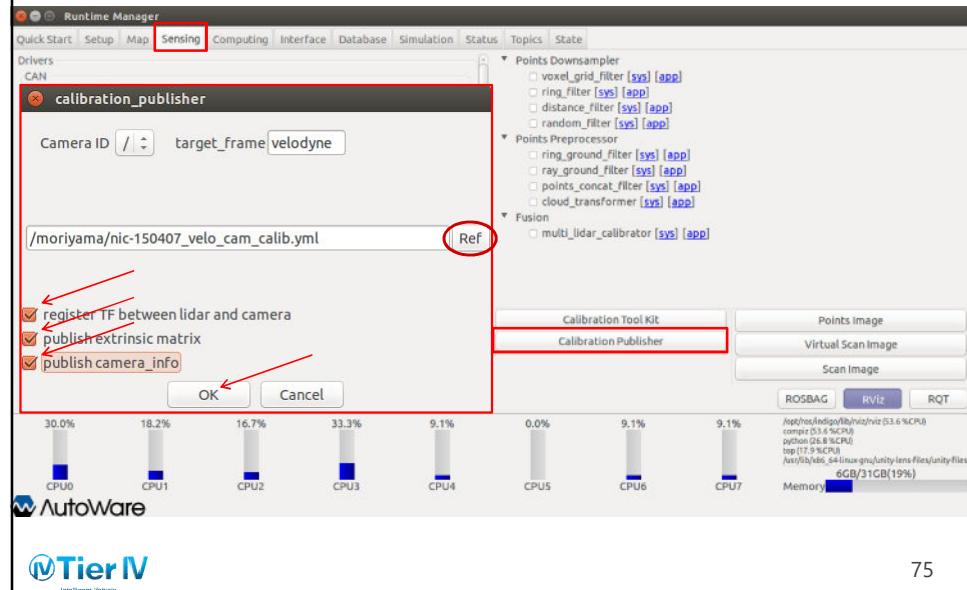
## Step 1 – Load in Calibration File

Go to the Sensing tab and click on the Calibration Publisher



## Step 1 – Load in Calibration File

Load in the calibration file, click all checkboxes and click OK



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## Step 2 – Create the points\_image

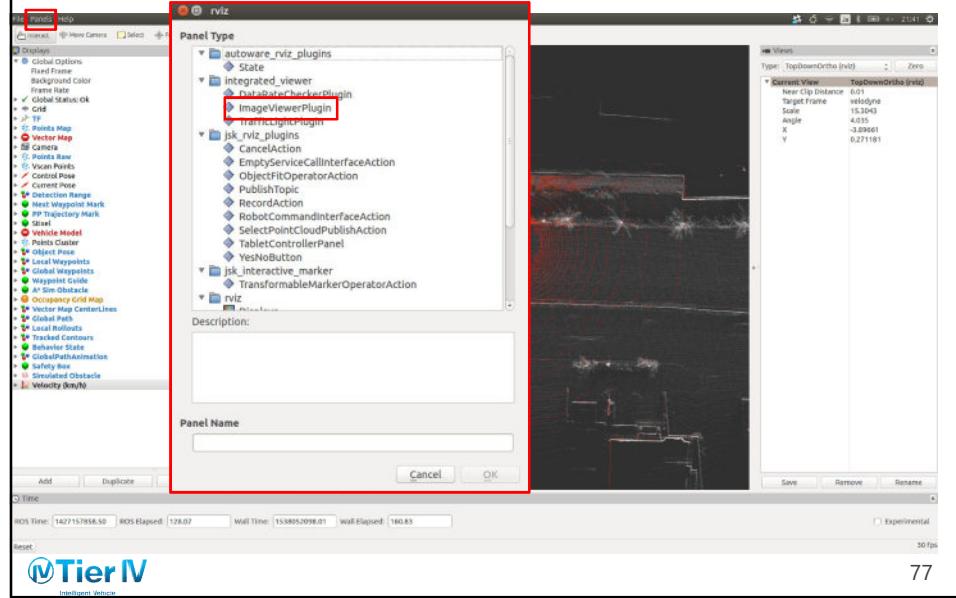
Click the Points Image button and OK



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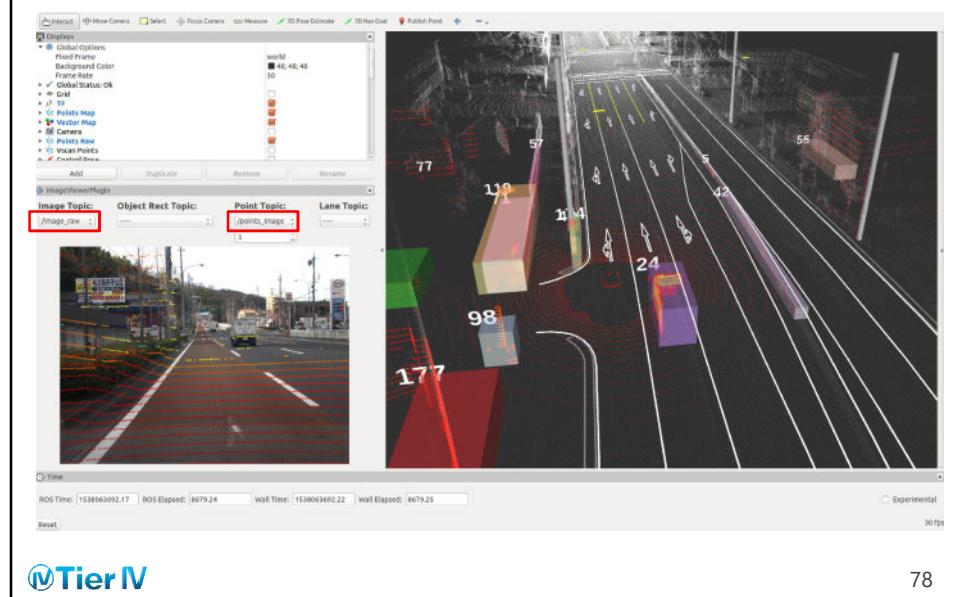
### Step 3 – Visualize LiDAR points in Camera image

On RVIZ toolbar click Panels -> Add New Panel -> ImageViewerPlugin



### Step 3 – Visualize LiDAR points in Camera image

Set the image topic to **/image\_raw** and point topic to **/points\_image**



## Step 4 – Launch Image-based Classification

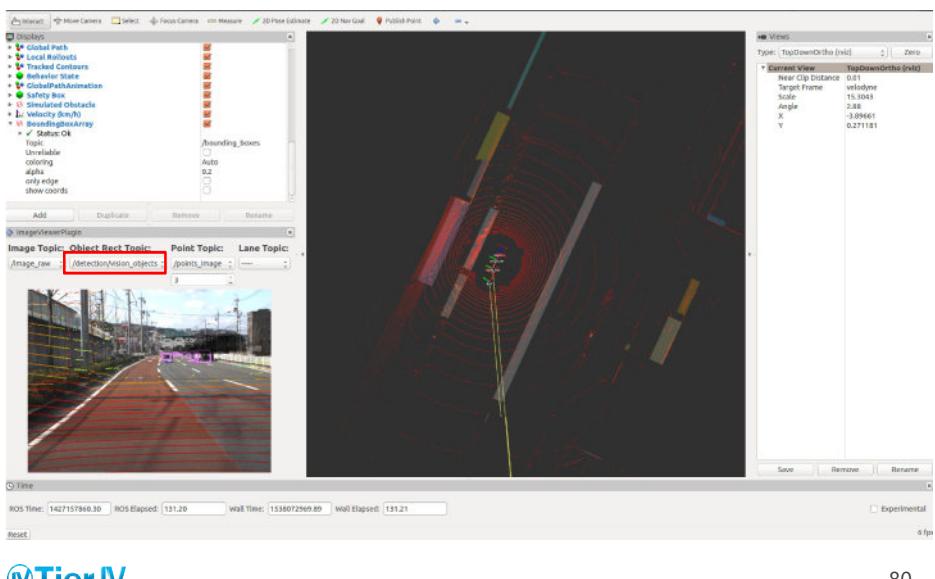
In Computing -> vision\_detection, launch **vision\_darknet\_yolo3**



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## Step 4 – Launch Image-based Classification

You can see the Yolo3 detection in the ImageViewerPlugin



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## Step 5 – Launch LiDAR tracking

IMM UKF tracking should still be running,

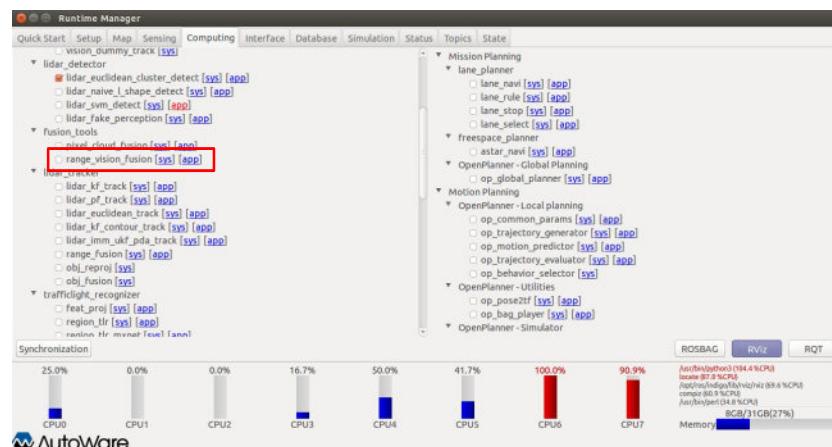


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## Step 6 – Launch Image-Lidar Fusion Classification

In Computing -> vision\_detection, launch **vision\_darknet\_yolo3**

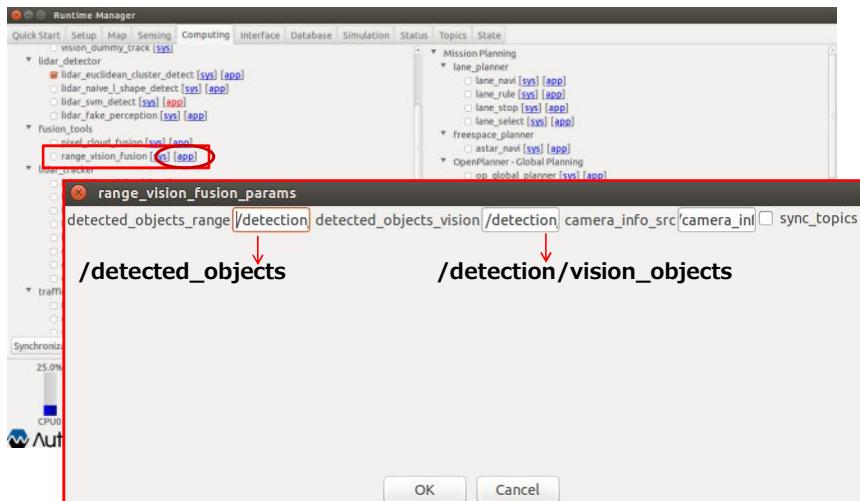


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## Step 6 – Launch Image-Lidar Fusion Classification

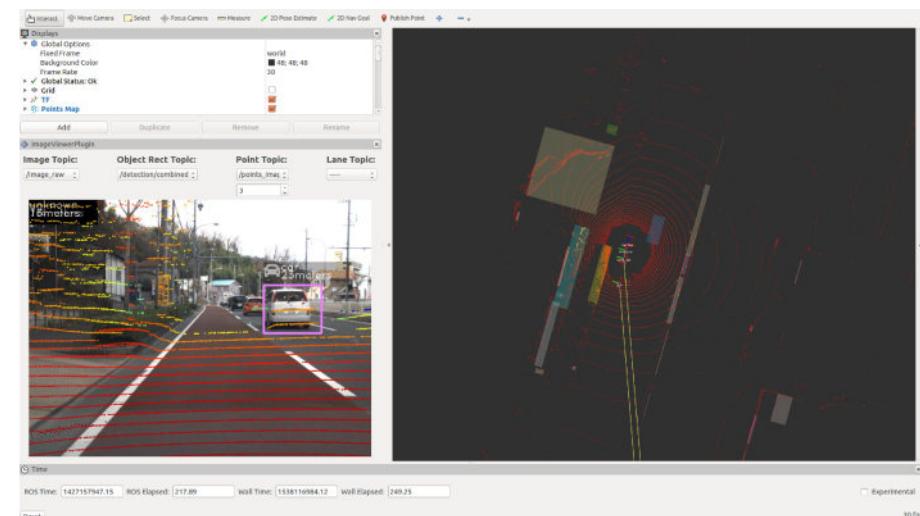
In Computing -> vision\_detection, launch **vision\_darknet\_yolo3**



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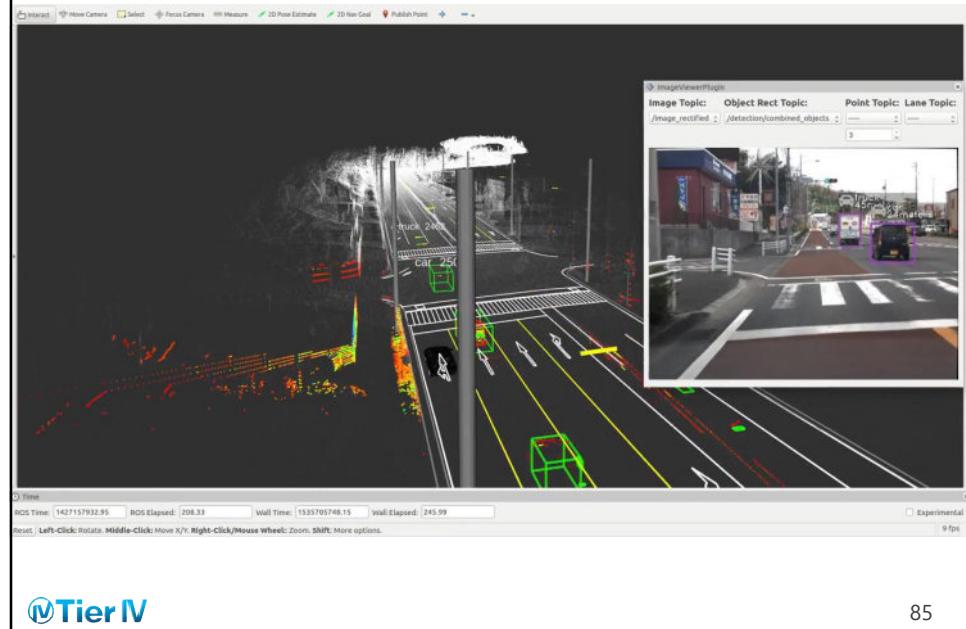
## Step 6 – Launch Image-Lidar Fusion Classification

Change the topic in ImageViewerPlugin to **/detection/combined**



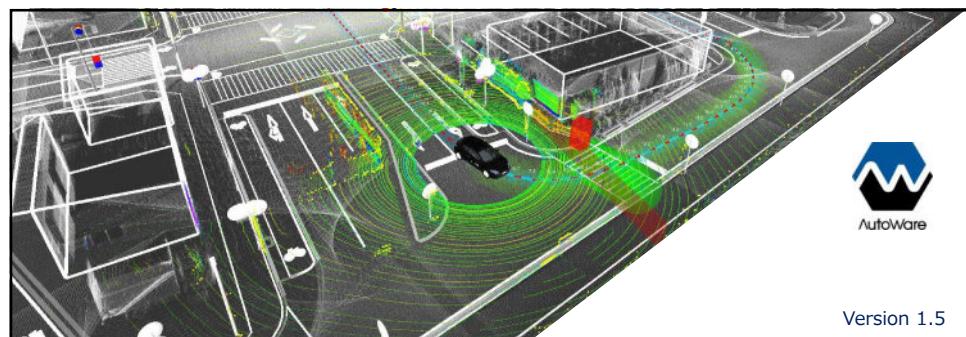
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## Step 6 – Launch Image-Lidar Fusion Classification



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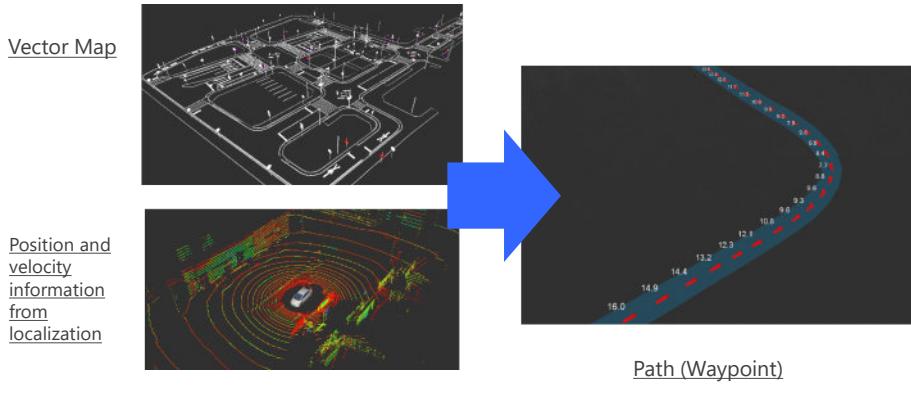
### 1. Path Generation

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## Path Generation – Overview

- From Vector Map and localization information, a path is generated
- If Vector Map is used, a path is generated from the centerline information the road
- If no Vector Map is available, a path is generated from log data
- The path is output as data string with coordinate, direction and velocity information

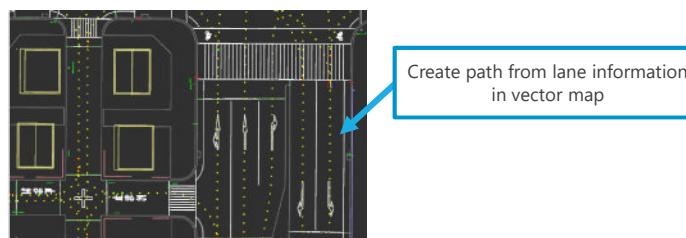
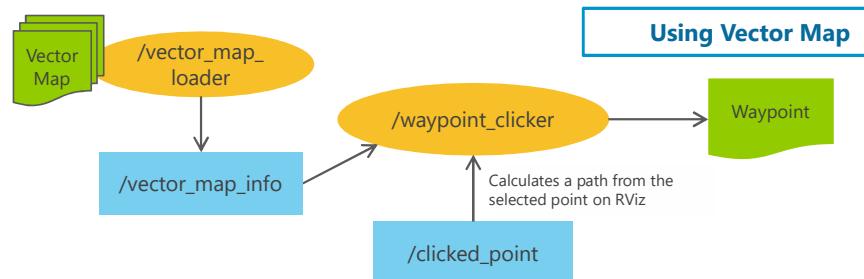


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## Path Generation – Structure



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## Path Generation Using Vector Map – Step (1/2)

### 1. Vector Map loading

- A) Clicking [Ref] on [Vector Map] in [Map] tab, specify a Vector Map file

B) Click [Vector Map] button

### 2. Specify TF to indicate Vector Map position

- A) Clicking [Ref] on [TF] in [Map] tab, select a TF file according to the Vector Map position.

B) Click [TF] button  
(this publishes TF between world frames and map frames)

### 3. Launch RViz

- A) Click [Rviz]

B) Pressing either [File]->[Open Config], or [Ctrl + O], specify [Autoware/ros/src/.config/rviz/default.rviz]

C) Confirm that Vector Map is displayed



## Path Generation Using Vector Map – Step (2/2)

### 4. Launch "waypoint\_clicker"

- A) Launch [waypoint\_clicker] checking () the box in [Computing] tab

➤ Path, velocity and path to save the file can be specified

### 5. Path generation by [Publish Point] on RViz

- A) Confirm that multiple yellow points are being displayed on RViz

B) Click [Publish Point] in the top of RViz, click the yellow points displayed on RViz

➤ Zooming and moving the mouse over the yellow points in RViz, these points can be clicked.

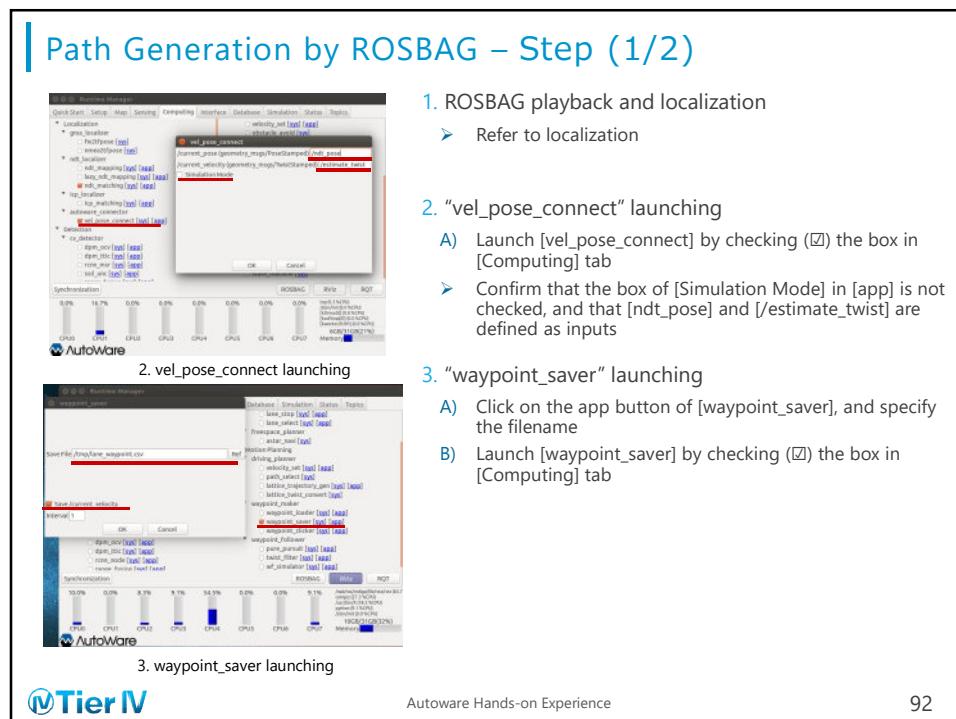
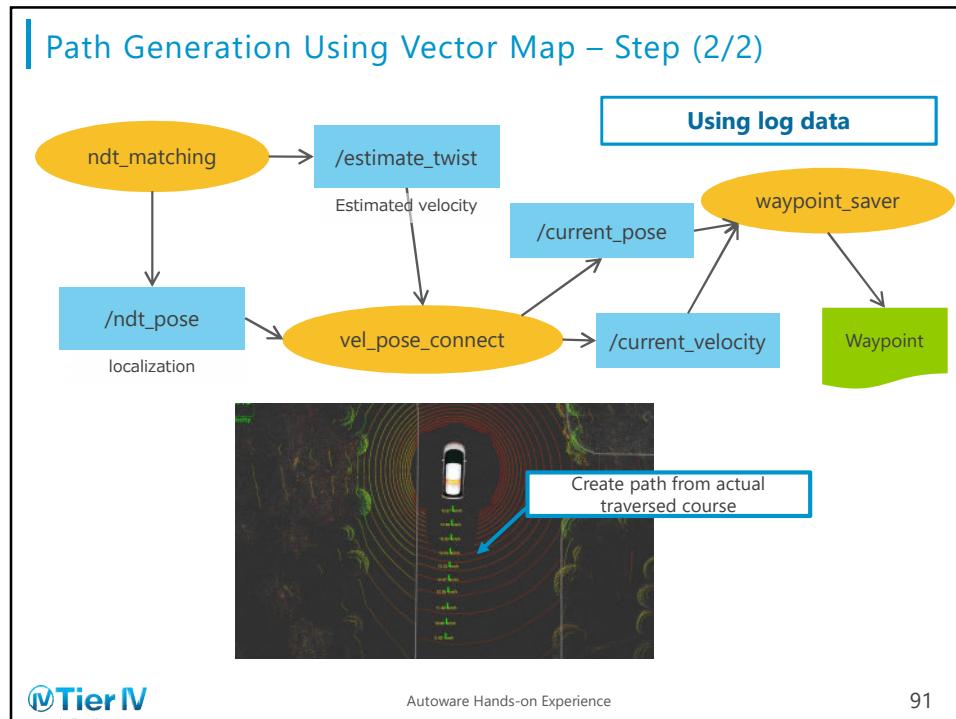
C) Clicking the yellow points on the same lane, yellow line is generated

➤ If the selected yellow points are linkable, even long paths can be generated

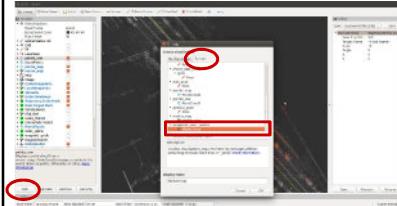
➤ Note that, if green or red points are located on intersections, path generation may not success without clicking them

D) Checking off the box of [waypoint\_clicker] in [Computing] tab, a path file is generated in the directory specified in [app]

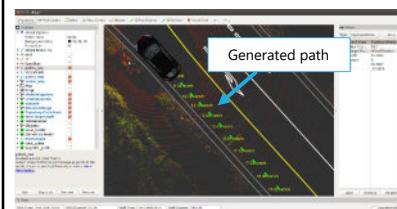




## Path Generation by ROSBAG – Step (2/2)



4. Displaying “/waypoint\_saver\_marker” on RViz
- Click [add] button in the bottom of the left topic list in RViz
  - Click [/waypoint\_saver\_marker] -> [MarkerArray] from [By Topic] tab of the displayed window.
  - Confirm the marker logging waypoint in RViz is being displayed



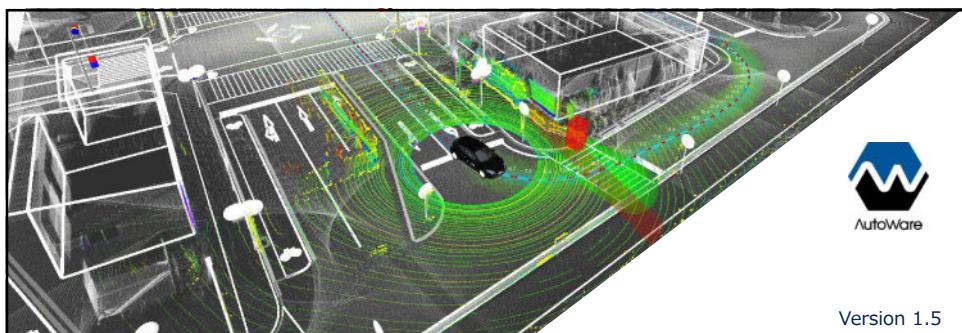
5. Ending “waypoint\_saver”
- End path generation by unchecking [waypoint\_saver] on [Computing] tab in [Runtime Manager]
    - The file is saved into the directory specified in [app]

4. /waypoint\_saver\_marker on RViz displaying



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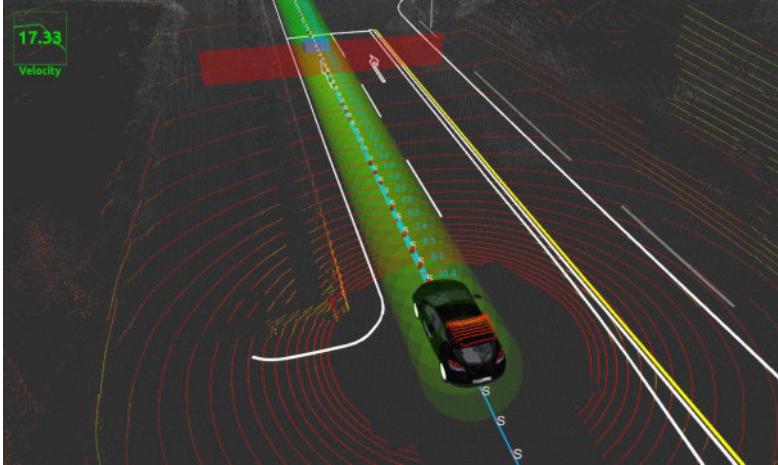
### 2. Path Planning



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## Path Planning – Overview

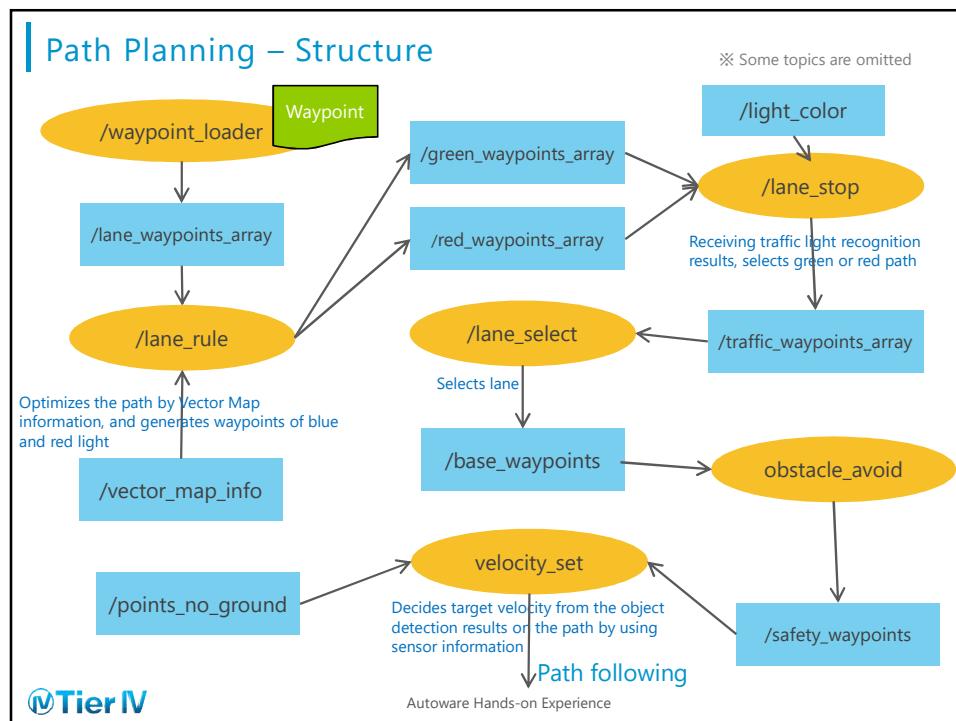
- Loads a previously saved path file
- Optimizes velocities on the path with high definition map information, etc.
- Selects a lane, if there are multiple lanes



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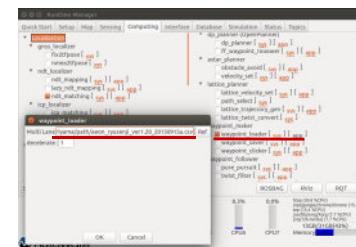
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## Path Planning – Step (1/4)



2. vel\_pose\_connect launching



3. waypoint\_loader launching



### 1. ROSBAG playback and localization

- Refer to localization chapter

### 2. "vel\_pose\_connect" launching

- Launch [vel\_pose\_connect] by checking () the box in [Computing] tab
- Confirm that the box of [Simulation Mode] in [app] is not checked, and that [/ndt\_pose] and [/estimate\_twist] are defined as inputs

### 3. Path loading using waypoint\_loader

- Specify the path file in [app]

➤ Several files can be specified, they'll be combined into one trajectory

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## Path Planning – Step (2/4)



4. lane\_rule launching



5. lane\_stop launching



### 4. Launching "lane\_rule"

- Launch [lane\_rule] by checking () the box
- [Number of Zeros Ahead] and [Number of Zeros Behind] define the number of waypoint (velocity 0) at stop line when traffic light is red.

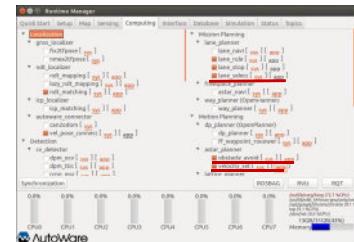
### 5. Launching "lane\_stop"

- Launch [lane\_stop] by checking () the box
- Check [Use traffic light recognition], this node automatically switches path between blue and red path by receiving traffic light recognition node results.

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## Path Planning – Step (3/4)



6. Lane select  
7. Velocity set  
8. Obstacle avoid



9. Ground filter

### 6. Launching "lane select"

- A) Launch [lane\_select] by checking () the box  
➤ Following paths can be selected in [app]  
➤ If load only one path by [waypoint\_loader], select the corresponding path.

### 7. Launching "velocity set"

- A) Launch [velocity\_set] by checking () the box

### 8. Launching "obstacle avoid"

- A) Launch [obstacle\_avoid] by checking () the box

### 9. Launching "ground filter"

- A) Launch [ground\_filter] on the Sensing tab by checking () the box  
B) In the app button, select the corresponding velodyne sensor model  
➤ This is used for detection of obstacles over the ground



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## Path Planning – Step (4/4)

### 9. Confirm the path in RViz

- If light green path (Global Waypoints) and dark green path (Local Waypoints) are displayed, the nodes are working correctly.
- If some objects exist in front of the vehicle and object detection success, area boxes will be displayed as shown in the figure below.

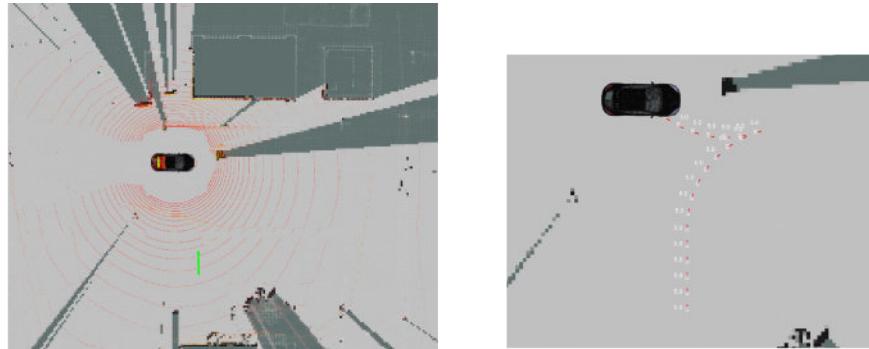


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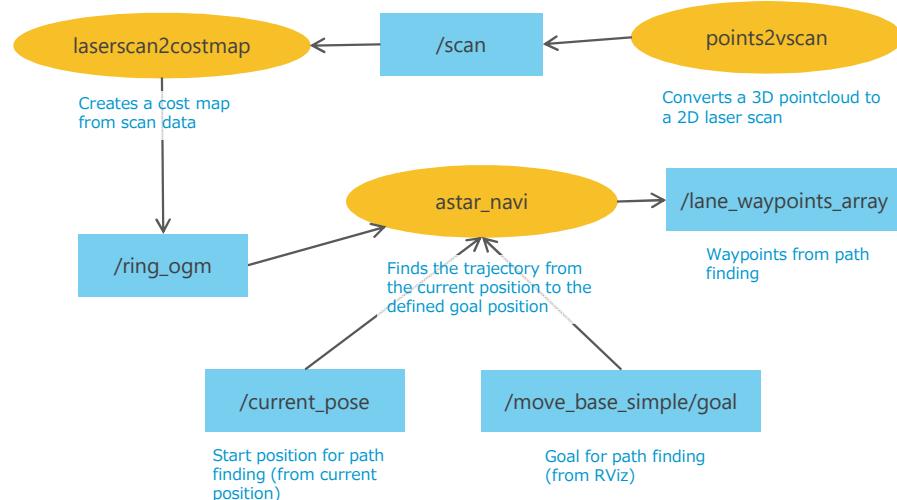
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## Path Planning for parking: overview

- Create the trajectory(path) from current position to target position
- Uses a cost map and create trajectories considering obstacles
- Target (goal) can be defined in RViz
- The trajectory is created as a set of waypoints



## Path Planning for parking: structure



## Path Planning for parking (1/2)



1. Launch Virtual Scan

- Play the ROSBAG and execute localization

➤ Refer to the chapter on localization

- Launch Virtual Scan

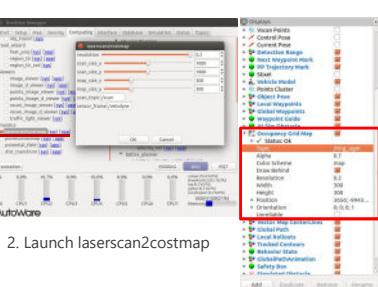
A) On [Sensing] tab, click on [Virtual Scan Image] to start it  
➤ Velodyne pointcloud is “flattened” to LaserScan

- Launch laserscan2costmap

A) On [Computing] tab, go to [laserscan2costmap] and click on the  button to start it  
➤ On the [app] button, you can configure the resolution and map size

- Display the cost map on RViz

A) On the Displays panels of RViz, expand the [Occupancy Grid Map] and use [/ring\_ogm] as topic name

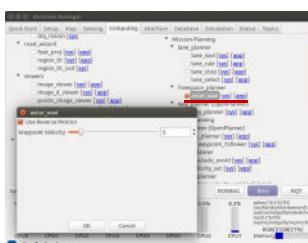


2. Launch laserscan2costmap

3. Display cost map on RViz



## Path Planning for parking (2/2)



5. Launching astar\_navi

- Launch astar\_navi

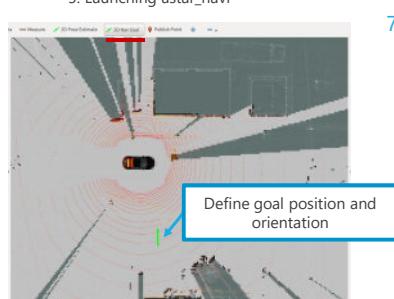
A) On [Computing] tab, go to [astar\_navi] and click on  button to start it  
➤ By selecting [Use Reverse Motion], it can generate trajectories with reversing

- Specify goal position on RViz

A) Using the [2D Nav Goal] tool, define the orientation of the goal  
➤ On the cost map, gray is free space, black is occupied  
➤ Define the goal position on the free space (gray color)

- Generated trajectory

➤ If path finding succeeds, the waypoints are published and displayed on RViz



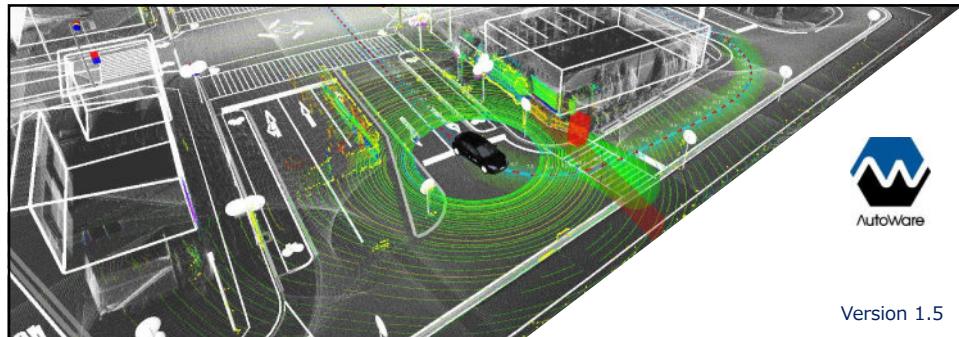
Define goal position and orientation

6. Defining goal on RViz



7. Generated trajectory





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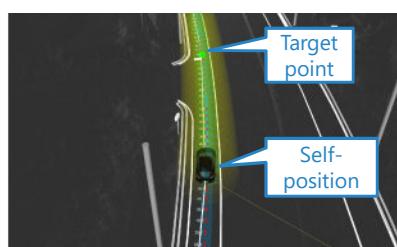
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### Path Following – Overview

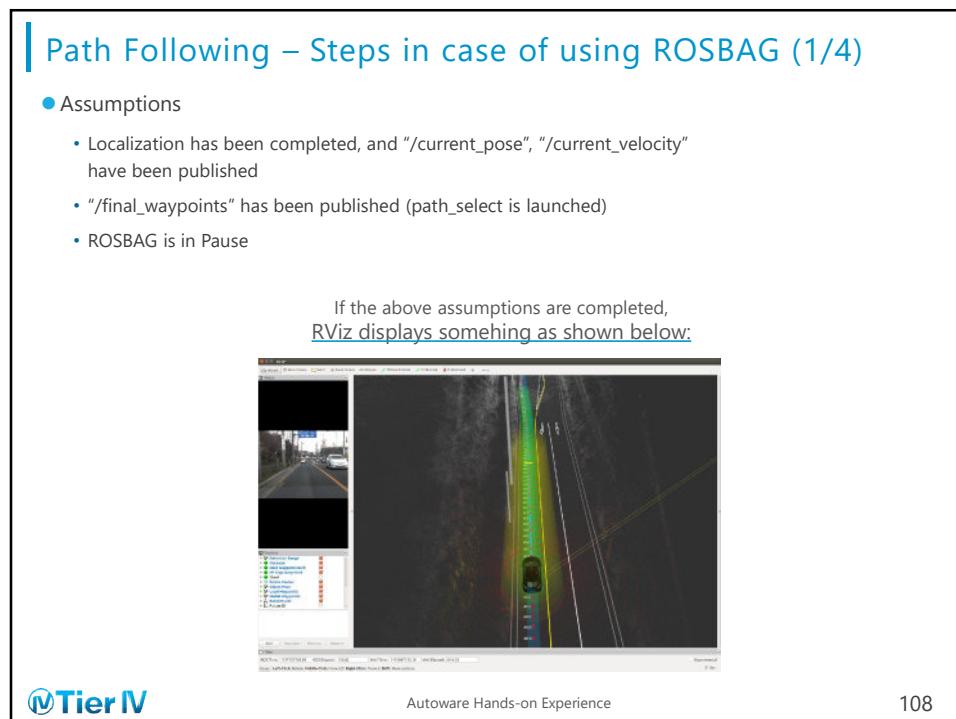
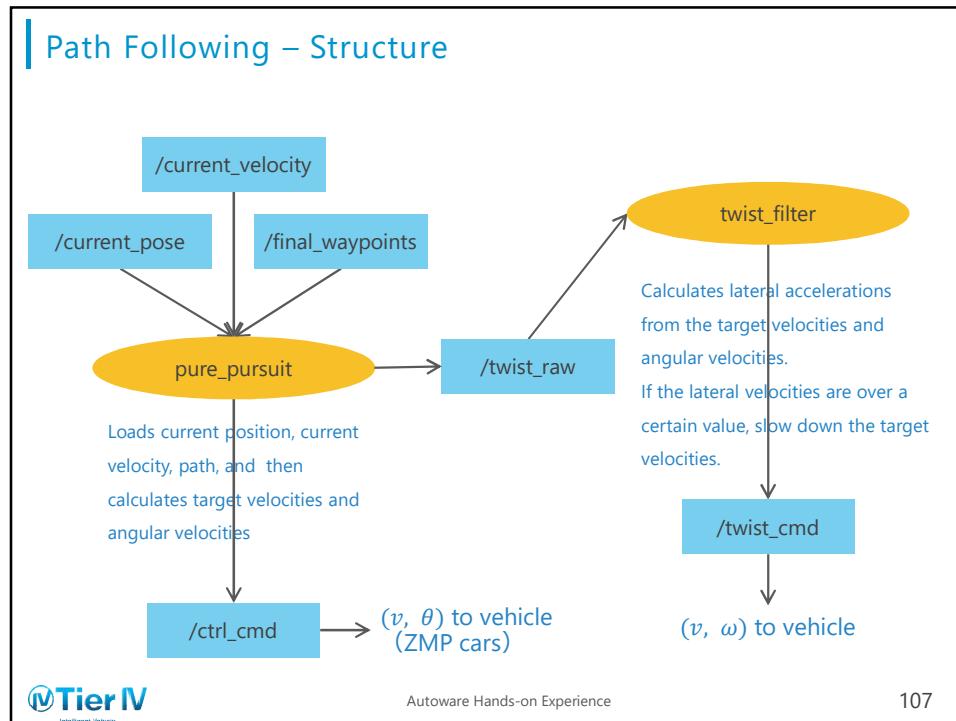
- Calculate vehicle control signals that the vehicle can follow
  - Vehicle control signals ( $v, \omega$ ) or ( $v, \theta$ ):  $v$ ...velocity,  $\omega$ ...angular velocity,  $\theta$ ... tire angle
  - Nodes: "pure\_pursuit", "twist\_filter", "wf\_simulator"
  - Subscribed topic: "/current\_pose", "/current\_velocity", "/final\_waypoint"
  - Published topic: "/twist\_raw", "/twist\_cmd", "/ctrl\_cmd"
- Flow of path following and vehicle control
  1. "pure\_pursuit" node
    - Calculate the curvature of the circle passing through self-position and target points on the path
    - Calculate target angular velocities from the calculated curvature and the current velocity, and then publish them into a topic
  2. "twist\_filter" node
    - Calculate lateral accelerations from target velocities and angular velocities
    - If the lateral accelerations is over a certain value, slow down the target velocities and publish them into a topic
  3. Transmit these nodes to the vehicle for control



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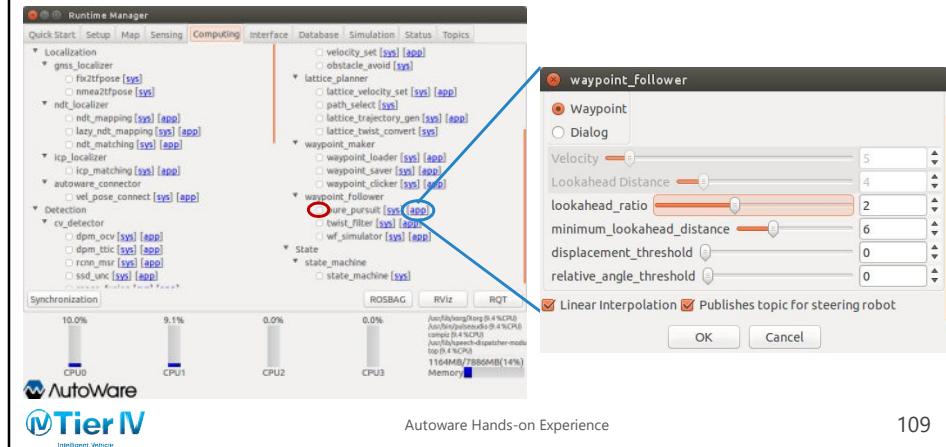
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## Path Following – Steps in case of using ROSBAG (2/4)

- Specify and launch “pure\_pursuit”

- Clicking [app] on “pure\_pursuit”, a window will be displayed. Confirm that the values of the parameters are the same as the ones shown in the right-bottom figure
- Launch pure\_pursuit by checking (☒) the box

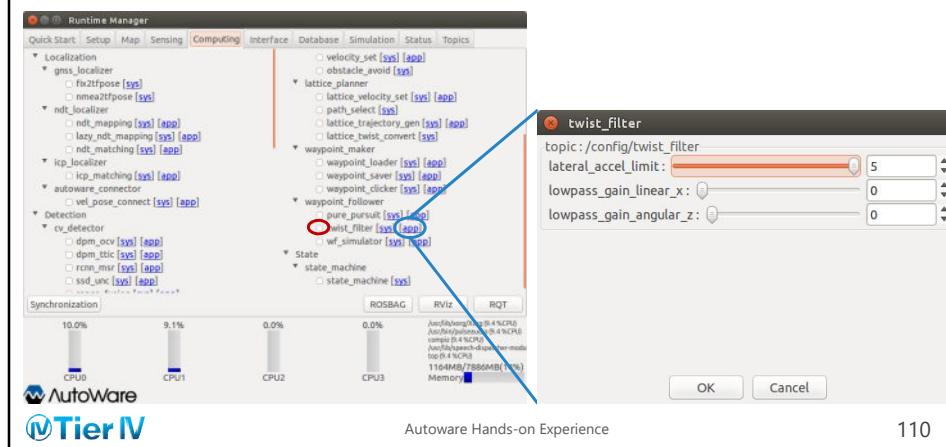


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## Path Following – Steps in case of using ROSBAG (3/4)

- Specify and launch “twist\_filter”

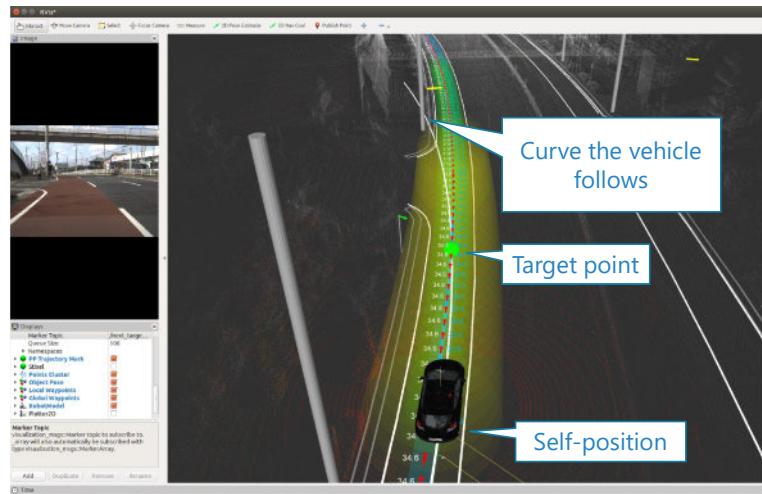
- Clicking [app] on “twist\_filter”, a window will be displayed. Confirm that the values of the parameters are the same as the ones shown in the right-bottom figure
- Launch “twist\_filter” by checking (☒) the box



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## Path Following – Steps in case of using ROSBAG (4/4)

- Resume playback using [Pause] of ROSBAG, path following results is displayed as shown below



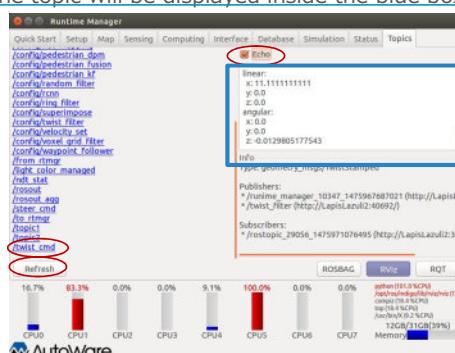
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## Path Following and Vehicle Control – Checking topics

- How to check published topics?
  - Check () the box of [Echo] in [Topic] tab
  - Click "[topic\_name]" (here, "/twist\_cmd" is clicked and displayed)
    - If the topic doesn't exist, press [Refresh]

After above steps,  
the topic will be displayed inside the blue box



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## Path Following and Vehicle Control – wf\_simulator

- wf\_simulator

- Simulating an ideal self-position and velocity using the received vehicle control signals ( $v, \omega$ )
- The problem can be stated as:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_{i+1} = x_i + v \cos \theta_i \Delta t + rnd_x e_{px} \\ y_{i+1} = y_i + v \sin \theta_i \Delta t + rnd_y e_{py} \\ \theta_{i+1} = \theta_i + \omega \Delta t + rnd_a e_a \frac{\pi}{180} \end{array} \right.$$

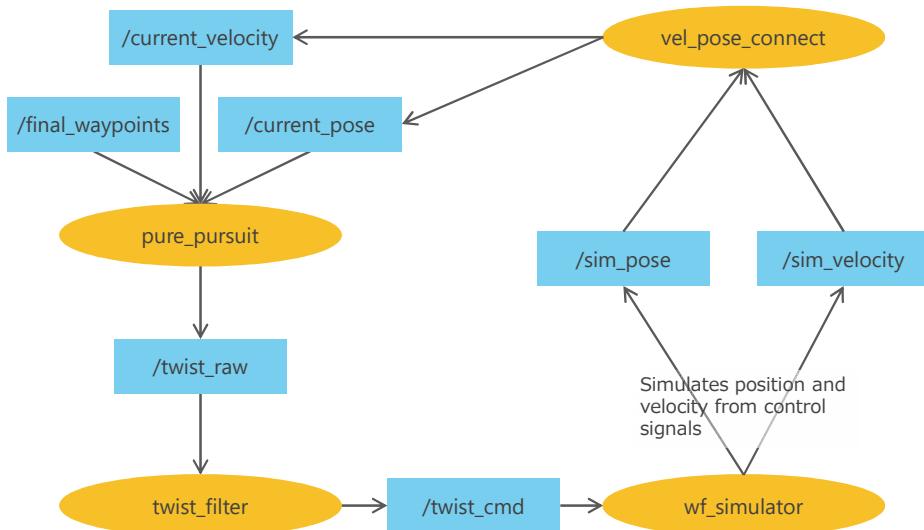
$(x_0, y_0, \theta_0)$  : initial position,  $v$  : linear velocity,  $\omega$  : angular velocity,  $i : 0, 1, \dots, n$

$rnd_x, rnd_y, rnd_a$  : Random constant  $[-1.0 \sim 1.0]$

$e_{px}, e_{py}$  : distance error [m],  $e_a$  : angular error [deg]



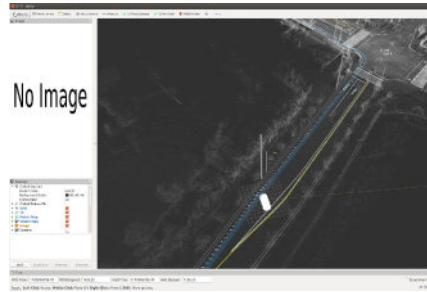
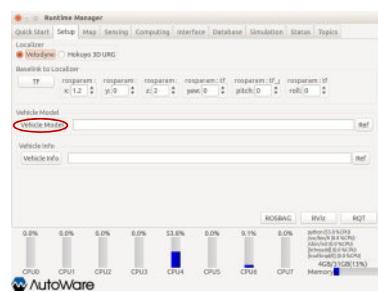
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## Path Following and Vehicle Control – wf\_simulator (1/8)

### ● Assumptions

- Map and “/base\_waypoints” have been published (“lane\_select” has been launched)
- If you have run some operations with ROSBAG previously, stop ROSBAG playing and restart TF and RViz
- Load “/\$HOME/Autoware/ros/.config/model/sim\_default.urdf” on [Vehicle Model] in [Setup] tab



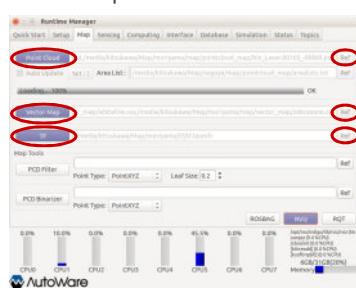
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## Path Following and Vehicle Control – wf\_simulator (2/8)

### Read map data



※ Make sure rosbag file is stop on simulation tab

### 1. Read pointcloud map

- On Map tab select the Ref for the point cloud, and select the PCD map file, ex.  
~/data/moriyama/pointcloud\_map/0.2-bin/\*.pcd

B) Click on [Point Cloud] button

### 2. Read the vector map

- On Map tab select the Ref for the vector map, and select the CSV map files, ex.  
~/data/moriyama/vector\_map/Ver1.20/\*.csv

B) Click on [Vector Map] button

### 3. Set the TF for the map

- On Map tab select the Ref for the TF, and select the corresponding launch file, ex.  
~/data/moriyama/tf/tf.launch

B) Click on [TF] button

➤ The TF between world and map is published

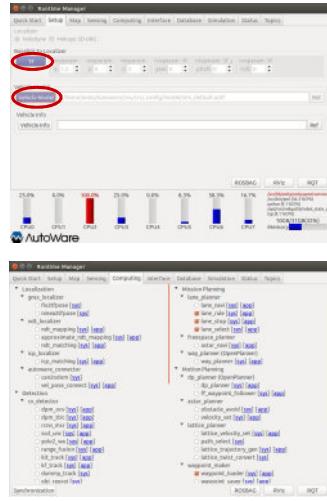
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## Path Following and Vehicle Control – wf\_simulator (3/8)

Set the TF and vehicle model, load the trajectory



1. Set the TF for the localizer (velodyne) and load vehicle model

- A) On Setup tab select Velodyne as localizer
- B) On [Baselink to localizer] define the TF for the velodyne relative to the rear axle (default x:1.2, y:0, z:2.0, yaw:0, pitch:0, roll:0), and click TF

- C) Load vehicle model
  - Click on the Ref button of Vehicle model and select the corresponding file, ex. `/$HOME/Autoware/ros/src/.config/model/sim_default.urdf`

2. To load the trajectory, start the following nodes

- waypoint\_loader
- lane\_rule
- lane\_stop
- lane\_select

Starting the necessary nodes



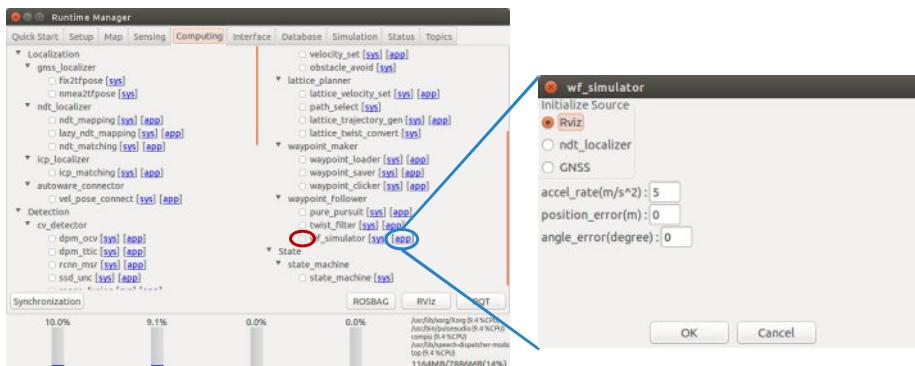
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## Path Following and Vehicle Control – wf\_simulator (4/8)

• “wf\_simulator” launching

1. Clicking [app] on [wf\_simulator], a figure like the one in the bottom-right will be displayed  
Confirm that the parameters are the same as the ones in the figure
2. Launch [wf\_simulator] checking () the box



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## Path Following and Vehicle Control – wf\_simulator (5/8)

- Launching “wf\_simulator”

1. Specify the initial position by 2D Pose Estimate in Rviz, set the Display as “TopDownOrtho”
2. A 3D rendering of vehicle model will be displayed  
If the position of the model is not correct, repeat step 1. again

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## Path Following and Vehicle Control – wf\_simulator (6/8)

- Specifying a Local Path

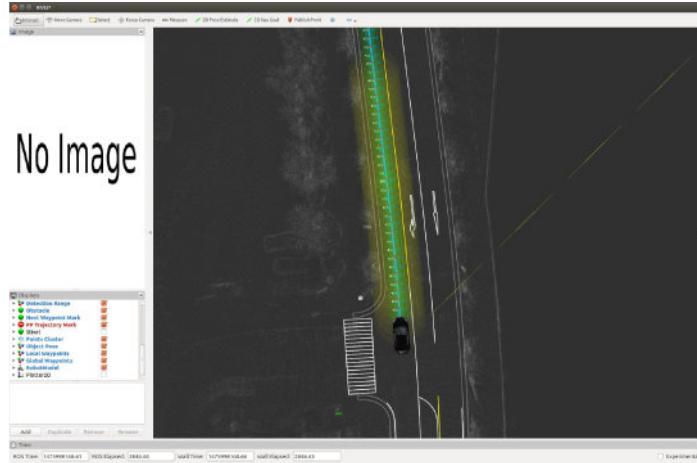
1. Launch [velocity\_set] and [obstacle\_avoid] by checking (☑) the boxes
2. Clicking [app] on [vel\_pose\_connect], the bottom-right figure will be displayed, and then check ☑ the box of Simulation Mode
3. Check (☑) the box of vel\_pose\_connect

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## Path Following and Vehicle Control – wf\_simulator (7/8)



Path is shown as the above figure

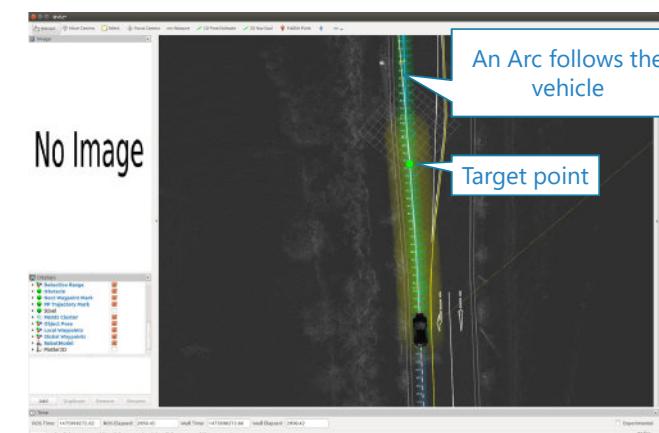


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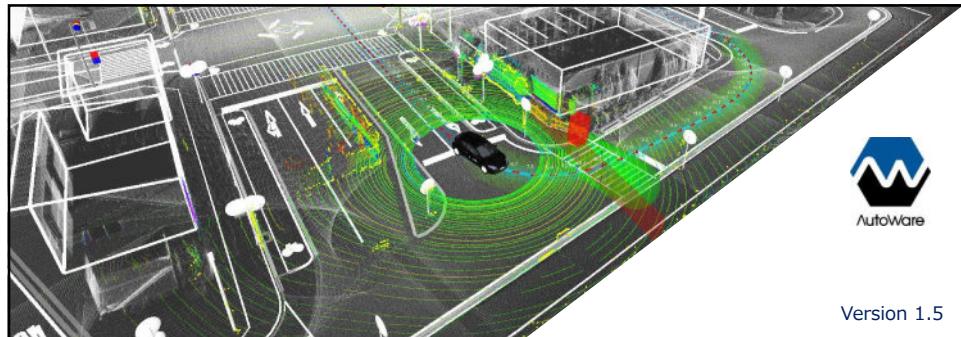
## Path Following and Vehicle Control – wf\_simulator (8/8)

- Start path following
1. Launch [pure\_pursuit] and [twist\_filter]
  2. Target points and the arc will be displayed, and then the simulator starts running



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## Chapter 5 : Path Following and Vehicle Control

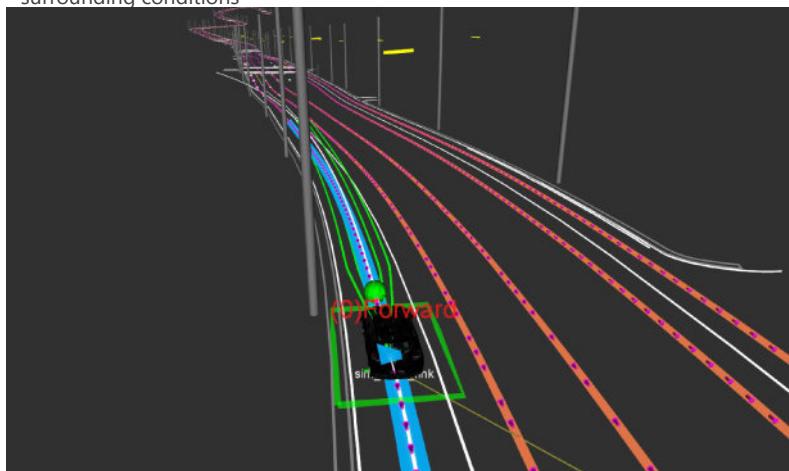
### 2. Open Planner (ADAS planner)

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### Open Planner: overview

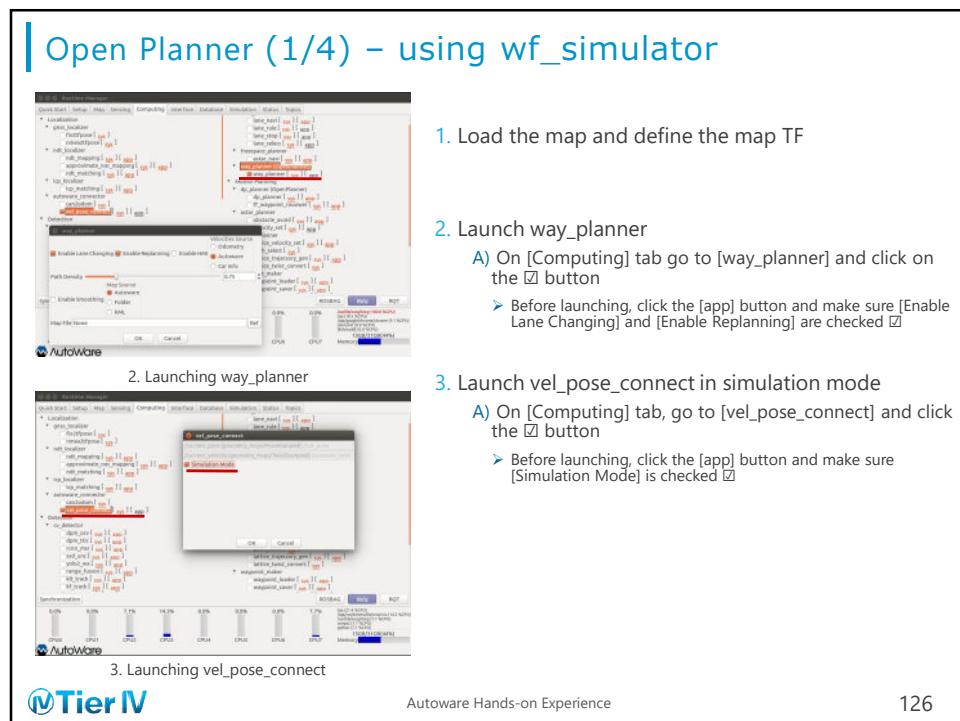
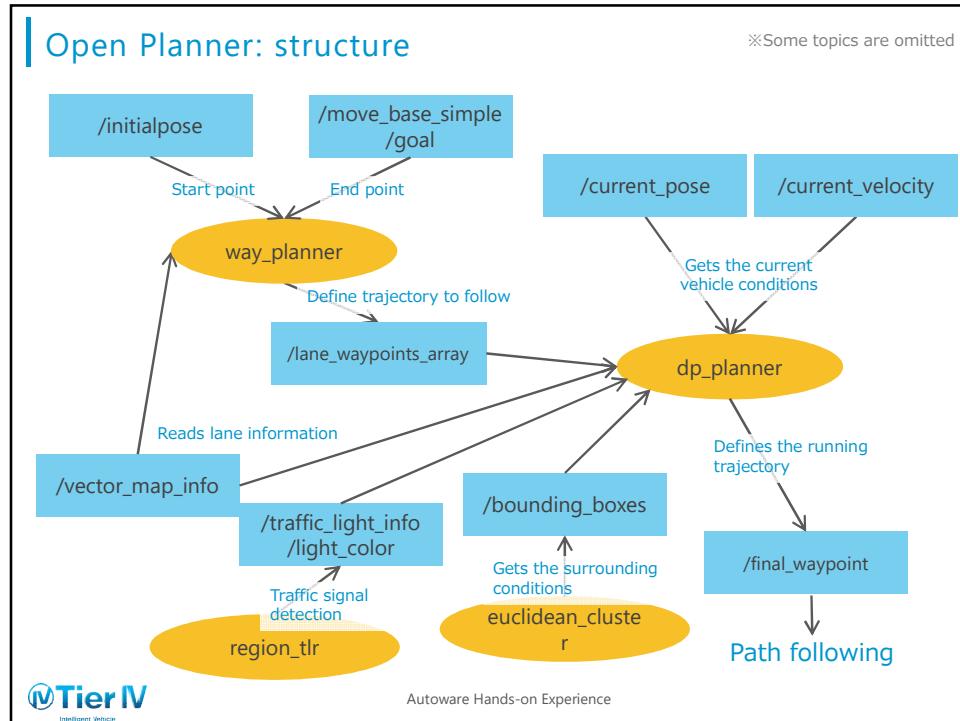
- Extracts traversable paths from Vector Maps (**orange lines**)
- Creates the trajectory to follow (**blue lines**) by defining start and end points
- Dynamically plans the running trajectory (**green lines, pink lines**) considering surrounding conditions



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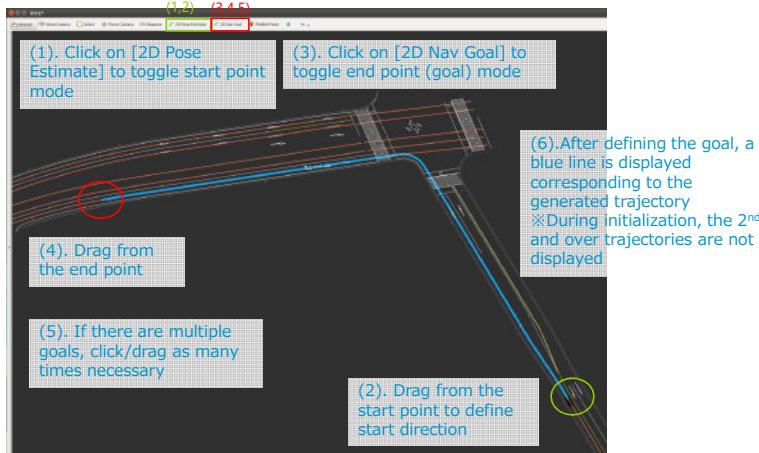
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## Open Planner (2/4) – using wf\_simulator

### 4. Configuring start point and end point (goal) for way\_planner

- A) On RViz, use the [2D Pose Estimate] tool and click on the map to define the start point
  - The start direction is defined by dragging
- B) On RViz, use the [2D Nav Goal] tool and click on the map to define the end point



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## Open Planner (3/4) – using wf\_simulator

### 5. Launch dp\_planner

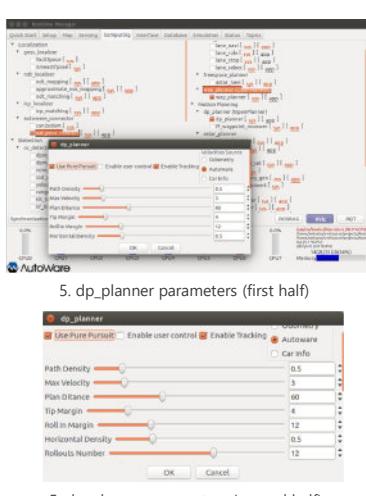
- A) On [Computing] tab go to [dp\_planner] and click on the  button
- B) Some parameters are shown on the left for reference
- C) By changing the [Roll\_Out Number], the number of green lines increases, this is the number of possible paths to calculate increase

### 6. Launch Pure-Pursuit

- A) On [Computing] tab go to [pure\_pursuit] and click on the  button

### 7. Launch Twist\_filter

- A) On [Computing] tab go to [twist\_filter] and click on the  button



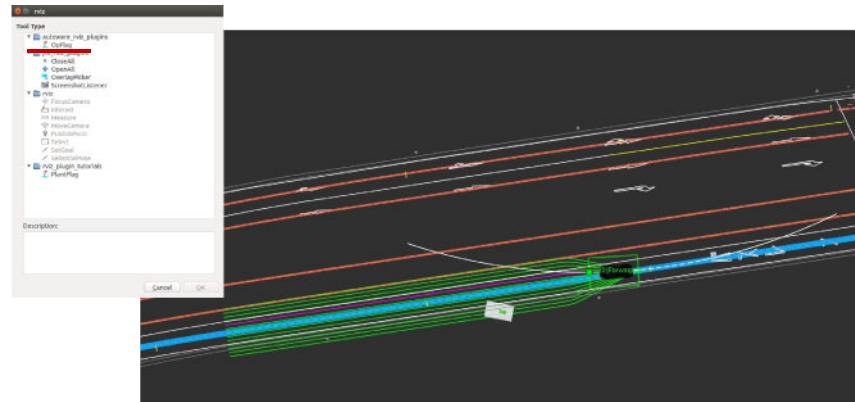
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## Open Planner (4/4) – using wf\_simulator

### 8. On RViz define the starting position, check results

- A) Using the [+] button on the RViz toolbar, select [OpFlag] to add virtual obstacles
- B) Use [2D Estimate Pose] tool one more time on the vehicle starting position
- C) Verify that there are several **green lines** (local waypoints) going from the vehicle position towards the end point, and the vehicle avoids obstacles



8. Defining start point and verifying results in RViz



## Open Planner (1/3) – using rosbag

### 1. Play the ROSBAG and execute localization

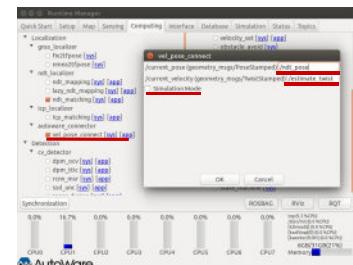
➤ Refer to the chapter on localization

### 2. Launch vel\_pose\_connect

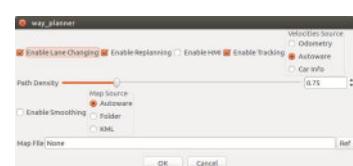
- A) On [Computing] tab go to [vel\_pose\_connect] and click on the  button
- Click on [app] button and verify [/ndt\_pose] and [/estimate\_twist] are checked, and [Simulation Mode] is NOT checked

### 3. Launch way\_planner

- A) On [Computing] tab go to [way\_planner] and click on the  button
- Before launching, click the [app] button and make sure [Enable Lane Changing] and [Enable Replanning] are checked



1. Launching vel\_pose\_connect



2. Launching way\_planner



## Open Planner (2/3) – using rosbag

4. Define the end point (goal) for way\_planner on RViz
  - A)(optional) Play the rosbag until vehicle is localized and over the lane
    - On the Moriyama ROSBAG this is about after 85(s)
  - B) On RViz, use the [2D Nav Goal] tool and define the end point (goal) on the map



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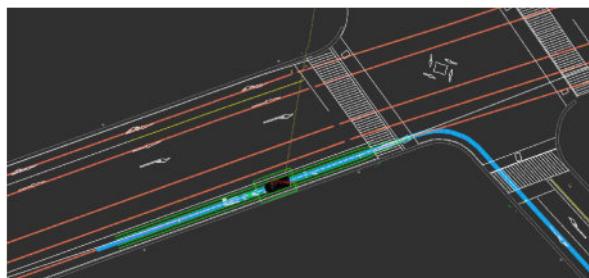
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## Open Planner (3/3) – using rosbag



5. Launch dp\_planner
  - A) On [Computing] tab go to [dp\_planner] and click on the  button
6. (optional) Launch Euclidean Cluster
  - A) On [Computing] tab go to [euclidean\_cluster] and click on the  button
    - By launching Euclidean cluster, obstacle avoidance is activated
7. Verify on RViz
  - A) Verify that there are several **green lines** (local waypoints) going from the vehicle position towards the end point, and the vehicle avoids obstacles
  - B) Check if some of the rollouts have a different color, it means dp\_planner is working correctly



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5. Verifying on RViz

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