

# ROBOT NAVIGATION

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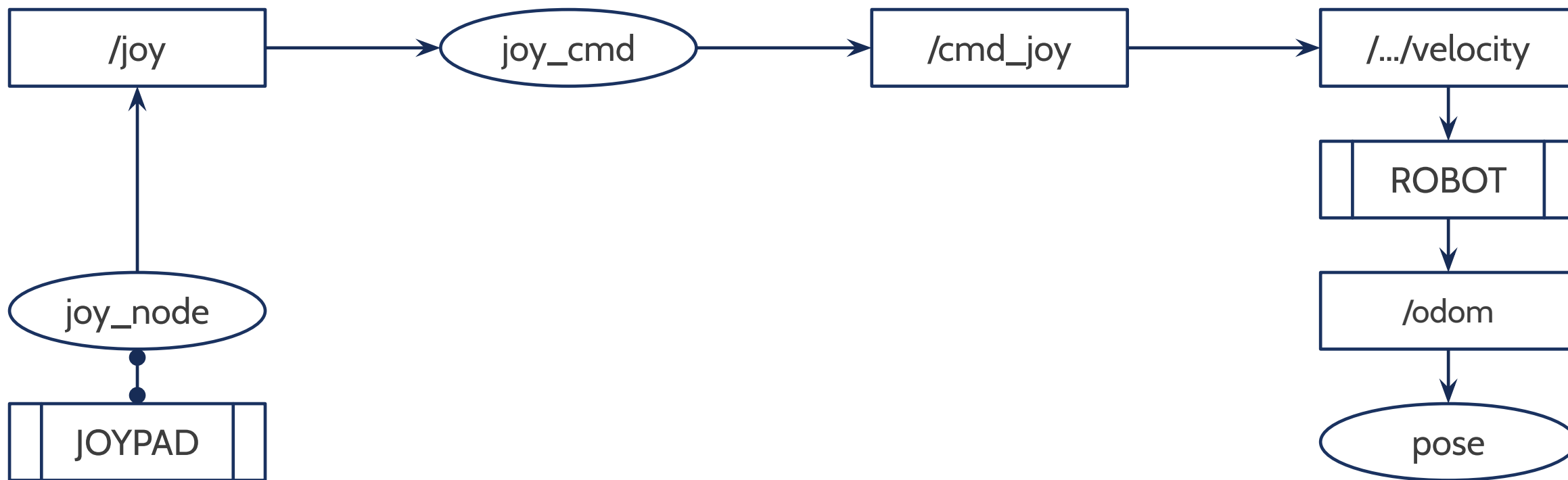
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# Today schedule

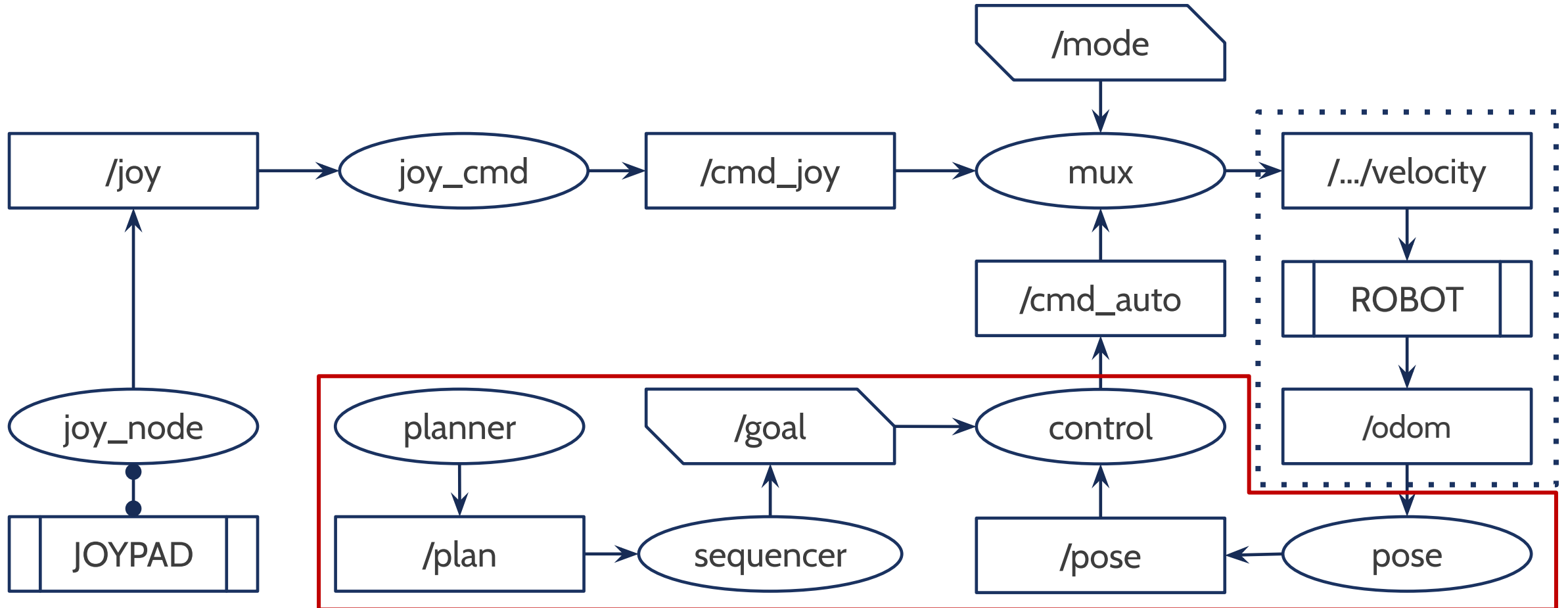


- Theory on Robot navigation
- How to create a map

# OUR IMPLEMENTATION



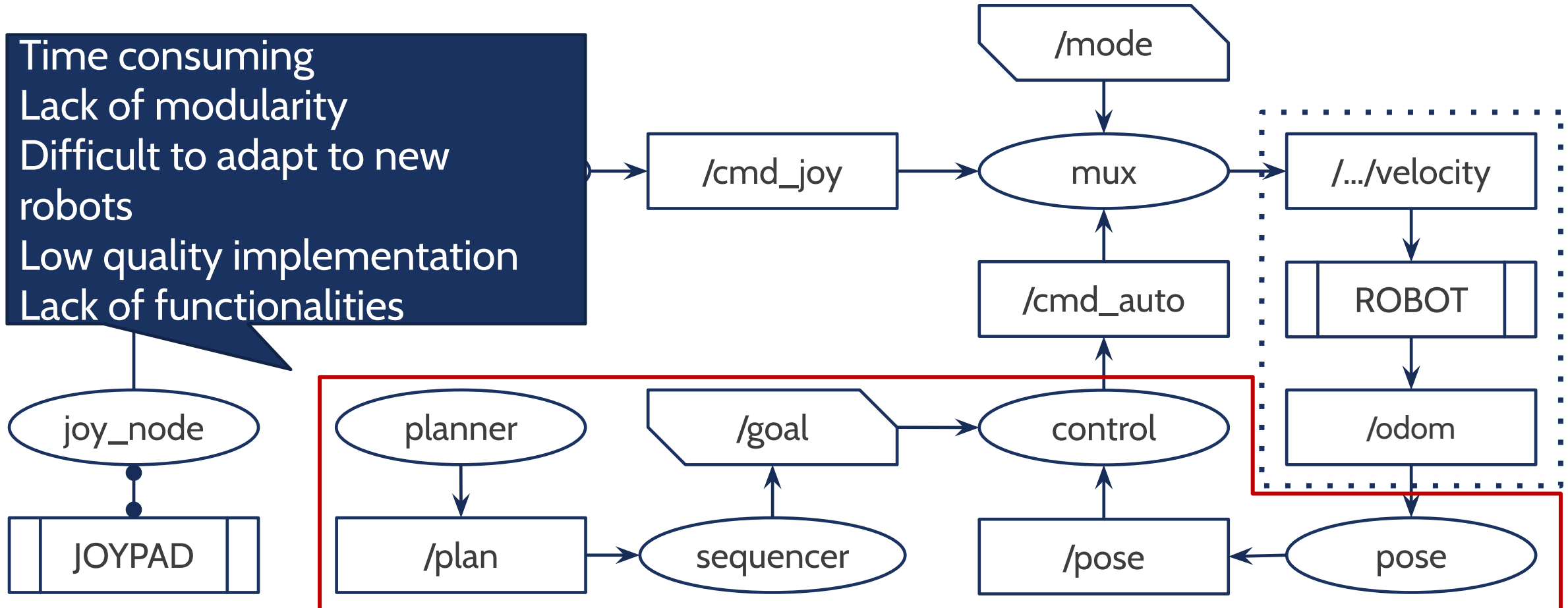
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Time consuming  
Lack of modularity  
Difficult to adapt to new robots  
Low quality implementation  
Lack of functionalities



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Exploit the greatest quality of ROS  
*already available and implemented components*

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ROS navigation (stack)  
<http://wiki.ros.org/navigation>

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move\_base

nav\_core

amcl

robot\_pose\_ekf

base\_local\_planner

carrot\_planner

dwa\_local\_planner

navfn

global\_planner

move\_slow\_and\_clear

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clear\_costmap\_recovery

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voxel\_grid

fake\_localization

move\_base\_msgs



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Central element of *navigation* and  
the definition of the base class

move\_base\_and\_clear

move\_base\_recovery

move\_base\_clear\_costmap\_recovery

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Robot localization using various  
methods

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Different algorithms to  
implement local autonomous  
movement

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Global planner used to generate  
the trajectory on a large scale

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Various recovery behavior for  
stuck robots or critical situations

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Tools for 2D and 3D map  
representation

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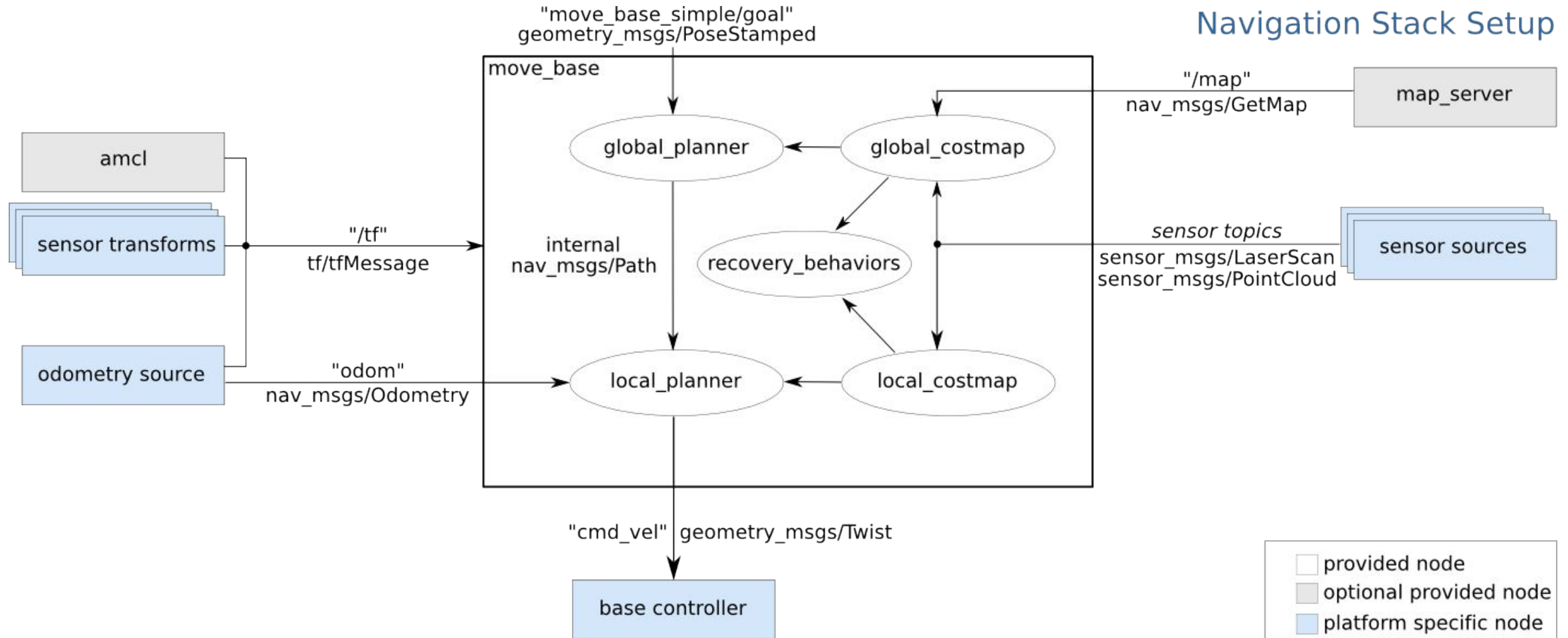
voxel\_grid

**fake\_localization**

**move\_base\_msgs**

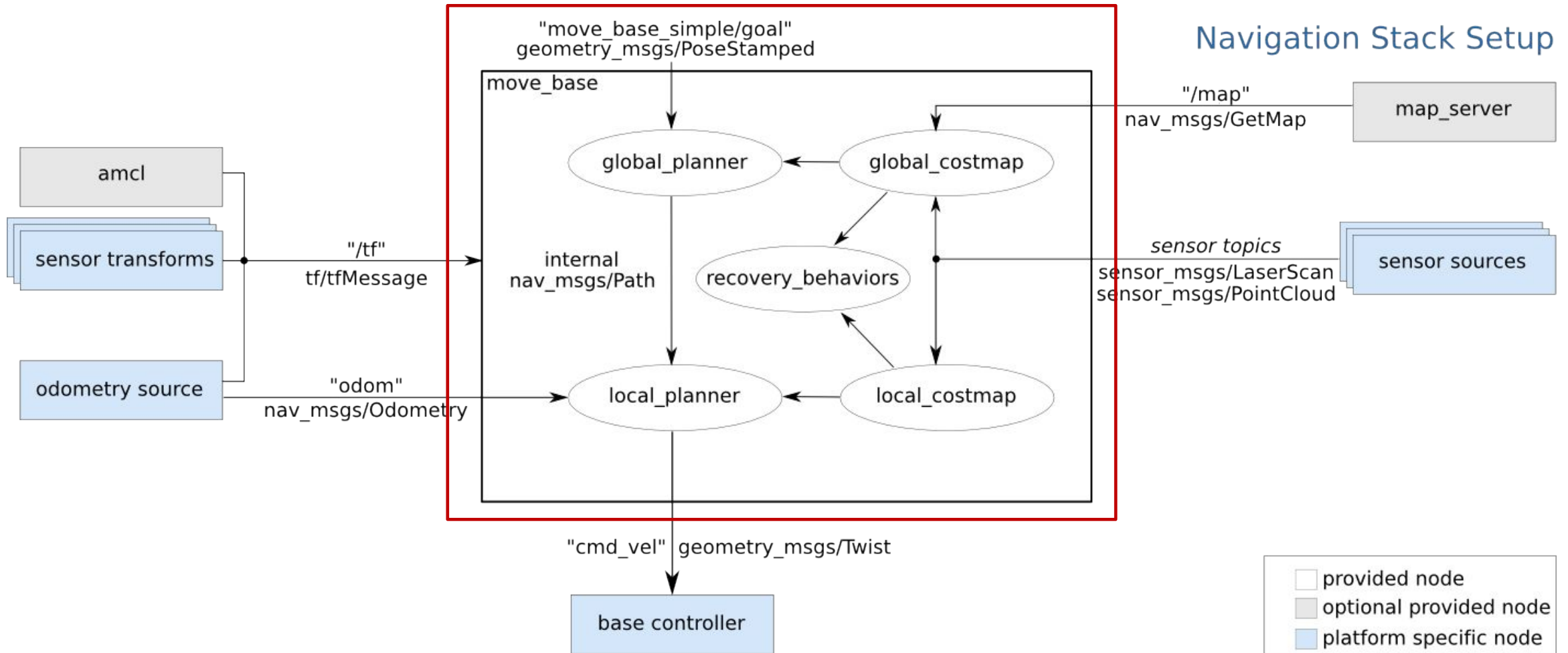
Extra utilities for testing and  
communication

# GENERAL ARCHITECTURE





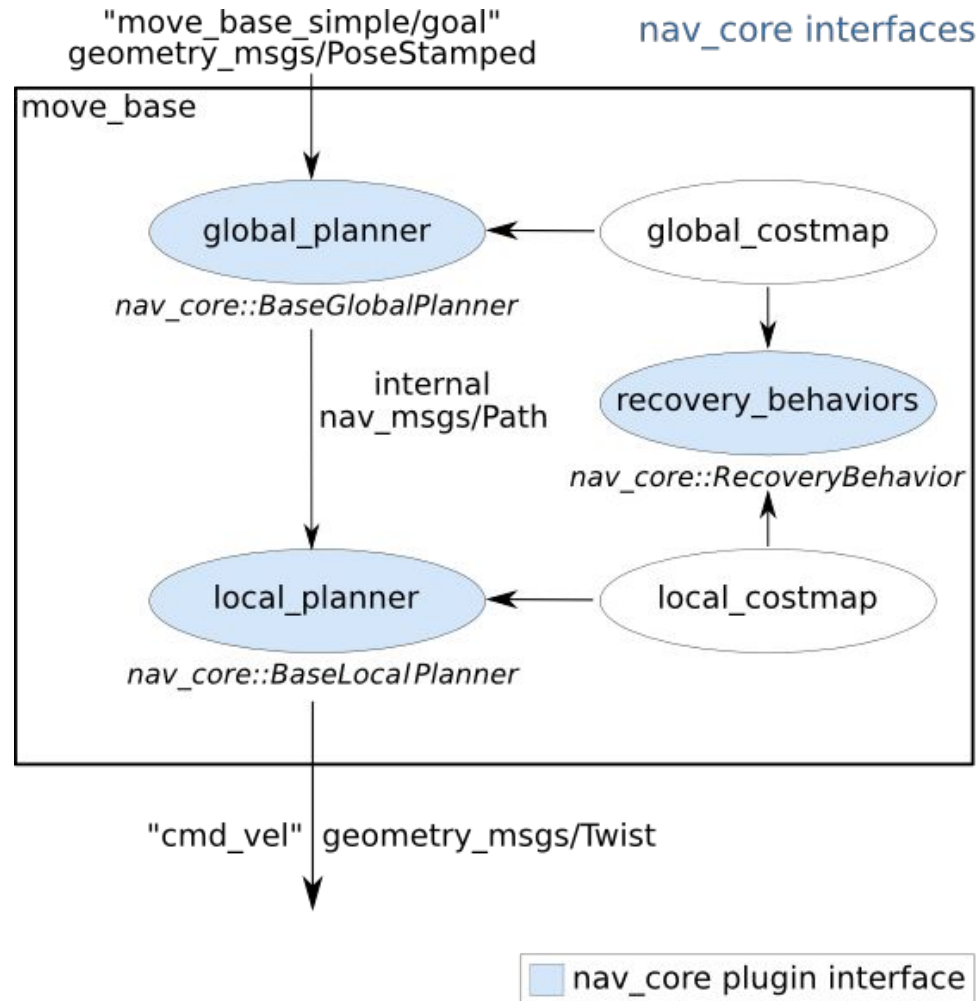
# MOVE\_BASE





***Single node*** and ***core element*** of ROS navigation.  
Implements all the main planning and control functionalities  
based on plugins for dynamic configuration.  
Easy to extend via ROS ***pluginlib***.  
Based on the ***nav\_core*** class.

# NAV\_CORE



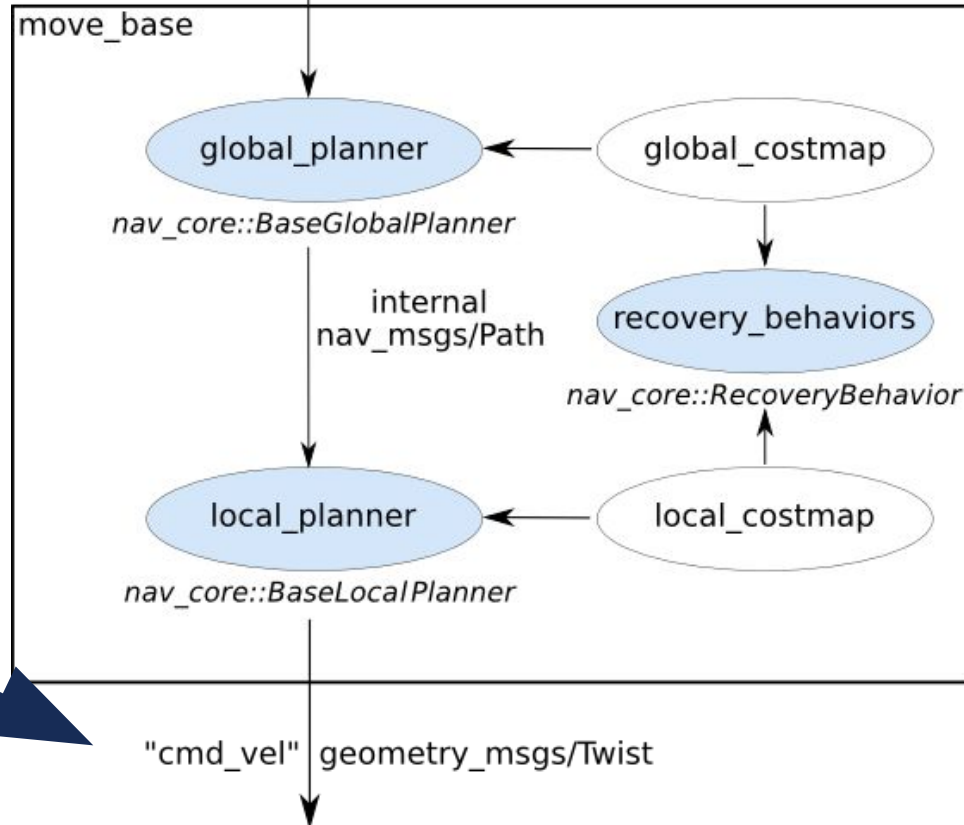
# NAV\_CORE



Goal as a single point  
via topic or actions

"move\_base\_simple/goal"  
geometry\_msgs/PoseStamped

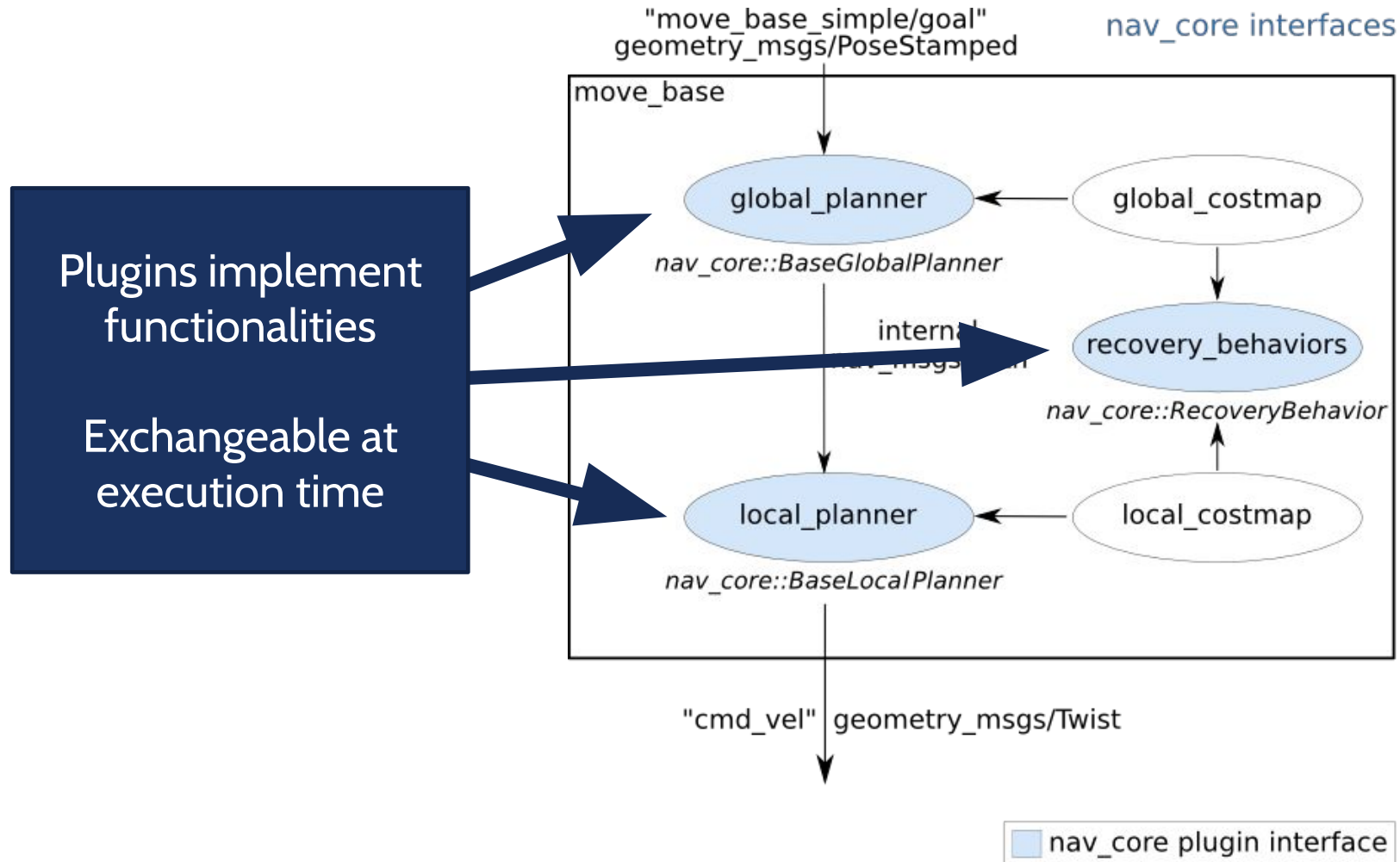
nav\_core interfaces



Velocity command  
via topic

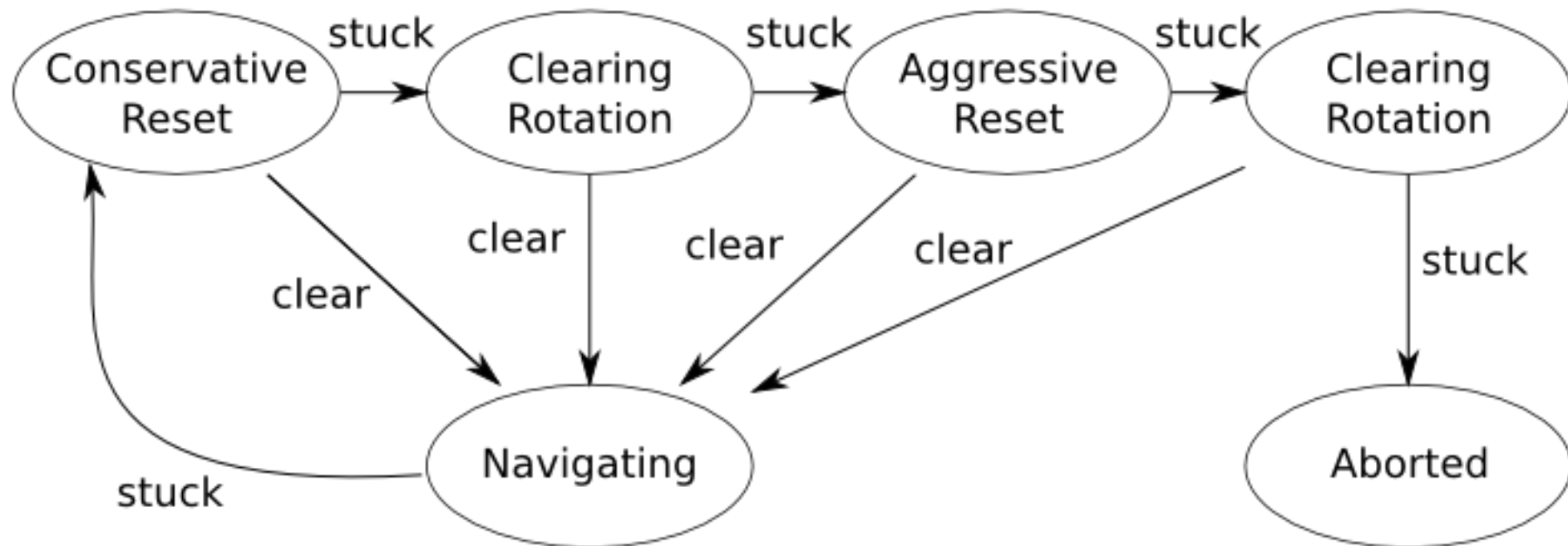
nav\_core plugin interface

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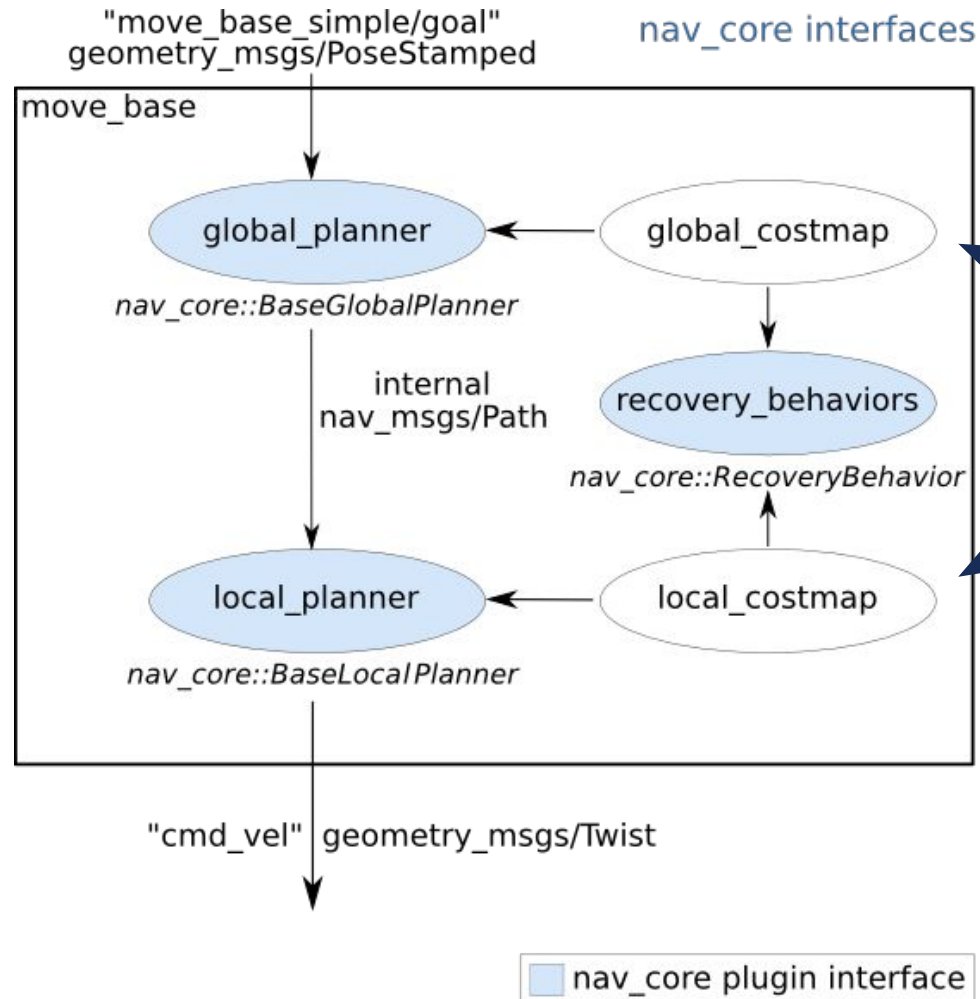




## move\_base Default Recovery Behaviors



# NAV\_CORE

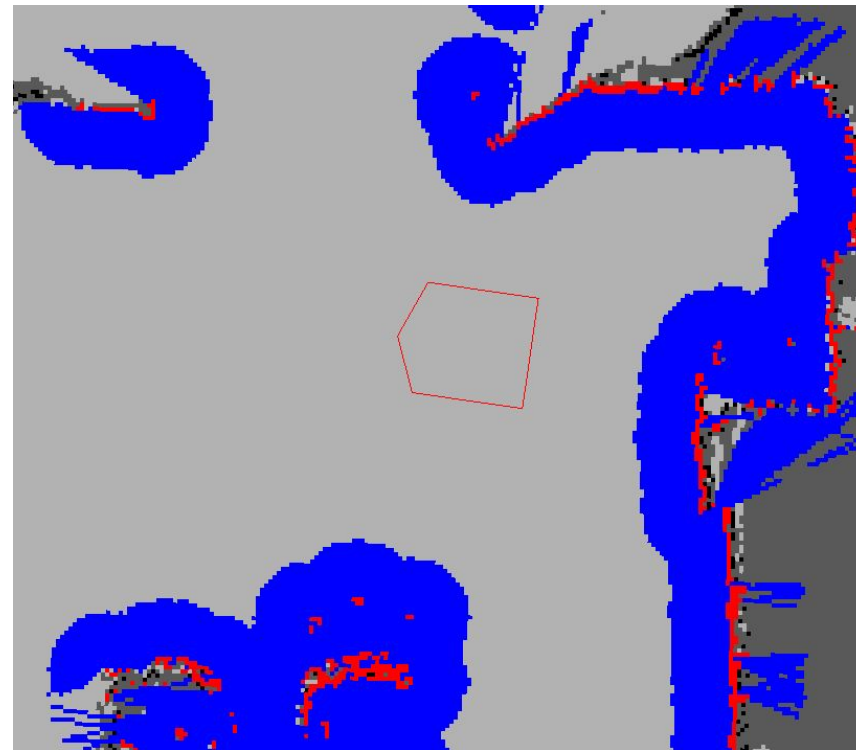


Information about the world provided by the map server and the sensors

# COST MAP



Takes in sensor data and builds a 2D or 3D occupancy grid of the data



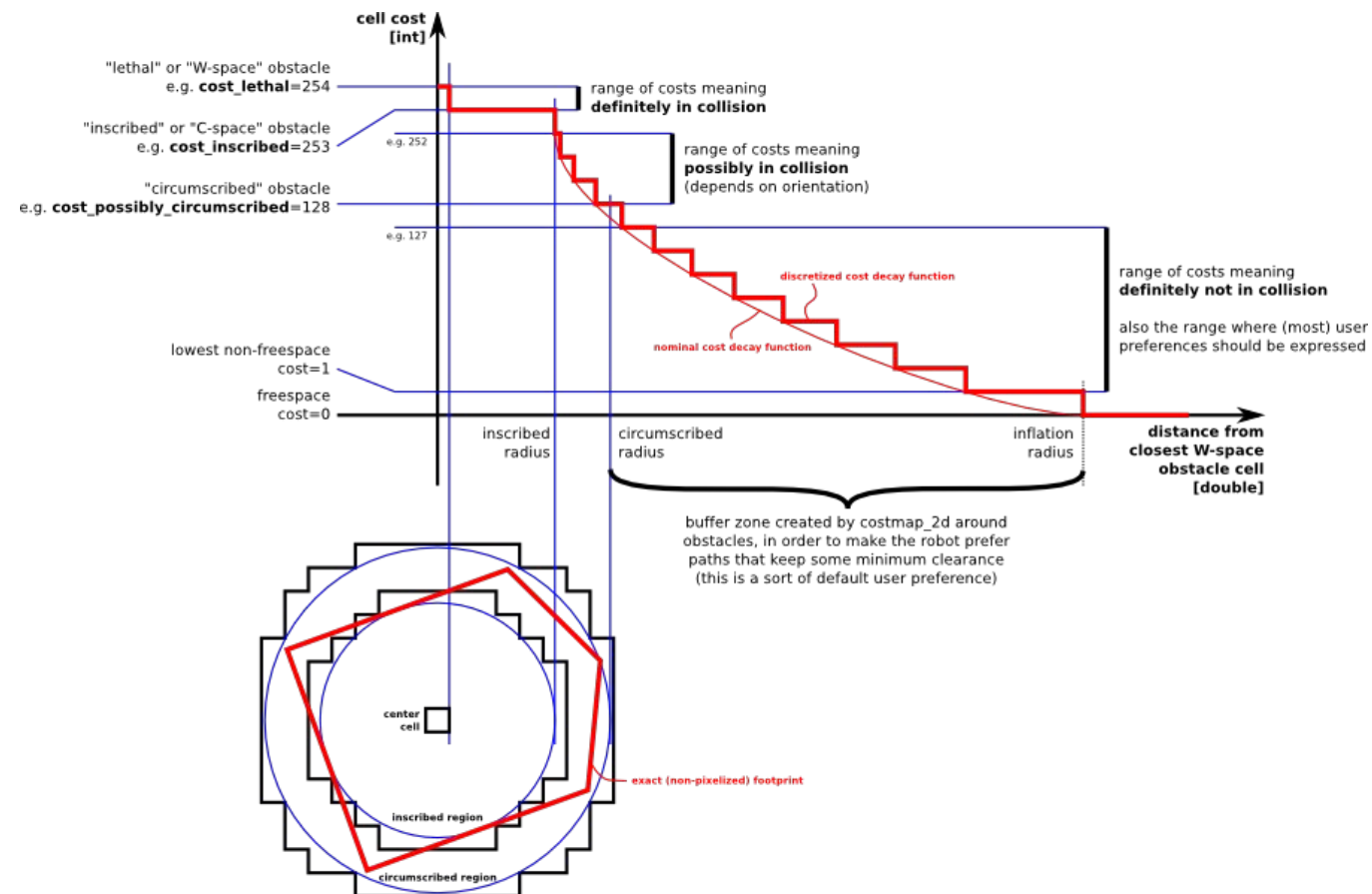


# COST MAP



Each cell can have one of 255 different cost values

Inflates costs





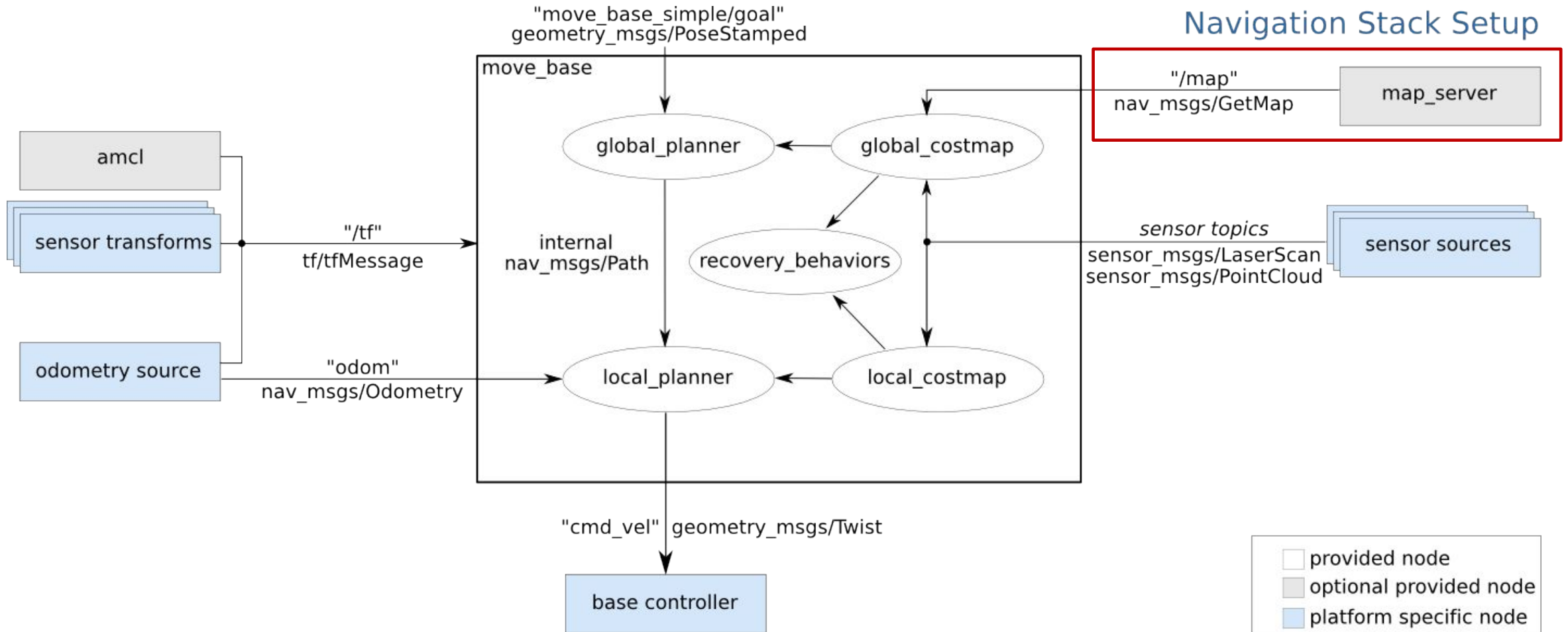
ROS Navigation is based on two different costmaps:

- Global: used for long-term plans over the entire environment

- Local: used for local planning and obstacle avoidance

These costmaps have specific and common configurations

# MAP\_SERVER





Tool provided by ROS navigation to publish and save maps.

Offers the map both via topic and via service.

Can save dynamically generated maps.

Combined with `costmap_2d`:

Manages multi-layered 2D maps.

Inflate obstacle according to sensor information.

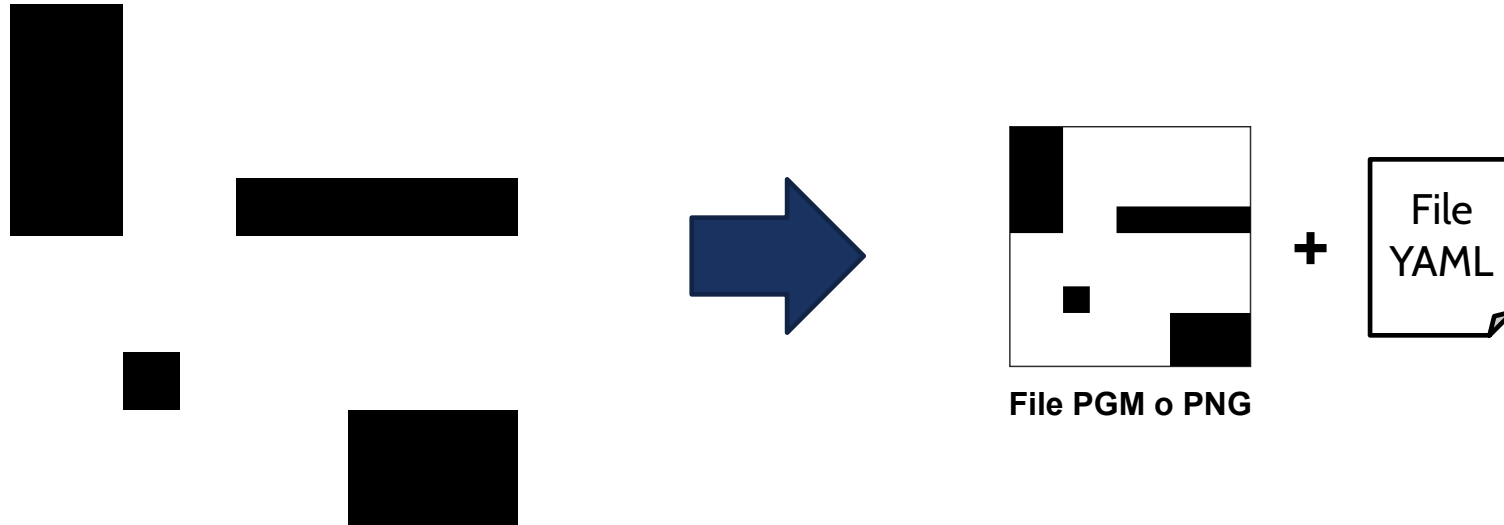
# MAP\_SERVER



The map is composed by:

YAML file: describes the map meta-data

Image file: encodes the occupancy data



# MAP\_SERVER



image: maze.png

Path to the image file containing  
the occupancy data

maze.yaml

resolution: 0.05

Resolution of the map, meters /  
pixel

origin: [0.0, 0.0, 0.0]

The 2-D pose of the lower-left pixel in the map, as (x,  
y, yaw)

negate: 0

The white/black free/occupied semantics should be  
reversed

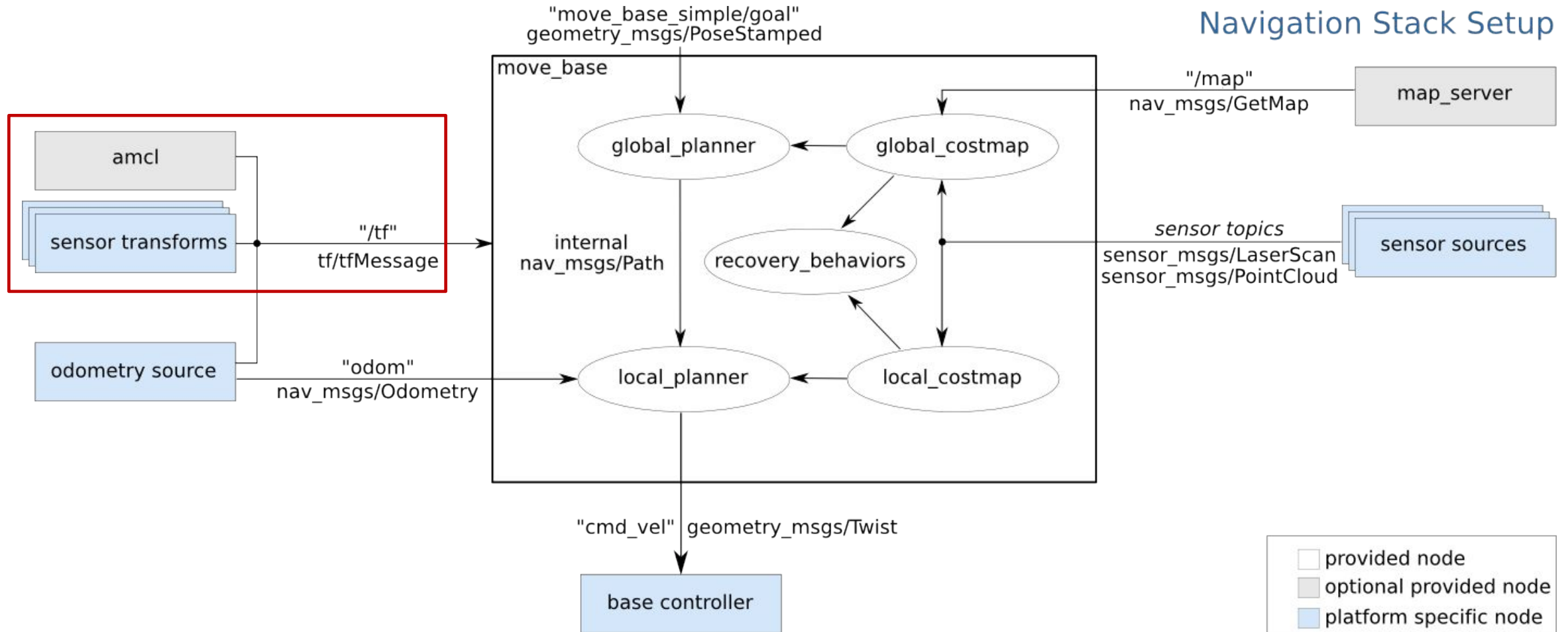
occupied\_thresh: 0.65

Pixels with occupancy probability greater than this  
threshold are considered completely occupied

free\_thresh: 0.196

Pixels with occupancy probability less than this  
threshold are considered completely free

# AMCL





Probabilistic localization system based on a 2D map.

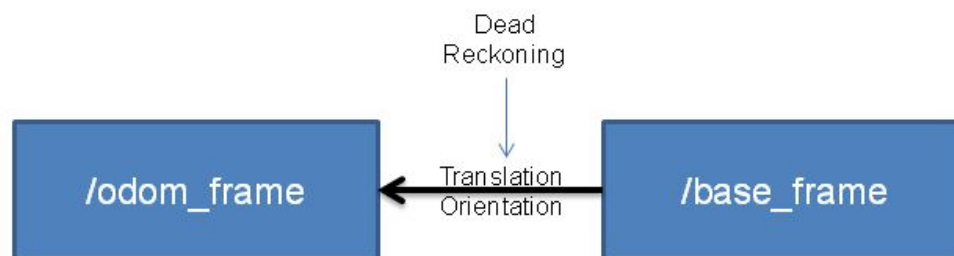
Requires a laser scan and provides better result when using odometry.



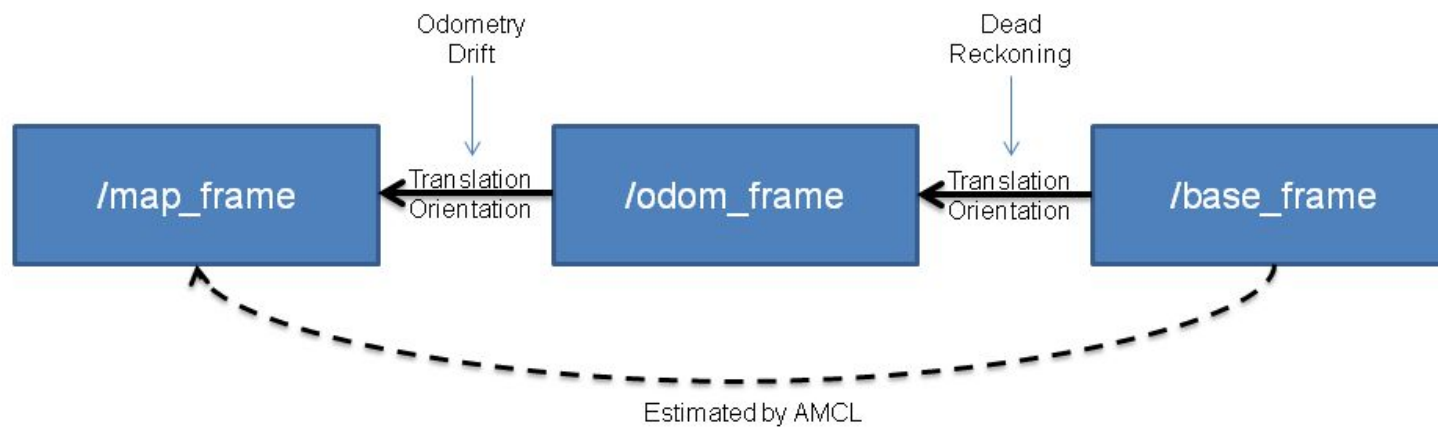
# AMCL (TRANSFORMATION FRAMES)



Odometry Localization



AMCL Map Localization



# AMCL (TRANSFORMATION FRAMES)



Transforms incoming laser scans to the odometry frame

- It requires a path from /base\_scan to /odom

Estimates the position of the robot in the global frame

- Transformation between /map and /base\_link

Publishes the transformation between the global frame and the odometry frame

- Transformation between /odom and /map
- Correct the odometry drift

# AMCL



min\_particles: 500  
max\_particles: 2000

Minimum/Maximum allowed  
number of particles.

Acml parameters

update\_min\_d: 0.25  
update\_min\_a: 0.2

Translational and rotational movement required  
before performing a filter update

resample\_interval: 1

Number of filter updates required before  
resampling

initial\_pose\_x: 2.0  
initial\_pose\_y: 2.0  
initial\_pose\_a: 0.0

Initial pose mean (x, y, yaw), used to initialize filter  
with Gaussian distribution.

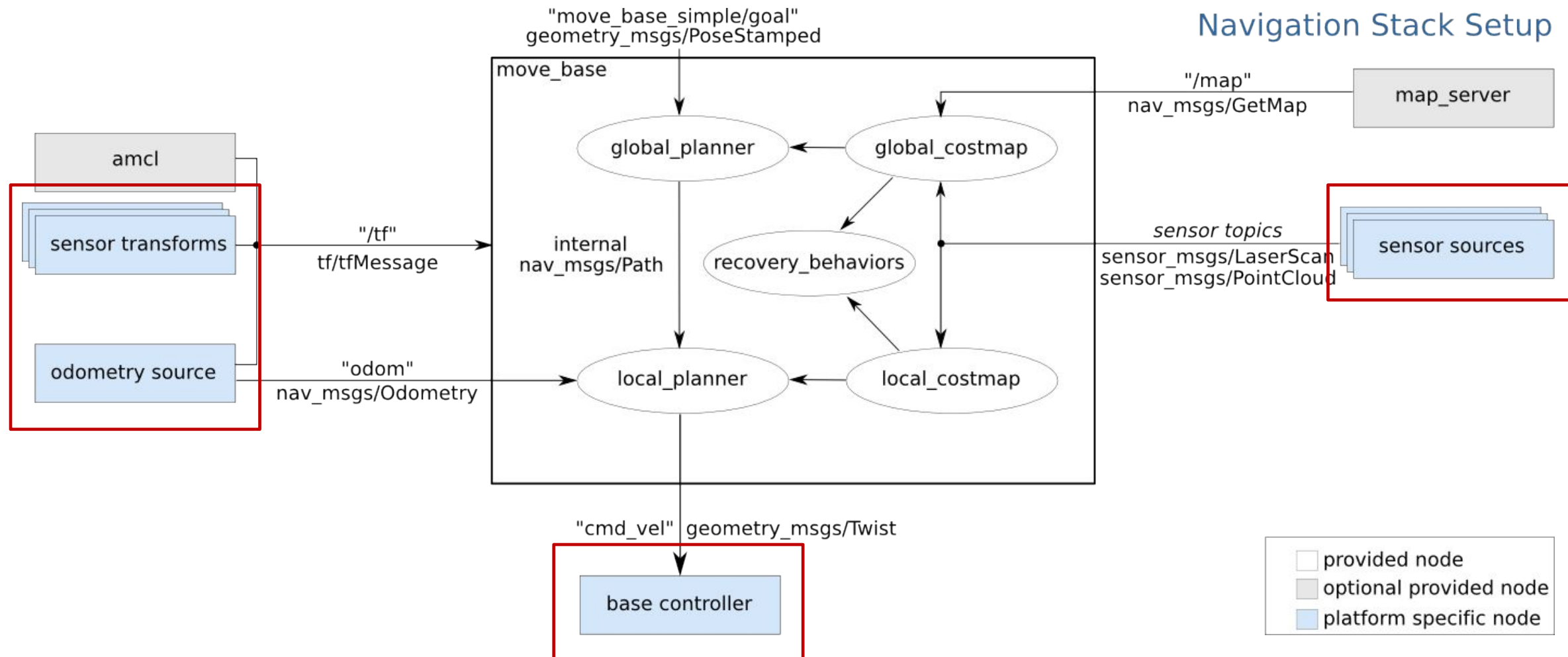
odom\_model\_type: "diff"

Model to use, either "diff", "omni"

odom\_frame\_id: "odom"  
base\_frame\_id: "base\_footprint"  
global\_frame\_id: "map"

Frame to use for odometry, robot\_base and for the  
localization system

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Everything platform specific need to be implemented by hand:

- Low-level robot interaction

- Sensor drivers

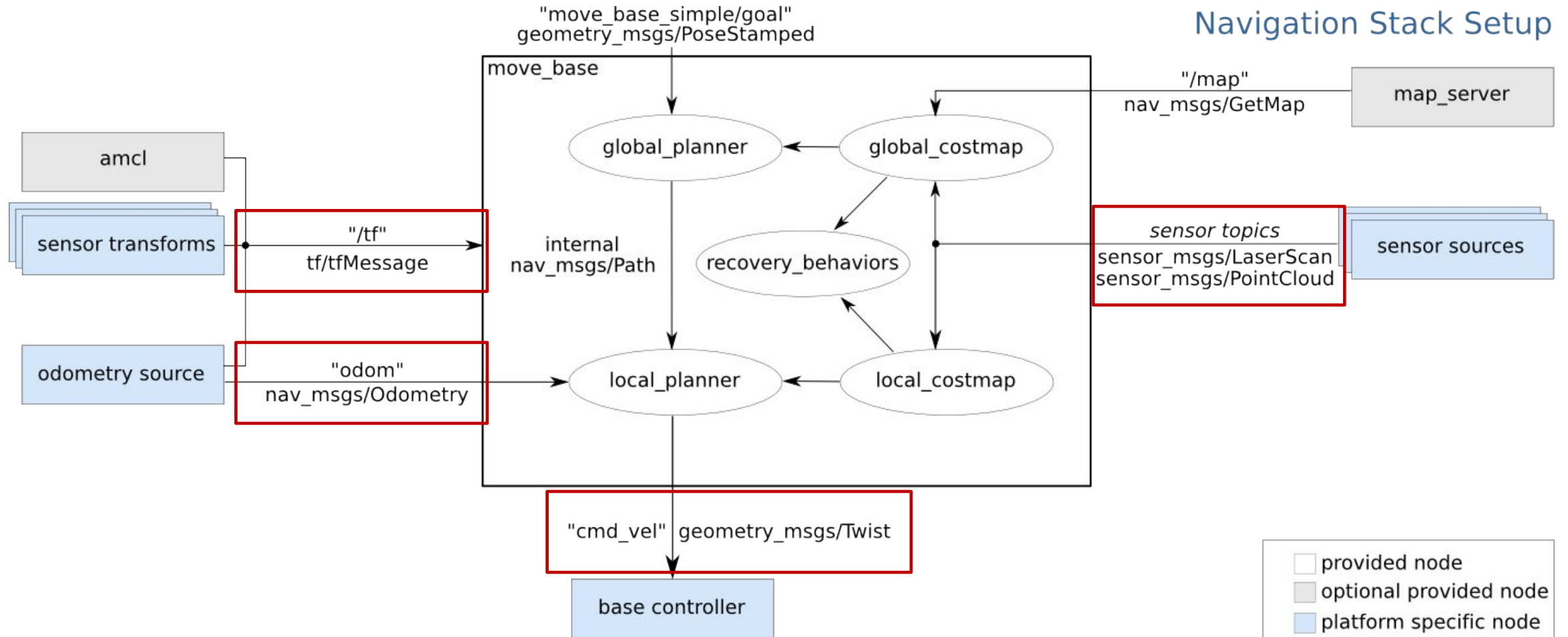
- Sensor measurements processing

- Odometry estimation

- High-level task planning

Most of these are already available in ROS as existing packages (i.e., drivers, robot\_pose\_ekf, ...)

# ROS NAV REQUIREMENTS





ROS Navigation has a specific architecture and needs some specific condition to work:

- Sensor source to localize and avoid obstacle, as sensor\_msgs/LaserScan or sensor\_msgs/PointCloud
- A source of odometry, as nav\_msgs/Odometry
- Conversion from geometry\_msgs/Twist to motor control
- A well formed tf tree (sensors position, robot position and map)

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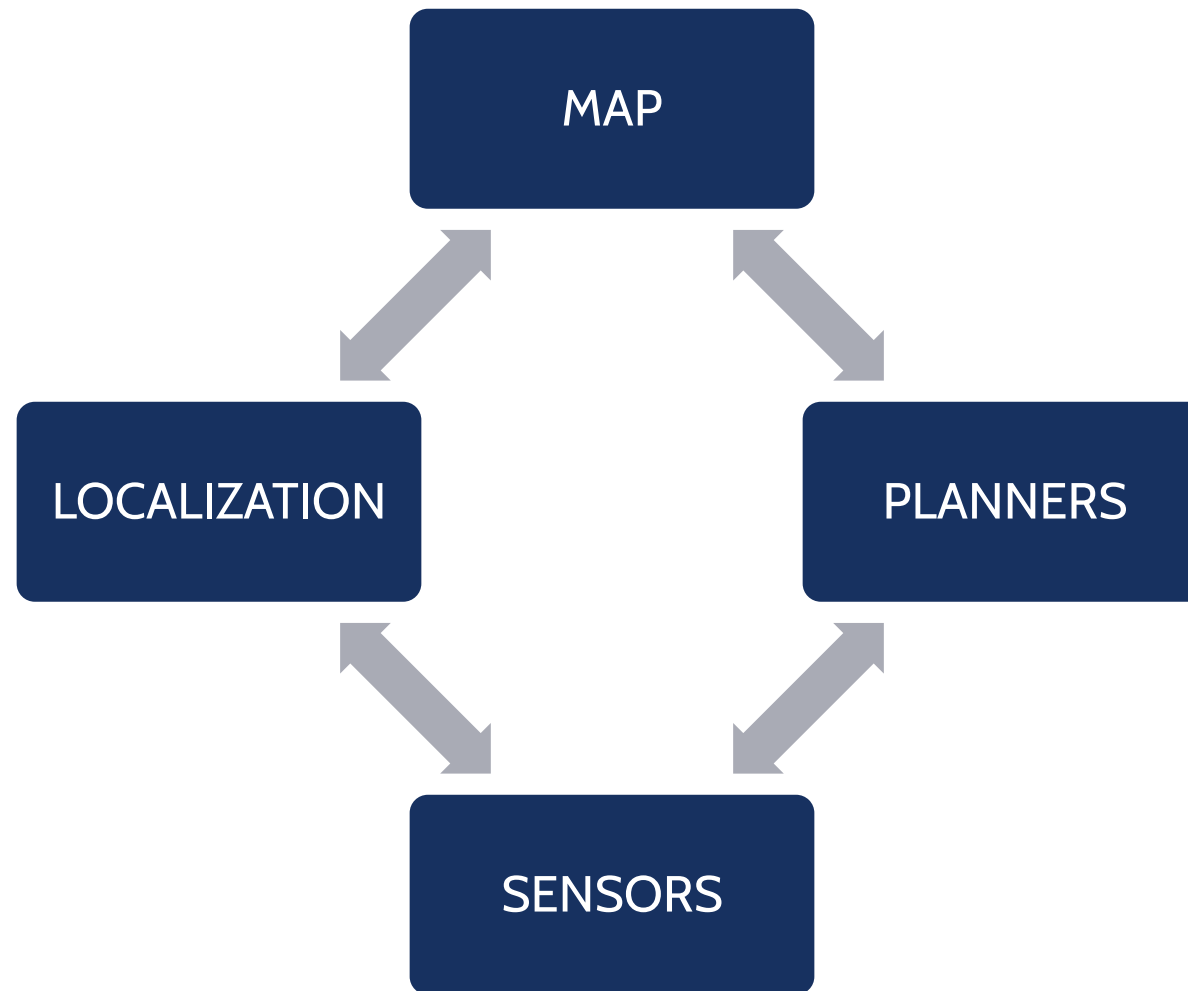


The ROS Navigation is quite general and adaptable, but it has a few hardware requirements:

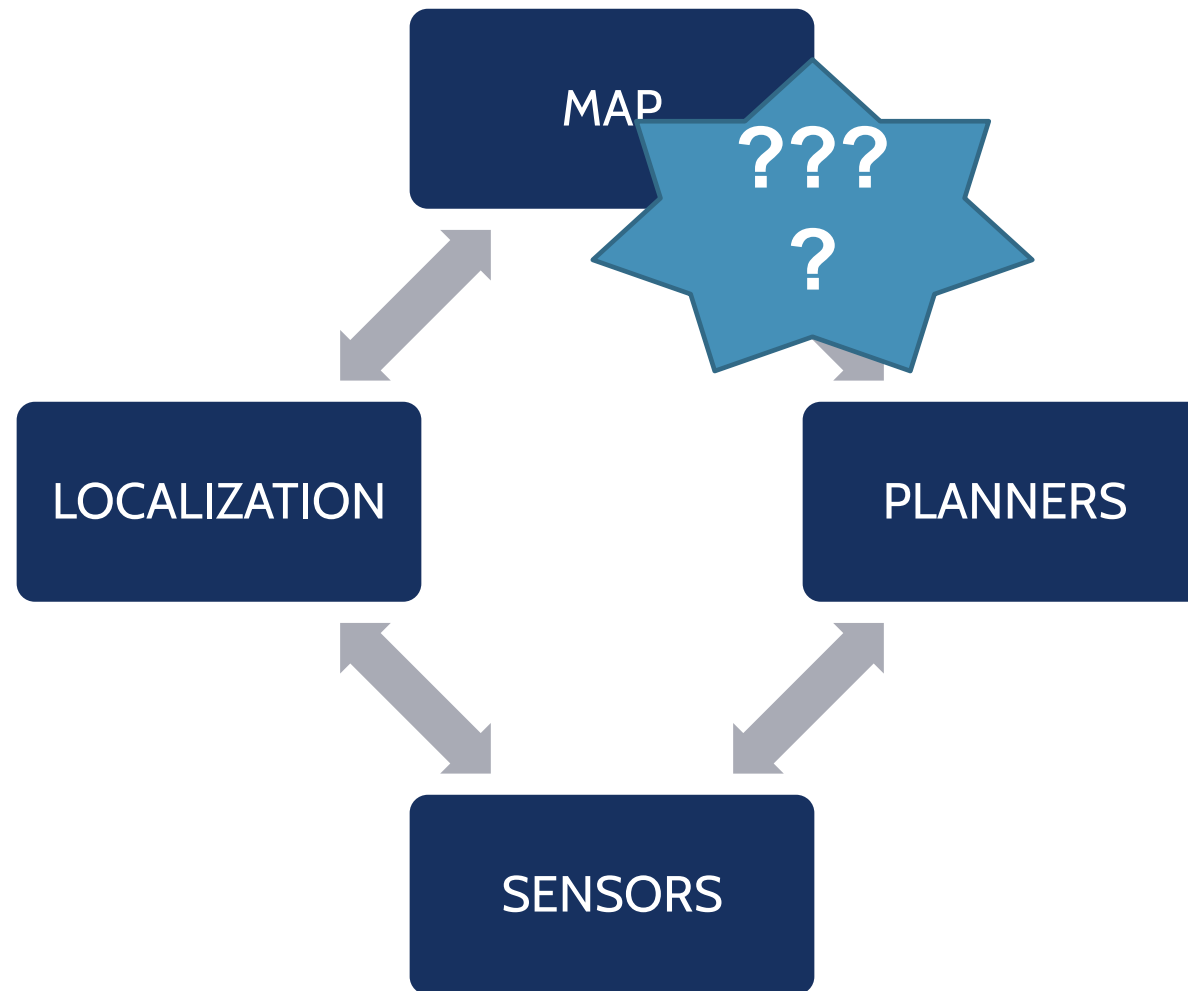
- Works better with differential drive or holonomic robots
- Requires a planar laser for scanning and localization
- Best results with square or circular robots



# NAVIGATION MAIN ELEMENTS



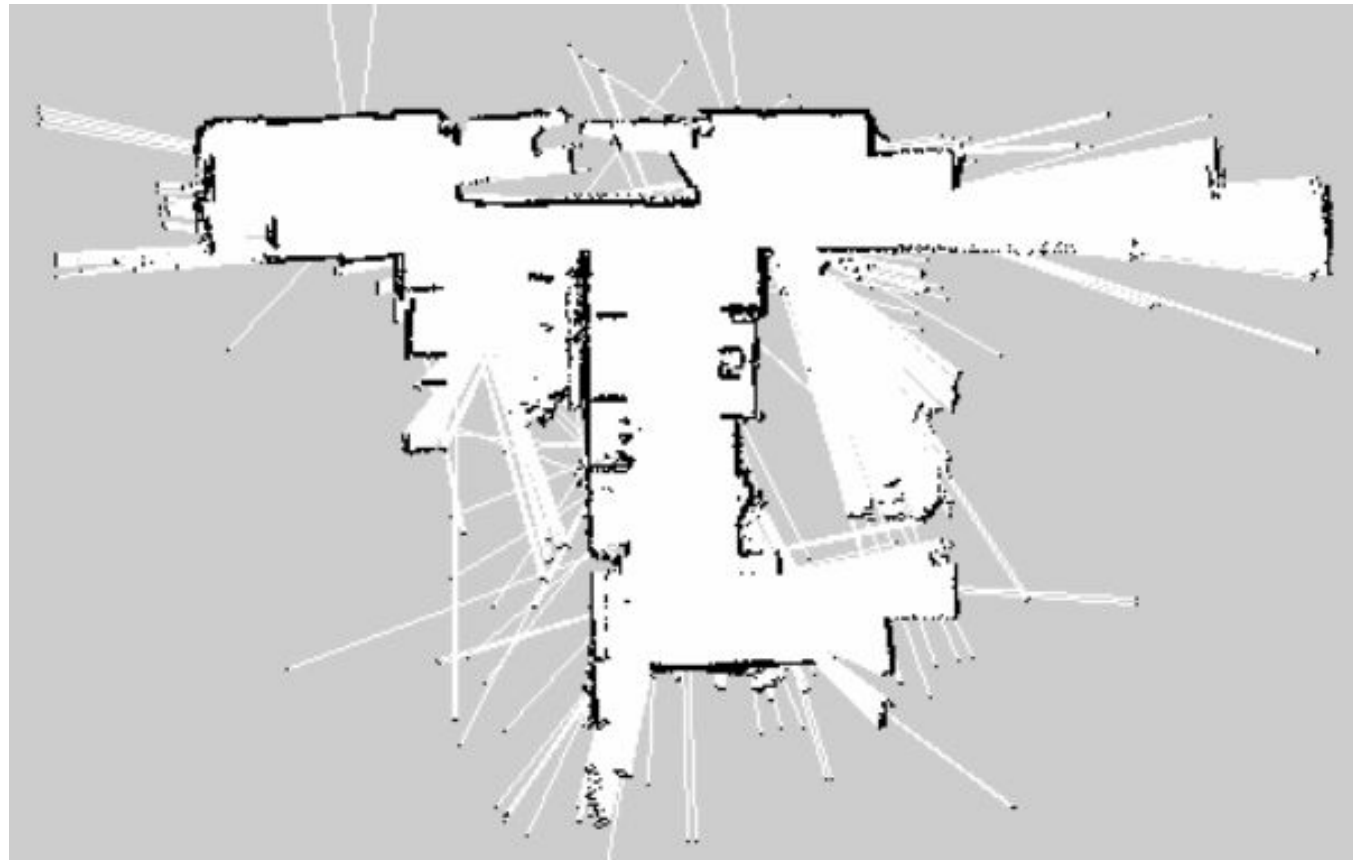
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# GMAPPING



`sudo apt install ros-noetic-gmapping`





ROS wrapper for openslam gmapping

Actually a SLAM algorithm

Can be used for real time map creation and localization

Based on lasers and odometry

# REQUIREMENTS



- Odometry
- Horizontally-mounted, fixed, laser range-finder
- Full tf tree with:
  - Base to laser transformation
  - Base to odometry transformation

# IMPORTANT PARAMETERS



`base_frame` (string, default: "base\_link")

the frame attached to the mobile base

`map_frame` (string, default: "map")

the frame attached to the map

`odom_frame` (string, default: "odom")

the frame attached to the odometry system

Also, topics to remap

`scan` (sensor\_msgs/LaserScan)

laser scans to create the map from

`map` (nav\_msgs/OccupancyGrid)

get the map data from this topic

# HOW TO USE IT



1. Drive your robot around
  1. Explore all the area you want to map
  2. Try to collect as much data as possible
  3. Try to make loops and give the algorithm references
2. Save everything in a bag
3. Run the bag
4. Start gmapping and let it crunch the data
5. Save the generated map

You can skip this and run the gmapping node in real time

# BAG VS REAL TIME



## *Using a bag*

Faster

Can use data already collected

Can do different trials

Tune parameters

## *Processing in real time*

Early stop if something goes wrong

Restart in case of problems

Can see directly the results

Assure full coverage



# ROBOT SIMULATORS

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# STAGE



- download from drive the folder called “stage”
- cd to the stage folder you downloaded
- to start the simulation simply use the command:

```
$ stage maze.world
```

if we want to control the robot we need to start it as a ROS node:

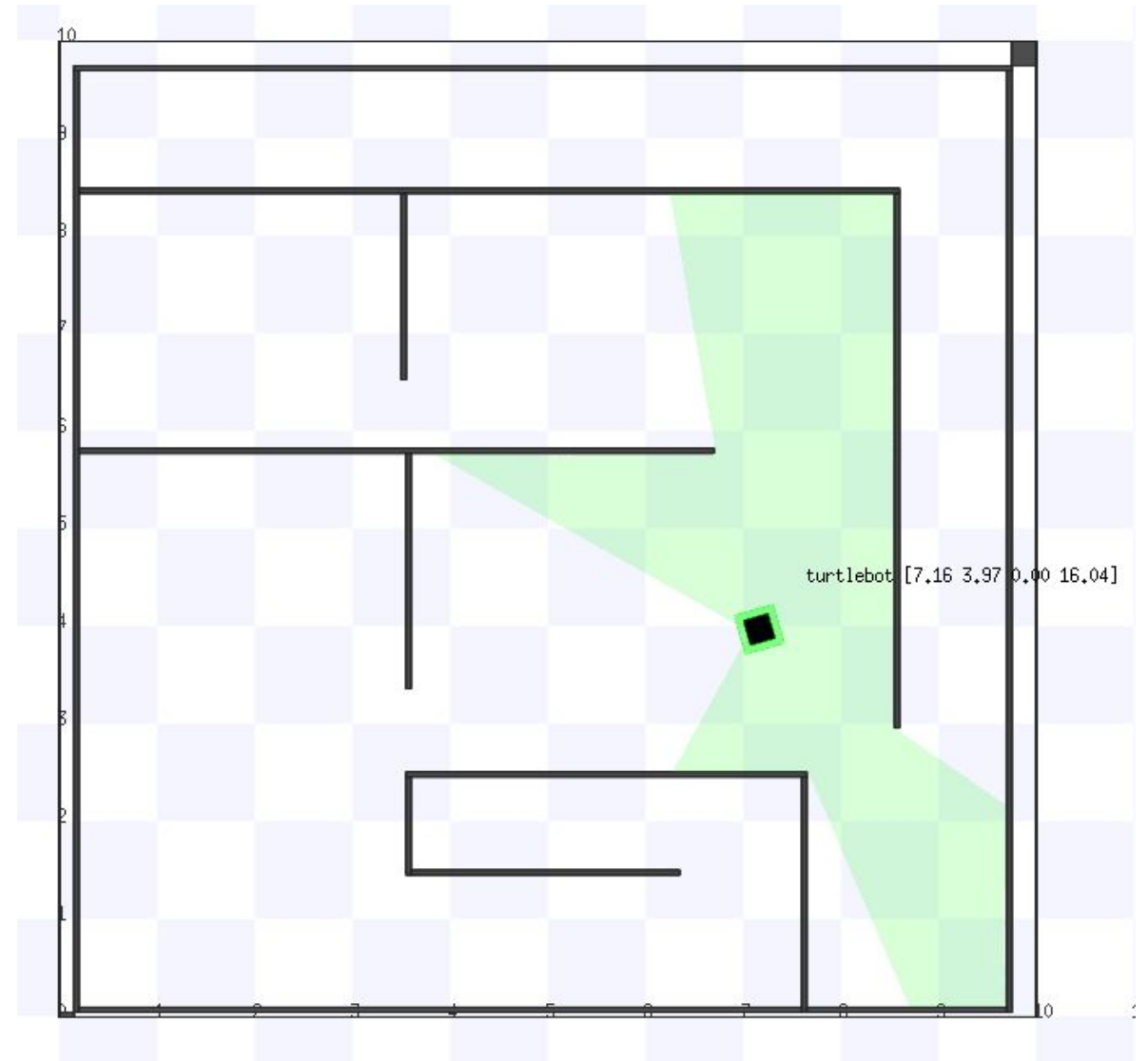
```
$ rosrn stage_ros stageros maze.world
```

# STAGE



we can use the one for turtlesim, remapping the topic name:

```
$ rosrun teleop_twist_keyboard  
teleop_twist_keyboard.py
```





# GMAPPING

Create the map:

```
$ rosrun gmapping slam_gmapping scan:=/base_scan _base_frame:=base_laser_link  
_xmin:=-5 _xmax:=5 _ymin:=-5 _ymax:=5
```

The map can be visualized inside rviz in real-time

To create the map, after the bag has finished playing run the command:

```
$ rosrun map_server map_saver -f map
```

to create the map file (both picture and yml)



## SOME ALTERNATIVES

Hector\_slam: [http://wiki.ros.org/hector\\_slam](http://wiki.ros.org/hector_slam)

Cartographer: <https://google-cartographer-ros.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

Slam\_toolbox: [http://wiki.ros.org/slam\\_toolbox](http://wiki.ros.org/slam_toolbox)