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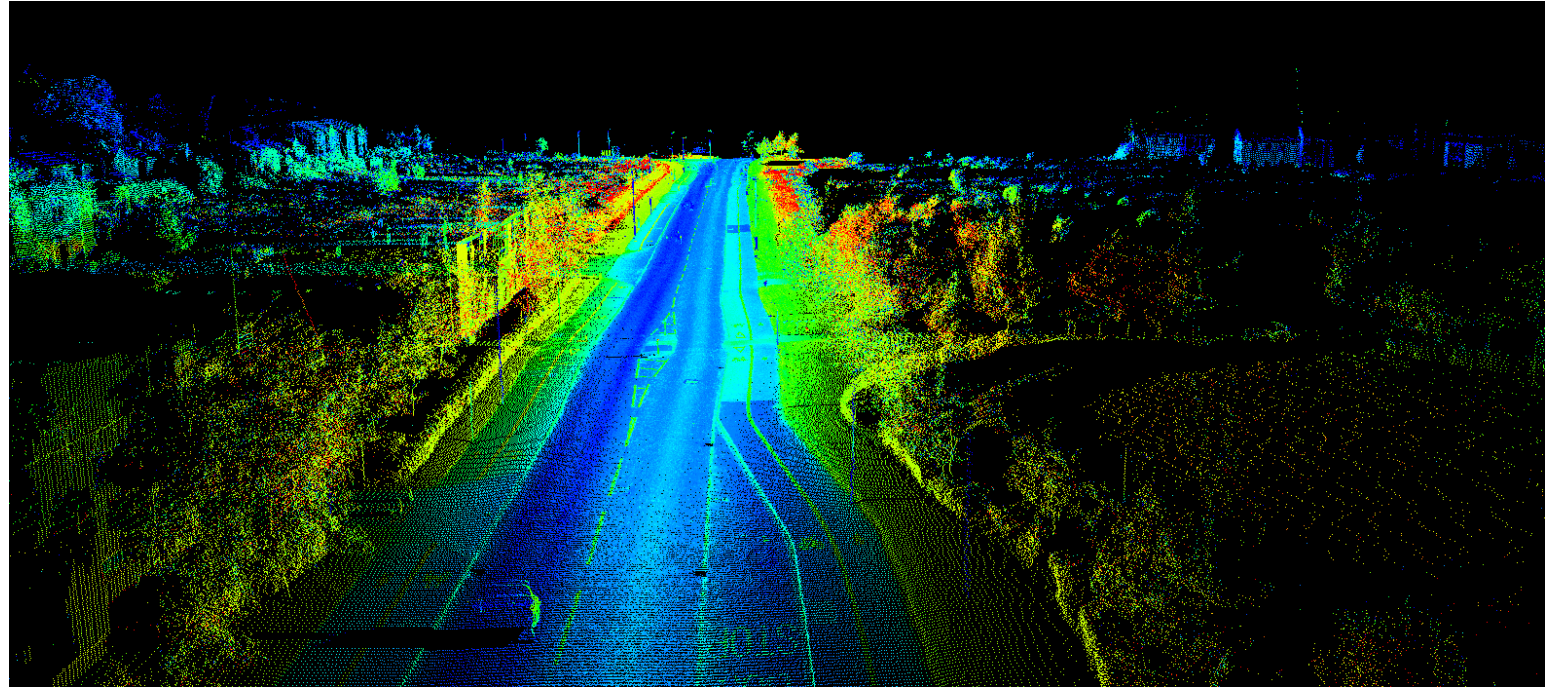
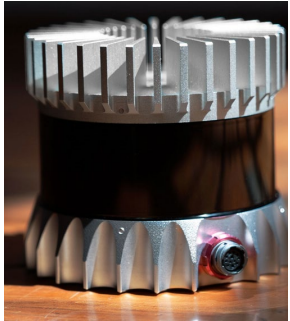
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Lecture 18: Autonomous Vehicles

- Sensors
- Pure Pursuit
- Other Cool Videos!

Autonomous Vehicles

- Drive-by-Wire (DBW) capability – allows for automatic control of vehicles (independent of a driver)
- Addition of sensors to “see” the outside world enables “autonomous” driving



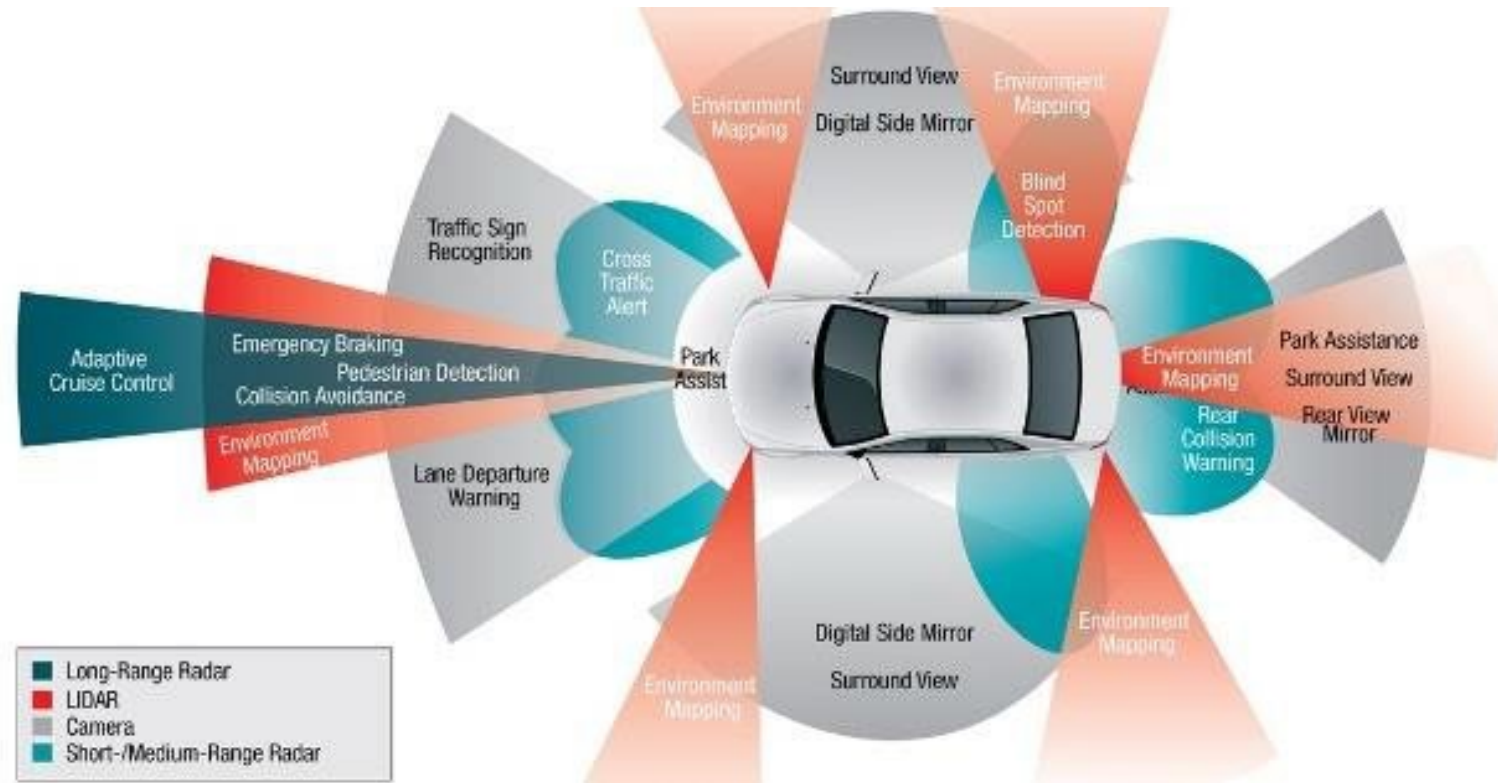
Global Localization

- Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)
 - US: GPS (Russia – GLONASS, EU – Galileo, China – BeiDou, ...)
- Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU)
 - Accelerometers, Magnetometers, ...



Autonomous Vehicles

- A key activity is “Sensor Fusion” to produce a coherent model of the world around



Autonomous Vehicles



SAE J3016™ LEVELS OF DRIVING AUTOMATION

		SAE LEVEL 0	SAE LEVEL 1	SAE LEVEL 2	SAE LEVEL 3	SAE LEVEL 4	SAE LEVEL 5
What does the human in the driver's seat have to do?		You <u>are</u> driving whenever these driver support features are engaged – even if your feet are off the pedals and you are not steering			You <u>are not</u> driving when these automated driving features are engaged – even if you are seated in “the driver's seat”		
		You must constantly supervise these support features; you must steer, brake or accelerate as needed to maintain safety			When the feature requests, you must drive	These automated driving features will not require you to take over driving	
What do these features do?		These are driver support features			These are automated driving features		
		These features are limited to providing warnings and momentary assistance	These features provide steering OR brake/acceleration support to the driver	These features provide steering AND brake/acceleration support to the driver	These features can drive the vehicle under limited conditions and will not operate unless all required conditions are met	This feature can drive the vehicle under all conditions	
Example Features		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• automatic emergency braking• blind spot warning• lane departure warning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• lane centering OR• adaptive cruise control	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• lane centering AND• adaptive cruise control at the same time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• traffic jam chauffeur	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• local driverless taxi• pedals/steering wheel may or may not be installed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• same as level 4, but feature can drive everywhere in all conditions

Pure Pursuit on Off-Road Vehicle

- Define "Desired Track" through a series of "Way Points" (locations using GPS)
- Control through accelerator pedal, brake pedal and steering automation!