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Dynamic Map

Dynamic Map Platform Co. Current Initiatives and Future Developments

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An "all-Japan system" with the backing of the Japanese government and companies representing various industries working in unison.

History

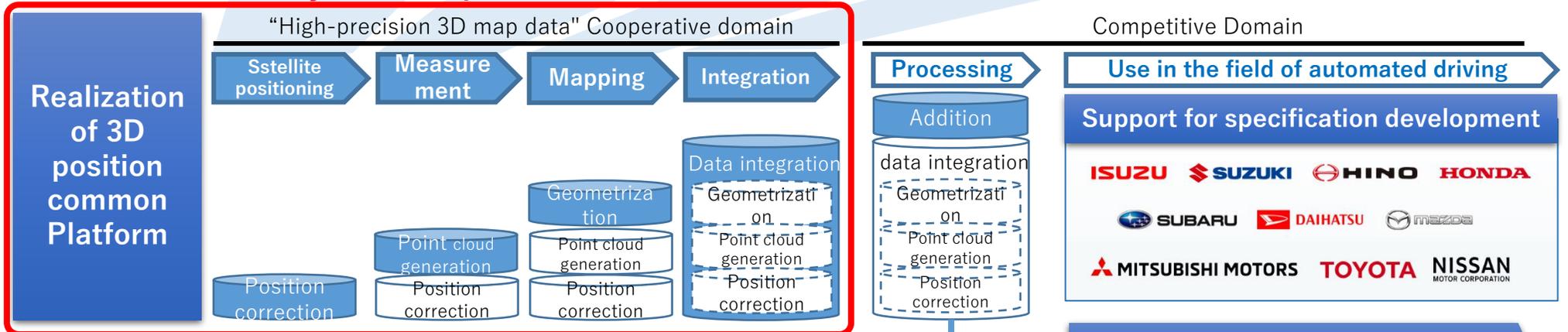
- June 2016 ● Established as Dynamic Map Platform Planning Co.
- June 2017 ● Changed the company name to Dynamic Map Platform Co. and became an operating company.
- Oct. 2017. ● Certified as a public survey planning organization by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
- Mar. 2019. ● Completed the construction of 29,205 km of Japan Highway
- Apr. 2019. ● Ushr Inc. acquisition process completed
- Sept. 2019. ● Our high-precision 3D map data is used for the first time in mass-produced vehicles

Generate, maintain, and provide high-precision 3D data for automotive and multi-purpose applications

Technical support



Business domain of Dynamic Map Platform



基盤構築支援

Utilization for multiple purposes

- MaaS
- Disaster prevention and mitigation
- Social infrastructure maintenance and management, etc.

Development, maintenance and sales of HD map data of the same level as DMP in North America
 Adopted and put into practical use in General Motors' mass-produced vehicles for the first time in the world
 High-level computer science personnel



Company name	Ushr Inc.
Head office	38701 W. Seven Mile Road Suite 170 Livonia, MI 48152 USA
Business Description	Development and sales of high-precision maps for automatic driving
Major shareholders (Before acquisition)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Motors Ventures • EnerTech • Emerald Technology Ventures • Forte Ventures • GeoDigital
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2014 Start of U.S. and Canadian highway map maintenance (GeoDigital era) • 2016 GeoDigital Automotive established • 2017 GeoDigital Automotive spun off and renamed Ushr. • Completed HD Map (130,000 mile, single lane version) for GM Super Cruise • 2018 First startup to win GM Innovation Award; added 75,000 miles of HD Map • 2019 Lane by Lane Map release begins.

Strengths of our Group

We have integrated the outstanding software development capabilities and superior manufacturing processes of our group company, Ushr Inc.

We have built a system that enables us to provide the global market with superior, next-generation, high-precision 3D map data (HD maps).

High accuracy
of cm class

High quality and
low costs
Manufacturing
Process

Specifications
to meet OEM
requirements

According to
customer
requirements
Customization

Japan and North
America Adoption
Experience



Provides highly accurate, high quality, cost-effective data

Data/Coverage Provided

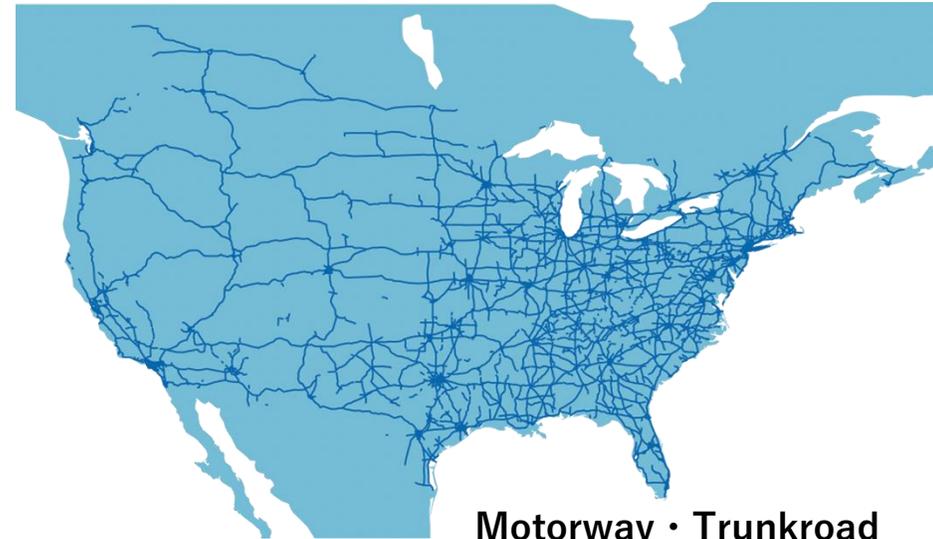
Providing high-precision 3D map data (HD map) of Japan and North America, expanding coverage sequentially.

JAPAN



Highway
31,777 km~

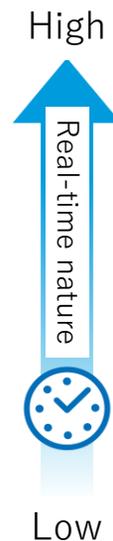
North America



Motorway · Trunkroad
200,000 mile~

Approaches to the development of updating technology for high-precision 3D base maps

-Report on the results of the second phase of the SIP project-



"Dynamic map" = real-time data with dynamic information superimposed on static information

Dynamic information

Information on surrounding vehicles, surrounding pedestrians, traffic lights, etc.

Semi-dynamic information

Traffic accident information, traffic regulation information, traffic jam information, narrow area weather information, etc.

Semi-static information

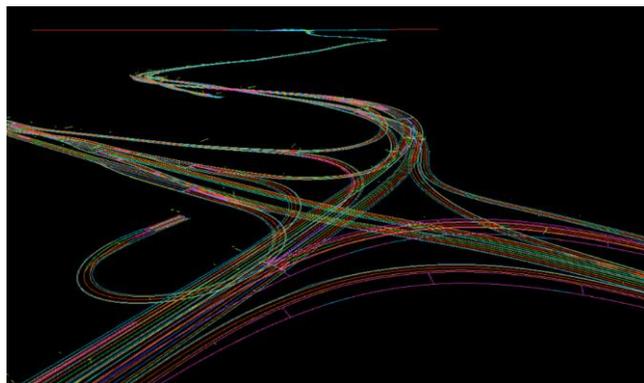
Traffic regulations, road construction schedules, wide-area weather forecast information, etc.

Static information (high-precision 3D map data (HD map))

High accuracy of cm class

With 3D location information

Road Structure Information related to road structure



対象地物名	地物事例
区画線	
多重区画線	
路肩縁	
道路標示	
道路標識	
信号機 (本体・補助信号)	
信号機 (矢印灯)	

The main role of high-precision 3D map data

High-precision 3D map data (HD map) is essential for the components of automatic driving (recognition, judgment, and operation).

It plays an important role in advanced "self-positioning" and "recognition of the surrounding environment."

Cognition
(maps, communication, sensors)

Self location estimation
(map matching)

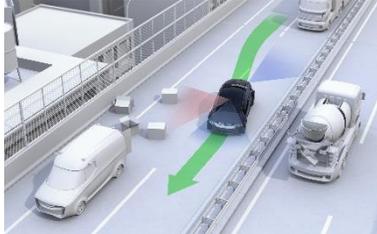


Peripheral vehicle recognition
(omnidirectional)



Judgment
(Control/Artificial Intelligence)

Operation plan
(situation assessment)



Operation plan
(action plan)

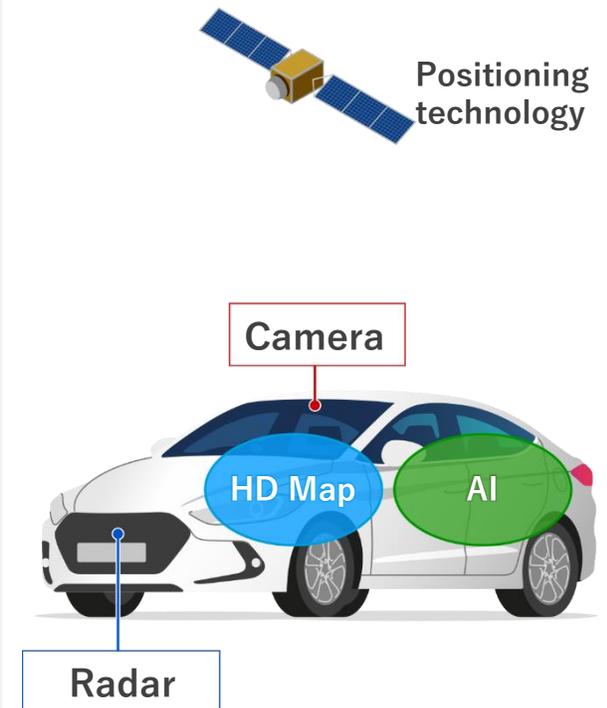


Operation
(Hydraulic and electric monitor)

Vehicle control
(steering amount)



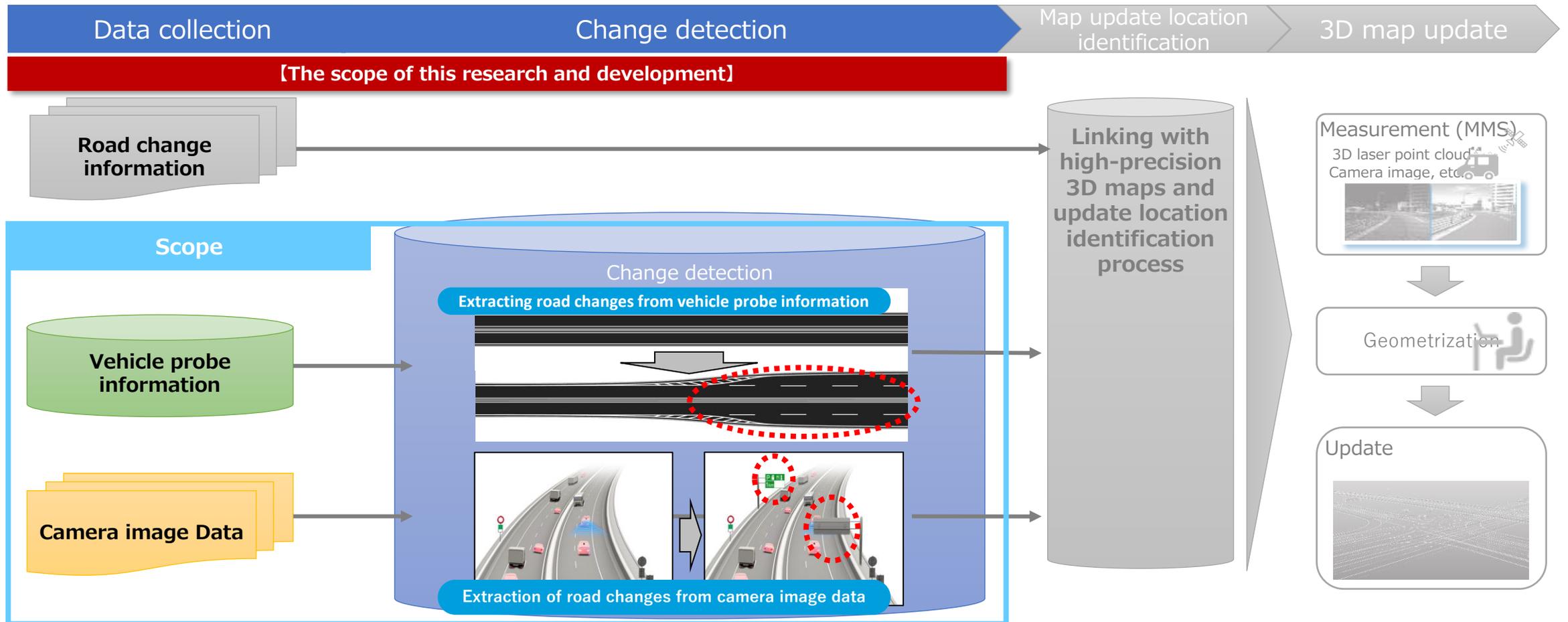
Vehicle control
(travel speed)



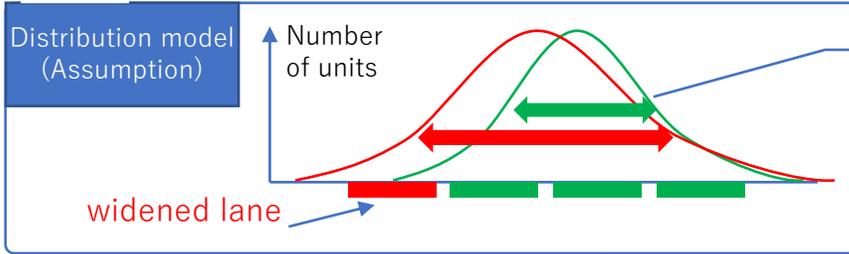
Necessity of updating technology development and outline of efforts

To continue to support automated driving, it is essential to constantly update data and close the gap with reality.

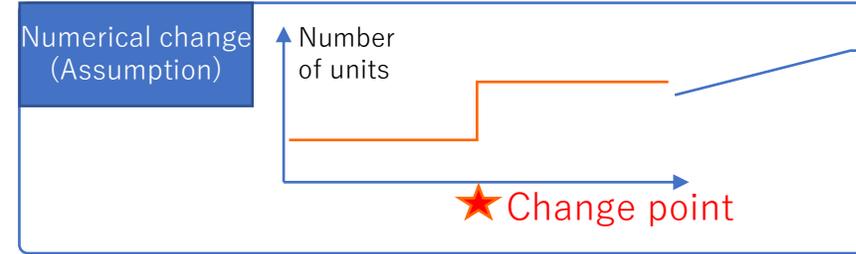
- Data update issues
Information on road changes from road administrators alone is not sufficient for organizing and grasping information on changes such as new installation/removal of traffic signals and road signs that do not involve changes in road structure.
- Initiatives
Consideration of technology to identify updated locations using vehicle probe information and camera images, aiming to shorten the update cycle and improve the automatic driving function



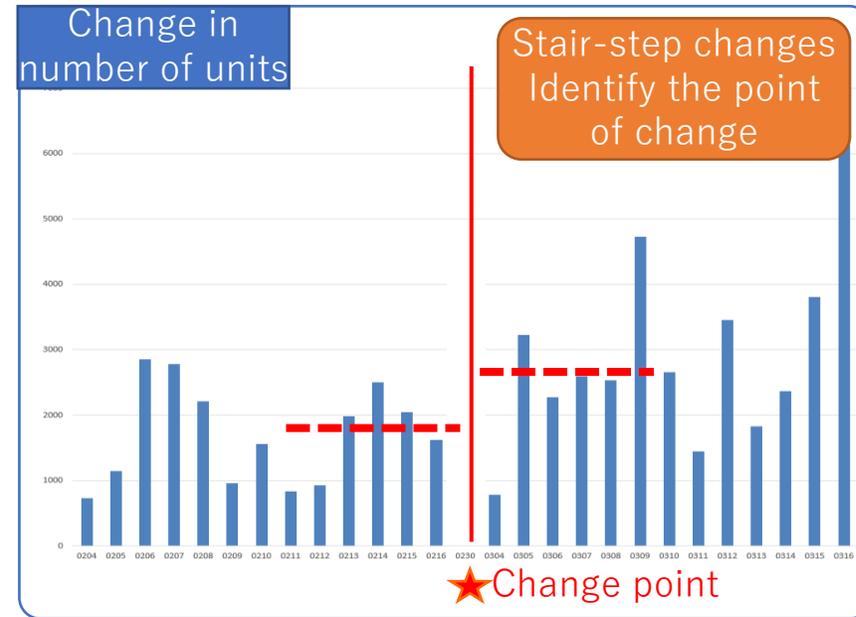
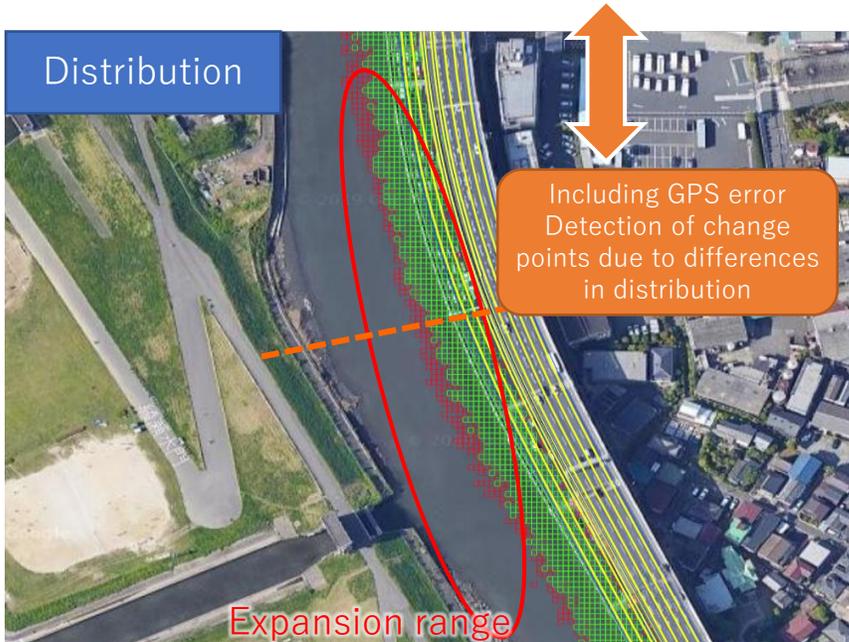
Aggregate vehicle probe information over a certain spatial and temporal range and detect points with large changes in the distribution model and numerical values as road change points.



Detecting changes due to differences in the spatial distribution of vehicles caused by road widening



Detect changes due to differences in traffic flow (number of vehicles) caused by road widening



Confirmed the possibility of understanding road changes caused by vehicle probe location information in areas with a good positioning environment.

Verify whether the events that are expected to occur in vehicle probe information when road changes occur can be covered as change information necessary for updating.

◇ Verification Results

Change information		Basic attribute		Vehicle probe information items										Change detection Possibility
Contents	Change scale	Acquisition time	Lon. and Lat.	Accelerator pedal stroke	Brake pedal stroke	Winker	Handle angle	Direction of travel	Vehicle speed	Acceleration	Angular velocity (Rotational direction)	Geomagnetism (car turning around)	Engine speed (running/stopping)	
Increase/decrease in number of lanes	L	○	○	○	○	○	△	□	○	△	△	△	△	H
widening (of a road)	L	○	○	○	○	○	△	□	○	△	△	△	△	H
Change the location of branching and merging	M	○	○	△	△	○	△	□	△	△	△	△	△	H
New construction, abolition, and modification of physical structures	S	○	△	△	△	△	△	□	△	△	△	△		M
Creation, elimination, or modification of zebra zones	M	○	○	△	△	○	△	□	△	△	△	△	△	H
Change the solid/dashed line and color of the parcel lines.	S	○	△	△	△	△	△	□			△	△		M
Establishment, abolition, or modification of emergency parking zones	S	○	△					□	△				△	L
Repainting plot lines	S	○	△	△	△	△	△	□			△	△		M
New installation, abolition, or modification of signs	S	○	△	△	△			□						L
Establishment, abolition, or modification of signs	S	○	△	△	△			□						L
Installation, abolition, and modification of traffic signals	S	○	△	△	△			□					△	L

The amount of change in latitude and longitude is small, and the numerical change is There is little clear correlation with road changes.

- 【Notes】
- : Items where changes are expected to be noticeable
 - △ : Items for which changes may be detectable
 - : Items that may be used in the process of processing

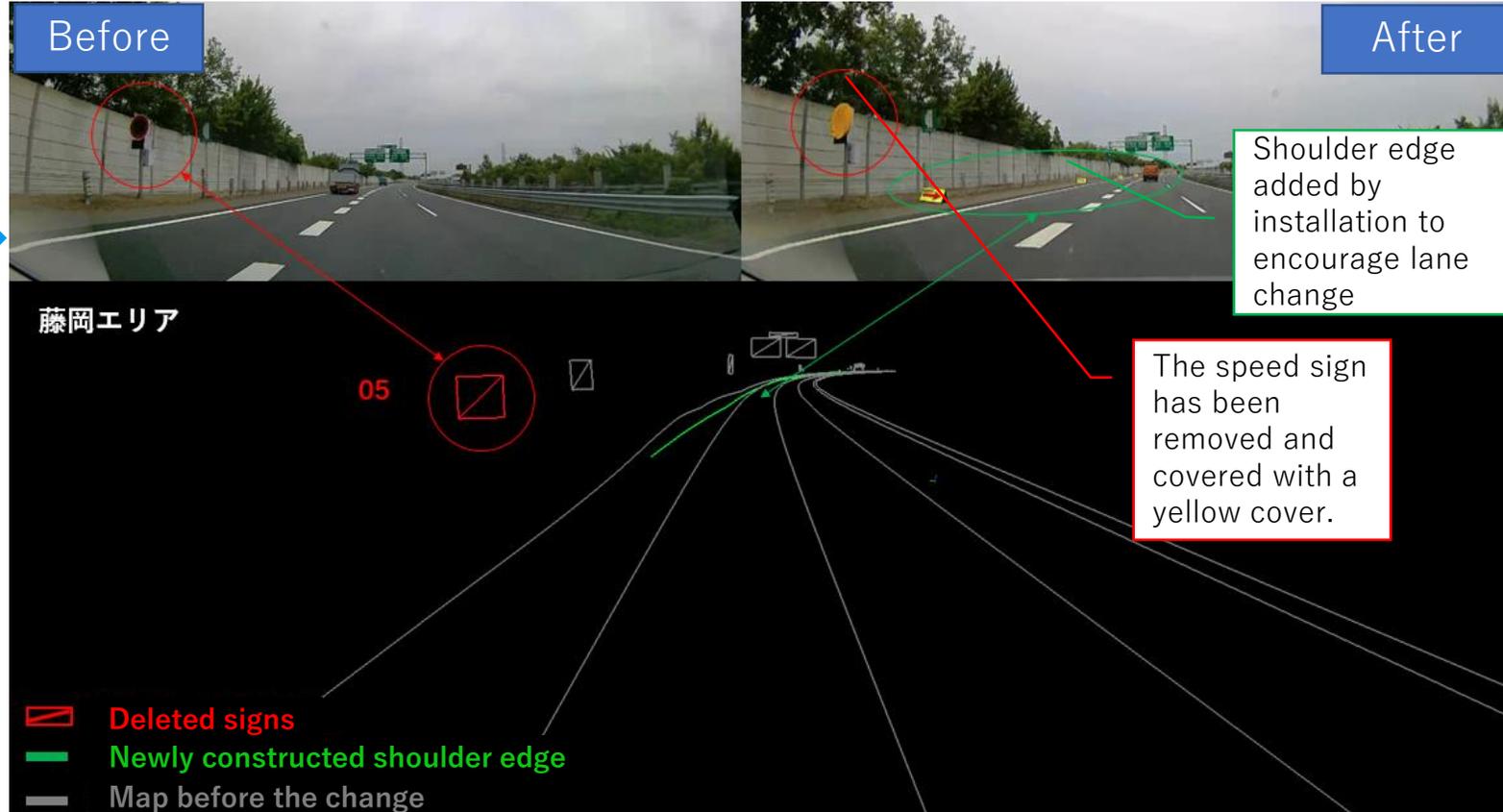
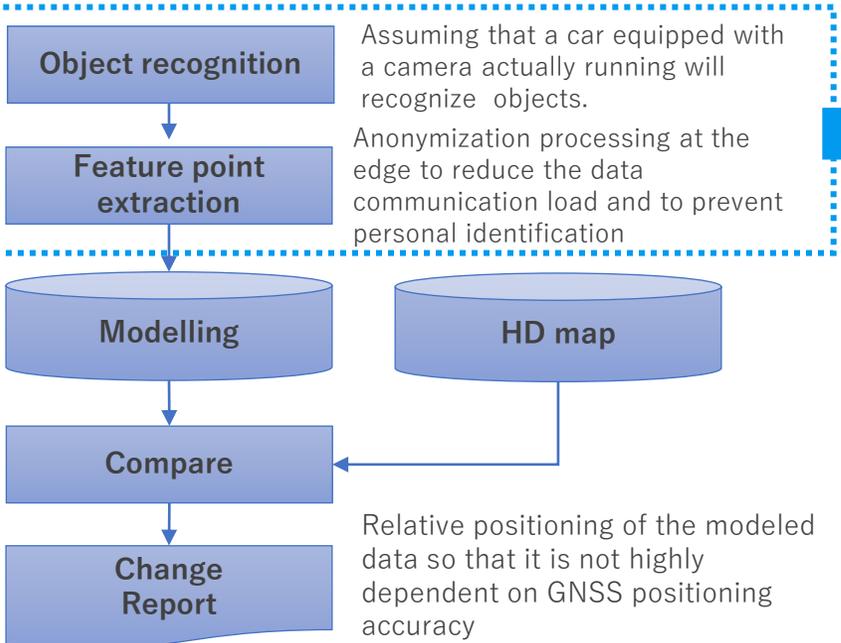
It was determined that it would be difficult to cover all the information necessary for updating high-precision 3D maps with the current vehicle probe information alone.
 The first step is to use the "technology to extract road change points using Dashcam."

- We demonstrated road change point detection by comparing the camera image data before and after the change.
- Using an off-the-shelf dashcam, compare the feature points at a level that can be extracted by the edge side before and after the change.

Since it was confirmed that changes in geological features such as shoulder edges and road signs can be extracted, we will consider applying this method to data updating.

Example of "road sign" deletion and "shoulder edge" addition detection

Change Point Detection Pipeline



In this development, feature points were extracted from the Dashcam images on the server side for comparison and verification.

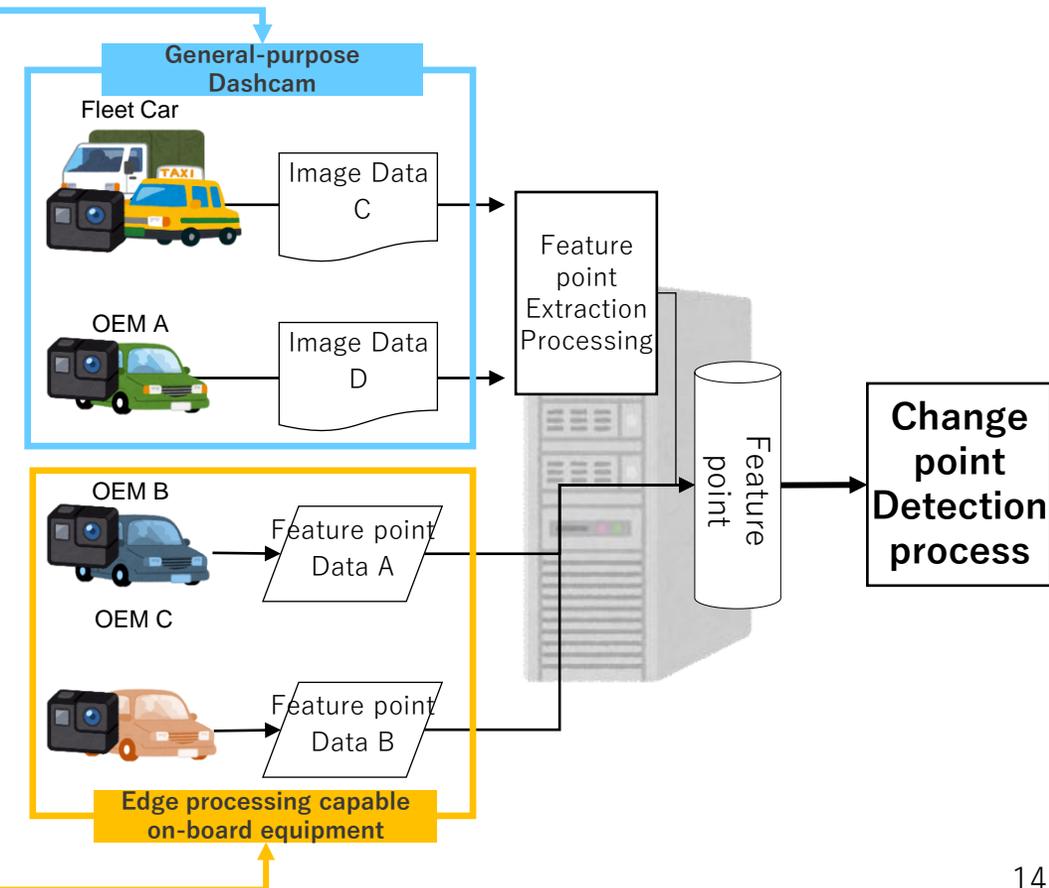
- In order to achieve this goal, we are working on the specifications of Dashcams necessary for detecting change points and aim to start using them on roads dedicated to automobiles in FY2010 (light blue).
- On the other hand, with an eye to future deployment (general roads/Global), a method to collect data widely from cameras, etc. mounted on general vehicles is necessary. In order to reduce the data communication load and ensure anonymity, we have organized the requirements for feature points to be extracted at the edge. In the future, we will approach standardization organizations and construct an image data collection scheme (yellow).

Recommended equipment specifications

Requirements for Road Change Point Extraction Technology	Required Sensors	Required Functions	Recommended specs	
The ability to recognize geographic objects from camera image data.	Camera	Angle	Horizontal 118~135 degrees	
	Camera	Resolution	HD (1280*720)	
A function to recognize geographic objects from camera image data.	Ability to estimate driving trajectory.	GNSS	Coordinate values	(Open sky) 5 m or less (Urban area) 20m or less
		GNSS	Speed	2Hz
		IMU	Angular velocity and acceleration	100Hz*
		Odometer	Distance traveled	50Hz*
		Camera	Angle of view, resolution, and Frame rate	22Hz
			Relative position is obtained. (The amount of displacement must be obtained.)	

Requirements for feature point data (overview)

	Items and Contents	Acquisition unit
Geographical data	Geodetic data and its confidence information	High frequency (reference: 0.1s,)
Position, Velocity, Time	Data on vehicle position, speed, time, etc.	High frequency (reference: 0.1s,)
Camera parameters .	Parameters for camera mounting position, focal length, etc.	Low frequency (Reference: 1h)

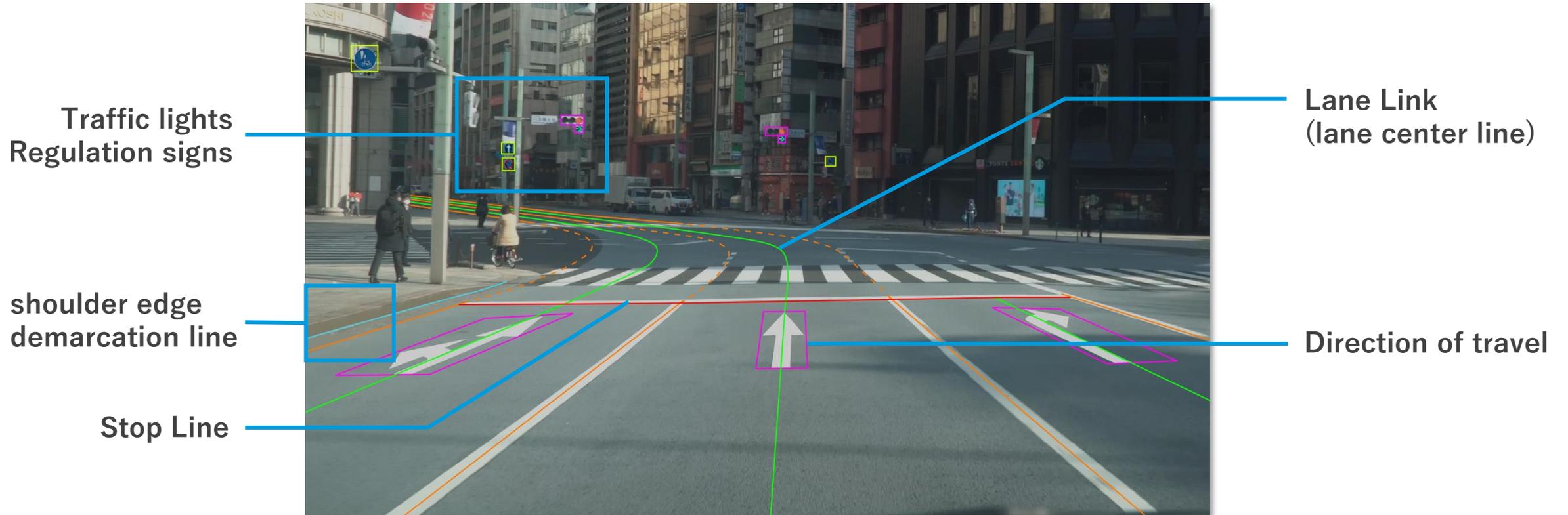


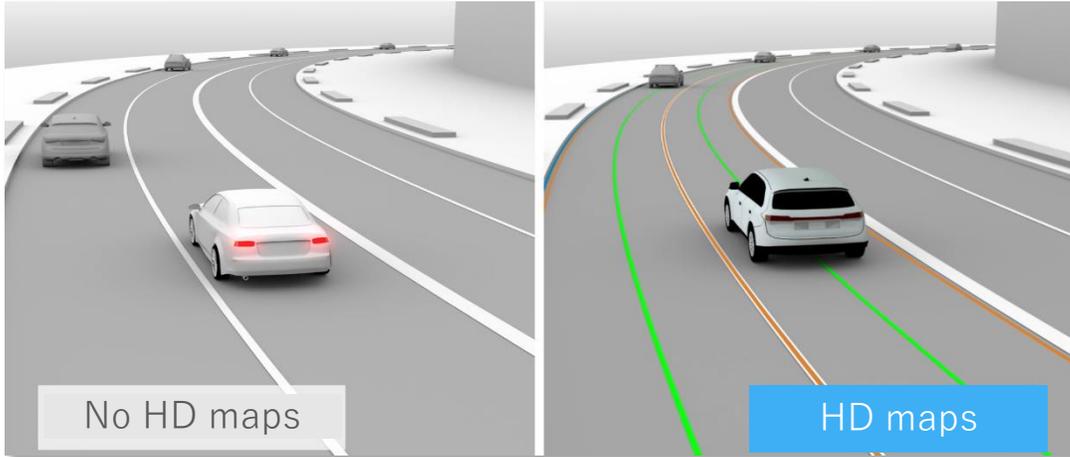
Future Business Development

About the Next Generation HD Map

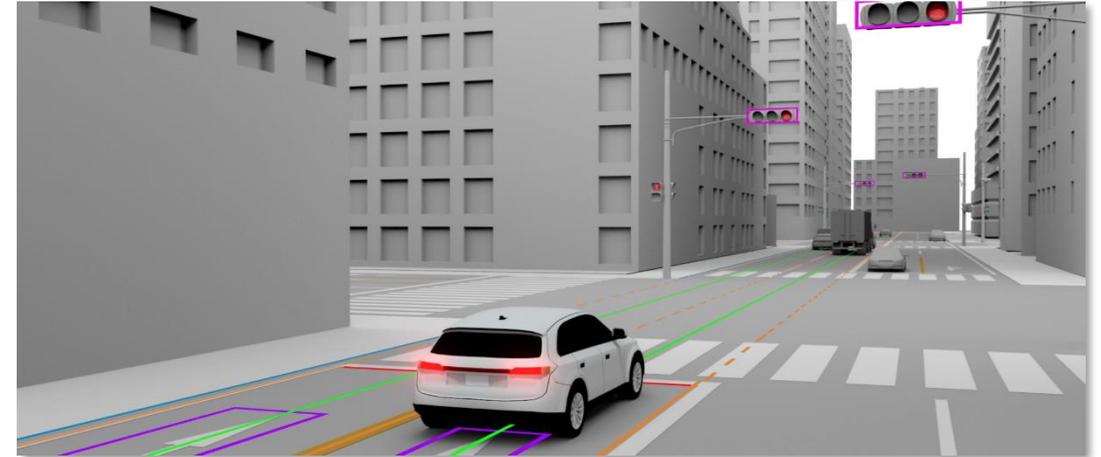
Carefully selected geographic objects and attribute information that are considered important for autonomous driving as well as advanced driving support systems.

It includes 3D data such as traffic lights and regulatory signs of real geographic objects and lane links (lane centerlines) of virtual geographic objects.

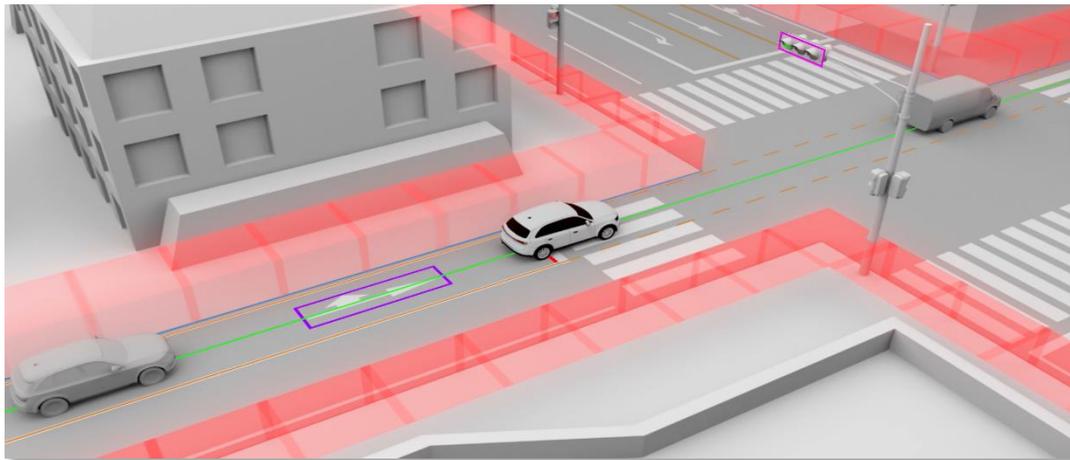




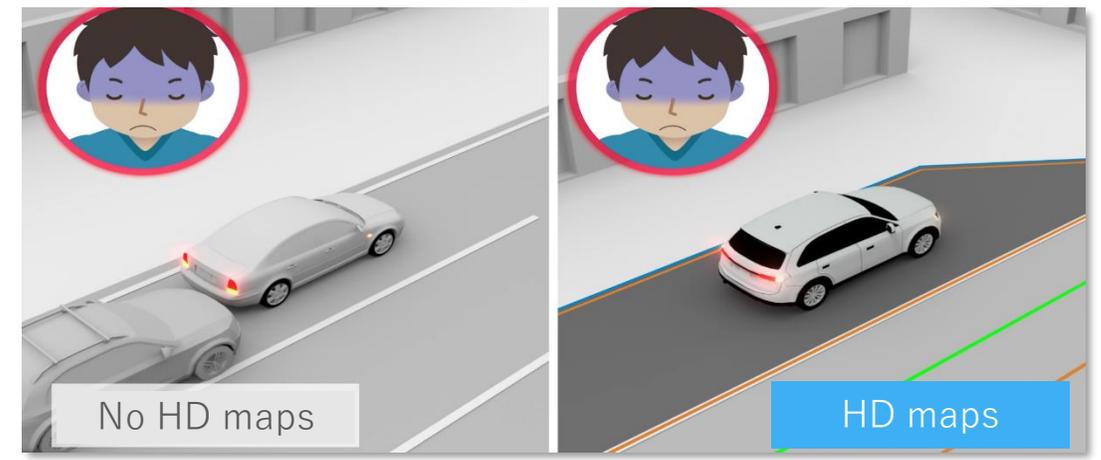
Anticipate the shape of the road ahead. Steadily enter the curve.



Understand signal information correctly and determine when to stop



Keep track of prohibited areas. To prevent traffic accidents



Automatically stop the car at a safe position in case of emergency

In response to the resolution of social issues and the rapid increase in demand, the next generation high-precision 3D map data (next generation HD map) will be introduced in Japan from FY2023, for the advancement and spread of advanced driving support systems and automatic driving.



Expanded coverage
(General road support)



Advanced ADAS Realized
on More Roads



Cost Performance



For a wide range of
vehicle



Global Format

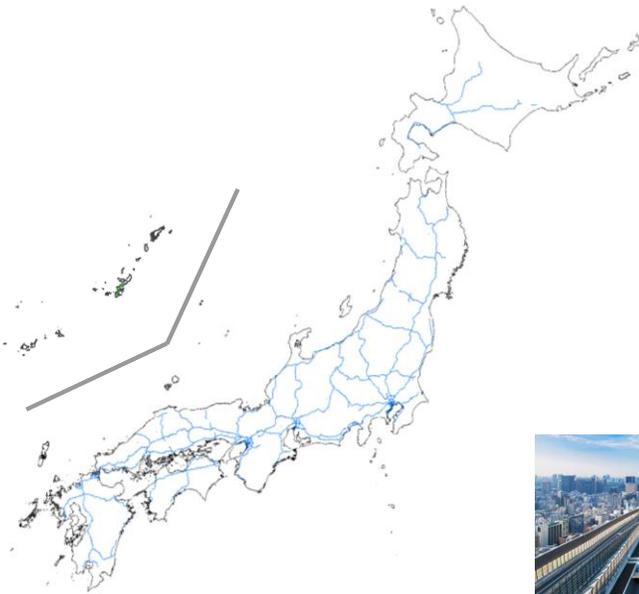


Easy deployment in Japan
and many other countries
and regions

Not only on expressways and exclusive roads, but also on ordinary roads, advanced driving support systems and autonomous driving can be used in our daily lives.

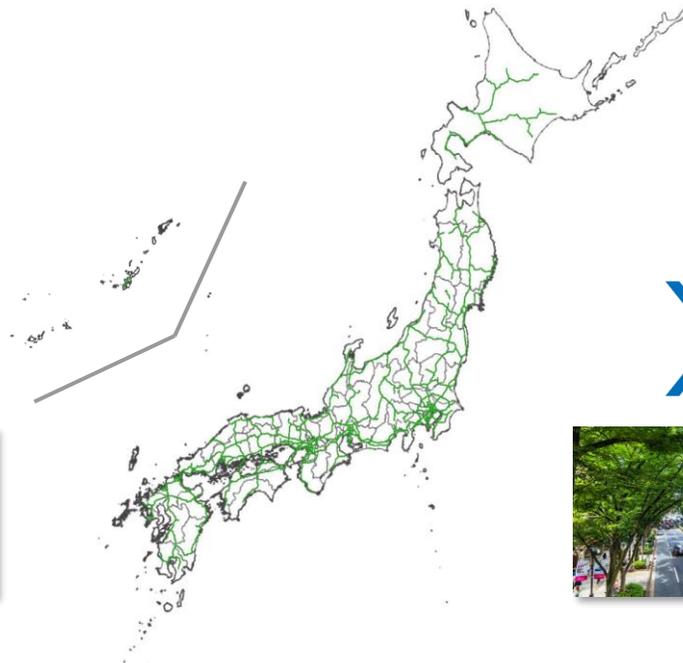
Not only on highways and dedicated roads, but also on ordinary roads, advanced driver assistance systems and autonomous driving are now used on a daily basis.

FY2020



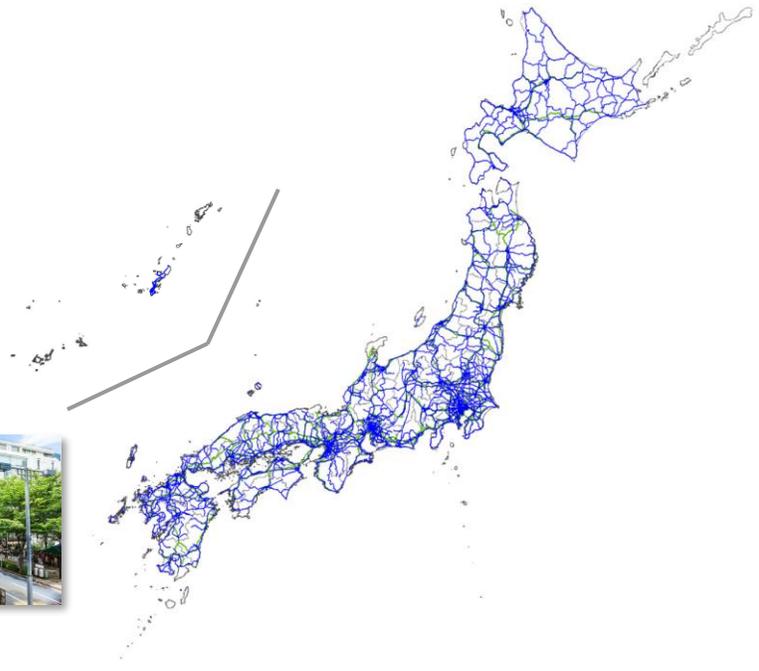
Highway
31,777 km

FY2023



Highway · National road
約80,000 km

FY2024~



Highway · National road · Major local roads
約130,000 km

Ushr Inc.'s technology, which is proven in North America, is deployed in Japan. We have introduced unified formats and specifications, integrated manufacturing processes, and introduced tools to automate the drawing process. Unified format and specifications, integrated manufacturing processes, and introduced tools to automate the diagramming process. We have achieved a significant reduction in data production costs while maintaining high quality.



North American group of experts from various fields, including automakers, NASA, map and locator manufacturers A group company

World's first and richest adoption record

Proprietary automation tools

Low-cost manufacturing operations



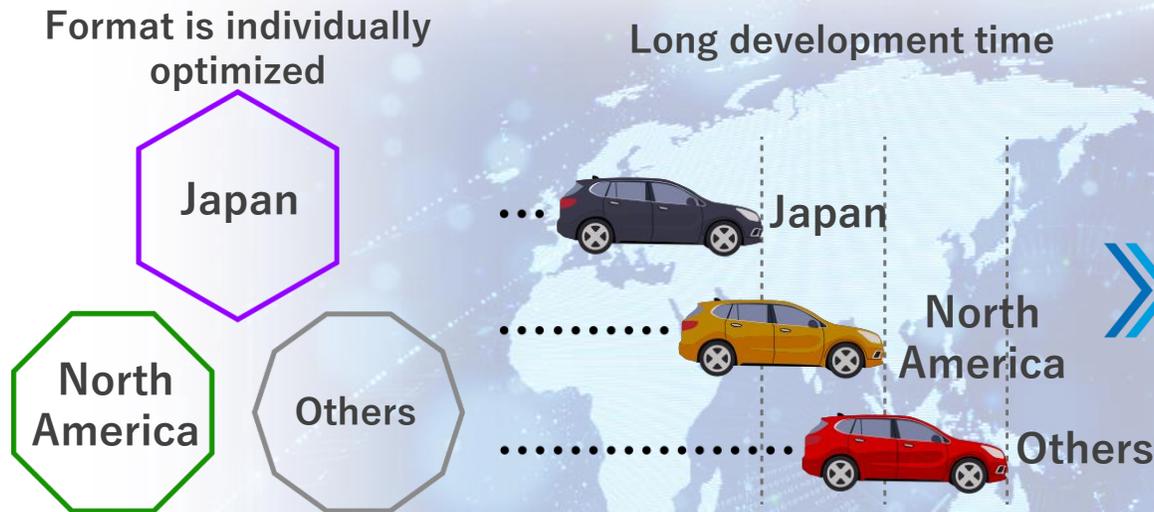
Curbing Japan's Data Manufacturing Costs

The price of data provision has been drastically lowered, enabling the data to be installed in more vehicles by reducing vehicle development costs and improving development efficiency.



Unify the data format of high-precision 3D map data (HD map), which currently differs between Japan and North America. The customer can reduce the burden of system development and evaluation of vehicles that occurs in each region. This contributes to shortening the development period.

Existing HD maps



Next generation HD maps

Data format unification

Short development time



In addition to contributing to the global advancement and widespread use of all kinds of advanced driver assistance systems and automated driving, we will provide HD maps globally with our group company, Ushr Inc.

この地図で、 クルマは未来を走る。

高精度な先進運転支援システムや自動走行で必要とされる高精度な地図データ。

より多くの道で、より多くの国で、より多くのクルマで、安心/安全で快適なドライブを叶えるために。

国境も古い常識も超えてクルマ社会の未来に貢献するために。

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