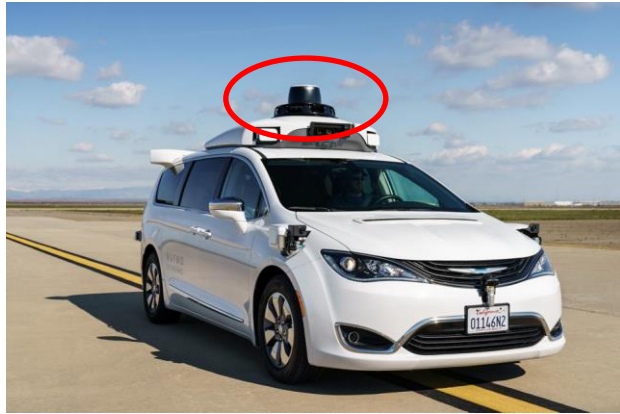


UltraLiDAR: Learning Compact Representations for LiDAR Completion and Generation

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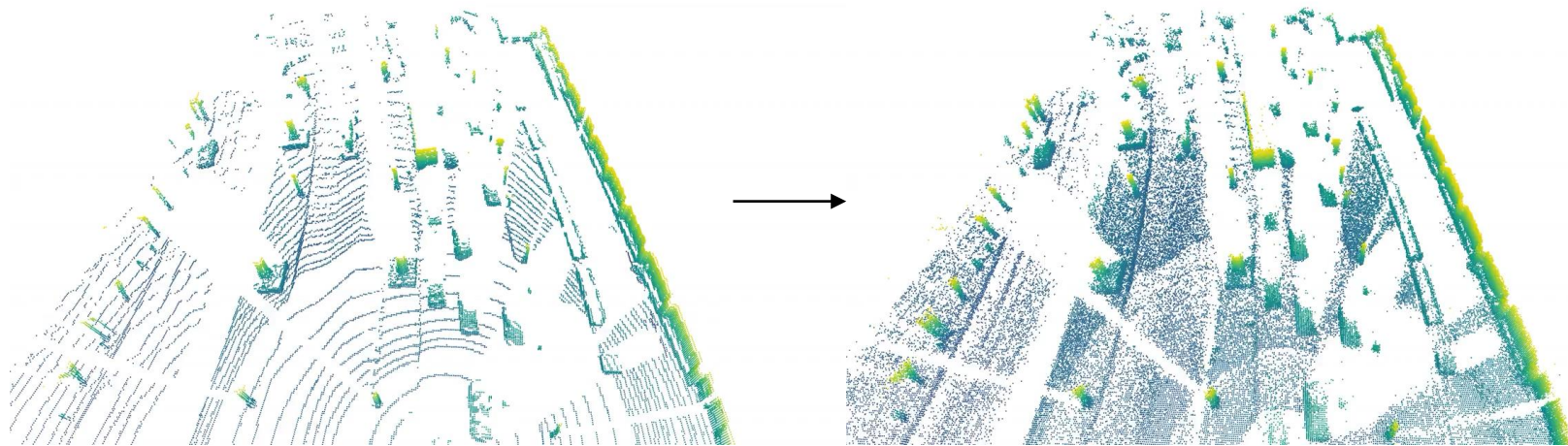
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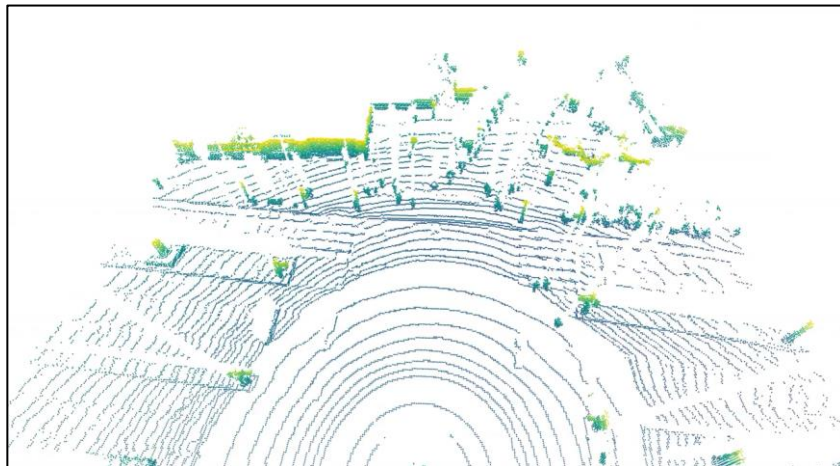
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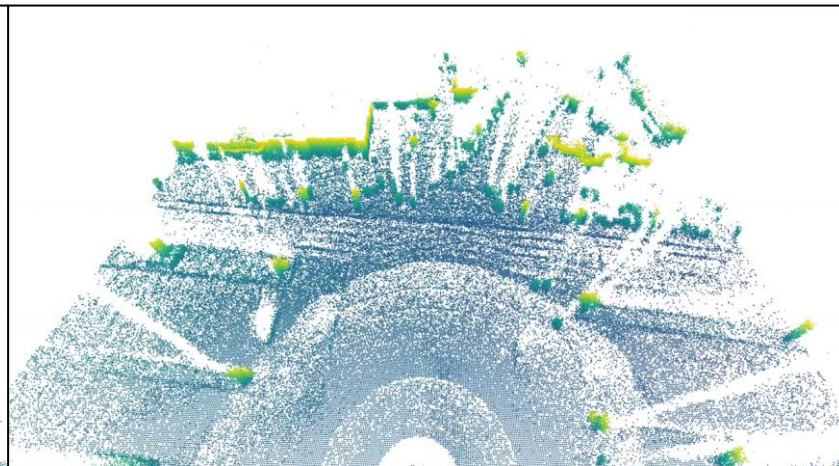
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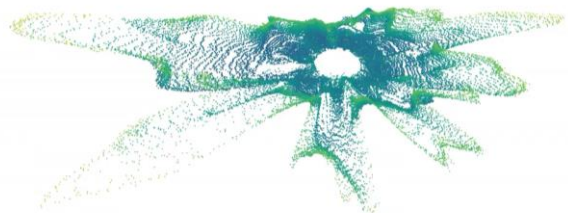


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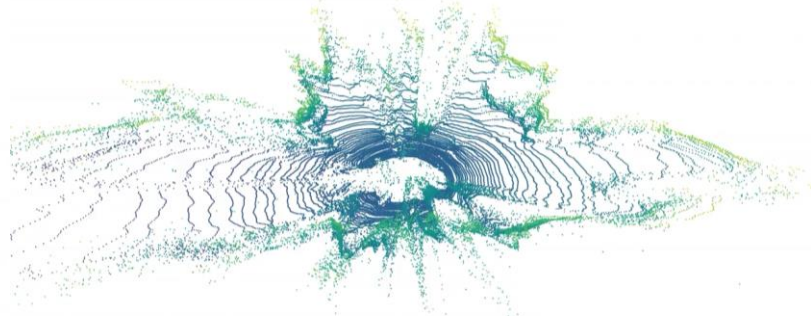


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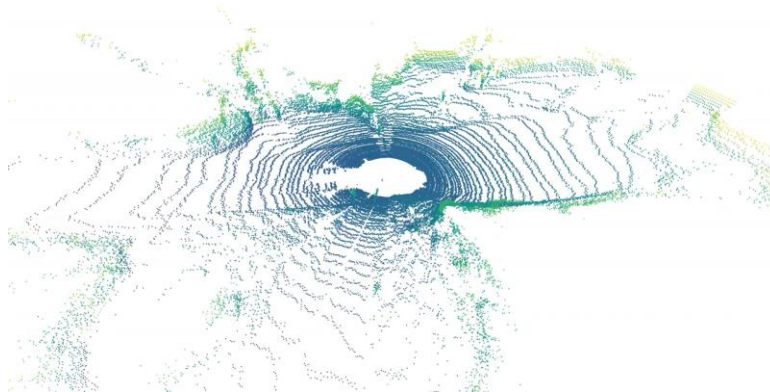
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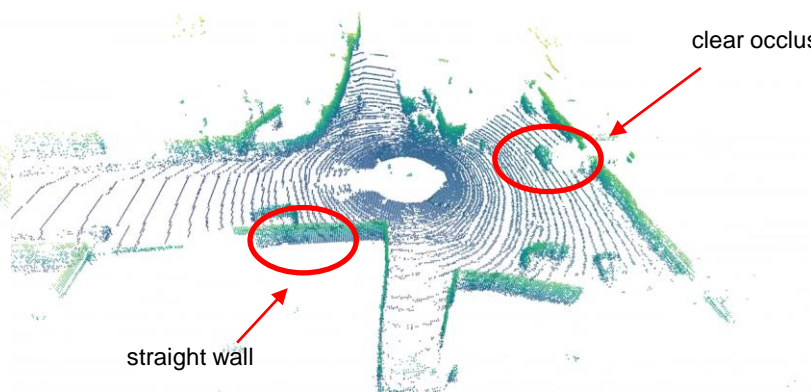
LiDAR VAE



ProjGAN



LiDARGen

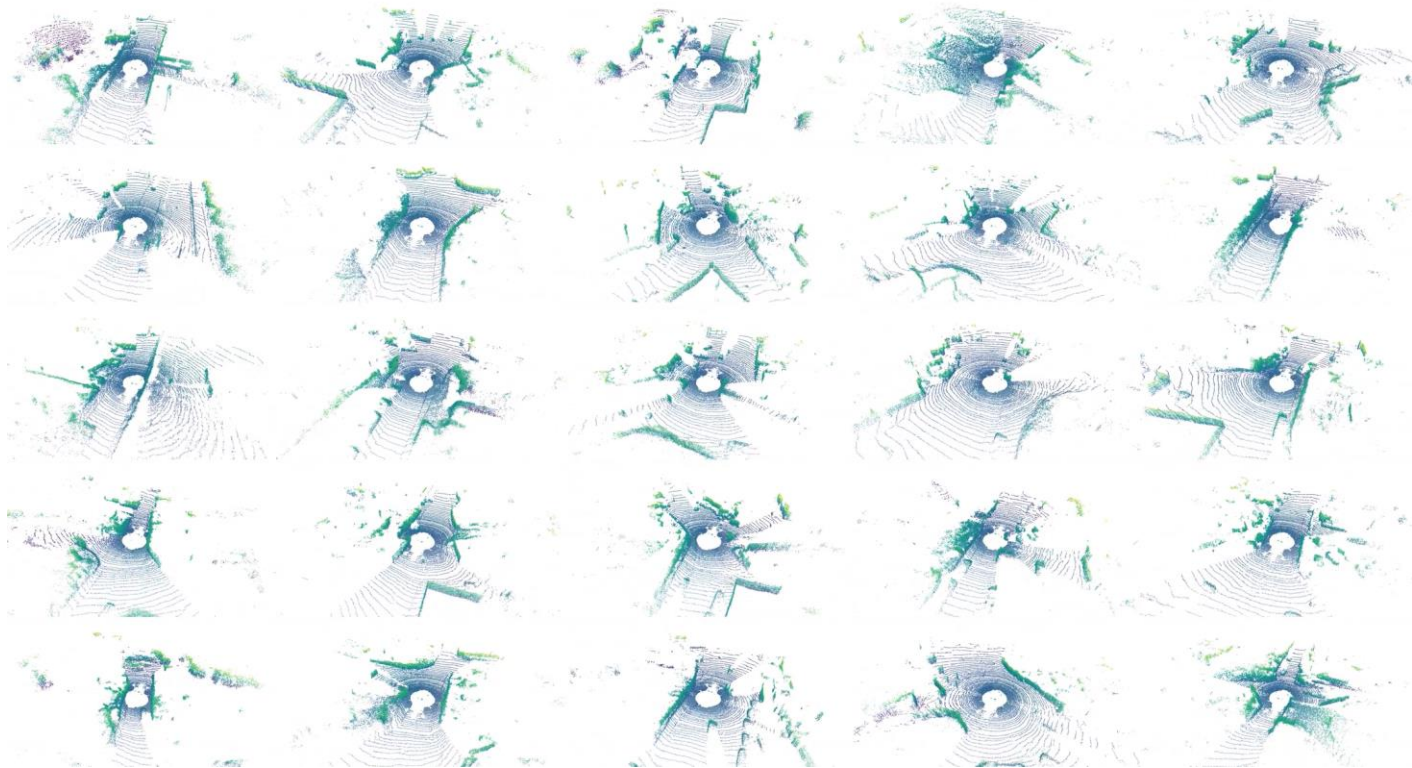


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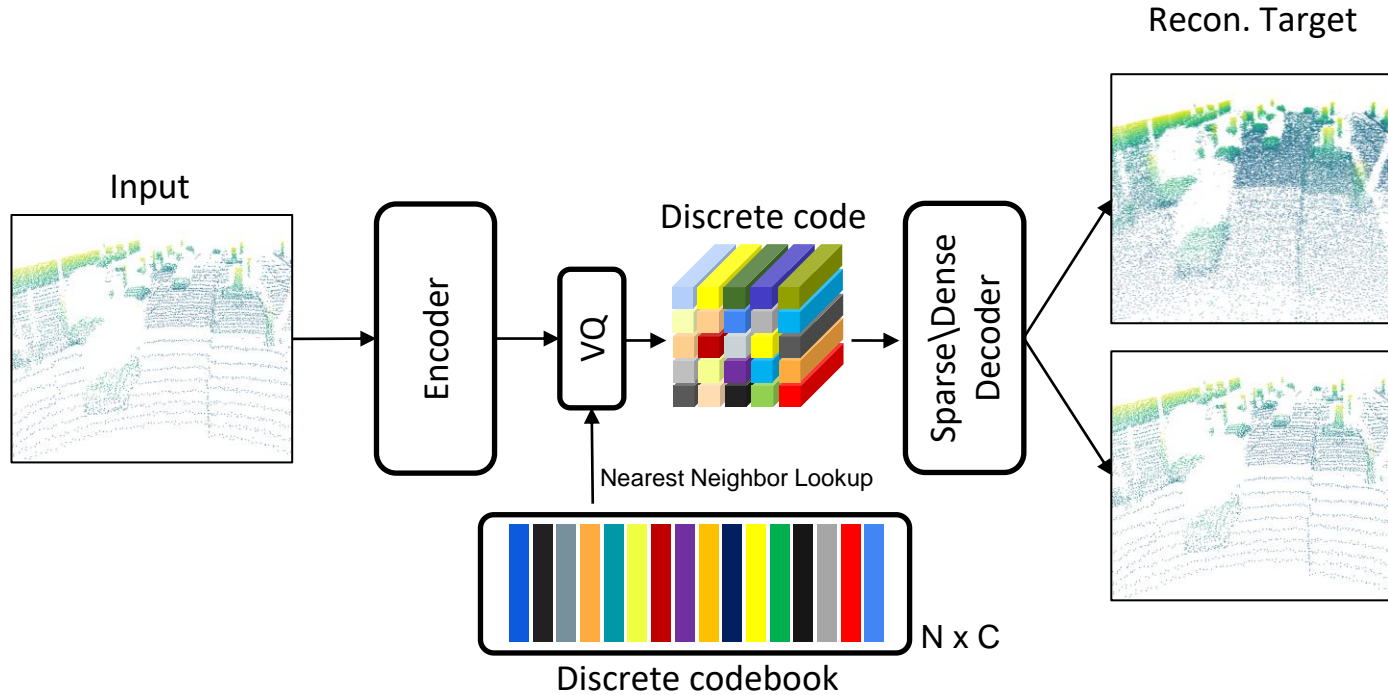
clear occlusion pattern

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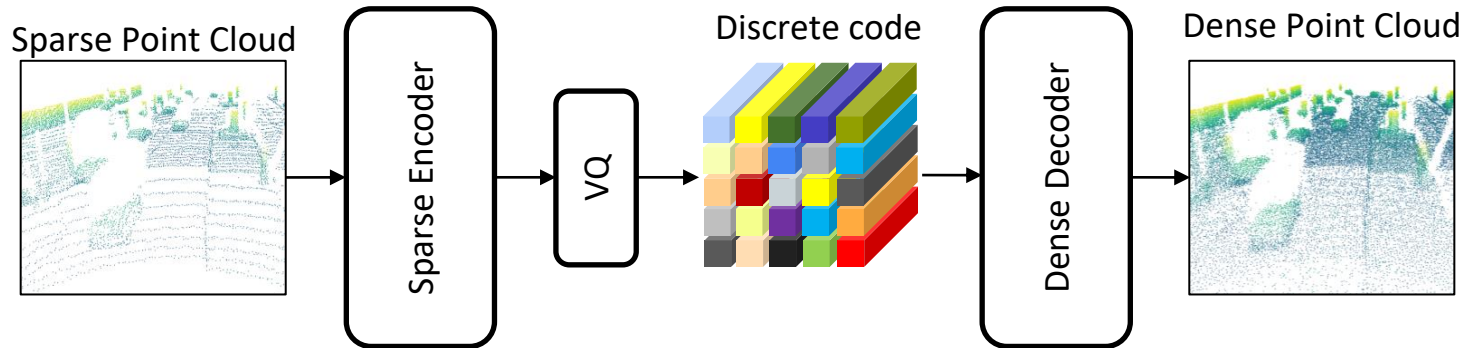
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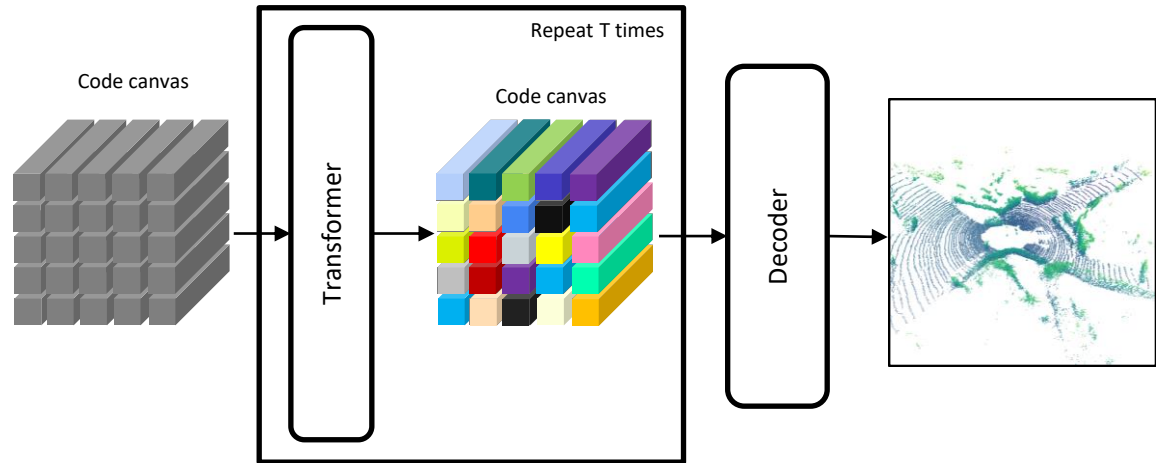
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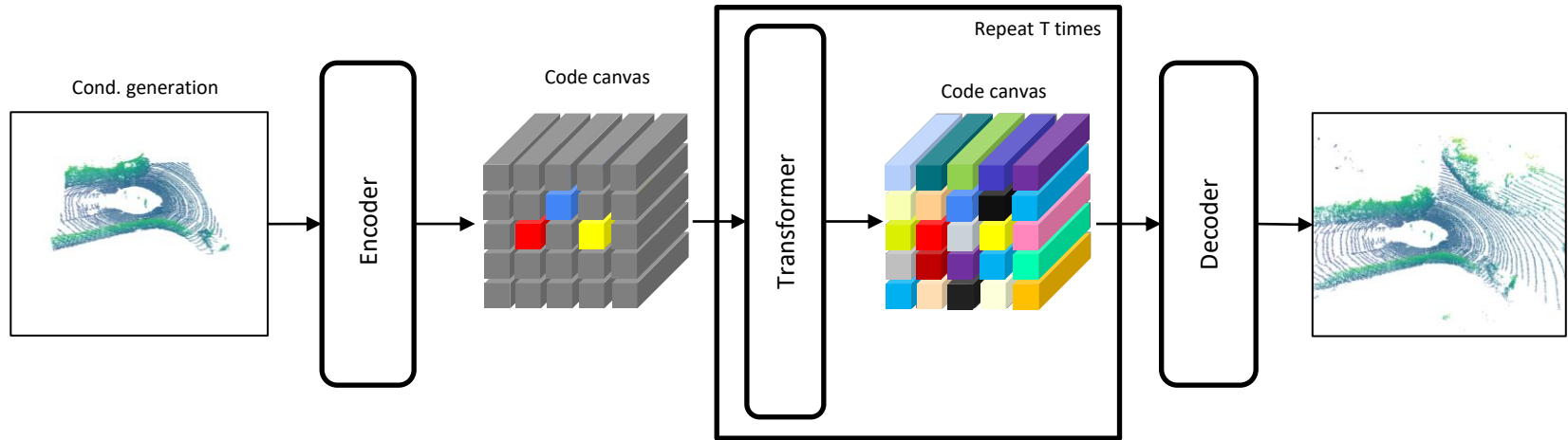
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Sparse-to-Dense for 3D detection

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Sim / 512	-	78.1	57.7	70.0	55.5
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PandaSet results

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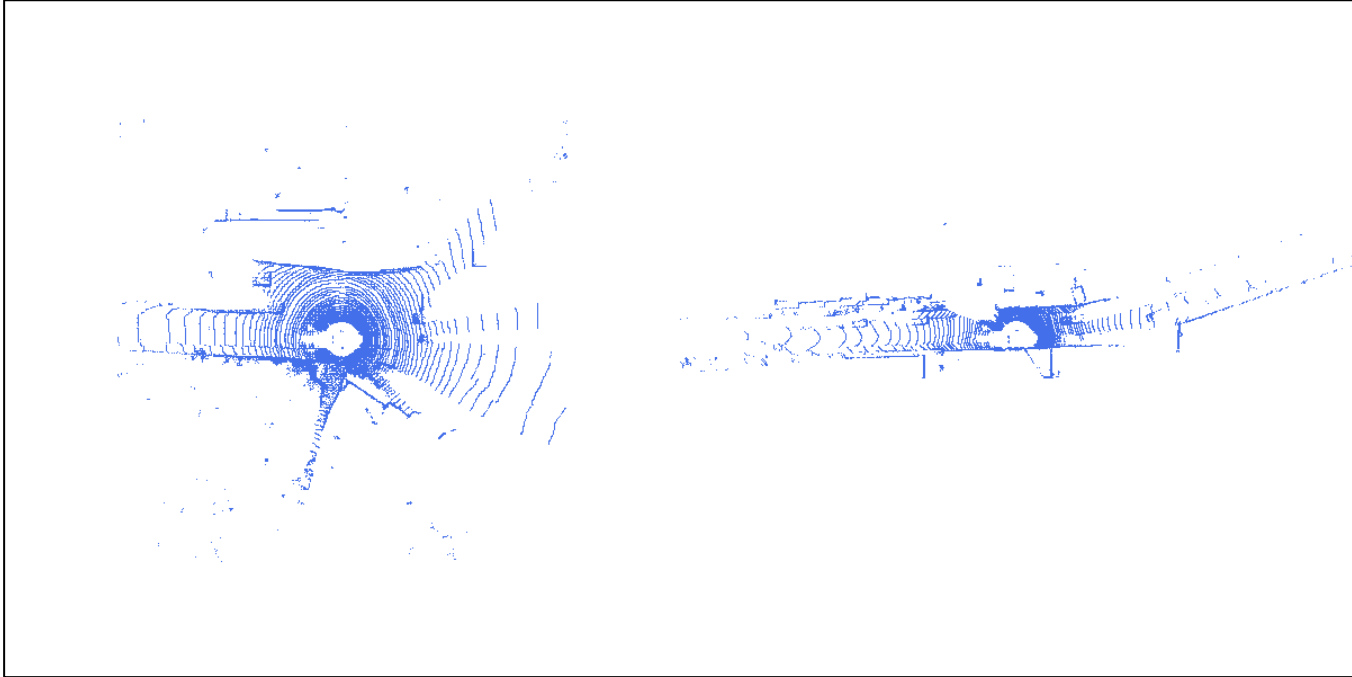
PandaSet -> KITTI cross-dataset evaluation

Realistic LiDAR generation

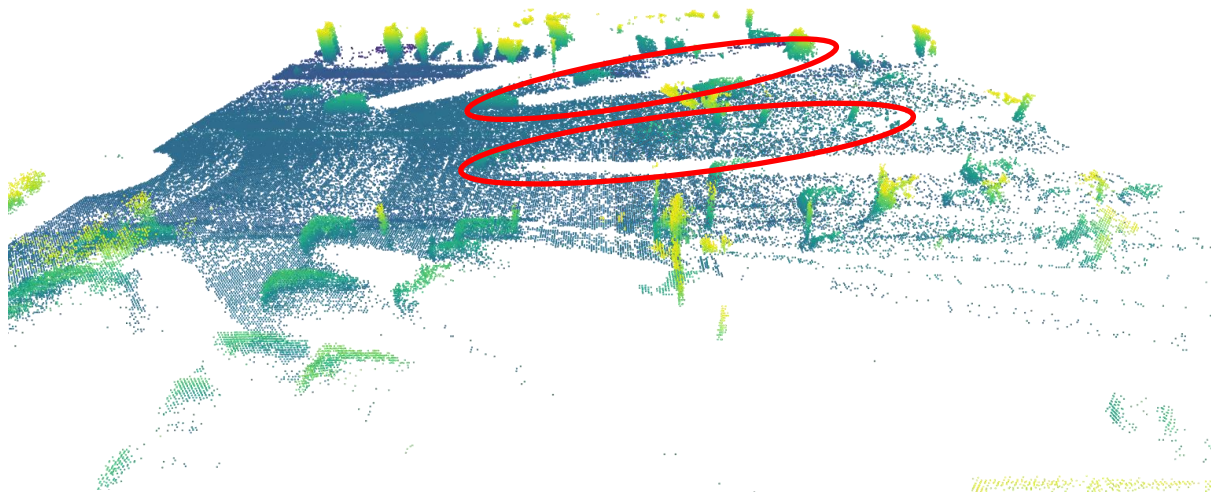


A/B test GUI

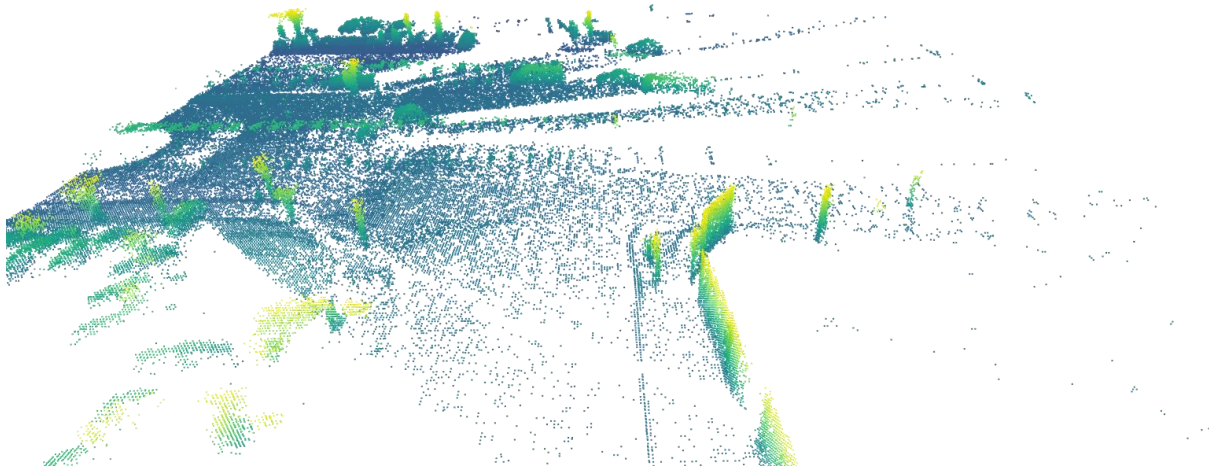
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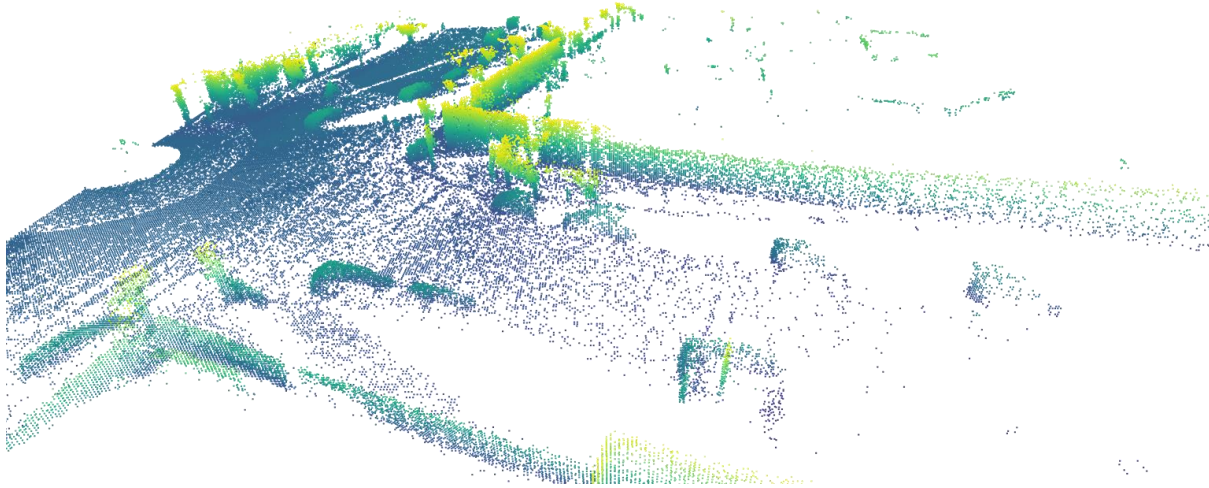
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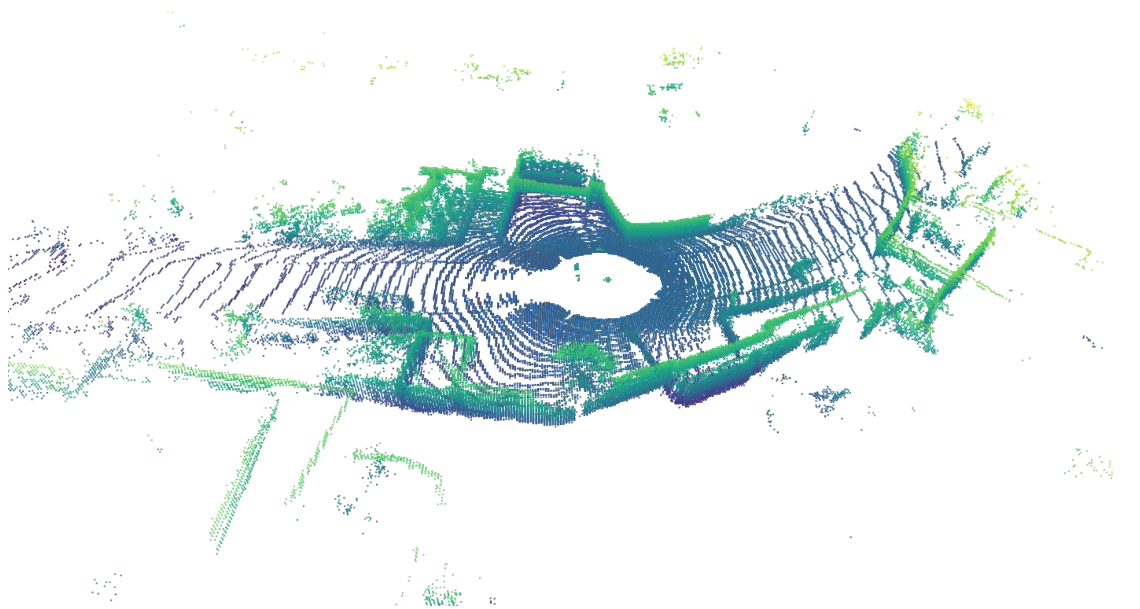
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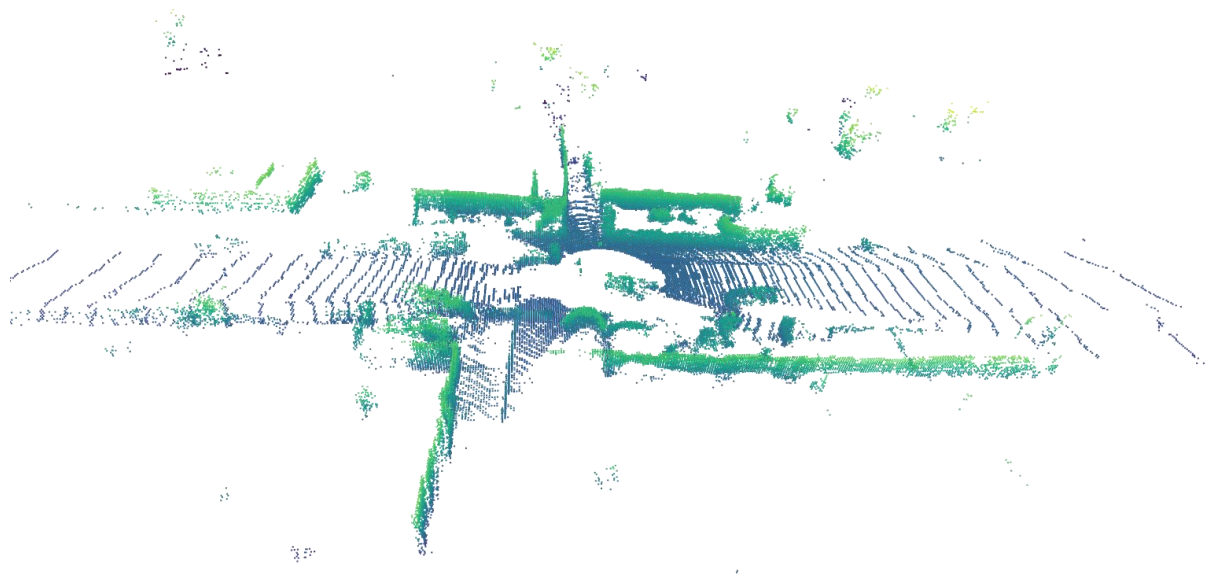
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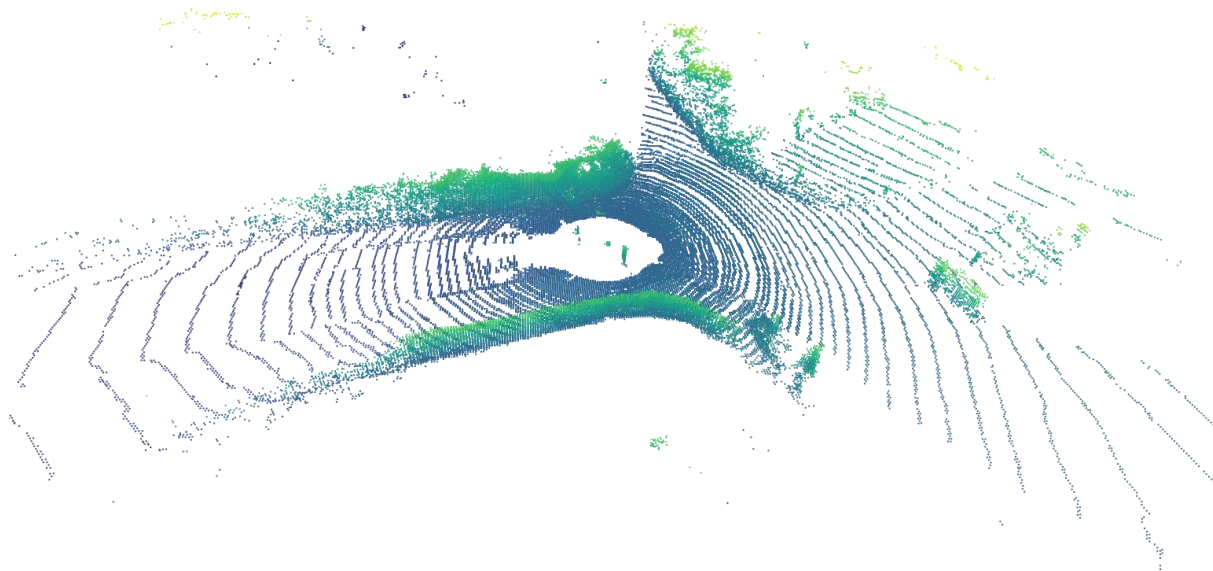
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Conclusion

- We present UltraLiDAR to perform sparse-to-dense LiDAR completion and LiDAR generation.
- Results on 3D detection task show that with our sparse-to-dense module, the detector performance can be further improved.
- Our model can also generate realistic LiDAR sweeps at scale and outperform all previous LiDAR generation baselines.