



# RiBBIT

**R**iver **B**athymetry **B**ased  
**I**ntegrated **T**echnology

Manufacturing Status Review

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# Project Overview



# Mission Motivation

## Problem

Rivers are a critical resource to monitor due to contributions to agriculture, urban development, hazard monitoring, and environmental monitoring.

There is a lack of updated and accurate global data for river discharge, especially in hard to access rivers.

A hard to access river is one which presents a physical risk for humans to access on foot.

## Existing Solutions

Earth Orbiting Satellites

Boat tagline system with acoustic instrument and velocity tracker

Helicopters towing radar systems

ASTRALite EDGE

## Market Gaps

Data Resolution

Safety

Low-Cost

Ease of use

Quick set-up and data collection

# Mission Statement

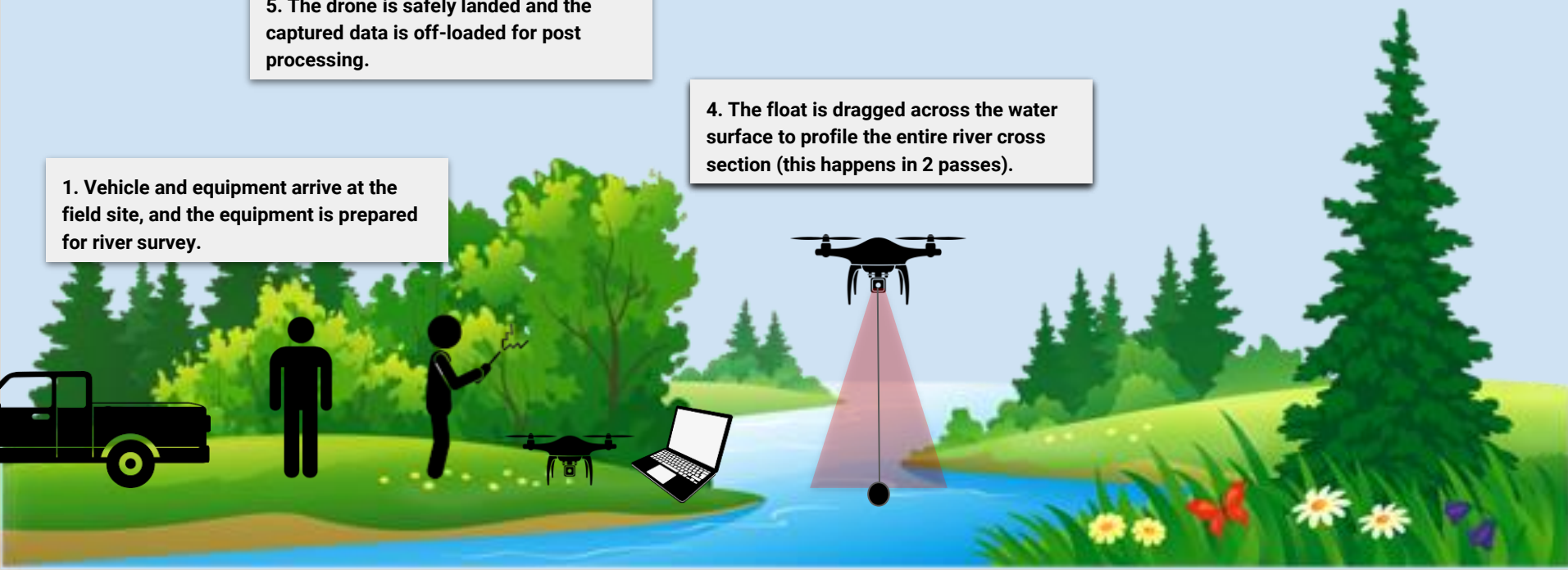
“The long term goal of this project is to design, manufacture, and test a drone-mounted sensor system to gather river depth profile and velocity data in hard-to-access areas for the purpose of monitoring river discharge.”

# CONOPS

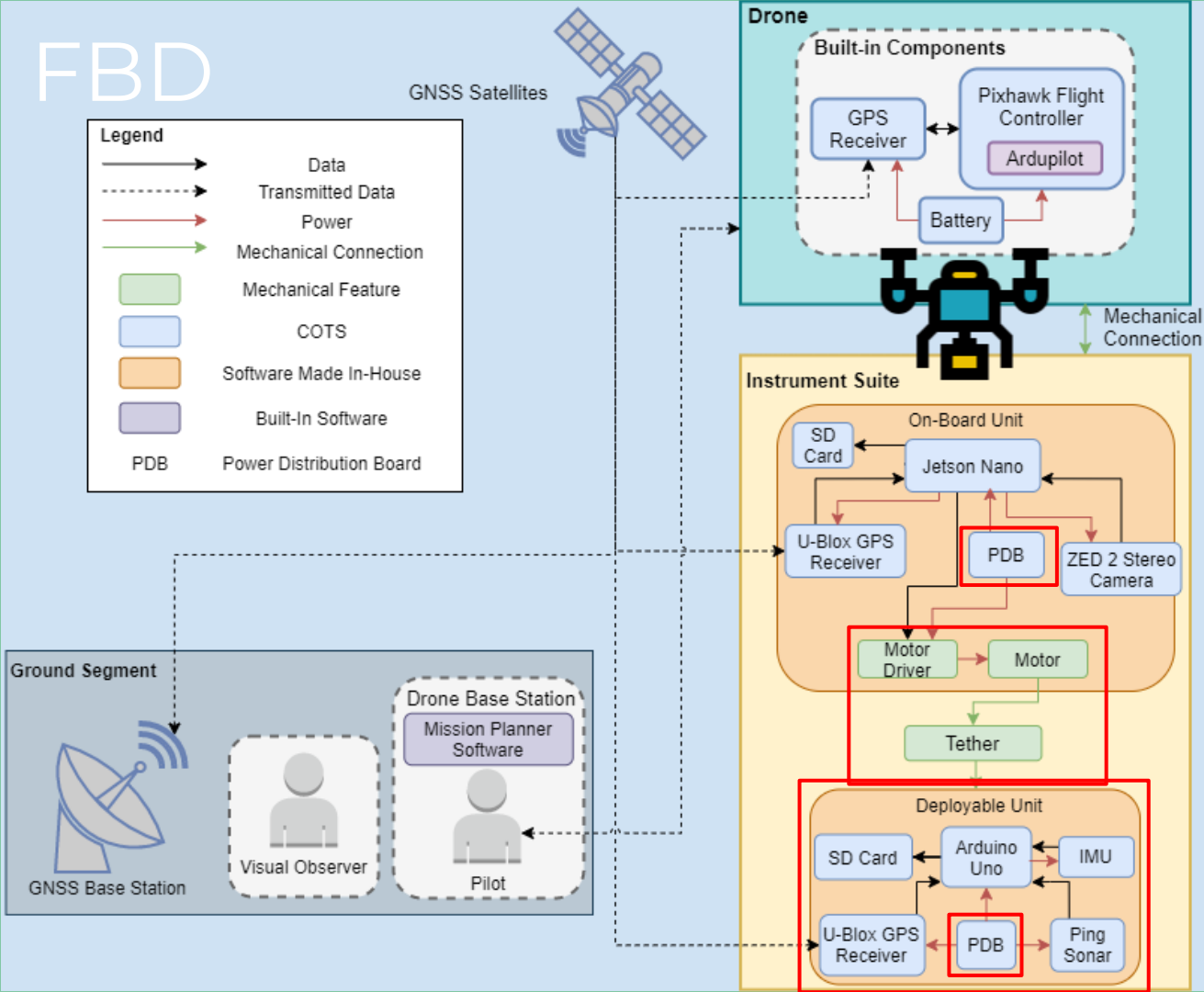
1. Vehicle and equipment arrive at the field site, and the equipment is prepared for river survey.

5. The drone is safely landed and the captured data is off-loaded for post processing.

4. The float is dragged across the water surface to profile the entire river cross section (this happens in 2 passes).

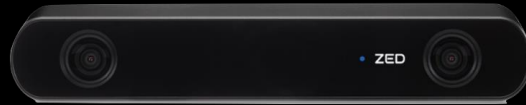


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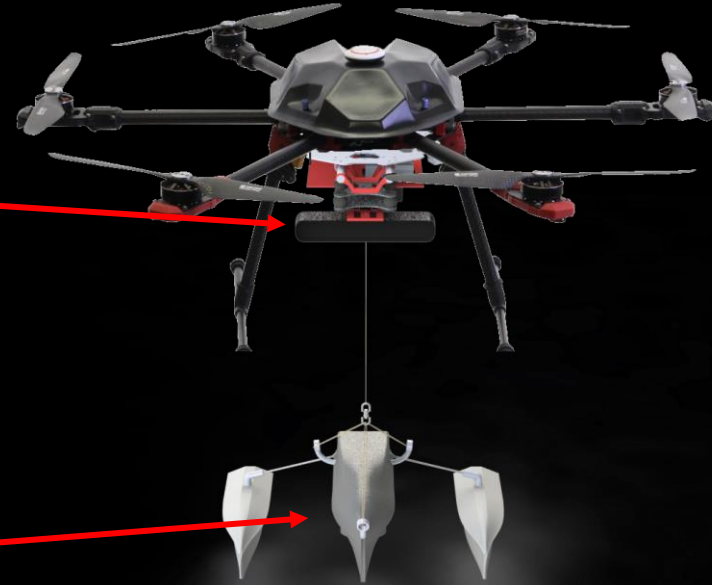


# Science Instruments

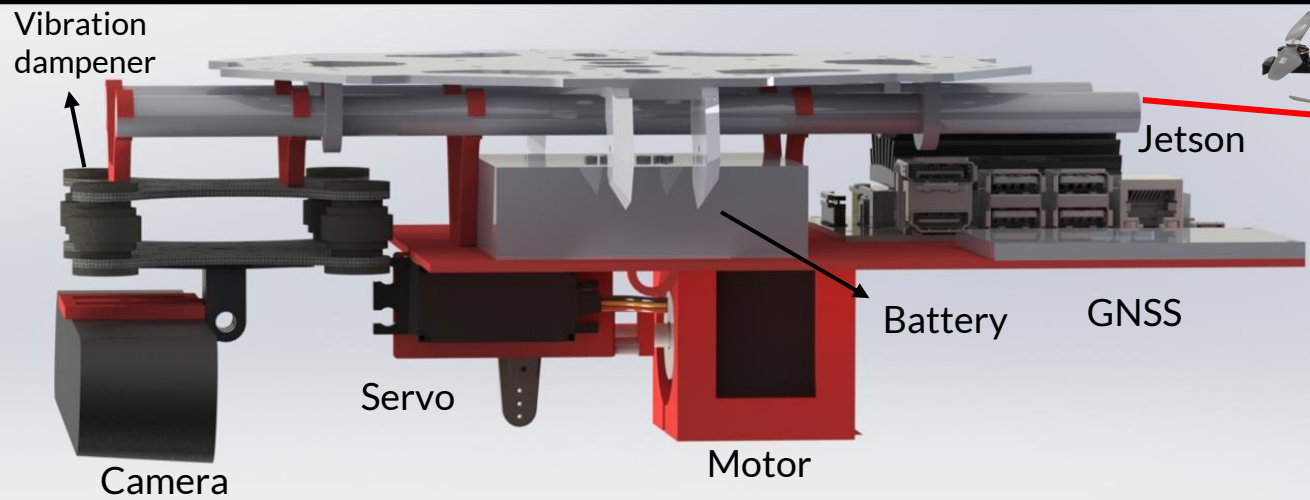
Zed 2 Stereo Camera



Ping Sonar Echosounder



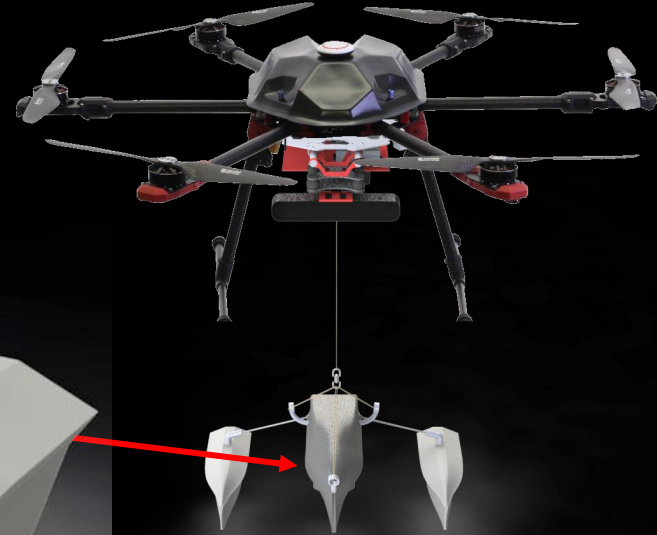
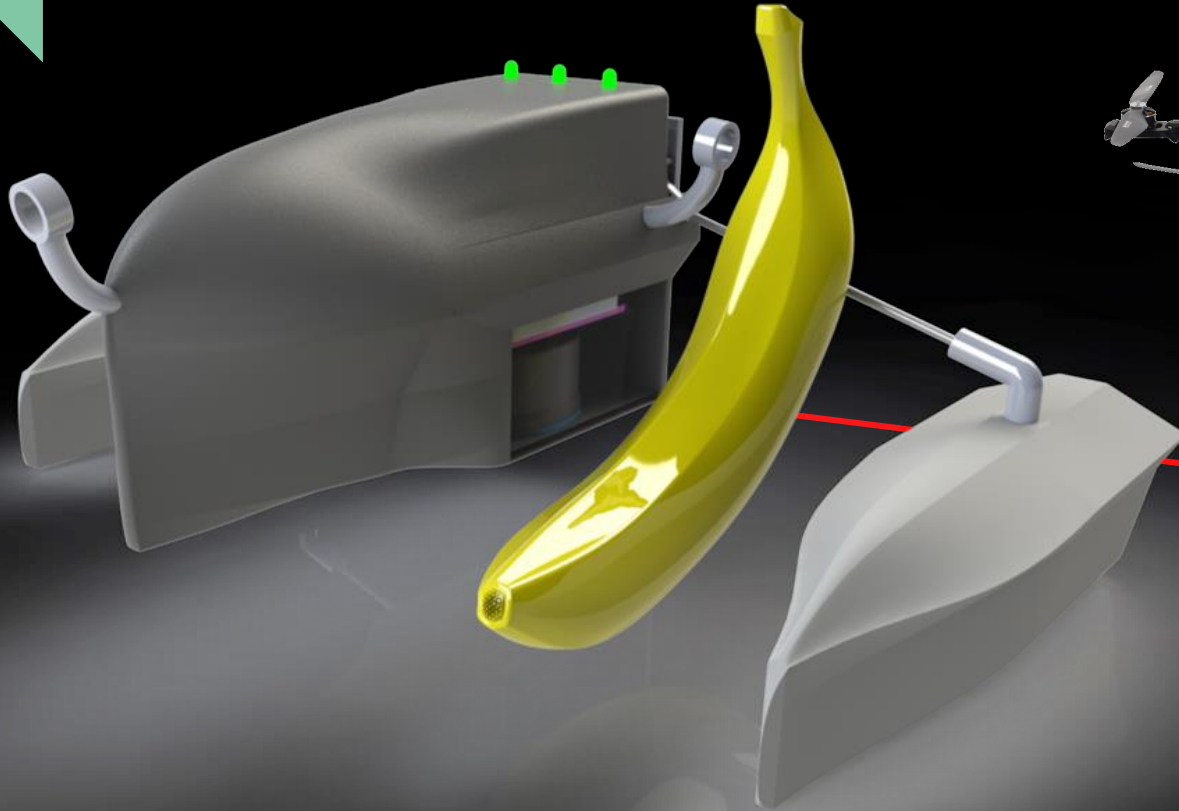
# Deployment Mechanism





# Sonar Float Design

Total est. weight: 894 grams

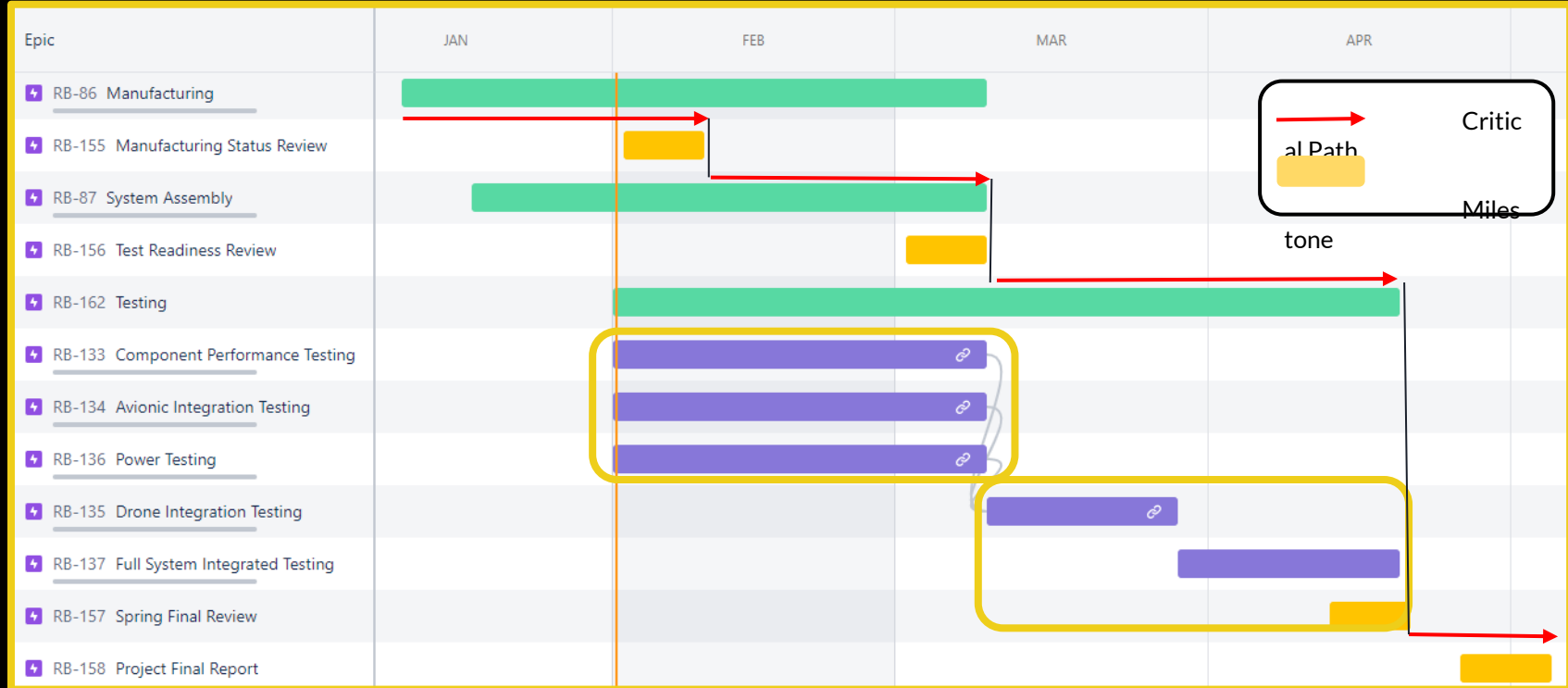


Note Banana for scale ONLY, not a part of design



# Schedule

# Gantt Chart



# Testing Schedule

## Round 1 - Complete by Early March

### Component Testing

- Zed 2 Camera
- Ping Sonar
- UAV + Pixhawk Controller
- Deployment Mechanism/Motor
- Float & Electronics Box

### On-Board Unit Interface Testing

- Zed Camera + Jetson
- U-blox receiver + Jetson
- Remote Controller + Pixhawk + Jetson

### Deployable Unit Interface Testing

- Ping + Arduino
- IMU + Arduino
- U-blox receiver + Arduino

## Round 2 - Complete Mid-April

### On-Board Unit Integration

- On-Board Electronics Integration
- On-Board Electronics Fastening to payload housing

### Deployable Unit Integration

- Pre-stacked electronics integration
- Stacked electronics integration
- Float + Electronics Box Integration

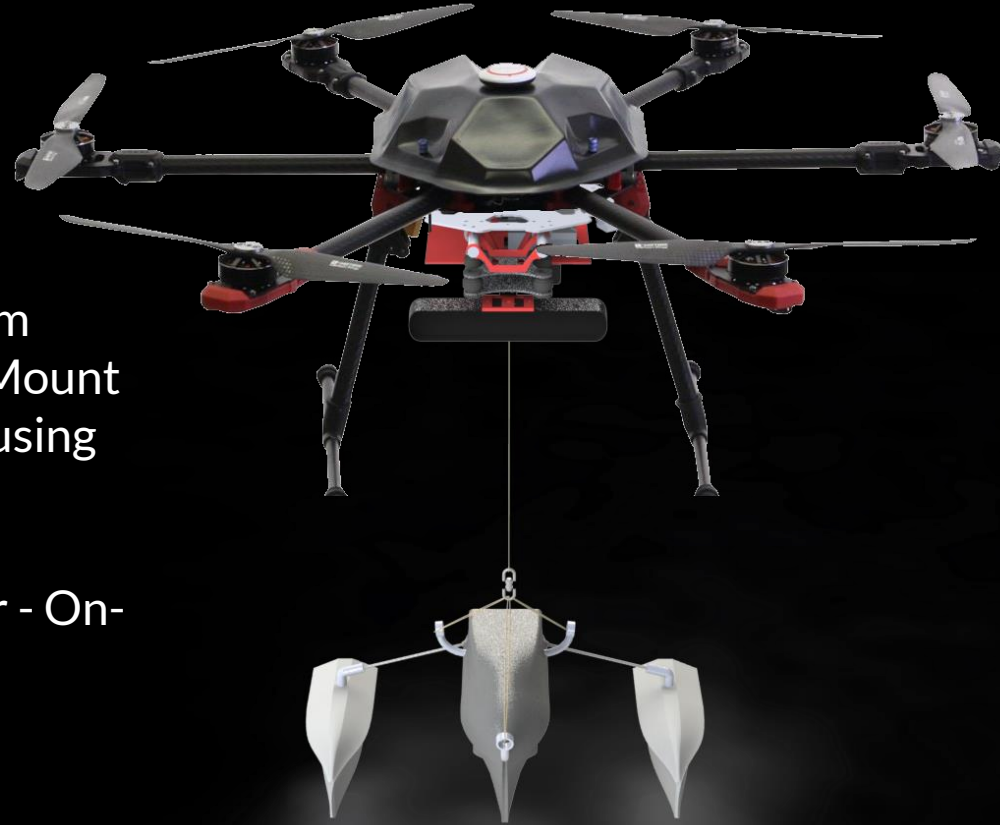
### UAV Integration



# Manufacturing

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- Hardware
  - Sonar Deployment Mechanism
  - Payload Housing and Drone Mount
  - Sonar Float & Electronics Housing
  - Off-the-Shelf UAV Assembly
- Avionics
  - Electronics Wiring and Power - On-board and Deployable Unit
- Software
  - Flight Software
  - Data Post-Processing



# HARDWARE MANUFACTURING FLOW DOWN

LEVEL 6: Full System Integration

Full System Integration

LEVEL 5: Final Major Subsystem Integration

Float Final Integration

Drone Integration

LEVEL 4: Manufacture Final Designs

Suspension Final Print

Hull Final Print

Electronics Box Manufacture

Deployment Mechanism Final Build

Mounting Plate Final Manufacture

Finalize all designs

LEVEL 3: Major Subsystem Build

Float Subsystem Build

Prototype Full Assembly

Drone Platform Subsystem Build

LEVEL 2: Prototype/Testing

Suspension Prototype

Hull Prototype

Electronics Assembly Prototype

Deployment Mechanism Prototype

Mounting Plate Prototype

Submit for printing

Submit for printing

Submit for printing

Submit for printing

Submit for printing

LEVEL 1: Detailed Design

Detailed Suspension Design

Detailed Hull Design

Detailed Electronics Assembly Design

Detailed Deployment Mechanism Design

Detailed Plate Design

Legend

- Critical Dependency
- Non-critical Dependency
- Small design changes possible

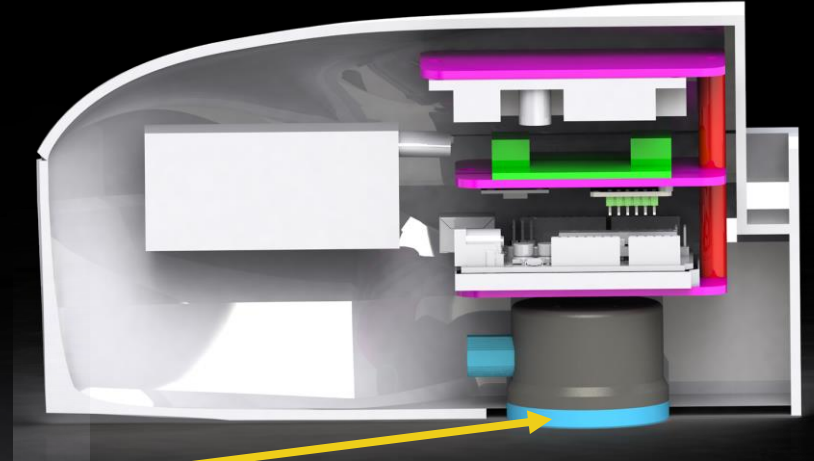
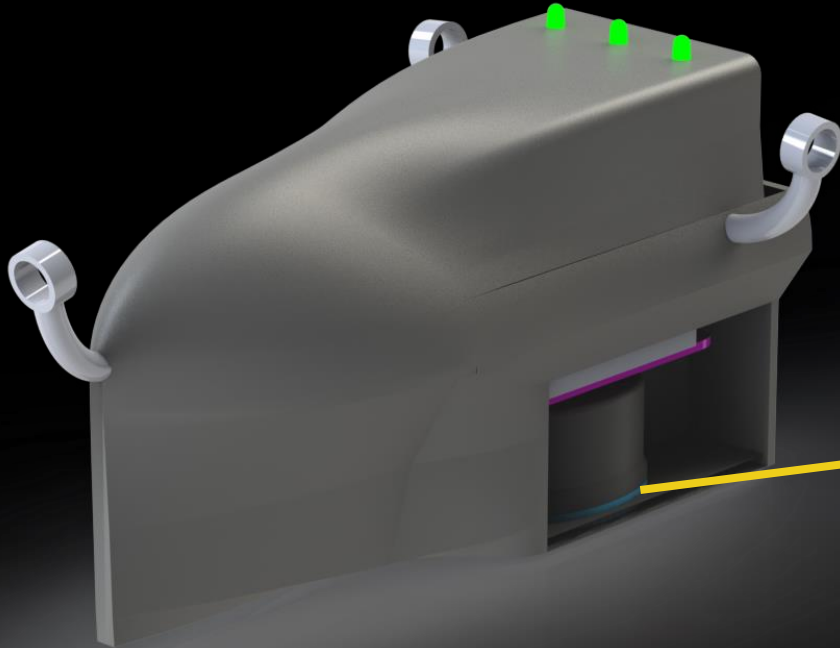
Round 2  
March

Round 1  
End of Feb





# Float Electronics Box Manufacturing

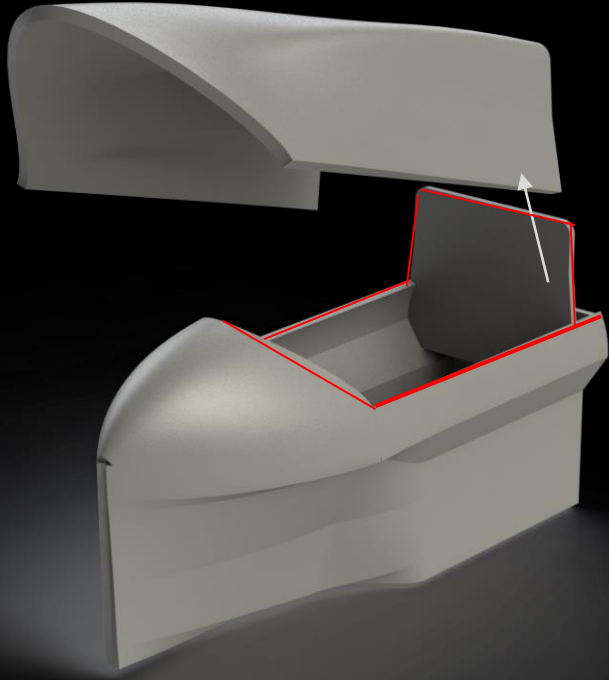


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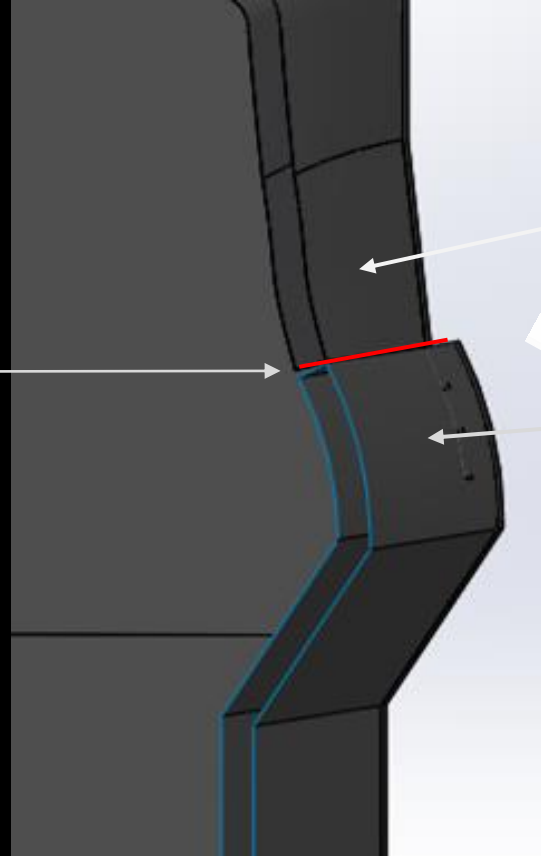
## Designing for manufacturability

- Creating features easy for 3D printers
- Minimizing post-printing alterations
  - Printing in multiple sections

# Float Waterproofing



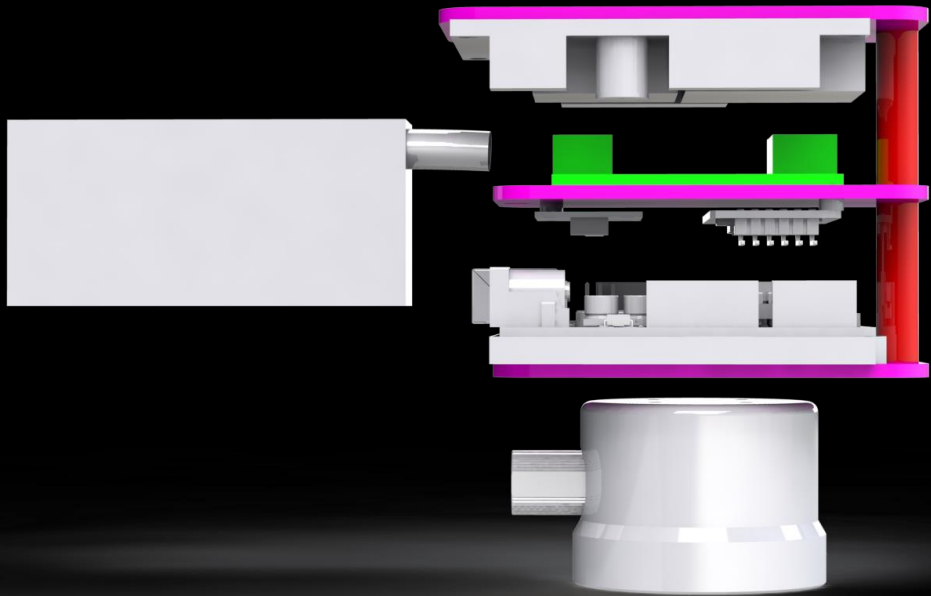
Rubber seal where red lines are



Planning to have 4-5 brackets. Mounting holes are 2.5mm for ref

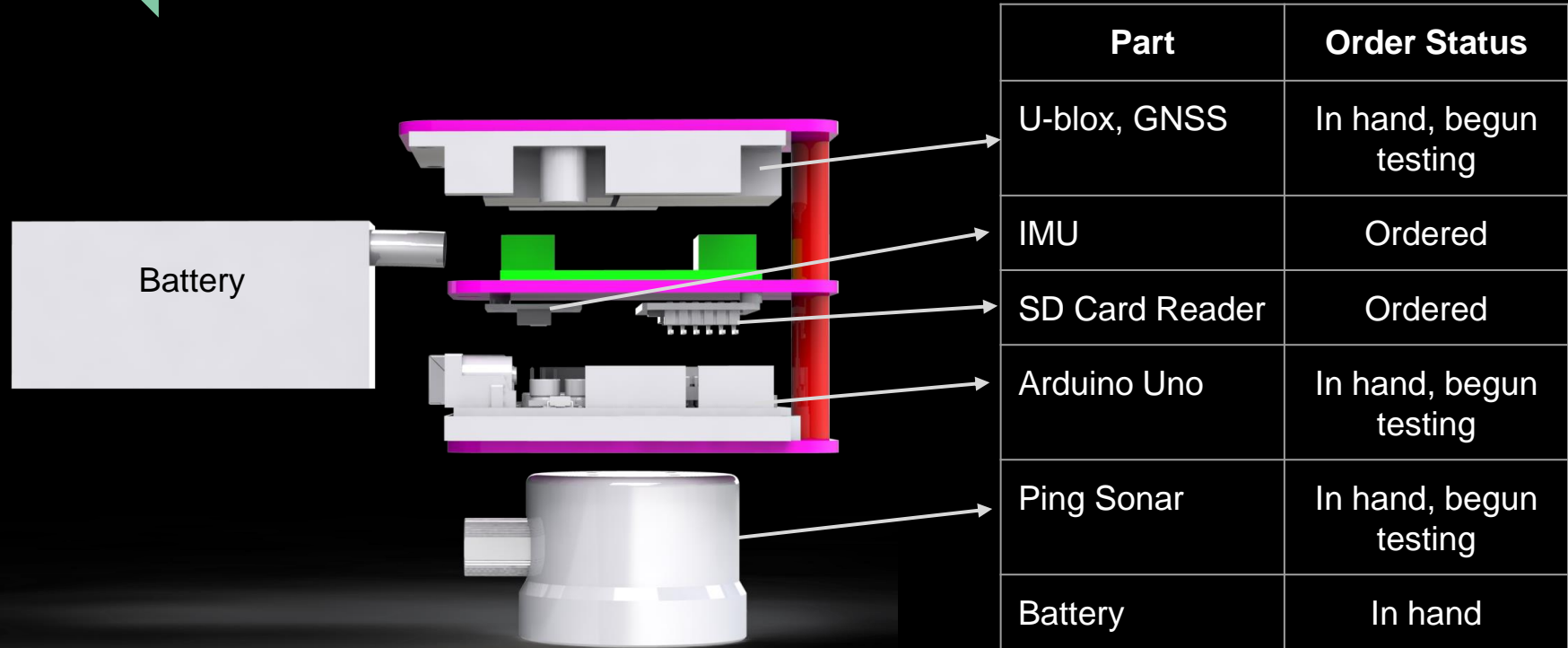
# Float Electronics Box Assembly Overview

On Schedule

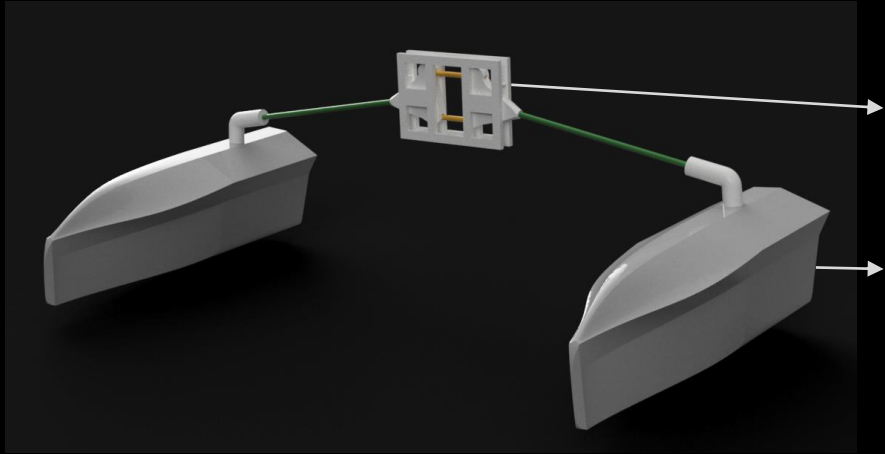


Color	Manufacturing Method	Status
WHITE	COTS	Next Slide
GREEN	Custom PDB	Under design
PINK	Laser cut Acrylic	Design Finished Prototype v1
RED	PLA 3D Printing	Design Finished Prototype v1

# COTS Parts Status



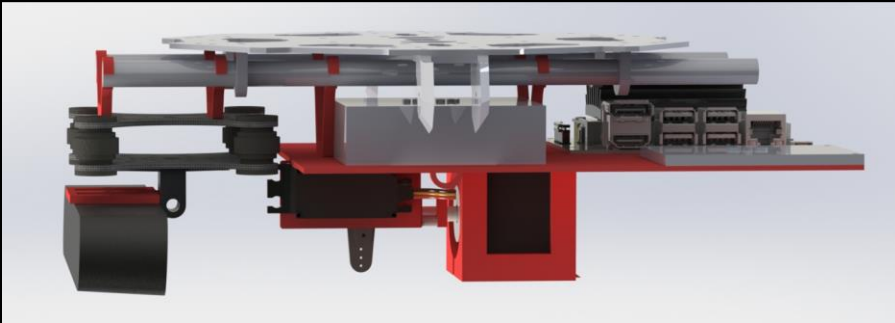
# Float Stabilizer Overview



Color	Part	Manufacturing method	Status
WHITE	Suspension Assembly	PLA 3D Printing	Prototype v1 submitted to print
GREY	Stabilizer	PLA 3D Printing	Prototype v1 submitted to print
GREEN	Carbon Fiber Rods	COTS	Specific part chosen
YELLOW	Rubber band	COTS	Specific part chosen

On Schedule

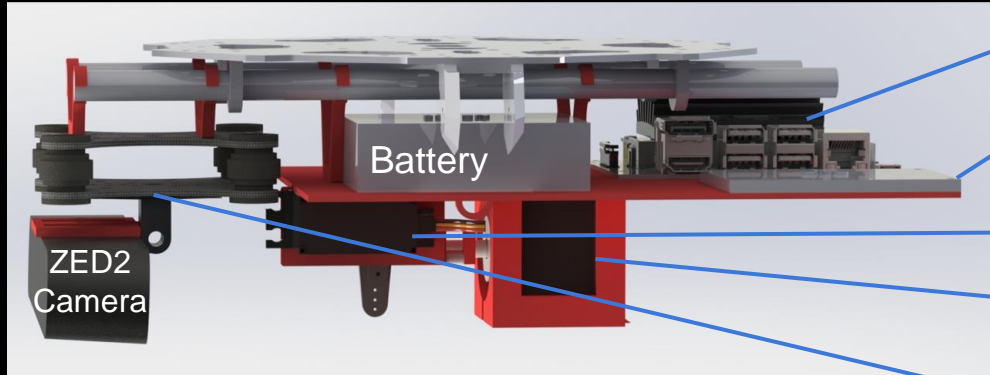
# On-Board Payload Housing



Color	Manufacturing Method	Status
WHITE/ BLACK	COTS	Next Slide
RED	PLA 3D Printing	Waiting for drone for exact dimensions

On Schedule

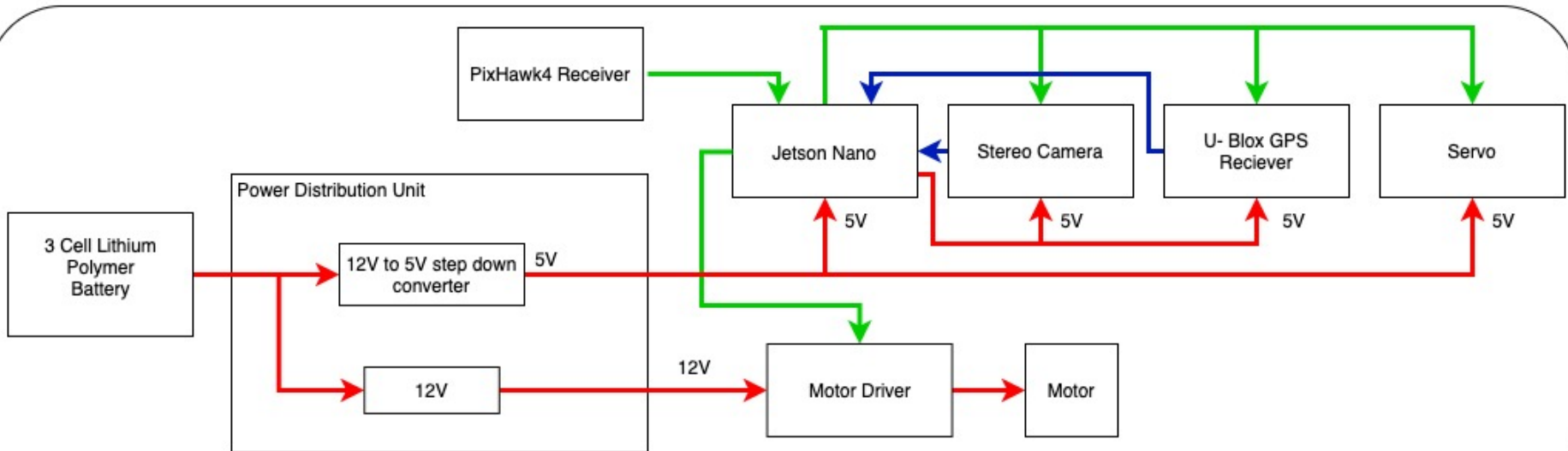
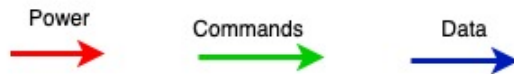
# COTS Parts Status



Part	Order Status
Jetson	In Hand
GNSS Receiver	In Hand
Battery	In Hand
Servo	Type chosen
Motor	Under design
Vibration Dampener	In hand
Camera	In Hand

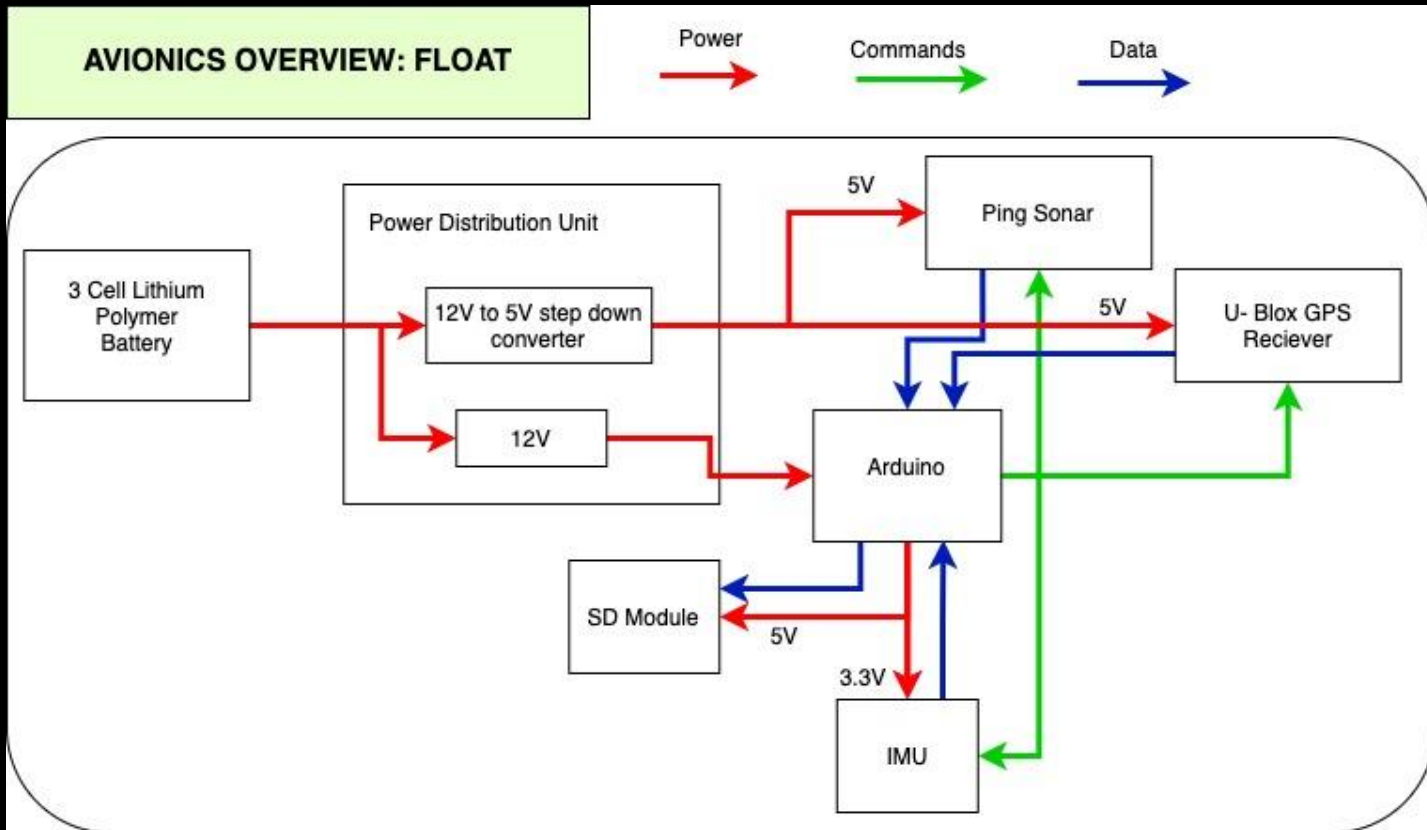
# Avionics Overview: On Board Unit

## AVIONICS OVERVIEW: ON BOARD





# Avionics Overview: Float Unit

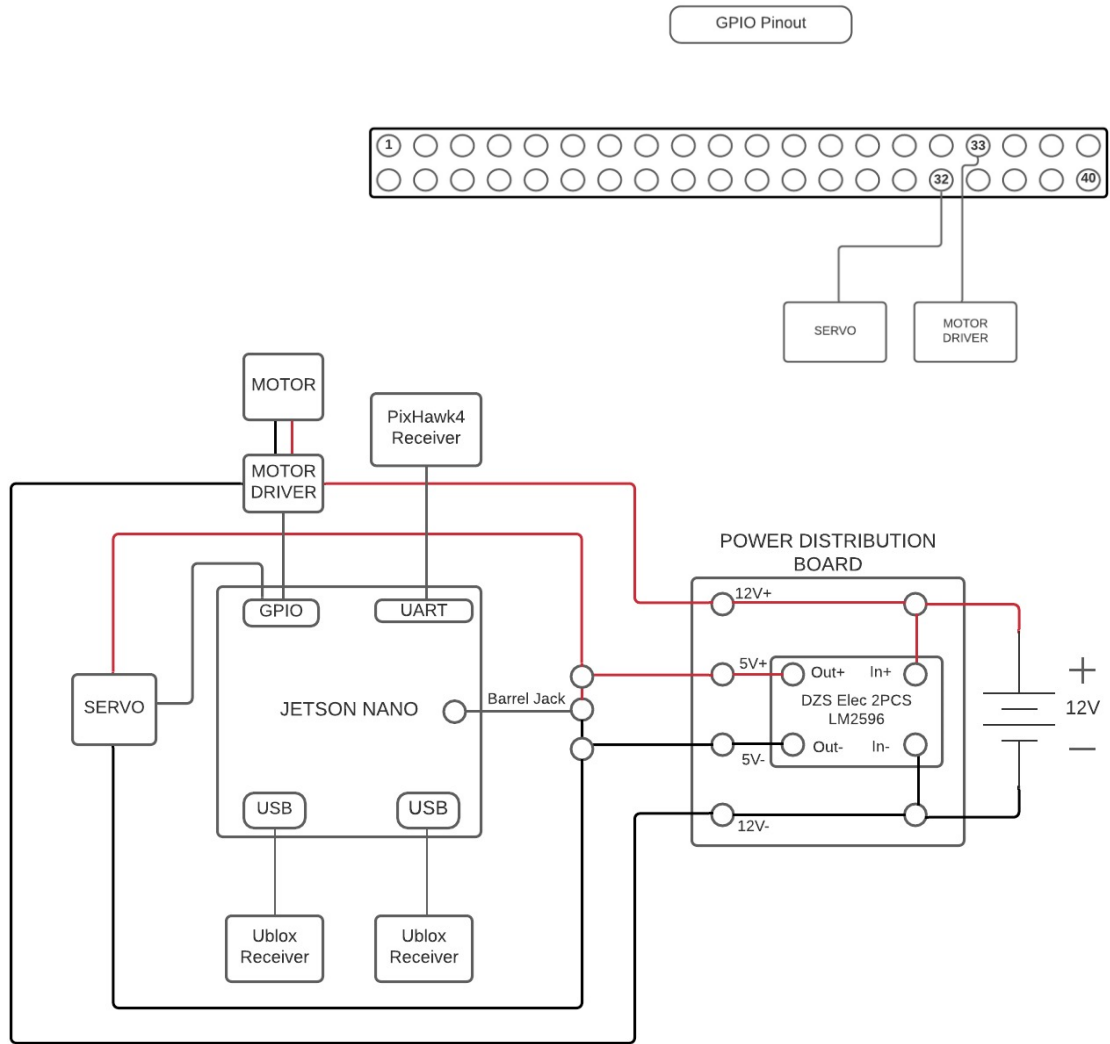




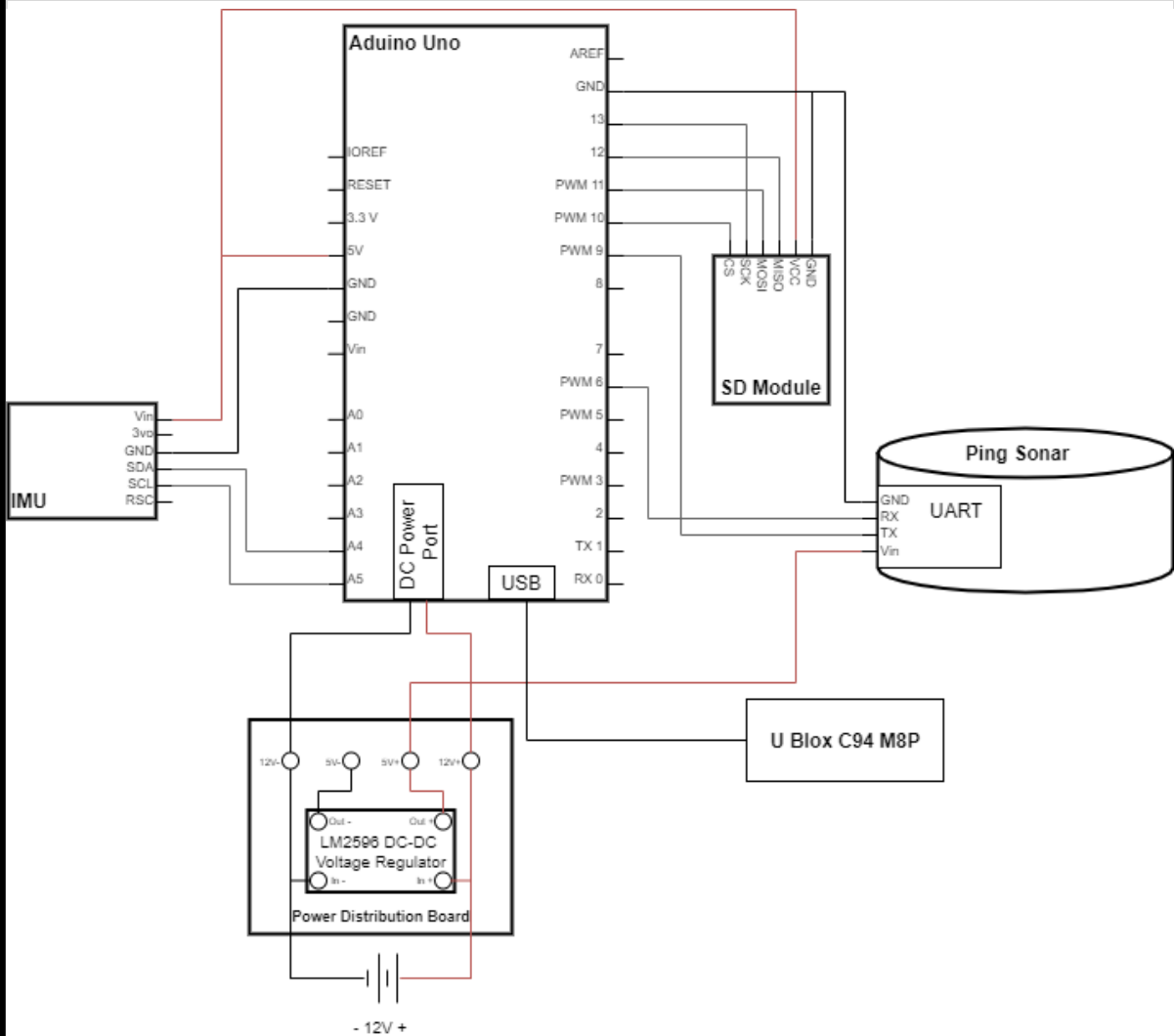
# Avionics Overview

Avionics Component	Complexity	Priority	Progress	On Schedule?
Power Distribution Board	Medium	High	Schematic design completed, need to build prototype	Yes (early March)
Motor Implementation with Motor Driver	High	Medium	Waiting on motor selection	Yes (end of February)
Communication with PixHawk Receiver	High	Medium	Have necessary components, studying how receiver works	Yes (mid-March)
SD Module Interfacing	Low	Medium	Part selected and ordered	Yes (end of February)

# On Board Wiring Diagram



# Float Wiring Diagram



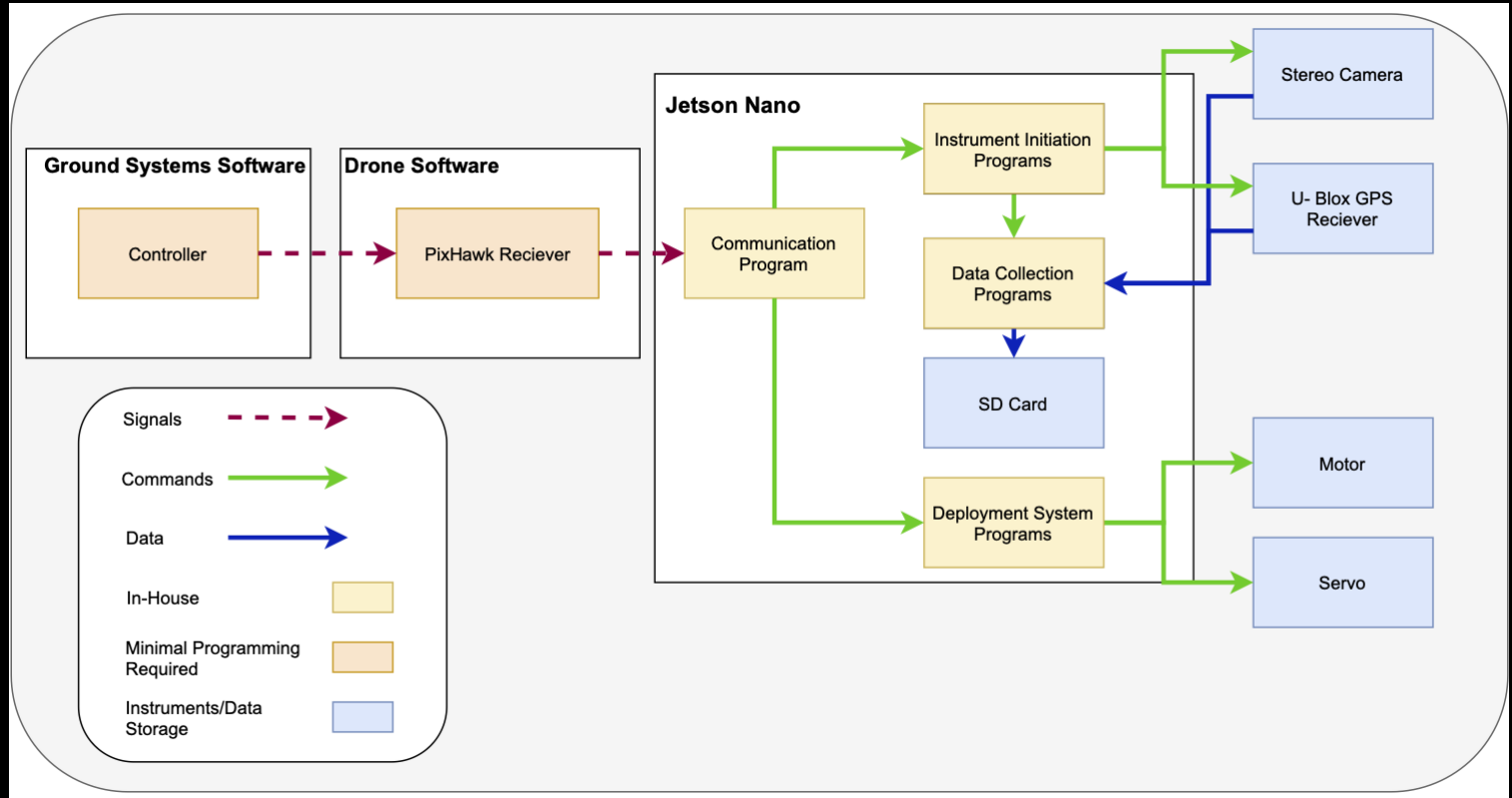


# Instrument Suite Wiring

Component	Method/Material	Progress
Zed Camera Integration	Through USB connection	Have identified necessary software and connections to begin testing
Sonar Integration	Serial communication through UART ports on Arduino	
GNSS Receiver Integration	USB connection for both Jetson Nano and Arduino Uno	
Power Distribution Board	Will use M/F jumper wires for Arduino, Barrel Jack for Jetson	Electrical schematic designed

On Schedule

# On-Board Flight Software Overview

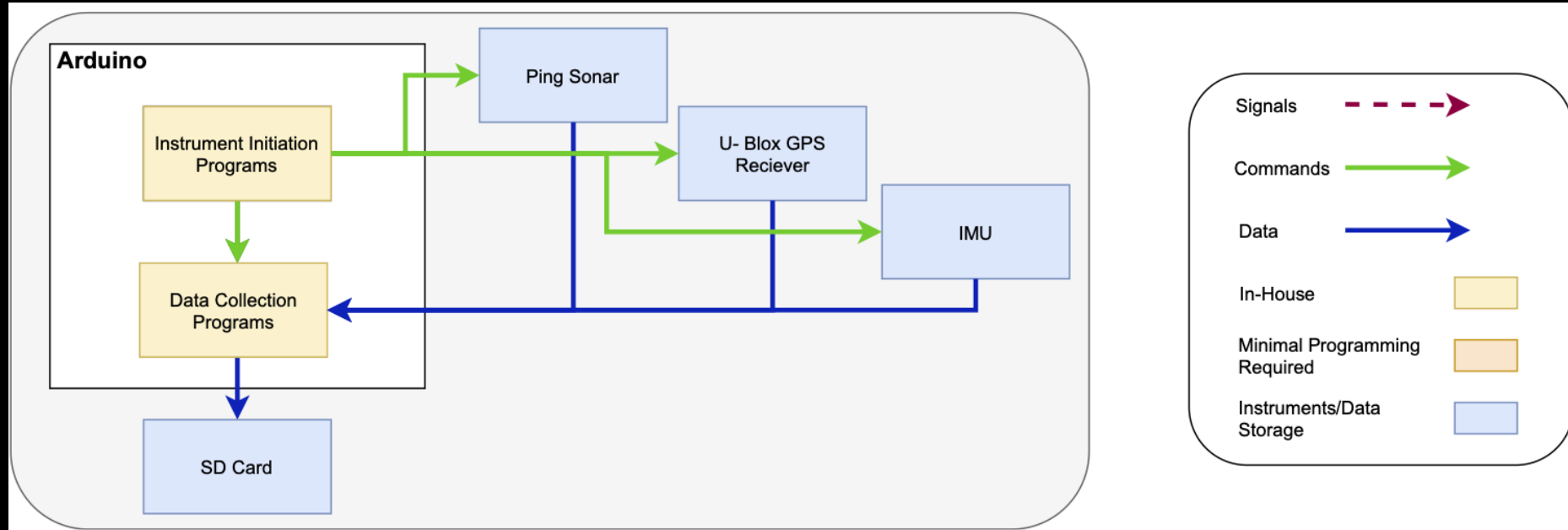




# On-Board Flight Software Overview

Software Component	Complexity	Priority	Progress	On Schedule?
Communication Program	High	High	Researched interfacing Pixhawk with companion computers	On schedule, plan to work with Pixhawk and Jetson interfacing (mid-February)
Instrument Initiation Programs - ZED Camera, GNSS Receiver	Medium	Medium	Researched running programs on Jetson's Linux OS from command line. Completion is dependent on the Communication Program	On schedule, dependent on Communication Program (end of February)
Data Collection Programs	Medium	High	Skeleton code completed for ZED 2 camera and in progress for GPS receiver	On schedule, ready for testing (mid-February)
Deployment System Initiation Programs	Medium	Medium	Same as Instrument Initiation Programs	On schedule, dependent on Communication Program (end of February)

# Deployable Unit Flight Software Overview



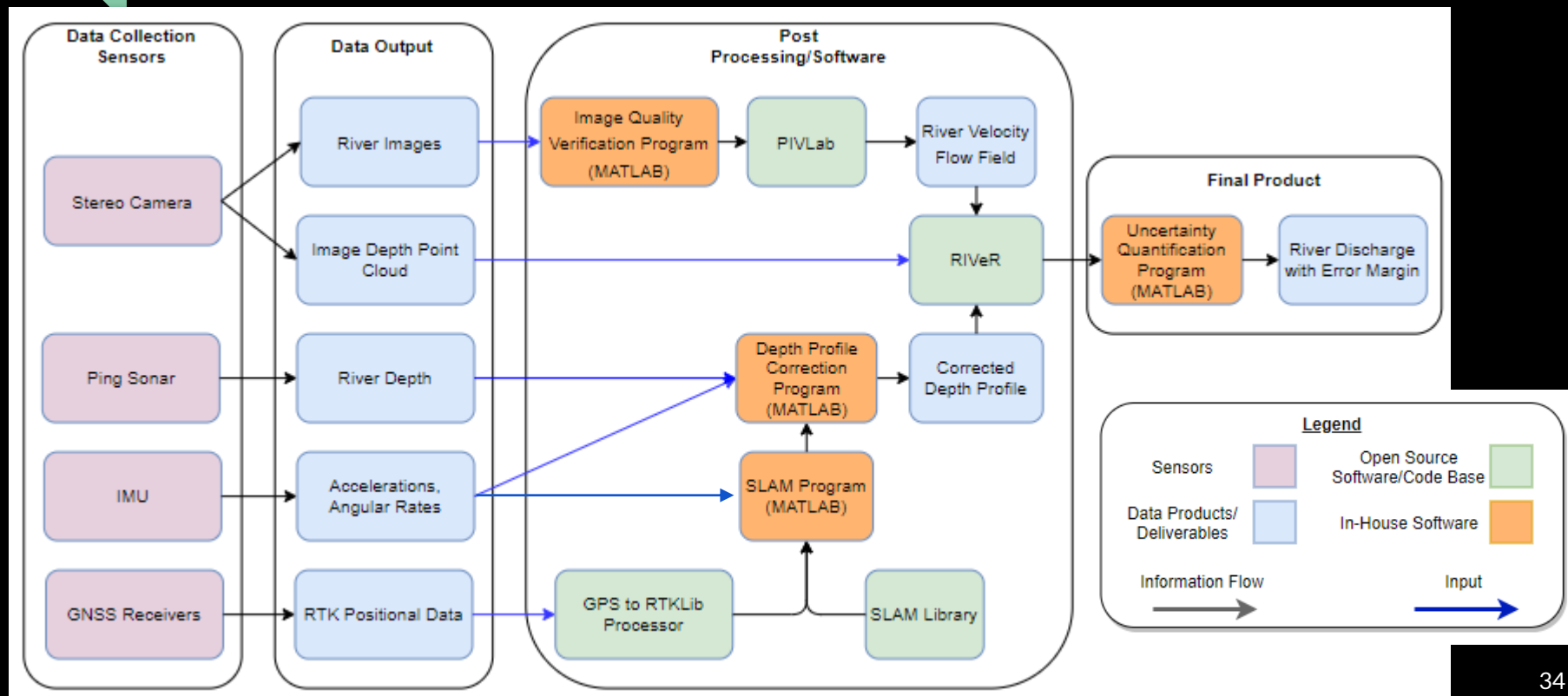




# Deployable Unit Flight Software Overview

Software Component	Complexity	Priority	Progress	On Schedule?
Instrument Initiation Program - Sonar, GPS Receiver, IMU	Medium	Medium	Data flow between SONAR and arduino established  Validity of SONAR data verified	On schedule (end of February)
Data Collection Programs	Medium	High	Have completed preliminary testing with SONAR and Arduino	On schedule (end of February)

# Post-Processing Software Overview

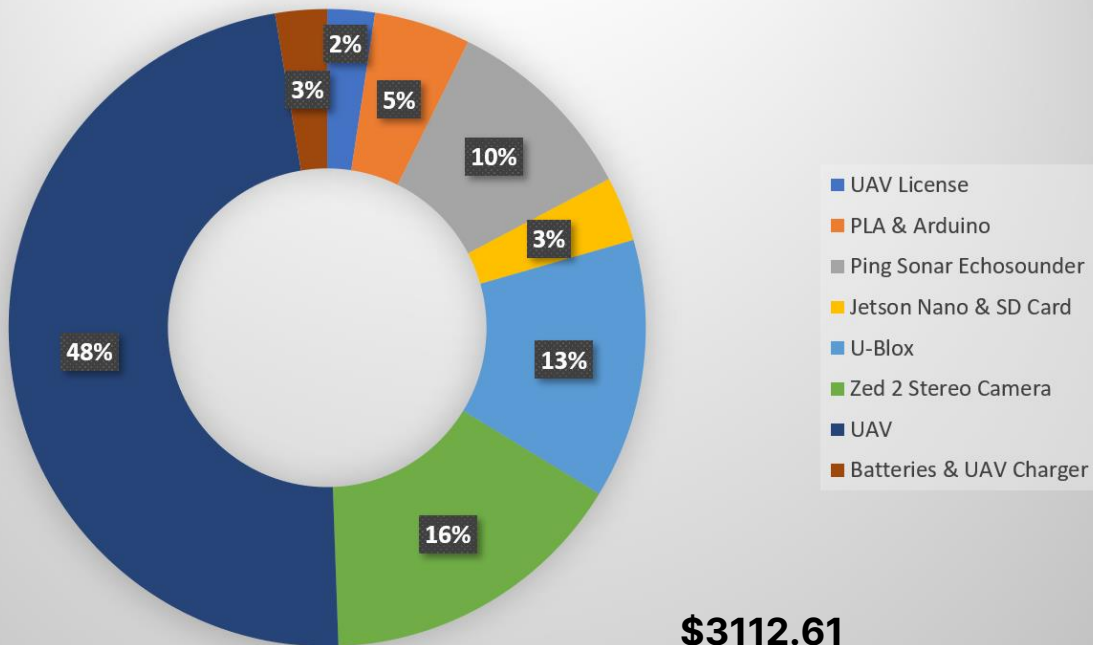




# Post-Processing Software Overview

Software Component	Complexity	Priority	Progress	On Schedule?
Image Quality Verification Program	Low	High	Particle diameter and particle density code written, need to integrate	On schedule, nearly complete (mid-March to April)
Depth Profile Correction Programs	High	Medium	Model finished, need to complete real testing with data & integrate with SLAM output	On schedule (mid-March to April)
SLAM Program	Medium	High	Skeleton code outline	On schedule (mid-March to April)
Uncertainty Quantification Program	High	Medium	Skeleton code, not started	On schedule, will be developed with testing and integration of individual systems (mid-March to April)

## Budget Breakdown

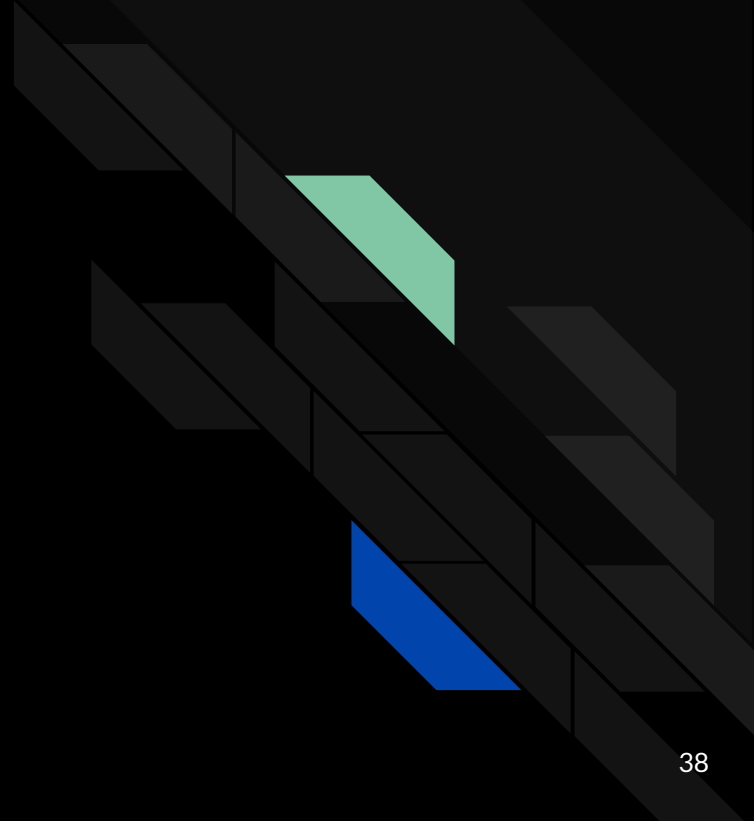


Item	Cost
UAV License	\$75
PLA & Arduino	\$152.14
Ping Sonar	\$310.50
Jetson Nano & SD Card	\$102.24
U-Blox	\$409.99
Stereo Camera	\$489
UAV	\$1492.11
Batteries & Charger	\$81.63

Questions?



# Backup Slides






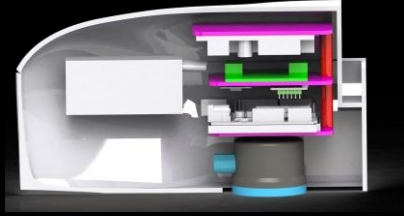
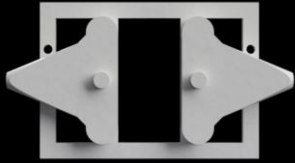
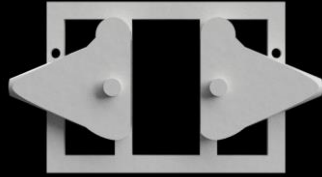
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# Design Changes Since CDR

Part	Old Design	New Design	Rational
SONAR float	<p>Electronix box sat atop the float</p> 	<p>Box is entire hull body</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fewer parts</li> <li>- Lower CG</li> <li>- Better cable management</li> <li>- Less wasted space</li> <li>- Original box was undersized</li> </ul>
Stability Mech	<p>Wider plate and longer pivot shoulders</p> 	<p>Shorter plate and shorter pivot shoulder</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Account to float dimension change</li> <li>- Eliminate shoulder collisions while rotating</li> </ul>



# Levels Of Success

## Drone

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Drone Command &amp; Control</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Drone is capable of being flown manually the entire course of the flight.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Drone is capable of being flown manually the entire flight with commands to correct for wind or other disturbances.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Drone is capable of using autopilot along a pre-programmed flight path.</li></ul>
<b>Drone Performance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Drone is capable of carrying payload</li><li>- Drone is capable of flight time of at least 12 minutes carrying payload</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Drone can fly 12 minutes with 5 minutes of additional flight time for travel</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Drone can fly for 25 minutes.</li></ul>

## Structural and Instrument

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Depth Sensing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Instrument system can measure river depths of 0.5m-3m in ideal conditions to an accuracy of &lt;1% of the total depth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Instrument system can measure river depths of 0.5m-3m in ideal conditions to an accuracy of &lt;0.75% of the total depth.</li> <li>- Instrument can measure river depths to 3-5m in ideal conditions with an accuracy of &lt;1% of the total depth.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Instrument system can measure river depths to 0.5m-3m in ideal conditions to an accuracy of &lt;0.5% of the total depth.</li> <li>- Instrument can measure river depths to &gt;5m in ideal conditions with an accuracy of &lt;1% of the total depth.</li> </ul>
<b>Velocity Measurements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Instrument system can sufficiently capture surface velocity of 0m/s-4m/s.</li> </ul>		
<b>Instrument Positional Measurements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The instrument system can know its relative horizontal position to an accuracy of +/-3 cm and its vertical position to an accuracy of +/-4 cm using RTK or PPK.</li> <li>- The instrument system will know its angular position to an accuracy of +/- 1 degree.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inclusion of GNSS receivers on both the drone and sensor suite.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inclusion of ground control points or use of advanced base station localization techniques such as truthing to survey landmarks.</li> <li>- Perform SLAM algorithm to integration receivers and IMU.</li> </ul>
<b>Drone Mount</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Instrument suite can be mounted to the selected drone.</li> </ul>		

### Software and Electronics

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Data Handling</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- All data is stored in on-board memory</li></ul>		
<b>Power</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- All onboard sensors shall be powered at minimum for the flight duration of 720 seconds</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- All onboard sensors shall be powered for 720 seconds with reserve charge</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Drone shall be able to draw upon reserve sensor suite power under necessary conditions</li></ul>
<b>Velocity Data Post Processing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The river is modeled as a flat plane.</li><li>- The velocity of the flow is the horizontal component of true velocity.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The river is modeled as a 3D surface.</li><li>- The velocity of the flow is the horizontal component of true velocity.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The river is modeled as a 3D surface.</li><li>- The velocity of the flow is the true velocity. [See appendix section 7.1 for schematic of flow velocity components].</li></ul>
<b>Data Verification and Validation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- River velocity and depth profile data shall be compared to in-situ measurements to observe system accuracy.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Depth profile data shall be compared to that collected by AstraLite.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ground control points shall be collected and integrated into the depth profile model to ensure the model is accurately georeferenced.</li></ul>

# Test Plan

Test	Date	Location	Status	Phase
Velocity Post-Processing Test	11/20/2020	Boulder Creek	Complete	2
Stereo Camera Data Collection	1/1/2021 - 3/1/2021	Boulder Creek	Under design	
Sonar Data Collection	1/1/2021 - 3/1/2021	Boulder Creek	Under design	
Float Stability Test	1/1/2021 - 3/1/2021	Boulder Creek	Under design	
UAV Control & Weight Capacity Test	3/1/2021 - 4/1/2021	CU East Campus	Initial planning stage	2
Deployment Mechanism & Emergency Release Test	3/1/2021 - 4/1/2021	Boulder Creek	Initial planning stage	
Full data software collection test	3/1/2021 - 4/1/2021	CU South Campus	Initial planning stage	
System Integration Testing	3/1/2021 - 4/1/2021	CU South Campus	Initial planning stage	3
Final Demonstration	4/1/2021 - 4/19/2021	Colorado Blue River Confluence	Initial planning stage	

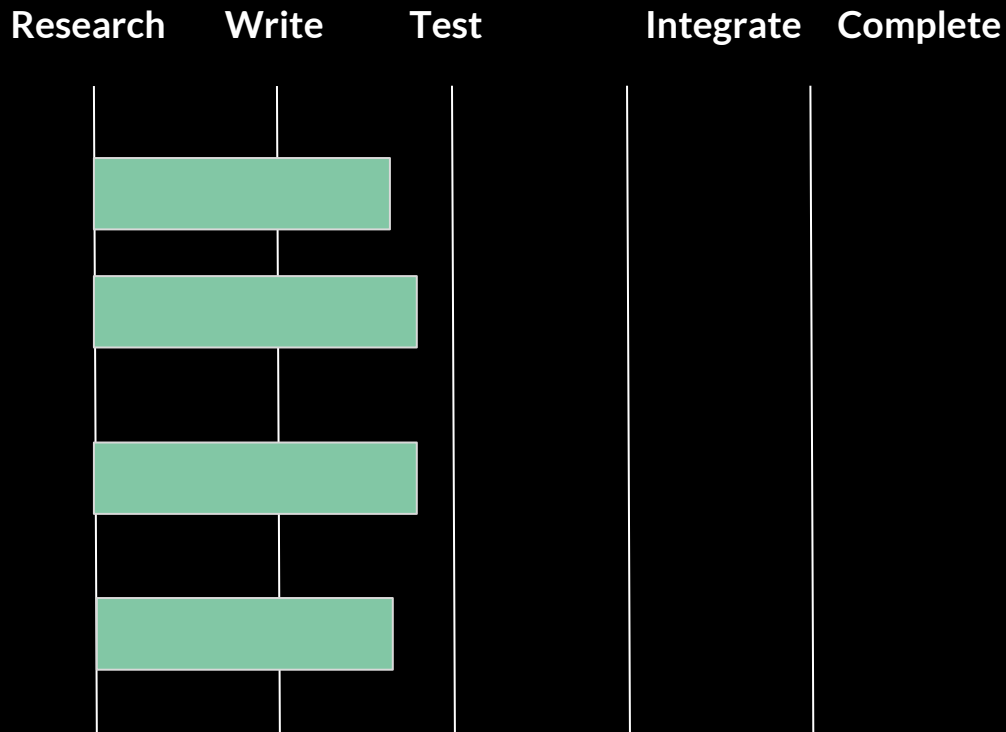
# Stereo Camera Data Collection Program

Language: Python

## Critical Tasks:

1. Adjust camera controls
2. Record video data
3. Save recorded video to output file on  
micro SD card in SVO format
4. Collect 3D depth point cloud data

Estimated Date of Completion: 02/28/2021



# Pixhawk-Jetson Communication Program

**Language:** Bash or Python

## Critical Tasks:

1. Send a signal from the ground controller
2. Pixhawk receives and processes signal from controller
3. Pixhawk forwards the appropriate command to the Jetson Nano
4. Jetson Nano calls requested initiation program

Research Write Test Integrate Complete



**Largest Uncertainty:** What communication between the Pixhawk and Jetson Nano will look like

**Estimated Date of Completion: 02/28/2021**

# On-Board Initiation Programs

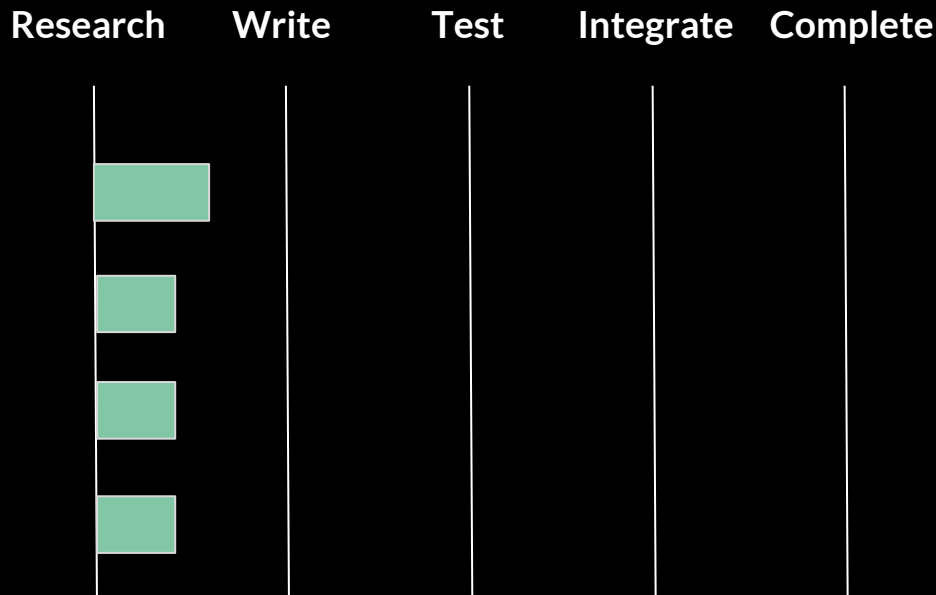
**Language:** Bash or Python

## **Critical Tasks:**

1. Respond to commands from Pixhawk controller
2. Initiate ZED camera data collection program
3. Initiate GNSS Receiver data collection program
4. Initiate deployment system functions

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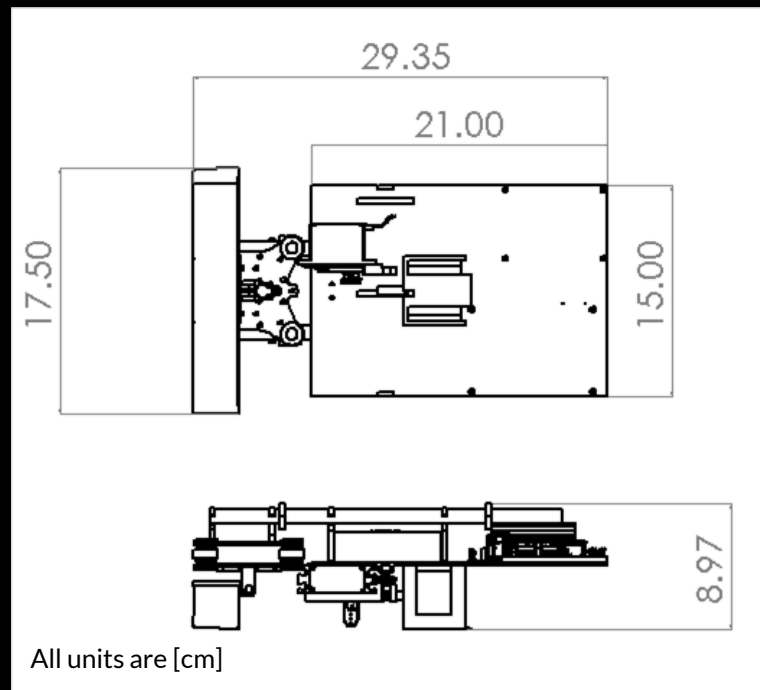
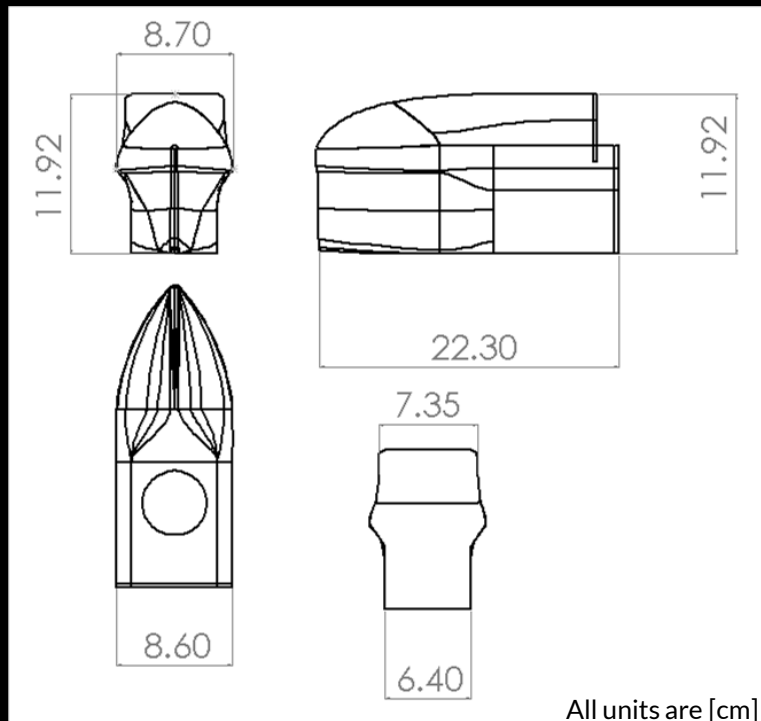




# Hardware Overview

System	Remaining Work	Schedule Status
SONAR Float	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Print part</li><li>- Integrate stability system</li><li>- Install Electronix box</li></ul>	On-Schedule
Float Stabilizer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Print individual components</li><li>- Assemble system</li><li>- Integrate into float</li></ul>	On-Schedule
Electronics Box	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Laser cut shelves and print standoffs</li><li>- Install electronics</li><li>- Integrate into SONAR float</li></ul>	On-Schedule
Deployment Mech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Further testing is required</li><li>- Assemble and integrate into mounting plate</li></ul>	Behind Schedule

# Updated Dimensions





# Float Weight Budget

Part	Weight [g]
Arduino Uno	25
1000mAh Battery	98
SD Shield	5
Wiring	15
Ping Sonar	135
IMU	3
U-Blox	35
Hull	219
Pontoons	364
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>894</b>



# Deployment Mech Options

Continuous Rotation Servo		Stepper Motor	
6V  than motor  with Jetson nano	-	Operates on 5 to	- Operates on 12V
	-	Typically slower than servo	- Faster deployment
	-	Simpler integration driver	- Requires motor



# Data Flow Analysis

On-Board Unit	
Component:	Maximum estimated data required
Jetson Nano	6Gb
ZED 2	64Gb
Ublox Receiver	1Gb
Additional Code:	5Gb
<b>Total:</b>	<b>77Gb</b>

**Design solution:**  
128Gb microSD card on Jetson Nano

Deployable Unit	
Component:	Maximum estimated data required
Ping Sonar	2Gb
Ublox Receiver	2Gb
IMU	2Gb
<b>Total:</b>	<b>6Gb</b>

**Design Solution:**  
Minimum of 8Gb microSD card