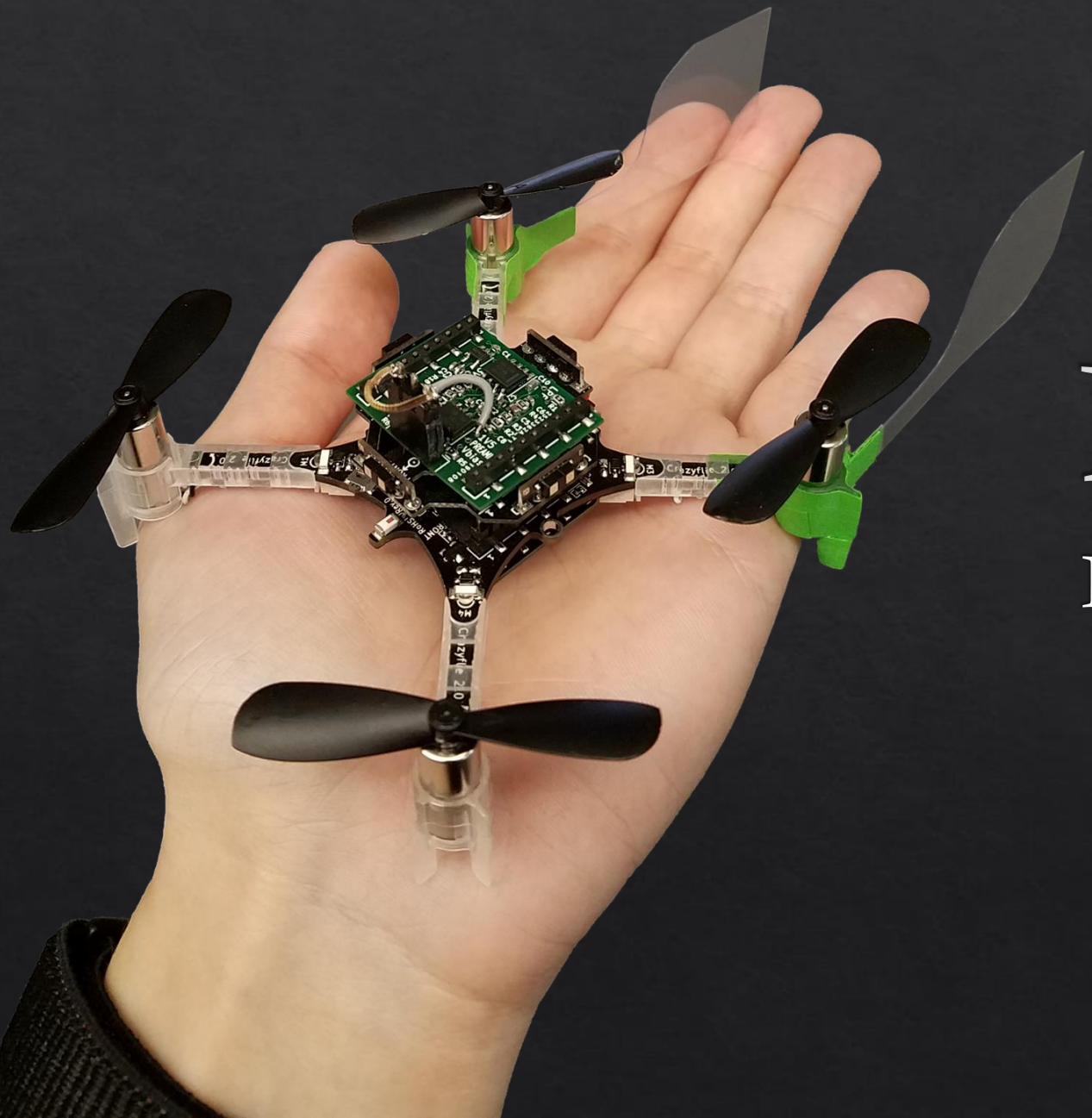

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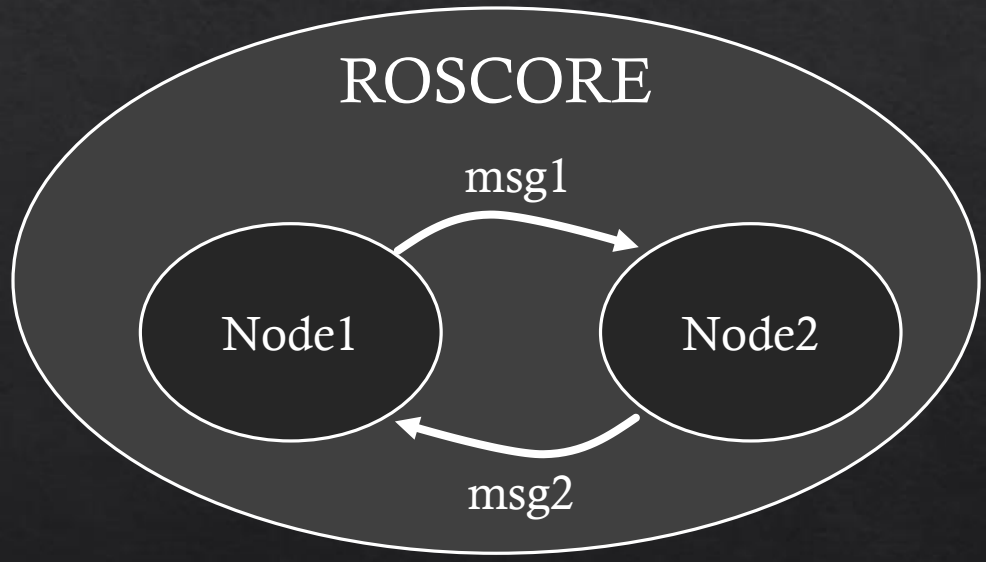
Introduction to ROS

ROS

- The Robot Operating System (ROS) is a set of software libraries and tools that help you build robot applications.



- What I like about ROS:
  - Easy to write and work with “nodes”
  - Easy to communicate between “nodes”
  - Large user database to debug
  - Portable to different robotic platforms

- This will be a very light lecture on ROS, you can learn more at http://wiki.ros.org/ROS/Tutorials

Why use ROS?

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Odor Localization

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Obstacle Avoidance

Common ROS commands

- Create a node
  - Create your python node file in your examples folder (you can use nano or a text editor)
  - Run `chmod +x file_name.py` in order to make it executable by rosrun
  - Then in catkin_ws, run `catkin_make` to rebuild the workspace
- Run the node (either works, just make sure you have a roscore running first!)
  - `python file_name.py`
  - `rosrun rospy_crazyflie file_name.py` (can be used from any directory)

- `rosnode list` will show you the nodes that are currently running
- `rostopic list` will list the current topics being published
- `rostopic echo -c /topic_name` will print out the data being published to the topic (-c clears)
- `rosrun rqt_graph rqt_graph` will show you a depiction of the relationship between the current nodes
- `rosrun rqt_plot rqt_plot` will plot data being published

Example file: Publisher

```
1.  import rospy
2.  from std_msgs.msg import String

3.  def talker():
4.      pub = rospy.Publisher('chatter', String, queue_size=10)
5.      rospy.init_node('talker', anonymous=True)
6.      rate = rospy.Rate(10) # 10hz
7.      while not rospy.is_shutdown():
8.          hello_str = "hello world %s" % rospy.get_time()
9.          rospy.loginfo(hello_str)
10.         pub.publish(hello_str)
11.         rate.sleep()

12. if __name__ == '__main__':
13.     try:
14.         talker()
15.     except rospy.ROSInterruptException:
16.         pass
```

Example file: Subscriber

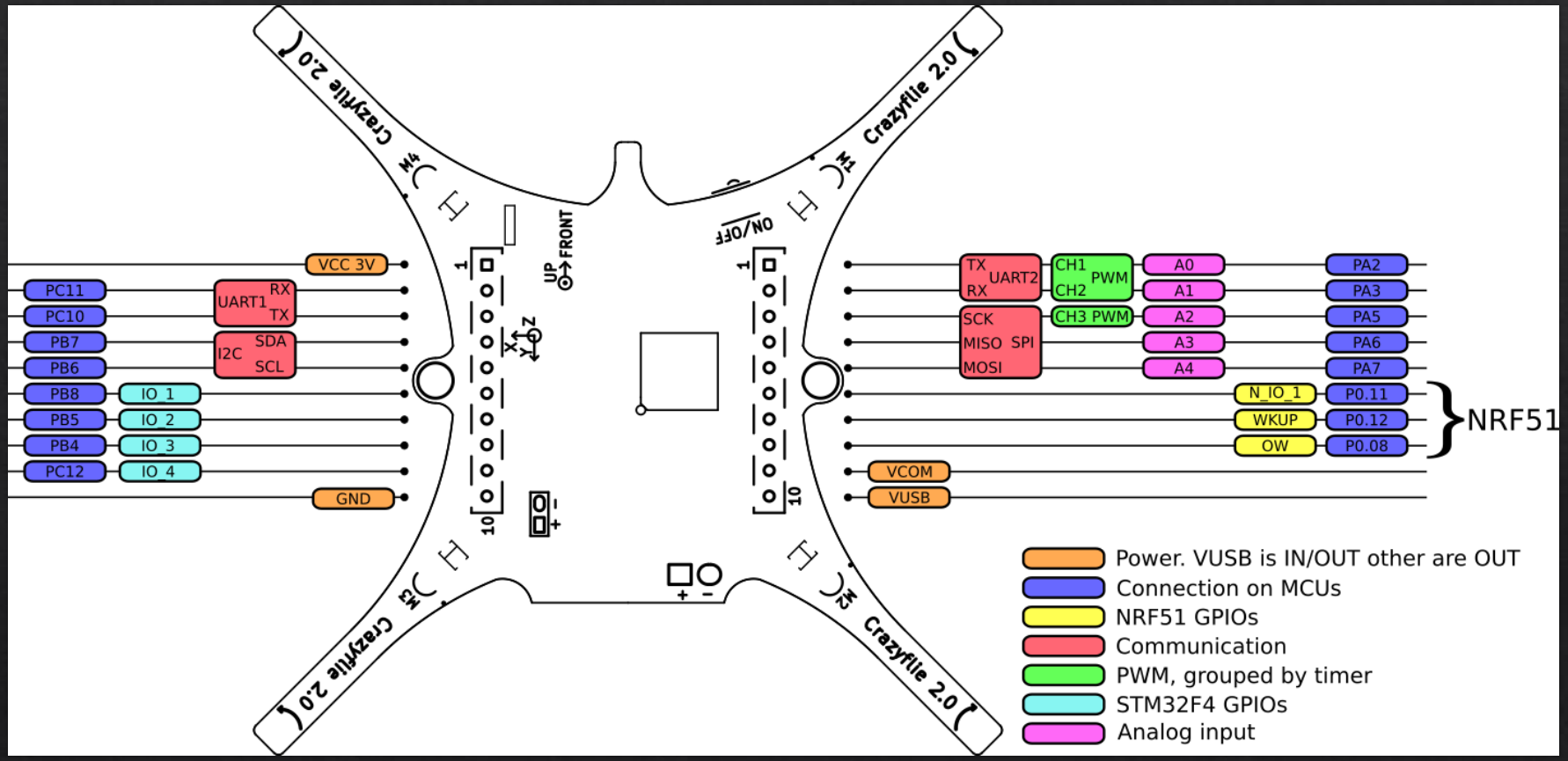
```
1.  import rospy
2.  from std_msgs.msg import String

3.  def callback(data):
4.      rospy.loginfo(rospy.get_caller_id() + "I heard %s", data.data)
5.
6.  def listener():
7.      rospy.init_node('listener', anonymous=True)
8.      rospy.Subscriber("chatter", String, callback)

9.      # spin() simply keeps python from exiting until this node is stopped
10.     rospy.spin()

11. if __name__ == '__main__':
12.     listener()
```

Problem set questions

1. Write a node which takes in keyboard input from the user and publishes it to a topic
2. Write a node which subscribes to the keyboard topic, controls the crazyflie, and publishes the flight data to a different topic
3. Write a node which subscribes to the flight data topic and live plots the data
4. Take a short video showing all of these things working together

Adding a sensor to the crazyflie

- Communicating through the crazyflie (more technical stuff about this later)



Adding a sensor to the crazyflie

- Communicating outside the crazyflie