

A yellow glider is shown in flight, moving from left to right across the upper half of the frame. The sky is filled with large, white, puffy clouds, with some darker, more dramatic clouds below them. The lower half of the image shows a flat landscape with a field of tall, dry grass or corn in the foreground. In the distance, there is a small farm with a white barn, a windmill, and some trees.

Chapter 1

Introduction

Potential Applications for Small UAVs

Civil and Commercial:

- Monitoring environment – meteorology, pollution, mapping, mineral exploration
- Monitoring disaster areas – forest fires, avalanches, nuclear contamination
- Communications relays – news broadcasts, disaster relief, sports events
- Law enforcement – road traffic, border patrol, drug control
- Precision agriculture – crop monitoring

Military:

- Special Operations: Situational awareness
- Intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance
- Communication node
- Battle damage assessment

Homeland Security:

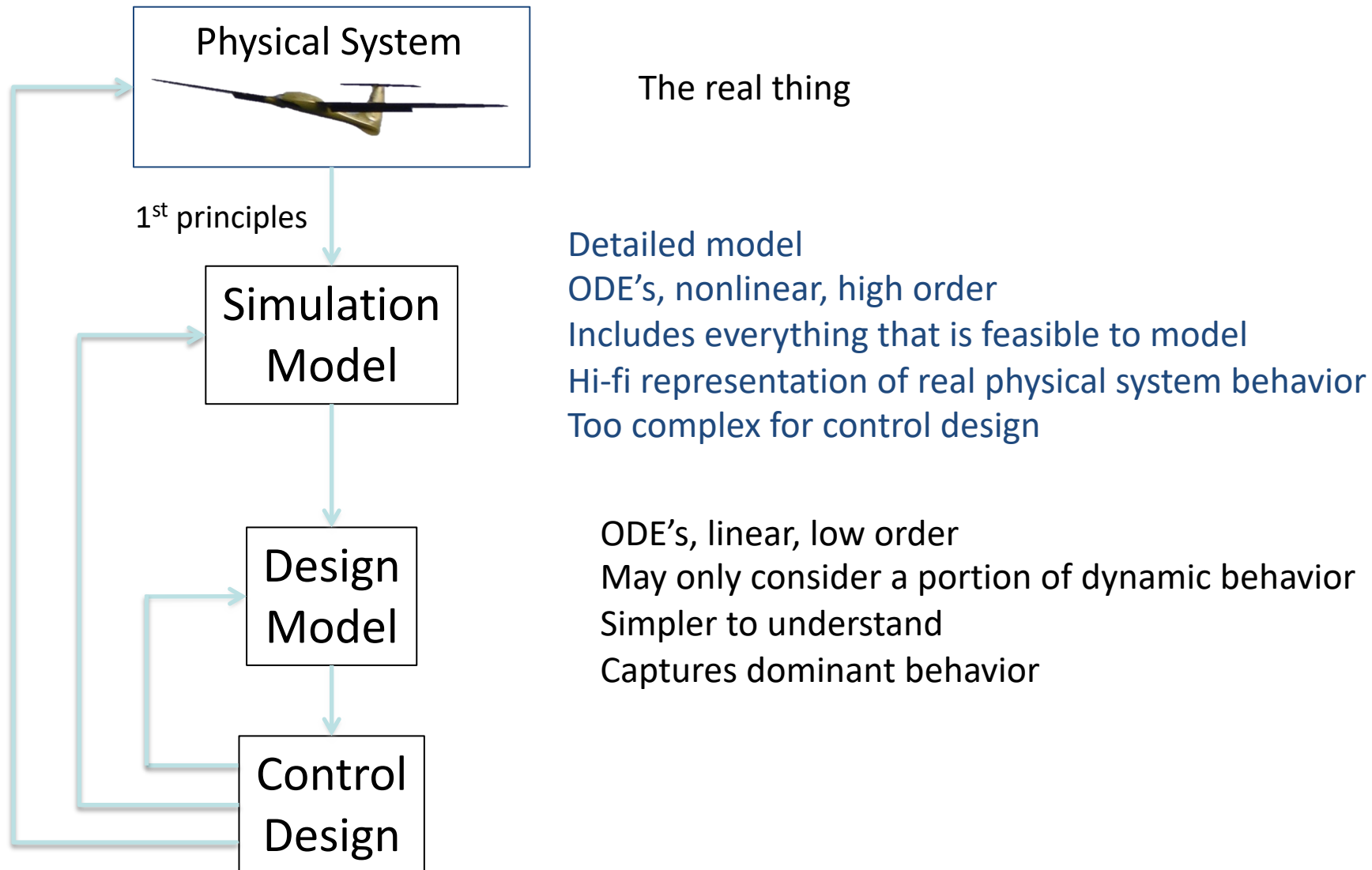
- Border patrol
- Surveillance
- Rural/urban search and rescue

New related area:

- Air mobility of humans, goods, services



Control Design Process



Simulation Model

$$\dot{p}_n = (\cos \theta \cos \psi)u + (\sin \phi \sin \theta \cos \psi - \cos \phi \sin \psi)v + (\cos \phi \sin \theta \cos \psi + \sin \phi \sin \psi)w$$

$$\dot{p}_e = (\cos \theta \sin \psi)u + (\sin \phi \sin \theta \sin \psi + \cos \phi \cos \psi)v + (\cos \phi \sin \theta \sin \psi - \sin \phi \cos \psi)w$$

$$\dot{h} = u \sin \theta - v \sin \phi \cos \theta - w \cos \phi \cos \theta$$

$$\dot{u} = rv - qw - g \sin \theta + \frac{\rho V_a^2 S}{2m} \left[C_X(\alpha) + C_{X_q}(\alpha) \frac{cq}{2V_a} + C_{X_{\delta_e}}(\alpha) \delta_e \right] + \frac{\rho S_{\text{prop}} C_{\text{prop}}}{2m} \left[(k_{\text{motor}} \delta_t)^2 - V_a^2 \right]$$

$$\dot{v} = pw - ru + g \cos \theta \sin \phi + \frac{\rho V_a^2 S}{2m} \left[C_{Y_0} + C_{Y_\beta} \beta + C_{Y_p} \frac{bp}{2V_a} + C_{Y_r} \frac{br}{2V_a} + C_{Y_{\delta_a}} \delta_a + C_{Y_{\delta_r}} \delta_r \right]$$

$$\dot{w} = qu - pv + g \cos \theta \cos \phi + \frac{\rho V_a^2 S}{2m} \left[C_Z(\alpha) + C_{Z_q}(\alpha) \frac{cq}{2V_a} + C_{Z_{\delta_e}}(\alpha) \delta_e \right]$$

$$\dot{\phi} = p + q \sin \phi \tan \theta + r \cos \phi \tan \theta$$

$$\dot{\theta} = q \cos \phi - r \sin \phi$$

$$\dot{\psi} = q \sin \phi \sec \theta + r \cos \phi \sec \theta$$

$$\dot{p} = \Gamma_1 pq - \Gamma_2 qr + \frac{1}{2} \rho V_a^2 S b \left[C_{p_0} + C_{p_\beta} \beta + C_{p_p} \frac{bp}{2V_a} + C_{p_r} \frac{br}{2V_a} + C_{p_{\delta_a}} \delta_a + C_{p_{\delta_r}} \delta_r \right]$$

$$\dot{q} = \Gamma_5 pr - \Gamma_6 (p^2 - r^2) + \frac{\rho V_a^2 S c}{2J_y} \left[C_{m_0} + C_{m_\alpha} \alpha + C_{m_q} \frac{cq}{2V_a} + C_{m_{\delta_e}} \delta_e \right]$$

$$\dot{r} = \Gamma_7 pq - \Gamma_1 qr + \frac{1}{2} \rho V_a^2 S b \left[C_{r_0} + C_{r_\beta} \beta + C_{r_p} \frac{bp}{2V_a} + C_{r_r} \frac{br}{2V_a} + C_{r_{\delta_a}} \delta_a + C_{r_{\delta_r}} \delta_r \right]$$

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$$C_{p_0} = \Gamma_3 C_{l_0} + \Gamma_4 C_{n_0}$$

$$C_{p_\beta} = \Gamma_3 C_{l_\beta} + \Gamma_4 C_{n_\beta}$$

$$C_{p_p} = \Gamma_3 C_{l_p} + \Gamma_4 C_{n_p}$$

$$C_{p_r} = \Gamma_3 C_{l_r} + \Gamma_4 C_{n_r}$$

$$C_{p_{\delta_a}} = \Gamma_3 C_{l_{\delta_a}} + \Gamma_4 C_{n_{\delta_a}}$$

$$C_{p_{\delta_r}} = \Gamma_3 C_{l_{\delta_r}} + \Gamma_4 C_{n_{\delta_r}}$$

$$C_{r_0} = \Gamma_4 C_{l_0} + \Gamma_8 C_{n_0}$$

$$C_{r_\beta} = \Gamma_4 C_{l_\beta} + \Gamma_8 C_{n_\beta}$$

$$C_{r_p} = \Gamma_4 C_{l_p} + \Gamma_8 C_{n_p}$$

$$C_{r_r} = \Gamma_4 C_{l_r} + \Gamma_8 C_{n_r}$$

$$C_{r_{\delta_a}} = \Gamma_4 C_{l_{\delta_a}} + \Gamma_8 C_{n_{\delta_a}}$$

$$C_{r_{\delta_r}} = \Gamma_4 C_{l_{\delta_r}} + \Gamma_8 C_{n_{\delta_r}}$$

$$C_X(\alpha) \triangleq -C_D(\alpha) \cos \alpha + C_L(\alpha) \sin \alpha$$

$$C_{X_q}(\alpha) \triangleq -C_{D_q} \cos \alpha + C_{L_q} \sin \alpha$$

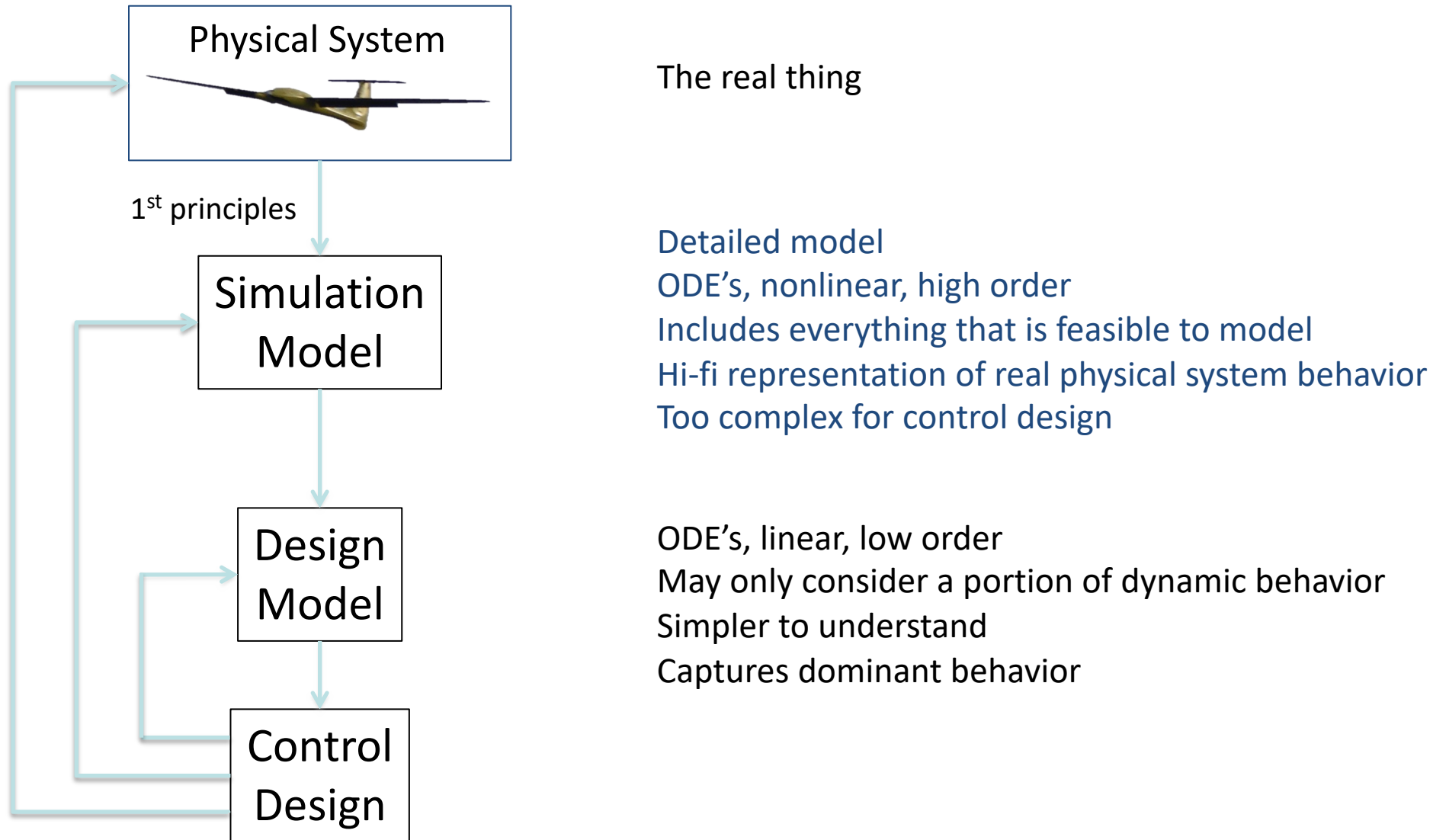
$$C_{X_{\delta_e}}(\alpha) \triangleq -C_{D_{\delta_e}} \cos \alpha + C_{L_{\delta_e}} \sin \alpha$$

$$C_Z(\alpha) \triangleq -C_D(\alpha) \sin \alpha - C_L(\alpha) \cos \alpha$$

$$C_{Z_q}(\alpha) \triangleq -C_{D_q} \sin \alpha - C_{L_q} \cos \alpha$$

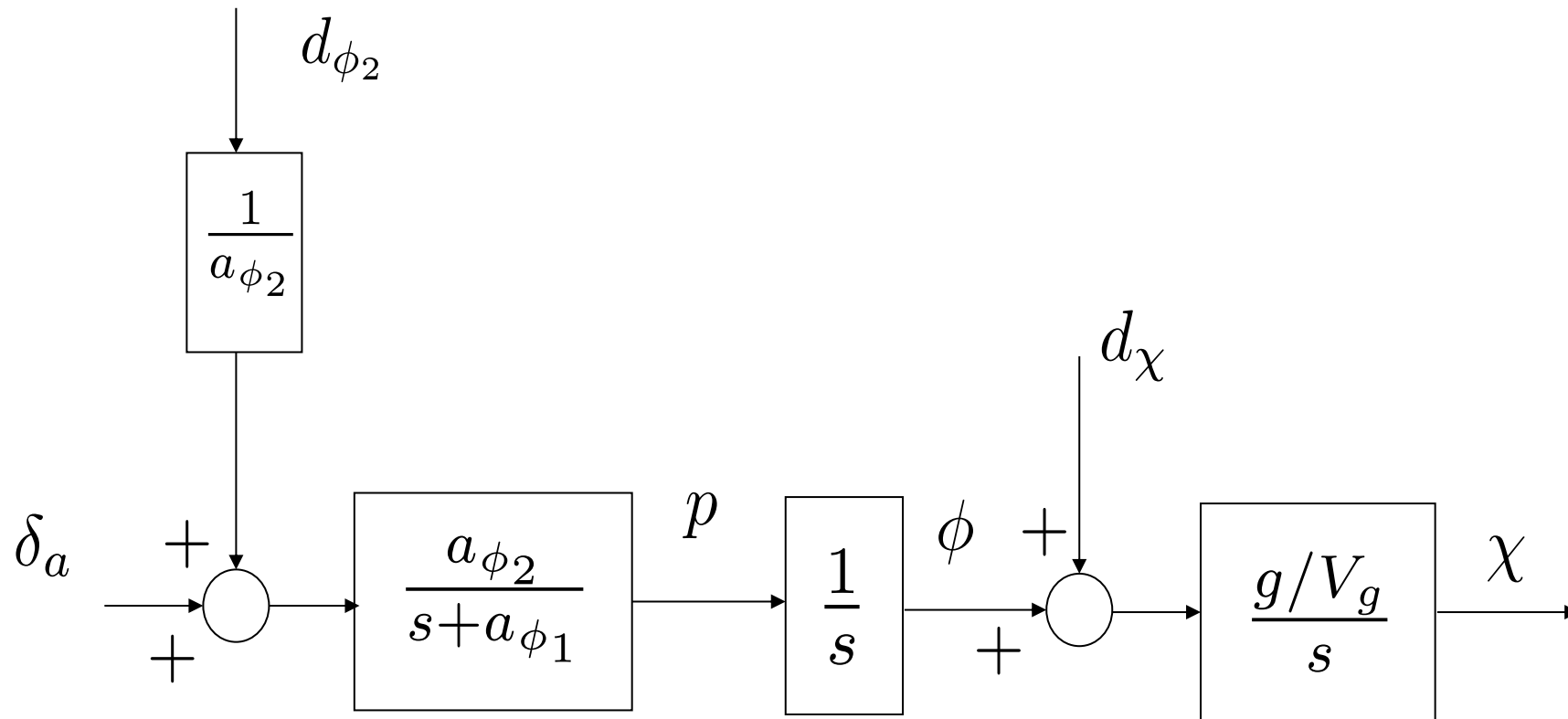
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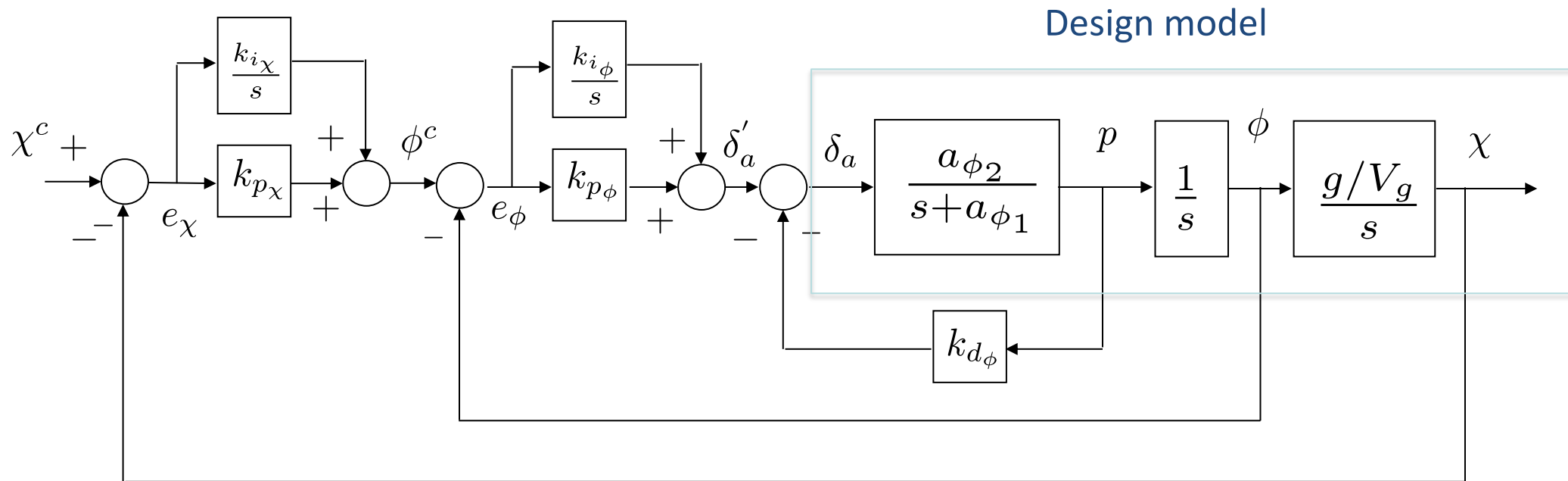


Design Model

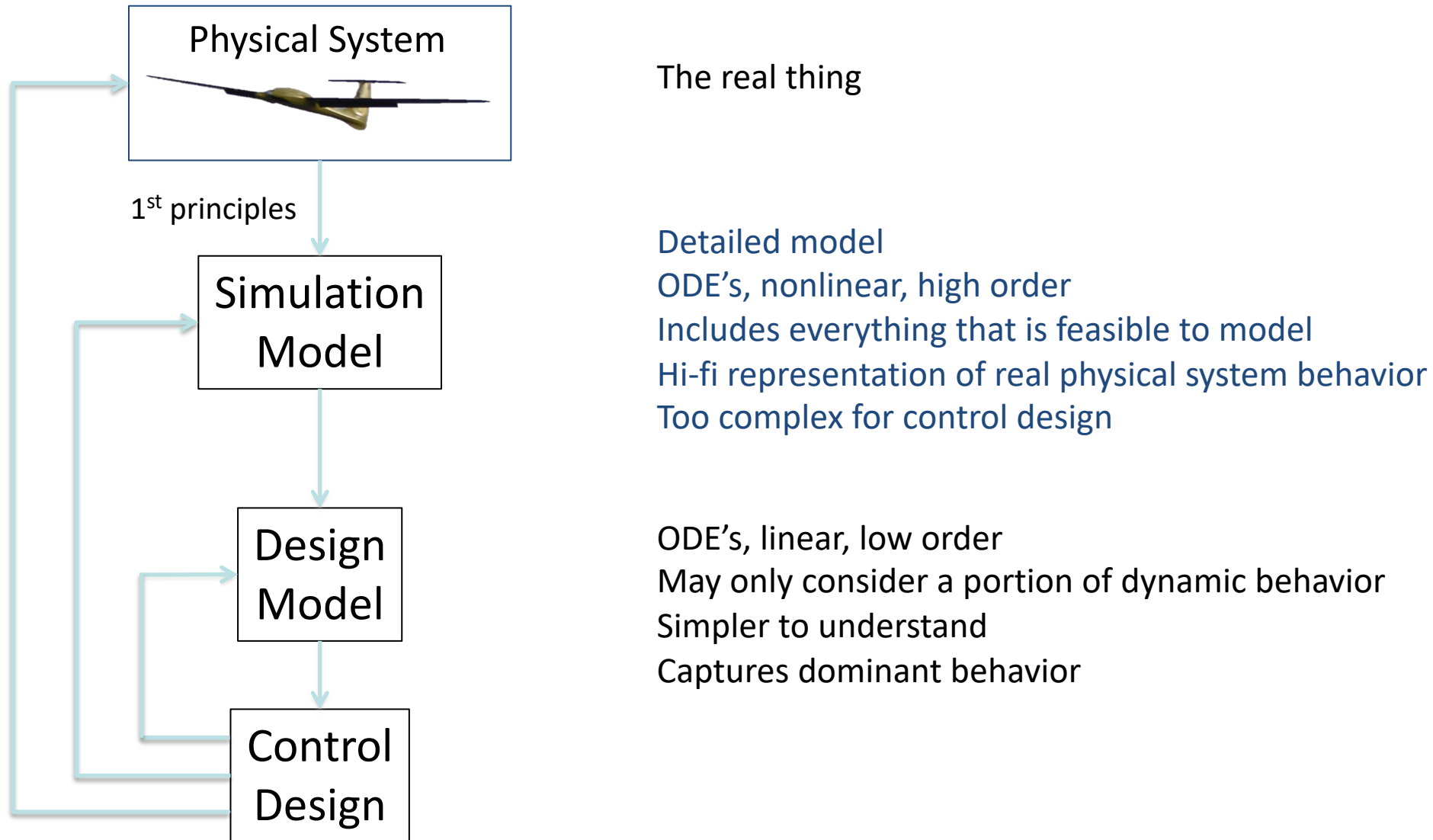
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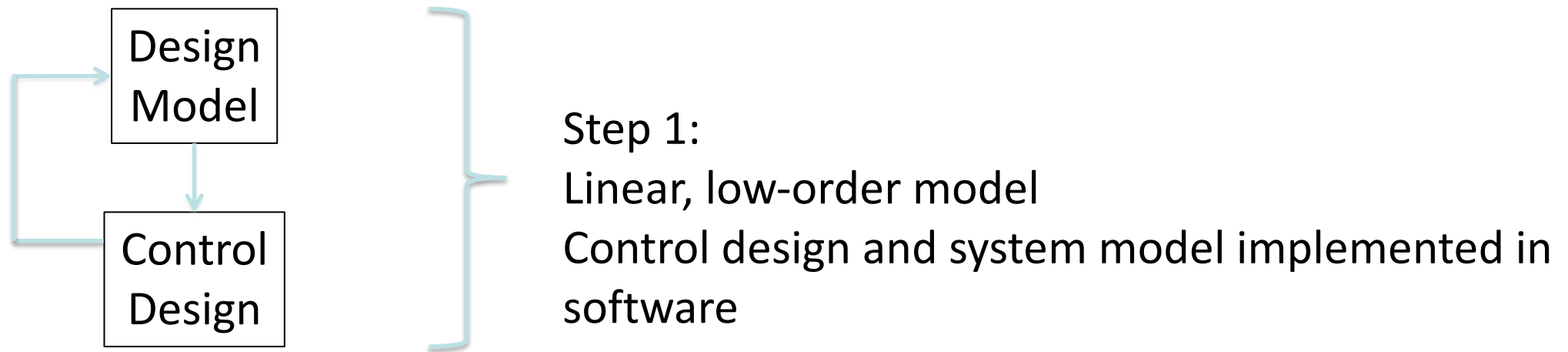
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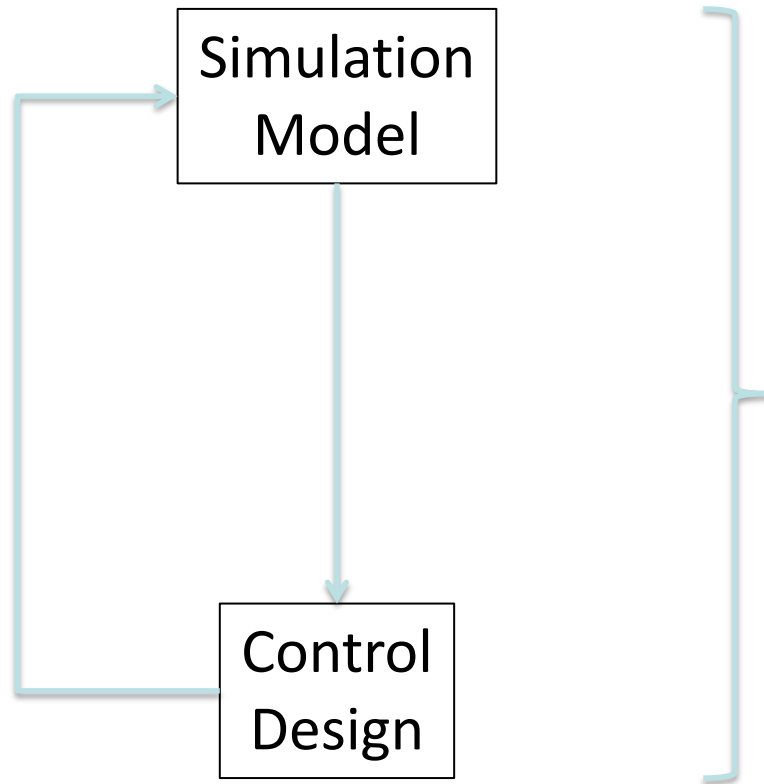
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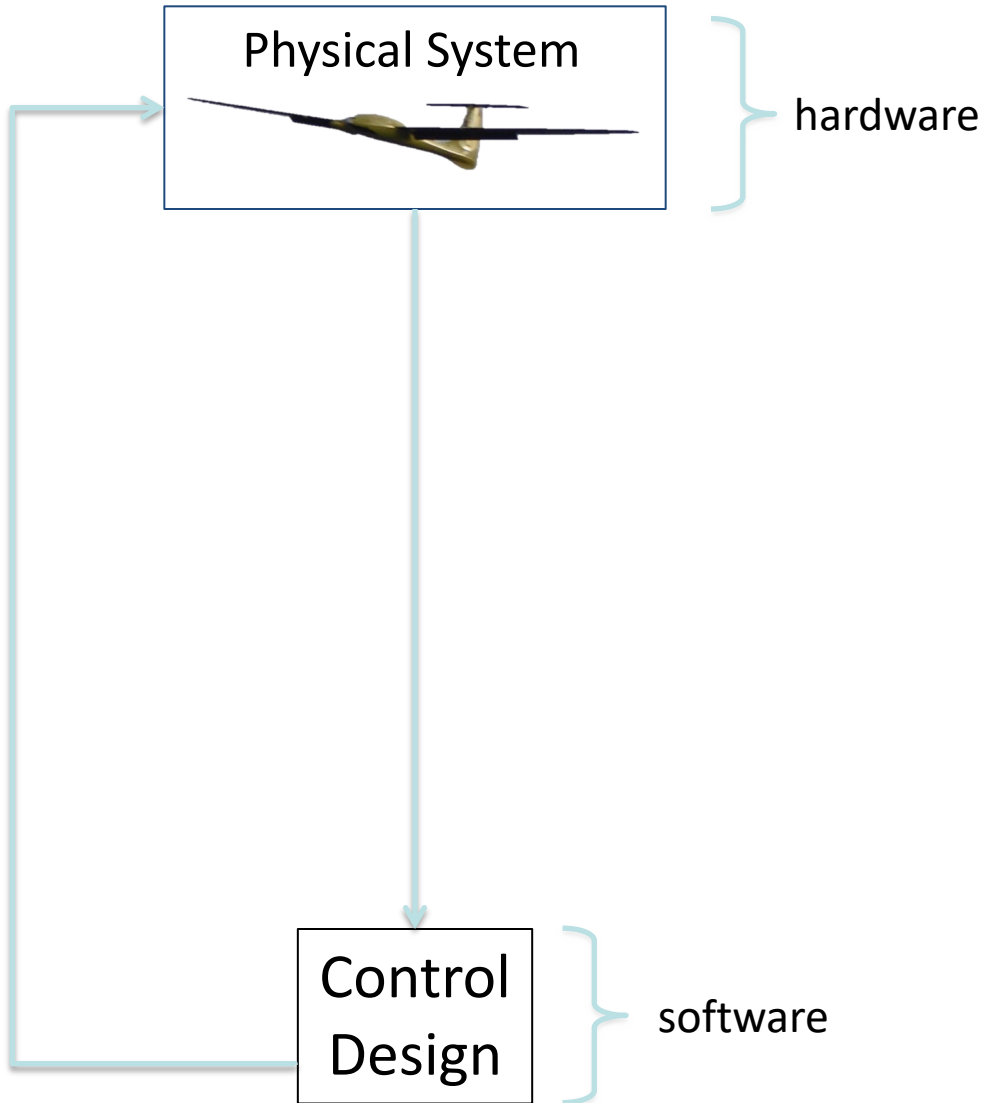


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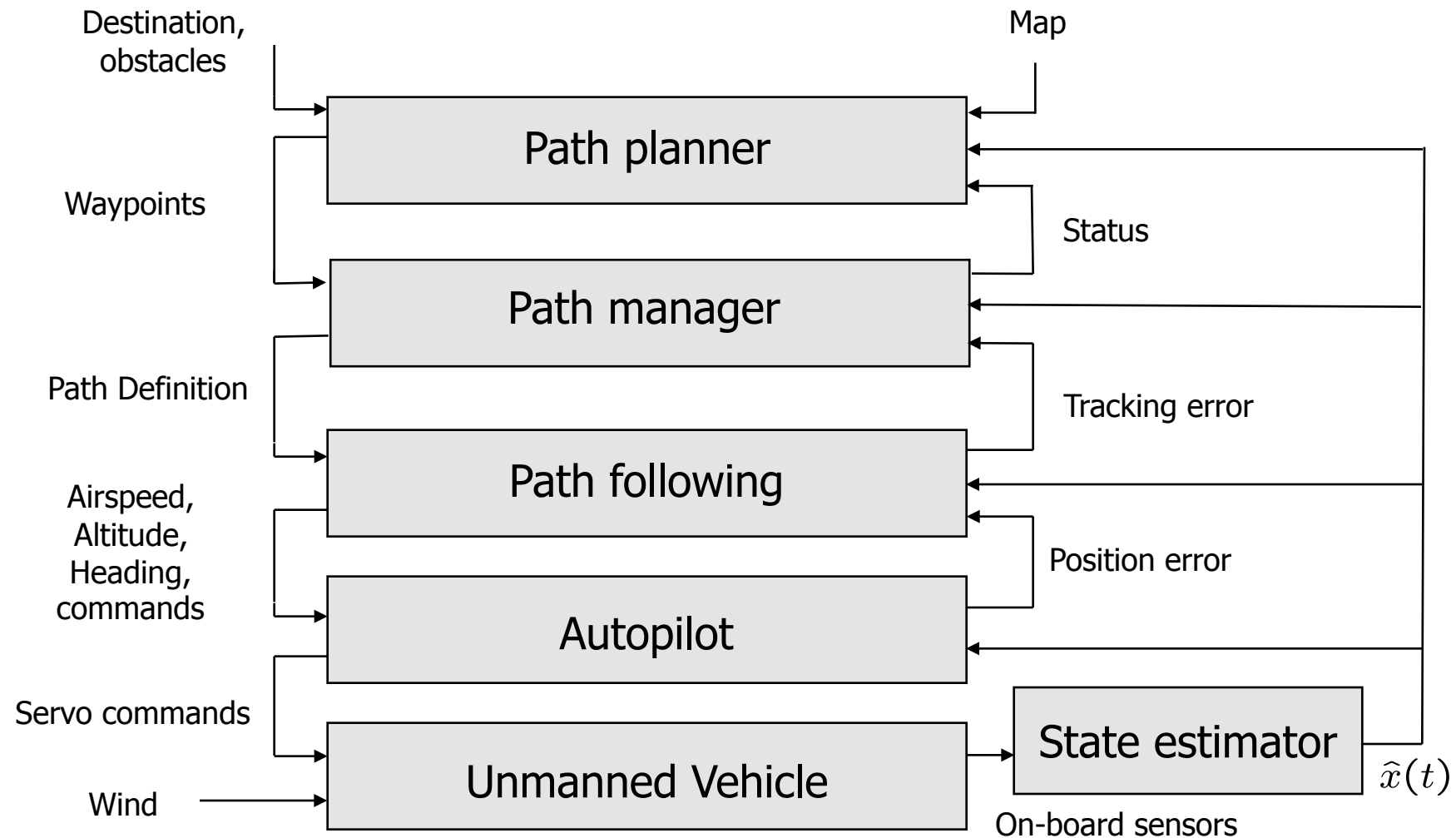
Step 2:
Detailed system model
Control design and system model
implemented in software

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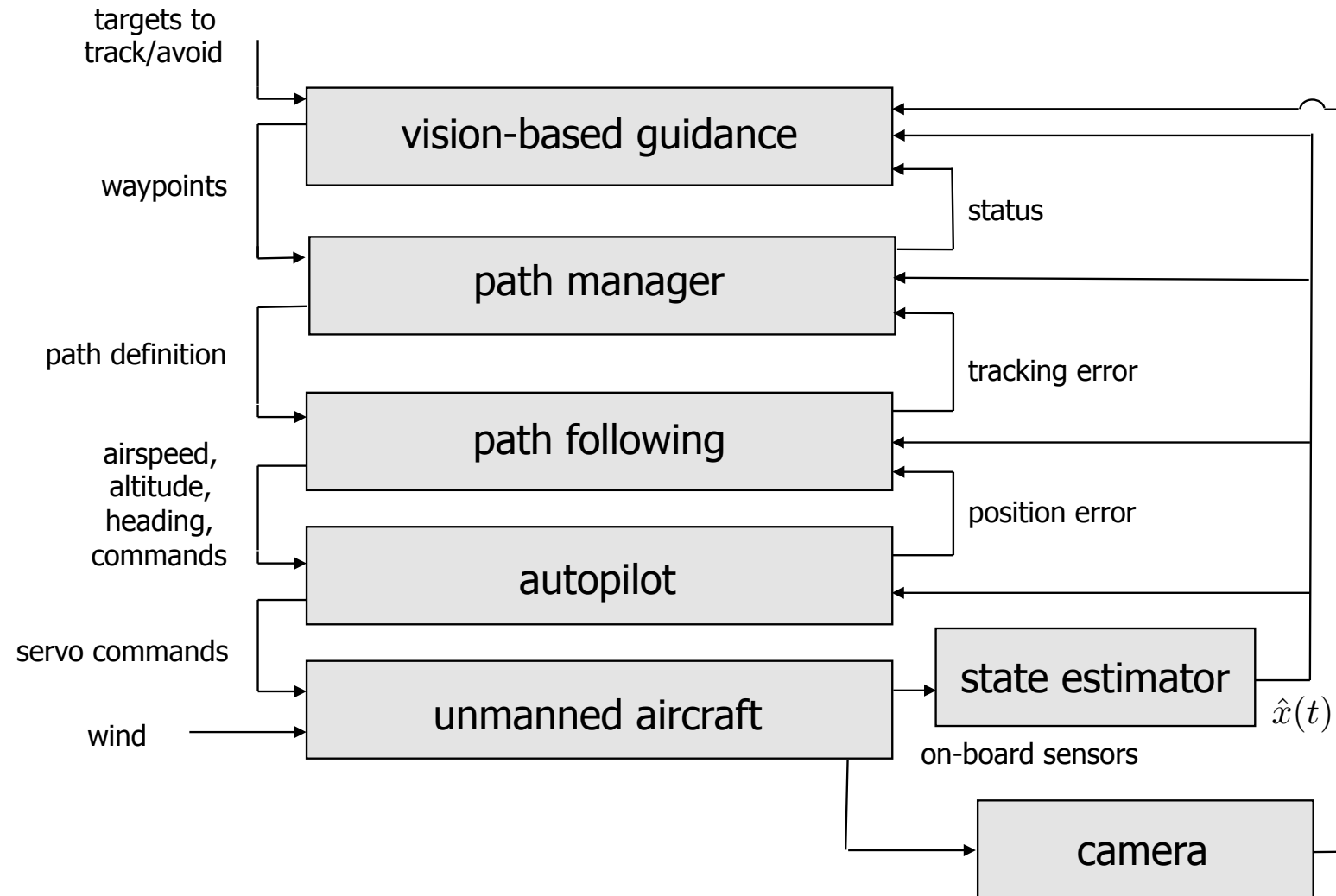


Step 3:
Real system hardware
Control design implemented in software

Architecture



Architecture w/ Camera



Course Project Ideas

- Implement autopilot components on hardware using ROSflight, PixHawk, or another autopilot
- Develop learning modules for the African Drone and Data Academy in Malawi (e.g., Jupyter notebooks)
- Integrate our course simulator into the AirSim simulator (<https://github.com/microsoft/AirSim>)
- Extend existing autopilot components to do something in a different way (e.g., perform path following using MPC)
- Extend existing autopilot to do something new (e.g., use machine vision to land on a target)
- Something of your own creation that builds on the concepts of this course