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Long-Range SRAD Radio Telemetry System (SRADio)

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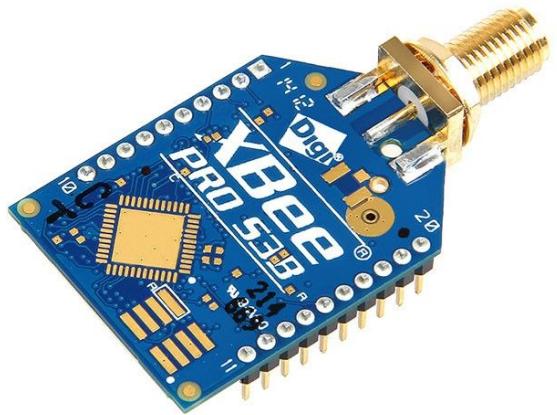
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Status Quo

XBee



XBee



SSI Projects

SSI Project Radio Needs



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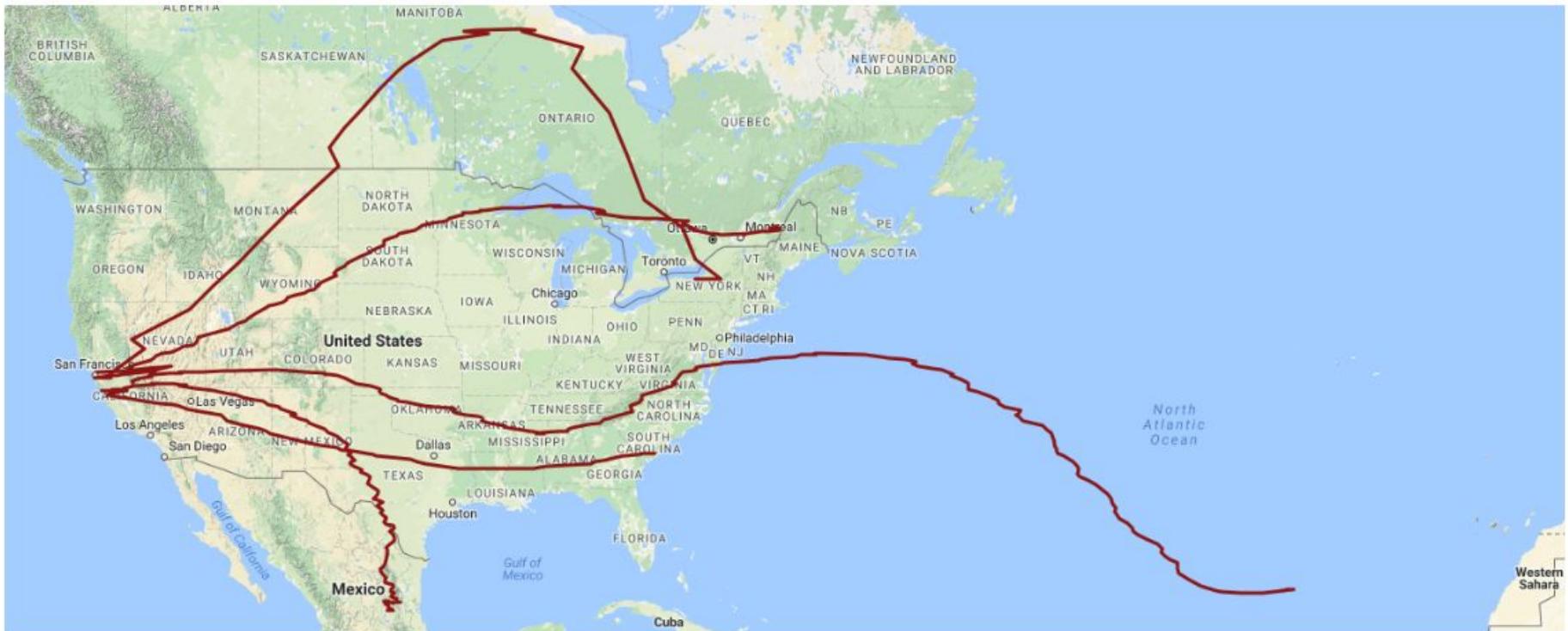
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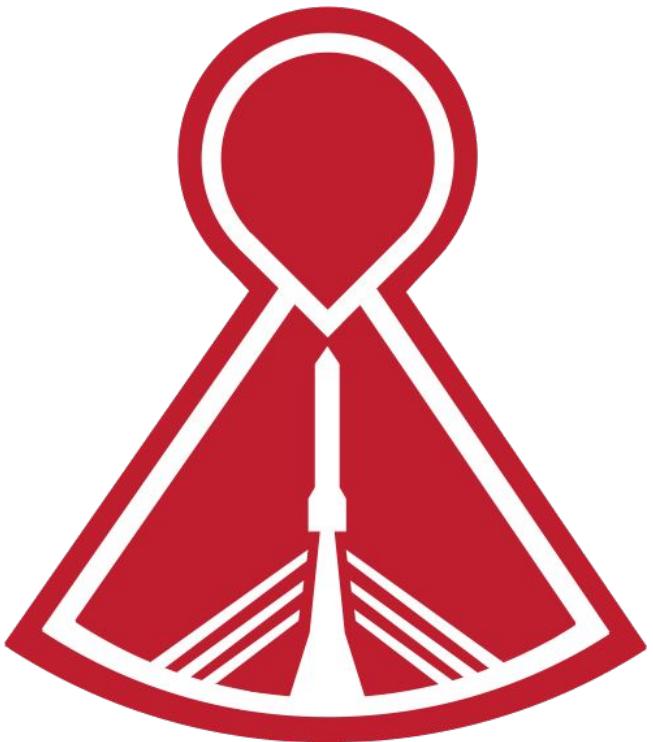


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SRADio

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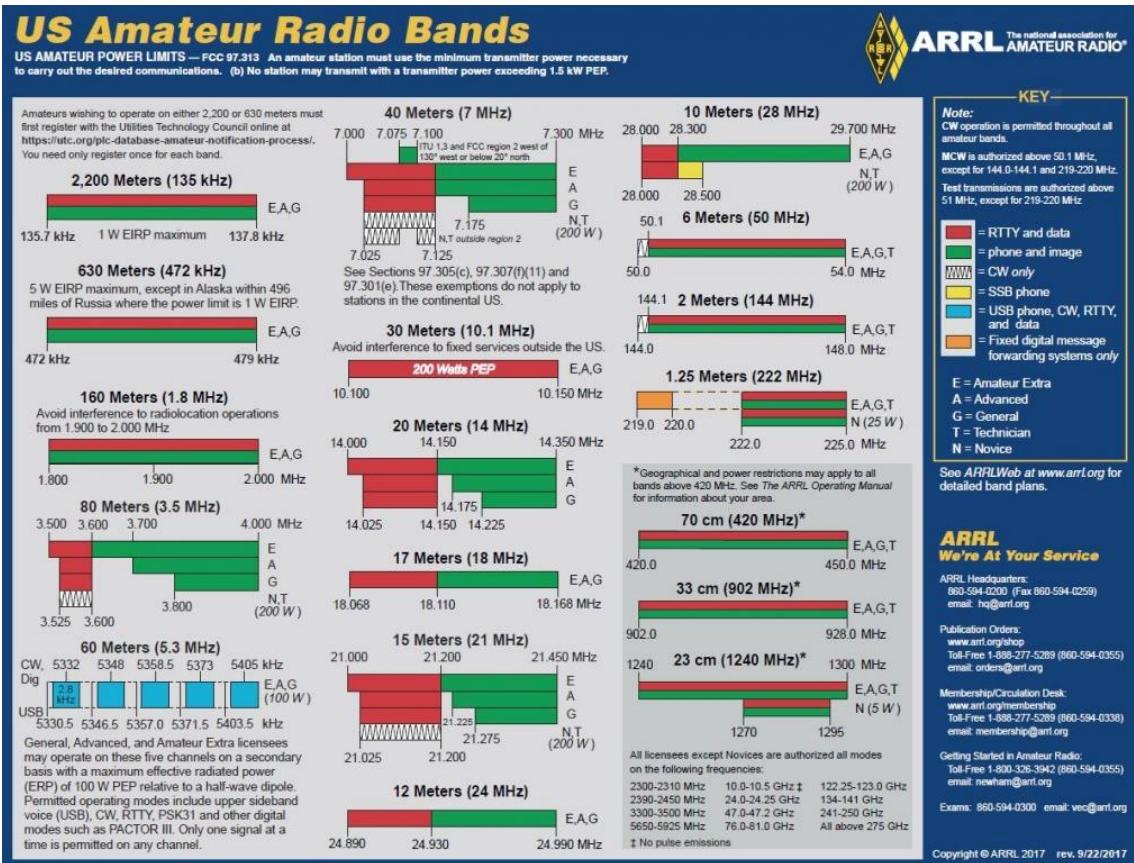
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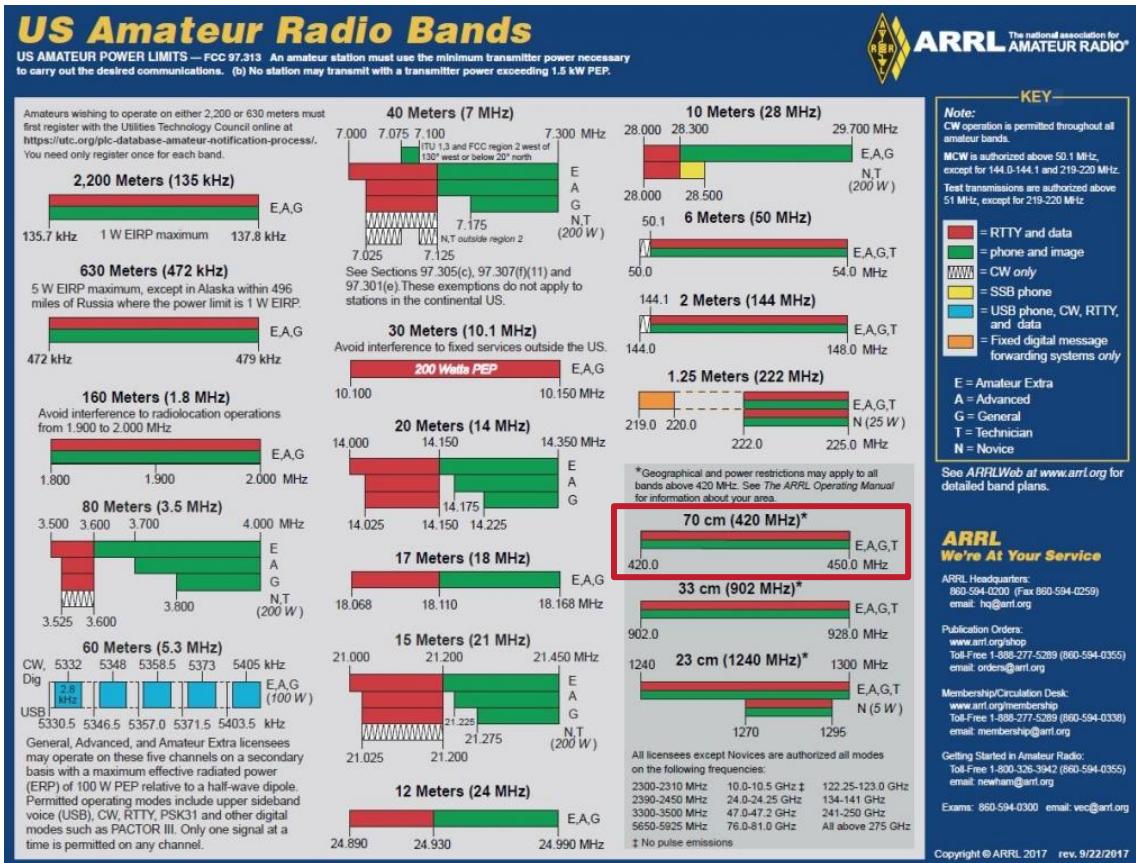
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Amateur Radio



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Annotations for the Friis Transmission Equation:

- Received Power: Upward arrow from the P_r term.
- Transmitted Power: Upward arrow from the P_t term.
- Antenna Gains: Double-headed arrow between D_t and D_r .
- Link Distance: Upward arrow from the d term.
- Wavelength: Upward arrow from the λ term. A note above it states: $33 \text{ cm} \rightarrow 70 \text{ cm} = +6 \text{ dB}$.
- Net: +2 dB: To the right of the equation, indicating a cumulative effect of the wavelength change and link distance.

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33 cm → 70 cm = +6 dB
Net (100 km): -18 dB
Net (400 km): -30 dB

250 mW → 100 mW = -4 dB

10 km → 100 km = -20 dB

10 km → 400 km = -32 dB

Shannon-Hartley Channel Equation



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Diagram illustrating the components of the Shannon-Hartley Channel Equation:

- Received Power** (labeled above the equation, with a downward arrow pointing to the term P_r)
- Noise Power** (labeled below the equation, with an upward arrow pointing to the term P_n)
- Bandwidth** (labeled to the left of the equation, with an upward arrow pointing to the term B)

Signal-to-Noise Ratio



$$\text{SNR} = \frac{P_r}{P_n}$$

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Si4464/63/61/60



HIGH-PERFORMANCE, LOW-CURRENT TRANSCEIVER

Features

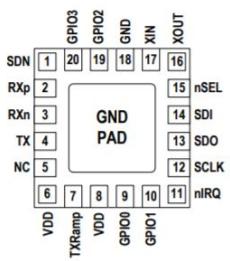
- Frequency range = 119–1050 MHz
 - Receive sensitivity = -126 dBm
 - Modulation
 - (G)FSK, 4(G)FSK, (G)MSK
 - OOK
 - Max output power
 - +20 dBm (Si4464/63)
 - +16 dBm (Si4461)
 - +13 dBm (Si4460)
 - PA support for +27 or +30 dBm
 - Low active power consumption
 - 10/13 mA RX
 - 18 mA TX at +10 dBm (Si4460)
 - Ultra low current powerdown modes
 - 30 nA shutdown, 50 nA standby
 - Data rate = 100 bps to 1 Mbps
 - Fast wake and hop times
 - Power supply = 1.8 to 3.6 V
 - Excellent selectivity performance
 - 60 dB adjacent channel
 - 75 dB blocking at 1 MHz
 - Antenna diversity and T/R switch control
 - Highly configurable packet handler
 - TX and RX 64 byte FIFOs
 - Auto frequency control (AFC)
 - Automatic gain control (AGC)
 - Low BOM
 - Low battery detector
 - Temperature sensor
 - 20-Pin QFN package
 - IEEE 802.15.4g compliant
 - FCC Part 90 Mask D, FCC part 15.247, 15.231, 15.249, ARIB T-108, T-96, T-67, RCR STD-30, China regulatory
 - ETSI Class-I Operation with SAW

Applications

- Smart metering (802.15.4g & MBus)
 - Remote control
 - Home security and alarm
 - Telemetry
 - Garage and gate openers
 - Remote keyless entry
 - Home automation
 - Industrial control
 - Sensor networks
 - Health monitors
 - Electronic shelf labels



Pin Assignments



Signal-to-Noise Ratio



$$\text{SNR} = \frac{P_r}{P_n}$$

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400 km: -30 dB
Sensitivity: -10 dB

Net (100 km): -8 dB
Net (400 km): -20 dB

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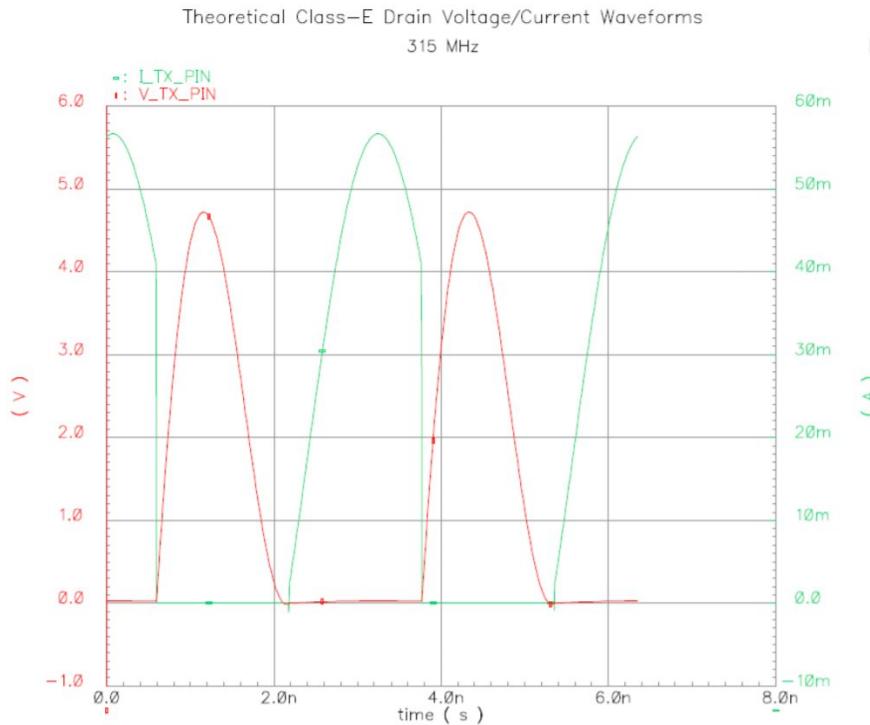
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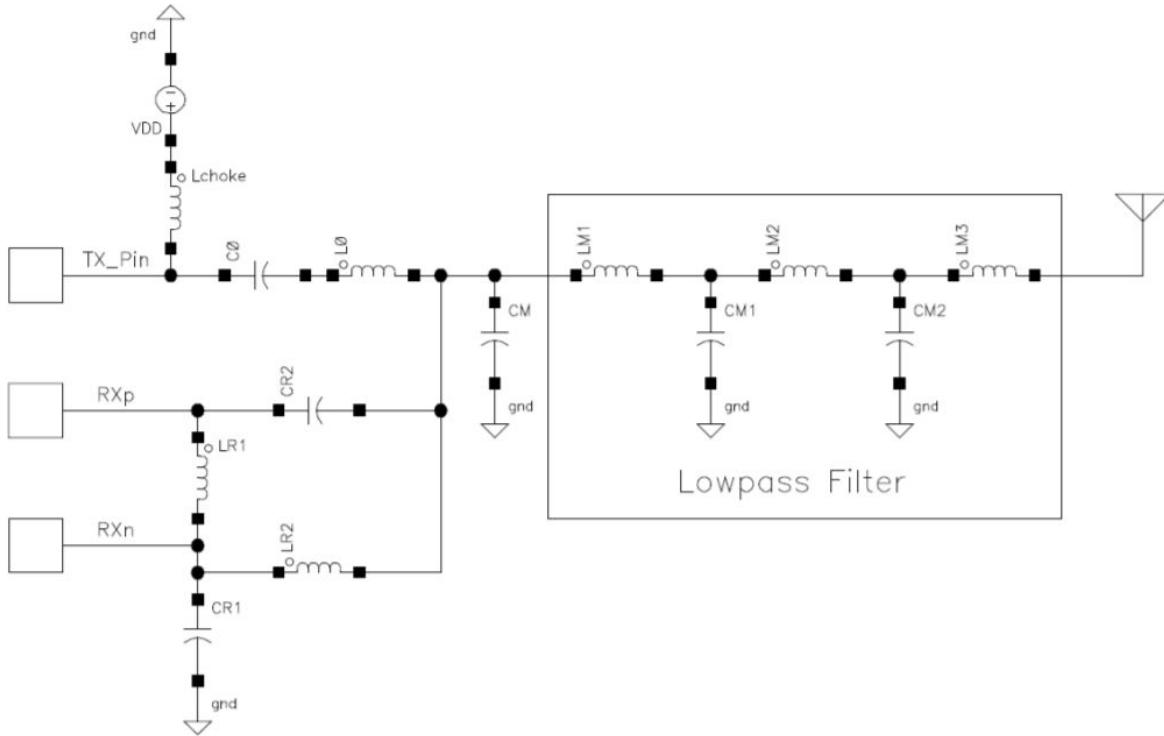
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500 bit/s: -25 dB

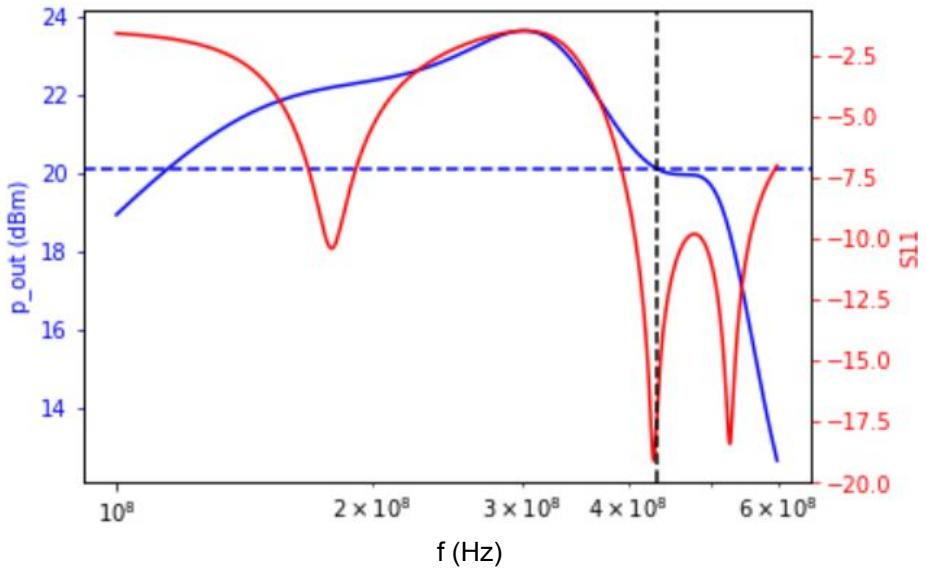
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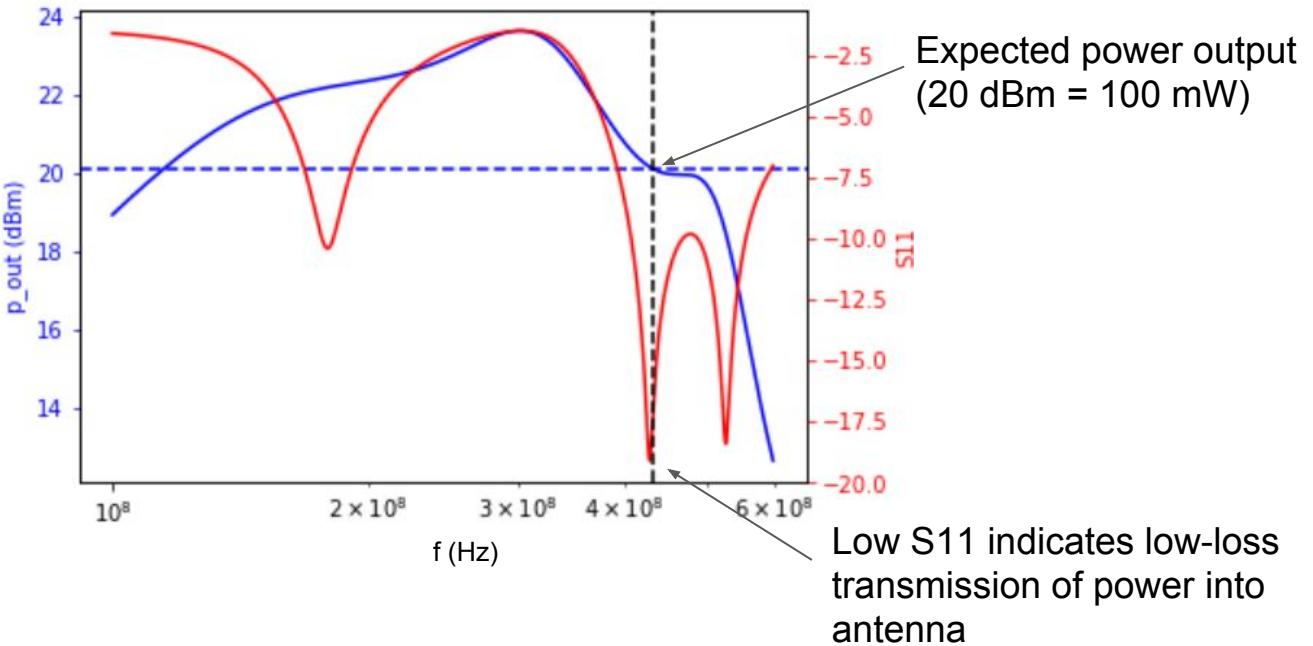
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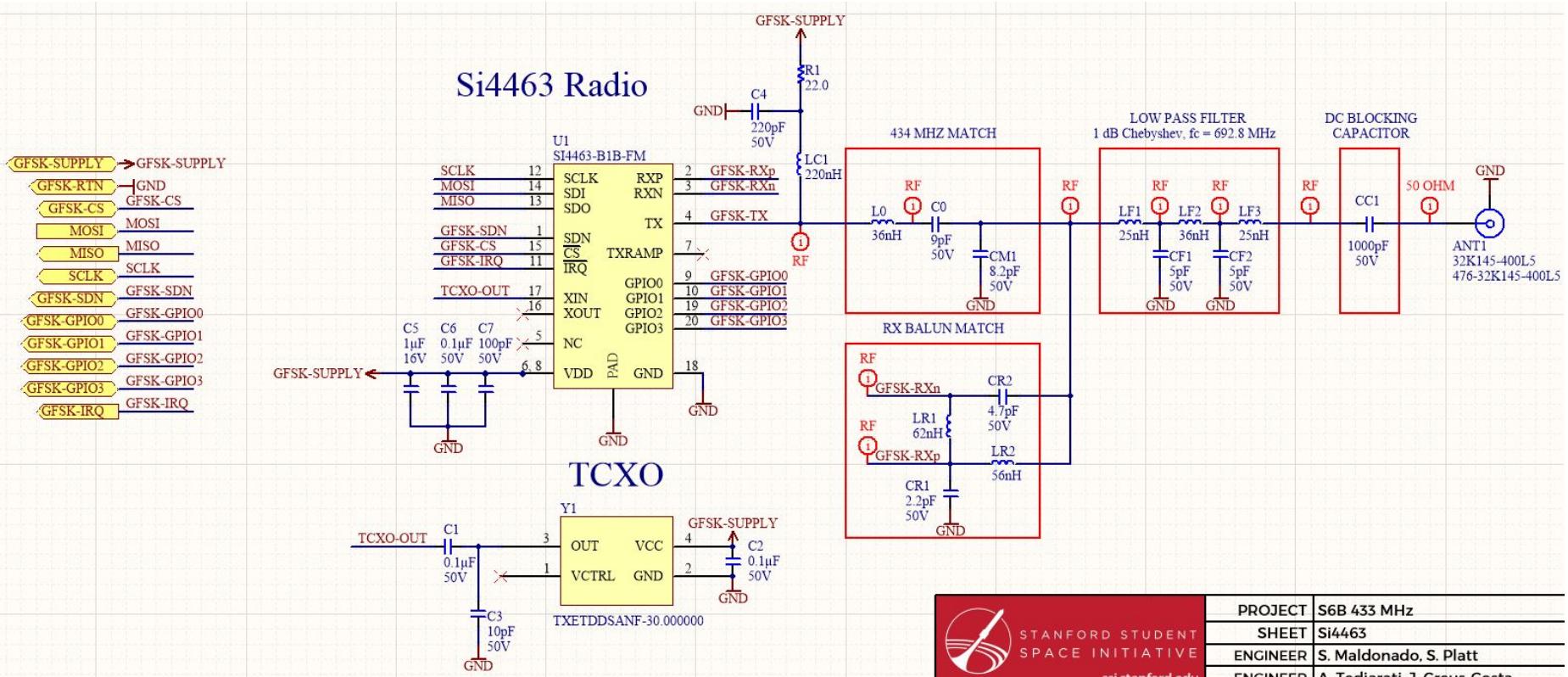
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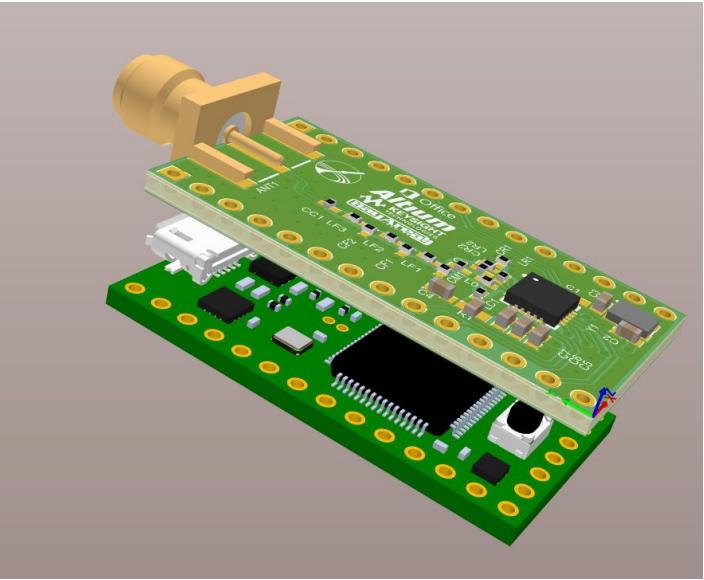
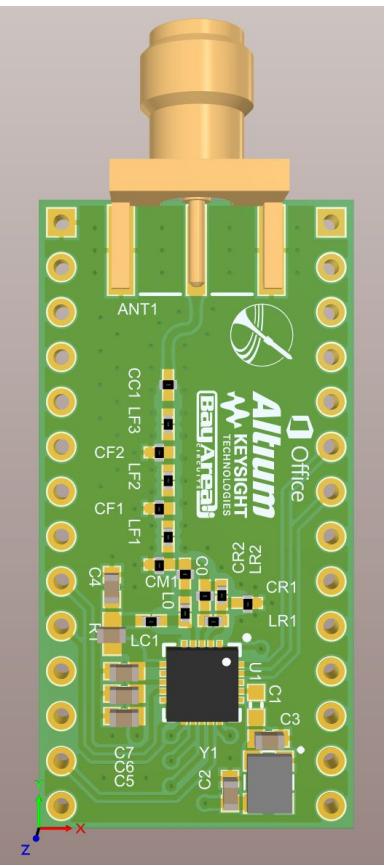
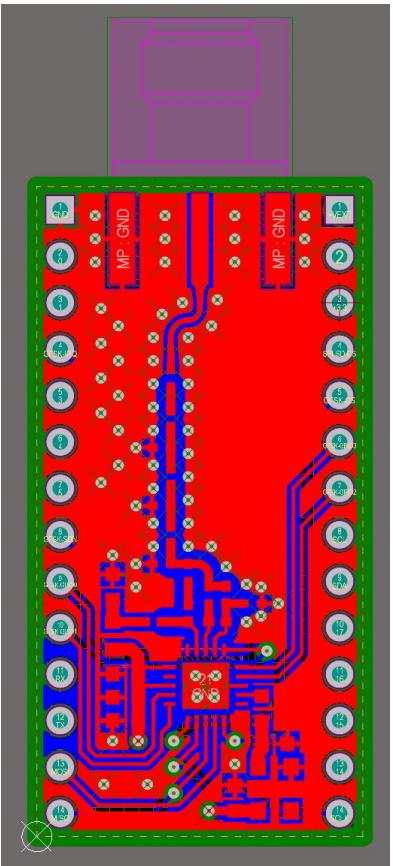
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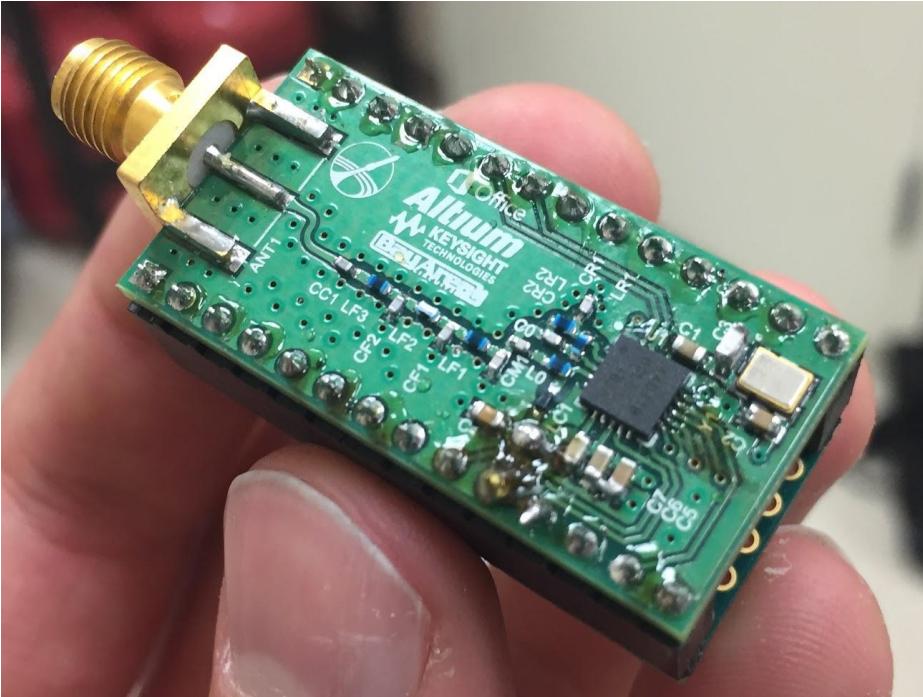
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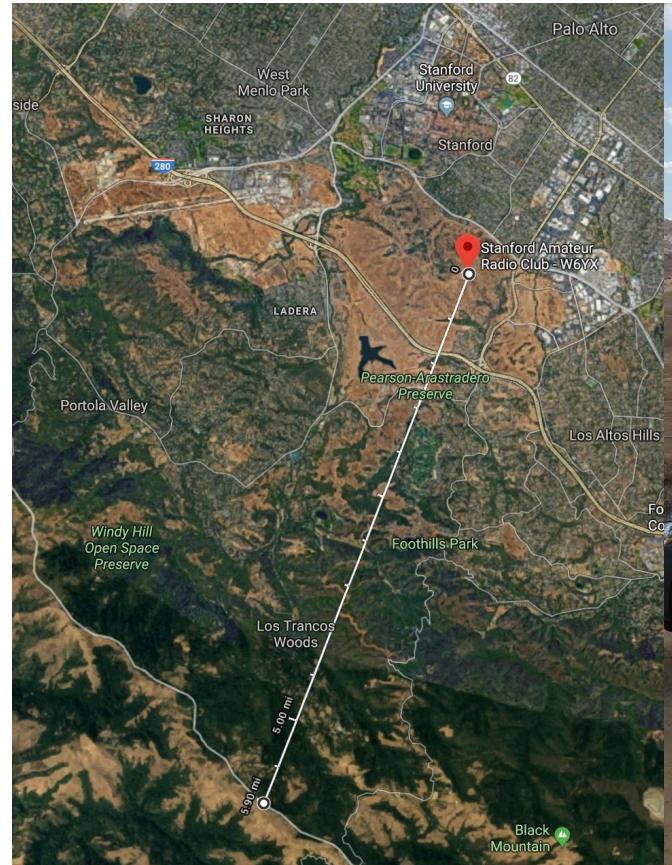
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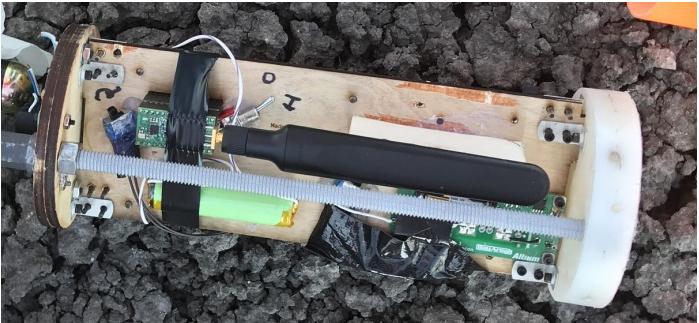
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