

Design & Manufacturing

Flight Systems

Balloon system,
balloon/structure
integration, recovery

Commercial Rocket

Tests with available
motors, knowledge of
regulations

Ground Station

Hardware and
software for
telecommunication

Launch Structure

Physical interface b/t
balloon and rocket,
structure stability

Avionics

Onboard flight
computer, sensor
package, controls

Payload

Hardware carried by
balloon or rocket
launch vehicle

Flight Systems

- ▣ High altitude polyethylene balloon and recovery parachute
 - ▣ Raven Aerostar collaboration
 - ▣ Reach altitude of 25 km
- ▣ Quick detachment methods
- ▣ Balloon and launch structure integration



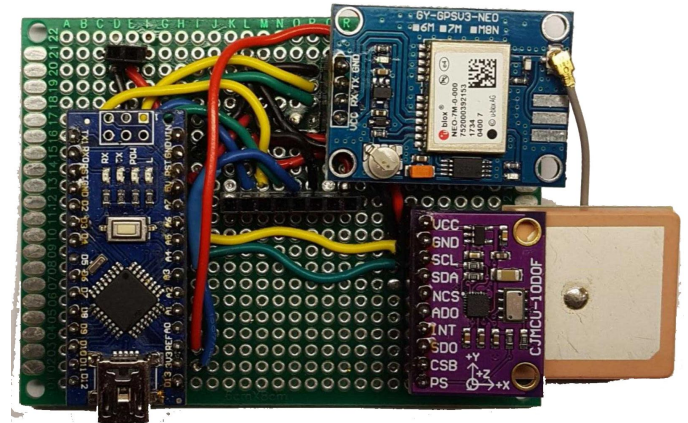
Launch Structure

- Secure rocket during ascent
 - Locking launch rail
- Contain flight electronics
- Stabilize prior to rocket launch
 - Cold gas release system
- Minimize descent damage
 - Foam landing legs



Avionics

- ▣ Flight Software
- ▣ Communications and Data Handling for:
 - ▣ Multiple flight computers
 - ▣ Sensors
 - ▣ Transceivers
- ▣ Platform stability control system
- ▣ Initiate launch



Commercial Rocket

- ▣ High-power rocketry certification
 - ▣ Rules and regulations
 - ▣ Launch procedures
- ▣ Testing with commercially-built motors
- ▣ Knowledge of construction techniques



Payload

- Rocket payload
 - Avionics housing
- Balloon payload
 - Avionics and flight system housing
- Temperature controlled environment
 - Keep the temperature above 0C
- Structural integrity



Ground Station

- Communicate with flight computers
- Real time GPS tracking
- Ground station GUI
- Go/No-Go system checks

