

G2M Research Multi-Vendor Webinar: AI, Self-Driving Cars, and Advanced Storage

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Webinar Agenda

- **9:00-9:05** Ground Rules and Webinar Topic Introduction (G2M Research)
- **9:06-9:35** Sponsoring Vendor presentations on topic (10 minute each)
- **9:36-9:46** Key Question 1 (2-minute question; 3 minutes response per vendor)
- **9:47-9:49** Audience Survey 1 (1 minutes)
- **9:49-9:59** Key Question 2 (2-minute question; 3 minutes response per vendor)
- **10:00-10:01** Audience Survey 2 (2 minutes)
- **10:02-10:12** Key Question 3 (2-minute question; 3 minutes response per vendor)
- **10:13-10:23** Audience Q&A (11 minutes)
- 10:24-10:25 Wrap-Up





G2M Research Introduction and Ground Rules

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Autonomous Vehicles Success Based on AI/ML

- Safety is Critical for Self-Driving Cars and Autonomous Vehicles
 - Tracking objects, pedestrians, and other vehicles is job 1 for self-driving cars
 - Methods such as high-definition maps, path planning, and SLAM drive these capabilities
 - Computer vision, RADAR/LIDAR, and similar technologies support these methods
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) turn this data into vehicle commands
 - Huge amounts of data is required for both training and vehicle operation





How Much Data Do Self-Driving Cars Need?

Training Demands the Most Data

- One instrumented car can over 30TB of data per day
- A fleet of 100 vehicles could generate 780PB of raw data
- Even with extensive sampling and pre-processing, the data volume will be 100TB-1PB, which would be spread across hundreds of compute nodes during training
- During driving, storage is used for both operation and for data collection
 - Data collection likely continues during driving, but it would have to be highly selective (30TB/day is a LOT)
 - Running out of storage has been an issue for Tesla because of this specific issue









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AI, SELF-DRIVING CARS, AND ADVANCED STORAGE

Rob Davis, July 2020

NVIDIA AND SELF-DRIVING CARS

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NVIDIA DRIVE INFRASTRUCTURE

End-to-End Solutions for Training, Development, and Validation of Autonomous Vehicles. <u>https://www.nvidia.com/en-gb/self-driving-cars/infrastructure/</u>



https://www.nvidia.com/en-us/self-driving-cars/partners/

NVIDIA DRIVE SOFTWARE

DRIVE OS

The foundation of the DRIVE Software stack, DRIVE OS is the first safe operating system for accelerated computing. It includes NvMedia for sensor input processing, NVIDIA CUBA libraries for efficient parallel computing implementations, NVIDIA TensorRT^{*} for real-time Al inference, and other developer tools and modules to access hardware engines.

DRIVE AV

The DRIVE AV software stack contains the perception, mapping, and planning layers, as well as diverse DNNs trained on high-quality real-world driving data. These rich perception outputs can be used for both autonomous driving and mapping. In the planning and control layer, the NVIDIA Safety Force Field" computational module checks the actions of the primary planning system to shield the vehicle from collisions.



DriveWorks

The NVIDIA DriveWorks' SDK provides middleware functions on top of DRIVE OS that are fundamental to autonomous vehicle development. These consist of the sensor abstraction layer (SAL) and sensor plugins, data recorder, vehicle I/O support, and a deep neural network (DNN) framework. It's modular, open, and designed to be compliant with automotive industry software standards.

DRIVE IX

DRIVE IX is an open software platform that delivers interior sensing for innovative AI cockpit solutions. It provides perception applications to access features and DNNs for advanced driver and occupant monitoring, AR/VR visualization, and natural language interactions between the vehicle and passengers. DRIVE IX also enables fleet monitoring, event-based in-cabin recording, and remote operation capabilities in trucks.

https://www.nvidia.com/en-us/self-driving-cars/drive-platform/software/

NVIDIA DRIVE HARDWARE - AGX



NVIDIA DRIVE AGX XAVIER

NVIDIA DRIVE AGX Xavier[®] delivers 30 trillion operations per second [TOPS] for Level 2+ and Level 3 automated driving. At its core is the first-ever production auto-grade Xavier SoC, which incorporates six different types of processors, including CPU, GPU, Deep Learning Accelerator (DLA), Programmable Vision Accelerator (PVA), Image Signal Processor (ISP), and Stereo/Optical flow accelerator.

LEARN MORE ABOUT DRIVE AGX XAVIER DEVELOPER KIT >

NVIDIA DRIVE AGX PEGASUS

NVIDIA DRIVE AGX Pegasus" uses the power of two Xavier SoCs and two NVIDIA Turing" GPUs to achieve an unprecedented 320 TOPS of supercompute. The platform is designed and built for Level 4 and Level 5 autonomous systems, including robotaxis.

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Forbes Billionaires Innovation Leadership Money Business Small Business Lifestyle

Don't Forget About Storage When Planning For AI And ML



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I write about disruptive companies, technologies and usage models.







STORAGE NETWORK TOPOLOGY



SSDs Have Changed Networked Storage





Faster Network Products from Nvidia Solves Half the Network Bottle Neck Problem...







End to End 200Gb/s





Faster Protocols from Nvidia Solves the Other Half







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ABOUT b-plus



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Who we are

b-plus is partner for the automotive and automation industry.

We develop software and hardware solutions for applications such as driver assistance, autonomous driving, connected car and control of mobile machines.

Tools for autonomous driving

ADAS/AD Multi-Sensor Recording, Visualization and Recording framework, Hardware in the Loop raw data simulation

b-plus in numbers

Founded: 1996 Employees: 200+

Locations

Deggendorf (Headquarters) Regensburg Lindau



https://www.zf.com/site/magazine/en/articles_16141.html

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SAMPLE CONFIGURATION

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BANDWIDTHS SEEN FROM THE PAST TO NOW



MEASUREMENT **BANDWIDTHS SINCE 2001** (SINGLE CAMERA SENSOR) — Measurement Data [Mbyte] 400 350 300 250 200 150 Gen1 Gen2 Gen3 Gen4 Gen5 Gen6

Terabytes generated per vehicle

Data rate examples: 1x Camera (Full HD/RAW12/40fps) ≈ 120 MB/s 1x Radar ≈ 220 MB/s

Example setup:

6 Cameras and 6 Radars

Complete vehicle RAW data ≈ 2.040 MB/s

≈ 58 TB in a 8h test drive shift

Data driven development (Neural networks) needs accurate data

- Therefore accurate data is the key to a successful function
- How accurate is my training data?
- Do I have frame drops?
- Do I have enough training data?



Classic Algorithm



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Challenges when dealing with multi source data



Various sources need to be synchronized and sorted accurate in time

Data must not be lost.



Corrupt data have to be marked for analysis and data replay/simulation.











Software / Algo Development











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OVERVIEW

Data recording

Test fleets collecting real environment test data

- Data decoupling
- Chronological recording of all data sources
- Clock synchronization and time stamping
- Monitoring of data integrity

Data quality assurance & enrichment

- Analytics / Scene detection
- Data enrichment
- Automated Labeling
- Live Processing

Data ingestion Upload into data center

- Data transfer from test cars to data center
- Copies from various sources via copy station or storage unit
- Secure hash support


DATALynx ATX4 Car Server









- Latest Server grade CPUs (AMD EPYC[™] Processors or Intel[®] Xeon[®] Scalable Processors) (up to 2 CPUs)
- Liquid cooled processors and power supply (external cooling option)
- 6 32V DC automotive PSU with Ignition
- Up to 768GB DDR4-2933 ECC RDIMM
- Up to 80TB SSD space
- 7 PCIe Slots
 - Tailor made configurations
 - up to 2 NVIDIA Tesla cards
- Support for Multi-CPU/GPU configurations
- Add-ons for up to 4 GPUs
- -10°C to +60°C full operating

Mobile Datacenter Switch / MDSwitch





- Automotive Timesync Switch with IEEE 1588 802.1AS
- 16x 100GbE e.g. for upstream to Mobile Data Lake
 - Or 32x 50GbE
 - Or 64x 25GbE/10GbE
- Configuration via Website and Remote Update (Firmware and Config)
- Automotive power supply
- 16x QSFP28 interfaces for Fibre or Twinax cables





Mobile Data Lake / MDLake





- 16-Core ARM SoC with 16GB DDR4 and PCIe Gen4 Switch
- 16 NVMe SSDs connected via PCIe 3.0/4.0 x2
- Enables a 30TB to 180TB Storage JBOF
- 2x 100GbE QSFP28 Ethernet interfaces
- Low latency and highest throughput with RDMA technology
- NVMe-oF PCIe interface for Linux and Win for any Recorder
- 350W TDP, ~210W typical power consumption
 HxWxD: 44x320x380mm









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Mobility-as-a-service with WEKA di

Shailesh Manjrekar,

Head of AI and Strategic Alliances

Agenda

- Mobility-as-a-service MaaS, paradigm change!
- New Architecture Edge to Core to Cloud
- New Approach Fuel your Digital Transformation with Accelerated DataOps

"Data is the new source code"





Mobility-as-a-service

\$54B in 2019 to \$556B market by 2026 at 39% CAGR – Globe News wire June 2019



THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION STACK

COMETLABS



WeksFS powers Mobility-as-a-service stack



SAE (Society of automotive engineers) – Levels of automation

SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS (SAE) AUTOMATION LEVELS



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Building AI for Autonomous vehicles is hard

Every neural net needs to handle thousands of conditions and geo-locations

- Safety is a non compromisable primary objective
 - Models need to be tested on huge data-sets to be confident; needs performance for faster iterations
- Needs tons of data
 - Innumerable scenarios is the key to building good AV models
- Inference on the edge
 - Edge has limited hardware capabilities, hence ability to chose right model, with multiple, faster iterations and access to tons of data is key
- Reproducibility to understand why a model behaved certain way
 - Proper version control of datasets, models and experimentation

Data has become the new source code and timely access to tons of data is cornerstone for success of autonomous vehicles

Production grade AV platform functionality



Software Defined Car – Advanced Driver Assistance System (ADAS) data pipeline



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Deep Learning - Data Centric Use Cases

Advanced Driver Assist System (ADAS)



Level of Autonomy	Deep Neural Networks Needed	Survey Car	Data Storage	Data Processing
Level 2+	10	Equipped with 2MP Cameras	2 PB per Year per Car	100 GPU Servers per Car
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Amount of data

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Semantic segmentation – image classification at a pixel level – Ground Truth (Labeled Datasets)



228 GB of City scape dataset used on WekaFS, Apollo 6500 running ENET CNN for semantic segmentation <u>https://www.weka.io/promo/2019-11-wp-hpe-storage-on-semantic-segmentation-2/</u>

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DNN's Becoming More Complex With Several Billion Hyperparameters

Use cases moving from Computer Vision to NLP/NLU and multi-modal

Advances in Deep Learning Methodologies:

- Deep Learning
- Transfer Learning
- Federated Learning
- Active Learning



Generative Adversarial Networks

Reinforcement Learning



New Architectures



GPUs Have "Densified" Compute into a Single Server Creating a Huge Data Bottleneck



100x More Compute 40x more network



Current NAS solutions cannot feed these machines with enough data

GPU Accelerated Server

CPU-Only Servers

- 100's of servers with CPUs
- 100's of low bandwidth network connections
- No one server was particularly demanding on storage

Weka solves the last mile problem

Single storage substrate for the entire data pipeline



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New Approach





WekaAI for Accelerated DataOps – Small / Medium / Large Bundles





Weka Al deployment



Weka AI, 4 HPE GPU servers - Training and Inference samples/sec



WekalO Inference Throughput by GPU

Imagenet dataset used TFRRecord on WekaFS, 4x Apollo 6500 running Resnet50 CNN for training and inference. Horovod and NCCL used for intercommunication <u>https://www.weka.io/wp-content/uploads/files/2020/04/HPE-accelerate-performance-for-production-ai-tech-whitepaper-1.pdf</u>

Weka AI Reference Architecture



Scaling Performance From 1 to 9 DGX-1 Systems



- Fully saturate 100Gbit Network link
- 3x faster than local drive Storage

- 10x faster than all flash NAS
- Perfect linear scaling as cluster expands

Weka AI for Datascientists, CDO's and CAO's

- Improve productivity and faster time to market and value
 - accelerate large scale data pipelines with reduced epoch times, fastest inferencing and highest images / secs benchmarks
 - run entire pipeline on the same storage backend
 - Faster than local storage

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30% better utilization results into \$1.13M in savings for 10 node GPU cluster with 3 Data scientists, over 3 years

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Weka AI for Data scientists

- Data compliance and security
 - in-line encryption support enables compliance
- Explain-ability and Reproducibility for experiments
 - instant space efficient snapshots make it easy to maintain versions
 - Snap2object retains versions for reproducibility and explain-ability
- Hybrid workflows
 - Dev and Test experiments in the public cloud, data mobility and rehydration on-premise for production

Pillars of AI Trust



WekaFS Delivered 82GB/sec to a single NVIDIA DGX-2

- WekaFS with GPUDirect Storage fully saturates an InfiniBand EDR link, delivering full bandwidth to data hungry applications
- Performance scaled linearly as more EDR links were added
- WekaFS achieved 82GB/sec to a single NVIDIA DGX-2 across 8 EDR links using 2 Supermicro BigTwin servers

90 80 70 60 50 50 44 40 30 23 44 40 30 23 11.5 10 0 1 EDRLink 2 EDRLinks 4 EDRLinks 8 EDRLinks

NVIDIA and Weka are currently running joint GPUDirect Storage beta program with customers and partners!

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WekaFS Read Throughput to Single NVIDIA DGX-2

LOSF – Lots of Small Files

- Eliminating silos and multiple copies, but providing single storage platform for entire data pipeline
- Best scalability up-to EB's of storage with trillion of files across directories and single directory
- Best agility with data management across the edge, core and cloud
- Best TCO, with performance at scale
 - leverage NVMe flash for performance and object store for capacity
 - built in data protection eliminates need for another solution



Marquee customers



"We looked at our legacy architecture and instead of taking an evolutionary step and upgrading every component, we took the revolutionary approach. Weka cost-effectively enables both the use of POSIX and object storage with performance and latency that is far superior to any other solution."

Electric Car Company

WekalO demonstrated that it was the only file system that could fully saturate the GPU cluster. With WekalO, the data scientists were able to significantly improve productivity by removing time consuming data copy tasks into local disks. In addition WekalO provided seamless integration to our massive training system data lake.

Thaddeus Fortenberry, Autopilot Infrastructure Architect



WekalO was the clear choice for our DNN training...standard NAS would not scale and Matrix [was] the most performant of all the parallel file systems we evaluated...we really liked that it was hardware-independent allowing us better control over our infrastructure costs.

Bridget Collins, Chief Information Officer

Dr. Xiaodi Hou, Co-founder and CTO



We built a GPU farm, and we needed a high-speed data pipe to feed it. We evaluated open source solutions, HDFS, and the public cloud. We chose Weka for its ability to provide cost-effective, highbandwidth I/O to our GPUs, product maturity, customer references, and stellar on-demand support Paul Liu, Engineering Operations Lead

TECHNOLOGIES

Weka's storage scalability and the ability to grow the infrastructure without losing performance, was a key factor in the decision to select the Weka file system.

Oren Ben Ibghei, Infrastructure IT

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Panel Questions and Audience Surveys

Panel Question # 1

- Clearly, the training problem is as much a storage networking and access issue as it is a volume issue. What sort of architectures are best for performing autonomous vehicle training?
 - NVIDIA
 - Weka
 - b-plus



Audience Survey Question #1

- Is your organization more concerned about storage for data acquisition, training, or operation of AVs? (check one):
 - Our primary concern is on-vehicle storage for data acquisition: 13%
 Our primary concern is on-vehicle storage for data during AV operation: 7%
 Our primary concern is on-vehicle storage for both data acquisition and AV operation: 30%
 Our primary concern is storage in the lab/datacenter for AI/ML training: 23%
 We are not concerned/no opinion: 23%
 - Other: 3%





- Test vehicles have many of the same data storage challenges that training configurations do. What storage architectures and technologies work well for these applications?
 - b-plus
 - Weka
 - NVIDIA



Audience Survey Question #2

• When you consider solutions for AI training and data acquisition, what factor is most important to your organization? (check one):

Cost:	23%
 Storage capacity: 	13%
 Storage performance: 	45%
 Storage networking: 	10%
 Future expandability: 	3%
Other issues:	6%



Panel Question # 3

- When optimizing storage performance for AI training and validation, what factors should be considered?
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 - NVIDIA
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Audience Q&A





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