



# The Integration of virtual testing into the type-approval process

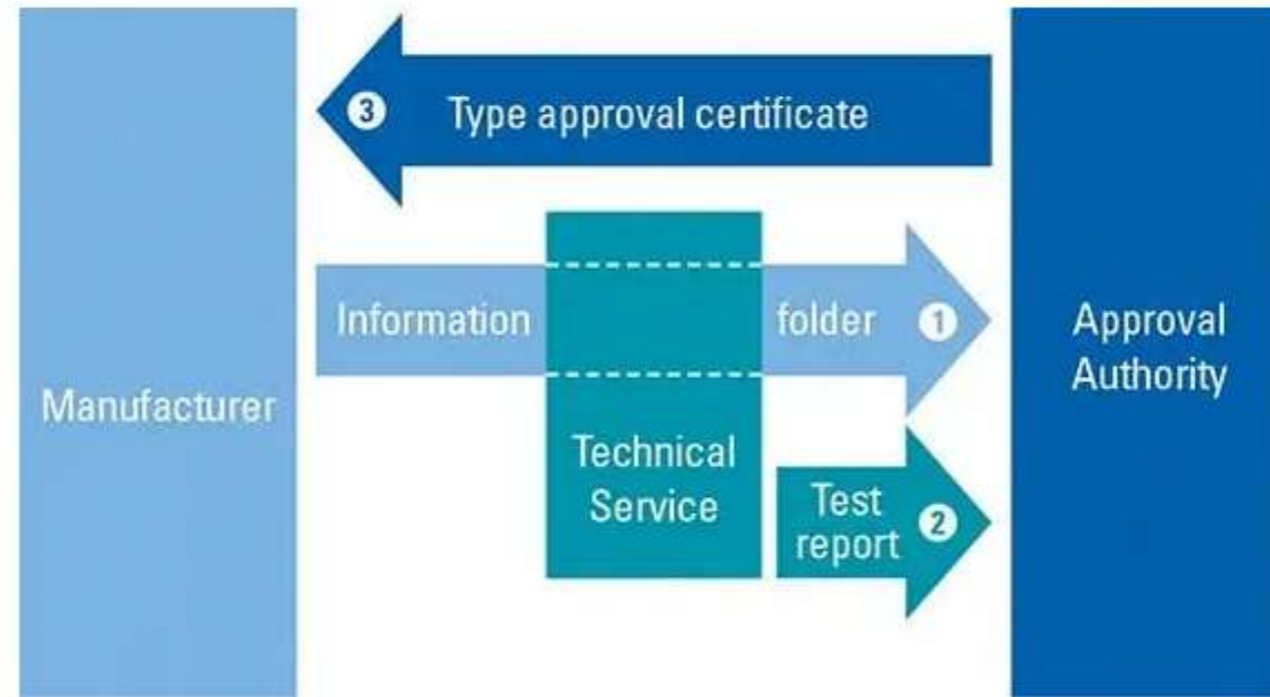
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- 1. Introduction Type Approval and Virtual Testing**
- 2. Research Center: System Simulation and Virtual Validation**
- 3. Examples and Case Studies**



## THE EU REGULATED TYPE APPROVAL PROCESS



<https://www.tuvsud.com/en-us/industries/mobility-and-automotive/automotive-and-oem/homologation-and-global-market-access/ece-vehicle-certification>

Examples:



CARS



TRAINS



CONSUMER (DURABLE) GOODS

Type Approval in the past and currently,



( currently and) in future



**Safety** of automated driving systems and connected vehicles (functional safety and validation methods, cybersecurity, data recorder/storage etc.)



**Vehicle dynamics** (steering, braking, etc.)

**Advanced Driver Assistance Systems** (Remote control maneuvering, remote parking, automated steering systems etc.)

## In the past:

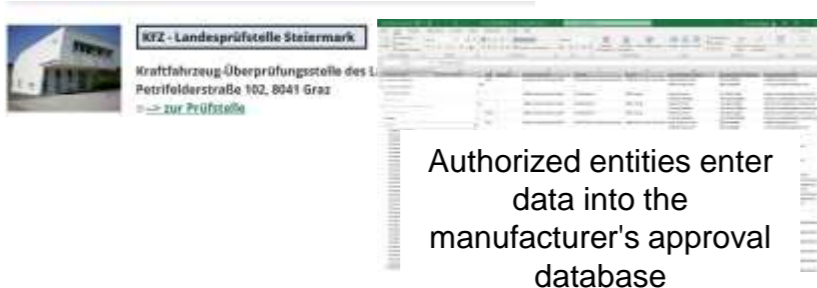
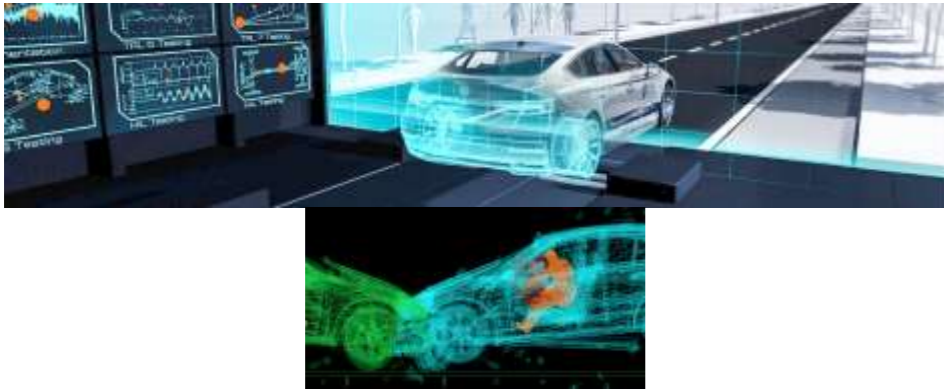
- **Hardware was tested:** engine, brakes, tyres etc. The installed parts/systems are subjected to specific tests.
- Currently about **150 UNECE-regulations** have been rolled out which are to be considered during manufacturing and tested during homologation processes.
- Increased digitalisation/electrification. **Large amount of control units** in a single car (about 120 CU).

## In the future:

- **Software-defined vehicle**
- Less but more **powerful control units** 1000s of functions
- Software updates & HW updates **Over-the-air updates (OTA)**
- Confirm type approval?
- Type approval tests and processes need to be adjusted and updated



# Virtual Testing (VT) in different stages:



Research/Development

- VT is established & used e.g. often in-house tools and own workflows/processes;
- NO products



Consumer Testing

- Beginning of virtualisation
- First applications of standardised VT methods e.g. ; EuroNCAP TB024 Pedestrian Human Model
- virtual testing working groups VTC (Crashworthiness) und VTA (Avoidance);



Regulations

- Credible, trustworthy, standardised simulation/updates/services; UNECE R66, R157;

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**Research Center  
for  
System Simulation  
and  
Virtual Validation**



# Worldwide renowned partner



**2002-2007**  
**Foundation & Networking**

Initiation of a research center for **virtual vehicle development**

**2008-2017**  
**Build & Growth**

- R&D center for **sustainable mobility**;
- pillars
  - EU-projects and
  - contract research established

**2018-2026**  
**Long-term establishment & stability**

- Recognized international player,
- Strategic Partner Road & Rail,
- Bringing innovations to market



### WELTWEITES NETZWERK

Enges europäisches Netzwerk an Partnern

**K2 Digital Mobility**  
context-embedded vehicle technologies

Partners: Nvidia, UC Berkeley, Apex.AI, Stanford University, GM, Ford, US.DOT, Carnegie Mellon University, MIT, Hyundai Südkorea, Honda Japan, Isuzu Japan, Toyota Japan, University Melbourne

Today, VIRTUAL VEHICLE is Europe's largest research center for virtual vehicle development





## International industry- and research network

INDUSTRIE



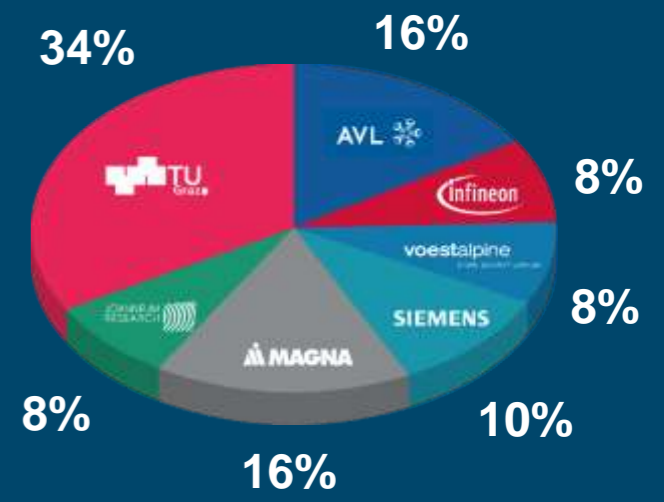
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RAIL-SPECIFIC



## Shareholder



Stuff 310



## GREEN DIGITAL MOBILITY



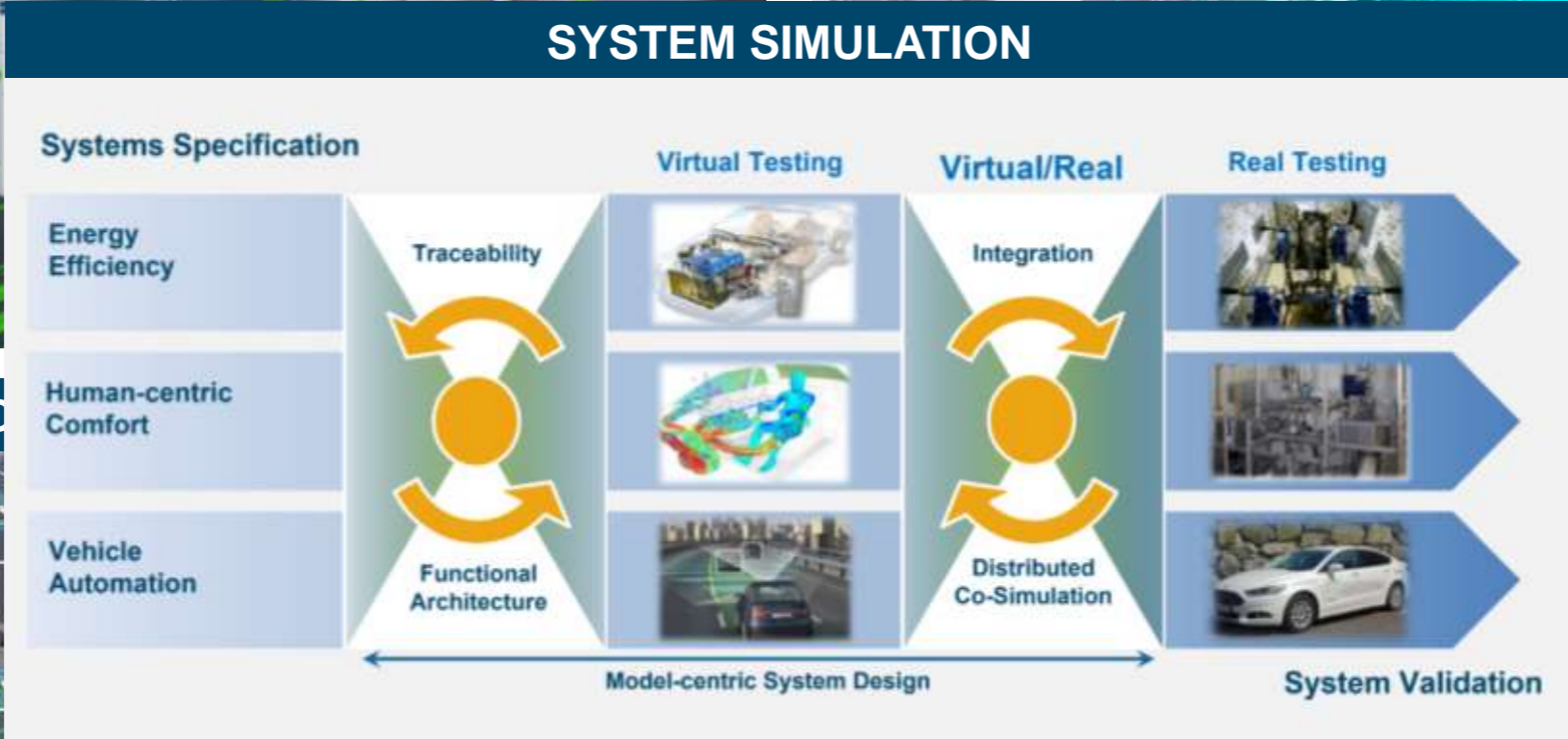
## VIRTUAL VALIDATION & HOMOLOGATION



## AUTOMATED/AD



## SAFETY & SECURITY



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# Comprehensive system simulation based on co-simulation



- International key patents
- Industrialisation with AVL
- Eureka Research Award 2019
- 5-year framework agreement with VW Group
- 10-year strategy with voestalpine

**Trend**

Year	Milestone
2004	Start Co-Simulation
2007	Central Idea for COMET K2
2010	Patenting the core technology
2014	Development and distribution partnership
2019	Implementation for Rail Systems
2022	Digital Twin and Digitalisation
2025	Certifiable design of integrated transport and overall energy systems









**Pioneering technology developed and successfully commercialised**



# SAFETY ASSESSMENT TOOLCHAIN

**Integrated Safety Systems:  
Effectiveness Assessment**



Many ADAS systems available.

Traction control system\*

Lane departure warning\*

Predictive emergency braking\*

Peripheral sensors\*

Occupant protection\*

Development Challenge:

Electronic stability program\*

Lane change as

Pedestrian protection\*

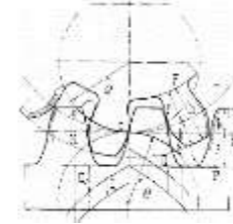
## How to assess Effectiveness of Integrated Safety Systems

\*Source: <http://products.bosch-mobility-solutions.com/>

What is the benefit of specific ADAS /ISS and their combination in new EuroNCAP ratings?



What is the best set of parameters for a specific system?



What are the risks of system failures?



What is the benefit of specific ADAS/ISS and their combination in the field?



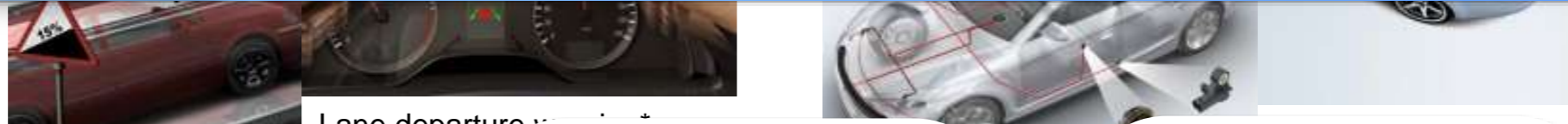
What are the interaction effects of different systems?









# Effectiveness assessment



**Which scenarios are relevant for the specific system?**

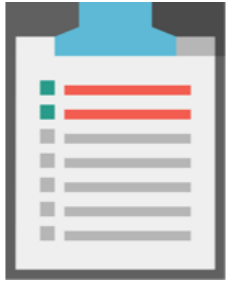



e.g. 

Electronic stability program

1

**How to check system behavior in that scenarios?**





e.g. 

Predictive pedestrian protection\*

2

**How to score the results?**



e.g. 

Pedestrian protection\*

3

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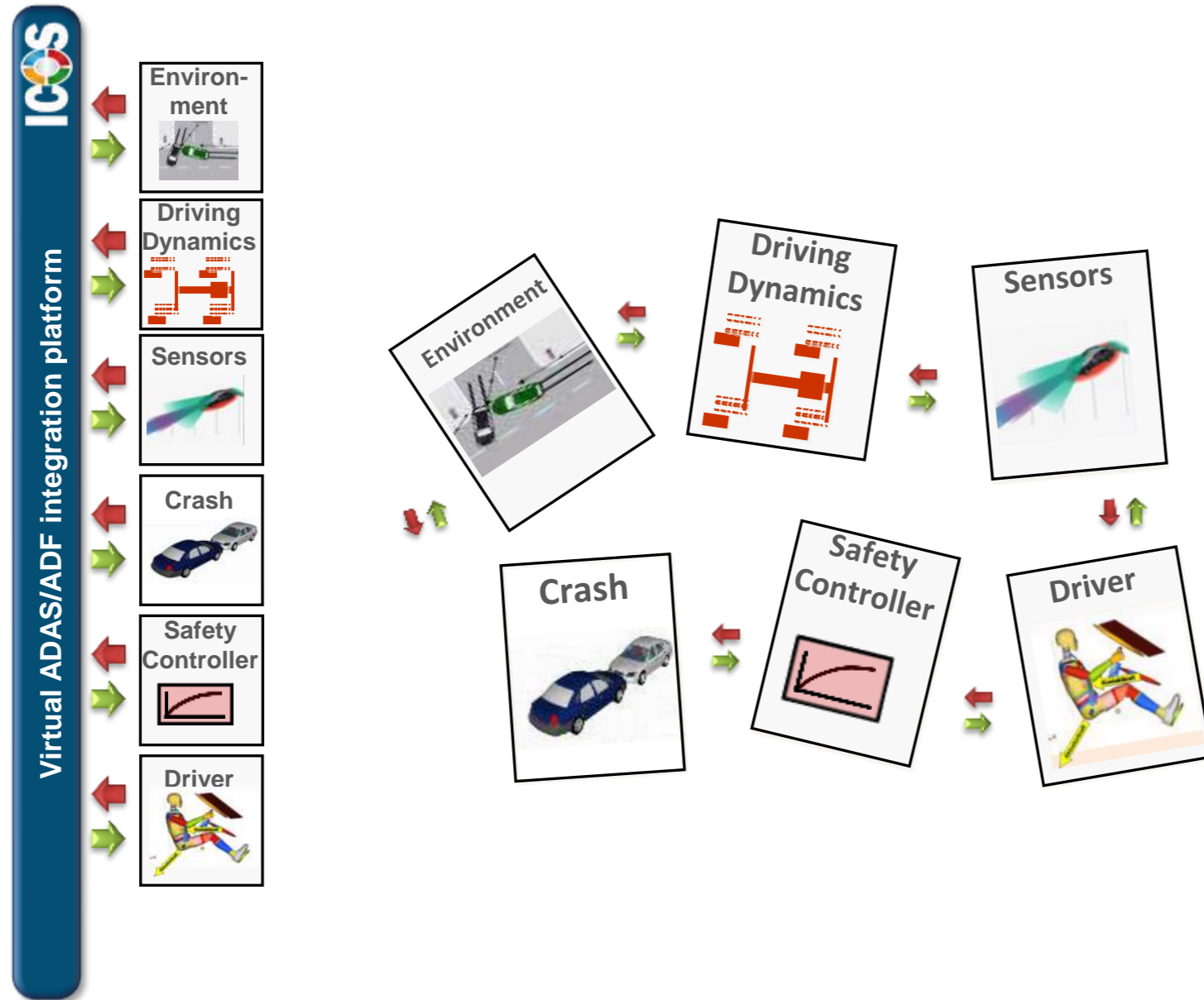
## The Tasks:

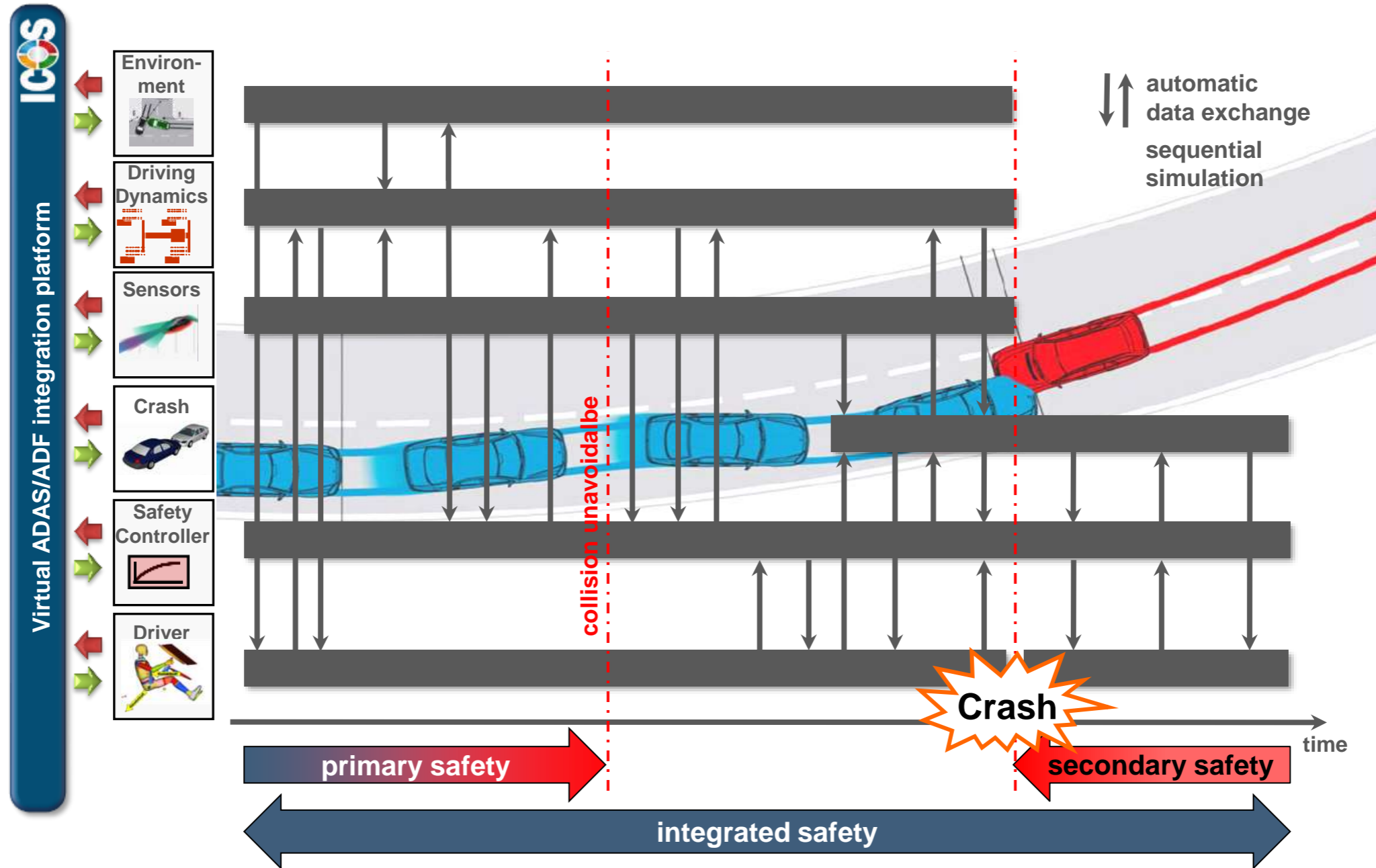
**RATE** Safety Benefits of Systems

**FIND** best KPI's and Parameter Sets

**EVALUATE** Results

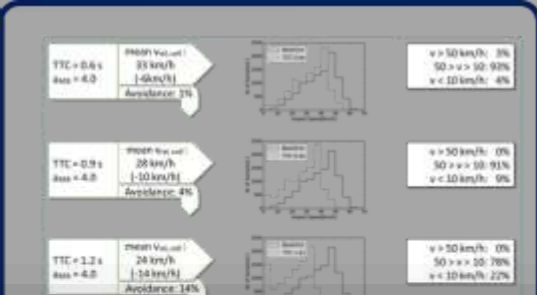
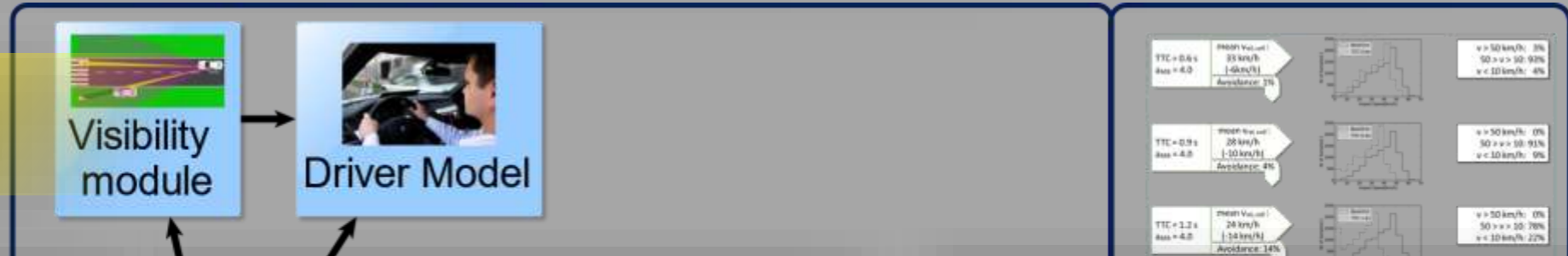








## The Process:



### Critical Edge Cases

Sensor

- Range: 150 m
- Angle: 10°
- Detection delay: 0.2 s

AEB Algorithm

	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5
Intervention at TTC [s]	0.6	0.9	1.2	0.9	0.6
Maximum deceleration [m/s²]	4	4	4	6	10

a.

### Continuous End-to-End Simulations

(MBS/FEM and combination)

Occupant

Algorithms for Pre-Crash & In-Crash Sensors, DAS, Environment

b.

### Rate Effectiveness

### Rate Injury Severity

Mean
-13%
-21%
-29%
-31%
-25%

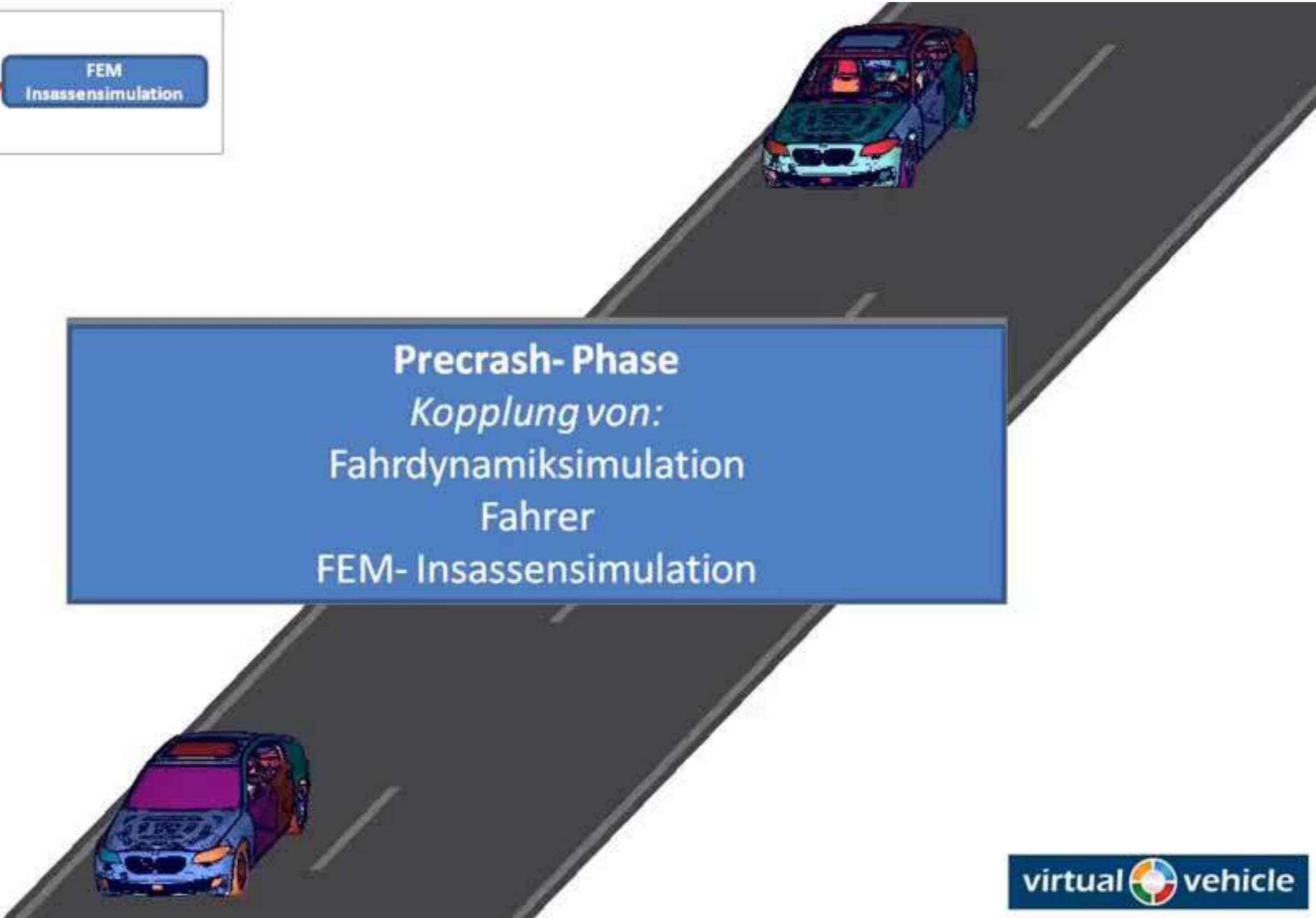
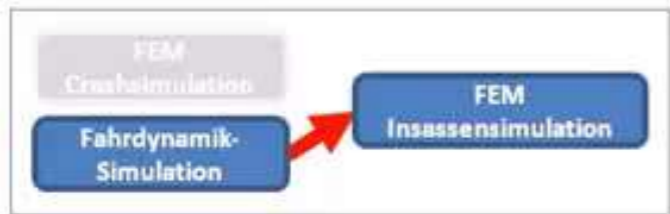
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## The Results:

**Statistical Significant**  
**All Critical Situations**  
**Automated Run**

**Easy Comparison**  
**Effectiveness of Integrated Safety**





**Discipline- own  
software**



**TRUSTED TOOLS**

**Models from  
development  
process**



**TRUSTED MODELS**

**Defined process –  
modular approach**



**PROVED METHOD**

**Evaluation of effectiveness**

**Quality of Simulation?**

**Readiness for Virtual Validation**

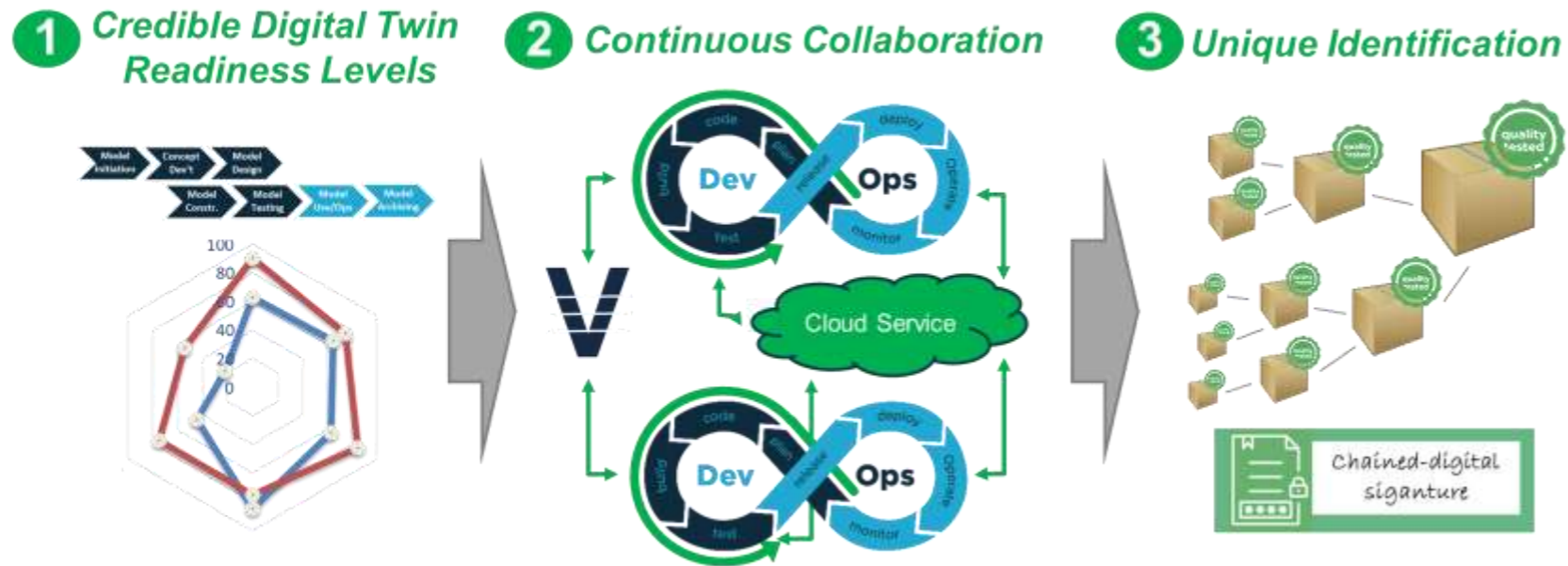




Challenge: A recent market study outlines that **less than 1 % of physical machines** and components “... **are modelled** such that the models capture and **mimic behavior**” today!

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## Solution Approach:

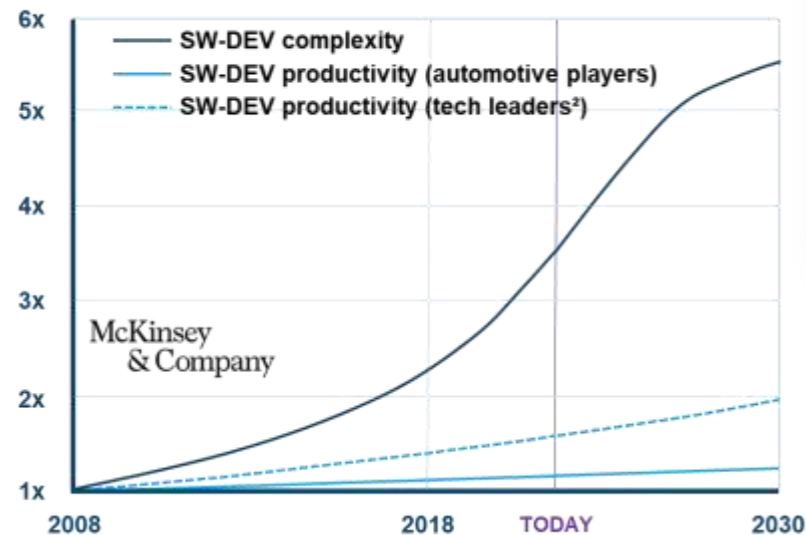


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## Automotive Use Case:

Relative growth over time, for automotive features<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Analysis of >200 software-dev't projects from OEMs, tier-x suppliers

<sup>2</sup>Top-performing quartile of technology companies

Source: Numetrics by McKinsey



UNECE

Simulation tool and mathematical models for verification of the safety concept may be used in accordance with Schedule 8 of Revision 3 of the 1958 Agreement, in particular for scenarios that are difficult to perform under real driving conditions. Manufacturers shall demonstrate the validity of the simulation tool, its validity for the scenario concerned and the performance of the simulation tool chain (correlation with physical tests).

*“Proposal for a new UN Regulation on uniform provisions of vehicles with regards to Automated Lane Keeping System”*

(ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2020/81)

**absence of specific processes**



Tolerances allowed between metrics obtained from physical testing and simulation

Metric	Test run	Tolerance
First peak yaw rate ( $\psi_1$ in Figure 2)	Last run without ESC intervention	±15 %
	First run with ESC intervention	
Time of yaw rate crossing zero ( $T_c$ in Figure 2)	Last run without ESC intervention	±0,1 s
	First run with ESC intervention	
	Last run	
Second peak yaw rate ( $\psi_2$ in Figure 2)	Last run without ESC intervention	±20 %
	First run with ESC intervention	±25 %
	Last run	±25 %
Lateral displacement of the vehicle C.G.	Last run without ESC intervention	±15 %
	First run with ESC intervention	±18 %
	Last run	±18 %

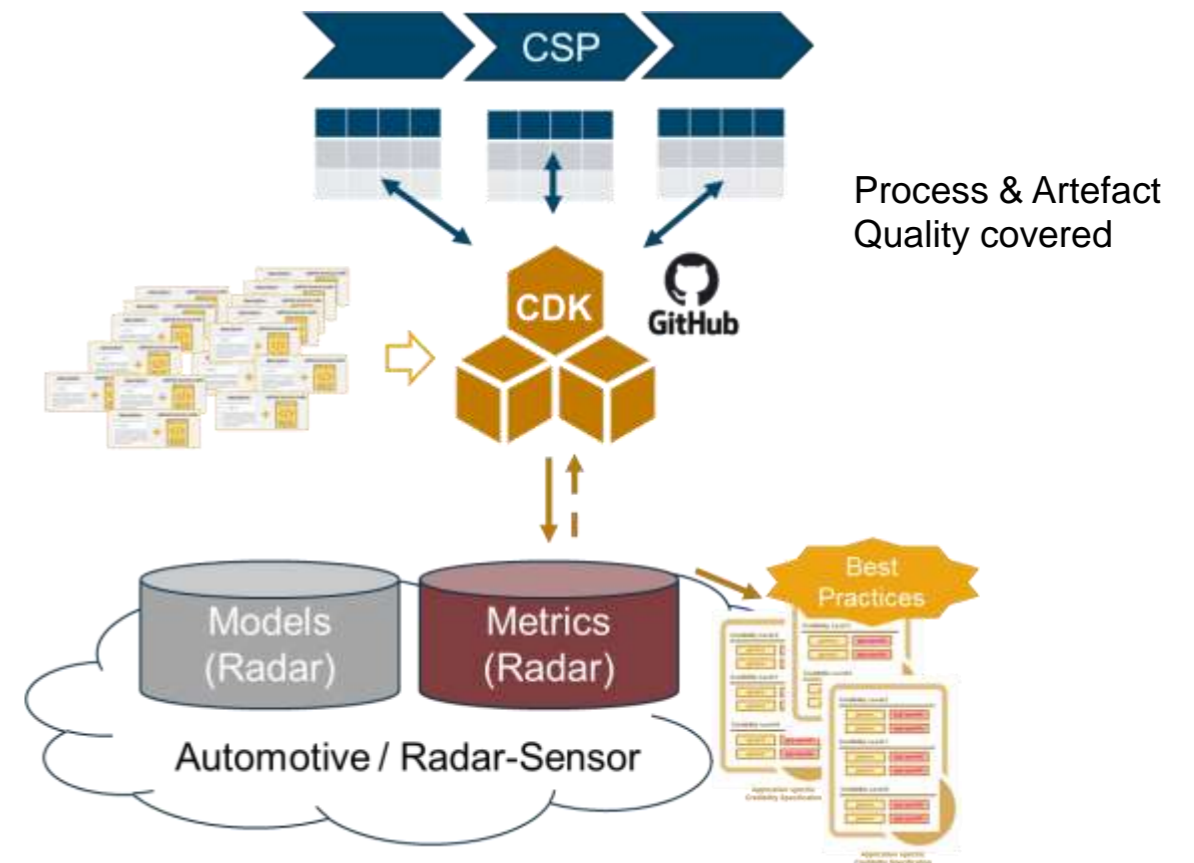
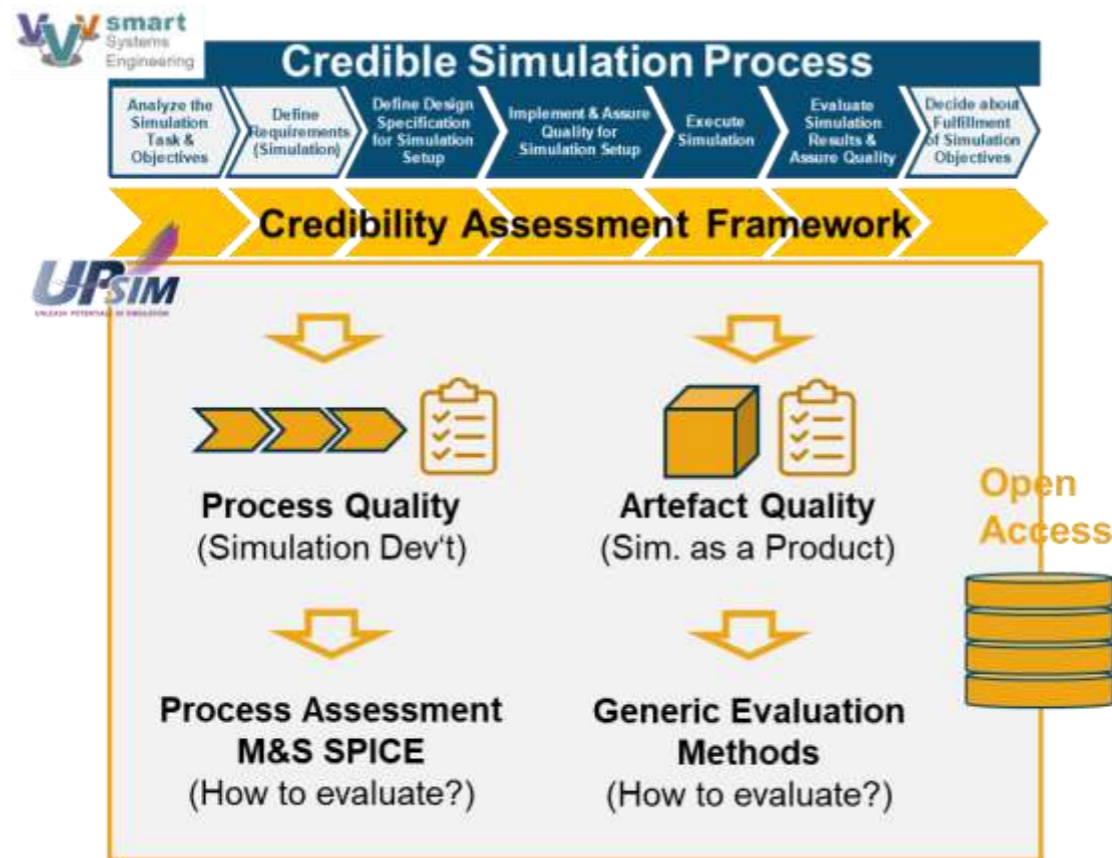
*“Passenger cars — Validation of vehicle dynamic simulation — Sine with dwell stability control testing”*

(ISO 19365:2016)

**unassertive validation criteria**

Main Aim: “transparent and bilateral understanding of Modelling and Simulation Quality”

Sustainable Results: Open Access standard for Credible Simulation and a Credibility Assessment Framework, including a Credibility Development Kit





# 2015: First autonomous research car in Austria





# Success Story „Connected and Automated Driving“



- 2015 First AD vehicle in Austria
- More than 20 EU projects
- International top position (cooperation Stanford, MIT, Univ Pittsburgh, NVIDIA, Apex.AI)
- Showcases at CES in Las Vegas



2012	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2025
Sensors Perception	Premiere: L4 driving functions on public roads in AUT	Setup ALP.Lab	Endowed Professorship Automated Driving Coordinator Project GENDrive	First victory at RoboRace	EU Projekt „SHOW“	ZeroOne: EV Concept Car for AD & Interieur	Remote SW Deployment Failsafe systems	Certified SW Stack



# Virtual Validation & Sensor Modelling

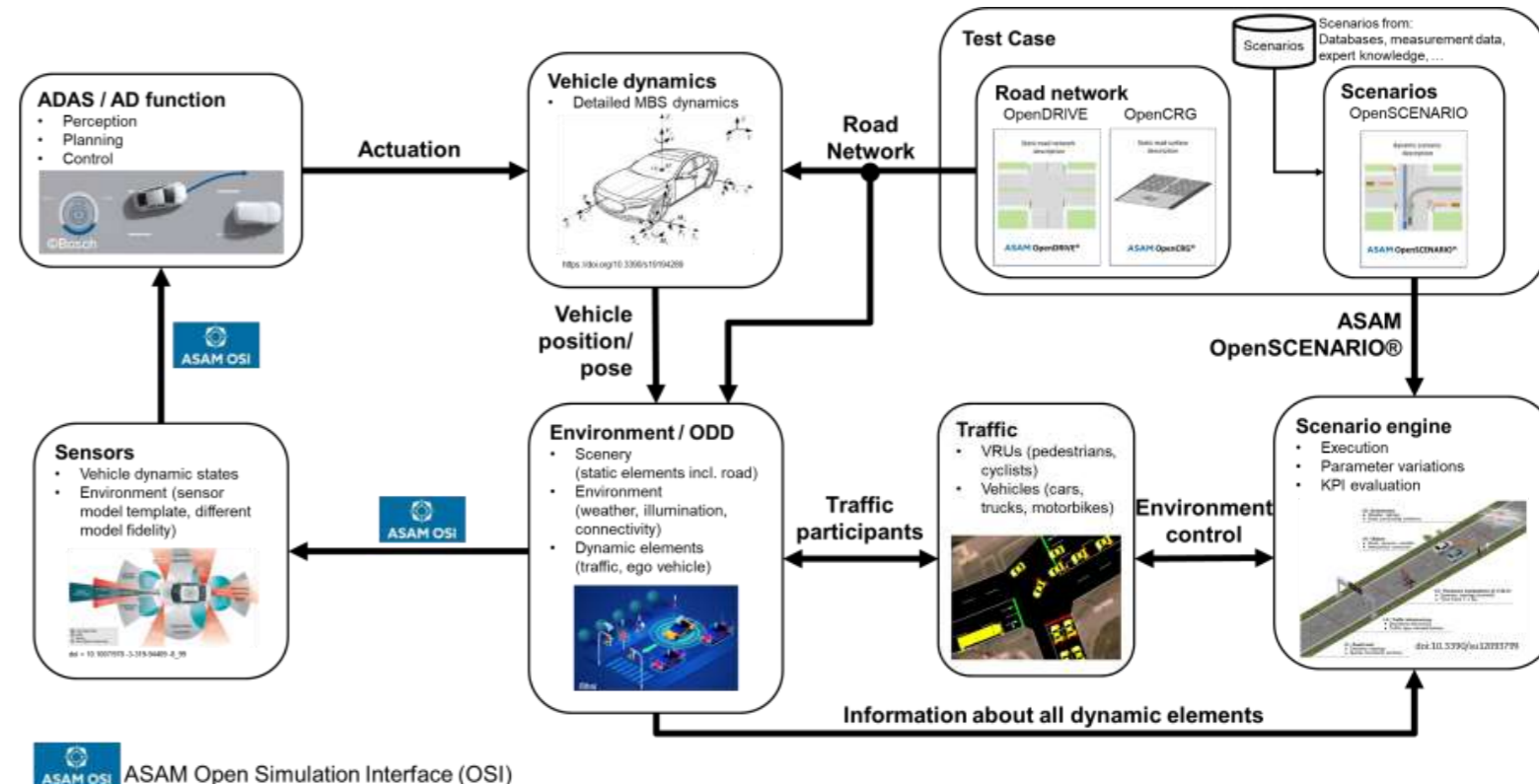
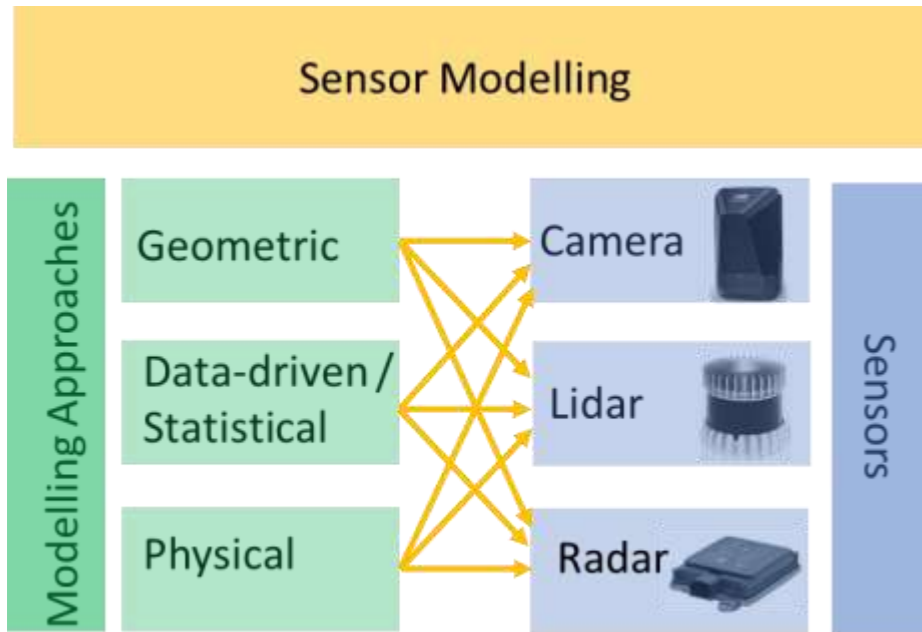
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- 2018 - 2021
- 1.2 Mio €
- Sensor Model Development
- 4 Journal Publications



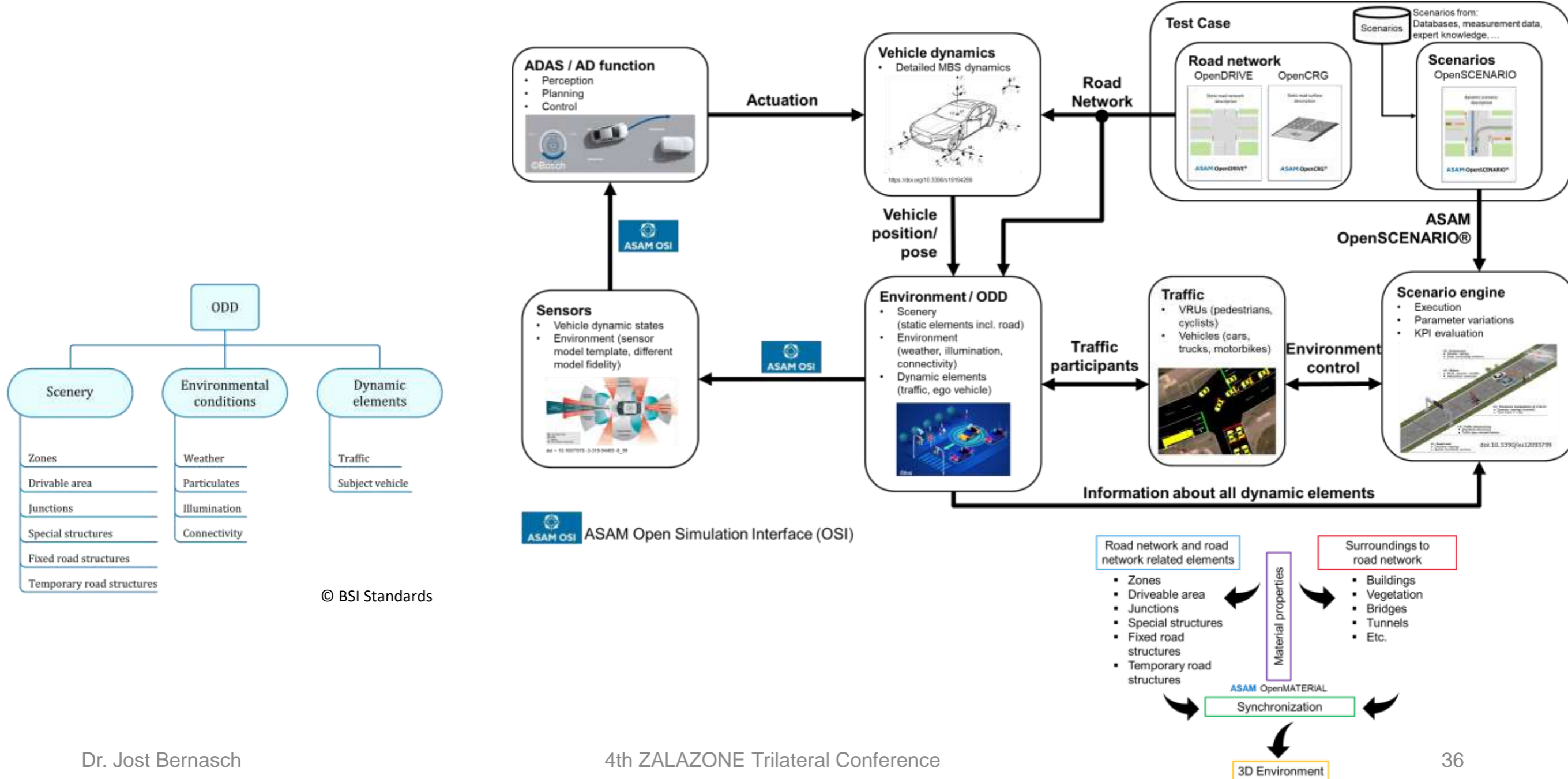
## Road2VV – K2DM

- 2021 – 2024
- 1 Mio €
- Follow-up of SENSE
- Virtual Validation of AD-functions



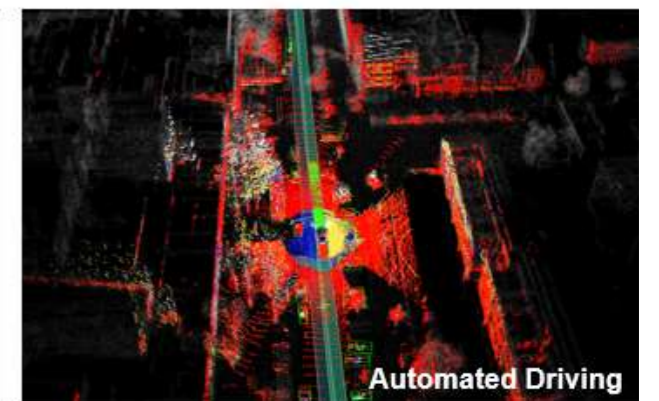
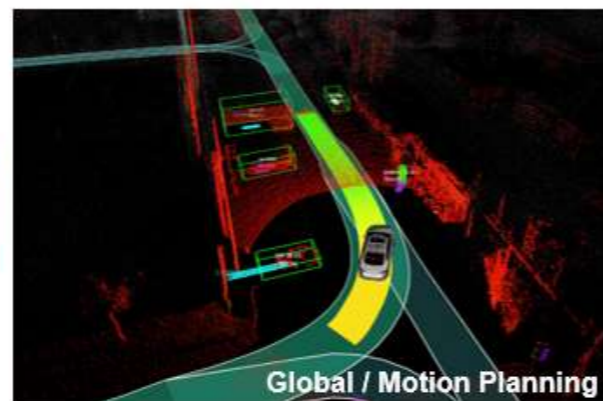
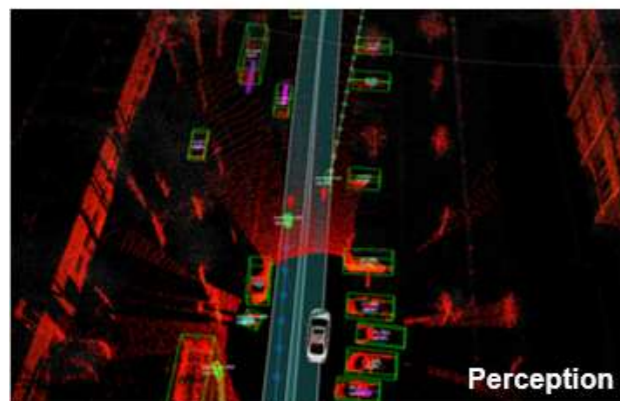
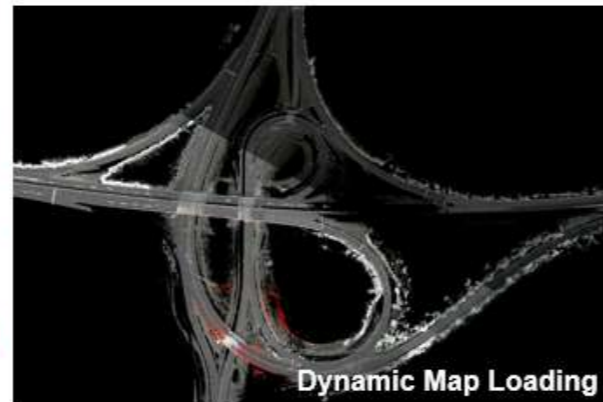
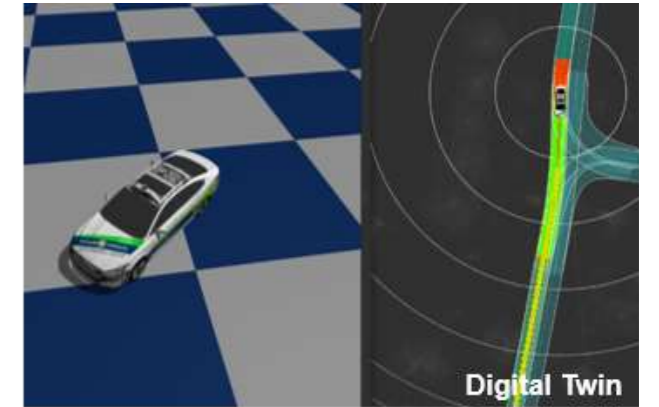
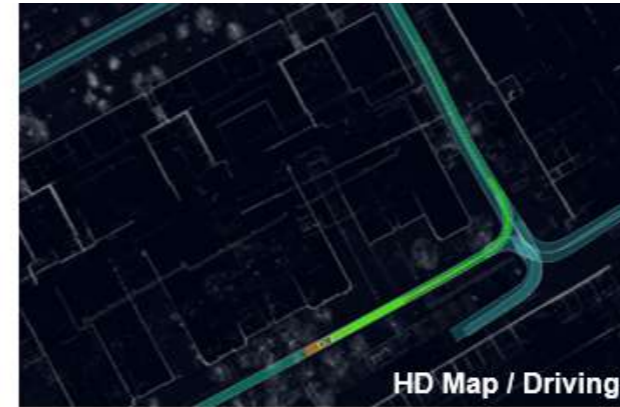
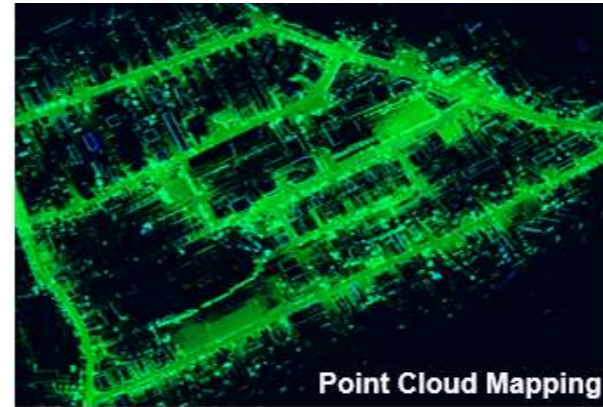
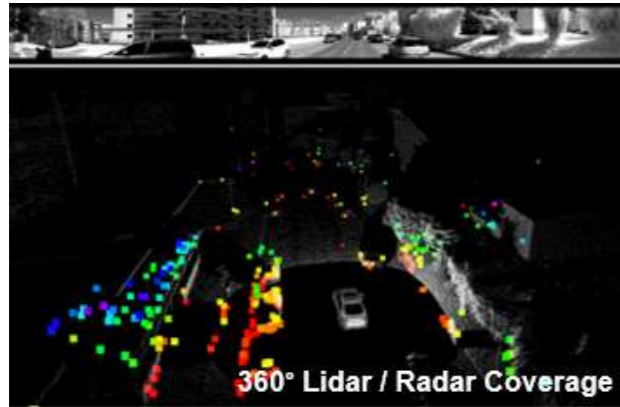


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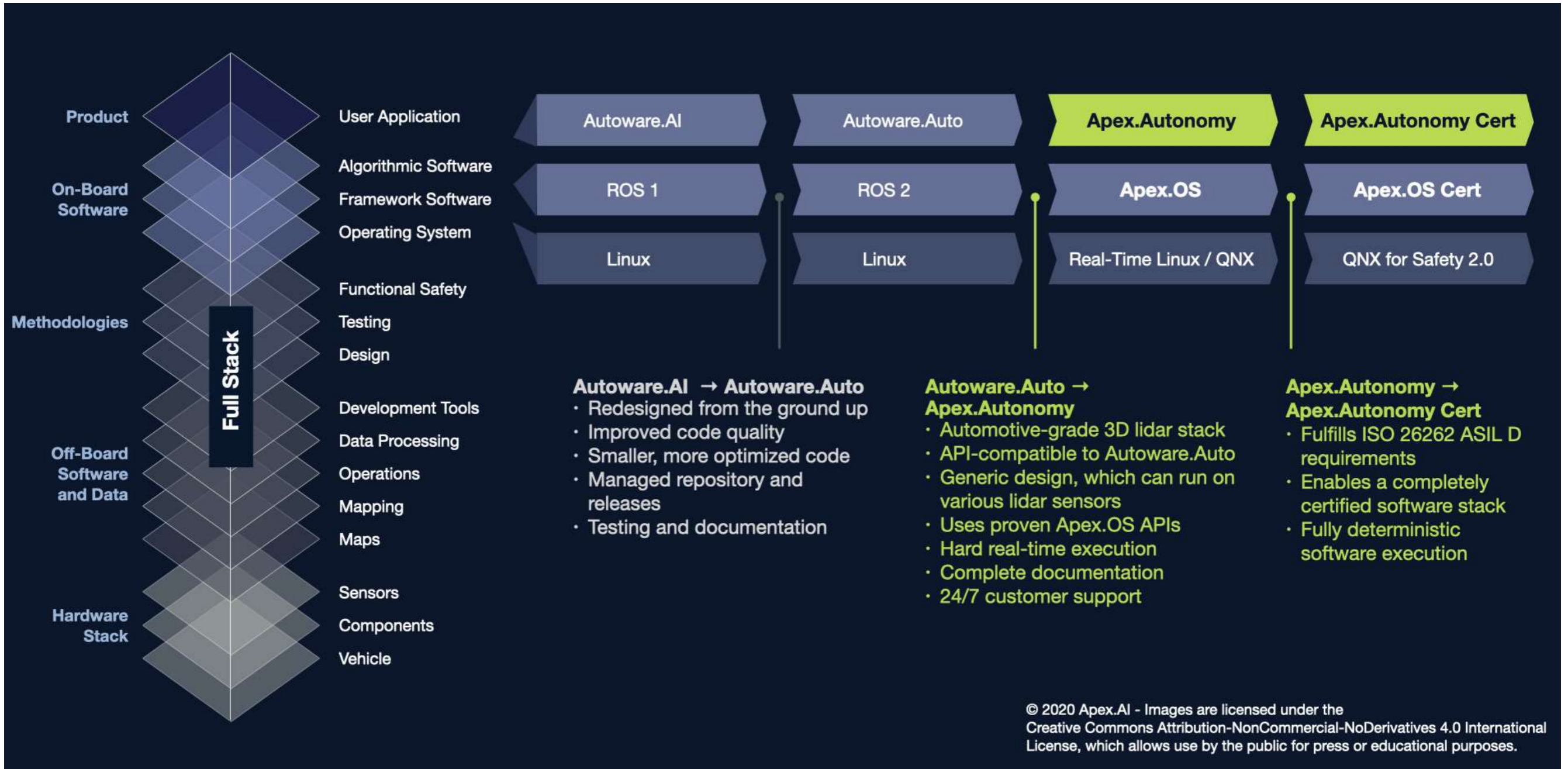


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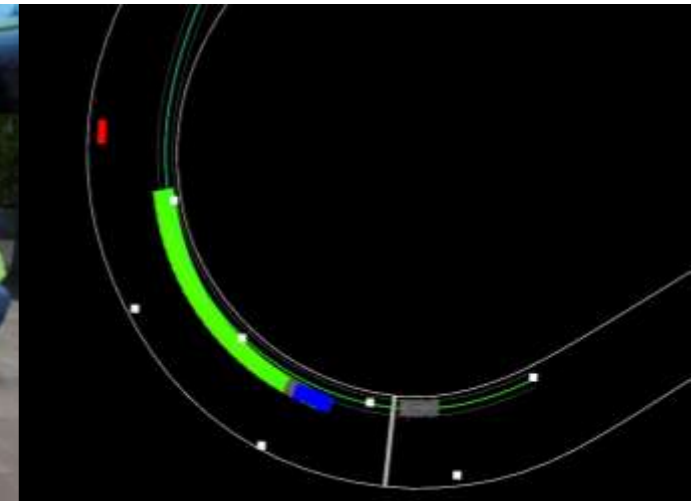




We make autonomous racing happening.

# ARG

*autonomous racing - graz*



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Team Members

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Organizations

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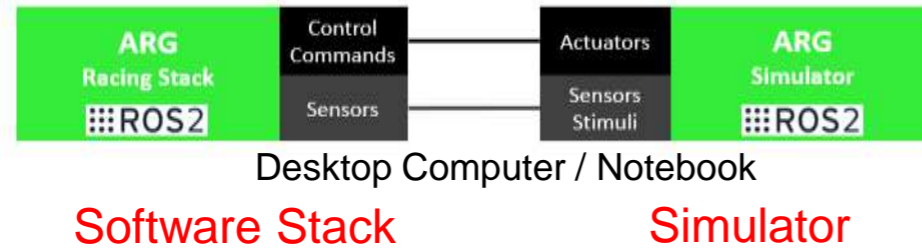
Goal



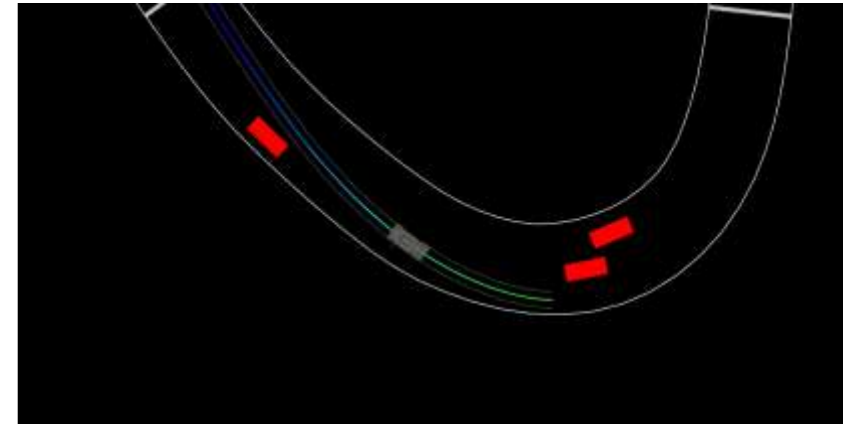
*Take autonomous driving to the limit*

# Development and Validation Levels

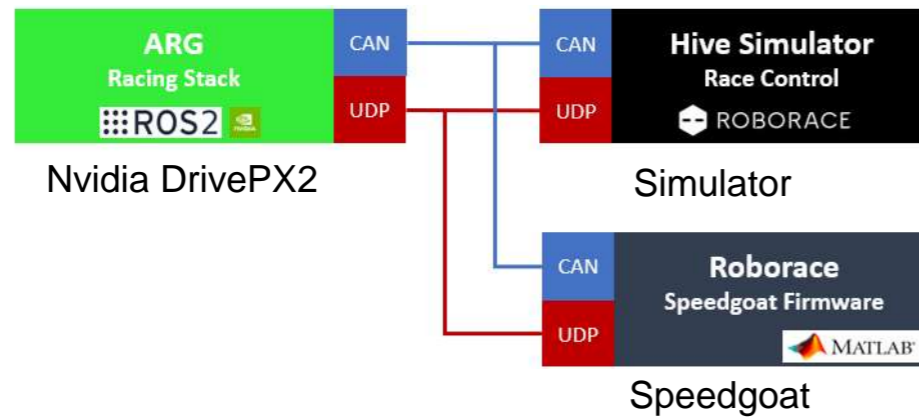
## ARG Development Environment (team members)



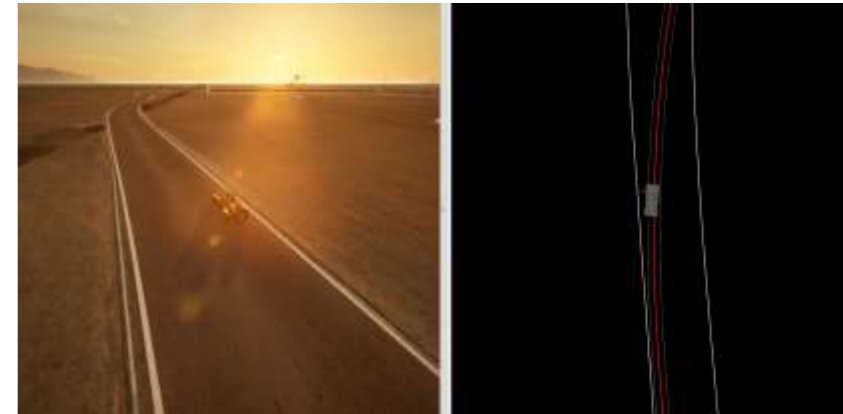
- Algorithm Development
  - Scenario Variation
  - System Optimization
- + Faster than realtime  
 + Easy to use
- Limited sensor/vehicle model  
 - No execution on real hardware



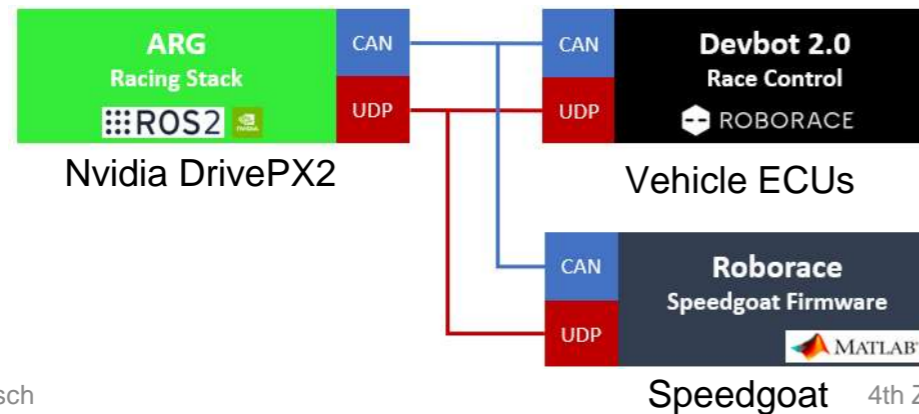
## Roborace HiL



- Algorithm Tuning
  - Functional Tests
  - Timing Evaluation
- + Real hardware behaviour
- Realtime  
 - Limited on available hardware



## Roborace Devbot 2.0



- Test and training session
  - Final parameter tuning
- + Real vehicle behaviour
- Failures not acceptable  
 - Limited time  
 - Time consuming







## **Rail Transport as backbone for Green Mobility Concepts**



## Ambitious Goals:



- ▶ Product development times reduced by 60%
- ▶ Technical risk minimisation

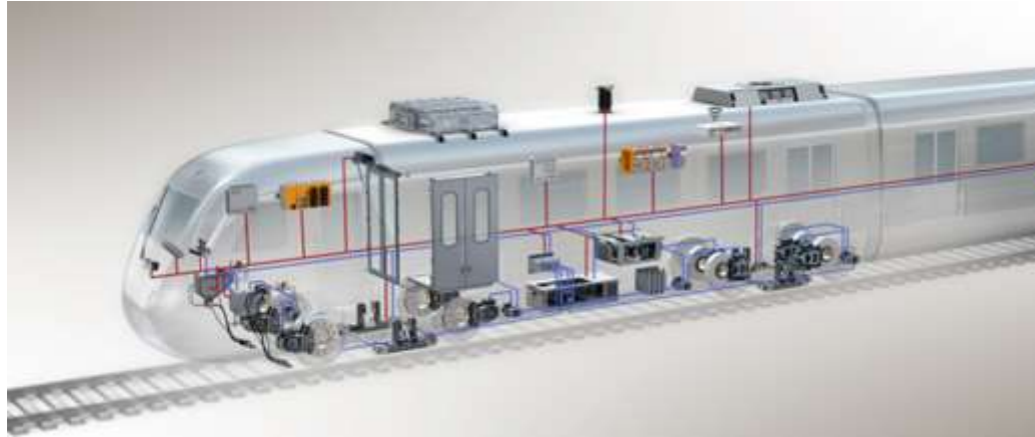


- ▶ Reduction of test drives and testing effort by 90%.
- ▶ Faster approval



- ▶ Availability increased to 99%
- ▶ Monitoring and Digital Twin

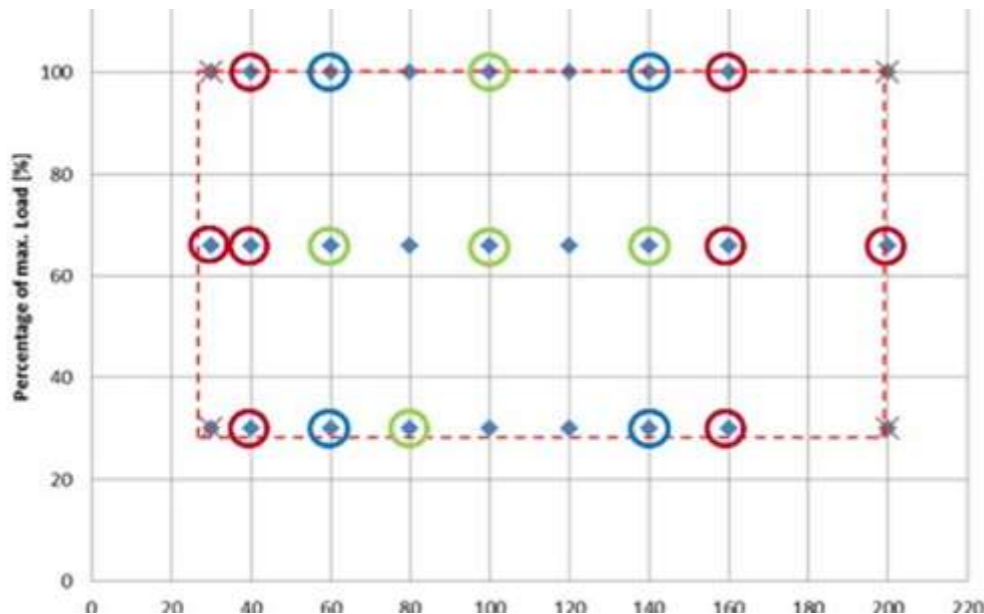




## Number of tests for approval:

3 (weight) x 9 (init. speed) x 4 (stochastic) = 108

Duration: 2-3 months, costs: €€€€



## Virtual Validation for Certification (VVC)

- Idea: Calibration and validation for virtual tests

- 1. **Calibration:** Physical test cases conducted to adapt simulation model to 'real' vehicle
- 2. **Validation:** Physical test cases conducted without adaptation of simulation model
- 3. **Virtual Testing:** no track tests, only simulation

- Realisation of process, simulation tool, methods for **partial-virtual type-approval (VIF K2 project)**
- Challenges**
  - Today: Standards landscape (TSI LOC&PAS) does not accept virtual tests
- Initiatives to enable VVC:**
  - Cooperation with standardisation organisations (ERA, NB-Rail) Platform: Shift2Rail PIVOT2
  - CEN TC256 SC3 WG55 "Simulation" (new work item proposal), allow simulation as an option where previously only real test was allowed
  - UpSim project: Quality metrics for modelling and simulation e.g. ISO 33000





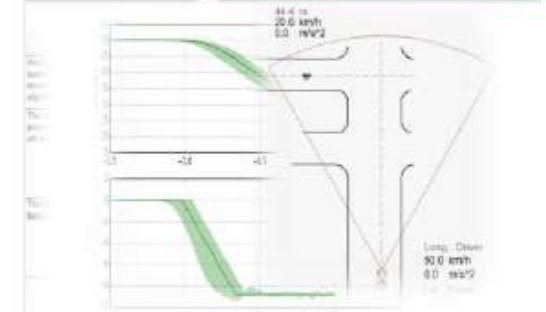
## PROSPECTIVE EFFECTIVENESS ASSESSMENT FOR ROAD SAFETY



*A comprehensible, reliable, transparent, and accepted methodology for quantitative assessment of vehicle-integrated crash avoidance technology by virtual simulation*



### The P.E.A.R.S. Initiative - Partners



- **ISO 21934** work items for the assessment of crash avoidance technology by virtual simulation
  - Part 1: State-of-the-art and general method overview (Technical Report).
  - Part 2: Guidelines for application (Technical Specification - under preparation).
- **Publications:** ESV – 2015, 2017, 2019





## EUREKA testEPS Vision:

Certified automated driving functions and environmental perception systems (EPS) for robust and safe operation of automated mobility

### Value of the project

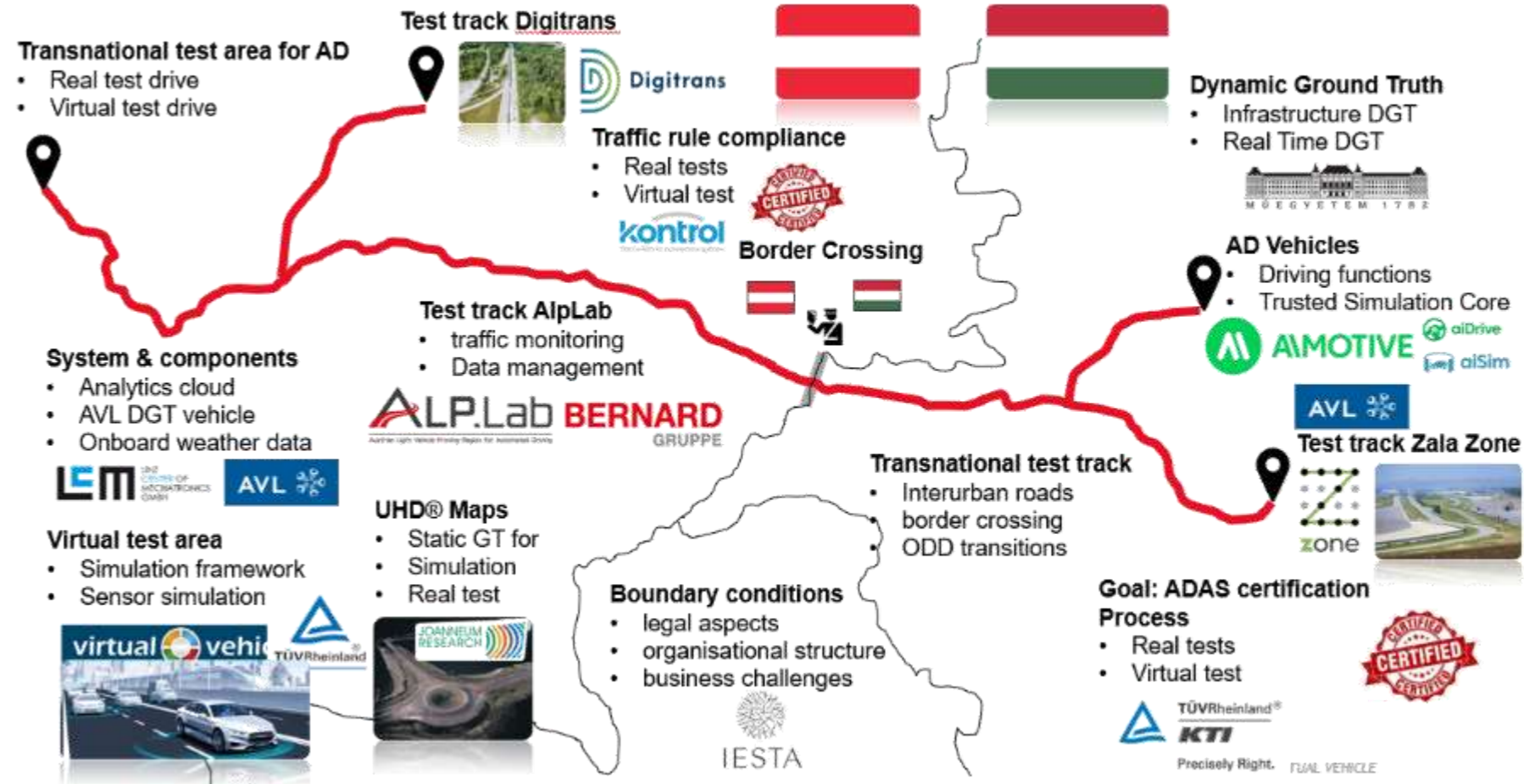
- Virtual Testing of the full driving function & the perception system

### Roadmap for virtual homologation

- What are the fidelity levels / credibility suitable for homologation?

### Challenges

- Certification will require a smart combination of Virtual & Physical Testing
- Fostering collaboration beyond borders



**Autonomous platform for verification and validation of sensor systems, vehicle software and control algorithms.**

- Target vehicle imitation (max. speed: 50 km/h)
- Precise repetition of test scenarios (4-wheel-drive)
- Road legal



**Development of tailor-made test scenarios.**

- Risk assessment and test concept development
- Identification of edge cases and critical test scenarios



## Safety Labs Austria - Overview



Austria has been an official EURO  NCAP member since 2022. Vehicle testing will be carried out at the Safety Labs Austria:

Passive Safety:



Active Safety:



Virtual Testing:







**Market Uptake needs to be significantly accelerated by  
Digital Engineering Technologies**



- 1. Due to complexity of systems there is a high demand of Virtual Testing.**
- 2. Virtual Vehicle works on and pushes virtual testing in Rail and Automotive**
- 3. Type approval will require a smart combination of Virtual & Physical Testing;**
- 4. Acceptance of virtual testing for homologation process  
→ credible system simulation, verified processes (UPSIM)**
- 5. Virtual Vehicle actively participates in international committees (EuroNCAP)**

# GREEN DIGITAL MOBILITY

Thank You!