

# Prognostics As A Service (PaaS) Advisory Working Group

Initial Meeting  
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# PaaS Team

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# Agenda

1 Background PaaS Idea

2 Project Timeline

3 Working Group

4 Introductions

## Meeting objectives:

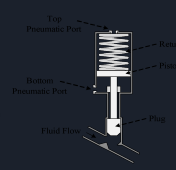
1. Establish a common understanding of the PaaS project and concept
2. Establish a common understanding of the purpose of the working group
3. Introduce PaaS team members & WG members
4. Provide initial feedback and guidance to the PaaS Team

# Prognostics

**Prognostics uses sensor data to provide real-time assessment of**

1. Current Health State
2. Future Health States
3. Future Performance
4. Failure Prediction

**For systems, vehicles, airspaces**

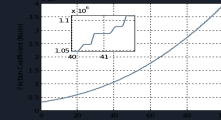


$$f_g(p_1, p_2) = \begin{cases} C_v A_v p_1 \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{Z R_g T} \left(\frac{2}{\gamma+1}\right)^{\frac{(\gamma+1)/(\gamma-1)}{\gamma}}}, & p_1 \geq p_2 \wedge p_1/p_2 \geq \left(\frac{\gamma+1}{2}\right)^{\gamma/(\gamma-1)} \\ C_v A_v p_1 \sqrt{\frac{2}{Z R_g T} \left(\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}\right) \left(\left(\frac{p_2}{p_1}\right)^{2/\gamma} - \left(\frac{p_2}{p_1}\right)^{(\gamma+1)/\gamma}\right)}, & p_1 \geq p_2 \wedge p_1/p_2 < \left(\frac{\gamma+1}{2}\right)^{\gamma/(\gamma-1)} \\ C_v A_v p_2 \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{Z R_g T} \left(\frac{2}{\gamma+1}\right)^{\frac{(\gamma+1)/(\gamma-1)}{\gamma}}}, & p_1 < p_2 \wedge p_2/p_1 \geq \left(\frac{\gamma+1}{2}\right)^{\gamma/(\gamma-1)} \\ C_v A_v p_2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{Z R_g T} \left(\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}\right) \left(\left(\frac{p_1}{p_2}\right)^{2/\gamma} - \left(\frac{p_1}{p_2}\right)^{(\gamma+1)/\gamma}\right)}, & p_1 < p_2 \wedge p_2/p_1 < \left(\frac{\gamma+1}{2}\right)^{\gamma/(\gamma-1)} \end{cases}$$

$$f_t(t) = f_g(p_t(t), u_t(t))$$

$$f_b(t) = f_g(p_b(t), u_b(t))$$

$$f_v(t) = \frac{x(t)}{L_s} C_v A_v \sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho}} |p_{fl} - p_{fr}| \text{sign}(p_{fl} - p_{fr})$$

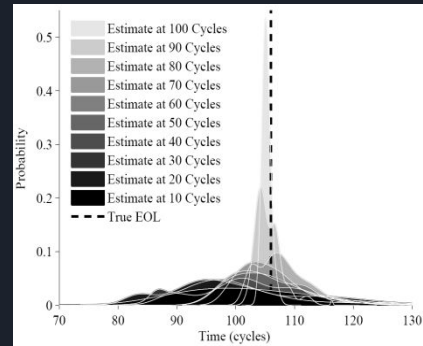


$$\hat{r}(t) = w_r |F_f(t) v(t)|$$

$$EOL(t_P) \triangleq \inf\{t \in \mathbb{R} : t \geq t_P \wedge T_{EOL}(x(t), \theta(t)) = 1\}$$

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Algorithm 2 EOL Prediction
Inputs:  $\{(x_{k_P}^i, \theta_k^i), w_{k_P}^i\}_{i=1}^N$ 
Outputs:  $\{EOL_{k_P}^i, w_{k_P}^i\}_{i=1}^N$ 
for  $i = 1$  to  $N$  do
     $k \leftarrow k_P$ 
     $x_k^i \leftarrow x_{k_P}^i$ 
     $\theta_k^i \leftarrow \theta_{k_P}^i$ 
    while  $C_{EOL}(x_k^i, \theta_k^i) = 0$  do
        Predict  $\hat{u}_k$ 
         $\theta_{k+1}^i \sim p(\theta_{k+1}^i | \theta_k^i)$ 
         $x_{k+1}^i \sim p(x_{k+1}^i | x_k^i, \theta_k^i, \hat{u}_k)$ 
         $k \leftarrow k + 1$ 
         $x_k^i \leftarrow x_{k+1}^i$ 
         $\theta_k^i \leftarrow \theta_{k+1}^i$ 
    end while
     $EOL_{k_P}^i \leftarrow k$ 
end for
    
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# Prognostics- Utility



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Pilots

Remote Operators

Air Traffic Control

UAS Traffic  
Management (UTM)

Airline Dispatch

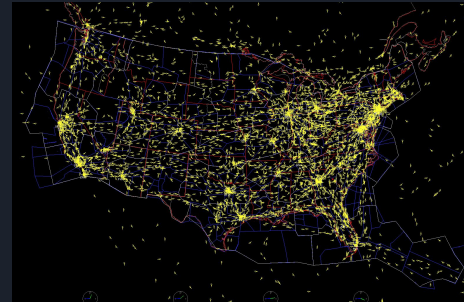
Autonomy

Maintainers

Provide health  
information for  
components,  
vehicles, airspace

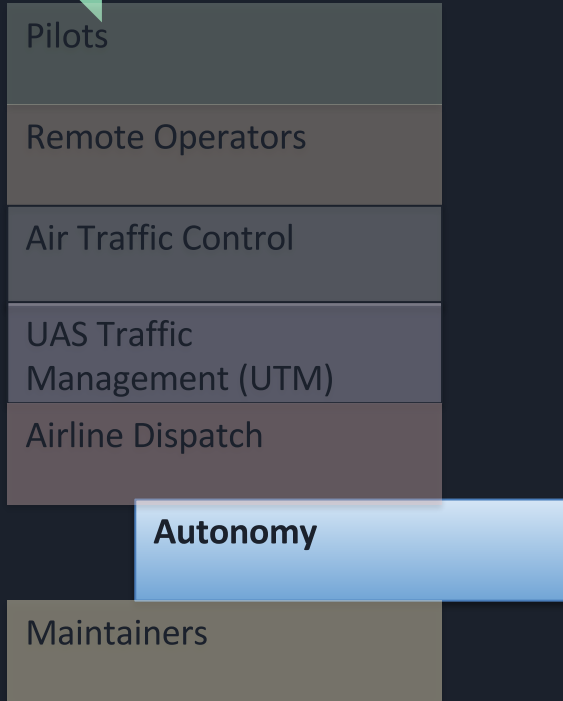


Reduced Risk of failure of  
critical systems



Reduced System Delays

## Prognostics- Utility



# Impact: Enabling Robust Autonomous Systems

Autonomous Systems that:

1. **Monitor** health in-flight
2. **Predict** failures in-flight
3. **Understand** how performance degrades
4. **Autonomously** make decisions based on this

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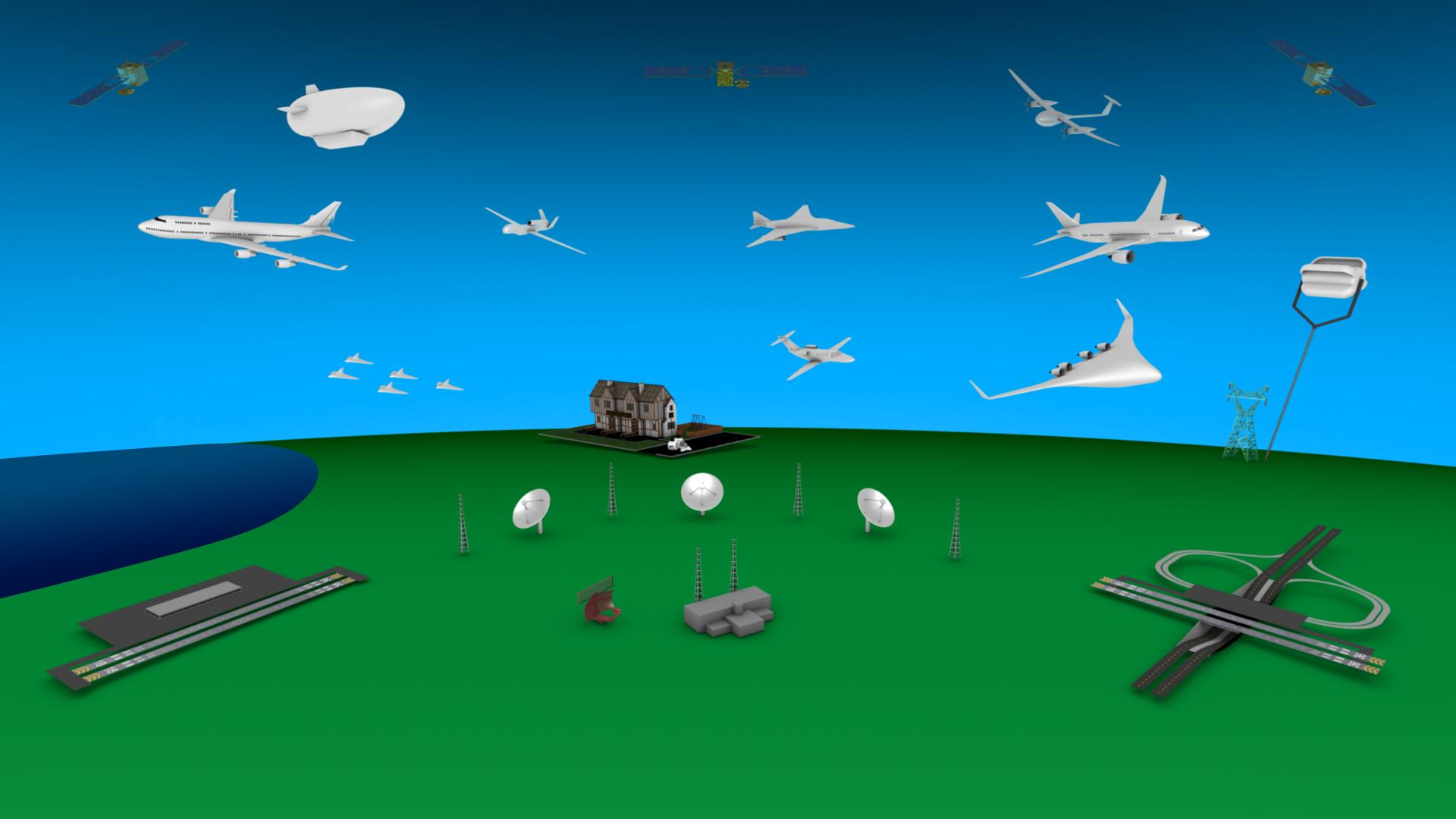
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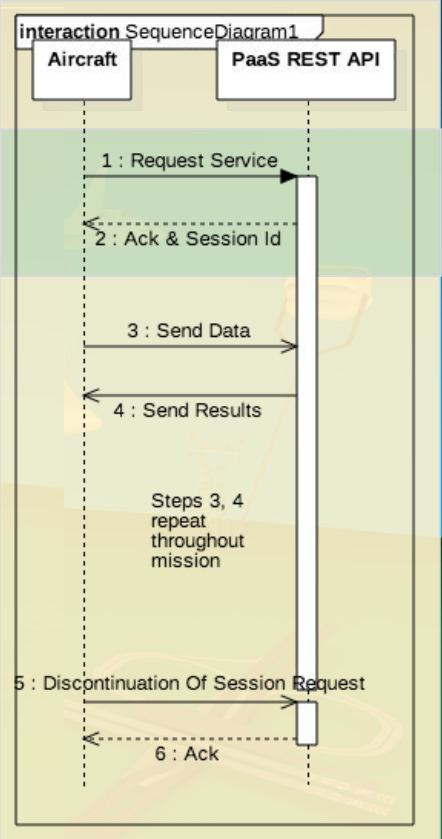
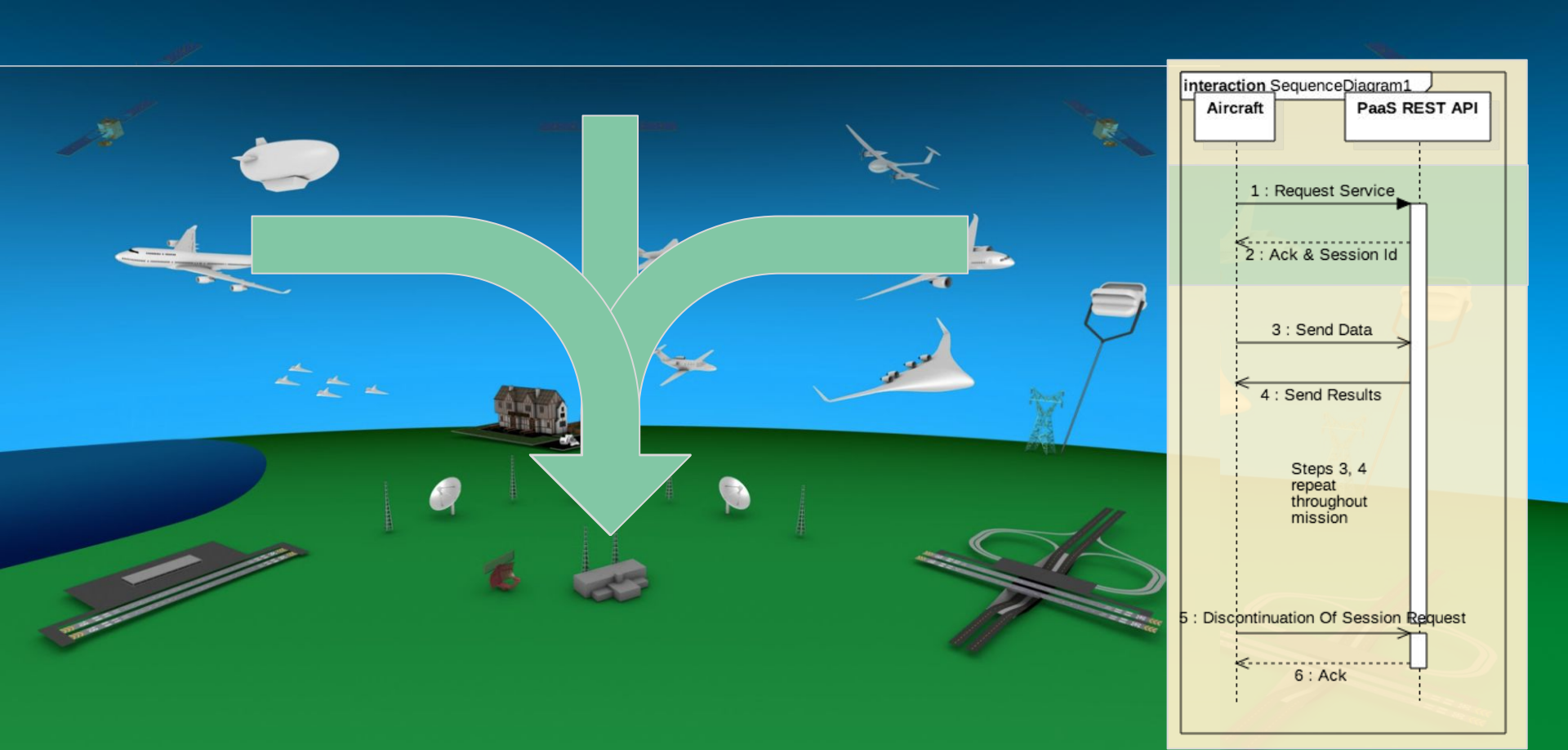
**Maintainers**



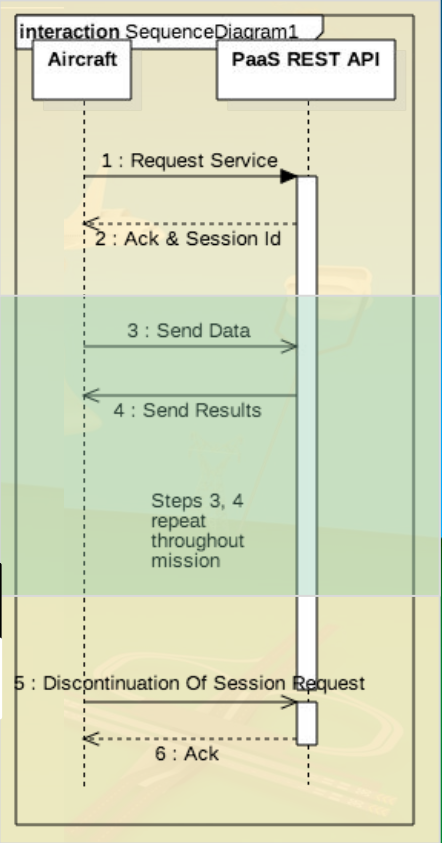
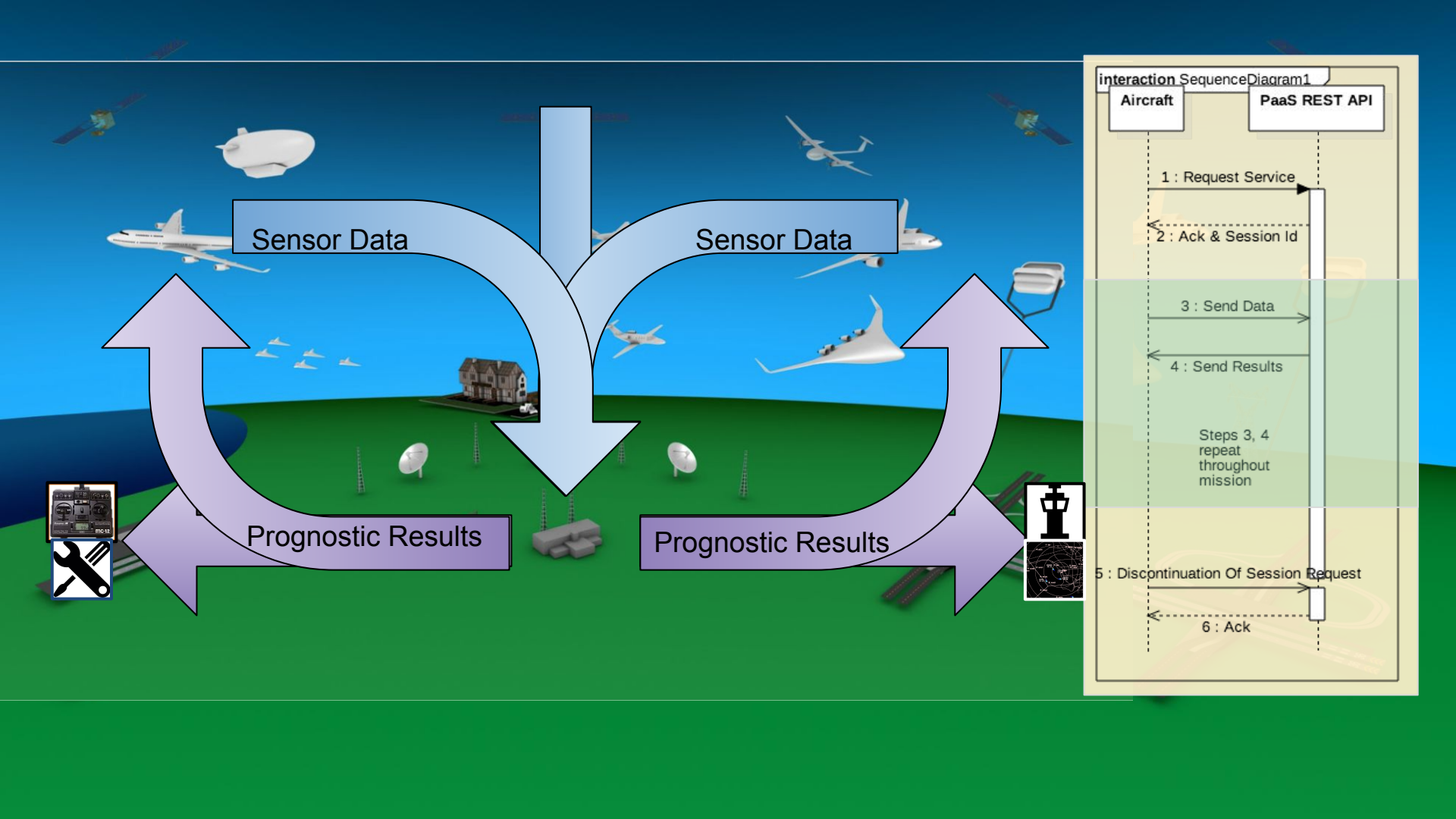
Reduced Maintenance  
Costs







# Request PaaS Services



# PaaS Users

Pilots



Remote Operators



Air Traffic Control



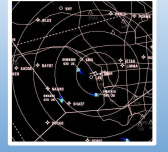
UAS Traffic Management (UTM)



Maintainers



Airline Dispatch



*All could potentially be human or autonomous*



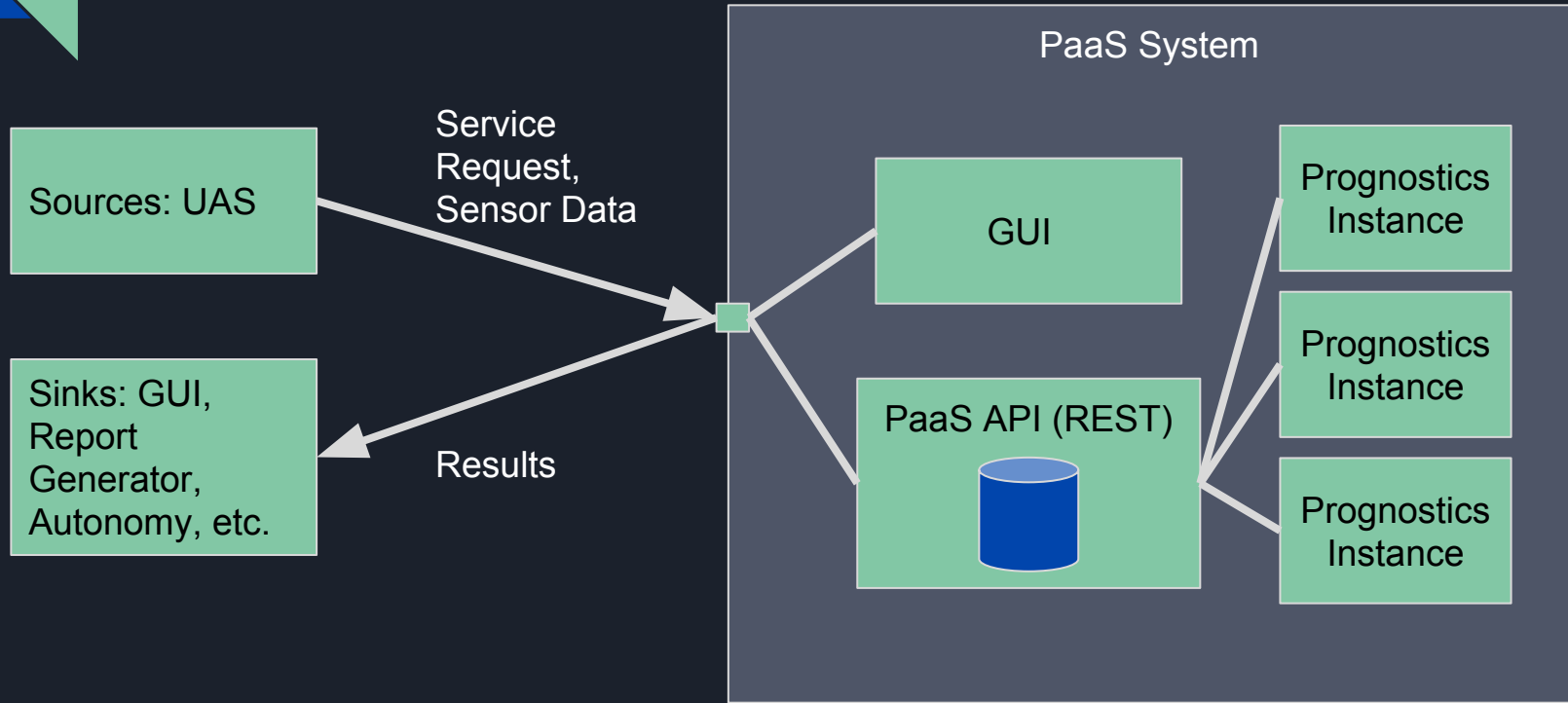
# Prognostics As-A-Service (PaaS)

*Identify, explore, and develop solutions to mitigate the technical barriers and design decision space for performing prognostics remotely, as-a-service at a large scale*

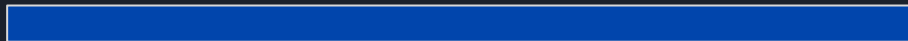
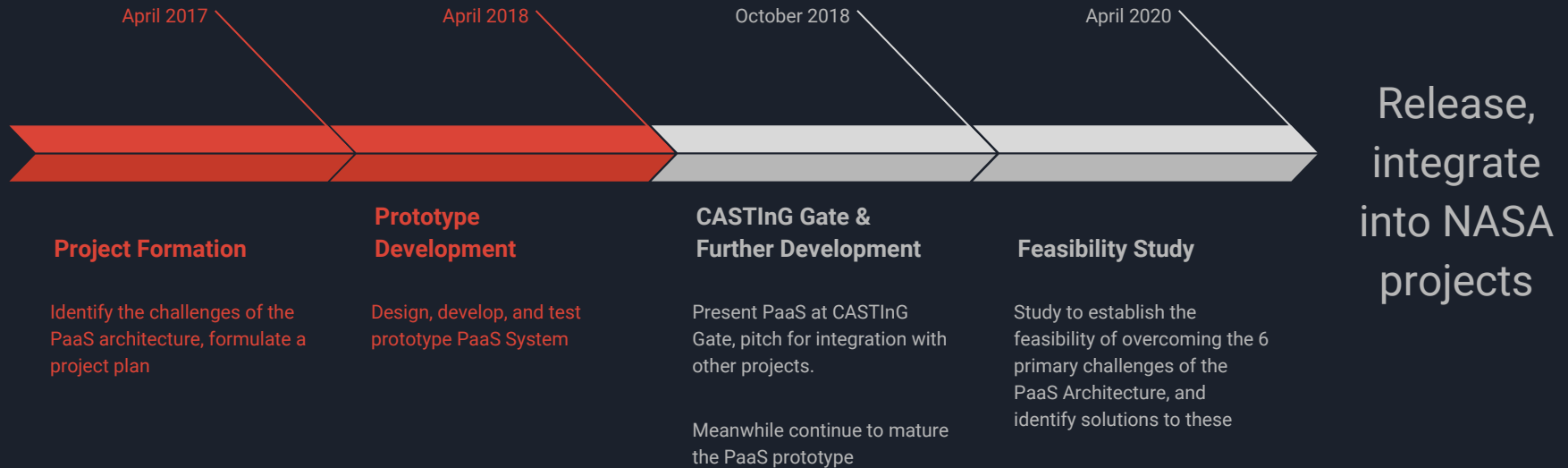
# Challenges

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<b>Env Complexity</b>	Can a PaaS system provide accurate predictions in complex environments?
<b>Usefulness</b>	Can the PaaS results be provided in such a way that they can inform significant action to maintain safety and efficiency?
<b>Security</b>	Can existing security solutions help PaaS operate in a way so as to protect Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability?
<b>Comms</b>	Can PaaS handle the communication complexity involved with the architecture: including bandwidth constraints, dropout, etc.?
<b>Trust</b>	Can PaaS be designed so that the results will be trusted?

# Prognostics As-A-Service Prototype



# Timeline



**PaaS Working Group**





# Working Group Purpose

*To advise in the identification and investigation of feasibility challenges for the PaaS Architecture, and on how feasibility can be established in a manner meaningful to industry and academia*



# Working Group Membership

*24 individuals from across government, industry, and academia*

Academia

Urban Air Mobility

Government

Unmanned Aircraft  
Systems (UAS)

Intelligent Data  
Providers



# Discussion

Please say name and company/organization before speaking



# Questions

- Why are you interested in prognostics as-a-service?
- What challenges do you see for this architecture?
- What would you need to feel that this technology is mature enough to use?

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# Backup Slides



# Potential Strengths/Weaknesses of PaaS Architecture

## Strengths

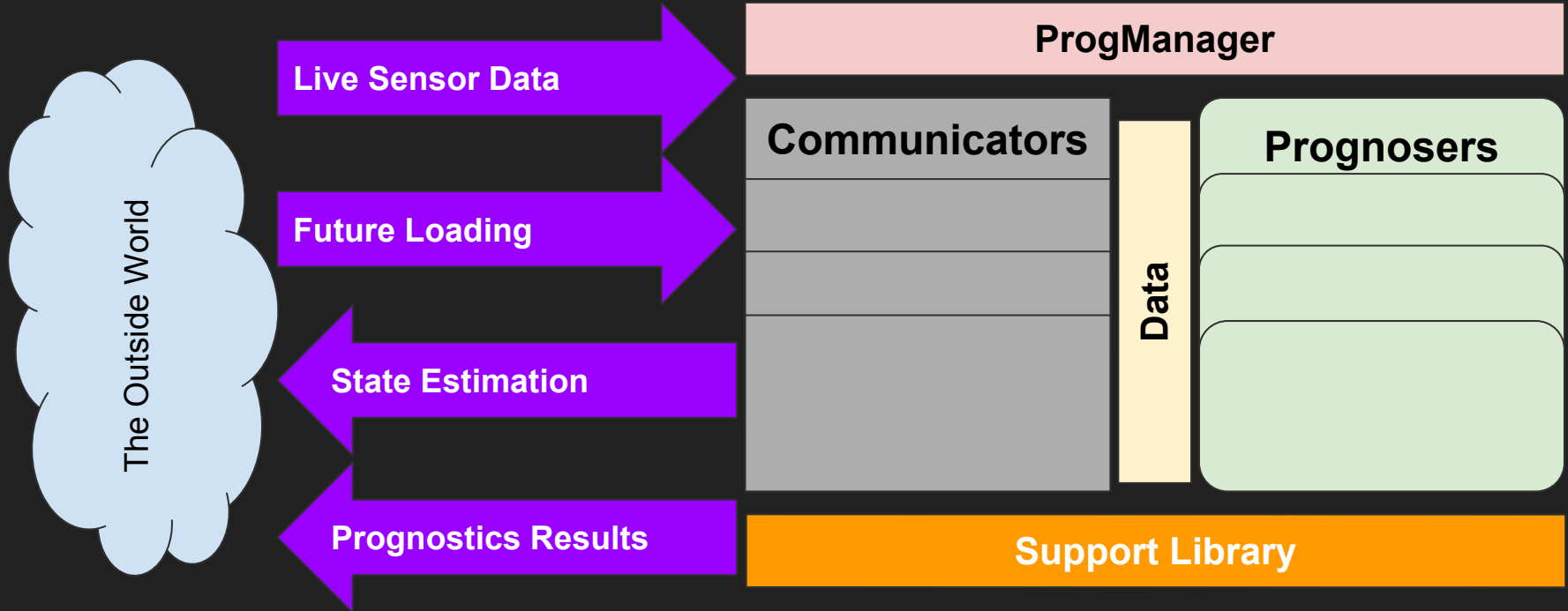
- Computational constraints
- Access to external data
- Ease of integration, maintenance
- Ease of extension
- Size, Weight, and Power (SWaP)
- Efficiency of resource sharing
- Data collection/learning

## Weaknesses

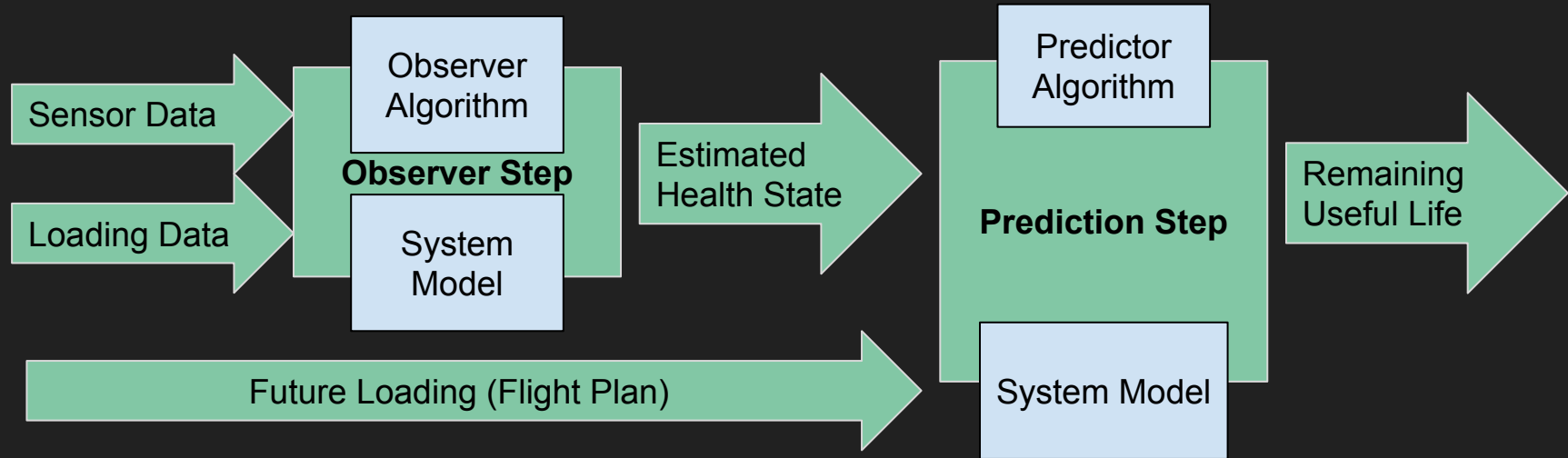
- Communication security concerns
- Communication stability/availability
- Latency/bandwidth constraints



# GSAP



# Model-Based Prognoser






# Prototype Shortcomings

- REST is not the best format for an API for streaming sensor data/results- Consider other architectures

# Chosen Architecture

## Architecture

### Cloud Enhanced Prognostics



Utilizing Cloud  
Resources  
As-A-Service

## Reasoning for Architecture Choice

- Computational constraints
- Utilizing external data
- Ease of integration, Maintenance
- Ability to integrate new features
- Improve with use
- Size, Weight, and Power (SWaP)
- Resource Sharing (Efficiency)

## Take-away

*A cloud-enhanced architecture can provide prognostics technologies to all aircraft and includes additional efficiency, capability, and performance advantages*

# Demonstrating Feasibility

*Test the ability to address the six challenges with a proof of feasibility system, for small and large UAS (UAM representative vehicles), with different end users*

Generalization	Env Complexity	Usefulness
Security	Comms	Trust

# Testing Communications and Environmental Complexity

## Communication:



- Communications Constraints (e.g. Bandwidth, Latency)

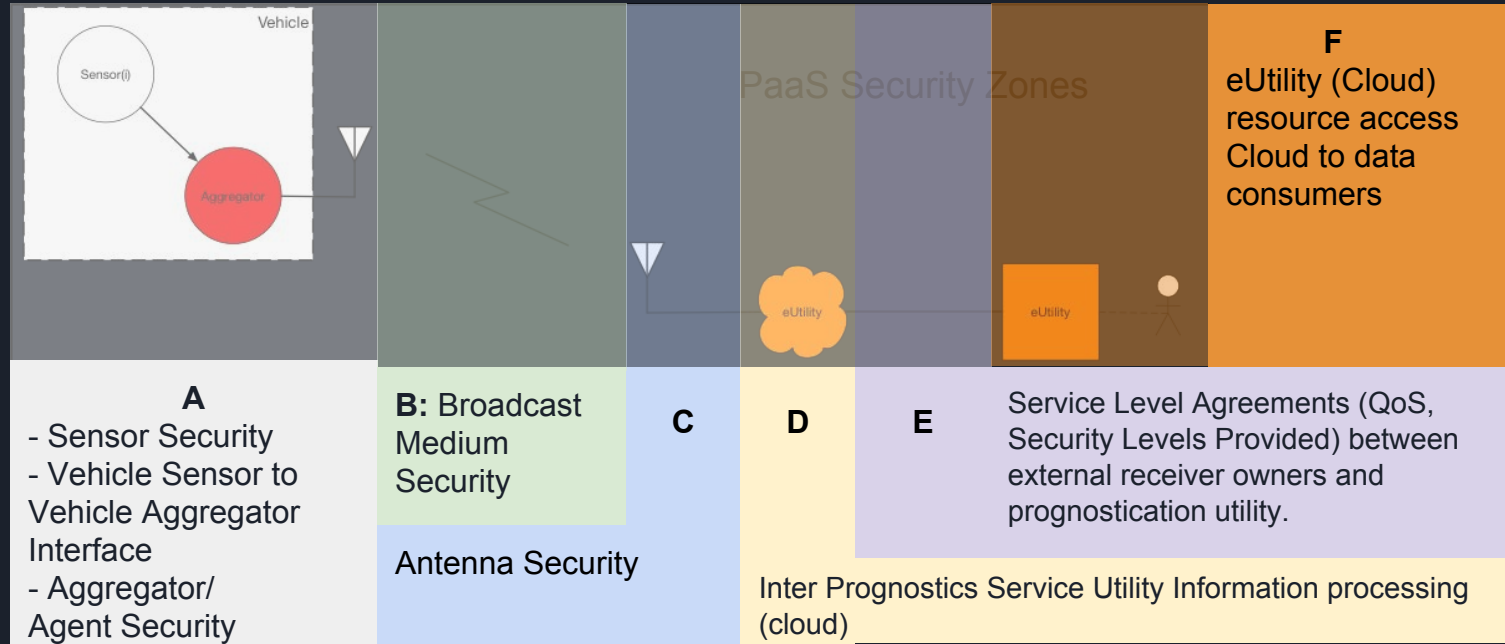
## Environmental Complexity:



- Different environmental

*Experts from both of these will be involved with developing requirements, designing experiments, and final feasibility assessment*

# Testing Security



*Protect Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability (CIA Triad)*



*Security expert on team*

# Hardware-In-The-Loop FlightDeck



## *Leveraged for PaaS HITL*

- Consists of cockpit with flight controls, autopilot, radio
- Connected to prognostics virtual lab
- Can display prognostics results on GUI on left screen

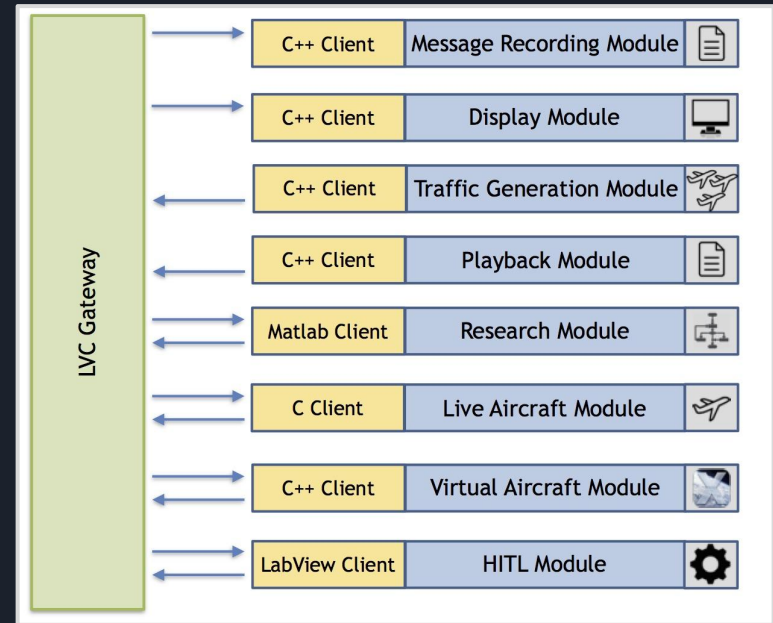
## **Operation Station**

- Connected to prognostics virtual lab
- Controls experiment, can operate as ATC or Dispatch



# Prognostics Virtual Lab

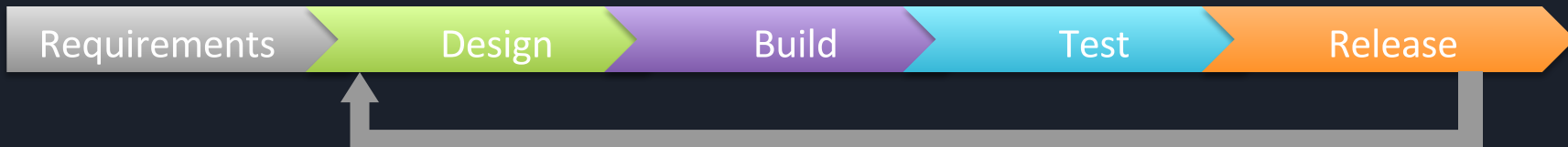
- Set of tools for distributed prognostics experiments
- LVC Gateway used to share network messages for aircraft, and systems
- Connect HITL Elements, Virtual and Real aircraft, prognostics algorithms, GUIs, etc.



# Deliverables

- Feasibility Assessment Document
- Protocol Recommendations
- Publicly Released Proof of Concept PaaS system
- Publicly Released Data

# Approach

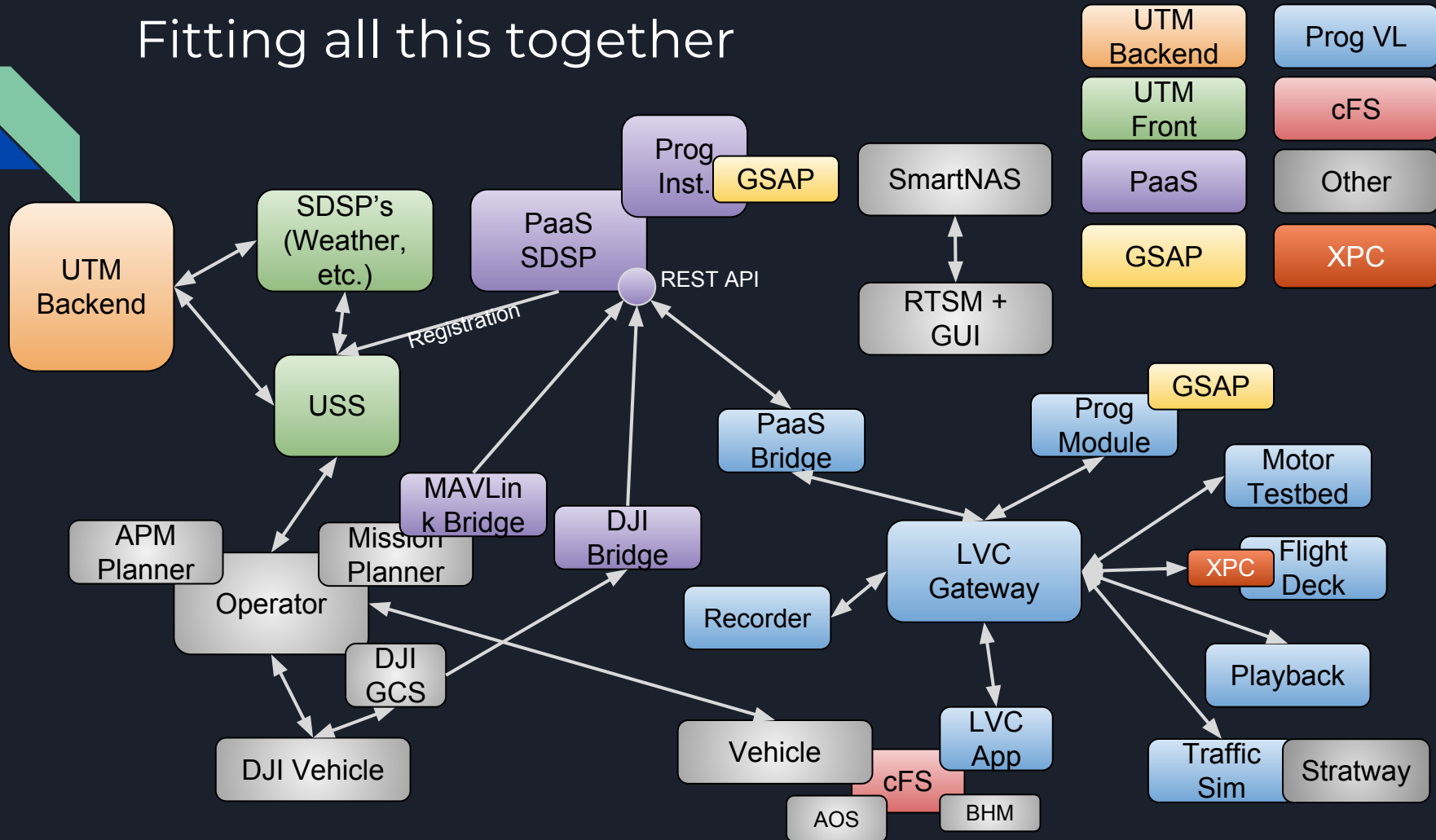


1. Requirements
2. Design and build proof-of-concept
3. **Test Early, Test Often**
4. Disseminate data, software, results
5. Transition

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# Fitting all this together



# SHARP Laboratory

- Laboratory for the development of testbeds and test systems
- Verification and validation of mathematical models
- Electric propulsion system testbed
- Flight simulation system and flight deck
- Power supplies, oscilloscopes, and data acquisition systems.

Systems Health, Analytics, Resilience and Physics modeling (SHARP) Laboratory



# Factors in Choosing PaaS Targets

These factors should be considered when choosing systems to target for PaaS:

1. Criticality of system
2. Difficulty
3. Likelihood of failure
4. Ability to detect health state and predict failure
5. Utility- ability to take action based on the results of prognostics
6. Commonality- How often is this system used on aircraft

# Context Diagram

