



# Extensible SSEL Beacon Parser for HAM Operators

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## Requirements

- Monitor serial stream
- Identify, collect, and validate SSEL packets
- Send validated SSEL packets to SSEL
- Select mission of interest (e.g. FIREBIRD, EPISIM)
- Display and/or plot variables of user interest
- Distributable as a single executable (Not Open Source)





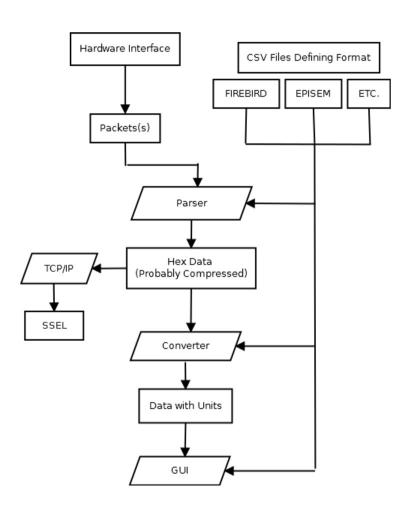








# **Original Flowchart**















## **Programming Language**

- Python 2.7
- Tkinter
  - Cross-platform GUI toolkit
- Matplotlib and Numpy
  - Graphing
- PySerial
  - Serial Communications
- PyInstaller
  - 'Compiles' python files into a single standalone file













## **Current Progress**

- Barebones GUI
- Serial Port selection
  - Attempts to autodetect ports on the system
  - Allows for user to type in port name if correct port isn't detected
- Detects FIREBIRD packets
  - Unstuffs, Checks CRC, Checks spacecraft ID fields
- Parses FIREBIRD packets into Python Dictionaries
  - {"BEACON\_SYSTEM\_TIME\_YEAR": 2013, "BEACON\_SYSTEM\_TIME\_MONTH": 8, etc}
- Graphs user selected variable from a series of packets
  - Updates when a new packet is received or variable selection changes













#### **Current Classes**

- APP
  - FBGUI
    - FULAYOUT
      - graphWithSelector
    - UNSTUFFER
      - UN\_ENUMS
    - beaconParse
    - beaconConvert
- SERIALMONITOR





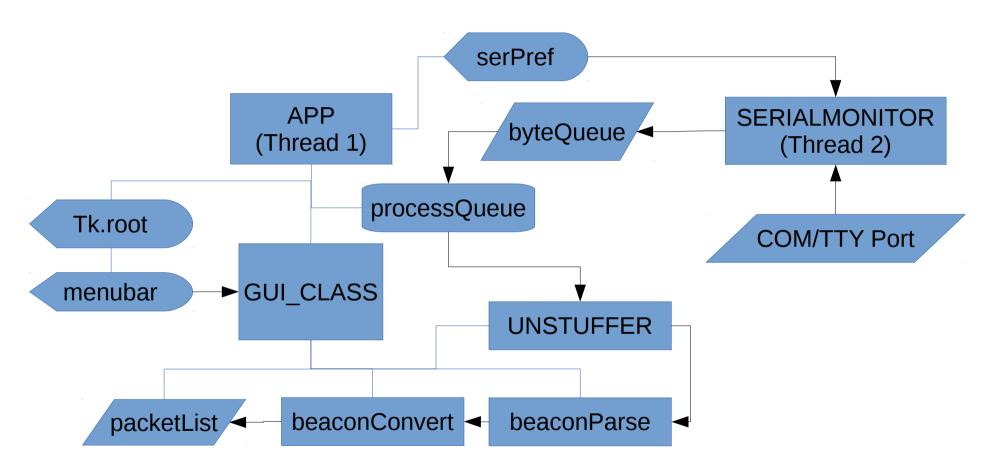








## Core App Flowchart: Current Implementation

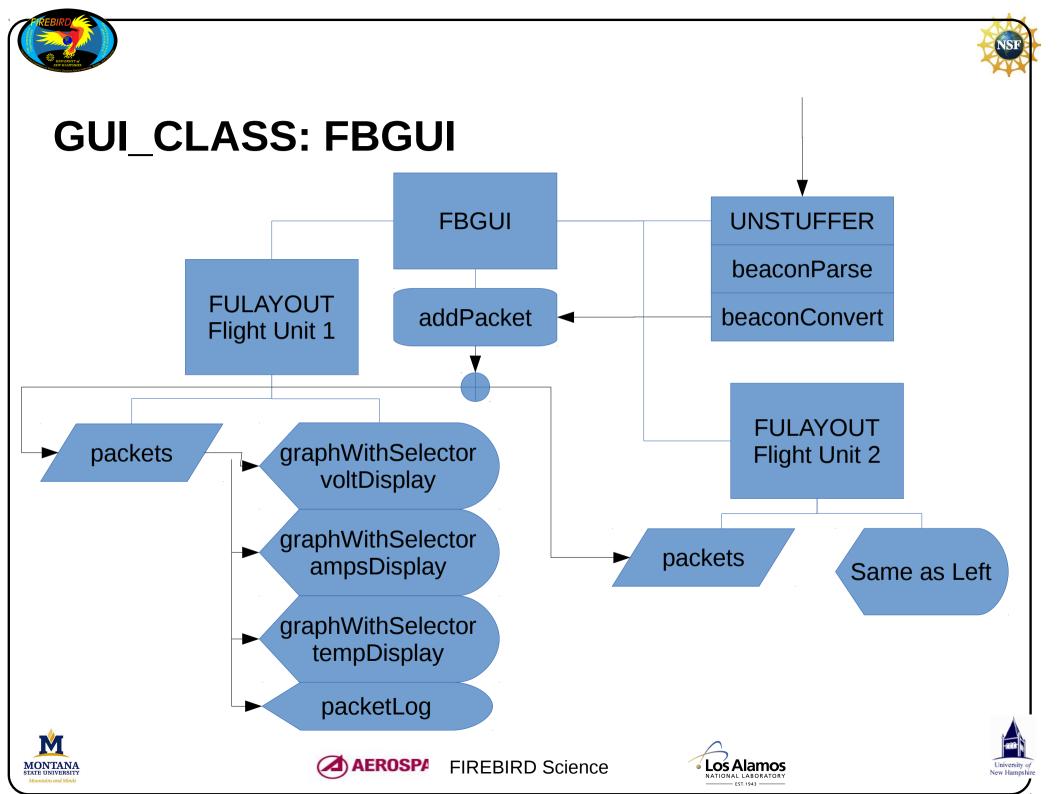








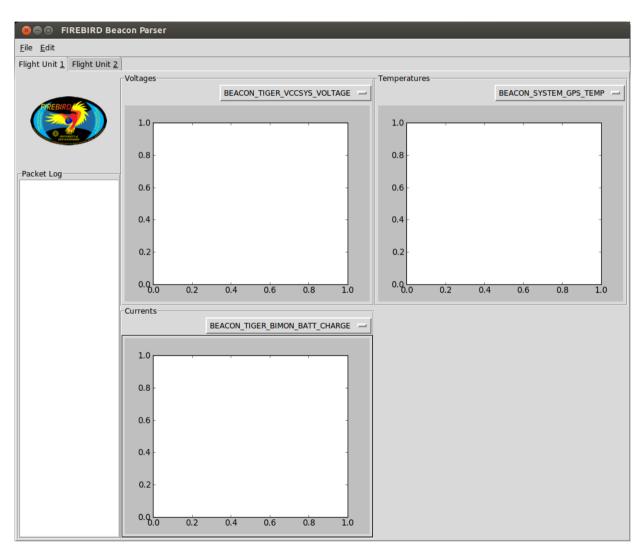


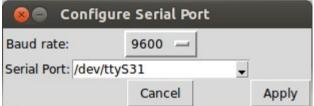






#### **Screenshots**









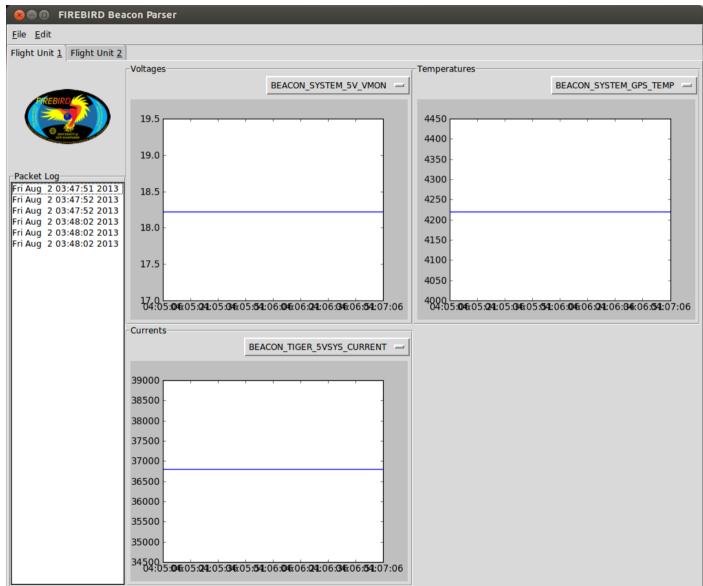








#### Screenshot: with fake data















#### To Do

- Verify serial data parsing with data from the Firebird engineering unit
- List the remaining variables in the bottom right quadrant
  - Use values from either first packet or packet currently highlighted in the packetLog
- Export packets to SSEL
- Write GUI\_CLASSes for other missions
- General GUI cleanup







