



Development and Practice of Intelligent Unmanned Cluster System

Full Stack Development Case Based on RflySim Platform

Lesson 2 Experimental Platform Configuration



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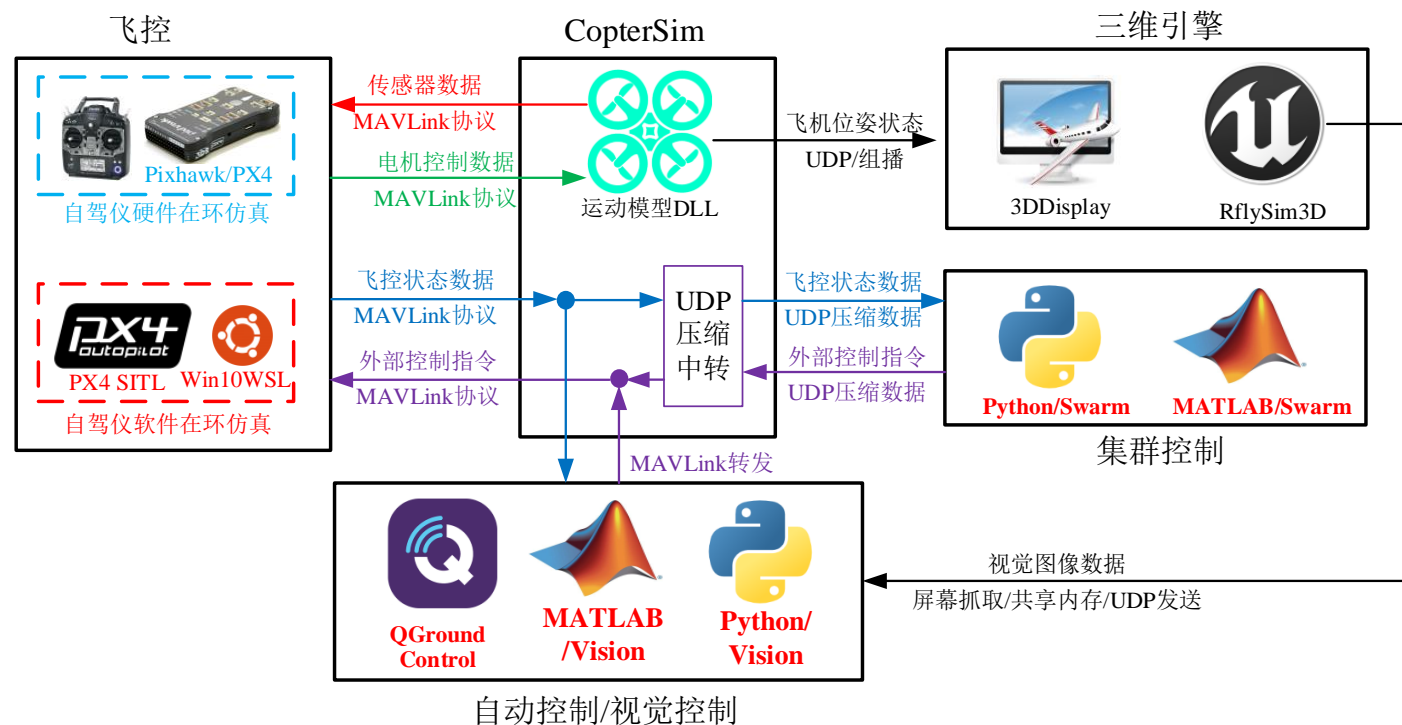


1. Platform Introduction and Installation

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RflySim Platform:

RflySim is a Pixhawk/PX4 and MATLAB/Simulink ecosystem or tool chain for research and education, using Model-Based Design (MBD) ideas for control and safety testing of unmanned systems.





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- Version difference description (see link or QR code for details <http://rflysim.com/doc/RflySimVersions.xlsx>) :
- The RflySim platform is currently available in three versions: **Basic (free)**, **Premium (free)** And **Premium full version (paid, please consult service@rflysim.com)** .
- **Basic edition** As an experimental platform, it corresponds to the book Design and Control Practice of Multi-rotor Aircraft. The installation package is small in size and only contains the functions developed by Simulink, the underlying algorithm of PX4.
- **Premium experience edition** in **Basic edition** Functions such as aircraft dynamics model development, UE4 3D scene development, visual control development and cluster algorithm development are added, but the number of clusters and distributed simulation functions are limited.
- **Advanced full edition** in **The Trial Edition** Added the latest UE5 engine, global large-scale scene simulation, distributed LAN cluster visual simulation and other functions.



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1.1 Checking the computer Configuration. To be able to run the RflySim platform, the following computer configurations are recommended:

- **System:** Windows 10 x64 (The version is greater than or equal to 1903)
- **CPU:** Intel i5 10 generation processor or above, or equivalent performance AMD processor
- **Graphics card:** Intel integrated graphics UHD 620 and above, or equivalent performance AMD graphics card
- **Memory:** Capacity 16G or above, frequency DDR3 1600MHz or above
- **Hard disk:** Remaining capacity 40G or above (SSD recommended)
- **Display:** resolution 1080P (1920*1080) and above (dual screen recommended)
- **Interface:** at least one USB Type A interface (available expansion cable)
- **MATLAB:** 2017b or later (2017b recommended)

Note: The computer configuration should be as high as possible, low-configuration computers can also run the Demo of this platform, but there may be unstable control, poor experimental results and other problems. Please install MATLAB in advance.

Note: This platform is suitable for games or game consoles, professional servers and graphics workstations are not compatible with this platform, there will be jitter and stuttering.



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1.2 Obtaining and Installing Software

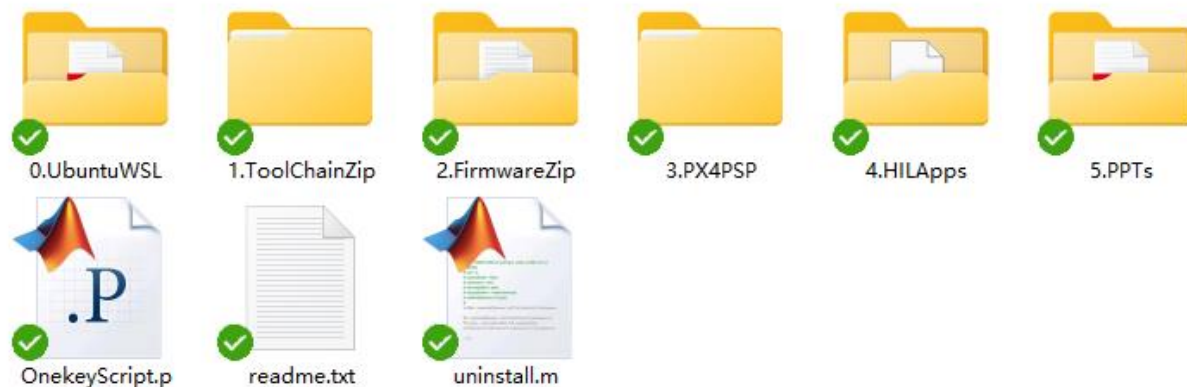
- Obtain the installation package: Obtain the latest.iso image from an official source (**The full version is RflySimAdv3Full-***.iso, and the experience version is RflySimAdvFree-***.iso, after which *** indicates the version number**) You can right-click the mouse - open mode -Windows Explorer to load the image (or use the decompression software to decompress, or use the virtual drive to load), so as to obtain the installation package folder shown on the right.

Attention:

- The basic version and the Advanced Experience version can be mirrored by filling in the mailbox <https://rflysim.com/download> Get the cloud disk download link.
- For the full version download link and registration code please consult service@rflysim.com
- The cloud disk link and password we share will not change, but the installation package inside will be updated frequently, so the cloud disk installation package update time as the version base.



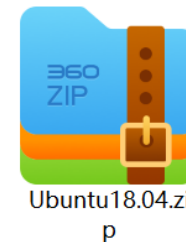
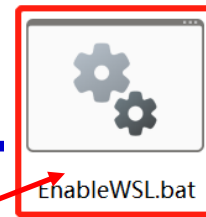
Scan the code to see the RflySim platform video installation tutorial



Note: The "5.PPTs" folder has the latest PPT tutorial, after running the installation script will be copied to the PX4PSP directory, readme.txt has the version number, update time and update content



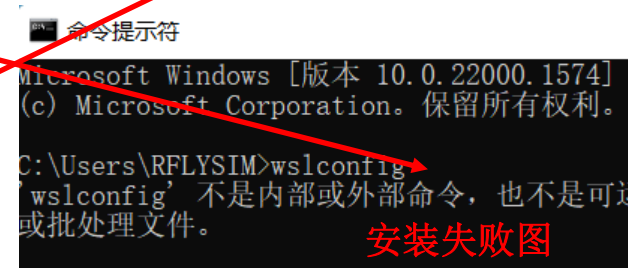
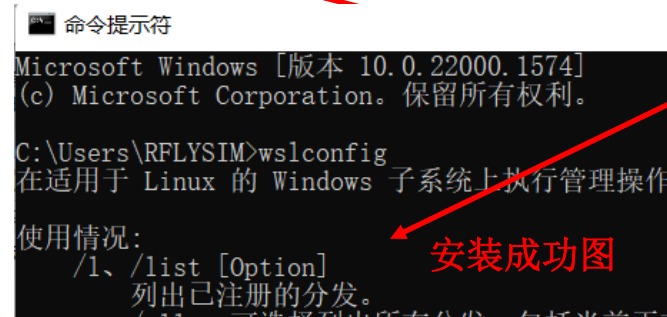
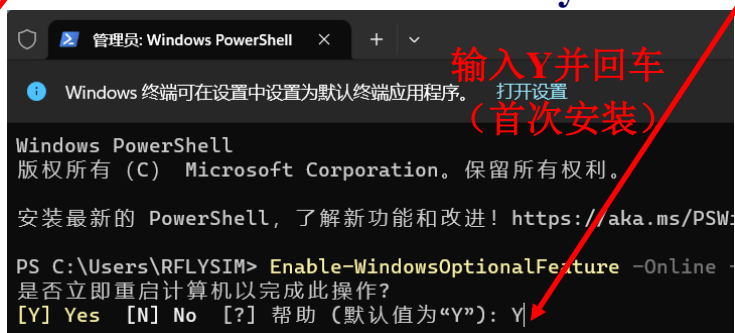
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1.3 Enabling the WSL subsystem function.

1. For Win10 and Win11 systems: Win10WSL compiler is recommended, and the following operations need to be performed first:

- Start WSL subsystem function: double-click the script "0.UbuntuWSL\ EnableWSL.bat" (close the antivirus software first to avoid interception), and click "Yes" in the "User Account Control" window to automatically start WSL subsystem.
- Note: If this command is executed for the first time on the PC, enter Y in the pop-up window and press Enter to confirm the installation and restart the PC. If this command is not executed for the first time, the window automatically closes and you do not need to restart the PC..
- Note: If a problem occurs, such as a flash exit, enter the wslconfig command in the CMD window to check whether the installation is successful. If no command is displayed, the installation fails. Close the antivirus software and follow the 0.UbuntuWSL\readme.pdf process to start the software manually.



2. For Win7 systems (or Win10WSL compiler installation failure) : Only use the Cygwin compiler. You can skip the previous step and go directly to the one-click installation script page in the following article, and select 3 when entering "PX4 firmware compiler" :
Cygwin compiler.



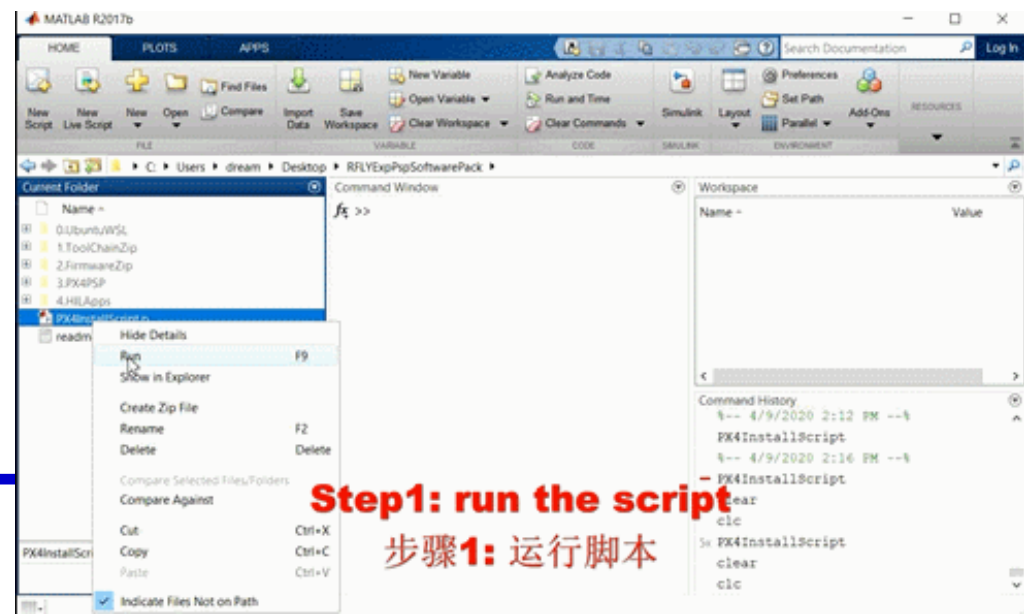
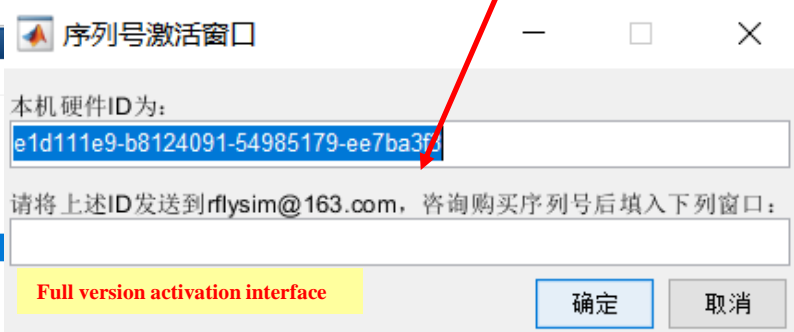
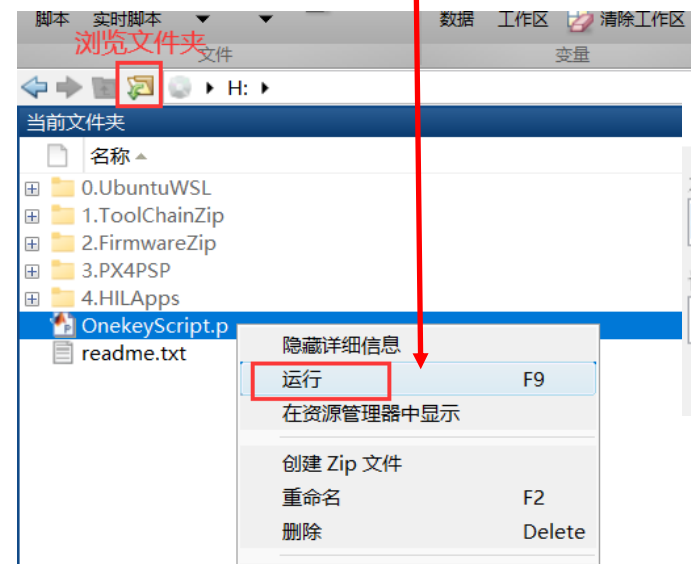


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Note: To improve the installation speed and ensure the smooth completion of the installation, please turn off all anti-virus software, and Windows 10/11 Security Center "real-time protection"

1.4 One-click Installation script

- Click the "Browse folder" button in MATLAB, locate the folder you just loaded the iso image, and right mouse button **OnekeyScript.p**, click "**operation**" Button (or type the OnekeyScript command in the window)
- The full version will pop up the activation page, get the serial number and enter it. **Experience version does not pop up activation window no need to enter the serial number!**
- Then the installation page will pop up as shown in the right picture (Please follow the readme.txt instructions in the installation package to close the antivirus software before installation).





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Note: Win7 system, firmware compiler choose 3: Cygwin can (limited to full version), also applicable to WSL installation can not be installed on the user.

1.5 Recommended Installation Configuration - First Run

- To install the platform for the first time (or restore the platform configuration), you can directly use the default configuration on the right picture, select "Yes", click "OK" to install with one click; Users of low-level flight control development can be modified according to needs:

- For the underlying development of Pixhawk 4 flight control, select the compile command "px4_fmu-v5_default" (If you have other flight control hardware, please modify it yourself);
- Use the newer PX4 firmware PX4-1.13.0, firmware version select "7" (top-level algorithm development requires ≥ 4 or ≥ 1.10 firmware);
- Use the Win10WSL compiler, so choose "1" for the compiler; Note: Also can not install WSL subsystem, select "3" Cygwin (suitable for Win7+), but there is a long-term running instability problem, not recommended this way.
- Whether to mask PX4 output Select "Yes". This option does not mask the output of the PX4_SITL controller, so software simulation can be performed normally.
- All others are selected by default when you install them for the first time "Yes", click again "Confirm" Button to start installation.



Note: If it is not the first installation but a platform update, you can select "No" for items 7 and 8 to save installation time.

Note: The free version of the firmware can only select 1 and 6, the compiler can only select 1 and 2. For support of other firmware, compilers, Win7 systems, and 3D scenarios, please contact service@rflvsim.com Get full or incremental packages.



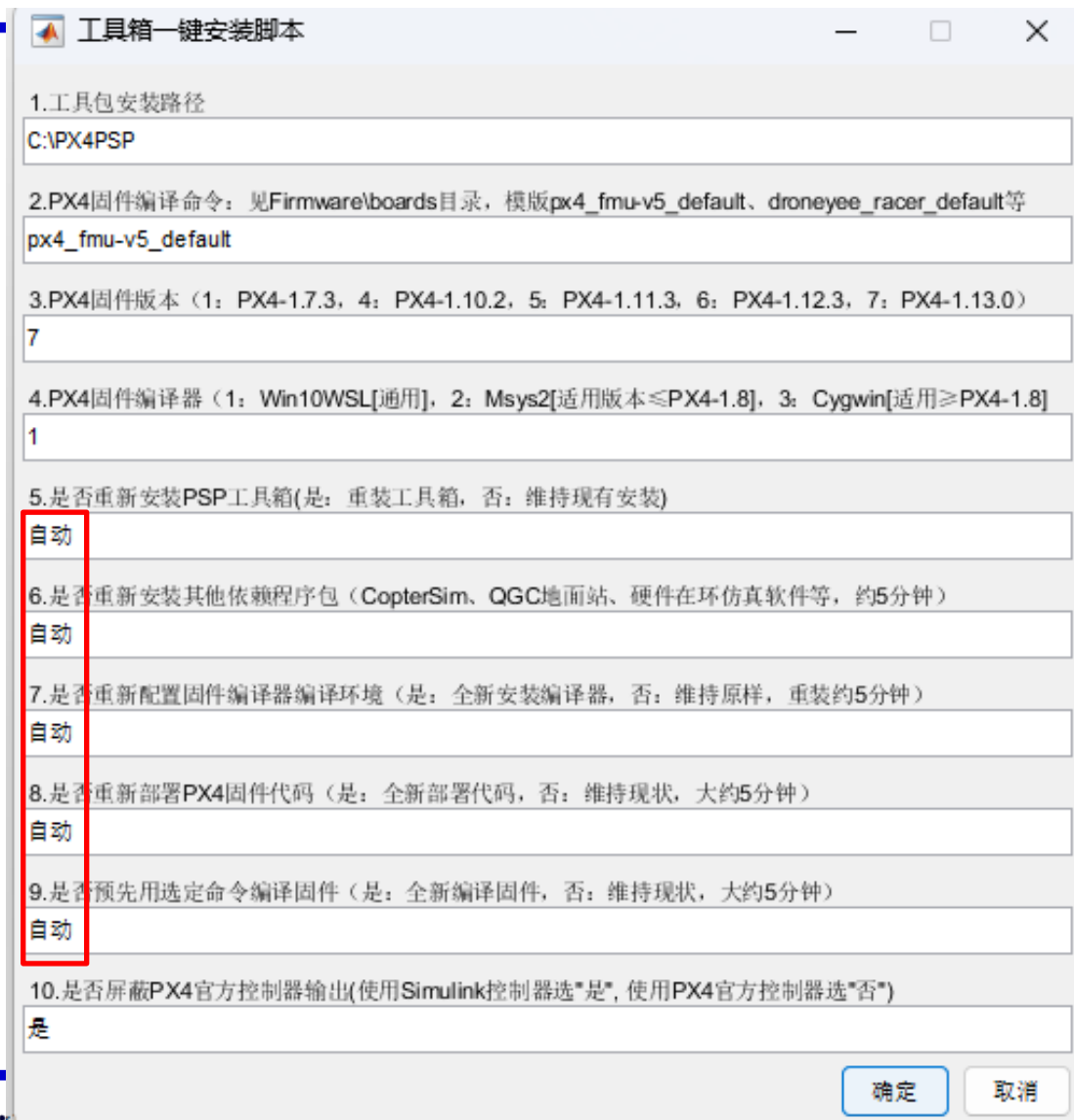
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Emphasis: "Automatic" means that if the relevant functions are updated, the corresponding program will be automatically reinstalled in order to improve the installation speed of the platform, and can also be changed to "yes" or "no" according to their needs.

1.5 Recommended Installation and Configuration - Subsequent updates

- **Download the new installation package and run the script again, as shown in the figure on the right**
- **You can see that the default option for items 5 through 9 has changed to "Automatic" instead of "yes" or "no".**
- **In automatic mode, the script automatically determines whether to update files according to the files in the installation package, which reduces the difficulty of use, speeds up the upgrade, and shorens the upgrade time.**
- **If you need to restore firmware, compilers, packages, etc., you can also change "automatic" to "yes" to achieve forced updates..**
- **Note: "6. Whether... In addition to "automatic", "yes" and "no" for the input of "package", you can also specify the mandatory update module (comma separated) separately to save time. Optional modules include: CopterSim, drivers, FlightGear, QGroundControl, RflySim3D, RflySimAPIs, UE3DDisplay.**

Note: If the blue Screen of death occurs when the platform is updated, please run the one-click script to uninstall the platform and install it again.

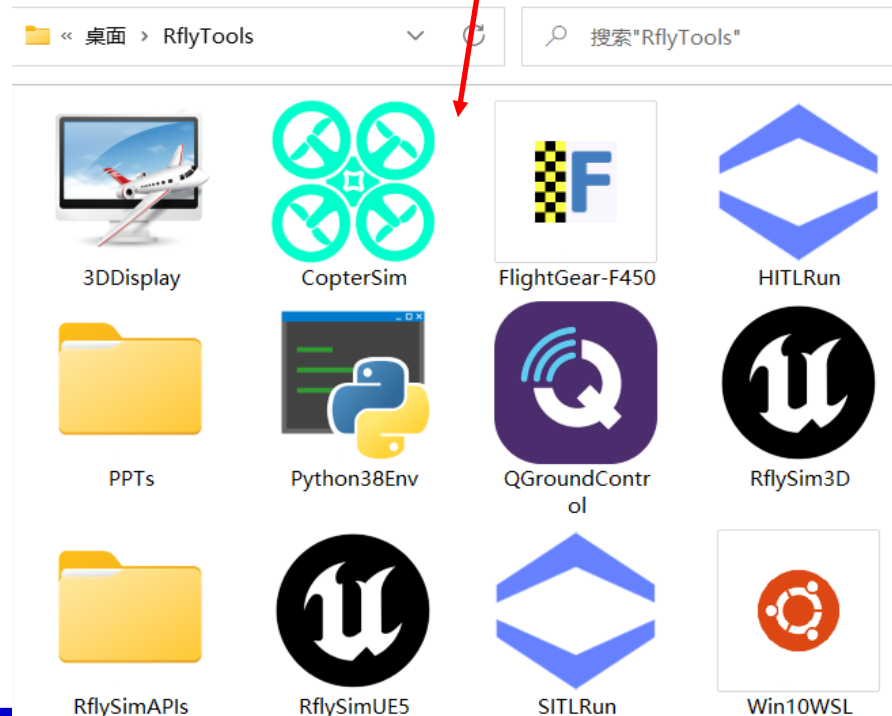
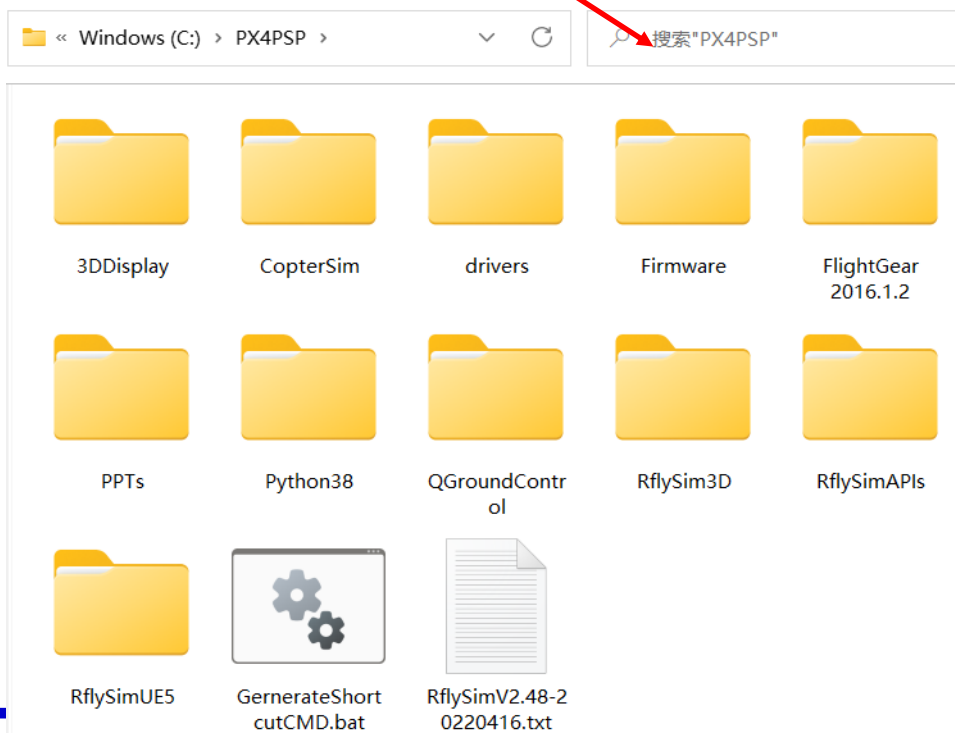




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1.6 Windows Effects After Installation

- As shown below, under the installation directory (default is C:\PX4PSP) you can get a series of folders where **“RflySimAPIs”** The folder is the most important interface tutorial folder for advanced functions.
- As shown on the right, a series of shortcuts are available in the RflyTools folder on the desktop.



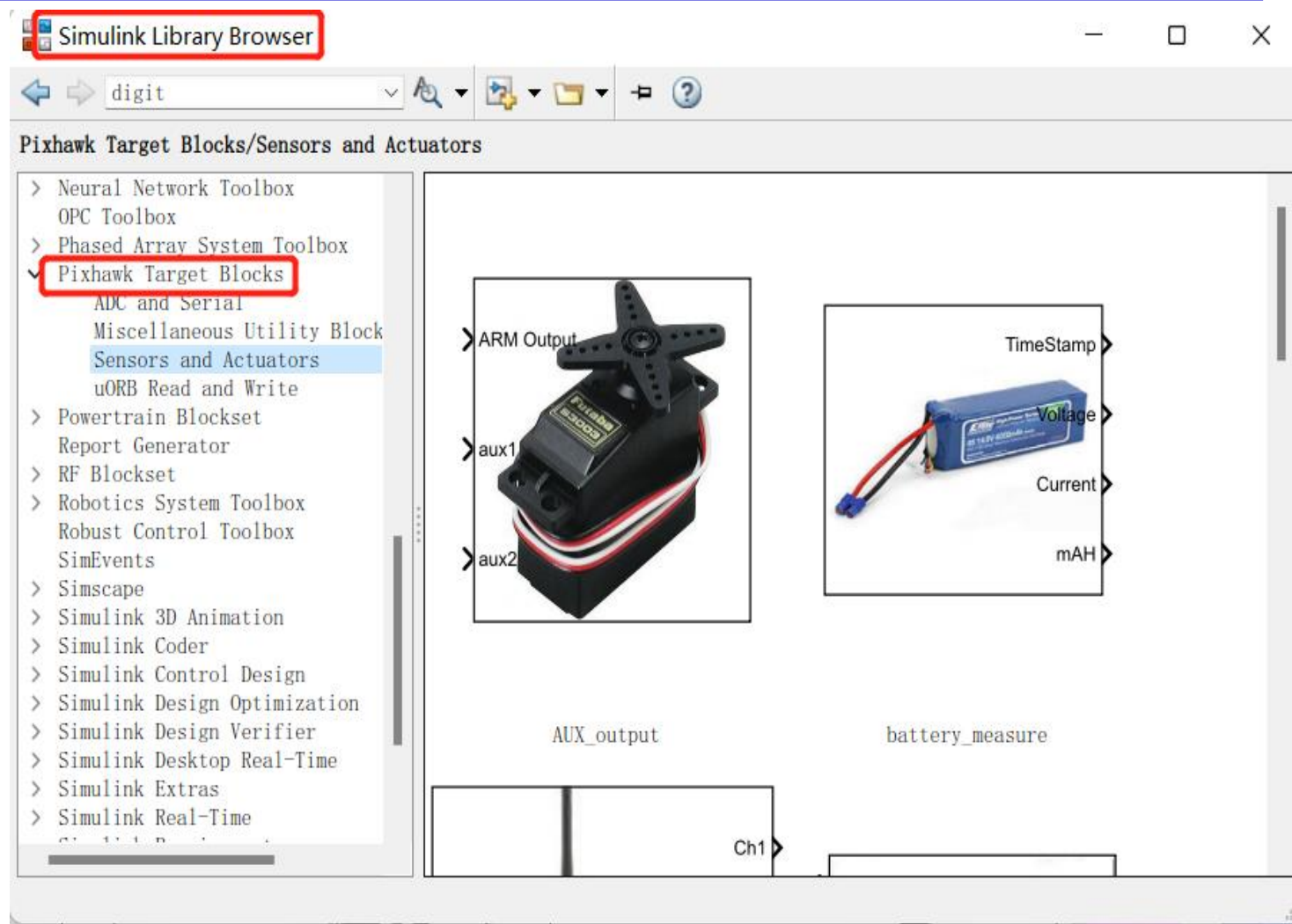


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This function is only for low-level flight control algorithm development users, visual and cluster algorithm development users do not need to view.

1.7 Simulink Toolbox After Installation

- Open MATLAB, create any new Simulink program, enter the Library browser page.
- As shown in the picture on the right, scroll down to see the Pixhawk Target Blocks toolbox, indicating that the installation is successful.
- Aiming at the development of the underlying flight control algorithm, this function supports Simulink to design the flight control algorithm, and generates the code to upload to Pixhawk for hardware-in-the-loop simulation and real machine experiment.





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1.8 Verifying the Platform Installation successfully

- Go to the RflyTools folder on the desktop, double-click the SITLRun shortcut, type 1, and press Enter.
- When RflySim3D displays "*** EKF 3DFixed" (also displayed on CopterSim), it means that the

The image shows a Windows File Explorer window titled 'RflyTools' with a search bar containing '搜索"RflyTools"'. The folder contains several icons: 3DDisplay, CopterSim, eclipse, FlightGear-F450, HITLRun, PPTs, Python38 Env, QGround Control, RflySim3D, RflySimAP Is, RflySimUE 5, SITLRun (highlighted with a red box), and Win10WS L. To the right, a terminal window titled 'SITLRun' shows the prompt 'Please input UAV swarm number:1_'. Below it, a window titled 'RflySim3D-0' displays a red-bordered box with the text 'CopterSim/PX4 EKF 3DFixed: 1 / 1'.

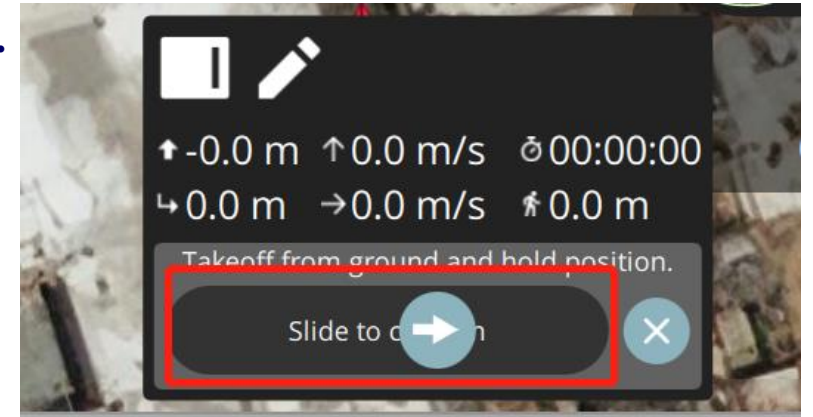
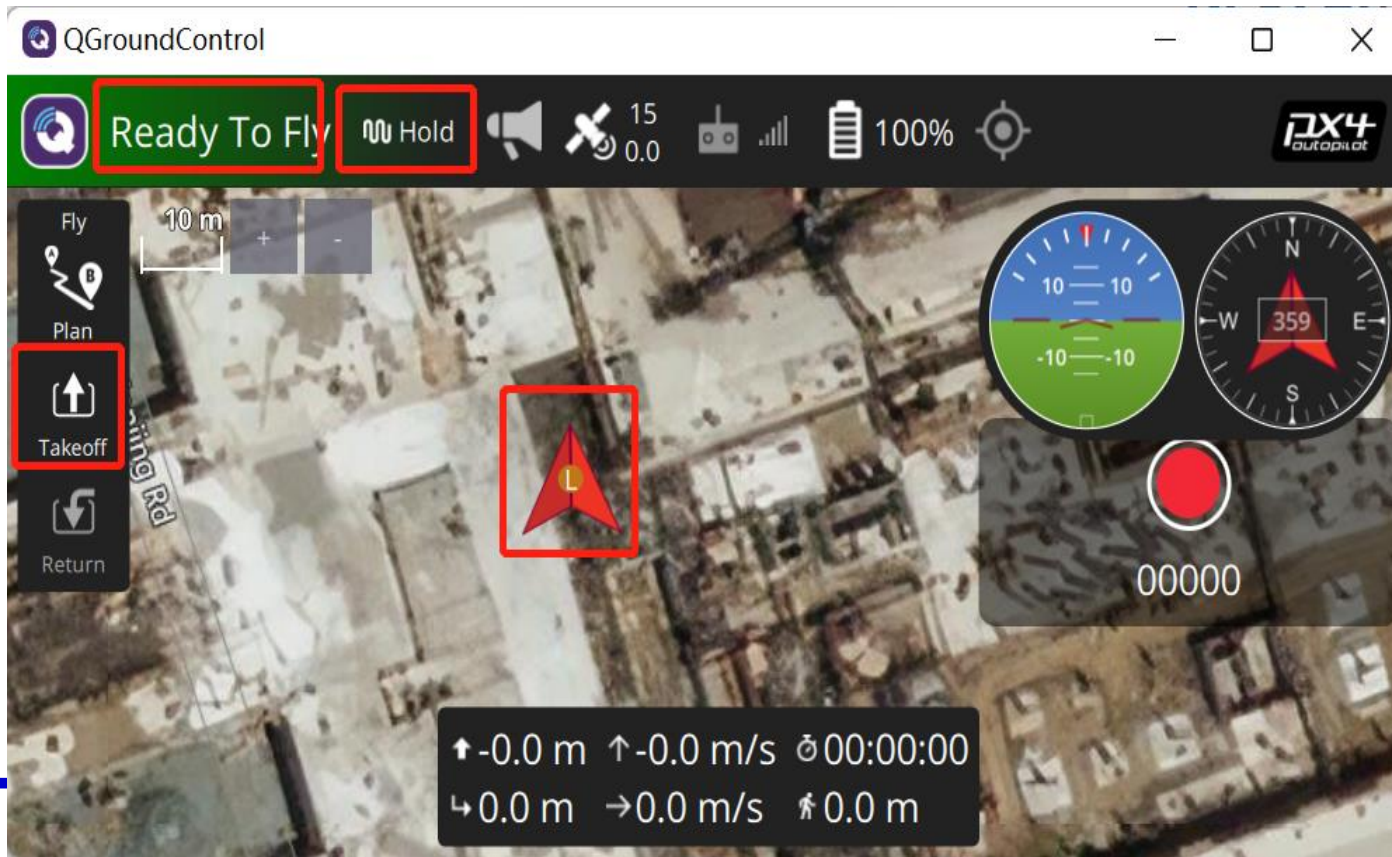


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Note: If the bat script directly runs the plane jitter, please right-click the mouse and use the administrator mode to open the bat script! This allows for a higher running priority.

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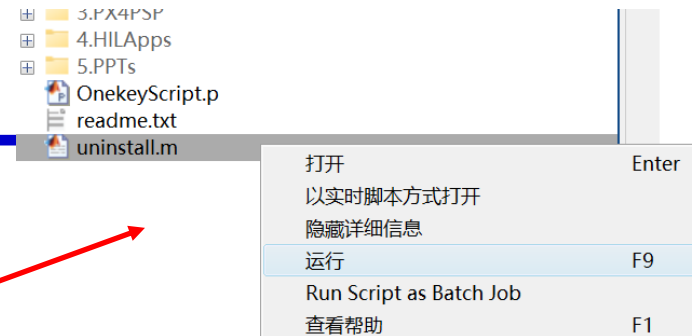
- Go to the QGroundControl software and see the aircraft enter "Hold" mode and click the "Takeoff" button.
- The confirmation slider pops up and drags it to the far right to begin the automatic takeoff.
- If the plane can take off from the ground, the platform is configured correctly.





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Note: You only need to perform this page if you need to uninstall the platform.



1.9 Methods for Uninstalling Platform Software

- **Automatic unloading:** Use MATLAB to open the installation package directory and run the `uninstall.m` script to complete the uninstallation.
- **Manual uninstall:** Includes the following process (see the notes in `uninstall.m`)
 1. Delete the shortcut shown in RflyTools on desktop;
 2. Delete the "[documents]\MATLAB\Add-Ons\Toolboxes\PX4PSP" folder.
 3. Edit MATLAB "pathdef.m" to find and delete the remaining PX4PSP path entries;
 4. Uninstall the Ubuntu 18.04 LTS program from Windows.
 5. Delete temporary directories such as QGroundControl and FlightGear from the [Documents] directory.
 6. Delete the local temporary Cesium map directory for RflyMaps.
 7. Note: [document]\Ogre directory stores the serial number and other files `sn6.txt`, the full version will be retained.
 8. Delete all files and subfolders in the installation directory (default "C:\PX4PSP") folder.



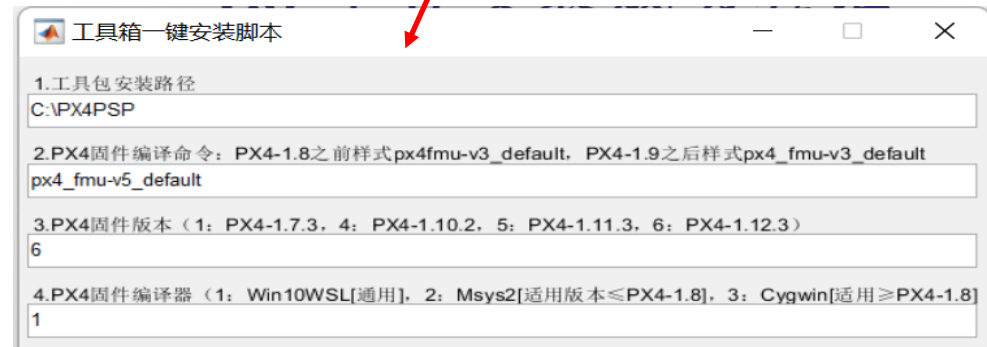
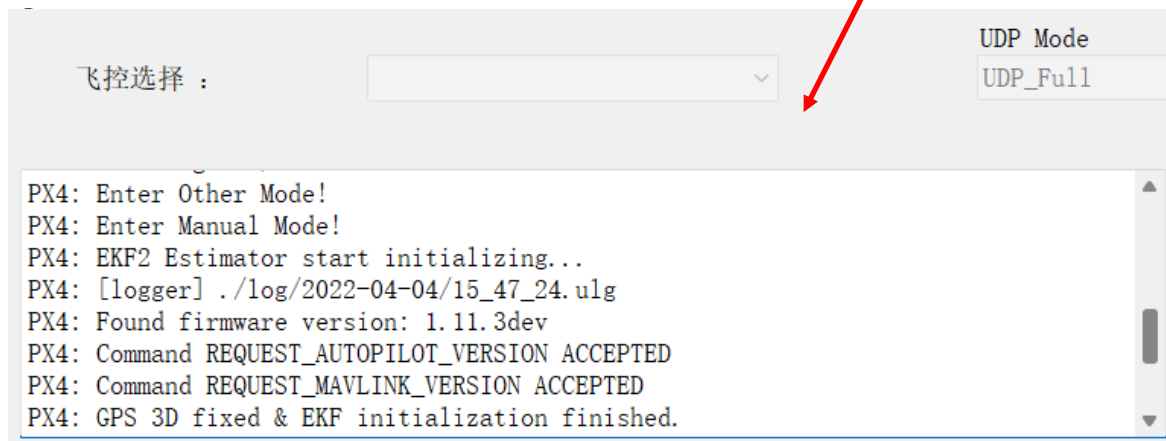
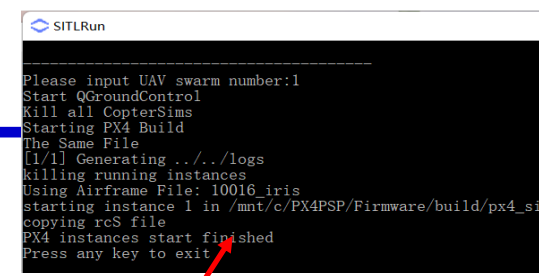
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1.10 Troubleshooting Platform Installation Faults

- If blue screen, cannot be simulated, or cannot take off, please confirm the following
 - ① If there are problems such as slow compilation, blue screen during compilation, inability to connect QGC during SITL, inability to connect LAN computers, etc., please confirm, please confirm to completely close or uninstall computer anti-virus software (such as Lenovo computer Butler, 360 antivirus /security guard, Tencent Computer Butler, etc.). And turn off real-time protection for Windows 10!
 - ② On the SITLRun command line interface (CLI), check whether an error message is displayed, and confirm that the px4_sitl software controller runs successfully.
 - ③ On the CopterSim page, the message box displays the words "3D Fixed" to ensure that the aircraft model is properly initialized and connected to the flight control.
 - ④ Re-run the one-click installation script and go to the configuration page to confirm that the firmware version is \geq PX4 1.10 and the compiler is Win10WSL.
 - ⑤ If still unable to take off, please post the picture and problem description on <https://github.com/RflySim/Docs/issues>

Note: You can also add antivirus exclusions according to the following text

to restart and re-open MATLAB to install, if not, please uninstall and reinstall.





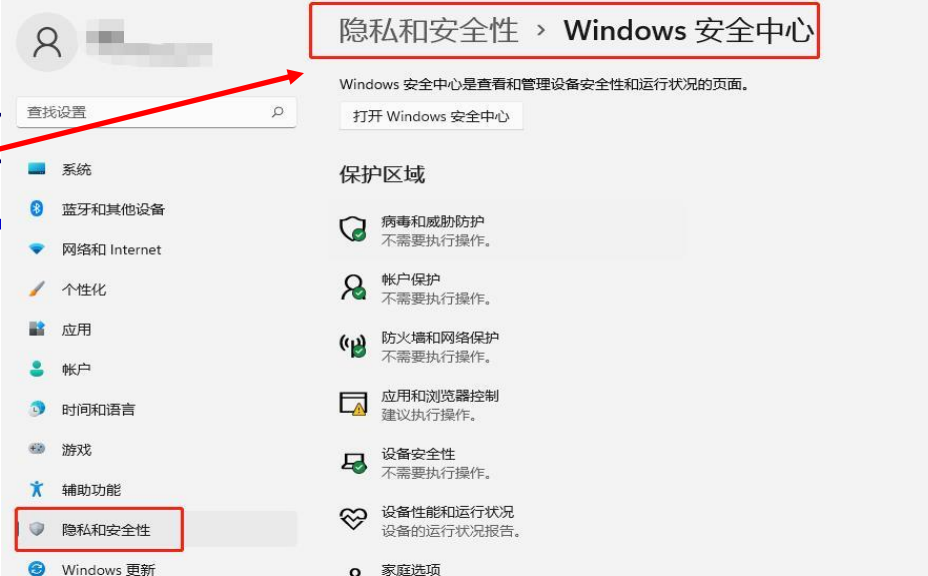
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Note: This step is a more convenient way than directly closing the Antivirus and Security center, and is recommended.

1.10 Platform Installation Troubleshooting - Addantivirus

- items.
- Click on your computer's Settings, find the Privacy and Security options, and then open Windows Security Center as shown on the right.
- Then open Virus and Threat Protection, find the administrative Settings option, and click Open.
- Then open Add or remove exclusions, click Add Folder in Add Exclusions, and add the C:\PX4PSP path (change it to the installation directory desired by the user, if you do not already have this folder, manually create a new one) to it.

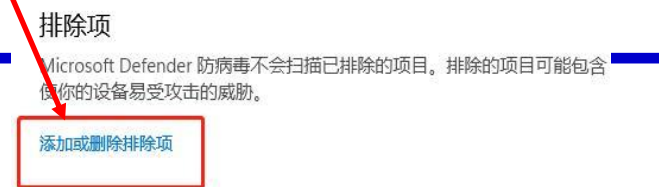
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排除项
添加或删除要从 Microsoft Defender 防病毒扫描中排除的项目。



Note: This step is based on Windows 11 system as an example, the operation method of other systems is similar, in addition, all anti-virus software should have the function of adding excluded folders, you can follow this step to add.





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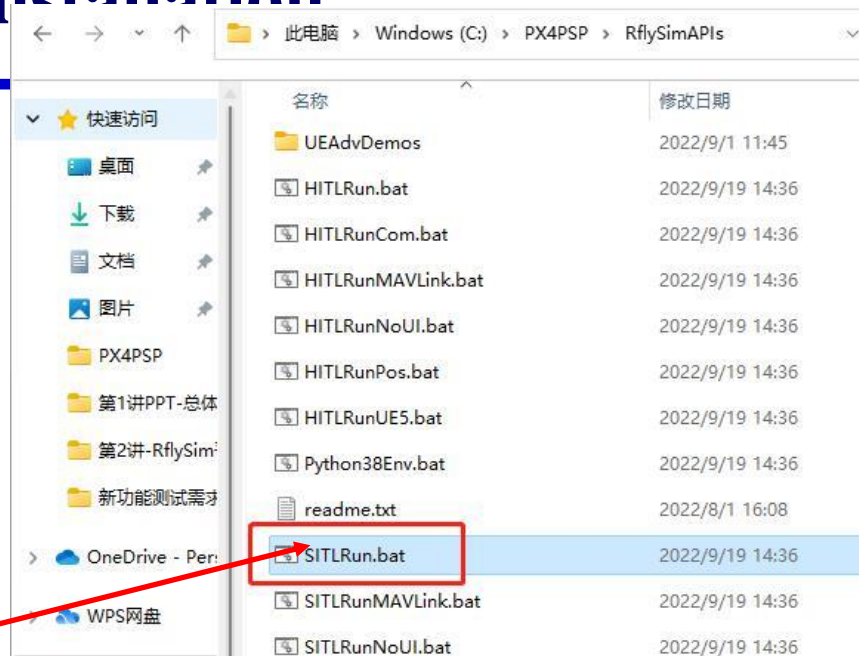
Note: The platform recommends I7+3060 and above game console configuration, and ensure power supply, other configurations may be incompatible

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1.10 Troubleshooting Platform Installation - Computer configuration problems

For users with low computer configuration and flight simulation jitter, you can right-click and run the bat script in administrator mode. Second, you can modify the bat script, find and replace the RflySim3D character with 3DDisplay, and enable the simple 3D engine to observe the effect. The following uses the SITLRun script as an example:

1. Open the installation directory of the platform. The default is C:\PX4PSP\RflySimAPIs, Locate the script for SITLRun.bat.
2. Right-click edit, modify the bat script, use the replacement tool, search for and replace the BAT script All RflySim3D The character can be 3DDisplay.
3. Right-click the bat script to modify it as an administrator.



Note: 3DDisplay can only be used for single-machine pose preview.



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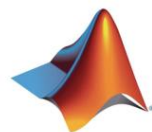


2. Software and hardware overview and configuration

2.1 Software and Hardware Overview

- As a tool chain, the RflySim platform contains many software used in the development of unmanned systems, such as: Python 3.8 environment, MATLAB/PSP toolbox, FlightGear, QGroundControl, etc. At the same time, the self-developed RflySim3D and CopterSim for unmanned systems.
- In addition to the software system, RflySim hardware systems include: ground computer/on-board computer, rack system, power system, remote control system, autonomous vehicle system and so on.

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Code view and modification



VS编译器



VS Code

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2.2 Introduction to RflySim Core software

- **CopterSim:** The core simulation software of this platform runs the dynamic model of multi-rotor motion, and together with other software constitutes the software/hardware in the loop simulation.
- **RflySim3D/RflySimUE5:** The core 3D display software of this platform is based on Unreal Engine 4 (UE4, Unreal 4, full version supports UE5) engine development, with high realistic virtual reality display effect.
- **HITLRun/SITLRun:** The one-click quick start script enables you to quickly start all vision/cluster-related software and complete required configurations. If during the run card, a key to use HITLRunLowGPU/SITLRunLowGPU startup scripts.
- **Python38Env:** A Python environment that contains libraries such as OpenCV.
- **RflySimAPIsRoutine folder:** Contains all the routines and source code of this course, covering single/multiple aircraft control, cluster flight, visual control, etc.
- **QGroundControl (QGC) Earth station:** Includes the configuration of flight control parameters and control of aircraft take-off, landing, route and other functions. Users can read the following urls to learn how to use the software: <https://docs.qgroundcontrol.com/master/en/index.html>



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2.2 Introduction to RflySim Core software

- **Win10WSLcompiler:** Used to compile firmware and software in loop emulation.
- **Pixhawk Support Package (PSP) Toolbox:** Mathworks has officially launched a toolbox for Pixhawk autonomous vehicle, which is used to generate C code and compile and upload the control algorithm designed in Simulink to Pixhawk autonomous vehicle hardware.
- **FlightGearFlight simulator:** A very popular open source flight simulator software, it can receive the flight status sent by Simulink through UDP, and easily observe the flight status of the aircraft during Simulink simulation.
- **PX4 FirmwareFirmware source code:** PX4 is an open source flight control software system, it runs on the Pixhawk series of self-driving hardware platform, constitutes the Pixhawk PX4 self-driving hardware and software platform, is currently widely used in the world of open source UAV self-driving.
- **VS Code/Eclipse/VS:** For code reading, editing, and compiling.



CopterSim



eclipse



FlightGear-F450



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PPTs



Python38 Env



QGround Control



RflySim3D



RflySimAP Is



RflySimUE 5



SITLRun



Win10WSL



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2.3 RflySim Core Hardware introduction

- **Ground computer/airborne computer.**
- **Rack System:** Arms, fuselage, landing gear, etc.
- **Power system:** Motor, electric regulator, battery, propeller, etc.
- **Remote control system:** Remote control transmitter, receiver, charger, lithium battery, etc.
- **Self-driving system:** Autopilot/flight control, GPS module, power module, USB data cable, data transmission module, airborne AI vision/cluster computer.
- **Dynamic capture system:** The complete dynamic capture system can be used for algorithm verification, motion planning, cluster control, human-computer interaction, trajectory playback, gait analysis, intelligent sand table, etc.



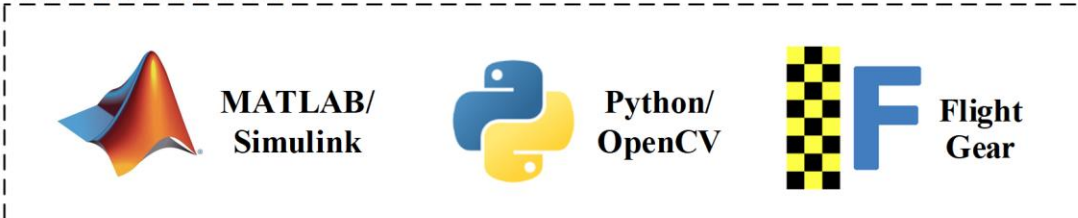


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2.4 Software and hardware system relationship and configuration

- In addition to software, the platform also includes hardware in the loop simulation and real machine experiment.
- The development process of low-level flight control algorithm is as follows: low-level flight control development MATLAB software simulation automatic code generation flight control software simulation flight control hardware simulation outdoor real aircraft experiment.

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自动代码生成与固件编译



硬件在环仿真



室外或室内实验





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2.4 Software and hardware system relationsh

The functions of the one-click installation script are as follows:

- ① **When first installed**, Deploy the platform to the system with one click (use the default configuration and select Yes for all) and complete related configurations.
- ② **In subsequent use**, Run the installation script again to modify compilation commands, compilers, firmware versions, restore software, and more. (Select "No" for items that do not need to be restored, and the configuration will be updated according to the situation, saving time)
- ③ **After downloading the new installation package**, Run the installation script directly (select "Automatic", you will need to update the content) and click OK to start the upgrade.

工具箱一键安装脚本

- 1.工具包安装路径
C:\PX4PSP
- 2.PX4固件编译命令: 见Firmware\boards目录, 模版px4_fmu-v5_default、droneyee_racer_default等
px4_fmu-v5_default
- 3.PX4固件版本 (1: PX4-1.7.3, 4: PX4-1.10.2, 5: PX4-1.11.3, 6: PX4-1.12.3, 7: PX4-1.13.0)
7
- 4.PX4固件编译器 (1: Win10WSL[通用], 2: Msys2[适用版本≤PX4-1.8], 3: Cygwin[适用≥PX4-1.8])
1
- 5.是否重新安装PSP工具箱(是: 重装工具箱, 否: 维持现有安装)
是
- 6.是否重新安装其他依赖程序包 (CopterSim、QGC地面站、硬件在环仿真软件等, 约5分钟)
是
- 7.是否重新配置固件编译器编译环境 (是: 全新安装编译器, 否: 维持原样, 重装约5分钟)
是
- 8.是否重新部署PX4固件代码 (是: 全新部署代码, 否: 维持现状, 大约5分钟)
是
- 9.是否预先用选定命令编译固件 (是: 全新编译固件, 否: 维持现状, 大约5分钟)
是
- 10.是否屏蔽PX4官方控制器输出(使用Simulink控制器选"是", 使用PX4官方控制器选"否")
是

确定 取消



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One-click installation script options detailed:

1) **Tool package installation path.** All the dependent files of this platform will be installed in this path, which requires about 20G of space. The default installation path is C:\PX4PSP. If the C drive space is insufficient, you can choose another drive.

Note: The path name must be correct, and only the pure English path, otherwise the compilation will fail.

2) **PX4 firmware compilation command.** It mainly corresponds to the development needs of the underlying controller, and uses the code generation function, which needs to select the compilation command according to the flight control hardware (Note: Top-level vision and cluster algorithm development users do not need to configure, keep the default). The default value `droneyee_zyfc-h7_default` corresponds to the Drow H7 autopilot. In addition, the platform will support the following three flight controls for a long time: Pixhawk V6X compilation command: `px4_fmu-v6x_default`; The Pixhawk V6C compilation command is `px4_fmu-v6c_default`; The Pixhawk 1 compilation command is `px4_fmu-v3_default`. For more flight control compilation instructions, see: <https://doc.rflysim.com/hardware.html>.

Note: In addition to re-running this installation script after the first installation is complete, another way to change the compilation command for different Pixhawk hardware boards (for example, to `px4_fmu-v3_default`) is to enter the command in MATLAB: `PX4CMD('px4_fmu-v3_default')` or use the command: `PX4CMD px4_fmu-v3_default`

工具箱一键安装脚本

1. 选择安装路径

C:\PX4PSP

2. PX4固件编译命令: PX4-1.8之前样式 `px4fmu-v3_default`, PX4-1.9

`px4_fmu-v5_default`

```
fx >> PX4CMD px4_fmu-v3_default
```



2. Software and hardware overview and configuration

One-click installation script options detailed

3.PX4固件版本 (1: PX4-1.7.3, 4: PX4-1.10.2, 5: PX4-1.11.3, 6: PX4-1.12.3)
6
4.PX4固件编译器 (1: Win10WSL[通用], 2: Msys2[适用版本≤PX4-1.8], 3: Cygwin[适用≥PX4-1.8])
1

3) **PX4 Firmware version.** The PX4 source code is updated every year, and the latest firmware version is currently 1.12. As the firmware version is upgraded, the features will gradually increase and the more new products are supported, but the compatibility with some of the older self-driving hardware will become worse. This experiment course recommends the use of Zhuoyi H7 flight control, corresponding to the compilation command "droneeye_zyfc-h7_default", the selected firmware version **PX4-1.12.3**.

4) **PX4 Firmware compiler.** Since the compilation of PX4 source code depends on the Linux compilation environment and related components, this platform provides three sets of compilation environments to achieve the simulation of Linux compilation environment under the Windows platform, they are: Win10WSL compiler based on Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL), Msys2Toolchain compiler based on Msys2 and CygwinToolchain compiler based on Cygwin. Note that if you want to compile firmware \geq PX4-1.8, you need to select the CygwinToolchain compiler. To compile firmware versions \leq PX4-1.8, select the Msys2Toolchain compiler. Native compilers based on Msys2 or Cygwin, supporting Windows 7-11 platforms, and easy to deploy, but low compilation efficiency. For Windows 101809 and above system versions, it is recommended to install Win10WSL compiler, this way can greatly speed up the compilation speed, and compatible with all versions of PX4 flight control firmware.



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One-click installation script options detailed

5) **Whether to install the PSP toolkit.** If this option is set to Yes, the PSP toolbox will be installed in the local MATLAB software. If the PSP toolbox has already been installed, a fresh installation of the PSP toolbox is performed. If No is selected, the script does not make any changes to the PSP toolbox (it does not uninstall the installed PSP toolbox or other actions).

6) **Whether to install other dependency packages from scratch.** If this option is set to Yes, software such as QGC Ground Station, CopterSim, 3DDisplay, etc. will be deployed on the set installation path, along with the related drivers for Pixhawk hardware, and shortcuts to these software will be generated on the desktop. If the dependent software has been deployed in the installation path, select Yes to delete the old installation package and reinstall it. If this option is set to No, no changes are made.

7) **Whether to configure a new firmware compiler compilation environment.** If this option is set to Yes, the selected compiler (Win10WSL, CygwinToolchain, or Msys2Toolchain) will be deployed on the set installation path, and if the environment already exists, the old compilation environment will be cleared for restoration and new deployment. Conversely, if this option is set to No, no changes are made.

5.是否重新安装PSP工具箱(是: 重装工具箱, 否: 维持现有安装)

是

6.是否重新安装其他依赖程序包(CopterSim、QGC地面站、硬件在环仿真软

是

7.是否重新配置固件编译器编译环境(是: 全新安装编译器, 否: 维持原样,

是

Note: You can also specify the name (comma separated) of the individual app you want to reinstall directly in (6). Available options include: CopterSim,drivers,FlightGear,QGroundControl,RflySim3D,RflySimAPIs,UE 3DDisplay



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One-click installation script options detailed

8.是否部署PX4固件(是:全新编译固件,否:维持现状,大约5分钟)
是
9.是否预先用选定命令编译固件(是:全新编译固件,否:维持现状,大约5分钟)
是
10.是否屏蔽PX4官方控制器输出(使用Simulink控制器选"是",使用PX4官方控制器选"否")
是

8) Whether to deploy the PX4 firmware code. If this option is set to **"Yes"**, the selected PX4 Firmware source code is deployed on the set installation path, and if the firmware exists, the old firmware folder is deleted and a new deployment is performed. If this option is set to No, no changes will be made.

9) Whether the firmware is newly compiled. If this parameter is set to **"Yes"**, the deployment firmware is precompiled, which greatly reduces the time of subsequent code generation and compilation, and enables you to check whether the environment installation is normal. If this option is set to No, no changes will be made.

10) Whether to mask the output of the PX4 controller. If this option is set to **"Yes"**, the Firmware's control signals to the motor are masked to prevent conflicts with the generated code (Note: This option does not mask the output of the PX4_SITL controller, so software-in-the-loop simulation can be performed normally). If you select **"No"**, the firmware output will not be masked, and it can be used to test the control algorithm of the PX4. Therefore, if you want to generate official firmware, please select **"No"** for this option.



2. Software and hardware overview

2.5 Introduction to model-based development process

(1) The software is in the ring simulation stage

The whole stage is carried out in the MATLAB environment, using the given multi-rotor simulation model and routine, the control algorithm is designed in Simulink, and the model and controller are correctly connected to ensure that the input and output signals are consistent with the actual multi-rotor system. Similar to a real multi-rotor system, the multi-rotor model sends sensor data or state estimation information (e.g., attitude Angle, angular rate, position, and speed, etc.) to the controller, which sends each motor PWM control command back to the model, resulting in a software-in-the-loop simulation closed-loop system. In this phase, the reader can observe the control performance and modify or design the controller to meet the desired performance requirements.



Diagram. Experimental flow chart



2. Software and hardware overview and configuration

2.5 Introduction to model-based development process

(2) Hardware in the ring simulation stage

Experiment with a given model and routine. The model is built in a hardware-in-the-loop multi-rotor vehicle simulator, and the controller is uploaded to the Pixhawk flight control hardware environment, where the communication process is directly connected via a serial cable. The model sends the attitude Angle, attitude Angle rate, position and speed to the controller through the serial port line, and the controller sends each motor PWM control command back to the model through the serial port line, thus forming a closed loop.

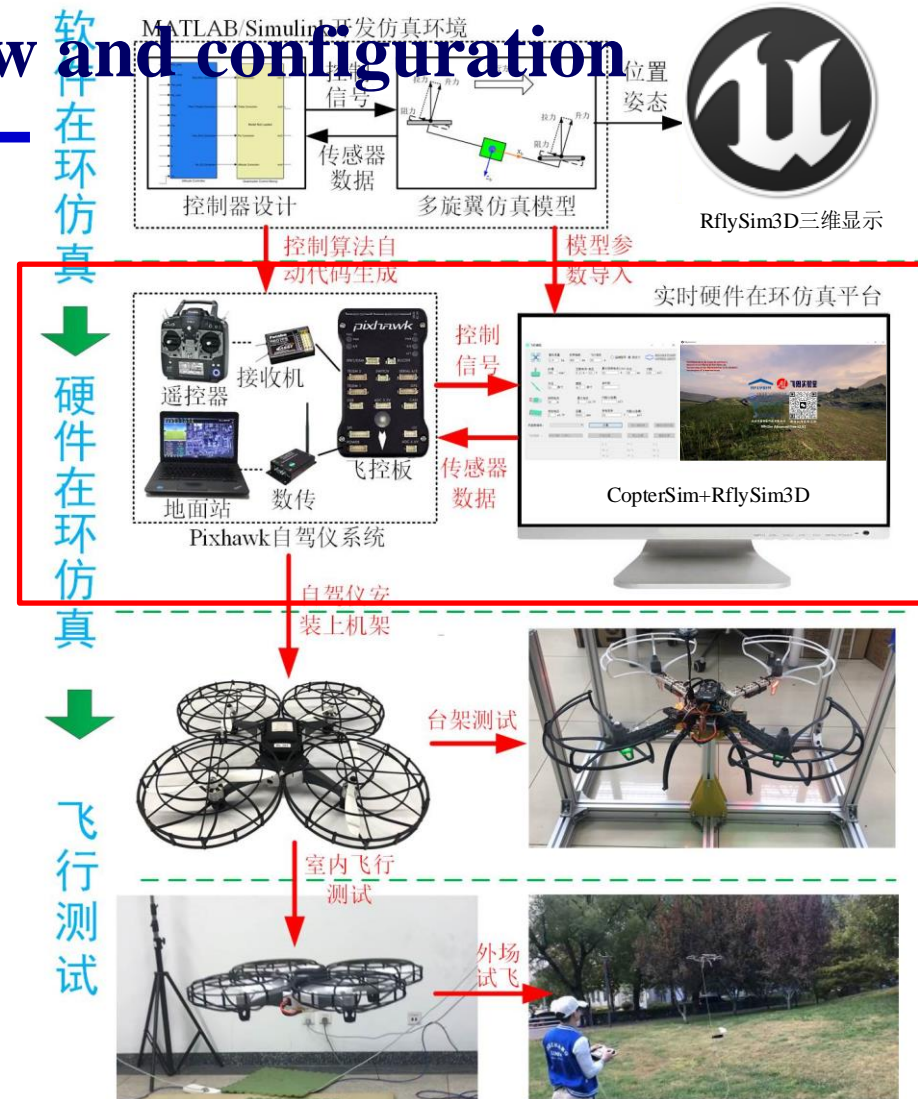


Diagram. Experimental flow chart



2. Software and hardware overview and configuration

2.5 Introduction to model-based development process

(2) Hardware in the ring simulation stage

The Simulink multi-rotor model parameters were imported into CopterSim, and the Simulink controller algorithm generated code was downloaded to the Pixhawk self-driving device, and then the virtual signal line in Simulink was replaced with a USB physical signal cable. CopterSim sends sensor data (e.g., accelerometers, barometers, magnetometers, etc.) to the Pixhawk system via a USB cable; The PX4 autopilot software in Pixhawk system will receive sensor data for filtering and state estimation, and send the estimated state information to the controller through the internal uORB message bus. The controller then sends PWM control instructions of each motor back to CopterSim via USB data cable, thus forming a hardware-in-the-loop simulation closed loop.

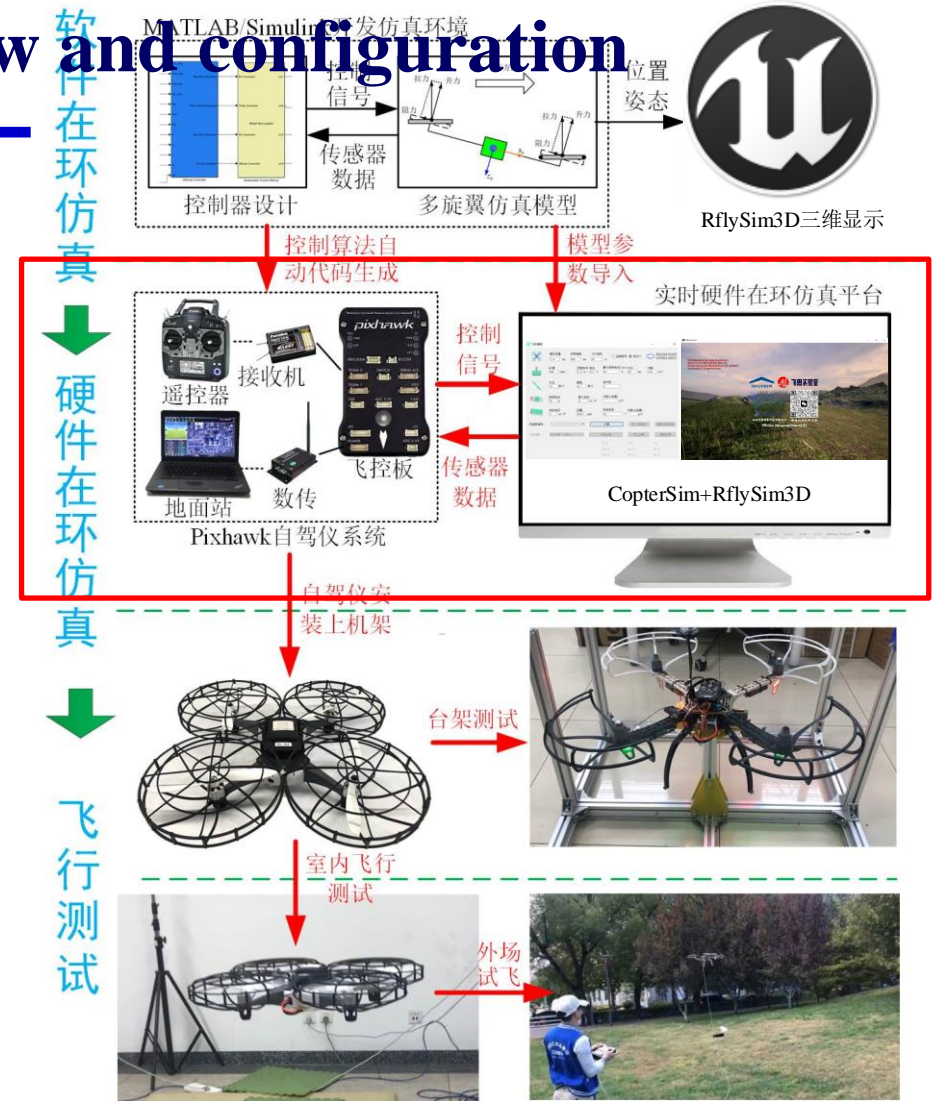


Diagram. Experimental flow chart



2. Software and hardware overview and configuration

2.5 Introduction to model-based development process

(2) Hardware in the ring simulation stage

Compared with software-in-the-loop simulation, the running speed of the multi-rotor model in the hardware-in-the-loop simulation is consistent with the actual clock, so as to ensure the real-time performance of the simulation. Meanwhile, the control algorithm can be deployed and run in the real embedded system, which is closer to the actual multi-rotor system. It should be noted that there may be transmission delay in the actual hardware communication, and the simulation model of the hardware in the ring system and the operating environment of the controller are inevitably different from that of the software in the ring system. Therefore, the parameters of the controller may need to be further adjusted to meet the design requirements, which precisely reflects the actual situation.

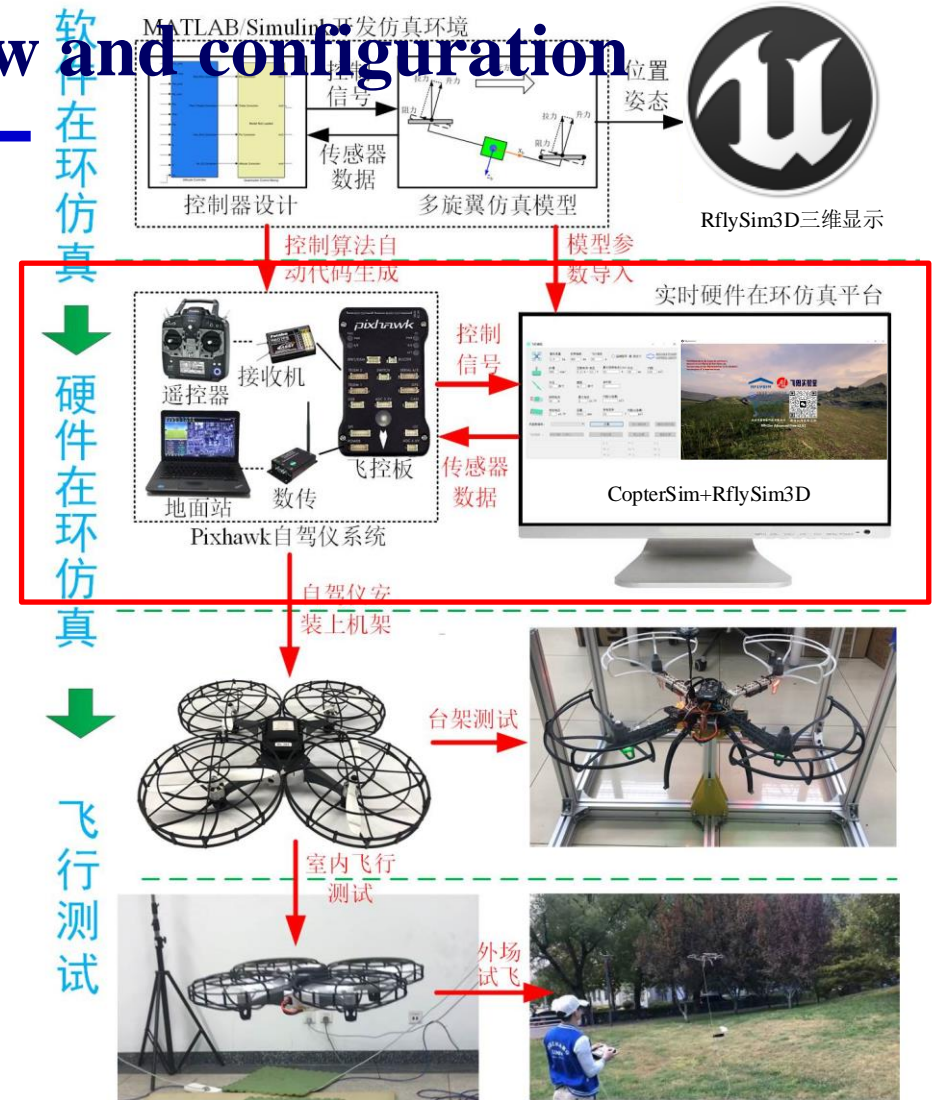


Diagram. Experimental flow chart

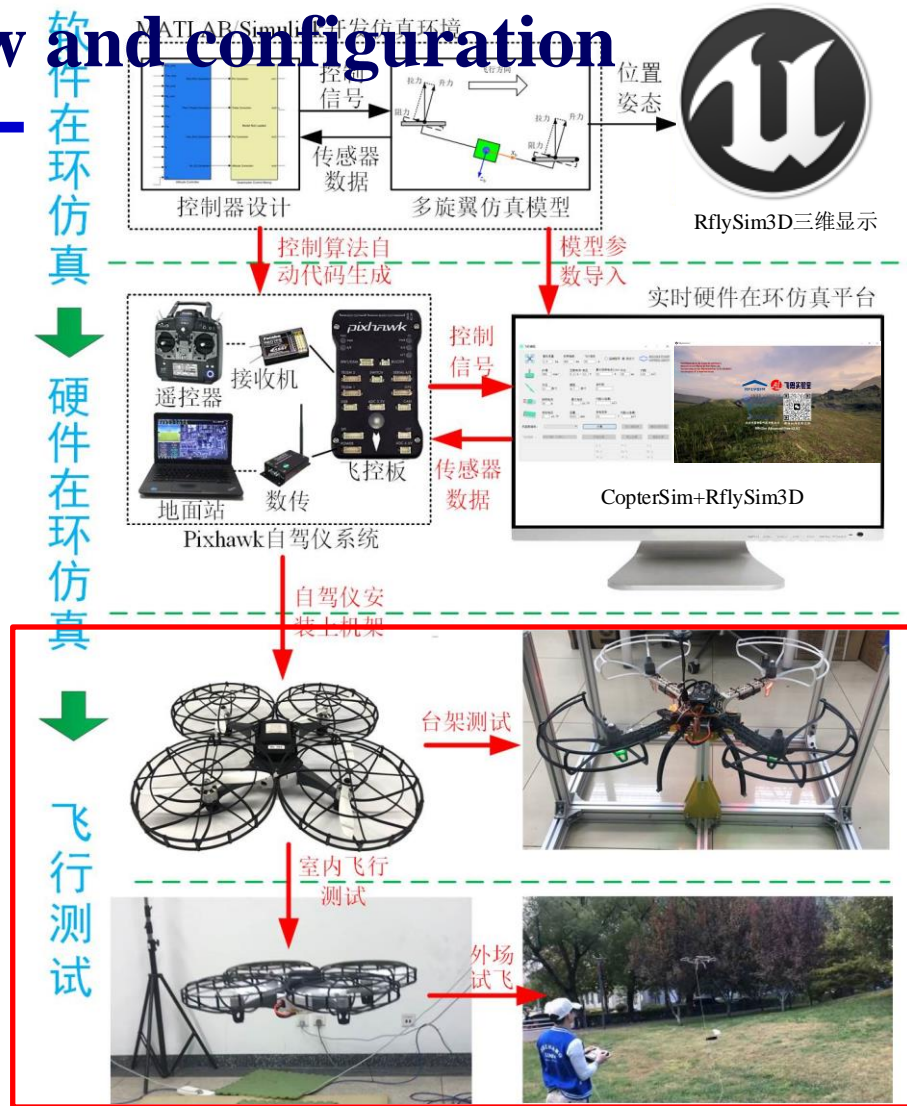


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2.5 Introduction to model-based development process

(3) Flight test phase

At this stage, the virtual simulation model of CopterSim is further replaced by the real multi-rotor aircraft, the sensor data is directly obtained by the sensor chip to sense the flight motion state, and the controller signal is directly output to the motor, so as to realize the control of the real aircraft. It should be noted that both hardware-in-the-loop simulation and software-in-the-loop simulation models are difficult to be completely consistent with real aircraft, so further parameter adjustment is necessary.





outline

1. Platform introduction and installation
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3. Soft and hard basic use experiment



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3.1 CopterSim use experiment

This experiment can solve the UAV dynamic system model after CopterSim is set up. Main folder see "`*\PX4PSP\RflySimAPIs\2.RflySimUsage\1.BasicExps\ e1_CopterSim-Usage`", the specific experimental operation see the file: [1.BasicExps\ e1_CopterSim-Usage\Readme.pdf](#) , The experimental effects are as follows (part) :





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3.2 CopterSim Import DLL experiment

In this experiment, a fixed wing model of Simulink was provided, which was exported as DLL file with one click, then loaded into CopterSim, and finally simulated. Main folder see "`*\PX4PSP\RflySimAPIs\2.RflySimUsage\1.BasicExps\e2_DLL-Load`", the specific experimental operation see the file [1.BasicExps\e2_DLL-Load\Readme.pdf](#), The experimental results are as follows (part) :





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3.3 RflySim3D shortcut key and command experiment

This experiment mainly explains the basic operation of RflySim3D, the use of shortcut keys and shortcut commands. Main folder see `"*\PX4PSP\RflySimAPIs\2.RflySimUsage\1.BasicExps\e3_RflySim3D-Shortcut-Instruct"`, specific experiment operations see the file [1.BasicExps\e3_RflySim3D-Shortcut-Instruct\Readme.pdf](#), The experimental effects are as follows (part) :

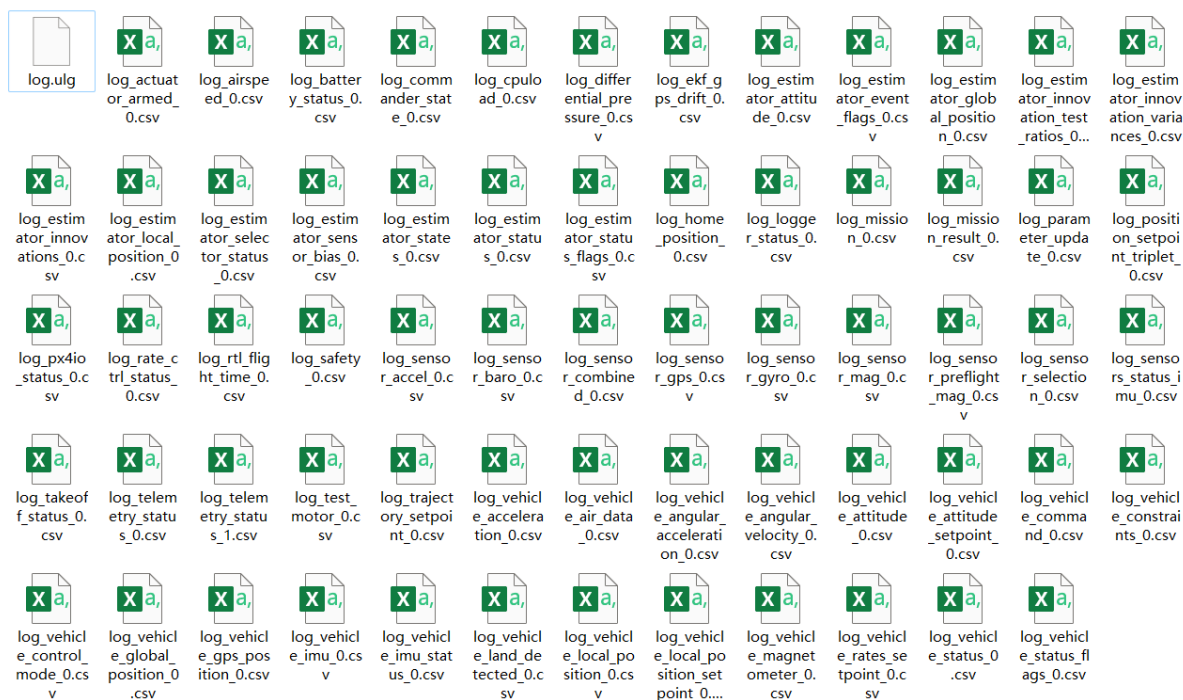




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3.4 Python38Env read flight log experiment

This experiment is based on Python3.8 environment to read the flight log.ulg file. Main folder see "[*\PX4PSP\RflySimAPIs\2.RflySimUsage\1.BasicExps\e4_Log-Reads-Python38Env](#)", the specific experimental operation see the file [1.BasicExps\e4_Log-Reads-Python38Env\Readme.pdf](#) , The experimental results are as follows (part) :





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3.5 Manual software in the loop simulation configuration experiment

This experiment is based on Win10WSL compiling simulation instructions to realize manual configuration of the whole software in the loop simulation environment. Main folder see "`*\PX4PSP\RflySimAPIs\2.RflySimUsage\1.BasicExps\e5_Manual-SIL`", the specific experimental operation see the file [1.BasicExps\e5_Manual-SIL\Readme.pdf](#), The experimental results are as follows (part) :

```
program: none
model: none
world: none
src_path: /mnt/c/PX4PSP/Firmware
build_path: /mnt/c/PX4PSP/Firmware/build/px4_sitl_default
empty_model, setting iris as default
SITL COMMAND: "/mnt/c/PX4PSP/Firmware/build/px4_sitl_default/bin/px4" "/mnt/c/PX4PSP/Firmware/build/px4_sitl_default"/etc -s etc/init.d-posix/rcS -t "/mnt/c/PX4PSP/Firmware/test_data
INFO [px4] Creating symlink /mnt/c/PX4PSP/Firmware/build/px4_sitl_default/etc -> /mnt/c/PX4PSP/Firmware/build/px4_sitl_default/tmp/rootfs/etc

PX4

px4 starting.
INFO [px4] Calling startup script: /bin/sh etc/init.d-posix/rcS 0
Info: found model autostart file as SYS_AUTOSTART=10016
INFO [param] selected parameter default file eeprom/parameters_10016
[param] parameter file not found, creating eeprom/parameters_10016
SYS_AUTOCONFIG: curr: 0 -> new: 1
SYS_AUTOSTART: curr: 0 -> new: 10016
CAL_ACC0_ID: curr: 0 -> new: 1310988
CAL_GYRO0_ID: curr: 0 -> new: 1310988
CAL_ACC1_ID: curr: 0 -> new: 1310996
CAL_GYRO1_ID: curr: 0 -> new: 1310996
CAL_ACC2_ID: curr: 0 -> new: 1311004
CAL_GYRO2_ID: curr: 0 -> new: 1311004
CAL_MAG0_ID: curr: 0 -> new: 197388
CAL_MAG1_ID: curr: 0 -> new: 197644
SENS_BOARD_X_OFF: curr: 0.0000 -> new: 0.0000
SENS_DPRES_OFF: curr: 0.0000 -> new: 0.0010
* SYS_AUTOCONFIG: curr: 1 -> new: 0
IMU_INTEG_RATE: curr: 200 -> new: 250
```



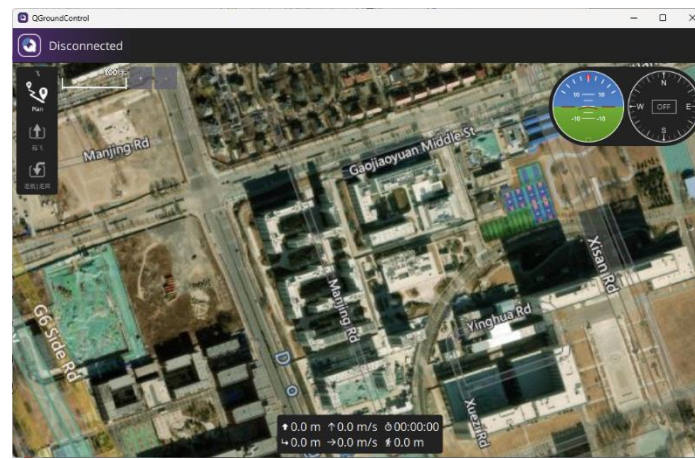
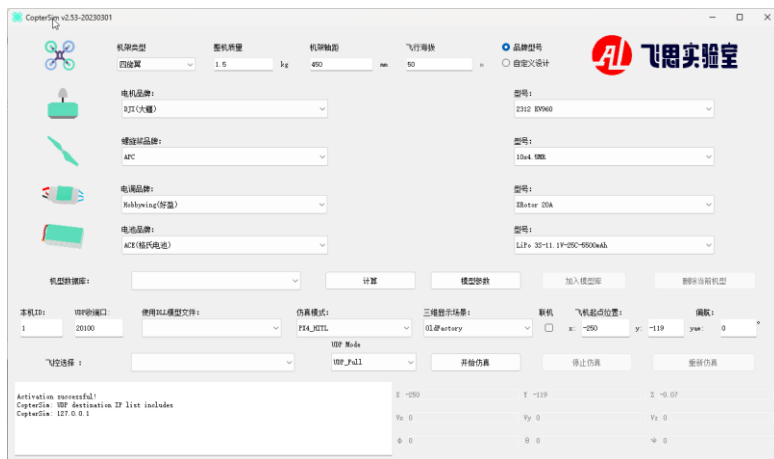
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3.6 BAT Script to Start Component Experiments

This experiment is based on Windows batch processing language, writing BAT script to realize the one-click of multiple components in RflySim. Folder see "`*\PX4PSP\RflySimAPIs\2.RflySimUsage\1.BasicExps\e6_BAT-Startup`", the specific experimental operation see the file [1.BasicExps\e6_BAT-Startup\Readme.pdf](#), The experimental results are as follows (part) :





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3.7 MATLAB code automatic generation flight control firmware experiment

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This experiment is based on the MATLAB automatic code generation module of RflySim platform, and the control model built in Simulink can directly generate flight control firmware with one click. See the document for detailed experimental operation [1.BasicExps\e7_Code-Generation\Readme.pdf](#), The experimental results are as follows (part) :

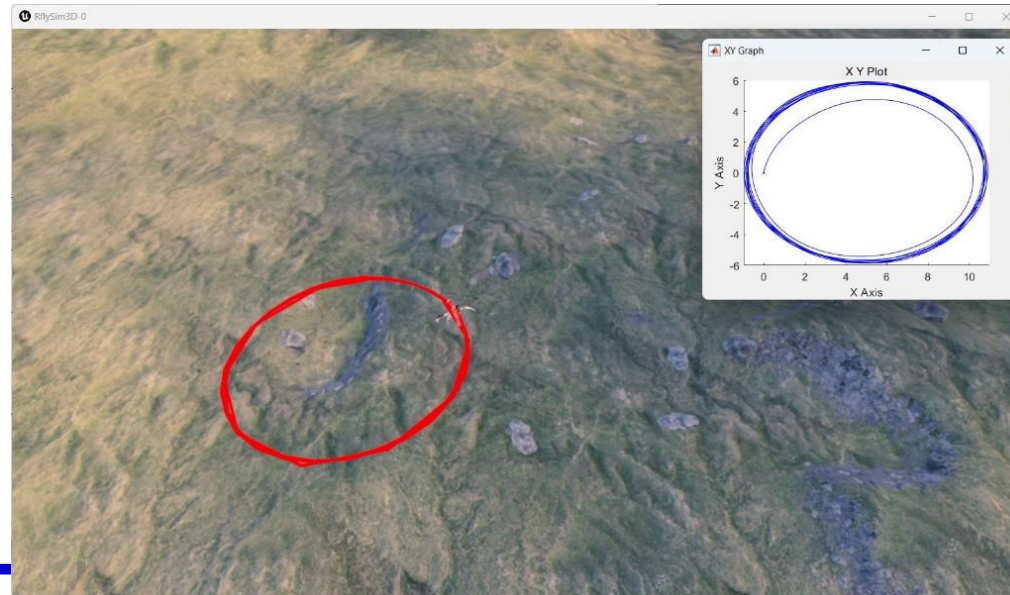
```
Stabilize_HIL
[196/225] Linking CXX static library src/modules/mavlink/libmodules__mavlink__original.a
[197/225] Linking CXX static library src/modules/sensors/vehicle_imu/libvehicle_imu.a
[198/225] Linking CXX static library src/modules/sensors/vehicle_magnetometer/libvehicle_magnetometer.a
[199/225] Linking CXX static library src/modules/ish/libmodules__ish.a
[200/225] Linking CXX static library src/modules/temperature_compensation/libmodules__temperature_compensation.a
[201/225] Linking CXX static library src/examples/fake_gps/libmodules__fake_gps.a
[202/225] Linking CXX static library src/modules/navigator/libmodules__navigator.a
[203/225] Linking CXX static library src/modules/flight_mode_manager/tasks/Auto/libFlightTaskAuto.a
[204/225] Linking CXX static library src/modules/flight_mode_manager/tasks/ManualAltitude/libFlightTaskManualAltitude.a
[205/225] Linking CXX static library src/modules/sensors/libmodules__sensors.a
[206/225] modules__mavlink merging source
[207/225] Linking CXX static library src/modules/flight_mode_manager/tasks/AutoMapper/libFlightTaskAutoMapper.a
[208/225] Linking CXX static library src/modules/flight_mode_manager/tasks/AutoFollowMe/libFlightTaskAutoFollowMe.a
[209/225] Linking CXX static library src/modules/flight_mode_manager/tasks/ManualPosition/libFlightTaskManualPosition.a
[210/225] Linking CXX static library src/modules/flight_mode_manager/tasks/ManualAltitudeSmoothVel/libFlightTaskManualAltitudeSmoothVel.a
[211/225] Building CXX object src/modules/mavlink/CMakeFiles/modules__mavlink__dir/modules__mavlink__unity.cpp.obj
[212/225] Linking CXX static library src/modules/flight_mode_manager/tasks/AutoLineSmoothVel/libFlightTaskAutoLineSmoothVel.a
[213/225] Linking CXX static library src/modules/flight_mode_manager/tasks/ManualPositionSmoothVel/libFlightTaskManualPositionSmoothVel.a
[214/225] Linking CXX static library src/modules/flight_mode_manager/tasks/ManualAcceleration/libFlightTaskManualAcceleration.a
[215/225] Linking CXX static library src/modules/flight_mode_manager/tasks/Orbit/libFlightTaskOrbit.a
[216/225] Building CXX object src/modules/flight_mode_manager/CMakeFiles/modules__flight_mode_manager__dir/FlightTasks_generated.cpp.obj
[217/225] Building CXX object src/modules/flight_mode_manager/CMakeFiles/modules__flight_mode_manager__dir/FlightModeManager.cpp.obj
[218/225] ROMFS: generating image
[219/225] Linking CXX static library src/modules/flight_mode_manager/libmodules__flight_mode_manager.a
[220/225] Building C object ROMFS/CMakeFiles/romfs.dir/nsh_romfsimg.c.obj
[221/225] Linking C static library ROMFS/libromfs.a
[222/225] Linking CXX static library src/modules/mavlink/libmodules__mavlink.a
[223/225] Linking CXX executable droneeye_zyfc-h7_default.elf
Memory region      Used Size  Region Size  %age Used
ITCM1_RAM:         0 GB         64 KB      0.00%
FLASH:            1856273 B      1920 KB     94.41%
DTCM1_RAM:         0 GB         64 KB      0.00%
DTCM2_RAM:         0 GB         64 KB      0.00%
AXI_SRAM:          44196 B         512 KB     8.43%
SRAM1:             0 GB         128 KB     0.00%
SRAM2:             0 GB         128 KB     0.00%
SRAM3:             0 GB         32 KB      0.00%
SRAM4:             0 GB         64 KB      0.00%
BKPRAM:           0 GB          4 KB       0.00%
[224/225] Generating ../droneeye_zyfc-h7.bin
[225/225] Creating /mnt/c:/PX4SPF/firmware/build/droneeye_zyfc-h7_default/droneeye_zyfc-h7_default.pxa
### Finished calling CMAKE build process ###
### Done invoking postbuild tool.
### Successfully generated all binary outputs."
```



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3.8 Simulink Cluster Control Interface

By running the bat script in this routine folder, you can start QGC, CopterSim and RflySim3D software with one click. After running Simulink, you can see the drone take off and enter the hovering state. See the document for detailed experimental operation [1.BasicExps\e8_SwarmAPI\Readme.pdf](#), Folder see "**\PX4PSP\RflySimAPIs\2.RflySimUsage\1.BasicExps\e8_SwarmAPI", the experimental effect is as follows (part):





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3.9 PX4 Firmware compilation

In this experiment, the PX4 firmware is compiled by Win10WSL. See the document for detailed experimental operation [1.BasicExps\e9_Build-Firmware\Readme.pdf](#), Folder see "`*\PX4PSP\RflySimAPIs\2.RflySimUsage\1.BasicExps\e9_Build-Firmware`", the experimental effect is as follows (part) :

```
root@RFLYSIM: /mnt/c/PX4PSP x + v
-- Detecting CXX compile features - done
-- Check for working C compiler: /root/gcc-arm-none-eabi-7-2017-q4-major/bin/arm-none-eabi-gcc
-- Check for working C compiler: /root/gcc-arm-none-eabi-7-2017-q4-major/bin/arm-none-eabi-gcc -- works
-- Detecting C compiler ABI info
-- Detecting C compiler ABI info - done
-- Detecting C compile features
-- Detecting C compile features - done
-- Found PythonInterp: /usr/bin/python3 (found suitable version "3.6.9", minimum required is "3")
-- build type is MinSizeRel
-- PX4 ECL: Very lightweight Estimation & Control Library v1.9.0-rc1-591-gb3fed06
-- Configuring done
-- Generating done
-- Build files have been written to: /mnt/c/PX4PSP/Firmware/build/px4_fm-v5_default/external/Build/px4io_firmware
[330/1374] Performing build step for 'px4io_firmware'
[1/247] git submodule platforms/nuttX/NuttX/nuttX
[9/247] git submodule platforms/nuttX/NuttX/apps
[245/247] Linking CXX executable px4_io-v2_default.elf
Memory region      Used Size  Region Size  %age Used
flash:              60436 B    60 KB        98.37%
sram:                3856 B     8 KB         47.07%
[247/247] Creating /mnt/c/PX4PSP/Firmware/build/px4_fm-v5_default/external/Build/px4io_firmware/px4_io-v2_default.px4
[1372/1374] Linking CXX executable px4_fm-v5_default.elf
Memory region      Used Size  Region Size  %age Used
FLASH_ITCM:         0 GB      2016 KB      0.00%
FLASH_AXIM:         1913417 B  2016 KB      92.69%
ITCM_RAM:           0 GB      16 KB        0.00%
DTCH_RAM:           0 GB      128 KB       0.00%
SRAM1:               45748 B   368 KB       12.14%
SRAM2:              0 GB      16 KB        0.00%
[1374/1374] Creating /mnt/c/PX4PSP/Firmware/build/px4_fm-v5_default/px4_fm-v5_default.px4
```



3. Soft and hard basic use experiment



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3.10 Flight control firmware burning experiment

This experiment introduces two different firmware burning methods of RflySim platform. Folder see "`*\PX4PSP\RflySimAPIs\2.RflySimUsage\1.BasicExps\e10_Firmware-Upload`", the specific experimental operation see the file `1.BasicExps\e10_Firmware-Upload\Readme.pdf`, The experimental effects are as follows (part) :

```
C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\cmd.exe
Loaded firmware for board id: 1010,0 size: 1855977 bytes (94.40%), waiting for the bootloader...

Attempting reboot on COM6 with baudrate=57600...
If the board does not respond, unplug and re-plug the USB connector.

Found board id: 1010,0 bootloader version: 5 on COM6
sn: 003e00413430510534303536
chip: 20036450
family: b'STM32H7[4|5]x'
revision: b'V'
flash: 1966080 bytes
Windowed mode: False

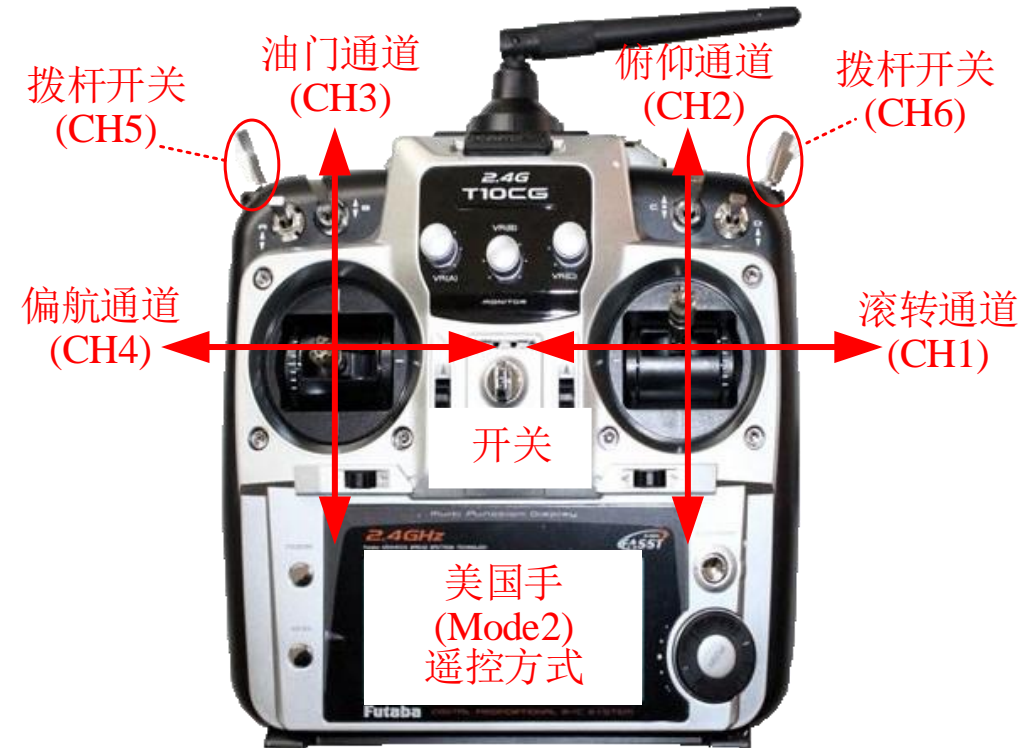
Erase : [===== ] 81.7%
```



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3.11 Remote control configuration experiment

The remote control used in this platform is recommended to use the "American hand" control mode, that is, the left rocker corresponds to the throttle and yaw control amount, while the right rocker corresponds to the roll and pitch. For further see "[*\PX4PSP\RflySimAPIs\2.RflySimUsage\1.BasicExps\e11_RC-Config](#)", the specific experimental operation see the file [1.BasicExps\e11_RC-Config\Readme.pdf](#), Use the remote control configuration manual and other materials in this routine folder to configure your remote control.



油门: 控制上下运动, 对应固定翼油门杆
偏航: 控制机头转向, 对应固定翼方向舵
俯仰: 控制前后运动, 对应固定翼升降舵
滚转: 控制左右运动, 对应固定翼副翼



3. Soft and hard basic use experiment

3.12 Flight control onboard application development experiment

This experiment focuses on how to create and run your first onboard application and master all the basic concepts and apis needed for PX4 application development. Folder see "[**\PX4PSP\RflySimAPIs\2.RflySimUsage\1.BasicExps\e12_PX4-App](#)", the specific experimental operation see the file [1.BasicExps\e12_PX4-App\Readme.pdf](#), The experimental results are as follows (part) :

```
QGroundControl
Back < Analyze Tools
日志下载 Provides a connection to the vehicle's system shell.
地理标记图像
Mavlink 控制台
MAVLink 检测
振动
NuttShell (NSH) NuttX-10.1.0
nsh> my_app
INFO [my_app] Welcome to RflySim!
INFO [my_app] Welcome to RflySim!
INFO [my_app] Welcome to RflySim!
INFO [my_app] Welcome to RflySim!
INFO [my_app] Welcome to RflySim!
nsh>
```




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3.13 Quadrotor UAV configuration experiment

This experiment introduces the composition structure and simple configuration of Feisi X450 UAV platform. Folder see "`*\PX4PSP\RflySimAPIs\2.RflySimUsage\1.BasicExps\e13_UAV-Config`", the specific experimental operation see the file [1.BasicExps\e13_UAV-Config\Readme.pdf](#), The experimental results are as follows (part):



飞思X450飞行器	
尺寸	折叠尺寸：760*760*220mm
对称电机轴距	455mm
机体重量（不含电池）	1134g
最大载重	1800g
机体材料	碳纤维、尼龙
通讯接口	WiFi
电池	6s-9000mAh, 0.934kg
定位系统下悬停精度	垂直：±0.05m；水平：±0.05m
最大上升速度	2m/s
最大下降速度	2m/s
最大水平飞行速度	10m/s
最大起飞海拔高度	5000m
续航时间（空载）	38分钟
工作环境温度	-20° C至 50° C
基本配置	光流传感器、激光定高传感器、独立外磁
机载板卡	NX、nano
可选载荷配置	CSI相机、T265、D435iS1激光雷达
通讯板卡	rockpi、nx板卡、数传、nanopi、4G模块、RTK



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3.15 RflySim3D 3D scene loading experiment

This experiment mainly explains the loading process of RflySim3D 3D scene creation. Main folder see "`*\PX4PSP\RflySimAPIs\2.RflySimUsage\1.BasicExps\e15_Scene-Load`", the specific experimental operation see the file [1.BasicExps\e15_Scene-Load\Readme.pdf](#), The experimental results are as follows (part) :



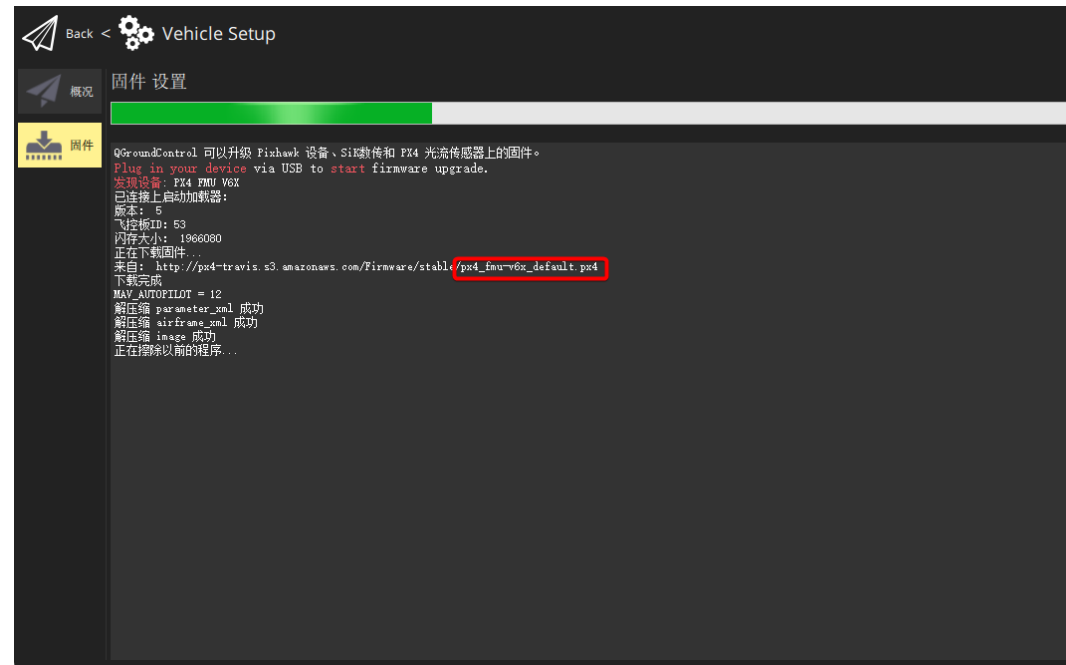


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3.16 Pixhawk hardware compilation command recognition experiment

Aiming at different flight control hardware, this experiment introduces a compilation command to identify different flight control hardware by QGroundControl. See the document for detailed experimental operation [1.BasicExps\e16 Identify-Hardware-Command\Readme.pdf](#), The experimental results are as follows

(part) :

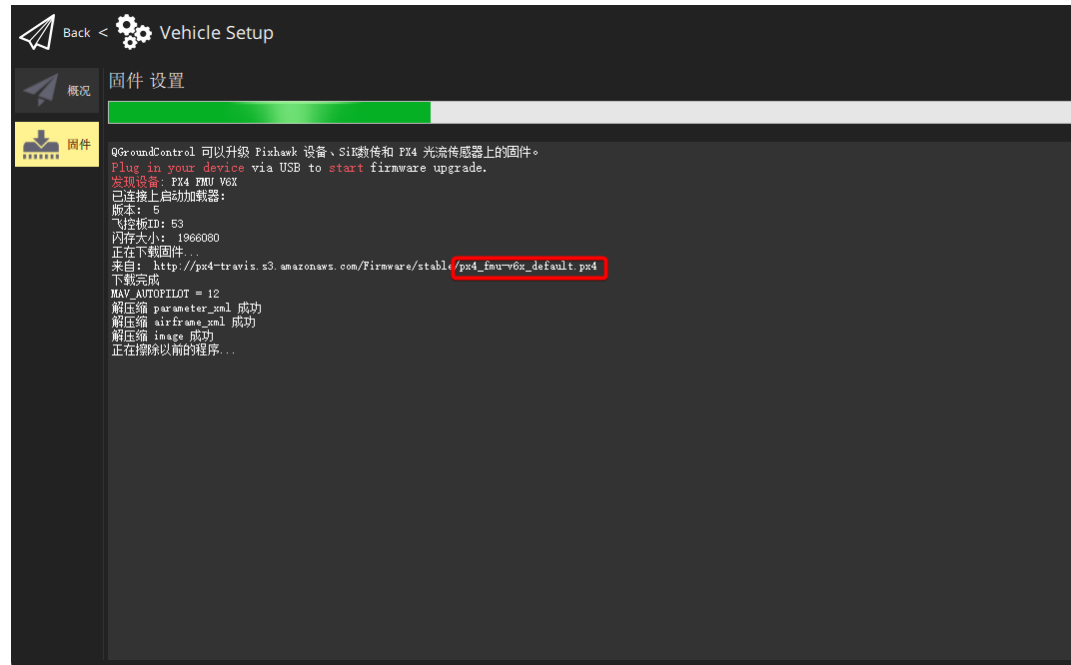




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3.17 HIL route mapping experiment

This experiment introduces the method of using the route planning function in QGroundControl to draw the route and realize the flight under the specified route. See the document for detailed experimental operation [1.BasicExps\e17_RoutePlanning\Readme.pdf](#), The experimental results are as follows (part) :





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4.1 Companion Books



Design and Control of Multi-rotor Aircraft: This book teaches the basics of multi-rotor design, dynamic modeling, state estimation, control, and decision making. It involves the basic knowledge of air fluid mechanics, motor, circuit, material structure, theoretical mechanics, navigation, guidance and control, and has two basic and systematic characteristics. Therefore, it is helpful for readers to integrate the knowledge they have learned and focus on cultivating students' comprehensive ability to solve problems. This book covers most of the content of multi-rotor aircraft design, with fifteen chapters, including the fundamentals of multi-rotor aircraft, layout, power systems, modeling, perception, control, and decision-making. The purpose is to organize the design principles applied in the engineering practice of multi-rotor aircraft, and emphasize the importance of basic concepts, with basic, practical, comprehensive and systematic characteristics. This book can be used as a textbook for advanced undergraduate and graduate students, or as an introductory guide to research in the field, or as a self-study textbook for multi-rotor aircraft engineers.



Design and Control Practice of Multi-rotor Aircraft: This book is divided into two parts: experimental platform and experimental task, of which the experimental platform is based on the RflySim platform specially designed for this book. The RflySim platform uses the current advanced development concept of "Model-Based Design" process to tie together multi-rotor aircraft, Pixhawk autonomous vehicles, and MATLAB Simulink programming language. The experimental tasks include 8 progressive experiments: dynamic system design, dynamic modeling, sensor calibration, filter design, attitude controller design, fixed-point position controller design, semi-autonomous control mode design and fail-safe logic design, and complete the design and control practice of multi-rotor aircraft. This book is suitable for readers who are interested in the design and control of unmanned aerial vehicles, especially multi-rotor aircraft, and can also use some experiments in this book as practical links of professional courses.



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4.1 Companion Books



Multi-rotor Aircraft from Principle to Practice: This book is an introductory textbook on multi-rotor aircraft and a manual from principle to operational practice. It first introduces the basic concept, flight principle and development history of multi-rotor aircraft. Then, the system composition and important components such as frame, power system, communication system and flight control system are introduced in detail. Finally, the assembly and debugging, operation and maintenance, industry application and development are introduced. Generally speaking, this book has achieved the organic integration of theoretical explanation and practical operation, achieved the comprehensive and detailed content, and also explained the safety operation everywhere to cultivate the safety awareness of readers. We have also equipped the book with a large number of teaching and practical videos to help readers better learn and grasp the content of the book.

"Multi-rotor Vehicle Remote Control Practice" : This book aims at the application practice of multi-rotor UAV, aiming at lowering the entry threshold, providing a comprehensive reference textbook combining theory and practice for more higher vocational and lower grade undergraduates or related practitioners who do not have multi-rotor professional knowledge and development background, so that readers can apply the knowledge of basic professional and technical courses and professional courses after learning "automatic control principle" and other professional courses. The detailed design of the control system enables the reader to get practical training in the comprehensive application of professional theories to solve engineering problems.



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4.2 Configuration and use of the experimental platform

The RflySim platform contains many software involved in the development process of unmanned system modeling, simulation, algorithm verification, etc., among which, Core components include CopterSim, QGroundControl, RflySim3D/RflySimUE5, Python38Env, Win10 WSL subsystem, SITL/HITLRun one-click script, MATLAB automatic code generation toolbox, Simulink cluster Control interface, PX4 Firmware source code, RflySim supporting documentation, and supporting hardware systems. By learning these core components, users can quickly start the development and testing of unmanned systems. The address of the API platform developed in this chapter is:[API](#). The platform addresses of all the routines in this chapter are:[Readme](#).

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Python/
OpenCV



Flight
Gear

自动代码生成与固件编译



Simulink
PX4PSP支持
包



PX4固件源代码



WSL/MSys2/
Cygwin 编译工具

Code view and modification



VS编译器



VS Code

硬件在环仿真



CopterSim



3DDisplay



RflySim3D



QGround
Control



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地面站电脑



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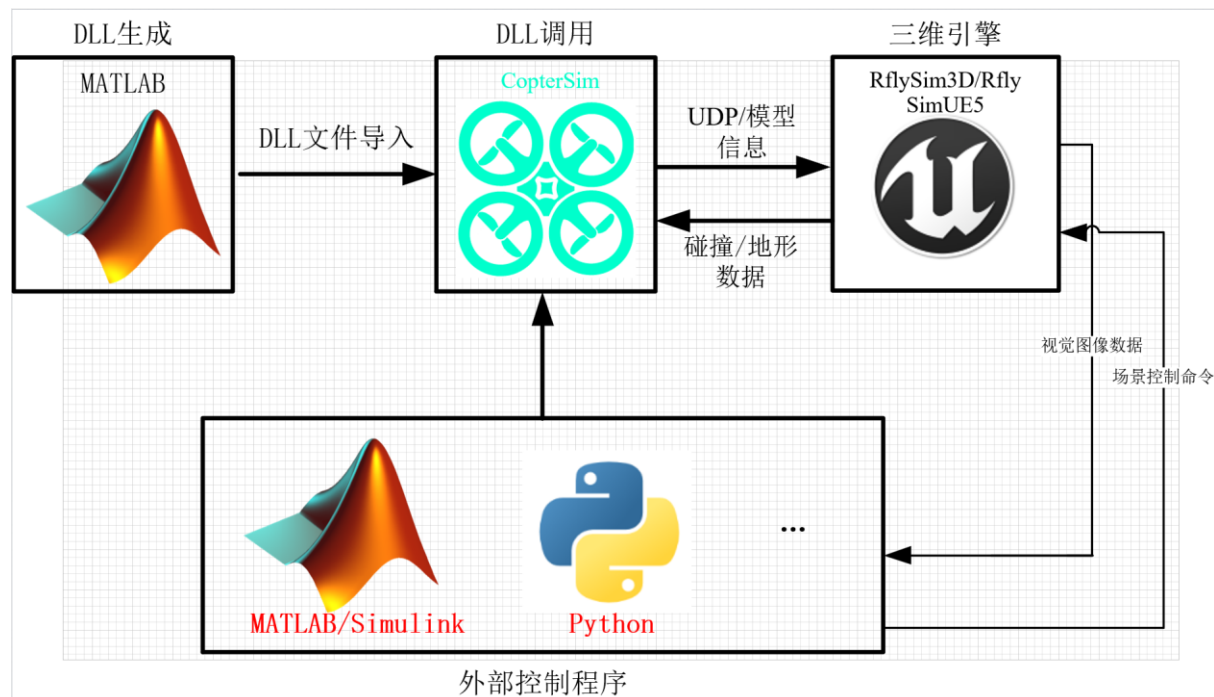
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4.3 3D scene modeling and simulation

RflySim3D is a 3D simulation platform for RflySim. CopterSim will calculate the current state of the drone (mainly position and attitude data) according to the motor control data from Pixhawk (or PX4 SITL), and then send these data to RflySim3D. RflySim3D will apply this data to the corresponding drone in the scene, so that we can more intuitively see the status of the drone. RflySim3D also supports some configuration through XML files, mainly using XML to configure the configuration of the UAV (four-rotor, six-rotor, fixed wing, etc.), the priority of the model in the list, the name of the aircraft, the initial position and attitude of the aircraft, the initial position of each actuator (generally the rotor), the attitude, the material, the rotation axis, and the motion mode. You can also define the position of the camera, you can also define some obstacle components (such as posts, rings), and so on. The address of the API platform developed in this chapter is:[API](#). The platform addresses of all the routines in this chapter are:[Readme](#).

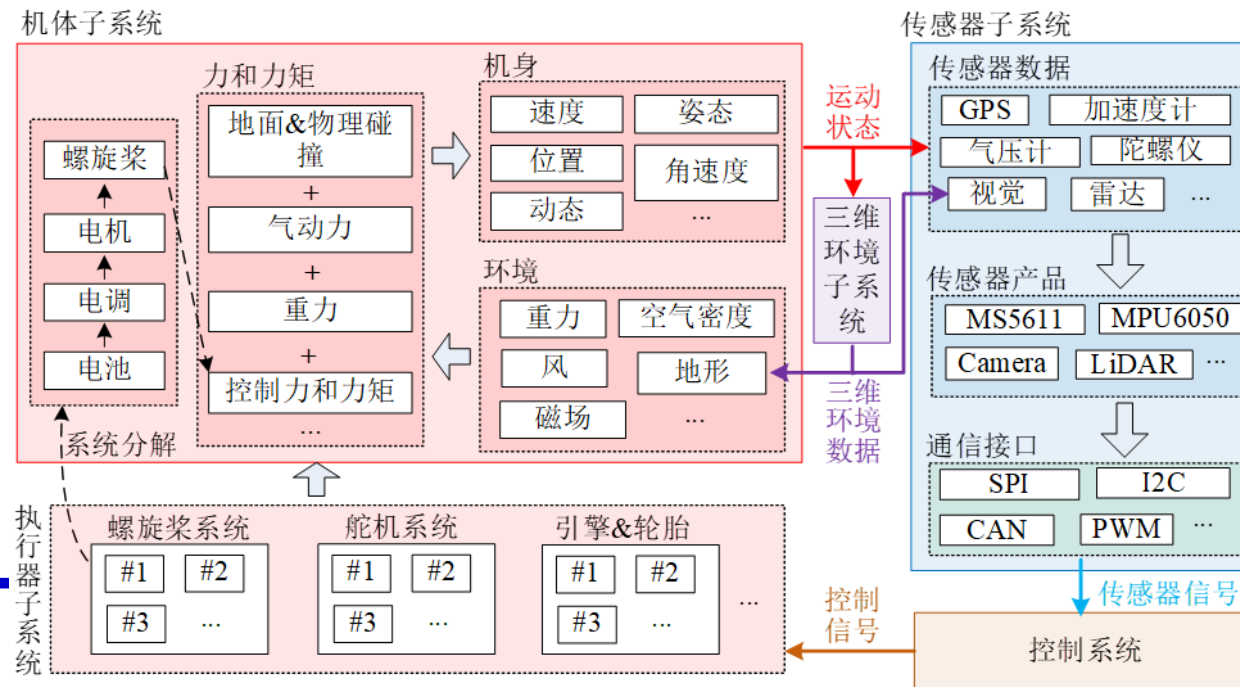




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4.4 Vehicle motion modeling and simulation

The unified modeling framework of unmanned vehicle system divides the whole unmanned vehicle system into two parts: fuselage system and control system. Sensor data and control signals are transmitted between the fuselage system and the control system. The fuselage system can be subdivided into four subsystems: the body subsystem, the actuator subsystem, the three-dimensional environment subsystem and the sensor subsystem. In the whole modeling framework, the fuselage system needs to be modeled with high precision and implemented in real-time simulation: computer, and finally connected to the control system software or hardware, forming a software-in-the-loop simulation or hardware-in-the-loop simulation closed-loop. The address of the API platform developed in this chapter is: [API](#). The platform addresses of all the routines in this chapter are: [Readme](#).





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4.5 Pose control and filter estimation

RflySim adopts the idea of Model-Based Design (MBD) and can be used for control and safety testing of unmanned systems. Through the following five stages: modeling stage, controller design stage, Software In the Loop simulation stage (SIL), Hardware In the Loop simulation stage (hardware-in-the-loop (HIL)) and real flight test stage. With MATLAB/Simulink's automatic code generation technology, the controller can be easily and automatically downloaded into the hardware for HIL simulation and real-world flight testing. The address of the API platform developed in this chapter is: [API](#). The platform addresses of all the routines in this chapter are: [Readme](#).

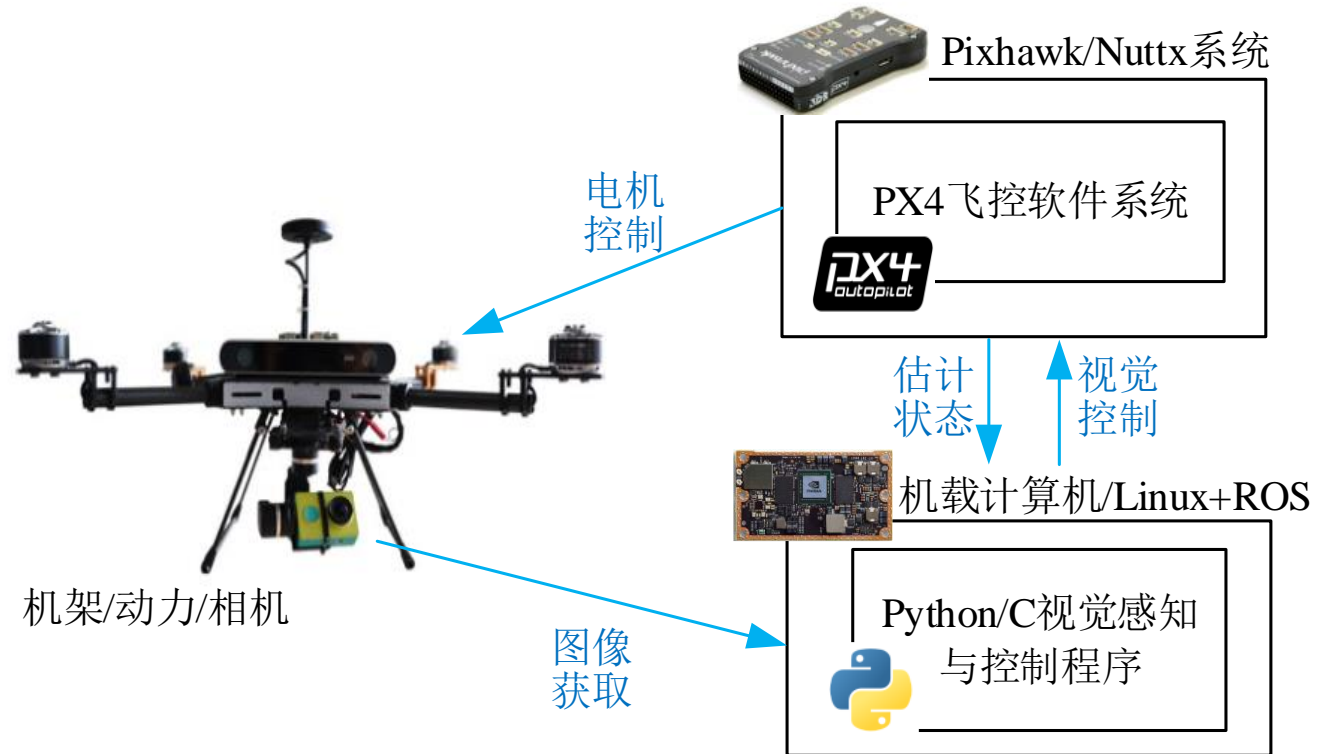




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4.6 External control and trajectory planning

Uav is a kind of aircraft with autonomous flight ability, its external control ability is very important to achieve accurate flight tasks and safe flight operations. Common control methods are: remote control, ground station control, semi-autonomous control, and control through the corresponding interface of the computer. The external control theory mainly involves the stability of the aircraft in the air, which is generally understood as the position and attitude control of the UAV. In this regard, we will deeply discuss the rigid body model of the flight control of the UAV, that is, the guidance model. The address of the API platform developed in this chapter is:[API](#). The platform addresses of all the routines in this chapter are:[README](#).

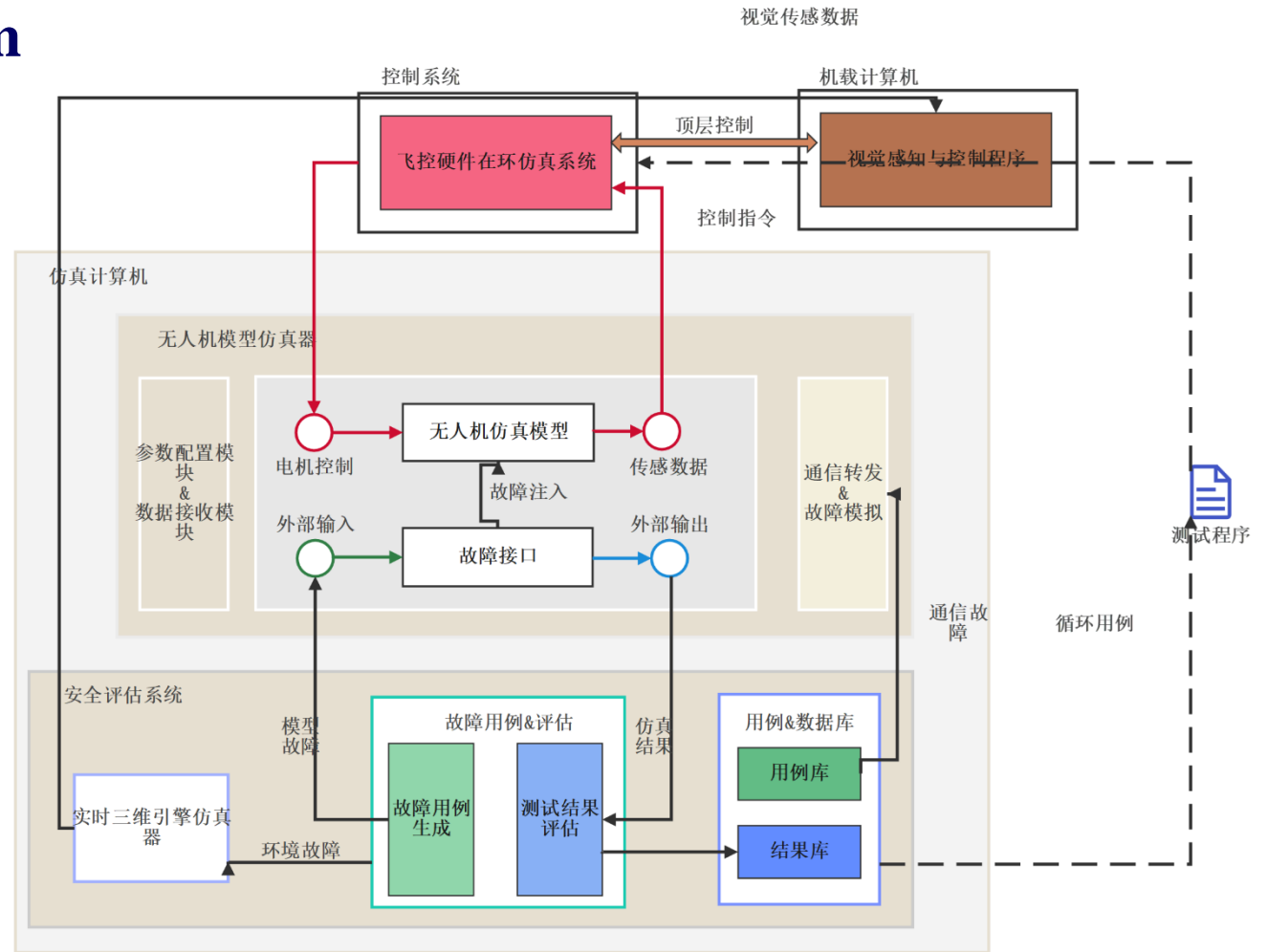




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4.7 Safety Test and Health Platform

RflySim fault injection architecture is composed of physical module, simulation module and evaluation module. The physical module is composed of flight control hardware, which is responsible for connecting with the simulation computer, receiving control instructions from the outside and making attitude response, forming a semi-physical simulation closed loop, which can carry out real-time fault injection of hardware in the loop through flight control. The simulation module is composed of CopterSim, RflySim3D and QGC, which is responsible for sending fault message and 3D fault injection of the whole machine, and carrying out real-time fault simulation. The evaluation module is responsible for the output of the safety condition after the fault injection. The address of the API platform developed in this chapter is: [API](#). The platform addresses of all the routines in this chapter are: [Readme](#).

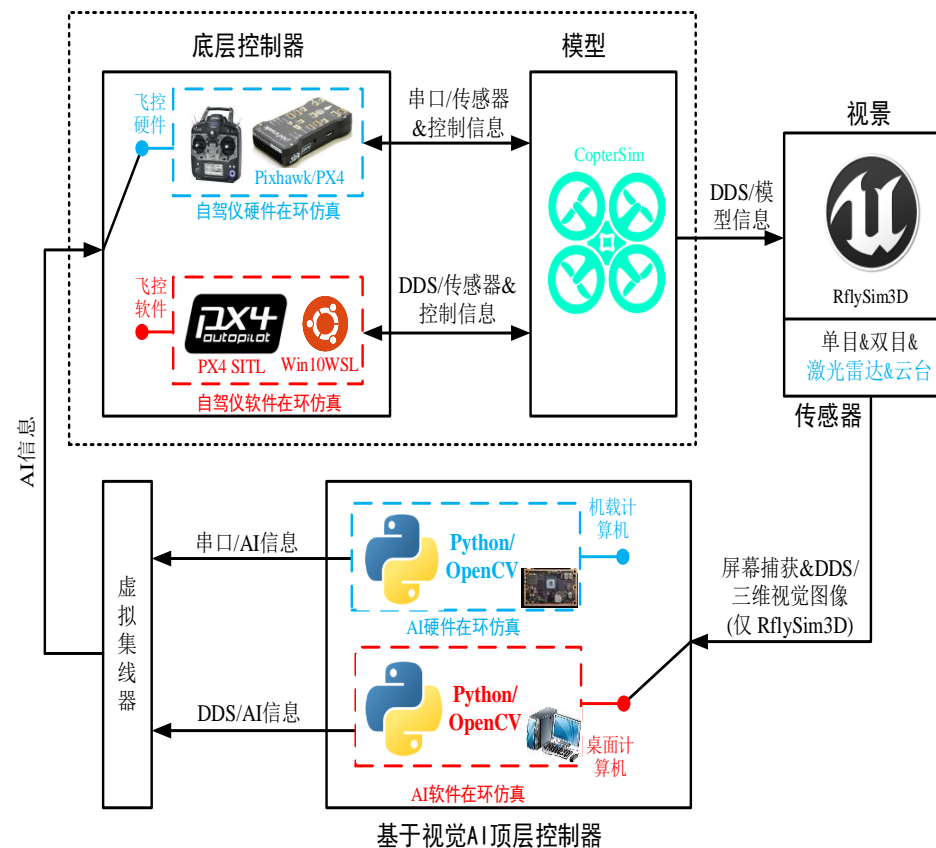




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4.8 Visual perception and obstacle avoidance decision

The RflySim platform supports access to external sensors, and we divide these sensor data into two categories: One kind of external sensors (magnetic compass, differential GPS, optical flow measurement, etc.) for direct flight control, the other kind of visual sensors (binocular, Lidar, depth camera, etc.) for direct flight control of airborne computers are directly generated and transmitted to Pixhawk flight control through Simulink and other programs, and the visual sensors are generated by three-dimensional environment engine. The images are transmitted to the onboard computer. RflySim provides the depth camera sensor module SDK for basic sensor parameters and installation position. Users can design orientation, focal length, field of view and other aspects of UAV-borne vision sensors by setting relevant parameters, and customize the airborne vision module. The input/output interface of decision system is provided according to the input/output interface protocol of decision making. The address of the API platform developed in this chapter is: [API](#). The platform addresses of all the routines in this chapter are: [Readme](#).

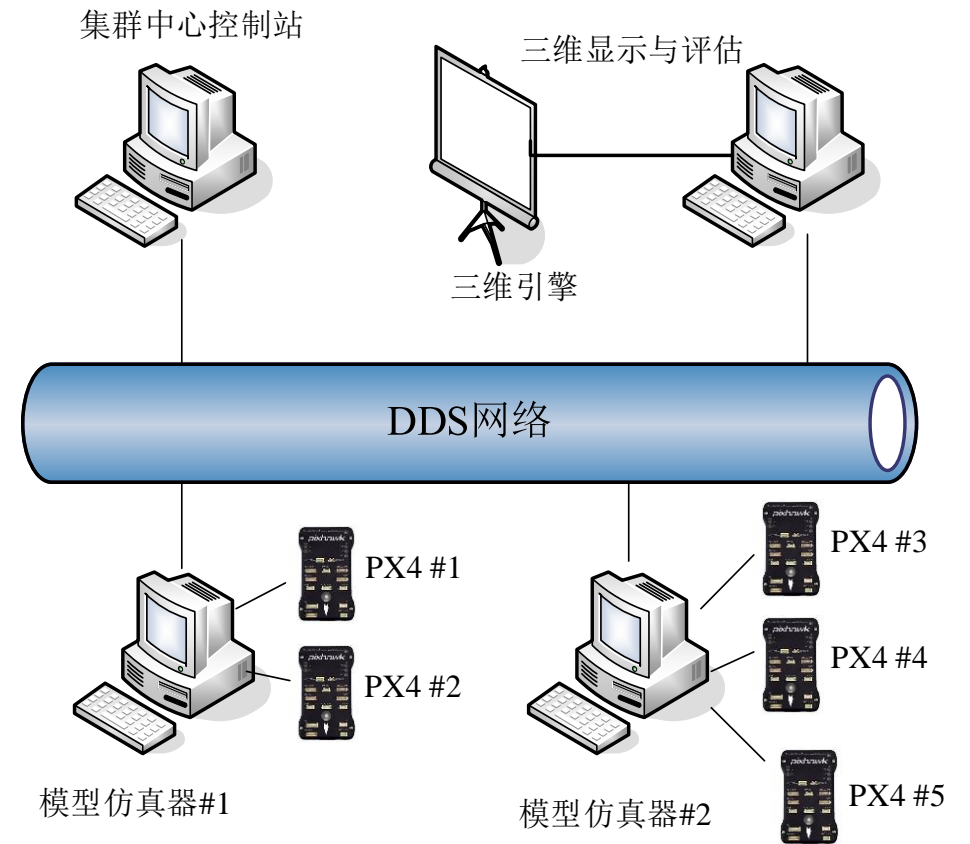




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4.9 Communication Protocols and Cluster Networking

RflySim uses a distributed networking architecture so that different simulation models can run on the same computer or on different computers. Opening multiple model simulators and connecting multiple Pixhawk/PX4 autonomous vehicle hardware can form a multi-unmanned cluster simulation environment. Since the performance of a single computer is limited, the overall number of aircraft can be further expanded through the form of mutual communication between multiple computers in a LAN. The address of the API platform developed in this chapter is: [API](#). The platform addresses of all the routines in this chapter are: [Readme](#)

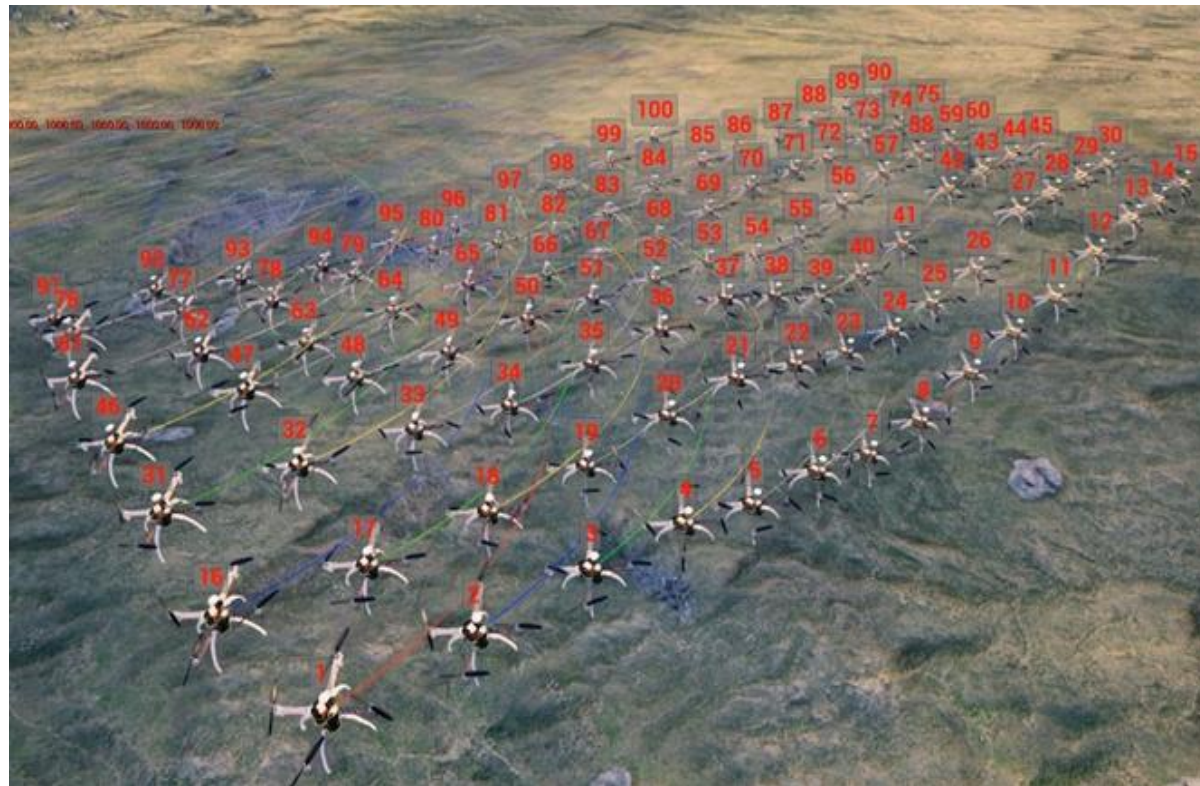




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4.10 Cluster control and game confrontation

RflySim supports one-click start multi-machine cluster simulation function, supports MATLAB/Simulink, Python end cluster simulation development, supports multiple software in the ring, hardware in the ring and the combination of software and hardware virtual and real cluster simulation, supports the distributed cluster simulation of multiple computers in the LAN. At the same time, with the increase of the number of aircraft, the network communication load is getting larger and larger. In order to achieve more UAV cluster simulation with limited bandwidth, it is necessary to optimize the communication. At present, there are two main data protocols on the platform: Based on the MAVLink data and UDP compression architecture, RflySim proposes five compressed data protocols to realize the cluster simulation of hundreds of UAVs. The address of the API platform developed in this chapter is:[API](#). The platform addresses of all the routines in this chapter are:[Readme](#).

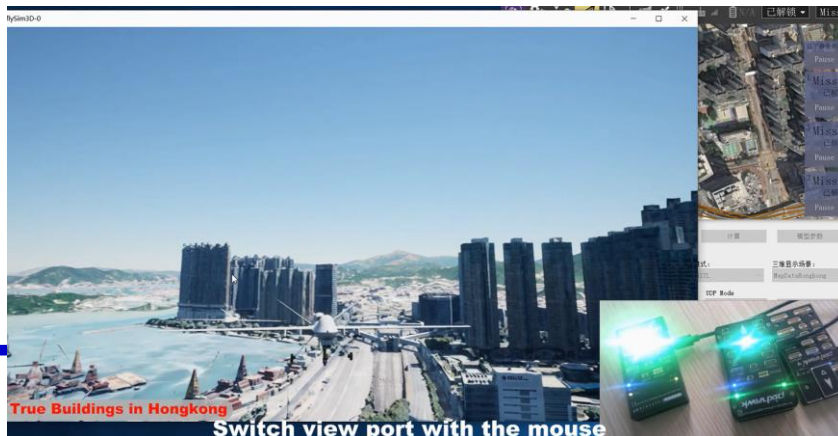




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4.11 Advanced video display

- **Video 1: Multi-fixed-wing runway automatic takeoff and route hardware simulation test in the loop**
- <https://www.bilibili.com/video/BV13a411i7sH?p=16>
- **Video 2: Hardware-in-the-Loop simulation of Global Specified Scenarios (Changsha as an example)**
- <https://www.bilibili.com/video/BV13a411i7sH?p=17>
- **Video 3: Digital Twin & Virtual Reality, Hong Kong city map import with stand-alone hardware in the ring test**
- <https://www.bilibili.com/video/BV13a411i7sH?p=18>
- **Video 4: Hong Kong City map Tower Crossing cluster flight test**
- <https://www.bilibili.com/video/BV13a411i7sH?p=19>
- **Video 5: Multi-machine cluster hardware-in-the-loop simulation test system with vision**
- <https://www.bilibili.com/video/BV13a411i7sH?p=20>





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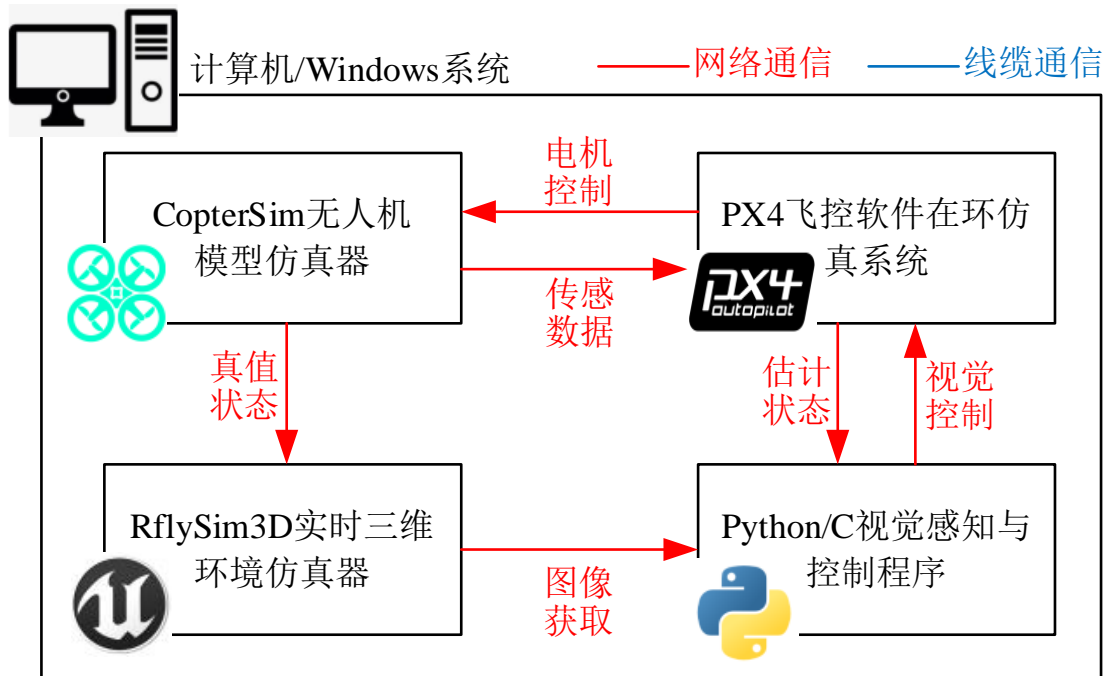


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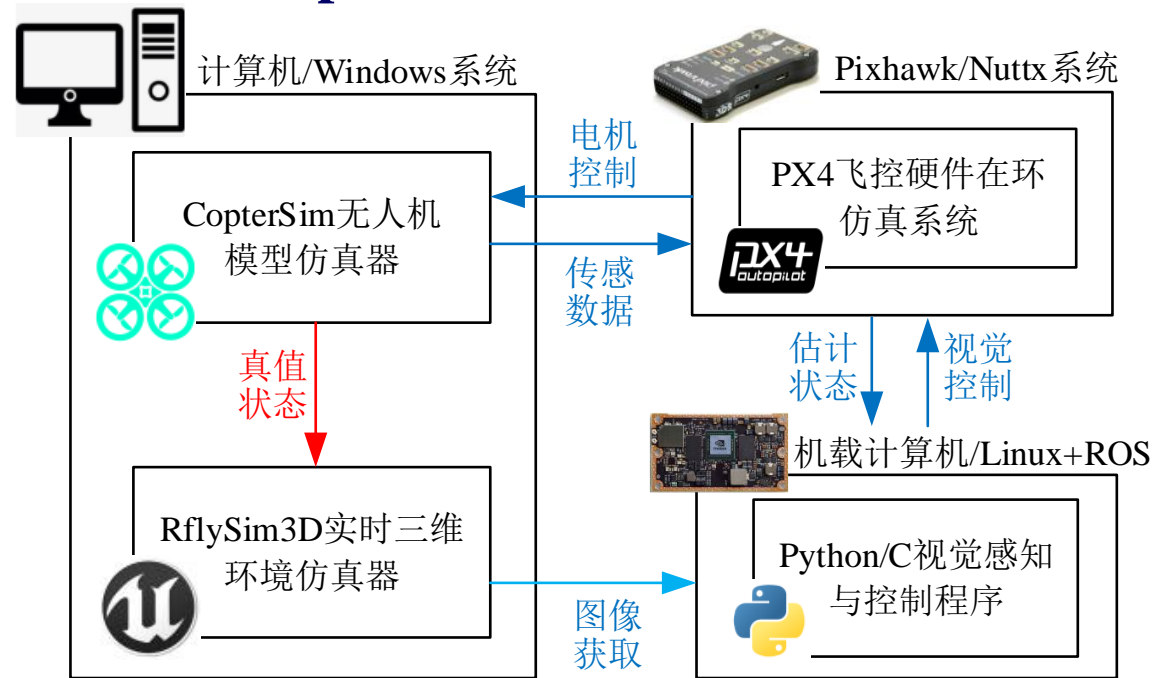
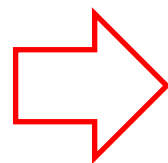


5. Future functions and prospects

5.1 ROS-compatible top-level vision/decision algorithm development



(a) 单电脑Windows下纯软件在环开发模式



(b) “自驾仪+通信链路+机载计算机”硬件在环仿真

- **Develop and test a single visual function on a single computer, with low cost and high efficiency; Developed under Windows, easy to use, low threshold;**
- **Test the whole vision & decision under multi-hardware, more realistic and highly credible; Developed under Linux/ROS, this conforms to the actual development.**



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5.2 Migration process of reliable vision algorithm



(b) “自驾仪+通信链路+机载计算机” 硬件在环仿真

(c) “机架+自驾仪+通信链路+机载计算机” 真机实验

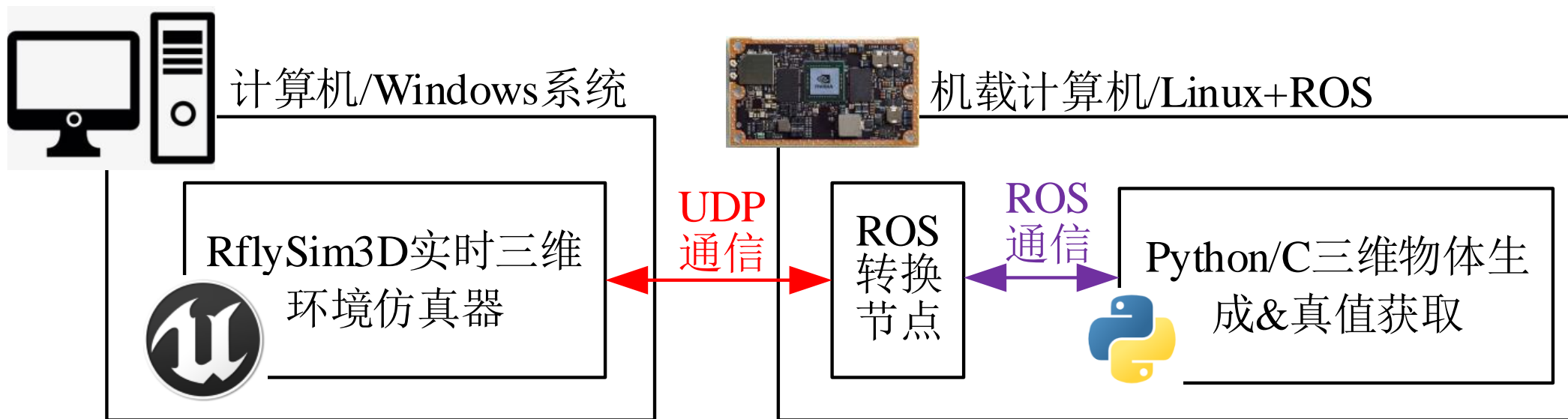
- The PWM output of Pixhawk/PX4 flight control is directly plugged into the rack power system, and the image acquisition interface is connected to the camera to complete the real machine migration. Pros: Seamless, does not require any additional modifications, highly realistic 3D scenes



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5.3 Dynamic Generation and configuration of environment scenarios and Obstacles

- Support through UDP/ROS to dynamically change the scene map, change the 3D style of the aircraft, dynamically create obstacles (other aircraft, tracking targets, people, calibration board, tables and chairs, etc.), dynamically change the aircraft perspective (position, direction, focal length, etc.), change the 3D engine output image resolution, etc.

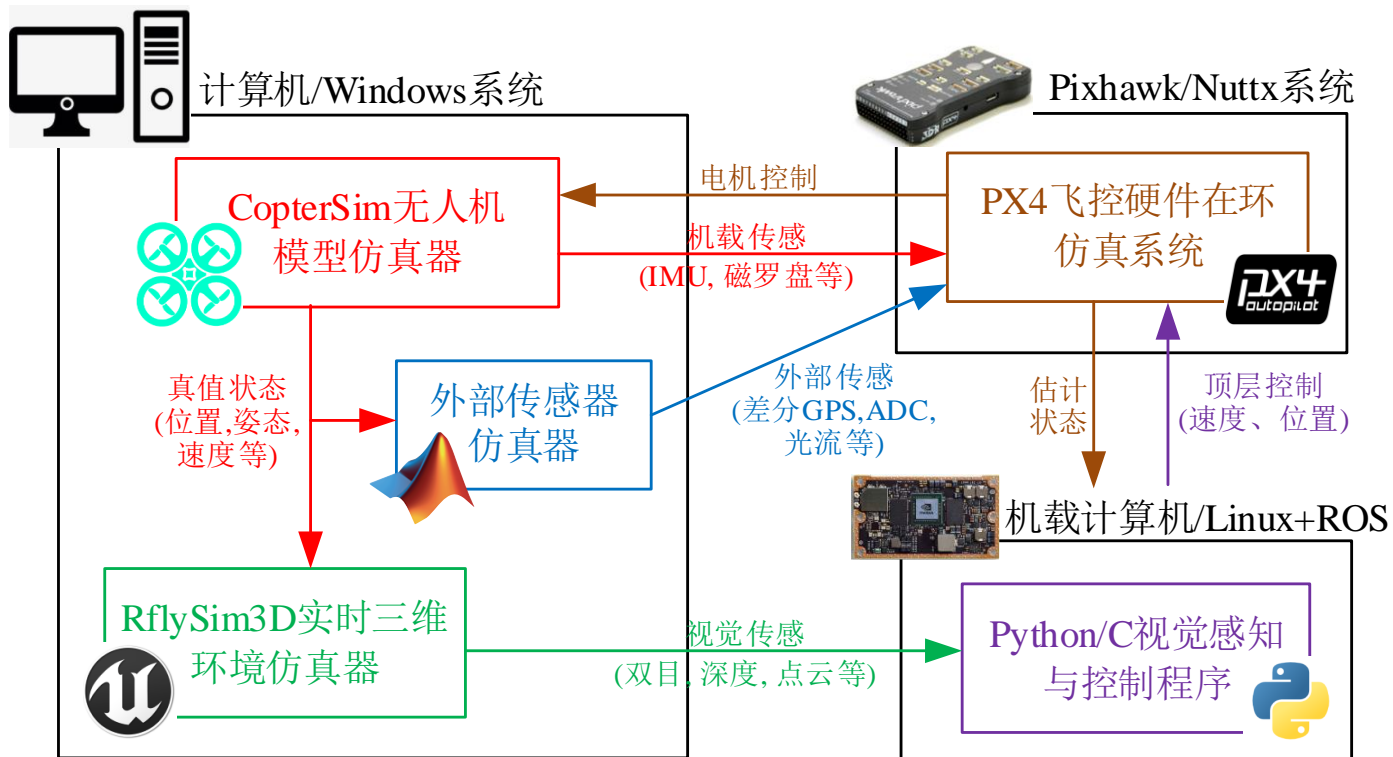




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5.4 External Sensor Support

- Sensor data is divided into two categories: external sensors for direct flight control (magnetic compass, differential GPS, optical flow measurement, etc.), and vision sensors for direct on-board computers (binocular, Lidar, depth camera, etc.).
- The flight control sensor generates and feeds the Pixhawk flight control directly through Simulink and other programs
- The vision sensor is generated by the RflySim3D 3D environment engine and is transmitted to the onboard computer along with the image



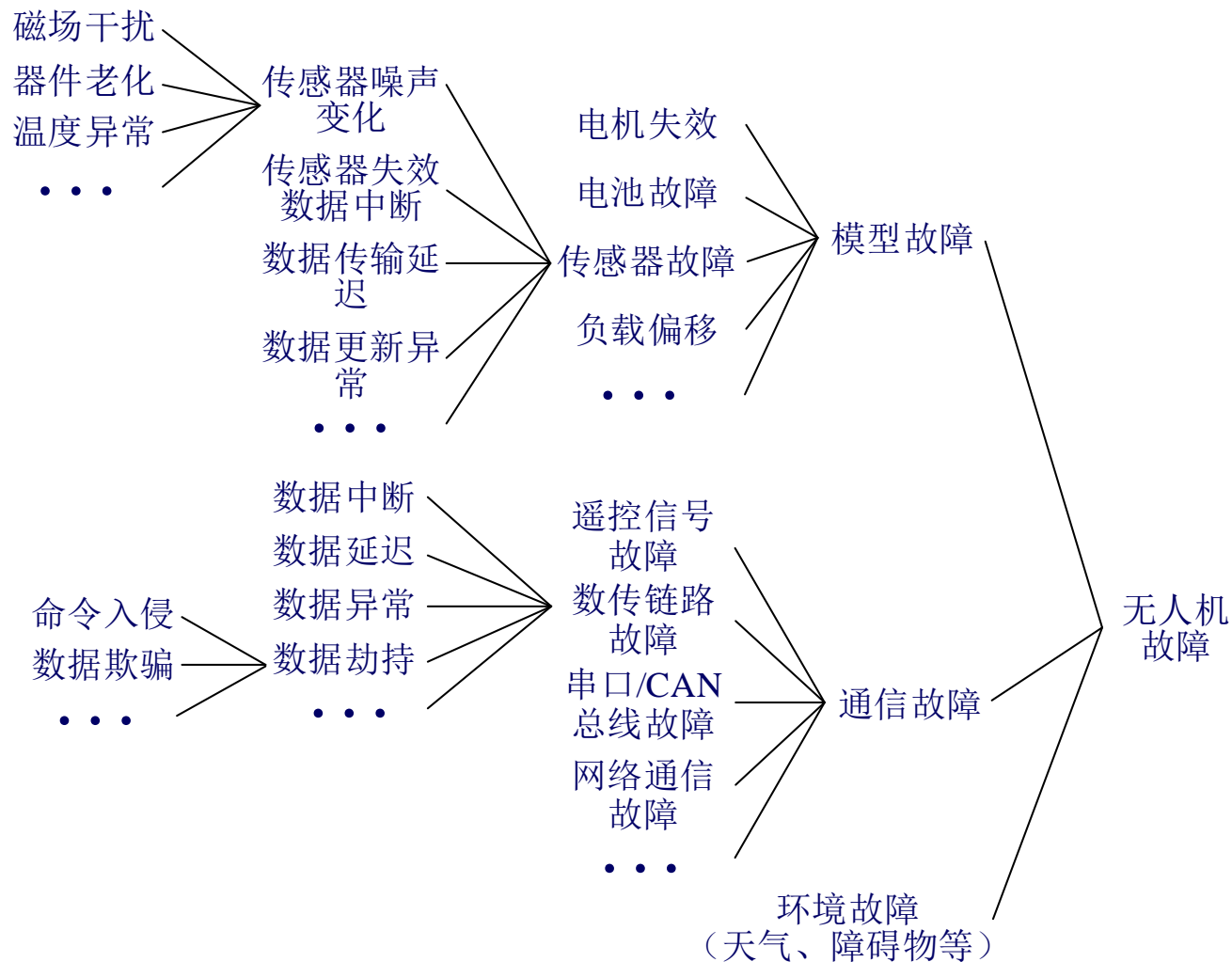
Note: Our RflySim3D environment Engine is based on Unreal Engine 4, just like Airsim, so it can support all of Airsim's existing sensors



5. Future functions and prospects

5.5 Fault Modeling and Injection

- In addition to the testing of basic functions, the safety/reliability testing of the UAV in the event of failure is also critical.
- This system summarizes faults into three categories:
- Model failure
- Communication failure (related to interactive data transmission)
- Environmental failure (related to 3D scenes)

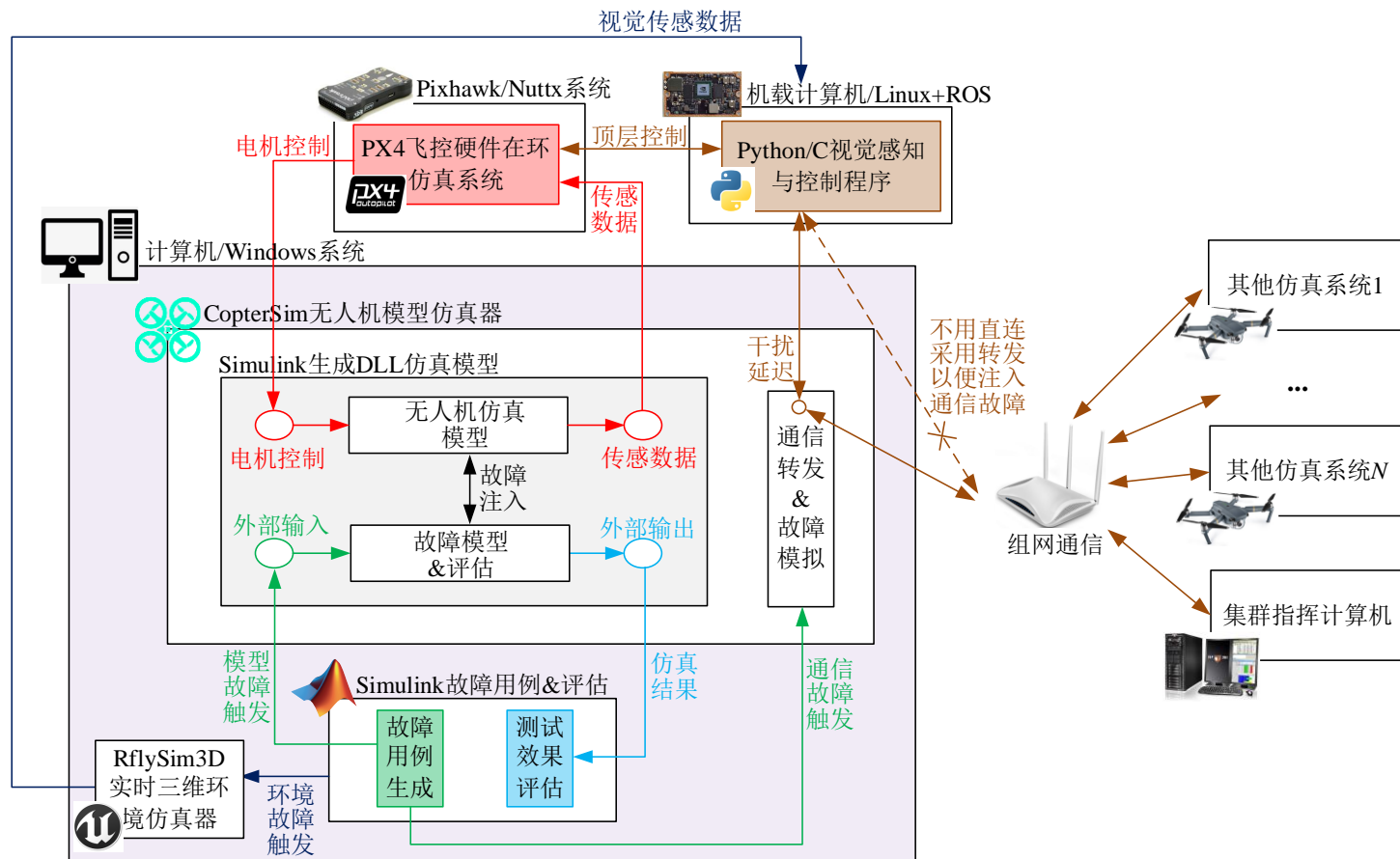




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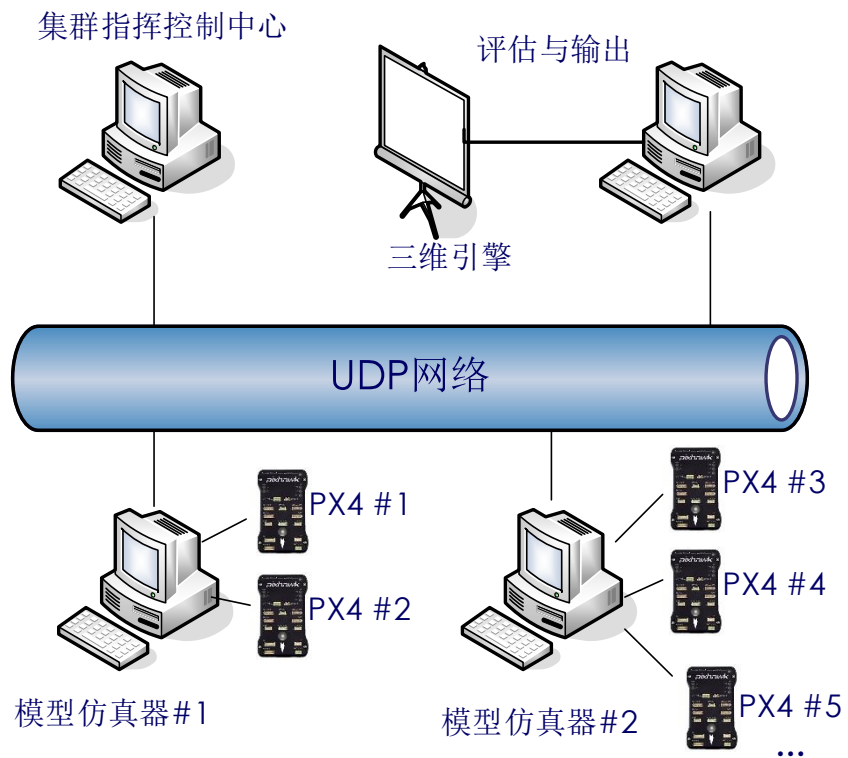
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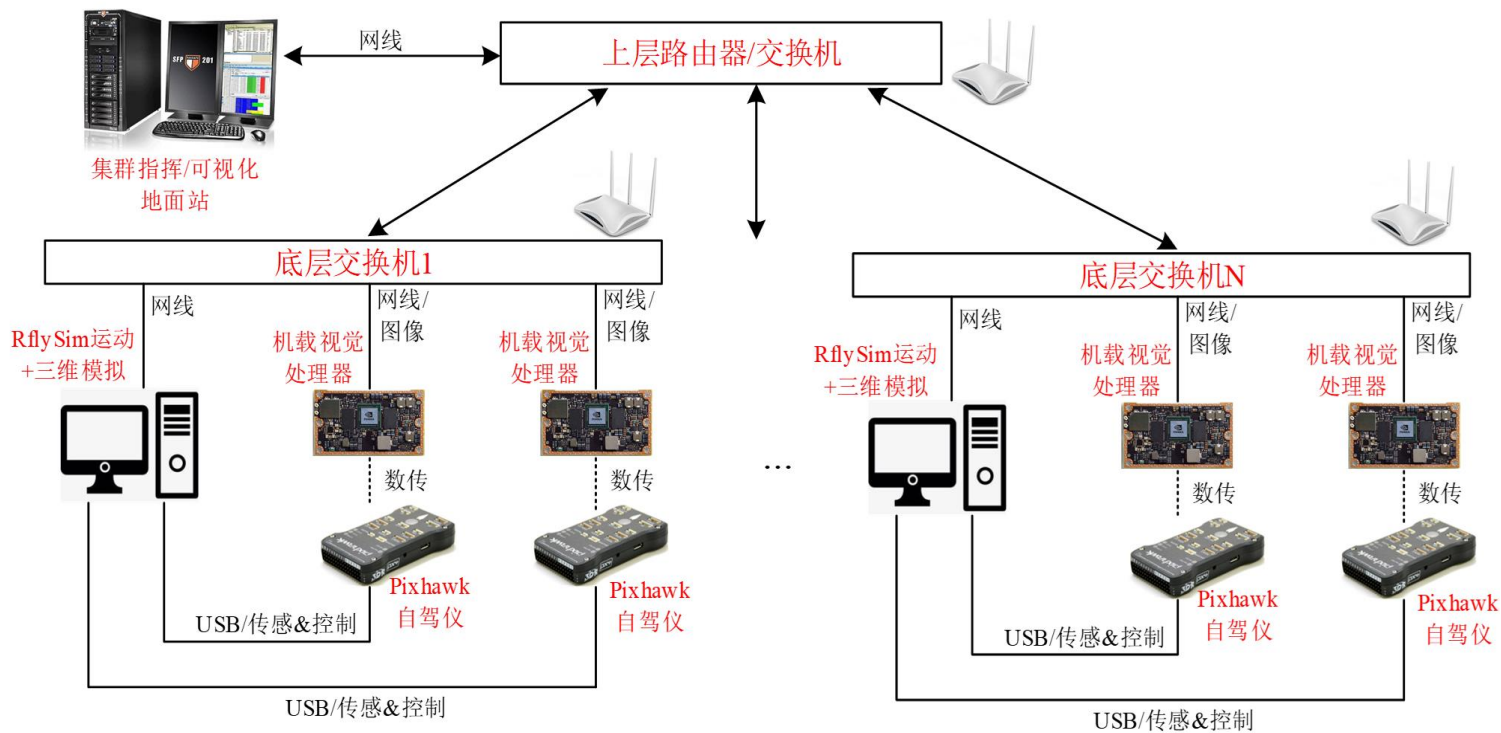


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5.6 Distributed simulation framework



Invisible cluster formation



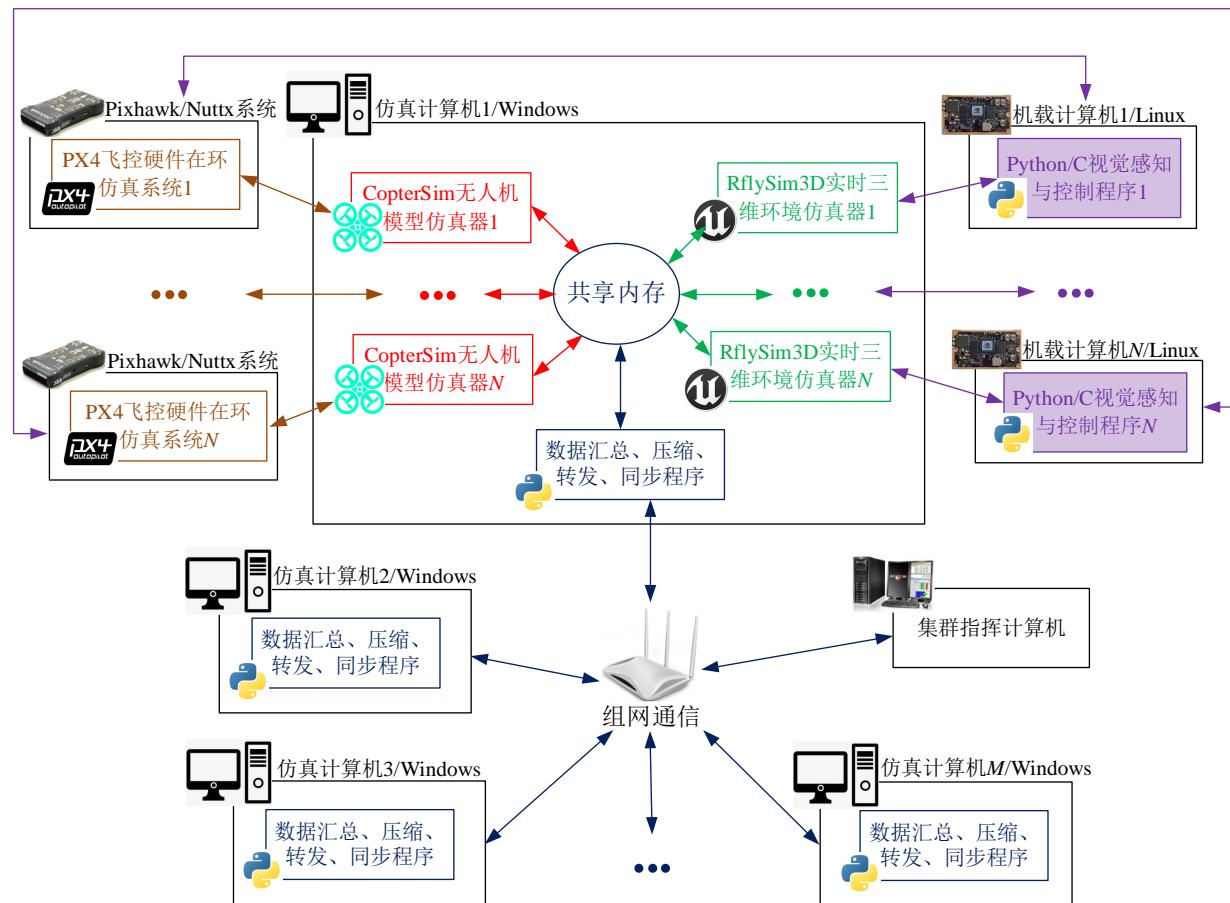
Swarm exploration with visual drones



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5.7 Distributed communication optimization

- The communication between the various programs inside the computer adopts the shared memory mode, and the operation is directly on the memory, with the lowest delay and the fastest speed.
- Each computer can turn on multiple hardware/software in-loop simulation systems to simulate multiple UAVs.
- The data sent and received by each computer is summarized and compressed to ensure smooth communication within the network.
- Request communication (DDS) protocol is adopted to support thousand-frame simulation.



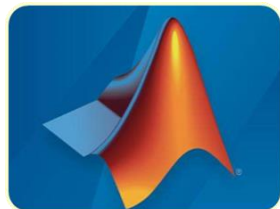


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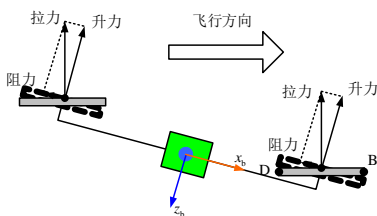
5.8 FPGA real-time simulation system, free from PX4 restrictions, supports other flight control hardware



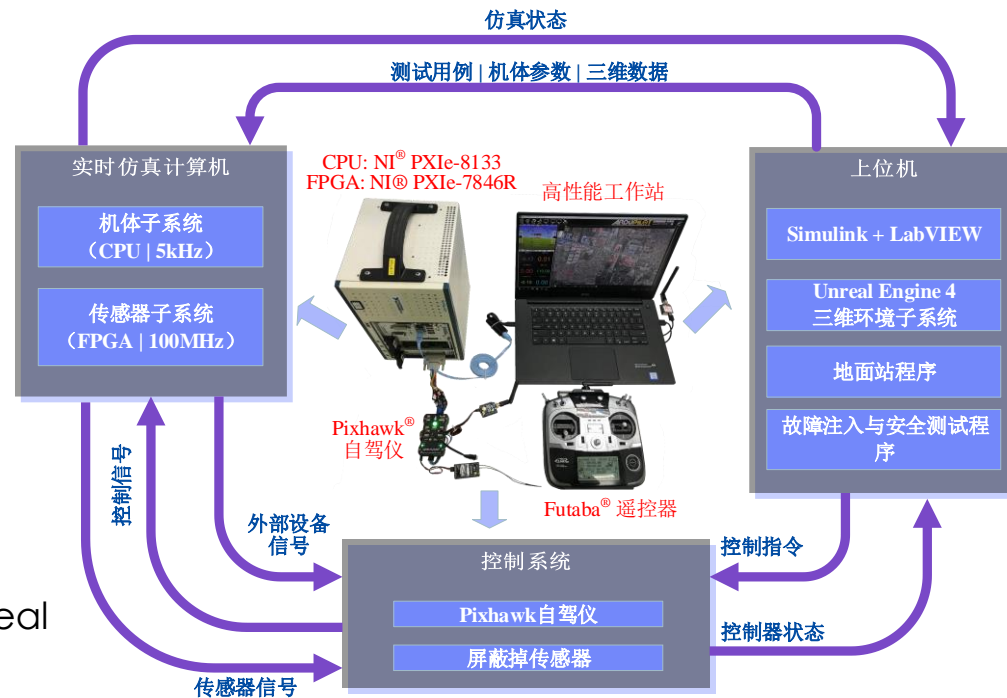
Trusted hardware platform



Trusted software platform



Trusted simulation model



Simulation reliability assurance:

- The simulation platform itself needs to have sufficient credibility.
 - Hardware level: The hardware structure needs to be as close to the real system as possible.
 - Software level: The simulation development process needs to be standard and reliable.
- The mathematical simulation model should be accurate and reliable enough.



outline

1. Platform introduction and installation
2. Software and hardware introduction and usage
3. Soft and hard basic use experiment
4. Experimental preview in the following chapters
5. Future functions and prospects
6. Summarize

To purchase the teaching AIDS required for this course (already configured and ready to use, you can skip the hardware configuration part of this PPT), you can visit the following Taobao store link or scan the QR code on the right side of Taobao App <https://shop212206553.taobao.com/>



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6. Summarize

- RflySim platform introduction and one-click installation, and the platform software and hardware configuration and use are introduced.
- The platform configuration experiment is designed to help students quickly get started with RflySim configuration and use by means of experiments.
- A general preview of the main content of the following chapters is provided to help students fully understand all the routines and teaching materials included in the platform.

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Thank you!