



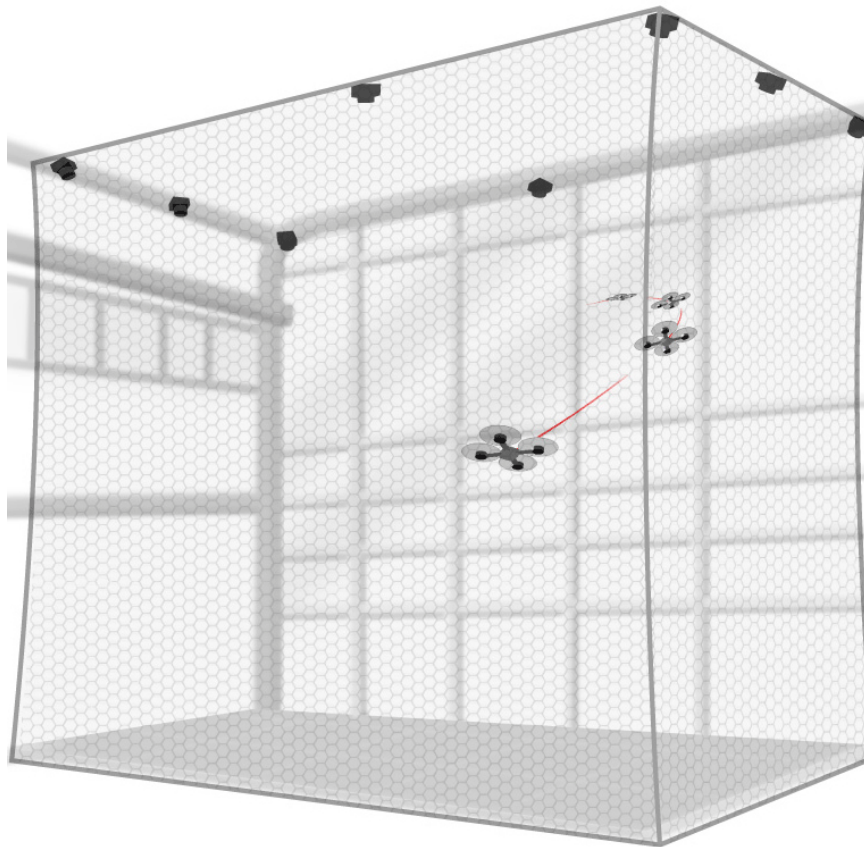
Safety and reliability of autonomous flying machines Flying Machine Arena

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Flying Machine Arena



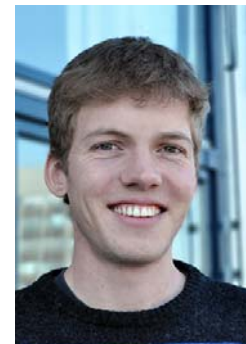
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Distributed Flight Array



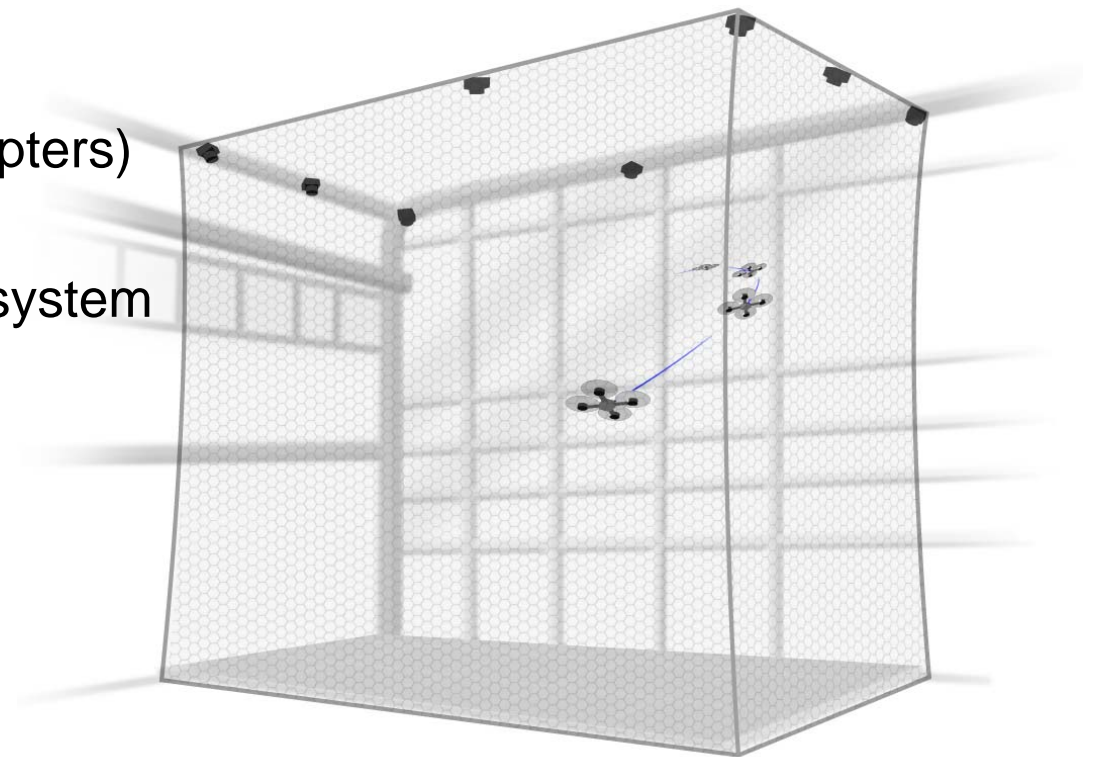
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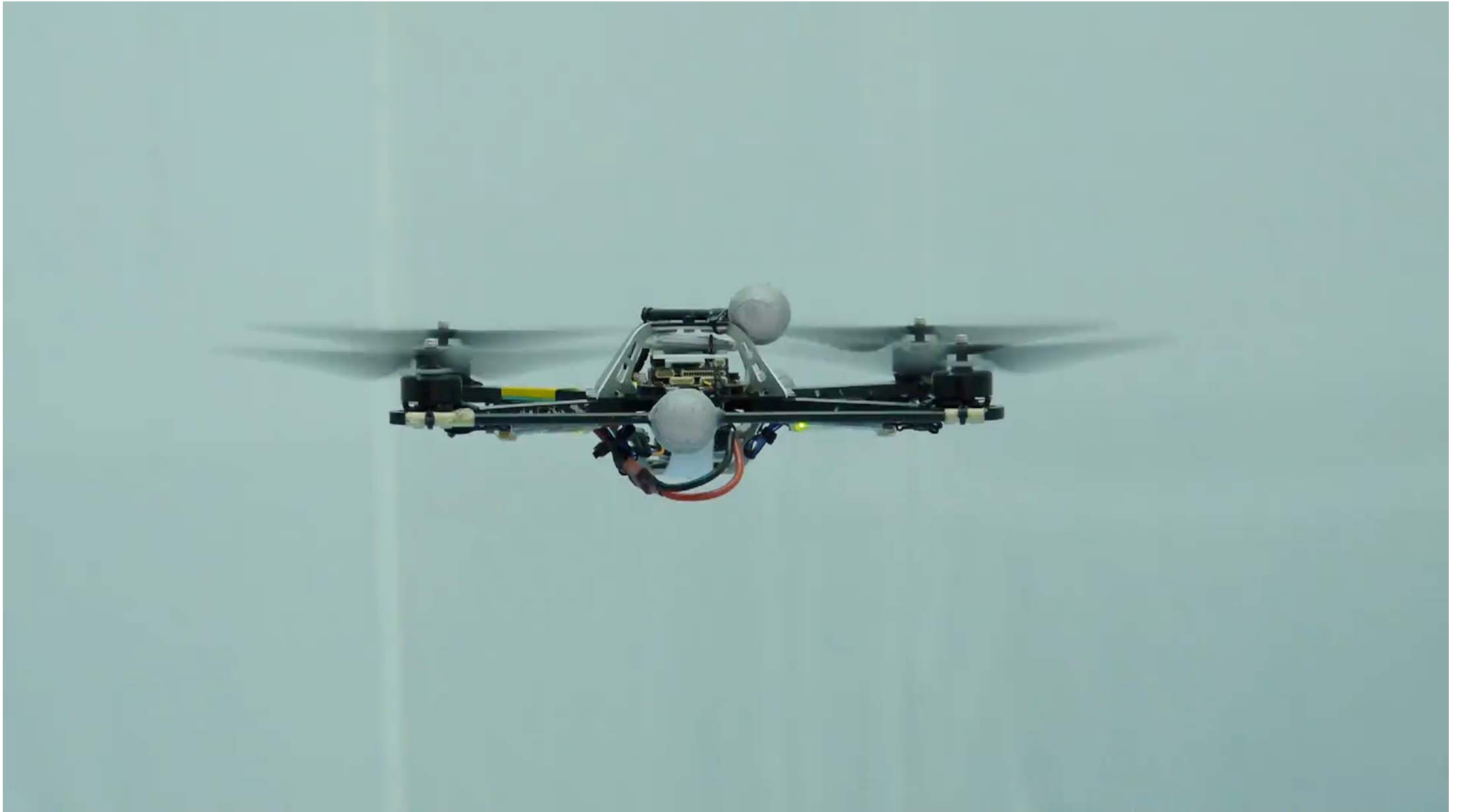


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The Flying Machine Arena

- A 10x10x10m space for autonomous flight
- Main components:
 - Flying vehicles (quadcopters)
 - Motion capture system
 - Wireless communication system
 - Algorithms

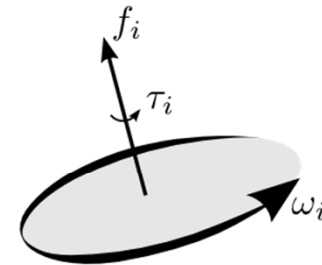
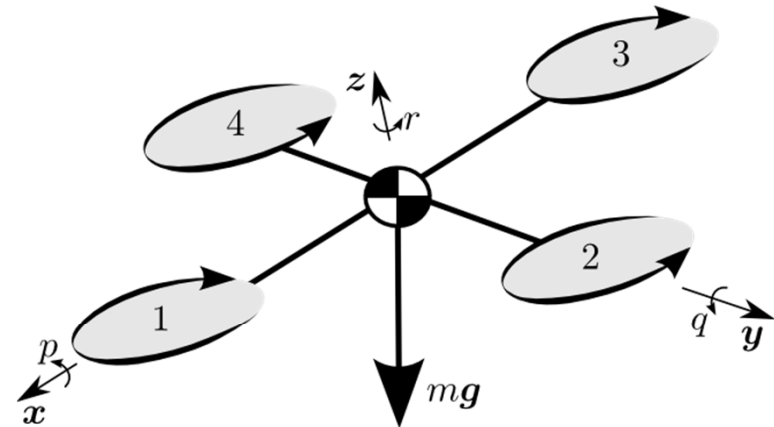




Quadrocopter dynamic model

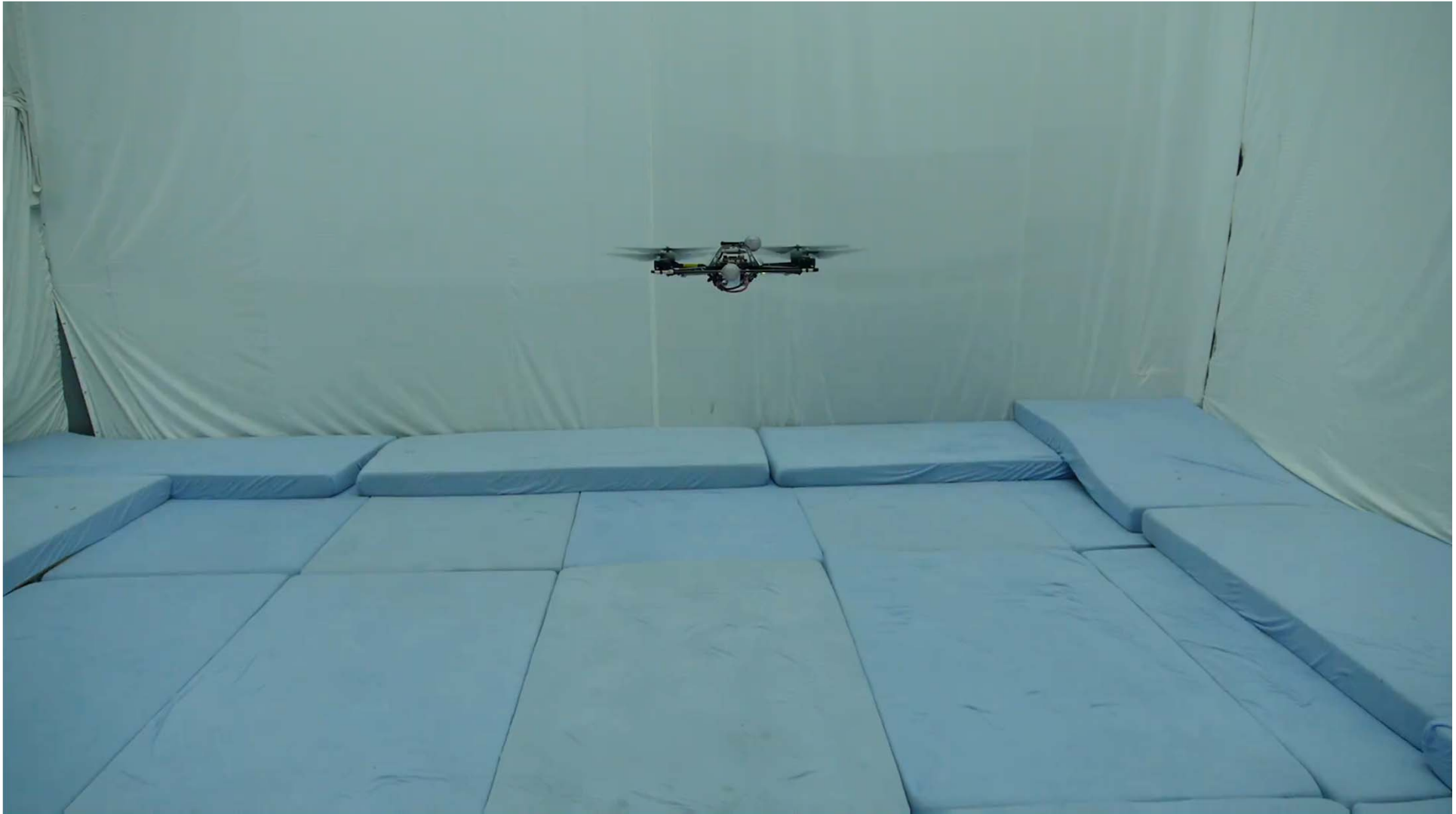
$$\ddot{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{R} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ f_1 + f_2 + f_3 + f_4 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ g \end{bmatrix}$$

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

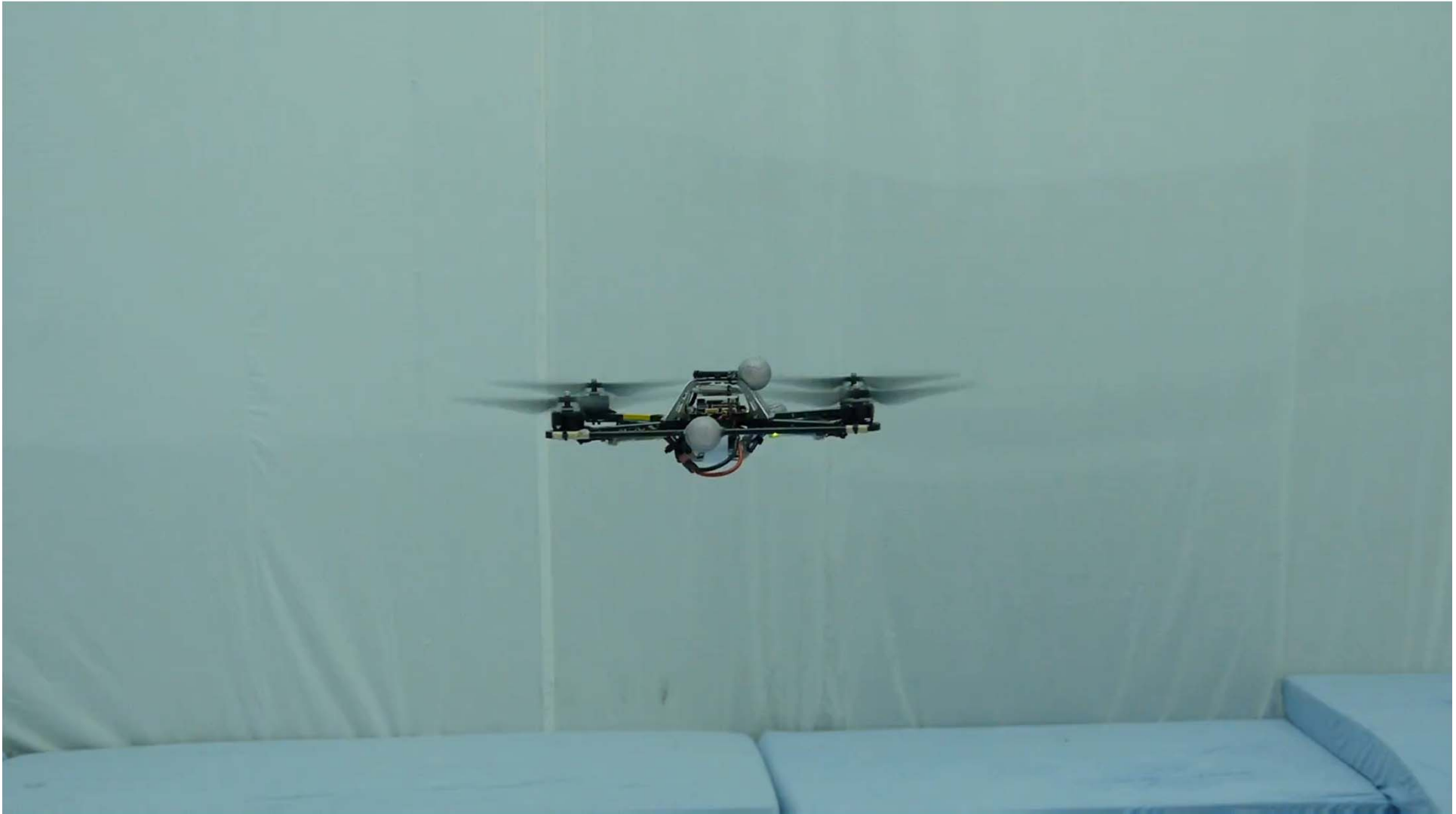


$$\mathbf{I}^B \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}^B = - \sum_{i=1}^4 \mathbf{I}^P \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}^{P_i} - [\boldsymbol{\omega}^B \times] \left(\mathbf{I}^B \boldsymbol{\omega}^B + \sum_{i=1}^4 \mathbf{I}^P (\boldsymbol{\omega}^B + \boldsymbol{\omega}^{P_i}) \right) + \boldsymbol{\tau}_{res}$$

Without control



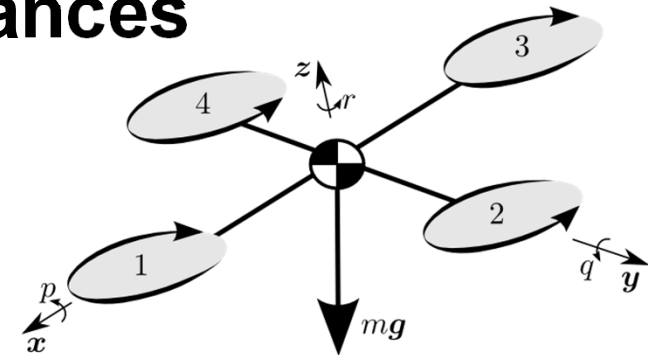
Closed loop



Recovering from large disturbances

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- Large pitch/roll torques
 - Small yaw torque
- Control attitude through angular velocity
- Prioritize tilt over yaw



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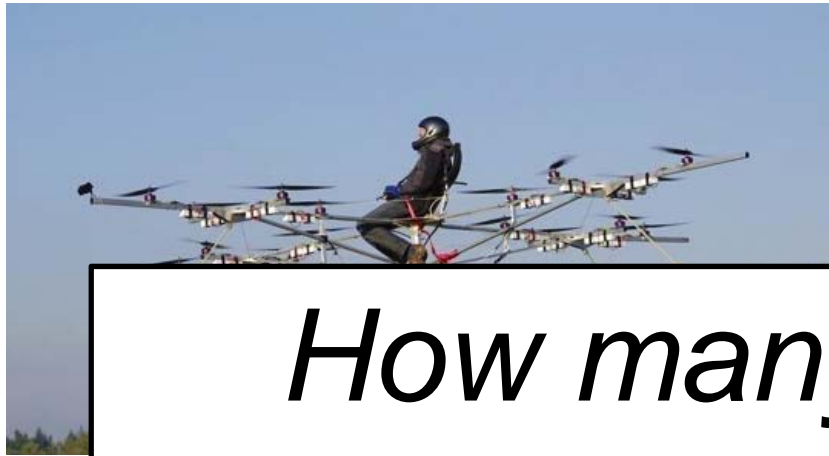
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“Typical” multicopters



*How many propellers
do you really need?*

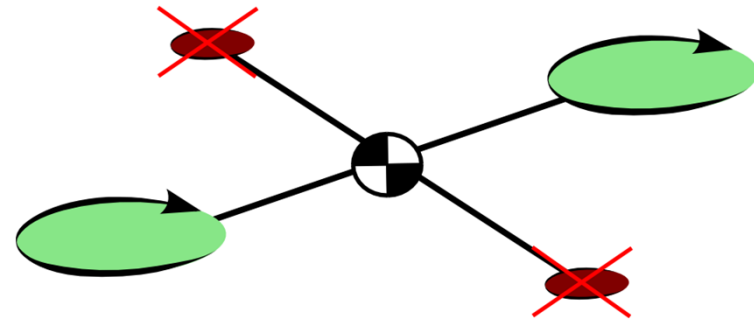


*E-Volo, Amazon Prime Air
MK Hexa XL, DJI Phantom*



System modelling – 2 propellers

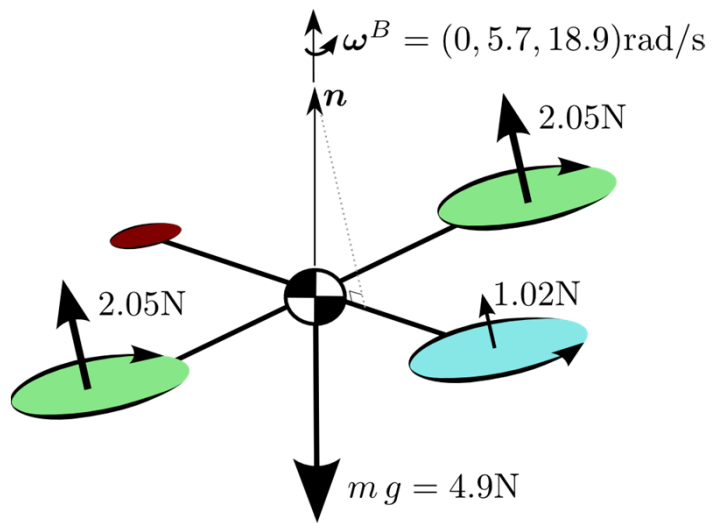
- Can *not* directly affect roll rate



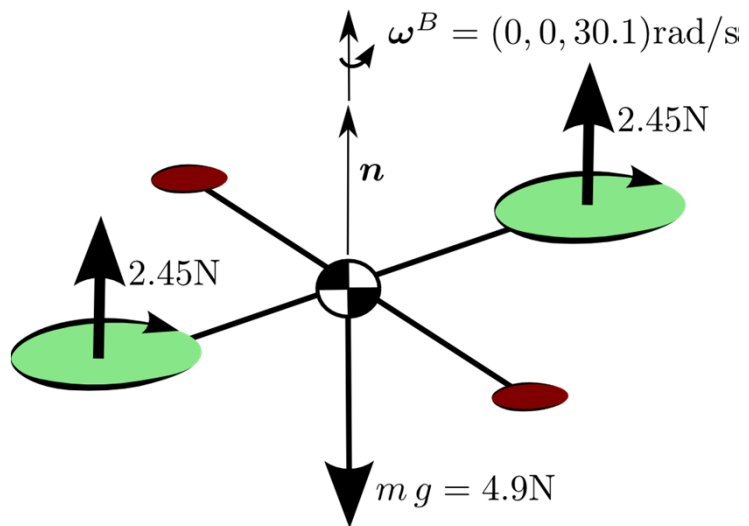
- Have to exploit attitude coupling

$$\mathbf{I}^B \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}^B + \sum_{i=1}^4 \mathbf{I}^P \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}^{P_i} + \llbracket \boldsymbol{\omega}^B \times \rrbracket \left(\mathbf{I}^B \boldsymbol{\omega}^B + \sum_{i=1}^4 \mathbf{I}^P (\boldsymbol{\omega}^B + \boldsymbol{\omega}^{P_i}) \right) = \boldsymbol{\tau}_{\text{res}}$$

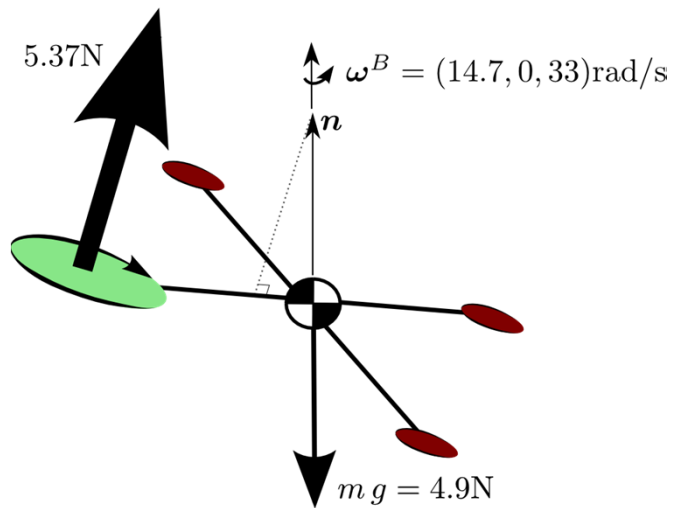
Flying with three propellers



Flying with two propellers



Flying with one propeller



Extension: quadrocopter failsafe



Extension: no motion capture



Demonstrations at lunch