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What is a Planner?



- Just like human drivers, who use maps and GPS for navigation, Autonomous cars use Global Paths for navigation
- The global path is generated by the global planner, which is static and calculated offline.
- This global path is then modified by the local planner to account for anything that cannot be predicted before the vehicle is at that location. (Cars, pedestrians, stoplights, etc.)

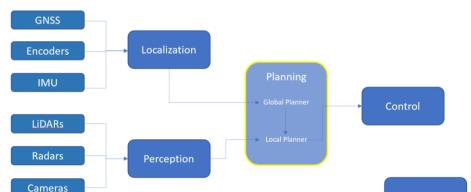


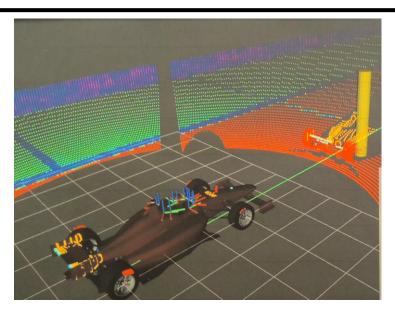
Two-node state machine

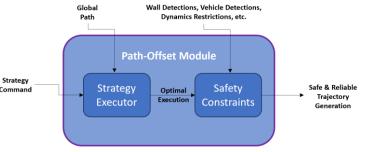
Local Planner consists of Strategy Module and Path Offset Module.

- · Strategy module computes strategy (Attack, Defend, Overtake, Catch up)
- Path Offset Module Executes strategy









Redundant system design

The Path Offset module has two sets of algorithms:

- First set of algorithms executes the strategy from the strategy module
- · Second set of algorithms layered on top of first and makes sure the car will not collide with anything