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# Distributed system for testing of space robot control systems

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# AGENDA



1. Control algorithm
2. Mobile Space Robot
3. Controller architecture for tests
4. Distributed calculation
5. Conclusions

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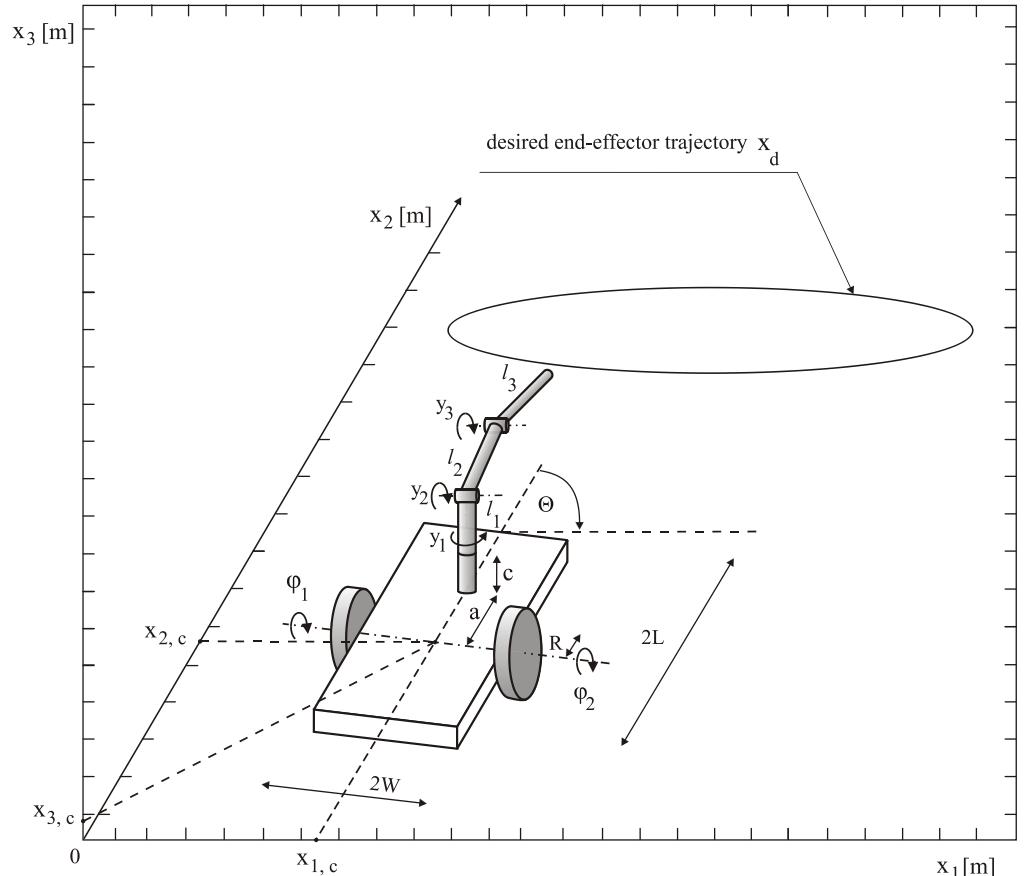


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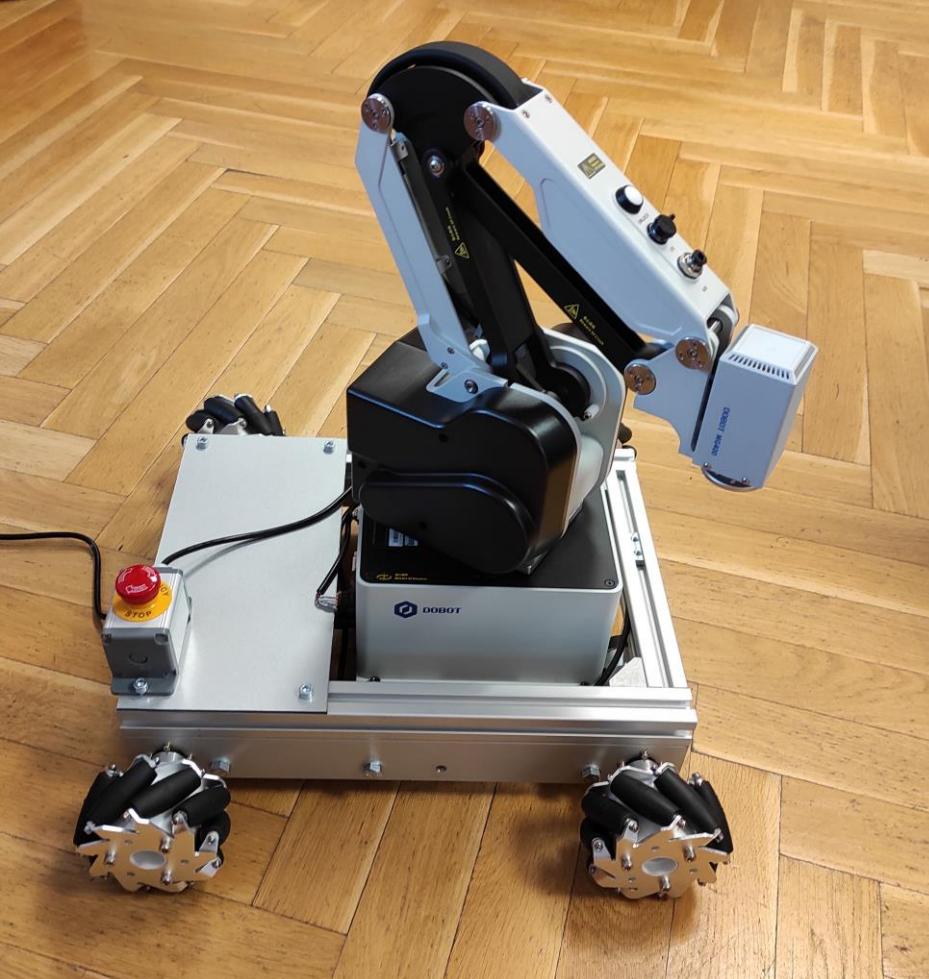
# ROBUST CONTROL ALGORITHM

The problem to be solved:

$$q = (x_{1,c}, x_{2,c}, x_{3,c}, \varphi_1, \varphi_2, y_1, y_2, y_3)^T$$



# MOBILE SPACE ROBOT



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# ROBUST CONTROL OF SPACE MANIPULATORS



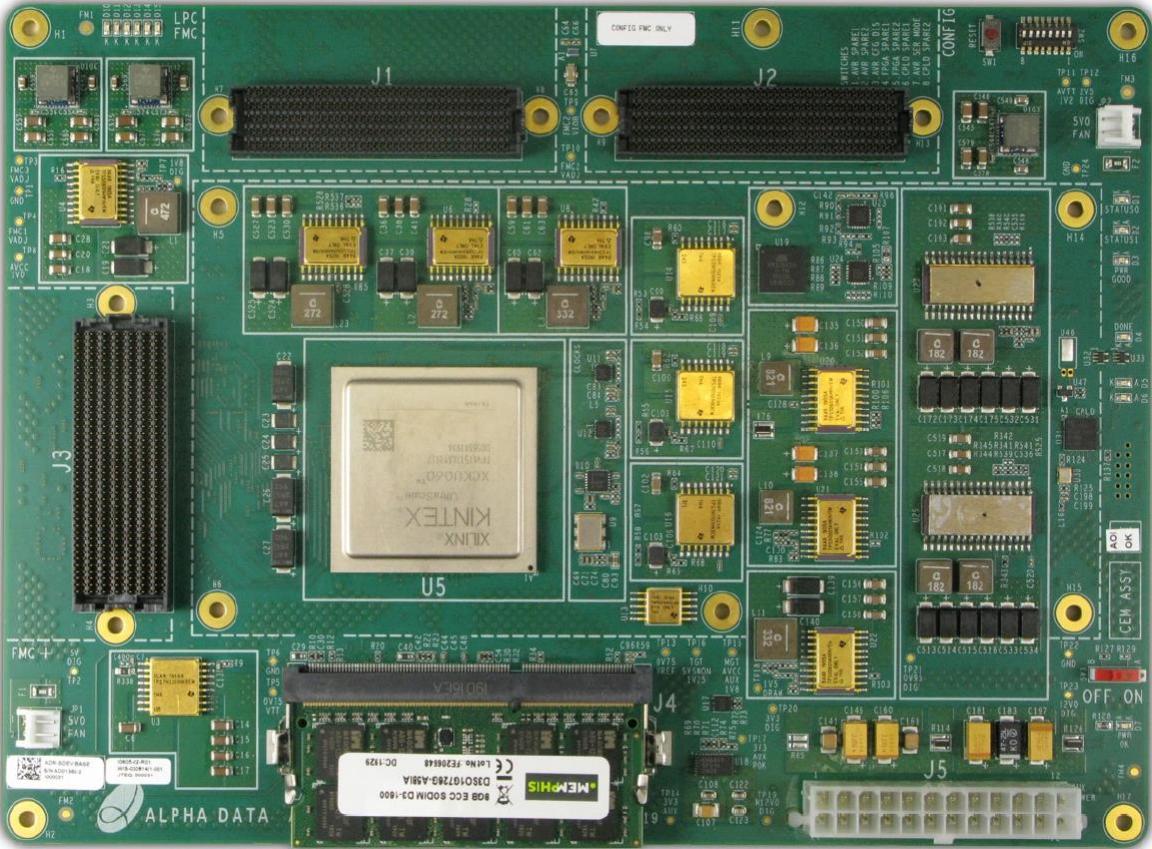
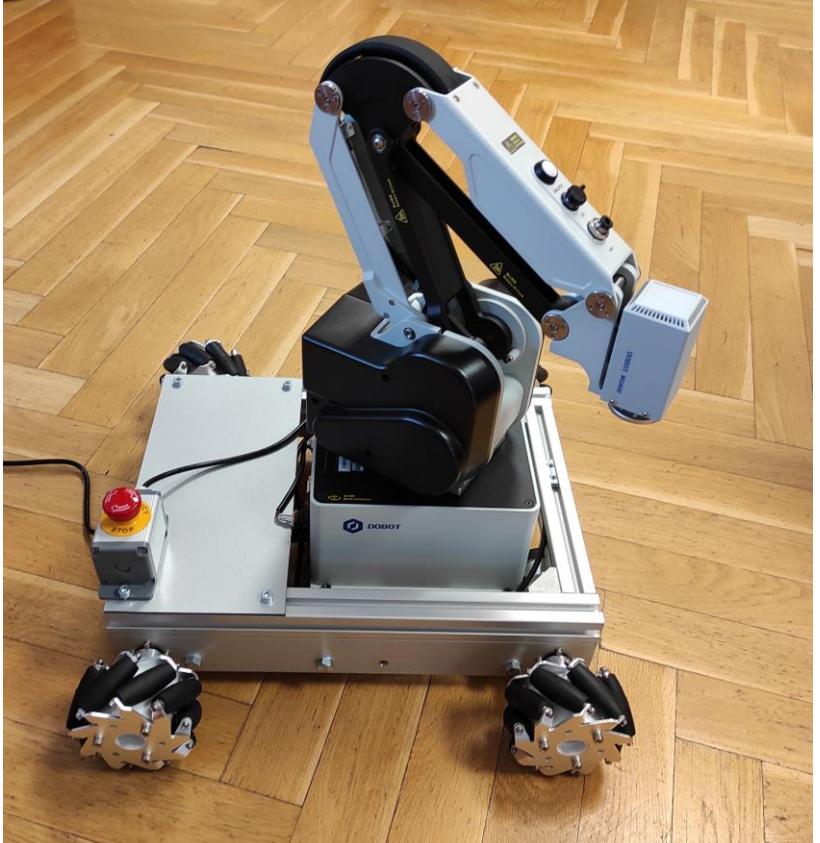
- Modeling
  - differential equations
  - Matlab and C languages
- Simulation
  - Matlab
  - C-based program
- Implementation
  - Microprocessor system
  - C-based program



# MOBILE SPACE ROBOT – FPGA-based Controller



(Xilinx Kintex Ultrascale XQRKU060 Space-Grade FPGA, e.g., ADA-SDEV-KIT2)



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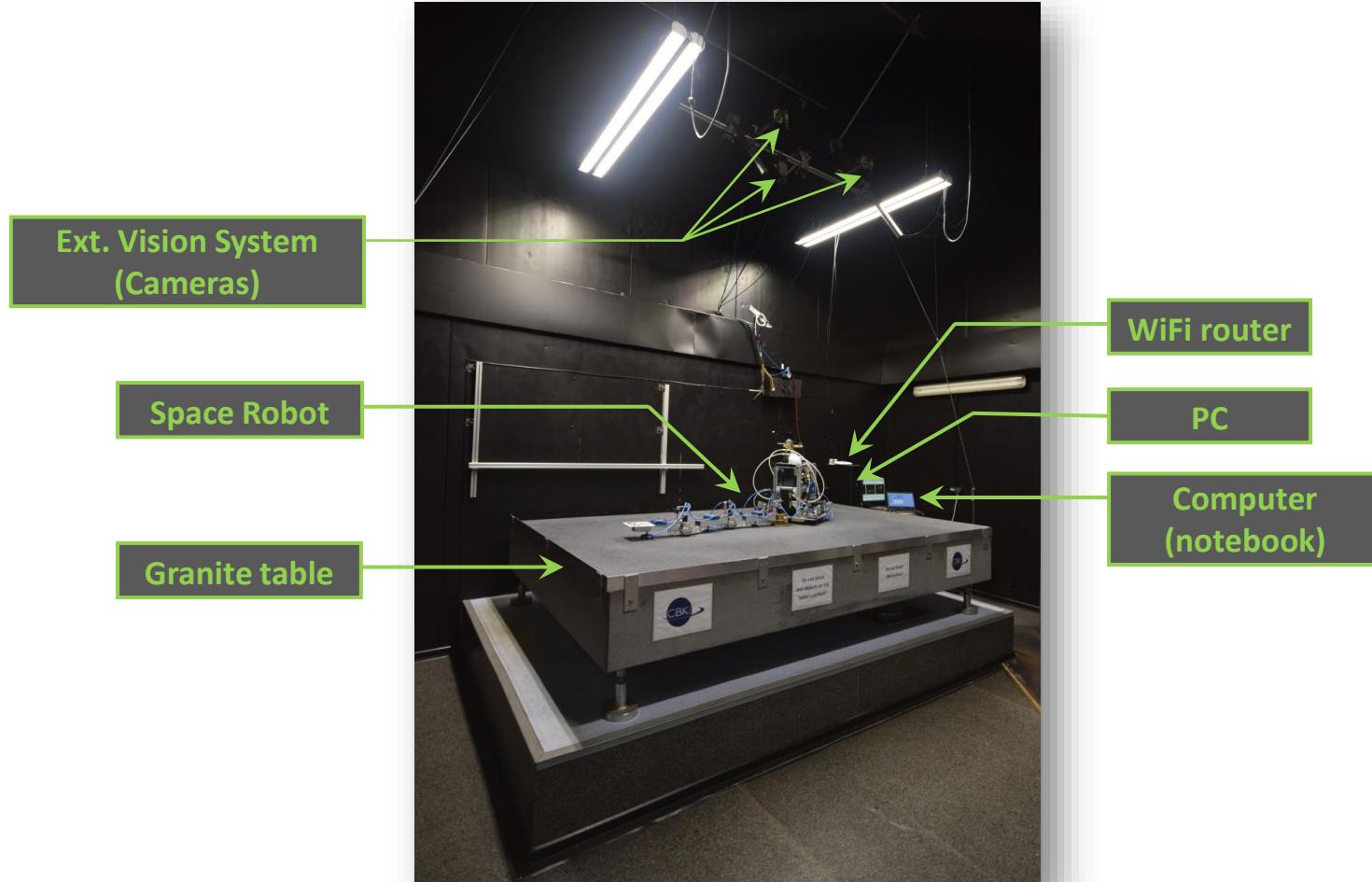


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# CBK SPACE ROBOT TEST ENV.



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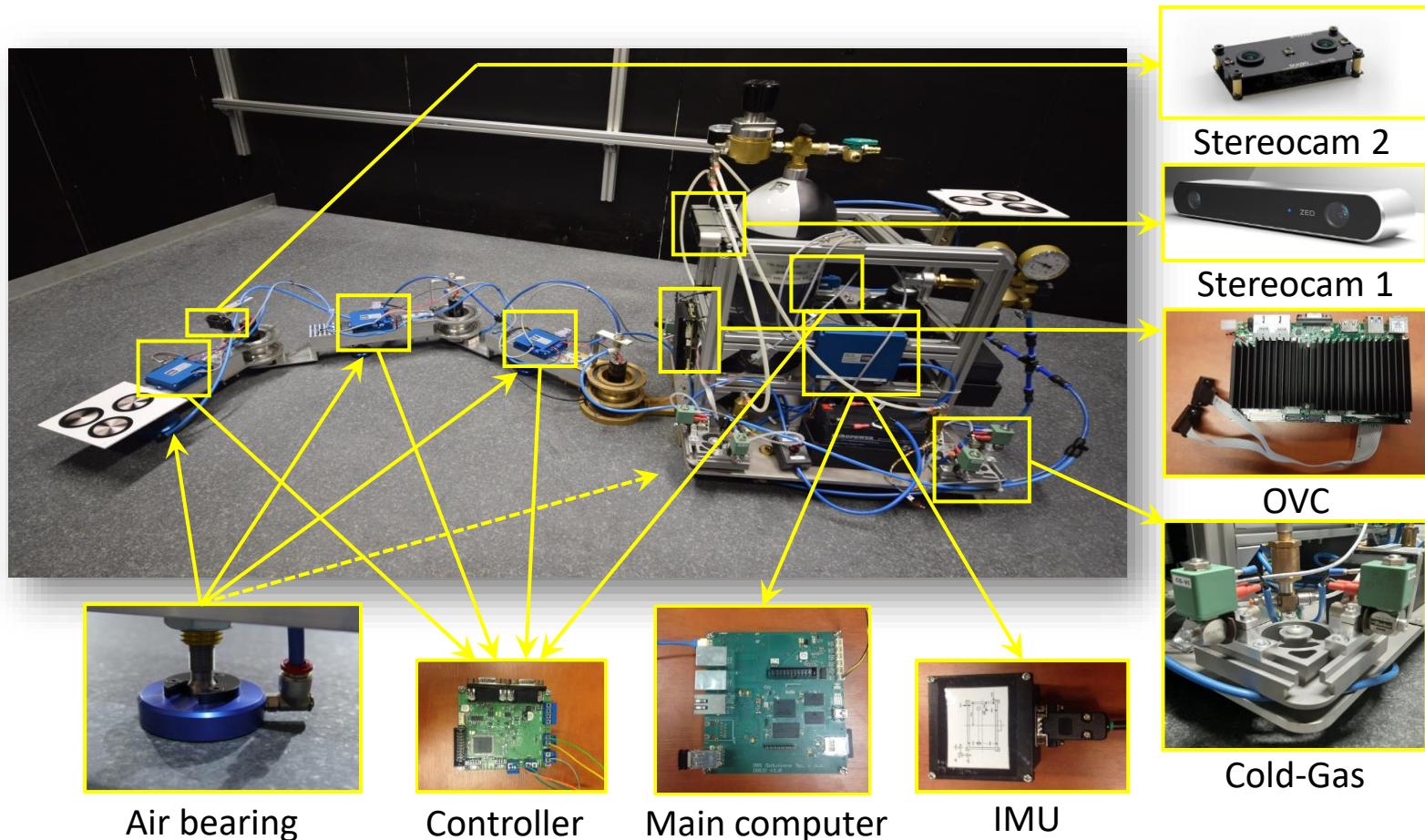


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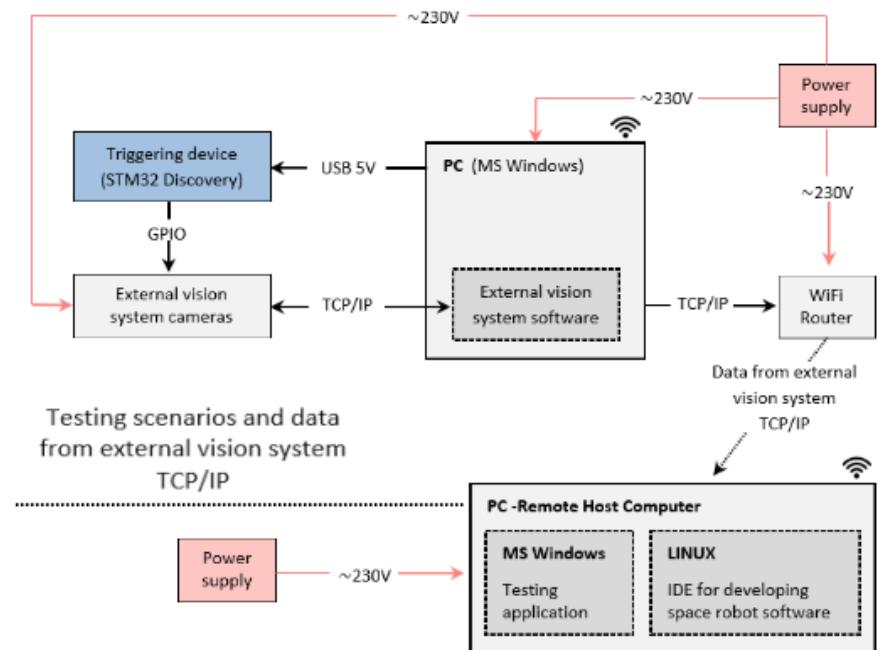
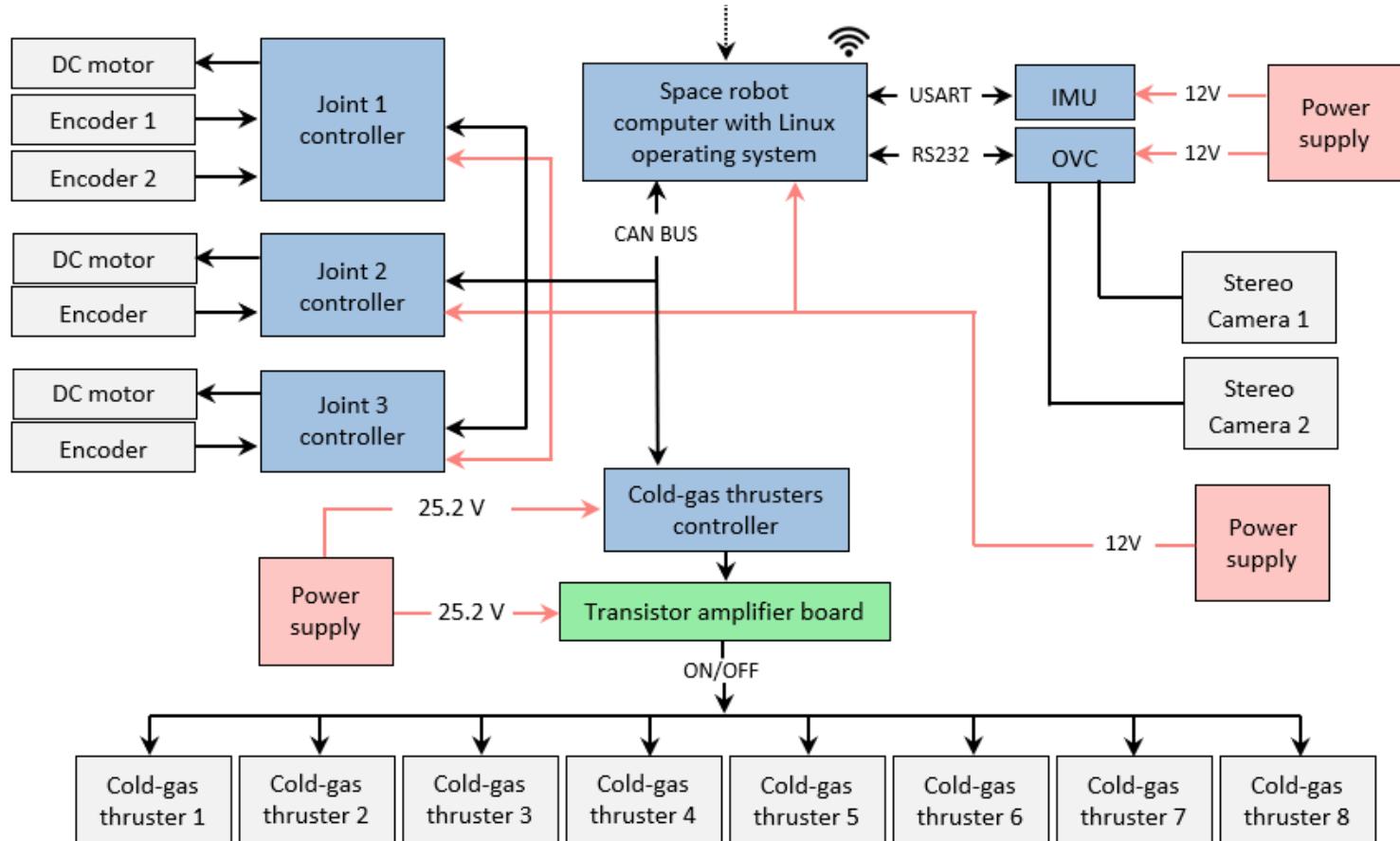
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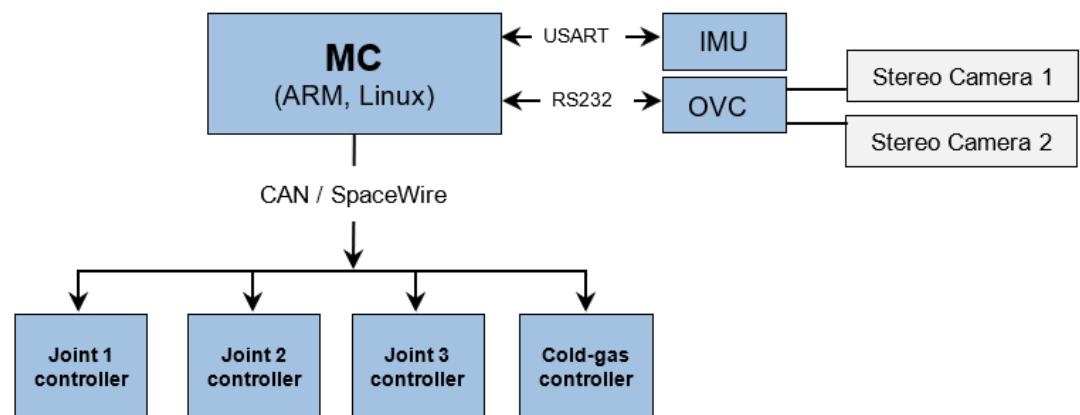
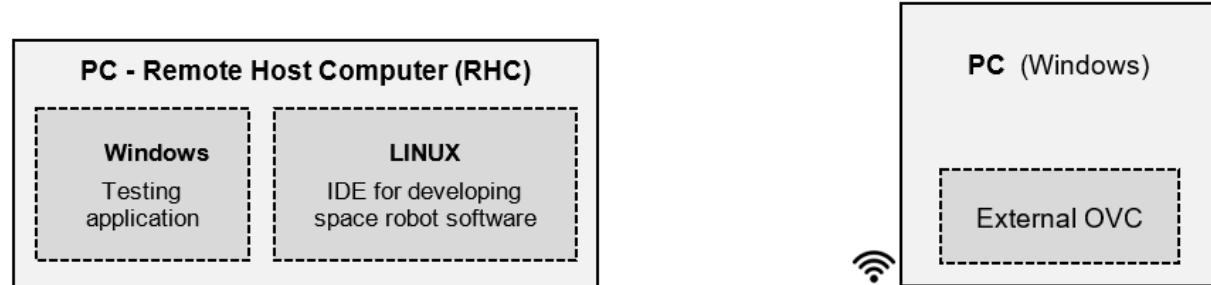
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# CBK SPACE ROBOT

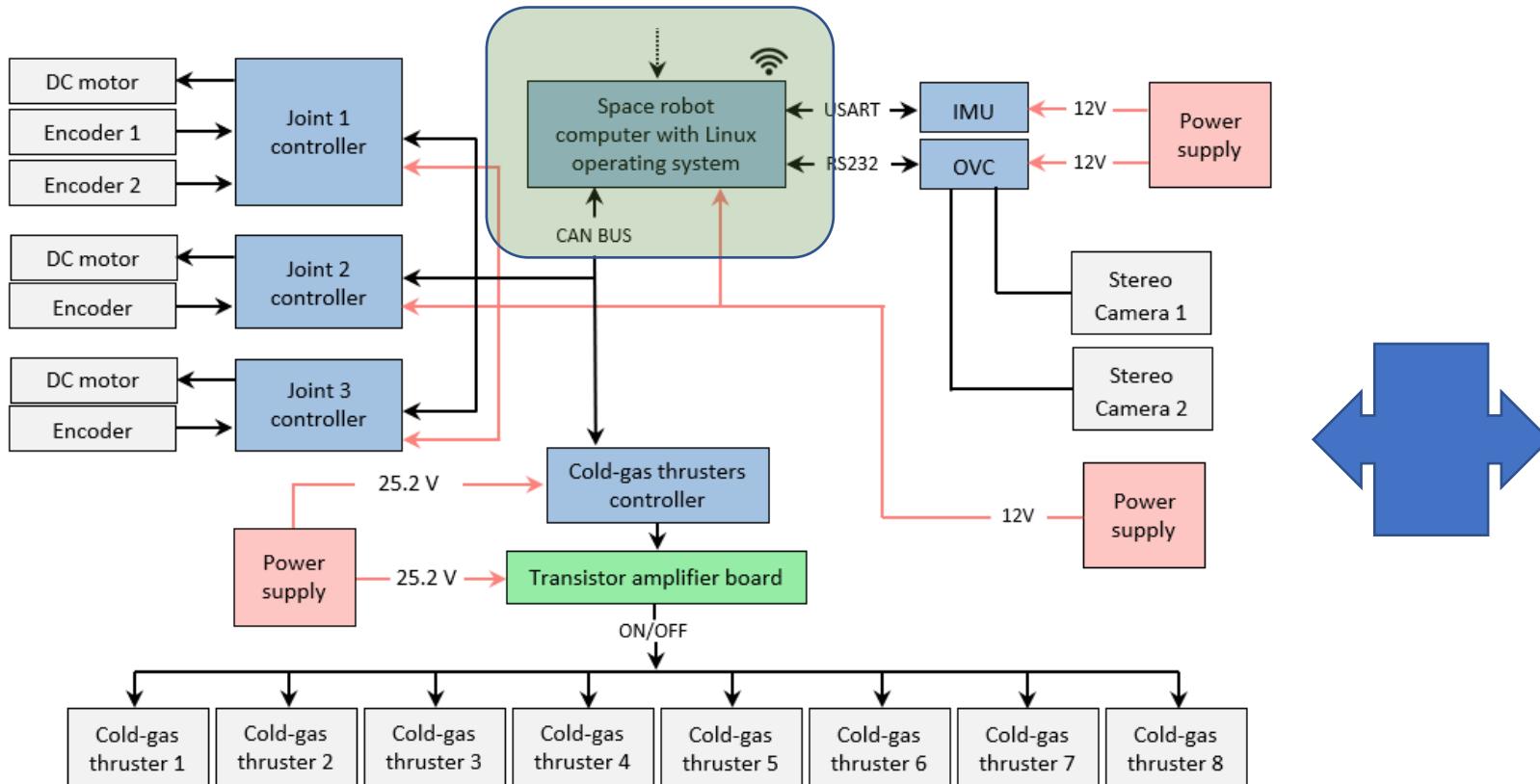
## FPGA-BASED CONTROLLER





# CBK SPACE ROBOT

ACCELERATION OF CALCULATION (BY USING RASPBERRY PI)



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# CBK SPACE ROBOT (2)

ACCELERATION OF CALCULATION (BY USING RASPBERRY PI)



## Testing procedure:

- Simulation data generation  
(program/model with full kinematics and dynamics)
- Testing with distributed calculation  
(main computer (client) + computing server)

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# CBK SPACE ROBOT (3)

## ACCELERATION OF CALCULATION (BY USING RASPBERRY PI)

```
#define N_ELEMENTS 19           // State vector size
#define N_DATA      13           // Data vector (XA) size
#define N_VSTU      11           // 8 thrusters + 3 joints

// xn - current time [sec]
// % XA - is the state vector
// %
// %          x[0] - x-position of the satellite's center of mass [m]
// %          x[1] - y-position of the satellite's center of mass [m]
// %          x[2] - satellite orientation [rad]
// %          x[3] - angular position of the first joint [rad]
// %          x[4] - angular position of the second joint [rad]
// %          x[5] - angular position of the third joint [rad]
// %          x[6] - the first derivative of x[0] [m/sec]
// %          x[7] - the first derivative of x[1] [m/sec]
// %          x[8] - the first derivative of x[2] [rad/sec]
// %          x[9] - the first derivative of x[3] [rad/sec]
// %          x[10] - the first derivative of x[4] [rad/sec]
// %          x[11] - the first derivative of x[5] [rad/sec]
// %          x[12] - mass of the system [kg]

main_client.c:
    ... yn[0..12]; // XA as above
    ... yn[13..18]; // fq[3] - velocity of end-effector, Jpq[3] - velocity of platform
    connect_set_computing(xn, yn, vstu);
```





# CBK SPACE ROBOT (4)

## ACCELERATION OF CALCULATION (BY USING RASPBERRY PI)

```
#define N_ELEMENTS 6                                // State vector size

computing_server.c:

    str2tab (buf1, 20, xyn);
    xn = (double) xyn[0];
    xk = xn+0.01;           //for f=100Hz T=0.01s
    ...  xa[0..19]=xyn[i+1];

    //call of function 'rk4': for t=<xn, xk> with integration 'step' = 5*1.0e-5
    rk4(xn, yn, xk, yk, N_ELEMENTS, step);

    //Finally, sending results to the MAIN computer
    tab2str (vstu, N_VSTU, buf);
```

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# CBK SPACE ROBOT (5)

ACCELERATION OF CALCULATION (BY USING RASPBERRY PI)



Testing procedure for distributed system:

- Wi-Fi 2.4GHz (AP)
- Wi-Fi 5GHz (AP)
- Cable Eth 1Gb (switch/direct)

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# Conclusions

1. Robust algorithm for mobile space robot
2. Software implementation of the algorithm
3. Requirements for complex calculations
4. Present testing environment too slow
5. Solution – distributed calculations
6. Building dedicated system based on FPGA