

Typical Earth Station for Receiving OreSat Telemetry

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How to receive and decode the Morse code CW beacon

How to receive and decode the G3RUH AX.25 APRS packet beacon

How to receive the S band bulk-data (aka DxWiFi)

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Describe the hardware and software of a typical Earth station to receive signals from the planned satellite.

UHF:

- CW Beacon

This signal can be received by a station which includes a directional antenna of approximately 6 dBi gain and a HPBW of 40 degrees. Tracking of the satellite could be any form of manual tracking of a LEO satellite that one would use with an antenna such as an Arrow™ or other similar type. Tracking software such as GPredict under Windows or Linux could be used, or alternately SatelliteAR on an Android device. There is also the possibility to use an isotropic antenna such as a turnstile which would remove the requirement of tracking. The receiver requires a BFO to provide the aural tone for ordinary 20 WPM CW reception by ear. It is possible to use a CW or SSB type receiver for this.

- G3RUH / AX.25 Packet Beacon

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S band:

- Amateur-802.11 DxWiFi

To receive this signal it is intended that an operator use the groundstation described by the OreSat Live website, and run the software on that site for the purpose of tracking and image decoding.

For further guidance, see the link:

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