

AER 1216 – Fundamentals of UAVs

Lecture 13 - Quadrotor Dynamics and Control III

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Quadrotor Dynamics and Control II

1. How to linearly control a planar (2D) quadrotor?
 - a. Linearize dynamics and apply PD controller
2. What other linear controllers can we use?
 - a. Pole placement and LQR
3. When should we use nonlinear controllers?
 - a. When system behavior deviates from linearization
4. How to nonlinearly control a planar (2D) quadrotor?
 - a. Nested architecture, nonlinear eq's and measurements
5. How to control the planar quadrotor in simulation?



Quadrotor Dynamics and Control Lectures

Lecture 1	Lecture 2	Lecture 3
Introduction to quadrotor control Controlling the up-down motion of the quadrotor	Controlling the quadrotor in 2D (y-z plane) Introduction to nonlinear controllers	Controlling the quadrotor in 3D Setting up a commercially available quadrotor
Installing simulator and initial controller exploration	Applying a 2D controller to the simulated quadrotor	How to set up a commercially available quadrotor

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4. What steps to fly a commercially available drone?



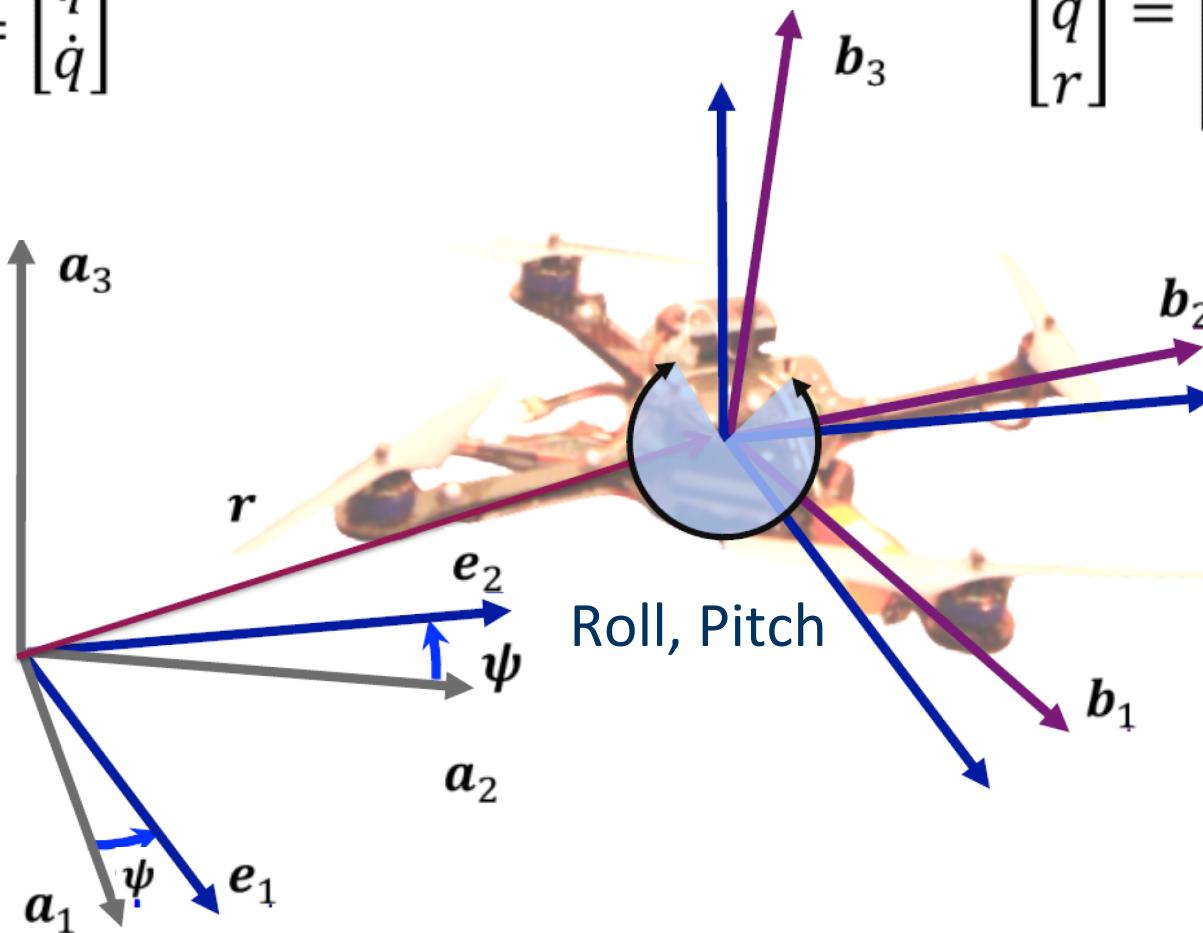
Quadrotor Model (3D)

$$q = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ \phi \\ \theta \\ \psi \end{bmatrix} \quad r = \begin{bmatrix} q \\ \dot{q} \end{bmatrix}$$

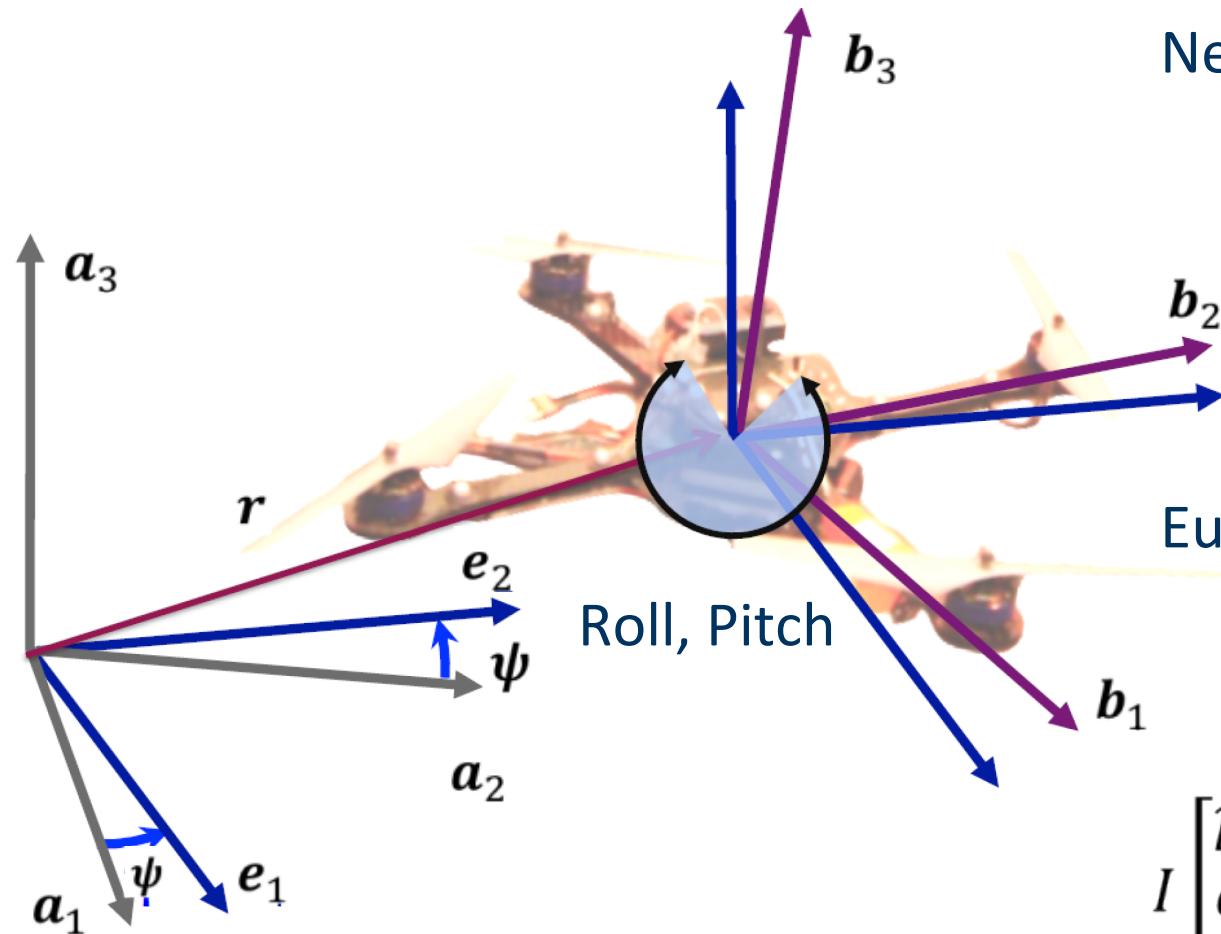
Roll Pitch Yaw

Angular velocities
components in b

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



Quadrotor Model (3D)



Newton's equations of motion:

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

Euler's equations of motion:

$$I\dot{\omega} + \omega \times (I\omega) = M$$

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

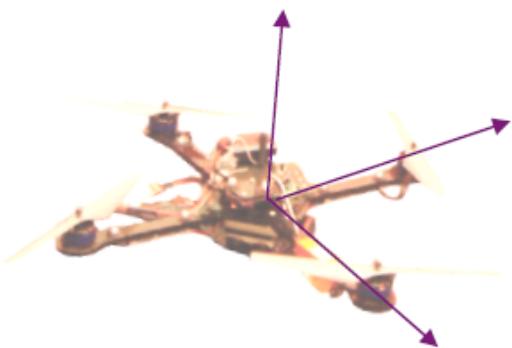


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Linearized Dynamics Model



Linearize the dynamics
at the hover configuration

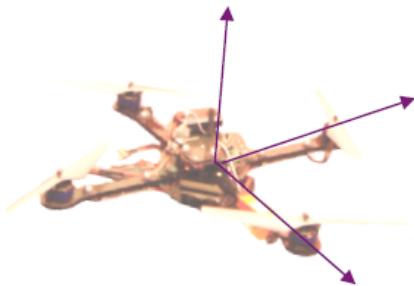
$$(u_1 \sim mg, \theta \sim 0, \phi \sim 0, \psi \sim \psi_0)$$
$$(u_2 \sim 0, p \sim 0, q \sim 0, r \sim 0)$$

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

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



Linearized Dynamics Model



$$R = \begin{bmatrix} . & . & \cos \psi \sin \theta + \cos \theta \sin \phi \sin \psi \\ . & . & \sin \psi \sin \phi - \cos \psi \cos \theta \sin \phi \\ . & . & \cos \theta \cos \phi \end{bmatrix}$$

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

u_1

Linearization

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

$$\begin{aligned}\cos \phi &\sim 1 \\ \sin \phi &\sim \phi\end{aligned}$$

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

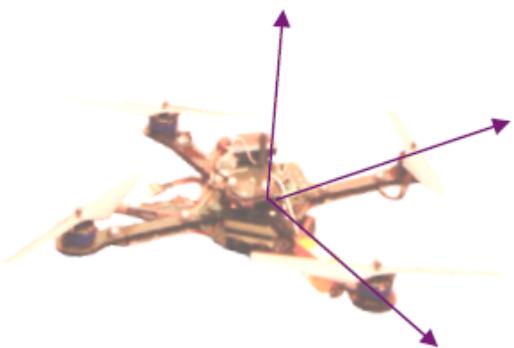
$$\cos \theta \sim 1$$

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

$$\sin \theta \sim \theta$$



Linearized Dynamics Model



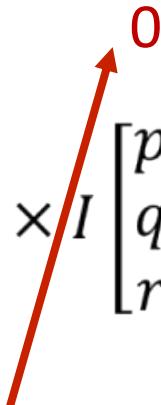
Assuming that the quadrotor is symmetric,
the linearized equations of
the angular accelerations are decoupled

$$I \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} = \boldsymbol{u}_2$$

$$(u_2 \sim 0, p \sim 0, q \sim 0, r \sim 0)$$

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

$\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$ \boldsymbol{u}_2



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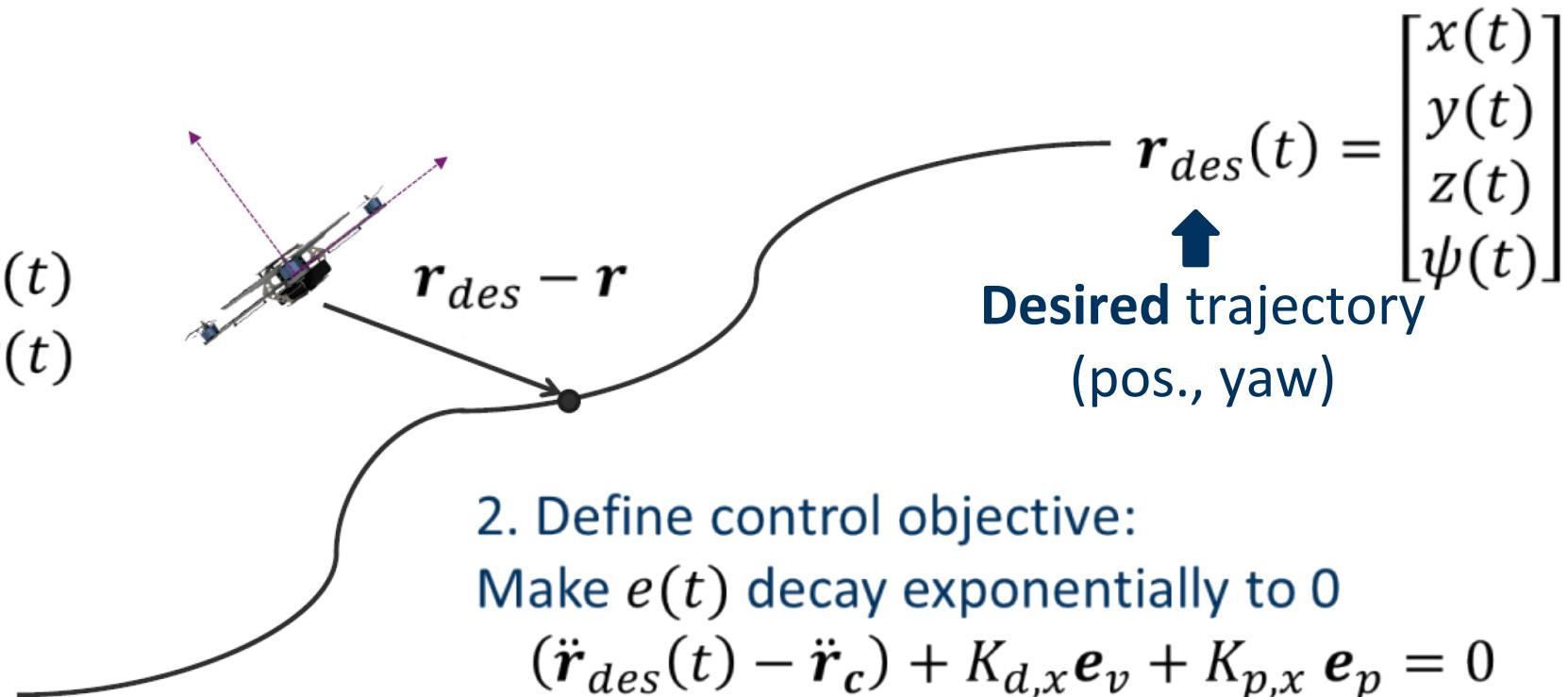
Trajectory Tracking Problem Statement

Given the quadrotor, design a controller to follow the desired differentiable trajectory $\mathbf{r}_{des}(t), \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{des}(t), \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{des}(t)$

1. Define error:

$$\mathbf{e}_p = \mathbf{r}_{des}(t) - \mathbf{r}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{e}_v = \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{des}(t) - \dot{\mathbf{r}}(t)$$



2. Define control objective:

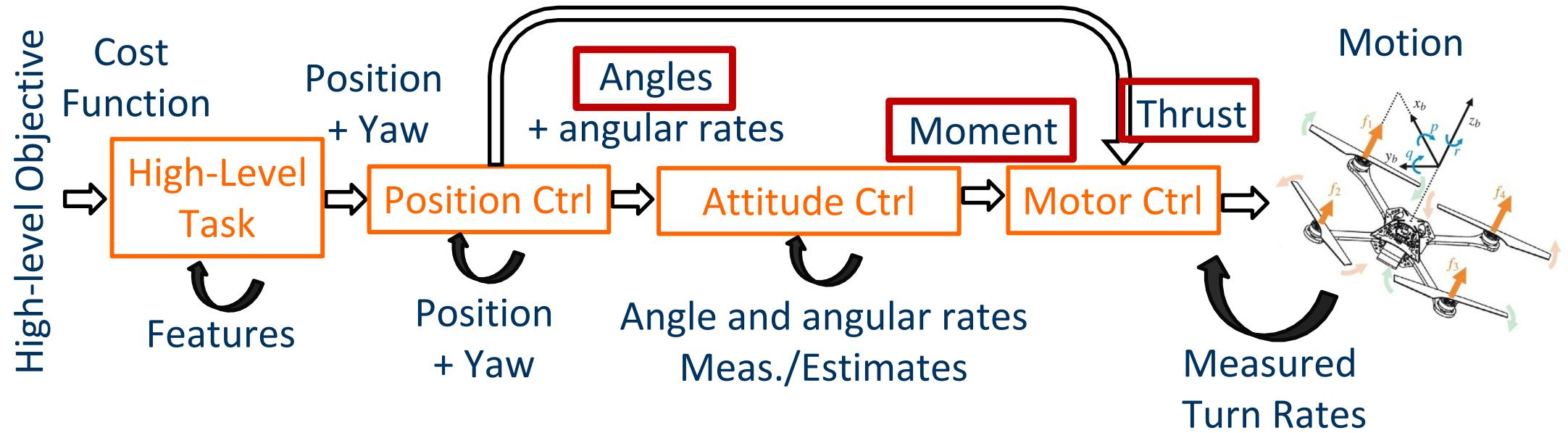
Make $e(t)$ decay exponentially to 0

$$(\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{des}(t) - \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_c) + K_{d,x} \mathbf{e}_v + K_{p,x} \mathbf{e}_p = 0$$

3. Choose appropriate controller.



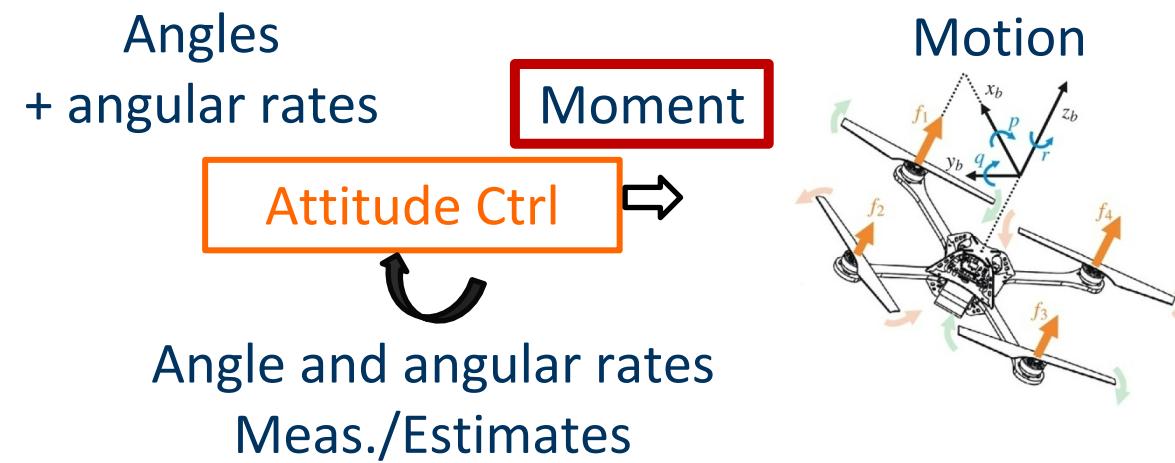
Nested Control Architecture



We focus on calculating thrust and moment (motor control is typically proportional)



Nested Control Architecture

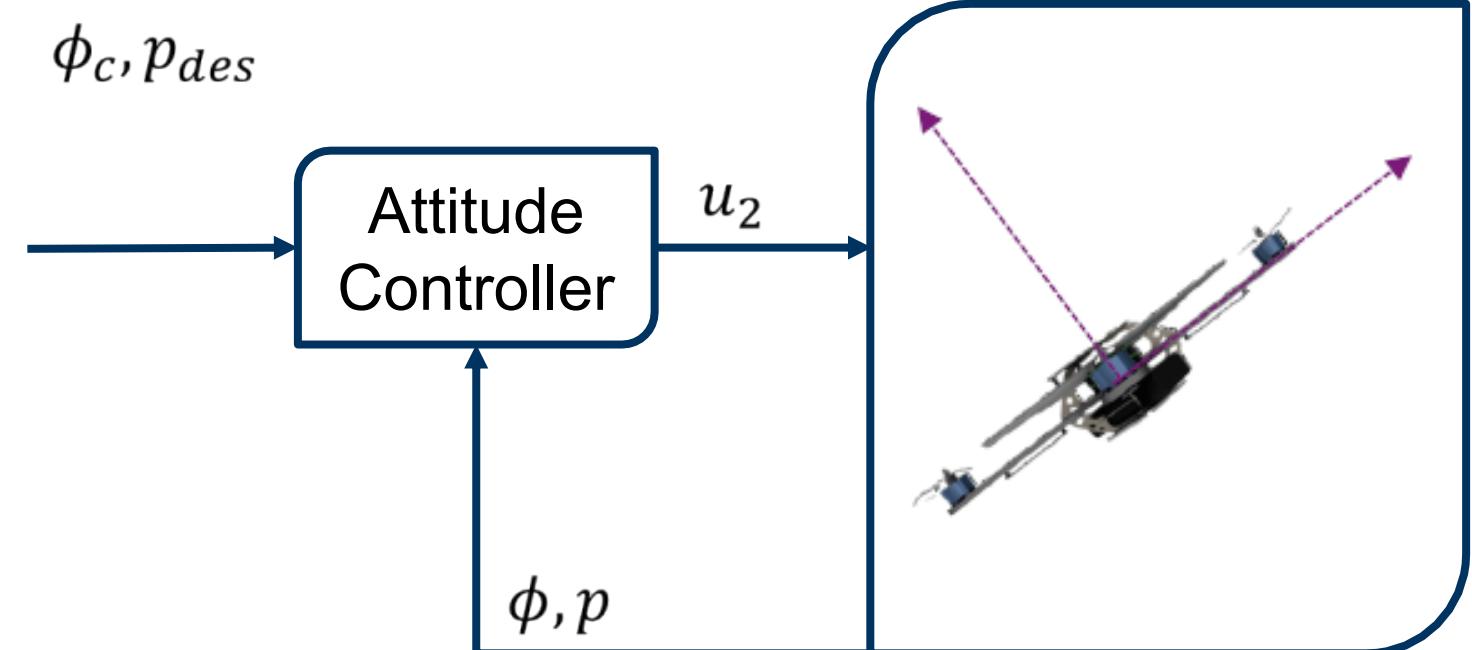


Attitude Controller

Make $e = \phi_c - \phi$ decay exponentially to 0: (Simplify using $\ddot{\phi}_c=0$)

$$(\ddot{\phi}_c - \ddot{\phi}) + k_{p,\phi}(\phi_c - \phi) + k_{d,\phi}(p_{des} - p) = 0$$

$$\ddot{\phi} = k_{p,\phi}(\phi_c - \phi) + k_{d,\phi}(p_{des} - p)$$



Linearized dynamics:

$$I\dot{\omega} = u_2$$

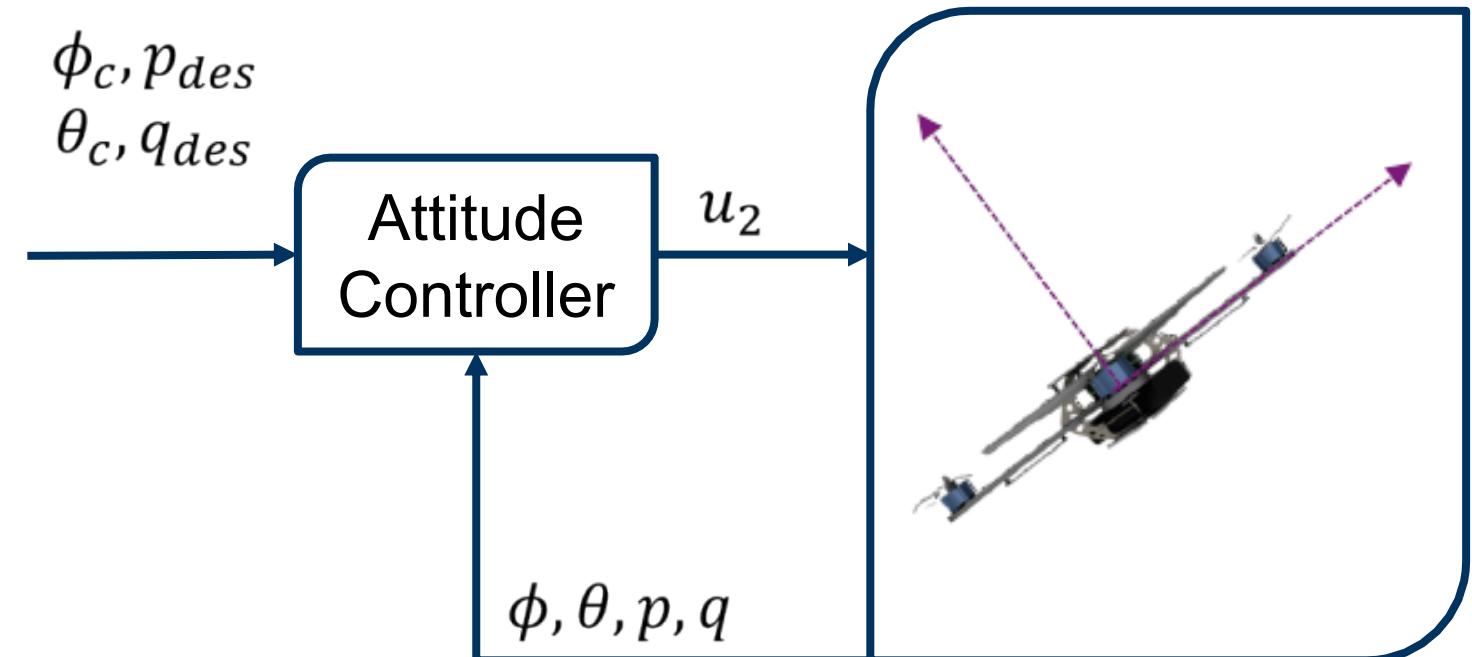


Attitude Controller

Make $e = \theta_c - \theta$ decay exponentially to 0: (Simplify using $\ddot{\theta}_c = 0$)

$$(\ddot{\theta}_c - \ddot{\theta}) + k_{p,\theta} (\theta_c - \theta) + k_{d,\theta} (q_{des} - q) = 0$$

$$\ddot{\theta} = k_{p,\theta} (\theta_c - \theta) + k_{d,\theta} (q_{des} - q)$$



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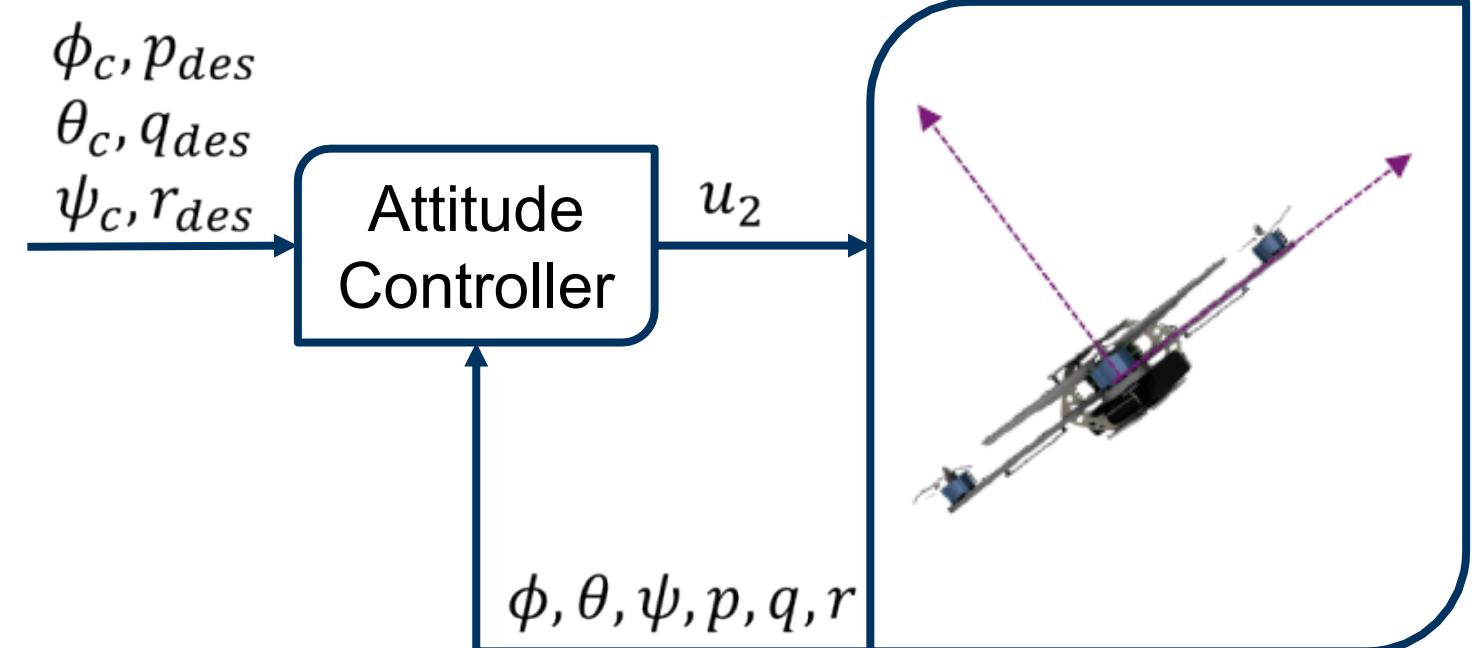


Attitude Controller

Make $e = \psi_c - \psi$ decay exponentially to 0: (Simplify using $\ddot{\psi}_c = 0$)

$$(\ddot{\psi}_c - \ddot{\psi}) + k_{p,\psi}(\psi_c - \psi) + k_{d,\psi}(r_{des} - r) = 0$$

$$\ddot{\psi} = k_{p,\psi}(\psi_c - \psi) + k_{d,\psi}(r_{des} - r)$$



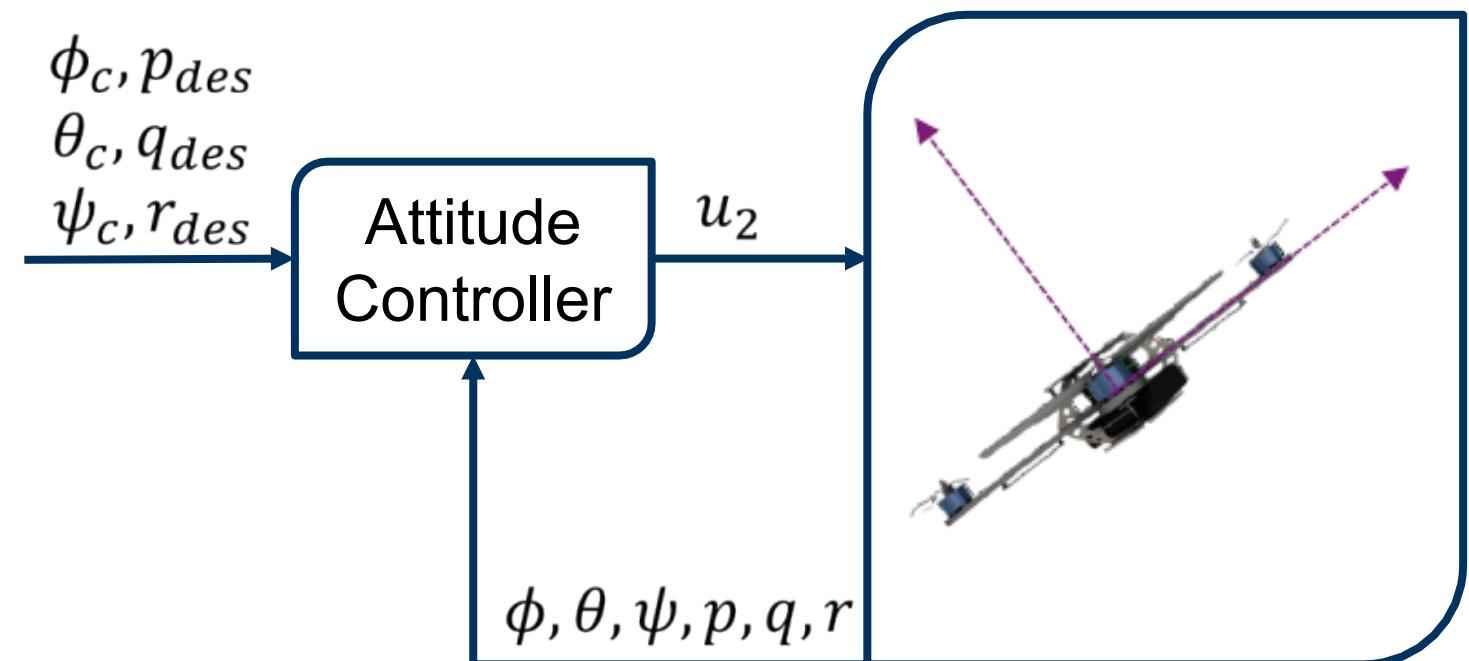
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Attitude Controller

Summarizing:

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} I_{xx}(k_{p,\phi}(\phi_c - \phi) + k_{d,\phi}(p_c - p)) \\ I_{yy}(k_{p,\theta}(\theta_c - \theta) + k_{d,\theta}(q_c - q)) \\ I_{zz}(k_{p,\psi}(\psi_c - \psi) + k_{d,\psi}(r_c - r)) \end{bmatrix}$$

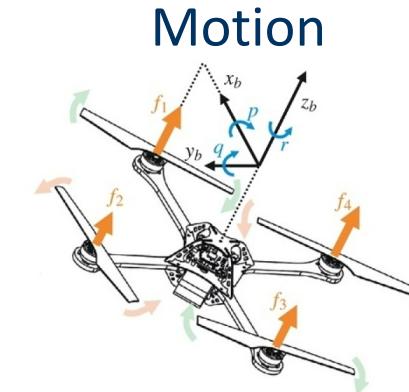
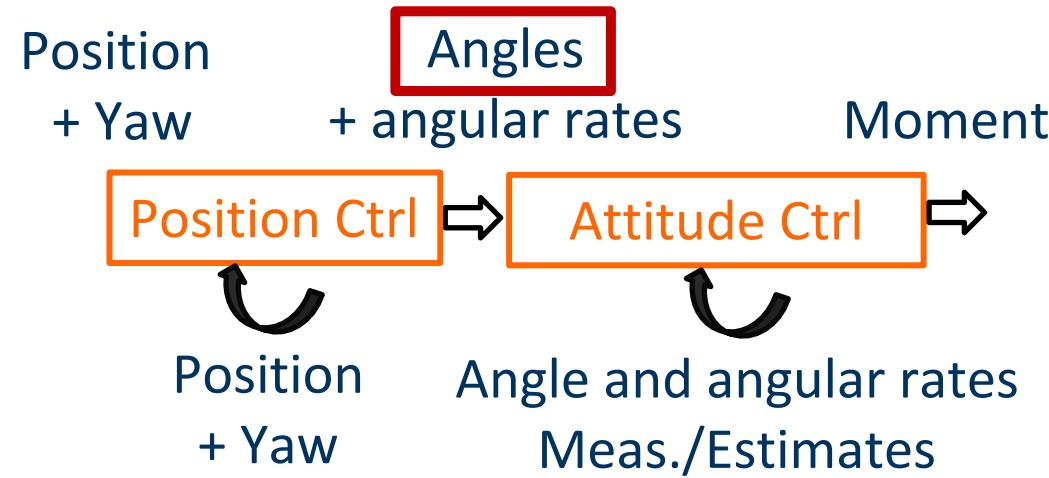


Linearized dynamics:

$$I\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} = \mathbf{u}_2$$



Nested Control Architecture



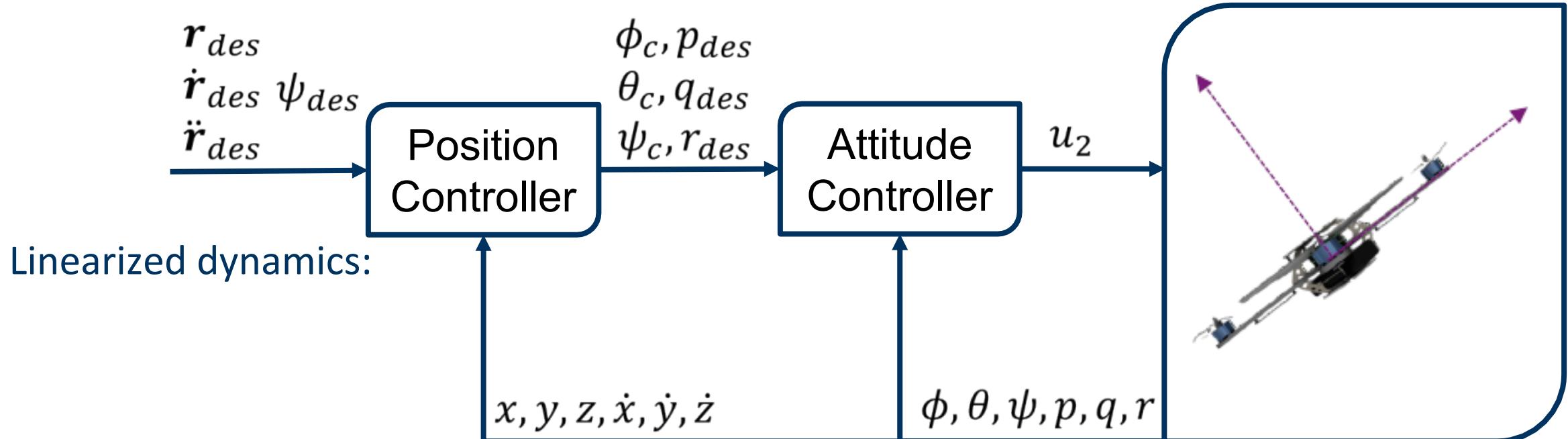
Position Controller

Make $e = x_{des} - x$ decay exponentially to 0:

$$(\ddot{x}_{des} - \ddot{x}) + k_{p,x}(x_{des} - x) + k_{d,x}(\dot{x}_{des} - \dot{x}) = 0$$

$$\ddot{x}_c = \ddot{x}_{des} + k_{p,x}(x_{des} - x) + k_{d,x}(\dot{x}_{des} - \dot{x})$$

For hover $\dot{x}_{des}, \ddot{x}_{des} = 0$



$$I\dot{\omega} = u_2$$



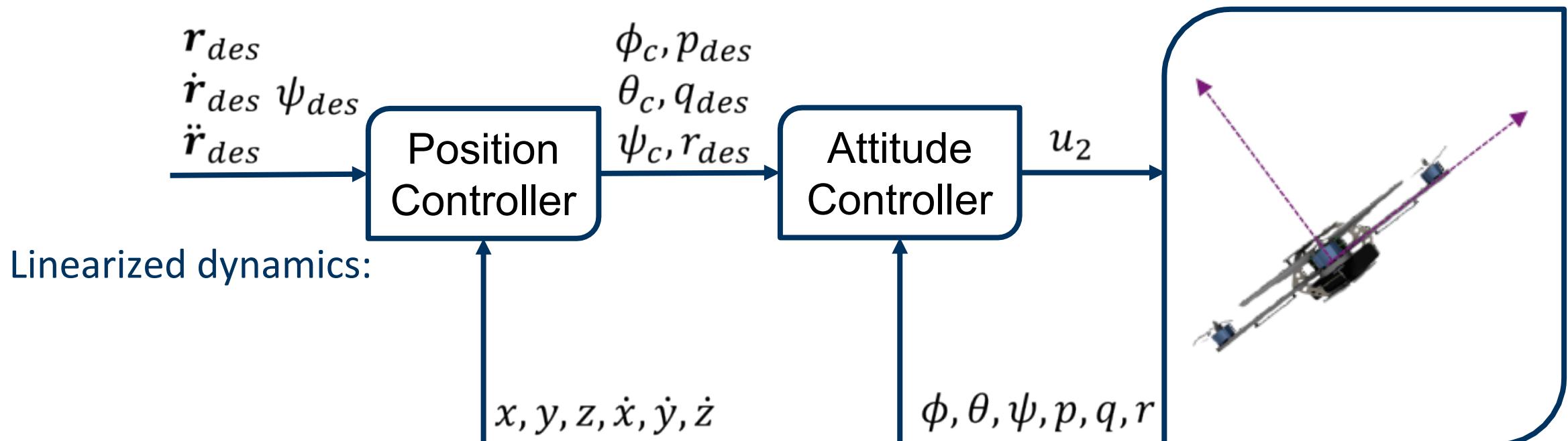
Position Controller

Make $e = y_{des} - y$ decay exponentially to 0:

$$(\ddot{y}_{des} - \ddot{y}) + k_{p,y}(y_{des} - y) + k_{d,y}(\dot{y}_{des} - \dot{y}) = 0$$

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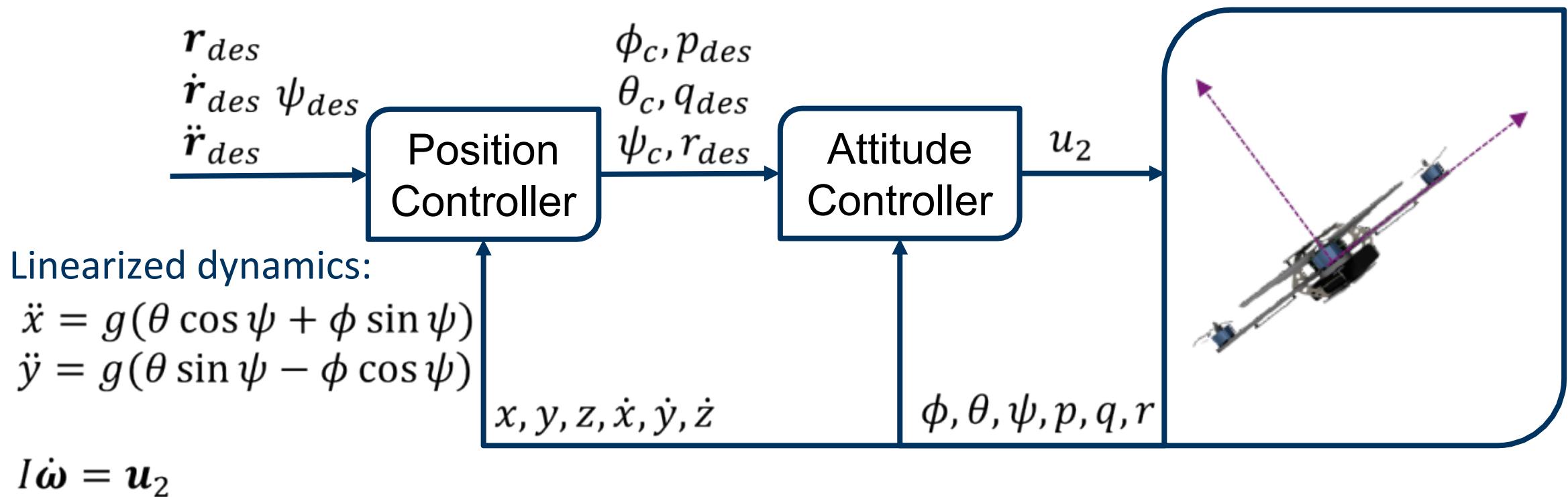
$$I\dot{\omega} = u_2$$



Position Controller

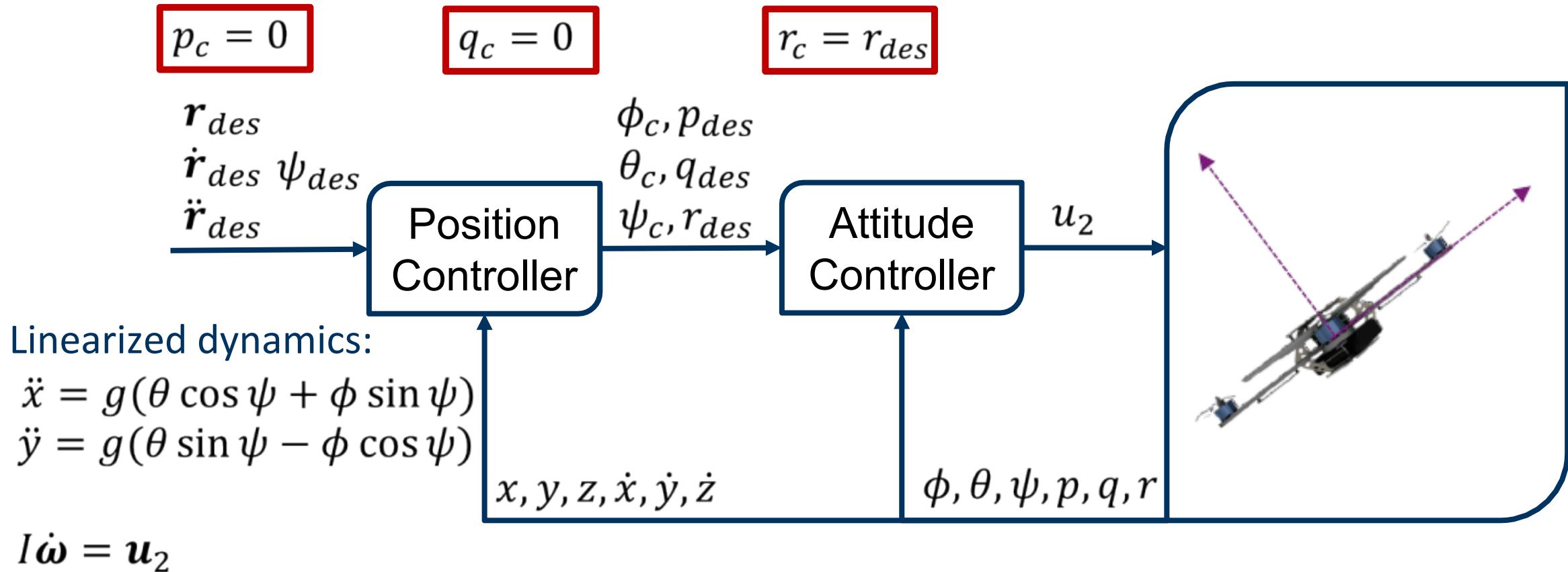
Using the linearized dynamics:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_c &= (\ddot{x}_c \sin \psi_{des} - \ddot{y}_c \cos \psi_{des})/g \\ \theta_c &= (\ddot{x}_c \cos \psi_{des} - \ddot{y}_c \sin \psi_{des})/g \\ \psi_c &= \psi^{des}\end{aligned}$$

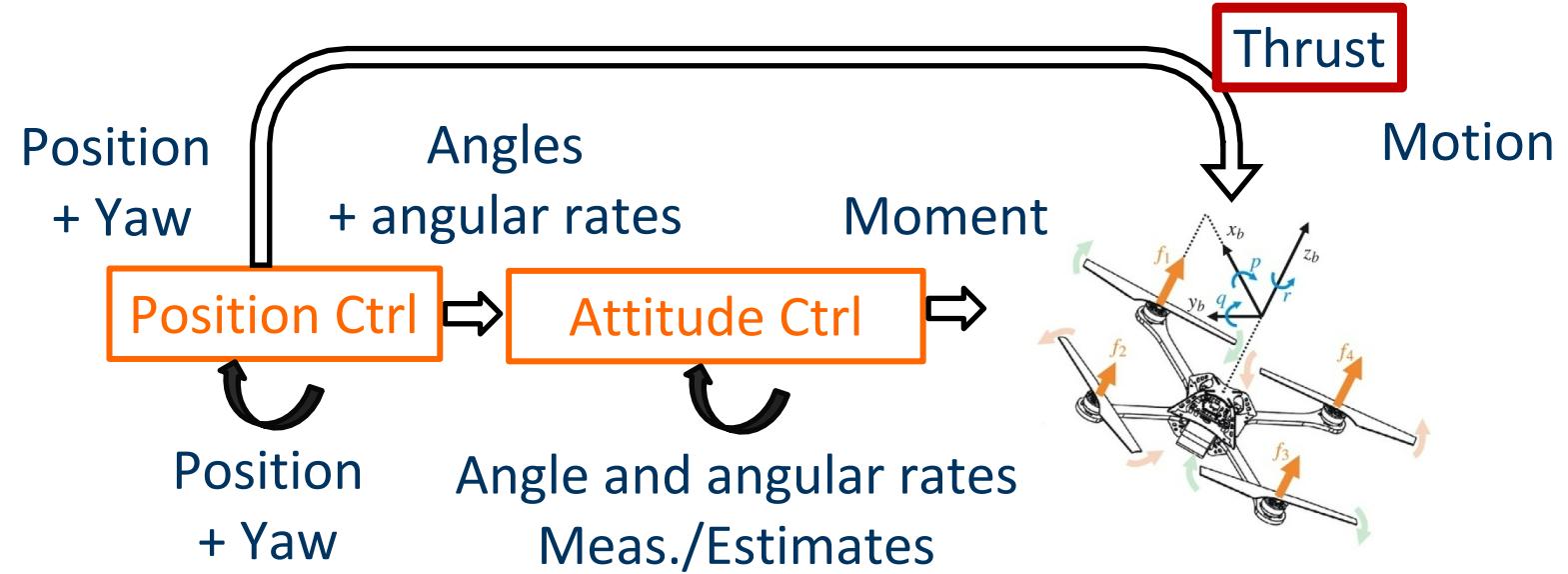


Position Controller

Desired pitch and roll velocities are set to 0 and desired yaw velocity is set according to its desired trajectory



Nested Control Architecture



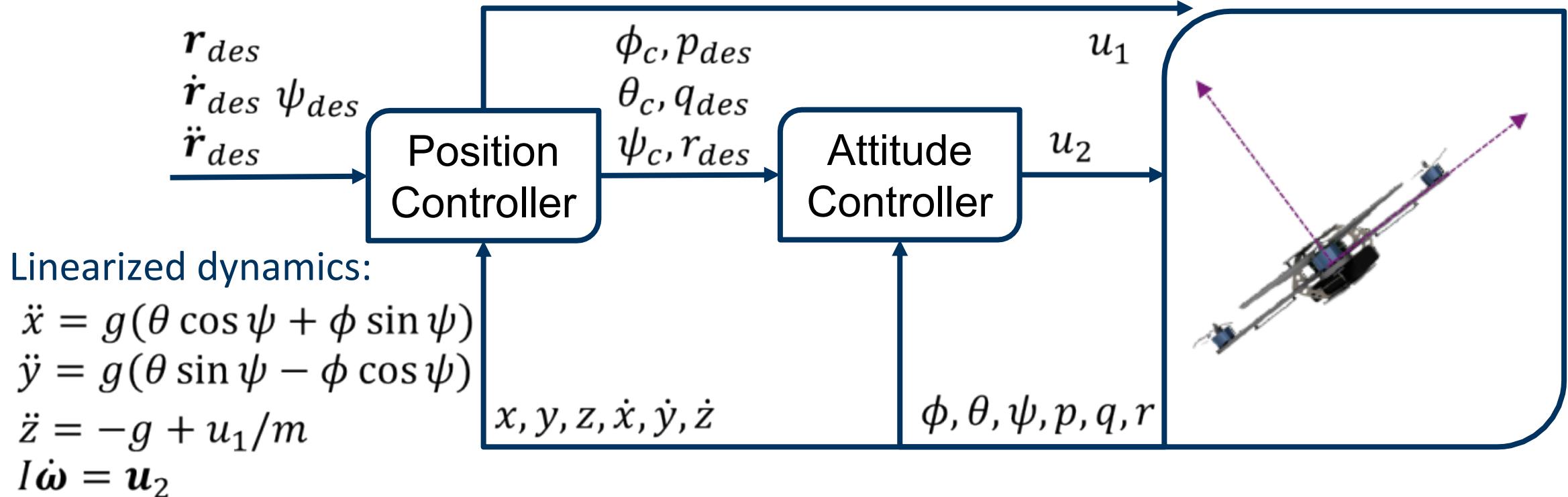
Position Controller

Make $e = z_{des} - z$ decay exponentially to 0:

$$(\ddot{z}_{des} - \ddot{z}) + k_{p,z}(z_{des} - z) + k_{d,z}(\dot{z}_{des} - \dot{z}) = 0$$

For hover $\dot{z}_{des}, \ddot{z}_{des} = 0$

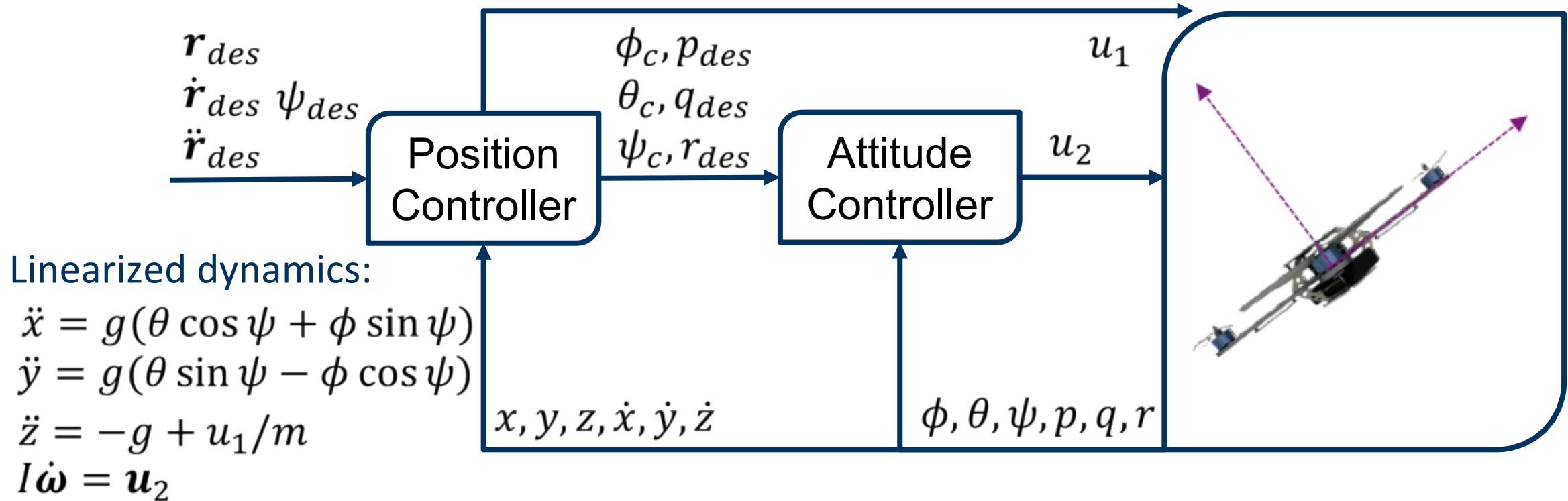
$$\ddot{z}_c = \ddot{z}_{des} + k_{p,z}(z_{des} - z) + k_{d,z}(\dot{z}_{des} - \dot{z})$$



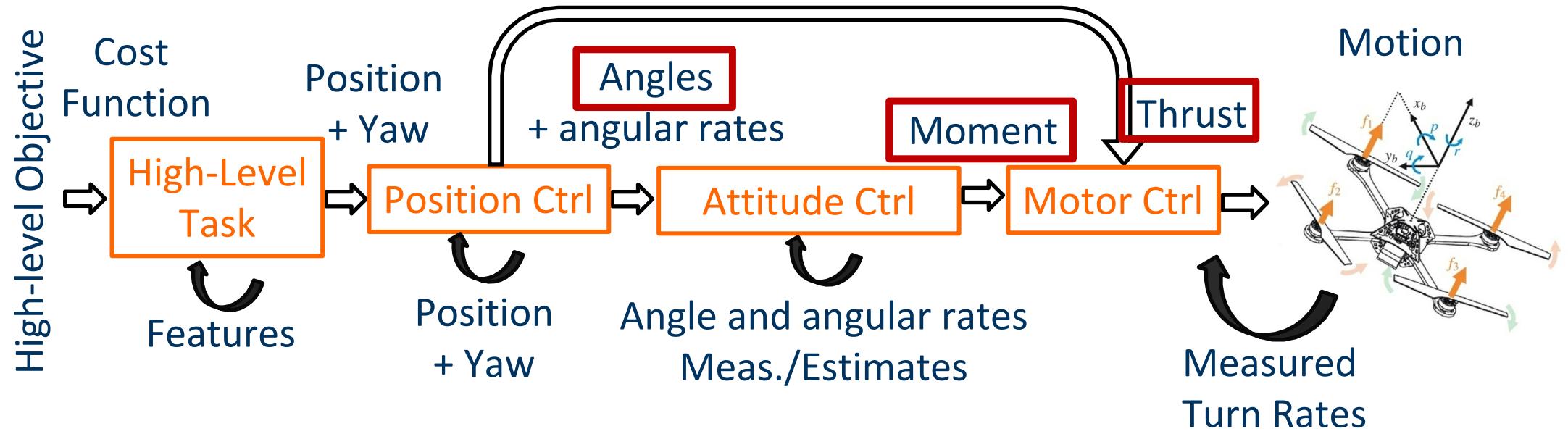
Position Controller

Using the linearized dynamics:

$$u_1 = m(\ddot{z}_c + g)$$



Nested Control Architecture



Control Equations

$$u_1 = m(\ddot{z}_c + g)$$

$$\boldsymbol{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} I_{xx}(k_{p,\phi}(\phi_c - \phi) + k_{d,\phi}(p_c - p)) \\ I_{yy}(k_{p,\theta}(\theta_c - \theta) + k_{d,\theta}(q_c - q)) \\ I_{zz}(k_{p,\psi}(\psi_c - \psi) + k_{d,\psi}(r_c - r)) \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$p_c = 0$$

$$q_c = 0$$

$$r_c = r_{des}$$



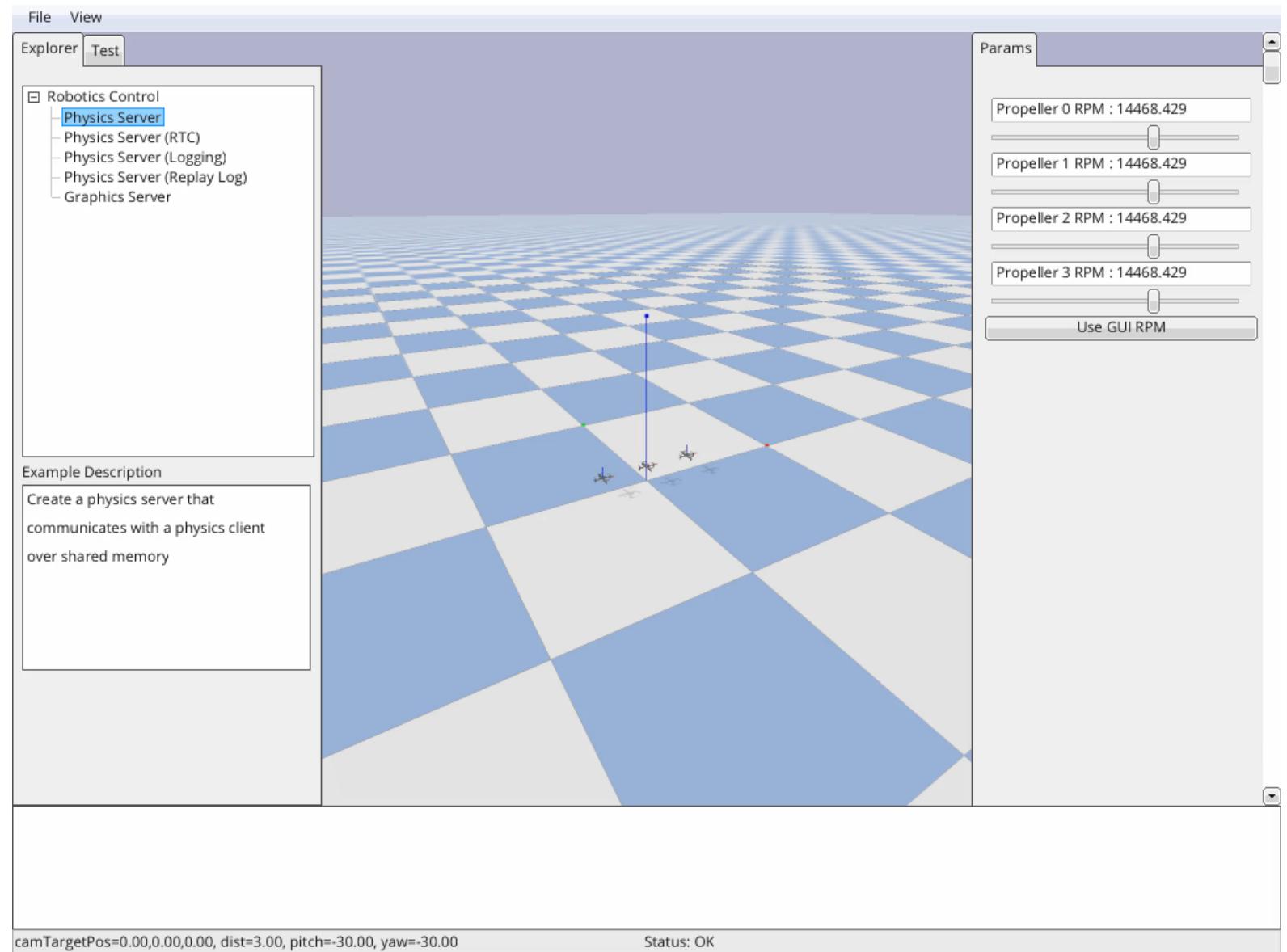
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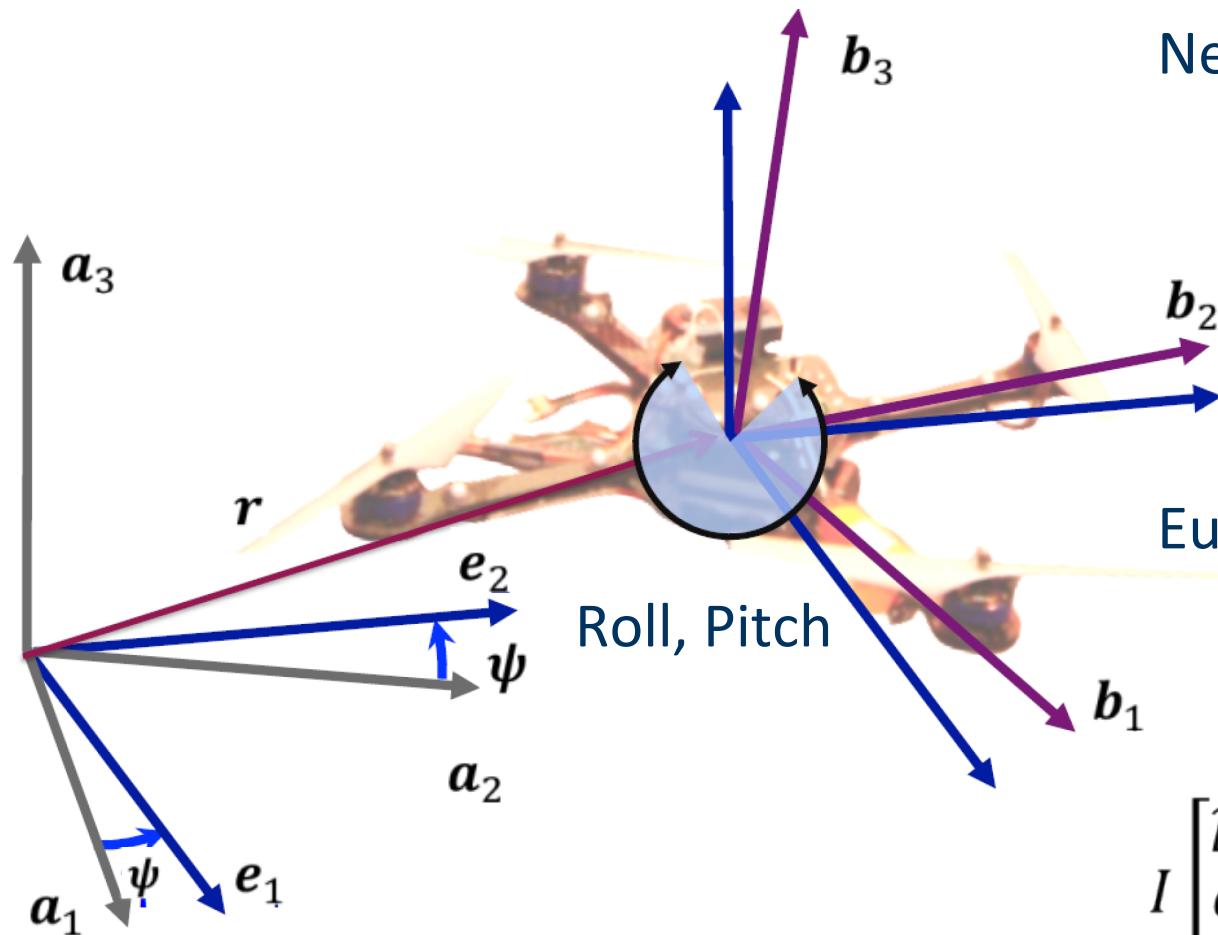


When should we use nonlinear controllers?

When we have aggressive flight



Quadrotor Model (3D)



Newton's equations of motion: $c = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^4 F_i}{m}$

$$\ddot{r} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -g \end{bmatrix} + R \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

is mass-normalized.

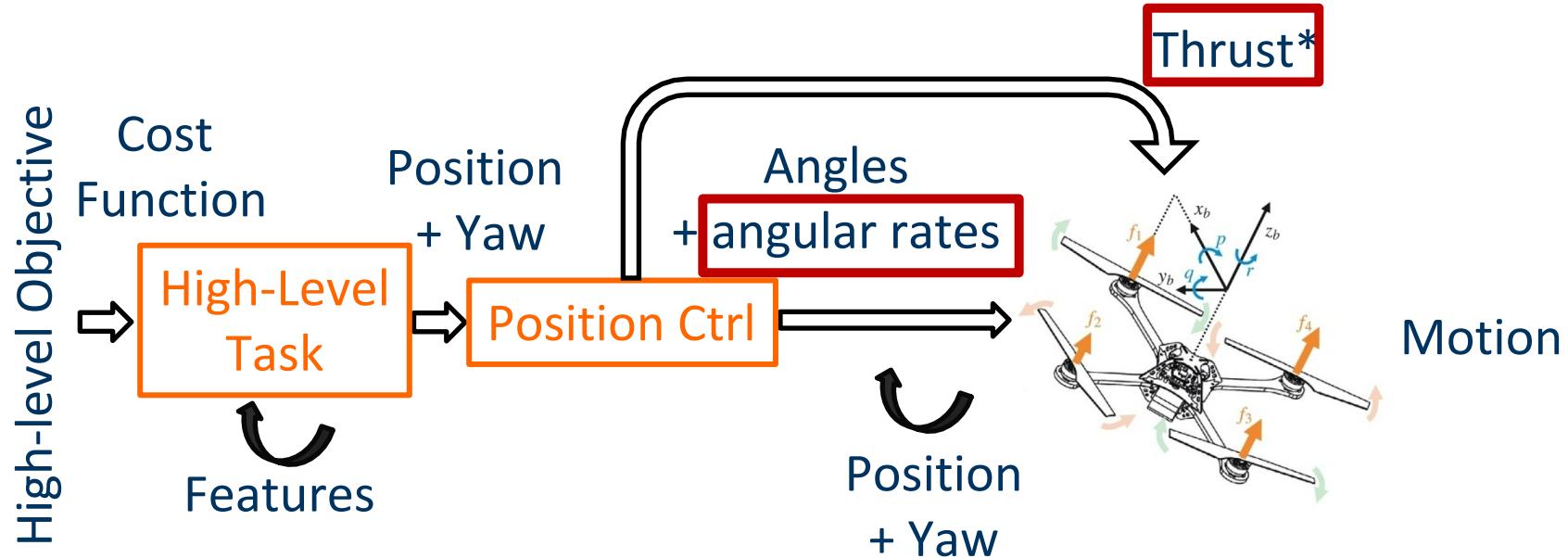
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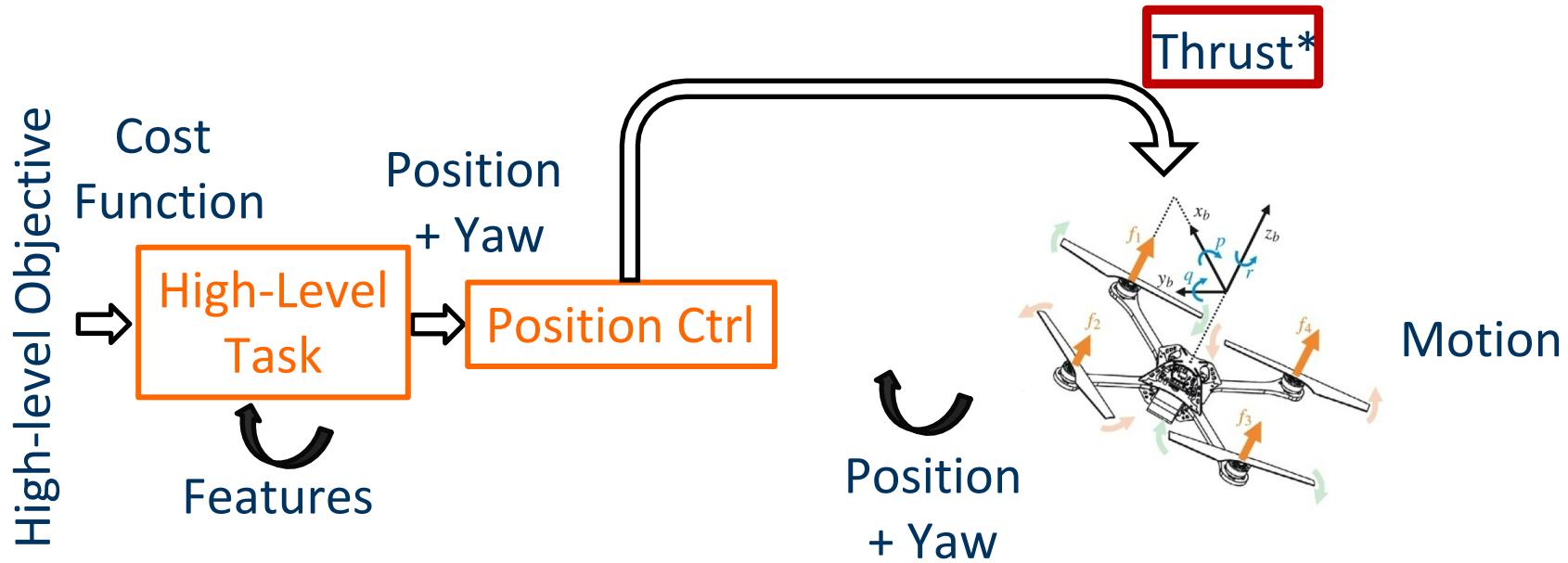


Nonlinear Controller 1



Assume quadrotor onboard controller requires thrust and angular rates

Nonlinear Controller 1



Nonlinear Controller 1

Make $e = z_{des} - z$ decay exponentially to 0:

$$(\ddot{z}_{des} - \ddot{z}) + k_{p,z}(z_{des} - z) + k_{d,z}(\dot{z}_{des} - \dot{z}) = 0$$

$$\ddot{z}_c = \ddot{z}_{des} + k_{p,z}(z_{des} - z) + k_{d,z}(\dot{z}_{des} - \dot{z})$$

Recall the equation of motion:

$$\ddot{\mathbf{r}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -g \end{bmatrix} + R \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve for c :

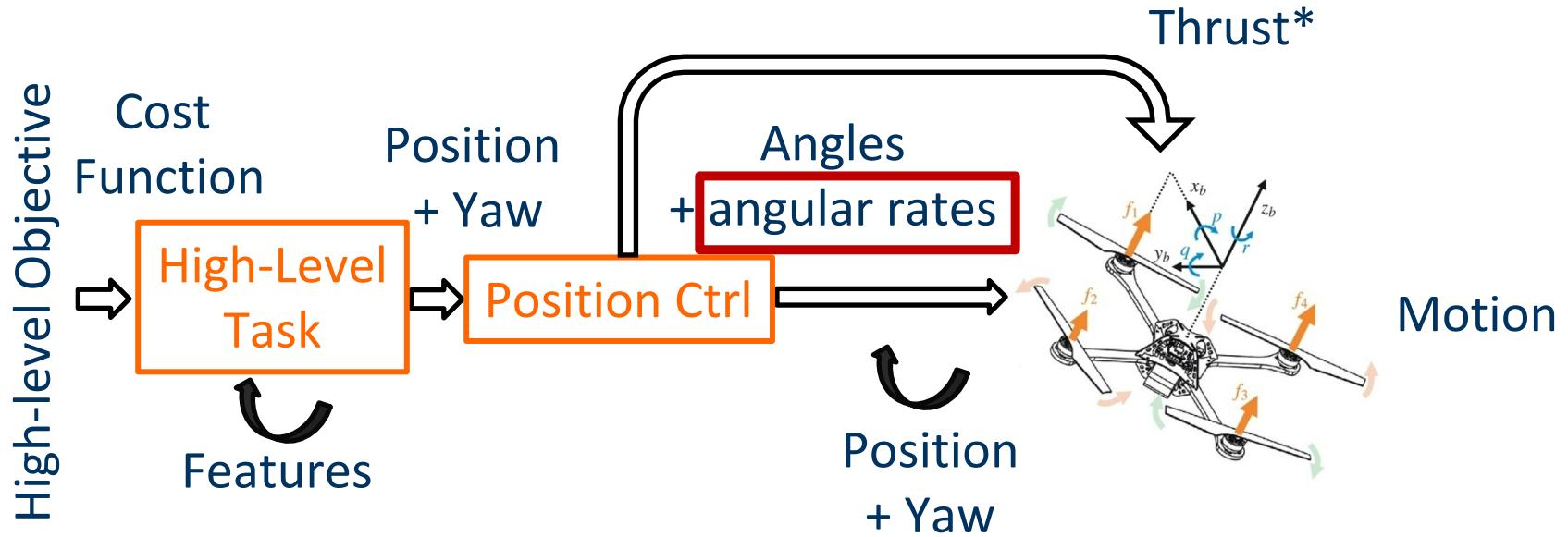
$$c = \frac{1}{R_{33}} (\ddot{z} + g)$$

Calculate desired thrust

$$c_d = \frac{1}{R_{33}} (\ddot{z}_{des} + k_{p,z}(z_{des} - z) + k_{d,z}(\dot{z}_{des} - \dot{z}) + g)$$



Nonlinear Controller 1



Nonlinear Controller 1

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Make $e = y_{des} - y$ decay exponentially to 0:

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$$\ddot{y}_c = \ddot{y}_{des} + k_{p,y}(y_{des} - y) + k_{d,y}(\dot{y}_{des} - \dot{y})$$

From the equations of motion:

Rotational kinematics:

$$\dot{\mathbf{R}} = \mathbf{R} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -r & q \\ r & 0 & -p \\ -q & p & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \ddot{x} \\ \ddot{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{13,d} \\ R_{23,d} \end{bmatrix} c_d$$

Shape reaction of matrix entries as a first-order system:

$$\dot{R}_{13,d} = \frac{1}{\tau_{13,d}} (R_{13,d} - R_{13}) \quad \dot{R}_{23,d} = \frac{1}{\tau_{23,d}} (R_{23,d} - R_{23})$$

Use rotational kinematics and rate of change calculated above:

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_d \\ q_d \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{R_{33}} \begin{bmatrix} R_{21} - R_{11} \\ R_{22} - R_{12} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{R}_{13,d} \\ \dot{R}_{23,d} \end{bmatrix}$$



Nonlinear Controller 1

Motor rate controller:

shaping $\dot{\omega}$ as first-order system:

$$\boldsymbol{I} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\tau_p} (p_d - p) \\ \frac{1}{\tau_q} (q_d - q) \\ \frac{1}{\tau_r} (r_d - r) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix} \times \boldsymbol{I} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l(F_{2,d} - F_{4,d}) \\ l(F_{3,d} - F_{1,d}) \\ \kappa(F_{1,d} - F_{2,d} + F_{3,d} - F_{4,d}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(F_{1,d} + F_{2,d} + F_{3,d} + F_{4,d}) = mc_d$$



Nonlinear Controller 1

Motor rate controller:

shaping $\dot{\omega}$ as first-order system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_d \\ q_d \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{R_{33}} \begin{bmatrix} R_{21} - R_{11} \\ R_{22} - R_{12} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{R}_{13,d} \\ \dot{R}_{23,d} \end{bmatrix}$$

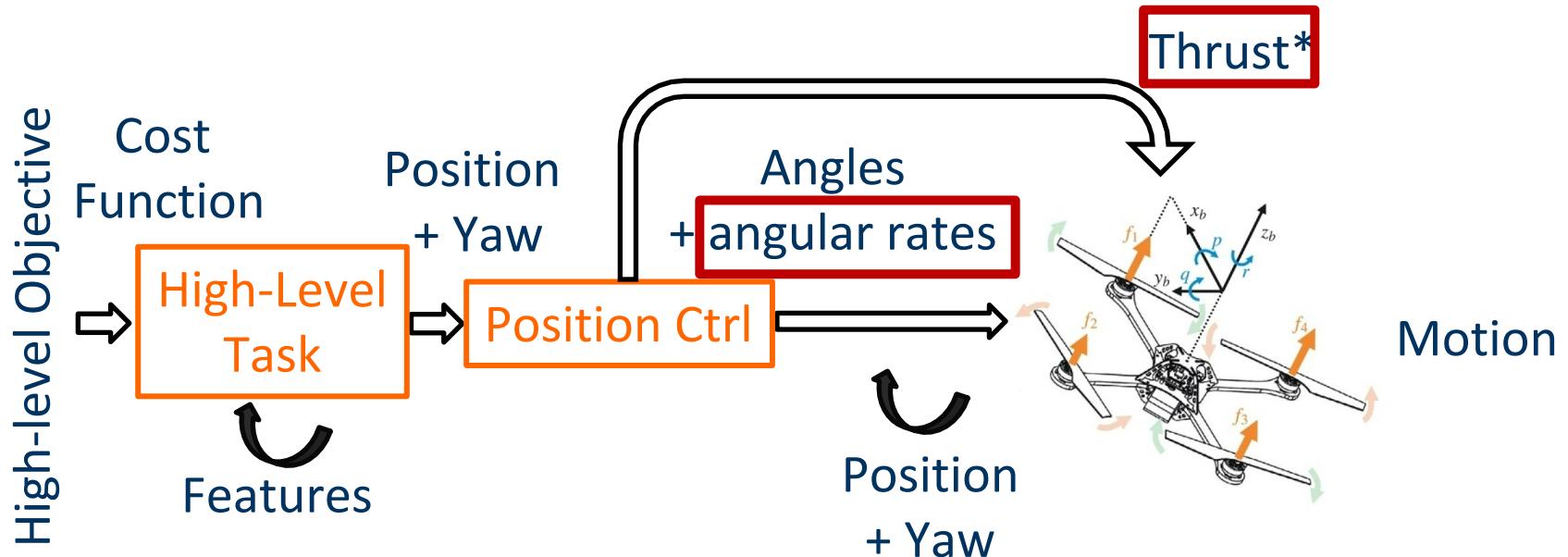
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$$(F_{1,d} + F_{2,d} + F_{3,d} + F_{4,d}) = mc_d$$

$$c_d = \frac{1}{R_{33}} (\ddot{z}_{des} + k_{p,z}(z_{des} - z) + k_{d,z}(\dot{z}_{des} - \dot{z}) + g)$$



Nonlinear Controller 2



Assume quadrotor onboard controller requires thrust and angles



Nonlinear Controller 2

Newton's equations of motion

$$\begin{bmatrix} \ddot{x} \\ \ddot{y} \\ \ddot{z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -g \end{bmatrix} + R \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ f \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f = F_1 + F_2 + F_3 + F_4$$

Using $\psi = 0$ to simplify the rotation matrix:

Hence:

$$\ddot{x} = f \cos \phi \sin \theta$$

$$\ddot{y} = -f \sin \phi$$

$$\ddot{z} = f \cos \theta \cos \phi - g$$

Euler's equations of motion

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



Nonlinear Controller 2

Make $e = x_{des} - x$ decay exponentially to 0:

$$(\ddot{x}_{des} - \ddot{x}) + k_{p,x}(x_{des} - x) + k_{d,x}(\dot{x}_{des} - \dot{x}) = 0$$

$$\ddot{x}_c = \ddot{x}_{des} + k_{p,x}(x_{des} - x) + k_{d,x}(\dot{x}_{des} - \dot{x})$$

Make $e = y_{des} - y$ decay exponentially to 0:

$$(\ddot{y}_{des} - \ddot{y}) + k_{p,y}(y_{des} - y) + k_{d,y}(\dot{y}_{des} - \dot{y}) = 0$$

$$\ddot{y}_c = \ddot{y}_{des} + k_{p,y}(y_{des} - y) + k_{d,y}(\dot{y}_{des} - \dot{y})$$

Use measurements to calculate the current mass-normalized force:

$$f = \frac{\ddot{z} + g}{\cos \theta \cos \phi}$$

Calculate commanded roll and pitch:

$$\phi_c = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{-\ddot{y}_c}{f} \right)$$

$$\theta_c = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{-\ddot{x}_c}{f \cos \phi_c} \right)$$



Nonlinear Controller 2

$$\begin{bmatrix} \ddot{x} \\ \ddot{y} \\ \ddot{z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -g \end{bmatrix} + R \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ f \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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$$f = F_1 + F_2 + F_3 + F_4$$



Q&A

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Quadrotor Dynamics and Control III

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3. How to set up a commercially available drone?
4. What steps to fly a commercially available drone?



How to set up a commercially available drone?

Flying safely and legally:

- Knowledge and training
- Equipment choice and setup
- Planning
- Pilot mindset



Knowledge and training

Governing bodies and legislation*

- Transport Canada
 1. Aeronautics Act
 2. Canadian Aviation Regulations (250g – 25kg)
- Criminal Code
- Trespass to Property Act (Ontario)
- Laws related to voyeurism and privacy

Drone safety

Flying your drone safely and legally, drone registration, drone pilot certification, where and where not to fly, reporting a drone incident.



Services and information

[Flying your drone safely and legally](#)

Rules and regulations, fines and penalties, safety tips.

[Privacy guidelines for drone users](#)

Privacy guidelines for recreational, commercial and government drone operators.

[Find your category of drone operation](#)

Basic and advanced operations, special flight operations.

[Choosing the right drone](#)

Safety assurance ratings and requirements.

[Registering your drone](#)

How to register, benefits, penalties, managing your registration.

[Where to fly your drone](#)

Search the interactive map, sharing airspace safely, prohibited areas.

Most requested

- [Drone Management Portal login](#)
- [New rules for drones in Canada](#)
- [Canadian Aviation Regulations - Part IX](#)
- [Standard 921 – Small Remotely Piloted Aircraft in Visual Line-Of-Sight \(VLOS\)](#)
- [Standard 922 – Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems Safety Assurance](#)

Contributors

- [Transport Canada](#)
- [National Research Council Canada](#)
- [Parks Canada](#)

tc.CANADA.ca/en/aviation/drone-safety

Knowledge and training

Before you fly:

- Drone pilot licence (250g – 25kg)
 1. Knowledge requirements
 2. Take the exam (and flight review)



Transport Canada Transports Canada



Pilot certificate

Small Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS), Visual line-of-sight (VLOS)

The individual indicated below may exercise their privileges to fly a drone subject to the rules and regulations listed below and set out under the Canadian Aviation Regulations (CAR).

Issued to:
Thomas Bamford
[REDACTED]

Date issued (YYYY-MM-DD):
[REDACTED]

Basic operations
 Advanced operations
 Flight reviewer rating

Certificate number:
[REDACTED]

Transport Canada account number:
[REDACTED]

Rules and regulations

Pilot	Drone
- Must be at least 14 years of age (CAR 901.54) - Must meet recency requirements (CAR 901.56)	- Registered with Transport Canada (CAR 901.02) - Marked with a Transport Canada registration number (CAR 901.03) - Properly maintained to manufacturer instructions (CAR 901.29)

Operating rules

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Maintain visual line-of-sight (VLOS) at all times (CAR 901.11)- Must be fit to fly, which includes not suffering from fatigue or having consumed drugs or alcohol within the last 12 hours (CAR 901.19)- Remain in uncontrolled airspace (CAR 901.14)- Night operations permitted with proper lighting (CAR 901.39)- Maximum altitude of 400 ft (122 m) (CAR 901.25) or in accordance with an SFOC-RPAS (CAR 903.01)	Safe distances
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No flights within 5.6 km (3 nautical miles) of an airport, or 1.9km (1 nautical mile) of a heliport (CAR 901.47) or within controlled airspace, whichever distance is greater- 100 ft (30 m) minimum horizontal distance from people (CAR 901.26)



Knowledge and training

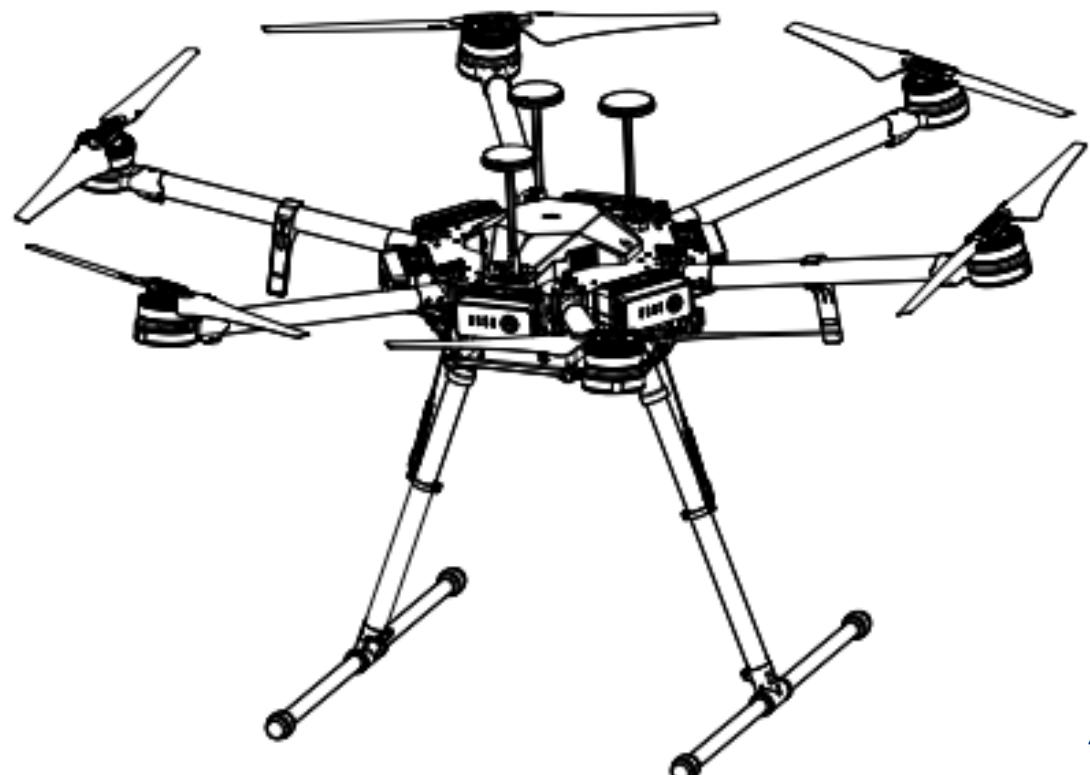
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- Drone
 1. Choose the right drone
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 3. Follow manufacturer's instructions

MATRICE 600 PRO

User Manual

V1.0 2018.04



Knowledge and training

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 2. Register
 3. Follow manufacturer's instructions
- Survey the area



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 1. Obstacles



Knowledge and training

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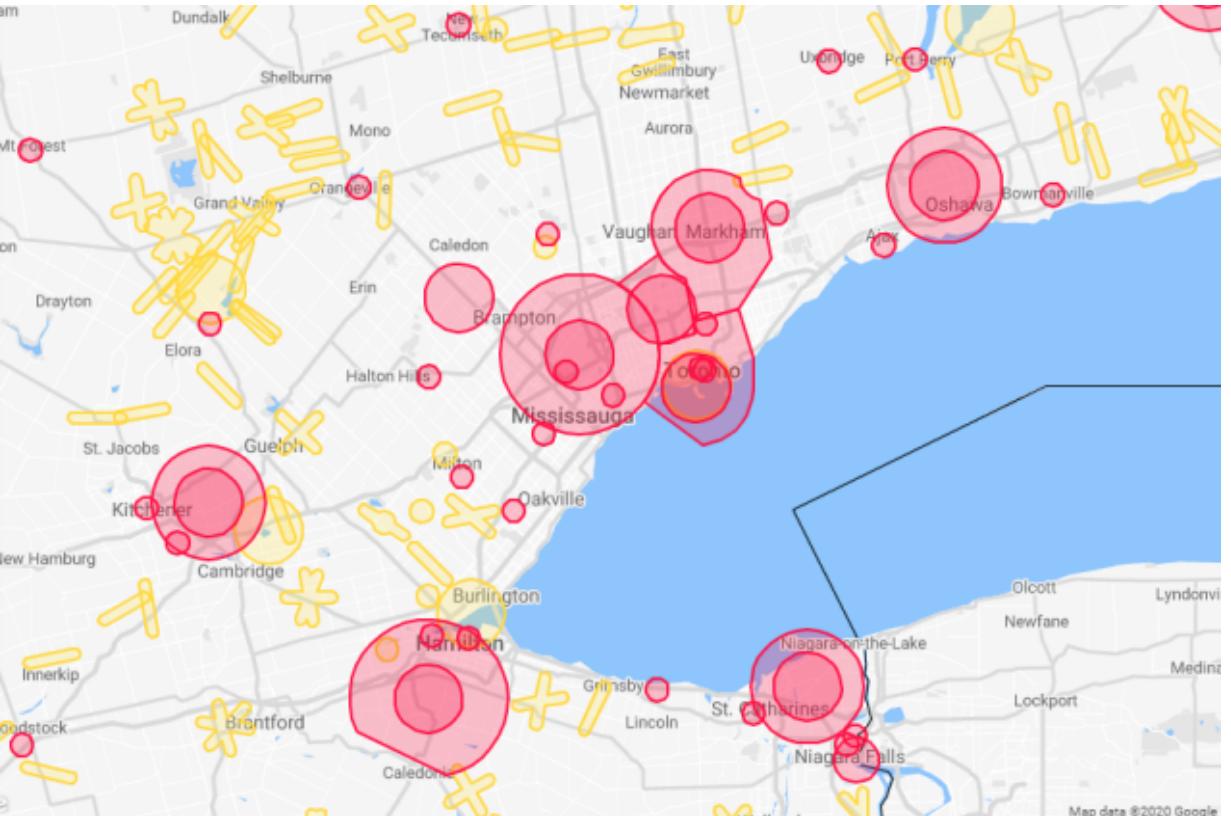
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 1. Knowledge requirements
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- Drone
 1. Choose the right drone
 2. Register
 3. Follow manufacturer's instructions
- Survey the area
 1. Obstacles
 2. Weather



Knowledge and training

Before you fly:

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 2. Take the exam (and flight review)
- Drone
 1. Choose the right drone
 2. Register
 3. Follow manufacturer's instructions
- Survey the area
 1. Obstacles
 2. Weather
 3. Airspace (and op. category)
 - NOTAMs, Canada Flight Supplement, Designated Airspace Handbook, charts, flight authorization (advanced only)



National Research Council interactive map*

DISCLAIMER: For convenience only.



Knowledge and training

While flying, fly your drone:

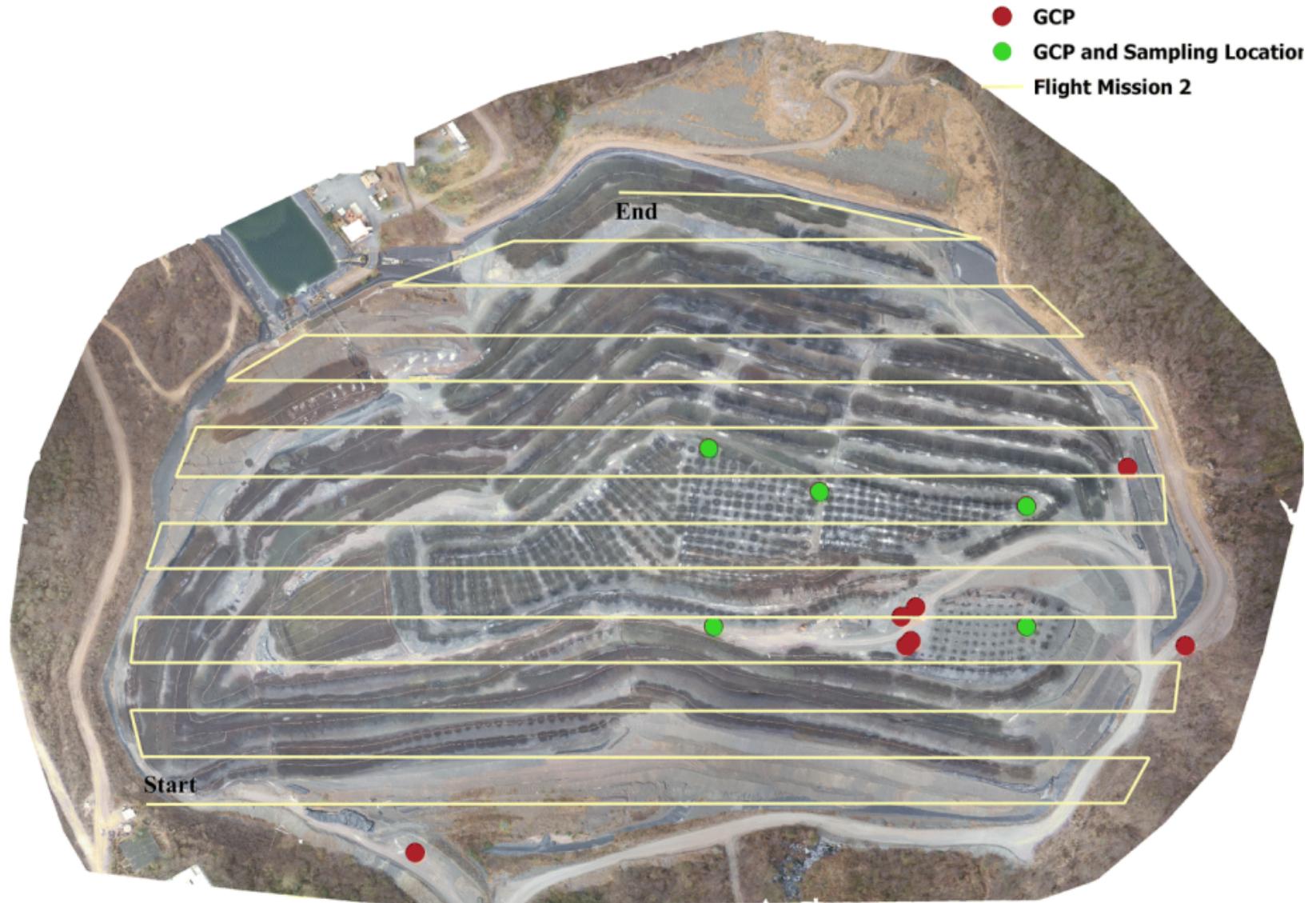
- Where you can see it at all times (VLOS)
- Below 122m
- Away from bystanders (>30m horizontal)
- Away from advertised events
 - ex. concerts, parades
- Away from emergency ops.
 - ex. forest fires
- Away from airports and heliports
 - 5.6km from airports
 - 1.9km from heliports
- Outside controlled airspace (Basic only)
- Far away from other aircraft



Equipment choice and setup

Surveying in a quarry:

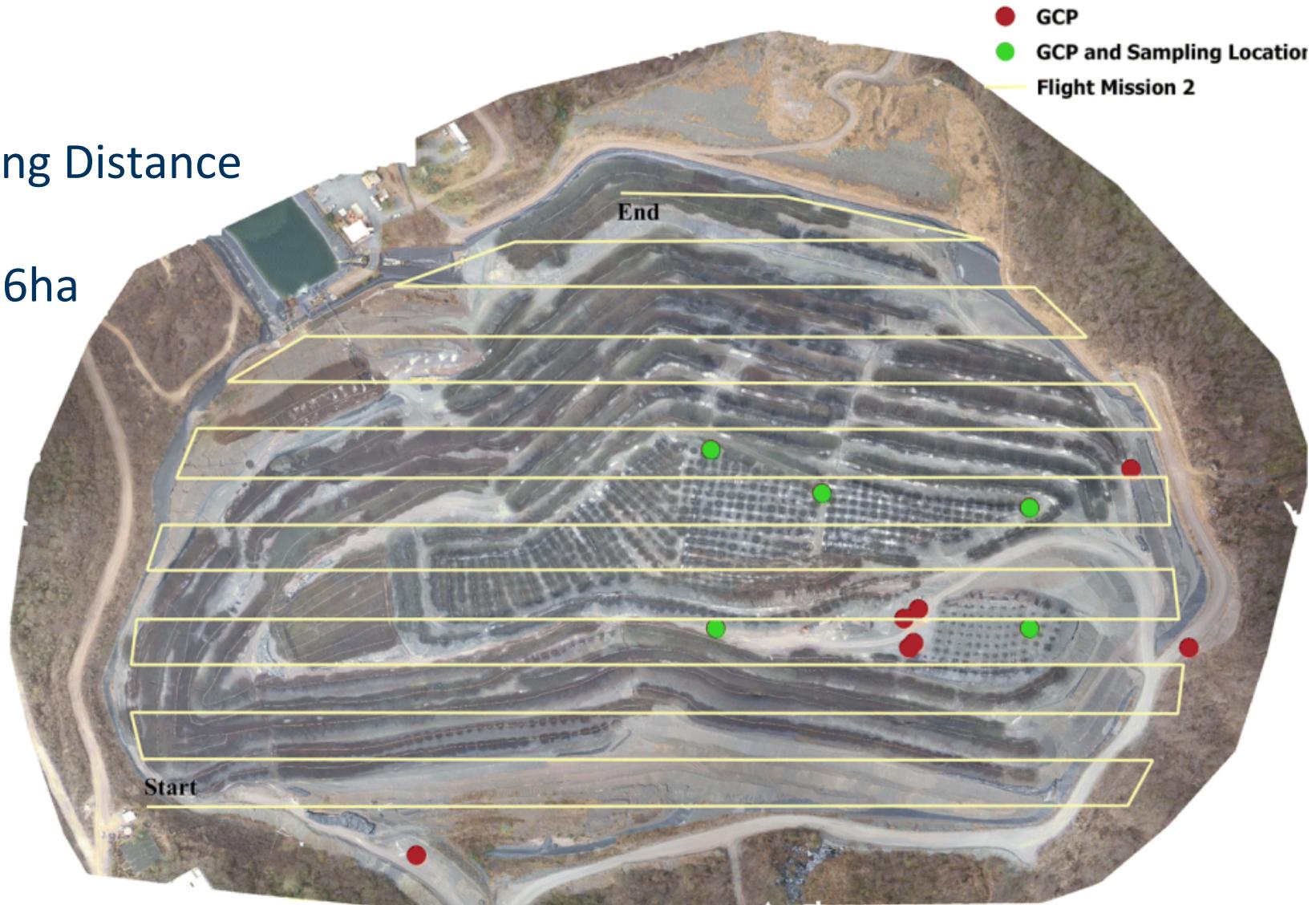
- Goal setting
- Drone selection
- Flight mission design



Equipment choice and setup

Goal setting:

1. Orthomosaic
2. <2cm/px Ground Sampling Distance
3. <5cm relative accuracy
4. <20min flight time for 0.6ha



Equipment choice and setup

Drone selection:

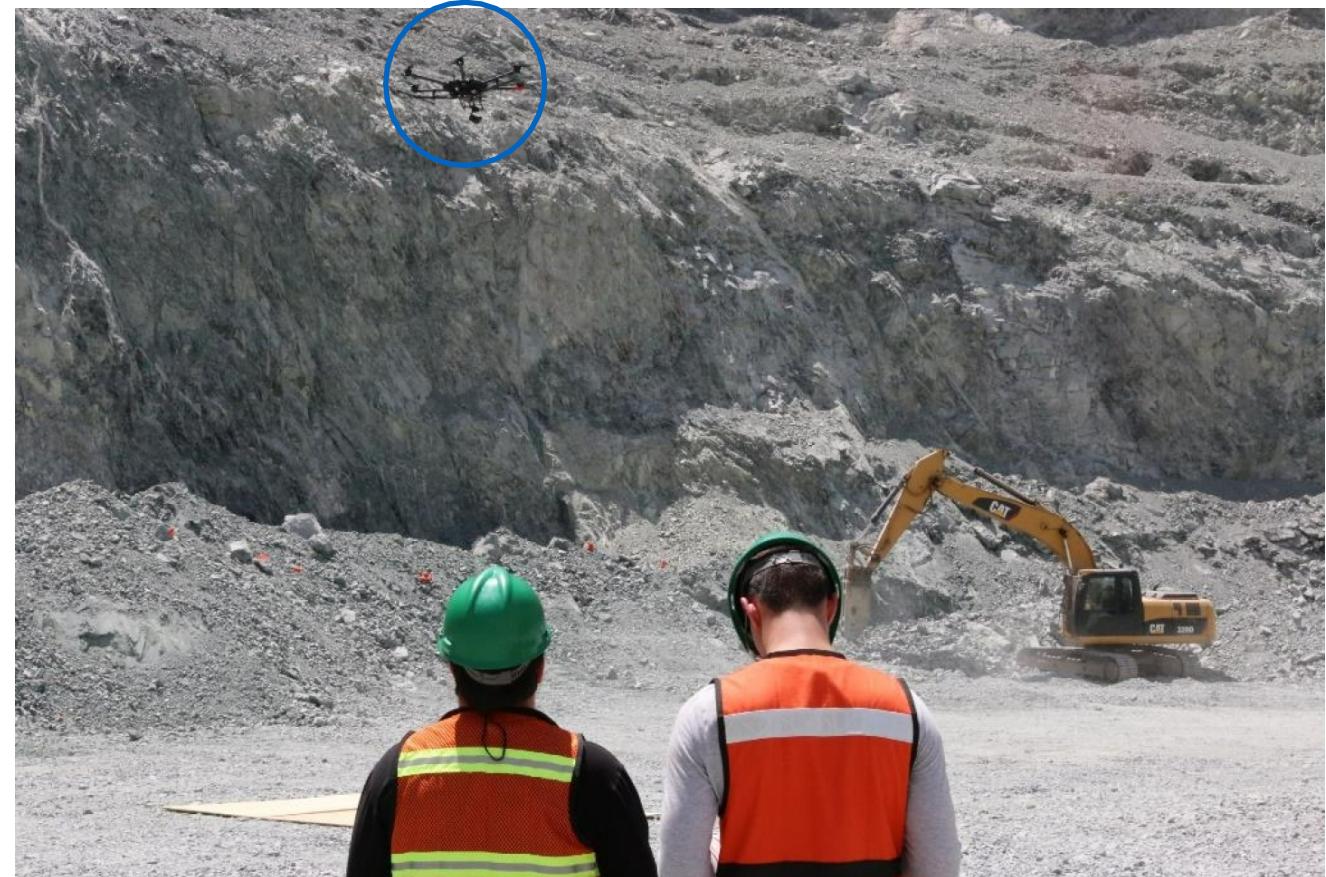
- Payload
 - 1. Camera and lens
 - 2. Flight height
- Positioning
 - a. GPS and/or Ground Control Points
 - b. Real-time kinematic (RTK)
 - c. Post-processed kinematic (PPK)
- Flight time
 - a. Multirotor
 - b. Fixed-wing



Equipment choice and setup

Drone selection:

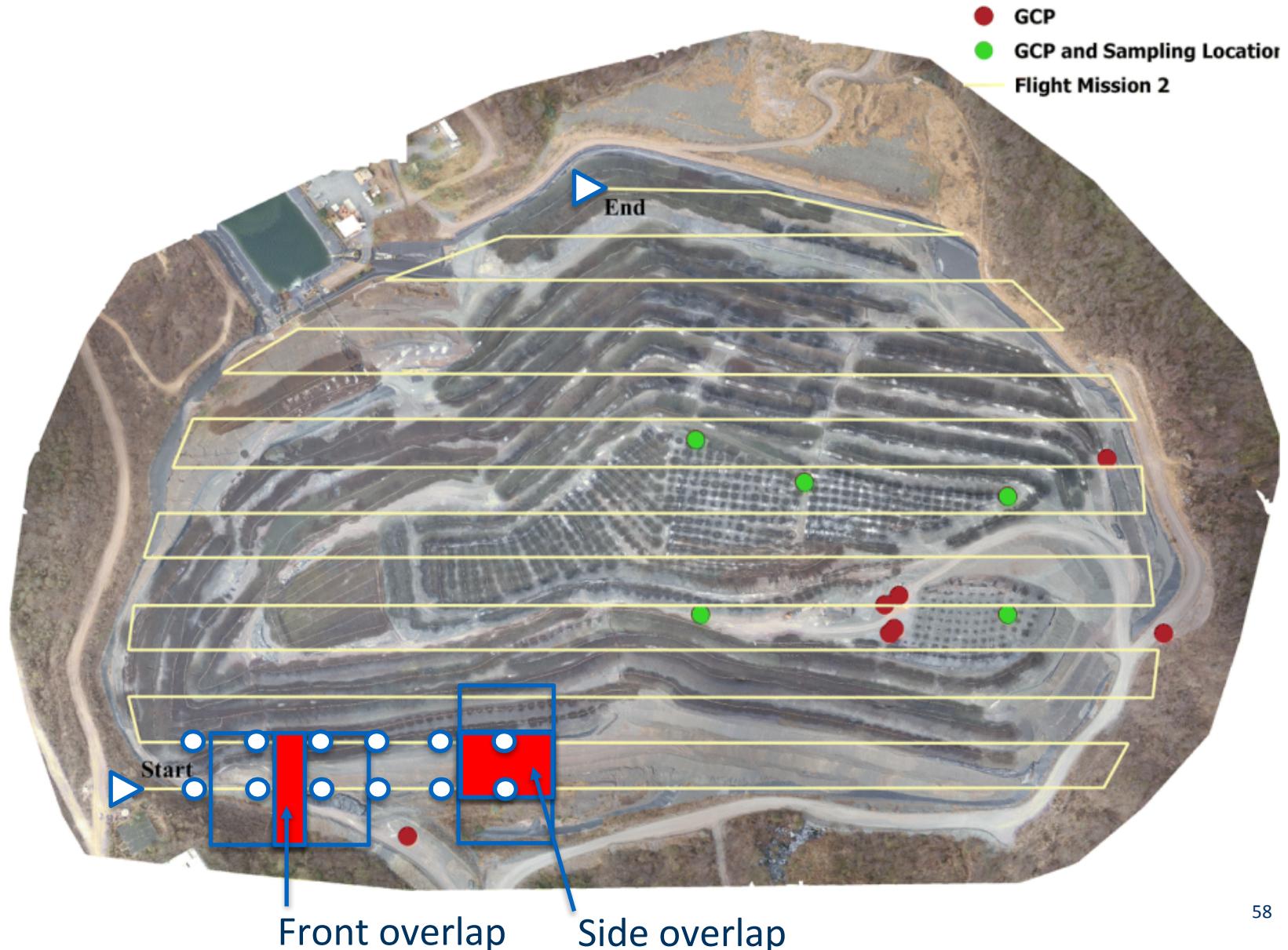
1. Multirotor (DJI Matrice 600 Pro)
2. Camera (DJI Zenmuse X5 with 15mm lens)
3. GPS



Equipment choice and setup

Flight mission design:

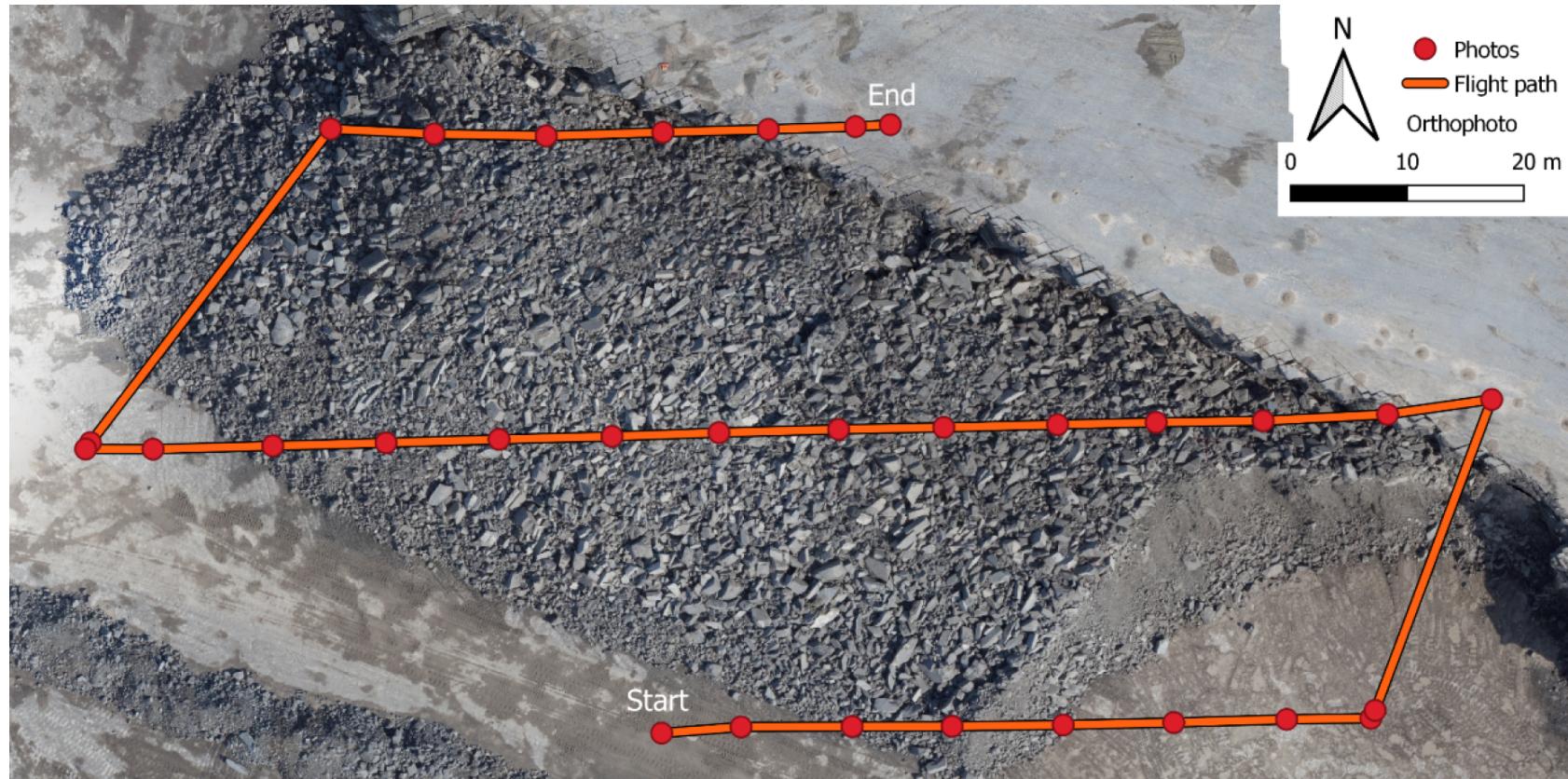
- Grid type
- Flight height
- Front and side overlap
- Camera tilt
- Heading
- Flight speed



Equipment choice and setup

Flight mission design:

1. Single grid
 - 370m flight length
2. 75m flight height
3. 85% front overlap
4. 70% side overlap
5. -90° camera tilt
6. 90° heading (East)
7. 4.9m/s flight speed
 - 2min, 32 images



Planning

Surveying in a quarry:

- Operation category
- Pilot knowledge and training
- Drone
- Weather
- Area survey
- Equipment for operation
- Navigation and UI



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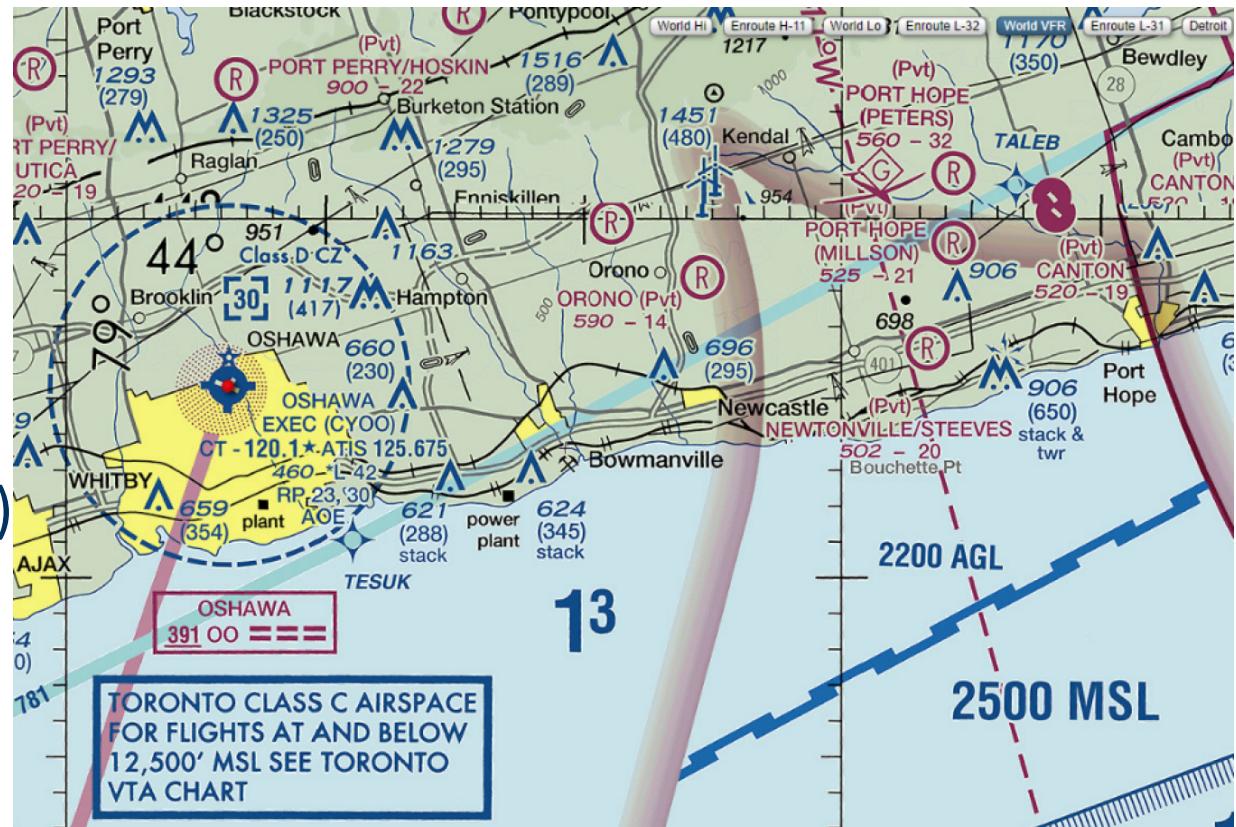
Planning

Operation category:

- Airspace
 1. NOTAMs
 2. Canada Flight Supplement
 3. Designated Airspace Handbook
 4. Charts
 5. Flight authorization (Advanced only)

✓ Basic Operation

➤ Prior to June 2019, SFOC



SkyVector Aeronautical Charts



Planning

Pilot knowledge and training:

- ✓ Small RPAS, VLOS with Basic Operations
- ✓ Experienced with DJI Matrice 600 Pro

Drone:

1. Registration
2. Checklists
3. Maintenance (Including firmware)
4. Limitations
 - Max takeoff weight
 - Max wind resistance
 - Max service ceiling
 - Flight time (No payload)
 - Operating temperature

15.5kg
8m/s
2500m
32min
-10° to 40°C



Planning

Weather:

- Rain, snow, fog
- Wind <8m/s
- Temperature -10° to 40°C

Graphic Area Forecast (GFA) for Ontario-Quebec Region (GFACN33) issued at 1733 and valid on 2020 12 01 at 18 UTC. Clouds and Weather forecasts.

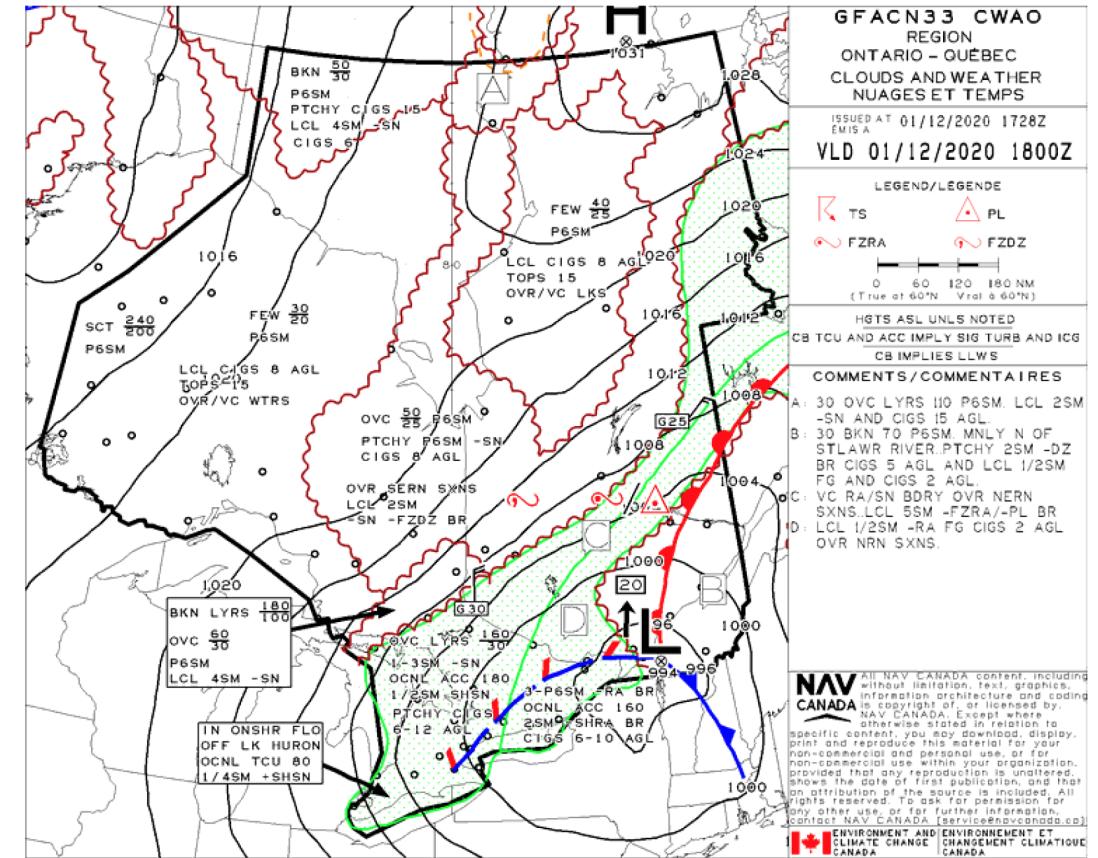
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NAV CANADA Aviation Weather

Planning

Area survey:

- ✓ Boundaries of the area
- ✓ Type of airspace and regulatory requirements
- ✓ Altitudes and routes to be used
- ✓ Proximity of manned aircraft operations
- ✓ Proximity of aerodromes, airports and heliports
- ✓ Location and height of obstacles
- ✓ Weather and environmental conditions
- ✓ Horizontal distance from persons not involved



Planning

Area survey:

- ✓ Sufficient amount of energy for safe completion
- ✓ Each crew member instructed
 - Duties they are to perform
 - Location and use of emergency equipment
- ✓ Maximum distance from pilot aircraft can travel without endangering aviation safety
- ✓ Aircraft is serviceable in accordance with manufacturer's instructions



Planning

Equipment for operation:

- Drone
- Batteries
- Remote(s)
- Camera (Lens and storage)
- Landing pad
- Checklists and logbook
- Tools
- Spare parts
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Fire extinguisher
- First aid kit



Planning

Navigation and UI:

- ✓ Experienced with controller
- ✓ Experienced with app
- ✓ Familiar with drone behaviours
 - ex. return-to-home (RTH)



DJI GS Pro



Planning

Navigation and UI:

- ✓ Experienced with controller
- ✓ Experienced with app
- ✓ Familiar with drone behaviours
 - ex. return-to-home (RTH)
- ✓ Uploaded flight boundaries to app
- ✓ Designed flight plan in app
- ✓ BONUS: Simulator
 - Test drone behaviours
 - Test flight plan



DJI GS Pro



Pilot mindset

“Drones are aircraft – which makes you a pilot. When you fly your drone, you’re sharing the skies with other drones and aircraft” – Transport Canada

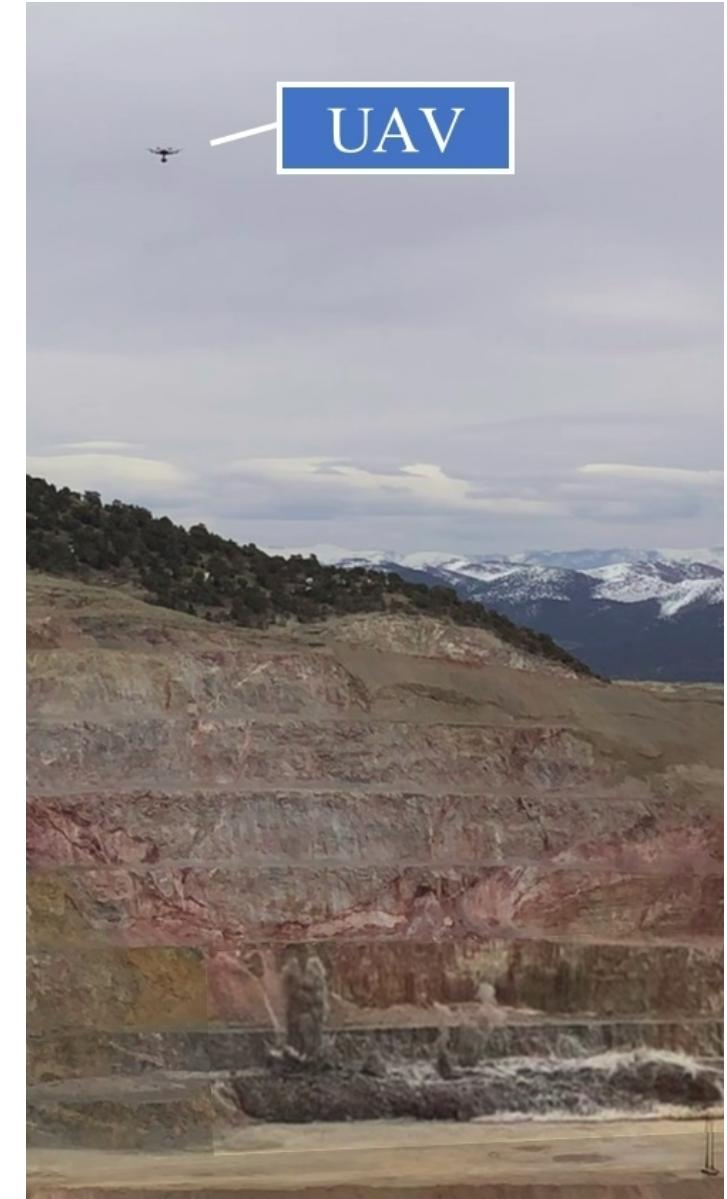
Tips for first-time pilots:

- Make sure it is safe to fly
- Fly with someone who has flown before
- Fly in an open space and away from people
- Fly close to the ground and at low speed
- Fly during daylight and in good weather



Q&A

Break



Quadrotor Dynamics and Control III

1. How to linearly control a quadrotor?
2. How to nonlinearly control a quadrotor?
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Q&A

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Quadrotor Dynamics and Control Lectures

Lecture 1	Lecture 2	Lecture 3
Introduction to quadrotor control Controlling the up-down motion of the quadrotor	Controlling the quadrotor in 2D (y-z plane) Introduction to nonlinear controllers	Controlling the quadrotor in 3D Setting up a commercially available quadrotor
Installing simulator and initial controller exploration	Applying a 2D controller to the simulated quadrotor	How to set up a commercially available quadrotor

Quadrotor Dynamics and Control I

1. Motivation
 - a. Quadrotors require controllers to work well
2. How does a quadrotor move?
 - a. Varying motor speeds
3. What is the quadrotor control architecture?
 - a. Nested control architecture
4. How to control a 1D quadrotor?
 - a. PD controller for a 1D quadrotor
5. Simulator and initial control exploration

Quadrotor Dynamics and Control II

1. How to linearly control a planar (2D) quadrotor?
 - a. Linearize dynamics and apply PD controller
2. What other linear controllers can we use?
 - a. Pole placement and LQR
3. When should we use nonlinear controllers?
 - a. When system behavior deviates from linearization
4. How to nonlinearly control a planar (2D) quadrotor?
 - a. Nested architecture, nonlinear eq's and measurements
5. How to control the planar quadrotor in simulation?

Quadrotor Dynamics and Control III

1. How to linearly control a quadrotor?
 - a. Linearize dynamics and apply PD controller
2. How to nonlinearly control a quadrotor?
 - a. Nested architecture, nonlinear eq's and measurements
3. How to set up a commercially available drone?
 - a. Training and knowledge, equipment choice and setup, planning, pilot mindset
4. What steps to fly a commercially available drone?

Q&A

Break

