

# Leveraging OpenDRIVE and OpenSCENARIO to connect inter-disciplinary teams for automated driving

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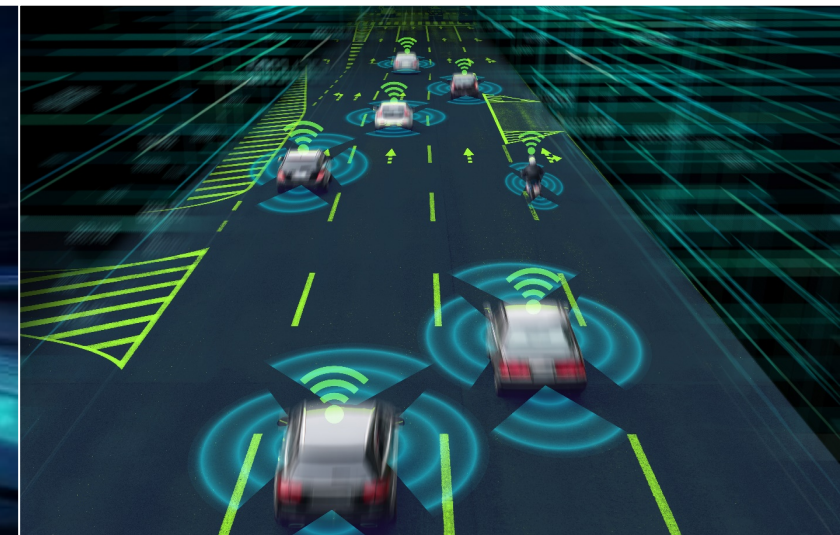
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# Outline

- Quick company introduction
- **Case Study:** Generating OpenSCENARIO from recorded sensor data
- **Engineering Insight:** Preserving Data Fidelity with OpenDRIVE

**Headquarters**  
Natick, MA USA

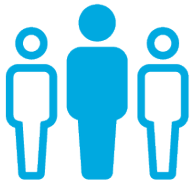
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United States

**Europe**

Finland  
France  
Germany  
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Italy  
Netherlands  
Spain  
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UK

**Asia-Pacific**

Australia  
China  
India  
Japan  
Korea



**5000+ staff**  
in 34 offices around  
the world



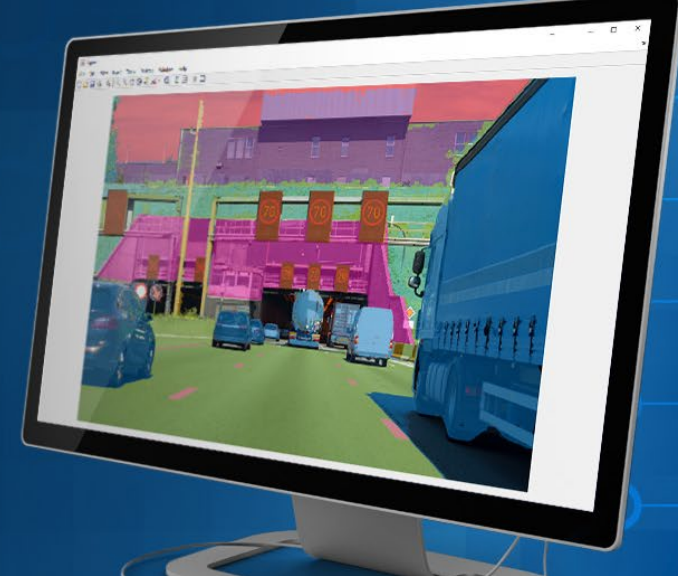
**\$1+ billion**  
in revenues



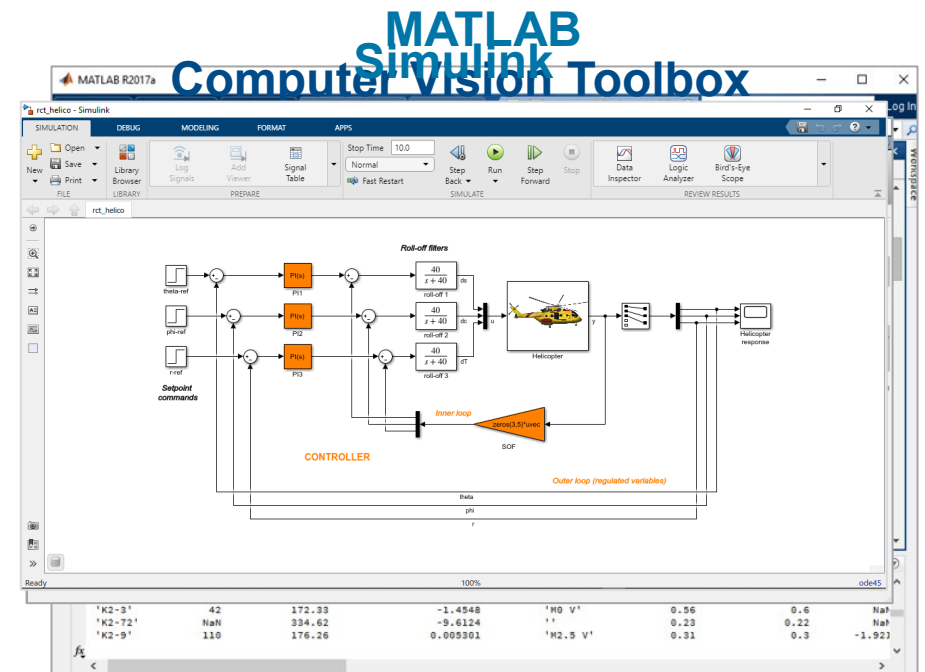
**Privately held**  
and profitable every year

# Our Products

# MATLAB® & SIMULINK®

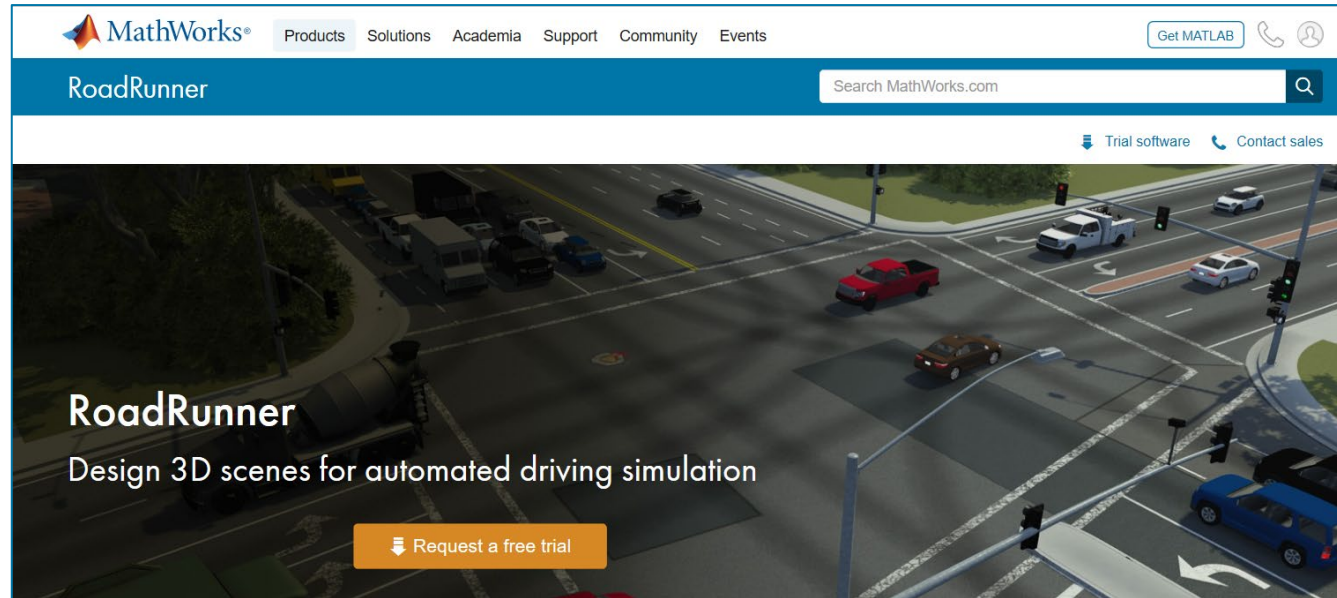


- MATLAB is a programming environment for algorithm development, data analysis, visualization, and numeric computation.
- Simulink is a graphical environment for designing, simulating, and testing systems.
- More than 100 add-on products for specialized tasks.





# Design 3D scenes for automated driving simulation



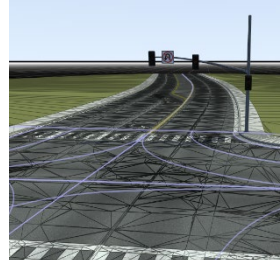
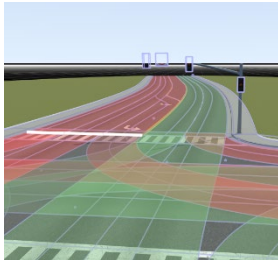
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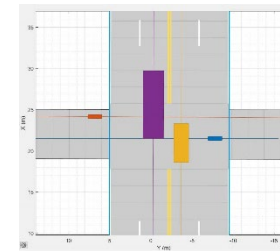
*New base product*

*Does not require MATLAB*

## External Simulators



## MATLAB & Simulink



# ASAM standards are supported across MathWorks products

- Automated Driving
  - OpenDRIVE
  - OpenSCENARIO
  - OpenCRG
- Vehicle Networking and Communication
  - XCP A2L
  - MDF
- Calibration and Measurement
  - MCD-2 MC
  - AE CDF
- Rapid Prototyping
  - XIL API

## Automated Driving Toolbox

Design, simulate, and test ADAS and autonomous driving systems

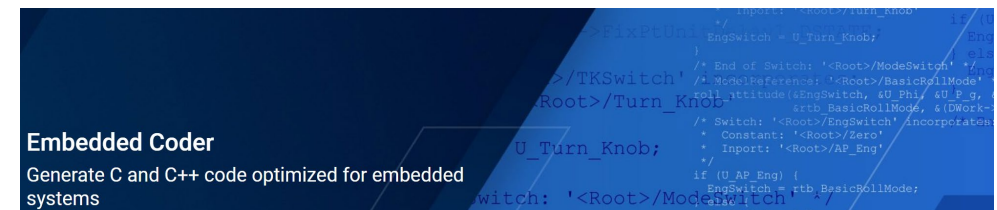


## RoadRunner

Design 3D scenes for automated driving simulation

## Vehicle Network Toolbox

Communicate with in-vehicle networks using CAN, J1939, and XCP protocols



## Embedded Coder

Generate C and C++ code optimized for embedded systems



## Simulink Real-Time

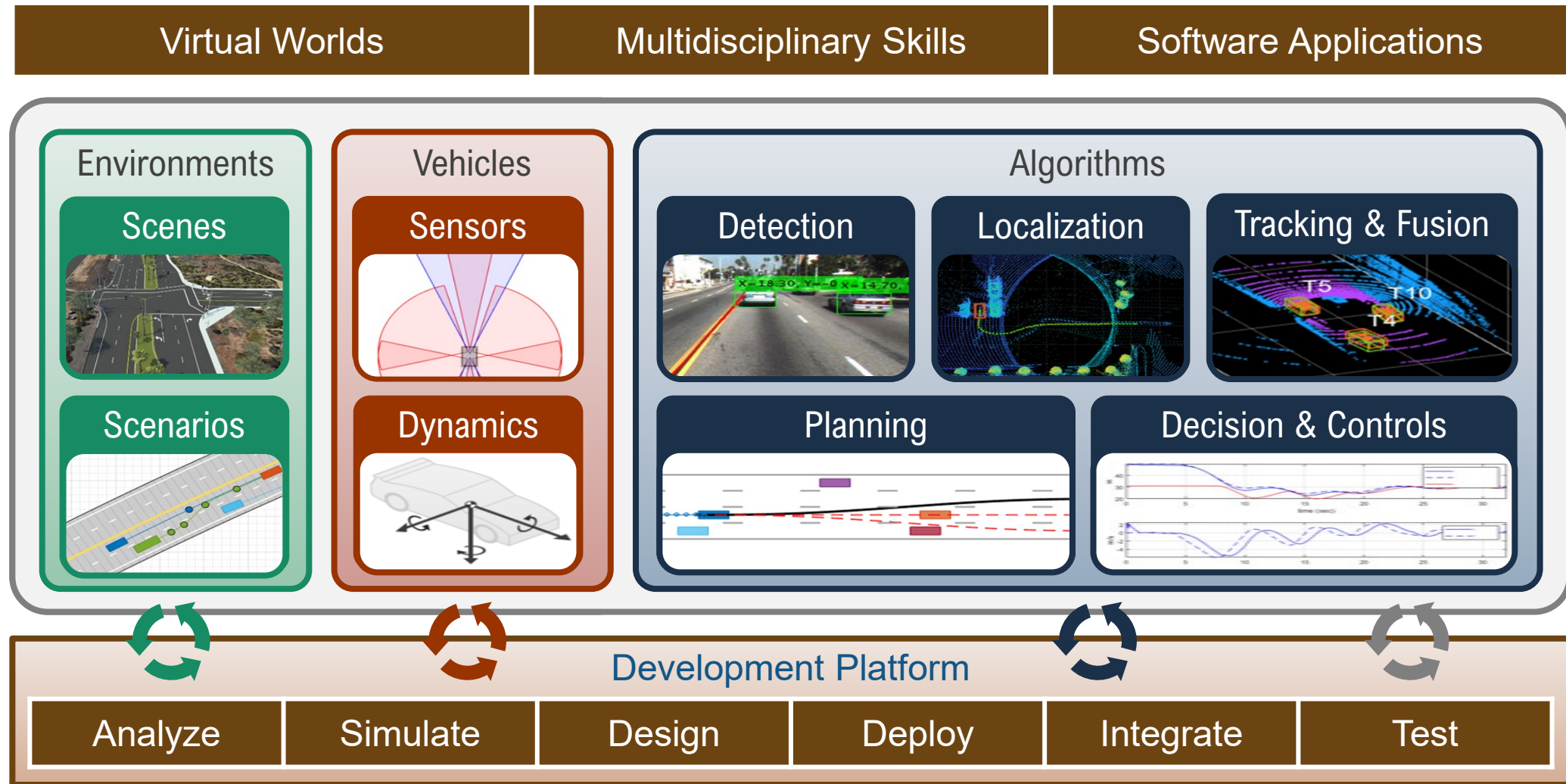
Build, run, and test real-time applications

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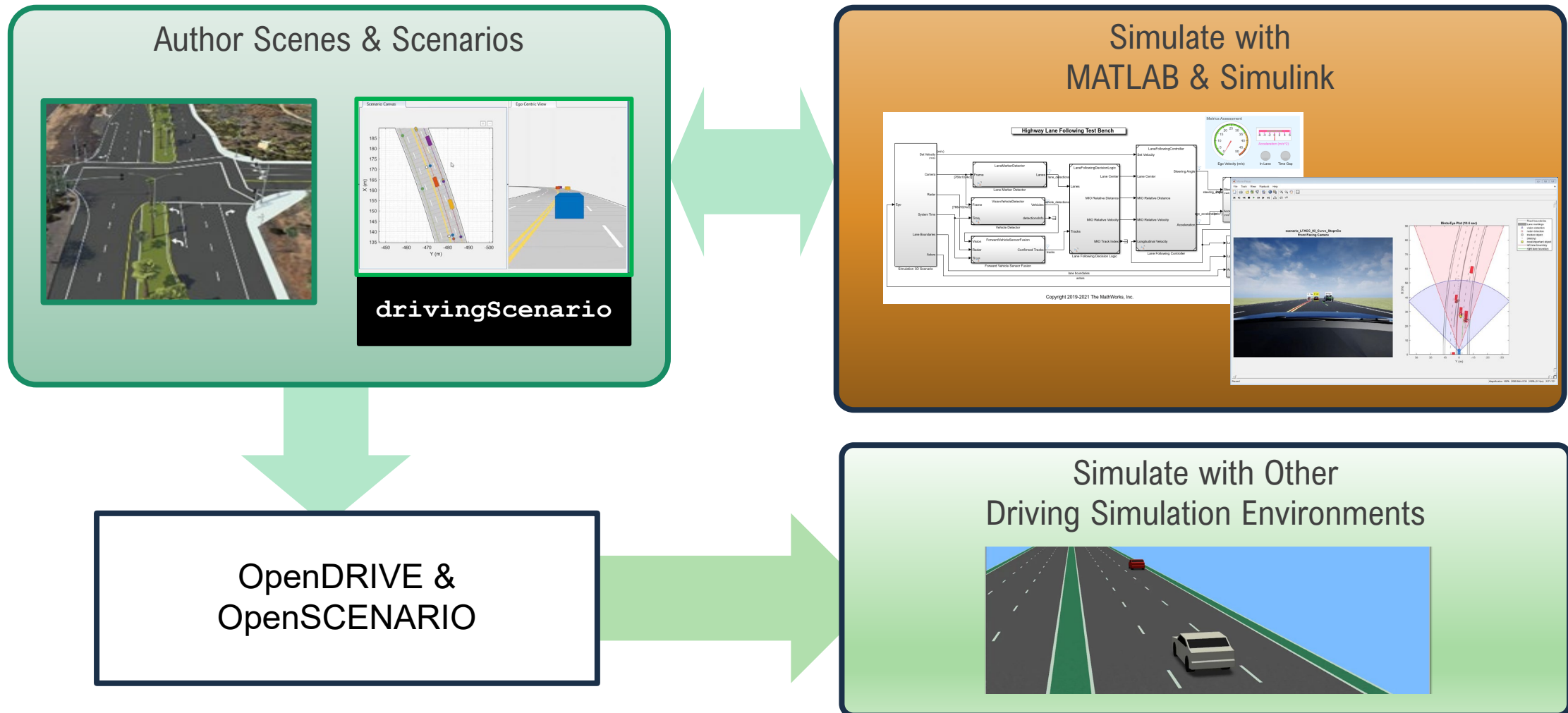
# Develop Automated Driving Systems

with MATLAB, Simulink, RoadRunner, and Polyspace

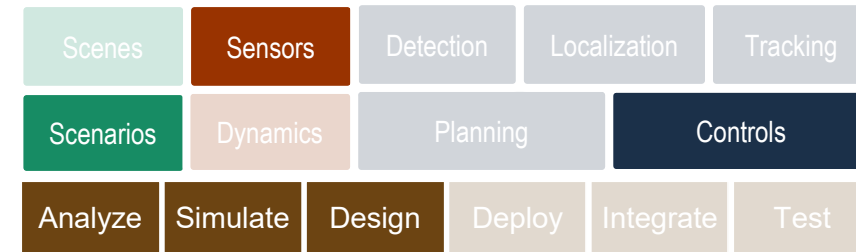




# ASAM standards enable reuse of scenes and scenario across multiple driving simulation environments



# GM synthesizes scenarios from recorded data to validate lane centering system



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## Creating Driving Scenarios from Recorded Vehicle Data for Validating Lane Centering System in Highway Traffic

Seo-Wook Park, Kunal Patil, Will Wilson, and Mark Corless The MathWorks, Inc.

Gabriel Choi and Paul Adam General Motors LLC

**Citation:** Park, S.-W., Patil, K., Wilson, W., Corless, M. et al., "Creating Driving Scenarios from Recorded Vehicle Data for Validating Lane Centering System in Highway Traffic," SAE Technical Paper 2020-01-0718, 2020, doi:10.4271/2020-01-0718.

The methodology to create a virtual driving scenario consists of the following steps:

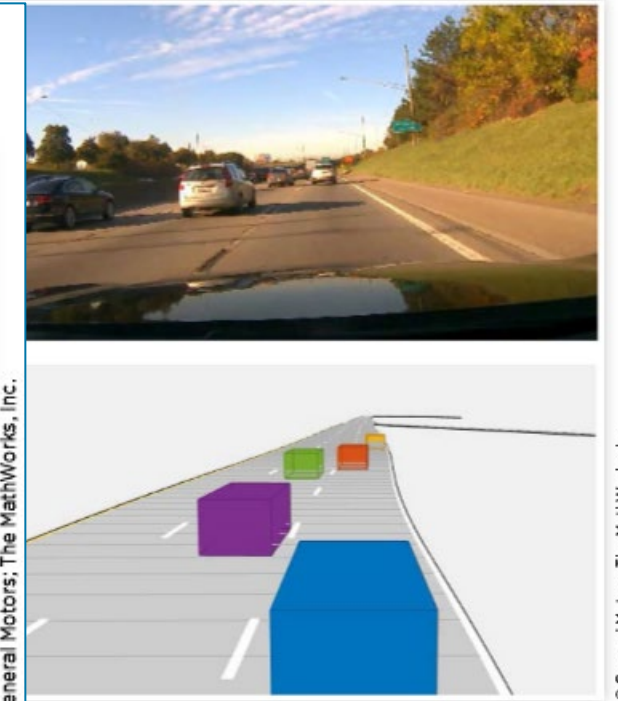
1. Record and select data
2. Reconstruct road network
3. Localize ego trajectory
4. Reconstruct target vehicles
5. Compare with recorded video

The virtual driving scenario can then be used to test an ADAS system using simulation. This paper demonstrates applying this methodology to test a lane centering application.

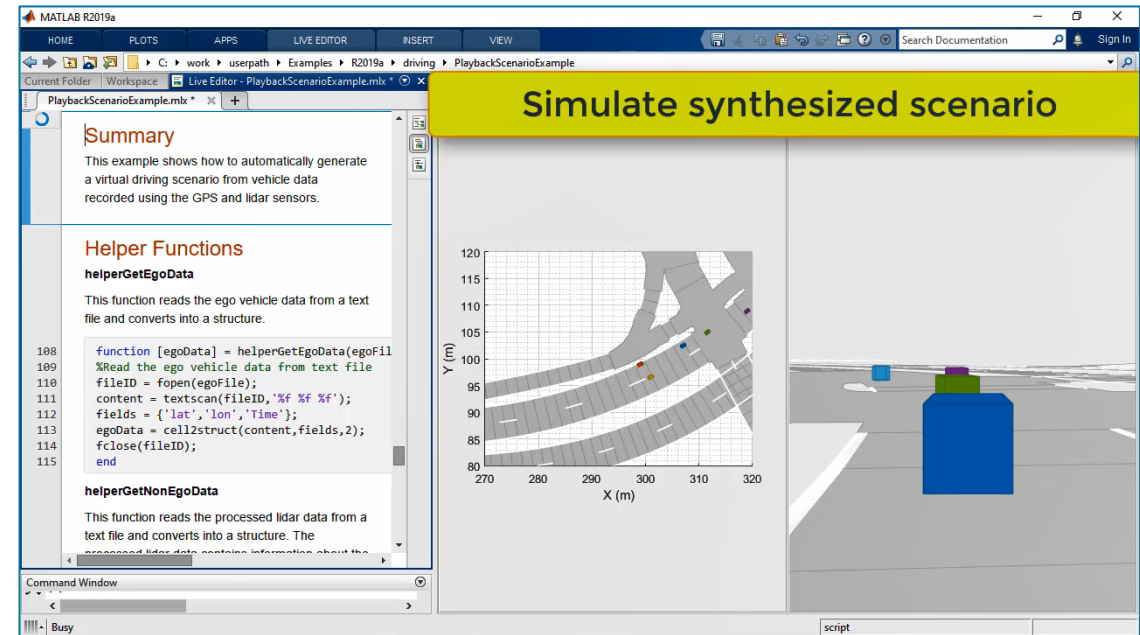
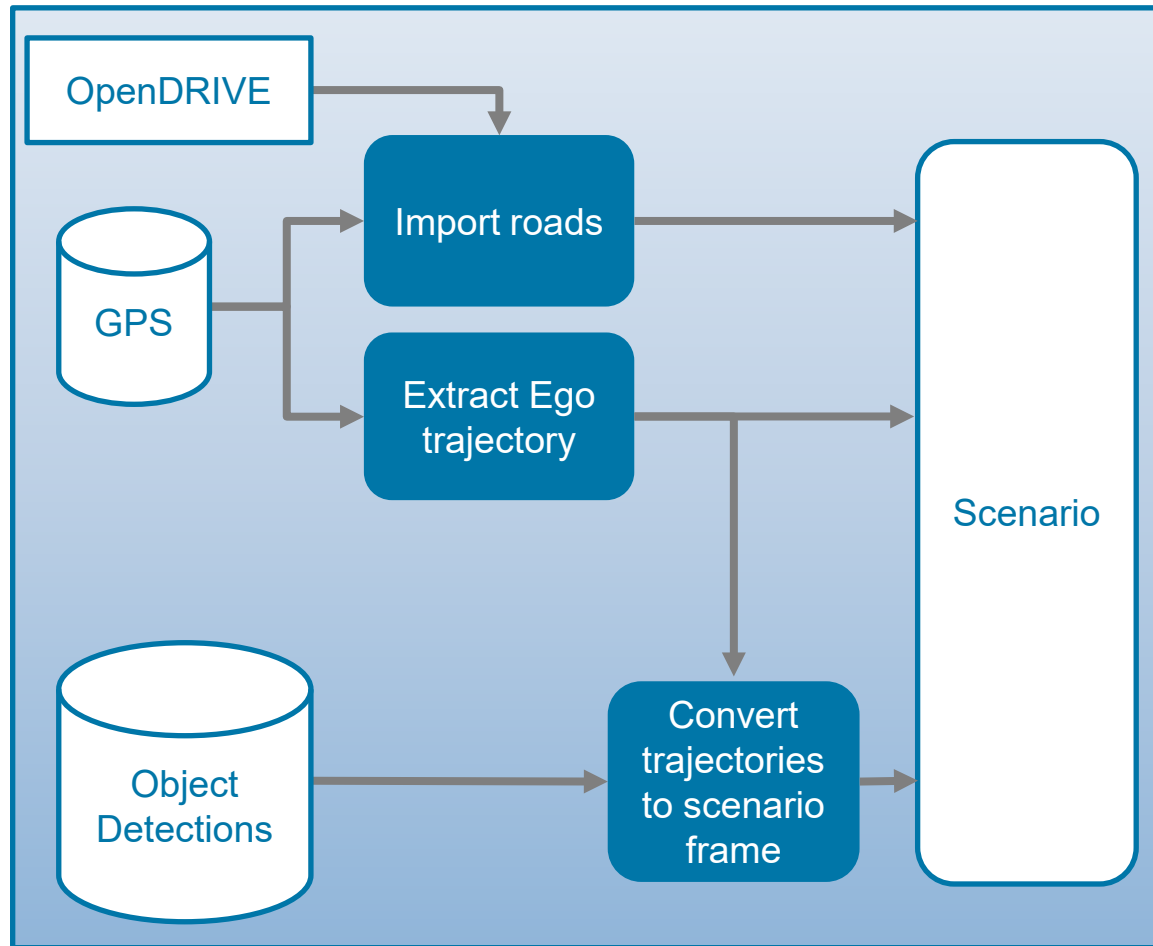
**FIGURE 14** Driving case (c): cut-in vehicle with too close distance



**FIGURE 9** Recorded video (top) vs. reconstructed driving scenario (bottom)



# Generate scenario from recorded GPS and object detections



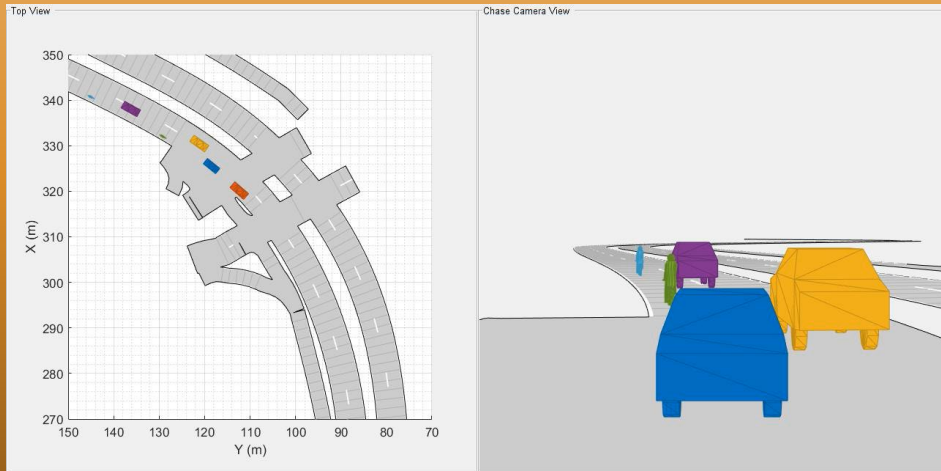
- Ego trajectories are extracted from GPS
- Non-Ego trajectories are extracted from object detection list
- Camera is used for visual verification

Scenario Generation from Recorded Vehicle Data

*Automated Driving Toolbox™*

# Generate scenarios in MATLAB and play in ESMINI

## Export to OpenSCENARIO from MATLAB



## Import OpenSCENARIO to ESMINI

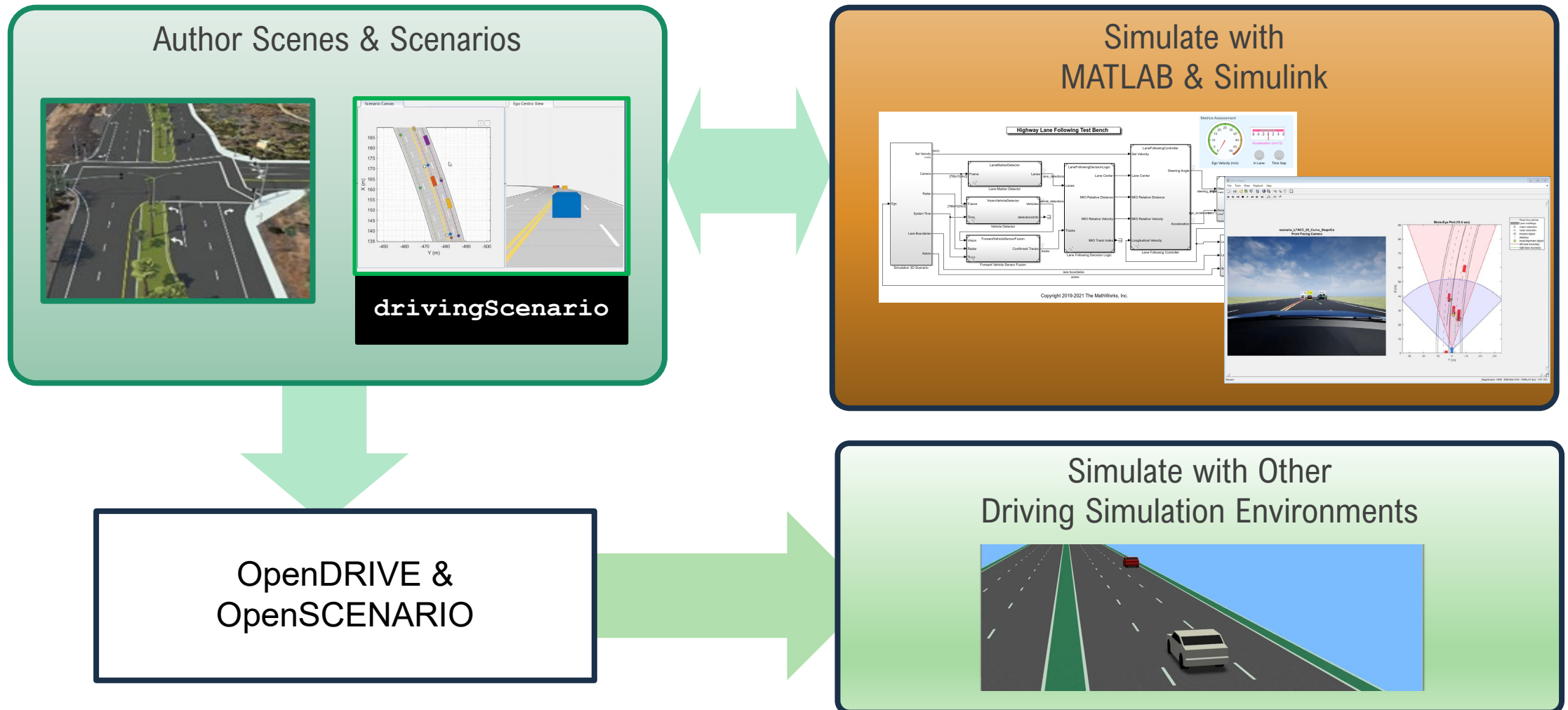


```
%% Export driving scenario to OpenSCENARIO
oscFilename = "playbackScenario_OSC.xml"
export(scenario "OpenSCENARIO",oscFilename);
```

```
esmini
--camera_mode driver
--road_features off
--osc "playbackScenario_OSC.xml"
```



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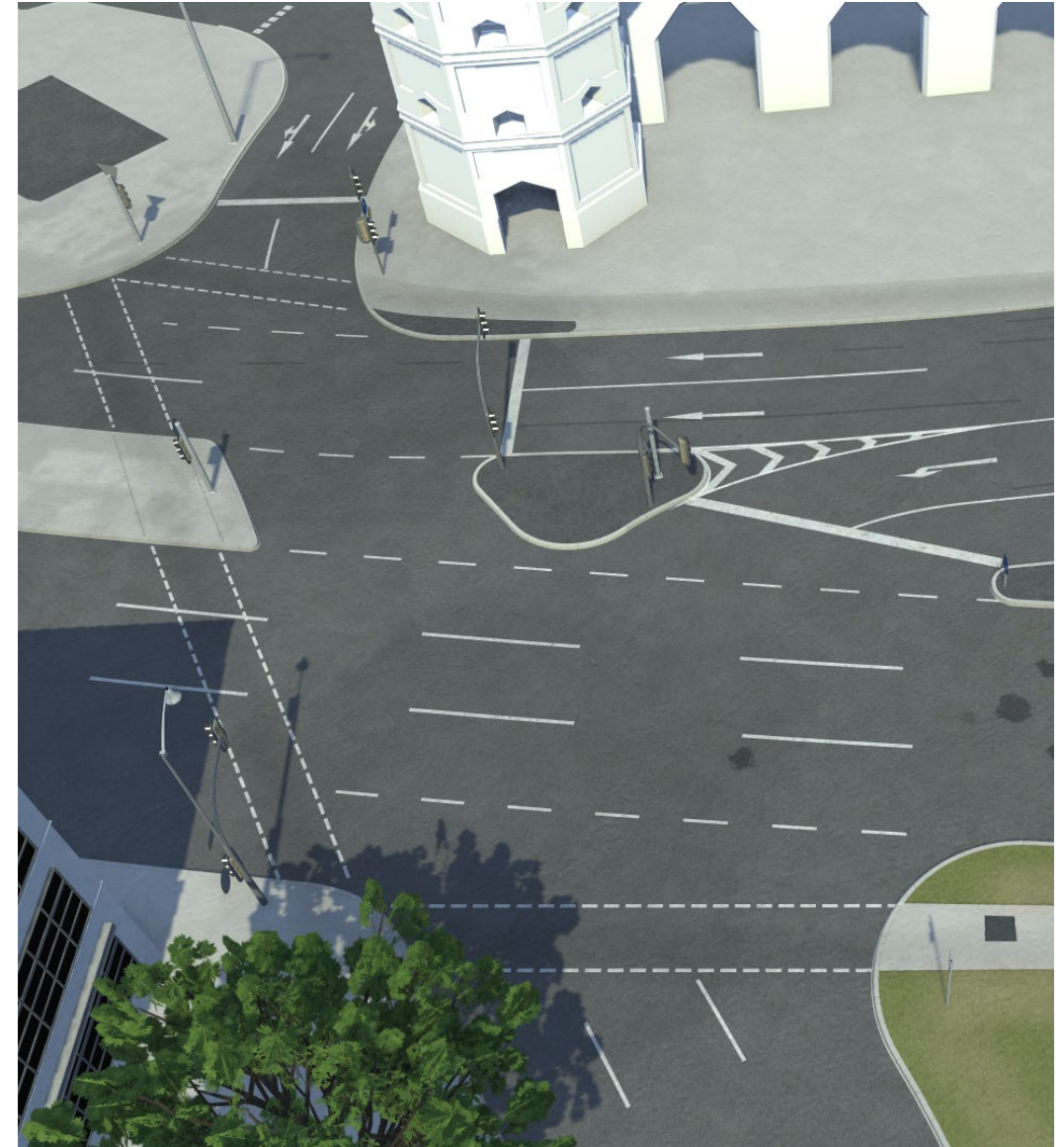
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# Preserving Data Fidelity with OpenDRIVE

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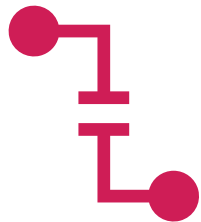
# Introduction

- John Pallag
- RoadRunner/VectorZero
- MathWorks RoadRunner team
- OpenDRIVE
- Road Editing
- HD Maps





# Data Fidelity



Determining "how close" the resulting data lies to the source data



After performing operations on the source, how similar is the resulting file (ex. Load -> save)



Does the data still contain usable information?

Why is data fidelity important?  
(besides the obvious)

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Real-world  
accuracy

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Internal  
formats

## Real-world accuracy

- Current OpenDRIVE:
  - ⑩ OpenDRIVE 1.5+ <dataQuality>
  - ⑩ GIS data with the same projection
- Future:
  - ⑩ Working with data from different projections
  - ⑩ Working in software with different projections

# The internal format

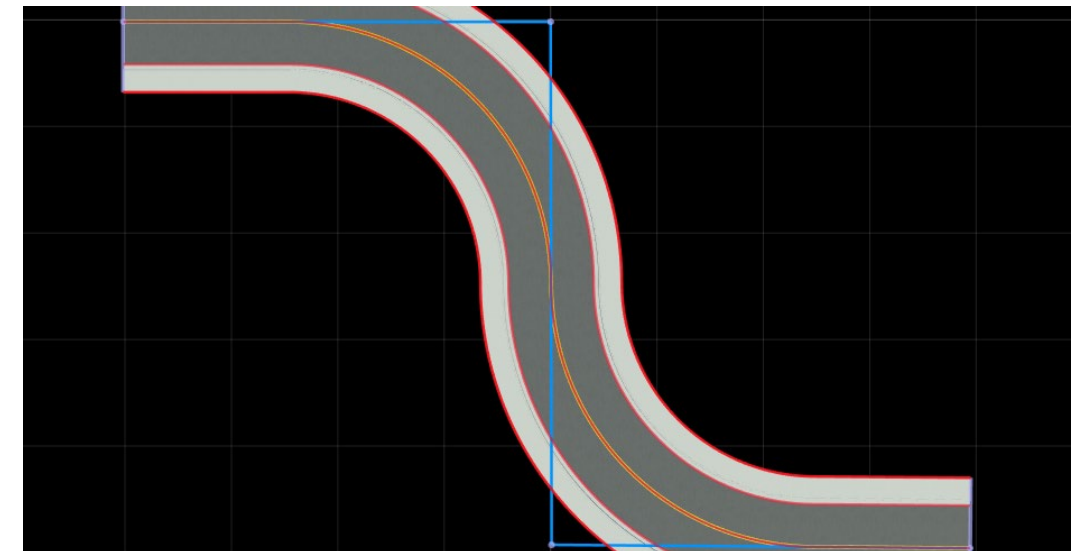
## Editing OpenDRIVE is tricky

- Adjusting the start of a slip road or on/off ramp
- Adjusting the start of a lane

## Simulating on OpenDRIVE is tricky

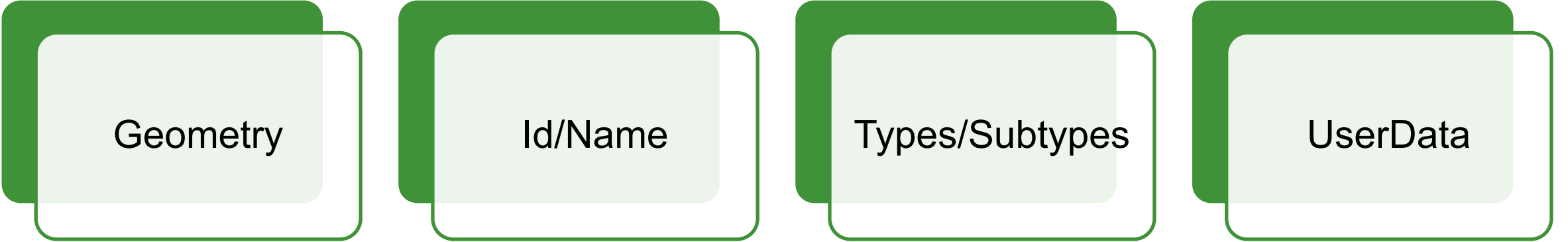
- Complex curve and offset curve computations
- Complex elevation model

- 1. Import OpenDRIVE
- 2. Make changes to internal scene/scenario
- 3. Export OpenDRIVE (same?)





## Areas of fidelity



Geometry

Id/Name

Types/Subtypes

UserData

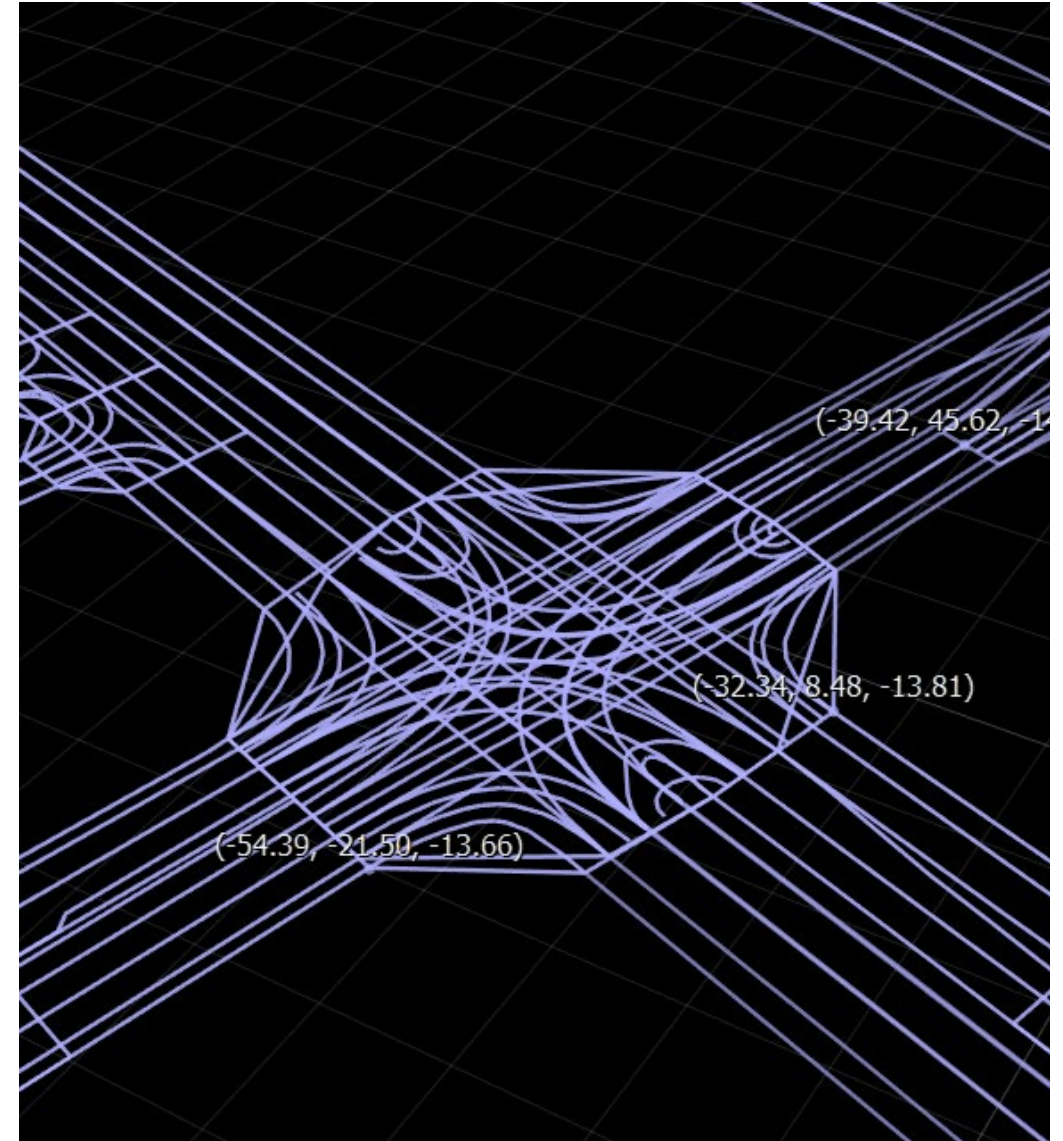
# Geometric fidelity

## Same projection:

- "Are the numbers the same?"
- Testing points along lanes/reference road
- Area Model: Points match

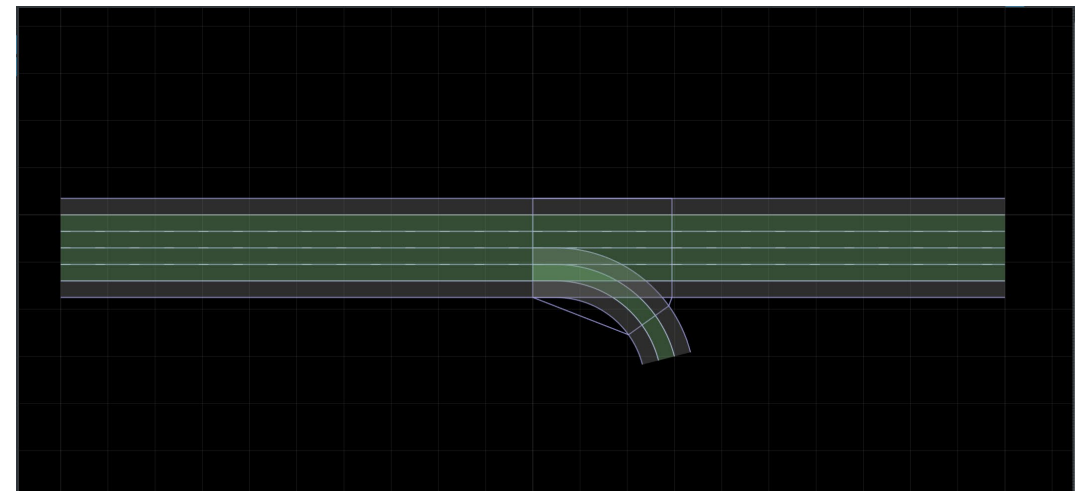
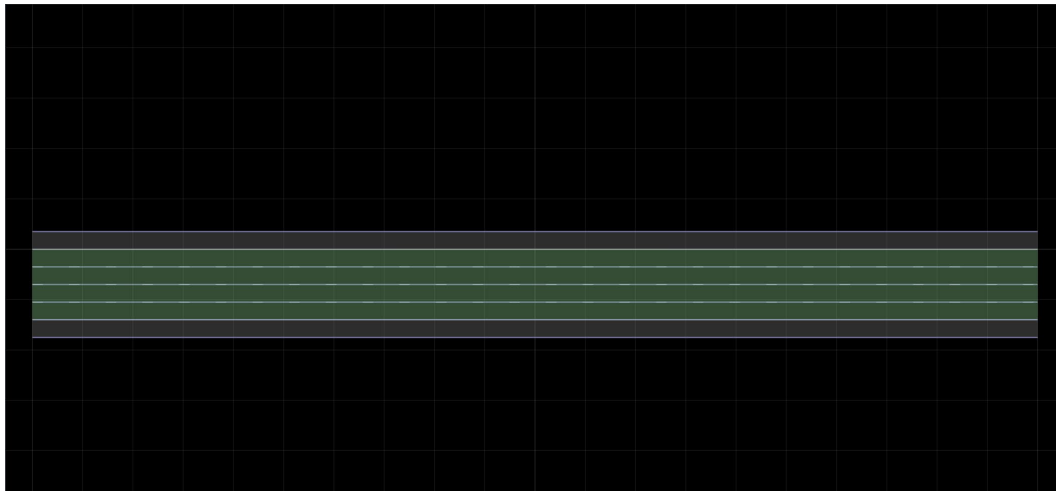
## Different projection?:

- Testing points have the same lat/long
- Testing geometry still has no "leaps" or "kinks"
- Area Model: Exported points have the same lat/long


























## Id/Name fidelity

- "Are my ids still correct?"
- Ensure software "down the pipeline" can use the data
- Common Example:  
Add an off ramp to a stretch of highway represented as one <road> in OpenDRIVE



## Type fidelity

- Already progress in upcoming OpenDRIVE versions
- A common understanding of signal/sign/object types
- Maintaining signals/signs/objects that may be unused

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V102		Kreuzung oder Einmündung mit Vorfahrt von rechts	V108-63		Gefälle 17%
V103-10		Kurve links	V108-64		Gefälle 18%
V103-20		Kurve rechts	V108-65		Gefälle 19%
V105-10		Doppelkurve (zunächst links)	V108-66		Gefälle 20%
V105-20		Doppelkurve (zunächst rechts)	V108-67		Gefälle 21%
V108-50		Gefälle 4%	V108-68		Gefälle 22%
V108-51		Gefälle 5%	V108-69		Gefälle 23%
V108-52		Gefälle 6%	V108-70		Gefälle 24%
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V108-54		Gefälle 8%	V110-50		Steigung 4%
			V110-51		Steigung 5%



## User Data fidelity

- OpenDRIVE <userData>
- Can be important for pipelines
- Can carry information from source data
- Common data currently stored in <userData>

# Conclusion

- Software in a pipeline has different needs of the data
- How can the format help ensure the important data remains through the pipeline?
- How can the format encourage usage standardization?
- How can OpenDRIVE grow to better represent real-world data and "just work" with other GIS data?