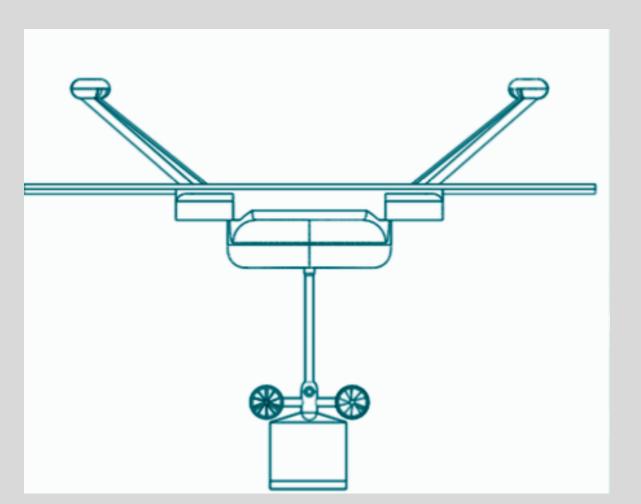


### Background



- Drones are becoming more prevalent for package delivery
- Unable to land in densely populated areas, must lower the package
- Lack of stabilization causes increased flight time, inaccurate delivery, increased costs

**SPADES** provides a platform agnostic, RF controlled system that stabilizes a package delieverd by a drone.

## **Overview of Operation**

This functional diagram shows how these modules work together to perform the stabilization.

1. RF $\rightarrow$  Turns on MCU

2. MCU  $\rightarrow$  Initialize ESC Battery 14.8 V  $\rightarrow$  Power

3. ESC $\rightarrow$  Starts Fans from rest to idle RPM

4. IMU  $\rightarrow$  Reads flight data

5. Flight Data $\rightarrow$ Interpreted by VitaChip

6. VitaChip $\rightarrow$  Outputs Control Logic to MCU

- 7. MCU $\rightarrow$  Outputs Thrust Vectors to ESC
- 8. Repeat the Loop

3.3 V, 14.8 V Voltage level 5V high signal

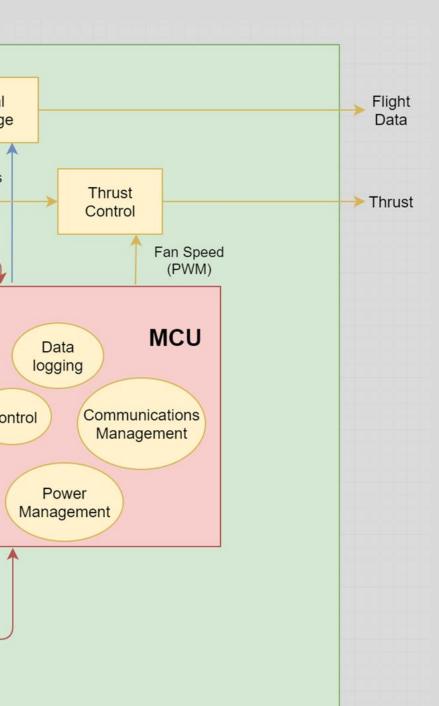
Modules

- MCU
- Inertial Measurement Unit
- Electronic Speed Control

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- RF Connection • Power Circuit
- Vita Hardware

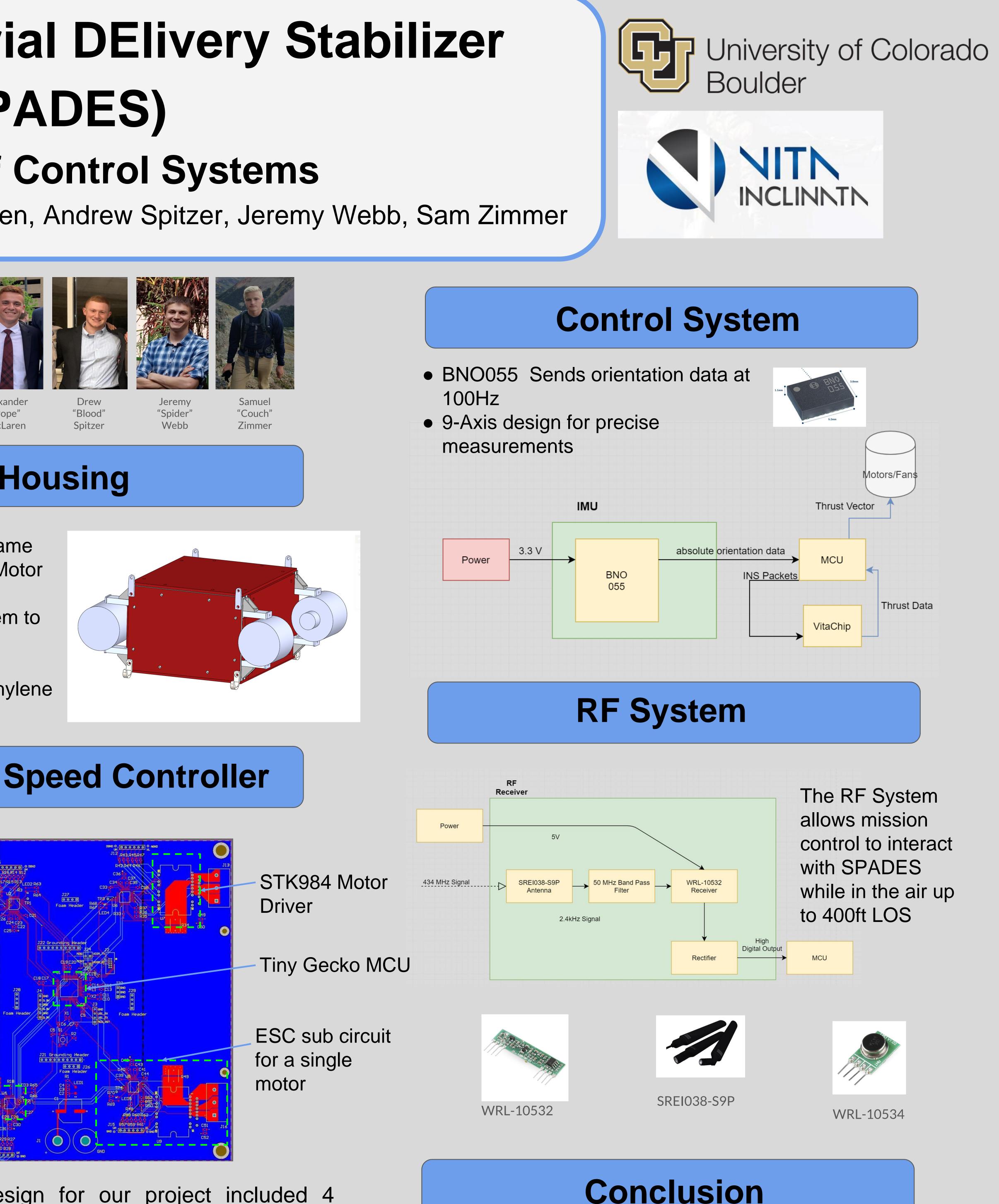


Childs





"Pope" **McLaren** 

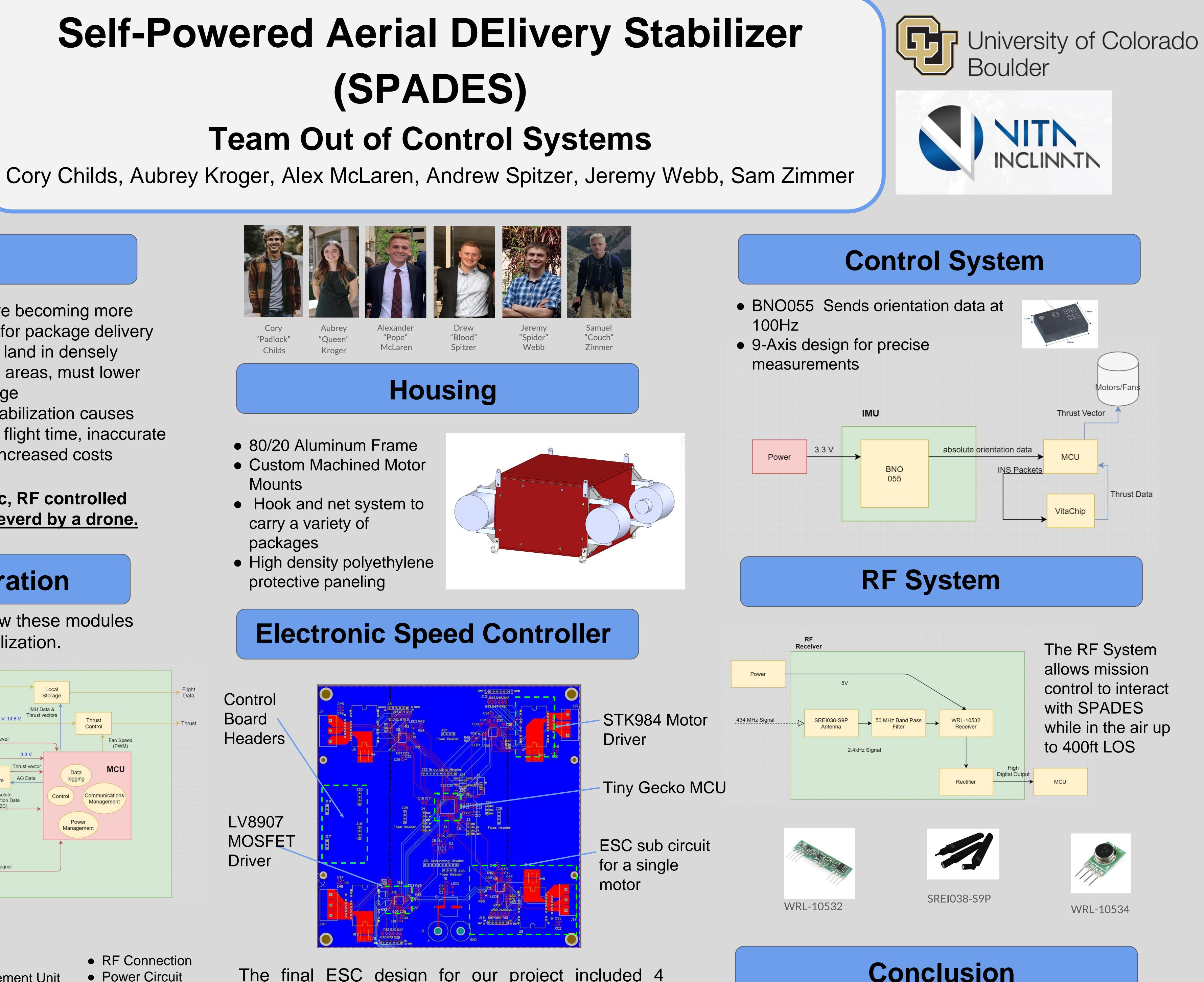


• 80/20 Aluminum Frame

- Custom Machined Motor Mounts
- Hook and net system to carry a variety of packages
- High density polyethylene protective paneling



LV8907 MOSFET Driver



The final ESC design for our project included 4 seperate circuits for the 4 motors. The ESC utilizes 4 LV8907 & STK984 motor driver IC combinations in order to control the DC Brushless motors. These ICs are controlled by the Tiny Gecko from Silicon Labs. Our power management and main control board is mounted on top of the ESC in order to conserve space within the system.

This is an ongoing project aimed at making airborne package delivery a reality. Future teams are meant to take the progress made this year and improve upon it in future designs. With this technology on the market, drone delivery will become a pervasive reality, yielding quicker and more efficient package reception.