Artificial Intelligence in Autonomous Driving 自动驾驶中的人工智能

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Artificial Intelligence





Topic

- Autonomous Driving Software System Modules
- Deep Learning in Autonomous Driving System Modules
 - Perception
 - Prediction
 - Decision & Planning
- Future Directions for AI in Autonomous Driving

Apollo

- An open source platform for autonomous driving
- 2017 California DMV Autonomous Driving Report
- Current MPI is at around 147 Miles/Per Interruption

Month	Autonomous Miles	Qualifying Disengagements
October 2016	7.7	1
November 2016	14.9	4
December 2016	14.3	1
January 2017	26	3
February 2017	5.1	2
March 2017	132.63	7
April 2017	70.4	2
May 2017	151.57	7
June 2017	122.15	9
July 2017	31.91	3
August 2017	5.9	. 0
September 2017	27.4	0
October 2017	38	. 0
November 2017	1323.78	9
Totals	1,971.74	48

Baidu's 2017 DMV Report

Baidu USA LLC

BMW

Bosch

Delphi Automotive

Drive.ai, Inc.

Faraday & Future

Ford

GM Cruise LLC

Honda

Mercedes Benz

NIO USA, Inc.

Nissan

NVIDIA Corporation

Telenav, Inc.

Tesla Motors

Valeo North America, Inc.

Volkswagen Group of America

Waymo

Wheego

Zoox, Inc.

Companies Testing Autonomous Driving in California

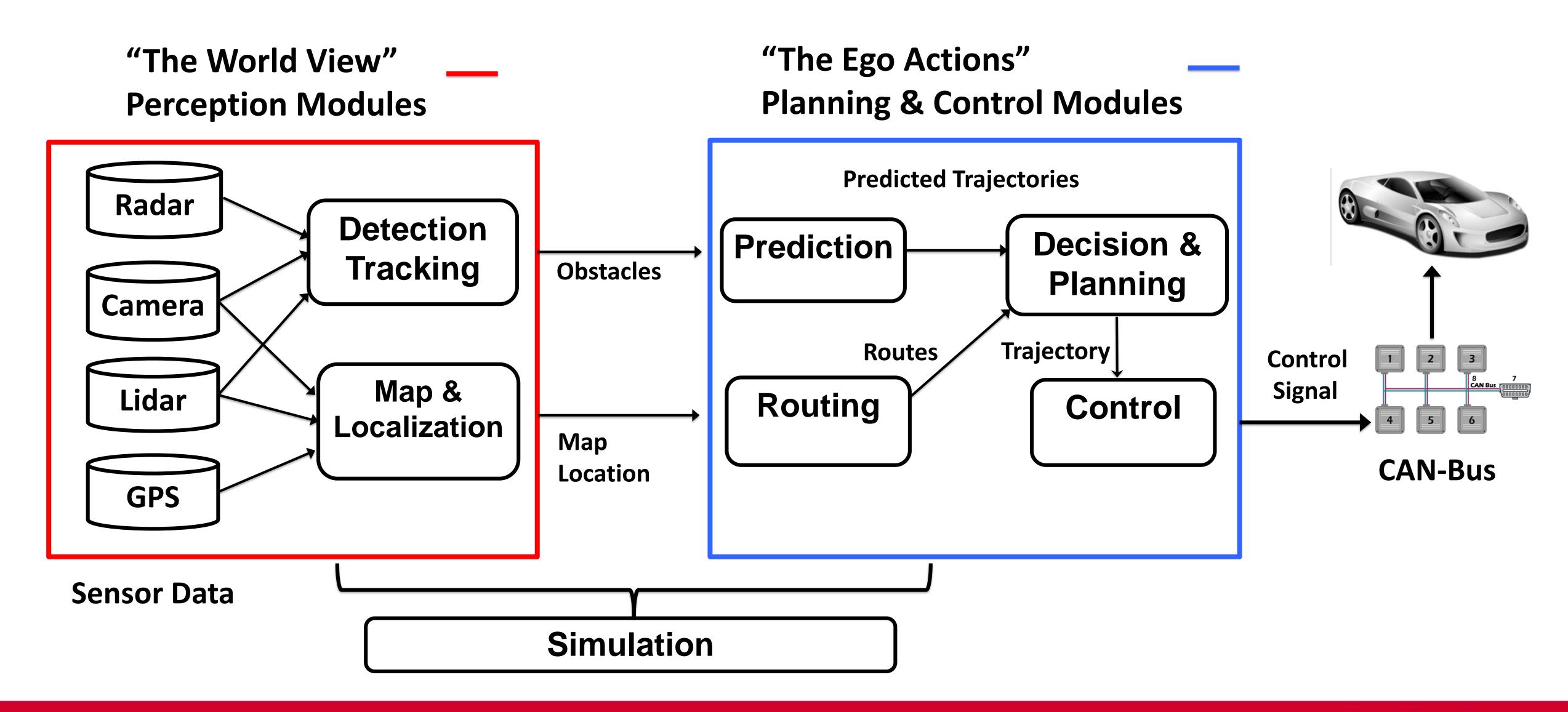


自动驾驶软件系统

- 客观世界 The "World": Perceive the objective environment
 - 感知外界的所有一切客观存在
 - 包括了地图(HD-Map),定位(Localization),物体检测(Object Detection),物体跟踪(Object Tracking)
- 主观行动 The "Ego": How the autonomous vehicle behaves
 - 自动驾驶车辆"自我"的主观世界和行动
 - 包括:路由导航(Routing Navigation),决策(Decision),规划(Planning),以及控制(Control)
- 模拟器 Simulation: An Integration Platform where all the above modules are tested
- 线控接口 Can-Bus: Provide an accurate drive-by-wire interface
 - 提供drive-by-wire的接口
 - 保证对车辆精确控制的可行性



A Typical Framework of Modules in Autonomous Driving System





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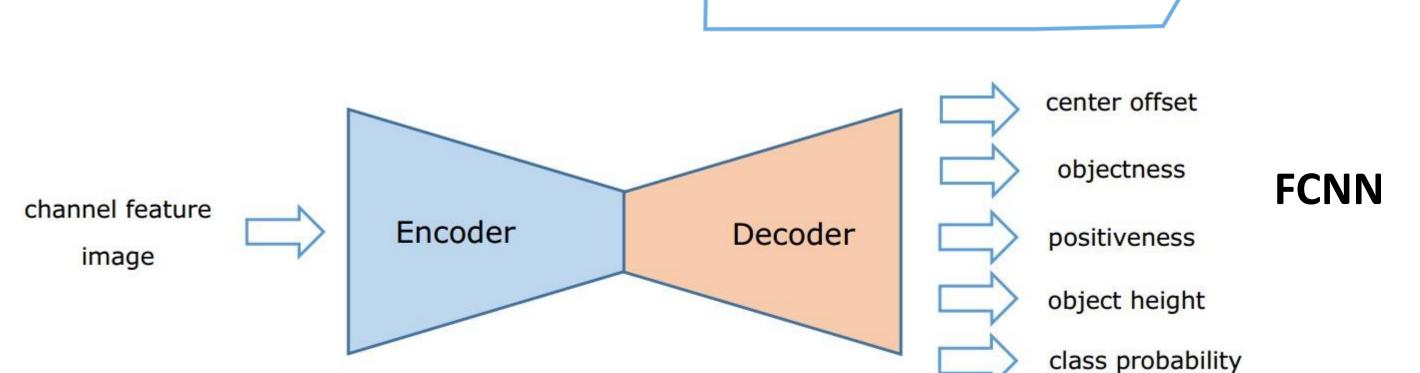
Apollo系统中的物体检测

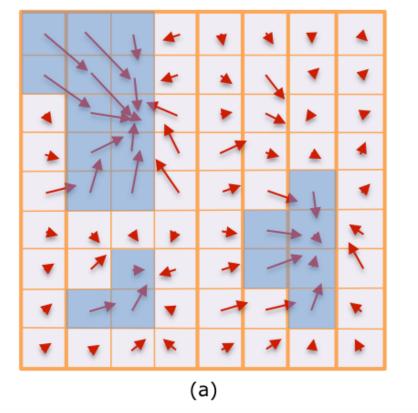
- Region of Interest (ROI)区域的构建
- Bird Eye View (BEV) "将四维(X,Y,Z,I)的点云数据投影到二维的XY平面上
- 基于卷积神经网络CNN的物体检测
 - Network: FCNN
 - Features: 8 Channel Features
 - Output: 5 Attributes
- 物体的再次聚类Obstacle Clustering
- 构建3D Bounding Box和物体跟踪 (Tracking)

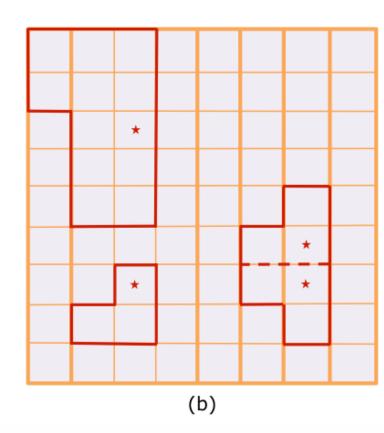
优点:实现简单,物体识别的准确率高

不足:不稳定的物体分割比如物体聚合分裂)以及对ROI区域

的依赖





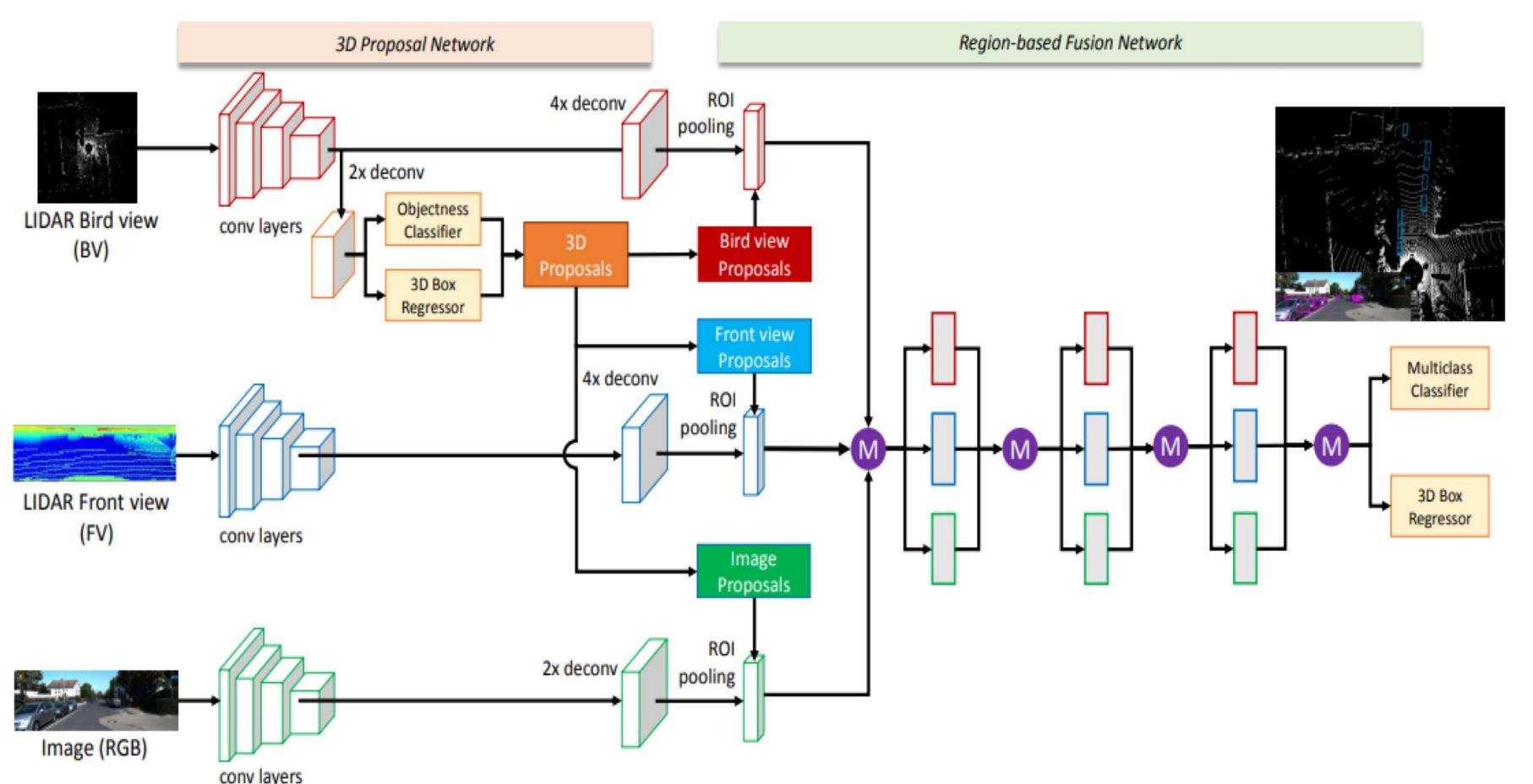


Clustering

ROI



Obstacle Perception: Fusing Multi-View Lidar and Camera Input



Multi-View 3D Object Detection Network for Autonomous Driving X. Chen, H, Ma, J. Wan, B. Li, T. X 2017

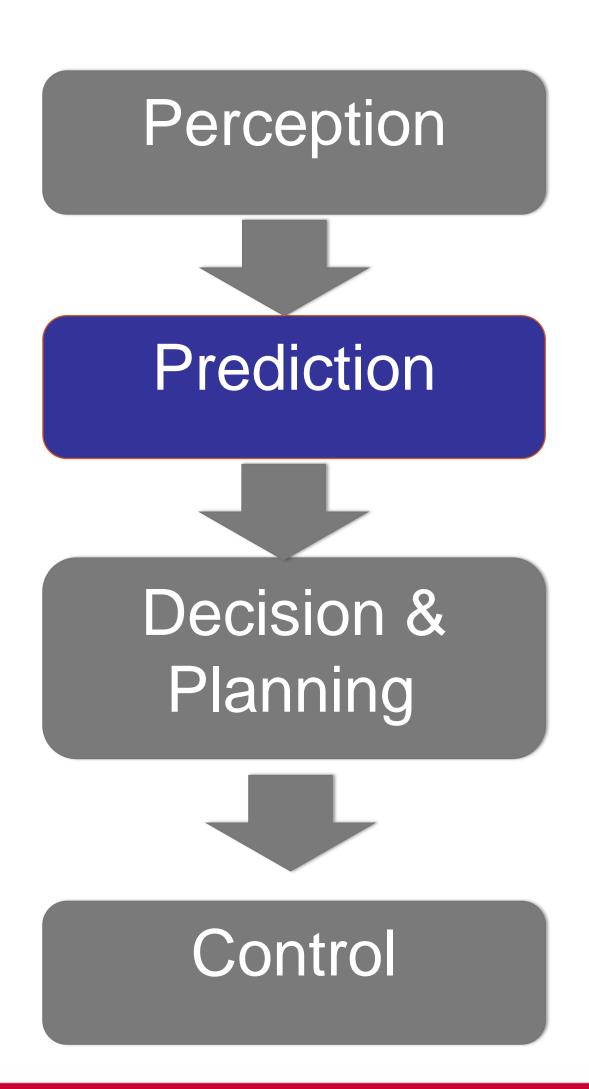
- 准确率高
- 融合图像Proposal后的 分割结果更加稳定
 Stable segmentation with camera based fusion
- 对计算资源要求高 0.36s inference time on a GPU engine



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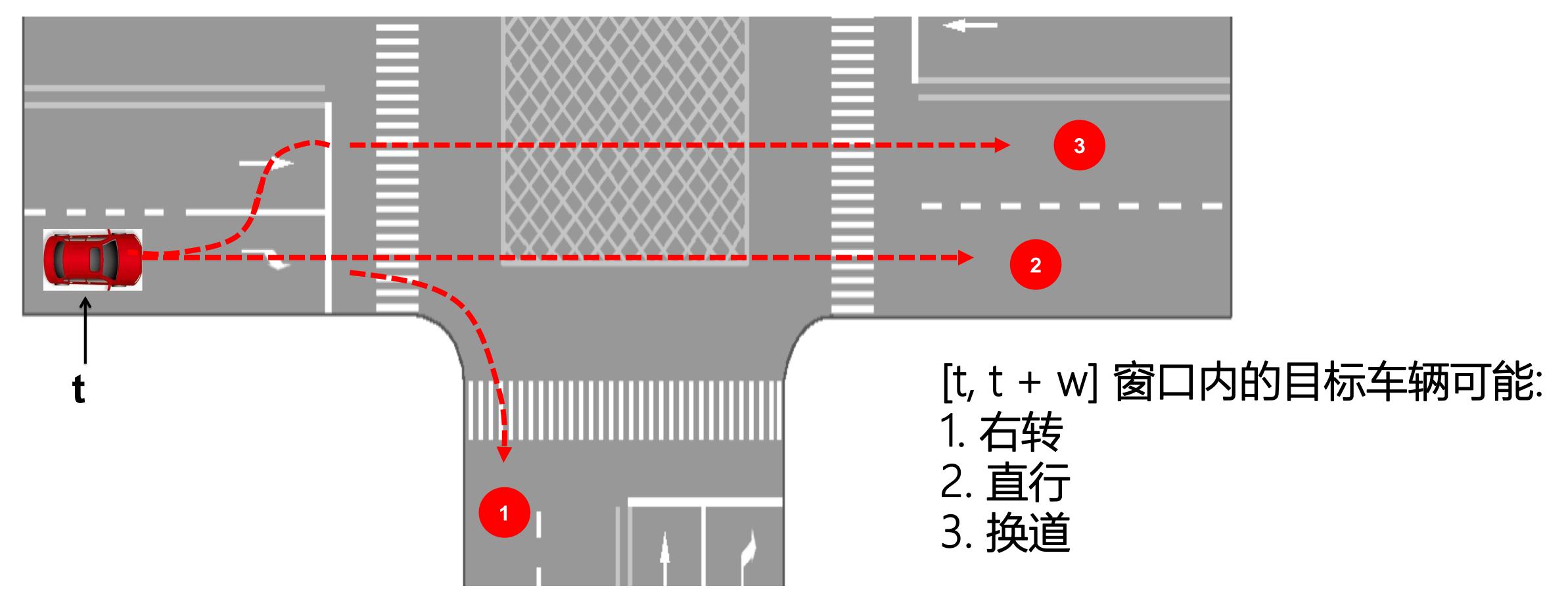
交通预测在无人驾驶中的作用



- 车上的最小可行模块(Minimum Viable Product Modules)之一,连接感知和规划的桥梁
- 预测轨迹的精确性直接影响下游决策规划的轨迹形状和速度规划;没有预测的轨迹,无人驾驶车辆就无法安全平稳的运行
- 简单的基于跟踪历史或者运动学模型的线性外推无法满足 Planning的需要

核心问题: 如何有效对预测车辆未来运行轨迹这一问题进行 建模?

问题: 如何建立准确高效的模型



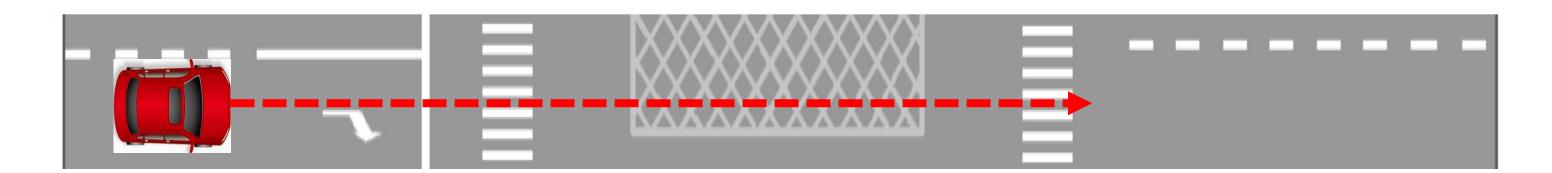
■如何对"预测不同可能的时空轨迹"

这样一个复杂问题建立统一有效的模型?

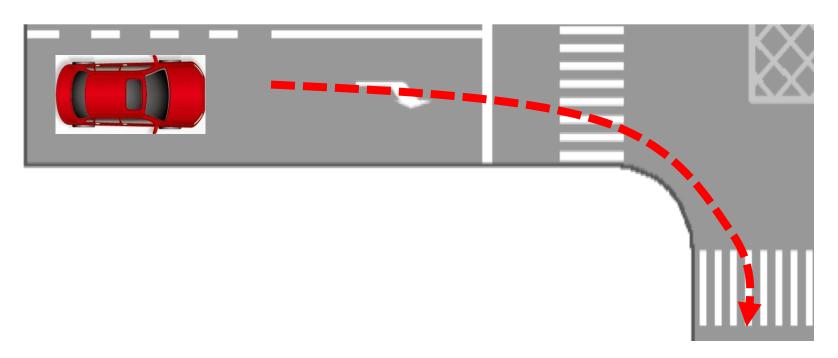


考虑: 针对不同的行为建模

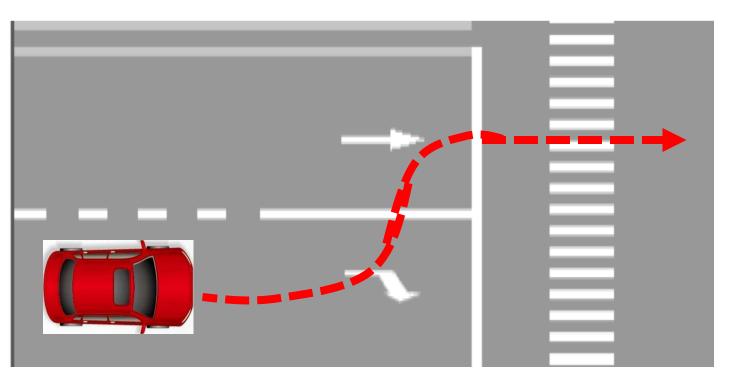
• 直行模型



• (右)拐弯模型

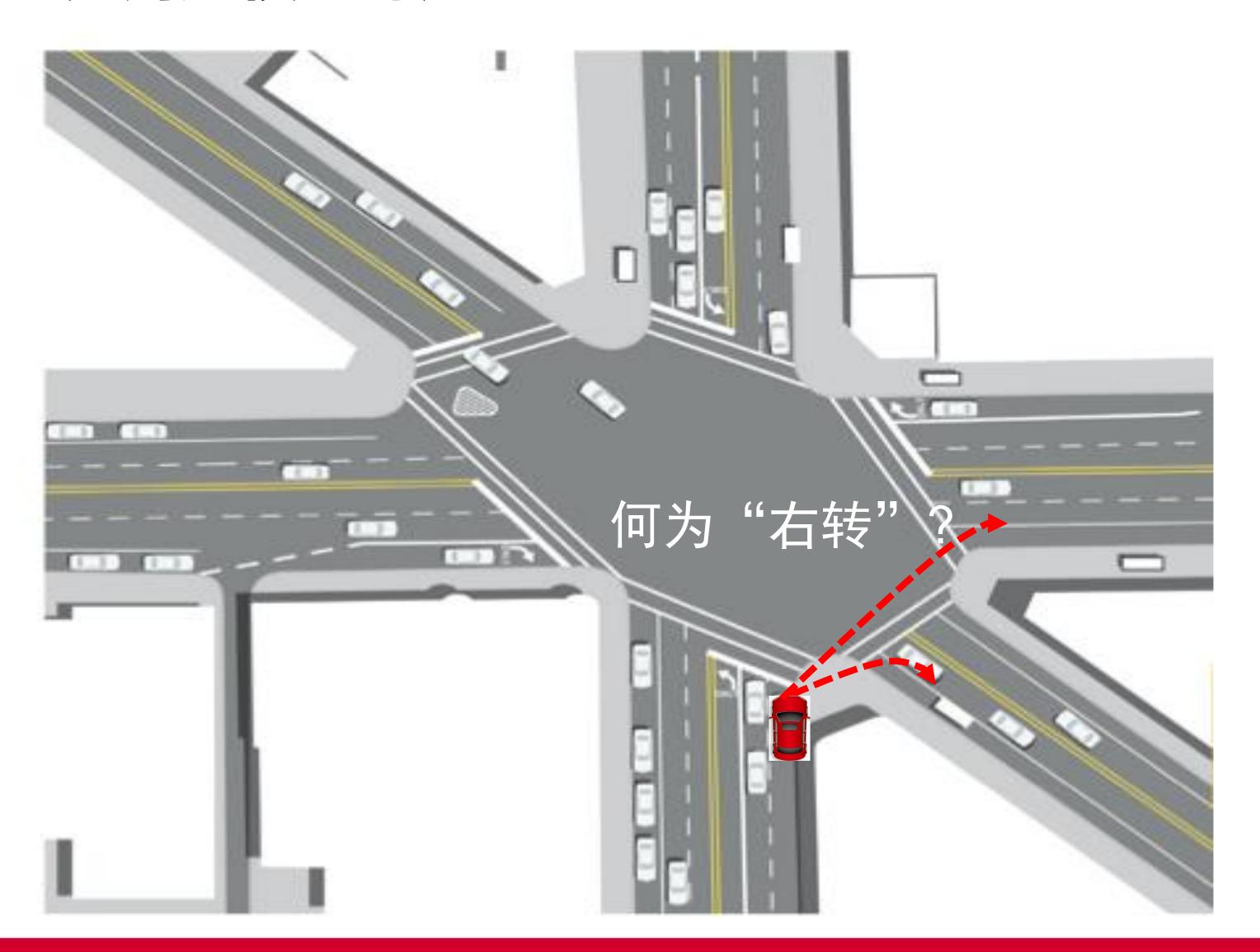


• 换道模型



This does NOT work!

分别建模的问题

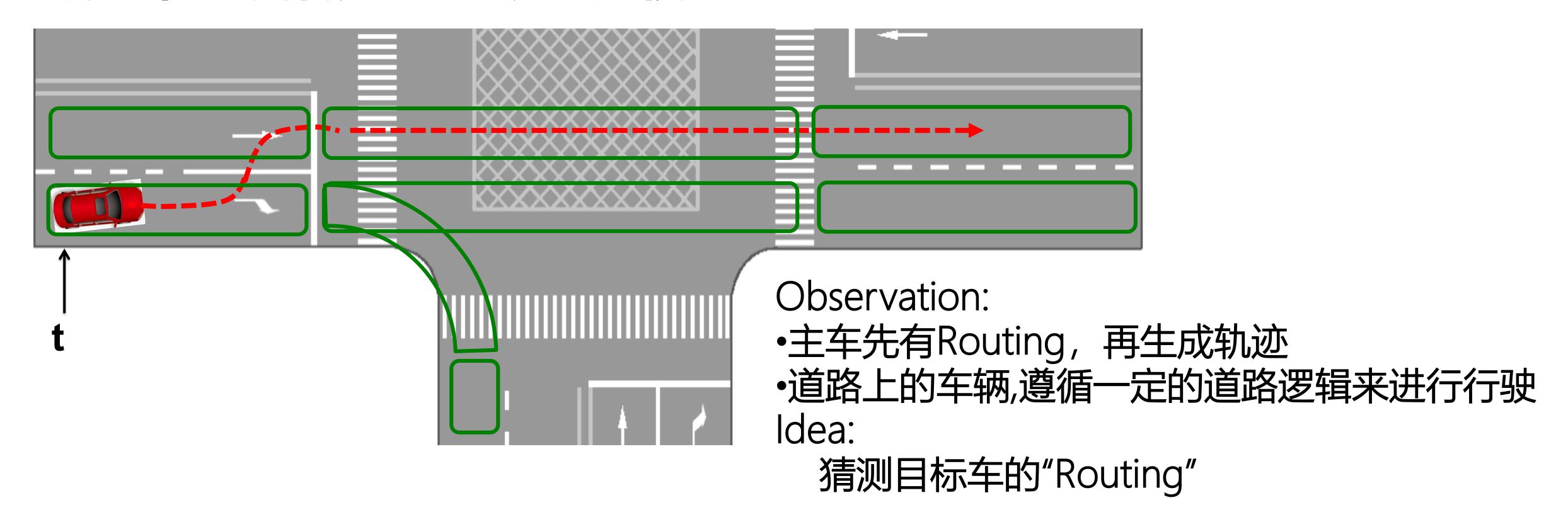


• 判断适用模型的逻辑会复杂模糊

• 数据分散

多个模型同时使用,调参 和训练效率低

从主车的动作规划来启发的建模



道路序列(Lane Sequence)展开 针对每一条道路序列 Lane Sequence的二 分类

对高概率的分类结果,回归优化绘制轨迹



Prediction as Classification + Regression

- 预测时空轨迹的问题分解成:
- (1) 二分类问题: 对于每一条可能的道路序列,无人车会不会按照这个道路序列行驶
 - (2) 回归优化问题: 给定一个分类选中的道路序列, 优化轨迹形状和速度特

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- 将复杂轨迹的预测问题,映射到离散有限的道路序列空间中
- 统一的道路序列模型,无需适用模型场景选择
- 无需人工标注,极大提高了感知数据的利用率,样本数累积迅速
- 有效利用了大数据和机器学习技术,进行特征抽取和模型训练
- 便于结合Planning轨迹优化的方法,提高了轨迹的优化效果

Data Pipeline

Perception Result



Automatic Lane Sequence Labeling



Train Prediction Models



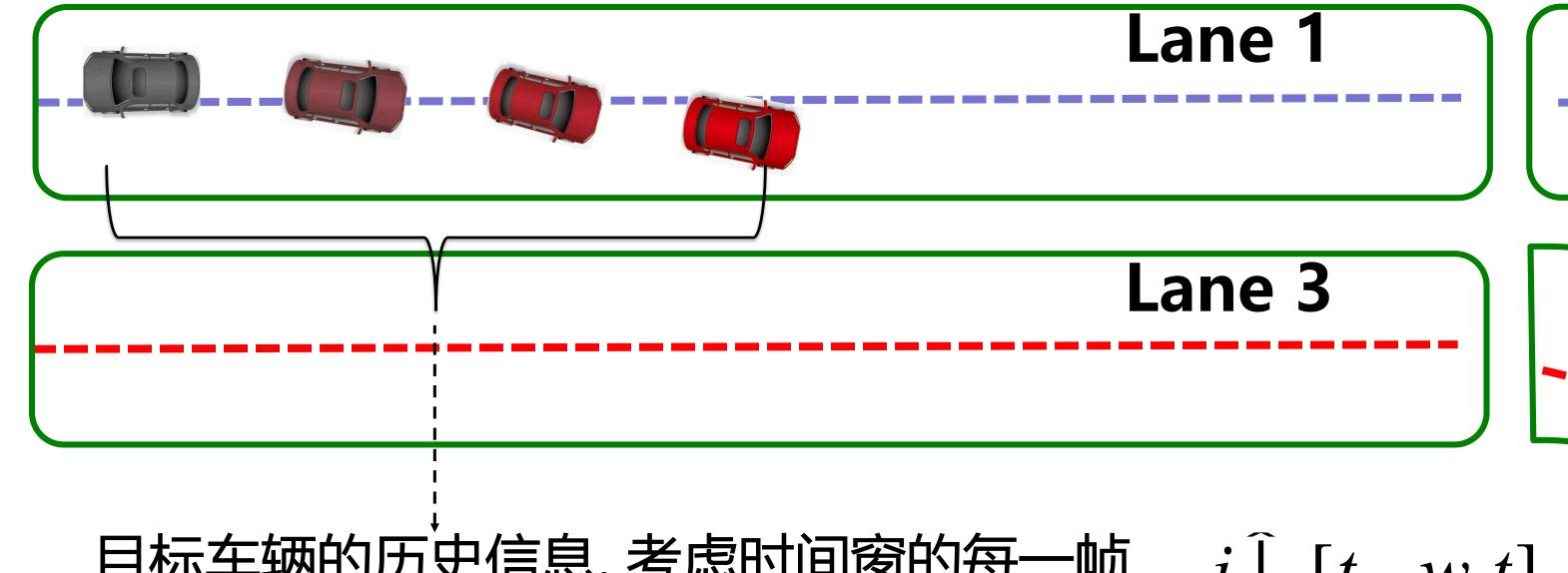
Deploy on Vehicle

Feature: 车辆历史信息

t - w, t - w + 1, t

考虑目标道路序列:

Lane 3, Lane 4

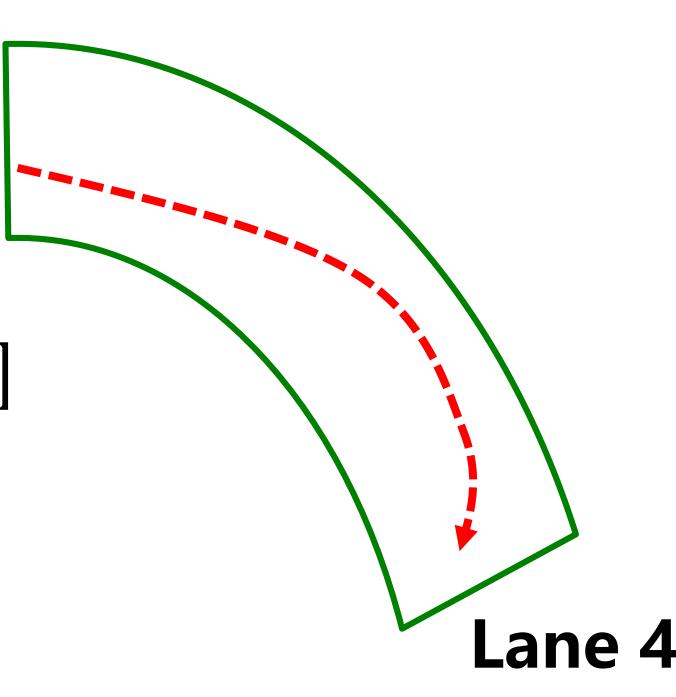


目标车辆的历史信息,考虑时间窗的每一帧 $i \mid [t-w,t]$

 $\{(x_i, y_i, Q_i, v_i, a_i, K_i)\}$

- •位置
- •朝向
- •速度
- •加速度
- •曲率

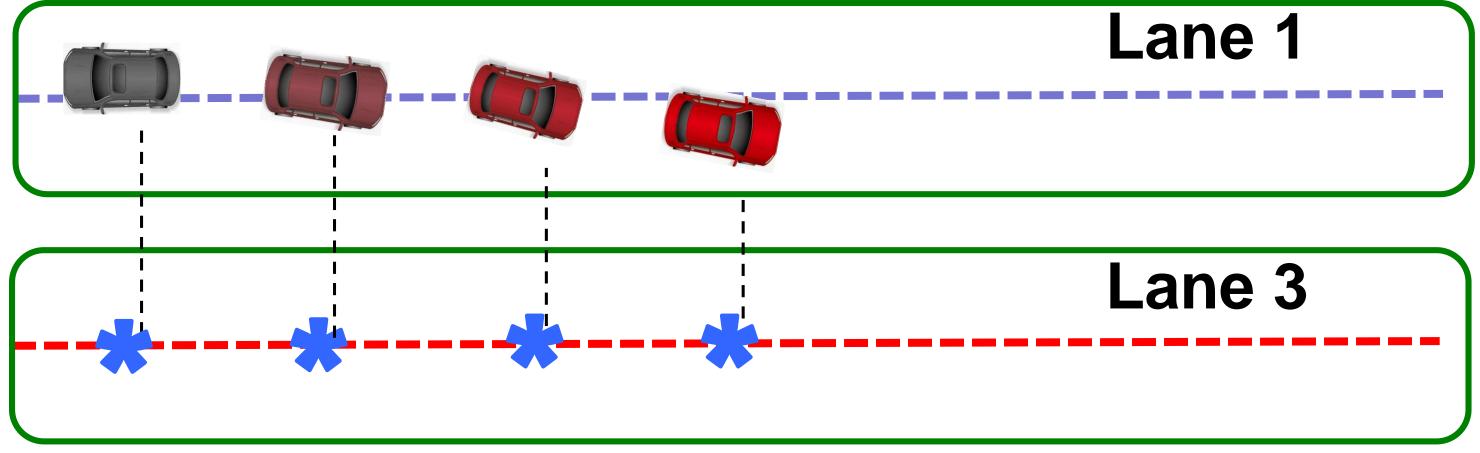
以及由这些历史特征组成数组的统计特性



Lane 2

Feature: 车辆结合道路

t – w, t-w+1, t



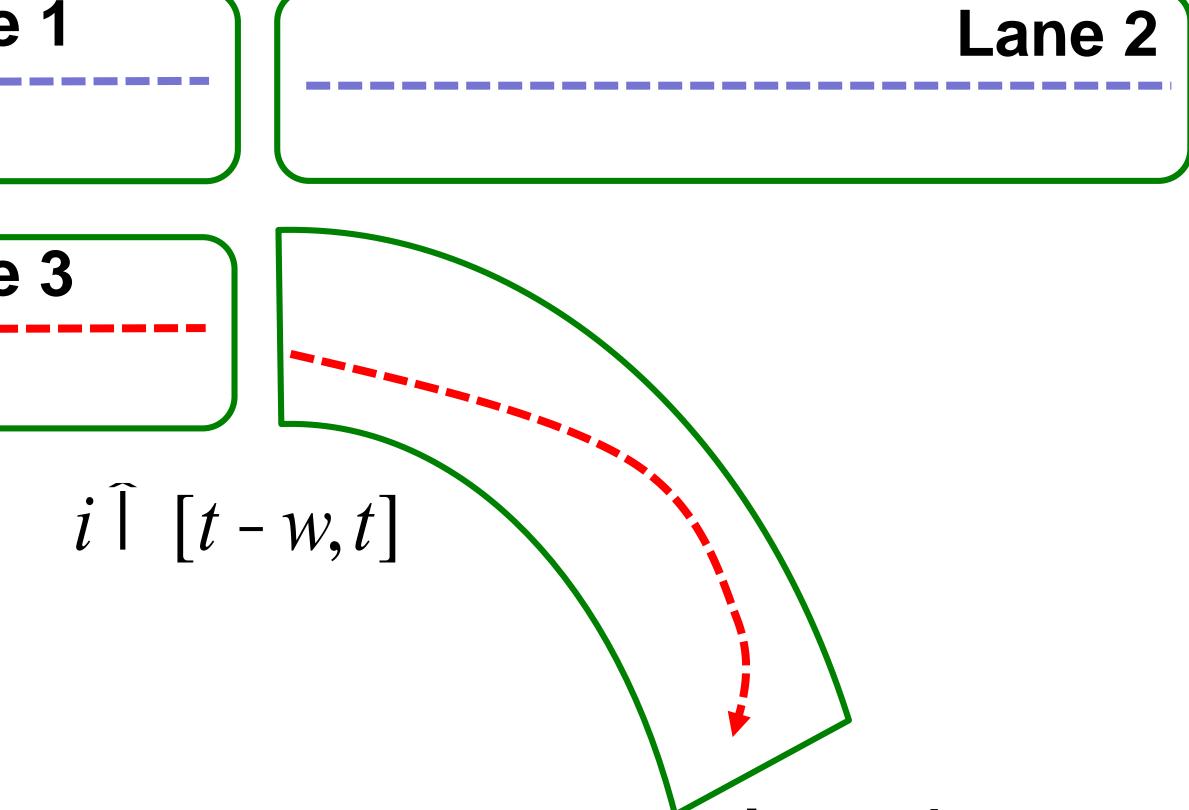
车辆相对于目标道路序列(Target Lane Sequence)的特征:

将车辆的每一帧历史投影到目标道路序列上, 对每一帧

- •车辆和对应道路参考点的角度差
- •车辆和对应道路参考点的横向距离
- •车辆和对应道路参考点的曲率差以及由这些历史特征组成数组的统计特性

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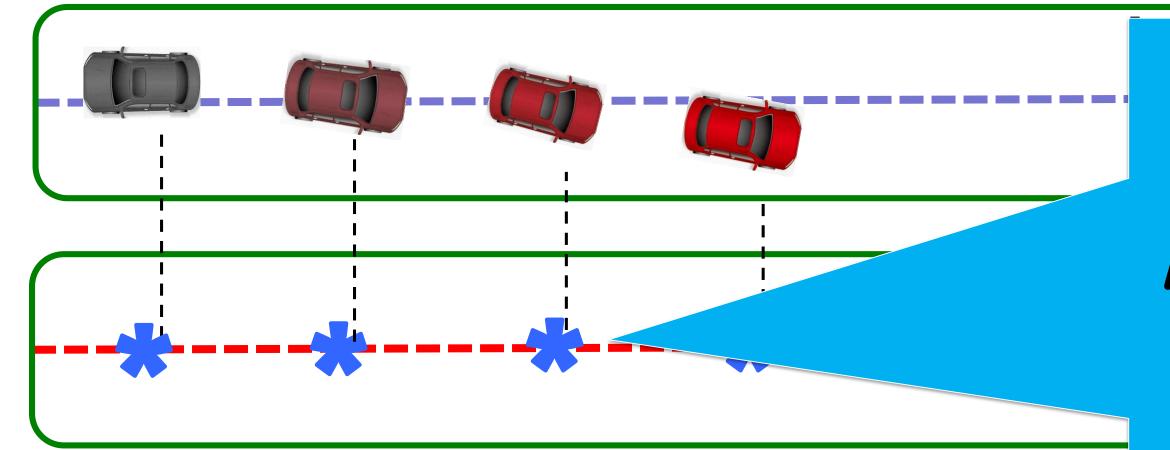
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Feature: 车辆结合道路

t - w, t - w + 1, t

考虑目标道路序列:

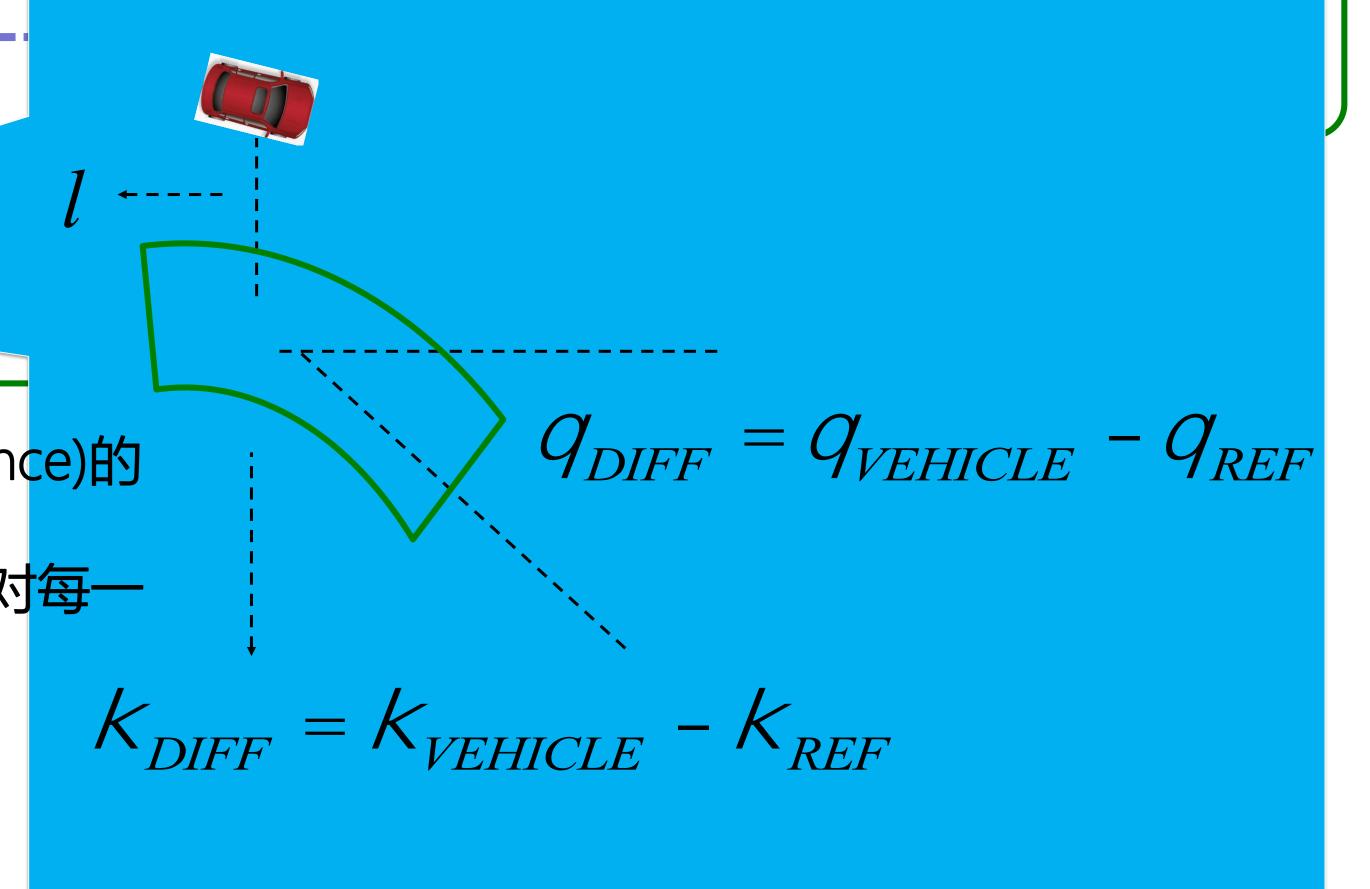
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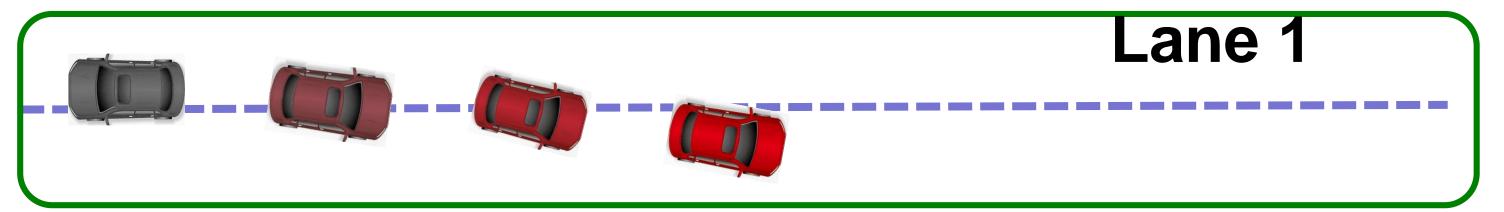


Feature:道路形状

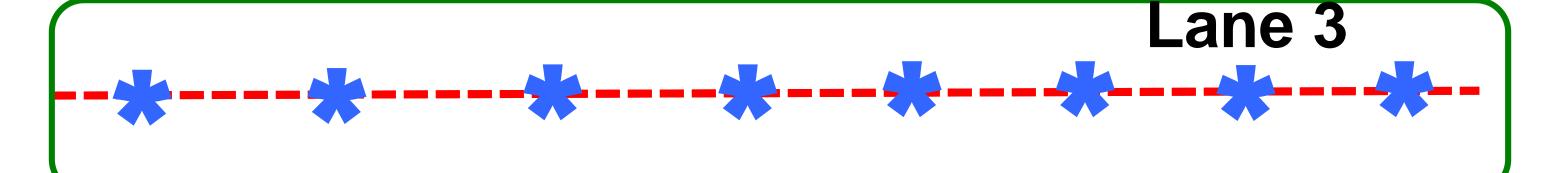
t – w, t-w+1, t

考虑目标道路序列:

Lane 3, Lane 4

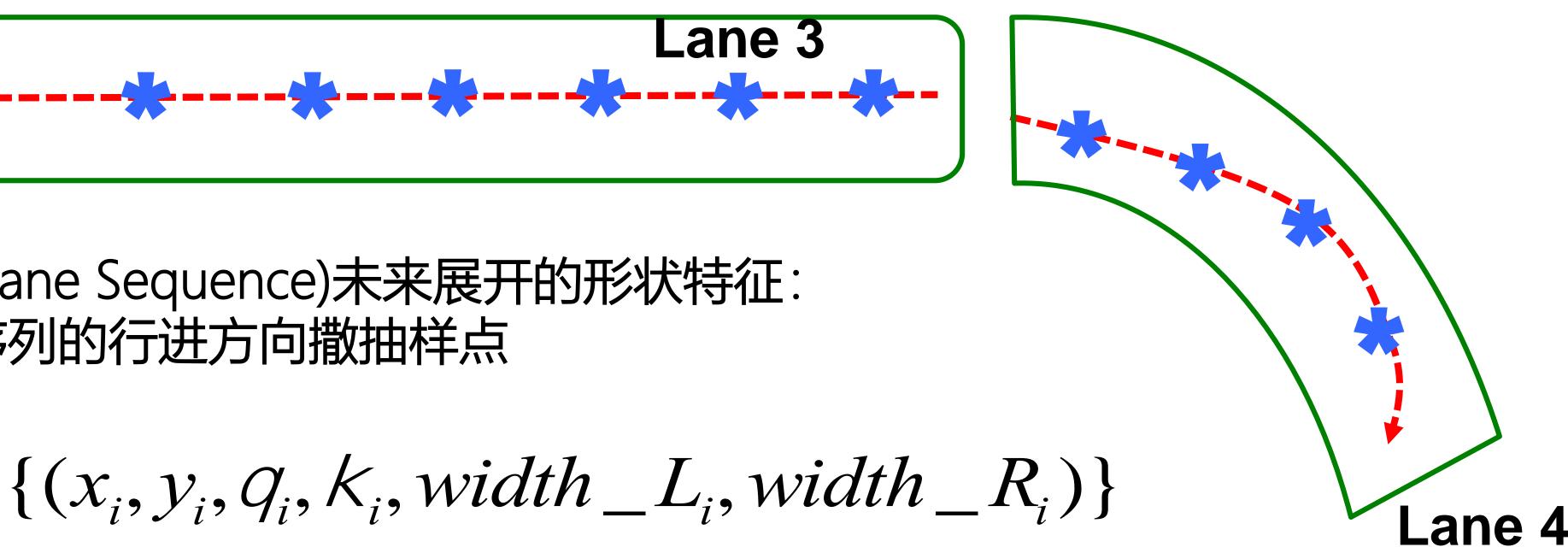


Lane 2



道路序列(Lane Sequence)未来展开的形状特征: 沿着道路序列的行进方向撒抽样点

- •位置
- •朝向
- •曲率

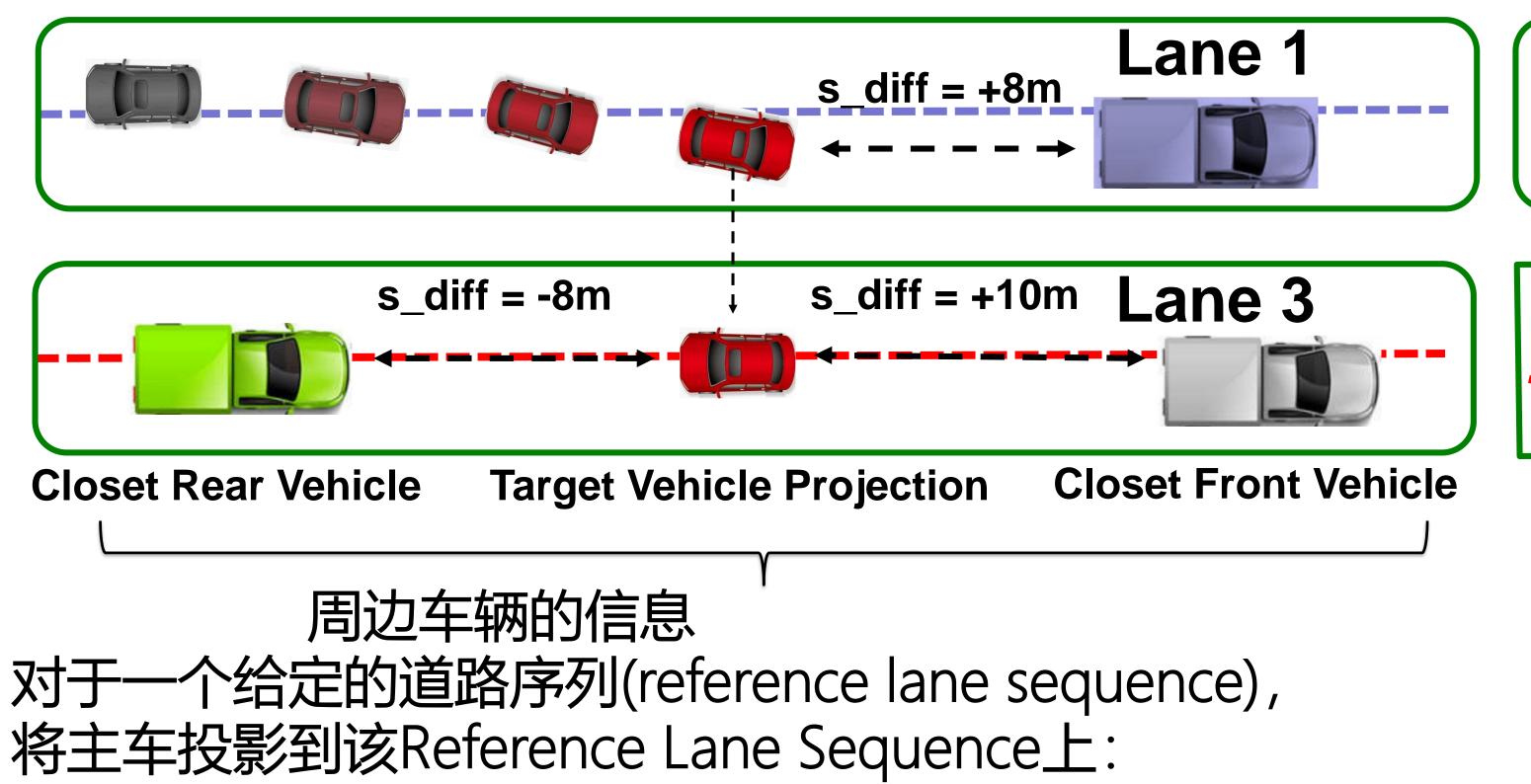


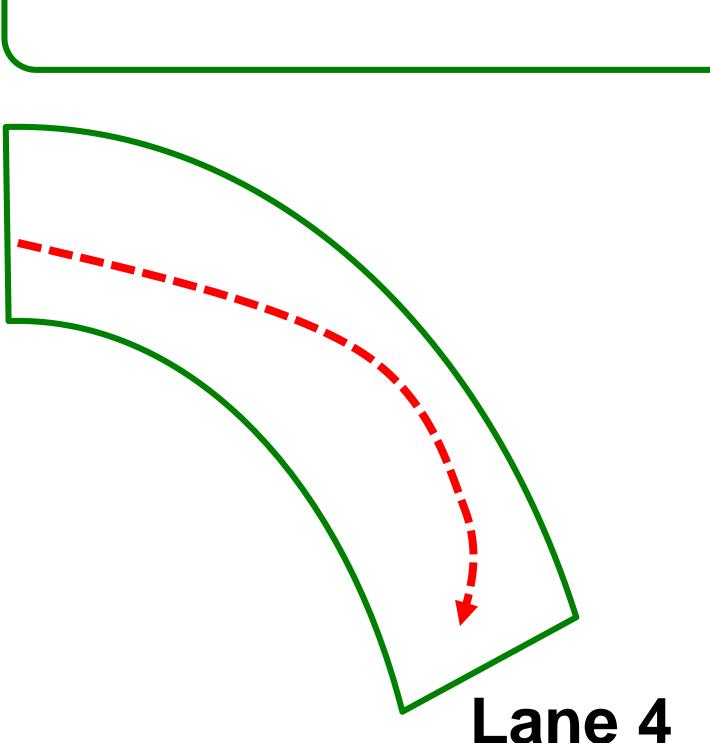
Feature:周边车辆信息

t – w, t-w+1, t

考虑目标道路序列:

Lane 3, Lane 4





•Closest rear vehicle s difference

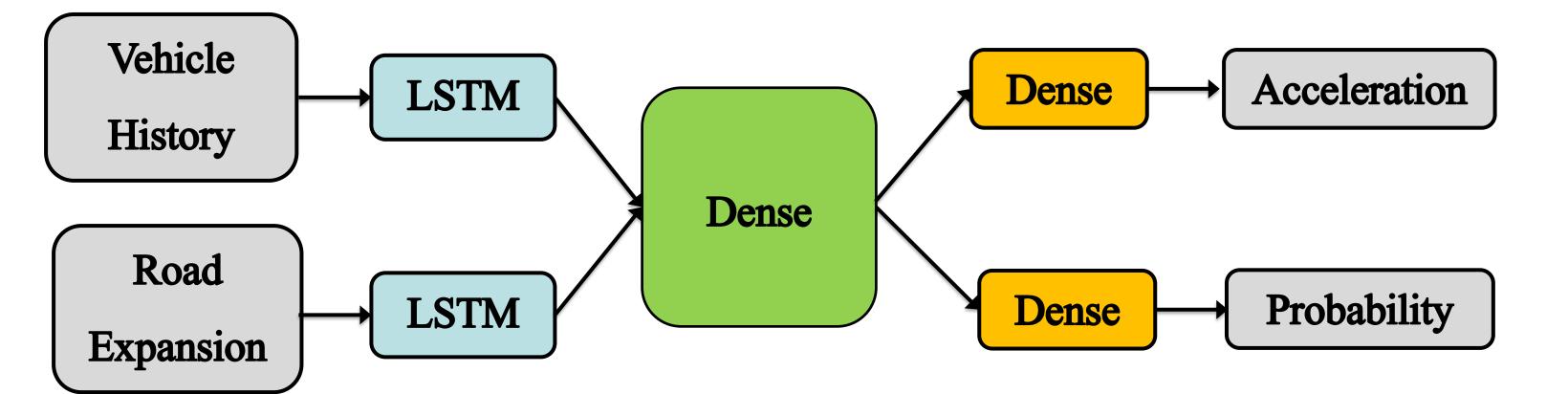
Closest front vehicle s difference

同时考虑在主车当前Lane上的Closest front & rear vehicle s difference

Lane 2

RNN Model in Apollo

- One network modeling the historical information about obstacle
- One network modeling the future road path characteristics
- Two output for any legal output lane sequence
 - Probability
 - Accuracy



```
RnnModel::RnnModel() {}
void RnnModel::Run(const std::vector<Eigen::MatrixXf>& inputs,
                   Eigen::MatrixXf* output) const {
  Eigen::MatrixXf inp1;
  Eigen::MatrixXf inp2;
  layers_[0]->Run({inputs[0]}, &inp1);
  layers_[1]->Run({inputs[1]}, &inp2);
  Eigen::MatrixXf bn1;
  Eigen::MatrixXf bn2;
  layers_[2]->Run({inp1}, &bn1);
  layers_[3]->Run({inp2}, &bn2);
  Eigen::MatrixXf lstm1;
  Eigen::MatrixXf lstm2;
  layers_[4]->Run({bn1}, &lstm1);
  layers_[5]->Run({bn2}, &lstm2);
  Eigen::MatrixXf merge;
  Eigen::MatrixXf dense1;
  Eigen::MatrixXf act1;
  layers_[6]->Run({lstm1, lstm2}, &merge);
  layers_[7]->Run({merge}, &dense1);
  layers_[8]->Run({dense1}, &bn1);
  layers_[9]->Run({bn1}, &act1);
  Eigen::MatrixXf dense2;
  Eigen::MatrixXf prob;
  layers_[10]->Run({act1}, &dense2);
  layers_[12]->Run({dense2}, &bn1);
  layers_[14]->Run({bn1}, &prob);
  Eigen::MatrixXf acc;
  layers_[11]->Run({act1}, &dense2);
  layers_[13]->Run({dense2}, &bn1);
  layers_[15]->Run({bn1}, &acc);
  output->resize(1, 2);
  *output << prob, acc;
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Prediction Result Demo Video

Demo Video

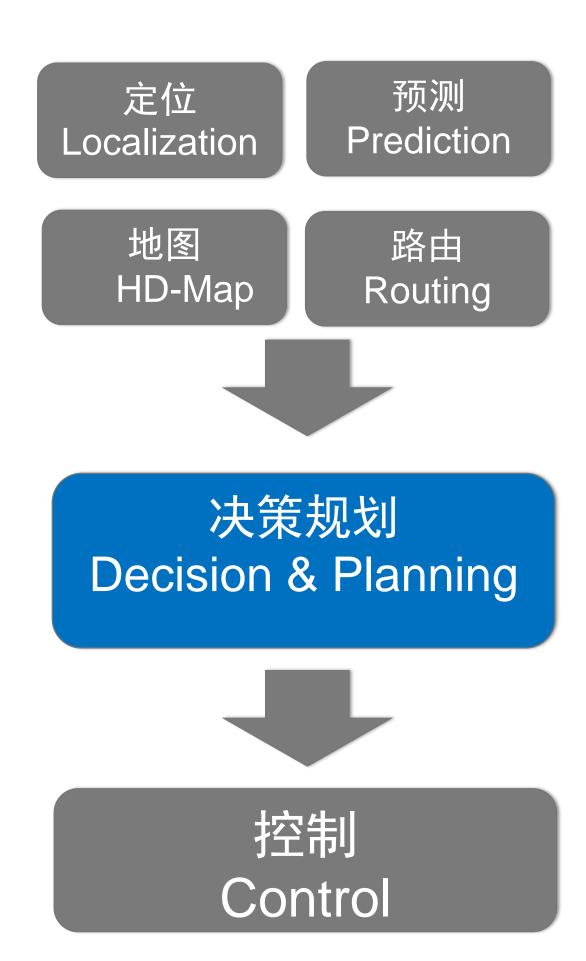


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规划问题(Planning)的重要术语(Terminology)

- Planning:在一个较短的时间内,产生从一个点到另一个点的运动轨迹
 - 上游: 定位, 感知, 预测, 地图
 - 下游: 控制
- Path: 路径 只描述位置形状(only the shape)
- *Trajectory*: 轨迹 不仅包含位置信息Path, 还包含了沿着Path的时间和速度信息(describing both the shape and the movements/speeds along the Path)
- Reference Line (指引线/基准线)
 - 基于导航路由,一条足够平滑并且能够保证控制模块可以执行的,指引无人 车前往目的地的曲线
- Frenet Frame: (s,l) system given a reference line
 - S方向: 车辆沿着指引线的径向方向
 - L方向: 车辆垂直于指引线的横向方向
- ST Graph: 描述车辆在(s,l)方向运动行为的图

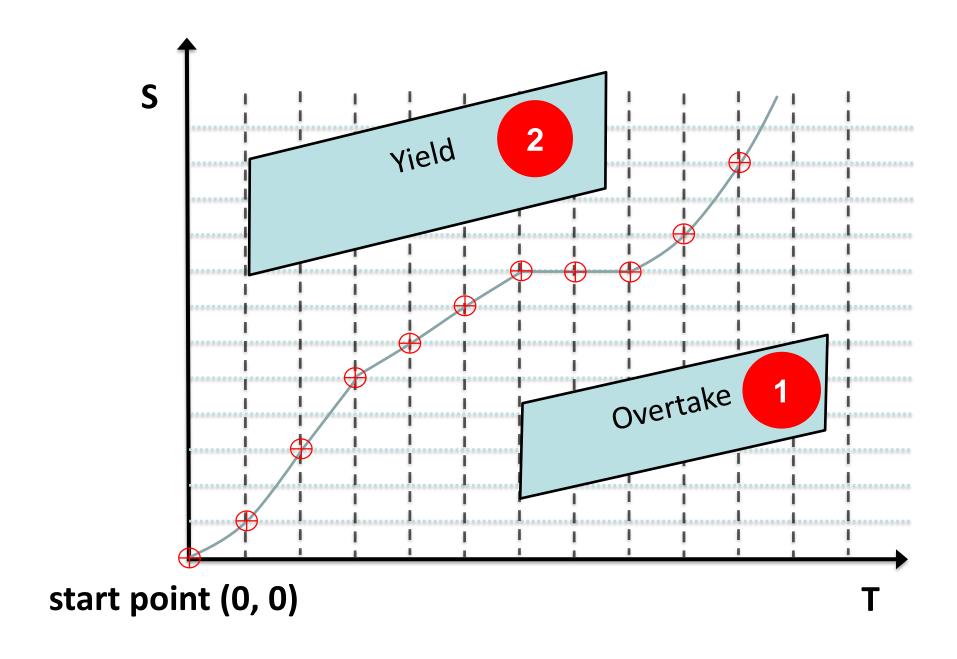


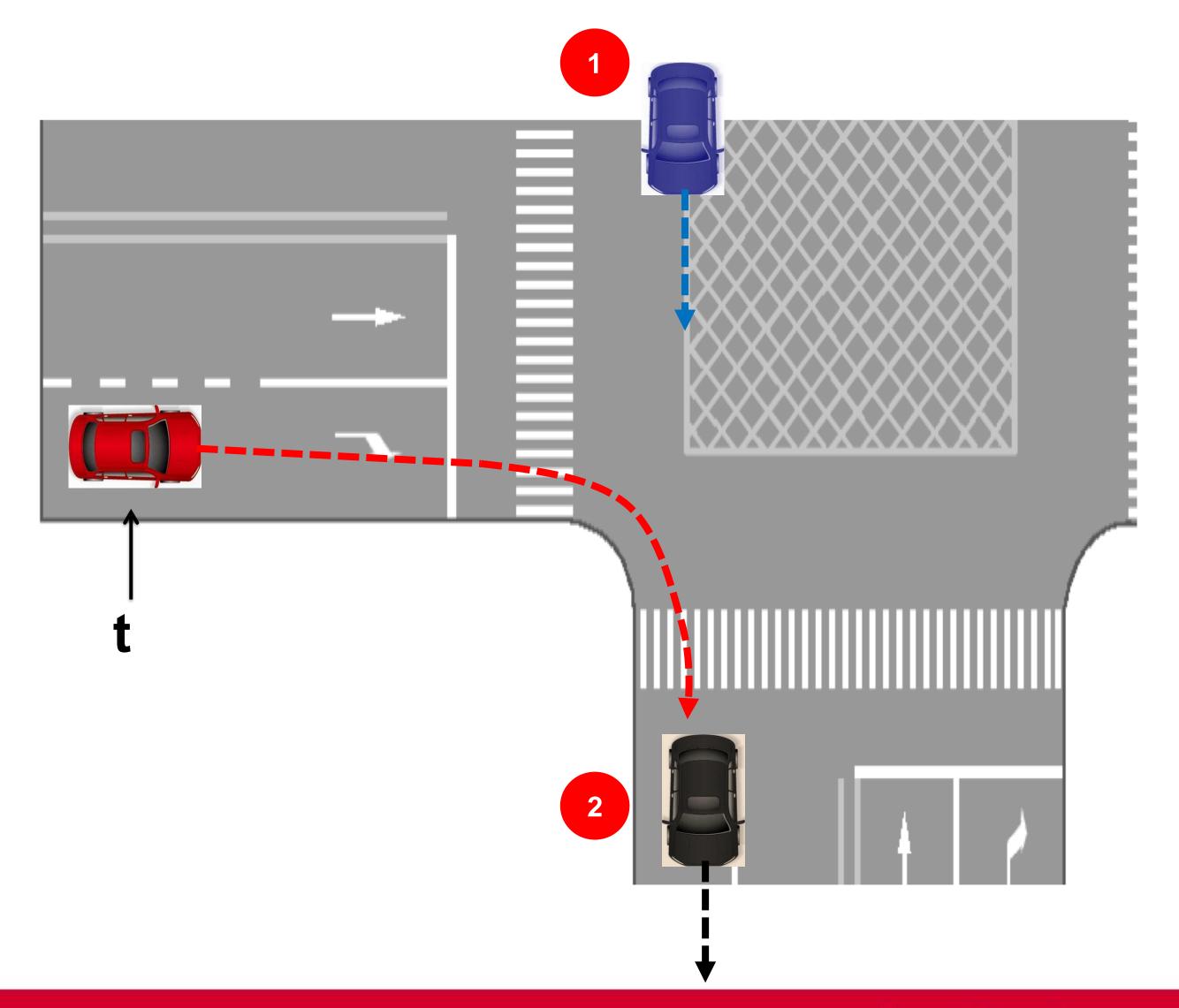


Some More About ST-Graph: An Example

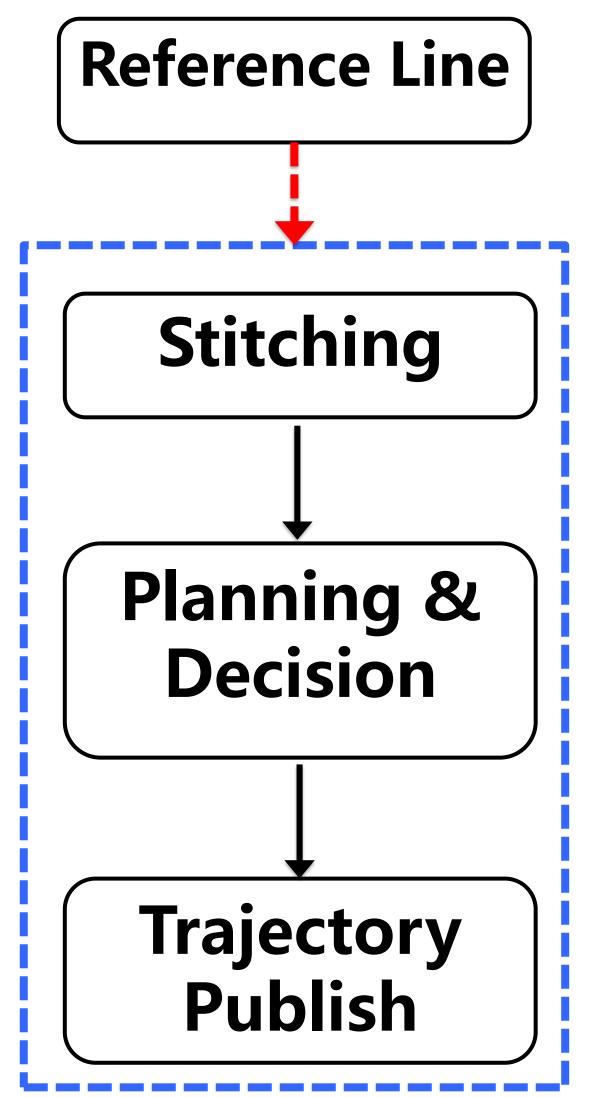
ST Graph:

- In planning, the XY coordinate system does not represent any semantics
- Planning happens on the SL coordinate system
- ST-Graph models the semantics along a certain path (s direction)





Apollo Planning的结构设计



1.计算指引线

2.产生规划起点

3.轨迹生成和优化

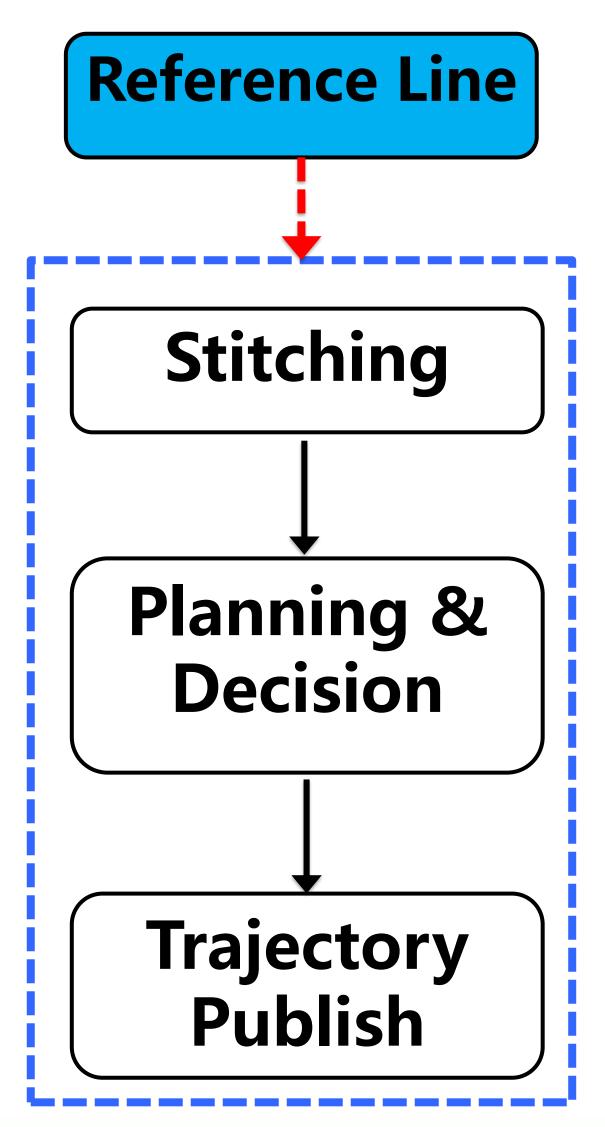
4.轨迹发布给下游

■ 指引线既可以实时拼接生成,也可以离线载入. Apollo 2.0中采用实时拼接生成

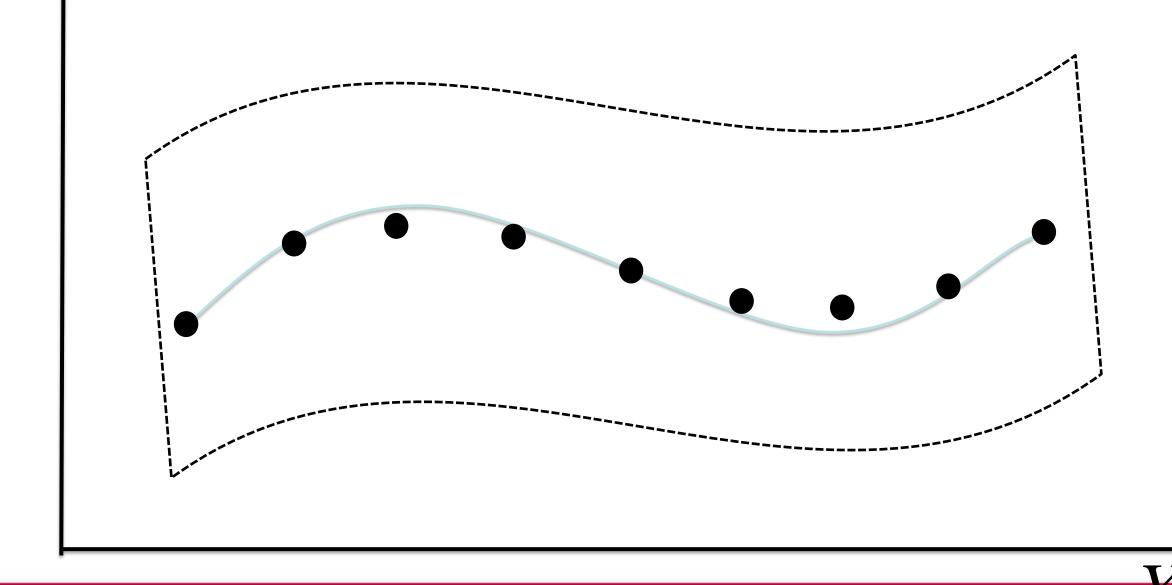
■ 指引线生成和整体的决策规划模块可以独立分开异步运行

■ 主Planning模块设计为时钟驱动Timer Based, 频率10Hz

Apollo Planning中的指引线优化算法



- 平滑的指引线是规划的基础
- 既可以离线载入, 也可以异步运行
- 指引线优化问题的描述:
- 在特定的限制条件下,优化累积的曲率变化率 Kappa/Cumulative Curvature



Apollo中的指引线优化算法

The Problem Formalization: given a n sample points (usually along) lane)

Connect them piece-wisely with polynomial spirals. Formulated as:

$$\theta_i(s) = a * s^5 + b * s^4 + c * s^3 + d * s^2 + e * s + f$$

, where

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_i(0) = \theta_i$$
 $\boldsymbol{\theta}_i(\Delta s) = \theta_{i+1}$

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 $\boldsymbol{\theta}_i(\Delta s) = \boldsymbol{\theta}_{i+1}$ $\dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_i(0) = \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_i$ $\dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_i(\Delta s) = \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{i+1}$

$$\ddot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_i(0) = \ddot{\theta}_i \qquad \ddot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_i(\Delta s) = \ddot{\theta}_{i+1}$$

Apollo中的指引线优化算法

Optimization Goal:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{m-2} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \ddot{\theta}_i(s_j)^2$$

Constraints:

-Equality of continuity: (2n-2) equality constraints

$$x = x_i + \int_0^s \cos(\theta_i(s)) ds$$

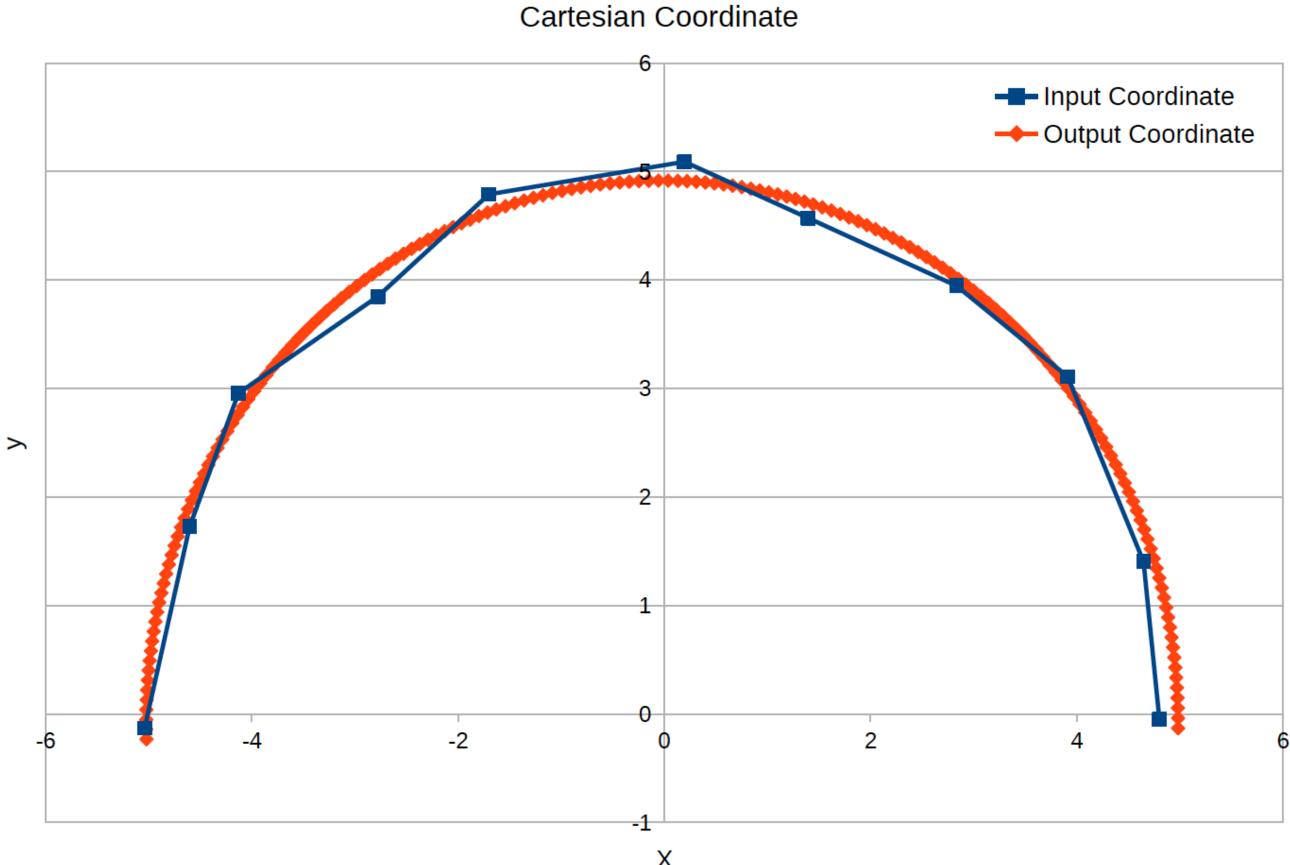
$$x_{i+1} - x_i - \frac{1}{2} \Delta s_i * \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} w_i * \cos(\theta(\frac{1}{2} \Delta s_i * g_i + \frac{1}{2} \Delta s_i)) = 0$$

$$y = y_i + \int_0^s \sin(\theta_i(s)) ds$$
Gauss-Lengedre Approximation
$$y_{i+1} - y_i - \frac{1}{2} \Delta s_i * \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} w_i * \sin(\theta(\frac{1}{2} \Delta s_i * g_i + \frac{1}{2} \Delta s_i)) = 0$$

-Inequality of deviation radius $(x_i - \bar{x}_i)^2 + (y_i - \bar{y}_i)^2 \le r_i^2$

优化效果

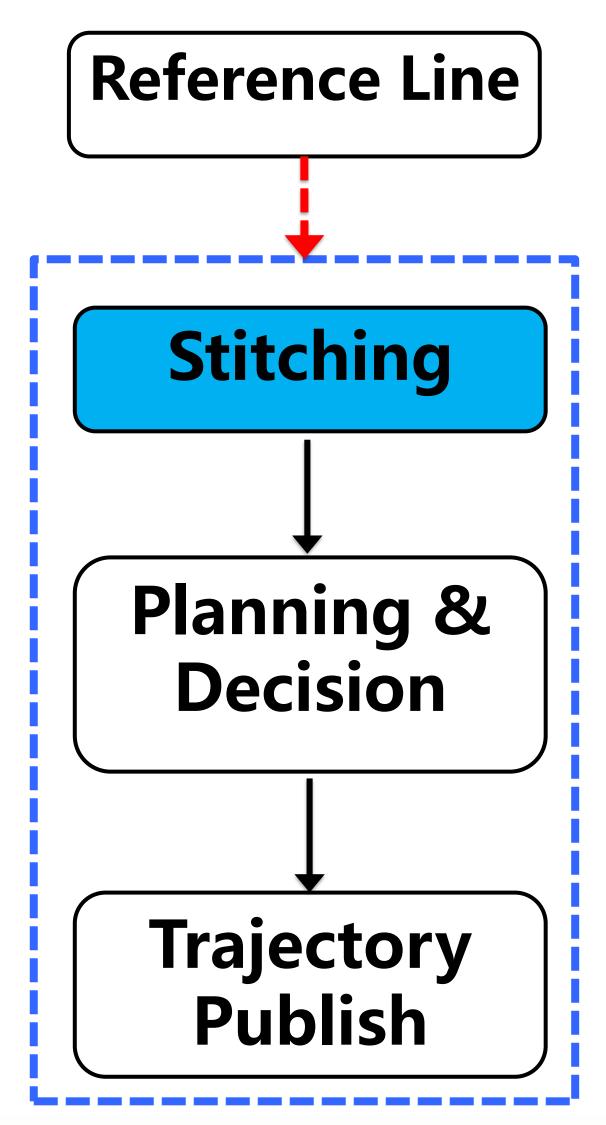
An example:



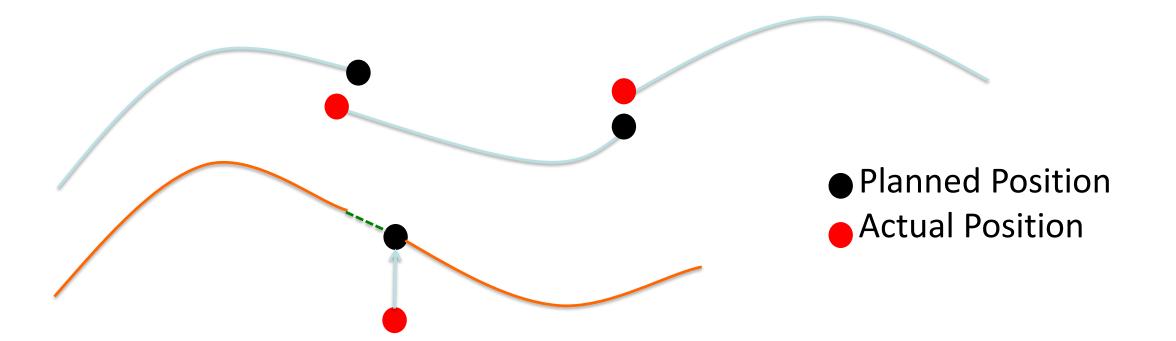
All the remaining planning process is computed within the (s,l) coordinate system as per reference line



Apollo Planning中的Stitching

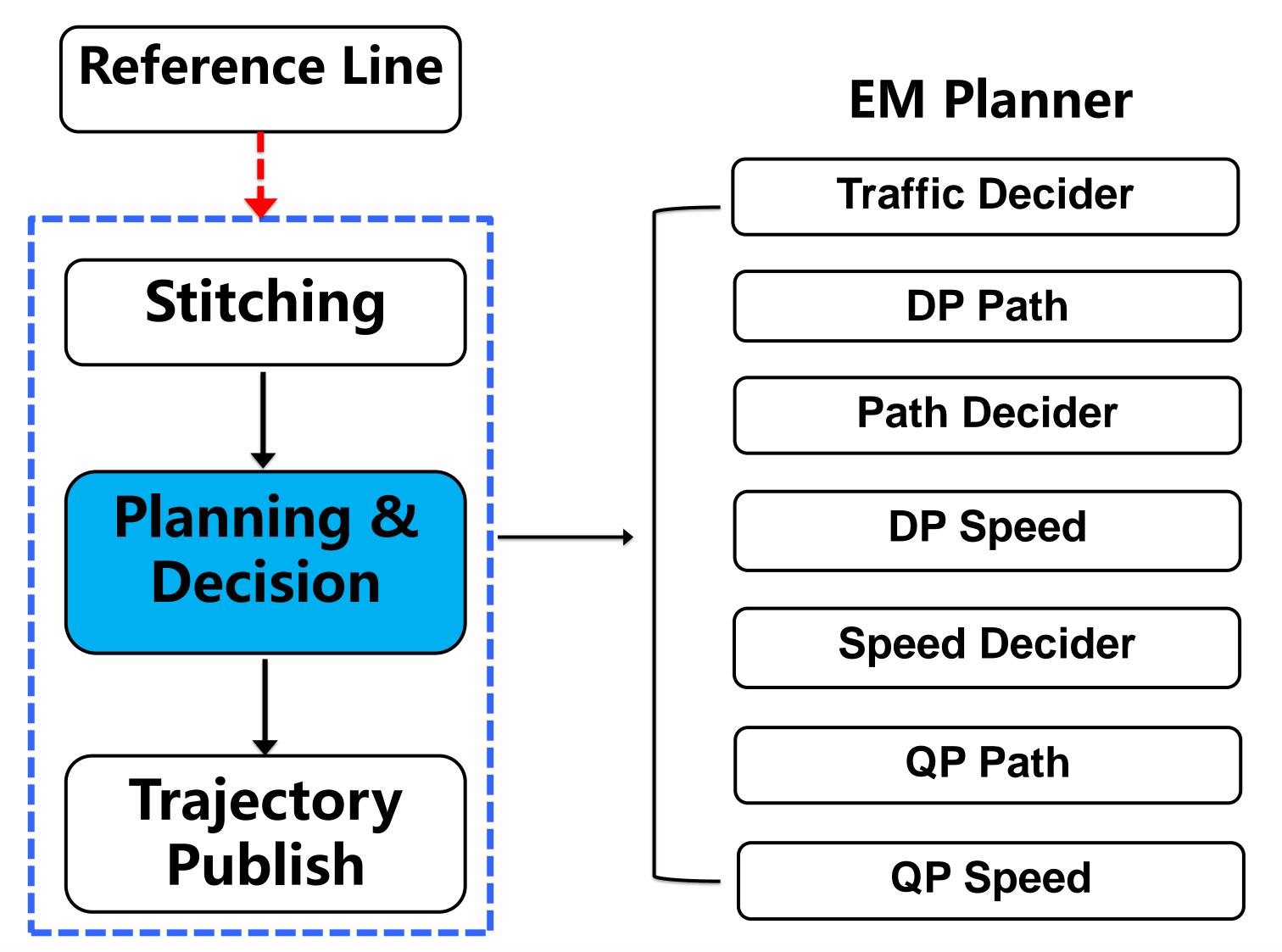


- 在每个规划周期(Frame/Cycle), 规划的起始点是哪里?
- 一种显而易见的方法是从主车当前位置作为起始点开始规划
- 但由于控制不能完美追踪上一个周期的轨迹,从主车当前位置 开始规划会导致发给控制模块的轨迹不连续



■解决方法: 将主车当前位置投影到上一个规划周期的轨迹中,将该投影点作为当前周期的规划起始位置 "Stitch" the current planning start point to previous planning trajectory

Apollo系统中的Planning设计



Lattice Planner

End Poses in (s, t) and (s, l)

Ranking & Filtering
Trajectories

A Sampling Based Approach Naturally Fit for Machine Learning



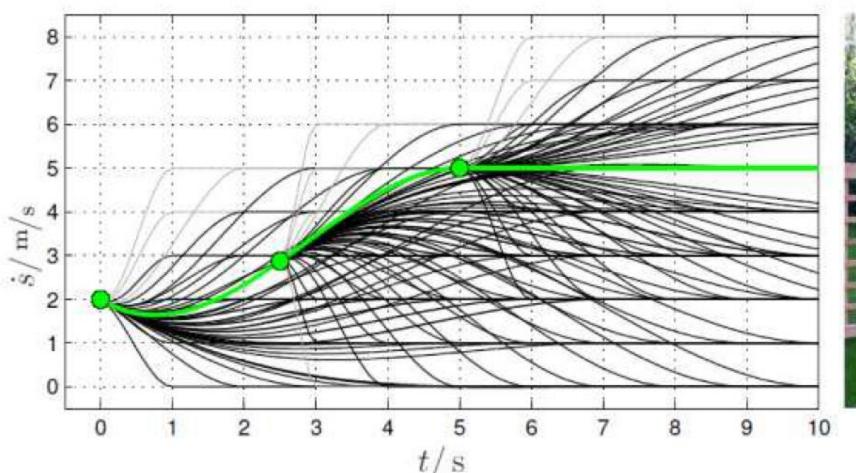
Apollo中的Lattice Planner

- 目标: 规划出一条符合交规,安全,舒适,可执行的动作规矩
- 参考文献 Stanford's method on DARPA Grand/Urban Challenge.

 Optimal trajectory generation for dynamic street scenarios in a Frenet Frame ICRA 2010 M.Werling, J.Ziegler, S.Kammel, S. Thrun
- 为什么称为 "Lattice Planner" ? Use different Decisions to sample fixed-patterned end conditions (time, position, velocity, acceleration)



Stanford Junior

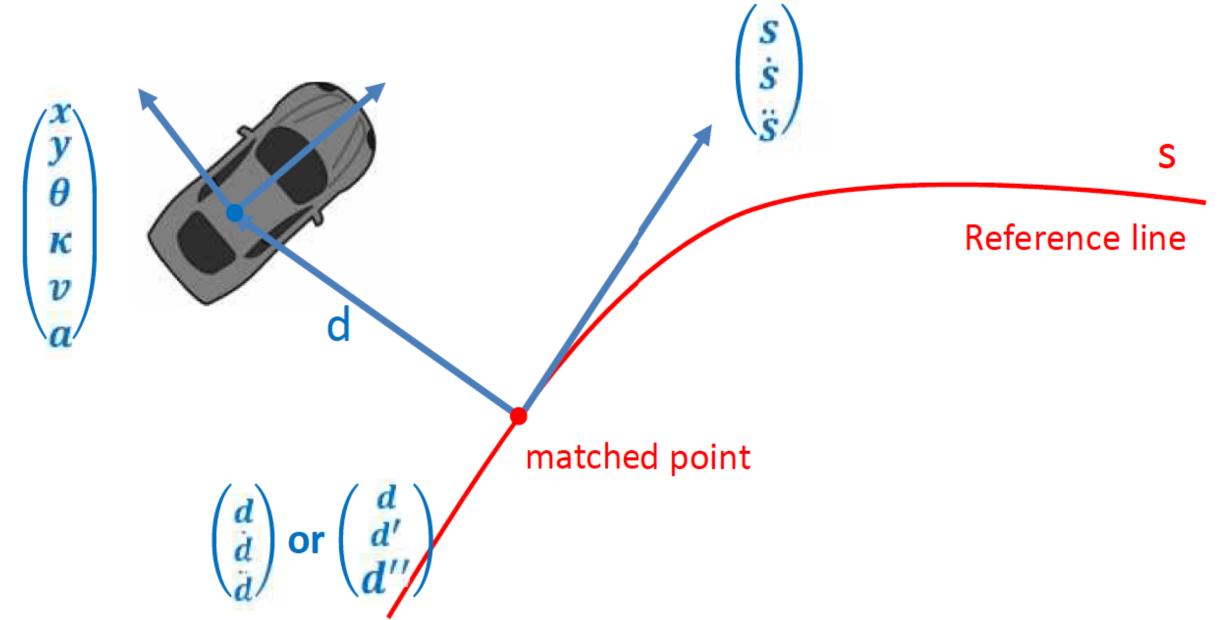




End conditions for cruising

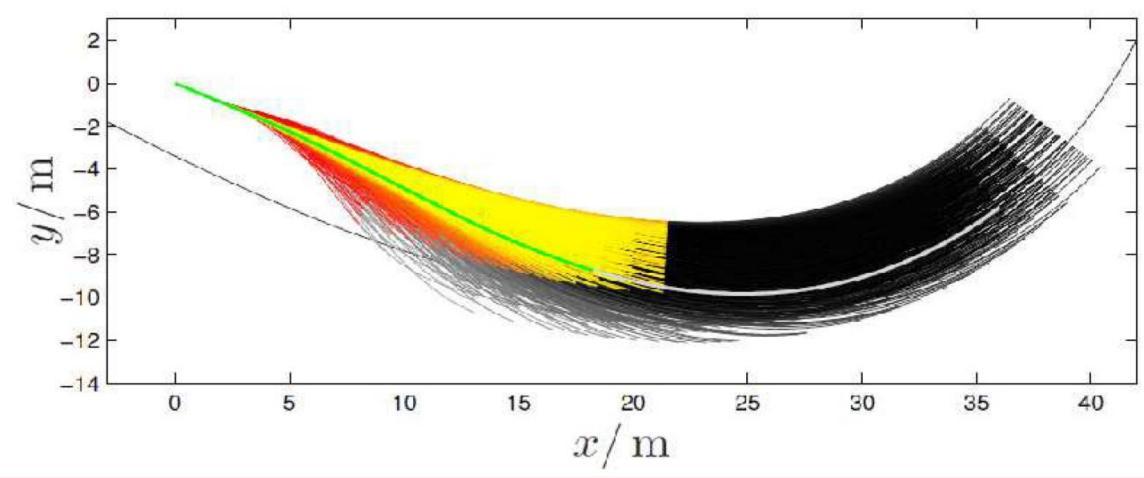
Apollo中的Lattice Planner

- 基于运动学的规划方法,同时产生轨迹形状和速度
- 在Frenet Frame中按照指引线(s,l)方向进行规划
 - 纵向和横向分开独立规划
 - 形状和速度在一维空间联合优化,保证控制模块能够执行
 - 城市道路环境和高速都



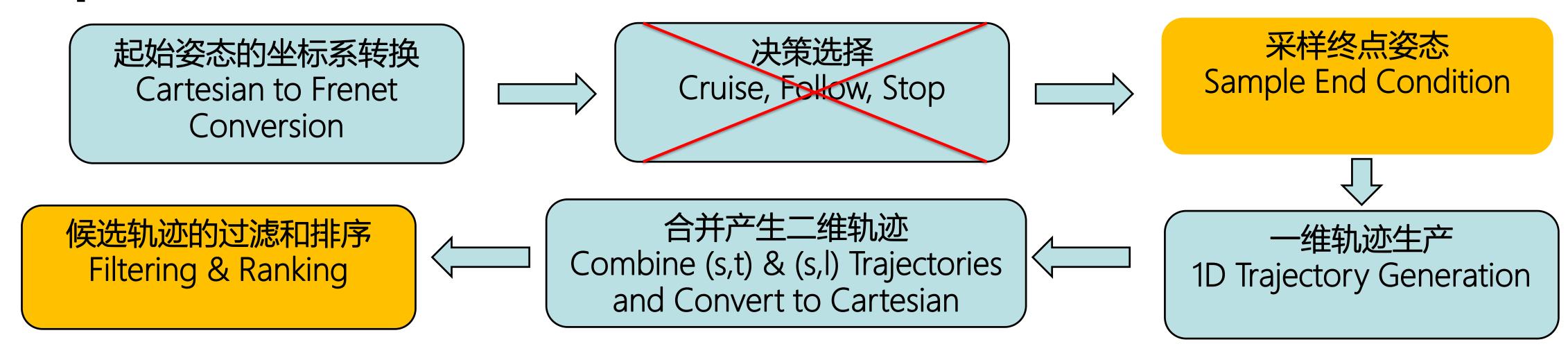
算法步骤:

- 首先分别独立在纵向和横向采样大量的终端姿态点
- 使用5阶多项式进行连接起始和终点 姿态
- 在一维空间内简单过滤轨迹后,合并产生候选的时空轨迹
- 过滤+排序: 选出最优的轨迹

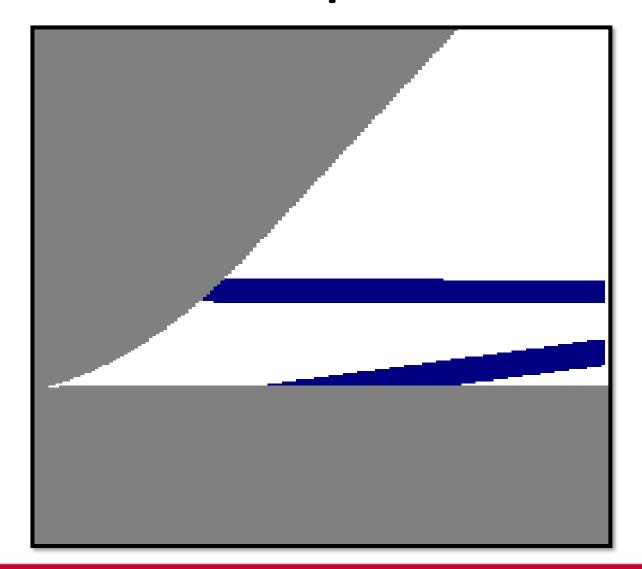




Apollo中的Lattice Planner



ST Graph



- 行为层面的"人"的决策被体现在
 - 终点姿态的采样策略上
 - 候选轨迹的Cost分量的不同权重选择上

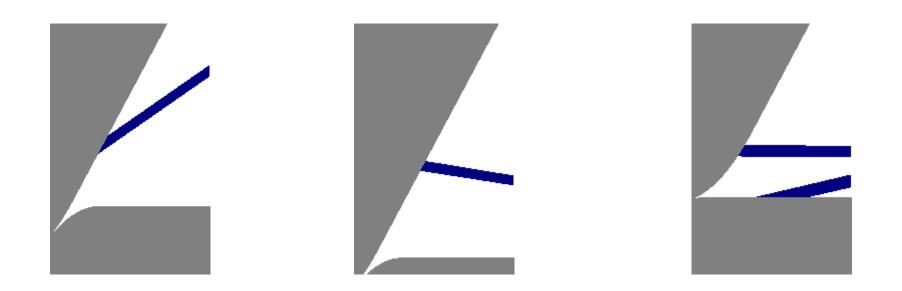
Here Machine Learning Kicks in => Automatically Tuning the Parameters To Be Like A Human Driving

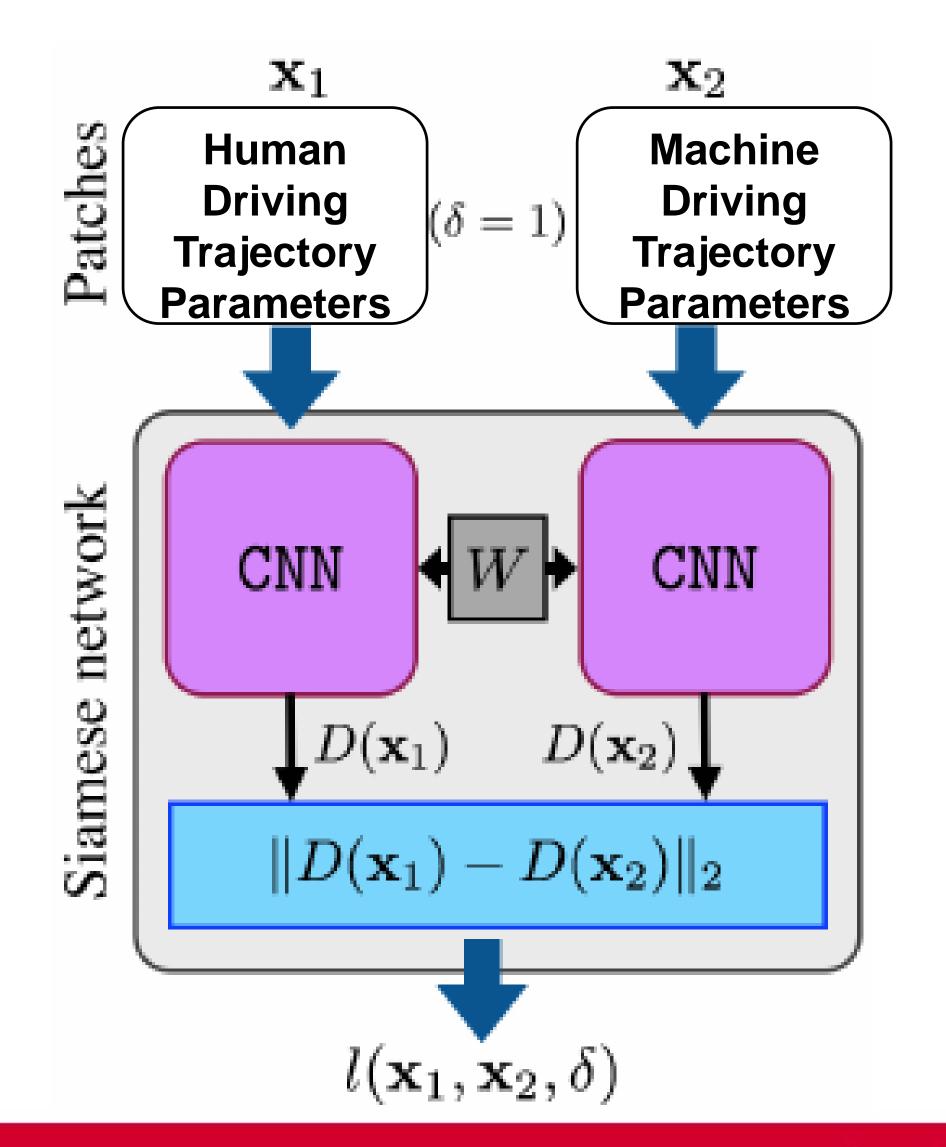
- 利用人的驾驶数据来"教导"机器如何去
 - 选择终点姿态
 - 选择轨迹Cost分量的不同权重



Apollo中的Lattice Planner 自动调参Auto-Tuning

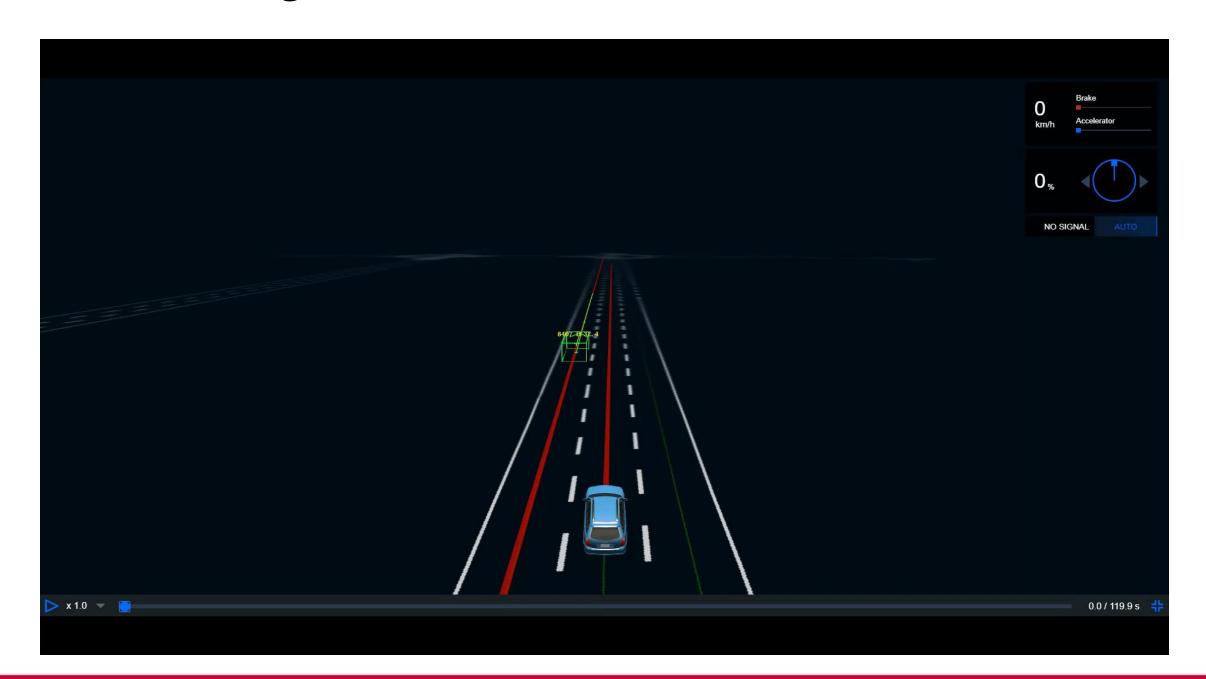
- 自动调参 Auto-Tuning
- 借鉴人脸识别的经验 Idea from Face Recognition
- 目标Goal: 使得无人驾驶车的决策和规划越来越趋近于人类的驾驶模式 To make the machine drives like a human
- Siamese 网络的两种输入模式:
 - 人和机器的不同Cost分量值 Human & Machine Driving Cost Components: $\mathbf{cost}_{i_{Machine}}$ v.s. $\mathbf{cost}_{i_{Human}}$
 - 人和机器的驾驶轨迹中提取的Feature: 例如轨迹点的形状和周边信息: $Trajectory_{Machine}$ $v.s.Trajectory_{Human}$

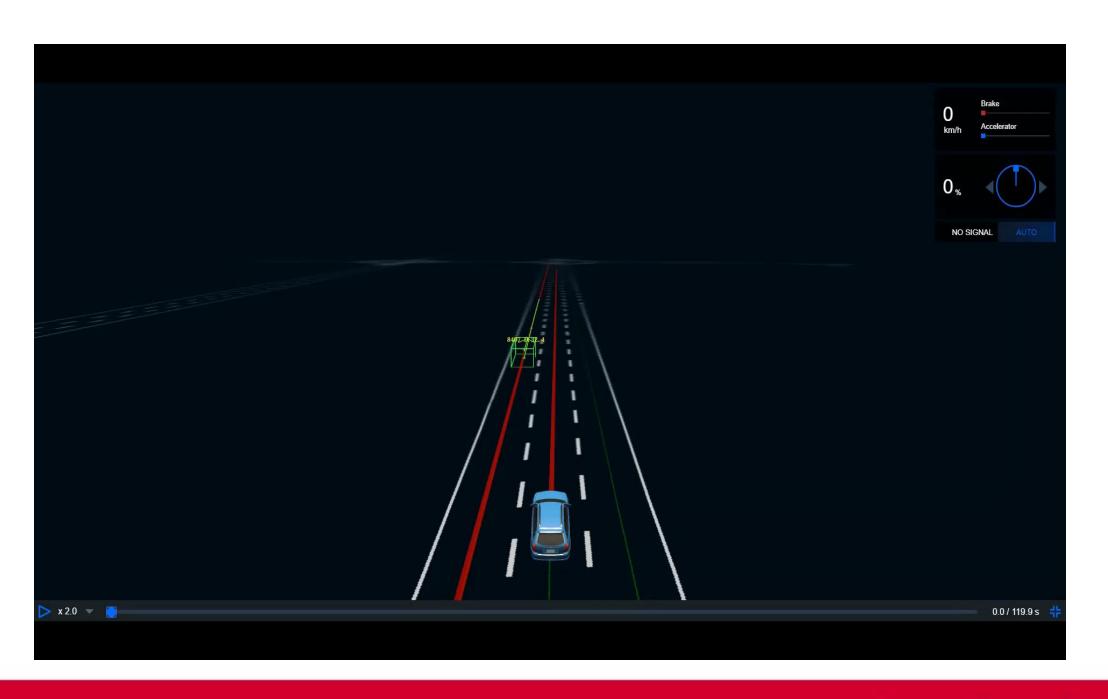




Simple Effect of Auto Tuning

- Before Auto Tuning the Cost Map for ST-Graph
- Vehicle follows on lead vehicle on desired lane. The lead vehicle stops and autonomous vehicle stops too
- After auto tuning with human drive data, the autonomous vehicle will overtake the stopped vehicle using the other lane







Topic

- Autonomous Driving Software System Modules
- Deep Learning in Autonomous Driving System Modules
 - Perception
 - Prediction
 - Decision & Planning
- Future Directions for AI in Autonomous Driving

Future Directions for AI in Autonomous Driving

- Deeping learning in perception is getting more and more mature.
 - Fusion based approach is becoming more and more mainstream.
 - Hardware based pre-fusion and joint training . Eg RoadStar.ai and Hesai's Pandora

The importance of irregular behavior prediction is still a challenge

- Decision & Planning starts to be more and more "data-driven"
 - Al in planning will be more of a Bottom-Up process rather than top-down

Thank You Q & A



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