

ME5400A Robotics Project

Autonomous Mobile Robot for Food Delivery Using
Mecanum Wheel Robot

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Problem

By 2030 almost **1 in 4** Singaporeans will be over 65 years old.

- Prime Minister's Office Singapore ^[1]

By 2050, 41.5% of Singapore's population will be aged over 60 years old, **worse than China**.

- United Nations, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. ^[2]

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[1] <https://www.pmo.gov.sg/Newsroom/PM-Lee-Hsien-Loong-at-the-Singapore-Ageing-Issues-and-Challenges-Ahead-Book-Launch>

[2] <https://www.unescap.org/kp/2022/asia-pacific-report-population-ageing-2022-trends-policies-and-good-practices-regarding>

Solution



USING ROBOTS FOR DELIVERIES

Machine able to use lifts on its own to pass items to seniors in HDB block

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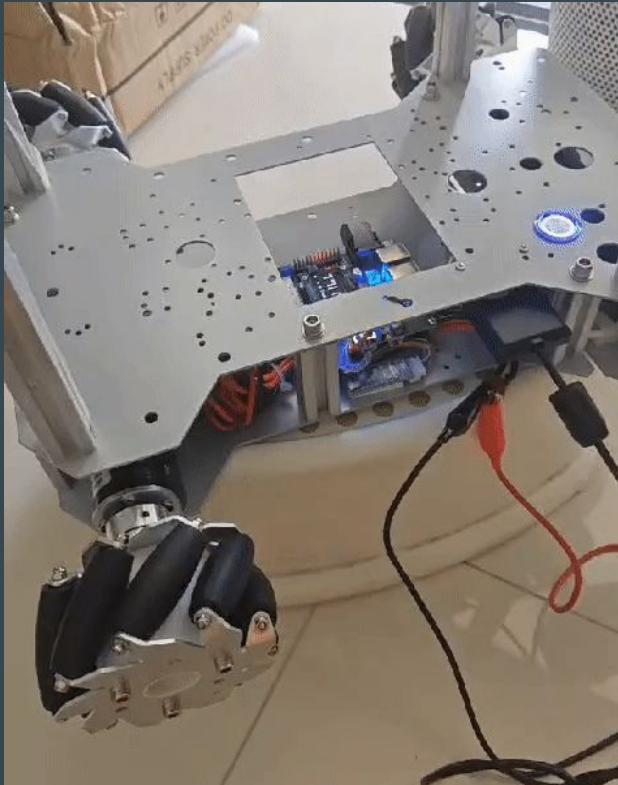


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DATA | Hardware

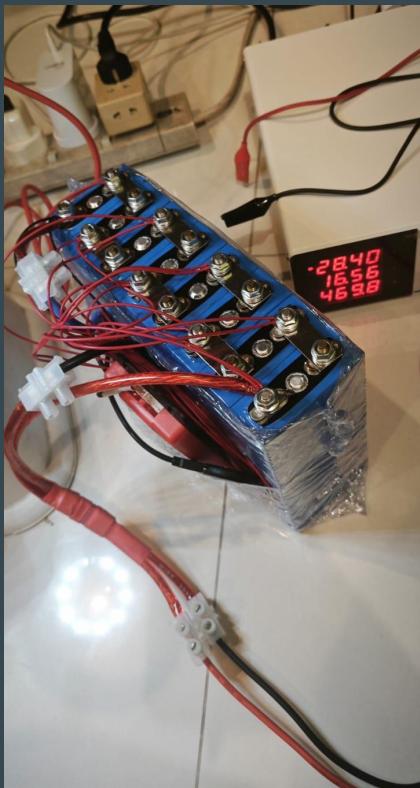


Base configuration

- 40 x 41 cm
- Mecanum 4WD
 - 10 cm wheels
 - 230 rpm
 - 1.2 m/s (Avg walking speed)
 - 13.5 kg.cm
 - 15 kg payload
- No wider than average adult
- Sufficient payload for 2 seniors

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DATA | Battery DIY



LiFePo4 3.2V Cells. 1C charge. 3C discharge.
8 cells = 25.6V 25.6V 25 Ah = 640 Wh

200W consumption
> 3h continuous operation
1h full recharge

Sufficient for Lunch / Dinner peak hour usage

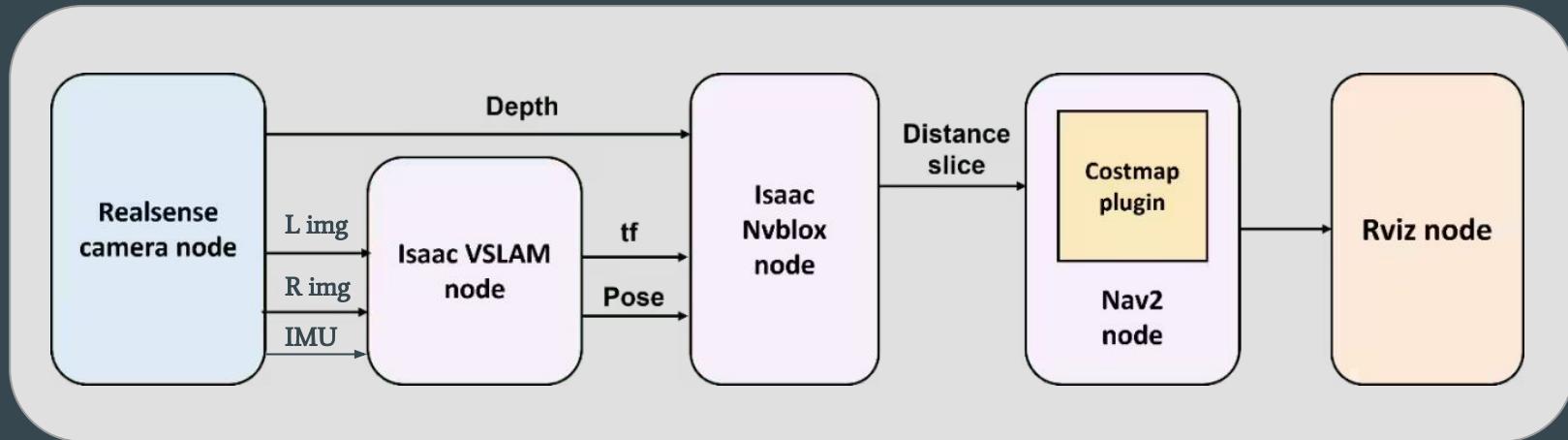
S\$230 vs \$300 24V 20AH Li-ION 1C

Safer. 10 yrs lifespan. -20 to 60°C range.
100% Depth of Discharge (DoD).

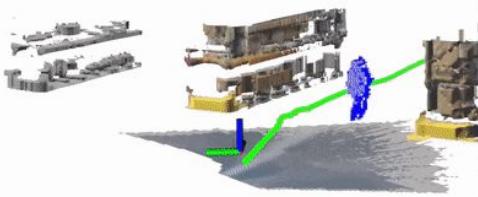
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22.2V 10AH 25C	1.00	324.25
22.2V 16AH 25C	1.00	513.97
22.2V 22000MAH 25C	1.00	635.09

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DATA | Vision Pipeline



DATA | NvBlox



Color



Depth + Mask

ROS Topics Subscribed

ROS Topic	Interface	Description
<code>pointcloud</code>	<code>sensor_msgs/PointCloud2</code>	Input 3D LIDAR pointcloud. Make sure to set the lidar intrinsic parameters if using this input, as it uses those to convert the pointcloud into a depth image.
<code>color/image</code>	<code>sensor_msgs/Image</code>	Optional input color image to be integrated. Must be paired with a <code>camera_info</code> message below. Only used to color the mesh.
<code>color/camera_info</code>	<code>sensor_msgs/CameraInfo</code>	Optional topic along with the color image above. Contains intrinsics of the color camera.
<code>depth/image</code>	<code>sensor_msgs/Image</code>	The input depth image to be integrated. Must be paired with a <code>camera_info</code> message below. Supports both floating-point (depth in meters) and <code>uint16</code> (depth in millimeters, OpenNI format).
<code>depth/camera_info</code>	<code>sensor_msgs/CameraInfo</code>	Required topic along with the depth image. Contains intrinsic calibration parameters of the depth camera.
<code>transform</code>	<code>geometry_msgs/TransformStamped</code>	Odometry as stamped transform messages. Not required if <code>use_tf_transforms</code> is set to true.
<code>pose</code>	<code>geometry_msgs/PoseStamped</code>	Odometry as stamped pose messages. Not required if <code>use_tf_transforms</code> is set to true.

DATA | Disparity, Depth, Point Cloud

isaac_ros_ess

960 x 576

ROS Topic	Interface	Description
<code>left/image_rect</code>	<code>sensor_msgs/Image</code>	The left image of a stereo pair.
<code>right/image_rect</code>	<code>sensor_msgs/Image</code>	The right image of a stereo pair.
<code>left/camera_info</code>	<code>sensor_msgs/CameraInfo</code>	The left camera model.
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ROS Topic	Interface	Description
<code>disparity</code>	<code>stereo_msgs/DisparityImage</code>	The continuous stereo disparity estimation.

isaac_ros_visual_slam

ROS Topic	Interface	Description
<code>/stereo_camera/left/image</code>	<code>sensor_msgs/Image</code>	The image from the left eye of the stereo camera in grayscale.
<code>/stereo_camera/left/camera_info</code>	<code>sensor_msgs/CameraInfo</code>	CameraInfo from the left eye of the stereo camera.
<code>/stereo_camera/right/image</code>	<code>sensor_msgs/Image</code>	The image from the right eye of the stereo camera in grayscale.
<code>/stereo_camera/right/camera_info</code>	<code>sensor_msgs/CameraInfo</code>	CameraInfo from the right eye of the stereo camera.
<code>visual_slam imu</code>	<code>sensor_msgs/Imu</code>	Sensor data from the IMU(optional).

isaac_ros_image_proc

Component	Topics Subscribed	Topics Published	Parameters
<code>ImageFormatConverterNode</code>	<code>image_raw</code> , <code>camera_info</code> : The input camera stream	<code>image</code> : The converted image	<code>encoding_desired</code> : Target encoding to convert to.
<code>RectifyNode</code>	<code>image_raw</code> , <code>camera_info</code> : The input camera stream	<code>image_rect</code> , <code>camera_info_rect</code> : The rectified camera stream	<code>output_height</code> : The absolute height to resize to <code>output_width</code> : The absolute width to resize to <code>keep_aspect_ratio</code> : The flag to keep the aspect_ratio when set to true

isaac_ros_stereo_image_proc

<code>PointCloudNode</code>	<code>left/image_rect_color</code> : The coloring for the point cloud <code>left/camera_info</code> : The left camera info <code>right/camera_info</code> : The right camera info <code>disparity</code> : The disparity between the two cameras	<code>points2</code> : The output point cloud	<code>use_color</code> : Whether or not the output point cloud should have color. The default value is false. <code>unit_scaling</code> : The amount to scale the <code>xyz</code> points by
<code>DisparityToDepthNode</code>	<code>disparity</code> : The disparity image	<code>depth</code> : The resultant depth image	N/A

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DATA | Disparity, Depth, Point Cloud

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<code>disparity</code>	<code>stereo_msgs/DisparityImage</code>	The continuous stereo disparity estimation.

isaac_ros_visual_slam

ROS Topic	Interface	Description
<code>/stereo_camera/left/image</code>	<code>sensor_msgs/Image</code>	The image from the left eye of the stereo camera in grayscale.
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<code>/stereo_camera/right/image</code>	<code>sensor_msgs/Image</code>	The image from the right eye of the stereo camera in grayscale.
<code>/stereo_camera/right/camera_info</code>	<code>sensor_msgs/CameraInfo</code>	CameraInfo from the right eye of the stereo camera.
<code>visual_slam imu</code>	<code>sensor_msgs/Imu</code>	Sensor data from the IMU(optional).

isaac_ros_image_proc

Component	Topics Subscribed	Topics Published	Parameters
<code>ImageFormatConverterNode</code>	<code>image_raw</code> , <code>camera_info</code> : The input camera stream	<code>image</code> : The converted image <code>mono8 -> rgb8</code>	<code>encoding_desired</code> : Target encoding to convert to.
<code>RectifyNode</code>	<code>image_raw</code> , <code>camera_info</code> : The input camera stream	<code>image_rect</code> , <code>camera_info_rect</code> : The rectified camera stream	<code>output_height</code> : The absolute height to resize to <code>output_width</code> : The absolute width to resize to <code>keep_aspect_ratio</code> : The flag to keep the aspect_ratio when set to true <code>960 x 576</code>

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<code>DisparityToDepthNode</code>	<code>disparity</code> : The disparity image	<code>depth</code> : The resultant depth image	N/A

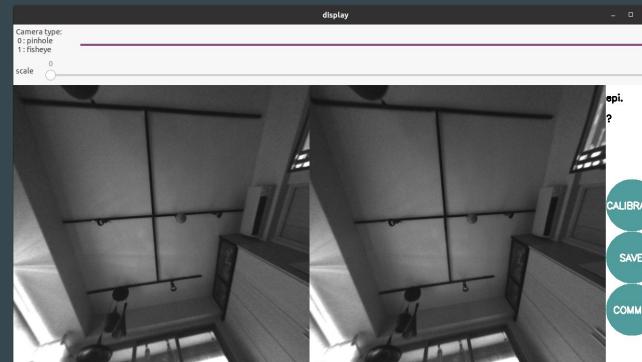
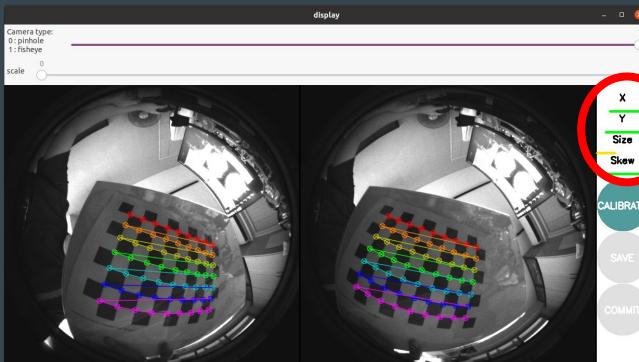
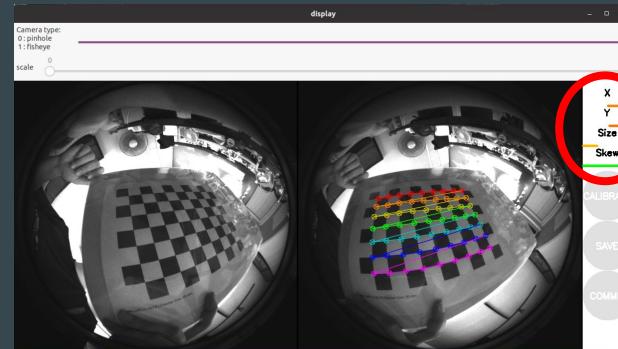
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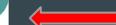
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DATA | Calibration

Custom ROS2 Python Publisher

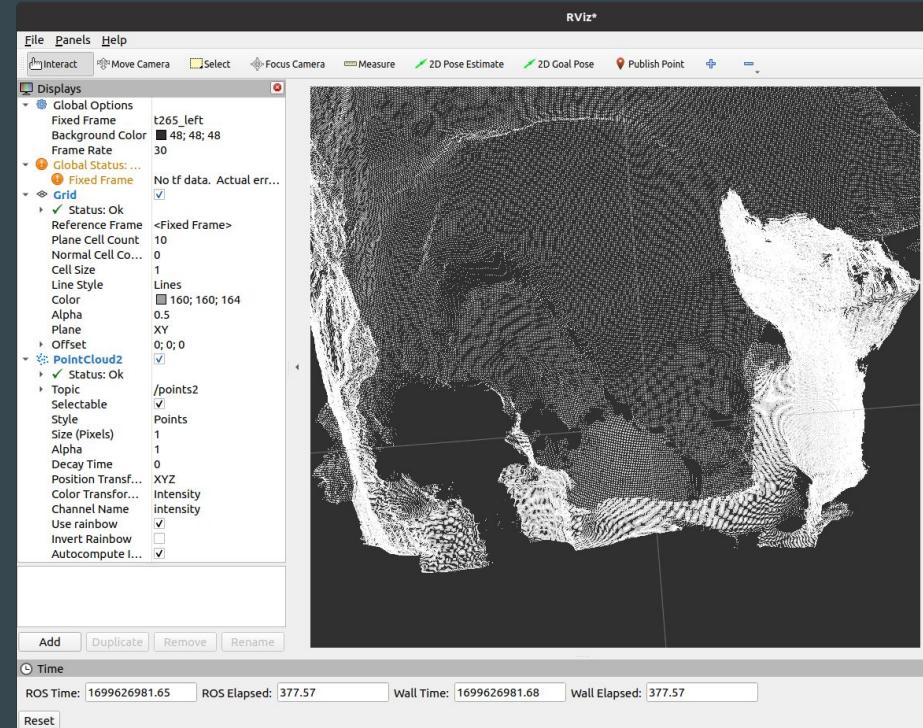
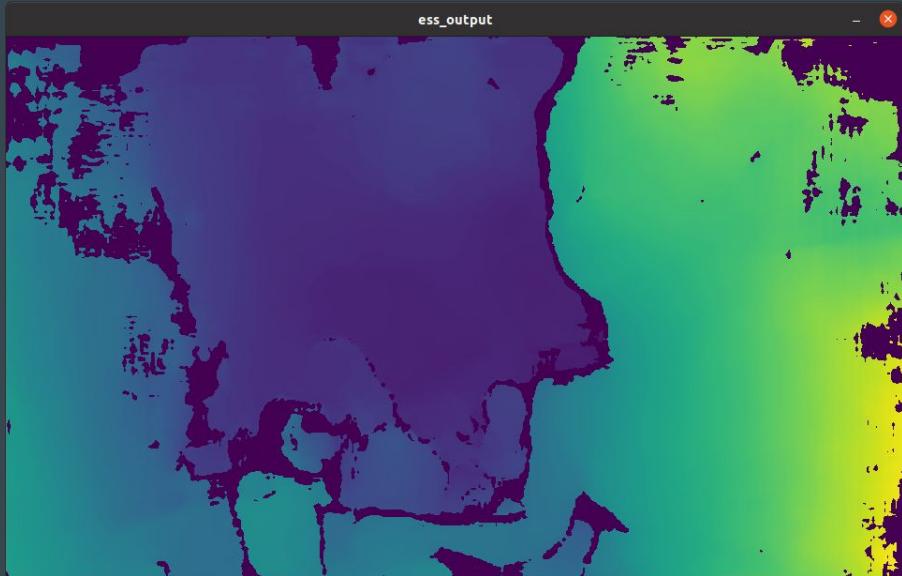


camera_info



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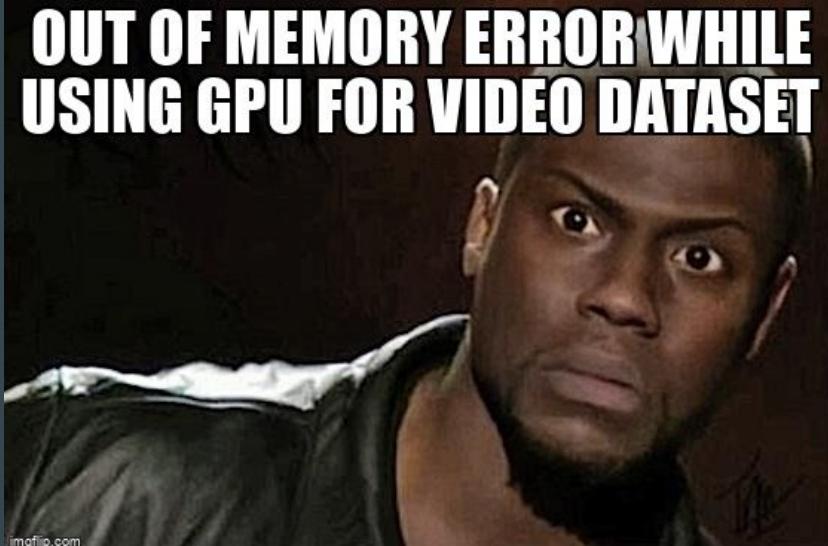
DATA | Disparity, Depth, Point Cloud



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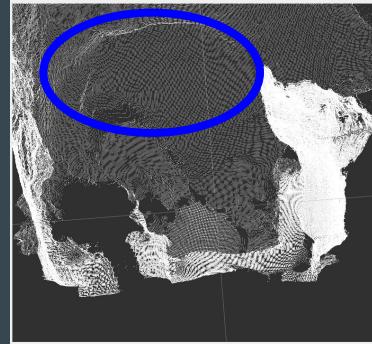
DATA | O.M.G.

**OUT OF MEMORY ERROR WHILE
USING GPU FOR VIDEO DATASET**

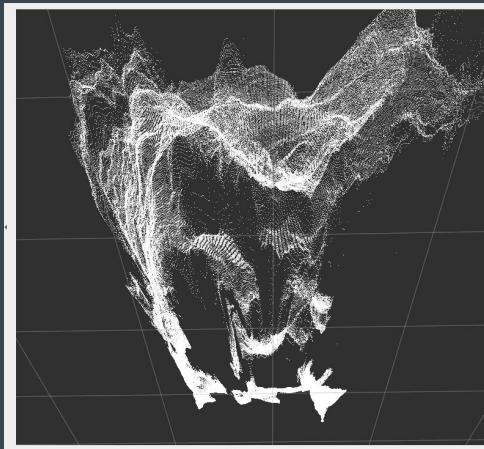


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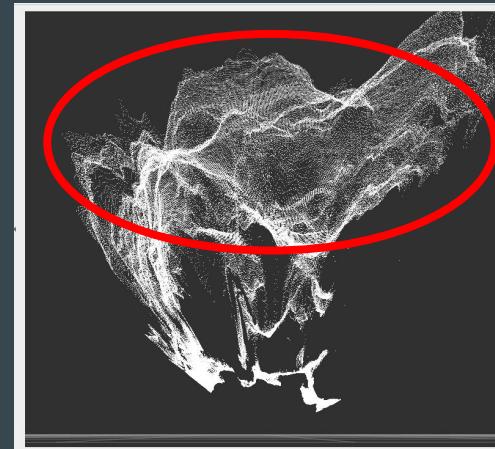
DATA | PointCloud to Scan?



Front



45°



Top

Problem in areas
with low detail

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IT'S OK IF ALL YOU DID
TODAY WAS SURVIVE.



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DATA | Stereo Visual-Inertial Odometry

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960 x 576

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<code>/stereo_camera/right/camera_info</code>	<code>sensor_msgs/CameraInfo</code>	CameralInfo from the right eye of the stereo camera.
<code>visual_slam imu</code>	<code>sensor_msgs/Imu</code>	Sensor data from the IMU(optional).

isaac_ros_image_proc

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<code>ImageFormatConverterNode</code>	<code>image_raw</code> , <code>camera_info</code>	The converted image	<code>encoding_desired</code> : Target encoding to convert to.
<code>RectifyNode</code>	<code>image_raw</code> , <code>camera_info</code> , <code>left/image_rect</code> , <code>right/image_rect</code>	The rectified camera stream	<code>output_height</code> : The absolute height to resize to <code>output_width</code> : The absolute width to resize to <code>keep_aspect_ratio</code> : The flag to keep the aspect_ratio when set to true



isaac_ros_stereo_image_proc

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<code>PointCloudNode</code>	<code>left/image_rect_color</code> , <code>left/camera_info</code> , <code>right/camera_info</code> , <code>disparity</code>	The point cloud	<code>use_color</code> : Whether or not the output point cloud should have color. The default value is false. <code>unit_scaling</code> : The amount to scale the <code>xyz</code> points by
<code>DisparityToDepthNode</code>	<code>disparity</code>	The resultant depth image	N/A

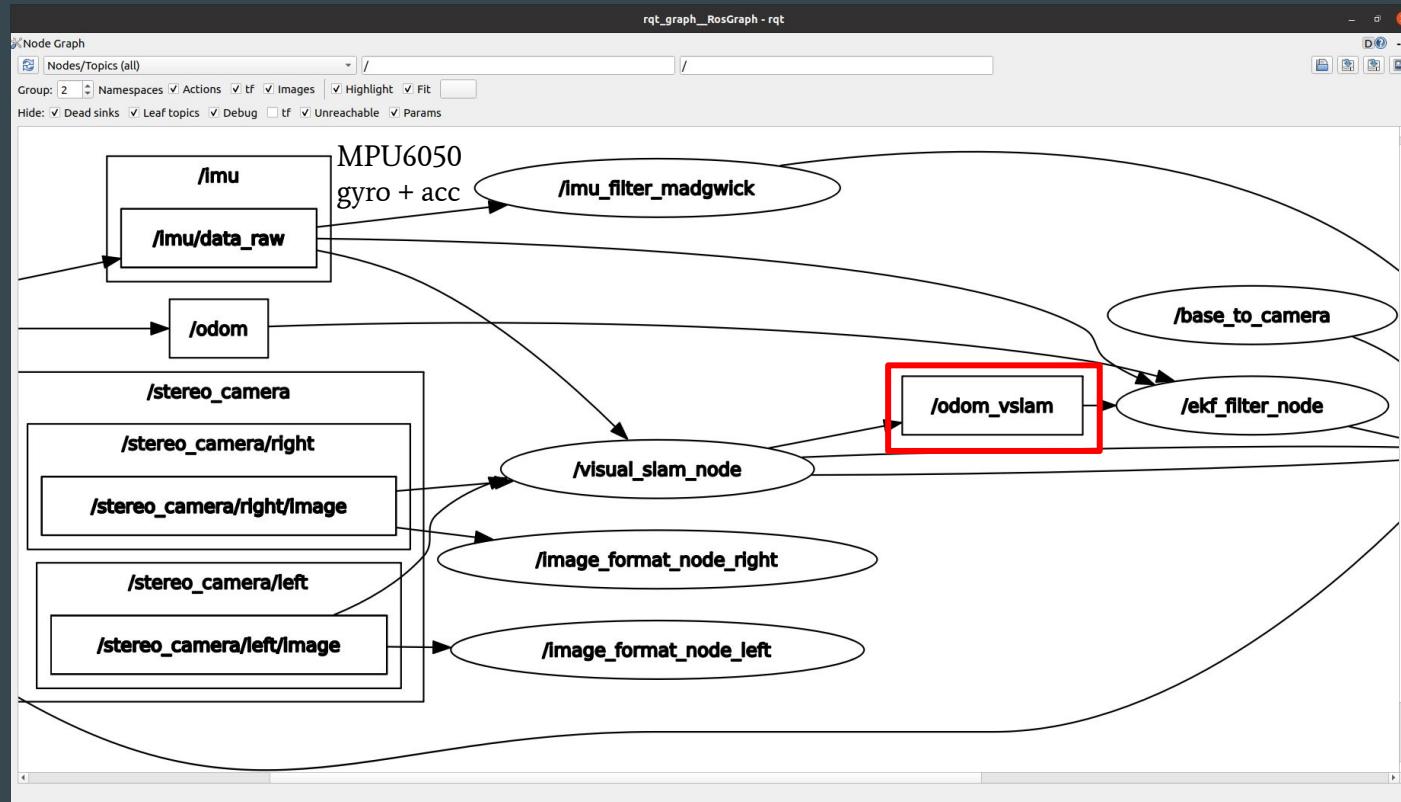


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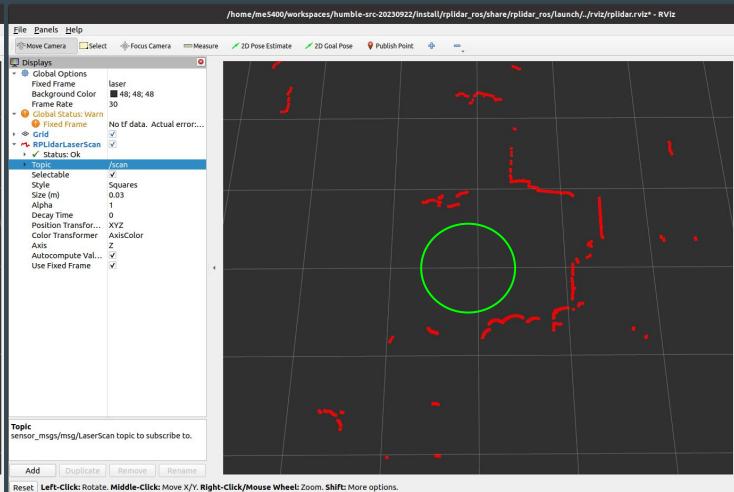
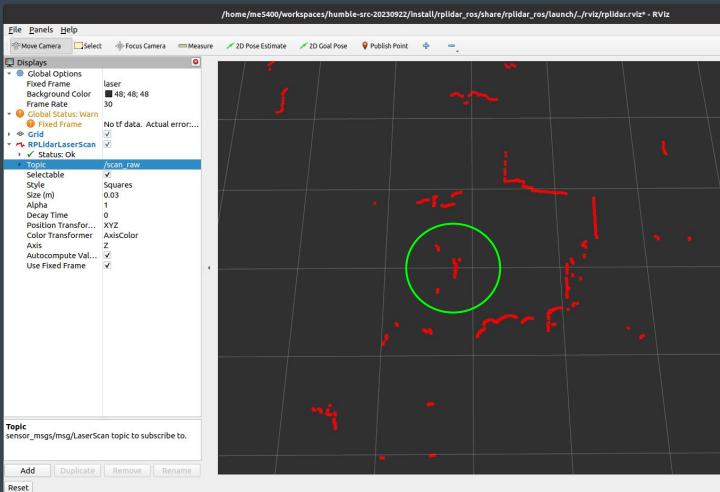
DATA | Sensor Fusion



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DATA | LiDAR Filtering

Custom ROS2 C++ Filter



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DATA | URDF + Static TF

URDF robot_state_publisher

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  </link>

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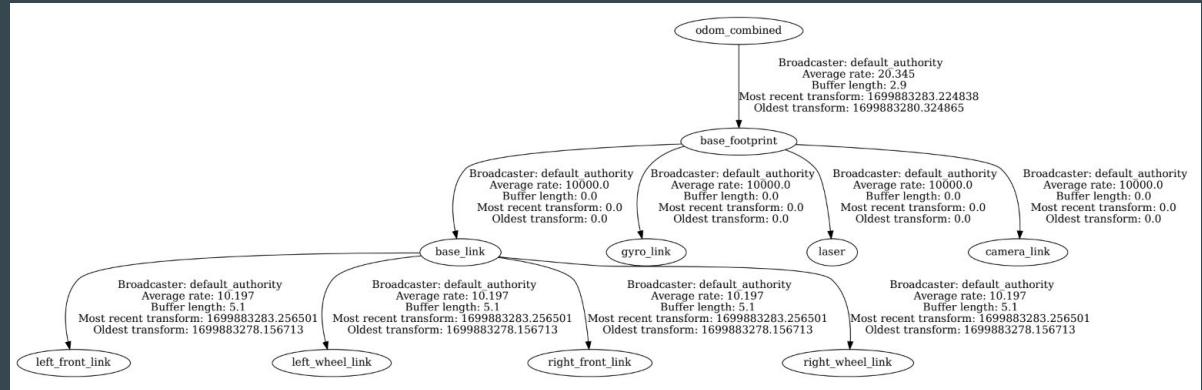
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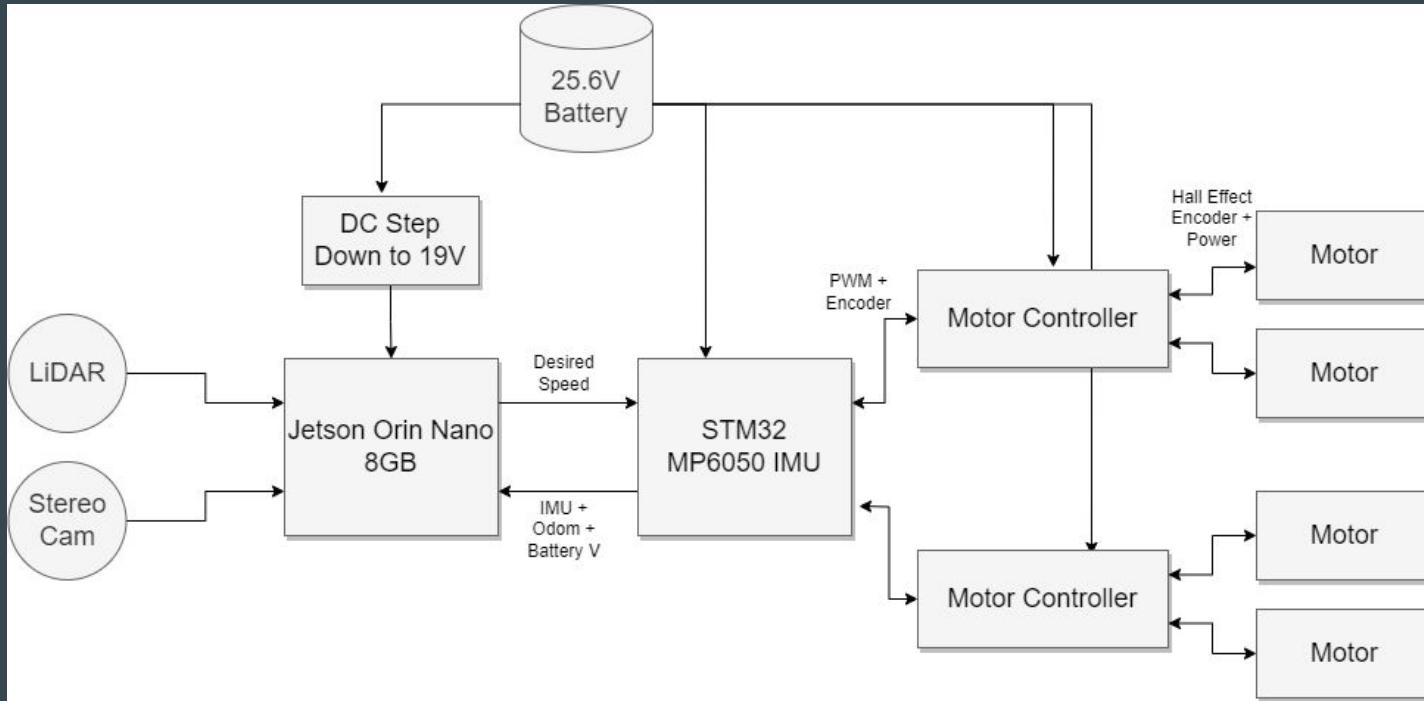
static_transform_publisher

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DATA | High Level Hardware Diagram



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DATA | Lessons Learnt

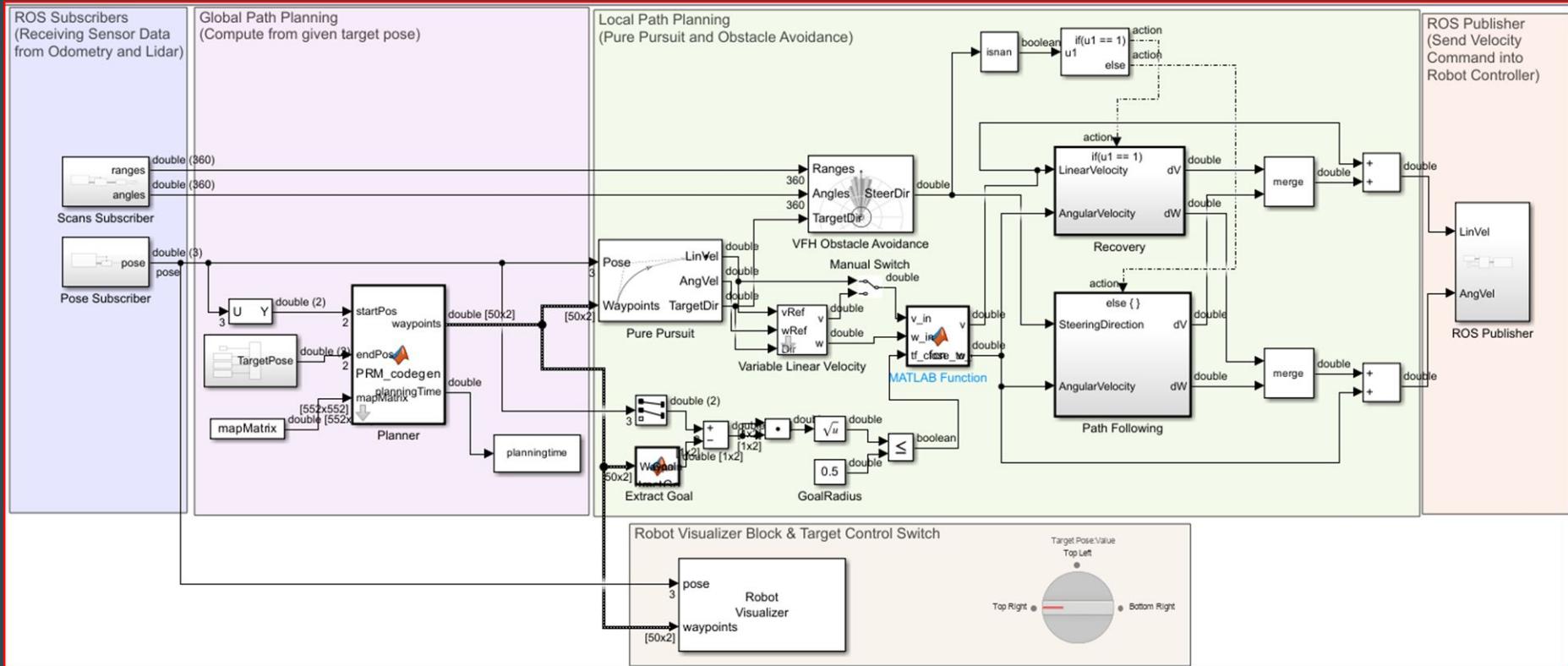
- Difficulty of sourcing for battery in Singapore
- Flashing Jetson SSD without using SD card is a pain
 - Windows instructions didn't work
 - From Ubuntu 22.04 doesn't work - even though ROS Humble meant for 22.04
 - Just use Ubuntu 20.04 !
- Limitations of Jetson Orin Nano 8GB
 - Cannot fit everything into one, even if just for processing single pair of stereo vision
- Noise of stereo vision depth estimation
 - Limits depth map / point cloud generation
- Most resources still in ROS1
 - Porting ROS1 code to ROS2 is not straightforward, especially in C++
- Murphy's Law
 - Many official code repositories / instructions do not work out of the box

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COMPUTE | Simulation Step in Computing Part

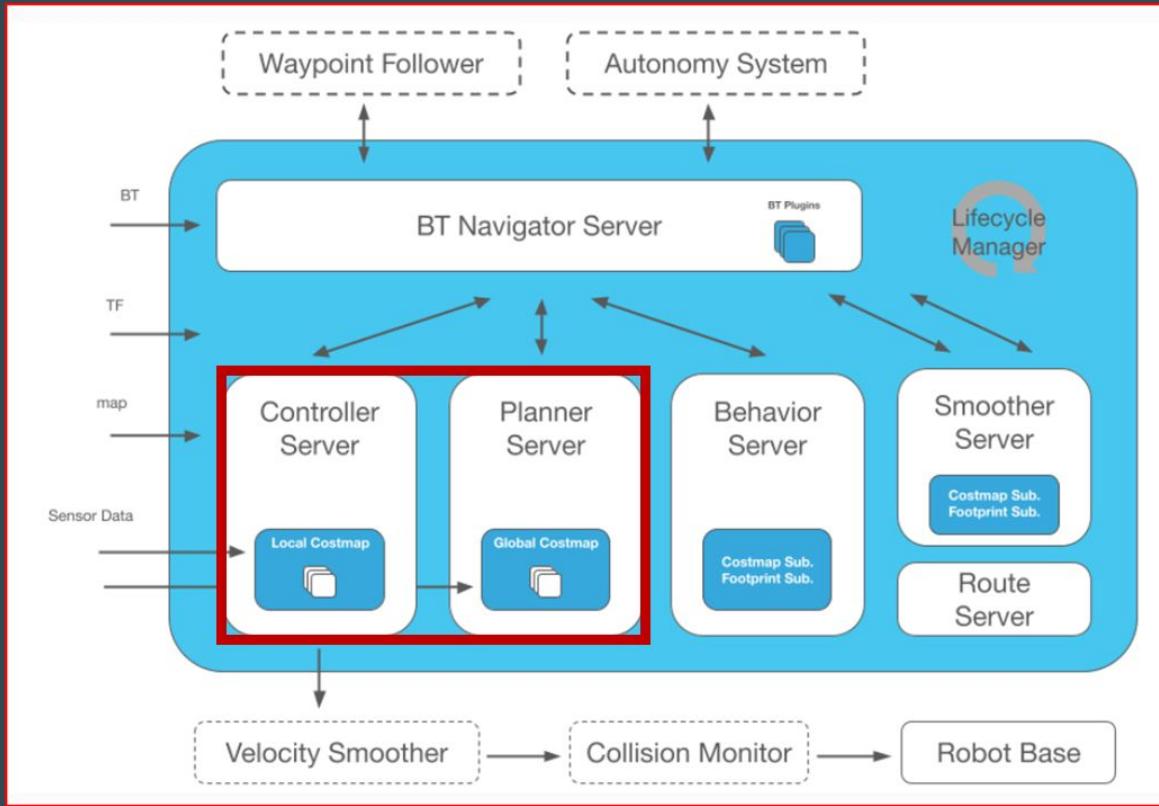
- Before implementing computation part into real physical robot, first step is do simulation to determine whether the navigation of the robot has a good performance to implement or not
- The navigation including global path planning and local path planning (controller to follow a global path as well as avoiding dynamic obstacle)
- The simulation have been done using Matlab Simulink and ROS2 Nav2 Navigation Stack

COMPUTE | Computing Path Planning Using Matlab Simulink



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COMPUTE | Nav2 Navigation Stack in ROS2



By: Kent

COMPUTE | Comparison Matlab Simulink and ROS2 Nav2

1. Path Planning Time and Initialization Time

- In Matlab Simulink, the initialization time take around 24.3643 seconds while path planning time take around 0.6008 seconds.



The image shows two side-by-side Matlab variable browser windows. The left window is titled 'Variables - initializationtime' and contains a single variable 'initializationtime' which is a 1x1 double value of 24.3643. The right window is titled 'Variables - planningtime' and contains a single variable 'planningtime' which is a 1x1 double value of 0.6008.

	1	2
1	24.3643	

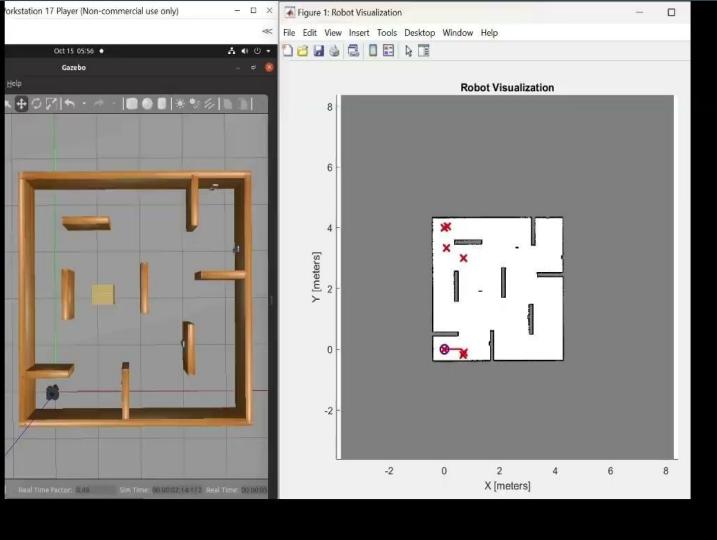
	1	2
1	0.6008	

- In Nav2, the initialization time take around 5.10 seconds while path planning time take 0.07 seconds.

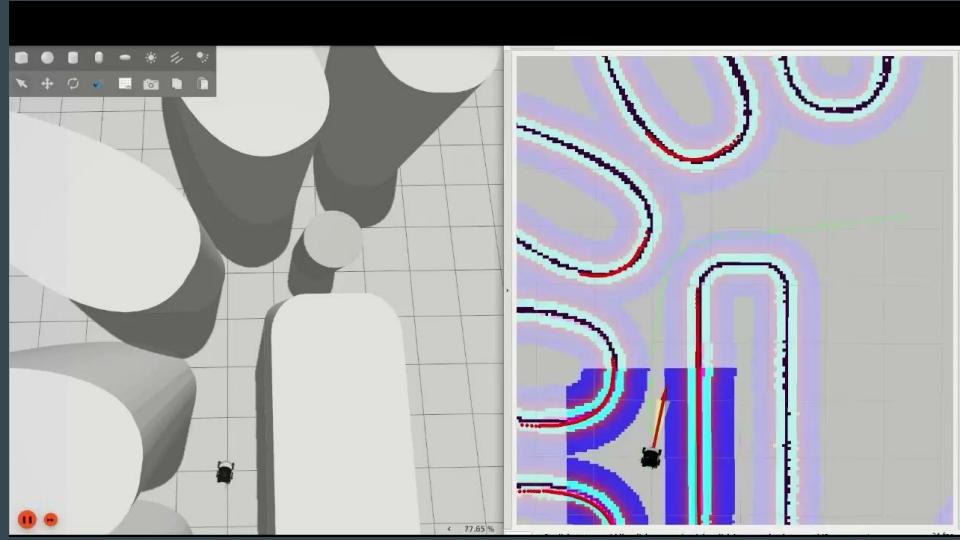
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[INFO] [1697501306.399053119] [basic_navigator]: Publishing Initial Pose
[INFO] [1697501311.497638370] [basic_navigator]: Nav2 is ready for use!
Initialization time: 5.10 seconds
[INFO] [1697501311.501081260] [basic_navigator]: Getting path...
[INFO] [1697501311.563487499] [basic_navigator]: Navigating to goal: 11.0 -13.0.
..
Path planning start time: 494648686805 ns
Path planning end time: 494721908645 ns
Path planning time: 0.07 seconds
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COMPUTE | Comparison Matlab Simulink and ROS2 Nav2

2. Capability to avoid dynamic obstacle



Unable to avoid medium-large dynamic obstacle in Matlab Simulink

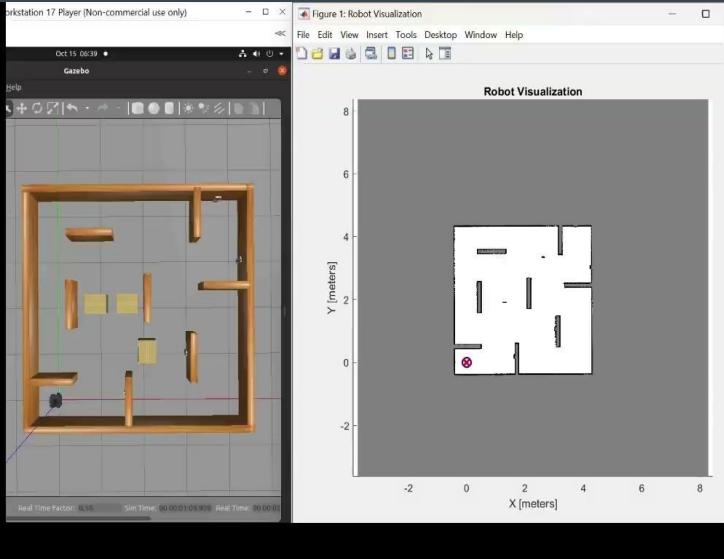


Able to avoid medium-large dynamic obstacle in Nav2

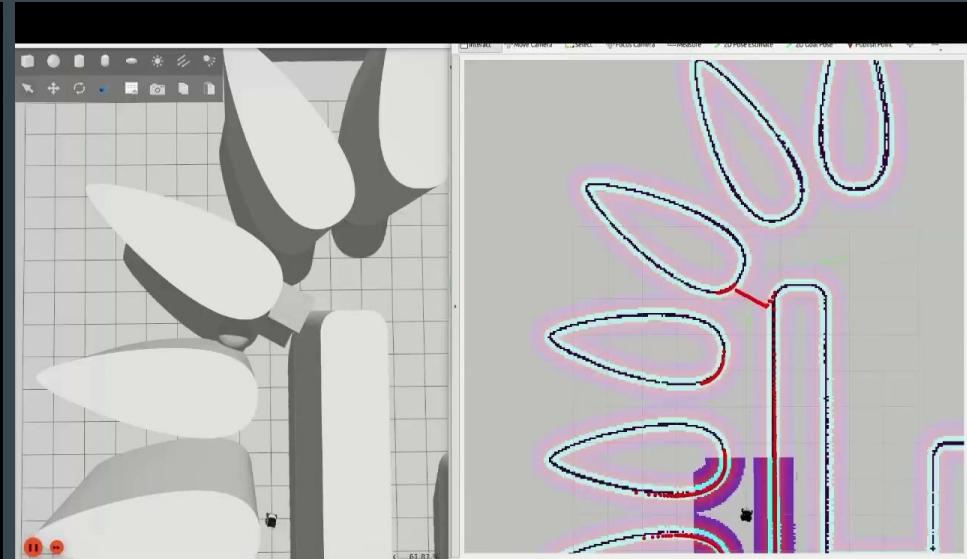
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COMPUTE | Comparison Matlab Simulink and ROS2 Nav2

3. Capability to generate a new path when old path get block



Unable to generate a new path when path get block in Matlab Simulink



Able to generate a new path when path get block in Nav2

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COMPUTE | Computing Part Step After Simulation

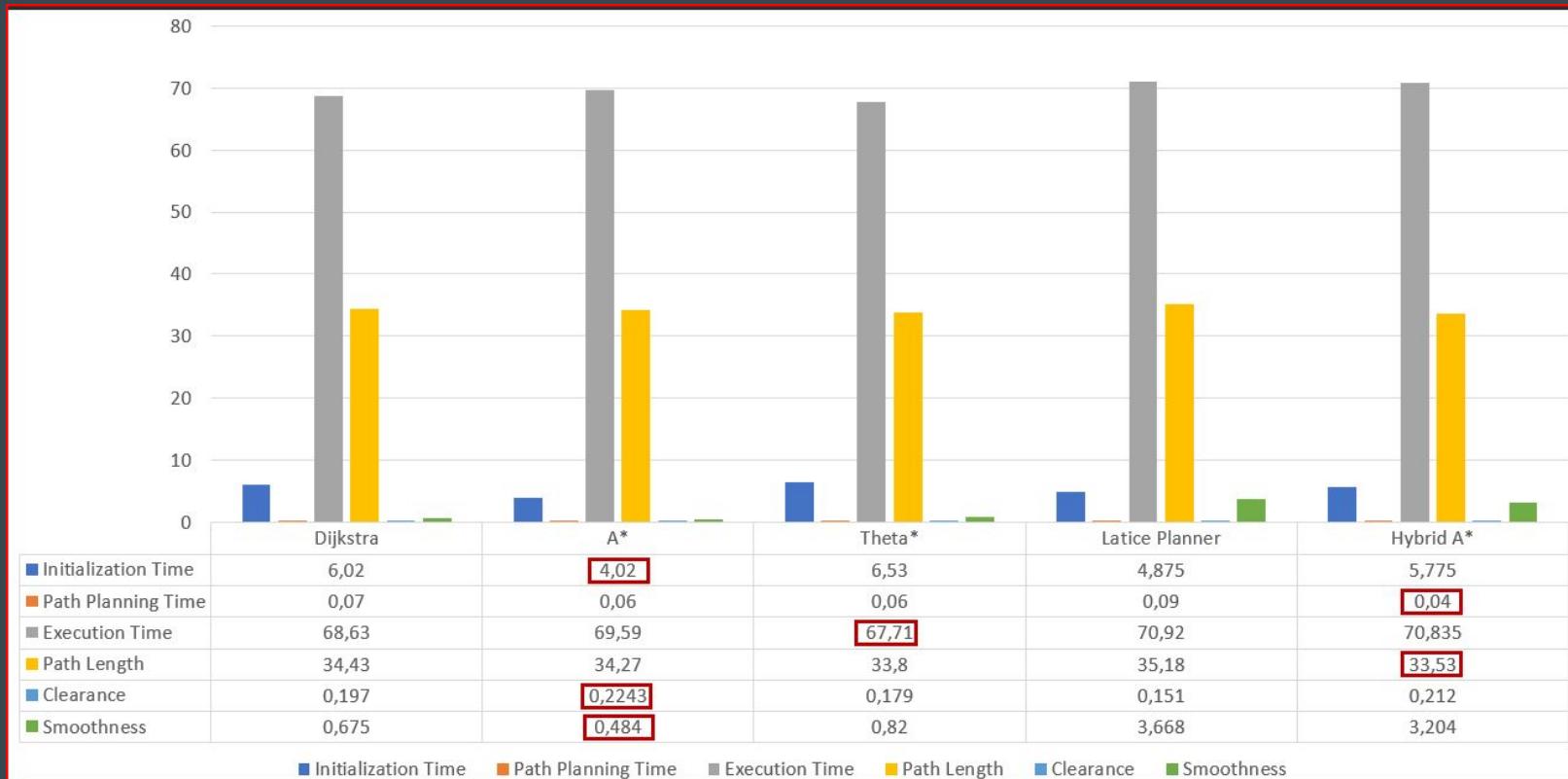
- Find an optimal global path and local path algorithm based on performance metric calculation.
- Implement the chosen global path and local path algorithm using Nav2 Navigation Stack into real physical robot.
- Tuning or adjust some configuration parameter in global and local path planner to provide an optimal behaviour while the robot navigate in its environment.

COMPUTE | Performance Metric Calculation

- In path planning, metric calculation used to evaluate the quality and performance of paths generated by path planners.
- Metric that used to evaluate global path planner :
 - Path length
 - Path Planning time
 - Initialization time
 - Execution time
 - Clearance
 - Smoothness
- Metric that used to evaluate local path planner :
 - Tracking Error
 - Clearance
 - Smoothness

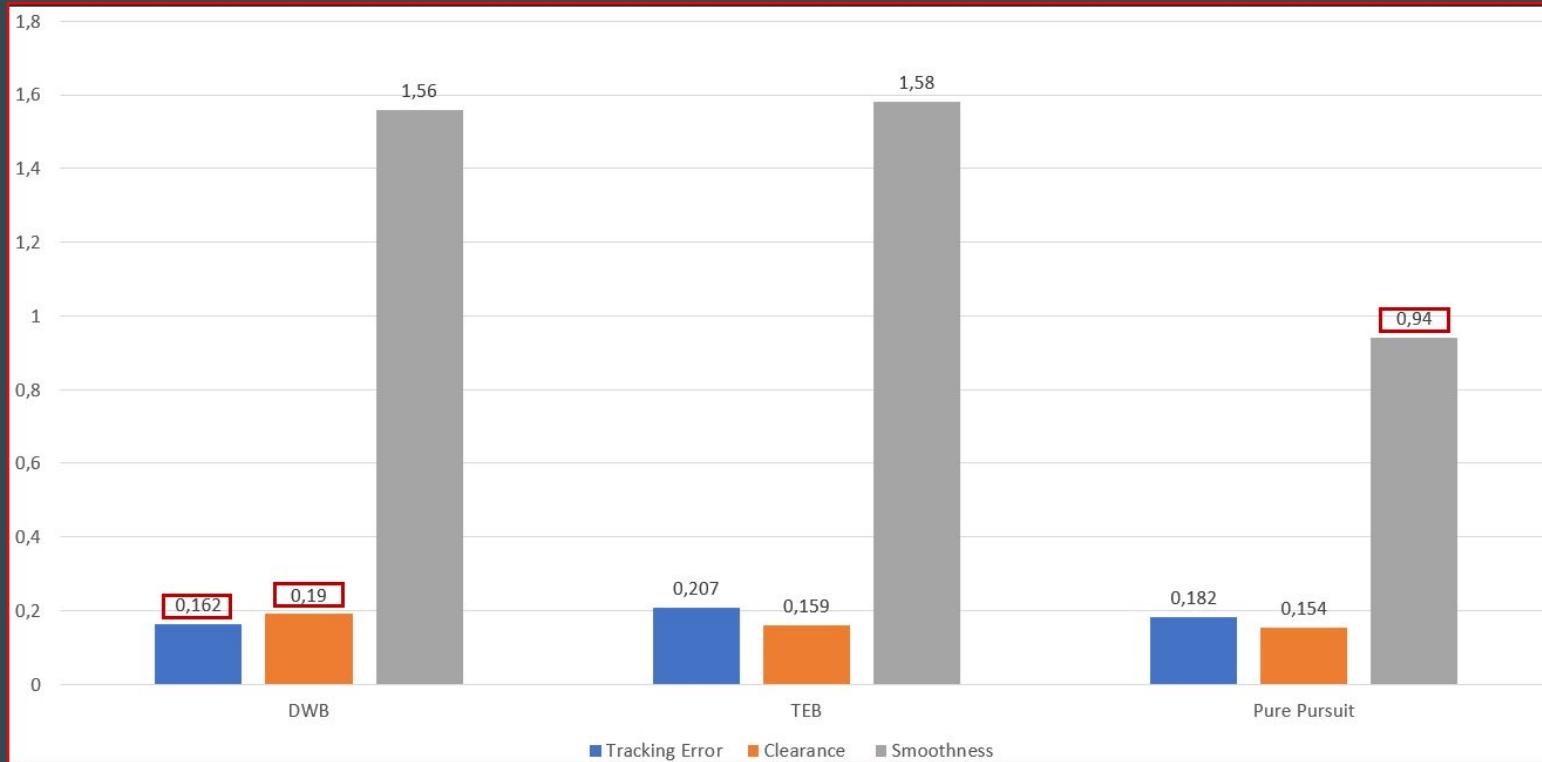
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COMPUTE | Overall Metric Calculation for Global Path Planner



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COMPUTE | Overall Metric Calculation for Local Path Planner

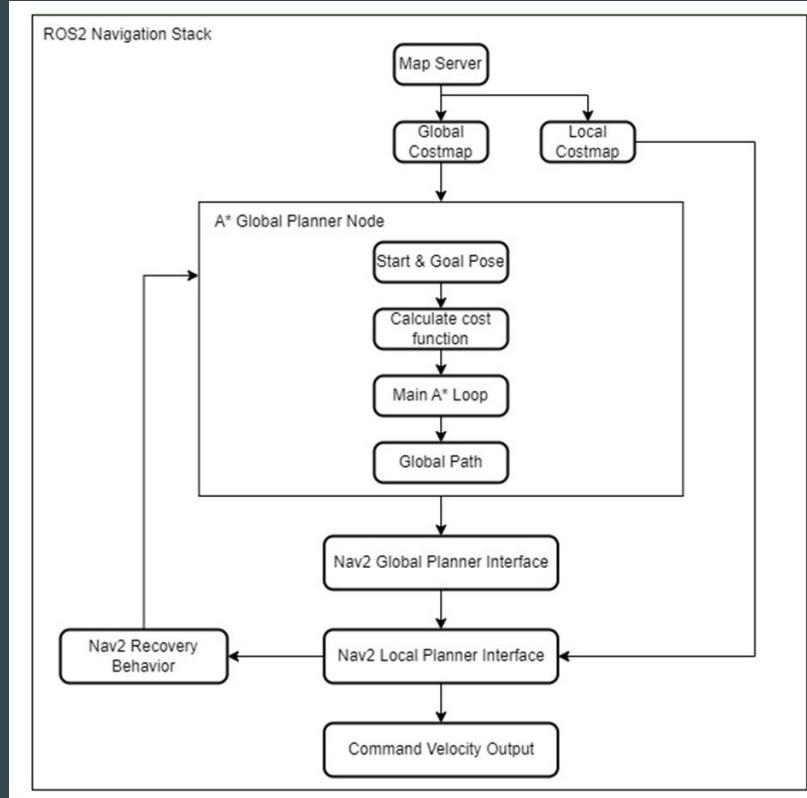


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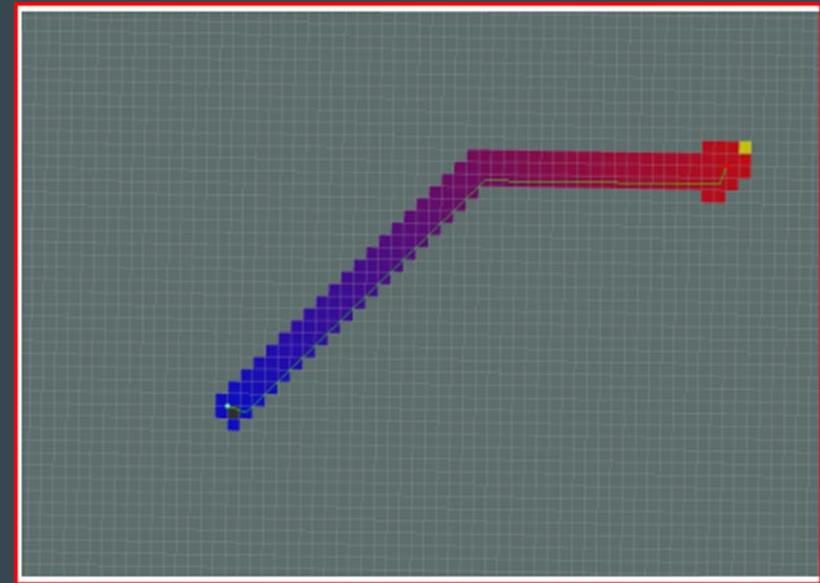
COMPUTE | Implementation Nav2 (A* & DWB) into Real Physical Robot

- Perform AMCL used to localize the robot using available sensor data from lidar.
- Set global and local costmap that will be used by planner to generate collision-free path.
- Set and run planner server (global planner) and controller server (local planner) in order for the robot to navigate based on input sensor data and costmap.

COMPUTE | How Global Planner A* Work?



Architecture diagram for global planner



Example how A* planner generate a path to goal position

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COMPUTE | Setting Planner Server for Global Path Planner

```
planner_server:  
  ros_parameters:  
    expected_planner_frequency: 20.0  
    use_sim_time: False  
    planner_plugins: ["GridBased"]  
    GridBased:  
      plugin: "nav2_navfn_planner/NavfnPlanner"  
      tolerance: 0.5  
      use_astar: True  
      allow_unknown: True
```

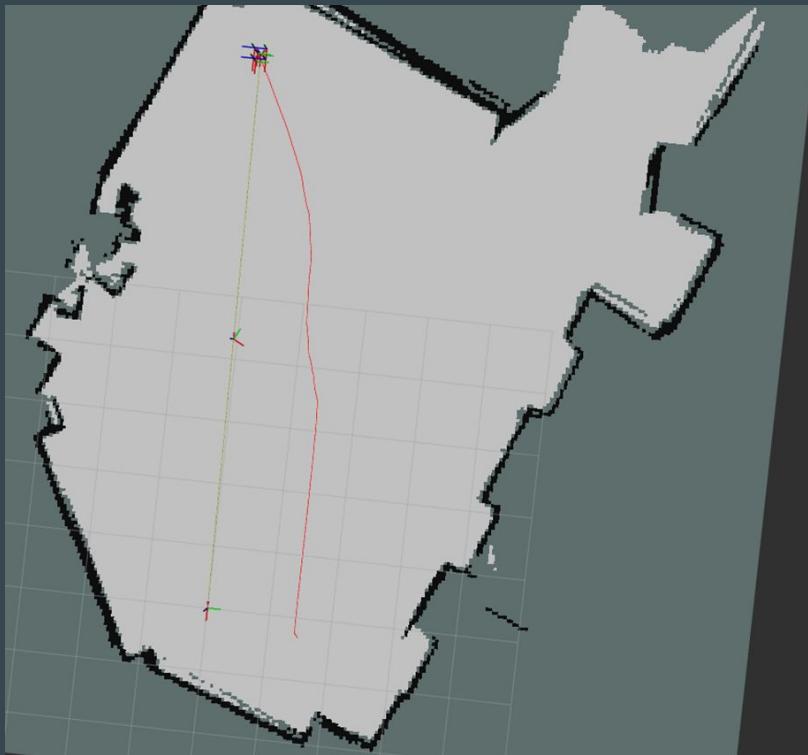
Configuration parameter for planner server (A* Global Planner)

```
while (!openList.empty()) {  
  
    Node current = getLowestFNode(openList);  
    openList.erase(std::remove(openList.begin(), openList.end(), current), openList.end());  
    closedList.push_back(current);  
    if (current == end) {  
        return reconstructPath(start, end);  
    }  
    std::vector<Node> neighbors = getNeighbors(current);  
    for (Node neighbor : neighbors) {  
        if (std::find(closedList.begin(), closedList.end(), neighbor) != closedList.end()) {  
            continue;  
        }  
        double tentativeG = current.g + distance(current, neighbor);  
        if (std::find(openList.begin(), openList.end(), neighbor) == openList.end() || tentativeG < neighbor.g)  
        {  
            neighbor.parent = &current;  
            neighbor.g = tentativeG;  
            neighbor.f = neighbor.g + heuristic(neighbor, end);  
            if (std::find(openList.begin(), openList.end(), neighbor) == openList.end()) {  
                openList.push_back(neighbor);  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Snippet main A* code uses as plugin in Nav2

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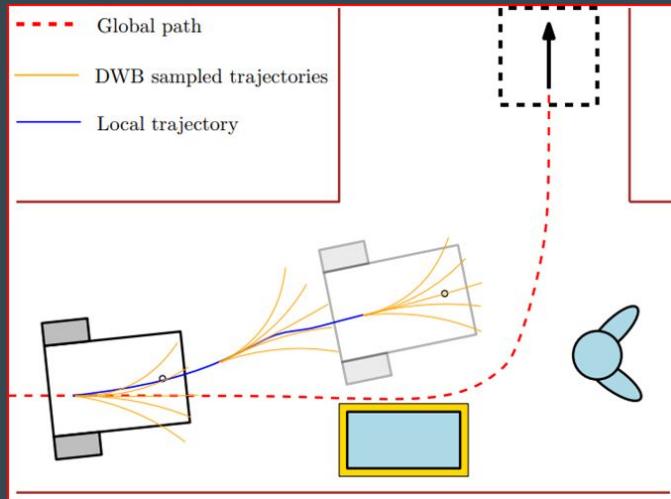
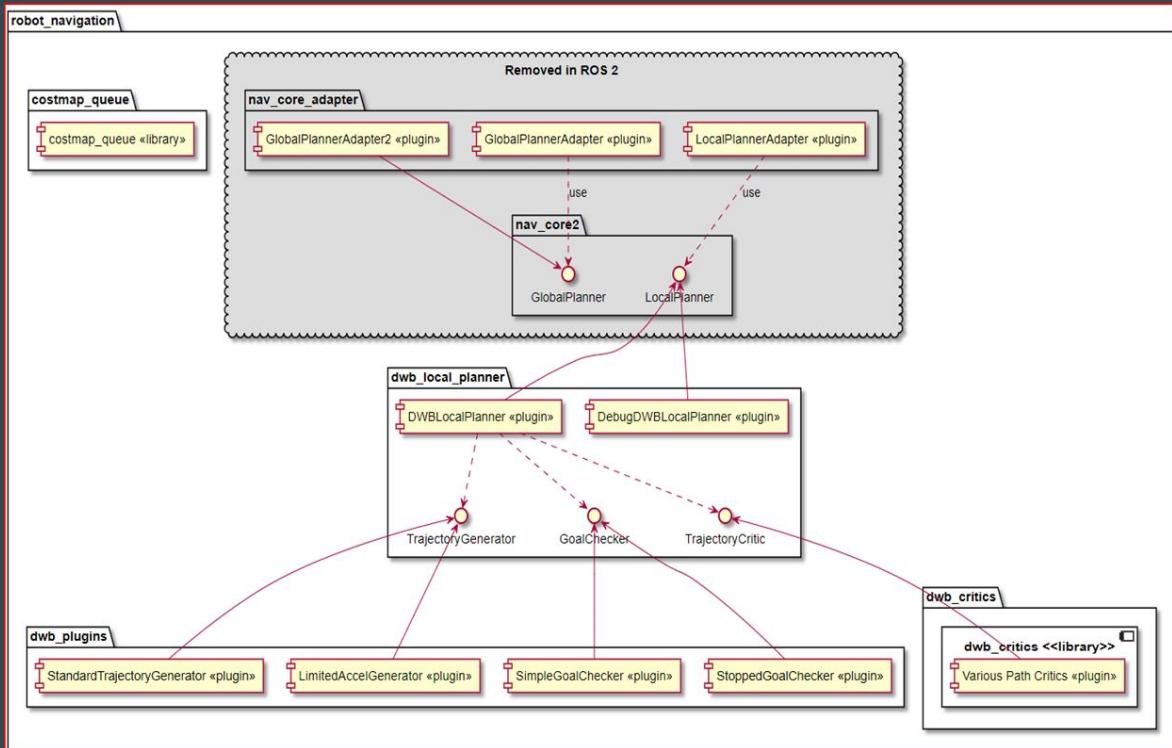
COMPUTE | Setting Planner Server for Global Path Planner



Global path generated from A* Algorithm

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COMPUTE | How DWB Local Planner Work?



How DWB generate trajectory and select the best one

Architecture Diagram for DWB Local Planner

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COMPUTE | Setting Controller Server for Local Path Planner

```
controller_server:  
ros_parameters:  
  min_x_velocity_threshold: 0.001  
  min_y_velocity_threshold: 0.001  
  min_theta_velocity_threshold: 0.001  
  controller_plugins: ["FollowPath"]  
FollowPath:  
  plugin: "dwb_core::DWBLocalPlanner"  
  min_vel_x: 0.0  
  min_vel_y: -0.2  
  max_vel_x: 0.5  
  max_vel_y: 0.2  
  max_vel_theta: 1.5  
  min_speed_theta: 0.0  
  acc_lim_x: 0.5  
  acc_lim_y: 0.0  
  acc_lim_theta: 1.0  
  decel_lim_x: -0.5  
  decel_lim_y: 0.0  
  decel_lim_theta: -1.0  
  vx_samples: 20  
  vy_samples: 20  
  vtheta_samples: 20  
  critics: ["RotateToGoal", "BaseObstacle", "GoalAlign", "PathAlign", "PathDist", "GoalDist"]  
  BaseObstacle.scale: 0.04  
  PathAlign.scale: 50.0  
  PathAlign.forward_point_distance: 0.1  
  GoalAlign.scale: 10.0  
  GoalAlign.forward_point_distance: 0.1  
  PathDist.scale: 50.0  
  GoalDist.scale: 10.0  
  RotateToGoal.scale: 32.0
```

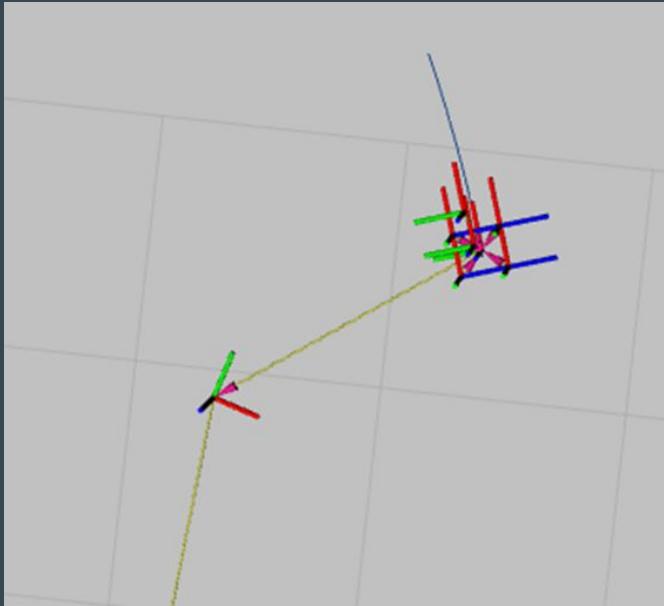
Configuration parameter for controller server
(DWB local planner)

```
geometry_msgs::msg::TwistStamped  
DWBLocalPlanner::computeVelocityCommands(  
    const geometry_msgs::msg::PoseStamped & pose,  
    const geometry_msgs::msg::Twist & velocity,  
    nav2_core::GoalChecker * /*goal_checker*/)  
{  
    std::shared_ptr<dwb_msgs::msg::LocalPlanEvaluation> results = nullptr;  
    if (pub_->shouldRecordEvaluation()) {  
        results = std::make_shared<dwb_msgs::msg::LocalPlanEvaluation>();  
    }  
  
    try {  
        nav_2d_msgs::msg::Twist2DStamped cmd_vel2d = computeVelocityCommands(  
            nav_2d_utils::poseStampedToPose2D(pose),  
            nav_2d_utils::twist3Dto2D(velocity), results);  
        pub_->publishEvaluation(results);  
        geometry_msgs::msg::TwistStamped cmd_vel;  
        cmd_vel.twist = nav_2d_utils::twist2Dto3D(cmd_vel2d.velocity);  
        return cmd_vel;  
    } catch (const nav2_core::PlannerException & e) {  
        pub_->publishEvaluation(results);  
        throw;
```

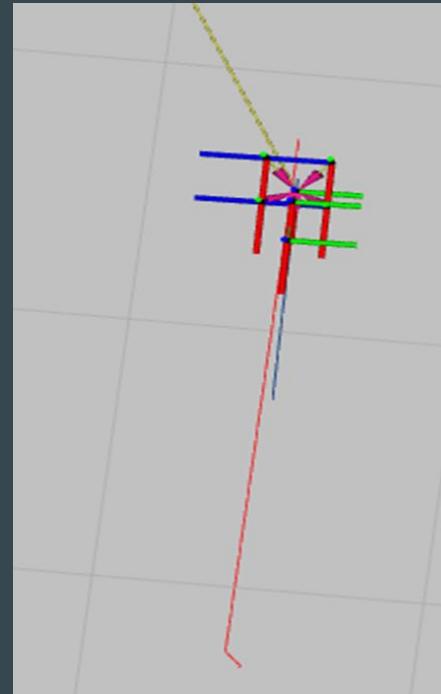
Snippet main/core code to compute output
velocity based on DWB algorithm

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COMPUTE | Setting Controller Server for Local Path Planner



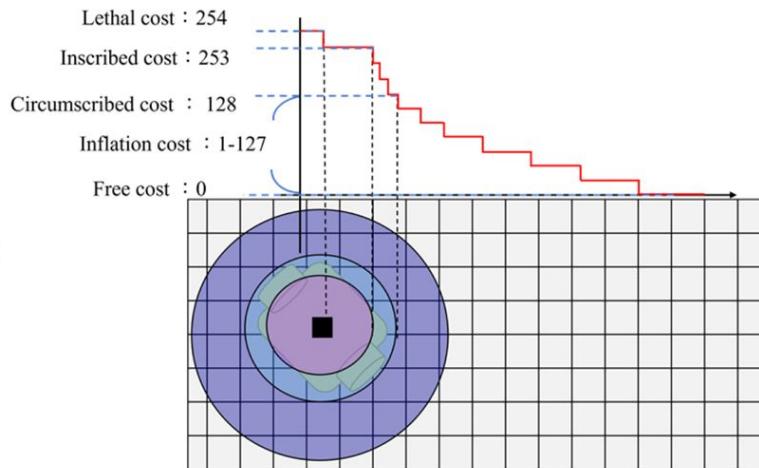
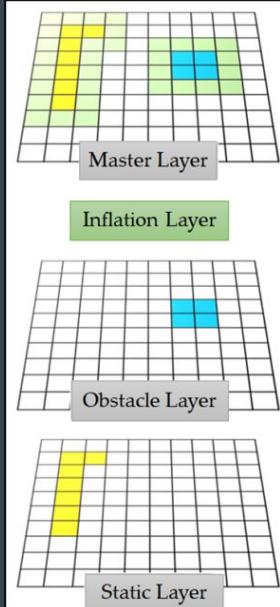
Local path (blue line trajectory)
generated by DWB algorithm



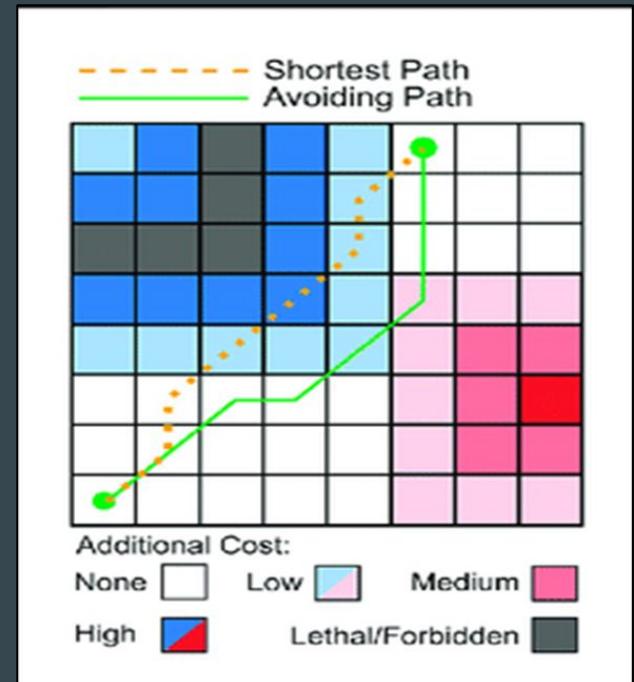
Local path (blue line) following the
desired global path (red line)

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COMPUTE | How Costmap work?



Difference type of costmap



How costmap used by global planner

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COMPUTE | Configure and Setting for Global and Local Costmap

```
global_costmap:  
  global_costmap:  
    ros_parameters:  
      update_frequency: 1.0  
      publish_frequency: 1.0  
      global_frame: map  
      robot_base_frame: base_footprint  
      use_sim_time: False  
      footprint: "[-0.1350, -0.1110], [-0.1350, 0.1110], [0.1350, 0.1110], [0.1350, -0.1110]"  
      resolution: 0.05  
      track_unknown_space: true  
      plugins: ["static_layer", "obstacle_layer", "inflation_layer"]  
      obstacle_layer:  
        plugin: "nav2_costmap_2d::ObstacleLayer"  
        enabled: True  
        observation_sources: scan  
        scan:  
          topic: /scan  
          max_obstacle_height: 2.0  
          clearing: True  
          marking: True  
          data_type: "LaserScan"  
          raytrace_max_range: 10.0  
          raytrace_min_range: 0.0  
          obstacle_max_range: 2.5  
          obstacle_min_range: 0.0  
      static_layer:  
        plugin: "nav2_costmap_2d::StaticLayer"  
        map_subscribe_transient_local: True  
      inflation_layer:  
        plugin: "nav2_costmap_2d::InflationLayer"  
        cost_scaling_factor: 3.0  
        inflation_radius: 0.55  
        always_send_full_costmap: True
```

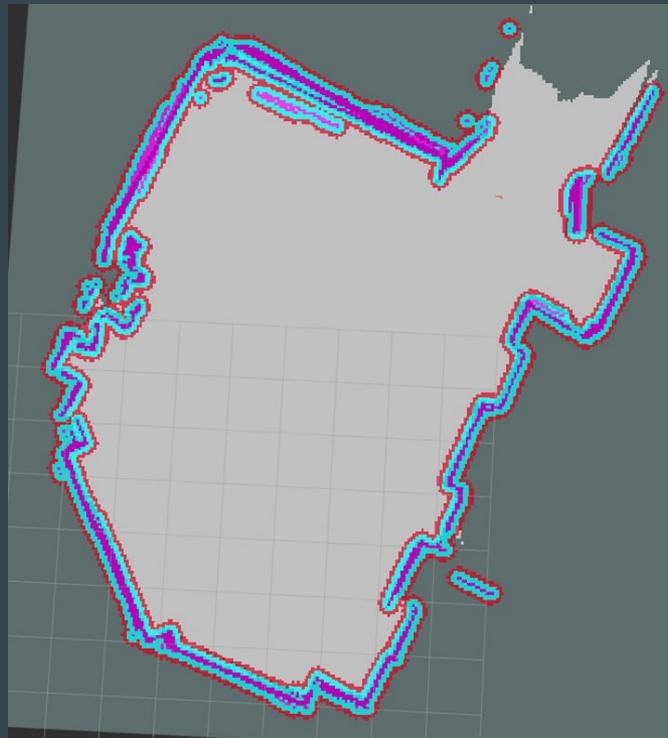
Setting parameter for global costmap

```
local_costmap:  
  local_costmap:  
    ros_parameters:  
      update_frequency: 5.0  
      publish_frequency: 2.0  
      global_frame: odom_combined  
      robot_base_frame: base_footprint  
      use_sim_time: False  
      rolling_window: true  
      width: 3  
      height: 3  
      resolution: 0.05  
      footprint: "[-0.1350, -0.1110], [-0.1350, 0.1110], [0.1350, 0.1110], [0.1350, -0.1110]"  
      plugins: ["obstacle_layer", "inflation_layer"]  
      inflation_layer:  
        plugin: "nav2_costmap_2d::InflationLayer"  
        cost_scaling_factor: 3.0  
        inflation_radius: 0.25  
      obstacle_layer:  
        plugin: "nav2_costmap_2d::ObstacleLayer"  
        enabled: True  
        observation_sources: scan  
        scan:  
          topic: /scan  
          max_obstacle_height: 2.0  
          clearing: True  
          marking: True  
          data_type: "LaserScan"  
          raytrace_max_range: 10.0  
          raytrace_min_range: 0.0  
          obstacle_max_range: 2.5  
          obstacle_min_range: 0.0
```

Setting parameter for local costmap

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COMPUTE | Configure and Setting for Global and Local Costmap



Global Costmap of the current map

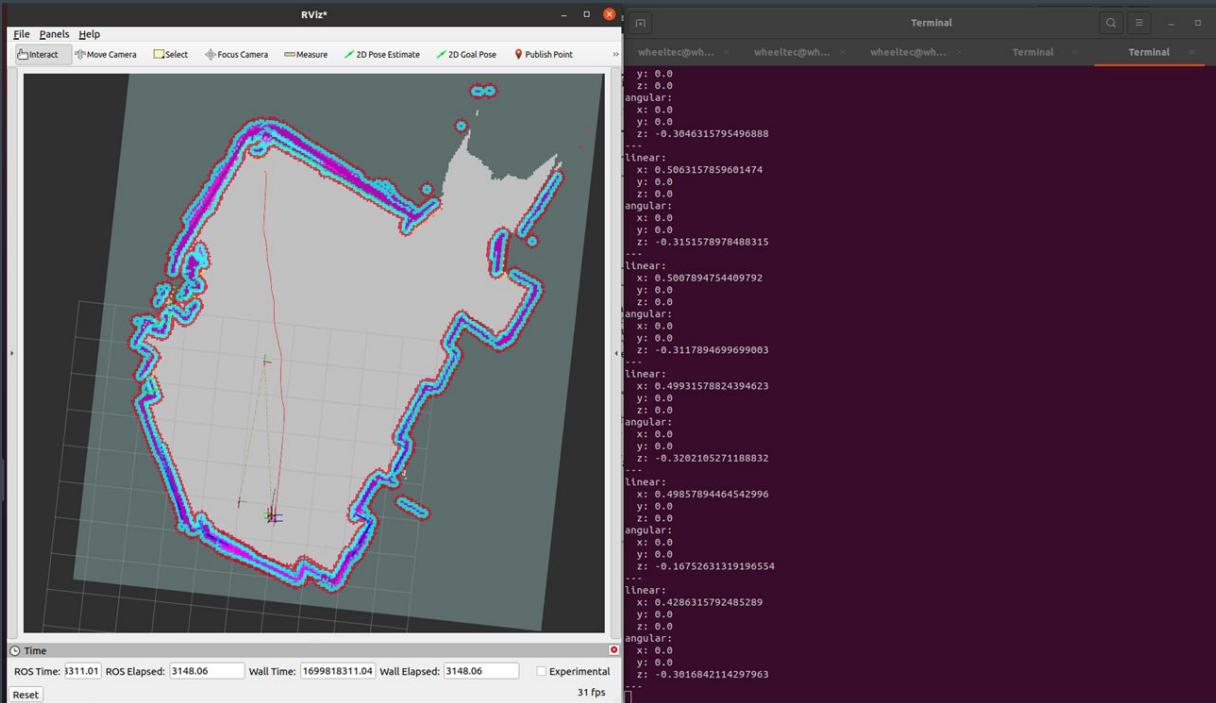


Local Costmap of the current map

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COMPUTE | Result of Nav2 Navigation Stack Implementation into Robot

- RVIZ showing a generate path while give goal pose command.
- Showing output command velocity in terminal that show the robot move according to this command velocity.

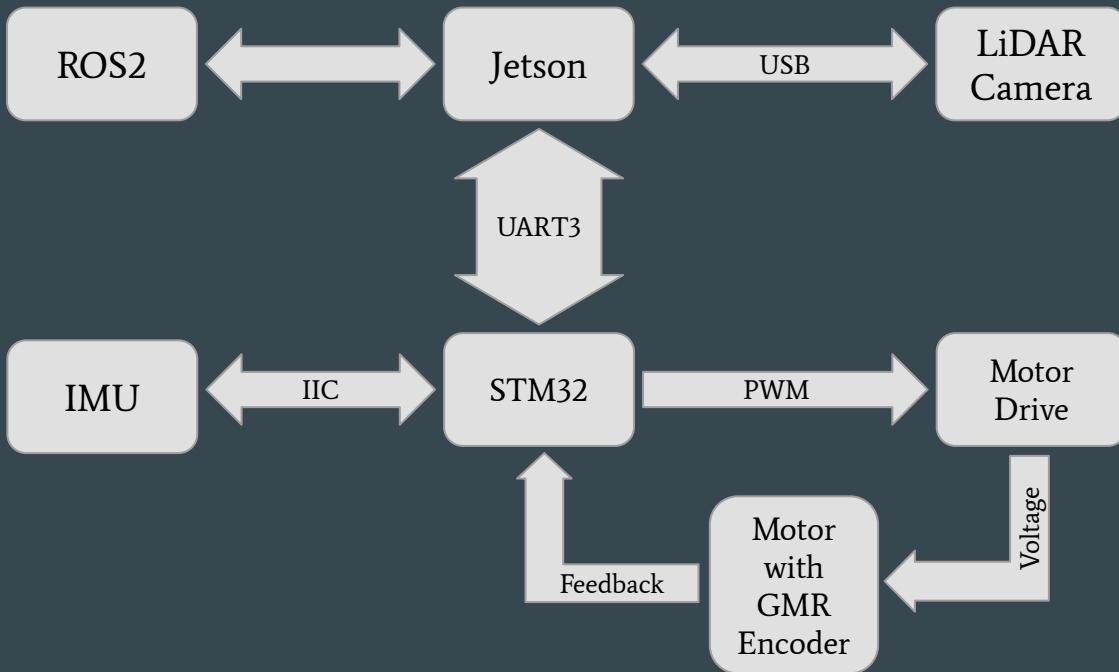


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COMPUTE | Lesson Learnt

- Have difficulty to implement the algorithm from NAV2 into the real robot because there is some configuration that difference between using simulation and implement directly to the robot.
- Facing a lot of error that make the robot unable to navigate.
- Some configuration parameter need to be changed from previously using parameter in simulation in order for the robot to navigate in its environment.

MACHINE | STRUCTURE



Main Control Unit
STM32

Driver Unit
Motor Drive
Motor with GMR Encoder
Mecanum Wheel

Computing Unit
Jetson Orin/Jetson Nano

Sensors
Stereo Camera/RGB Camera
LiDAR
IMU
Accelerometers
Gyrosopes

MACHINE | REASONS FOR CHOICE

Main Control Unit

STM32: Extensible, rich interface, high performance, low power consumption

Driver Unit

Motor Drive: Mecanum wheels need 4-way drive

Motor with GMR Encoder: Enough speed and load capacity, high accuracy (500 ppr)

Mecanum Wheel: Omni-directional movement, flexibility in tight spaces

Computing Unit

Jetson Orin/Jetson Nano: Powerful computational performance, stronger support for AI, better ROS2 compatibility

ROS2: More reliable, saving resources, better real-time performance

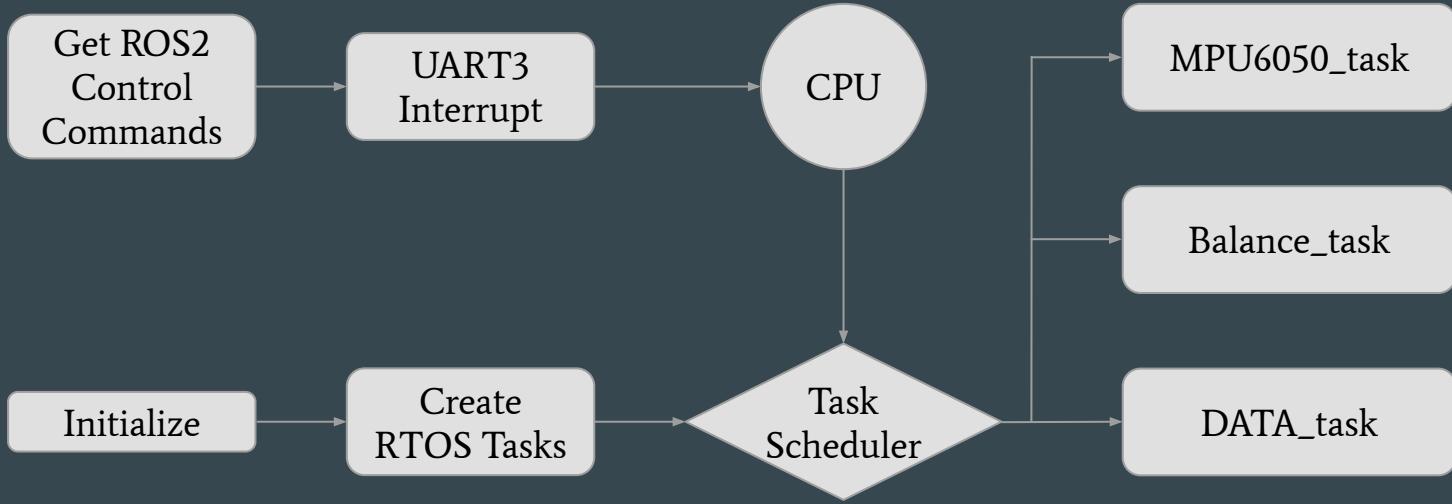
Sensors

Stereo Camera/RGB Camera: Richer texture information, performs better in larger scale and dynamic environments

LiDAR: More accurate, smaller computational requirements, performs better in static and simple environments

IMU/Accelerometers/Gyroscopes: For measuring internal robot parameters used in localization

MACHINE | ACTUATOR



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MACHINE | TASKS

```
void MPU6050_task(void *pvParameters)
{
    // Get the current timestamp of the system tick counter
    u32 lastWakeTime = getSysTickCnt();

    while (1)
    {
        // Run the task at a frequency of 100Hz
        vTaskDelayUntil(&lastWakeTime,
                        F2T(RATE_100_HZ));

        // Read the gyroscope zero before starting
        if (Deviation_Count < CONTROL_DELAY)
        {
            Deviation_Count++;
            memcpy(Deviation_gyro, gyro, sizeof(gyro));
            memcpy(Deviation_accel, accel, sizeof(accel));
        }

        // Get gyroscope data
        MPU_Get_Gyroscope();

        // Get accelerometer data (raw values)
        MPU_Get_Accelscope();
    }
}
```

```
void Balance_task(void *pvParameters)
{
    // Get the current timestamp of the system tick counter
    u32 lastWakeTime = getSysTickCnt();

    while (1)
    {
        // Run the task at a frequency of 100Hz
        vTaskDelayUntil(&lastWakeTime, F2T(RATE_100_HZ));

        // Get encoder data (real-time wheel speed)
        Get_Velocity_From_Encoder();

        // Integrate velocity to get position
        POSITION_A += MOTOR_A.Encoder;
        .....

        // If the enable switch is in the ON position
        if (Turn_Off(Voltage) == 0)
        {
            // Position PID controller
            POSITION_A.Motor_Pwm = Position_PID(POSITION_A, POSITION_A.Target);
            Limit_A = Limit(POSITION_A.Motor_Pwm, abs(MOTOR_A.Target));
            .....

            // Speed closed-loop control to calculate the PWM value of each motor
            MOTOR_A.Motor_Pwm = Incremental_PID_A(MOTOR_A.Encoder, Limit_A);
            MOTOR_A.Motor_Pwm = Limit(MOTOR_A.Motor_Pwm, Threshold);
            .....

            // Set PWM control polarity
            Set_Pwm(MOTOR_A.Motor_Pwm, -MOTOR_B.Motor_Pwm,
                    -MOTOR_C.Motor_Pwm, MOTOR_D.Motor_Pwm, 0);
            }
        // Otherwise, do not allow the car to move, set PWM values to 0
        else
            Set_Pwm(0, 0, 0, 0, 0);
    }
}
```

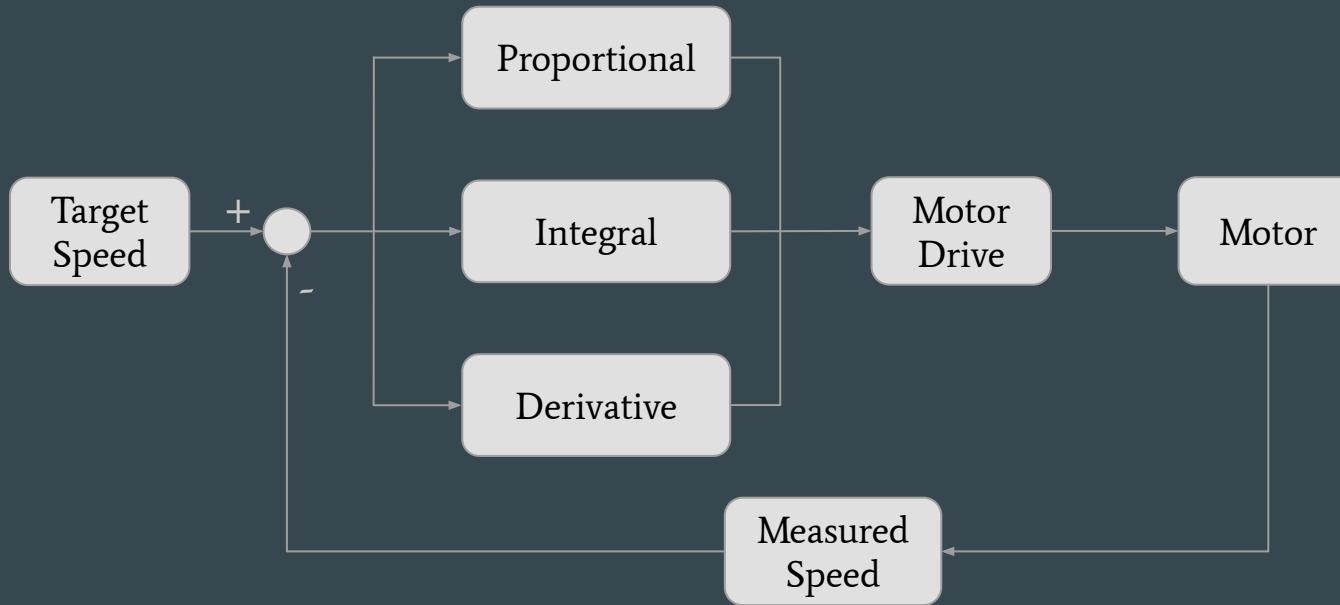
```
void data_task(void *pvParameters)
{
    // Get the current timestamp of the system tick counter
    u32 lastWakeTime = getSysTickCnt();

    while (1)
    {
        // Run the task at a frequency of 20Hz
        vTaskDelayUntil(&lastWakeTime,
                        F2T(RATE_20_HZ));

        // Assign the data to be sent
        data_transition();

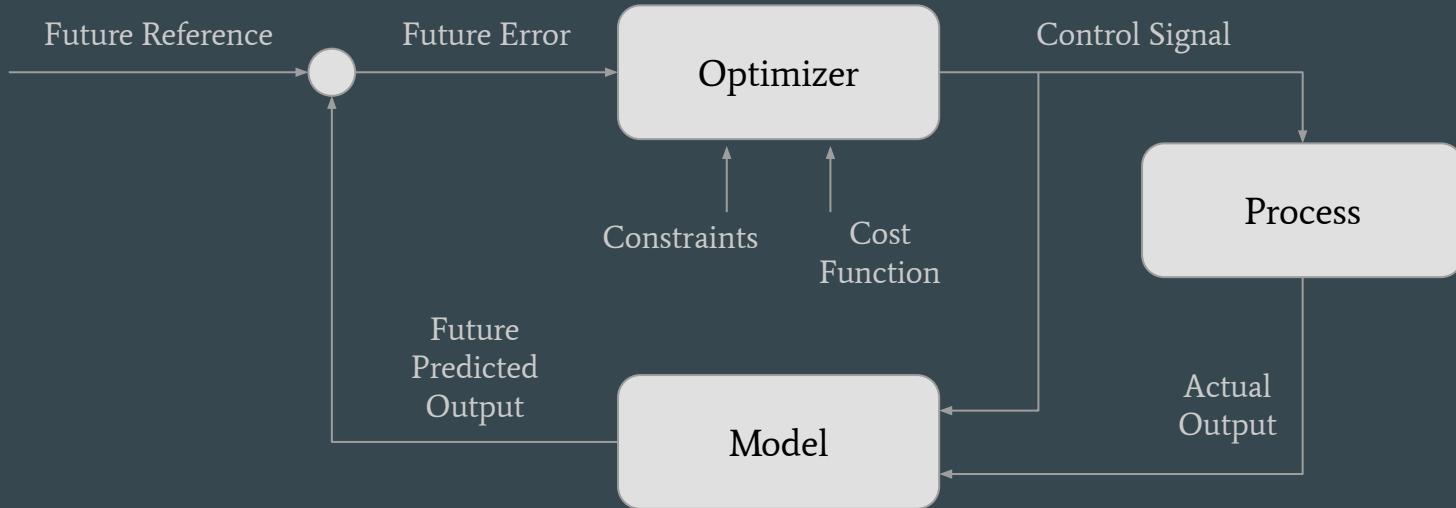
        // Send data via USART3
        USART3_SEND();
    }
}
```

MACHINE | CONTROLLER SELECTION - SINGLE LOOP PID



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MACHINE | CONTROLLER SELECTION - MPC



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MACHINE | CONTROLLER SELECTION - MPC

Forward: $V_x = \frac{V_A + V_B + V_C + V_D}{4}$

$$V_y = \frac{-V_A + V_B + V_C - V_D}{4}$$

$$V_w = \frac{-V_A + V_B - V_C + V_D}{2H + 2W}$$

Inverse: $V_A = V_x - V_y - V_w \cdot \left(\frac{W}{2} + \frac{H}{2} \right)$

$$V_B = V_x + V_y + V_w \cdot \left(\frac{W}{2} + \frac{H}{2} \right)$$

$$V_C = V_x + V_y - V_w \cdot \left(\frac{W}{2} + \frac{H}{2} \right)$$

$$V_D = V_x - V_y + V_w \cdot \left(\frac{W}{2} + \frac{H}{2} \right)$$

State:

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ \phi \\ v_x \\ v_y \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

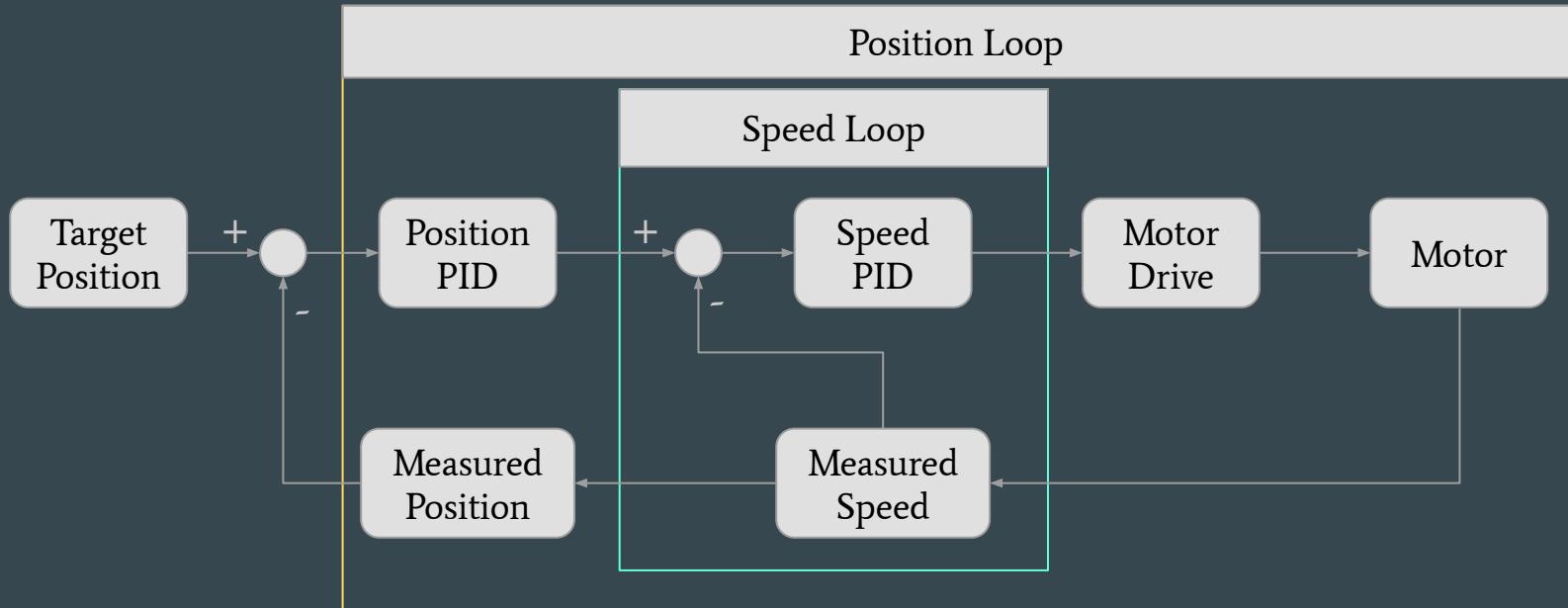
Input:

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_A \\ V_B \\ V_C \\ V_D \end{bmatrix}$$

State Space Function:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{p}_x = \frac{V_A + V_B + V_C + V_D}{4} \\ \dot{p}_y = \frac{-V_A + V_B + V_C - V_D}{4} \\ \dot{\phi} = \frac{-V_A + V_B - V_C + V_D}{2H + 2W} \\ \dot{v}_x = ? \\ \dot{v}_y = ? \\ \dot{w} = ? \end{cases}$$

MACHINE | CONTROLLER SELECTION - DUAL LOOP PID



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MACHINE | Balance_task

```

// Update velocity
Encoder = Get_Velocity_From_Encoder();

// Integrate velocity to obtain position
Position += Encoder;

// Position PID controller
Position_Motor = Position_PID(Position,
Target_Position);

// Limit the output of the position loop
Limit_A = Limit(Position_Motor,
abs(Target_Velocity));

// Velocity PID controller
Motor = Incremental_PID(Encoder, Limit_A);

// Limit the PWM output
Motor = Limit(Motor, Threshold);

// Set PWM output
Set_Pwm(Motor);

```

```

Pwm = Kp * e(k) + Ki * ∑e(k) + Kd * [e(k) - e(k-1)]

int Position_PID(int Encoder, int Target) {
    static float Bias, Pwm, Integral_bias, Last_Bias;

    // Calculate the deviation
    Bias = Target - Encoder;

    // Integrate the deviation
    Integral_bias += Bias;

    // PID controller output calculation
    Pwm = Position_KP * Bias + Position_KI *
Integral_bias + Position_KD * (Bias - Last_Bias);

    // Save the last deviation for the next iteration
    Last_Bias = Bias;

    // Output the calculated PWM value
    return Pwm;
}

```

```

Pwm += Kp * [e(k) - e(k-1)] + Ki * e(k) +
Kd * [e(k) - 2 * e(k-1) + e(k-2)]

int Incremental_PID(int Encoder, int Target) {
    static float Bias, Pwm, Last_bias;

    // Calculate the deviation
    Bias = Encoder - Target;

    // Incremental PID controller calculation
    Pwm += Velocity_KP * (Bias - Last_bias) +
Velocity_KI * Bias + Velocity_KD * (Bias - 2 *
Last_bias + Last_last_bias);

    // Save the last two deviations for the next iteration
    Last_last_bias = Last_bias
    Last_bias = Bias;

    // Incremental output
    return Pwm;
}

```

MACHINE | TASKS

```
void MPU6050_task(void *pvParameters)
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    // Get the current timestamp of the system tick counter
    u32 lastWakeTime = getSysTickCnt();

    while (1)
    {
        // Run the task at a frequency of 100Hz
        vTaskDelayUntil(&lastWakeTime,
                        F2T(RATE_100_HZ));

        // Read the gyroscope zero before starting
        if (Deviation_Count < CONTROL_DELAY)
        {
            Deviation_Count++;
            memcpy(Deviation_gyro, gyro, sizeof(gyro));
            memcpy(Deviation_accel, accel, sizeof(accel));
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        // Get gyroscope data
        MPU_Get_Gyroscope();

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    }
}
```

```
void Balance_task(void *pvParameters)
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    u32 lastWakeTime = getSysTickCnt();

    while (1)
    {
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        Get_Velocity_From_Encoder();

        // Integrate velocity to get position
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        if (Turn_Off(Voltage) == 0)
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            MOTOR_A.Motor_Pwm = Limit(MOTOR_A.Motor_Pwm, Threshold);
            .....

            // Set PWM control polarity
            Set_Pwm(MOTOR_A.Motor_Pwm, -MOTOR_B.Motor_Pwm,
                    -MOTOR_C.Motor_Pwm, MOTOR_D.Motor_Pwm, 0);
            }
        // Otherwise, do not allow the car to move, set PWM values to 0
        else
            Set_Pwm(0, 0, 0, 0, 0);
    }
}
```

```
void data_task(void *pvParameters)
{
    // Get the current timestamp of the system tick counter
    u32 lastWakeTime = getSysTickCnt();

    while (1)
    {
        // Run the task at a frequency of 20Hz
        vTaskDelayUntil(&lastWakeTime,
                        F2T(RATE_20_HZ));

        // Assign the data to be sent
        data_transition();

        // Send data via USART3
        USART3_SEND();
    }
}
```

MACHINE | DATA_task



7B	00	00	BF	00	00	00	03
head (0X7B)	flag_stop	Vx		Vy	Vz		
3E	58	F9	32	0F	A0	FE	58
	Ax		Ay		Az		wx
04	EA	FF	74	2D	44	6F	7D
	wy		wz	Voltage	check digit	tail (0X7D)	

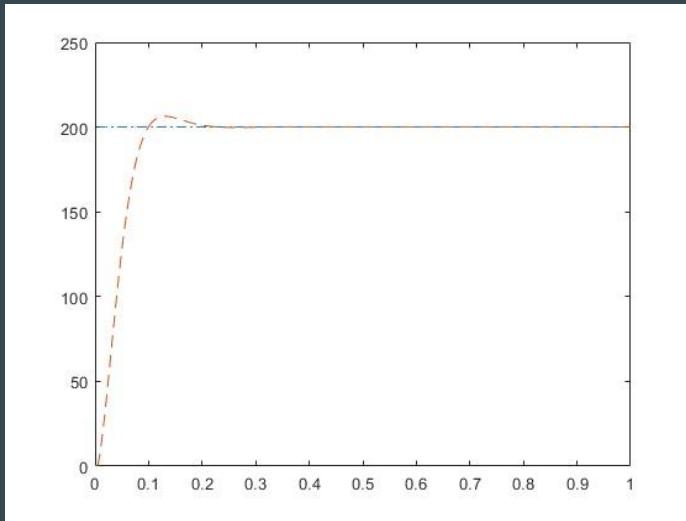
Vx: 00 BF = 0000 0000 1011 1111 → Vx = (0*16+0)*256+(B*16+F) = (0*16+0)*256+(11*16+15) = 191 mm/s

$$V_A = V_x - V_y - V_w \cdot \left(\frac{W}{2} + \frac{H}{2} \right)$$

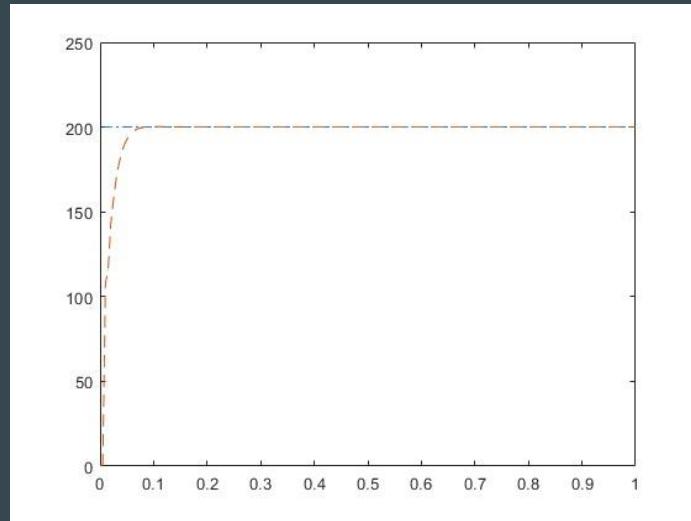
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Single Loop PID



Dual Loop PID

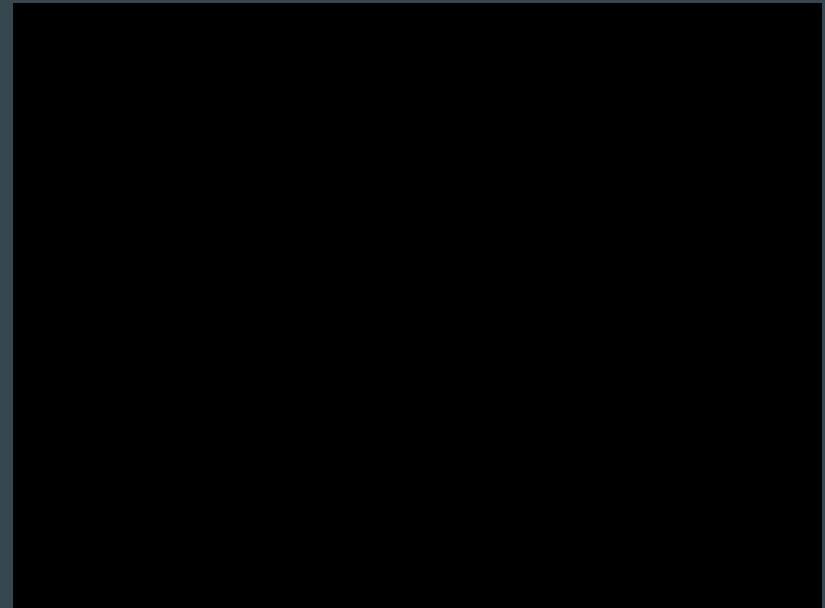


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MACHINE | Lesson Learnt

- For PID control, positional PID requires integral limits and output limits, while incremental PID requires only output limits.
- Be sure to disconnect the power first when connecting accessories to avoid touching the contacts on the bottom of the STM32
- STM32 controllers are more convenient to download programs through the serial port than the SWD interface
- Pay attention to details and don't make mistakes when building the model, especially at the very beginning

Demo Video



Disclaimer: Recorded with our smaller robot for portability

Futurework

- ME 5400B : Extend base with tablet (for display and sensors) mounted on flat-collapsible telescoping arm for manipulation (to press elevator buttons)
- Revisit pure multi camera approach - Matic Robot Vacuum
- GRIP Startup

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Thank You