



A COLREGs-Compliant Local Guidance System for Unmanned Surface Vehicles based on Hierarchical Task Network

Automated Planning

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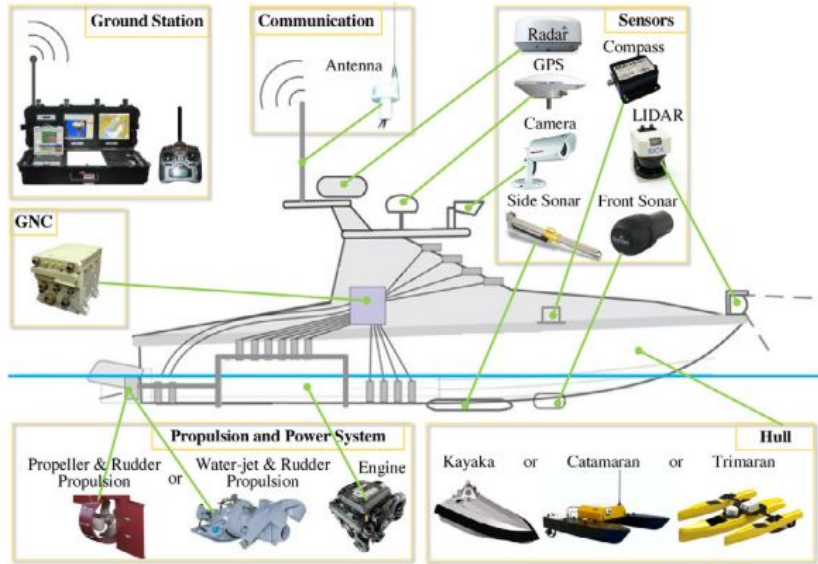


Fig. 1. Fundamental architecture of a typical USV.

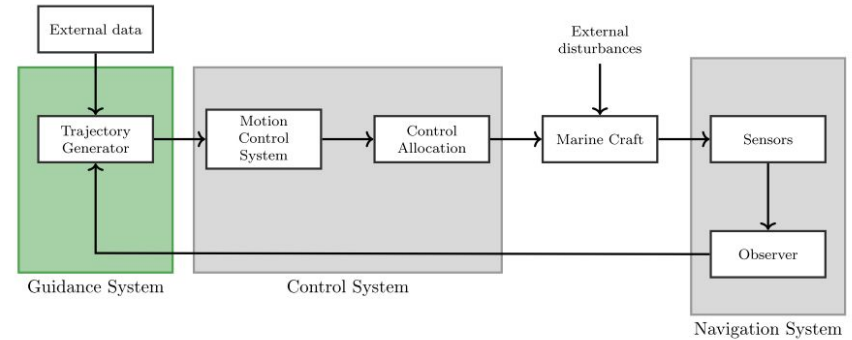


Figure 3.1: GNC system.

Unmanned Surface Vehicles

- Global / Deliberative
- Local / Reactive

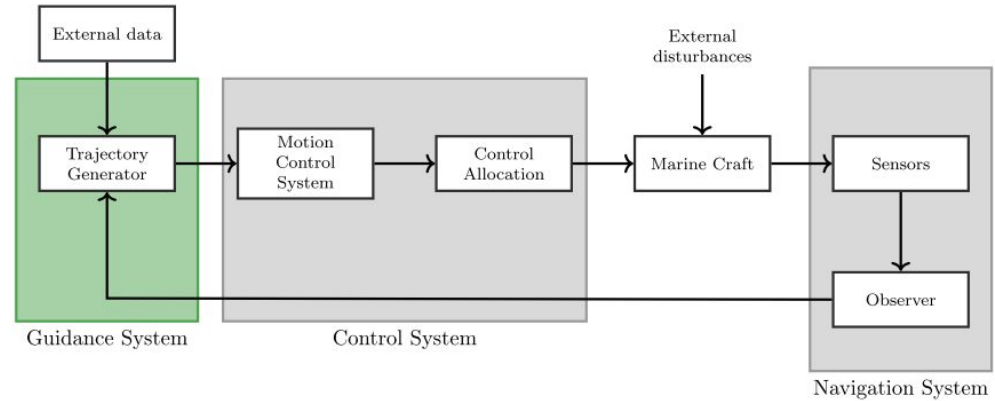
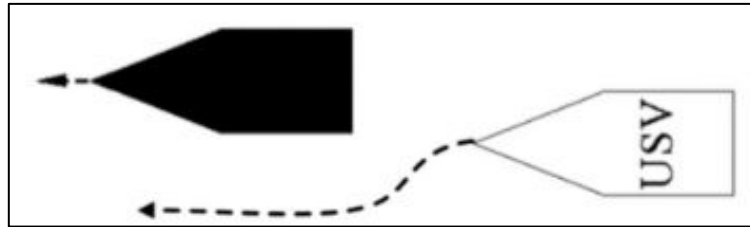


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COLREGs

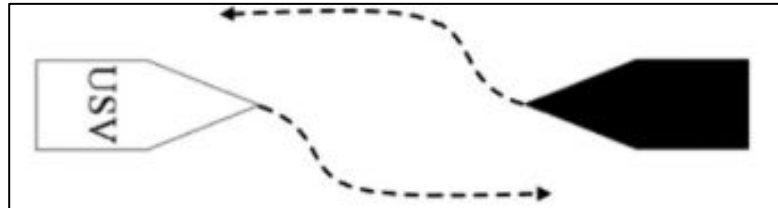
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Overtaking

COLREGs

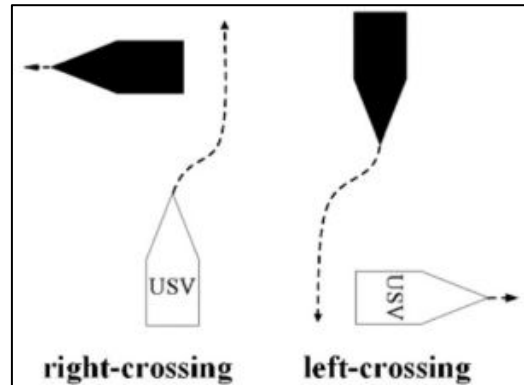
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Head-on

COLREGs

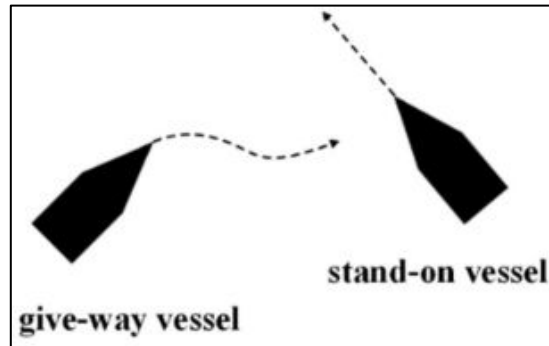
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Crossing

COLREGs

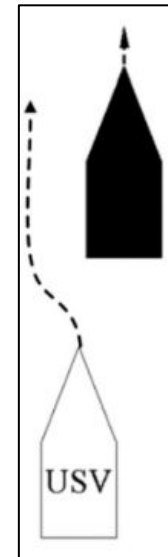
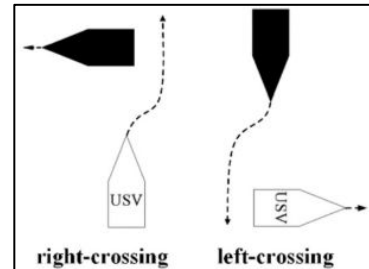
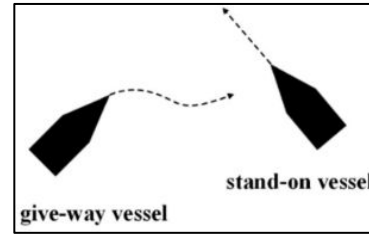
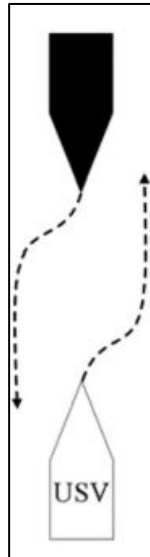
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Giveway and Stand-on

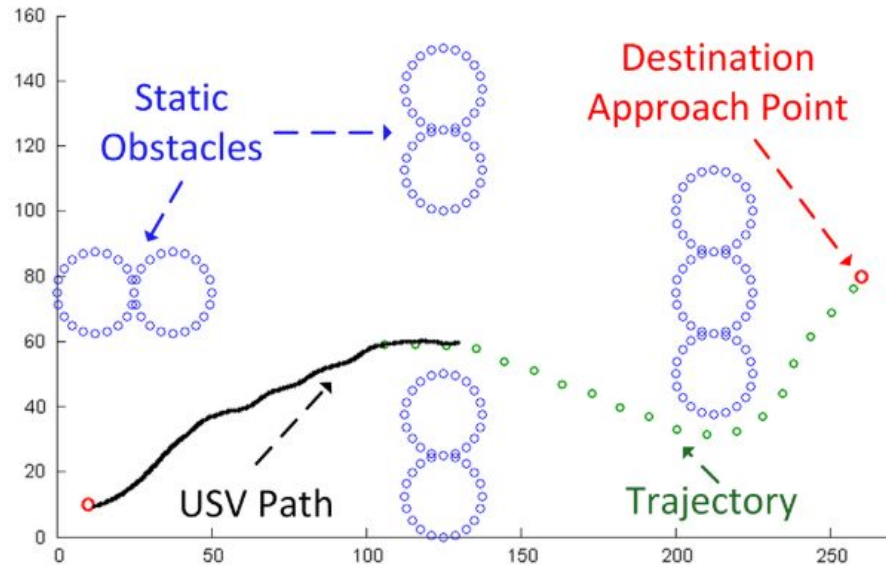
COLREGs

- Ambiguous



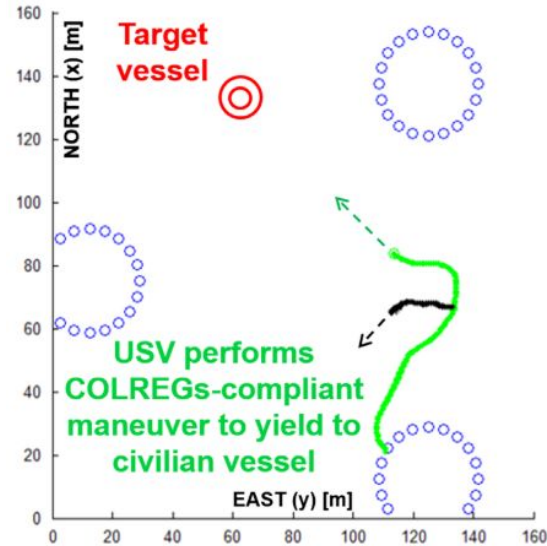
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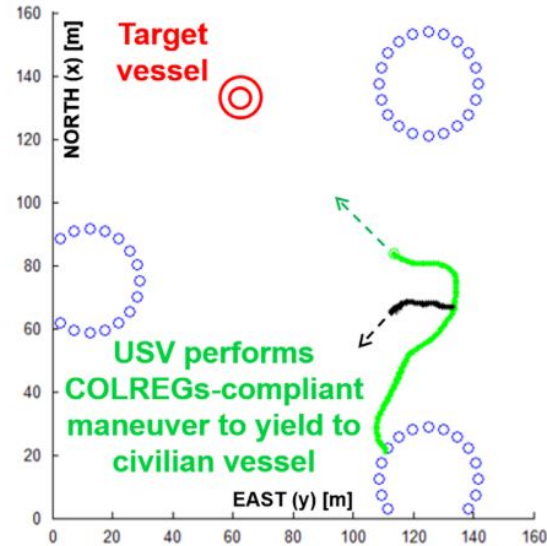
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- Path Planning
- USV Fleets





Proposed Work

- Local guidance system
- Flowchart
- Danger zone
- COLREGs rule selection
- Trajectory commands
- Hierarch
- HTN
- Problem Constraints

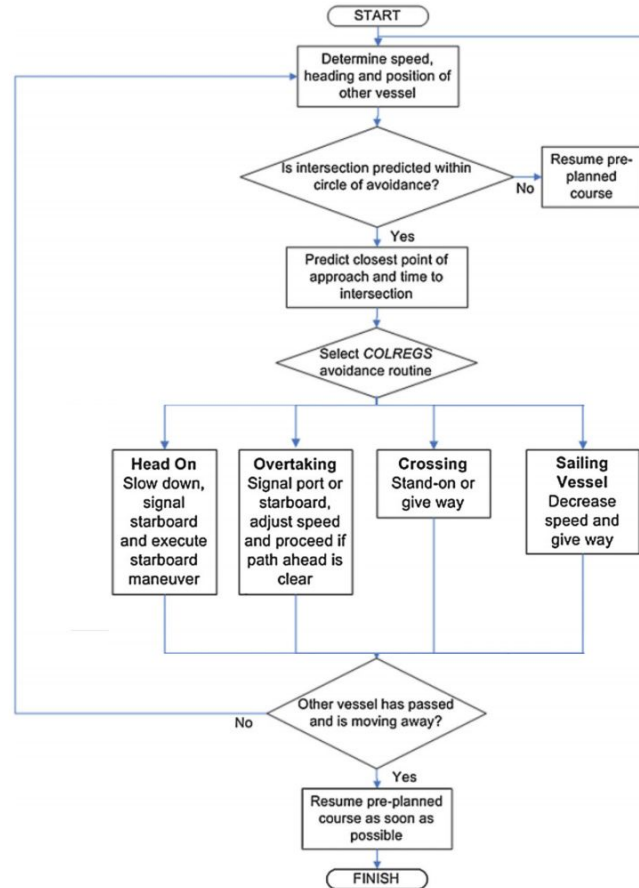


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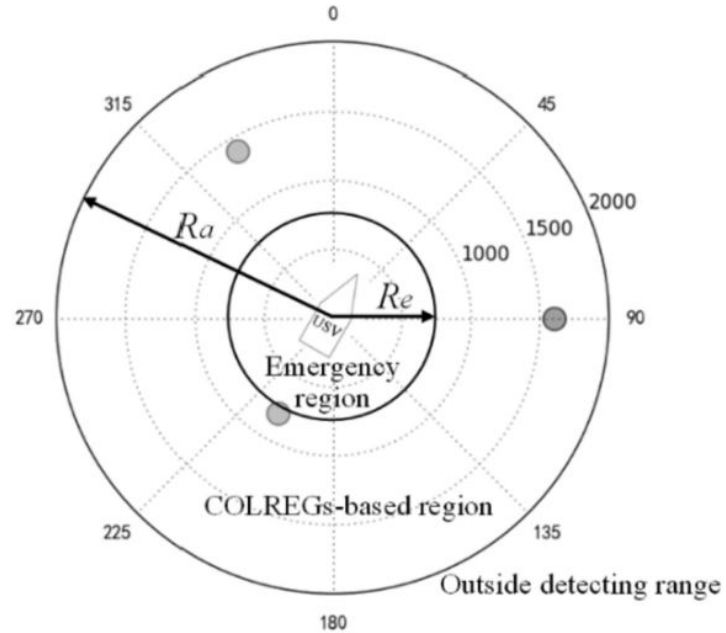
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- Flowchart



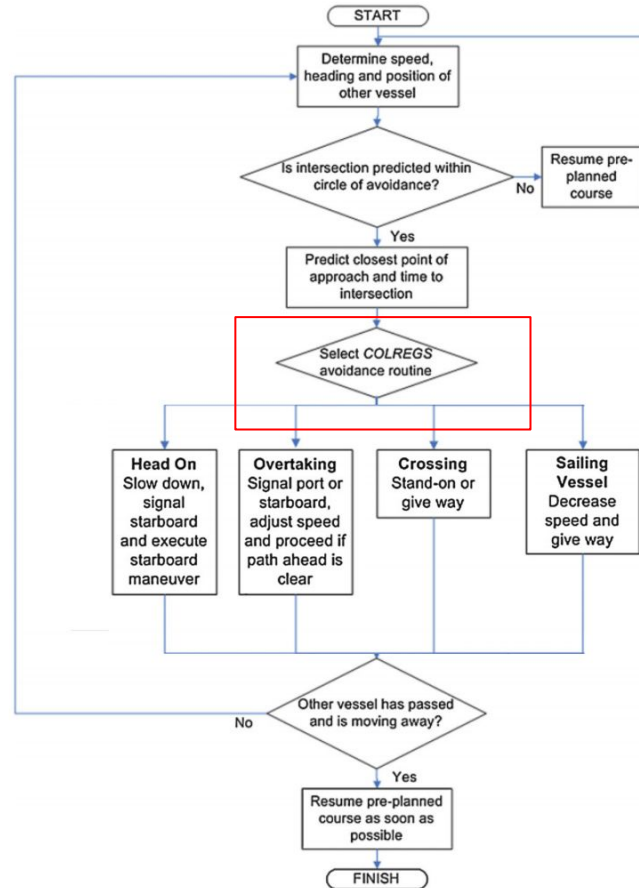
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- **Danger zone**



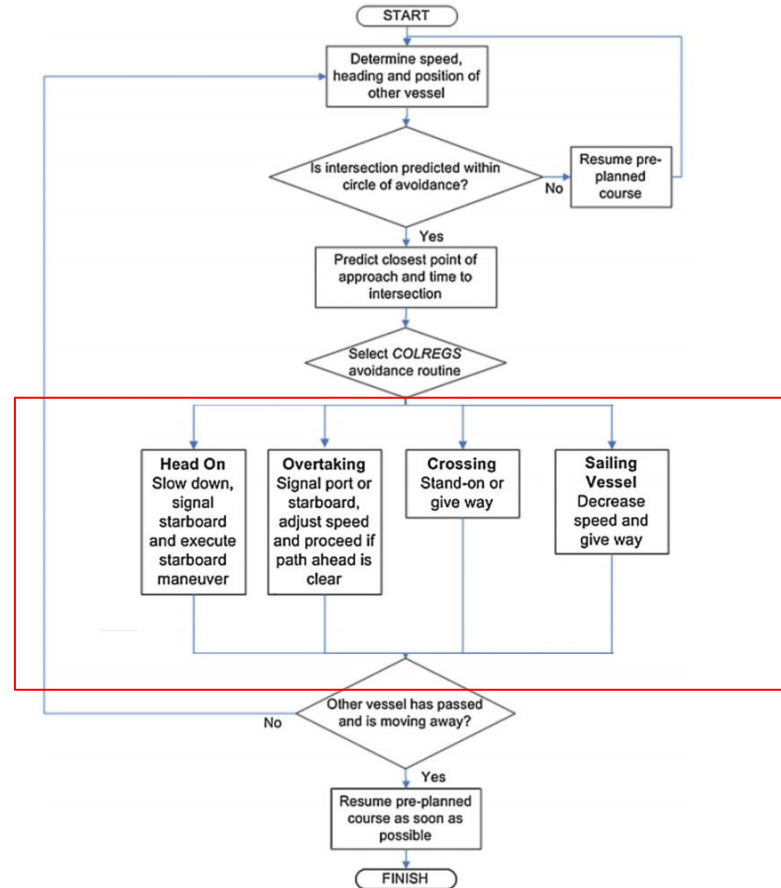
Proposed Work

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- Danger zone
- COLREGs rule selection



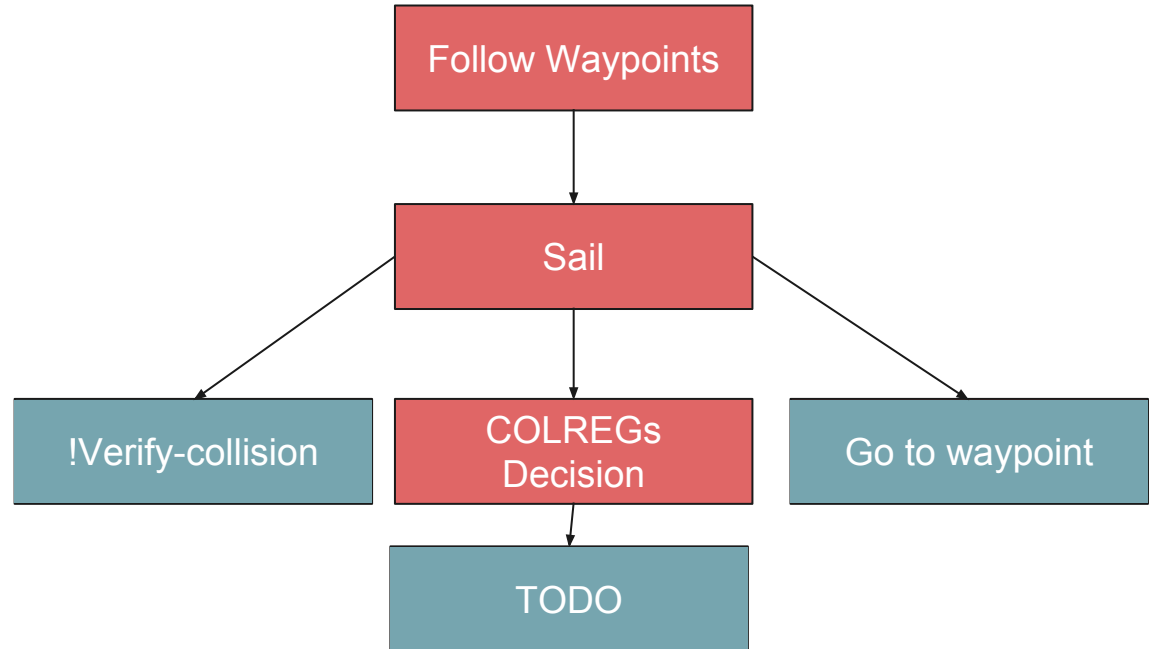
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```
start:  
(waypoint wa)  
(waypoint wb)  
(waypoint wc)  
(at boat s0)  
(next wa wb)  
(next wb wc)  
(first-waypoint wa)  
(last-waypoint wc)  
(free s0 wa)
```

```
method sail()  
pre: (at boat ?pos0) (waypoint-last ?pos0)  
network: empty
```

```
pre: (at boat ?pos0), (first-waypoint ?pos1)  
network: (!verify-collision ?pos0 ?pos1),  
(!goto ?pos0 ?pos1), (sail)
```

```
pre: (at boat ?pos0), (first-waypoint ?pos1)  
(not (free ?pos0 ?pos1))  
network: (colreg-decision)
```

```
method colreg-decision()  
pre: TODO
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operator !verify-collision(?pos0 ?pos1)  
pre: (at boat ?pos0), (first-waypoint ?pos1),  
(free ?pos0 ?pos1)  
eff: empty
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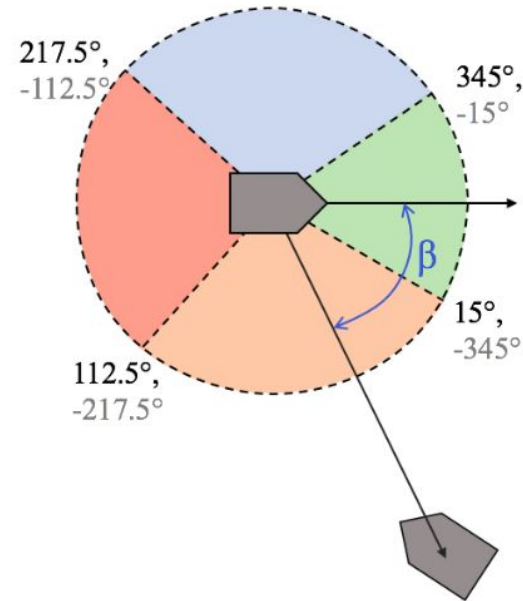


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- For mission definition it will be assumed that the global motion is guided by **way-points** - one of the most common strategies applied on USV studies
 - Any **speed, heading** and **position** of other vessel will be known in advance
 - Prediction of **closest point of approach** and **intersection time** will be known in advance
 - The system will only treat vessels obstacles

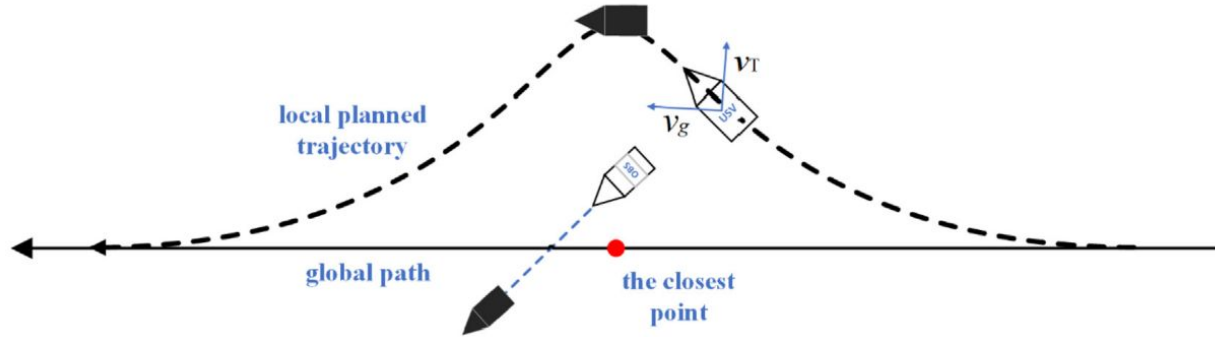
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Schedule

1. Development of the local guidance system based on HTN
 - a. Tools installation
 - b. Definition and implementation of methods and operators
 - c. Test and validation
 - d. Correction
2. Experiments
 - a. Collision danger situations description
 - b. Evaluation of guidance systems decisions
 - c. Comparison of the decision and related COLREGs rule
 - d. Definition of other metrics
3. Article writing

Tasks	Weeks				
	15/10 - 19/10	22/10 - 26/10	29/10 - 02/11	05/11 - 09/11	12/11 - 15/11
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Q & A