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# Purpose Statement

This webinar will share three successful applications of AI projects on asset management. These may help departments of transportation (DOTs) rethink how they manage their assets at scale in the age of AI. Presenters will share how to apply state-of-the-art AI algorithms with a positive return on investment, how to anticipate the pitfalls of these algorithms, and how to improve asset management efficiency.

# Learning Objectives

At the end of this webinar, you will be able to:

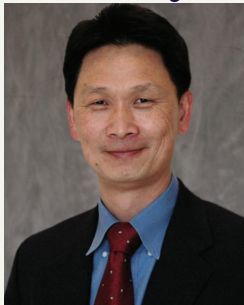
- Apply state-of-the-art AI algorithms in real-world transportation projects with positive return on investment
- Anticipate deployment pitfalls of using AI algorithms
- Improve asset management efficiency at scale by using AI

# Questions and Answers

- Please type your questions into your webinar control panel
- We will read your questions out loud, and answer as many as time allows



# Today's presenters



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# **Successful AI Applications for Curve Safety Assessment & Compliance, and Pavement Asset Management**

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# Outline

- Our Research Team and Focuses
  - Application 1 (Safety): MUTCD Curve Sign Compliance Checking Using Low-cost Mobile Devices and AI
  - Application 2 (Infrastructure): Automated Pavement Condition Evaluation Using 3D Laser Technology and AI
  - Summary
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# Research Team

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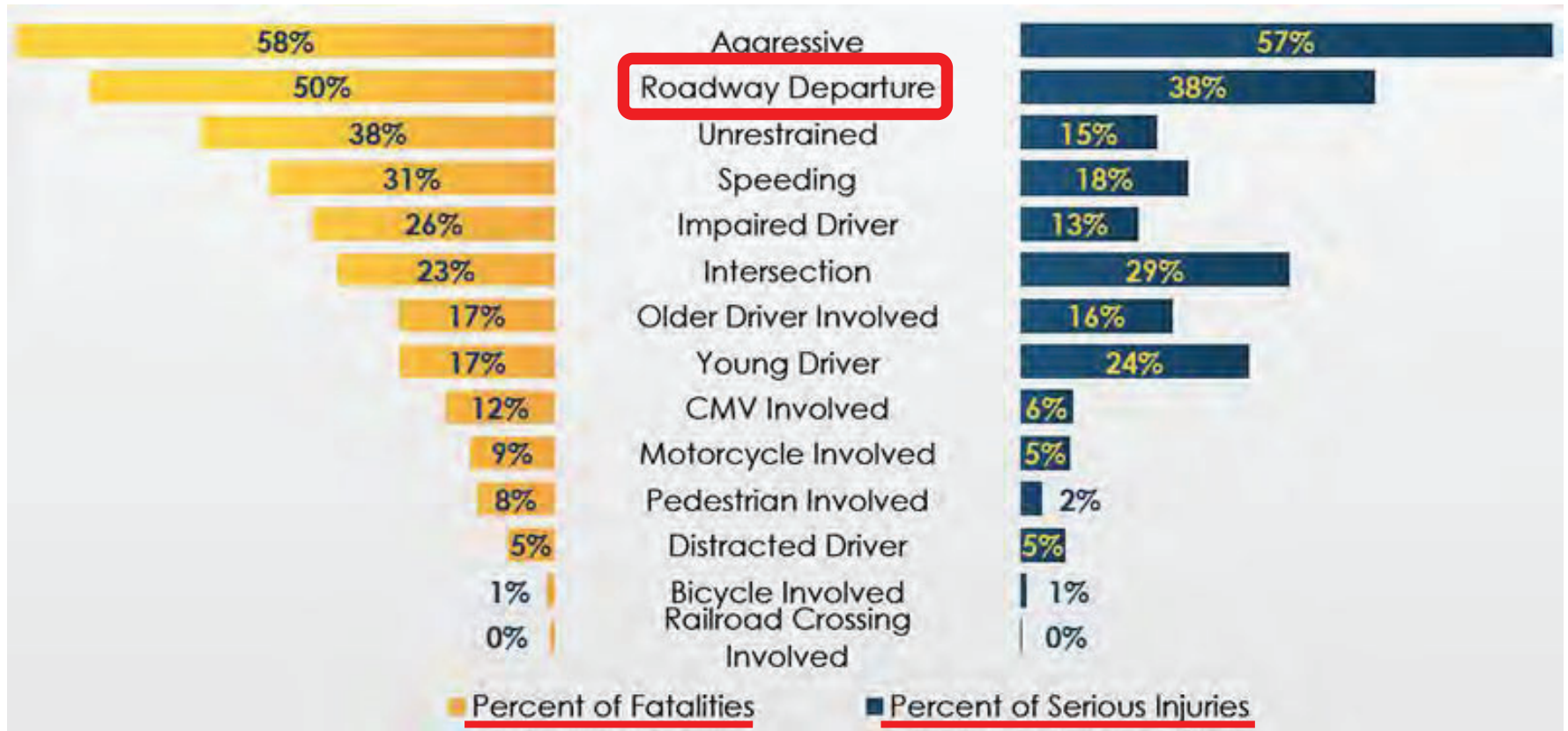
**Application 1 (Safety): MUTCD Curve Sign  
Compliance Design & Checking Using Low-cost  
Mobile Devices and AI**



**Georgia Tech with Safe Road Indicator, LLC**

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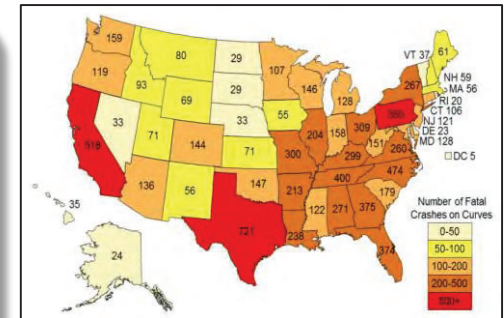
# Background - Roadway Departure Fatalities



<https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/tsp/fhwasa19016/>

# Roadway Departure - Horizontal Curve Safety in the US

- Horizontal curves play a critical role in roadway safety by providing a smooth transition between tangent sections
- **A disproportionately high number of fatalities occur at horizontal curves (25%) although curves only represent a fraction of the roadway network (5%).**



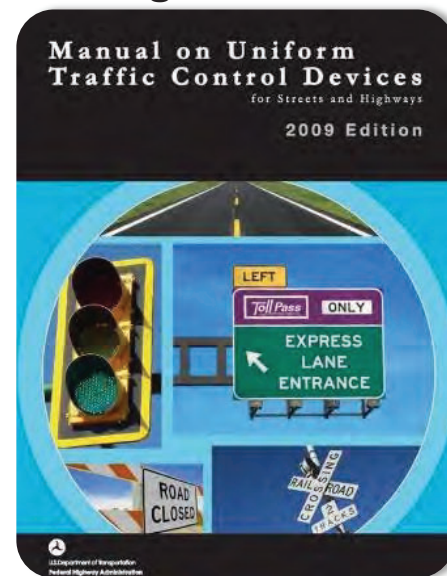
\*FHWA. RDs and Curves, 2005-2008.In, FHWA Office of Safety, 2010  
Video Source: FHWA

# MUTCD Curve Sign Requirement



Enhancements in **curve signage** can have ~  
**40% reduction** in **traffic crashes** (*CMF ID 1905*)

## Regulation



**Required** to comply with MUTCD to improve roadway safety and to avoid losing **funding** and to minimize **liabilities**

# Advisory Speed Determination

- ❑ The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) provides regulations on the appropriate use of curve warning signs.
- ❑ Advisory speed is determined at the speed that does not exceed the maximum side friction.

$$V^2 = 15 (0.01e + f_{max}) R$$

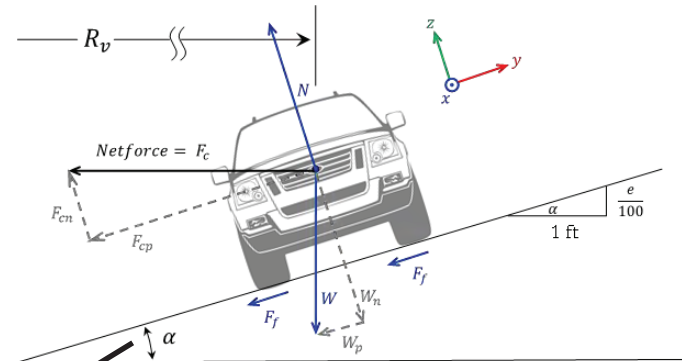
Where,

$V$  = advisory speed, MPH,

$f_{max}$  = maximum allowed side friction

$e$  = superelevation, %slope,

$R$  = curve radius, ft



Force diagram

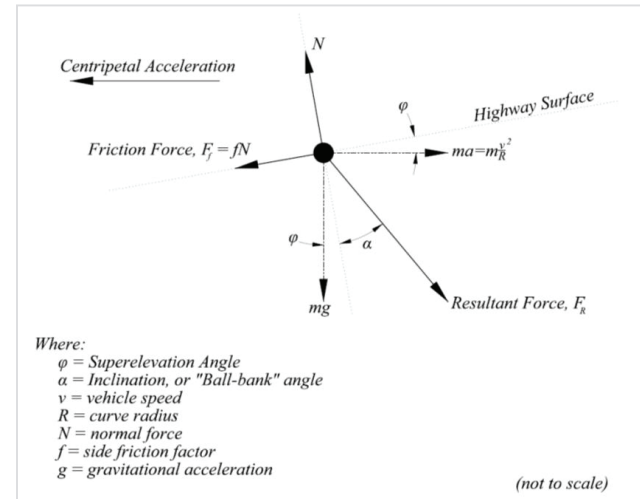
Cross slope/super-elevation

# Ball Bank Indicator (BBI) for Determining Adequate Advisory Speed Computation

- A curved level filled with a dampening liquid with a trapped air bubble or “ball” (a digital inclinometer)
  - The geometric degree of the overturning force as a vehicle negotiating a curve
  - A combination of **friction force, super-elevation angle, curve radius, vehicle speed and body-roll angle**



- Installed in a test vehicle with multiple test runs at 5mph increments
- The advisory speed is the highest test speed that does not exceed threshold



Speed	Ball-Bank Threshold		
	2004 AASHTO	2003 MUTCD	2009 MUTCD
≤ 20 mph	14°	16°	16°
25-30 mph	12°		14°
≥ 35 mph	10°		12°
for Truck	-	-	10°

# Innovation Need



Need for a **timely and continuous safety** assessment of curve site conditions.

Need for a **cost-effective** way for counties and cities with limited resources at network level.

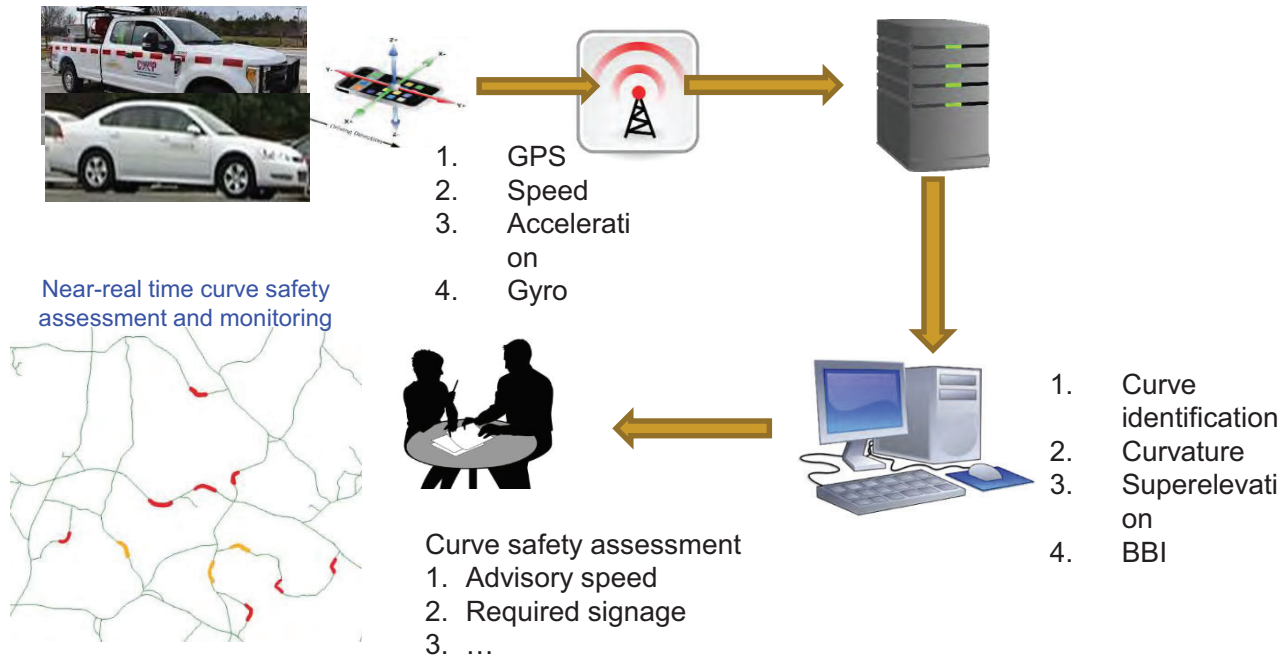


Georgia's Roadway Network  
**18,000 centerline miles (28,000km)**



# Proposed Methodology for Live Curve Safety Assessment

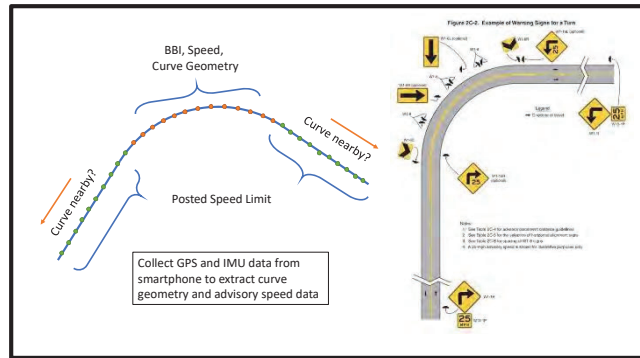
Enable targeted and proactive safety assessment (save money and time for DOTs)



Tsai, Y., Yu, P., Liu, T., Steele, A. (2021) "An Enhanced Network-level Curve Safety Assessment and Monitoring Using Mobile Devices", National Academy of Science NCHRP Innovation Deserving Exploratory Analysis (IDEA)-214, Final Report

# Application Framework

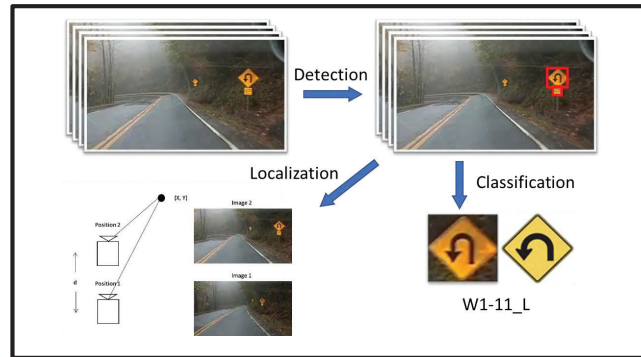
## Component #1: Establish Curve Sign Baseline (MUTCD Curve Sign Design)



Data Collection Device:  
Smartphone Mounted in Vehicles



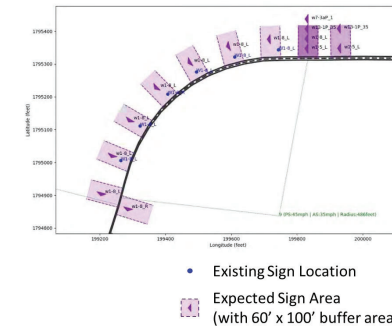
## Component #2: Detect Existing Curve Sign



Required Curve Sign

Existing Curve Sign

## Component #3: MUTCD Curve Sign Compliance Analysis



A Timely, Low Cost, and Scalable way to analyze curve warning sign compliance

# Data Collection: Mobile Devices



Ball bank indicator (BBI) to compute advisory app

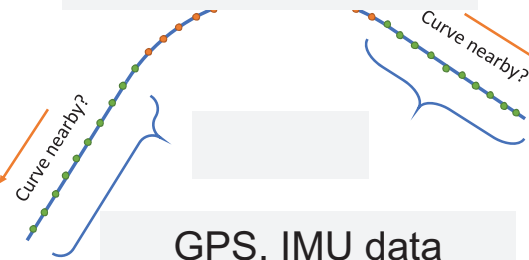


Data collection devices used in research

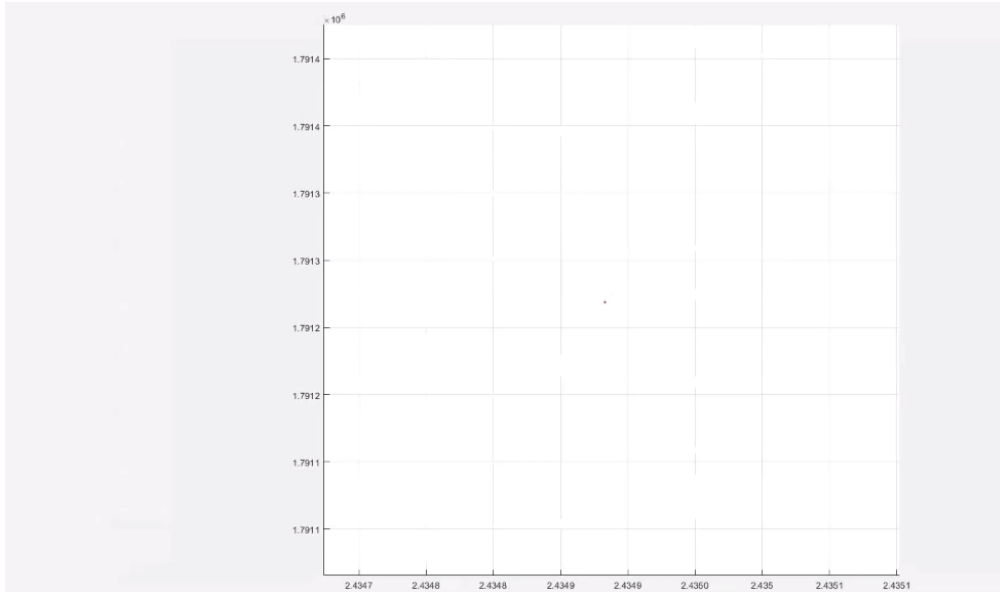
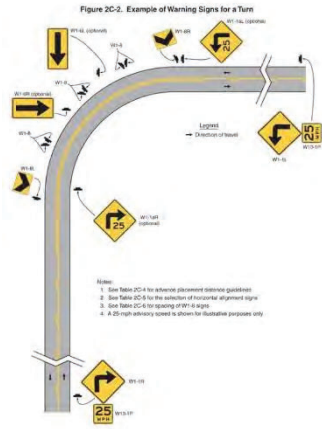
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# Component #1: Identify What Curve Signs are Required

BBI, Geometry,  
Speed

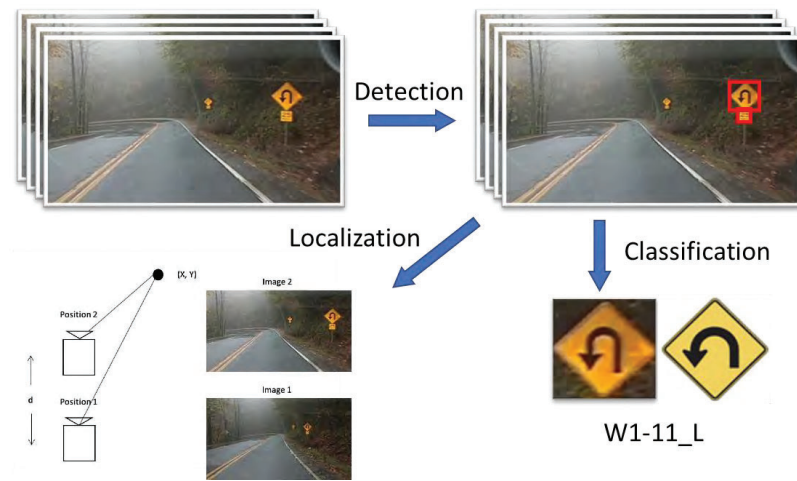


GPS, IMU data  
collected from smart  
phone to extract  
curve geometry and  
advisory speed



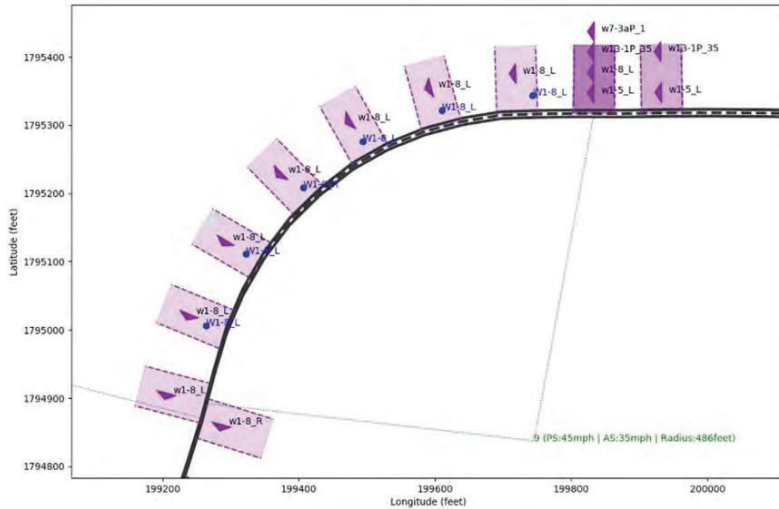
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# Component #2: Detect Existing Curve Sign Inventory



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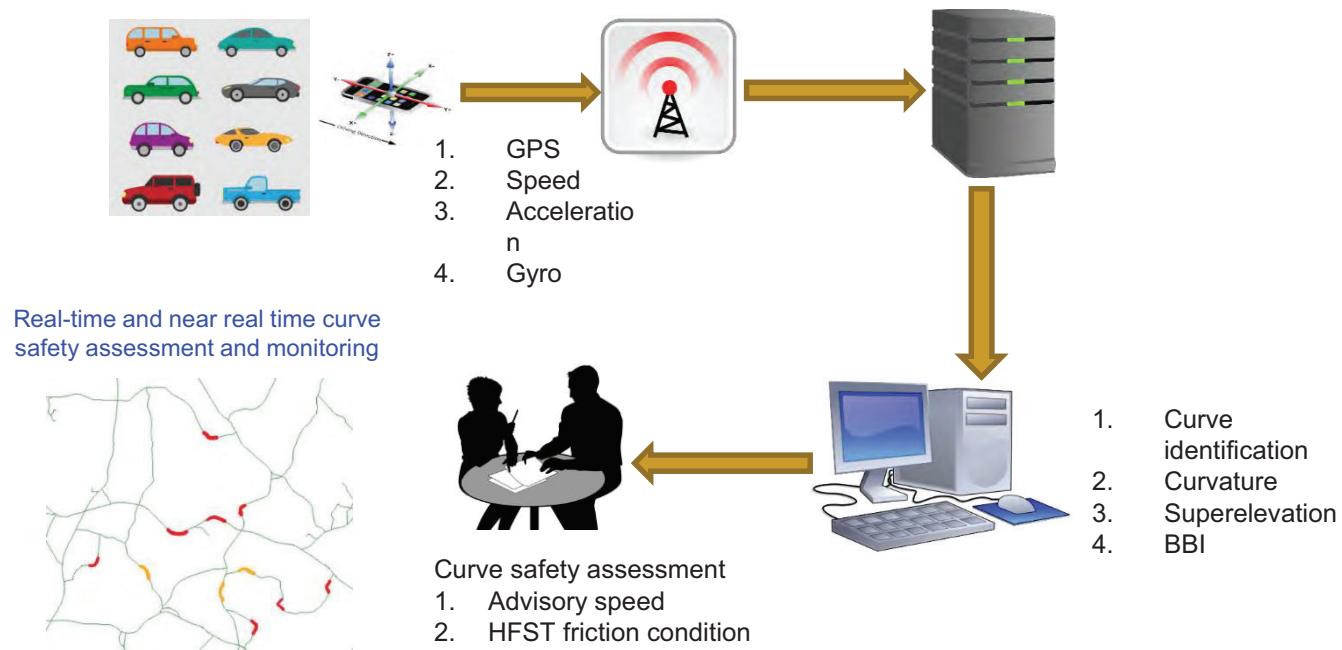
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# Targeted Curve Safety Assessment to Save Time and Money for Proactive Safety Improvement

Transportation agencies can perform **targeted curve safety assessments (say 5% rather than 100% of the network)** and proactive safety countermeasures in a timely manner (daily/weekly rather than yearly).



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Using Smartphone Data & Analysis for Safety  
Improvement Planning & Project Prioritization (e.g.  
Applications of High Friction Surface Treatment, HFST)

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# To do next

- **Phase 1: Conduct a pilot study to critically validate the accuracy of the cost-effective solution using low-cost smartphone and AI.**
  - Select one or two counties/cities who are interested in participating in the pilot study to explore new technology
  - Select the test routes with different condition of curves (e.g. different radius, superelevation, grade, etc.).
  - Collect the data on the selected routes using both current commercial products (e.g. Rieker devices) and the Smartphone technology.
  - Compare the difference of the derived advisory speeds and discuss the outcomes
  - Work with participating counties and cities to develop the implementation plan, including data collection, data processing, and reporting
- **Phase 2: Implement the developed cost-effective smartphone solution for counties and cities' curve sign design and MUTCD compliance checking.**

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**Application 2 (Infrastructure): Automated  
Pavement Condition Evaluation Using 3D Laser  
Technology and AI**

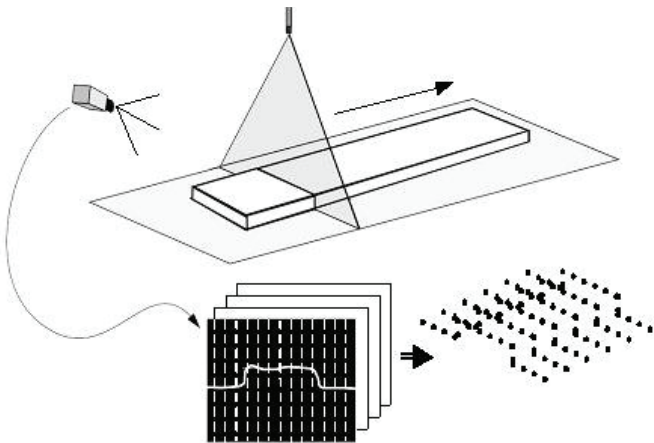
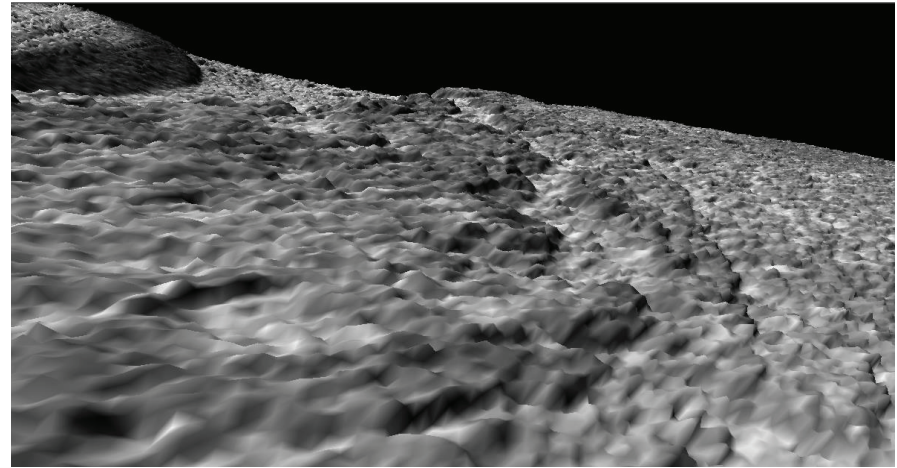
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- 1. What is 3D Laser technology?**
  - 2. Why 3D Laser technology for automated pavement condition evaluation?**

Salameh, R., and Tsai, Y. Adoption of 3D Laser Imaging Systems for Automated Pavement Condition Assessment in the United States: Challenges and Opportunities. In *Airfield and Highway Pavements 2021* (pp. 219-230).

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# High-resolution 3D Laser Technology



## Resolution

- Driving direction: 1 – 5 mm
- Transverse direction: 1 mm
- Elevation: 0.5 mm
- Data points collected per second and width covered
  - $2 \text{ (lasers)} * 2048 \text{ (points/profile/laser)} * 5600 \text{ HZ} = 22,937,600 \text{ points/second}$

(Laurent, et. al., 2008)

# 3D Pavement Image for Automated Crack Detection

- 3D pavement images (range images) are not affected by lighting conditions (shadow, day & night) and texture/color contrast
- 3D sensors are becoming a mainstream technology for transportation agencies to collect high-resolution 3D pavement data

**Nighttime**



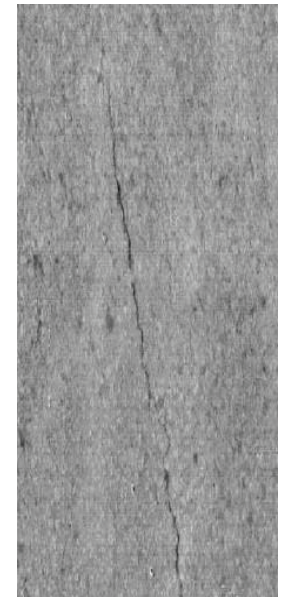
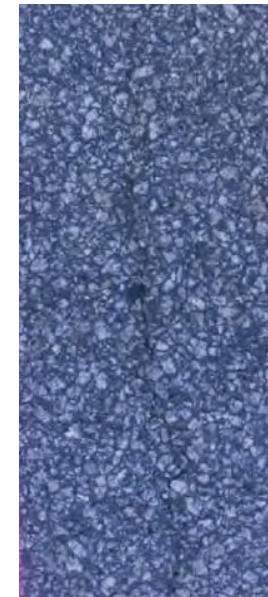
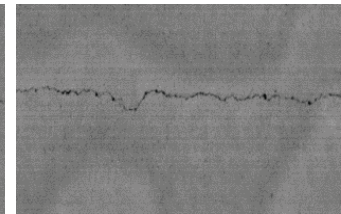
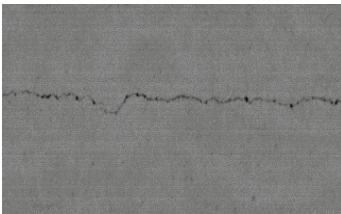
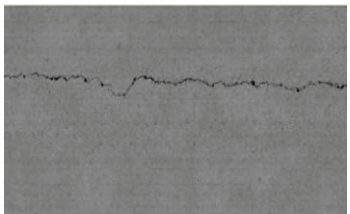
**Shadow**



**Daytime**



**The outcomes are the same.**



**Different lighting conditions**

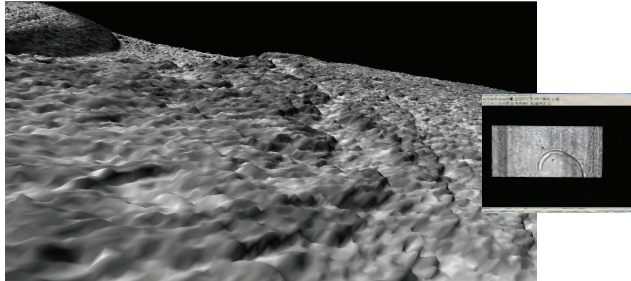
**Poor texture contrast**

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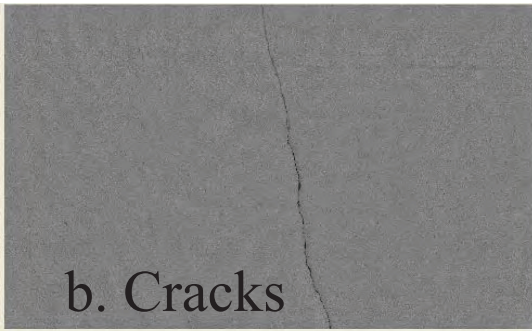
# **Automated pavement condition evaluation using 3D laser technology and ML**

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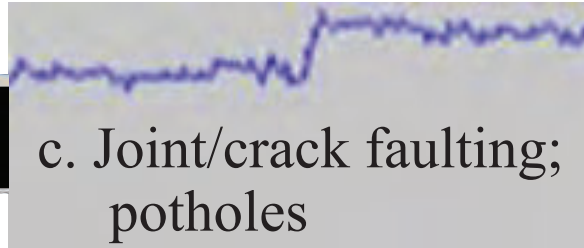
# 3D pavement data and its applications



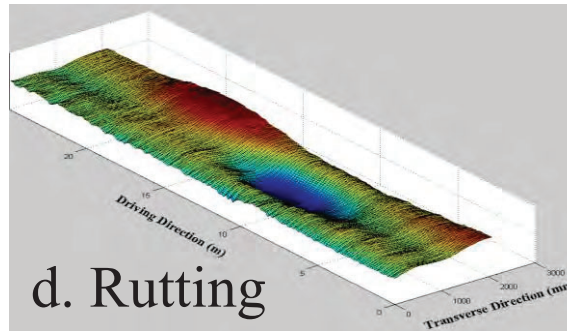
a. Texture (IRI; MPD; RVD)



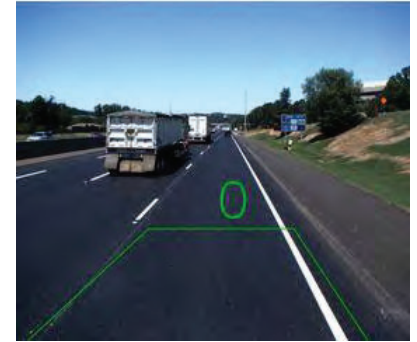
b. Cracks



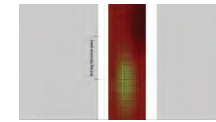
c. Joint/crack faulting;  
potholes



d. Rutting



e. Raveling



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# Raveling Survey Practices

- Classified into 3 severity levels
  - Level 1: Loss of substantial number of stones. Could be rejuvenated with fog seal.
  - Level 2: Loss of most surface. Too many stones lost to rejuvenate the surface and not enough to repave the road.
  - Level 3: Loss of substantial portion of surface layer (  $>1/2$  depth). Surface must be removed and repaved.
- Currently reported by visual inspection
  - Predominant level in % length per mile
- For convenience, in this study, pavements without raveling were labeled as severity level 0.

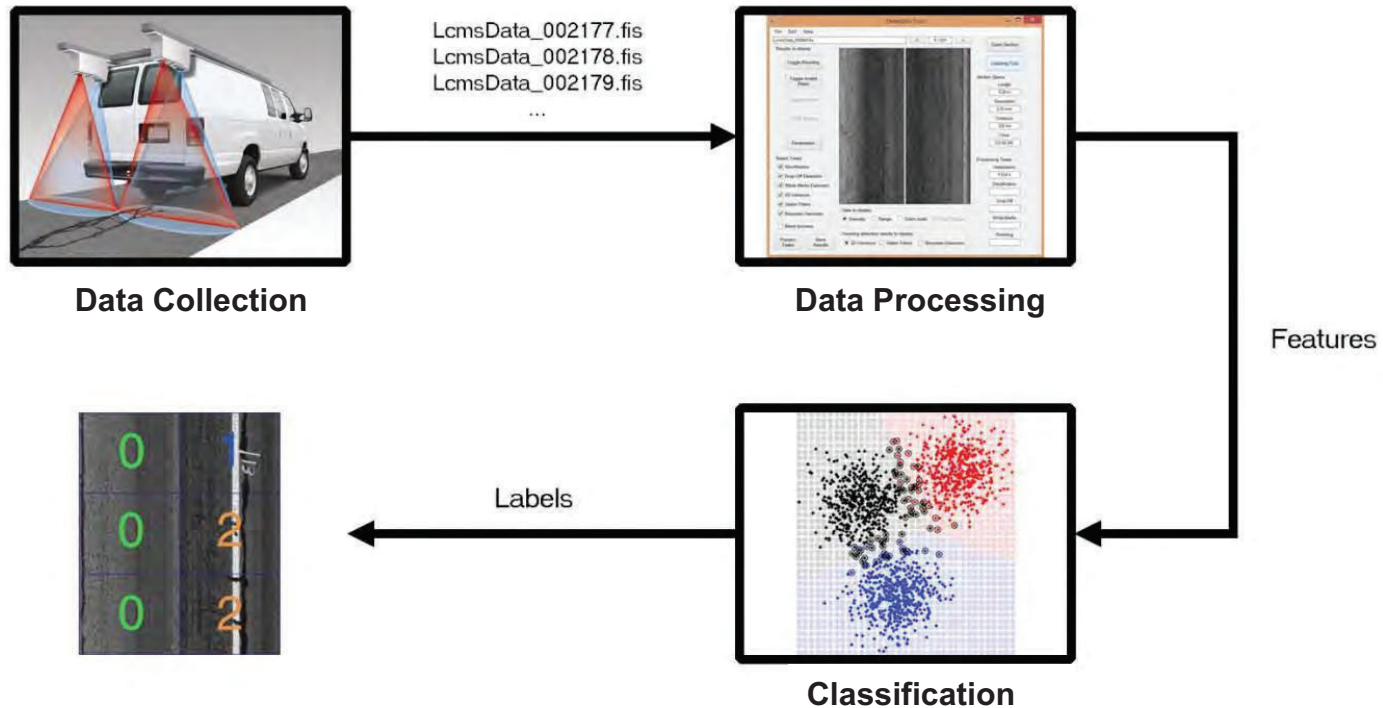




# Automatic Raveling Detection and Classification Using Machine Learning

## ■ Procedures

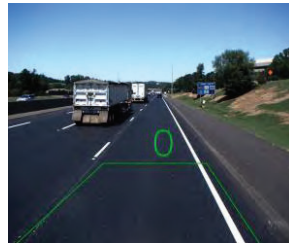
- Data collection (3D line laser imaging data)
- Data processing (pre-processing and feature generation)
- Classification using machine learning, including SVM and Random Forest (output raveling severity levels; classifier needs to be trained first)



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# Automatic Raveling Detection and Classification Methods Using 3D Technology and Macro-texture Analysis

## (NCHRP IDEA 163)



Tsai, Y. and Wang Z. (2015) “Development of an Asphalt Pavement Raveling Detection Algorithm Using Emerging 3D Laser Technology and Macrotecture Analysis”, National Academy of Science NCHRP IDEA-163 Final Report.

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# Ten Distress Types (Asphalt Pavements)

- 1. Rut Depth
- 2. Load Cracking (Level 1, 2, 3 and 4)
- 3. Block Cracking (Level 1, 2, and 3)
- 4. Reflection Cracking (Level 1, 2, and 3)
- 5. Raveling (Level 1, 2, and 3)
- 6. Edge Distress (Level 1, 2 and 3)
- 7. Bleeding/Flushing (Level 1 and 2)
- 8. Corrugations/Pushing (Level 1, 2 and 3)
- 9. Loss of Section (Level 1, 2 and 3)
- 10. Patches and Potholes

## Identify/determine

1. Distress type,
2. Severity level,
3. Extent of pavement distress

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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has spent more than \$1.2 billion dollars annually on only pavement resurfacing.

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# **Automatic Crack Classification**

# Asphalt Pavement Load Cracking



Level 1	Level 2
Level 3	Level 4

# Asphalt Pavement Block Cracking



Level 1	Level 2
Level 3	

# Automated Pavement Crack Survey

## Automated Data Acquisition



2D (Intensity) Image

## Automated Crack Detection

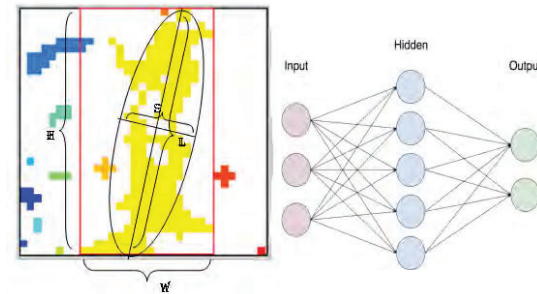
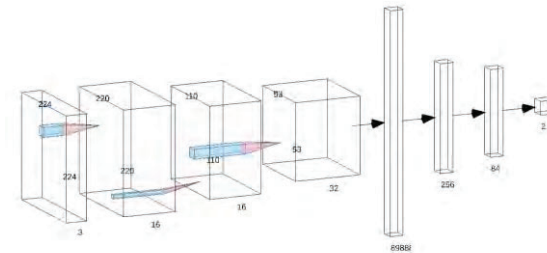
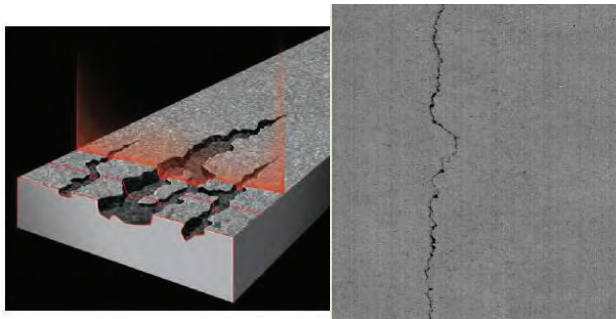


Image proc. & Traditional ML

## Emerging Technologies

3D (Range) Image

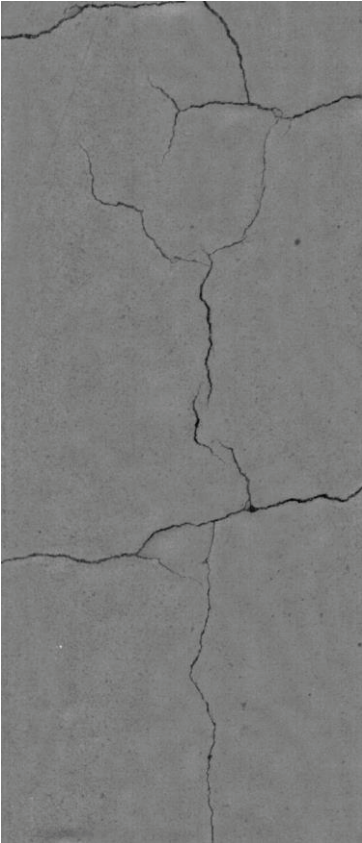


Deep Learning

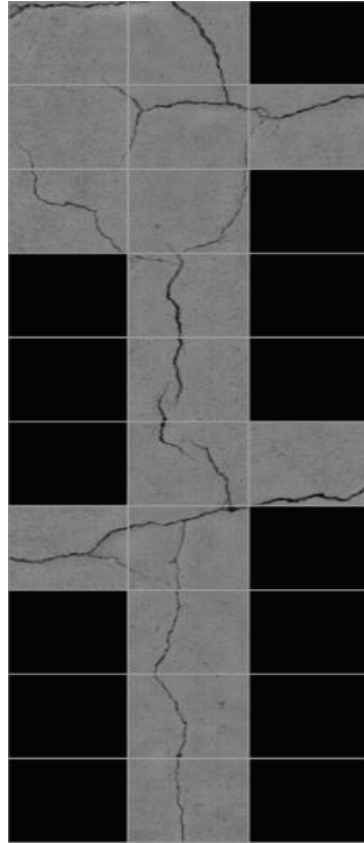
# Categories of AI Tasks for Crack Detection

## Define the adequate AI Tasks

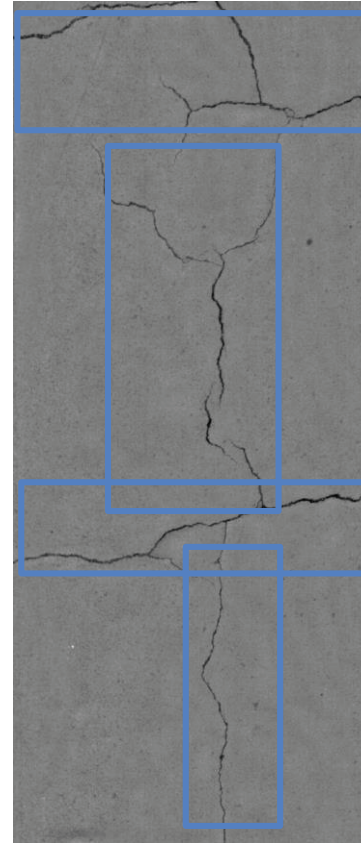
Input



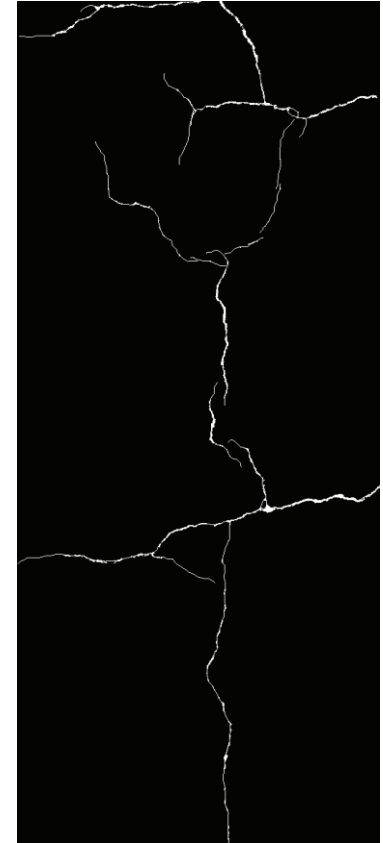
Classification



Object Detection

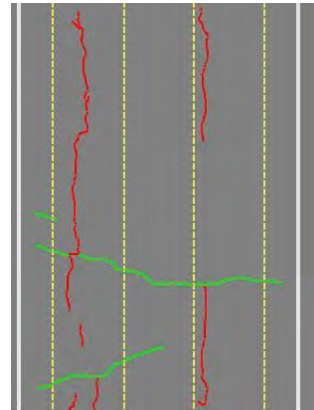
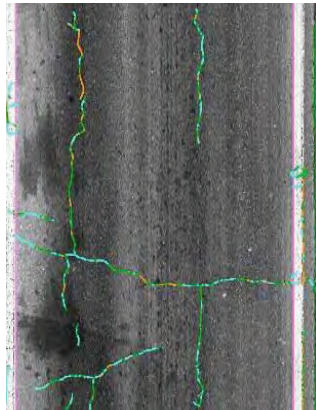
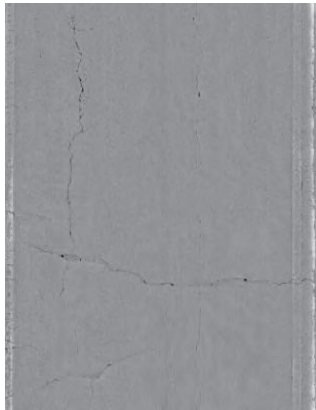


Segmentation  
(pixel level)





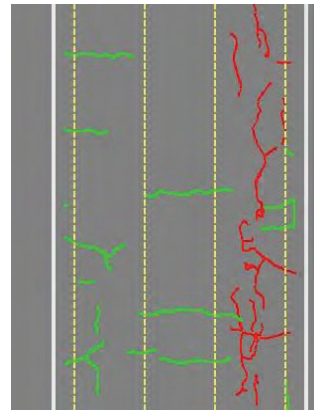
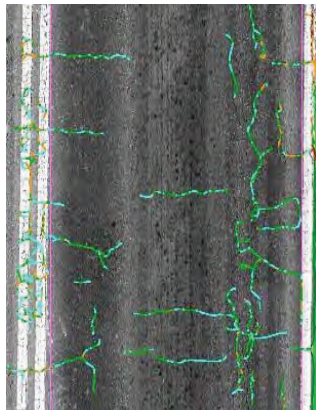
# Load Cracking Classification Results (Severity Level 1-2)



Left Wheelpath  
LC Level 1 14.1

Right Wheelpath  
LC Level 1 10.1

Non Wheelpath  
BT Level 1 17.4



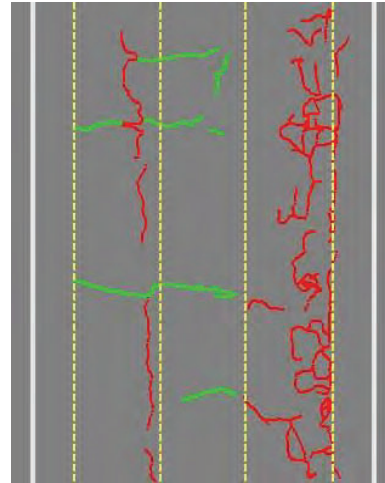
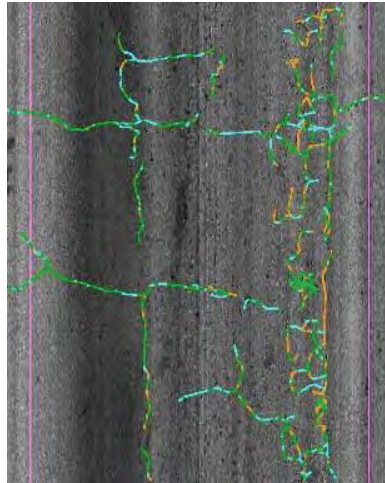
Left Wheelpath  
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Right Wheelpath  
LC Level 2 16.0

Non Wheelpath  
BT Level 1 32.7

**\*Measurement Unit: Foot**

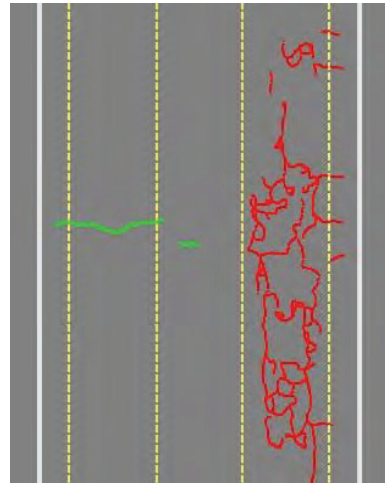
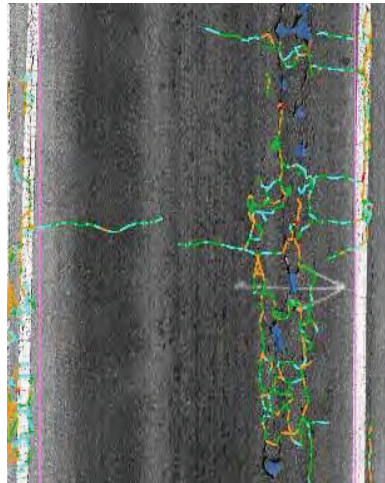
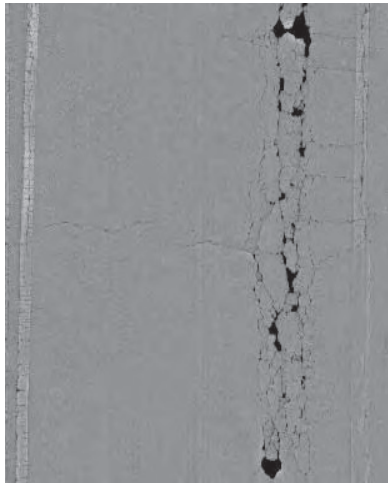
# Load Cracking Classification Results (Severity Level 3-4)



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LC Level 1 12.6

Right Wheelpath  
LC Level 1 15.9

Non Wheelpath  
BT Level 1 18.8



Left Wheelpath  
None 0

Right Wheelpath  
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Non Wheelpath  
BT Level 1 4.1

**\*Measurement Unit: Foot**

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# Successful Implementation of 3D Laser Technology and Automatic Detection and Classification to Georgia's Interstate Highway System

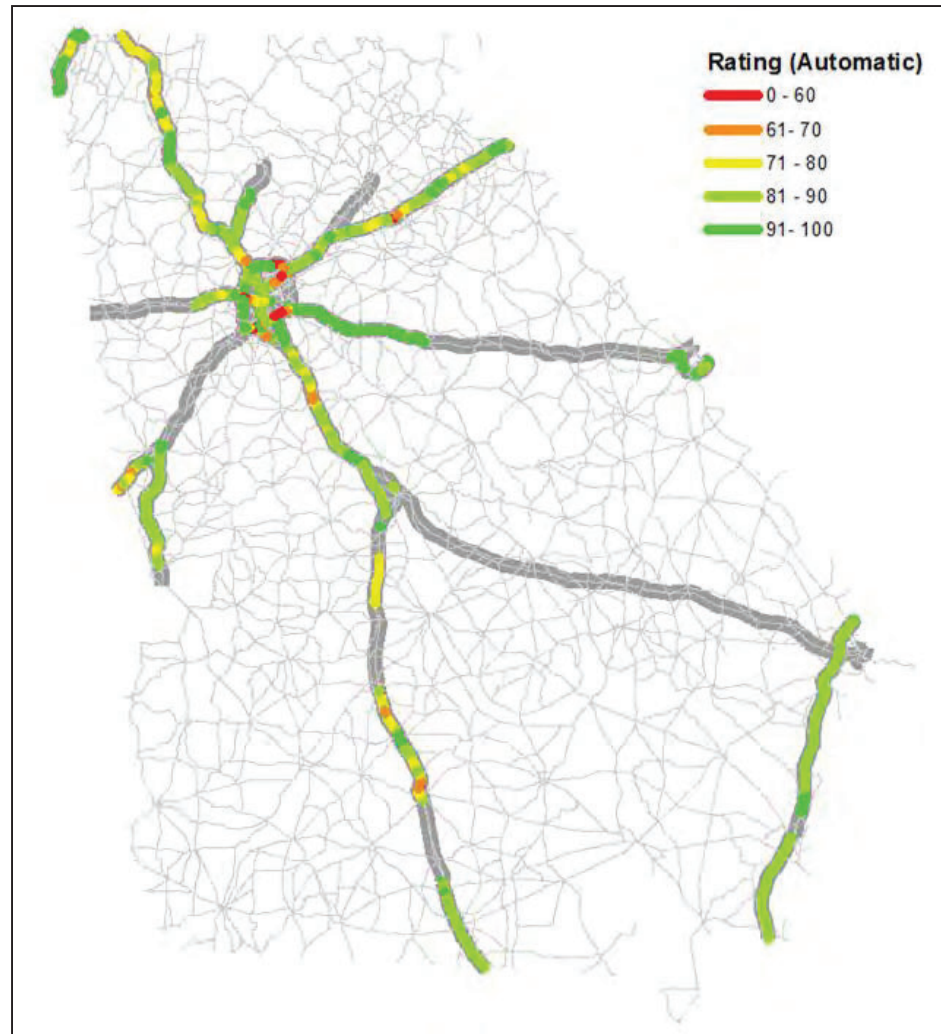
**(2017 AASHTO High Research Value Award, Sweet 16)**

(Successfully implemented in 1,452.5 survey miles of asphalt pavement condition on Georgia's interstate highway system)

Tsai, Y., Wang, Z., Ai, C. (2017) "Implementation of Automatic Sign Inventory and Pavement Condition Evaluation on Georgia's Interstate Highways", Final Report, Georgia Department of Transportation.

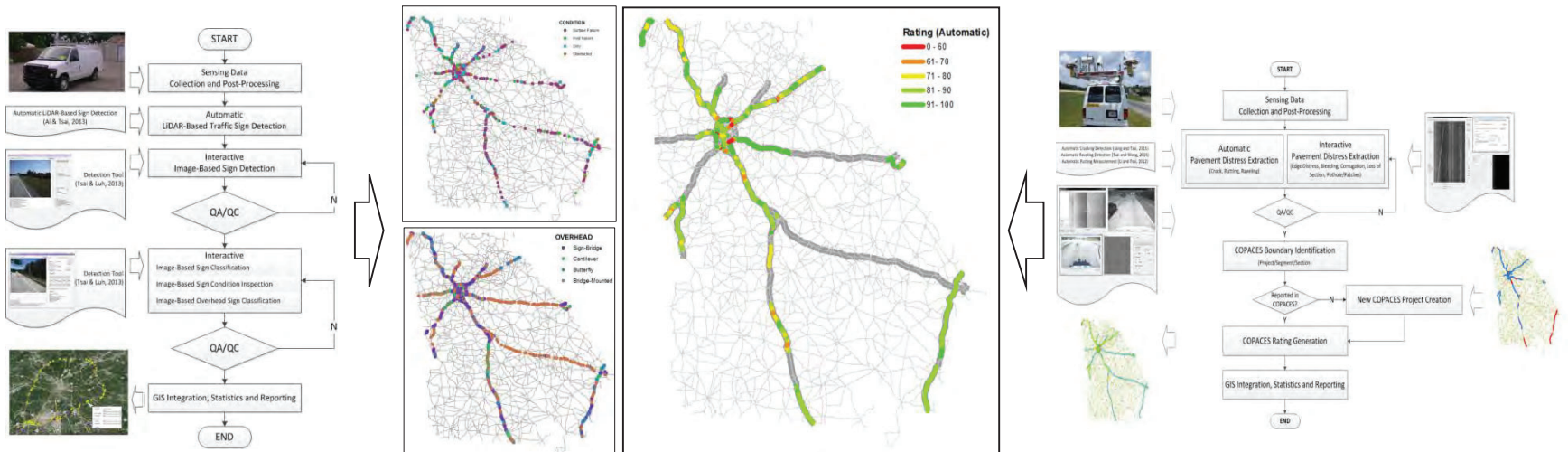
# Pavement Condition (COPACES) on Georgia's Interstate Highways

1,452.5 survey miles of asphalt pavement condition on Georgia's interstate highway system



# Successful Implementation of Automatic Sign and Pavement Condition Evaluation on Georgia's Interstate Highways

- To implement the automatic traffic sign inventory and pavement distress data collection methods on Georgia's interstate highway system with heavy traffic
- A complete 22,408 sign data and 1452.5 survey miles of asphalt pavement condition on Georgia's interstate highway system



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# Summary

- **High-resolution 3D pavement data** provides great opportunities to advance the development of sensor-based pavement performance models and pavement maintenance programming:
    - **New, valuable performance indicators**, like crack intersections and polygons, etc., defined in the crack fundamental element (CFE) need to be devised to characterize the detailed pavement distresses.
    - Linkage needs to be established between **new indicators** and the commonly used composite rating, as well as the **optimal treatment method and timing**.
    - **Small-scale, localized treatments (homogeneous pavement condition sections)** can be identified and planned cost effectively using the detailed pavement distress data and the corresponding pavement performance and deterioration models
    - Need for developing the **accurate pavement performance and forecasting models using existing and new indicators**.
    - Need for developing **a new method** to quantify raveling (rather than current qualitative H, M, L severity levels) for supporting the forecasting of optimal timing for fog seal treatment.
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# Using AI and Machine-vision Technologies in Enforcing Wrong-way Driving Signs

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John Moreno

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

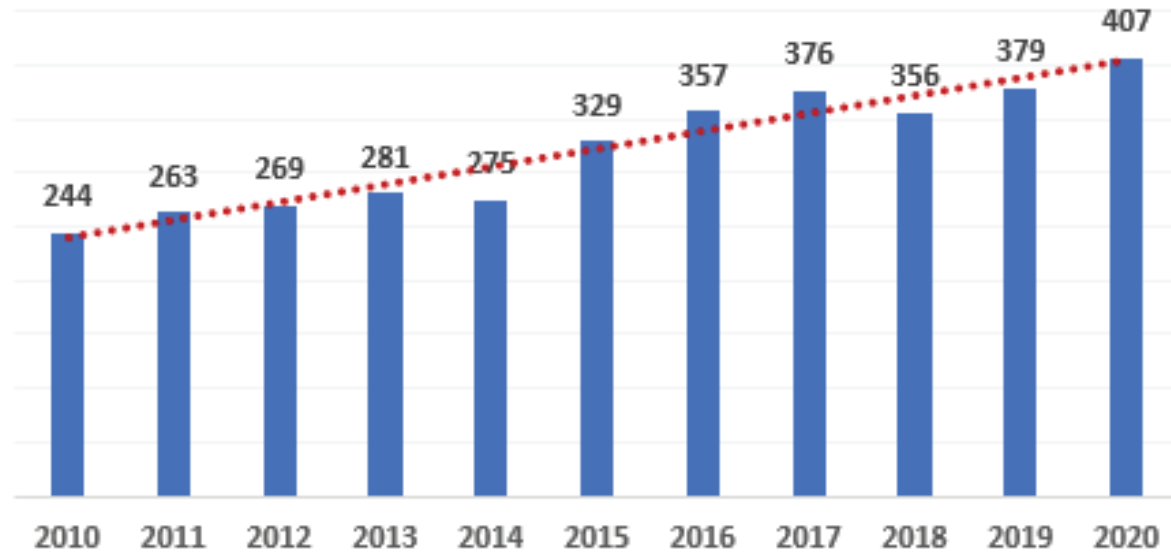
# The Fact of Wrong-way Driving (WWD) Crashes

- Nationally, fatal wrong-way crashes increased 67% from 2010 to 2020
- By comparison, overall crash fatalities increased 33% during the same period.

– *Richard Retting, senior program officer with the Transportation Research Board*

**Number of U.S. Fatal Wrong-Way Driving Crashes**

Source: NHTSA Fatality Analysis Reporting System



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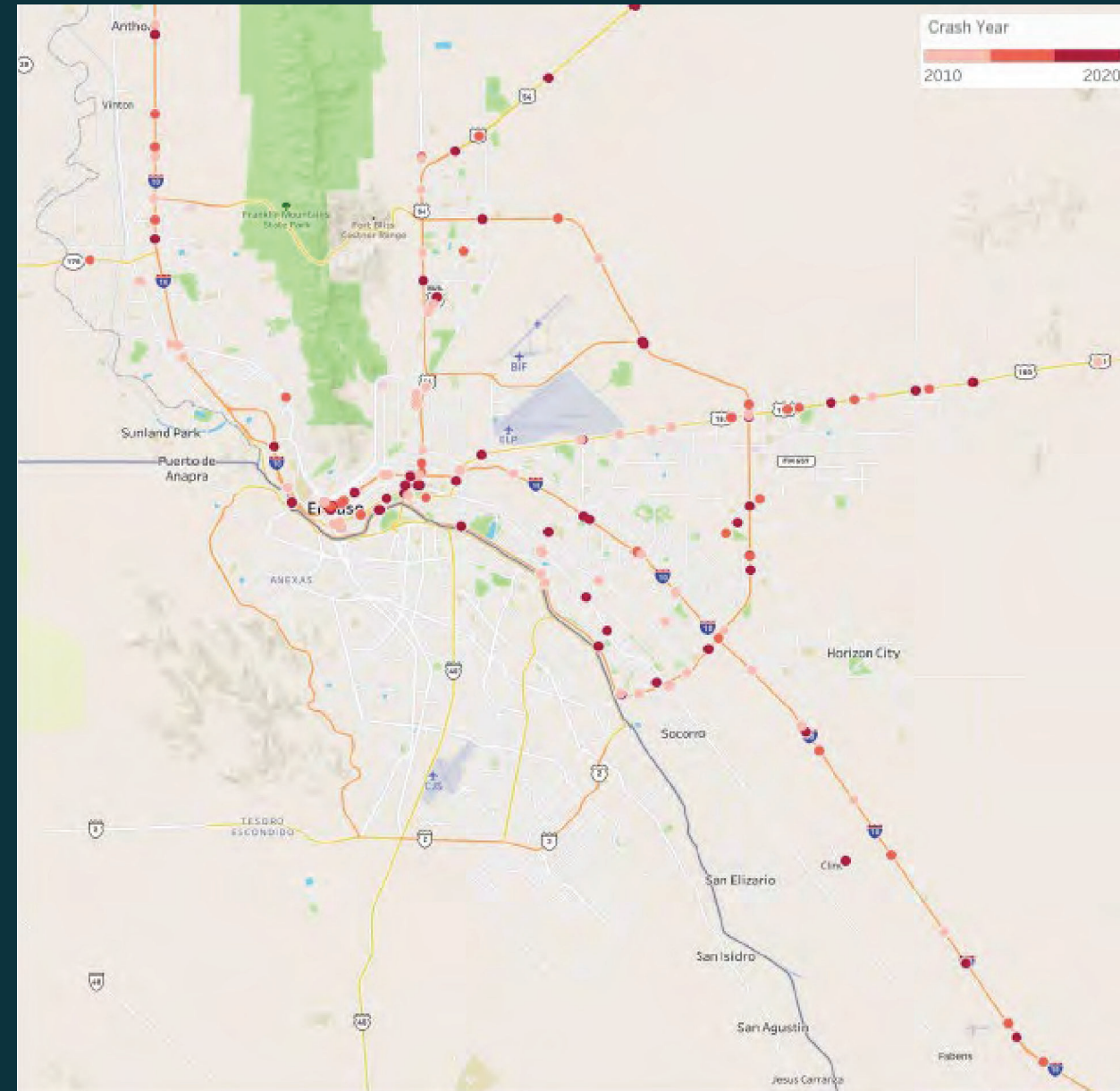
# Texas Leads the U.S. in Wrong-Way Crashes

- Texas is also the fifth-highest state in the U.S. in all motor vehicle fatalities.
- According to AAA Texas, the state holds the record for wrong-way auto accidents in the country.
  - Wrong-Way Driving Deaths Rose 34% Nationally, 29% in Texas
  - Out of the 9,560 traffic fatalities nationwide during 2022's first quarter, more than 1,000 of them occurred in Texas
  - 613 people died in wrong-way crashes in 2021, a 15% increase from 2020
- Distracted driving and driving drunk are the biggest contributors to wrong-way crashes in Texas.

# Wrong-way Driving Crashes at TxDOT El Paso District

From 2010 to 2019, the TxDOT El Paso District experienced

- 170 wrong-way driving (WWD) related crashes on freeways and TxDOT roadways,
- Resulting in 13 fatalities and more than 70 injuries

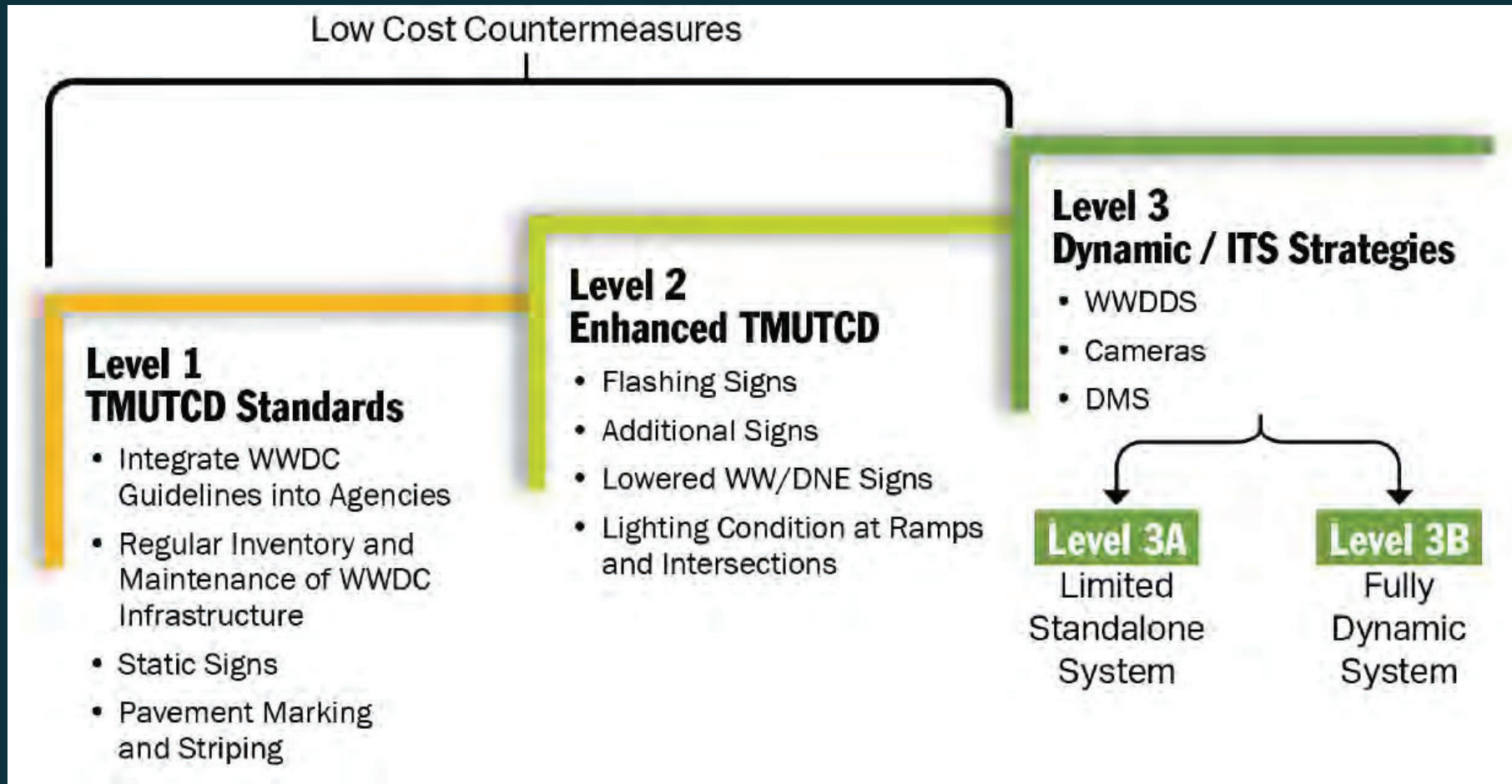


# Wrong-Way Driving Universe

- The countermeasures for WWD events are prescribed in three levels
- Each consecutive level being an enhancement over the previous level.
  - **Level 1** - static signage, pavement markings and striping, and other guiding measures as per TMUTCD.
  - **Level 2** - further enhance the effectiveness of Level 1 countermeasures, such as enhanced signage and lighting.
  - **Level 3** - deployment of WWDDS and supporting ITS strategies to prevent, detect and intercept WWD events.



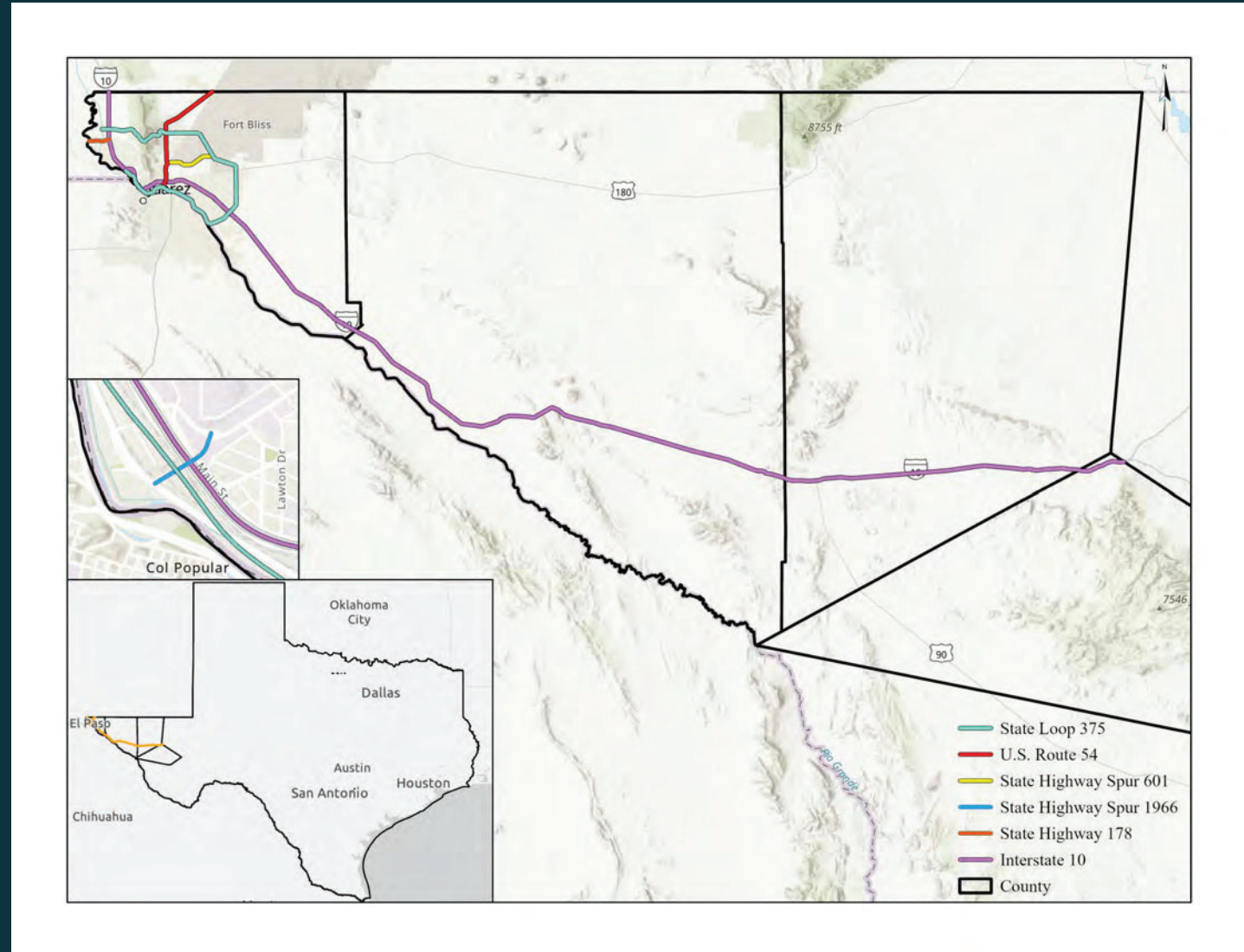
# Wrong-Way Driver Countermeasure: Guidelines



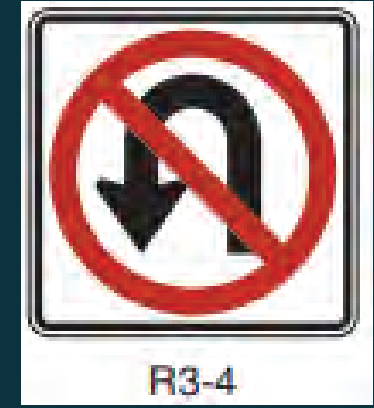
# Conduct Inventory Survey on Existing WWD Infrastructure Conditions

- WWD Infrastructure Inventory Data Collection along the Roadway

Priority	Roadway	Centerline Miles (Approx.)	WWD Locations (Approx.)
1	Spur 601	8	12
2	US 54	110	32
3	Loop 375	50	70
4	Spur 1966	1	1
5	SH 178	3	5
6	IH 10	190	116
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>362</b>	<b>236</b>



# Major Signage Types





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# Proposed Methodology of AI-based Data Processing Workflow

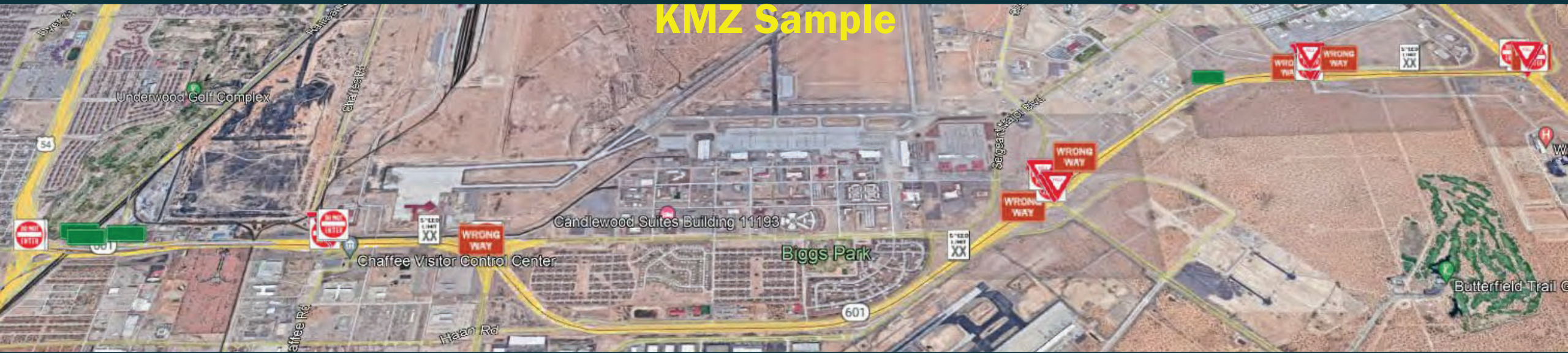
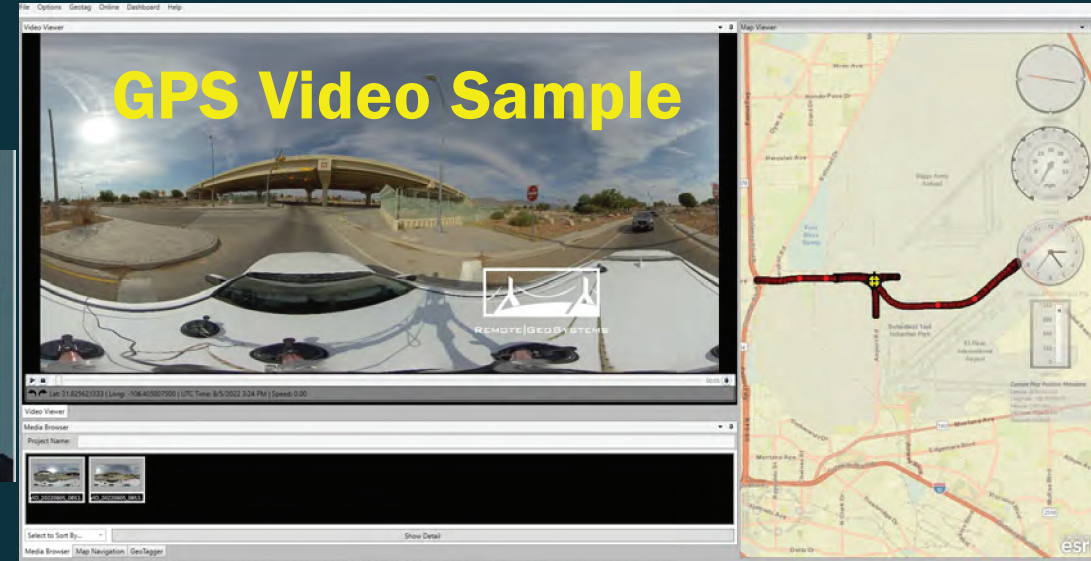


# Data Collection and Pre-Processing

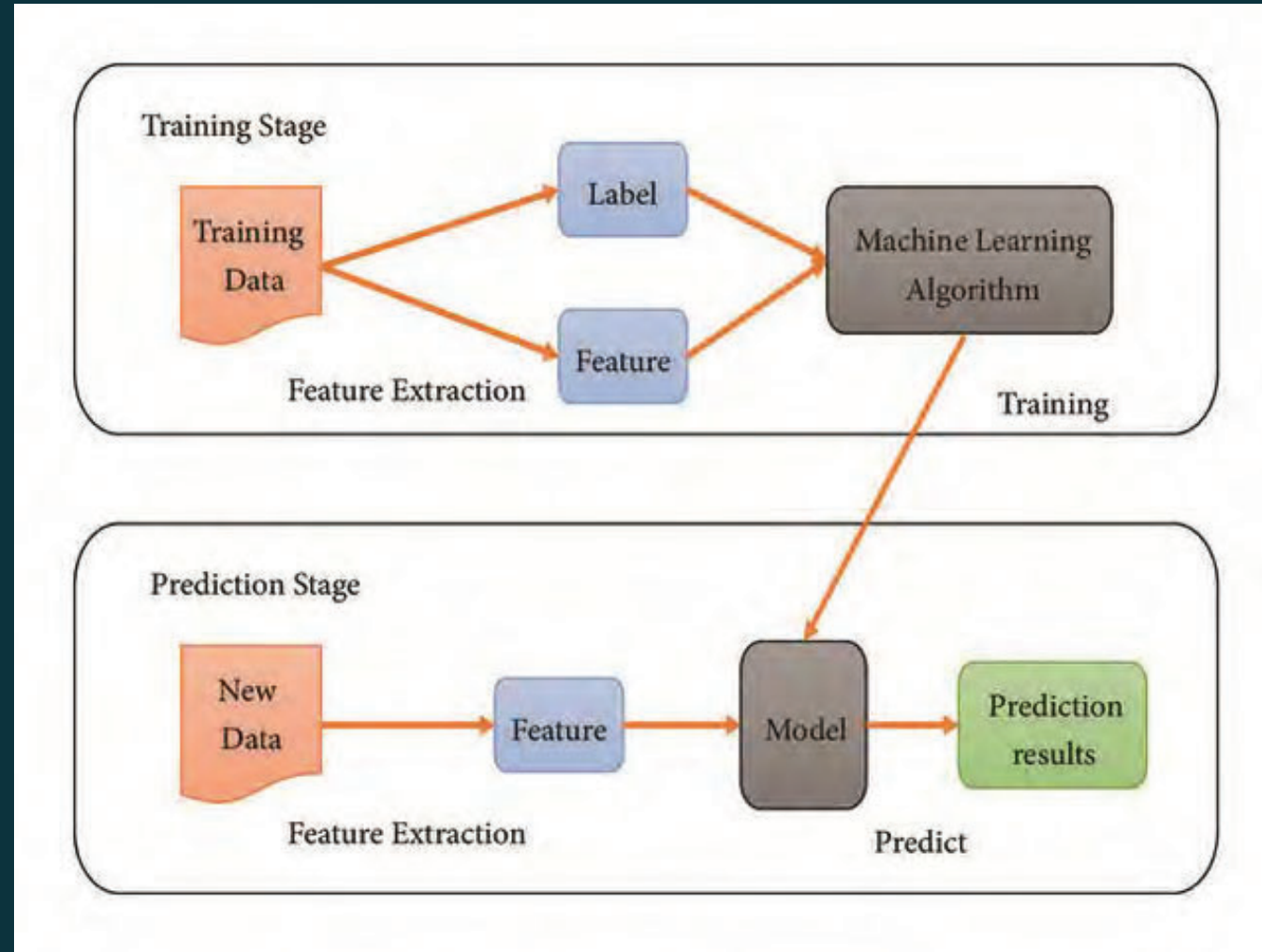
## WWDC Data Collection:

### Data Pre-Processing – Items

- ❑ ArcGIS Pro/KMZ
- ❑ GPS Video
- ❑ Excel Summary of Sign Log
- ❖ QAQC data collection



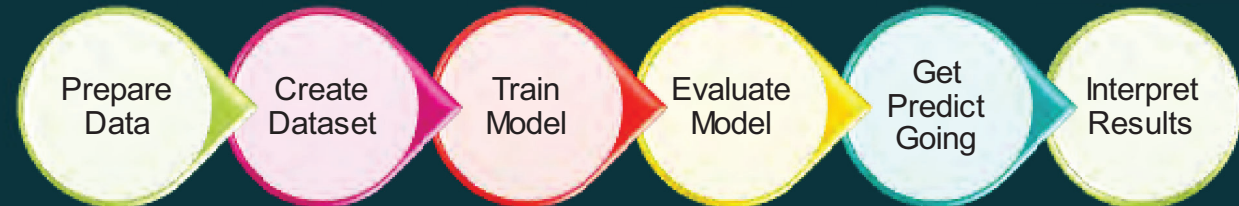
# Basic ML Workflow Adopted



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# Google Cloud Platform (GCP) Vertex AI Pipeline

- Provides a way to deploy robust, repeatable machine learning pipelines for the ML workflows.
- Vertex AI – GCP AI platform to use a standard machine learning workflow to train and deploy ML models.
- Vertex AI provides several options for model training
  - **AutoML** - lets you train tabular, image, text, or video data without writing code or preparing data splits.
  - Custom training
- AutoML Video
  - Action Recognition
  - Classification
  - **Object tracking**



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# Reasons to Choose GCP Vertex AI Pipeline Process

- The main objective is to optimize the video processing time and enable parallelization of the process
- GCP Vertex AI Pipeline Process will target to reduce end-to-end processing time approximately within the range of 30% to 70% for a single video file.
- The solution shall enable parallel processing of multiple requests, thereby increasing throughput using scalable architecture, enabling to get results faster consistently for multiple simultaneous video feeds.

# Training Dataset Preparing – Labeling Process

- Label data using a tool such as Google Cloud's AutoML or a third-party labeling service.
- This involves manually annotating data to identify objects of interest and their locations on the map.

The screenshot displays the Google Cloud Vertex AI interface for the 'austin\_signs' dataset. The left sidebar shows navigation options like Dashboard, Workbench, Pipelines, Feature Store, Datasets, Labeling tasks, Training, Experiments, Metadata, Model Registry, Endpoints, Batch predictions, Matching Engine, and Marketplace. The main content area is divided into 'IMPORT', 'BROWSE', and 'ANALYZE' tabs. The 'BROWSE' tab shows a table with the following data:

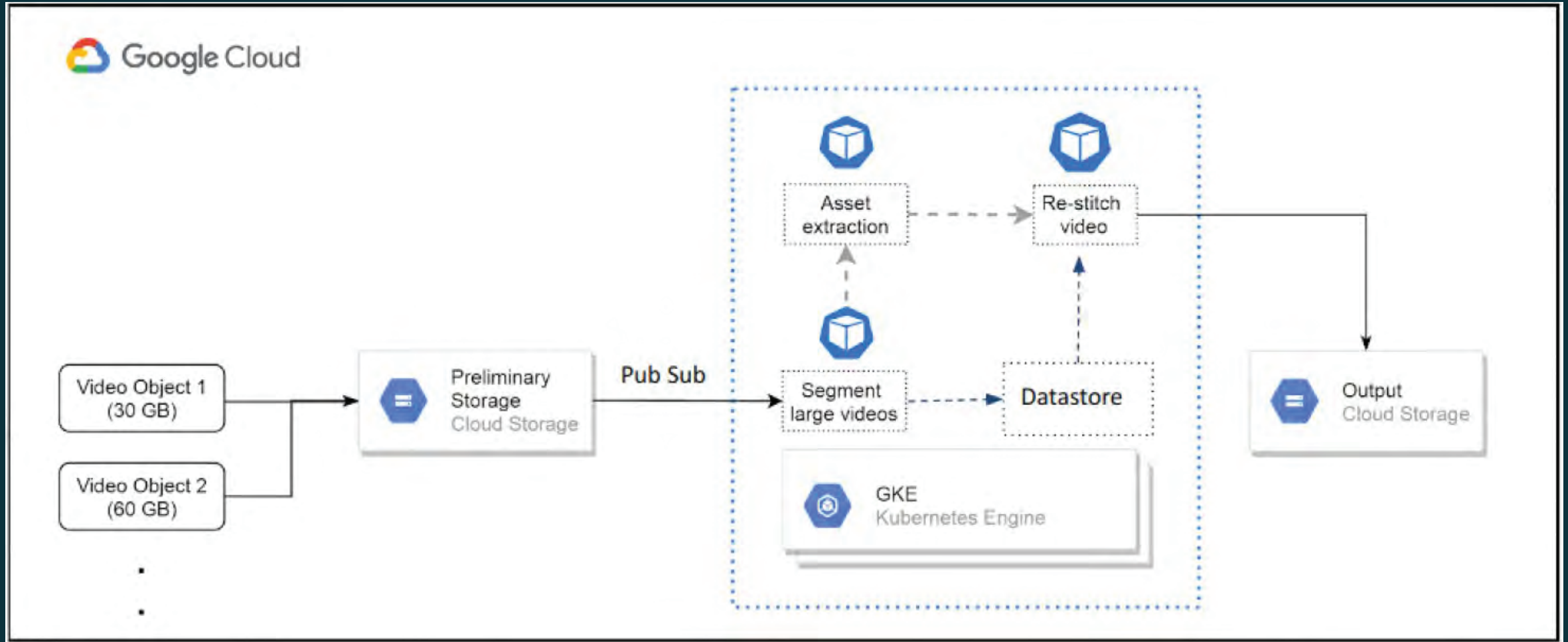
Category	Count
All	7,966
Labeled	5,164
(Unlabeled)	2,802
Training	1
Validation	0
Test	0

Below the table is a 'Filter' section and a 'Select all' checkbox. The 'Images' section shows a grid of 10 image thumbnails with yellow bounding boxes. The thumbnails are labeled as follows:

- Construction\_Sign (1), Regul...
- White\_Regulatory\_Sign (1), ...
- Warning\_Bridge\_Height (1)
- Warning\_Bridge\_May\_Joe (1)
- Warning\_Caution\_Arrow (1), ...
- Small\_Guide\_Street\_Sign (1), ...
- Sign\_Pole (1)
- Sign\_Pole (2)
- Sign\_Pole (2)
- Light\_Poles (5), Sign\_Pole (1)

A message at the top of the image grid states: 'Unable to import data due to errors.' The right sidebar shows 'Related resources' including 'Training jobs and models' and 'Labeling tasks'. The 'Labeling tasks' section includes a 'CREATE LABELING TASK' button.

# GCP Vertex AI Pipeline Process Architecture



# Logic Sequence of the GCP Vertex ML Pipeline Process

- 1 Create a GCP account
- 2 Create a Google Cloud Storage bucket for data storage
- 3 Prepare Datasets - Prepare training data for labeling. Convert data to a compatible format and splitting into training and validation Datasets.
- 4 Label training data using a tool such as Google Cloud's AutoML or a third-party labeling service.
- 5 Import the labeled data into Vertex AI for model training.
- 6 Choose a model architecture and configure training parameters, such as the number of epochs and batch size.
- 7 Train the model on the labeled data using Vertex AI's distributed training infrastructure.
- 8 Evaluate the performance of the trained model using the validation set.
- 9 Deploy the trained model as a REST API endpoint for batch prediction.
- 10 Use GAIL or another Python library to preprocess data and make predictions on new, unlabeled data.
- 11 Feed the predictions into an MRF algorithm to determine the detected objects' location on a map.
- 12 Validate the results and refine the model as necessary



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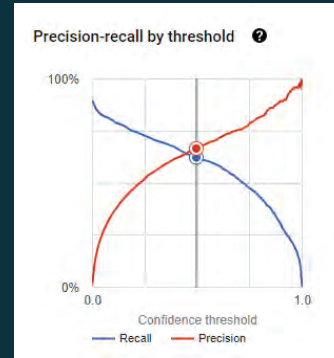
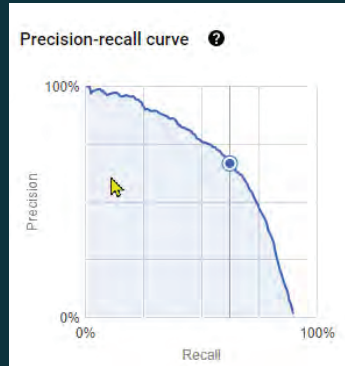
## Model Evaluation

- Precision: It is defined as the ratio of the number of relevant variations or records of a particular class that have been classified to same class by the model to the total number of records in a dataset that have been classified to the same class by the model
  - Precision = Number of True Positive / (Number of True Positive + Number of False Positive)
- Recall: It is defined as the ratio of the number of relevant variations or records of a particular class that have been classified to the same class to the total number of records that belong to the category if the same class in the dataset
  - Recall = Number of True Positive / (Number of True Positive + Number of False Negative)

# Initial Pipeline Running Result – Single Video

## Over all Precision and Recall

All labels	
Average precision ?	0.523
Precision ?	66.6%
Recall ?	62.3%
Created	Feb 11, 2023, 2:13:51 AM
Total images	5,164
Training images	4,087
Validation images	547
Test images	530



## Yield

Regulatory_Yield	
Average precision ?	0.802
Precision ?	82.4%
Recall ?	93.3%

To evaluate your model, set the confidence threshold to see how precision and recall are affected. The best confidence threshold depends on your use case. Read some [example scenarios](#) to learn how evaluation metrics can be used.

## Stop Sign

Regulatory_Stop_Sign	
Average precision ?	0.735
Precision ?	73.3%
Recall ?	84.6%

To evaluate your model, set the confidence threshold to see how precision and recall are affected. The best confidence threshold depends on your use case. Read some [example scenarios](#) to learn how evaluation metrics can be used.

## No U-Turn

Regulatory_No_U_Turn	
Average precision ?	0.824
Precision ?	100%
Recall ?	100%

To evaluate your model, set the confidence threshold to see how precision and recall are affected. The best confidence threshold depends on your use case. Read some [example scenarios](#) to learn how evaluation metrics can be used.

## One-Way

Regulatory_One_Way	
Average precision ?	0.766
Precision ?	62.1%
Recall ?	91.1%

To evaluate your model, set the confidence threshold to see how precision and recall are affected. The best confidence threshold depends on your use case. Read some [example scenarios](#) to learn how evaluation metrics can be used.

## Wrong Way

Regulatory_Wrong_Way	
Average precision ?	0.76
Precision ?	82.1%
Recall ?	88.5%

To evaluate your model, set the confidence threshold to see how precision and recall are affected. The best confidence threshold depends on your use case. Read some [example scenarios](#) to learn how evaluation metrics can be used.

## No Left Turn

Regulatory_No_Left_Turn	
Average precision ?	0.341
Precision ?	100%
Recall ?	25%

To evaluate your model, set the confidence threshold to see how precision and recall are affected. The best confidence threshold depends on your use case. Read some [example scenarios](#) to learn how evaluation metrics can be used.

## No Right Turn

Regulatory_No_Right_Turn	
Average precision ?	0.176
Precision ?	100%
Recall ?	25%

To evaluate your model, set the confidence threshold to see how precision and recall are affected. The best confidence threshold depends on your use case. Read some [example scenarios](#) to learn how evaluation metrics can be used.

# Results Presentation / Visualization Dashboard

**El Paso Traffic Sign Management Hub**

Home Sign Request

Sign Viewer Sign Details About Tool

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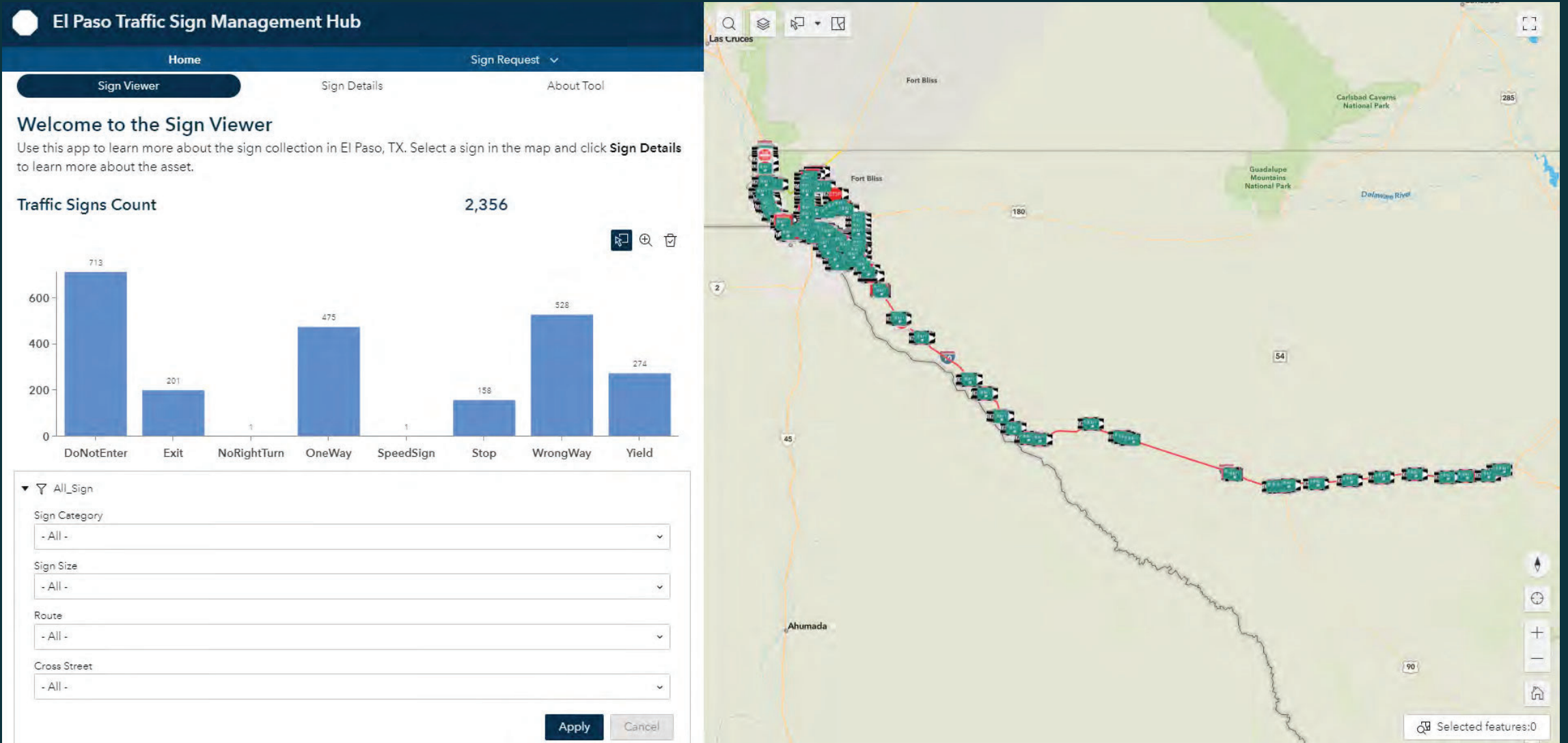
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Long	106° 03.05684214' W

Zoom to 1 of 18

Selected features: 1

# Results Presentation / Visualization Dashboard



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# Takeaways & Lessons Learn

- Lessons Learn in ML Dataset Preparing
  - Labeling Process is a Challenge
    - Having an organized and standardized processing procedure from the beginning is key.
    - Well-trained labelling team is also the key.
  - Label Sample Size Matters
    - As we can see from our model, when you are trying to achieve an overall high precision and recall you must ensure there is enough samples per label.
- Experiences of Using GCP Vertex AutoML Pipeline
  - The model and detection worked great, we can run our video through our pipeline and examine the frames for the signs.
  - The pipeline also uses the metadata to correctly position the detected signs.

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# Summary and Next Steps

- Taking advantage of cloud-based enterprise level ML tools such as GCP Vertex AI is a great way in helping the project data processing such as identifying and locating street signs, traffic equipment and safety equipment.
- The ML task requires a large dataset either custom or provided but will need some custom labels built in to serve the desired purposes.
- The GCP AutoML pipeline is an efficient pipeline when data is properly transformed and arranged accordingly.
- The next steps of the project will be focusing on fine tuning the model to gain a better overall performance



# Thank You

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# A Multi-task Learning Framework for Asset Inventorying and Condition Monitoring

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# Presentation Goals



MULTIPLE TASKS

SINGLE MODEL

CAMERA ONLY

REALTIME

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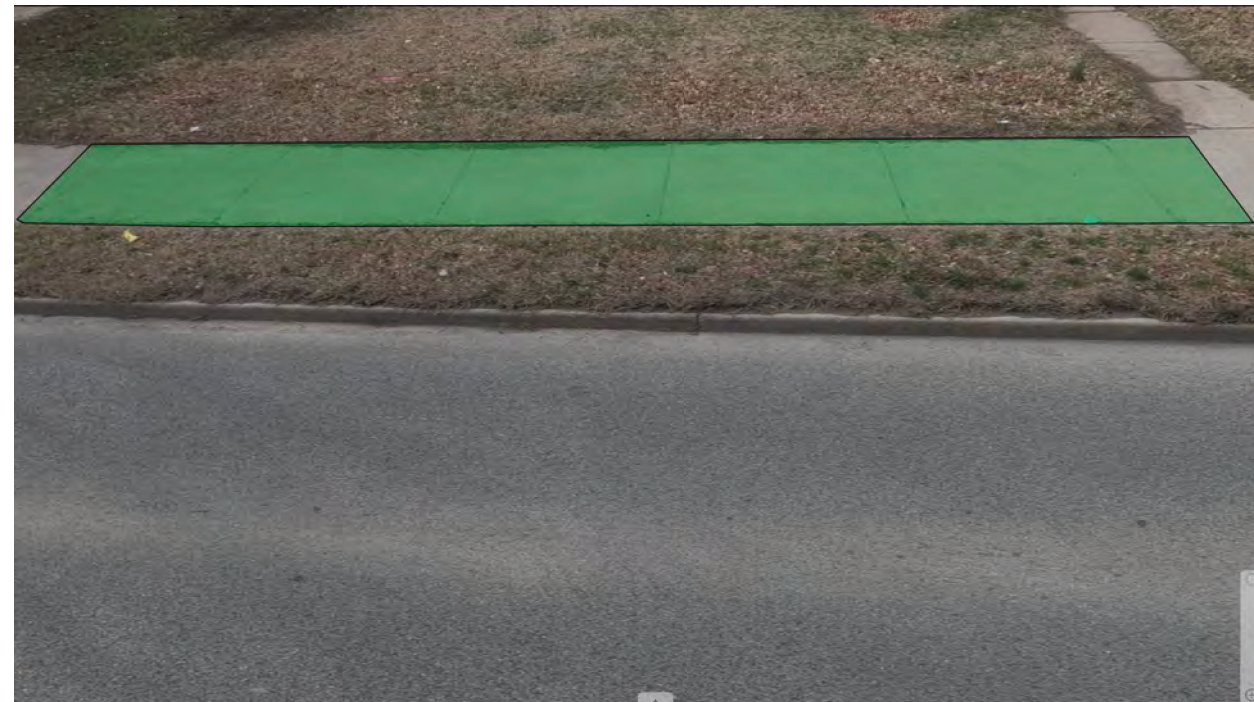


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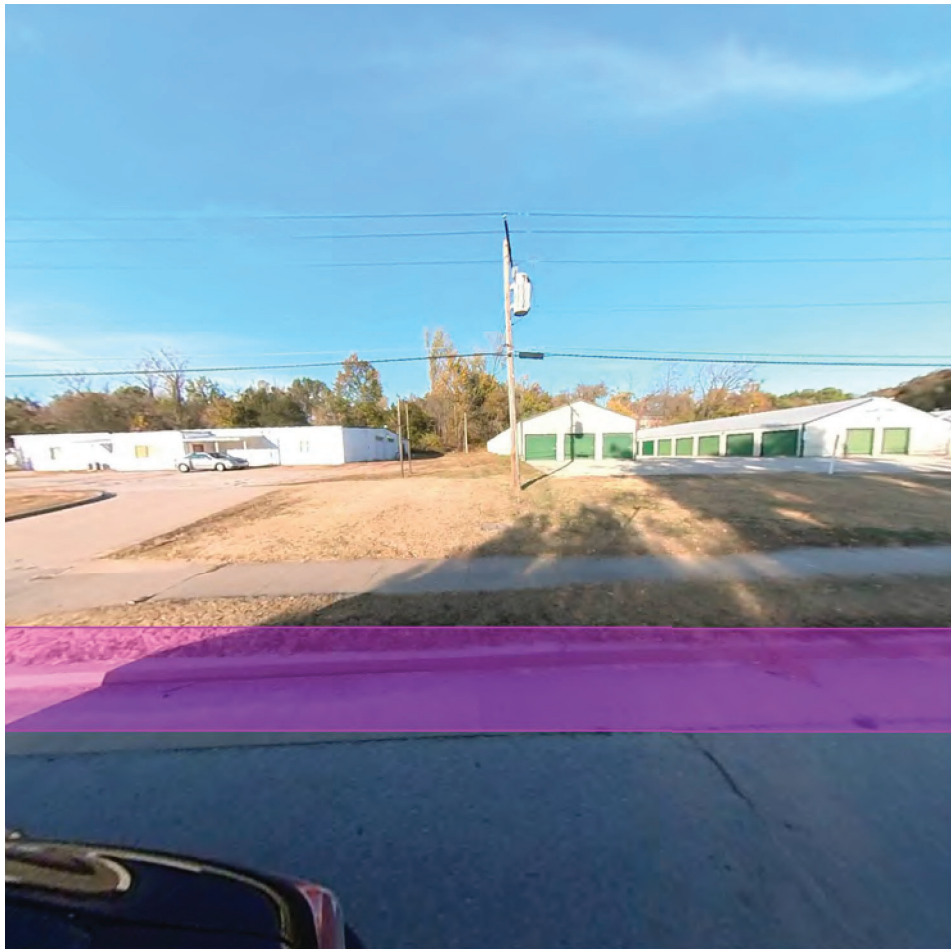
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# ASSETS – PAVEMENTS AND SIDEWALKS



# ASSETS – CURB & GUTTER



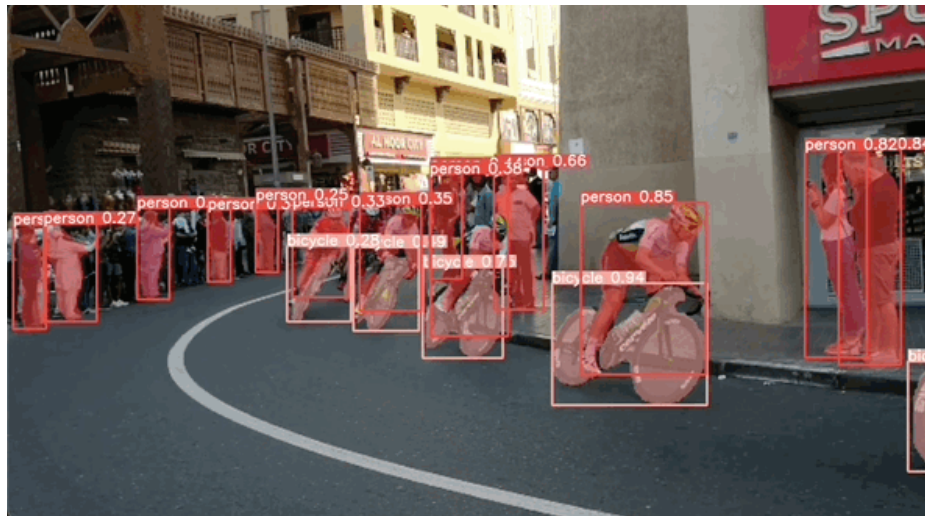
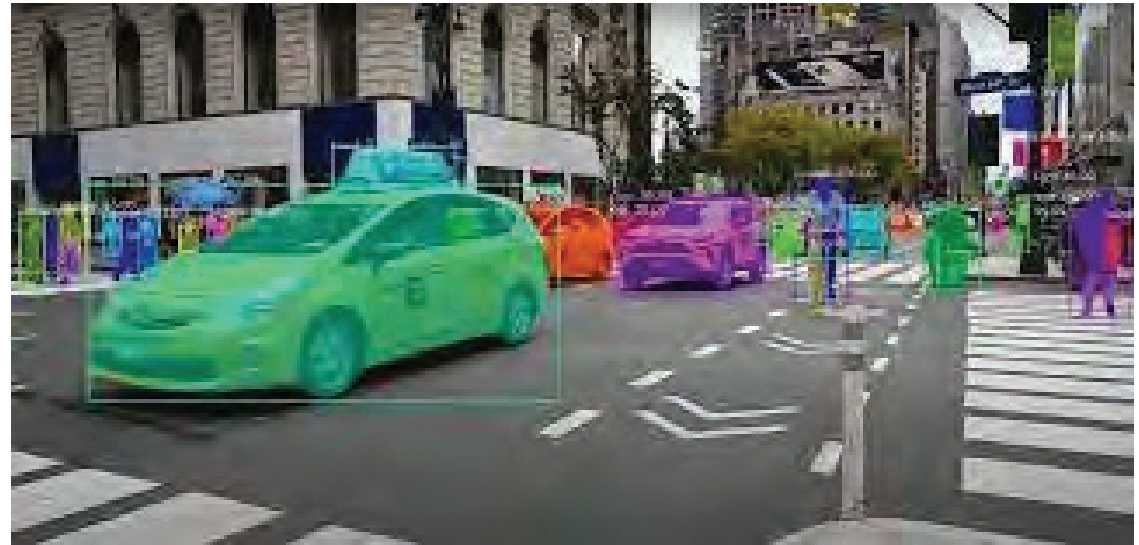
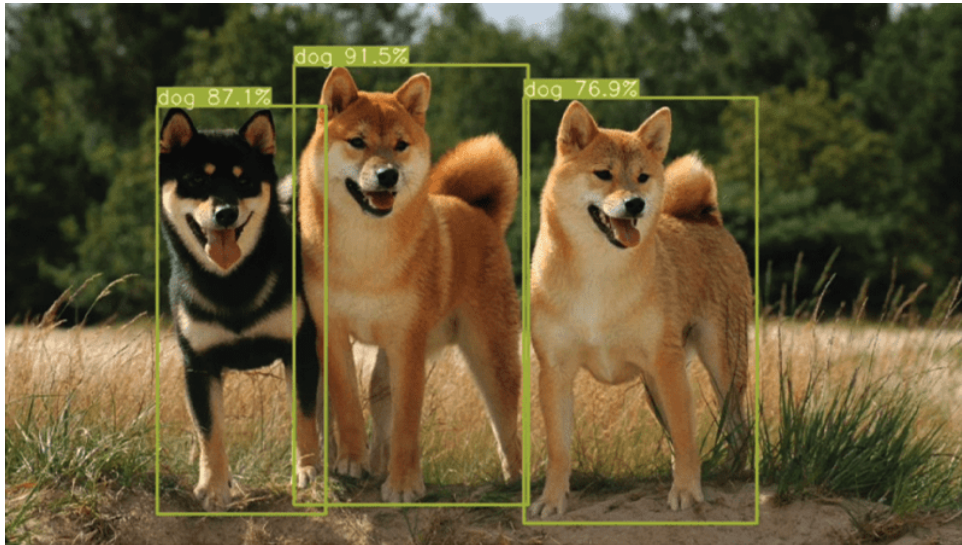
# ASSETS – SIGNS & PAVEMENT MARKINGS



# Sign Condition Evaluation - LiDAR



# Existing AI Implementations



- Single Tasks



# Tradition AI - Implementation Challenges

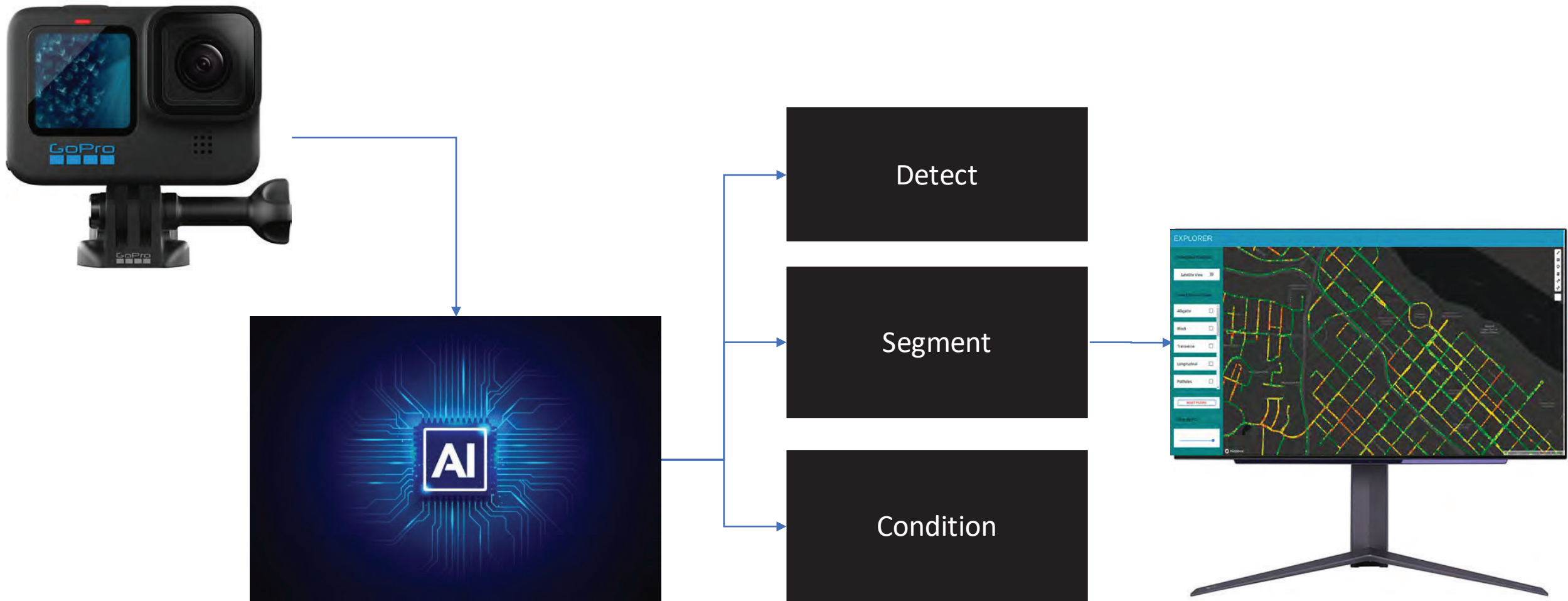
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Accuracy



# Proposed Implementation



# Hardware Components



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Mounts



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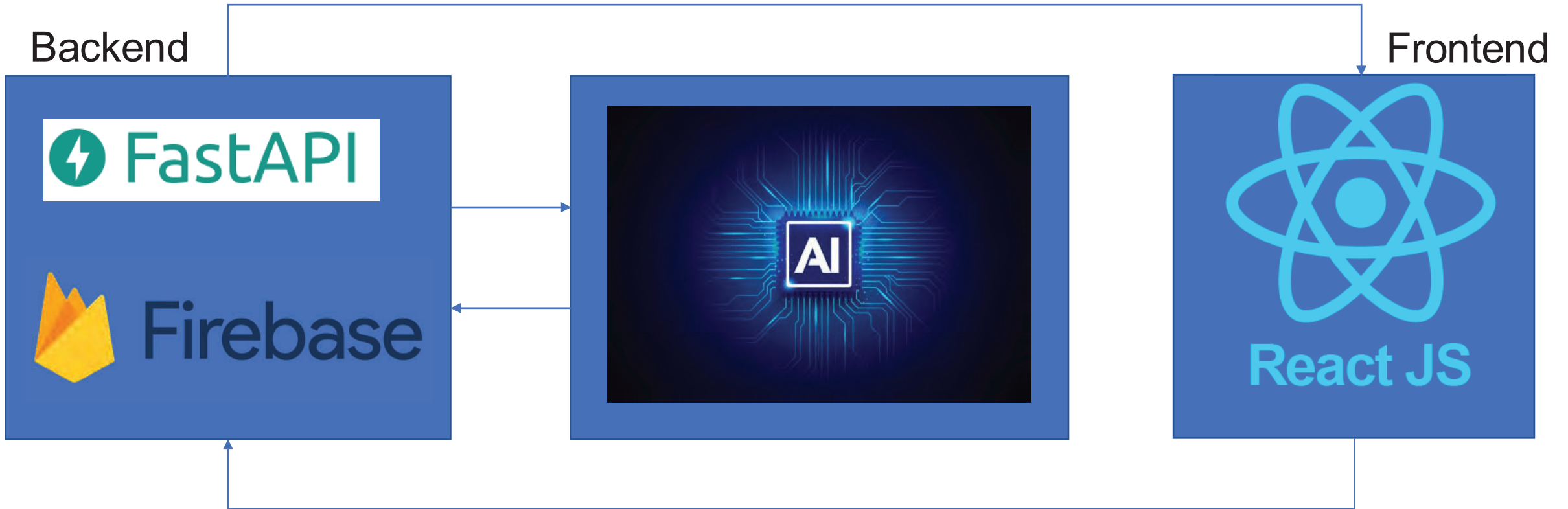
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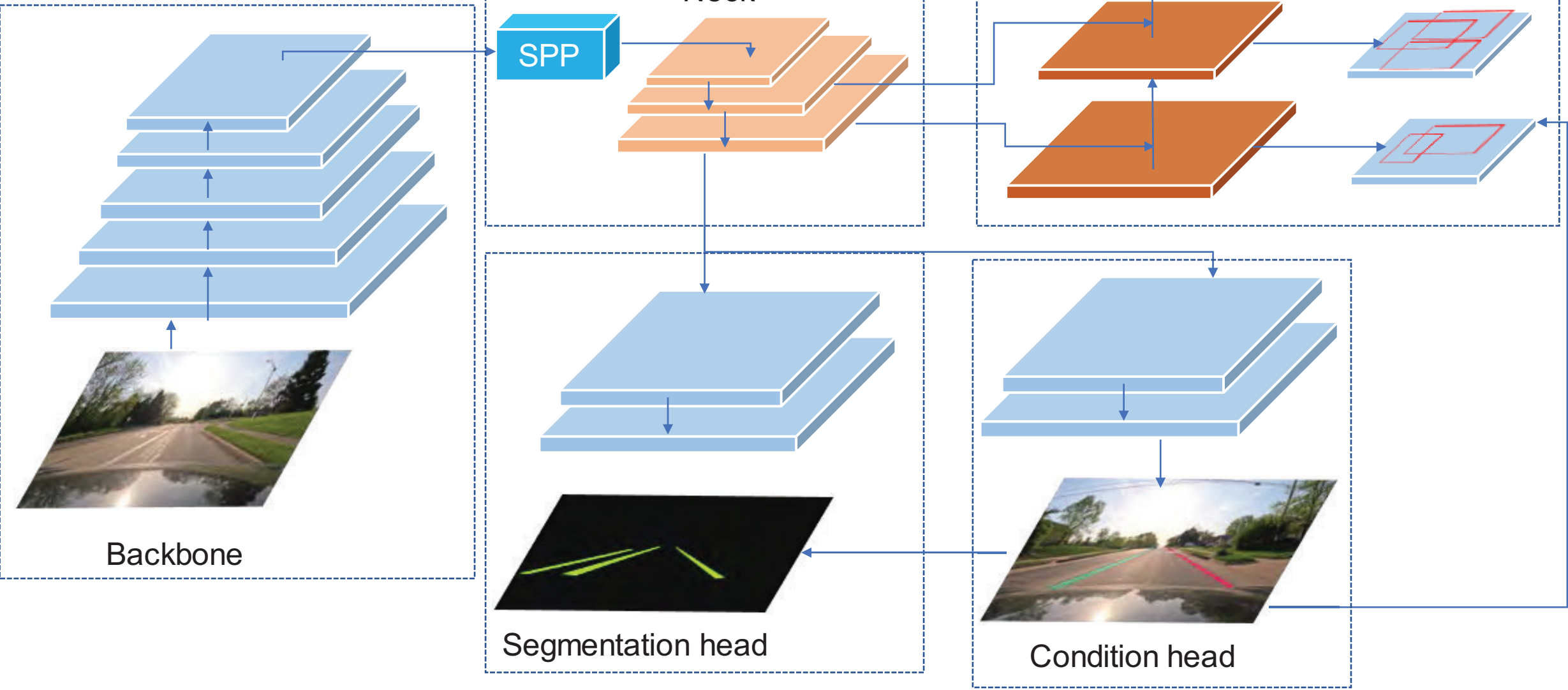
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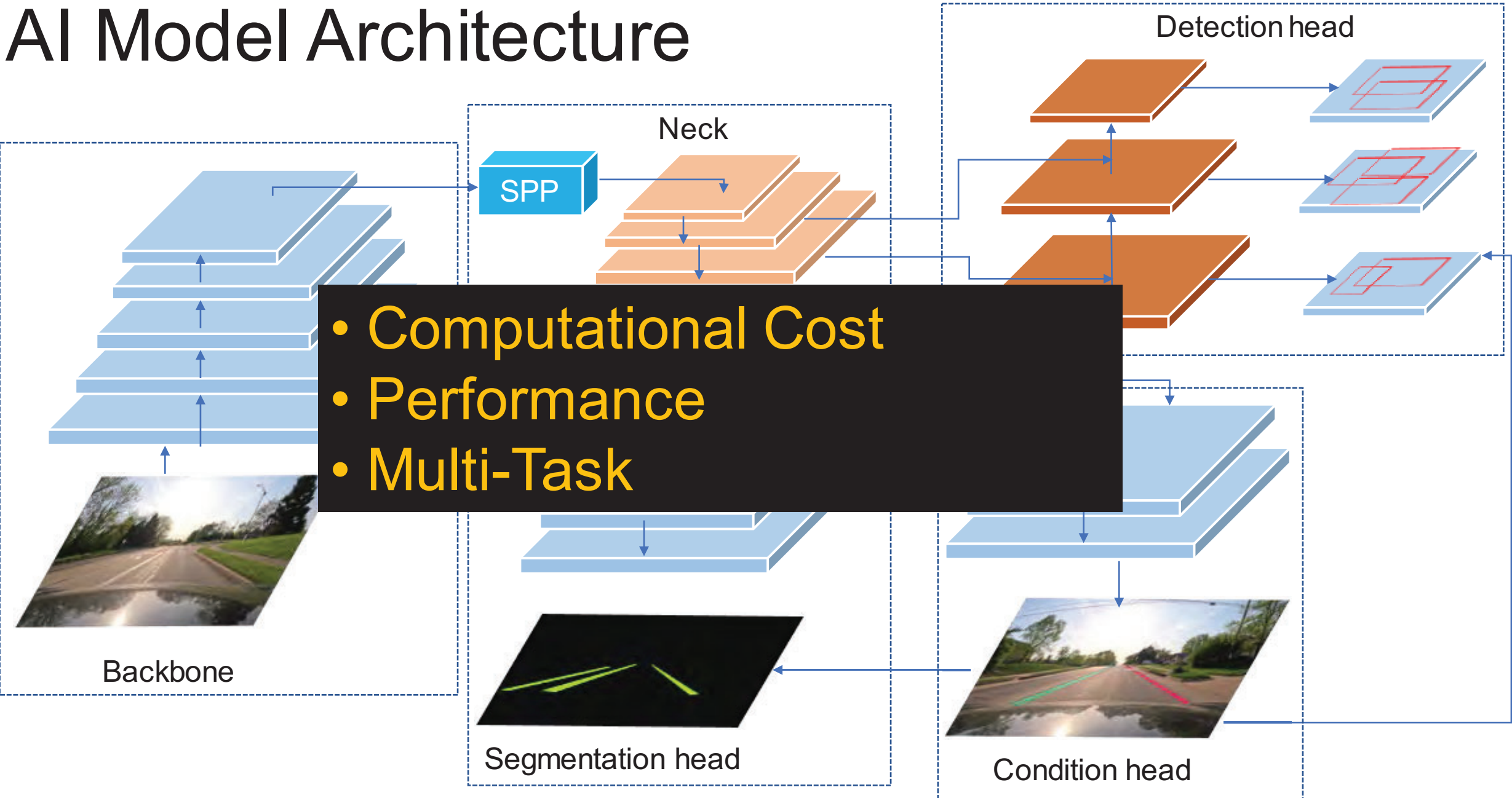
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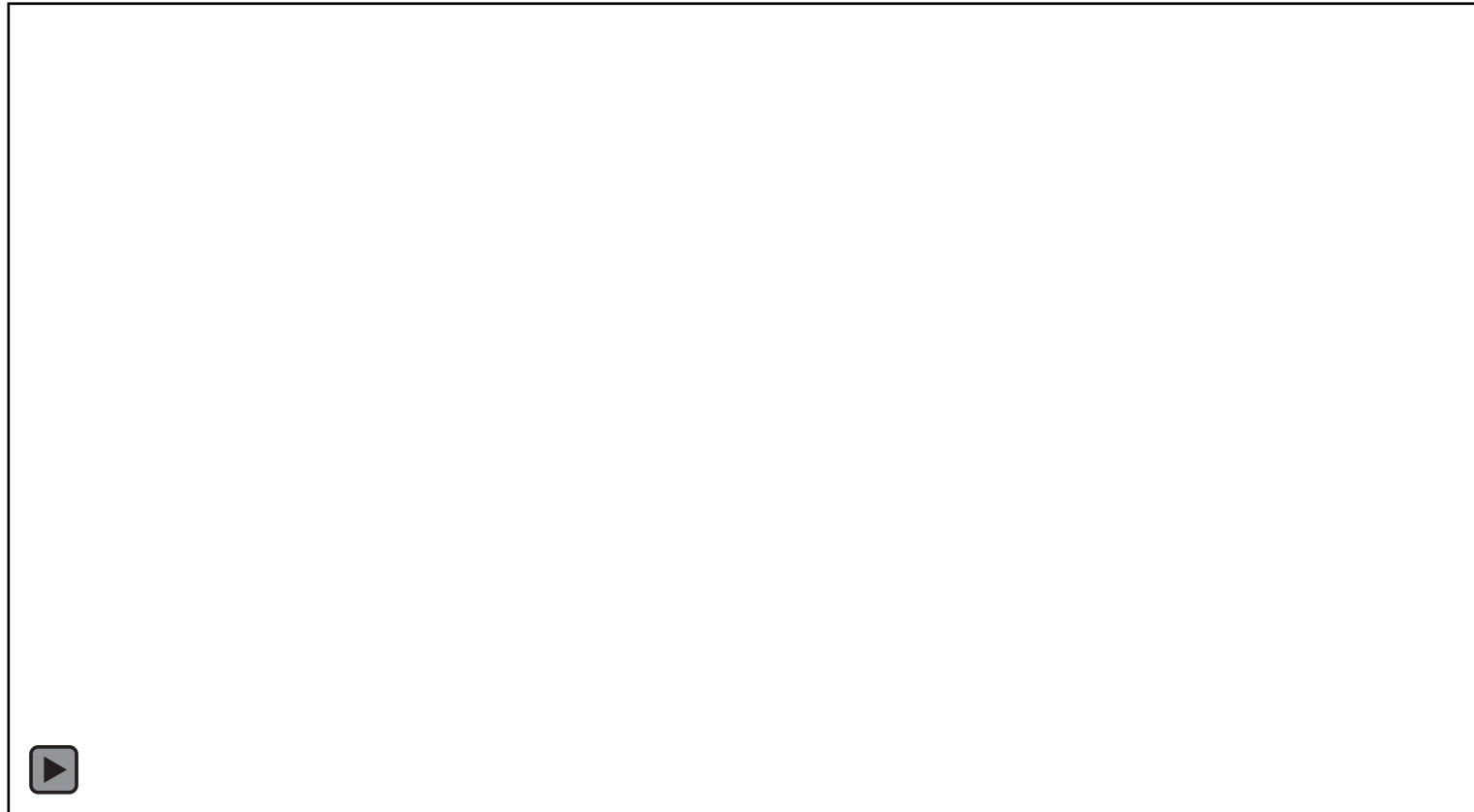
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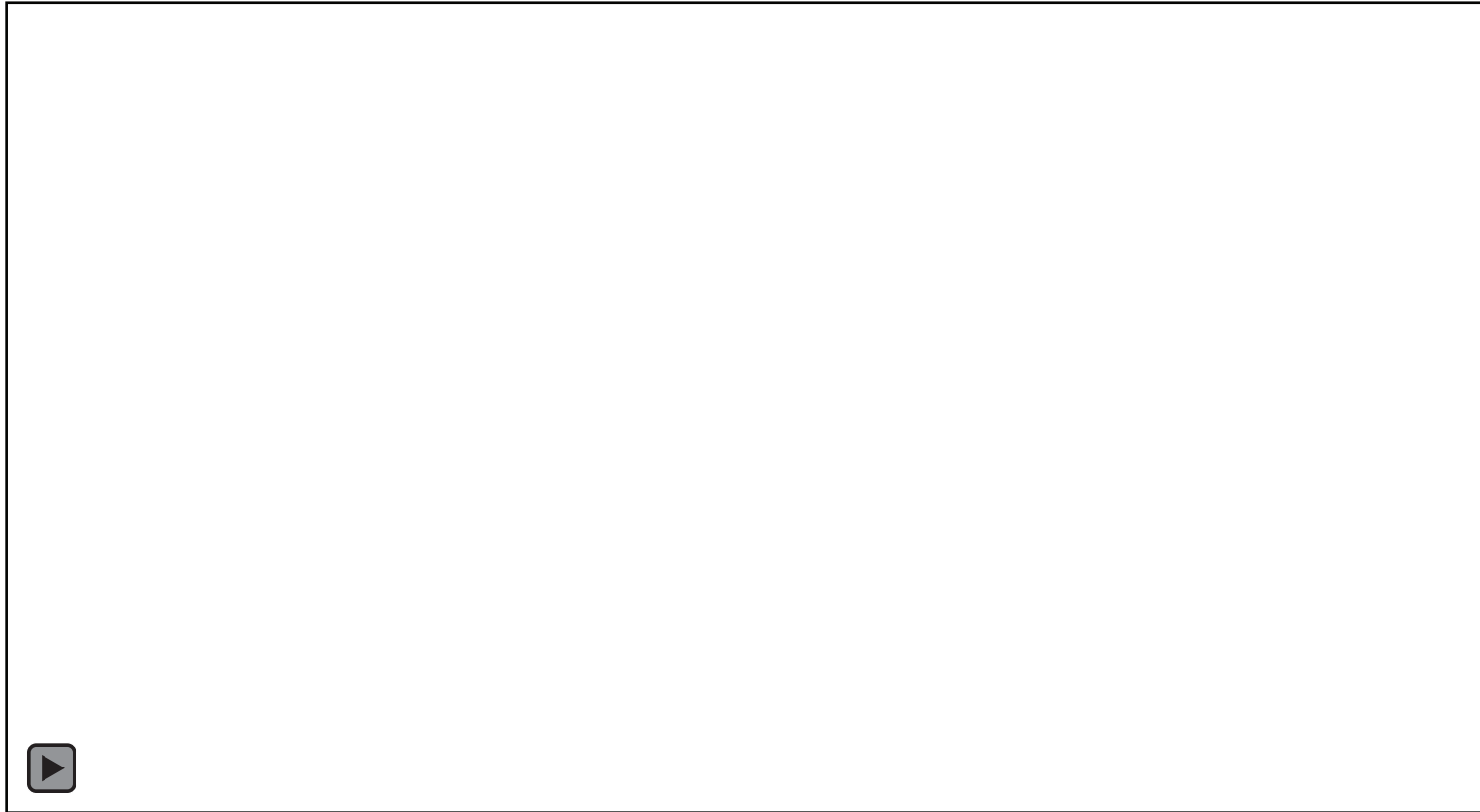


# Training Data Generation



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- Sign condition – good, fair, poor

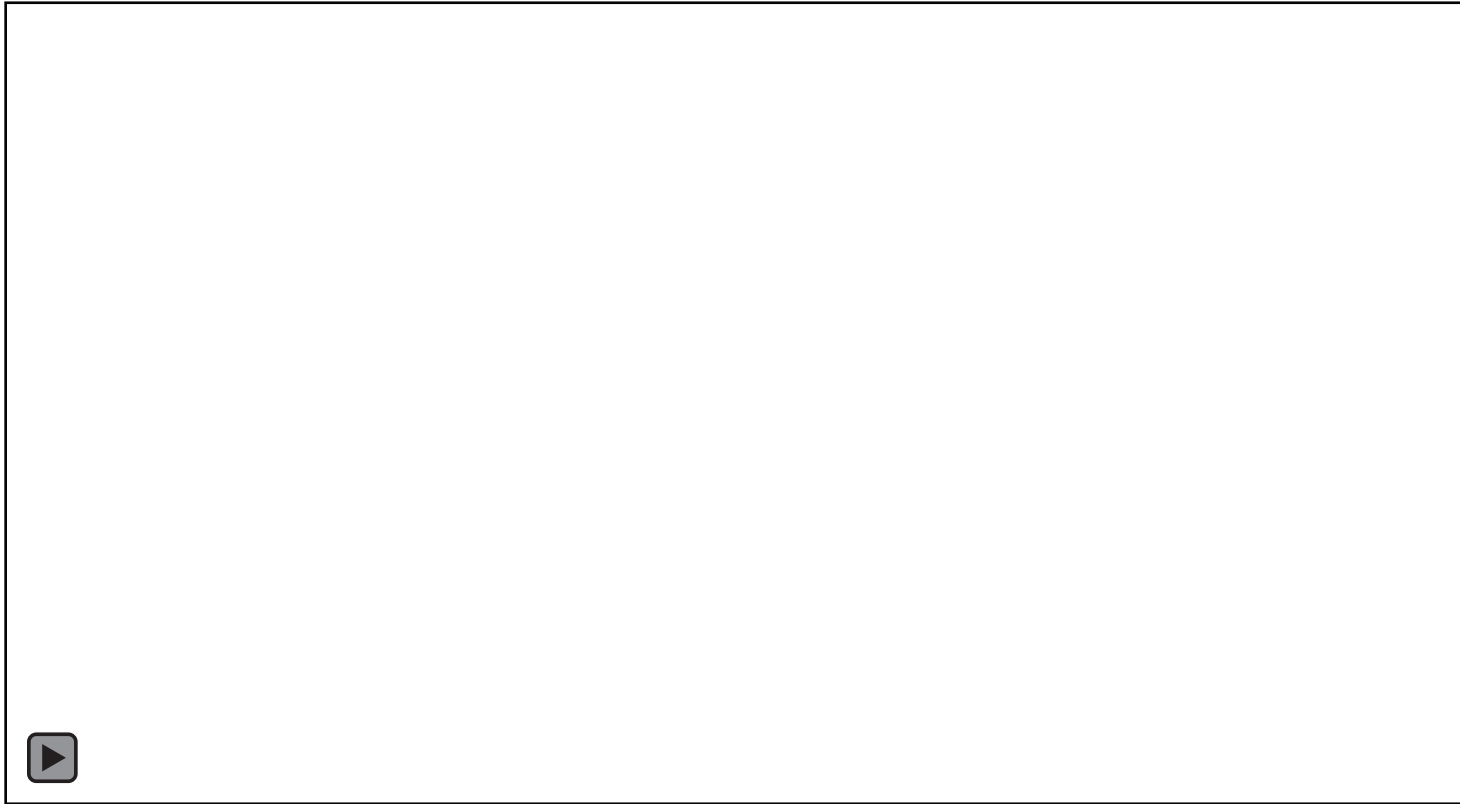
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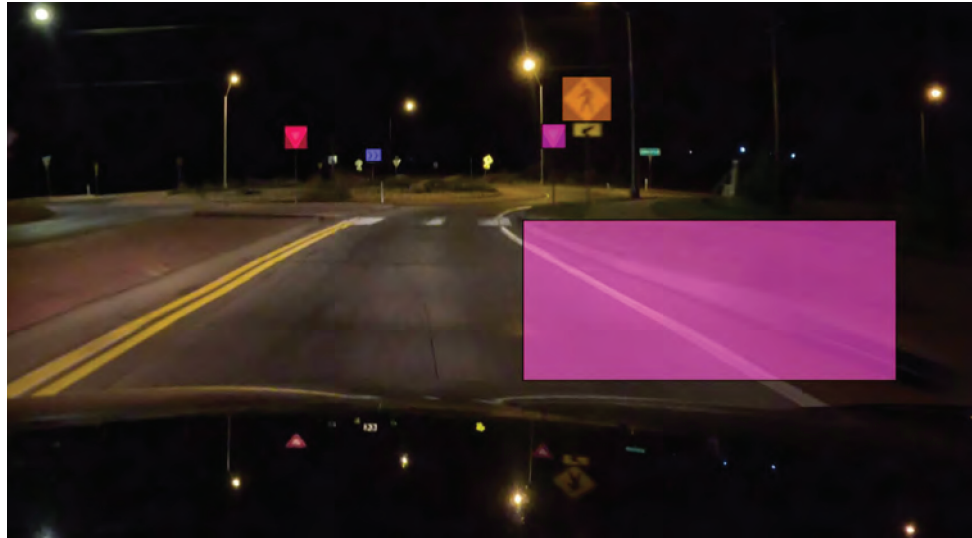


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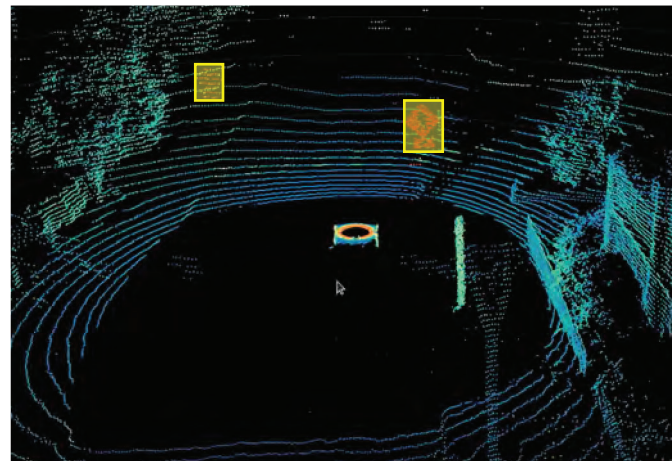
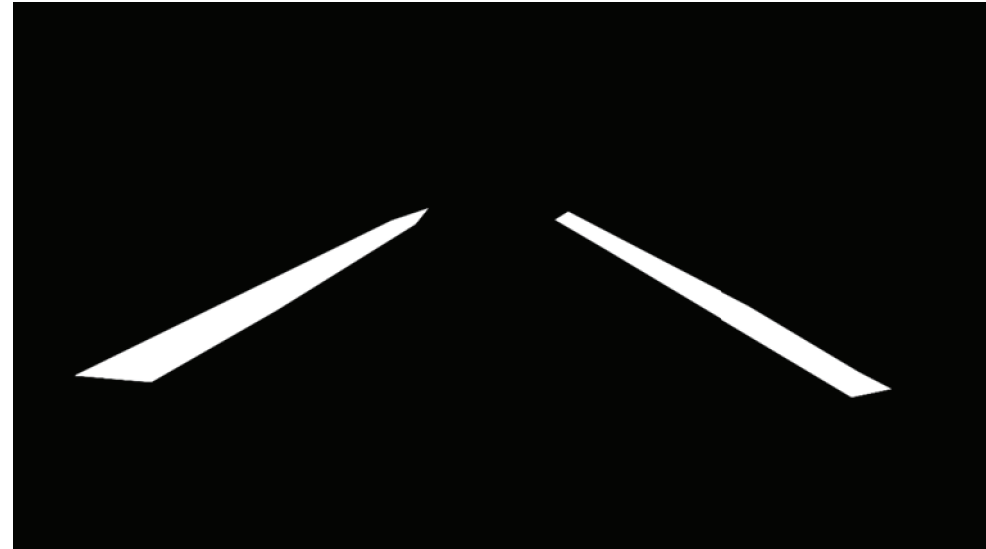
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Bounding Boxes

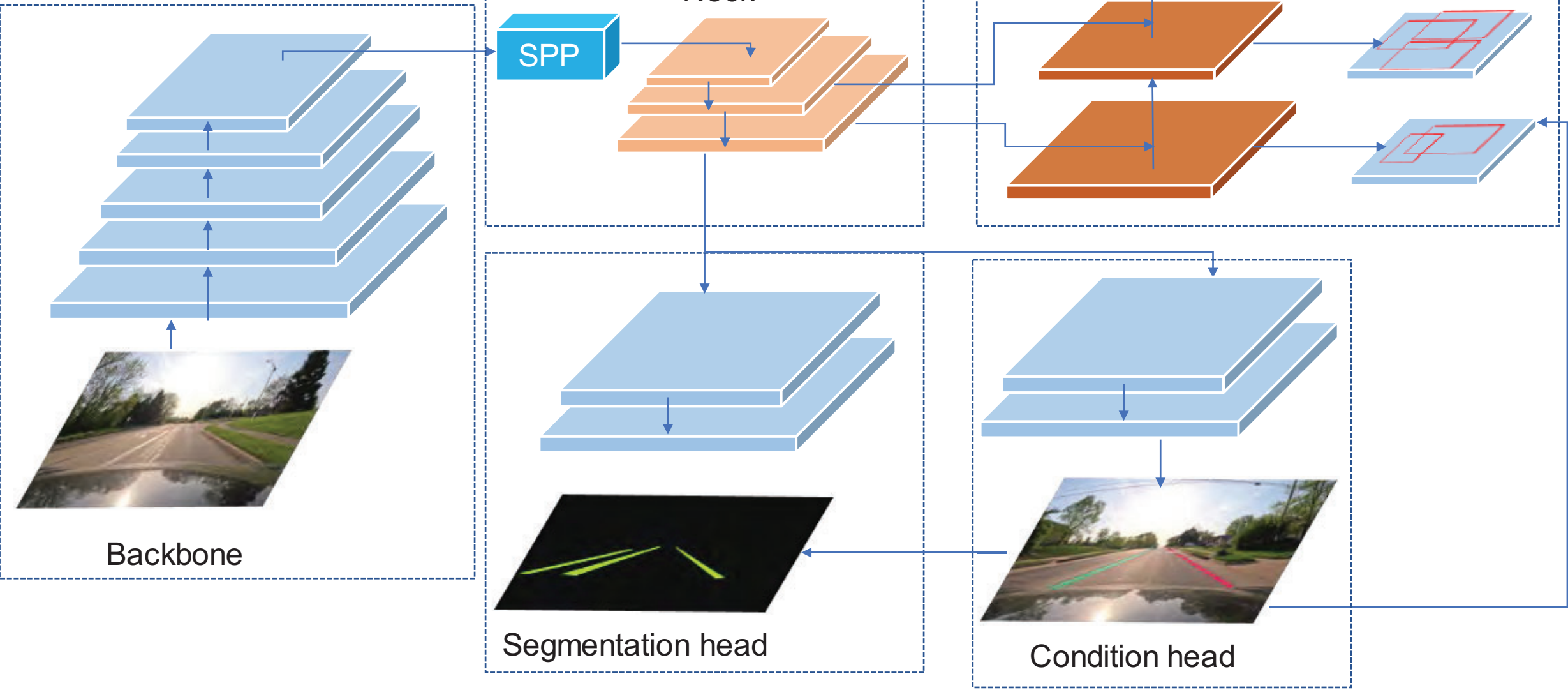


Segmentation



LiDAR Reflectivity

# AI Model Architecture



# Model Evaluation – Detection & Segment

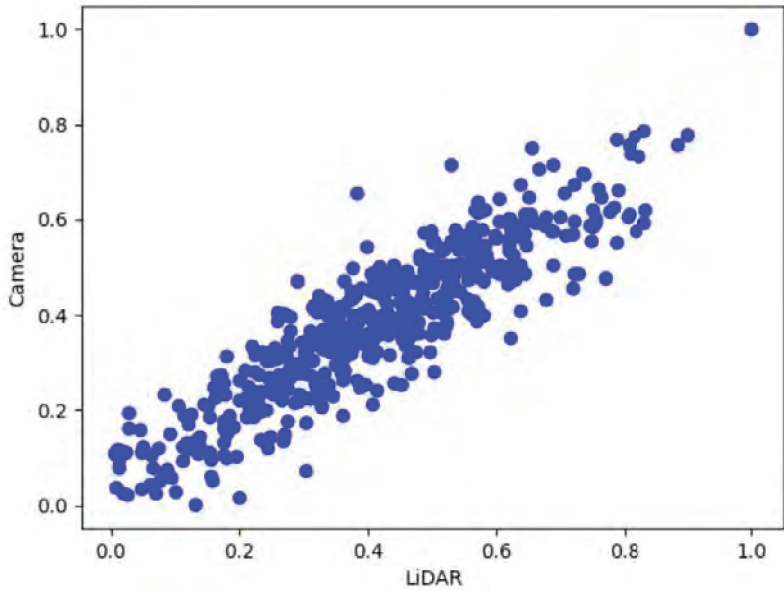


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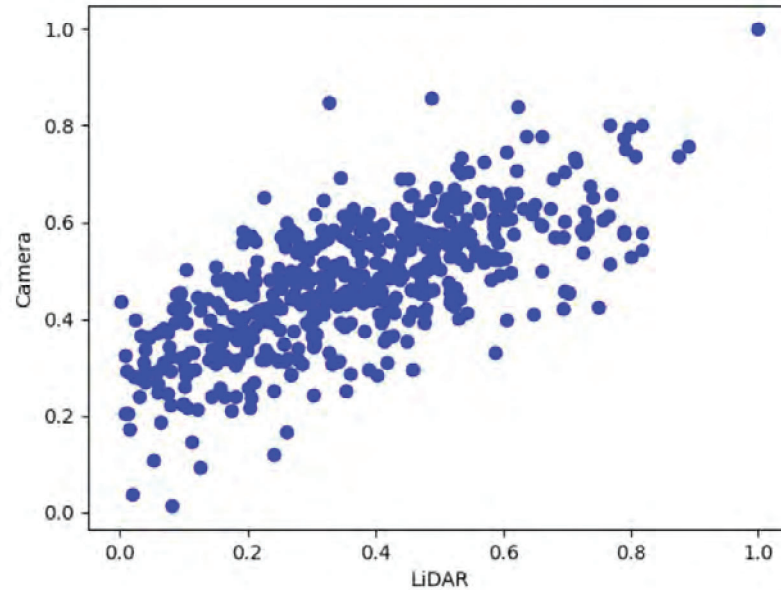
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Pavement Marking			73.7		
Traffic Signs	96.5	93.5		94.0	
Cars	92.7	88.5		87.5	
Side-Walk Distress	76.5	72.8		67.8	

# Model Evaluation – Condition

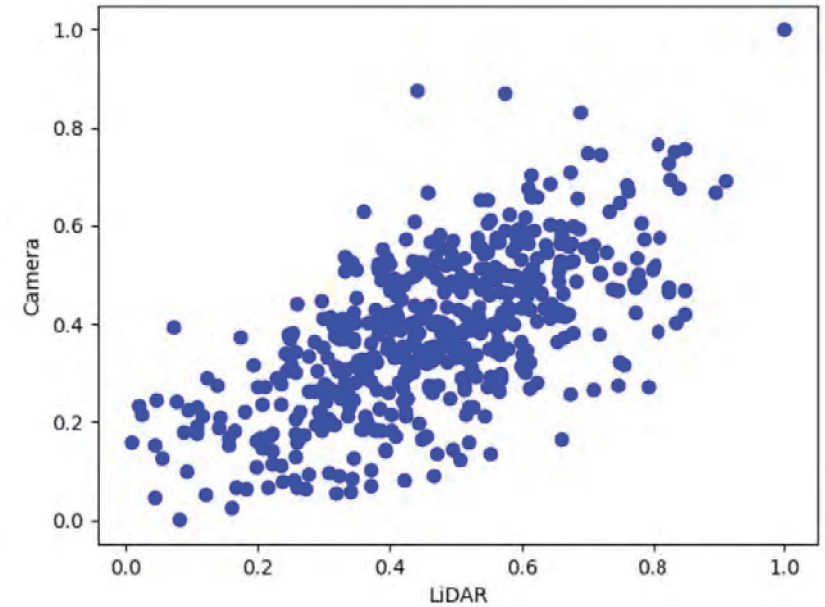
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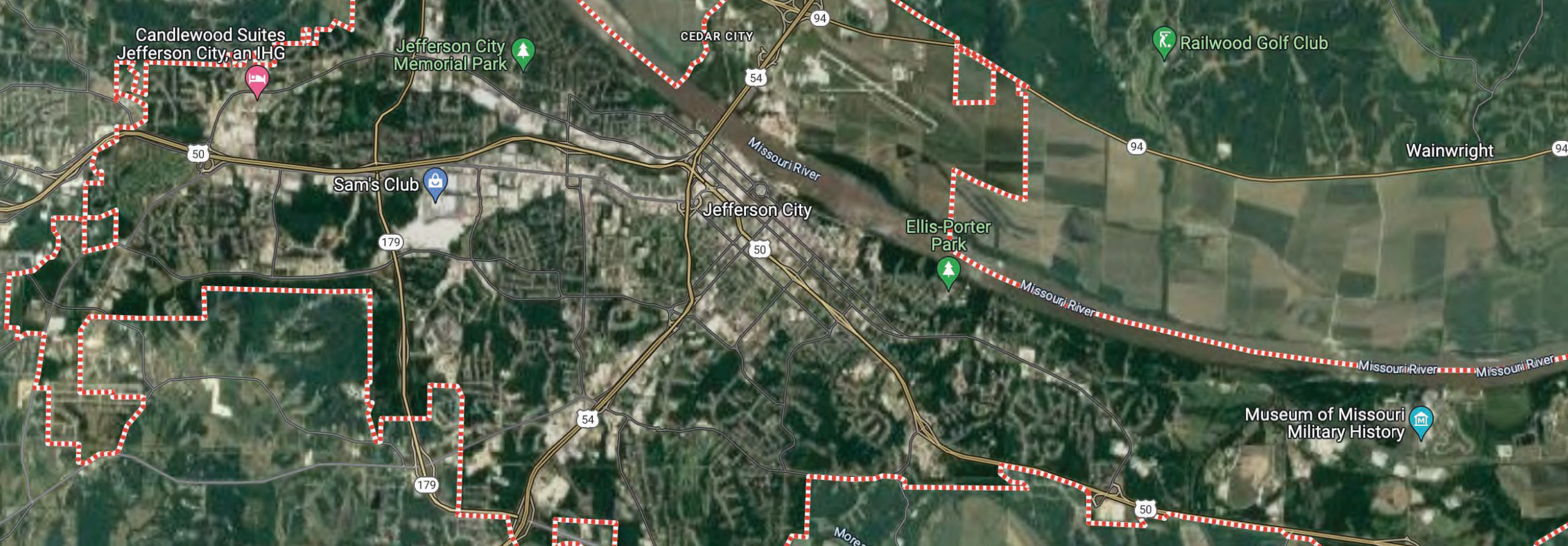


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# Model Evaluation – Condition



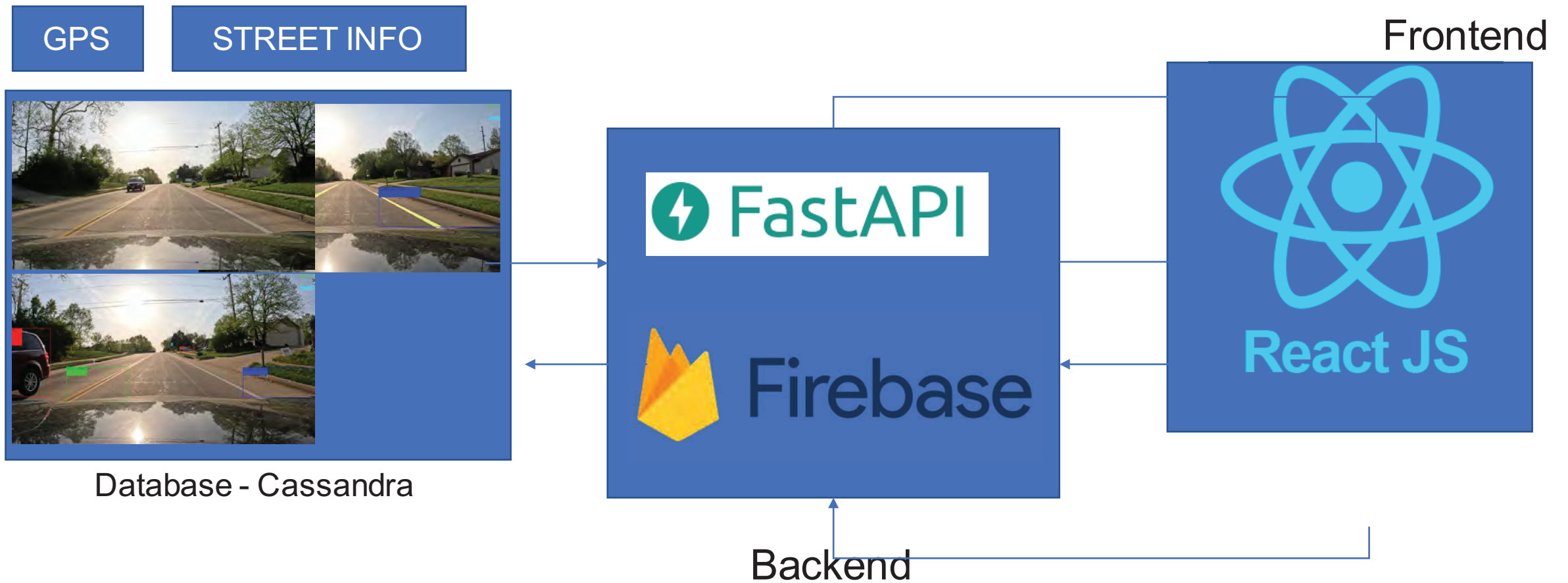


# Test Run

- Jefferson City
- 250 miles of roadway
- Survey completed in 3 days.
  - 2 GoPro Cameras.
  - Jetson Orin.
  - Realtime.



# Web Integration



# Web Integration



# Lessons Learned

- Hardware
- Model
- Visualization



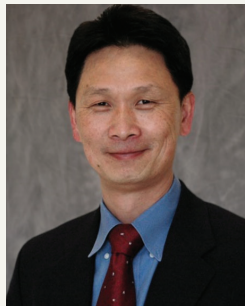
Thank You



NSF

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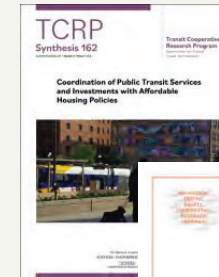
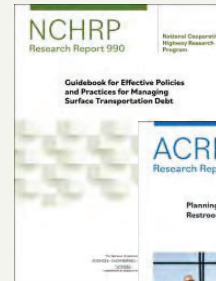
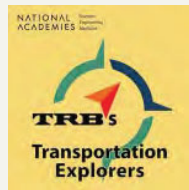
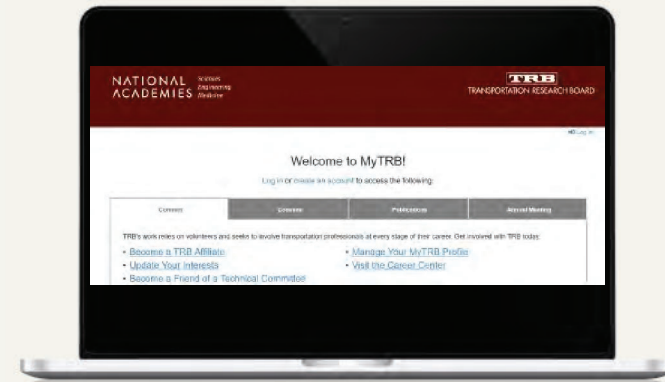




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