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These are geographic maps of robot environments.

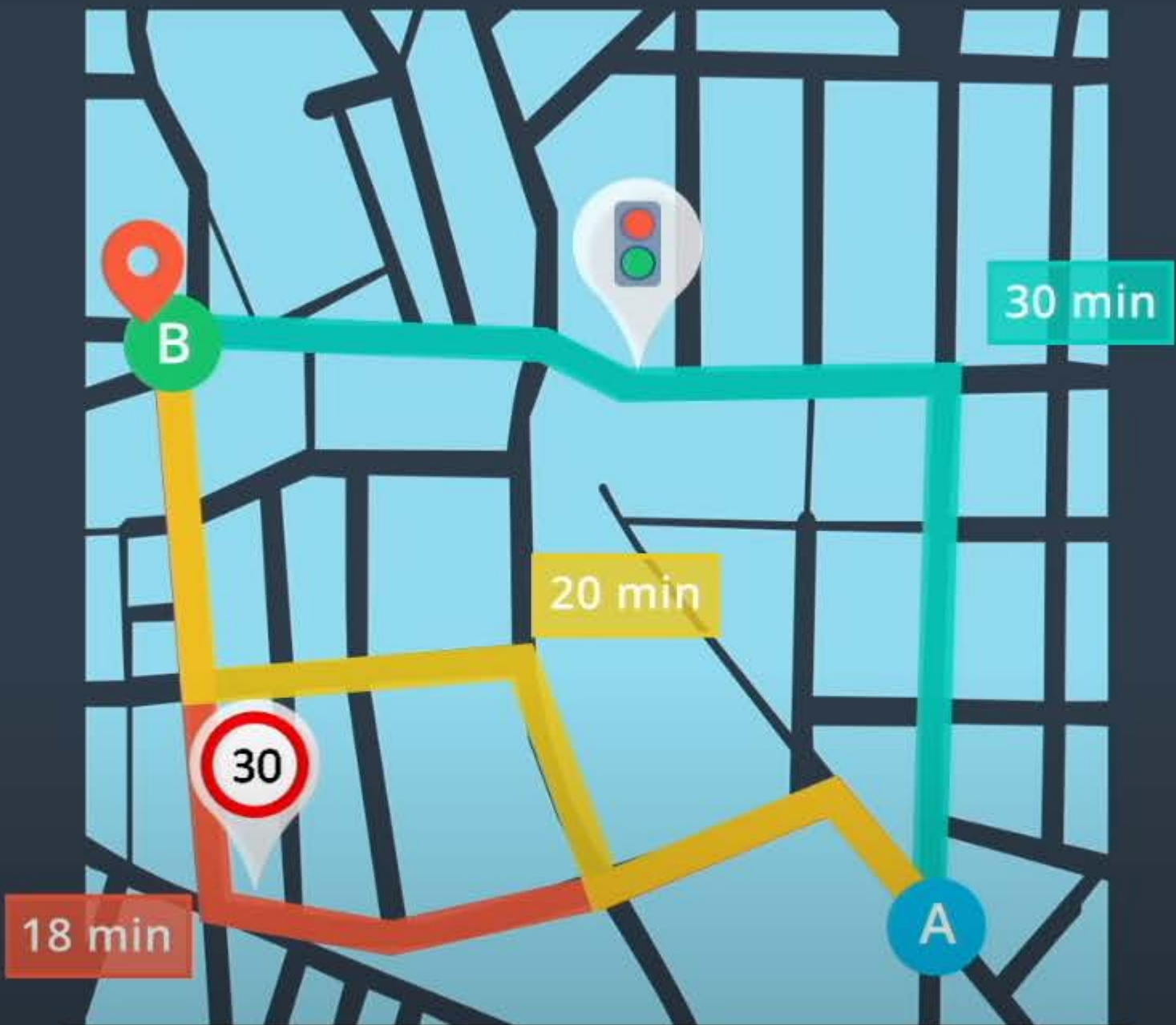


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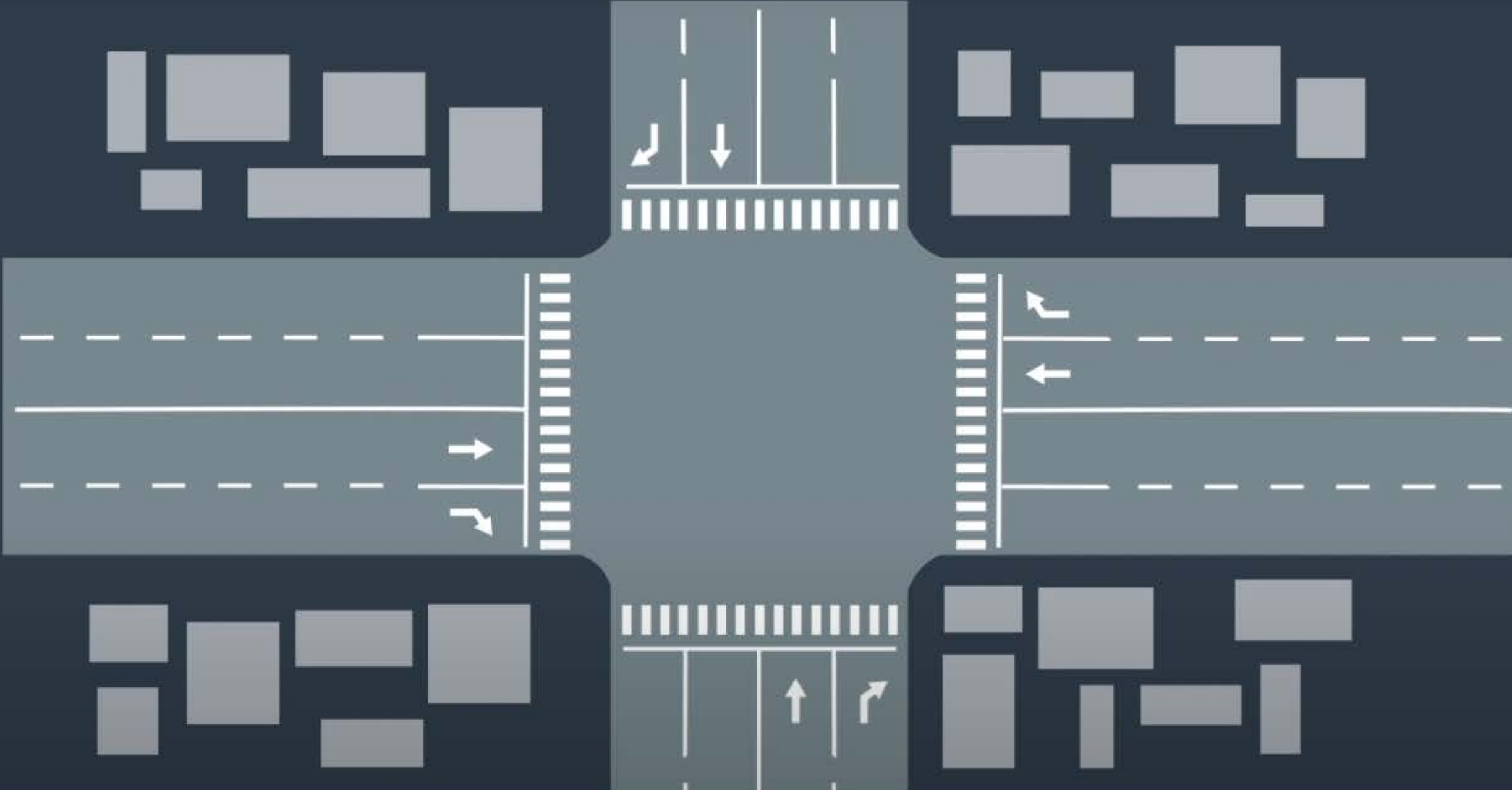
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like traffic lights or speed limit signs.





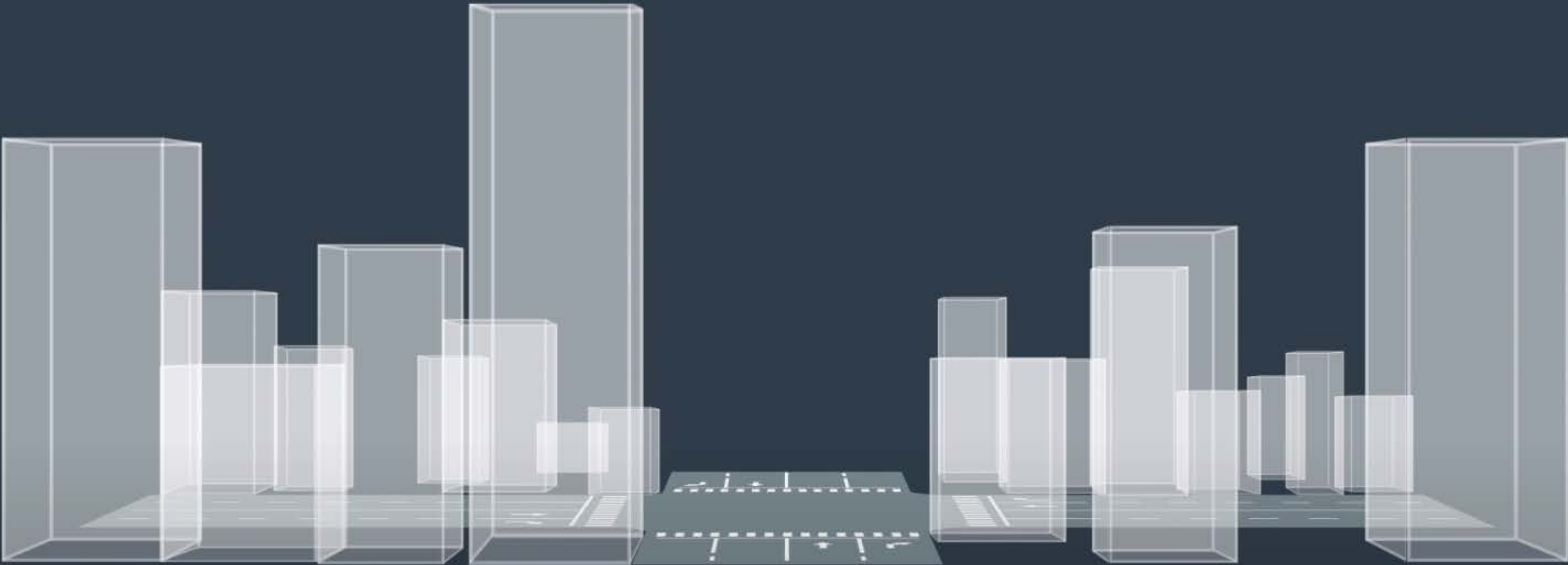
A high definition map contains a huge amount of driving assistance information.





The most important information is





the accurate three-dimensional representation of the road network.





One of the most important features of a high definition map is precision.



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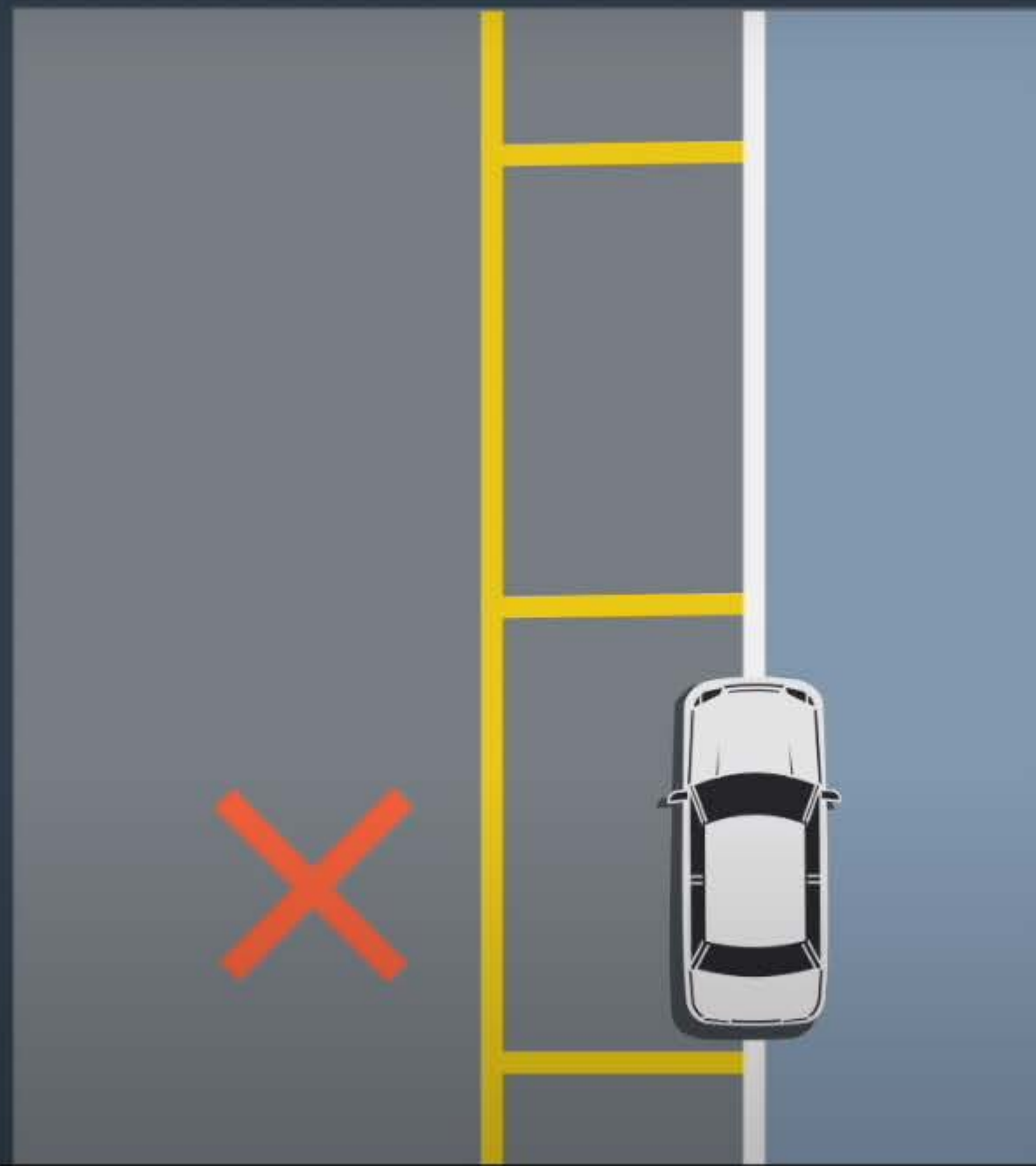
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The navigation map on your phone only achieves meter-level precision.





A high definition map enables the vehicle to achieve centimeter-level precision.

QUESTION 1 OF 2

What information do you think is necessary for creating a map of a city for self-driving cars ?

- ☒ The basic road network, road names and where points of interest are located.
- ☒ Speed limits for roads, traffic lights and other traffic control information
- ☒ A three-dimensional model of the city, including roads, buildings, tunnels, etc.

SUBMIT

QUESTION 2 OF 2

Which of the following pieces of information is probably available in HD map for the intersection shown below? Check all that apply.



☒ The location of the traffic light.

☐ The indoor layouts of the building on the left.

☒ The lane lines.

☒ The shape of all the buildings

☐ The behavior of the car in front of us

SUBMIT

QUESTION 1 OF 2

What steps does it take to describe your position to your friend in a place where both of you have never been before? Please put the following items in order.

Submit to check your answer choices!

ORDER

ITEM

1

Get an approximate location using a map on your phone.

2

Check what buildings or landmarks are located near your location on the map.

3

Observe nearby buildings, road signs or landmarks

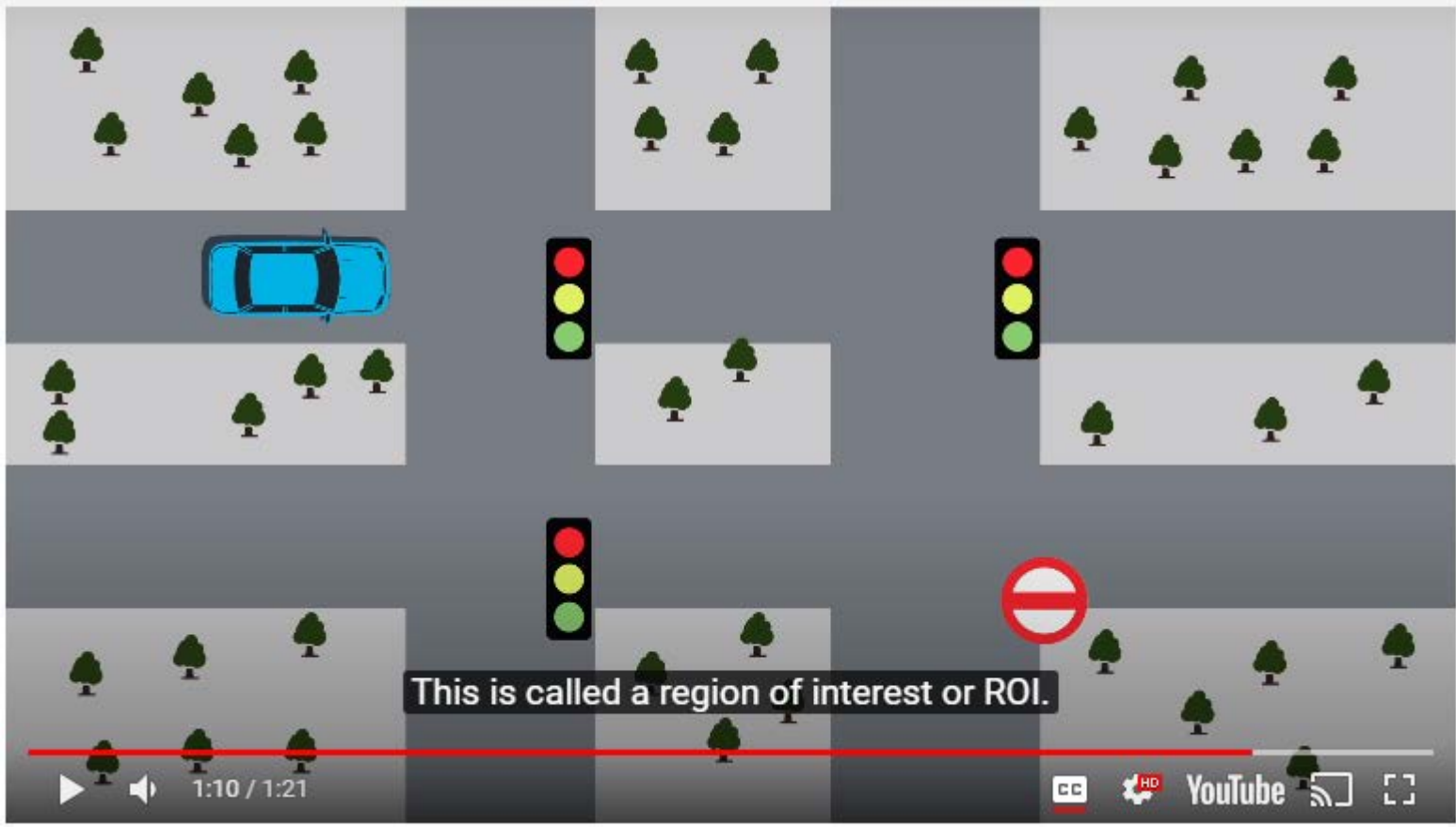
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Look around to see if there is any building that matches what you see on your phone.

5

If you find any match, you can correctly tell your friend where you are.

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This is called a region of interest or ROI.



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ROI can help us improve both detection accuracy and speed,



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saving computing resources for other tasks in the vehicle.



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a high-definition map allows the vehicle to look ahead and slow down in advance.



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QUESTION 2 OF 2

HD maps help us make better decisions. Match each decision-making scenario to the most useful information provided by HD map below!

Submit to check your answer choices!

SCENARIOS

USEFUL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY HD MAP

We want to overtake a car.

The speed limit for the current road segment.

Decide between two candidate routes which are equal in distance.

Locations of traffic lights and stop signs between the current position and the destination.

When the passenger's destination is a big metro station with multiple entrances, decide the correct spot to drop him/her.

Legal stop areas.

We want to exit the highway.

The exit positions for a highway.

Apollo HD maps use the OpenDRIVE format in industry-wide mapping standard.



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OpenDRIVE is like an API that makes it easy for everyone to read the same map data.



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Road definitions from Apollo HD Maps

Road Elements

Road Boundary
Lane Left Border
Right Lane Border
Lane Centerline
Lane Speed Limit
Lane Type
Lane Topology
Lane Line Type
Lane Direction Information
Lane Steering Type
Lane Length

Intersection Elements

Intersection Boundary
Intersection Virtual Lanes

Traffic Signal Elements

Traffic Light
Other Road Signs

Logical Relationship Elements

Map Logical Relationship

Other Elements

Crosswalk
No Parking Area
Stop Line
Pavement Arrow
Pavement Text
Fence
Street Light
Gantry
Building
Deceleration Zone

Standard OpenDRIVE vs. Apollo OpenDRIVE

Main Difference	Standard OpenDRIVE	Apollo OpenDRIVE
Application Scenario	Primarily used in simulation scenarios	Primarily applied to real-world self-driving scenes
Elemental Form Expression	Describe lane shape using curve equations and offsets based on reference line	Describe element shapes using absolute coordinate sequences
Elemental Richness	Provide common element types such as Road, Junction, Signal, and Object	Refine element expression and enrich element attributes. Such as adding new no-parking areas, crosswalks, deceleration belts, stop lines, parking allowance signs, deceleration allowance signs, etc.
Adaptive Driverless Algorithm	N/A	Integrate Baidu's driverless experience to enhance the feasibility and reliability of driverless algorithms.

Map Production

Data
Sourcing

Road



Data
Processing

Point Cloud Registration



Object
Detection

Object Detection



Manual
Verification

Lane , Curb



Map
Products

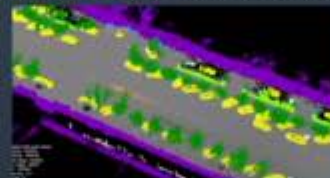
HD Map



Localization



Point Cloud Classification



Traffic Light/Sign



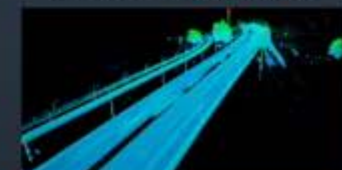
Localization Map



Virtual Lane



Ponit Cloud Map



manual verification, and map publication.

Independently Developed Data Acquisition Vehicle



GPS/IMU



Antenna



LiDAR



Camera



inertial measurement units, LiDAR, and camera.

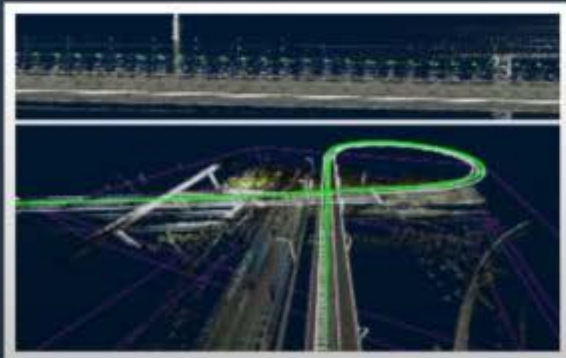
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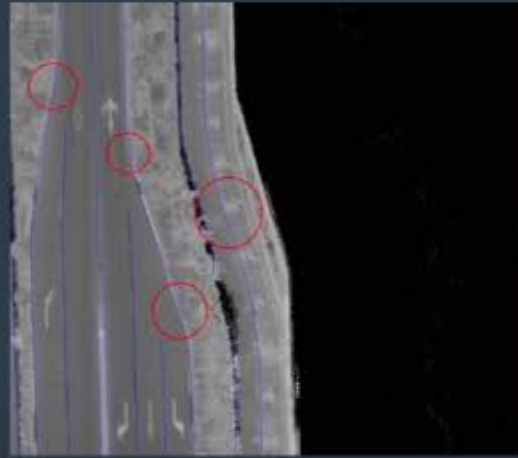
and ultimately, produce high definition maps.

Point Cloud Registration

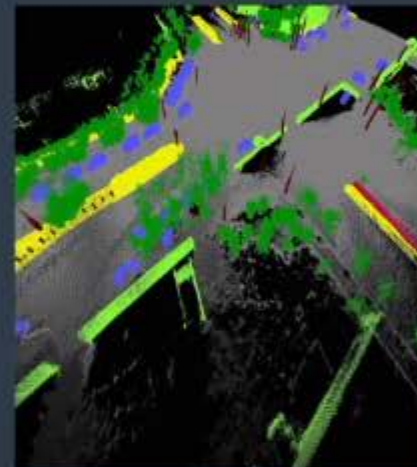


Zhongguancun, Beijing
fused from data collected in Zhongguancun, Beijing.

Object Detection



including lane lines, traffic signs, and even poles.



a top-down view and three-dimensional point cloud maps.



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Intelligent Map

In the process of constructing and updating maps, Apollo uses crowdsourcing.



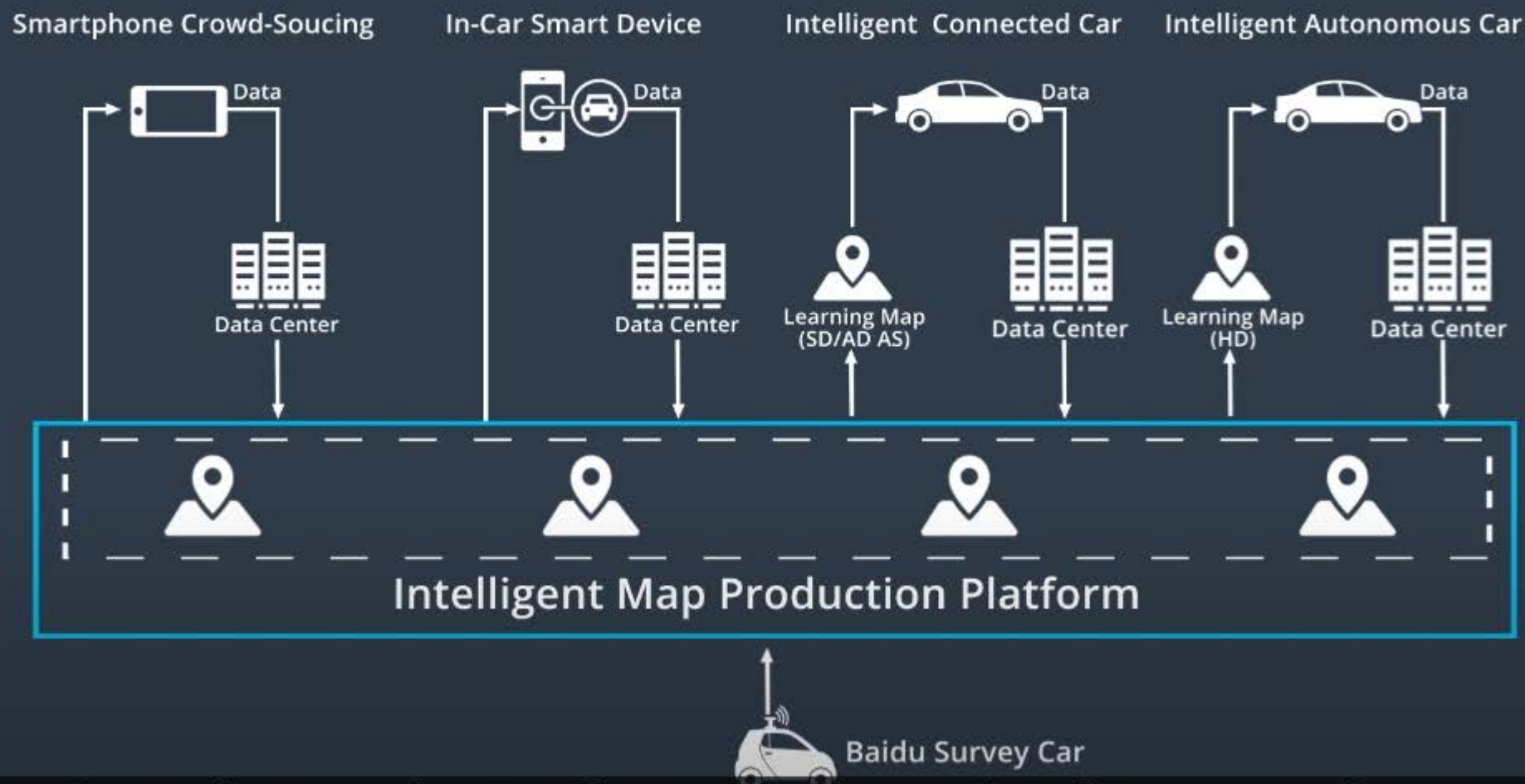
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Intelligent Map



Crowdsourcing accelerates the production and maintenance of HD maps.

HD Map Service

HD map are an essential part of Apollo. Baidu can provide students with high-accuracy map service support with the highest accuracy, highest quality, and best-fit Apollo code.

After equipping the Apollo cars with required hardware, Apollo partners can receive HD map technical support for auto-drive road tests under certain conditions.

If you want to get more information, please go to [HD map cooperation](#).

Have fun!