

# Introduction to Aerial Robotics

## Lab Tutorial

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# Linux Basis

- Be familiar with command line and some common commands and tools.
- Be familiar with the package management system and the file management system on Linux
- Install ROS and configure the environment on your laptop( go through with the tutorial on <http://www.ros.org> )

Suggest software tool: terminator, vim, ssh, htop



# ROS Basis

- The Robot Operating System (ROS) is a set of software libraries and tools that help you build robot applications. From drivers to state-of-the-art algorithms, and with powerful developer tools, ROS has what you need for your next robotics project.
- ROS is a open source communication framework with many useful tools.



# About the 1st lab session

- Each group will be equipped with a Jetson TX2 computer, which can be mounted on the quadrotor. The computer is running a Ubuntu OS and has all necessary packages such as ROS or Eigen.
- The TX2 is connected with the router in the lab through an Ethernet cable. You can use “ssh XXX(host name)@xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx(host IP)” to remote login on TX2 from your laptop.

# Project 1 Phase 4

- Assemble quadrotor
- First flight of quadrotor
  - Flying under manual control
- Hovering automatically
  - Write your controller
- Following trajectory automatically
  - Write your trajectory generation

# Assemble quadrotor

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4 legs  
4 motors  
4 propellers  
4 electric speed controllers  
Flight controller  
Receiver  
Battery



# Quadrotor Equipment

- Main Elements List

Element	Number	Manufacturer	Price (HKD)	Reference Link
F330 structure	1		50	
N3 flight controller	1	DJI	2,999	<a href="http://www.dji.com/n3">www.dji.com/n3</a>
Lightbridge 2	1	DJI	7,759	<a href="http://www.dji.com/lightbridge-2">www.dji.com/lightbridge-2</a>
mvBlueFOX MLC200wg	1	MATRIX VISION	3,500	<a href="http://www.matrix-vision.com/USB2.0-single-board-camera-mvbluefox-mlc.html">www.matrix-vision.com/USB2.0-single-board-camera-mvbluefox-mlc.html</a>
Jetson TX2	1	NVIDIA	3,588	<a href="http://www.nvidia.com/object/embedded-systems-dev-kits-modules.html">www.nvidia.com/object/embedded-systems-dev-kits-modules.html</a>
TX2 carrier board	1	DJI	2,400	
E310 Motors, ESCs	4	DJI	1,154	<a href="http://www.dji.com/e310">www.dji.com/e310</a>

Be careful during your experiments because your robot cost more than **HK\$ 21,000 !!!**

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1. Follow:  
<https://github.com/gaowenliang/TX2-TX1-setup>  
flash the system

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README.md

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  • do not install OpenCV4Tegra V2.4 for TX2, we will use OpenCV3
  • for TX2 you may need to flash it twice, one just flash the OS, the other install cuda
  • if the tx1/tx2 cannot boot the GUI, but shut down after finish loading BIOS, try to change a more powerful power source

After flash, the system can be launch.

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2. Install basic tools

connect to lab WiFi: indigo or indigo5G, install arp-scan and run: 'sudo arp-scan --interface=eth0 192.168.1.0/24 | grep
NVIDIA' find your TX2 device.

ssh to your TX2 and run:

sudo apt-get install git
```



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## 2. Follow:

[https://github.com/gaowenliang/install\\_IROSTX2](https://github.com/gaowenliang/install_IROSTX2)

install ROS

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# Coding your controller

## 3. Coding your controller:

One ros node

subscribe message: Robot\_1/pose

type: geometry\_msgs/PoseStamped

publish message: ctrl

type: sensor\_msgs::Joy

# Coding your controller

```
void DjIRos::control_callback(const sensor_msgs::JoyConstPtr &pMsg) {
    if (pMsg->header.frame_id.compare("FRD") == 0) {
        last_ctrl_stamp = ros::Time::now();

        uint8_t flag = 0;
        if (pMsg->axes[4] > 0) {
            flag = 0b00100010; // 0b00100000, mode 13
            if (pMsg->axes.size() > 5 && pMsg->axes.at(5) > 0.5) {
                flag = 0b00101010; // 0b00100000, mode 14
            }
        } else {
            flag = 0b00000010; // 0b00000000, mode 1
        }

        DJI::OSDK::Control::CtrlData ctrl_data(flag, pMsg->axes[0], pMsg->axes[1], pMsg->axes[2], pMsg->axes[3]);

        vehicle->control->flightCtrl(ctrl_data);

        // if (pMsg->buttons.size()) {
        //     ros::Time feedback_stamp;
        //     feedback_stamp.sec = pMsg->buttons[1] * pMsg->buttons[0] + pMsg->buttons[2];
        //     feedback_stamp.nsec = pMsg->buttons[3] * pMsg->buttons[0] + pMsg->buttons[4];
        //     ROS_INFO("curr: %.3f fbk: %.3f dt=%.3f", last_ctrl_time.toSec(),
        //     feedback_stamp.toSec(),
        //     (last_ctrl_time - feedback_stamp).toSec());
        // }
        // else {
        ROS_ERROR("[djiros] input joy_msg.frame_id should be FRD!!!");
        // }
    }
}
```

# Assemble quadrotor

## 4. Assemble TX2 module.

Copper pillars

Skew: M3



## 5. Assemble TX2 on the top of quadrotor, with a carbon fiber slice.

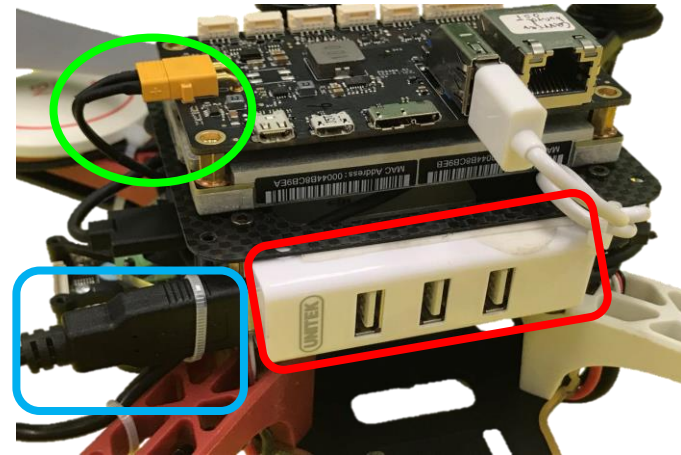
3M Double-sided adhesive



# Assemble quadrotor

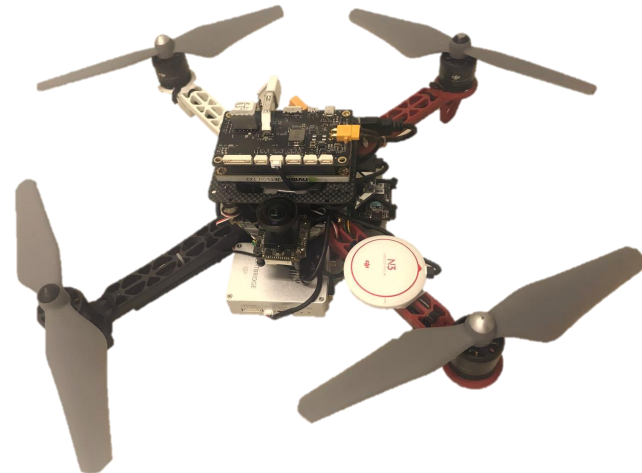
## 6. Assemble necessary tools and connections:

USB2.0-miniUSB cable  
USB hub  
power support cable



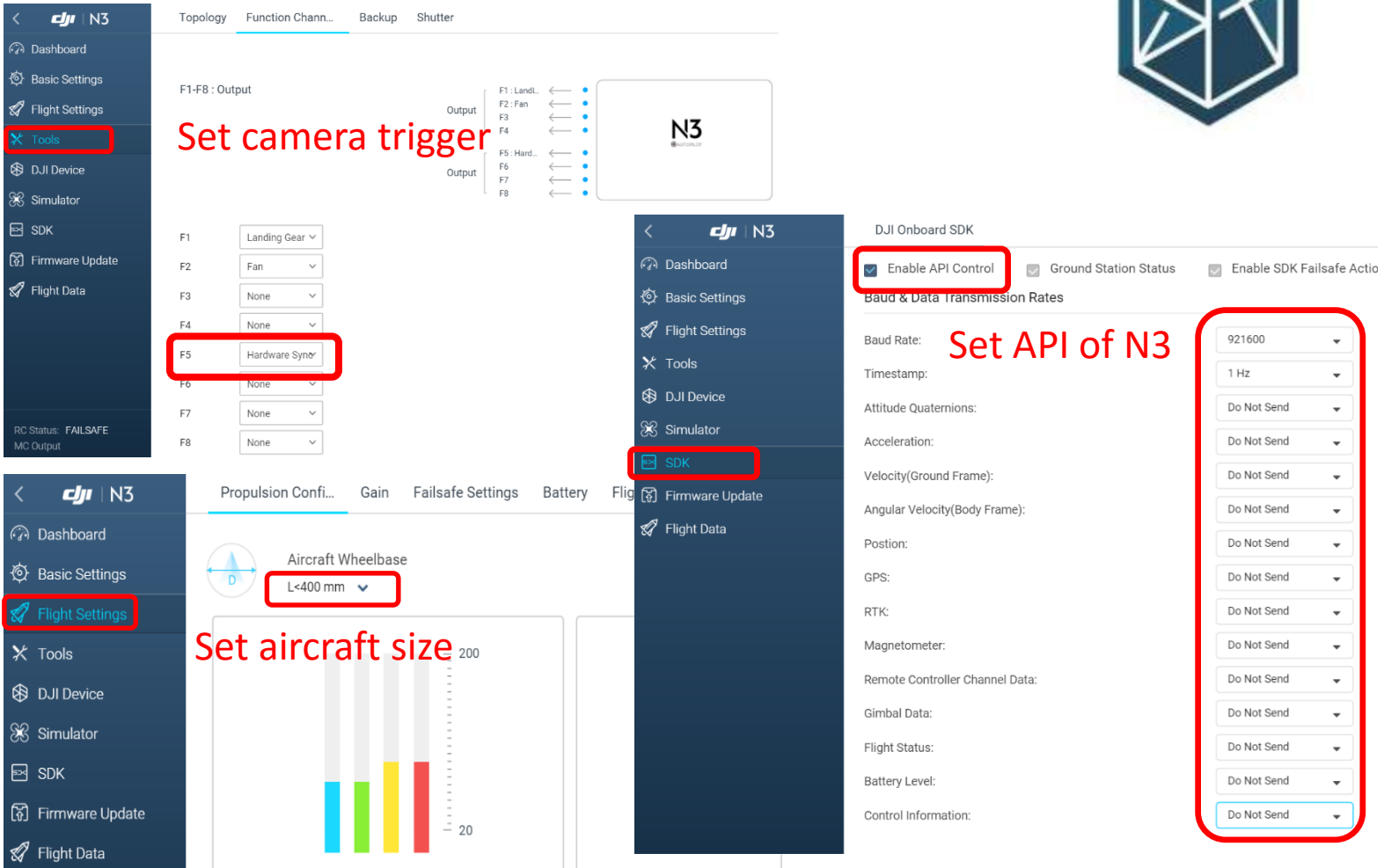
## 7. Fix all of cables. nylon tie

Do **not** install propellers!



# SDK set of quadrotor

## 1. Setup and check your aerial robot.

The image displays three screenshots of the DJI N3 SDK interface, illustrating the setup process for a quadrotor.

**Top Screenshot: Function Channel Setup**

- The **Tools** menu item is highlighted in the left sidebar.
- The **Function Channel** tab is selected, showing a diagram of the N3 quadrotor with output channels F1-F8.
- The **Set camera trigger** text is overlaid in red.
- The **F5** channel is set to **Hardware Syno** (highlighted with a red box).

**Bottom Screenshot: Flight Settings**

- The **Flight Settings** menu item is highlighted in the left sidebar.
- The **Propulsion Config** tab is selected, showing the **Aircraft Wheelbase** set to **L<400 mm** (highlighted with a red box).
- The **Set aircraft size** text is overlaid in red.

**Right Screenshot: DJI Onboard SDK Settings**

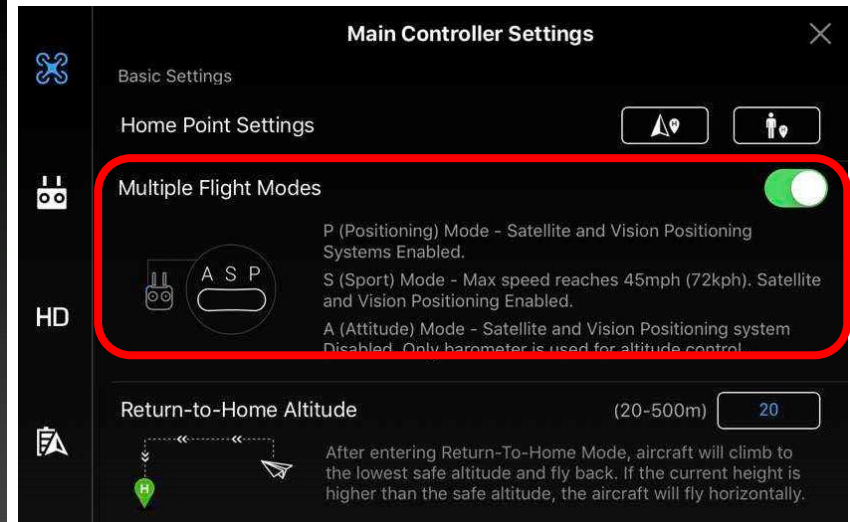
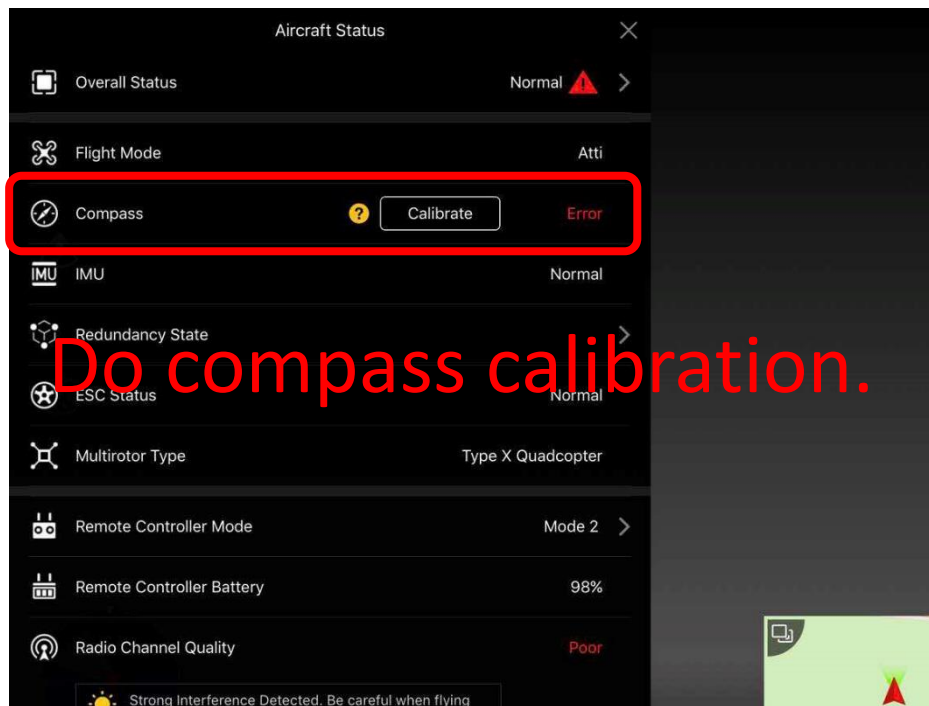
- The **Enable API Control** checkbox is checked (highlighted with a red box).
- The **Set API of N3** text is overlaid in red.
- The **Baud & Data Transmission Rates** section is visible, with a list of settings (Baud Rate, Timestamp, Attitude Quaternions, Acceleration, Velocity, Angular Velocity, Position, GPS, RTK, Magnetometer, Remote Controller Channel Data, Gimbal Data, Flight Status, Battery Level, Control Information) all set to **Do Not Send** (highlighted with a red box).

# SDK set of quadrotor

## 2. Setup and check your aerial robot.

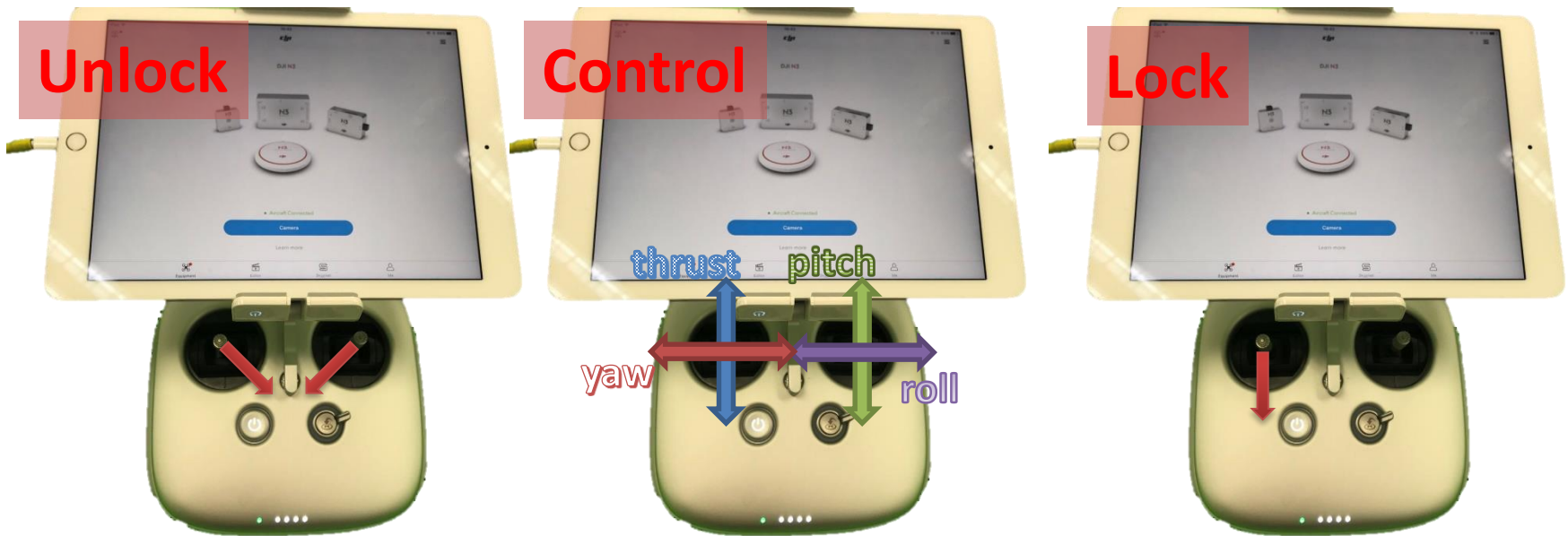
**Your** Mobile device, both IOS and Android are suitable  
DJI GO

Now you can install propellers.



# First flight of quadrotor

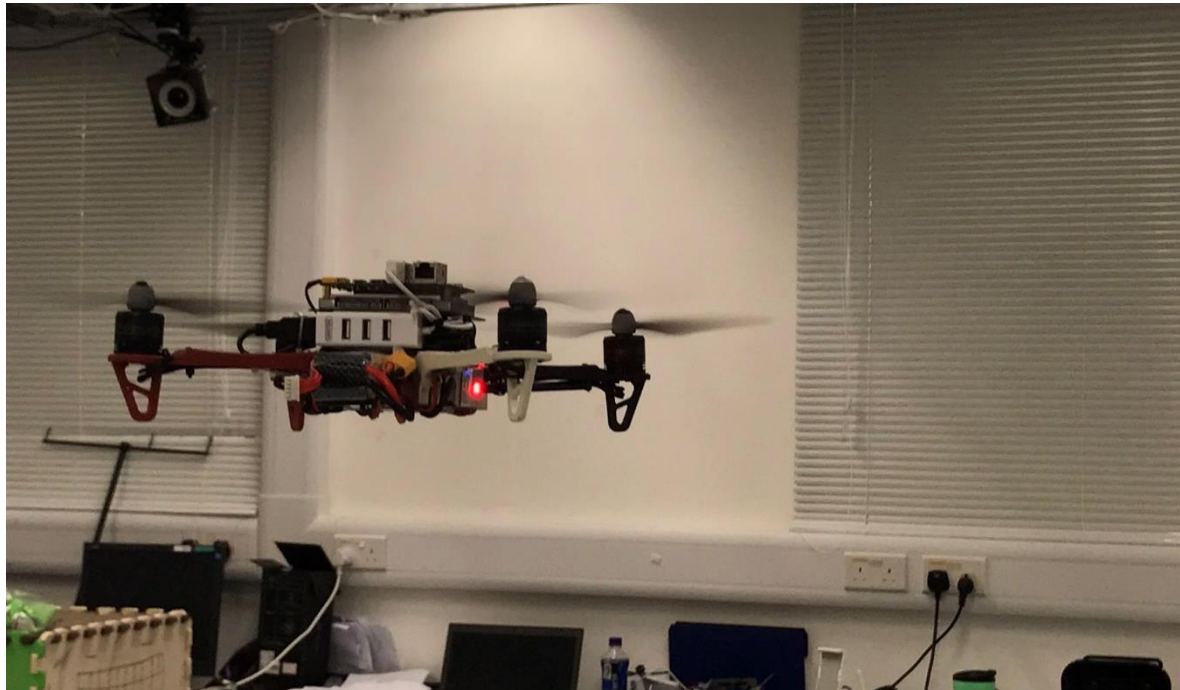
3. Unlock the quadrotor.
4. Control and have fun.





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Enjoy it~



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