

Flight Stand Software

User Manual

Plan, control, and manage tests with the Flight Stand software

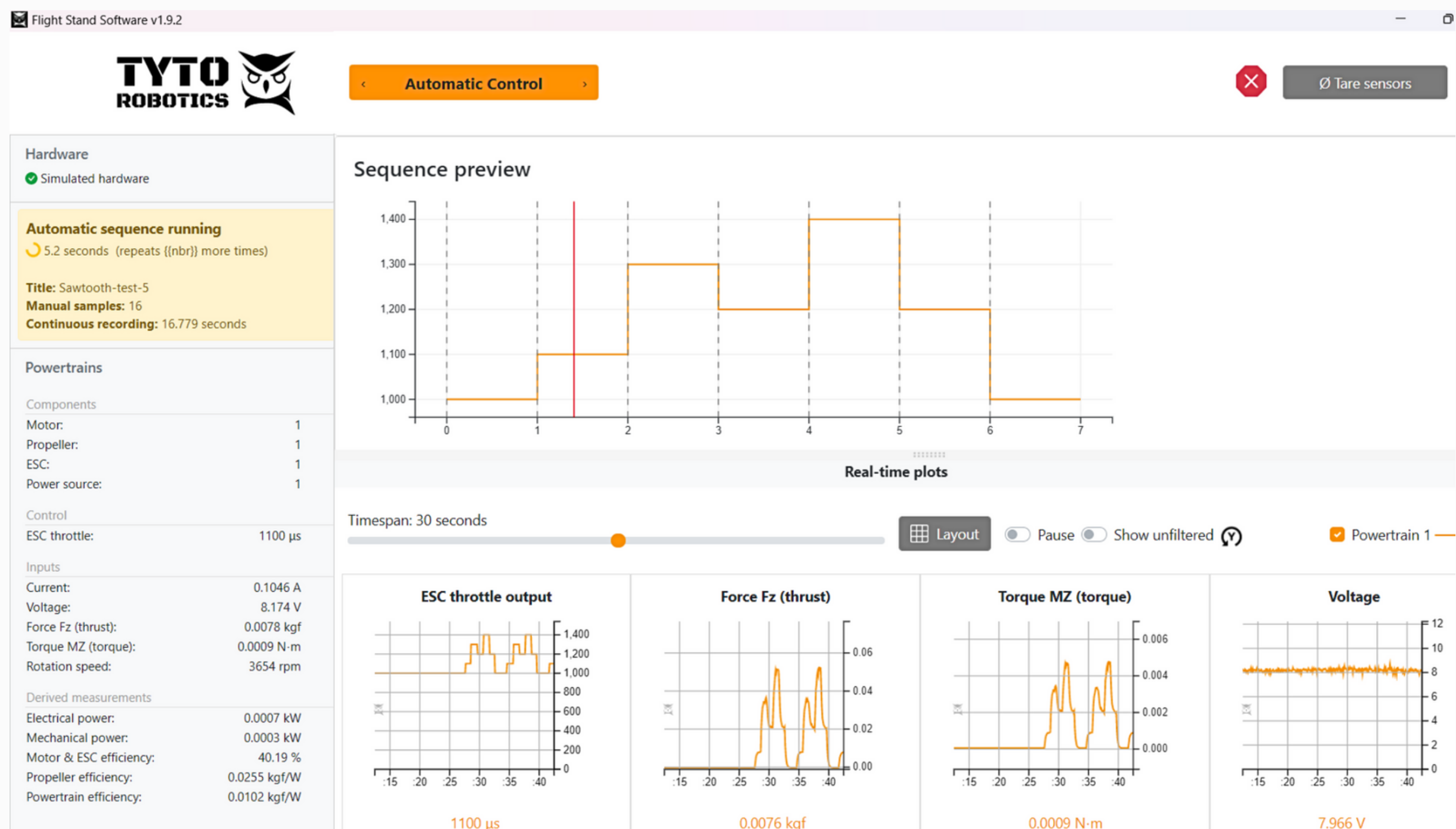


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1. Download the Software

Download and install the Flight Stand Software on your computer.

Steps:

1. Visit tytorobotics.com/download
2. Locate the "Flight Stand Software" section and click the "download" button.



Software Download Instructions

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Download the software for RCbenchmark products or for Flight Stand products.

RCbenchmark software

The platform for the RCbenchmark Series 1520, Series 1585 and Series 1780 test stands. Please download the software according to your OS.

Version: 1.2.1

Flight Stand software

The platform for the Flight Stand family of products.

Version: 1.9.3

Released: July 7th, 2023

Windows installer: [download](#)

3. After the download is complete, run the installer.

If you encounter any issues installing the software, try performing the installation in administrator mode.

2. Setup the Simulated Board (optional)

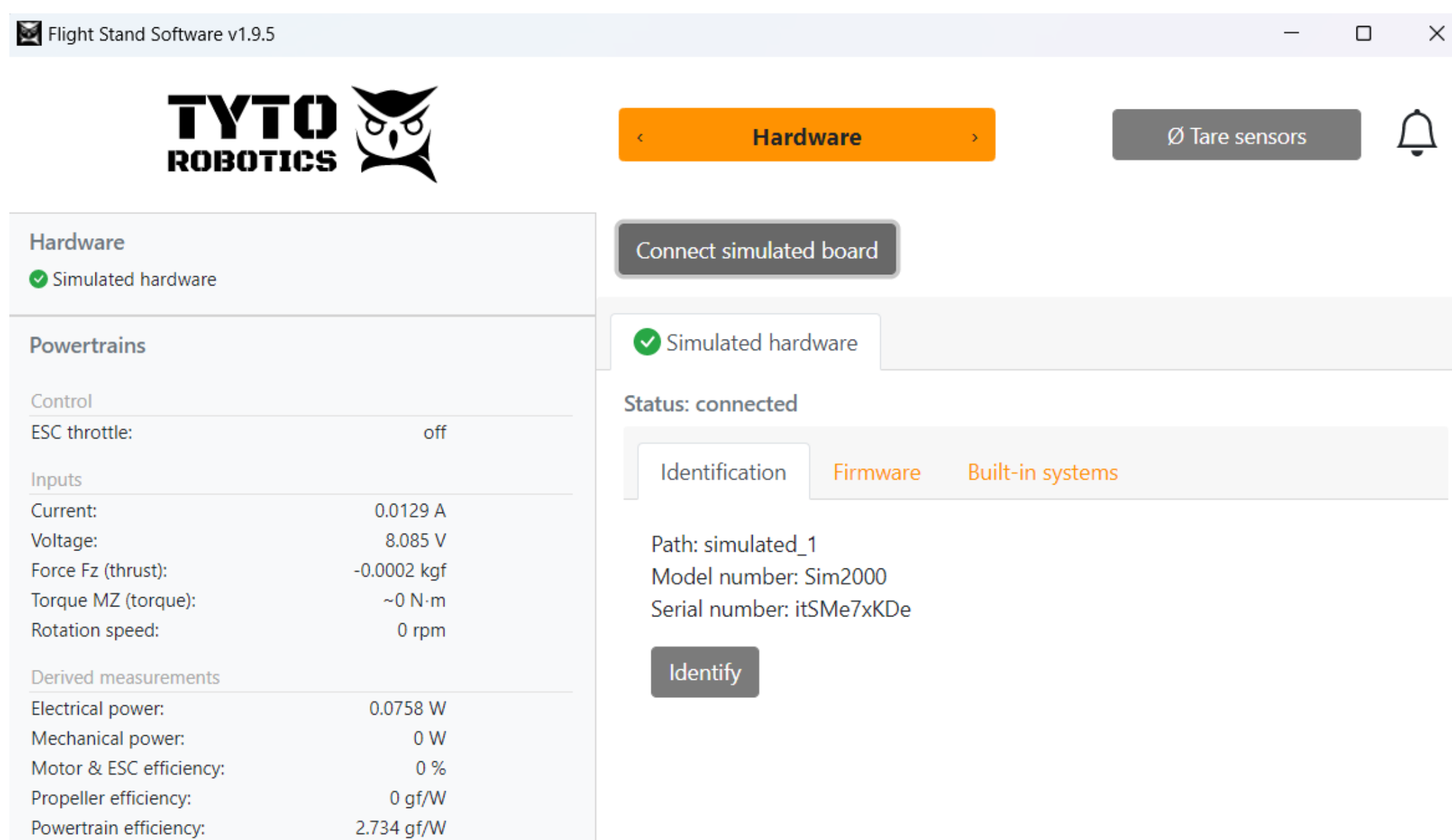
The software includes a simulated board that users can use to simulate a test and explore the software before purchasing a thrust stand. Connecting a simulated board is optional but a great way to become familiar with the platform, no purchase necessary.

The data output from the simulation are based on tests with a real motor, which were used to create a performance model.

Video Tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oszJTbkftbE>

Steps:

1. Open the Flight Stand Software and navigate to the Hardware tab.
2. Click "Connect Simulated Board". In the left panel, simulated data will be displayed.

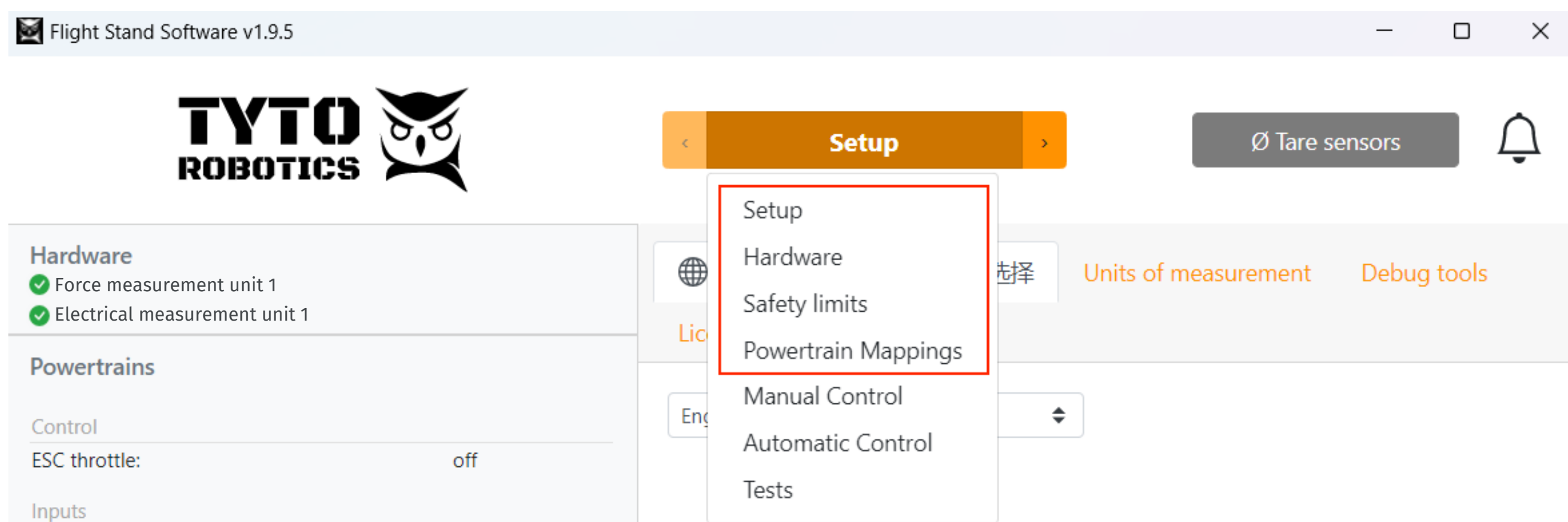


3. To simulate a dual or multi-motor system, return to the Hardware tab and click "Connect Simulated Board" again, adding another simulated powertrain.

Once the simulated board is connected, you can proceed as if it were a real thrust stand and perform the setup, tests, and data visualization described in the next sections.

3. Software Configuration

Configure the software before beginning your tests to ensure optimal performance and safety. Here we will cover the settings in the first four options of the drop-down menu.



Video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/JUSK1Mns0TA?si=jojtv8rcm57Np1vZ&t=27>

Steps:

1. Open the Flight Stand software.
2. Connect your Flight Stand to the USB port of your computer. In the left panel, the Force Measurement Unit and Electrical Measurement Unit will appear.
3. Click on 'Setup': customize your units of measurement.
4. Click on 'Hardware': see details about the Flight Stand(s) connected, including serial number, firmware, and which additional systems are active, such as servo controllers and probes.
5. Click on 'Safety limits': set safety cut-off values that will limit how high or low your thrust, torque, voltage, current, RPM, and other parameters can go.
6. Click on 'Powertrains': map your powertrains by assigning names to your motor, propeller, ESC, and power source. Ensure that the powertrains are associated with the correct force and electrical measurement units.

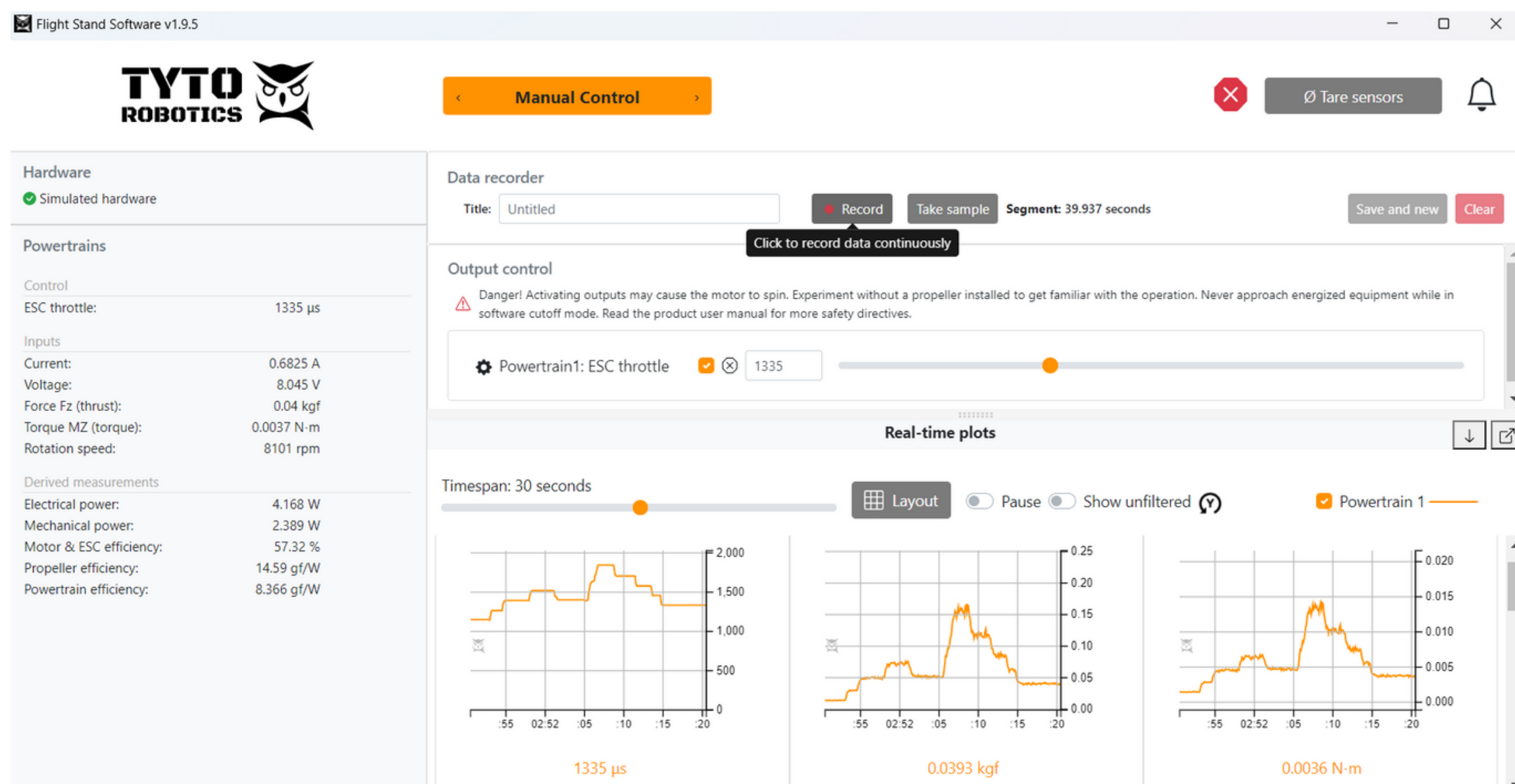
4. Manual Testing

Perform manual control tests using the ESC throttle slider.

Video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/FzfvaZogpwQ?si=6XANU7NCvHQAaHju>

Steps:

1. Connect and configure your Flight Stand.
2. Select 'Manual Control' in the main drop-down menu.
3. Name your test.
4. Select how you would like to record data: continuously by clicking 'Record' or with snapshots using the 'Take sample' button.
5. Activate your ESC by checking the box next to the throttle slider.
6. Drag the throttle slider to start the test or enter a throttle value in the text box. The incoming data is visible on the real-time plots.



7. When you are finished, deactivate your ESC by unchecking the box next to the slider.
8. Stop continuous recording by again clicking on the 'Record' button
9. Click 'Save and new' to save your test.
10. View your results in the 'Test' tab where you can also export your data.

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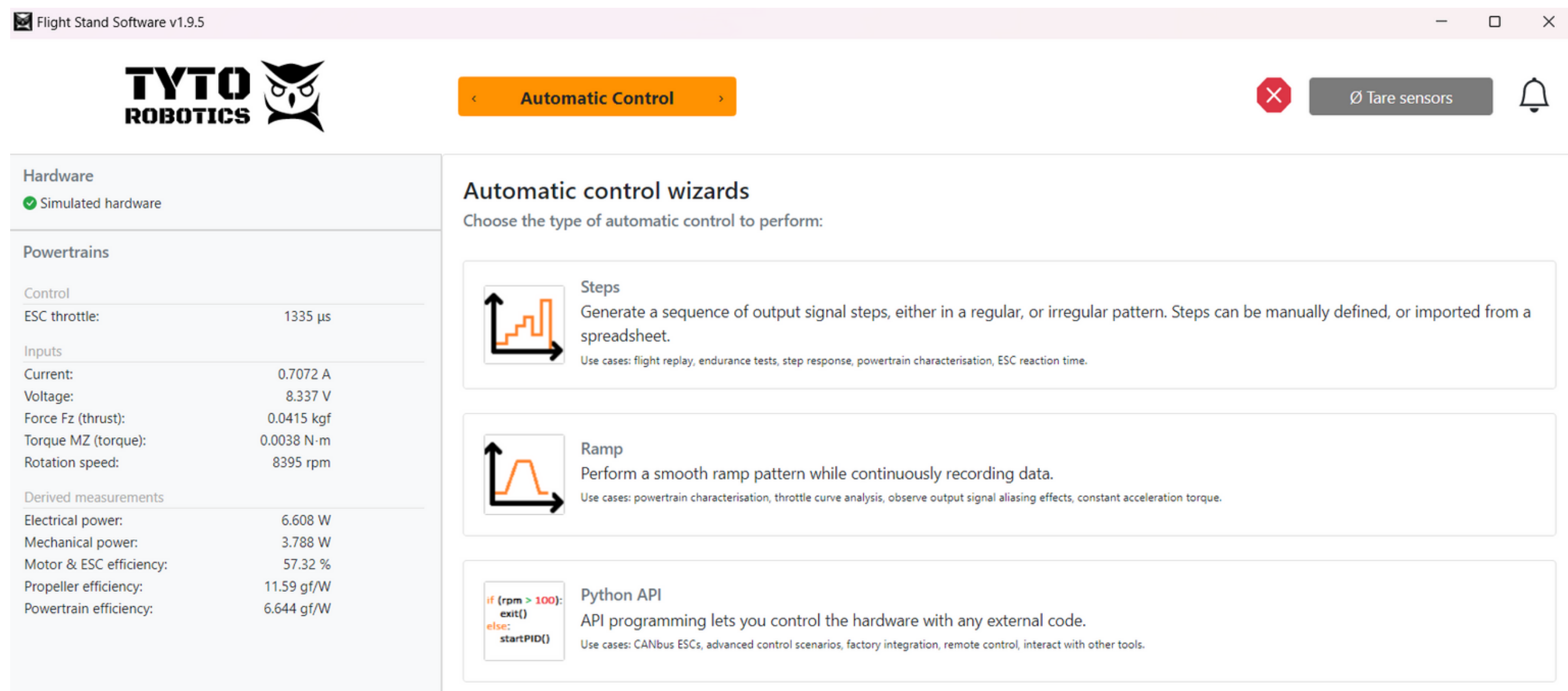
Set up and program automated tests using one of several methods.

a. Values table

Video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/0RqCtd3qnwc?si=l44l6jeJQab18dnr>

Steps:

1. In the 'Manual Control' tab, activate the ESC.
2. In the 'Automatic Control' tab, select a type of test (Step or Ramp).

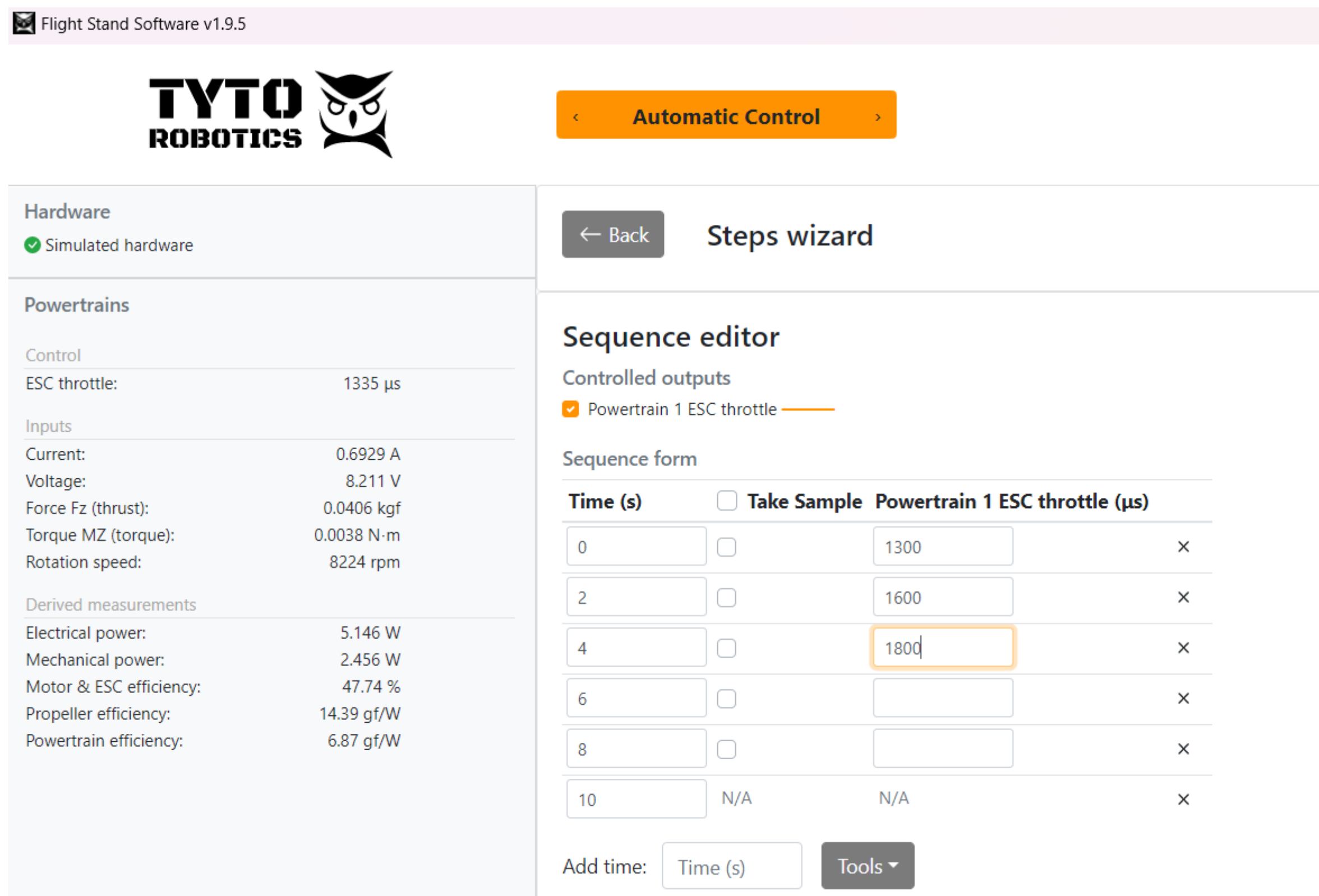


The screenshot shows the Flight Stand Software v1.9.5 interface. The top bar includes the Tyto Robotics logo, a navigation menu with 'Automatic Control' selected, and a 'Tare sensors' button. The main content area is divided into two panels:

- Hardware Panel (Left):** Shows 'Simulated hardware' status. Under 'Powertrains', it lists 'Control' with 'ESC throttle: 1335 μs'. Under 'Inputs', it lists 'Current: 0.7072 A', 'Voltage: 8.337 V', 'Force Fz (thrust): 0.0415 kgf', 'Torque MZ (torque): 0.0038 N·m', and 'Rotation speed: 8395 rpm'. Under 'Derived measurements', it lists 'Electrical power: 6.608 W', 'Mechanical power: 3.788 W', 'Motor & ESC efficiency: 57.32%', 'Propeller efficiency: 11.59 gf/W', and 'Powertrain efficiency: 6.644 gf/W'.
- Automatic control wizards Panel (Right):** Prompts the user to 'Choose the type of automatic control to perform:'. It offers three options:
 - Steps:** Generate a sequence of output signal steps, either in a regular, or irregular pattern. Steps can be manually defined, or imported from a spreadsheet. Use cases: flight replay, endurance tests, step response, powertrain characterisation, ESC reaction time.
 - Ramp:** Perform a smooth ramp pattern while continuously recording data. Use cases: powertrain characterisation, throttle curve analysis, observe output signal aliasing effects, constant acceleration torque.
 - Python API:** API programming lets you control the hardware with any external code. Use cases: CANbus ESCs, advanced control scenarios, factory integration, remote control, interact with other tools.

3. Under 'Controlled outputs' check the box next to the powertrain(s) you'd like to test.
4. Under 'Sequence form', use the 'Add Row' box to enter the time points at which you'd like to make a change in the throttle.

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Automatic Control

← Back Steps wizard

Hardware
 Simulated hardware

Powertrains

Control
 ESC throttle: 1335 μ s

Inputs
 Current: 0.6929 A
 Voltage: 8.211 V
 Force Fz (thrust): 0.0406 kgf
 Torque MZ (torque): 0.0038 N·m
 Rotation speed: 8224 rpm

Derived measurements
 Electrical power: 5.146 W
 Mechanical power: 2.456 W
 Motor & ESC efficiency: 47.74 %
 Propeller efficiency: 14.39 gf/W
 Powertrain efficiency: 6.87 gf/W

Sequence editor

Controlled outputs
 Powertrain 1 ESC throttle

Sequence form

Time (s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Take Sample	Powertrain 1 ESC throttle (μ s)	
0	<input type="checkbox"/>	1300	×
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	1600	×
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	1800	×
6	<input type="checkbox"/>		×
8	<input type="checkbox"/>		×
10	N/A	N/A	×

Add time:

5. In the 'Powertrain throttle' column, add the throttle values you'd like to correspond with the time points in the 'Time' column.

6. Choose how you would like to collect data:

a. To take a sample at each time point, check the 'Take sample' box in the table.

b. To continuously record data, scroll down to 'Sequence runner' and toggle on 'Continuous recording'.

7. Scroll down to the 'Sequence Preview' to see how your test looks.

8. To loop your test, enter the number of repeats in the 'Loop sequence' box.

9. Name the test in the 'Title' box.

10. Click 'Execute sequence' to run the test.

11. Once the test is complete, a yellow box will appear in the left panel where you can Save or Discard your data.

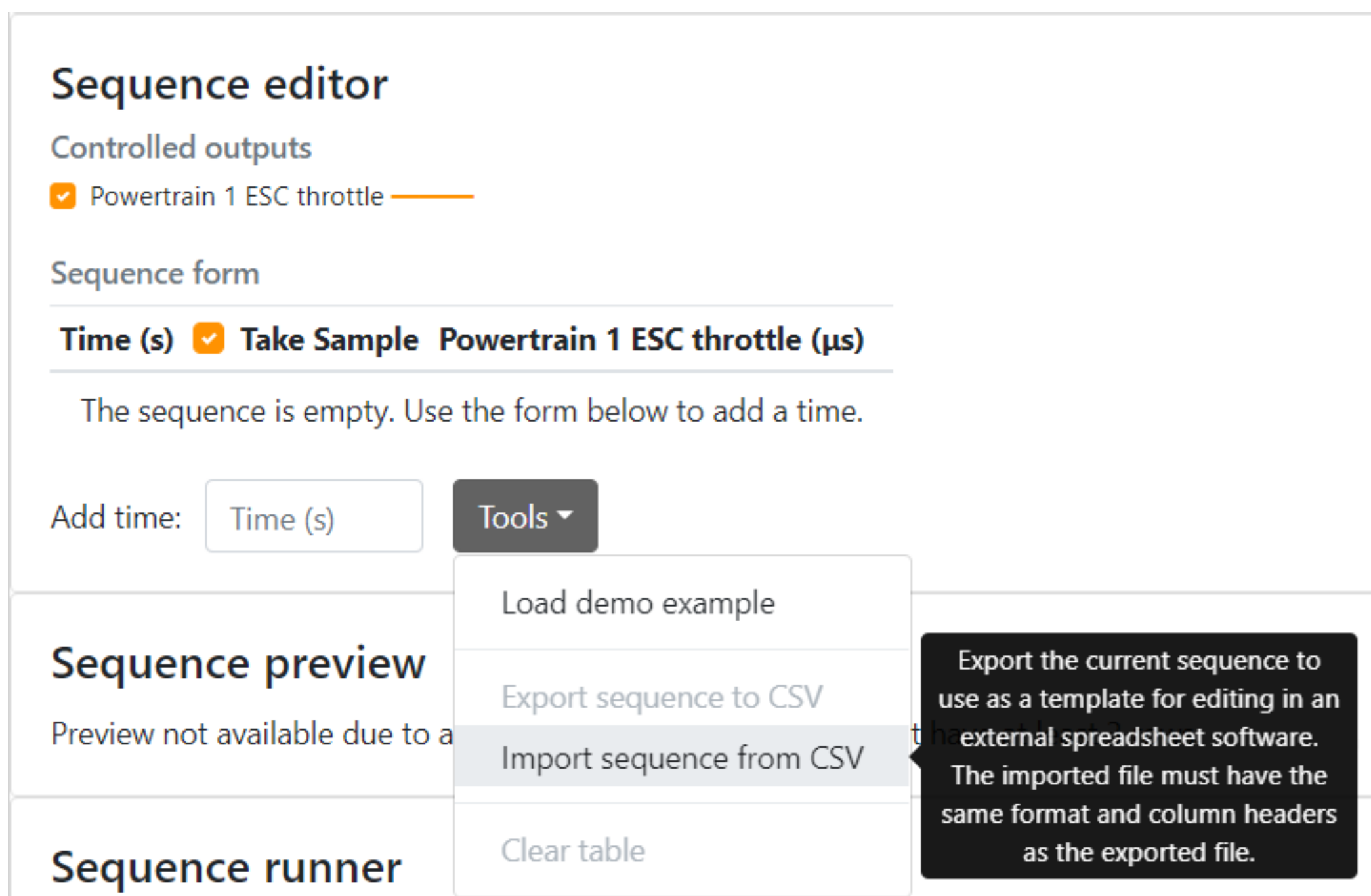
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b. CSV Upload/ Flight Replay

Video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/FroCYgVlPgQ?si=3QrXeoAZ26-I1jBM>

Steps:

1. After selecting a type of automated test, under 'Sequence editor', click the 'Tools' drop-down and select 'Load demo example'.
2. Again under the 'Tools' drop-down, select 'Export sequence from CSV'.
3. Use the exported CSV file as a template and add your desired time and throttle points.
4. Once your file is ready, return to the 'Tools' drop-down, select 'Import sequence from CSV' and upload the edited CSV file from your computer.



5. Scroll down to preview and execute the sequence. Once the test is complete, a yellow box will appear in the left panel where you can Save or Discard your data.

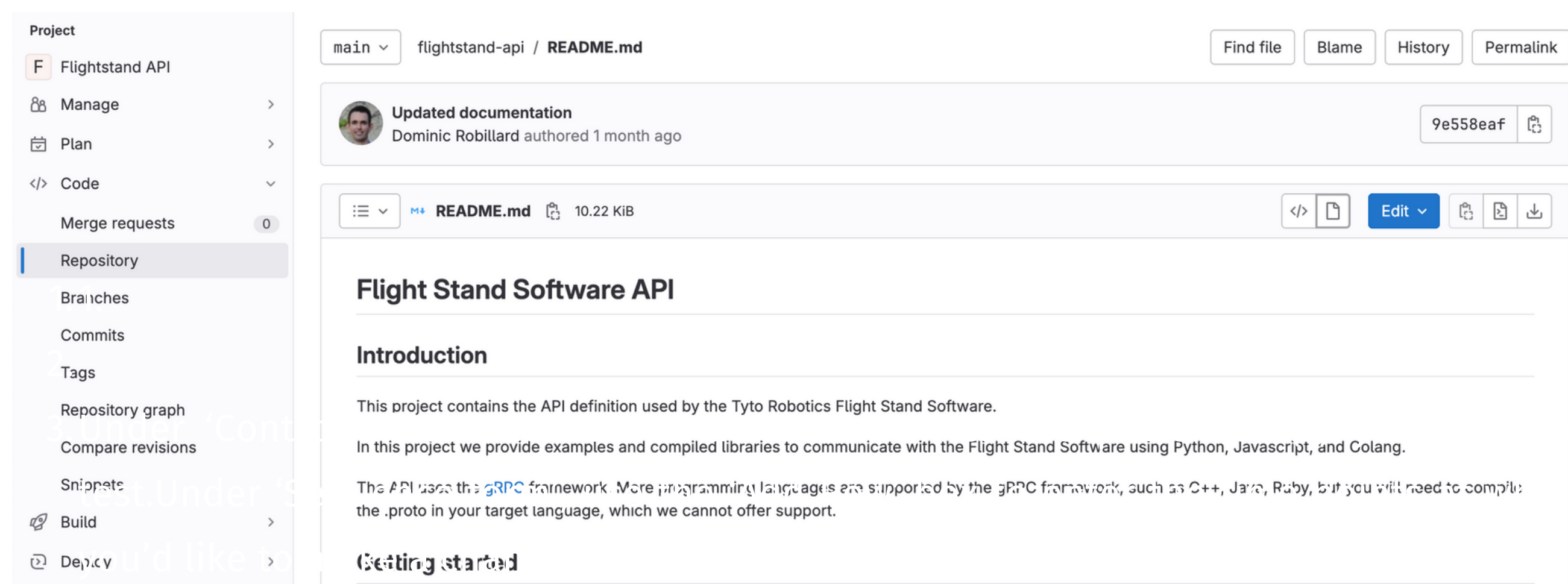
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c. Python API

Video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/Gkf0dAnA1w4?si=nV3WNBGPCv49miR8>

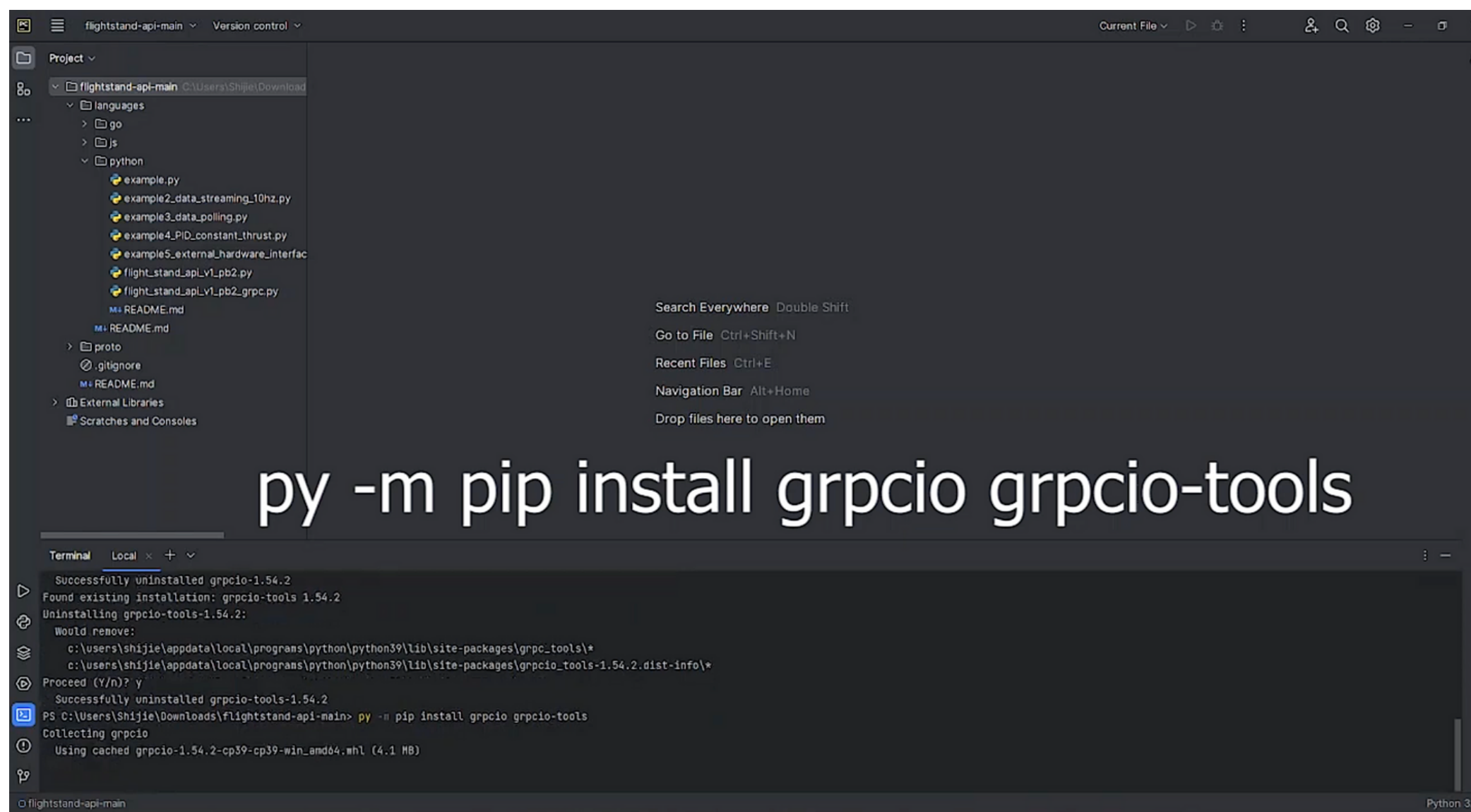
Steps:

1. Before starting, ensure you have the latest version of the Flight Stand software installed on your computer as well as a text editor with a Python compiler.
2. In the 'Hardware' tab of the Flight Stand software, connect your Flight Stand.
3. Navigate to the 'Automatic Control' tab and select 'Python API' from the test options.
4. Open the repository at: <https://gitlab.com/TytoRobotics/flightstand-api> and read the 'README' file.



5. Open your preferred text editor (i.e. PyCharm).
6. In PyCharm you will need to configure a virtual environment.
 - a. If you are using another text editor such as VS Code you will have to install Python or the Python extension.
7. In PyCharm, open the Python folder in the repository.
8. Open up a terminal in the folder and run the following command: `py -m pip install grpcio grpcio-tools`

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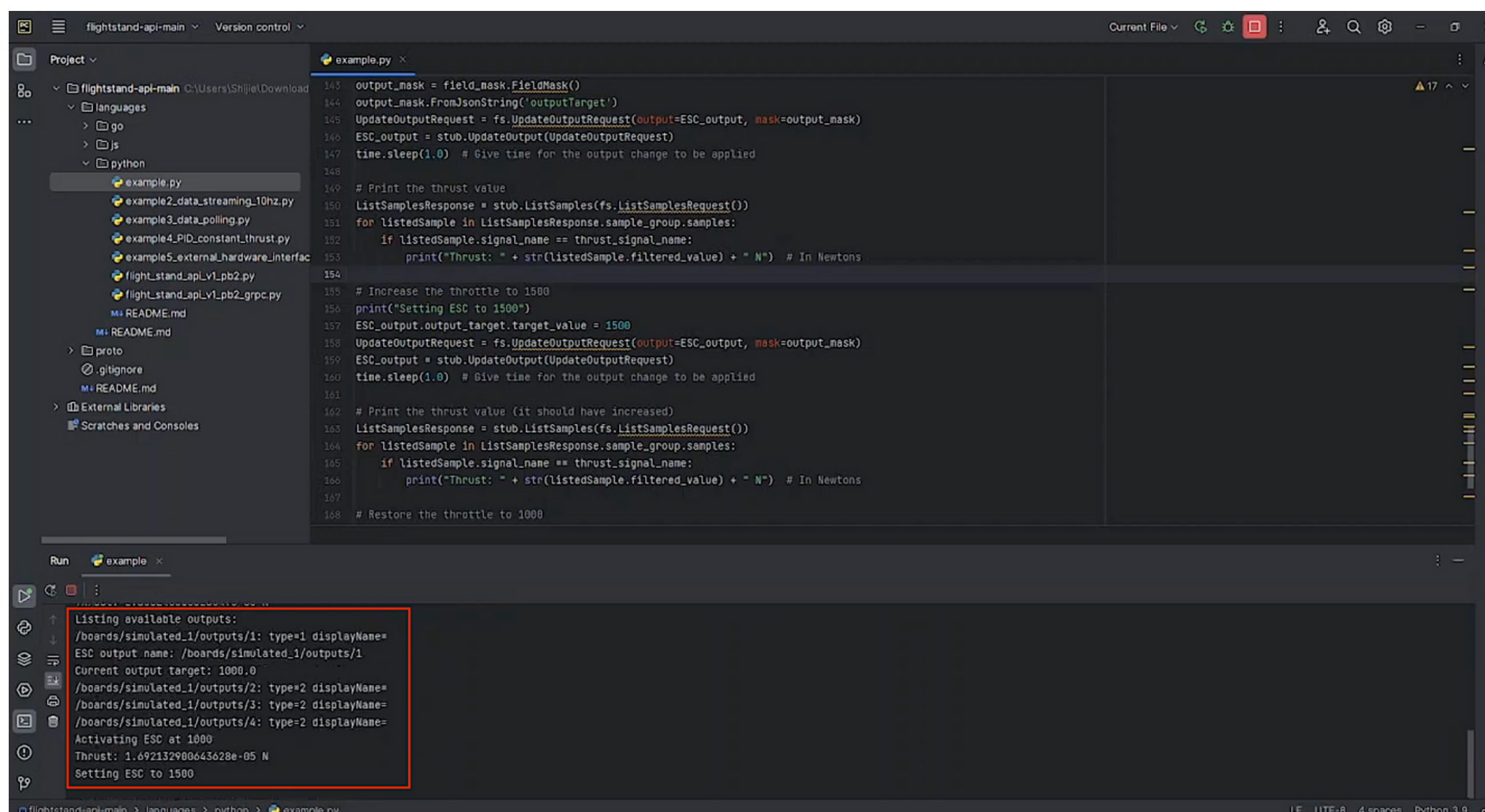
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Successfully uninstalled grpcio-1.54.2
Found existing installation: grpcio-tools 1.54.2
Uninstalling grpcio-tools-1.54.2:
  would remove:
    c:\users\shijie\appdata\local\programs\python\python39\lib\site-packages\grpc_tools\*
    c:\users\shijie\appdata\local\programs\python\python39\lib\site-packages\grpcio_tools-1.54.2.dist-info\*
Proceed (y/n)? y
Successfully uninstalled grpcio-tools-1.54.2
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Collecting grpcio
  Using cached grpcio-1.54.2-cp39-cp39-win_amd64.whl (4.1 MB)

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9. To verify your connection, open the Flight Stand software and make the real-time plots visible. Then in Python, run example.py.

- a. In PyCharm, the terminal will output all available boards, automatically connect the simulated board, and list all available inputs and outputs for that board.
- b. If the connection was successful, the last few lines in the terminal should reflect the ESC throttle values you see in the Flight Stand software.



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example.py
143 output_mask = field_mask.FieldMask()
144 output_mask.FromJsonString('outputTarget')
145 UpdateOutputRequest = fs.UpdateOutputRequest(output=ESC_output, mask=output_mask)
146 ESC_output = stub.UpdateOutput(UpdateOutputRequest)
147 time.sleep(1.0) # Give time for the output change to be applied
148
149 # Print the thrust value
150 ListSamplesResponse = stub.ListSamples(fs.ListSamplesRequest())
151 for listedSample in ListSamplesResponse.sample_group.samples:
152     if listedSample.signal_name == thrust_signal_name:
153         print("Thrust: " + str(listedSample.filtered_value) + " N") # In Newtons
154
155 # Increase the throttle to 1500
156 print("Setting ESC to 1500")
157 ESC_output.output_target.target_value = 1500
158 UpdateOutputRequest = fs.UpdateOutputRequest(output=ESC_output, mask=output_mask)
159 ESC_output = stub.UpdateOutput(UpdateOutputRequest)
160 time.sleep(1.0) # Give time for the output change to be applied
161
162 # Print the thrust value (it should have increased)
163 ListSamplesResponse = stub.ListSamples(fs.ListSamplesRequest())
164 for listedSample in ListSamplesResponse.sample_group.samples:
165     if listedSample.signal_name == thrust_signal_name:
166         print("Thrust: " + str(listedSample.filtered_value) + " N") # In Newtons
167
168 # Restore the throttle to 1000

Listing available outputs:
/boards/simulated_1/outputs/1: type=1 displayName=
ESC output name: /boards/simulated_1/outputs/1
Current output target: 1000.0
/boards/simulated_1/outputs/2: type=2 displayName=
/boards/simulated_1/outputs/3: type=2 displayName=
/boards/simulated_1/outputs/4: type=2 displayName=
Activating ESC at 1000
Thrust: 1.692132980643628e-05 N
Setting ESC to 1500

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d. Prepared test scripts

This Google sheet:

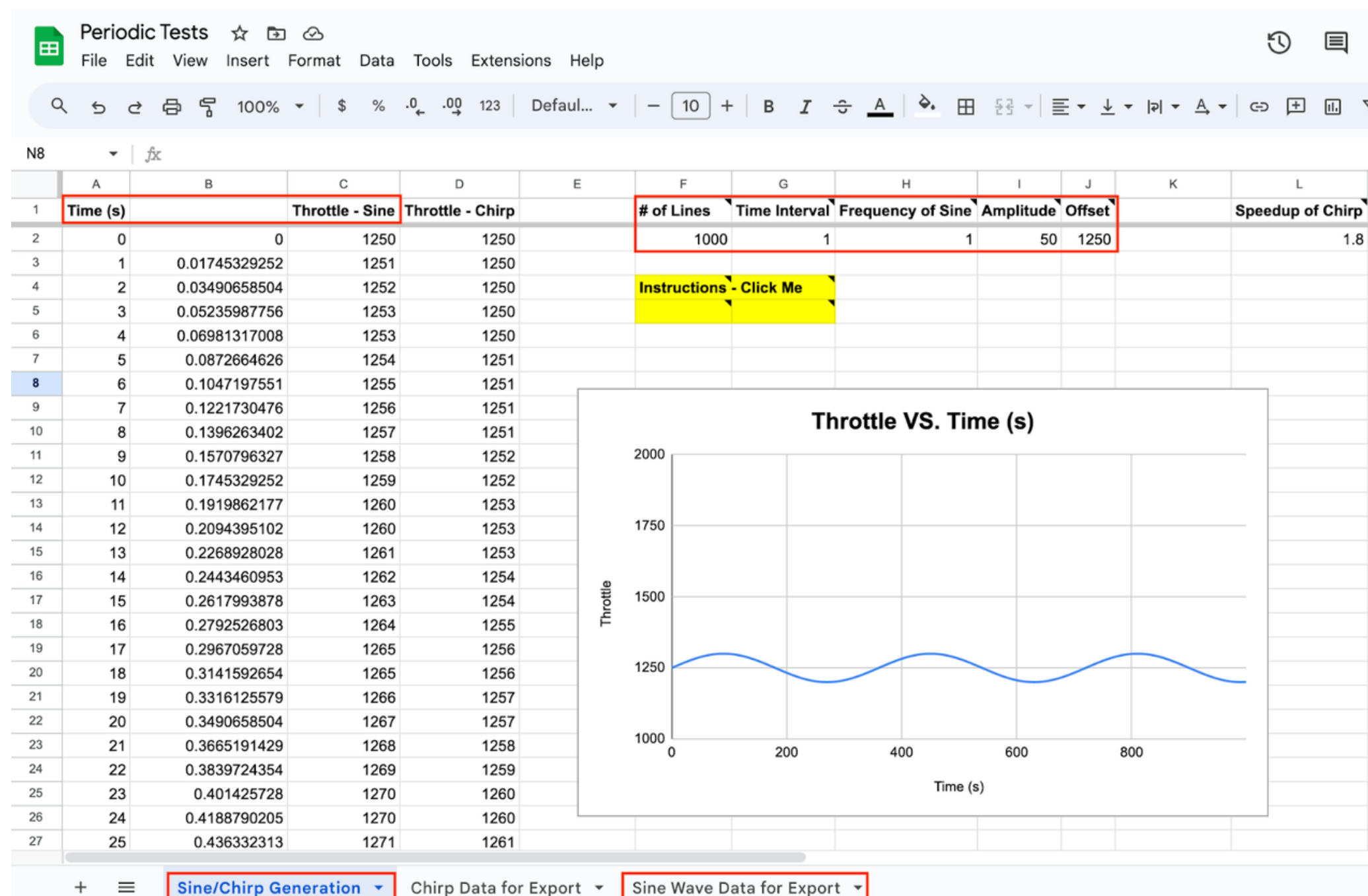
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XvXoo7h2_0t1s1L2px2kDtGj2X2kDnwxDqttWxkEFus/edit?usp=sharing contains the templates for the Sine wave, Chirp signal, and Sawtooth tests. Add a copy to your Google Drive by clicking 'File' → 'Make a copy'.

i. Sine wave

Video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/0pu8JYqnV80>

Steps:

1. Open your copy of the Google sheet and navigate to the 'Sine/Chirp Generation' tab.
2. Adjust the # of lines, speedup, frequency, amplitude, and offset values in row 2 to design your sine wave. This will adjust the preview in the 'Throttle vs. Time' graph.
3. Copy the 'Time' and 'Throttle - Sine' data into the 'Sine Wave Data for Export' tab.
4. Download the file as a CSV file (File → Download → .csv).



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5. Open the Flight Stand software and navigate to the 'Automated Control' tab, click on 'Step test'.
6. Under 'Tools', select 'Import sequence from CSV'.
7. Select and import the CSV file that you downloaded from the Google sheet.
8. The sine wave data points will be displayed in the table and a preview of the wave will be shown in the Sequence preview window.
9. Click 'Execute sequence' to run the test.
10. Once the test is complete, a yellow box will appear in the left panel where you can Save or Discard your data.

ii. Chirp signal

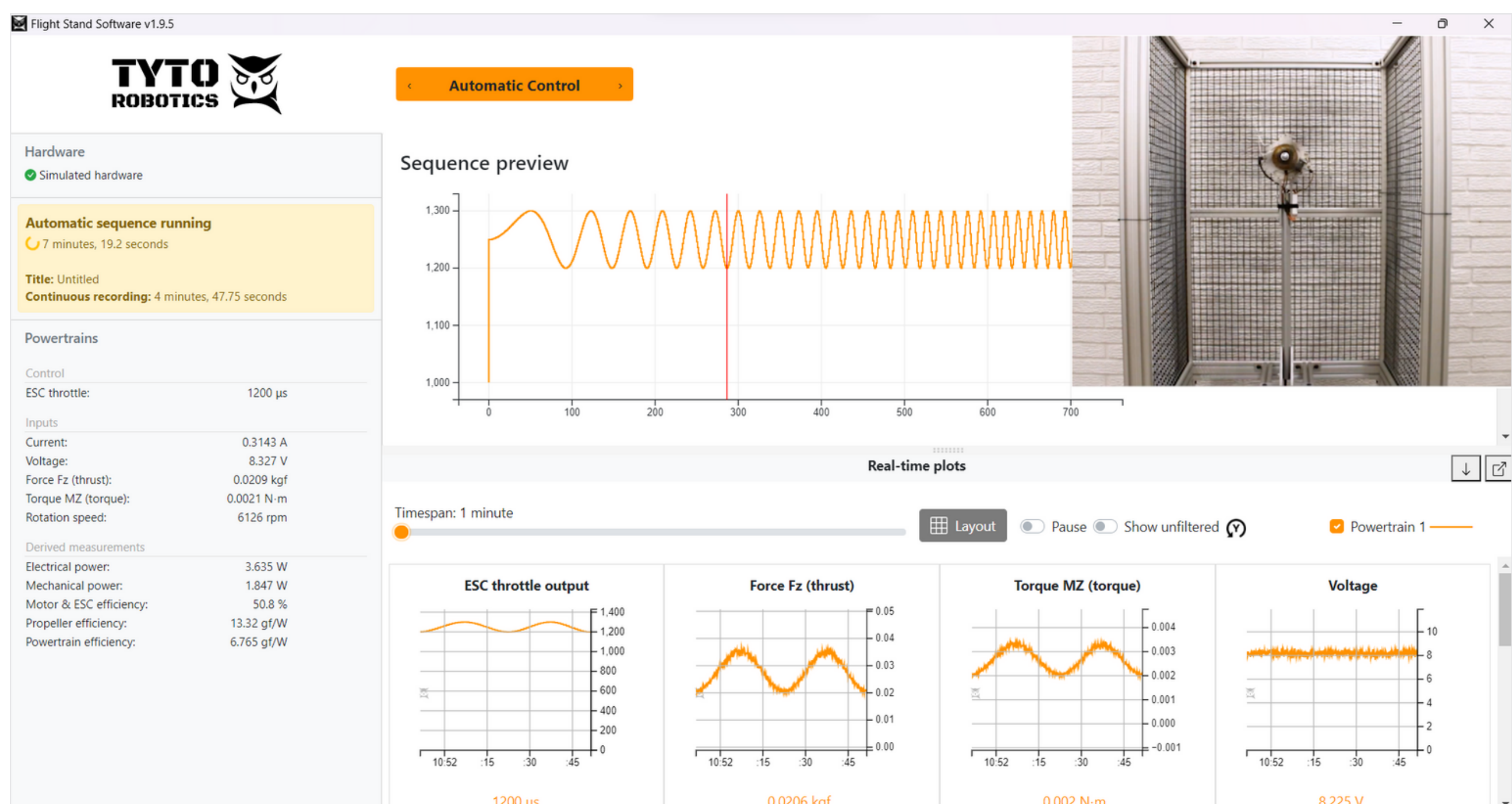
Video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/0pu8JYqnV80?si=GQYjKerpszKwcb5q&t=129>

Steps:

1. Open your copy of the Google sheet and navigate to the 'Sine/Chirp Generation' tab.
2. Adjust the # of lines, speedup, frequency, amplitude, and offset values in row 2 to design your wave. This will adjust the preview in the 'Throttle vs. Time' graph.
3. Adjust the 'Speedup of chirp' value.
4. Copy the data from the 'Time' and 'Throttle - Chirp' columns into the 'Chirp Data for Export' tab.
5. Once you have added the data to the appropriate columns, download the file as a CSV file (File → Download → .csv).
6. Open the Flight Stand software and navigate to the 'Automated Control' tab, click on 'Step test'.
7. Under 'Tools', select 'Import sequence from CSV'.
8. Select and import the CSV file that you downloaded from the Google sheet.

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9. The chirp test data points will be displayed in the table and a preview of the wave with increasing frequency will be shown in the Sequence preview window.
10. Click 'Execute sequence' to run the test.
11. Once the test is complete, a yellow box will appear in the left panel where you can Save or Discard your data.



iii. Sawtooth

Video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/0pu8JYqnV80?si=c1WeU3UYjajHE6Bu&t=204>

Steps:

1. Open the Flight Stand software and navigate to the 'Automated Control' tab.
2. Click on 'Ramp test'.
3. In the 'Sequence editor' table, enter 2 lines of data for time, throttle and rate of change.
4. A preview of a simple up/down pattern (sawtooth) will appear in the 'Sequence preview' window below.

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5. Enter the number of repeats you would like in the 'Loop sequence' box and click 'Execute sequence'.

6. Once the test is complete, a yellow box will appear in the left panel where you can Save or Discard your data.

iv. PID tuning

Note: we highly recommend watching the video tutorial for this section (link on page 15).

A PID controller is a special algorithm that aims to maintain a specific value for a sensor. For propulsion systems, the PID controller achieves this by continuously adjusting the throttle output required to make your propulsion system converge on the desired value.

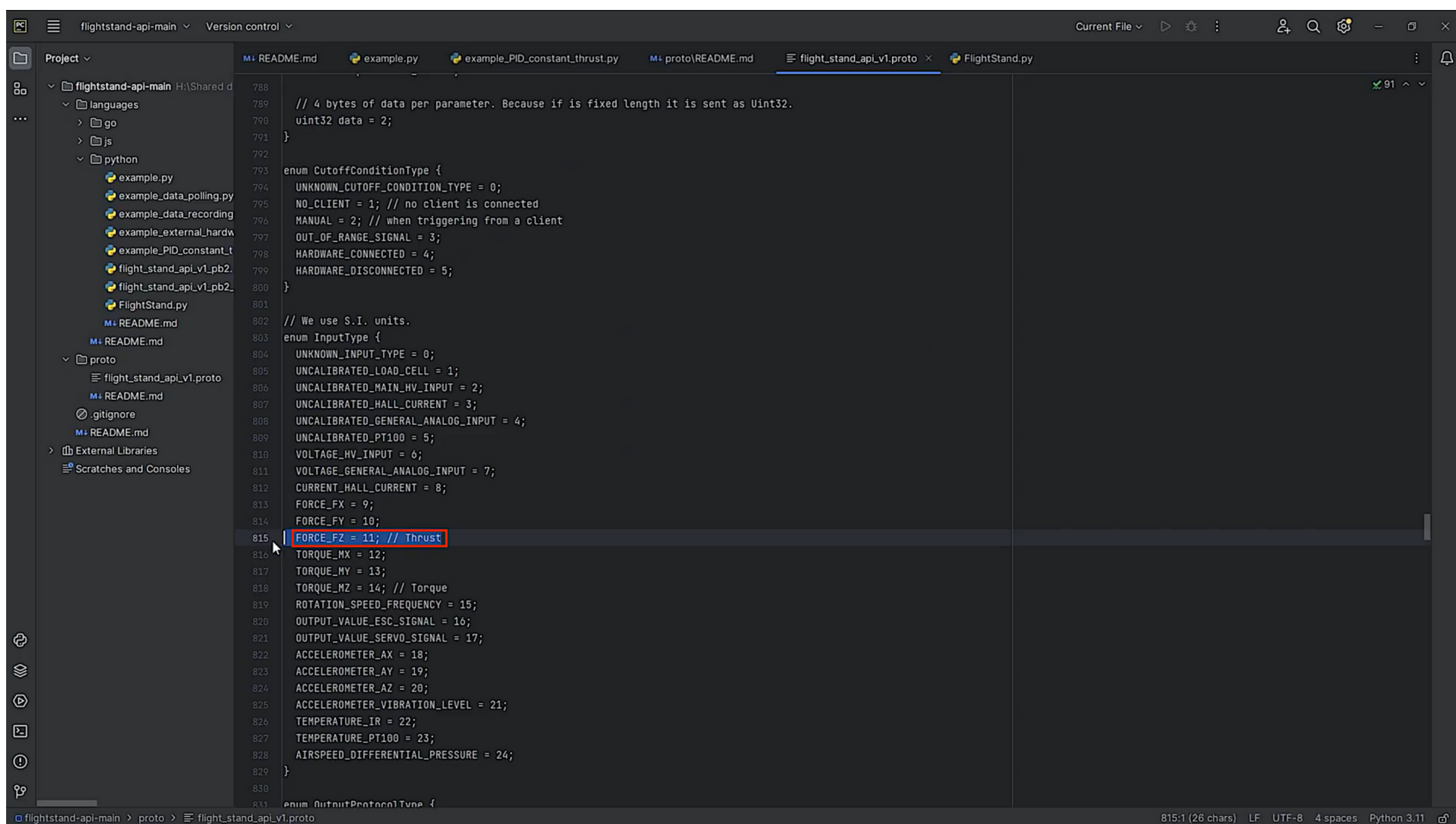
Before completing this tutorial, you will need to be able to successfully run the first example.py file in the repository. If you have not yet done so, go to section 5c of this user manual to learn how to do so.

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Video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/8HSNoONR3yg>

Steps:

1. Assuming you were able to successfully run the example.py file (section 5c), open the Flight Stand software.
2. Open your Python compiler and open a console to ensure you have simple-pid installed. You can check by running the command: `py -m pip install simple-pid`
3. Find the number corresponding to the signal of the variable you would like to target by opening the .proto file (we will use thrust as an example), then scroll until you see the list of input signals. Thrust (FZ) corresponds to number 11, note the number.



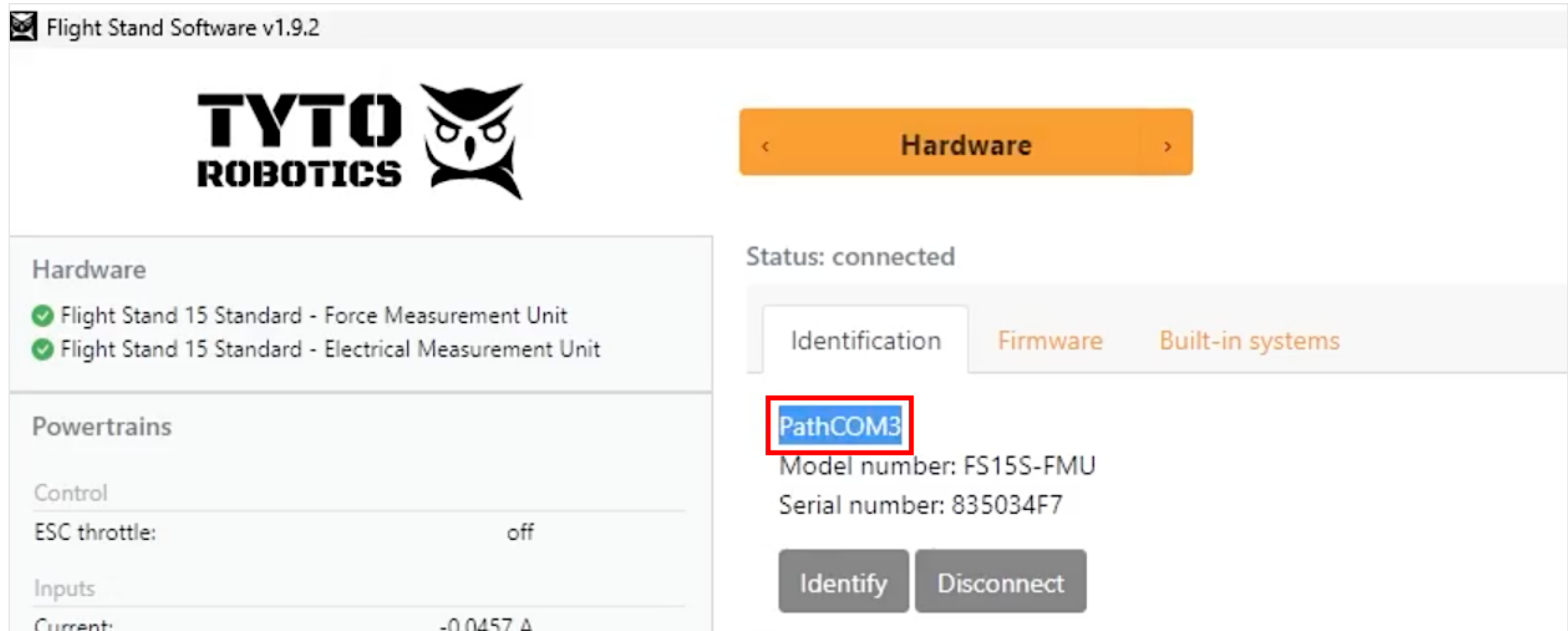
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788 // 4 bytes of data per parameter. Because if is fixed length it is sent as Uint32.
789 uint32 data = 2;
790 }
791 }
792 }
793 enum CutoffConditionType {
794   UNKNOWN_CUTOFF_CONDITION_TYPE = 0;
795   NO_CLIENT = 1; // no client is connected
796   MANUAL = 2; // when triggering from a client
797   OUT_OF_RANGE_SIGNAL = 3;
798   HARDWARE_CONNECTED = 4;
799   HARDWARE_DISCONNECTED = 5;
800 }
801 }
802 // We use S.I. units.
803 enum InputType {
804   UNKNOWN_INPUT_TYPE = 0;
805   UNCALIBRATED_LOAD_CELL = 1;
806   UNCALIBRATED_MAIN_HV_INPUT = 2;
807   UNCALIBRATED_HALL_CURRENT = 3;
808   UNCALIBRATED_GENERAL_ANALOG_INPUT = 4;
809   UNCALIBRATED_PT100 = 5;
810   VOLTAGE_HV_INPUT = 6;
811   VOLTAGE_GENERAL_ANALOG_INPUT = 7;
812   CURRENT_HALL_CURRENT = 8;
813   FORCE_FX = 9;
814   FORCE_FY = 10;
815   FORCE_FZ = 11; // Thrust
816   TORQUE_MX = 12;
817   TORQUE_MY = 13;
818   TORQUE_MZ = 14; // Torque
819   ROTATION_SPEED_FREQUENCY = 15;
820   OUTPUT_VALUE_ESC_SIGNAL = 16;
821   OUTPUT_VALUE_SERVO_SIGNAL = 17;
822   ACCELEROMETER_AX = 18;
823   ACCELEROMETER_AY = 19;
824   ACCELEROMETER_AZ = 20;
825   ACCELEROMETER_VIBRATION_LEVEL = 21;
826   TEMPERATURE_IR = 22;
827   TEMPERATURE_PT100 = 23;
828   AIRSPEED_DIFFERENTIAL_PRESSURE = 24;
829 }
830 }
831 enum OutputProtocolType {

```

4. Open example 4. Change the input and output signals to match the powertrains in the software. You can find this information in the Flight Stand software's 'Hardware' tab. Click on your powertrain and highlight the first line of text in the 'Identification' tab.

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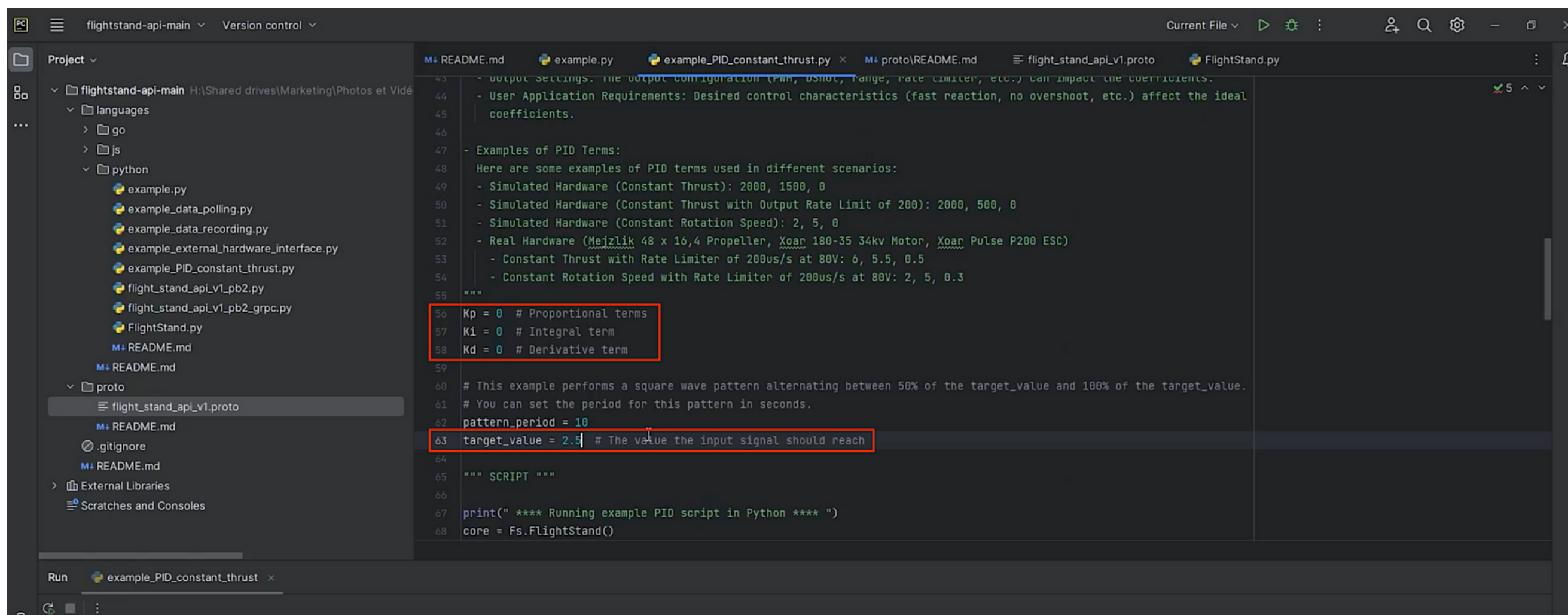


5. Paste this information into the input/output board information in the Python file.

6. Run the Python file. The terminal will output a list of available inputs.

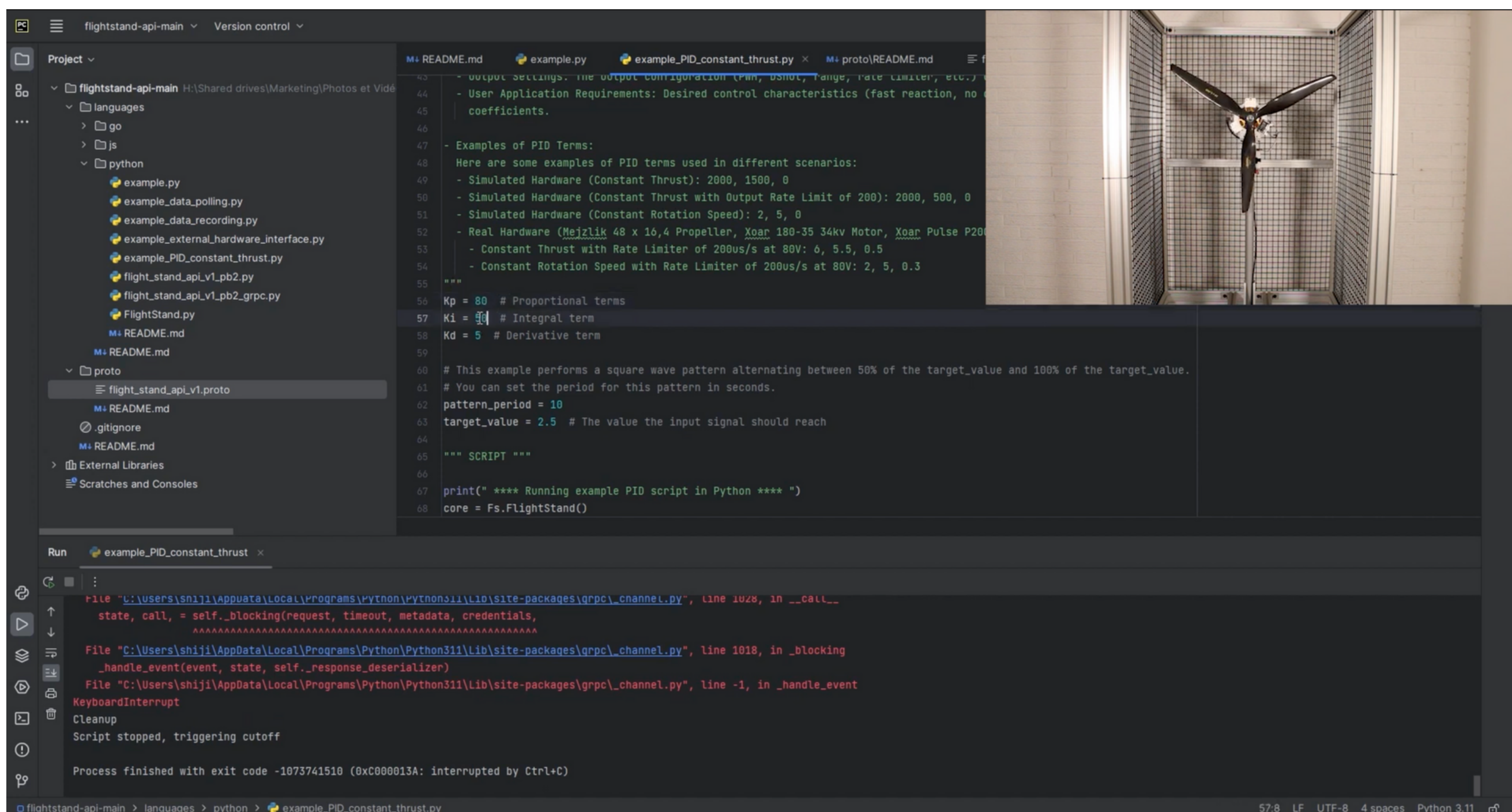
7. Find the input corresponding to your target variable's signal number (#11 for thrust) and enter it in `example_PID_constant_thrust.py` after the target input board.

8. Scroll down to 'Target value' and enter the value you would like to target in SI units (Newtons for thrust).



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9. Check your settings for the length of the period, and set starting values for your PID parameters, Kp, Ki, and Kd.
 - a. The Ki term (integral term) is a constant that is multiplied by the integral of the error. The product is then added to offset the error.
 - b. The Kd term (derivative term) is a constant that is multiplied by the derivative of the error.
 - c. The Kp term (proportional term) is similar to the integral and derivative terms but it's the product of the error and the constant.
10. Run the script and observe the Flight Stand react accordingly.
11. Adjust your Ki, Kd and Kp values as needed until you have a PID response that you are satisfied with.



6. Test Settings and Data Handling

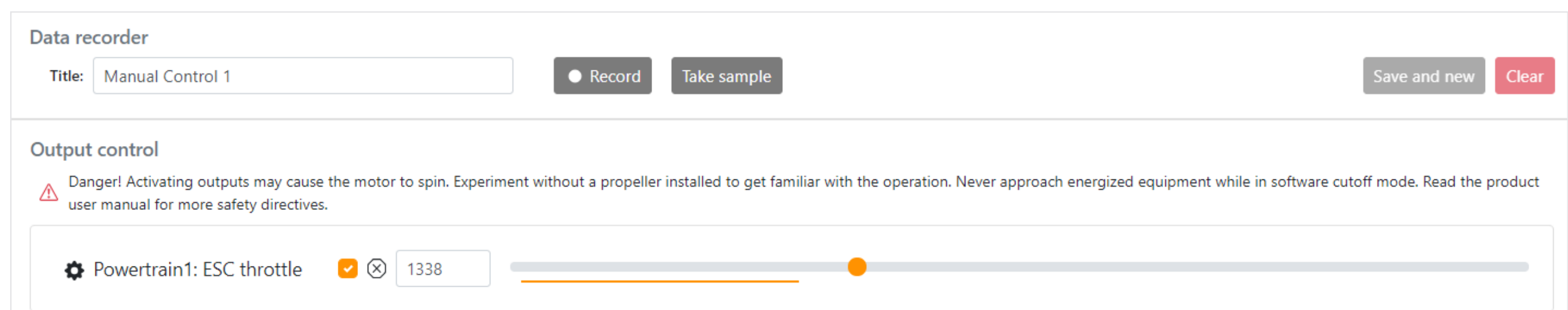
a. Motor rate limiter

Video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/JRjxpPYXfaA?si=o8jKjLdUQG9nKL5b>

Control the acceleration rate to protect your motor from torque or current overloading.

Steps (manual test):

1. Before activating your ESC, click the gear icon to the left of the throttle slider.
2. In the 'Rate limiter' text box, enter a maximum acceleration value in $\mu\text{s}/\text{s}$.
 - a. For example, with a rate of 500 $\mu\text{s}/\text{s}$ it will take 2 seconds to reach the maximum throttle of 2000 μs .
3. Activate the ESC and increase your throttle. An orange bar will show you the status of the throttle with the rate limiter applied.



The screenshot shows the software interface with two main sections:

- Data recorder:** Includes a 'Title' field with 'Manual Control 1', a 'Record' button, a 'Take sample' button, a 'Save and new' button, and a 'Clear' button.
- Output control:** Features a warning triangle icon and a text box with the text: "Danger! Activating outputs may cause the motor to spin. Experiment without a propeller installed to get familiar with the operation. Never approach energized equipment while in software cutoff mode. Read the product user manual for more safety directives." Below this is a control for 'Powertrain1: ESC throttle' with a checked checkbox, a gear icon, a text box containing '1338', and a horizontal slider with an orange bar and a yellow dot.

Steps (automated test):

1. If you leave the rate limiter on in the manual control tab, it will apply the limit to automated control tests as well. This is the best option if you would like to apply the same rate limit to the entire test.
2. You can also configure unique rate limits to different stages of the test within the automated control tab. Navigate to the 'Automated Control' tab to start.
3. Select a type of test and input your sequence steps in the 'Sequence form' table.
4. The fourth column is the rate limiter. Enter your desired limit for each step.
5. Scroll down to the Sequence preview to see how this will look when the test is run.
6. Click 'Execute sequence' to run the test with the rate limiter.

6. Test Settings and Data Handling

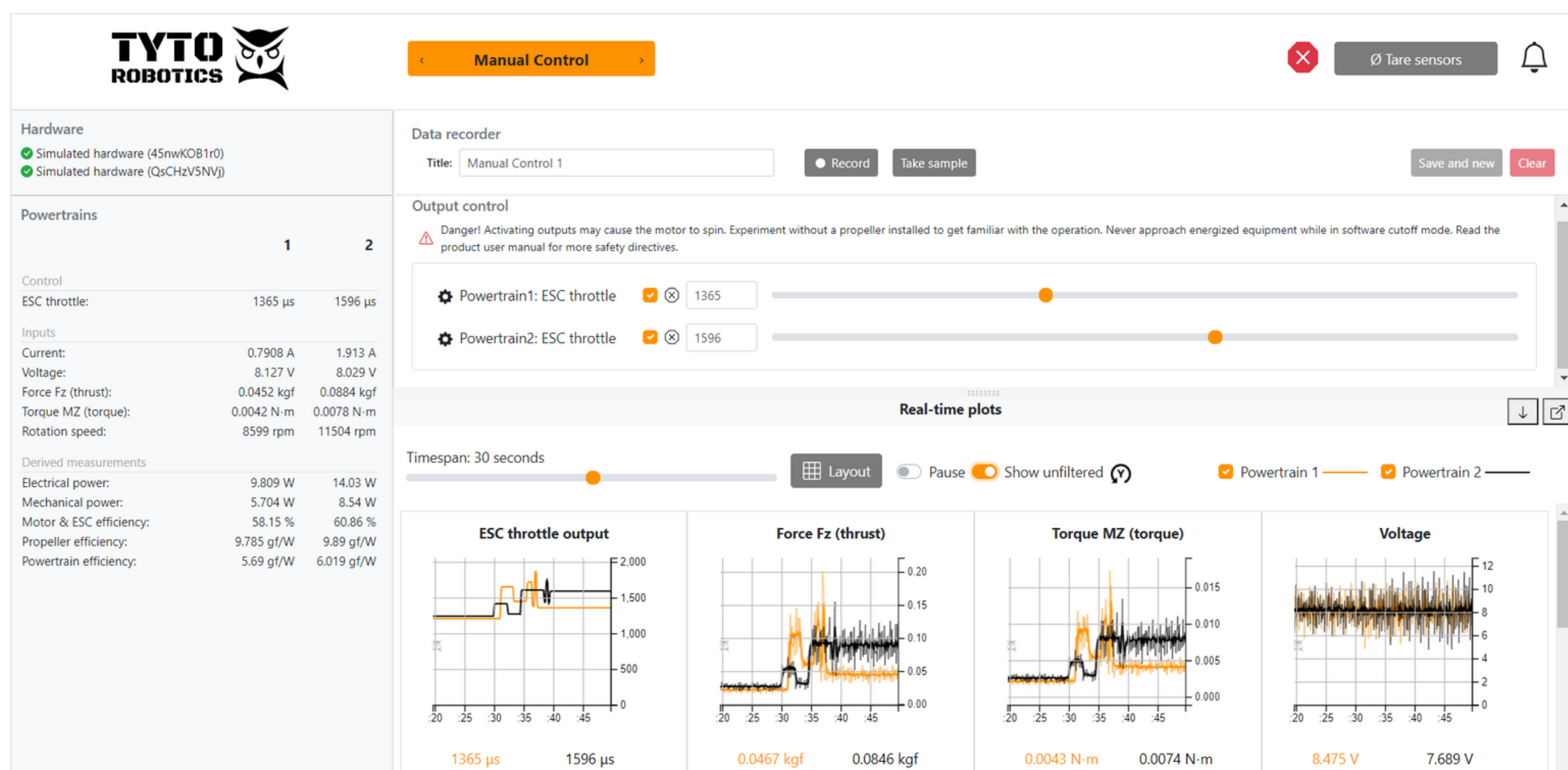
b. Customize live data plots

Video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/apKQZ2ikbIA?si=jY44hL1aK1W8Zo3a>

Customize how data is displayed in the real-time plots during your test.

Steps:

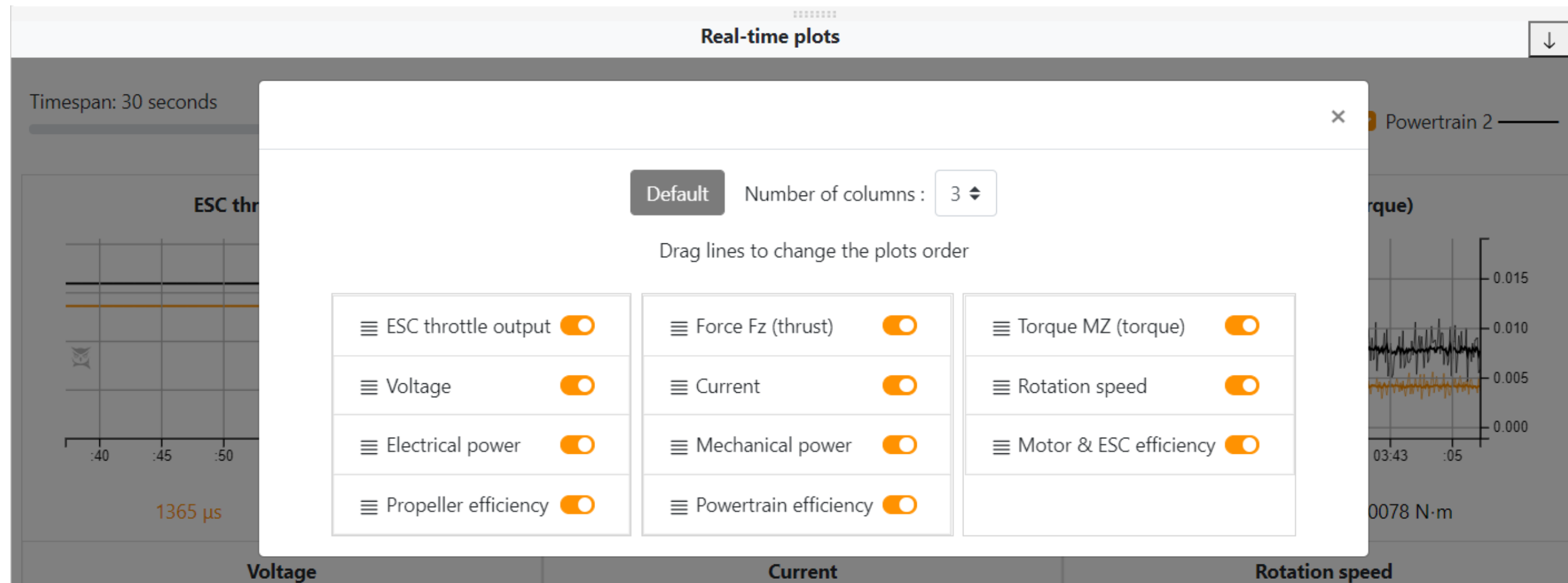
1. Enlarge the real-time data plots window by either dragging it up from the bottom or use the arrows on the right side of the 'Real-time plots' window.
2. If you have multiple powertrains, you can select which one(s) you want to display in the plots by checking the box next to each powertrain in the top right corner.



3. Next, use the Timespan slider in the middle to control how much time you see on your x-axis. The default is 30 seconds but you can view more or less time as desired.

4. The 'Layout' button to the right of the slider pulls up a window where you can control how you view the plots. You can change their order, toggle charts on and off, and adjust the number of columns to have bigger or smaller charts.

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5. The 'Pause' toggle switch pauses the data so you can look at a specific time snapshot. When you toggle it off, it will jump ahead to the live data.
6. The 'Show unfiltered' toggle switch allows you to see your unfiltered data. By default, a 1 Hz low pass filter is applied to smooth out readings, but this switch removes it.

c. Noise removal

Video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/avy0mls2qX0?si=DM2XTDYiilkrDlHh>

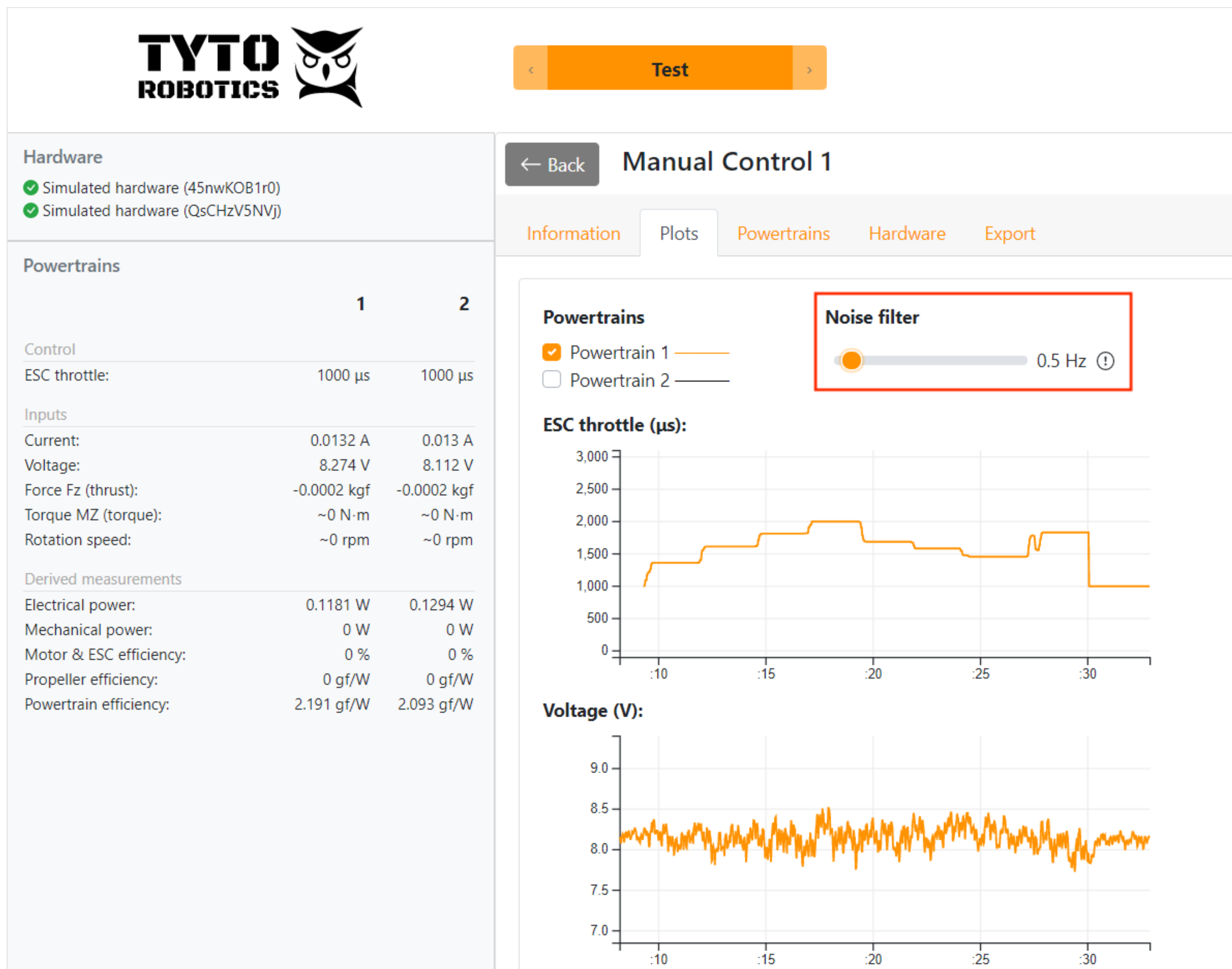
Control the noise filter that is applied to your data. To control the noise filter on the real-time data plots, see point 6 in the previous section.

Note: all the data is recorded without a noise filter. This feature implements a post-test low pass filter with a selectable cutoff frequency.

Steps:

1. Navigate to the 'Tests' tab and open the test you would like to adjust.
2. Go to the 'Plots' tab and use the 'Noise filter' slider to adjust the level of noise removal.
 - a. An 1 Hz filter is automatically applied, but you can turn that off or apply a higher or lower filter.

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The screenshot displays the 'Test' configuration screen for 'Manual Control 1'. On the left, the 'Hardware' section shows two simulated hardware components. Below it, the 'Powertrains' table lists parameters for two powertrains. The right side features a 'Plots' tab with two graphs: 'ESC throttle (μs)' and 'Voltage (V)'. A 'Noise filter' control is highlighted with a red box, set to 0.5 Hz.

Control	1	2
ESC throttle:	1000 μs	1000 μs

Inputs	1	2
Current:	0.0132 A	0.013 A
Voltage:	8.274 V	8.112 V
Force Fz (thrust):	-0.0002 kgf	-0.0002 kgf
Torque MZ (torque):	~0 N·m	~0 N·m
Rotation speed:	~0 rpm	~0 rpm

Derived measurements	1	2
Electrical power:	0.1181 W	0.1294 W
Mechanical power:	0 W	0 W
Motor & ESC efficiency:	0 %	0 %
Propeller efficiency:	0 gf/W	0 gf/W
Powertrain efficiency:	2.191 gf/W	2.093 gf/W

d. Resample data

Video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/Mc9S9Y9fUxo?si=bzWJC6vo5SsKjMGk>

Export your data at a custom sampling rate after your test.

Steps:

1. After completing your test, go to the 'Tests' tab and click on your test.
2. Go to the export tab, where you'll see a table with all your data points.

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3. Under 'Time resolution', check the option next to 'Resample' and type in your desired resolution in the text box that appears. The number you enter is how often you'd like a sample to be given in seconds.

a. The default resampling rate is 0.1 seconds or 10 samples per second.

b. The only limitation is that you cannot increase the sampling rate above the limits of your thrust stand (100 samples/ second for Standard Flight Stands and 1000 samples/ second for Pro).

Preview and Export to CSV

Data source:
 Continuous data
 Resample ⓘ
 Full resolution ⓘ

Time resolution:
 second
 Full resolution ⓘ

Noise filter:
 0.5 Hz ⓘ

Time (s)	Powertrain1 ESC throttle (μs)	Powertrain1 Voltage (V)	Powertrain1 Current (A)	Powertrain1 Force Fz (thrust) (kgf)	Powertrain1 Torque MZ (torque) (N·m)	Powertrain1 Rotation speed (rpm)	Powertrain1 Electrical power (W)	Powertrain1 Mechanical
0		8.154	0.0129	-0.0002	~0	~0	0.1053	~0
0.05		8.078	0.0128	-0.0002	~0	~0	0.1035	~0
0.1		8.16	0.013	-0.0002	~0	~0	0.1057	~0
0.15		8.179	0.013	-0.0002	~0	~0	0.1063	~0
0.2		8.082	0.0129	-0.0002	~0	~0	0.1039	~0
0.25		8.201	0.0131	-0.0002	~0	~0	0.107	~0
0.3		8.221	0.0131	-0.0002	~0	~0	0.1076	~0
0.35		8.154	0.013	-0.0002	~0	~0	0.1059	~0
0.4		8.23	0.0131	-0.0002	~0	~0	0.1079	~0
0.45		8.17	0.013	-0.0002	~0	~0	0.1064	~0

4. Click 'Export to CSV' to save the test to your computer at the desired sampling rate.

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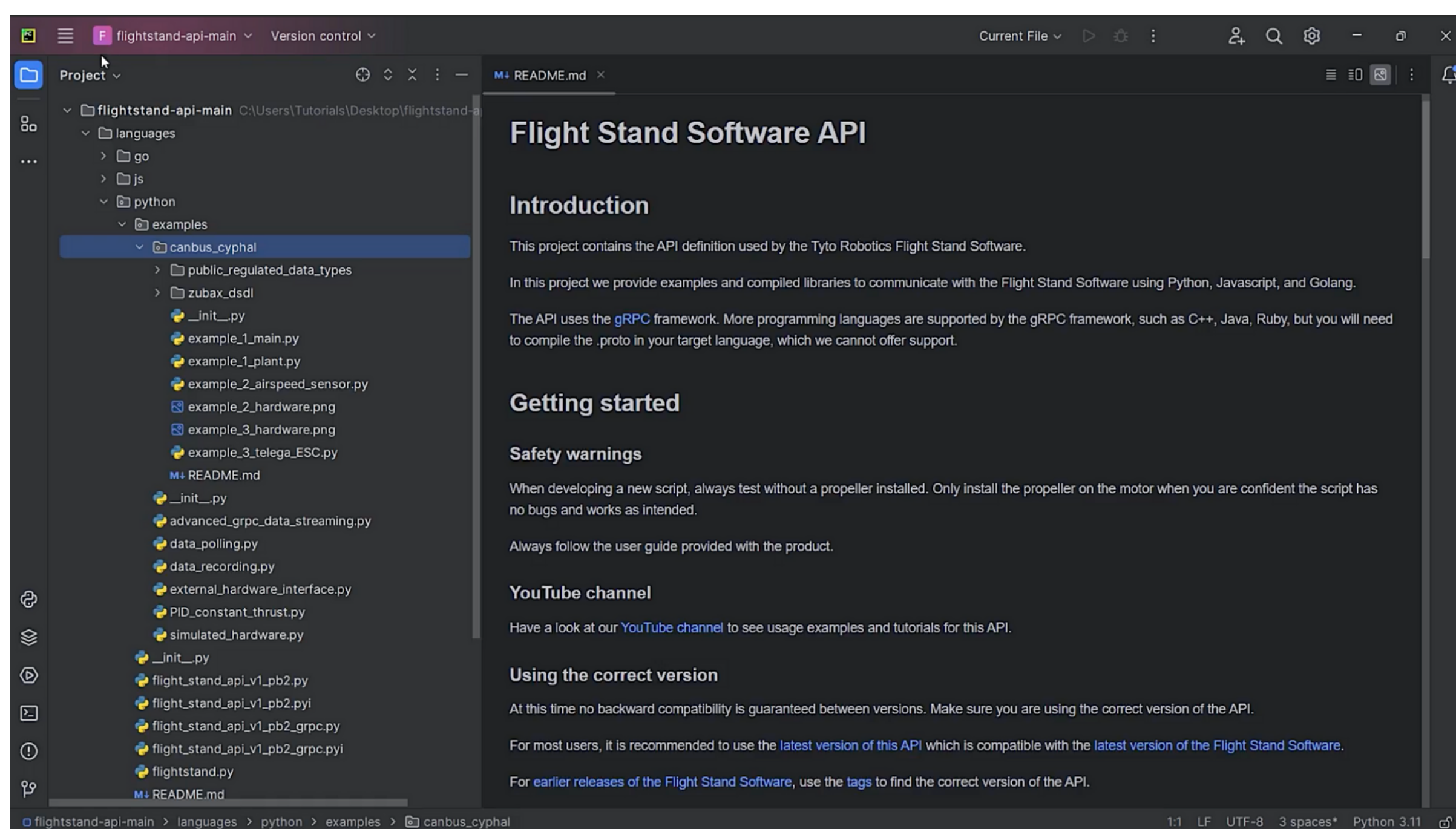
Our Flight Stands support most ESC protocols. These additional steps are required for CAN ESC protocols.

In our example, we are using the Yukon software which works specifically with Zubax devices. Other CAN products may use other third-party software.

Video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/BiZuCrVQnNnU?si=V2gVWdD7fGJJeMeZ>

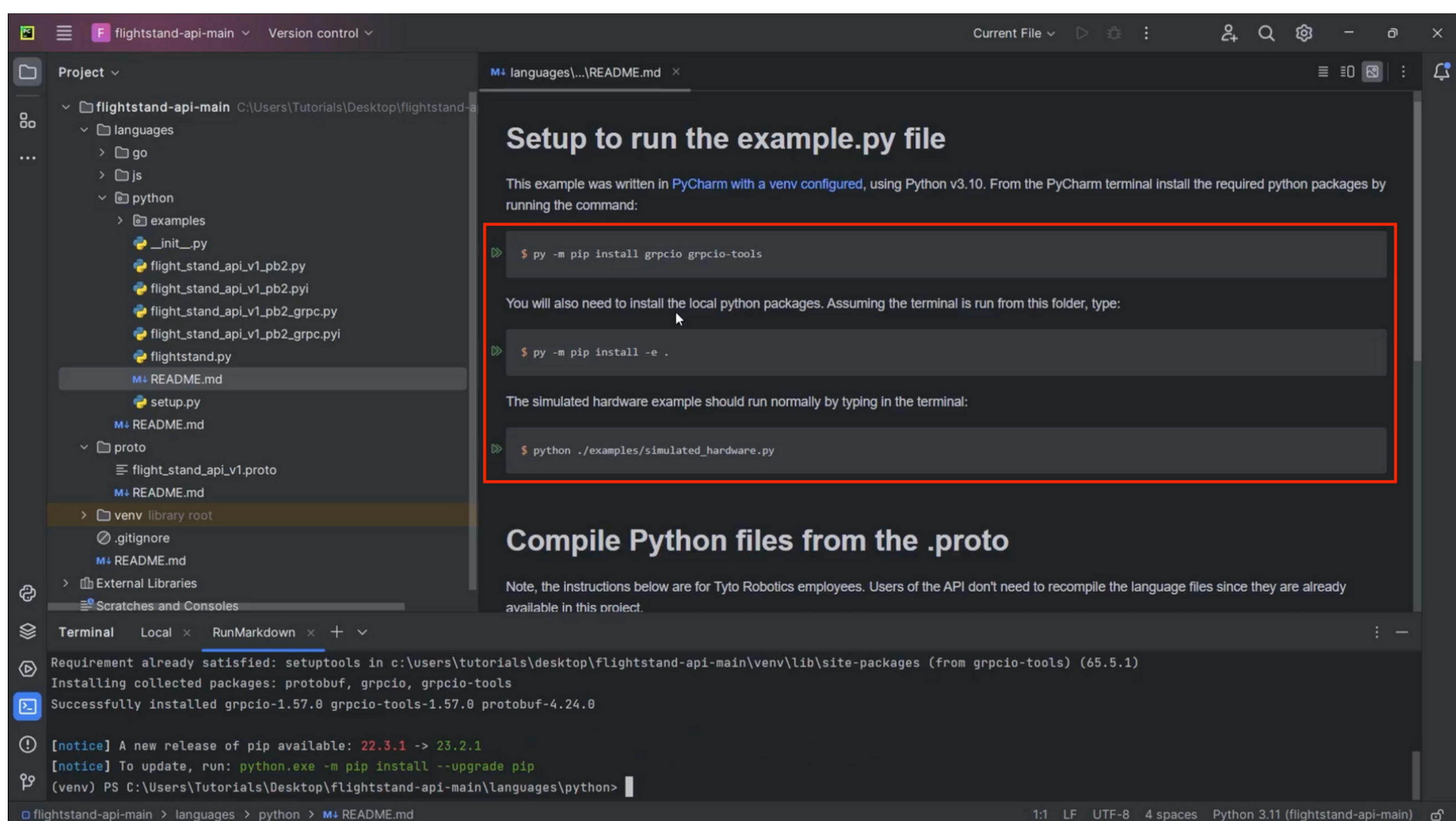
Steps:

1. Download and open the Flight Stand software.
2. Download the repository at <https://gitlab.com/TytoRobotics/flightstand-api> and extract the repository on your computer.
3. Download the latest version of Python as well as PyCharm Community edition.
4. Open Pycharm and open the downloaded repository.
5. In the downloaded folder, go to 'languages' → 'python' → 'examples' → 'canbus-cyphal'
 - a. This is where you'll find the examples that we will be running.



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6. Configure your Python interpreter by going to 'File' → 'Settings' → 'Project' → 'Python interpreter' and in the pop-up click 'Add interpreter' → 'Add local interpreter'.
7. Click 'Apply' and Pycharm will automatically set up the virtual environment.
 - a. To confirm that you have the virtual environment set up correctly, you can either find it in the virtual environment path or open the terminal where you will see the virtual environment before the command line.
8. Open the 'README' file under 'examples'.
9. Run the three commands listed in the README file, which will install the proper packages in order for you to run the Python API.
 - a. To verify that the connection is working, open the Flight Stand software. Confirm that a simulated board has been connected under "Hardware" and that it has an ESC throttle input.



The screenshot shows the PyCharm IDE interface. The left sidebar displays the project structure for 'flightstand-api-main', including folders for 'languages', 'python', and 'proto'. The main editor window shows the 'README.md' file under 'examples', which contains instructions for running the example.py file. The terminal at the bottom shows the execution of the commands listed in the README, including the successful installation of grpcio, grpcio-tools, and protobuf.

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Setup to run the example.py file

This example was written in PyCharm with a venv configured, using Python v3.10. From the PyCharm terminal install the required python packages by running the command:

$ py -m pip install grpcio grpcio-tools

You will also need to install the local python packages. Assuming the terminal is run from this folder, type:

$ py -m pip install -e .

The simulated hardware example should run normally by typing in the terminal:

$ python ./examples/simulated_hardware.py

Compile Python files from the .proto

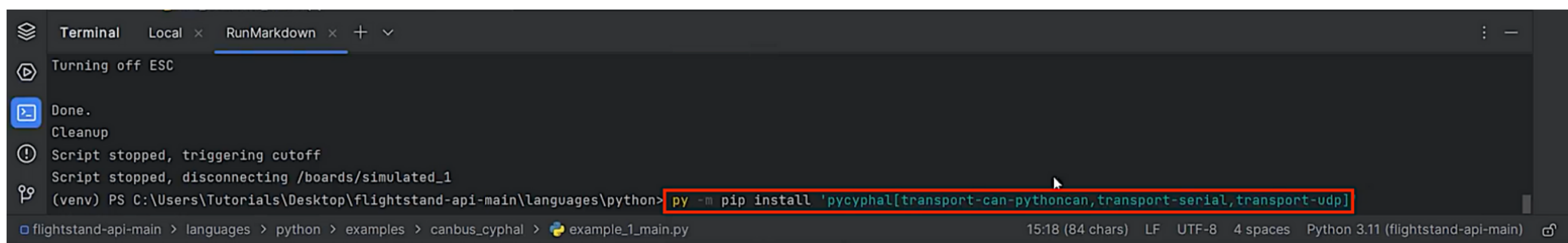
Note, the instructions below are for Tyto Robotics employees. Users of the API don't need to recompile the language files since they are already available in this project.

Terminal
Local x RunMarkdown x + v
Requirement already satisfied: setuptools in c:\users\tutorials\desktop\flightstand-api-main\venv\lib\site-packages (from grpcio-tools) (65.5.1)
Installing collected packages: protobuf, grpcio, grpcio-tools
Successfully installed grpcio-1.57.0 grpcio-tools-1.57.0 protobuf-4.24.0
[notice] A new release of pip available: 22.3.1 -> 23.2.1
[notice] To update, run: python.exe -m pip install --upgrade pip
(venv) PS C:\Users\Tutorials\Desktop\flightstand-api-main\languages\python>
  
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10. Under 'examples', open the canvas.cyphal folder and open example_1_main.

11. Copy and paste the command in line 15 from the code to the console and hit Enter to install an additional package.

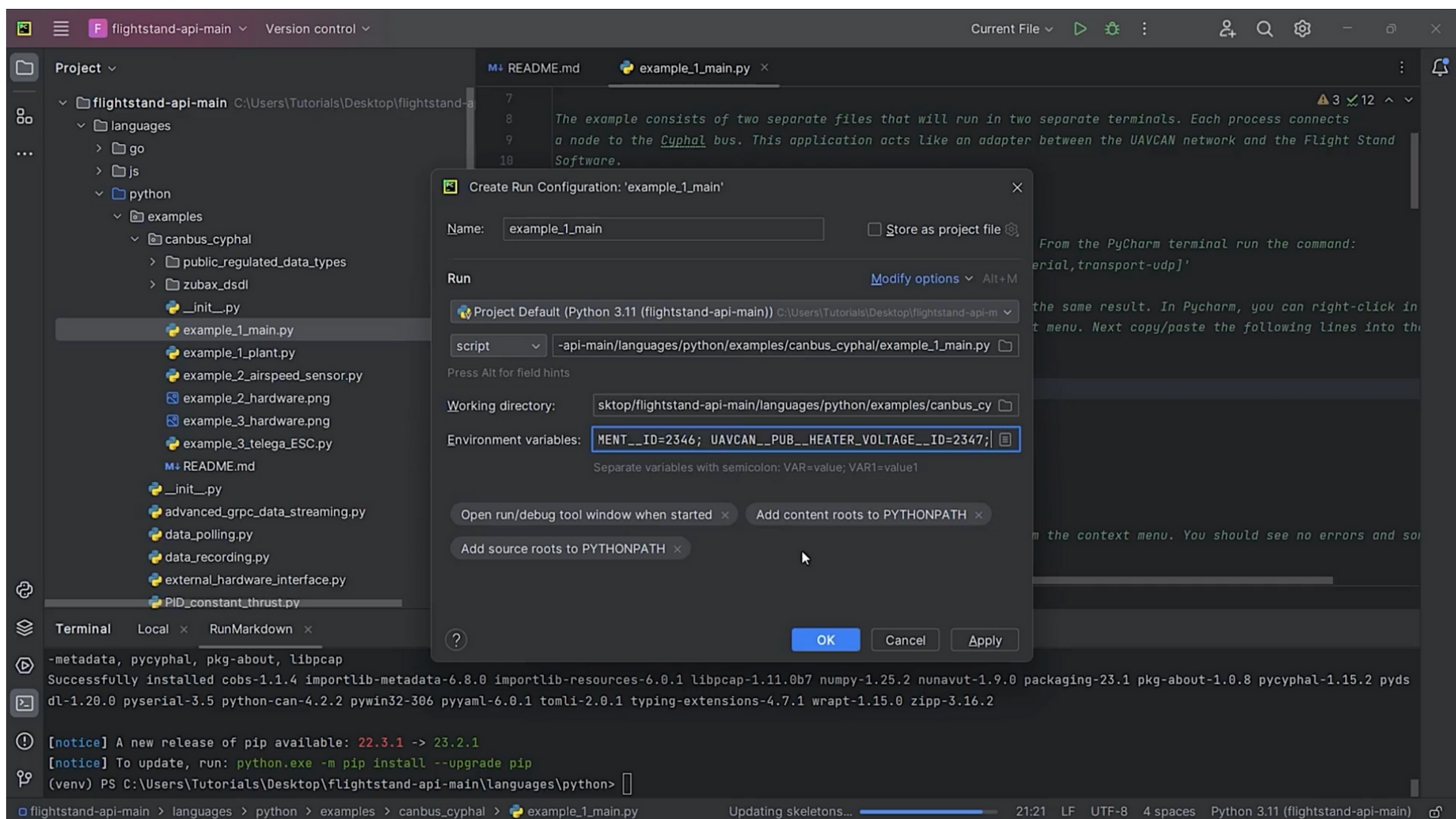


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Terminal Local x RunMarkdown x + v
Turning off ESC
Done.
Cleanup
Script stopped, triggering cutoff
Script stopped, disconnecting /boards/simulated_1
(venv) PS C:\Users\Tutorials\Desktop\flightstand-api-main\languages\python> py -m pip install 'pycyphal[transport-can-pythoncan,transport-serial,transport-udp]'
flightstand-api-main > languages > python > examples > canbus_cyphal > example_1_main.py 15:18 (84 chars) LF UTF-8 4 spaces Python 3.11 (flightstand-api-main)
  
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12. Highlight the environment variables from lines 20 - 24, right click, and select 'Modify Run Configuration'.

13. In the environment variables line, hit Ctrl A then Ctrl V to replace the variables.



The screenshot shows the PyCharm IDE with the 'Create Run Configuration' dialog box open for the file 'example_1_main.py'. The dialog box has the following fields:

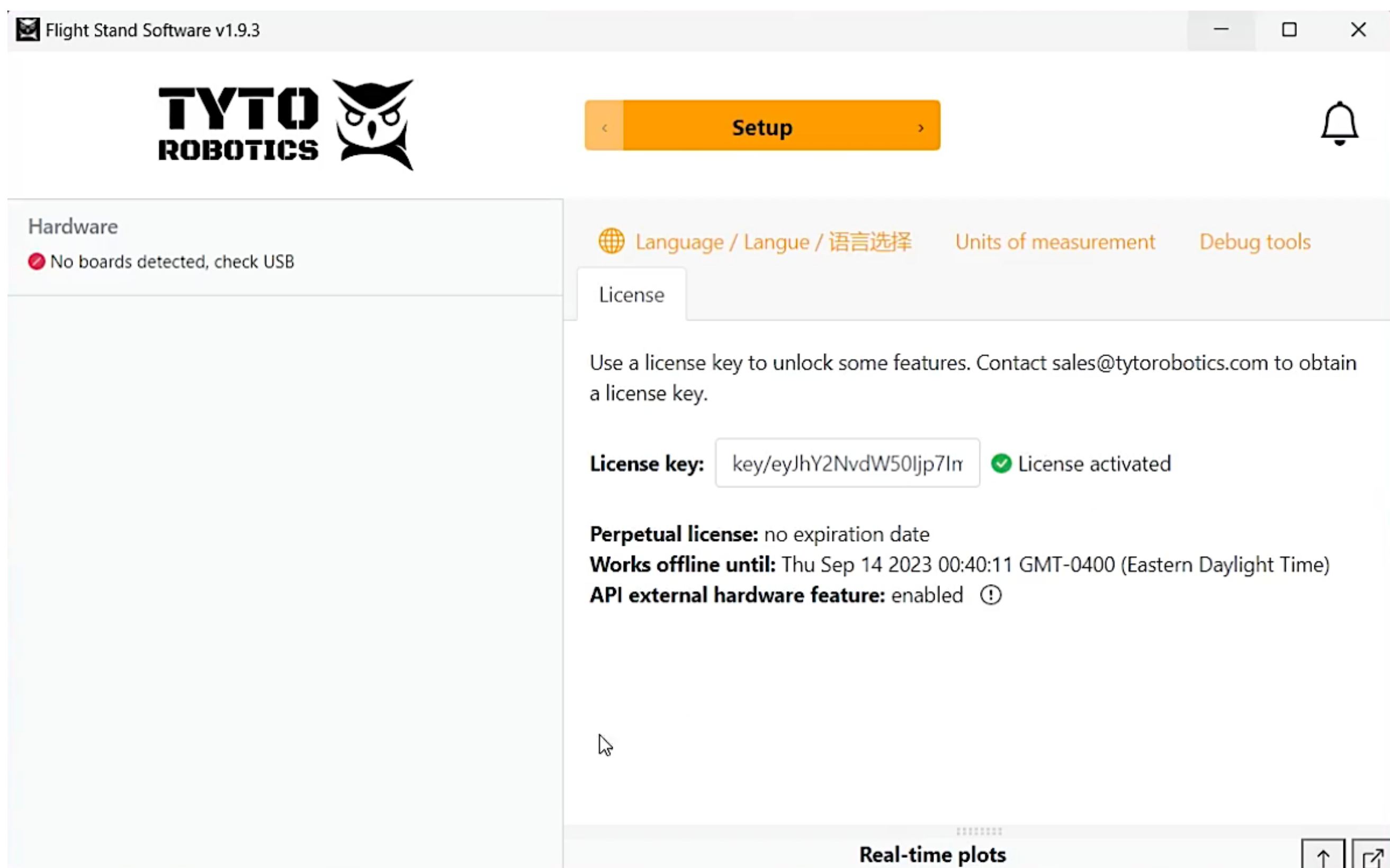
- Name: example_1_main
- Run: Project Default (Python 3.11 (flightstand-api-main))
- Script: -api-main/languages/python/examples/canbus_cyphal/example_1_main.py
- Working directory: skttop/flightstand-api-main/languages/python/examples/canbus_cy
- Environment variables: HENT__ID=2346; UAVCAN__PUB__HEATER_VOLTAGE__ID=2347;

The terminal window at the bottom shows the output of the pip install command, indicating successful installation of various packages including cobs, importlib-resources, libpcap, numpy, nunavut, packaging, pkg-about, pycyphal, pyserial, python-can, pywin32, pyyaml, toml, typing-extensions, wrapt, and zipp.

14. Click 'OK' then right click and click 'Run example 1 Main'.

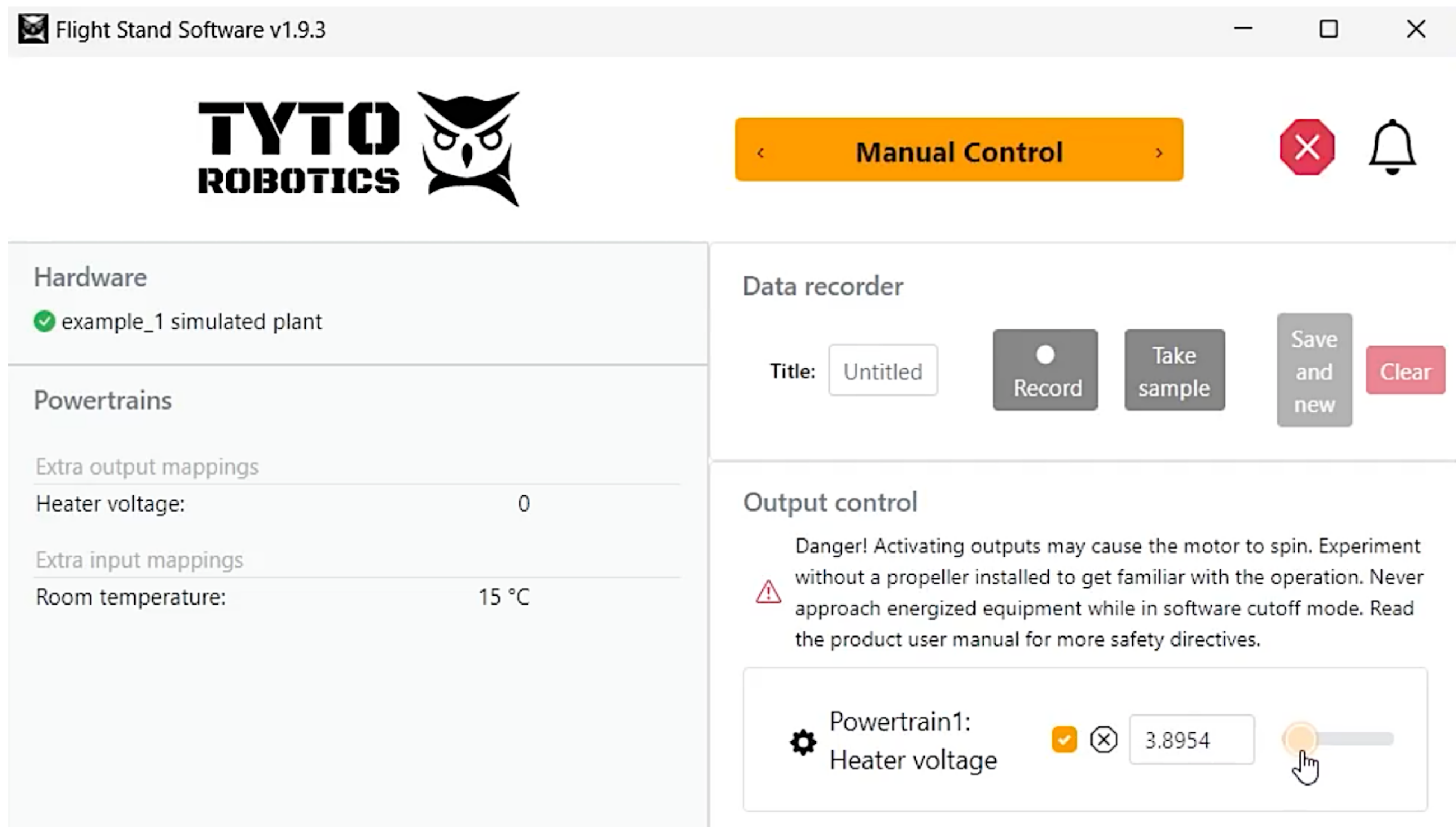
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15. You need a license key to use this feature → simply email support@tytorobotics.com to request the license key associated with your Flight Stand.
16. Once you have the license key, open the Flight Stand software, and on the 'Setup' tab click 'License', enter your license key, and hit Enter.



17. The Flight Stand software will restart and the license key tab will then show that the license has been activated.
18. Go to Pycharm and click 'Run example 1 Main'.
19. In the Flight Stand software, confirm that you've connected a simulated heater.
20. In Pycharm, open `example_1_plant.py`
21. Copy the environment variables into the runtime configuration and hit run.
 - a. In the Flight Stand software, you will now see an output control for the heater in the 'Manual control' tab.

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22. Set up the Yukon software, which will allow you to interact with CAN bus Cyphal devices. Go to www.github.com/opencyphal/yukon then scroll down to GitHub releases

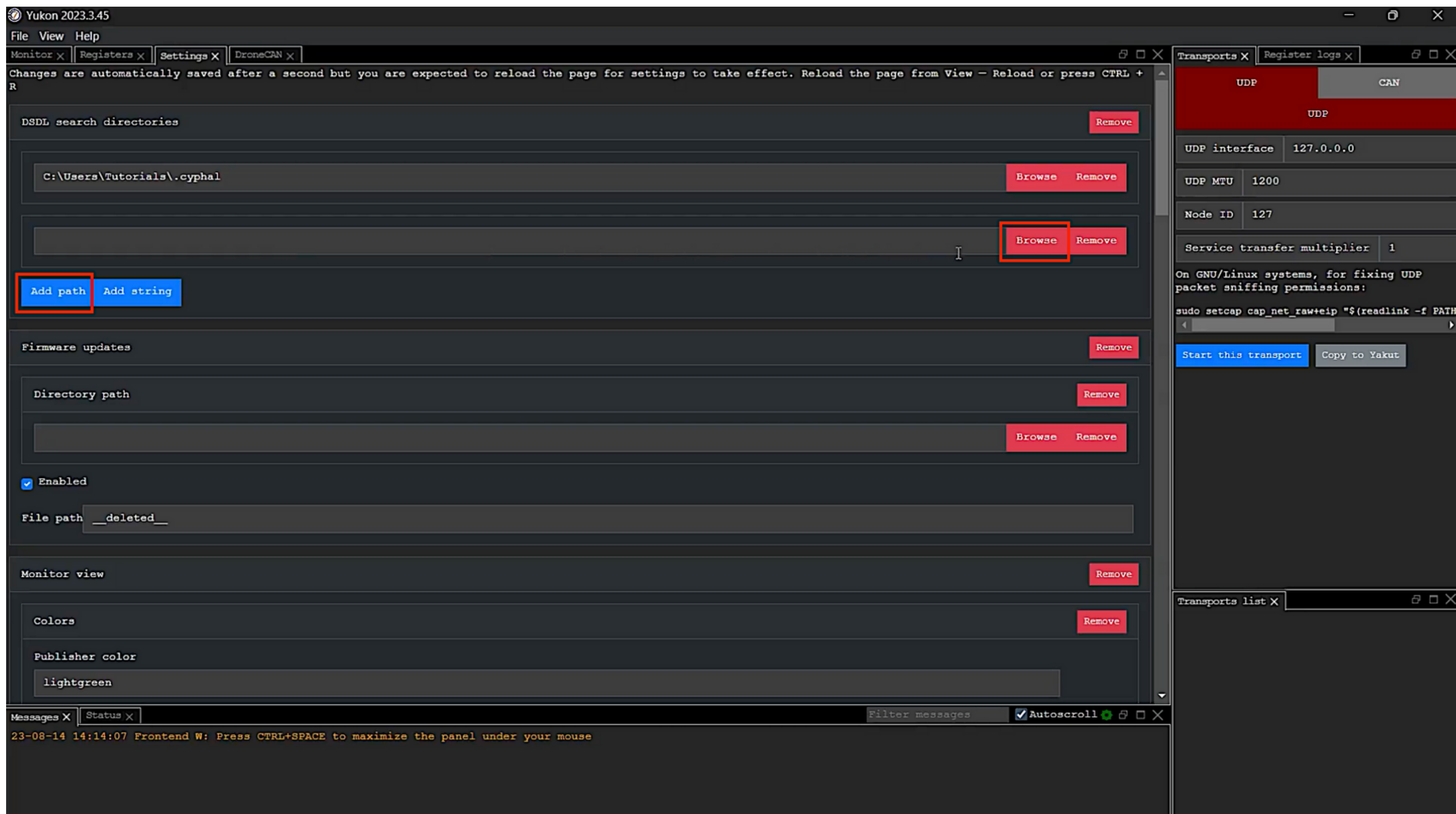
a. Click the hyperlink then scroll down and click to download the Yukon.exe file.

23. Open the Yukon file. Here we will set up the DSDL name space.

a. Note that the Zubax DSDL files are specific to Zubax Cyphal CAN devices, and other manufacturers may have different DSDL files that you need to import.

24. Click on the 'Settings' tab and click 'Add path' then 'Browse'. Navigate to the downloaded Flight Stand API folder. Go to 'languages' → 'python' → 'examples' → 'canbus_cyphal' and select 'public_regulated_data_types'.

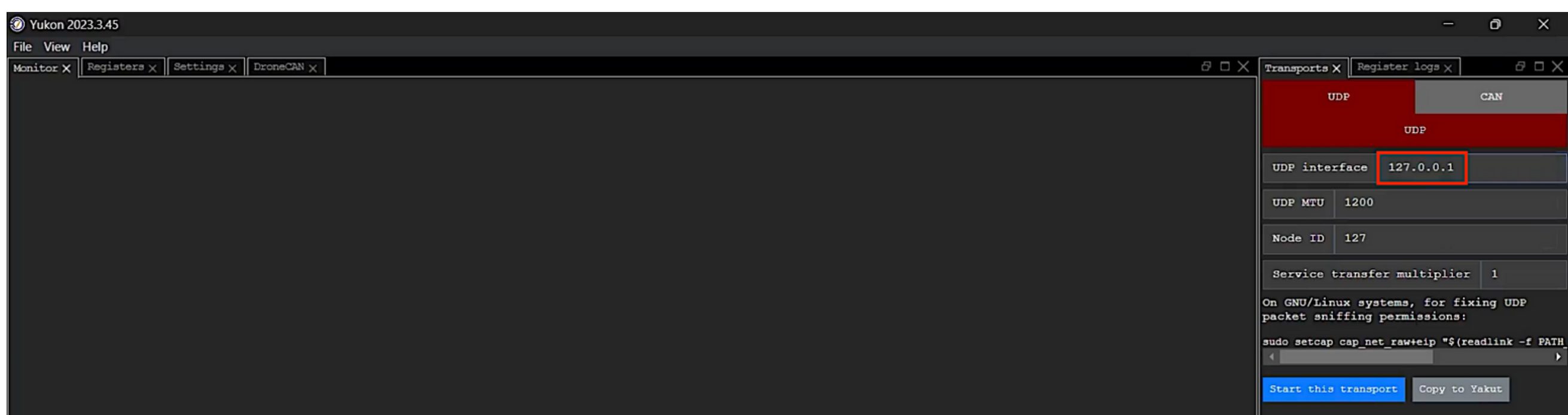
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25. Click 'Add path' → 'Browse', then navigate to the same subfolder, but this time select the 'zubax_dsdl' folder. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click 'Save configuration'.

26. Close and restart the Cyphal software.

27. In the 'UDP interface' field in the top right panel, change the value to 127.0.0.1



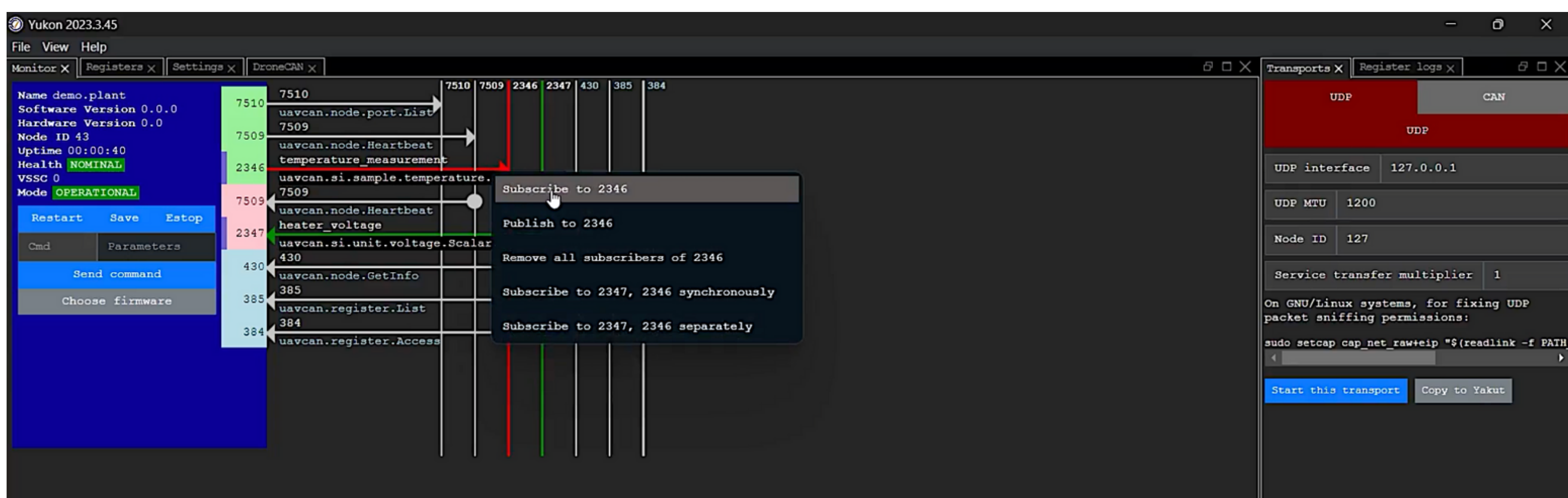
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28. Click 'Start this transport'.

- a. If you get the error 'Cannot find wcap.dll library', you will need to download the Npcap software (free) from www.npcap.com. Scroll down to 'Downloading and Installing Npcap Free Edition', and download the Npcap installer, then complete the installation process.

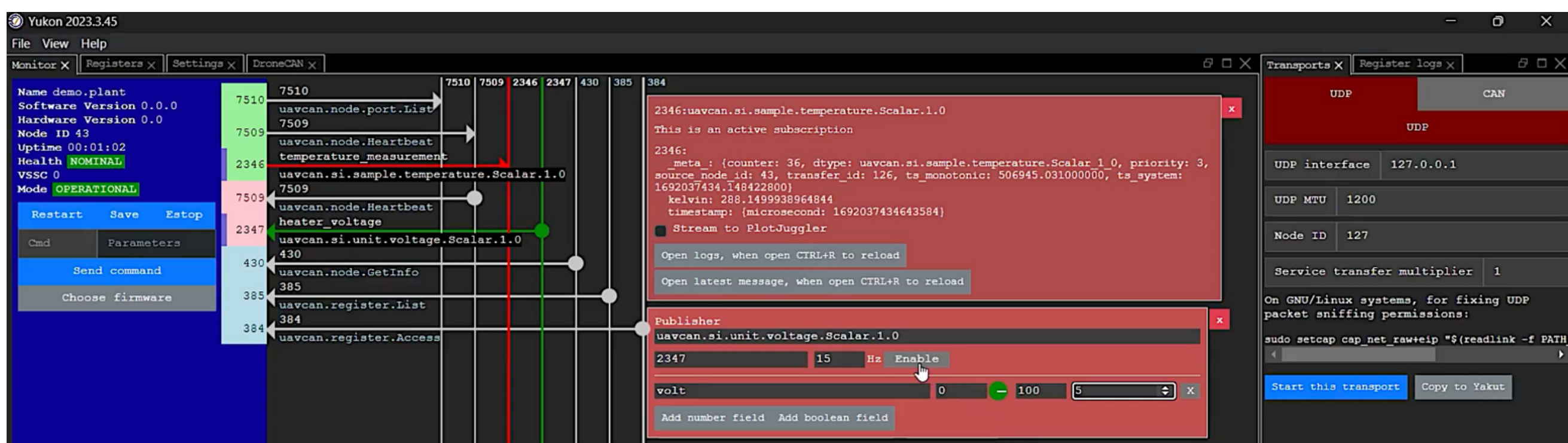
29. Once the installation is complete, go to Yukon and click 'Start this transport' again.

30. In Pycharm, ensure only example_1_plant is running, then right click on the line next to 2346 in Yukon. Click 'Subscribe to 2346' then 'Subscribe' in the pop-up window. This will enable the real time simulated temperature in the Flight Stand Software.



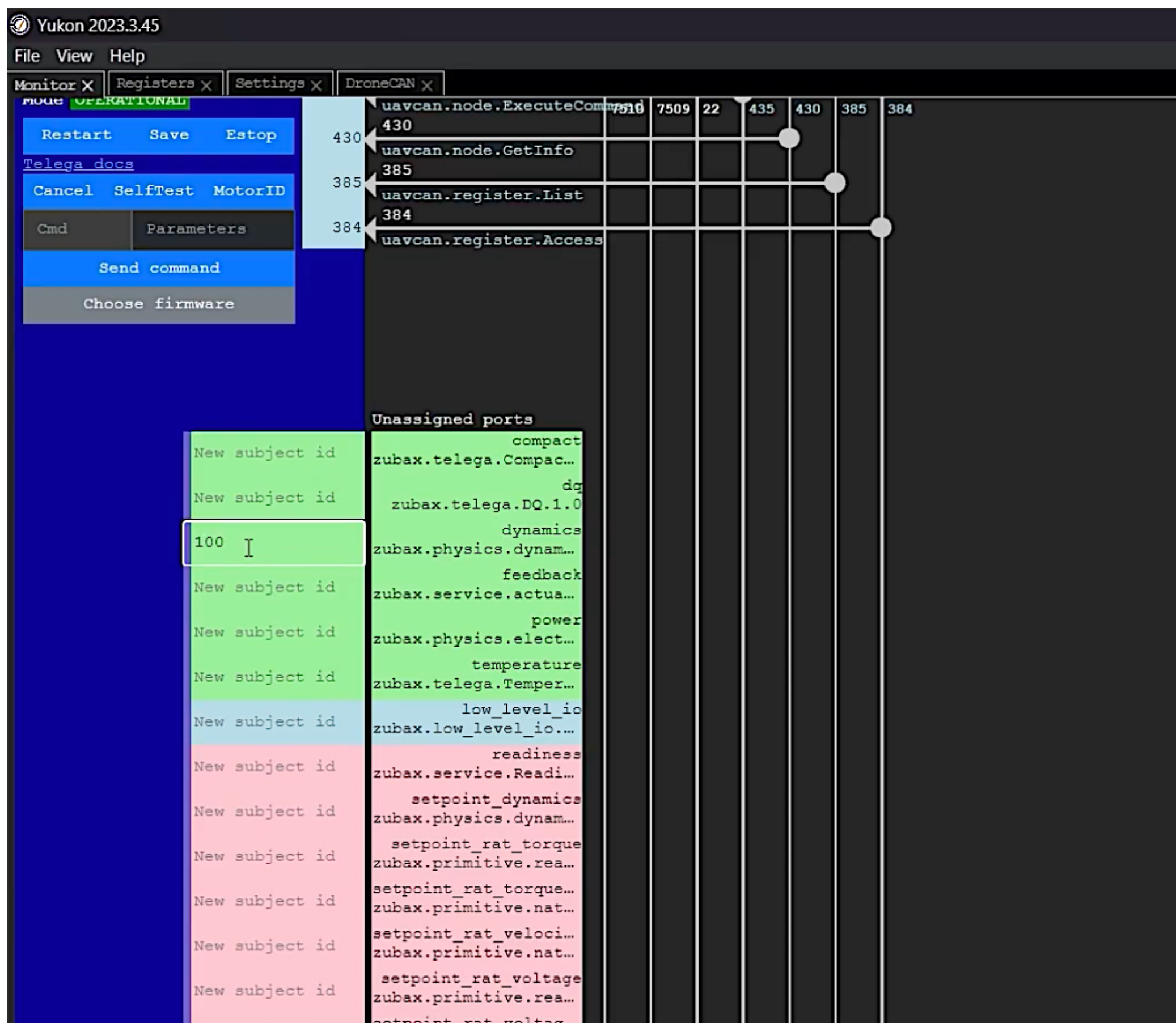
31. Do the same for line 2347, but click 'Publish to 2347' and 'Add number field'. Choose 'volt' and in the last text box enter '5' to set the voltage to 5 V.

32. Click 'Enable' and you'll see the Kelvin temperature measurement slowly start to increase in the window above.



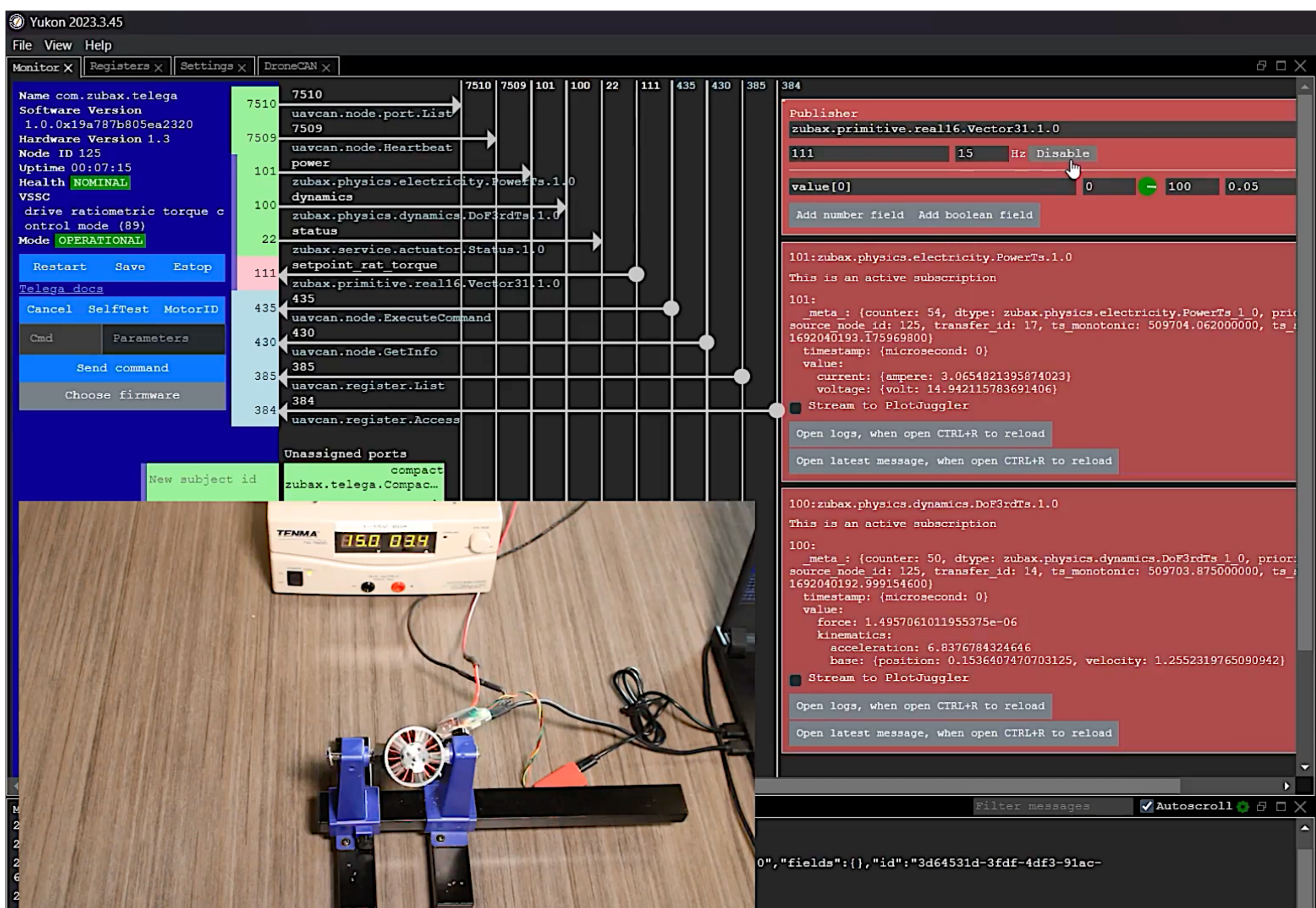
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33. Terminate the previous two examples in Pycharm and open 'example_3'
34. Connect your ESC to your computer. For the Zubax ESC, connect one USB cable to power the ESC, and the other USB cable to connect the Babel device.
35. Open Yukon and make sure the hardware is set up correctly. Go to 'Settings' and make sure that all the required DSDL files are present, like the Zubax DSDL.
36. In the right panel, navigate to 'CAN' and 'SL/CAN', ensure you are using COM3, then click 'Start this transport'.
37. Scroll to the 'Unassigned ports' table and link the fields to the appropriate ports:
 - a. Next to 'zubax.physics.dynamics' enter '100'.
 - b. Next to 'zubax.physics.electronics' enter '101'.
 - c. Next to 'setpoint_rat_torque' enter '111'.



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38. Click 'Restart' in the left panel to restart the connection.
39. In the 'Monitor' tab, right click on the 'power' arrow and select 'Subscribe to 101' then right click on the 'dynamics' arrow and select 'Subscribe to 100'. Click 'Subscribe' again in both pop-up windows.
40. Right click on 'setpoint_rat_torque' and select 'Publish to 111'. In the 'Publisher' window, click 'Add number field' and select 'value (0)' then enter 0.05 for torque (in Nm) in the right-most text box.
41. Click 'Enable' and the ESC will cause the motor to spin. If there was a load on the motor, it would limit the speed to the RPM associated with 0.05 Nm.



42. Open `example_3_telega_ESC.py` and change the port in line 44 to COM3 as this is the port the ESC is connected to.

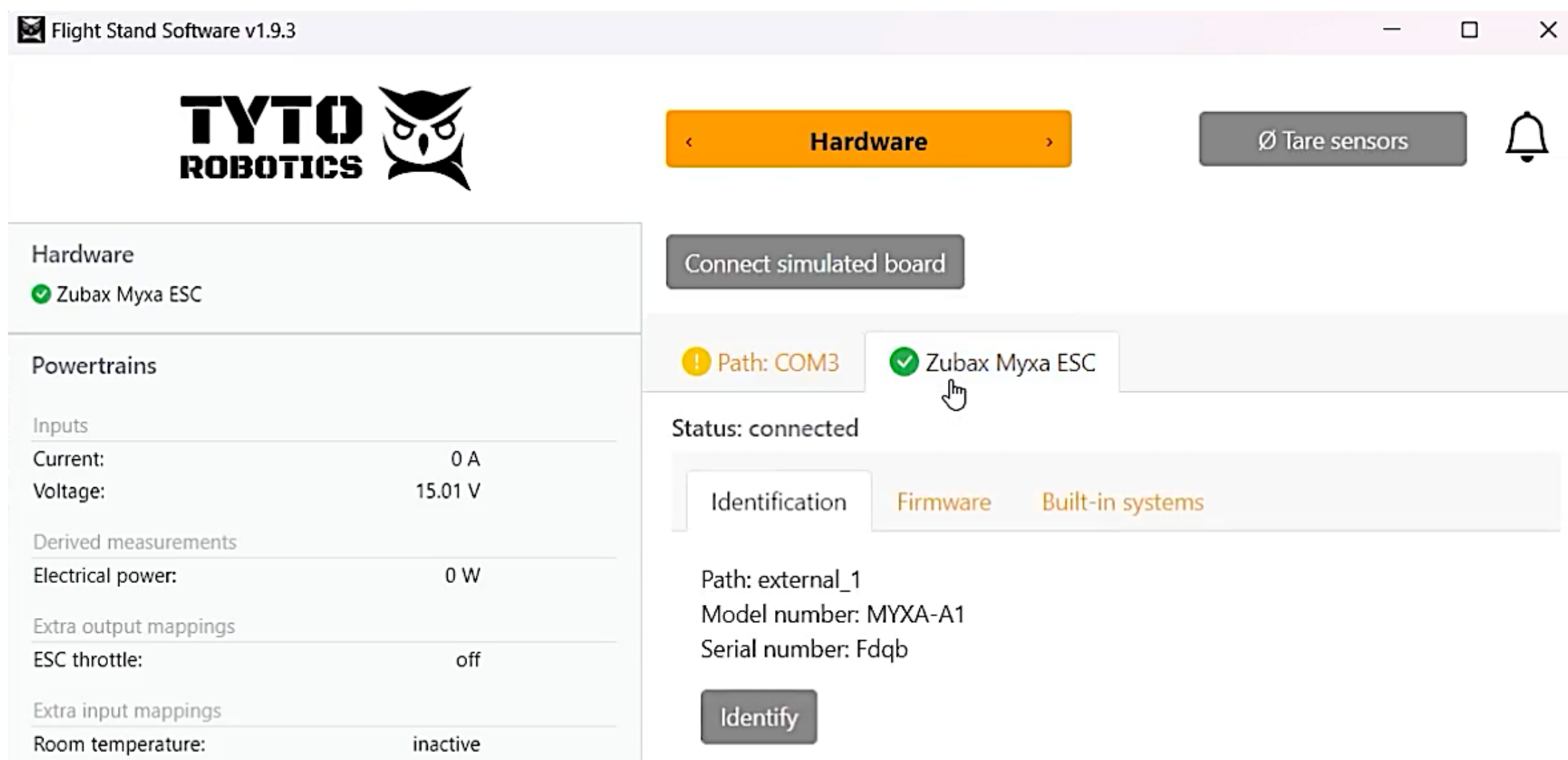
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34 Don't forget to close Yukon or any other external tools using the same COM interface. Here is a useful video to he
35 setting up a telega ESC, you should be able to make your motor spin from Yukon/Yakut before continuing. This example
36 follows the same port assignments as in the linked video.
37 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_nGi3y3FqvU
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39 2) To ensure correct software setup, confirm example_1.py is working before trying to run this example.
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41 3) Using the same method explained in example_1, set the environment variables as follows, but update the COM# to match
42 the COM port used by your Zubax Babel:
43 CYPHAL_PATH=.\\public_regulated_data_types\\.\\zubax_dsd1;
44 UAVCAN__CAN__IFACE=slcan:COM3;
45 UAVCAN__CAN__HTU=8;
46 UAVCAN__NODE__ID=42;
47 UAVCAN__CAN__BITRATE=1000000 1000000;
48 UAVCAN__SUB__TELEMETRY_DYNAMICS__ID=100;
49 UAVCAN__SUB__TELEMETRY_POWER__ID=101;
50 UAVCAN__PUB__CONTROL_TORQUE__ID=111;
51
52 5) Run the Flight Stand Software.
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43. Set up the runtime environment by copy-pasting the runtime variables into the configuration: right click → 'Modify Run Configuration'. In the environment variables line, Ctrl A then Ctrl V to replace the variables → Apply.
44. With the Flight Stand software open, right click on 'example_3_telega_ESC.py' and select 'Run example_3_telega_ESC.py'.
45. If the 'Zubax ESC' appears in the Flight Stand software under 'Hardware', then you've successfully performed the connection.



46. Under the 'Powertrain Mappings' tab, ensure that the Zubax ESC is mapped correctly.
47. Test the connection by activating the ESC in the 'Manual Control' tab.

8. Remotely Control the Software

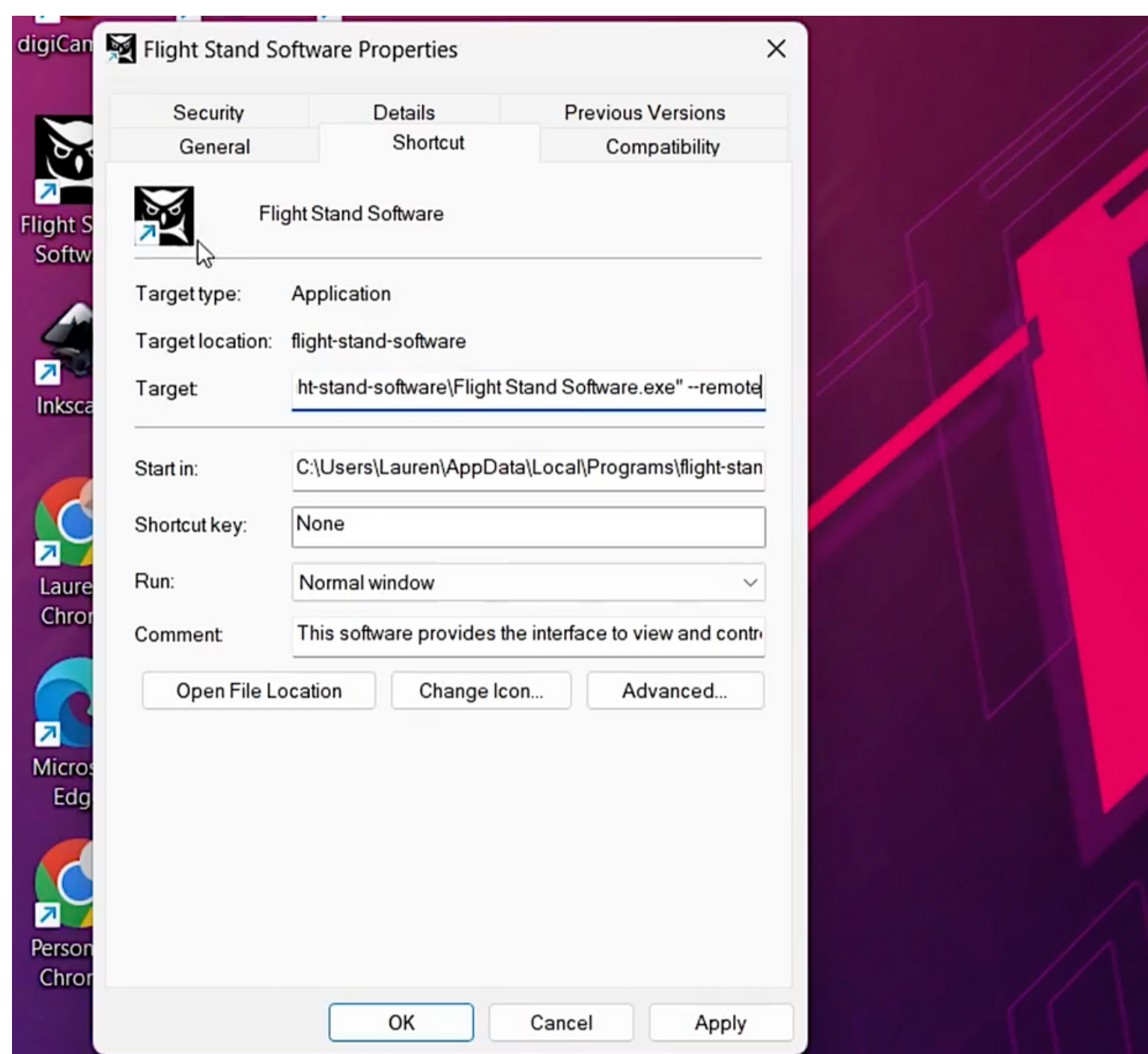
Remotely controlling the software is useful in many situations, i.e. to use a different operating system or to enhance user safety. This section explains how to set up a remote connection using two computers on the same network: one connected to the Flight Stand’s sync hub via USB, and a second computer used to control the software remotely.

Be aware that this feature has some safety implications as anybody in the network can activate your motor, so make sure there is good communication within your team, that you have full control of the environment, and that you're on a private network.

Video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/kfvCMsBG8mg>

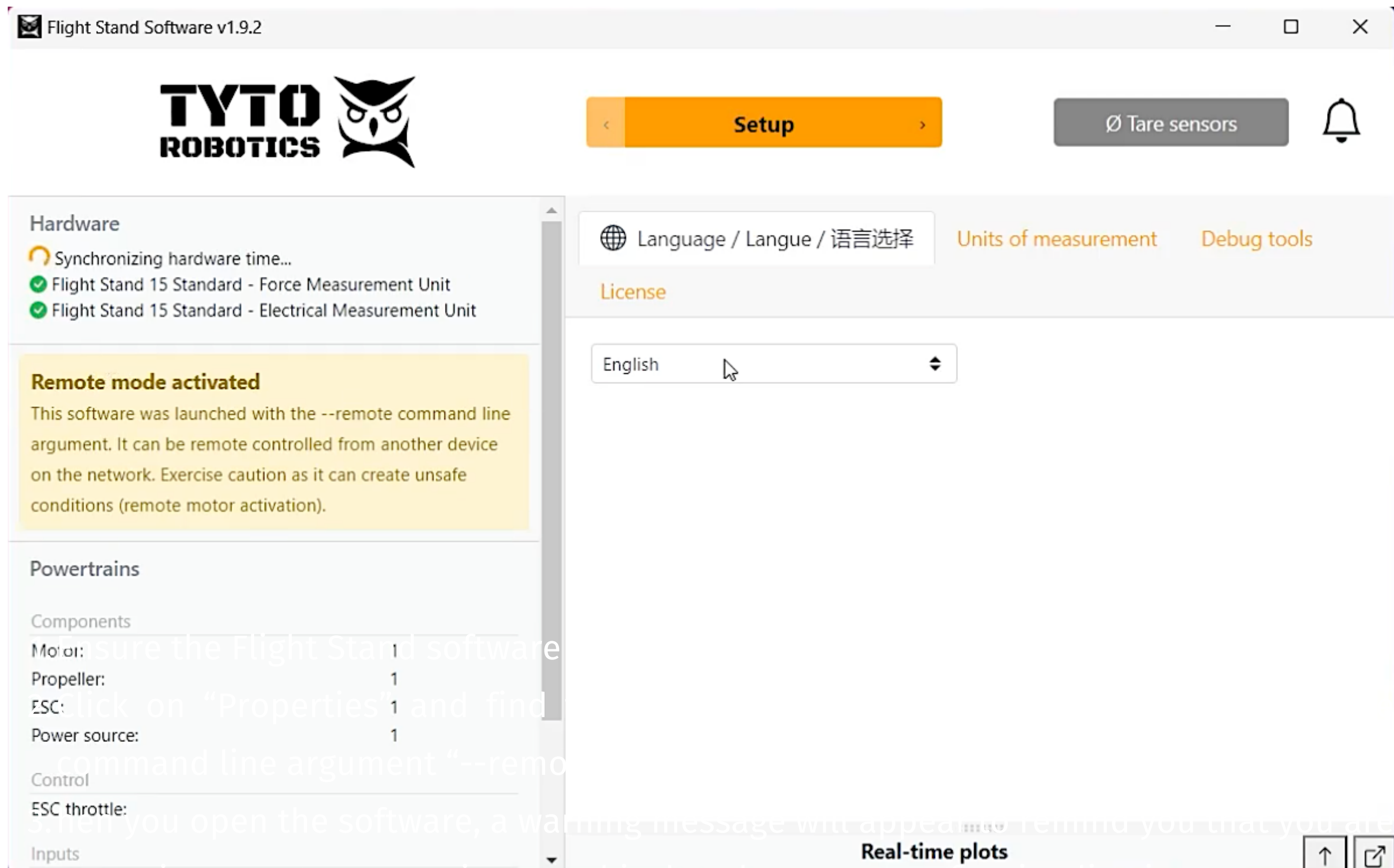
Steps:

1. Ensure the Flight Stand software is closed, then right click on the software’s shortcut.
2. Click on “Properties” and find the ‘Target’ field. At the end of the line, add the command line argument “--remote”.
 - a. If you get the error: “the name is not valid”, add a space before "--remote".



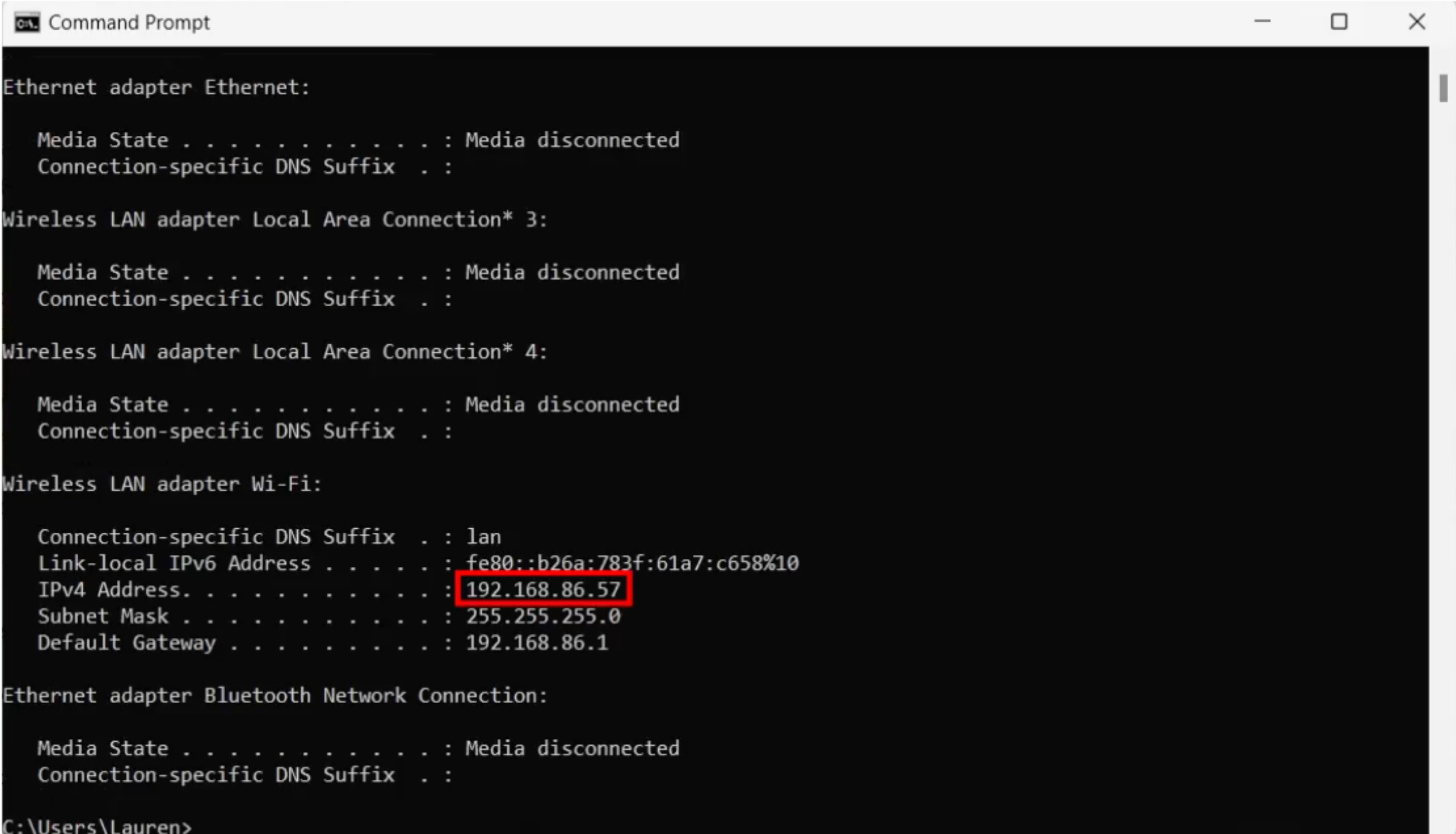
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3. When you open the software, a warning message will appear to remind you that you are accepting remote connections from any device on the network.



4. On the same computer, find the computer's IP address. You can do so by entering the command "ipconfig" in Command Prompt.

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Command Prompt

Ethernet adapter Ethernet:

    Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :

Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 3:

    Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :

Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 4:

    Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :

Wireless LAN adapter Wi-Fi:

    Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : lan
    Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::b26a:783f:61a7:c658%10
    IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.86.57
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . : 192.168.86.1

Ethernet adapter Bluetooth Network Connection:

    Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :

C:\Users\Lauren>

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5. On the second computer, right click on the Flight Stand software shortcut.
6. Click on “Properties” then find the “Target” field and at the end of the line, add the command line argument “--target=192.168.86.57:50051”, the number before the colon being the first computer’s IP address.
7. When you launch the software, you will see the same warning message.
8. To test your connection, go to the “Manual Control” tab, activate the ESC and try increasing the throttle. Your first computer and Flight Stand should mirror your prompts.