



# MathWorks Toolchain for Low-Velocity Maneuvering Development at General Motors

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The last hundred meters of an autonomous drive entail unique challenges: there is variability in direction (reverse, three-point turns, etc.) there are often no road markings, no GPS signal, and no map.

This is where a Self-Driving Car is at its most autonomous.





The goal of the Low Velocity Maneuvering (LVM) team at General Motors is to drive the vehicle in GPS-denied environments with high accuracy, to enable a variety of autonomous features.



In this talk we review our LVM development cycle, emphasizing MathWorks tools utilization, starting from the architecture management, models base design development, requirements & testing coverage, MIL, SIL, HIL simulations and code generation for multiple platforms.

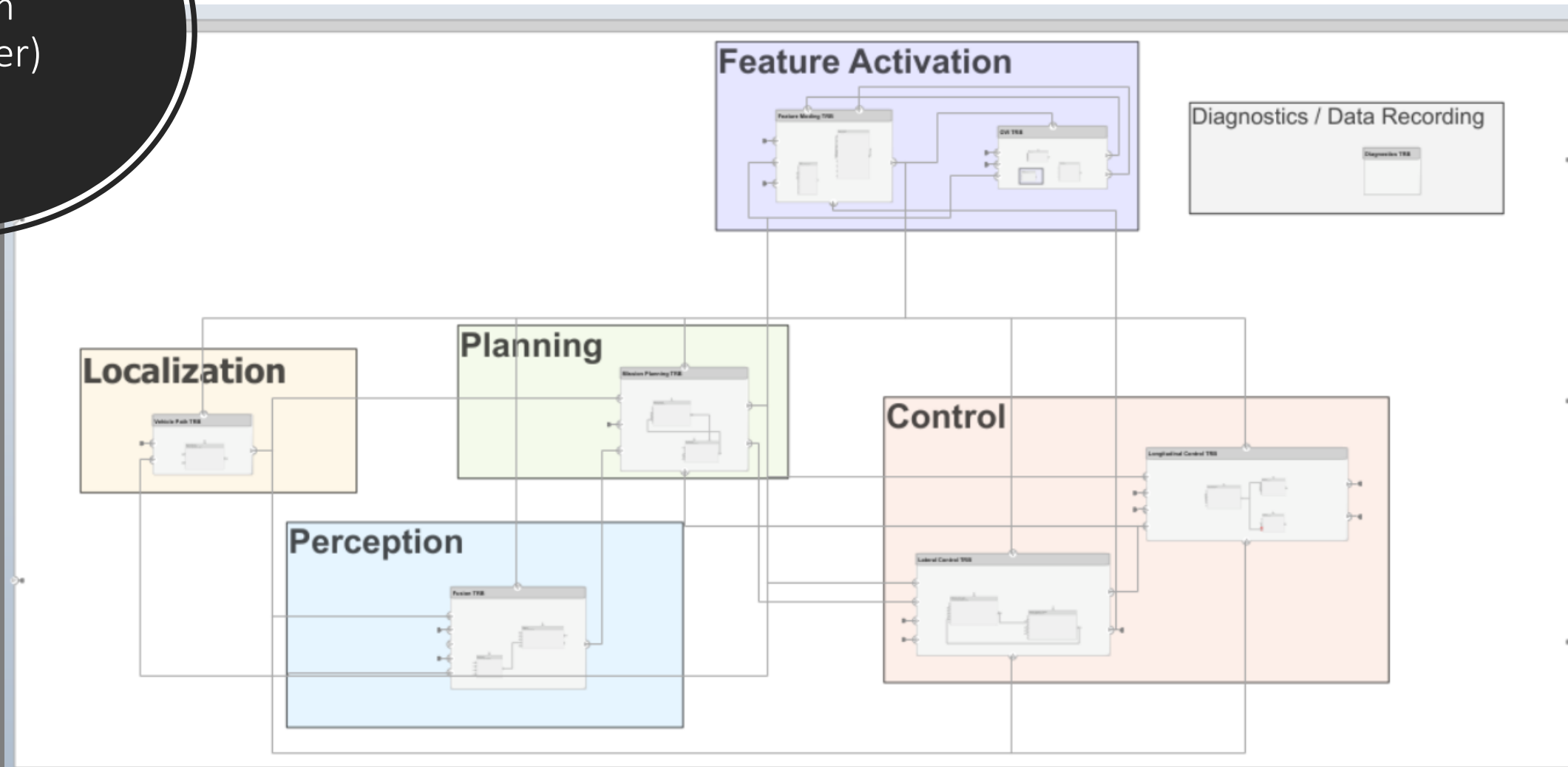


# Development Process Motivation

- Fast development cycle: fast transition from proof of concept to production-mature software
- Utilize the best of all worlds for simulation, development, validation and deployment:
  - **CarSim** for precise vehicle dynamics
  - **Unreal**-based fisheye photo-realistic image rendering
  - **ROS2** for visualization and debugging
  - **dSpace** for real-time validation
  - **Simulink** for Model-based design

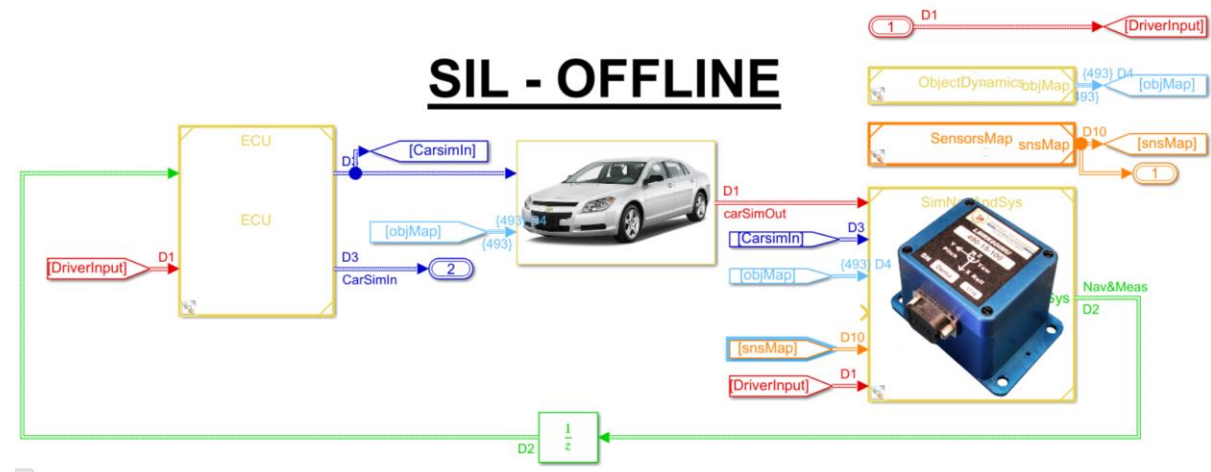
Architecture management  
(System Composer)

Easy System and Architecture management – Model-based design approach



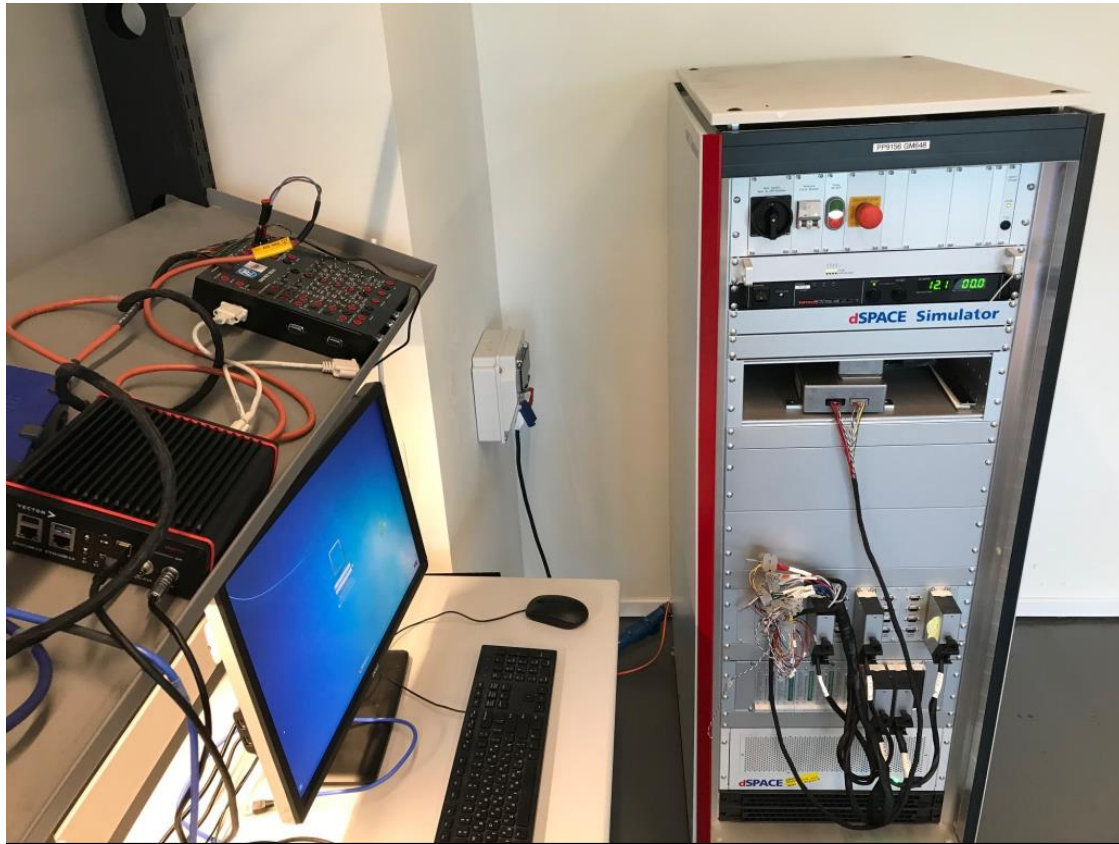
# Simulink/CarSim co-simulation (SIL)

In-house full vehicle system simulation



# RT HIL/Vehicle Validation – co-simulation (Simulink, Dspace & CarSim / Vehicle)

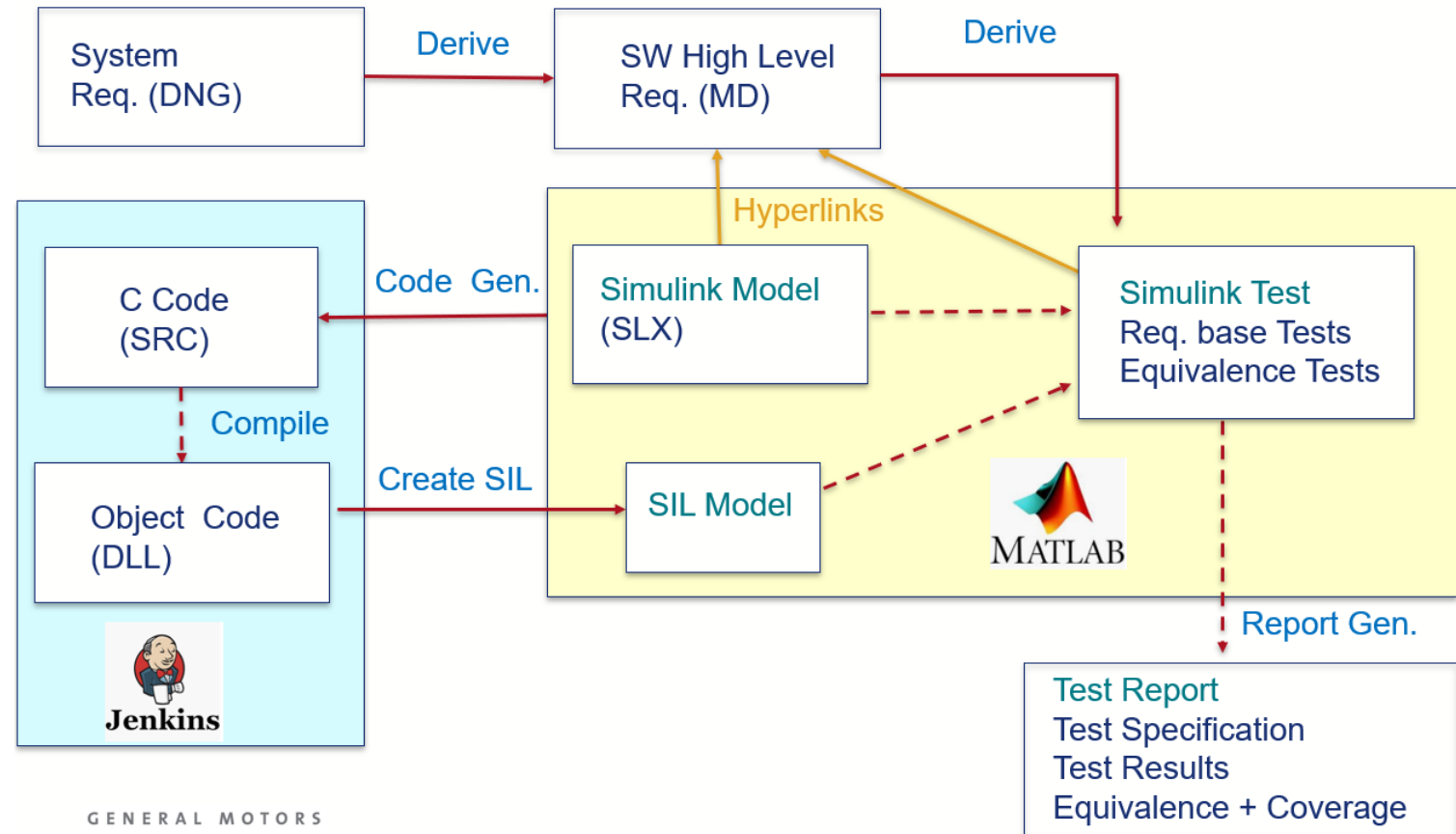
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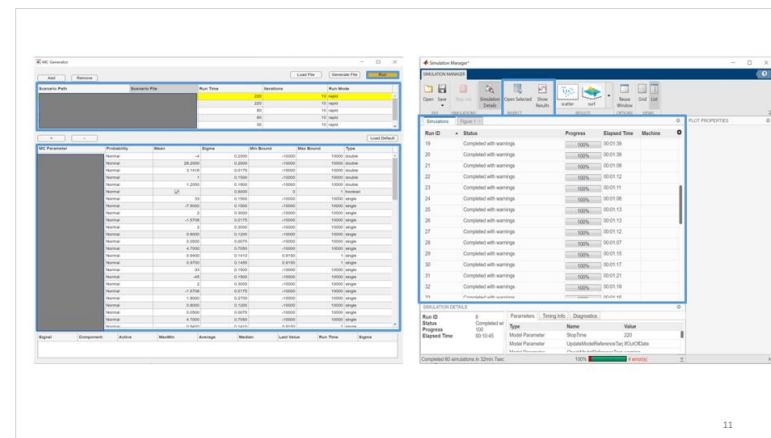
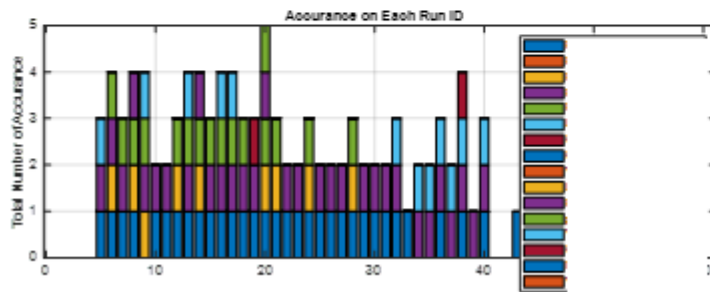
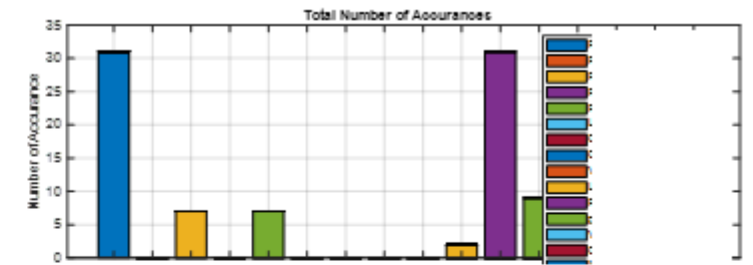
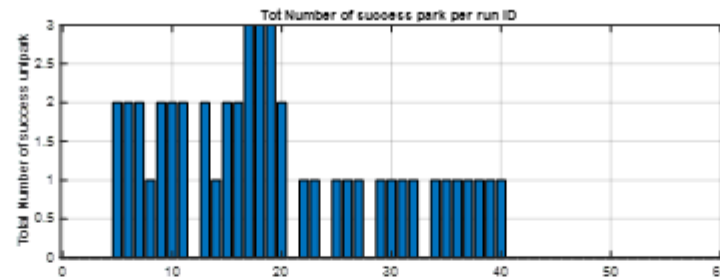
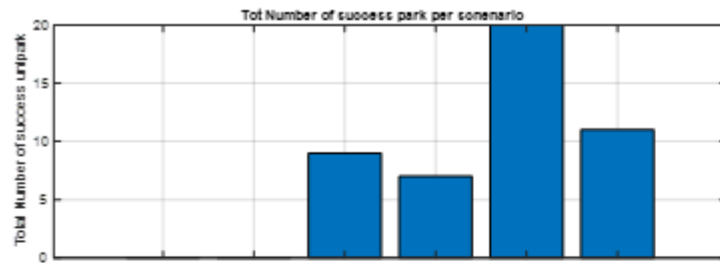
# Unit-test process flowchart using Test Manager for requirements coverage analysis

Model and Code validation – “white box”



# Model Validation “Black box” (Monte-Carlo)

System-level module in the loop verification using Simulation Manager



MC Generator

Buttons: Add, Remove, Load File, Generate File, Run

Scenario Path	Scenario File	Run Time	Iterations	Run Mode
		220	10	rapid
		220	10	rapid
		80	10	rapid
		80	10	rapid
		30	10	rapid

Buttons: +, -, Load Default

MC Parameter	Probability	Mean	Sigma	Min Bound	Max Bound	Type
Normal		-4	0.2000	-10000	10000	double
Normal		28.2000	0.2000	-10000	10000	double
Normal		3.1416	0.0175	-10000	10000	double
Normal		1	0.1500	-10000	10000	double
Normal		1.2000	0.1800	-10000	10000	double
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Normal		33	0.1500	-10000	10000	single
Normal		-7.5000	0.1500	-10000	10000	single
Normal		2	0.3000	-10000	10000	single
Normal		-1.5708	0.0175	-10000	10000	single
Normal		2	0.3000	-10000	10000	single
Normal		0.8000	0.1200	-10000	10000	single
Normal		0.0500	0.0075	-10000	10000	single
Normal		4.7000	0.7050	-10000	10000	single
Normal		0.9400	0.1410	0.9150	1	single
Normal		0.9700	0.1455	0.9150	1	single
Normal		33	0.1500	-10000	10000	single
Normal		-45	0.1500	-10000	10000	single
Normal		2	0.3000	-10000	10000	single
Normal		-1.5708	0.0175	-10000	10000	single
Normal		1.8000	0.2700	-10000	10000	single
Normal		0.8000	0.1200	-10000	10000	single
Normal		0.0500	0.0075	-10000	10000	single
Normal		4.7000	0.7050	-10000	10000	single
Normal		0.9400	0.1410	0.9150	1	single

Signal	Component	Active	Max/Min	Average	Median	Last Value	Run Time	Sigma

Simulation Manager

Buttons: Open, Save, Stop Job, Simulation Details, Open Selected, Show Results, scatter, surf, Reuse Window, Grid, List

Run ID	Status	Progress	Elapsed Time	Machine
19	Completed with warnings	100%	00:01:39	
20	Completed with warnings	100%	00:01:39	
21	Completed with warnings	100%	00:01:08	
22	Completed with warnings	100%	00:01:12	
23	Completed with warnings	100%	00:01:11	
24	Completed with warnings	100%	00:01:08	
25	Completed with warnings	100%	00:01:13	
26	Completed with warnings	100%	00:01:13	
27	Completed with warnings	100%	00:01:12	
28	Completed with warnings	100%	00:01:07	
29	Completed with warnings	100%	00:01:15	
30	Completed with warnings	100%	00:01:17	
31	Completed with warnings	100%	00:01:21	
32	Completed with warnings	100%	00:01:19	
33	Completed with warnings	100%	00:01:18	

SIMULATION DETAILS

Run ID: 8  
Status: Completed with warnings  
Progress: 100  
Elapsed Time: 00:10:45

Type	Name	Value
Model Parameter	StopTime	220
Model Parameter	UpdateModelReferenceTargetIfOutOfDate	
Model Parameter	CheckModelReferenceTimeWarning	


Completed 60 simulations in 32min 7sec 100% ██████████ 4 error(s)



Adding vision  
perception to  
system simulation

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Photorealism

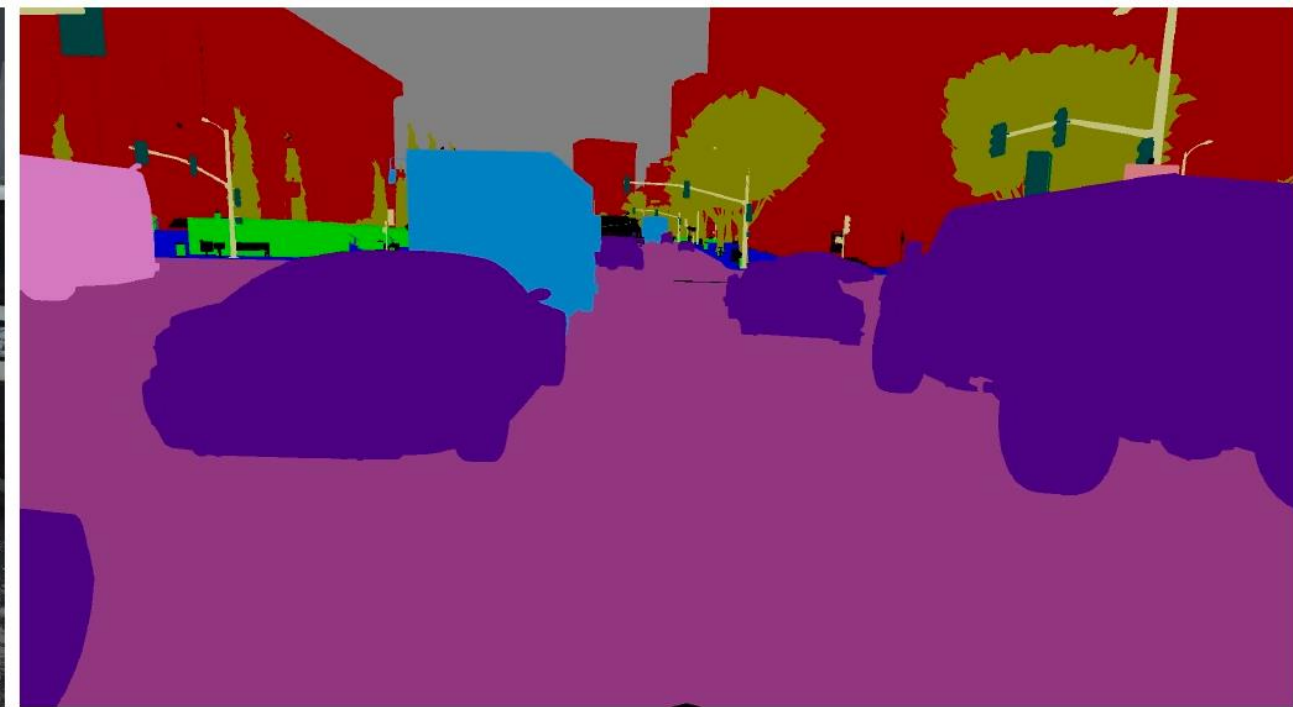


Requirements:  
Fisheye Image  
Generation

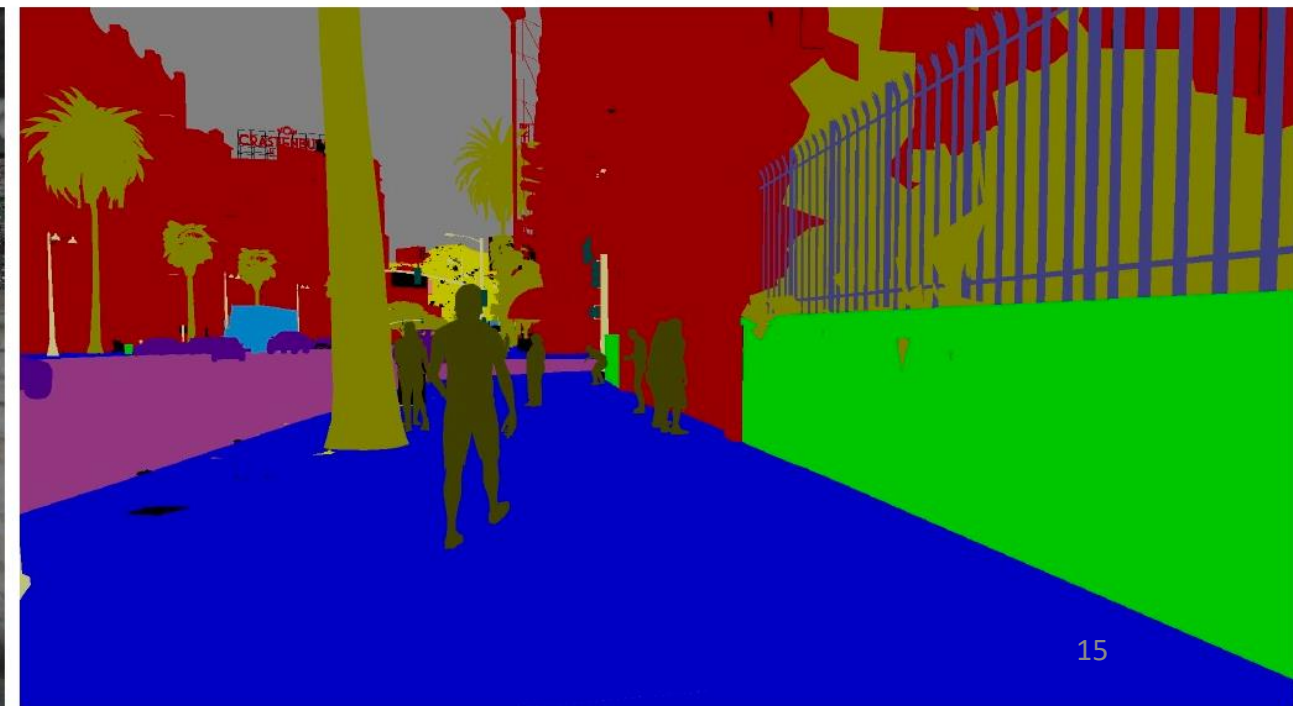



Requirements:  
Simulated  
Weather Effects

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Requirements:  
Ground Truth



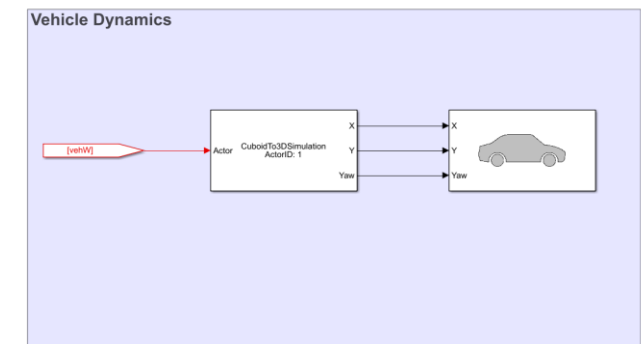
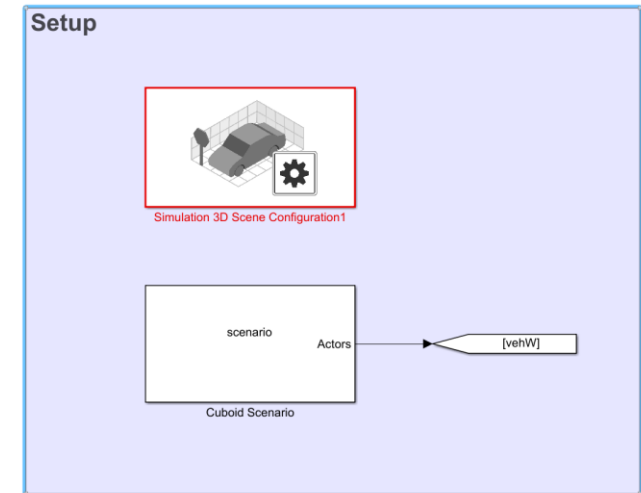
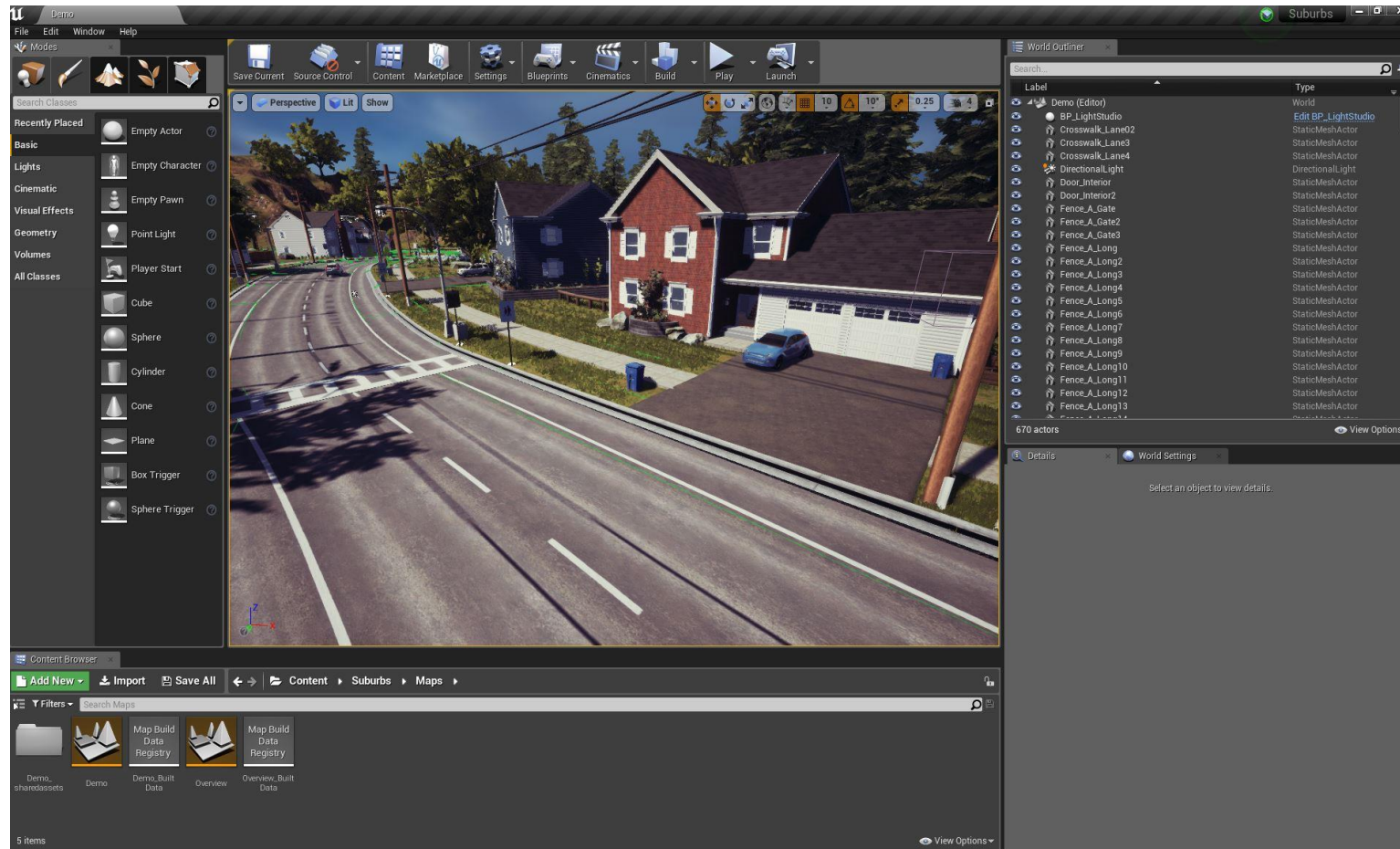


## Requirements: Recording and Visualization

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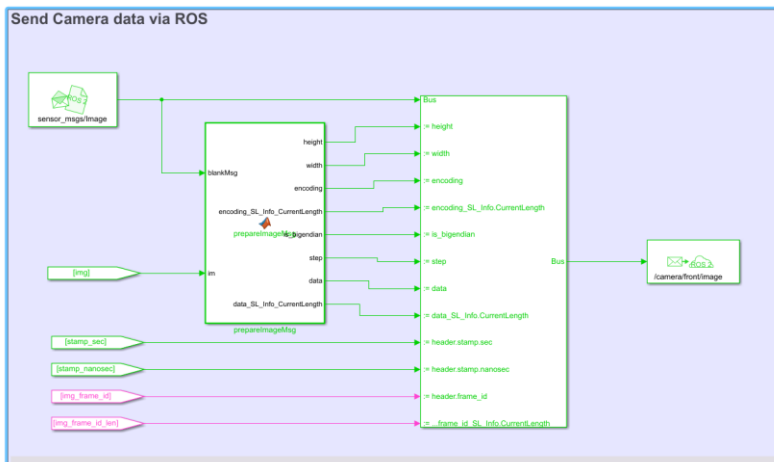
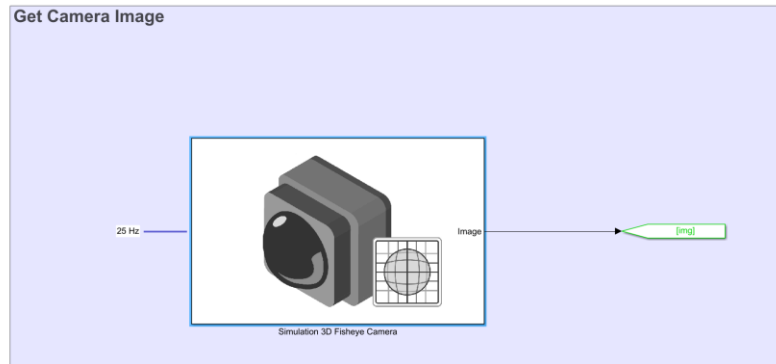


# Photorealism (Unreal Engine Interface)



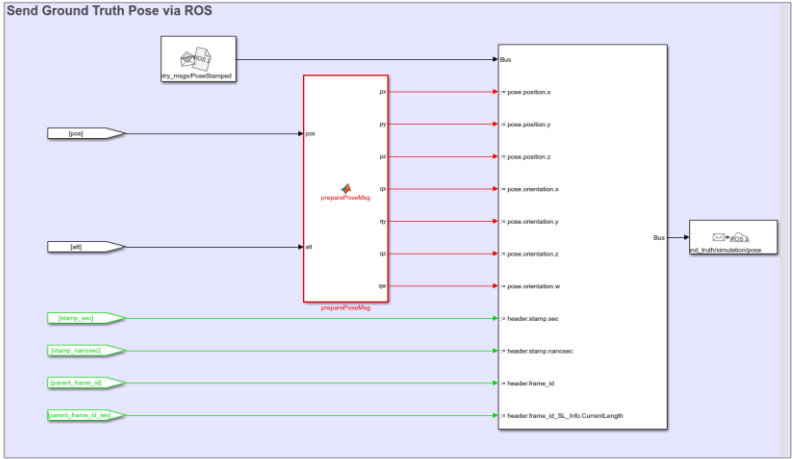
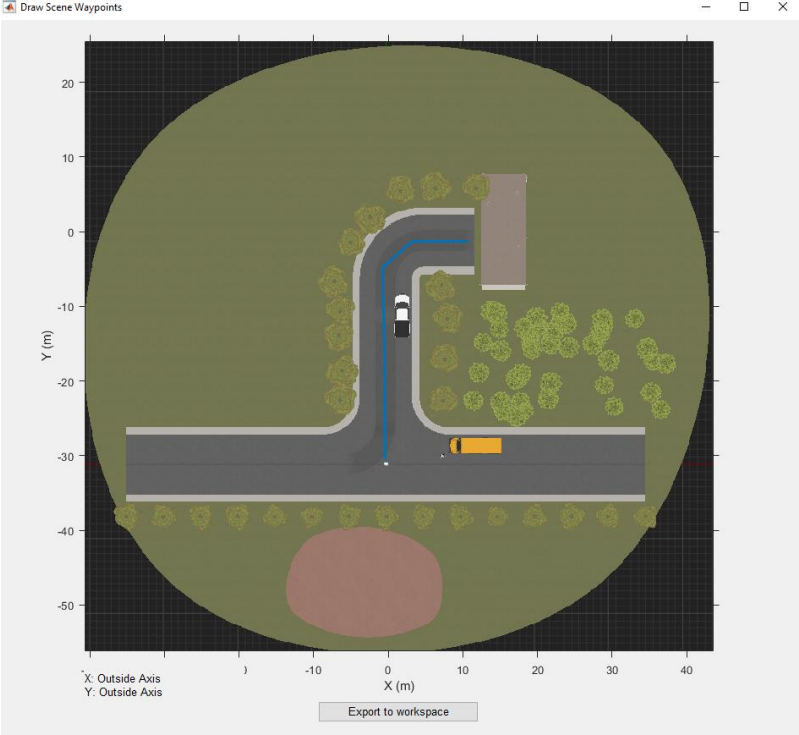
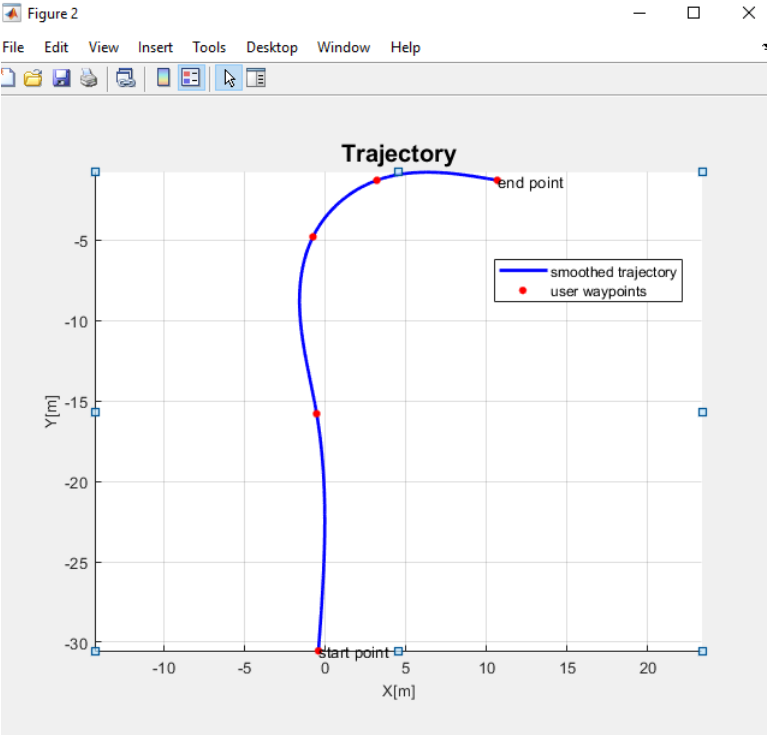
Interface with Unreal Engine enables state of the art photorealistic images in a variety of scenarios

# Fisheye Image Generation



Unique ability to generate fisheye images from Unreal  
(configurable intrinsics and extrinsics)

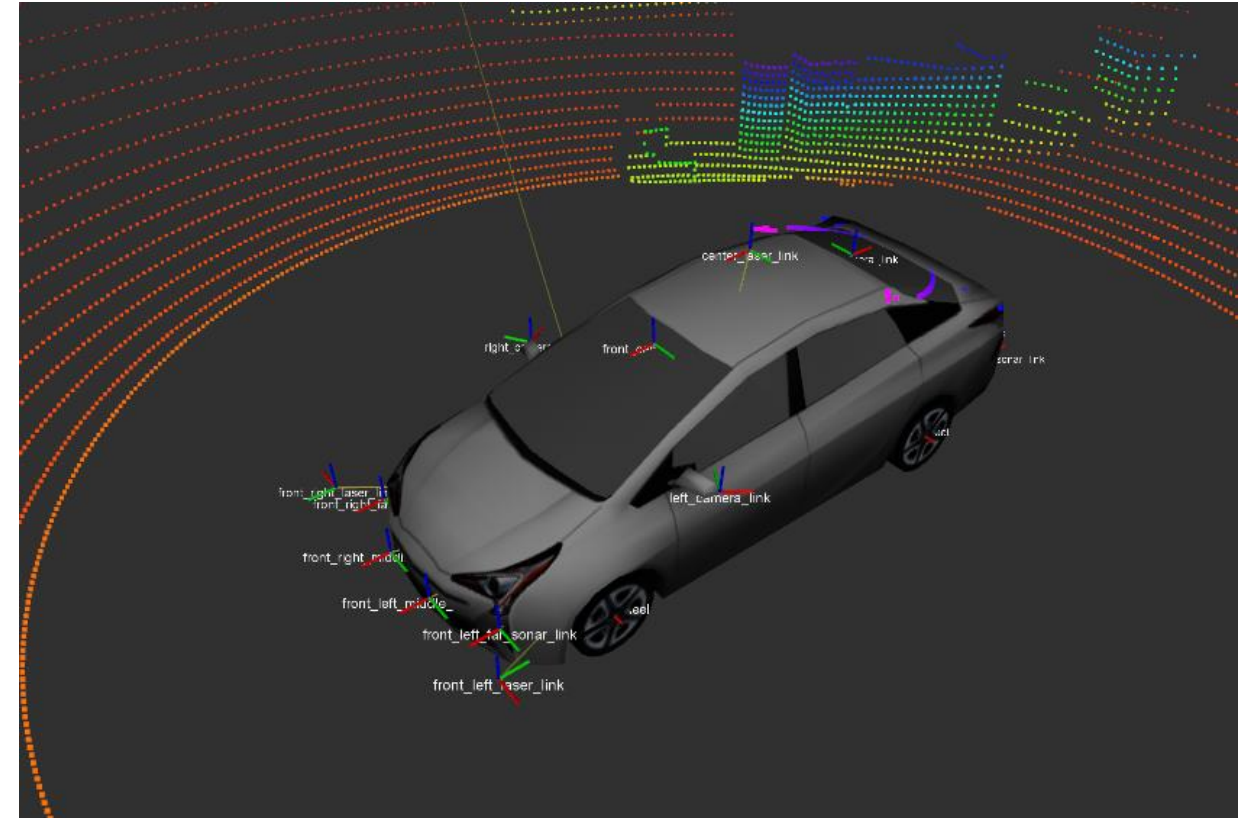
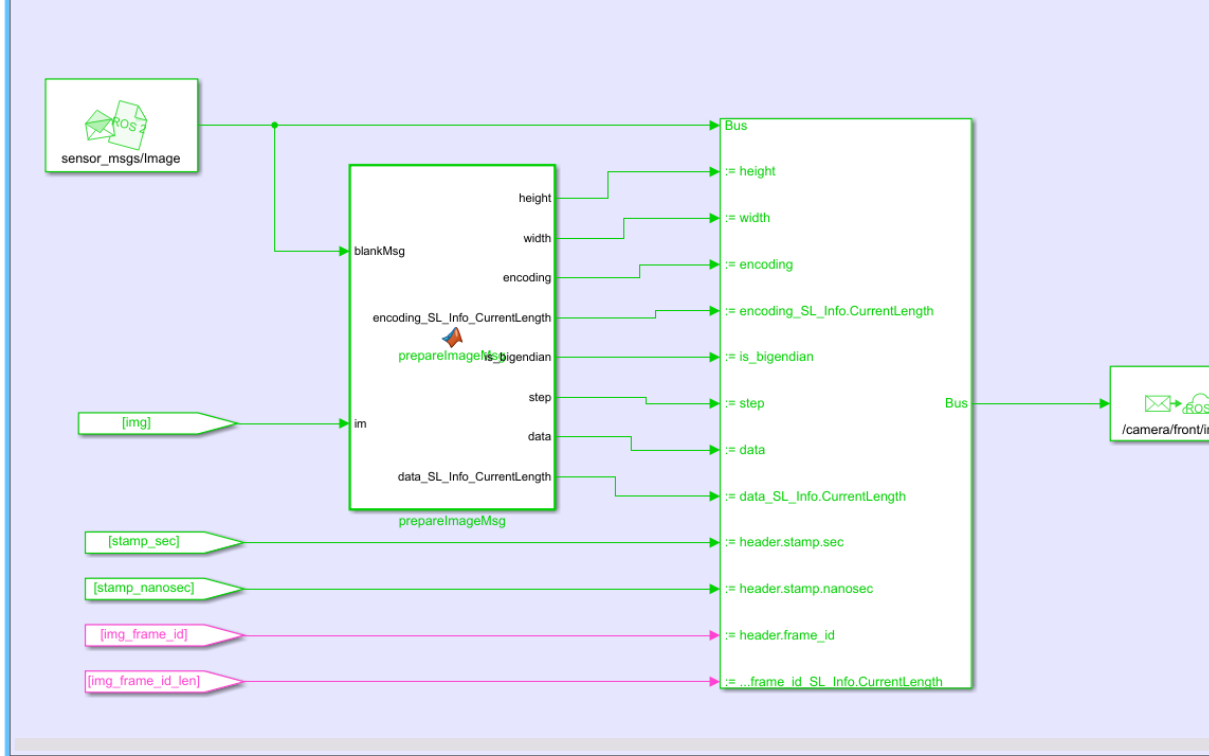
# Ground Truth



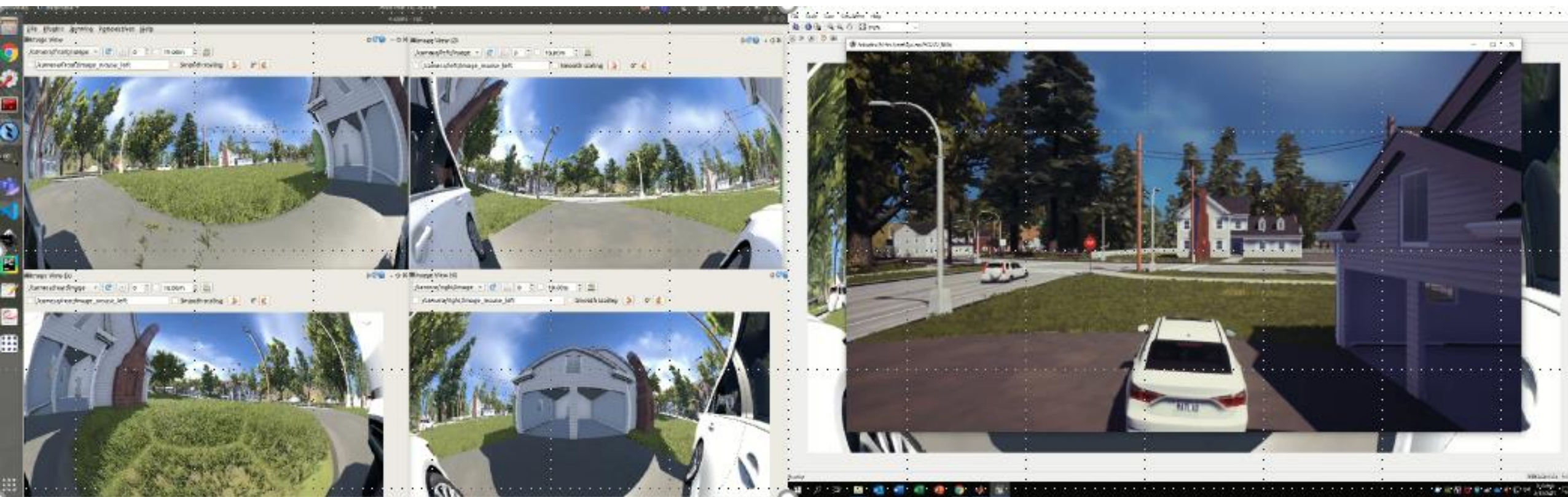
Generate route in MATLAB / Simulink and execute in Unreal

# Recording & Visualization

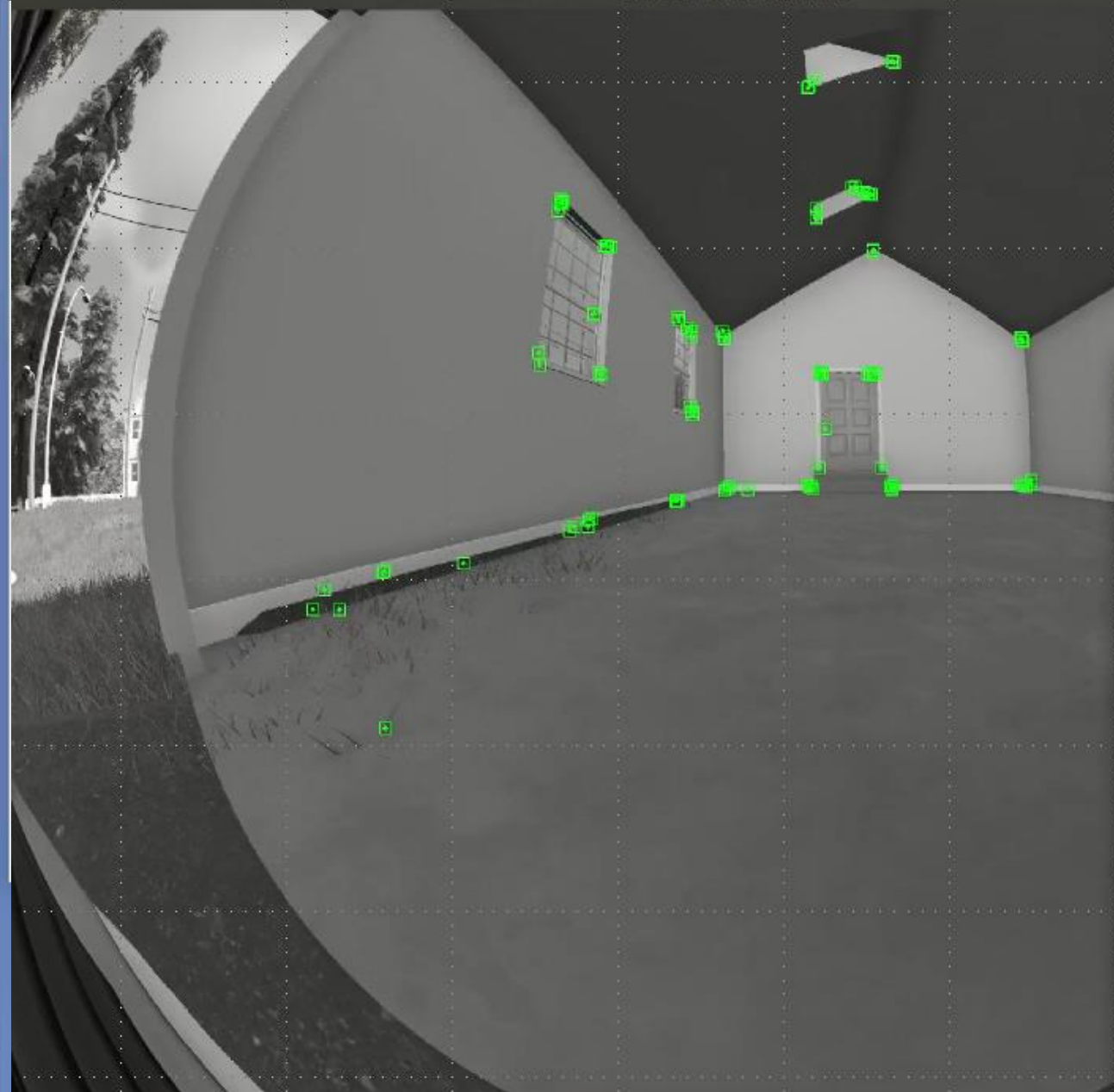
## Send Camera data via ROS



Broadcast sensor data and ground truth in standard ROS2 messages; utilize debugging and visualization tools



ORB-SLAM3: Current Frame



ORB-SLAM3: Map Viewer

Follow Camera

Camera View

Top View

Show Points

Show KeyFrames

Show Graph

Show Inertial Graph

Localization Mode

Reset

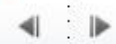
Step By Step

Step

 This panel provides a 2D top-down view of the 3D map. The map is represented by a dense cloud of red points, which are the keyframes from the camera's path. A prominent blue trajectory is overlaid on the map, showing the path of the camera. A green square highlights the current camera position on the map. The background is a white grid, and the overall view is a top-down perspective of the room's layout.

Pts: 3313, Matches: 98

ORB-SLAM3 1.9.4 LTS



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# Wrap up

Using MATLAB/Simulink we were able to quickly:

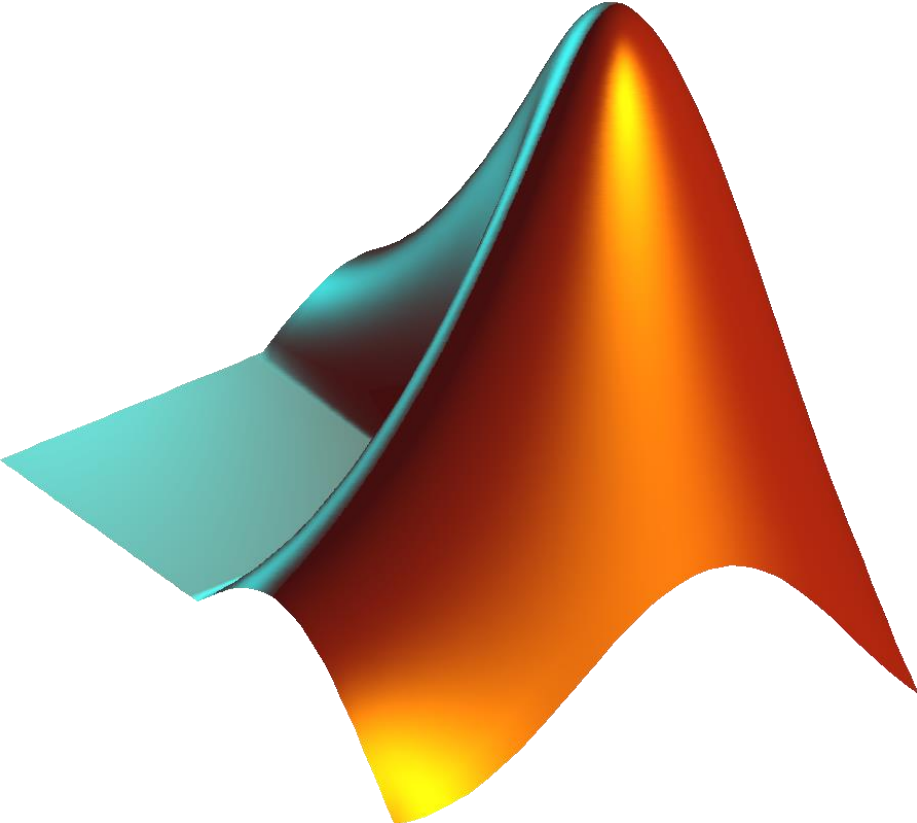
- Manage
  - Architecture management using System Composer
- Develop
  - Control System
  - Vision Perception System
- Validate
  - Requirement-based and back-to-back testing using Simulink Test
- Deploy
  - Code generation

## Next Steps:

- Unify control and vision development platforms
- Move to Adaptive AutoSAR architecture



# MathWorks and GM Collaborative Effort



Thank you!