

# Parking Lot Availability System using a Campus- Wide Wireless Network

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# PROBLEM

- Busy places often have busy parking lots
- Drivers spend lots of time driving around looking for a place to park
- Lots of time driving around leads to lots of extra emissions being sent into the atmosphere
- Leads to driver frustration and traffic congestion

# PRIOR ART

- 1 **Google Maps**
- 2 **Street Line**
- 3 **PocketParker**, a research project from the State University of New York at Buffalo
- 4 Los Angeles **Express Park**
- 5 **Disney** Theme Parks
- 6 Previous **Senior Projects**

# REQUIREMENTS

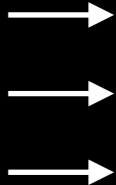
- 1 Be able to **monitor the occupancy** for each type of parking lot in TCNJ
- 2 Be able to **present occupancy** information to potential stakeholders
- 3 Abide by **TCNJ's Privacy and Tracking Policy**
- 4 **Scalable**



# GENERAL ARCHITECTURE



Drivers



DETECTION NODES



AGGREGATOR



USER INTERFACE



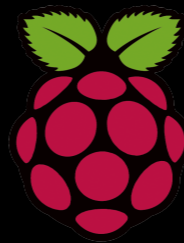
Commuters

# PLANNED TECHNOLOGIES

DETECTION NODES



AGGREGATOR



USER INTERFACE



# SPECIFICATIONS

## DETECTION NODES

ATmega32u4 @ 8MHz

VL53L0x LiDar Time of Flight Sensor

SemTech 915MHz LoRa Radio

3.7V 4000 mAh LiPoly Battery

2.5W 5V/500mAh Solar Panels

## AGGREGATOR

Raspberry Pi B+

Raspbian Stretch Light

300 MHz to 1100 MHz  
Telescopic Antenna

Socket.IO v2

LoRaWAN

## USER INTERFACE

Amazon Web Services (AWS)

nodeJS 8 & ECMAScript 2015

PostgreSQL 9.5.3

Modern HTML5 and CSS Flexbox

Statistical Analysis



# ENGINEERS



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Detection



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Electrical Engineer

Power System



**Stephanie Fournier**  
Electrical Engineer

Enclosure & Assembly



**Warren Seto**  
Computer Engineer

Base Station &  
Server

# DETECTION REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Be able to detect cars of various shapes and sizes
- 2 Be able to determine what is and is not a car
- 3 Low Power Consumption
- 4 Transmit reliable data to the aggregator
- 5 Be ready to detect on moment's notice

# DETECTION SCENARIO



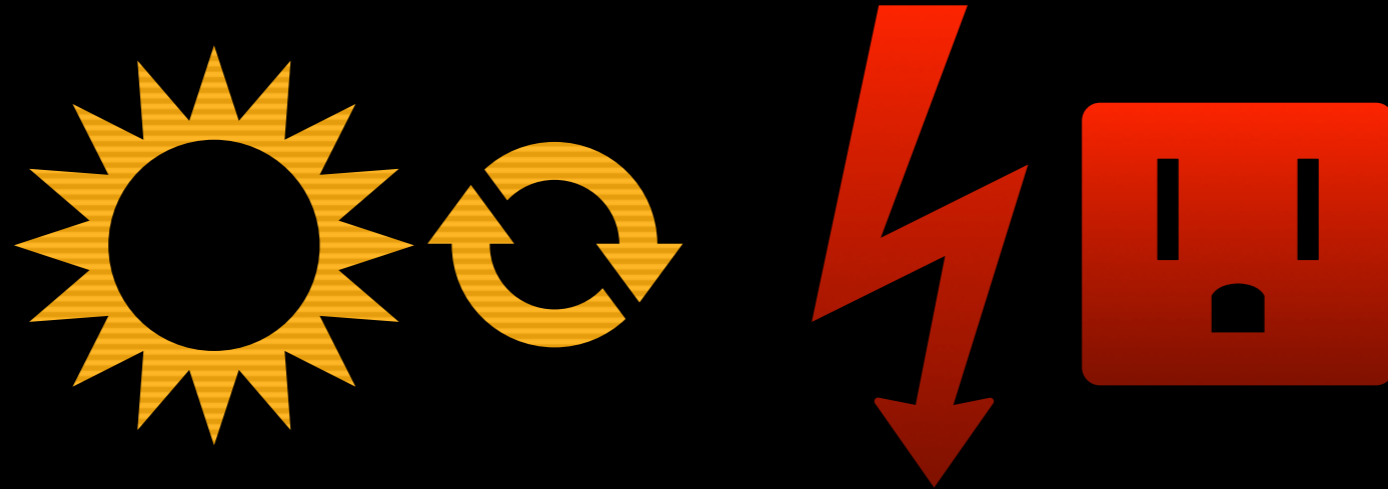
1. Car Drives Into Lot
2. Sensor 1 Detects Car
3. Sensor 2 Detects Car
4. Node tells Aggregator that a Car has Entered the Lot



# POWER SYSTEM SPECIFICATION

- ① Charges battery in under 5 hours
- ② Capable of powering board and charging battery simultaneously
- ③ Run for approximately 5 days solely on battery power (assuming a typical traffic scenario)

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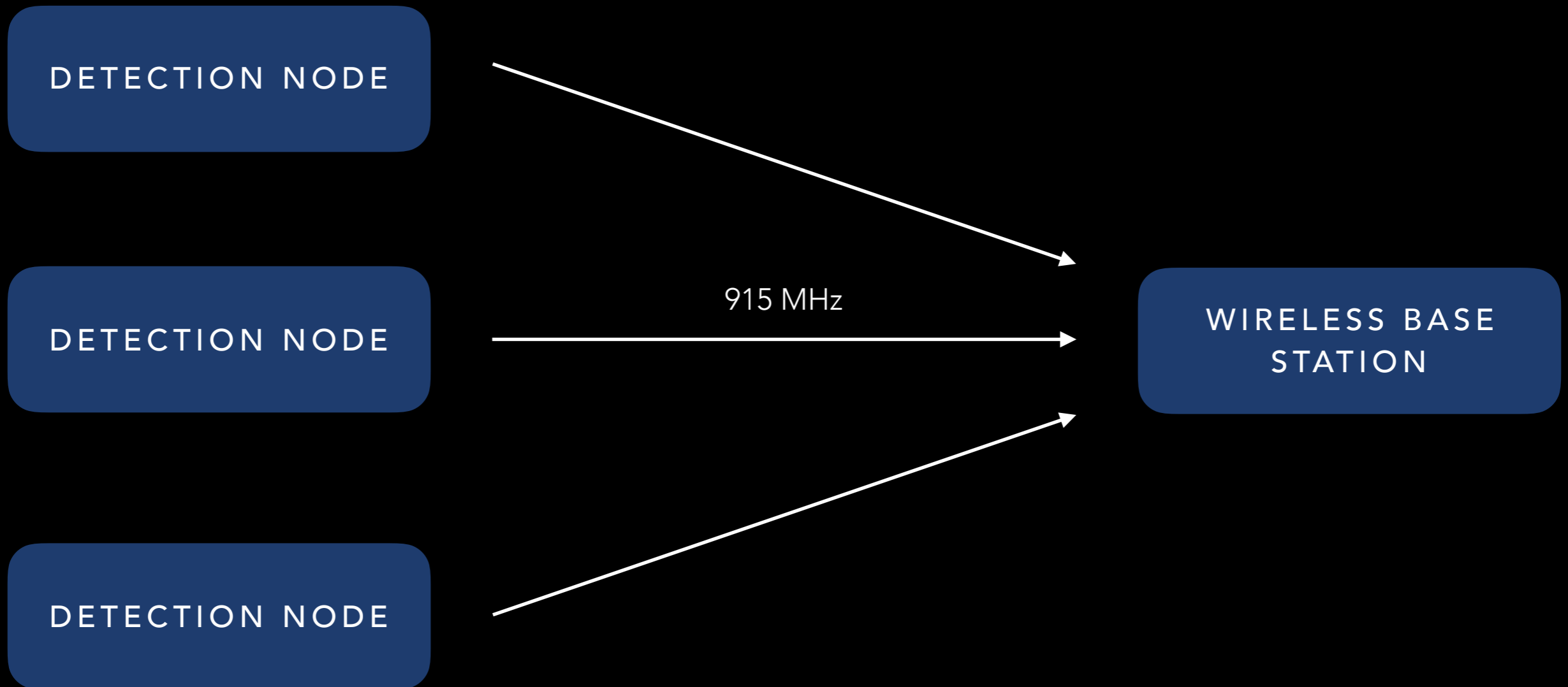
1. Solar energy converted to electricity via solar panel
2. Electricity regulated, controlled and diverted as necessary
3. Battery charges during day when sunlight available and discharges at night or when sunlight is unavailable

# WIRELESS SPECIFICATION

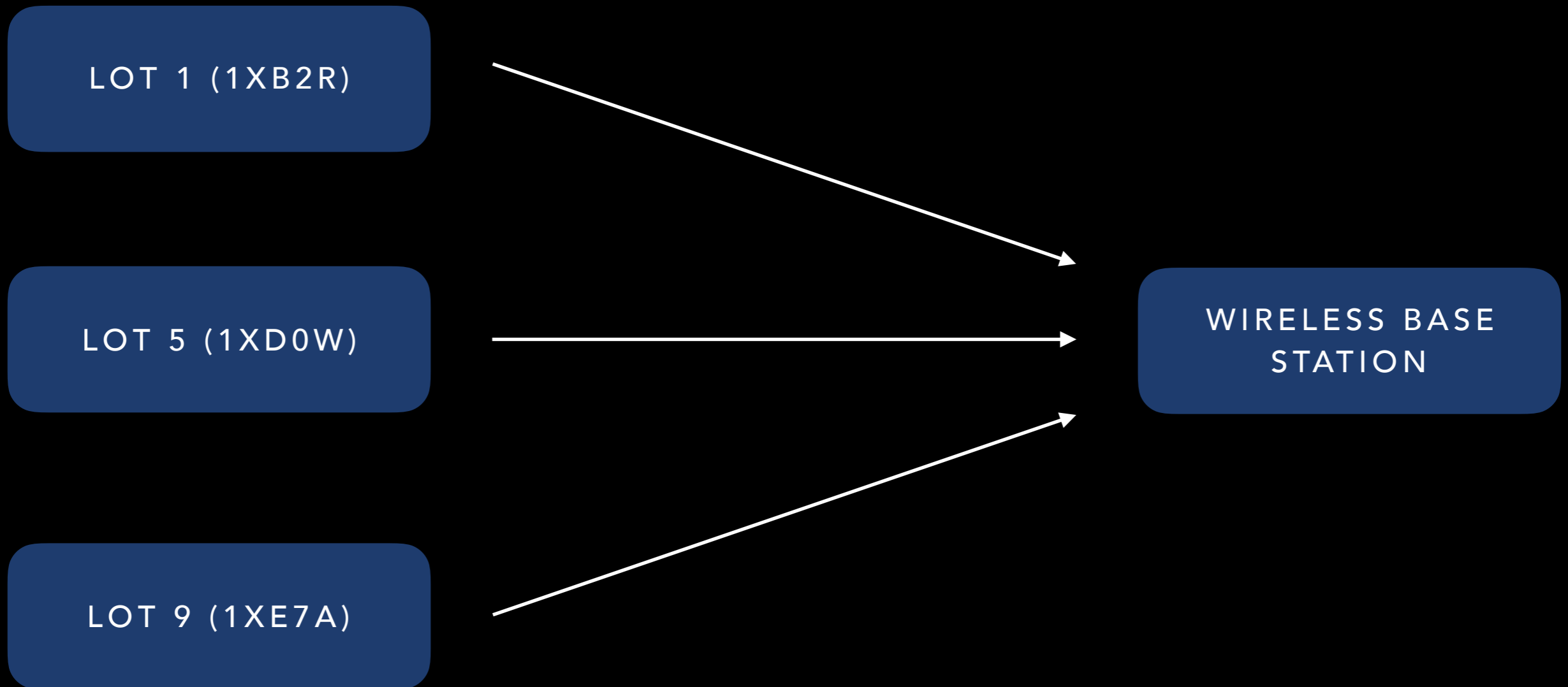
- 1 **Long Range** - up to half a mile of range
- 2 **Power Efficient** - +5 to +20 dBm up to 100 mW Power Output Capability
- 3 **Reliable Datagram** - Addressed, acknowledged variable length messages
- 4 **Secure** - Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)
- 5 **License Free** - 915 MHz ISM Band for ITU "Americas"



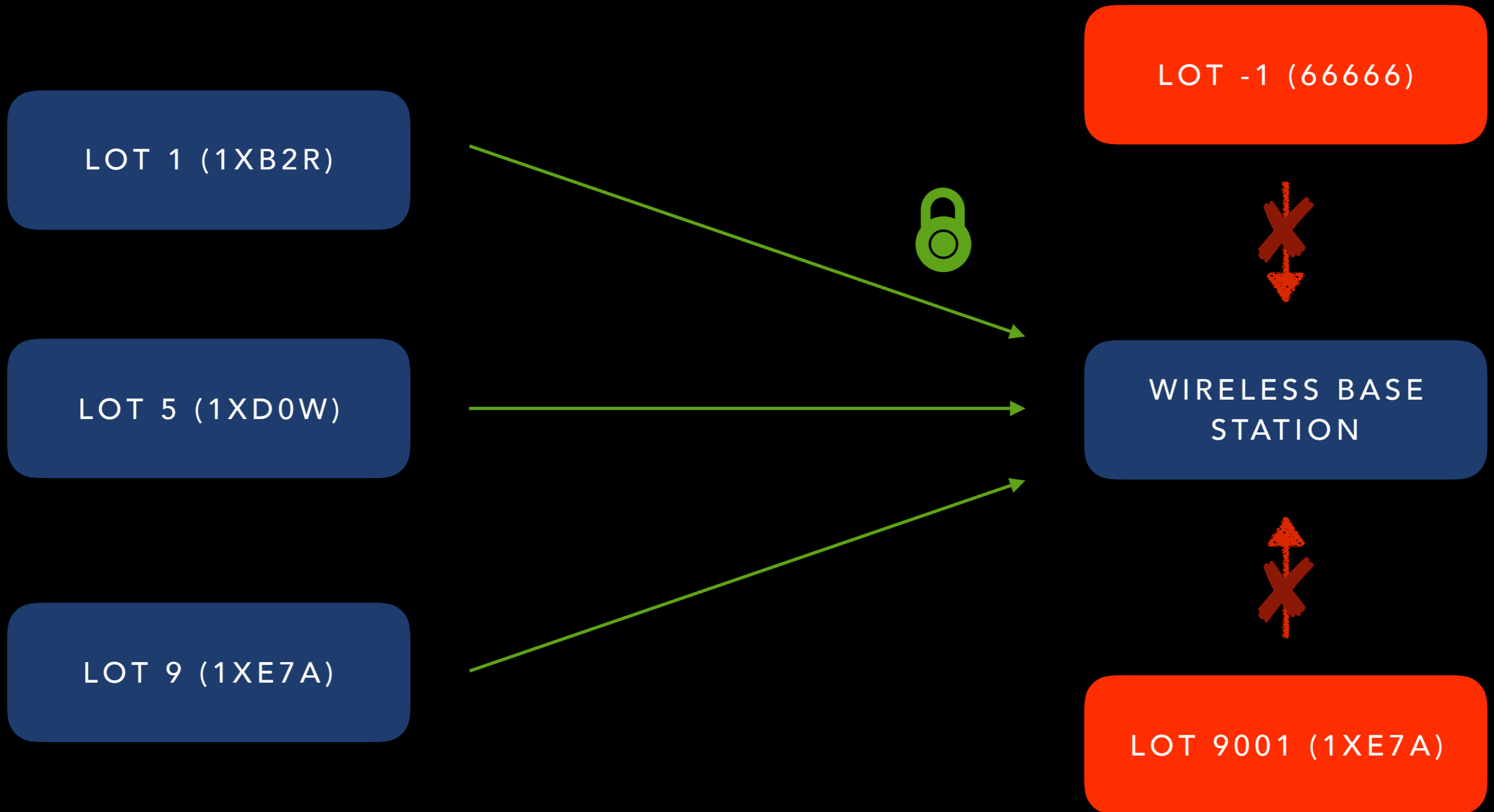
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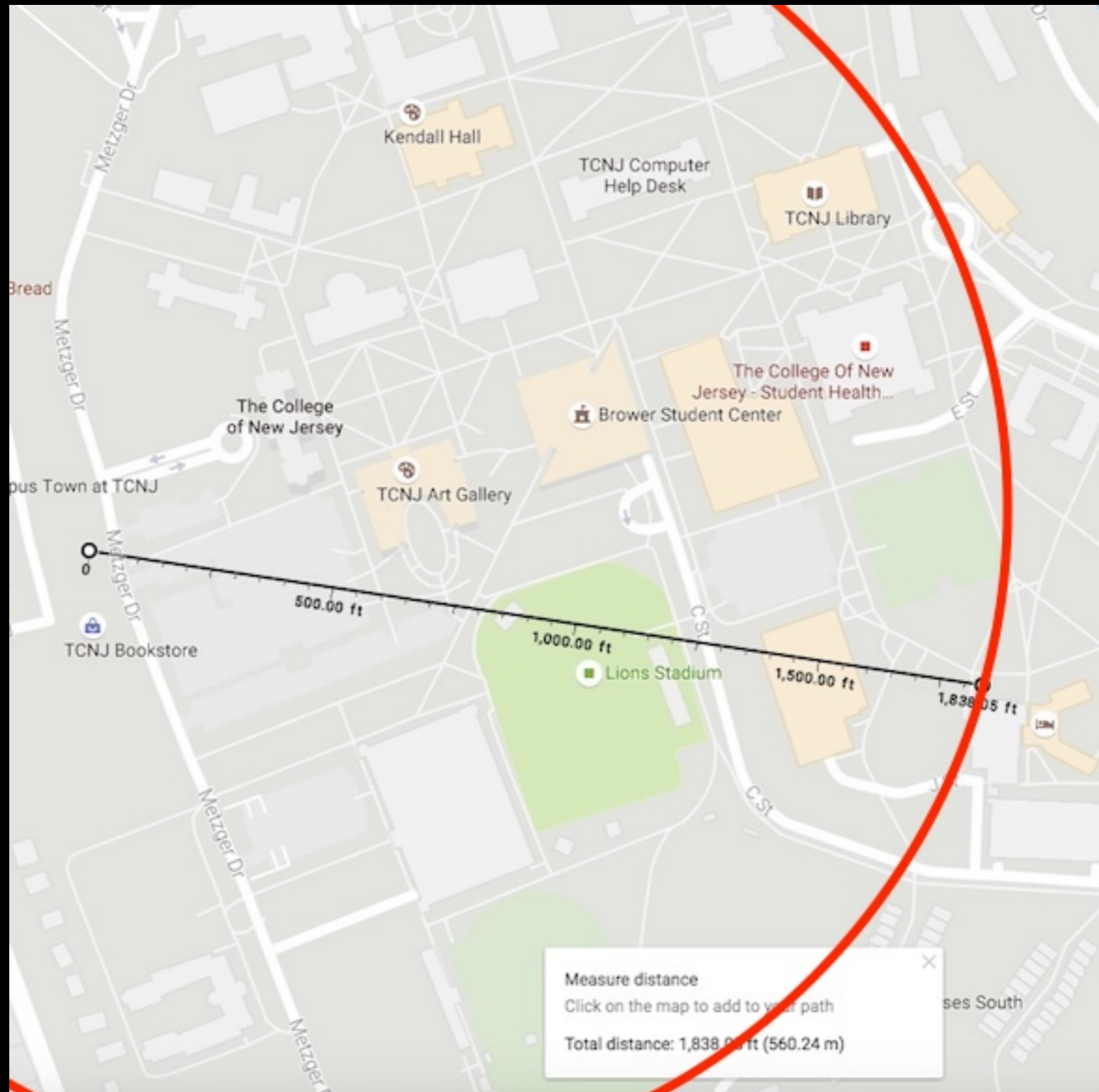
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# WIRELESS RANGE TEST

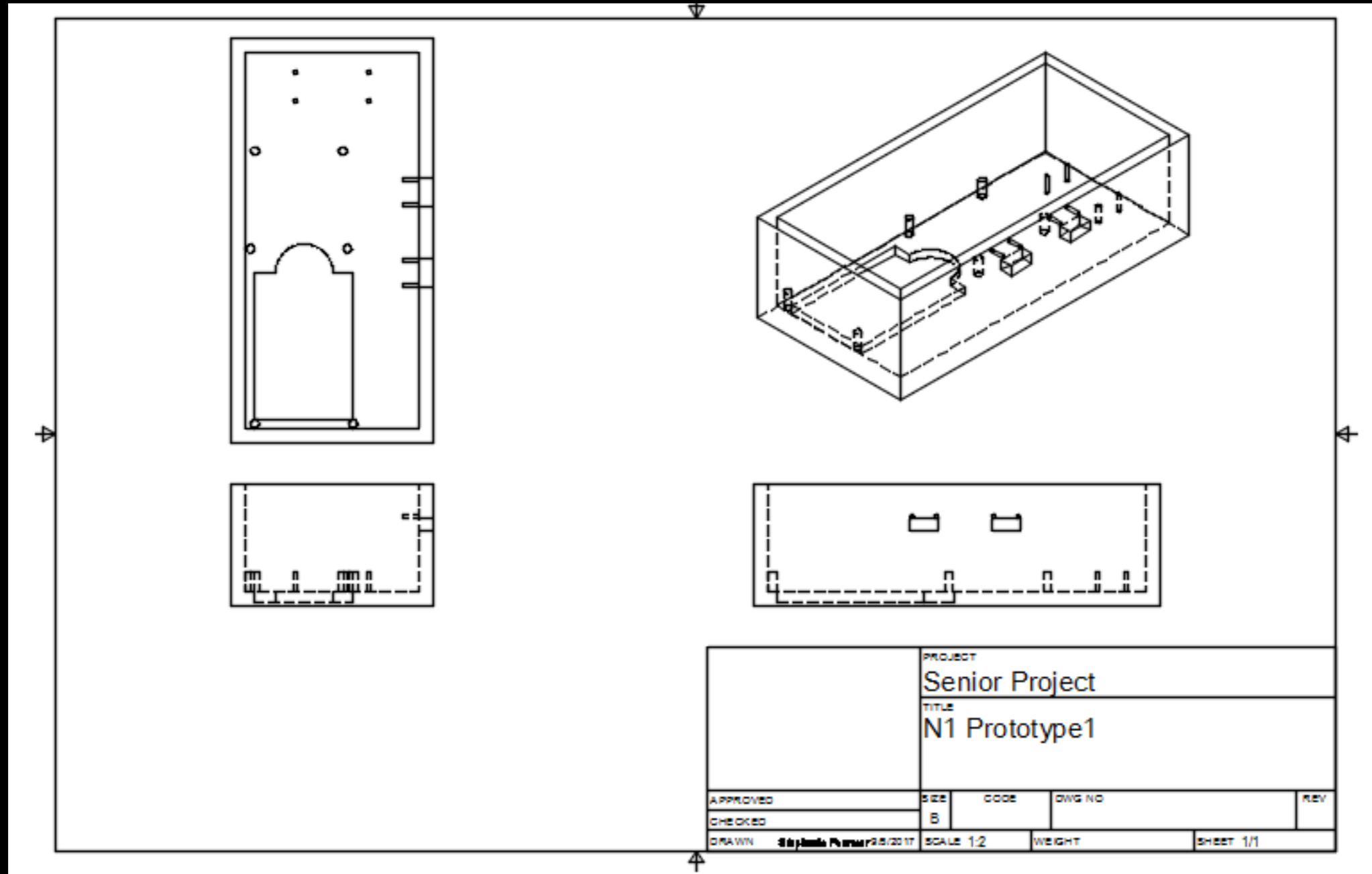


# ENCLOSURE SPECIFICATION

There will be two different designs for cases to enclose microcontrollers. (Two cases for the two detection nodes and one enclosure for the aggregator.)

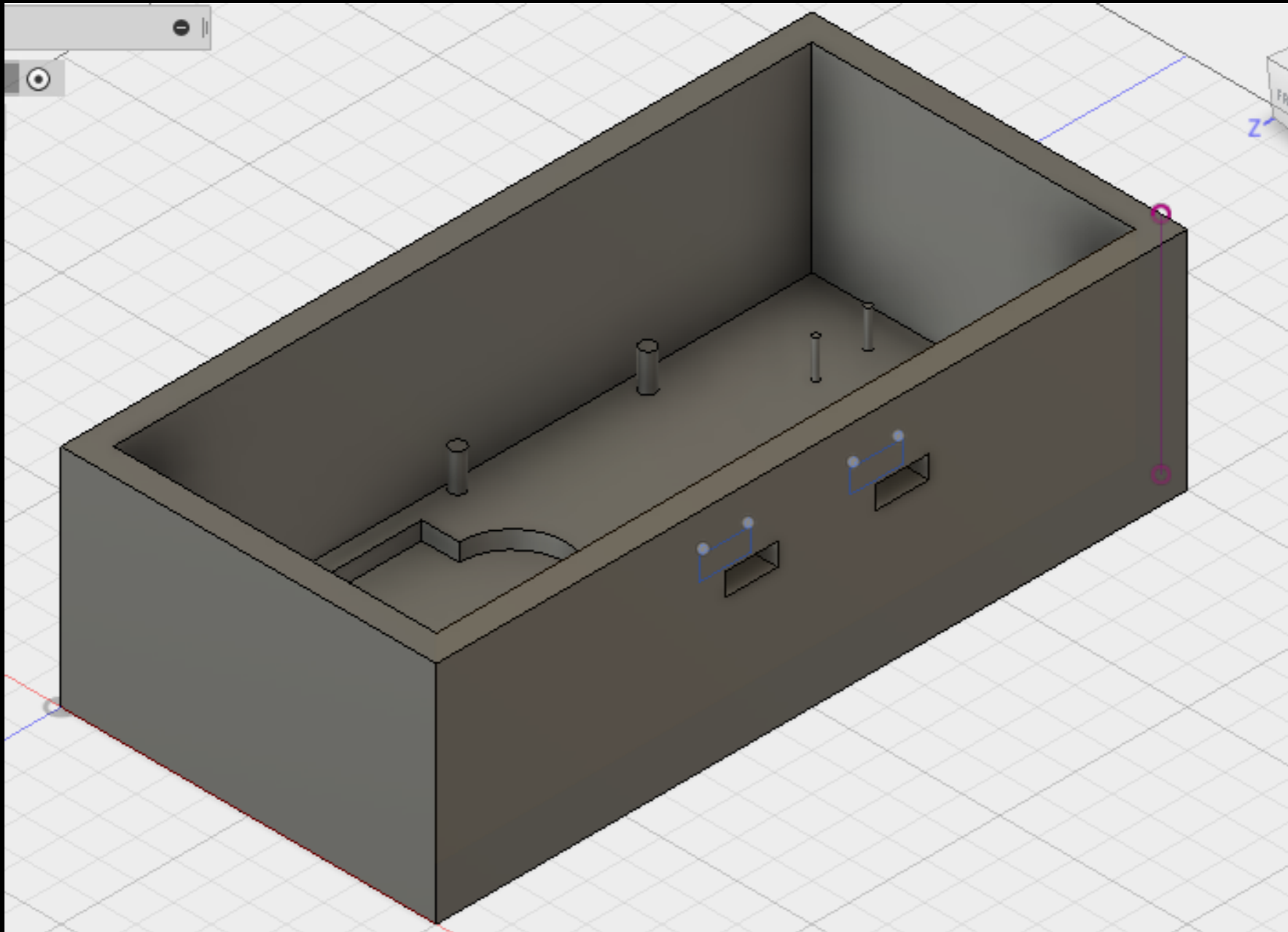
Pillars will be made within the cases to secure the placement of the microcontrollers. There will also be a groove on the surface so that the solar panel and battery can be placed.

# ENCLOSURE DRAWING



Prototype 1

# ENCLOSURE RENDER



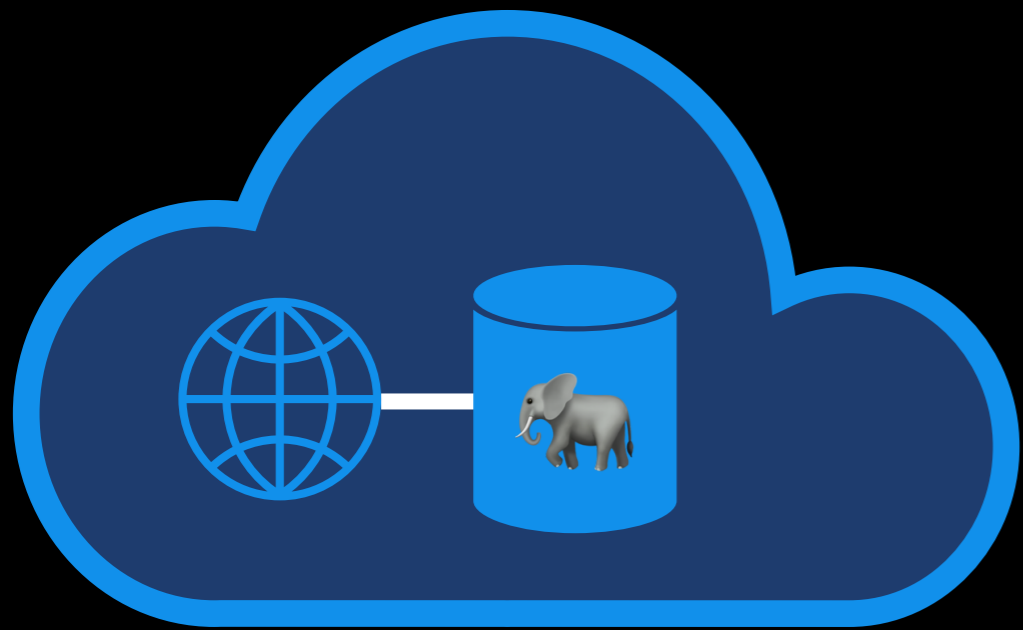
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# FRONTEND SPECIFICATION

- 1 **Harden Server Environment** - nodeJS 8 & ECMAScript 2015
- 2 **Reliable Hosting** - Amazon Web Services (AWS)
- 3 **Store Occupancy Information** - PostgreSQL 9.5.3
- 4 **Present Occupancy Information** - HTML5 & CSS Flexbox
- 5 **Response Time** - Under 10 ms per request

# FRONTEND SPECIFICATION



AWS



Wireless Base Station

# VERIFICATION

## DETECTION

Consistently and Reliably detect cars entering and leaving the parking lot

## POWER SYSTEM

Effectively regulate and distribute continuous, uninterrupted power to all modules

## WIRELESS

Reliability Stress Test and Coverage Check

## ENCLOSURE

Place the components inside to ensure a proper fit and that the components work efficiently within the enclosure.

# ROADMAP

Mid September

Mid October

Mid November

End of Fall Semester

Spring 2018

Early May

## Architecture

## Prototype 1

## Prototype 2

## Prototype 3

## Validation Tests

## Release

Establish all parts and configurations in a complete block diagram and parts list.

All components must be ordered and assembled together.

Updates to the Wireless, Detection, and Power System should be incorporated

Final build of the software and hardware configuration needed before entering testing.

Engineering Validation, Design Validation, and Production Validation

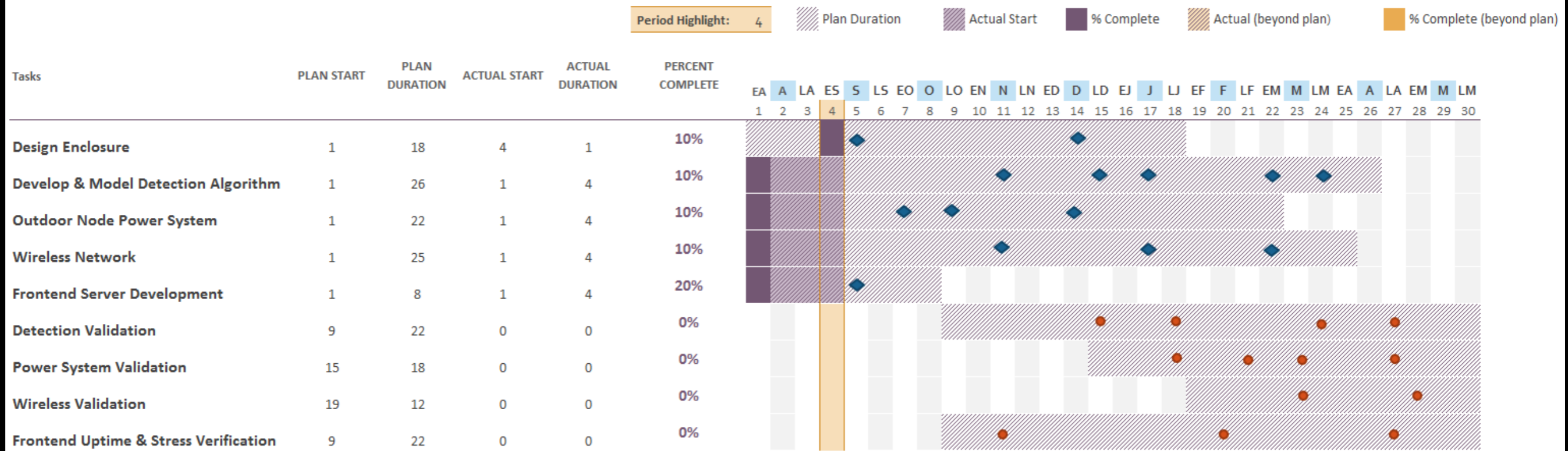
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# ACTION ITEMS

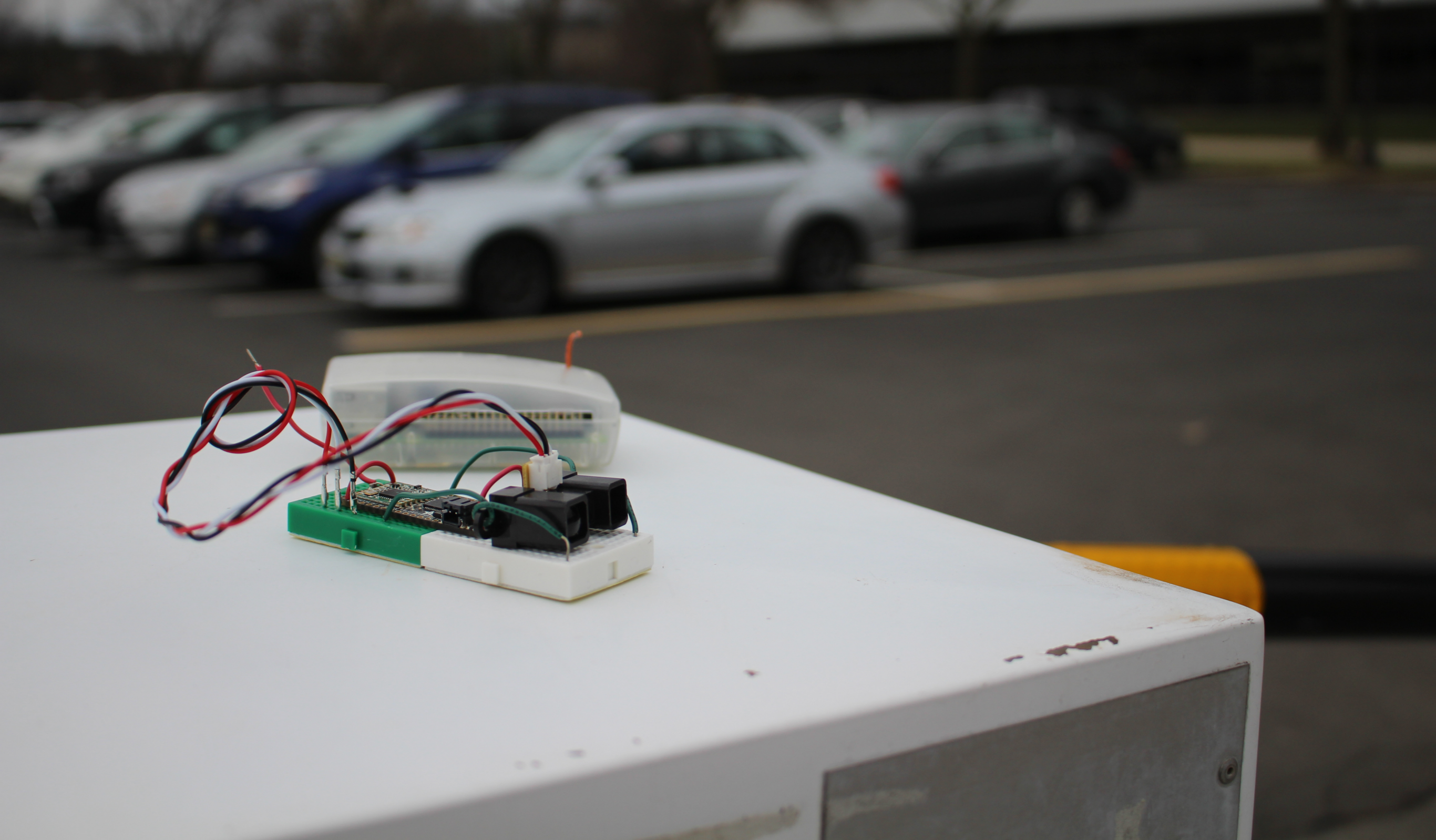
TASK 1	DESIGN ENCLOSURE
TASK 2	DEVELOP & MODEL DETECTION ALGORITHM
TASK 3	OUTDOOR NODE POWER SYSTEM
TASK 4	WIRELESS NETWORK
TASK 5	FRONTEND SERVER DEVELOPMENT
TASK 6	DETECTION VALIDATION
TASK 7	POWER SYSTEM VALIDATION
TASK 8	WIRELESS VALIDATION
TASK 9	FRONTEND UPTIME & STRESS VERIFICATION

# PROGRESS

## Semester Timeline







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