



# MAKE TO INNOVATE

Mid-Term Review – Spring 2019

HABET

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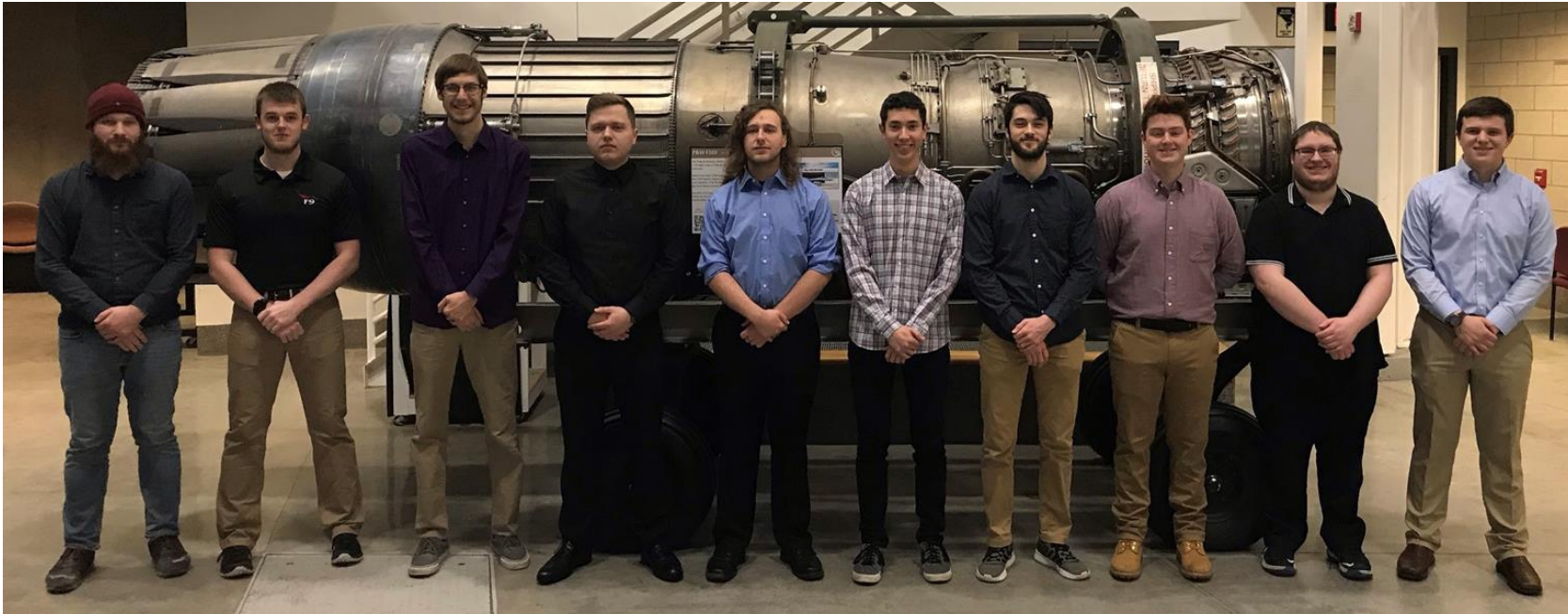
Conclusion

# PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Executive Summary

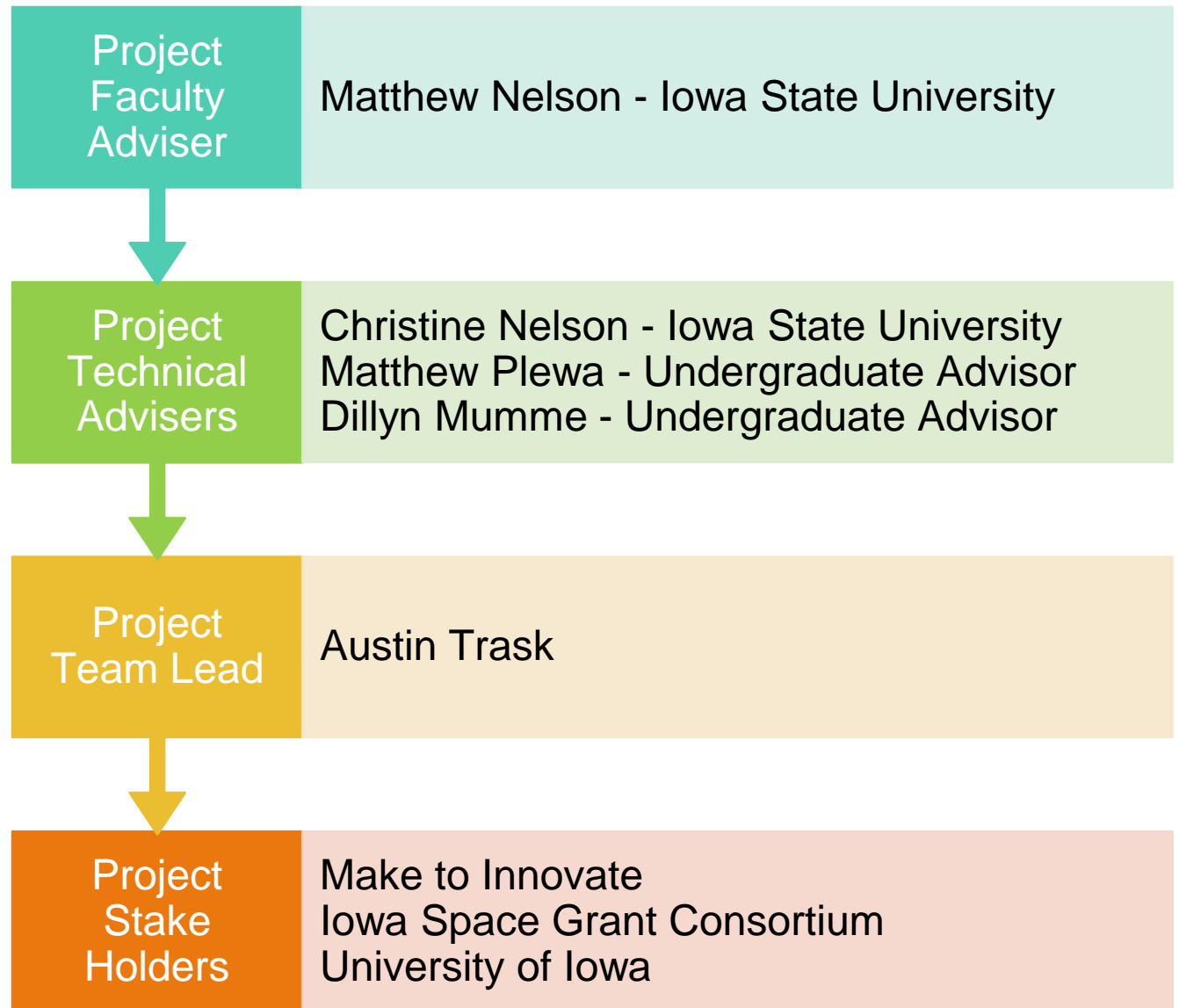


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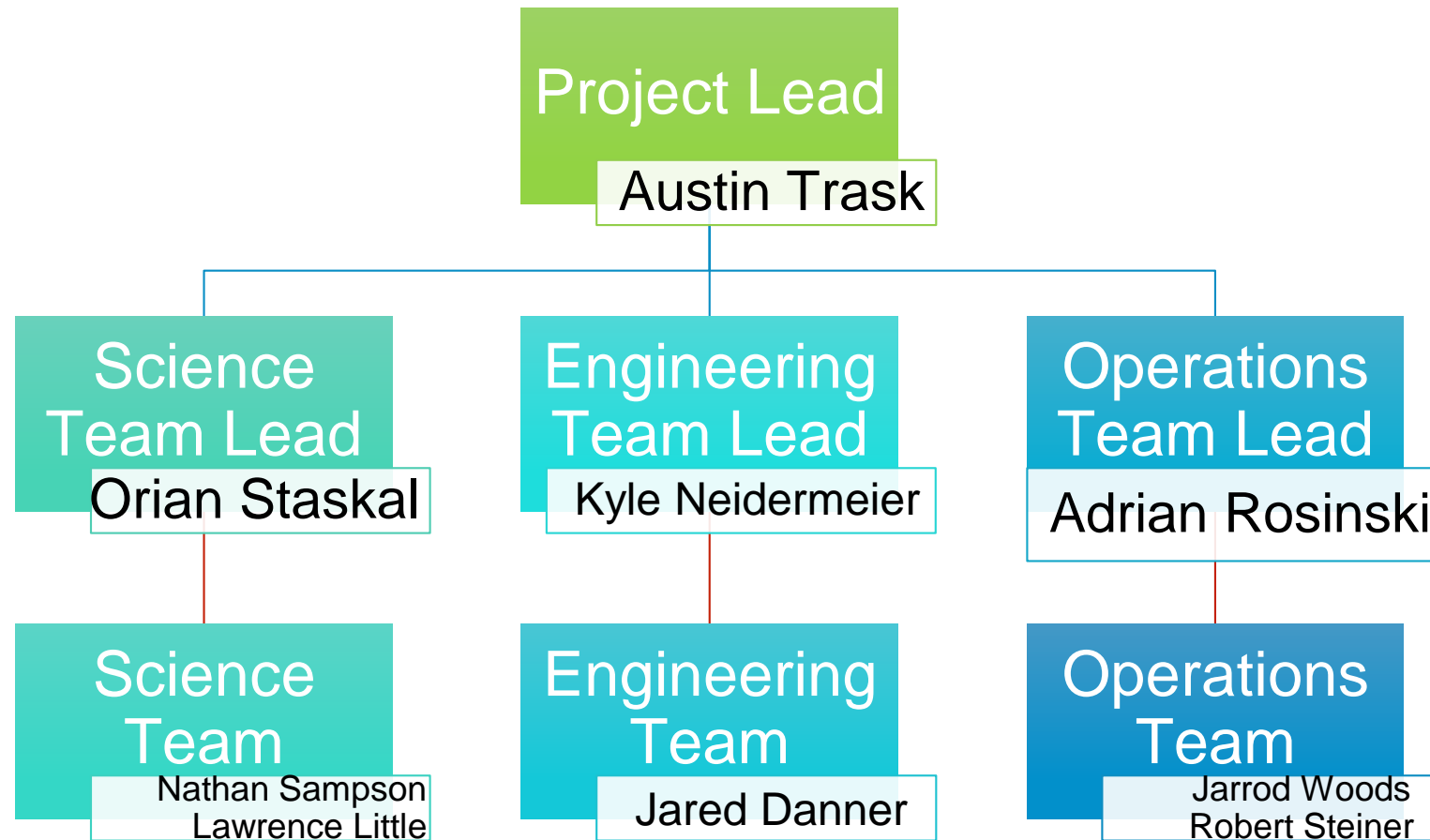


From Left to Right: Matthew Plewa, Jared Danner, Nathan Sampson, Adrian Rosinski, Kyle Neidermeier, Orion Staskal, Lawrence Little, Jarrod Woods, Robert Steiner, Austin Trask

# PROJECT OVERVIEW



# Project Organization Chart



# Project Objectives

- Fly balloon payloads to support high-altitude research
  - Operate with well-documented and up-to-date procedures
  - Regularly and successfully launch and recover payloads
- Work with customers for the success of their research
  - Other M:2:1 teams, ISU professors, and 3rd parties are eligible
  - Inform customers of their options when flying with HABET
- Conduct research of our own
  - Design and fly our own research missions

# Semester Goals

- Return HABET to full flight operations
  - Gain experience running full flights
  - Have clear procedures and documentation
  - Be ready to train new members
- Fully implement the LoRa comms
  - LoRa system will integrate into eventual website
  - Less reliance on 3rd party software
- Begin work with University of Iowa
  - Prove our capabilities
  - Discuss their requirements for our eventual flight





# Semester Deliverables

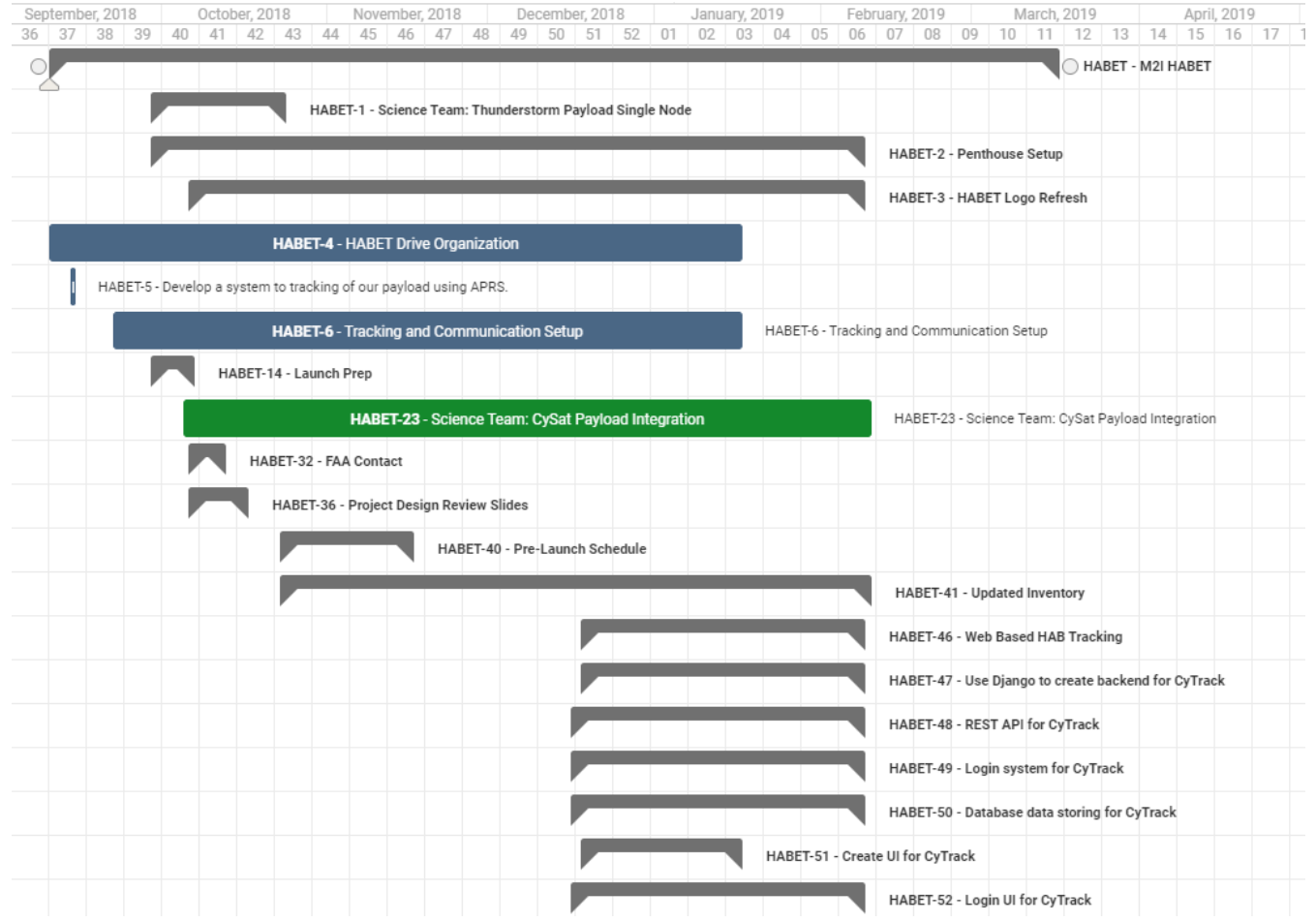
- Successful flight of the LoRa
- Implementation of tracking and predictions through website
- New fill nozzle
- Proposal for research mission
- Updated documentation
- Implementation of checklists into the website

# ACTIVITY REPORT

Milestones, Tasks, and Health Report



# TASK BREAKDOWN



# LX-150-A

- First launch of the semester
- LoRa failed before launch
- Provided needed experience for everyone on the team



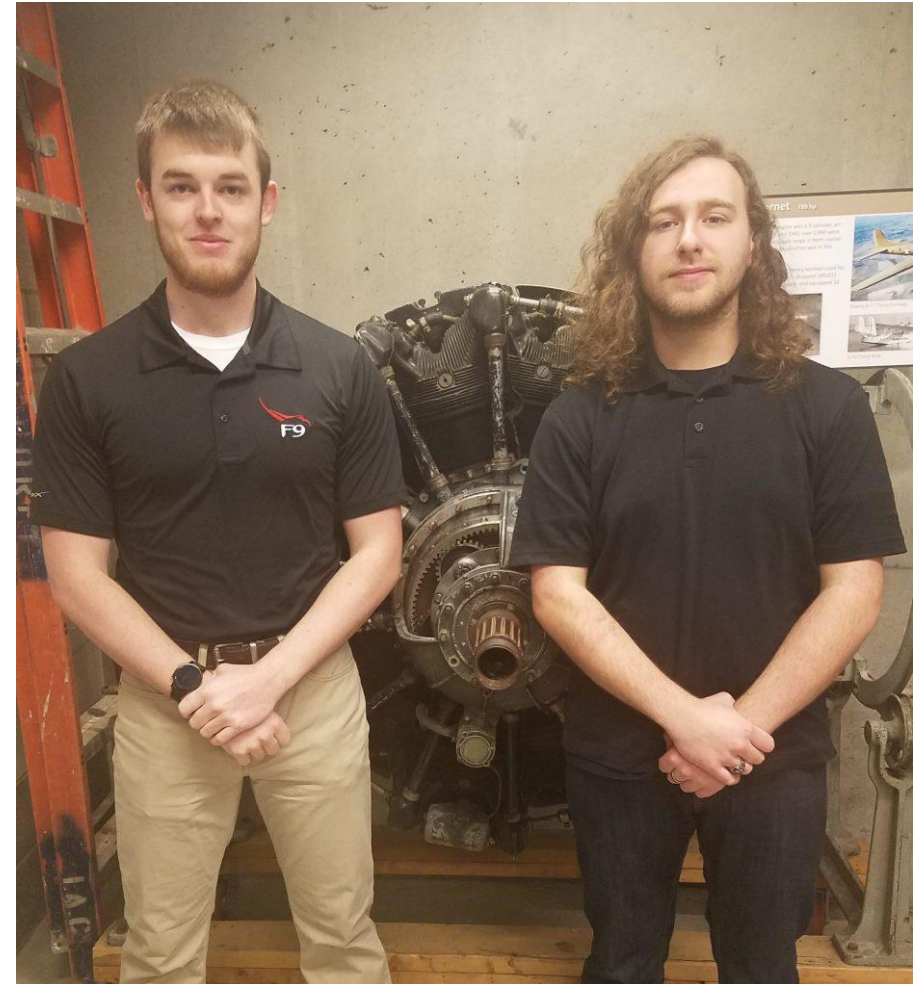
# ENGINEERING TEAM

Lead: Kyle Neidermeier  
Member: Jared Danner



# Engineering Overview

- Main objectives:
  - Hardware advancement
  - Software support
  - Tracking systems
  - New balloon release mechanism
  - New fill nozzle



# Engineering Milestones

[HABET-141] [Website Implementation](#)

**Created: 03/Mar/19 Updated:  
03/Mar/19 Due: 23/Mar/19**

<b>Status:</b>	In Progress
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[HABET-140] [LoRa Implementation](#)

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[HABET-138] [Create Fill Nozzle](#) **Created: 03/Mar/19 Updated: 03/Mar/19  
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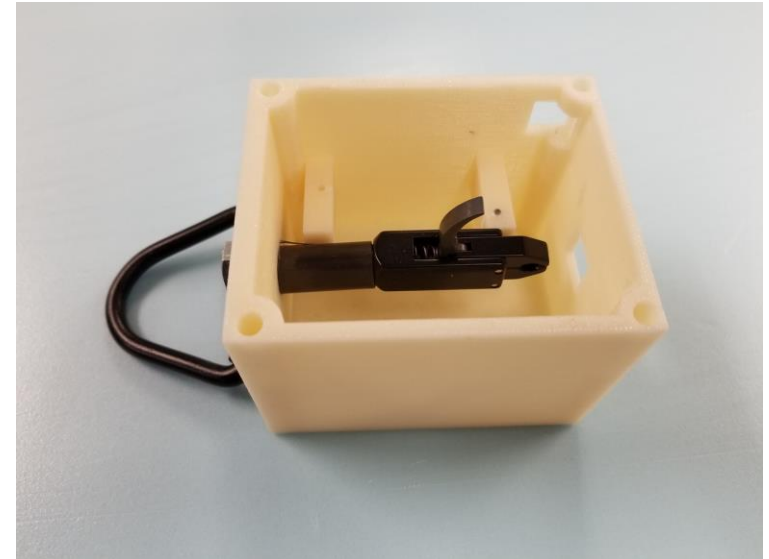
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# Balloon Auto-Launch Latch System

- Work In Progress
- Will be integrated into LoRa system.
- LoRa will use a servo to move the latch as shown.
- Manual trigger via button press of Mission Manager.



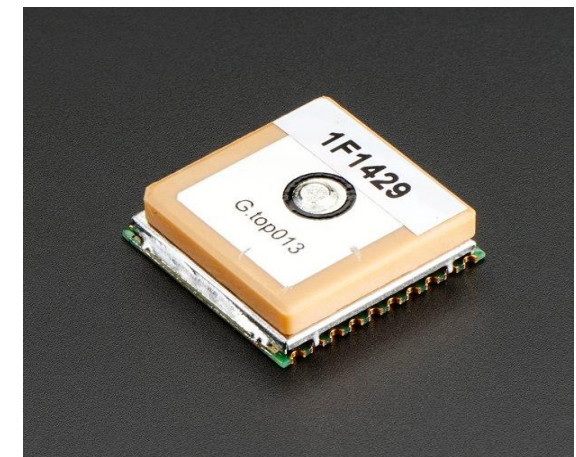
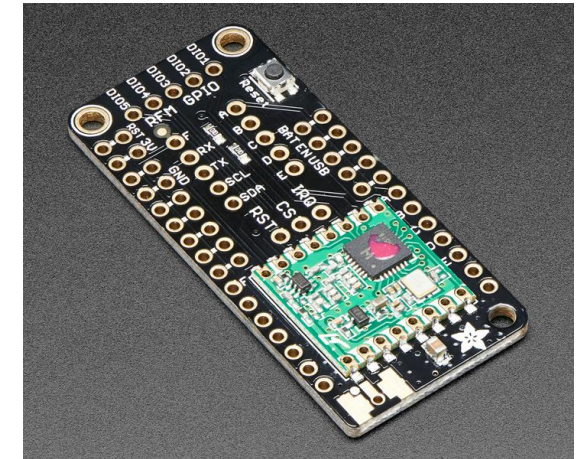
Similar System Used For Eagle Eye



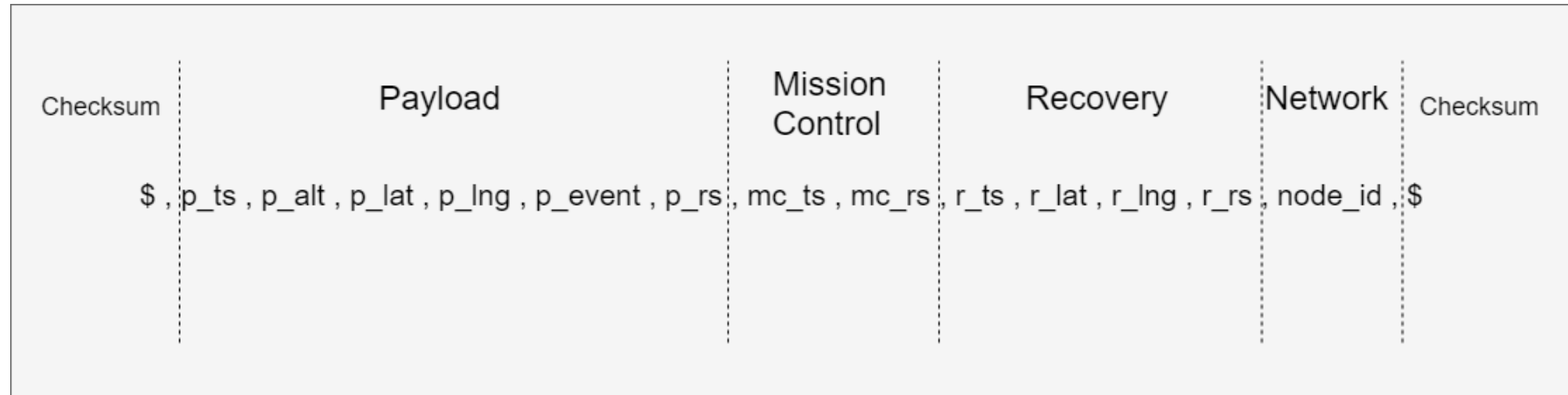


# LoRa Comms System

- Hardware
  - Adafruit LoRa Radio FeatherWing - RFM95W 433 MHz
  - FGPMOPA6B GPS Module
- Software
  - Languages
    - C++ : firmware
    - Python : Tkinter GUI
  - Network
    - Decentralized nodes. (all are independant)
    - Pass around 1 packet.
    - Each node owns a section of the packet.
    - Uses millisecond timestamps for synchronization of variables within packet.



# LoRa Network Packet

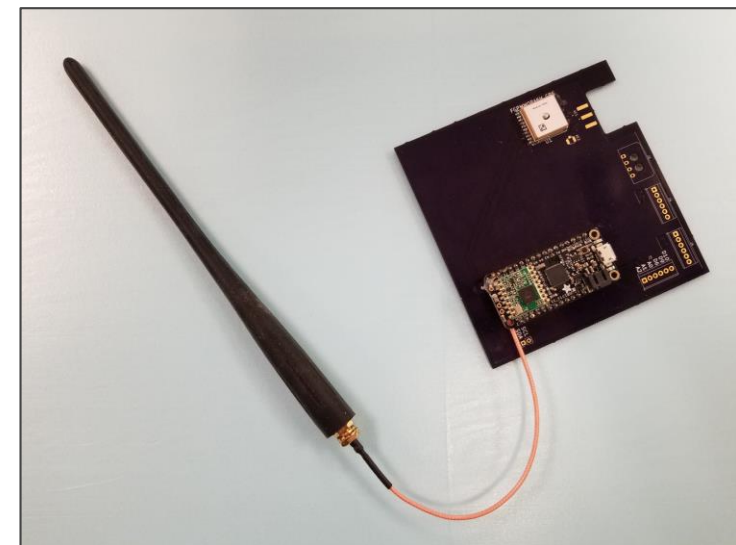


**ts** : Time stamp (ms)

**event** : Error detection (GPS fix loss, burst detected, etc..)

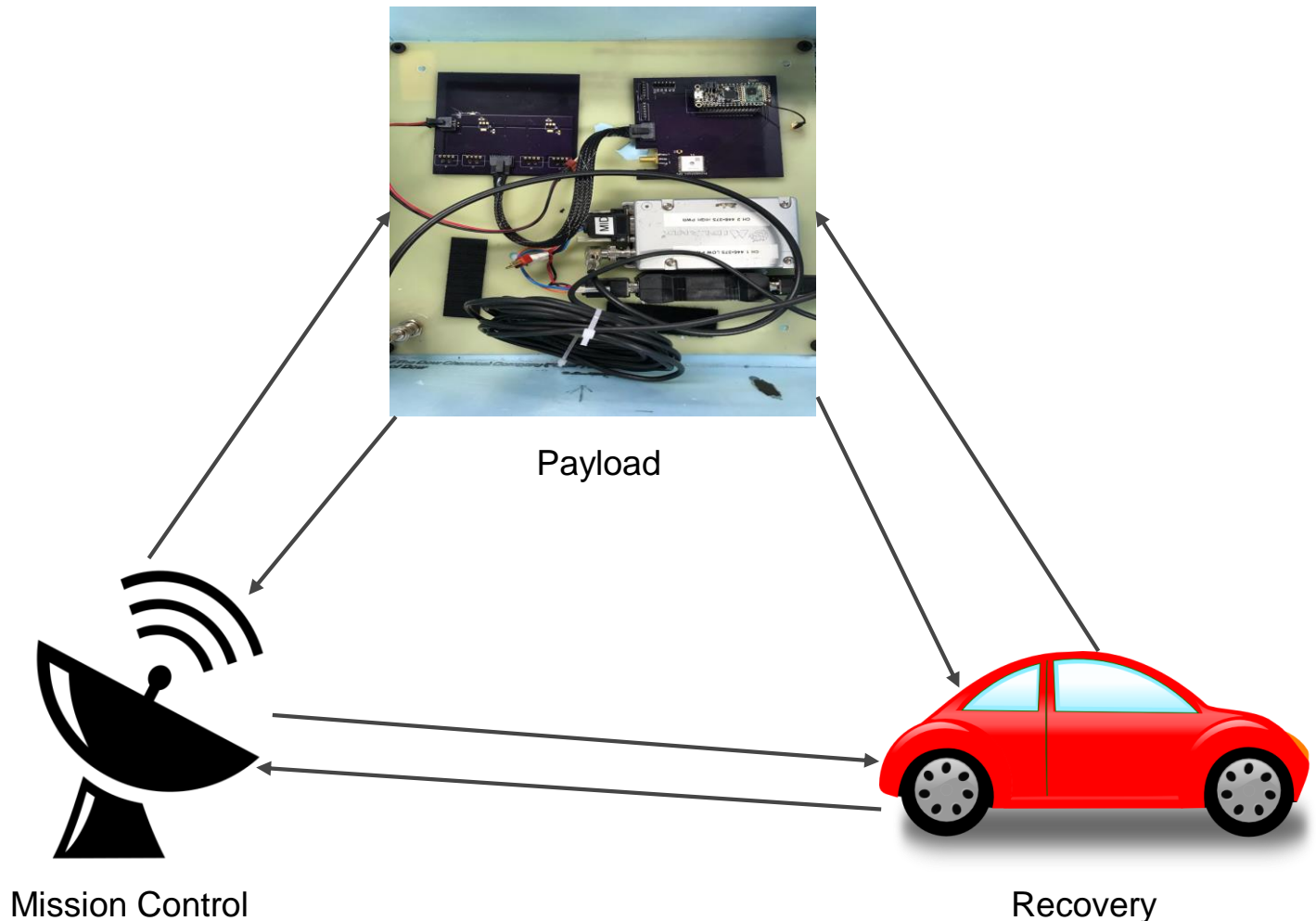
**rs** : Node reset

**node\_id** : Node signature



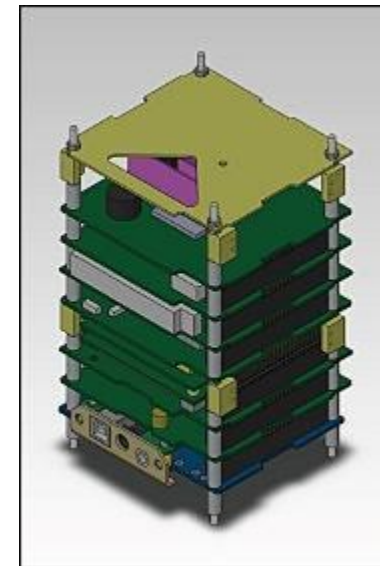
# High-Level System Architecture

- Mission Control (Howe Hall)
  - Python GUI to view data
  - Send commands
- Payload
  - Sensory Data
  - Tracking Systems
- Recovery Vehicle
  - Tracking Systems



# CyStack

- Completely new hardware stack
  - New tracking
  - New power distribution board
  - New onboard processing capabilities
  - Multi-team single CPU architecture
  - Vertical stacking (similar to CubeSats)



<https://directory.eoportal.org/web/eoportal/satellite-missions/c-missions/cinema>

# Multi-Team Single CPU

- Based off of raspberry pi CM3+
  - 48 gpio pins compared to 28
  - Peripherals not needed can be excluded
- Common busses can be wrapped
  - I2C multiplexer to prevent teams from interfering
  - Wrappers for com stacks will handle data transmit and receive functionality
- Pi hats can be connected to a 40 pin header just like standard Raspberry Pis

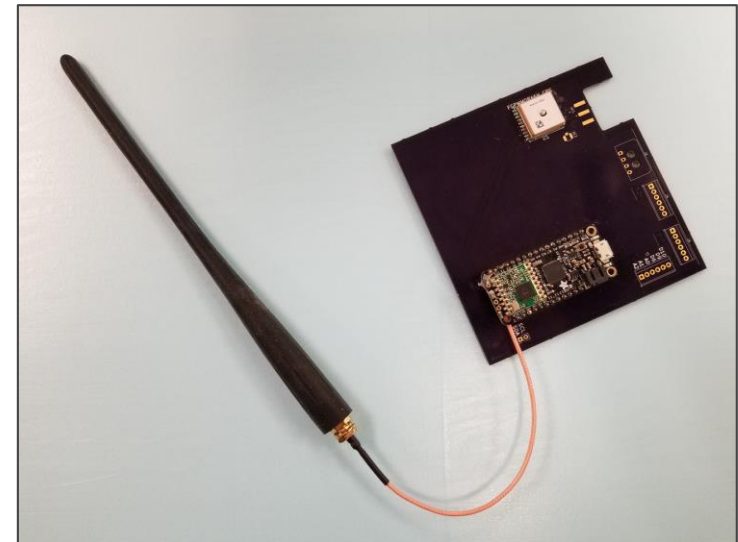


# Wrapper Functionality

- GPIO pins will be broken into RJ45 ports with port IDs
  - Cables will be ribbon cables to reduce crosstalk
  - In python GPIO pins assigned based off of order declared in software
  - One line of code to change to switch ports
- I2C ports will be based off of multiplexer
  - Only need to know I2C port the wrapper will than know the address on the multiplexer
- Serial and Com wrapper
  - Utilize a prefix added to the data being sent to only supply data to correct team

# CyStack Tracking Module

- Utilizing previously discussed LORA
- Switch to Cortex M0 processor
  - Built in DAC
- Split LORA radio off of Feather board
- Add VHF/UHF radio for NAPRS
  - DAC will allow us to do AFSK cleaner



# CyStack EPS

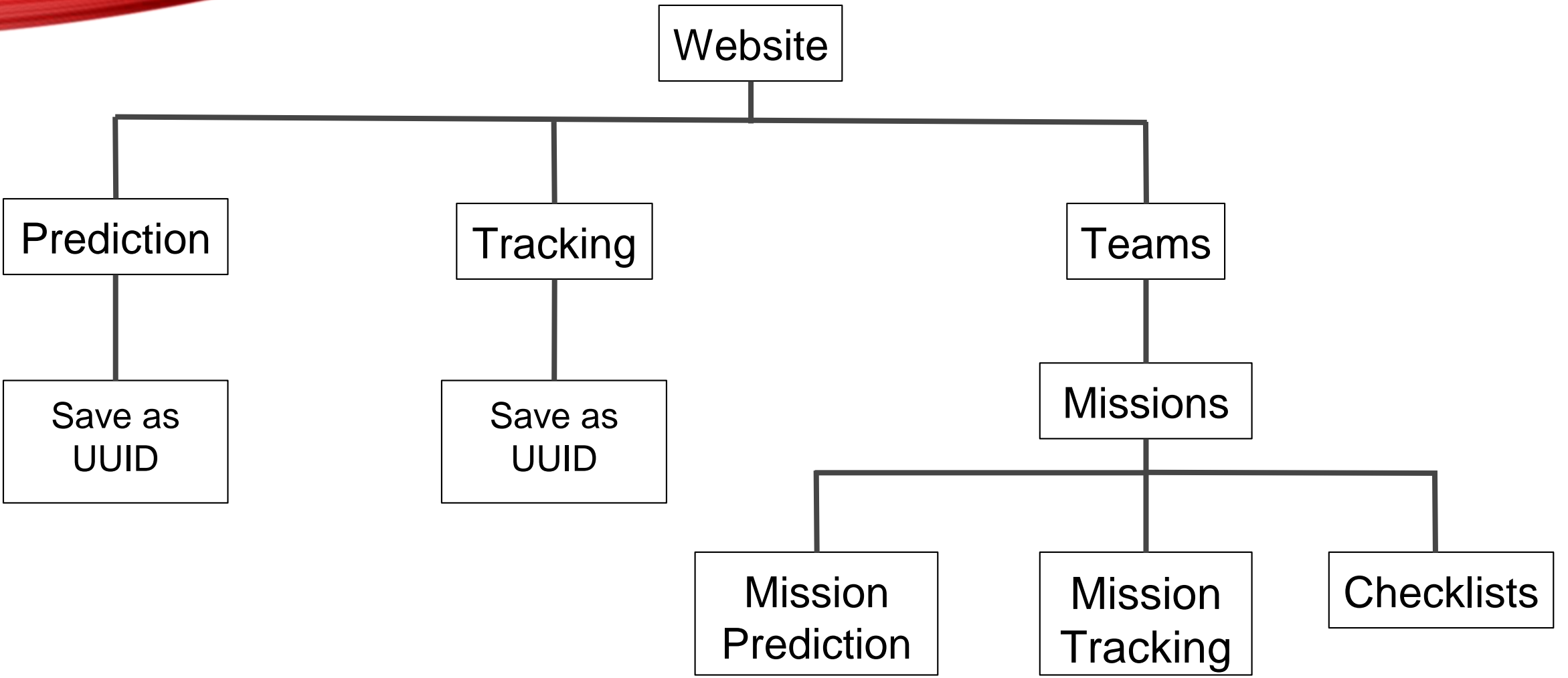
- Ultra low cost
  - Similar non-space rated boards run for over \$800
- Power busses:
  - Unregulated (7v4 nominal)
  - 5V
  - 3v3
- External power
  - Ultra fast power switching with capacitor tie over
- Battery cell heaters
- I2C data and status
- Low voltage cell protection

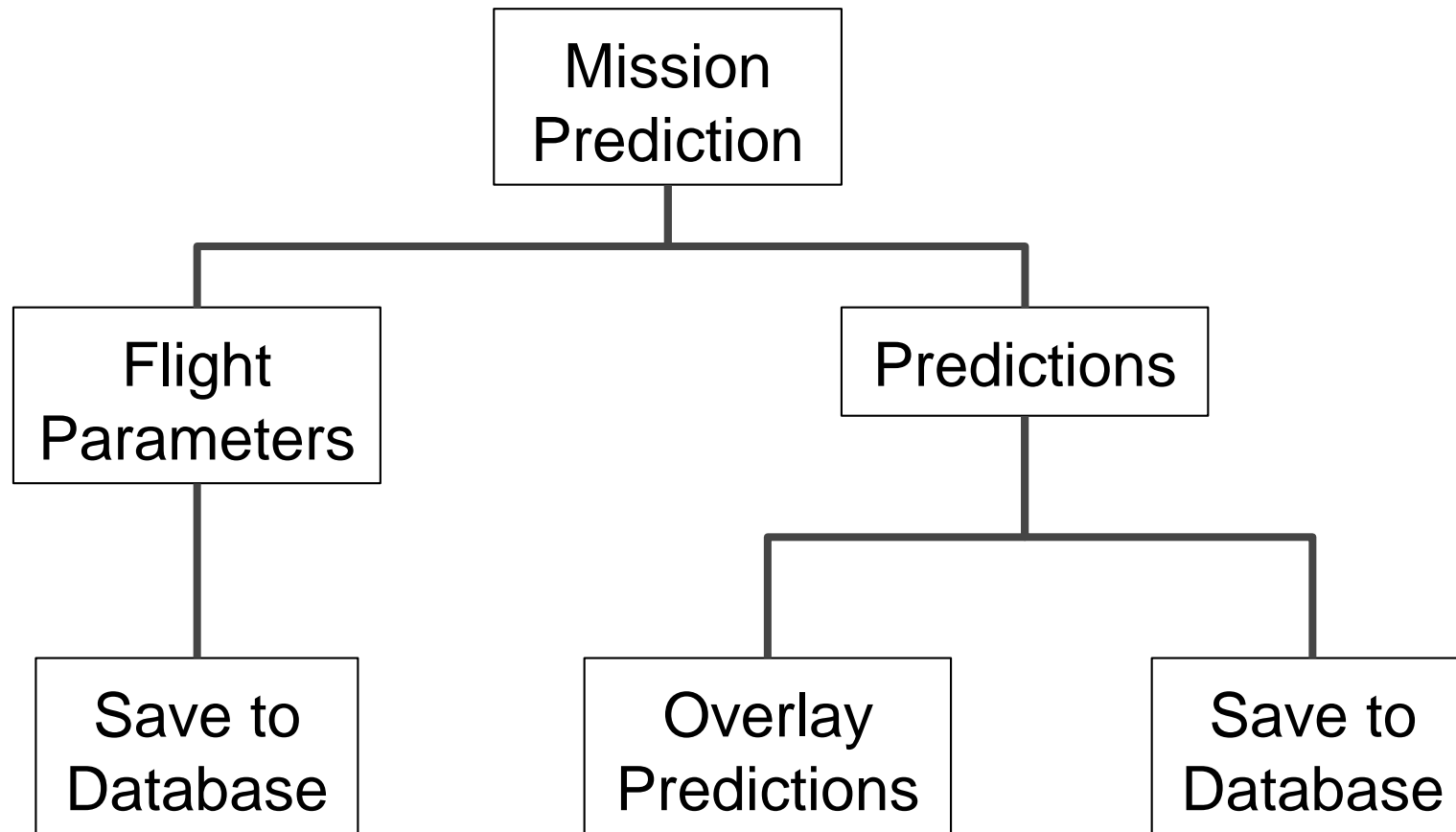


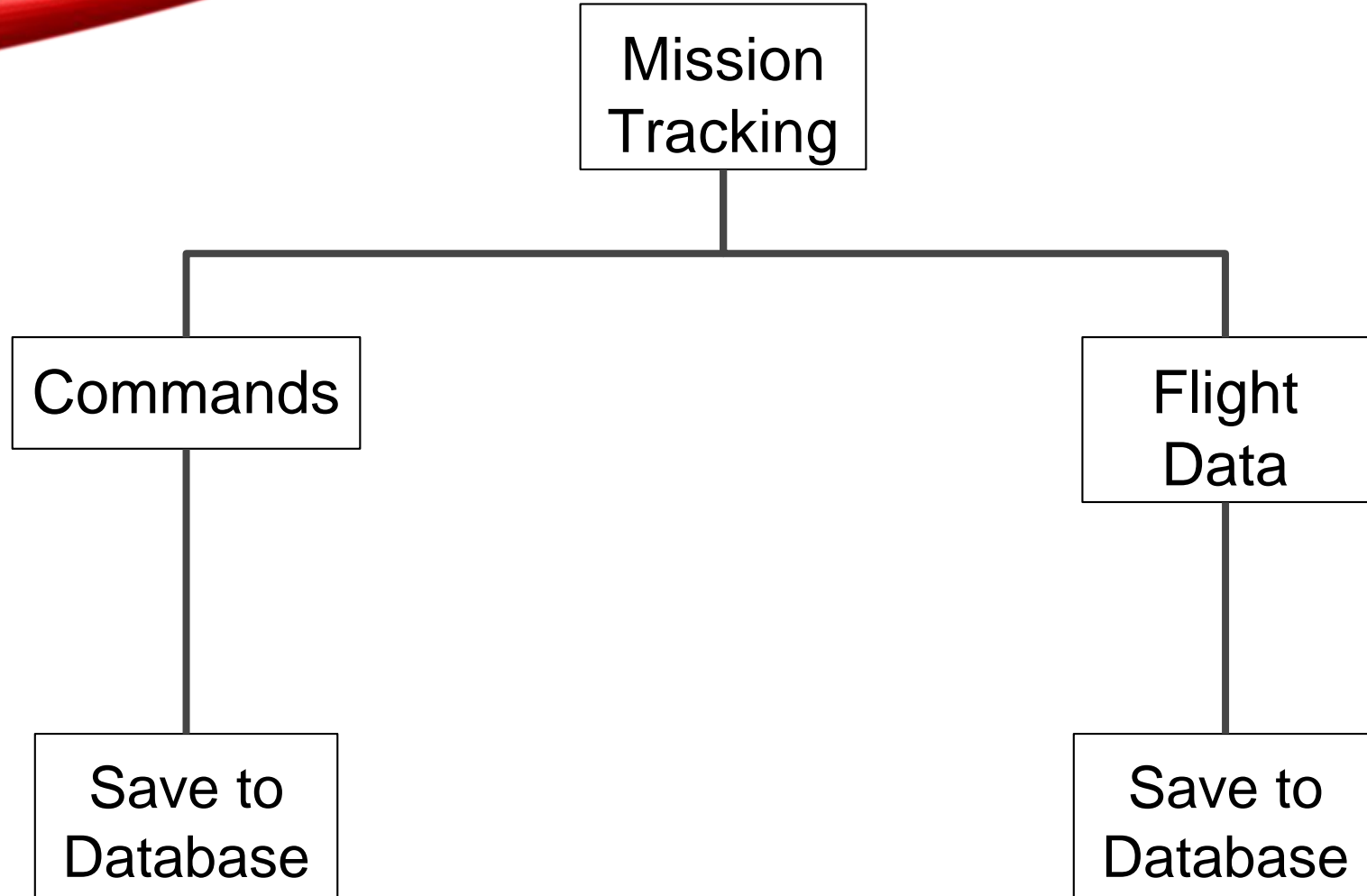


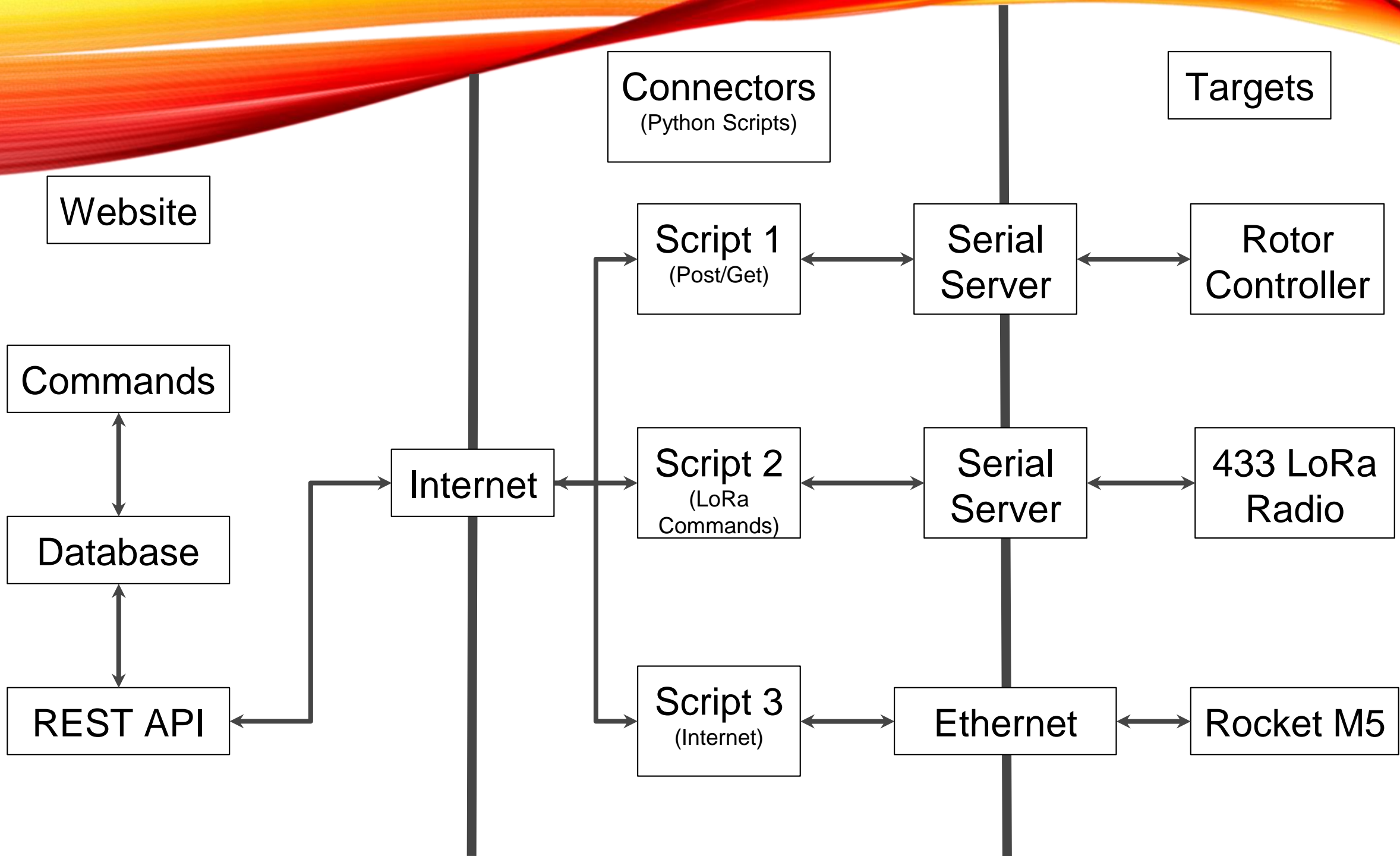
# HABET Website

- Streamline all current software into one website
- Anything launch related will be on the website
- Main functions:
  - Predictions
  - Tracking
  - Controlling
  - Organization









# SCIENCE TEAM

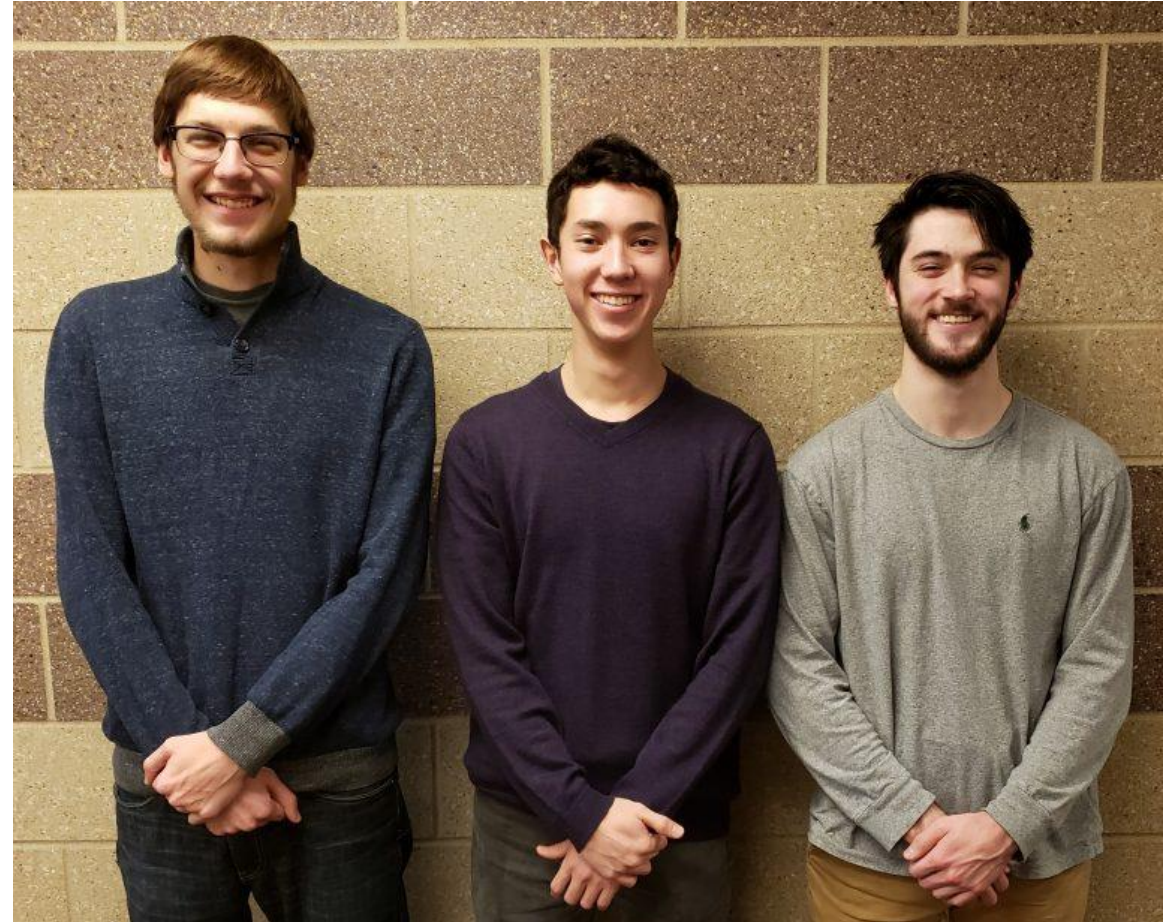
Team Lead: Orion Staskal

Members: Nathan Sampson, Lawrence Little



# Science Overview

- Main objectives:
  - Payload Familiarization
  - Create new Fill Nozzle
  - Look at potential research missions
  - Work with potential third parties



# MILESTONES

**[HABET-139] Science Mission Proposal** Created:  
03/Mar/19 Updated: 03/Mar/19 Due: 26/Apr/19

**Status:** To Do

**Project:** M2I HABET

**[HABET-137] Create Fill Nozzle** Created:  
03/Mar/19 Updated: 05/Mar/19 Due: 27/Mar/19  
Resolved: 05/Mar/19

**Status:** In Progress

**Project:** M2I HABET



# Fill Nozzle

- Old nozzle leaked gas
- Designed new fill nozzle
- Needs to be tested





# Payload Familiarization

- Learn how the LoRa works
- Learn methods for collecting data
- Propose research mission



# Future Endeavours

- Work with third parties on outside experiments
- Create experiments unique to HABET

# OPERATIONS TEAM

Lead: Adrian Rosinski

Members: Robert Steiner, Jarrod Woods



# OPERATIONS

- Main objectives:
  - Develop and maintain proper procedures during launch
  - Create documentation and checklists
  - Create cohesive information for third parties
  - Supervise and maintain launch day inventory
  - Launch, operate radios, and recover payload on launch day



# Operation Milestones

**[HABET-142] Documentation and Procedures Created:**

30/Jan/19 Updated: 04/Mar/19 Due: 27/Apr/19

**Status:** In Progress

**Project:** M2I HABET

**[HABET-143] Trainings Created: 30/Jan/19 Updated:**

04/Mar/19 Due: 27/Apr/19

**Status:** In Progress

**Project:** M2I HABET

# Operations Trainings

- Review lecture powerpoints
  - Extract vital information from lecture slides
- Develop new trainings for members to complete
- Allow members and third parties to access lecture powerpoints
- Give members an opportunity to gain background information on radio operations
  - Implement trainings to help aid in acquiring the technician license





# Operations Documentation

- Keep checklists up to date
  - Readiness reviews
  - Inventory
  - Launch
  - Recovery
- Organize HABET documents and update as needed



# Operations Procedures

- Contact the FAA as required by CFR Part 101
- Day of Launch
  - Set up balloon
  - Fill
  - Release
- Recovery
  - Receive data from payload
  - Retrieve payload

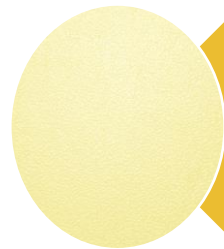
# Operations Deliverables

- Formulate launch checklists and third party launch forms
  - Cohesive
  - Professional
  - Thorough
- Develop new launch procedures to ensure the smoothest possible launch
  - Checklists
  - Communication
  - Schedules

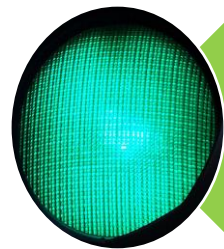
# PROJECT HEALTH REPORT



University of Iowa meetings



N/A



LoRa  
Website  
Fill nozzle  
Documentation  
Science proposal

# DESIGN REVIEW

Constraints



# DESIGN CONSTRAINTS

- FAA 14 CFR Part 101
  - Payload mass dictates if or how we are required to communicate with FAA
- Limit mass of main hardware
  - Lower standard payload mass allows research payloads to fly on smaller, cheaper balloons
- Weather
  - Affects integrity of payload
  - Potential to make launches unsafe

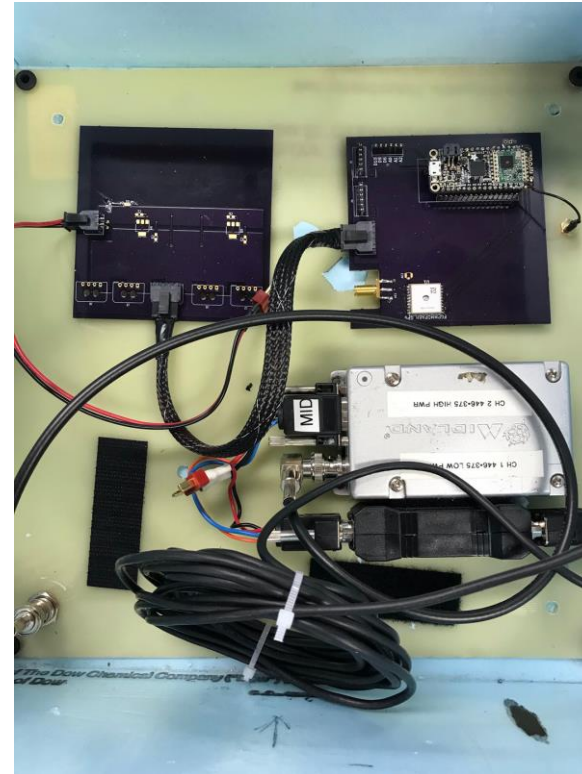
# DESIGN REVIEW

Current Design



# CURRENT DESIGN

- Primary tracking: Midland radio
- Secondary tracking: Big Red Bee
- Experimental tracking: LoRa
- Power: Two LiPo batteries and power distribution board



# DESIGN REVIEW

Proposed Changes





# PROPOSED ENGINEERING CHANGES

- New payload box
  - More airtight to insulate electronics
- Heating pads
  - Prevent thermal shutdown of LoRa
- LoRa becomes primary tracking
  - Create options for secondary and tertiary tracking





# PROPOSED SCIENCE CHANGES

- Work with engineering
- Test the new fill nozzle
- Design new experiments based on new hardware

# PROPOSED OPERATIONS CHANGES

- Implement trainings for members and third parties
- All documentation and procedure information to be available on the HABET Website
- Operations members will be given the task to take the amateur radio license exam

# DESIGN REVIEW

Design Risks





# DESIGN RISKS

- LoRa range
  - Range could be lower than anticipated
- Thermal issues with LoRa
  - Engineering changes intended to prevent this
- PCB errors
  - Getting new boards is a lengthy process
- Software issues
  - Having a plan to test software mitigates the risk of issues occurring during launch

# BUDGET

Status and requests





CONCLUSION







# LX-150-A Gallery



# Launch

