

# Bonsuck Koo



New Graduate Rotation Program– Guidance, Navigation & Control

# Introduction

- Name: Bonsuck Koo
- School: University of Texas at Austin
- Degree: Integrated Master and Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (2024 Dec.)
- Hobbies: Visiting National Parks
- Obtained American Citizenship in July 2023



# Experience overview

- NGC engineering intern
  - Sandia National Laboratories (Current)
- GNC engineering Intern
  - Blue Origin (2023 Fall)
- Mechanical Engineering Intern
  - Samsung Austin Semiconductors (2022 Summer)
- System Engineering Intern
  - Trane Technologies (2021 Summer and Fall)
- Mandatory Korean Military service (2018-2020)





**Passion for our Mission**



# Why Blue Origin?

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# Project

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Aerial Robotics (Drone)

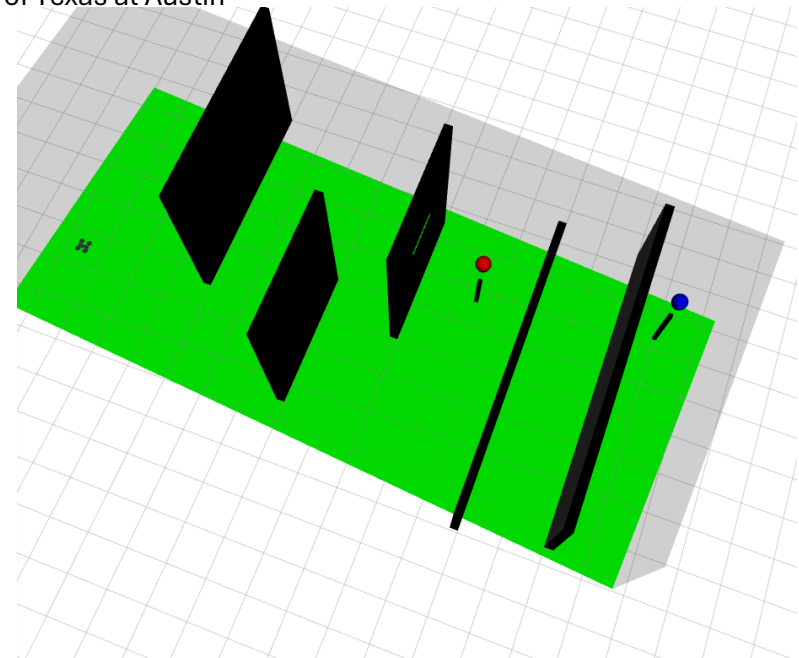


# Aerial Robotics (Drone)

- 2024 Spring (Last Semester)
- Team Competition
- Goal:
  - Create an algorithm to find the fastest routes to predetermined targets
  - The final algorithm is implemented in a high-fidelity simulation tool



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# My contributions

- Develop 6-DOF simulation in MATLAB
- Develop A\* algorithm in C++

# Aerial Robotics (Drone)

## Quadrotor Dynamics

$$m\dot{\mathbf{r}}_I = m\mathbf{v}_I$$

$$m\dot{\mathbf{v}}_I = m\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_I = -mg\mathbf{z}_I + \sum_{i=1}^4 \mathbf{F}_{iI} + \mathbf{d}_I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -mg \end{bmatrix} + R_{BI}^T \sum_{i=1}^4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ F_i \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{d}_I - d_a \mathbf{v}_I^u$$

Gravity Force from the Fan Disturbance Wind Resistance

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_B = J^{-1} (\mathbf{N}_B - [\boldsymbol{\omega}_B \times] J \boldsymbol{\omega}_B) \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{N}_B = \sum_{i=1}^4 (\mathbf{N}_{iB} + \mathbf{r}_{iB} \times \mathbf{F}_{iB})$$

$$\dot{R}_{BI} = -[\boldsymbol{\omega}_B \times] R_{BI}$$

Torque from  
propeller acting  
against the air

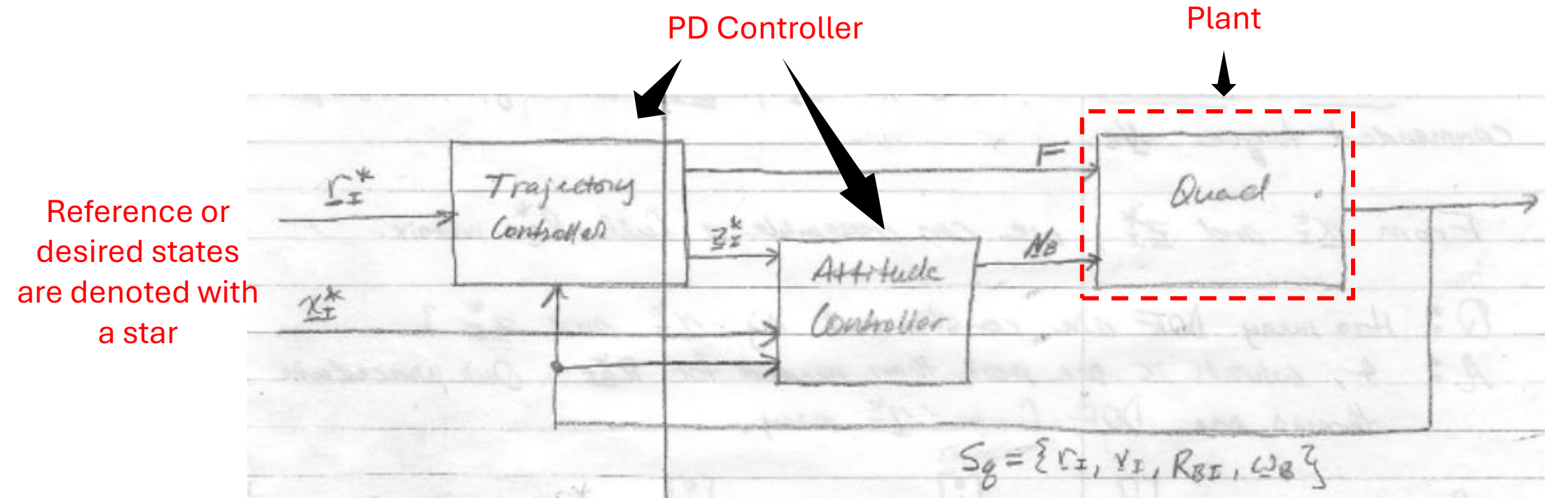
Torque from  
upward thrust





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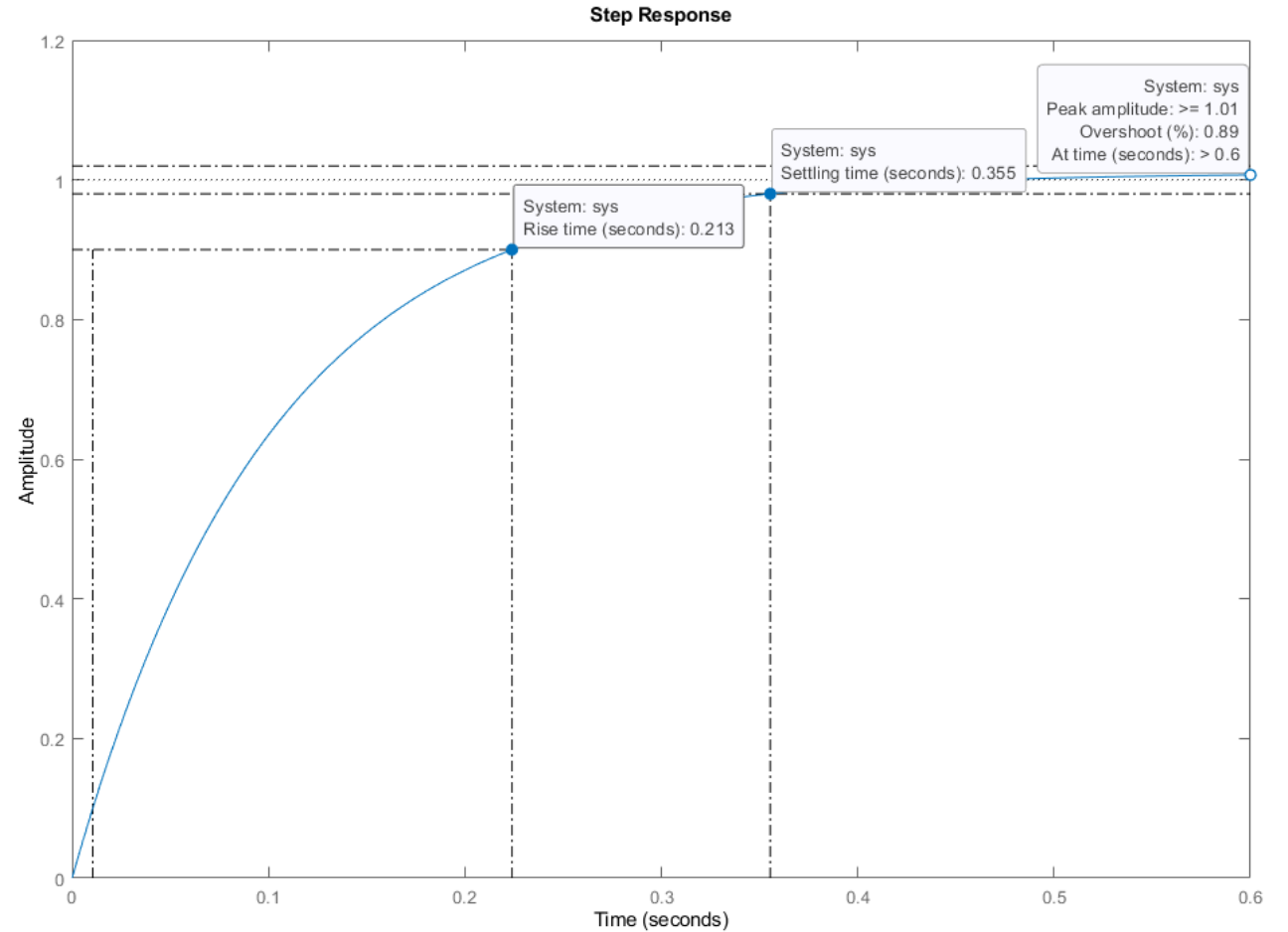
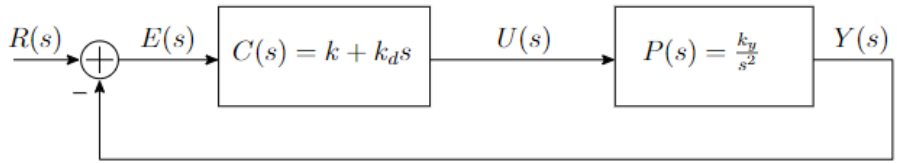
## PD controller



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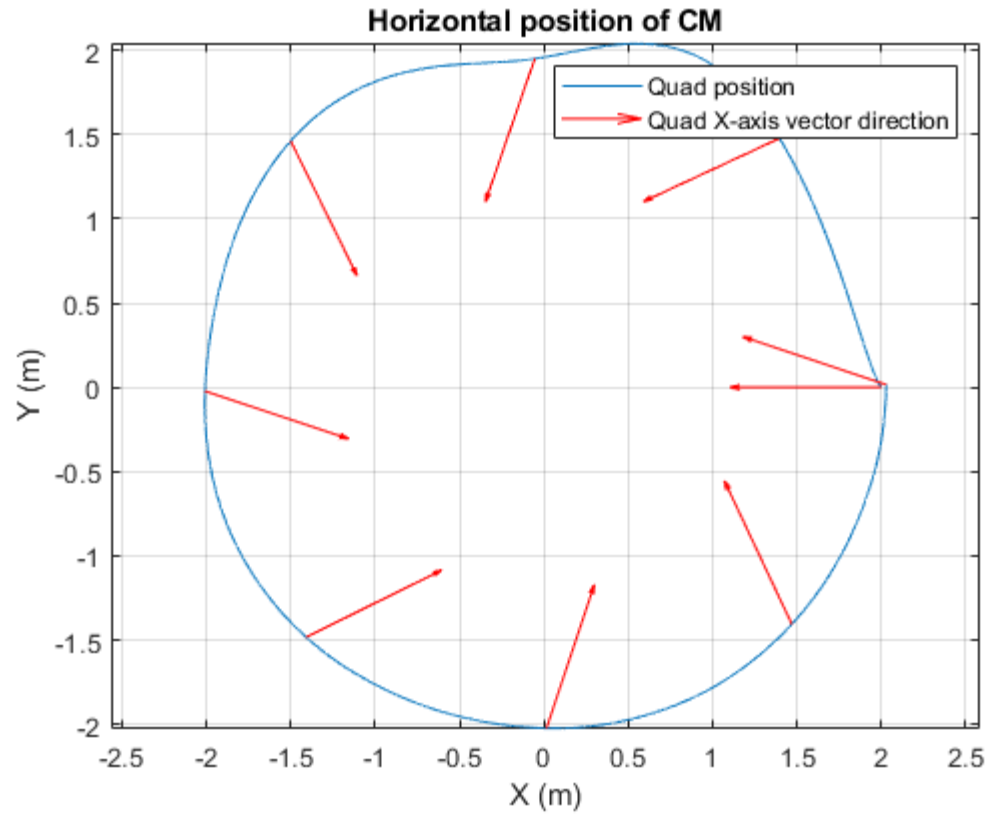
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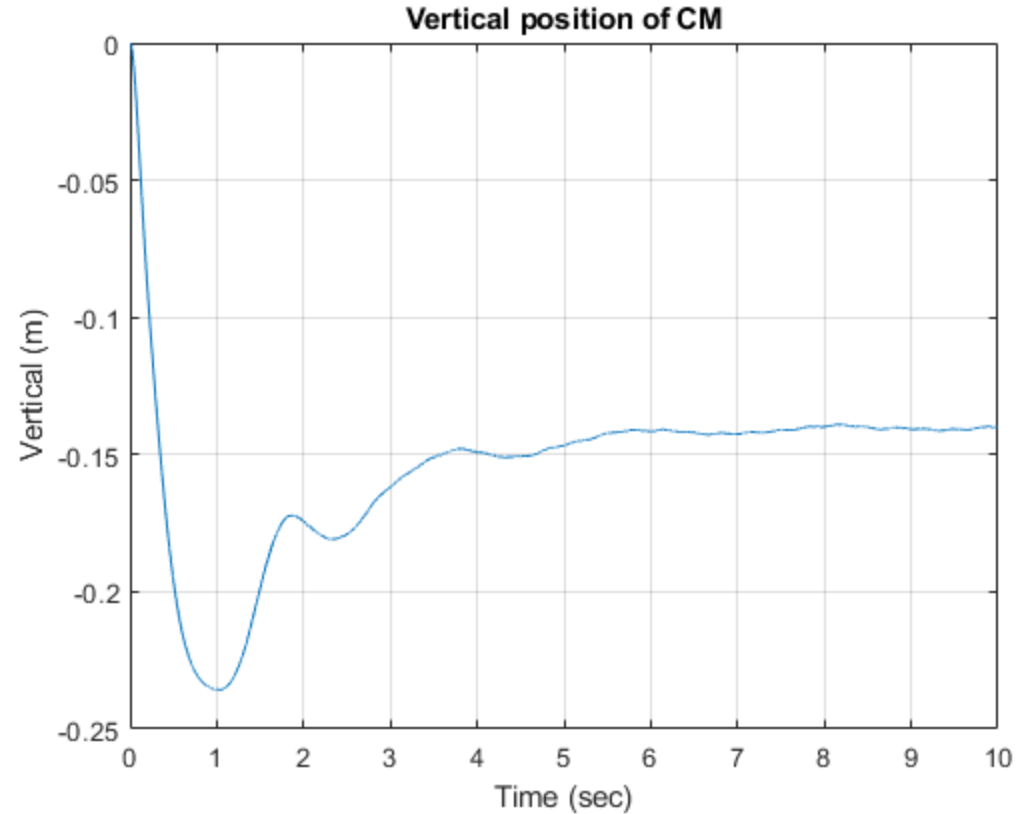


Attitude  
Controller PD  
Gains

%% PD gains

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K = diag([0.05 0.25 0.05]);
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Kd = diag([0.5 0.25 0.05]);
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Trajectory  
Controller PD  
Gains

%% PD gains

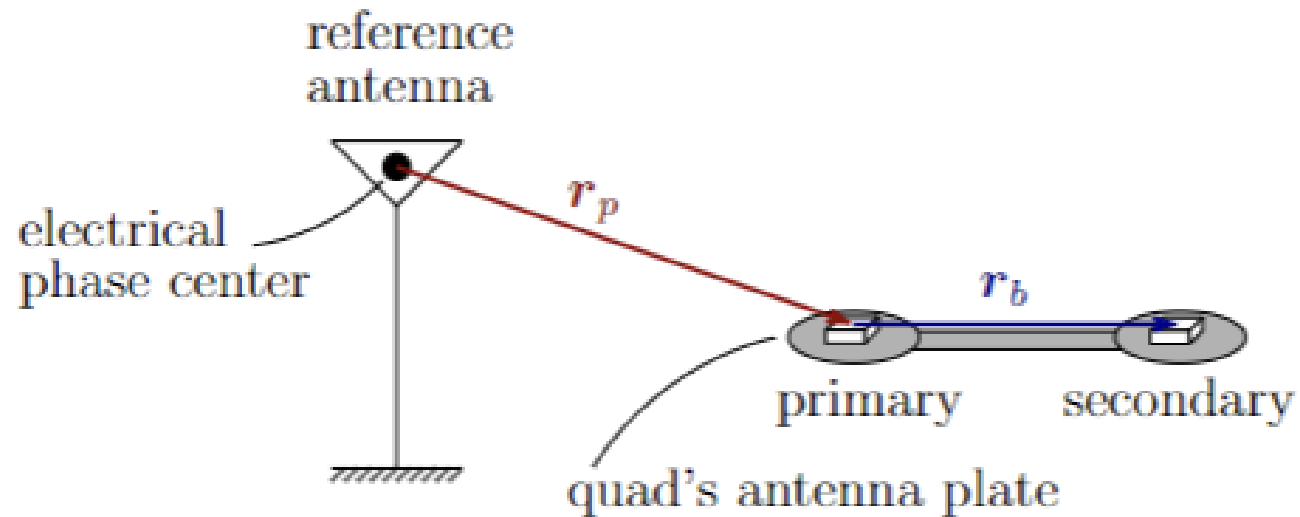
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kr = 1.5;
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kd = 5;
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# Aerial Robotics (Drone)

## Sensor Modeling

- GNSS Measurements



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$$\bar{\mathbf{r}}_{pG}(t_k) = \mathbf{r}_{pG}(t_k) + \mathbf{w}_{pG}(t_k)$$

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rpI = S.statek.rI + RIB*P.sensorParams.raB(:,1);  
rpG = RIG'*rpI;  
rpGtilde = rpG + RPa'*randn(3,1);
```



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# Aerial Robotics (Drone)

## Sensor Modeling

- IMU

- Accelerometer Measurement Model

$$\bar{f}_B = R_{BI}(\underbrace{a_I}_{\text{Acceleration}} + \underbrace{ge_3}_{\text{Gravity}}) + \underbrace{b_a}_{\text{Accelerometer Bias}} + \underbrace{v_a}_{\text{Accelerometer Noise}}$$

$$R_{BI}a_I = \underbrace{R_{BI}\ddot{R}_I}_{\text{accel. of B origin}} + \underbrace{\ddot{R}_I}_{\text{rel. accel.}} + \underbrace{(\dot{\omega}_B \times l_B)}_{\text{Euler}} + \underbrace{2(\omega_B \times \dot{l}_B)}_{\text{Coriolis}} + \underbrace{\omega_B \times (\omega_B \times l_B)}_{\text{centripetal}}$$

Diagram illustrating the Accelerometer Measurement Model. The top equation shows the measured acceleration  $\bar{f}_B$  in the body frame, which is the rotation  $R_{BI}$  of the inertial acceleration  $a_I$  plus gravity  $ge_3$ , plus accelerometer bias  $b_a$  and noise  $v_a$ . The bottom equation shows the rotation  $R_{BI}$  of the inertial acceleration  $a_I$  as the sum of the acceleration of the body origin, relative acceleration, Euler acceleration, Coriolis acceleration, and centripetal acceleration. The relative acceleration, Euler acceleration, Coriolis acceleration, and centripetal acceleration terms are crossed out with red X's.

- Rate Gyro Measurement Model

$$\bar{\omega}_B = \underbrace{\omega_B}_{\text{Angular Velocity}} + \underbrace{b_g}_{\text{Gyro Bias}} + \underbrace{v_g}_{\text{Gyro Noise}}$$

Diagram illustrating the Rate Gyro Measurement Model. The measured angular velocity  $\bar{\omega}_B$  in the body frame is the true angular velocity  $\omega_B$  plus gyro bias  $b_g$  and noise  $v_g$ .



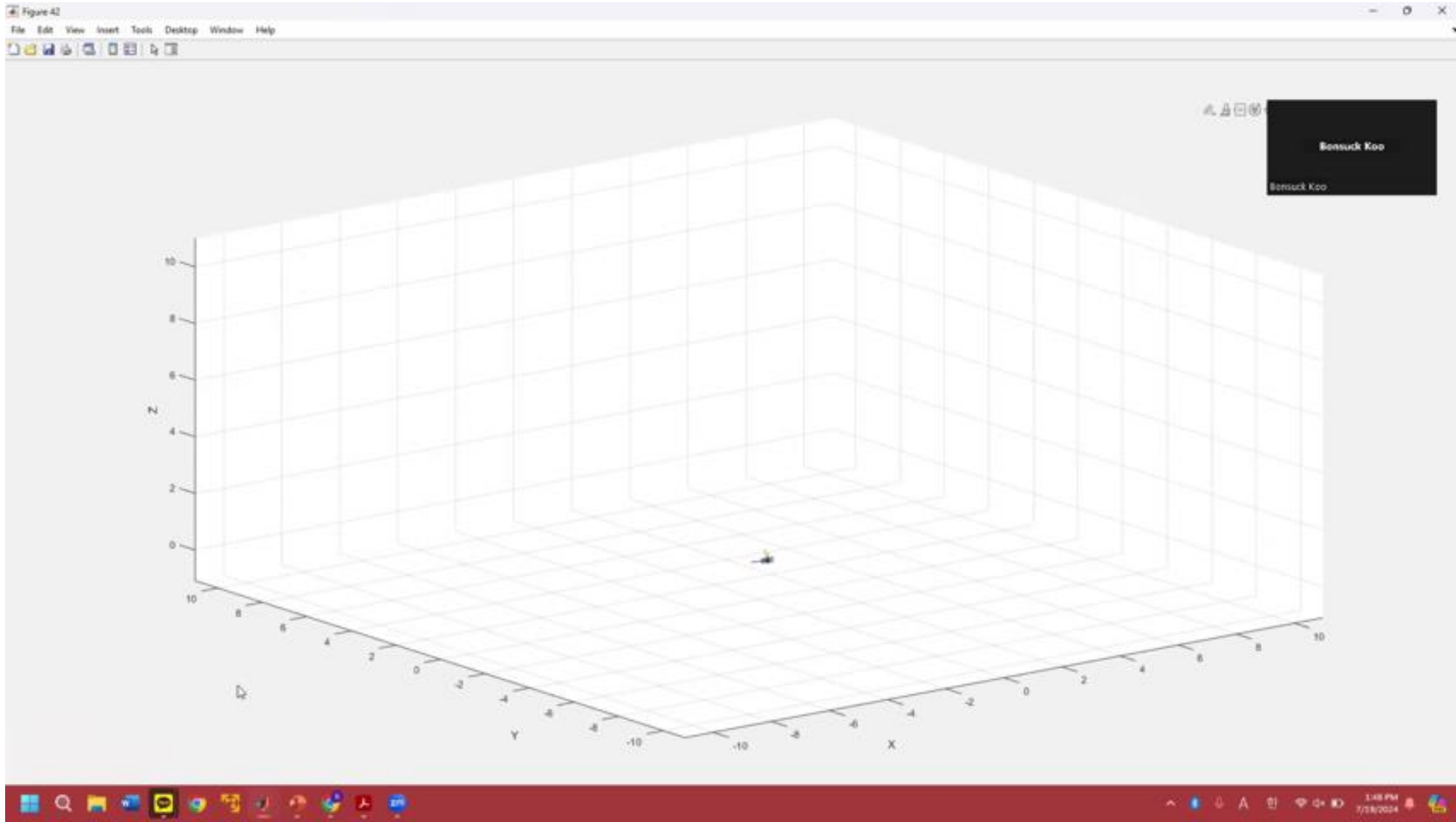


## Aerial Robotics (Drone)

- Additional Modeling
  - Camera
  - Unscented Kalman Filter
- Full MATLAB simulation
  - Goal:
    - Follow reference trajectory
      - Determined by A\* algorithm in C++
    - Maintain 0 m altitude

# Aerial Robotics (Drone)

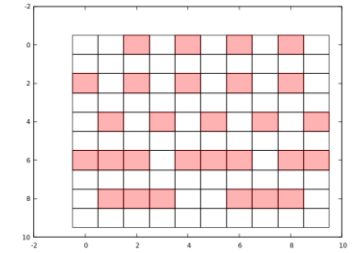
## Completed MATLAB Simulation



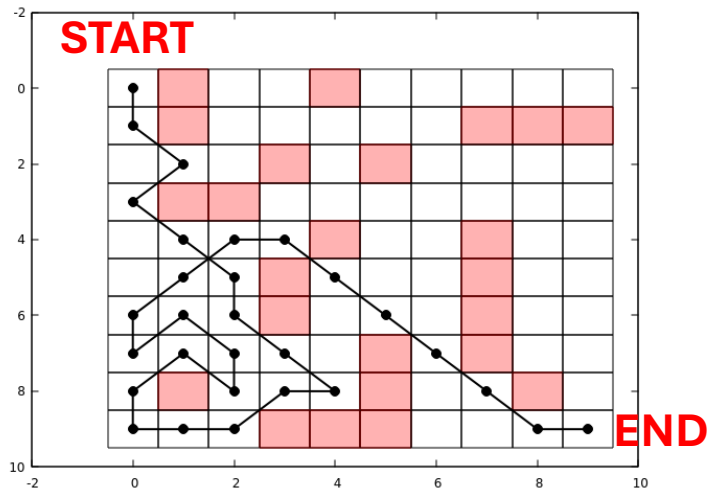
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## C++: Path Finding Algorithm

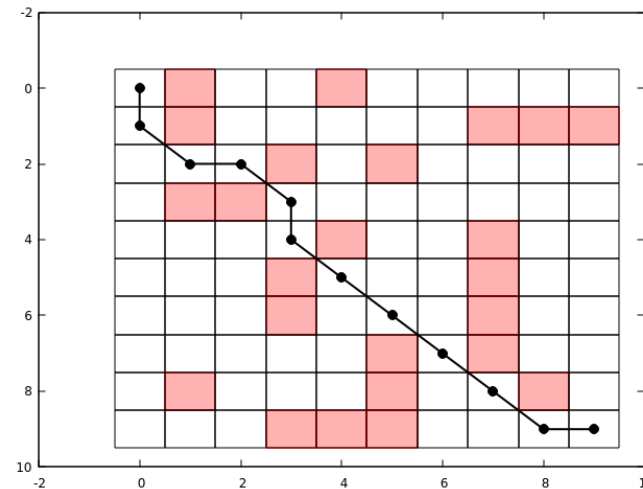
- Comparison of three different path finding algorithms in C++
  - Selection Criteria:
    1. Number of Nodes Explored
    2. Number of Nodes in path



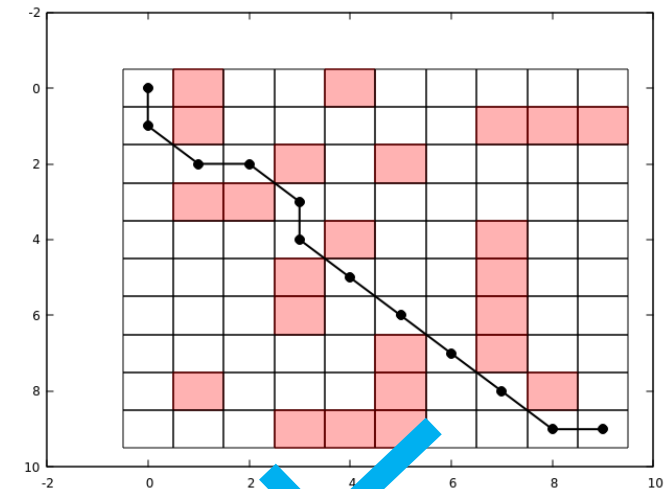
A field gridded into cells and mapped into nodes. Nodes are at the center of each cell. Red cells represent obstacles.



Depth First Search  
(DFS)



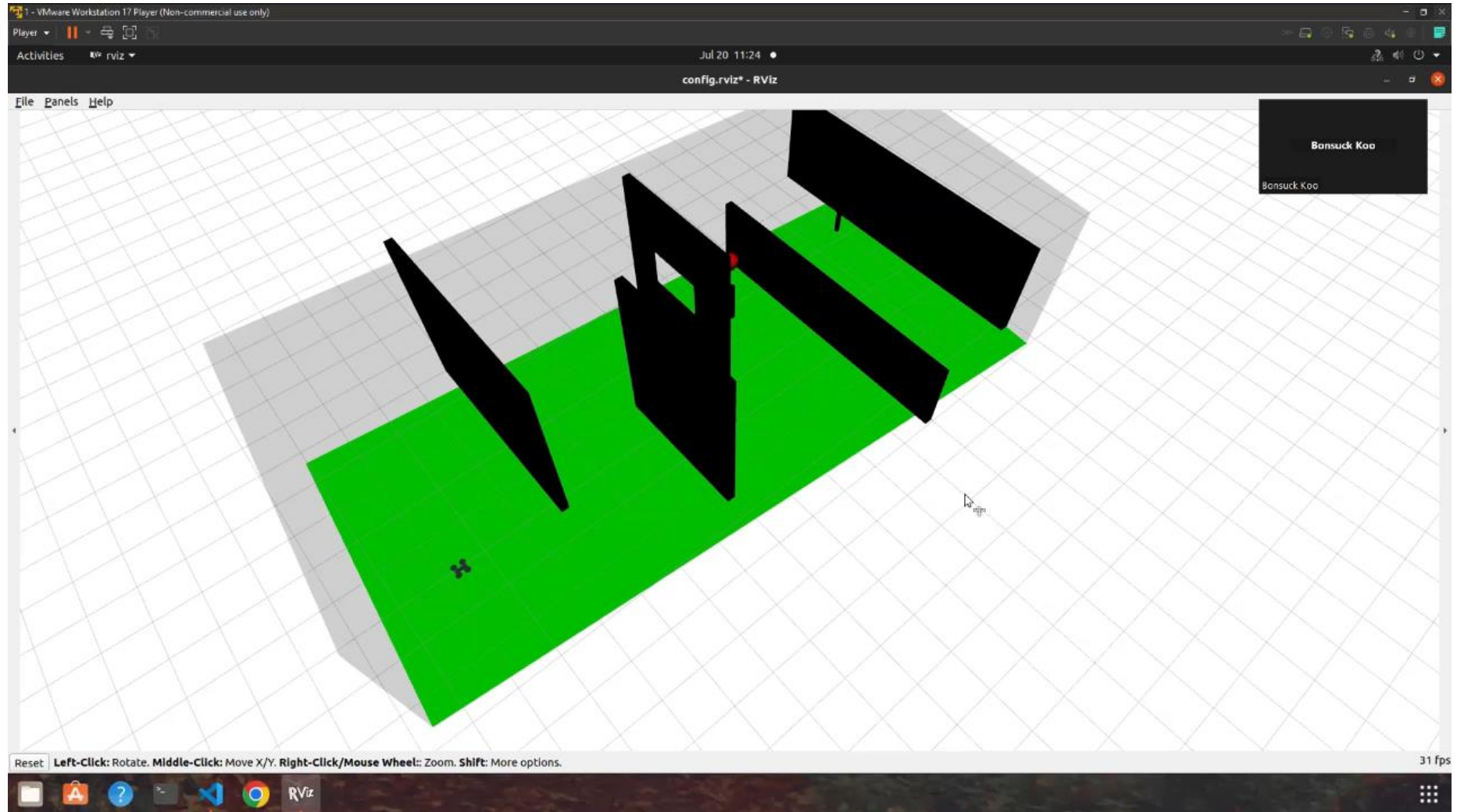
Dijkstra's



A\*

# Aerial Robotics (Drone)

## C++: Path Finding Algorithm



# Aerial Robotics (Drone) Team Collaboration

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**Communication and Feedback**



**GIT**

Experience at Blue helped me lead the Team  
to utilize GitLab



# Summary of Drone Project

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## Situation

A competition to pop the balloons with a drone in the least amount of time



## Task

Develop MATLAB simulation  
Develop path finding software for the drone



## Action

Apply knowledge in dynamics, classical control theory, navigation sensors ( accelerometer, gyroscopes, GNSS receiver) for MATLAB simulation  
Implemented A\* method in C++ for path finding algorithm  
Feedback through active Communication  
Git to collaborate



## Result

2<sup>nd</sup> place!



Q&A

# Experience overview

- Relevant Courses:
  - Automated Control Systems
  - Dynamic Systems and Control
  - Spacecraft Dynamics
  - Aircraft Dynamics
  - Stochastic Estimation and control
  - Aerial Robotics
  - GPS Signal Processing

