

## **OpenDRIVE Project Experience and the Need for a Reference Implementation and Visualization**

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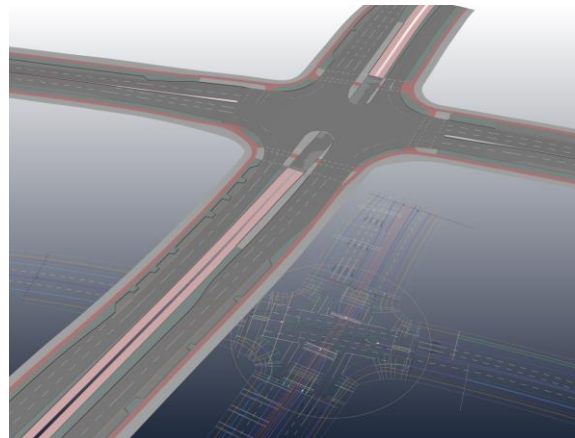
## The company

- Headquarters: Holzkirchen, near Munich, Germany  
Subsidiary: 3D Mapping Solutions Inc., Pittsburgh, PA, USA
- Founded 2007 by Dr.-Ing. Gunnar Gräfe and Dipl.-Ing. Martin Lang, both with more than 20 years experience in kinematic surveying
- 52 highly skilled employees
- Working for almost every global automobile manufacturer/supplier
- Active internationally (Europe, USA, China, Japan, Brasil, Russia, India etc. )

# Worldwide survey services for Automotive Applications...



- Worldwide kinematic survey services for
  - Precise as-built digital HD Map road data production
  - Driving simulator applications and Race track simulation
  - High-end Surface models of (crg-projects)
    - race tracks
    - Proving grounds, test areas and special tracks with multiple resolutions
  - Public roads





# Precise Digitalisation as a basis for digital road data production



Scanner data taken along Lombard Street in San Francisco, CA



# Example for a kinematic 3D Laser Scanner Point Cloud

Laser scanner point cloud (raw data) consists of:

- 3D coordinates for each point
- plus reflectivity of the target surface
- All vehicle movements are fully compensated.
- 1 million points per second per scanner lead to an exact digitalisation of the road surface with a point density of more than 3000 points per square meter.



# Georeferenced, digital Image Documentation



- Documentation of road corridor and road surface
- Each image exactly georeferenced, calibrated and ready for photogrammetric object survey with our software 3D Road View.
- Multiple cameras (currently up to 10) with various possibilities of mounting and combination. The camera view for all cameras is flexible and may be adjusted by project.

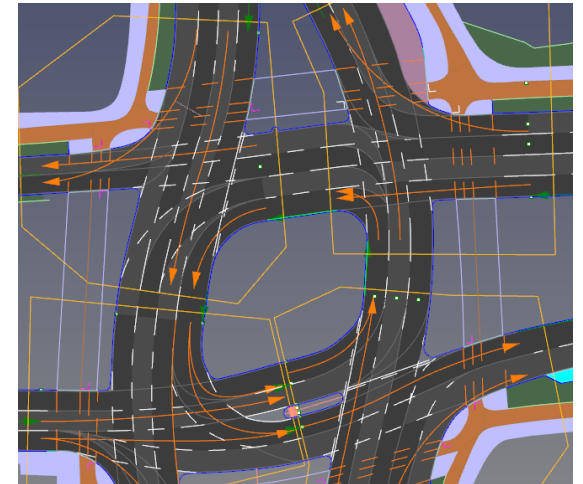
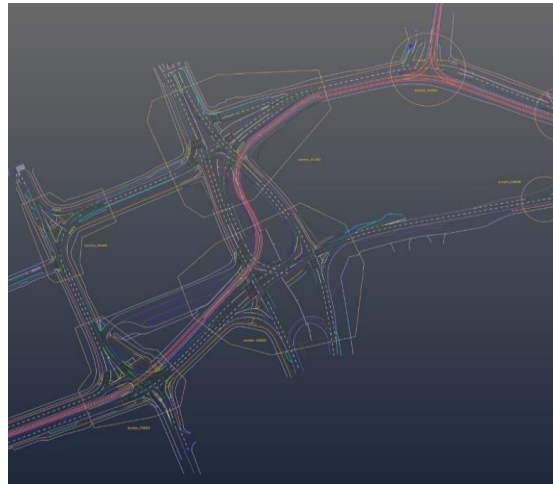


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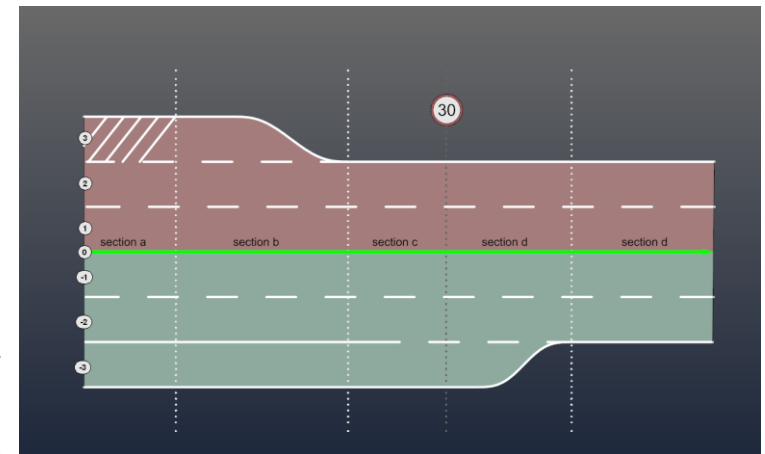
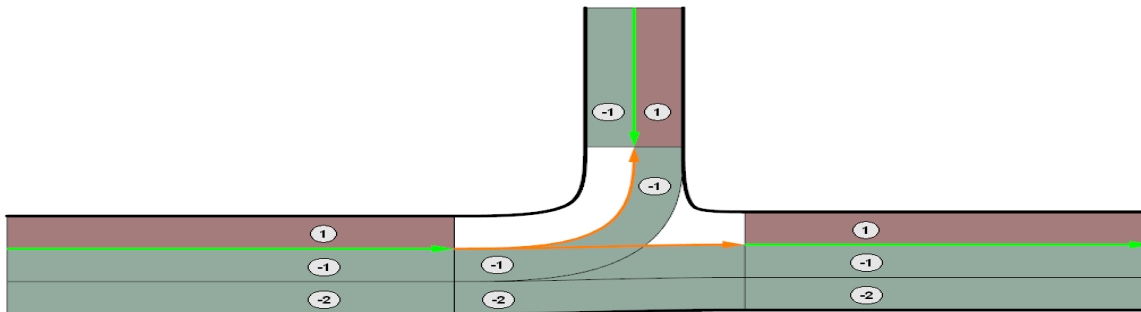
**Object-extraction**

**As-built plan  
data**

**HD Map**



- Main application is the production of highly detailed autonomous driving reference maps as in-car reference as well as basis for driving simulator testing and other simulation applications.
- Worldwide projects to generate ultra HD Maps since 2011.
- Lots of highway projects are done, but main emphasis at the moment is on inner-city HD maps as basis for simulation, testing and development.
- There is a broad bandwidth of OpenDrive interpretation.
- Every user has wishes concerning additional objects, attributes and topological features.
- A lot of effort has been necessary to keep “OpenDrive” consistent for all customers, but still there are interpretation issues.
  - Next step: ASAM OpenDrive





# Requirements for autonomous driving high-definition reference maps

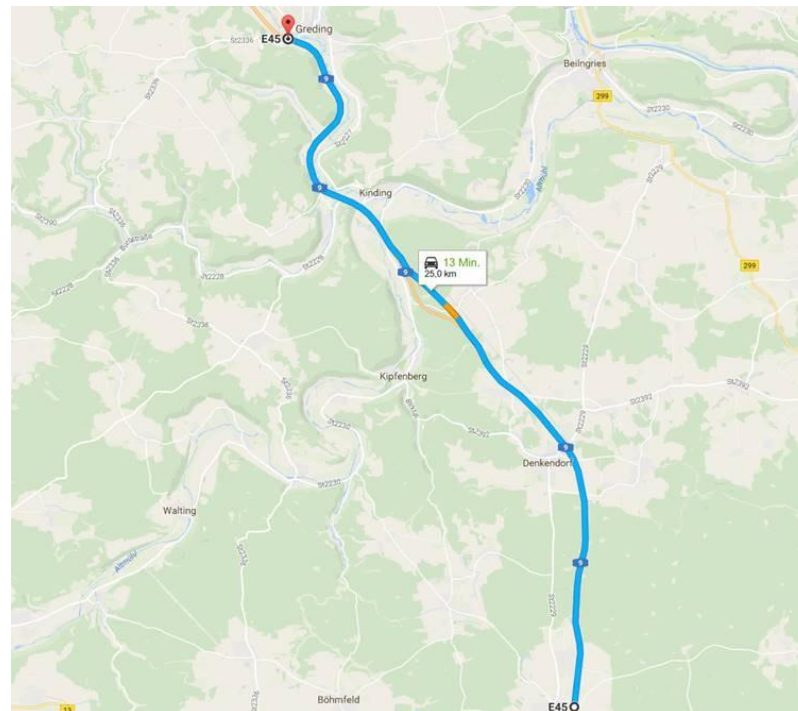
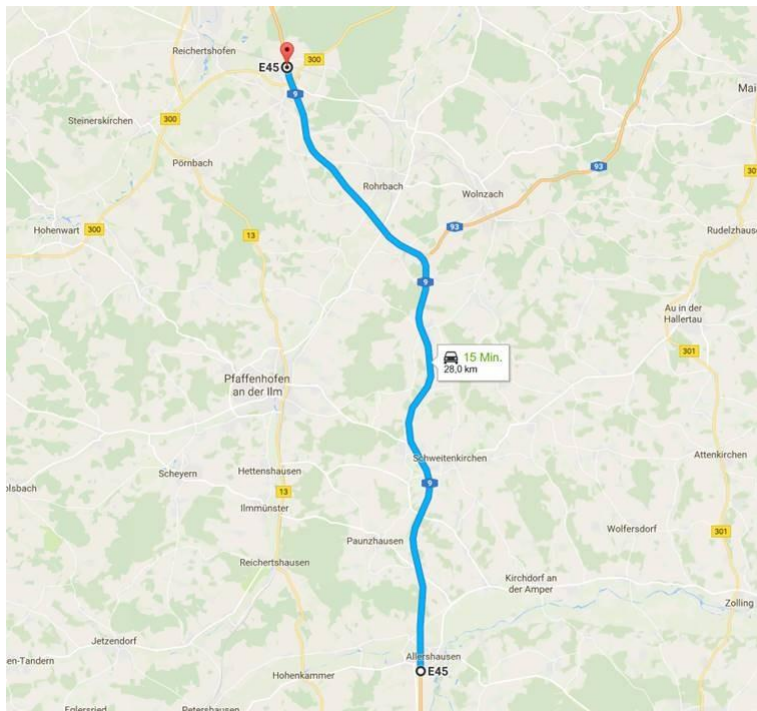


- Example: Highway as 3D Visualisation
  - The high-definition reference map in the car is regarded as sensor of unlimited range.
  - Most important is guaranteed relative accuracy for all 3D objects in the road corridor between 5 mm and 5 cm, depending on the object type
- Complete as-built object data, e.g. all markings, guardrails, signs, road posts, tunnels, bridges, sign bridges, fundamentals, curbstones, entrances, exits, intersections including all ramps and connections, resting and parking areas etc.
  - In addition to the classical „as-built“ plan, the data formats contains a complete logical road structure in a strict hierarchical order.
  - In-fact the reference map data is required e.g. in driving simulator formats such as OpenDrive or IPG Road 5.

# Example for autonomous driving Reference Maps

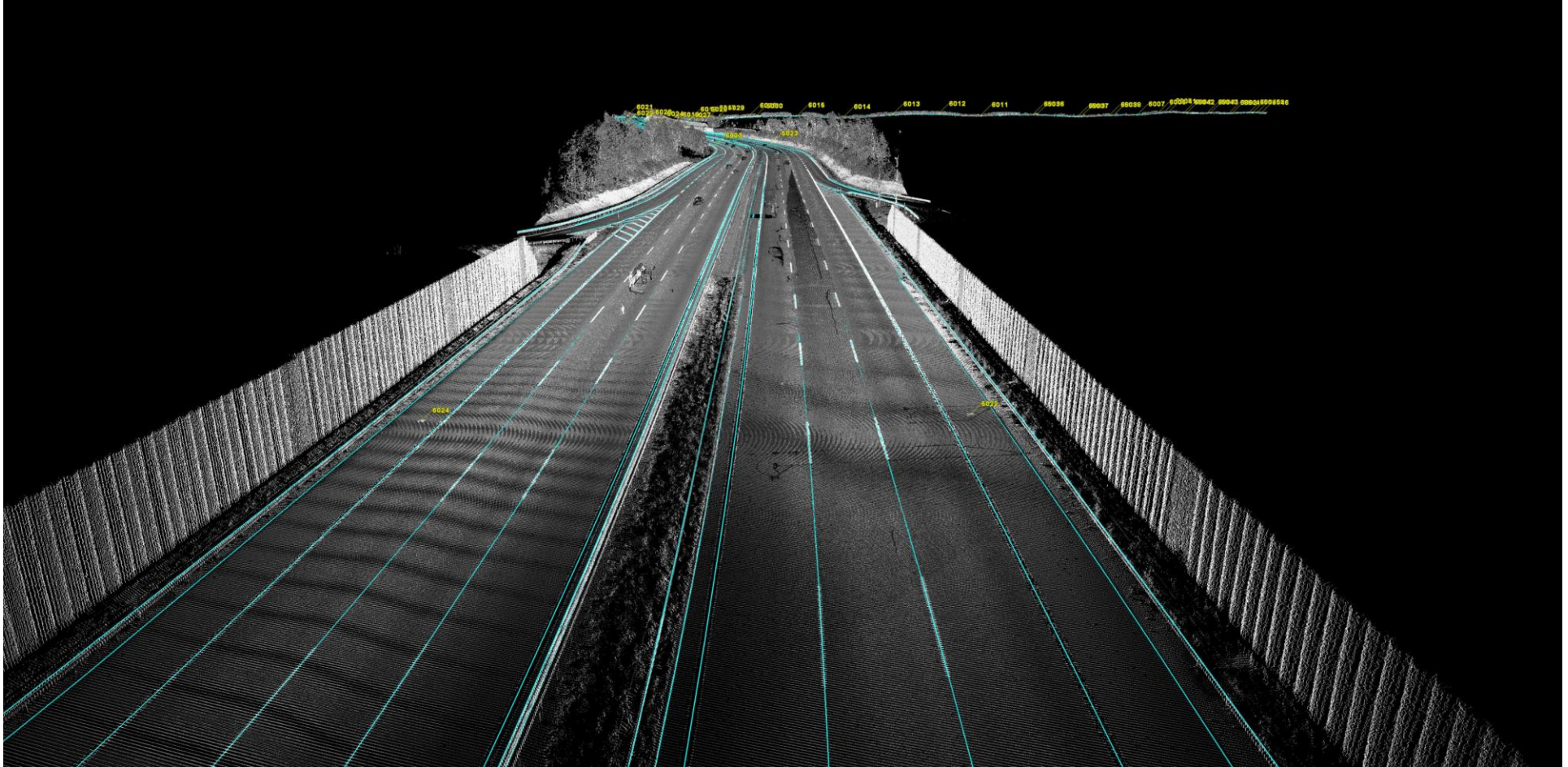
## Official Map of Test Field A9

- Part 1: Highway Administration Südbayern
  - Between exit Langenbruck and exit Allershausen (approx. 27 km)
- Part 2: Highway Administration Nordbayern
  - Between exit Greding and the border between the responsibility area of Highway Administration Nordbayern und Südbayern (approx. 25 km)





# Section of the official German test field for autonomous driving along Autobahn A9

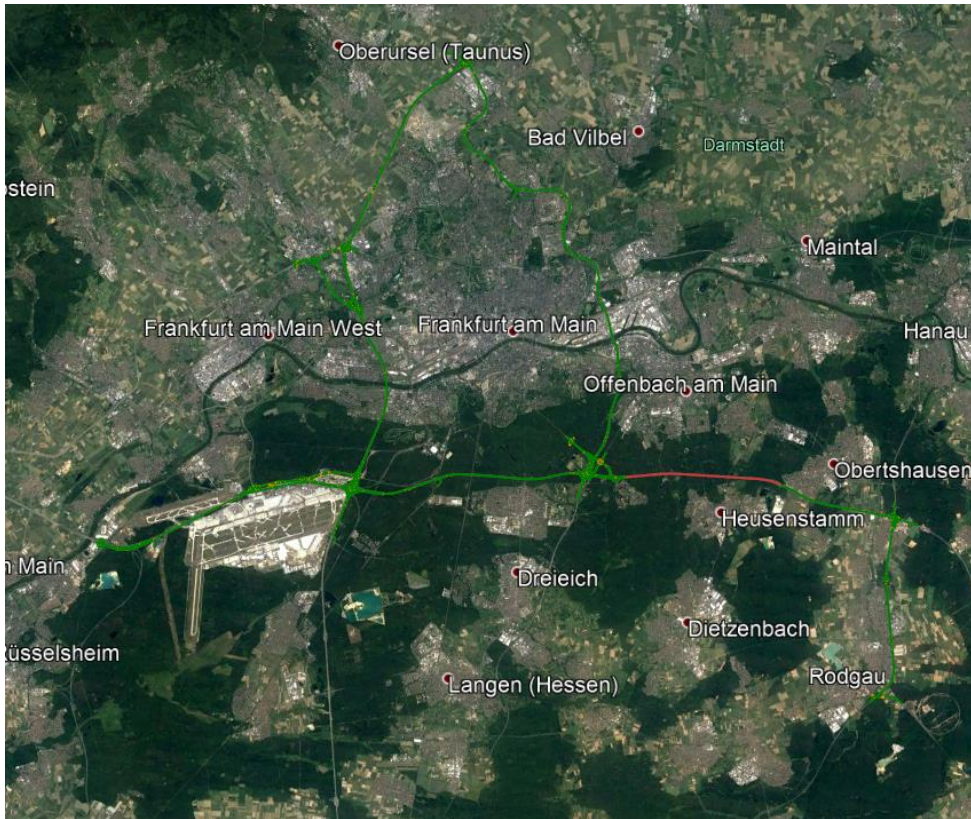


High – Definition Laser Scanner Point Cloud including extracted object data



# Project Example: Ko-HAF (highway)

Project: Ko-HAF – cooperative highly autonomous driving project (funded by the Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy) [www.ko-haf.de](http://www.ko-haf.de)



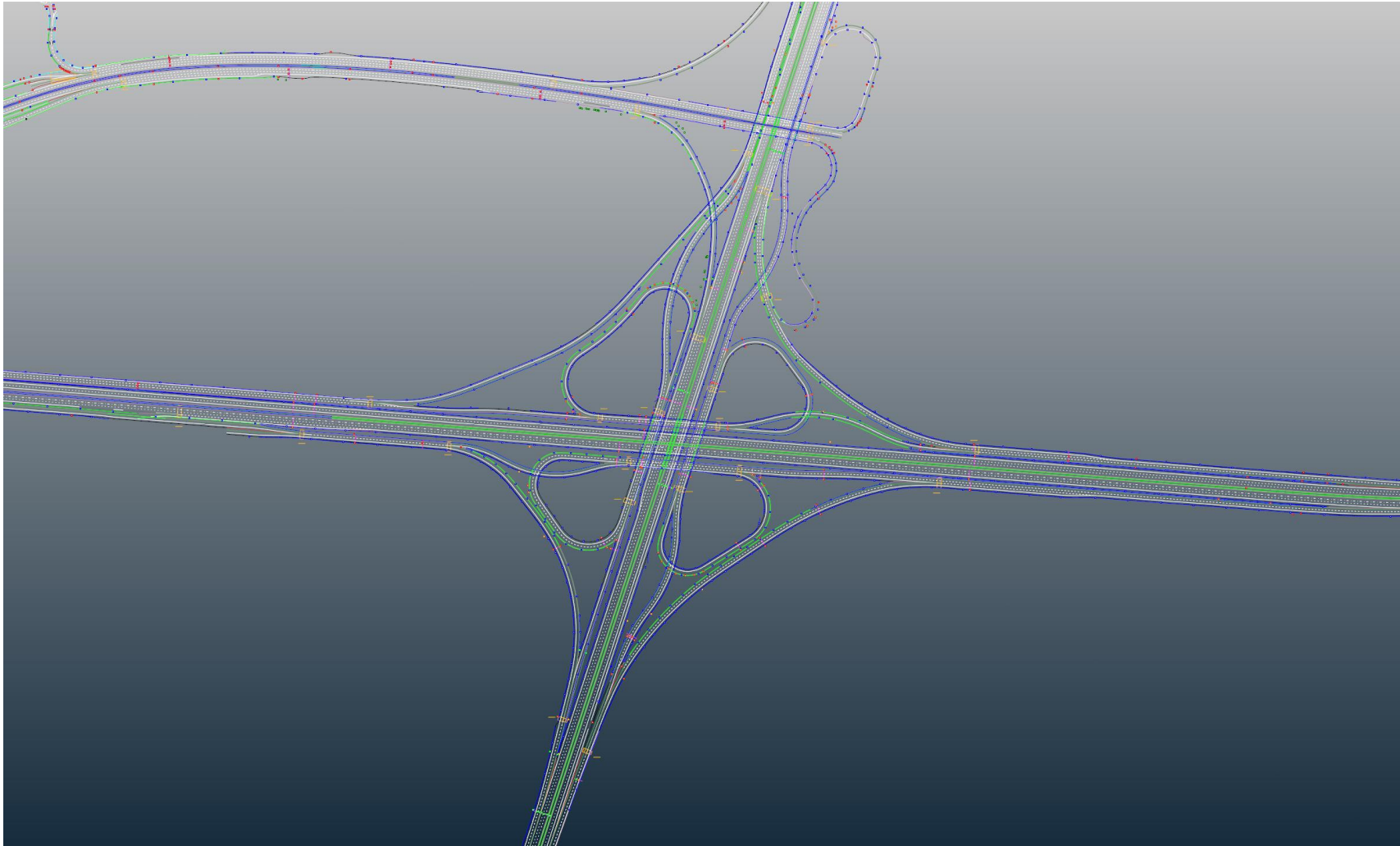
## Partners

- Several OEM and TIER1
- 2016-2018

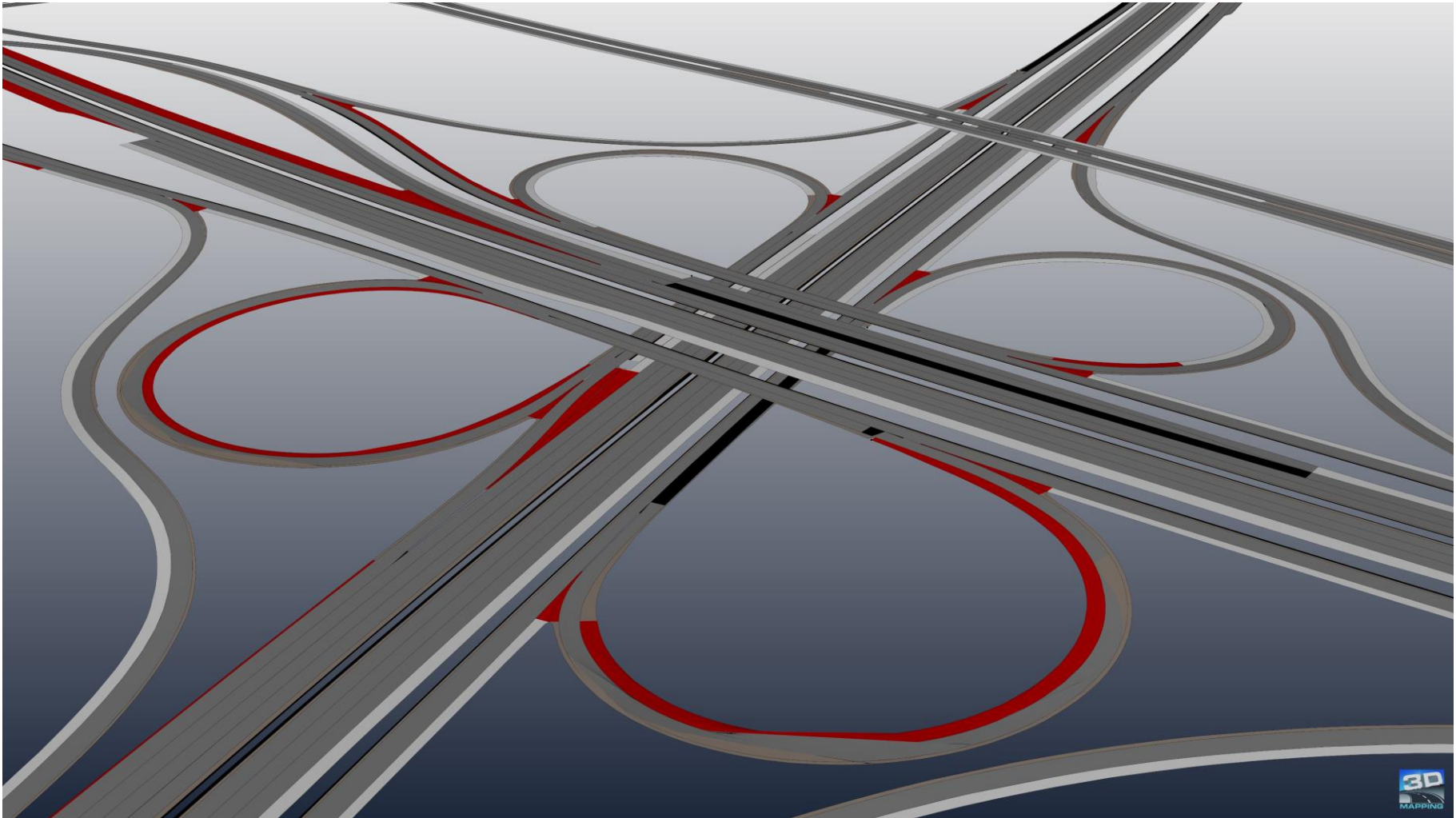
## High-definition Mapping of all highways around Frankfurt

- Mapped highways displayed in green and red (left image)
  - Very complex intersections
  - Includes Frankfurt Airport highway system
  - Connection to automotive PG Dudenhofen
- HAD Map Target formats:
  - OpenDrive 1.4H

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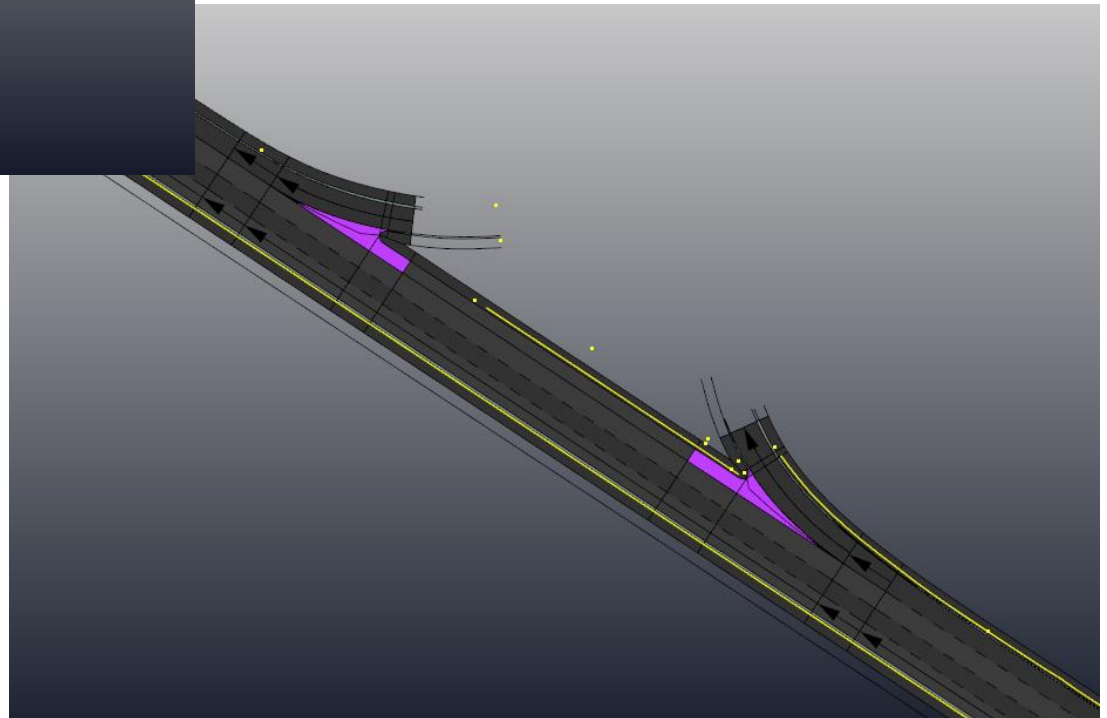
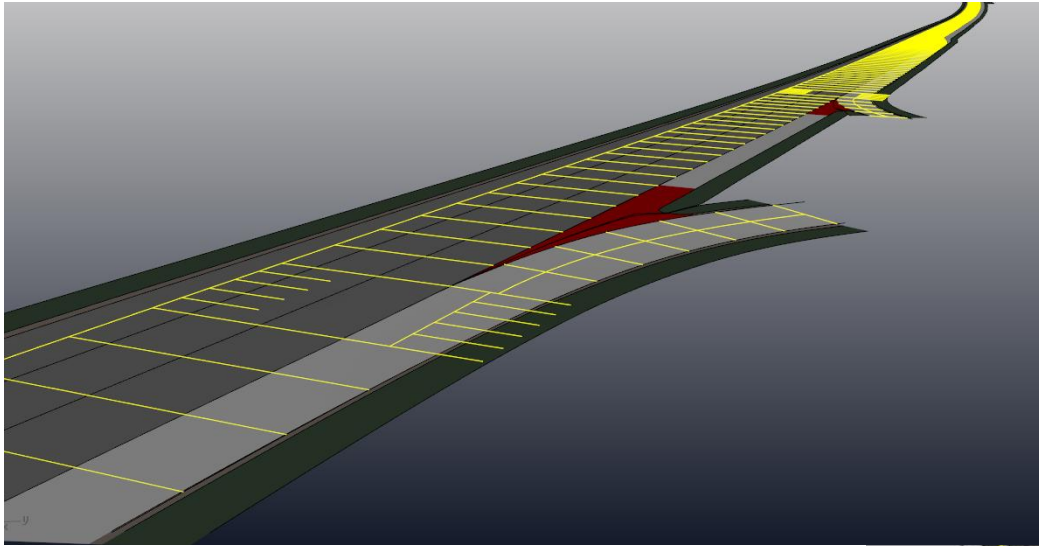
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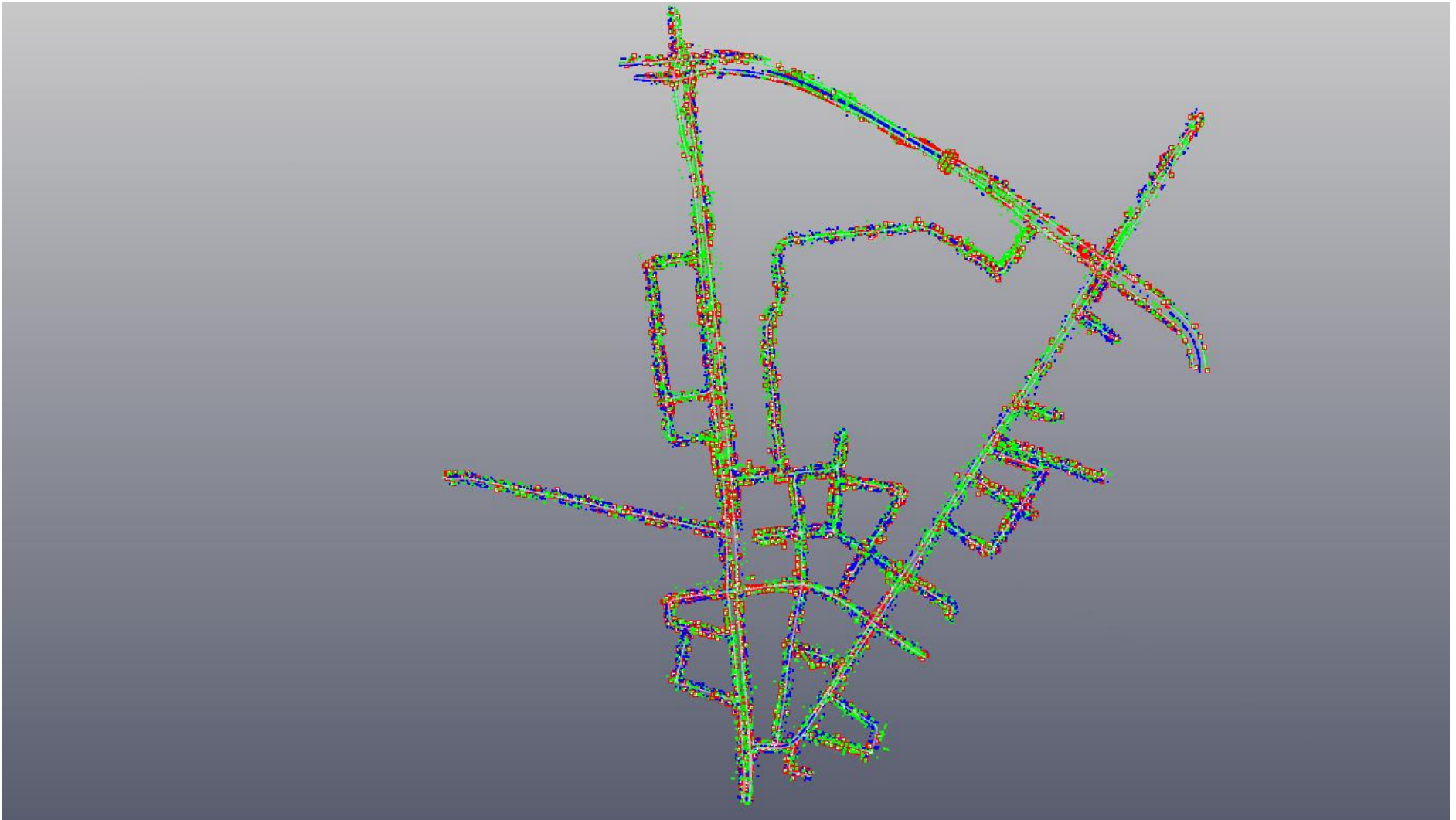


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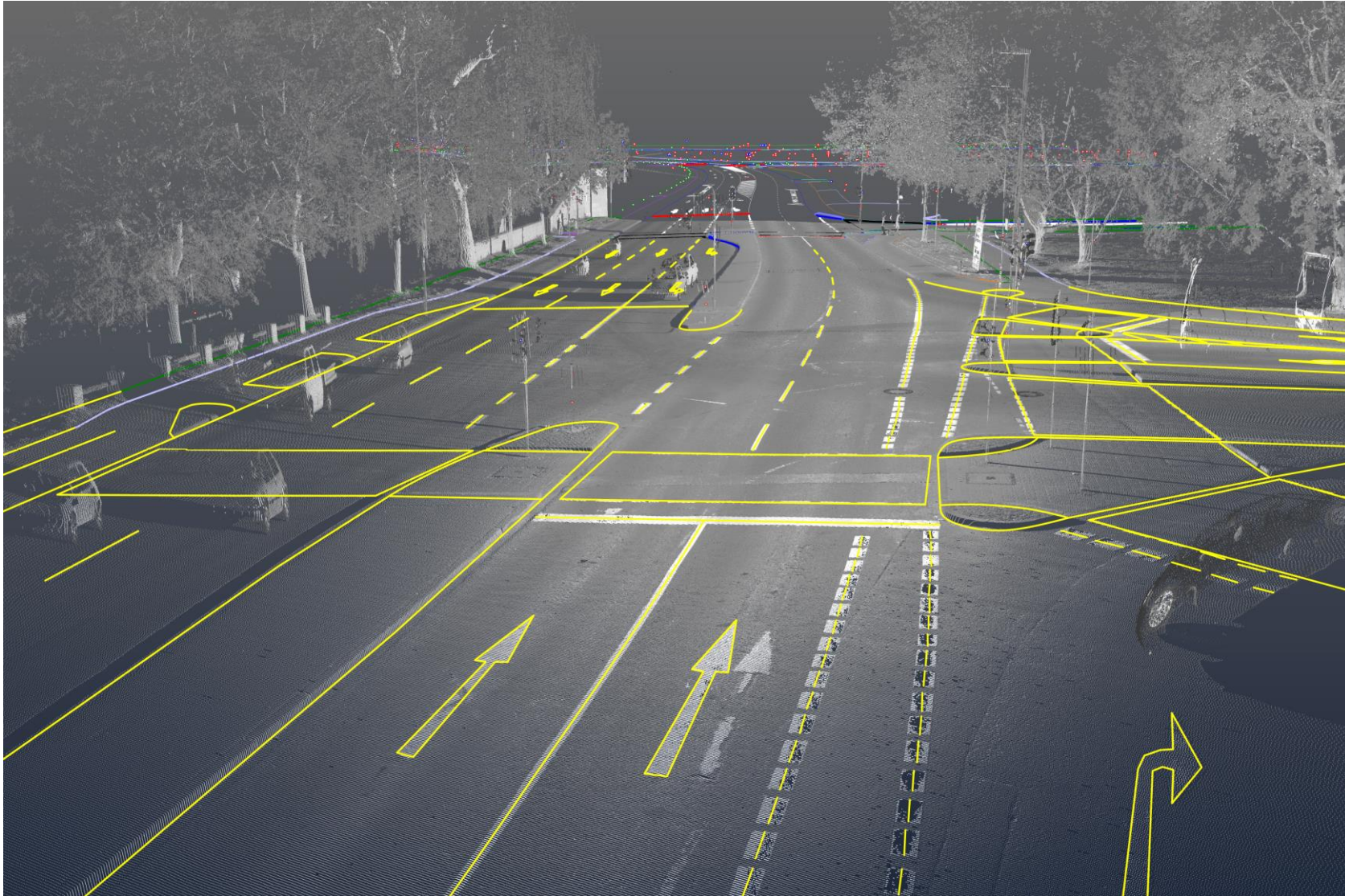




Example: inner city HAD Map data including all extracted geometry like curbs, markings, pedestrian walks etc.

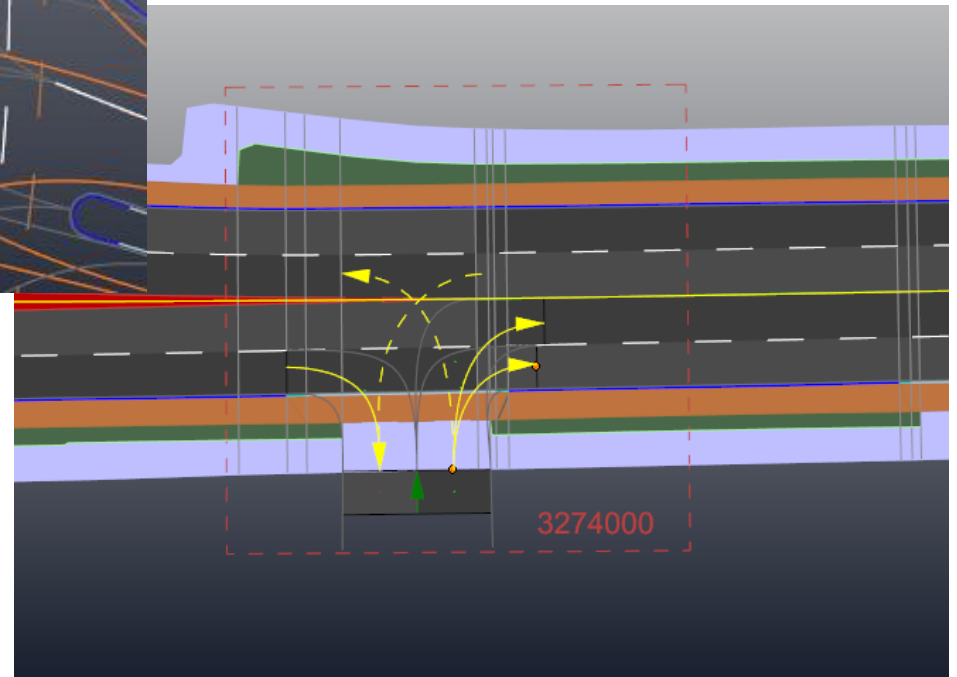
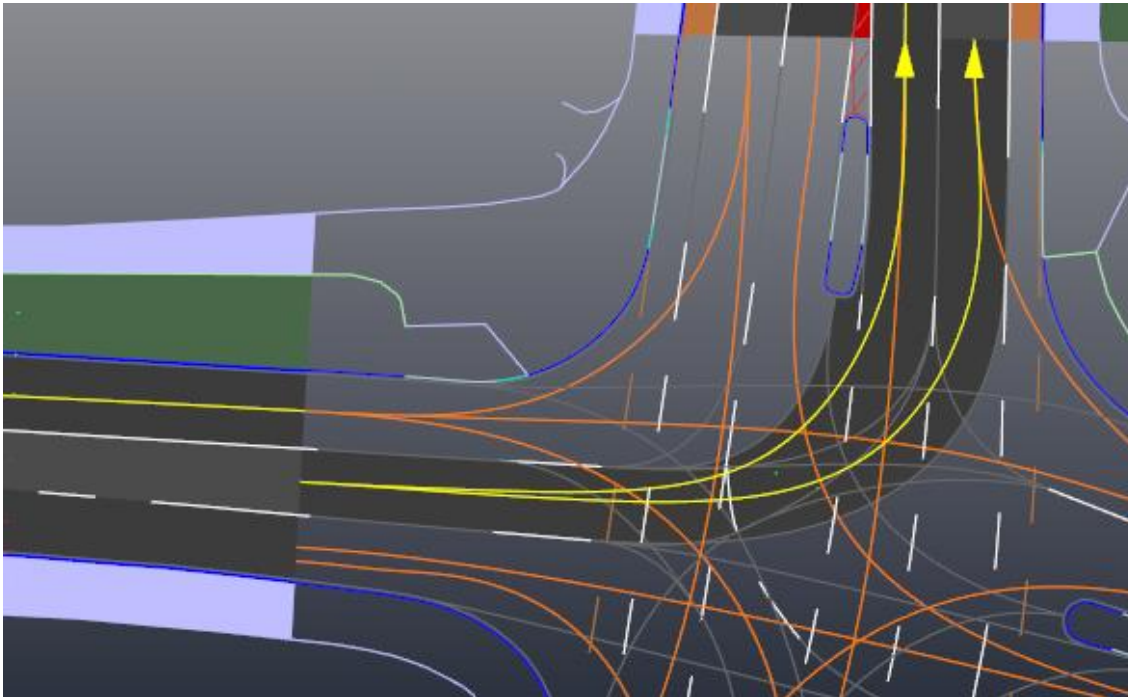


# Open Drive Data Production example

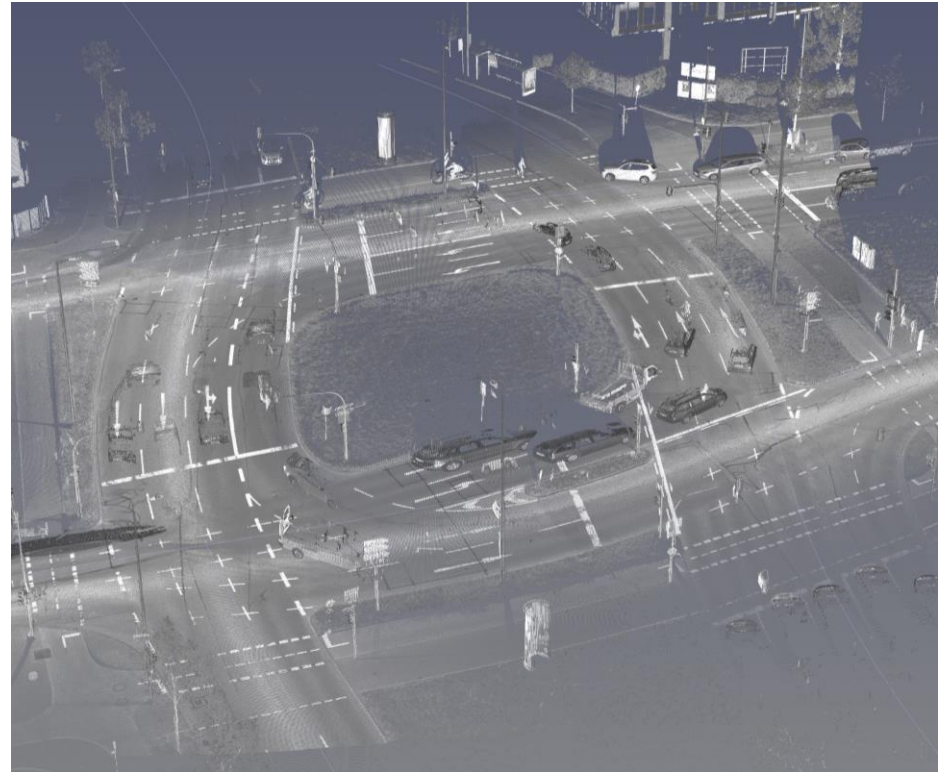
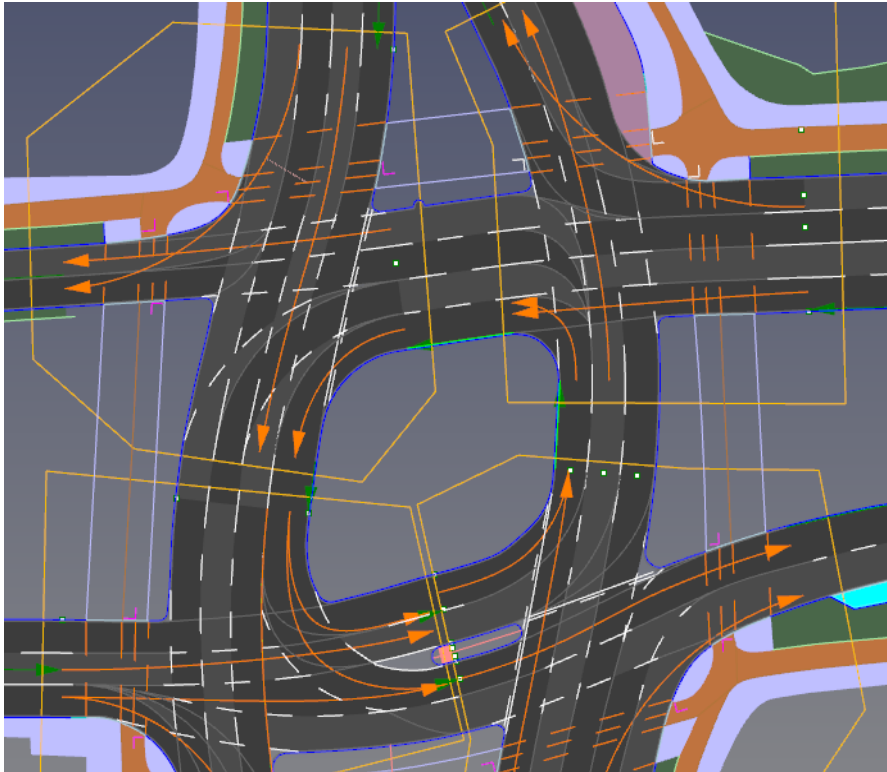




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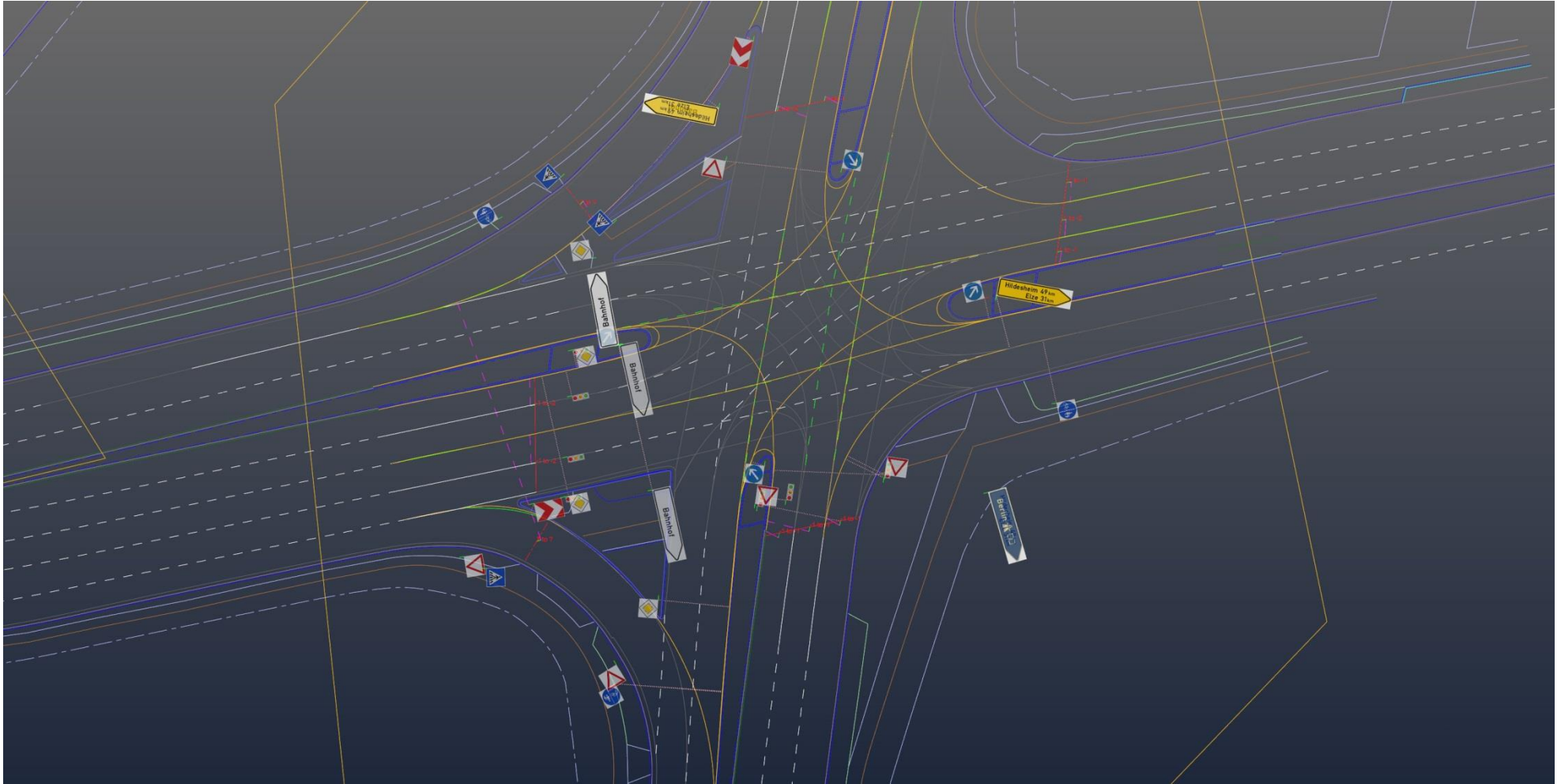


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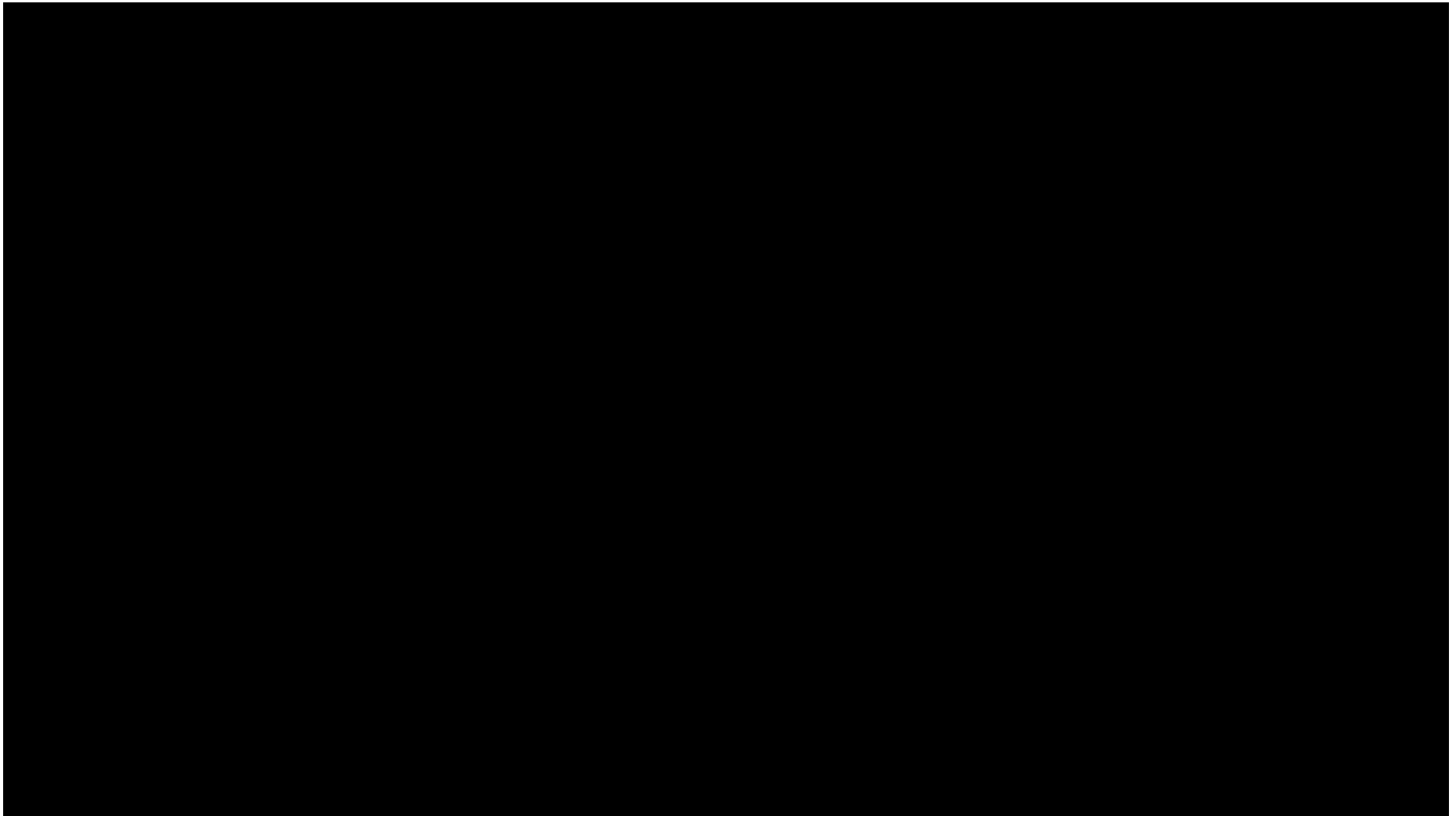


Inner city project Schwabing: 15 km, 54 junctions





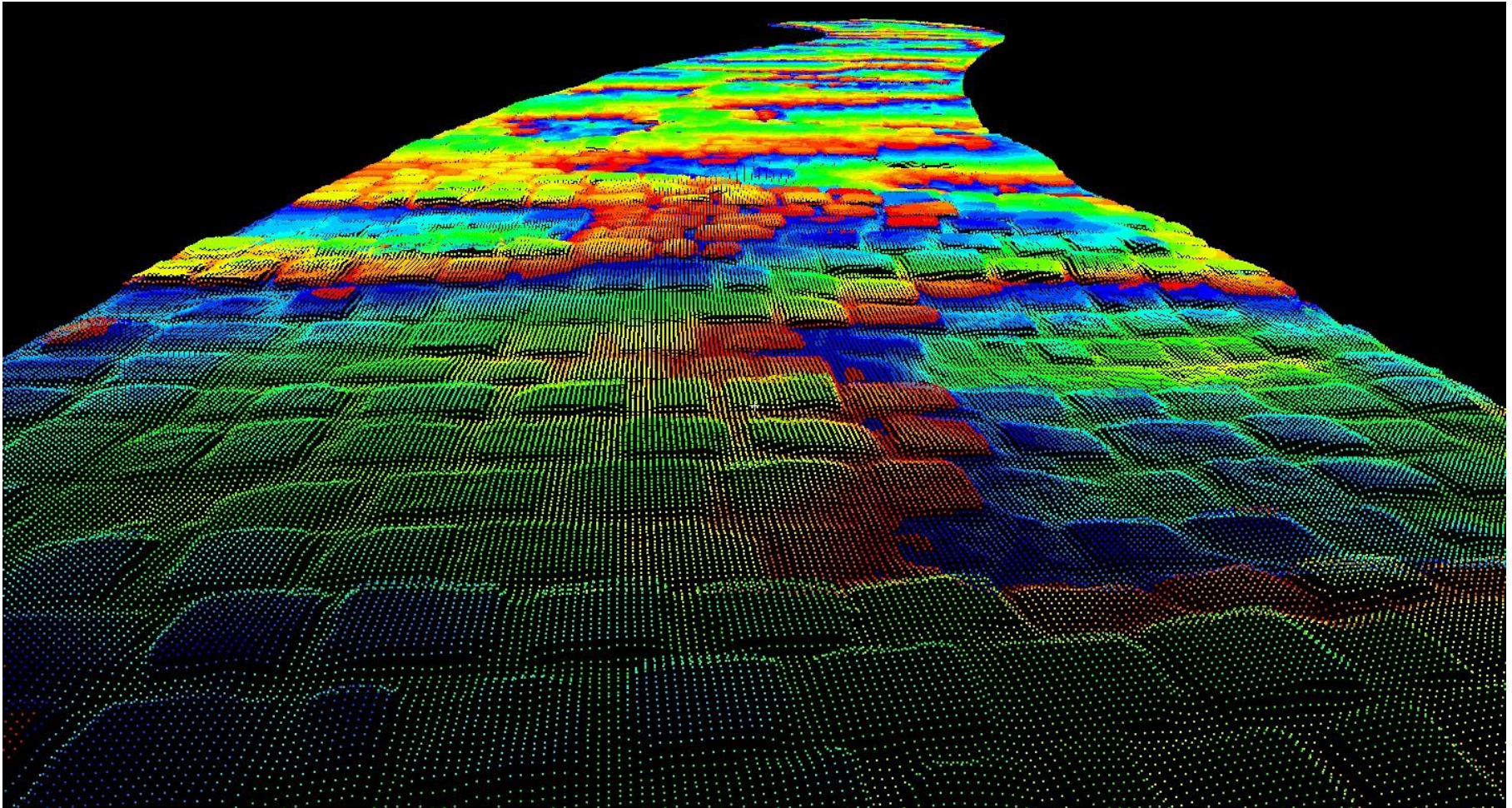
Intersection in OpenDrive including complete object information



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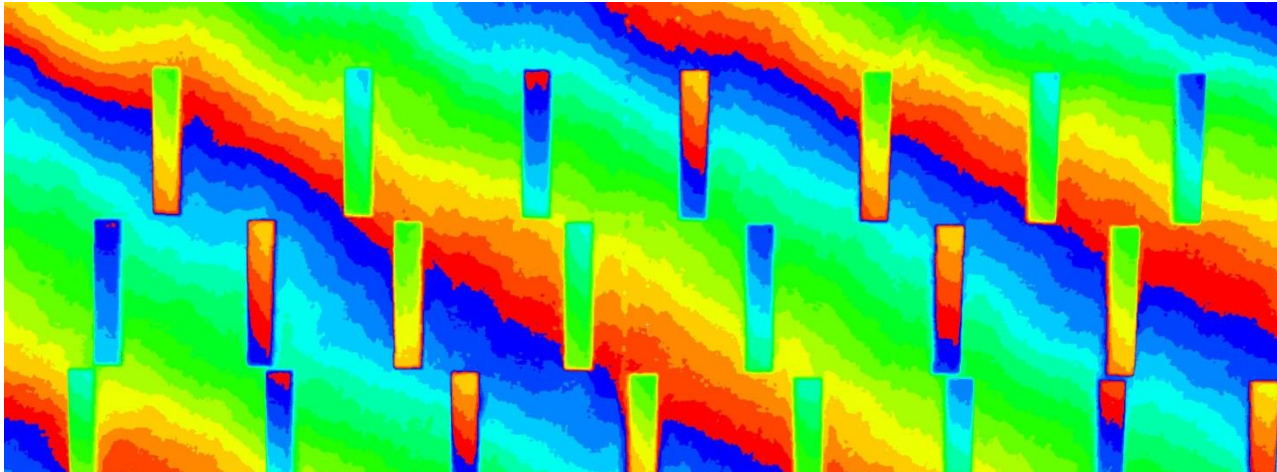
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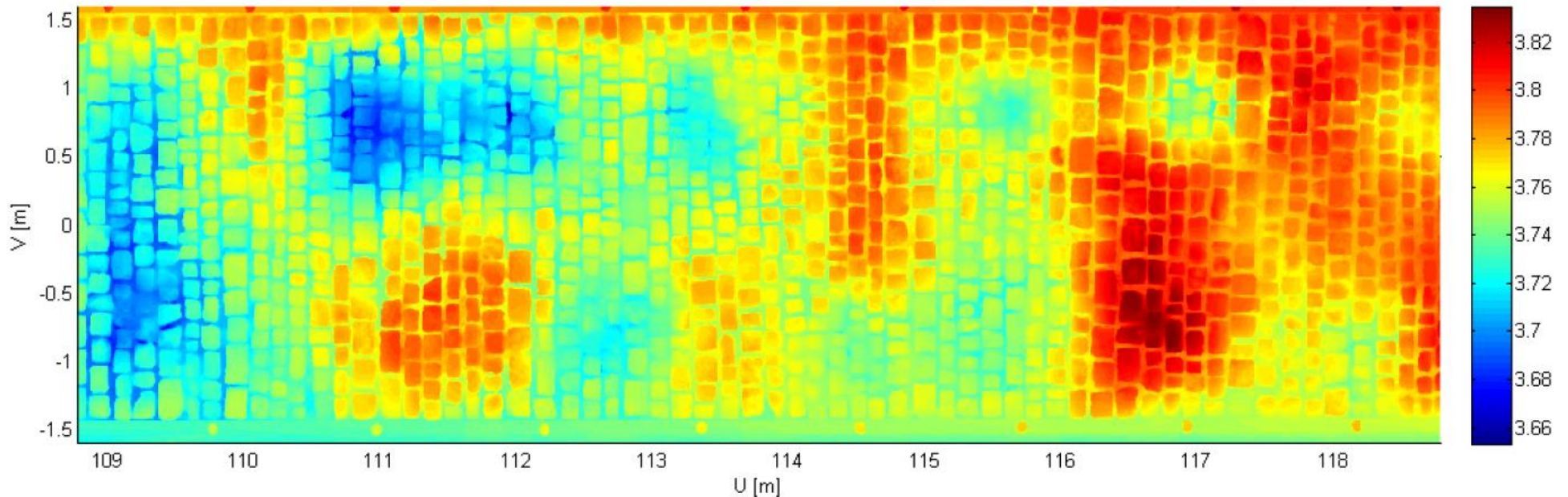
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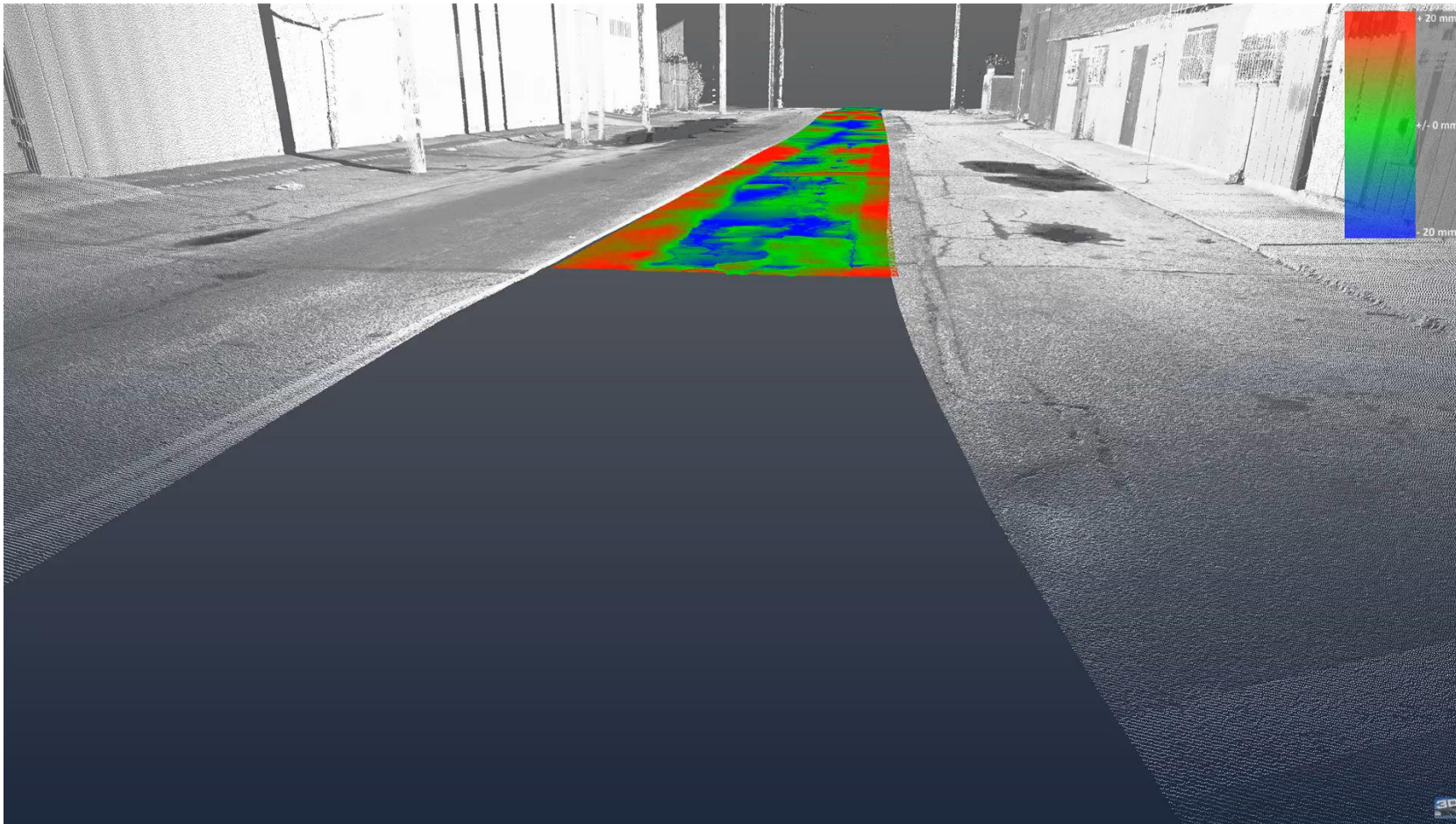


CRG road UVZ map (in uncurved UV grid)





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- 3D Mapping and virtualcitySYSTEMS propose a reference implementation and visualisation, so that every user and every developer can check and visualize an OpenDrive dataset.
- There have been approaches in this direction either by software manufacturers or OpenDrive users.
- What are the aims of a reference implementation and visualisation ?
  - Consistency - Are there problems with the interpretation of the OpenDrive dataset ?
  - Statistics - Which kind of data, features and attributes does the OpenDrive dataset contain ?
  - Visualisation - What you see is what you get ...
  - OpenCRG and scenario visualisation might be included

