太空中的 APRS 数字中继器

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Did you know that the International Space Station (ISS) and some amateur satellites carry APRS digipeaters? You don't need fancy equipment to use the ISS digipeater. I saw a video where someone was successful with an HT and a quarter wave whip antenna. Of course a better antenna will increase your chances of success.

The ISS is orbiting the Earth at a speed of about 17,500 mph (28,000 km/h) and makes a full trip around about every 90 minutes. You want to know when it will be within range. Here is a website that displays the orbit, current location, radio footprint, and a time until next pass overhead. https://www.n2yo.com

Before wasting your time, check the current status to see if it is currently operating.

https://www.ariss.org/current-status-of-iss-stations.html

Set your radio to 145.825 MHz and the digipeater via path to ARISS. This is an alias used by the ISS and other satellites. The APRSAT alias might be equivalent.

A shorter packet will increase your chances of being received and give others a chance to share a scarce resource.

Digipeated frames are collected by ground stations and displayed here:

http://www.ariss.net/

The received packets do not include ARISS because the digipeater replaced the alias with the actual station name RSOISS.