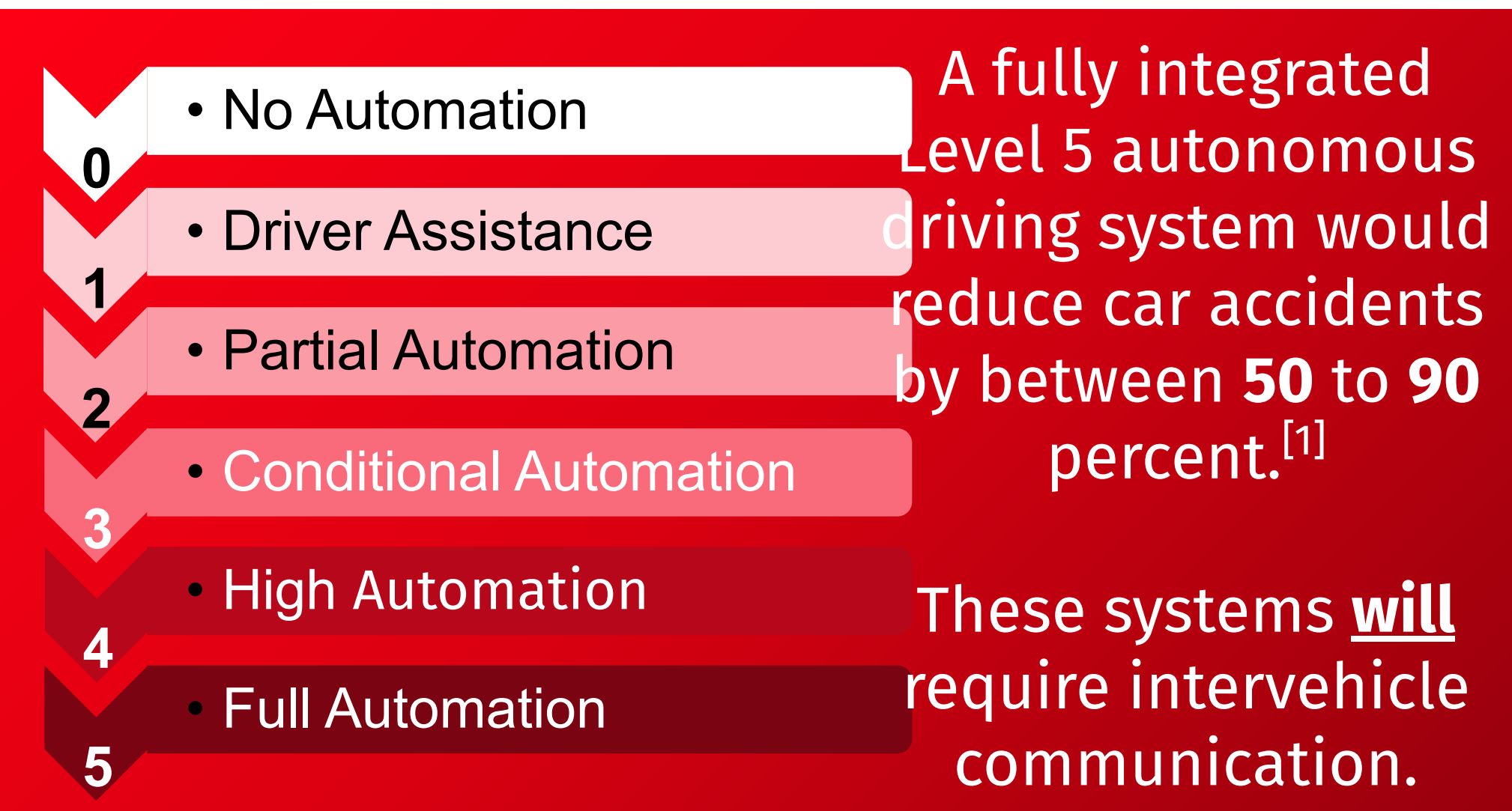


Human vs Autonomous Driving



Improving Transportation Systems

- Current autonomous vehicles (AVs) use only their own sensors to navigate the world.
- By implementing **V2N** (vehicle-to-network) communication, AVs will be able to make **more informed decisions**, allowing safer and more efficient transportation.

Our Lifesaving Motives

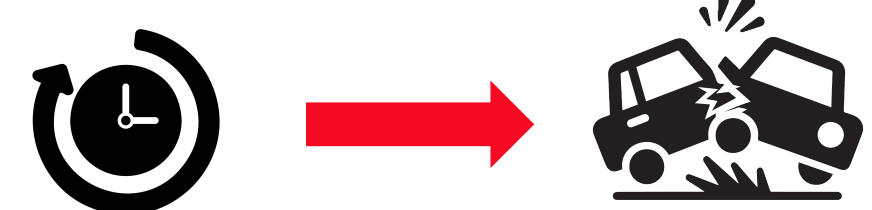


Figure 1: Safety critical algorithms will be highly sensitive to network latency



Figure 2: Near-term applications focus on notifying users with emergency vehicles, traffic, and weather alerts

- **Network latency** can be the difference between life and death
- There are no **open-source** tools to test intelligent transportation systems on **5G** wireless networks
- Autonomous vehicles will require the **low latency** of edge computers and **wide coverage** of 5G networks

Minimizing Network Delay

- MQTT protocol allows devices to **subscribe** and **publish**
- Fan-in and fan-out promotes scalable systems
- Quality of service promotes flexibility

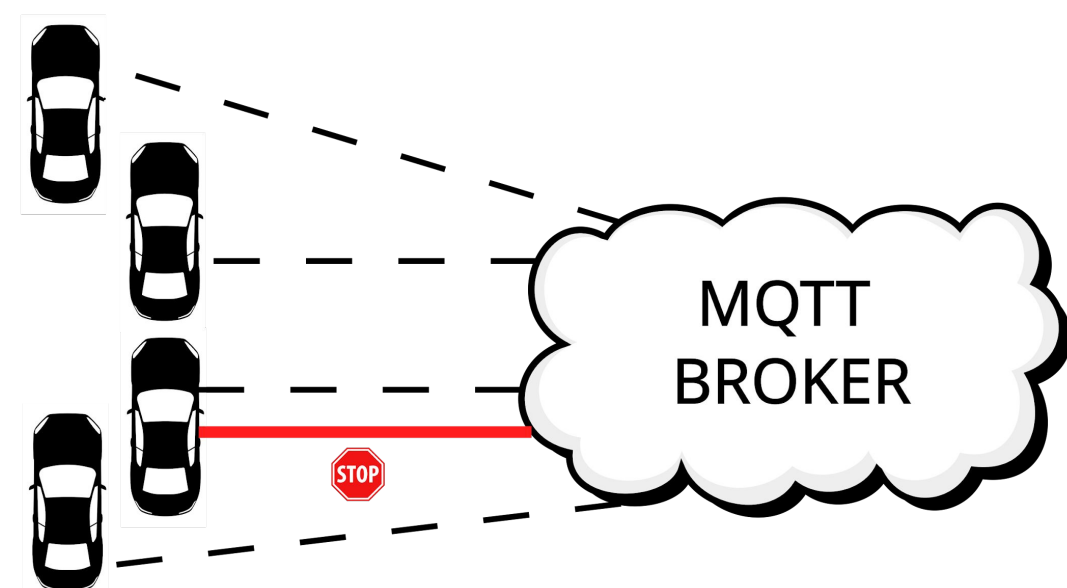


Figure 3: Example of many cars (fan-in) communicating with only one response

How is the system connected?

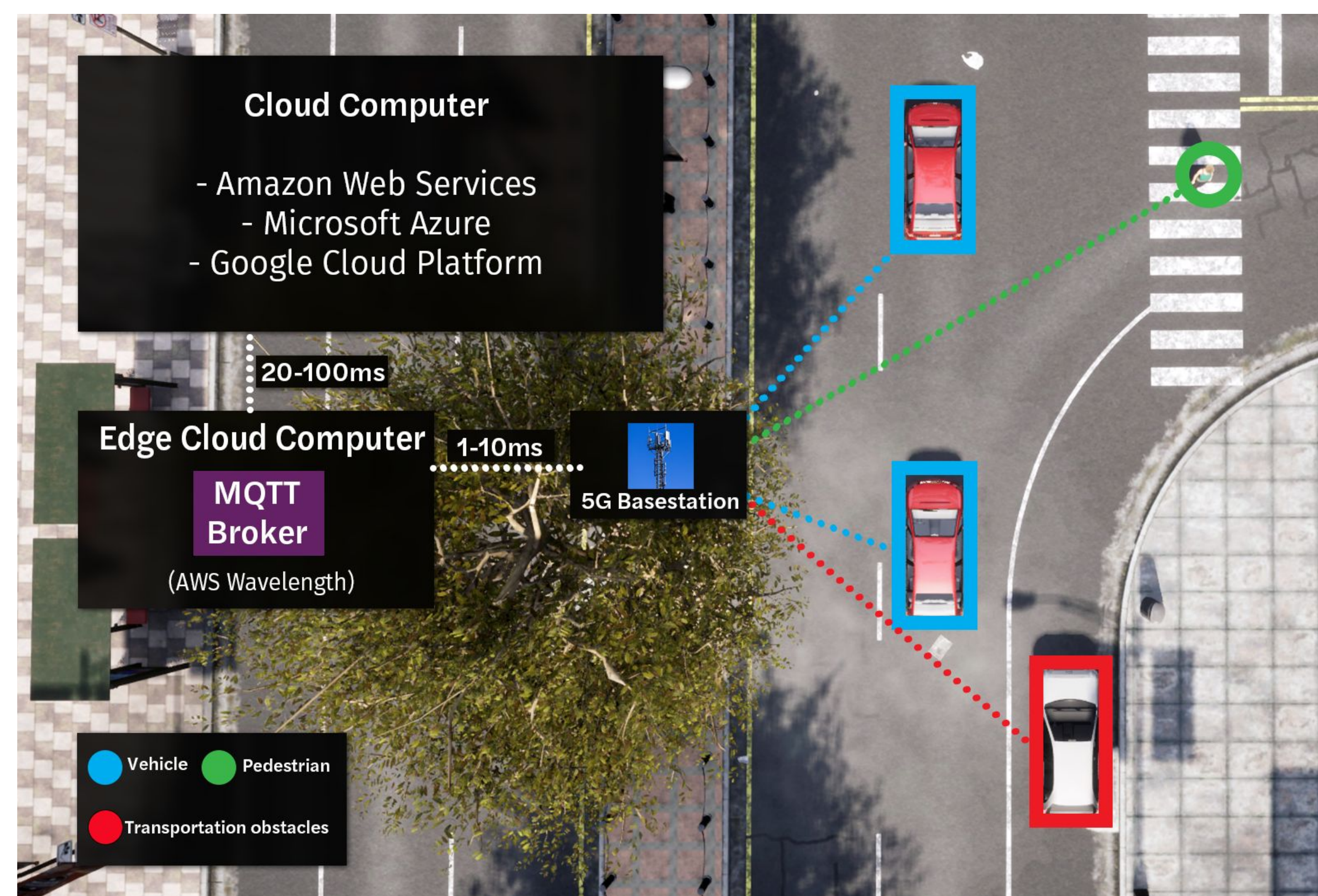


Figure 4: System diagram of how a 5G base station relays information to be processed

Vehicles transmit **GPS coordinates, speed, acceleration** and an edge computer close to the 5G base station processes this information. Cloud computing is used as a final resort for high intensity scenarios.

What does the edge computer look for?

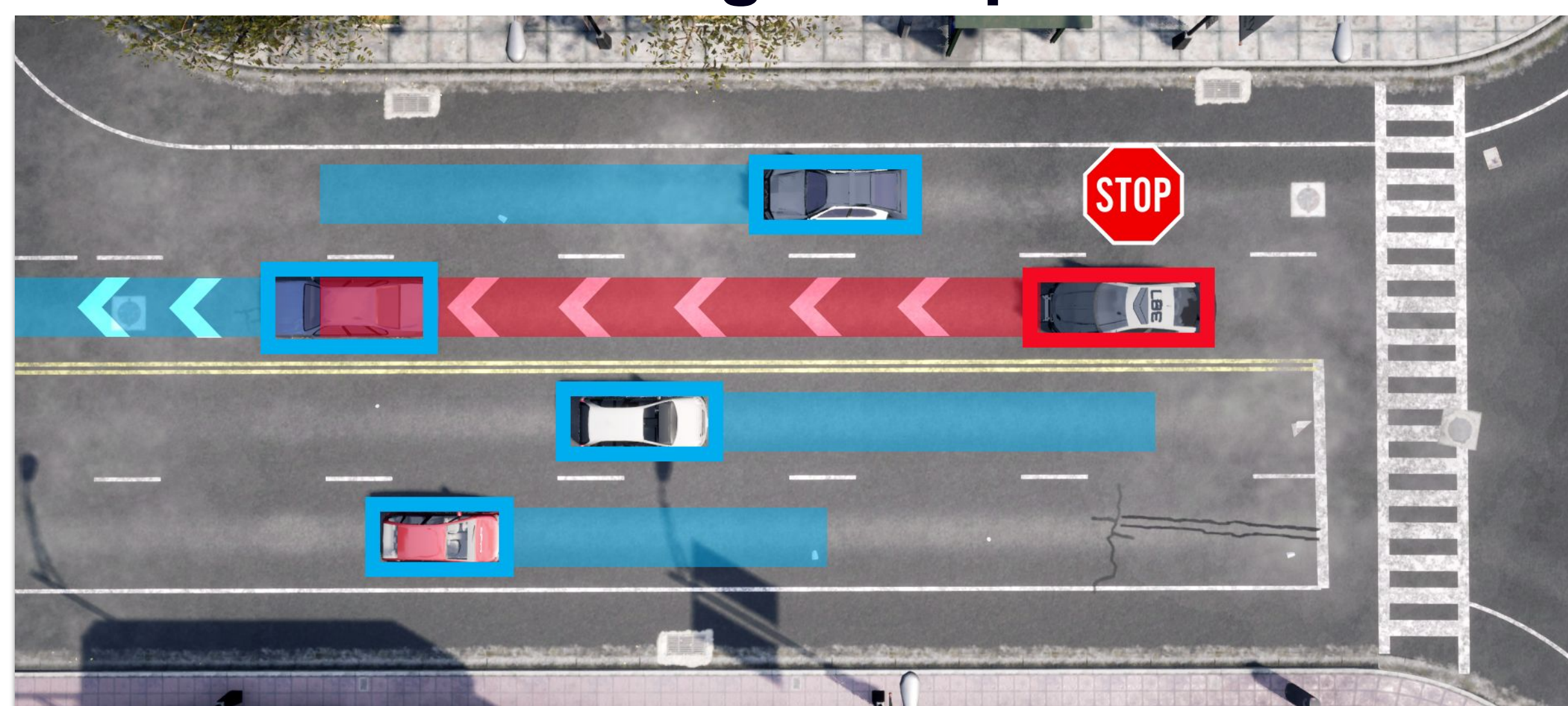
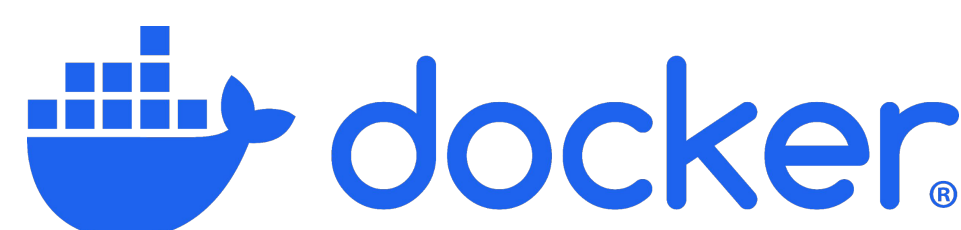


Figure 5: Scenario showing a car being warned to slow down

We implemented a simple algorithm that **looks 2 seconds ahead** of each car's trajectory and send out emergency break warnings for imminent collisions



Real-time Data Experiment

A Raspberry Pi connected to an onboard diagnostic emulator (OBD-II) streams **real-time** data. We profiled latency in our network using PTP



Figure 6: OBD-II Emulator

Importance and Scaling

- Developed a method to test **end-to-end V2N** latencies with open-source software
- Allow exploration of how **latency** affects edge applications
- High density scenarios propose additional issues with **GPS reliability** and **network interference**
- Network traffic will have to balance prioritizing **high-density** scenarios versus **high-risk** scenarios



Future Work

- Transition from a kinematical to a **reinforcement learning** (RL) algorithm to better predict collisions.
- Design an edge-case robust safety system
- Scale up current system so that it can support a much greater number of vehicles.

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