# **Hummingboard Radio Collect Instructions**

## 1. Unit Descriptions:

Unit 0: ATSC Unit hostname: cubox-00-i username: aanderson password: changeme

description: older unit requiring WiFi dongle

ssh example:

\$ ssh aanderson@cubox-00-i.local

Unit 1: LTE Unit hostname: cubox-01-i

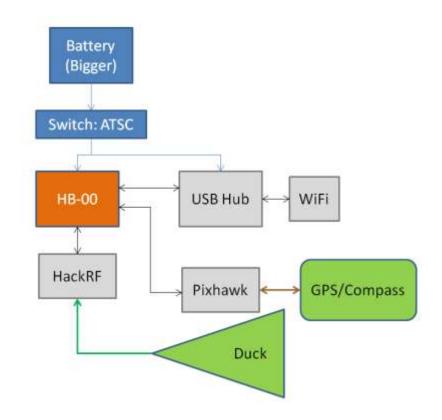
username: aanderson password: changeme

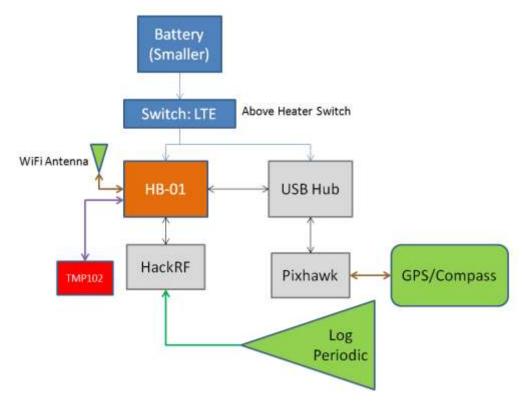
description: newer unit with integrated WiFi

ssh example:

\$ ssh aanderson@cubox-01-i.local

## 2. Connectivity Diagram:





# 3. Connecting to the hummingboards:

Currently both boards are configured to connect to a WiFi network with the following credentials:

ssid="cubox\_network" key\_mgmt=WPA-PSK psk="analog password"

In order to connect to them, you'll need to set your computer to act as a mobile hotspot using with that SSID, password (psk), and security set to WPA-PSK. This is easily done through Ubuntu (and MACs I think).

#### 4. Hummingboard File System Setup:

Both units are equipped with 128GB SSDs. Each unit is configured identically with:

/dev/sda1 -> 10GB partition devoted to swap, automatically mounted at boot up

/dev/sda2 -> remainder of 128GB SSD devoted to data storage

/dev/sda2 -> /mnt/data (mounted to this directory automatically on boot, collected data is written here)

/home/aanderson/ros-sdr -> contains all files relevant for data collect

/home/aanderson/ros-sdr/proto -> contains makefiles for protobuffer code and basic data processing

python script: sdr data recs.py

/home/aanderson/ros-sdr/catkin\_ws -> ROS workspace

/home/aanderson/ros-sdr/catkin ws/ -> ROS workspace

/home/aanderson/ros-sdr/catkin\_ws/src/ros\_sdr -> Contains all files relevant to data collect

/home/aanderson/ros-sdr/catkin\_ws/src/ros\_sdr/src -> has source files relevant to data collect /home/aanderson/ros-sdr/catkin\_ws/src/ros\_sdr/scripts -> has data collect tuning scripts, atsc\_tuner.py /home/aanderson/ros-sdr/catkin\_ws/launch -> contains bash script to launch collect: balloon\_launch.sh /etc/rc.local -> startup script for automatic logging

### 5. Power up Procedure:

- 1. Flip switch on the side of the box for both units. The batteries should detect load and turn on.
- 2. Boot up takes ~2 minutes.
- 3. After boot up is complete, the recording starts automatically after another minute.
- 4. Launch script takes ~30 seconds.
- 3. After >4 minutes SSH into the devices.

### **6. Manually Launching a Collect:**

MANUAL DIRECTIONS ONLY! IGNORE UNLESS ATTEMPTING MANUAL COLLECT! (Collects are automatic)

In the directory:

/home/aanderson/ros-sdr/catkin\_ws/launch

run:

\$ ./balloon\_launch.sh

this will execute the full collect based on this script:

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#!/bin/bash
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source ../devel/setup.bash # Source the setup file before run
roslaunch mavros px4.launch & # launch the mavros script to start roscore and run the pixhawk
sleep 10s # sleep for 10 seconds to let the mavros script startup
rosrun temp_mon temp_mon_node & # run the temperature monitoring node if it's attached
sleep 2s # sleep for 2 seconds to let the temperature monitoring come up
rosrun ros_sdr hackrf_sdr & # turn on the hackrf
sleep 5s # wait 5 seconds while the hackrf comes up and is set in default mode
roslaunch ros_sdr sdr_rec.launch & # launch the recorder, launch file connects relevant topics
sleep 5s # sleep for 5 seconds while the recorder comes up
rosrun ros_sdr atsc_tuner.py & # start the actual tuner and trigger the start of recordings
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The sleep times are likely conservative, but recording will start 10+2+5+5=22 seconds this script is launched.

This script is currently configured for an atsc collect. A new recording script will need to be generated, put in the ros\_sdr/scripts directory, and the highlighted line in the balloon\_launch.sh script will need to be updated!

Once a launch is triggered, simply close the terminal connection. The & call at the end of each line in the bash script means independent threads will be generated and run so even a ctrl+c shouldn't kill the run.

### 7. Transferring Data Off:

An example command to transfer data is:

#### For ATSC:

local\_machine\$ scp aanderson@cubox-01-i.local:/mnt/data/atsc-iq-2015-12-XX-XX-XX-XX-part000X.hackrf\_data <name of local file.bin>local\_machine\$ scp aanderson@cubox-01-i.local:/mnt/data/atsc-proto-XXXXXX.proto <name of local file.proto>

#### For LTE:

local\_machine\$ scp aanderson@cubox-01-i.local:/mnt/data/scanner-iq-2015-12-XX-XX-XX-XX-part000X.hackrf\_data <name of local file.bin>local\_machine\$ scp aanderson@cubox-01-i.local:/mnt/data/scanner-proto-XXXXXX.proto <name of local file.proto>

## For post processing:

sdr\_data\_recs.py - can be used to process proto buffer meta data and extract desired IQ runs hb\_rad\_col\_proc\_atsc.m -> Coming soon! used to process ATSC files in MATLAB

### 8. Troubleshooting

The data recording is now automatic. The boards will start recording ~3-4 minutes after the switch is flipped. To check health of the recording ssh in and check:

- 1. \$ top -> look for mavros, hackrf sdr, sdr recording etc. in the list of running programs
  - -> If you need to kill the processes for any reason use pkill:
  - \$ pkill 12345 -> where 12345 is the number associated with the different running programs
- 2. To check that mavros is running correctly (the software running INS and GPS collection) run: \$ rostopic echo /mavros/state -> you should see the pixhawk state printed out at ~ 1 Hz intervals

if you only see one state printed out and it hangs, the pixhawk is dead and the cable will need to be reseated.

- -> You can try to just power cycle it and check if this fixd the problem
- -> Alternatively kill the running processes, re-seat the cable, and use the manual recording
- 3. To check if the recording is generally performing alright check if the data files are growing:
- \$ cd /mnt/data -> to navigate to where the data is being populated
- \$ watch Is -Ih -> and watch the size of the files to make sure the right ones are growing
- -> if the data isn't growing that's a bad sign, maybe try to reboot or check permissions on /mnt/data