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- Brief taxonomy
- Rotorcraft: rotary wing aircraft
- Multirotors: high maneuverability, low maintenance costs, low mechanical complexity and their ability to hover and to take-off and land vertically;
- Airplanes cannot hover or VTOL (the advantage is the large forward speed)
- Single-rotor (Helicopter): mechanically complex (swash plate is mechanically complex); Multirotors: control of differential rotation

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AEROWORKS: European project

- ▶ Develop a team of aerial robotic workers



Figure: AEROWORKS' application scenarios.



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- Five (six) academic partners: Lulea University of Technology – LTU, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology – ETHZ, Royal Institute of Technology – KTH, University of Twente – UT, University of Edinburgh – UEDIN, University of Patras – UPAT
- One (two) aerial robotics innovation SMEs: Ascending Technologies – ASC, Skybotix – SBX
- Two service robotics specialists: Alstom Inspection Robotics - AIR, and Skelleftea Kraft – SKL
- Removing humans from dangerous environments by performing aerial automated inspection.
- An automated fleet of aerial vehicles performing inspection and repair tasks on a wind mill.
- Cooperation between aerial vehicle when transporting a corona ring from an electrical pole.

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- ▶ Mechanically simplicity vs maneuverability
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Conditions for local stability

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- ▶ Net forces on point-mass

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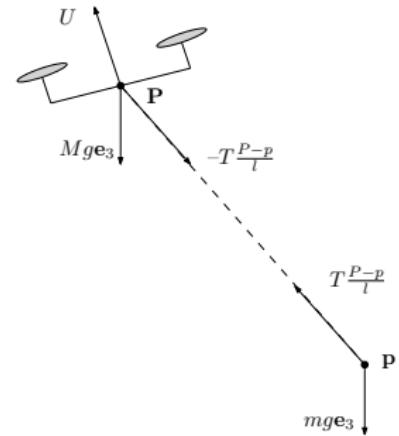
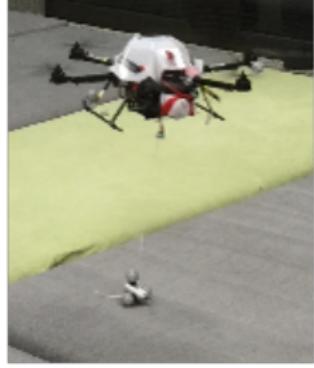
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Example: Slung-load



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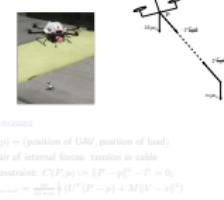
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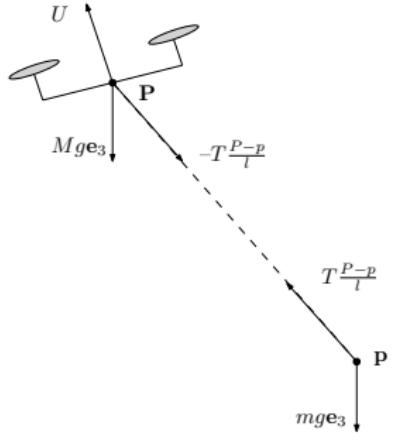
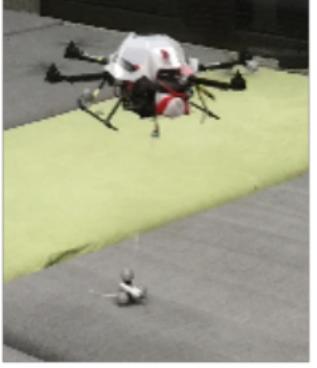
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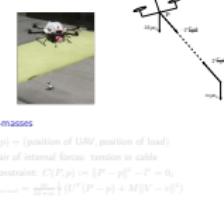
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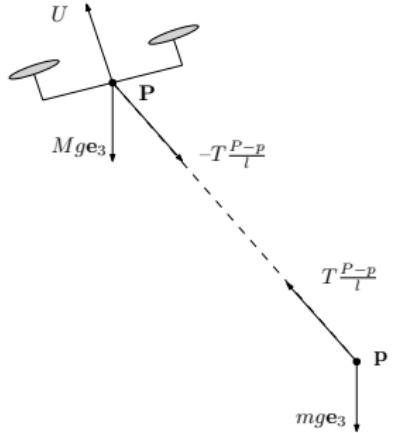
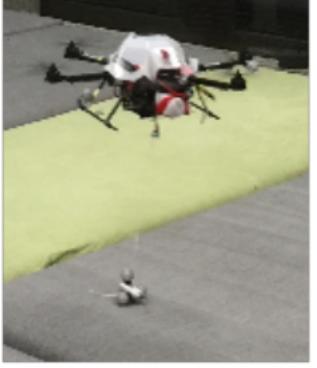
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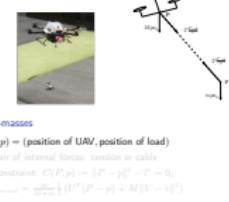
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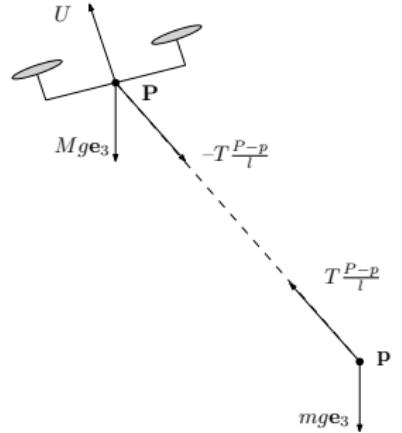
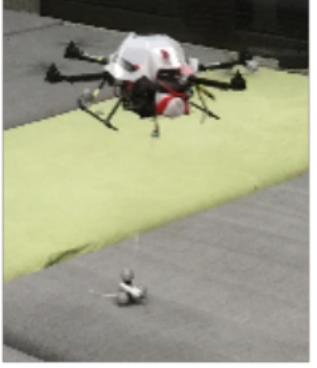
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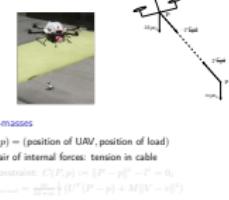
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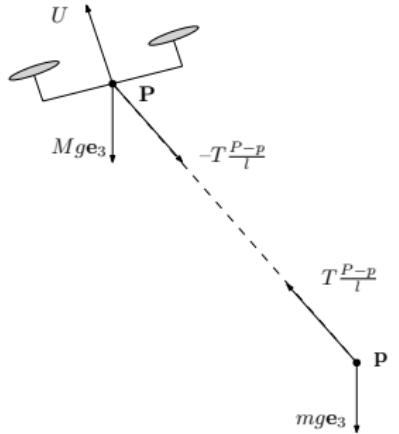
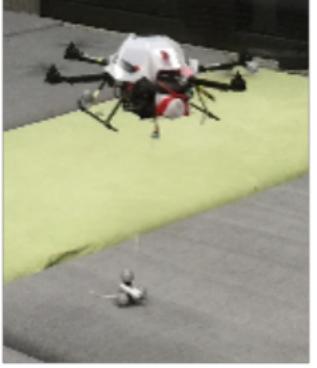
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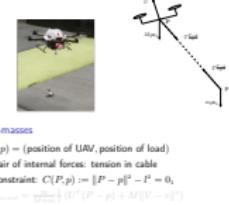
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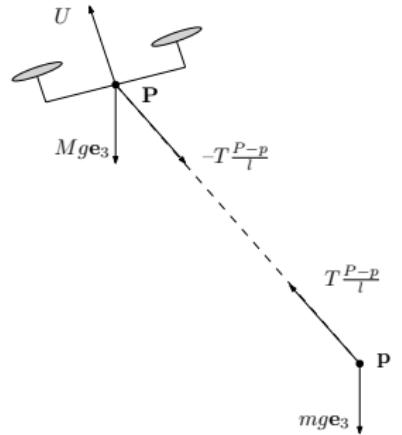
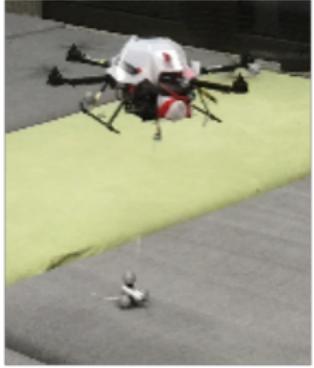
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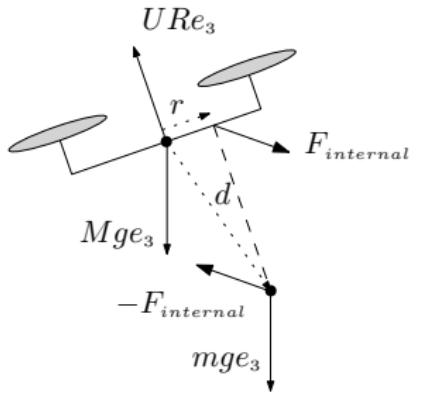
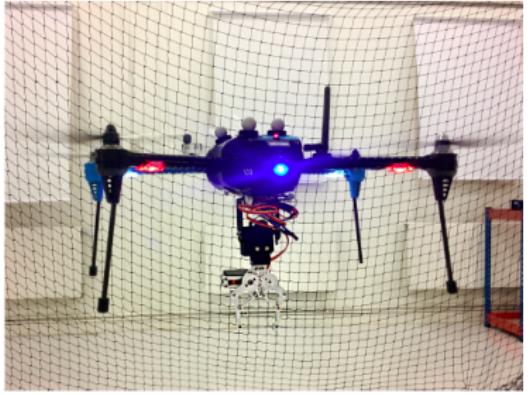
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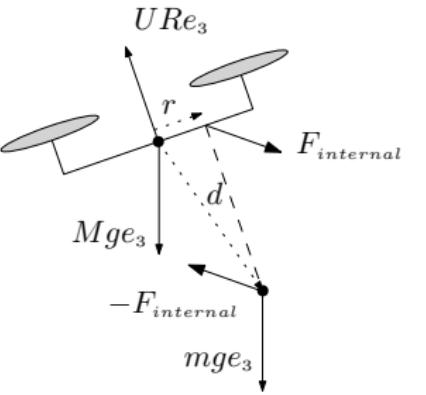
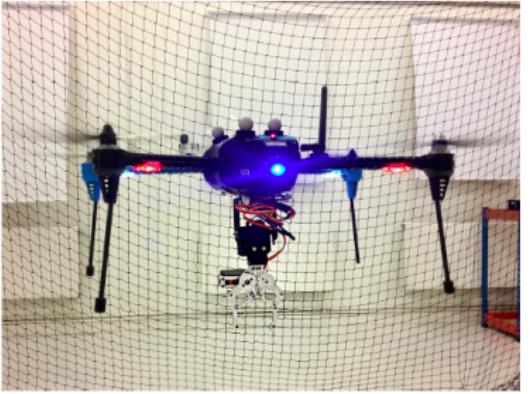
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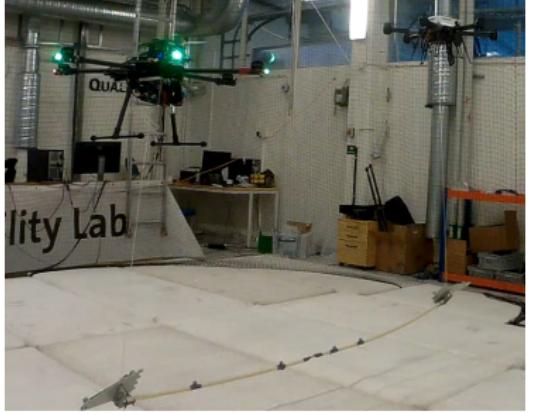


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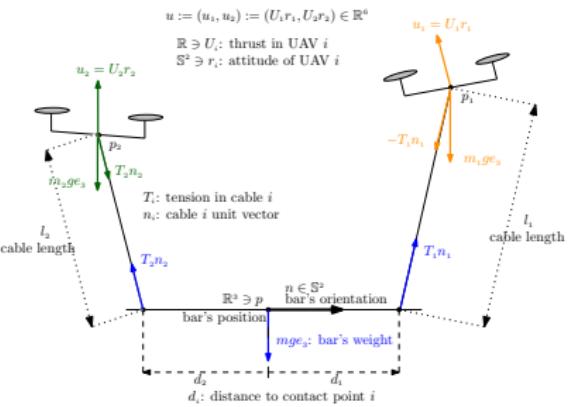
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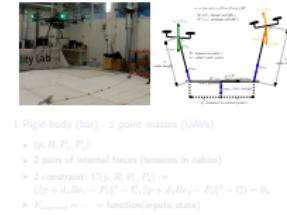
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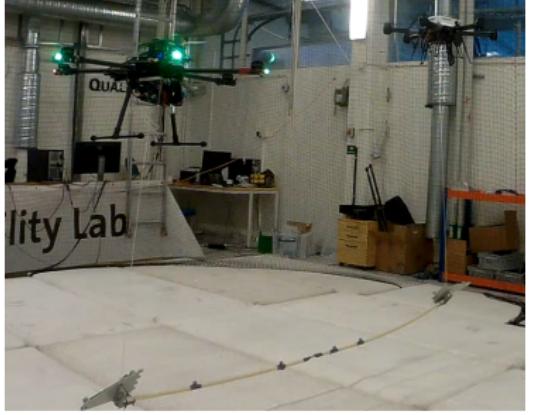
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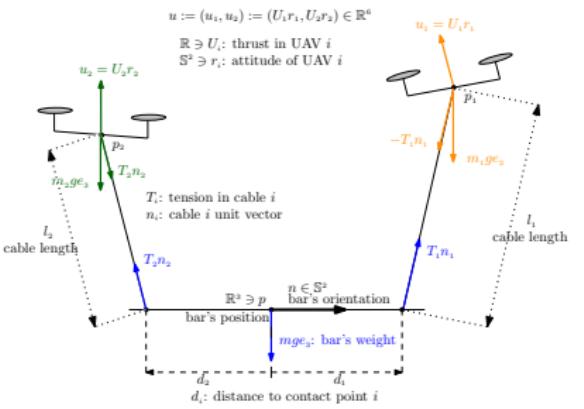
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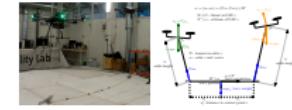
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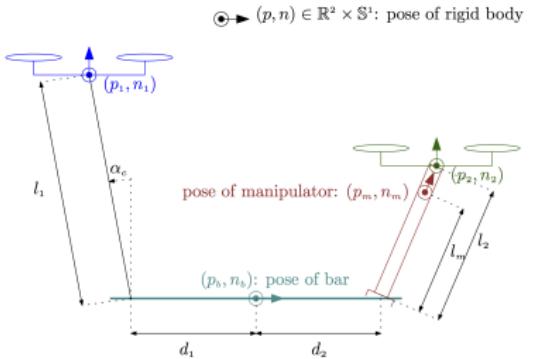
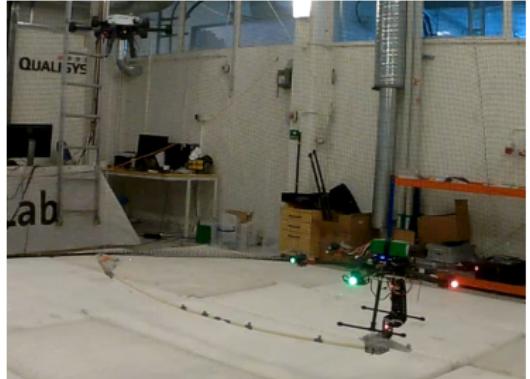


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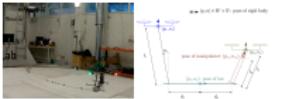
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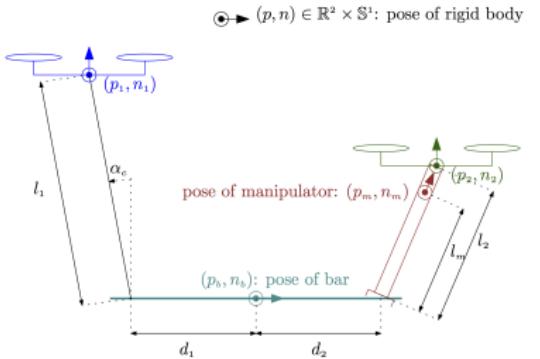
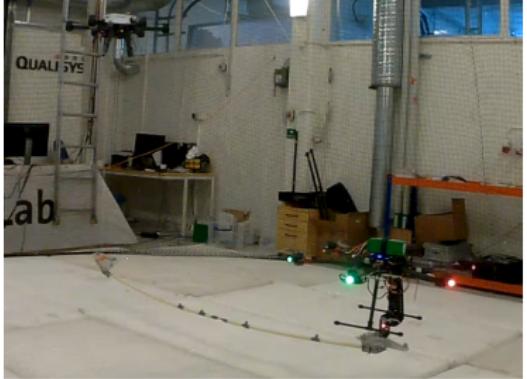
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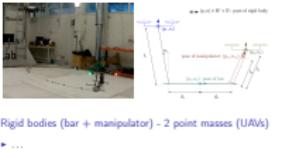
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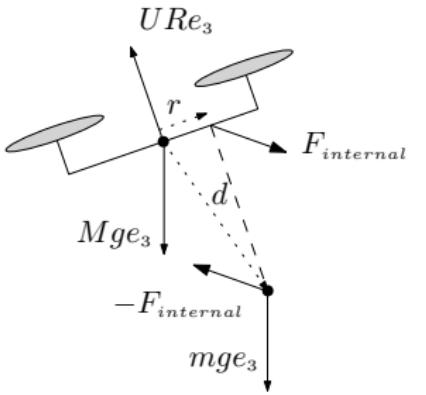
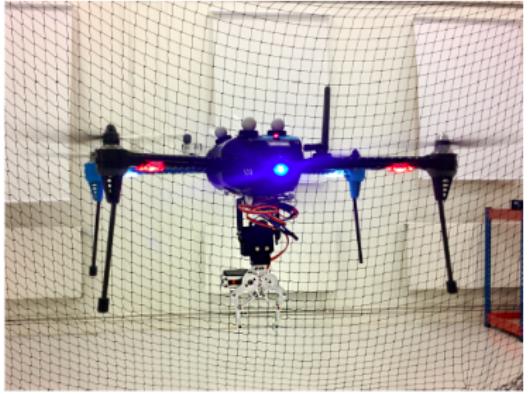
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- In this example we have to invert a 3×3 matrix
- See Professor Tzes' talk on modeling complexity

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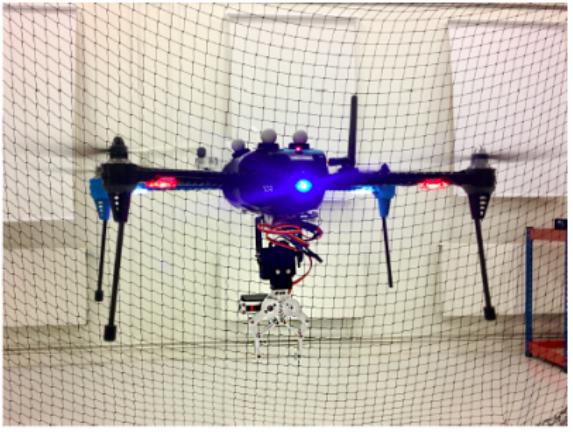
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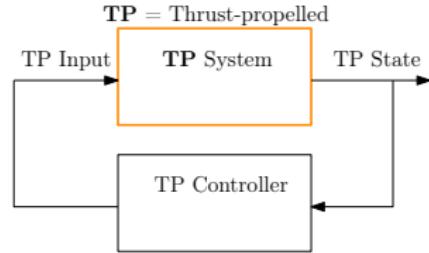
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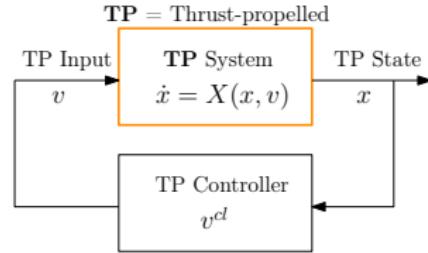
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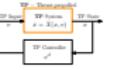


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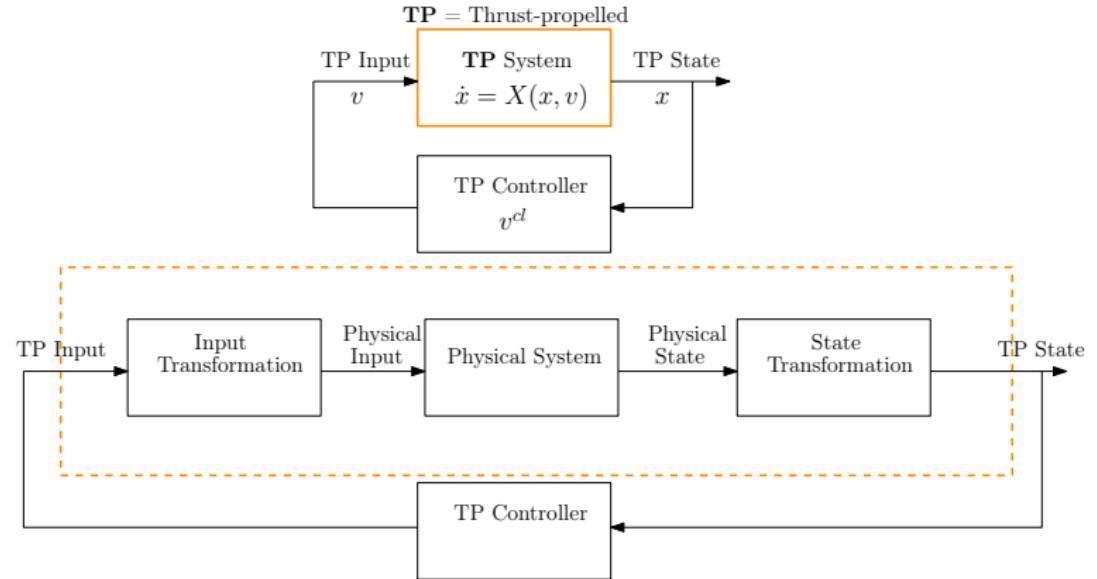
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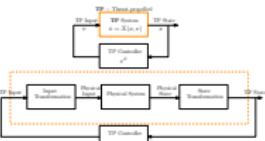
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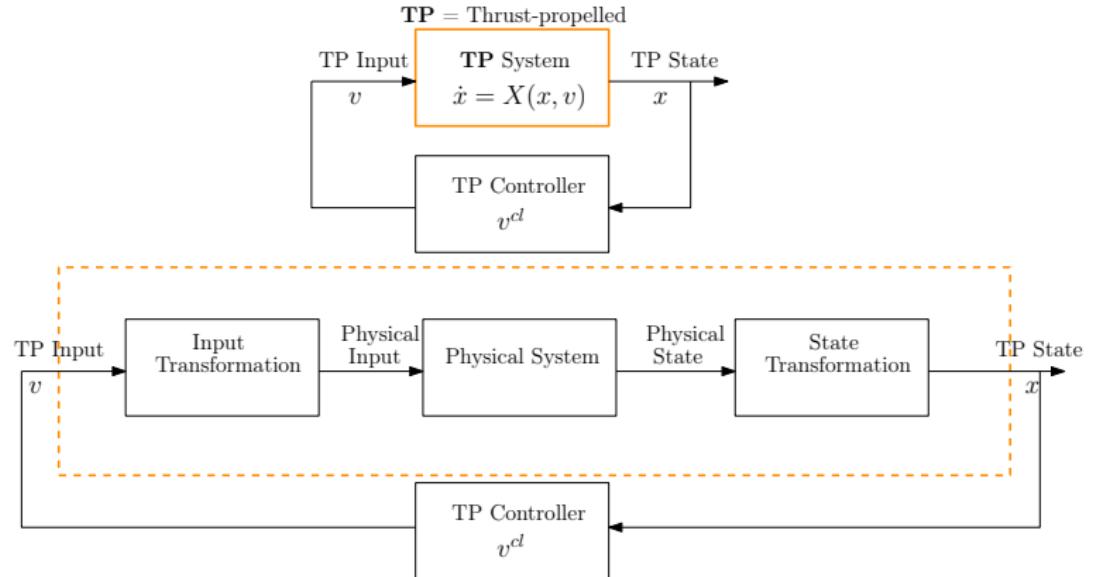
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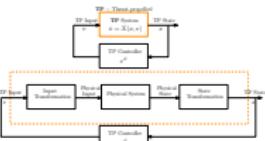
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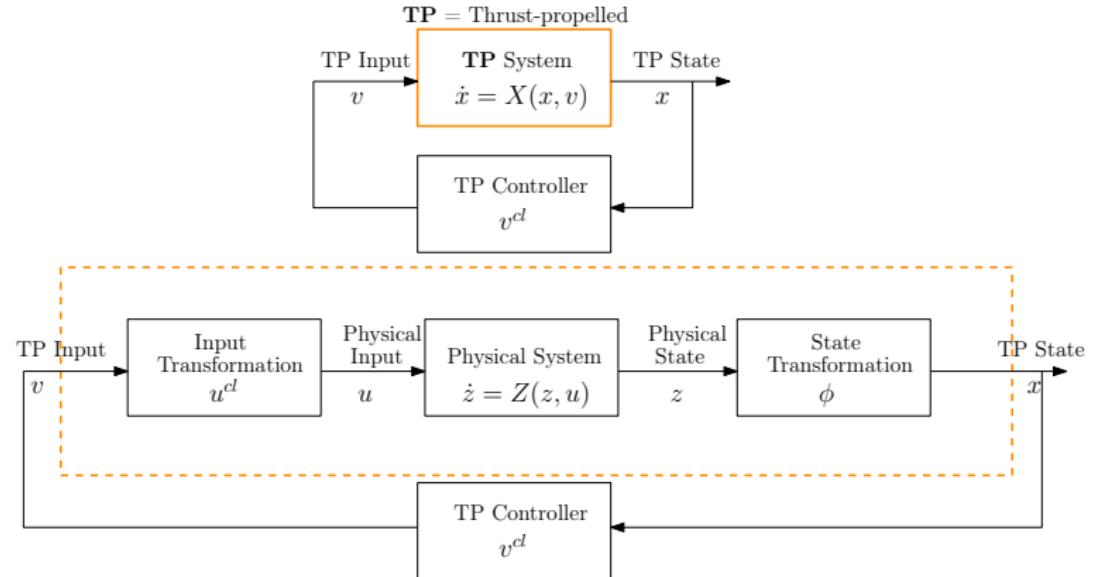
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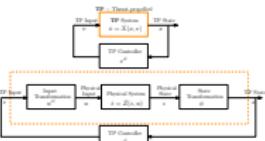
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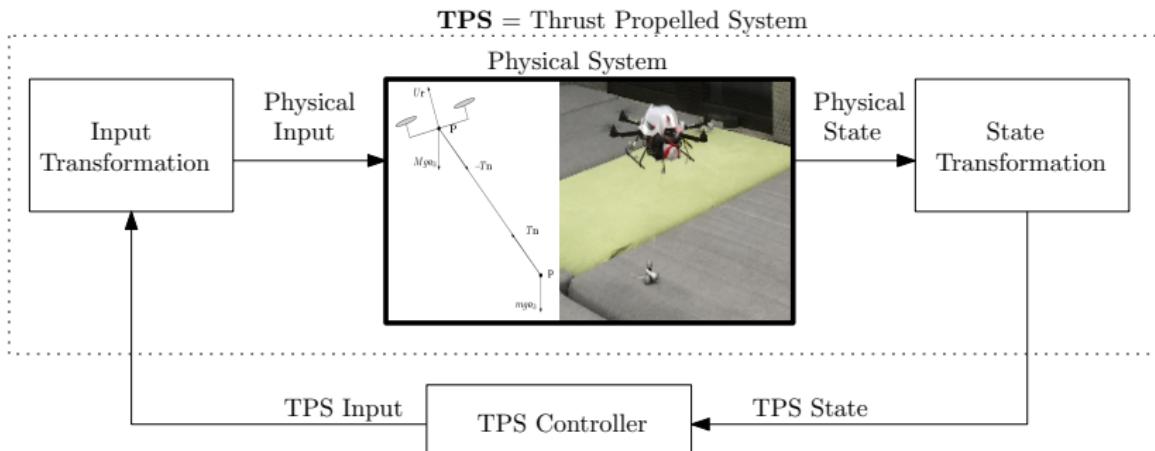
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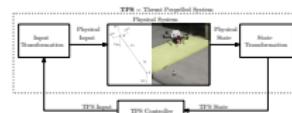
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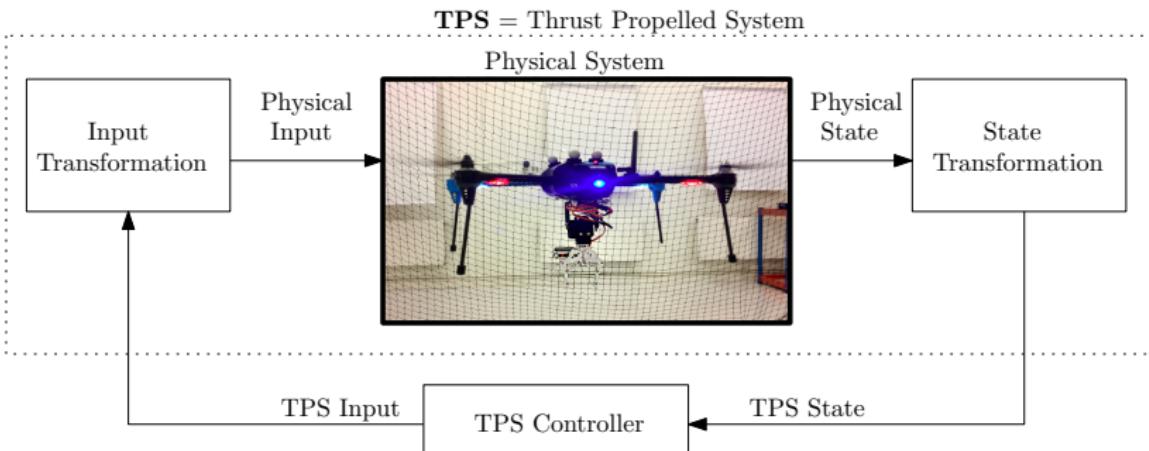
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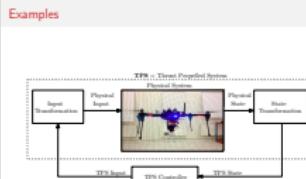
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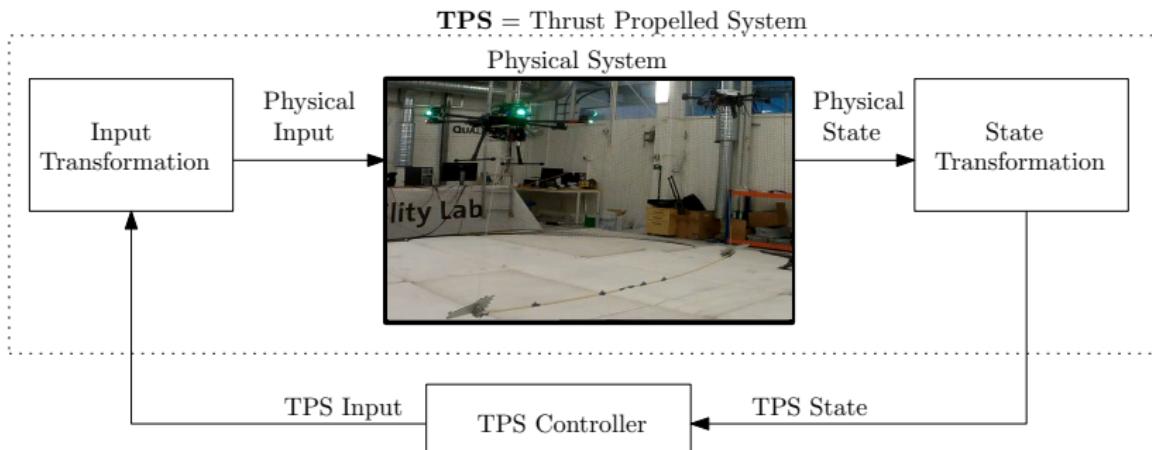
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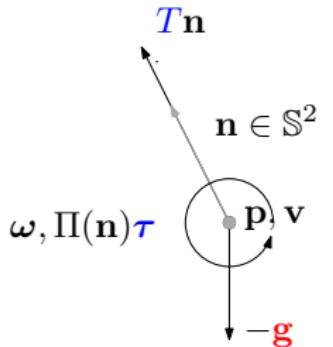
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p, v = position, velocity
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 Tn = Thrust acceleration
 τ = Angular acceleration



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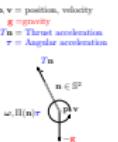
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- Input: thrust and torque
- Time-varying gravity
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Vector field: $\dot{x} = X(x, v)$

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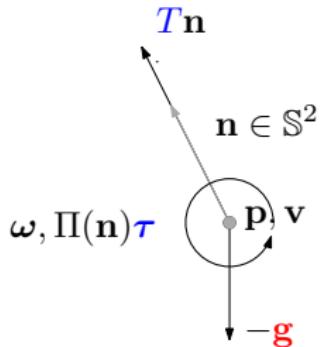
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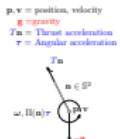
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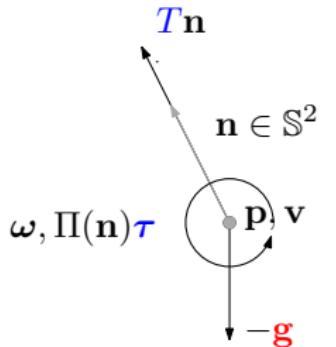
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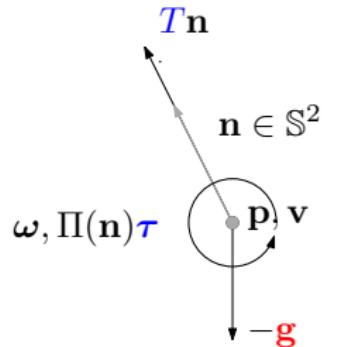
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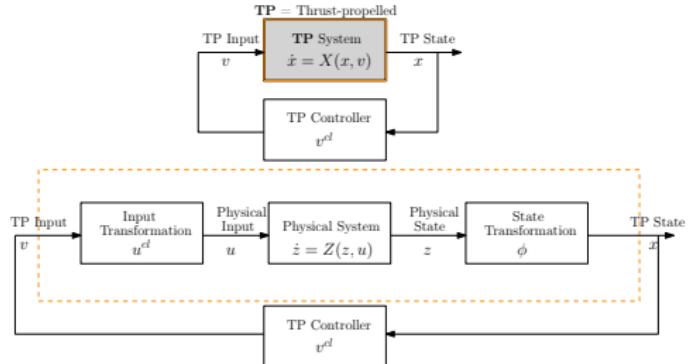
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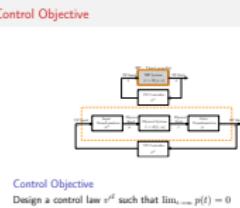
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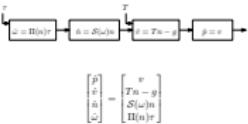
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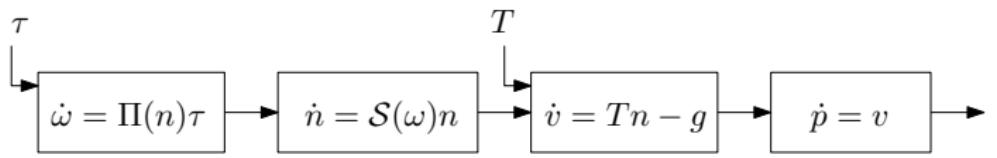
- Stabilizing controller
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- Pereira, P. and Dimarogonas, D.V. *Lyapunov-based Generic Controller Design for Thrust-Propelled Underactuated Systems*. IEEE European Control Conference, pp. 594–599, 2016.



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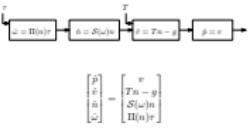
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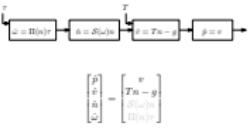
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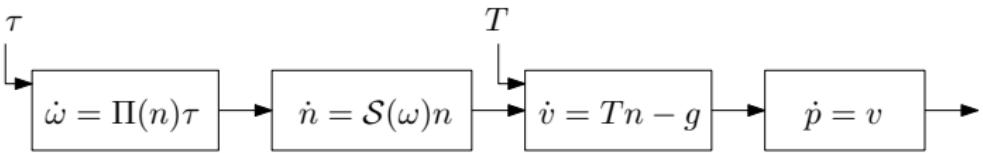
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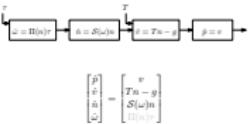
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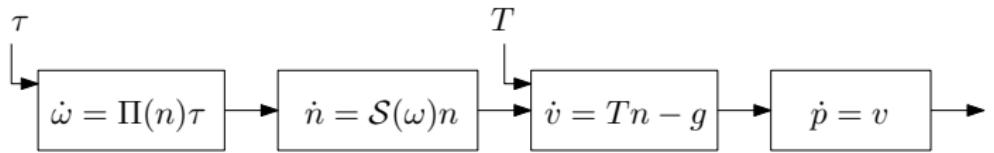
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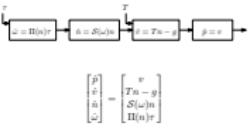
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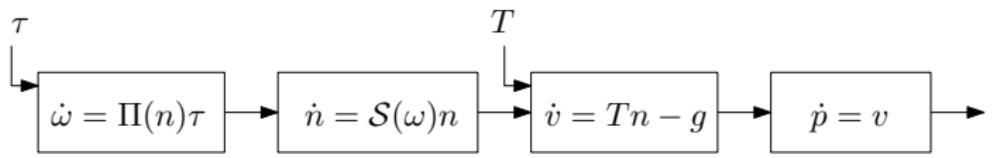
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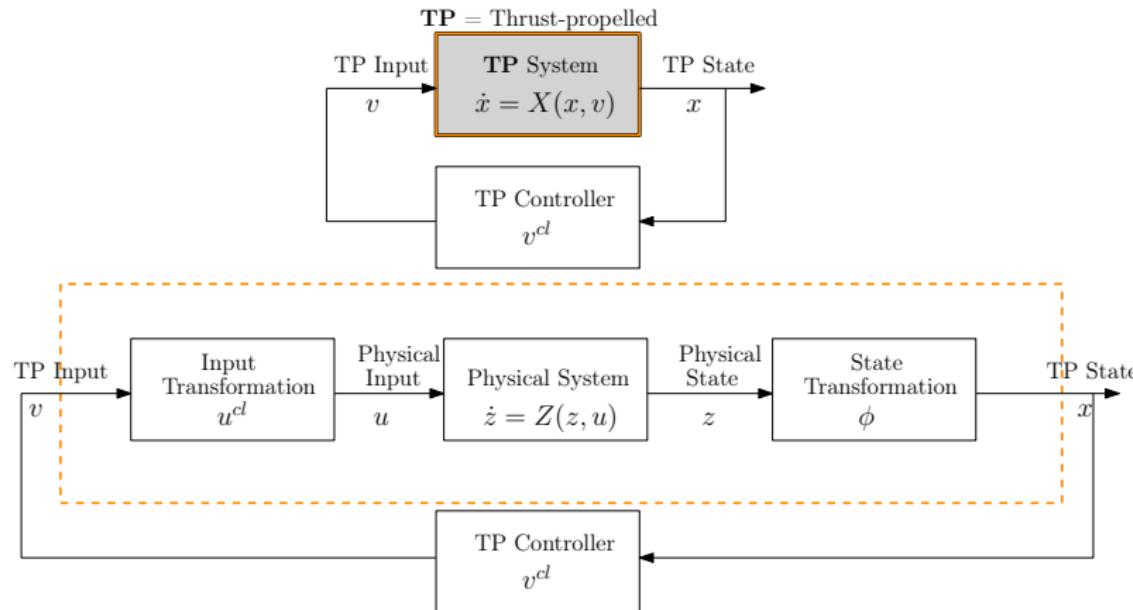
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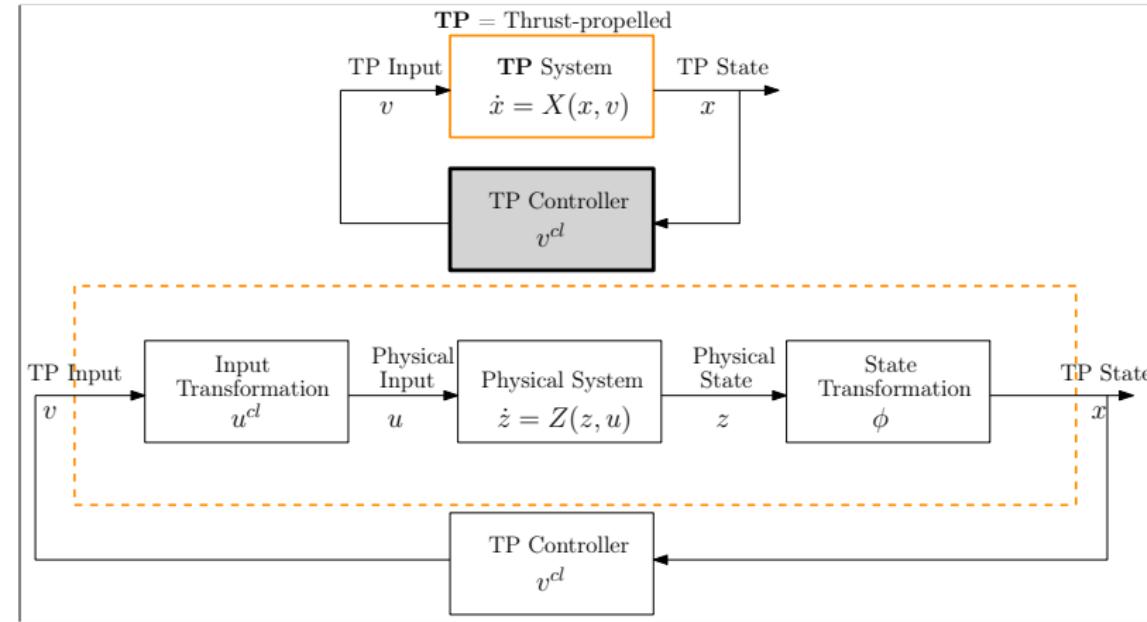
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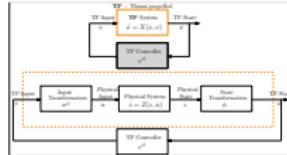
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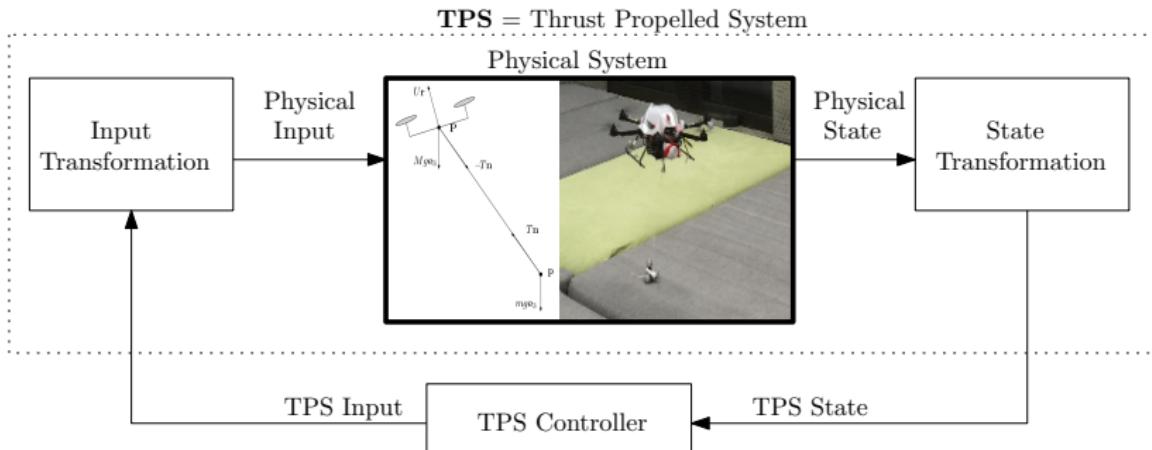
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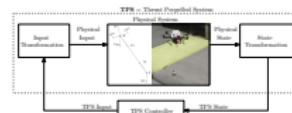
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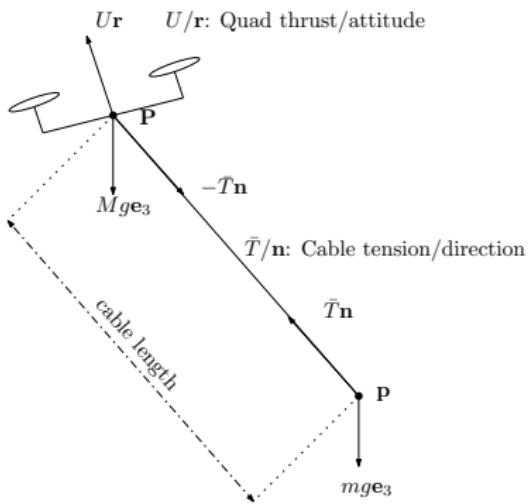
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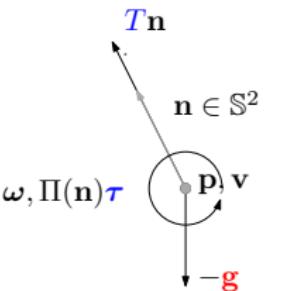
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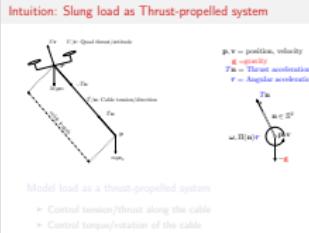
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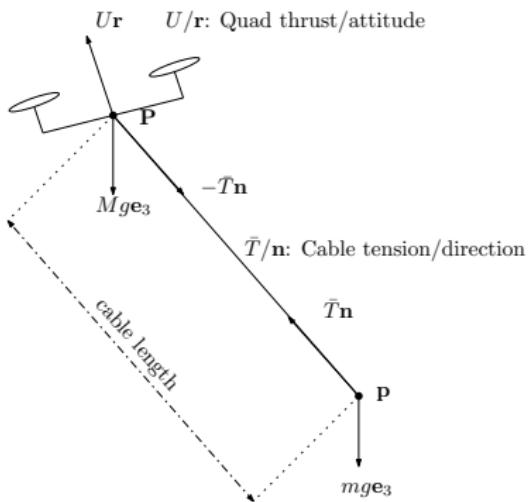
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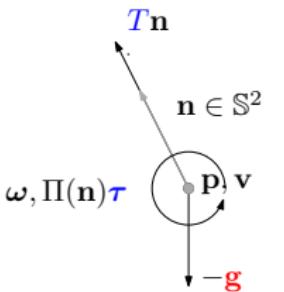


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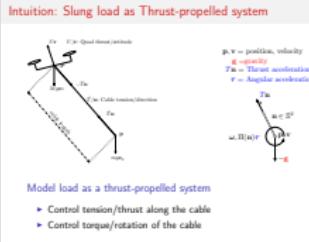
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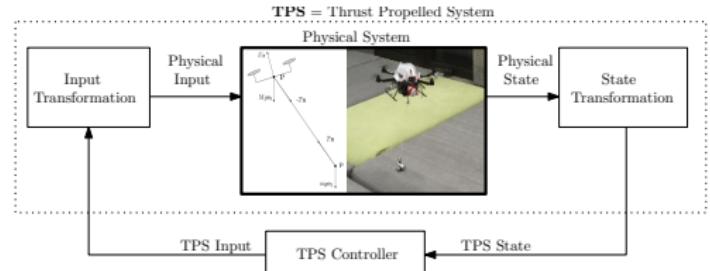
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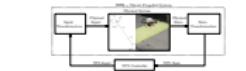
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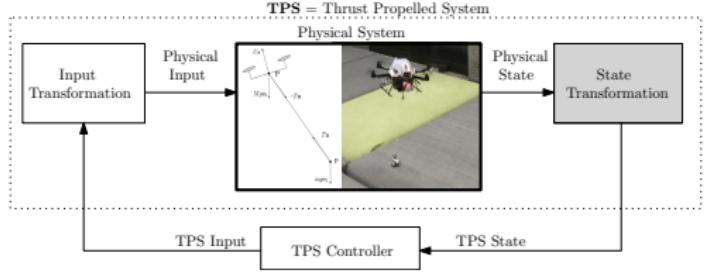
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- Vector field is composed of the velocities and accelerations of the load and uav
- Hybrid system (in general): vector field changes according to state and input (there may be discontinuities in the state as well)
- We must guarantee that with the control law we design that the tension remains positive
- Tracking objective: we want load to track a desired trajectory
- Trajectory needs to be sufficiently smooth (\mathcal{C}^4)
- There is an extra constraint on the trajectories we can track (related to the fact that the tension must remain positive)

2nd Step: State transformation (change of coordinates)



► State transformation

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} p \\ v \\ P \\ V \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\phi(t,z)} \begin{bmatrix} p - p^*(t) \\ v - \dot{p}^*(t) \\ \frac{P-p}{l} \\ \mathcal{S}\left(\frac{P-p}{l}\right)\frac{V-v}{l} \end{bmatrix} = x$$

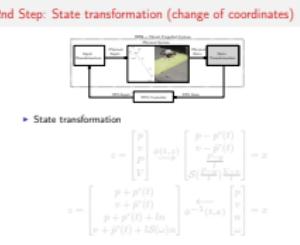
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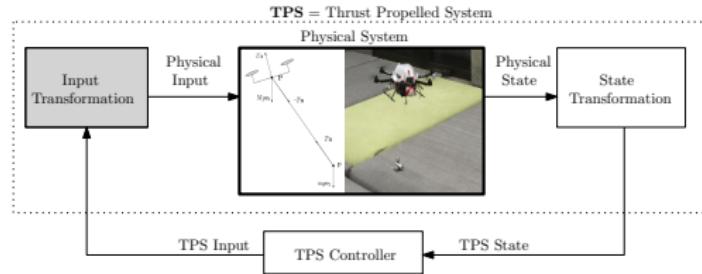
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- Map (for state transformation) must be invertible
- Thrust-propelled system: $\mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$
- Slung load system: $\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}^*(t) \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$

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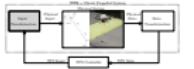
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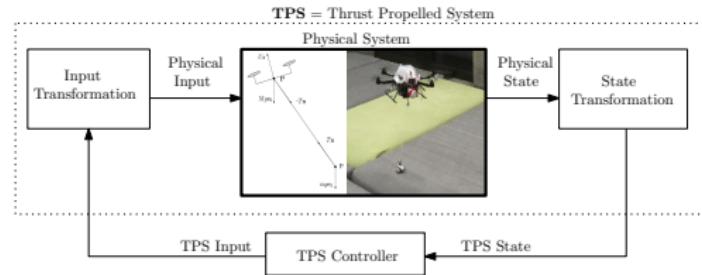


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- Input transformation (from $v = (T, \tau)$ to physical input; recall that $v = (T, \tau)$ is the input to the thrust-propelled system)
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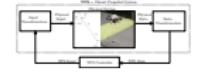
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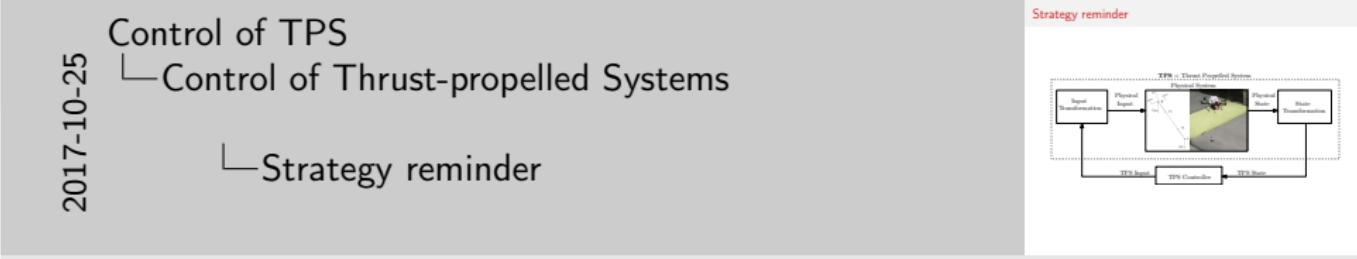
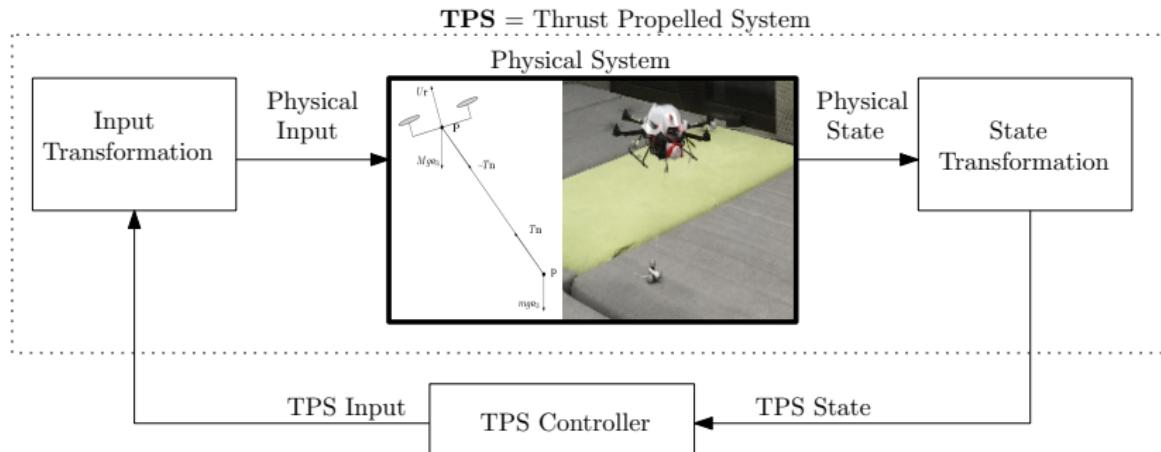
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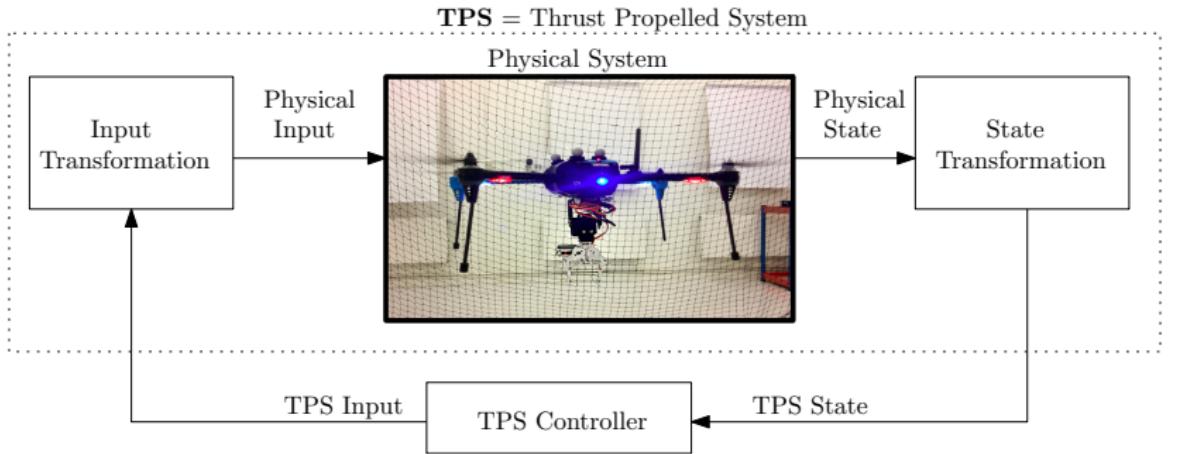
- Composing the three components: input transformation + vector field + state transformation
- d_1 = derivative w.r.t. 1st argument; d_2 = derivative w.r.t. 2nd argument
- We obtain the TPS vector field, thus we can use any controller for a TPS system for trajectory tracking of a load tethered to a UAV

Strategy reminder



- Reminder of control scheme

Another example



Aerial manipulation

- ▶ aerial vehicle to track desired position trajectory
- ▶ manipulator to track desired attitude trajectory
- ▶ two decoupled subsystems

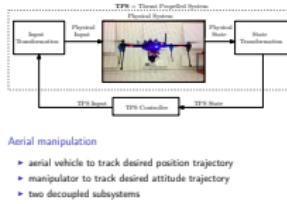
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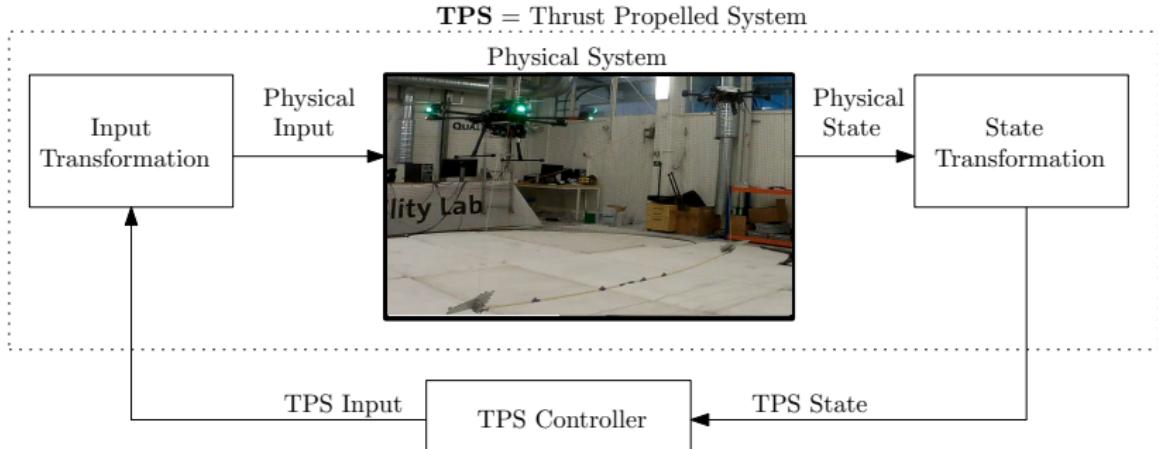
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Another example



- Control of a system composed of a rigid manipulator and an aerial vehicle
- Disturbance removal: consider a constant thrust input disturbance (we design a disturbance estimator, and penalizes the position tracking error and the manipulation tracking error differently)
- Aerial vehicle: IRIS+; rigid manipulator: aluminum arm with a 1DOF revolute joint and a clamp gripper
- Pereira, P. and Zanella, R. and Dimarogonas, D.V. *Decoupled Design of Controllers for Aerial Manipulation with Quadrotors*. IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, pp. 4849–4855, 2016.

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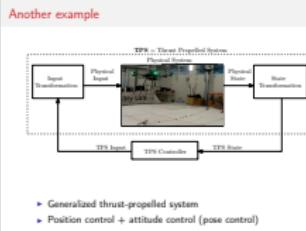
- ▶ Generalized thrust-propelled system
- ▶ Position control + attitude control (pose control)

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- check also: Slotine and Li, *Applied nonlinear control*, 1991
- check also (bounded estimators): Cai, Queiroz, Dawson. *A sufficiently smooth projection operator*. TAC 2006

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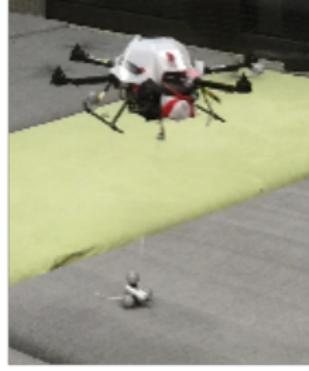
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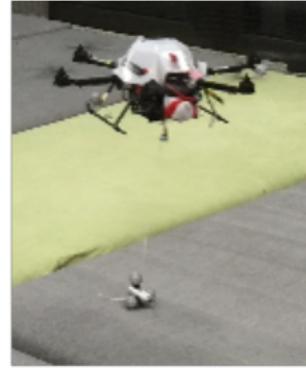
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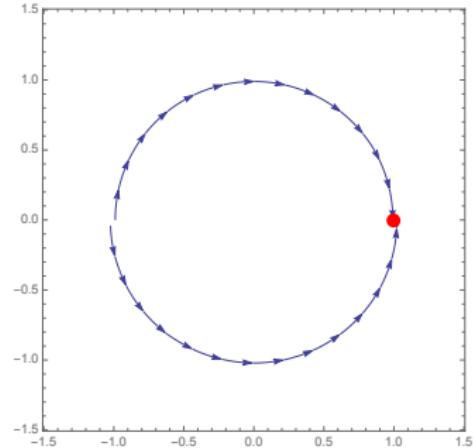
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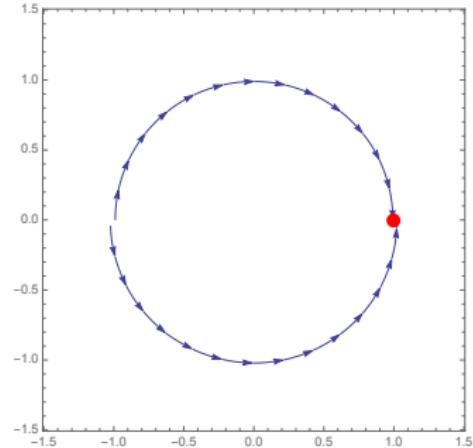
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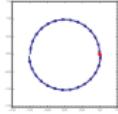
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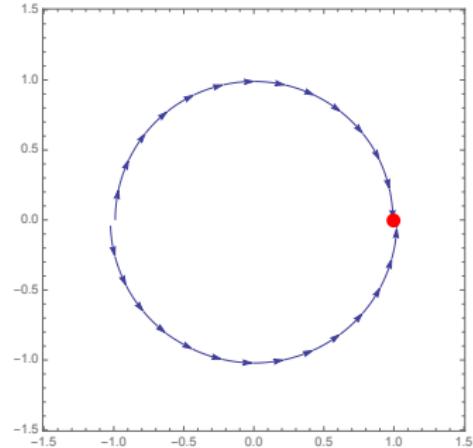
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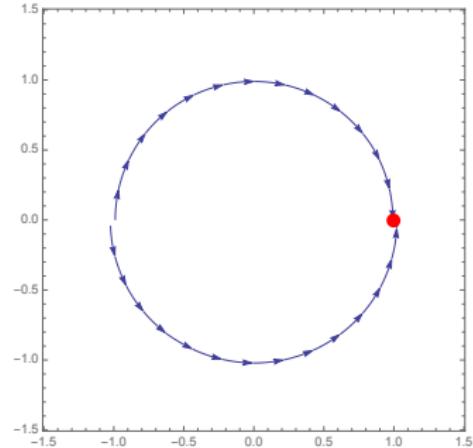
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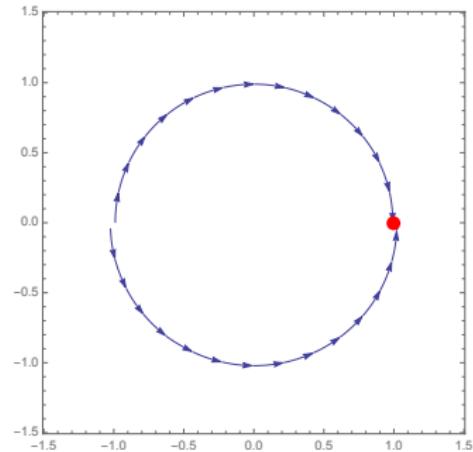
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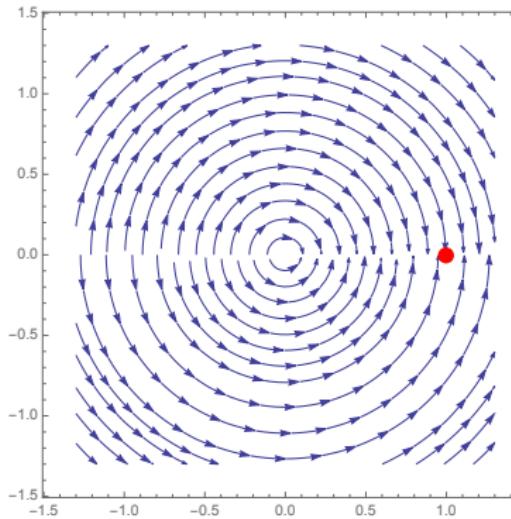
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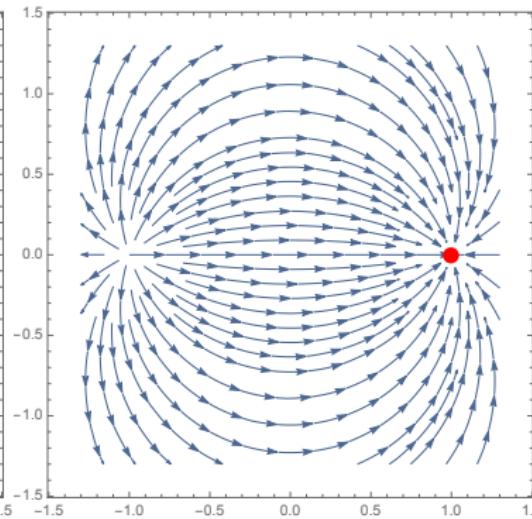
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- This method is an artifact/gimmick that we use, so that we can invoke results from linearization theorems
- See also: Palis and de Melo. *Geometric theory of dynamical systems*, 1982 (Chapter 2).

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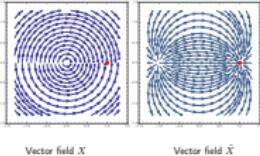
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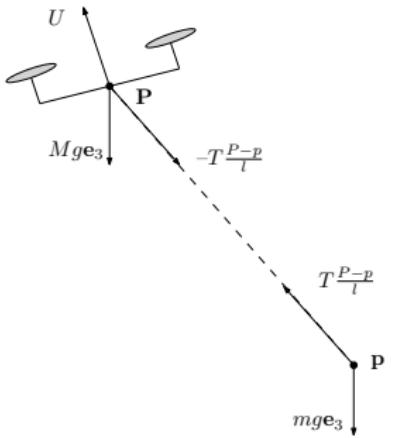
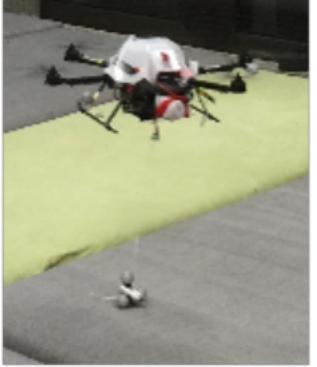
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Complication when linearizing



- On the circle, vector fields are exactly the same
- Outside the circle, they are not
- Another option: parametrize circle with angle, and study stability of equilibrium with the vector field in the “angle coordinate” (however, more complicated sets, require more complicated parametrizations)

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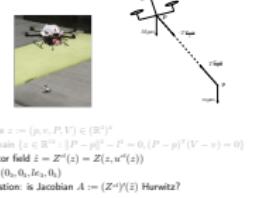
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- $(Z^{cl})' = \text{"}\frac{dZ^{cl}}{dz}\text{"}$
- P. O. Pereira and D. V. Dimarogonas, *Stability of load lifting by a quadrotor under attitude control delay*, 2017 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), Singapore, 2017, pp. 3287-3292.



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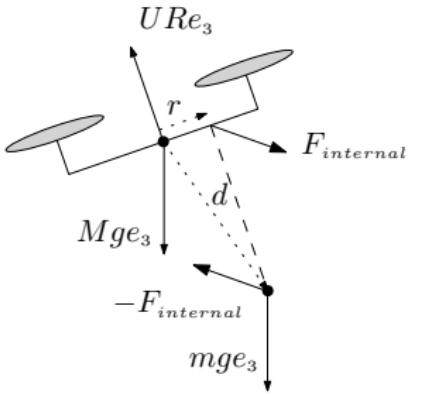
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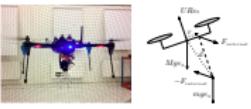


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- Same idea applied to a different system
- Does a *standard* PID control law does the job when the UAV is rigidly attached to some load (fixed in the body frame of the UAV)
- $d = (d_1, d_2, d_3)$: position of load w.r.t. UAV and expressed in the UAV body frame
- $r = (r_1, r_2, r_3)$: where internal force is applied – $r = (0, 0, 0)$ if arm is exactly placed on UAV CoM
- For simplicity, in the linearization, we assume that $r = (0, 0, 0)$.

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$$PAP^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} A_z & \star_{d_1} & \star_{d_2} & 0 & \star \\ 0 & A_x & 0 & \star_{d_2} & \star \\ 0 & 0 & A_y & \star_{d_1} & \star \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & A_\psi & \star \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\lambda I_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} z \\ \dot{z} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{M}{M+m} k_{p,z} & -\frac{M}{M+m} k_{d,z} \end{bmatrix}}_{=:A_z} \begin{bmatrix} z \\ \dot{z} \end{bmatrix}$$

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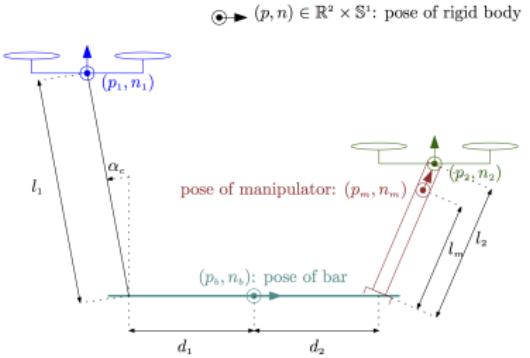
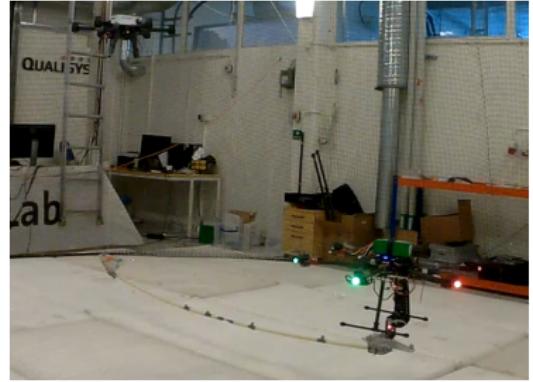
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- Jacobian is similar to block triangular matrix (thus, if each block diagonal is Hurwitz, then the Jacobian is Hurwitz)
- \star_{d_1} means that there are non-zero terms, which vanish if $d_1 = 0$ (same for d_2)
- z is related to the z motion of the system's CoM (which behaves as a second order system)
- x (and y) is related to the x (and y) motion of the system's CoM (which behaves as a fourth order system)
- z motion is coupled to x (y) motion via d_1 (d_2).
- We can find precise conditions on d_3 such that A_z is Hurwitz

2 UAVs + 1 bar + 1 manipulator

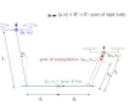


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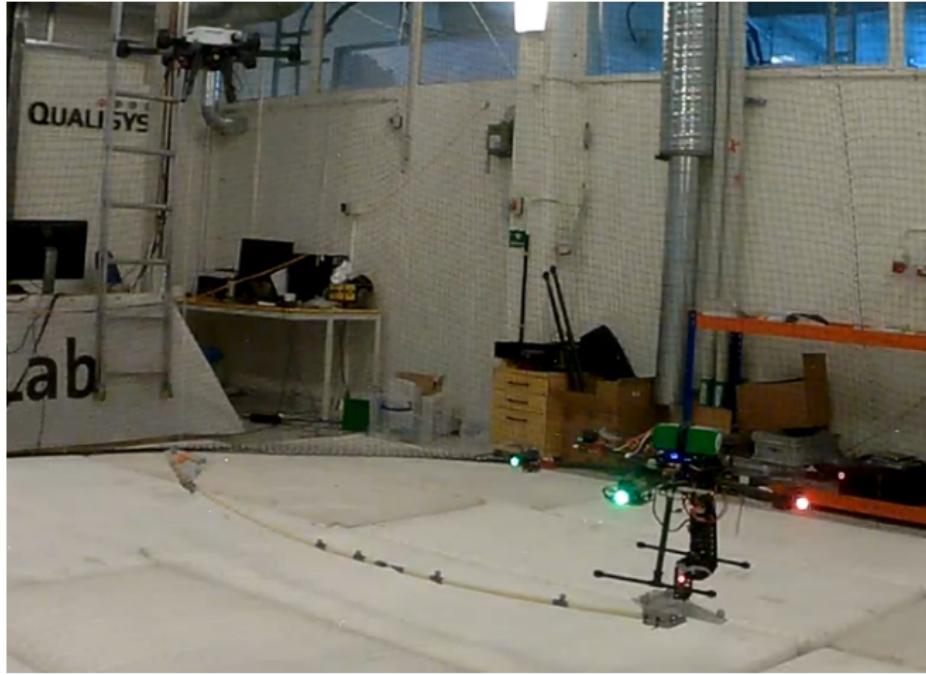
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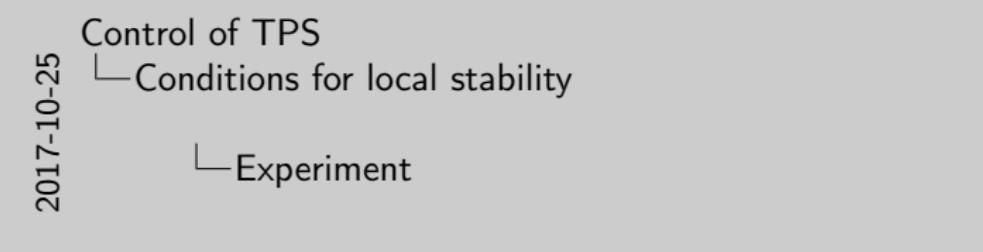


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Experiment



https://youtu.be/NADR9_VffBk



- See video at https://youtu.be/NADR9_VffBk



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