

# Quarterly Investor Update

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### Agenda

- Lidar Market Dynamics & Opportunities
- AEye Progress against Investment Themes
- Q4 & 2021 Fiscal Year Results
- 2022 Guidance
- People & Culture
- 2022 Objectives



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### **Lidar Market Evolution**

We believe the technology "platform" and business model will be the key differentiators in scaling growth

1960s **Lidar Invented** 

1970-2000 **Lidar added to Networks** 

2004

2015-2020

2021 **8 Public Companies** 

Range Finders

Aerospace, GIS & Telecom

**DARPA Challenge - Automotive** Led to 85+ Lidar Companies

**Private/Strategic Investments Early Productization** 

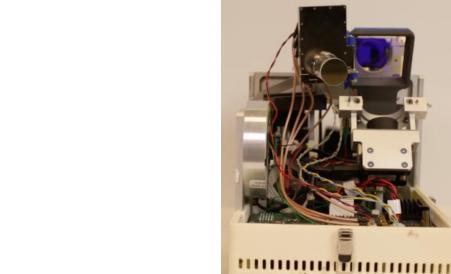
**Expanded into Multiple Markets** 





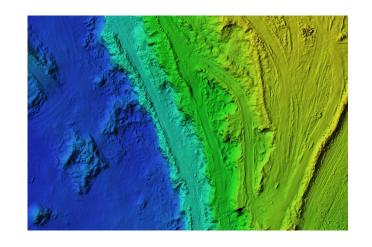


AEye Public Offering (August 16th, 2021)







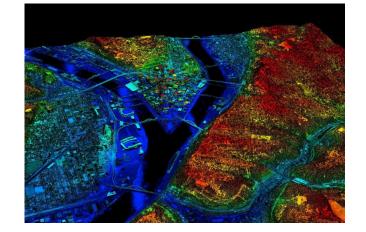




Pioneer of 1550nm commercial high-performance Lidar



**Productization &** Commercialization



- Software-defined lidar platform
- Deterministic edge artificial intelligence
- Modular hardware architecture
- Network architecture



- Adaptive intelligence
- SWaPc optimized
- Solid-state reliability



# AEye's Focus 2021 – "Productization and Achieving Company Scale"

- ✓ Completed modular intelligent sensing platform architecture
- ✓ Secured world-class supply chain partners
- ✓ Demonstrated flexibility and performance of adaptive lidar range, resolution, and update rate, validated by 3<sup>rd</sup> parties
- ✓ Expanded comprehensive patent portfolio covering hardware, system, network
- ✓ Released 4<sup>th</sup> generation modular intelligent sensing platform leveraging hardware, software, system, network architecture
- Advanced global industrial and automotive manufacturing partners toward production
- ✓ Engaged in evaluations and pilot programs with key go-to-market partners for both industrial and automotive markets
- ✓ Raised capital to execute path to scale and profitability
- ✓ Recruited and integrated a high-performance team
- ✓ Implemented public company processes, infrastructure and world class Board

## **AEye Investor Themes**





#### Delivering the Highest Quality Spatial Information to Enable Automation Across Markets

- Improve safety, efficiency and productivity by delivering an open data platform that also interacts with existing sensors
- Utilize one adaptive software platform to drive customized performance and increase velocity of adoption across markets
- 2

#### Leveraging Existing Value Chains Creating a Unique Business Model

- Sell software configured hardware solutions direct in partnership with system integrators in industrial markets
- License intelligent software sensing platform to global automotive Tier 1 suppliers for scalability in the automotive markets
- 3

#### Implementing Disruptive Intelligent Sensing Software Platform

- Allow on-demand features and functions that are triggered situationally
- Enable new business models for EVs/AVs via distributed intelligence and OTA (over-the-air) upgrades
- 4

#### Utilizing Capital Light Manufacturing and Global Supply Chain for Cost & Scalability

- Outsourced manufacturing for both Automotive and Industrial markets to global leaders
- Use bistatic architecture, modular hardware, and global Tier 2 supply chains to drive down costs
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#### Leading with Visionary and Experienced Management Team

- Seasoned business and tech leaders across management team and board
- Track record of building and managing publicly traded companies



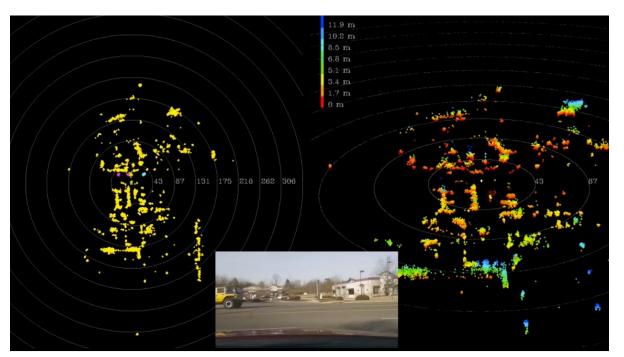
Delivering the Highest Quality Spatial Information to Enable Automation Across Markets

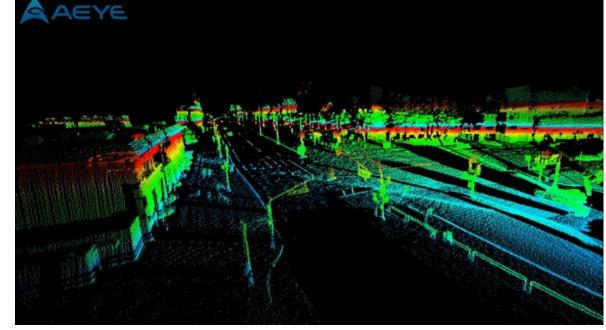
### 2022 Release of AEye 4SightM - Delivering the Highest Quality Spatial Information

Cameras and radar provide valuable information, but <u>autonomous</u> features require the addition of lidar

#### **Resolution at Range**

AEye's lidar wavelengths are shorter than radar, enabling greater resolution x ~1,000,000





4D Radar

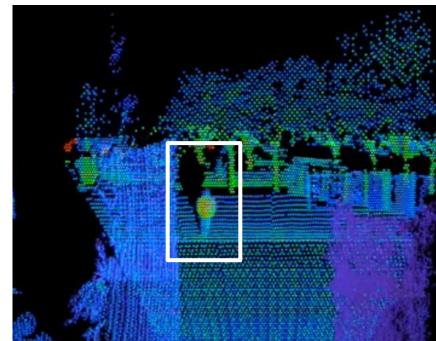
**AEye Lidar** 

#### **Deterministic Range**

AEye's lidar measures exact distance/range in any lighting condition, while cameras only interpret



Automotive HD Camera



AEye Lidar

AEye's 4Sight not only delivers the highest quality lidar information – its adaptive platform is uniquely designed to integrate seamlessly with information from other sensors

# Patented Boresight Feature – Real-Time Integration of Lidar & Camera

Delivering the Highest Quality Spatial Information Requires a System





(2) Leveraging Existing Value Chains to Create a Unique Business Model

## Leveraging Existing Value Chains to Create a Unique Business Model

AEye has been chosen by leaders in multiple markets to drive integration and adoption

Smart Infrastructure

Off-Highway

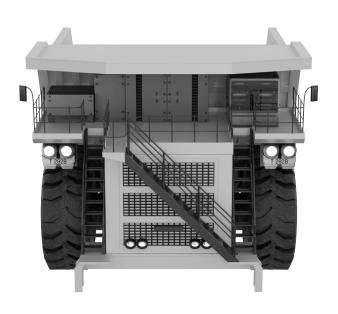
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Mobility

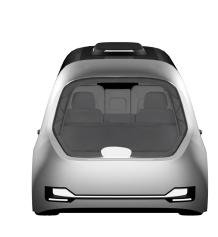
Trucking

Automotive

























### AEye's 4Sight Intelligent Sensing Software Platform

Offers partners the ability to leverage the intelligent sensing software platform to deliver value

#### **Smart Infrastructure**

**Automated City** 

#### **Off-Highway Automated Jobsite**

#### Logistics **Automated Supply Chain**

Rail

#### **Mobility / AV Autonomy on Demand**

#### **Commercial Vehicles Hub-to-Hub Automation**

#### **Automotive Highway Autopilot**



Traffic Throughput



Jobsite

Industrial





**Platform** Safety



Logistics Efficiency



Pedestrian Avoidance





Small Obstacles



Train Safety



**Jobsite** 

Efficiency



Small Obstacles



Complex **Environments** 



Any Sized **Obstacles** 

Vehicle

Clearance



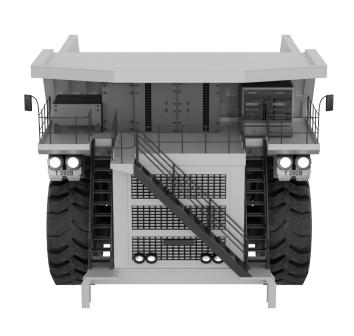
Changing



Complex **Traffic** 

45IGHT Intelligent Sensing Software Platform — Performance optimized per market and use case with perception pre-processing













# A Single Platform Enabling Partners & Customers in Multiple Markets

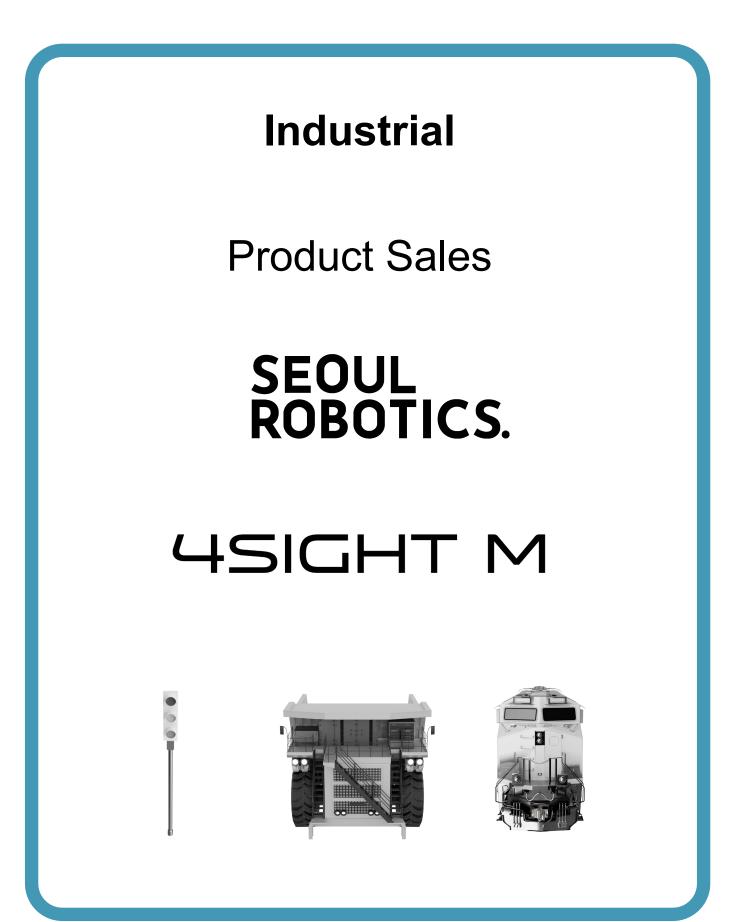
Partners in the industrial markets can purchase base configurations or customize for their specific applications and use cases

**Revenue Model** 

**Go-to-Market Partners** 

**Technology** 

**Addressable Markets** 



#### **Automotive**

Licensing













# A Single Platform Enabling Partners & Customers in Multiple Markets

Partners in the automotive (ADAS) market license the 4Sight Platform and build custom products for their customer base

Industrial

Revenue Model

**Go-to-Market Partners** 

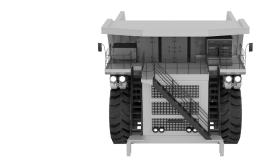
**Technology** 

**Addressable Markets** 

**Product Sales** 

SEOUL ROBOTICS.

4SIGHT M







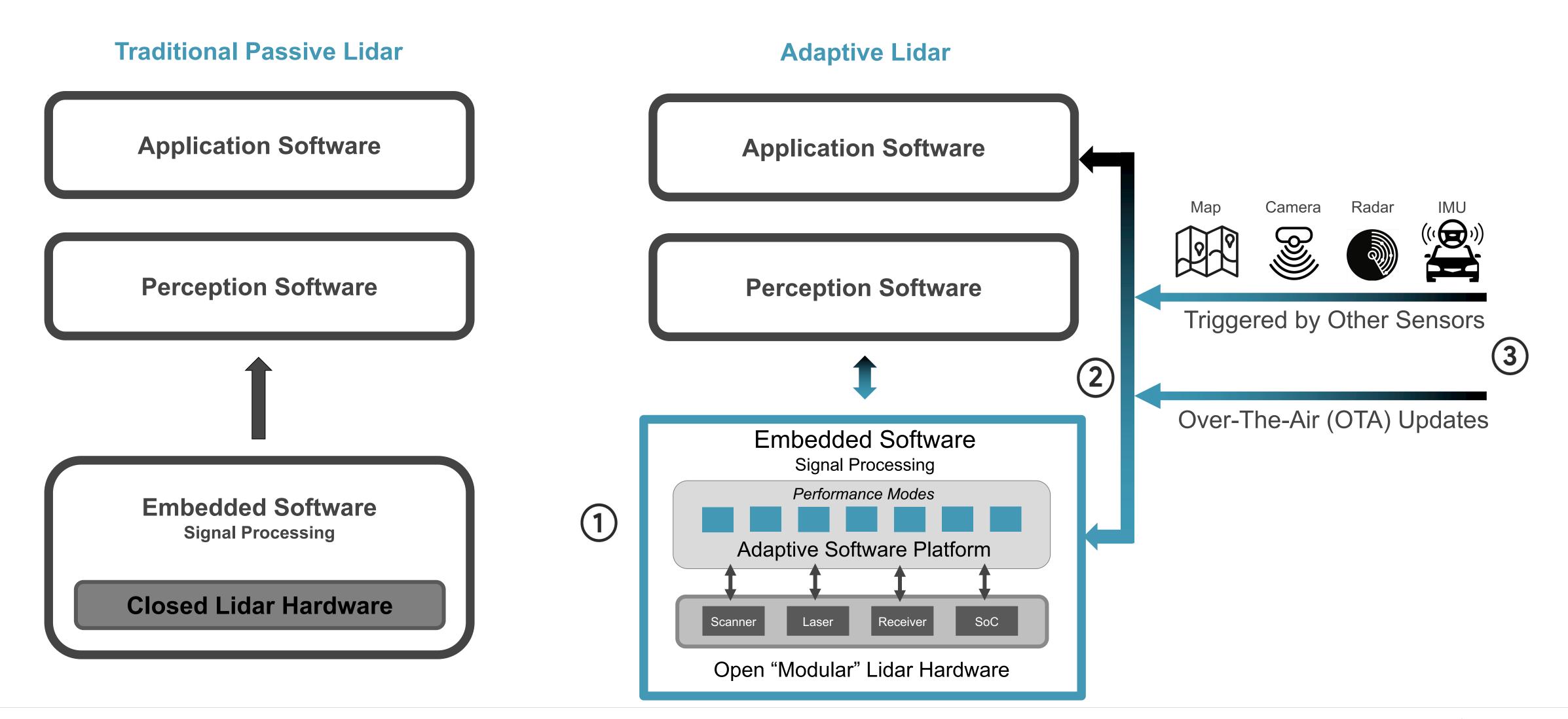




Implementing Disruptive Intelligent Sensing Software Platform

# How Our Disruptive Software Platform Adds Intelligence to Lidar Sensors

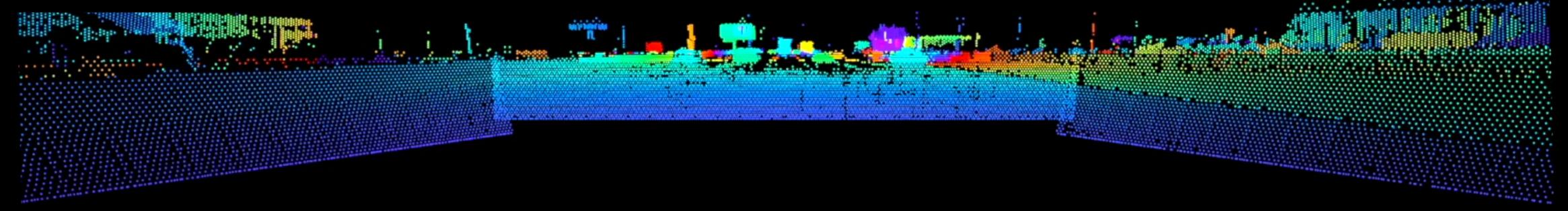
Software defined sensors will enable software defined vehicles/assets





# Adaptive Lidar





Where the Laser is focused







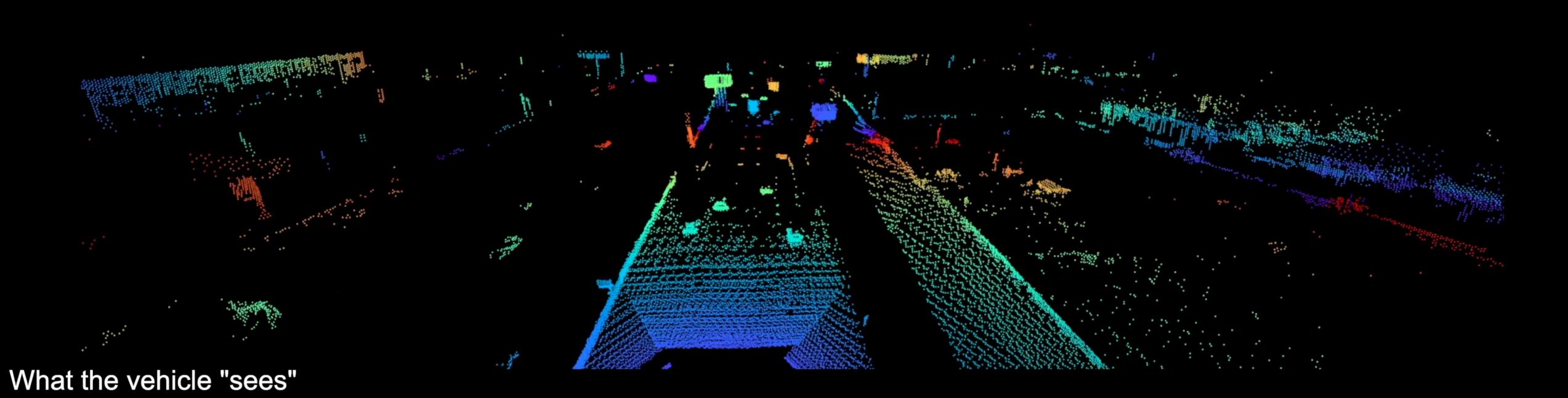








2X Speed

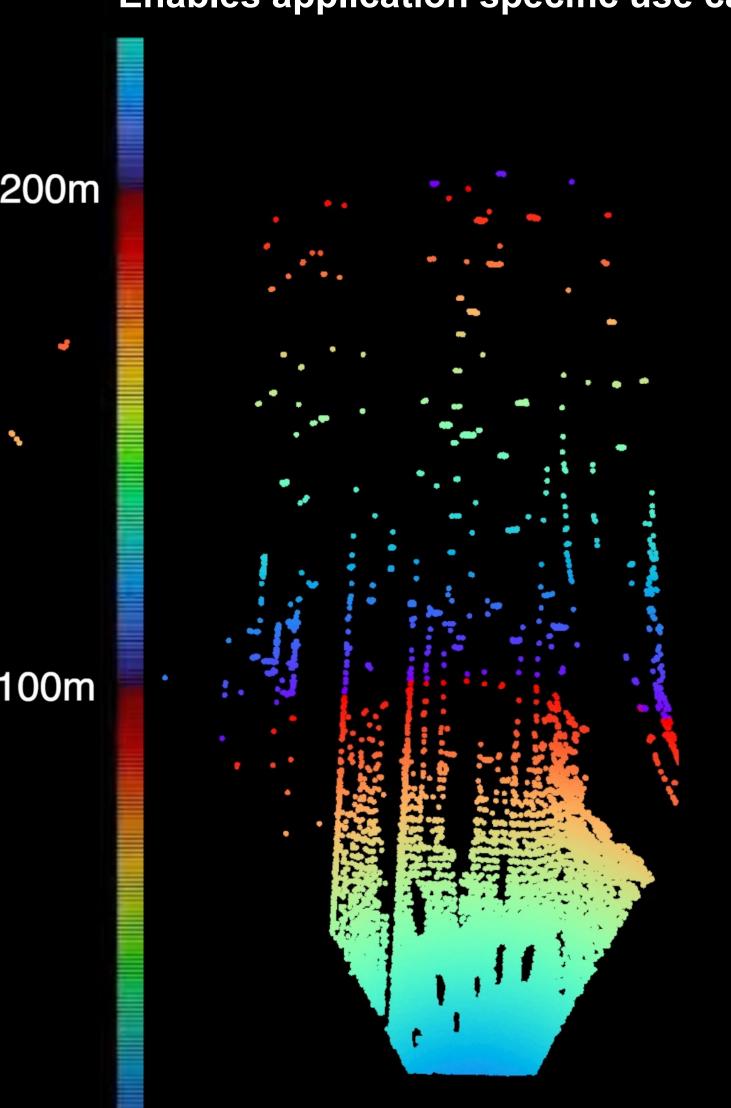


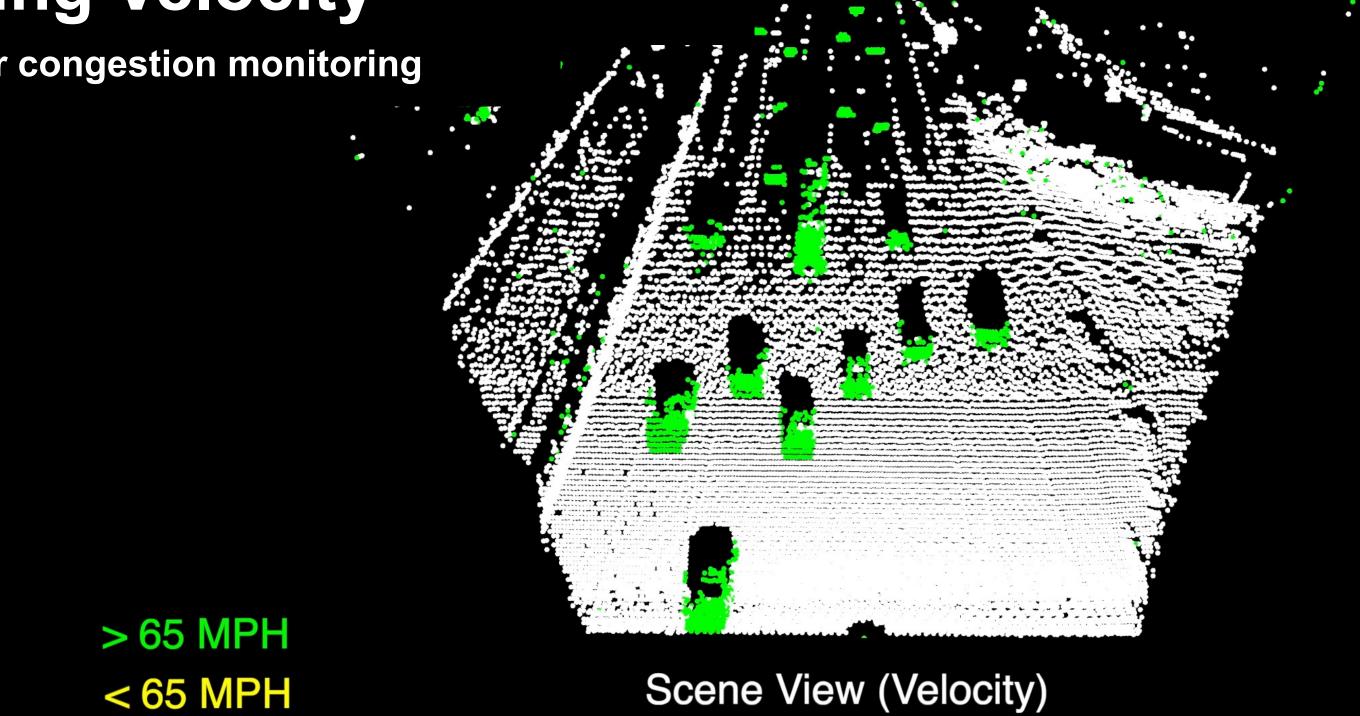
100m

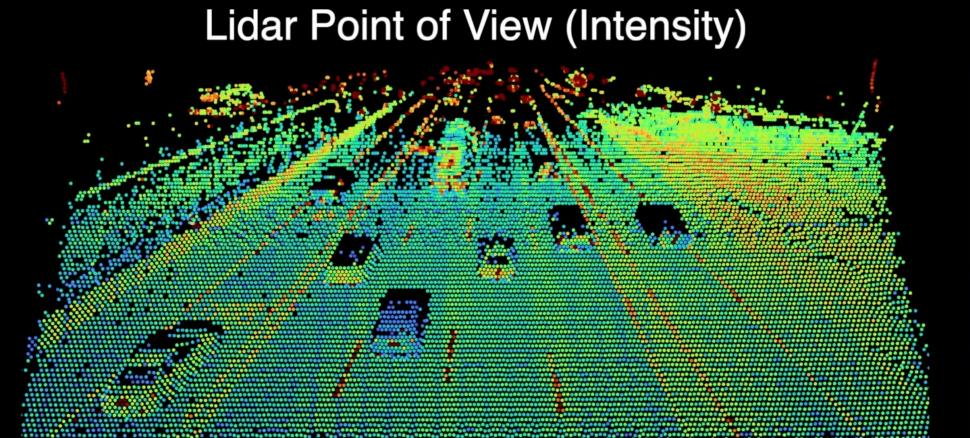


# Adaptive Lidar Acquiring Velocity

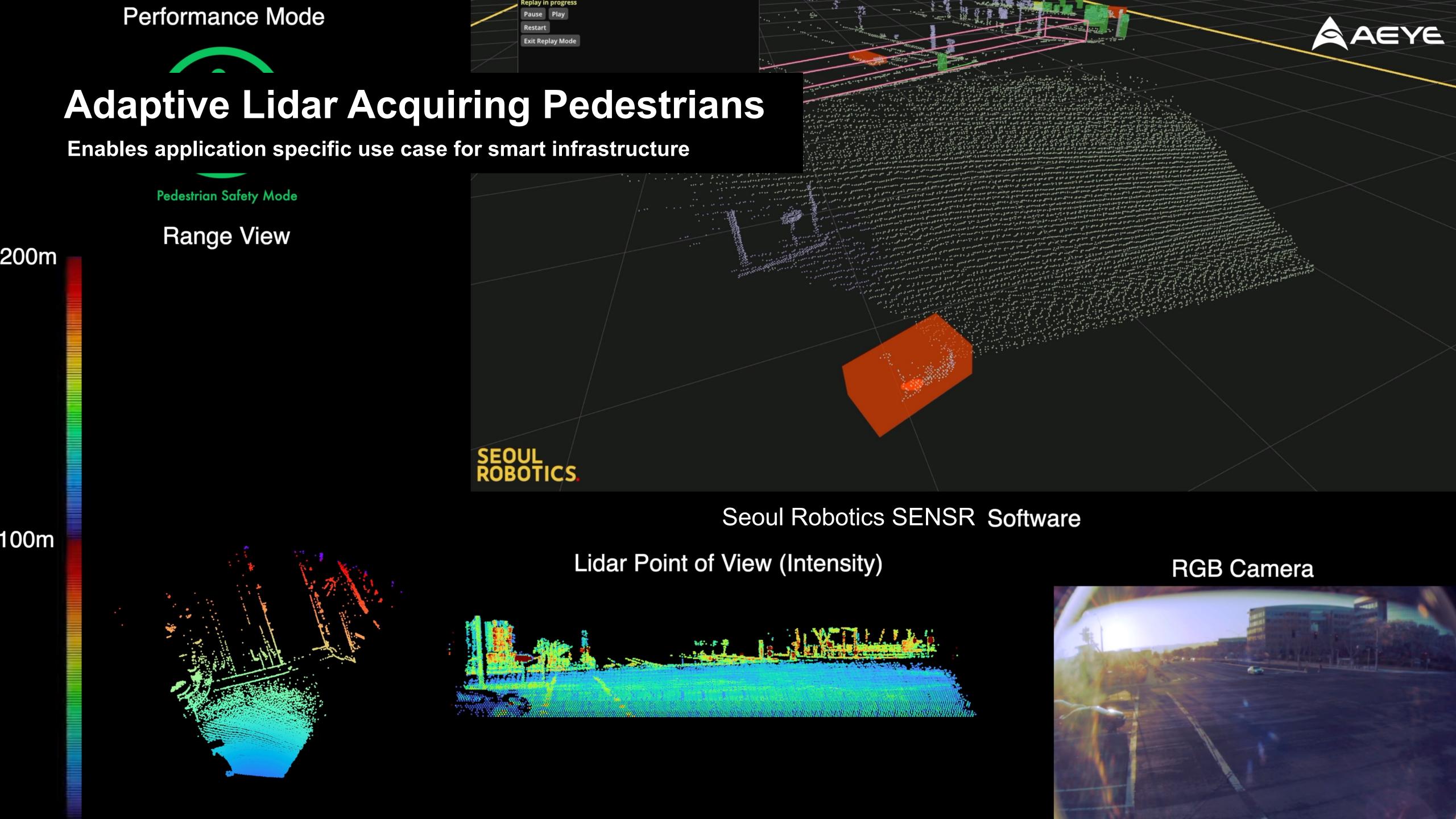
Enables application specific use case for congestion monitoring











# Q4 and 2021 Results

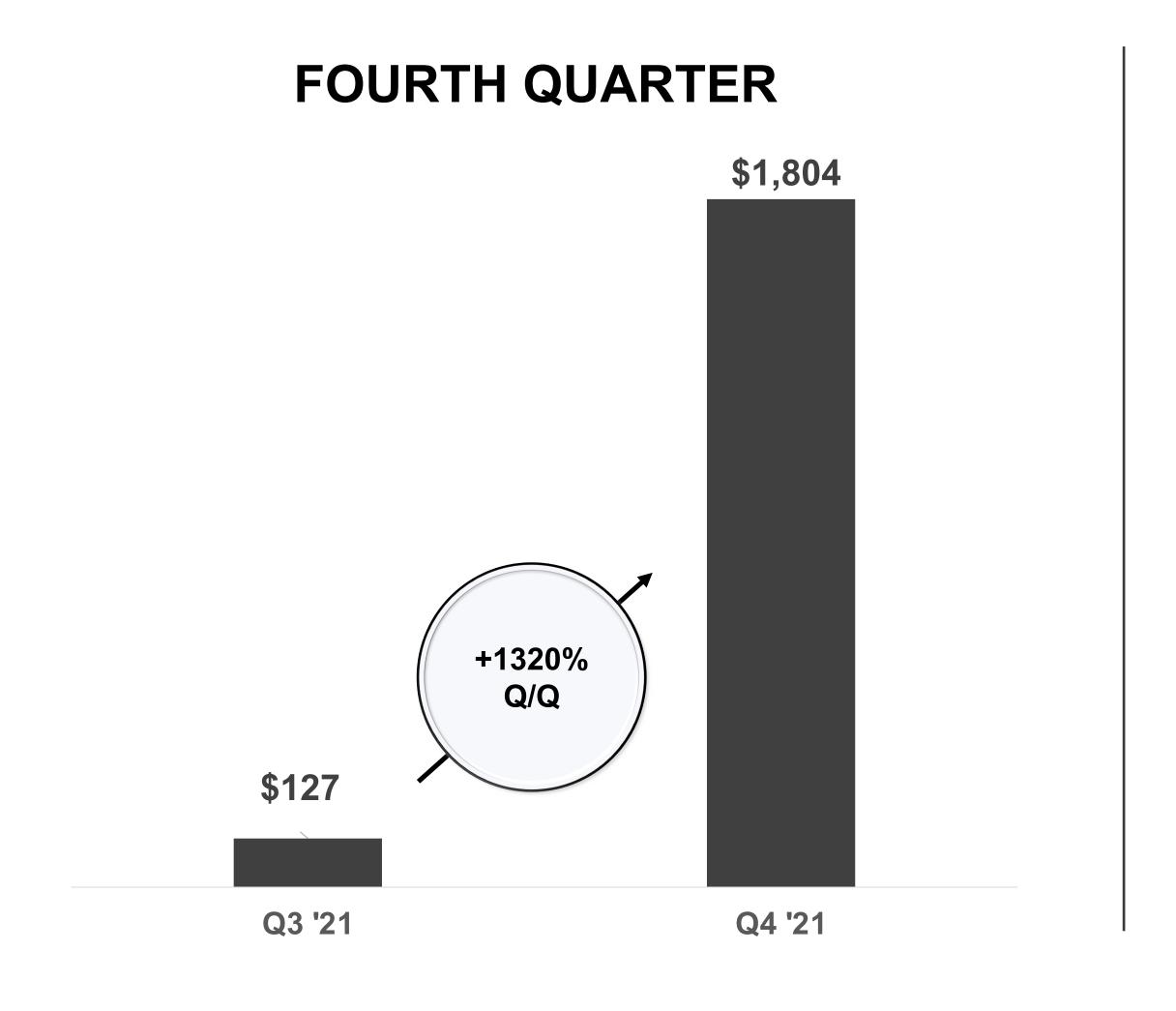
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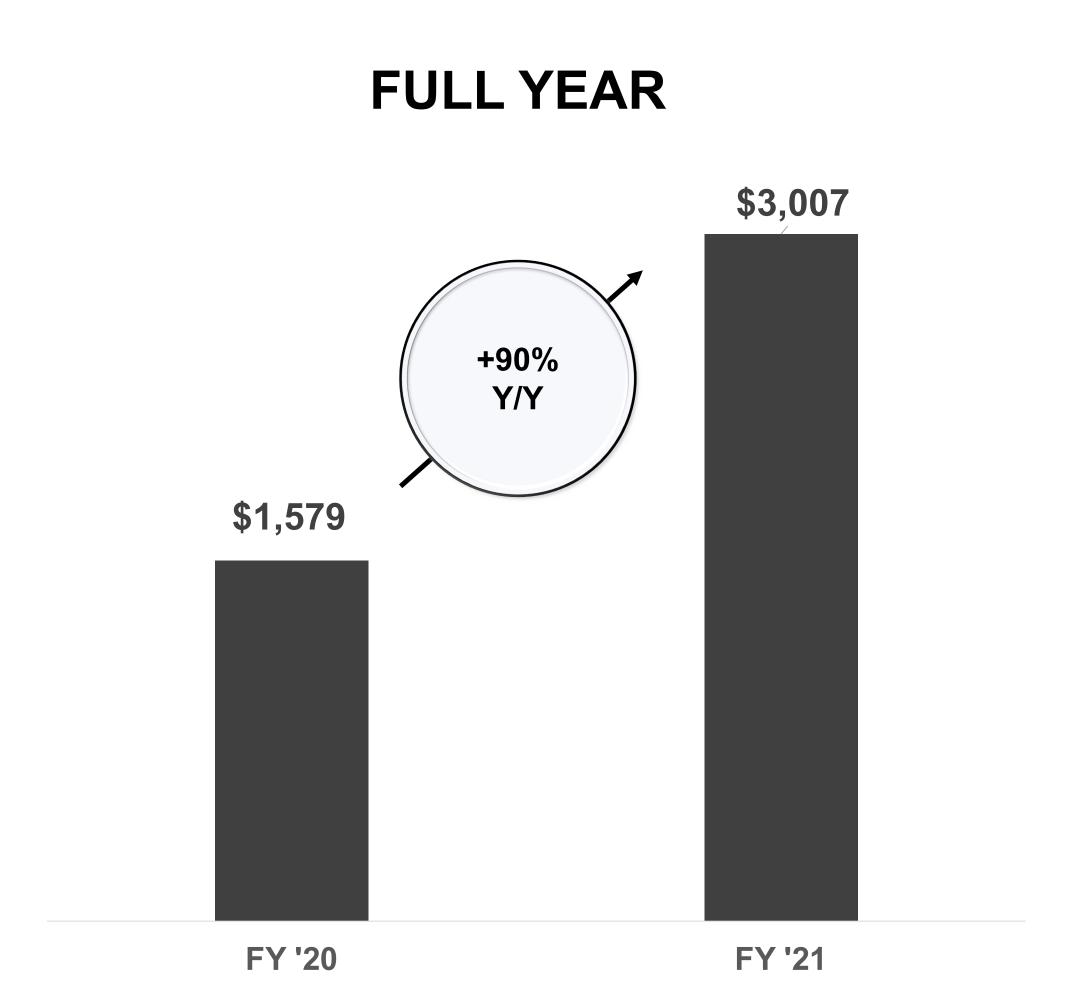
### Strategic Milestones for 2021

#### **Status** • MILESTONE: Complete deSPAC transaction in Q3'21 FINANCIAL • COMMENT: Listed on Nasdaq (LIDR) in Aug. '21, raising over \$200 million net of fees and eliminating over \$50 million of debt; announced \$125 million Common Stock Purchase Agreement in Dec. '21; met revenue goal for the year. • MILESTONE: Demonstrate performance advantages of AEye LiDAR **PRODUCT** • COMMENT: Established new LiDAR industry performance standards for range, speed and resolution, and validated superior weather performance MILESTONE: Transition initial automotive B-sample to production at Continental; transition production of 4Sight M product to Sanmina in Q4'21 for the industrial markets MANUFACTURING • COMMENT: Initial production of automotive B-sample transitioned to Continental; transitioned industrial product (4Sight M) to Sanmina in Q4'21 **MILESTONE**: Demonstrate commercial traction with leading customers and partners COMMENT: Advancing key relationships including Continental (ADAS), TuSimple (trucking), Nvidia (mobility), Komatsu CUSTOMERS & PARTNERS (construction), Hitachi (rail), and Mitsubishi, Econolite, Intetra and Seoul Robotics (all in support of our recent ITS launch) • MILESTONE: Establish strong public-company board of directors GOVERNANCE • COMMENT: Elected new board of directors with highly respected board members and led by Carol DiBattiste as Chair • MILESTONE: Expand our US and worldwide reach to support launch SCALING THE COMPANY • COMMENT: Doubled our employee base in 2021, and expanded internationally in Germany, Japan and S. Korea **MILESTONE**: Substantially expand patent portfolio **INNOVATION** • COMMENT: Achieved over 100 total patents filed to date, protecting AEye's groundbreaking IP

### 2021 Performance Summary: Revenue

\$ in Thousands





### Financial Summary: Q4 2021





<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes stock-based compensation expense, common stock purchase agreement costs, S-1 registration expenses, gain on PPP loan forgiveness, and change in FV of embedded derivative and warrant liabilities. (2) Includes cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities of \$164M and Common Stock Purchase Agreement of up to \$125M.

## Financial Summary: Full Year 2021





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# 2022 Guidance

### 2022 Full Year Guidance

- Revenue in the range of \$4 million to \$6 million
- Non-GAAP net loss<sup>(1)</sup> of approximately \$100 million
- Capital expenditures of \$3 million to \$4 million

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# People & Culture

### Adding World Class Governance with Industry Leaders









Apple's Head of Global Marketing Production for 9 years Responsible for 400 personnel and directing the worldwide management of marketing content, as well as creative and production services

# Young & Rubicam's SVP and Director of Strategic Creative and Production Services

Managed global accounts such as Hitachi, AMD, Electronic Arts, Adobe, Dell, Microsoft, Lincoln-Mercury, Chevron, and Clorox

"It is obvious to me that lidar will be everywhere, and after researching the available lidar technologies and companies, it was clear to me that AEye is the company that will make that happen."

### **AEye Culture/Philanthropy**

### **Ukrainian Student Internship Program**

- Working in partnership with UC Berkeley
- To ensure continued education and financial stability for Ukrainian students that are unable to return home
- Focus on engineering/computer science and business students
- Calling on other CEOs to join this initiative





#### **SealKids Initiative**

- Supporting our Special Operators recently deployed overseas
- Employee-based funding campaign
- Benefits SealKids organization providing tutoring, after school activities and medical while a parent is deployed







# 2022 Objectives

## 4SightM & AEye's Adaptive Software Platform Positive Recognition

Q1 2022





### "Execution into Market"

- Complete commercialization of adaptive lidar products for both industrial and automotive markets based on shared architecture
  - Launch production of industrial product at contract manufacturer
  - Transfer production to Tier 1 manufacturing facility
- Expand manufacturing capabilities at both world-class manufacturing partners Sanmina and Continental
- Introduce low-cost product extensions for both markets
- Expand and accelerate partnerships, pilots, and programs
- Achieve financial targets
- Continue creating a team-oriented and winning culture



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