

**Basic Hitchhiker Payload  
Requirements**

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## Introduction

This document lists the requirements for the NMSU Hitchhiker experiment payload that were developed as part of the EE 498/499 Capstone Design class during the 1999-2000 academic year. This document is used to describe the system needs as described in the mission document [1]. The requirements listed here are those primarily used to generate the basic electronic and data processing requirements developed in the class design document [2]. The needs of the experiment components are more fully described in the draft NASA hitchhiker customer requirements document [3]. Many of the details for the overall payload are given in full detail in the NASA hitchhiker documentation [4].

Figure 1 illustrates the way in which the requirements are allocated. The overall project is divided into the areas of

1. Mission Objectives to describe the purpose of the payload and the experiments
2. System to describe the necessary functions and management structure
3. Flight Segment to describe the on-orbit components
4. Ground Segment to describe the ground operations needs
5. Mission Operations to describe how the payload will actually operate.

The requirements listed here are intended to last through the design projects of EE 499. The full system requirements need a full development to include the areas not covered during EE 499. This would be done by any follow-up Capstone Design class.

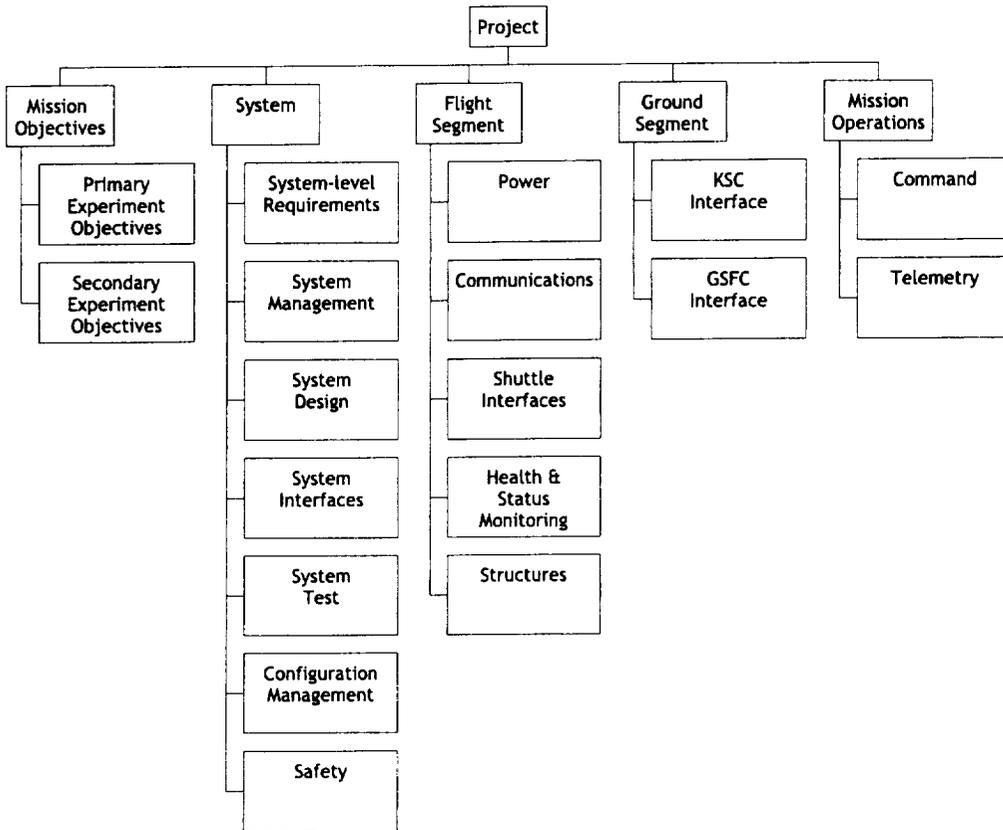


Figure 1 - Hitchhiker payload requirements tree.

## Requirements

### I. Mission Objectives

#### **MiObj.01**

Description: To demonstrate and to characterize optical and radio communications techniques for small satellites in a flight environment

Priority: Critical

Status: Final

Traceability: DWN: MiObj.01.1

Verification: Critical Design Review

#### **MiObj.01.1**

Description: The communications techniques shall accommodate three experiment configurations

- non-gimbaled antenna pointing
- low-power optical communications
- DSP Doppler Tracking

Priority: Critical

Status: Final

Traceability: UP: MiObj.01; DWN: MiObj.01.1.1, MiObj.01.1.2, MiObj.01.1.3

Verification: Critical Design Review

#### **MiObj.01.1.1**

Description: The non-gimbaled antenna pointing experiment shall demonstrate return-link data transmission from LEO orbit through a TDRS to the WSC

Priority: Critical

Status: Final

Traceability: UP: MiObj.01.1; DWN Sys.01, Sys.02

Verification: Critical Design Review

#### **MiObj.01.1.2**

Description: The Low-Power Optical Communications experiment shall provide passive command and telemetry services between the shuttle and at least one ground-based laser system

Priority: Critical

Status: Final

Traceability: UP: MiObj.01.1; DWN: Sys.01, Sys.02

Verification: Critical Design Review

**MiObj.01.1.3**

Description: The DSP experiment shall provide real-time estimates of the doppler offset to a LEO telecommunications satellite signal and track that signal in real-time.

Priority: Critical

Status: Final

Traceability: UP: MiObj.01.1; DWN: Sys.01, Sys.02

Verification: Critical Design Review

**MiObj.02**

Description: To show the effectiveness of the technology via experimental results and comparisons with analytical or simulation results

Priority: Goal

Status: Final

Traceability:

Verification: Critical Design Review

**MiObj.03**

Description: Provide for educational and program development of students and faculty

Priority: Goal

Status: Final

Traceability:

Verification: Critical Design Review

## II. System

### Sys.01

Description: Provide accommodations and support for experiments via the payload flight segment  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: MiObj.01.1. DWN: Flt.01  
Verification: Critical Design Review

### Sys.02

Description: Provide accommodations and support for experiments via the payload ground segment  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: MiObj.01; DWN:Gnd.02  
Verification: Critical Design Review

### Sys.03

Description: Provide means to operate and control experiments during flight  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Preliminary  
Traceability: UP: MiObj.01; DWN: MiOps.01  
Verification: Critical Design Review

### Sys.04

Description: Provide necessary pre-launch accommodations and support for the payload  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: MiObj.01; DWN: Gnd.01  
Verification: Critical Design Review

### Sys.05

Description: Provide necessary Program Management support for payload, pre-launch support, and operations  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: MiObj.01; DWN: Sys.05.1  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Sys.05.1**

Description: Maintain a controlled set of system documents  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Sys.05; DWN: Sys.05.1.1, Sys05.1.2, Sys05.1.3, Sys05.1.4, Sys05.1.5, Sys.05.1.6, Sys05.1.7, Sys05.1.8  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Sys.05.1.1**

Description: The project shall produce a Mission Design Document to describe the hitchhiker mission  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP:Sys.05.1  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Sys.05.1.2**

Description: The system shall produce a systems requirement document to describe the hitchhiker mission  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP:Sys.05.1  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Sys.05.1.3**

Description: The system shall produce a preliminary design document to describe the hitchhiker mission  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP:Sys.05.1  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Sys.05.1.4**

Description: The system shall produce a critical design document to describe the hitchhiker mission  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP:Sys.05.1  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Sys.05.1.5**

Description: The system shall produce an interface control document to describe the hitchhiker mission  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP:Sys.05.1  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Sys.05.1.6**

Description: The system shall produce a test plan document to describe the hitchhiker mission  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP:Sys.05.1  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Sys.05.1.7**

Description: The system shall produce a configuration control document to describe the hitchhiker mission  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP:Sys.05.1  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Sys.05.1.8**

Description: The system shall produce all necessary flight safety documentation as required by NASA to describe the hitchhiker mission  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP:Sys.05.1  
Verification: Critical Design Review

### III. Flight Segment

#### Flt.01

Description: Provide flight segment experiment accommodations in a Hitchhiker-compatible configuration that includes

- power
- communications
- shuttle interfaces
- experiment interfaces
- control and health and status monitoring
- structure
- materials

as part of the overall payload structure.

Priority: Critical

Status: Final

Traceability: UP: Sys.01; DWN: Flt.01.1, Flt.01.2, Flt.01.3, Flt.01.4, Flt.01.5, Flt.01.6, Flt.01.7

Verification: Critical Design Review

#### Flt.01.1

Description: Provide accommodation to supply power for the payload infrastructure and the experiments

Priority: Critical

Status: Final

Traceability: UP: Flt.01; DWN Flt.01.1.1, Flt.01.1.2, Flt.01.1.3, Flt.01.1.4, Flt.01.1.5, Flt.01.1.6, Flt.01.1.7

Verification: Critical Design Review

#### Flt.01.1.1

Description: Provide for power to allow monitoring of the inhibit state whenever the payload is active.

Priority: Critical

Status: Final

Traceability: UP: Flt.01.1

Verification: Critical Design Review

#### Flt.01.1.2

Description: Provide for power to allow monitoring of temperature and pressure sensors whenever the payload is active.

Priority: Critical

Status: Final

Traceability: UP: Flt.01.1

Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.1.3**

Description: Provide the means to enable and disable power to each experiment individually by operator command.  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt.01.1  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.1.4**

Description: Provide the means to monitor voltage levels for the power supplied to each experiment.  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt.01.1  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.1.5**

Description: Provide voltages at + 12V, + 5V, and -12 V for use in each experiment.  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt.01.1  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.1.6**

Description: Operate from the power supply provided voltage specified in HH CARS.  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt.01.1  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.1.7**

Description: Current draw and total power not exceed limits provided in HH CARS.  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt.01.1  
Verification: Critical Design Review

### **Flt.01.2**

Description: Provide accommodation to provide bi-directional communications for the payload infrastructure and the experiments  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt.01; DWN: Flt.01.2.1, Flt.01.2.2, Flt.01.2.3, Flt.01.2.4, Flt.01.2.5  
Verification: Critical Design Review

#### **Flt.01.2.1**

Description: Provide for command input using the HH forward asynchronous link at 1200 bps, 8 bits, no parity, 1 stop bit  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt.01.2  
Verification: Critical Design Review

#### **Flt.01.2.2**

Description: Provide for telemetry output using the HH return asynchronous link at 1200 bps, 8 bits, no parity, 1 stop bit  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt.01.2  
Verification: Critical Design Review

#### **Flt.01.2.3**

Description: All operator commands shall be formatted as described in the Valid Command Table prior to transmission to the payload. Each command shall begin with a synchronization word (146F hex) and formatted in a standard format  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt.01.2  
Verification: Critical Design Review

#### **Flt.01.2.4**

Description: All telemetry values shall be formatted into data frames as described in the Telemetry Table prior to transmission to the ground. Each telemetry frame shall begin with a synchronization word (EB90 hex) and formatted in a standard format.  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt.01.2  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.2.5**

Description: All command and telemetry data are to be sent as ASCII representations of numbers or as text.  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt.01.2  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.3**

Description: Provide accommodation for shuttle interfaces for the payload infrastructure and the experiments  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt.01; DWN: Flt.01.3.1, Flt.01.3.2, Flt.01.3.3, Flt.01.3.4  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.3.1**

Description: Provide for three inhibits to prevent power from being applied to the experiments until and unless permitted by payload operations  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt.01.3  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.3.2**

Description: Provide for the associated state monitoring of the inhibits and the telemetering of the state information to the payload operator  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt.01.3  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.3.3**

Description: Command interface to utilize cabling compatible with standard HH interface as in HH CARS.  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt.01.3  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.3.4**

Description: Telemetry interface to utilize cabling compatible with standard HH interface as in HH CARS.  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt.01.3  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.4**

Description: Provide accommodation for experiments to the payload infrastructure  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt.01  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.5**

Description: Provide accommodation for control, and the health and status monitoring of the payload infrastructure and experiments.  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt.01; DWN: Flt.01.5.1, Flt.01.5.2, Flt.01.5.3, Flt.01.5.4, Flt.01.5.5, Flt.01.5.6, Flt.01.5.7, Flt.01.5.8  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.5.1**

Description: Provide for monitoring of the internal pressure of the payload.  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt.01.5  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.5.2**

Description: Provide for the monitoring of payload temperatures at the four points as follows:  
- optical experiment  
- RF experiment  
- CPU  
- power supply.  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt.01.5  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.5.3**

Description: All commands received in the payload shall be compared against the Valid Command Table prior to processing.

Priority: Critical

Status: Final

Traceability: UP: Flt.01.5

Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.5.4**

Description: Only valid commands shall be processed. In valid command shall be rejected.

Priority: Critical

Status: Final

Traceability: UP: Flt.01.5

Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.5.5**

Description: All commands received shall be echoed in telemetry regardless of validity.

Priority: Critical

Status: Final

Traceability: UP: Flt.01.5

Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.5.6**

Description: A running count of all valid commands received while the payload is active shall be maintained and sent as part of the telemetry data.

Priority: Critical

Status: Final

Traceability: UP: Flt.01.5

Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.5.7**

Description: Telemetry frames shall be constructed and sent to the ground with all values for the Telemetry Table at most once per second.

Priority: Critical

Status: Final

Traceability: UP: Flt.01.5

Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.5.8**

Description: Telemetry frames shall be numbered with a consecutive counter and the count be part of the telemetry frame.  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt.01.5  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.6**

Description: The payload structure shall meet requirements specified in the HH CARS document  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt.01; DWN: Flt.01.6.1, Flt.01.6.2  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.6.1**

Description: The hitchhiker experiment cannot exceed the following dimensions:  
- 28.25 inches height  
- 19.75 inches diameter  
with the experiment inserted in the canister and the major axis vertical and perpendicular to the shuttle  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt 01.6  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.6.2**

Description: The experiment center of gravity shall meet CARS specification  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt 01.6  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**Flt.01.7**

Description: The payload materials shall meet requirements specified in the HH CARS document  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Flt.01  
Verification: Critical Design Review

#### **IV. Ground Segment**

##### **Gnd.01**

Description: Provide KSC ground segment experiment accommodations  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Sys.02  
Verification: Critical Design Review

##### **Gnd.02**

Description: Provide GSFC ground segment experiment accommodations  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Sys.04  
Verification: Critical Design Review

## V. Mission Operations

### **MiOps.01**

Description: Provide a user interface for real-time command and telemetry interface  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: Sys.01; DWN: MiOps.01.1, MiOps.01.2, MiOps.01.3, MiOps.01.4, MiOps.01.5, MiOps.01.6, MiOps.01.7, MiOps.01.8  
Verification: Critical Design Review

### **MiOps.01.1**

Description: Each command is to be prefaced with the synchronization word "146F" prior to transmission to the payload.  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: MiOps.01  
Verification: Critical Design Review

### **MiOps.01.2**

Description: Command interface to prevent more than one experiment from being activated at a time.  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: MiOps.01  
Verification: Critical Design Review

### **MiOps.01.3**

Description: Command interface shall show the user the last command transmitted  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: MiOps.01  
Verification: Critical Design Review

### **MiOps.01.4**

Description: Command interface shall show the user the last command received in telemetry  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: MiOps.01  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**MiOps.01.5**

Description: Command interface shall require explicit user input to send a command to the payload  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: MiOps.01  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**MiOps.01.6**

Description: Telemetry interface shall provide the user with the capability to see raw telemetry from payload  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: MiOps.01  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**MiOps.01.7**

Description: Telemetry interface shall provide user with sensor inputs converted to measurement values with appropriate units as described in the Telemetry Table  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: MiOps.01  
Verification: Critical Design Review

**MiOps.01.8**

Description: Data latency shall not exceed two seconds from the time of reception at the user interface until the data is displayed.  
Priority: Critical  
Status: Final  
Traceability: UP: MiOps.01  
Verification: Critical Design Review

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