

# Inmarsat B

Das Inmarsat B benötigt eine grosse Satellitenantenne und kommt deshalb auf Segelbooten nicht zum Einsatz.

In der LRC (Long Range Certificate) Prüfung werden einige systemvergleiche Fragen zu Inmarsat B und Inmarsat M gestellt.

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# Saturn Bm Marine Mk2

## Technical Manual





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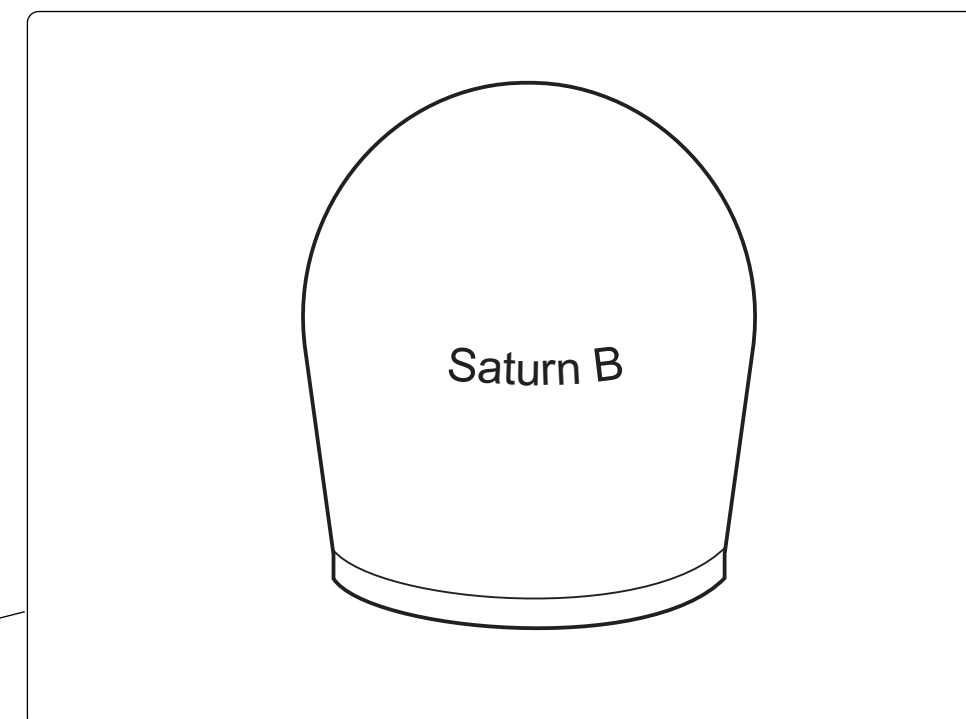
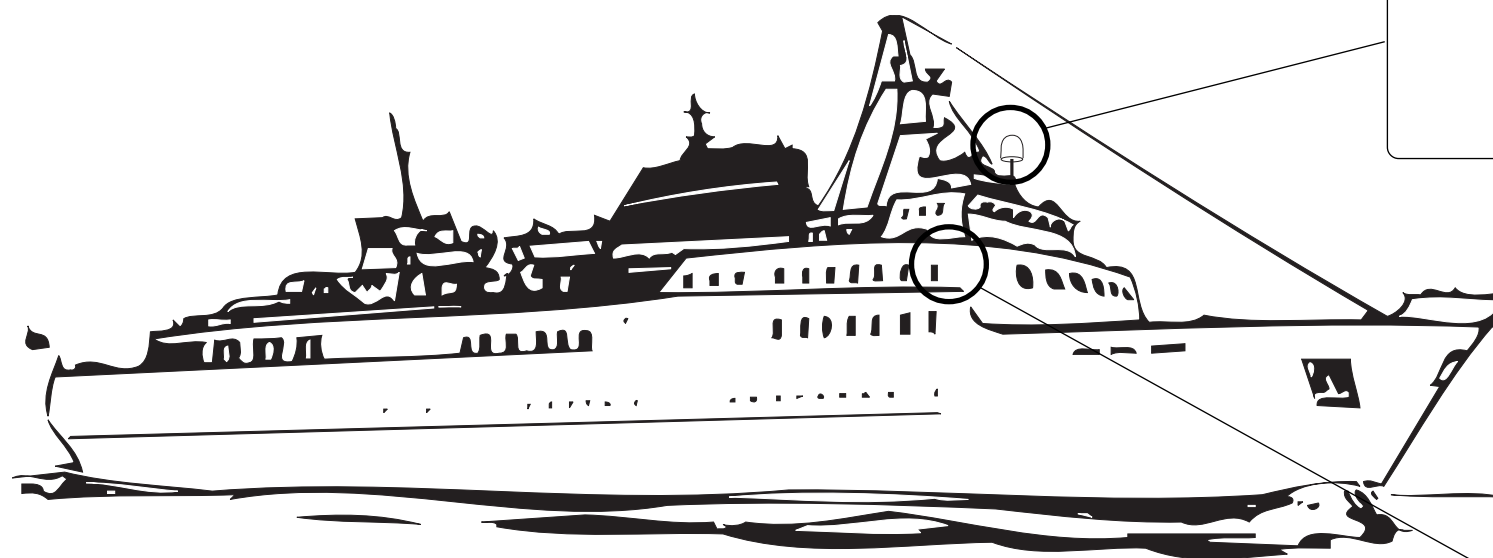
## ADE

### Above Deck Equipment

The Saturn Bm Mk2 Above Deck Equipment (ADE) is protected by a radome, and it is mounted on a mast to avoid possible obstructions. Obstructions will cause blind spots, with the result of signal degradation or even loss of communication with the satellite.

The ADE should also be separated as far as possible from the HF antenna, and preferably by at least 5 m from the antennas of other communication or navigation equipment.

Neither must the ADE be placed behind the funnel, as smoke deposits then eventually will degrade the antenna performance.



## BDE

### Below Deck Equipment

The **Saturn Bm Main Control Unit (MCU)** can be placed in any suitable location, but is usually installed in the radio room.

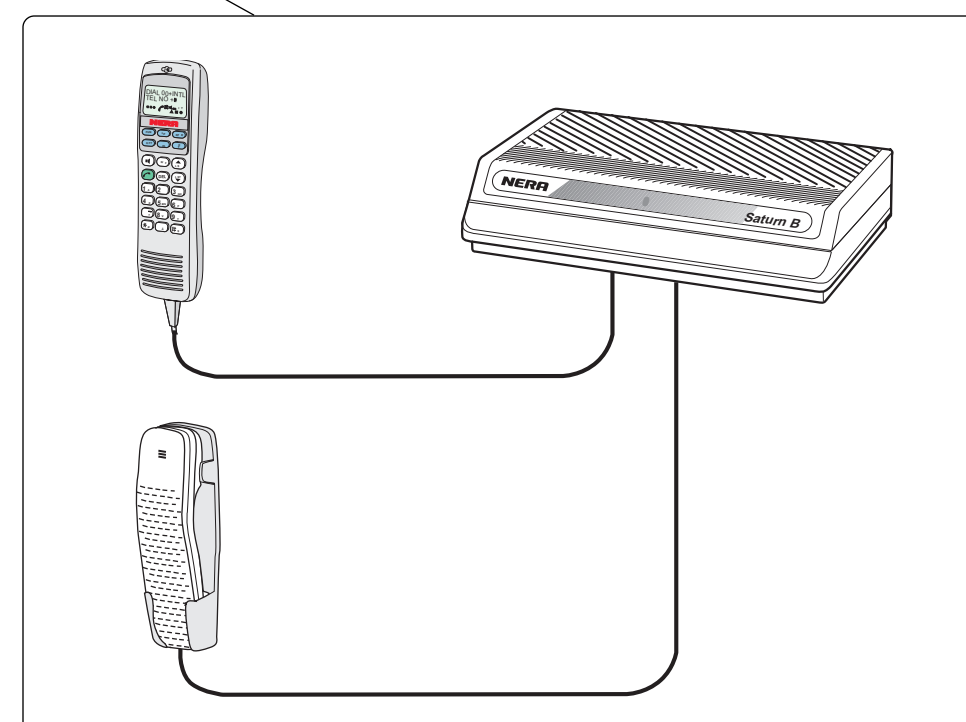
The MCU is designed for wall or desk top installation.

As all commands of the Saturn Bm terminal may be carried out from the **Display Handset**, the MCU can be located out of the way so as not to occupy valuable working space.

The **telephone(s)** can be placed anywhere onboard the vessel.

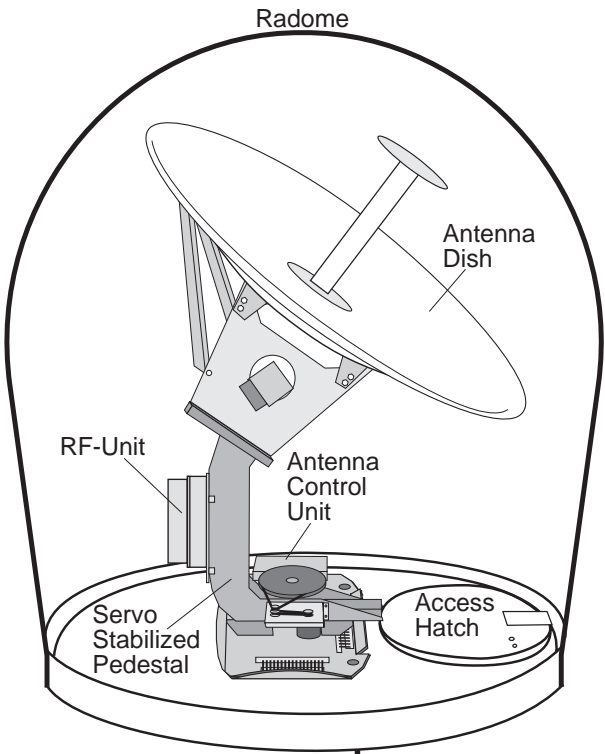
*The following optional peripherals may be connected to Saturn Bm:*

- DTMF telephones (max 5)
- Telefax (for connection to a telephone port)
- Message Indicator
- PC (telex)
- PC (data)
- Serial printer
- GPS navigator
- Plug for NMEA-0183 connection
- Course gyro
- Power 11 - 34 VDC
- Power 110/220 VAC and 24 VDC (automatic switchover)



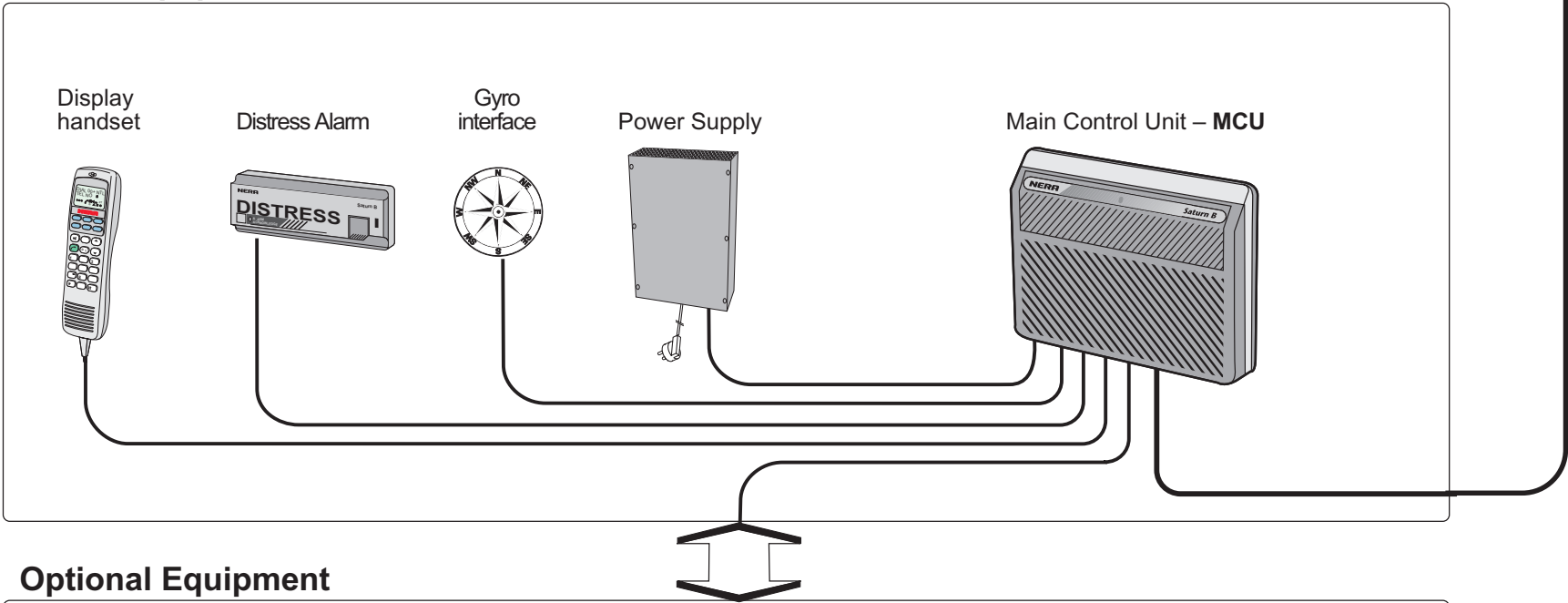
Main Parts List, ADE

Above Deck Equipment	NERA Part No.
Stabilized Platform, AU	QSXK 911 951
Radome (R 906 565)	QSXK 911 903
RF Unit	QUFC 911 931
Antenna Control Unit, ACU:	
• Antenna Control Board, ACB	QROF 2199041
• Pedestal Control Unit, PCU	MM 113 101
Reflector Antenna (10AY652A)	SXAR 920 210
Antenna Feed	QSXK 911 906

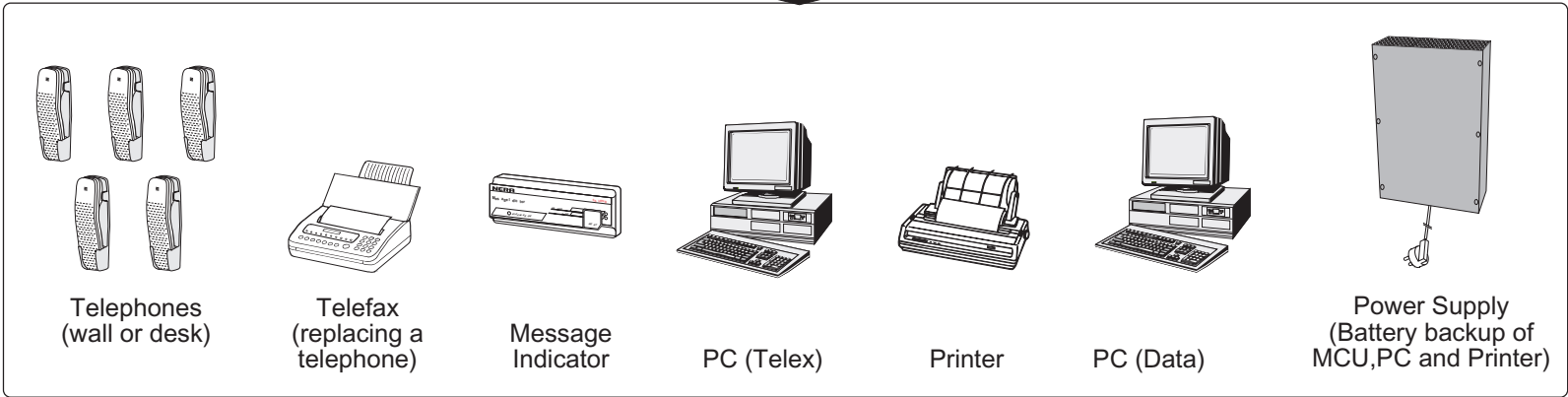


ADE  
BDE

Basic Equipment



Optional Equipment



Main Parts List, BDE

Below Deck Equipment	NERA Part No.
Main Control Unit, MCU	QUFC 911 901-2
Display Handset	QDGS 911 903
Distress Alarm	QUFC 911 910-2
Interface box	QUFC 911 918

Main Control Unit, MCU	NERA Part No.
Main Control Board	QROF 219 9001-2
Power Board	QROF 219 9002
Connection Board	QROF 219 9005
Gyro Board	QROF 219 9003
Power Supply 220/110V	QDFC 911 903-2

Options	NERA Part No.
Telephone (wall)	DBAR 104 001/888
Telephone (desk)	DBAR 104 001/888
Message Indicator	QUFC 911 910-3
Power Supply for battery backup	QUFC 911 920
Screened cable w/ferrite core	QRPM 911 077/1000
Telefax Adapter	QRPM 911032



Services

Voice:	16 kbps
Telefax:	9.6 kbps
Telex:	50 Baud (Class 1 only)
Asynchronous Data:	9.6 kbps
High Speed Data:	56/64 kbps full duplex (option)

System Specifications

Radio frequency performance

Transmit Frequencies:	1626.5 - 1646.5 MHz
EIRP:	33/25 dBW
Receive Frequencies:	1530.0 -1559.0 MHz
Channel spacing:	20 kHz
G/T:	-4 dB/K

Antenna Unit

1 m stabilized parabolic dish	
Gain:	21.8 dB Tx, 21.1 dB Rx
	Axial ratio less than 2 dB on axis
Polarisation:	right-hand circular (CCIR 573)
Steerability:	hemispheric coverage, 0°- 90°
Tracking:	Automatic search.
Cable rewind:	30 seconds

Ship Motion

Max turning rate:	12°/sec
Roll:	±30°
Pitch:	±10°
Yaw:	±8°

Physical Characteristics

Above Deck Equipment (ADE)

Size:	H = 1445 mm, D = 1420 mm, see drawing
Weight:	90 kg
Mounting:	Flange

Main Control Unit (MCU)

Size:	310 x 236 x 70 mm, see drawing
Weight:	4 kg
Mounting:	Special mounting bracket, see Installation Manual

Environmental Conditions

Vibration, Precipitation and Icing: As specified by Inmarsat

Above Deck Equipment

Temperature:	-25°C to 55°C
Rain:	100 mm/hour

Below Deck Equipment

Temperature:	-25°C to 55°C
Humidity:	95 % at 40°C

Electromagnetic Compatibility

Radiated:	EN55022 class B
Conducted:	EC 801

Cabling

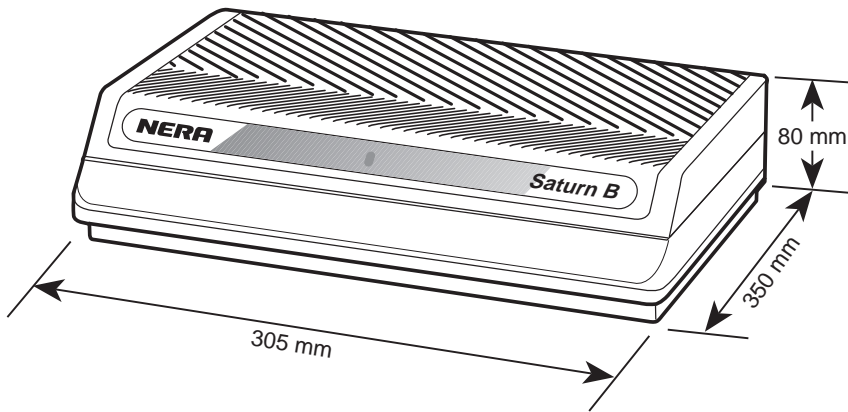
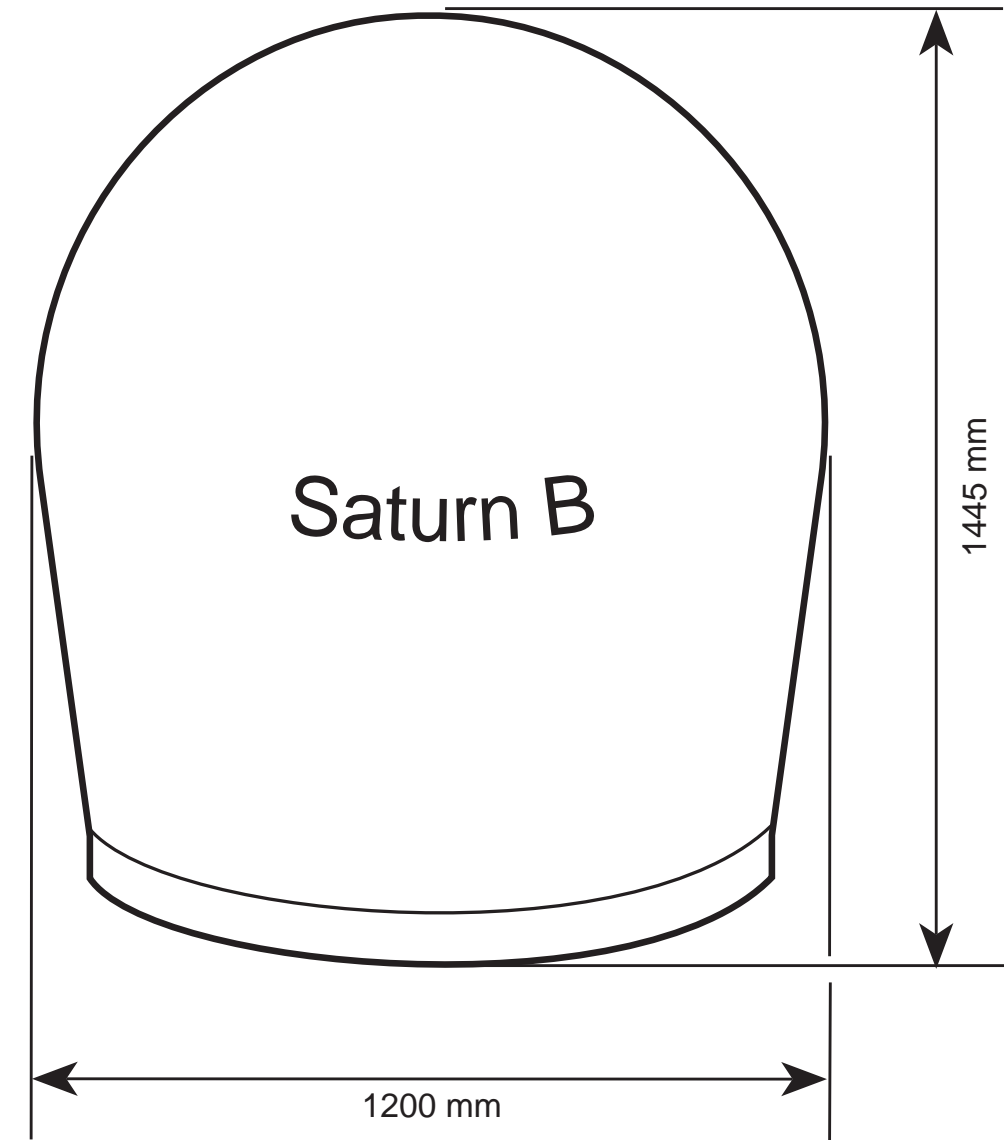
ADE - BDEU:	Length up to 44 m: single, flexible, 20 mm diameter
	Length to 44-77 m: One coaxial 06230 10.3 diameter (Ethernet) and one screened mains cable.
Telephone/telefax:	screened twisted pair
Auxiliary :	8-core cable
Display Handset :	8-core cable
PC :	RS-232 cable
Printer :	RS-232 cable
Distress Alarm :	4-core screened cable

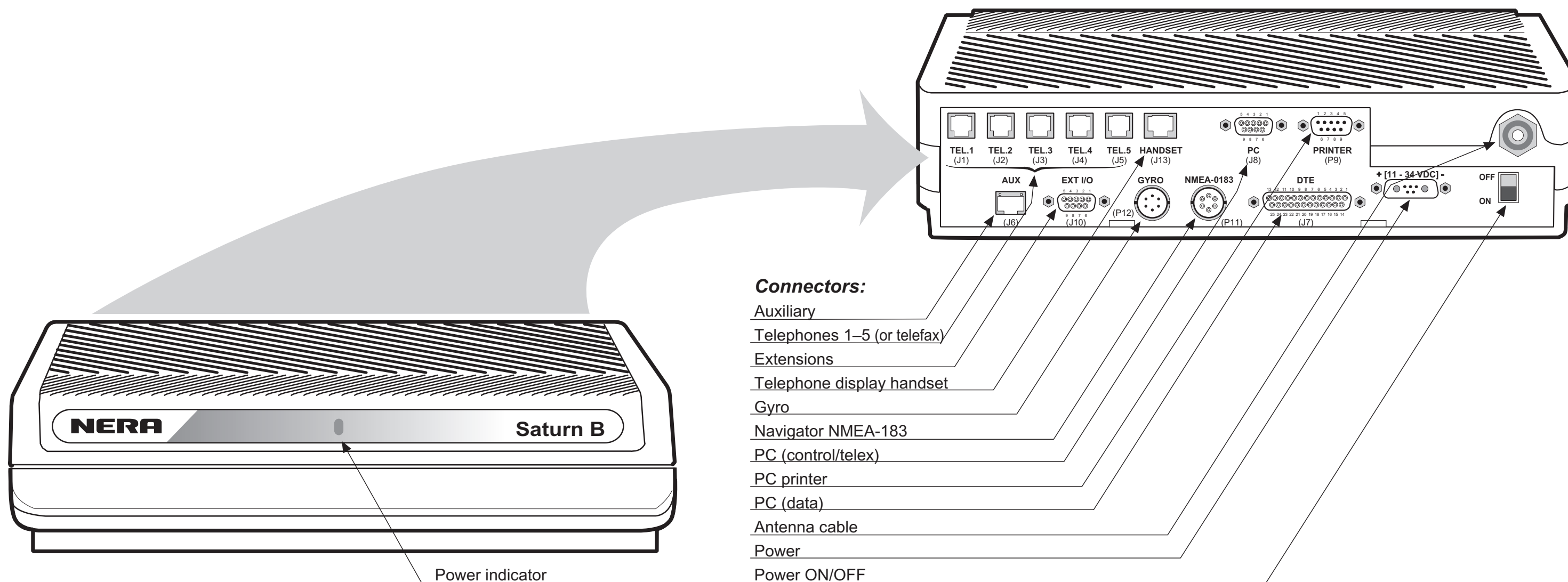
Power requirements

Voltage:	11 - 34 VDC
Power Consumption:	150 W
Power Supply:	220 VAC to 28 VDC
Optional Power Supply:	220 VAC to 28 VDC with 24 VDC battery backup input

Interfaces

Telephone/telefax:	5 x RJ11, 2-wire with echo cancelling and touch-tone dialing
Fax:	CCITT G3 at 2400 bps
Data:	D-sub, 25-pin female, 9600 bps, RS-232, Hayes AT compatible
PC:	D-sub, 9-pin female, RS-232
Printer:	D-sub, 9-pin male, RS-232
Gyro:	Synchro, step-by-step, 1:360, 1:180, 1 :90
Navigator:	NMEA-0183







## Inmarsat

The INMARSAT-B system offers high quality 16 kbps voice communication, and 9.6 kbps telefax and data transmission.

The benefit of the INMARSAT system is its high capacity, and the rapid and reliable connection between the land based (fixed) users and the **Mobile Earth Stations (MESs)**.

The large number of **Land Earth Stations (LESs)** in operation allows the operator to select the one giving the lowest cost to a particular land based subscriber.

Each satellite region is under the control of a **Network Coordinating Station (NCS)**, which controls and monitors the traffic between the MESs and the LESs.

See figure 1.

## Services

- Duplex telephone calls – basic telephony services
- Simplex telephone calls – LES-to-mobile only
- Duplex telefax – CCITT Group 3 facsimile services, 9.6 kbps
- Simplex telefax calls – LES-to-mobile only
- Simplex group ID addressing – to a selected group of mobiles
- Simplex area addressing – to all mobiles within a specific geographic area
- Duplex data communication – Hayes compatible 9.6 kbps data service

## System Satellites

The satellites are positioned in a geostationary orbit above the equator at approximately 35700 km altitude.

In geostationary orbit, each satellite moves at the same rate as the earth, and so remains in the same relative position to the earth, above equator, allowing the antenna to have line-of-sight communication with the satellite.

*The Saturn Bm Marine can communicate via the four satellites covering one Ocean Region each.*

*The positions of the system satellites are shown in figure 2.*

## Transmission frequencies

The INMARSAT-B MESs operate in the following frequency bands:

Calls from Saturn B terminals	1626.5 MHz — 1646.5 MHz
Calls to Saturn B terminals	1530.0 MHz — 1559.0 MHz

A large number of channels are available (20 kHz channel separation), offering either 16 kbps voice communication, or 9.6 kbps duplex data communication.

Duplex communication uses two channel frequencies, one in each direction.

The LESs provide interface to the international networks for telephony and data: PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Networks) and PSDN (Packet Switched Data Networks).

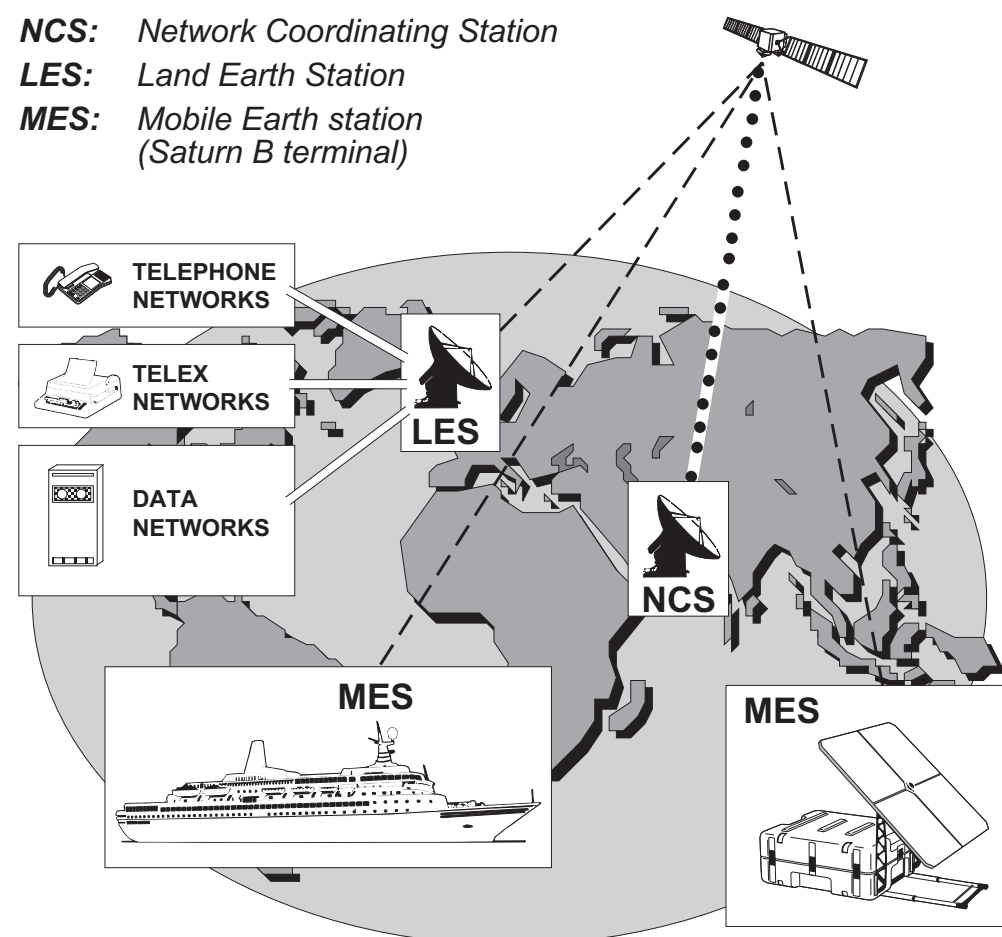


Figure 1.  
Overview of the Inmarsat-B system.

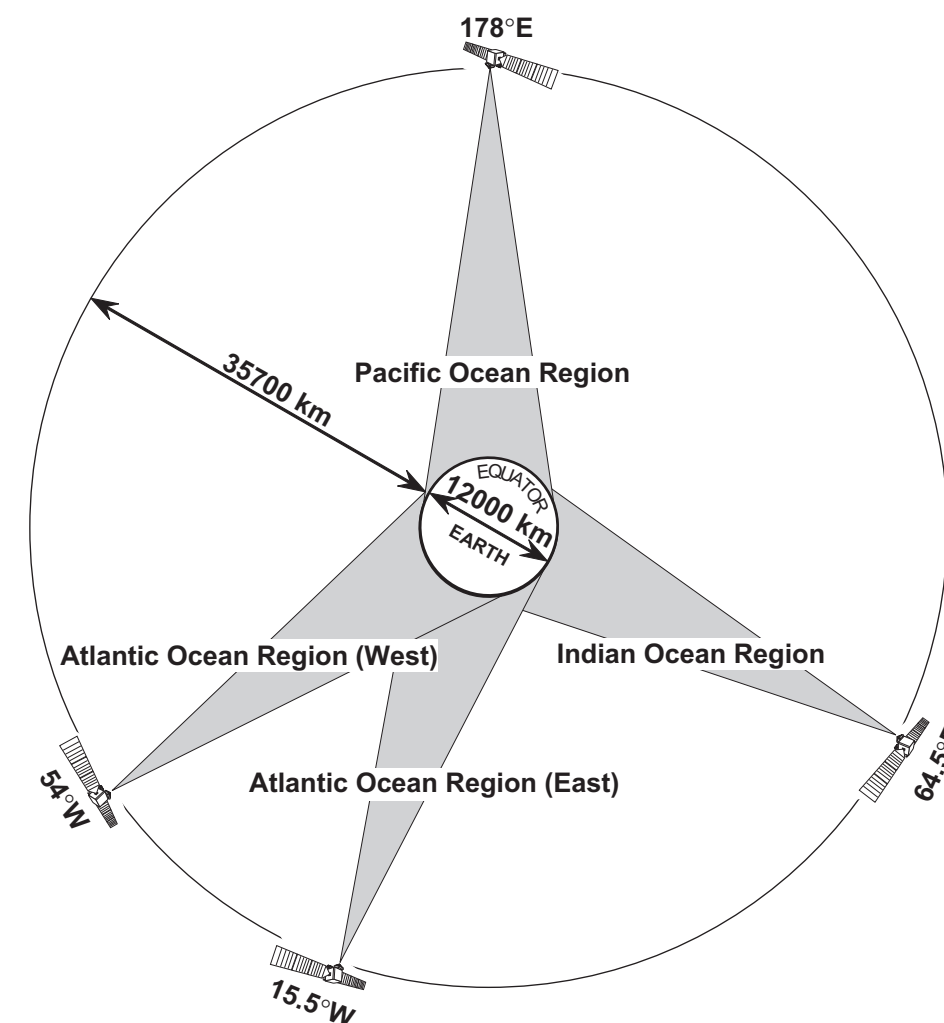


Figure 2.  
Four satellites in a geostationary orbit above the equator at approx. 35700 km altitude.

## Channel numbers

All radio frequency channels used by the MES are assigned a particular hexadecimal number which is translated into frequencies on L-band between MES and satellite, and to C-band between LES and satellite.

Channel no. **32C8** for an MES always designates:  
1660.5000 MHz transmitting frequency  
1542.5000 receiving frequency

## Channel Types

The Inmarsat-B System differs between physical and functional channels. A physical channel refers to one frequency, one carrier. Every frequency can have several functional channels multiplexed on it. Each functional channel is named after the originating unit. The NCS TDM will in the initial system multiplex the NCSC for Bulletin Boards and Call Announcement, the NCSA for Channel Assignments and NCSI for

Interstation information to the LES on the same physical channel. When the system expands, spot beams and Ocean Region Registration will be introduced using the functional channels NCSS and NCRA multiplexed on the NCS TDM. The traffic on one TDM may then be too heavy and some of the functional channels may be moved to another NCS TDM frequency.

The physical SCPC channels are always divided into three functional channels. During call set up and release the whole bandwidth is used for signalling and the functional channel is called MES-SIG/LES-SIG. During speech or data phase, the signalling part of the channel is called VSUB or DSUB and the service carrying part is called MESV/LESV or MESD/LESD.

## Requests and assignments

The Network Coordinating Station in each Ocean Region continually transmits to the MESs within its region on the NCS Common Signalling Channel (NCSC).

When selecting a particular Ocean Region, the MES automatically tunes its receiver to the NCSC frequency, and awaits System Information from the NCS.

The System Information (Bulletin Board) includes available NCS/LES channel frequencies, location of satellites, operational status, etc.

When the NCS sends a Call Announcement, detailing the channel to which the MES should tune to receive the call.

When the MES user dials a subscriber's international telephone number, the MES transmits an Access Request to the NCS via the LES, and awaits a Channel Assignment from the NCS.

## Telephone communication

For telephone communication a Frequency Division Multiple Access (FDMA) is used, in a Single Channel Per Carrier (SCPC) system. The voice communication occupies two (unpaired) channel frequencies.

The telephone channels are controlled by NCS which assigns a free channel upon request. When a channel has been assigned it is controlled by LES until end of call.

## Facsimile communication

The Saturn Bm telephone ports may be configured for telefax communication. The transmission is telefax only, and is performed at a rate of 9.6 kbps. Telefaxes without keypad may be connected via an adapter.

## Data communication

The data service allows the Saturn Bm user to communicate at up to 56/64 kbps, via the public switched network, to fixed modems and data terminals.

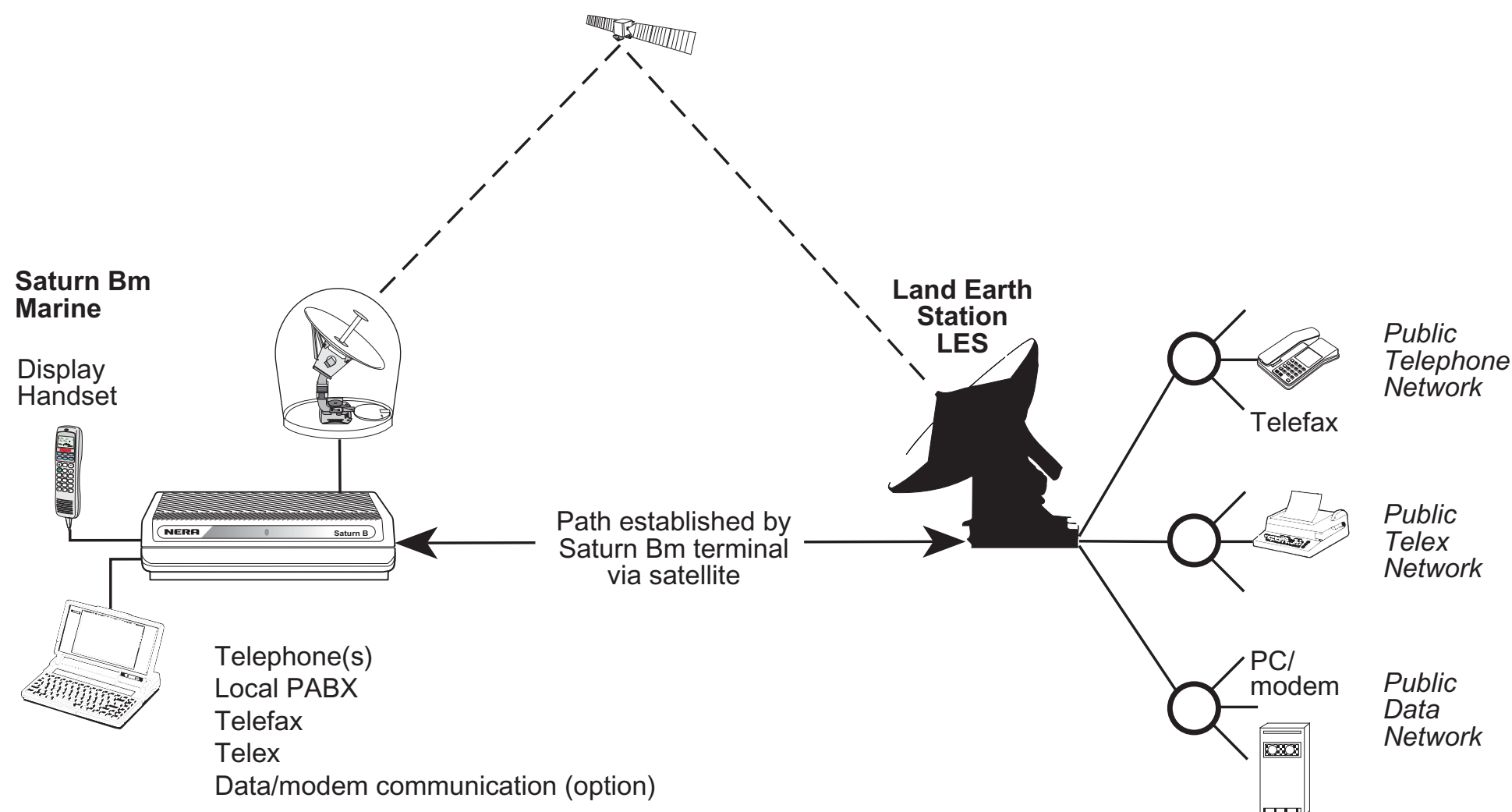


Figure 3.  
Communication path.

Calls from Mobiles

To initiate a call, the user dials the international call prefix 00 prior to the telephone number for the required destination. The LES code is also included, either automatically when using the default LES, or manually selected from the Display Handset.

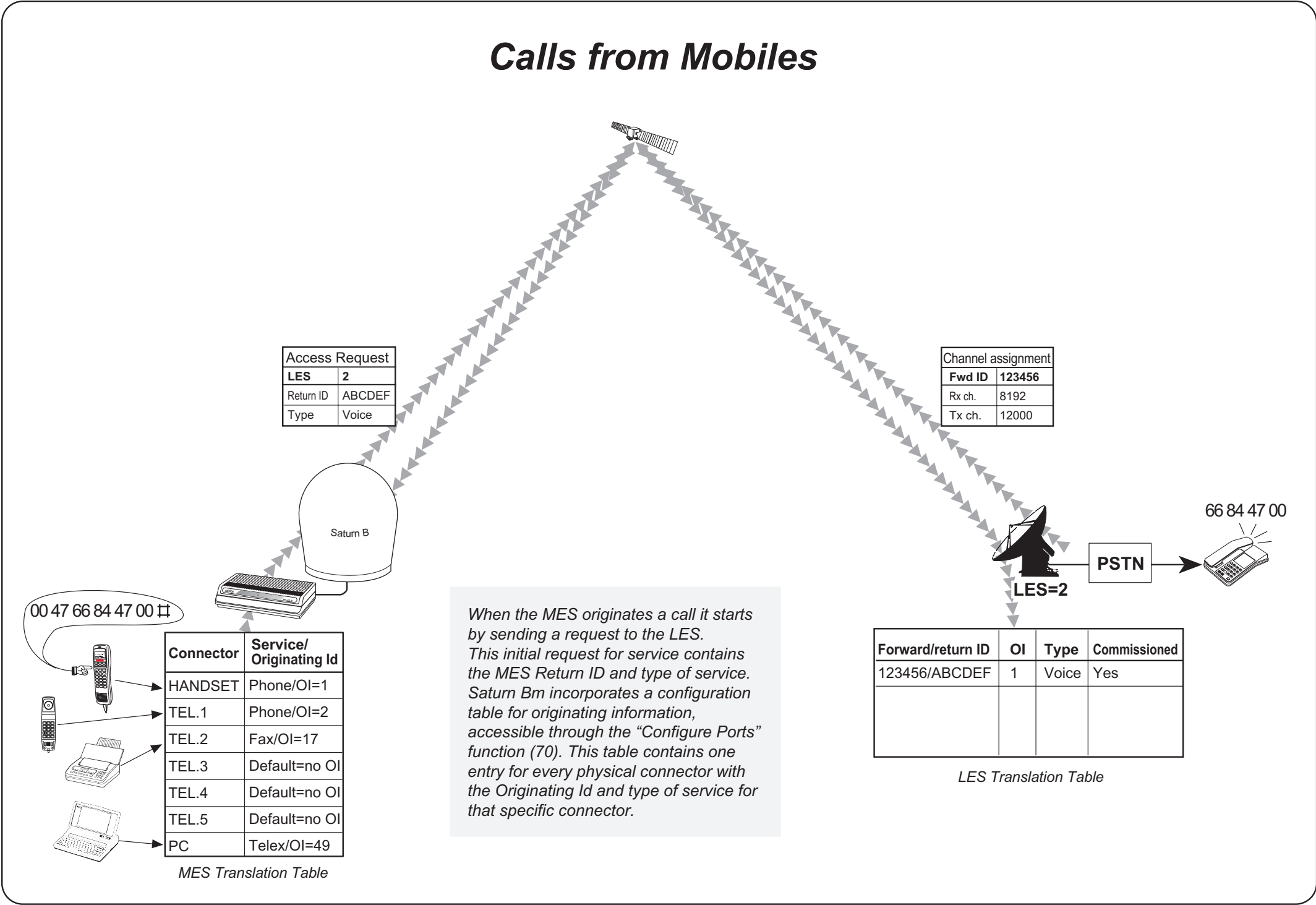
The mobile automatically includes information to identify the MES and the particular end terminal that originates the call. Saturn Bm has six connections: the Display Handset and five connectors that are normally configured for telephone and a telefax.

The LES uses the end terminal identifying information (OI) for billing purposes.

The mobile transmits the dialing information on a channel specially assigned by the NCS, to the LES, which also has been instructed to tune to the same channel.

On receiving the call, LES routes it over the public telecommunications networks to the intended destination. When the destination responds, for example by the dialed subscriber lifting the handset, the call proceeds.

The illustration of the call initiation is simplified.



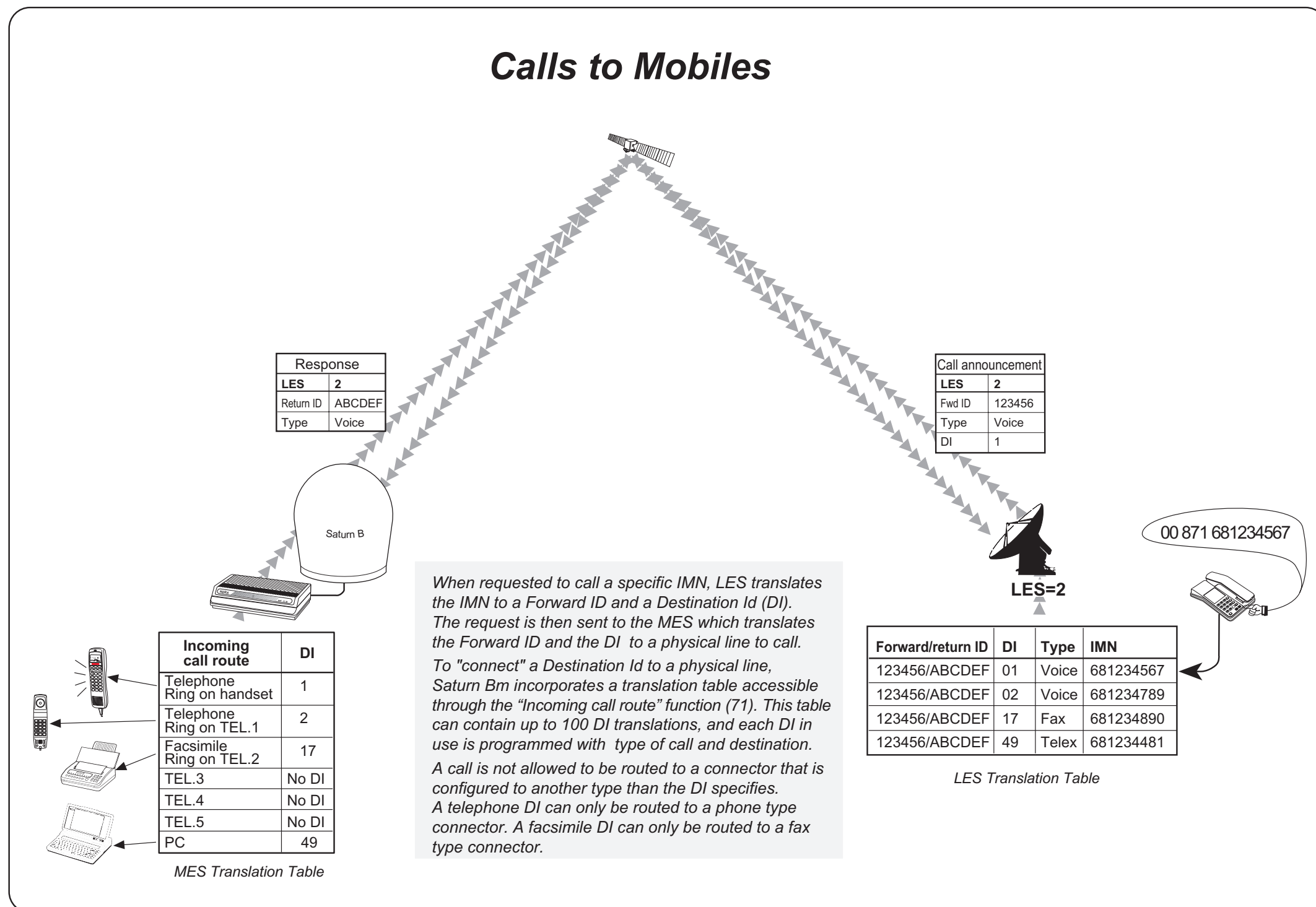
## Calls to Mobiles

Calls are made as ordinary international (Satellite) calls where each Ocean Region has an international country code. If an area is covered by more than one satellite, it is necessary that the caller knows which satellite (Ocean Region) the mobile is tuned to.

The international codes to the four Ocean Regions are as follows:

Atlantic Ocean East Region:	871
Pacific Ocean Region:	872
Indian Ocean Region:	873
Atlantic Ocean West Region:	874

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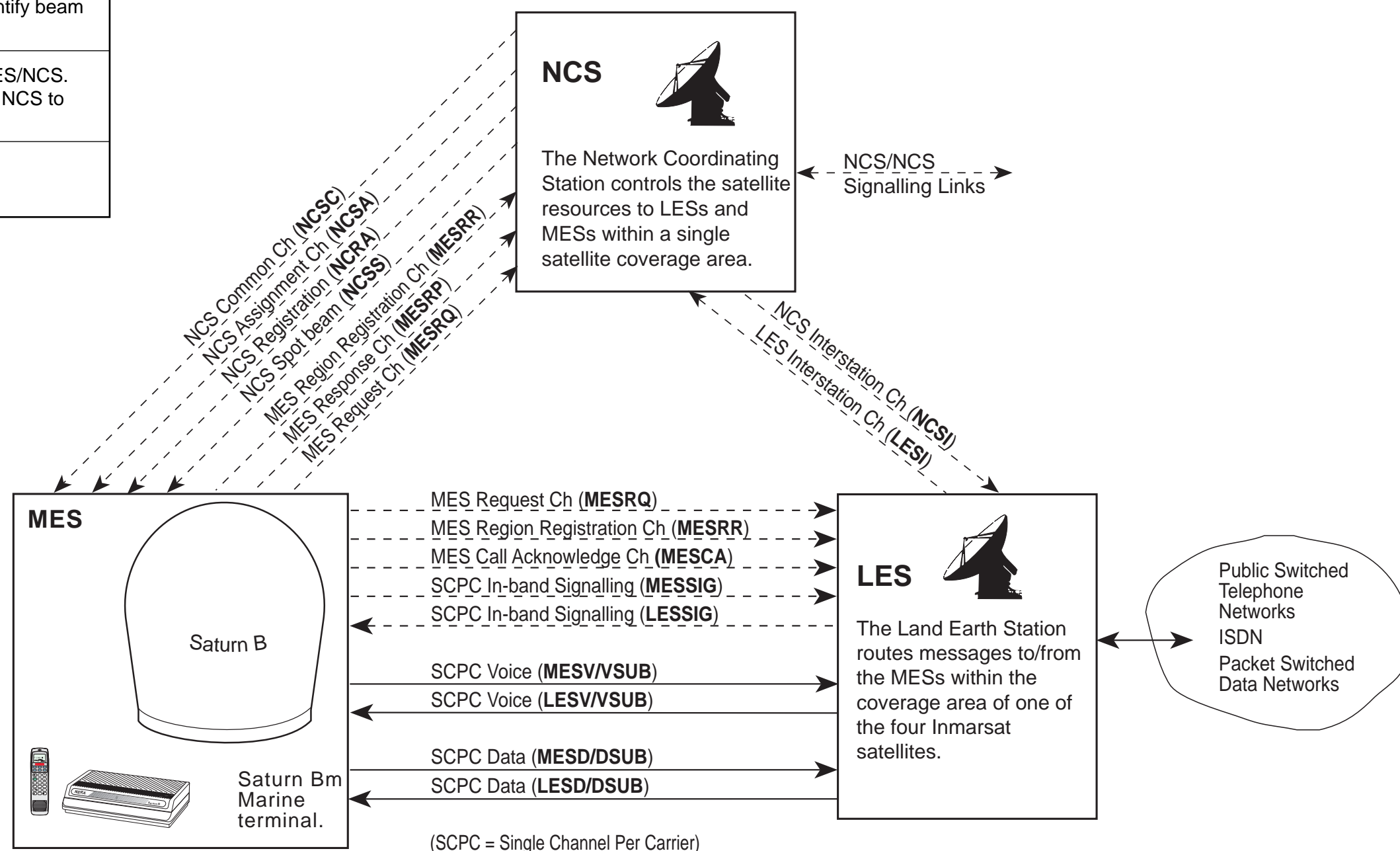


## Signalling Channels

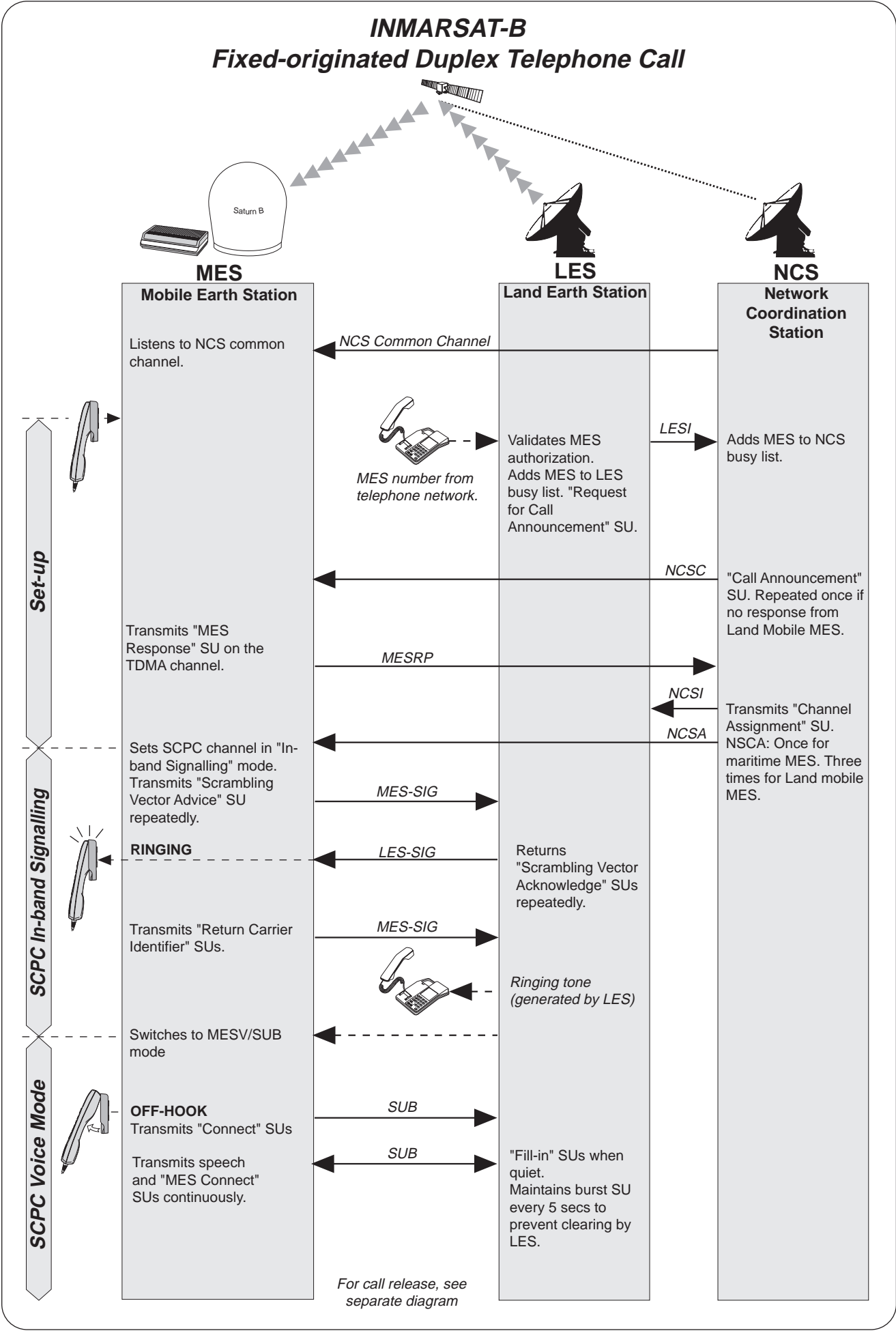
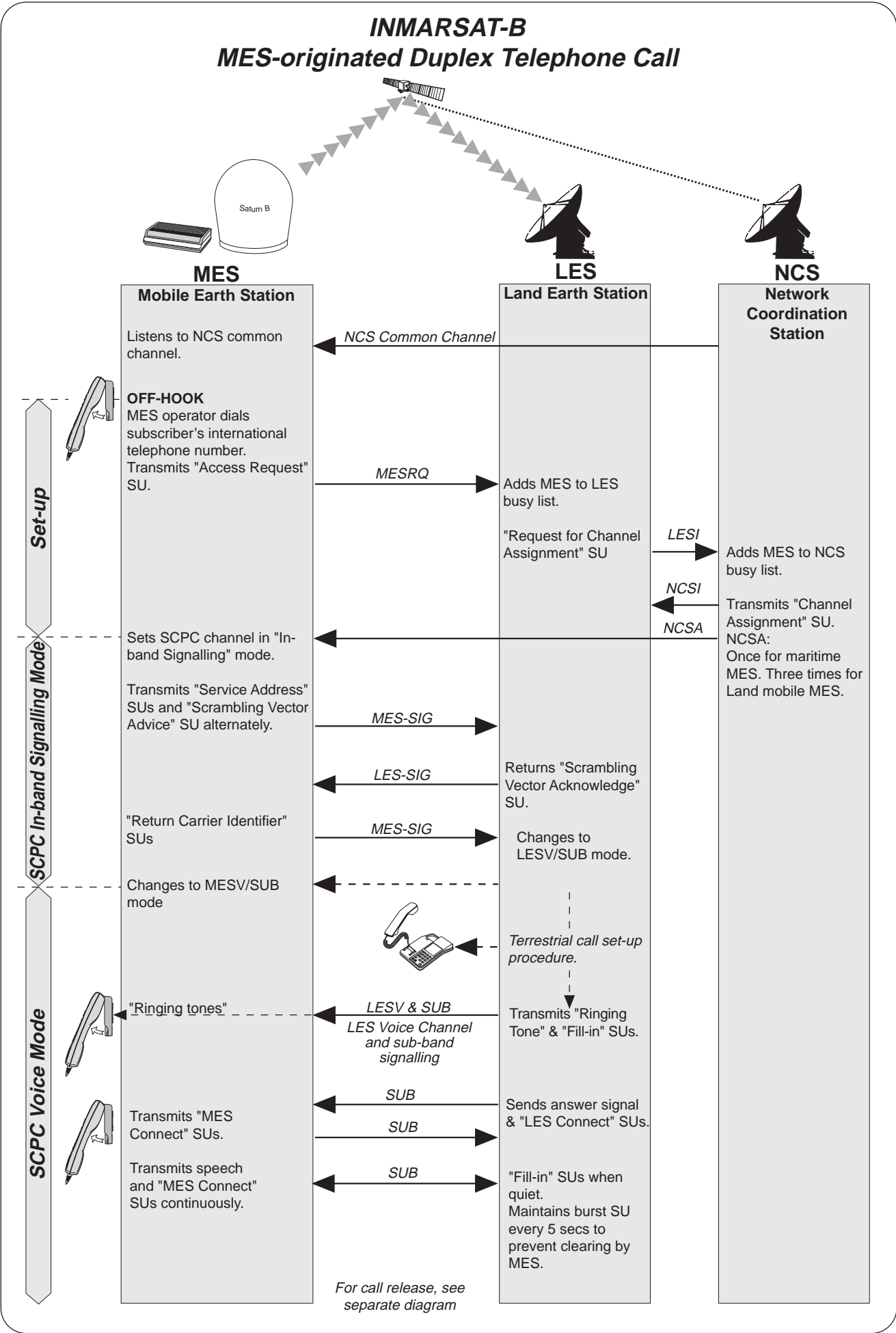
Designation	Transmission	Type of information
<b>NCSI</b> <b>LESI</b>	Continuous TDM	Bi-directional signalling information between LES and NCS
<b>NCSC</b> <b>MESRP</b>	TDM TDMA	Bulletin Board announcements. MES responses
<b>NCSA</b>	Continuous TDM	Assigns SPCS channels
<b>MESRQ</b>	Slotted Aloha	Request from MES to LES
<b>MESCA</b>	Slotted Aloha	Acknowledges shore-originated simplex calls.
<b>NCSS</b>	Continuous TDM	One frequency per spot beam; enables an MES to identify beam serving location.
<b>MESRR</b> <b>NCRA</b>	Slotted Aloha Continuous TDM	Registration signal to LES/NCS. Acknowledgement from NCS to MES
<b>MESSIG</b> <b>LESSIG</b>	SCPC	In-band signalling

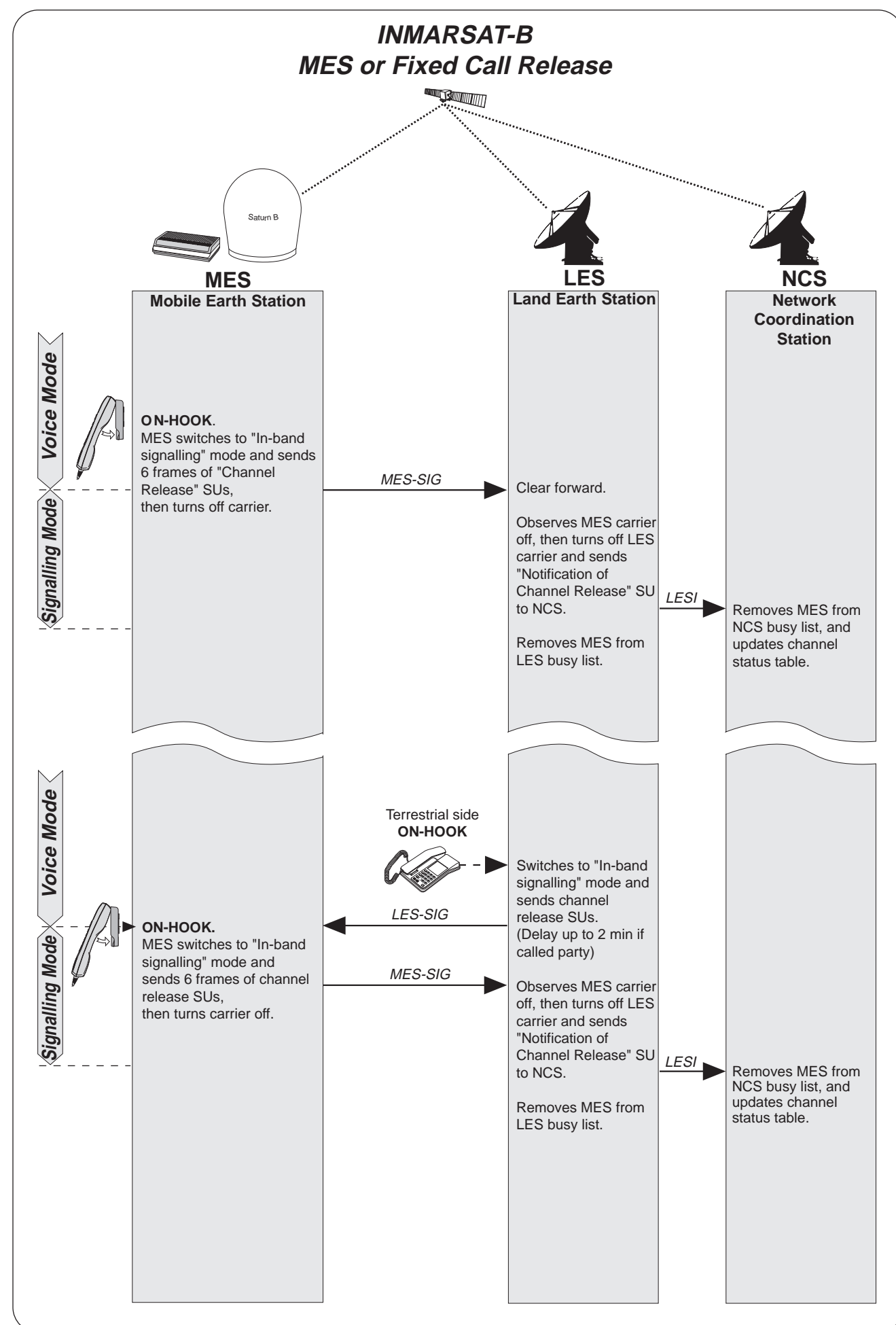
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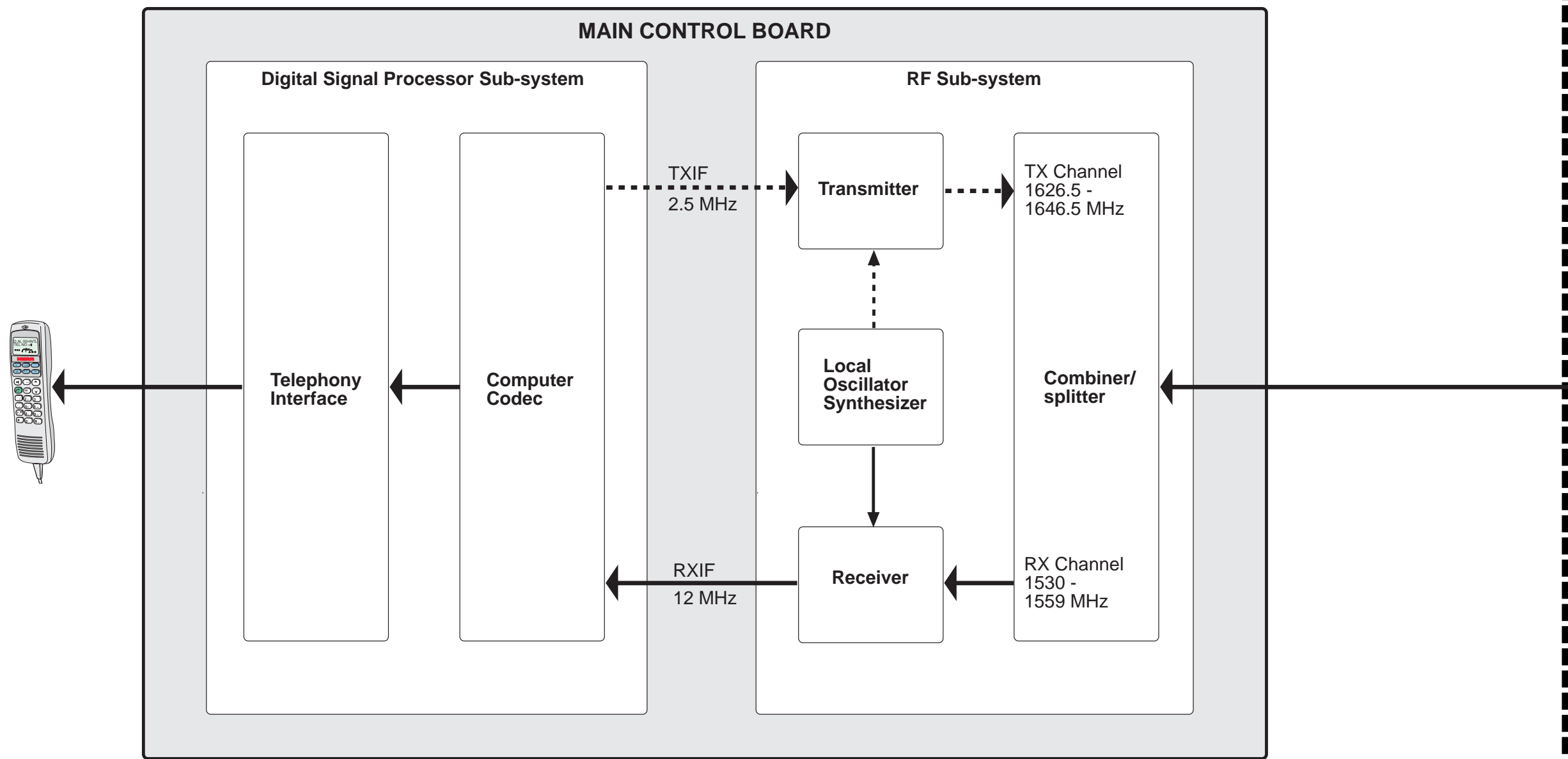
Designation	Transmission	Type of information
<b>LESV</b> <b>MESV</b>	SCPC with VSUB sub-band signalling	Duplex 16 kbps voice communication
<b>LESD</b> <b>MESD</b>	SCPC with VSUB sub-band signalling	Duplex 9.6 kbps data communication



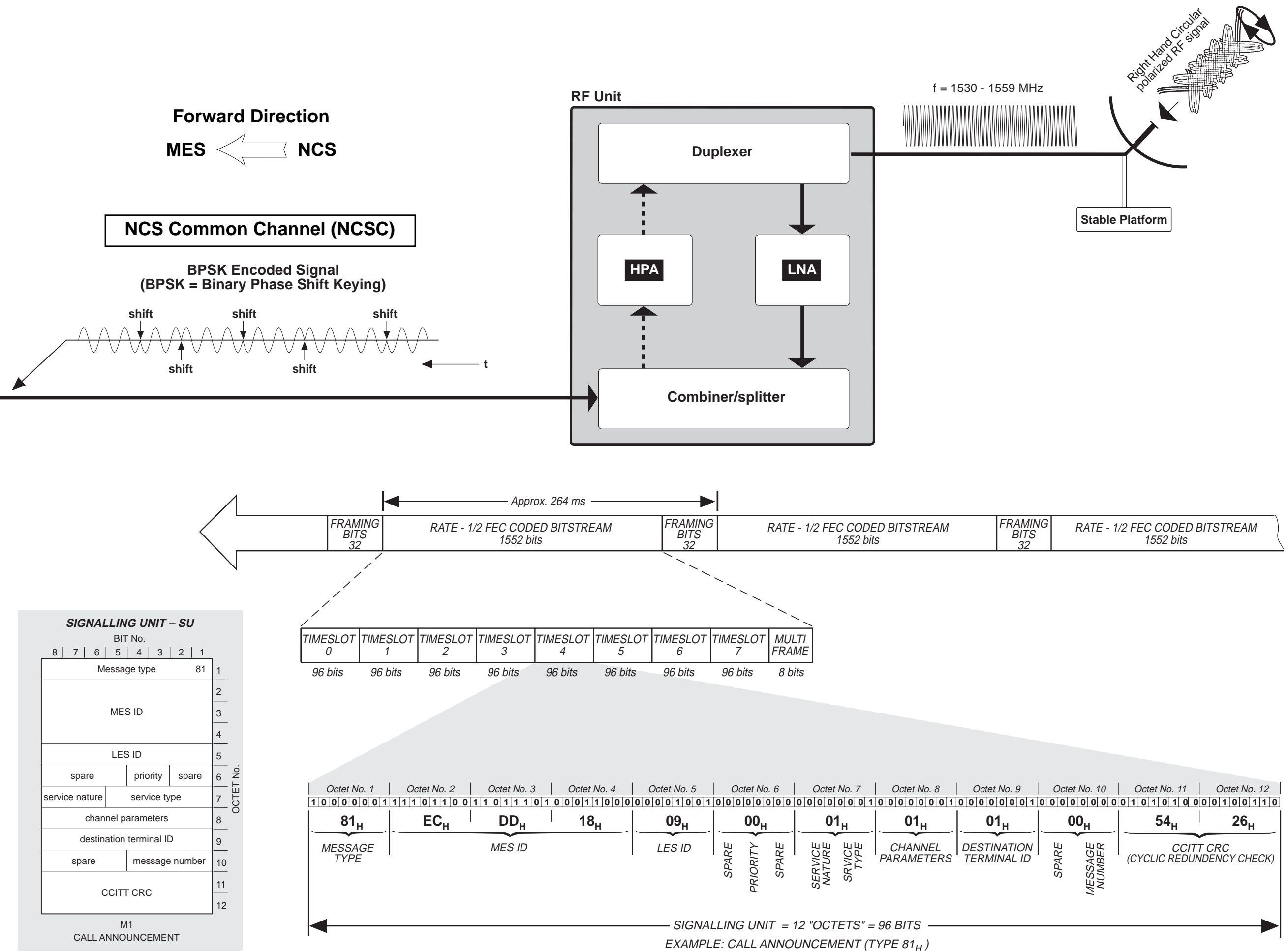


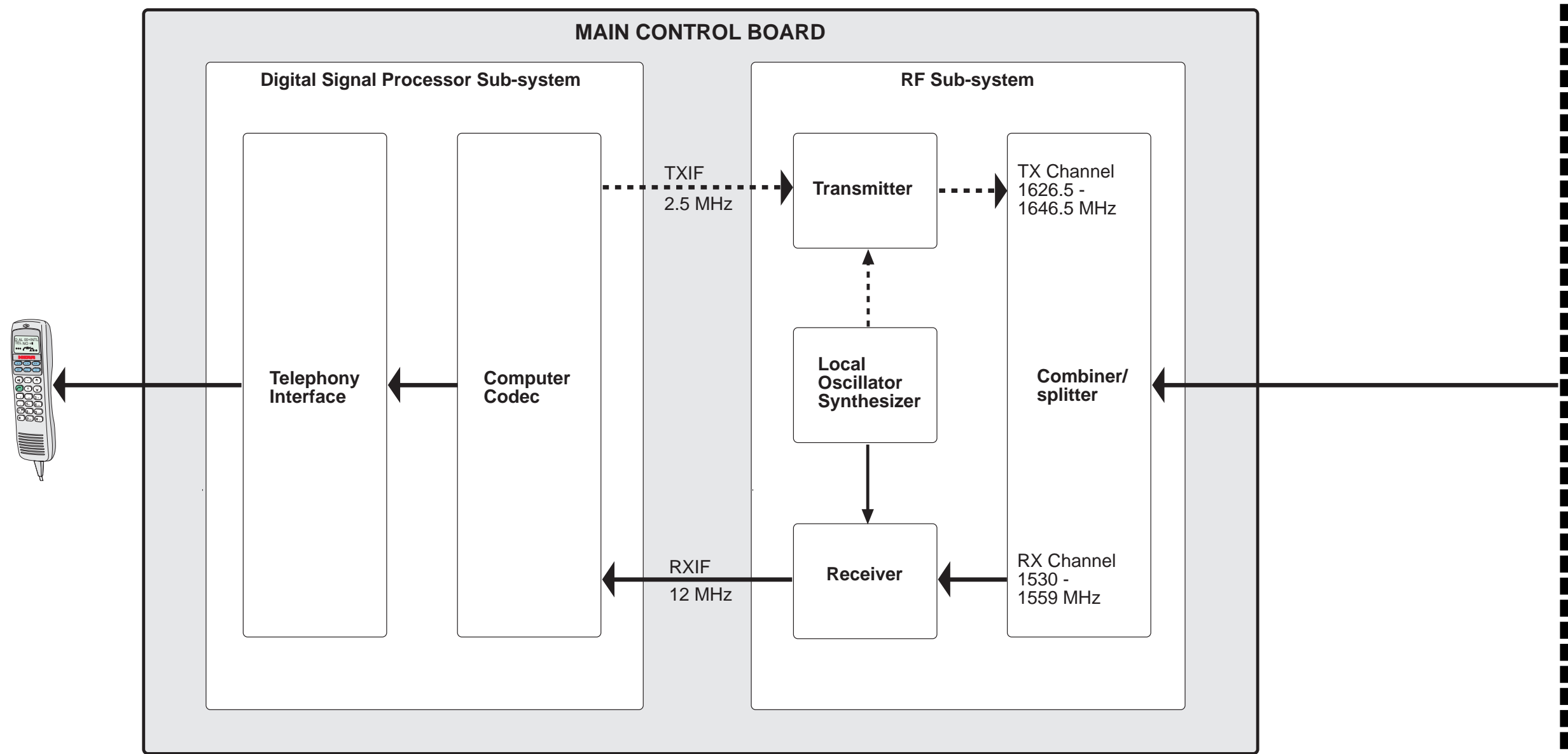




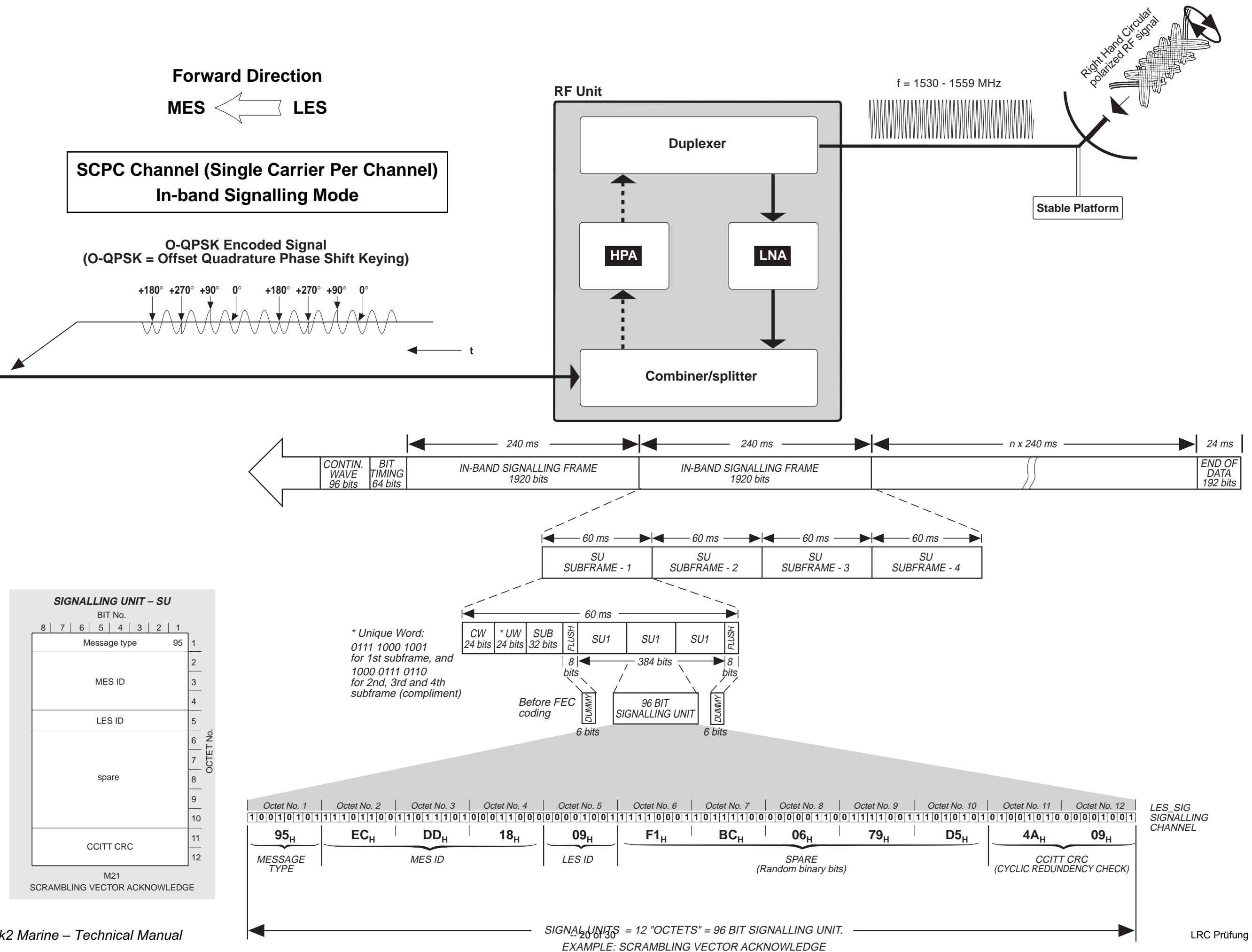


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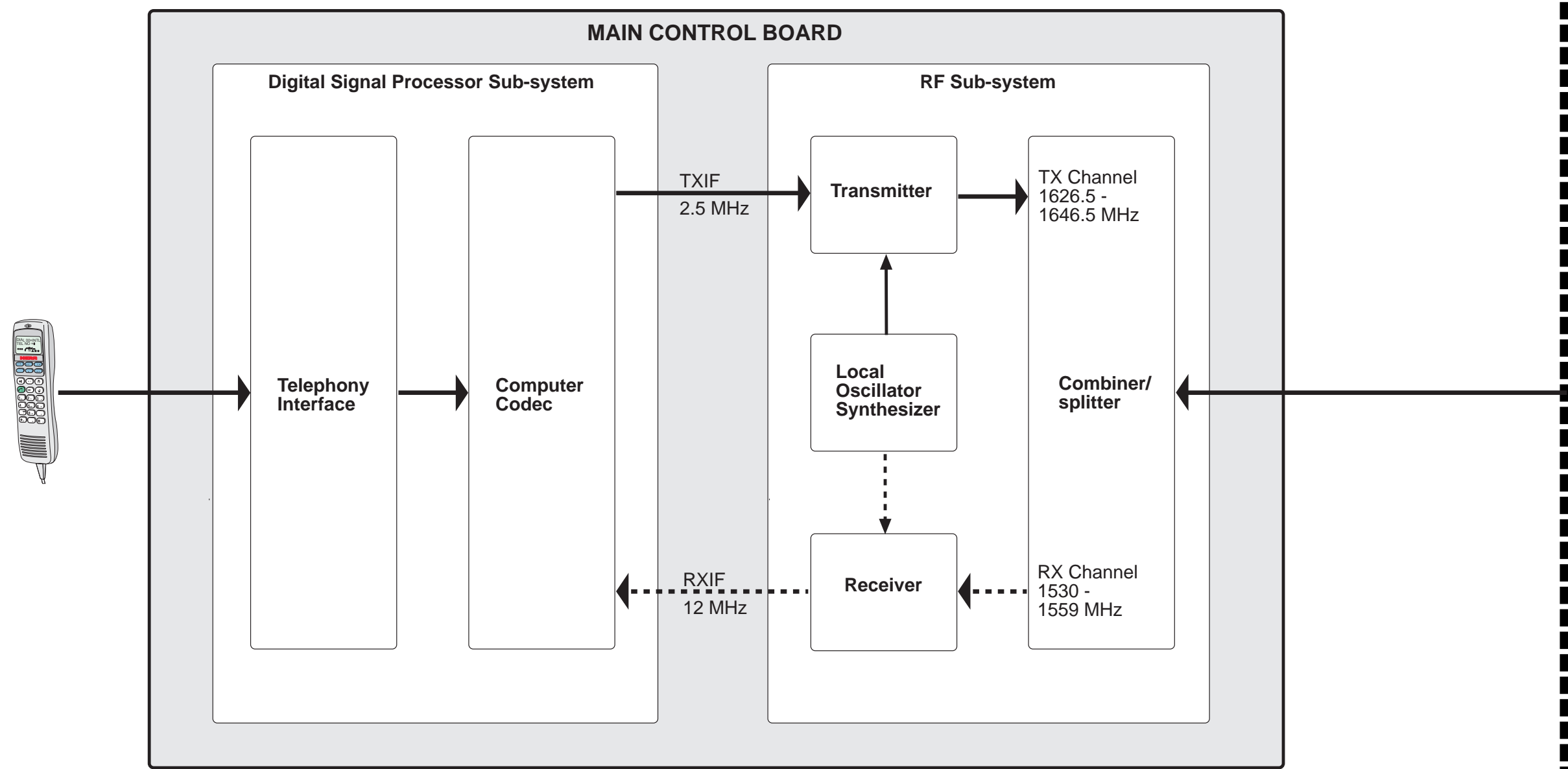




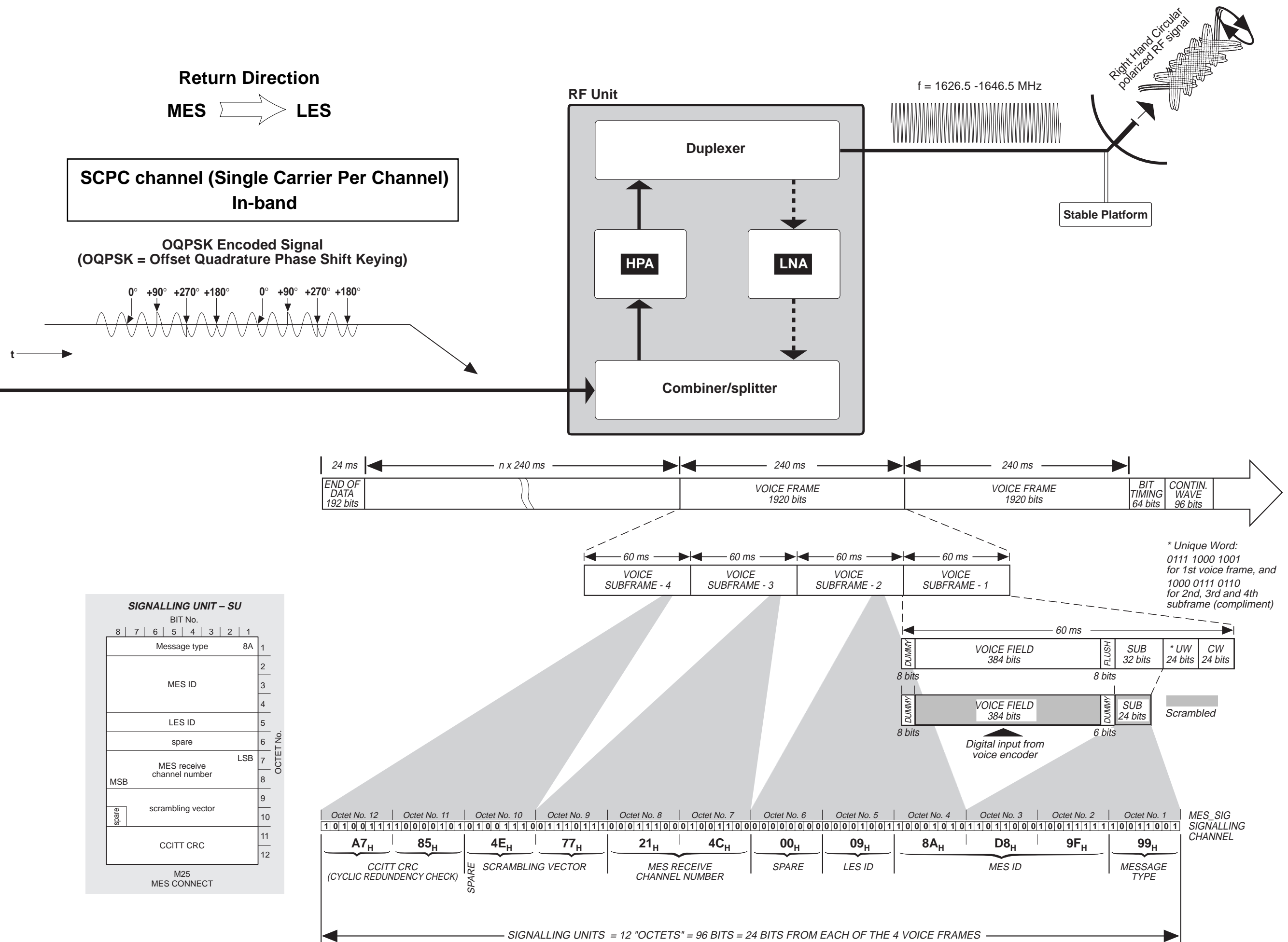
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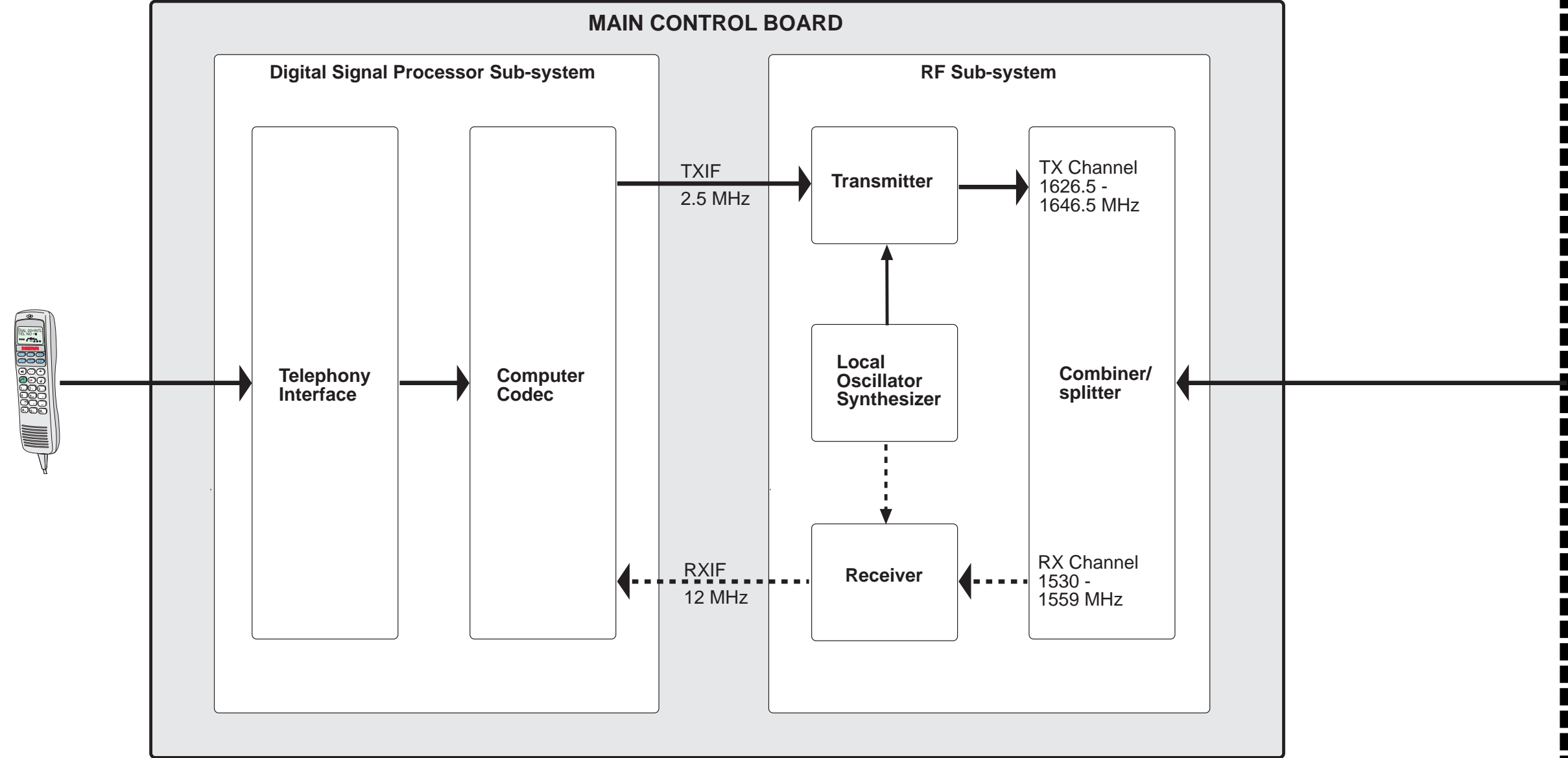




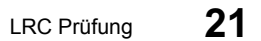


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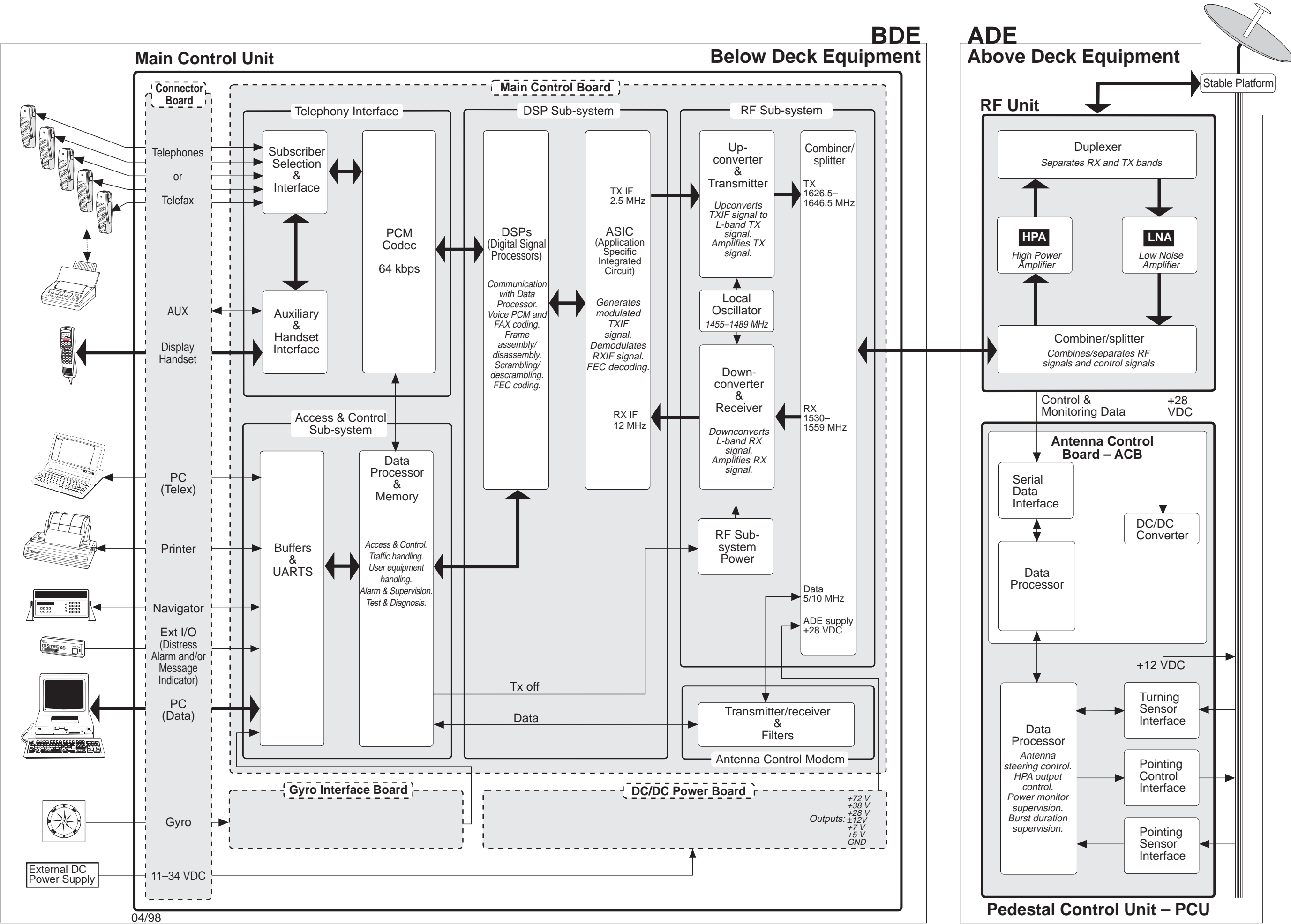




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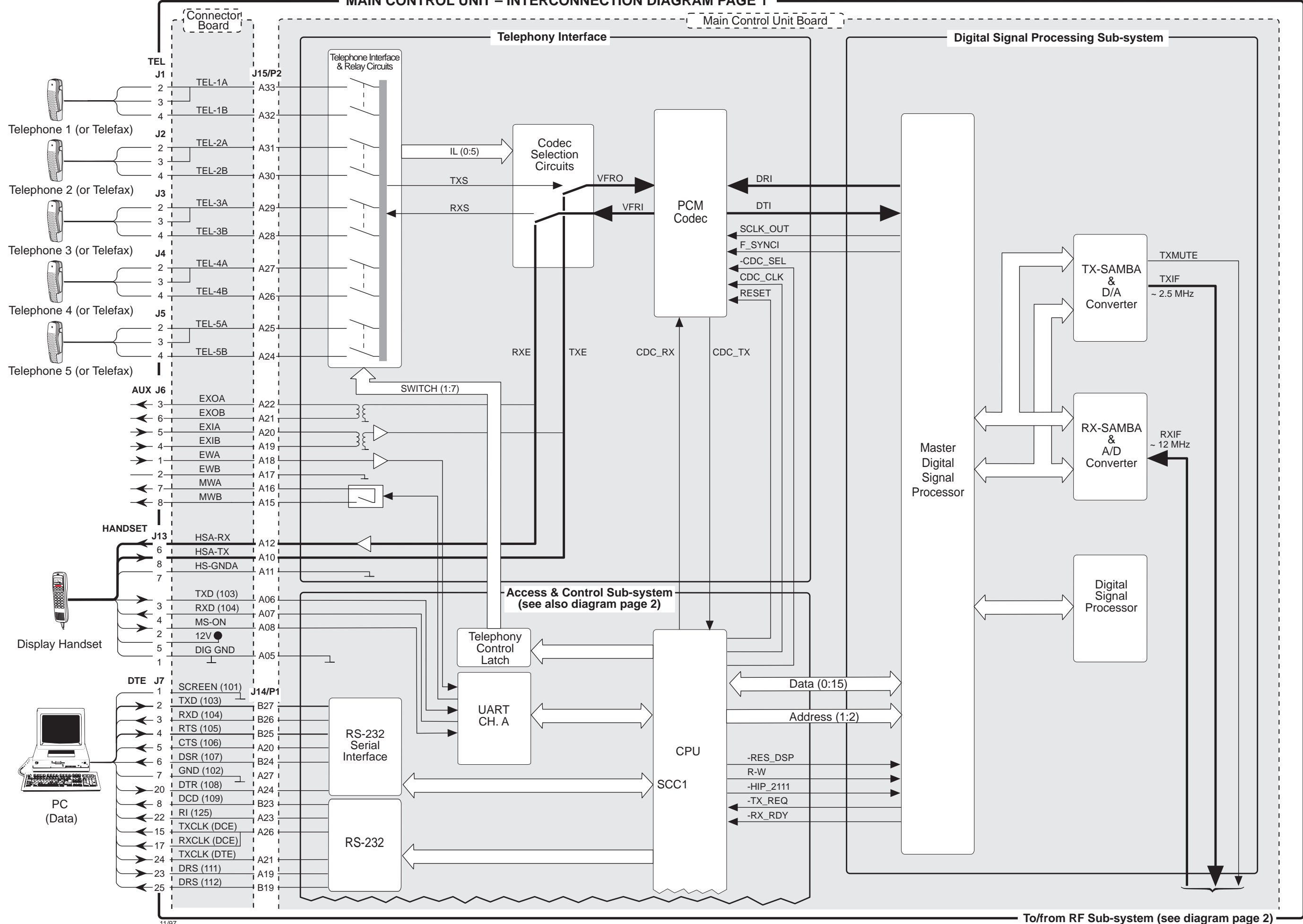


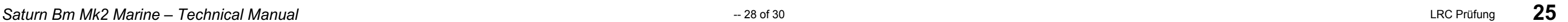


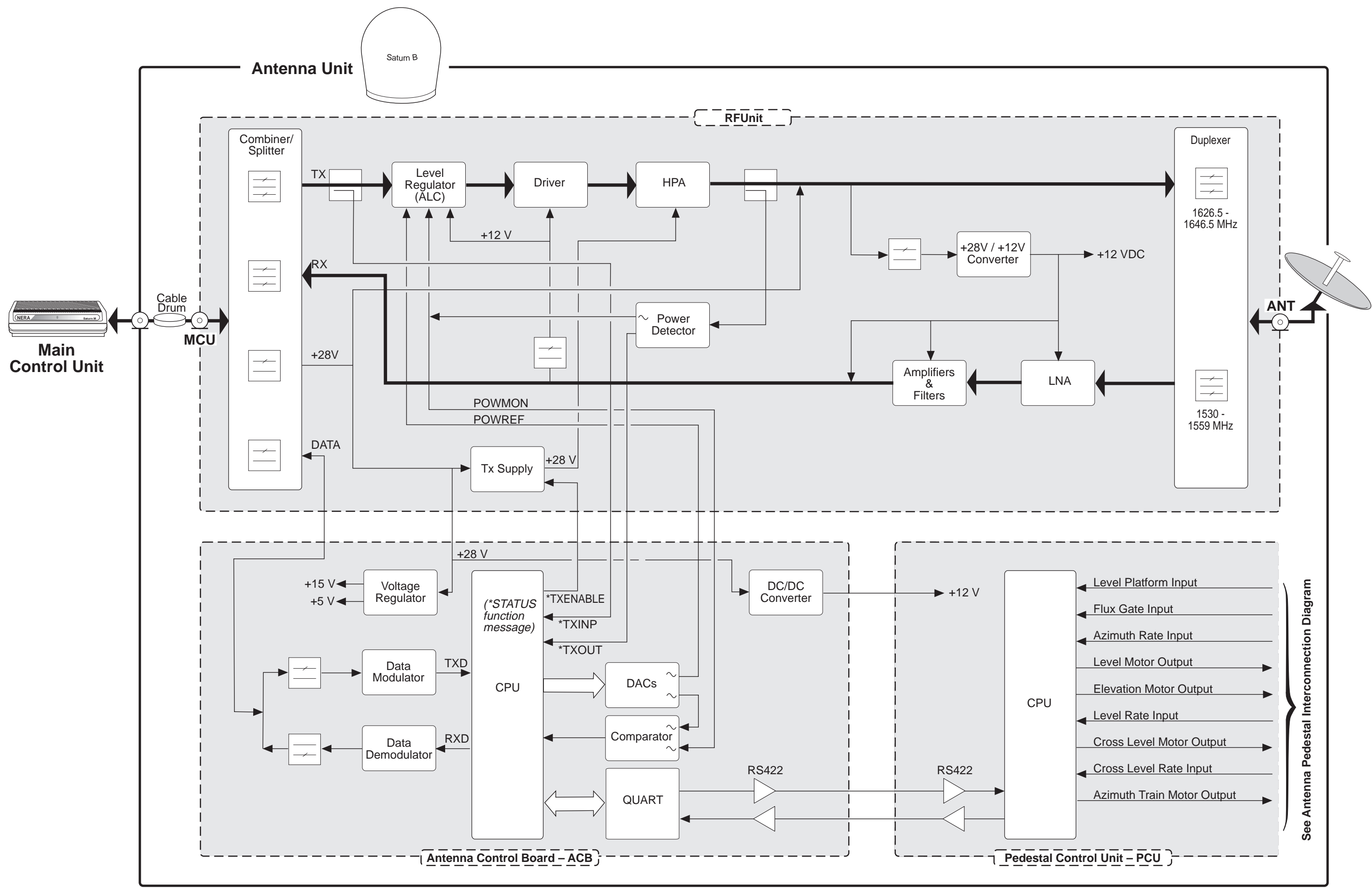


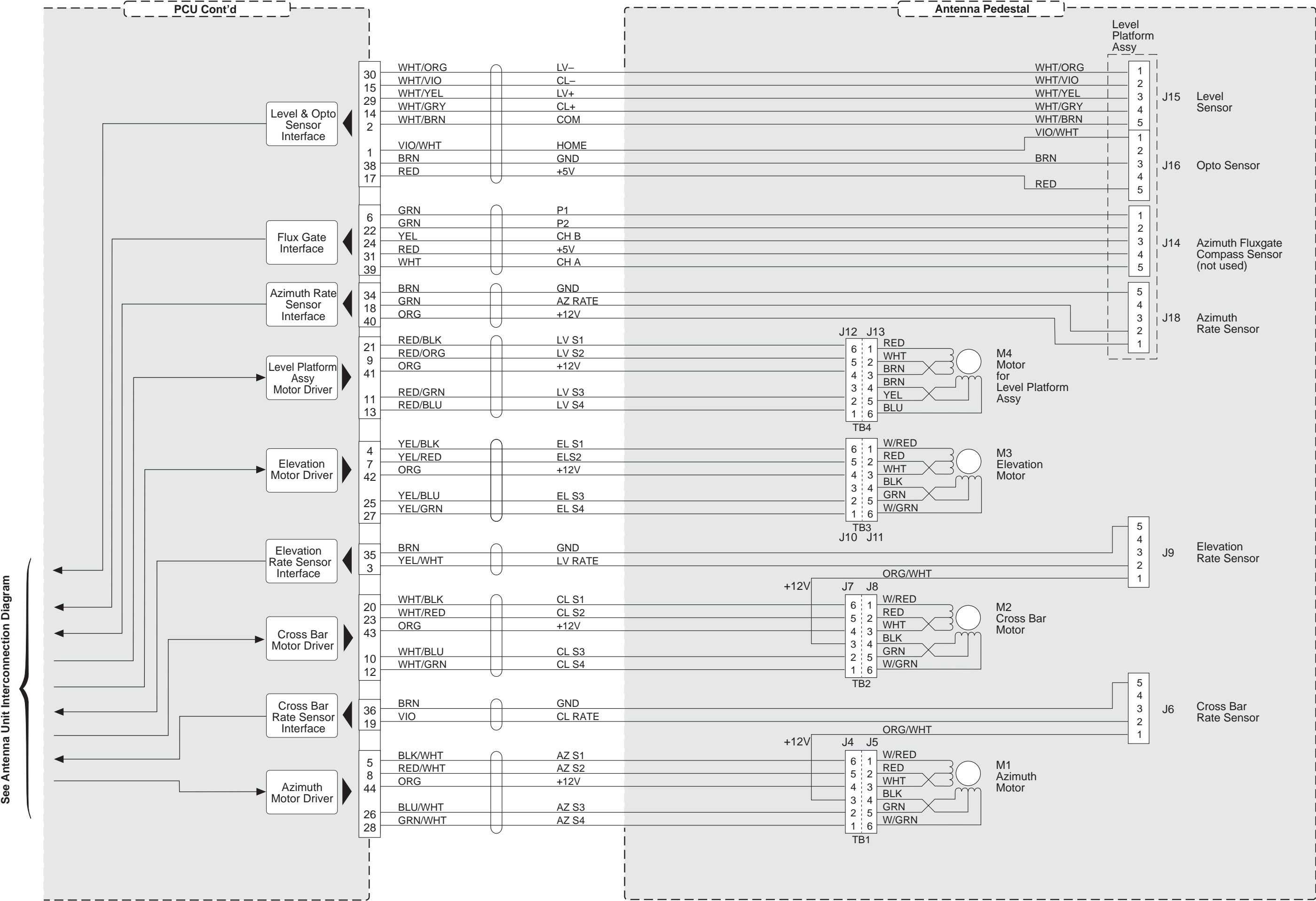


MAIN CONTROL UNIT – INTERCONNECTION DIAGRAM PAGE 1









See Antenna Unit Interconnection Diagram