



A PROACTIVE APPROACH TO ROAD SAFETY ANALYSIS

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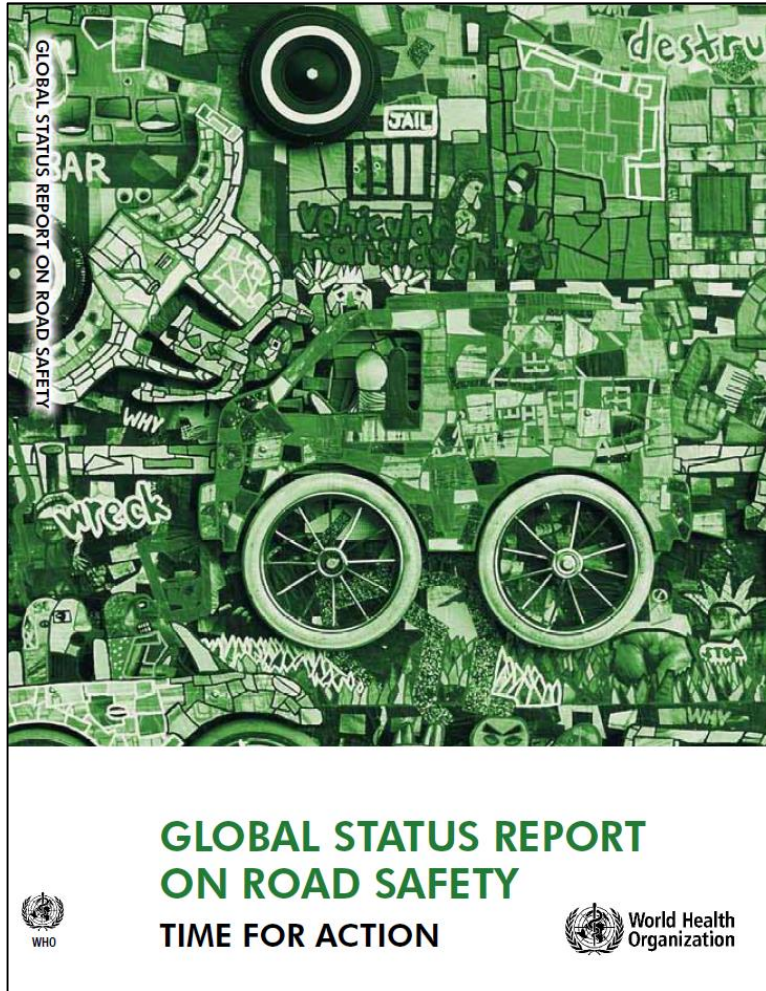
LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. How can we use traffic conflict analytics to inform proactive actions for improved road safety?
2. How can we use video analytics and machine learning systems to detect conflicts?
3. How can we work together to move towards Vision Zero?



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WORLDWIDE: TRAFFIC FATALITIES

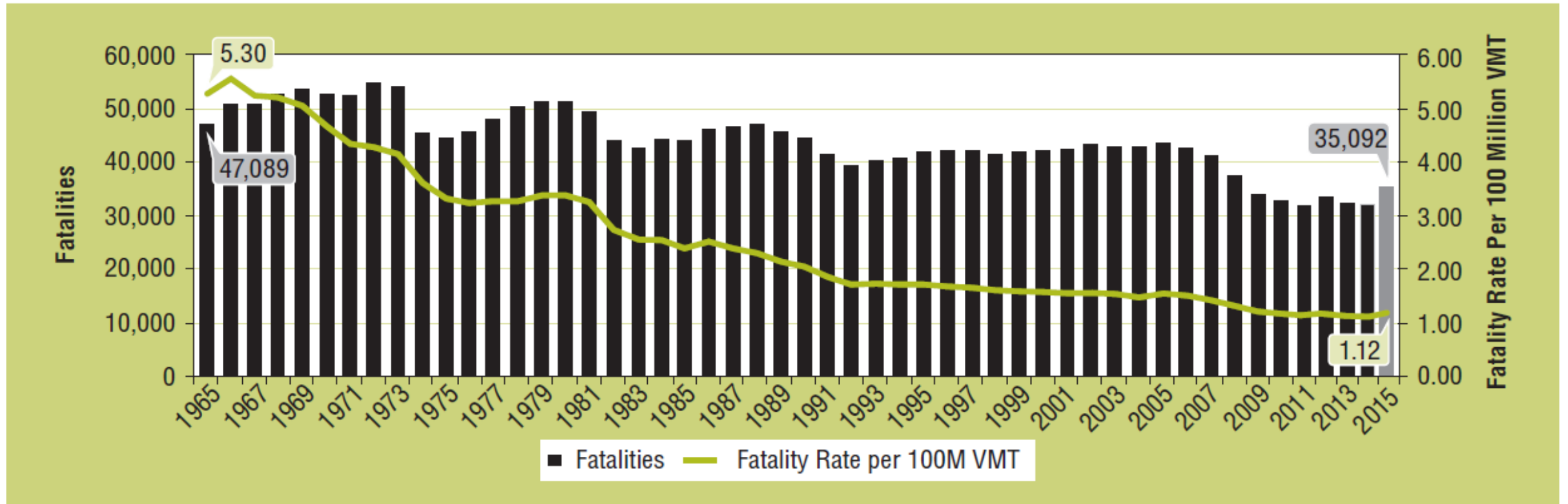


Leading Causes of Death (2004)

RANK	LEADING CAUSE	%
1	Ischaemic heart disease	12.2
2	Cerebrovascular disease	9.7
3	Lower respiratory infections	7.0
4	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	5.1
5	Diarrhoeal diseases	3.6
6	HIV/AIDS	3.5
7	Tuberculosis	2.5
8	Trachea, bronchus, lung cancers	2.3
9	Road traffic injuries	2.2
10	Prematurity and low birth weight	2.0
11	Neonatal infections and other	1.9
12	Diabetes mellitus	1.9
13	Malaria	1.7
14	Hypertensive heart disease	1.7
15	Birth asphyxia and birth trauma	1.5
16	Self-inflicted injuries	1.4
17	Stomach cancer	1.4
18	Cirrhosis of the liver	1.3
19	Nephritis and nephrosis	1.3
20	Colon and rectum cancers	1.1

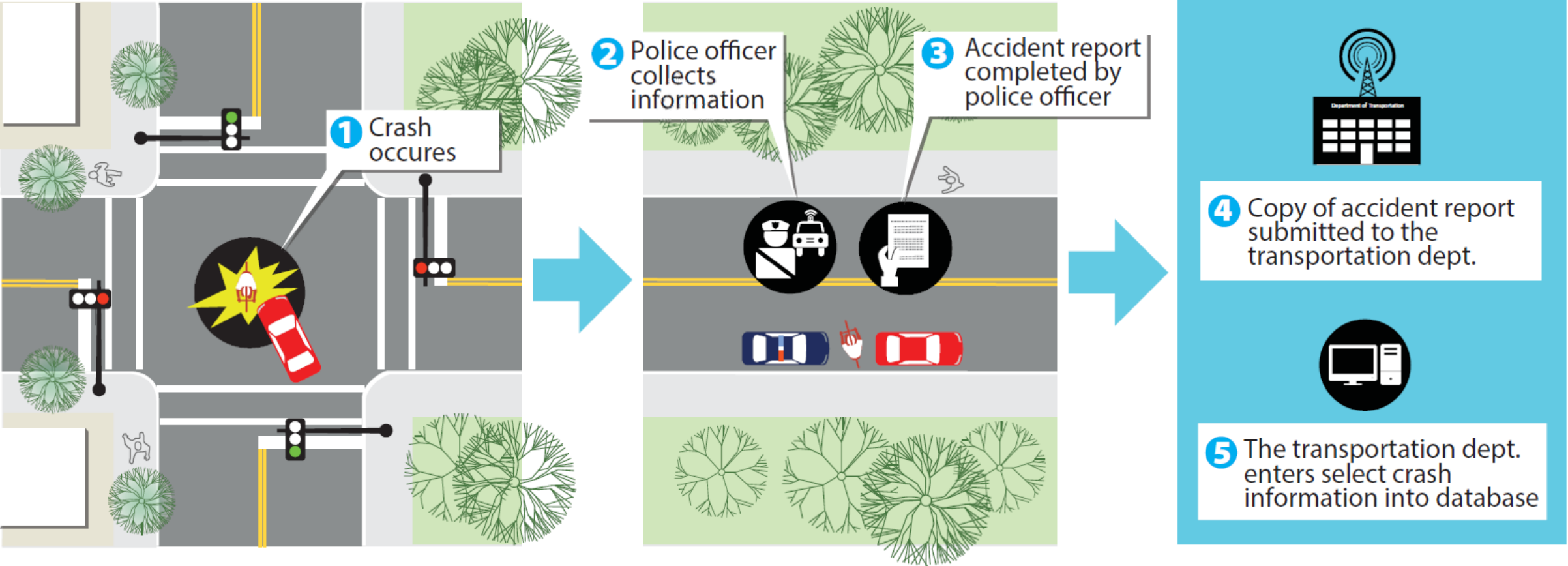
USA: TRAFFIC FATALITIES

Fatalities and Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT, by Year, 1965–2015



NHTSA, Impact of Crashes (2010): Economic Cost: \$242B; Societal Harm: \$836B

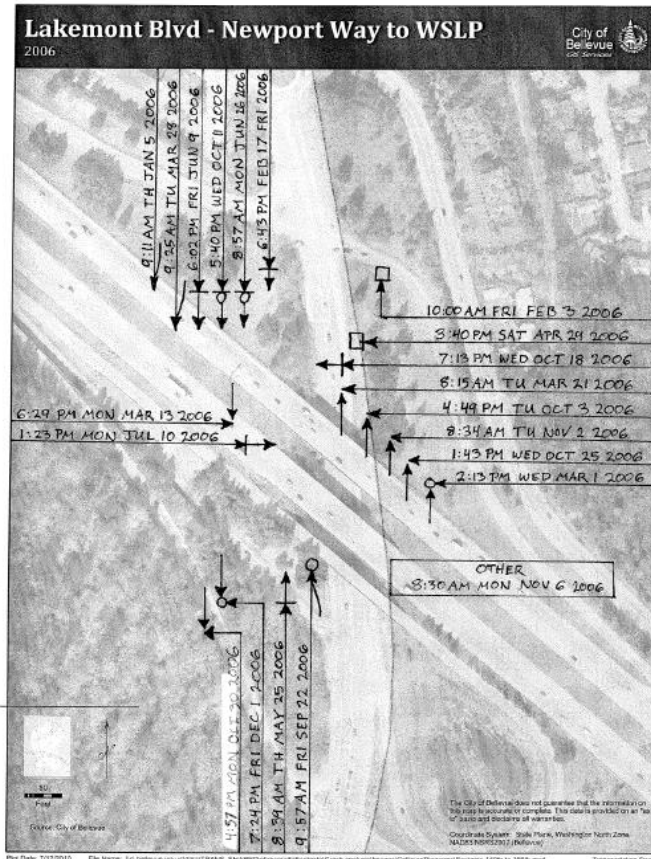
TRADITIONAL CRASH REPORTING PROCESS



CRASH BASED APPROACH: LAKEMONT INTERCHANGE CASE STUDY

From 2005 through 2010 there were 60 collisions recorded by the Bellevue Police Department and the WSP at this location.

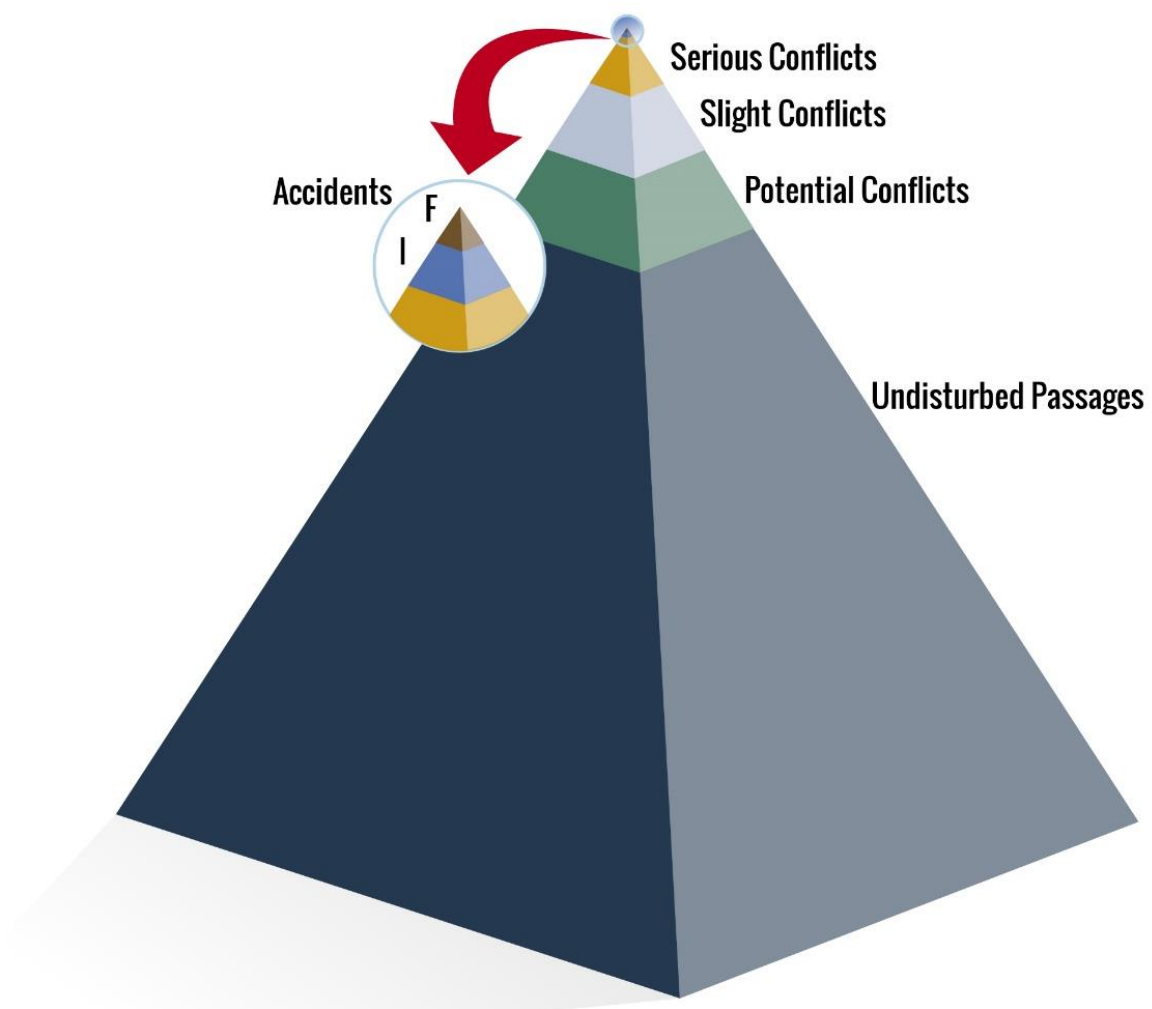
In 2013, WSDOT built a new roundabout at the intersection of the WB I-90 on- and off-ramps and WLSP SE/180 Ave SE.



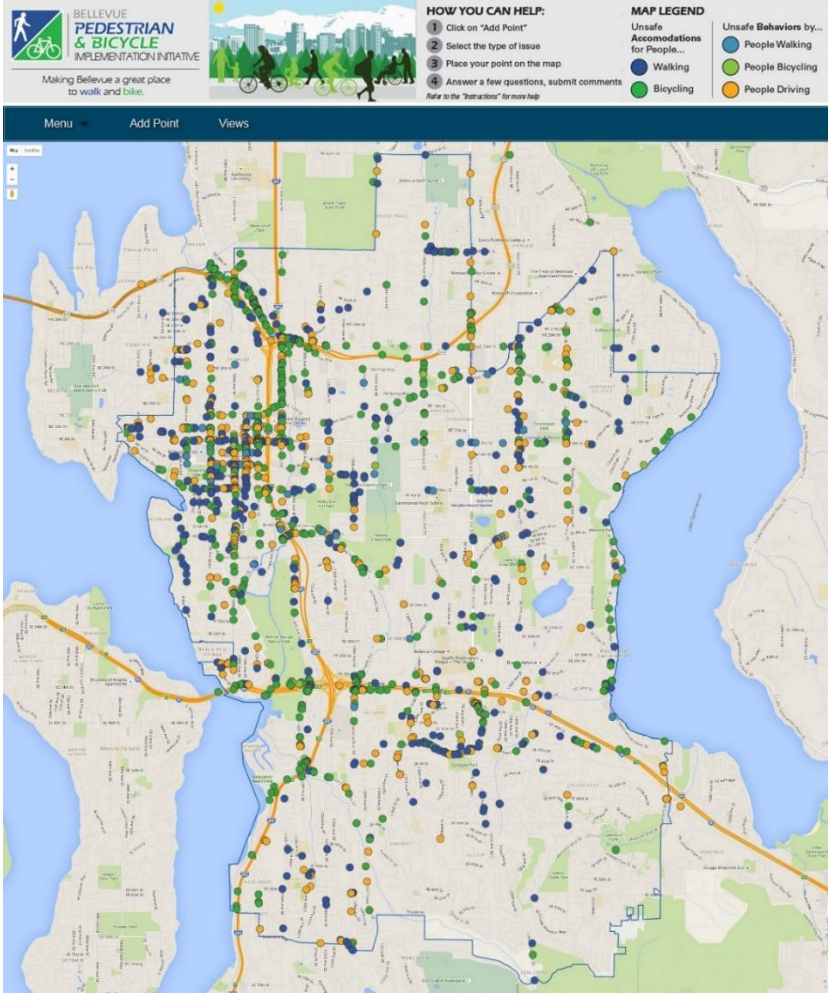
VISION ZERO: REFRAMING TRAFFIC DEATHS & INJURIES AS PREVENTABLE



CONFLICT-BASED APPROACH: DON'T WAIT FOR CRASHES TO HAPPEN

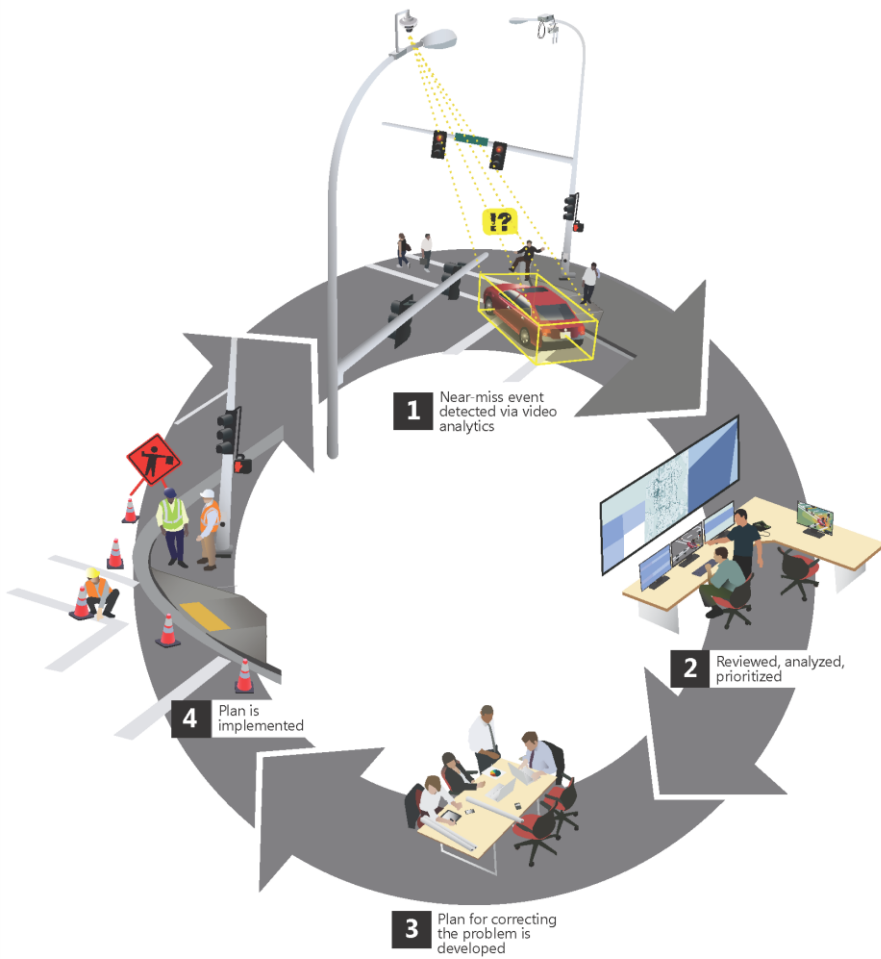


CONFLICT-BASED APPROACH: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT STRATEGY



	Total Points Placed	
Ped Facilities	514	32%
Bike Facilities	573	35%
Ped Behaviors	57	4%
Bike Behaviors	22	1%
Car Behaviors	452	28%
Total	1618	

CONFLICT-BASED APPROACH: VIDEO ANALYTICS STRATEGY



Leverage a city's existing traffic camera system to simultaneously:

- monitor counts and travel speed of all road user groups (vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle);
- document the directional volume of all road user groups as they move through an intersection; and,
- assess unsafe “near-miss” trajectories and interactions between all road user groups.

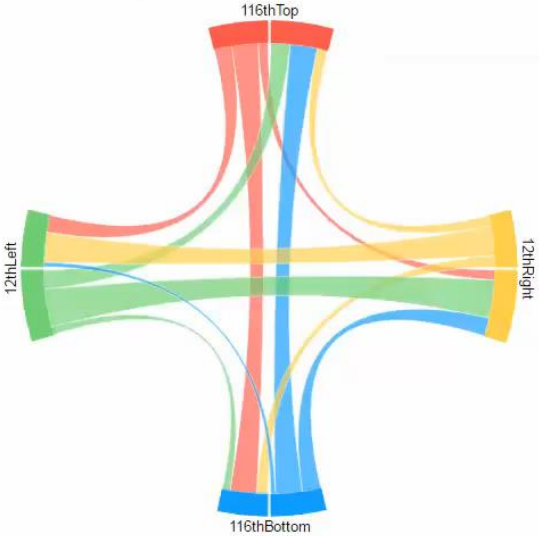
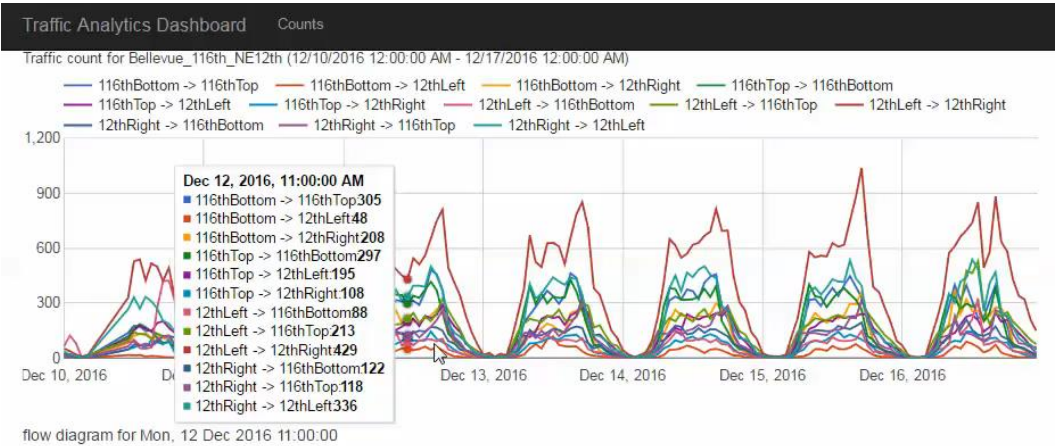
PARTNERSHIP MOMENTUM

OVERSIGHT	  
GOVERNMENT	     
RESEARCH	   
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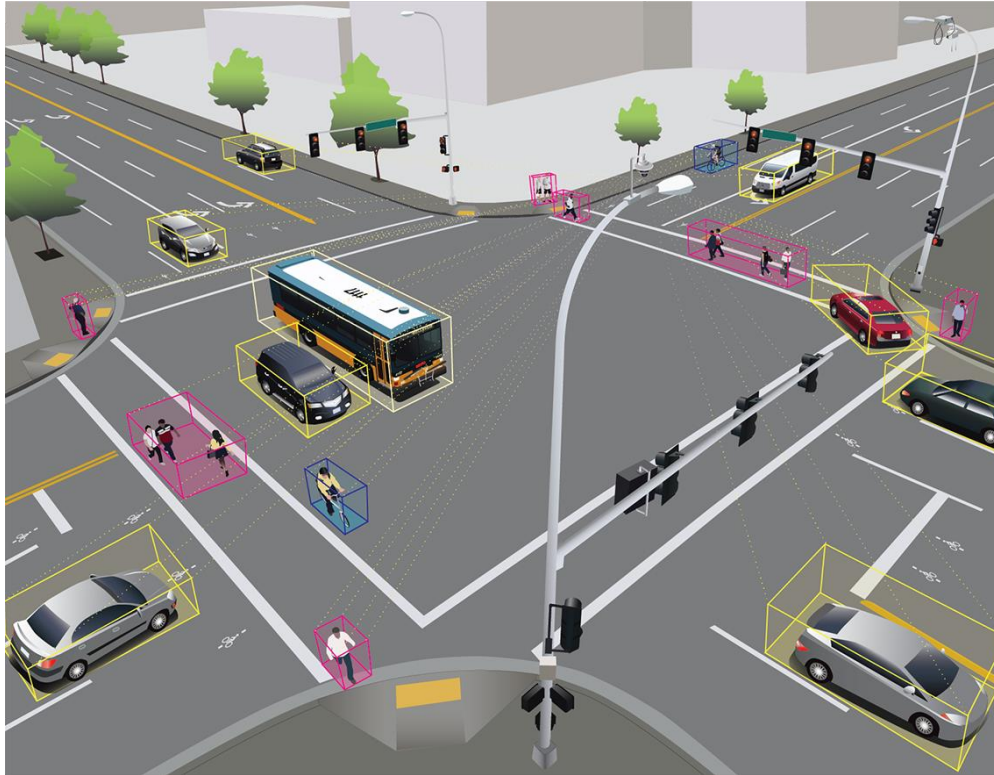
PARTNERSHIP APPROACH

- ✓ **Milestone 1:** Demonstrate the capability of vision technologies by detecting relevant events in the sample traffic videos (e.g., detecting cars, pedestrians, and bikes and tracking their movements).
- ✓ **Milestone 2:** Demonstrate an end-to-end system that will, continuously in real-time, detect and store the events, and present aggregated information.
 - **Milestone 3:** Pilot deployment of end-to-end system (running on servers provided by Microsoft) in the City of Bellevue traffic control center. The system will run off of a live feed.
 - **Milestone 4:** Support additional scenarios (e.g., near-collisions of cars with pedestrians and bikes or patterns of bikers crossing a busy intersection).

TURNING MOVEMENT COUNTS SAMPLE: 116TH NE & NE 12TH



OBJECT CLASSIFICATION ACCURACY

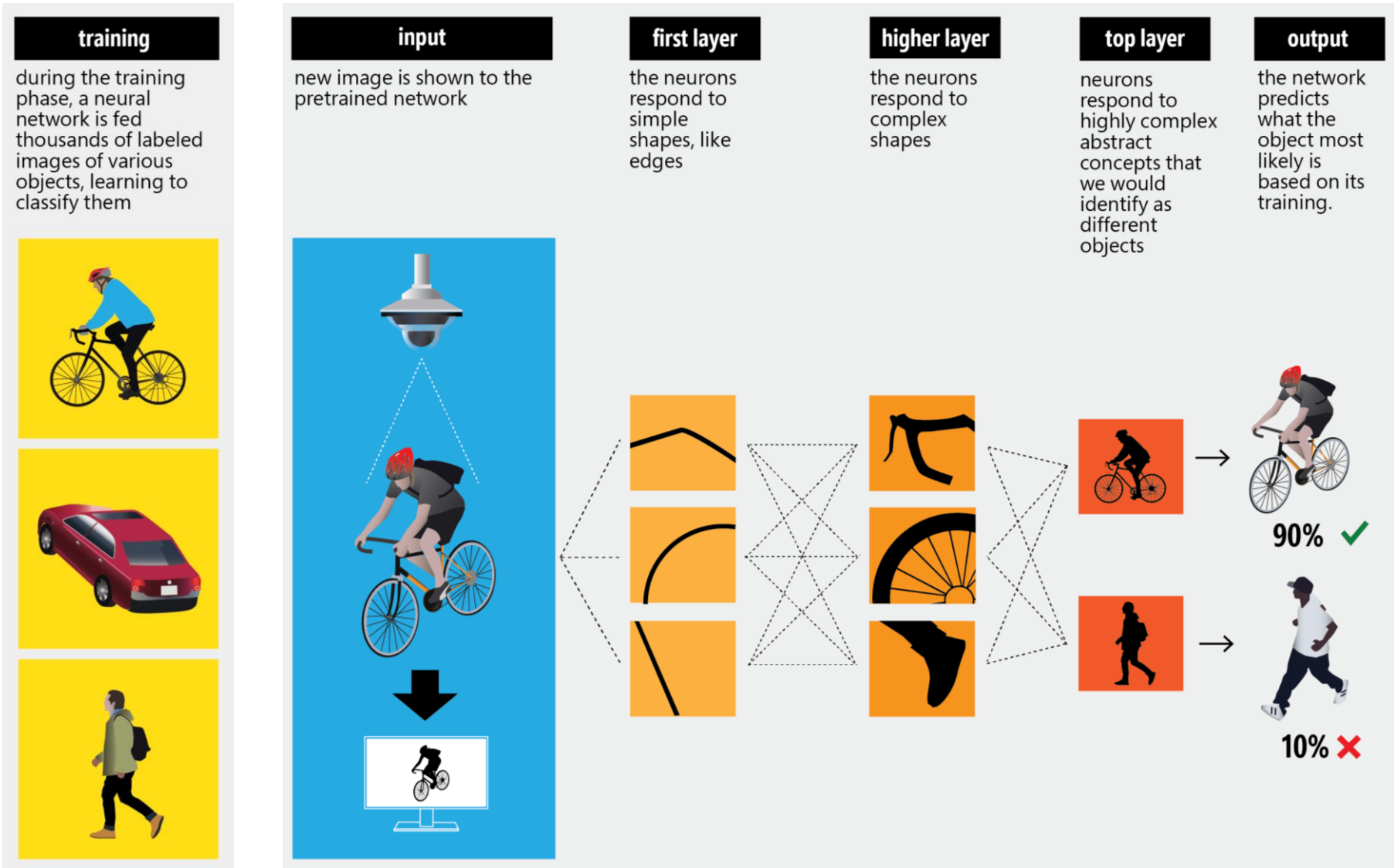


When it really is...

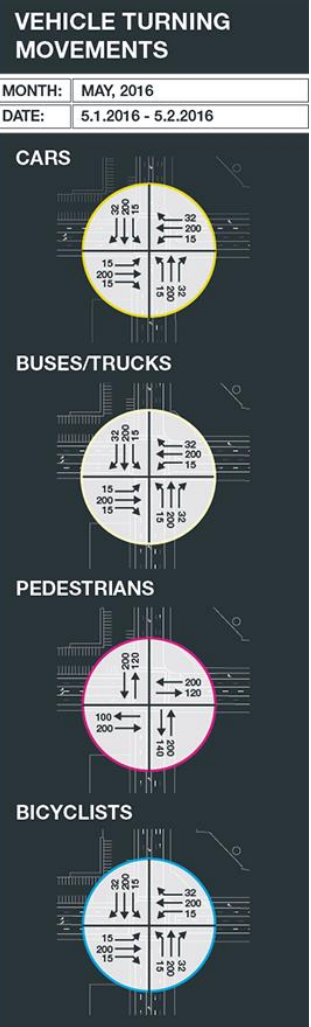
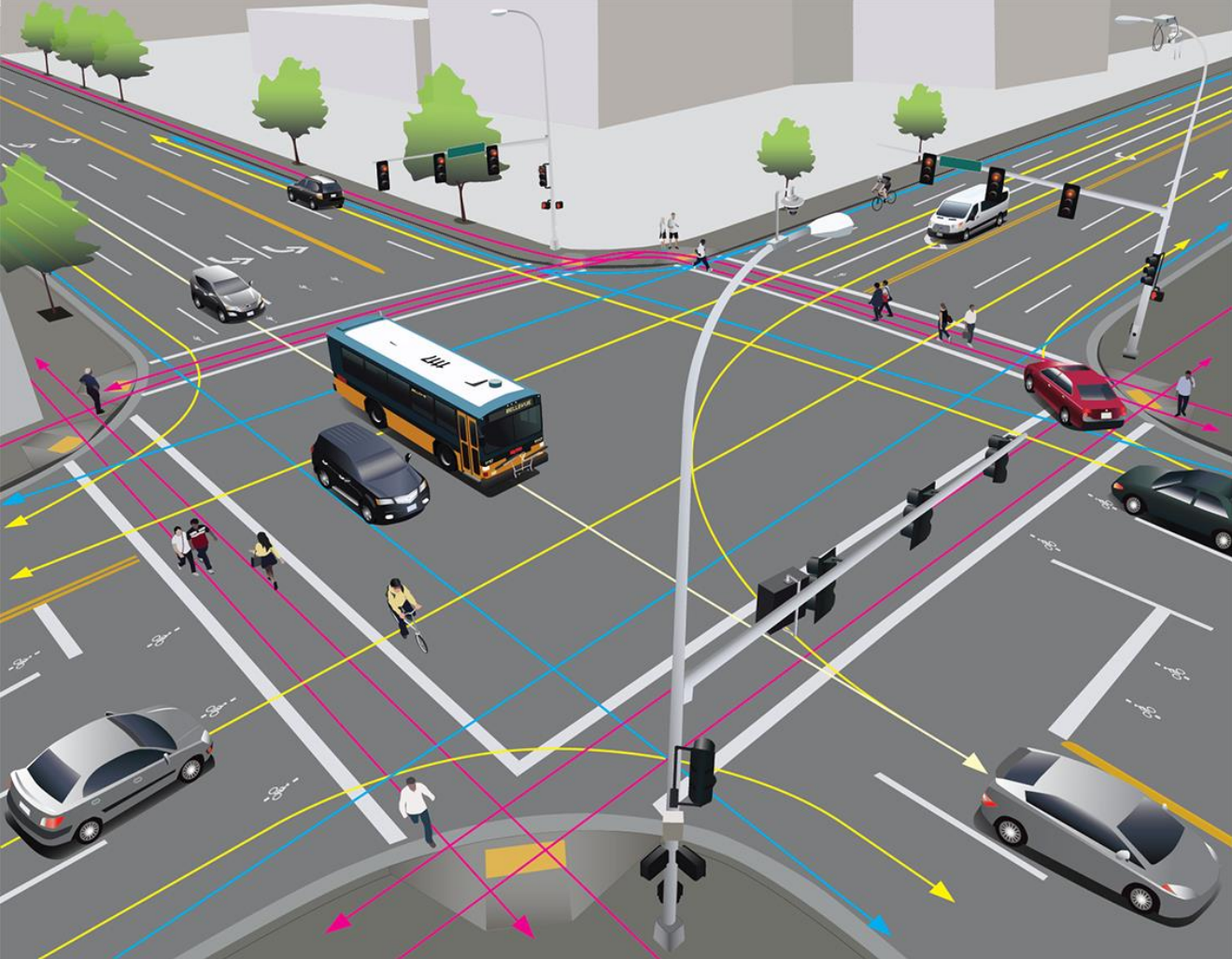
We recognized it as...

Classified-as → Truth ↓	<i>Vehicles</i>	<i>Bikes</i>	<i>Peds</i>	<i>None</i>
<i>Vehicles</i>	0.95	0.01	0.02	0.02
<i>Bikes</i>	0.08	0.67	0.16	0.08
<i>Peds</i>	0.15	0.15	0.73	0.05
<i>None</i>	0.09	0.03	0.11	0.81

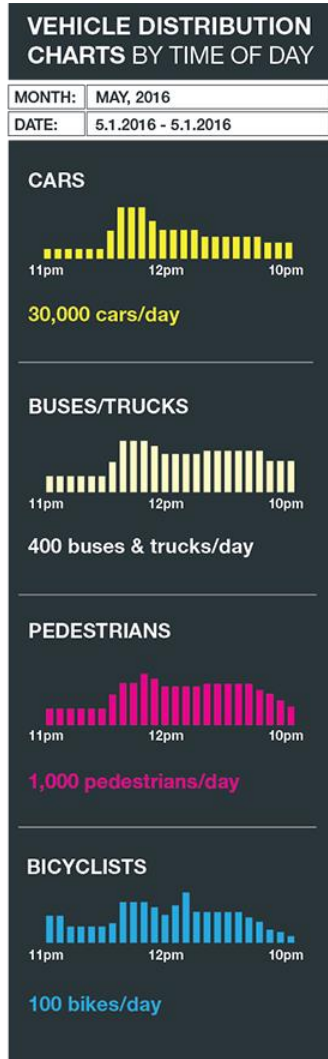
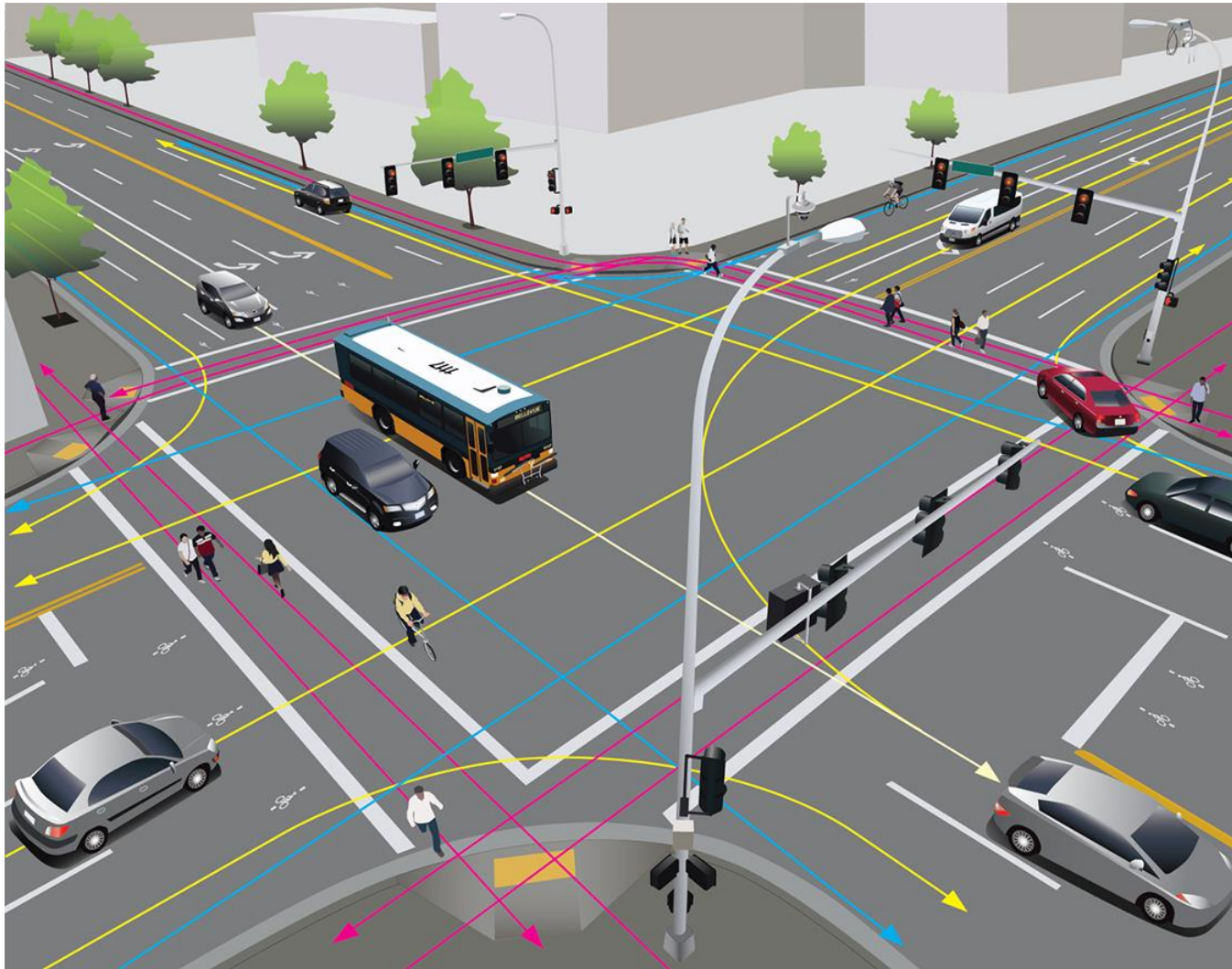
HOW NEURAL NETWORKS WORK



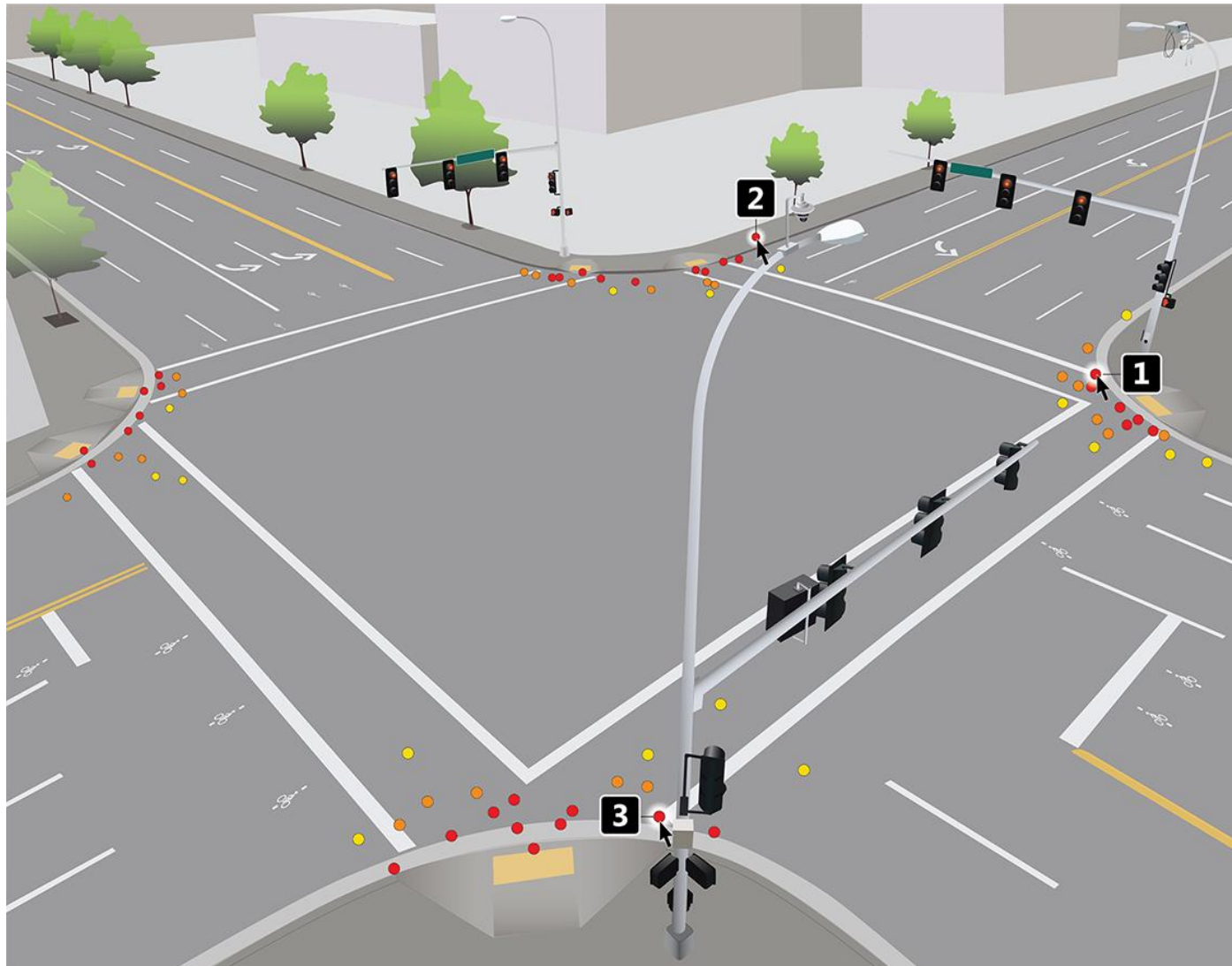
TRAJECTORY DETECTION & TURNING MOVEMENT COUNTS



VOLUME CHARTS



NEAR-MISS DETECTION



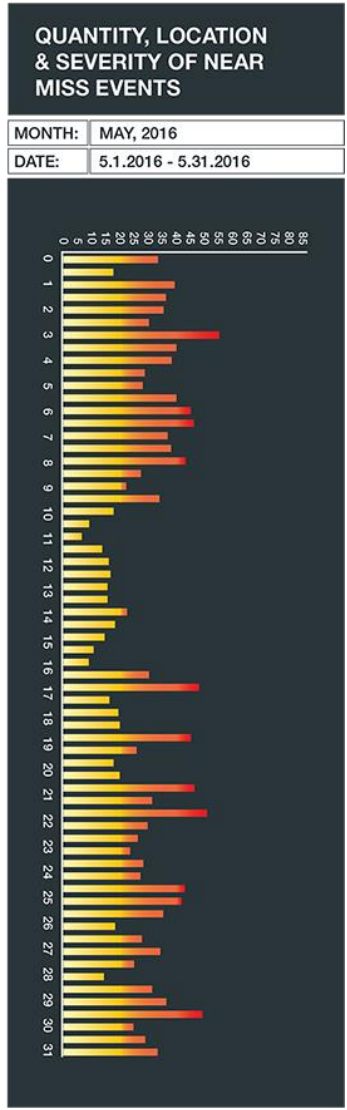
QUANTITY, LOCATION & SEVERITY OF NEAR MISS EVENTS

MONTH: MAY, 2016

DATE: 5.1.2016 - 5.31.2016



NEAR-MISS DETECTION



JANUARY 2017: COLLECT PRE-RECORDED TRAFFIC CAMERA FOOTAGE



FEBRUARY-MARCH 2017: FINALIZE VIDEO ANNOTATION USER INTERFACE



✓ Skip and Get Next Task ✓ Submit and Get Next Task ✓ Submit and Exit ✓ Exit [Instructions] + New Object

Annotate all objects of interest, moving, stationary, or obstructed, for the entire video.

2015-Sep-10 08:49:30.867 AM (PDT)

What type of object did you just annotate?

- Pedestrian
- BiCycle
- PedestrianWithStroller
- MotorBike
- Car
- Bus
- Truck
- WheelChair

Pedestrian 2 [Icons]

- Outside of view frame
- Temporarily not visible
- Crossing Road

Pedestrian 1 [Icons]

- Outside of view frame
- Temporarily not visible
- Crossing Road

In this video, please track all of these objects:

- Pedestrian
- BiCycle
- PedestrianWithStroll

◀ ▶

◀ Rewind ▶ Play [Progress Bar]

Disable Resize Hide Boxes Hide Labels Slower Slow Normal Fast

SPRING 2017: LAUNCH PUBLIC FACING WEBPAGE

ITE NEWS

ITE Joins Video Analytics towards Vision Zero Partnership

ITE is one of several organizations joining the City of Bellevue, WA, USA, Microsoft Corp., and the University of Washington in supporting their Video Analytics towards Vision Zero Partnership. Through this effort, the City of Bellevue, Microsoft, and the University of Washington will develop a video analytics platform that could fundamentally transform how jurisdictions approach traffic safety analysis.

According to the partners, although traffic collisions can happen anywhere, there are often early warning signals in the form of near-miss events at specific locations. These signals could provide insight into when, where, and why crashes are most likely to occur, helping transportation professionals to better target safety improvement projects. The new technology in development offers unprecedented ways to map, manage, and analyze near-miss data in real time. This data will provide essential information so that governments can evaluate the effectiveness of current safety programs and pinpoint interventions.

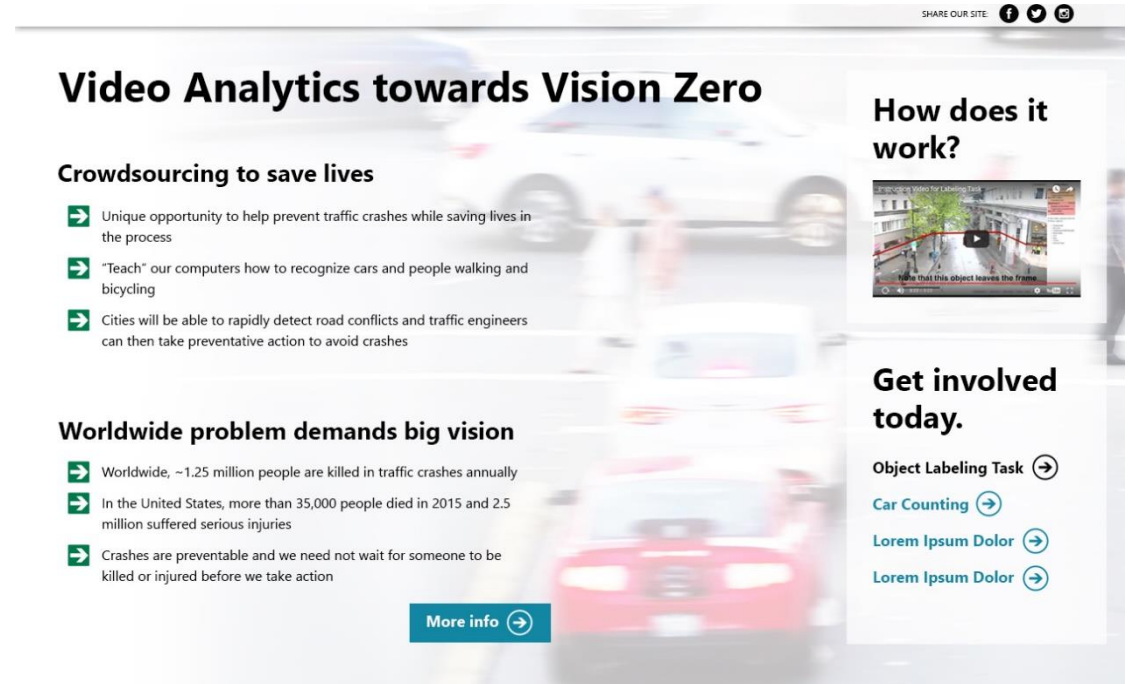
The Video Analytics towards Vision Zero Partnership seeks to use available public agency traffic video and crowdsourcing from interested stakeholders who will annotate video clips to identify vehicle, pedestrian, and

bicycle movements at intersections. This is expected to inform the Deep Neural Networks algorithms Microsoft is developing and the deployment of a predictive crash analysis software tool that could be used in other locations with traffic cameras to detect near-miss crashes. Safety countermeasures could then be proactively implemented.

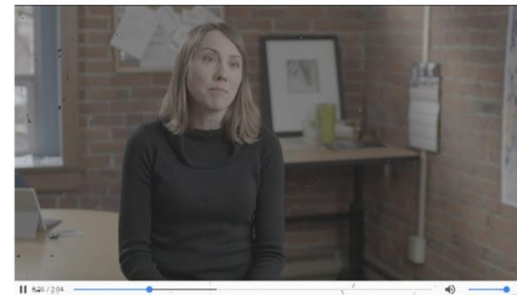
ITE, along with ITS America and the Vision Zero Network, have agreed to host a public-facing webpage that links to the video annotation user interface. We encourage our members to participate in the crowdsourcing platform when it is launched in the coming months. Stay tuned for more details once the site is available through all of ITE's communication channels.

Please join ITE and ITS America at a discussion on the Video Analytics towards Vision Zero Partnership during the week of the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting. ITS America is hosting a lunch meeting in their Washington, DC, USA office on Monday, January 9, from 12:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please RSVP by contacting Annie Chang at achang@itsa.org.

More information can be found at www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Transportation/Video_Analytics_towards_Vision_Zero.pdf. [Itej](#)



Our Partnership with Microsoft Research



To help the video analytics system learn to detect road conflicts, Microsoft is collaborating with the following partners to promote this crowd-sourcing platform.



SPRING 2017: INVITE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE



SUMMER 2017: CLASSIFY NEAR-MISS EVENTS

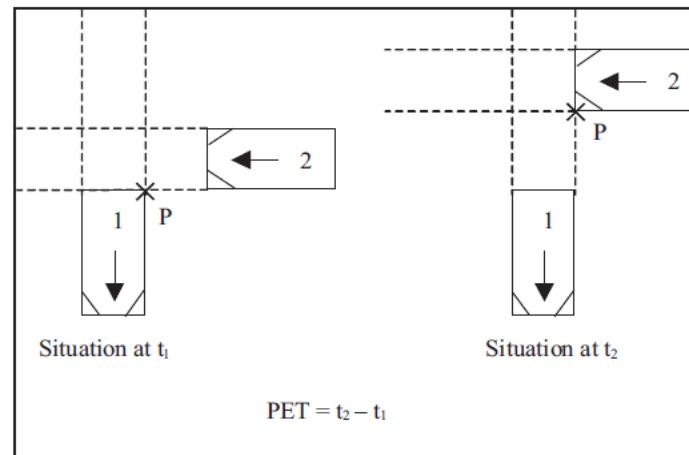


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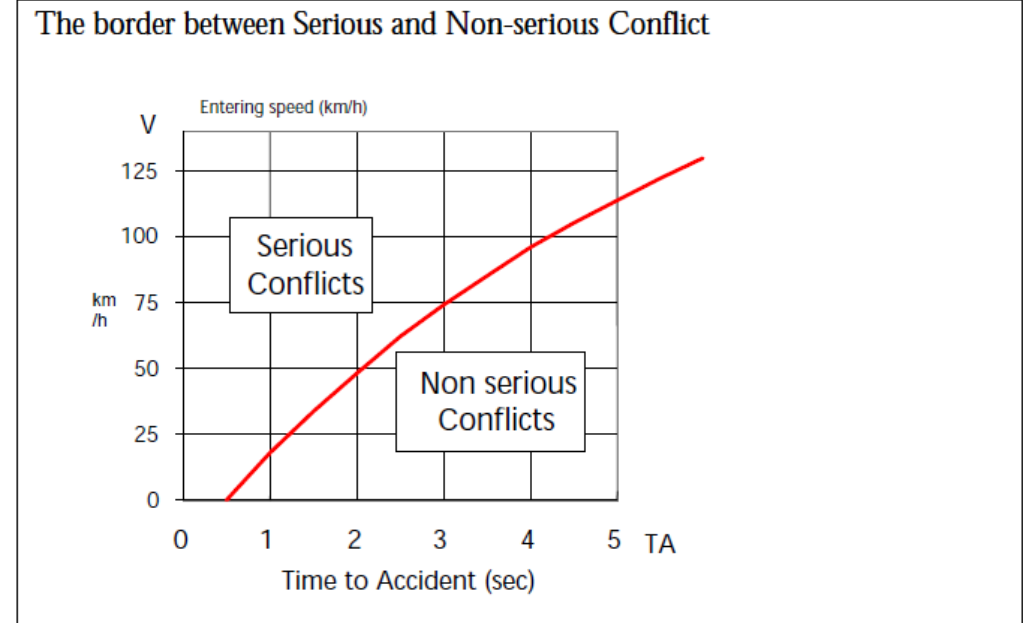


Focused object	Vehicle	Pedestrian
Time	Vehicle time to collision (Vehicle TTC)	Pedestrian time to vehicle (Pedestrian TTV)
Definition	 $\text{Vehicle TTC} = \frac{L}{v}$	 $\text{Pedestrian TTV} = \frac{Ld}{v}$
Study	Previous study (Matsui et al. 2011b)	Present study

Time to Collision (Matsui et al., 2013)



Post Encroachment Time (Van der Horst et. al., 2014)



Definition of a Serious Conflict

TA = Time to Accident
 The time that is remaining from when the evasive action is taken until the collision would have occurred *if* the road users had continued with unchanged speeds and directions.
 The TA value can be calculated based on the estimates of distances d and speed v .
 d = Distance to the potential point of collision
 v = Speed when the evasive action is taken

Swedish Conflict Technique (Hyden et. al., 1987)

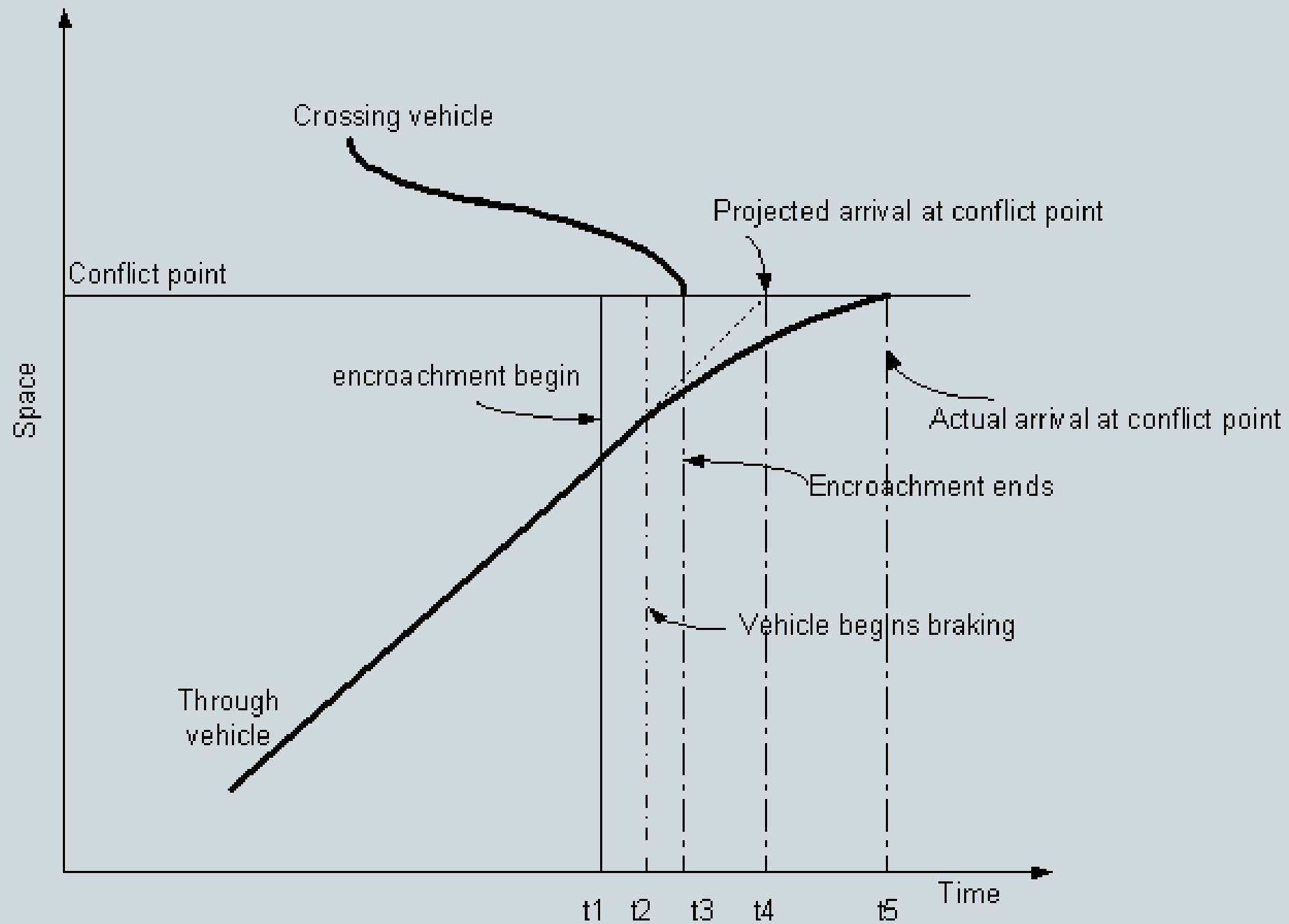
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rethink traffic

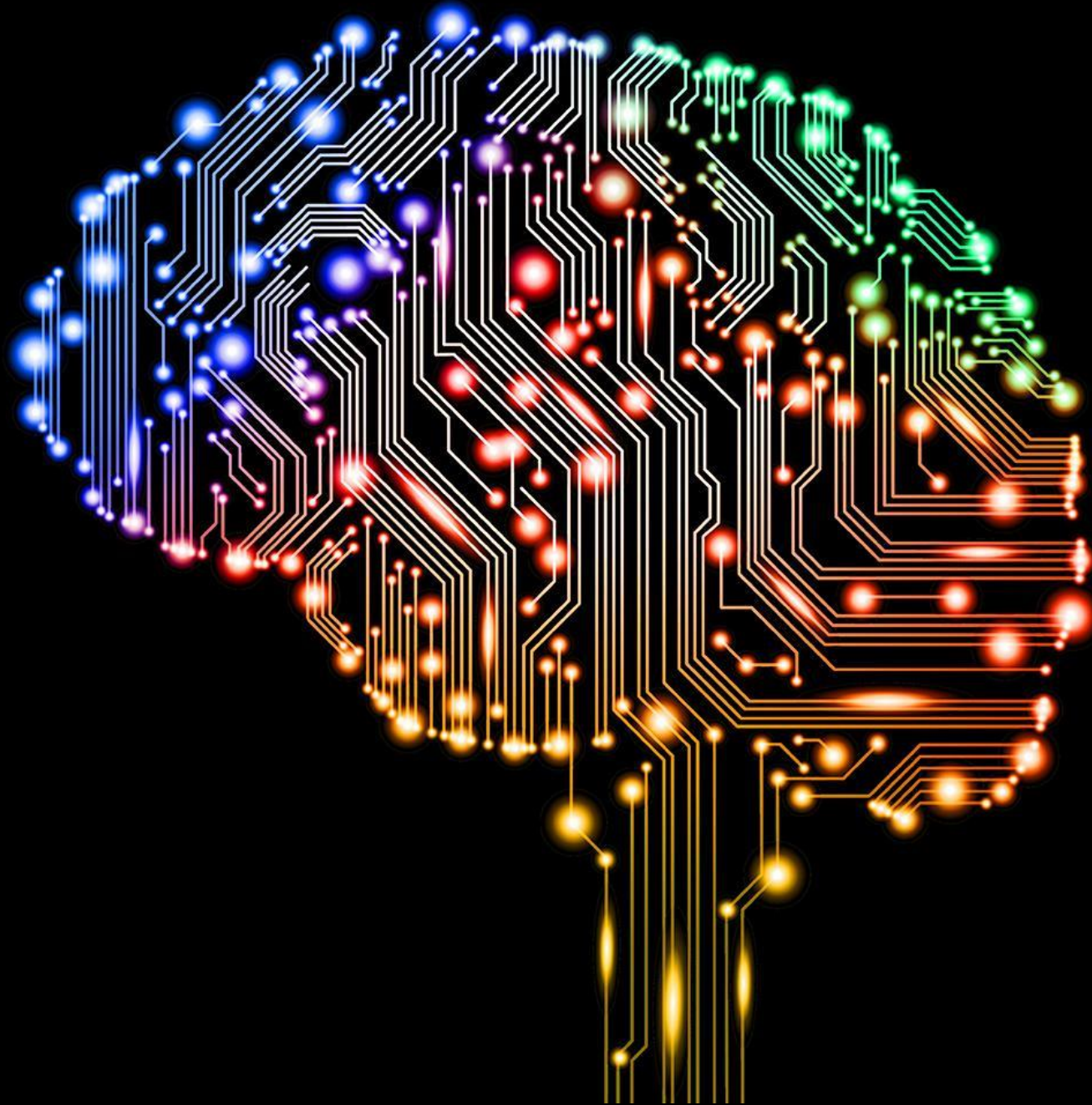


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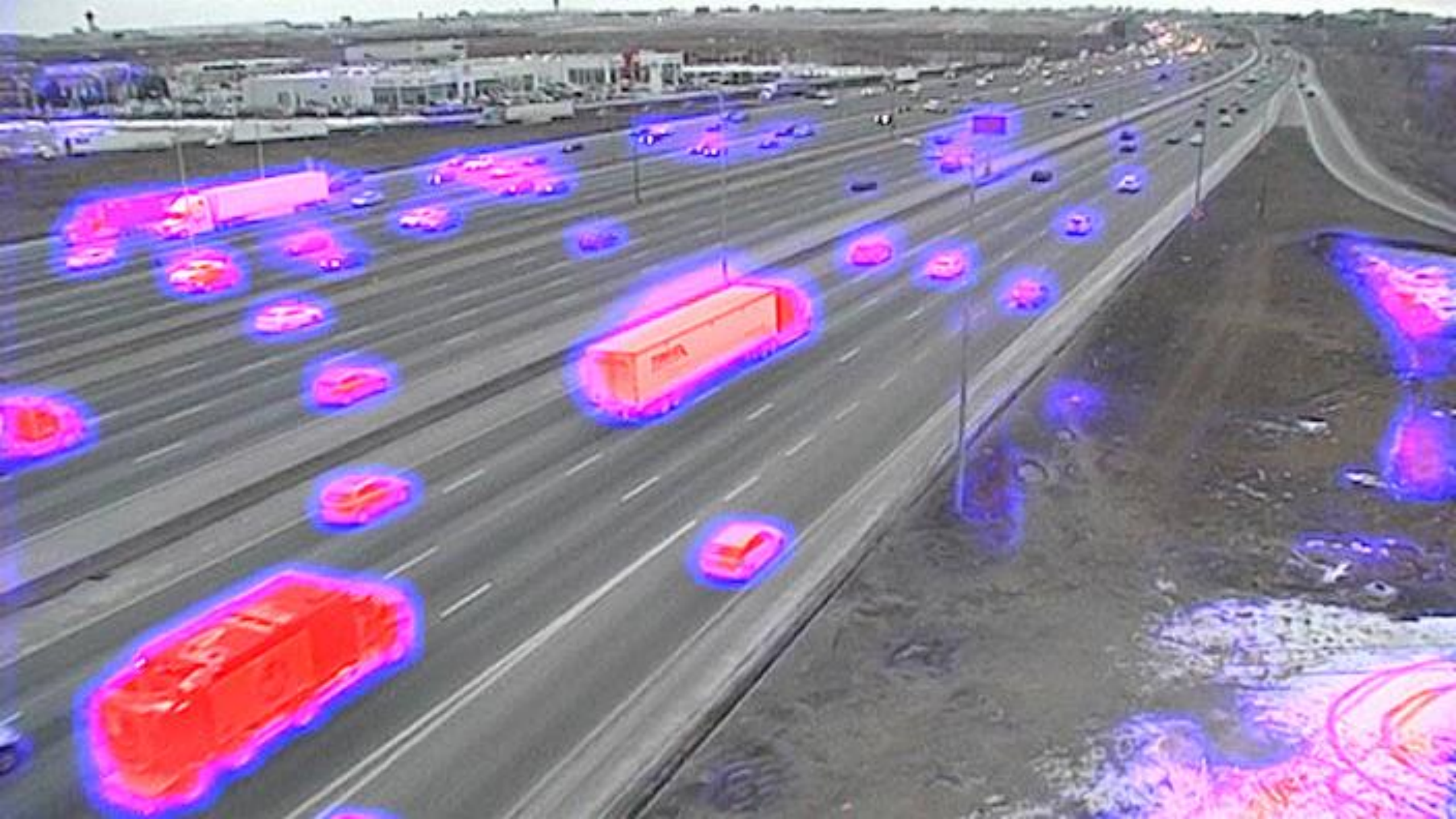


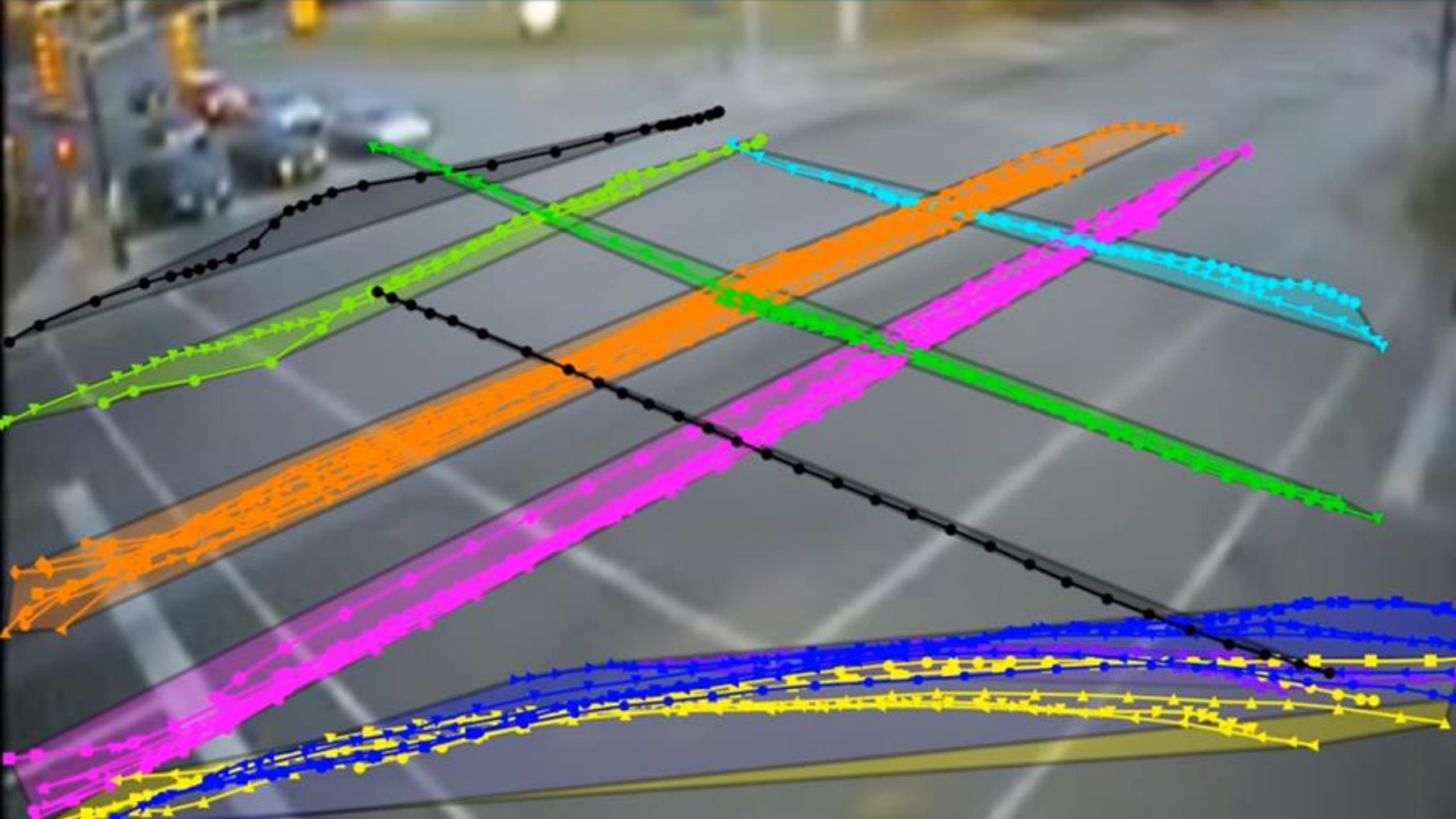
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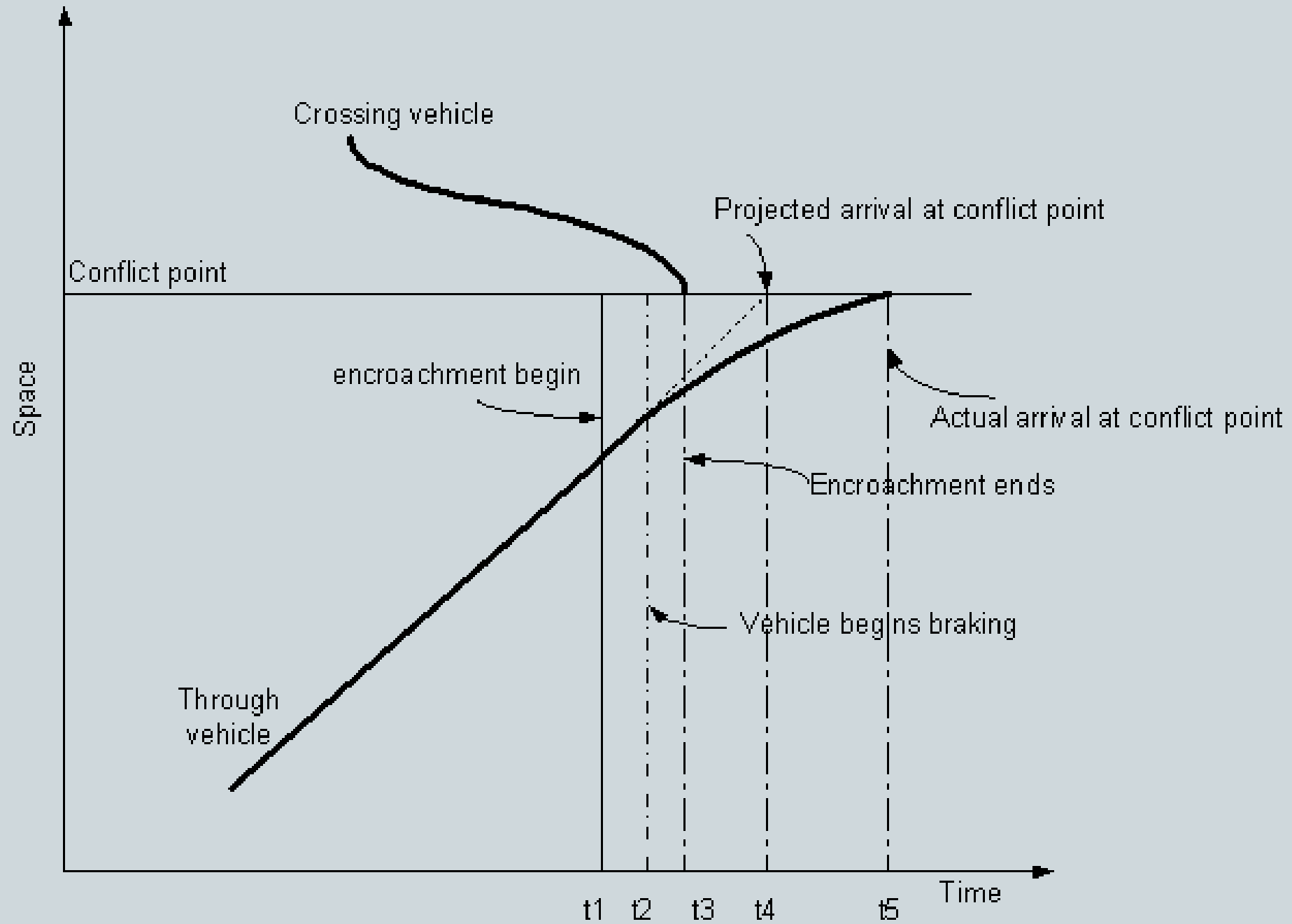








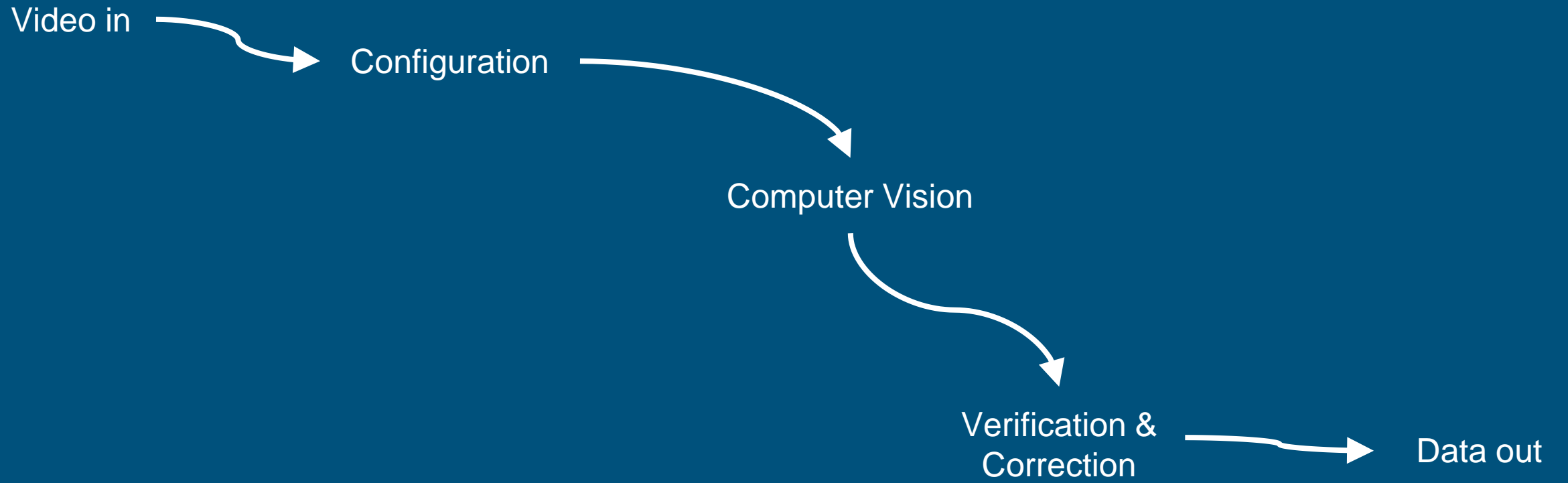








Feeding A Neural Network



Video in



Configuration



Computer Vision

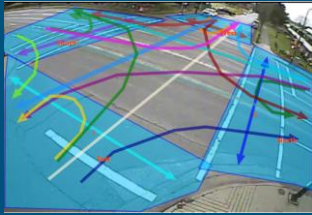


Verification &
Correction



Data out

Video in



Configuration



Computer Vision

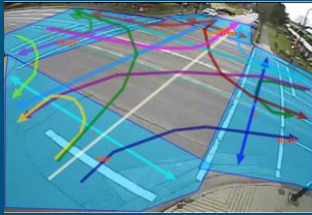
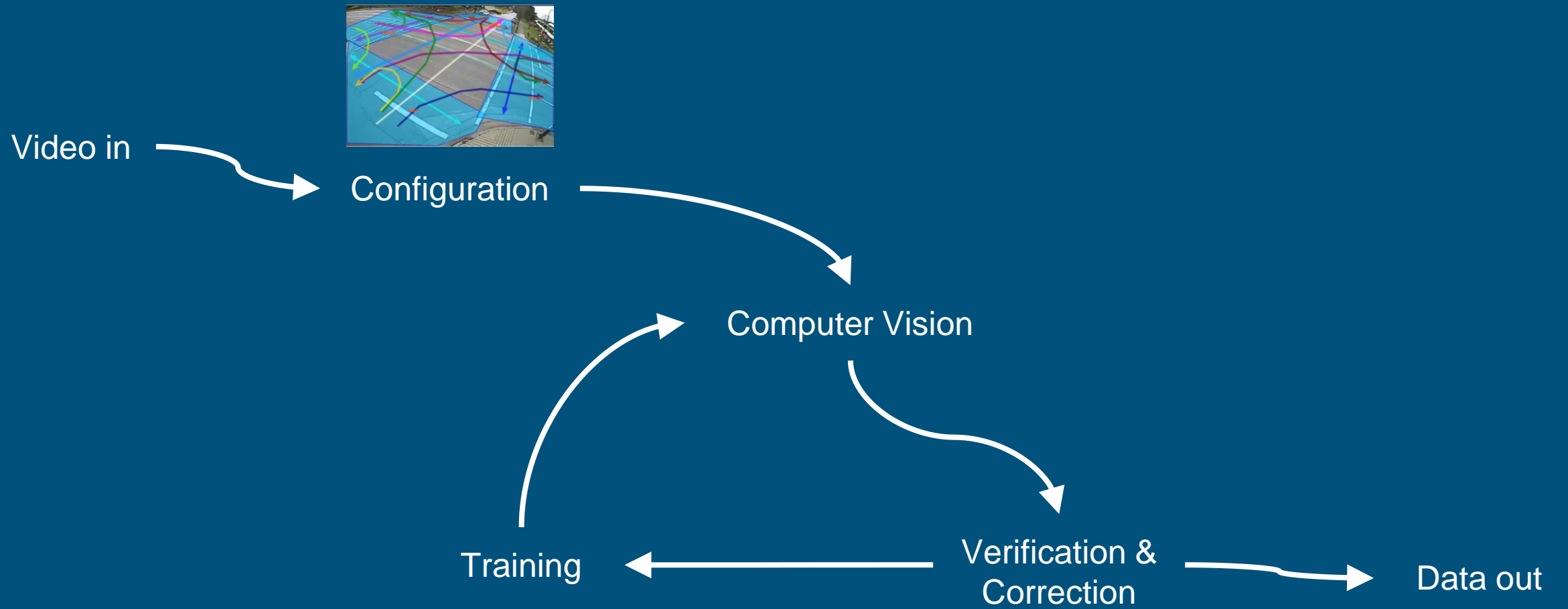


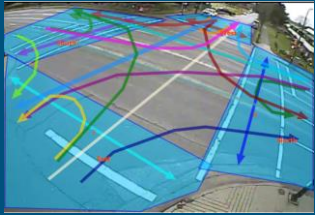
Verification &
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Data out







Video in

Configuration

Computer Vision

Training

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Data out



THE WORLD'S MOST TRUSTED TRAFFIC DATA PLATFORM



2.5B

VEHICLES COUNTED



2M

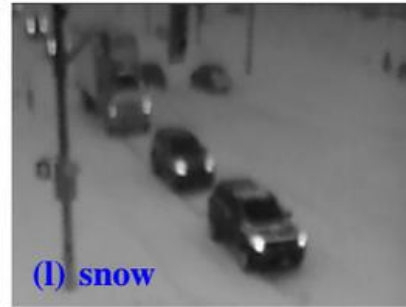
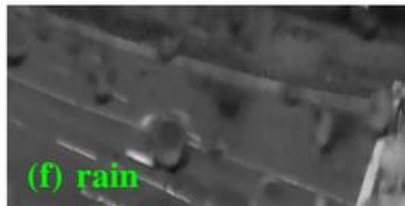
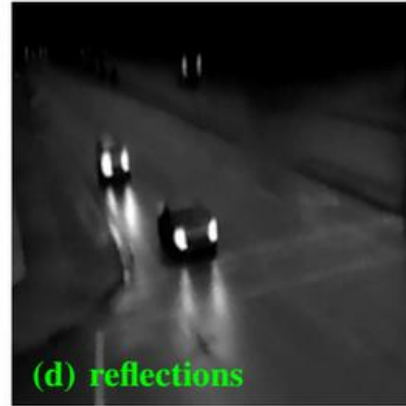
HOURS OF VIDEO DATA PROCESSED

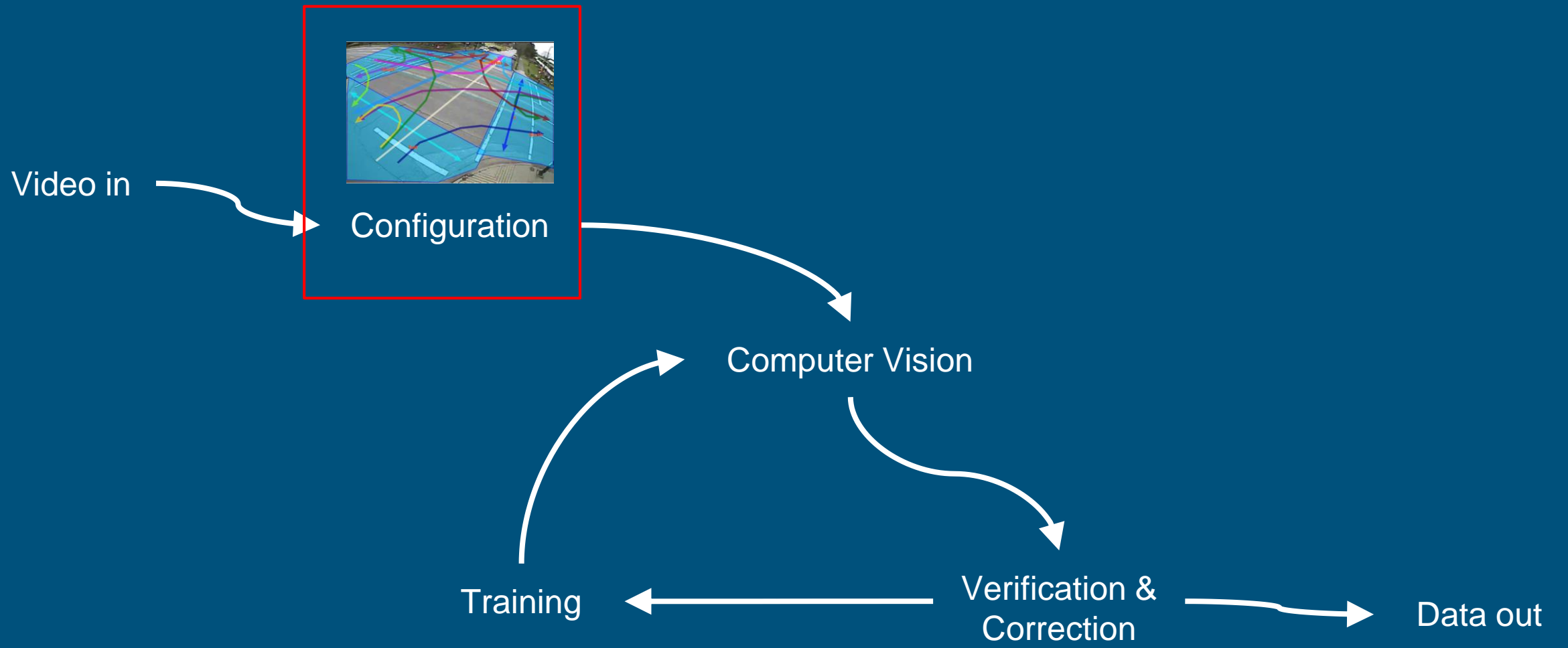


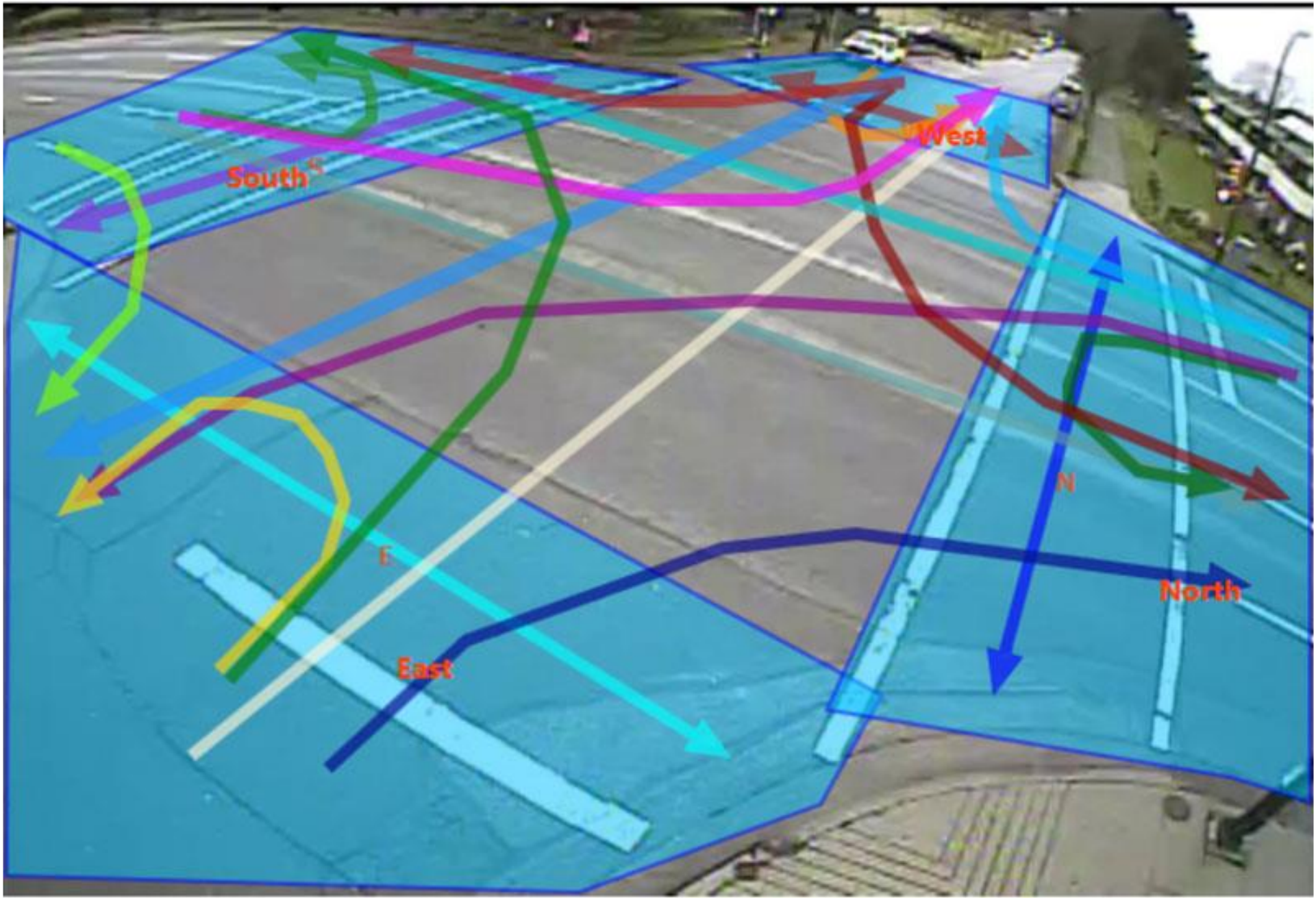
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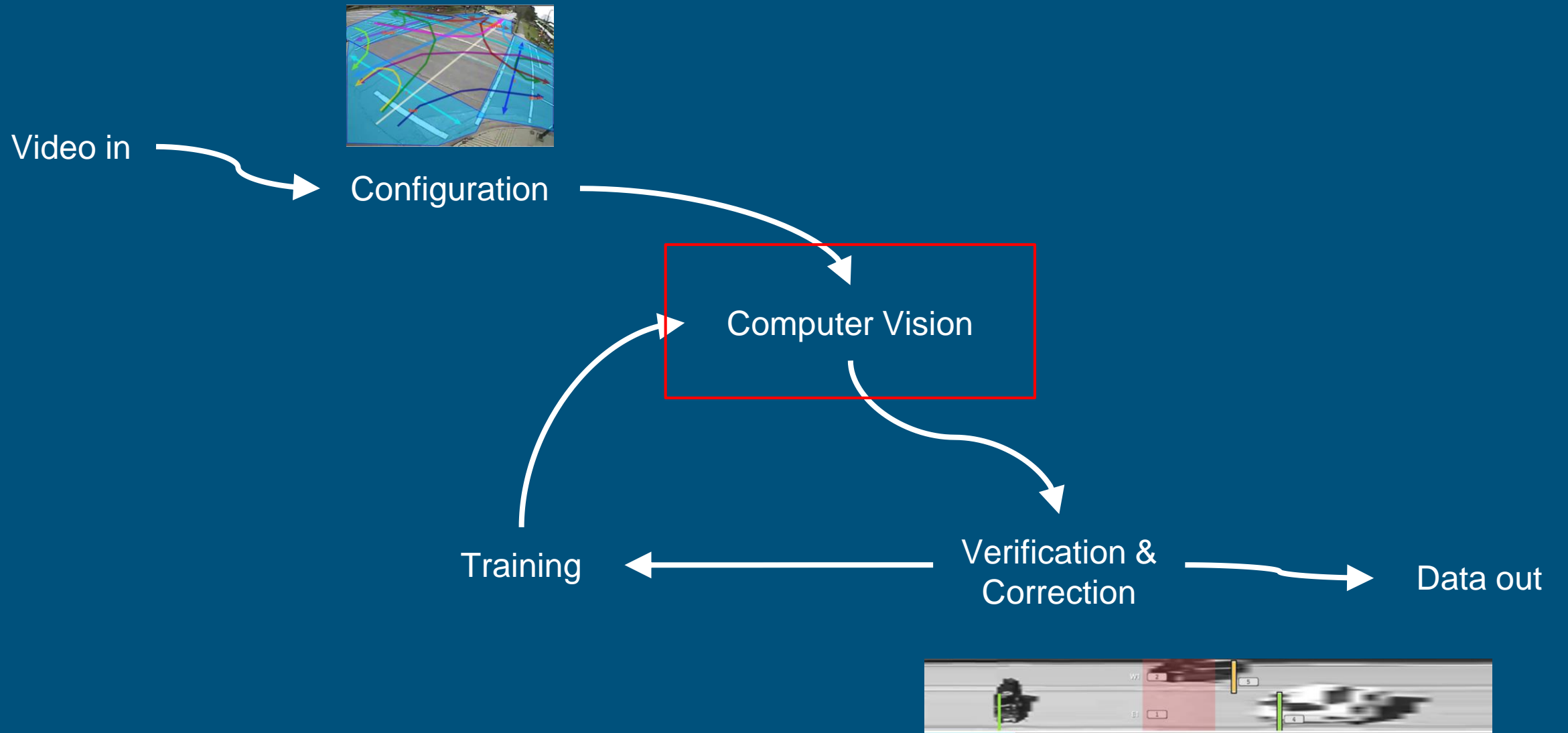
CUSTOMERS IN 50 COUNTRIES

Real-world data









Train

Evaluate

Data Sources

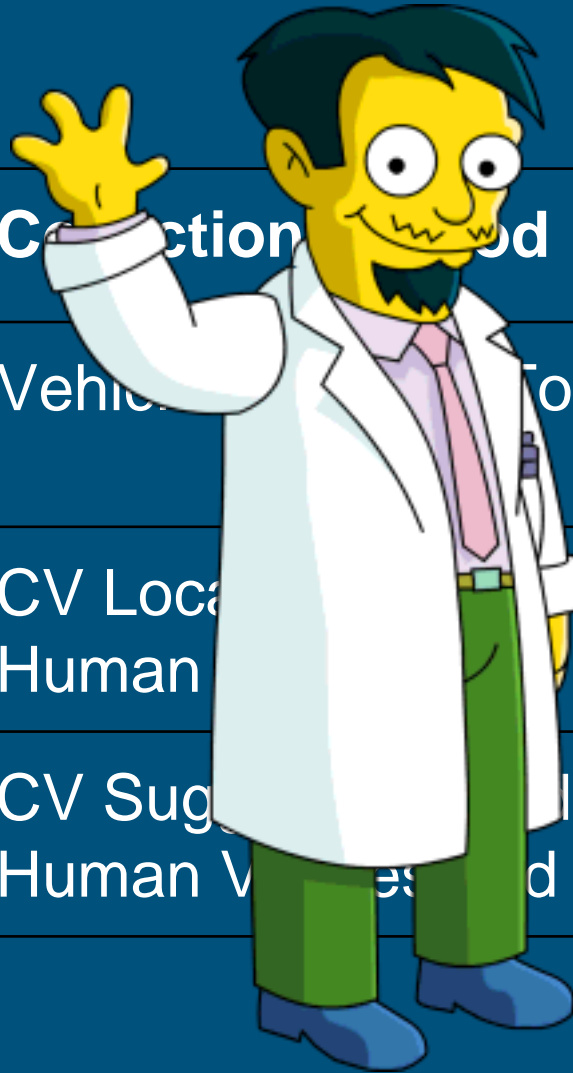


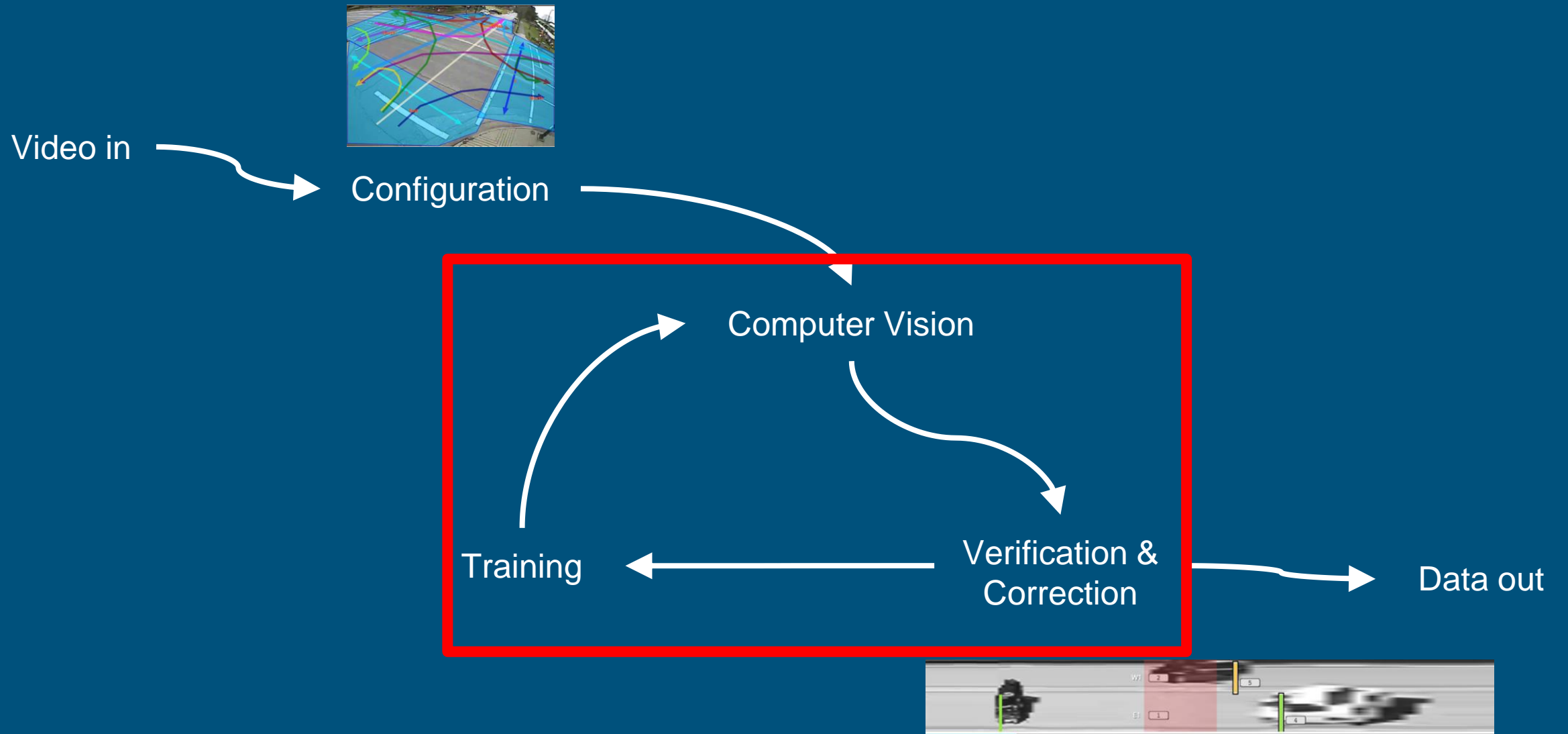
Usage	Collection Method	Fidelity
Evaluation	Vehicle Counting Tools	Approx. Location / Time
Evaluation / Training Source	CV Locates Vehicle Human Verifies and Corrects	Approx. Location / Exact Time
Training	CV Suggests Boundaries Human Verifies and Corrects	Exact Boundaries / Exact Time

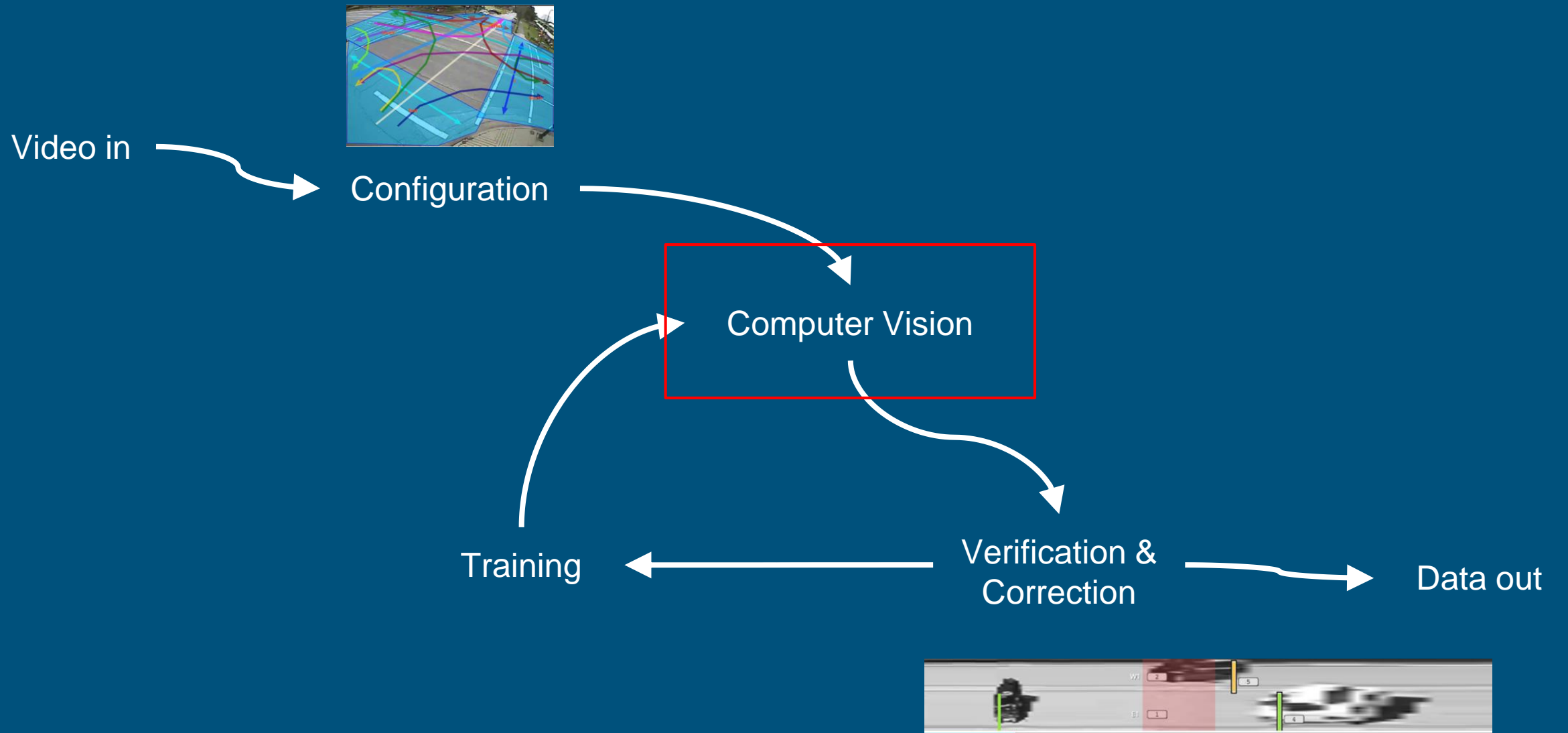
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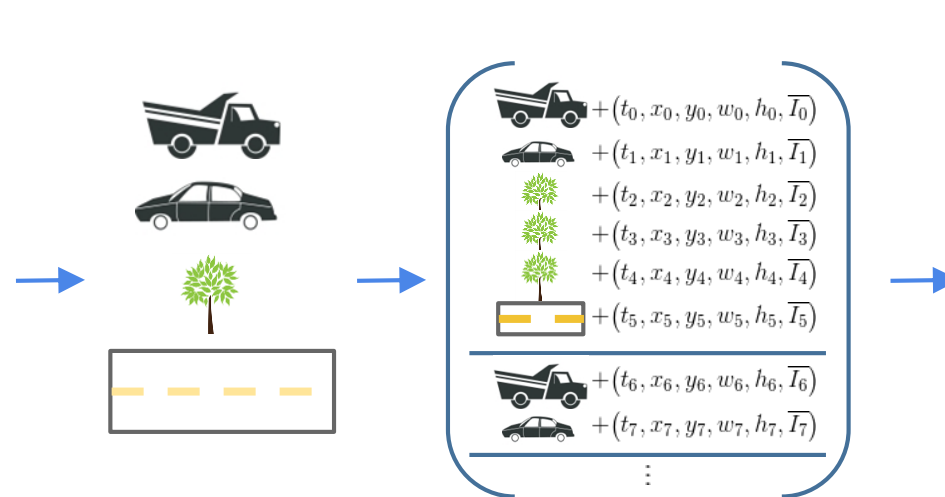


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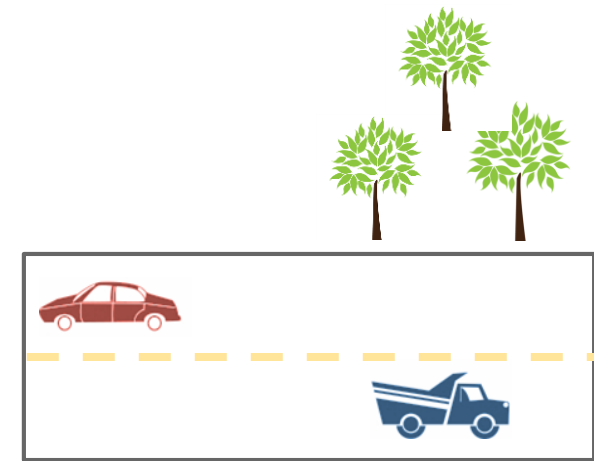
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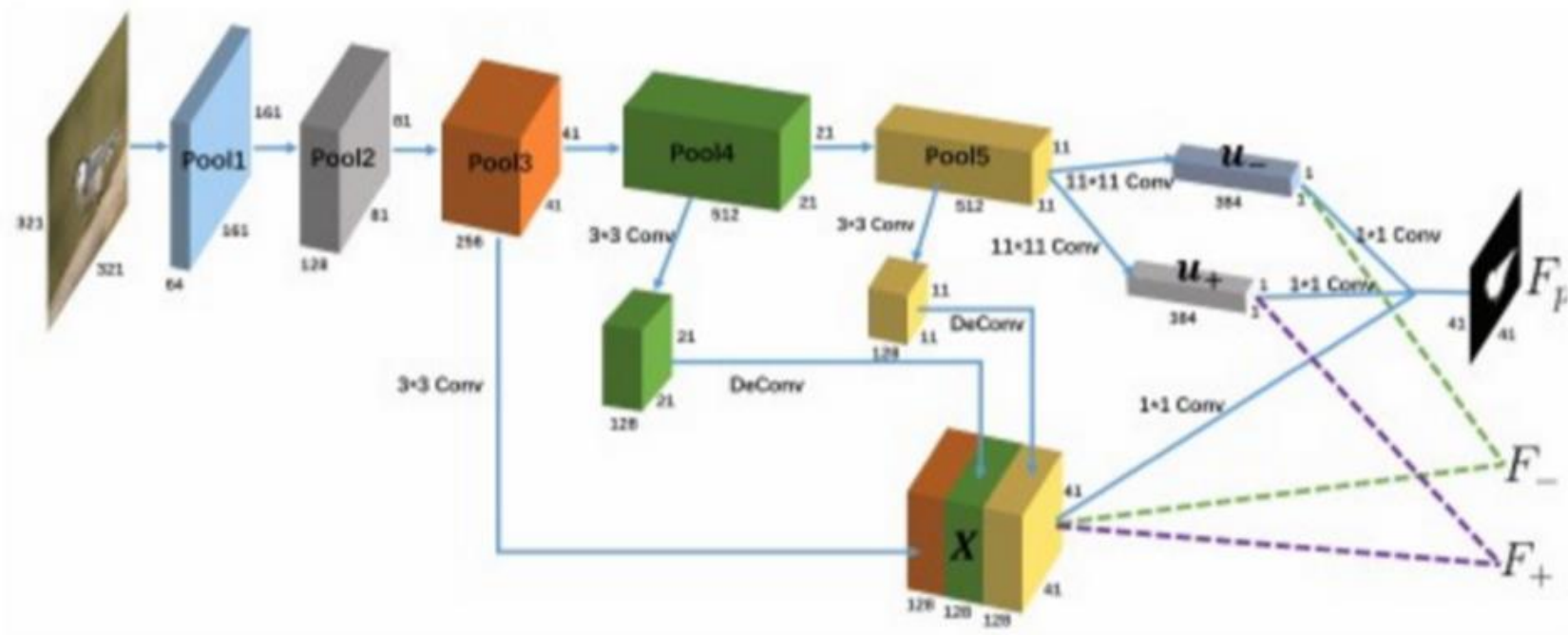


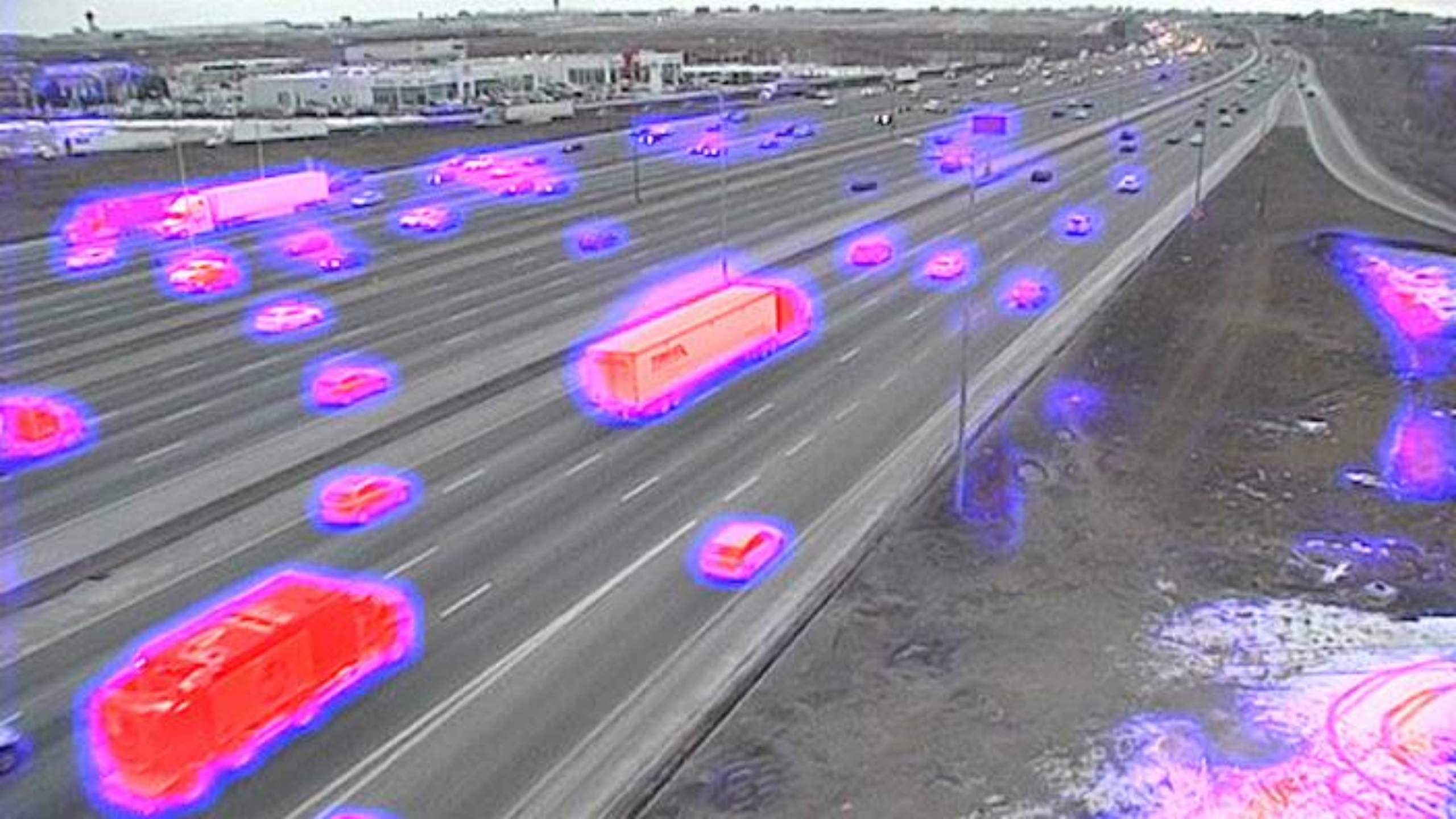
Representation



Formulation

$$F(I) = \underbrace{\lambda_- \sum_{i \in -} f_-(x_i, u_-)}_{I^-} + \underbrace{\lambda_+ \sum_{i \in +} f_+(x_i, u_+)}_{I^+} + \underbrace{\gamma \sum_i \sum_{c \in \{+, -\}} -p_i^c \cdot \log(\hat{p}_i^c)}_{\dots}$$





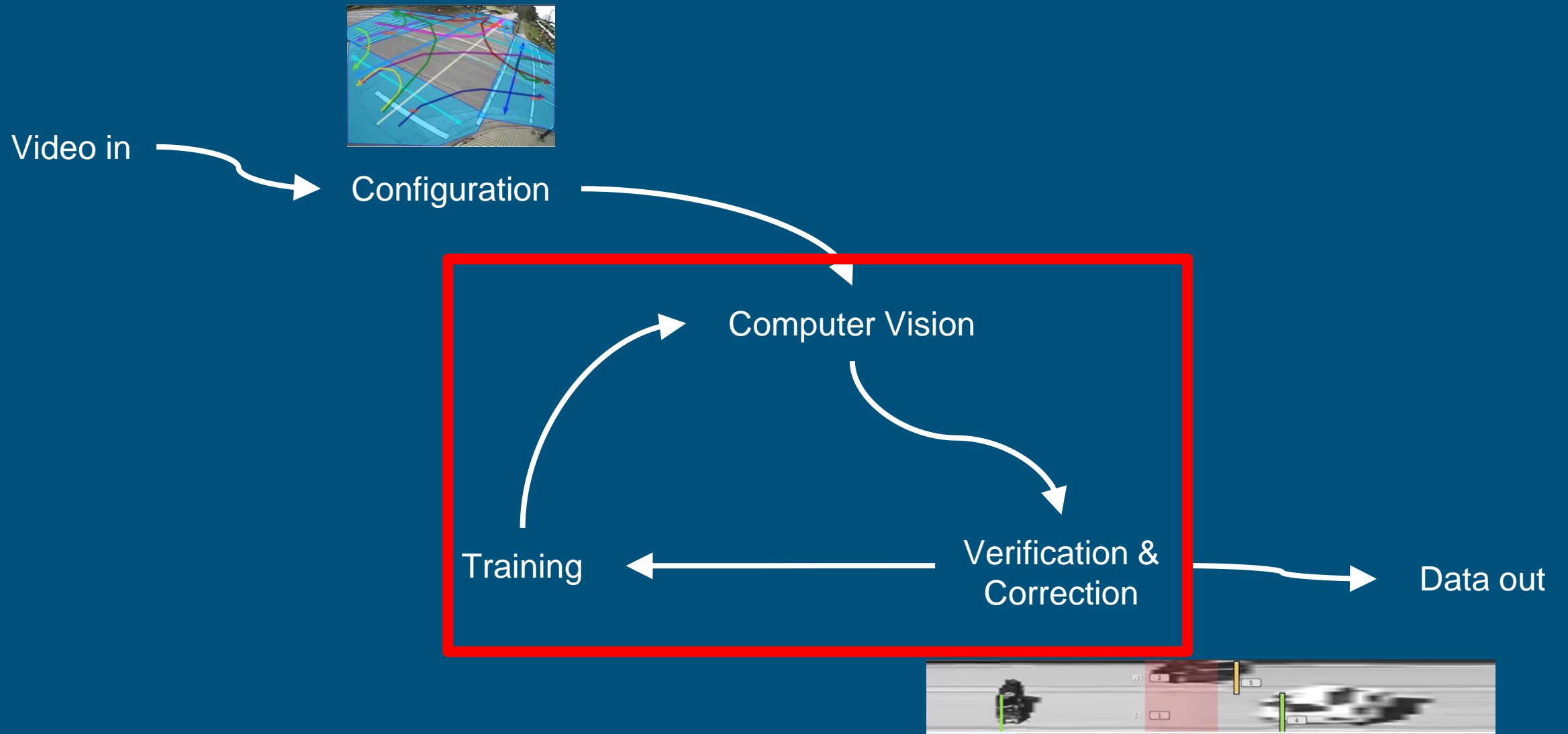


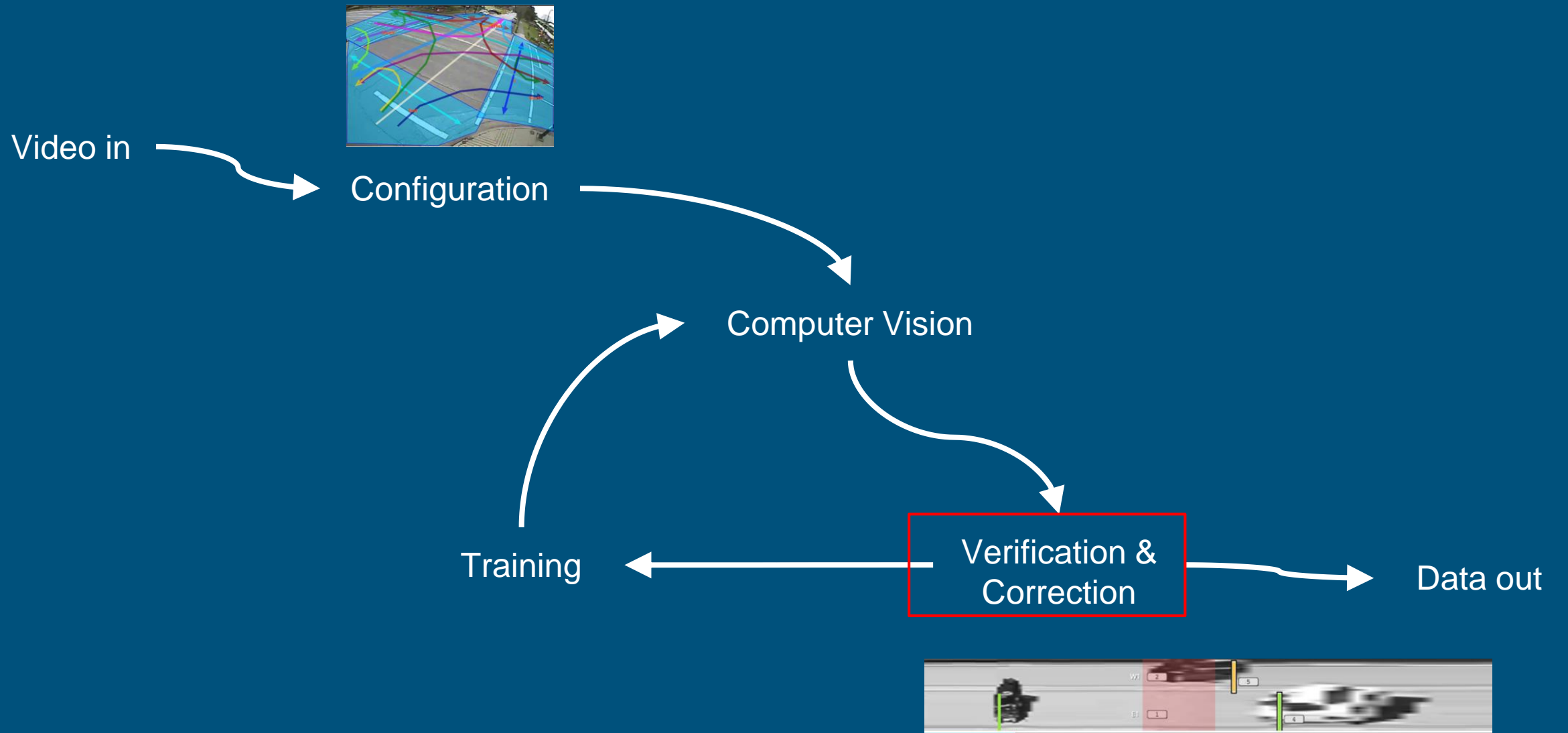
Full screen

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Complete End

Count Speed:
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Hide Lane Hotkeys
Adaptive playback speed



THE PAST

Upcoming CV Observation

THE FUTURE

Clear Remaining Backspace



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2

Lanes

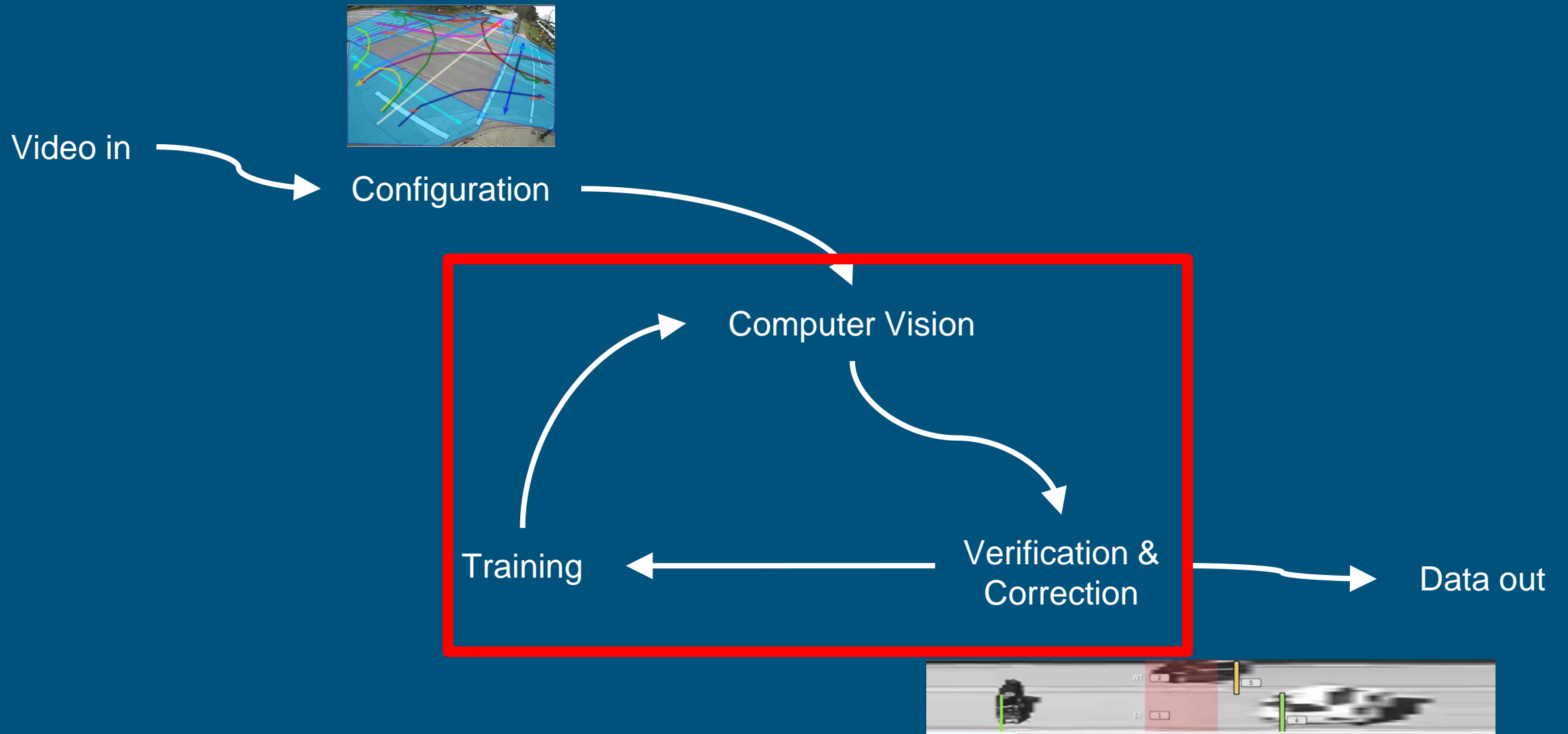
Lane	Key
1	NUM1
2	NUM2
1 (Delete)	NUM4
2 (Delete)	NUM5

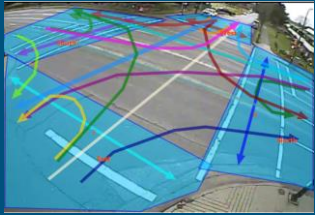
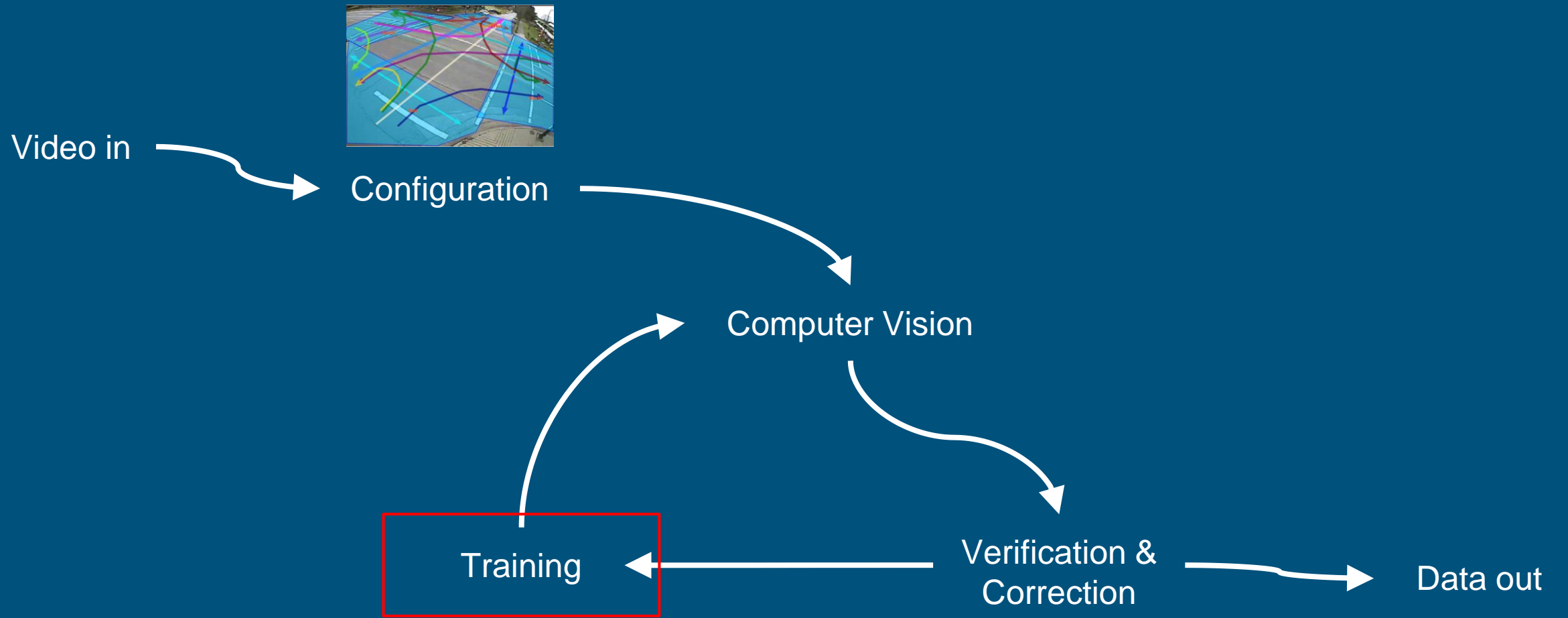
Enhanced playback rate

Clear Remaining

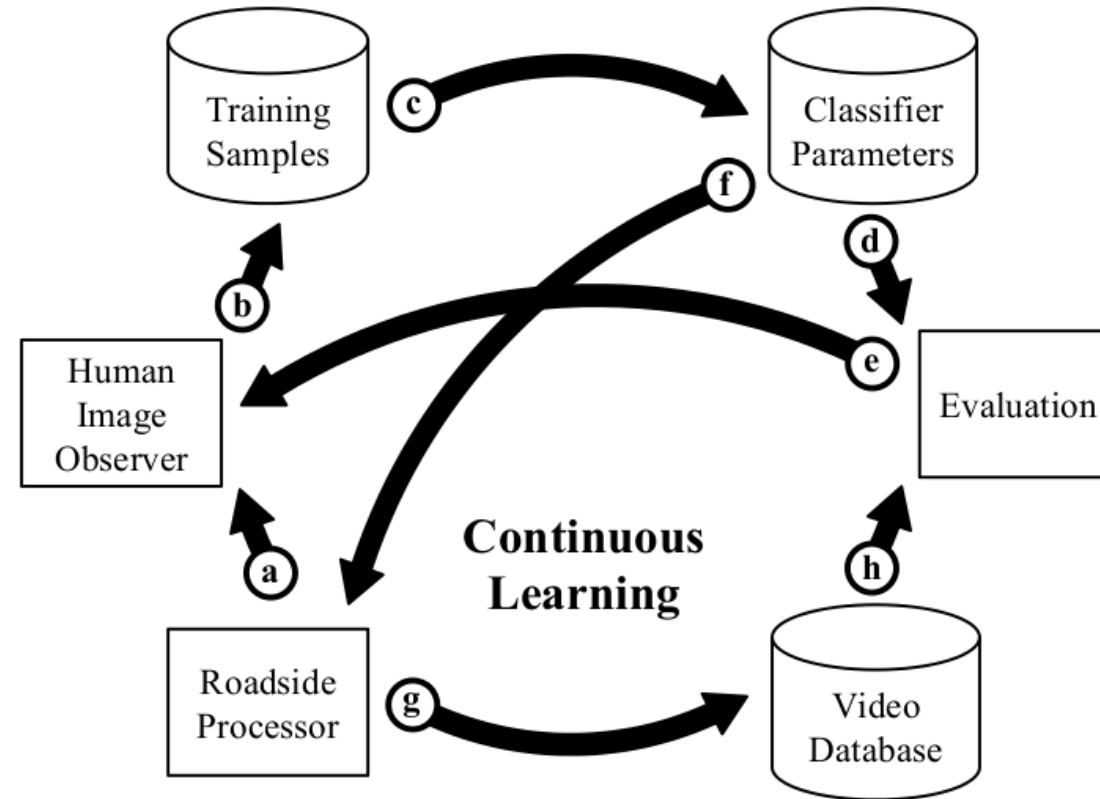


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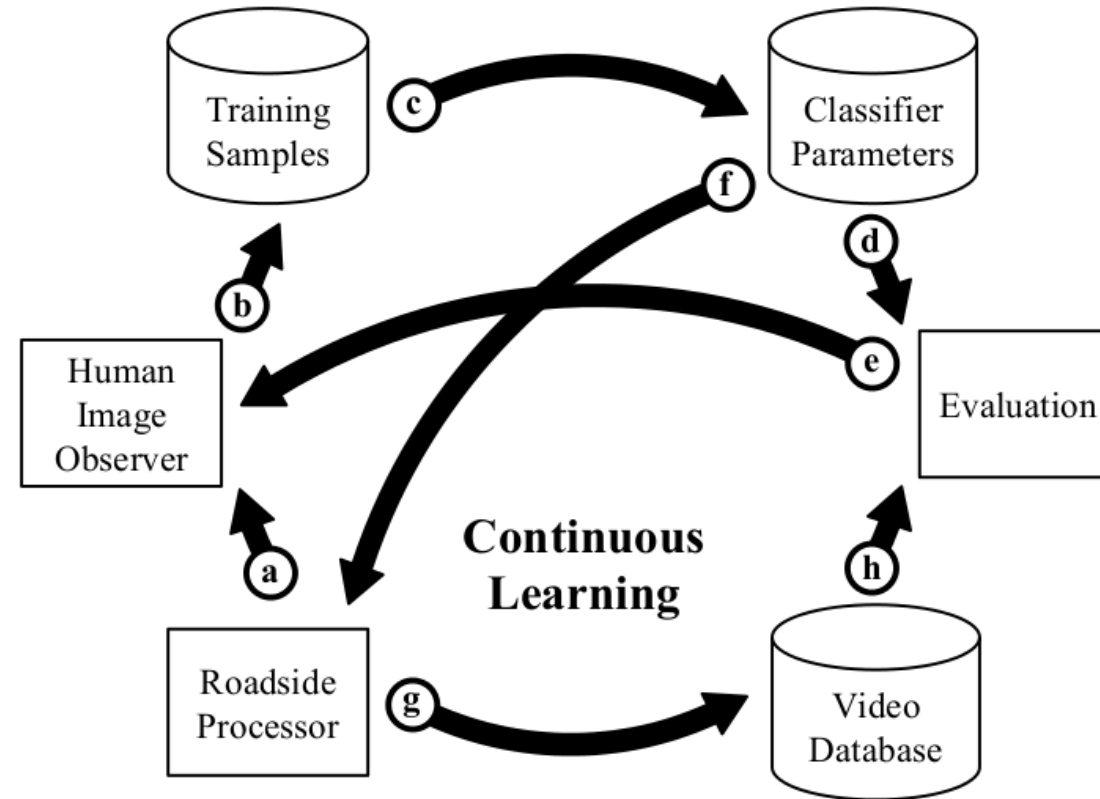




Continuous Learning



Continuous Learning



Big Data

ImageNet

14,197,122 samples

132 hours of video

(30 fps)

Miovision

2016 Average

over 16,000 hours per week

Peak Season
day

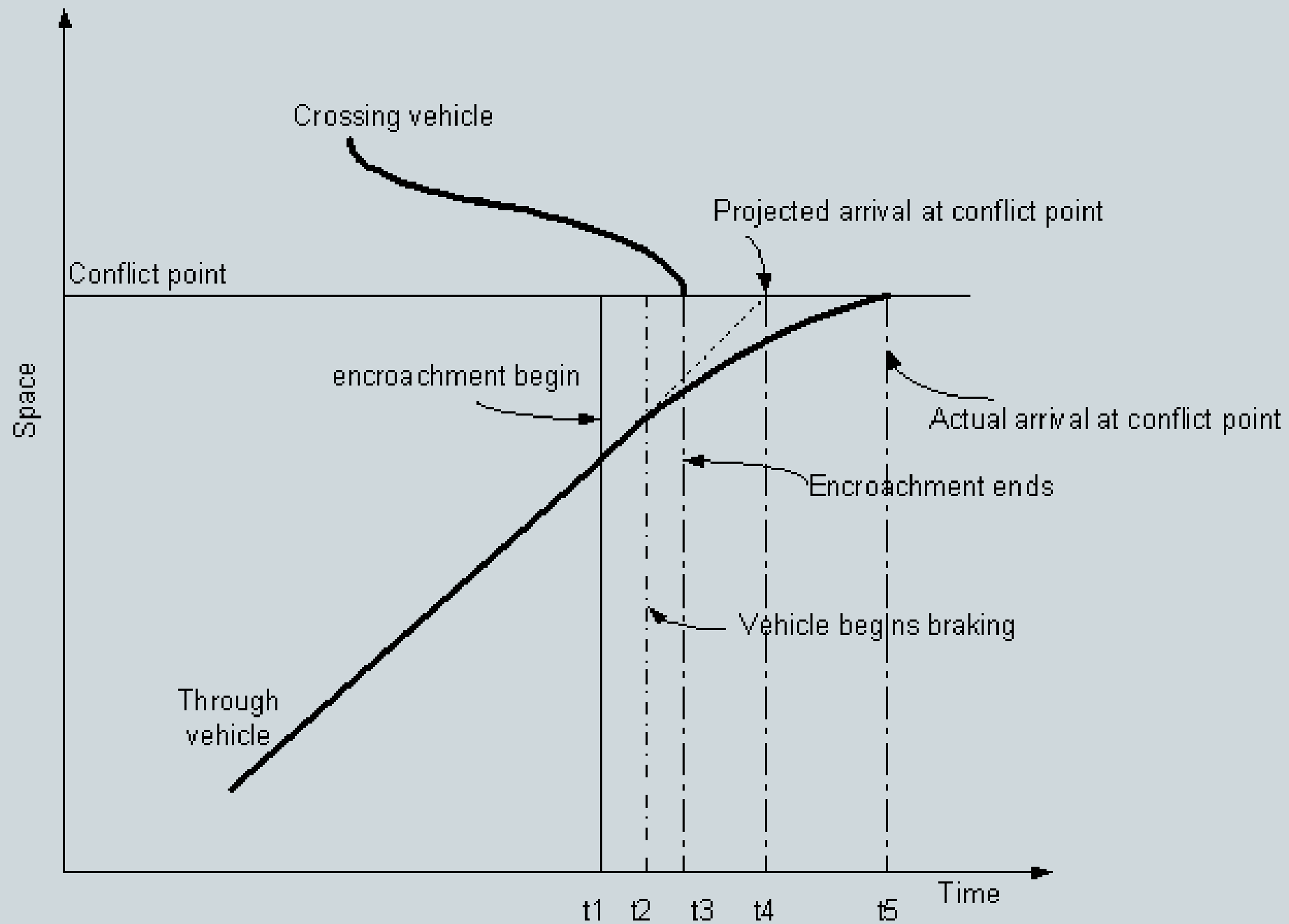
over **10,000** hours in a

A person wearing a dark beanie and a backpack is walking away from the camera on a busy city street at night. The street is filled with people, cars, and city lights, creating a blurred background. The text 'miovisionlabs' is overlaid on the image.

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Credit: Toronto Star

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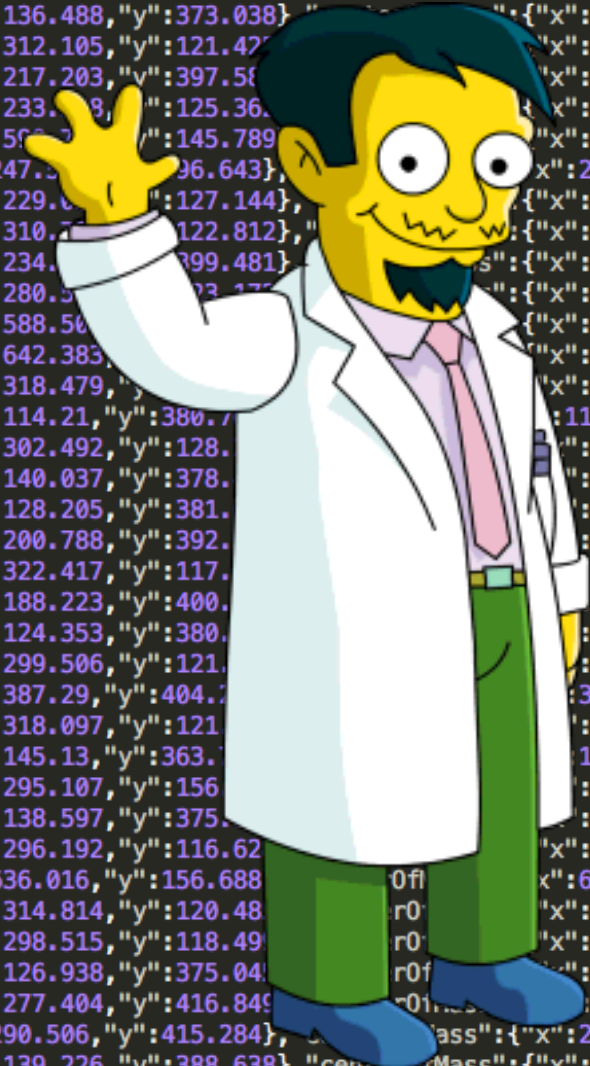
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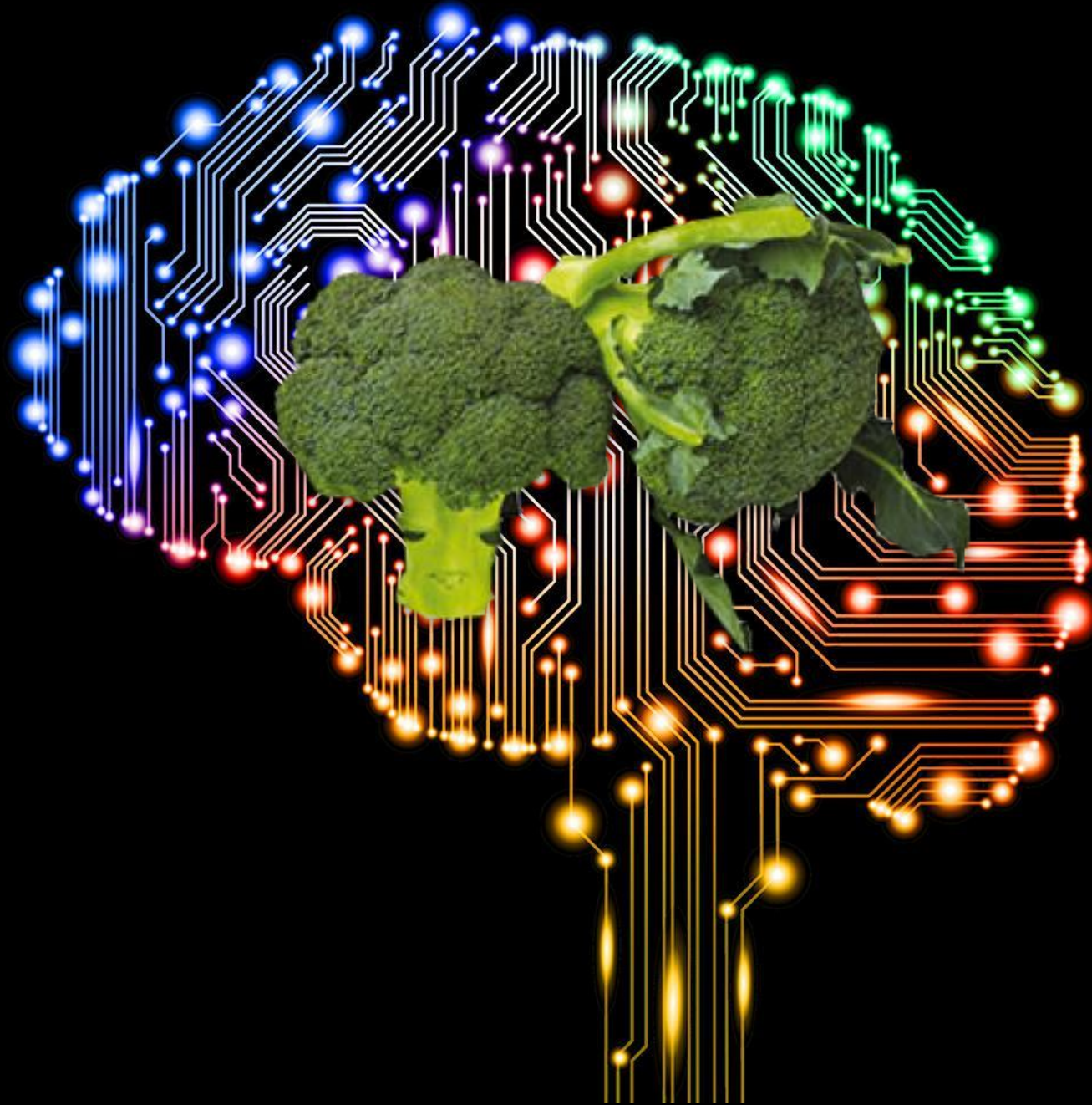
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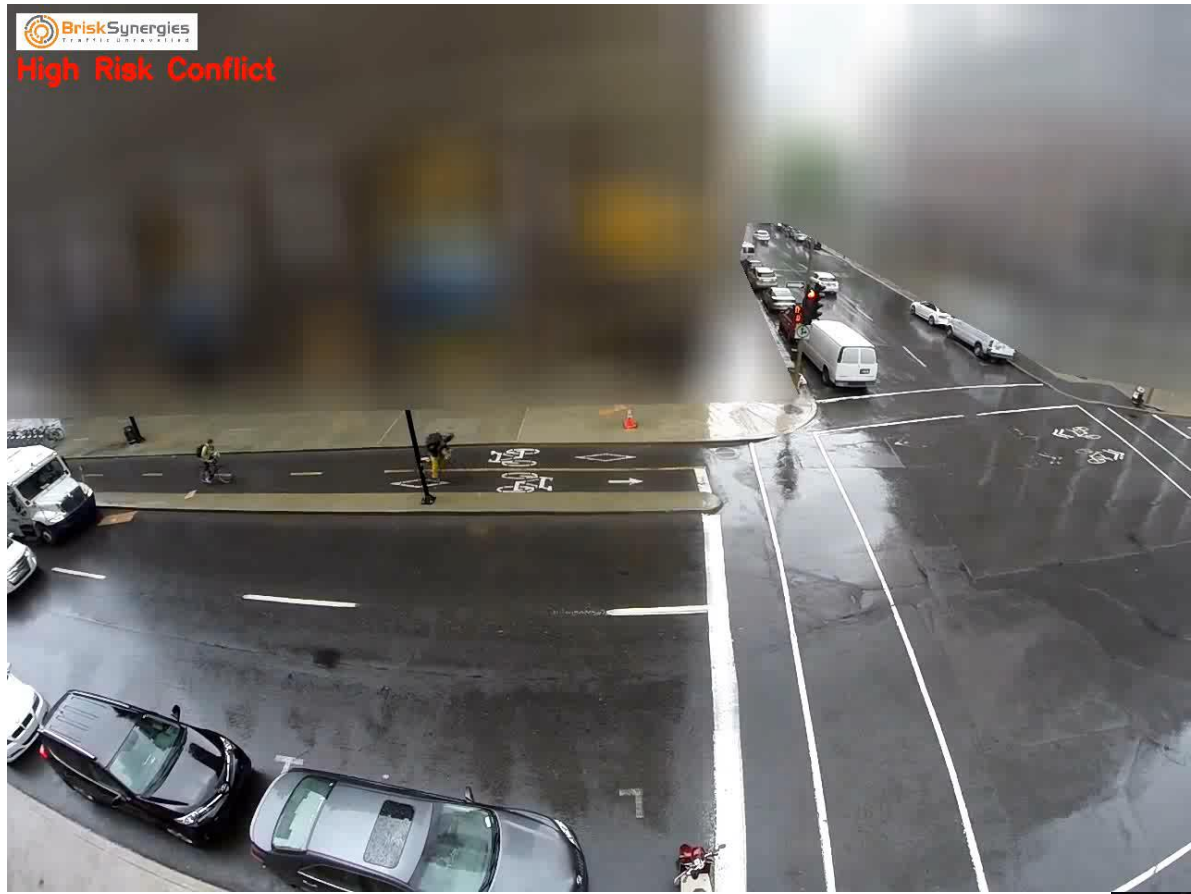
AGENDA

- Company introduction
- Case studies of safety analyses
- Types of deployment
 - On-demand Safety-as-a-Service
 - Continuous traffic monitoring platform

ABOUT BRISK SYNERGIES

- Software firm offers solutions for improving urban mobility and safety
- Leader in automated traffic video safety analysis
- HQ in Waterloo (Ontario), R&D office in Montreal
- Clients: municipalities, DOTs and traffic consulting firms

EXAMPLES OF NEAR MISSES



TORONTO CASE STUDY

Road safety improvement measurements

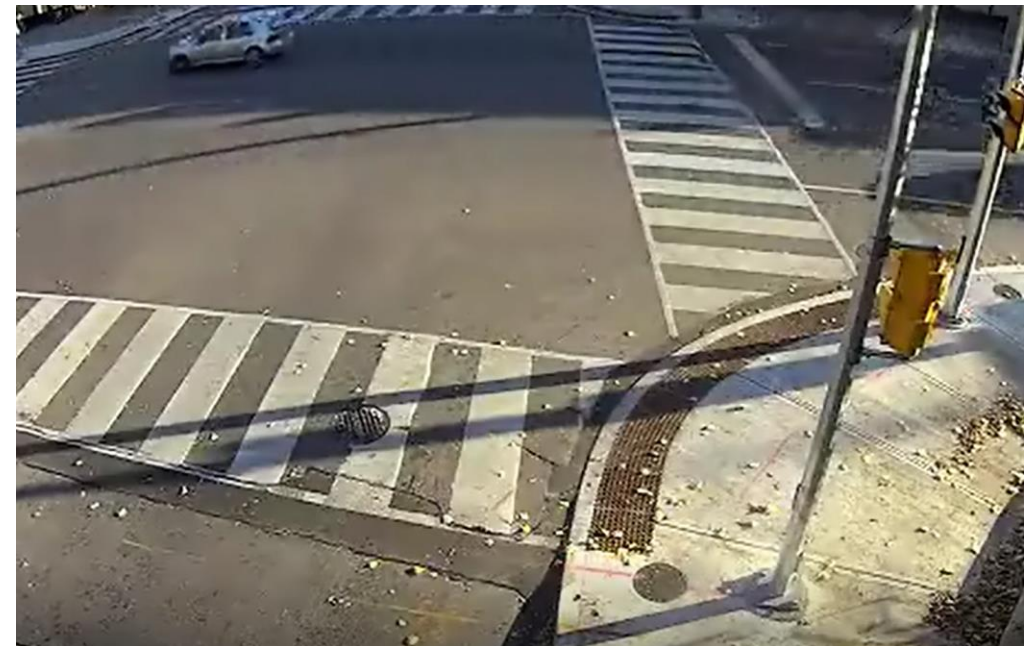
TORONTO CASE STUDY: WIDE CURB RADII

- Location: Davenport / Christie
- In 5 years, 2 fatal collisions & numerous near-misses reported
- Potential cause: high-speed right-turn vehicles
- Put signs with uncertain improvements
- Implemented curb radii reduction with before-after safety study

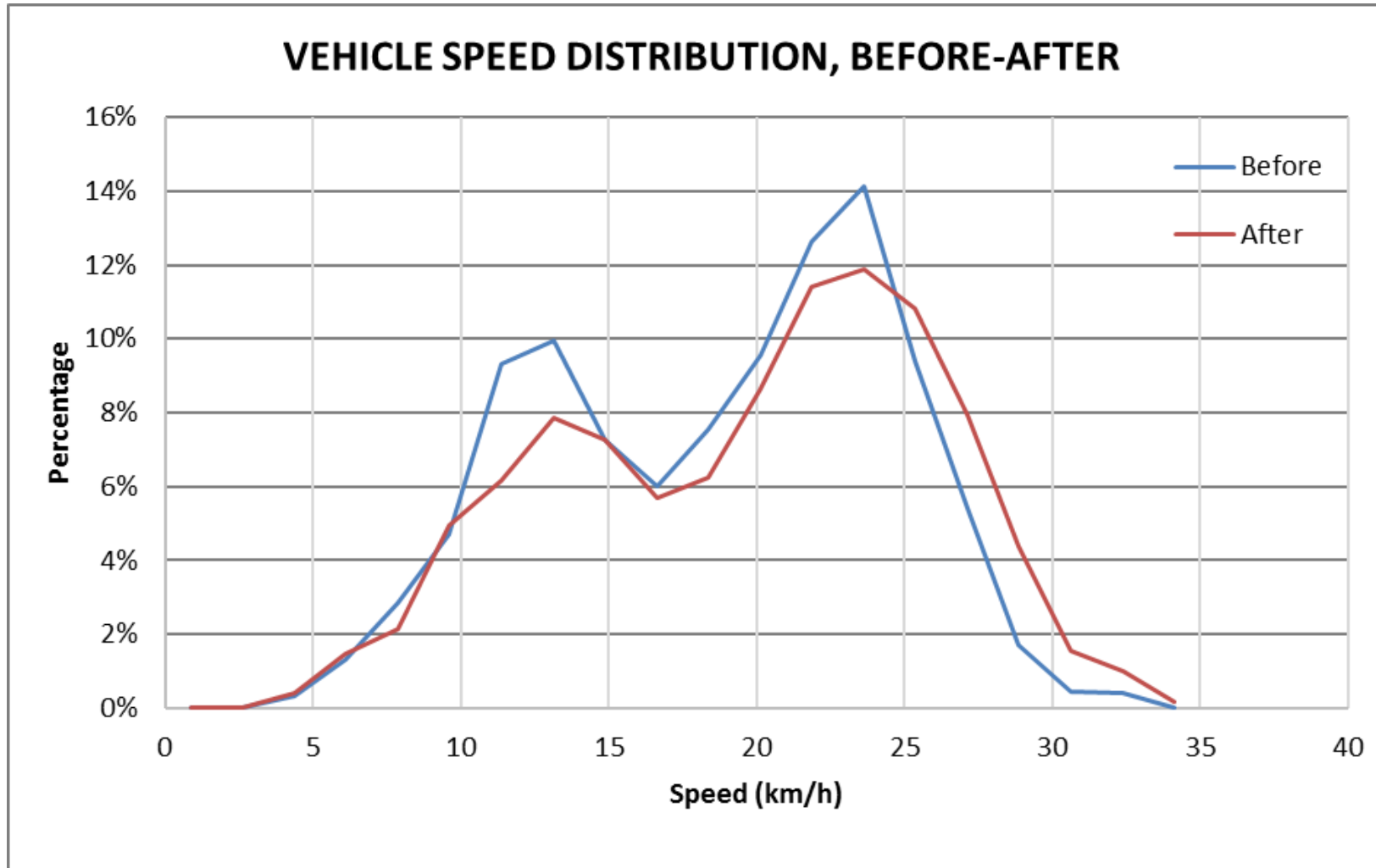


BEFORE AND AFTER ANALYSES

- 6 days of before and after data collected (7am to 7pm)
- Before data collected Aug '16
- After data collected Nov '16

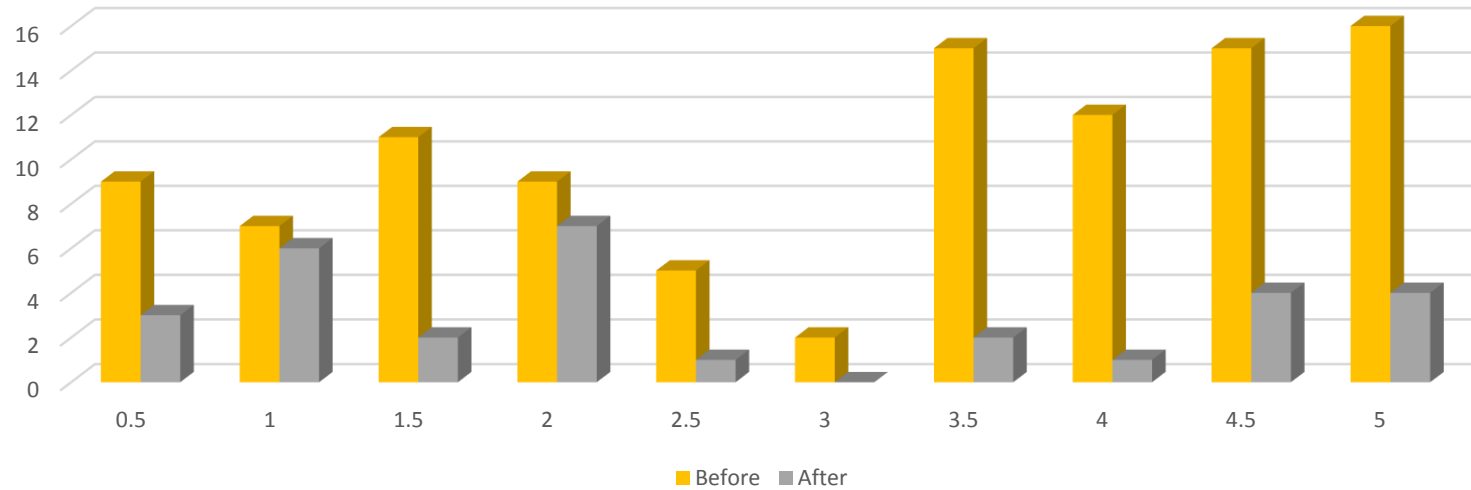


ANALYZED RESULTS: SPEED DISTRIBUTION



ANALYZED RESULTS: CONFLICT ANALYSIS

PET Before/After Conflicts



High risk conflicts ($\leq 1s$)



Before:
19 instances



After:
9 instances

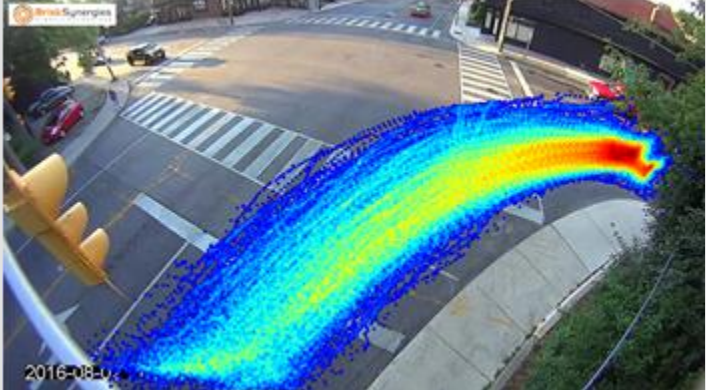
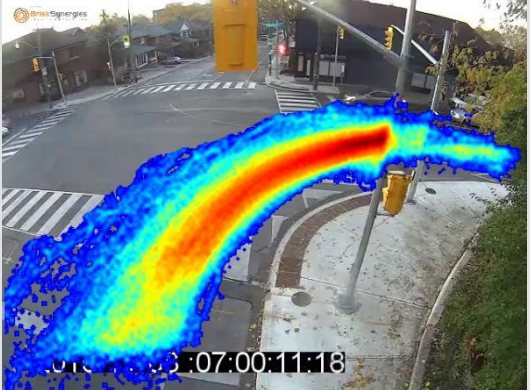
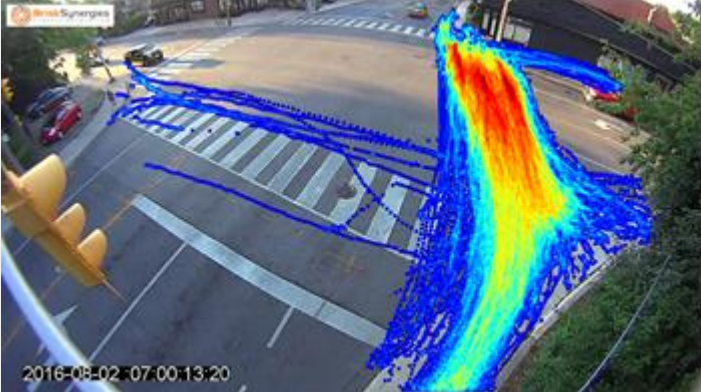

QUANTIFYING IMPROVEMENTS

- Pre-normalized results

	Low Risk Conflict		Medium Risk Conflict		High Risk Conflict	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
Before	58	93,843	24	38,831	19	30,742
After	11	26,465	10	24,059	9	21,653

- High Risk Conflict Rate are reduced by 30%
- Medium Risk Conflict Rate are reduced by 38%
- Low Risk Conflict Rate are reduced by 72%

TRAJECTORY HEATMAPS

	Before	After
Cars		
Pedestrians		

OTHER SCENARIOS

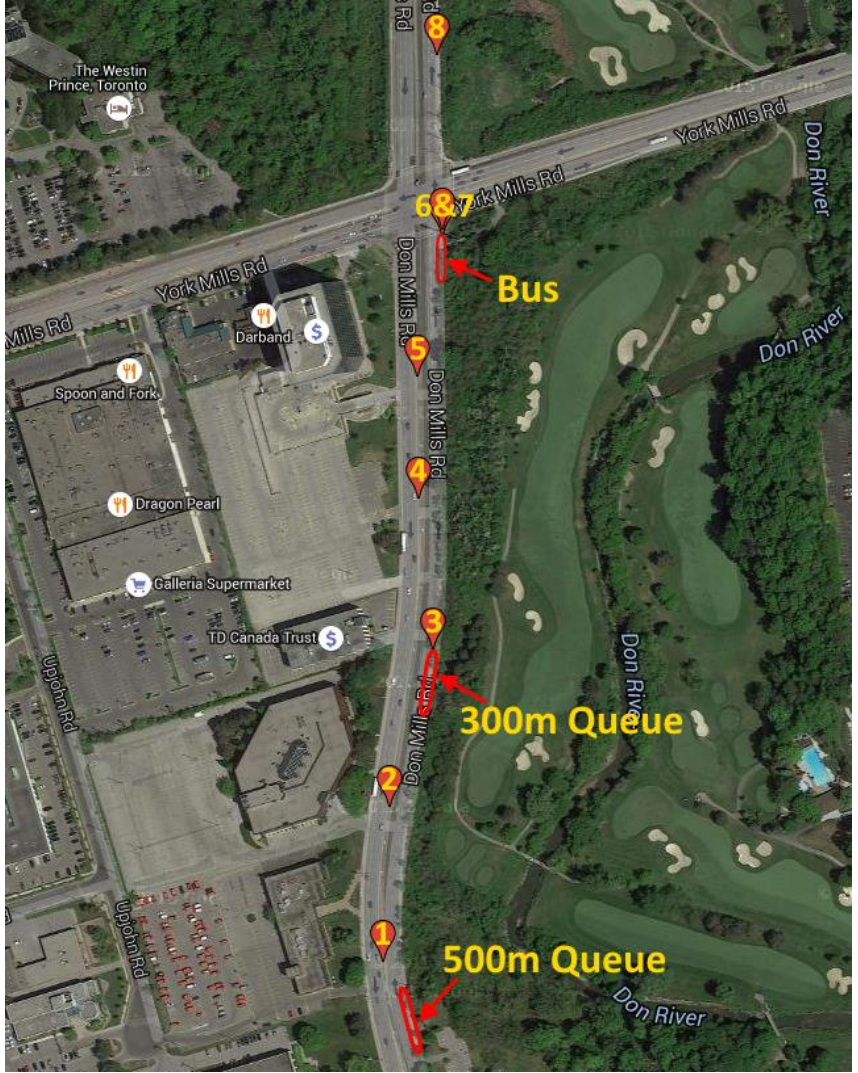
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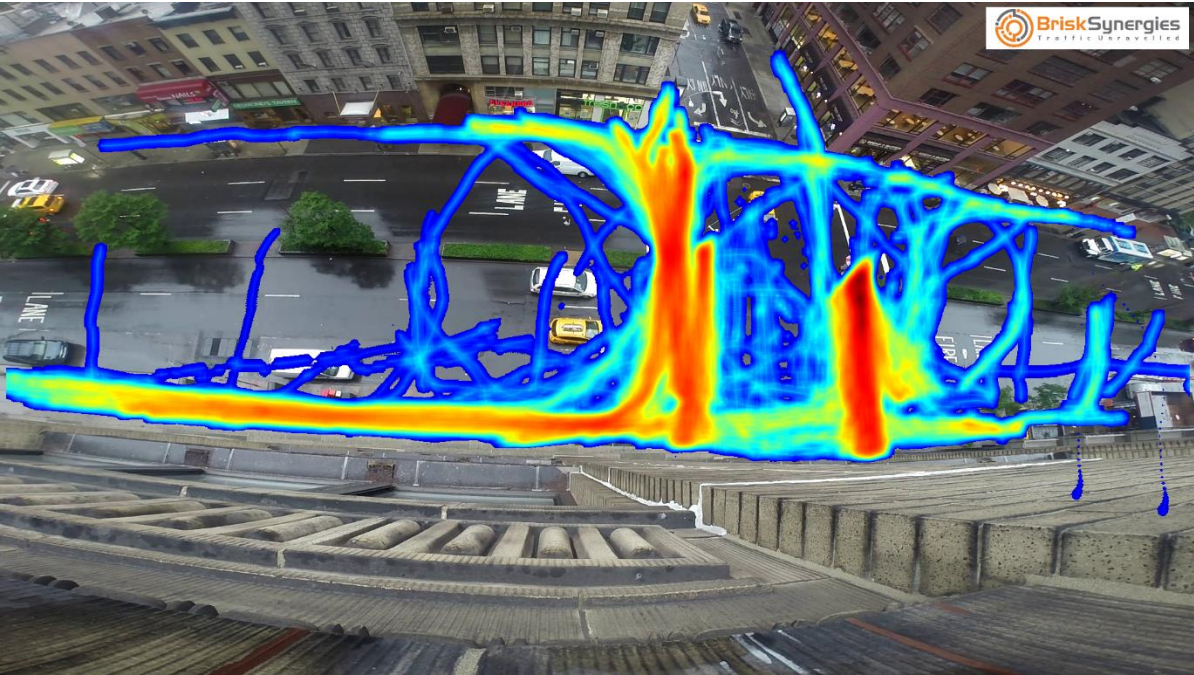
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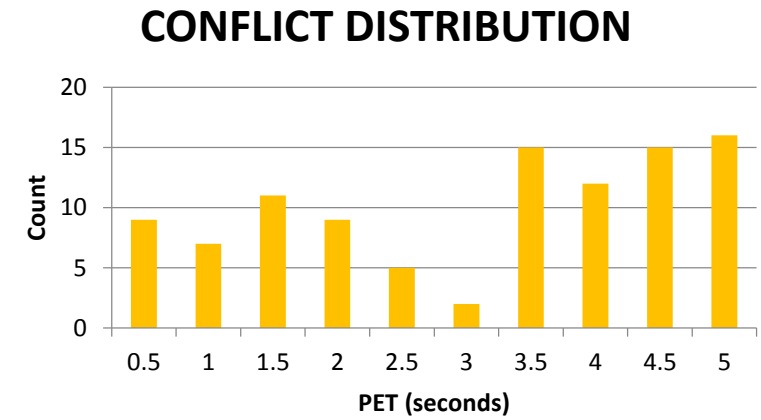
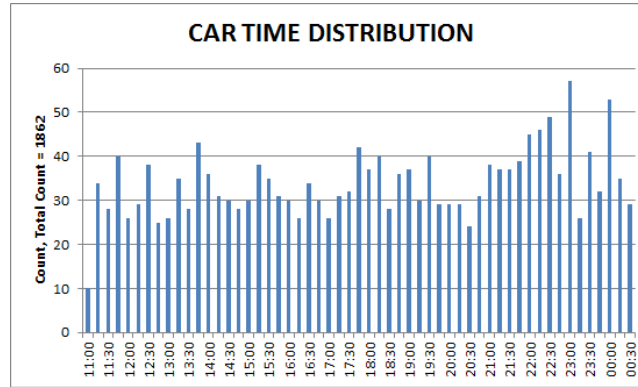
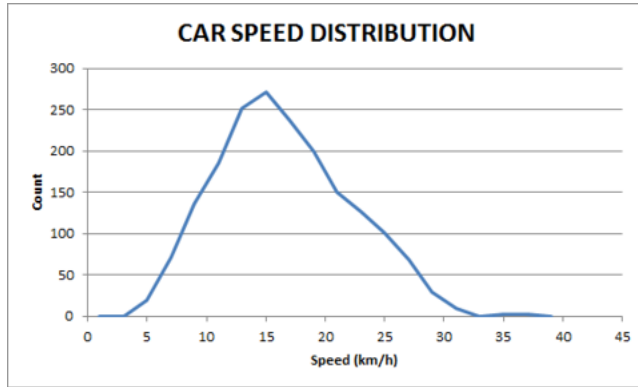
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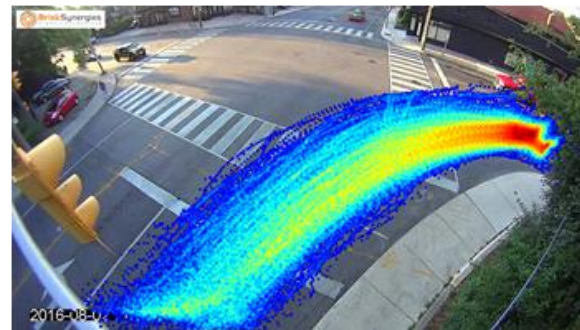
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Conflict hotspots



Heatmaps



20-sec Conflict Videos



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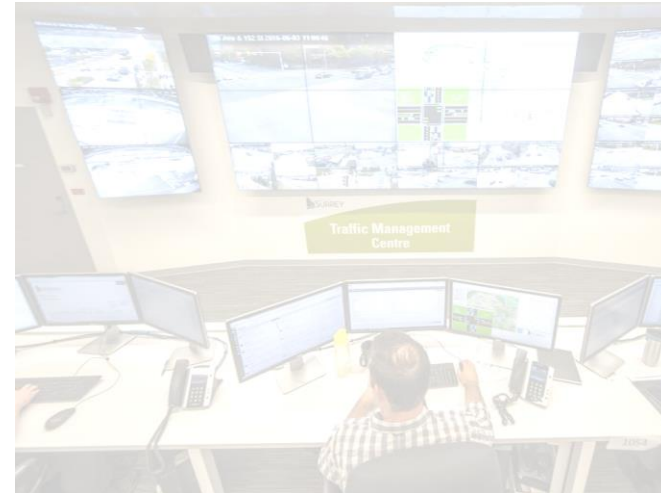
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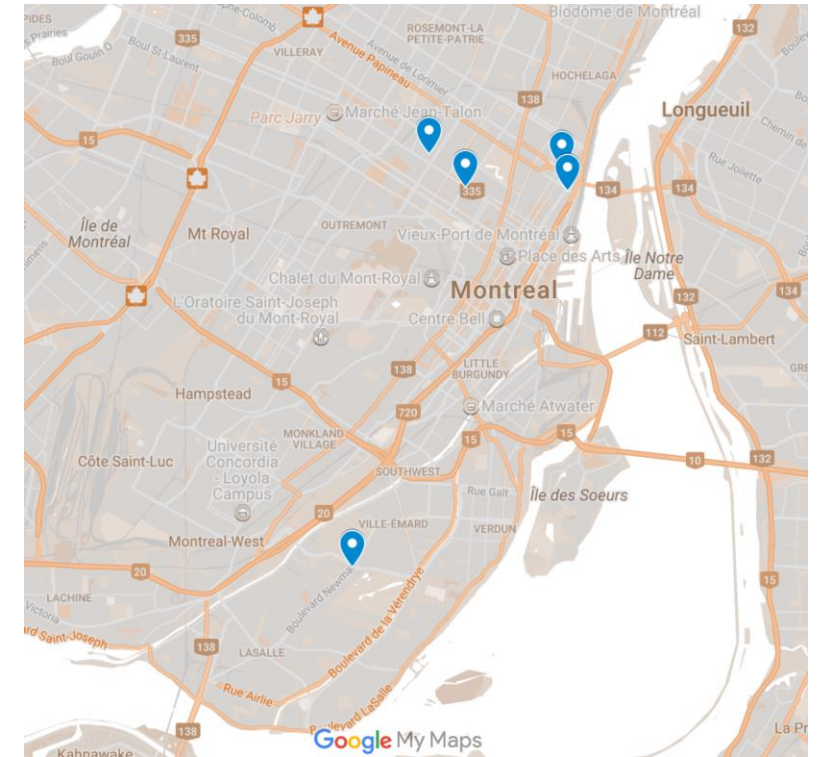
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CONTINUOUS MONITORING CASE STUDIES

- City of Montreal
- 5 TMC connected-camera
- 20 scenarios of movement interactions
- Conflict and non-conflict scenarios
- Veh/Veh, Veh/Peds and Veh/Cyclists



CONTINUOUS MONITORING CASE STUDIES

- Roundabout at Region of Waterloo
- Frequent collisions
- Monitors right-of-way violation
- Track improvements of treatments





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