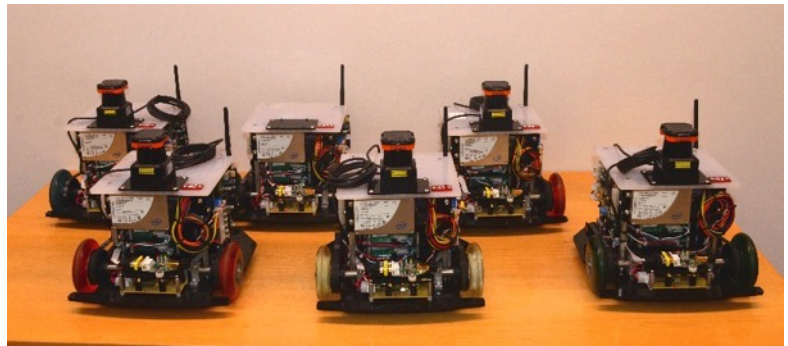
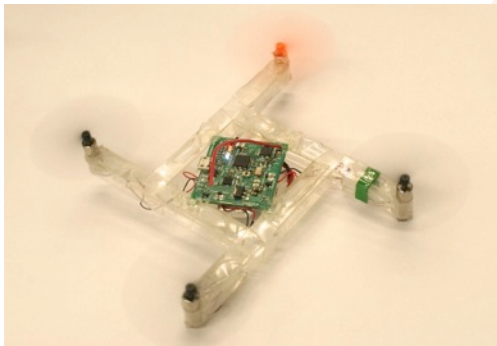
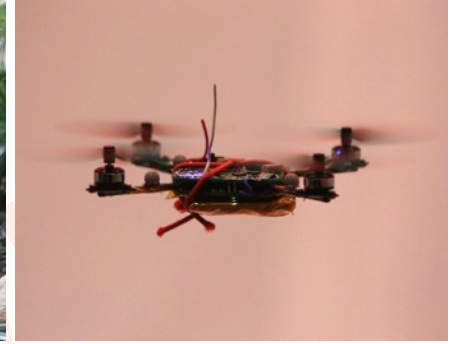
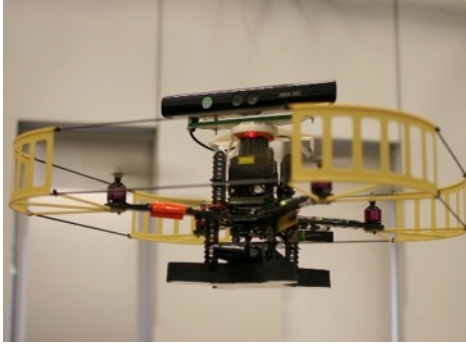


# IDETC/CIE T3

Kinematics, Dynamics, and Control of Quadrotors

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# Designs @ MRSL



# Logistics

- 3 Sections
  - Intro, Mechanics, and Control
  - Quadrotor Design & Laboratory Setup
  - Trajectory Generation & Quadrotors in the Real World
- Relaxed
  - Please stop us for questions or comments
- Website (<http://tinyurl.com/idetc2014-T3>)
  - Outline
  - Presenters
  - MATLAB Simulator
  - Presentation Slides

# Outline – Section I

- Intro (Justin Thomas)
- Basics: Mechanics and Control (Vijay Kumar)
  - Transformations & Rotations
    - Euler Angles, Rotation Matrices, Quaternions, Transformation Matrices
  - Quadrotor Model & Dynamics
    - Newton's & Euler's Equations of Motion
  - Control
    - Linear controller, nonlinear controller, experimentation
- Break

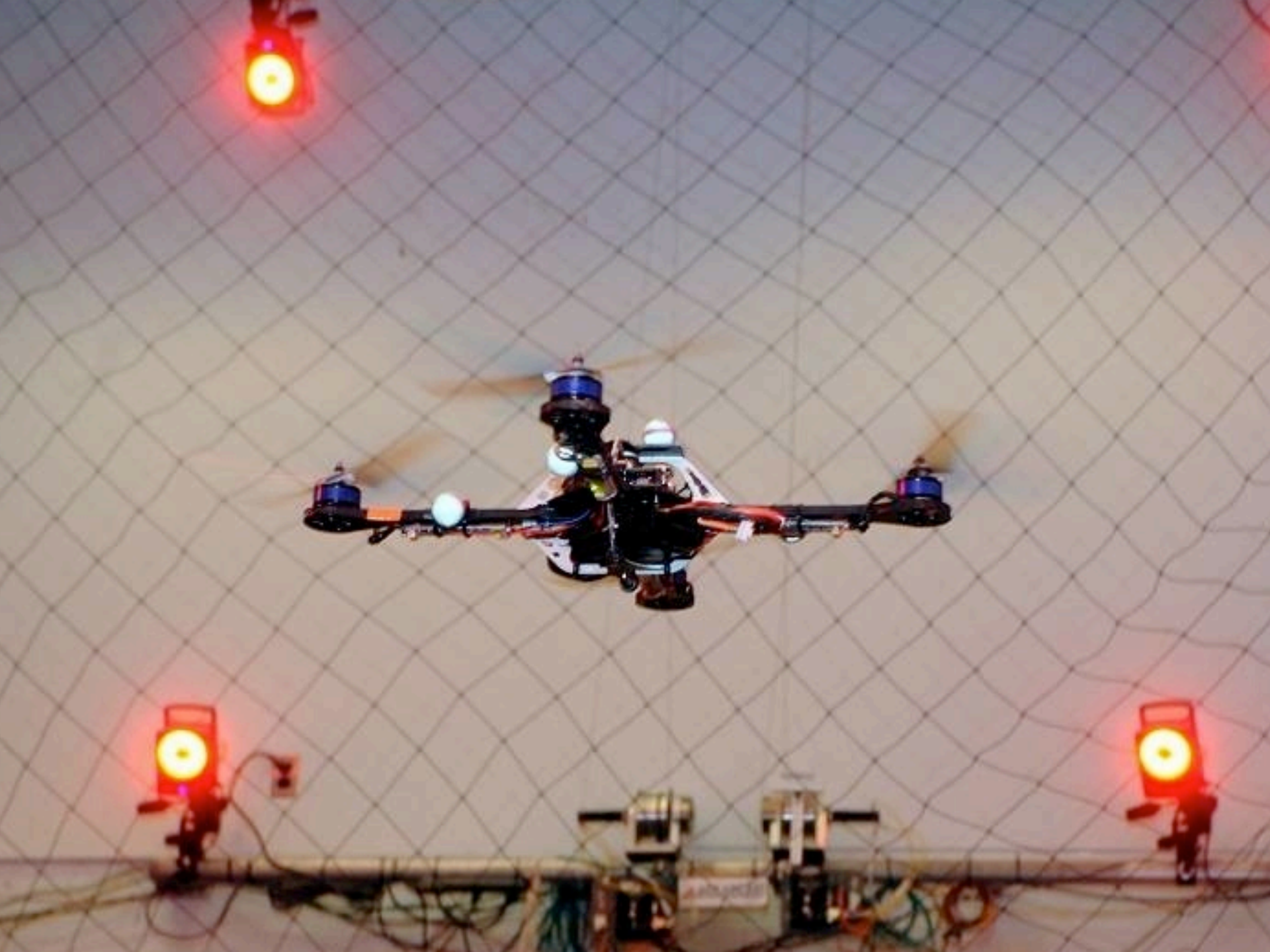
# Outline – Section II

- Demonstration
- Design Tradeoffs (Yash Mulgaonkar)
  - Kinematics, power, component analysis, designing your own quadrotor
- Demonstration
- Sensors – Part I (Justin Thomas)
- Quads in the Lab (Mickey Whitzer & Yash Mulgaonkar)
  - The UAV Testbed, MATLAB Simulator, gain tuning
- Break

# Outline – Section III

- Demonstration
- Trajectory Generation (Justin Thomas)
  - Differential Flatness and its implications
- Quadrotors in the Real World
  - Sensors Part II (Justin Thomas)
  - Planning Algorithms (Vijay Kumar)
    - Dijkstra, A\*, RRTs
  - Estimation (Vijay Kumar)
    - Filtering
  - Vision-based localization and control
- Discussion & Close

# Transformations & Rotations



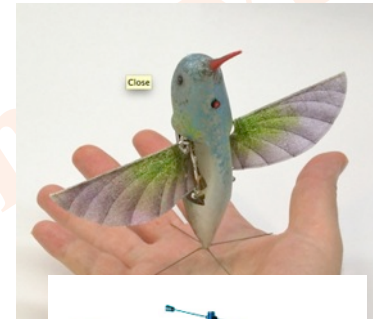
# Types of Micro Air Vehicles

⌘ Fixed wing

⌘ Flapping wing

⌘ Rotor crafts

- Avian flight
- Insect flight



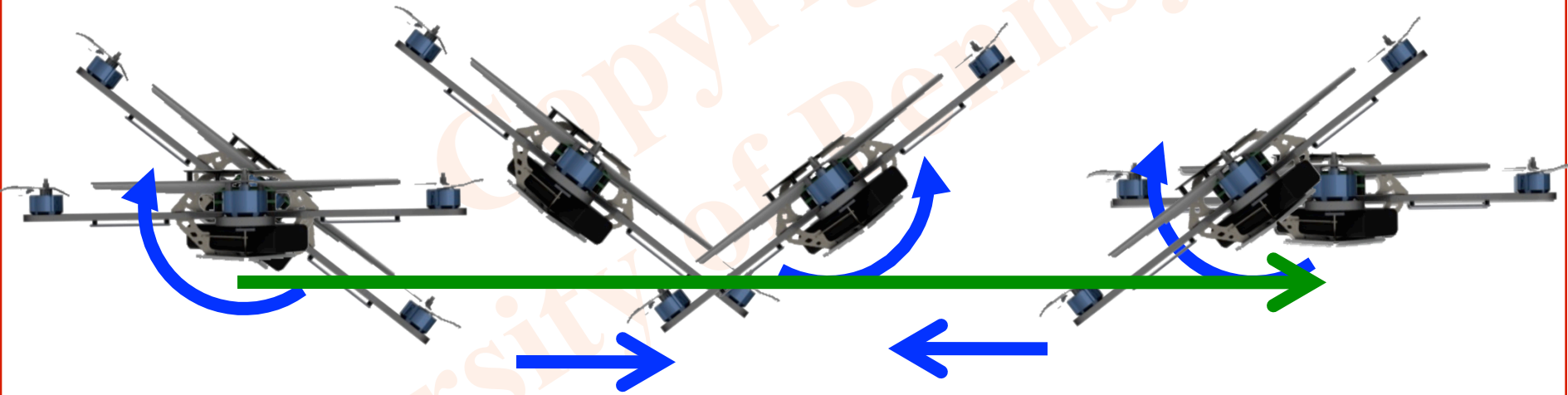
- Helicopter
- Ducted fan
- Co-axial
- Quad rotor
- Hexa rotor



# Roll and Pitch



# Translation



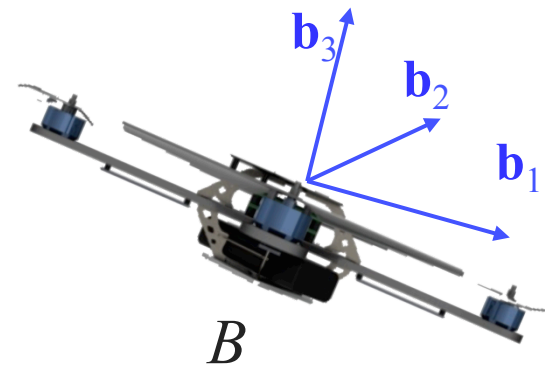
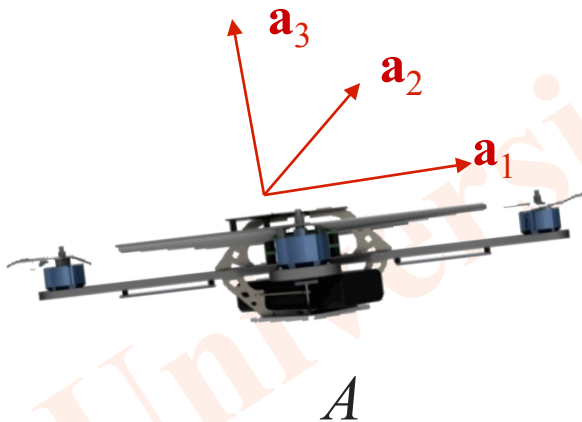
# Reference Frames

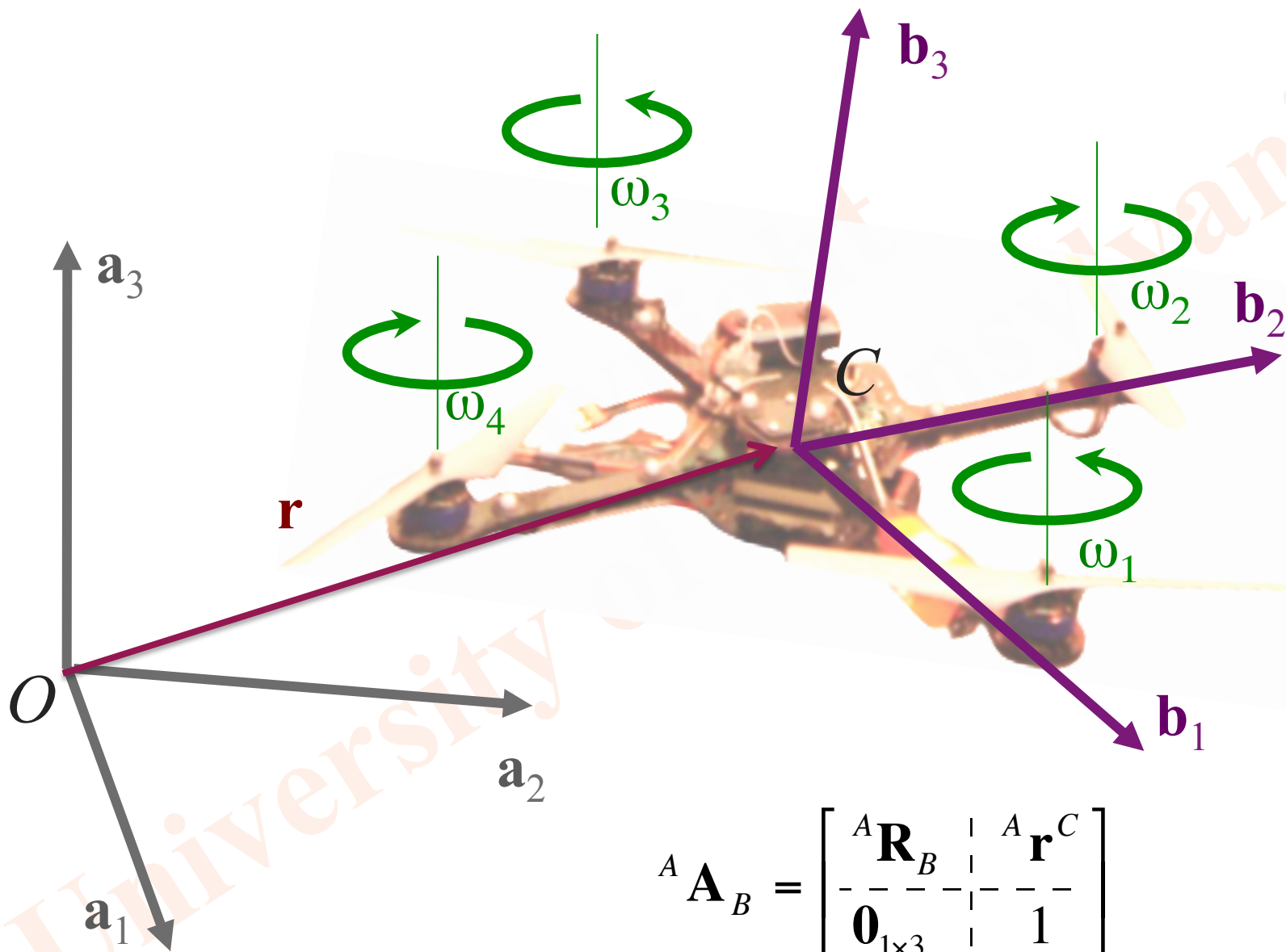
We associate with any position and orientation a *reference frame*

In reference frame  $\{A\}$ , we can find three **linearly independent** vectors  $\mathbf{a}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{a}_3$  that are basis vectors.

We can write any vector as a linear combination of the basis vectors in either frame.

$$\mathbf{v} = v_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + v_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + v_3 \mathbf{a}_3$$





$${}^A \mathbf{A}_B = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A \mathbf{R}_B & | & {}^A \mathbf{r}^C \\ \hline \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{AB}$$

# The group of rotations, $SO(3)$

$$SO(3) = \{ R \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \mid R^T R = R R^T = I, \det R = 1 \}$$

$SO(3)$  satisfies the four axioms that must be satisfied by the elements of an *algebraic group*:

- ⌘ Closure under the binary operation
- ⌘ Associativity
- ⌘  $SO(3)$  includes the identity element
- ⌘  $SO(3)$  includes the inverse of every element

$SO(3)$  is a *continuous group*.

the binary operation above is a continuous operation

the inverse of any element is a continuous function of that element.

# The Lie group $SE(3)$

$$SE(3) = \left\{ \mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{R} \in R^{3 \times 3}, \mathbf{r} \in R^3, \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}^T = \mathbf{I}, |\mathbf{R}| = 1 \right\}$$

*the set of all rigid body  
displacements (transformations)*

# Properties of a Rotation Matrix

## ⌘ Orthogonal

- ▼ Matrix times its transpose equals the identity

## ⌘ Special orthogonal

- ▼ Determinant is +1

## ⌘ Closed under multiplication

- ▼ The product of any two rotation matrices is another rotation matrix

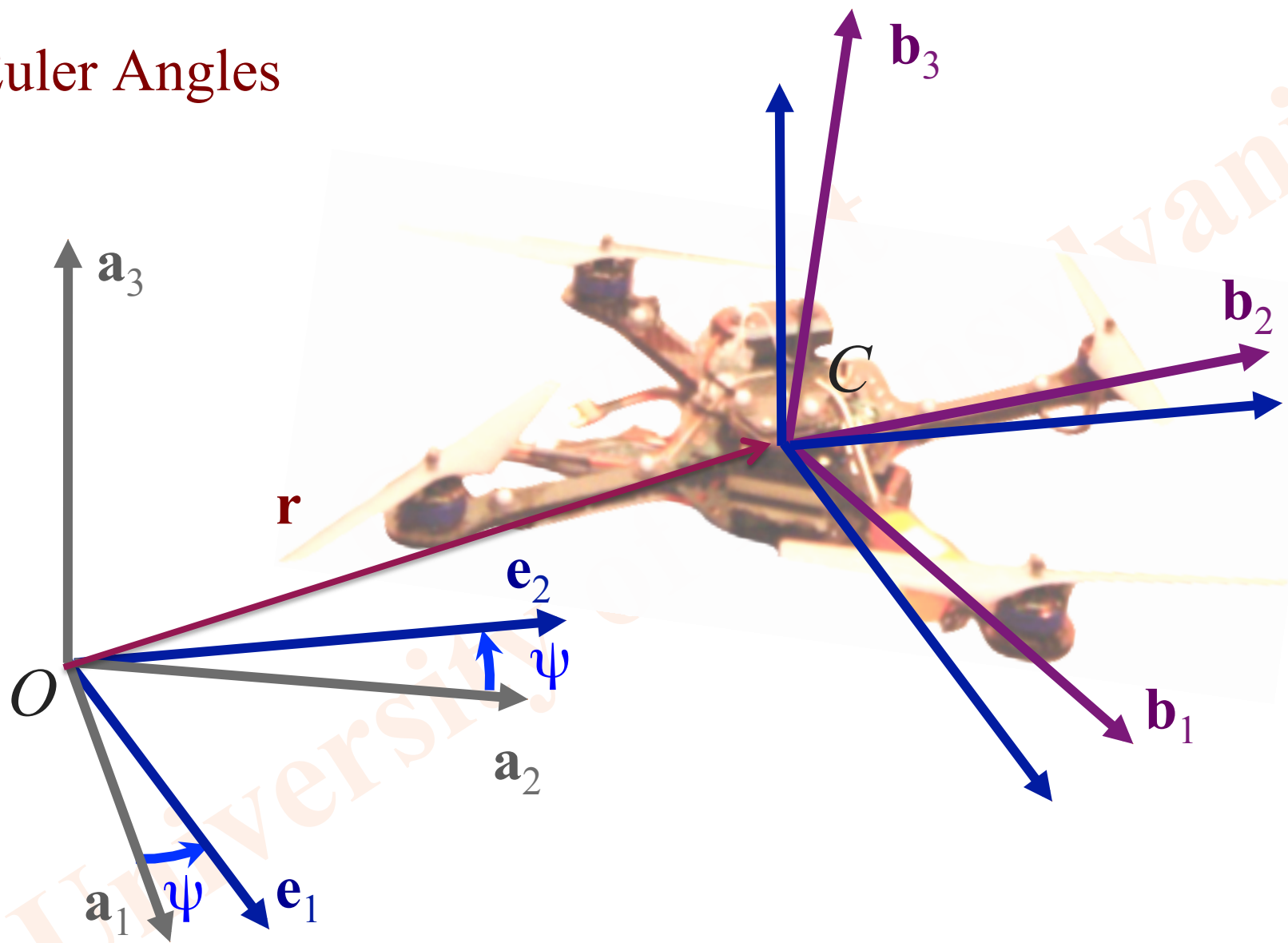
## ⌘ The inverse of a rotation matrix is also a rotation matrix

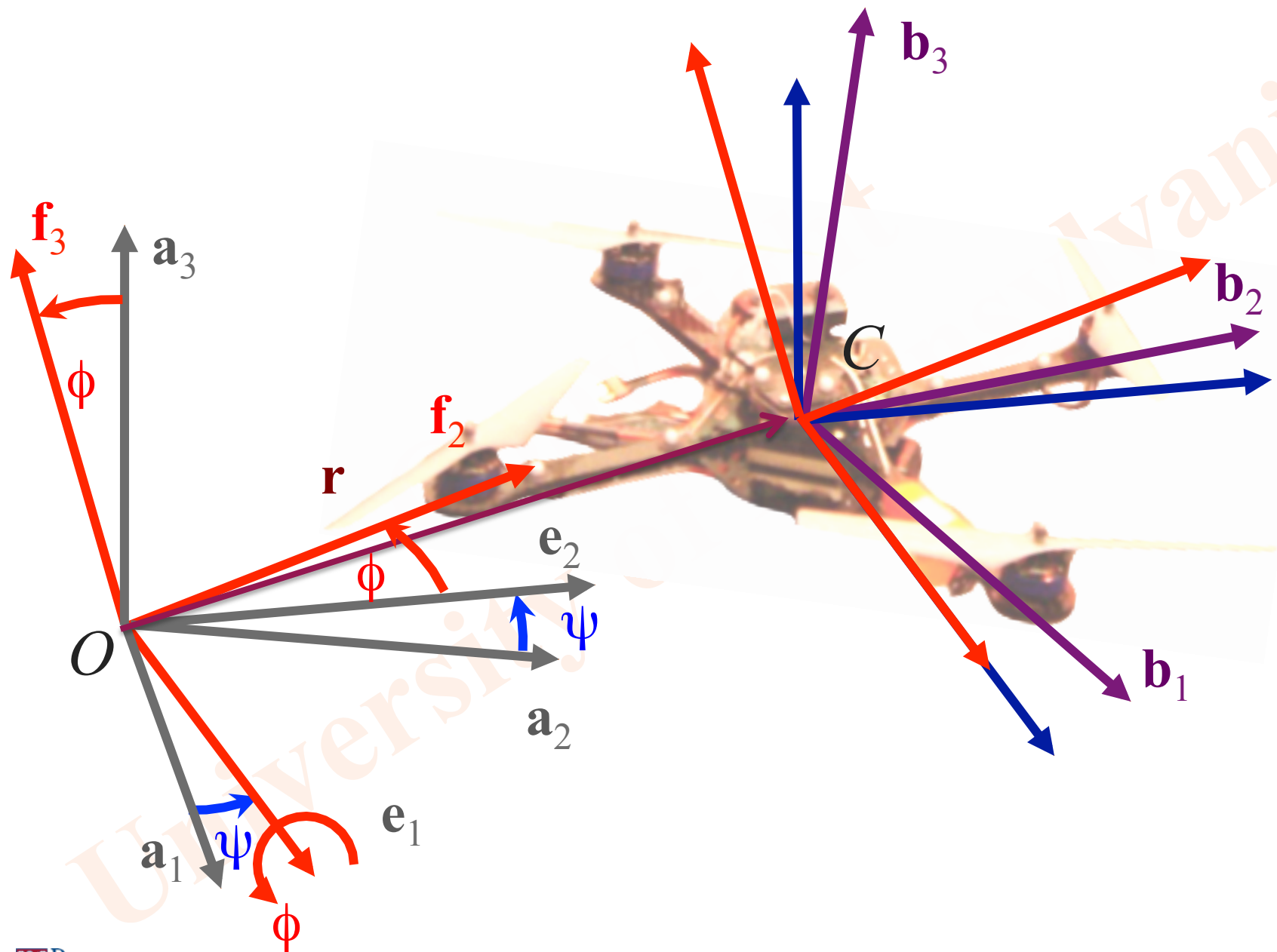
## ⌘ The set of all rotations is a group

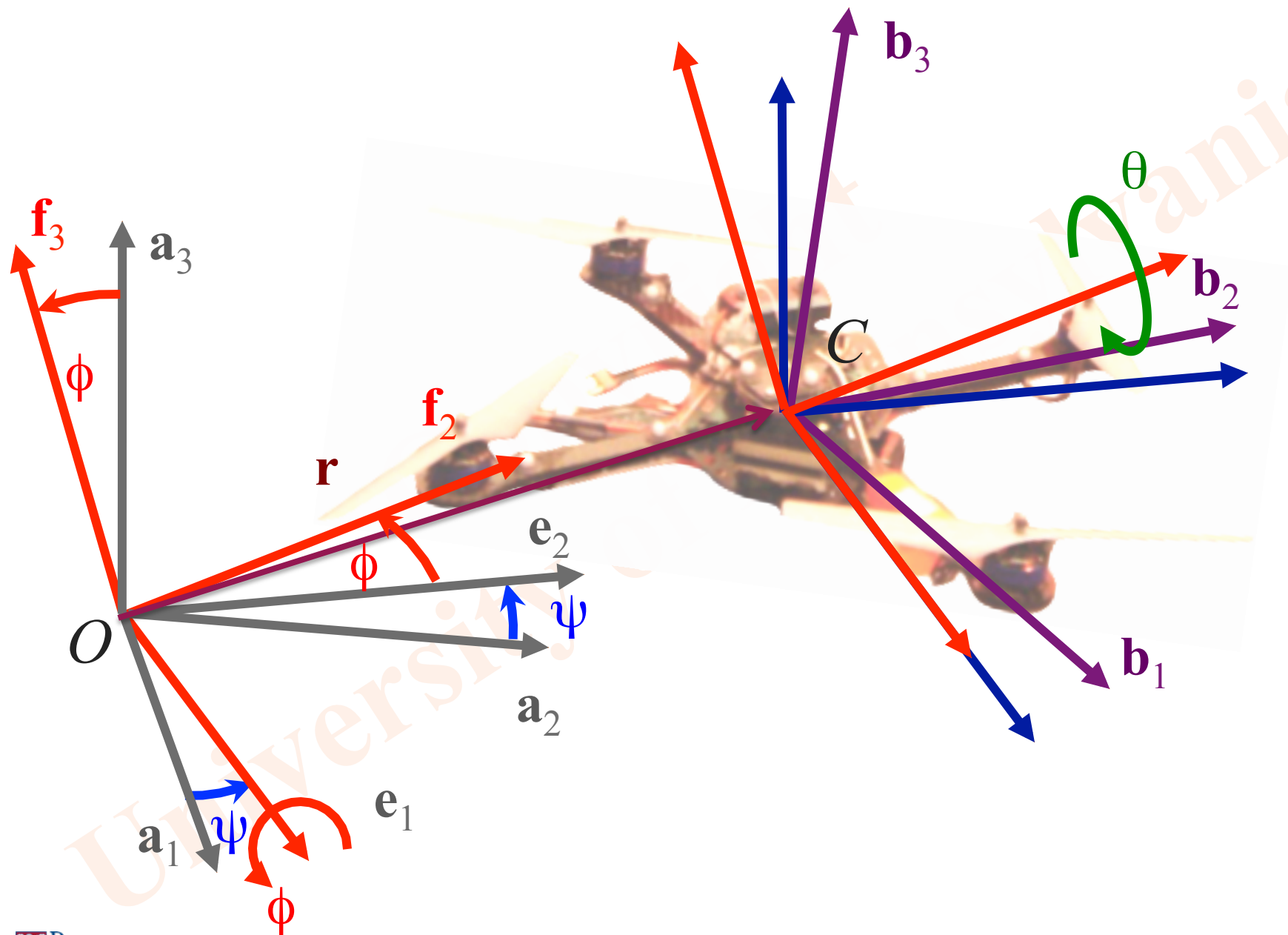
# Beyond rotation matrices

- ⌘  $SO(3)$  is a Lie group, properties of a differentiable manifold
- ⌘ Coordinates for  $SO(3)$ 
  - 1 Rotation matrices
  - 2 Euler angles
  - 3 Axis angle parameterization
  - 4 Exponential coordinates
  - 5 Quaternions

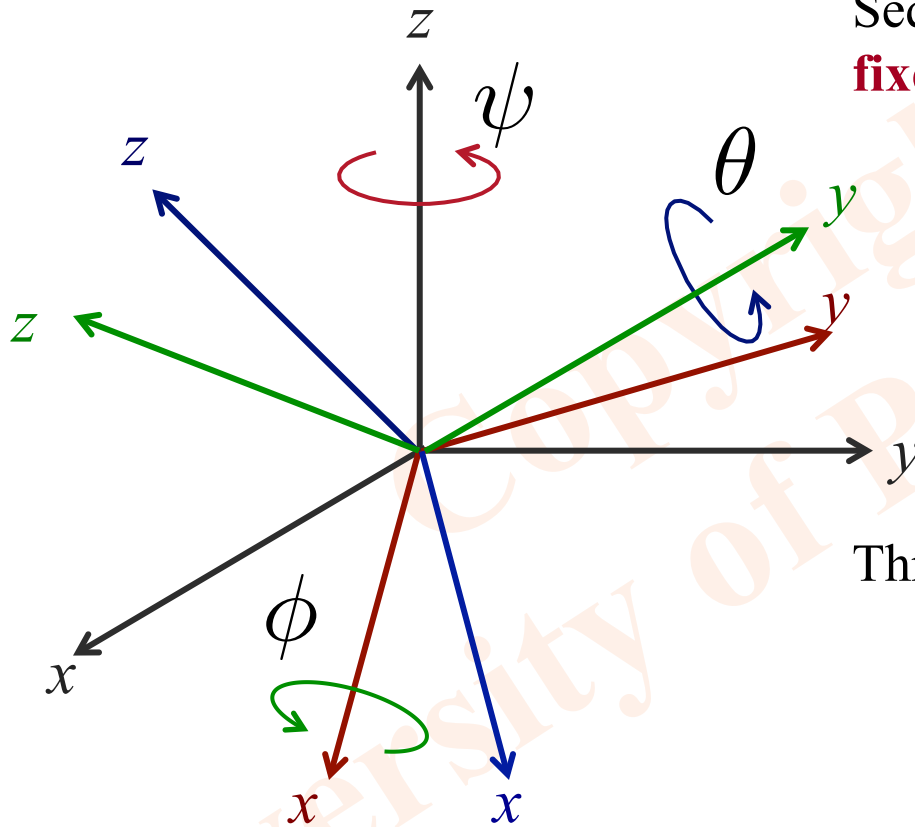
# Euler Angles







# Z-X-Y Euler Angles



Sequence of three rotations about **body-fixed** axes

- ⌘ Rot(z,  $\psi$ )
- ⌘ Rot(x,  $\phi$ )
- ⌘ Rot(y,  $\theta$ )

Three Euler Angles

- ⌘  $\phi$ ,  $\theta$ , and  $\psi$
- ⌘ Parameterize rotations

Note there are singularities!

$$\mathbf{R} = \text{Rot}(z, \psi) \times \text{Rot}(x, \phi) \times \text{Rot}(y, \theta)$$

# Euler Angles

$$Rot(z, \psi) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \psi & -\sin \psi & 0 \\ \sin \psi & \cos \psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Rot(x, \phi) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ 0 & \sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Rot(y, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A [R]_B = \begin{bmatrix} c\psi c\theta - s\phi s\psi s\theta & -c\phi s\psi & c\psi s\theta + c\theta s\phi s\psi \\ c\theta s\psi + c\psi s\phi s\theta & c\phi c\psi & s\psi s\theta - c\psi c\theta s\phi \\ -c\phi s\theta & s\phi & c\phi c\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

# Angular Velocities

## Angular Velocity Matrix

$$\hat{\omega} = {}^A [R]_{\mathcal{B}}^T {}^A [\dot{R}]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

$$\hat{\omega} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega_3 & \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 & 0 & -\omega_1 \\ -\omega_2 & \omega_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \longleftrightarrow \omega = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix}$$

“Absolute” angular velocity of the quadrotor but with components in the body-fixed frame

# Errors in rotations

Given two rotation matrices, what is the distance between them?

or

Given a rotation matrix,  $R$ , what is the “size” of this rotation?

Fact: any rotation matrix subtracted from its transpose is skew!

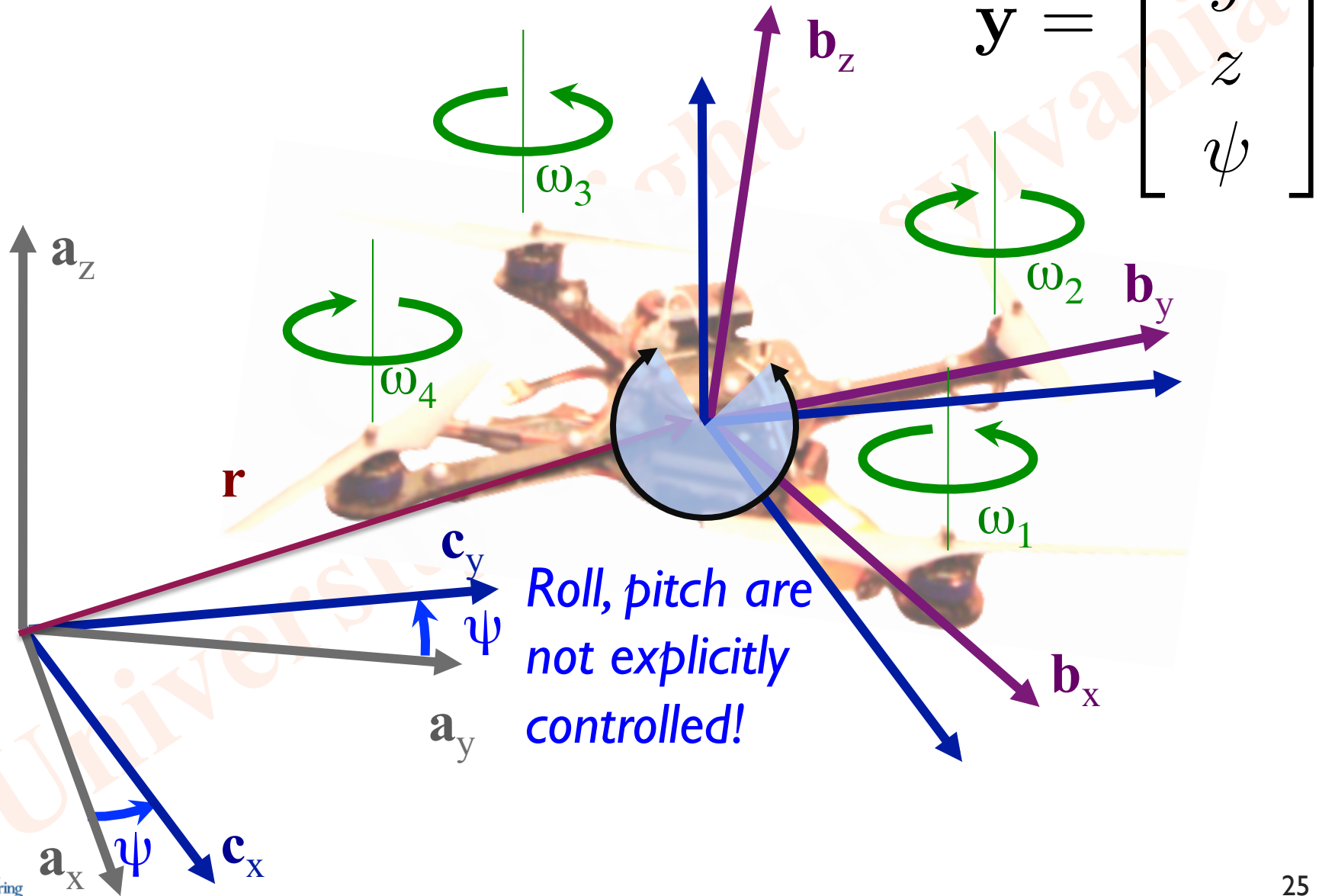
$$R - R^T = 2 \sin \rho \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -u_3 & u_2 \\ u_3 & 0 & -u_1 \\ -u_2 & u_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotation angle

Rotation error

$$\hat{e}_R = \frac{1}{2} (R_{des}^T {}^A R_B - {}^A R_B^T R_{des})$$

# Underactuated System

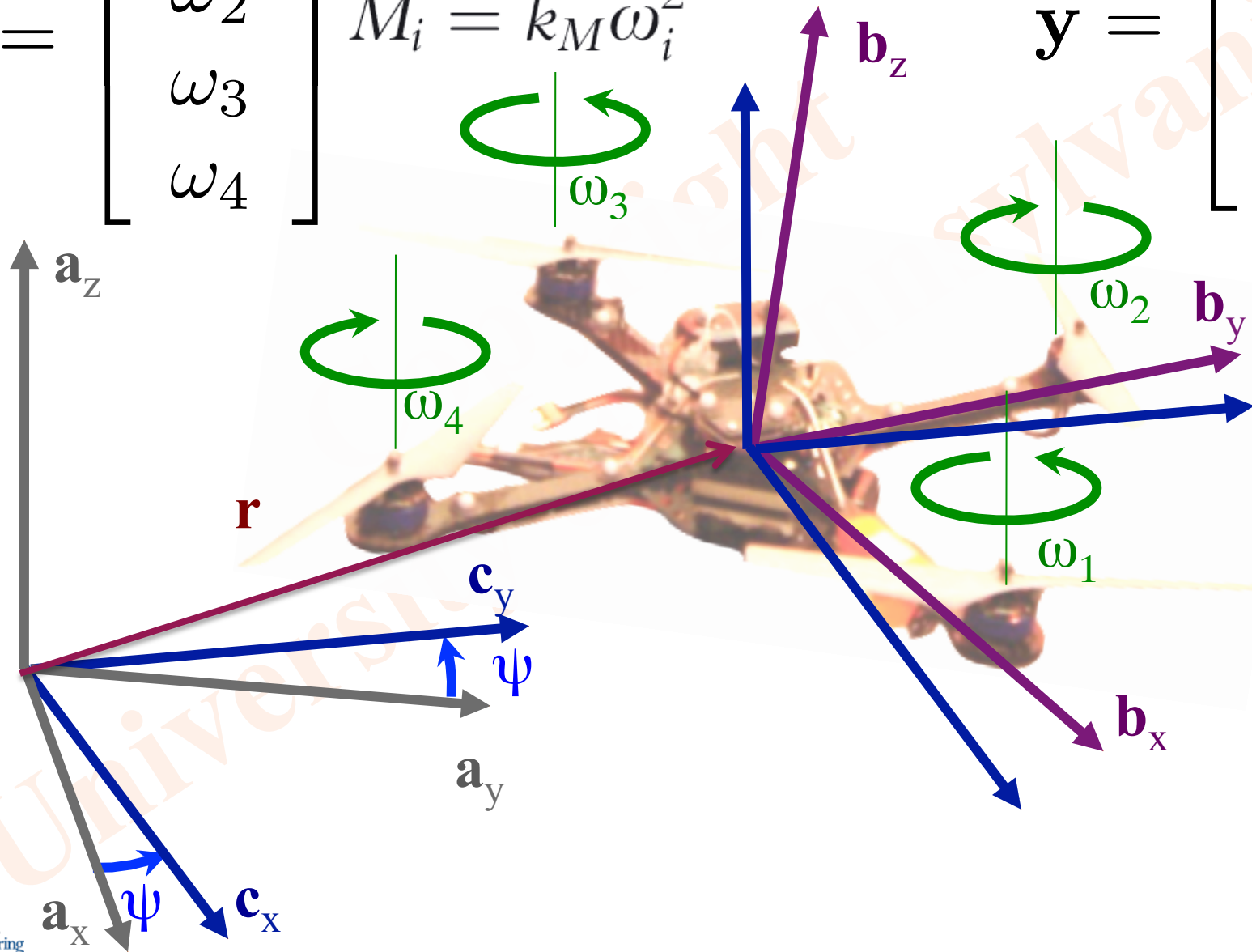


$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 \\ \omega_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F_i = k_F \omega_i^2$$

$$M_i = k_M \omega_i^2$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ \psi \end{bmatrix}$$



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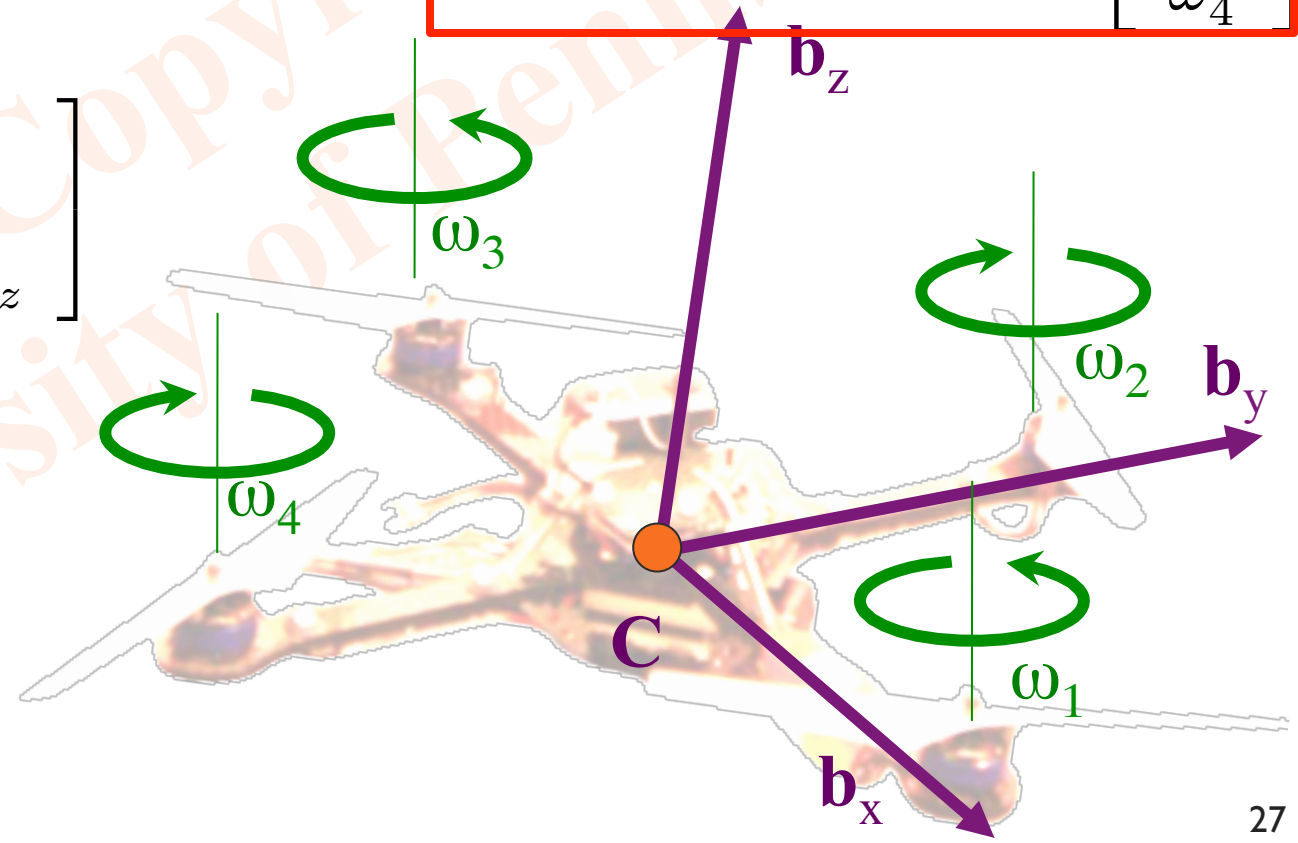
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$$\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{xx} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_{yy} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\alpha = k_F L$$

$$\beta = k_M$$

$$\gamma = \frac{k_F}{m}$$



# Introduction to Control Theory

- Order of a system
- Linear Time Invariant systems
  - Single integrator (kinematic)
  - Double integrator
  - Feedforward, feedback control
- Linear controller for a quadrotor
- Nonlinear, affine systems

# Control of a simple first-order system

## Problem

State, input

$$x, u \in \mathbb{R}$$

Kinematic plant model

$$\dot{x} = u$$

Want  $x$  to follow trajectory  $x^{des}(t)$

## General Approach

Define error,  $e(t) = x^{des}(t) - x(t)$

Want  $e(t)$  to converge exponentially to zero

## Strategy

Find  $u$  such that

$$\dot{e} + K_P e = 0 \quad K_P > 0$$

$$u(t) = \dot{x}^{des}(t) + K_P e(t)$$

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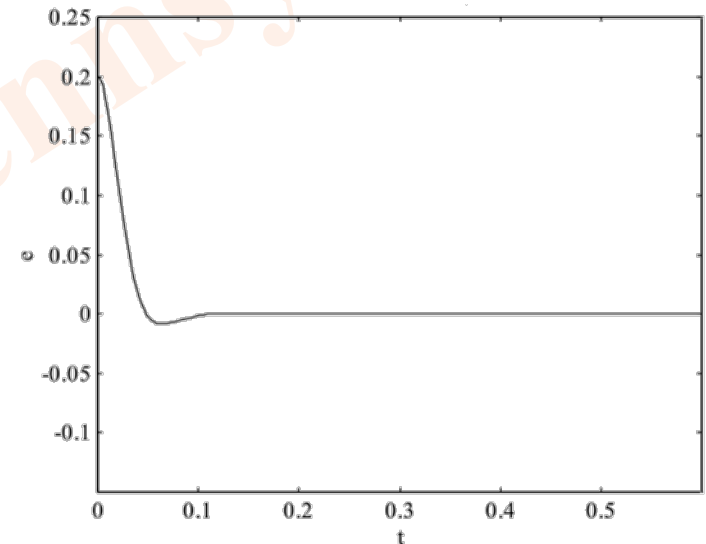
$$\ddot{e} + K_v \dot{e} + K_p e = 0 \quad K_p, K_v > 0$$

$$u(t) = \ddot{x}^{des}(t) + K_v \dot{e}(t) + K_p e(t)$$

Feedforward

Derivative

Proportional



# Control for trajectory tracking in a simple second-order system

## PD control

$$u(t) = \ddot{x}^{des}(t) + K_V \dot{e}(t) + K_P e(t)$$

Proportional control acts like a spring (capacitance) response

Derivative control is a viscous dashpot (resistance) response

Large derivative gain makes the system overdamped and the system converges slowly

## PID control

In the presence of disturbances or modeling errors, it is often advantageous to use PID control

$$u(t) = \ddot{x}^{des}(t) + K_V \dot{e}(t) + K_P e(t) + K_I \int_0^t e(\tau) d\tau$$

↑  
Integral

PID control generates a third-order closed-loop system

Integral control makes the steady-state error go to zero

# Model-based control for trajectory tracking

Disadvantages of PID or PD control schemes

$$m\ddot{x}(t) + b\dot{x}(t) + kx(t) = f(t)$$

- performance will depend on the model
- need to tune gains to maximize performance

Model based control law

$$f(t) = \underbrace{m(\ddot{x}_d(t) + k_p e(t) + k_v \dot{e}(t))}_{\text{feedforward + PD feedback}} + \underbrace{b\dot{x}(t) + kx(t)}_{\text{model based}}$$

model based

Two parts of a model based scheme

- model based part
  - cancel the dynamics of the system
  - specific to the model
- servo based part
  - use PID or PD with feedforward to drive errors to zero
  - independent of the model of the system

# Model-based control for trajectory tracking

Model

$$m\ddot{x}(t) + b\dot{x}(t) + kx(t) = f(t)$$

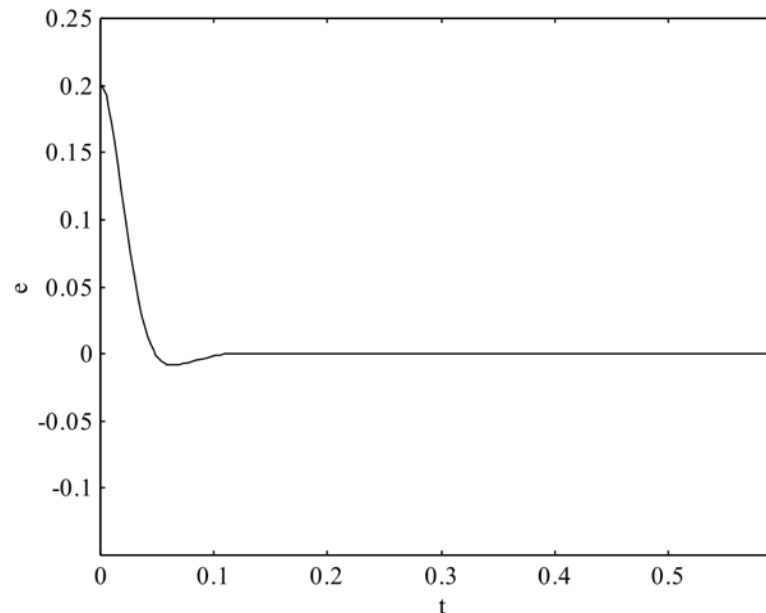
Model based control law

model based

$$f(t) = m \underbrace{(\ddot{x}_d(t) + k_p e(t) + k_v \dot{e}(t))}_{\text{servo}} + b\dot{x}(t) + kx(t)$$

Performance

$$\ddot{e} + k_v \dot{e} + k_p e = 0$$



# Model-based control for trajectory tracking

- Advantage
  - decomposes the control law into
    - model-dependent part (depends on the knowledge of the model)
    - model-independent part (servo control, gains are independent of the model)
- Disadvantage

Model based control law (based on estimates of model parameters)

$$f(t) = \hat{m}(\ddot{x}_d(t) + k_p e(t) + k_v \dot{e}(t)) + \hat{b}\dot{x}(t) + \hat{k}x(t)$$

Ideal performance

$$\ddot{e} + k_v \dot{e} + k_p e = 0$$

Actual performance

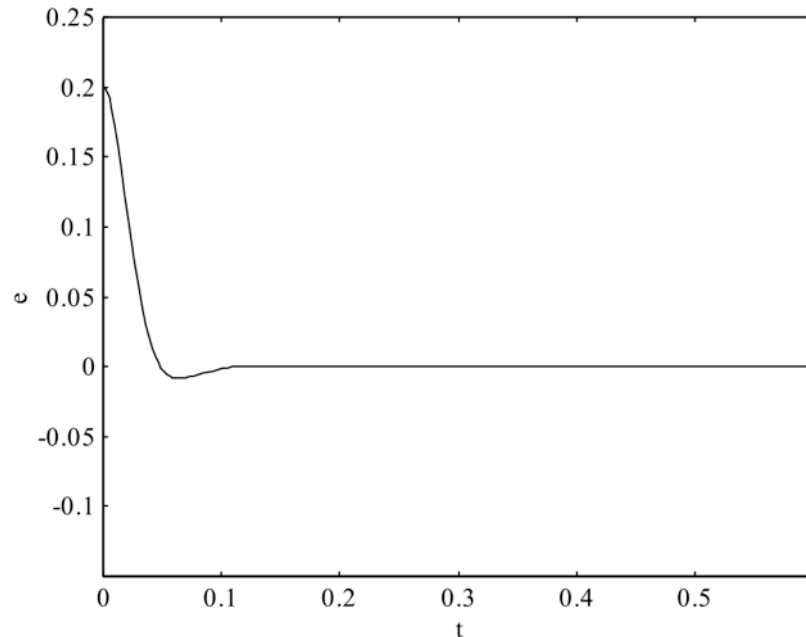
$$\ddot{e} + k_v \dot{e} + k_p e = \left(\frac{m}{\hat{m}} - 1\right)\ddot{x} + \frac{b-\hat{b}}{\hat{m}}\dot{x} + \frac{k-\hat{k}}{\hat{m}}x$$

1. Error term will not go exponentially to zero
2. Right hand side is a forcing function driving the error away from zero

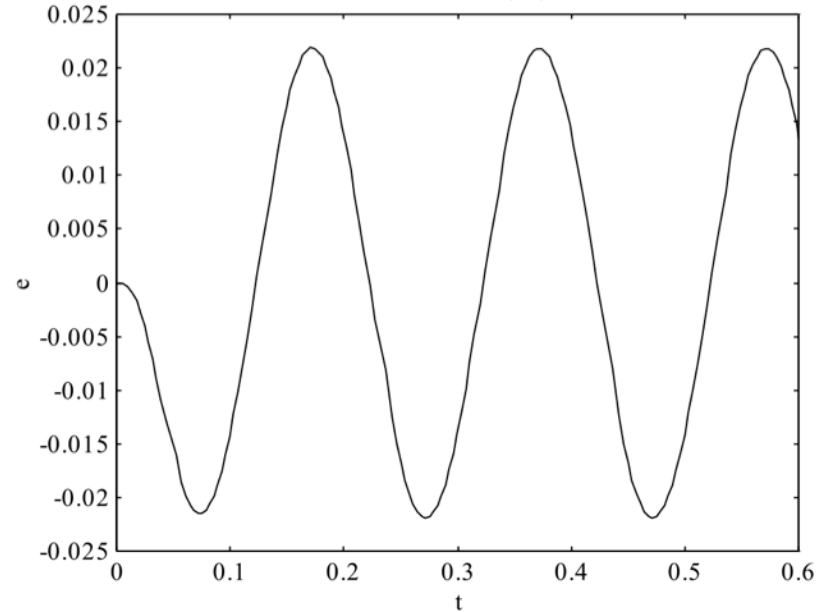
*estimates*

# Model-based control for trajectory tracking

$$\ddot{e} + k_v \dot{e} + k_p e = \left(\frac{m}{\hat{m}} - 1\right)\ddot{x} + \frac{b-\hat{b}}{\hat{m}} \dot{x} + \frac{k-\hat{k}}{\hat{m}} x \quad f_p(t)$$



Perfect model



Imperfect model, 10% errors in parameters

Not all is lost however

- Treat  $f_p$  as a perturbation or a disturbance force
- If  $\max_t f_p(t) < M$  we can prove that the error  $e(t)$  is also bounded

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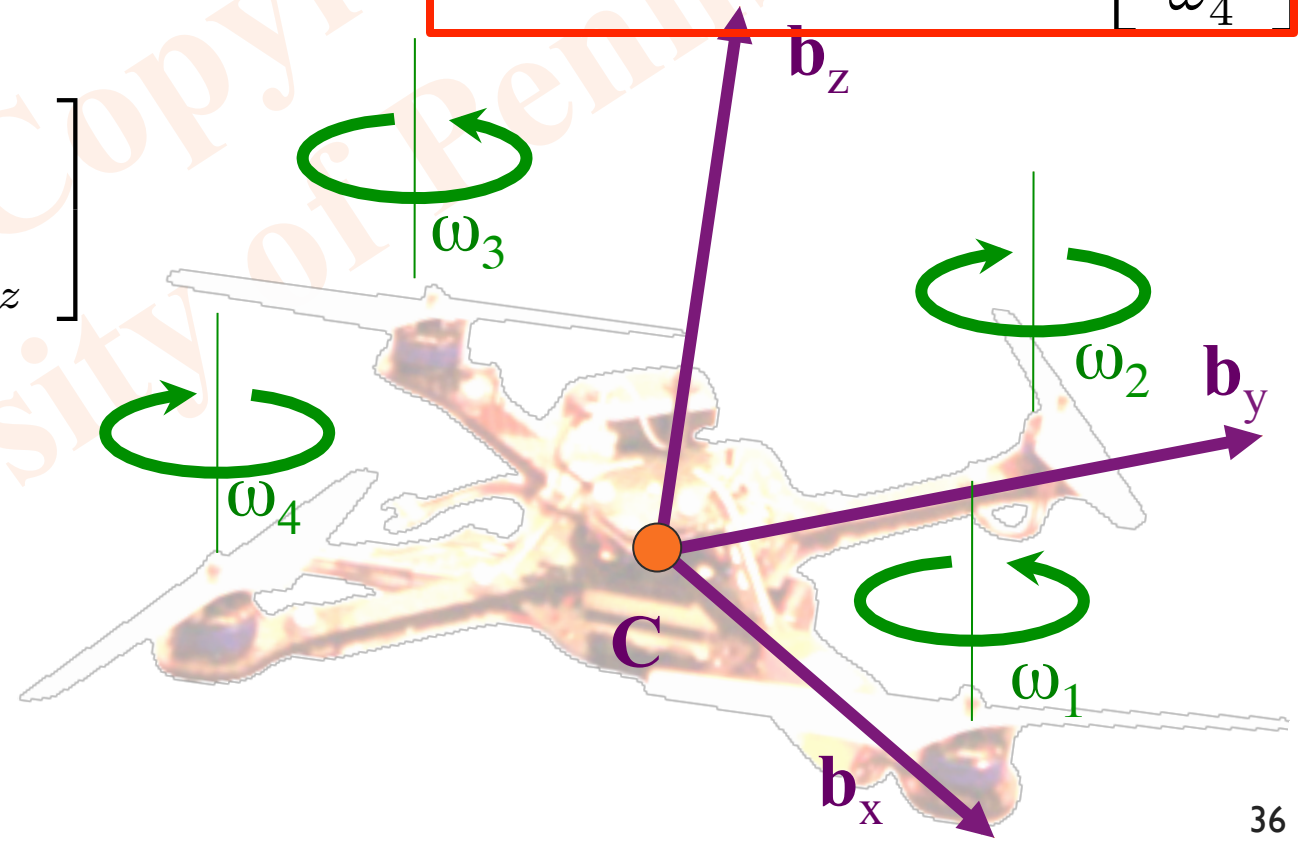
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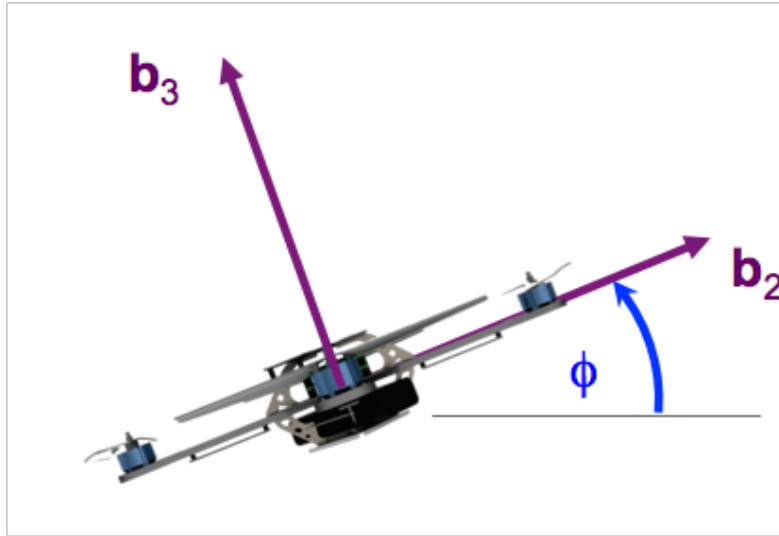
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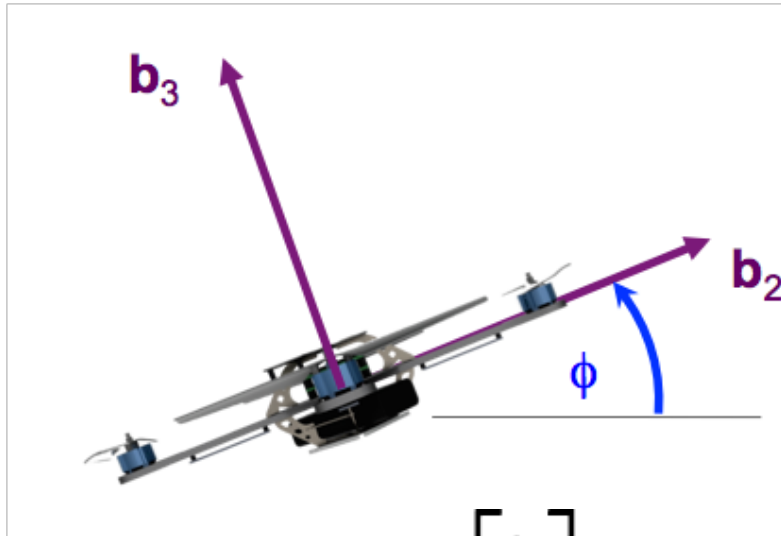


# Planar Quadrotor Dynamics



$$\begin{bmatrix} \ddot{y} \\ \ddot{z} \\ \ddot{\phi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -g \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{m} \sin \phi & 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{I_{xx}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ z \\ \phi \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \\ \dot{\phi} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \\ \dot{\phi} \\ 0 \\ -g \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{m} \sin \phi & 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{I_{xx}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Affine Nonlinear System

State  $x$ , input  $u$

State equations

$$\dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)u$$

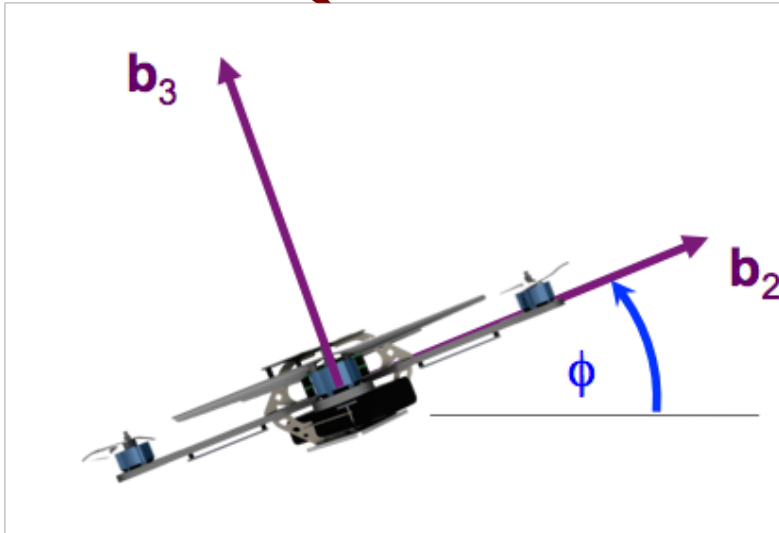
Outputs

$$y = h(x)$$

# Three Approaches

1. Linear Controllers
2. Model-based nonlinear controllers
3. Exact linearization

# Quadrotor (z-direction only)



$$\begin{bmatrix} \ddot{y} \\ \ddot{z} \\ \ddot{\phi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -g \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{m} \sin \phi & 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{I_{xx}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\ddot{z} = -g + \frac{u_1}{m} \cos \phi$$

Hover configuration ( $\phi \sim 0$ )

$$\ddot{z} = -g + \frac{u_1}{m}$$

Equilibrium (operating point)

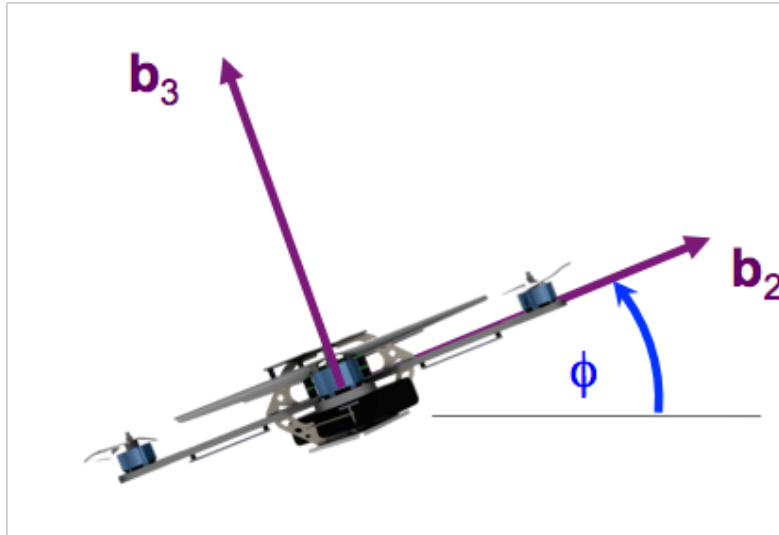
$$u_1 = mg$$

Want errors to decay to zero

$$(\ddot{z}^{des} - \ddot{z}) + K_D(\dot{z}^{des} - \dot{z}) + K_P(z^{des} - z) = 0$$

$$u_1 = m \left( g + \ddot{z}^{des} + K_D(\dot{z}^{des} - \dot{z}) + K_P(z^{des} - z) \right)$$

# Quadrotor (y-direction only)



$$\begin{bmatrix} \ddot{y} \\ \ddot{z} \\ \ddot{\phi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -g \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{m} \sin \phi & 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{I_{xx}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hover configuration ( $\phi \sim 0$ )

$$\ddot{y} = -\frac{1}{m} \phi u_1$$

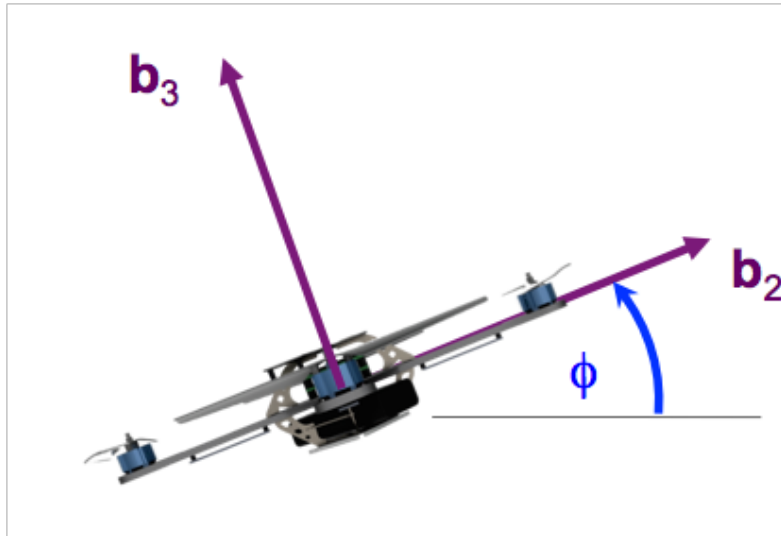
$$\ddot{y} = -\phi m g$$

Want errors to decay to zero

$$(\ddot{y}^{des} - \ddot{y}) + K_D(\dot{y}^{des} - \dot{y}) + K_P(y^{des} - y) = 0$$

$$\phi^{des} = -\frac{1}{g} (\ddot{y}^{des} + K_D(\dot{y}^{des} - \dot{y}) + K_P(y^{des} - y))$$

# Quadrotor ( $\phi$ -direction only)

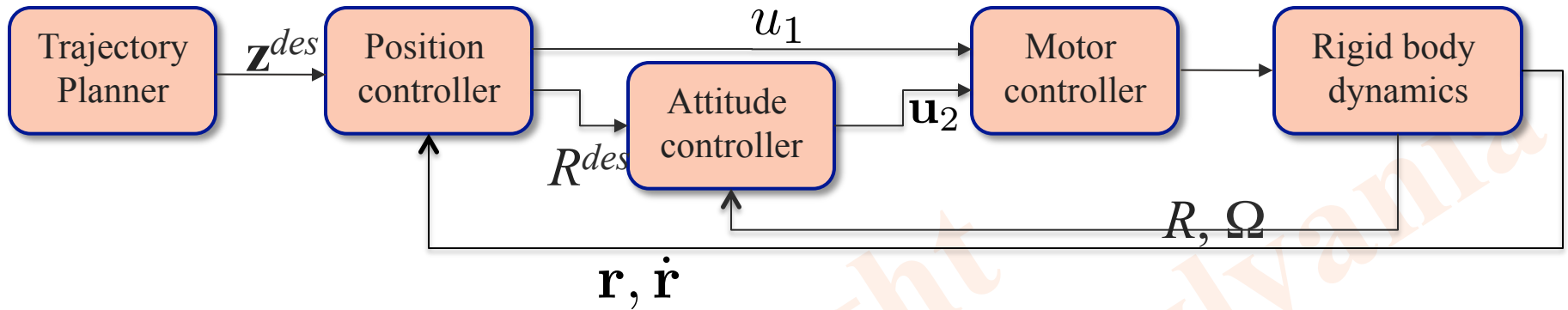


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$$\ddot{\phi} = \frac{1}{I_{zz}} u_2$$

$$\phi^{des} = -\frac{1}{g} \left( \ddot{y}^{des} + K_D(\dot{y}^{des} - \dot{y}) + K_P(y^{des} - y) \right)$$

$$u_2 = I_{zz} \left( \ddot{\phi}^{des} + K_D(\dot{\phi}^{des} - \dot{\phi}) + K_P(\phi^{des} - \phi) \right)$$



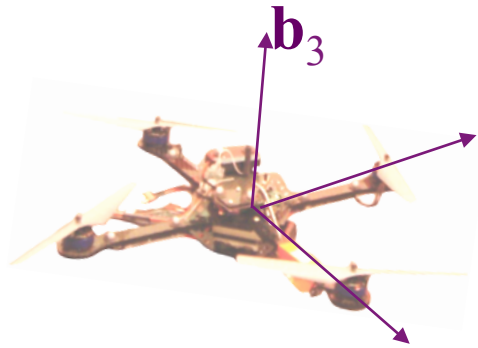
$$m\ddot{\mathbf{r}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -mg \end{bmatrix} + R \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ F_1 + F_2 + F_3 + F_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I \begin{bmatrix} \dot{p} \\ \dot{q} \\ \dot{r} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L(F_2 - F_4) \\ L(F_3 - F_1) \\ M_1 - M_2 + M_3 - M_4 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix} \times I \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix}$$

$u_1$

$u_2$

# Control for Hovering



$$m\ddot{\mathbf{r}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -mg \end{bmatrix} + R \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ F_1 + F_2 + F_3 + F_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

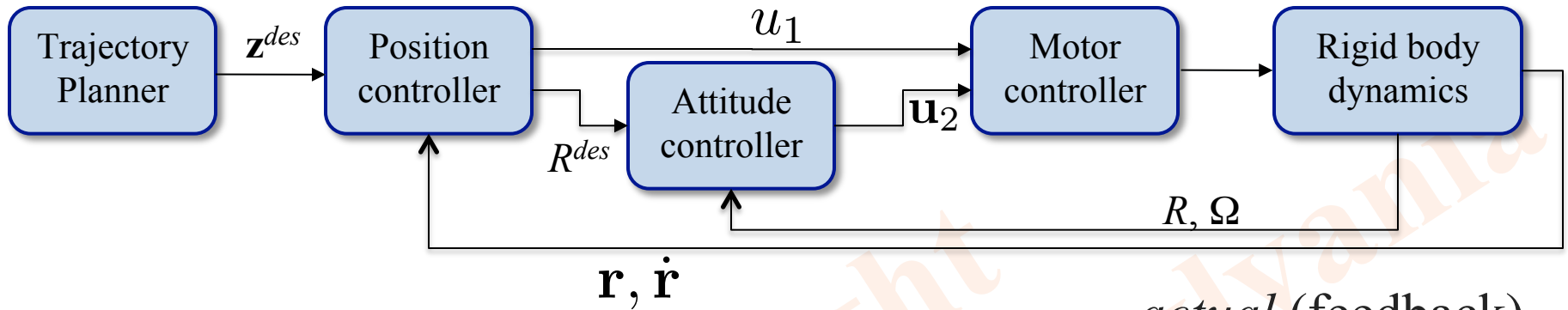
Linearization

$u_1$

$$(u_1 \sim mg, \theta \sim 0, \phi \sim 0, \psi \sim \psi_0)$$

$$\ddot{r}_1 = g(\Delta\theta \cos \psi_0 + \Delta\phi \sin \psi_0)$$

$$\ddot{r}_2 = g(\Delta\theta \sin \psi_0 - \Delta\phi \cos \psi_0)$$



$$(\ddot{r}_{i,T} - \ddot{r}_i^{\text{des}}) + k_{d,i}(\dot{r}_{i,T} - \dot{r}_i) + k_{p,i}(r_{i,T} - r_i) = 0$$

$\uparrow$  *specified*                       $\downarrow$  *actual (feedback)*

$$u_1 = mg + m\ddot{r}_3^{\text{des}}$$

$$\phi^{\text{des}} = \frac{1}{g}(\ddot{r}_1^{\text{des}} \sin \psi_T - \ddot{r}_2^{\text{des}} \cos \psi_T)$$

$$\theta^{\text{des}} = \frac{1}{g}(\ddot{r}_1^{\text{des}} \cos \psi_T + \ddot{r}_2^{\text{des}} \sin \psi_T)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} k_{p,\phi}(\phi^{\text{des}} - \phi) + k_{d,\phi}(p^{\text{des}} - p) \\ k_{p,\theta}(\theta^{\text{des}} - \theta) + k_{d,\theta}(q^{\text{des}} - q) \\ k_{p,\psi}(\psi^{\text{des}} - \psi) + k_{d,\psi}(r^{\text{des}} - r) \end{bmatrix}$$

## Nano+ Quadrotor (KMel Robotics)

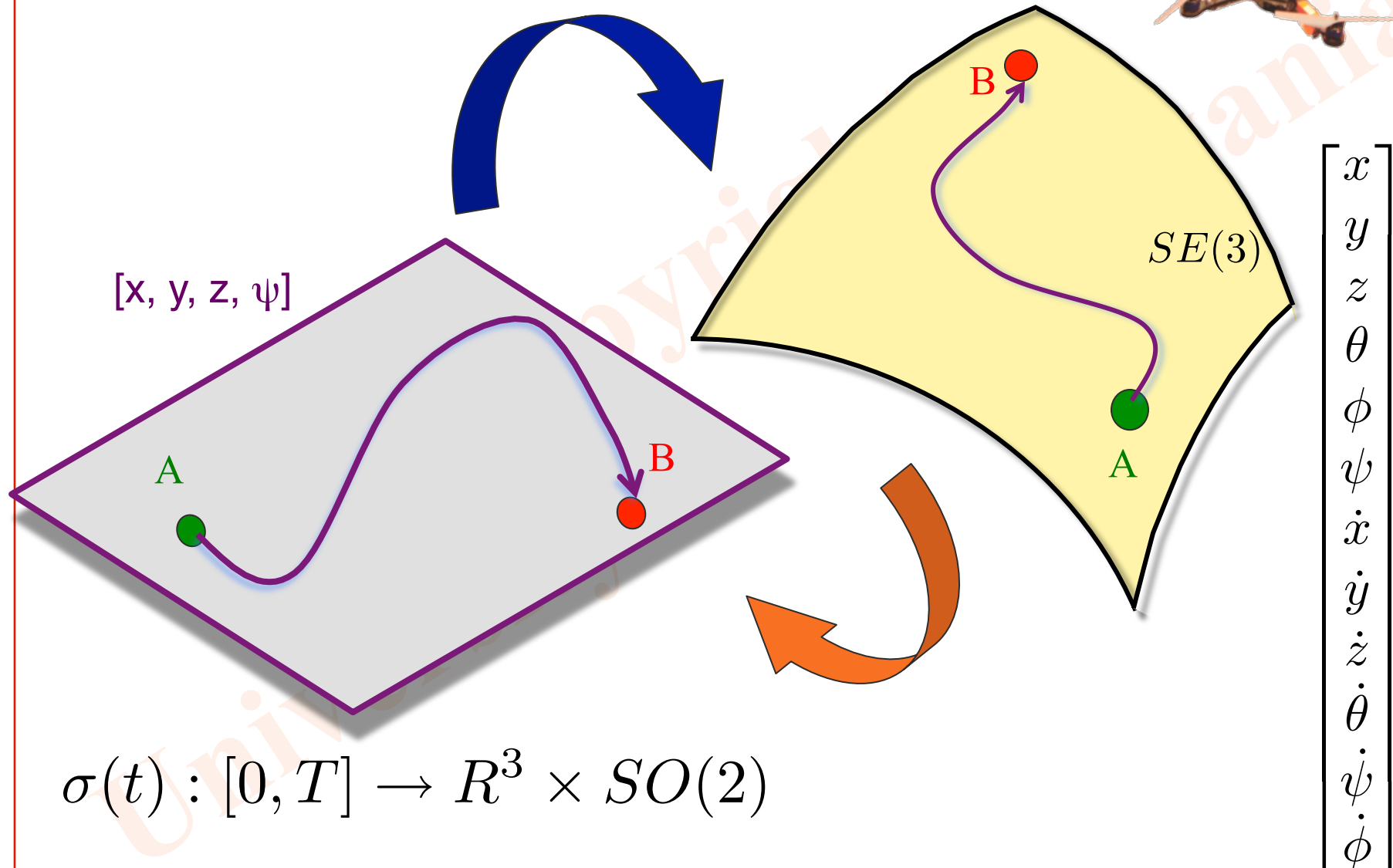
- 25 cm diameter
- Carbon fiber frame
- 176 gm (230 gm with camera and processor)



1. Dynamic Model
2. Matlab Simulation  
(understand the simulator)
3. Controllers for the quadrotor
4. Fly the robot along planned trajectories

# Nonlinear Control

# Differentially Flat System



$$\sigma(t) : [0, T] \rightarrow R^3 \times SO(2)$$

# Control on SE(3)

Specified trajectory

$$\sigma(t) : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \times SO(2)$$

$\mathbf{t}$

$$\mathbf{f} = m(\ddot{\mathbf{r}} + K_v \dot{\mathbf{e}}_r + K_p \mathbf{e}_r + \mathbf{g})$$

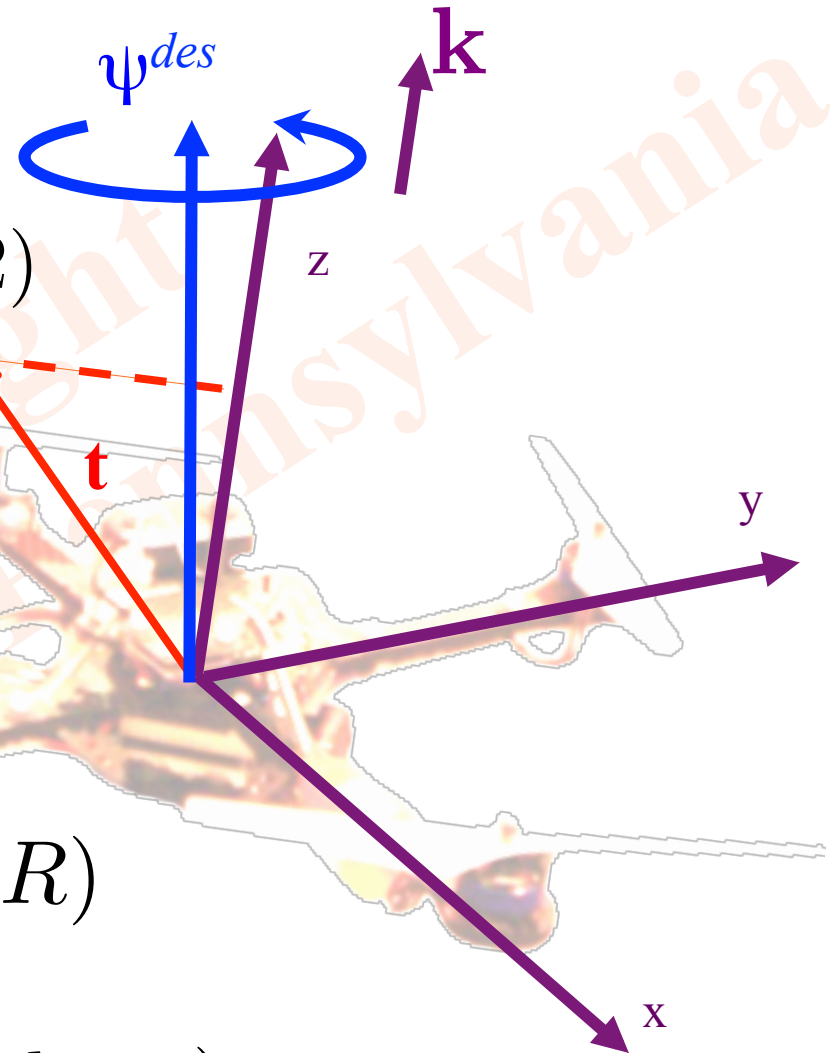
$$\mathbf{R}^{des} e_3 = \frac{\mathbf{t}}{\|\mathbf{t}\|}$$

$$\psi = \psi^{des}$$

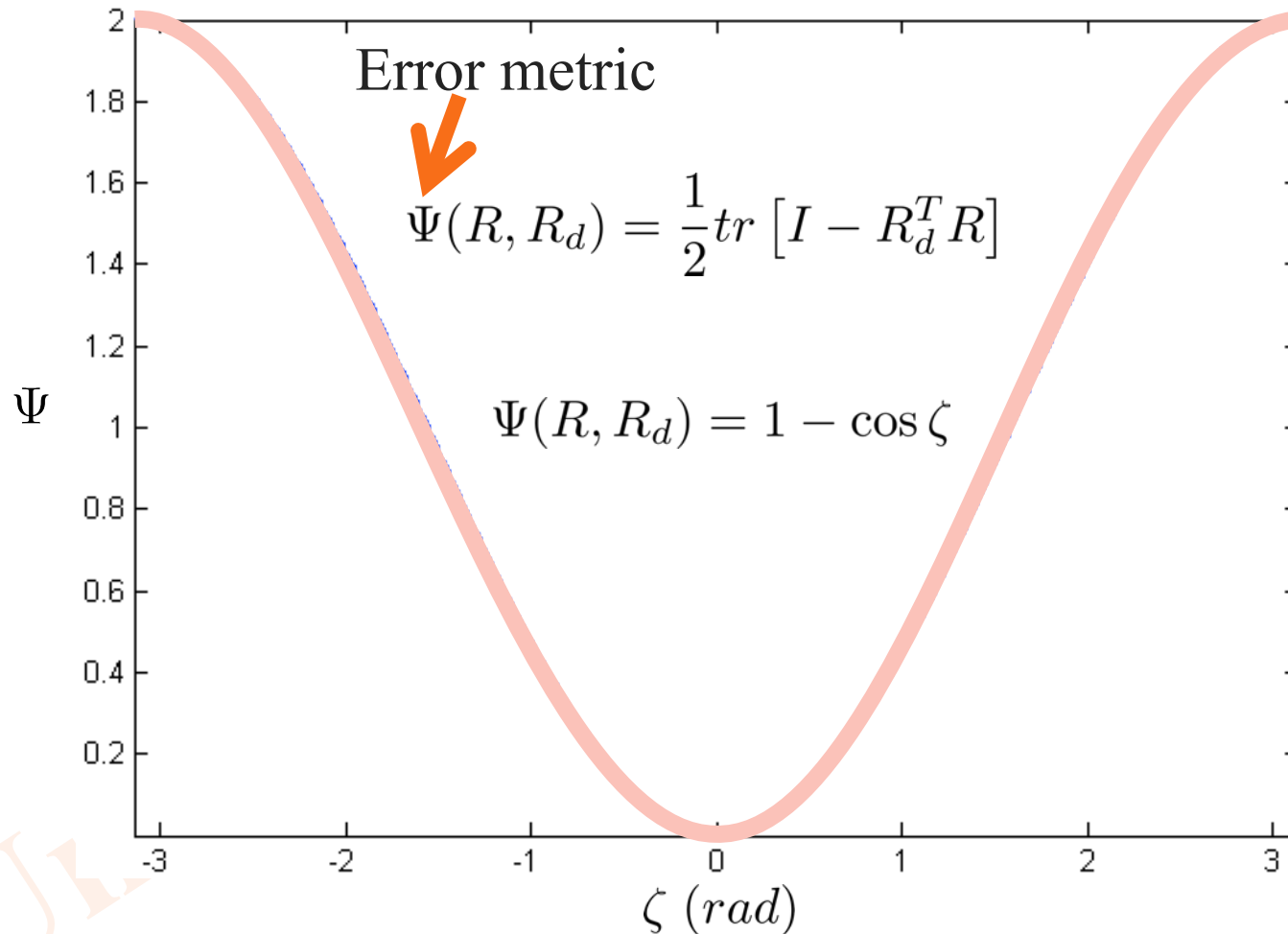
$R^{des}$

$$e_R(R^{des}, R)$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{I} \boldsymbol{\omega} + \mathbf{I}(-k_R e_R - k_\omega e_\omega)$$

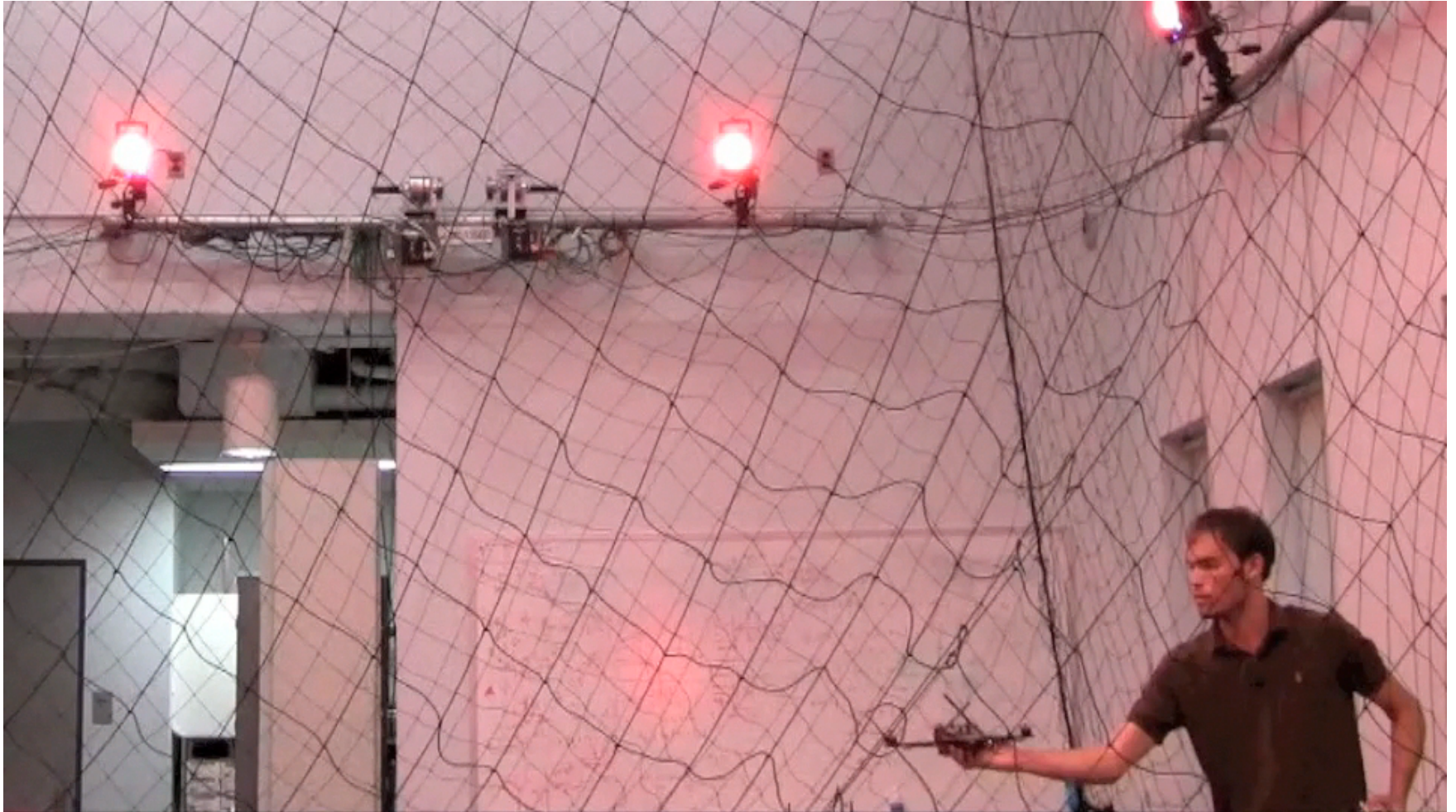


# An SO(3) Controller (Attitude Control)



# Basin of attraction

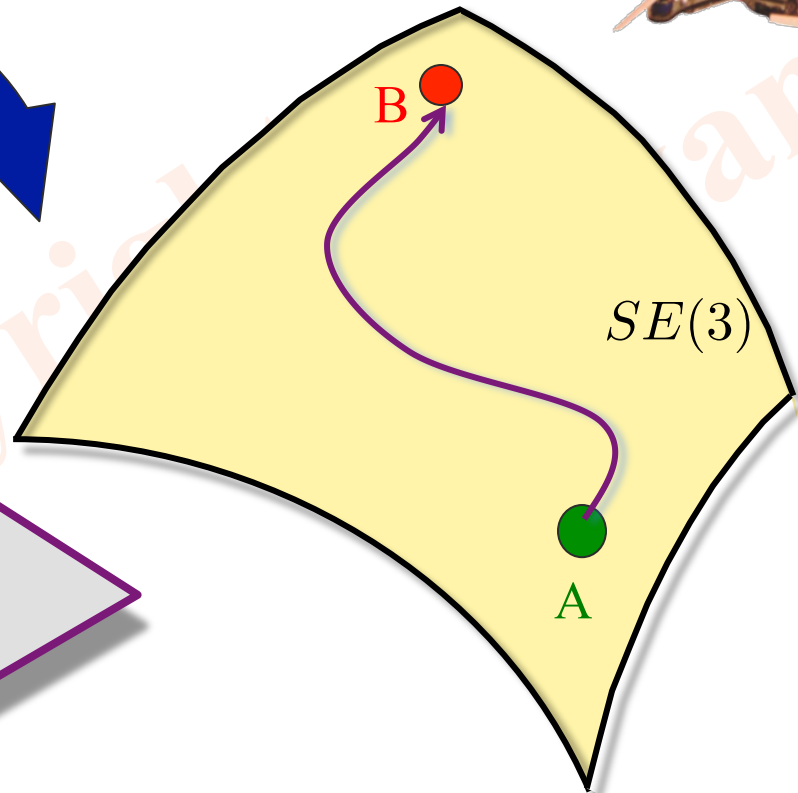
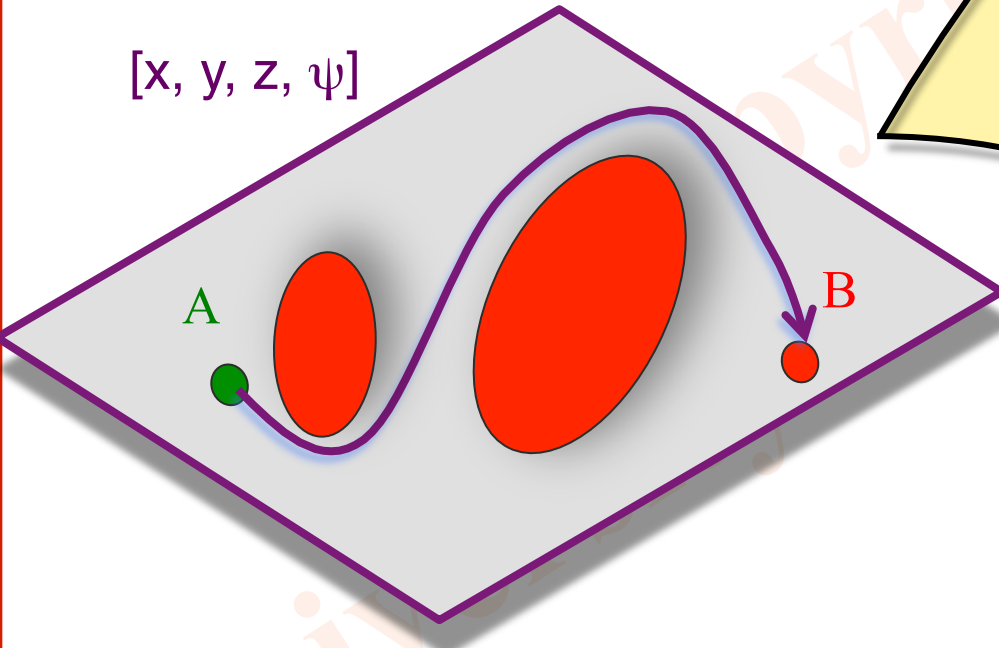
$$\text{tr}[I - (R^{des})^T R] < 2 \quad \|e_\omega(0)\|^2 \leq \frac{2}{\lambda_{\min}(I)} k_R \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}[I - (R^{des})^T R] \right)$$



# Planning



$[x, y, z, \psi]$



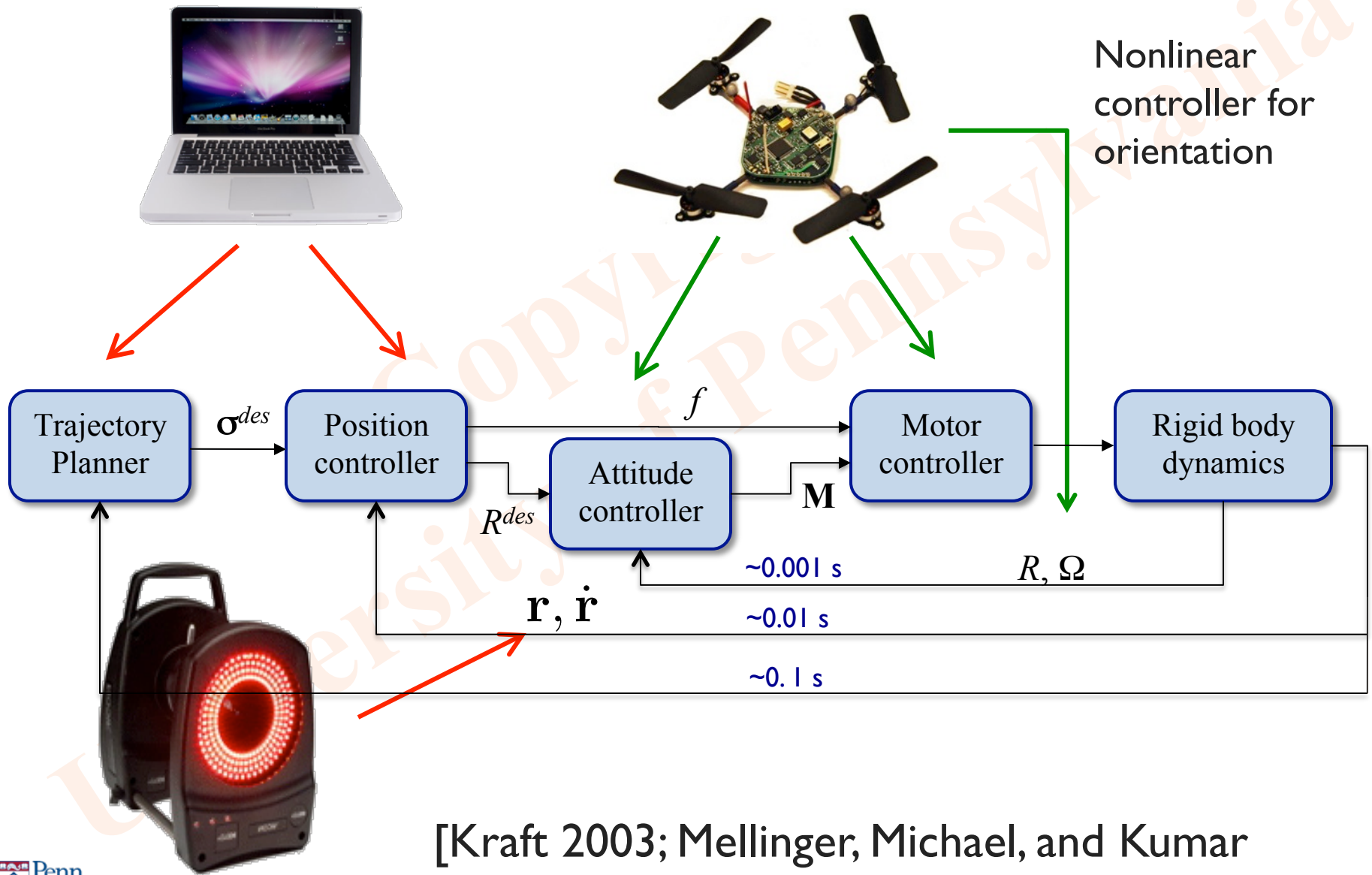
$SE(3)$

$x$
$y$
$z$
$\theta$
$\phi$
$\psi$
$\dot{x}$
$\dot{y}$
$\dot{z}$
$\dot{\theta}$
$\dot{\psi}$
$\dot{\phi}$

*Minimum snap trajectory*

$$\min_{\sigma(t)} \int_0^T \alpha \|\ddot{\mathbf{r}}(t)\|^2 + \beta \dot{\psi}(t)^2 dt$$

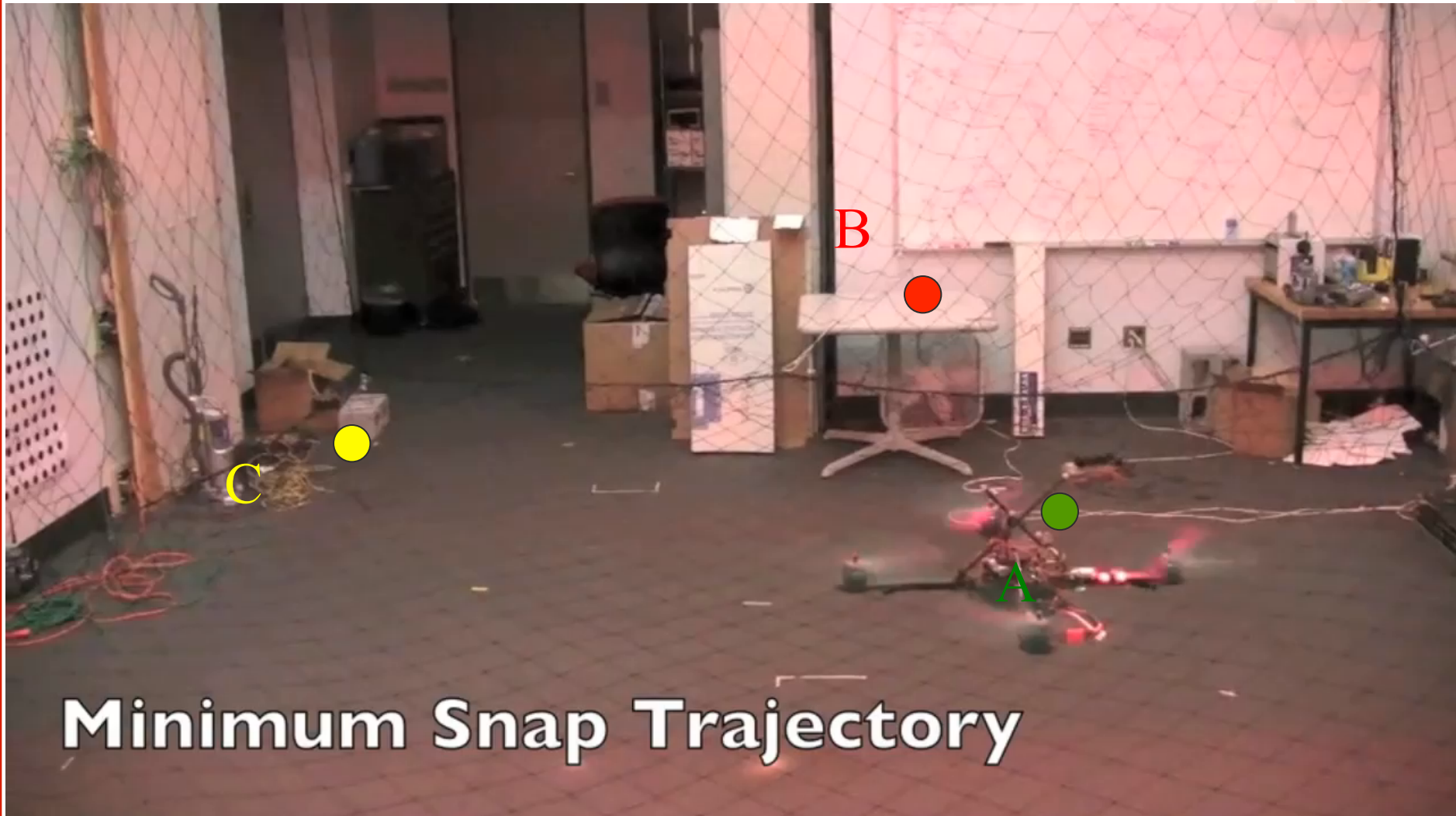
# Software Architecture



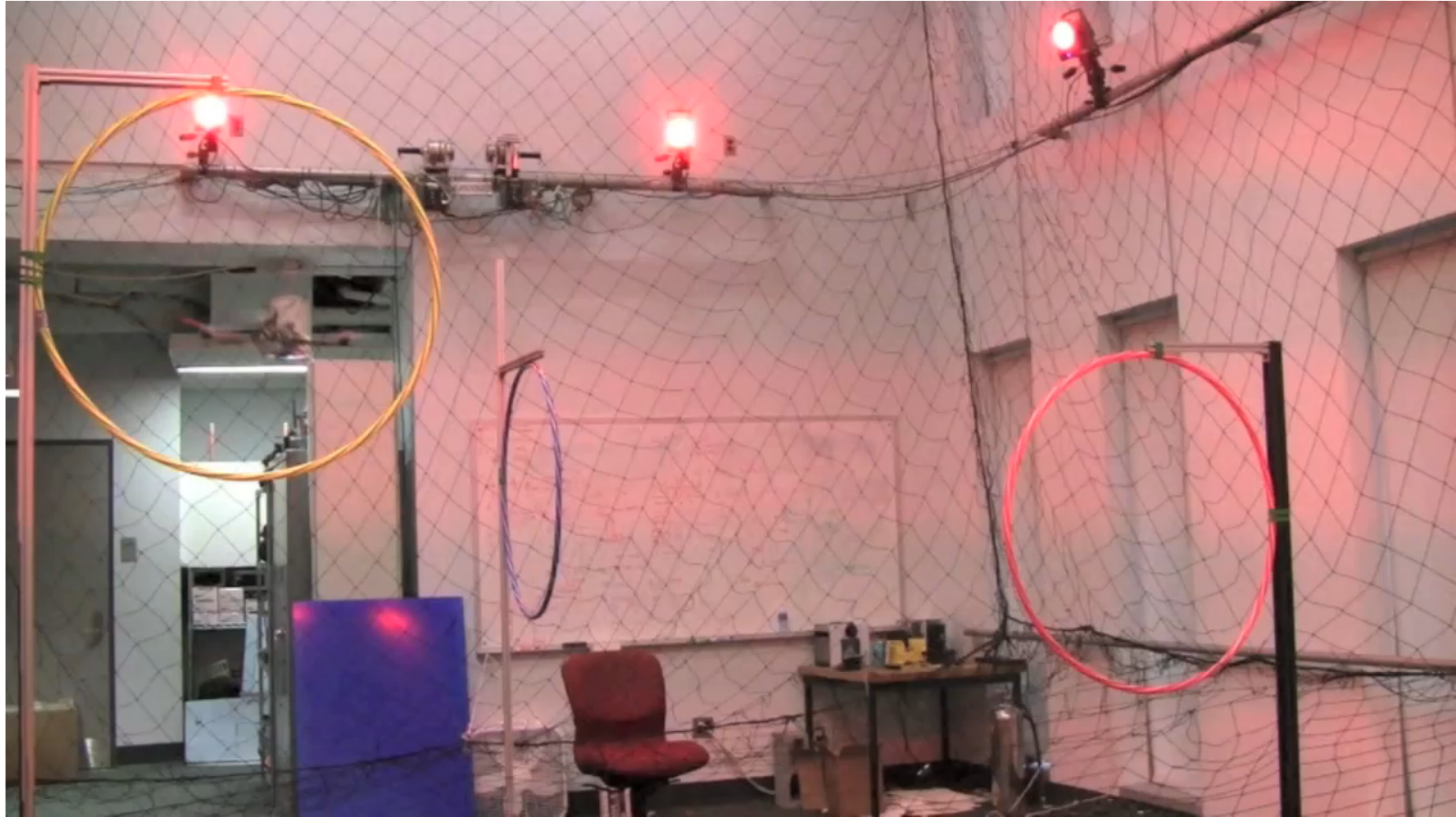
[Kraft 2003; Mellinger, Michael, and Kumar 2010; Mellinger and Kumar 2011]

# Minimum Snap Trajectories

[Mellinger and Kumar, ICRA 2011]



# Minimum Snap Trajectories



[Mellinger and Kumar, ICRA 2011]

Break

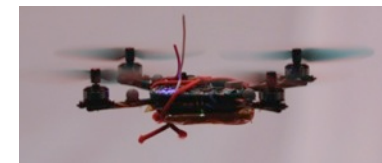
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# Outline – Section II

- Demonstration
- Design Tradeoffs (Yash Mulgaonkar)
  - Kinematics, power, component analysis, designing your own quadrotor
- Demonstration
- Sensors – Part I (Justin Thomas)
- Quads in the Lab (Mickey Whitzer & Yash Mulgaonkar)
  - The UAV Testbed, MATLAB Simulator, gain tuning
- Break

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# Unmanned Aerial Vehicles



**Aerovironment Black Widow – 2.12 oz.**



**UCB Smart bird**



**Boeing/ Insitu ScanEagle – 33 lb**



**Gen. Atomics – Predator B – 7,000 lb**



**BAE Systems Microstar – 3.0 oz.**



**U. Penn Piper cub 6 lb**



**Stanford DFLy**



**AAI Shadow 200 – 328 lb**



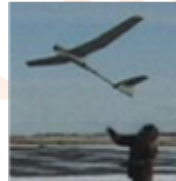
**Boeing X-45A UCAV – 12,195 lb (est)**



**Astec Pelican**



**Allied Aero. LADF 3.8 lb**



**Aerovironment Pointer – 9.6 lb**



**Bell Eagle Eye – 2,250 lb**



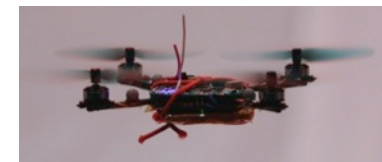
**Astec Hummingbird**



*D. Pines, 2005*

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# Scaling Characteristics (Kinematic)

- Mass:  $m \propto V \propto L^3$

- Inertia: 
$$I = \int_{body} r^2 dm = \int_{body} \underbrace{r^2}_{\propto L^2} \rho dV$$
  
 $\rho \rightarrow \text{density}$

$$I \propto L^5$$

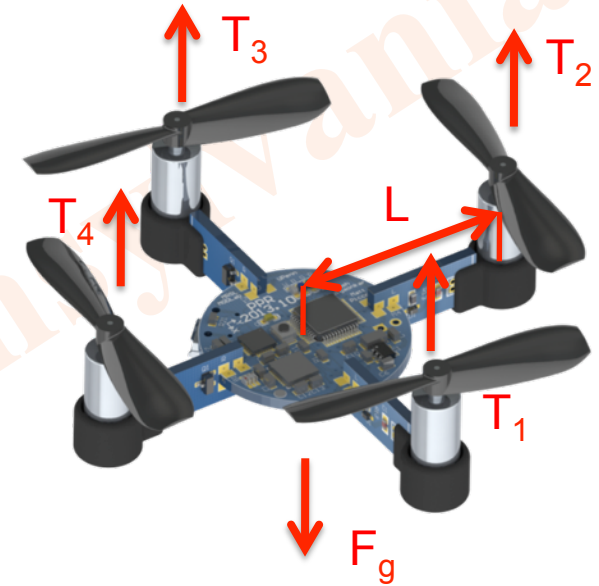
- Thrust and Drag:

$$T = C_T \rho A r^2 \omega_i^2 = C_T \rho \omega_i^2 \underbrace{A}_{\propto L^2} \underbrace{r^2}_{\propto L^2}$$

$$T \propto \omega_i^2 L^4, \quad D \propto \omega_i^2 L^4$$

- Linear and Angular Acceleration:

$$a = \frac{F}{m} \propto \frac{\omega_i^2 L^4}{L^3} \propto \omega_i^2 L, \quad \alpha = \frac{\tau}{I} = \frac{TL}{I} \propto \frac{\omega_i^2 L^5}{L^5} \propto \omega_i^2$$



$A \rightarrow$  Rotor Area

$r \rightarrow$  Rotor Radius

$\omega_i \rightarrow$  Angular Velocity

$\rho \rightarrow$  Air Density

# Scaling Characteristics (Kinematic)

## Mach Scaling

- Compressible Flows
  - Assumes tip velocities are constant

$$\omega_i \propto \frac{1}{r_i}, \quad r_i \rightarrow \text{Rotor Radius}$$

- Revisiting Linear and Angular Accelerations

$$a = \frac{F}{m} \propto \frac{\omega_i^2 L^4}{L^3} \propto \omega_i^2 L \propto \frac{L}{r^2} \propto \frac{1}{L} \quad (r \sim L)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\tau}{I} = \frac{TL}{I} \propto \frac{\omega_i^2 L^5}{L^5} \propto \omega_i^2 \propto \frac{1}{L^2}$$

## Froude Scaling

- Incompressible Flows
  - Assumes (for same vehicle) Froude number is constant

$$F_r = \frac{v_{tip}^2}{Lg} = \frac{\omega_i^2 r^2}{Lg} \rightarrow \text{constant}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_i \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \quad (\text{since } L \sim r)$$

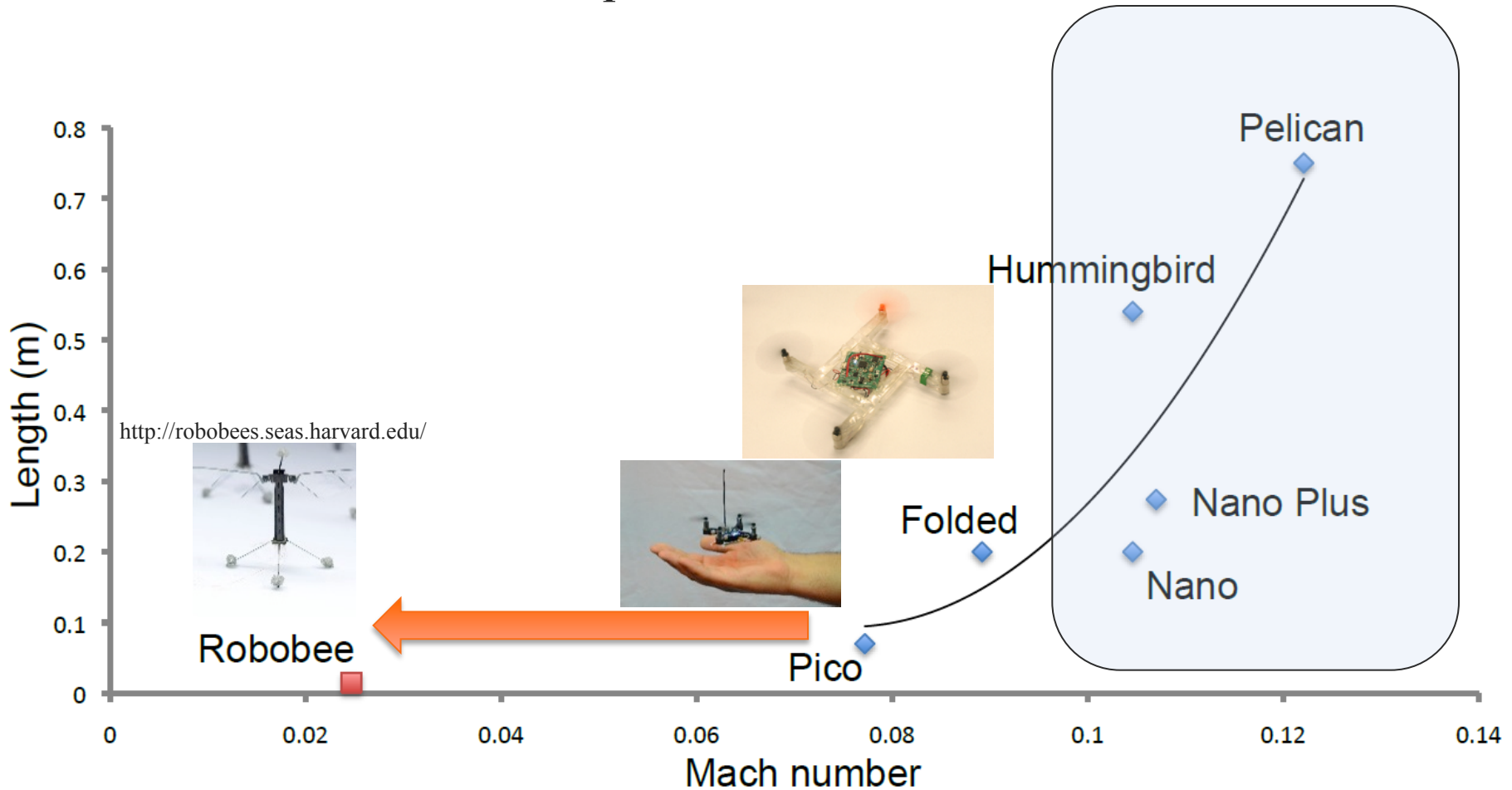
- Revisiting Linear and Angular Accelerations

$$a = \frac{F}{m} \propto \frac{\omega_i^2 L^4}{L^3} \propto \omega_i^2 L \propto \frac{L}{r} \sim 1 \quad (r \sim L)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\tau}{I} = \frac{TL}{I} \propto \frac{\omega_i^2 L^5}{L^5} \propto \omega_i^2 \propto \frac{1}{L}$$

# Scaling Characteristics (Kinematic)

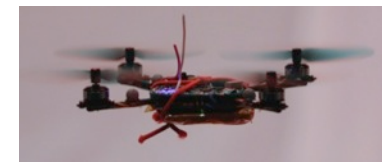
- Mach Number for small quadrotors:  $\sim \sqrt{L}$



Trying to bridge this gap

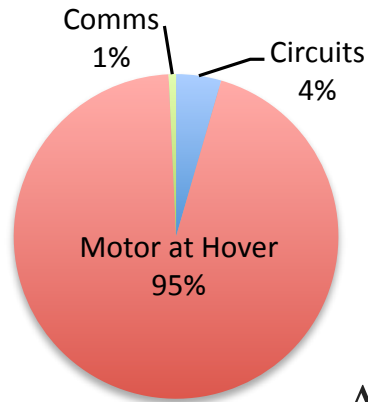
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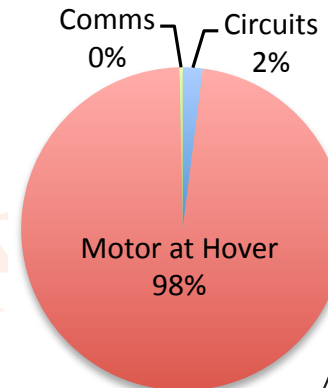


# Scaling Characteristics (Power)

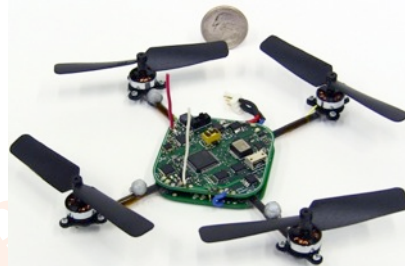
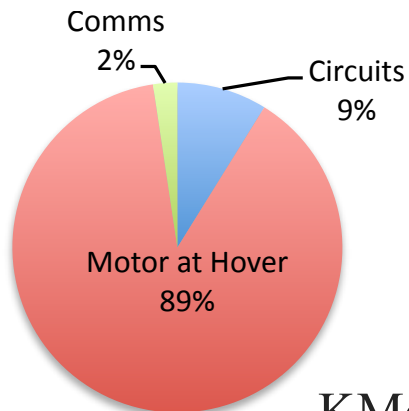
## Power Draw at Hover



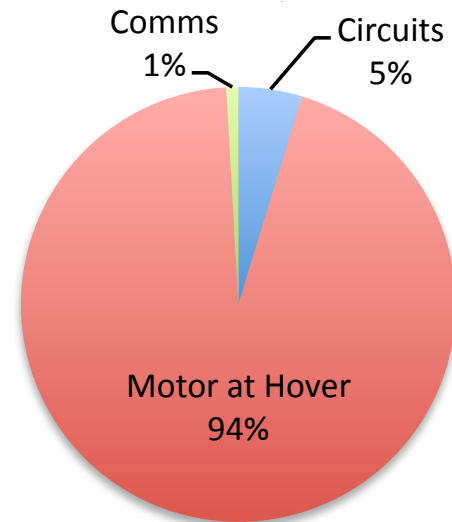
AscTec Pelican  
650W @ Hover



AscTec Hummingbird  
75W @ Hover



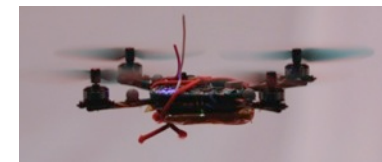
KMeI Nano Quadrotor  
18W @ Hover



Average Power Consumption

# Outline

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  - **Component analysis**
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# Scaling Characteristics

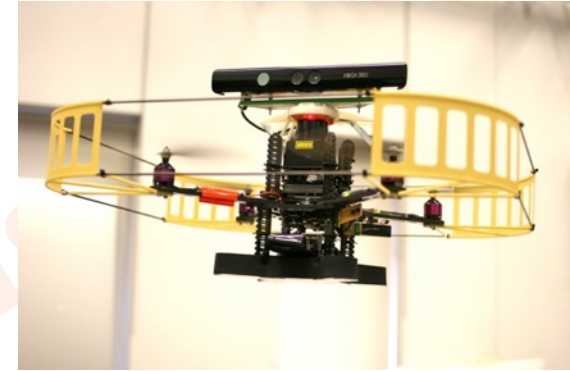
## Platforms Tested



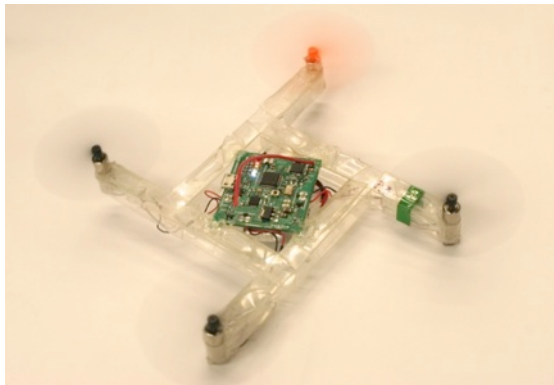
AscTec Hummingbird  
( $m = 486\text{g}$ )



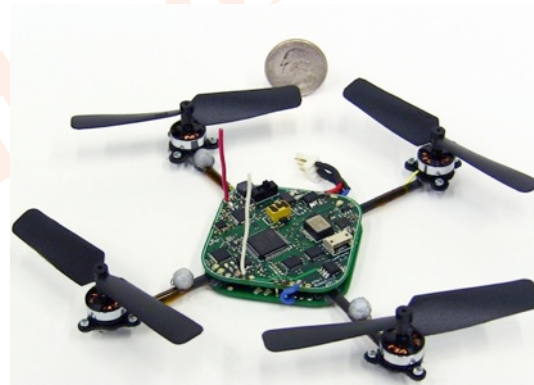
AscTec Pelican (unloaded)  
( $m = 964\text{g}$ )



AscTec Pelican (loaded)  
( $m = 1937\text{g}$ )



Folded Quadrotor  
( $m = 43.4\text{g}$ )



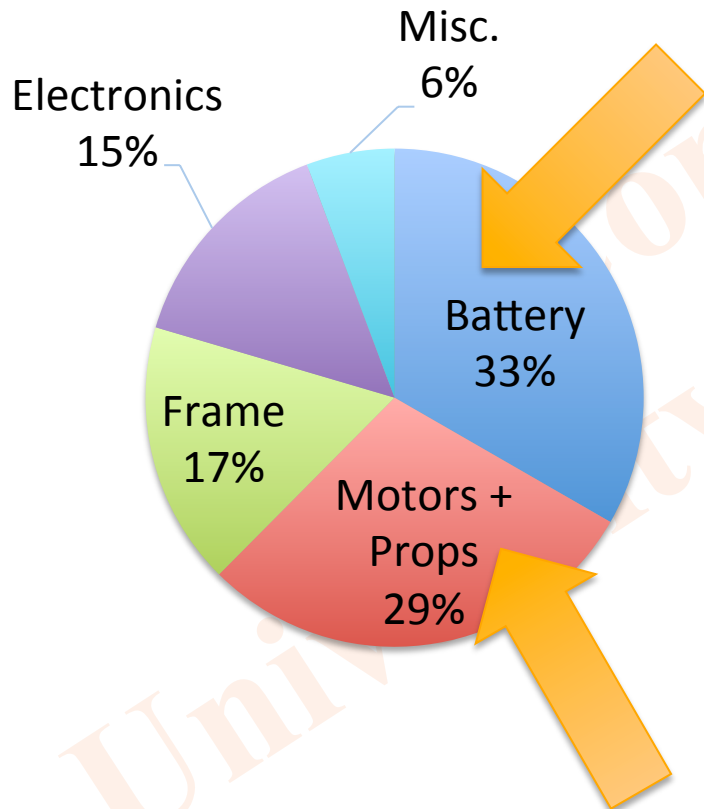
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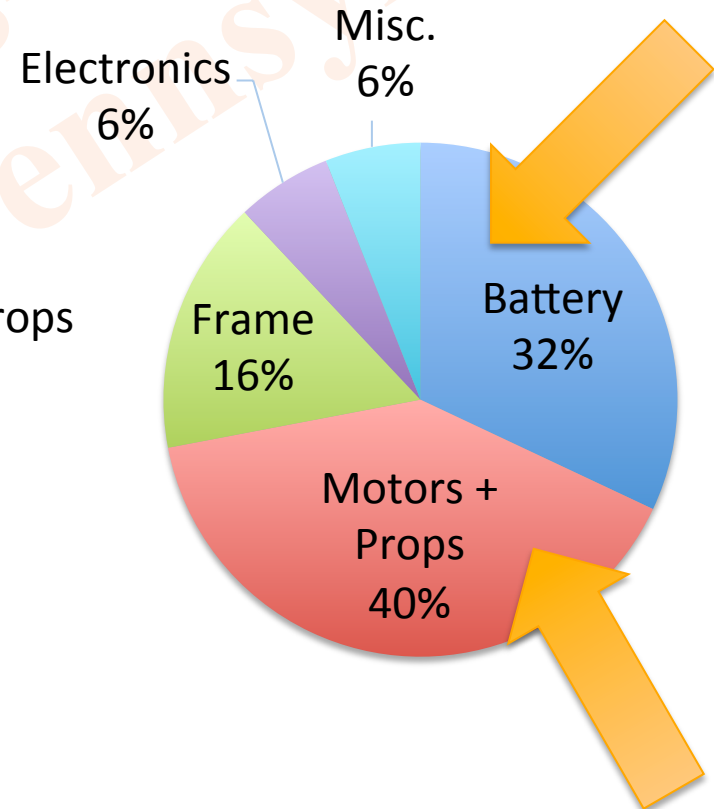
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# Scaling Characteristics (Weight)

**Average Mass Distribution for  
all test platforms**



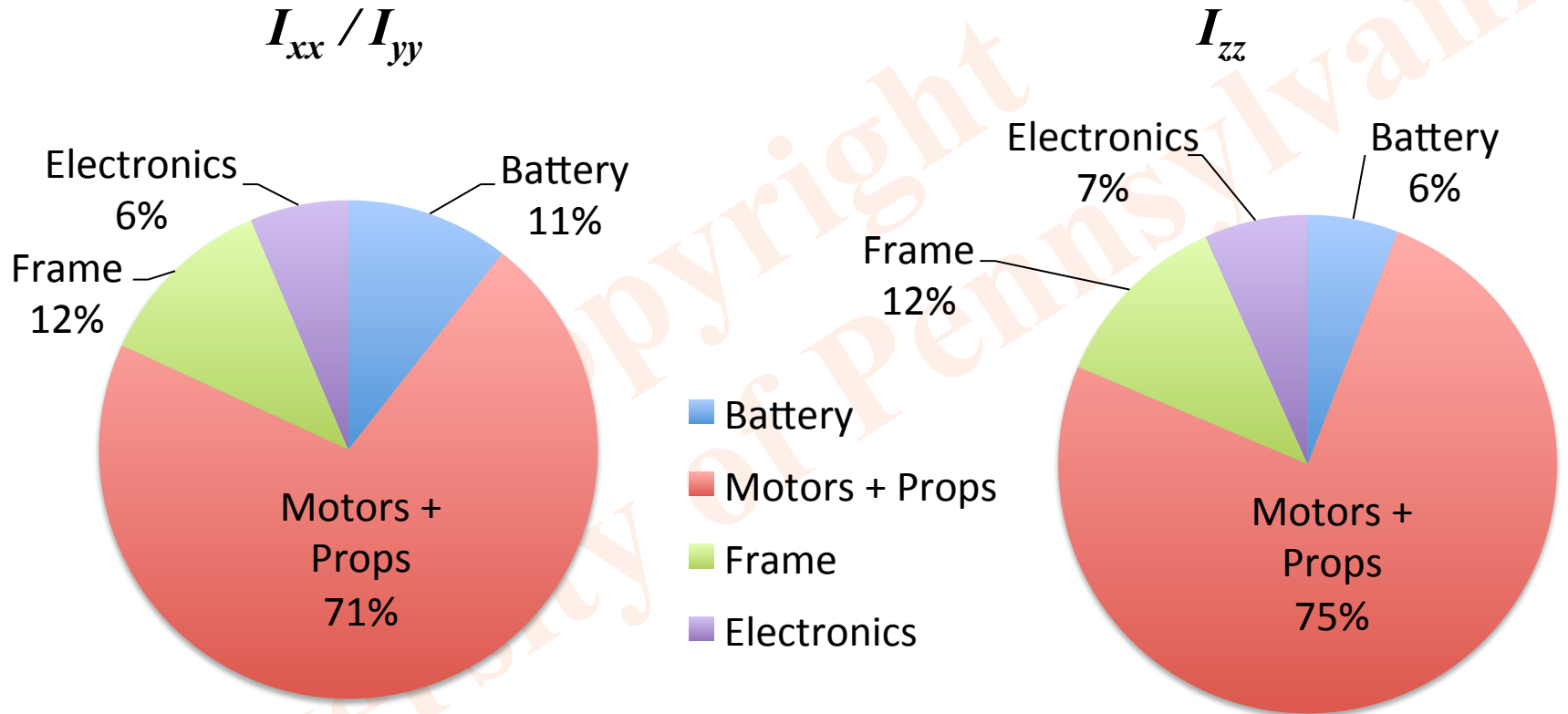
**Average Mass Distribution for the  
Pico-Quadrotor**



- Battery
- Motors + Props
- Frame
- Electronics
- Misc.

# Scaling Characteristics (Weight)

## Average quadrotor inertia distribution



AscTec Hummingbird

$$I_{xx} \approx I_{yy} \approx 2.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{kgm}^2$$

$$I_{zz} \approx 5.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{kgm}^2$$

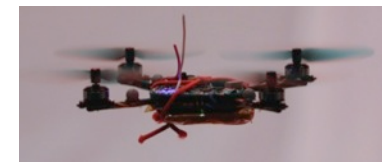
Pico-Quadrotor

$$I_{xx} \approx I_{yy} \approx 9.19 \times 10^{-6} \text{kgm}^2$$

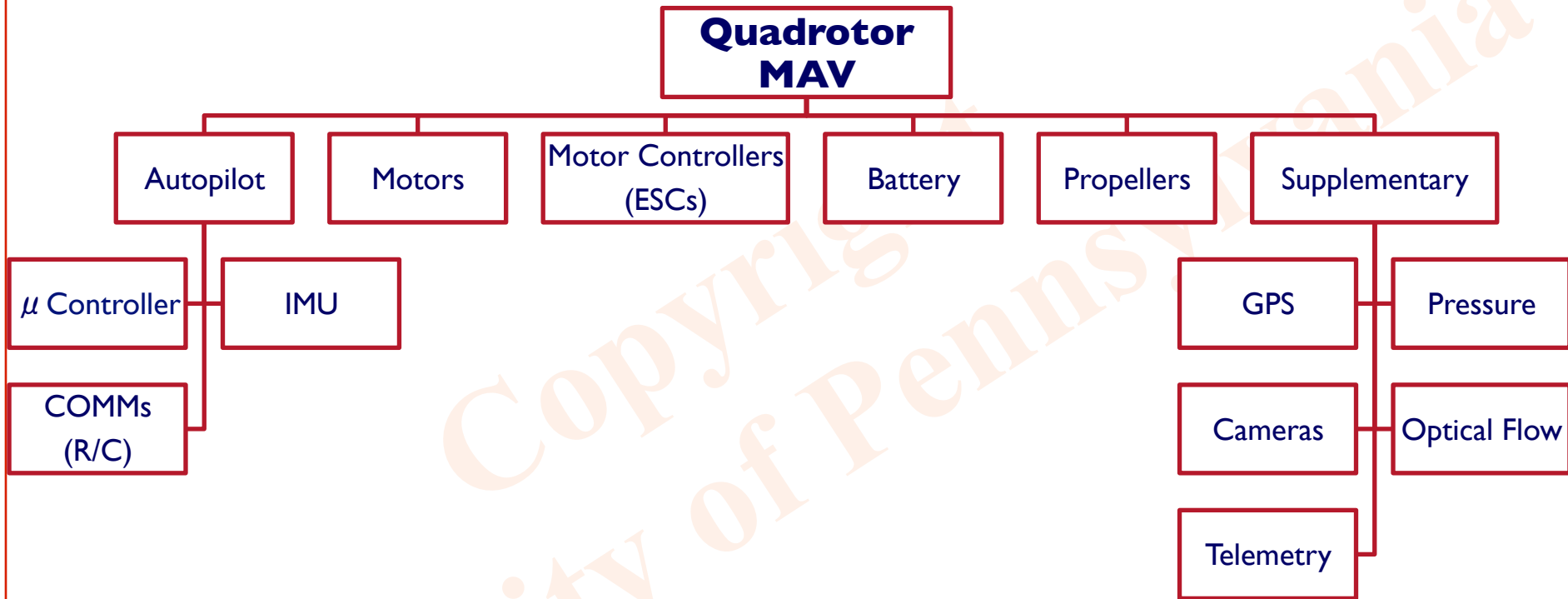
$$I_{zz} \approx 16.01 \times 10^{-6} \text{kgm}^2$$

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# Build Your Own Quadrotor!

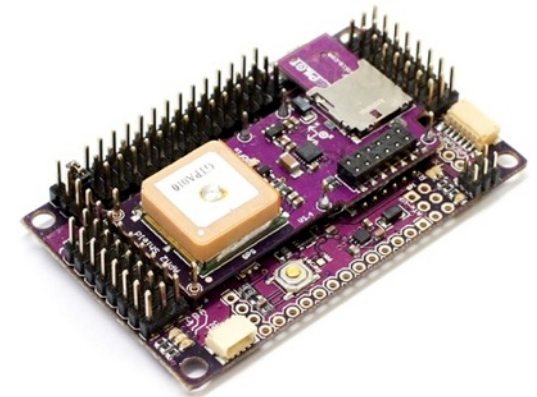


# Autopilot

- PX4 Pixhawk:
  - MCU, IMU, PWM, PMU
  - External Transceiver
  - 81mm x 50mm x 15mm
  - Open Source
  - 38g
- 3DR APM 2.6:
  - MCU, IMU, PWM, PMU
  - External Transceiver
  - 66mm x 40mm x 11mm
  - Open Source
  - 33g



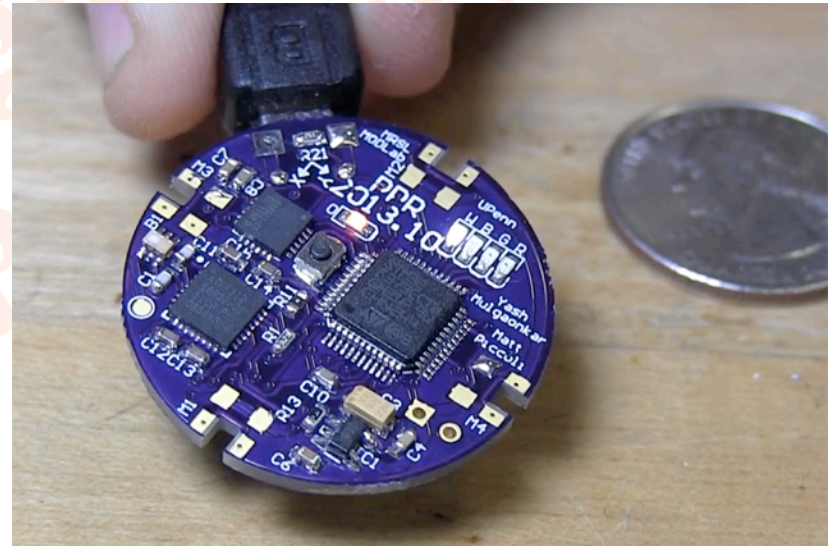
PX4 – Pixhawk  
<https://pixhawk.org/modules/pixhawk>



3DR – APM2.6  
<https://store.3drobotics.com/products/apm-2-6-kit-1>

# Autopilot

- No external components needed
  - Except motors + motor mounts
- Modular Approach
  - One autopilot, any size vehicle
- Hardware/Software Database
  - Database of all individual sub-modules
  - Drivers made with macros for hardware interfacing pins
- Key Features
  - 72 Components
  - 30mm x 30mm
  - Smallest component is 1mm x 0.5mm
  - 5g  $\approx$  US 25¢ coin



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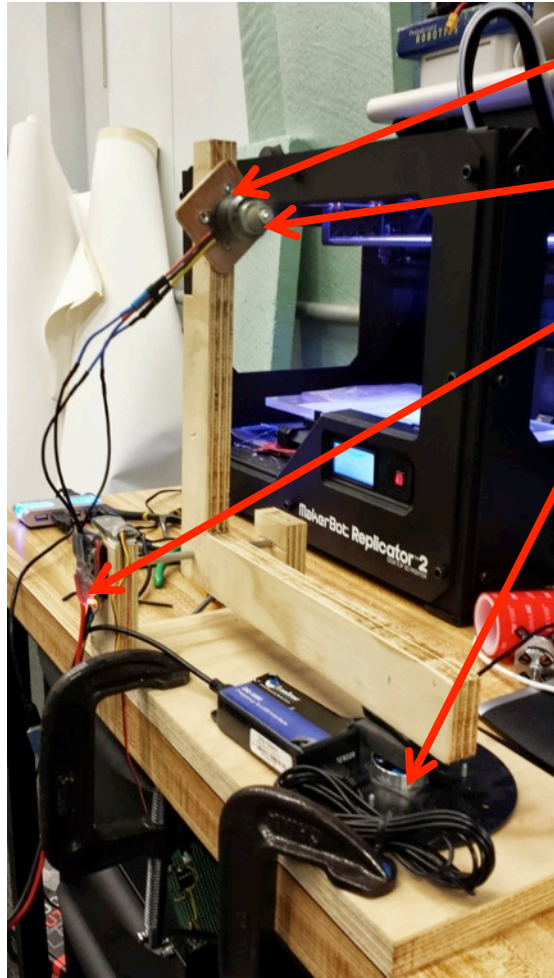
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Spektrum DX6i

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# Motors + ESCs + Propellers



Tachometer

Motor

ESC

Load Cell

Propeller Testing Rig



T-Motor MT2208

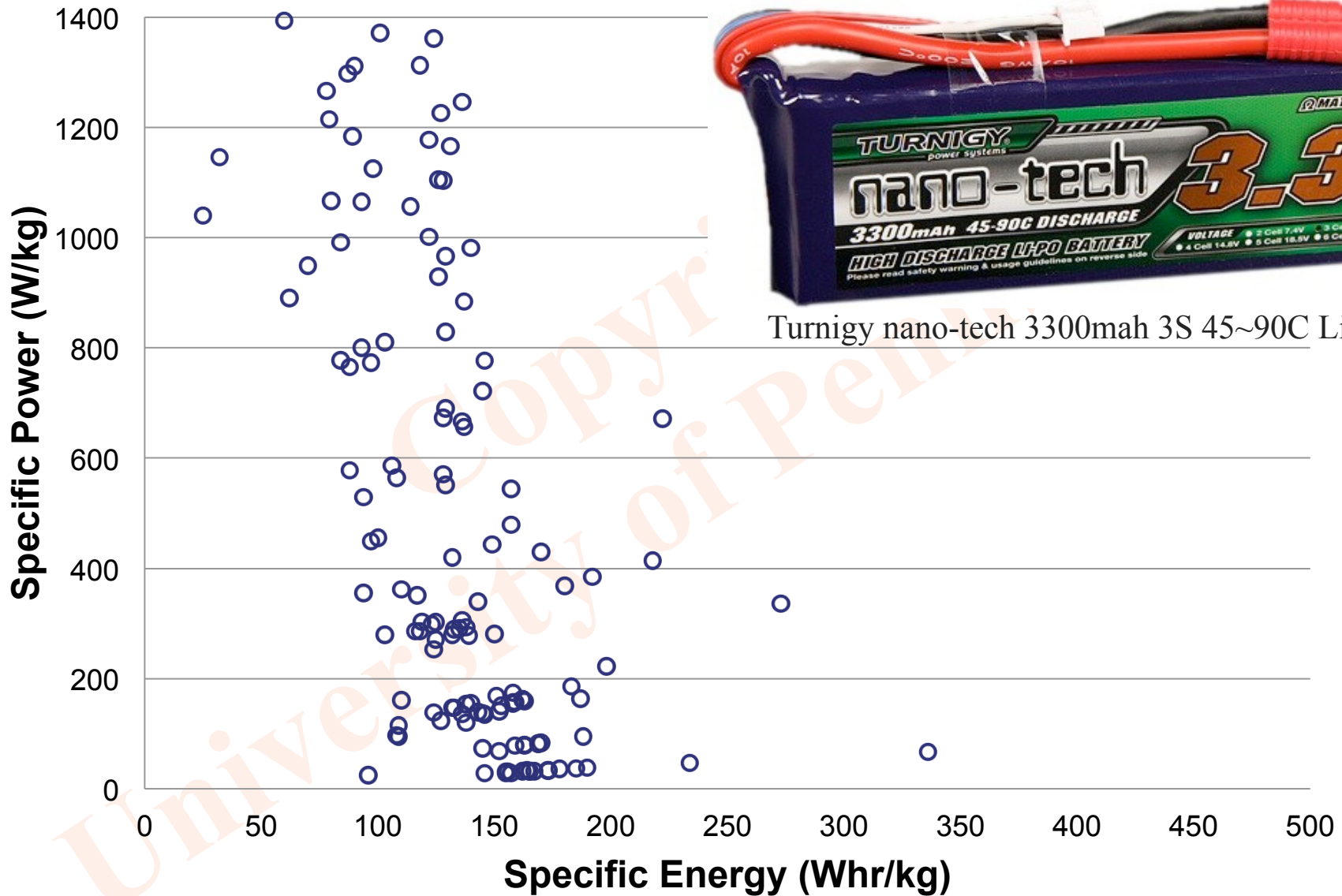


T-Motor T12A ESC



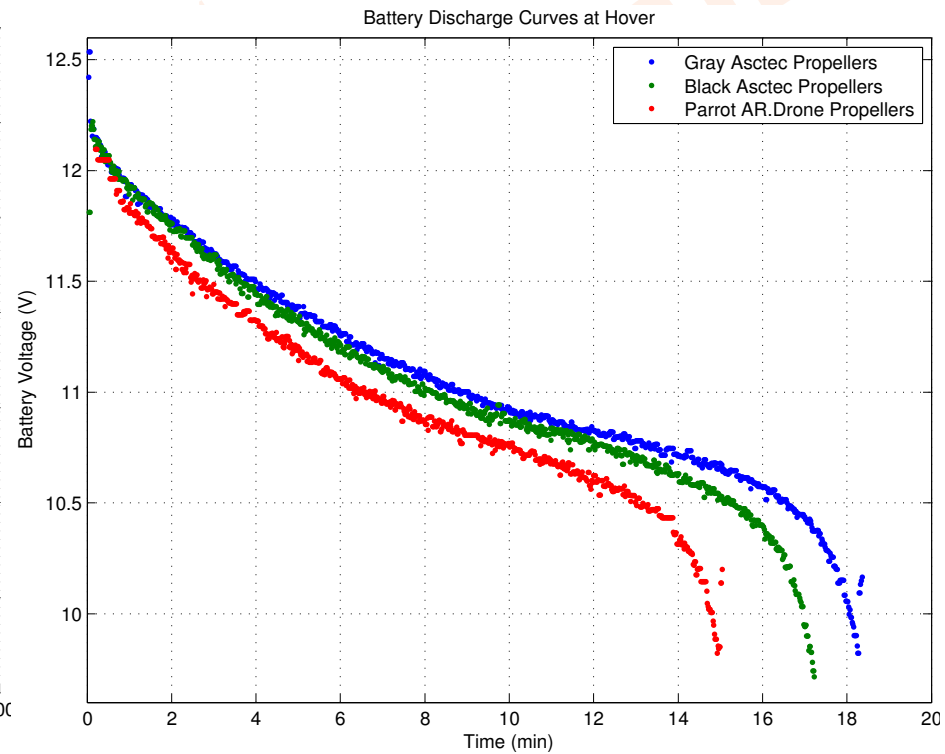
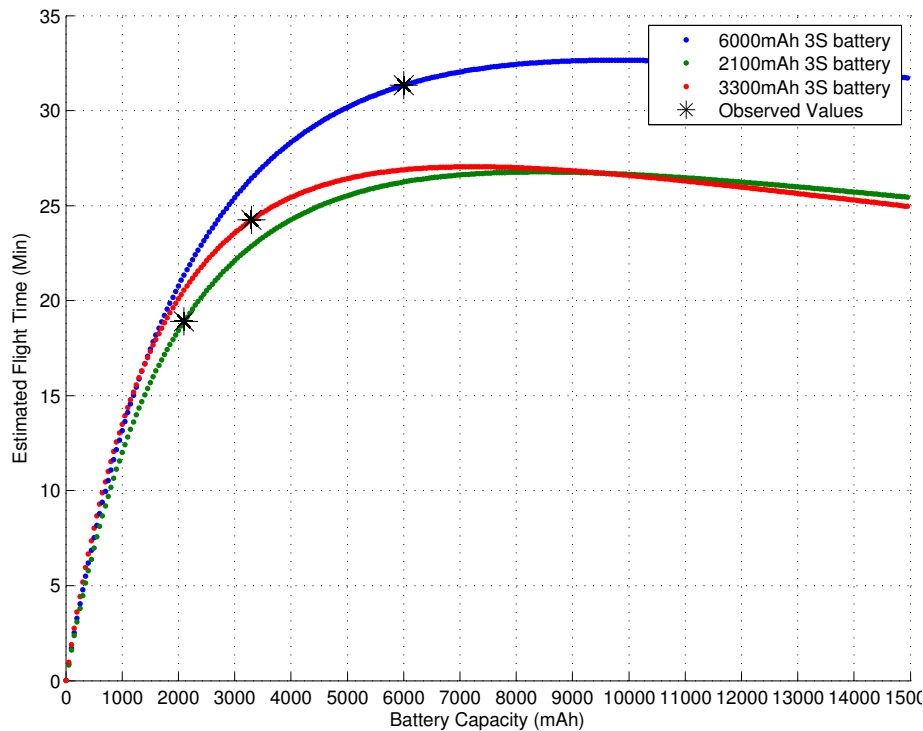
T-Motor 8x2.7 CF Propeller

# Batteries



Turnigy nano-tech 3300mah 3S 45~90C Lipo

# Battery + Propeller Selection



# Sensors

Wide-Angle Stereo Cameras

GPS

Magnetometer + Pressure Sensor



LiDAR

Intel NUC  
(Core i5-4250U)

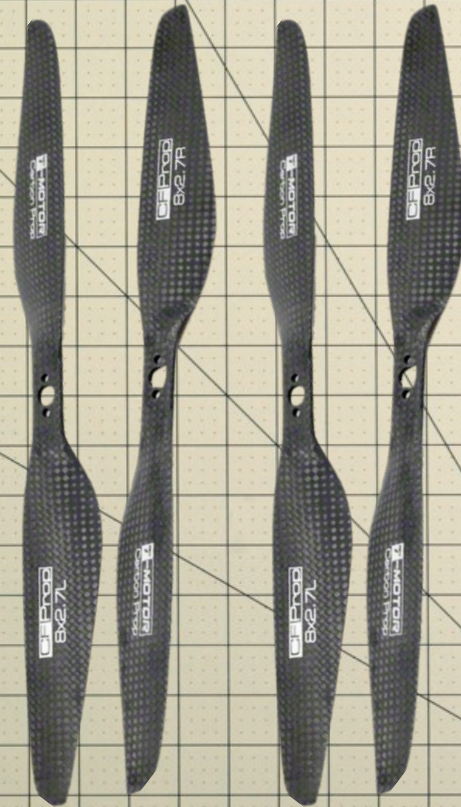
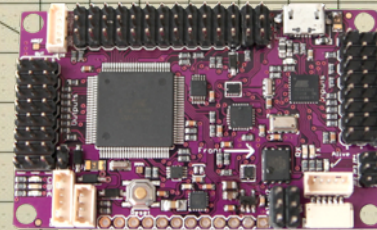
802.11n WiFi

S. Shen, Y. Mulgaonkar, N. Michael, and V. Kumar, "Multi-sensor fusion for robust autonomous flight in indoor and outdoor environments with a rotorcraft MAV,"

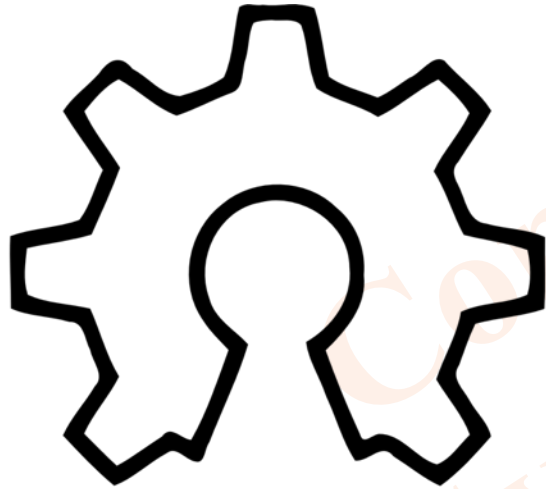
In Proc. of the IEEE Intl. Conf. on Robot. and Autom., Hong Kong, China, May 2014



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# Open Source!!!



**open hardware**



**open source  
initiative** ®

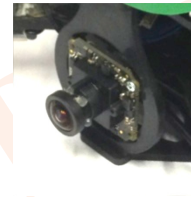
**Demo!**

# Sensors – Part I



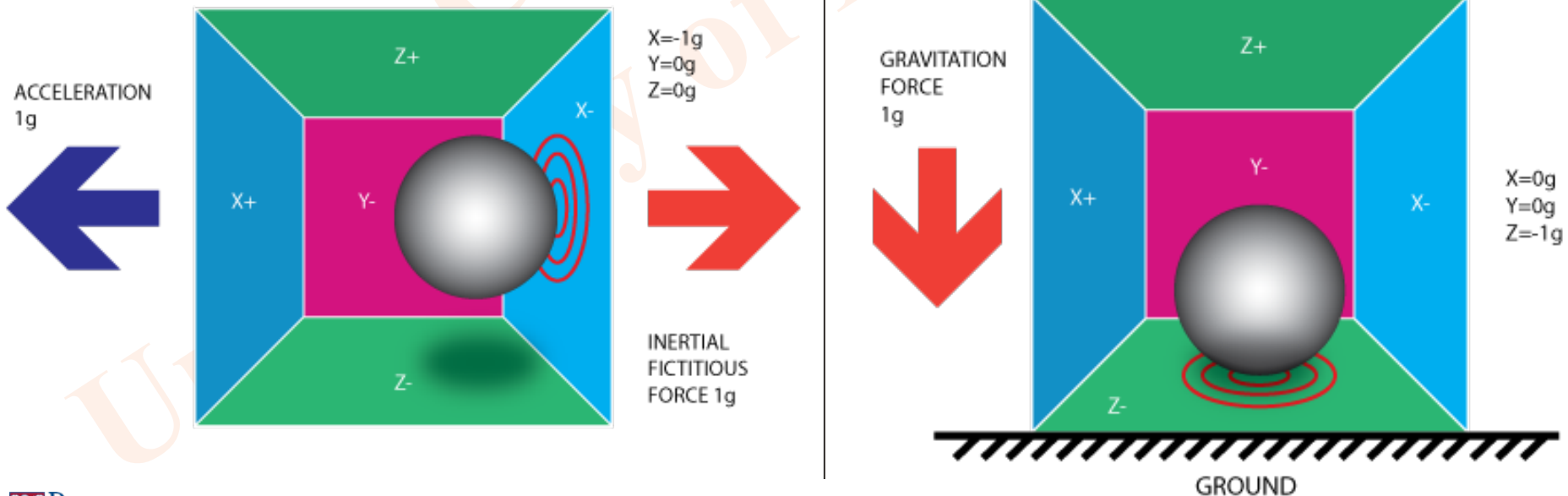
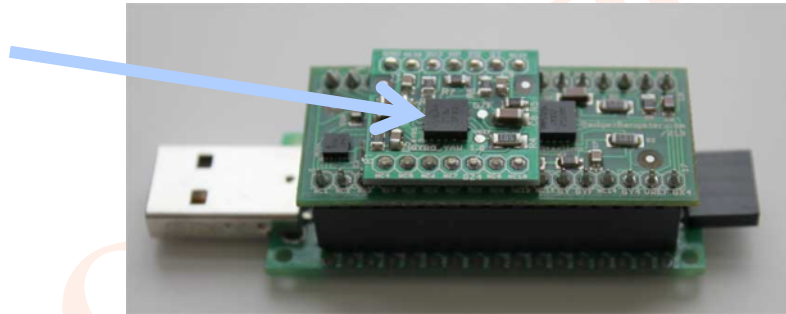
# Many types of sensors

- Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU)
- Motion Capture System
- Ultrasound
- Monocular Vision
- Stereo vision
- Laser Scanner
- RGBD
- GPS
- Other



# IMU: Accelerometer

- MEMS device that measures acceleration
  - If stationary, will measure the gravity vector



# IMU: Gyroscope

- MEMS device that measures angular rates
  - In the body frame (i.e.  $p$ ,  $q$ ,  $r$ )

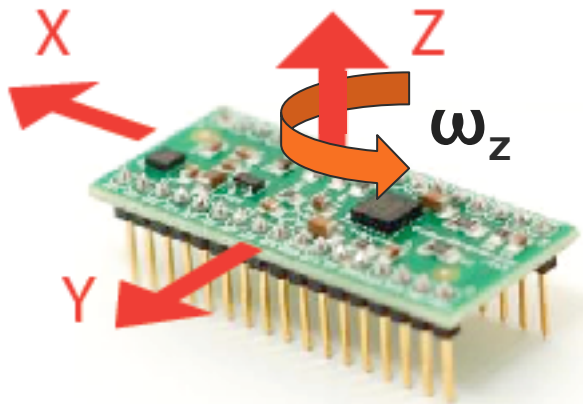
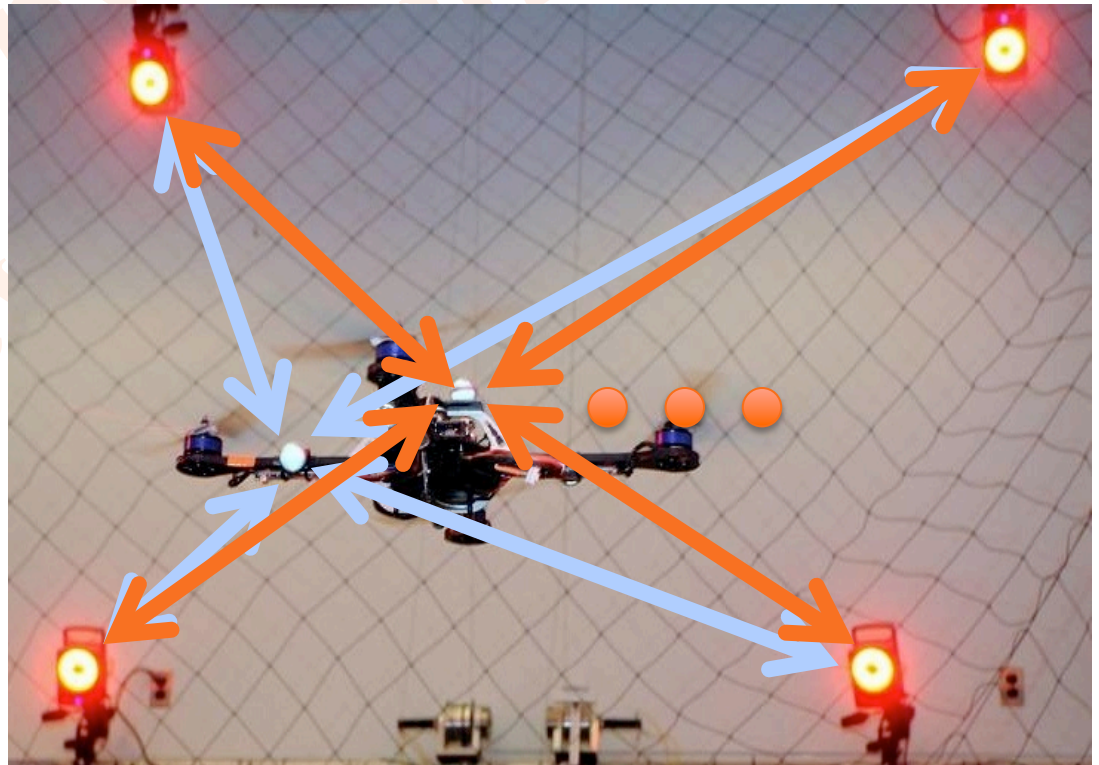


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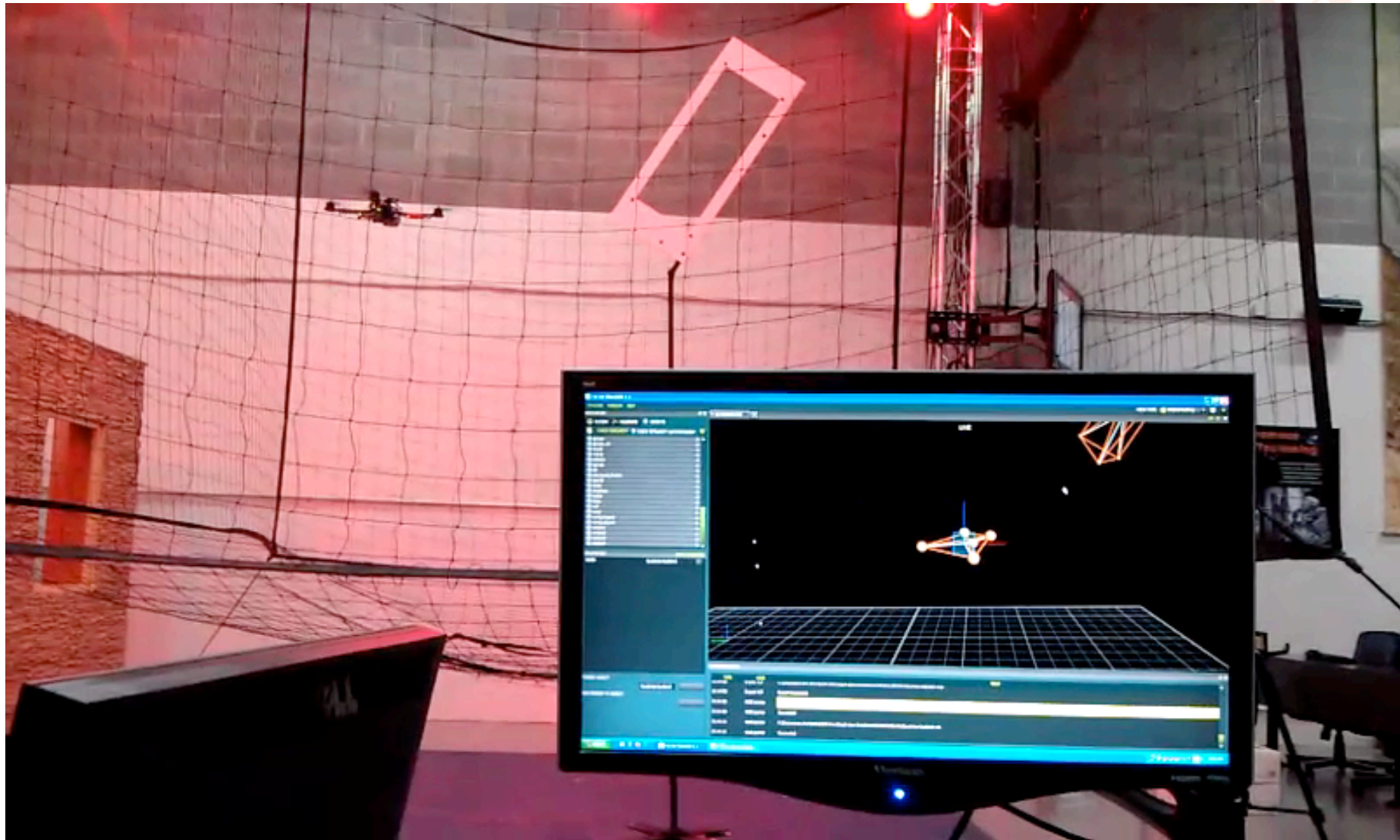


# Motion Capture System

- LEDs & cameras
- Retro-Reflective markers on robots
- Location determined using approach similar to triangulation



# Motion Capture System



# Motion Capture System

- The unique model of robot is matched using Singular Value Decomposition



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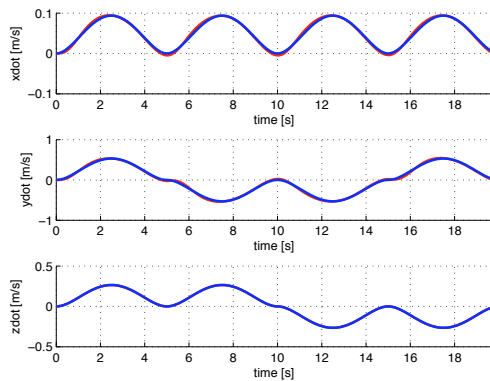
- Section Outline
  - Quadrotor Simulator
    - Position Control
  - Vicon Motion Capture System
  - Demos
  - MEAM 620
    - Entry-level course for graduate students (online)



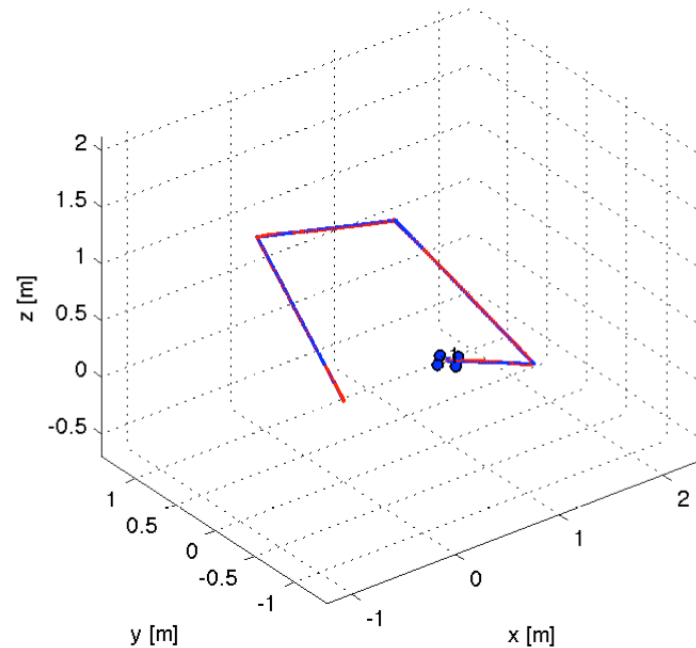
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- Quadrotor Simulator
  - Incorporates dynamic model
    - True physics simulator
  - Position Control

Velocity vs. Time

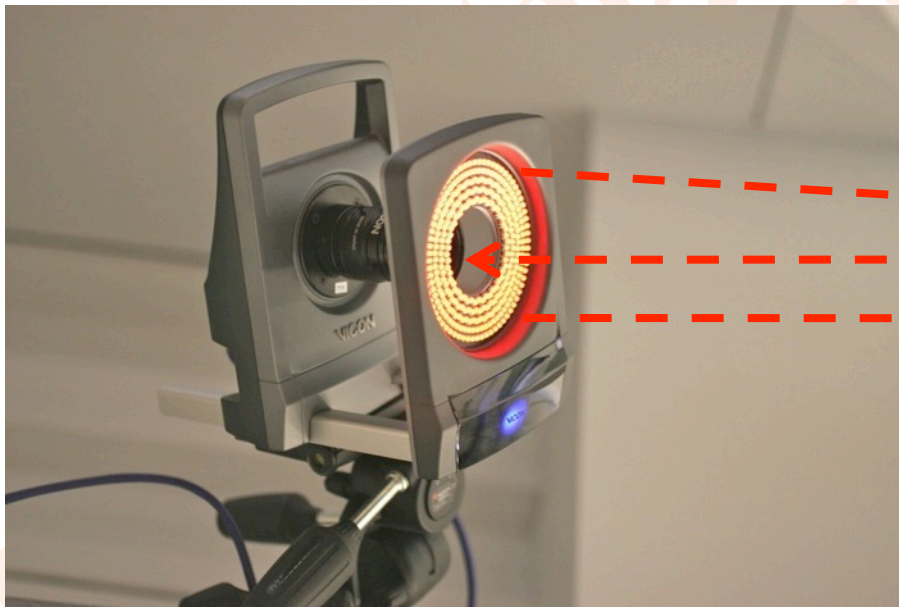


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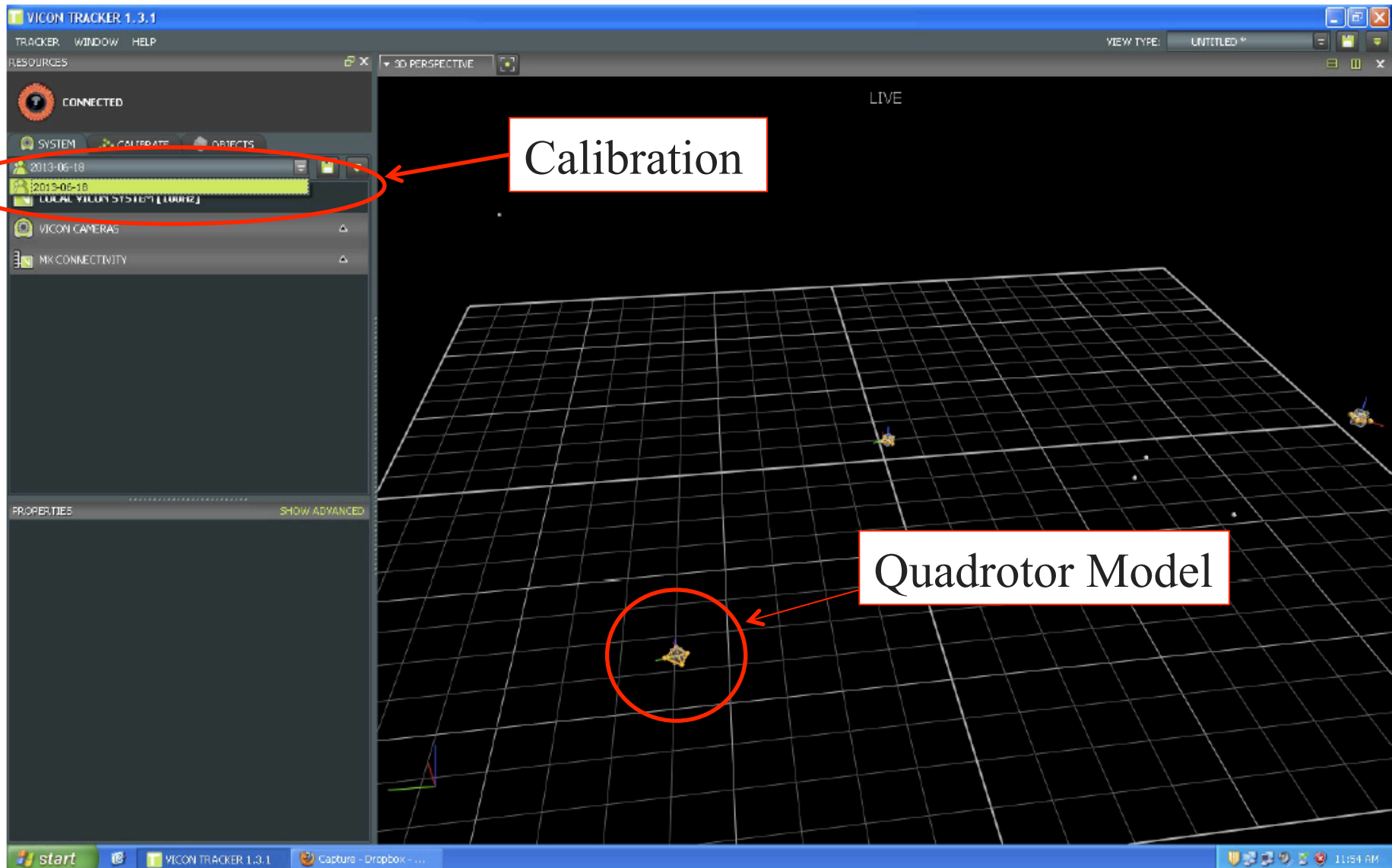


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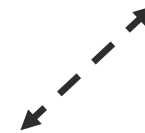


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Position / Pose



# Quadrotors in the Laboratory

- MEAM 620: Advanced Robotics
  - Project 1, Phase 1: Dijkstra/A\*
  - Project 1, Phase 2: Control and Simulation
  - Project 1, Phase 3: Integrate Phase 1 and 2
  - Project 1, Phase 4: Fly Quadrotor!

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# Quadrotors in the Laboratory

- Quadrotor Simulator
  - Position Control
- Vicon
  - Motion Capture System
- Demos
  - Outreach
    - Middle and high school students



# Quadrotors in the Laboratory

- Gain Tuning

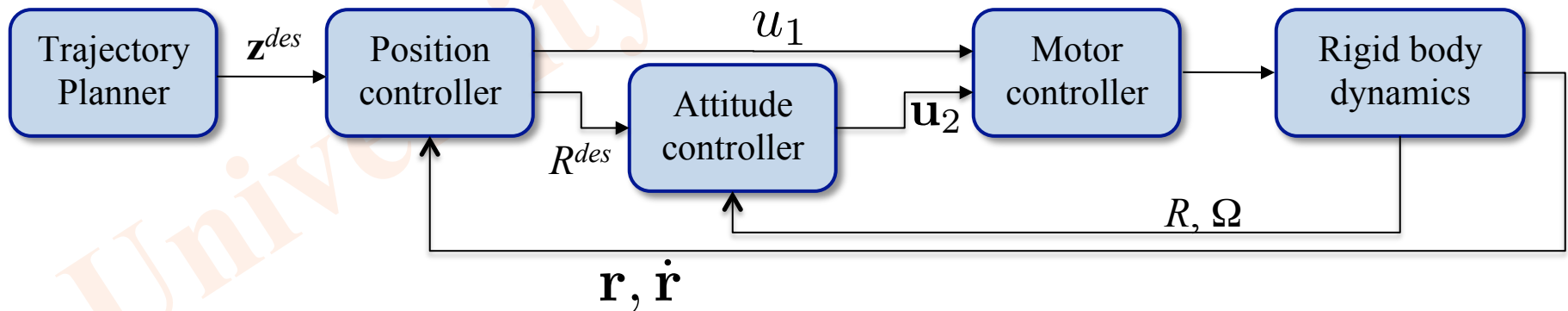
- Utilize quadrotor simulation
- Perturb quadrotor while hovering
- Provide step input and observer response

$$(\ddot{r}_{i,T} - \ddot{r}_i^{\text{des}}) + k_{d,i}(\dot{r}_{i,T} - \dot{r}_i) + k_{p,i}(r_{i,T} - r_i) = 0$$

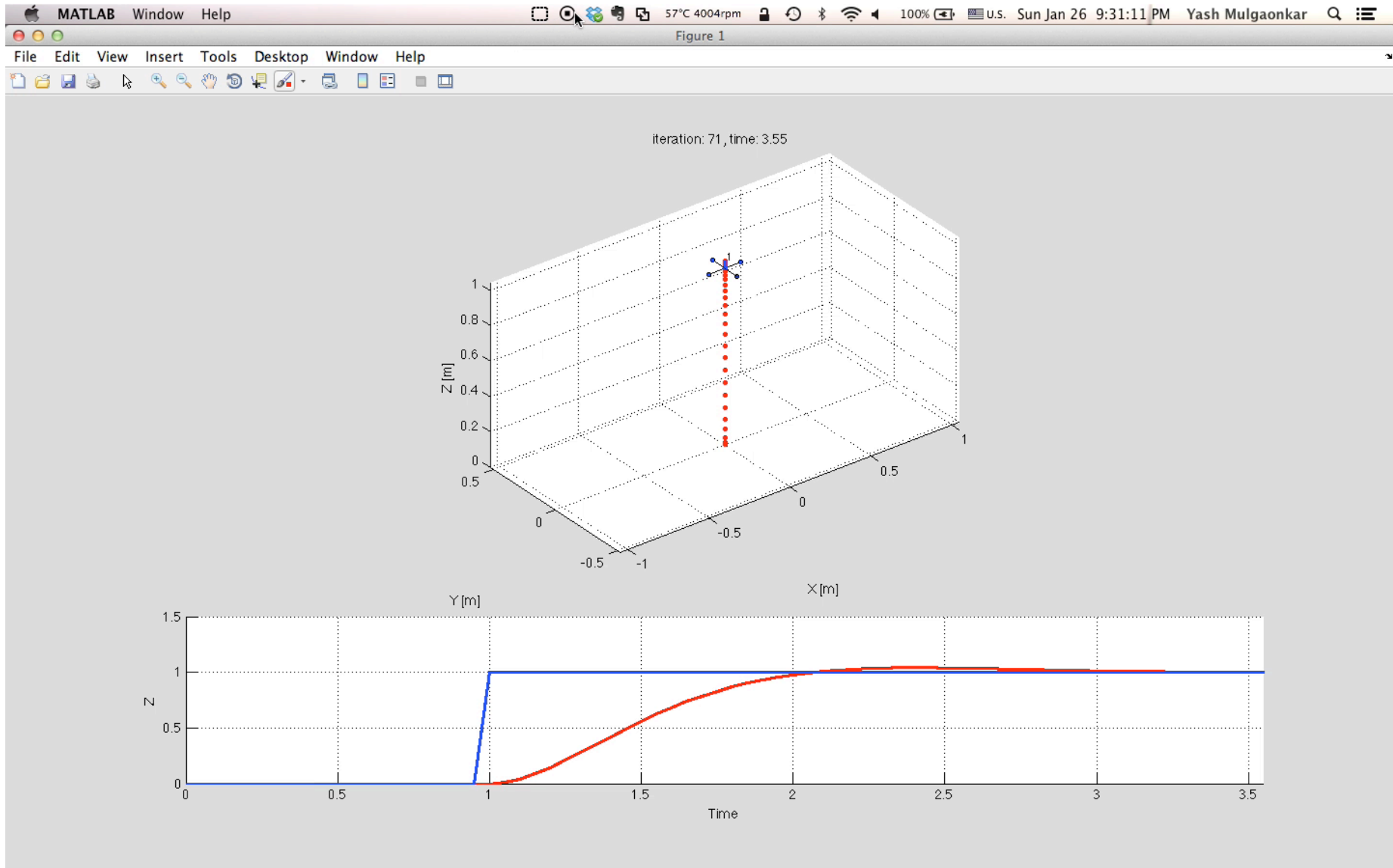
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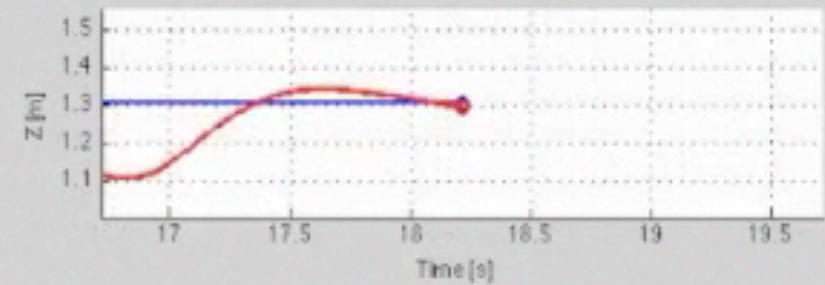
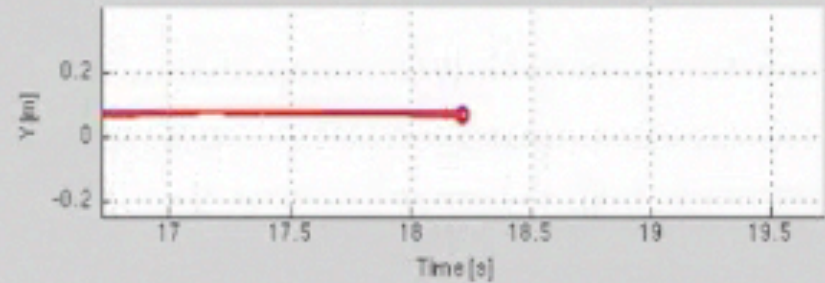
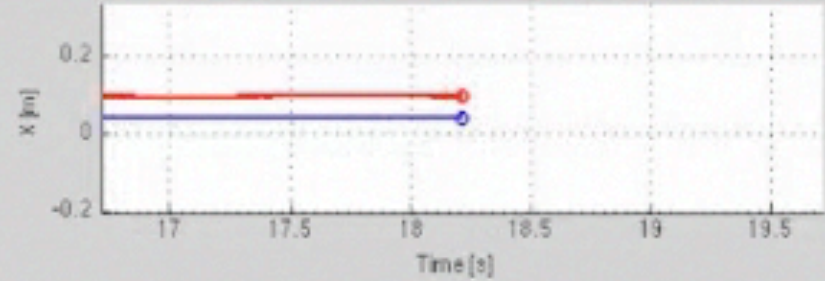
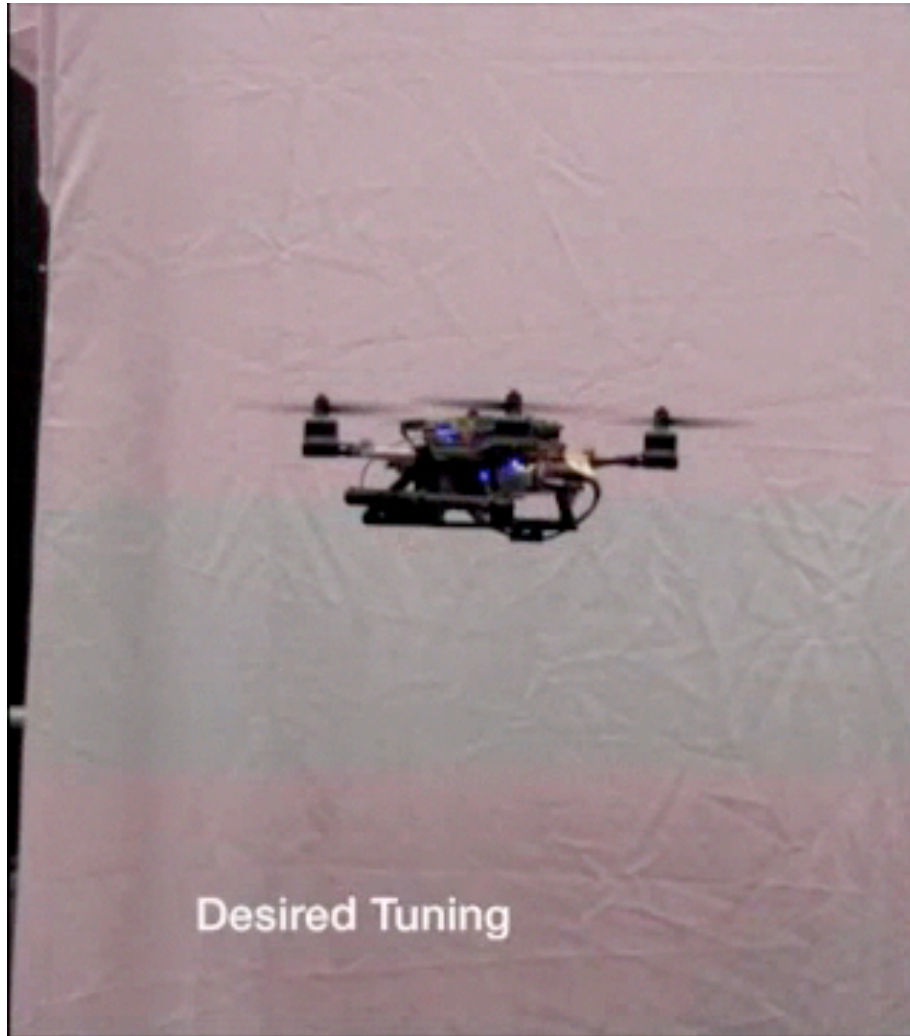
$$u_1 = mg + m\ddot{r}_3^{\text{des}}$$



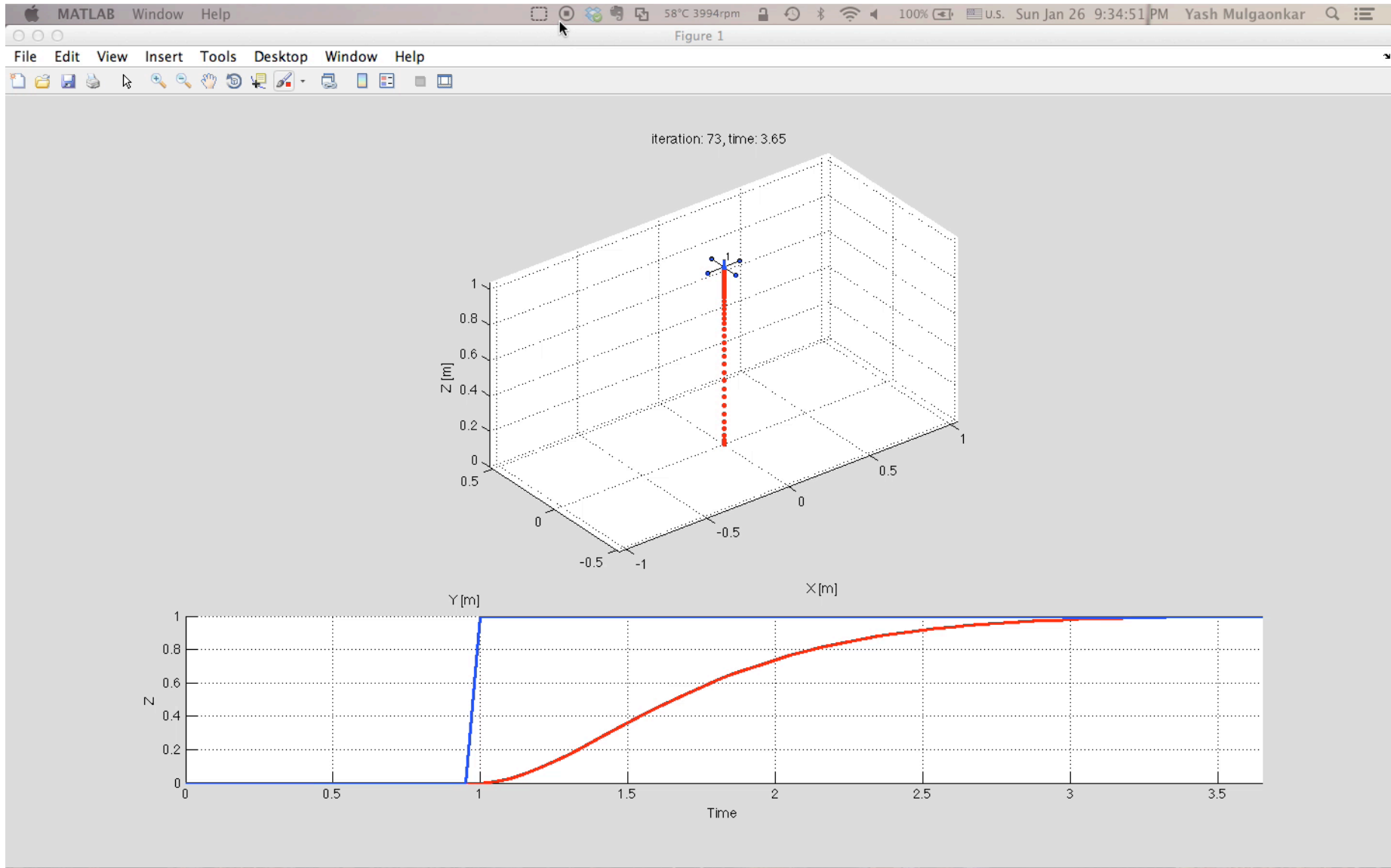
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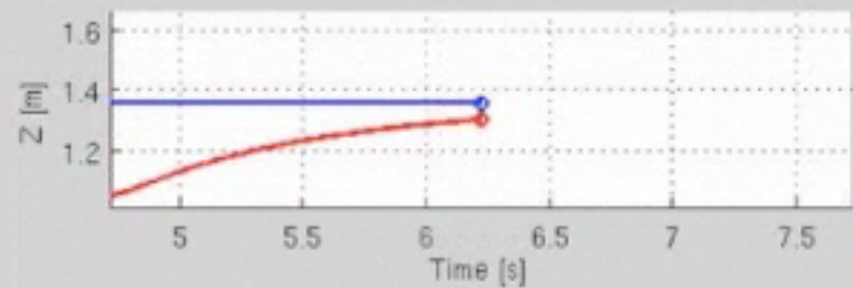
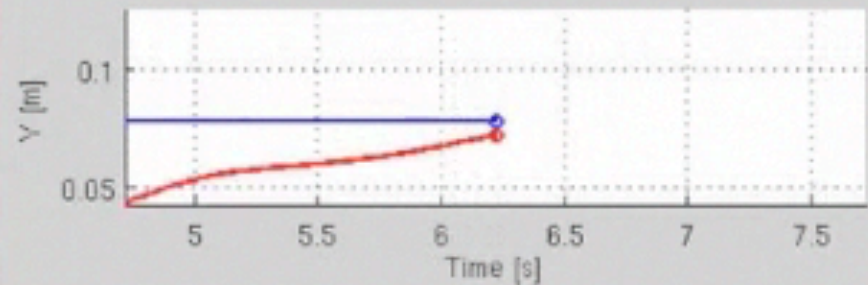
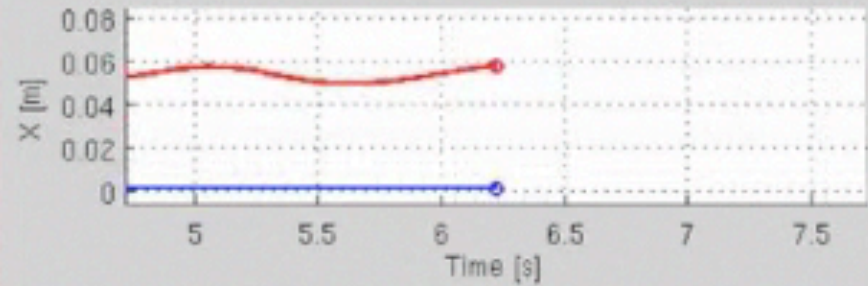
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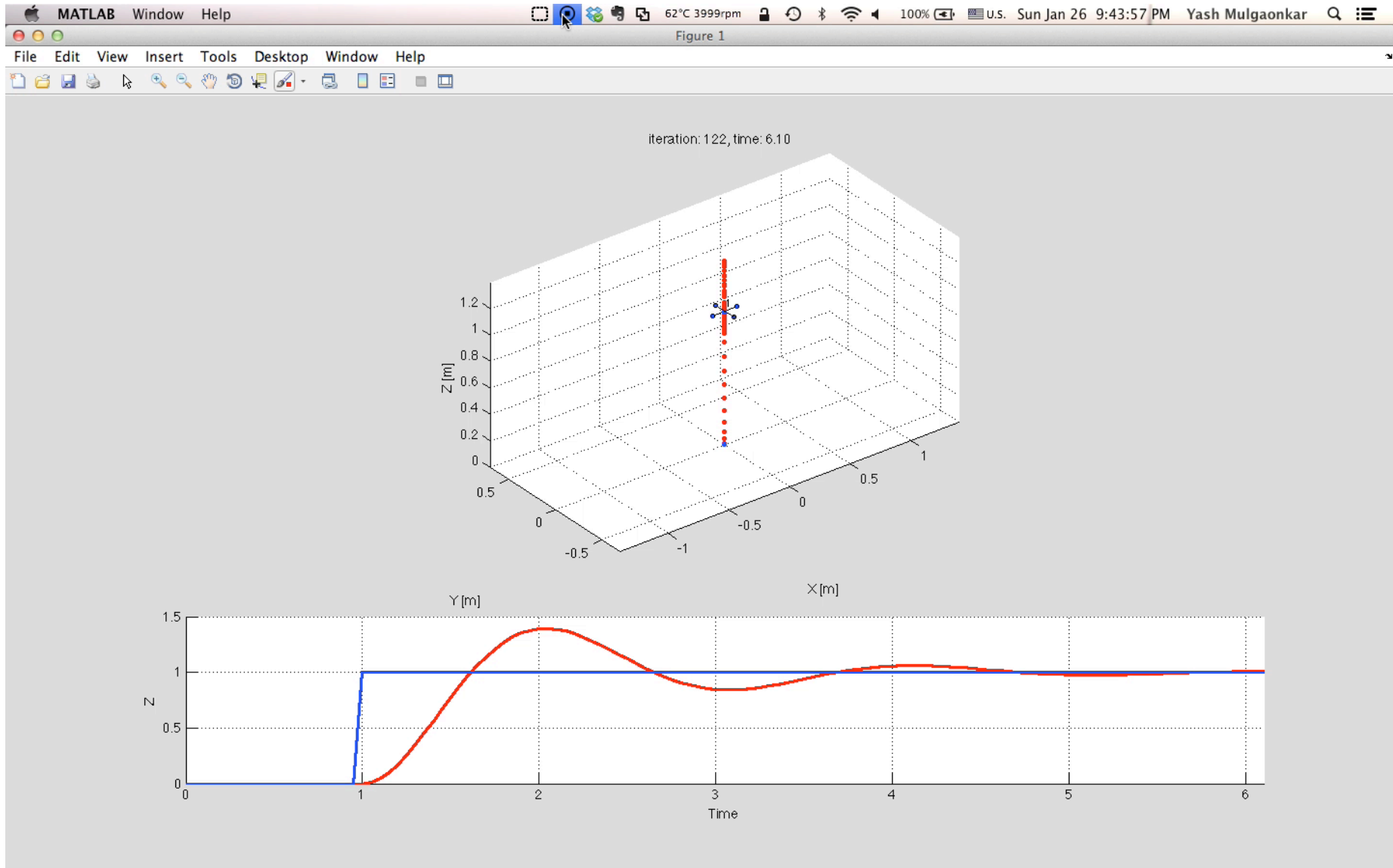
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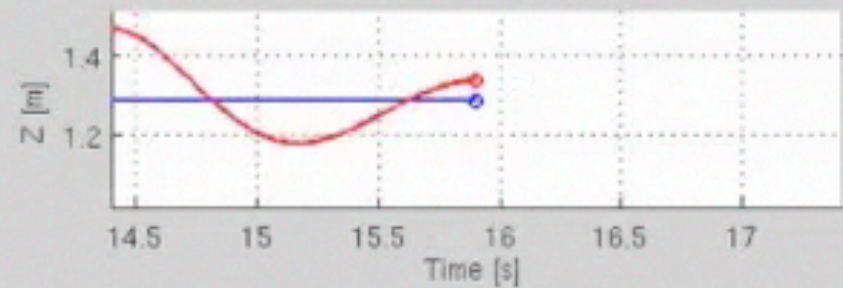
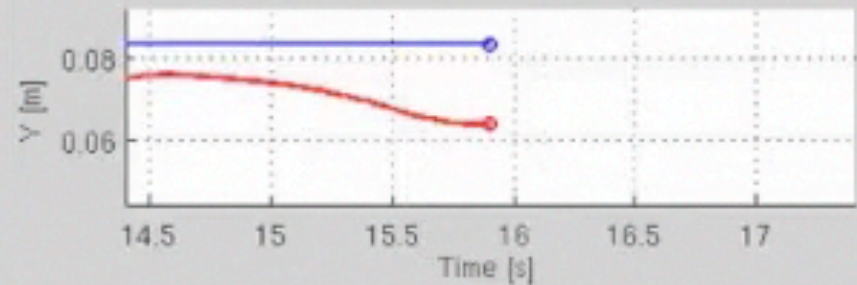
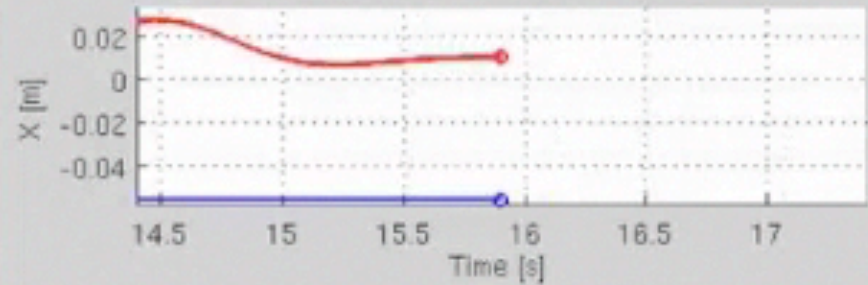
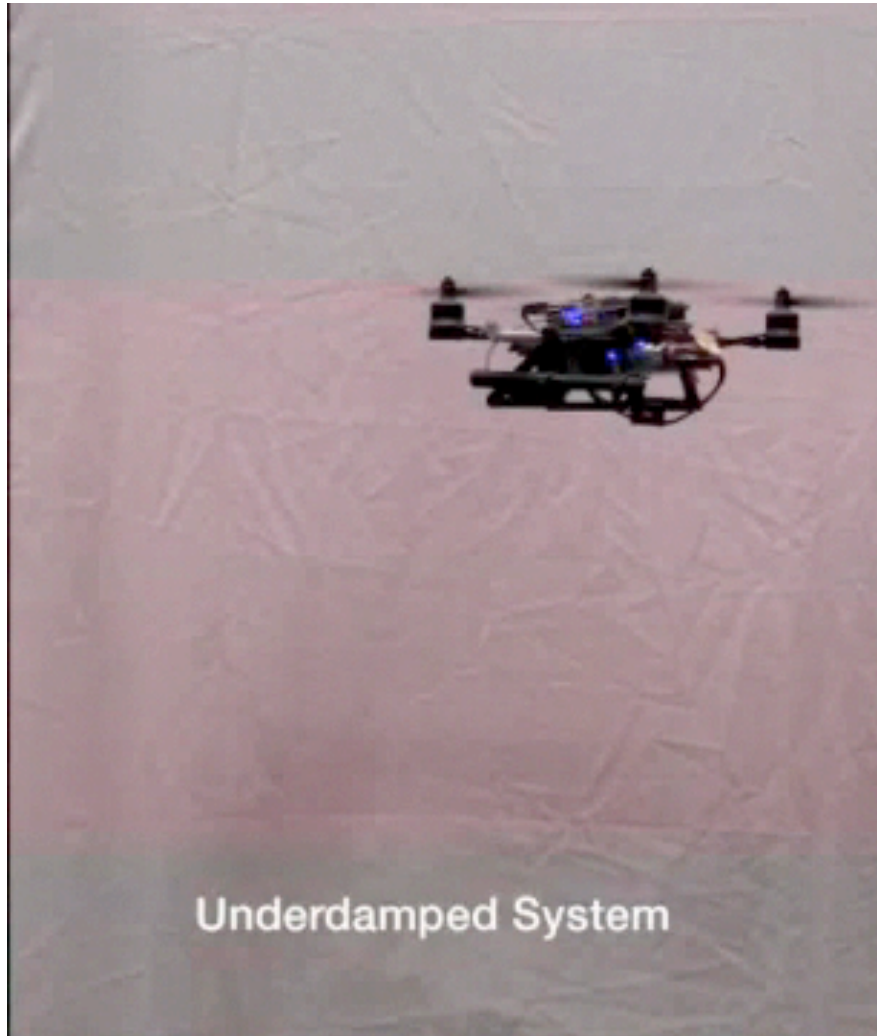
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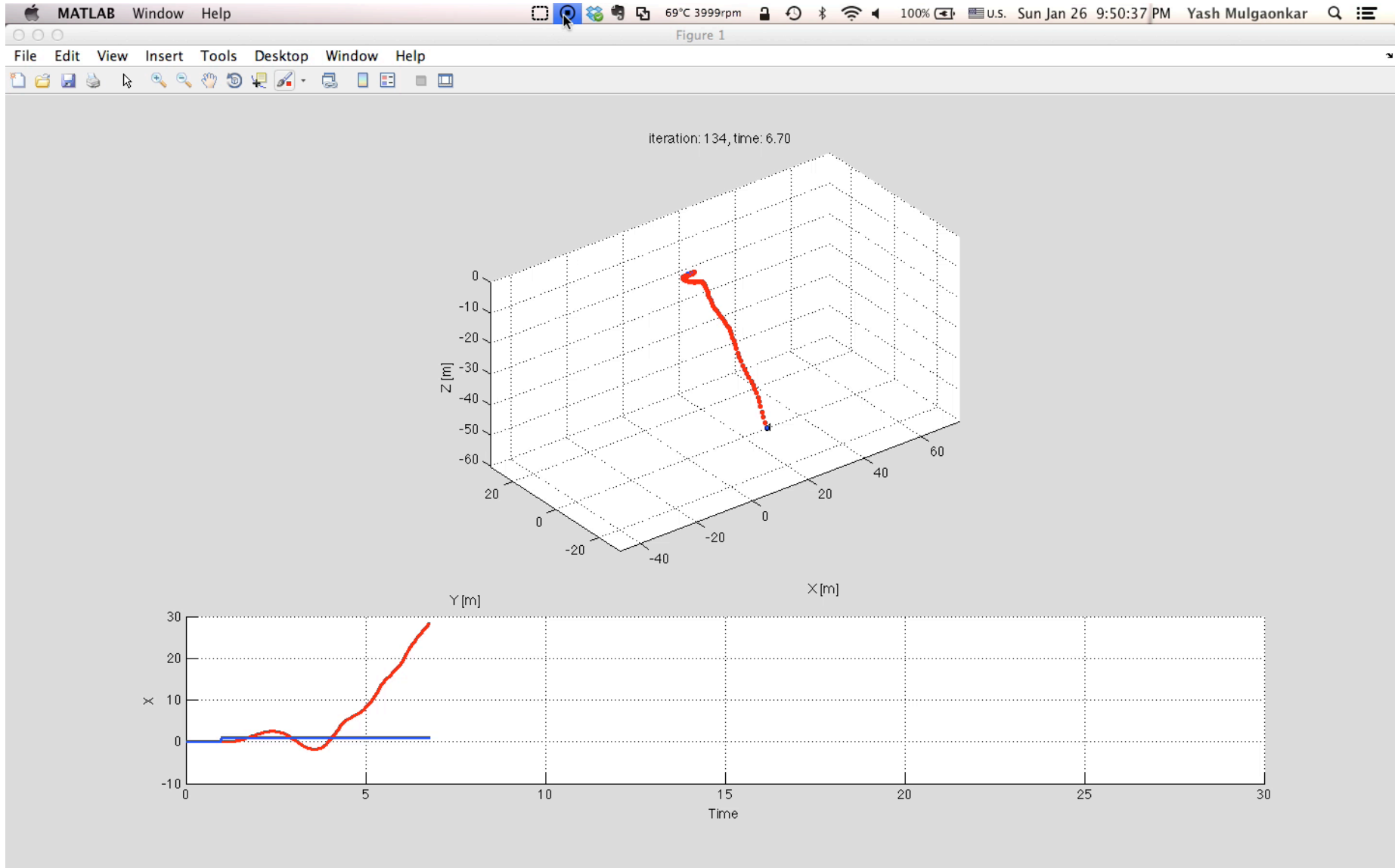
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# Outline – Section III

- Demonstration
- Trajectory Generation (Justin Thomas)
  - Differential Flatness and its implications
- Quadrotors in the Real World
  - Sensors Part II (Justin Thomas)
  - Planning Algorithms (Vijay Kumar)
    - Dijkstra, A\*, RRTs
  - Estimation (Vijay Kumar)
    - Filtering
  - Vision-based localization and control
- Discussion & Close

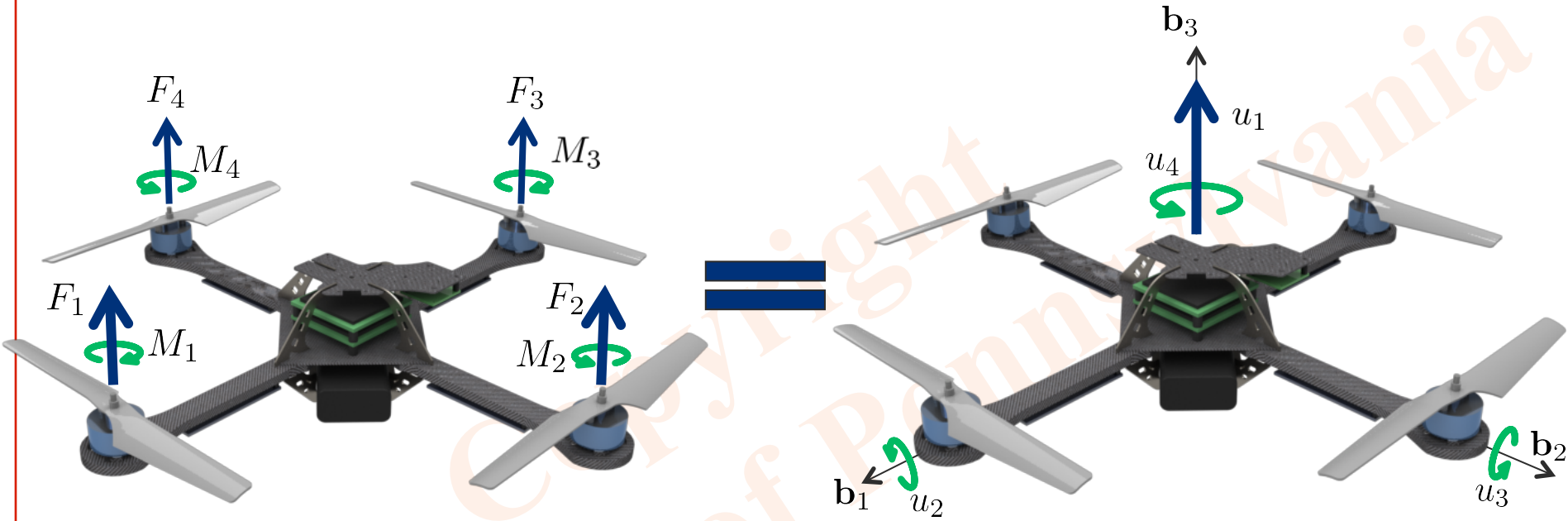
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# Trajectory Generation



# Quick Review



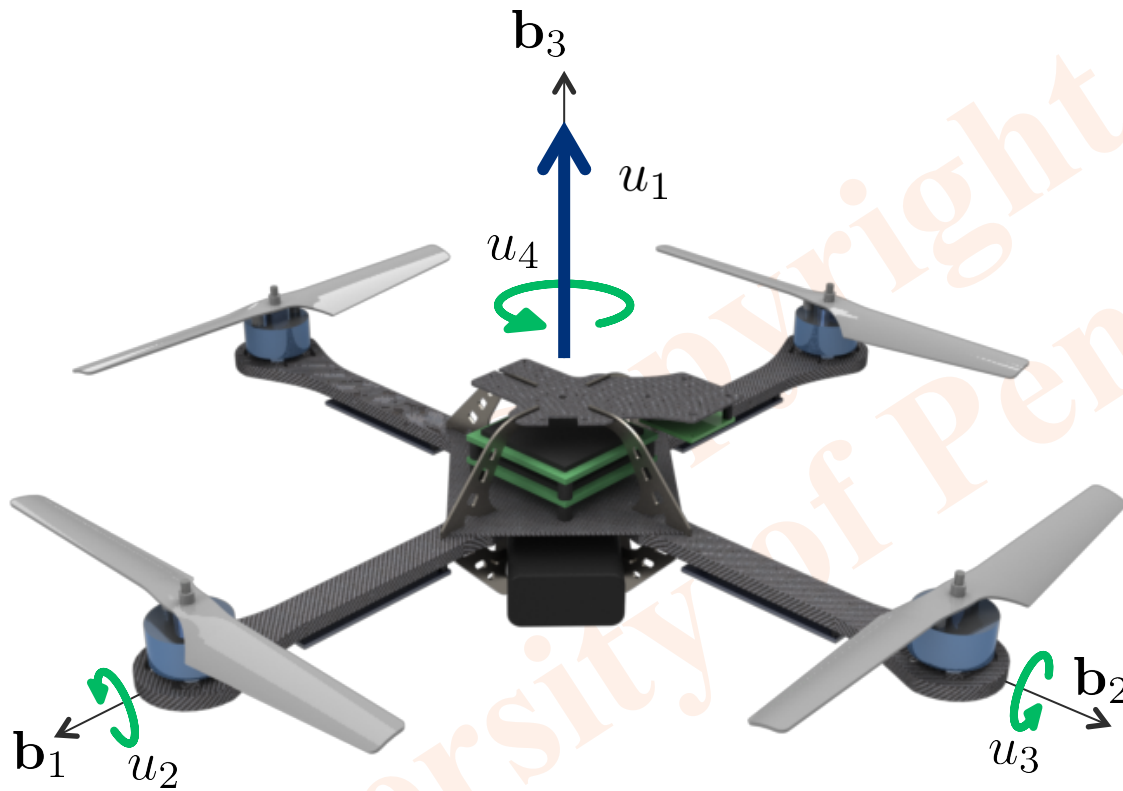
Force:  $F_i = k_f \omega_i^2$

Moments:  $M_i = \pm k_m \omega_i^2$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_f & k_f & k_f & k_f \\ 0 & lk_f & 0 & -lk_f \\ -lk_f & 0 & lk_f & 0 \\ k_m & -k_m & k_m & -k_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1^2 \\ \omega_2^2 \\ \omega_3^2 \\ \omega_4^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Arm Length:  $l$

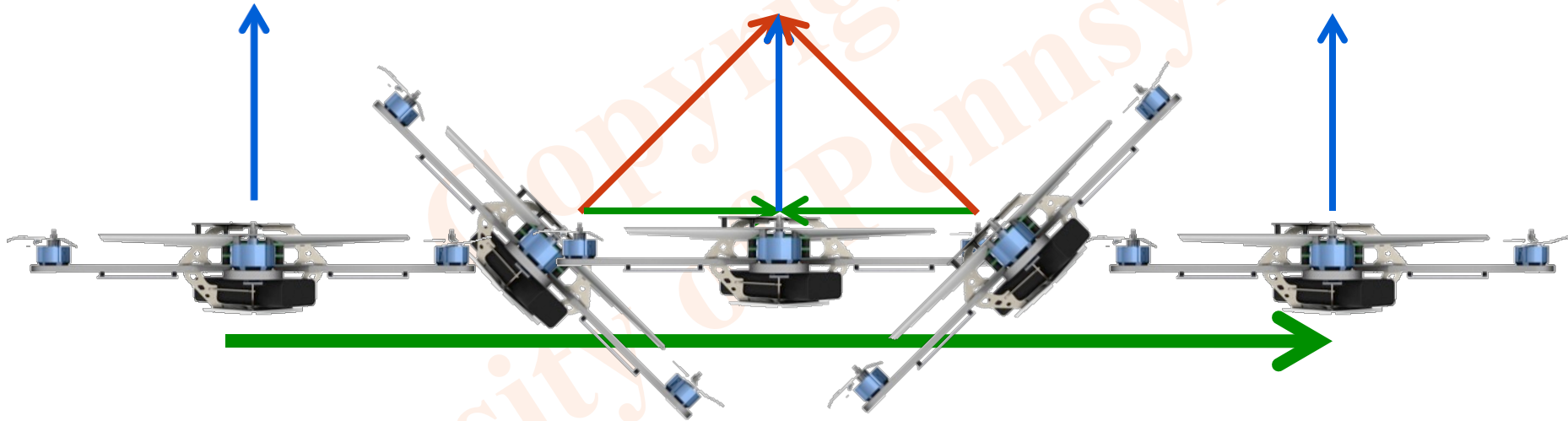
# State Vector



$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ r_3 \\ \dot{r}_1 \\ \dot{r}_2 \\ \dot{r}_3 \\ \phi \\ \theta \\ \psi \\ {}^B\Omega_1^B \\ {}^B\Omega_2^B \\ {}^B\Omega_3^B \end{bmatrix}$$

12 Dimensions!

# Example

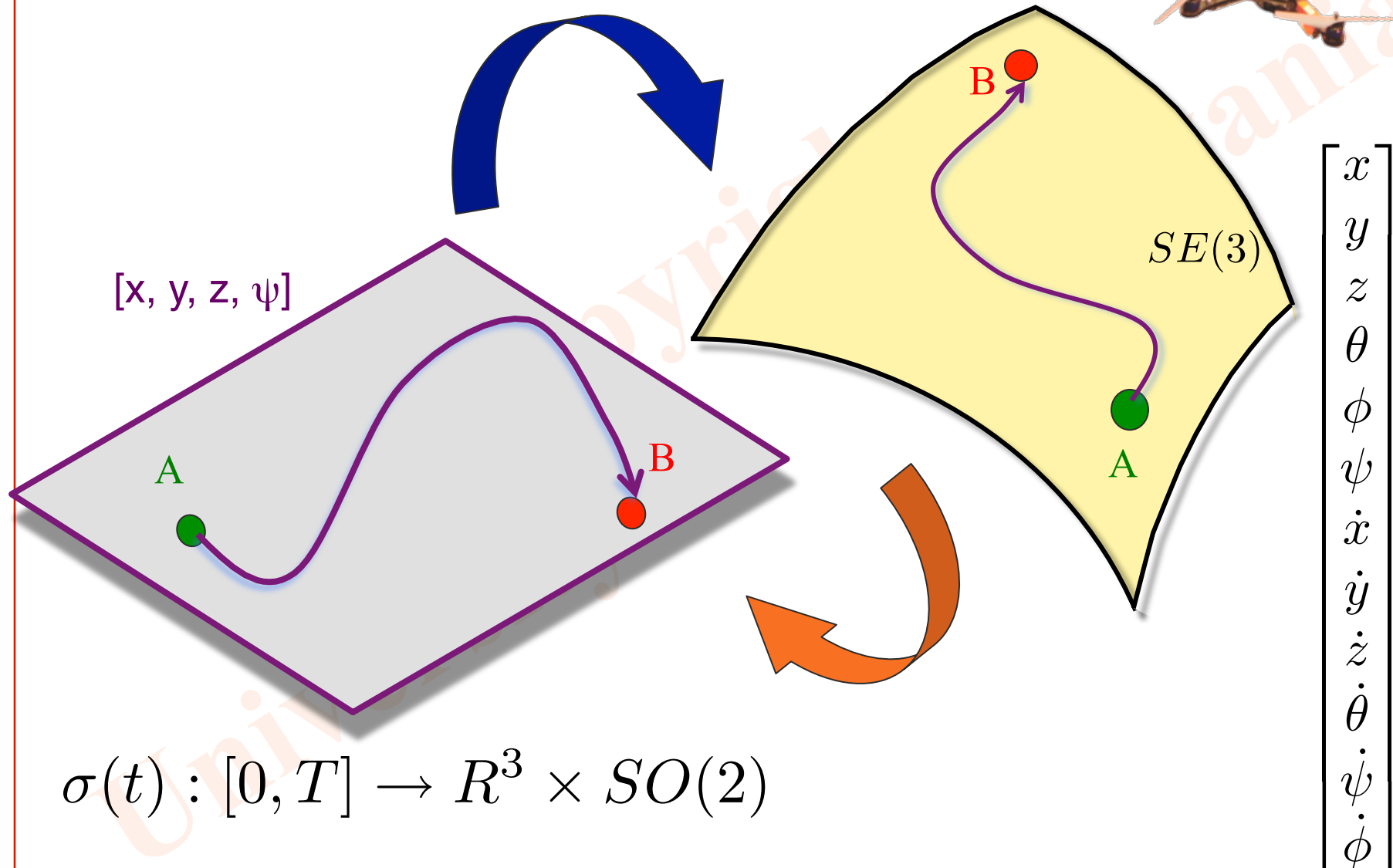


$$f(t) = ?$$

$$\tau(t) = ?$$

# Quadrotor: A Differentially Flat System

# Differentially Flat System



$[x, y, z, \psi]$

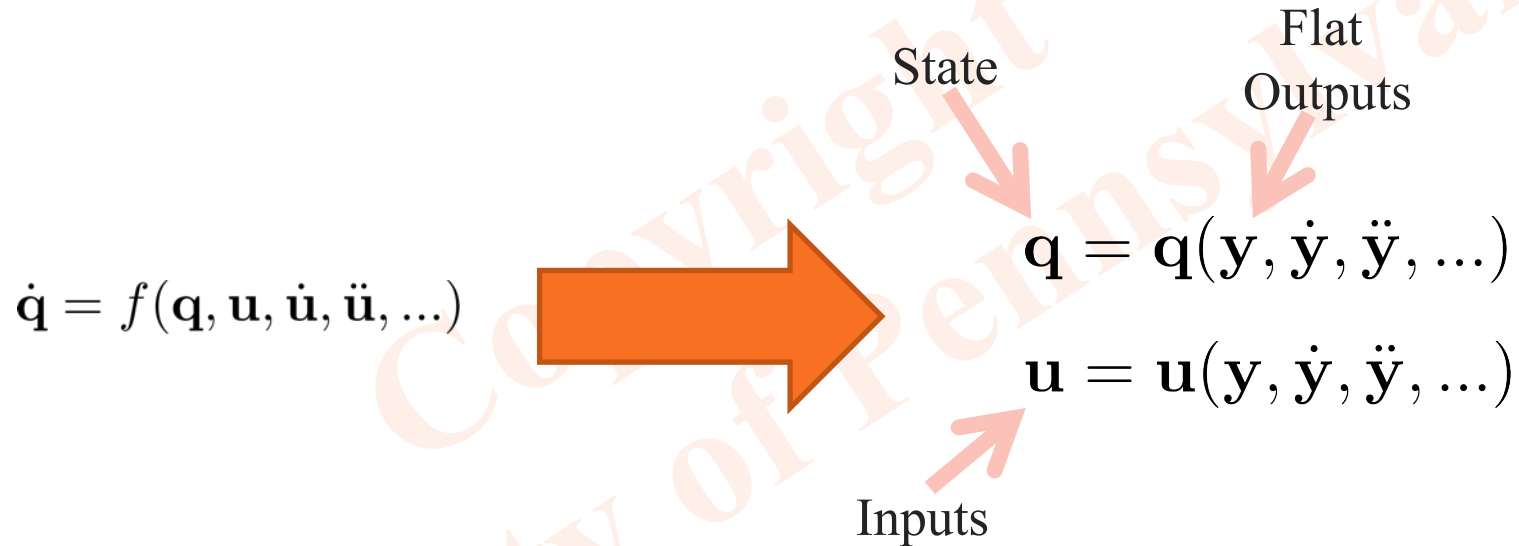
$SE(3)$

$$\sigma(t) : [0, T] \rightarrow R^3 \times SO(2)$$

$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ \theta \\ \phi \\ \psi \\ \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \\ \dot{\phi} \end{bmatrix}$

# Requirements for a Flat System

Flat outputs ( $y$ ) are a function of the state and inputs



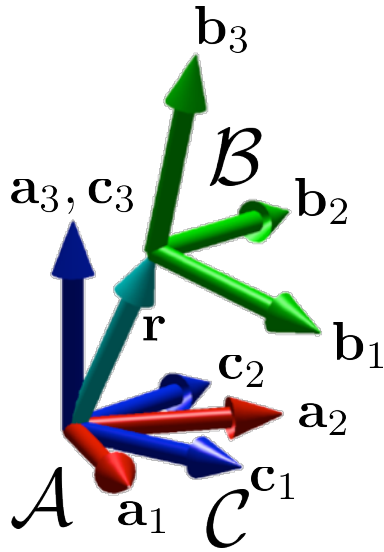
For a Quadrotor:

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r} \\ \psi \end{bmatrix}$$

$\mathbf{r}$  : position

$\psi$  : yaw (rotation about  $\mathbf{a}_3$ )

# Equations of Motion



Angular velocity of frame  $\mathcal{B}$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  expressed in coordinates of frame  $\mathcal{B}$

$${}^{\mathcal{B}}\Omega^{\mathcal{B}}$$

Acceleration

Net Force

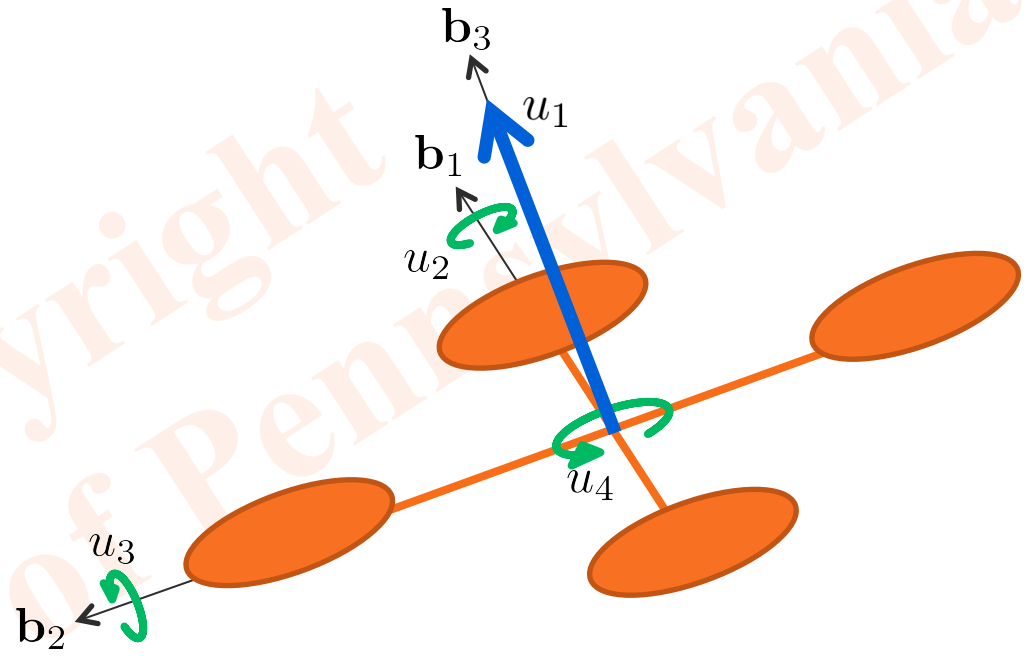
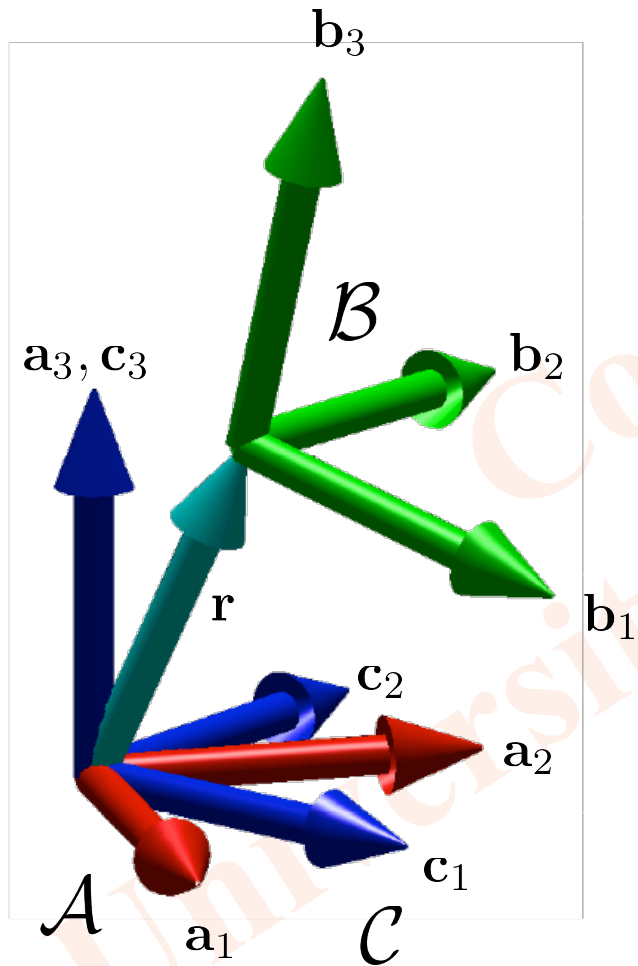
$$m\ddot{\mathbf{r}} = u_1 \mathbf{b}_3 - m g \mathbf{a}_3$$

Inertia Tensor

Moments

$$J^{\mathcal{B}} \dot{\Omega}^{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{bmatrix} - {}^{\mathcal{B}}\Omega^{\mathcal{B}} \times J^{\mathcal{B}} \Omega^{\mathcal{B}}$$

# Coordinate System



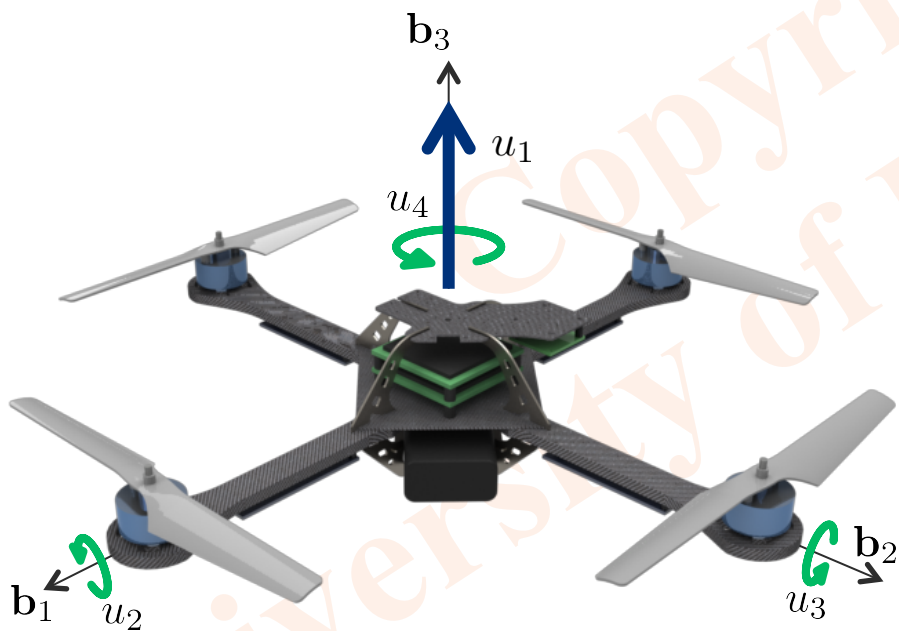
$R$  rotates vectors in  $\mathcal{B}$  to vectors in  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$$\mathbf{b}_3 = R \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Thrust and Orientation from Flat Outputs

Total thrust:  $u_1$

$\mathbf{r}$  is in the flat output space,  $\mathbf{y}$



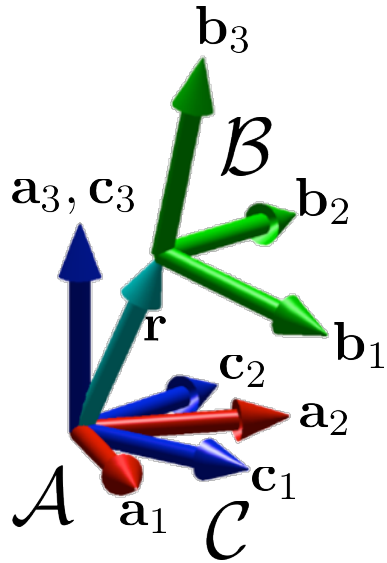
$$m\ddot{\mathbf{r}} = u_1 \mathbf{b}_3 - m g \mathbf{a}_3$$



$$\mathbf{b}_3(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{\ddot{\mathbf{r}} + g \mathbf{a}_3}{\|\ddot{\mathbf{r}} + g \mathbf{a}_3\|}$$

$$u_1 = m \|\ddot{\mathbf{r}} + g \mathbf{a}_3\|$$

# Use frame C to determine $\mathbf{b}_1$ and $\mathbf{b}_2$



$$\mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos y_4 \\ \sin y_4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin y_4 \\ \cos y_4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y_4 = \psi$$

Construction for an orthogonal vector:

$$\mathbf{b}_2(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{\mathbf{b}_3(\mathbf{y}) \times \mathbf{c}_1(\mathbf{y})}{\|\mathbf{b}_3(\mathbf{y}) \times \mathbf{c}_1(\mathbf{y})\|}$$

Finish the basis:

$$\mathbf{b}_1(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{b}_2(\mathbf{y}) \times \mathbf{b}_3(\mathbf{y})$$

# Determine Attitude (angular orientation)

$R$  is defined by flat outputs:

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1(\mathbf{y}) & \mathbf{b}_2(\mathbf{y}) & \mathbf{b}_3(\mathbf{y}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Z-Y-X Rotation allows us to determine Euler angles:

$$R(\phi, \theta, \psi) = \begin{bmatrix} c\theta c\psi & c\psi s\theta s\phi - c\phi s\psi & c\phi c\psi s\theta + s\phi s\psi \\ c\theta s\psi & c\phi c\psi + s\theta s\phi s\psi & -c\psi s\phi + c\phi s\theta s\psi \\ -s\theta & c\theta s\phi & c\theta c\phi \end{bmatrix}$$

$$s\theta : \sin(\theta) \quad c\theta : \cos(\theta)$$

# Translational Dynamics (jerk)

$$m\ddot{\mathbf{r}} = u_1 \mathbf{b}_3 - m g \mathbf{a}_3$$

Differentiate Newton's equations of motion in  $\mathcal{A}$

$$m\dot{\ddot{\mathbf{r}}} = \dot{u}_1 \mathbf{b}_3 + {}^A\boldsymbol{\Omega}^{\mathcal{B}} \times u_1 \mathbf{b}_3$$

Inner product with  $\mathbf{b}_3$



$$\dot{u}_1 = \mathbf{b}_3 \cdot m\dot{\ddot{\mathbf{r}}}$$

# Determine ${}^{\mathcal{B}}\Omega^{\mathcal{B}}$

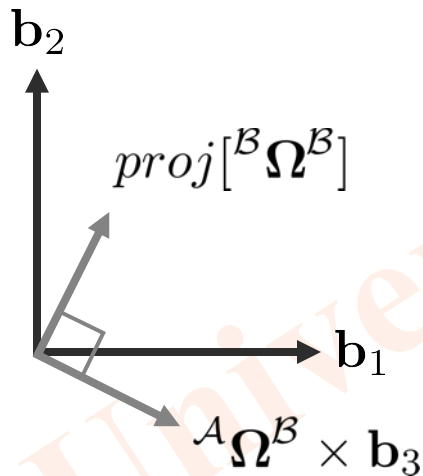
$$\dot{u}_1 = \mathbf{b}_3 \cdot m \ddot{\mathbf{r}}$$



$$m \ddot{\mathbf{r}} = \dot{u}_1 \mathbf{b}_3 + {}^{\mathcal{A}}\Omega^{\mathcal{B}} \times u_1 \mathbf{b}_3$$

$$\text{Rearrange: } {}^{\mathcal{A}}\Omega^{\mathcal{B}} \times \mathbf{b}_3 = \frac{m}{u_1} (\ddot{\mathbf{r}} - (\mathbf{b}_3 \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{r}}) \mathbf{b}_3)$$

$$\left| {}^{\mathcal{A}}\Omega^{\mathcal{B}} \times \mathbf{b}_3 \right| = \left| \text{proj} [{}^{\mathcal{B}}\Omega^{\mathcal{B}}] \right|$$



$${}^{\mathcal{B}}\Omega_1^{\mathcal{B}} = -\mathbf{b}_2 \cdot \left( \frac{m}{u_1} (\ddot{\mathbf{r}} - (\mathbf{b}_3 \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{r}}) \mathbf{b}_3) \right)$$

$${}^{\mathcal{B}}\Omega_2^{\mathcal{B}} = \mathbf{b}_1 \cdot \left( \frac{m}{u_1} (\ddot{\mathbf{r}} - (\mathbf{b}_3 \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{r}}) \mathbf{b}_3) \right)$$

# Determine ${}^B\Omega^B$

$${}^B\Omega^B = \left( R^T(t) \dot{R}(t) \right)^\vee$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -c & b \\ c & 0 & -a \\ -b & a & 0 \end{bmatrix}^\vee$$

Express in this form:

$${}^B\Omega^B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \cos \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi \\ 0 & -\sin \phi & \cos \theta \cos \phi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^B\Omega_3^B = \dot{\psi} \cos \theta \sec \phi - {}^B\Omega_2^B \tan \phi$$

# Translational Dynamics (snap)

$$m\ddot{\mathbf{r}} = \dot{u}_1 \mathbf{b}_3 + {}^A\boldsymbol{\Omega}^{\mathcal{B}} \times u_1 \mathbf{b}_3$$

Differentiate...

$$m\mathbf{r}^{(4)} = \ddot{u}_1 \mathbf{b}_3 + 2{}^A\boldsymbol{\Omega}^{\mathcal{B}} \times \dot{u}_1 \mathbf{b}_3 + \boxed{{}^A\dot{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}^{\mathcal{B}}} \times u_1 \mathbf{b}_3 + {}^A\boldsymbol{\Omega}^{\mathcal{B}} \times {}^A\boldsymbol{\Omega}^{\mathcal{B}} \times u_1 \mathbf{b}_3$$

Inner product with  $\mathbf{b}_3$ :

$$\mathbf{b}_3 \cdot m\mathbf{r}^{(4)} = \mathbf{b}_3 \cdot \dot{u}_1 \mathbf{b}_3 + \cancel{\mathbf{b}_3 \cdot 2{}^A\boldsymbol{\Omega}^{\mathcal{B}} \times \dot{u}_1 \mathbf{b}_3} + \cancel{\mathbf{b}_3 \cdot {}^A\dot{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}^{\mathcal{B}} \times u_1 \mathbf{b}_3} + \mathbf{b}_3 \cdot {}^A\boldsymbol{\Omega}^{\mathcal{B}} \times {}^A\boldsymbol{\Omega}^{\mathcal{B}} \times u_1 \mathbf{b}_3$$

Solve for  $\ddot{u}_1$ :

$$\ddot{u}_1 = \mathbf{b}_3 \cdot m\mathbf{r}^{(4)} - \mathbf{b}_3 \cdot \left( {}^A\boldsymbol{\Omega}^{\mathcal{B}} \times {}^A\boldsymbol{\Omega}^{\mathcal{B}} \times u_1 \mathbf{b}_3 \right)$$

# Moment Inputs

Recall:

Angular velocity of frame  $\mathcal{B}$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  in  
coordinates of frame  $\mathcal{B}$

$J$  : Inertia tensor



Rearrange Newton-Euler equations of motion and solve for moments:

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{bmatrix} = J {}^{\mathcal{B}}\dot{\Omega}^{\mathcal{B}} + {}^{\mathcal{B}}\Omega^{\mathcal{B}} \times J {}^{\mathcal{B}}\Omega^{\mathcal{B}}$$

# The Flat System

$$\xi_i = \begin{bmatrix} y_i \\ \dot{y}_i \\ \ddot{y}_i \\ \ddot{\ddot{y}}_i \end{bmatrix} \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 3$$

$$\xi_4 = \begin{bmatrix} y_4 \\ \dot{y}_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{\xi}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{3 \times 1} & I_{3 \times 3} \\ 0_{1 \times 1} & 0_{1 \times 3} \end{bmatrix} \xi_i + \begin{bmatrix} 0_{3 \times 1} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} y_i^{(4)}$$

$$\dot{\xi}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xi_4 + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} y_4^{(2)}$$



Minimize Snap



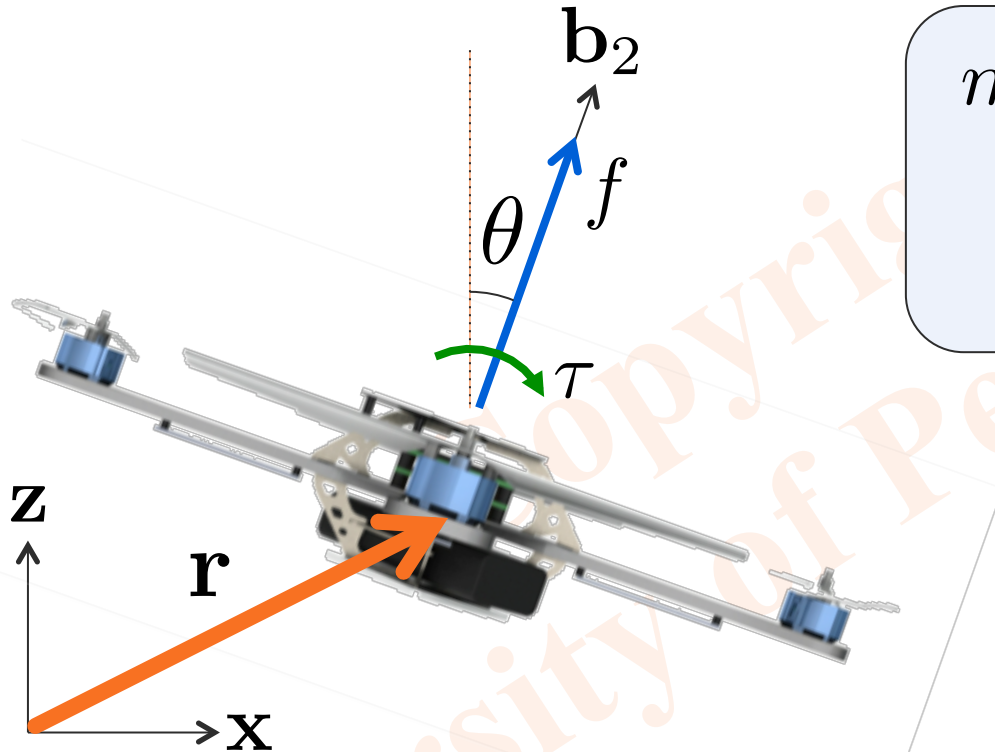
Minimize Acceleration

Chain of Integrators!

# The Planar Case

$$m\ddot{\mathbf{r}} = fR\mathbf{e}_2 - mg\mathbf{e}_2$$

$$\ddot{\theta} = \frac{\tau}{I}$$



$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \theta \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} f \\ \tau \end{bmatrix}$$

# The Planar Case

Determine the thrust (first input)

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{y}, \dot{\mathbf{y}}, \ddot{\mathbf{y}}, \dots)$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} f \\ \tau \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$m\ddot{\mathbf{r}} = fR\mathbf{e}_2 - mg\mathbf{e}_2$$

$$fR\mathbf{e}_2 = m\ddot{\mathbf{r}} + mg\mathbf{e}_2$$

$$\|fR\mathbf{e}_2\| = m\|\ddot{\mathbf{r}} + g\mathbf{e}_2\|$$

$$f = m\|\ddot{\mathbf{r}} + g\mathbf{e}_2\|$$

# The Planar Case

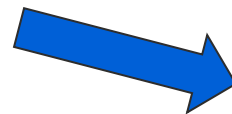
Determine the attitude (second input)

Since:  $\mathbf{b}_2 = R\mathbf{e}_2$        $f\mathbf{b}_2 = m\ddot{\mathbf{r}} + mg\mathbf{e}_2$

$$\mathbf{b}_2 = \frac{m\ddot{\mathbf{r}} + mg\mathbf{e}_2}{f} = \frac{\ddot{\mathbf{r}} + g\mathbf{e}_2}{\|\ddot{\mathbf{r}} + g\mathbf{e}_2\|}$$

And we know...

$$\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_2$$



$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{b}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



# The Planar Case

$$m\ddot{\mathbf{r}} = fR\mathbf{e}_2 - mg\mathbf{e}_2$$

$$m\ddot{\mathbf{r}} = fR\dot{\theta}\mathbf{e}_2 + \dot{f}R\mathbf{e}_2$$

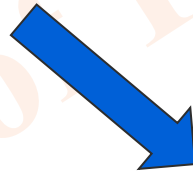
$$\dot{R} = R\dot{\theta}$$

$$\hat{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a \\ -a & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Projection along  $R\mathbf{e}_2$



Projection along  $R\mathbf{e}_1$



$$m\mathbf{e}_2^T R^T \ddot{\mathbf{r}} = f\mathbf{e}_2^T \dot{\theta}\mathbf{e}_2 + \dot{f} \quad m\mathbf{e}_1^T R^T \ddot{\mathbf{r}} = f\mathbf{e}_1^T \dot{\theta}\mathbf{e}_2 + \dot{f}\mathbf{e}_1^T \mathbf{e}_2$$

$$\dot{f} = m\mathbf{e}_2^T R^T \ddot{\mathbf{r}}$$

$$\dot{\theta} = m \frac{\mathbf{e}_1^T R^T \ddot{\mathbf{r}}}{f}$$

# The Planar Case

$$m \ddot{\mathbf{r}} = f R \dot{\hat{\theta}} \mathbf{e}_2 + \dot{f} R \mathbf{e}_2$$

$$m \dot{\ddot{\mathbf{r}}} = f R \dot{\hat{\theta}} \dot{\hat{\theta}} \mathbf{e}_2 + \dot{f} R \dot{\hat{\theta}} \mathbf{e}_2 + f R \dot{\hat{\theta}} \dot{\hat{\theta}} \mathbf{e}_2 + \dot{f} R \dot{\hat{\theta}} \mathbf{e}_2 + \ddot{f} R \mathbf{e}_2$$

$$m \dot{\ddot{\mathbf{r}}} = f R \dot{\hat{\theta}} \dot{\hat{\theta}} \mathbf{e}_2 + 2 \dot{f} R \dot{\hat{\theta}} \mathbf{e}_2 + -\dot{\theta}^2 f R \mathbf{e}_2 + \ddot{f} R \mathbf{e}_2$$

$$m \dot{\ddot{\mathbf{r}}} = f R \dot{\hat{\theta}} \dot{\hat{\theta}} \mathbf{e}_2 + 2 \dot{f} R \dot{\hat{\theta}} \mathbf{e}_2 + \left( \ddot{f} - \dot{\theta}^2 f \right) R \mathbf{e}_2$$

# The Planar Case

$$m \ddot{\mathbf{r}} = f R \dot{\theta} \mathbf{e}_2 + \dot{f} R \mathbf{e}_2$$

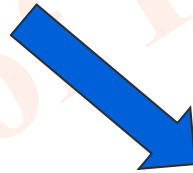
$$m \dot{\ddot{\mathbf{r}}} = f R \ddot{\theta} \mathbf{e}_2 + 2 \dot{f} R \dot{\theta} \mathbf{e}_2 + \left( \ddot{f} - \dot{\theta}^2 f \right) R \mathbf{e}_2$$

Projection along  $R \mathbf{e}_2$



$$\ddot{f} = m \mathbf{e}_2^T R^T \dot{\ddot{\mathbf{r}}} - \dot{\theta}^2 f$$

Projection along  $R \mathbf{e}_1$



$$\ddot{\theta} = \frac{m \mathbf{e}_1^T R^T \dot{\ddot{\mathbf{r}}} - 2 \dot{f} \dot{\theta}}{f}$$

# The Planar Case

- Recall the dynamics:

$$\ddot{\theta} = \ddot{\theta}(\ddot{\mathbf{r}}, \ddot{\mathbf{r}}, \dot{\ddot{\mathbf{r}}}) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \tau = \tau(\ddot{\mathbf{r}}, \ddot{\mathbf{r}}, \dot{\ddot{\mathbf{r}}})$$

- The input to our system is a function of the 4<sup>th</sup> derivative of position (i.e. “snap”)
- Other assumptions result in different results
  - What if we assume that attitude is a control input?

# Trajectory Generation

What order?

$$n \geq 7$$

Why?

- ⌘ Boundary conditions (8)
- ⌘ The system requires continuous derivatives below snap

# Trajectory Generation

## Optimization

- ⌘ Minimize Snap of Position
- ⌘ Minimize Acceleration of Yaw

## Basis

- ⌘ Polynomials

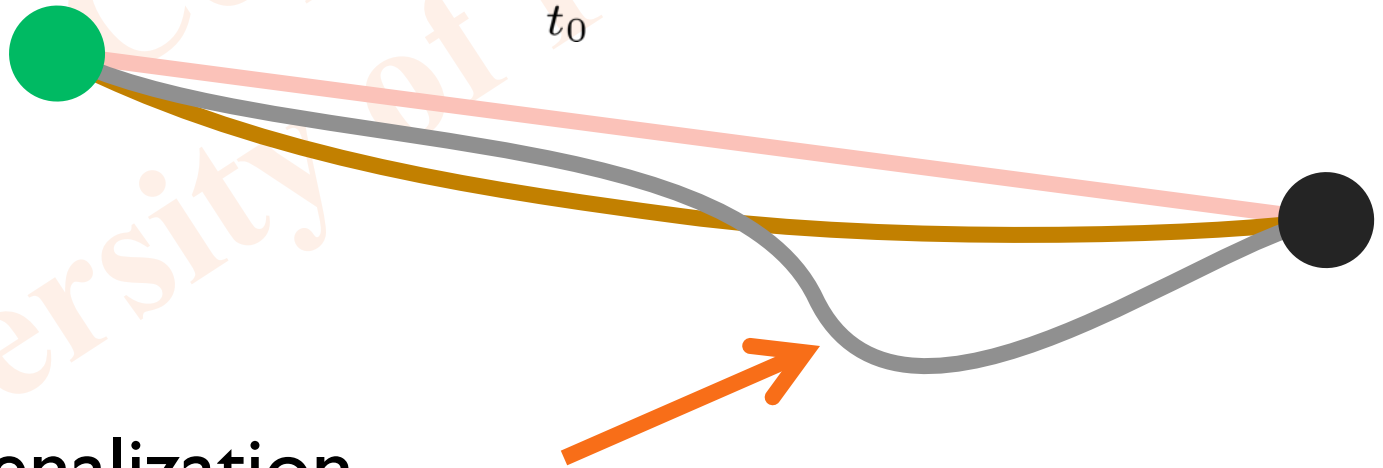
$$\mathbf{g} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \\ \vdots \\ t^n \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{c} = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 t + \alpha_2 t^2 + \dots + \alpha_n t^n$$

# Cost Functionals

$$J = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left\| y_i^{(4)}(t) \right\|^2 dt \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, 3$$

$$J = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left\| y_4^{(2)}(t) \right\|^2 dt$$



Quadratic Penalization

# Euler Lagrange Solution

## Euler Lagrange Equation

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial f} + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i \frac{d^i}{dt^i} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial f^{(i)}} = 0$$

$$f = y_i \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{L} = \left( y_i^{(4)} \right)^2 \quad \xrightarrow{i = 1, 2, 3} \quad y_i^{(8)} = 0$$

$$f = y_4 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{L} = \left( y_4^{(2)} \right)^2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad y_4^{(4)} = 0$$

# Euler Lagrange Solution

Coefficient Vector  $\rightarrow$   $\mathbf{c}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{g}(t_0)^T \\ \mathbf{g}^{(1)}(t_0)^T \\ \mathbf{g}^{(2)}(t_0)^T \\ \mathbf{g}^{(3)}(t_0)^T \\ \mathbf{g}(t_f)^T \\ \mathbf{g}^{(1)}(t_f)^T \\ \mathbf{g}^{(2)}(t_f)^T \\ \mathbf{g}^{(3)}(t_f)^T \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} y_i(t_0) \\ y_i^{(1)}(t_0) \\ y_i^{(2)}(t_0) \\ y_i^{(3)}(t_0) \\ y_i(t_f) \\ y_i^{(1)}(t_f) \\ y_i^{(2)}(t_f) \\ y_i^{(3)}(t_f) \end{bmatrix} \quad t_0 \neq t_f$$

Basis Vectors B.C.s

# Quadratic Programming: Algebraic Solution

## Increase Flexibility

⌘ Intermediate conditions

Constraints:  $H\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{d}$

$$J = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left\| y_i^{(4)}(t) \right\|^2 dt$$

⌘ Algebraic Solution

Define the cost functional using the basis vectors:

$$J = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left\| y_i^{(4)}(t) \right\|^2 dt = \mathbf{c}^T \left[ \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d^4 \mathbf{g}}{dt^4} & \frac{d^4 \mathbf{g}^T}{dt^4} \end{bmatrix} dt \right] \mathbf{c}$$

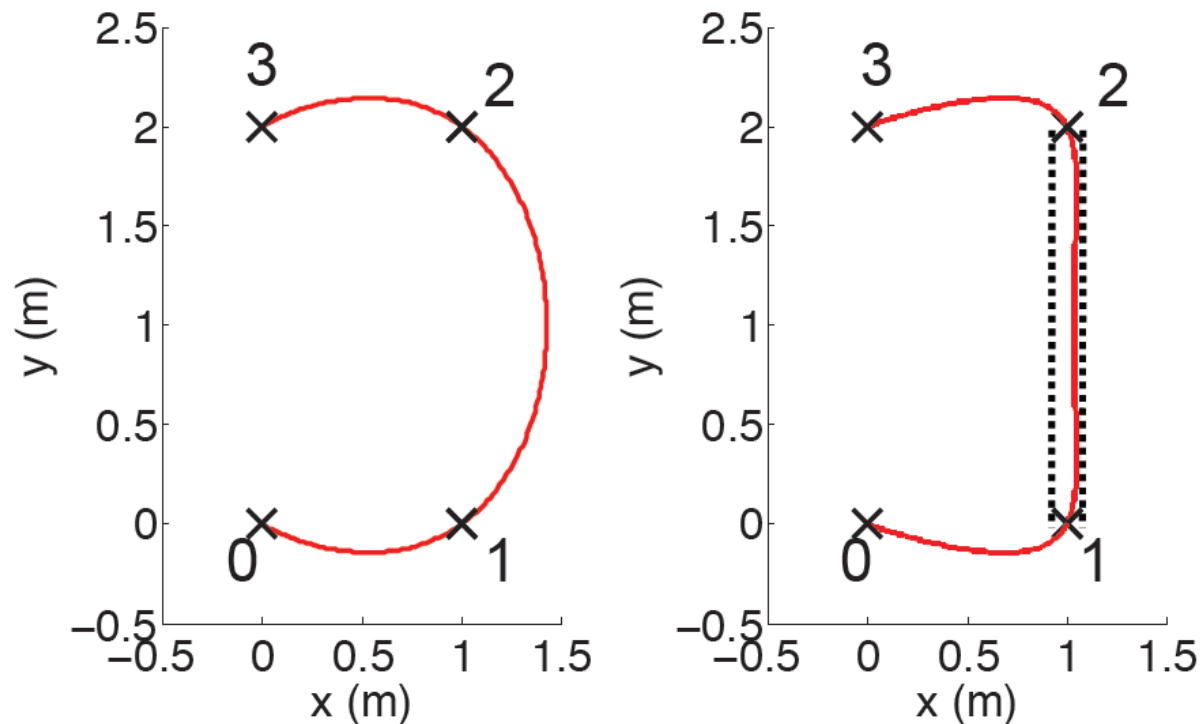
$$G = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \frac{d^4 \mathbf{g}}{dt^4} \frac{d^4 \mathbf{g}^T}{dt^4} dt$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2G & H^T \\ H & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c} \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{d} \end{bmatrix}$$

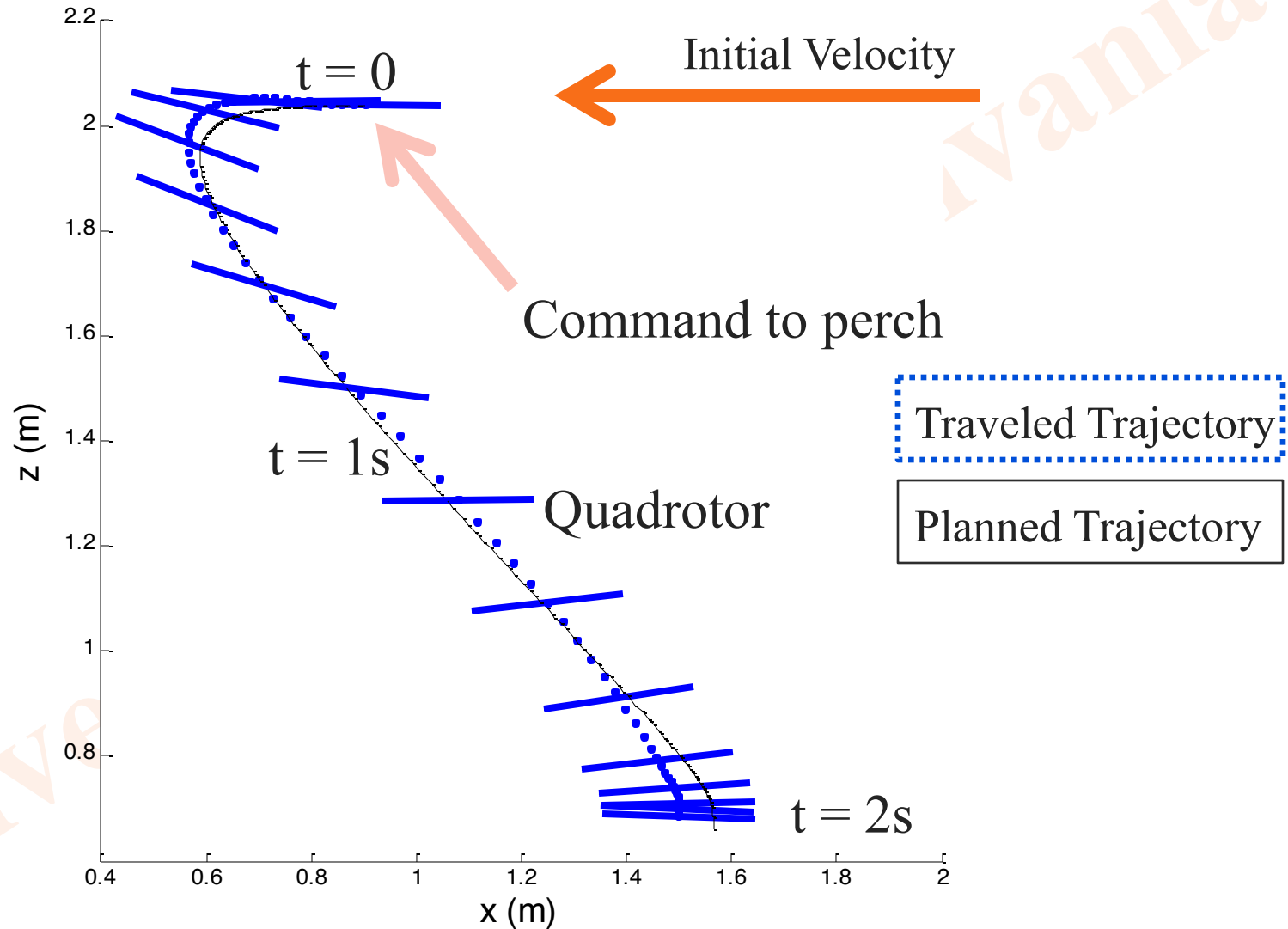
# Quadratic Programming: Numerical Solution

Constraints:  $Hc = d$   $Mc \leq p$

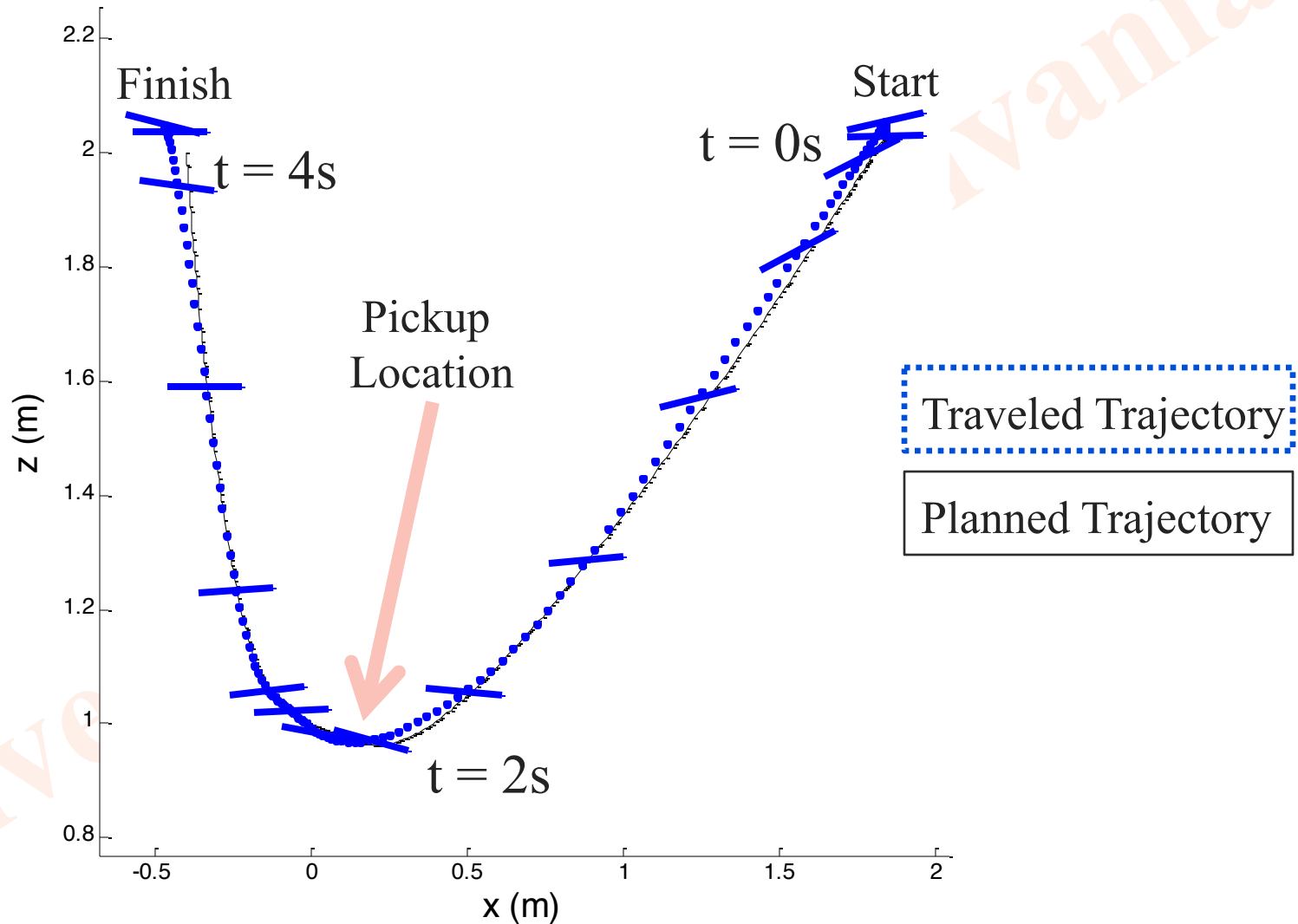
⌘ Inequality constraints allow us to constrain positions, velocities, control inputs, etc.



# Perching (using a real quadrotor)



# Grasping (using a real quadrotor)

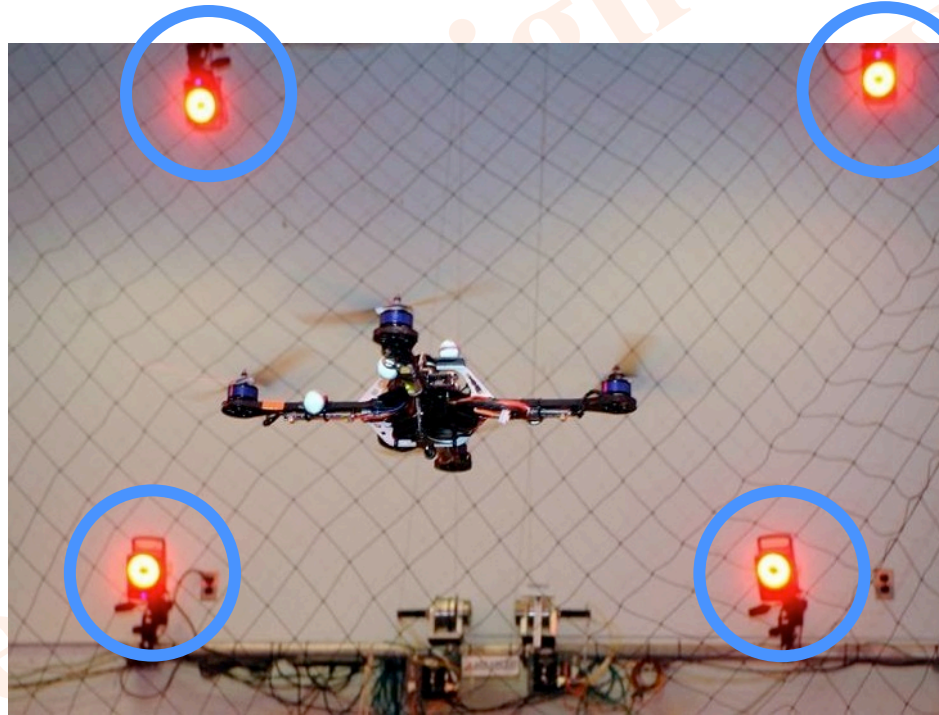


# Dynamic High Speed Grasping



# Quadrotors in the Real World

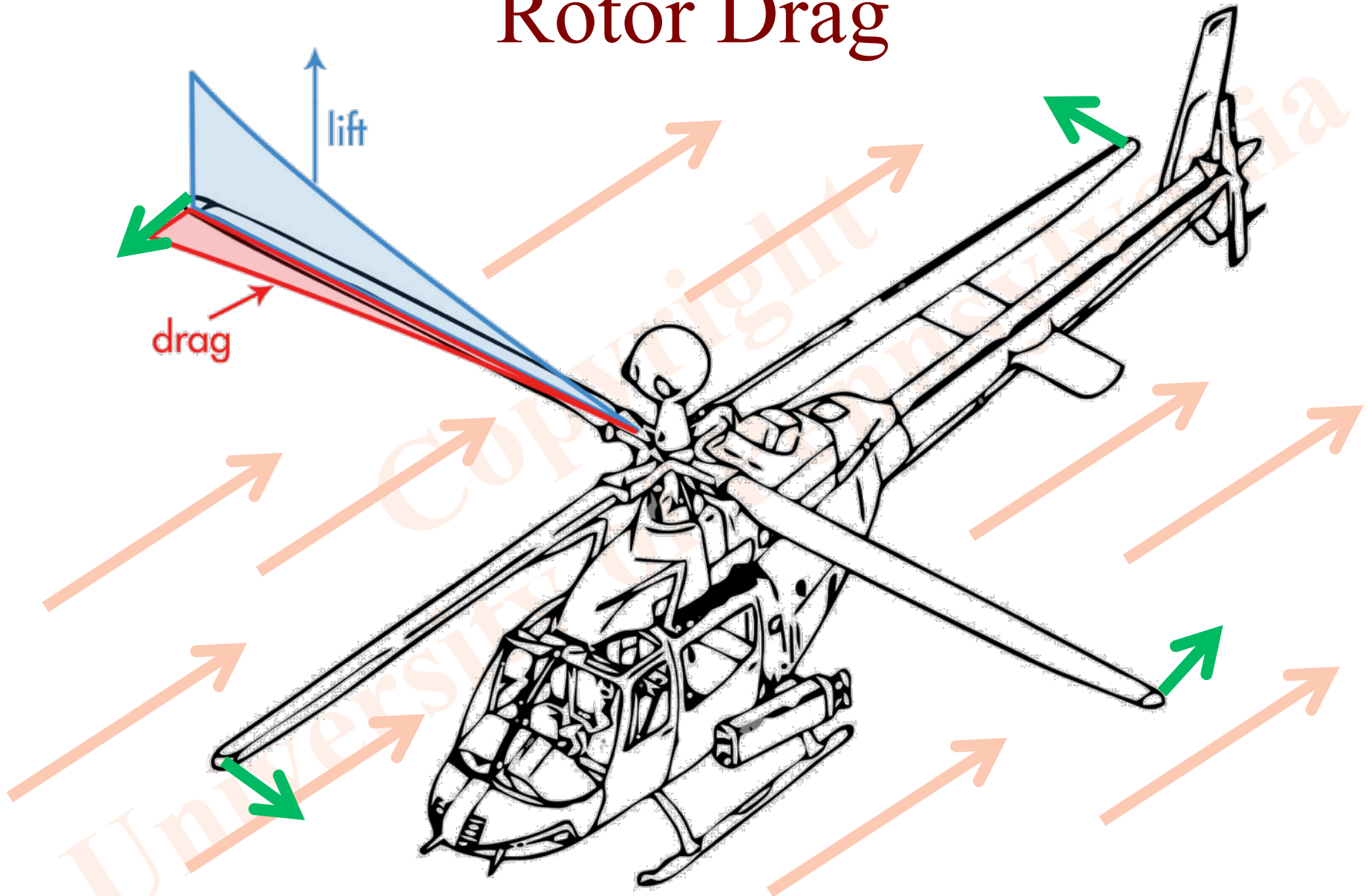
# This is not the real world...



# Many Challenges

- Onboard Sensing & State Estimation
- External Disturbances (wind, ground/ceiling effects)
- Obstacle Avoidance
- Interaction with the environment
- Limited flight time

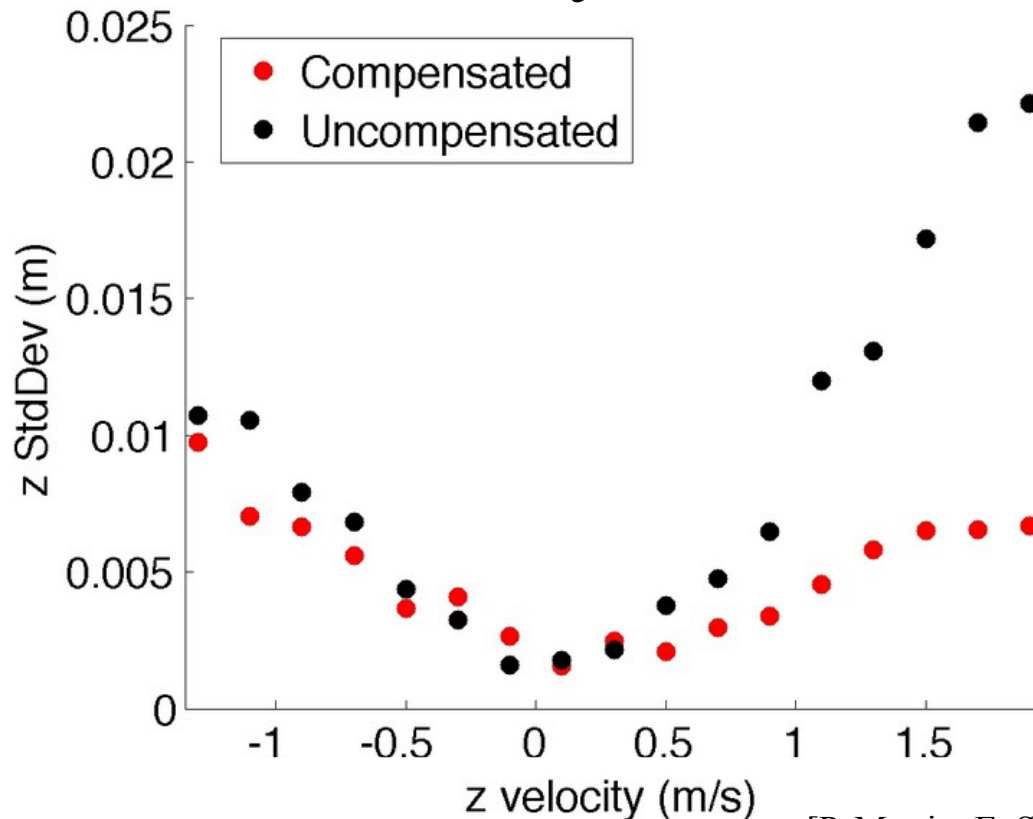
# Rotor Drag



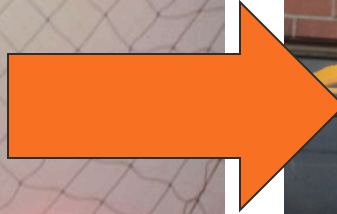
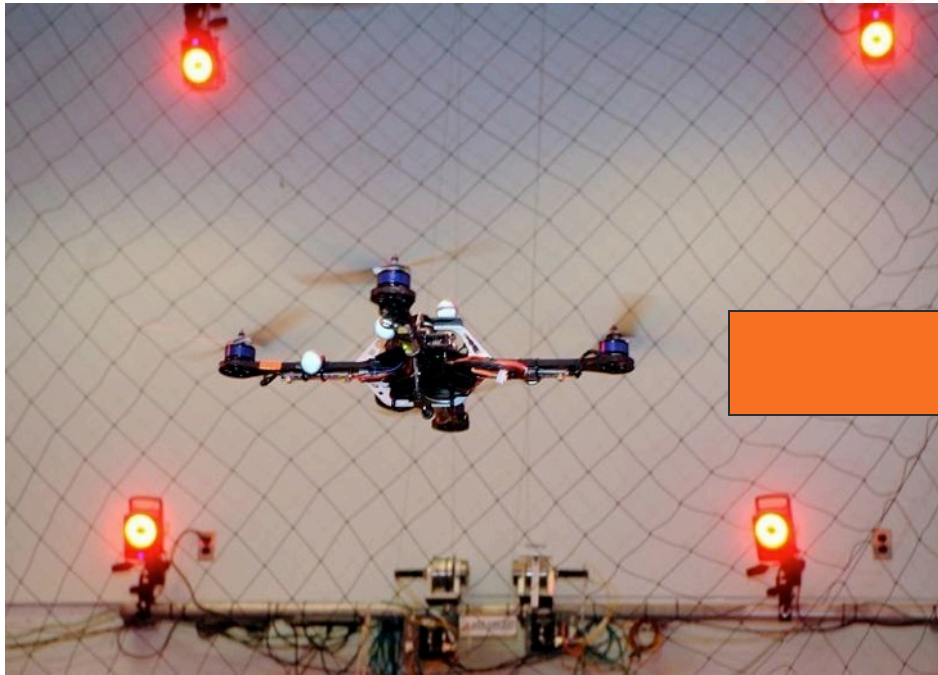
# Aerodynamics

In practice, consideration of rotor drag is insignificant for accelerometer feedback

## Free Stream Velocity

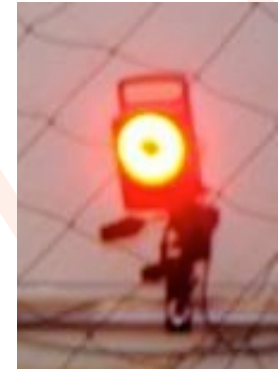


# Sensors – Part II



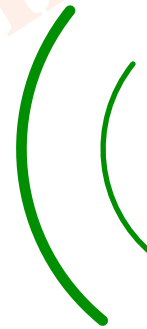
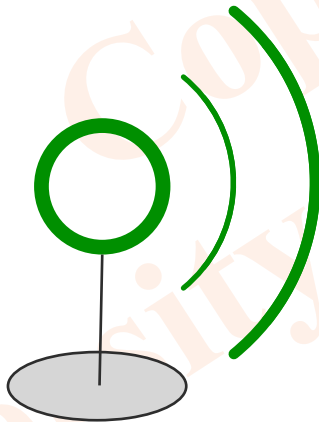
# Many types of sensors

- Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU)
- Motion Capture System
- Ultrasound
- Monocular Vision
- Stereo vision
- Laser Scanner
- RGBD
- GPS
- Other



# Ultrasound

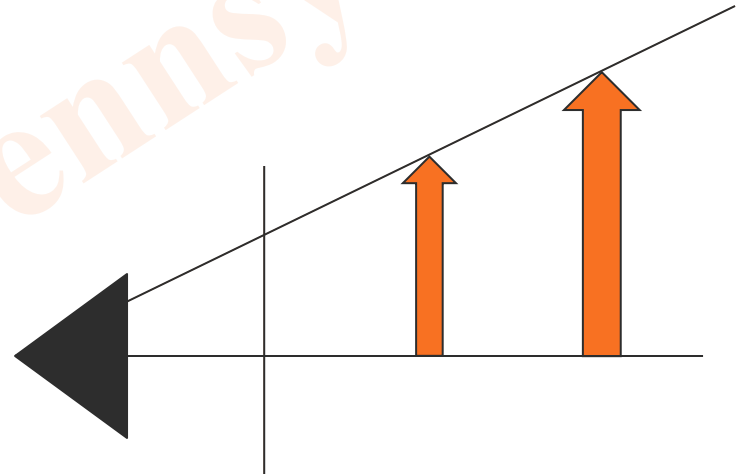
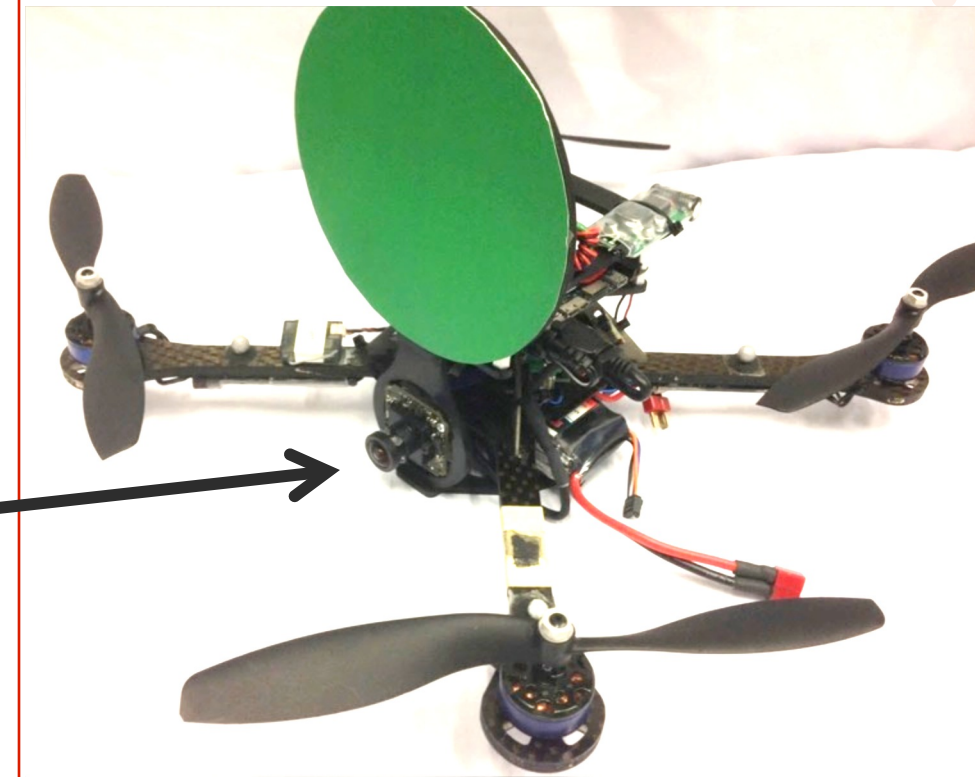
- Emits a sound
- Time until reflection is measured
- Used to determine distance to target



- Used mainly to estimate height

# Monocular Vision

- Single camera
  - Cannot directly measure scale



# Visual Servoing

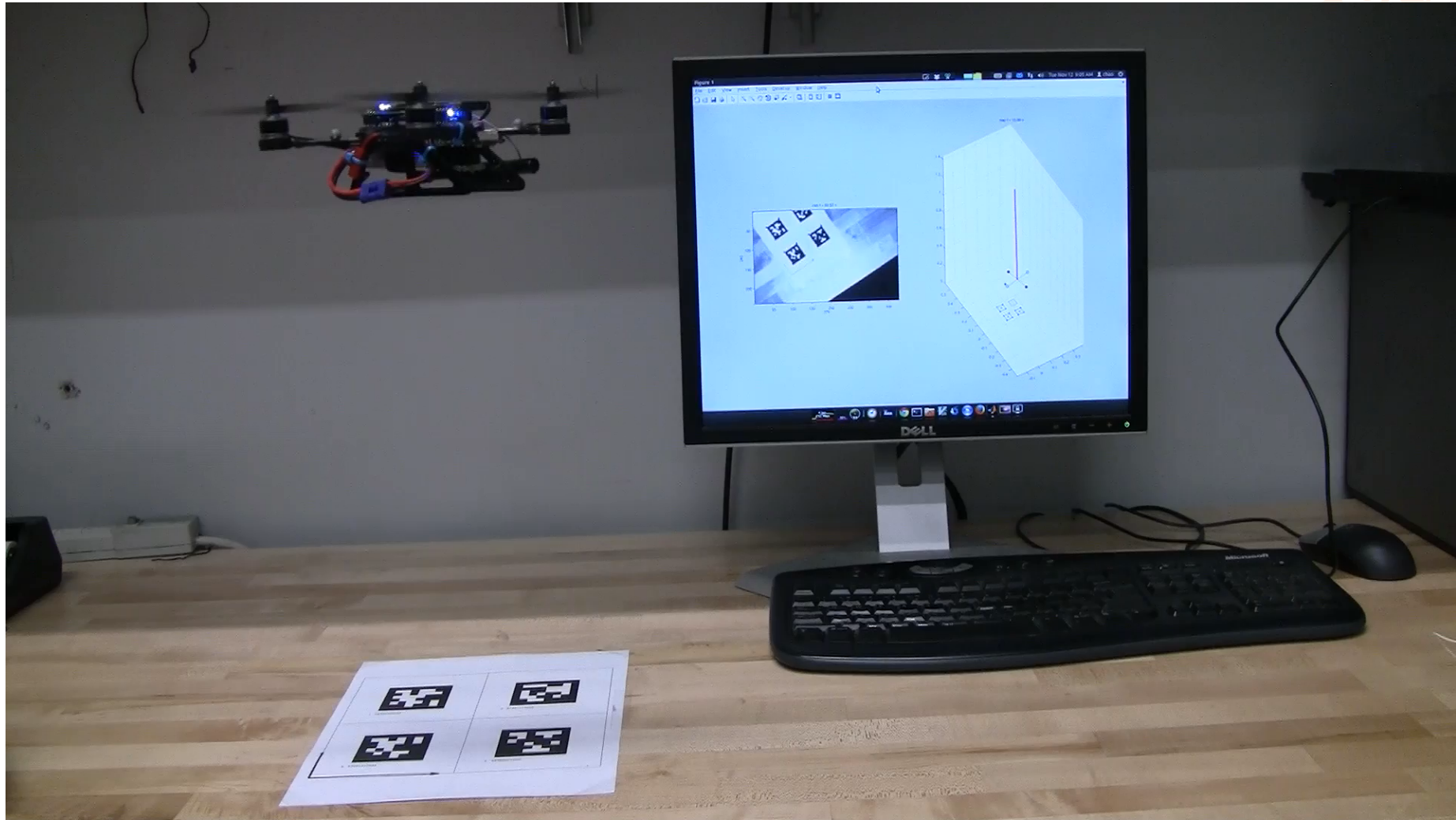
## Position Based

- Pose of the robot is estimated in the inertial frame
- Controllers use the pose as feedback
- + Typical filters and estimators can be used
- Vulnerable to calibration errors

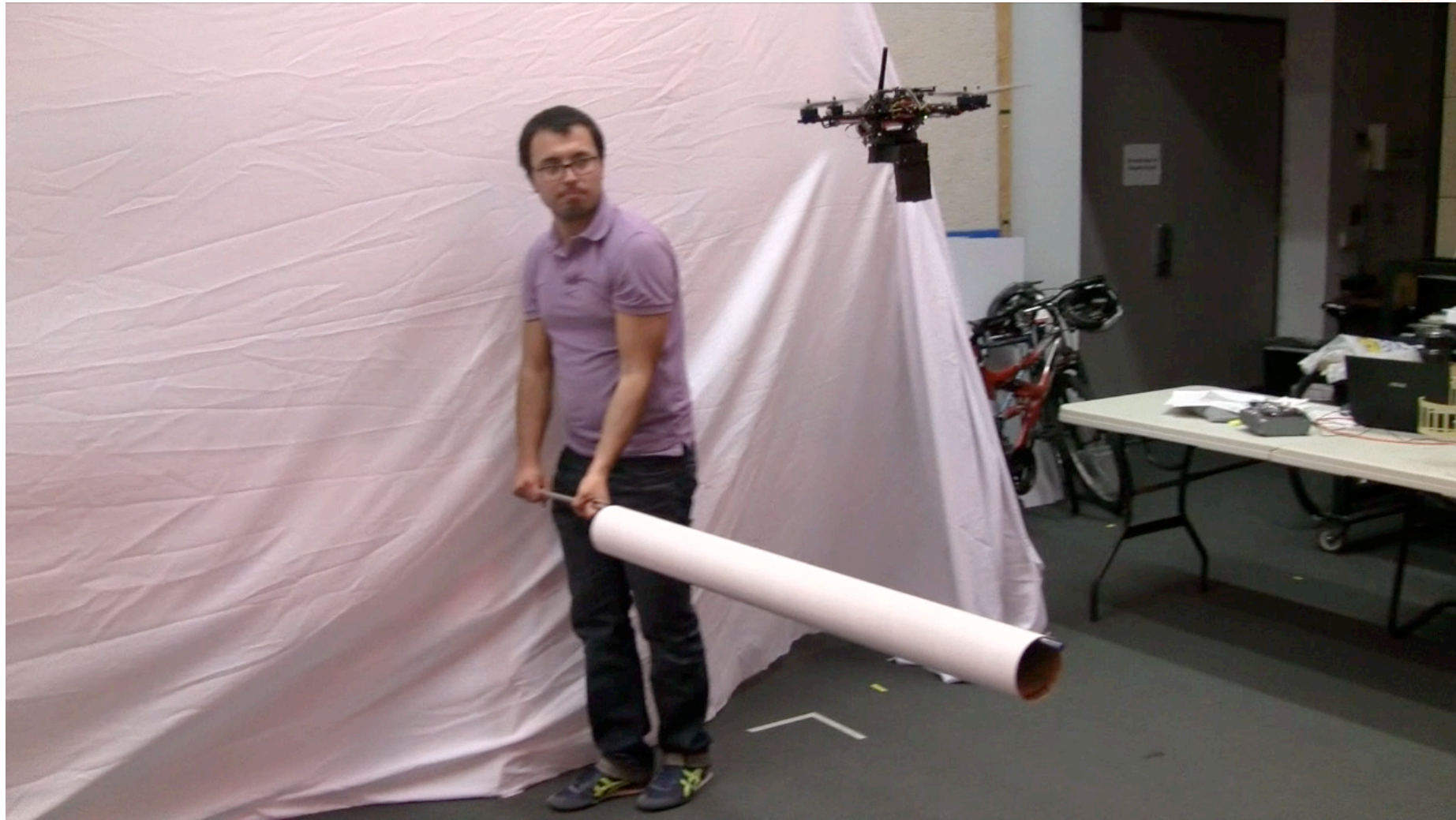
## Image Based

- Robot pose is not explicitly estimated
- Controllers use image features as feedback
- Filters must be mapped to image features
- + Desired pose can be set and achieved despite rough calibrations
- Trajectory planning in the image feature space is difficult

# Position Based Visual Servoing (PBVS)

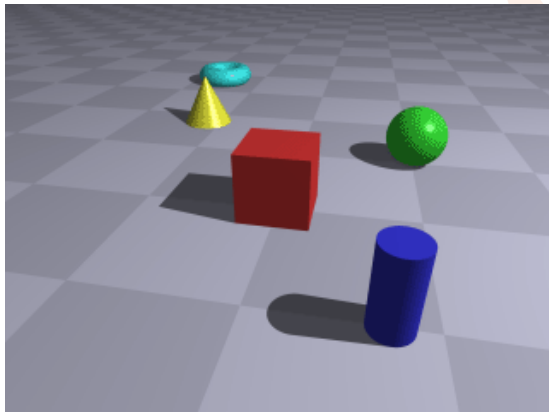


# Image Based Visual Servoing (IBVS)

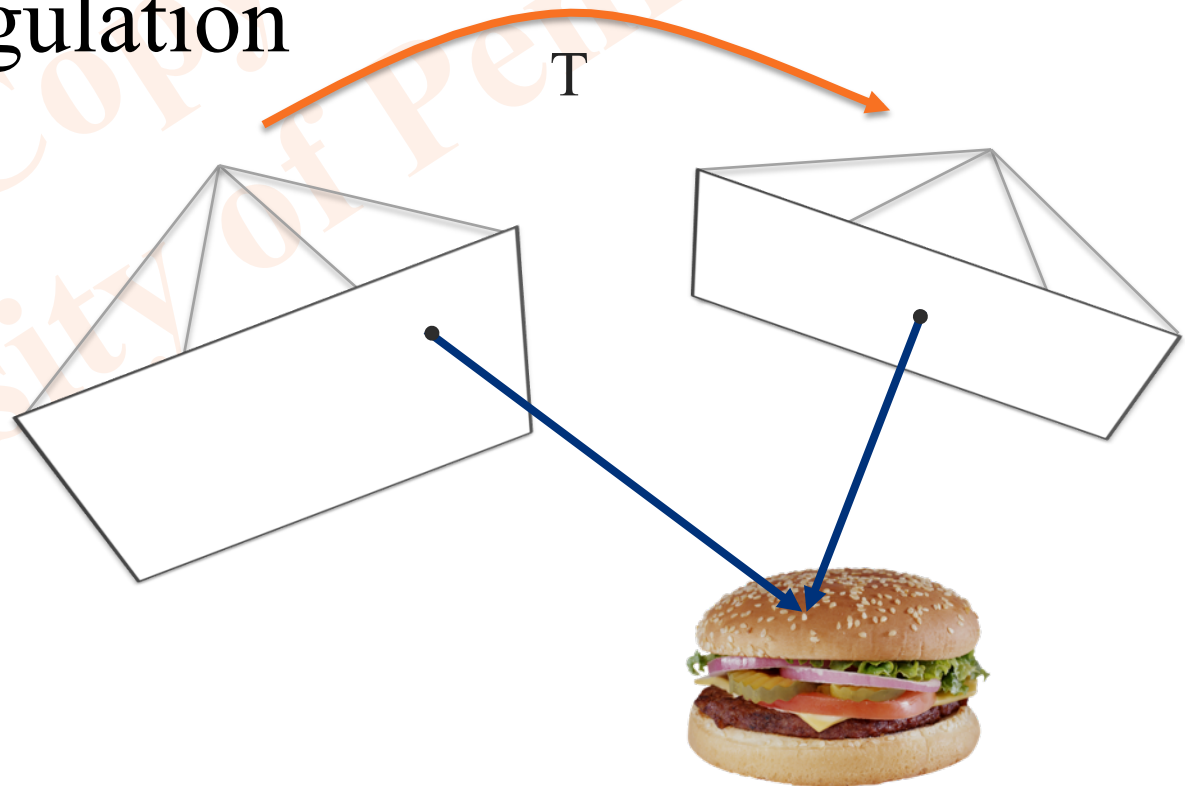


# Stereo Vision

- Two or more cameras with a known transformation between frames
- Depth of an image feature determined using triangulation

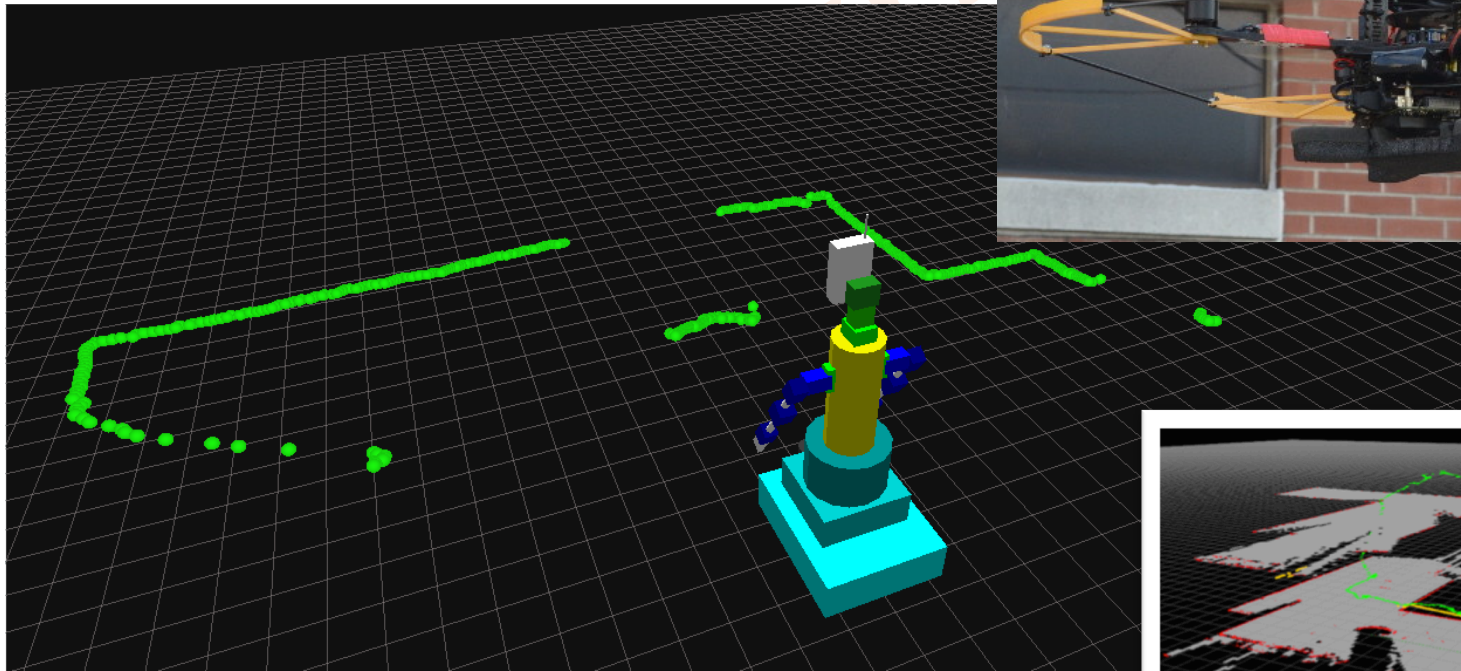


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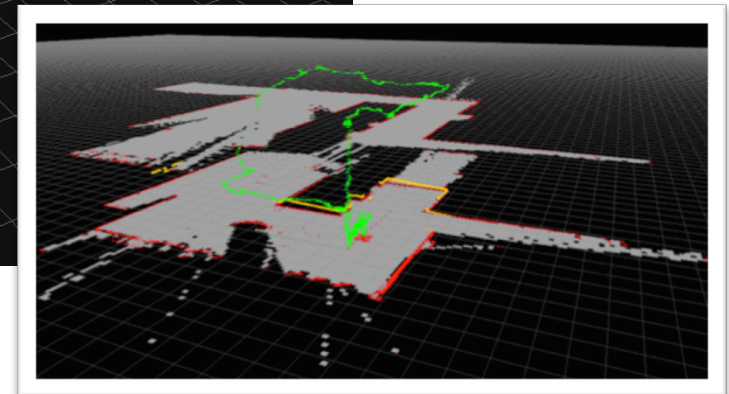


# Laser

- Provides a 2D scan of distances to obstacles



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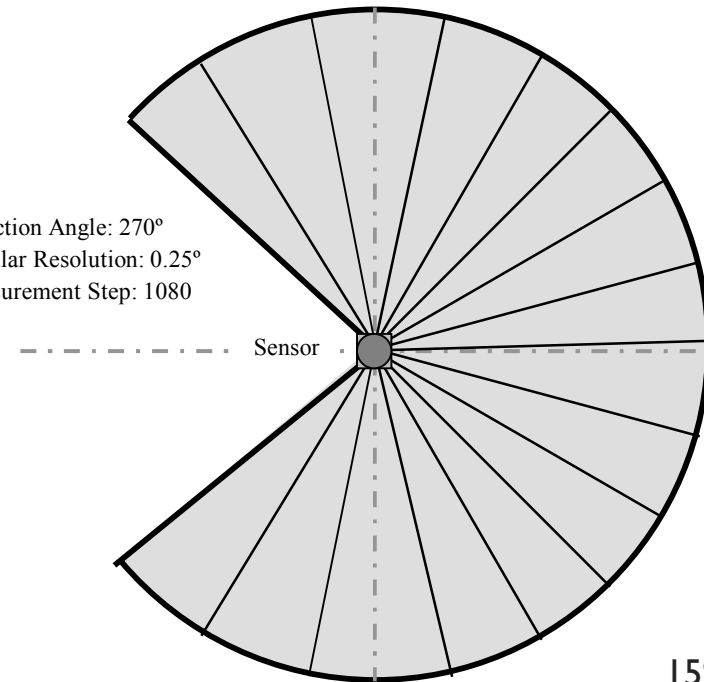


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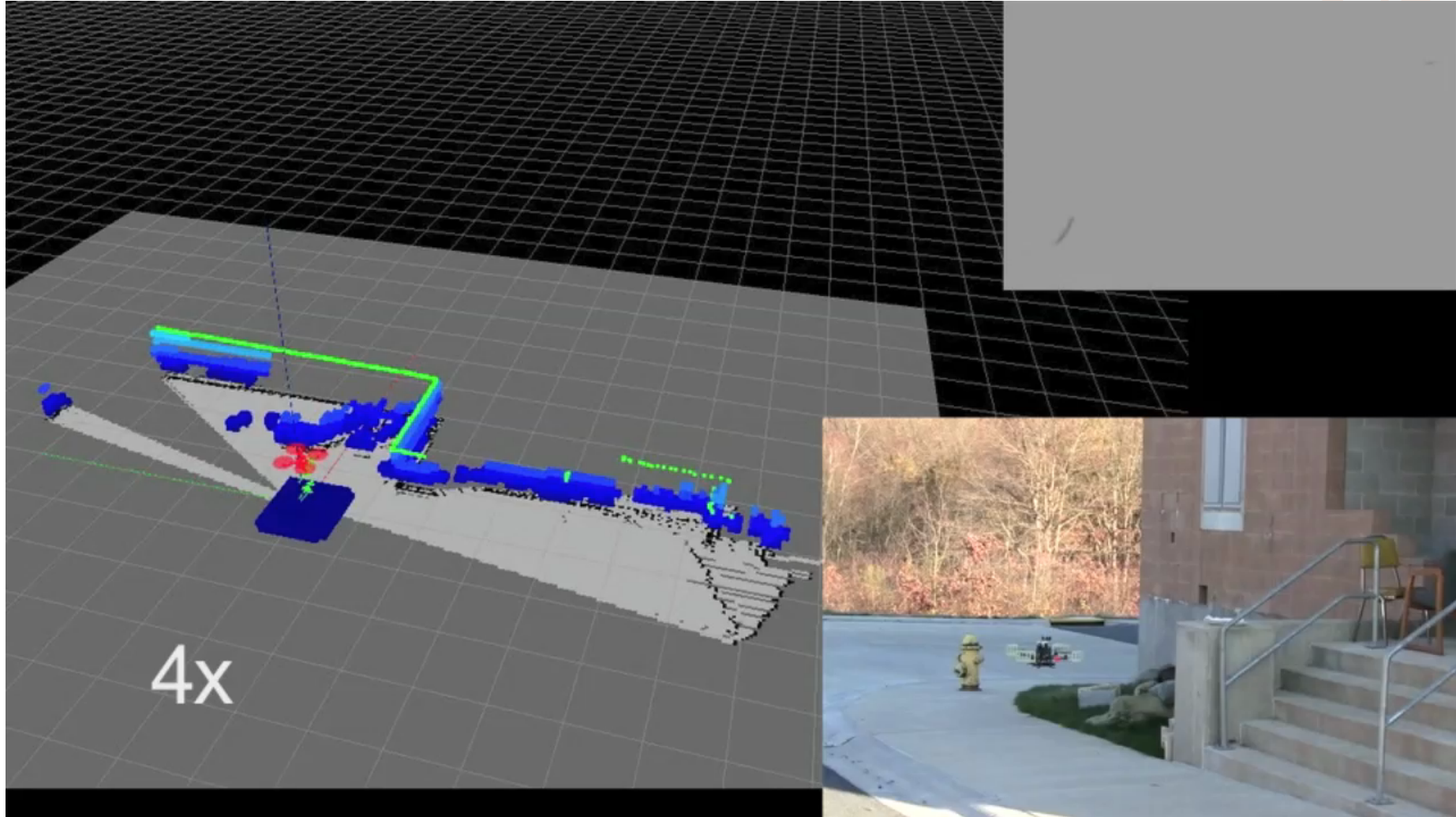
Hokuyo UTM-30LX  
Scanning Laser  
Rangefinder



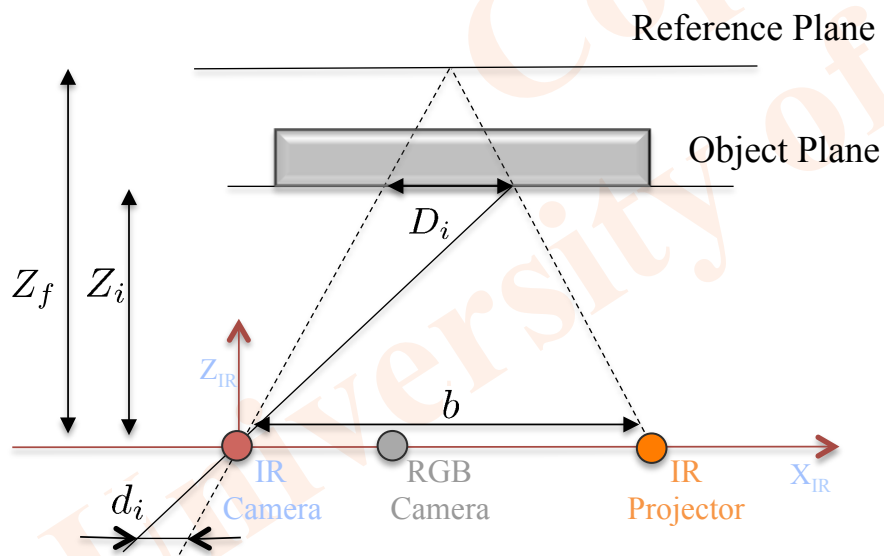
Detection Angle:  $270^\circ$   
Angular Resolution:  $0.25^\circ$   
Measurement Step: 1080



# Laser



# RGBD

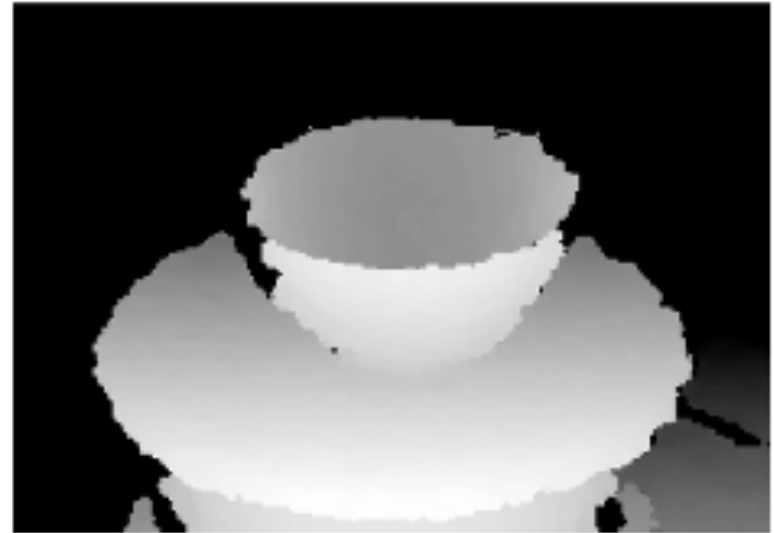


# RGBD

RGB Image

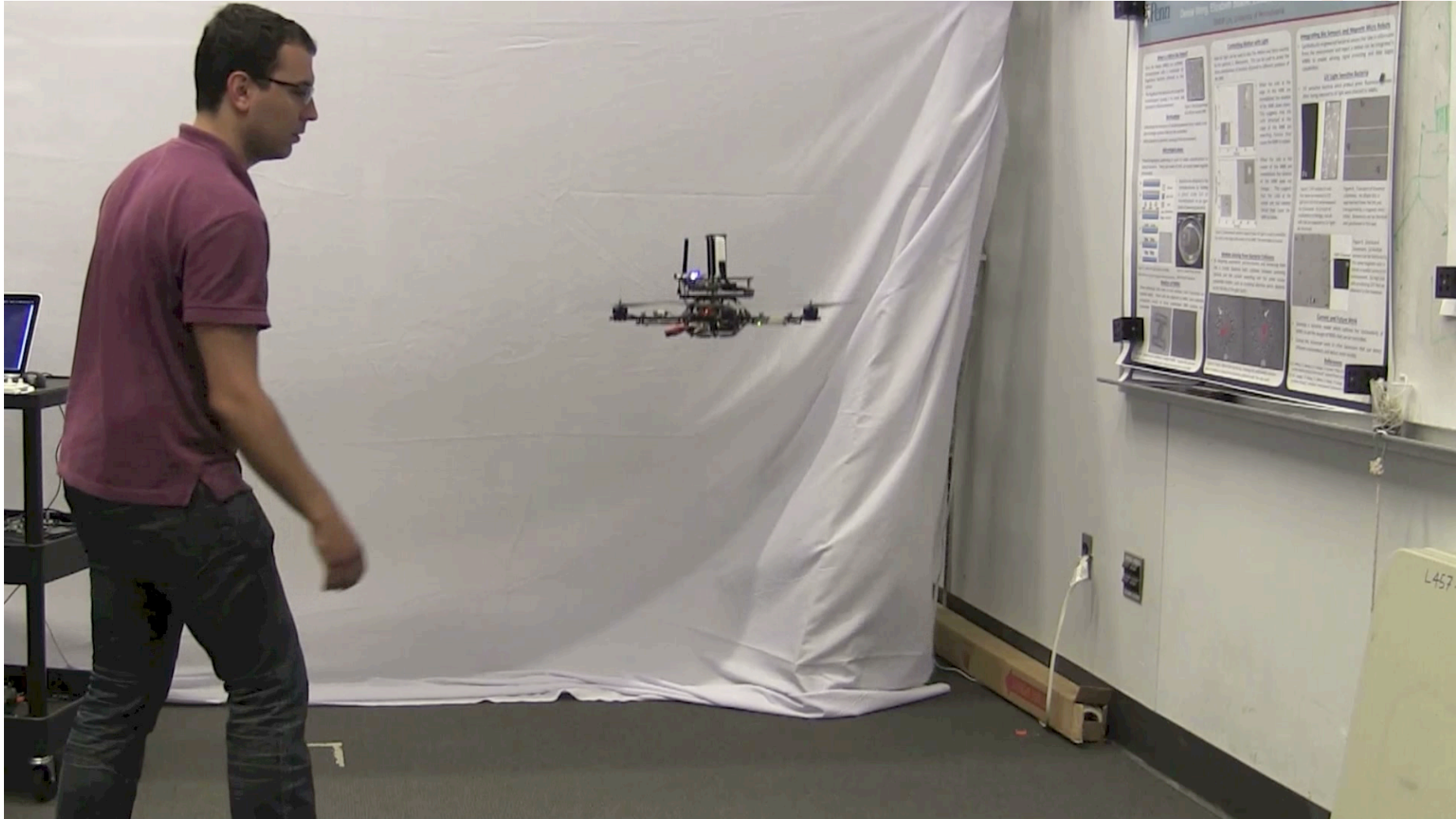


Depth Map



<http://rgb-dataset.cs.washington.edu>

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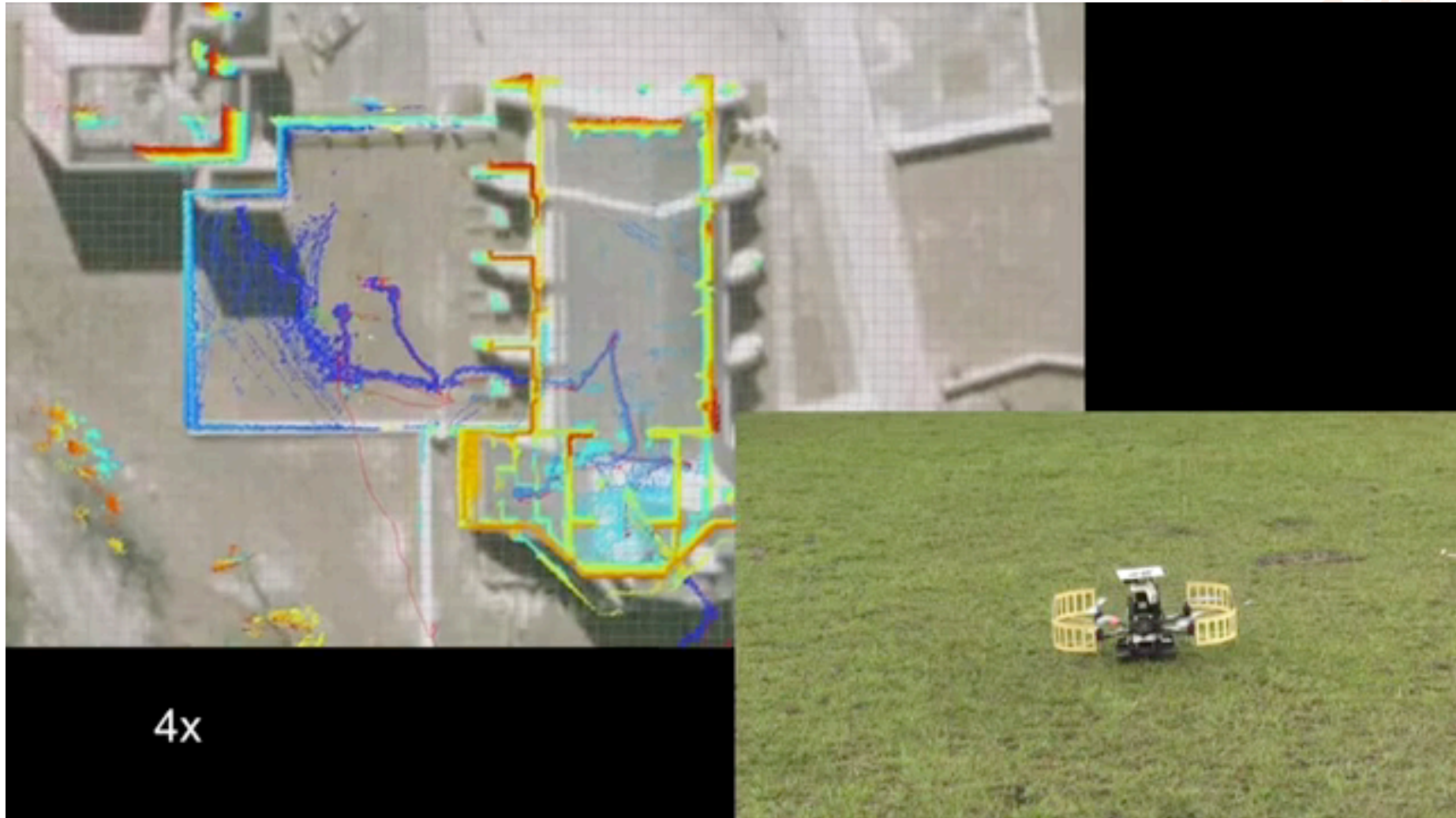


# GPS

- Problem:
  - Affected by cities, weather, etc...
  - Not accurate enough for flying in tight formations or close proximity to obstacles



# Sensor Fusion Video



# Central Question

How to plan paths/trajectories/motion in an  
known environment?

*The motion planning problem*

# The Basic Problem

- ⌘ Euclidean world,  $R^N$ ,  $N=2$  or  $3$
- ⌘ Obstacles  $O_1, O_2, \dots, O_p$ , all closed subsets of  $R^N$
- ⌘ Rigid Body (robot)  $A$

*Reference*

- *Planning algorithms, Lavalle (Section 4.3)*

# Rigid Body $A$

Body

$$A \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

Rigid Body Displacement

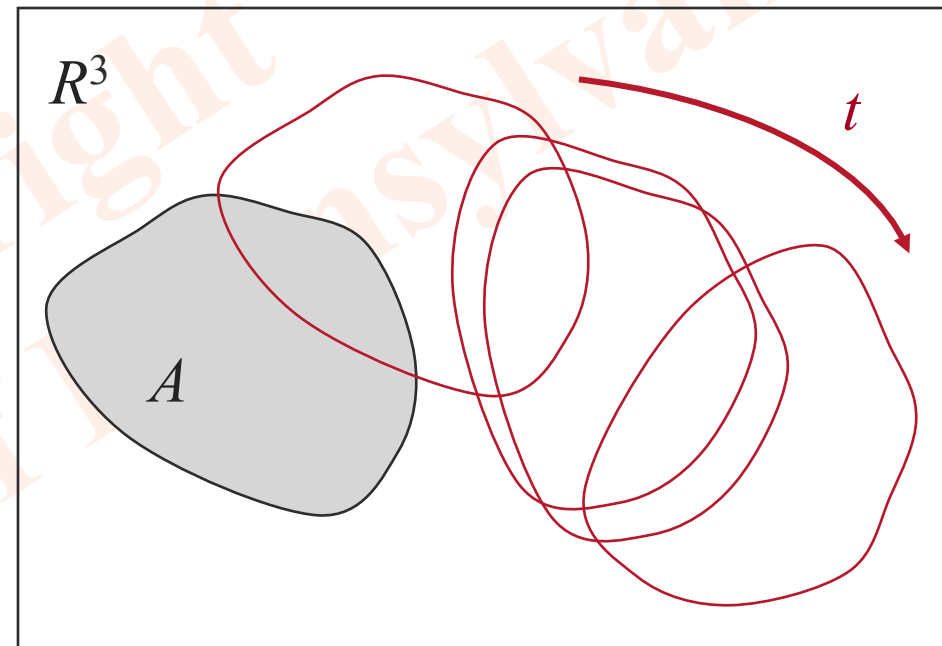
Map

$$g : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

Rigid Body Motion

Continuous family of maps

$$g(t) : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$



Each displacement is a new pose (position + orientation)

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- ⌘ Given initial and final position/orientation (pose) of  $A$ , find a continuous (and legal) sequence of poses

Given

$$g(t_I) : A \rightarrow R^3$$

$$g(t_F) : A \rightarrow R^3$$

Find a safe, continuous family of maps

$$g(t) : A \rightarrow R^3$$

# Configuration Space (C-space)

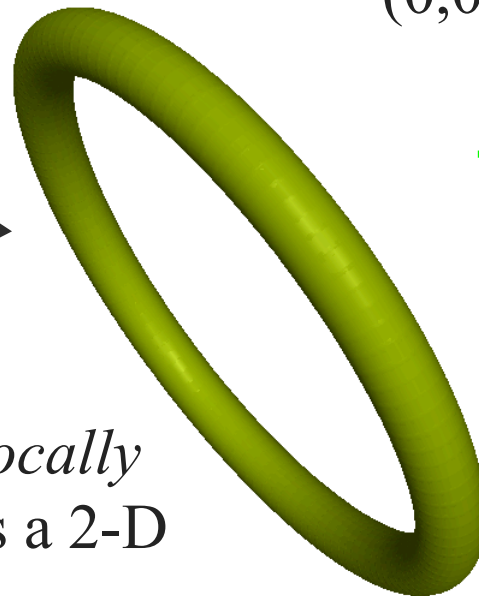
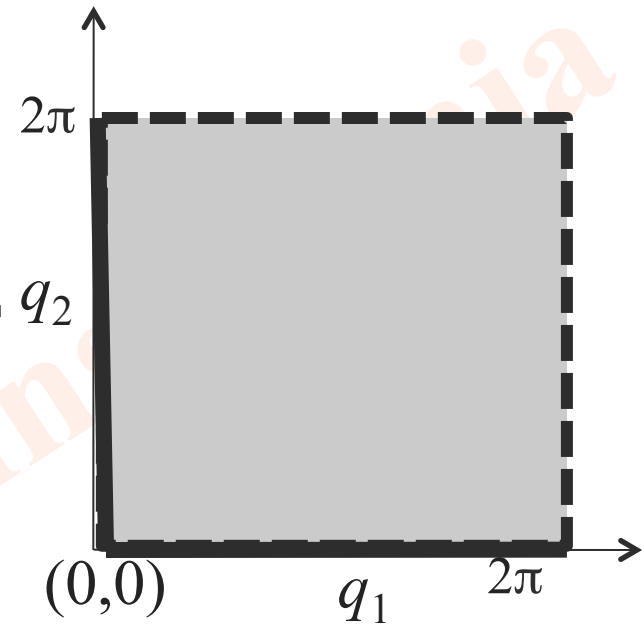
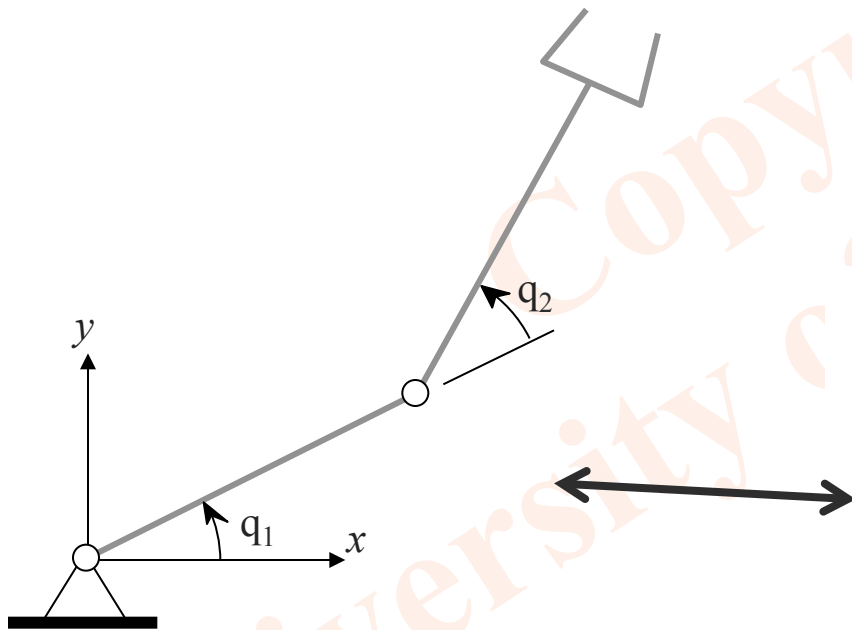
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Examples of configuration space

- ⌘ Point robot in  $N$ -dimensional space  $R^N$       *Ans:  $R^N$*
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- ⌘ Fixed robot arm with 2 revolute joints

# C-space for a 2-R arm (2 rigid bodies)



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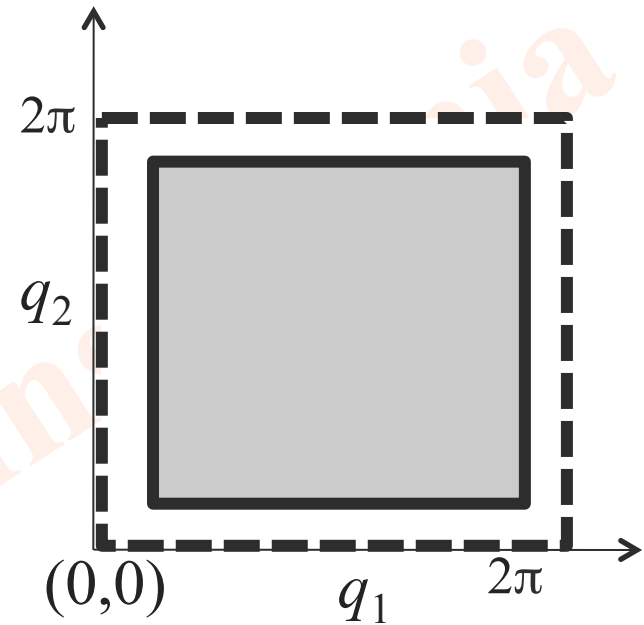
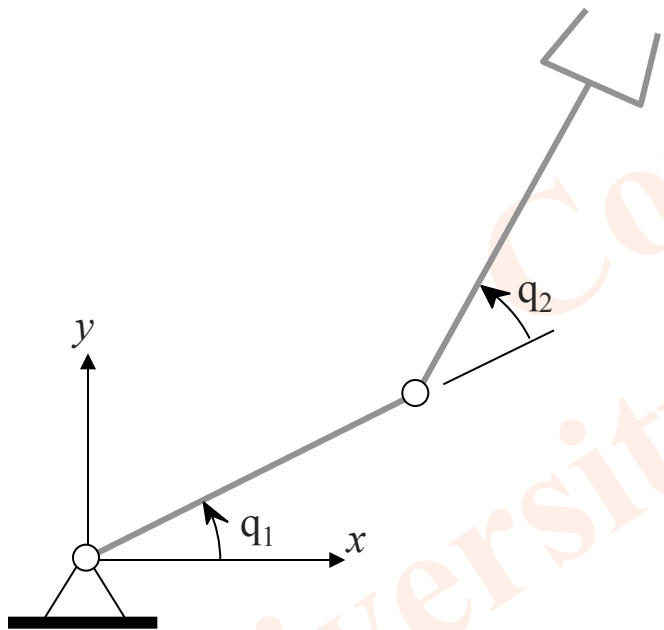
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# C-space for a 2-R arm with two rigid bodies (2 rigid bodies)



C-space: *subset of  $R^2$*

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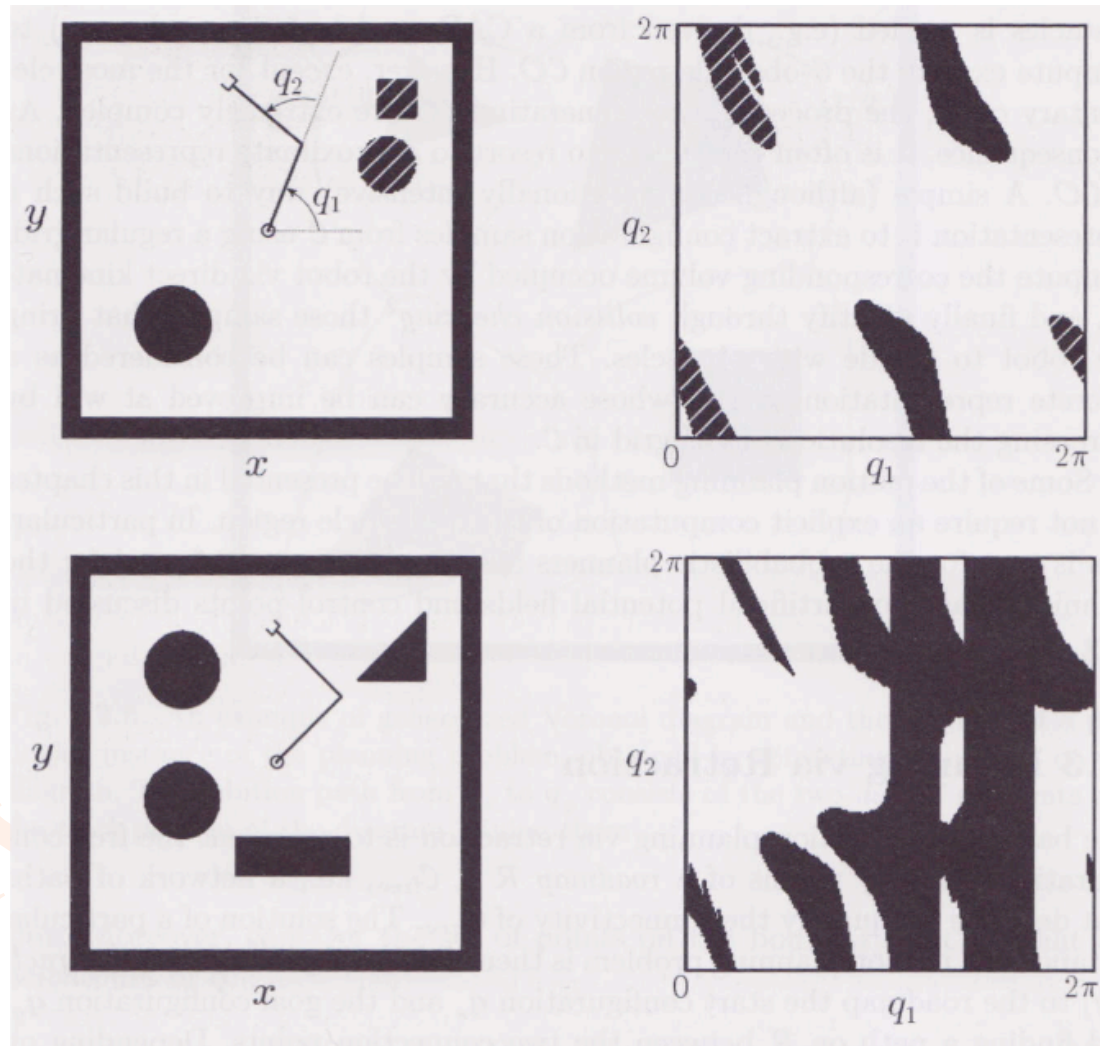
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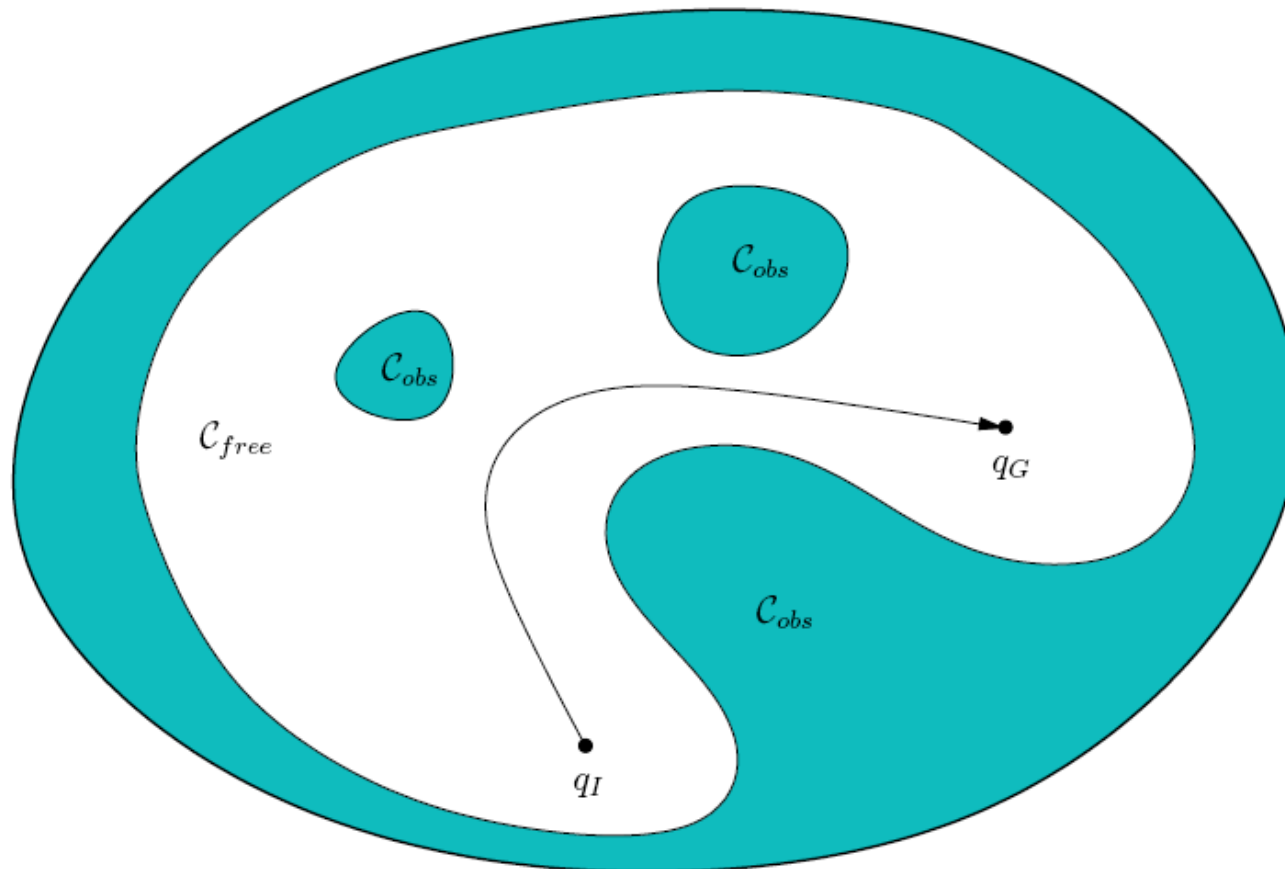
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# Fixed robot arm with 2 revolute joints but with obstacles

*Is there a solution to the motion planning problem for any pair of initial and goal configurations?*



# The Basic Motion Planning Problem

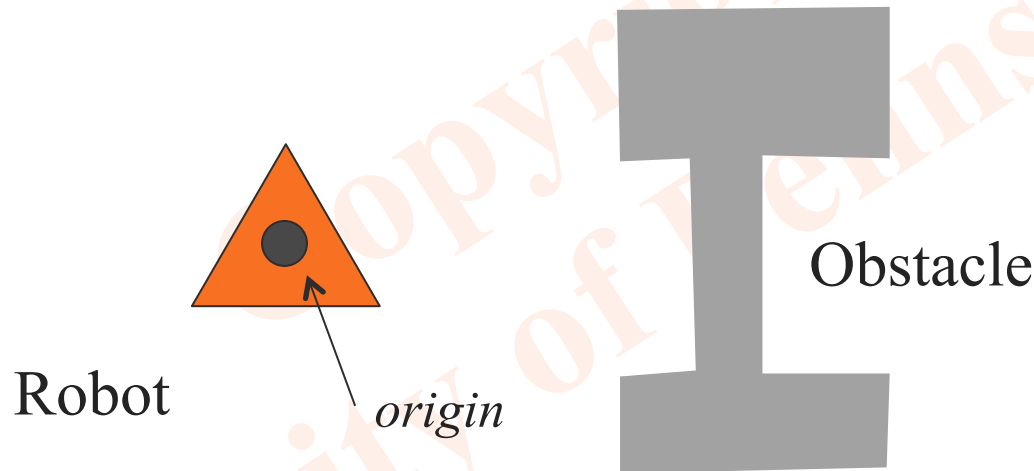


There exists a motion plan from  $q_I$  to  $q_G$   
iff  $q_I$  and  $q_G$  belong to the same  
connected component of  $C_{free}$

*Lavalle, 4.3.1*

# Modeling Obstacle Regions and Free Space for a Robot with Finite Extent

Example: A single-rigid-body robot that can only translate in  $R^2$   
(configuration space is  $R^2$ )

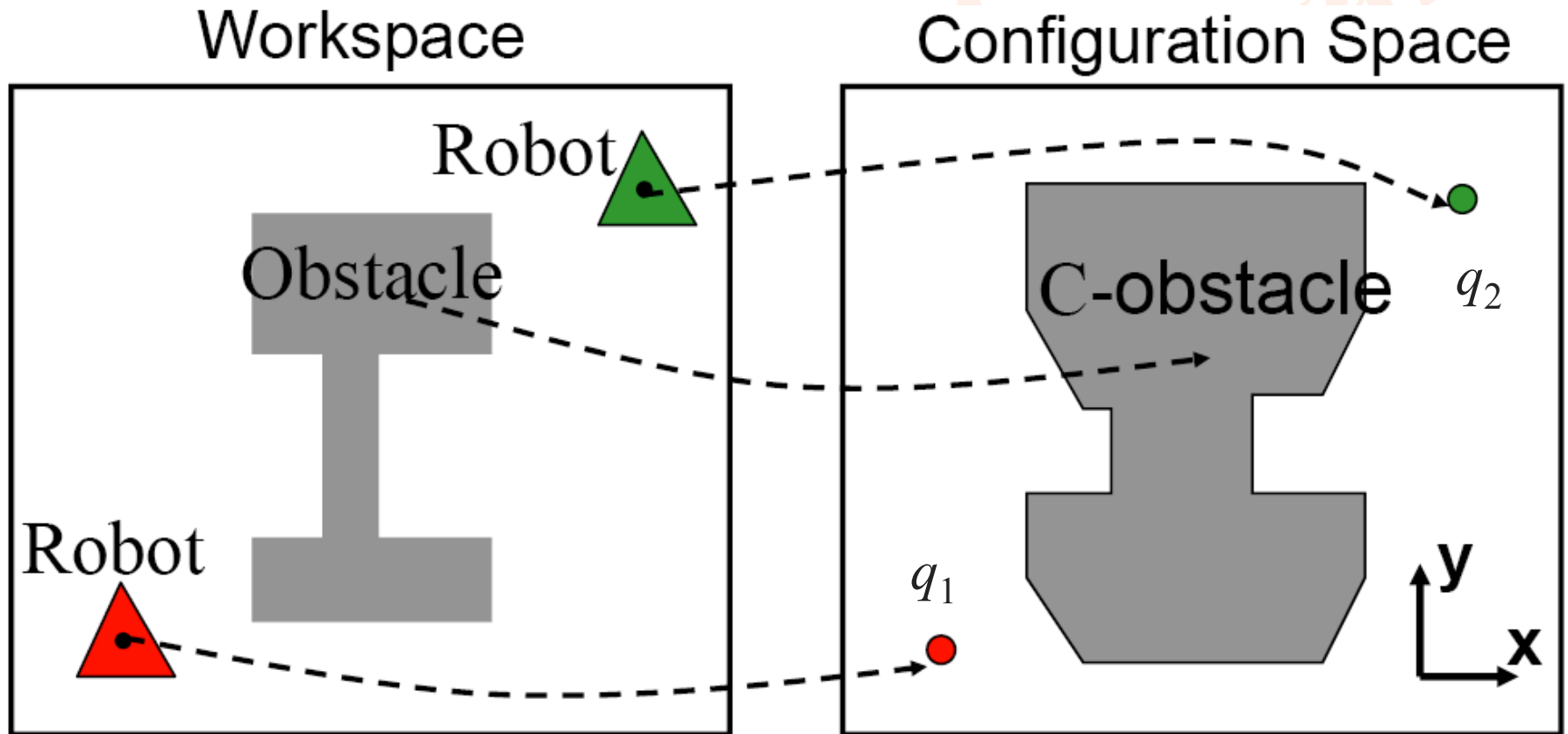


The *obstacle region*,  $\mathcal{C}_{obs} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ , is defined as

$$\mathcal{C}_{obs} = \{q \in \mathcal{C} \mid \mathcal{A}(q) \cap \mathcal{O} \neq \emptyset\}$$

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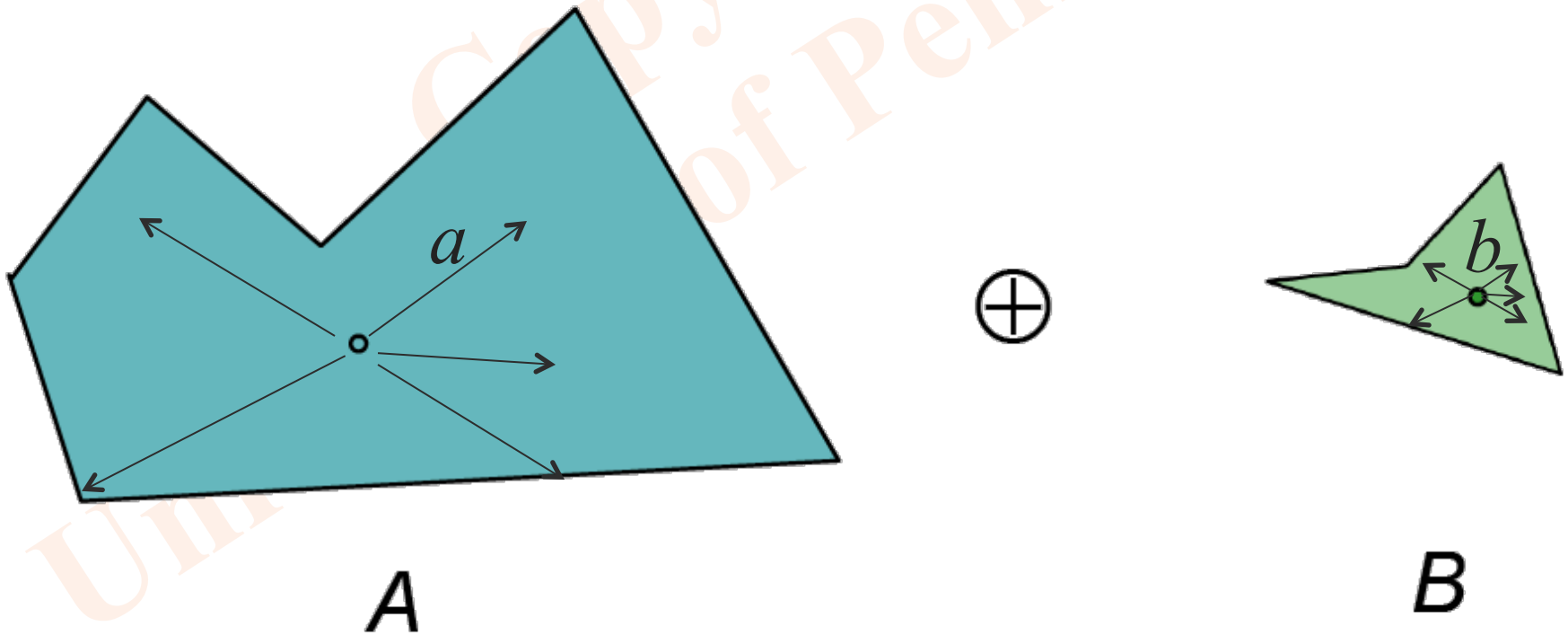
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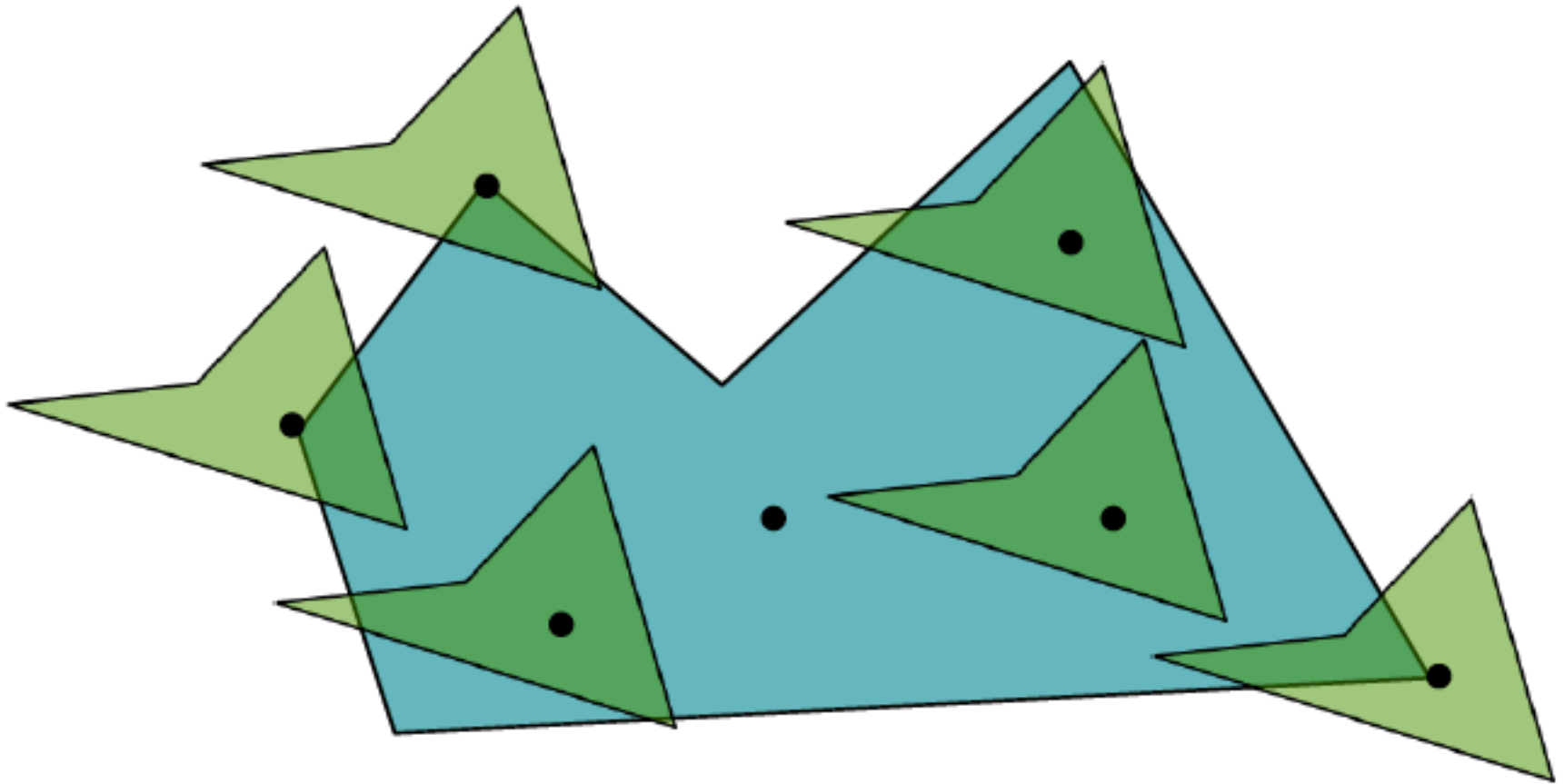
# Key Idea: Minkowski Sum

The *Minkowski* sum of two sets  $A$  and  $B$

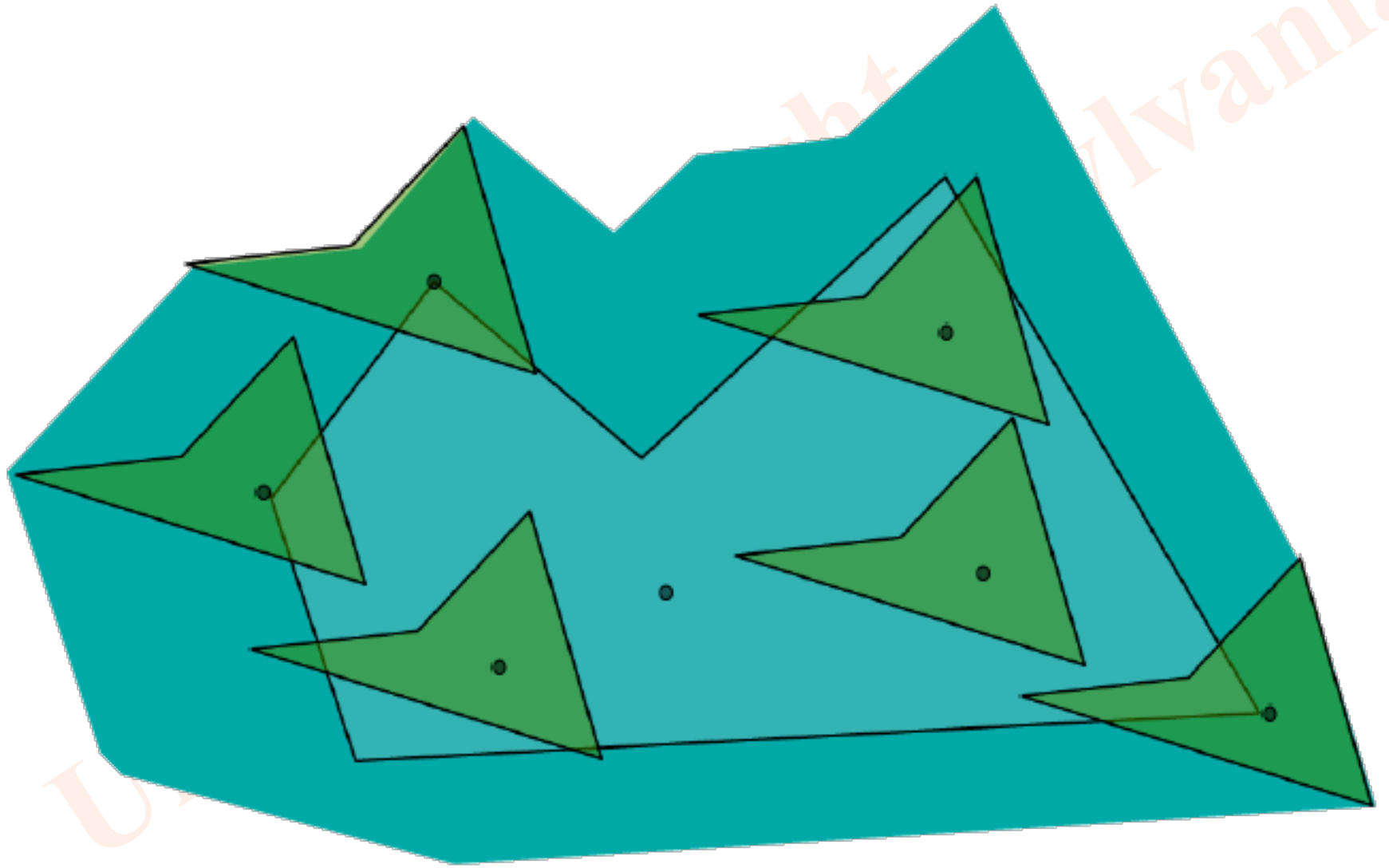
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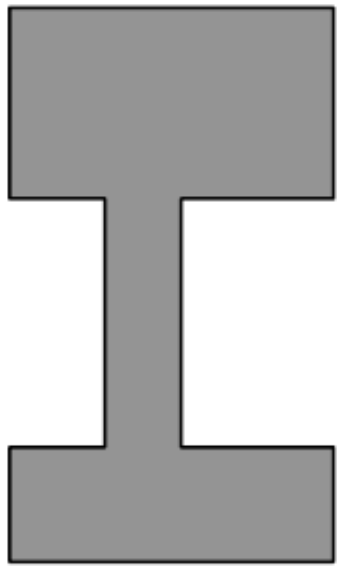


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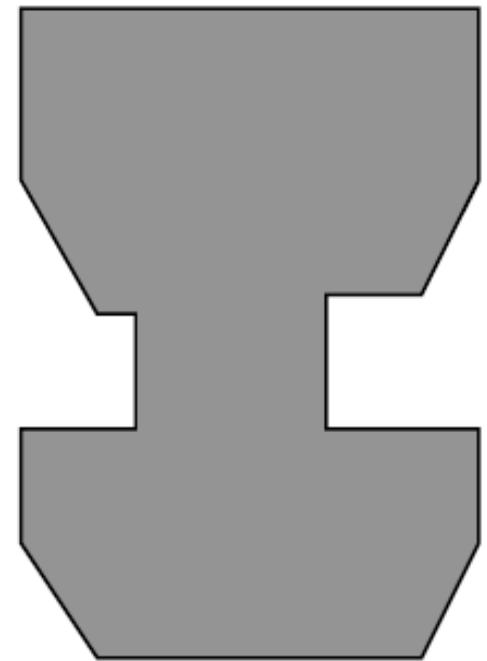


# Lozano-Perez and Wesley, 1979

$$C_{obs} = O \oplus - A$$



*O*



*C<sub>obs</sub>*

# Complexity

$O$  – 2D convex polygon,  $m$  vertices

$A$  – 2D convex polygon,  $n$  vertices

Minkowski sum is a convex polygon of  $m+n$  vertices

Run time  $\sim O(n+m)$

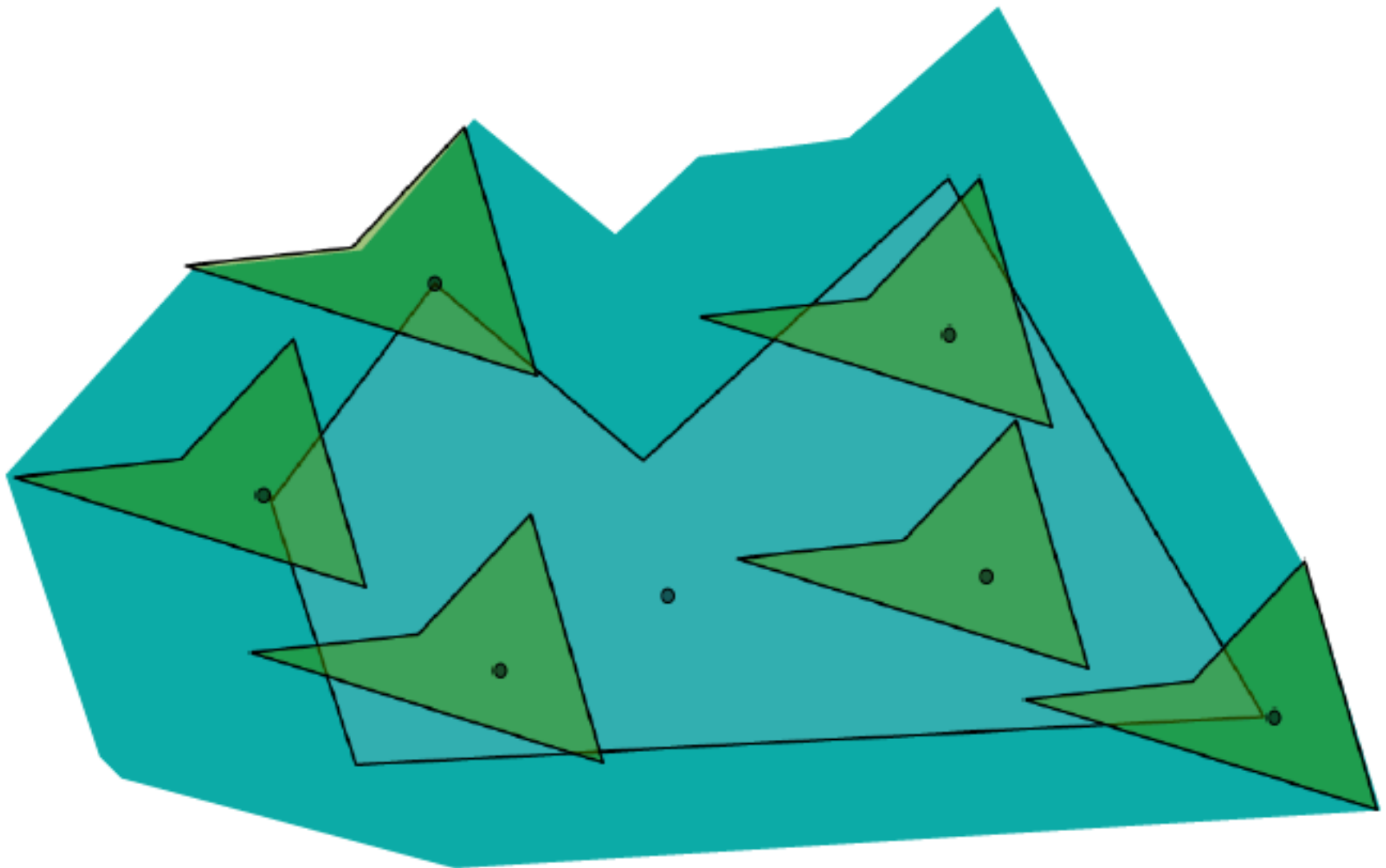
Nonconvex case is much harder

- decompose into convex polygons
- compute Minkowski sums
- take unions

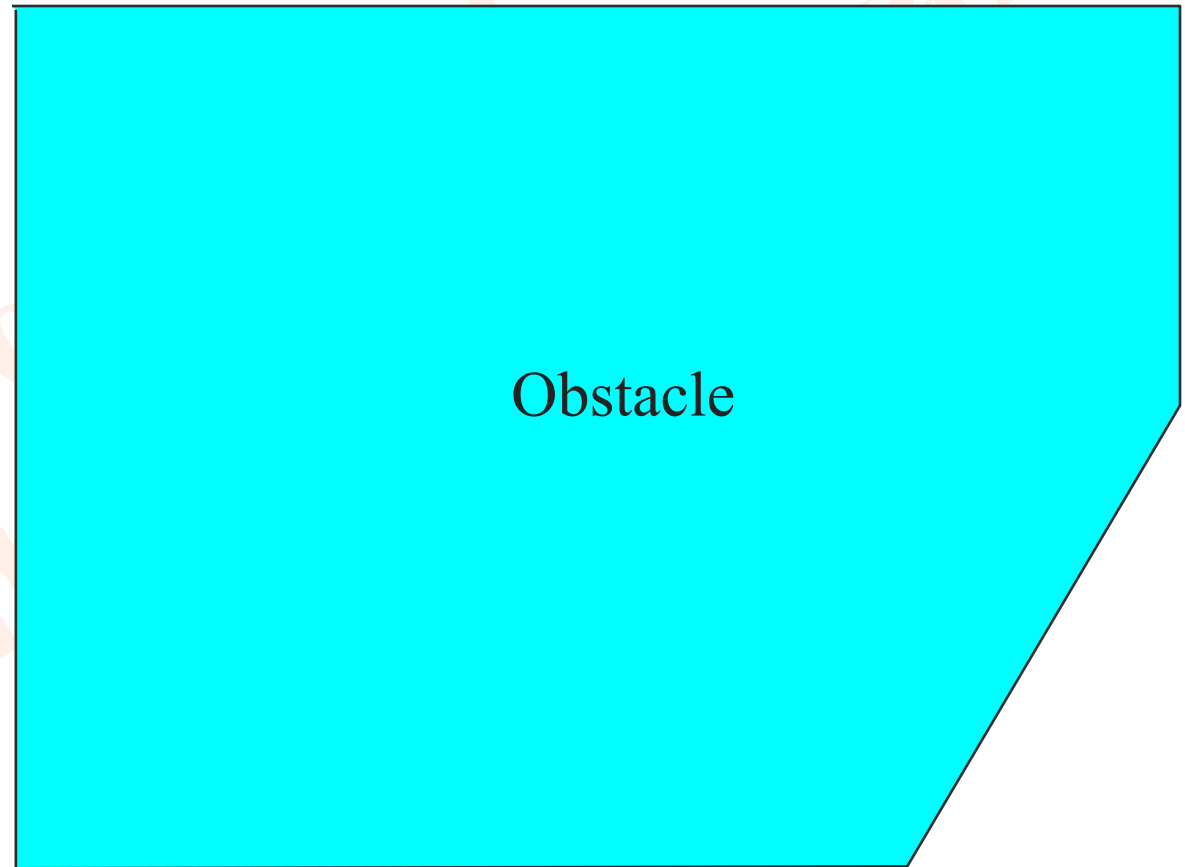
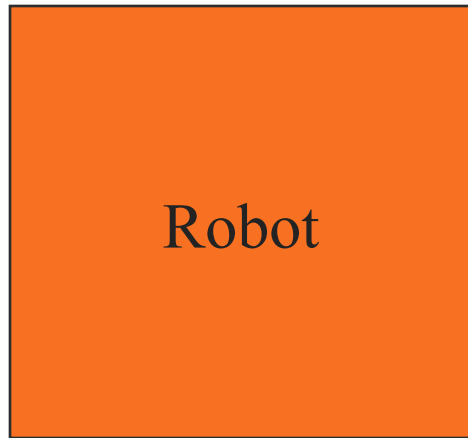
Run time  $\sim O(n^2m^2)$

Run time  $\sim O(n^3m^3)$  in 3D

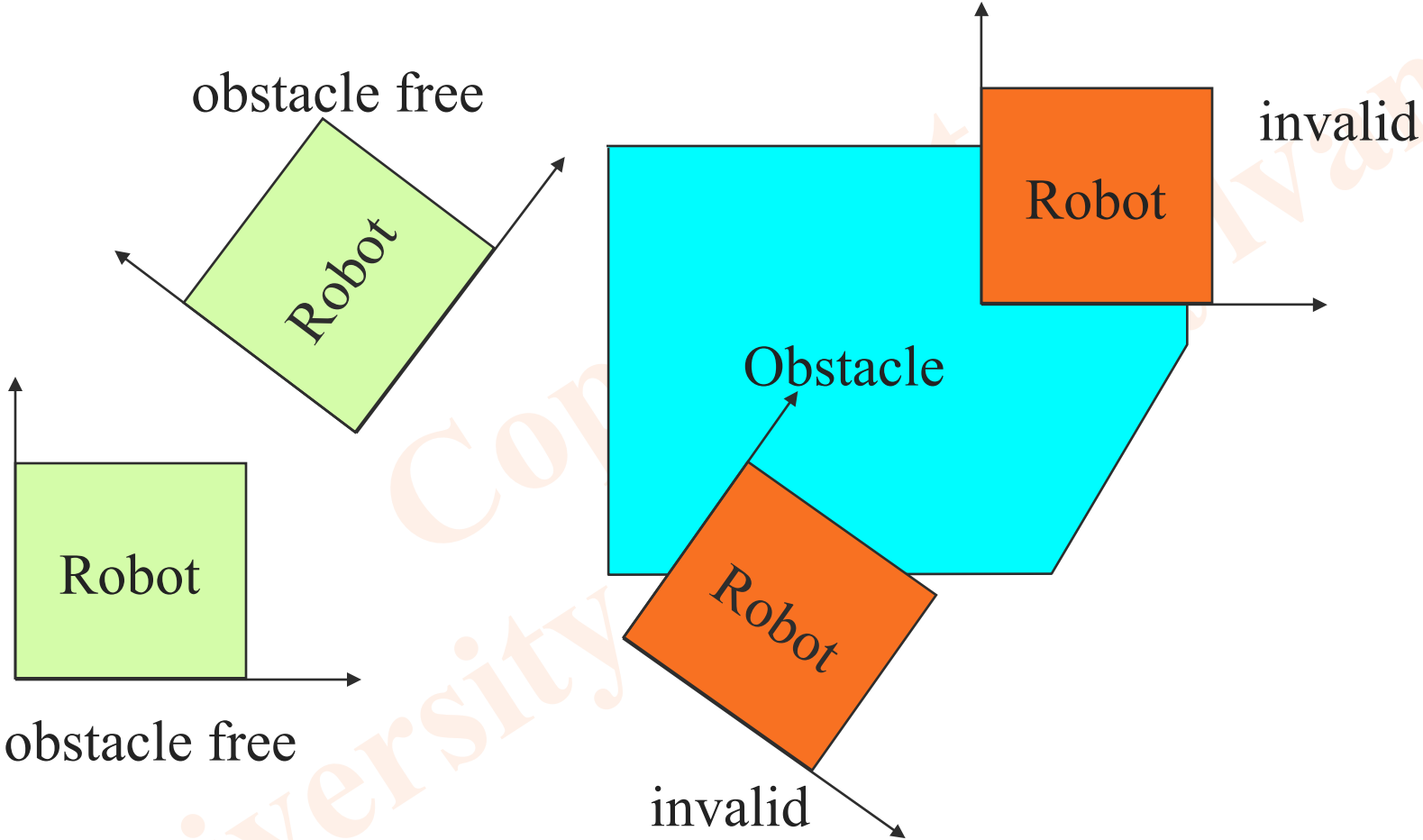
# Obstacle Regions for Translation



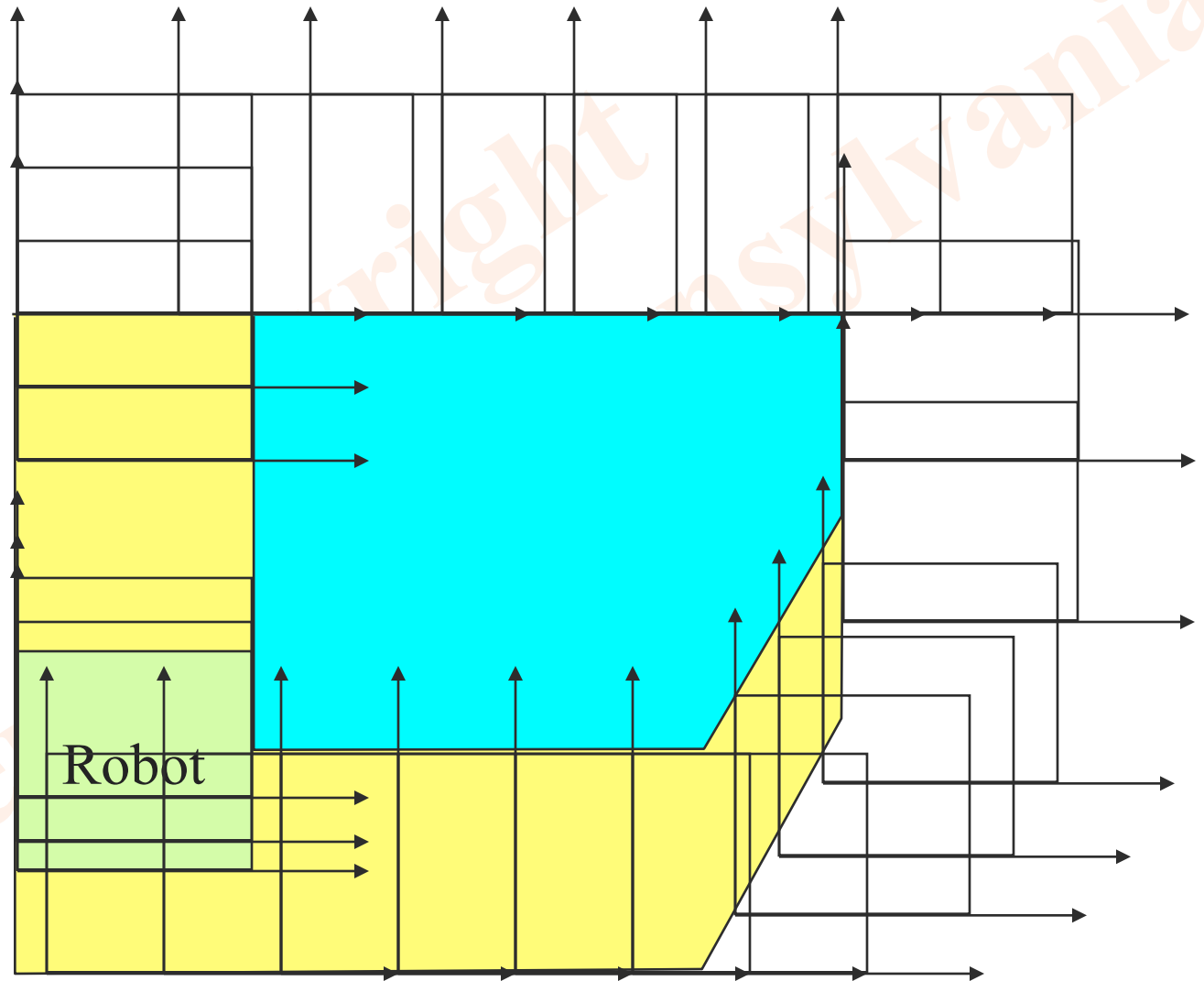
What if the robot is rigid body that can translate  
and rotate in the plane?



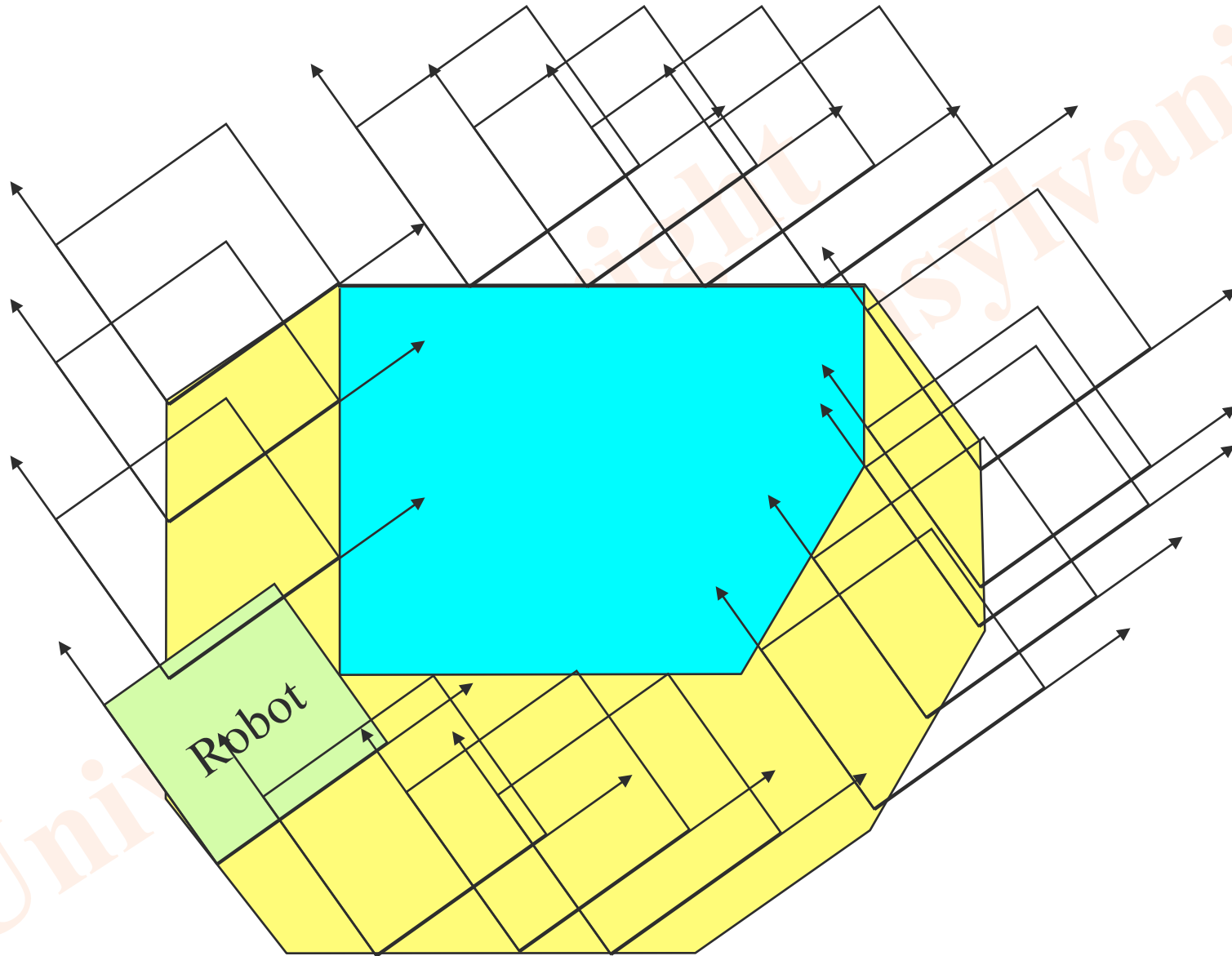
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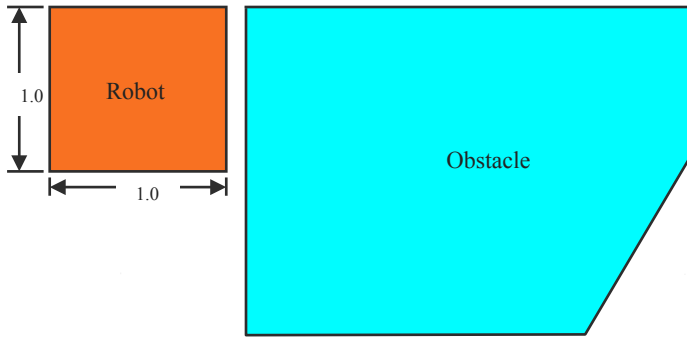


$C_{obs}(\theta=0)$



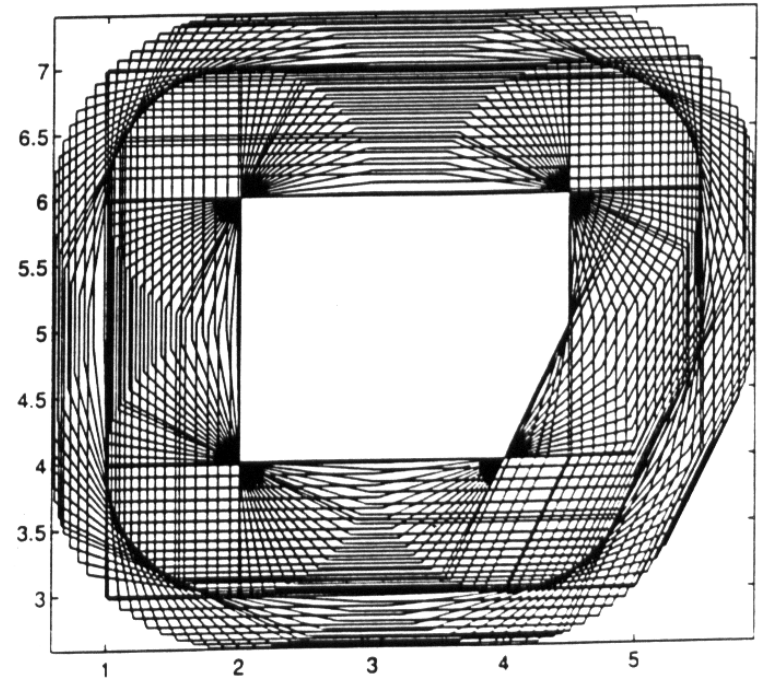
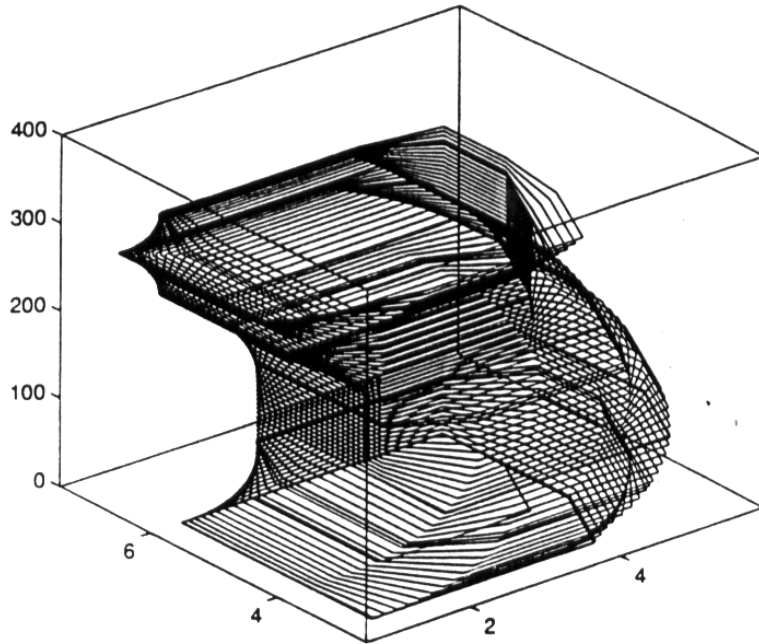
$$C_{obs} (\theta = \theta_0 \neq 0)$$





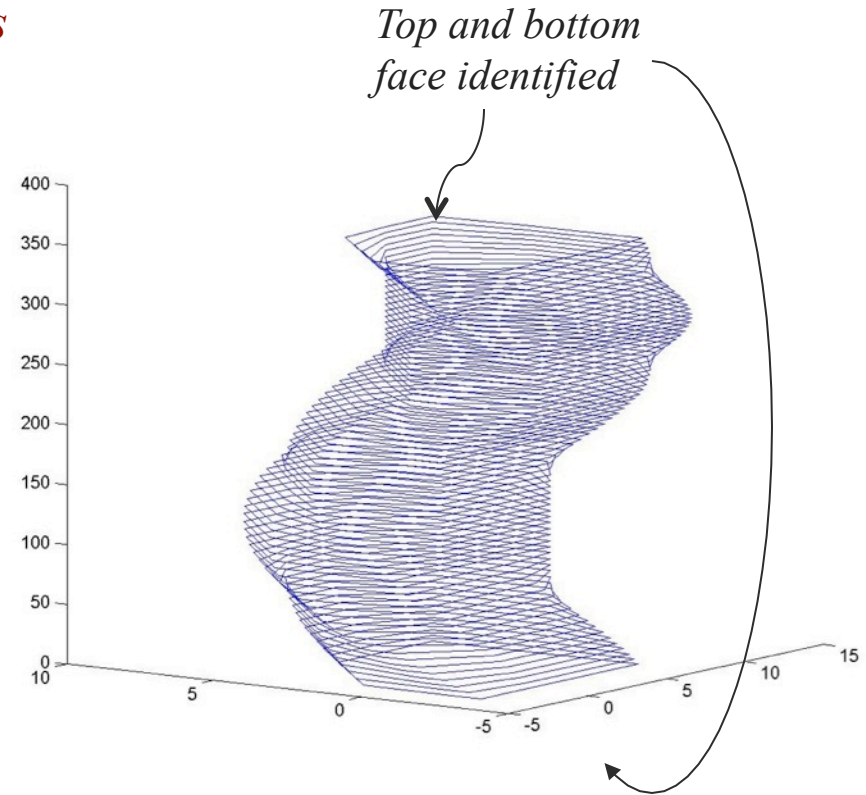
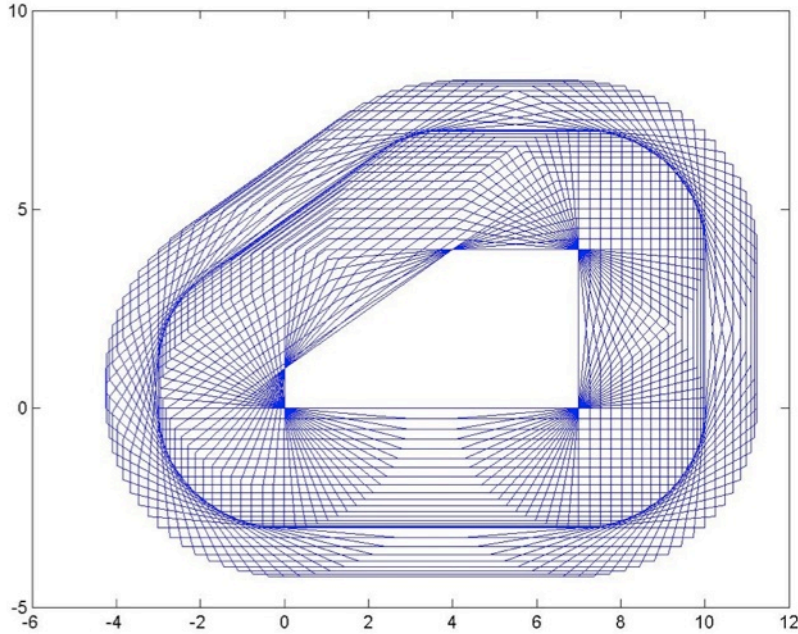
# Slices of $C_{obs}$

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Each slice is a convex polygon of  $\leq 4+5$  vertices

$C_{obs}$



Details on computation with polygonal objects/robots available in Lavelle (3.1.1, 4.3)

$C_{obs}$  is modeled as a union of semi-algebraic sets (Lavelle 3.1.2)

# Challenges in Motion Planning

## *Designing a complete motion planning algorithm*

A **complete** algorithm finds a path if one exists and reports no otherwise

- Dimensionality (2, 3 for point robots in Euclidean spaces, 3, 6 with orientations)
- Presence of obstacles
  - having to find narrow corridors
- Articulated chains (even in 2-D)
- Topology –  $C_{free}$  can be really complicated
- Representation of  $C_{free}$ 
  - finite memory
  - reason with finite processing capability
- Constraints (kinematic, dynamic)
  - Ground mobile robot may have nonholonomic constraints
  - Aerial robots must obey laws of motion and actuator constraints

# Four Approaches

1. Decompose  $C_{free}$  into cells

Exact methods

Approximate methods

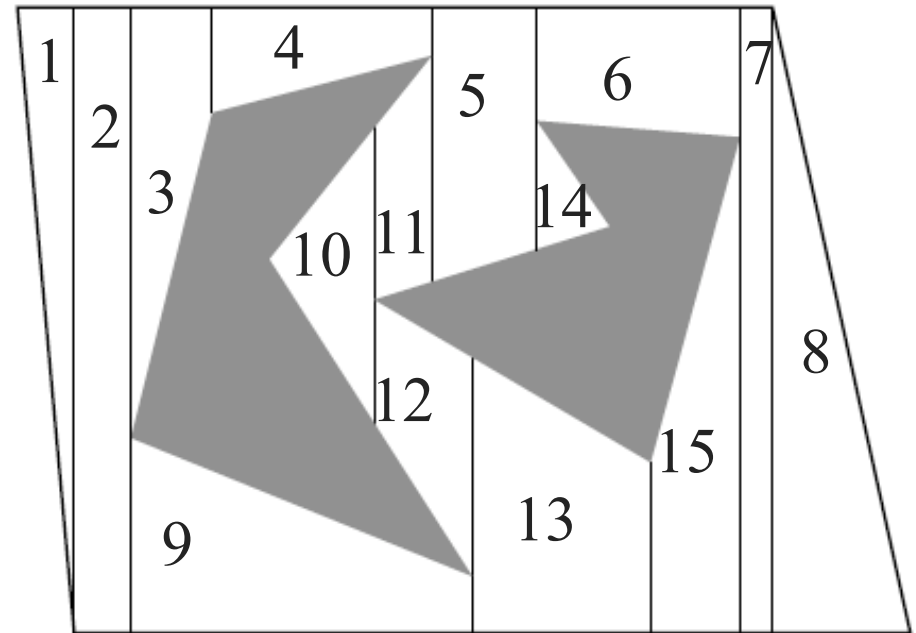
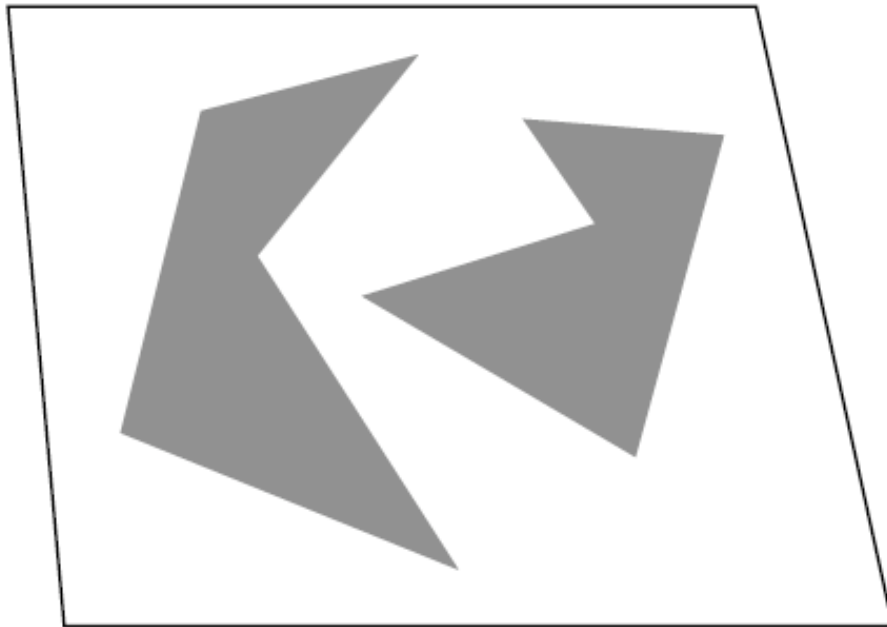
2. Use roadmaps to represent  $C_{free}$

3. Probabilistic methods

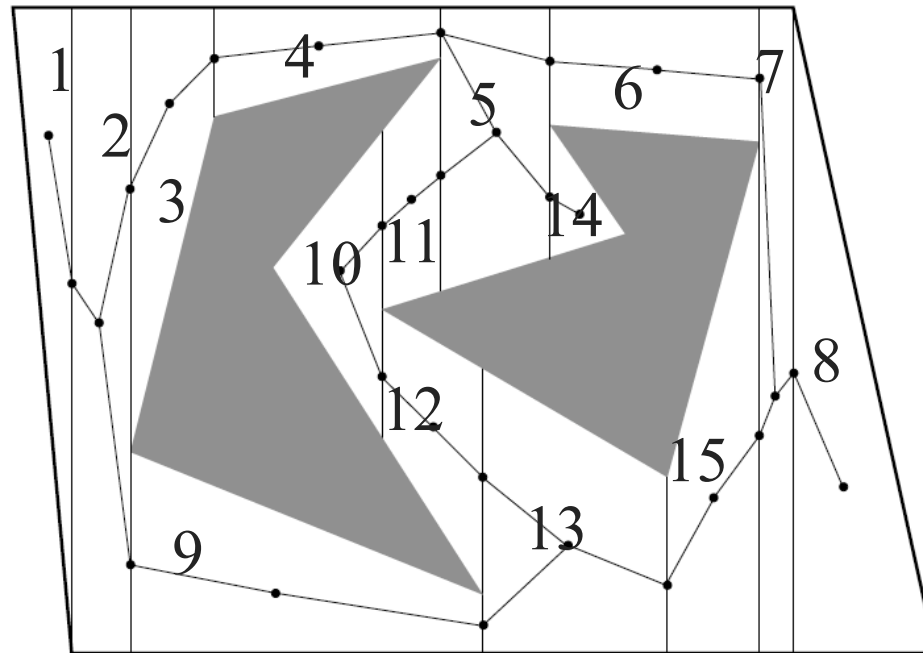
4. Artificial potential functions

# 1. Cell Decomposition (Exact)

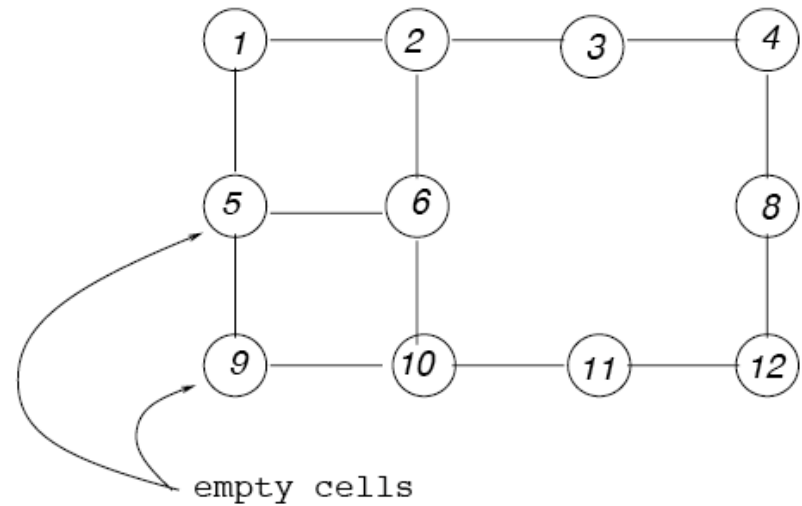
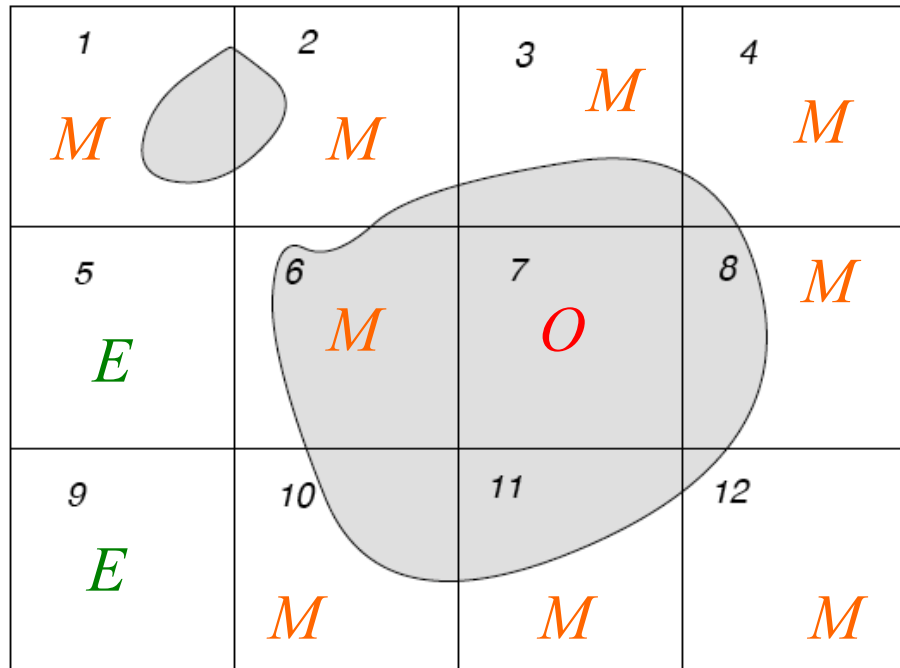
Example: Vertical Cell Decomposition in  $R^2$



Motion planning can be reduced to a discrete graph search problem



# 1. Cell Decomposition (Approximate)



*E* - empty

*M* - mixed

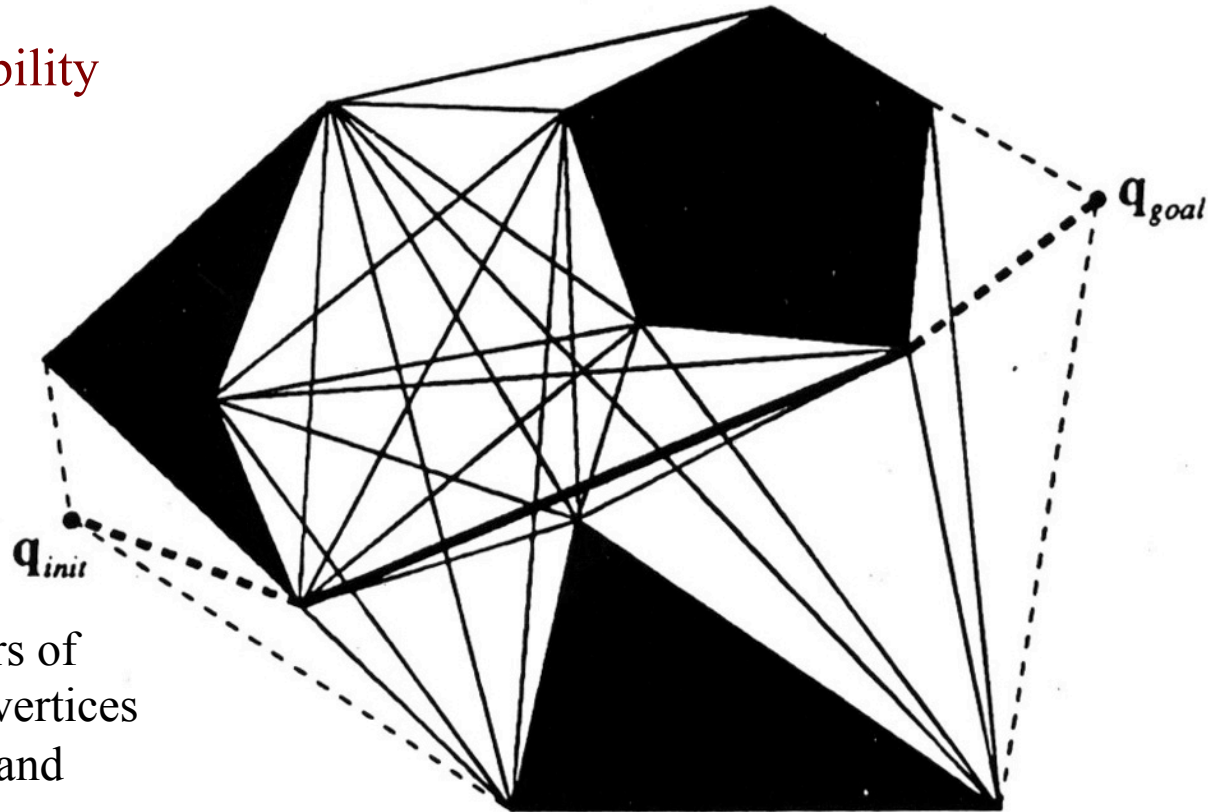
*O* - occupied

# Search Algorithms

- Approximate cell decomposition yields a discrete representation of the world
- Efficient search techniques allow online computation of motion plans  
(leveraging 40 plus years of work on graph search)

# 2. Roadmaps

## Example 1: Visibility Graphs in $R^2$

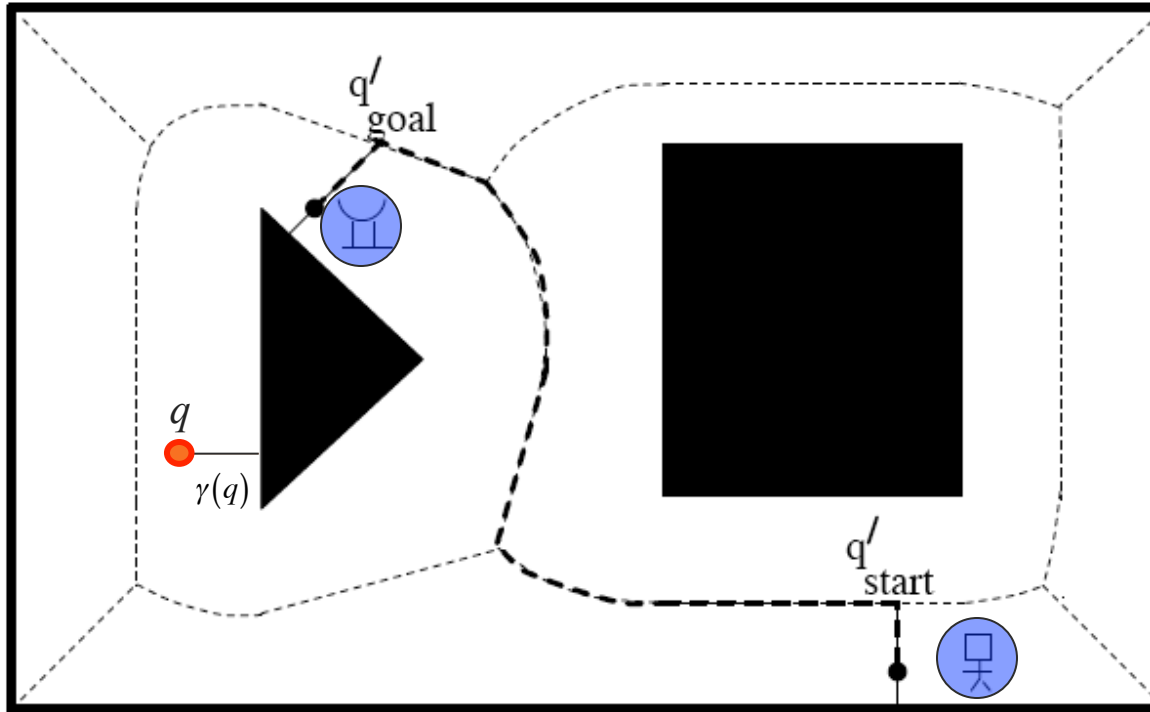


- Join all pairs of vertices:  $n$  vertices plus initial and final starting position
- Eliminate edges that intersect obstacles
- Run Dijkstra's algorithm to solve the **single-source shortest paths** problem

[Latombe 91]

# 2. Roadmaps

Example 2: Generalized Voronoi Diagram in  $R^2$  [Choset, 1996]



1. Clearance function

$$\gamma(q) = \min_{s \in \partial C_{free}} \|q - s\|$$

2. Neighbor(s)

$$N(q) = \{s \in \partial C_{free} : \|q - s\| = \gamma(q)\}$$

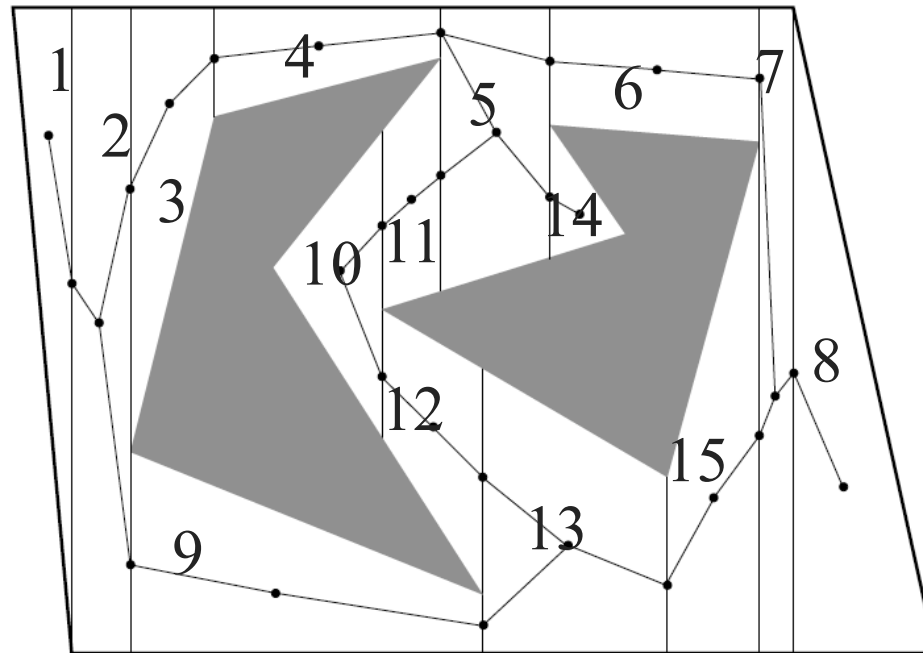
3. Voronoi Diagram of  $C_{free}$

$$V(C_{free}) = \{q \in C_{free} : \text{card}(N(q)) > 1\}$$

$RM$  is a roadmap of  $C_{free}$  if it is accessible and connected

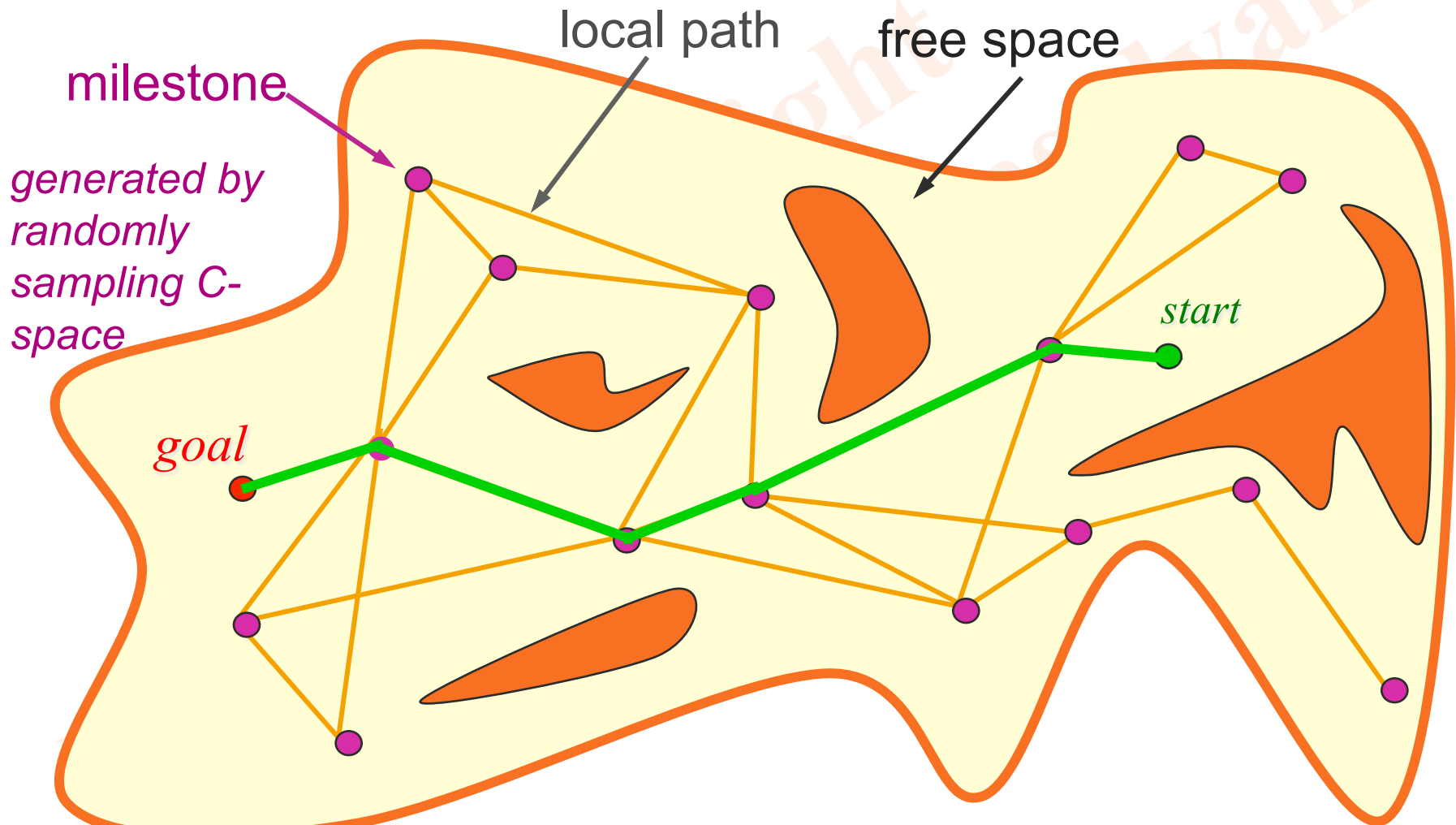
Possible to go from  
any  $q$  to the  $RM$

# Example 3: Roadmap via Cell Decomposition in $R^2$



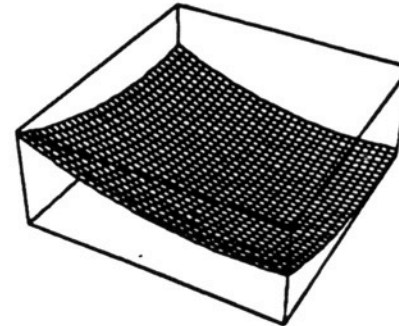
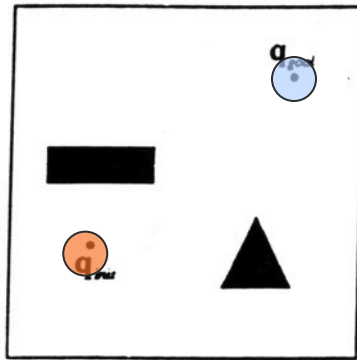
# 3. Probabilistic Methods

Example: Probabilistic Roadmap in  $R^2$



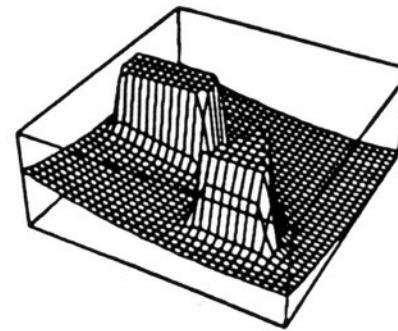
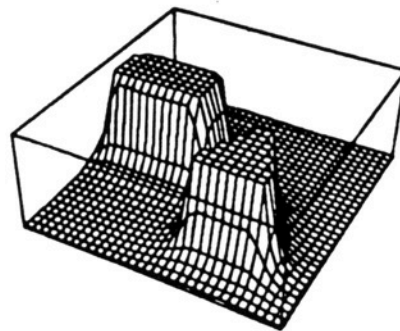
# 4. Artificial Potential Function

[Latombe 91]



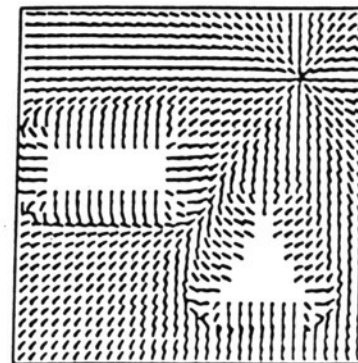
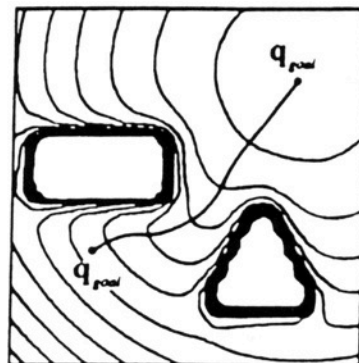
Attractive potential field for goal

Repulsive potential field for obstacles



Attractive + repulsive potential fields

Equi-potential contours



Force field

- Force on a particle is given by  $f = -grad(V)$
- Command robot velocity according to the following control law (policy)

# Comparison

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\* $m$  grid cells along each of  $n$  axes

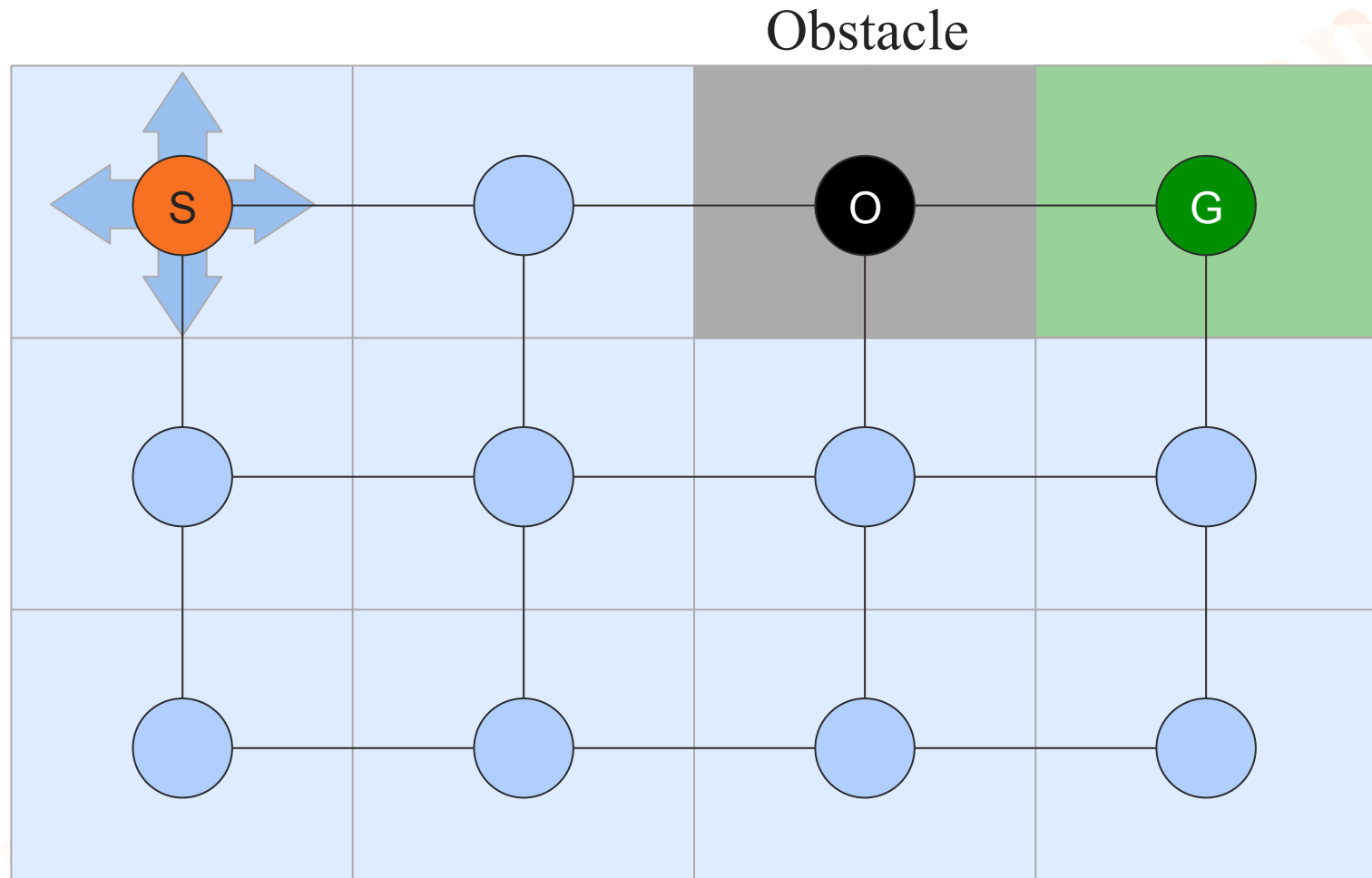
\*\*Navigation functions in certain classes of environments provide theoretical guarantees

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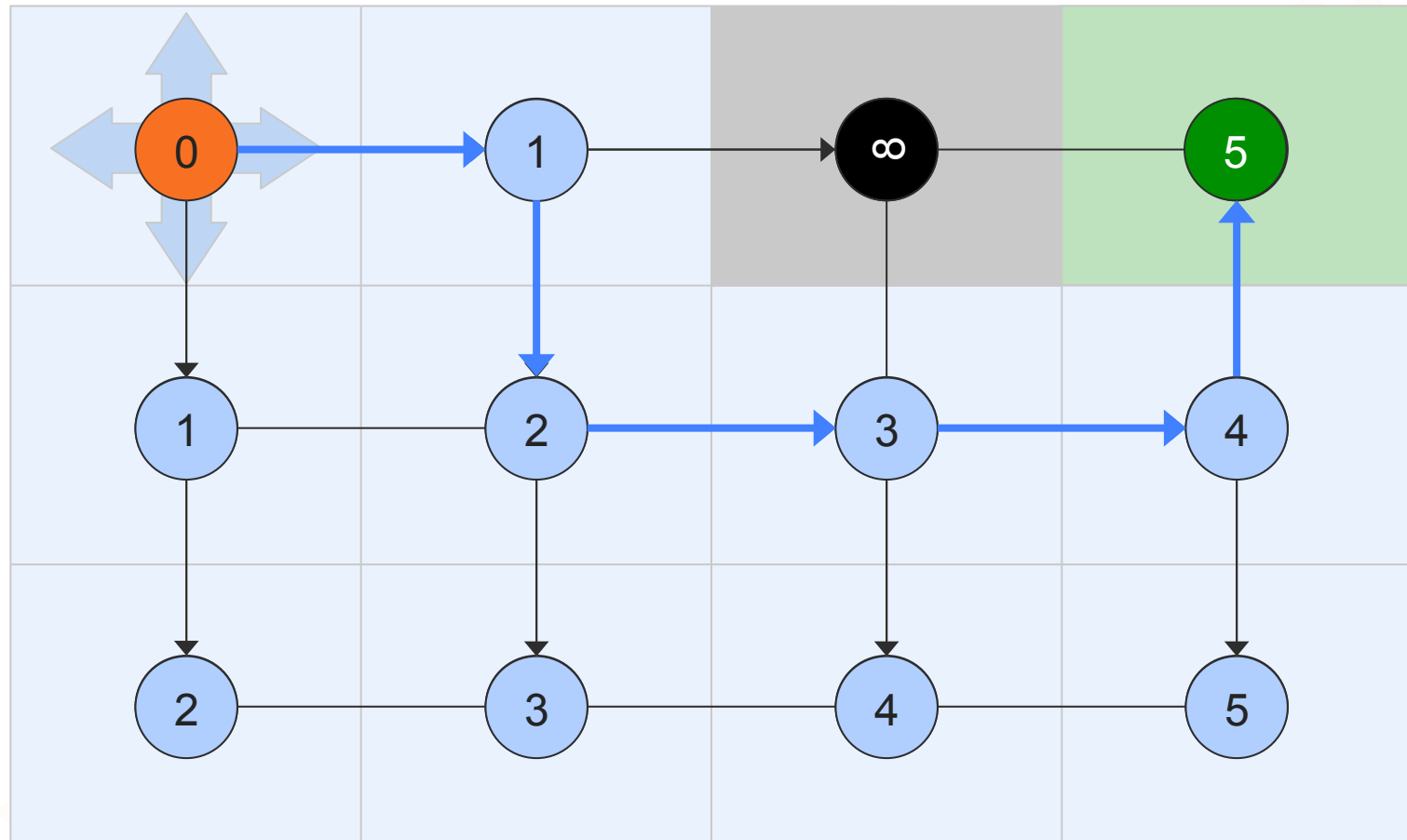
# Approximate Cell Decomposition and Graph Search

- Dijkstra's algorithm
- A\* algorithm

# Dijkstra's Algorithm – An example



# Dijkstra's Algorithm – An example



# Dijkstra's Algorithm – Animation



$A^*$



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# RRT

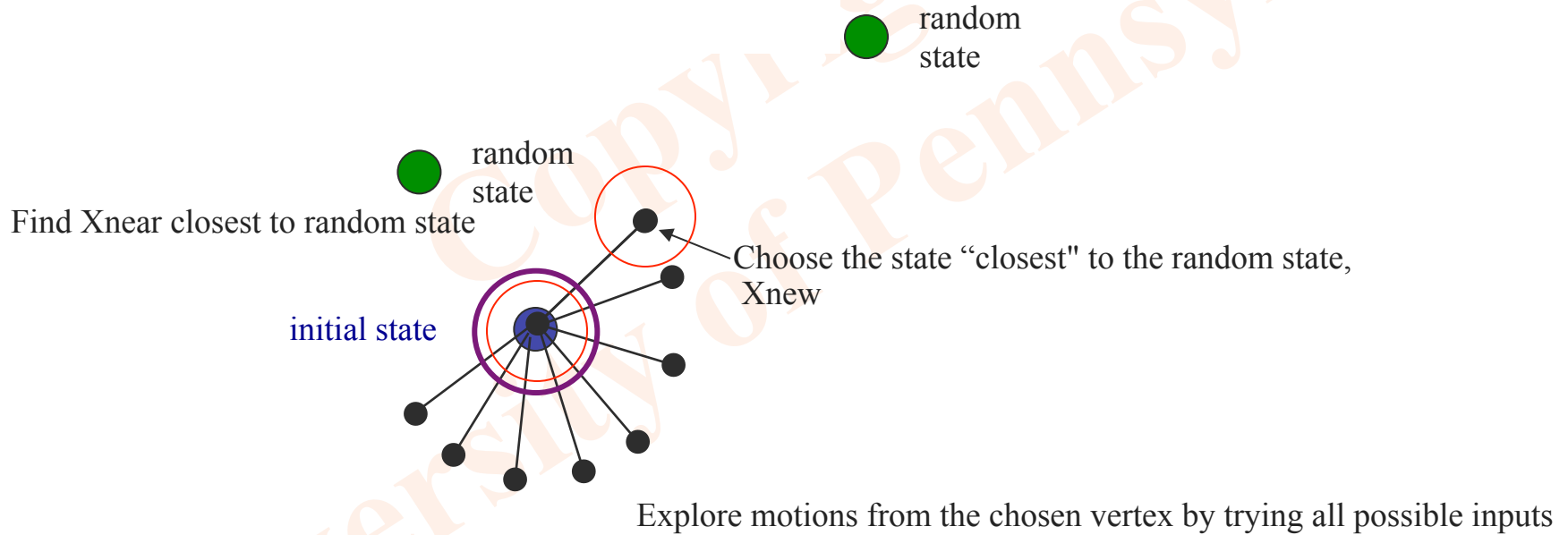
## Rapidly-exploring Random Tree

### (Probabilistic Technique)

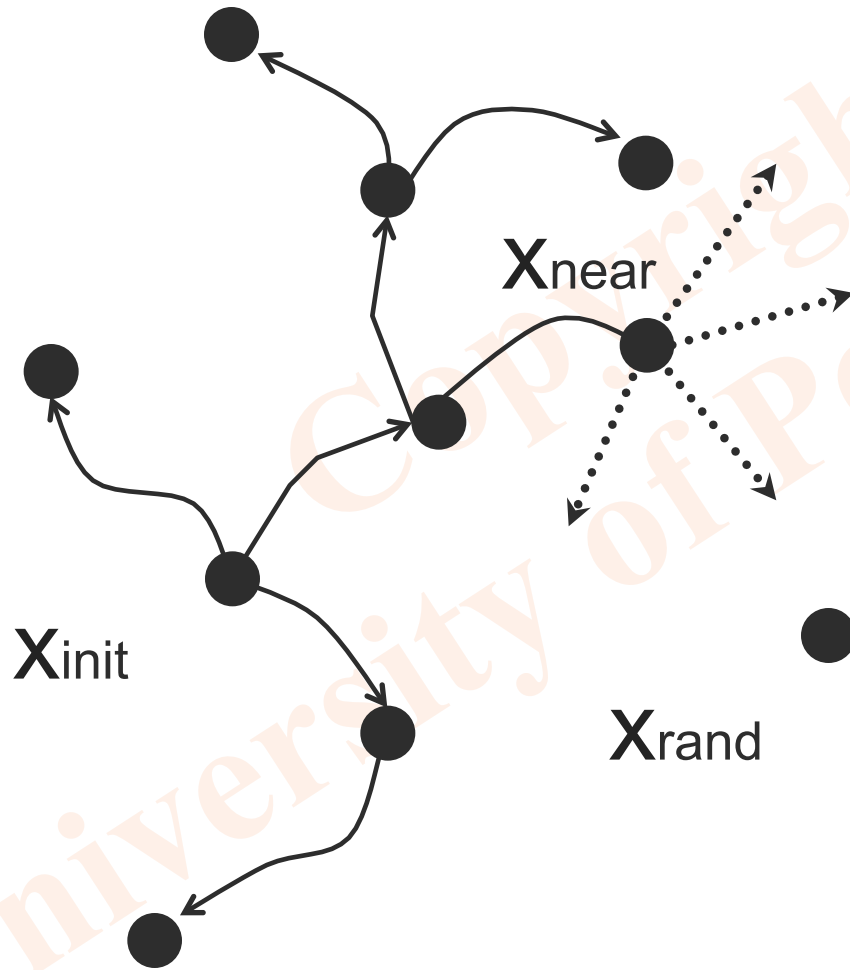
Lavalle and co-workers, 2000-2003

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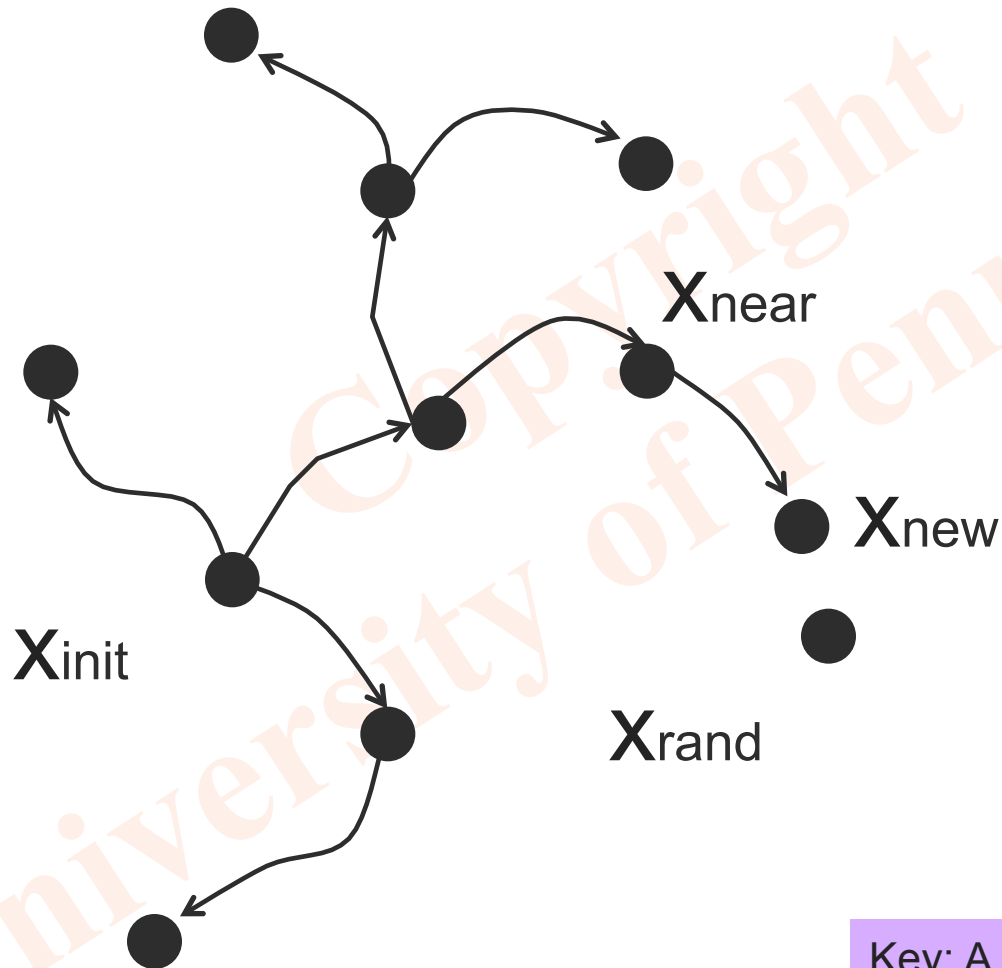
# Overview of RRT method



# *k*th edge



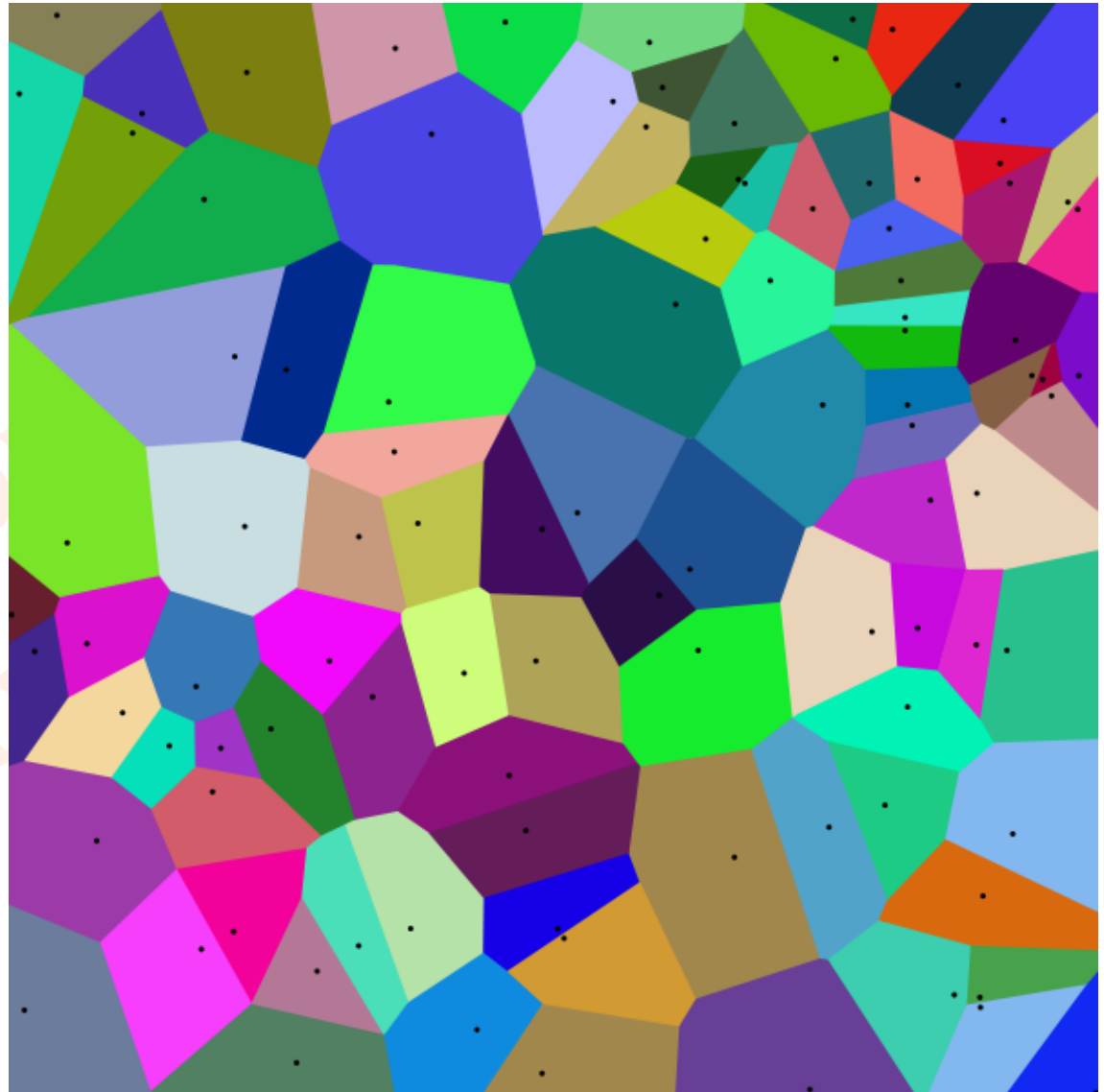
# *k*th edge



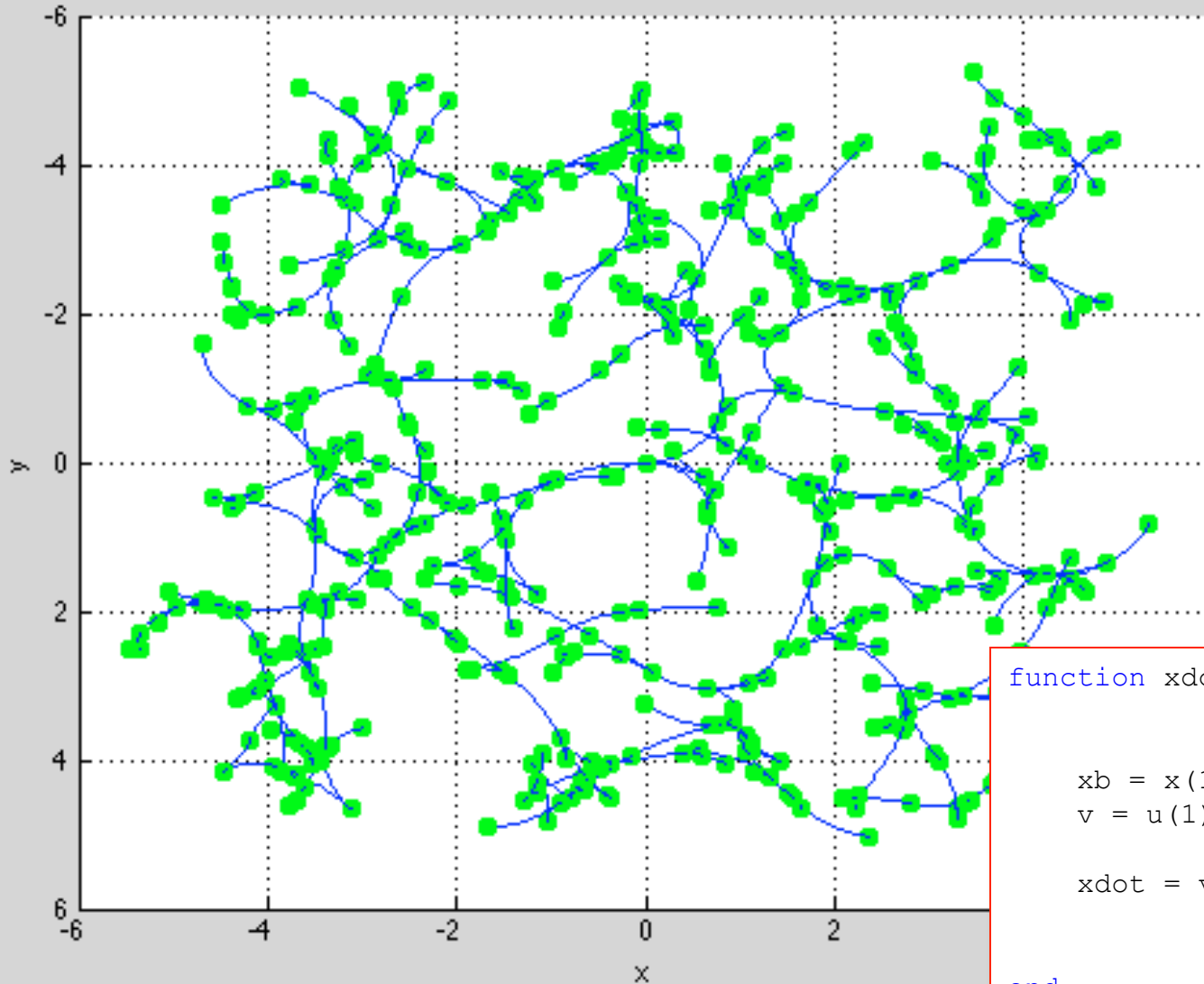
Key: A vertex with a larger Voronoi region has higher probability of being chosen as  $X_{near}$

# Voronoi Diagram

*Probability of a randomly chosen point to lie in a set is proportional to the area of the set*



# Edges in tree satisfy constraints on input and dynamics



*Cart model (3  
states, 2 inputs)*

*No collision  
checking*

*P. Corke  
Matlab  
Toolbox*

```
function xdot = bicycle(t, x, u, L)

    xb = x(1); yb = x(2); thb = x(3);
    v = u(1); gamma = u(2);

    xdot = v * [ cos(thb)
                 sin(thb)
                 tan(gamma) / L ];

end
```

# RVC Toolbox\*

## Bicycle Model\*\*

```
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```

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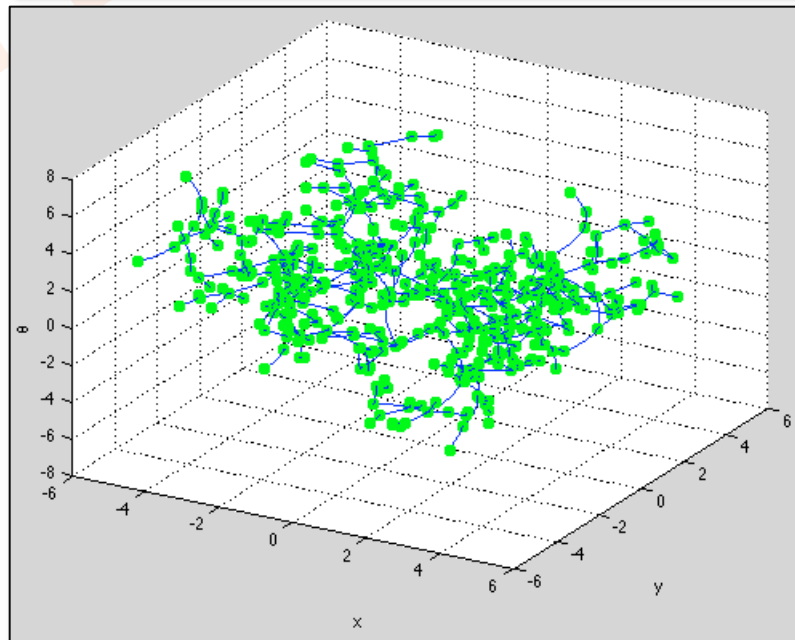
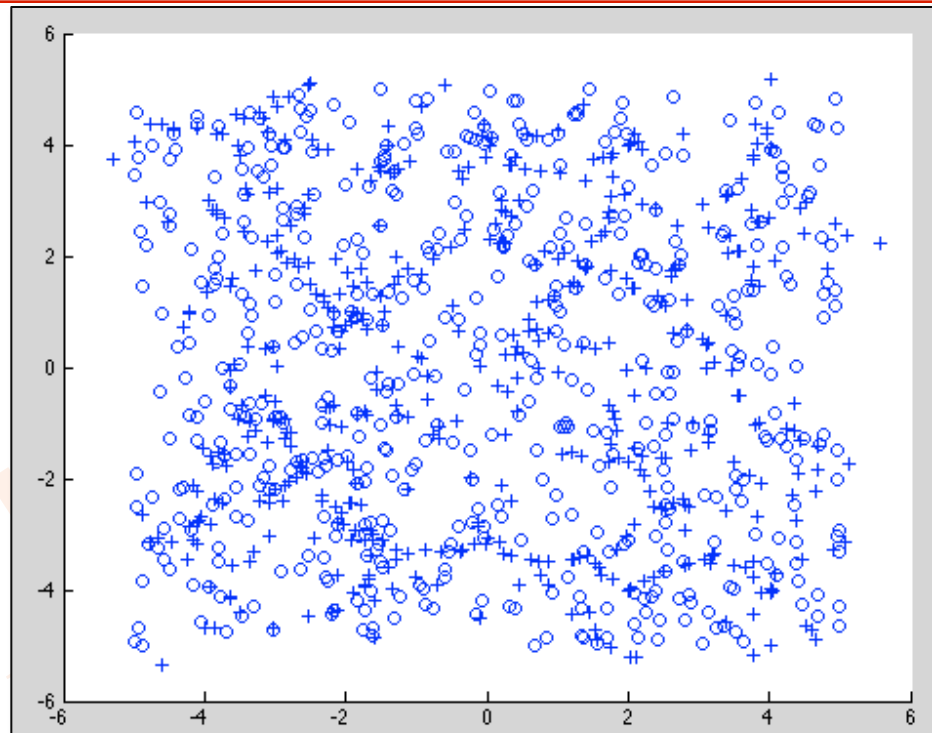
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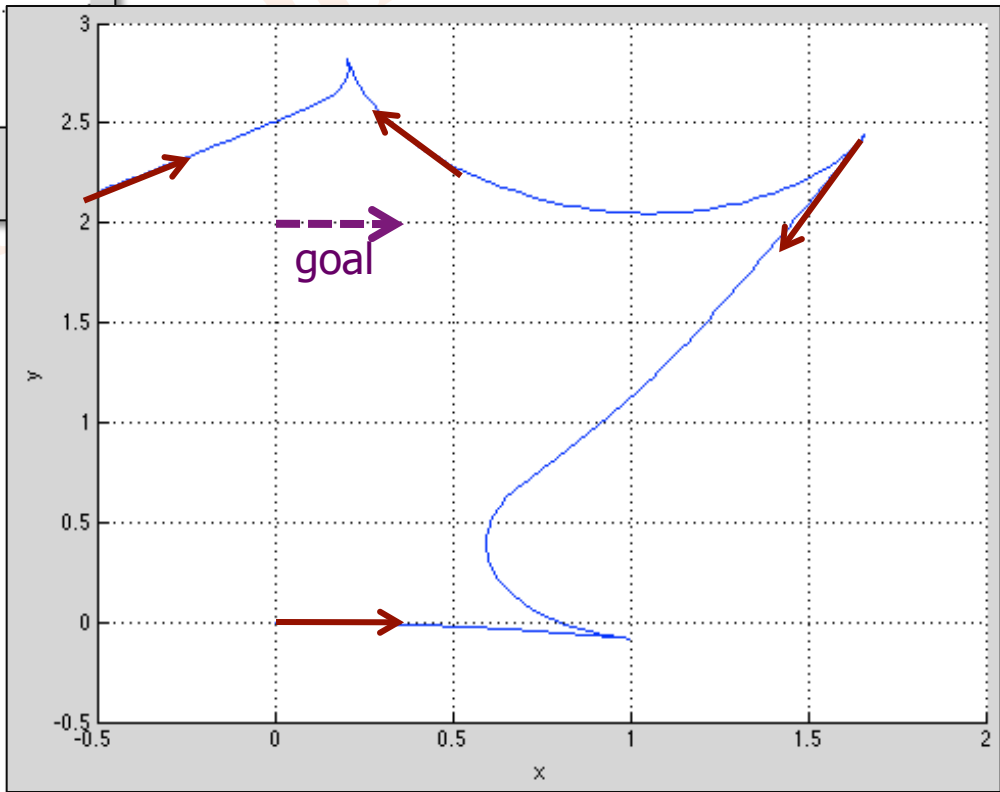
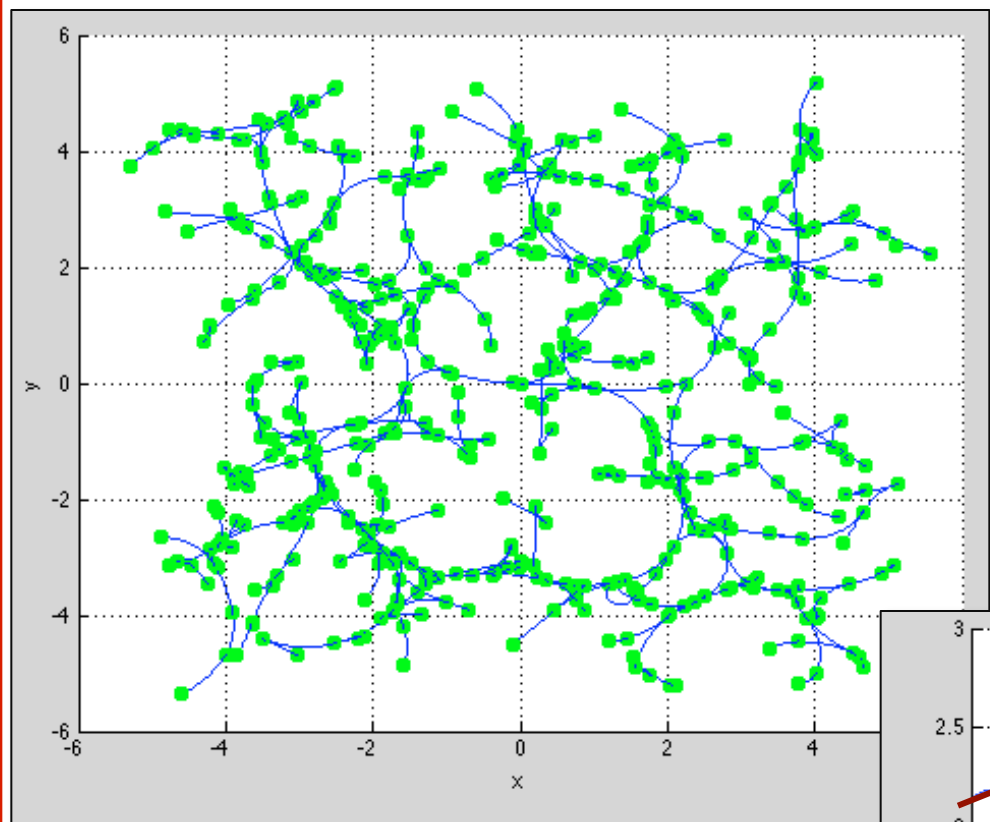
+/- 1 m/s

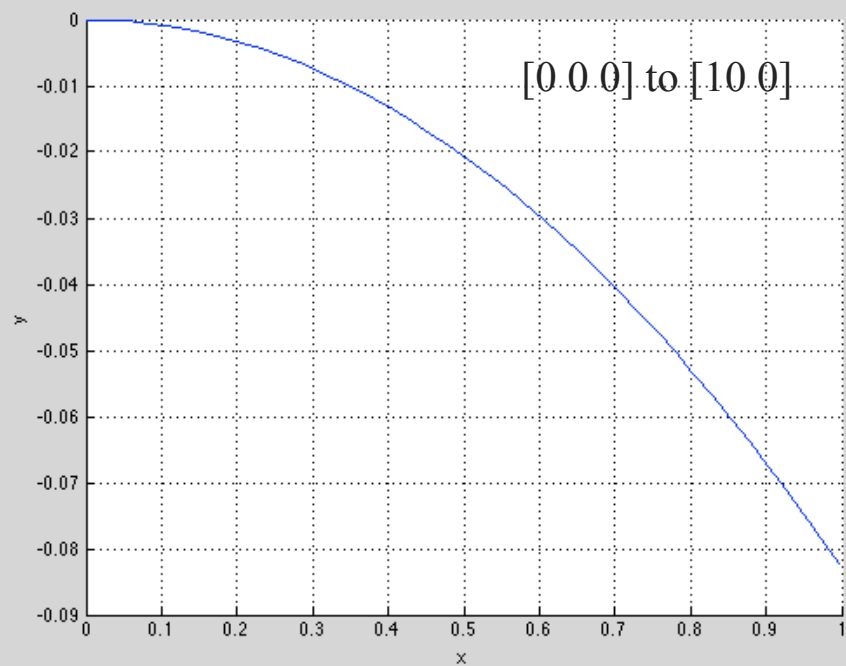
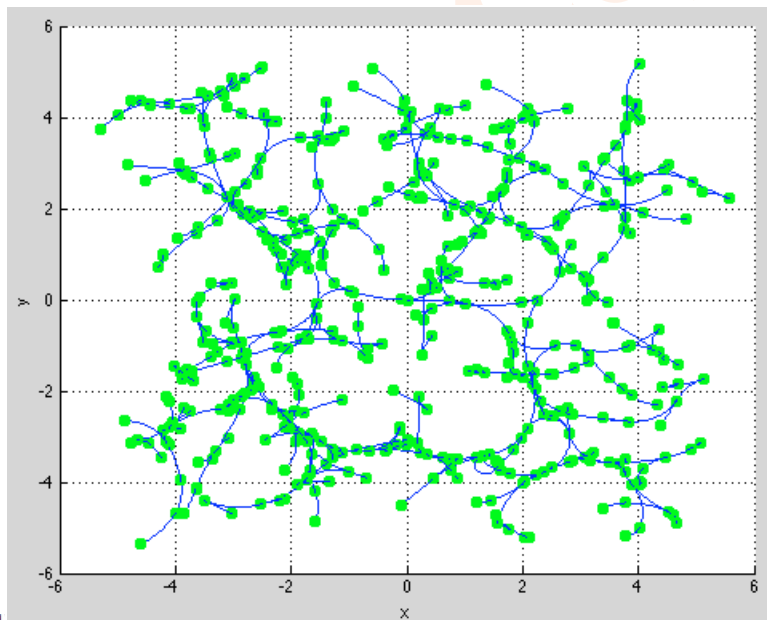
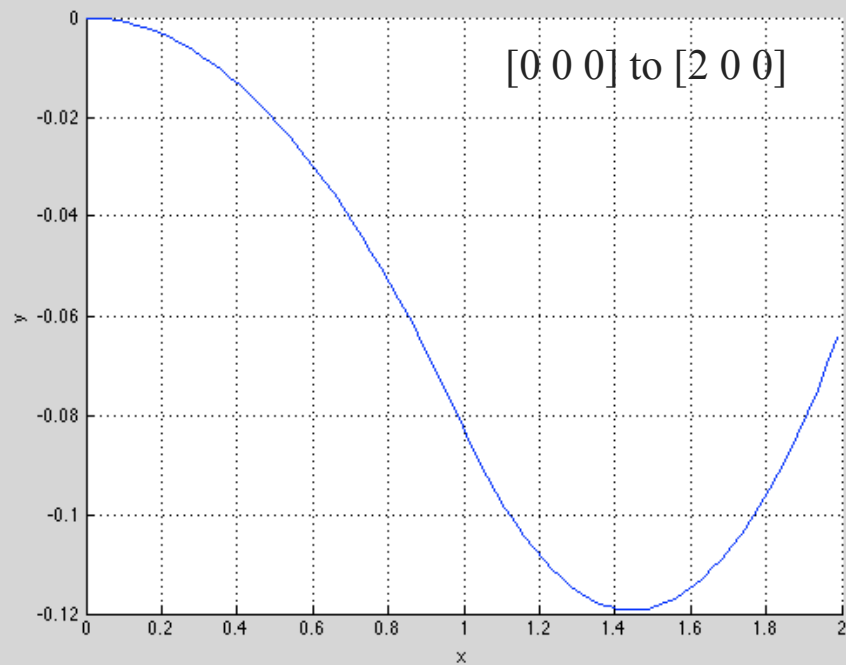
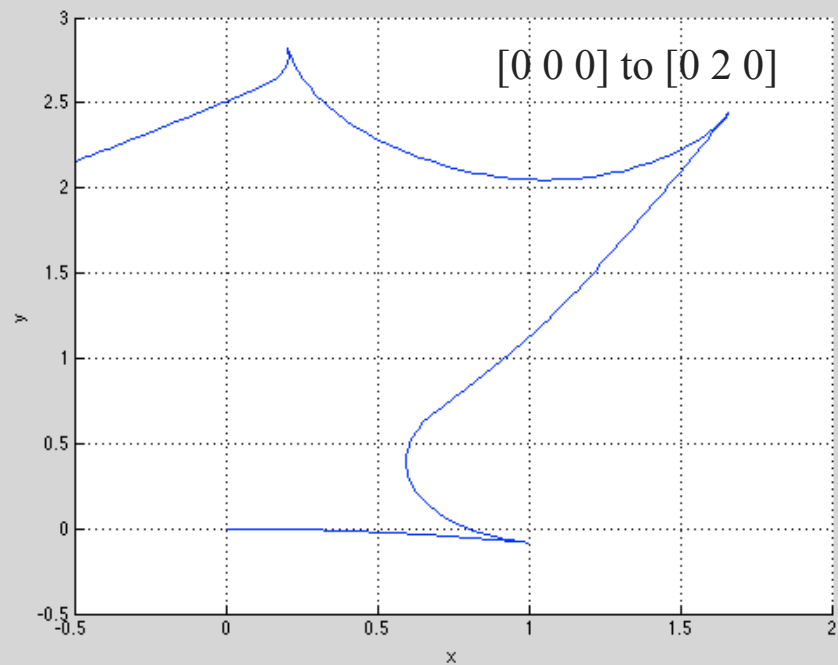
+/- 1.2 rad steering angle

\*RRT subclasses the Navigation class

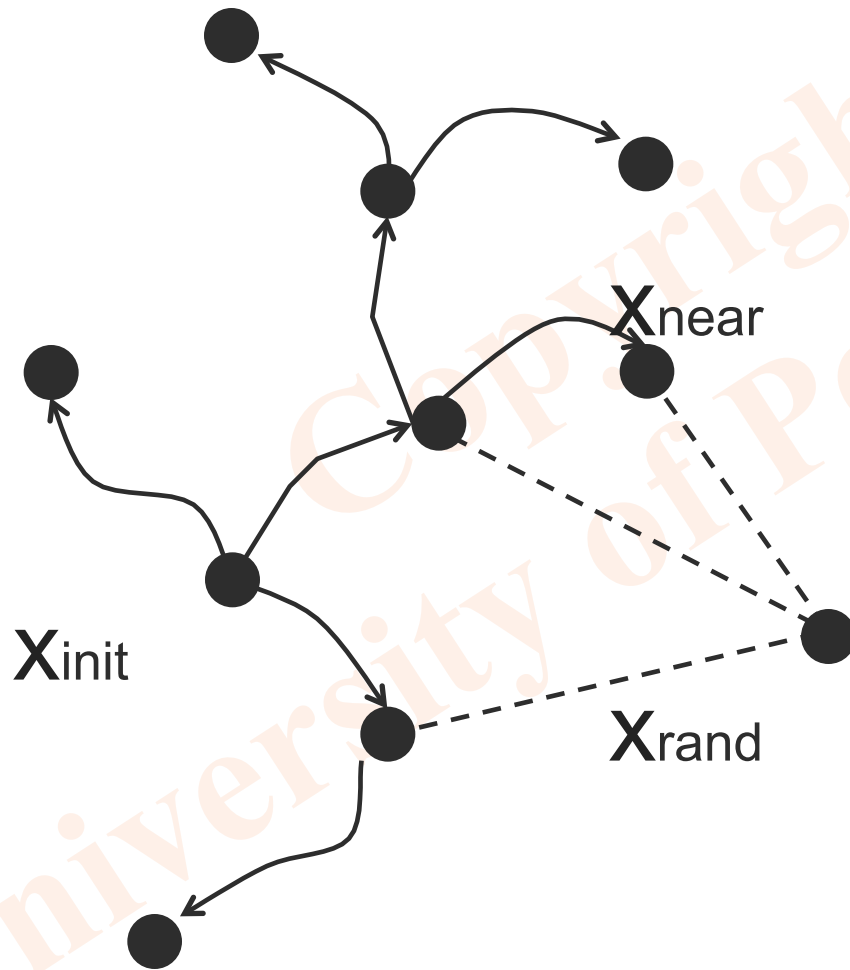
\*\*Bicycle model is hardwired into the class





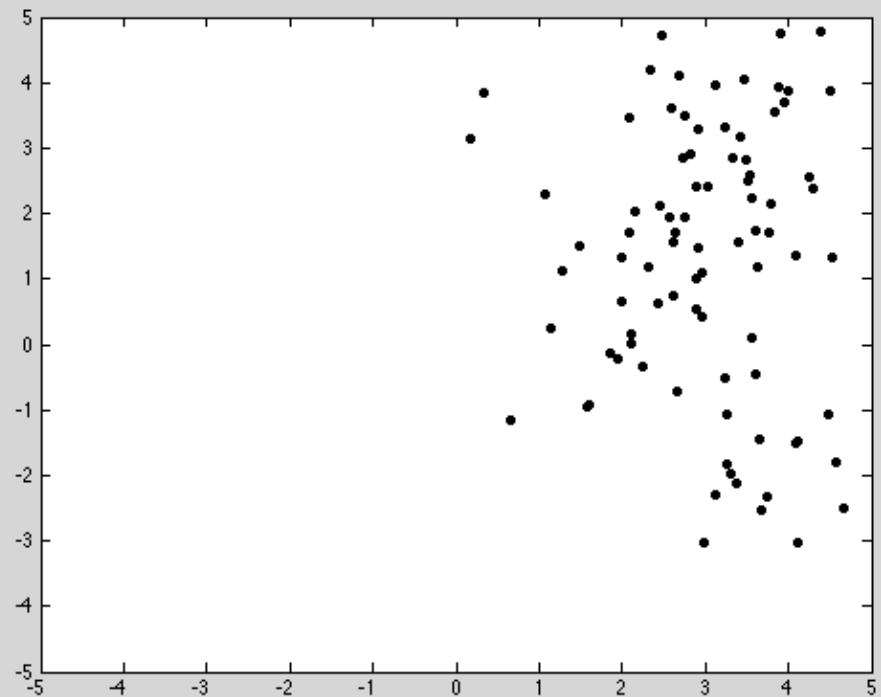
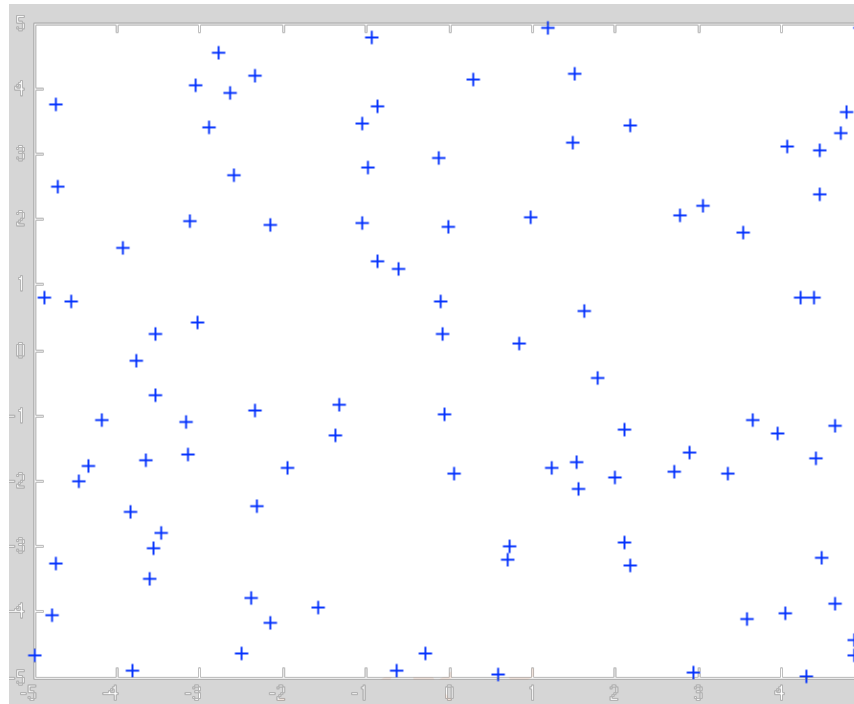


# 1. Metric in state space

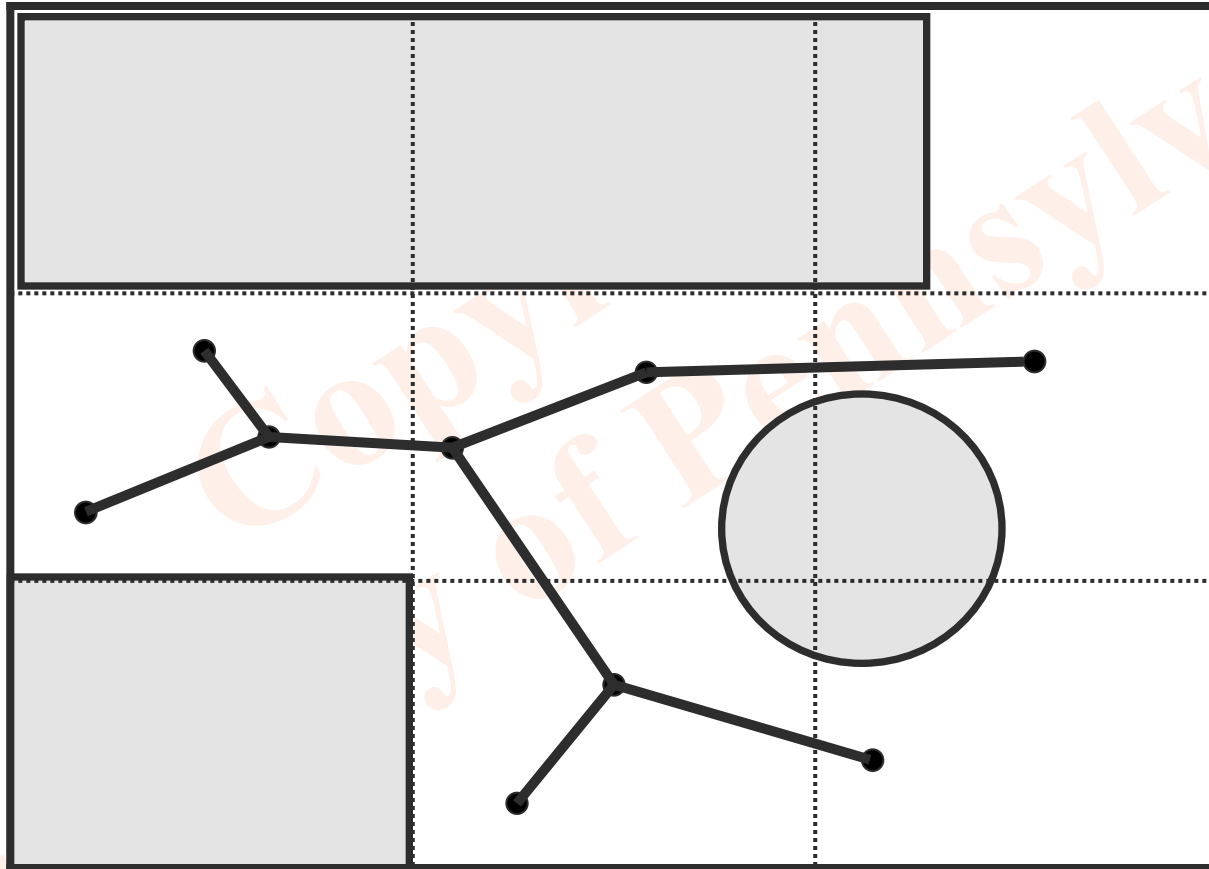


## 2. Sampling Strategy

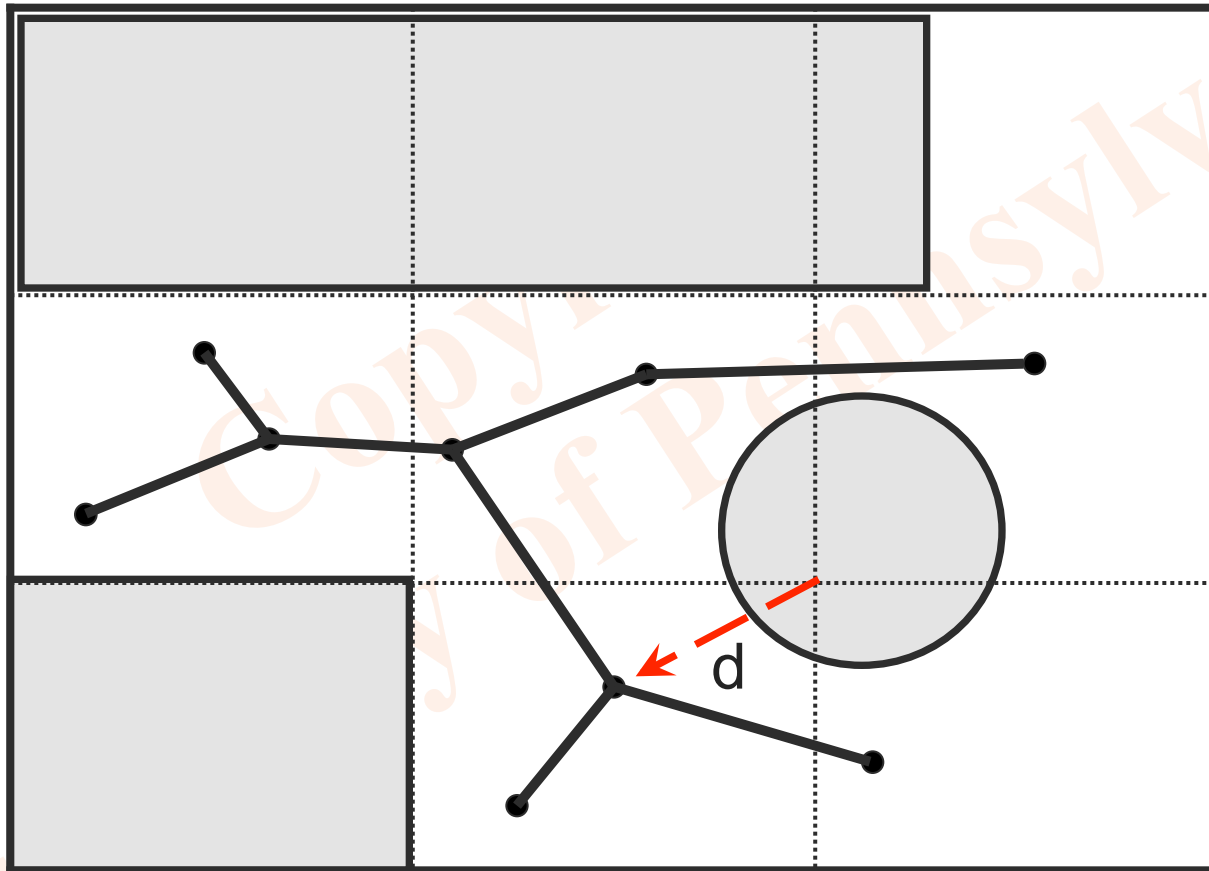
*Goal at (3, 2). Believe that there is a narrow corridor along the y-axis leading to the goal.*



# 3. Measures of Coverage and Growth



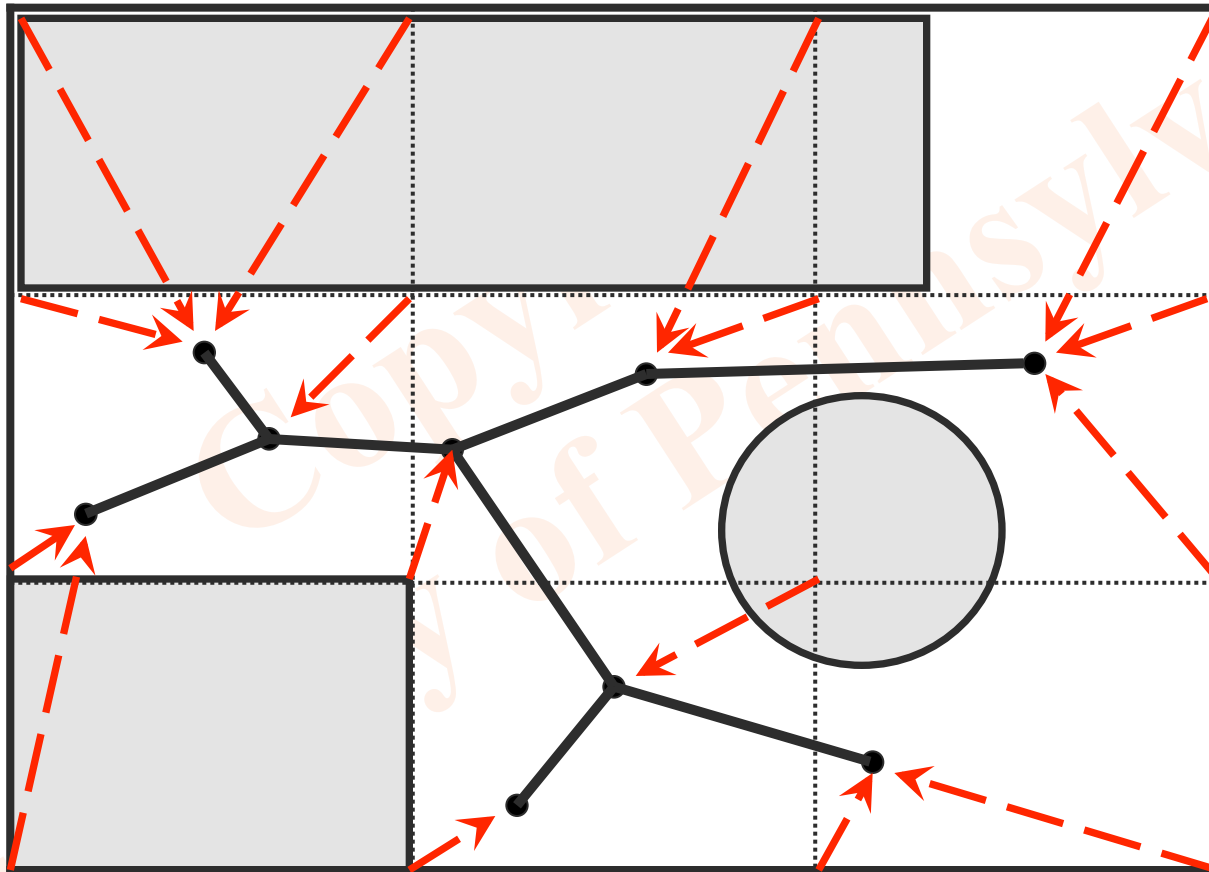
# Distance from a grid point



$n_g$  grid points

$i$  nearest node to the  $j$ th grid point

$d_{ij}$  distance of nearest node to the  $j$ th grid point



# Measures of Coverage and Growth

## Coverage

$$C(T) = \frac{1}{\delta} \sum_{j=1}^{n_g} \frac{\min(d_{ij}, \delta)}{n_g}$$

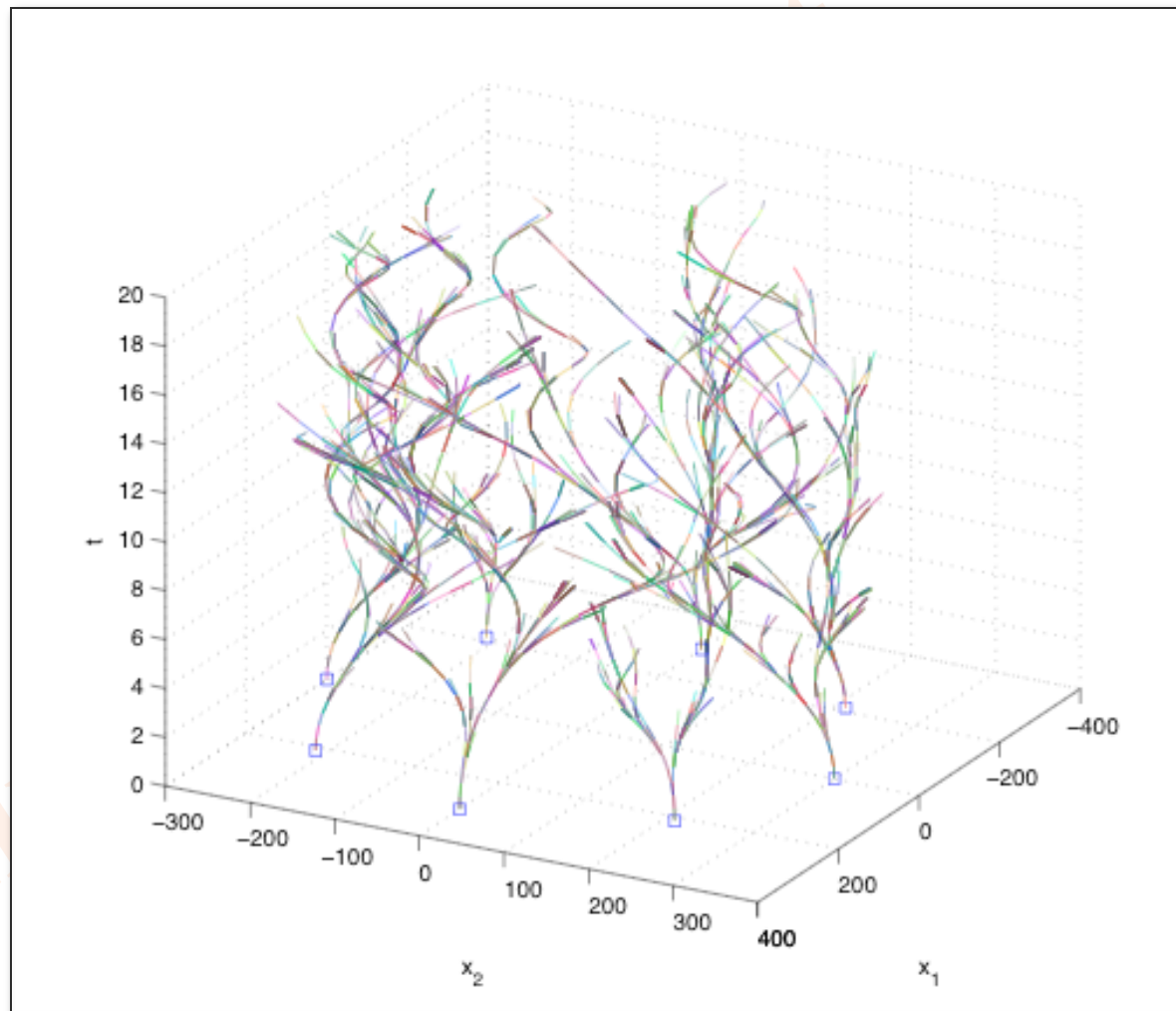
- ⌘ Measure will monotonically decrease
- ⌘ Asymptotically approach a constant

## Growth rate

$$G(T) = -\frac{dC(T)}{dn_v} = -\frac{\Delta C(T)}{\Delta n_v}$$

- ⌘ Always positive
- ⌘ Eventually approaches 0

# 4. Can start from multiple points or from start and goal



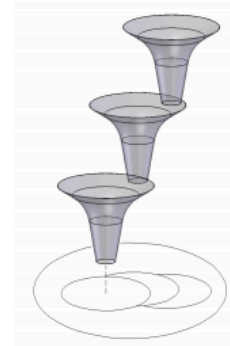
# 5. Can model noisy processes

## LQR-Trees: Feedback Motion Planning on Sparse Randomized Trees

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*Abstract*—Recent advances in the direct computation of Lyapunov functions using convex optimization make it possible to efficiently evaluate regions of stability for smooth nonlinear systems. Here we present a feedback motion planning algorithm which uses these results to efficiently combine locally valid linear quadratic regulator (LQR) controllers into a nonlinear feedback policy which probabilistically covers the reachable area of a (bounded) state space with a region of stability, certifying that all initial conditions that are capable of reaching the goal will stabilize to the goal. We investigate the properties of this systematic nonlinear feedback control design algorithm on simple underactuated systems and discuss the potential for control of more complicated control problems like bipedal walking.



### I. INTRODUCTION

## LQG-MP: Optimized Path Planning for Robots with Motion Uncertainty and Imperfect State Information

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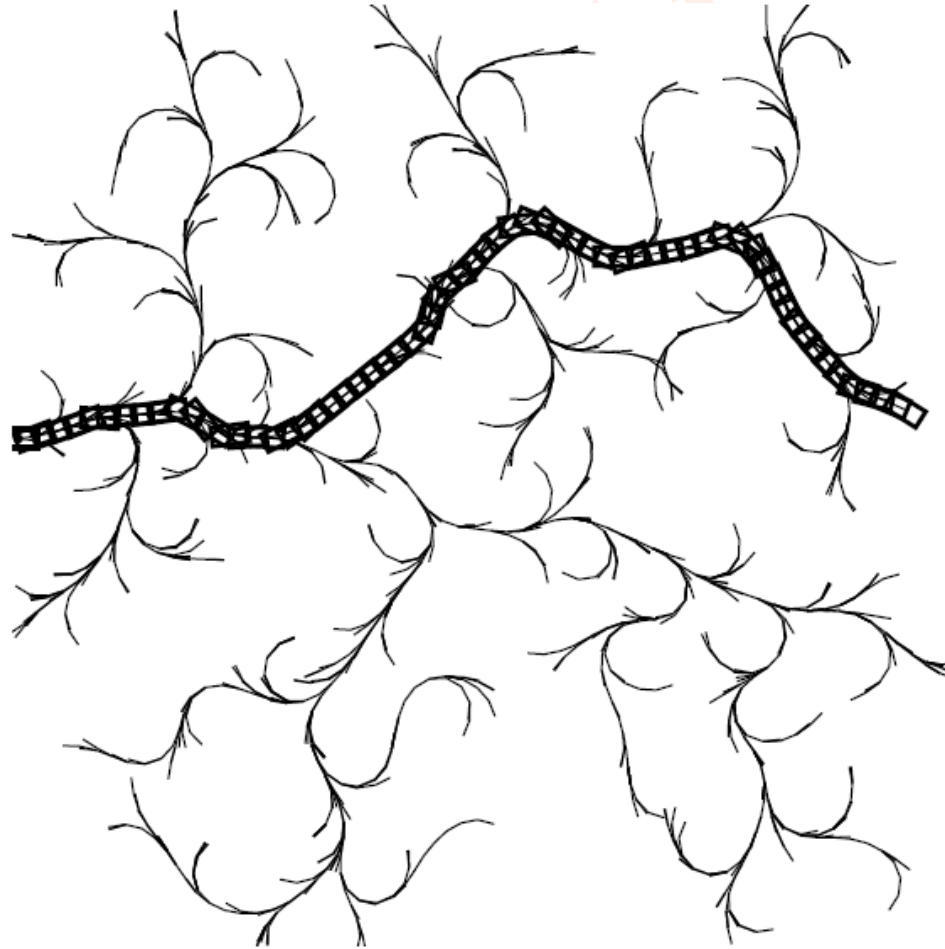
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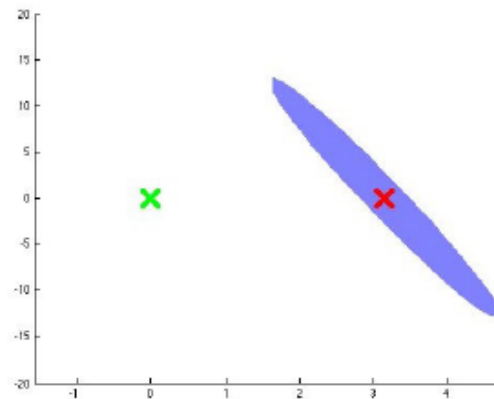
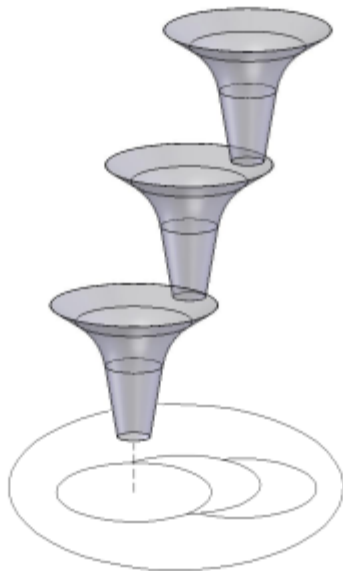


[LaValle, 1998]

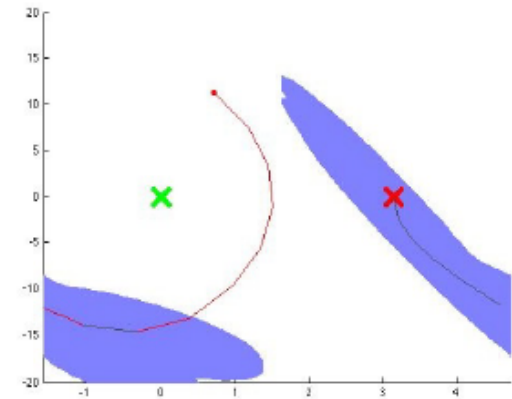
# Other Trajectory Generation Methods

## Linear Quadratic Regulator Trees (LQR T)

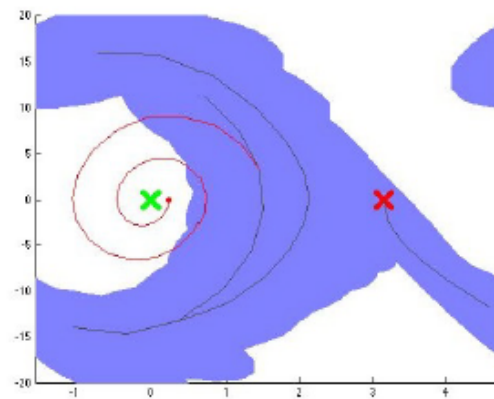
### ⌘ Pendulum Example



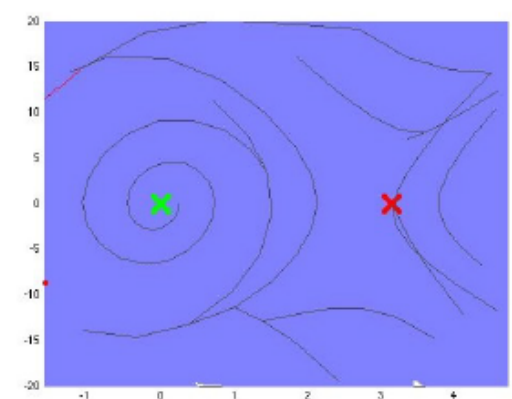
(a) 1 node



(b) 8 nodes



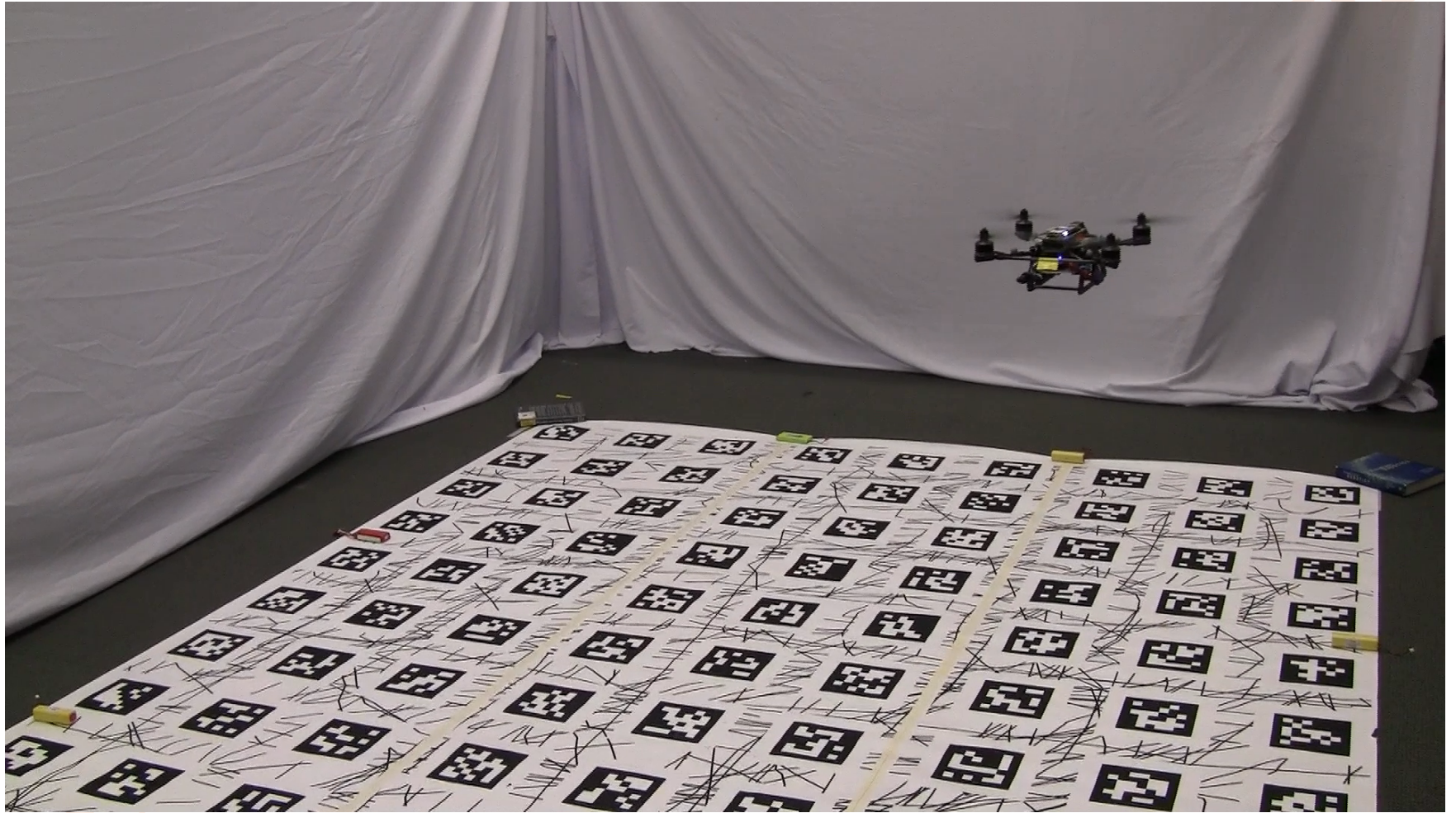
(c) 24 nodes



(d) 104 nodes

# Filtering

# Motivation



# Basic Probability Theory

## Probability Distribution

$$f_X(x) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

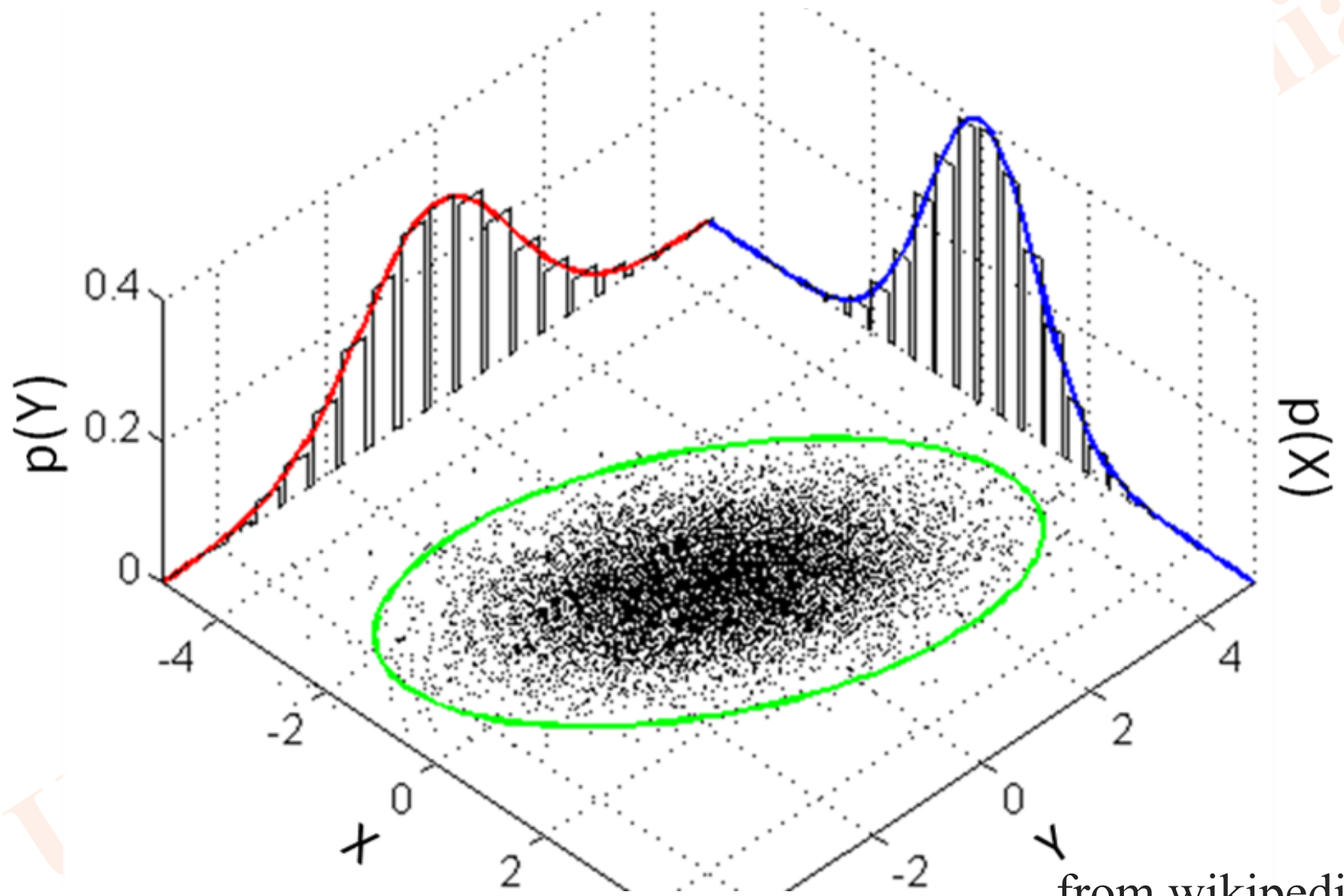
## Bayes Rule

$$p(x|y) = \frac{p(x)p(y|x)}{p(y)}$$

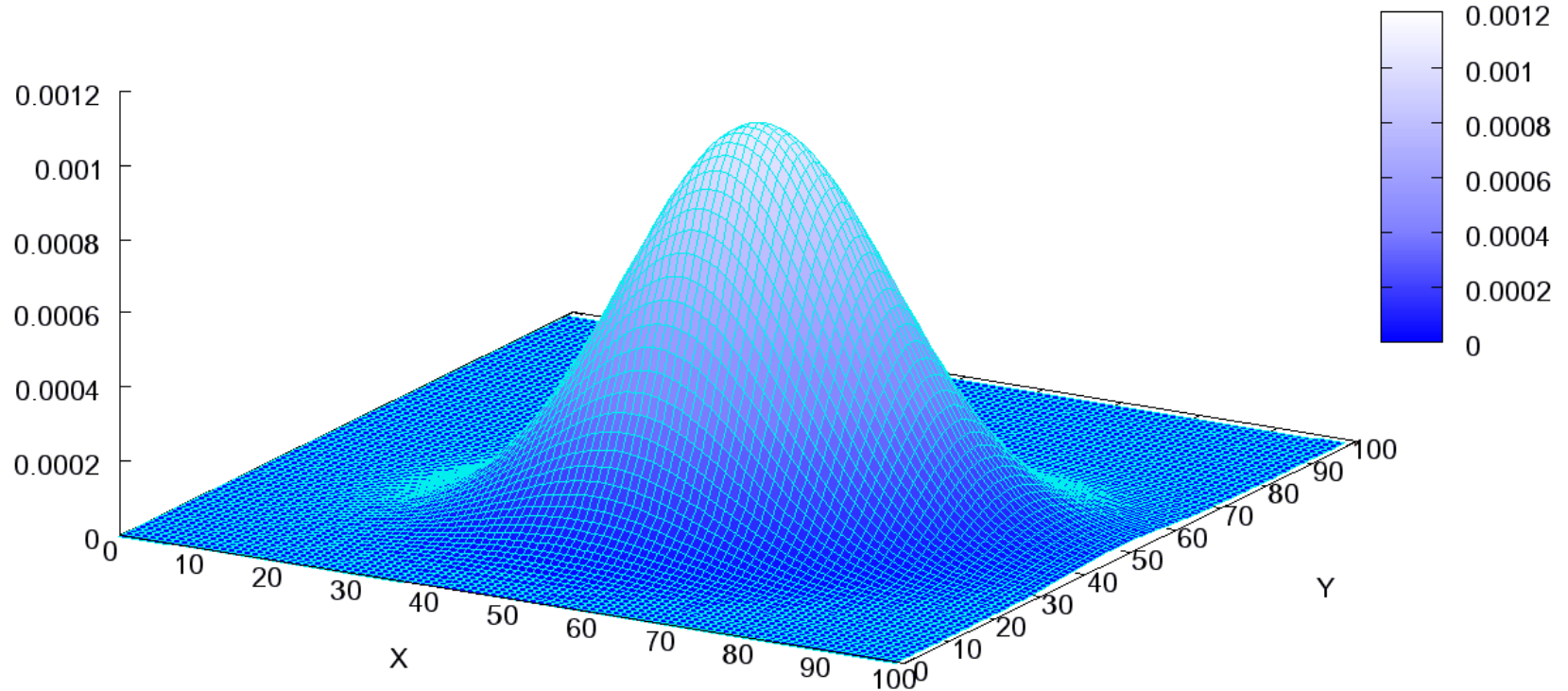
## Joint Normal Distribution

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} \sqrt{\det \Sigma}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) \right]$$

# Joint Normal Distribution

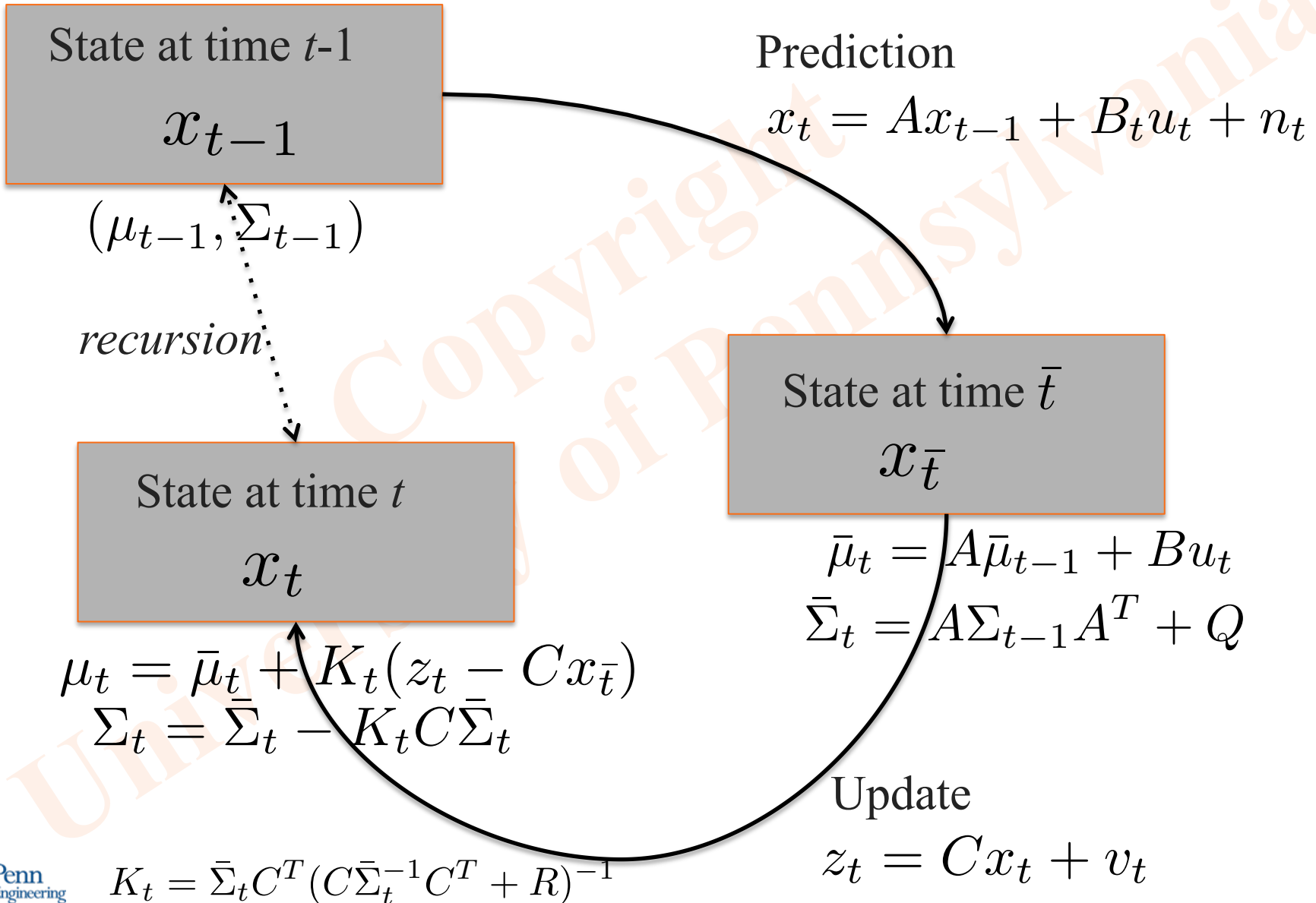


# Gaussian Noise Model



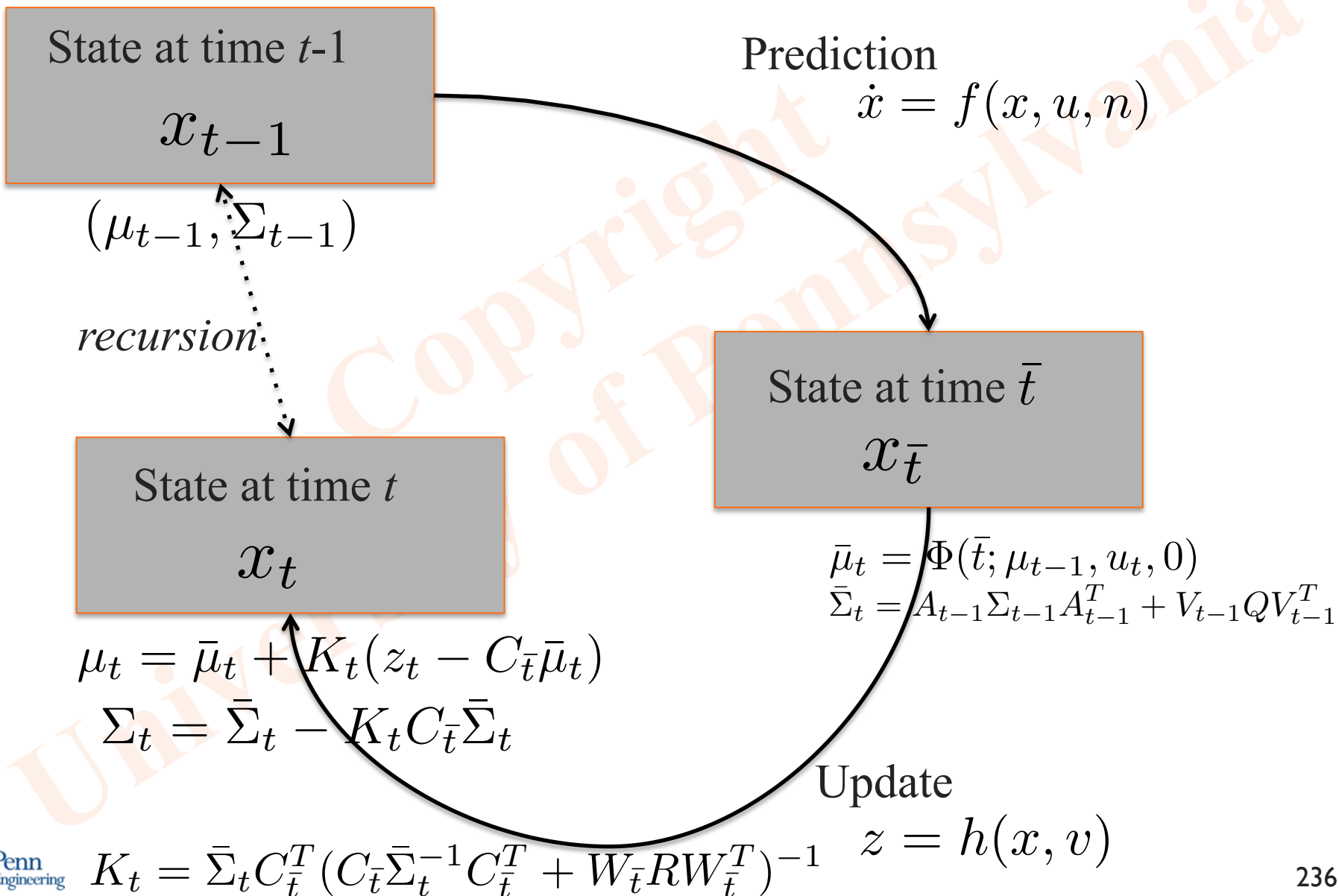
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# Kalman Filter



# Extended Kalman Filter

# Extended Kalman Filter



# Quadrotor Model

State Vector

Kinematics

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \\ \mathbf{x}_3 \\ \mathbf{x}_4 \\ \mathbf{x}_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p} \\ \mathbf{q} \\ \dot{\mathbf{p}} \\ \mathbf{b}_g \\ \mathbf{b}_a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} c\psi c\theta - s\phi s\psi s\theta & -c\phi s\psi & c\psi s\theta + c\theta s\phi s\psi \\ c\theta s\psi + c\psi s\phi s\theta & c\phi c\psi & s\psi s\theta - c\psi c\theta s\phi \\ -c\phi s\theta & s\phi & c\phi c\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c\theta & 0 & -c\phi s\theta \\ 0 & 1 & s\phi \\ s\theta & 0 & c\phi c\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix}$$

Gyro Measurements

$$\omega_m = \omega + \mathbf{b}_g + \mathbf{n}_g$$

$\omega$   
Body frame  
angular  
velocity

$G(\mathbf{q})$

$\dot{\mathbf{q}}$

Vision measurements

Accelerometer Measurements

$$\mathbf{a}_m = R(\mathbf{q})^T (\ddot{\mathbf{p}} - \mathbf{g}) + \mathbf{b}_a + \mathbf{n}_a$$

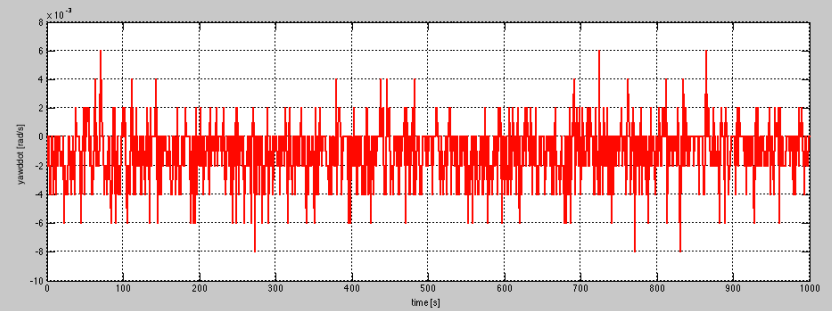
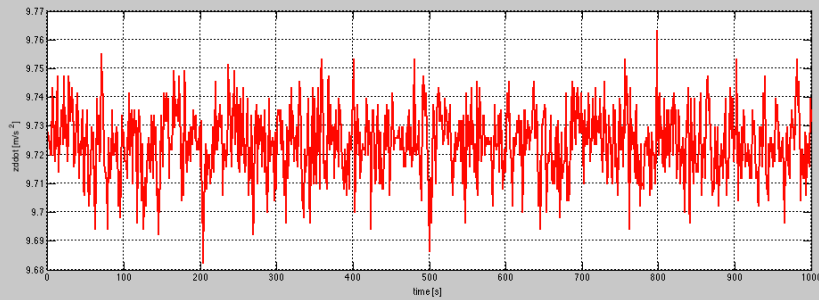
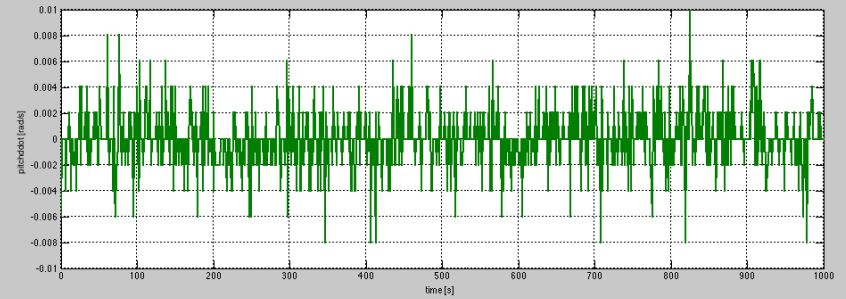
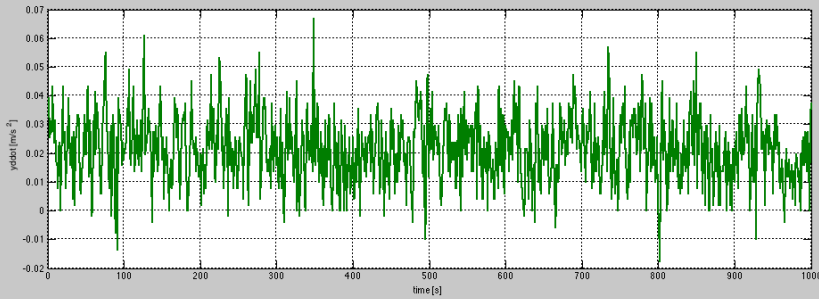
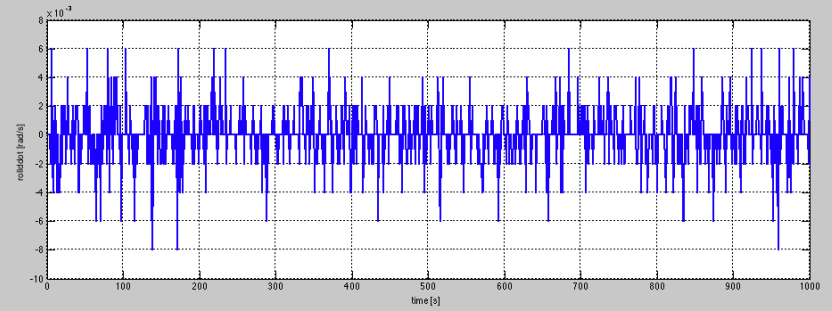
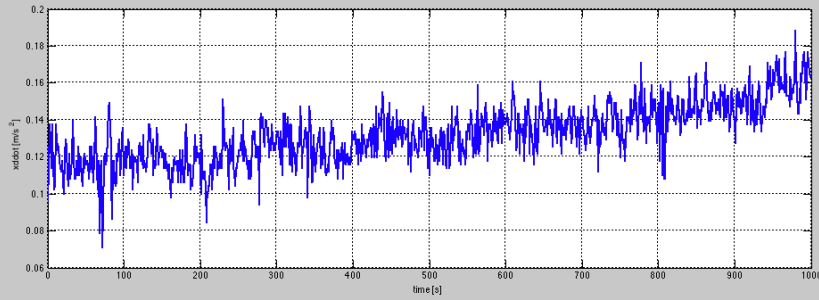
$$\mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p} \\ \mathbf{q} \\ \dot{\mathbf{p}} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Accelerometer Measurements

$$\mathbf{a}_m = R(\mathbf{q})^T (\ddot{\mathbf{p}} - \mathbf{g}) + \mathbf{b}_a + \mathbf{n}_a$$

# Gyro Measurements

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}_m = \boldsymbol{\omega} + \mathbf{b}_g + \mathbf{n}_g$$



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