

Software Interlock Slides

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Software Interlock (Sourcebox)

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- Need to do module QC for ~400 modules:
 - will have 4 coldboxes + 1 sourcebox
 - need to be able to monitor & control each setup so they don't break the modules:
 - HW interlock (hard breaking point)
 - we have SW interlock before reaching HW interlock
- Working on code mostly in [software-interlock repo](#) BUT have to also change scripts and configs in [pixelmoduleqc repo](#)
- Made my branch 'swint_heartbeat' in both repos (up to date)

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'software-interlock' by Berkeley Lab. The current branch is 'swInt_heartbeat'. A commit message is visible: 'Added interlock file handling after re-entering GOOD state, changed print...' by Ferdinand Hartanto. Below the commit is a table of files in the repository.

Name	Last commit	Last update
.gitlab-ci.yml	Restructure everything	9 months ago
.pre-commit-config.yaml	Restructure everything	9 months ago
README.md	Restructure everything	9 months ago
cfg.json	Add second module to config	4 months ago
data.py	Restructure everything	9 months ago
interlock.py	Added interlock file handling after re-entering GOOD st...	just now
pyproject.toml	Restructure everything	9 months ago
sourcebox-cfg.json	tracking sourcebox config file now, added debugging li...	2 days ago

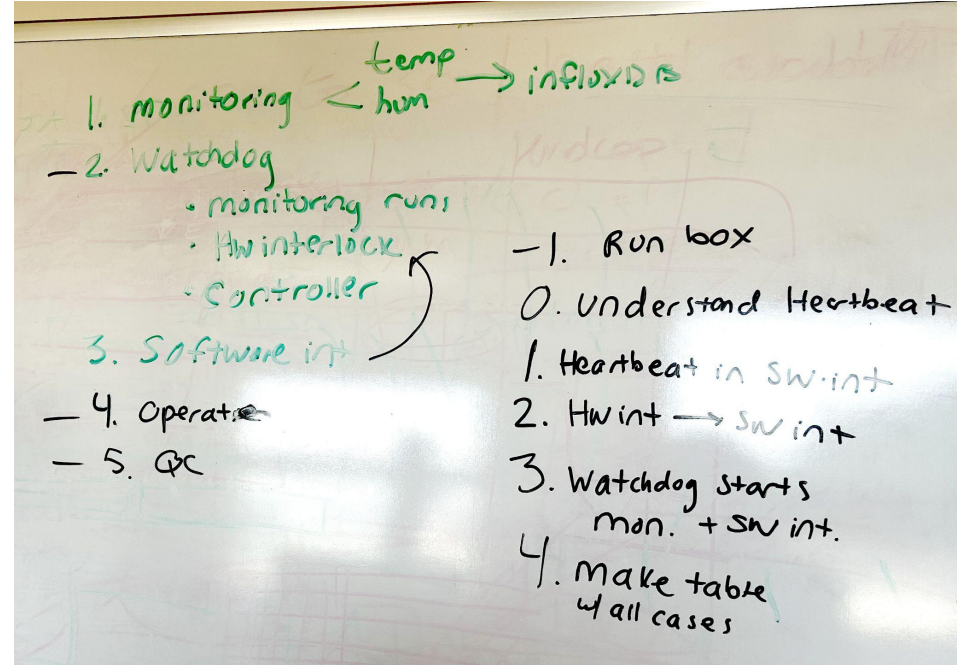
Below the table is a preview of the README.md file, which contains the text: 'This is a software interlock implementation, synced with lab remote. Interlock.py utilizes the config in cfg.json and monitors the sensors defined there.'

- Intro to SW interlock:
 - Functionality
 - Improvements (what I worked on)
 - Goals

Software Interlock - Intro

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- Monitor, Controller, & Watchdog are part of `coolman.py` (pixelmoduleqc repo)
- Run SW interlock using `interlock.py` (software-interlock repo)
- `coolman` & `interlock` are labRemote apps
- SW interlock currently monitors 3 quantities:
 - Module NTC
 - Chuck dewpoint (HYT + NTC)
 - Box dry air flow
- Need to run monitoring, wd, and swint before operating the box (script enforced)



Software Interlock - Functionality

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- Code in `coolman.py` (pixelmoduleqc repo in labRemote-apps):
 - main script (lots o' imports)
 - has different options based on what you want to run ("monitor", "watchdog", "operate", so on)
- HeartBeat class indicates that a process is live:
 - creates & locks files for each process
 - issues timestamps (beats)
 - can record status/data
- Watchdog class watches process health:
 - retrieves heartbeat from processes (monitor, controller, HW interlock)
 - turn off controller when HW int triggers
 - restarts dead processes (e.g. monitoring)
- Code in `interlock.py` (software-interlock repo in labRemote-apps):
 - sets up configs (2 config files: labremote & interlock)
 - has Quantity, Sensor, & SoftwareInterlock classes
 - defines quantities/sensors to monitor from config
 - checks quantities via InfluxDB queries
 - compares quantities with bounds from config
 - shuts down system if quantity out of bounds (or lost)
 - sends email alert

Software Interlock - Improvements (My Work)

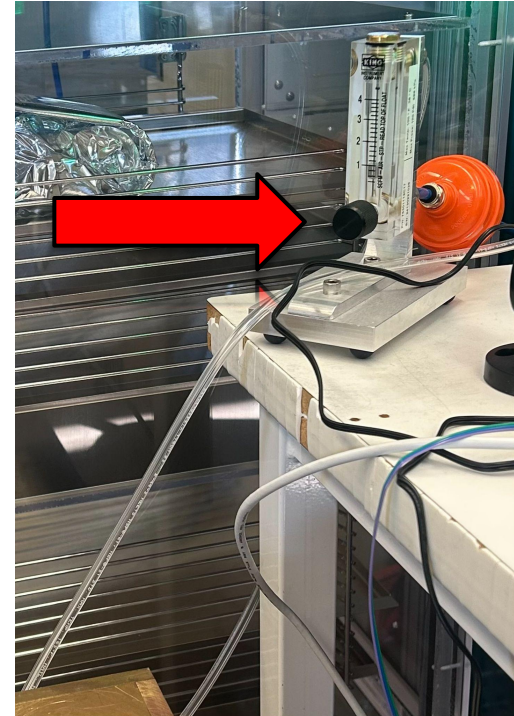
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- SW interlock script incomplete:
 - no heartbeat, not easy to monitor
 - different status codes & number of status codes for SoftwareInterlock class & Quantity class (can be confusing to read)
 - minimal debugging output
 - requires manual reset even after fixing your setup (enters infinite loop once interlock is triggered)
- All of the above have been fixed (as of 2/6/25)
- NOTE: lockdown is ON when interlock file is UNLOCKED, so it needs to LOCK the file to lift interlock and allow operation

Software Interlock (Sourcebox) - Test

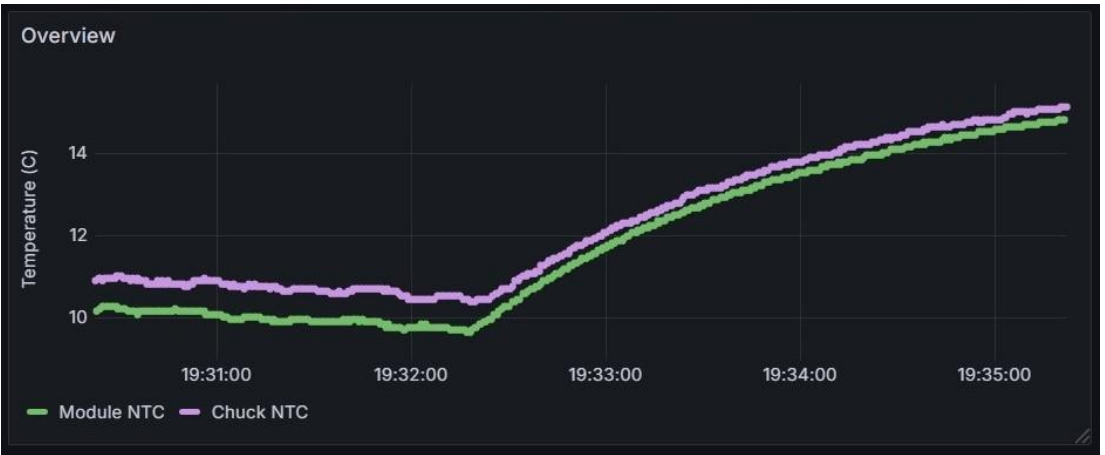
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- To see SW interlock working, we want to trigger shutdown & lockdown
- Dry air flow easy to control (turn knob)
- Test - trigger SW interlock while box is operating:
 - operate at 10 C (`python ./scripts/coolman.py -c conf/sourcebox_config.json operate 10`)
 - reduce dry air flow first to 'lower warning' (20 Lpm), then to 'lower cutoff' (15 Lpm)
 - hopefully see:
 - controller gets shut down
 - email alerts are sent (for warning and cutoff)
 - interlock file being locked
 - then manually recover good air flow and see:
 - SW interlock updates status automatically
 - interlock file lockdown lifted automatically





- Upper left: box dry air flow dipping then increasing (manually done)
- Lower left: module NTC first in lower temp (controller on) then increasing temp (controller off)
- Lower right: SW status visible on Grafana
- Test successful!



Software Interlock - Goals

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- Summary of improvements:
 - added heartbeat to SW interlock process (monitored by controller & visible on Grafana)
 - standardized status codes for swint, quantities, and heartbeat (1 = GOOD, 2 = WARNING, 3 = CRITICAL)
 - SW interlock now queries DB every 2s even in lockdown mode to update status
 - interlock file locking/unlocking is handled automatically (no need to restart interlock script after reaching GOOD/WARNING state)
- Next steps:
 - add HW interlock monitoring to SW interlock
 - have Watchdog start monitoring & SW interlock + have it monitor SW interlock status
 - make it work for the coldbox
 - just need to create new config file (ideally)
 - add HW interlock & box lid monitoring to Grafana
- More details on software and the sourcebox setup: [Sourcebox Wiki](#)