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# Adversarial Fuzzer for Teleoperation Commands: Evaluating Autonomous Vehicle Resilience

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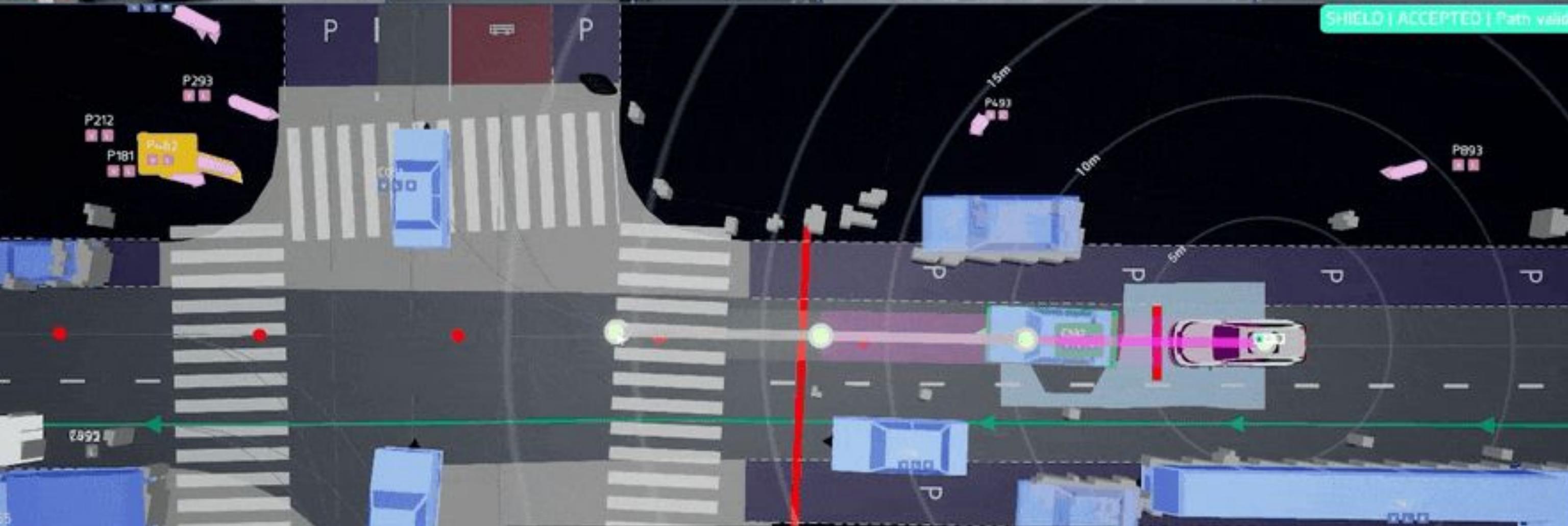
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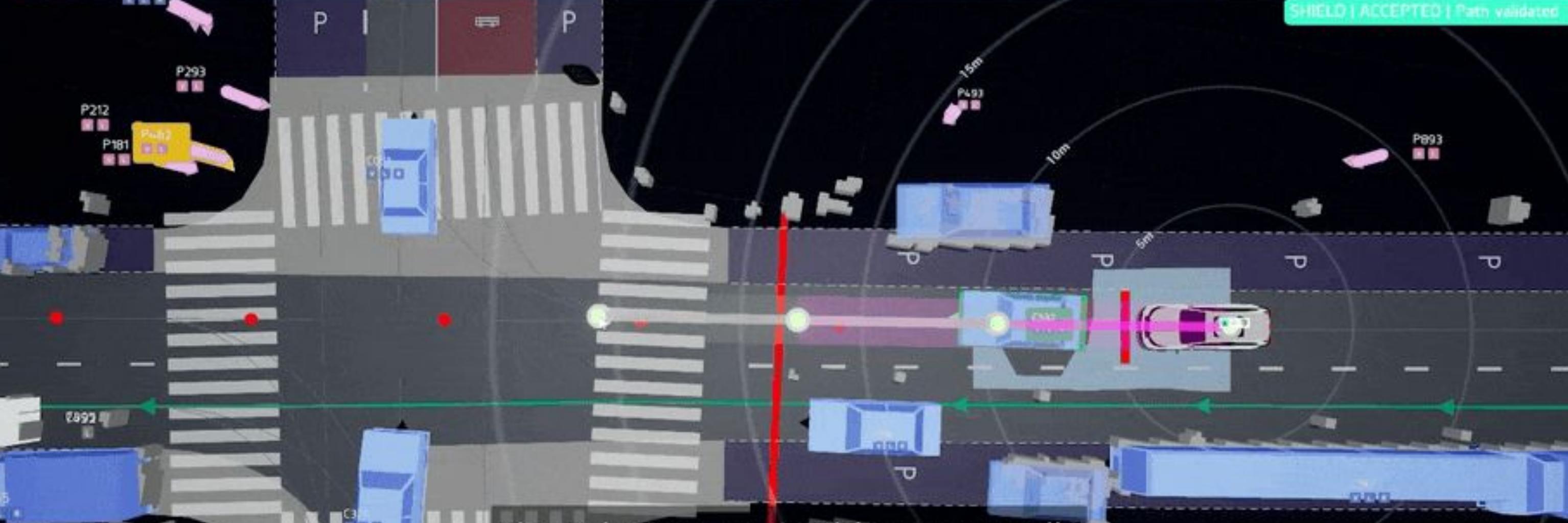


## Disclaimer

All tests were conducted in simulation or tightly controlled test environment. Collisions occurred only in simulation. Results are based on outdated software versions.

# What is Teleoperation?



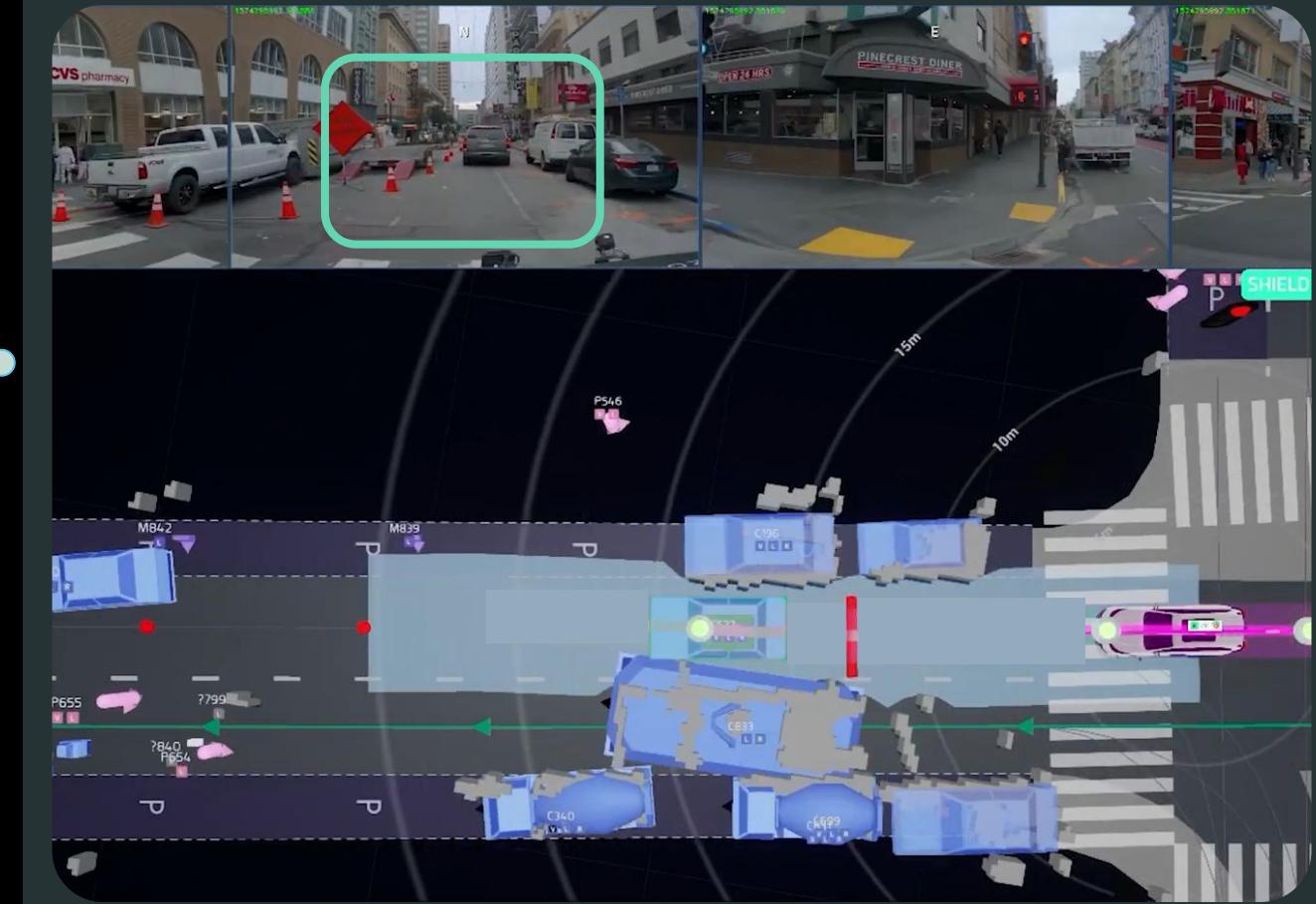


## Operations Center



Detect potential construction zone

## Vehicle

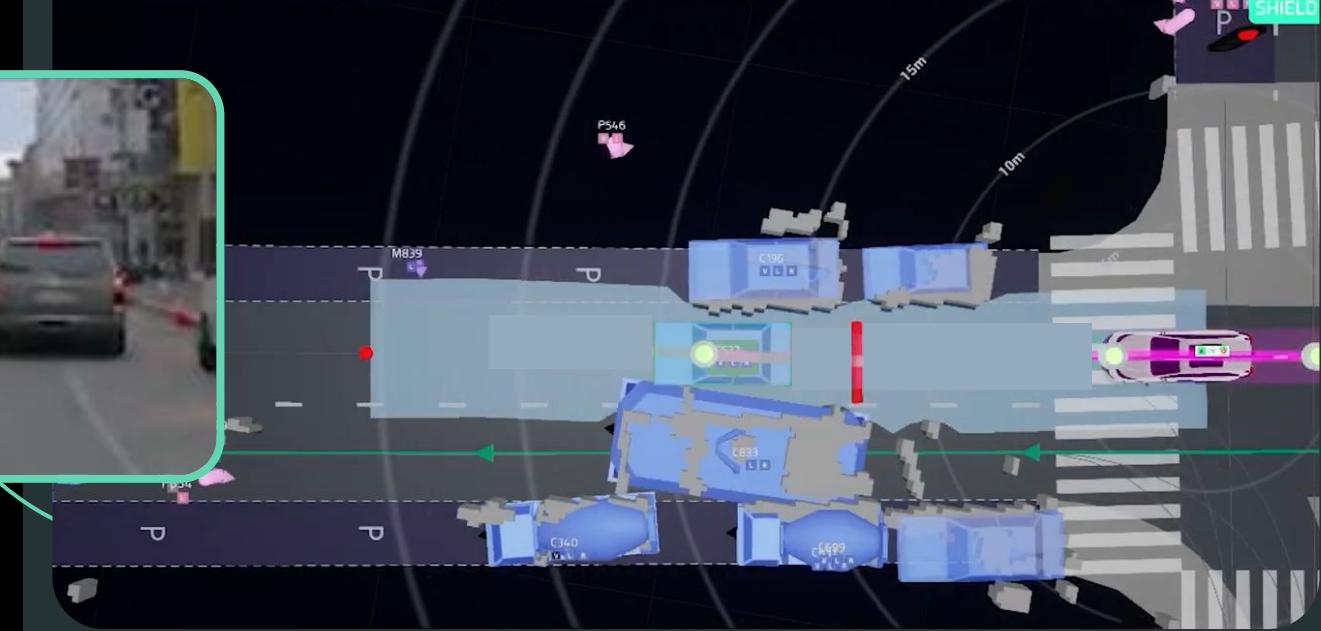


## Operations Center



AI: Hey human,  
take a look.  
Is something in  
my way?

## Vehicle

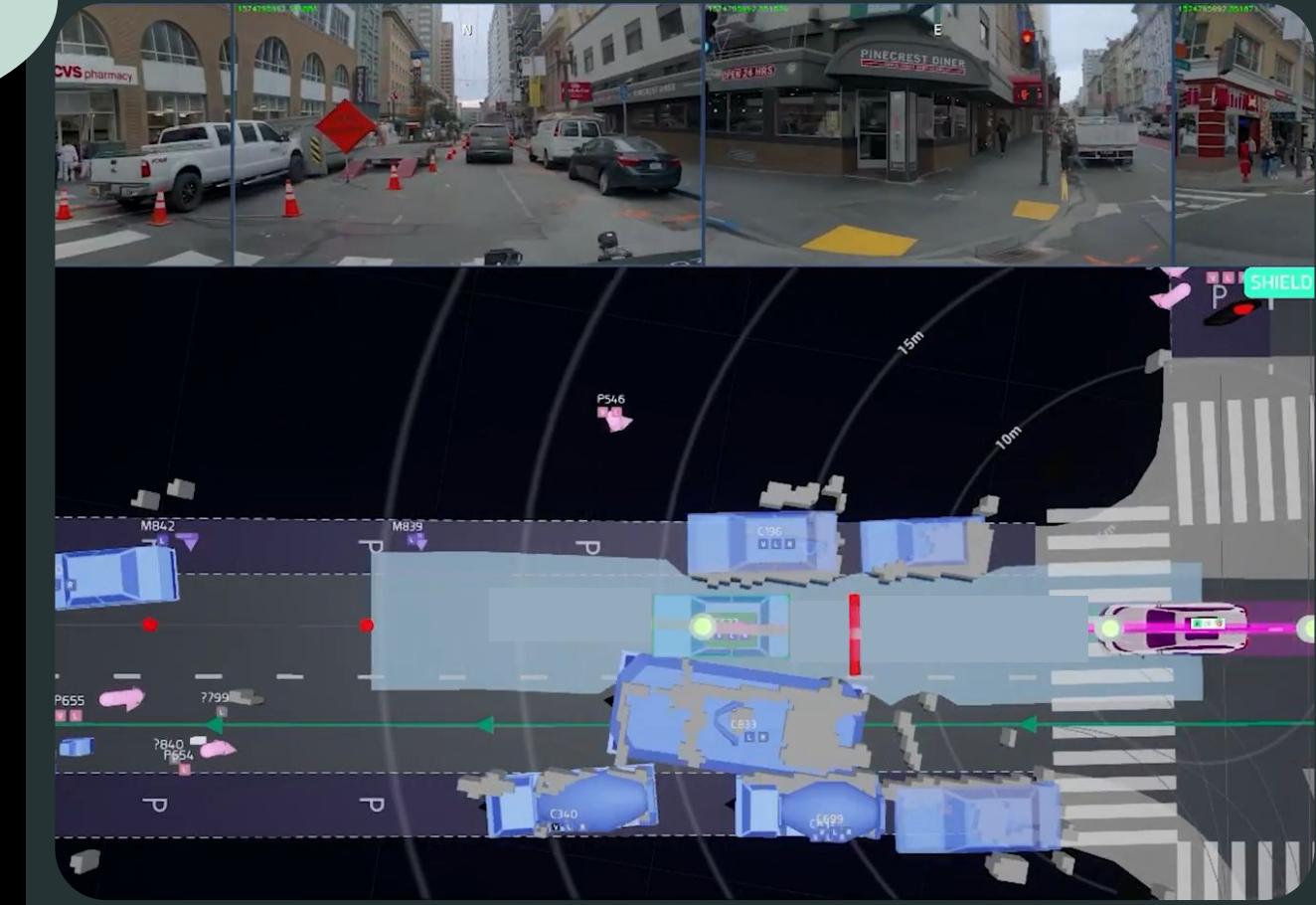


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OP: Yes, lane shifted or closed

## Vehicle

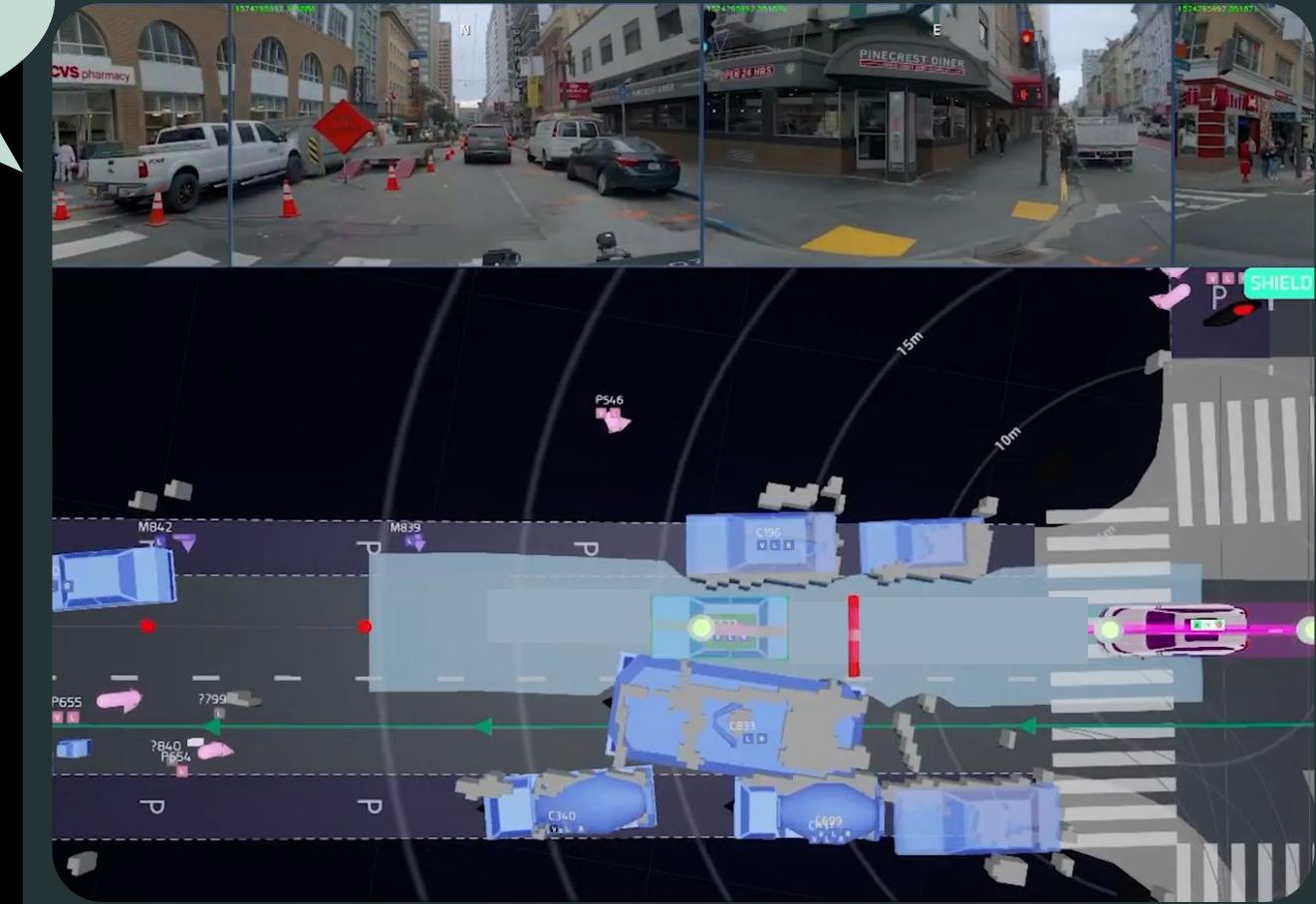


## Operations Center



AI: Any suggestions?

## Vehicle

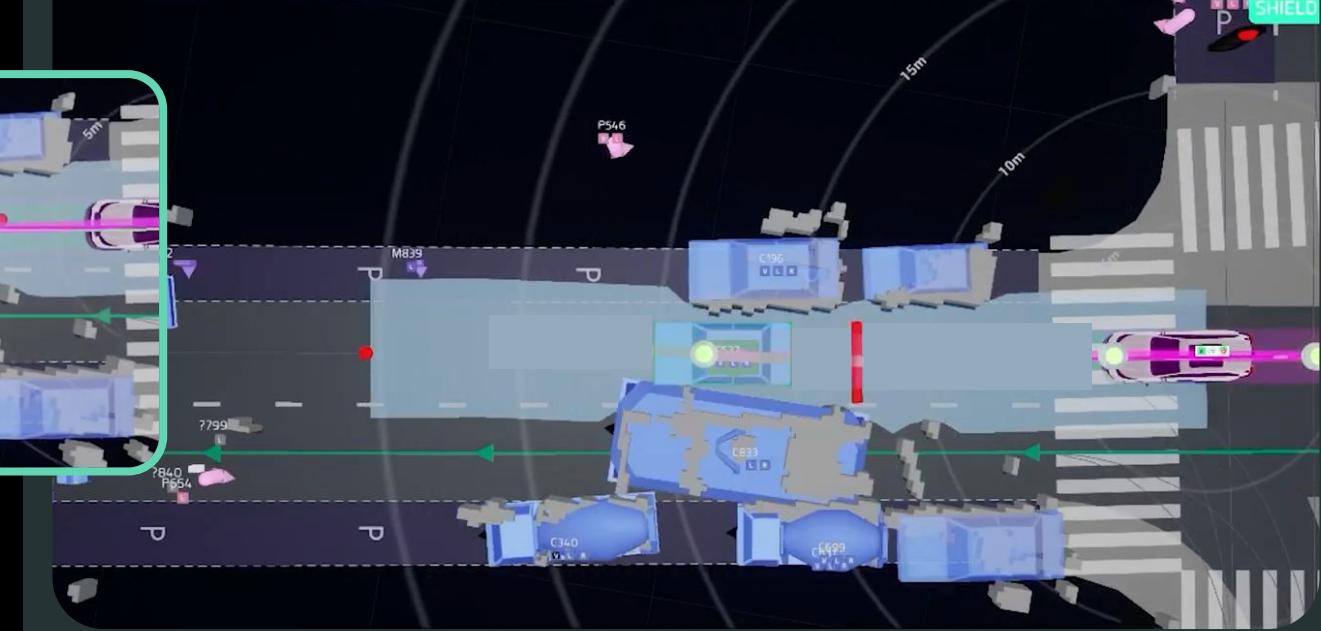
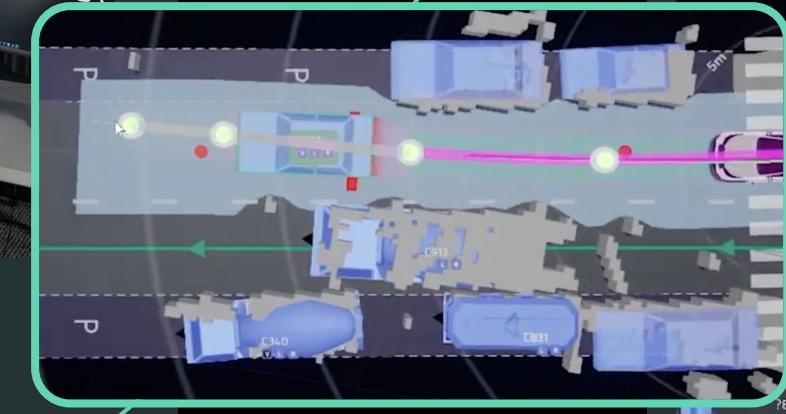


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OP: Try this suggestion

## Vehicle

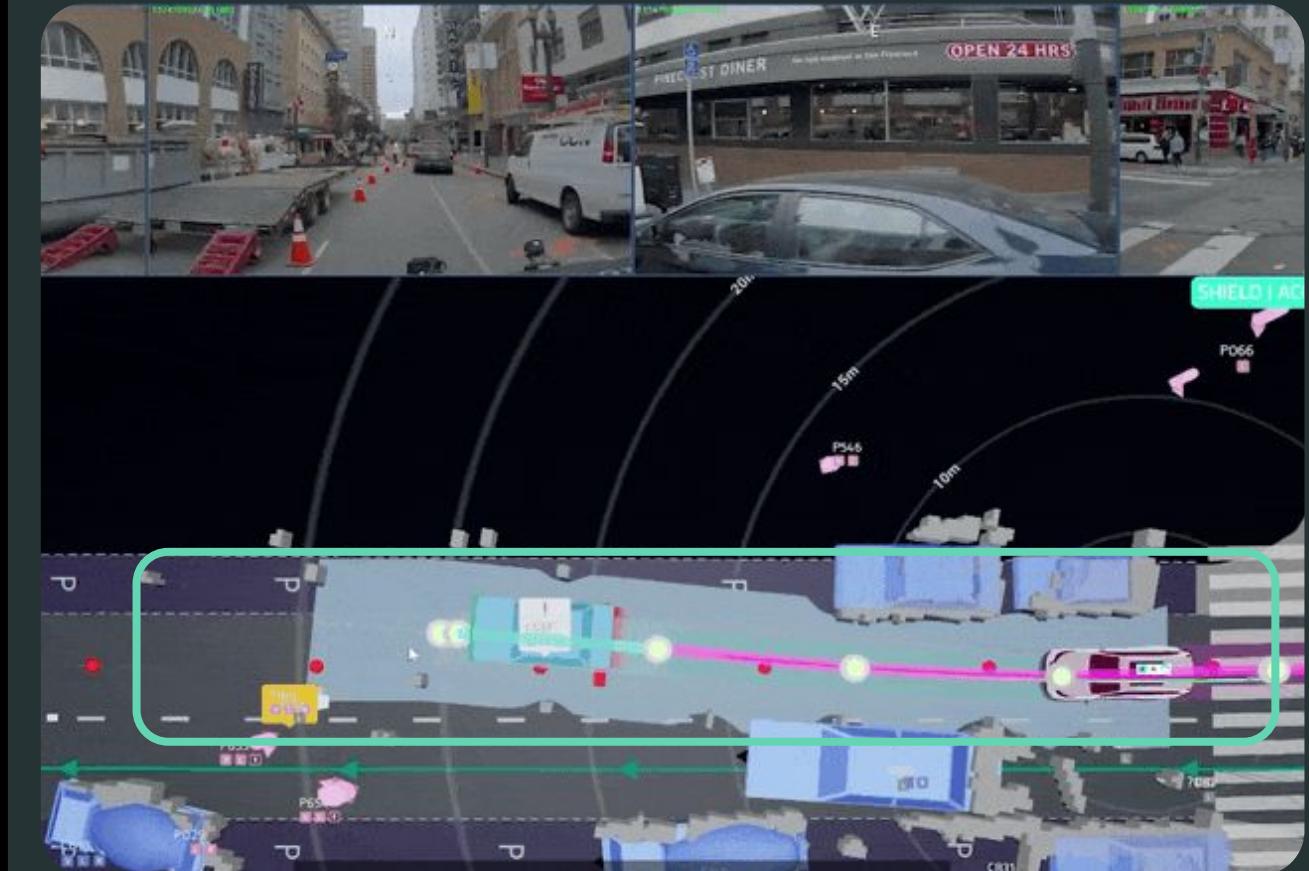


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AI: Nice, let me try it.

## Vehicle

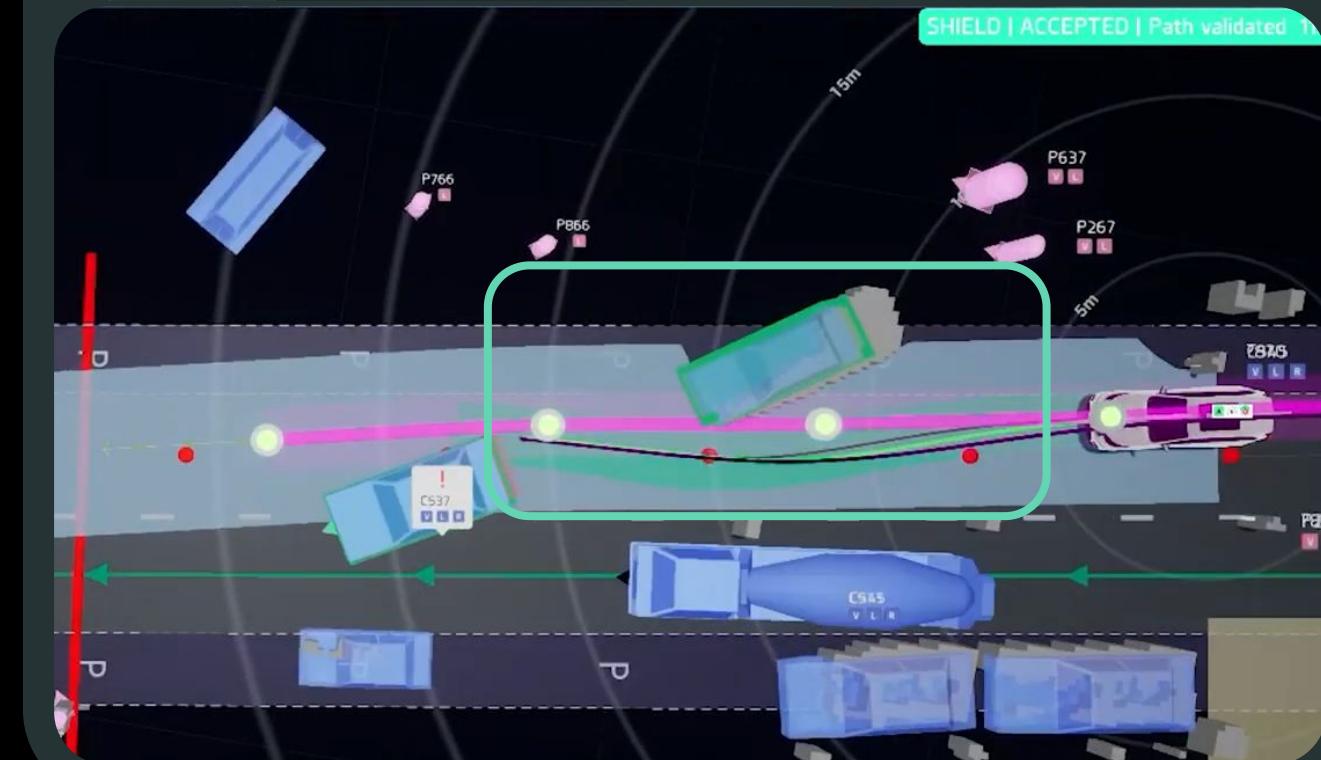


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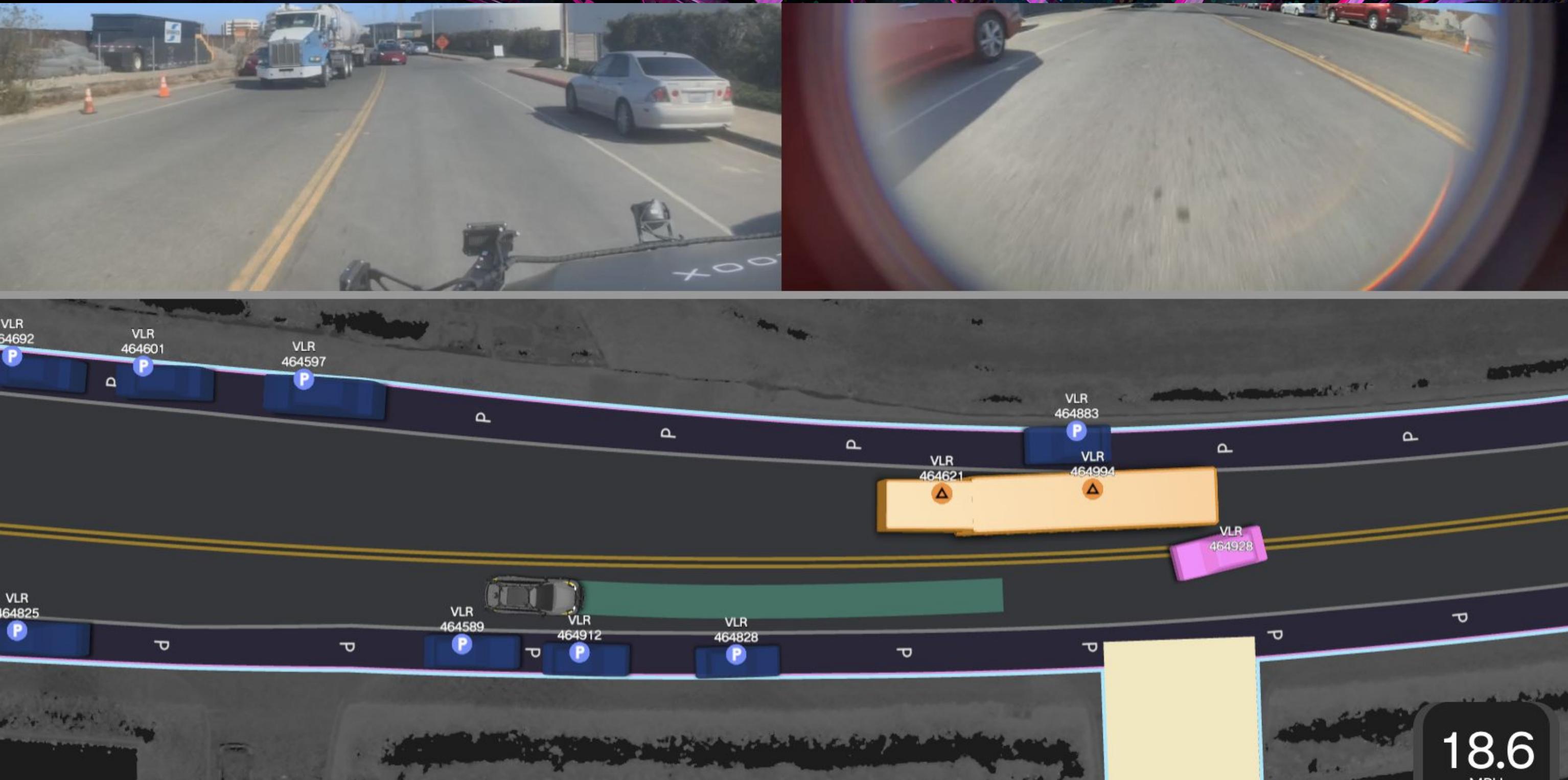
AI: Don't worry,  
I am still in full  
autonomy

## Vehicle

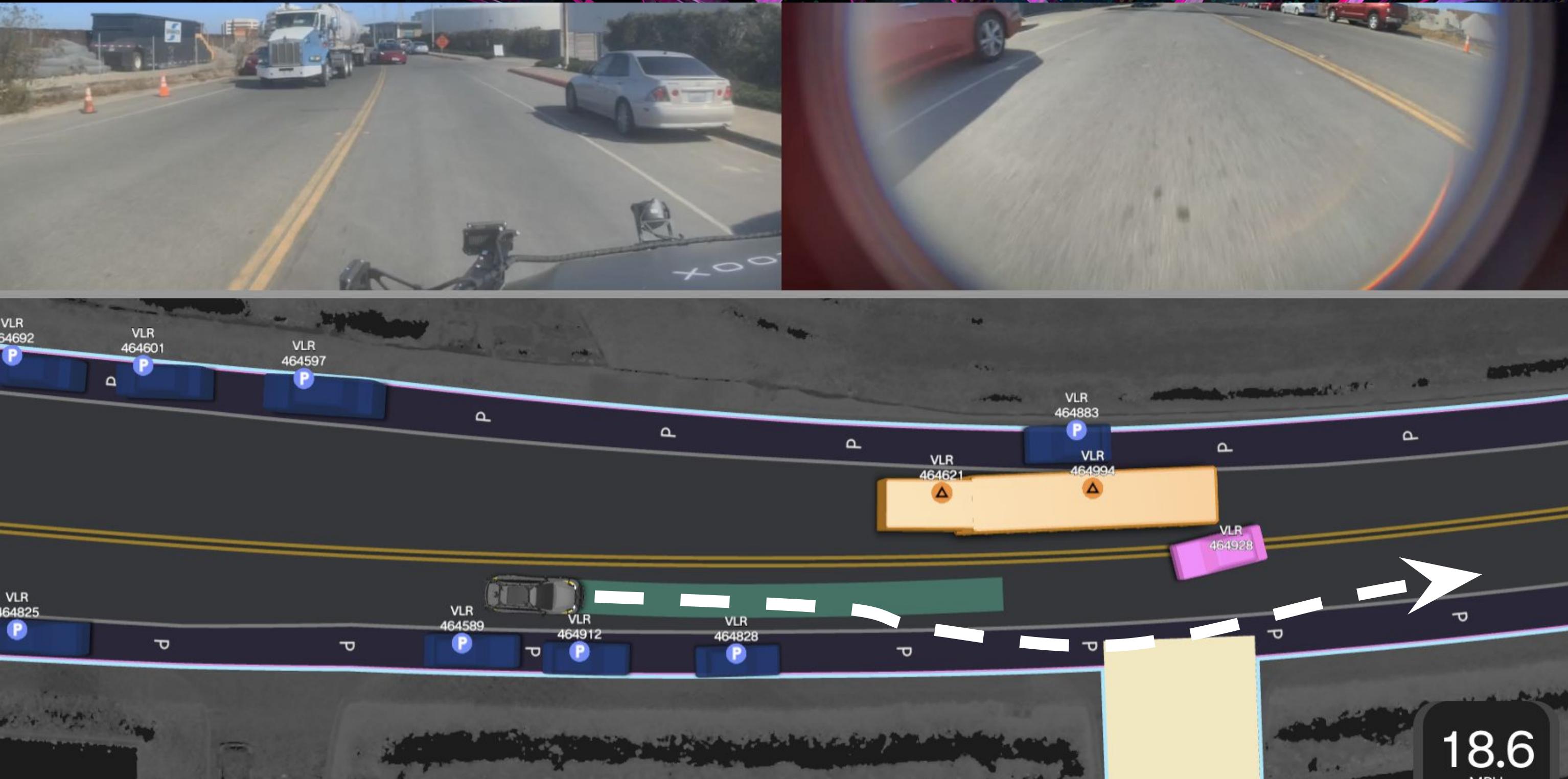


# How to Show Teleoperation is Working Safely

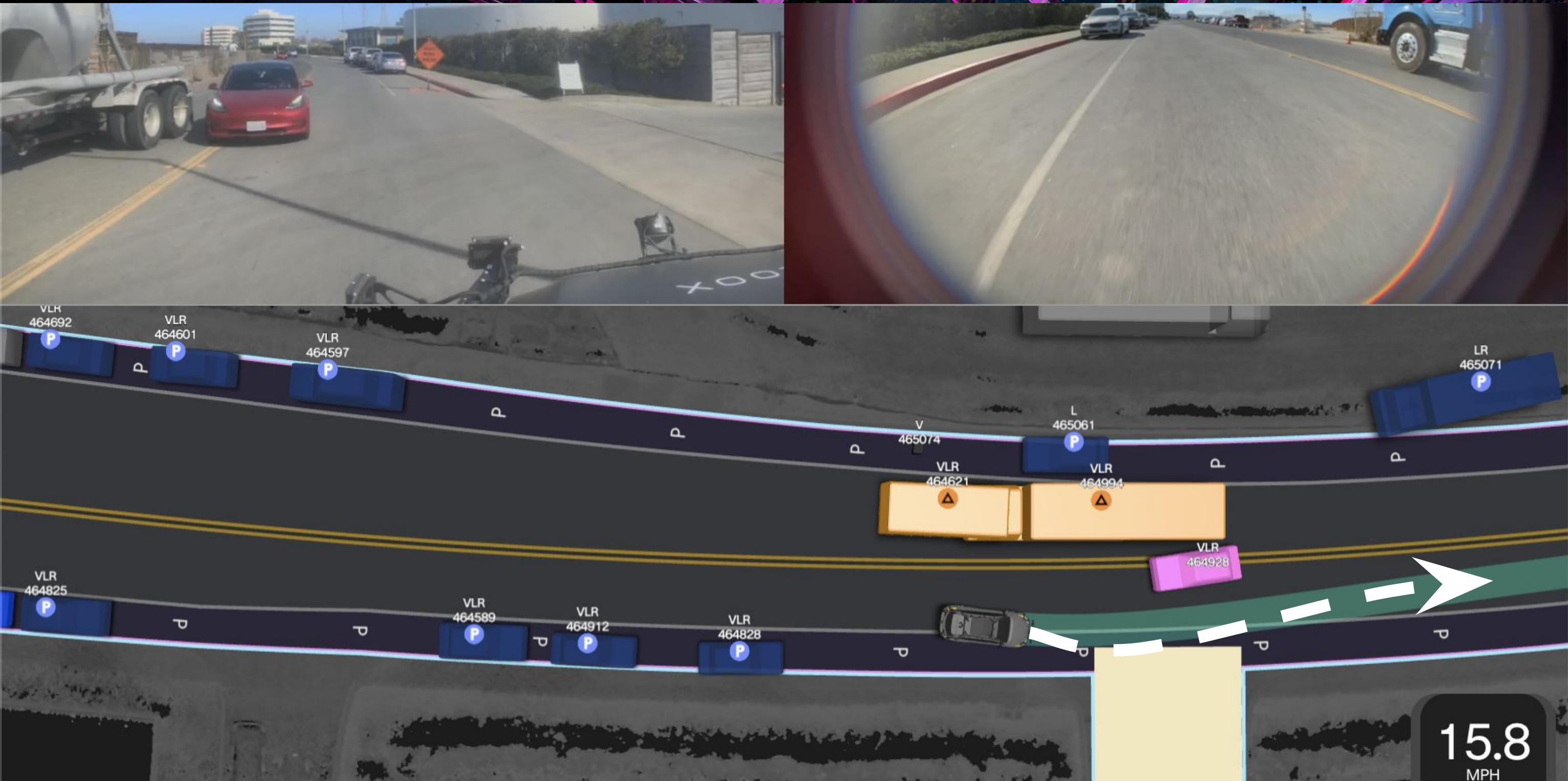
# Implement real-world test case



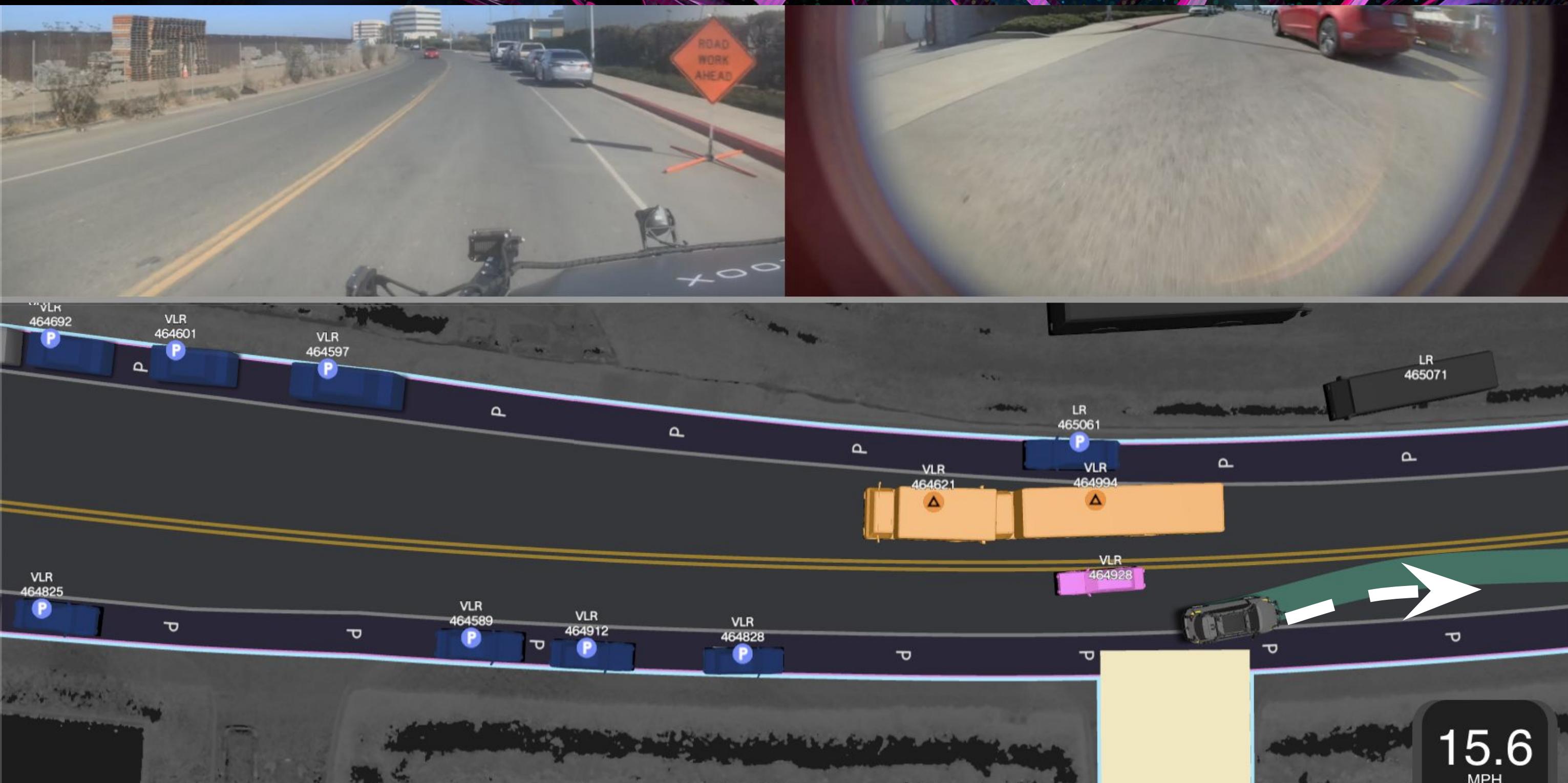
# Send command



# See if it passes

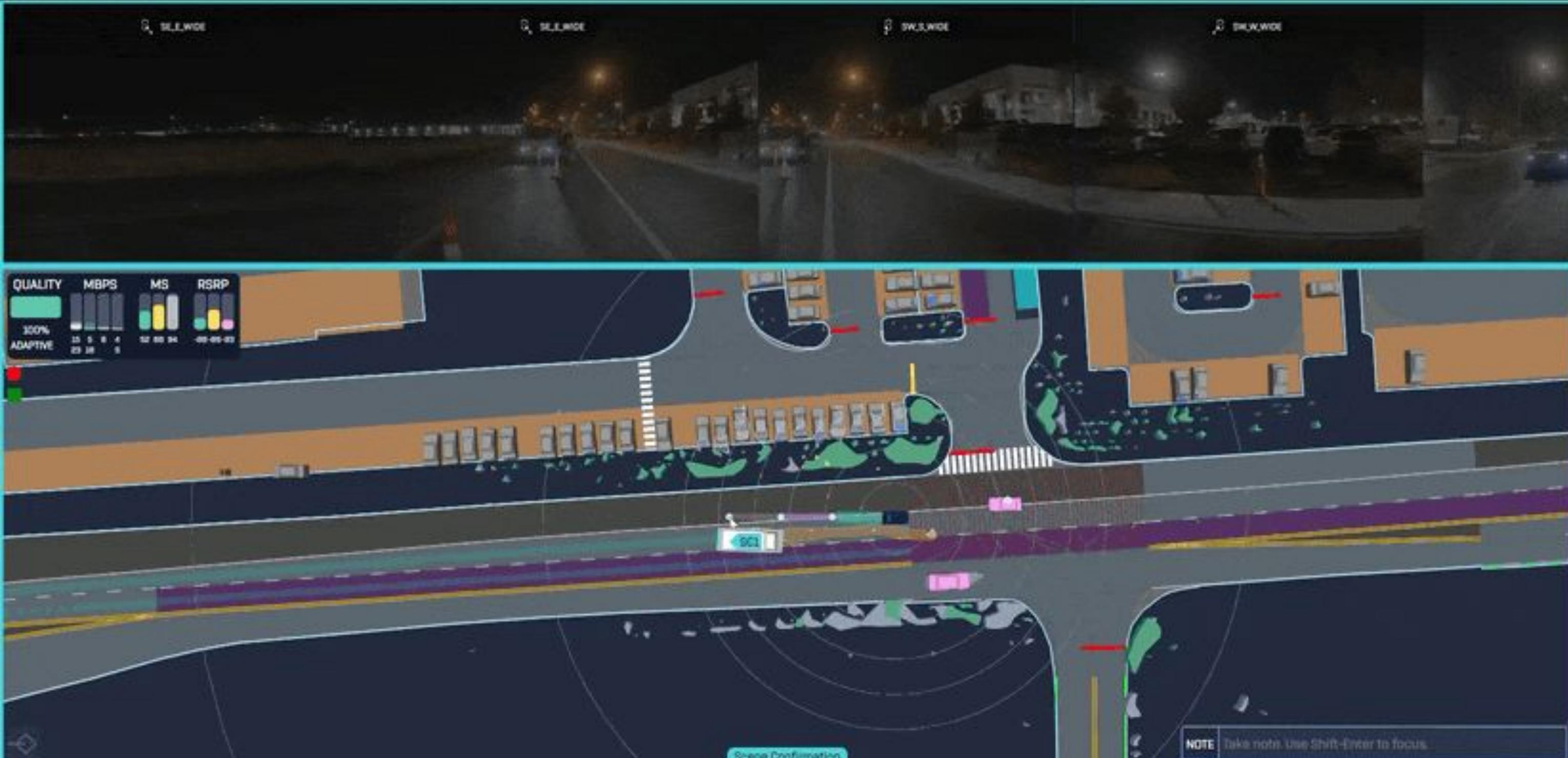


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# How About Mistakes?



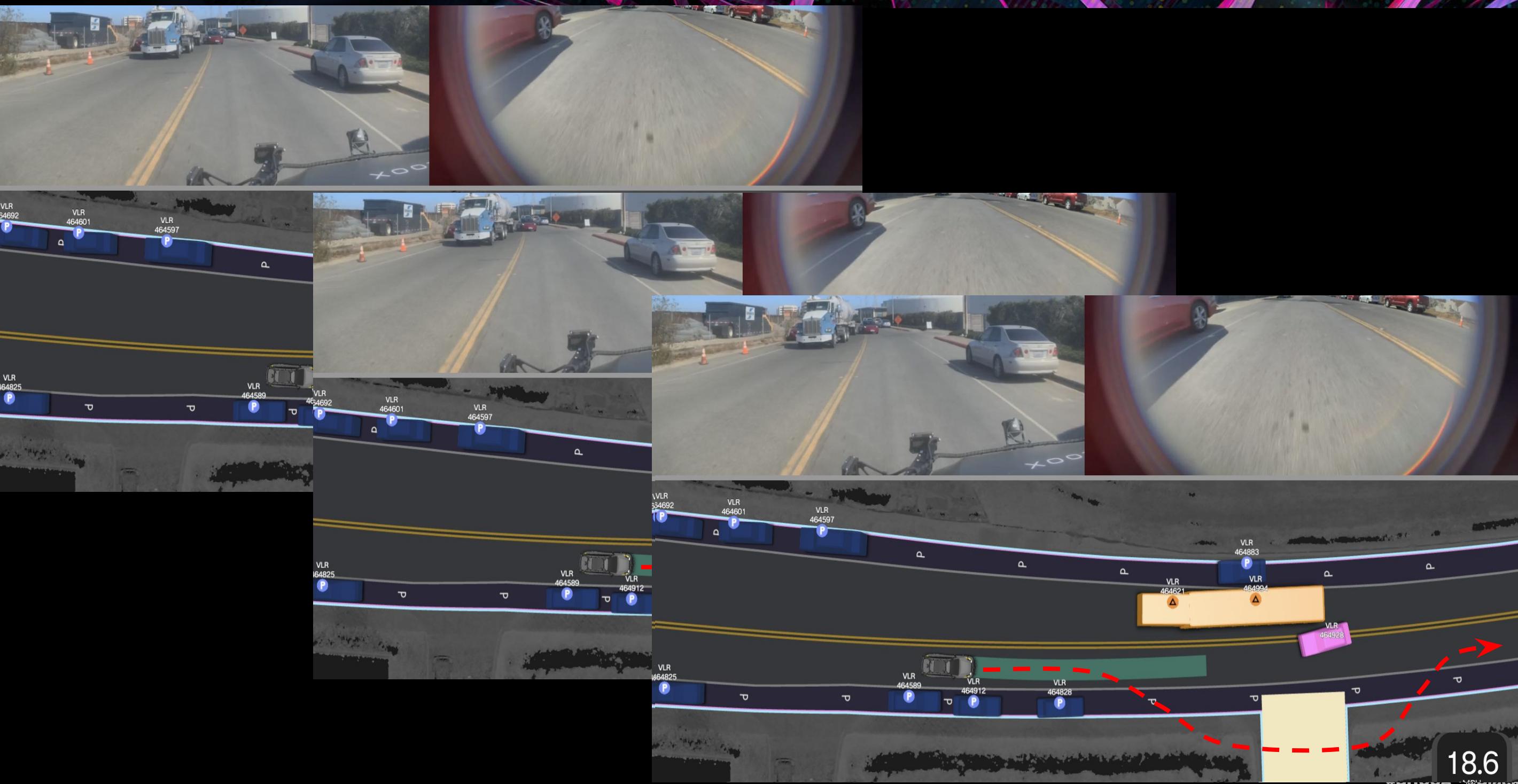


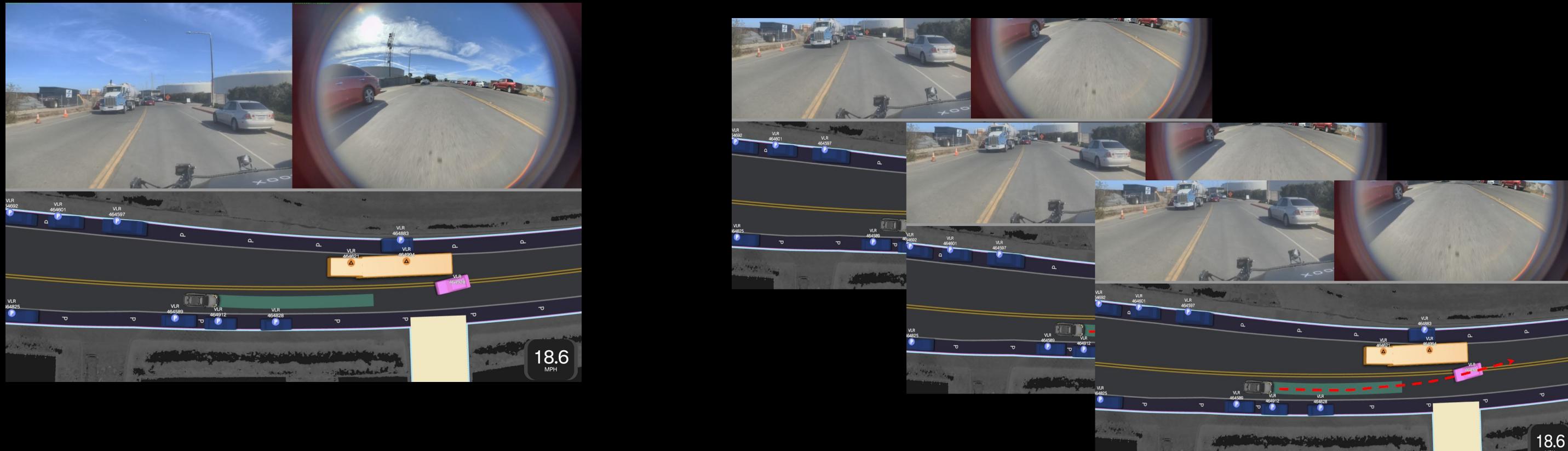


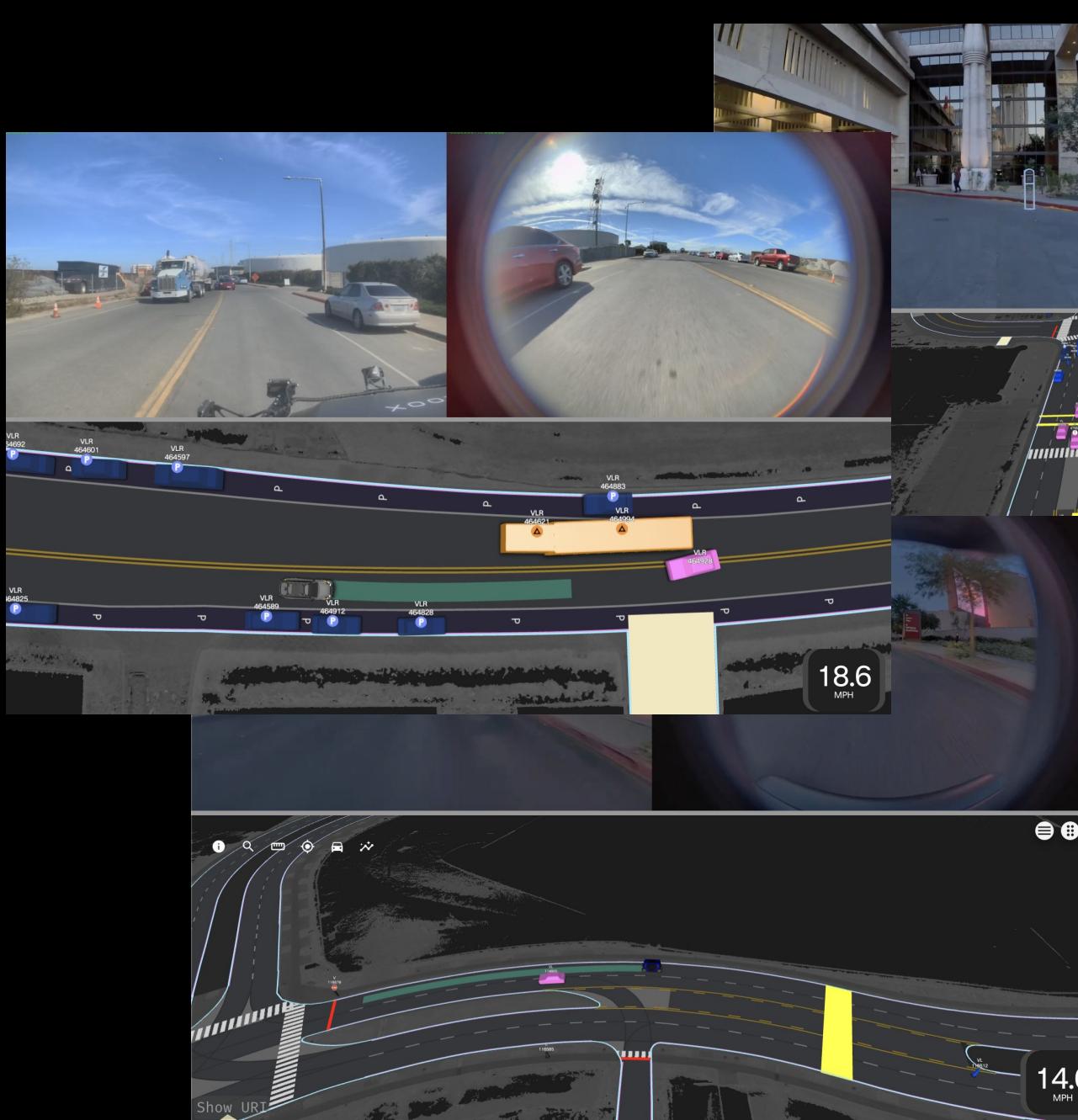
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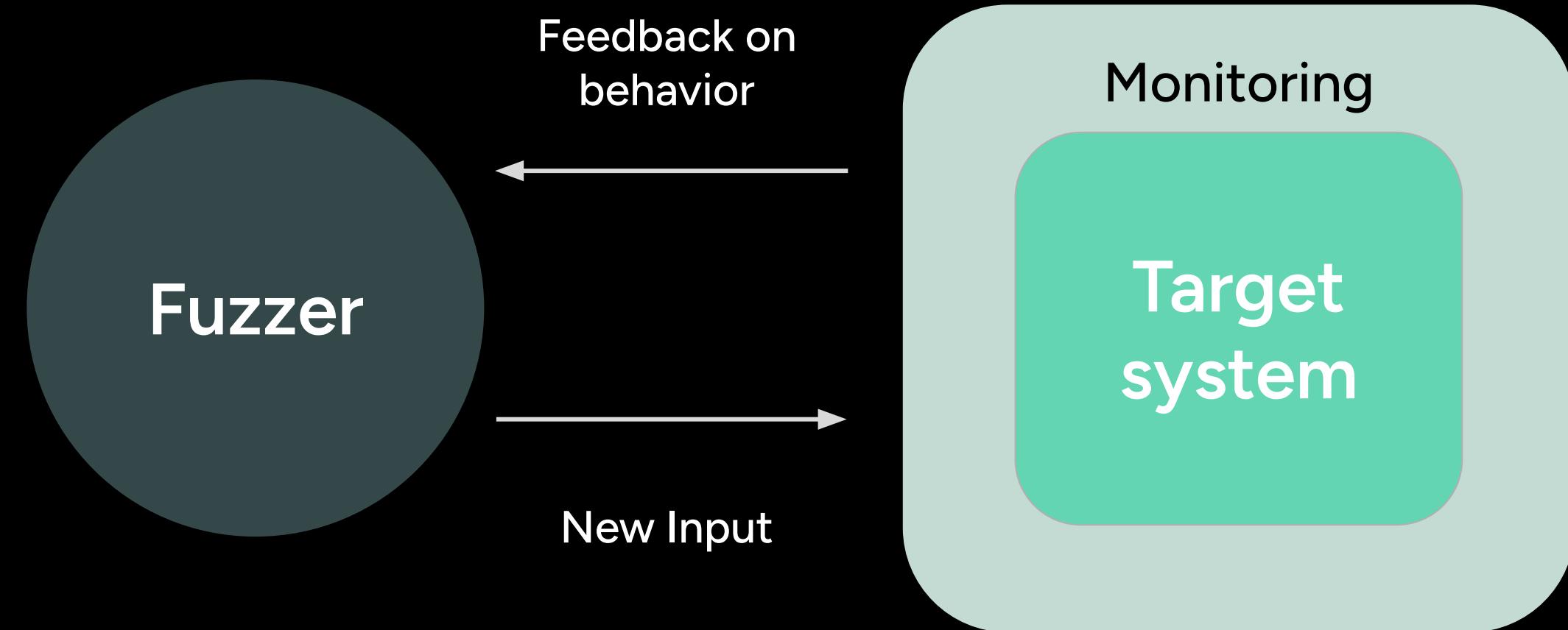
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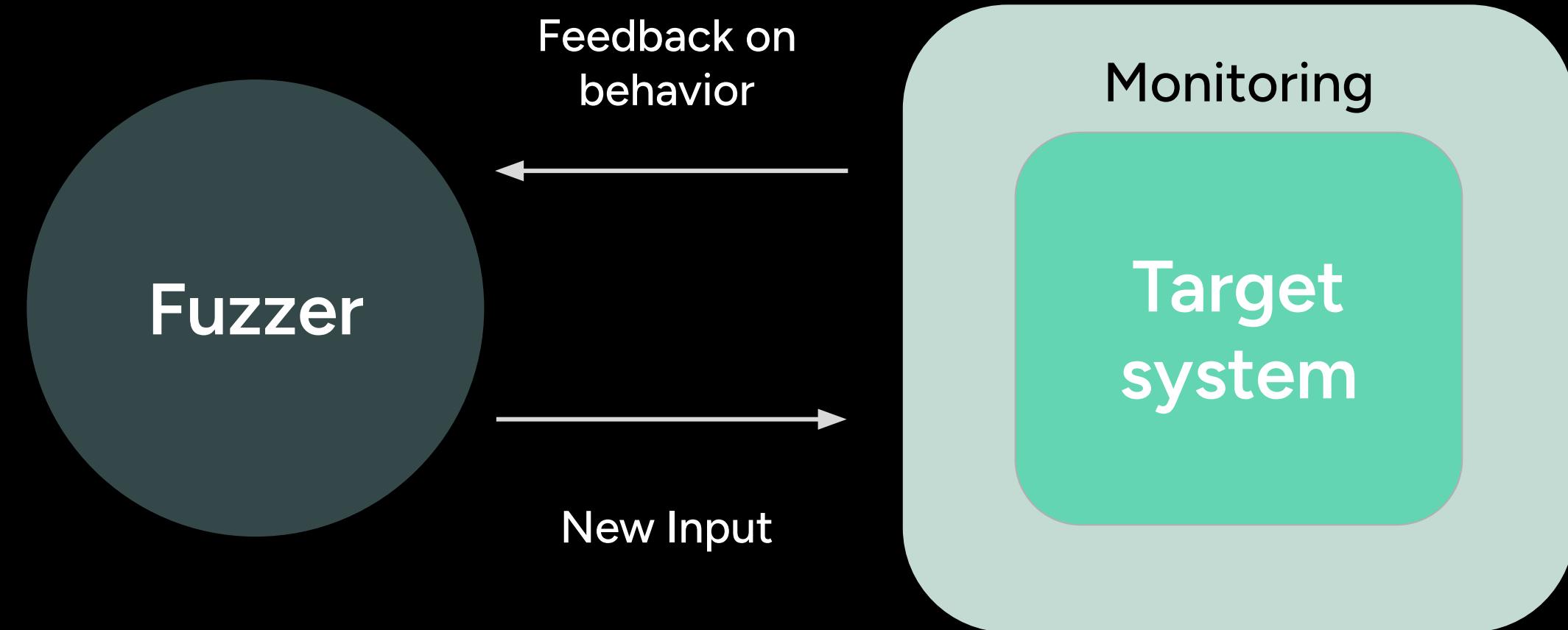


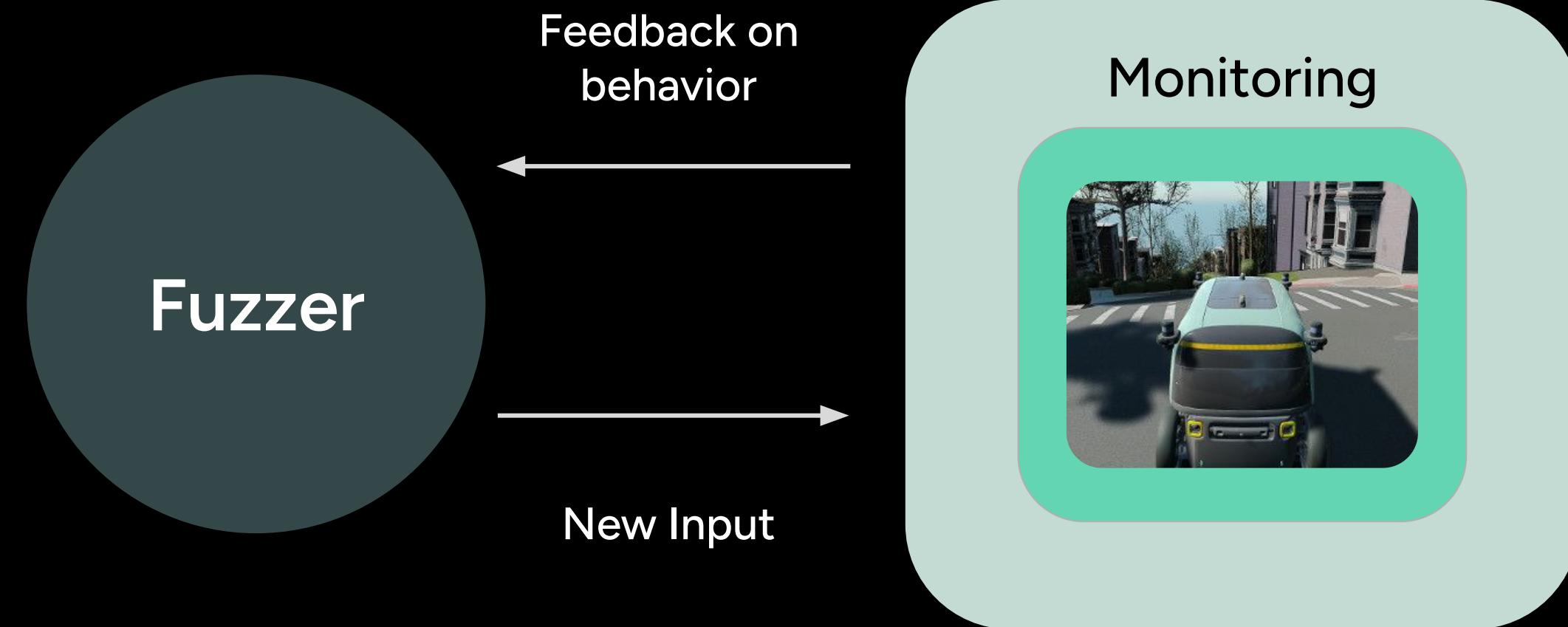


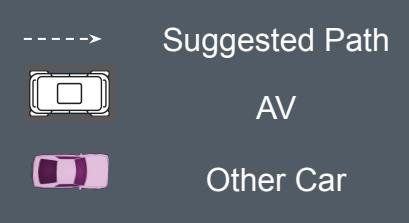


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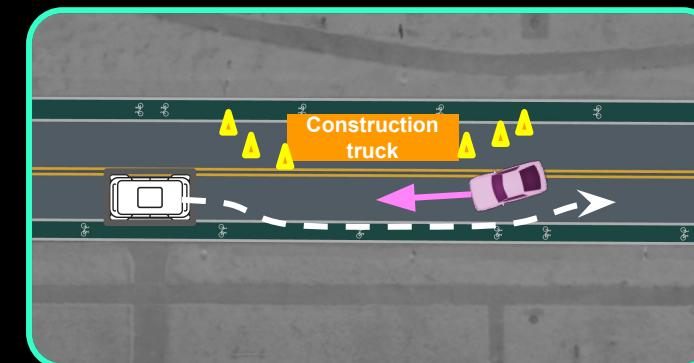




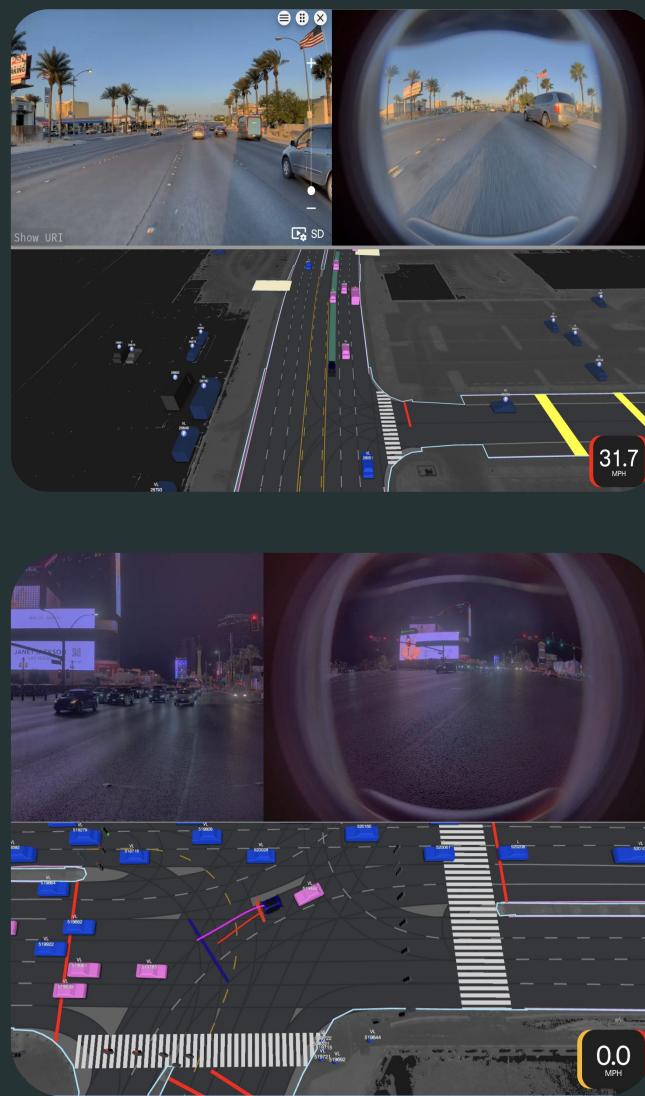




Feedback on  
behavior



## Complex real-world situations

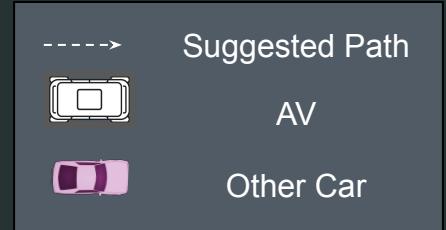
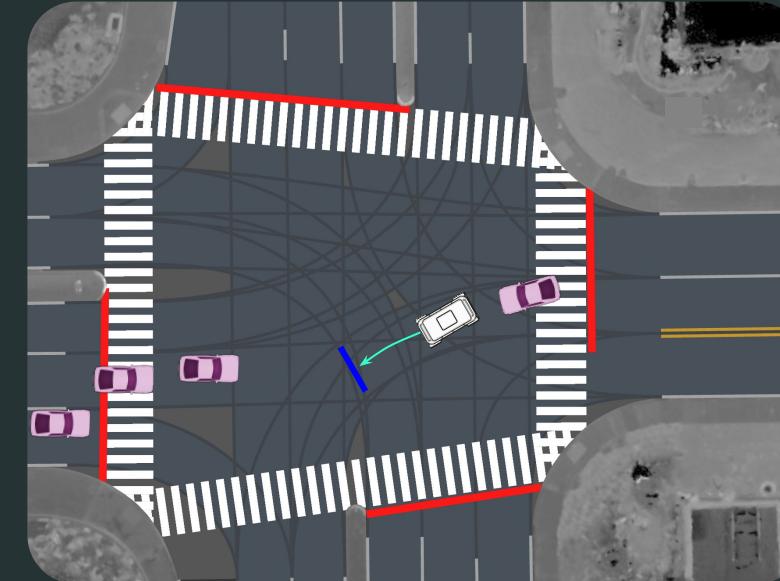
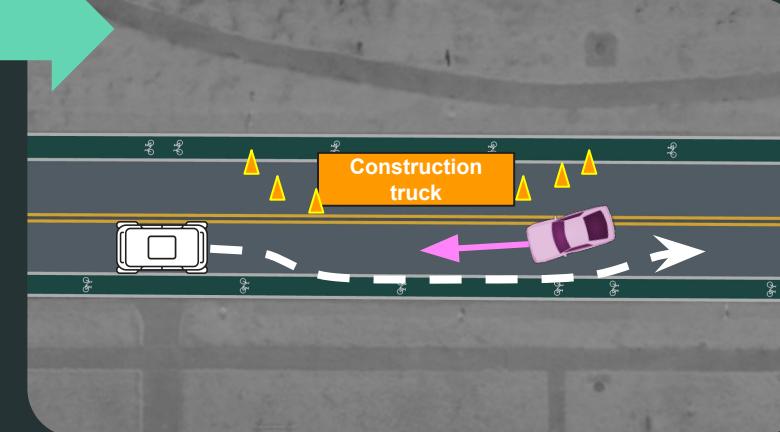


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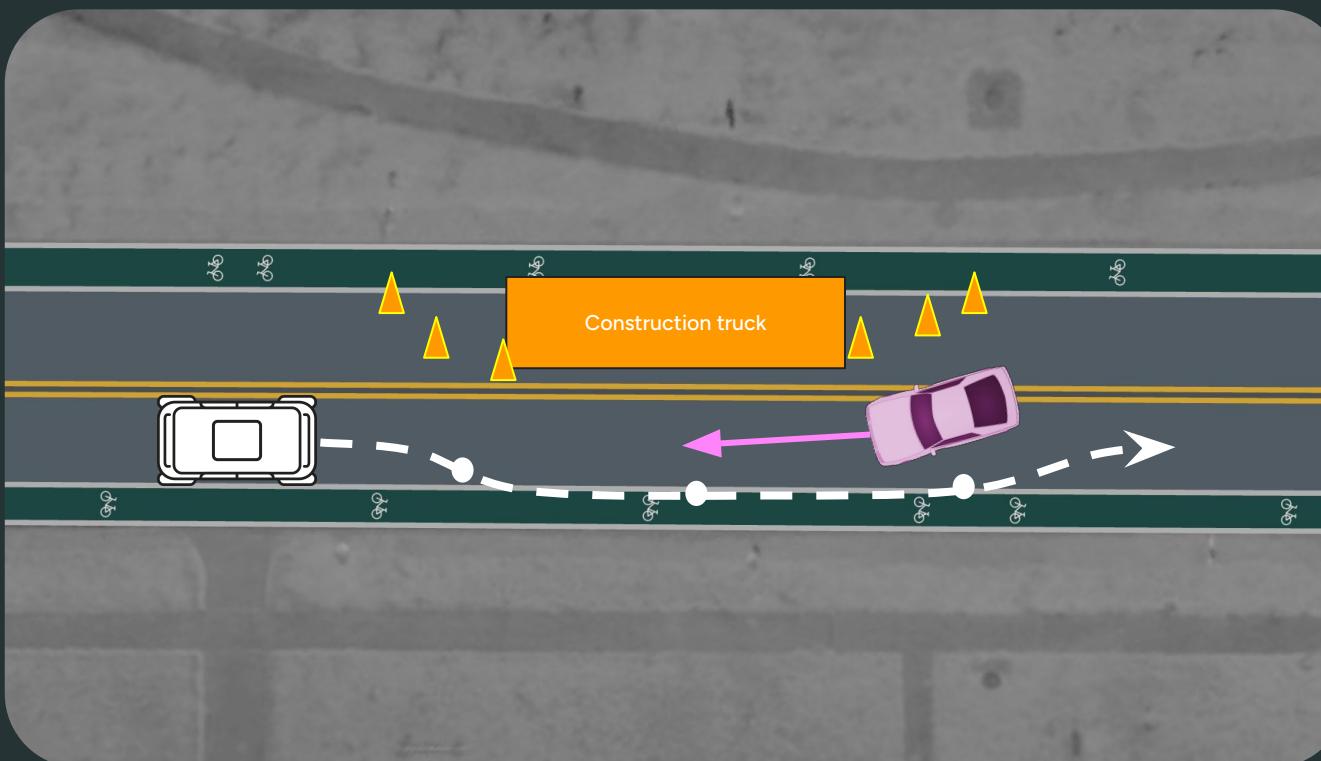


Extract

## Base scenario

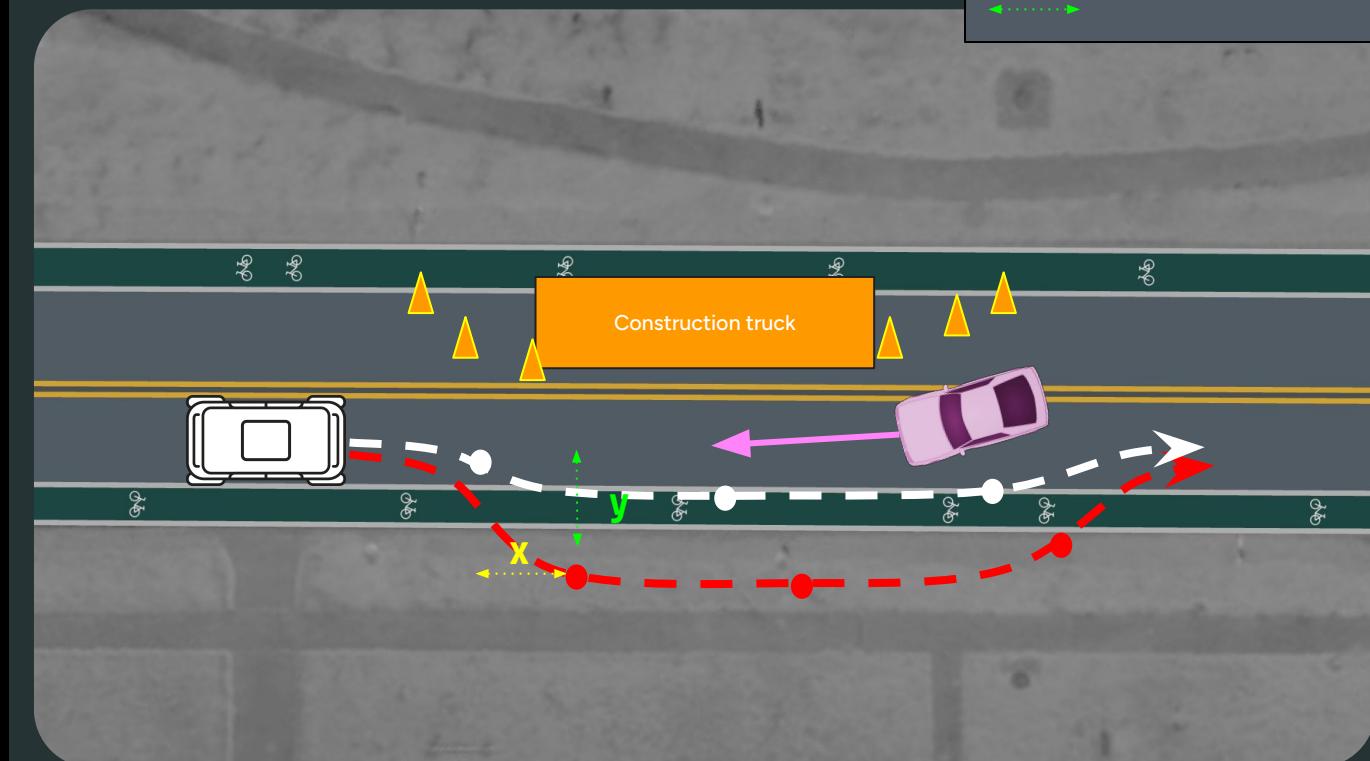


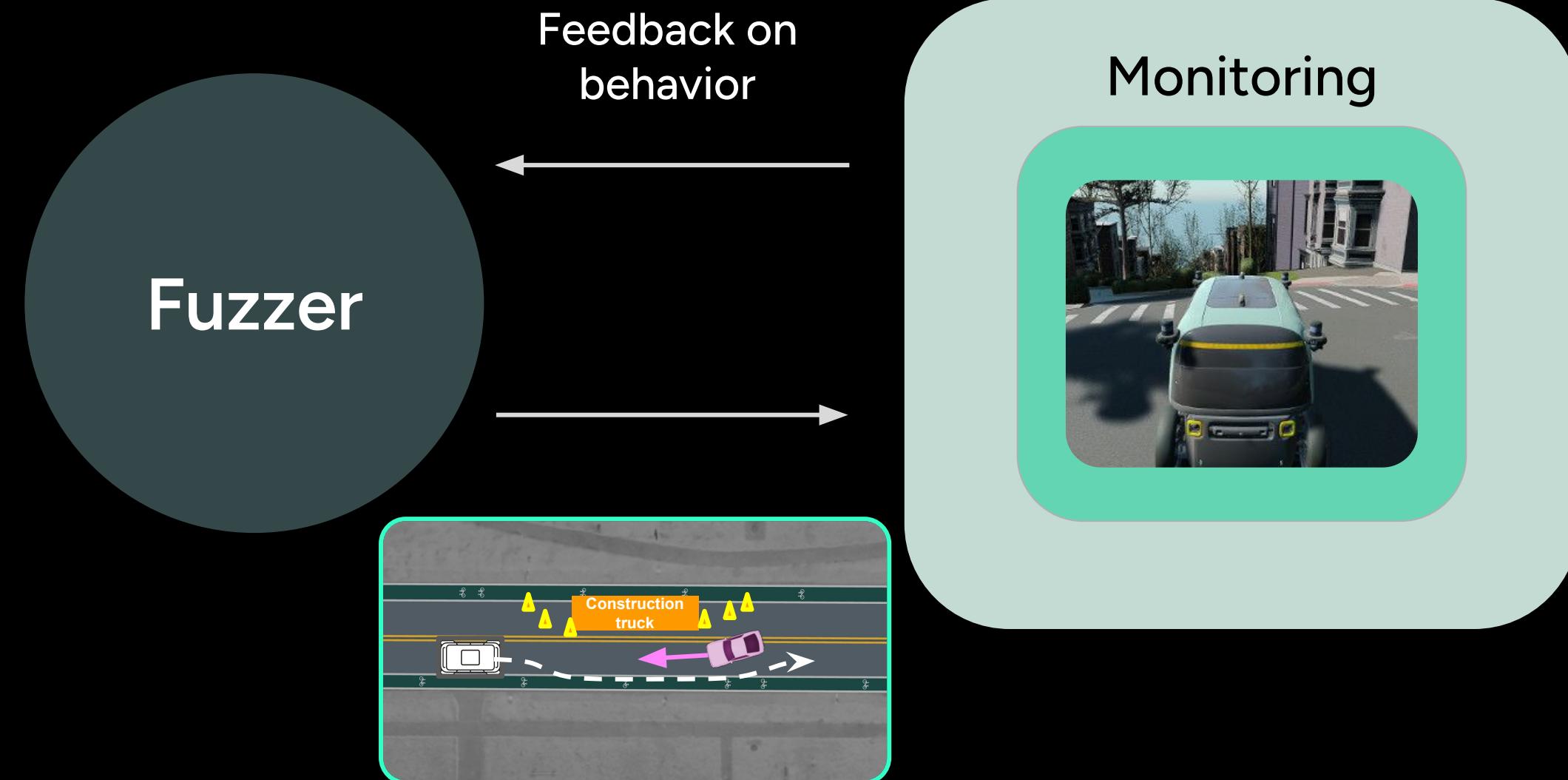
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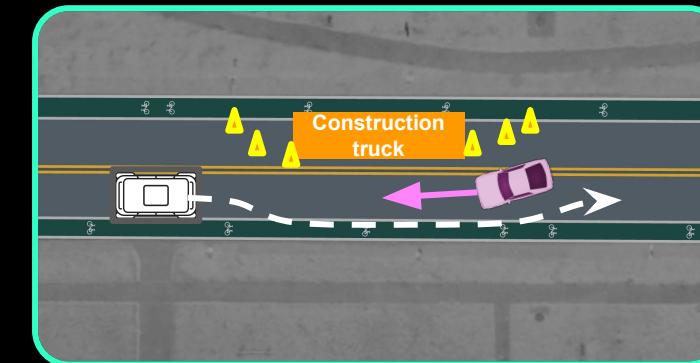
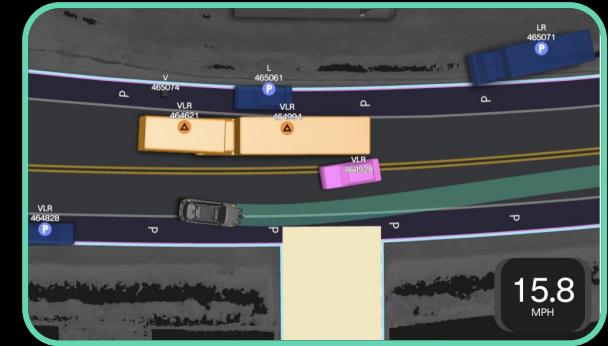


Add TO params

## Input

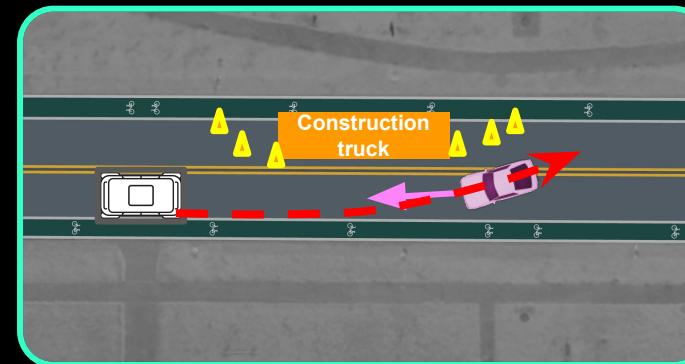
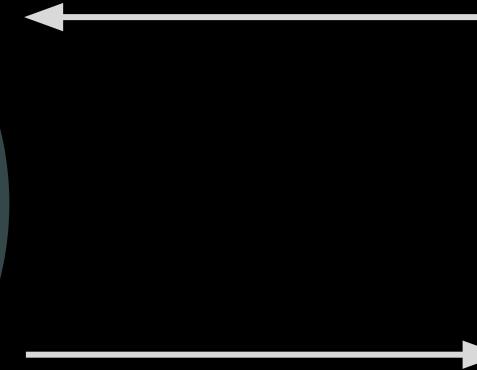






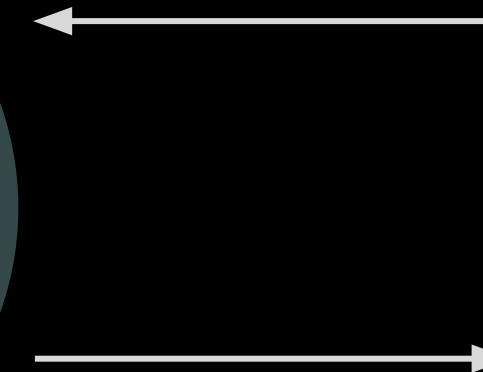
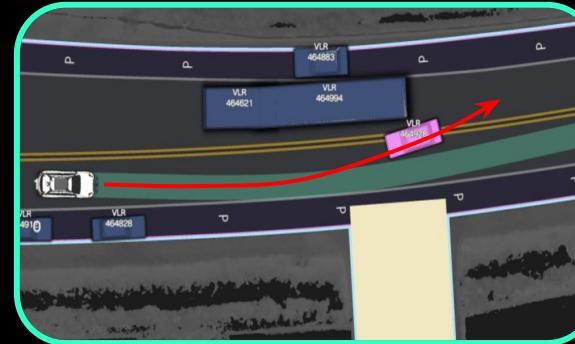
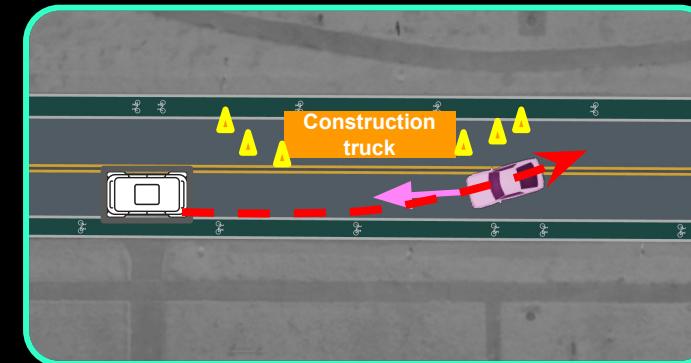
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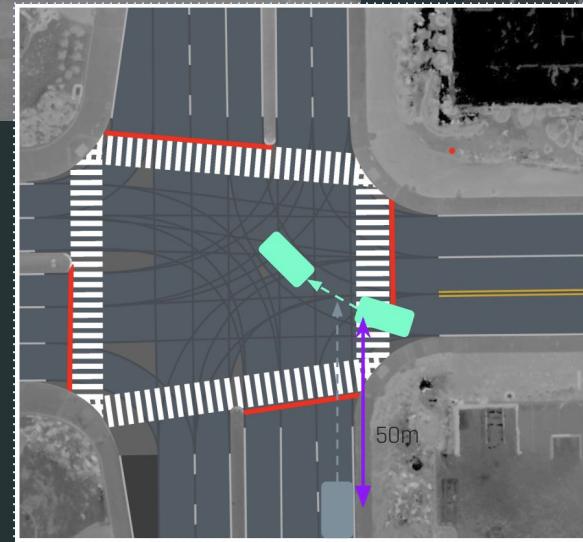
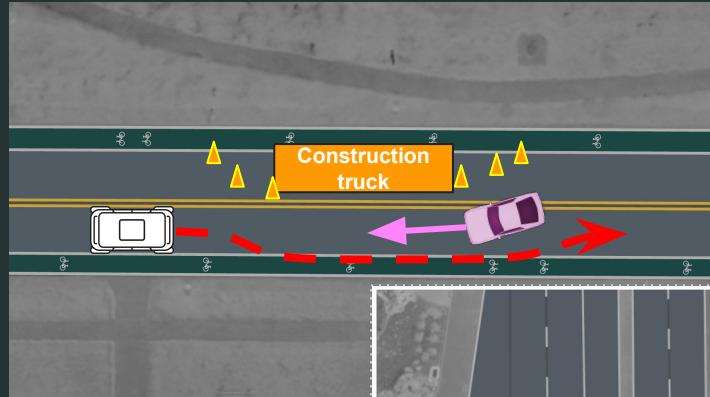


# What We Discovered

# Some numbers

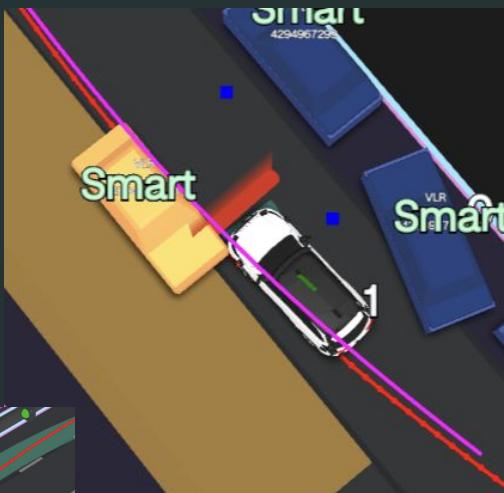
## Base scenarios

- 300+ situations
- different geometries, type



## Variations

- 50,000+ mutants
- 3 valid collisions



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Parking

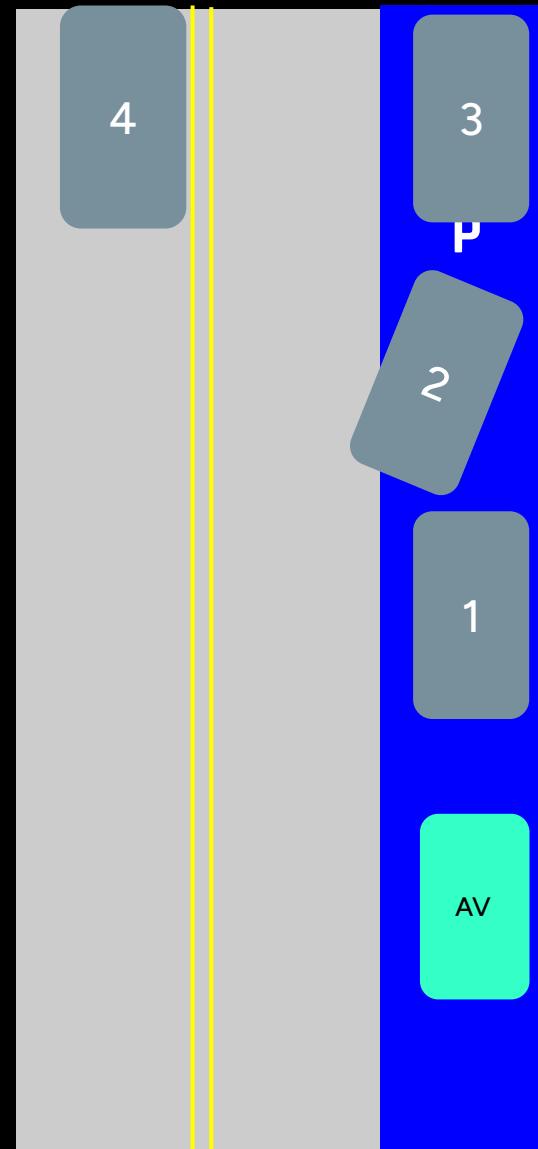
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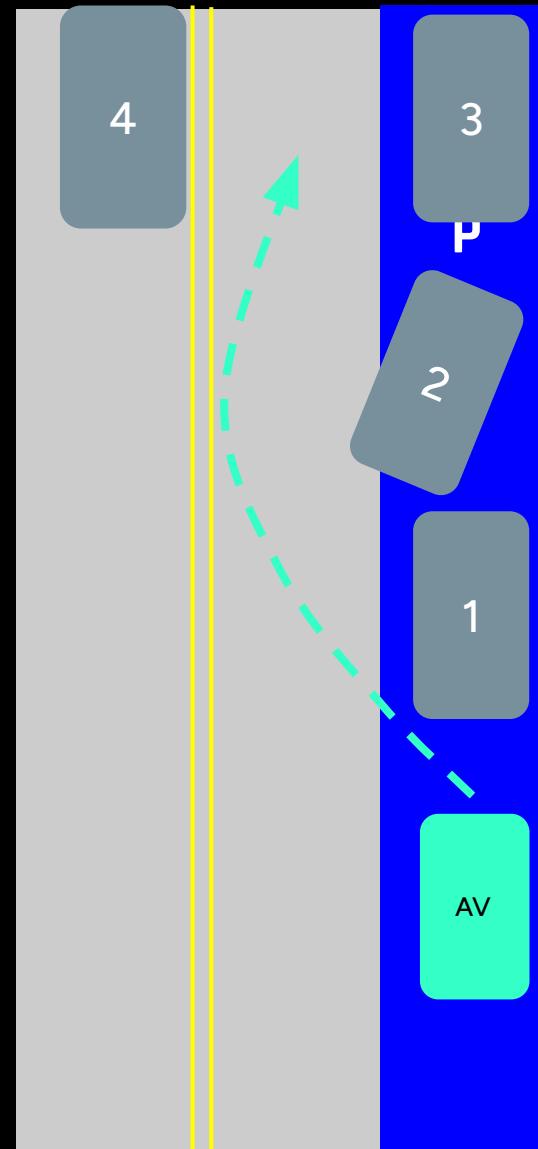
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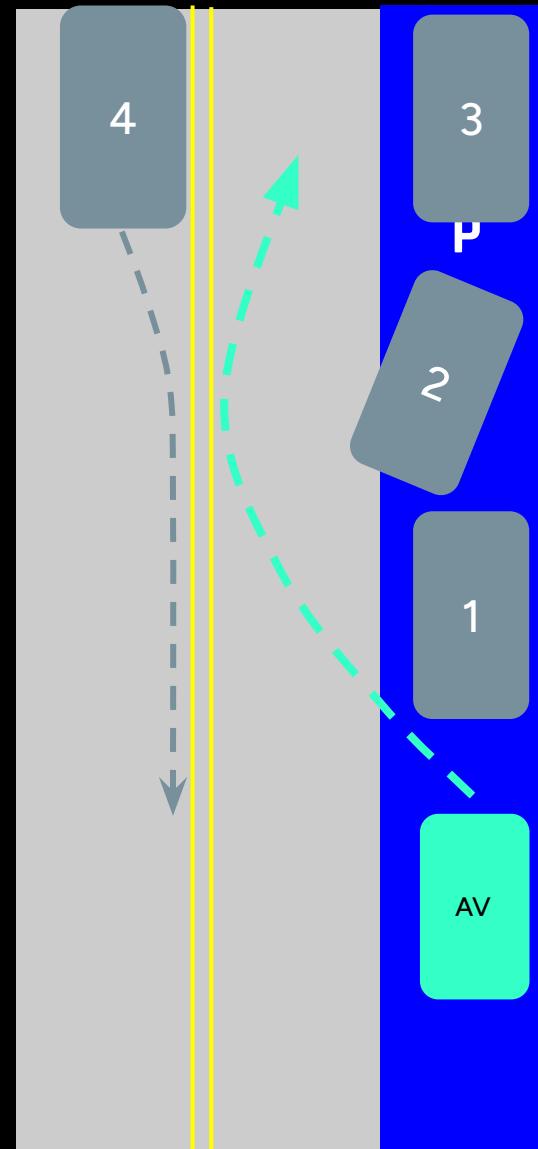
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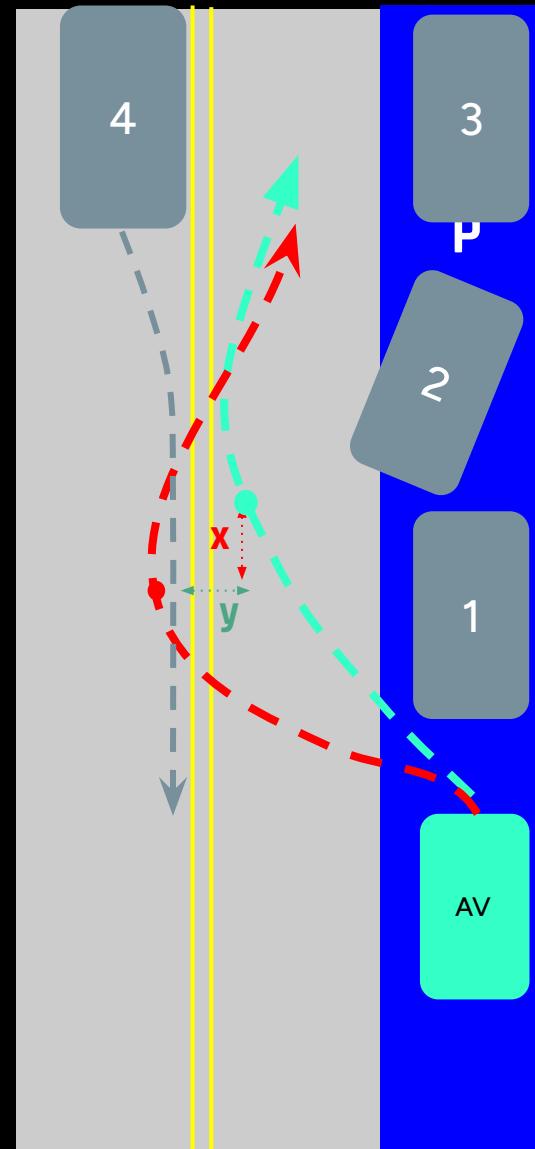
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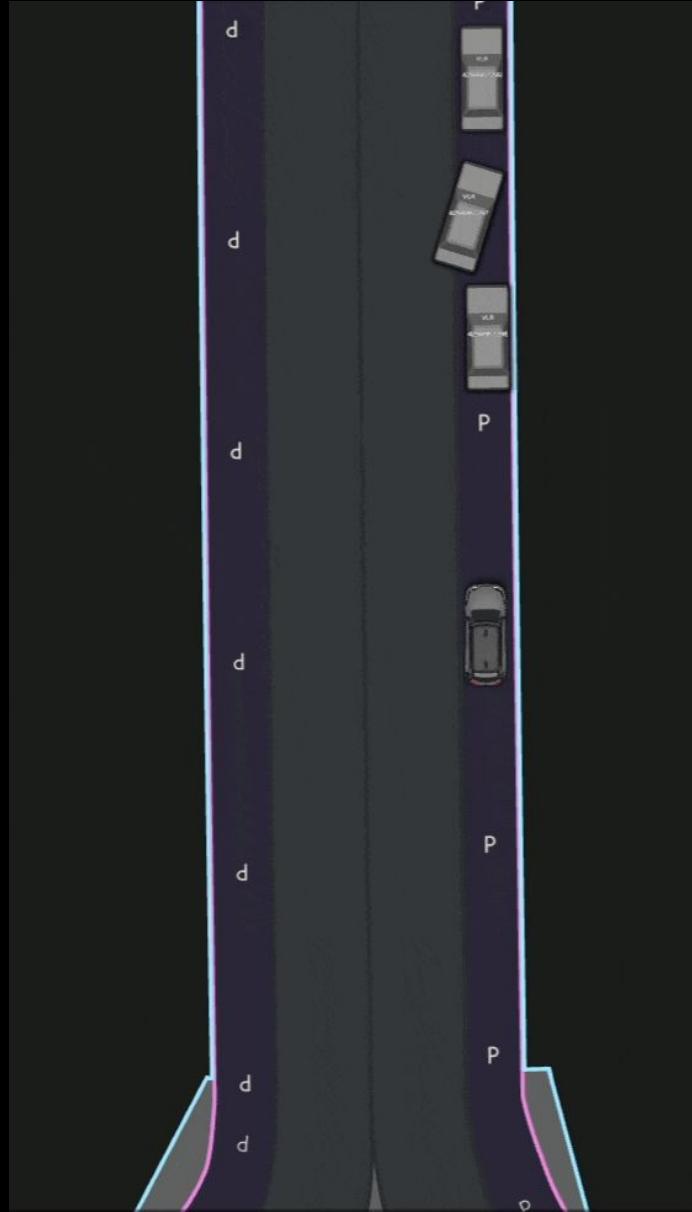


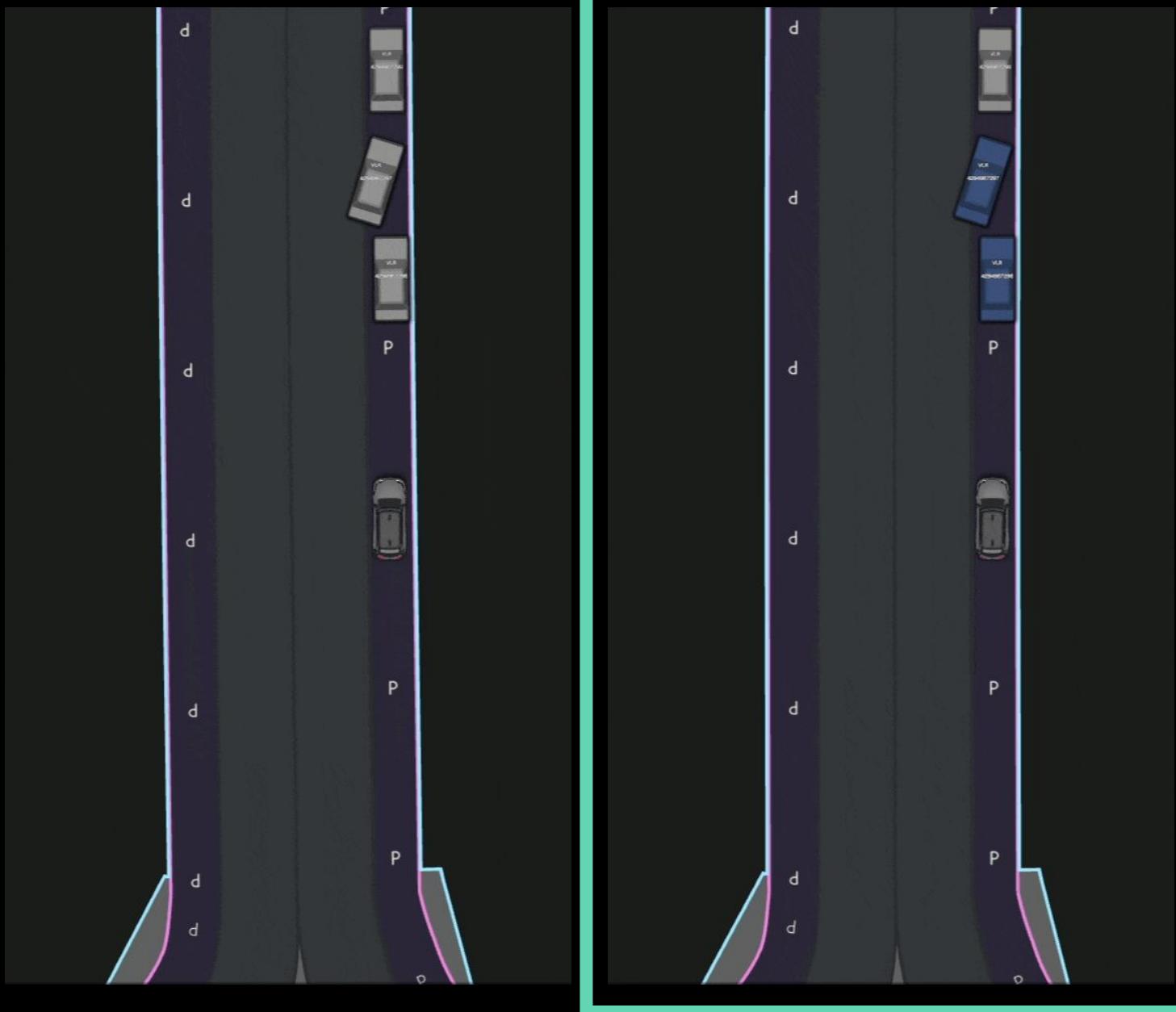
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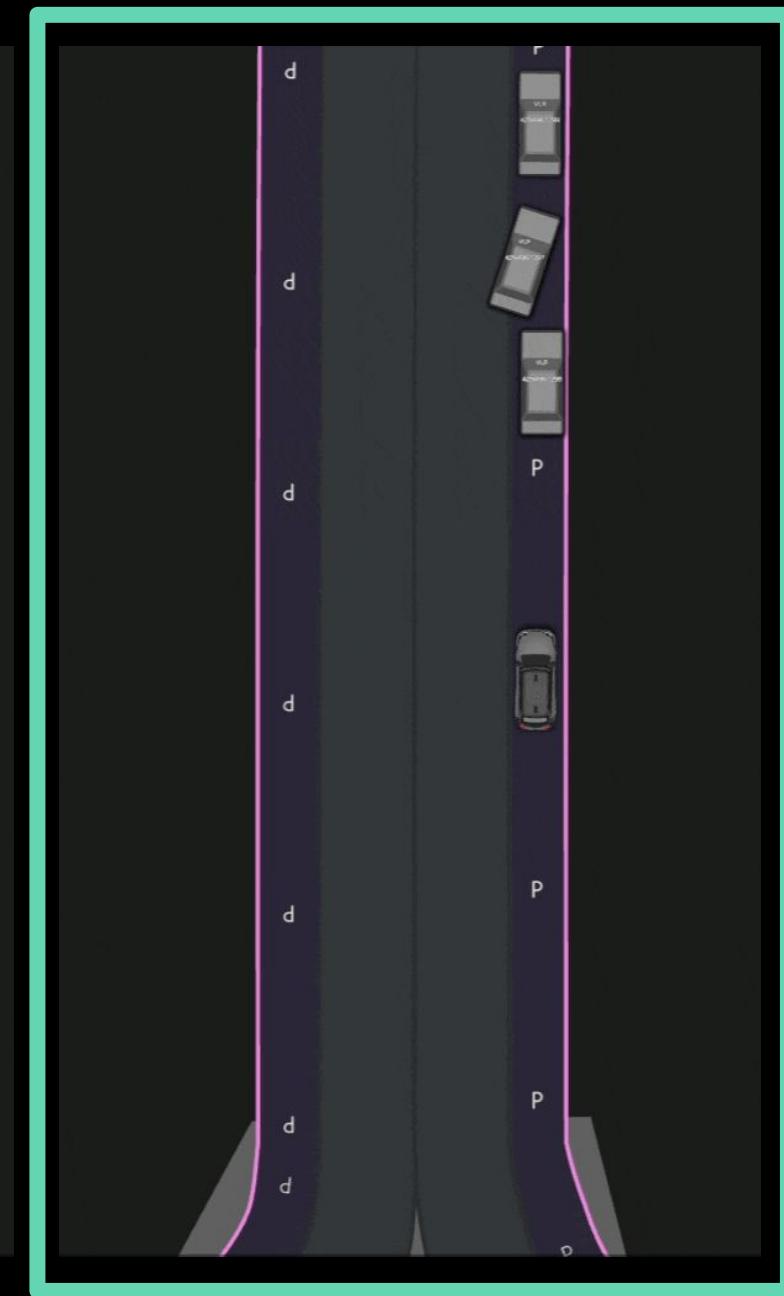
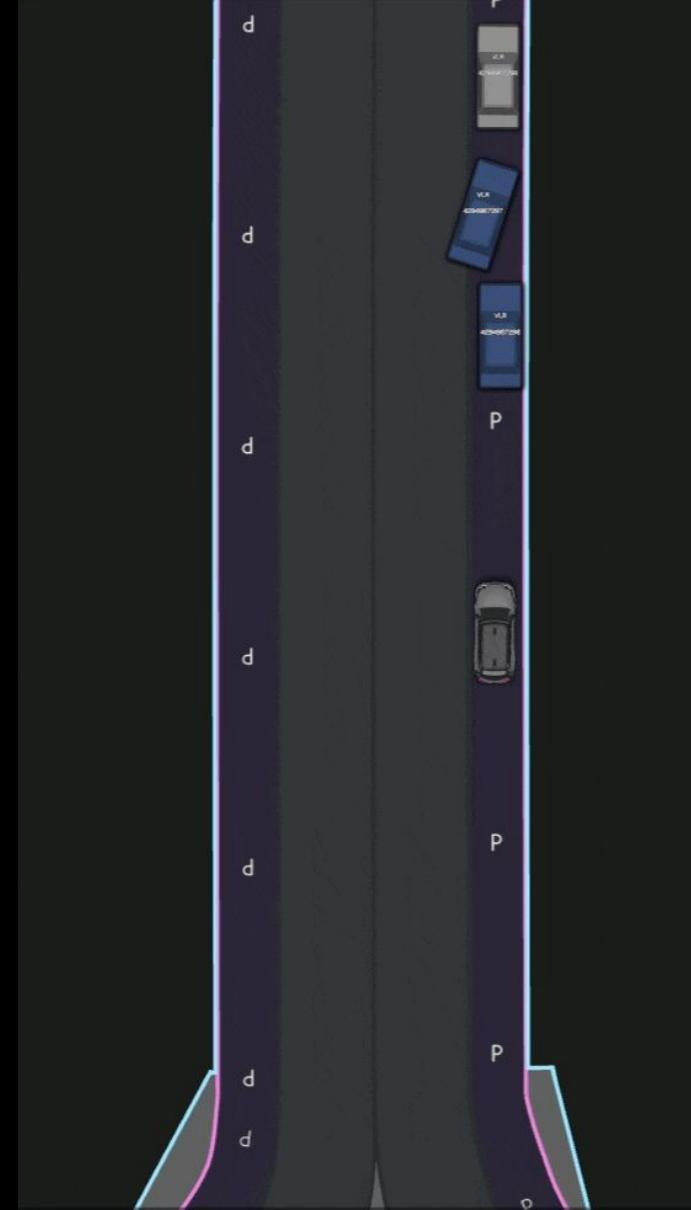
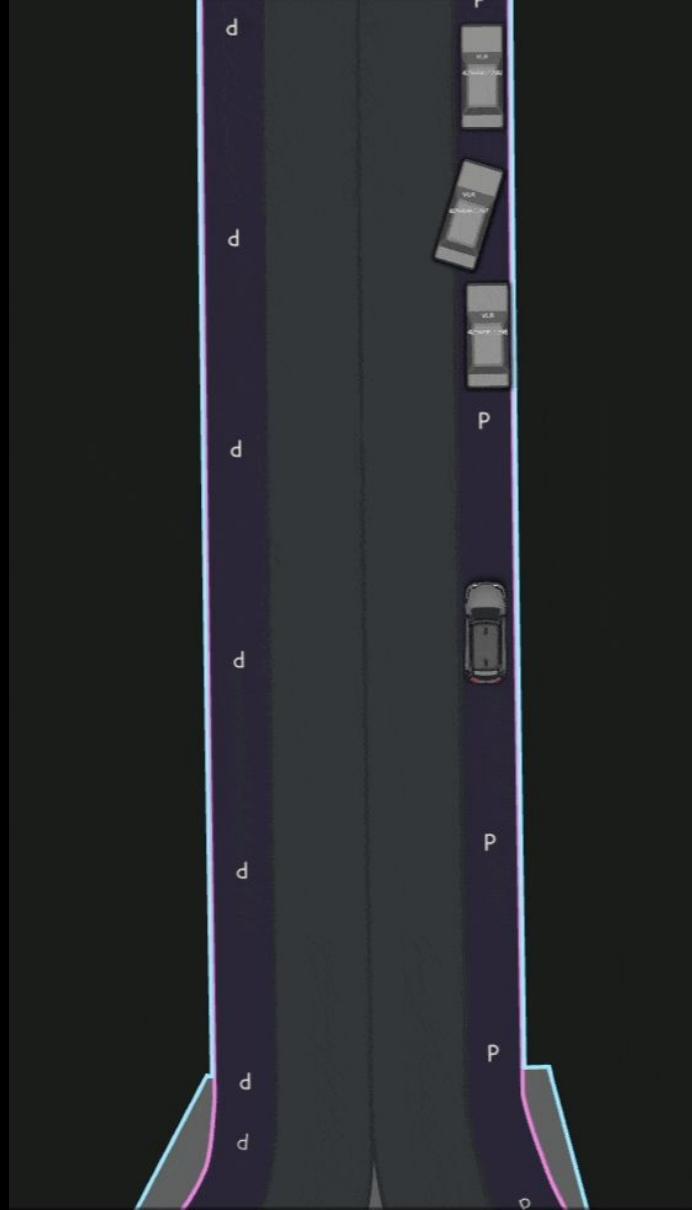
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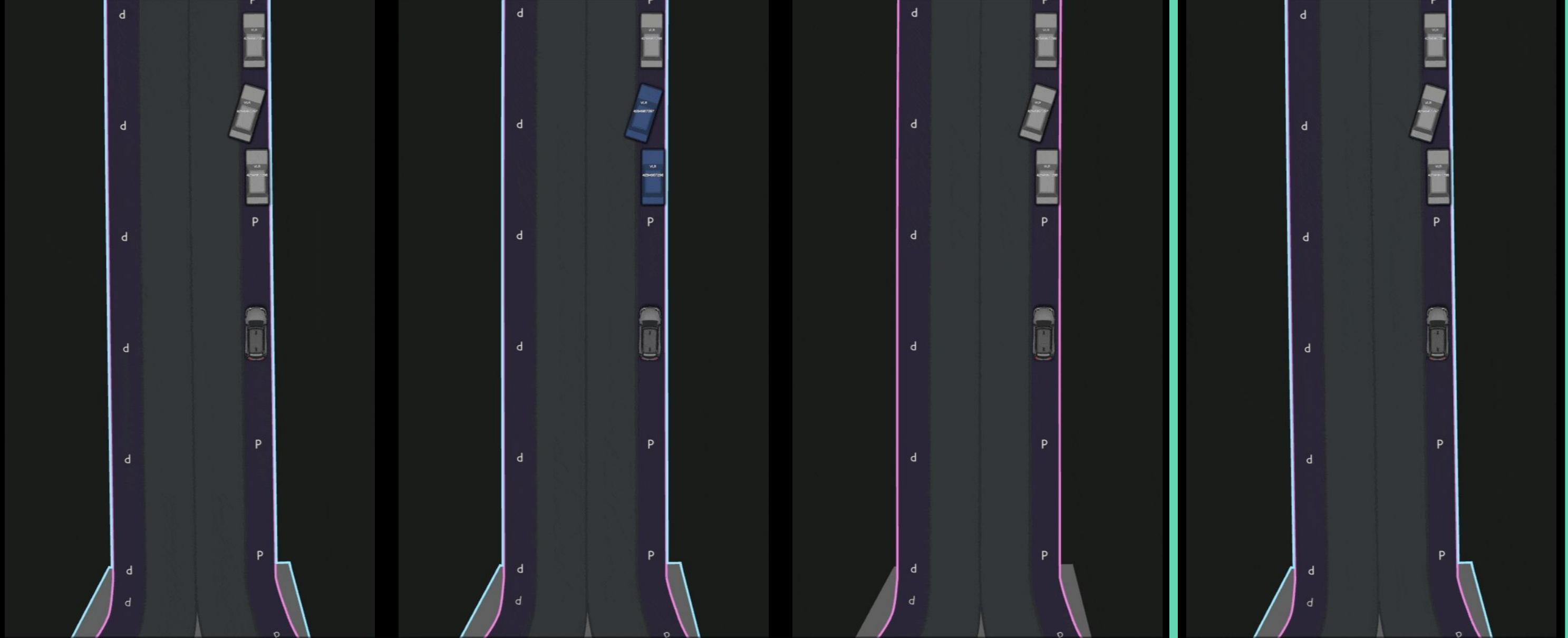


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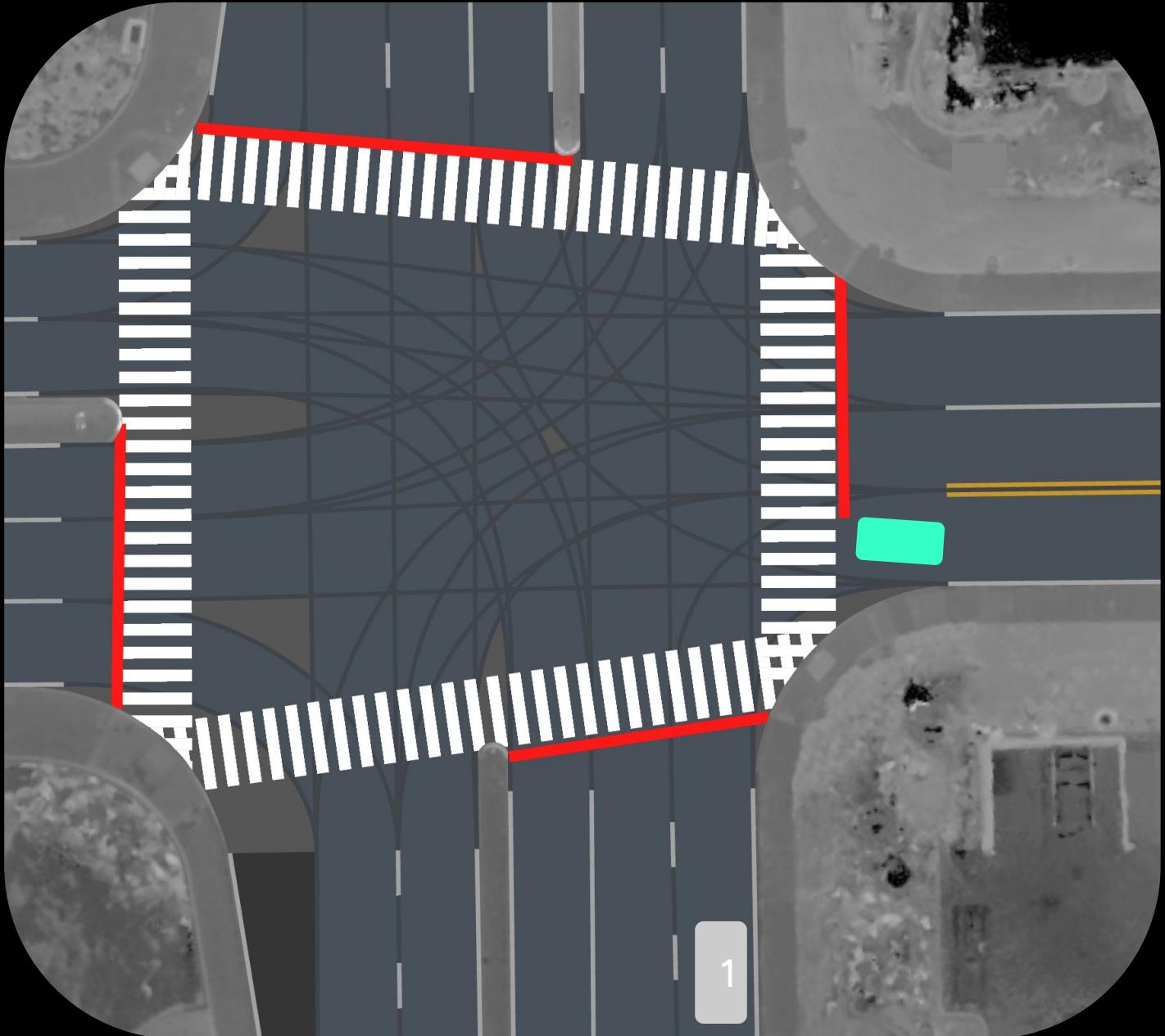
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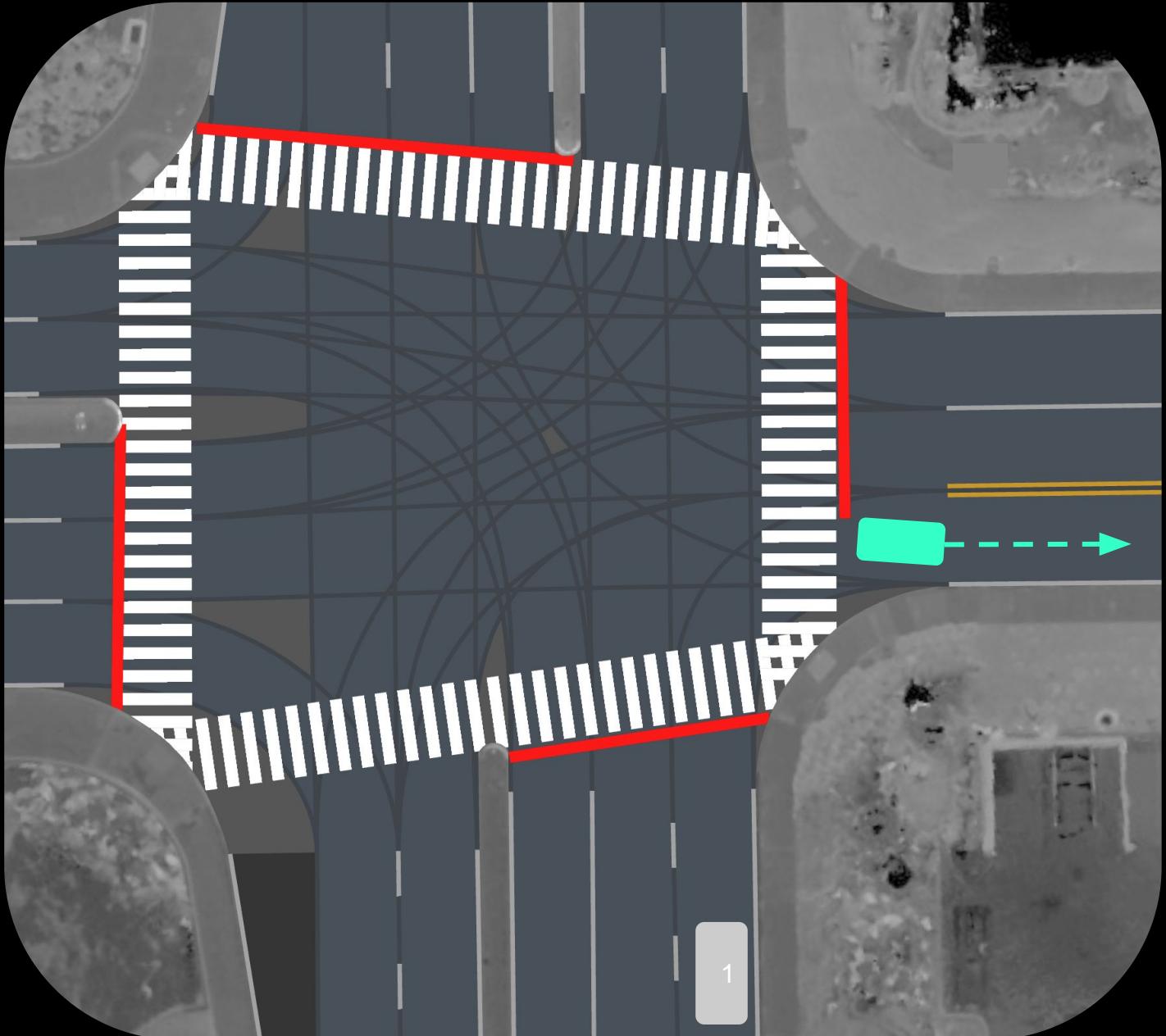
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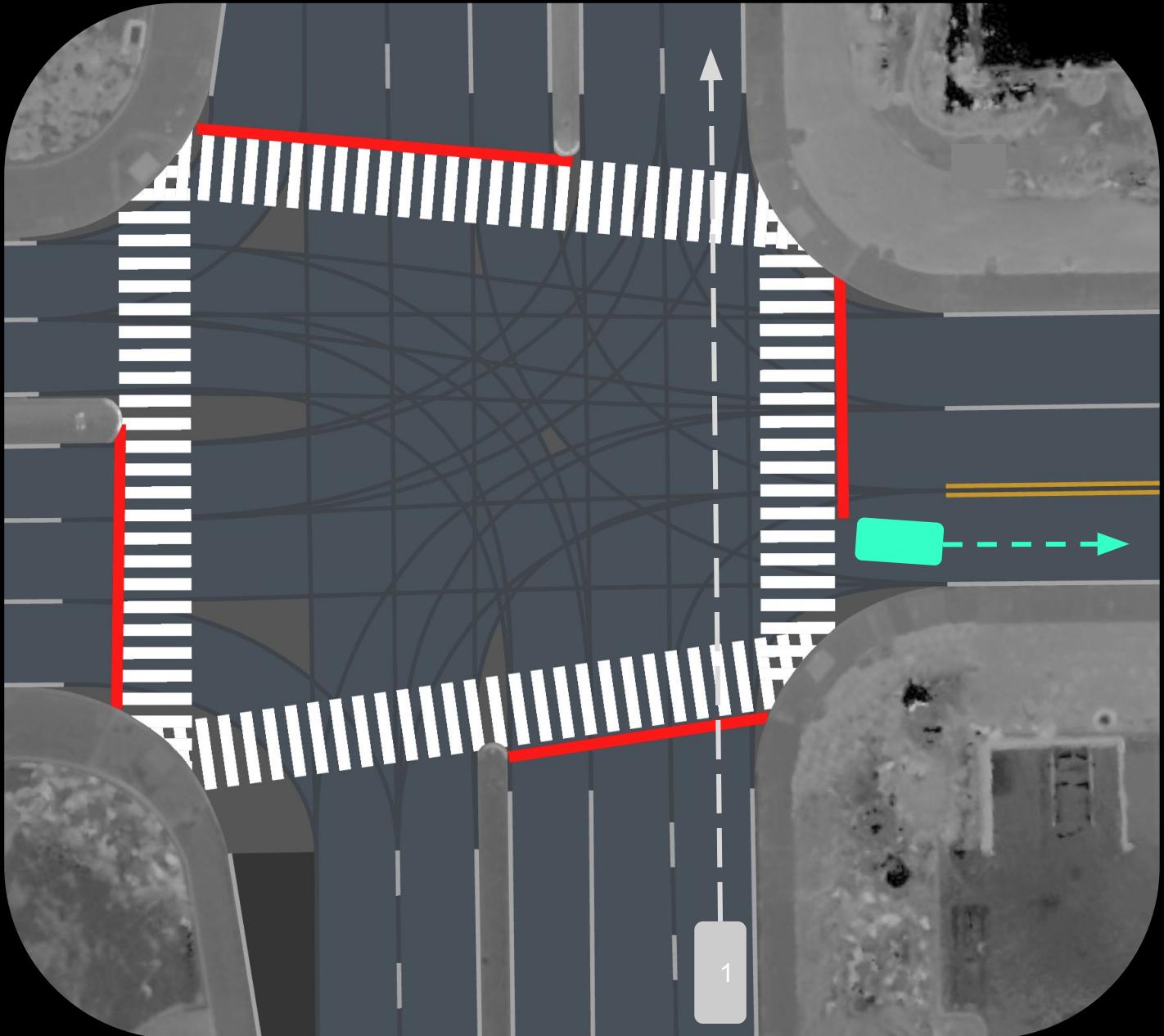
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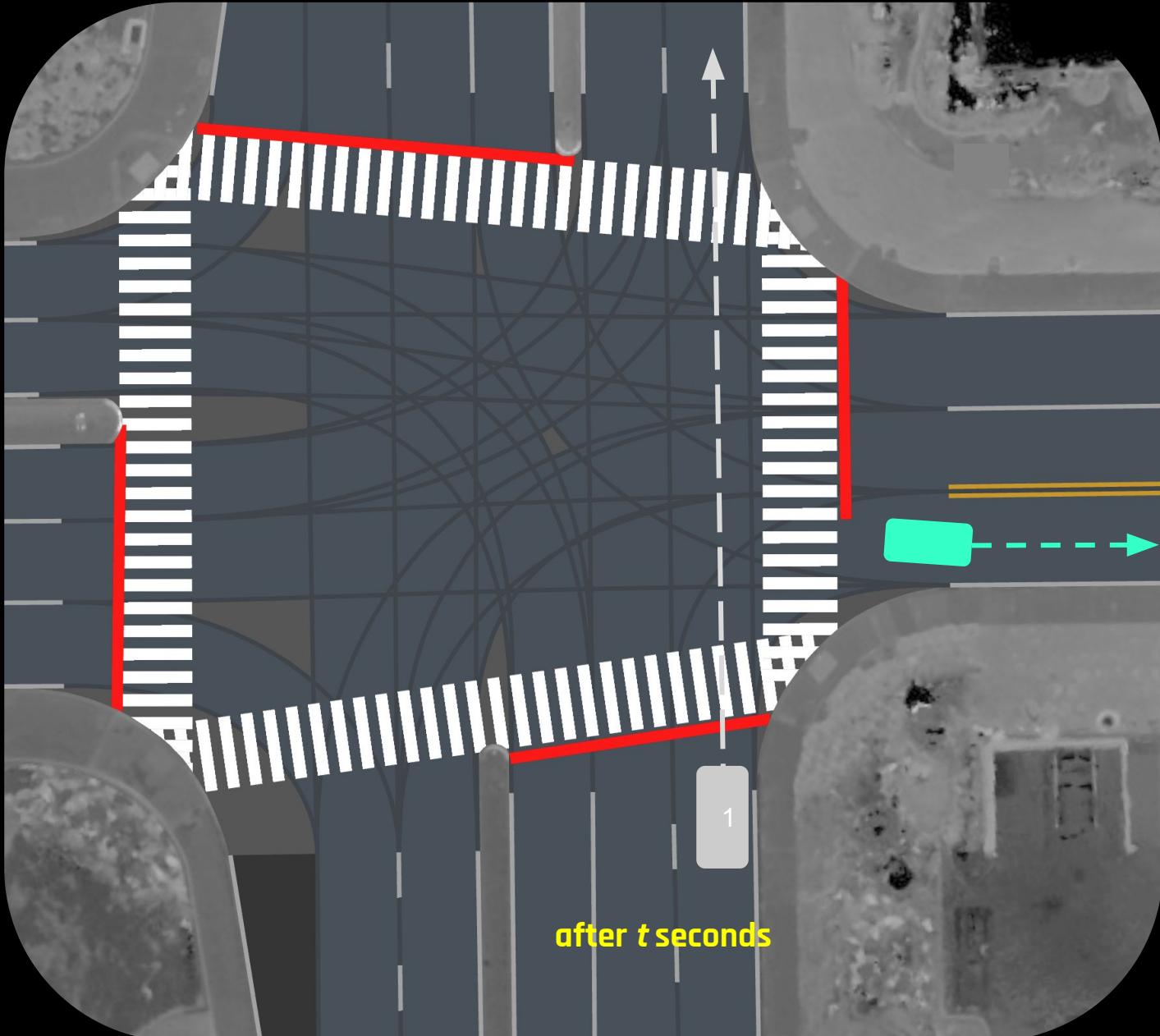
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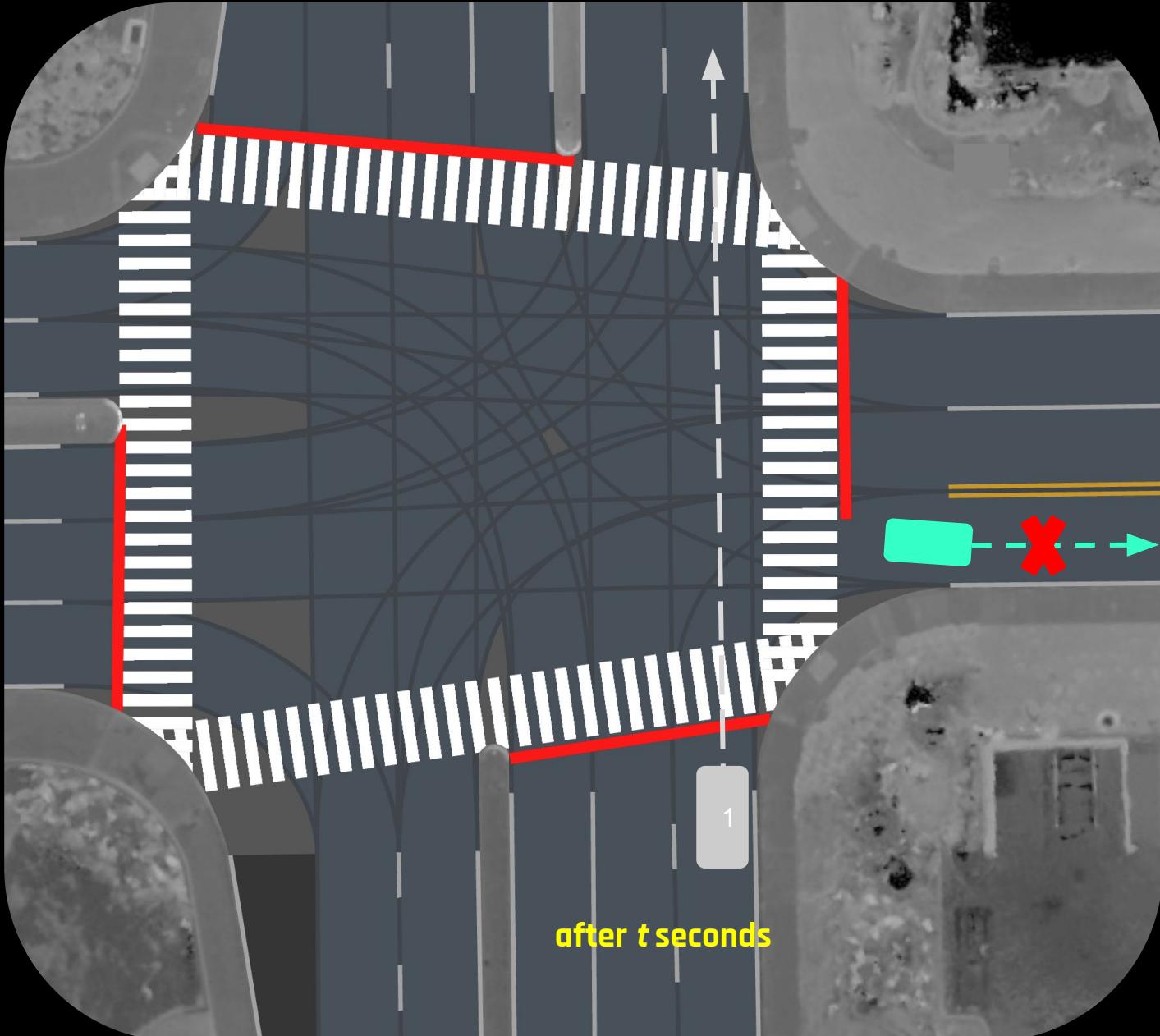
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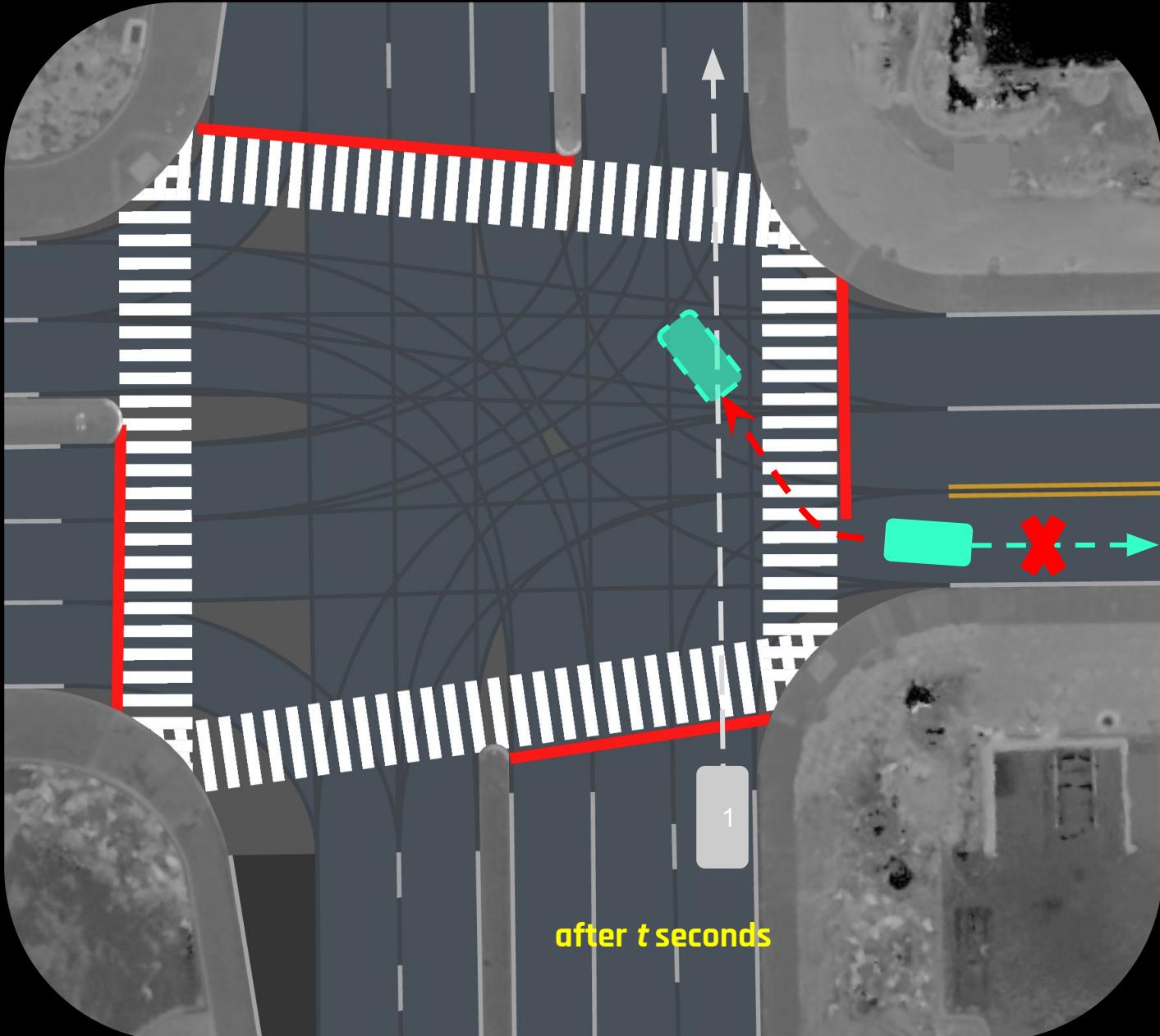
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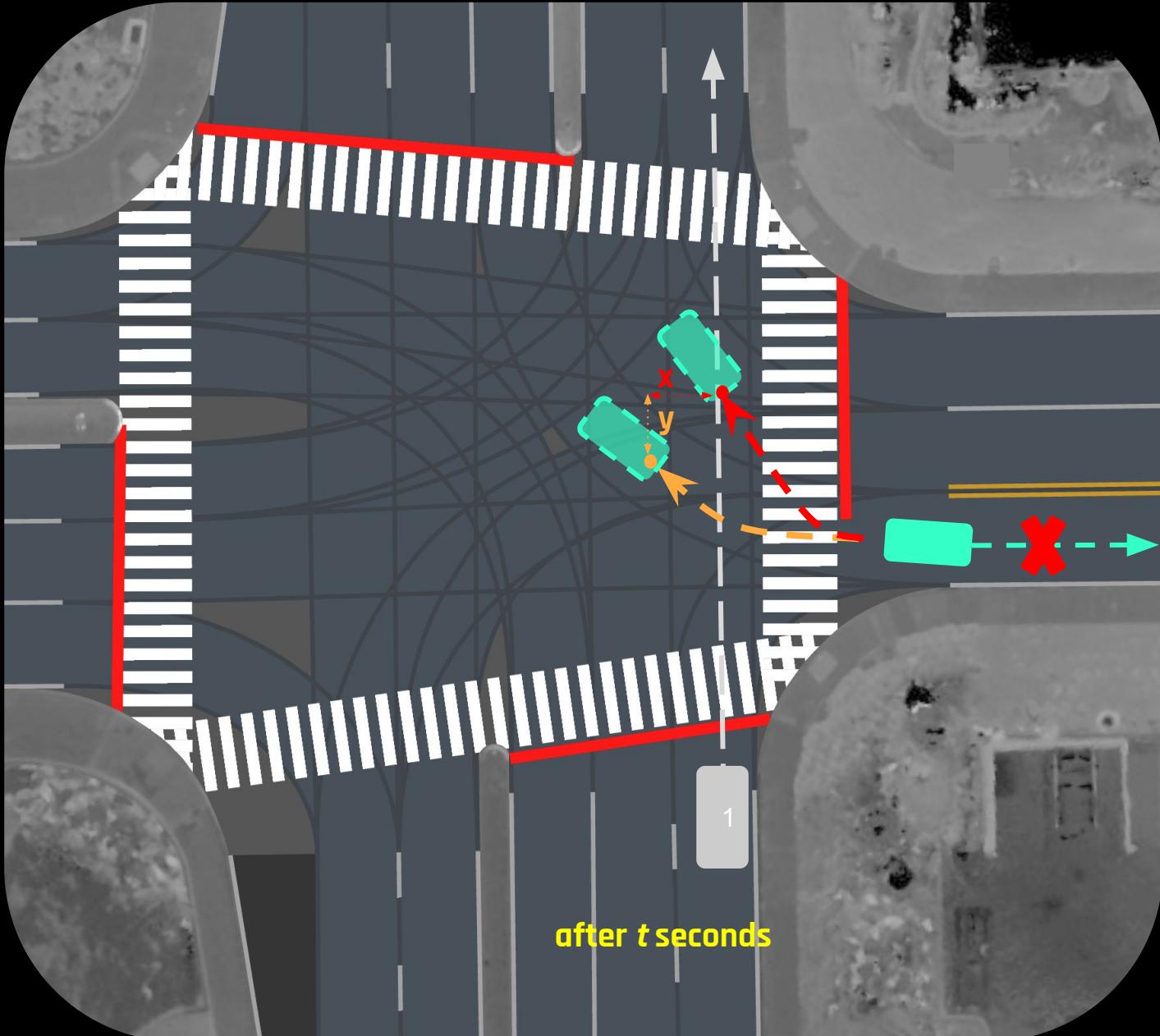
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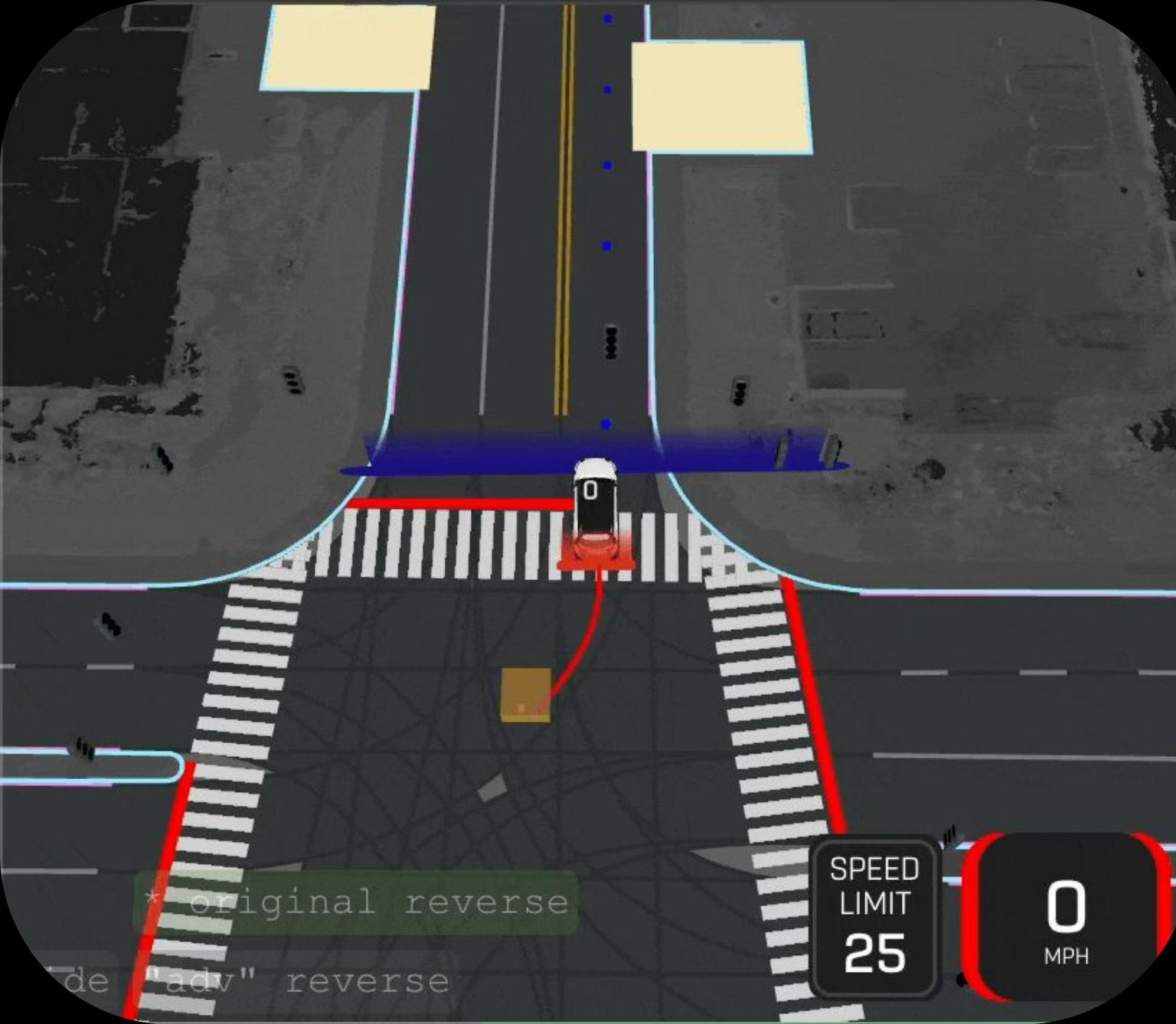


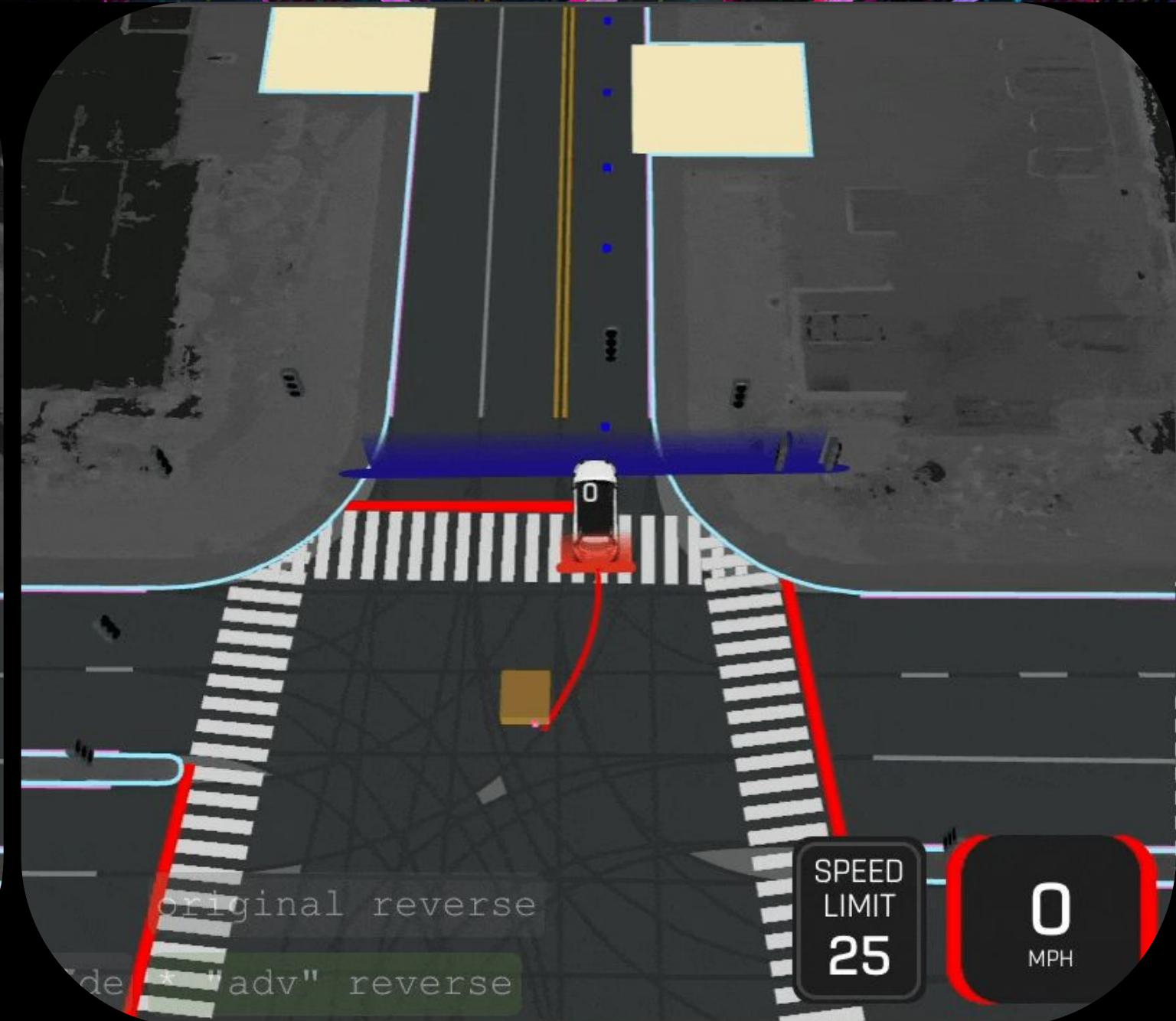
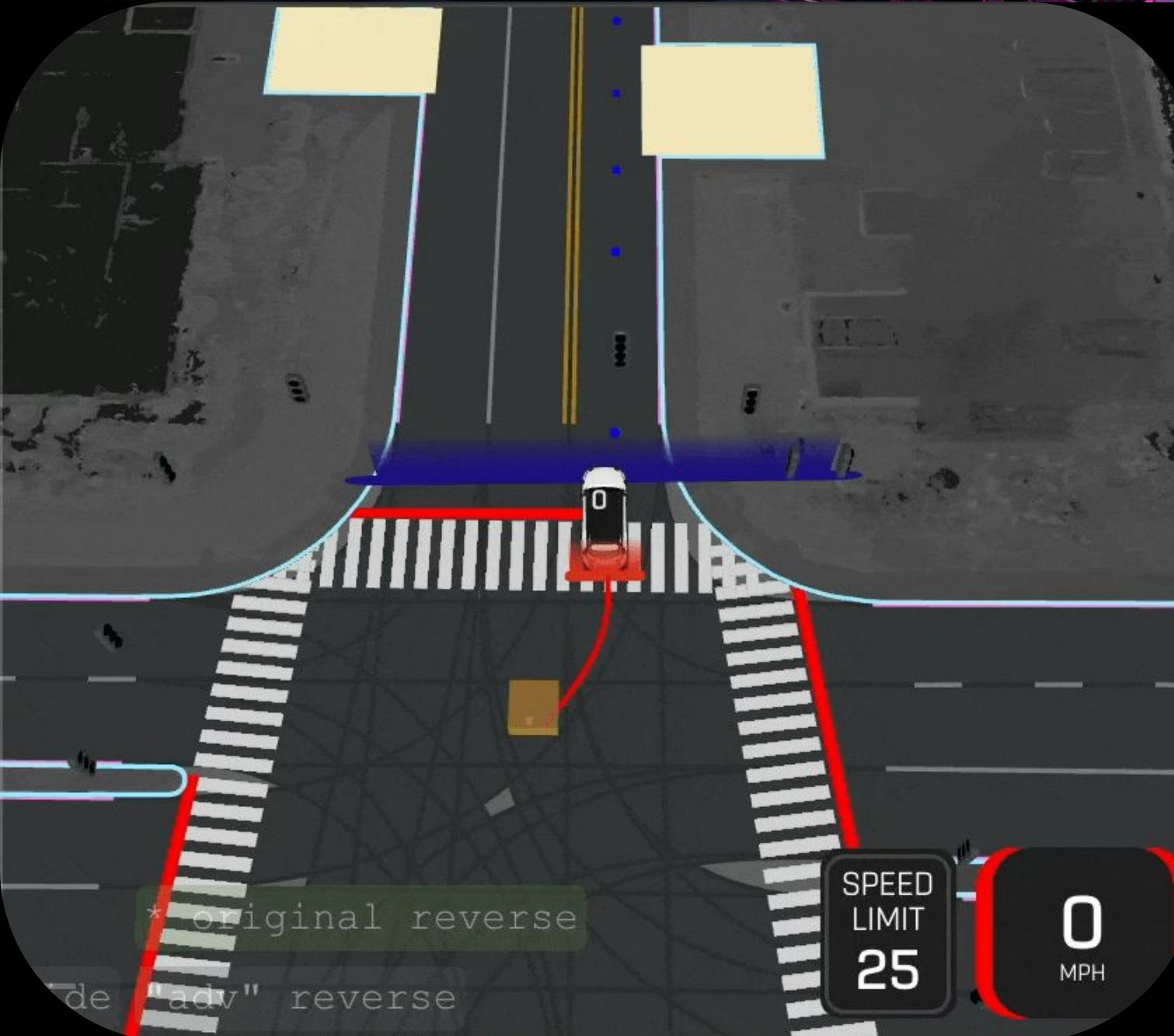
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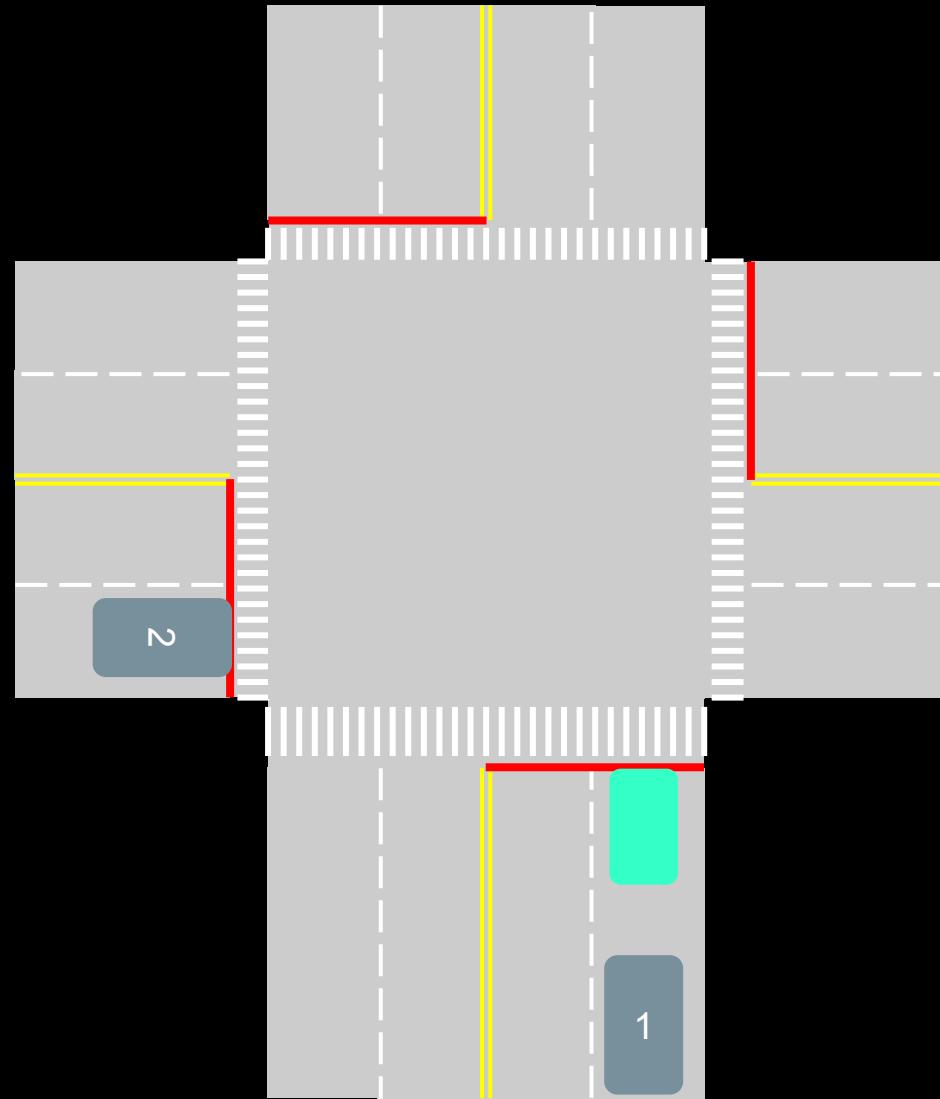
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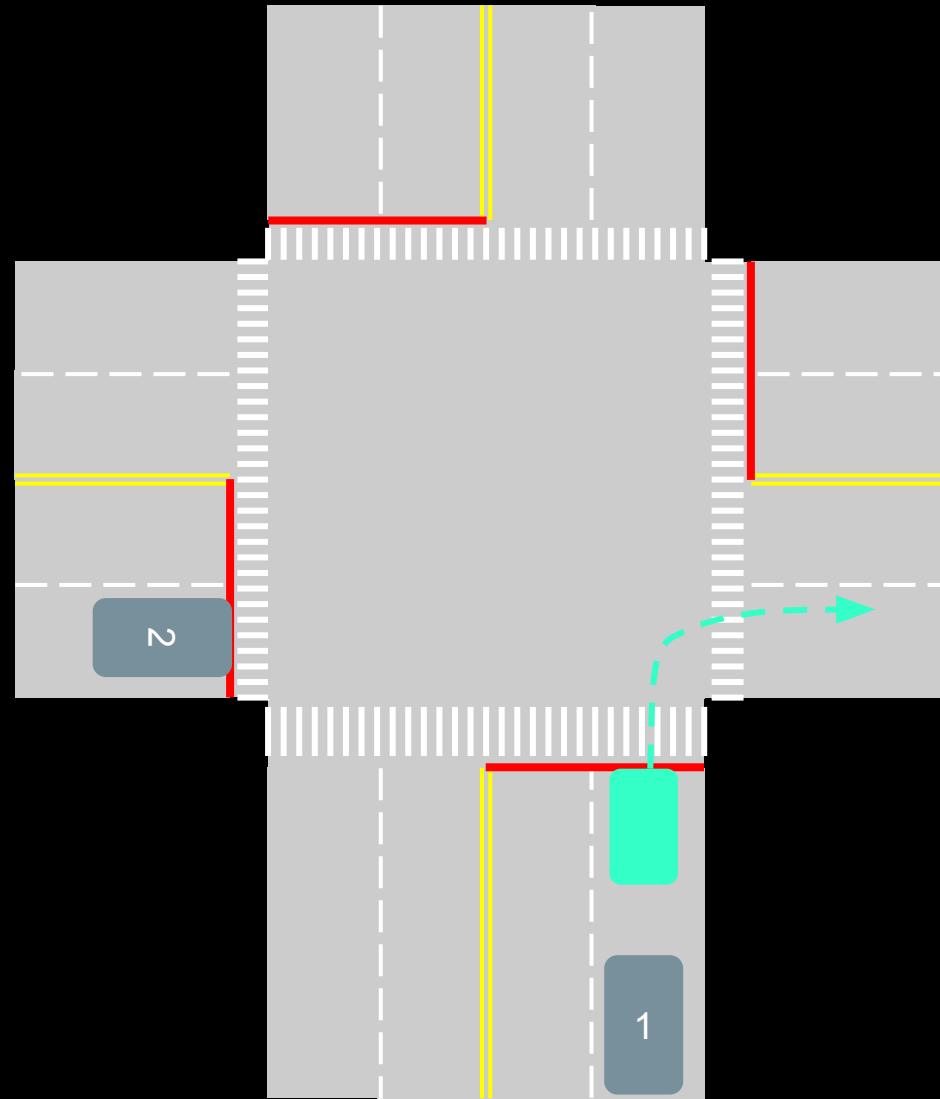
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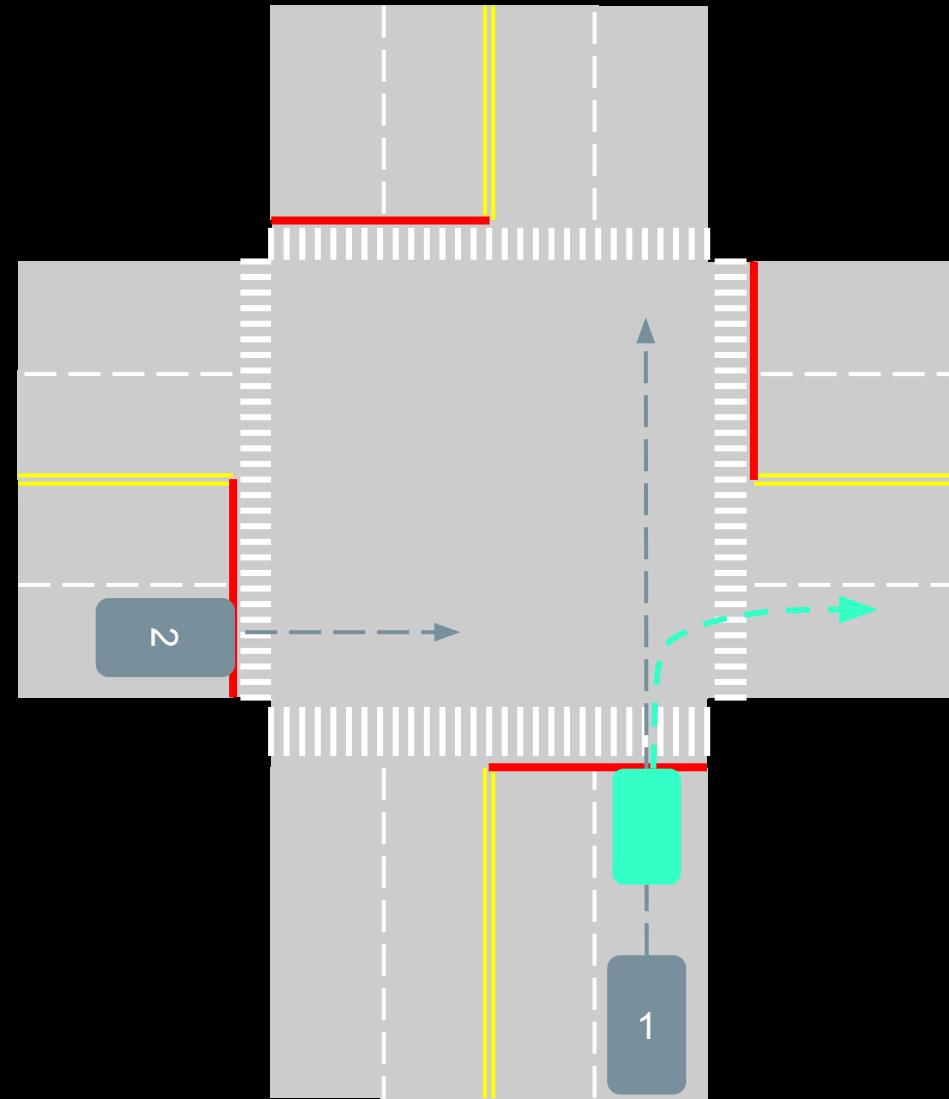
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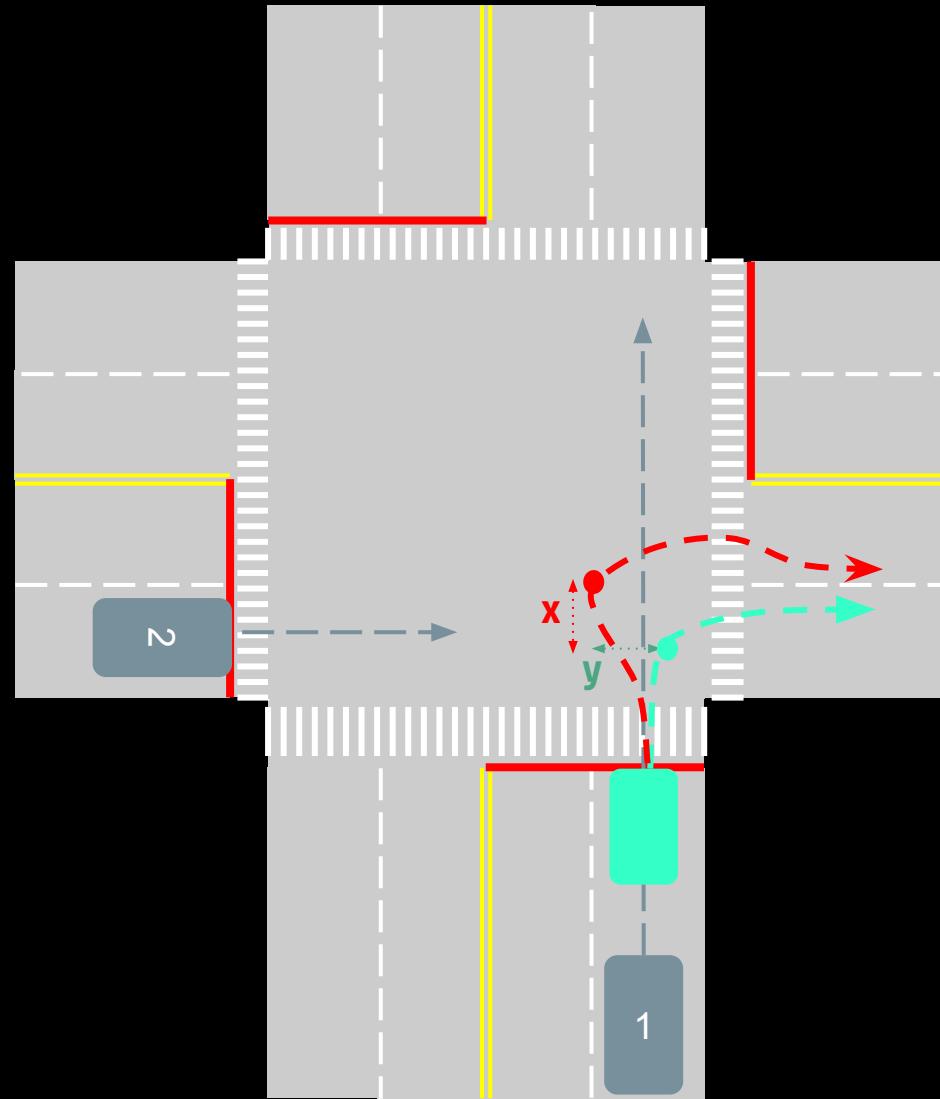
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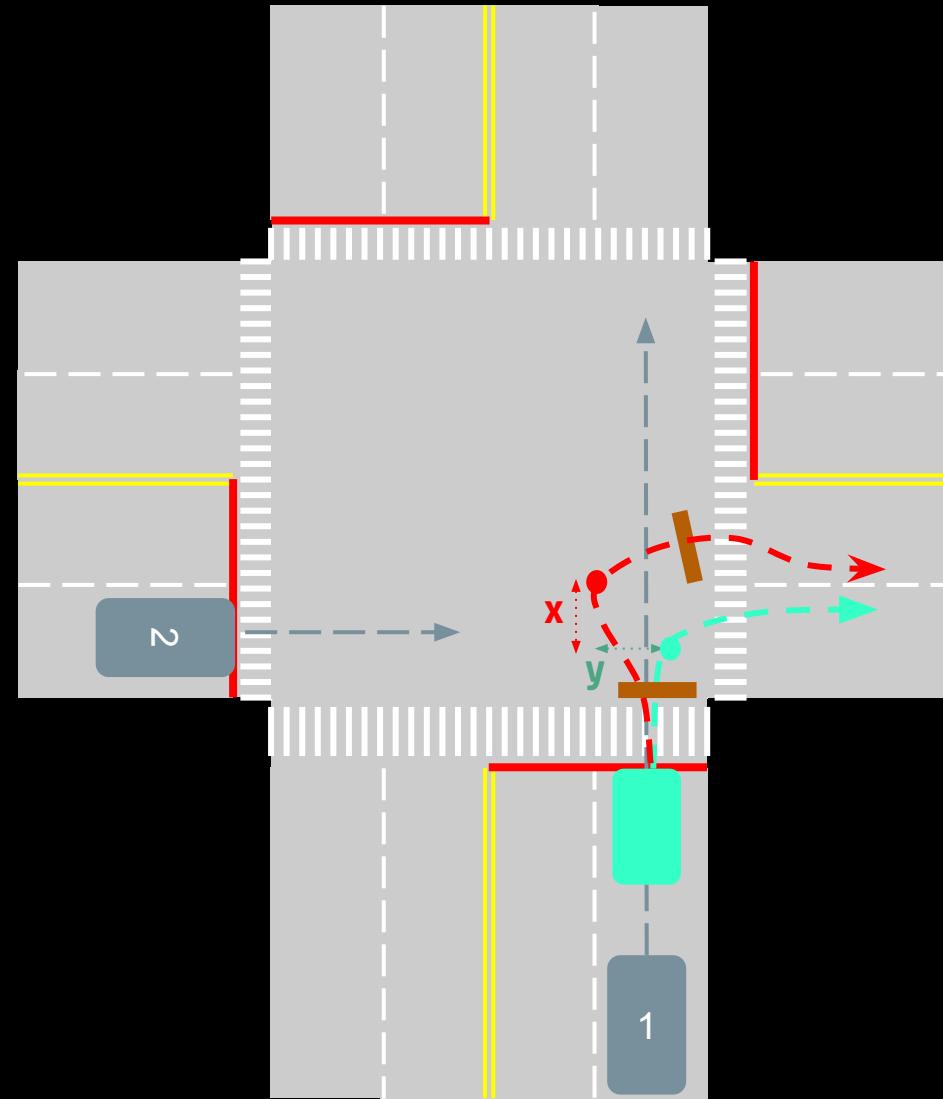
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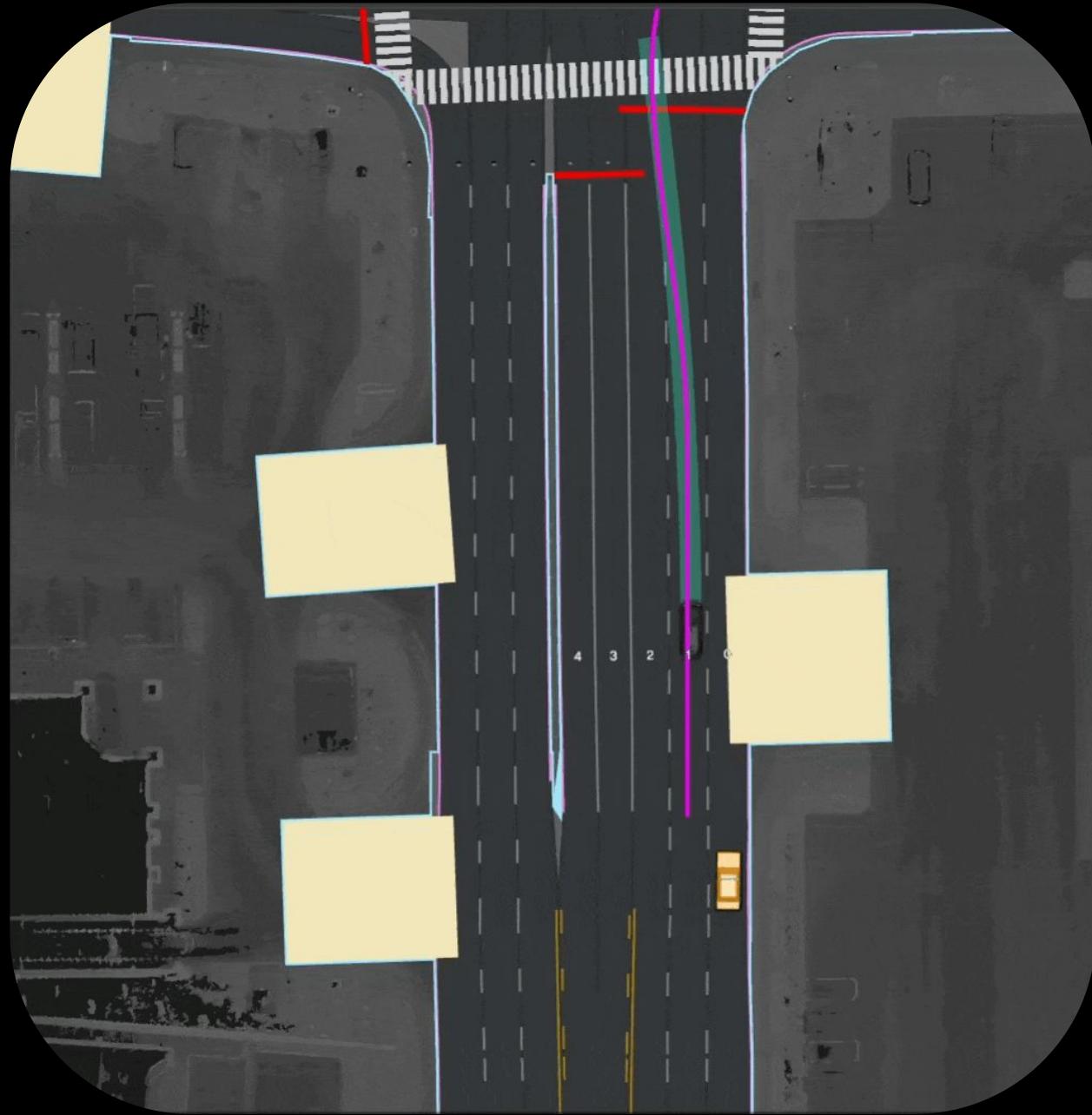


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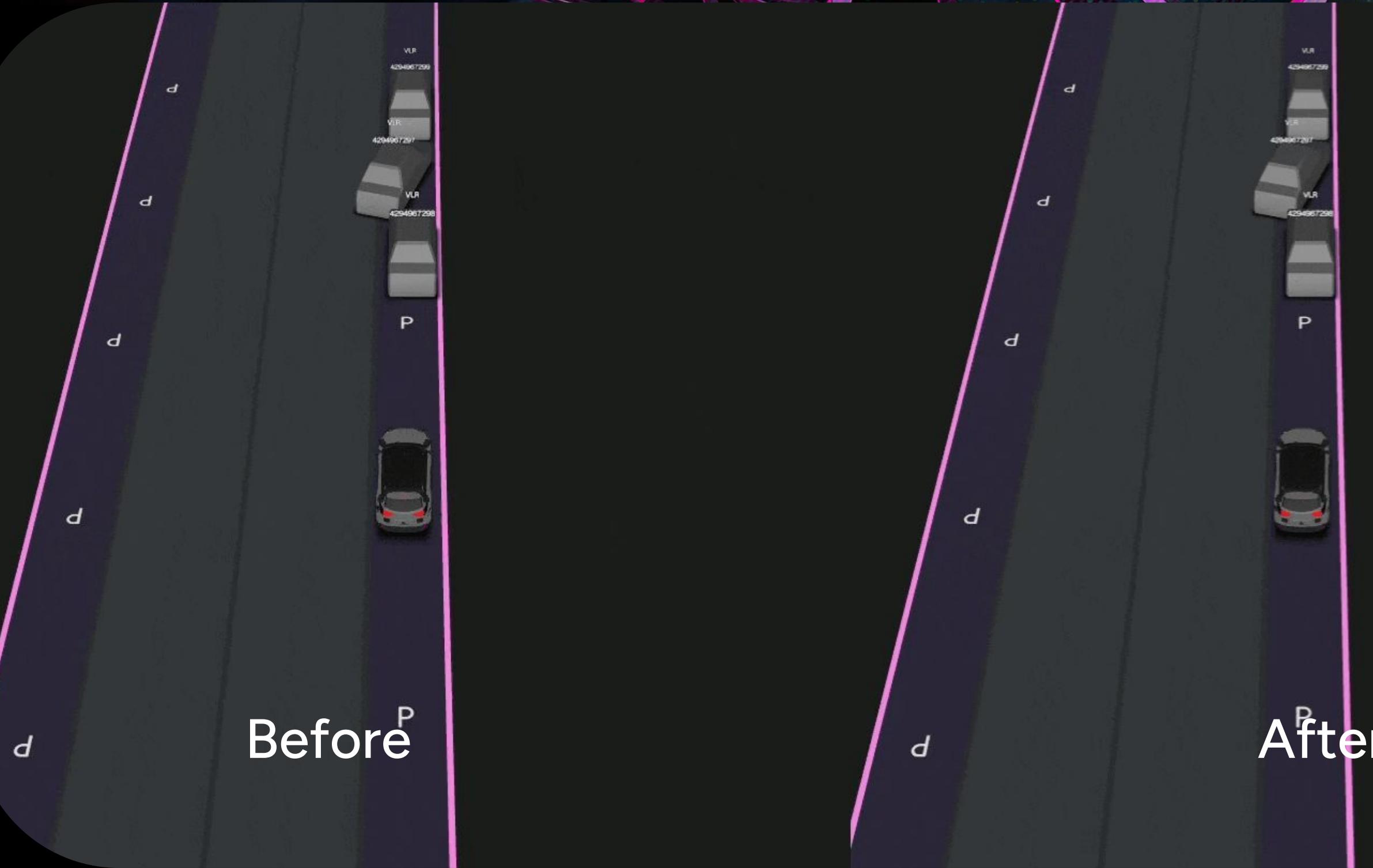




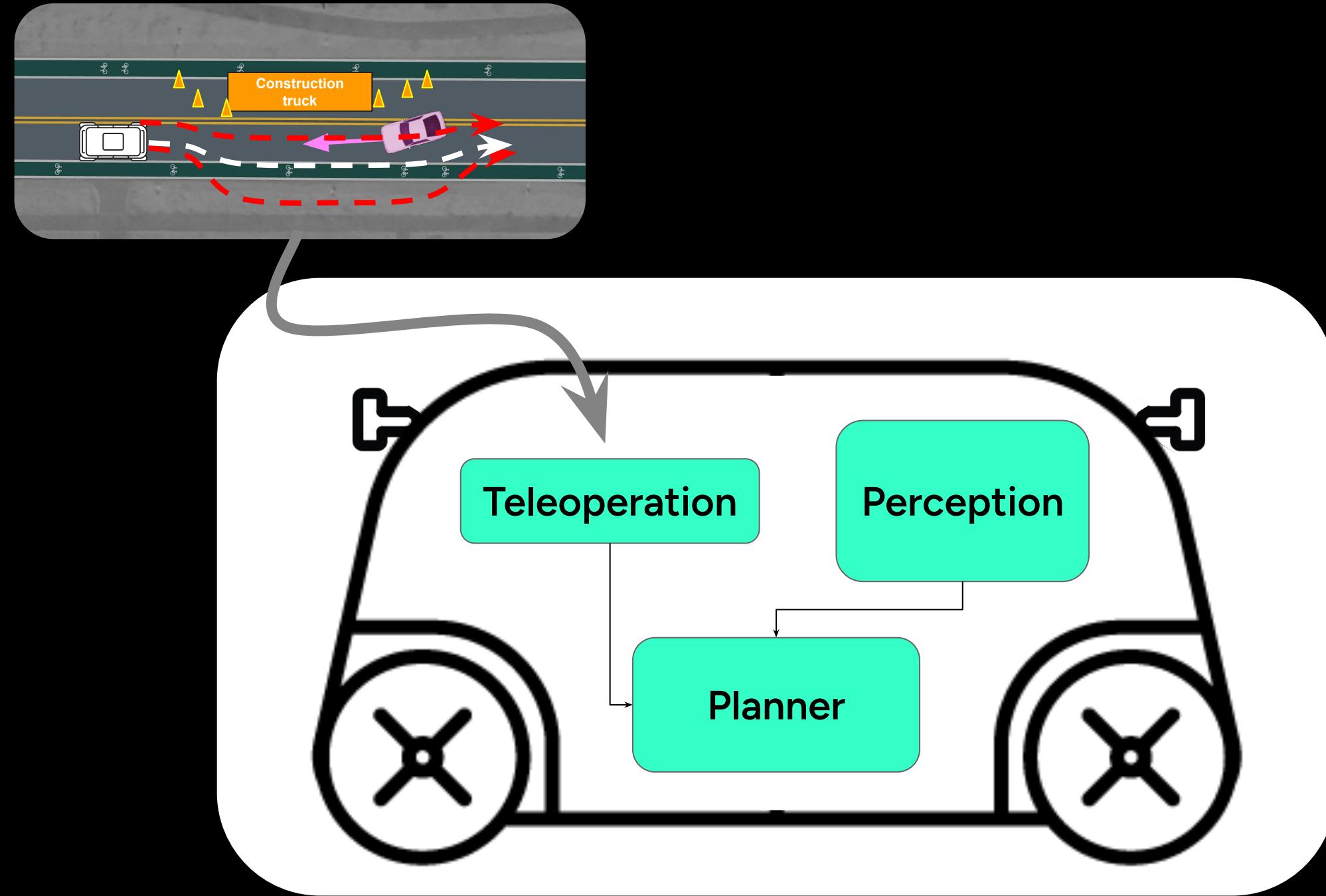
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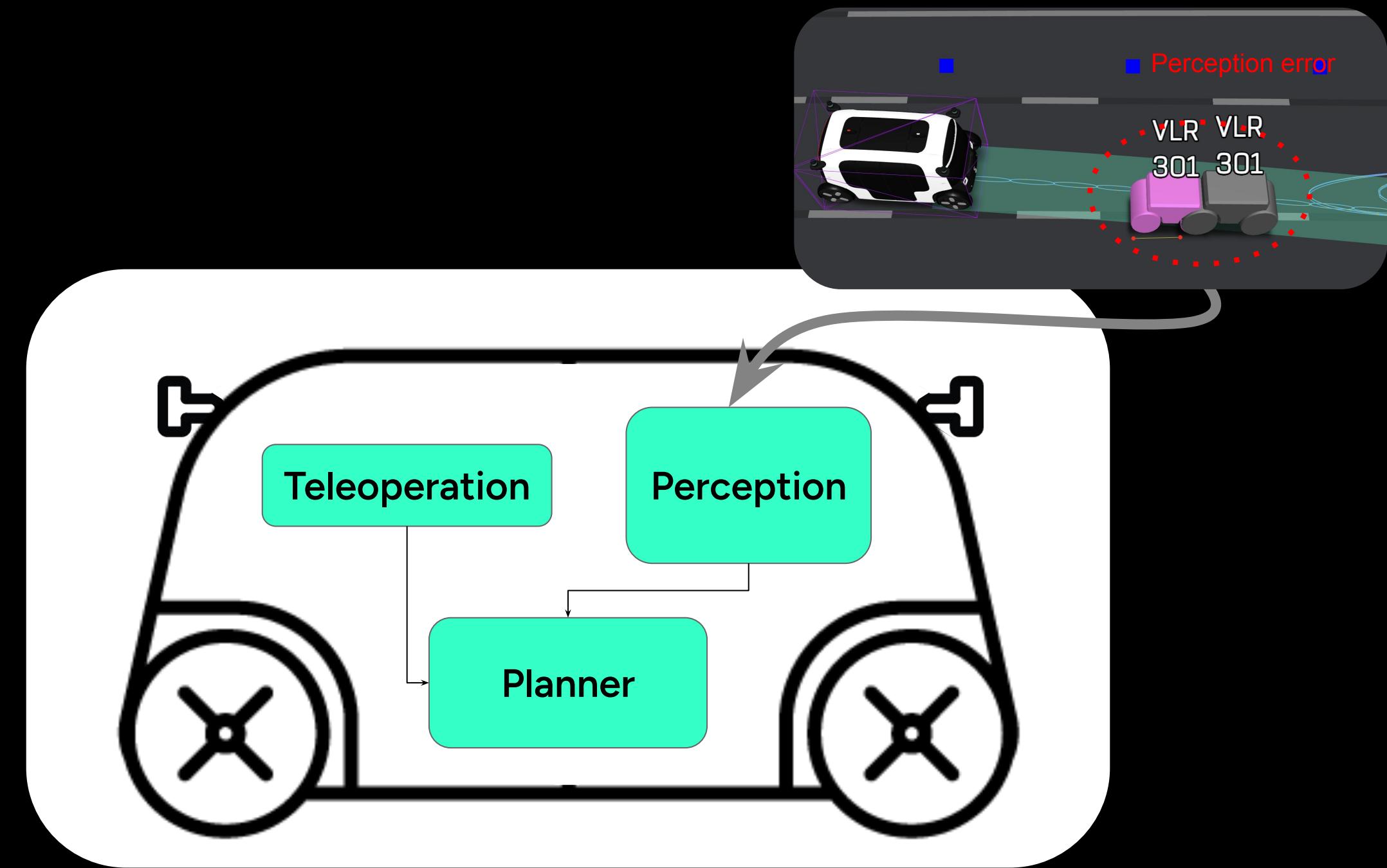
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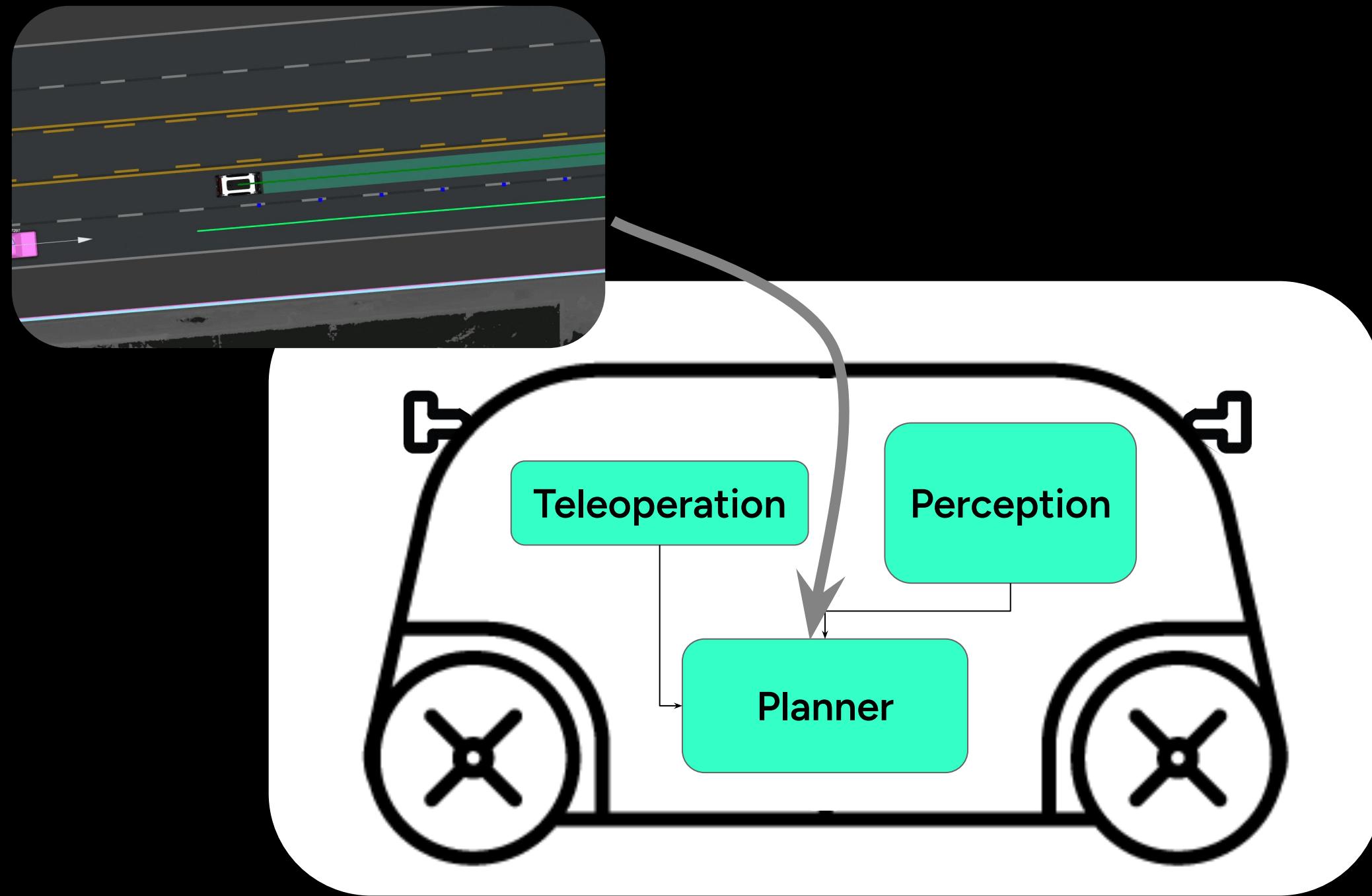
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# Looking Ahead







# Safety Must Scale – Keep Fuzzing AI Stack



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# Thank You!