

# 2022-05-25 Simulation Working Group Meeting #2624

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## Useful Links

### Previous Meeting Minutes

[2022-05-11 Simulation Working Group meeting](#)

### Issue Board

<https://github.com/orgs/autowarefoundation/projects/7/views/1>

### Wiki Pages

- [Bus ODD E2E Simualtor Requirements](#)

### Recording from the meeting

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1IX3h2MLvs3TTncQrnvm3kCNRmbXHyyp12>

## Agenda Summary

- Reviewing in-progress [issues](#)
- Bus ODD E2E Simualtor Requirements ([wiki](#)) ([discussion](#))
  - Test Scenarios

## Discussions

### Reviewing in-progress issues - **Metric Calculation Node Development**

- [The pull request](#) is created
  - Two evaluators are created (localization, statistics of velocity)
  - In progress: refactoring, creating base evaluator which can be used for creating another evaluator, creating segmentation metric evaluator

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## Reviewing in-progress issues - Define Test Procedures to check Simulator's Compatibility with Autoware

- Initial version of the test code for half of the test cases is created. The plan is to create a PR, ask for feedback before working on the others.

## Reviewing in-progress issues - Creating a Simulation Environment (ITRI Campus)

- Two types of the map will be created
  - map-type1: Normal Environment
  - map-type2: PCD-based Environment
- The plan is to share the road-only initial version first

## Reviewing in-progress issues - Creating a Bus Model (ITRI Bus)

- TierIV and Robotec is jointly working on creating the model, an update can be found in the issue link
- Testing for vehicle model dynamics or behavior can be done in another map (other than ITRI campus map)

## Bus ODD E2E Simulator Requirements

Important links: [wiki page](#), [discussion](#)

About [wiki page](#),

- The introduction part will be added later, the usage of the document, for example.
- For the vehicle, once modeling is finished, pictures or other stuff can be added
- For the environment, it is the same story, pictures or links to the other detailed stuff can be added later.
- Interface is being updated, which is discussed in the Architecture, therefore the requirement for the simulator will be updated accordingly.
  - [@sglee-morai](#) is attending the Autonomy Software WG and Architecture SW meetings to keep track of how the message type will be changed in the future.
- **About sensor**
  - For usage of radar, it's still good to keep it optional. It is planned to use one to improve the velocity prediction of detected objects but it is still in progress
  - **8 camera > this can be a problem for a simulator**
  - **Cameras are not used for localization. (For localization, only lidars are used), but cameras are used only for object detection.**
  - When Autoware uses multiple cameras at the same time, separate machines were used to process images and send detected results to the main PC
  - For simulation usage, users wouldn't have multiple PCs for processing multiple images from camera models normally, so it would be better to start with only one camera.

- Is it okay to reduce the resolution of the camera? a real-world camera is rather high-resolution for the simulator (picture is below, [pdf link](#))

### Optional Accessories

<b>PA-120W-OW</b>	120W AC/DC power adapter, 20V/6A; 18AWG/120cm; cord end terminals for terminal block, operating temperature: -30 to 70°C.
<b>Fan kit</b>	Fan kit with 92mm x 92mm fan for NRU-110V series
<b>AC-AR0231-H30</b>	On Semi AR0231 CMOS sensor camera; 1280x720 @22fps; HFOV 27, IP64; male FAKRA connector
<b>AC-AR0231-H60</b>	On Semi AR0231 CMOS sensor camera; 1280x720 @22fps; HFOV 61, IP67; male FAKRA connector
<b>AC-AR0231-H120</b>	On Semi AR0231 CMOS sensor camera; 1280x720 @22fps; HFOV 121, IP67; male FAKRA connector
<b>AC-AR0231-H180</b>	On Semi AR0231 CMOS sensor camera; 1280x720 @22fps; HFOV 180, IP67; male FAKRA connector
<b>AC-AR0147-H30</b>	On Semi AR0147 CMOS sensor camera; 1280x720 @30fps; LFM; HFOV 30, IP64; male FAKRA connector
<b>AC-AR0147-H60</b>	On Semi AR0147 CMOS sensor camera; 1280x720 @30fps; LFM; HFOV 59, IP67; male FAKRA connector
<b>AC-AR0147-H120</b>	On Semi AR0147 CMOS sensor camera; 1280x720 @30fps; LFM; HFOV 125, IP64; male FAKRA connector
<b>AC-ISX019-H90</b>	SONY ISX019 CMOS sensor camera; 1280x720 @30fps; HFOV 89, IP67+IP69K; female FAKRA connector
<b>AC-ISX019-H120</b>	SONY ISX019 CMOS sensor camera; 1280x720 @30fps; HFOV 128, IP67; female FAKRA connector
<b>FK-FF-CABLE-7M</b>	7M FAKRA cable for cameras with male FAKRA connector
<b>FK-FM-CABLE-7M</b>	7M FAKRA cable for cameras with female FAKRA connector

Note: \* Combined use of different FOV with the same CMOS sensor is verified on NRU series. Combined use of different FOV with varying CMOS sensors is not guaranteed. Please consult Neoulys for feasibility.

- One thing to consider for this: Whether to run the simulator on the same PC that runs the Autoware or to have separate PCs
- Many Autoware users would have only one PC, so it is needed to specify what performance (resolution for 1 camera) can be achieved for a certain PC spec, and recommended PC spec.
- If a single PC configuration limits the performance too much, we can consider not using a camera model for the simulation and replace it by ground truth information (object detection information)
- **Virtual/Ground Truth Sensors**
  - It would be a key feature for an E2E Simulator
    - MORAI SIM: Drive has already similar features, so changing the output format slightly is the only task left.
    - TierIV SIM is also planning to develop a feature to publish GT data as well
  - Thus, the main discussion point is about the format
    - Evaluation nodes require GT data as an input, so the data format can be suggested by Dominik.
    - Making the GT data format the same as its real-world counterpart is another idea
      - Benefit: It becomes easy to replace a certain feature in the Autoware with the simulator's GT feature, making testing & developing easier
    - However, simulator providers can just define a standard GT message format, regardless of the data message format between each node in the Autoware. Since one can create a node that subscribes to the GT message and publish in another format anyway.
- **Main usage of an E2E Simulator**
  - Localization: won't be too difficult to make a simulator provide features for that since lidars are only used.
    - Also, the localization evaluator can be used for the test.
  - Perception: performance analysis is first required to consider detailed testing configuration or user story

## Action Items

- To keep working on existing issues
- A new issue (planned): doing an initial benchmark - to see sensor performance w.r.t. to few sensor configurations, map details (ITRI

campus), scenarios

- To discuss Virtual / Ground Truth Sensors ([link](#))
- To discuss detailed use cases of an E2E simulator (e.g. Localization, Perception, and E2E Testing), test configurations, and scenarios for each use case. ([link](#))

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