

Technology Tuesday

Description

Space craft formation flying

[Interesting stuff](#) – [Precision Formation Flying](#). Might cause future [Lexa™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 it's 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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