

# TEAM SEVEN TEST READINESS REVIEW

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## Project Purpose

- Develop a navigation system to improve the energy efficiency of an unmanned aerial system
- Deploy system to extend lifespan of fixed wing drone, serving as communications relay for first responders in remote locations

## Specific Objectives

- Develop navigation software to optimize flight trajectory to increase vehicle endurance
- Utilize in-situ wind measurements to dynamically update flight plans
- 20% improvement of endurance from baseline flight will prove the systems' efficacy



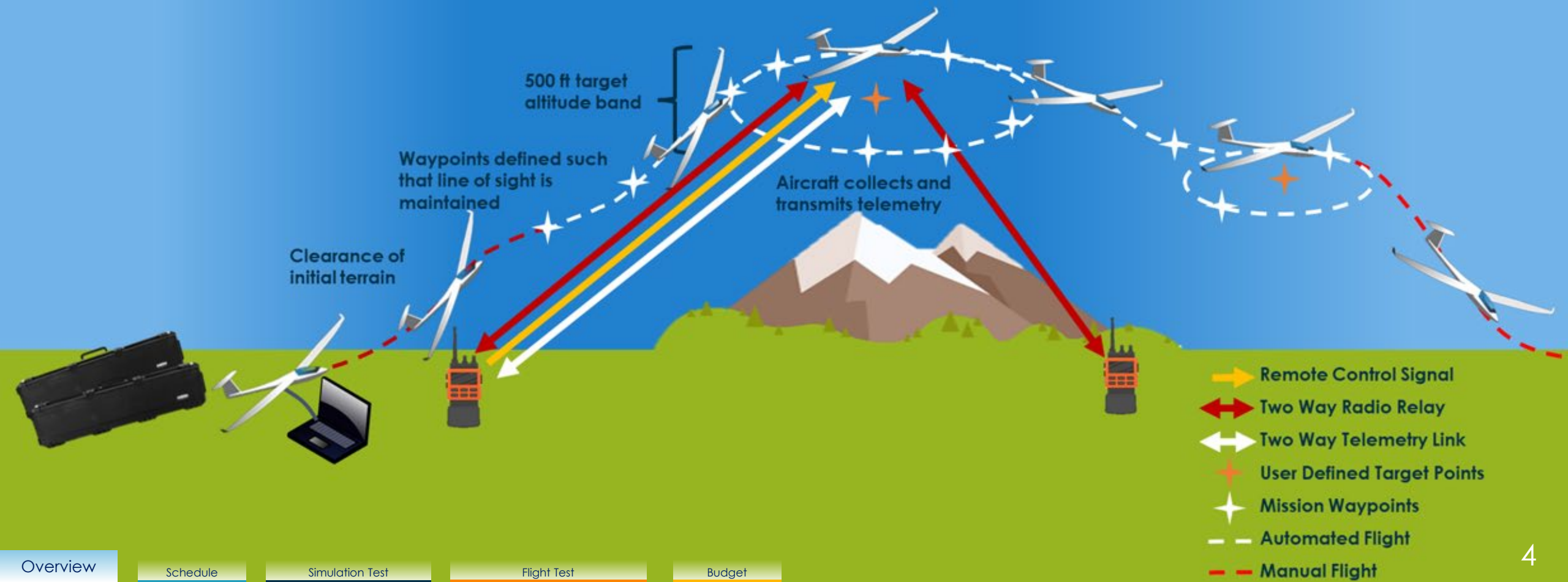
Testing Location: CU Boulder South

# TEAM SEVEN Concept of Operations



1: Transport	2: Prep	3: Launch	4: Climb	5: Loiter	6: Descent	7: Holding	8: Landing
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Modular setup allows from rapid deployment	Ground system defines initial waypoints	UAS takes off under manual control.	UAS ascends and transits to target location.	Station held over target area	Return to designated loiter area and altitude	Holding loiter allows user to retake manual control	Manual control for final descent and touchdown
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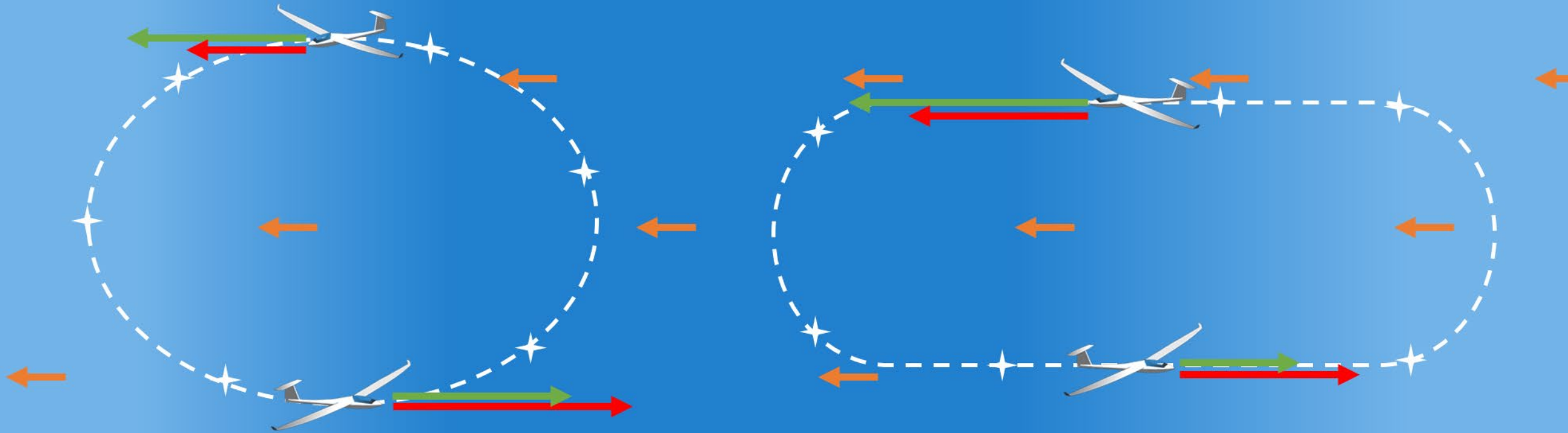


# Optimization Concept of Operations



Initial Circular Orbit

Optimized Orbit



Flown at constant  
groundspeed while taking  
initial wind data

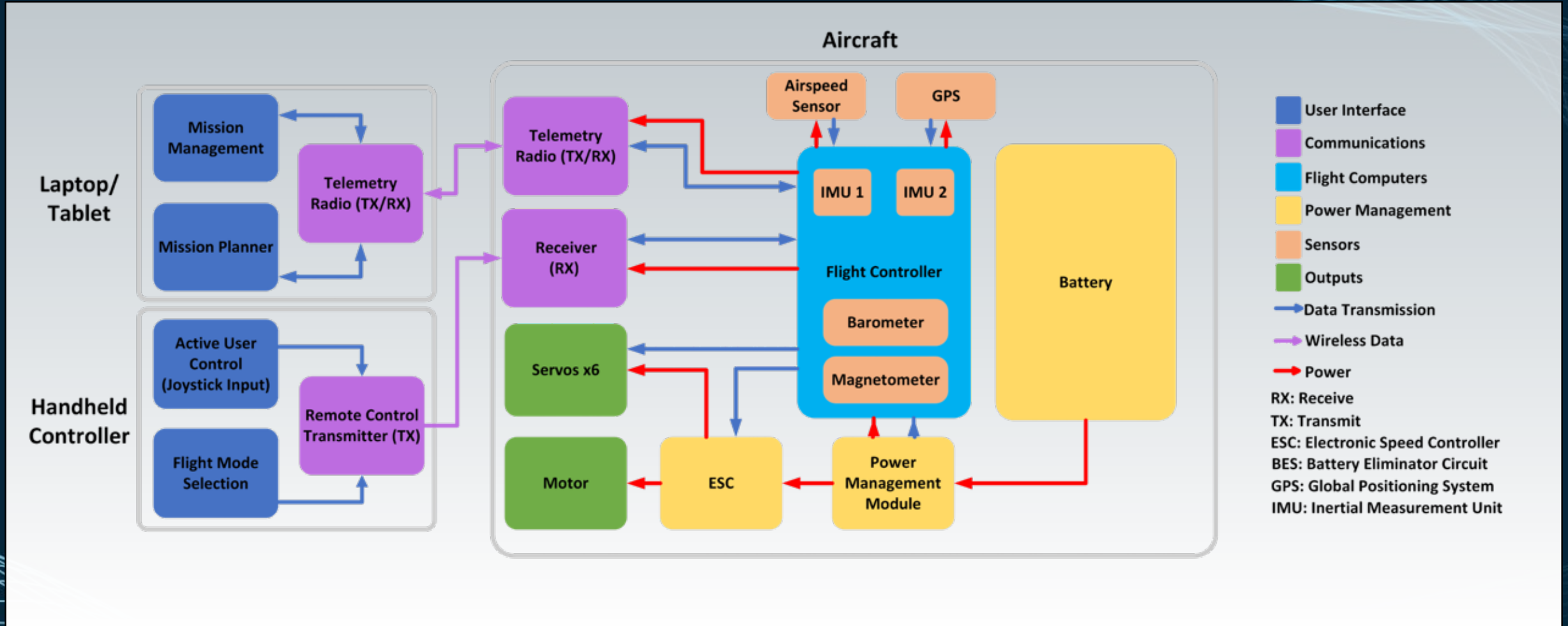
Updated orbit profile  
uploaded from ground  
station.

Constant airspeed near  
 $Pr_{min}$  with crab angle  
minimized

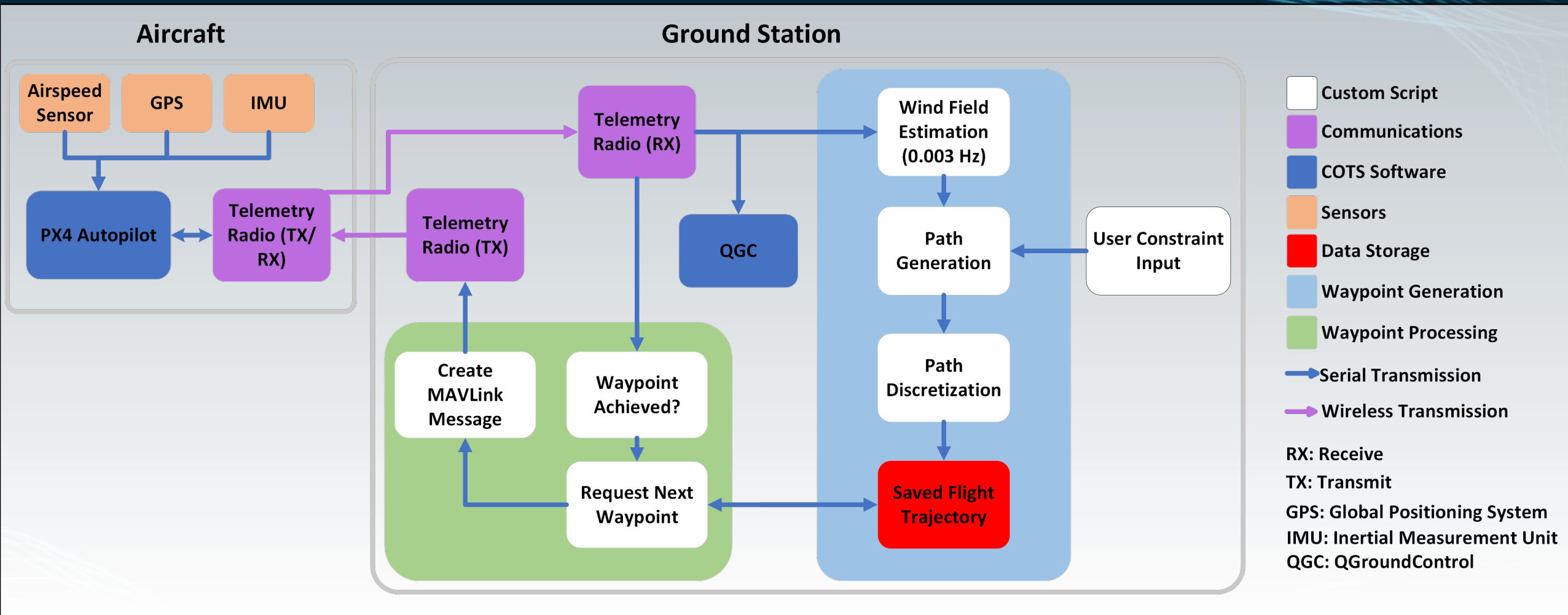
- ★ Mission Waypoints
- ➔ Airspeed
- ➔ Groundspeed
- ➔ Wind

\*Waypoints consist of position and commanded groundspeed

# HARDWARE FBD



# SOFTWARE FBD







# MAJOR DESIGN CHANGES

## CDR Design

Augment the native PX4 controls with our own control laws



## TRR Changes

Removed team working on PX4 flight controls in favor of navigation software

## Reasoning/Impact

- Minimal improvement to energy efficiency
- Opens schedule to focus on navigation software

On-board computer to send setpoints to Pixhawk flight controller



Using MAVLink messages to communicate with PX4 via radio transmission

- Save battery power on UAS by not powering companion computer

Using ROS2 to communicate with PX4



Using MATLAB/Python scripts to send MAVLink messages to PX4

- Familiarity with MATLAB/Python over ROS2
- Shortens learning time required to write communication software



# CRITICAL PROJECT ELEMENTS

## Energy Management

- Primary focus of the project
- Increased endurance will prove project success
- Considered in all steps of project from flight trajectory to battery usage

FR 2

FR 3

FR 6

## Wind Measurements

- Technically challenging
- Optimized flight trajectory is dependent upon accurate wind measurements
- Critical to project success

FR 1

FR 3

FR 5

## Flight Boundaries

- Necessary safety consideration
- Preserves line-of-sight
- Obstacle avoidance

FR 1

FR 4

FR 5

# PROJECT SCHEDULE



# TEST EVENTS

Component Testing	
Motor Characterization	2/13
Communication Range Testing	2/28
Attitude Sensor Verification	2/22
GPS Position Verification	2/22
Inertial Velocity Verification	2/22
Body Rotation Verification	2/22
Airspeed Sensor Verification	2/24
Route Creation Software Demo	3/6
Wind Estimation Software Demo	3/20

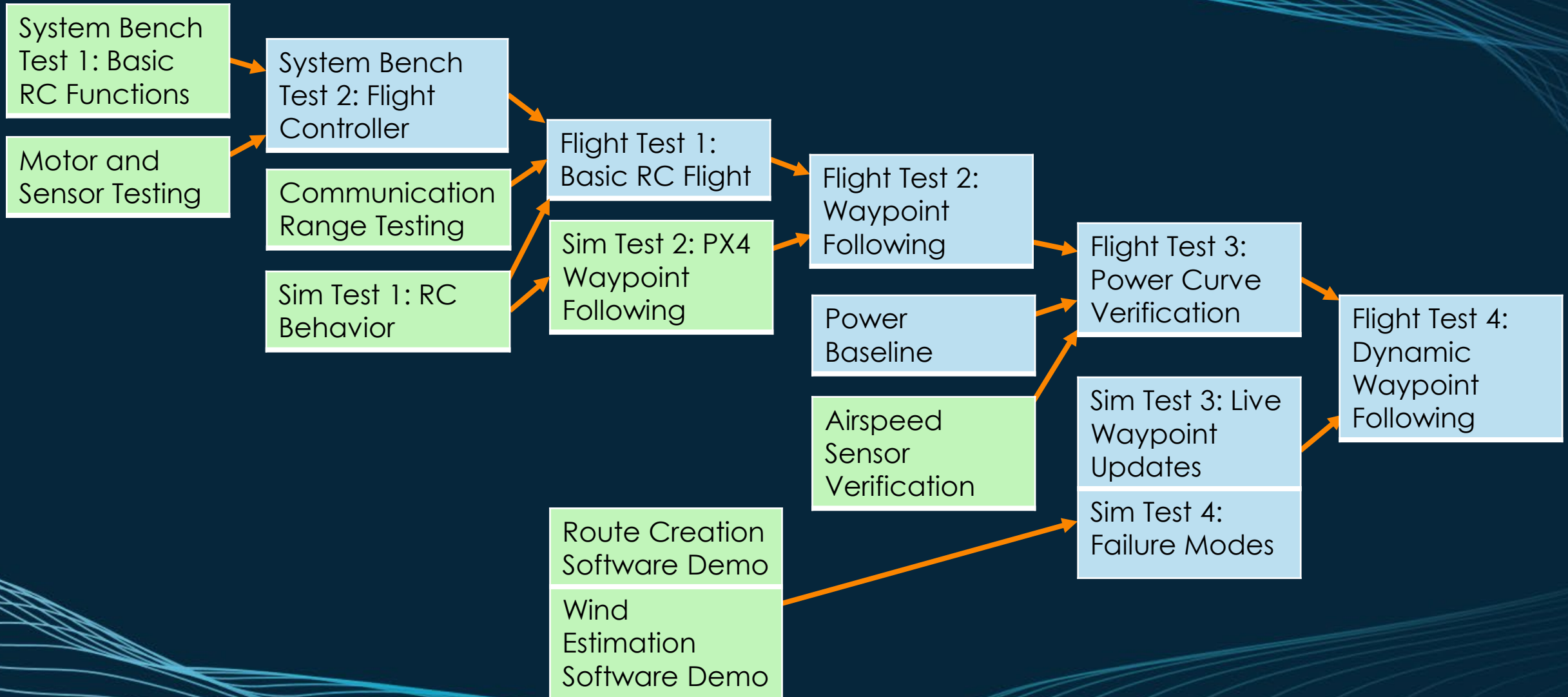
Simulation Tests	
Sim Test 1: Remote Control Behavior	2/13
Sim Test 2: PX4 Waypoint Following	2/22
Sim Test 3: Live Waypoint Updates	3/10
Sim Test 4: Failure Mode Analysis	3/17

Flight Tests	
Flight Test 1: Basic RC Flight	3/17
Flight Test 2: Waypoint Following	4/5
Flight Test 3: Power Curve Verification	4/12
Flight Test 4: Dynamic Waypoint Following	4/19

Bench Tests	
System Bench Test 1: Basic RC Functions	2/24
System Bench Test 2: Flight Controller Integration	2/27
Power Baseline	3/6

- Completed
- Presenting On Today

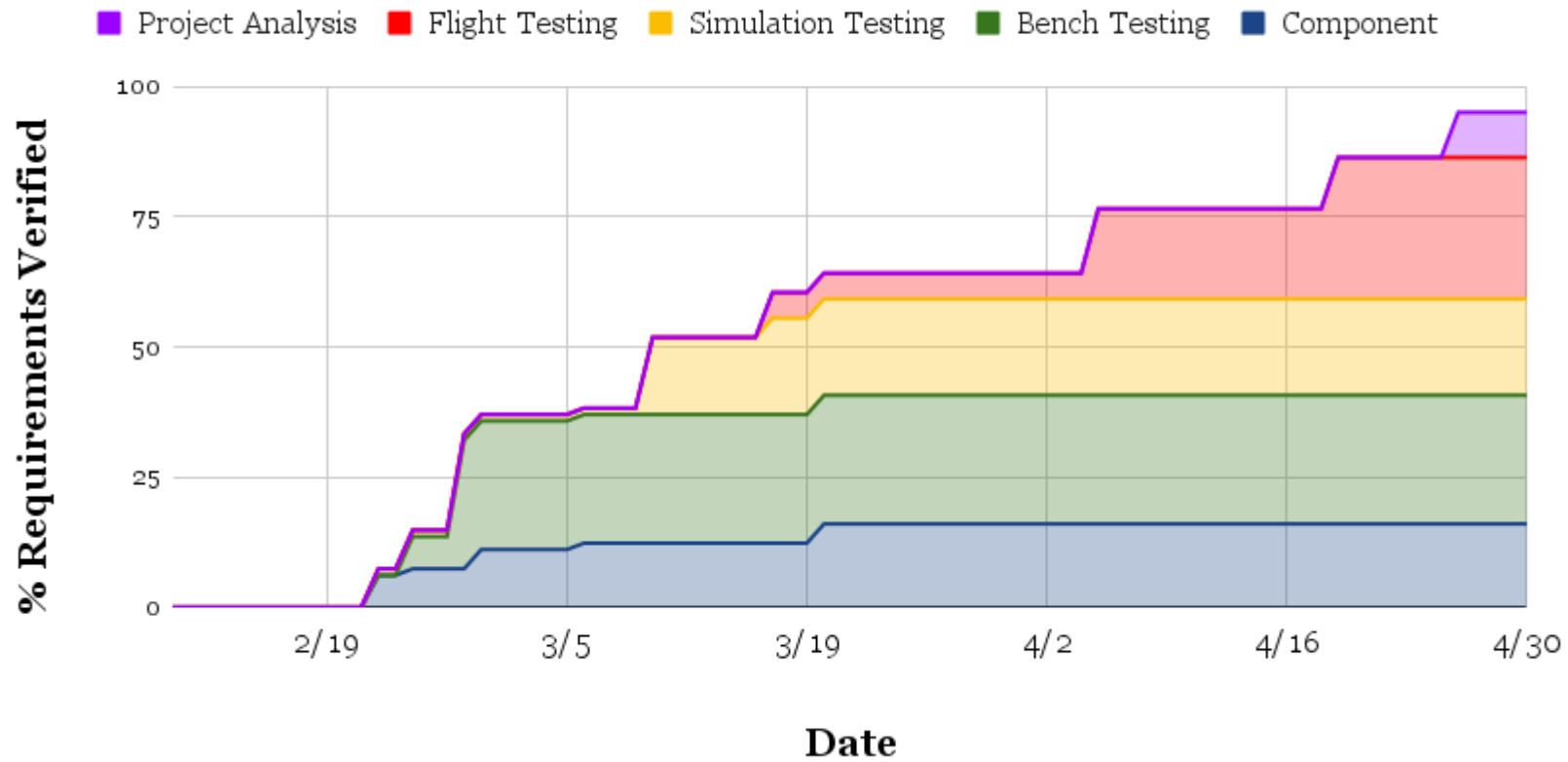
# TEST DEPENDENCIES





# VERIFICATION PLAN

## Verification Timeline





TASK NAME	TASK DATES
<b>Project: TEAM SEVEN Project Schedule</b>	<b>Feb 10 – Apr 29</b>
Test Readiness Review	Feb 27
Spring Final Review	Apr 24
<b>Component Testing</b>	<b>Feb 10 – Mar 22</b>
Motor Characterization	Feb 10 – Feb 13
Antenna Range Verification	Feb 20 – Feb 21
Attitude Sensor Verification	Feb 20 – Feb 22
GPS Position Verification	Feb 20 – Feb 22
Inertial Velocity Verification	Feb 20 – Feb 22
Airspeed Sensor Verification	Feb 21 – Feb 23
Route Creation Test	Feb 26 – Mar 8
Wind Vector Analysis/Path Updates	Mar 12 – Mar 22
<b>System Testing</b>	<b>Feb 24 – Mar 3</b>
Bench Test 1 - Actuator Control	Feb 24 – Mar 1
Bench Test 2 - Full Hardware Setup	Feb 27 – Mar 3
<b>Simulation Testing</b>	<b>Feb 10 – Mar 22</b>
Sim Test 1 - RC Control	Feb 10 – Feb 13
Sim Test 2 - Waypoint Following	Feb 24 – Mar 1
Sim Test 3 - Live Waypoint Updates	Mar 10 – Mar 15
Sim Test 4 - Failure Modes/Safety Fe...	Mar 17 – Mar 22
<b>Flight Testing</b>	<b>Mar 17 – Apr 29</b>
Project Analysis	Apr 26
Flight Test 1 - Basic RC Flight	Mar 17 – Mar 22
Flight Test 2 - Waypoint Following	Apr 5 – Apr 12
Flight Test 3 - Power Curve Test	Apr 16 – Apr 20
Flight Test 4 - Dynamic Waypoint Fo...	Apr 23 – Apr 29
<b>Software Development</b>	<b>Feb 12 – Apr 6</b>
Navigation/Topology Software Integra...	Mar 4
Topology Constraints	Feb 12 – Mar 3
Waypoint Generation Software	Feb 12 – Feb 18
Dynamically Updating Waypoint Sof...	Feb 20 – Mar 3
Waypoint Integration with Topology	Mar 6 – Apr 6

### Simulation Testing

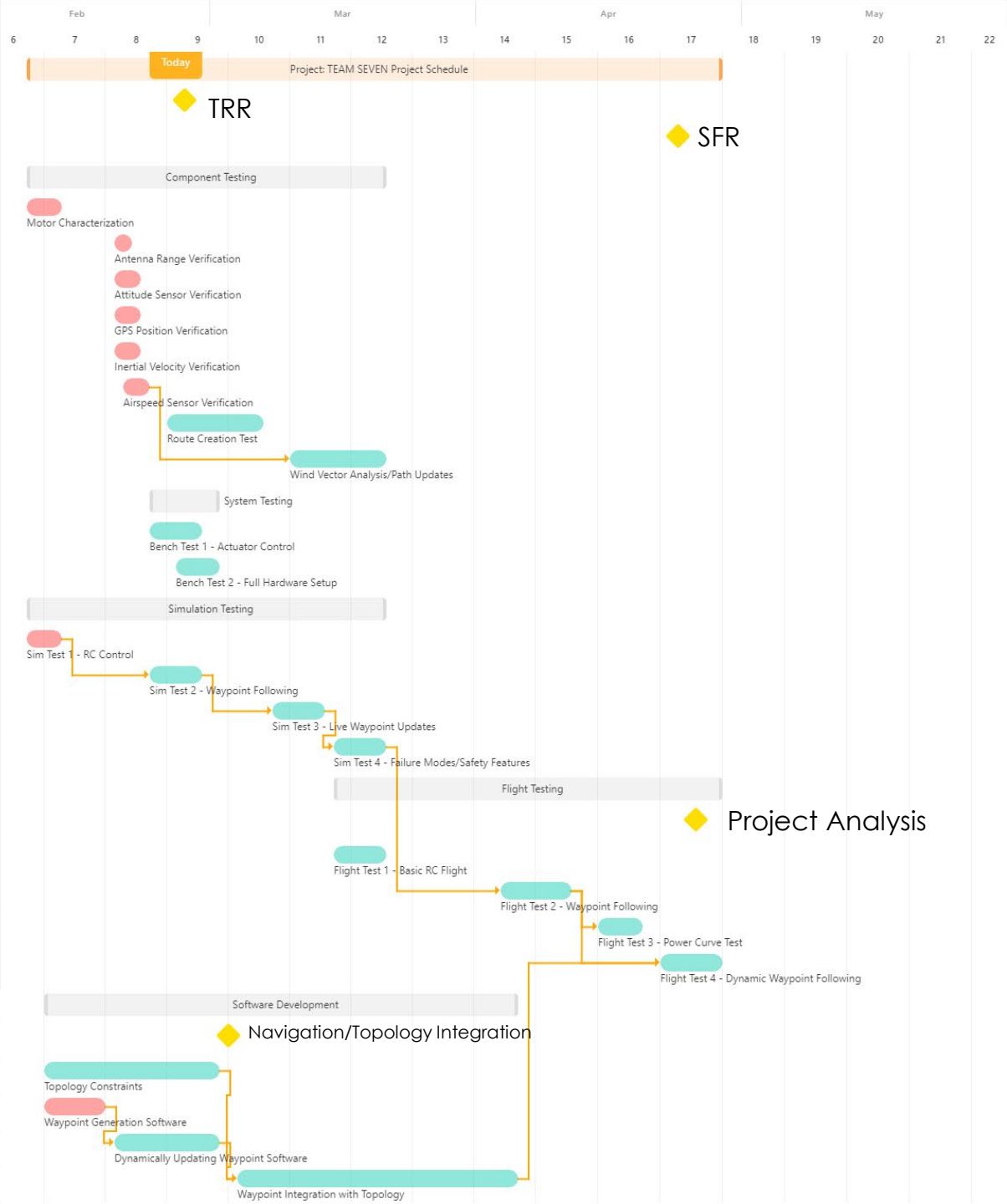
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Project Analysis

Navigation/Topology Integration



# SIMULATION TEST – WAYPOINT UPDATES

# TEST OVERVIEW

## Main Goals

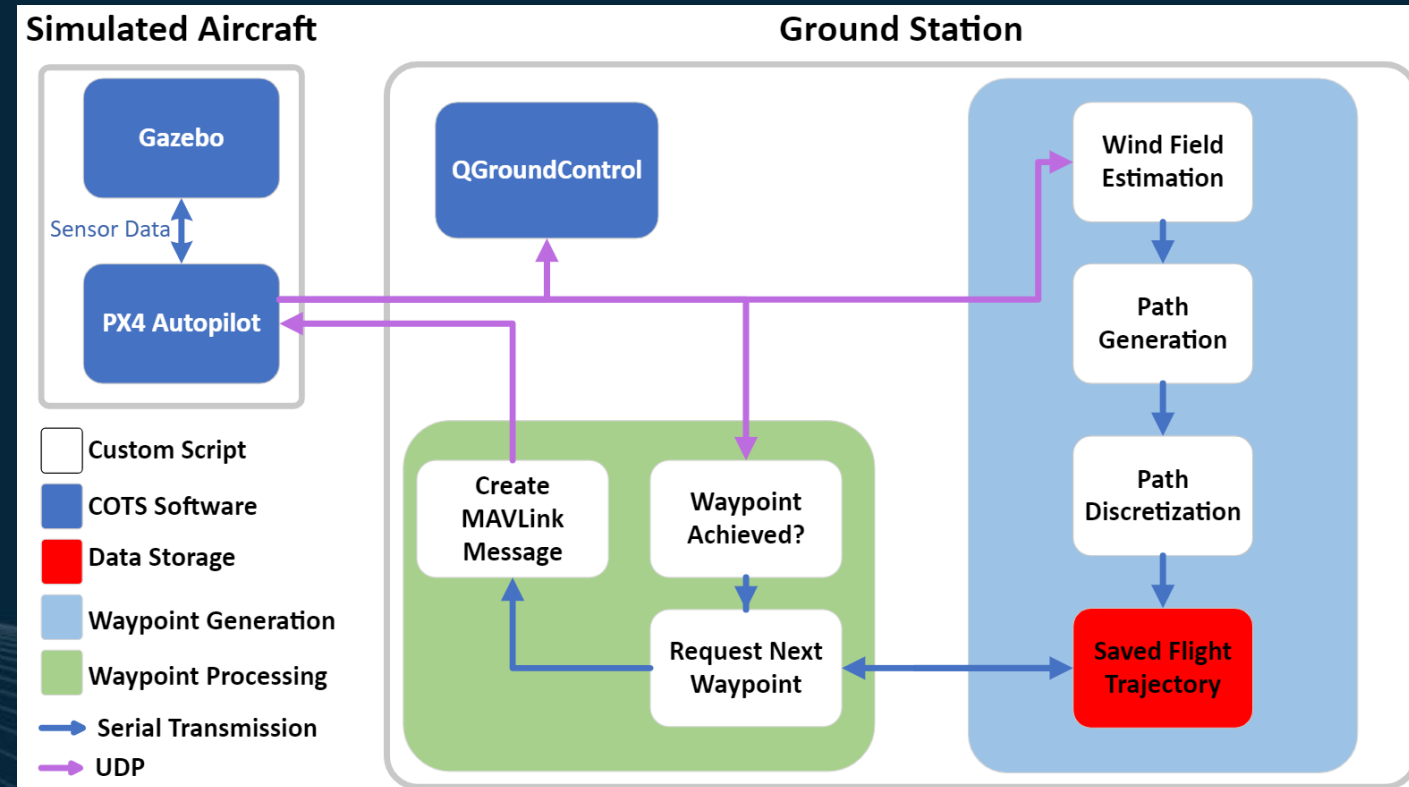
1. **Generate** and send waypoint plans to UAS
2. **Gather** and **verify** flight data and telemetry
3. **Verify** that waypoint plans avoid exclusion zones
4. **Verify** that waypoint plans can be generated with given sensor data





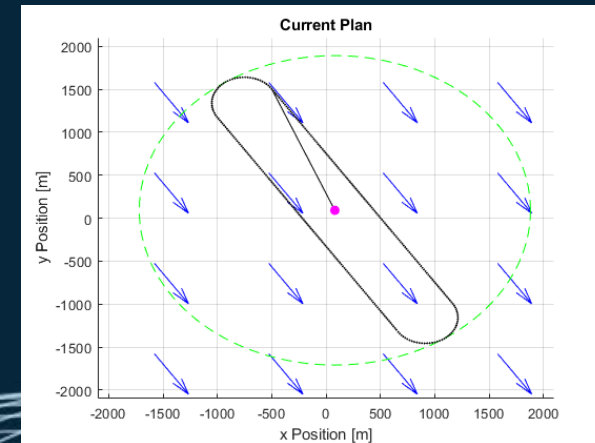
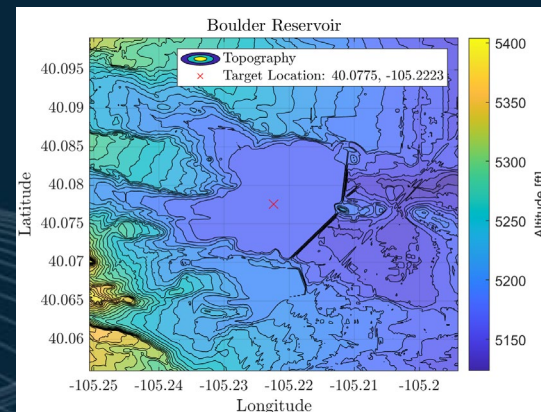
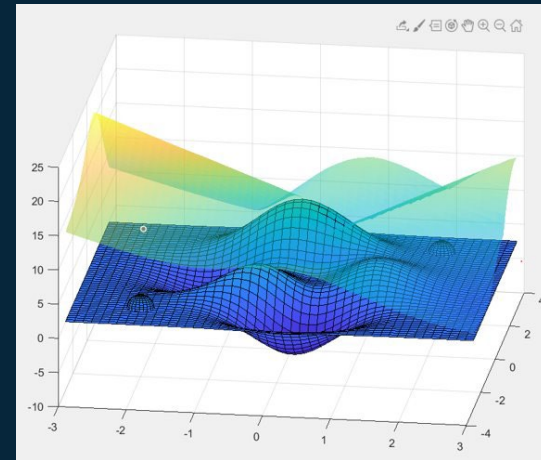
# RISK BUYDOWN

- Flight software failure
  - Reduces risk of failure in flight during future flight tests
- Mission Management Safety
  - Directly evaluates that mission management can create trajectories that avoid user-defined obstacles
- Software Integration
  - Verifies communication between mission management, QGroundControl, and PX4 autopilot.



# CRITICAL PREREQUISITES

- Simulation Test 2: Waypoint Following
  - PX4 autopilot is capable of following waypoints defined before flight.
  - Testing environment can accurately simulate PX4 waypoint following.
- Mission Management- Path Creation
  - Mission Management Software can create path with consistent LOS.
  - Paths respect exclusion zones.



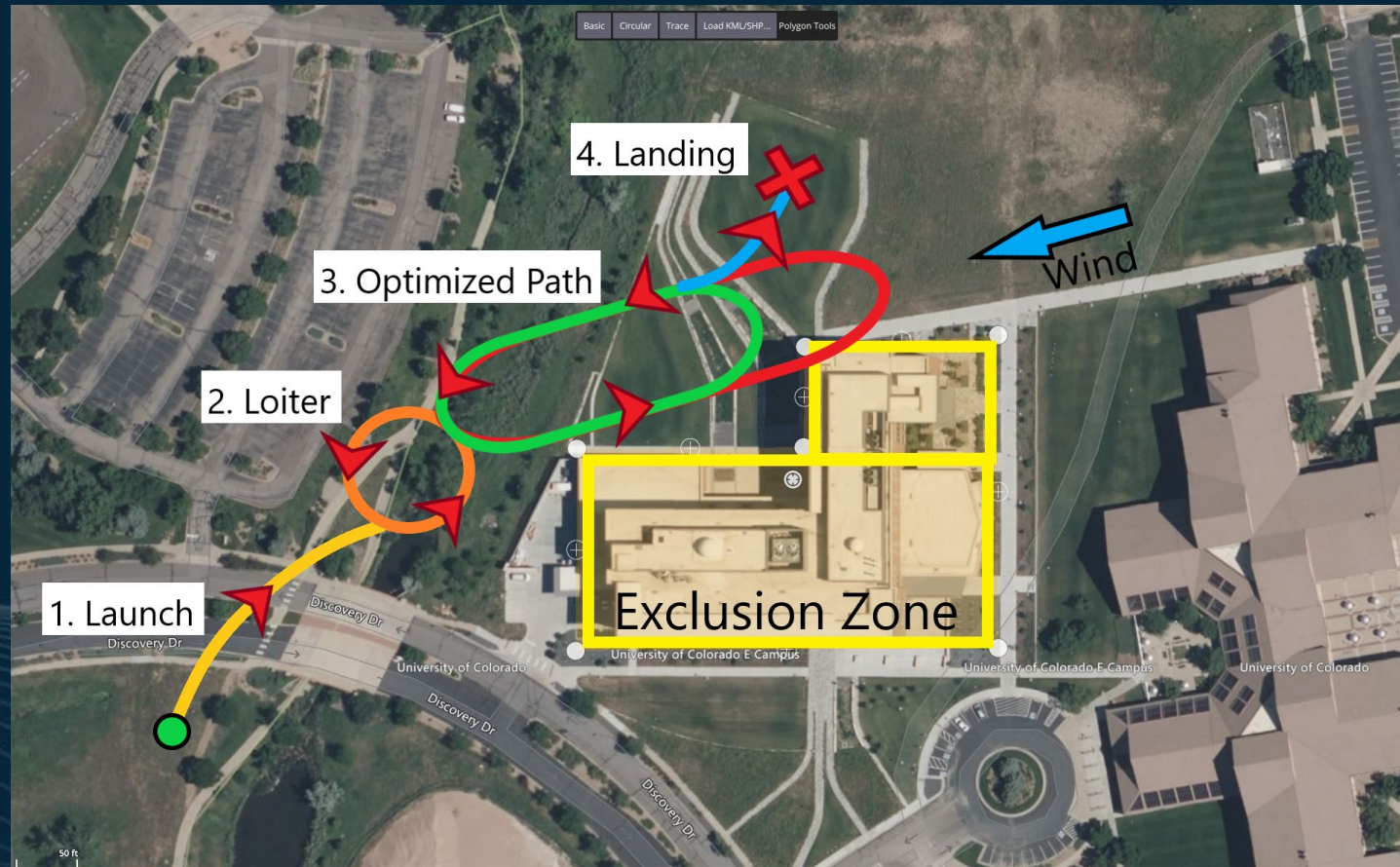


# REQUIREMENT EVALUATION

	Expected Results	Requirements Validated
<b>Path Generation Requirements</b>	Avoids local terrain obstacles by <b>50 meters</b> and exclusion zones by <b>25 meters</b> .	2.2.2, 2.2.3
	Orbit waypoints are separated by at most <b>150 meters</b> .	2.2.7
<b>Communication Requirements</b>	New plan generation at least every <b>5 minutes</b>	2.3.2
	UAS executes waypoint path in <b>offboard mode</b>	1.4.2
<b>Mission Execution</b>	Navigates to within <b>20 meters</b> of waypoints	5.3.1
	Autonomous Flight	Mission Objective
	Flight Boundaries	Mission Objective

# PATH GENERATION REQUIREMENTS

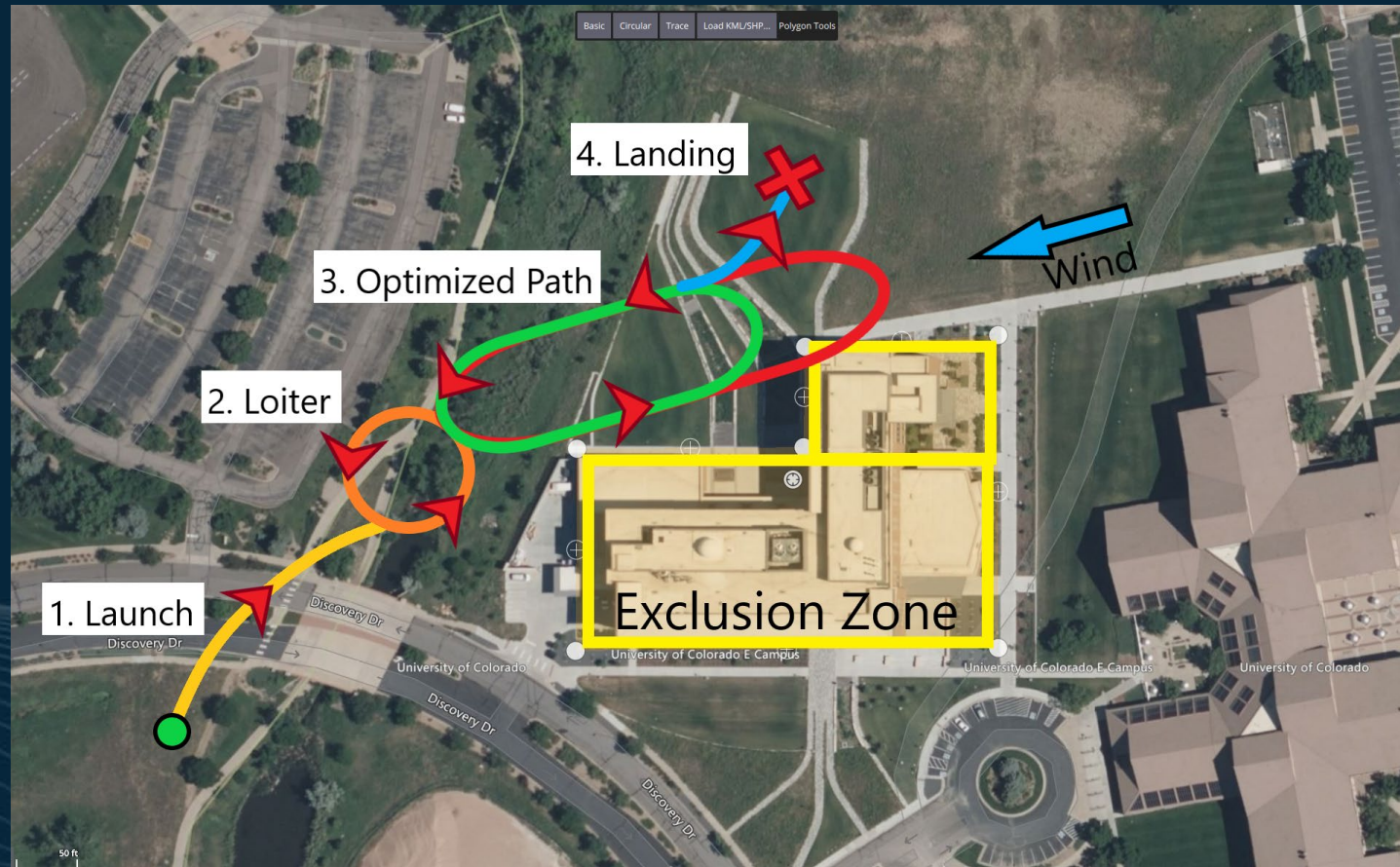
- Obstacles and Exclusion Zone
  - Waypoint plans within 50 meters of obstacles and 25 meters of Exclusion Zones are not sent
  - Verified with simulated telemetry [x,y,z] data
- Waypoint Separation
  - Euclidian distance between sequential waypoints < 150 meters
  - Verified with distance calculation between all generated sequential waypoints





# COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Offboard mode
  - MAVLink messages and commands are received by simulation at  $> 2$  Hz
  - Verified with Mode setting in QGroundControl and MAVLink message log file
- New Plan Generation
  - Optimized Path is generated in  $< 5$  minutes after entering Loiter
  - Verified with elapsed time during execution in MATLAB





# MISSION EXECUTION

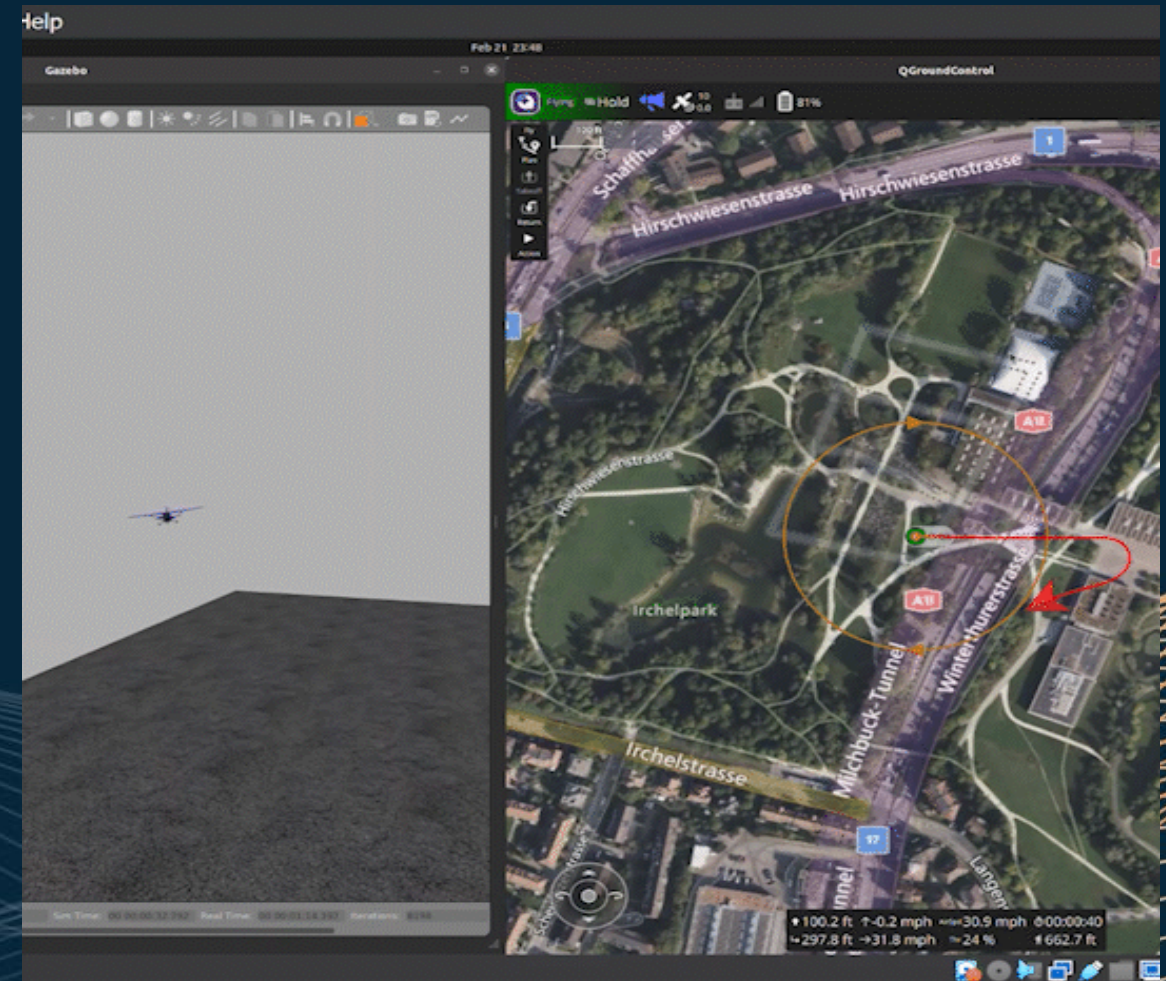
- Flight Tolerance
  - Aircraft navigates to within 20 meters of waypoints
  - Verified with simulated telemetry [x,y,z] data
- Autonomous Flight
  - The entire Software in the Loop test will be autonomous
  - Shows command of a full mission without operator intervention
- Flight Boundaries
  - Validates the safety of the project by disallowing unsafe trajectories
  - Allows user constraints to trajectory that can avoid dangerous areas



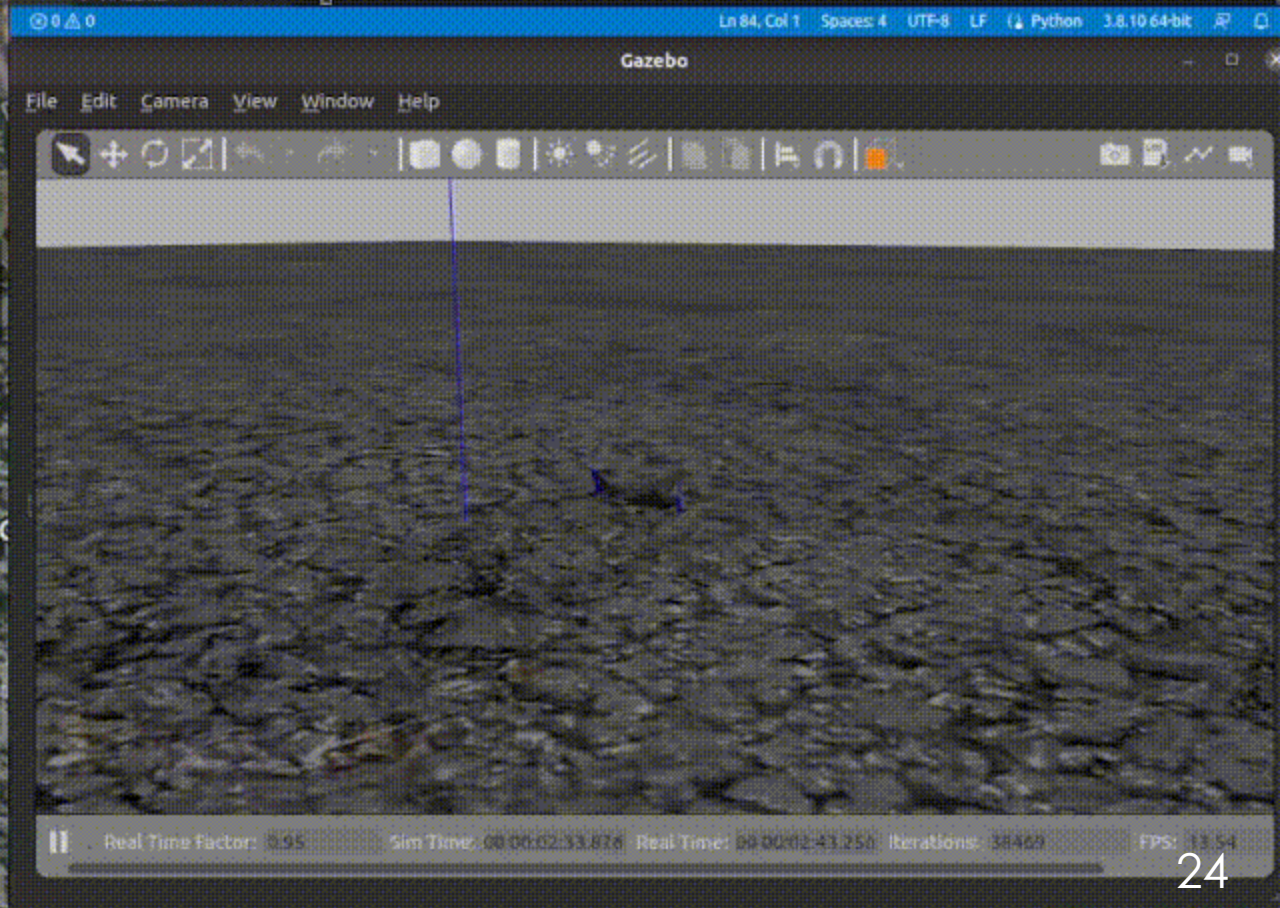
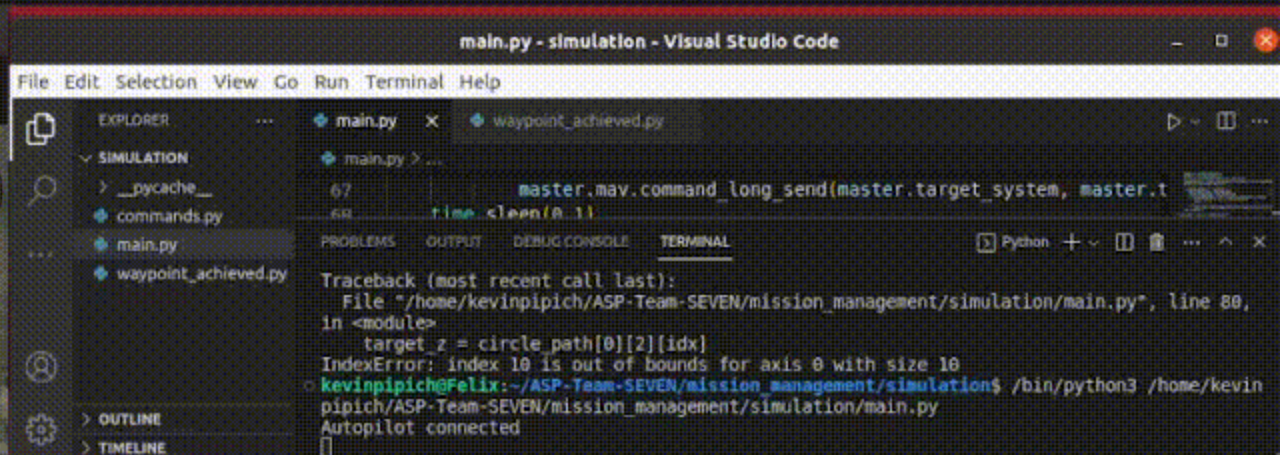
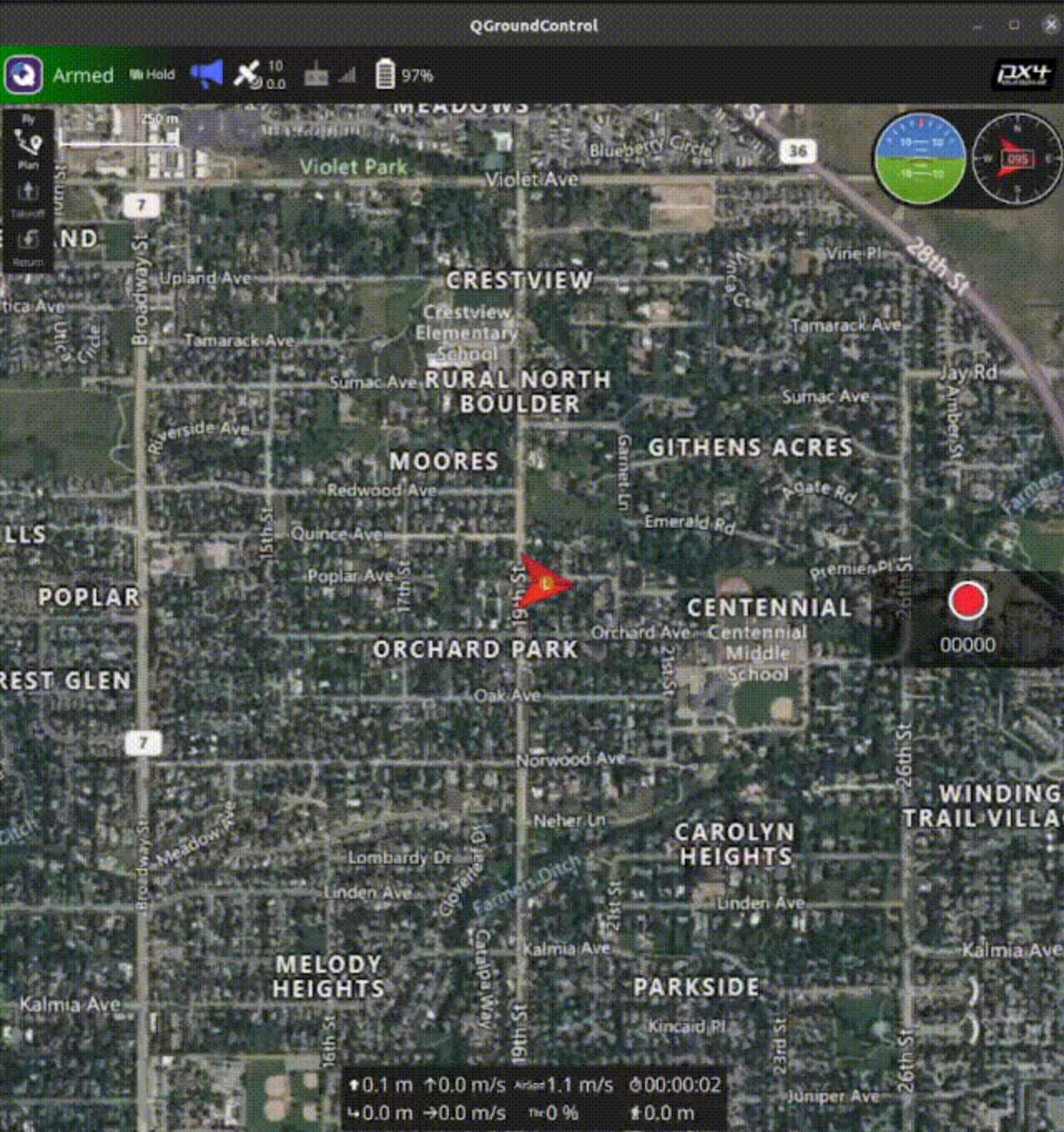


# TEST EQUIPMENT/FACILITIES

- Linux Computer running:
  - QGroundControl
  - PX4 Software-in-the-Loop Gazebo Simulation
  - MATLAB script (path generation)
  - Python script (MAVLink messages)
- Safety
  - There are no safety risks for this test, as it is all simulated on a computer.



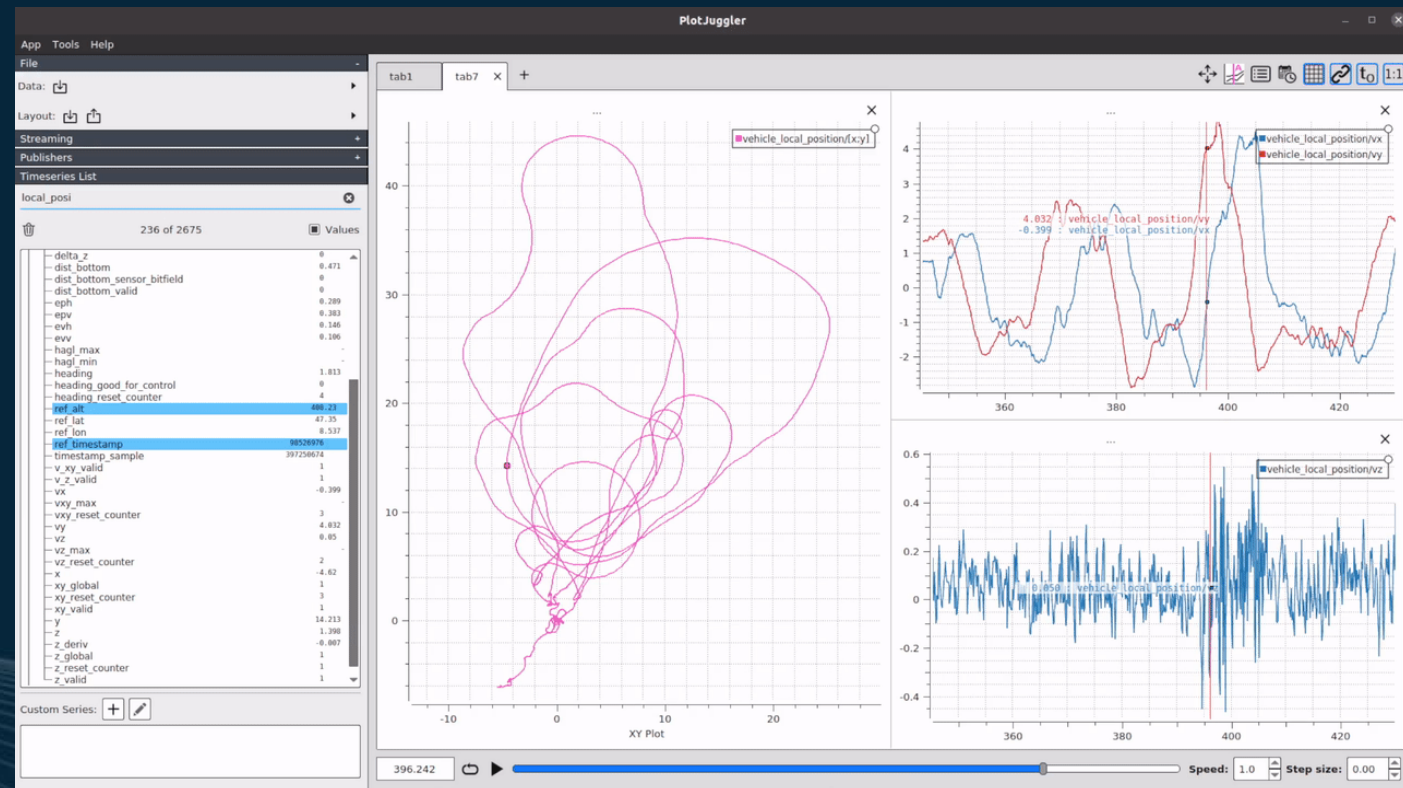






# DATA ACQUISITION

- Flight telemetry data and MAVLink message logs will be downloaded from QGroundControl as a .ulg log file.
- Log file analyzed using the PlotJuggler data visualizer.
- Data exported as csv from PlotJuggler for further analysis.



PlotJuggler gif courtesy of the PX4 User Guide  
[https://docs.px4.io/main/en/faq/plotjuggler\\_log\\_analysis.html](https://docs.px4.io/main/en/faq/plotjuggler_log_analysis.html)

# FLIGHT TEST – POWER CURVE TESTING



# TEST OVERVIEW

## Main Goals

1. **Validate power vs. airspeed shape from Tempest model**
2. **Satisfy high level mission objectives**
  - Generate full system power curve (power draw vs. airspeed)
  - Determine operable airspeeds
  - Determine stall safety margins



## Power Curve Model Validation

- Generate full system power curve
- Compare to Tempest model

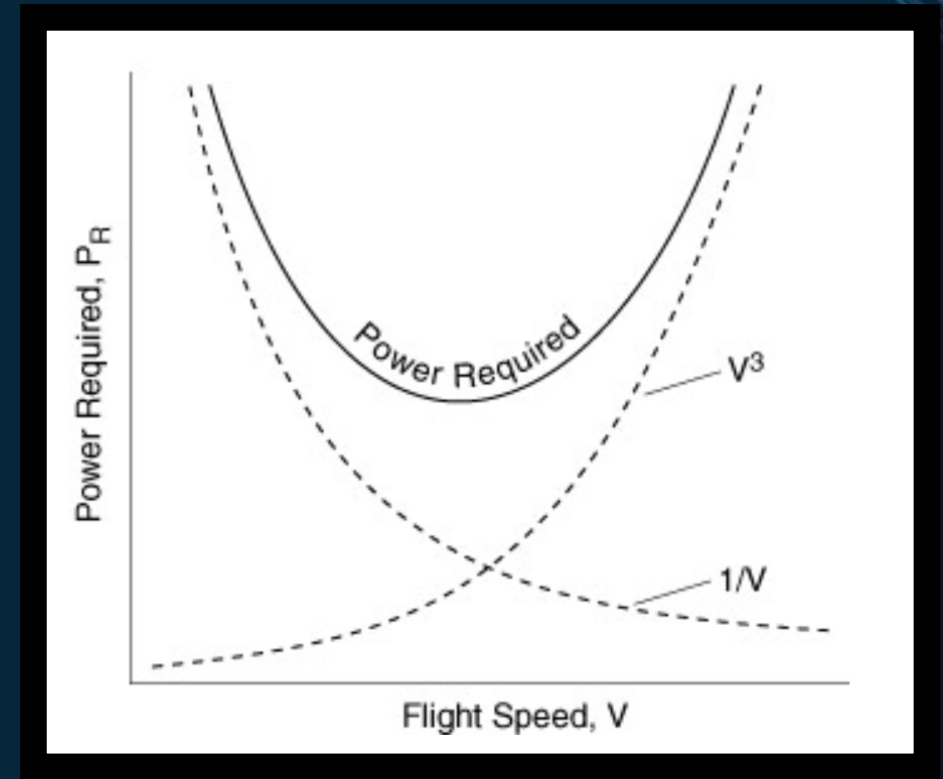
## Range of Operable Airspeeds

- **20% endurance improvement** (DR 2.1)
- Monitor battery voltage [V] and current [mA] (DR 2.1.2)

## Monitor Stall Conditions

- Incorporate safety margins to avoid stall
  - Minimum commanded speed must be at least **1.5X stall velocity** (DR 2.1.1)
- Validate mission objective for flight safety

# TESTING RATIONALE



$$P_{\text{req}} = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^3 S C_{D_0} + \frac{W^2}{\frac{1}{2} \rho V S} \left( \frac{1}{\pi e A R} \right)$$

Aerodynamic Power Only



# PREREQUISITE TESTING

## Airspeed Sensor Verification Test

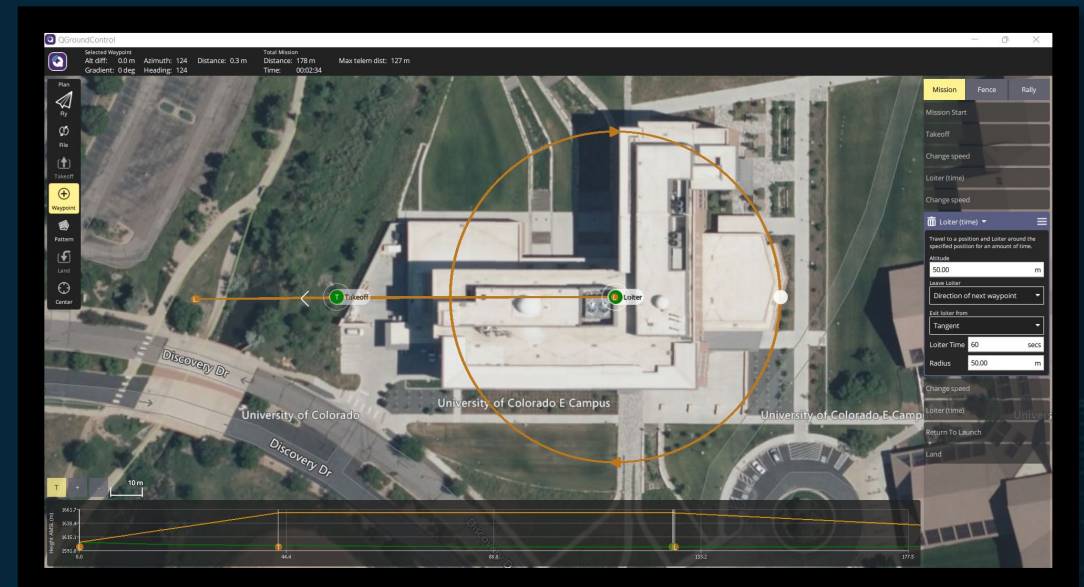
- Accuracy and reliability
- True airspeed vs. indicated airspeed
  - Adjust for air density?

## Preplanned Waypoint Sequence Flight Test

- Testing PX4's ability to fly autonomously and follow waypoints
- Data logging functionality
- Testing telemetry downlinking
  - Reliability, data rates, accuracy

$$V_{\infty,sl} = \sqrt{\frac{2(P_0 - P)}{\rho_{sl}}}$$

$$V_{\infty,boulder} = \sqrt{\frac{\rho_{sl}}{\rho_{boulder}}} \sqrt{\frac{2(P_0 - P)}{\rho_{sl}}}$$

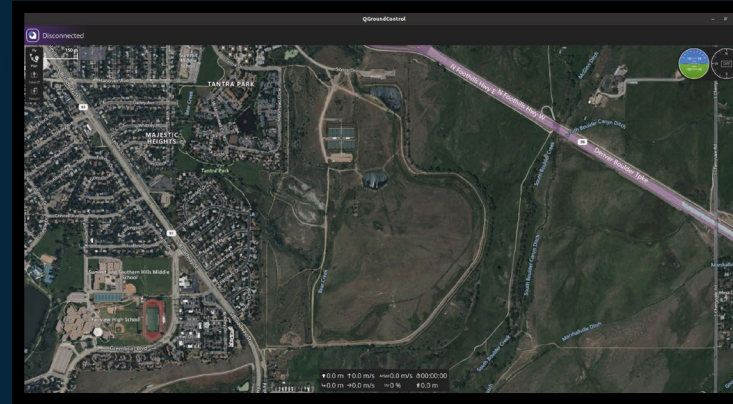




# EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

## Equipment and Facilities

- Ground station laptop (with QGC)
- Handheld RC controller (and pilot)
- CU Boulder South (Facility)
- Phoenix 2400 (with sensors)



## Safety Procedures - Special Flight Release (SFR)

- Fly at <500 ft AGL
- Bring safety equipment to test site
  - Fire extinguisher, sand bucket, replacement parts, etc.
- Pre-flight checklist and equipment inspection
- Monitor weather (winds <5 knots, clear skies, etc.)
- Constant LOS and stand-by for manual control



# DATA ACQUISITION

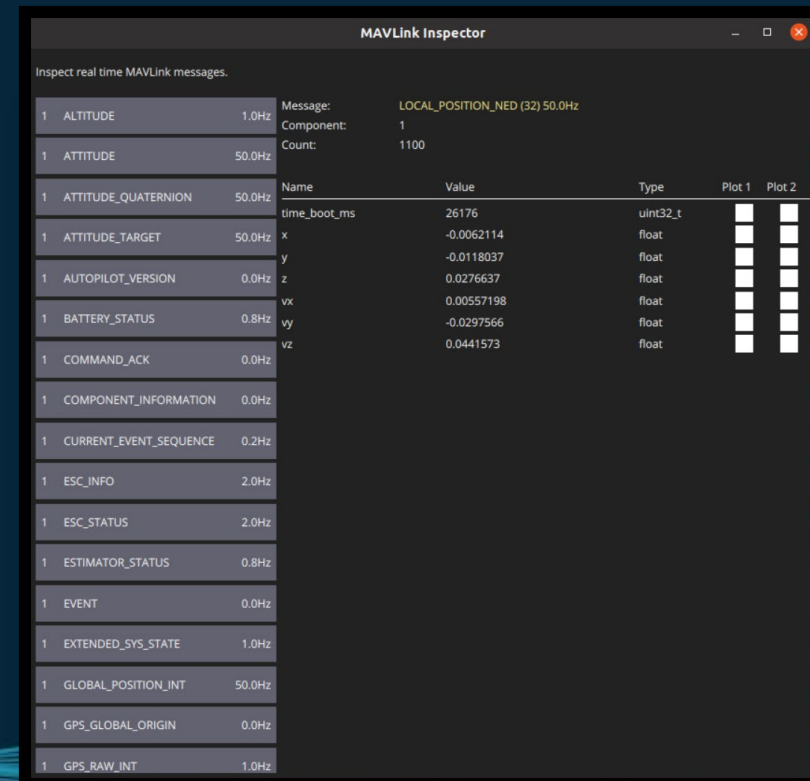


## Sensors / Data Acquisition

- Airspeed sensor
- Holybro PM02 power module
  - Measures battery voltage and current
- Default logging functionality within PX4
  - MAVLink Messages to QGC
  - 50 KB/s @ 50 Hz

## Overview of Procedures

- Build flight path in QGroundControl
- Fly path at different speeds, collecting airspeed and battery data
- Download MAVLink message logs



MAVLink Inspector

Inspect real time MAVLink messages.

Message	Component	Count
1 ALTITUDE	1.0Hz	1
1 ATTITUDE	50.0Hz	1100
1 ATTITUDE_QUATERNION	50.0Hz	
1 ATTITUDE_TARGET	50.0Hz	
1 AUTOPILOT_VERSION	0.0Hz	
1 BATTERY_STATUS	0.8Hz	
1 COMMAND_ACK	0.0Hz	
1 COMPONENT_INFORMATION	0.0Hz	
1 CURRENT_EVENT_SEQUENCE	0.2Hz	
1 ESC_INFO	2.0Hz	
1 ESC_STATUS	2.0Hz	
1 ESTIMATOR_STATUS	0.8Hz	
1 EVENT	0.0Hz	
1 EXTENDED_SYS_STATE	1.0Hz	
1 GLOBAL_POSITION_INT	50.0Hz	
1 GPS_GLOBAL_ORIGIN	0.0Hz	
1 GPS_RAW_INT	1.0Hz	

Message: LOCAL\_POSITION\_NED (32) 50.0Hz

Component: 1

Count: 1100

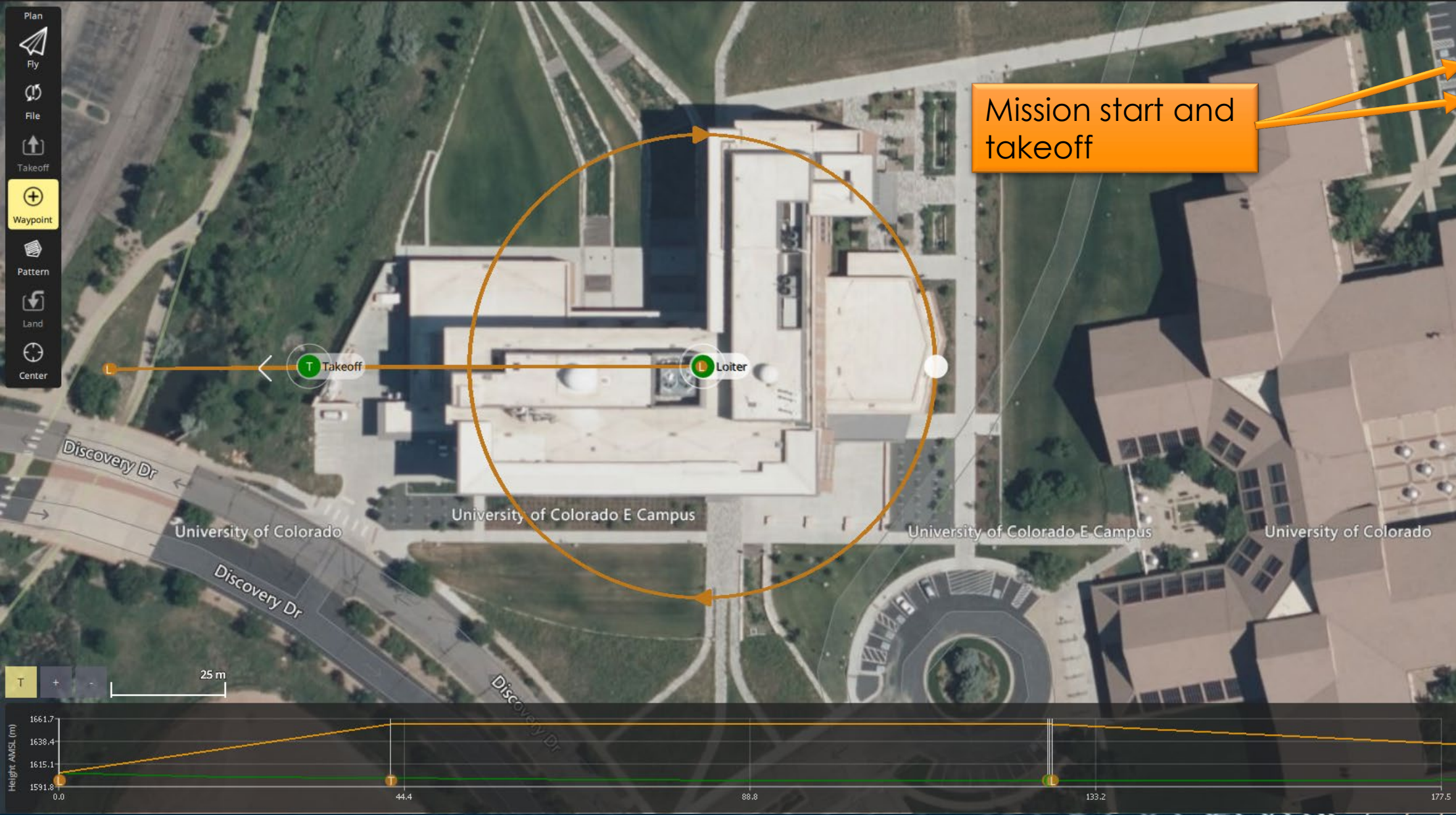
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vy	-0.0297566	float	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
vz	0.0441573	float	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Selected Waypoint  
 Alt diff: 0.0 m Azimuth: 124 Distance: 0.3 m  
 Gradient: 0 deg Heading: 124

Total Mission  
 Distance: 178 m Max telem dist: 127 m  
 Time: 00:02:34

- Plan
- Fly
- File
- Takeoff
- Waypoint**
- Pattern
- Land
- Center



Mission start and takeoff

Mission Fence Rally

Mission Start

Takeoff

Change speed

Loiter (time)

Change speed

Loiter (time)

Travel to a position and Loiter around the specified position for an amount of time.

Altitude

50.00 m

Leave Loiter

Direction of next waypoint

Exit loiter from

Tangent

Loiter Time 60 secs

Radius 50.00 m

Change speed

Loiter (time)

Return To Launch

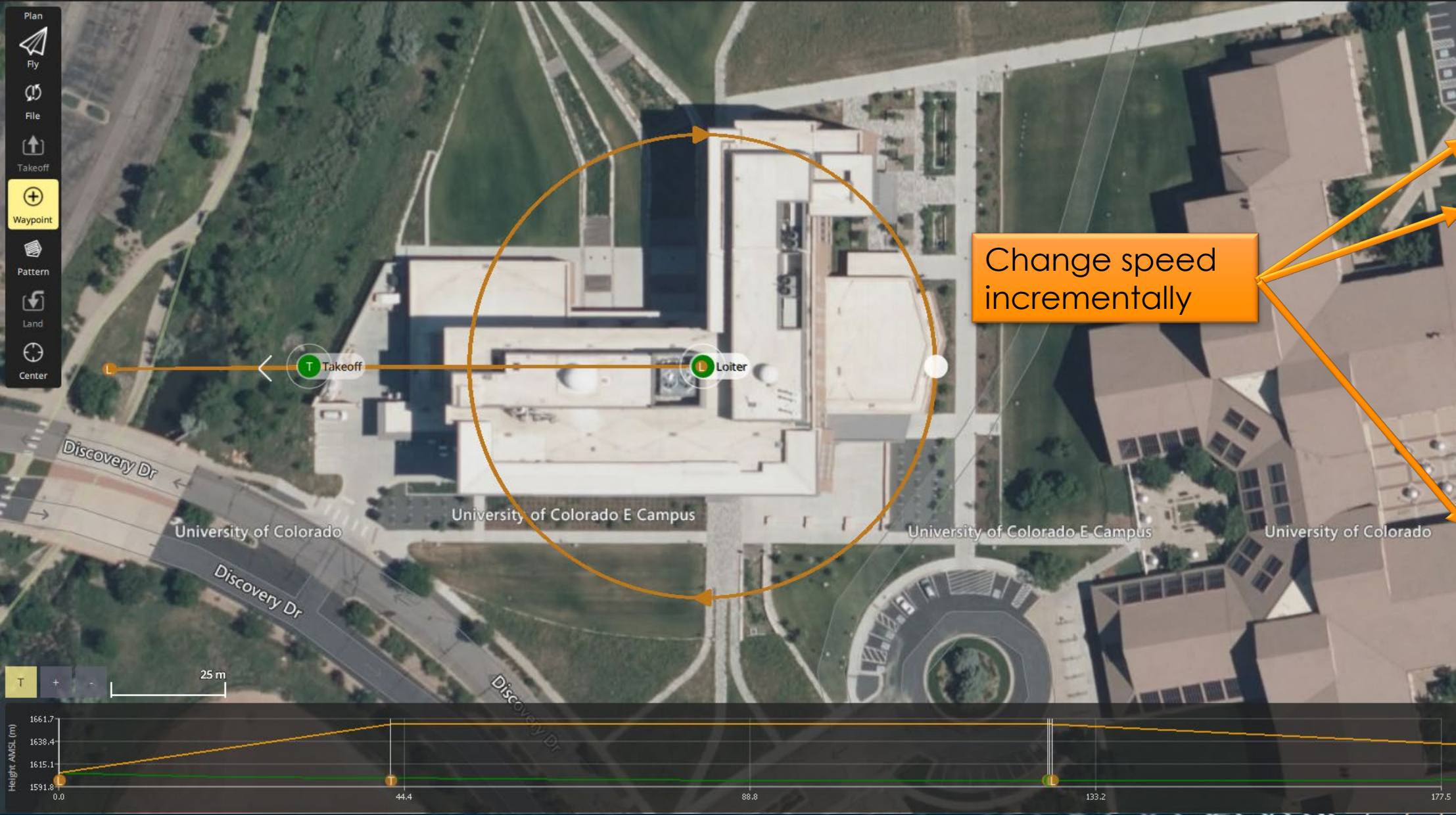
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 m

Leave Loiter  
 Direction of next waypoint ▼

Exit loiter from  
 Tangent ▼

Loiter Time  secs

Radius  m

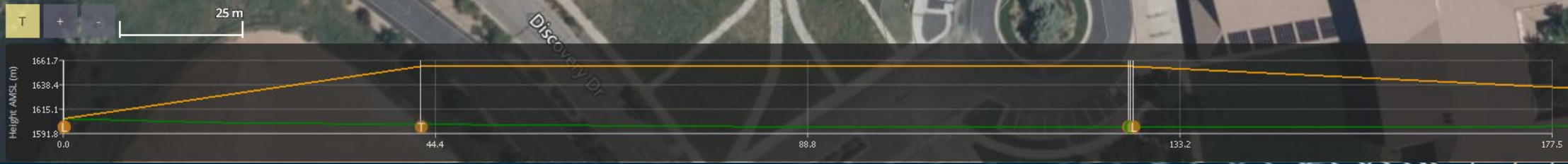
Change speed

Loiter (time)

Return To Launch

Land

Change speed incrementally

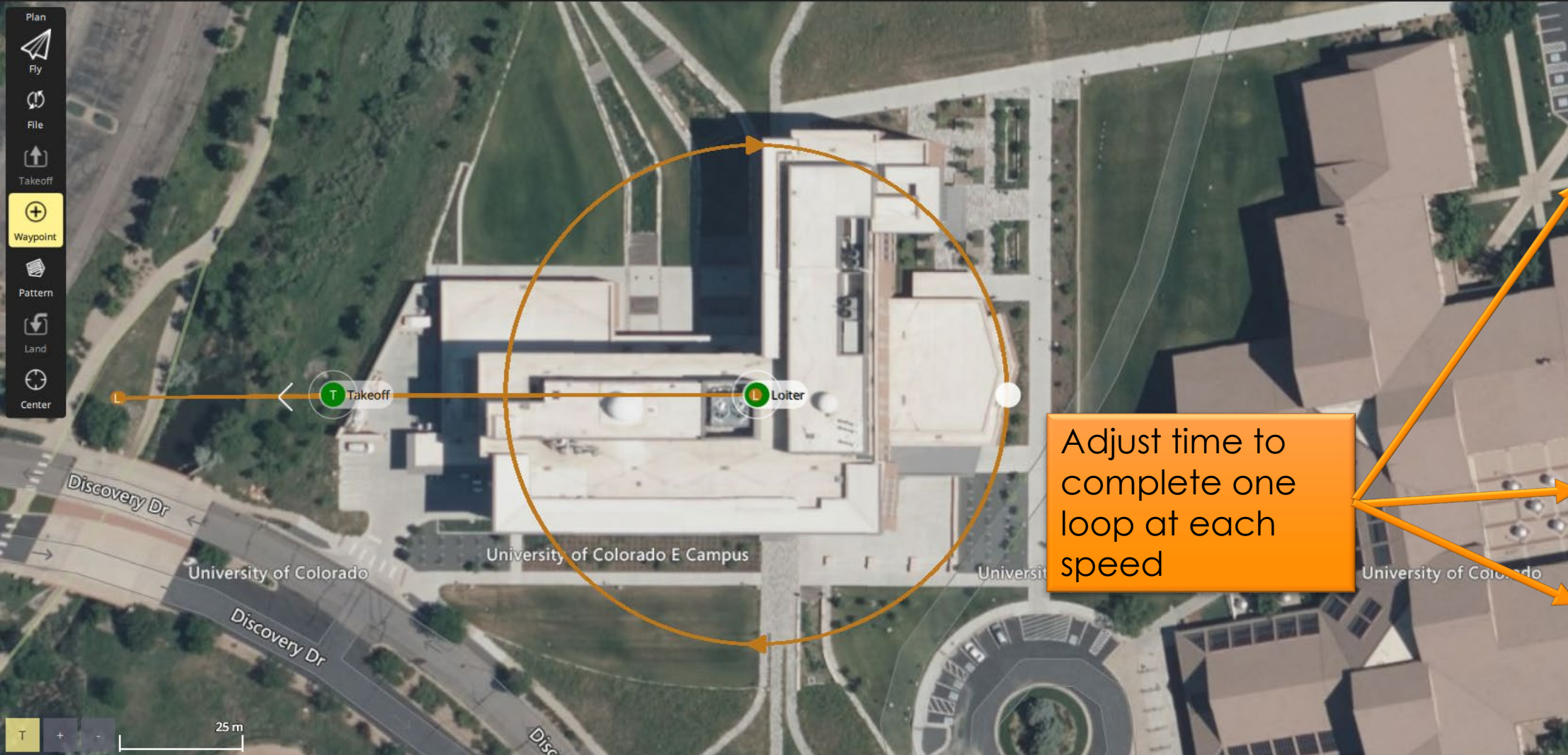




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**Loiter (time)**

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Altitude  
 m

Leave Loiter  
 Direction of next waypoint

Exit loiter from  
 Tangent

Loiter Time  secs

Radius  m

Change speed

Loiter (time)

Return To Launch

Land

Adjust time to complete one loop at each speed

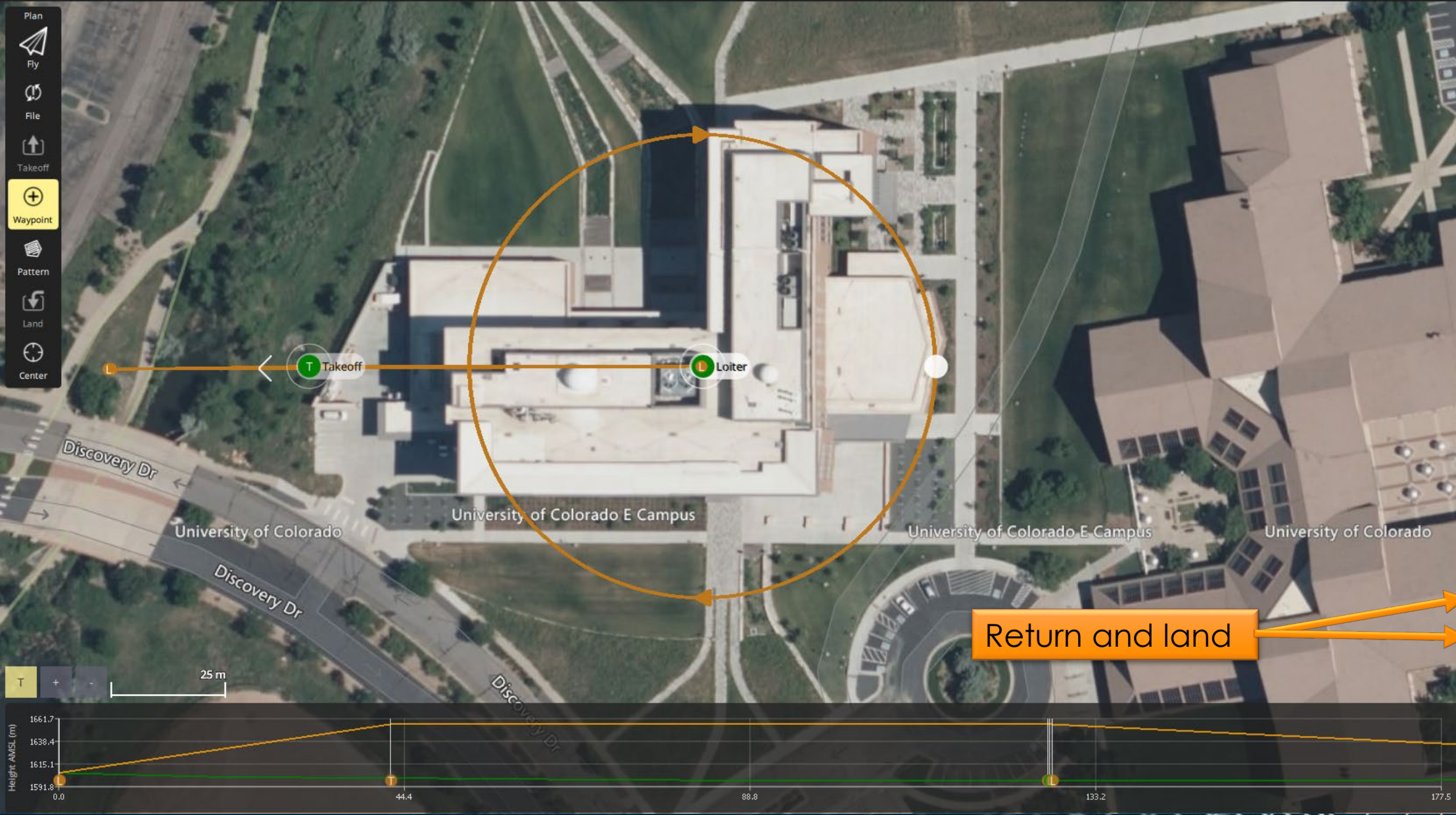




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Mission Start

Takeoff

Change speed

Loiter (time)

Change speed

**Loiter (time)**

Travel to a position and Loiter around the specified position for an amount of time.

Altitude  
50.00 m

Leave Loiter  
Direction of next waypoint

Exit loiter from  
Tangent

Loiter Time 60 secs

Radius 50.00 m

Change speed

Loiter (time)

Return To Launch

Land

Return and land

# EXPECTED RESULTS

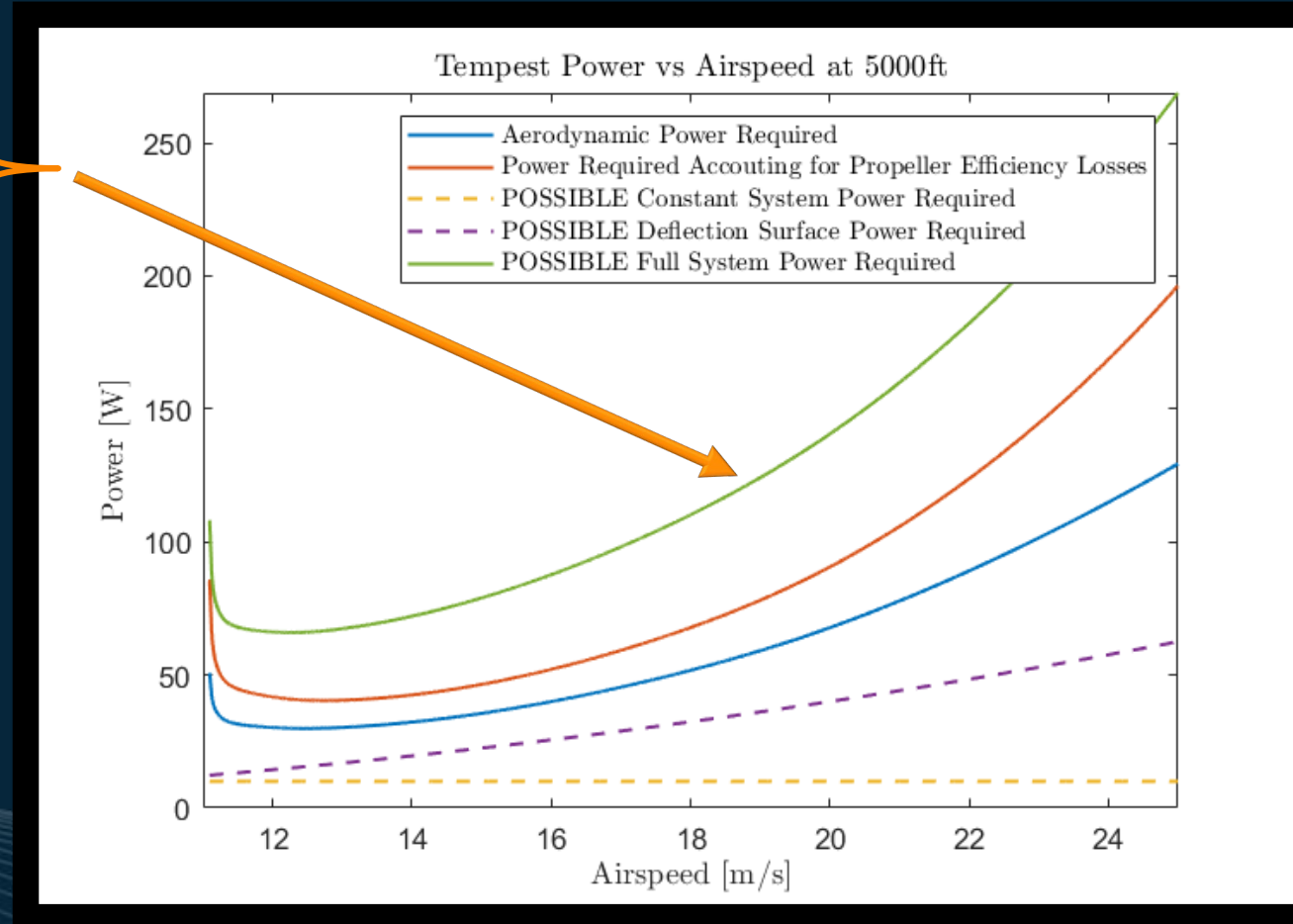
QGroundControl

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Log Download Log Download allows you to download binary log files from your vehicle. Click Refresh to get list of avai

Id	Date	Size	Status
Battery voltage data [V]			
Battery current data [mA]			
Airspeed data [m/s]			

- Logged data will appear in QGroundControl after the flight
- Plot battery power draw ( $P = I * V$ ) with respect to airspeed







# EXPECTED RESULTS

Evaluation	Criteria	Mission Objective
Power curve can be generated from test flight	<b>Pass/Fail:</b> Aircraft must return battery and airspeed data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Endurance Improvement</li><li>• DR 2.1.2 (monitor battery current and voltage)</li></ul>
Power curve validates Tempest model	<b>Pass/Fail:</b> The power curve resembles a typical parabola shaped power curve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Endurance Improvement</li><li>• Model Validation</li></ul>
Operable airspeeds are determined from power curve	<b>Pass/Fail:</b> A range of operable airspeeds are available from the power curve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DR 2.1* (+20% from baseline)</li><li>• Endurance Improvement</li></ul>
Stall event monitoring (> 1.5X stall velocity requirement met)	<b>Pass/Fail:</b> Stall does not occur due to 1.5X stall speed minimum allowed speed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2.1.1* (&gt;1.5x stall velocity)</li><li>• Flight Safety</li></ul>

\*These requirements are not validated yet. Instead, this test lays the groundwork for them to be validated in the finished ground station code.

# PROJECT BUDGET

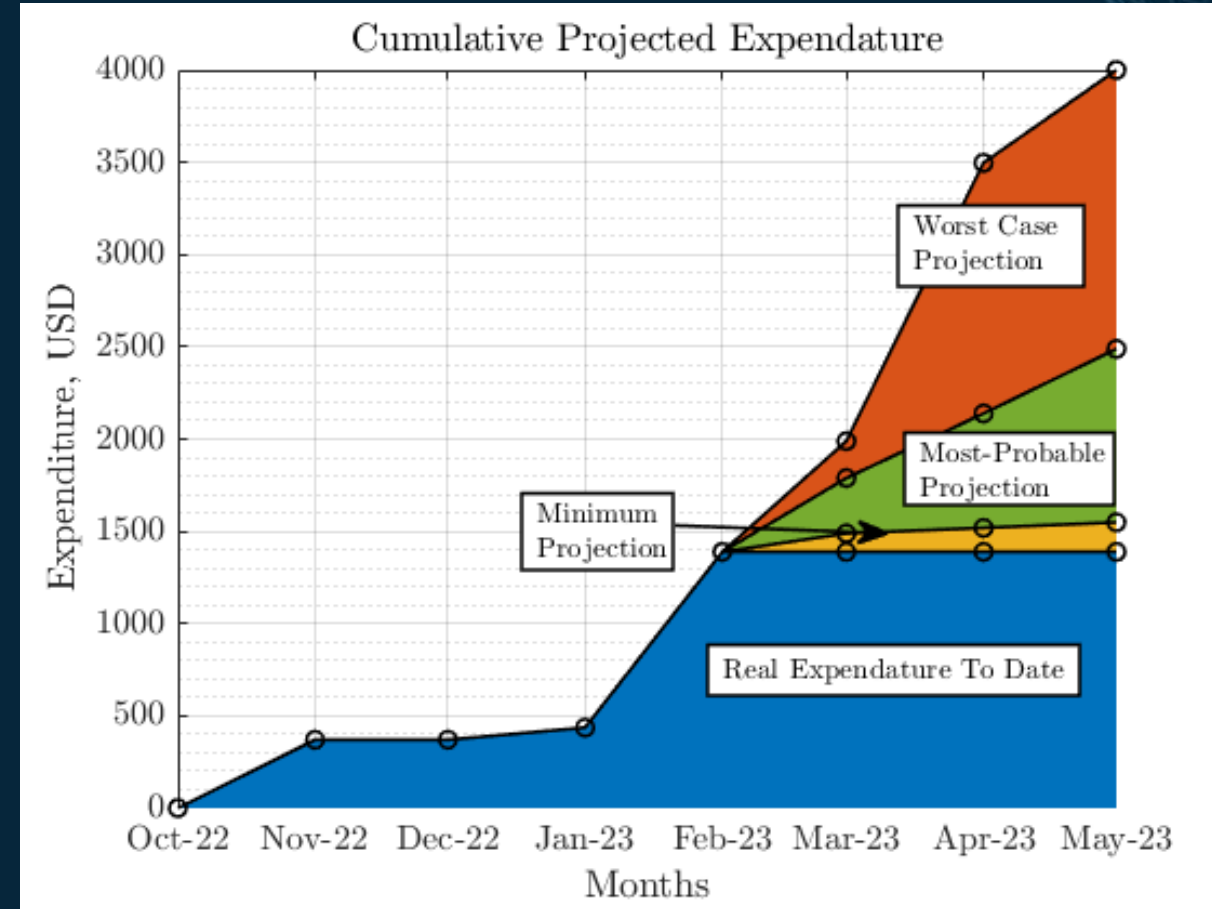
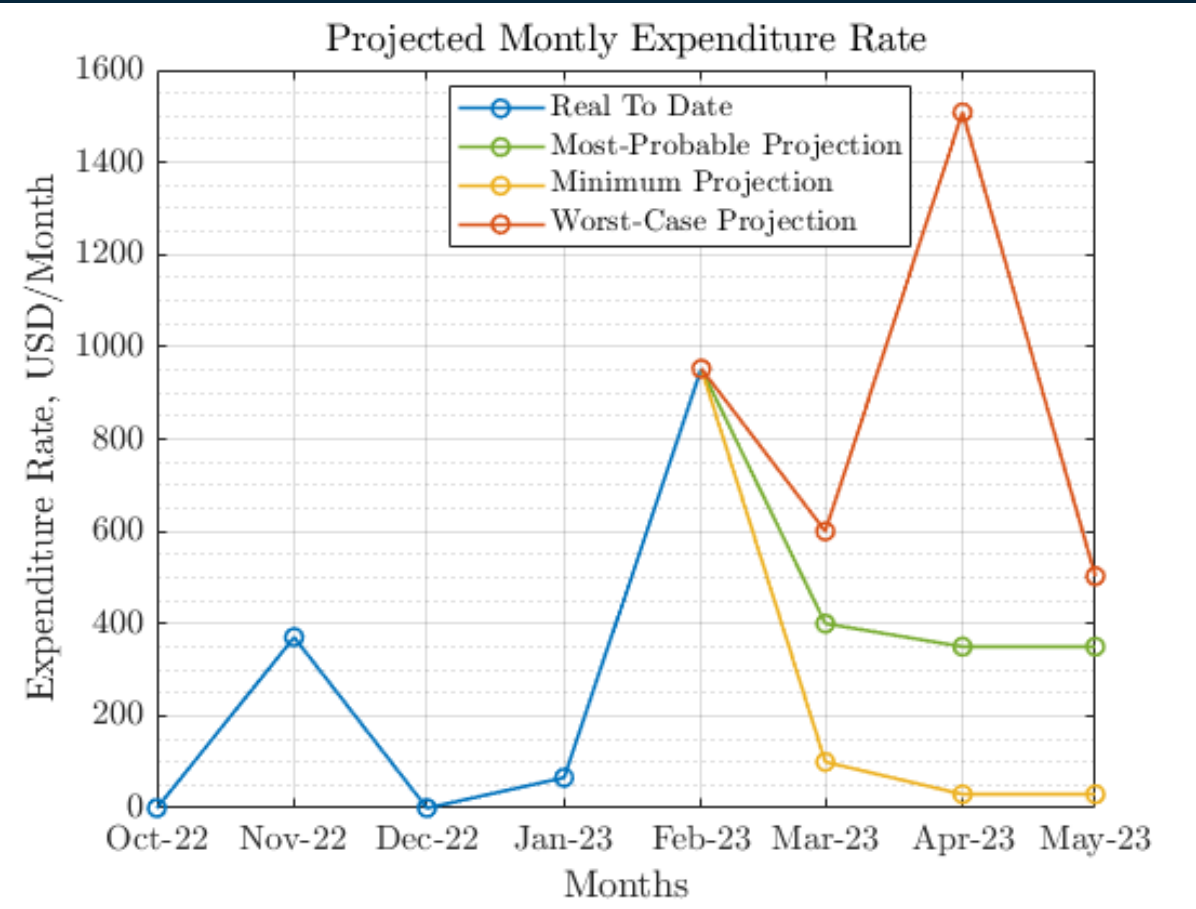


## Cost Plan – Real Expenditure

- Current budget allocation: \$1,528
- Current real expenditure: \$1,389
- Remaining budget: **\$2,411**

Subsystem	Item	Cost	Purchased	Received	Purchase Window
RC Control	<u>Zee 3200 2-Pack Battery</u>	\$ 43.99	Y	Y	Nov-22
	<u>Battery for TX16s</u>	\$ 24.50	Y	Y	
	<u>RadioMaster TX16s</u>	\$ 219.99	Y	Y	
	<u>FRSKY SPort tool</u>	\$ 15.90	Y	Y	
	<u>FrSky S8R Receiver</u>	\$ 57.99	Y	Y	
	<u>XT60 Connectors</u>	\$ 7.99	Y	Y	
	Additional wires, batteries, bits, etc	\$ -			
	<b>Total: \$ 370.36</b>				
Companion Computer	BeagleBone Rev C	\$ 65.99	Y	Y	Jan-23
		<b>Total: \$ 65.99</b>			
Flight Computer	Pixhawk 6c + PM07	\$ 349.99	Y	X	Jan-23 to March-23
	M8N GPS	\$ 59.99	Y	X	
	Power Module 02	\$ 18.99	Y	X	
	Better Antennas	\$ 234.00	Y	X	
	Additional Sensors				
	Additional wires, batteries, bits, etc				
	<b>Total: \$ 648.97</b>				
Airframe	Replacement Parts				Jan-23 to May-23
	Running Costs				
		<b>Total: \$ -</b>			
Safety Equipment	CO2 Class BC Fire Extinguisher	\$ 204.00	Y	Y	Feb-23 to April-23
	Class ABC Fire Extinguisher	\$ 144.00	X	X	
	Ground wind speed sensor equipment	\$ 80.50	Y	X	
		<b>Total: \$ 428.50</b>			
		<b>Overall Total: \$ 1,513.82</b>			

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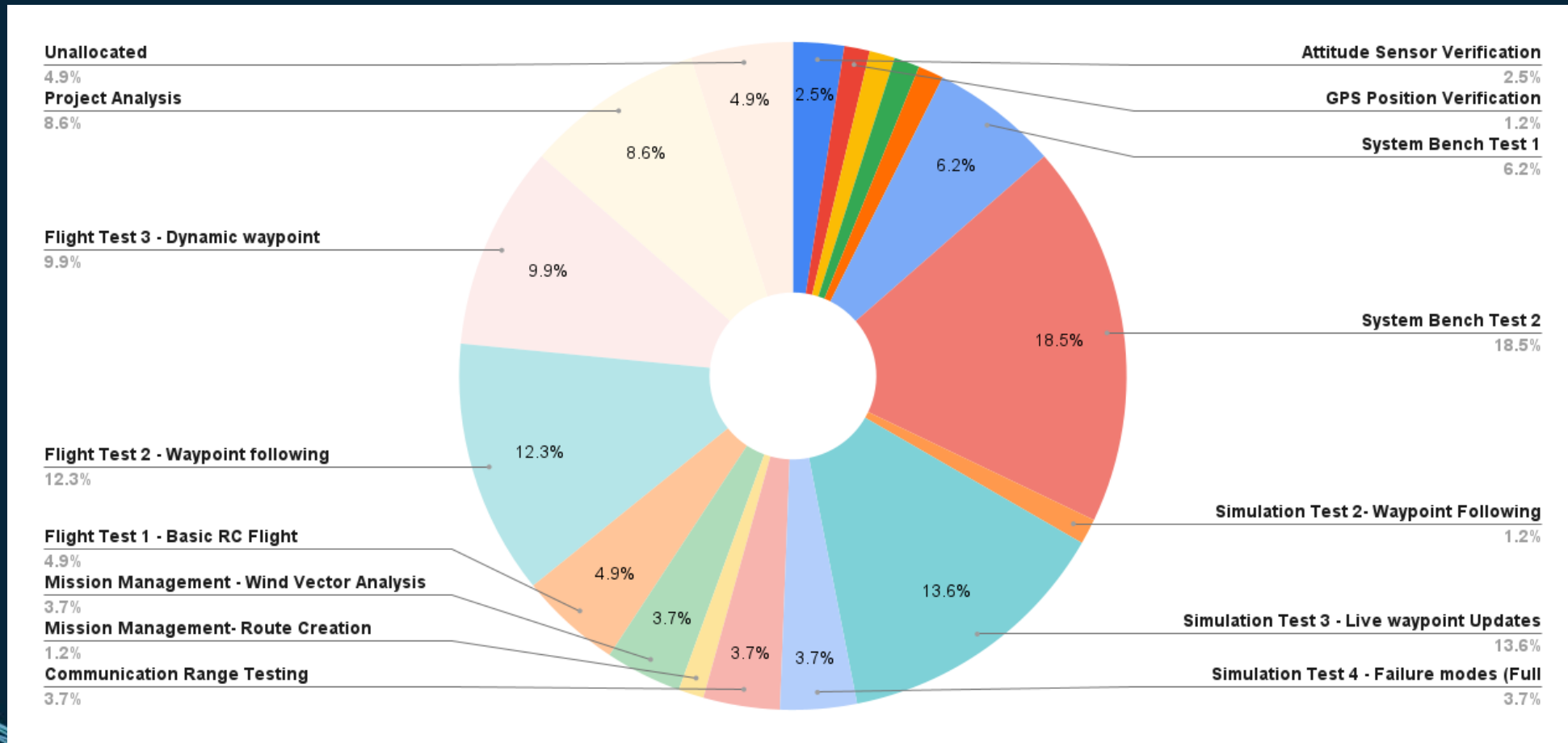
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# Functional Requirements

FR #	Requirement
1	The UAS shall be capable of receiving commands and transmitting telemetry to and from a controller
2	The UAS shall manage aircraft trajectory based on energy state and specified mission parameters to improve flight endurance
3	Flight operation shall minimize user workload and need for active user input throughout its entire mission profile
4	The UAS shall adhere to all relevant guidelines and implement measures to protect the safety of the UAS itself as well as people and objects in the surrounding area
5	The UAS shall be fully operational in austere environments with the ability to adapt to varied conditions and remain in a continual standby posture when unused
6	The initial cost and complexity for users to assemble, configure, operate, and maintain the UAS system shall be minimized and shall seek to significantly undercut prices of existing long endurance drone systems

# TEST EVENT ALLOCATION





# SIMULATION TEST HIGH LEVEL REQUIREMENTS

## Message Transmission

- Telemetry from UAS to GS
  - 1.2
  - 1.2.3
  - 1.7
  - 1.7.1
- Flight plan from GS to UAS
  - 1.3

## Waypoint Generation

- Valid path to target point
  - 2.2.1
  - 2.2.4
- Obstacle avoidance
  - 2.2.2
  - 2.2.3
- Valid orbit
  - 2.2.7
- Generation every 5 minutes
  - 2.3.2

## Autopilot Capability

- UAS executes waypoint path
  - 1.4.2
  - 5.3.1
- Autonomous Flight mission objective
- Flight Boundaries mission objective

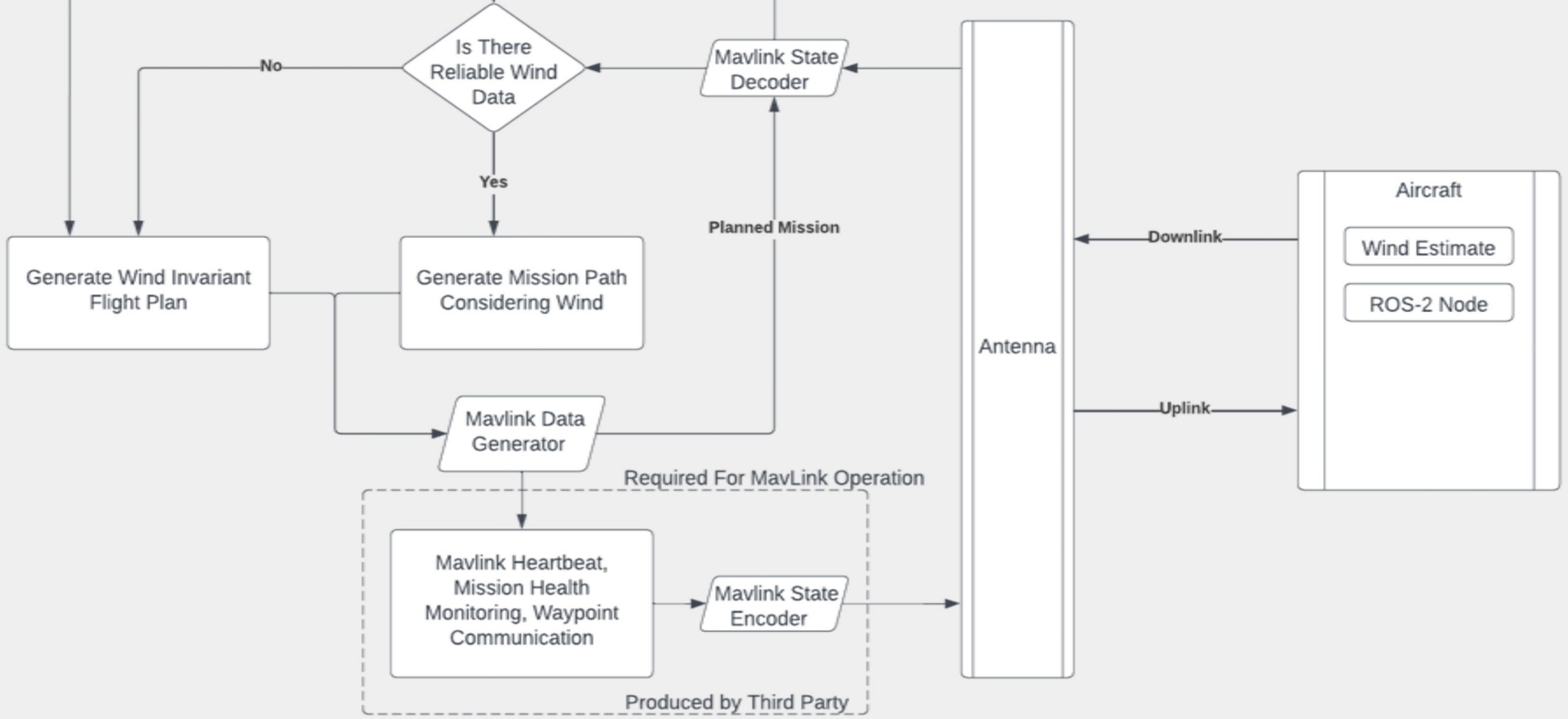
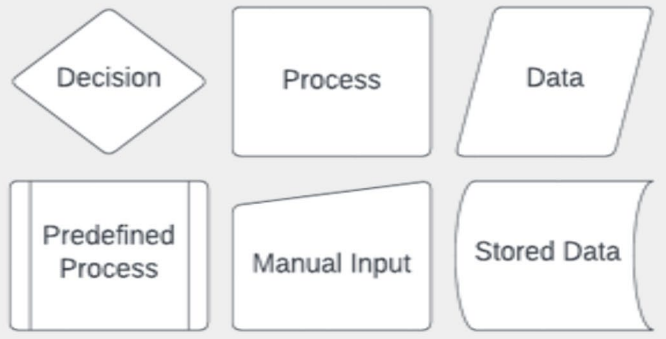
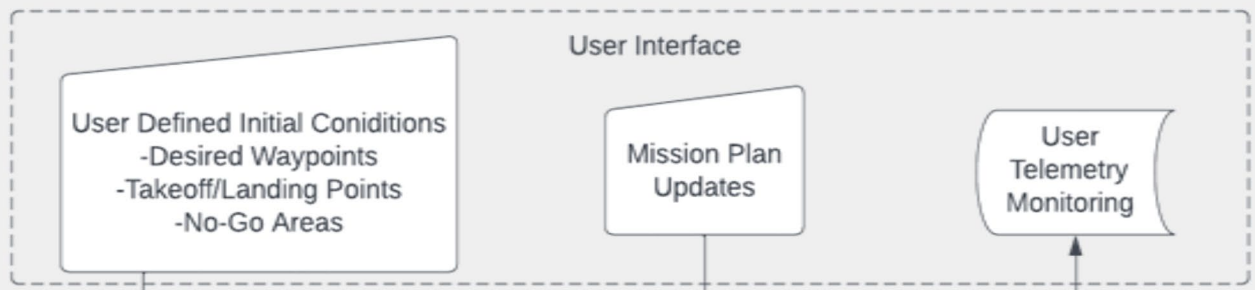
# SIMULATION TEST CARD

TEST PROCEDURE	
1.	<b>Start</b> PX4 and Gazebo simulation by typing “make px4_sitl gazebo-classic_plane” in the terminal of the PX4-Autopilot folder.
2.	<b>Launch</b> QGroundControl app image
3.	<b>Ensure</b> QGroundControl is connected to Gazebo simulation and aircraft mode is “Ready To Fly”
4.	Hardcode wind into Gazebo and MATLAB MM code, test to see if Topology code can generate an optimal path based on a known wind field.
5.	<b>Launch</b> vehicle manually and <b>place</b> into loiter pattern
6.	<b>Load</b> custom software to set PX4 into offboard mode, sending MAVLink messages at > 2Hz
7.	<b>Run</b> full flight plan
8.	<b>Collect</b> data and import into PlotJuggler
9.	<b>Analyze</b> data to ensure requirements are met, tweaking code as necessary
10.	<b>Record</b> results



# FLIGHT TEST CARD

TEST PROCEDURE	
1.	<b>Ensure</b> winds to be uniform and calm using handheld anemometer (<5 knots, no greater deviation over 1 minute than 1.5 knots)
2.	<b>Connect</b> the PM02 PDB to the battery to power aircraft; connect aircraft to QGC; arm aircraft (logging will start when armed by default)
3.	<b>Complete</b> <a href="#">preflight checklist</a>
4.	<p><b>Assign and upload</b> predefined waypoints and accompanying groundspeeds from QGroundControl to plane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•The flight plan will be a large circle with each loop having a differing commanded airspeeds</li> <li>•Slow to high ground speeds and back to slow to account for differing motor and ESC efficiencies at changing battery voltages (decreasing during flight)</li> <li>•Will likely require two different tests since the battery may not last for the entire flight</li> </ul>
5.	<b>Perform</b> a hand launch takeoff from within 20 m of the centroid of the flight region and fly aircraft in a holding pattern.
6.	<b>Enable</b> autonomous flight <u>if</u> QGC indicates adequate connection to drone.
7.	<b>Return</b> to manual control after the commanded flight plan has been achieved.
8.	<b>After</b> path testing is completed, retake control and perform a pseudo traffic pattern loop to line the aircraft up for landing. Ensure that a second go-around is not required and perform a landing within 30 meters of the centroid of the flight region (Prioritize a clear landing area that is well away from flight boundaries and potential crash hazards).
9.	<b>Download</b> telemetry log from QGC.
10.	<p><b>Compare</b> to measured voltages and current drawn from the battery at each point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Only use power draw from steady state (takes increase/decrease in power to accelerate/decelerate)</li> <li>•Data should be from all power drawn system wide – This is what we want</li> </ul>

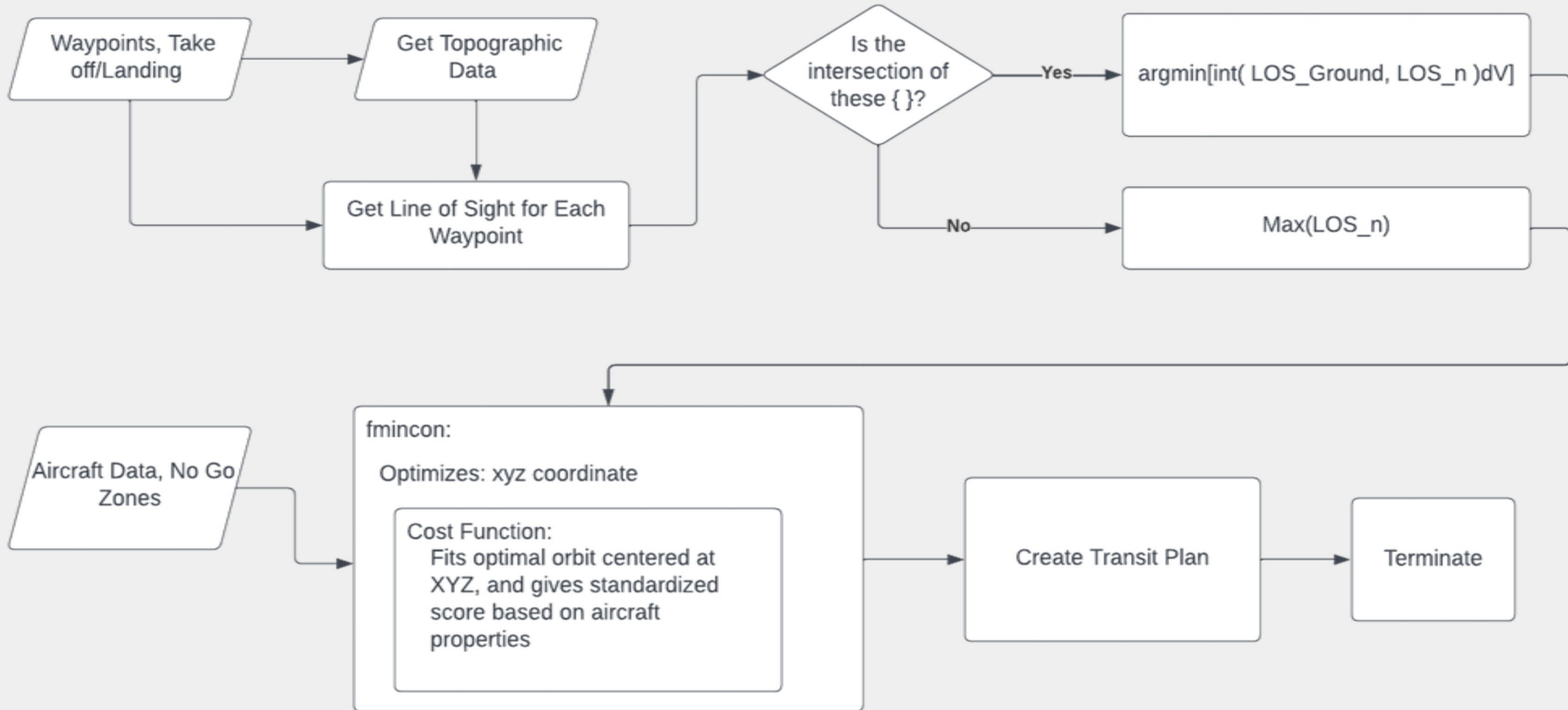




# Generate Wind Invariant Flight Plan

In: Waypoints, Take off/Landing points, No go zones, Aircraft Data, Loiter Times

Out: Flight Plan Vector



## Generate Wind Informed Flight Plan

In: Waypoints, Take off/Landing points, No go zones, Aircraft Data, Loiter Times, wind data

Out: Flight Plan Vector

