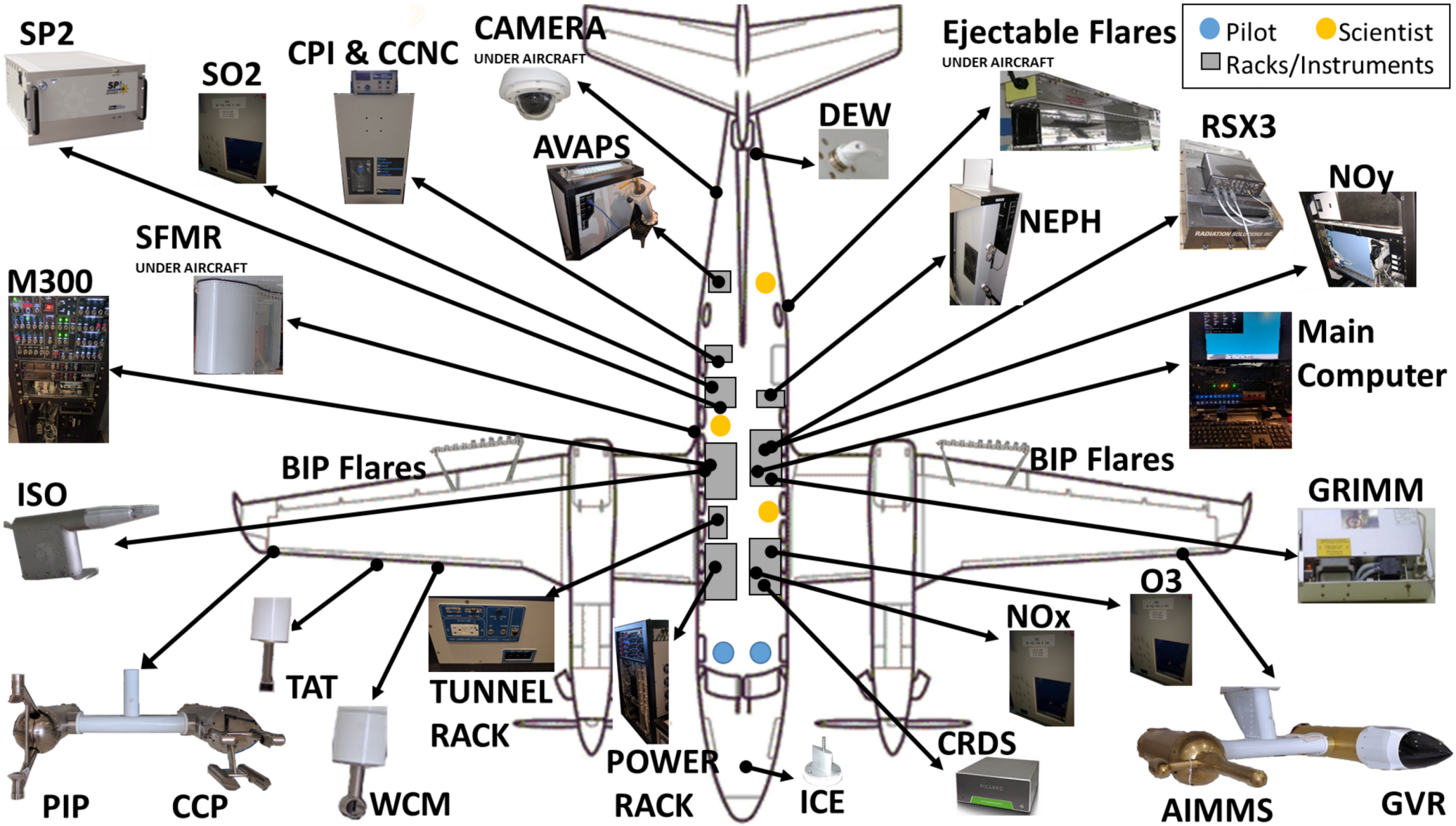
Airborne Analog and Digital Data



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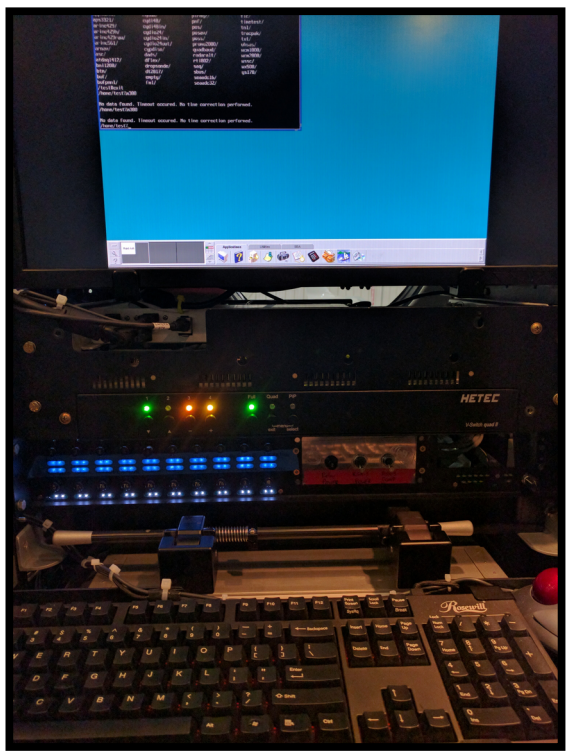
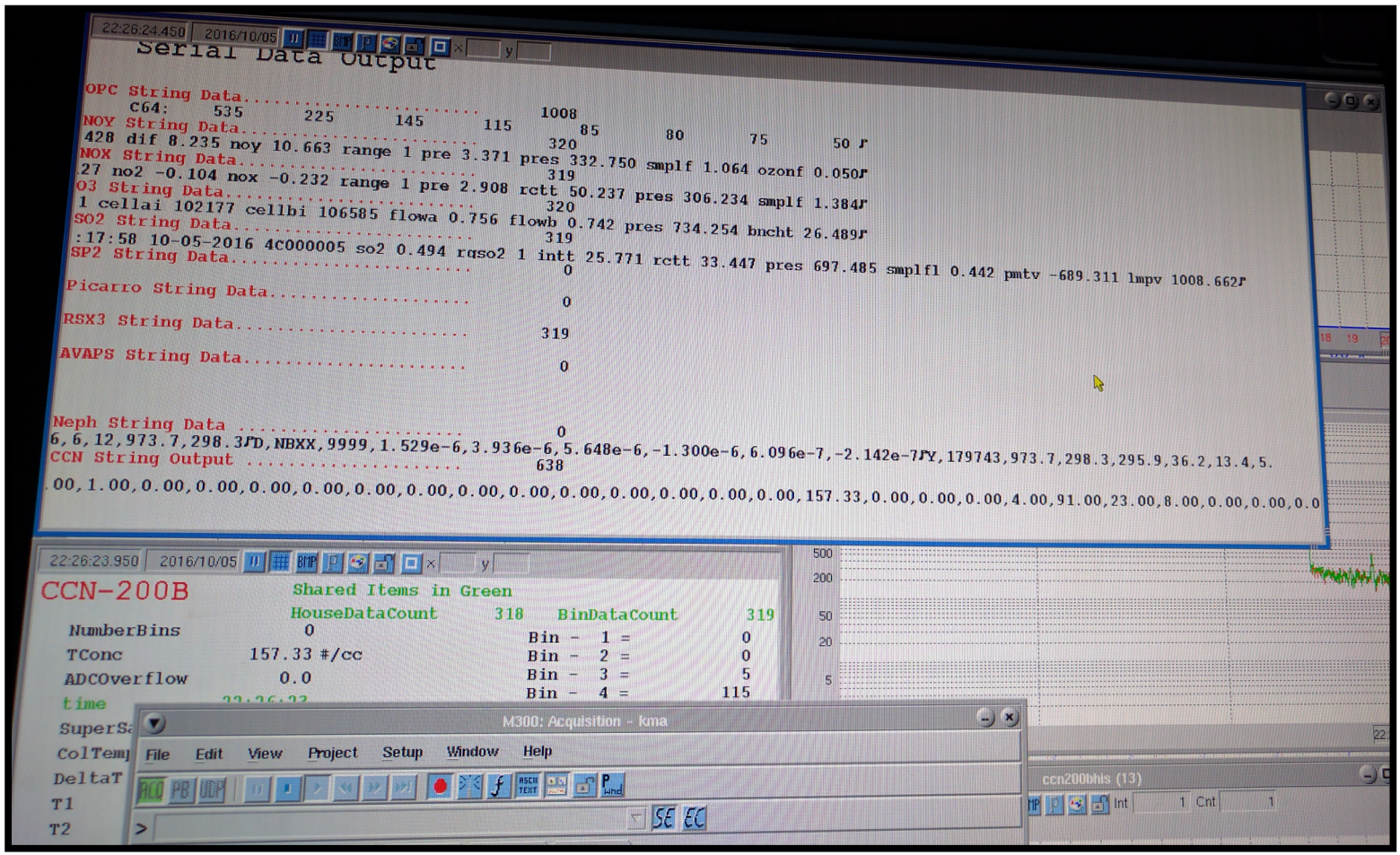
Science Engineering Associates Model M300 Data Acquisition System (M300)

- The M300 acquires all data on the KMA King Air 350 aircraft.
- Some instruments also acquire data.
  - AIMMS
  - CCNC
  - CRDS
  - SFMS
  - SP2



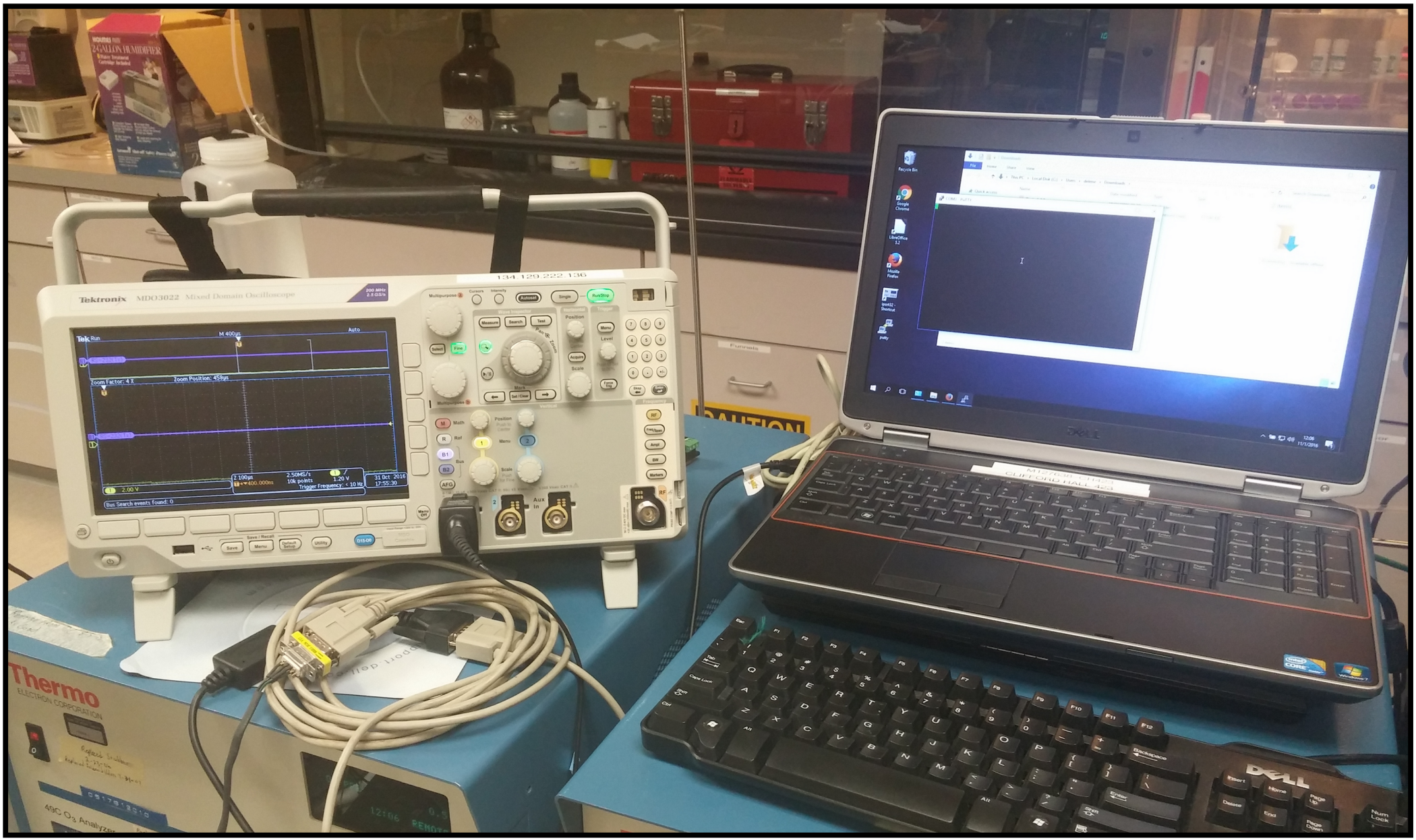
M300 Data Acquisition System

- Real-time Computer System (QNX OS)
- Optimized for Research Aircraft
- Totally Configurable Display System.

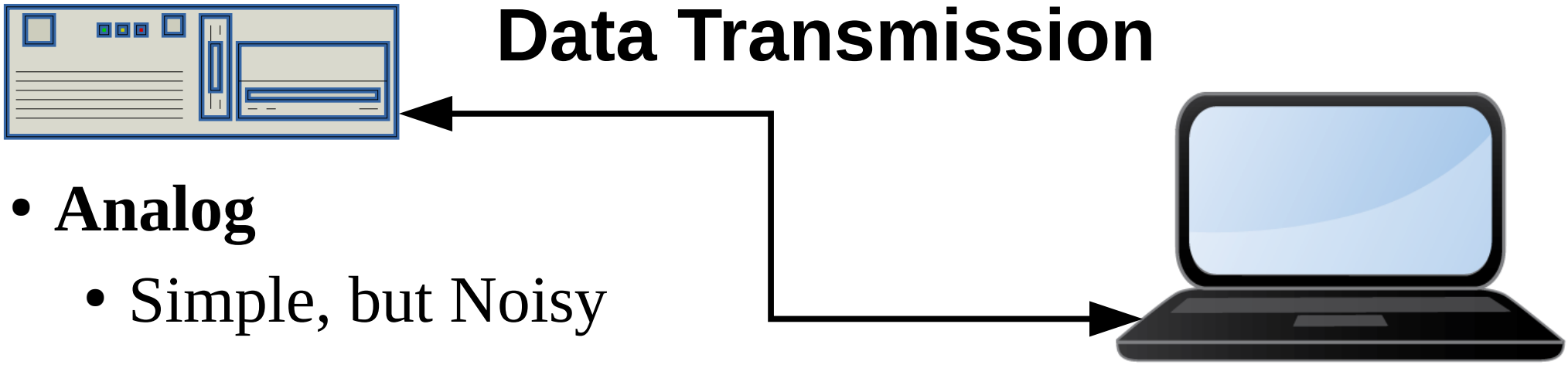


Digital Data Acquisition

Serializes Data (RS-232)



Data Transmission



- **Analog**
  - Simple, but Noisy
    - 500,000 Samples per Second
- **Digital**
  - **UART (RS-232)**
    - Low Speed Communication (< 1 Mbit/sec)
    - Point-to-Point
  - **Ethernet (TCP/IP)**
    - Higher Speed Communication
      - (100 Gbit/sec)
    - Interconnect Number of Boxes

Analog Voltage Measurement

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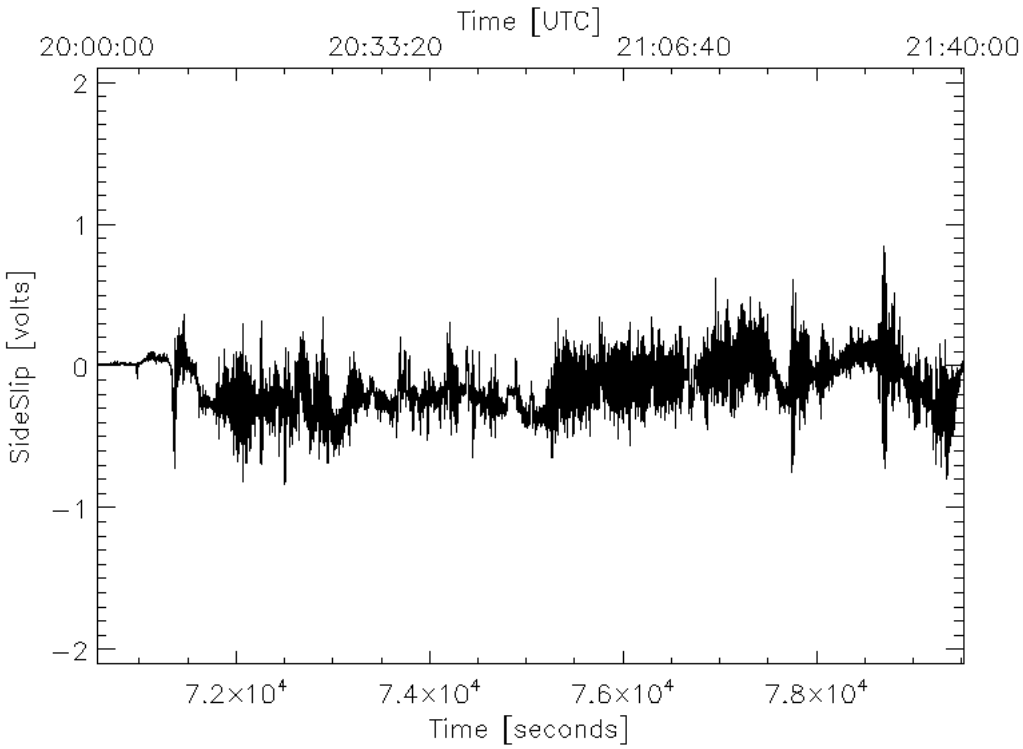

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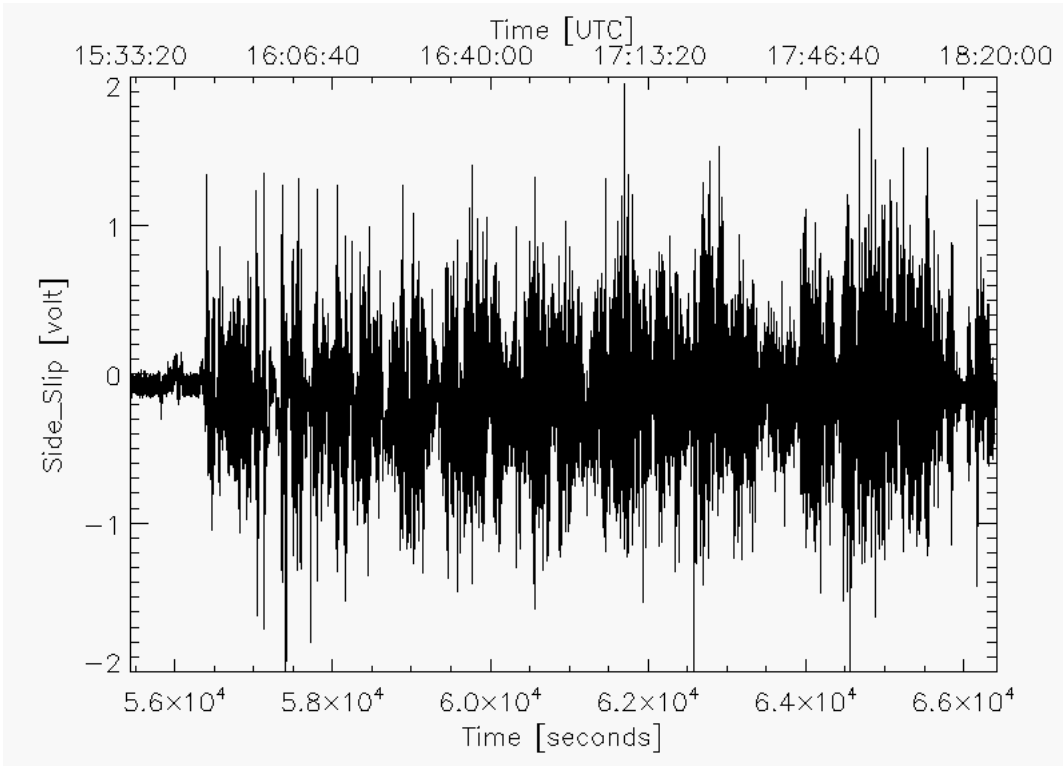

Voltage measurement from the side slip pressure transducer on the North Dakota Citation Research Aircraft.

Measurement Statistical Uncertainty

- To improve our certainty in a measurement, we can make repeated measurement.
- Repeated measurements can be represented as a Histogram that represents how the measurements are distributed.
- What single number best characterizes the complete group of measurements?
  - Mode – The value(s) the come up most often.
  - Median – The value where 50% of the measurements are above the value and 50% below.
  - Mean – Sum of all measurement divided by number of measurements.

Information Representation

Binary (Zeros and Ones)

- 01000101
- What is the Decimal Value?
- What is the Hex Value?
- What is the ASCII Text Character?

Esc	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8	F9	F10	F11	F12	Print	Scroll Lock	Pause
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CODE (in	LEGEND Hexadecimal)
Extended Code- 0,XX	Normal- XX Shift- (XX) Control- <XX> Alt- [XX]

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60(7E) <> []	31(21) <> [0,78]	32(40) <0,3> [0,79]	33(23) <> [0,7A]	34(24) <> [0,7B]	35(25) <> [0,7C]	36(5E) <1E> [0,7D]	37(26) <> [0,7E]	38(2A) <> [0,7F]	39(28) <> [0,80]	30(29) <> [0,81]	2D(5F) <1F> [0,82]	2B(2B) <> [0,83]	08(08) <7F> []

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Caps Lock	A	S	D	F	G	H	J	K	L	: ;	" '	
	61(41) <01> [0,1E]	73(53) <13> [0,1F]	64(44) <04> [0,20]	66(46) <06> [0,21]	67(47) <07> [0,22]	68(48) <08> [0,23]	6A(4A) <0A> [0,24]	6B(4B) <0B> [0,25]	6C(4C) <0C> [0,26]	3B(3A) <> []	27(22) <> []	0D(0D) <0A> []

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		() <> []	20(20) <20> [20]	5C(7C) <1C> []		

Insert	Home	Page Up
0,52 () <>	0,47 () <>	0,49 () <>
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↑
0,48 () <>

←	↓	→
0,4B () <>	0,50 () <>	0,4D () <>

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0,47 (37) <0,77>	0,48 (38) <>	0,49 (39) <0,84>	+
4 ←	**5**	**6 →**	
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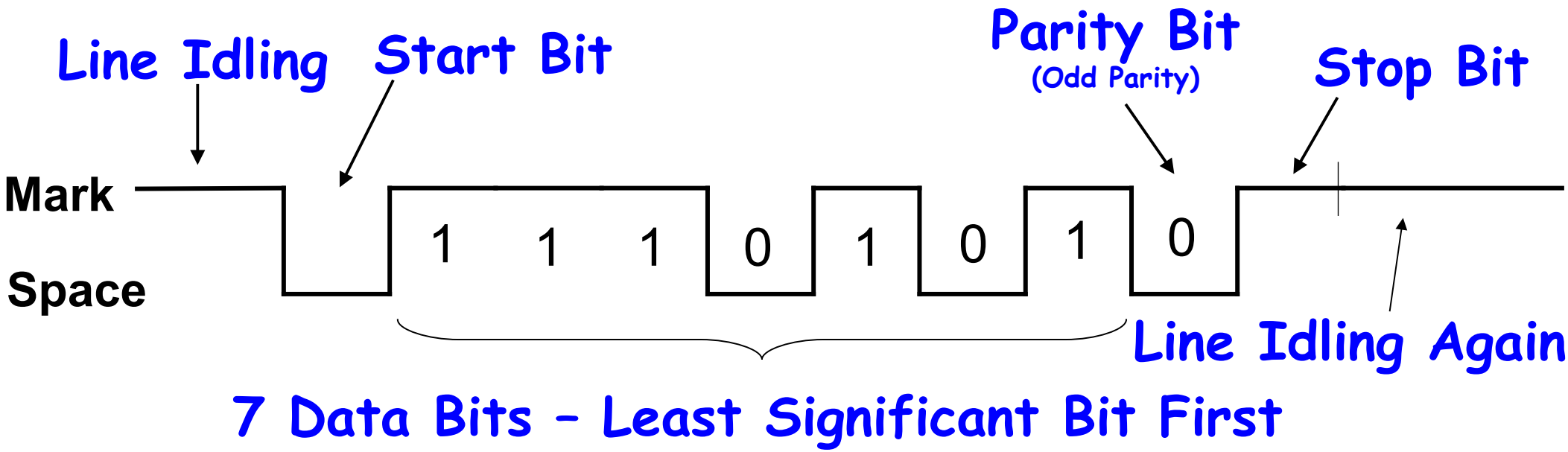
1 End	**2 ↓**	**3 Pg Dn**	
0,4F (31) <0,75>	0,50 (32) <>	0,51 (33) <0,76>	Enter
0 Insert		**. Del**	
0,52 (30) <>		0,53 (2E) <>	

Binary Data Transmission

- **Universal Asynchronous Receiver /Transmitter (UART) Example**

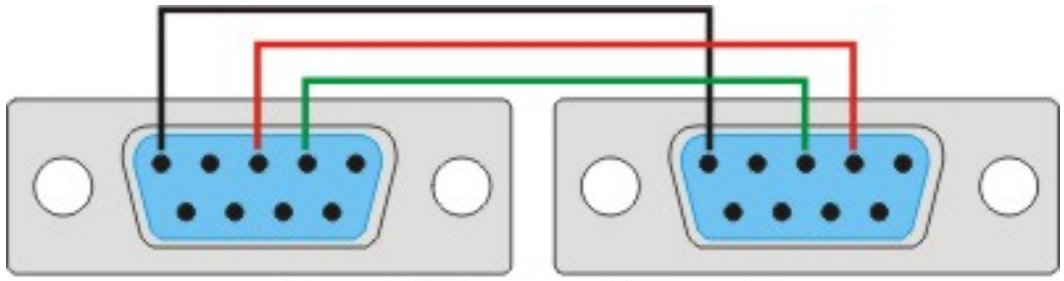
- **Send the ASCII letter ‘W’ (1010111)**



How would Least Significant Bit Last be different?

Adapted from BYU UART Lecture,
http://ece224web.groups.et.byu.net/lectures/UART.pdf

RS-232 Summary



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5 – GND ---- GND – 5
2 – RX  ----  TX – 3
3 – TX  ----  RX – 2
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- **Common Settings**
  - **9600 8-N-1**
  - **115,200 7-E-1**
- **Speed**
  - Serial ports use two-level (binary) signalling, so the data rate in bits per second is equal to the symbol rate in baud.
- **Data Bits**
  - The number of data bits in each character.
    - 7 for ASCII Data
- **Parity (N-None, O-Odd, E-Even, M-Mark, S-Space)**
  - Method of detecting errors in transmission.
- **Stop Bits**
  - Detect the end of a character.

Necessary of Post-processing Data

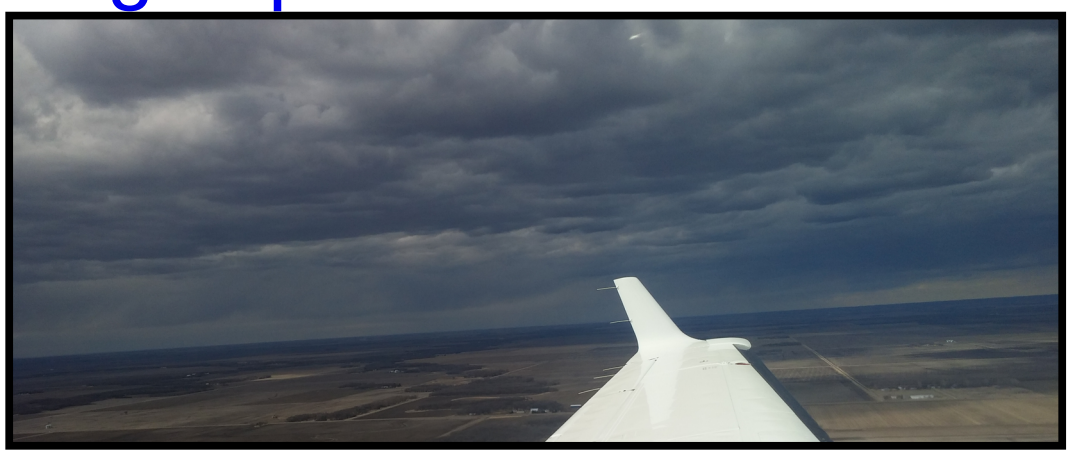
- Data acquisition systems are a difficult and time consuming programming environment.
- Commercially available data acquisition systems are proprietary development environments that do not use open source software.
- There is a limited ability to test processing software since data acquisition systems are specialized computer systems with limited availability.
- Data acquisition systems are not modular data processing environments.
- Reprocessing of data using a data acquisition system is difficult to automate.
- There is absolutely no way of using measurements at a future point in time in a data processing algorithm when processing data in real time

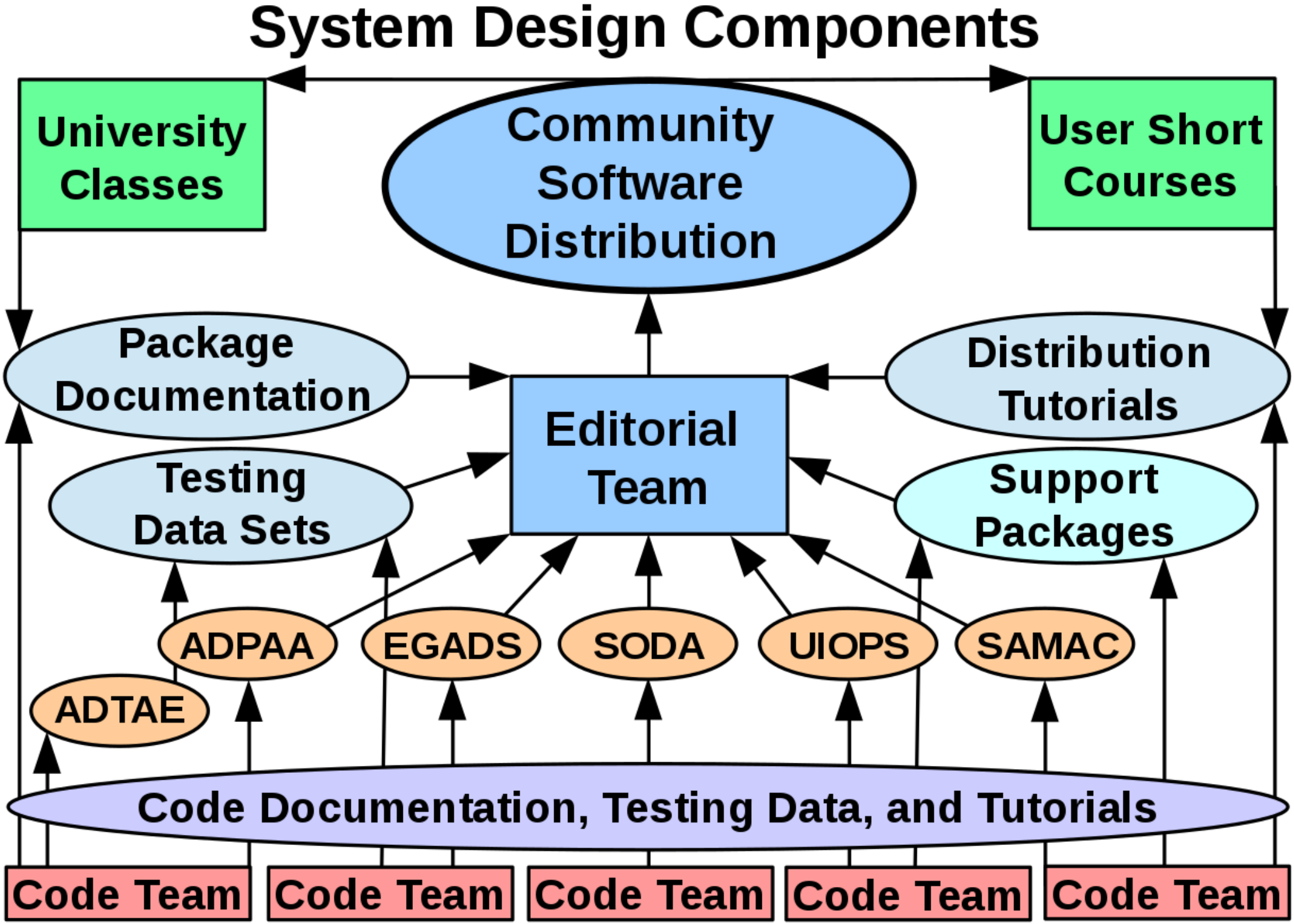
Scientific Programming

- Scientist write program because they understand the problem to be solved; however, they are judged/reward for writing papers, not producing data sets or software.
- Software used to collect, process and analyze measurements and models almost never evaluated.
  - Sometimes by supervises or co-workers
  - No independent source code review. (Class???)
- Mistakes in software result in wrong scientific conclusions!
  - Black Box / White Box Testing

Accuracy of Scientific Results

- Scientist could only reproduce 6 out of 53 “landmark” articles published by reputable labs in top journals.
  - http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v483/n7391/full/483531a.html
  - http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/03/28/us-science-cancer-idUSBRE82R12P20120328
- John P. A Ioannidis explains how “It can be proven that most claimed research findings are false.”
  - http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1182327/
- Personnel Experience

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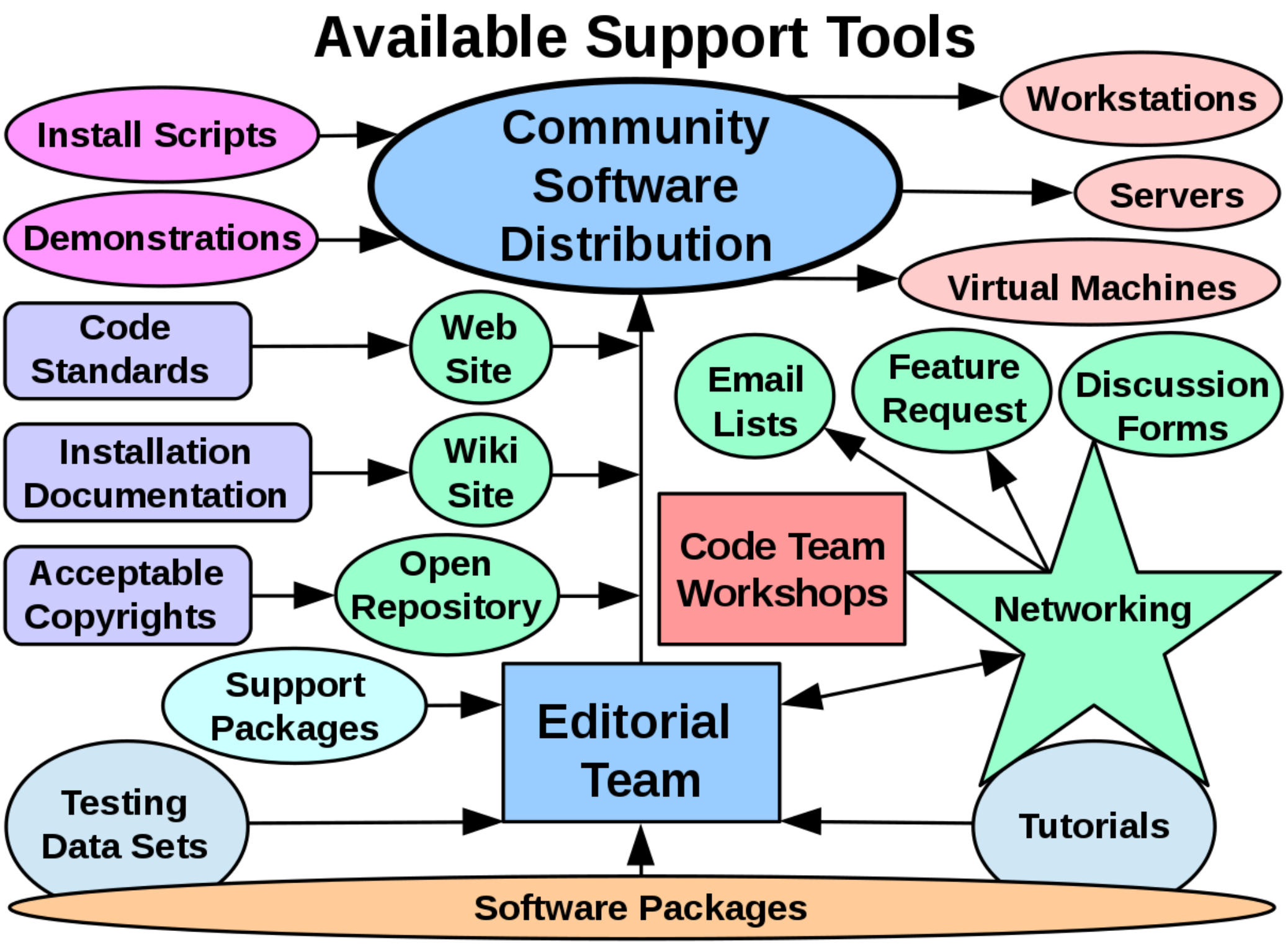
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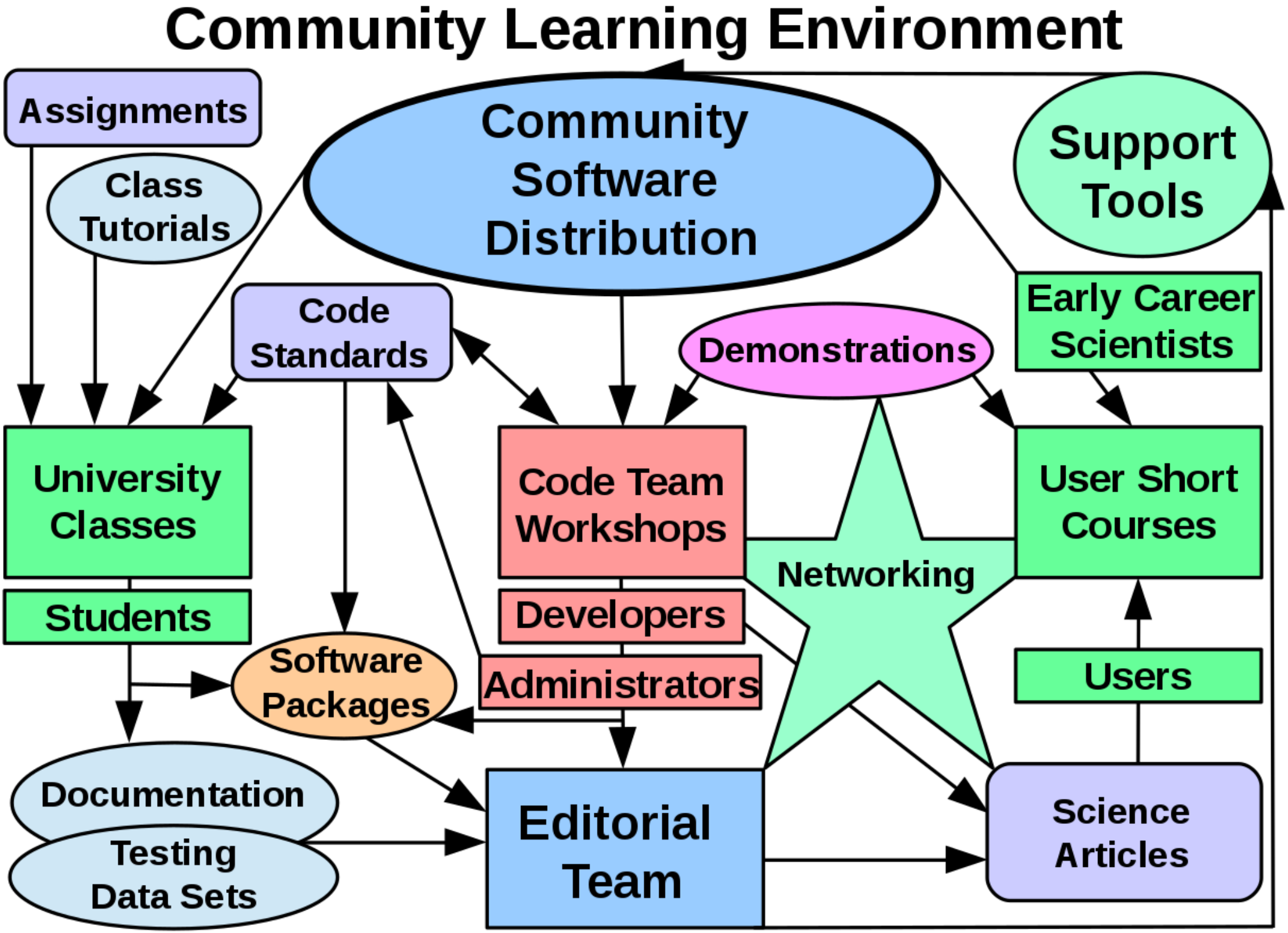
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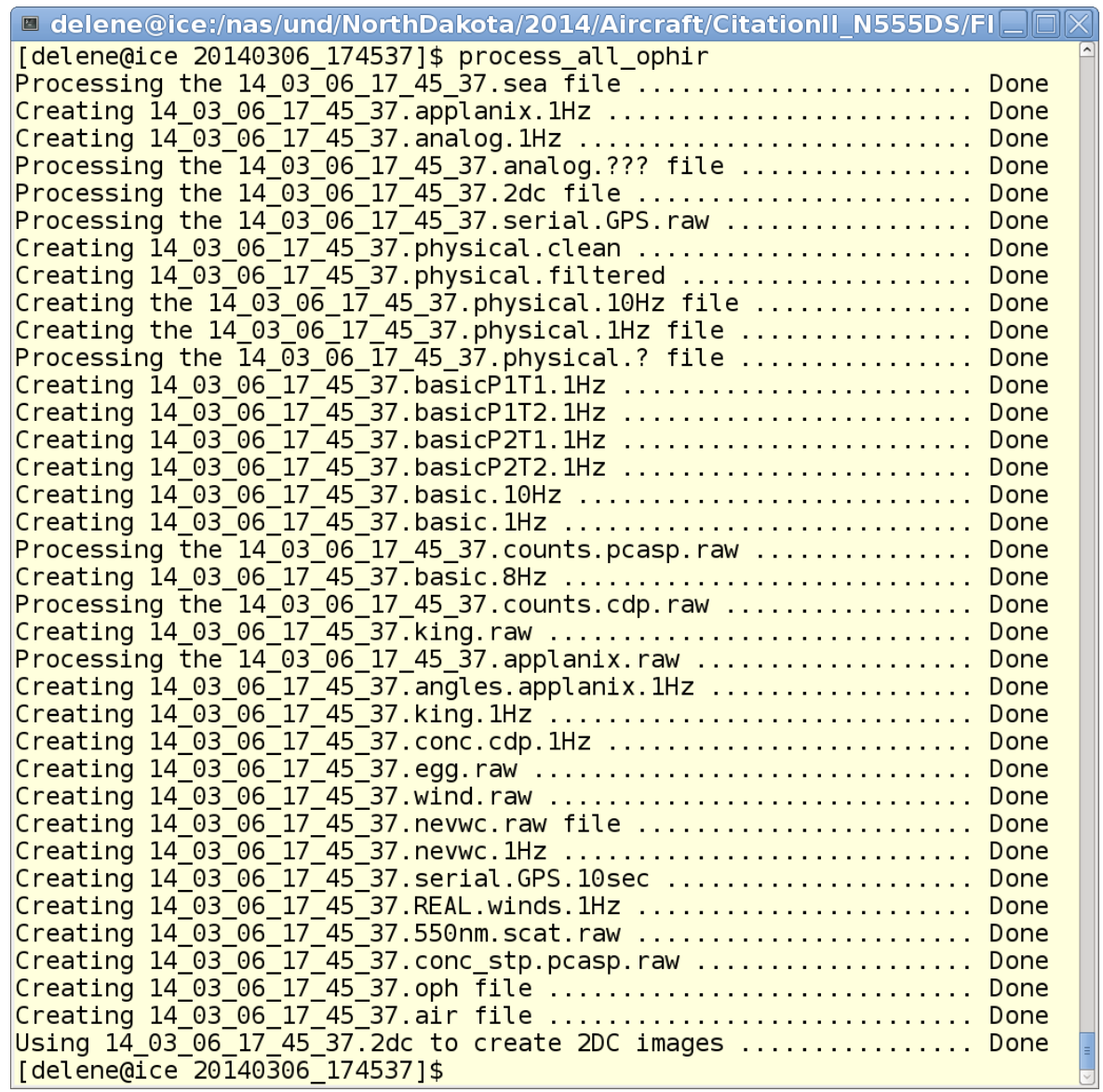
ADPAA Computer Requirements

- Data Processing
  - Flight and Project Processing Scipts
    - Linux (Redhat, Fedora, Ubuntu, Mint)
- Analysis
  - Cplot/Cplot2 Visualization Packages
    - Linux, Mac, Windows

Package Programming Language(s)

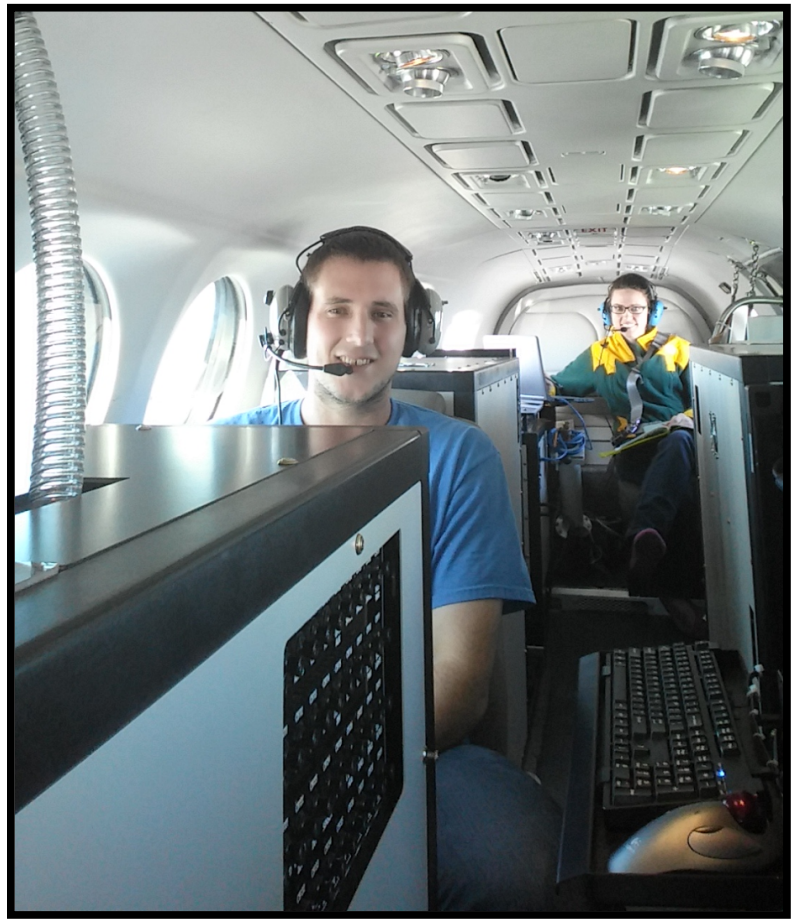
- Main Language
  - IDL (GDL) – Binary Version Available (No License Fee)
- Additional Languages
  - **Python**
  - Perl
  - Bash
  - Csh
  - FORTRAN
  - C
  - Matlab
  - Scilab



Data Formats Supported

- Input from any *.sea acquisition file from the Science Engineering Associates (SEA) Data System
  - Addition Level 1 models could additional data system.
  - Conversion scripts support instrument recorded data.
- Main Data Format
  - Gzipped (compressed) NASA/UND ASCII 1001 Format
- Output Format
  - NASA/UND ASCII 1001 Format
  - 2013 ICARTT NASA Format (ict)
  - NetCDF
  - KML (Google Earth)
- Data File Import Routines
  - IDL, Python, Matlab, Scilab, Igor
- Conversion Routines
  - Too many to list.

Availability and Copyright



- SourceForge Repository (SVN)
  - Current version 3,174
  - 2 Admins
  - 12 Active Developers
  - 6 Inactive Developers
- Download
  - svn checkout

    svn://svn.code.sf.net/p/adpaa/code/trunk adpaa-code
- GNU/GPL v3 Licensed
  - Have to remain open, even when forked.

Data Processing

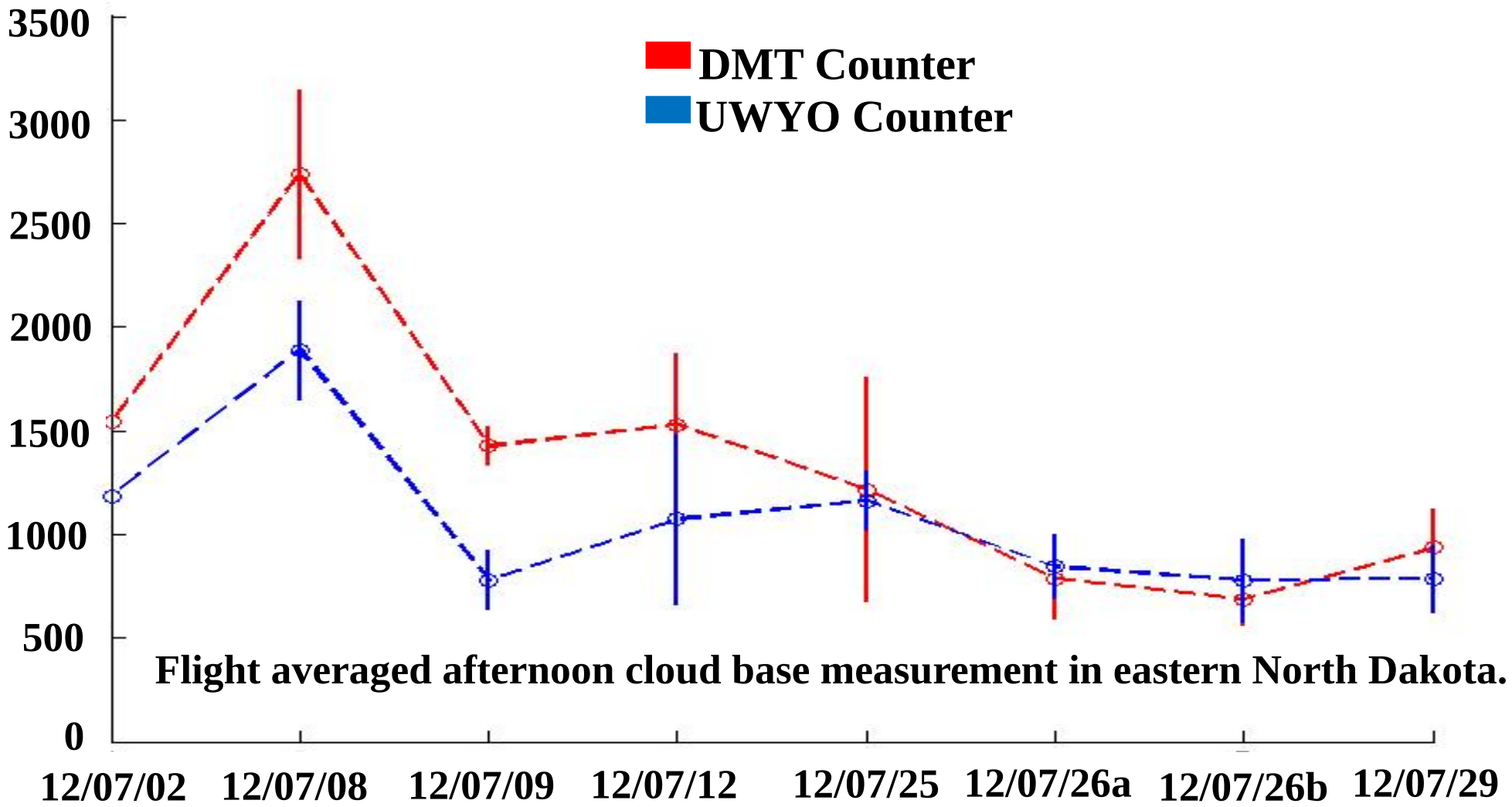
(From 20170404_190617 directory, process_all_kma)

- Data Quality Control
  - Calibration Checks
  - Data Missing Values Codes
  - Levels of Data Processing
  - Raw Recorded Data
  - Engineering to Physical Units
  - Single Instrument Data Files
  - Combined Instrument Data File
- Data Quality Assurance
  - Scientific Data Review
  - Scripts Search for Unrealistic Values

Comments on Scientific Data

- Quick Visualization of data is very Important.
  - Create a preliminary version of the data using automated processing scripts.
  - Create a final data set after the project is over by applying manual edits to the “raw” data files which replace “bad” data with missing value codes.
- Archive the raw data and any editing files.
- Work with ASCII data as much as possible.
  - Compress ASCII files.
- Use a standard data format, which includes Meta data in all data files.

Scientist Know Calibrations are Important; However, Software Processing can be just as Important



Flight averaged afternoon cloud base measurement in eastern North Dakota.

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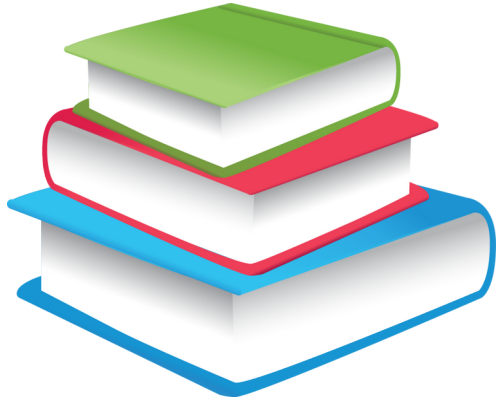

On-line Binary Hex Converters

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Wikipedia – Serial Port

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Serial_port#Settings

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Wiki - http://adpaa.sourceforge.net/wiki/index.php/Main_Page

Flight Data Post-processing

- Conduct all post-flight processing data starting with the M300 flight data file (*.sea).
  - From 20170404_190617 directory, process_all_kma
- View analog data file in PostProcessing directory, cplot2 17_04_04_19_06_17.analog2.raw