

Federated Monocular 3D Object Detection for Autonomous Driving

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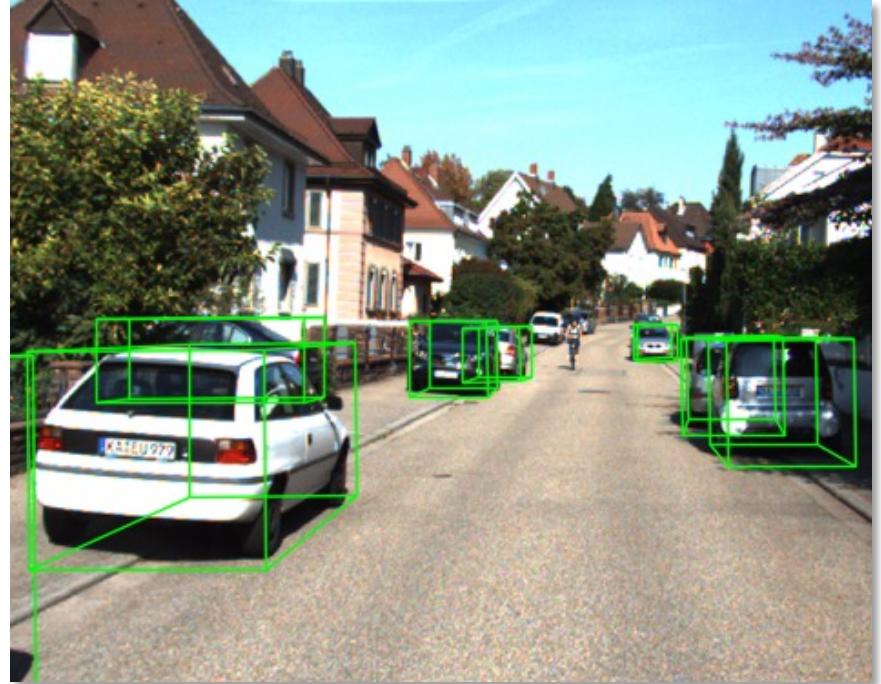
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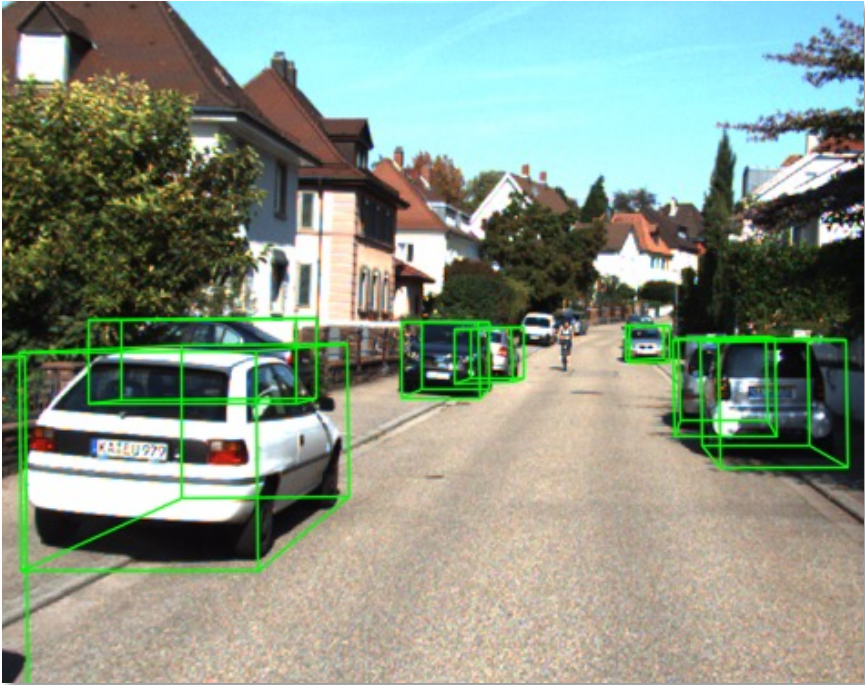
Background

3D Object Detection: critical for autonomous driving, detect both classes and depth

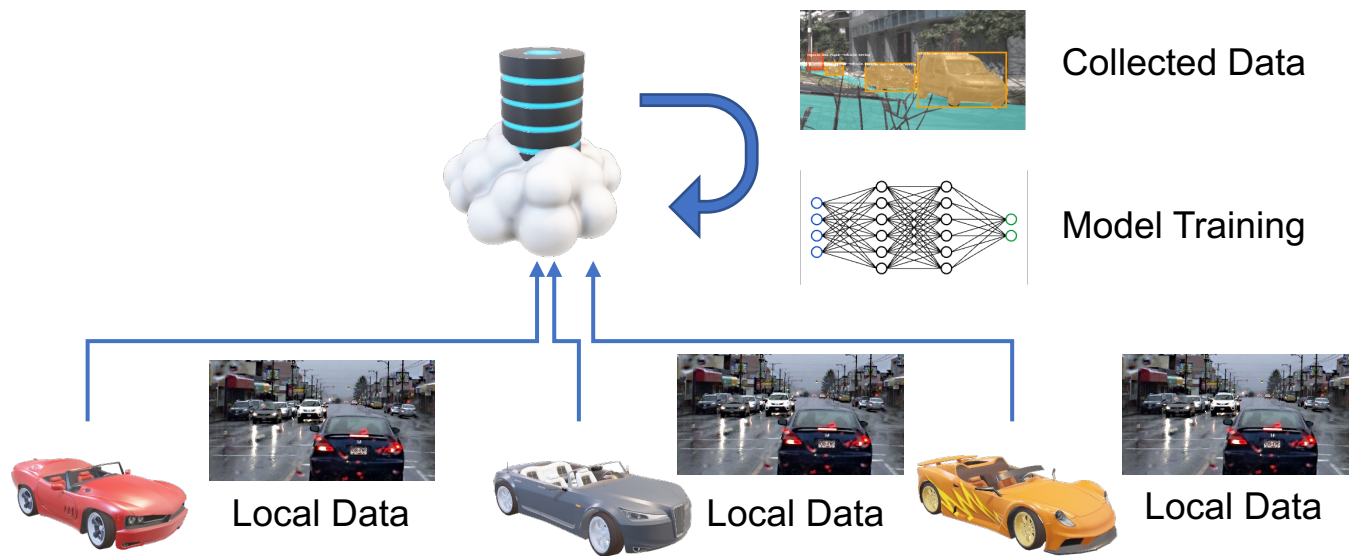


Monocular 3D Object Detection: use camera to establish 3D representation of surroundings

- Rich attributes, beyond geometry
- Affordable for all vehicles



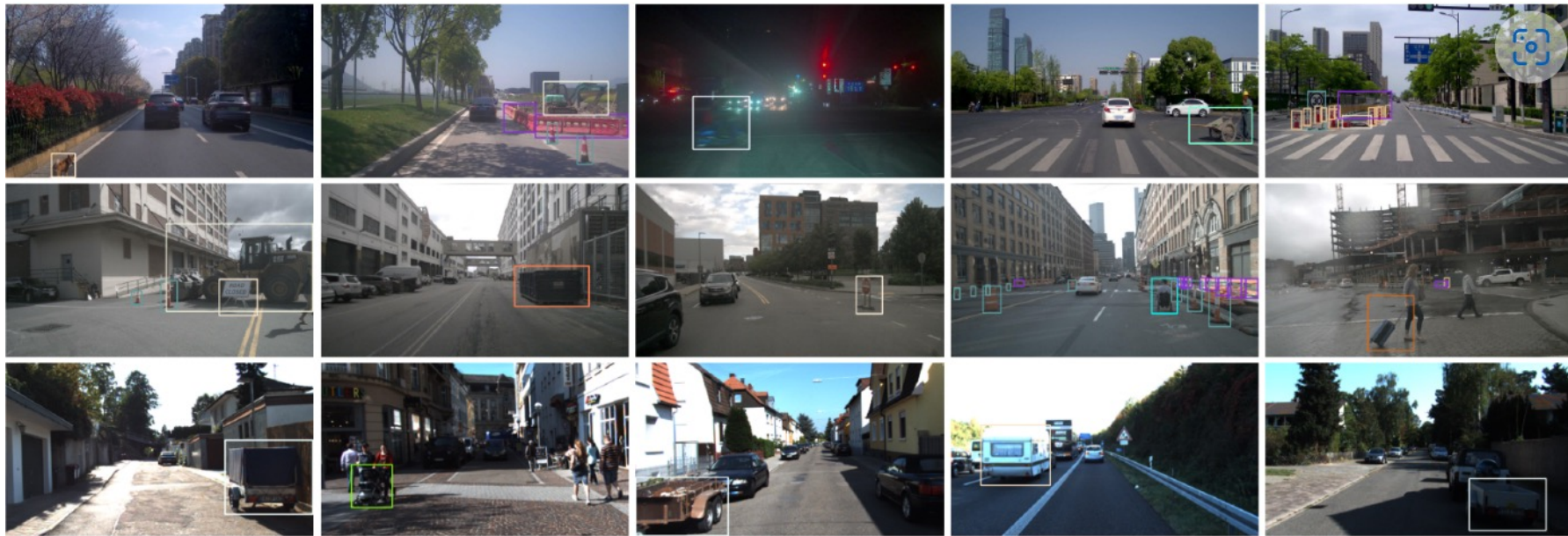
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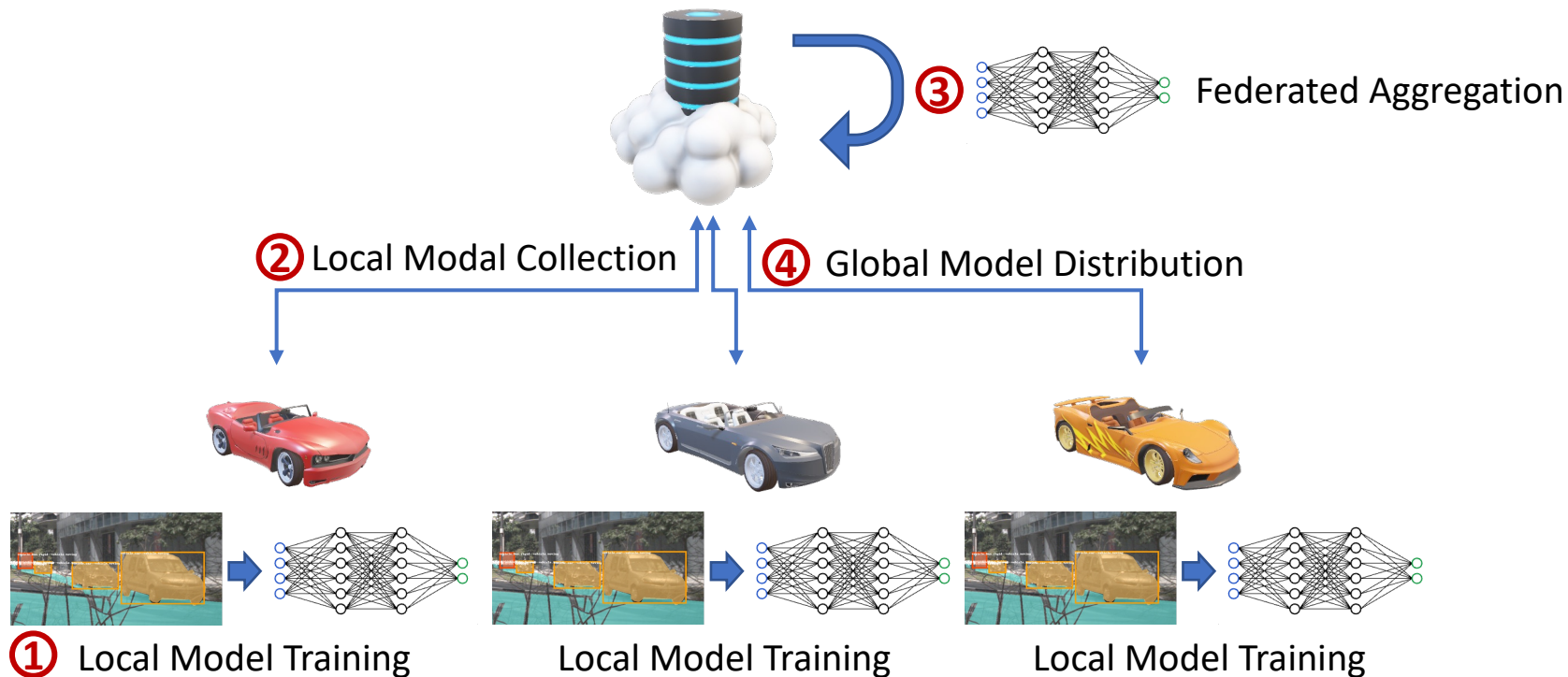
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Challenge: How to collect a large amount of data across different areas and evolving scenarios



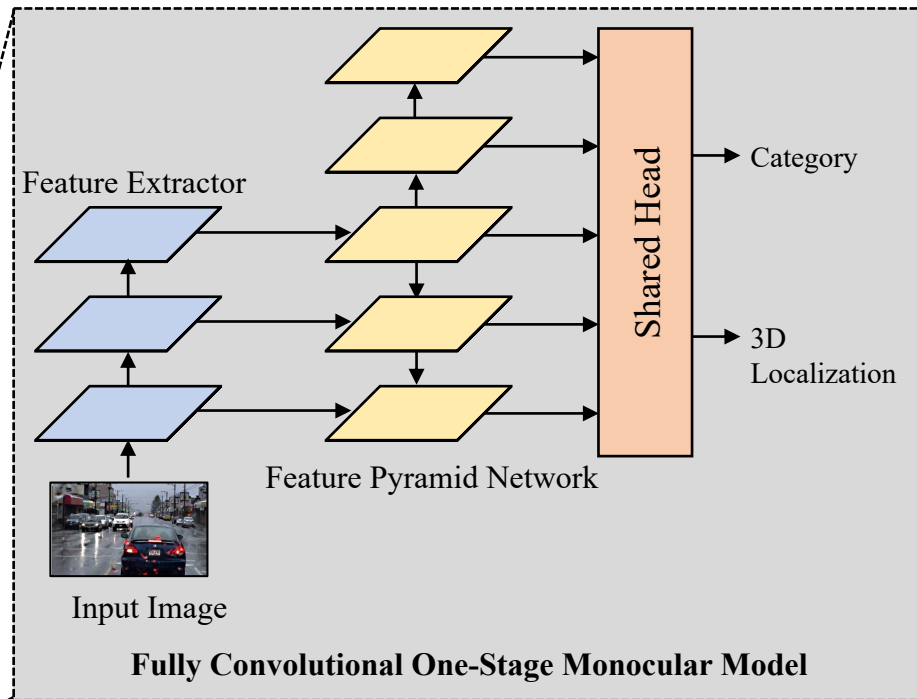
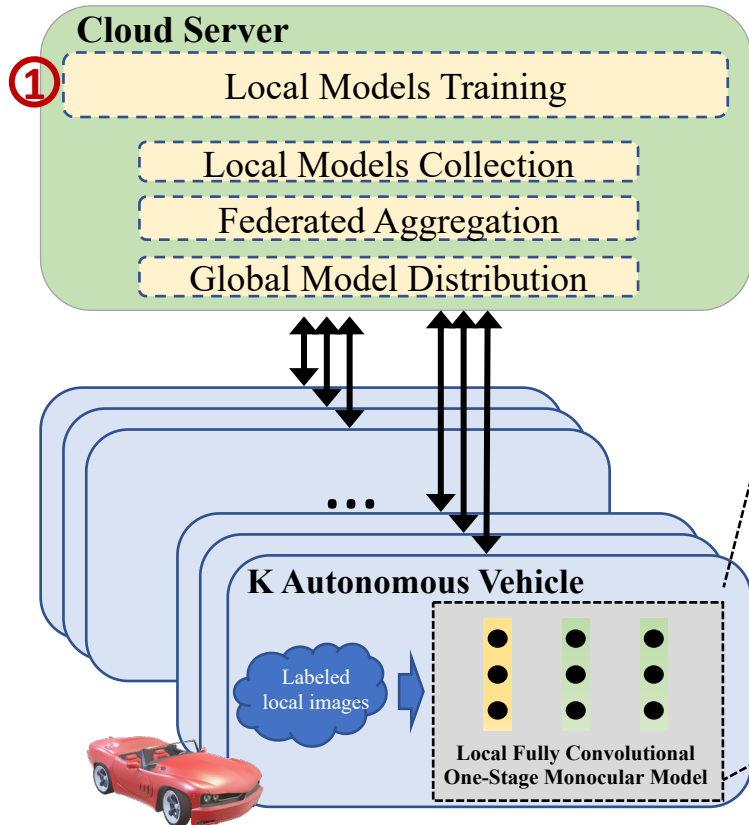
Our Method: Architecture

Our proposed method: leverage federated learning for distributed and continuous learning



Our Method: Local 3D Monocular Object Detection

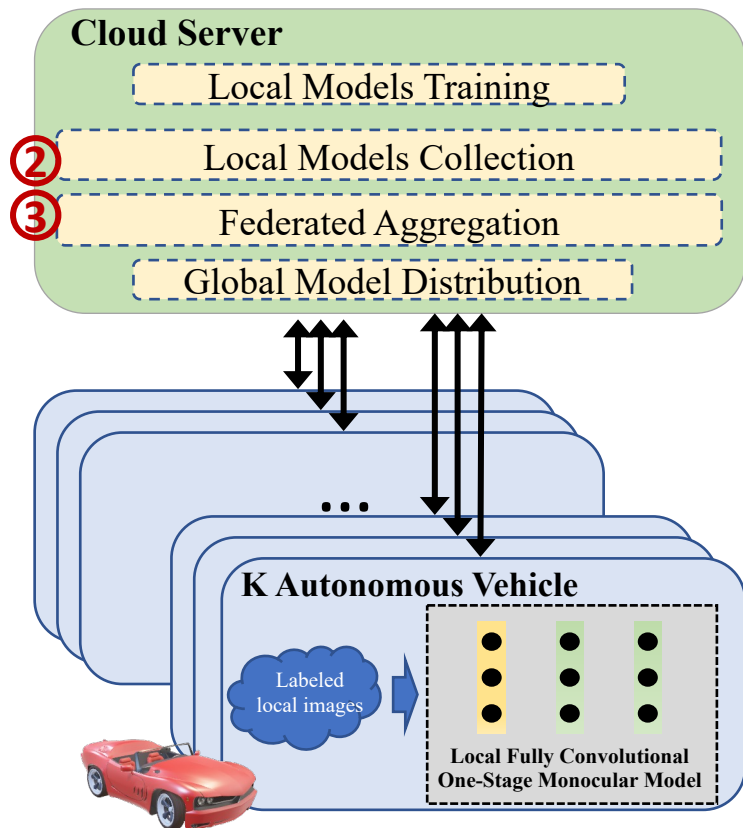
The proposed system architecture



Output a local model weight ω_t^i at each training epoch

Our Method: Model Collection and Federated Average

The proposed system architecture

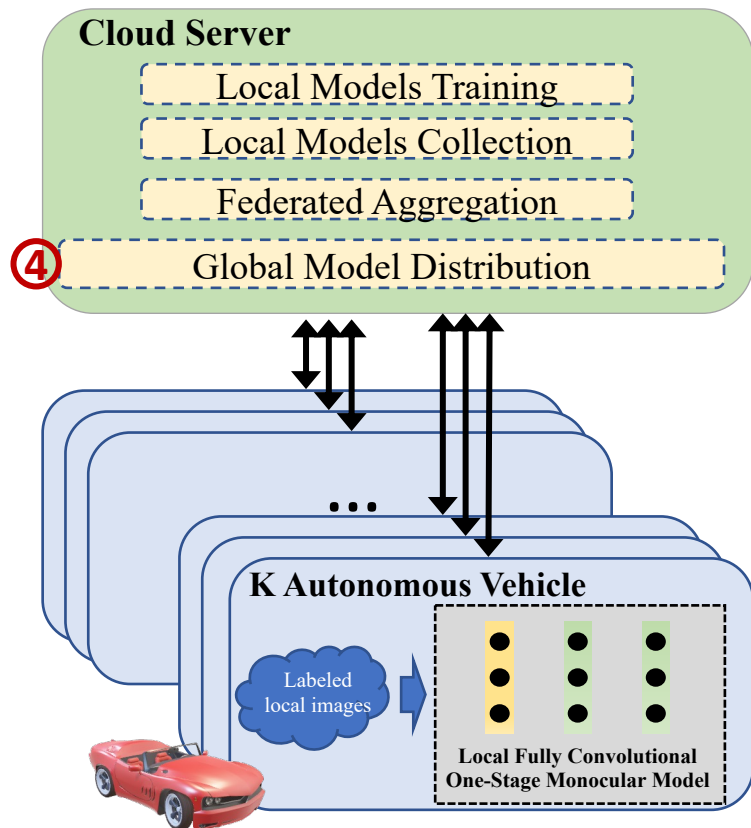


1. Receiving $\omega_t^1 \dots \omega_t^k$ from K vehicles
2. Updating global model parameters:

$$W_{t+1} \leftarrow \sum_{k=1}^k \frac{n_k}{n} \omega_t^k$$

Our Method: Global Model Distribution

The proposed system architecture



1. Receiving W_{t+1} from the cloud server
2. Updating local model parameters:

$$\omega_t^i \leftarrow W_{t+1}$$

Evaluation Setup

Real-word Dataset: nuScenes

1,200,000 camera images captured from **1000 scenes**, **23 annotated object classes** including vehicles, pedestrians, etc.

Simulated Autonomous Vehicles

We split the dataset into **10 parts** to simulate that we have **10 autonomous vehicles** participating in the federated learning process

Training Process

We train the model for **12 epochs** at a batch size of **4**. At the end of each epoch, the model parameters from each vehicle we be averaged



Evaluation Metrics

NuScenes Detection Score (NDS):

The NDS metric is specific to the nuScenes dataset, and measures the overall performance of the model in terms of both precision and recall.



Evaluation Metrics

Mean Average Precision (mAP):

Measures the average precision of the model across all classes and all thresholds.

Calculated by averaging the precision of the model at different recall levels

$$mAP = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{k=n} AP_k \quad \text{where}$$

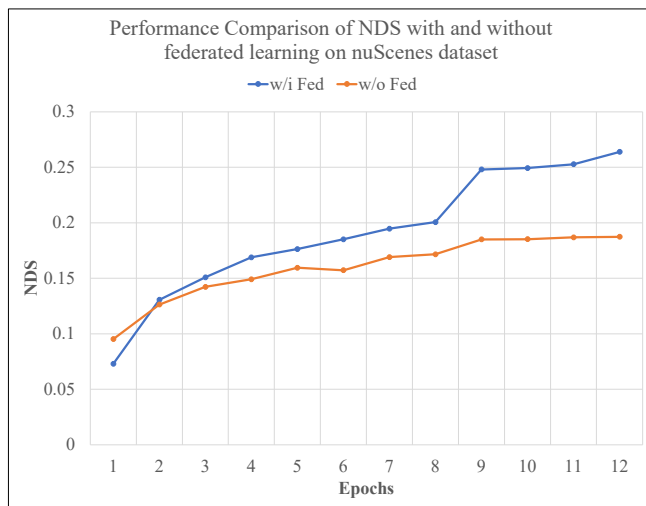
n = the number of classes

AP_k = the average precision of class k

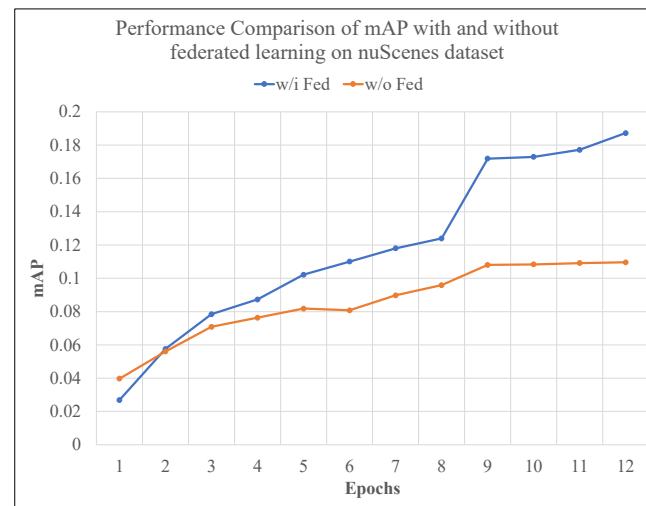


Evaluation Results

NDS



mAP



Method	Backbone	Data Ratio	NDS	mAP
Baseline	ResNet101	10%	0.187	0.110
Ours	ResNet101	10%	0.264(+41.18%)	0.187(+70%)

Summary

Integrate federated learning with 3D monocular object detection

- Enable continuous learning with large scale dataset from evolving driving scenarios
- Improve detection accuracy and robustness

Thank you