

VisLab's latest Autonomous Driving challenges: from intercontinental to urban tests

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Abstract

VisLab has been active in the field of intelligent vehicles for the last two decades: after the first test (2000+ km in semi-autonomous mode in 1998), VisLab designed and realized the perception system of TerraMax, the largest entry in the DARPA Challenges, which was the only vehicle that reached the end of the DARPA Grand Challenge with vision as primary sensor. In 2010 VisLab conceived and realized the longest ever test for autonomous driving: 13,000 km from Italy to China. On July 12, 2013, VisLab tested urban driving in a real environment for the first time ever with nobody behind the steering wheel: BRAiVE, VisLab's most advanced intelligent vehicle, drove in downtown Parma, negotiating two-way narrow rural roads, pedestrian crossings, traffic lights, artificial bumps, pedestrian areas, and tight roundabouts.

The presentation discusses current trends and the evolution of ADAS (Advanced Driving Assistance Systems) and also presents VisLab's vision on environmental sensing for intelligent vehicles.

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