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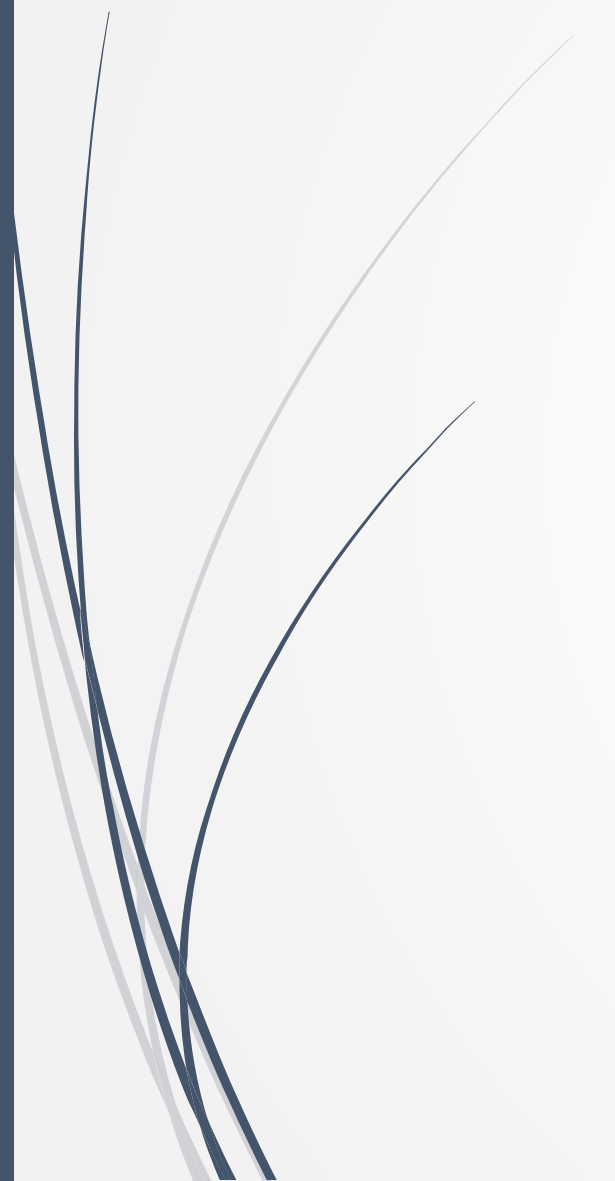

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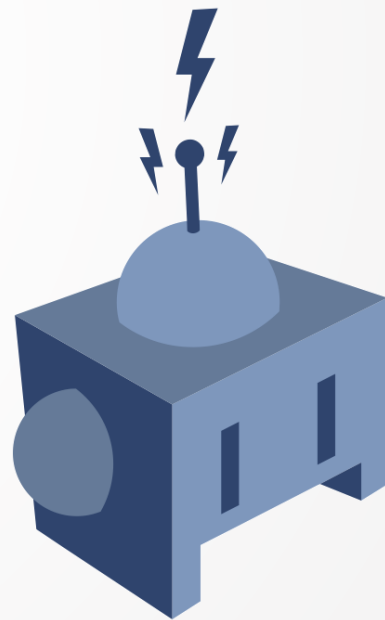
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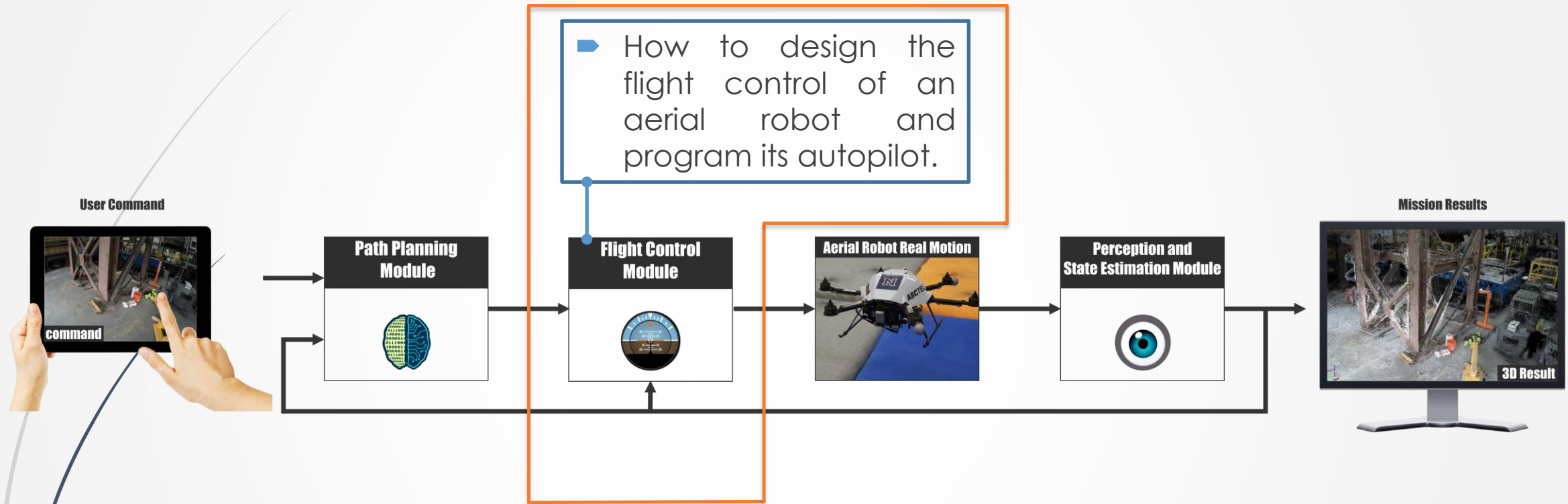
## Topic: Flight Controls Introduction



How do I  
control my  
motion?



# The Aerial Robot Loop

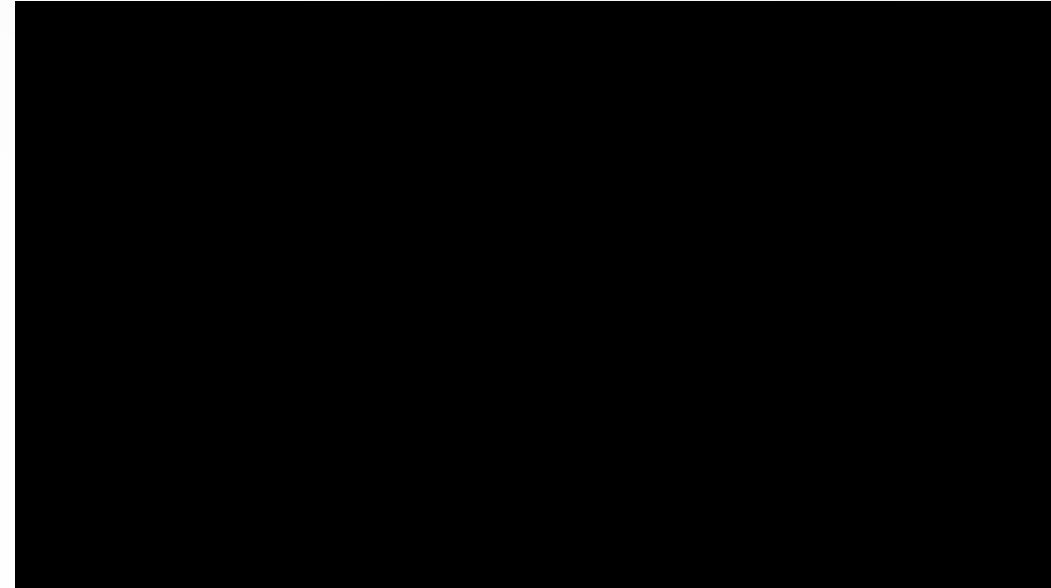


Section 3 of our course



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- To do that in a systematic way, we should develop a **model-based** approach on control synthesis.





# MAV Dynamics

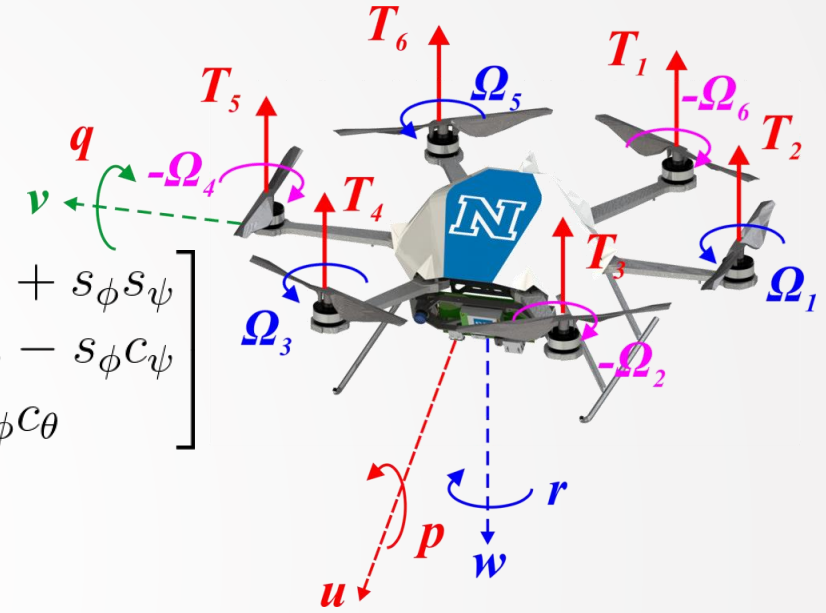
- To append the forces and moments we need to combine their formulation with

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{p}_n \\ \dot{p}_e \\ \dot{p}_d \end{bmatrix} = \mathcal{R}_b^v \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{R}_b^v = \begin{bmatrix} c_\theta c_\psi & s_\phi s_\theta c_\psi - c_\phi s_\psi & c_\phi s_\theta c_\psi + s_\phi s_\psi \\ c_\theta s_\psi & s_\phi s_\theta s_\psi + c_\phi c_\psi & c_\phi s_\theta s_\psi - s_\phi c_\psi \\ -s_\theta & s_\phi c_\theta & c_\phi c_\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \\ \dot{w} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} rv - qw \\ pw - ru \\ qu - pv \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{m} \begin{bmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \\ f_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sin \phi \tan \theta & \cos \phi \tan \theta \\ 0 & \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ 0 & \sin \phi \sec \theta & \cos \phi \sec \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{p} \\ \dot{q} \\ \dot{r} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{J_y - J_z}{J_x} qr \\ \frac{J_z - J_x}{J_y} pr \\ \frac{J_x - J_y}{J_z} rp \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{J_x} M_x \\ \frac{1}{J_y} M_y \\ \frac{1}{J_z} M_z \end{bmatrix}$$



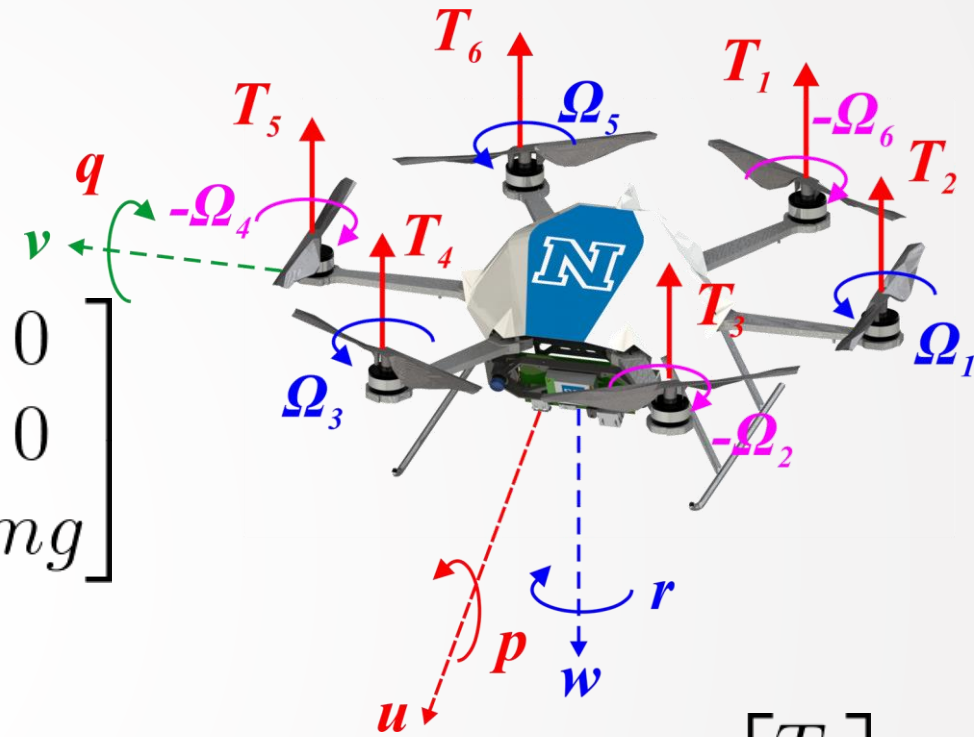
# MAV Dynamics

- MAV forces in the body frame:

$$\mathbf{f}_b = \begin{bmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \\ f_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^6 T_i \end{bmatrix} - \mathcal{R}_v^b \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ mg \end{bmatrix}$$

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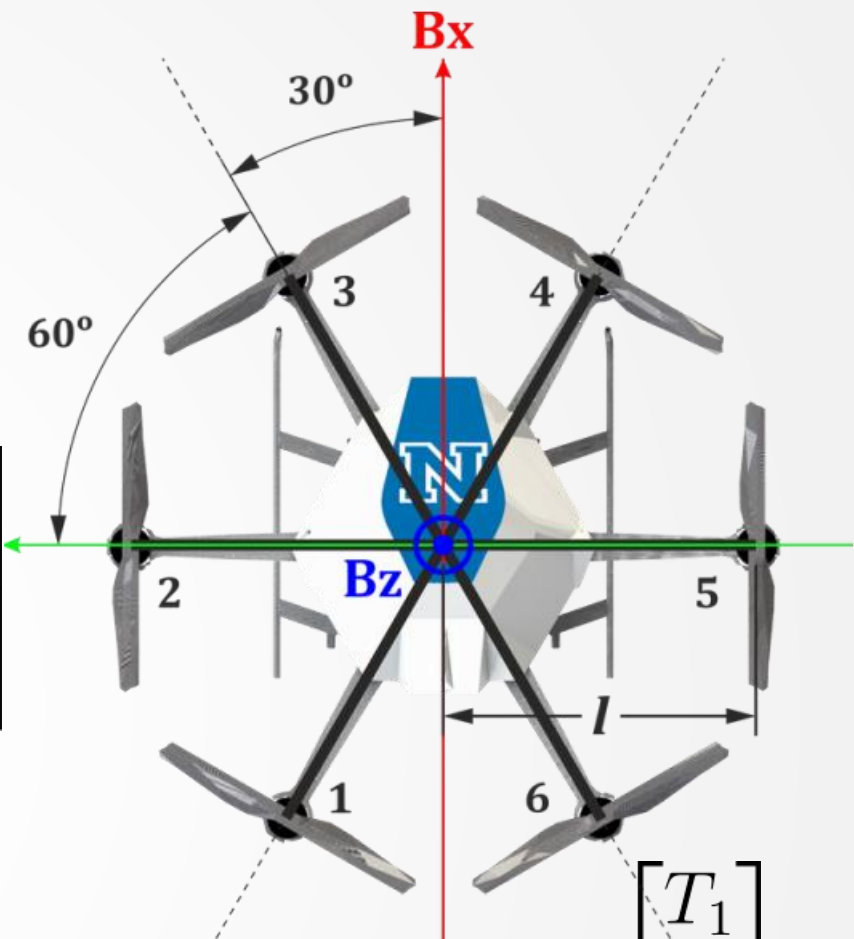
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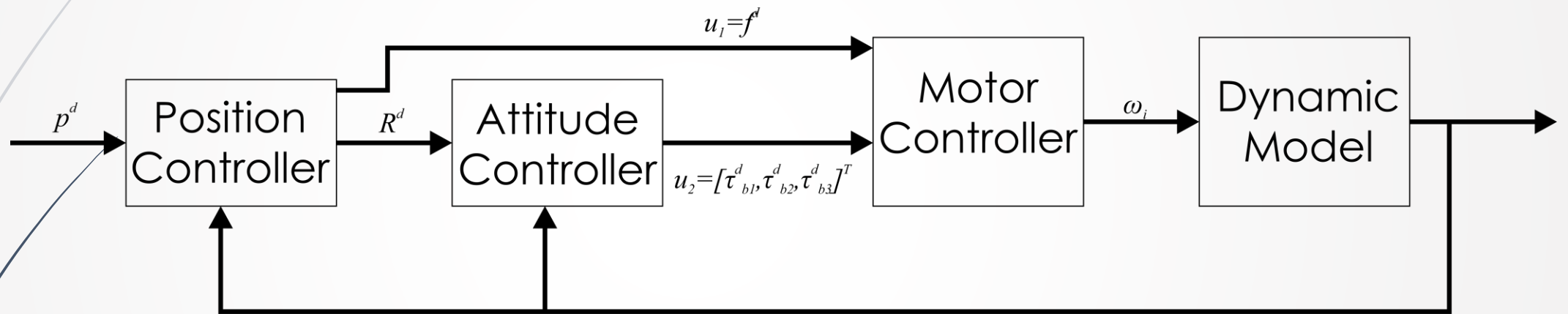
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# Control System Block Diagram



➡ Simplified loop

# Fast Nonlinear Model Predictive Control for Multicopter Attitude Tracking on $SO(3)$

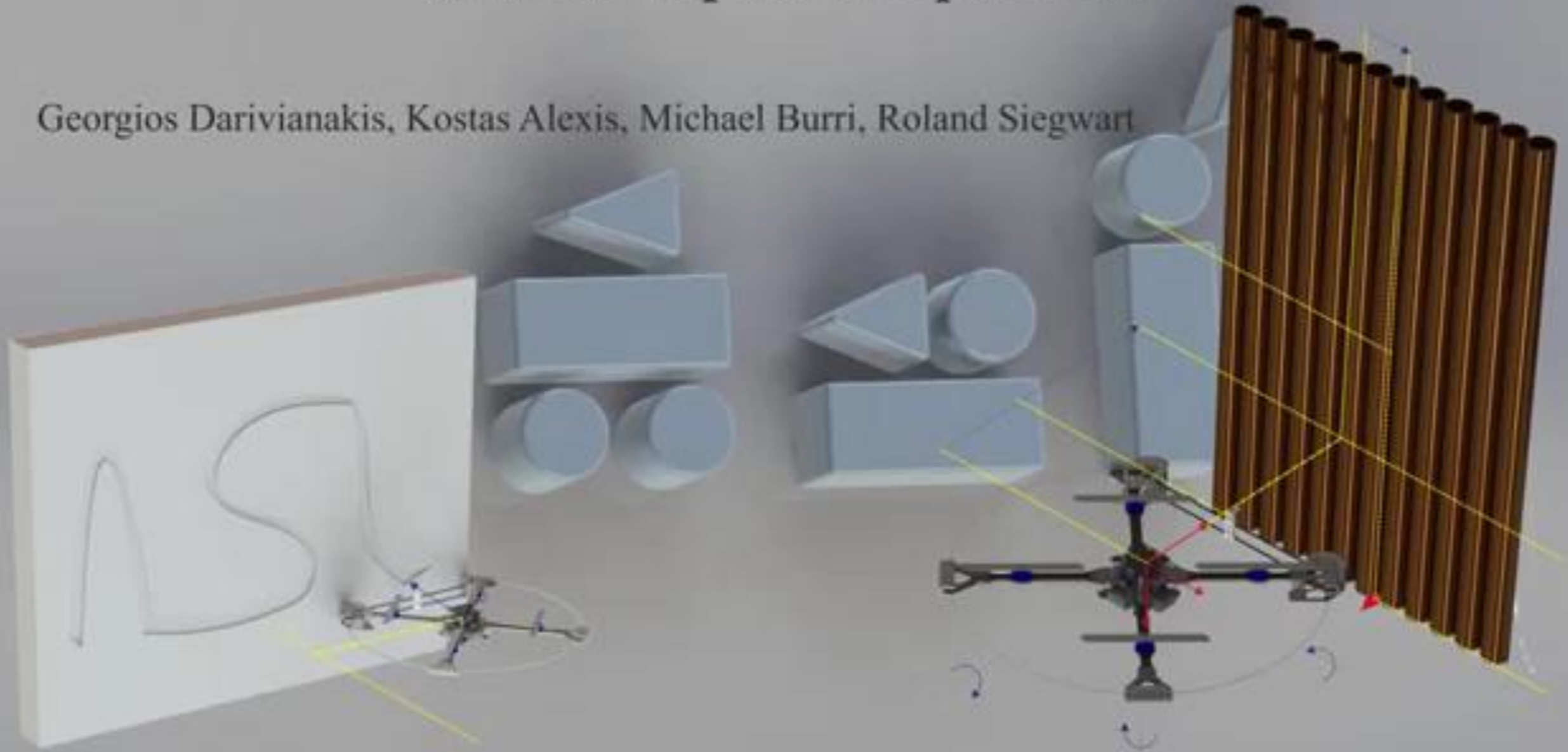
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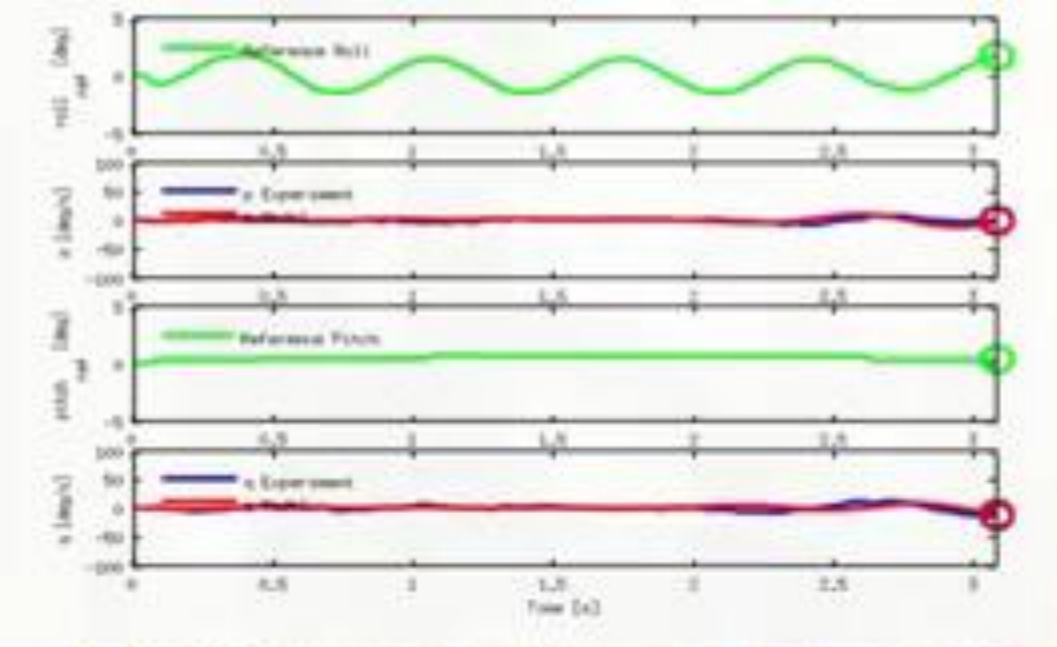
Position tracking without one propeller

# Hybrid Predictive Control for Aerial Robotic Physical Interaction towards Inspection Operations

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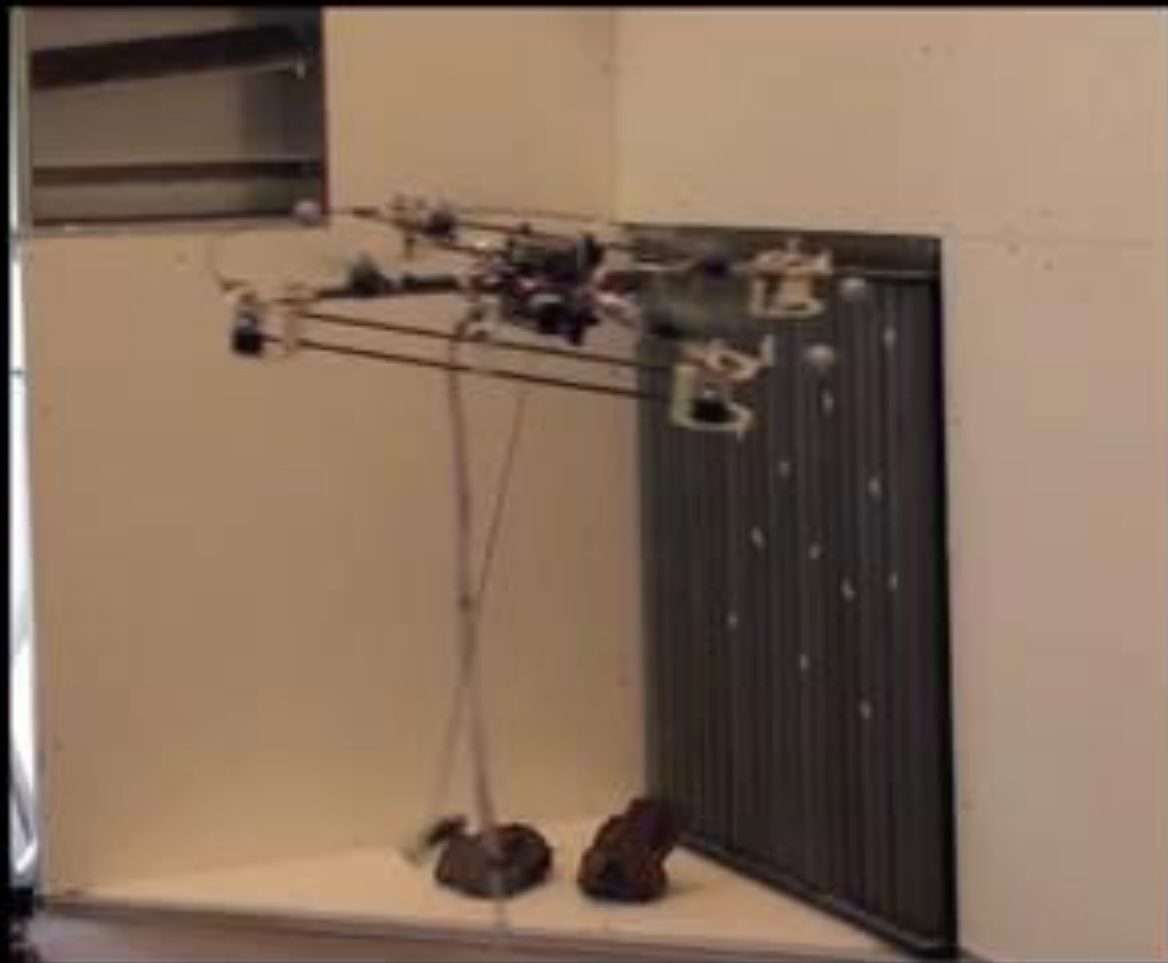
**Test Flight Days #9&#10**  
(May 5th & 6th 2014)

Aircraft: AtlantikSolar UAV Prototype  
Location: Tuggen, Switzerland  
Flights performed: 5  
Tests: Autopilot Waypoint-following



# Slung Load Operations - disturbance of the Load

## Test-case using the ASLquad



Vehicle: ASLquad

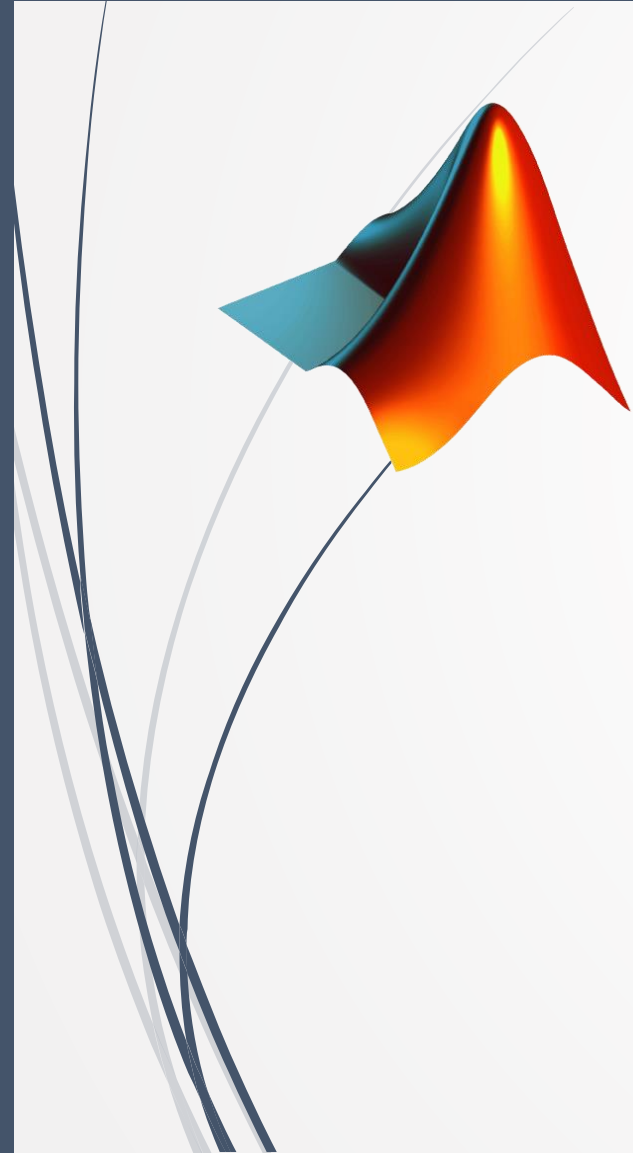
Type of trajectory: Position hold

Nature of disturbance: Disturbance introduced from a 0.16kg slung load which is externally disturbed

**Corresponding results using the UPAT-TTR unmanned rotorcraft are also presented later on in the same video sequence**

# ETH Manipulator

# Code Examples and Tasks



- [https://github.com/unr-arl/drones\\_demystified/tree/master/matlab/control-systems/gain-scheduled-three-loop-aircraft-autopilot](https://github.com/unr-arl/drones_demystified/tree/master/matlab/control-systems/gain-scheduled-three-loop-aircraft-autopilot)
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# Find out more

- <http://www.autonomousrobotslab.com/pid-control.html>
- <http://www.autonomousrobotslab.com/lqr-control.html>
- <http://www.autonomousrobotslab.com/linear-model-predictive-control.html>
- <http://ctms.engin.umich.edu/CTMS/index.php?example=InvertedPendulum&section=ControlStateSpace>
- <http://www.autonomousrobotslab.com/literature-and-links1.html>

A black and white photograph of a drone flying in front of a construction site. The drone is in the foreground, slightly to the left, with its four rotors visible. The background is a blurred construction site with several large cranes and building structures. The text "Thank you!" is overlaid on the image in a large, bold, white font.

**Thank you!**

Please ask your question!