

Technology Tuesday

Description

Space craft formation flying

[Interesting stuff – Precision Formation Flying.](#) Might cause future [Lex's](#) to complain loudly that only a human can do it, rejecting the idea that “it’s so simple, even robotic systems can do it!”

Formation flying by unmanned platforms. In space...going really, really fast (well, that’s with *true* speed...here it’s the *relative* speed that makes a difference, and that can be very small, except at the “join up”) Lots of applications, like [many small sensor platforms being electronically integrated into a larger system](#), but only if they are positioned specifically to add to the synergism.

Check out the JPL data on the topic, and, if you’re a military pilot....be afraid, be very afraid...of the word [“autonomy.”](#)

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