## Autonomous Highway Driving with Torc's Virtual Driver

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This presentation will speak to several applications of classical robotic path planning techniques in the pursuit of safe and reliable autonomous highway driving. Torc's Virtual Driver seeks to commercialize a hub-to-hub freight solution to solve the impending long-haul truck driver shortage. Today, testing of the Virtual Driver is carried out on public roads across the United States, providing valuable and rapid feedback to the developers in the Behaviors, Planning and Controls (BPC) department. BPC developers use this on-road data to build the most efficient global, policy, lateral, and longitudinal planners, some of which will be presented for discussion.



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