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GoatBusters Planetary Lander

Battle of the Rockets 2017





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Presentation Outline

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- Rocket Design
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 - Mechanical Subsystems
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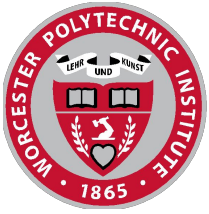
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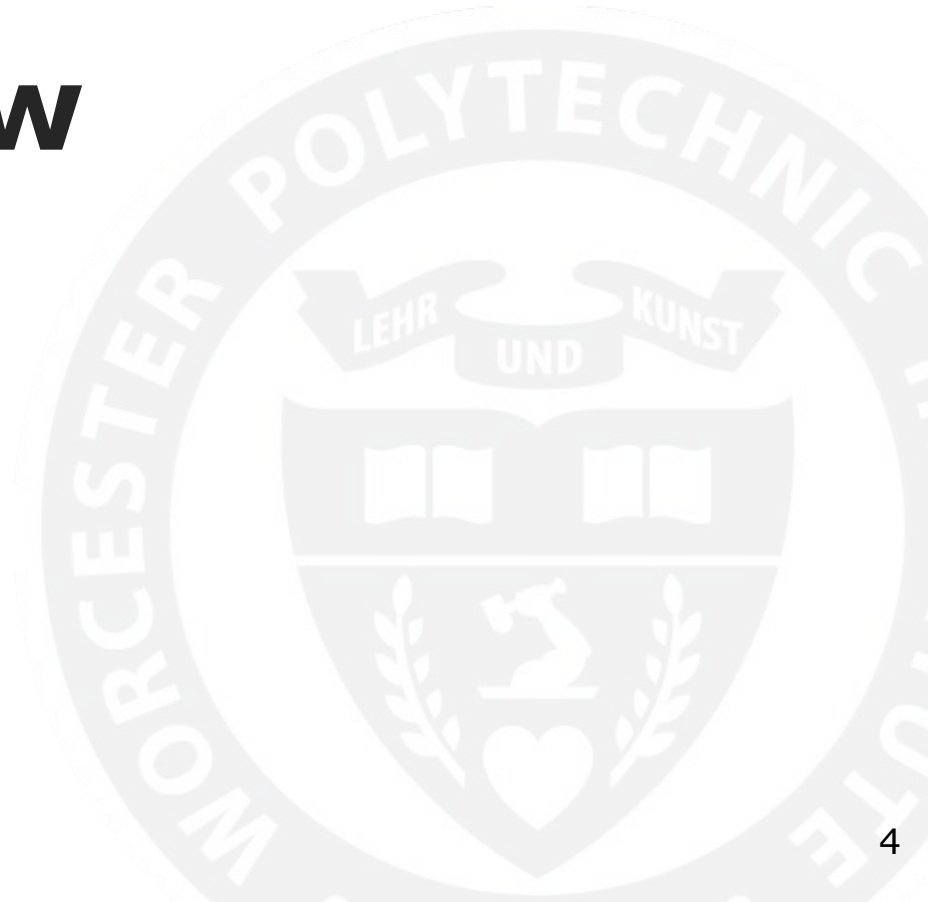
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System Overview





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Mission Summary

Design and fly a high power rocket that will be launched beyond 1,000 feet.

The rocket will deploy a robotic planetary lander payload. The rocket system and payload will return to ground safely. The payload will right itself and perform several operations including the transmission of telemetry and pictures back to a ground station.



Lander System Requirement Summary

Req #	Requirement
1	Cannot weigh more than one kilogram
2	Must be contained with rocket for launch
3	Must be autonomous
4	Lander cannot be controlled except for camera positioning
5	The lander cannot free fall
6	No pyrotechnics
7	No Lithium Polymer batteries are permitted
8	Must use one XBEE at a frequency of either 900 MHz or 2.4 GHz
9	XBEE cannot broadcast. PAN/NET ID must be set to team number
10	All telemetry must be transmitted by the XBEE
11	Telemetry transmitted no more than once per second



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Rocket System Requirement Summary

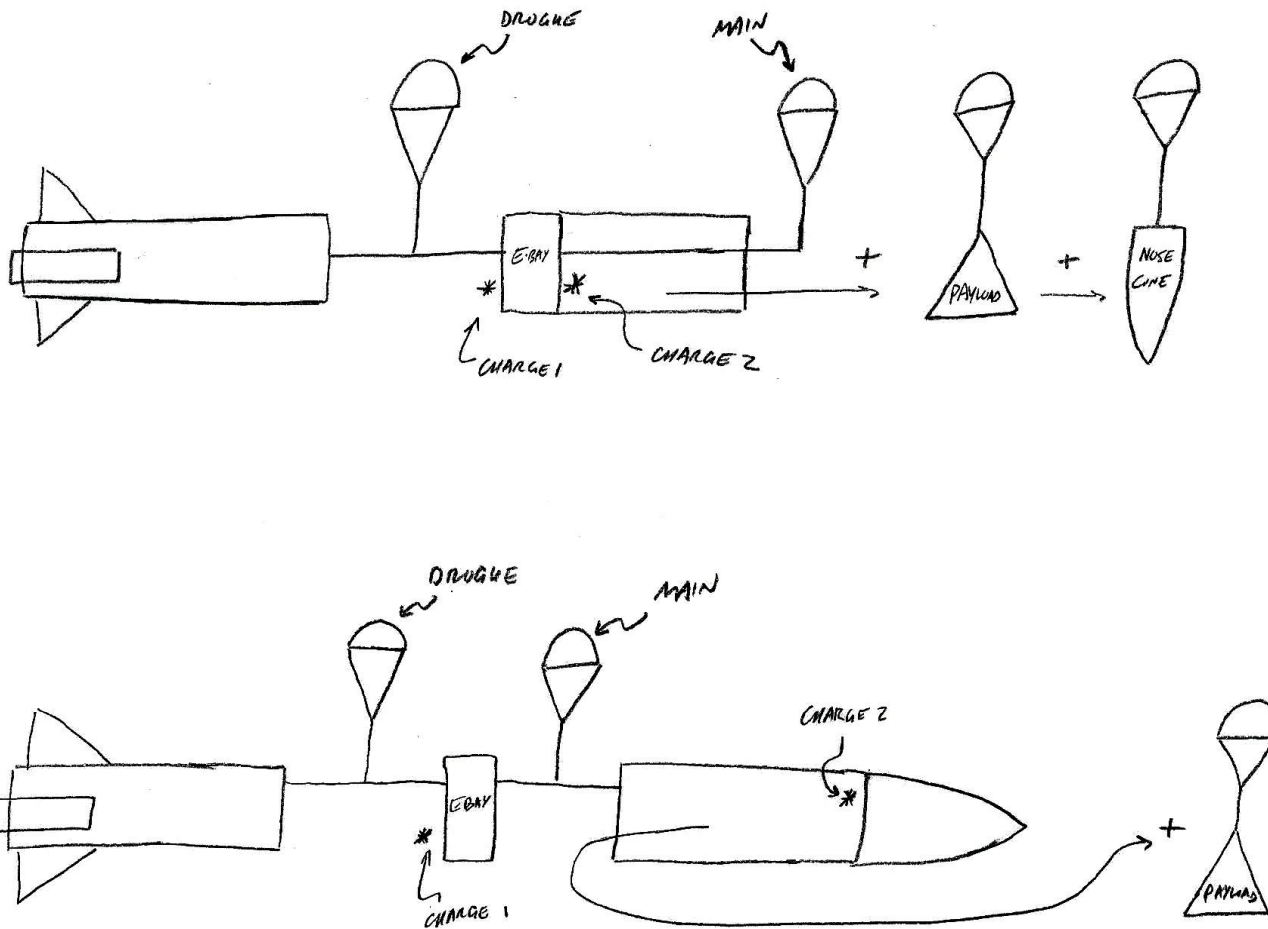
Req #	Requirement
1	Motor must not exceed 1280 N-s
2	Must reach 1000 ft
3	Must use a motor retainer
4	All common rules must be followed



Req #	Requirement
1	Display telemetry in real time
2	Display all image received
3	Operate solely on battery power
4	Man portable
5	Antenna must be hand held
6	Count telemetry packets received



Preliminary Rocket Concepts Considered: Four vs. Three parachutes

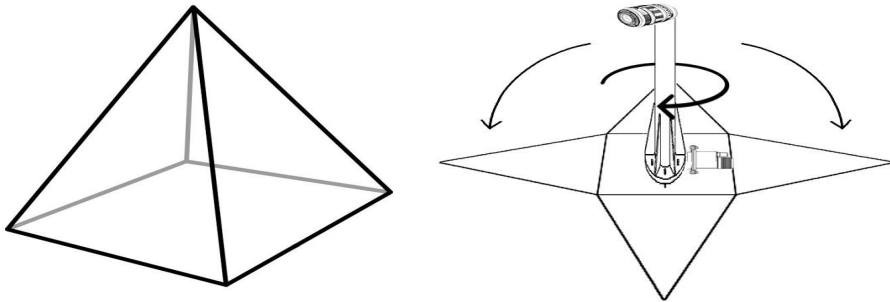


	Pros	Cons
4 Parachute Option	Simple wiring	More materials Larger mass
3 Parachute Option	Fewer separated pieces	Complex, single-use wiring



Preliminary Lander concepts considered:

- Pyramidal Lander e.g. Mars Pathfinder



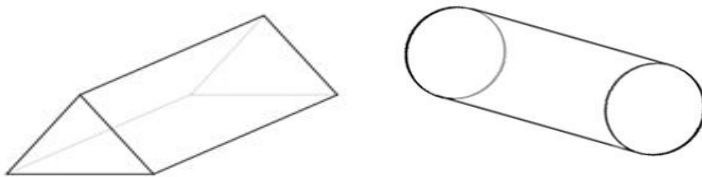
The operation of deploying the lander sides will function to right the lander.

- Pyramidal Lander weighted rounded base

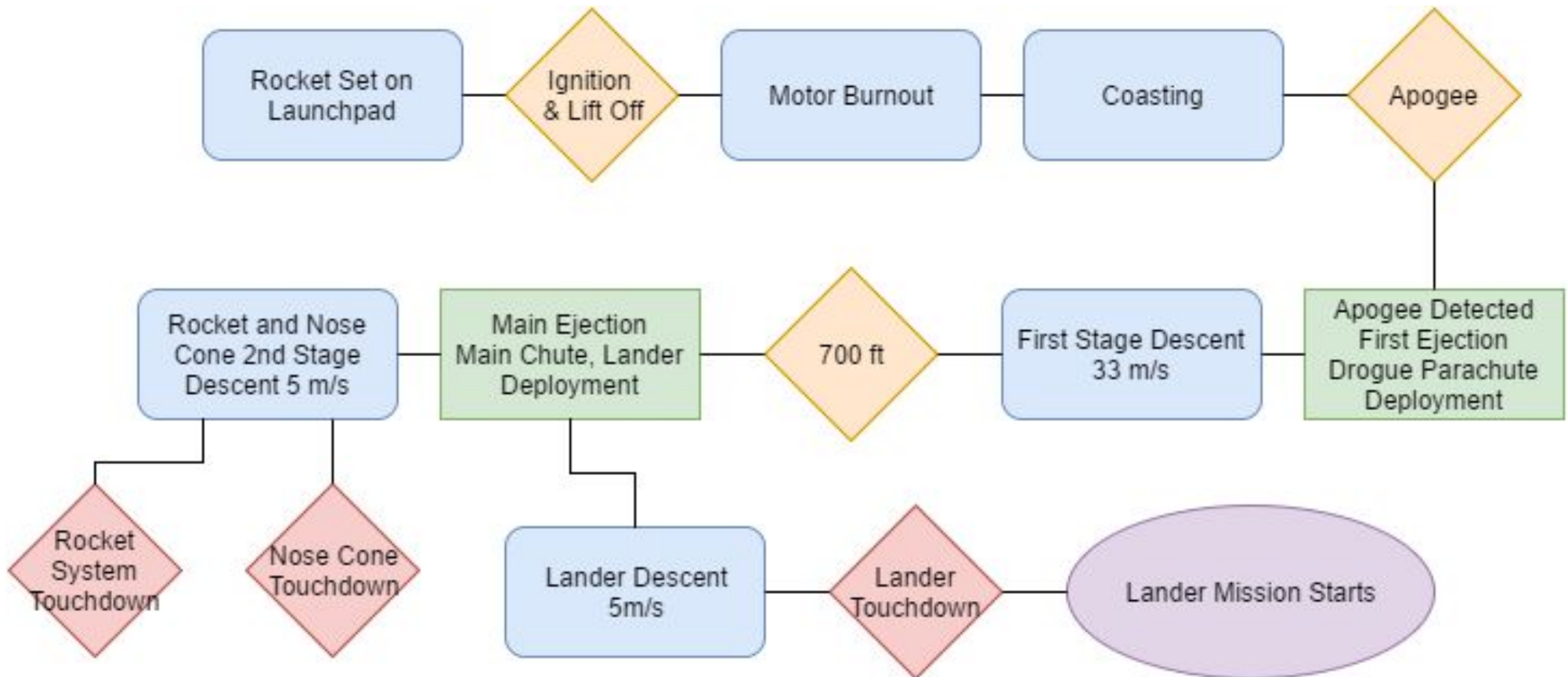


Weighted and rounded base will allow the lander to right itself before side deployment.

- Cylindrical/Triangular Prism Lander



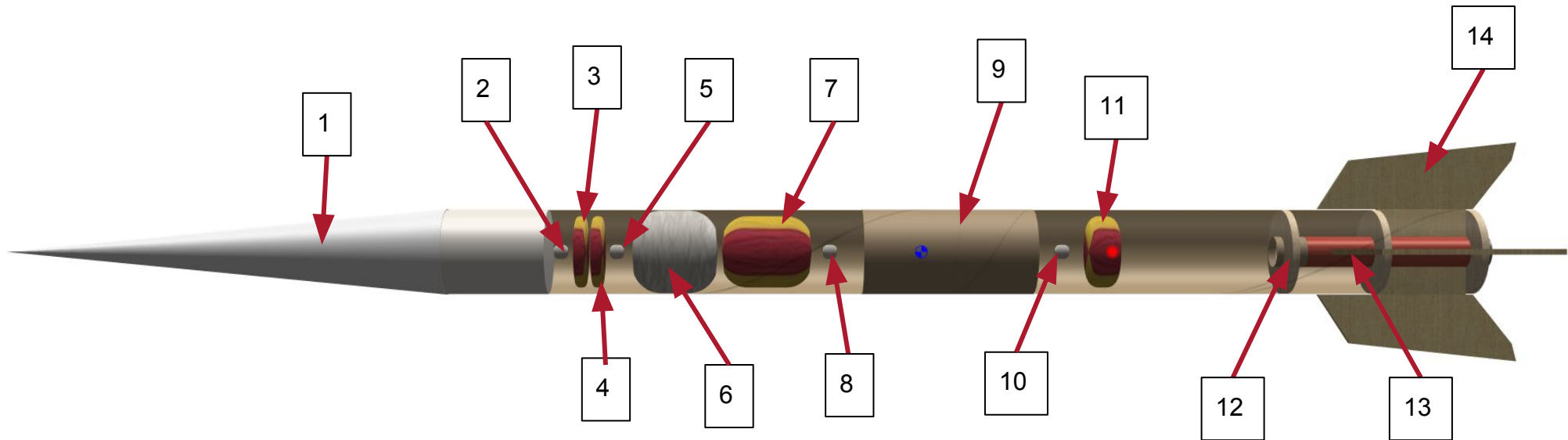
Internal payload free moving within a cylinder so as to always be upright.





WPI Lander Mission Concept of Operations

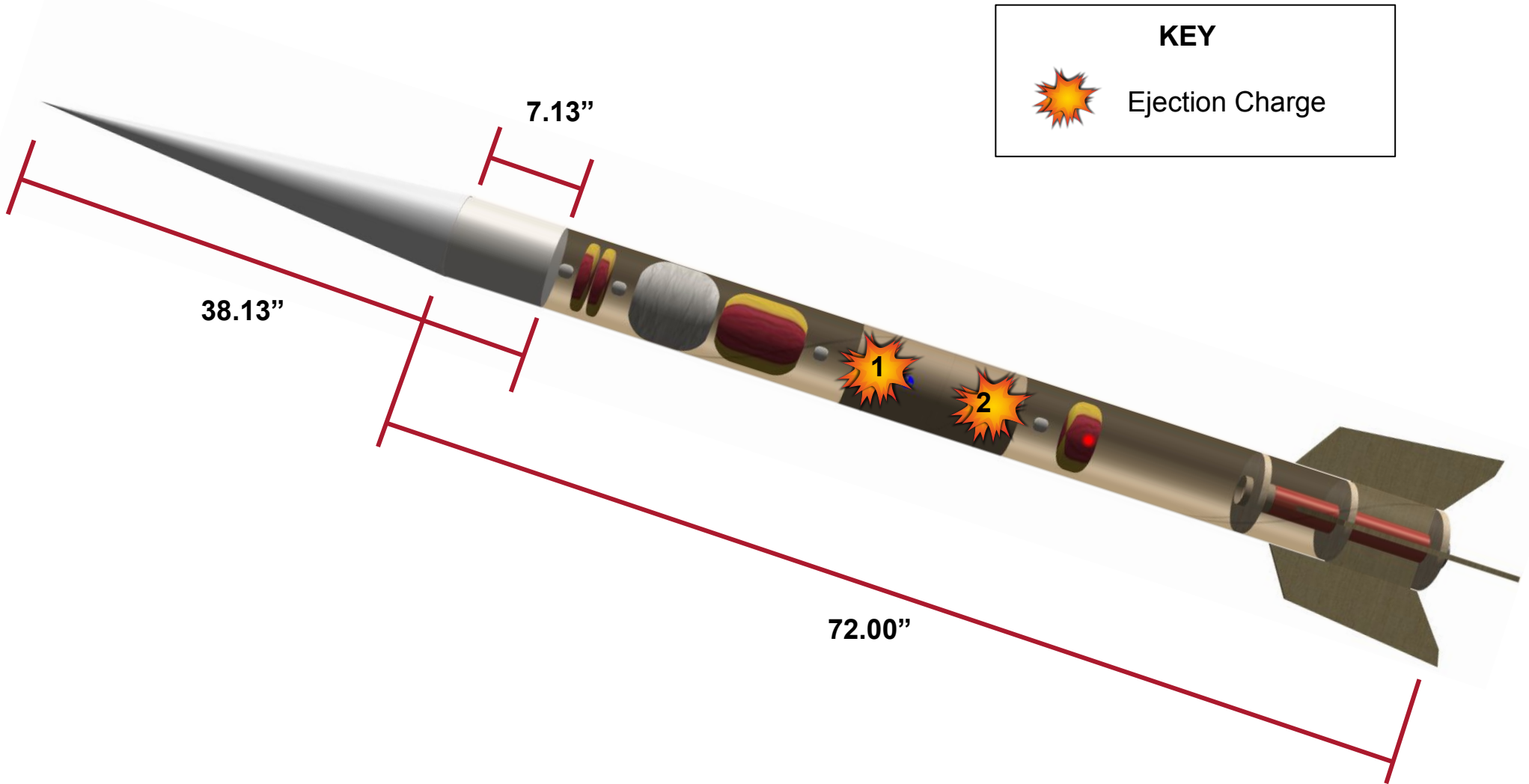





Component Number	Component Name
1	Conical Nose Cone
2	Nose Cone Shock Cord
3	Nose Cone Parachute
4	Payload Parachute
5	Payload Shock Cord

Component Number	Component Name
6	Payload
7	Rocket Main Parachute
8	Rocket Main Shock Cord
9	Electronics -Bay
10	Drogue Shock Cord

Component Number	Component Name
11	Drogue Parachute
12	Centering Ring
13	Motor Tube
14	Fin



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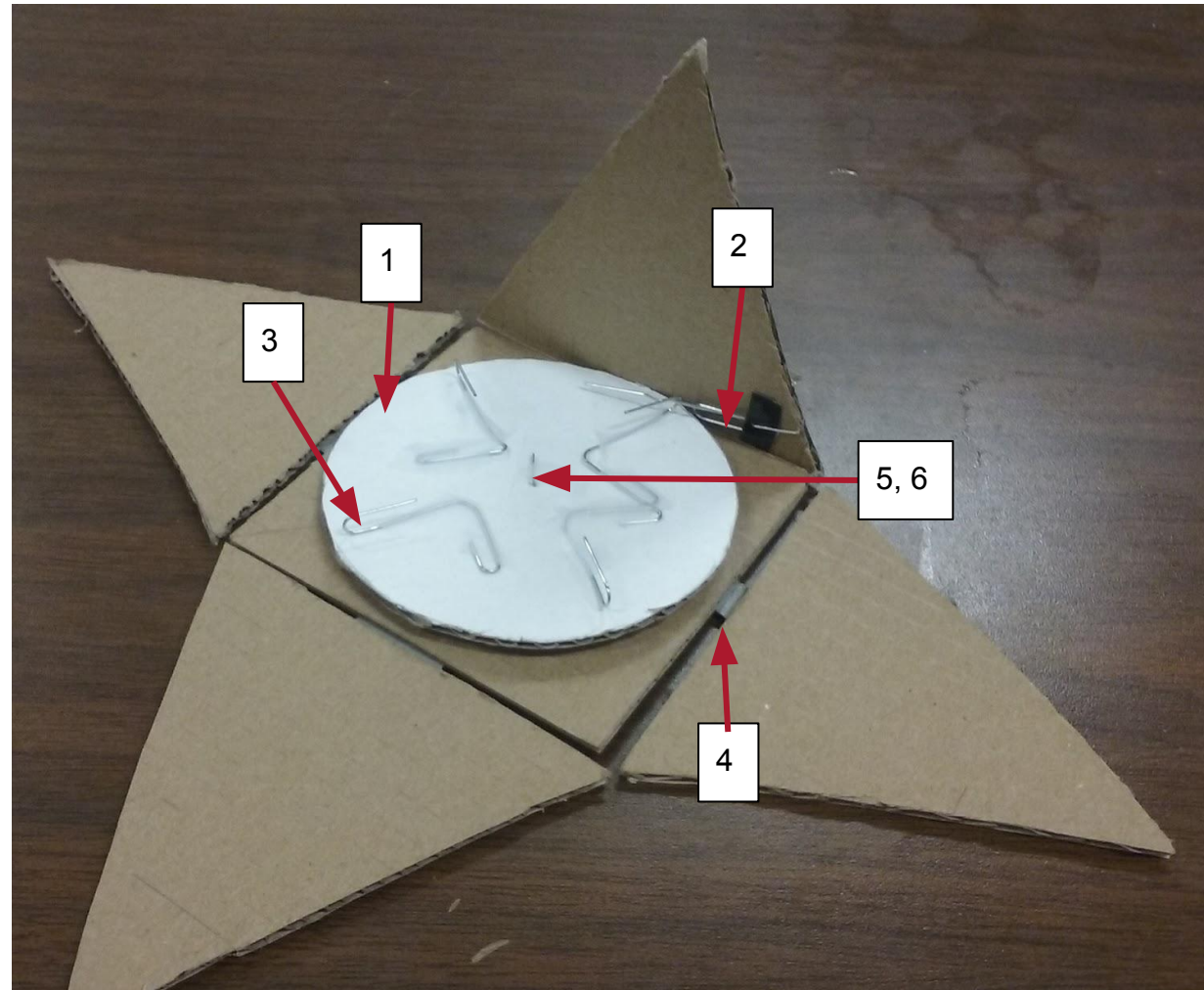
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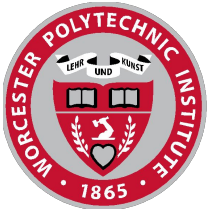


Lander Physical Layout

Dimensions: 4" x 4" x 6"

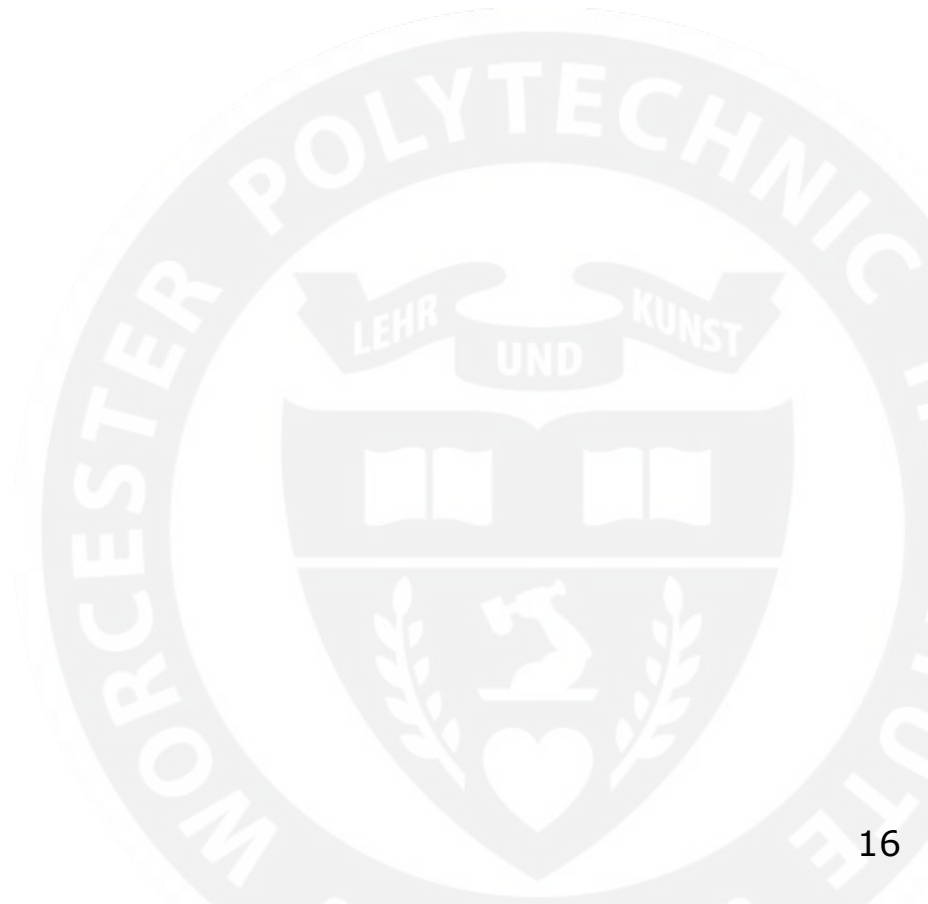
Component Number	Component Name
1	Rotating inner disk
2	Restraining hooks
3	Hook eyes
4	Torsion springs (not present)
5	Servo to spin disk (not present)
6	Camera mast (not present)





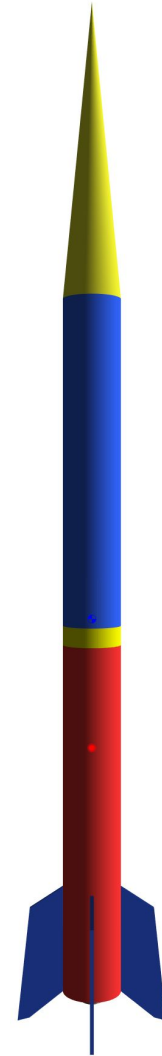
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Rocket Design





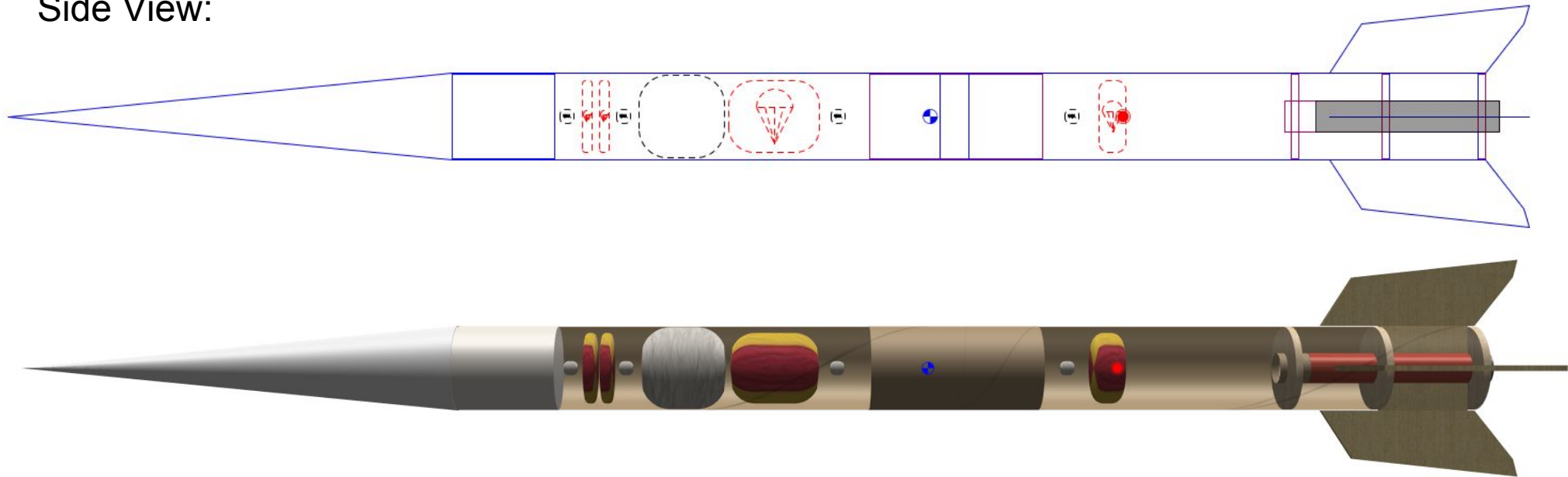
- Rocket weight: 6.47 kg
- Motor: Cesaroni Technology Inc. J760WT
 - Alternate: Cesaroni Technology Inc. J745WW
- Airframe: 6"x 72", 0.074" wall
- 4 Fins: ~15" long x ~6" radially
- Full Rocket Length: 105.9" (8.8')
- Nose Cone:
 - Nose Length: 31"
 - Shoulder Length: 7.13"
- Distance between CP and CG: 13.78" (35 cm)
- Stability: 2.3 cal



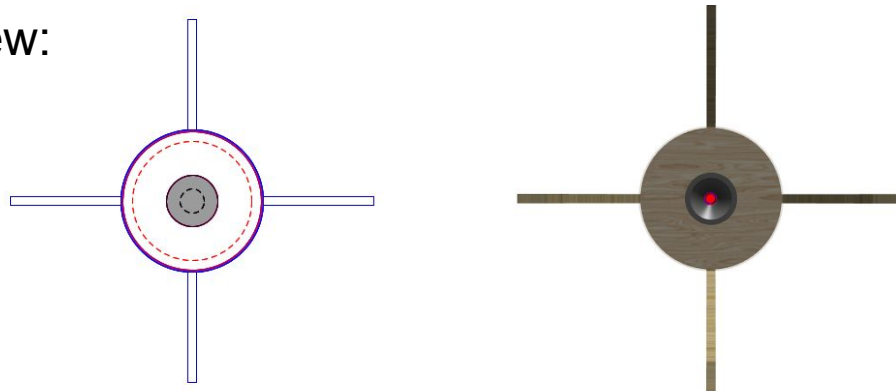


Overview of Rocket Design

Side View:



Bottom View:





- Airframe Material: Blue Tube, 6" Diameter
- Fin Material: 1/4" Plywood
- Centering Ring material: 1/2" Plywood
- Nose Cone Material: Fiberglass
- Adhesives: Slow Curing Epoxy
 - West Systems 105 Epoxy Resin
 - West Systems 206 Slow Hardener
- Rail Button Type: 1515
- Motor Retention: Hanger Wire, Nut and Clamp Retention





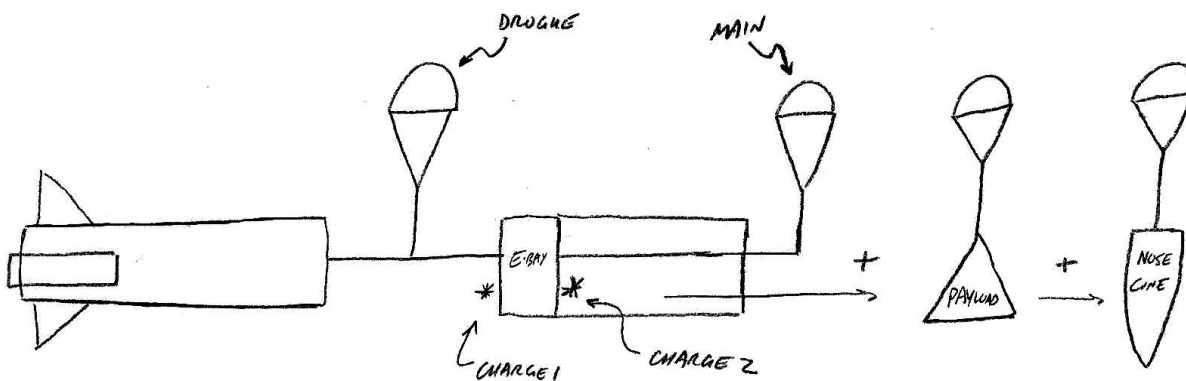
WPI Rocket Recovery System: Parachutes

- Parachute Selection: 4 Parachutes

- 60" Rocket Body Drogue Parachute, deployed at apogee
 - 72" Rocket Body Main Parachute
 - 36" Payload Parachute
 - 36" Nose Cone Parachute
- } deployed at 700 ft

- Descent Rate

- Rocket Body: 17.45 ft/s ground hit velocity
- Payload & Nose Cone: 15-20 ft/s ground hit velocity





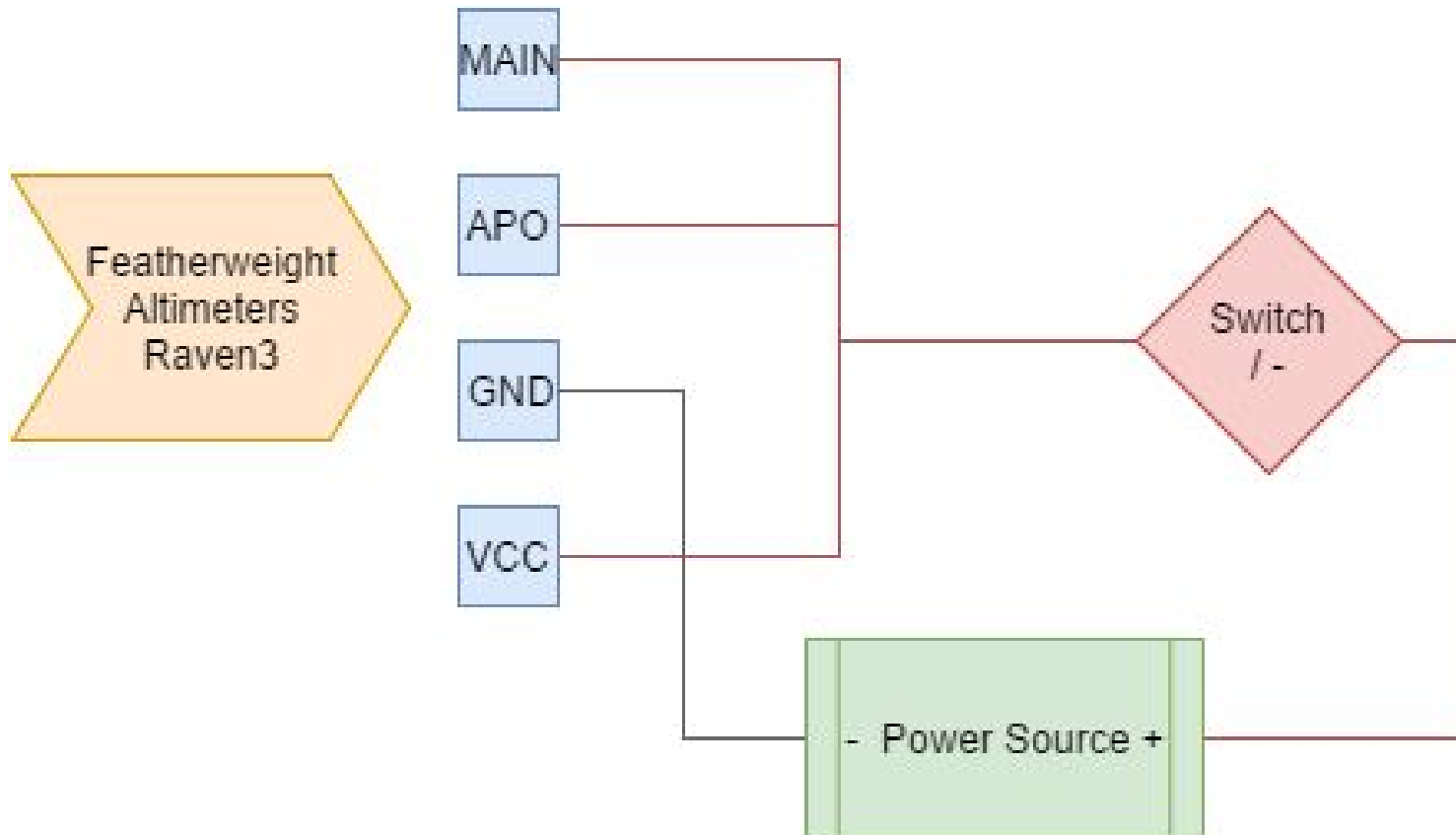
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Rocket Recovery System Harness

- Tubular Nylon Shock Cord
 - 2,000 lbf break force
 - Length: 106 in (2.5x rocket length)
- Epoxy reinforced U-bolt connections between shock cord and rocket body
- Parachute Protection: Dog Barf



- Altimeter-based electronic deployment
 - Featherweight Altimeters: Raven3 Altimeter
 - Lightweight, fast, 4 high-current outputs
- Barometric Apogee Detection -> first ejection charge -> drogue parachute deployed
- Barometric Detected 700 ft altitude -> second ejection charge -> main rocket body parachute, nose cone, payload deployed
- 2, 4F black powder charges will be used for first and second ejection charges
 - Motor delay used as backup apogee ejection charge
 - Apogee (first) Charge will be 3.11 g of Black Powder
 - Main (second) Charge will be 2.94 g of Black Powder
 - Calculated using *rockethead.net* Black Powder Charge Calculator





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Charge Installation Process

1. Correct black powder mass measured using a scale on-site.
2. Powder and a low-current igniter enclosed in a plastic sandwich bag, which is then taped shut.
3. Make sure power is shut down
4. Charges taped into place on the lids of the the electronics bay.
5. Wires stripped and connected to the altimeter MAIN and APO terminal blocks as the last step before the rocket is closed.



1. Power source constructed to incorporate external screwdriver switch
2. Rocket set up at launch site
3. All clear area, except the person arming rocket
4. Rocket armed using a screwdriver to flip the external switch
 - a. *Note:* this will be the first time the rocket is armed since the black powder charges were placed
5. Listen for altimeter beeping to indicate continuity and proper connection of the charges
6. Motor armed with launch pad alligator clips
7. All back up to safe area and wait for launch

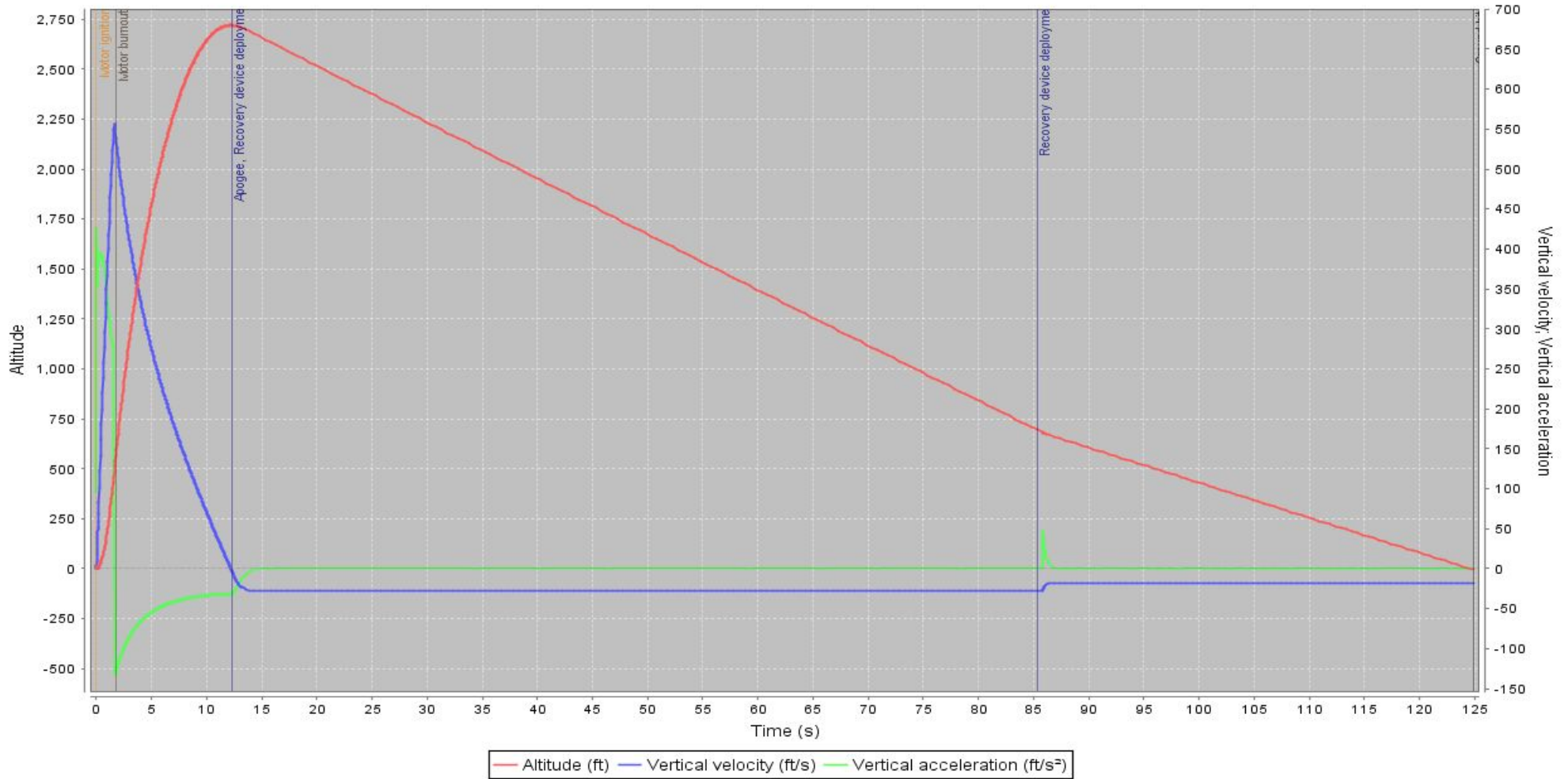


- Motor Selection:
 - Primary Motor: Cesaroni Technology Inc. J760WT
 - Backup Motor: Cesaroni Technology Inc. J745WW
- Thrust-to-Weight Ratios:
 - Primary Motor: $T/W = 760 \text{ N} / (6.473 \text{ kg} * 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) = 11.50$
 - Backup Motor: $T/W = 745 \text{ N} / (6.616 \text{ kg} * 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) = 11.49$
- Apogee Values:
 - Primary Motor: $h = 829 \text{ m}$ (~2720 ft)
 - Backup Motor: $h = 771 \text{ m}$ (~2530 ft)

Name	Configuration	Velocity off rod	Apogee	Velocity at de...	Optimum delay	Max. velocity	Max. acceler...	Time to apogee	Flight time	Ground hit ve...
Simulation	[1266-J760-WT-19...	15 m/s	829 m	8.39 m/s	10.5 s	169 m/s	130 m/s ²	12.2 s	125 s	5.32 m/s
Simulation 1	[J745WW-P]	15.5 m/s	771 m	8.51 m/s	10.3 s	158 m/s	121 m/s ²	11.9 s	116 s	5.38 m/s

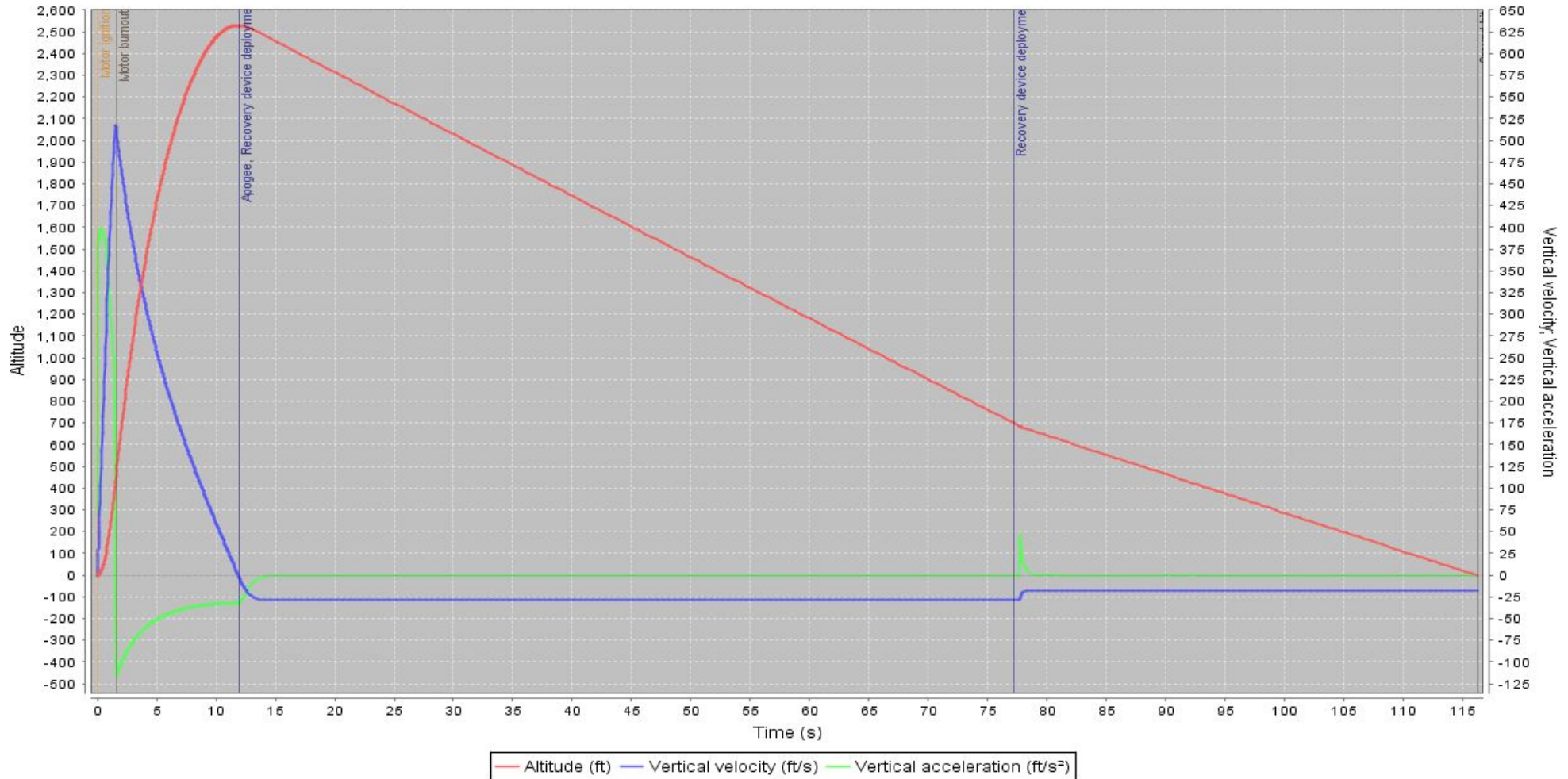


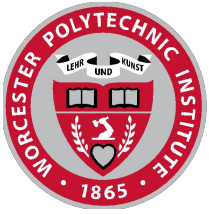
J760 Simulation
Vertical motion vs. time





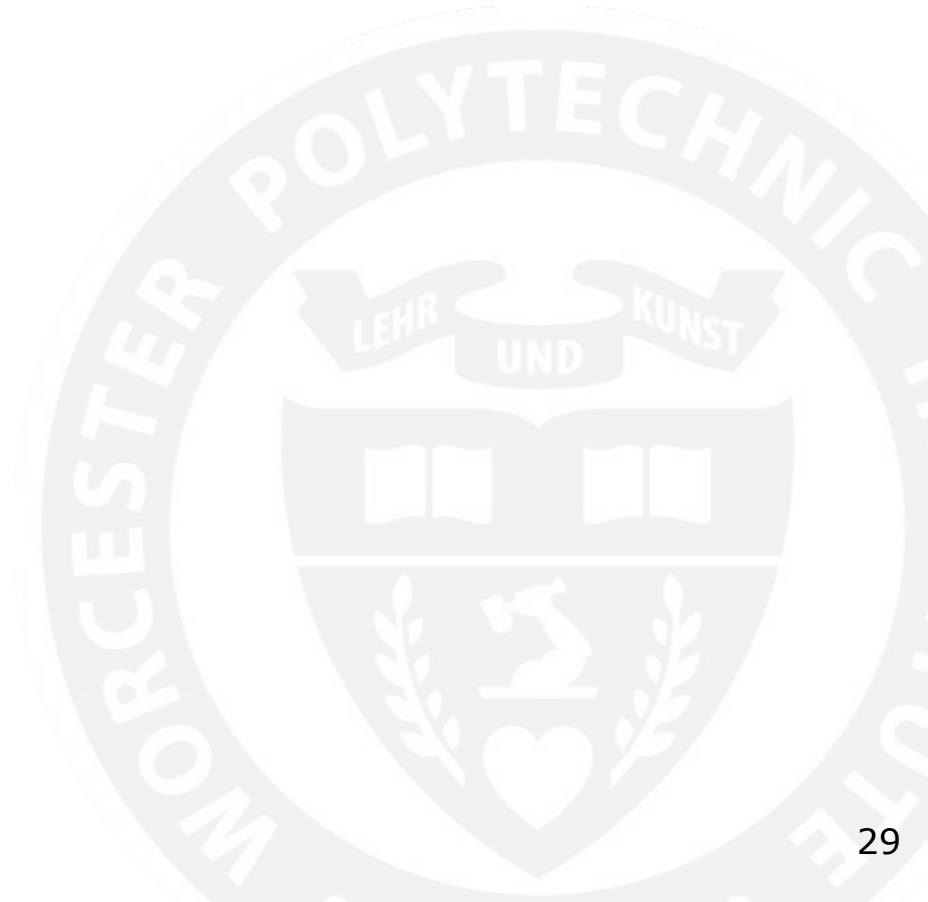
J745 Simulation
Vertical motion vs. time





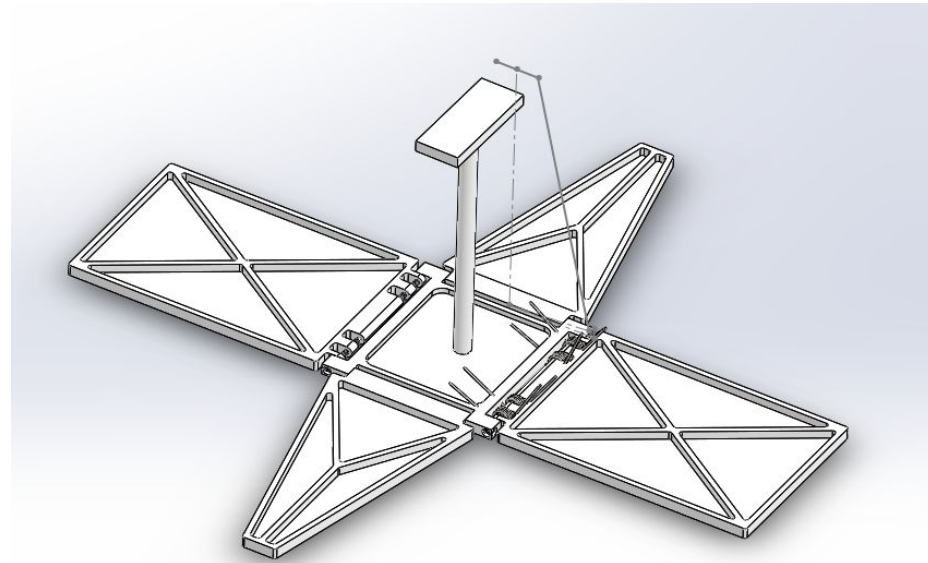
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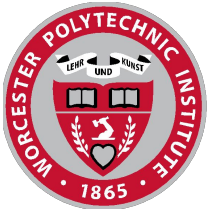
Lander Design





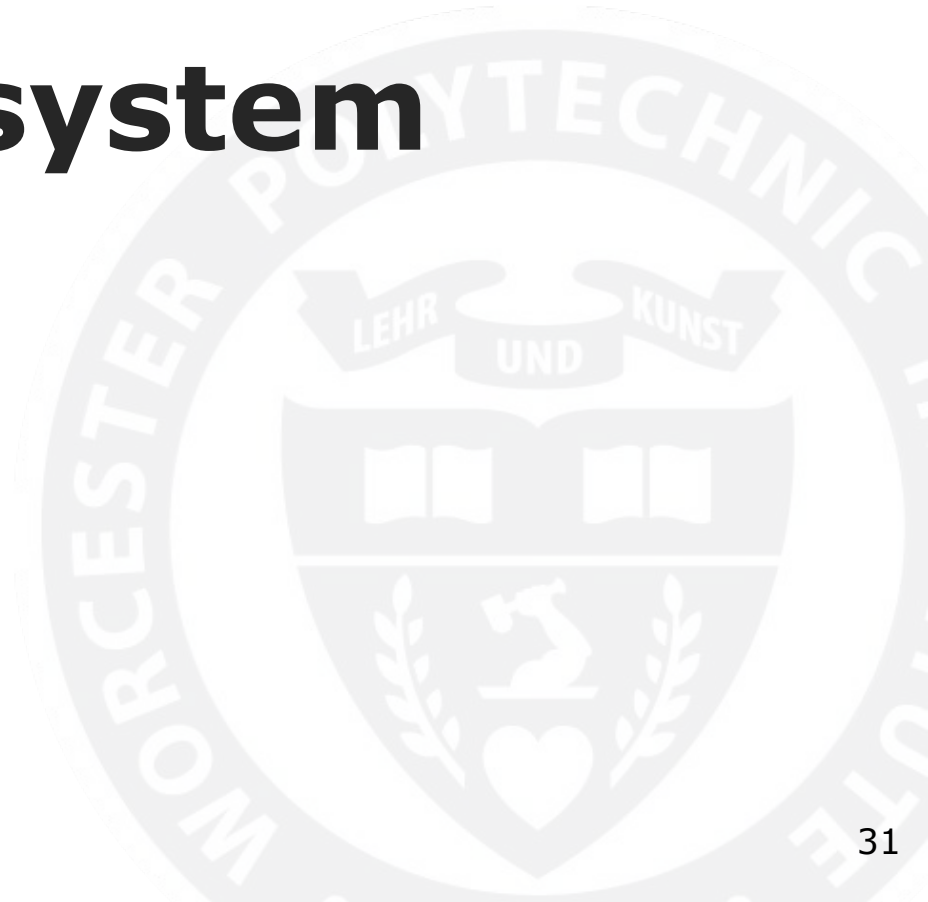
- 4" long × 4" wide × 6" high
- Nylon frame
 - Sturdy and lightweight
- Rotating Inner disk
 - Carries electrical components
 - Rotates to release the side panels and change angle of camera
- Mass of lander
 - 847.6 grams
 - Frame: 590 grams
 - Electronics: 257.6 grams





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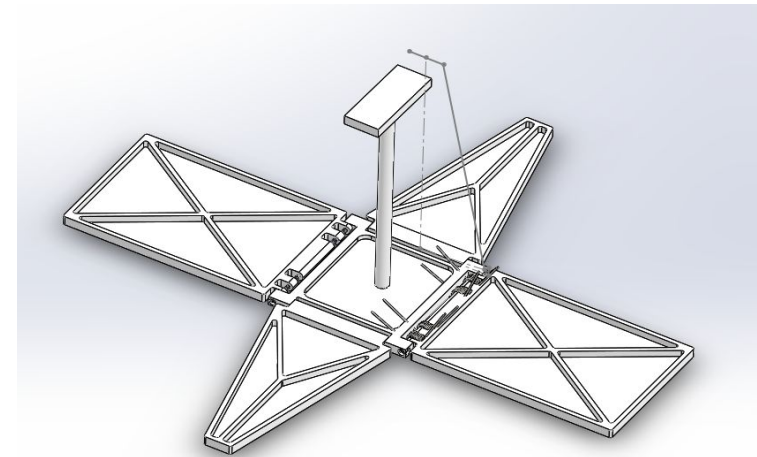
Lander Design: Mechanical Subsystem

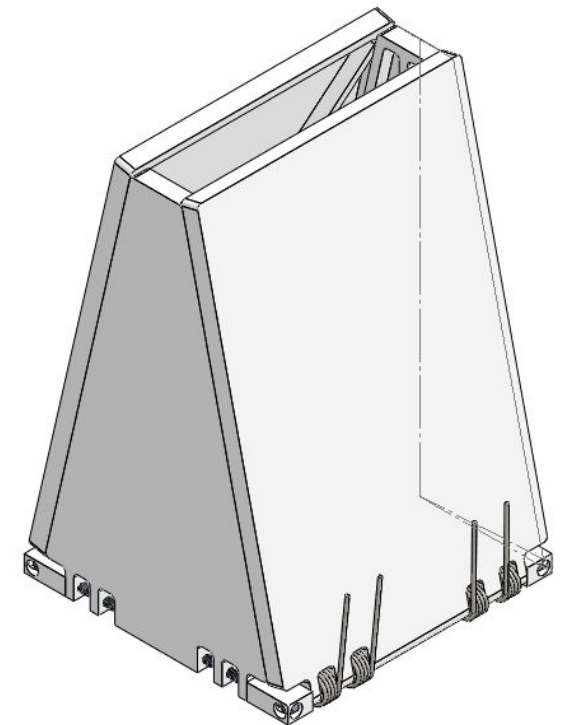
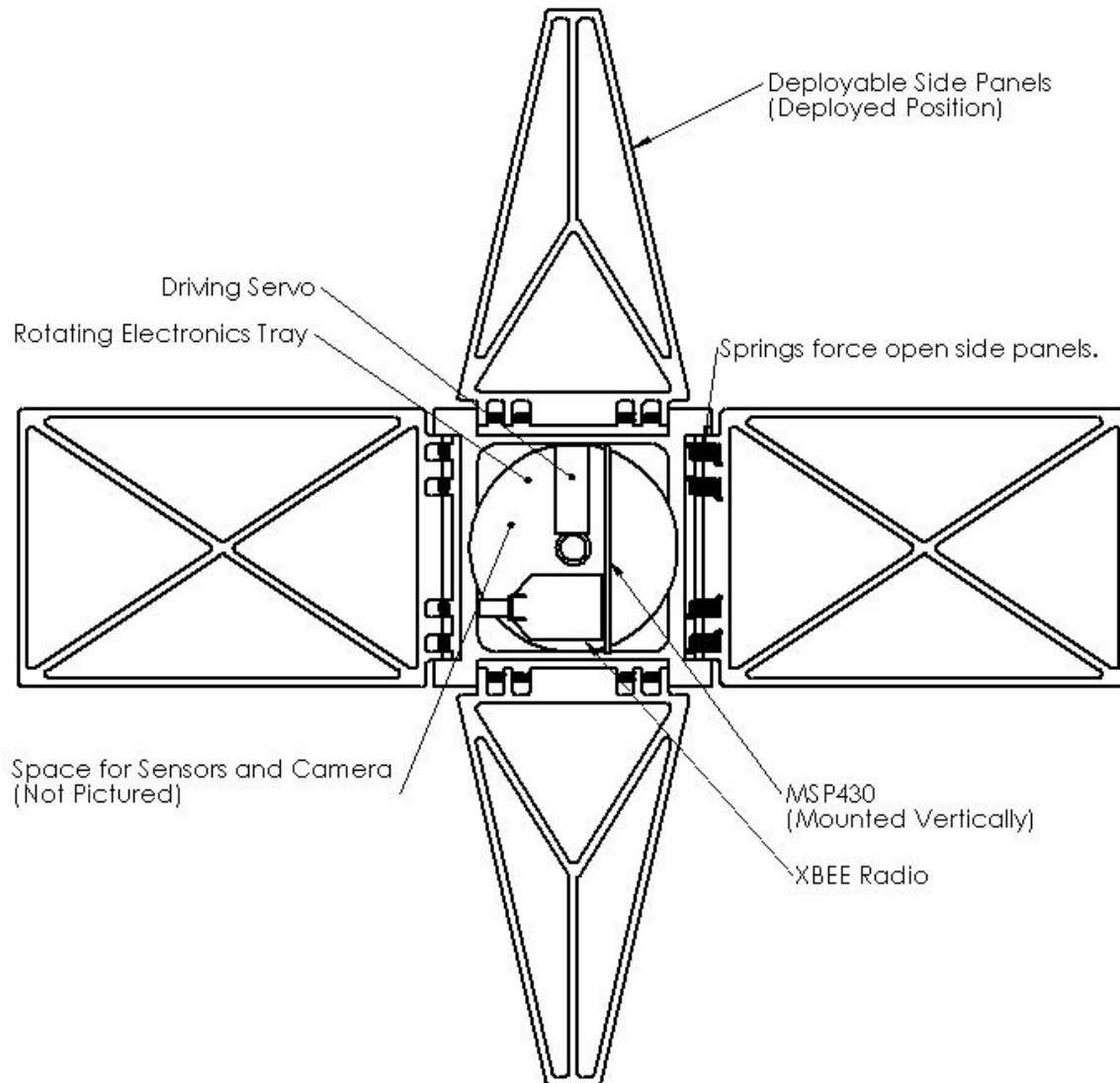




- Major Mechanical Parts

- Continuous Rotation Micro Servo - FS90R
Servo used to drive inner disc for camera pointing and side deployment
 - Small
 - Continuous rotation
- 180° Music Wire Torsion Springs
 - Cheap and readily available alternative to powered deployment
- Disc-mounted restraining hooks
 - Material not chosen, to be determined during construction based on requirements for strength, weight, and availability







- **Methods Considered**
 - Lander sides tensioned into a closed position using springs and secured by restraining hooks to a rotating disk, rotating the disk releases the sprung sides
 - Servo is attached to each side panel in order to force the panels open, thus uprighting the lander
- **Method Selected: Rotating Inner Section**
 - The rotating inner section and sprung sides will require less power and serve a dual purpose of also being used to point the camera
- **Major components**
 - Rotating inner section
 - Restraining hooks
 - Springs to open sides when unhooked
 - Selected based on torque estimates, assuming the entire mass of the lander was concentrated at the center of mass.

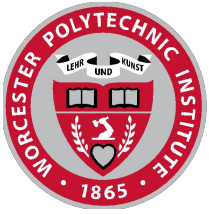


- Options Considered
 - 36" parachute deployed after lander ejection
 - Descent rate: 15-20 ft/s for a 1 kg lander (from *spherachutes.com*)
 - Pathfinder style
 - Descent Rate: freefall
 - Impractical on Earth
 - would fail competition guidelines
- Final Selection: Parachute
 - Reliable, safe, feasible, affordable



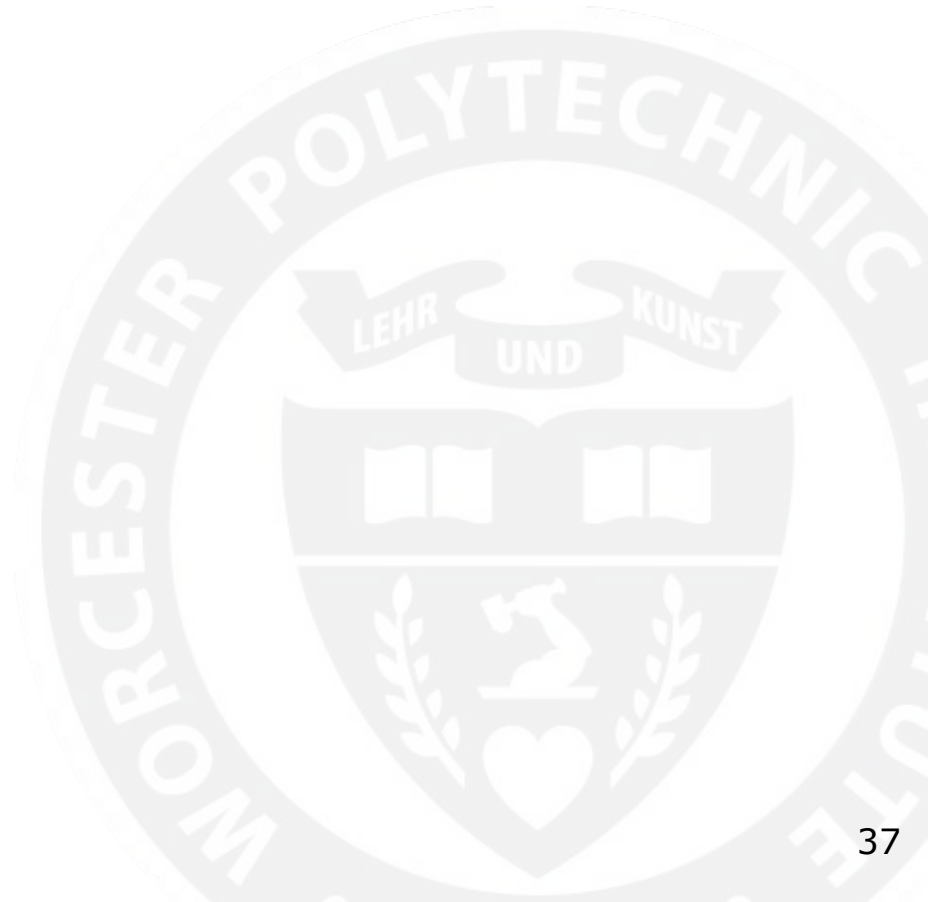


Component	Mass (g)	Source
Frame	590	Solidworks Mass Properties
Servo	10	Data Sheet
MSP430	50	Handheld Estimate
Camera	25	Data Sheet
GPS	25	Weight taken as a high estimate based on experience
XBEE	25	Weight taken as a high estimate based on experience
Battery	62	Data Sheet
Pressure Sensor	0.6	Weight taken as a high estimate based on experience
Temp/Humidity Sensor	25	Weight taken as a high estimate based on experience
Total	812.6	
Margin	187.4	



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Lander Design: Electronics





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Lander Electronics





- **MSP430F5529 Launchpad**
 - 16-bit MSP430F5529
 - Up to 25 MHz, 1 MHz default
 - 128KB Flash and 8KB RAM
 - ~150 uA, ~.2-2 uA in low power mode
 - Hardware interrupts - lots of options
 - 12 Bit ADC
 - Hardware support for UART, SCPI, and I2C
 - Debugging over USB 2.0
- **Arduino Uno**
 - 8-bit ATmega328P
 - 16 MHz
 - 32 KB Flash and 2KB RAM
 - ~5-20 mA, ~45-60 uA in low power mode
 - Hardware interrupts for digital I/O
 - 10 Bit ADC
 - Hardware support for UART
 - Debugging over USB 2.0
- **Raspberry Pi Zero**
 - 32-bit Broadcom BCM2835
 - 1 GHz
 - 512MB RAM - enough to store many 640x480 pictures
 - 40 digital I/O pins
 - ~100 mA
 - Runs a full operating system - no true low power mode
 - No hardware interrupts
 - No analog inputs



- Sensors Implemented:
 - Pololu LPS331AP Pressure/Altitude Sensor Carrier with Voltage Regulator
 - RHT03 Temperature and Humidity Sensor
 - Adafruit TSL2561 Digital Luminosity/Lux/Light Sensor Breakout
 - GPS Receiver GP-20U7
 - OV7670 FIFO camera
- Reasons for Selection:
 - All sensors are relatively inexpensive and compatible with MSP430F5529 Microprocessor over one of its several native serial interfaces
 - OV7670 has a hardware FIFO or queue - has internal memory buffer
 - MSP430F5529 has only 8KB RAM - not enough to store a 640x480 color image



- Radio Options
 - XBee Pro 63mW PCB-Antenna Series 2B (1 mile range)
 - XBee 2mW Wire-Antenna Series 2 (400 feet range)
- Operational Data Rate & Frequency
 - 1 mile: 250 kbps at 2.45 GHz
 - 400 feet: 250 kbps at 2.45 GHz
- Selection: To Be Determined
 - Must meet the required specifications, be inexpensive, and be compatible with MSP430F5529LP Microprocessor
 - A test will be conducted to determine the actual range at which the 400 ft when transmitting to the ground station large antenna



- XBee transmitters have built-in antennae - additional selection unnecessary
 - Both radio/antenna models include standard omnidirectional antenna
 - Both mounted on baseplate
 - Both have ~5dBi loss



- Power sources considered:
 - Nickel-cadmium vs. nickel-metal hydride
 - Both rechargeable
 - Generally similar prices
- Selection: nickel-metal hydride
 - More capacity, more environmentally friendly, safer, can be recharged without affecting capacity
 - Chose a 3.6V 1600mAh battery pack
 - Reasonable voltage
 - Plenty of capacity
 - Not too heavy (62 grams) or large (2" x 1" x .7")
 - Will be mounted to the rotating disc along with other components
 - Protection circuits
 - Short circuit



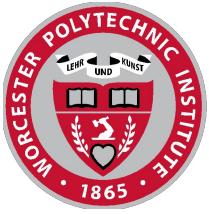
- Estimated current draw from telemetry transmission

Device	Estimated power draw
MSP430F5529	150 μ A
XBee	40 mA or 290 mA active depending on model
RHT03 Temperature/humidity sensor	50 μ A, 1 mA active
TSL2561 luminosity sensor	15 μ A, .5 mA active
GP-20U7	40 mA
Average assuming 20% uptime for peripherals w/ low power modes	48 mA or 98 mA depending on XBee model

- Assume other current draw is negligible
 - Detecting landing
 - Taking a single panorama
- 16 hours theoretical operation

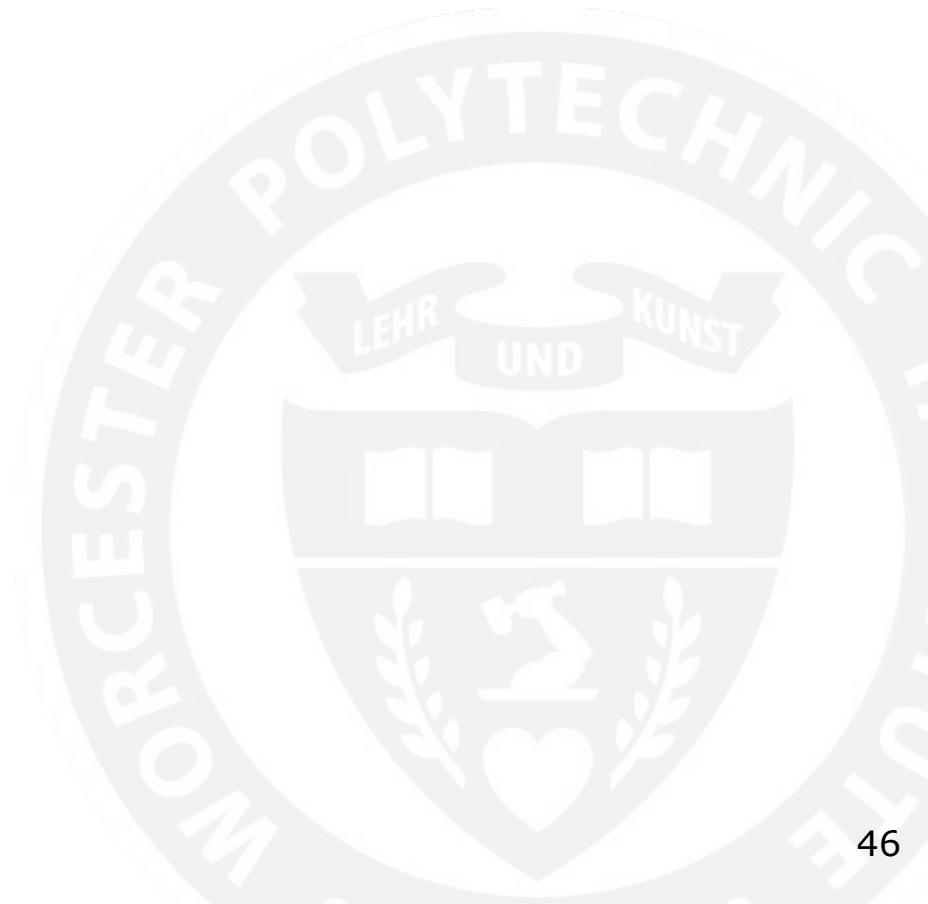


- **ov7670 FIFO camera**
 - Takes 640x480 photographs
 - Can take images in a compressed YCbCr format that packs two 24-bit images into a single 16 bit image
 - Sacrifices edges of colors
 - Edges in luminance (much more visible) completely preserved
 - Hardware FIFO storage
 - Enables low RAM chip like MSP430 to stream image
 - Very hard to find this feature
- **GP-20U7 GPS Receiver**
 - Complies with National Marine Electronics Association standard
 - Small, low power, inexpensive, and has built in antenna



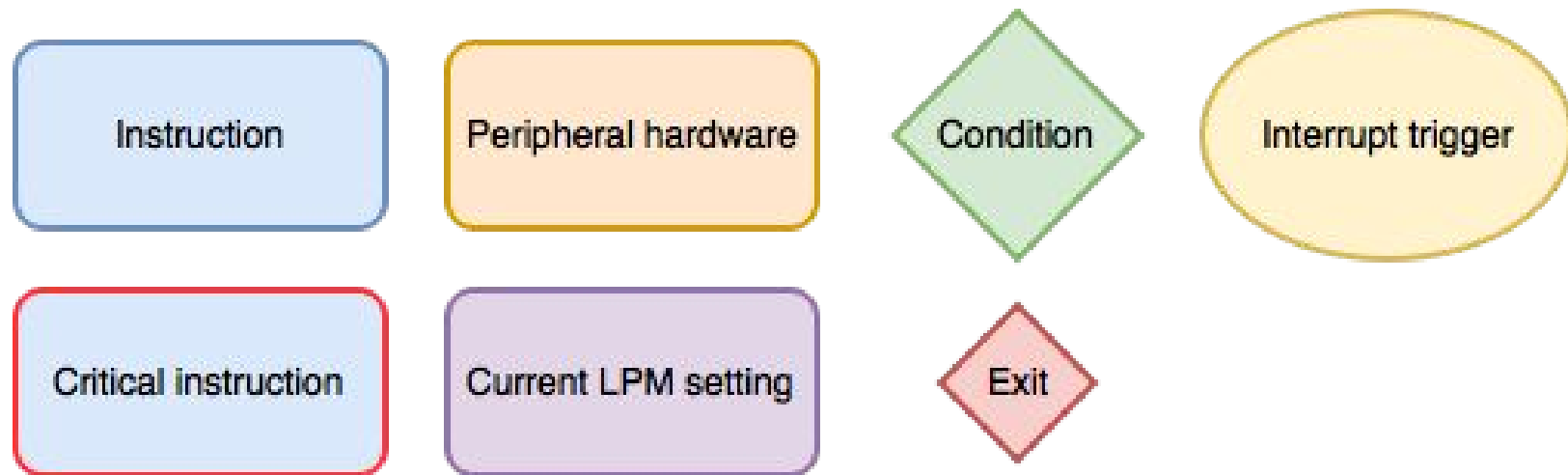
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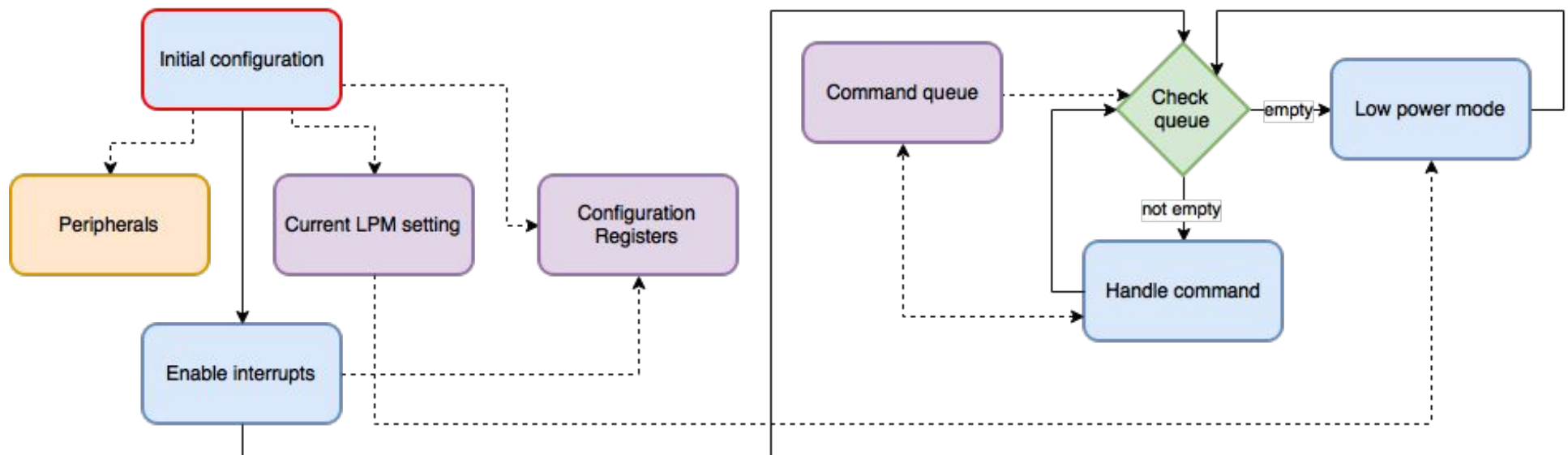
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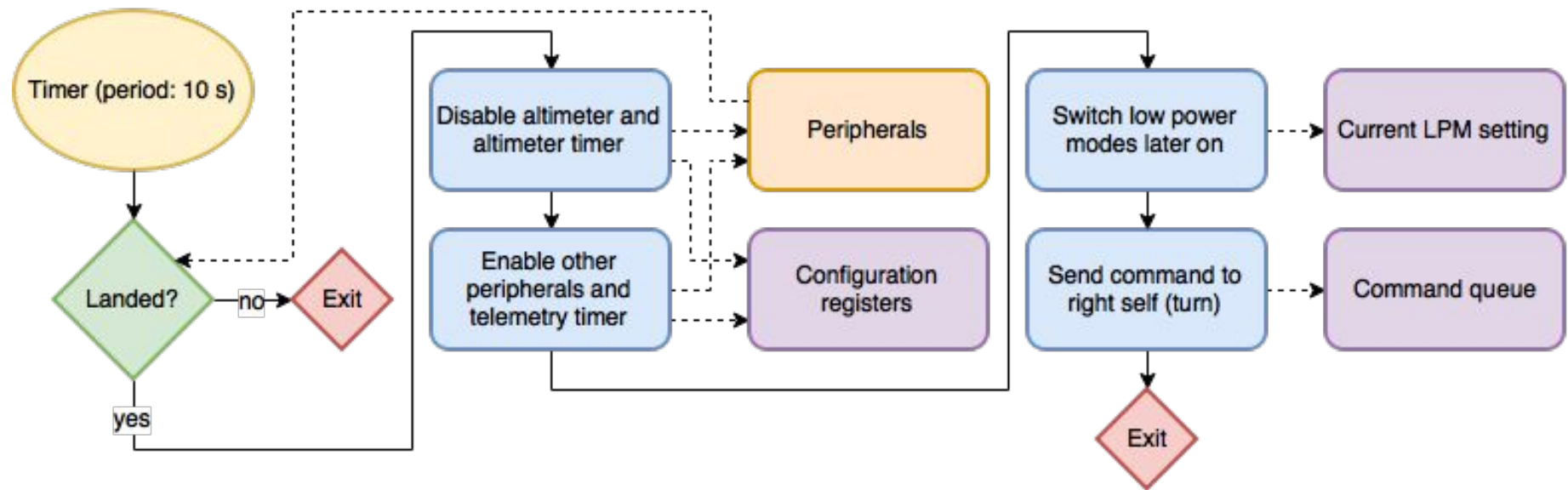


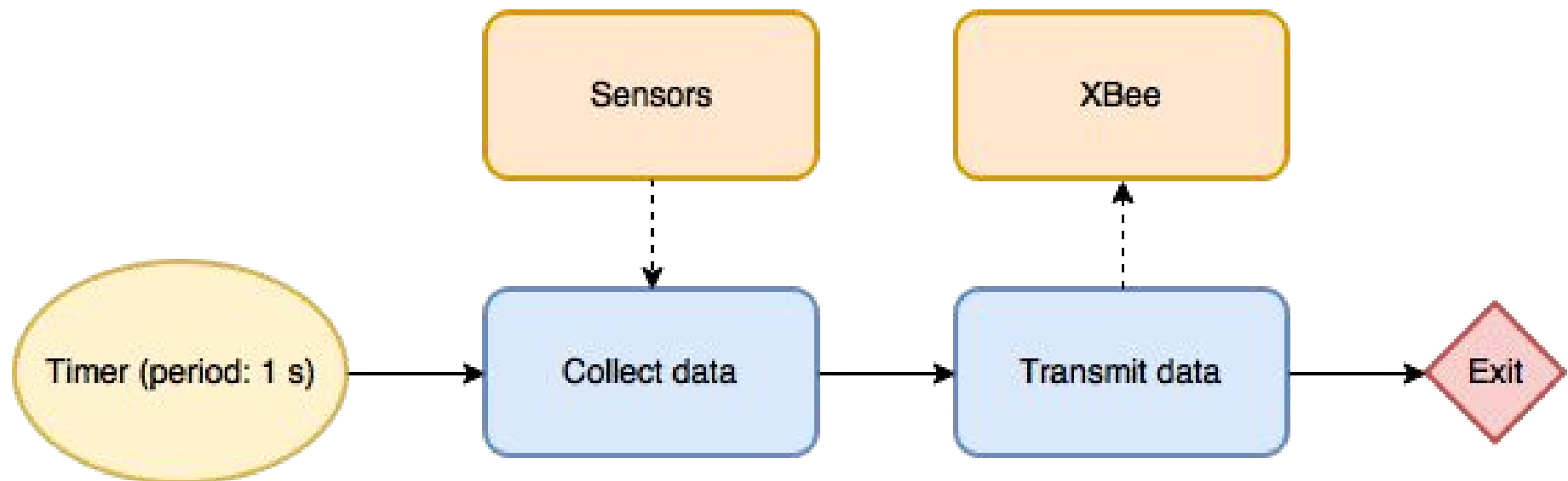


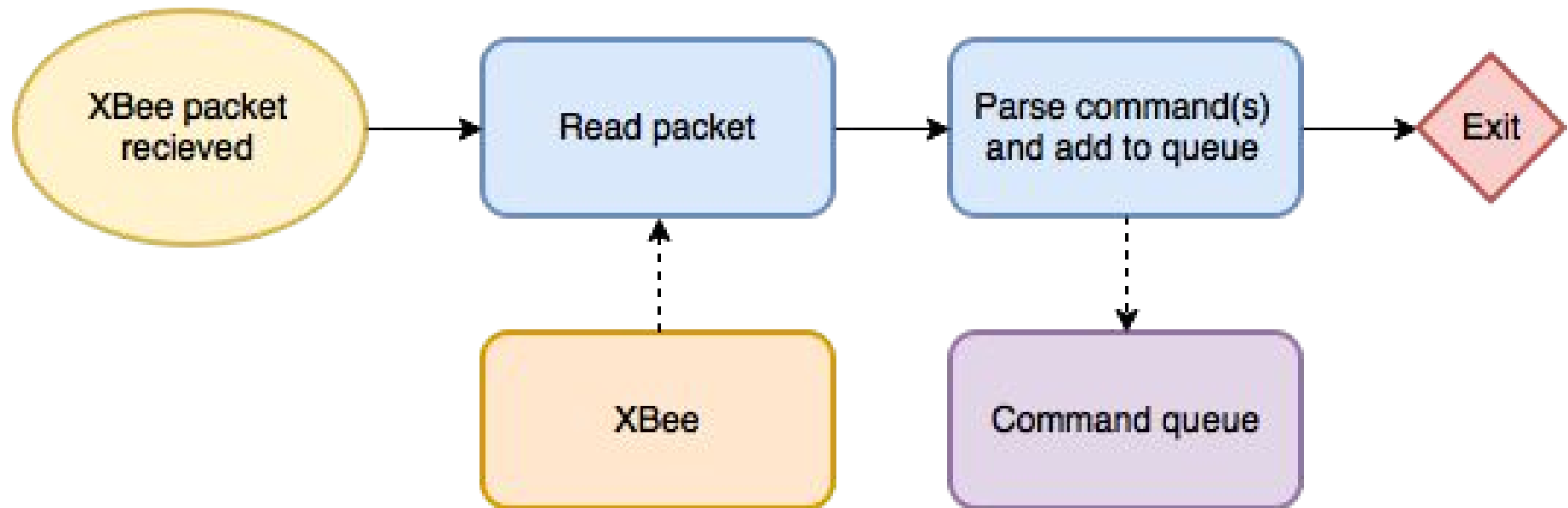
- Not using state-based programming: using hardware interrupts and interrupt service routines (ISRs) and a software queue of commands
 - ISRs allow for faster handling of time-critical events
 - Timer-driven events
 - Receiving commands from the ground station
 - Command queue allows for FIFO handling of low priority subroutines
 - Processing and executing commands from the ground station
- Software to be written in C programming language
 - Built in libraries for MSP430 from Code Composer Studio 5.4

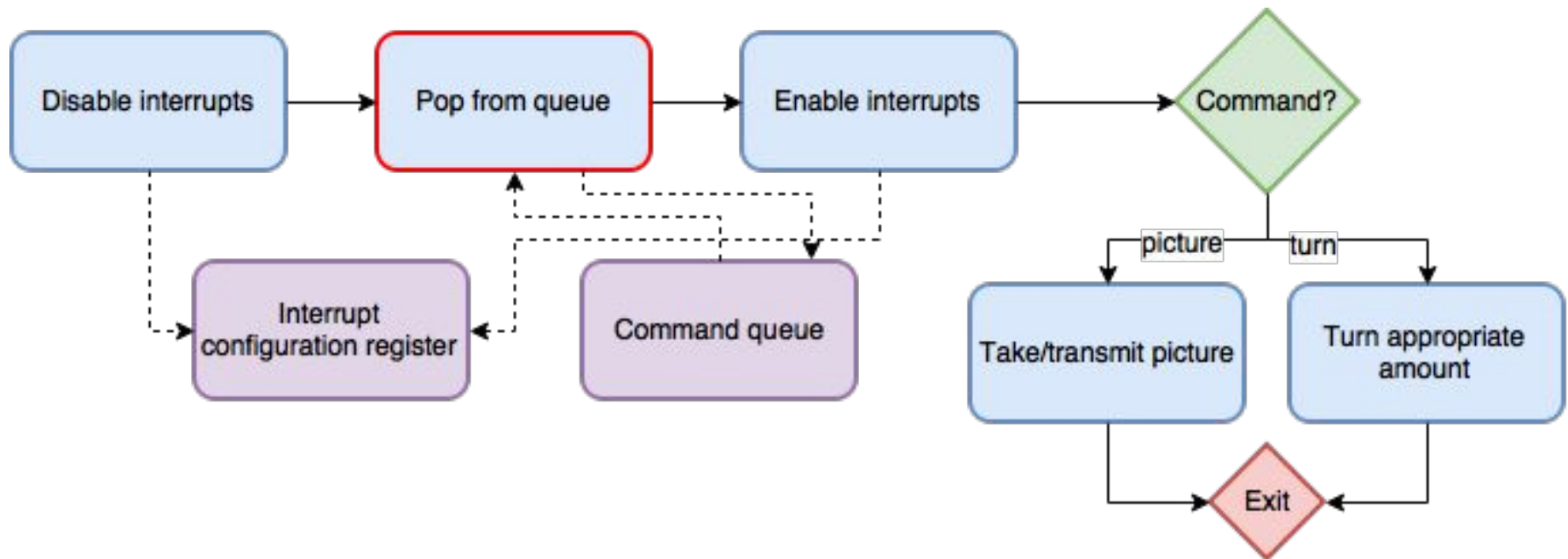


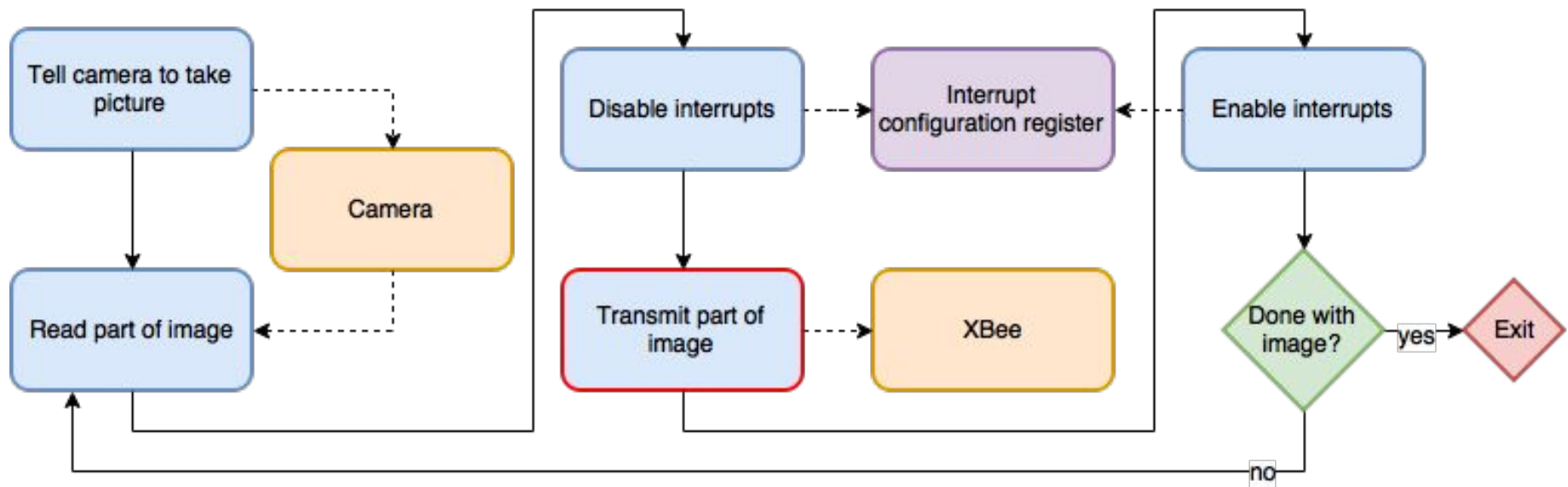


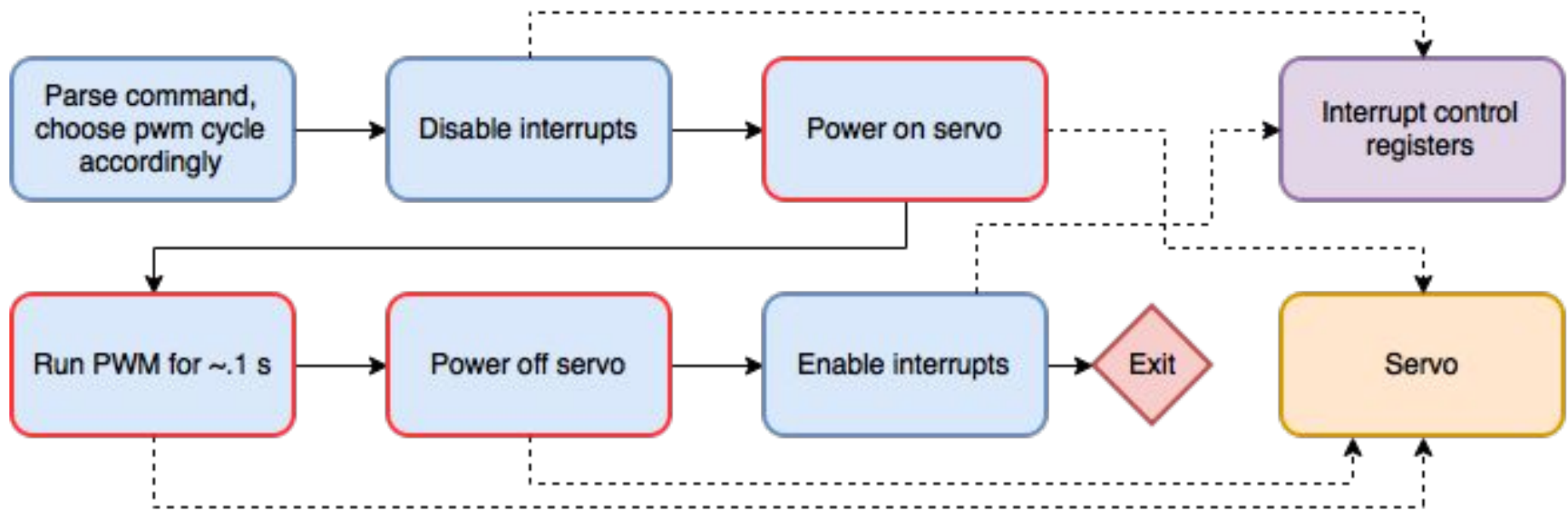






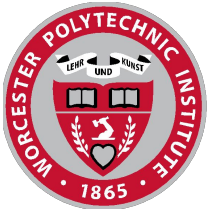






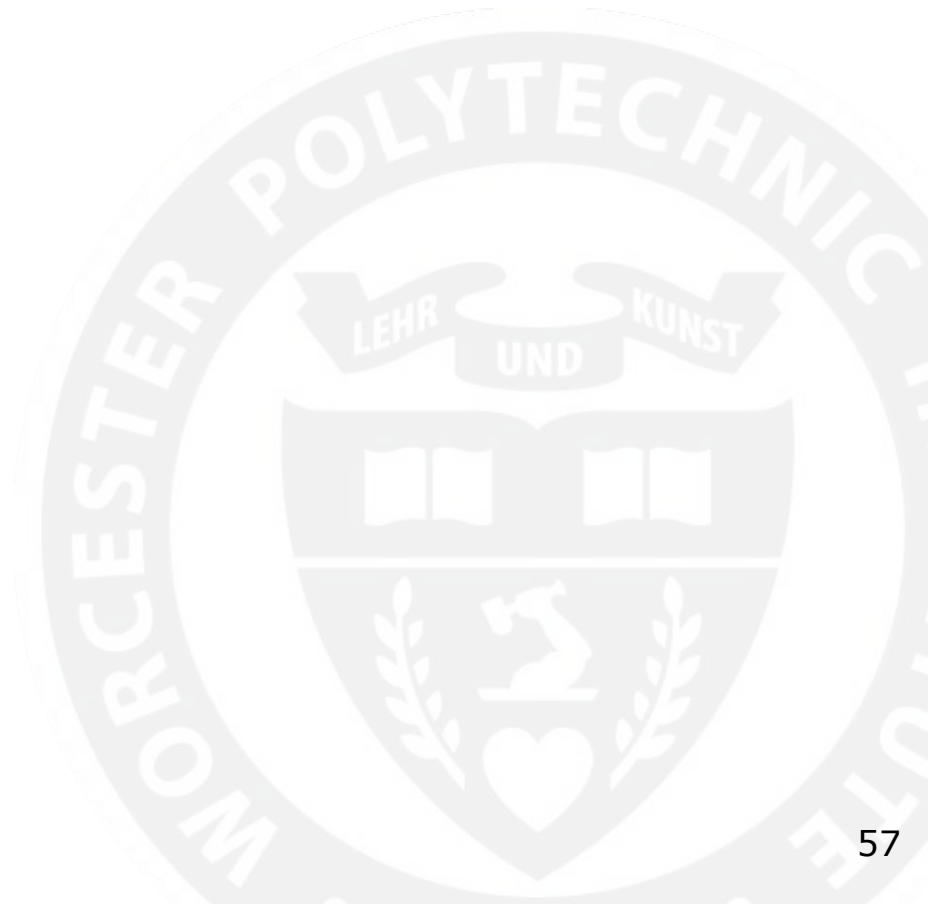


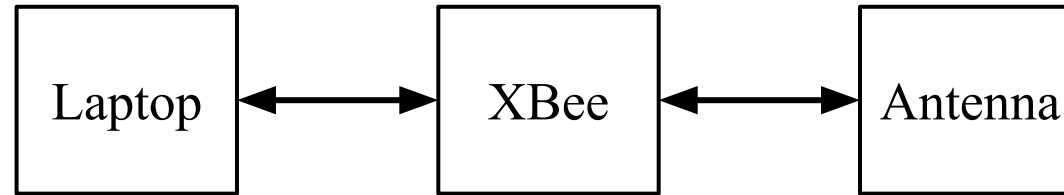
- Software development will be hierarchized by point acquisition capability and reliance on other features
- Code will be written stand alone separate blocks to assure each operation functions individually
- In order of priority:
 - Telemetry transmission
 - Telemetry collection
 - Transmission over XBee
 - Righting of Lander
 - Landing Detection
 - Motor control
 - Taking Pictures
 - Camera control
 - Picture encoding to XBee over multiple packets



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Ground Station





- Laptop connected to XBee via USB
- XBee connected to Antenna via RP-SMA to N-type connector



- Antennae considered:
 - Traditional “rubber ducky” antenna
 - Very small
 - Quarter-wave Monopole
 - Nearly Omnidirectional
 - ~5dBi Loss
 - Hyperlink Technologies T2400F
 - Hand Held
 - Parabolic Grid Antenna
 - Directional: 9.5° Horizontal, 13° Vertical
 - 24dBi Gain
- Final decision: Hyperlink Technologies T2400F
 - Power usage on lander is an issue
 - High gain requires less transmit power
 - Directional antenna still has a wide enough beam to be aimed



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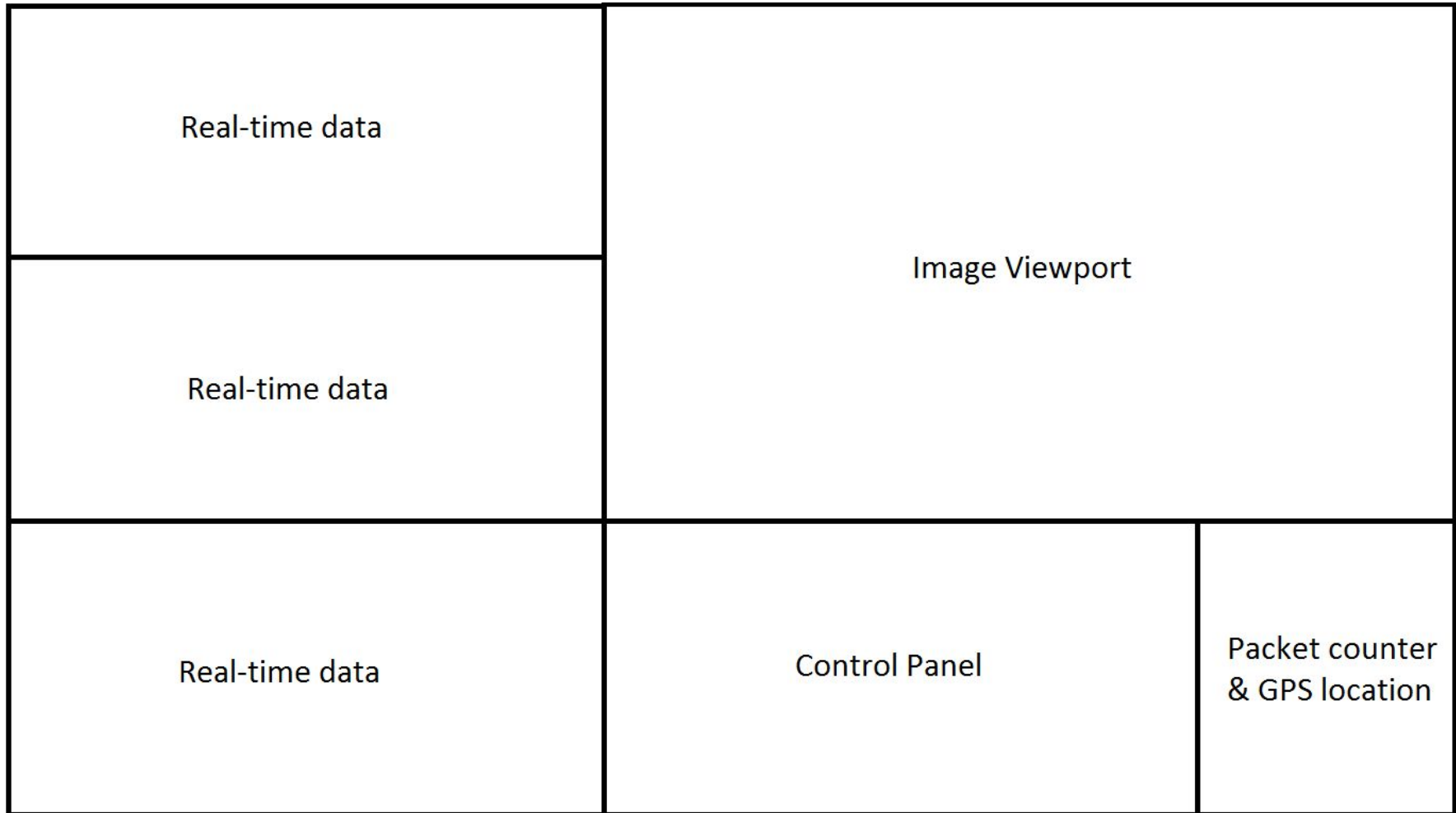
Ground Station Software

- Commercial or open source software packages (Python)
 - Matplotlib for plotting data in real time
 - Python-XBee for communication
 - Pillow for image display



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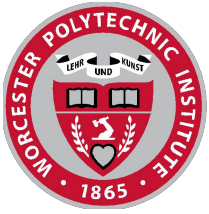
Telemetry Display Prototype





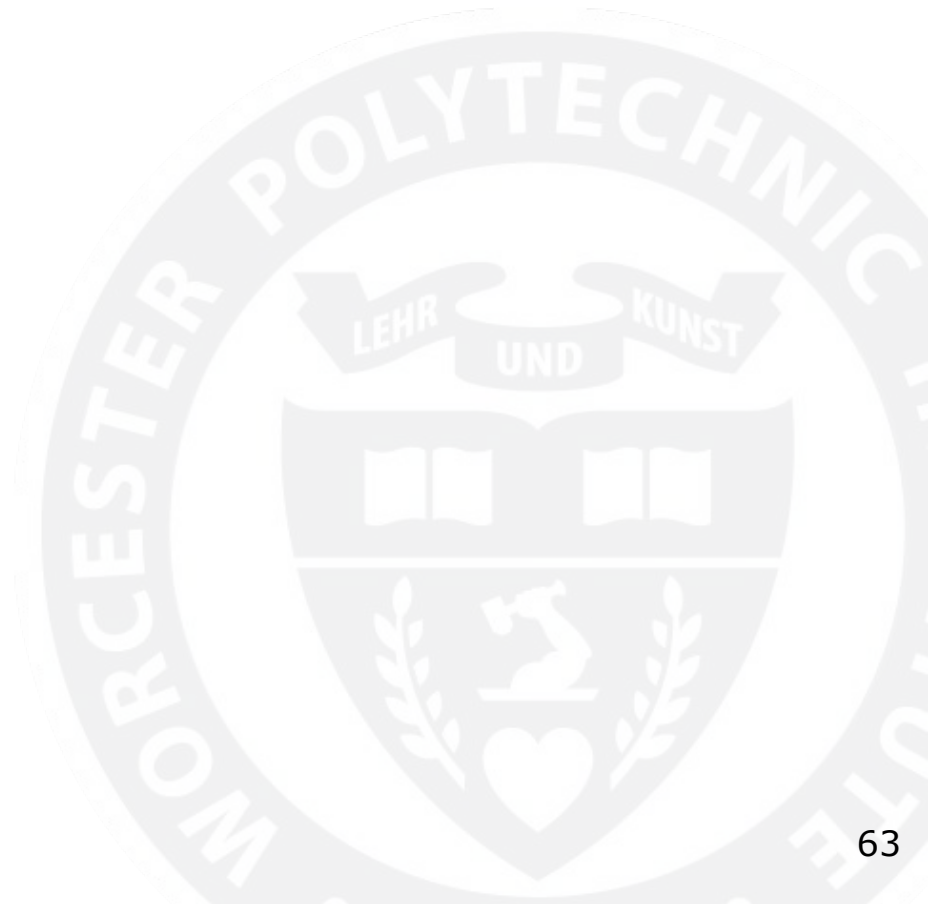
- ThinkPad laptop
 - >2 hours battery life
- Hyperlink Technologies T2400F Antenna
 - Attached to PVC pipe that serves as a handle





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Testing





- Individual Component Testing
 - Receiving antenna
 - Connect to Wi-Fi antenna
 - Laptop
 - Turn on and run for an hour with all software running
 - XBee
 - Receiving from antenna and communication with computer
- Integrated System Testing
 - Use a separate XBee to send simulated packets



- Drop test
 - Worst-case landing situation
 - Self-righting mechanism
 - Structural Integrity test on lander mockup. No electronics integrated
- XBee transmission - 1000 ft range test
 - 400 ft vs. 1 mile range
 - Power draw a concern
 - Telemetry & camera test



- Parachute deployment testing
 - Rocket body tube will be loaded with one parachute at a time and clamped horizontally
 - Repeated for each Drogue chute and Main chute
 - Area will be cleared and marked for safety.
 - The powder charges will be fired to ensure that ejection is functioning properly
 - Will help to ensure enough friction fit to avoid problems during flight but still able to be separated
 - Adjust accordingly for shock cord size to avoid problems like zippering of the rocket body



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Payload Deployment Testing

- Rocket body tube will be fully loaded with a mock lander
- Rocket will clamped at an angle of -30° to the horizontal
- Area will be cleared and marked for safety
- Ejection charge fired
- Parachute deployment and parachute descent landing
- Adjust accordingly to account for payload mass and optimal parachute size



- Rocket preparation and transportation
 1. Inspect launch site and rocket
 2. Lander Preparation (Next Slide)
 3. Reload and insert engine.
 4. Place rocket on launch pad
 5. Activate electronics.
 6. Check for charge continuity.
 7. Set igniter
 8. Launch



- Lander Preparation
 - Final Setup, all systems integration.
 - All operation last check of proper functionality.
 - Upload Rocket ready software.
 - Lander close up and preparation to be loaded on rocket.
 - Add rover protection (Dog Barf onto the rocket)
 - Attach Lander Parachute to Lander
 - Insert Rover in Rocket payload Bay
 - Proceed with rocket launch procedure, preparation and charge installation.



GoatBuster's BOR Schedule

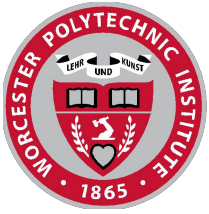
****Twice weekly meetings**

* Indicates specific deadlines

"A" Meetings Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm

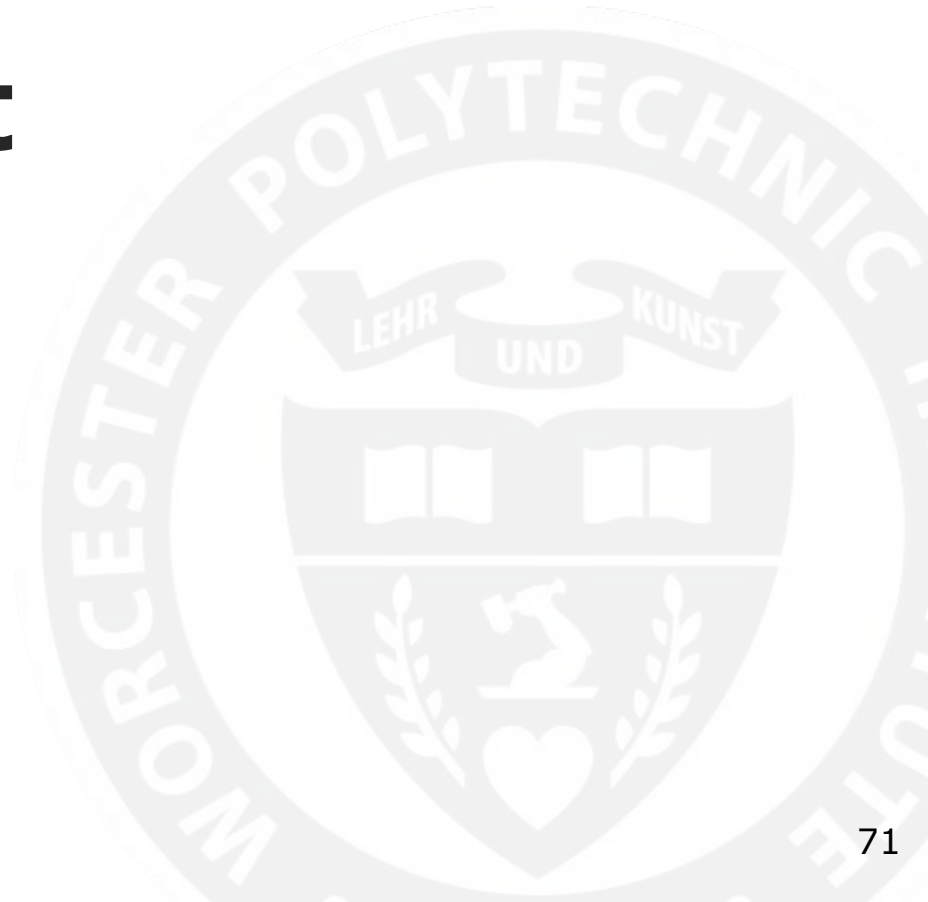
"Z" Meetings Sundays 3:00-5:00pm

ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY START	APPROX. PLAN DURATION	BI-WEEKLY	Sept. 4	Sept. 18	Oct. 2	Oct. 16	Oct. 30	Nov. 13	Nov. 27	Dec. 11	Dec. 25	Jan. 8	Jan. 22	Feb. 5	Feb. 19	Mar 5	Mar. 19	Apr 2	Apr 16	Apr 23*	
Team Interest Meeting	Sept. 4	1 meeting		█																		
Rocket Design Workshop	Sept. 15	1 meeting			█																	
Open Rocket Workshop	Sept. 29	1 meeting			█																	
Choose Team Name & Discuss Team Goals	Oct. 9	1 week				█																
Familiarize w/ Competition Guidelines	Oct. 9	2 weeks				█																
Research Lander & Ground Station Design	Oct. 9	4 weeks				█	█															
Create Rocket Design	Oct. 16	2-4 weeks					█	█														
Competition Registration Deadline	Oct. 30	N/A						█														
Finalize Lander Design	Oct. 30	2-4 weeks						█														
Finalize Rocket Design	Oct. 30	2 weeks						█														
Create PDR	Oct. 16	8 weeks					█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Order Rocket & Lander Parts	Nov. 25	4 weeks							█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Lander Testing	Nov. 27	12 weeks								█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Rocker Testing	Nov. 27	12 Weeks								█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
PDR Deadline	Dec. 1	N/A									█											
PDR Review	Dec. 5-9	1 meeting								█												
Create CDR	Dec. 15	8 Weeks									█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Lander Building	Dec. 11	20 weeks									█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Rocket Building	Dec. 11	20 weeks									█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Ground Station Assembly	Dec. 11	20 Weeks									█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
CDR Deadline	Feb. 1	N/A													█							
Competition	Apr 22,23	2 days																				█



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Program Budget





Part	Cost	Website
Airframe (6''x 0.074 wall x 72'')	\$105.95	http://www.alwaysreadyrocketry.com/product/1-15-29mm-x-062-wall-x-48-airframe-mmt/
Nose Cone (6'' conical fiberglass)	\$116.33	https://www.apogeerockets.com/Building_Supplies/Nose_Cones/Fiberglass_Nose_Cones/6in_Fiberglass_Conical_5_1_Nose_Cone?cPath=42_47_61&
E-Bay (Standard Coupler 6'' x 0.074 wall x 16'')	\$27.95	http://www.alwaysreadyrocketry.com/product/1-15-29mm-x-062-wall-x-8-coupler/
Parachutes	Already own	http://spherachutes.com/items/list.htm
Centering Ring (Birch Plywood--1/2in thickness, 2ft x 4ft)	\$19.95	http://www.homedepot.com/p/Birch-Plywood-Common-1-2-in-x-2-ft-x-4-ft-Actual-0-476-in-x-23-75-in-x-47-75-in-1503004/202088758
Fins (Birch Plywood--1/4in thick, 2ft x 4ft)	\$12.42	http://www.homedepot.com/p/Birch-Plywood-Common-1-4-in-x-2-ft-x-4-ft-Actual-0-195-in-x-23-75-in-x-47-75-in-1503008/202088745
Motor (Cesaroni Technology Inc. J760WT)	\$102.30	http://cart.amwprox.com/index.php?option=com_virtuemart&view=productdetails&virtuemart_product_id=233&virtuemart_category_id=6
Motor Tube	Already own	
Raven 3 altimeter	\$155	http://www.shop.featherweightaltimeters.com/product.sc?jsessionid=A12FDEBE047F183768446B6574A60EAC.qscstrfmt02?productId=7&categoryId=1



Part	Cost	Website
MSP430F5529LP	\$12.99	http://www.ti.com/tool/MSP-EXP430F5529LP#buy
XBEE 1 mile range with built in antenna	\$41	https://www.sparkfun.com/products/10418
XBEE 400 ft range with built in antenna	\$23	https://www.sparkfun.com/products/10414
ov7670 FIFO	\$11.50	http://www.ebay.com/itm/like/222089147466?lpid=82&chn=ps&ul_noapp=true
RHT03 temp/humidity sensor	\$10	http://cdn.sparkfun.com/datasheets/Sensors/Weather/RHT03.pdf
Photodiode?	<\$1	digkey
Basic resistors/caps/etc	~\$0	
Adafruit TSL2561 Digital Luminosity/Lux/Light Sensor Breakout	\$6	https://www.adafruit.com/product/439



Part	Cost	Website
GPS	\$16	https://www.sparkfun.com/products/13740
Case Material: Polycarbonate	\$13.29	https://www.mcmaster.com/#standard-plastic-sheets/=150yf5t
Main battery	\$9.95	http://www.batteryspace.com/NiMH-Battery-Pack-3.6V-1600-mAh-Prewired-with-Hitec-connector.aspx
Second battery for battery measurement	\$8.45	http://www.batteryspace.com/custom-nimh-3-6v-280mah-1-3aa-stick-battery-with-tabs.aspx
Motor		
Spring	\$4.04 each	http://www.centuryspring.com/torsion-spring-to-1045.html
Solar Panel	\$3.95 each	http://store.sundancesolar.com/powerfilm-3v-22ma-flexible-solar-panel-sp3-37/
Altimeter for Lander	Already own	https://www.pololu.com/product/2126



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Program Budget: Ground Station

Part	Cost	Website
Laptop	donated	
XBEE 1 mile range with RPSMA connector	\$45	https://www.sparkfun.com/products/10419
N-female to RPSMA male	\$4.75	http://www.showmecables.com/product/N-Female-to-Reverse-Polarity-SMA-Male-Adapter.aspx
Sparkfun XBEE explorer	\$25	https://www.sparkfun.com/products/11812
HyperLink T-2400F Antenna	Already owned	



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Program Budget: Travel Expenses

Travel Expense	Cost	Total
Food	20 USD per person per day	400 USD
Lodging	60 USD per night per 2 people	600 USD
Transportation	TBD School Organized Bus	~500USD
	Total	~1300 USD

All Program Budget for Rocket, Payload, Ground Station and Travel expenses will be covered by WPI Student Government Association (Funds from WPI Student Activities fee)



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Summary: Rocket Subsystem

- Rocket has been designed and proved in OpenRocket computer simulations and is ready for construction
- Inventory taken of existing components
- Ordered needed rocket components
- Upcoming:
 - Laser cutting fins & centering rings
 - Testing



WPI Summary: Ground Station Subsystem

designed and all the main components
for testing and software implementation

antenna on order
in range



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Summary: Lander Subsystem

- Lander has been designed and all the main components are on order
 - Mechanical Systems to be manufactured
 - Structure will be built
 - Electronics will be put together, sensors will be checked for proper functionality
 - Code Development start



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Summary: Team Logistics

- Transportation and Lodging details are being worked out with WPI Student Activities Office
- Class 1 certification for various members are in the works
- Excited for actual construction to begin, after design phase
 - Looking forward to encountering problems
- “What is engineering without solving problems, and what is Aerospace Engineering without Explosions?”



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