

# AI FOR SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES

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# NVIDIA FACTS

- Founded in 1993
- HQ in Santa Clara (CA - USA)
- > Jensen Huang, Founder & CEO
- > 12,000 employees WW
- \$9.7B revenue in FY18 (+41%)
- >1B GPUs shipped to date
- 6,000 patents WW

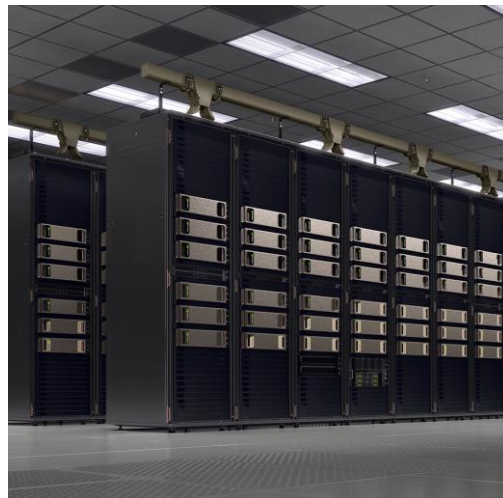
# NVIDIA - GPU COMPUTING



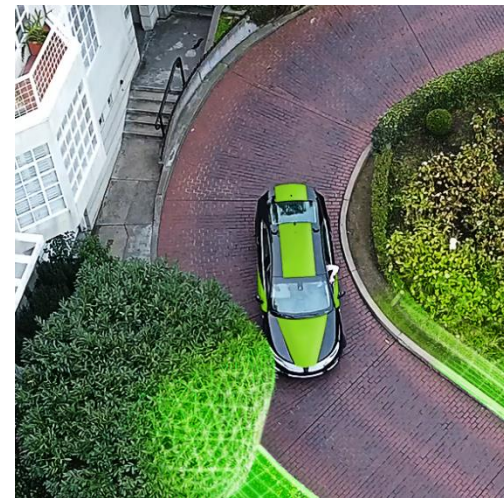
**Gaming**



**VR**

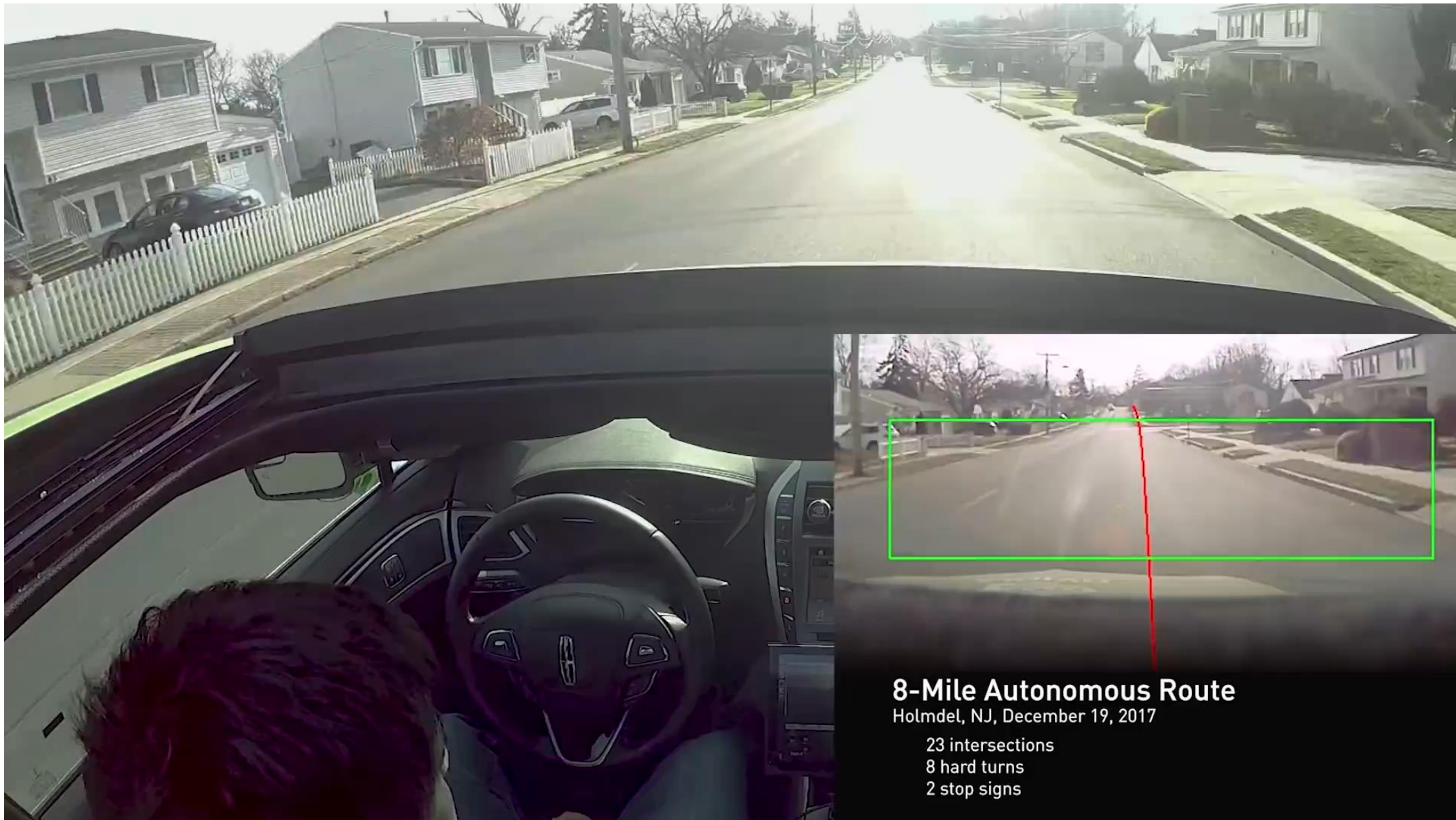


**AI & HPC**



**Self-Driving Cars  
& Autonomous Machines**

**ONE ARCHITECTURE — CUDA**



## 8-Mile Autonomous Route

Holmdel, NJ, December 19, 2017

- 23 intersections
- 8 hard turns
- 2 stop signs

# AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE

To increase productivity,

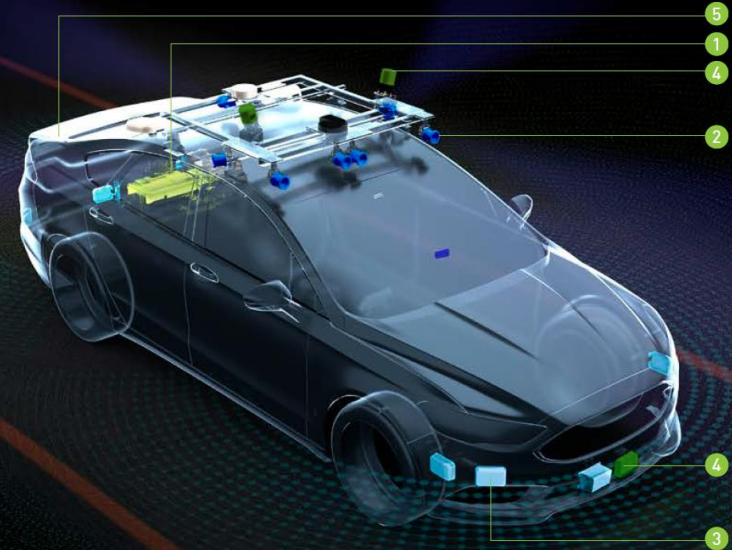
To reduce the accidents caused by human

To reduce the number of hours commuters waste in traffic

To reduce the amount of air pollution thanks to more efficient traffic patterns

To provide mobility to those who are unable to drive.

## HOW DOES AN AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE WORK?

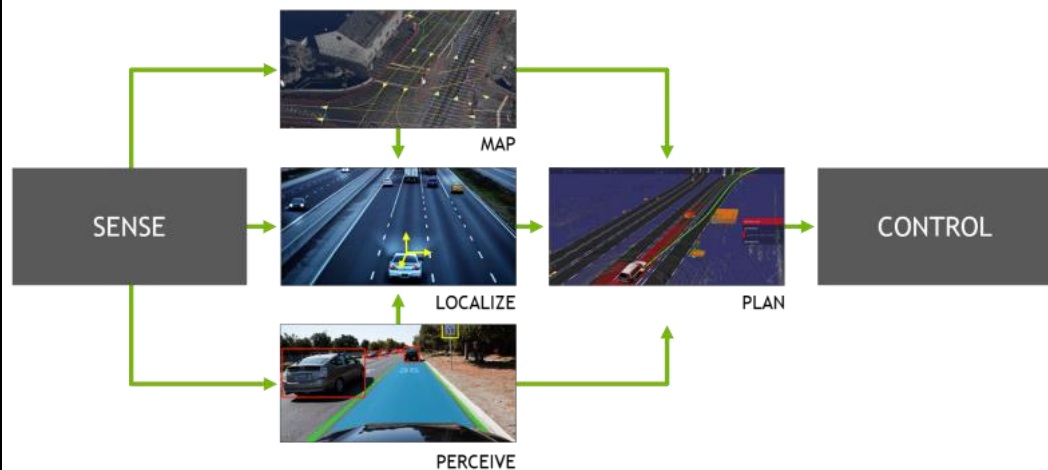


- 1 DRIVE AGX Platform**  
Sensor processing, AI computations, path planning, vehicle control
- 2 Camera**  
Detection and classification of static (signs, lanes, boundaries, etc.) and dynamic objects (pedestrians, cyclists, collision-free space, hazards, etc.)
- 3 Radar**  
Detection of motion in a wide range of light and weather conditions
- 4 Lidar**  
High-precision detection in all light conditions
- 5 GNSS & IMU**  
Rough positioning and motion compensation for some sensors

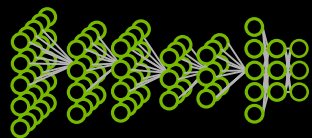
A fully autonomous vehicle (AV) can drive on its own through a combination of functionalities: perception, sensor fusion, localization to a high-definition map, path planning, and actuation. Cameras, radar, and lidar sensors let the vehicle see the 360-degree world around it, detecting traffic signals, pedestrians, vehicles, infrastructure, and other vital information. An on-board AI supercomputer interprets that data in real-time and combines it with cloud-based, high-definition mapping systems to safely navigate an optimal route. This self-driving system allows the vehicle to detect and anticipate how objects and people along its path are moving, and then automatically control the vehicle's steering, acceleration, and braking systems. The AI systems are capable of superhuman levels of perception and performance. They track all activity around the vehicle, and never get tired, distracted, or impaired. The result is increased safety on our roads.

# SELF-DRIVING AND AI SUPERCOMPUTING

## THE BASIC SELF-DRIVING LOOP



## SELF-DRIVING IS HARD



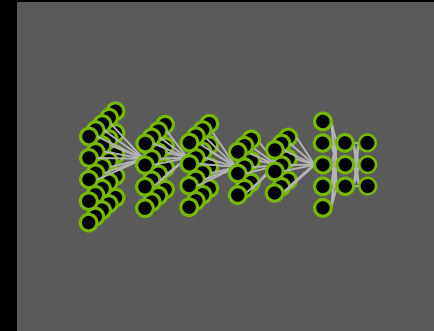
## DEEP LEARNING TO THE RESCUE

# DEEP LEARNING – A NEW COMPUTING MODEL

“Big Bang in AI”

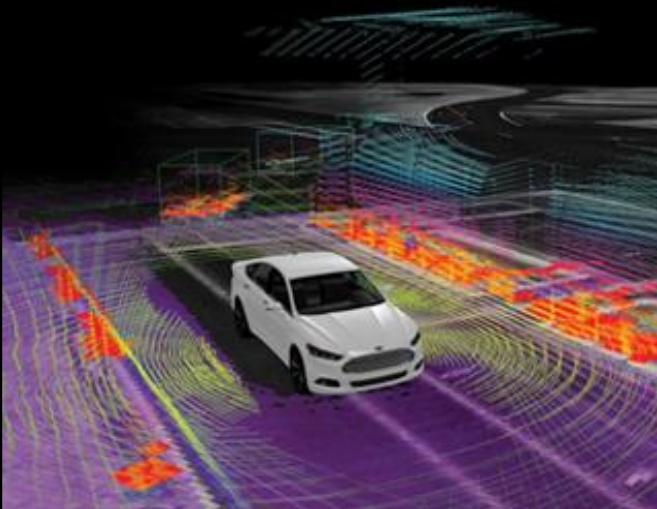


BIG DATA



“A car stops at the  
STOP sign”

# THE CHALLENGE AUTOMAKERS FACE




## PROCESSING REQS

The ODDs scale from Lane Keeping to robo-taxis  
Up to 100s of TOPs, 10s of TFLOPs,  
1000s of KDMIPs



## POWER, COST

Up to ...  
1000s of Watts,  
10000s of \$  
Cost of Software



### Driving to Safety

How Many Miles of Driving Would It Take to Demonstrate Autonomous Vehicle Reliability?

#### Key findings

- Autonomous vehicles would have to be driven hundreds of millions of miles and sometimes hundreds of billions of miles to demonstrate their reliability in terms of fatalities and injuries.
- Under even aggressive testing assumptions, existing fleets would take tens and sometimes hundreds of years to drive these miles—an impossible proposition if the aim is to demonstrate their performance prior to releasing them on the roads for consumer use.
- Therefore, at least for fatalities and injuries, test-driving alone cannot provide sufficient evidence for demonstrating autonomous vehicle safety.

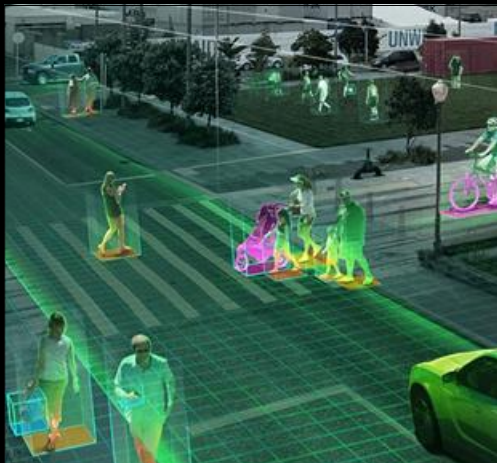
## TESTING, VALIDATION

Up to ...  
100s of billions of driving miles,  
100s of years



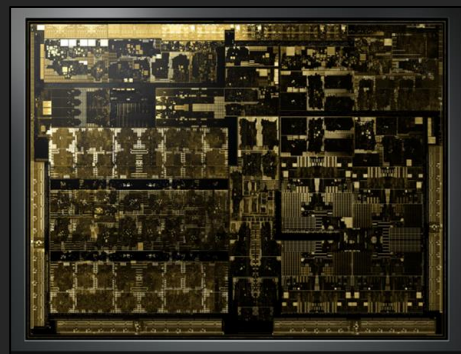
# NVIDIA KEY STRATEGY

## Game Changers



### AI

The Computing Model  
for AV



### One-Architecture

Xavier - Pegasus  
From L2 to L5



### DRIVE END-TO-END SYSTEM

Collect Data  
Train Models  
Simulate  
Drive



### OPEN PLATFORM

370+ Partner  
Ecosystem

# NVIDIA DRIVE

Spans the entire range of autonomous driving

**L1** NO AUTOMATION



**Zero autonomy**

Driver performs all driving tasks

**L2** DRIVER ASSISTANCE



**Vehicle has some function-specific assist automation**

Driver performs all driving tasks

**L3** CONDITIONAL AUTOMATION



**Vehicle can monitor and respond to its environment**

Driver must be ready to take control when alerted

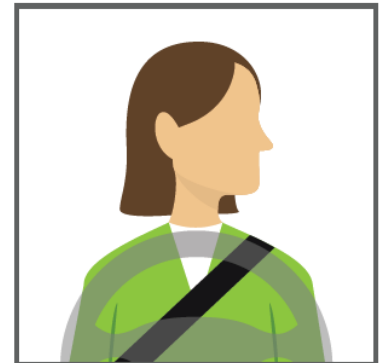
**L4** HIGH AUTOMATION



**Vehicle can perform all driving functions under certain conditions**

Driver has the option to control the vehicle

**L5** FULL AUTOMATION



**Vehicle can perform all driving functions under all conditions**

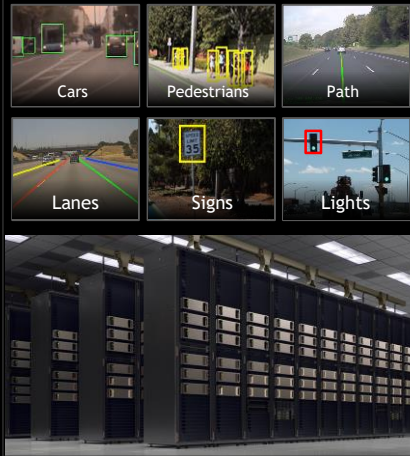
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# END-TO-END SYSTEM FOR AV

## COLLECT DATA



## TRAIN MODELS



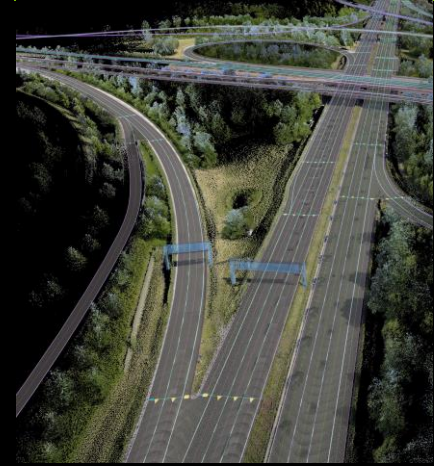
## SIMULATE



## RE-SIMULATE



## MAPPING



# DATA GENERATION FROM ONE SURVEY CAR

## DATA COLLECTED

2 petabytes per car / year

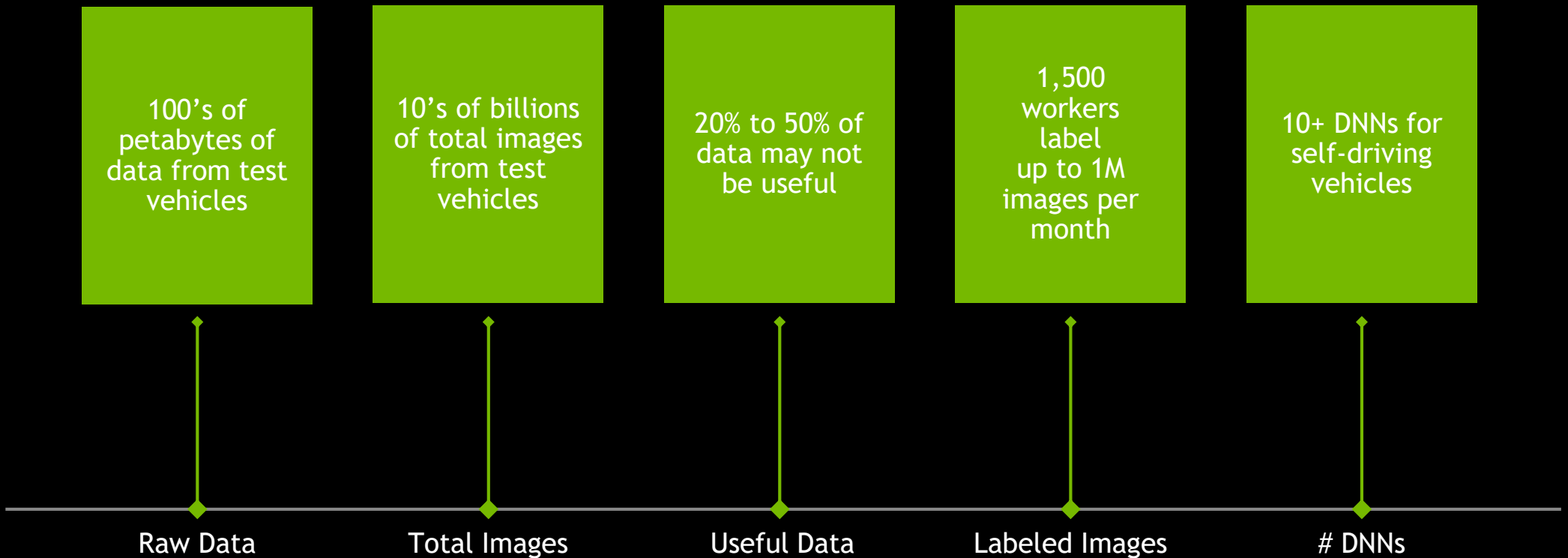
## TOTAL IMAGES

1 billion images / year

## LABELED IMAGES

3 million images / year

# DATA COLLECTION AND LABELING FOR AI

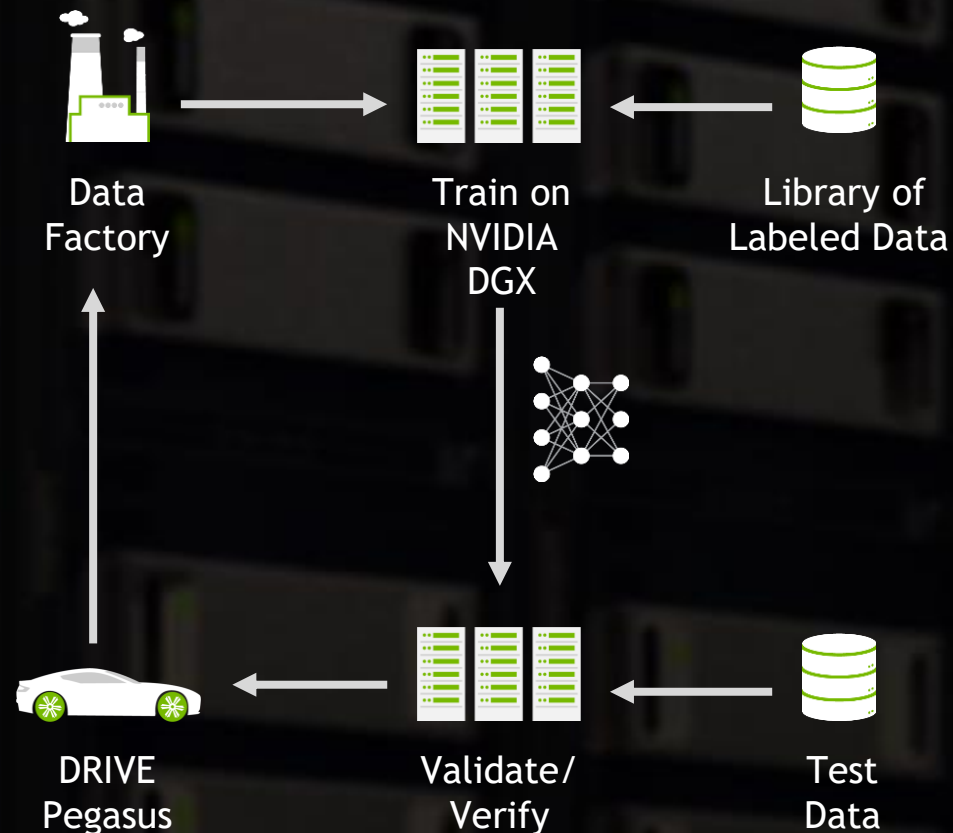


# NVIDIA PERCEPTION INFRASTRUCTURE

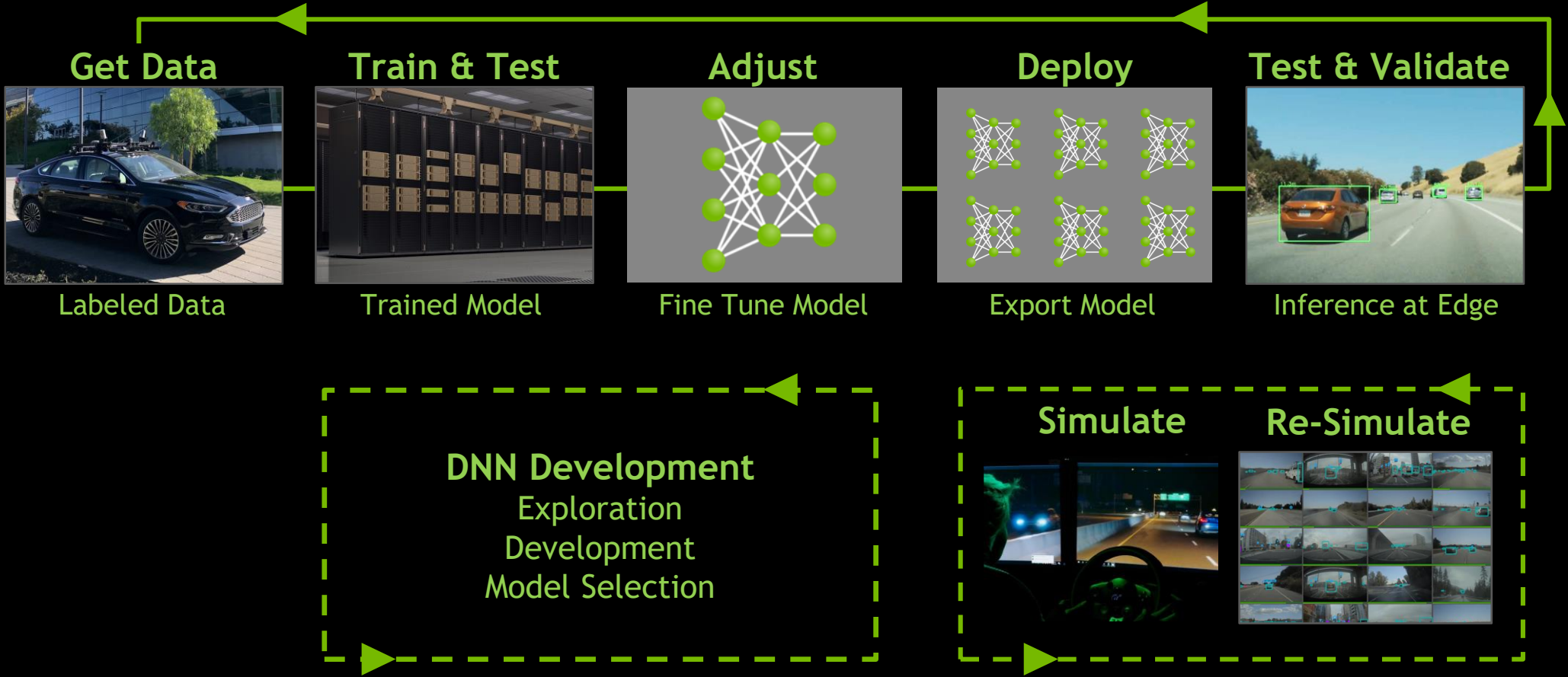
## LARGE-SCALE DEEP LEARNING MODEL DEVELOPMENT

Workflow, Tools, Supercomputing Infrastructure  
Data Ingest, Labeling, Training, Validation, Adaptation  
Automation, Best Model Discovery, Traceability,  
Reproducibility  
Purpose-built for Safety Standards of Automotive

“Data is the new source code”



# AI FOR SELF-DRIVING WORKFLOW



# AI FOR SELF-DRIVING



Perception



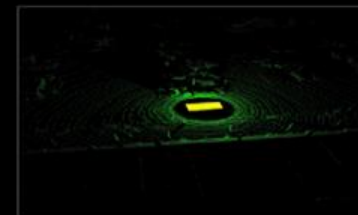
Free Space Perception



Distance Perception



Weather



LIDAR Perception



Camera-based Mapping



Camera Localization to HD Map



LIDAR Localization to HD Map



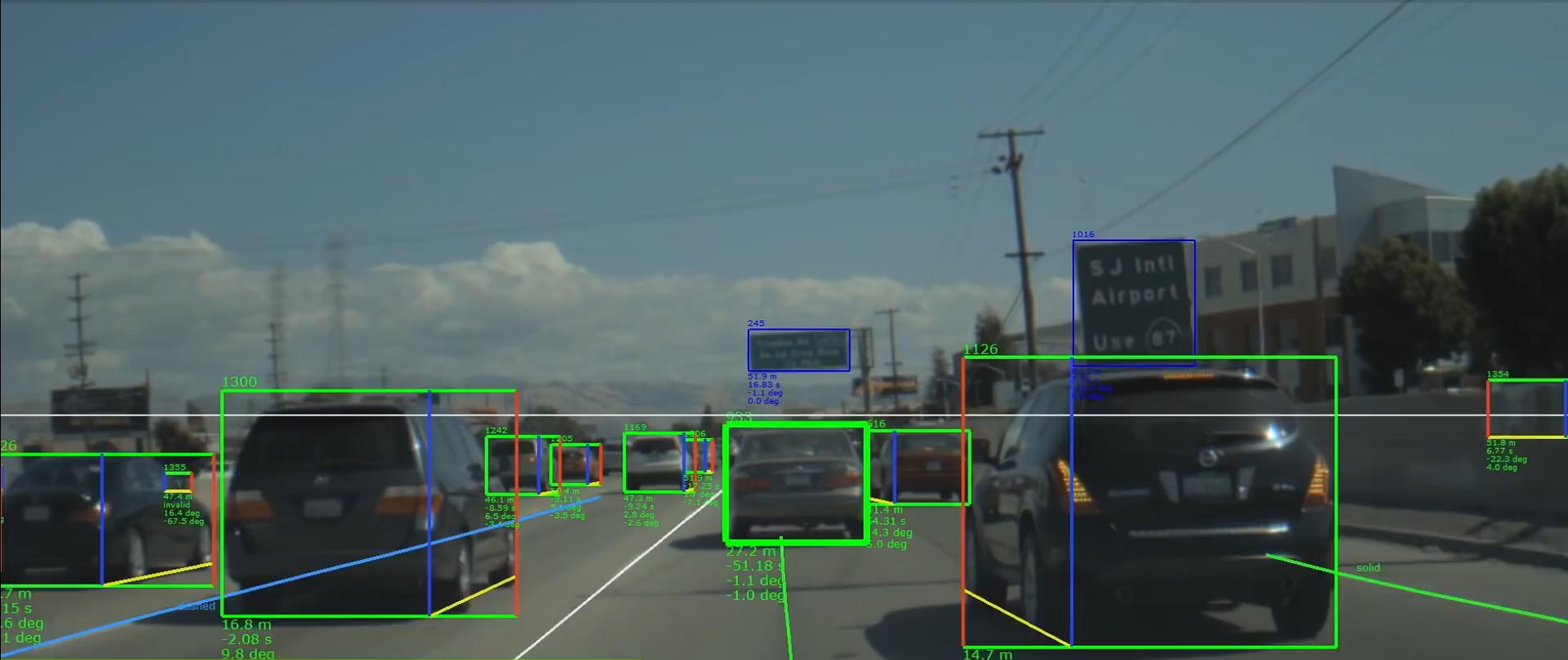
Path Perception



Scene Perception



Deep Learning Perception  
Distance Detection



# Deep Learning Perception

## Distance Detection

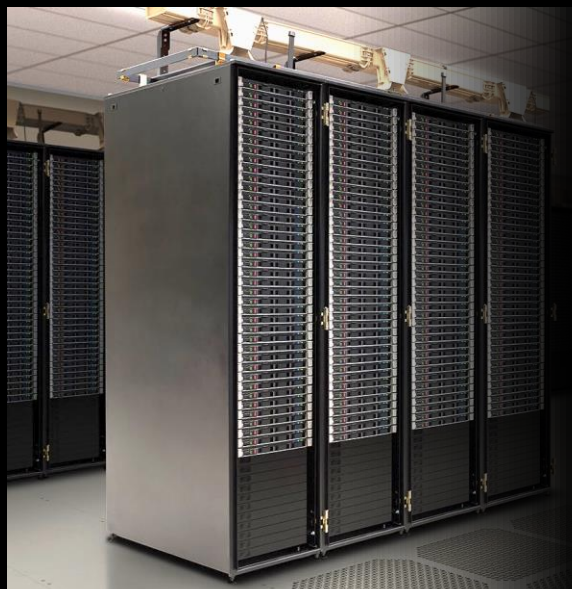


# COMPUTATIONAL SCALE REQUIRED

- 3 million labeled images
- 1 DGX-1 trains 300k labeled images on 1 DNN in 1 day
- 10 DNNs required for self-driving
- 10 parallel experiments at all times
- 100 DGX-1 per car

# NVIDIA GPU PLATFORM SAVES MONEY

Enable Deep Learning Training at Scale



\$1.25M  
in  
servers

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**10x**  
TCO

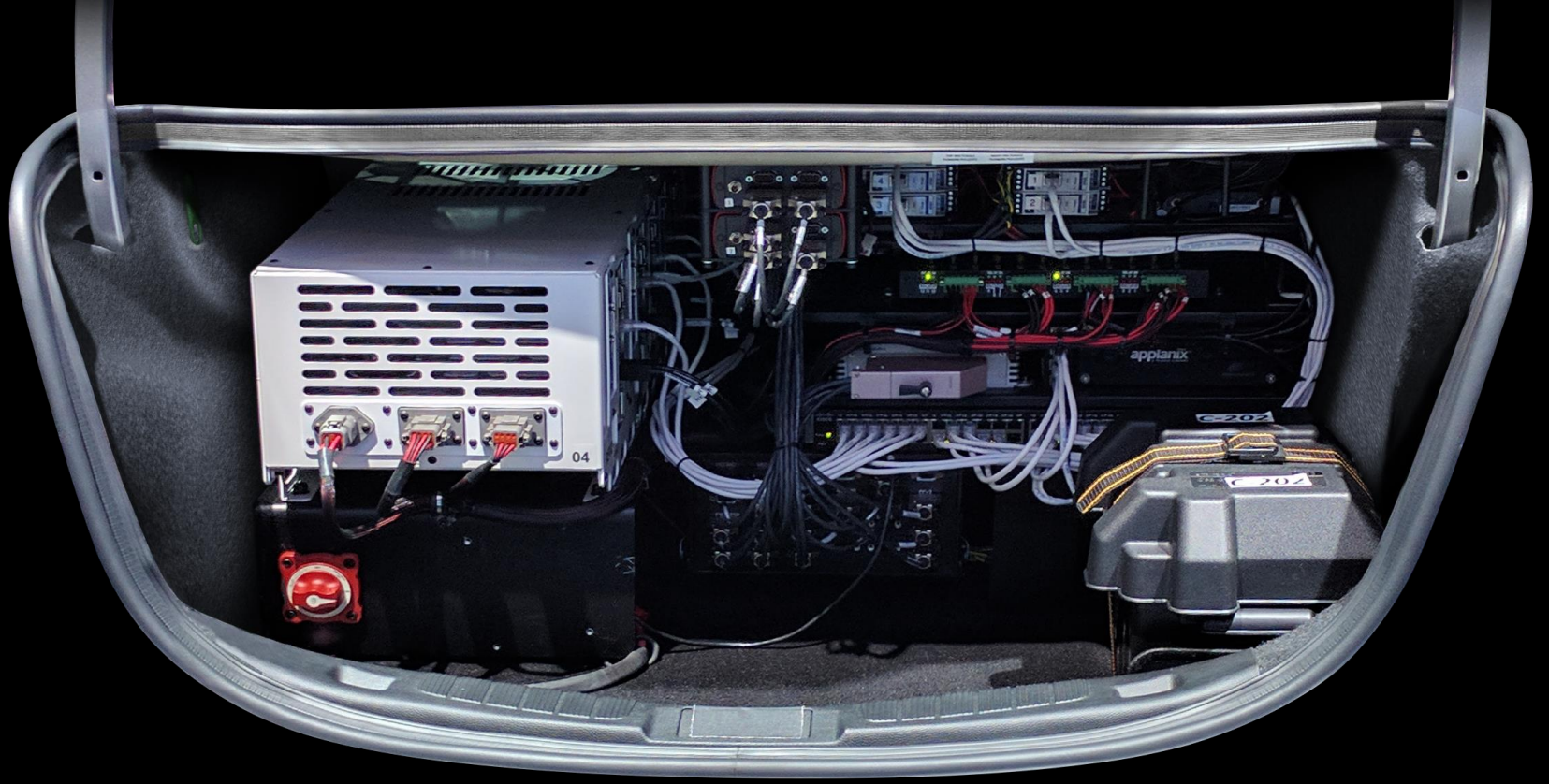
**1/8**  
THE COST

**10X**  
LESS SPACE

**20X**  
LESS POWER

140 Skylake Gold CPU Servers

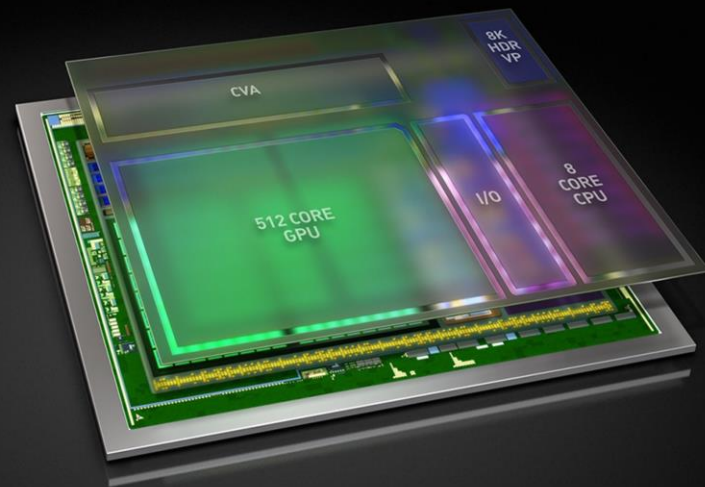
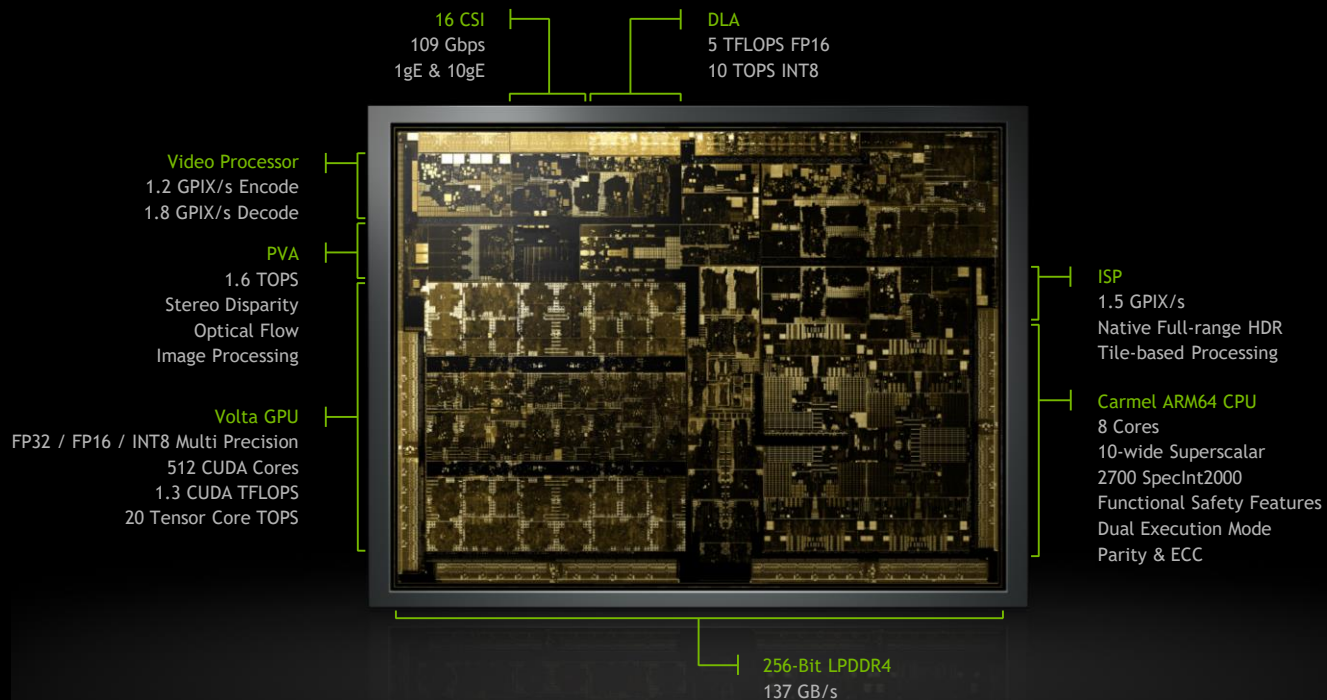
One DGX-1



# STATE-OF-THE-ART DRIVERLESS VEHICLES

# NVIDIA DRIVE XAVIER

The World's first autonomous Machine Processor

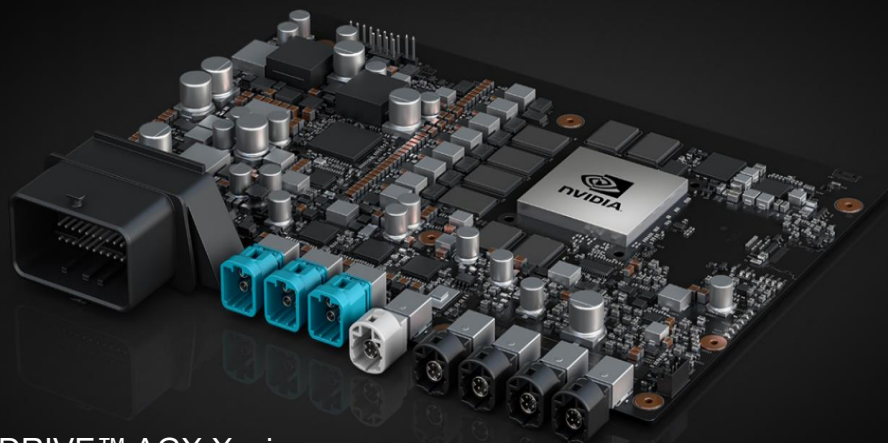


Most Complex SOC Ever Made | 9 Billion Transistors, 350mm<sup>2</sup>, 12nFFN | ~8,000 Engineering Years  
Diversity of Engines Accelerate Entire AV Pipeline | Designed for ASIL-D AV

# DRIVE AGX — A SCALABLE AV PLATFORM

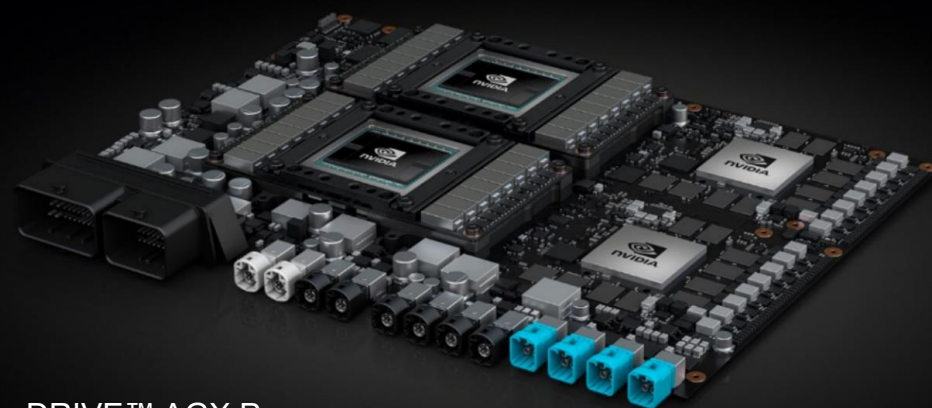
One AV Architecture for L2+ up to L5

## DRIVE AGX XAVIER



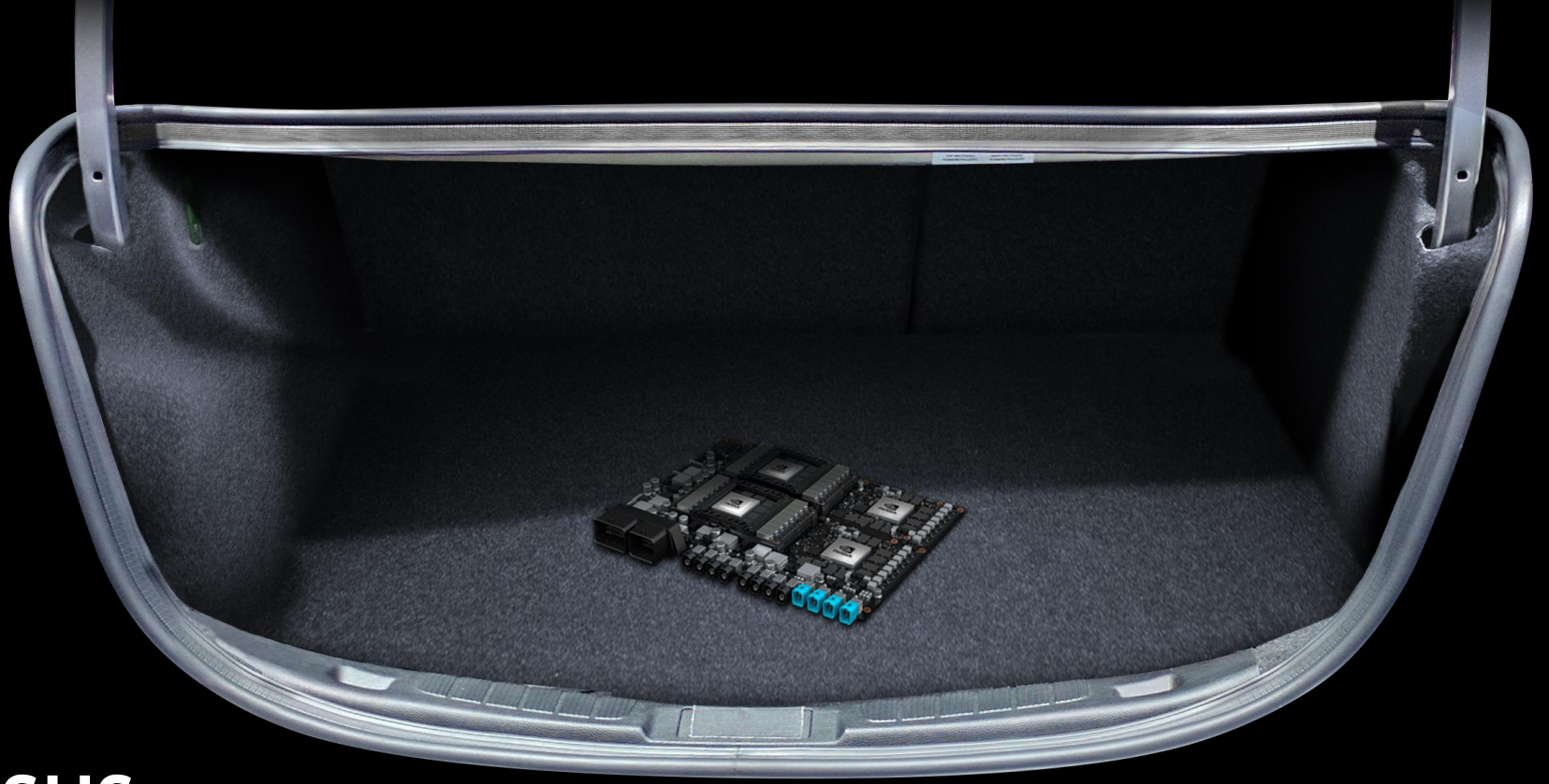
DRIVE™ AGX Xavier  
30 TOPS | 1x Xavier

## DRIVE AGX PEGASUS



DRIVE™ AGX Pegasus  
320 TOPS/ Memory Bandwidth >1 TB/s  
2x Xavier + 2x Next Gen GPU

ROBOTAXI AI COMPUTER  
Data Center in the Trunk



# DRIVE PEGASUS

## ROBOTAXI DRIVE PX

320 TOPS CUDA TensorCore | 16x GMSL | 4x 10G | 8x 1G | 16x 100M | Auto-grade | ASIL D

500W | Late Q1 Early Access Partners

Supercomputing Data Center in your Trunk

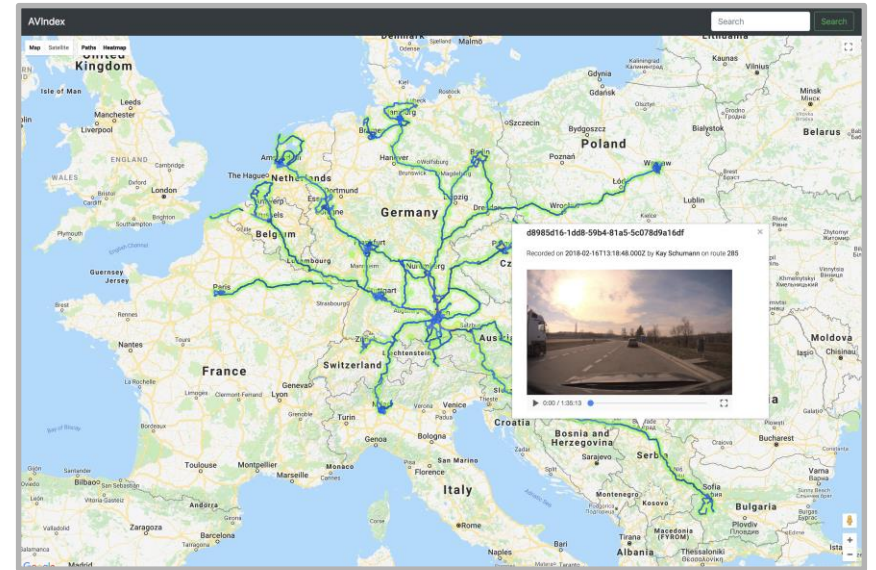
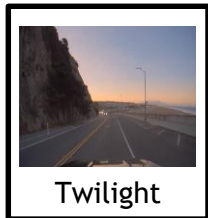
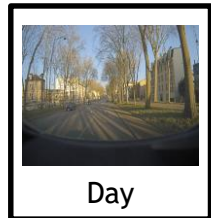
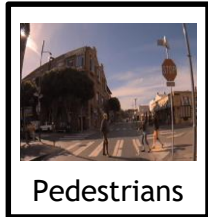
## **\ SAFETY REQUIRES HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTING**

For self-driving cars, processing performance translates to safety. The more compute, the more sophisticated the algorithm, the more layers in a deep neural network and the greater number of simultaneous DNNs that can be run. NVIDIA offers an unprecedented 320 trillion operations per second of deep learning compute on DRIVE AGX Pegasus.



# SCALING UP AV PERCEPTION IS HARD

Operation Driving Domains (ODDs)  $\cap$  Driving Modes (DMS) == 1000s of Conditions



# SIMULATION

## THE PATH TO BILLIONS OF MILES

World drives trillions of miles each year.

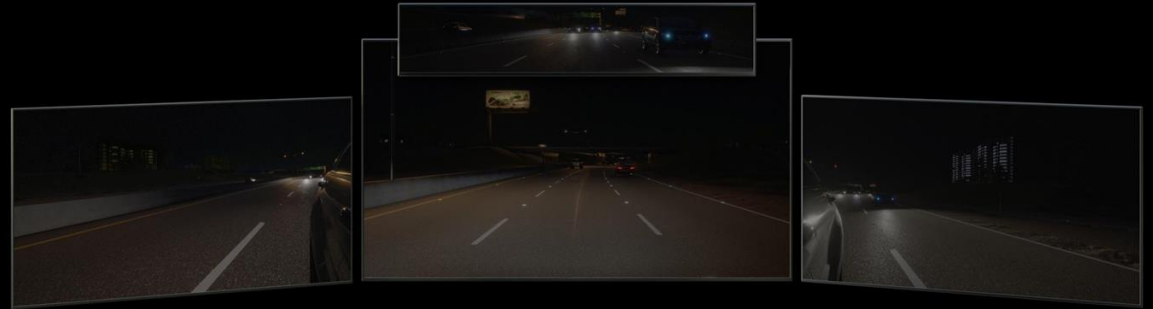
U.S. has 770 accidents per billion miles.

A fleet of 20 test cars cover 1 million miles per year.



# NVIDIA DRIVE SIM AND CONSTELLATION

## AV VALIDATION SYSTEM



Virtual Reality AV Simulator

Same Architecture as DRIVE Computer

Simulate Rare and Difficult Conditions,  
Recreate Scenarios, Run Regression Tests,  
Drive Billions of Virtual Miles

10,000 Constellations Drive 3B Miles per Year

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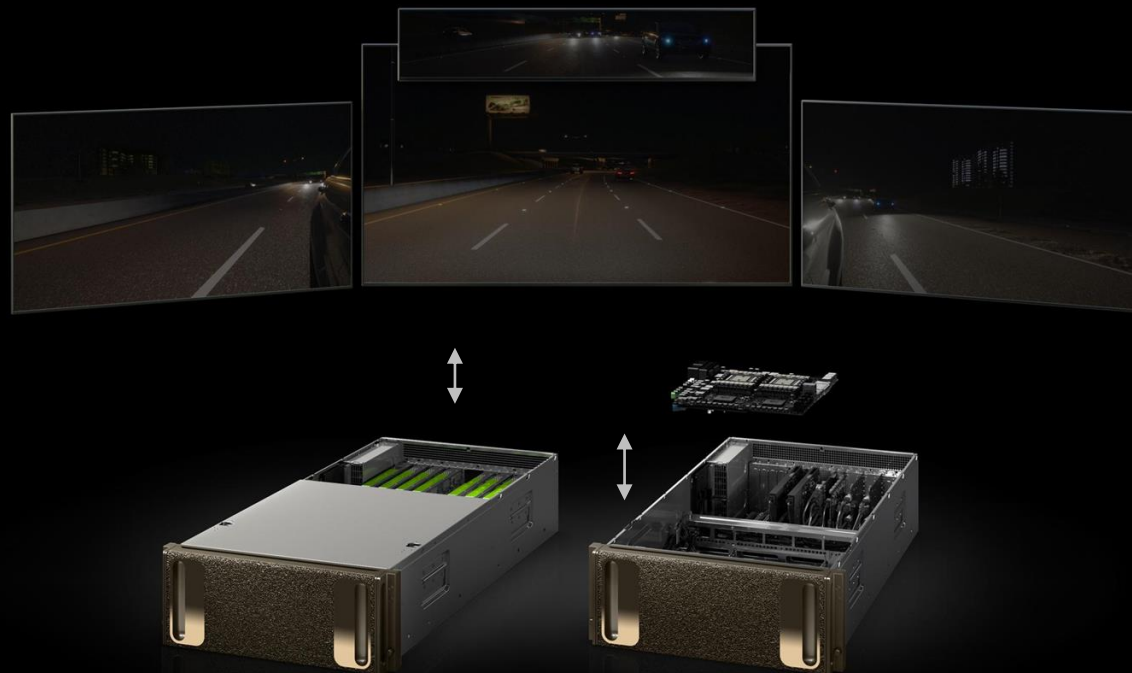
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# HARDWARE IN THE LOOP

## (HIL)

### Perception

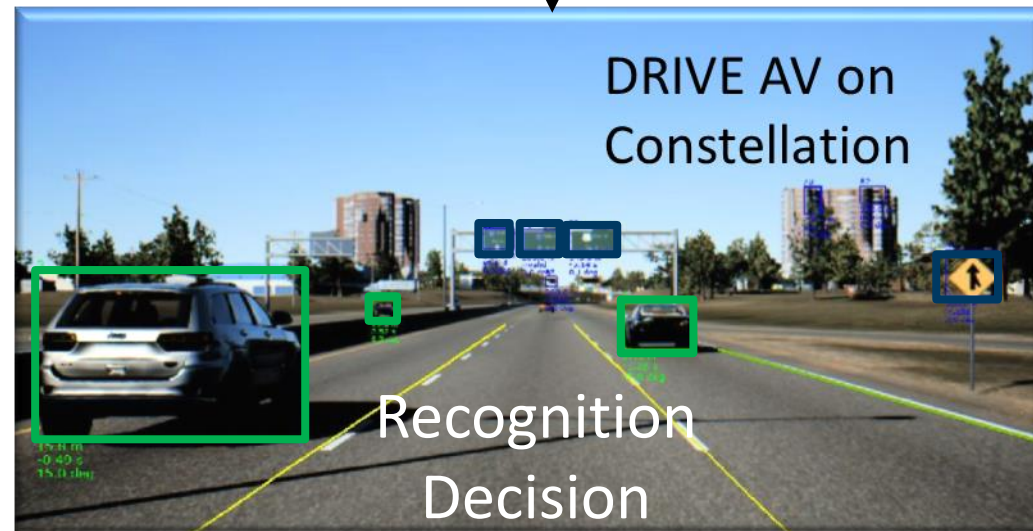
Cameras | Radar | Lidar | IMU



DRIVE Sim on  
NGX



DRIVE AV on  
Constellation



### Control

Steering | Throttle | Brake

**NVIDIA DRIVE SIM™**

# AI OUTSIDE AND INSIDE THE VEHICLE



Customer Application

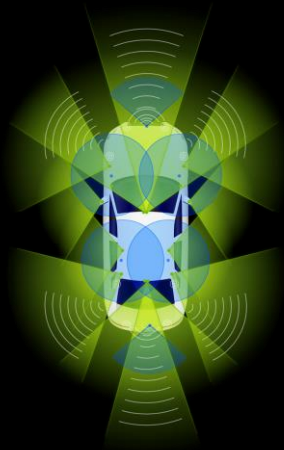
## DRIVE AV

Object, Freespace, Path / Lane, Path Planning, Wait, Map, Sign, Lights, Road Markings, Surround

## DRIVE IX

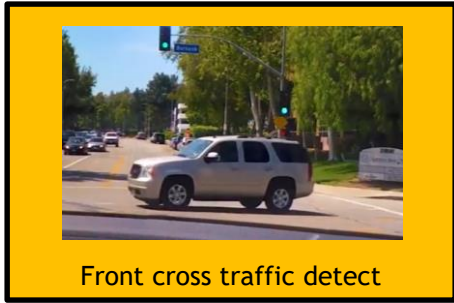
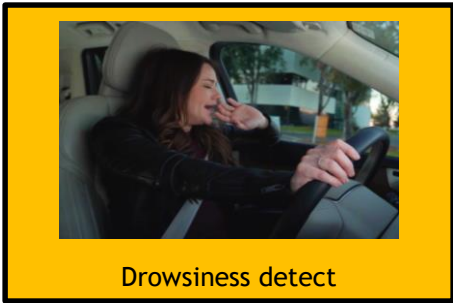
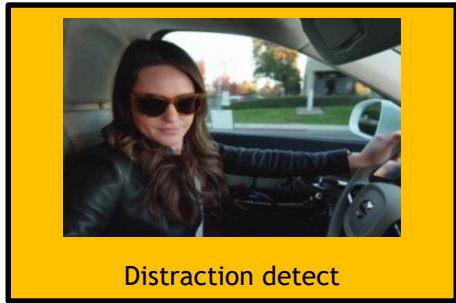
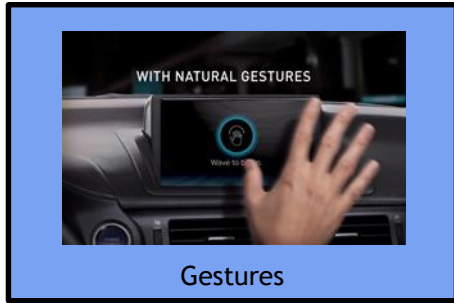
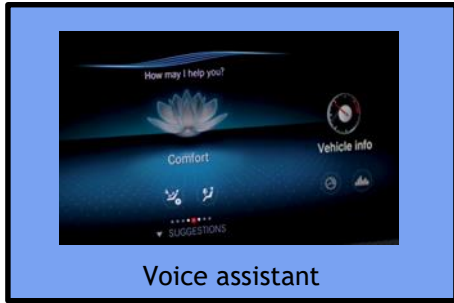
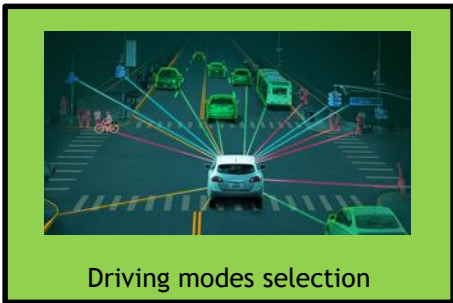
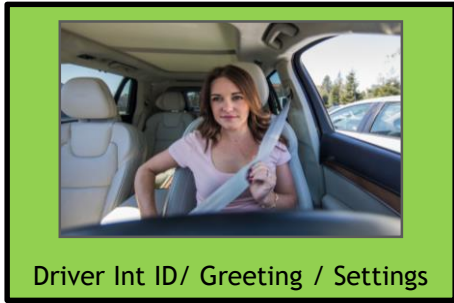
Gaze, Eye Openness, Head Pose, Gestures, Emotions  
Facial Recognition, Voice Recognition & Lip Reading

DRIVE OS



# USE CASES

## Functional Domains



Convenience

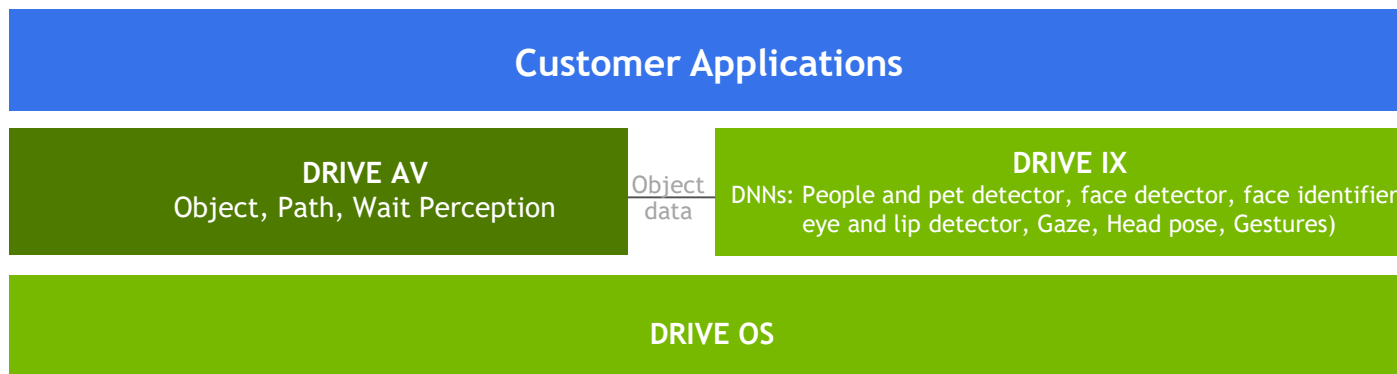
Man-machine interface

Guardian Angel

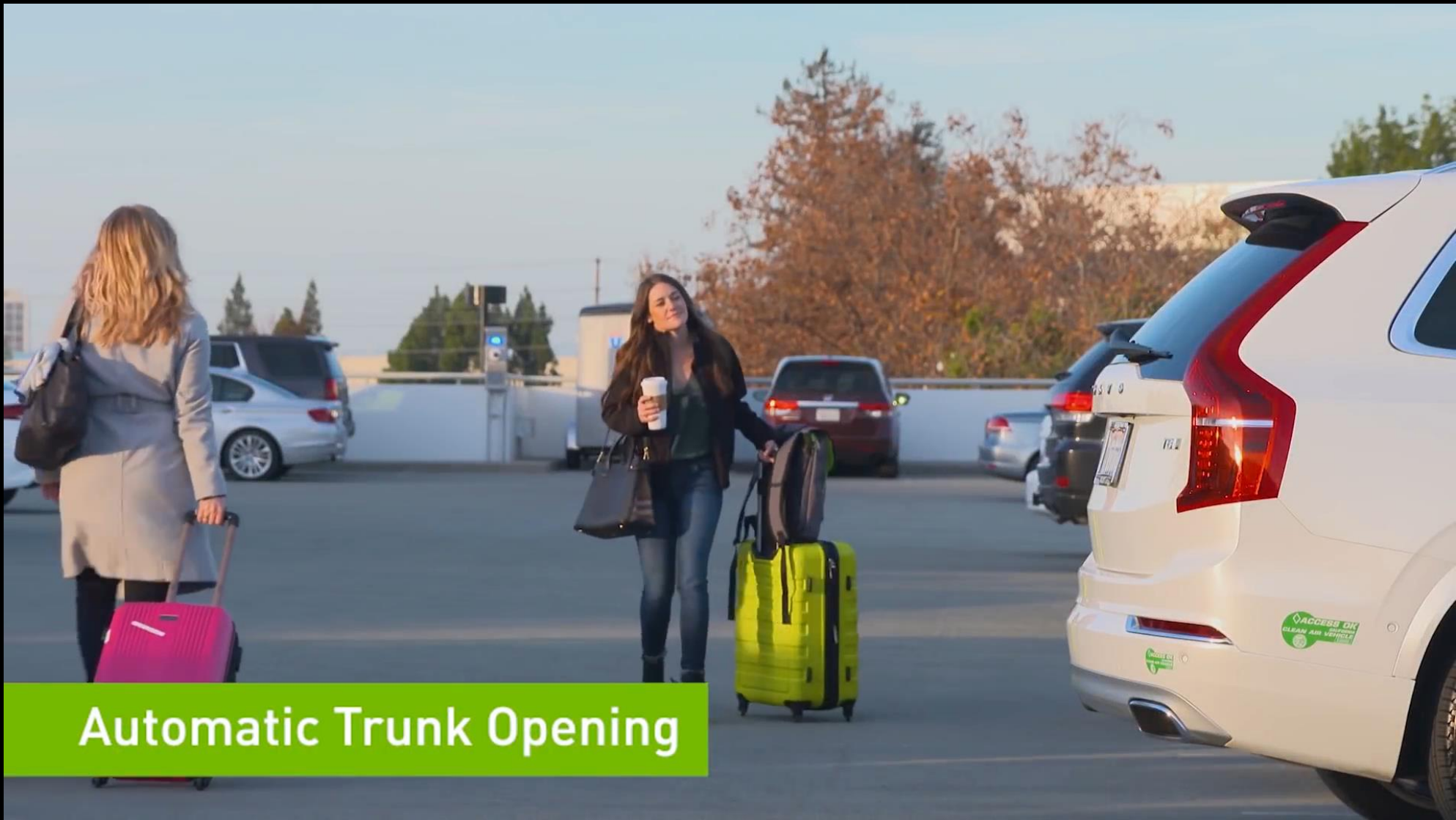


# NVIDIA DRIVE IX

AI Enabled Intelligent Experiences From a Dual Computer Architecture



Safety Applications | Convenience applications | Man-machine interface



Automatic Trunk Opening



# NVIDIA DRIVE AR

Augmented Reality Navigation System  
Surround Perception  
Environment Mapping & Tracking  
Graphics & Registration

# DRIVE AR

## Most Important Use Cases

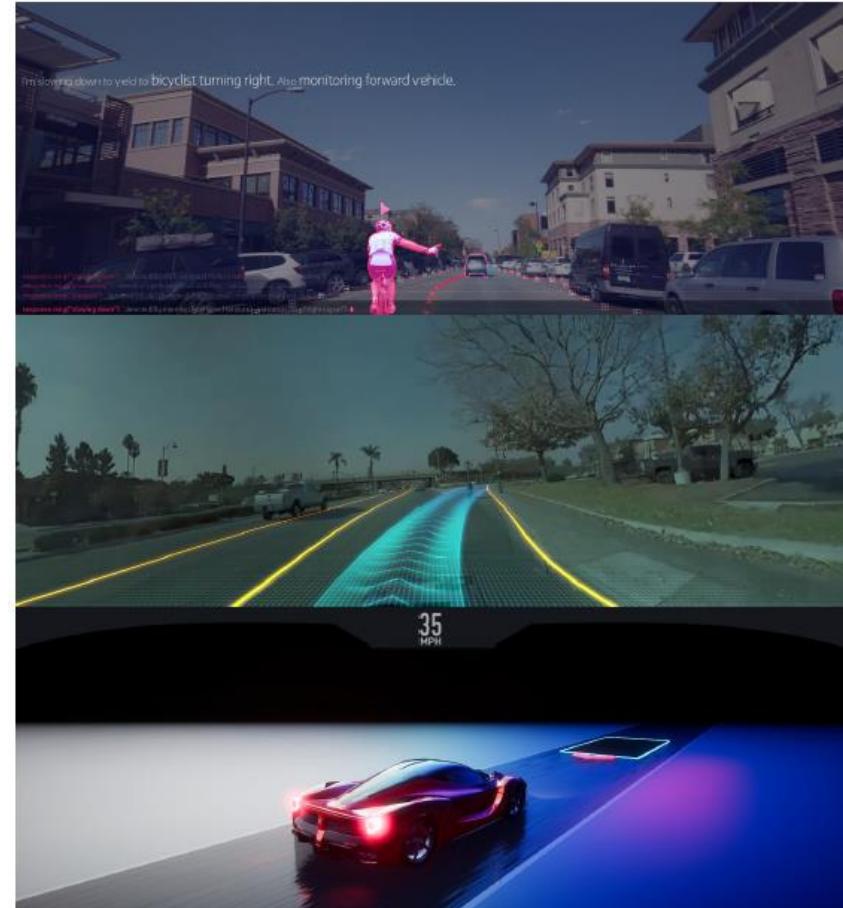
Establish trust between the Self-driving computer and vehicle occupants

- Show surrounding detection (lanes, cars, signs, pedestrians, ...)
- Show the driving path
- Show the stop events

Display POIs

Expand driver's view when driving or parking

Enable amazing graphics in the cabin



# 370 PARTNERS DEVELOPING ON NVIDIA DRIVE



CARS



TRUCKS



MOBILITY  
SERVICES



SUPPLIERS



MAPPING



LIDAR



CAMERA /  
RADAR



STARTUPS

# ANNOUNCING VOLKSWAGEN SELECTS NVIDIA TO INFUSE AI INTO FUTURE VEHICLE LINEUP

DRIVE IX Brings VW I.D. BUZZ to Life with AI



# *“Mercedes-Benz’s New MBUX In-Car Assistant and Smart UI Rocks”*

— TechCrunch



Mercedes-Benz unveiled a new, NVIDIA-powered infotainment system that uses AI to transform how drivers and passengers interact with their vehicles. NVIDIA graphics and deep learning technologies come together to provide beautiful 3D touch-screen displays, voice-activated controls, and a rich set of personalization features. MBUX will debut in February 2018 with the sleek new Mercedes-Benz A-class compact.

# AI-POWERED DESTINATION PREDICTION AND ROUTE PLANNING

Even more than its meticulous engineering, Mercedes-Benz is defined by its continuous innovation. Since inventing the car in 1886, the company has never stopped reinventing it. And now Mercedes-Benz is using AI to enhance the user experience behind the wheel by having its cars predict where drivers want to go.

Trained on driver behavior data from 24,000 road trips, the NVIDIA GPU-accelerated destination prediction AI learns the driver's habits over time in order to make better suggestions.







# REVOLUTIONIZING TRANSPORTATION WITH AI

Autonomous vehicles can reduce accidents, improve the productivity of trucks and taxis, and enable new mobility services – transforming the \$10 trillion transportation industry. WEpods is piloting an autonomous shuttle that leverages GPUs to compute data and build a complete picture of the environment, enabling it to safely navigate traffic and other obstacles. It's a revolutionary new kind of transportation that offers the convenience of a personal vehicle, without the hassles of car ownership.



# ANNOUNCING BAIDU AND ZF SELECT NVIDIA DRIVE XAVIER

AV COMPUTER FOR CHINA



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**ANNOUNCING  
AURORA AND NVIDIA  
TO BUILD AUTONOMOUS  
VEHICLE COMPUTE PLATFORM**



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# ANNOUNCING VOLVO CARS SELECTS NVIDIA DRIVE AGX

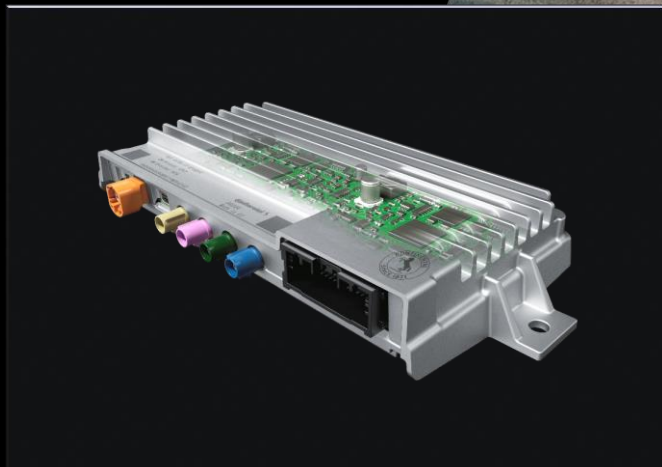
DRIVE AGX Xavier to Pilot  
Next-generation Production Cars



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# ANNOUNCING CONTINENTAL ADOPTS NVIDIA DRIVE AGX

Scalable Platform in Production 2021



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# ANNOUNCING VEONEER AND ZENUITY SELECT NVIDIA DRIVE AGX

NVIDIA Xavier-based L4 System Production  
Ready by 2021

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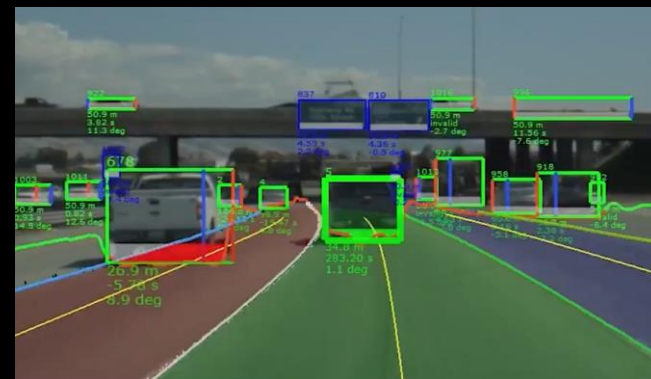
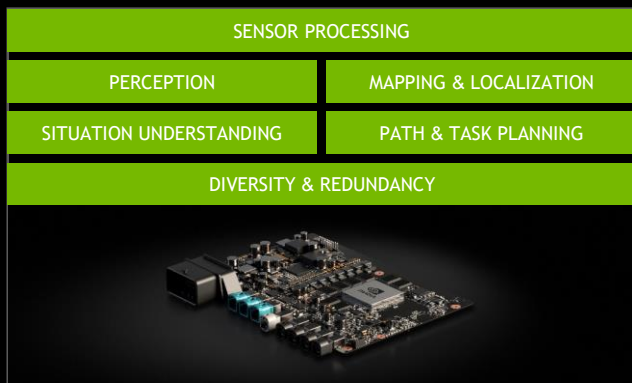
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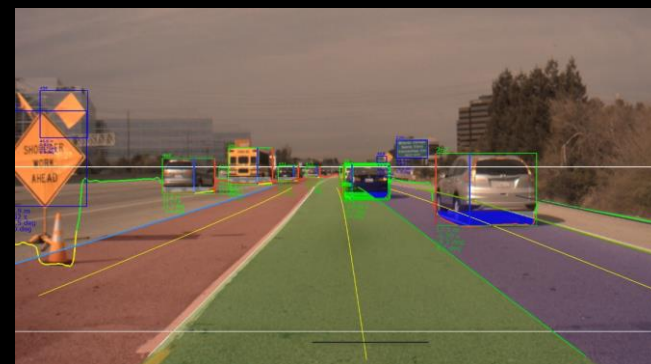
# NVIDIA DRIVE WORLD'S FIRST AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE PLATFORM



**DRIVE IX**  
Available Now



**DRIVE AGX XAVIER DEVELOPER KIT**  
Available Now



**DRIVE AV**  
Available Now



## **NVIDIA AGX PEGASUS TEST DRIVE**

OCTOBER 2, 2018

**80 KILOMETERS**

**4 HIGHWAY INTERCHANGES**

**10 LANE CHANGES**

**0 DISENGAGEMENTS**



# THANK YOU

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