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AV / AI Software Panel

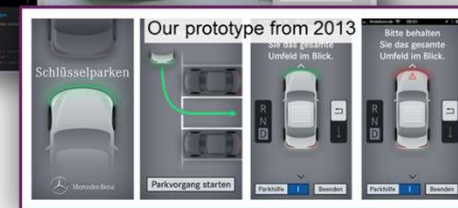
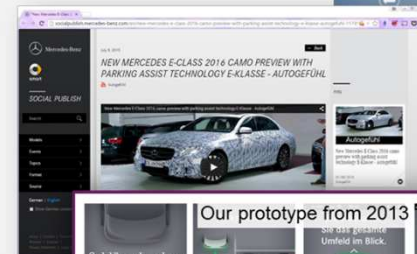
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Who am I ?

Director **Smart Mobility** at Fraunhofer FOKUS
Director **Daimler Center for Automotive IT Innovations**

Technology development and consulting

- Prototyped the Remote Parking Assist and Map-based Speed Control for current Mercedes cars
- Extensive use of AI for localization, perception, and automated driving
- Analysis of big mobility data sets (smart data)
- Development of deep-tech MVTs for future mobility start-ups



Automated and Cooperative Driving

Goals

- Cooperative driving in mixed city traffic. Use cases include:
- Platooning, University shuttle service, and tele-operated driving
- Generate and maintain HD maps for self-localisation, detect and classify map changes, e.g. road works

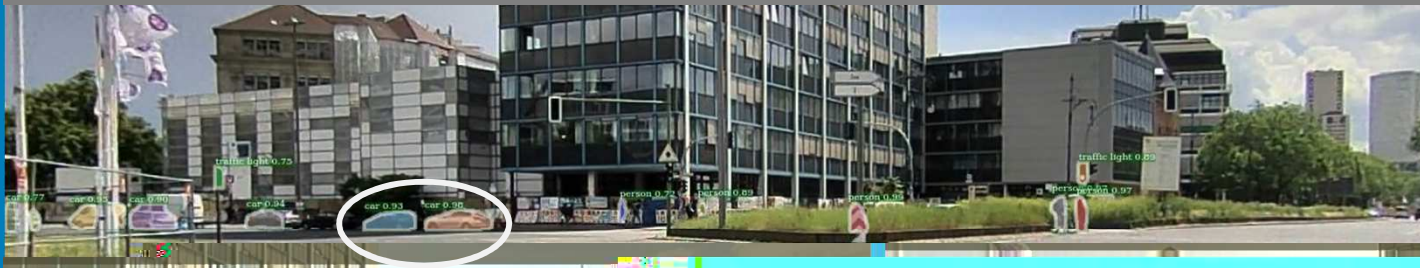
Test Areas

- Equipped with communication infrastructure
- ITS G5/ DSRC, LTE-V2X, and Backend-V2X
- Collection of ambient traffic data for test scenario generation



Fraunhofer FOKUS Perception

Image-based detection and classification of object instances
3D dimensions and pose with tracking later through LIDAR fusion



Instance segmentation
(without tracking)

Reference data generation Data and label toolchain

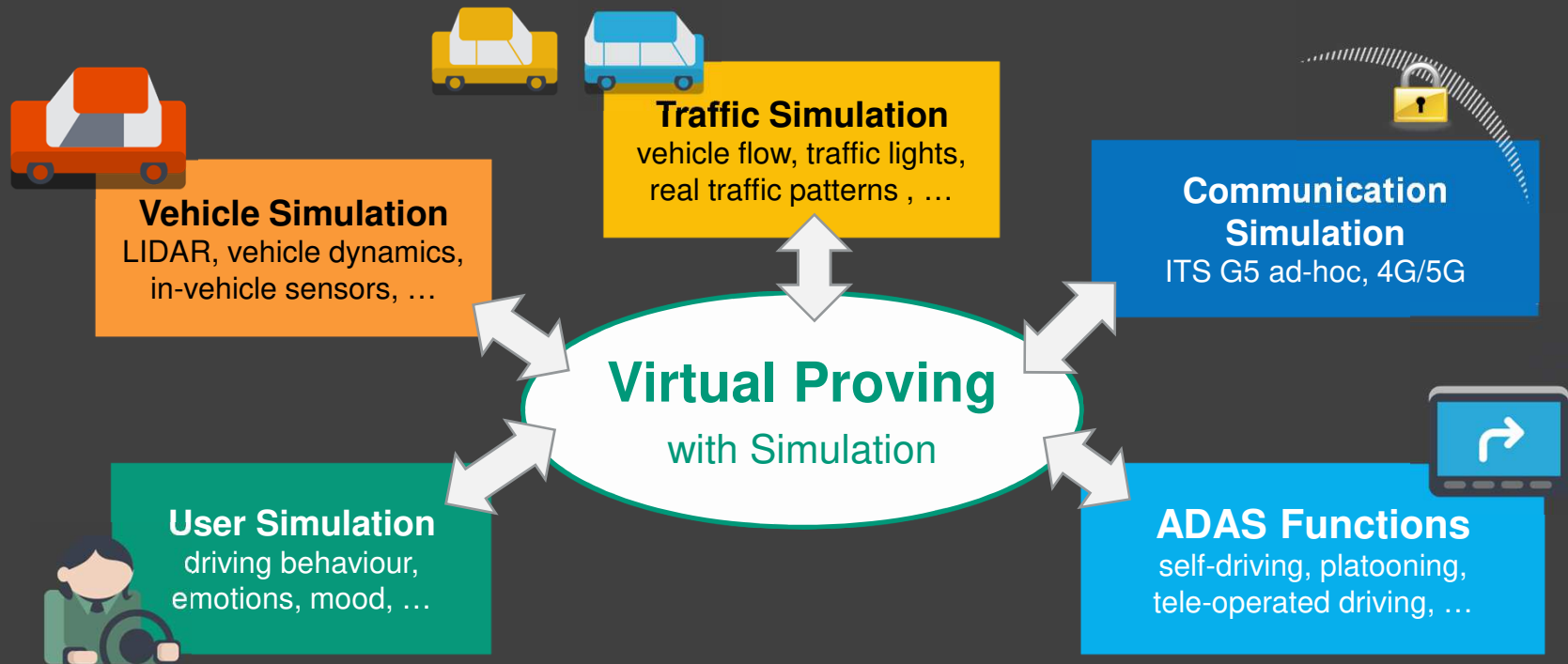
Allows for full LIDAR-frame labeling
of class, instance, and box
in 5 min or less



Class labeling in 1min 17sec (real-time video)

Synthetic data generation

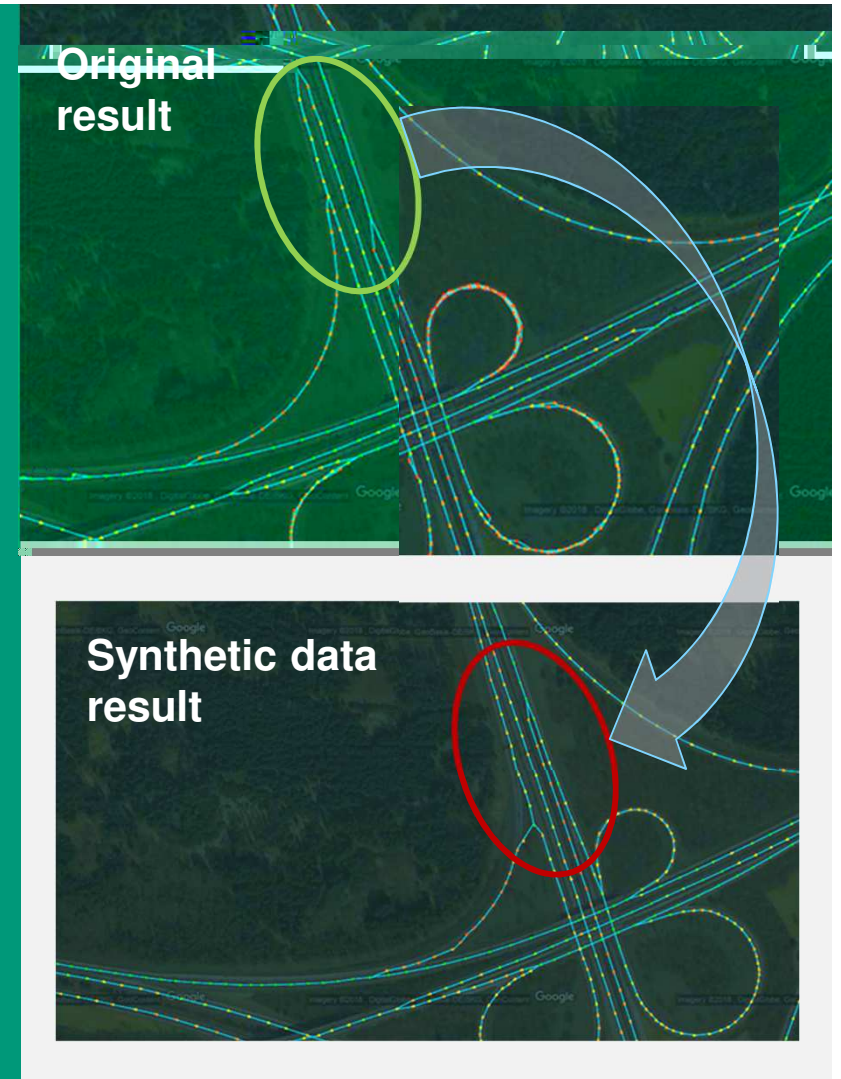
VSIMRTI: dynamic coupling of best-in-class simulators



10+ years experience in simulation

Inconvenient truth: Simulation is not all!

- Example: our HD map generation algorithms based on **163bn** dense real world data points generate lane-level accuracy of **< 0.5m** with **3 traces**
- However, when using synthetic, **simulated data** algorithm results are worse
- Early stages worked fine, but noise and error patterns in real vehicle trace data requires specific **data grooming** that leads inferior quality and results in synthetic data



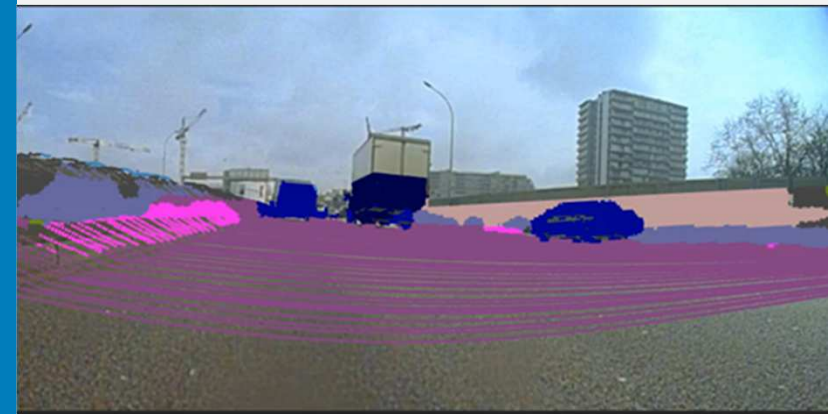
Simulation and perception

- **Corner cases** of perception hard to foresee and simulate
- Simulation lacks proper sensor models with validated noise and error patterns, as well as range of scenarios that can prepare for the real world
- Collection of real data and annotation of real world **ground truth** are essential for development of automated driving



Tragic scenario
(pedestrian with bike in dark)
hardly in any simulation

Courtesy Uber via Tempe Police



Real world ground truth data and scenarios crucial for automated driving