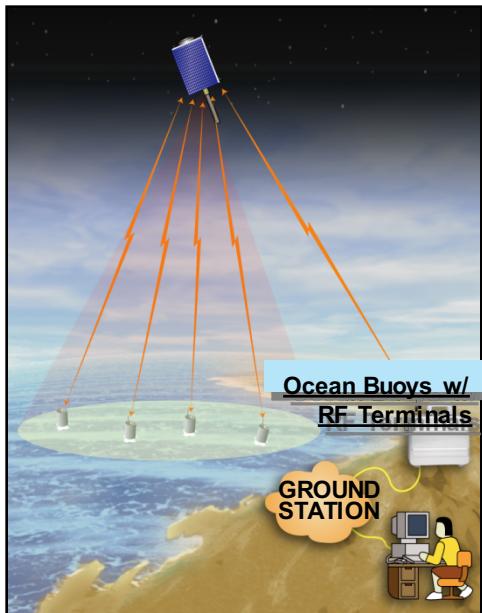


# ParkinsonSAT Remote Data Relay (Psat)

Cubesat Conference  
August 2011



ODTML

Psat



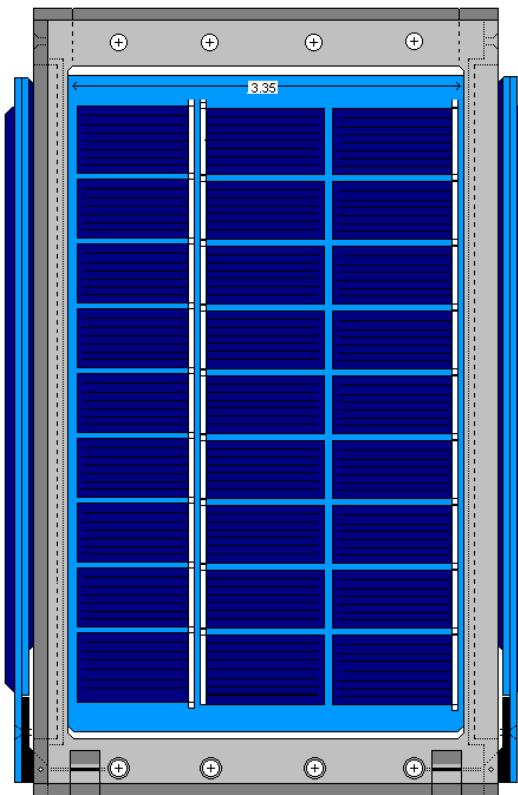
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*Midns: Crawford, Guilfoyle,  
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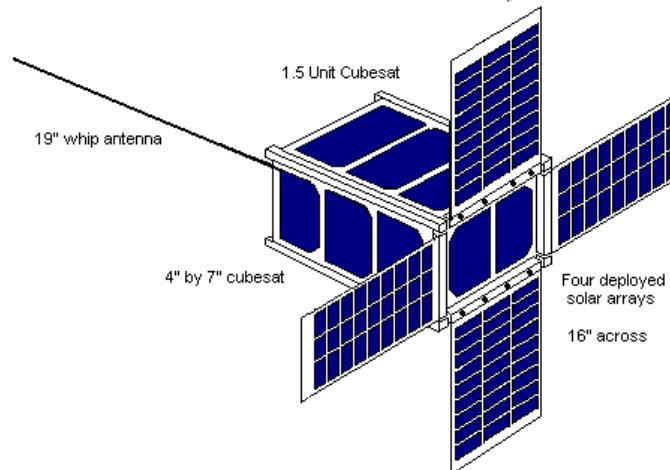


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# ParkinsonSAT 1.5u CUBESAT



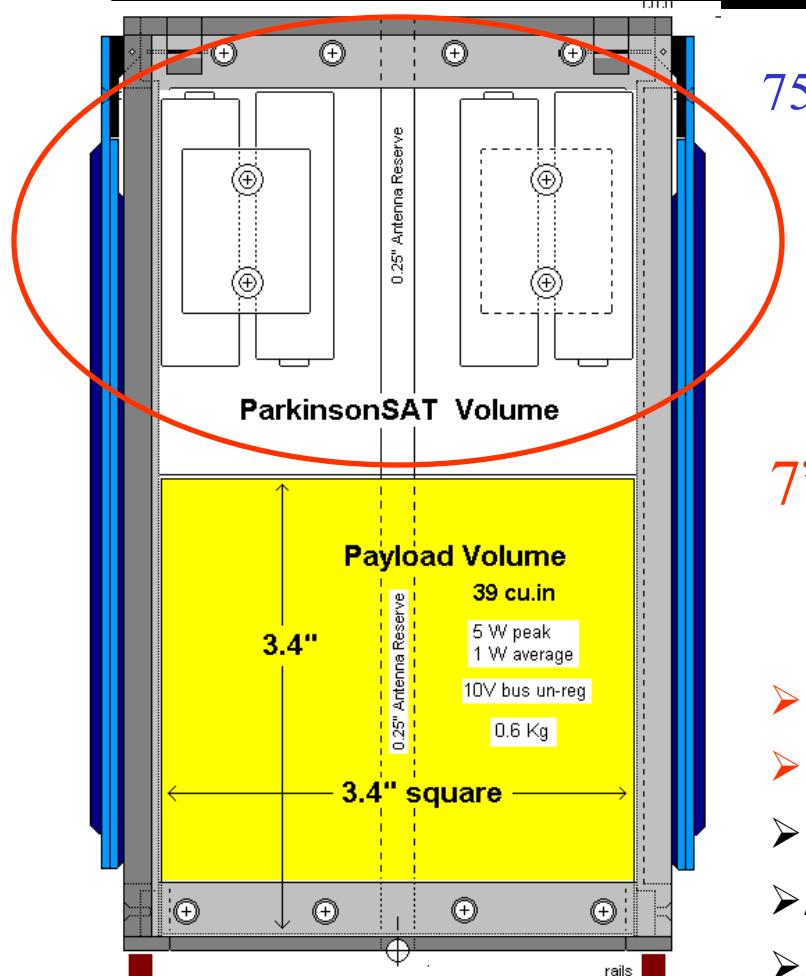
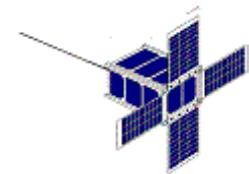
Psat Xponder can also serve as complete comms & C&DH in a cubesat



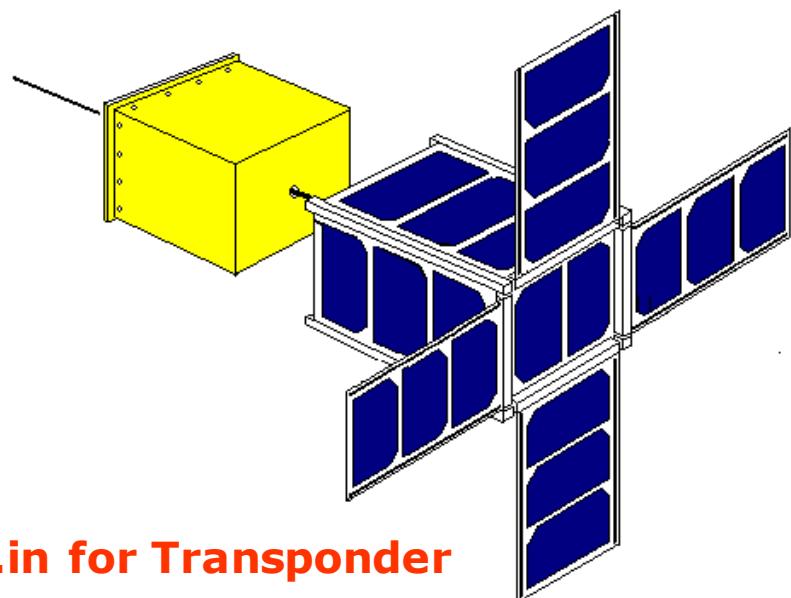
- New tiny 5W RF Xponder
- Simple Sun Pointing ADCS **\$50** Magnetometer
- Can support other SERB Payloads
- COTS solar panels **\$360 / (\$15,000)**

# Psat Transponder

## Aux Payload



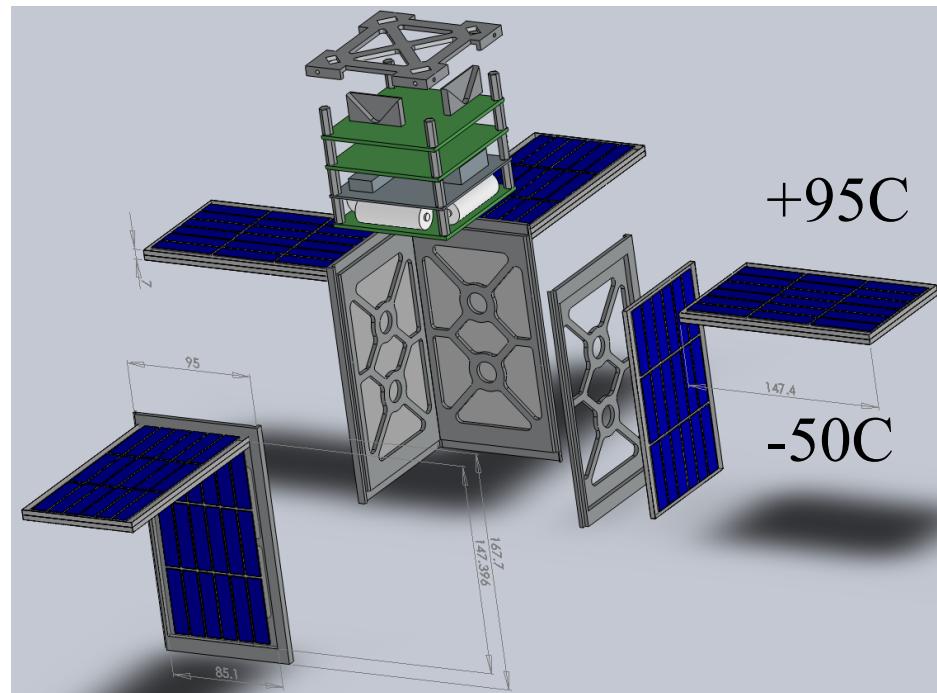
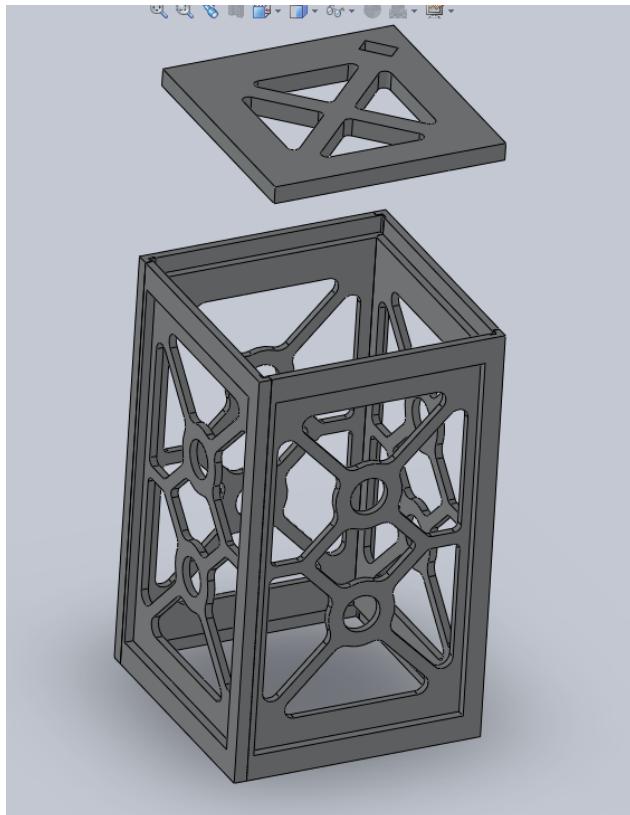
75% Payload Space Available! (only 50% shown here)



- 18 cu.in for Transponder
- External 19" whip antenna
- 68 cu.in for Aux Payload (SPMS?)
- Aux payload gets 4" external panel
- Aug payload gets .5 kg – self contained
- 1 to 3W average power for aux payload

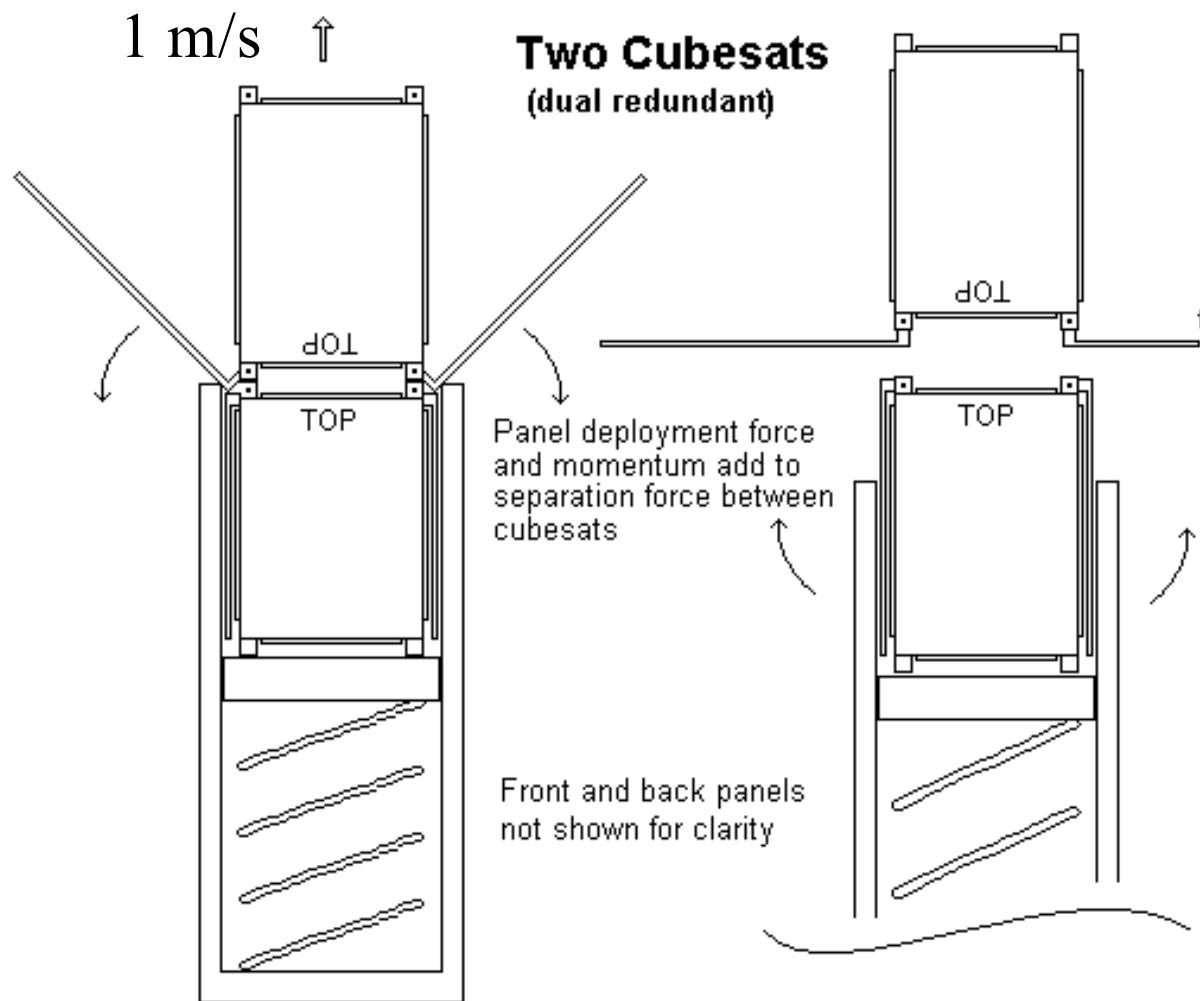
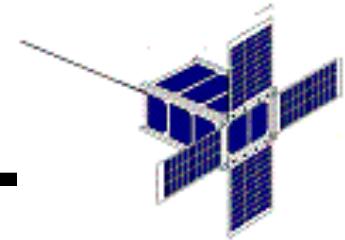
# Psat Structure (& Thermal)

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Was 0 C to 40 C on body

# CUBESAT Deployment



# Sun Pointing Attitude Control System

- ✓ Pointing requirements are relaxed  
 $\pm 32$  deg for 85% power
- ✓ High precision attitude control not required

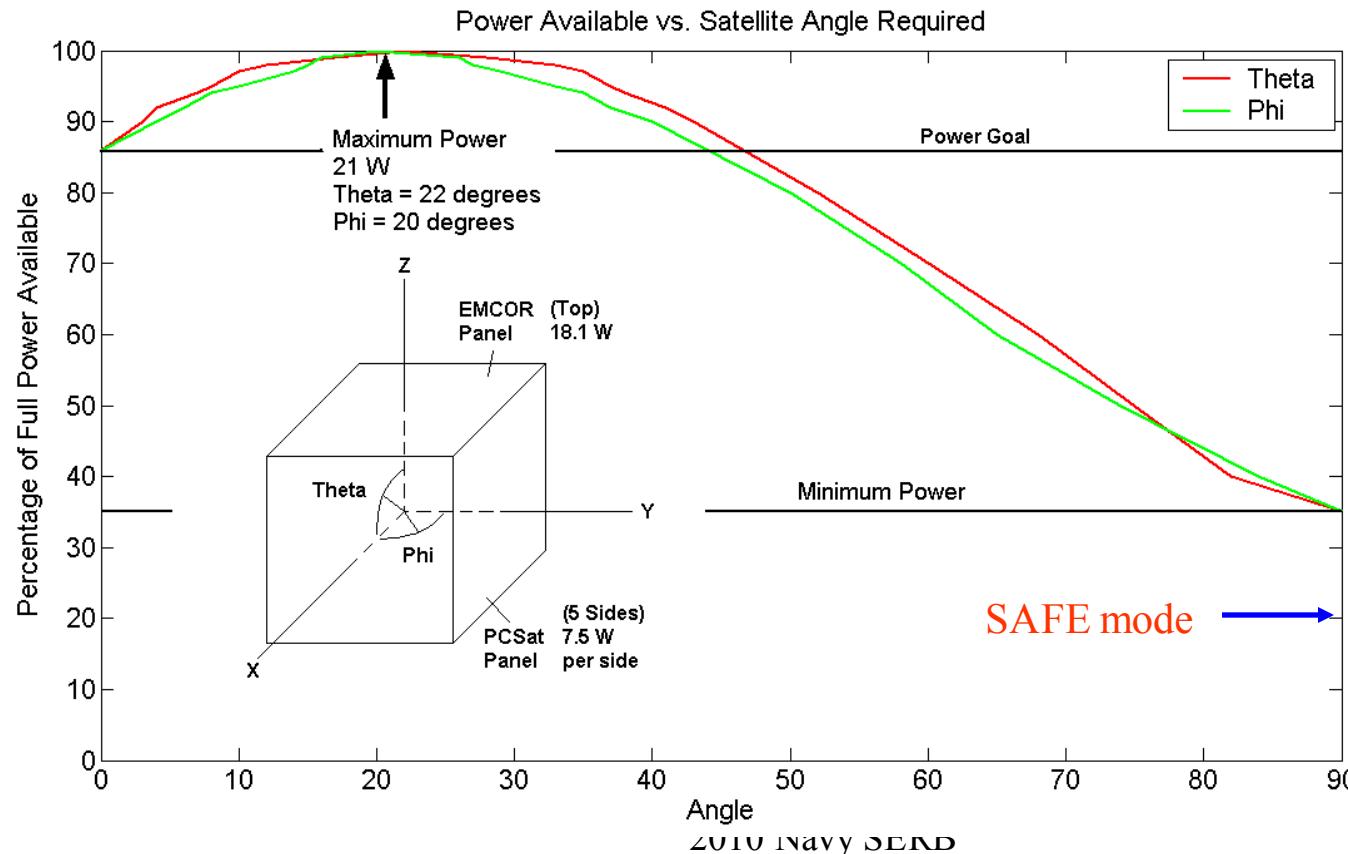


MicroMag 3-Axis Magnetometer  
SKU#: Sense-Mag3 Price: \$54.95

Description: [PNI Corp's](#) 3-axis magnetometer. Ready for the big time? Low noise, large resolution magnetic field sensing all packed into a user-friendly DIP module at your disposal. Stable over a wide temperature range, the MicroMag3 is a must have for orientation sensing and navigation.

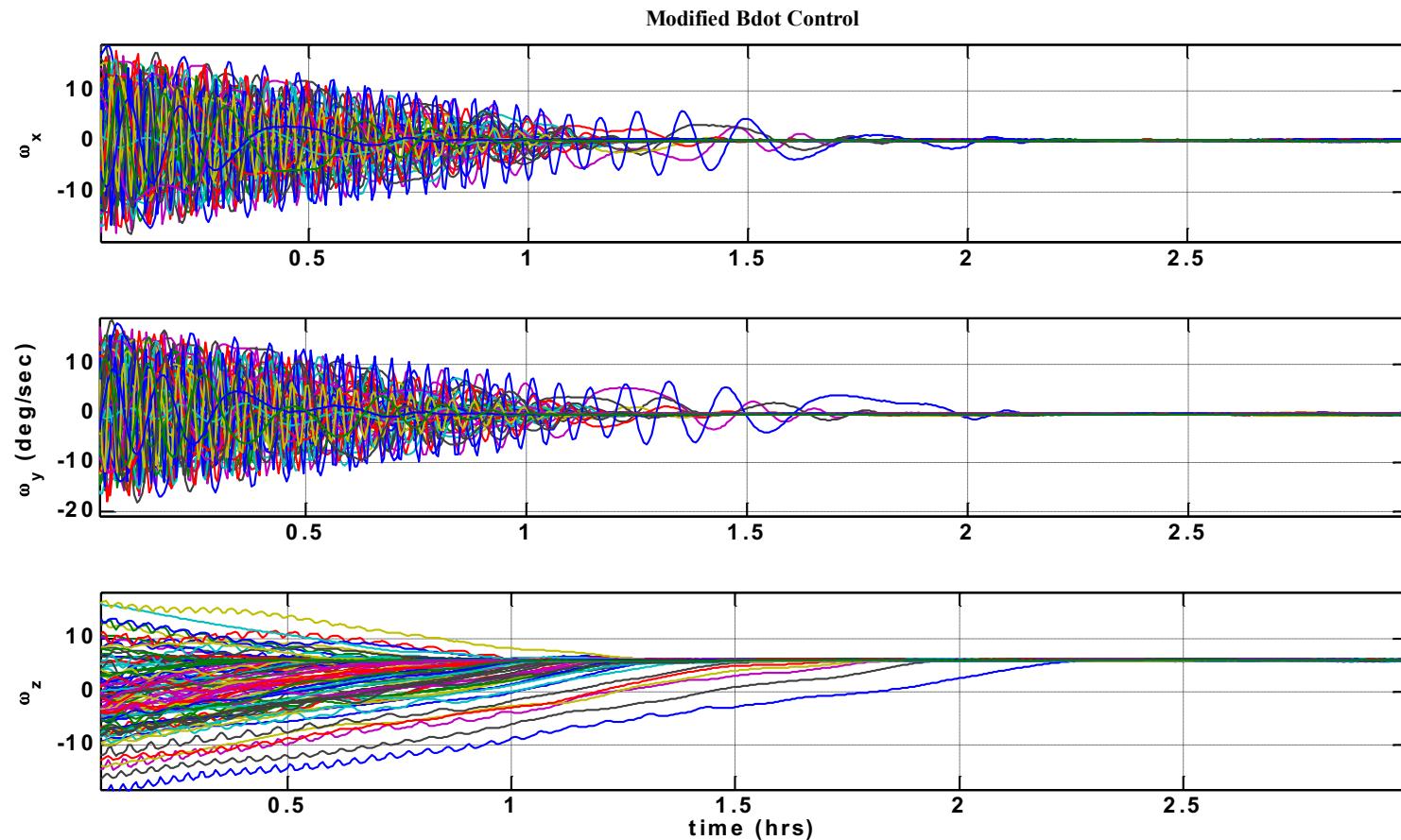
#### Features:

- 500 $\mu$ A @ 3.3V DC
- Field measurement range  $\pm 1100\mu$ T
- Resolution as low as 0.015 $\mu$ T
- SPI interface - no additional circuitry needed

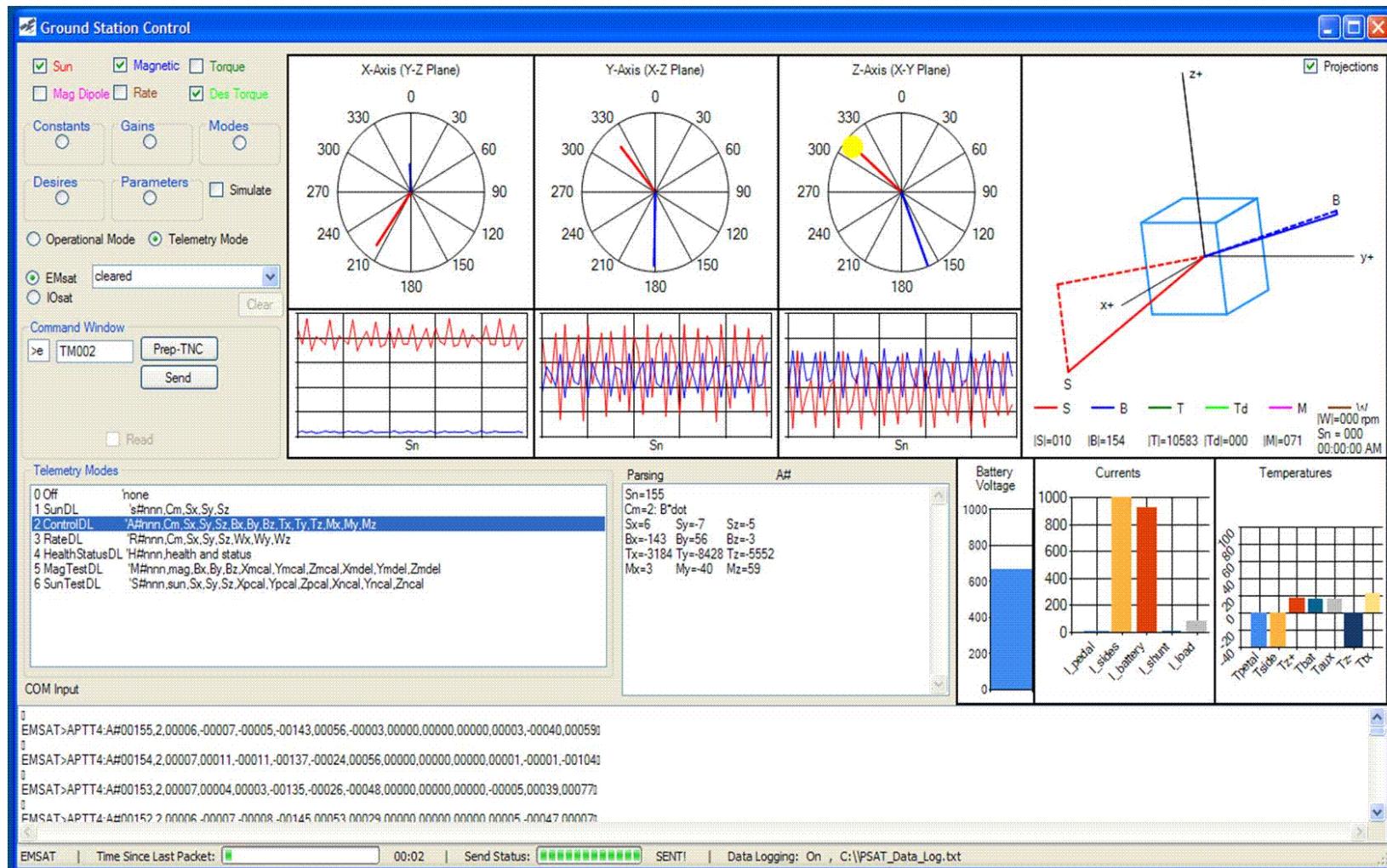
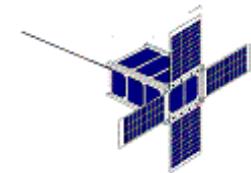


# Matlab Simulation of Modified B\*dot

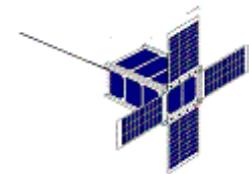
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# Ground Station Software

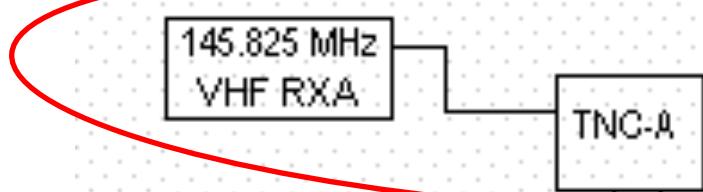


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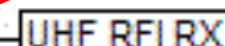
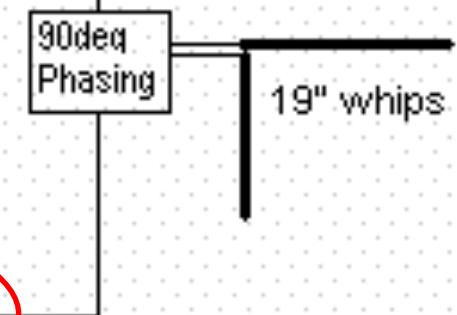
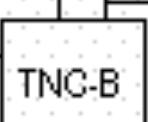
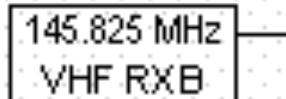
## USNA Transponder Block Diagram

Cubesat #A

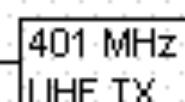
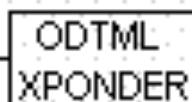
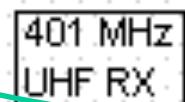


Now split between two cubesats

Cubesat #B

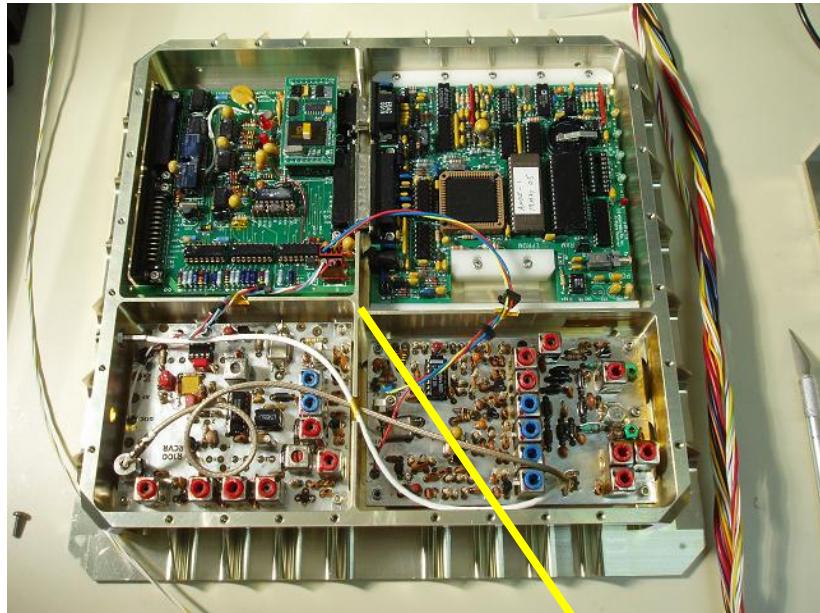


aux payloads



6" whip

# Huge reduction from transponders on PCSAT's 1,2, ANDE and RAFT missions



Now reduced 18:1  
in volume/mass for  
4" cubesat 2009

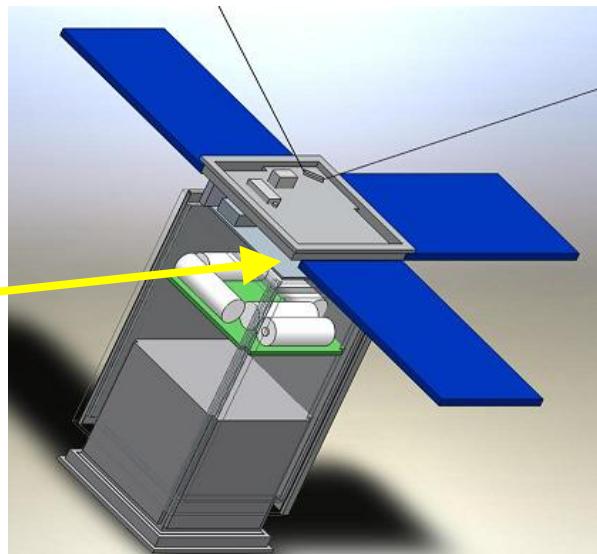


4:1



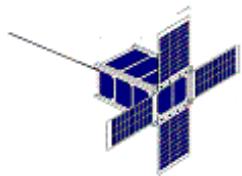
Earlier reductions to 5"  
cubesat on RAFT (2006)

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# Psat (USNA-0601) Operational Concept Graphic

## Ground Terminal Applications Focus (force tracking and text-messaging)



Supports Student Experimenters  
School missions/movements  
Theater area communications  
and Emergency Response Comms



13th Co Army/Navy Football Run  
Comms by USNA Radio Club  
W3ADO



The Yard Patrol Craft



Education  
Force  
Multiplier!

# Ground Terminal Applications Focus

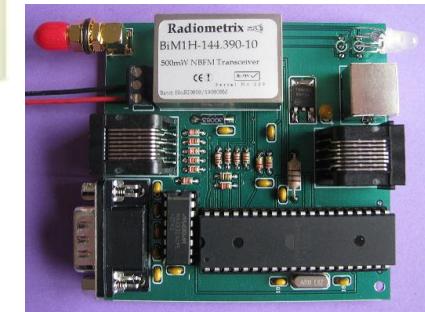
Supports Student Experimenters world wide



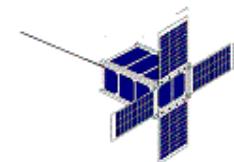
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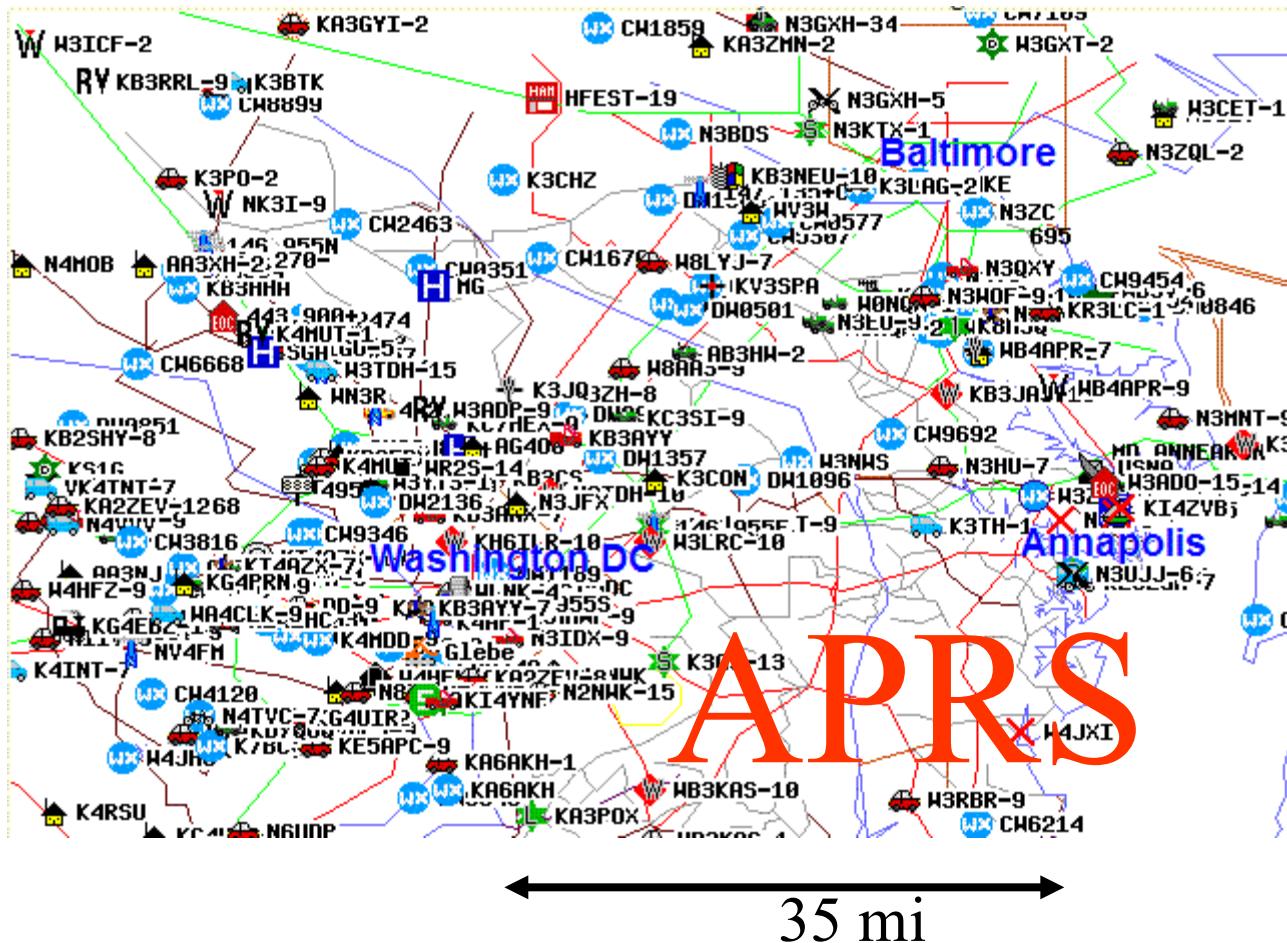
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## Mission Background



# Psat Xponder Mission (Remote Data Relay)



# **FOCUS:** **“Network** **Centric”** **&** **Remote Sensor** **Experiments**

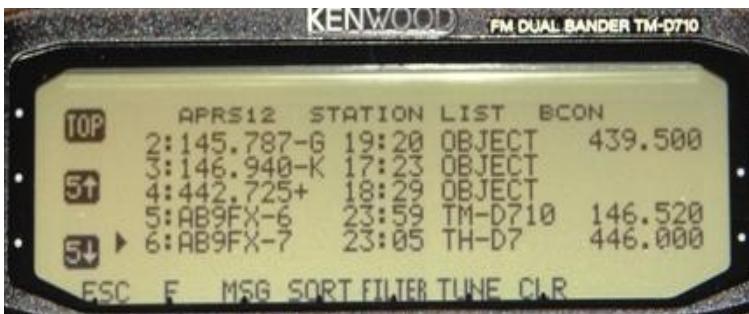
300 stations  
In 35 miles

**Find any station - <http://aprs.fi/WB4APR>\***

# Ground Terminal Applications Focus

## Tactical Situational Awareness and Text Messaging

Last 100 stations!



Direction & Distance

Frequency and Tone



## Example Situational Awareness (in SLC Utah)

## **27 users in S.L.C**



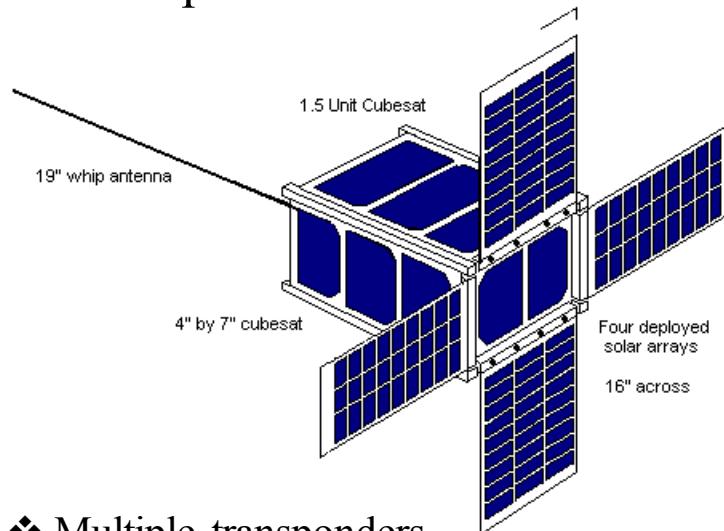
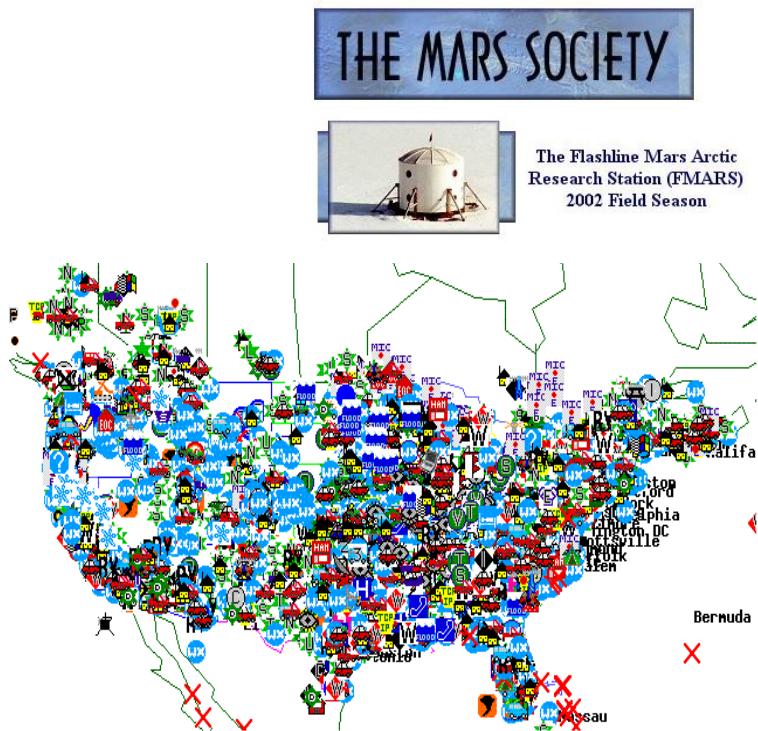
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# P-SAT Data Exfiltration Background



- Psat transponder can draw from thousands of experimenters for large scale loading experiments and other SERB experiments.

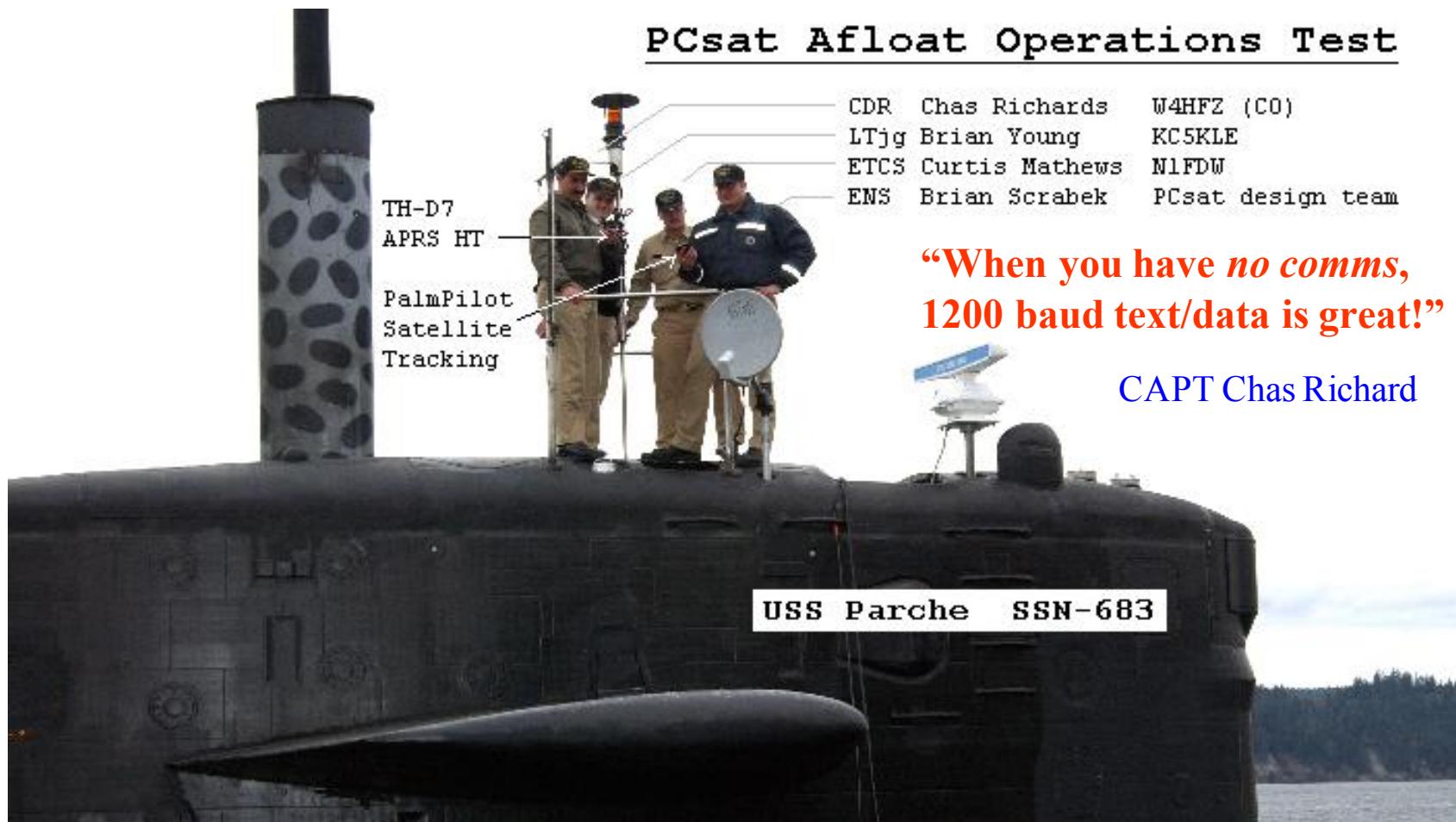


❖ Multiple transponders on smaller picosats can form a constellation for greater coverage and reduced latency.

- Not only the sensors and users exist, but the global Internet collection and distribution system also exists from PCSAT1 & 2.

# Small Platform Minimum Satcom (SPMS) Background

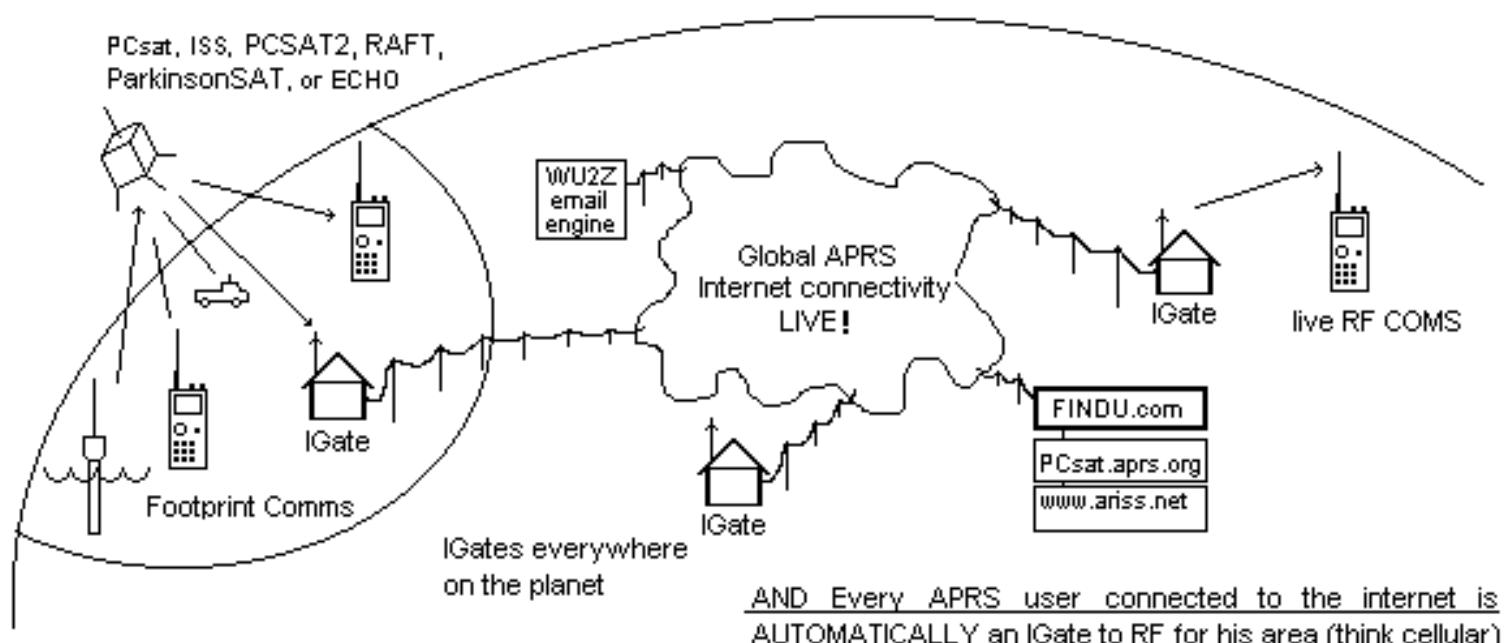
Ground Terminal is Walkie-Talkie, and Palm Pilot



# Psat Global Internet linked Comms Network

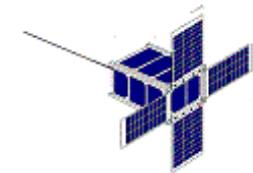


## Global APRS Real-Time Connectivity ( End-to-End Everywhere )

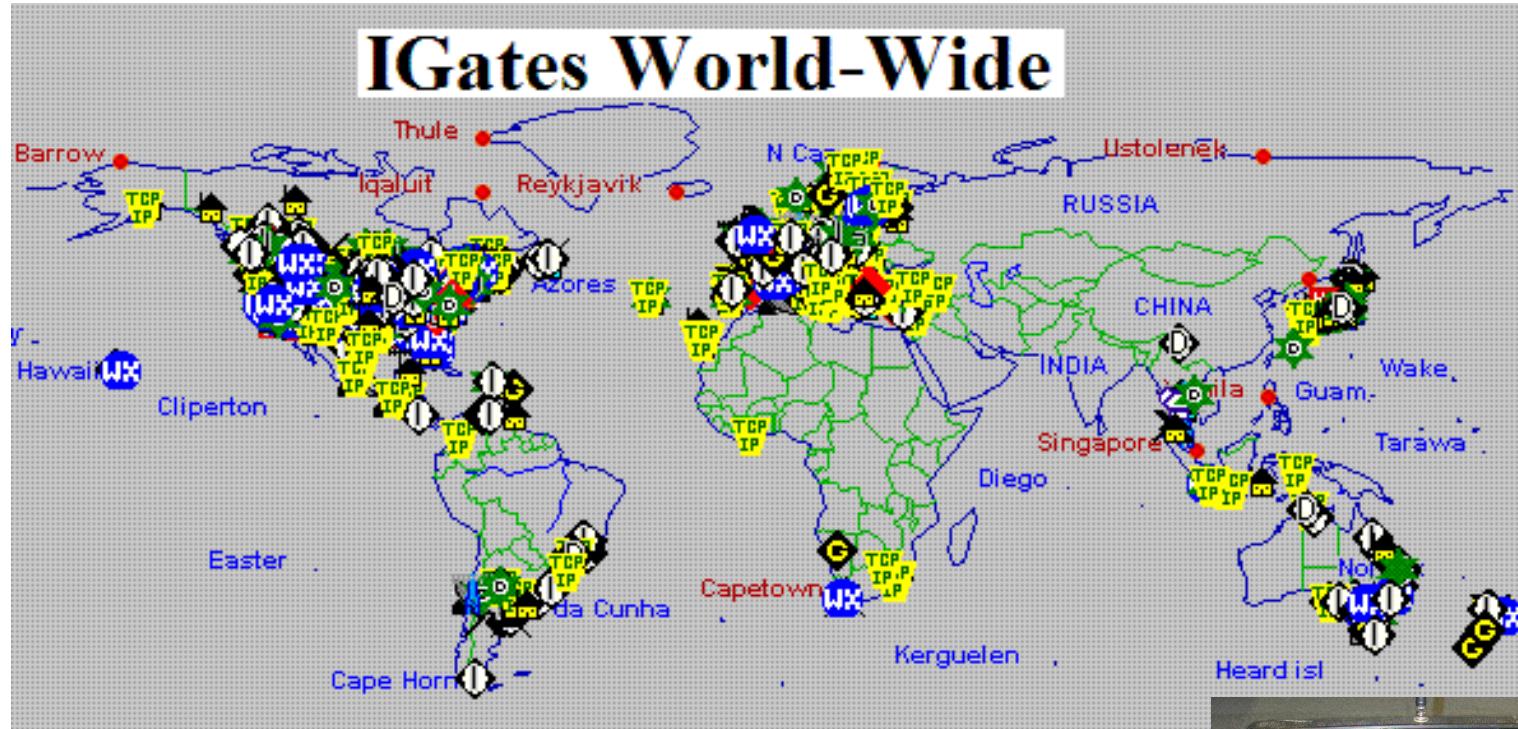


APRS Global Packet Radio Network  
Internet Linked for live Communications

**Automatic Packet Reporting System**



# Psat APRS Network Architecture



Global Volunteer Ground Station  
Network

Internet Linked for live Telemetry



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# APRS Experiment Data Access (via internet)

[http://map.findu.com/wb4apr\\*](http://map.findu.com/wb4apr) to see data on ANY experiment in the world

**APRS Stations Near WB4APR-9 (last 240 hours)**

Call	callbook	msg	wk	lat	lon	distance	direction	Last Position
WB4APR-9	**	**	.	39.000000	-76.500000	0.0		00:06:02:46
VA3ADG	**	.	.	38.99717	-76.50450	0.3	SW	05:22:10:17
WB4APR-1	**	**	.	38.99033	-76.49850	0.6	S	00:00:11:28
WE4APR-9	**	.	.	38.98667	-76.49283	0.9	SE	00:03:23:42
WB4APR-3	**	**	.	38.98500	-76.48550	1.3	SE	00:10:55:08
KB3KAK-9	**	.	.	39.02567	-76.50067	1.5	N	01:00:57:40
VA2JPN	**	.	.	38.97150	-76.49717	1.7	S	06:07:21:19
K3FOR-8	**	**	.	39.03200	-76.50267	1.9	N	00:08:58:06
WB1HAI-9	**	.	.	38.97067	-76.48400	2.0	SE	00:02:25:47
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W3AFE	**	**	.	39.03517	-76.45100	3.6	NE	00:02:14:24
K3TH-14	**	.	.	38.97383	-76.56283	4.1	SW	08:23:06:24
K3TH-3	**	.	.	38.97400	-76.56317	4.1	SW	00:00:14:52
N3HU	**	.	.	39.04017	-76.44183	4.2	NE	00:00:01:28

**Google**  
**findU links for WB4APR-9**

- Nearby APRS activity
- Raw APRS data
- Messages
- Nearest tide stations
- Metric units
- Nautical units
- Display track
- APRS Map Manager coverage
- NexRAD Radar
- Topographic map
- Aerial Photo
- APRSWORLD map
- hide Google Maps

**External links for WB4APR-9**

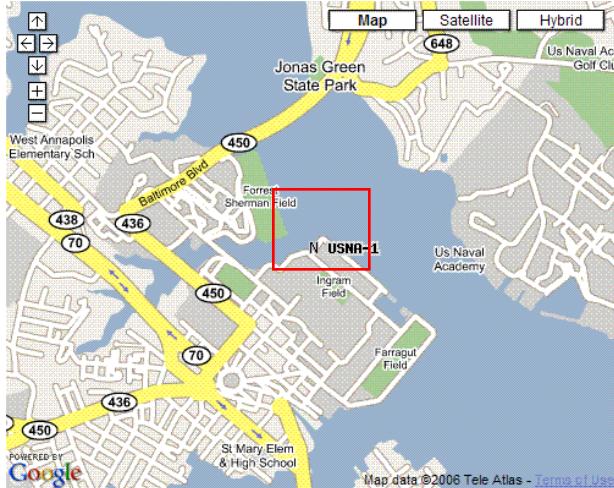
- QRZ Lookup
- MSN map (North America)
- MSN map (Europe)
- MSN map (world)
- TopoZone

\* Click to see all stations on map

Based on the USNA Automatic Packet Reporting System

# “Purple Force” Tracking

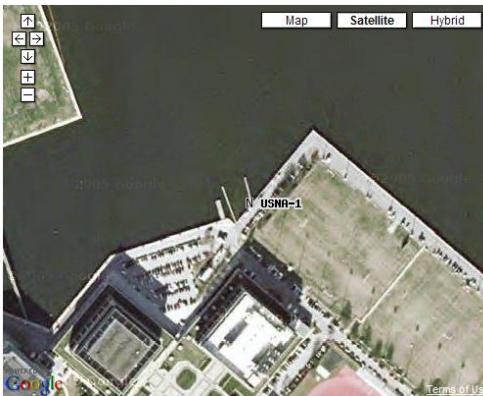
Map.findu.com/wb4apr\*



Tactical situational awareness



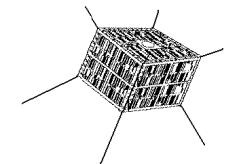
# Where to See it ALL



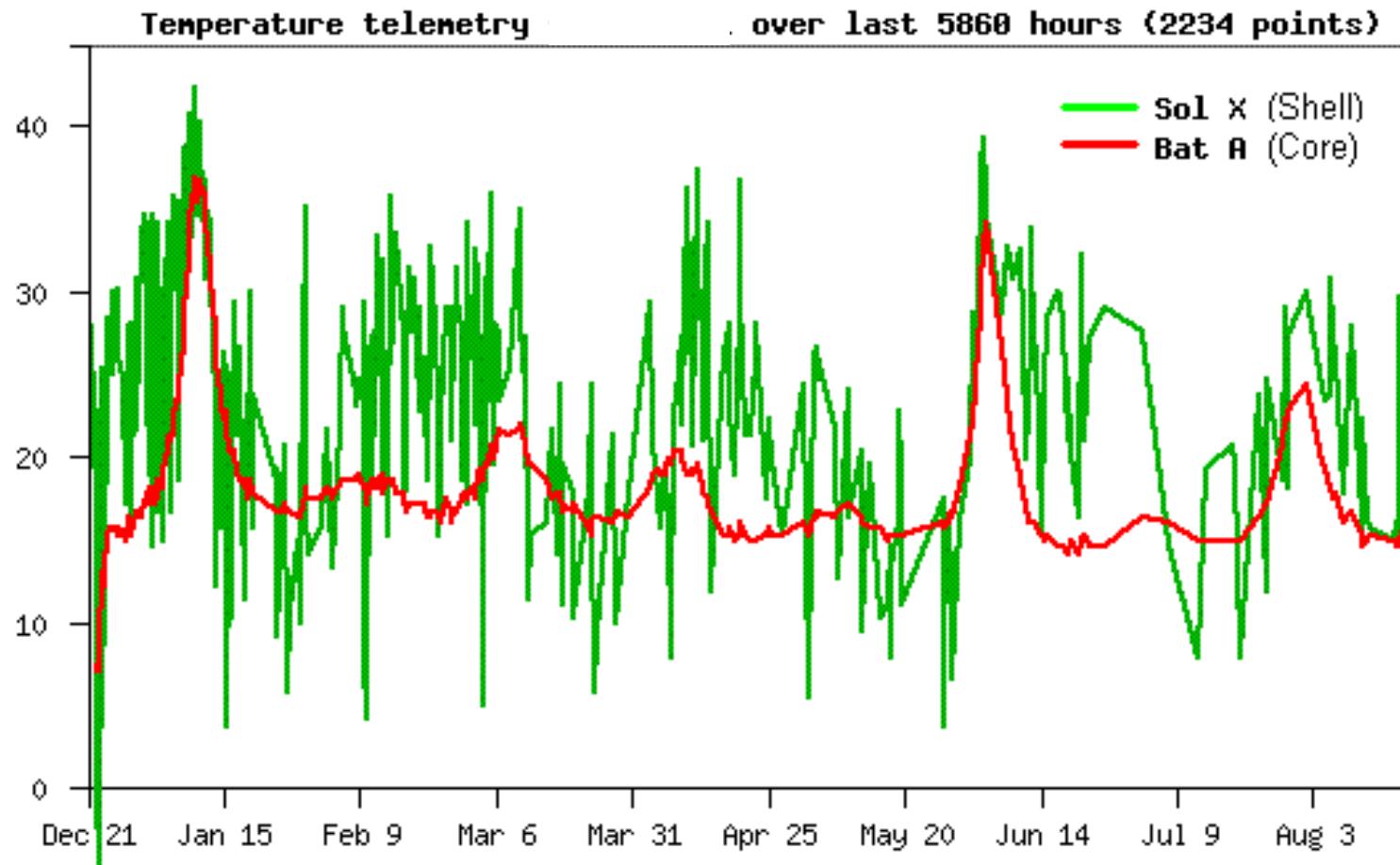
Global Comm system

<http://aprs.fi>

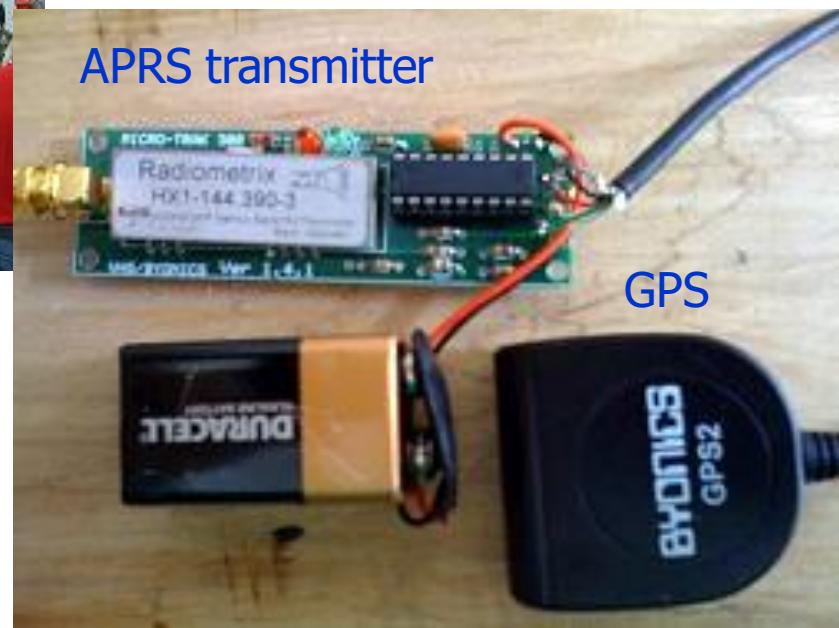
# Findu.com Telemetry Plots



Live Example: [www.aprs.org/wb4apr-15.html](http://www.aprs.org/wb4apr-15.html)

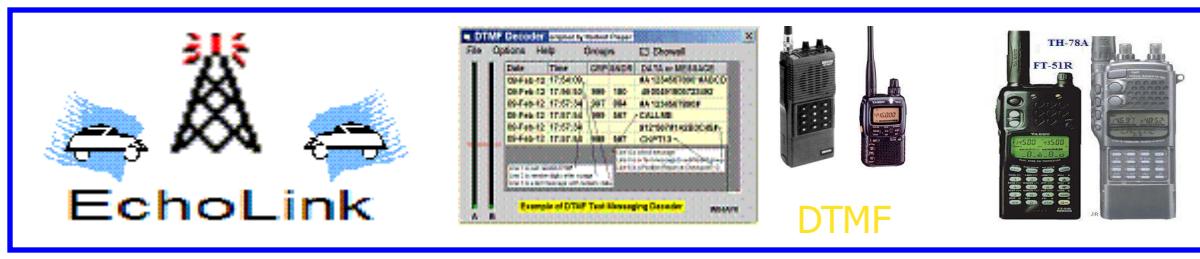


# Example Remote Sensors using APRS Protocol



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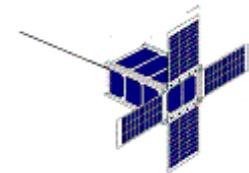
# Universal Ham Radio Text Messaging Initiative



Send/RX anytime, anywhere, any device by callsign

26 separate systems!

# Sensor Buoy Baseline (prototype)



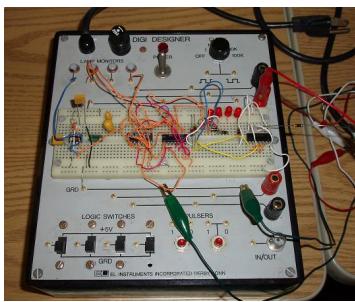
• **Naval Academy Student Project** •

- \* If free-floating, do not disturb.
- \* If aground, move to deep water and advise [bruninga@usna.edu](mailto:bruninga@usna.edu)
- \* If later than 30 Nov 2006, recover and advise above.

2006      15:1 reduction



2  
0  
0  
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See Buoy Location and Telemetry at  
<http://www.ew.usna.edu/~bruninga/buoy4.html>

# DOD Synergy with Educational Experimenters

Based on the USNA Automatic Packet Reporting System

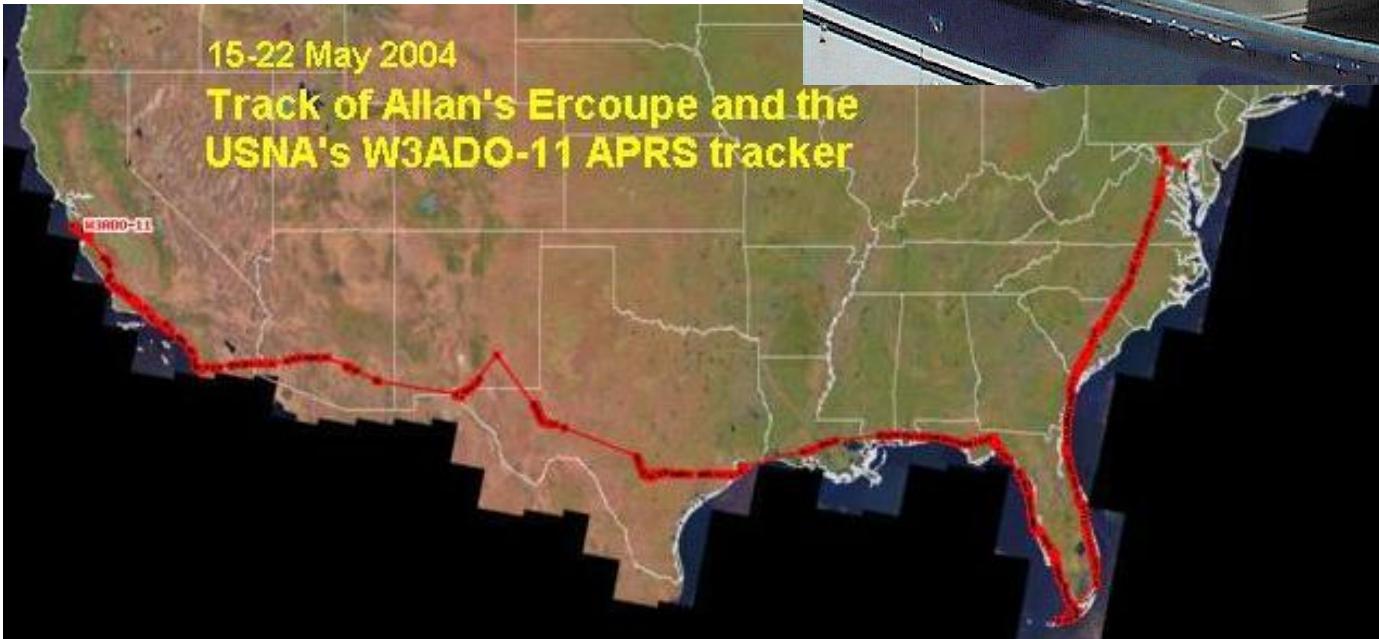
APRS Data Experiment  
in F-16 Aircraft



# “Purple Force” Tracking

Map.findu.com/w3ado\*

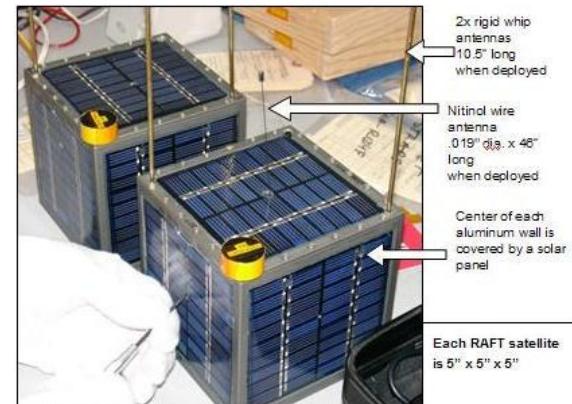
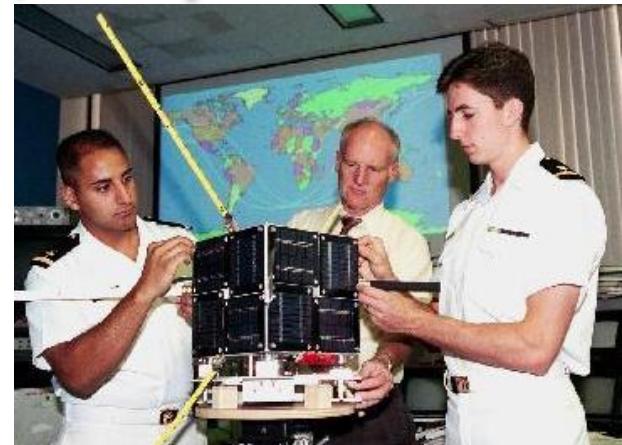
Tactical situational awareness



# APRS (Psat Transponders) in Space

- 2001 PCSAT-1 Prototype Comm (semi-operational) on ISS (returned after 1 year)
- 2006 PCSAT2 de-orbited in 1 year
- 2007 ANDE de-orbited in 5 months
- 2008 RAFT semi-operational due crew settings
- 2007 Present ISS

Experimenters need a continuous Transponder in Space

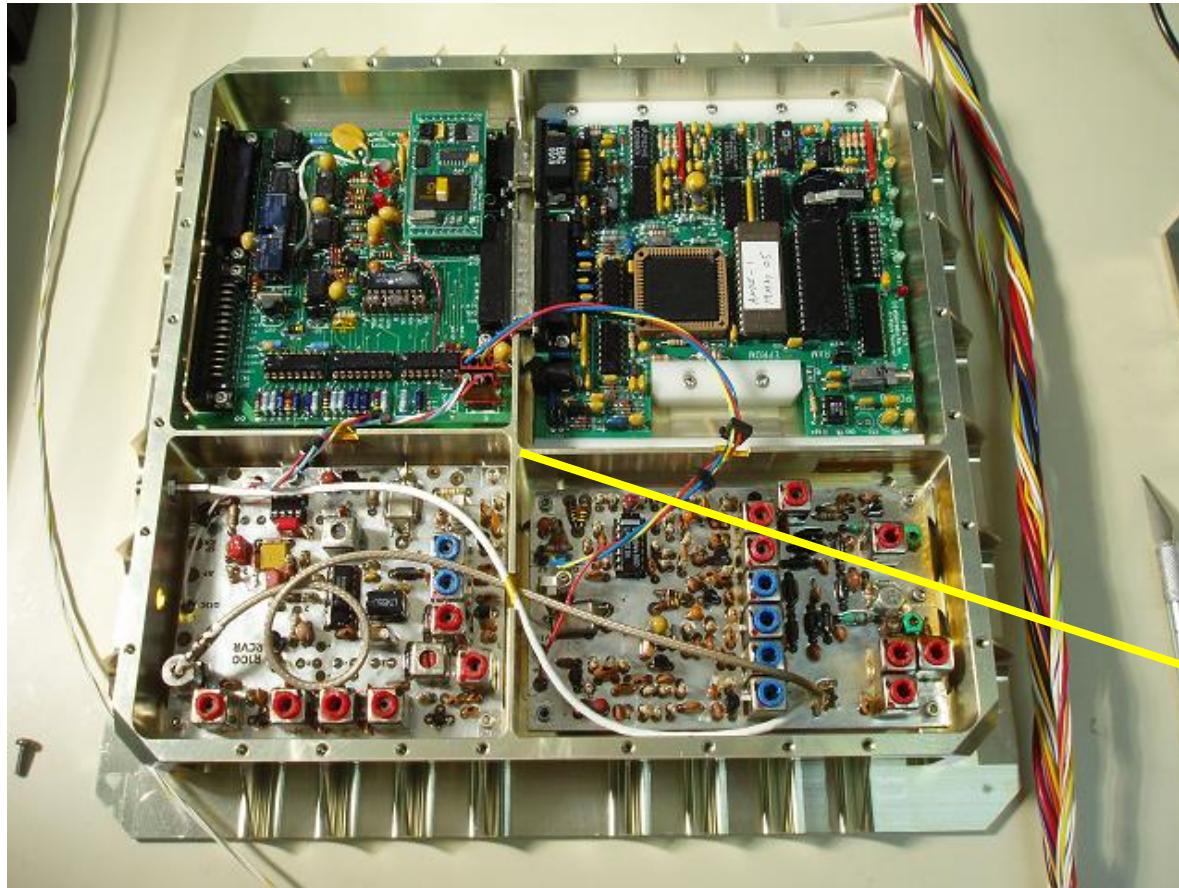


APRS space frequency is published as 145.825

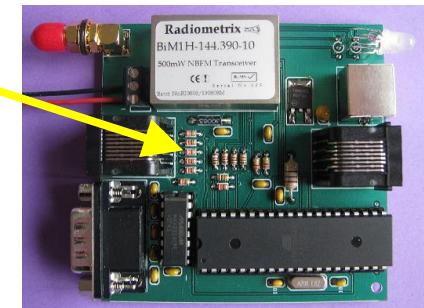
See live downlink on <http://pcsat.aprs.org> and [www.ariss.net](http://www.ariss.net)

# Huge reduction from Previous APRS transponders on PCSAT's 1,2, ANDE and RAFT missions

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Now reduced 18:1  
in volume/mass



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**Mission:** Remote Data Relay, Data Exfiltration, Remote Sensor Relay

**Benefit:** Support Space Education on the ground through space applications and student experimental access

**Hardware:** VHF simplex data Xsponder 145.825 MHz

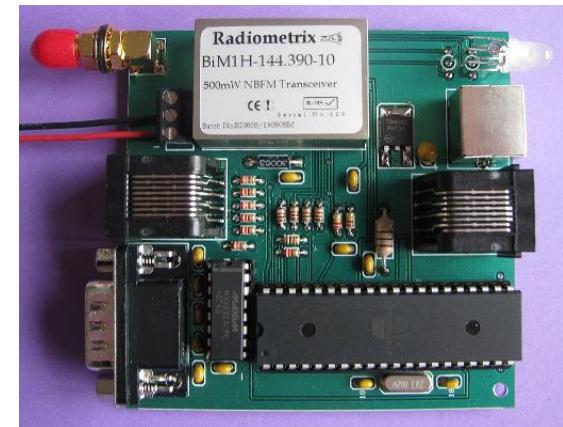
**Size/Mass:** < 10 cu.in (1 PCB 3.4" square), <0.1kg

**Power:** < 1W orbit average, 5 volts.

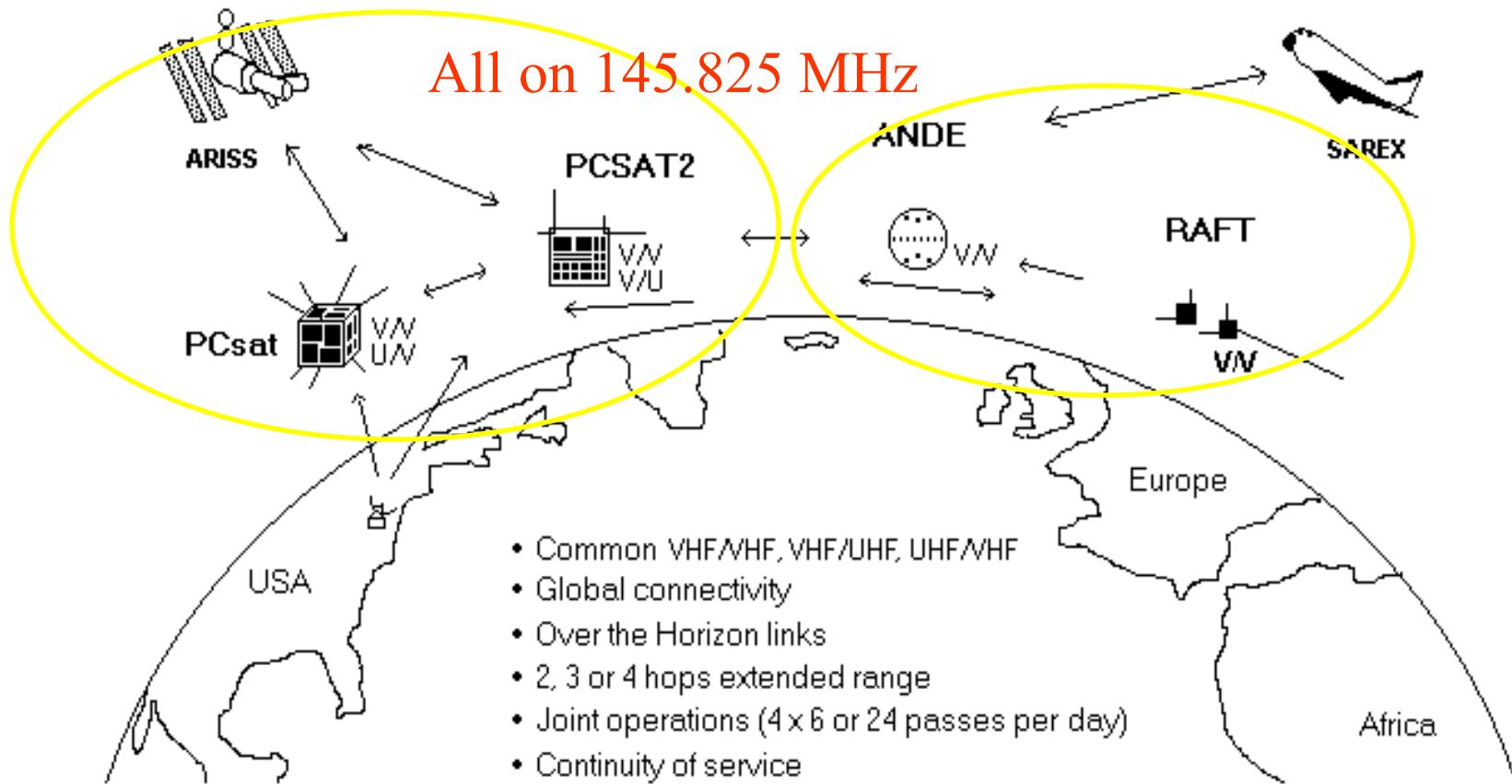
**Integration Requirement:** Simply, on/off (or \*)

**Structure Impact:** Needs 19" thin wire whip antenna (1 cu.in)

**Benefit to Spacecraft:** High visibility to worldwide educational institutions, fosters collaboration, orders of magnitude greater student experimental access to space systems (ground segment). \* Independent back-up telemetry command/ control channel, RS232 serial data, 16 on/off discretes, backdoor reset capability. Worldwide Telemetry Beacon access via global station network.



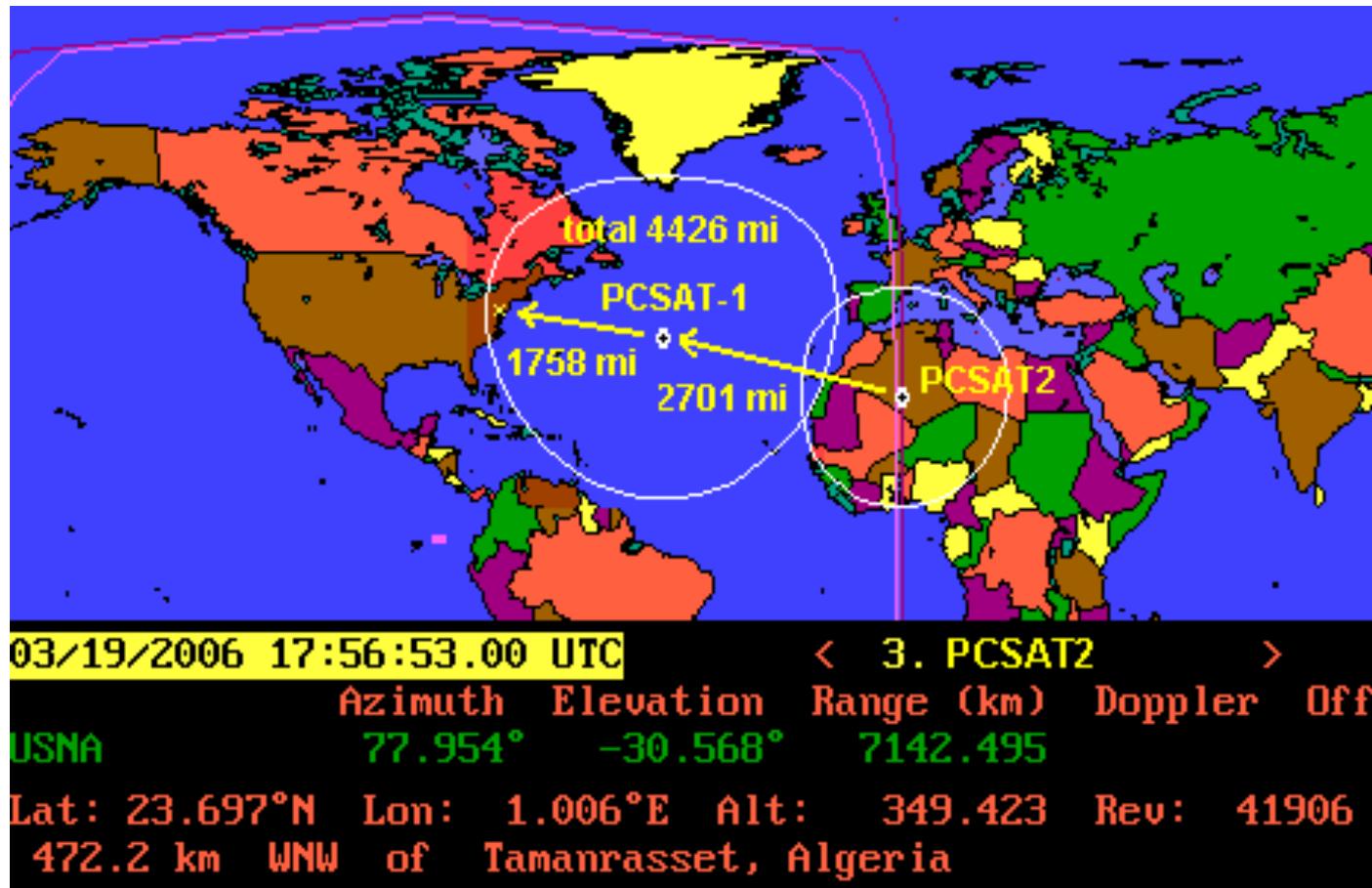
## Constellation Operation of USNA Satellites



WB4APR

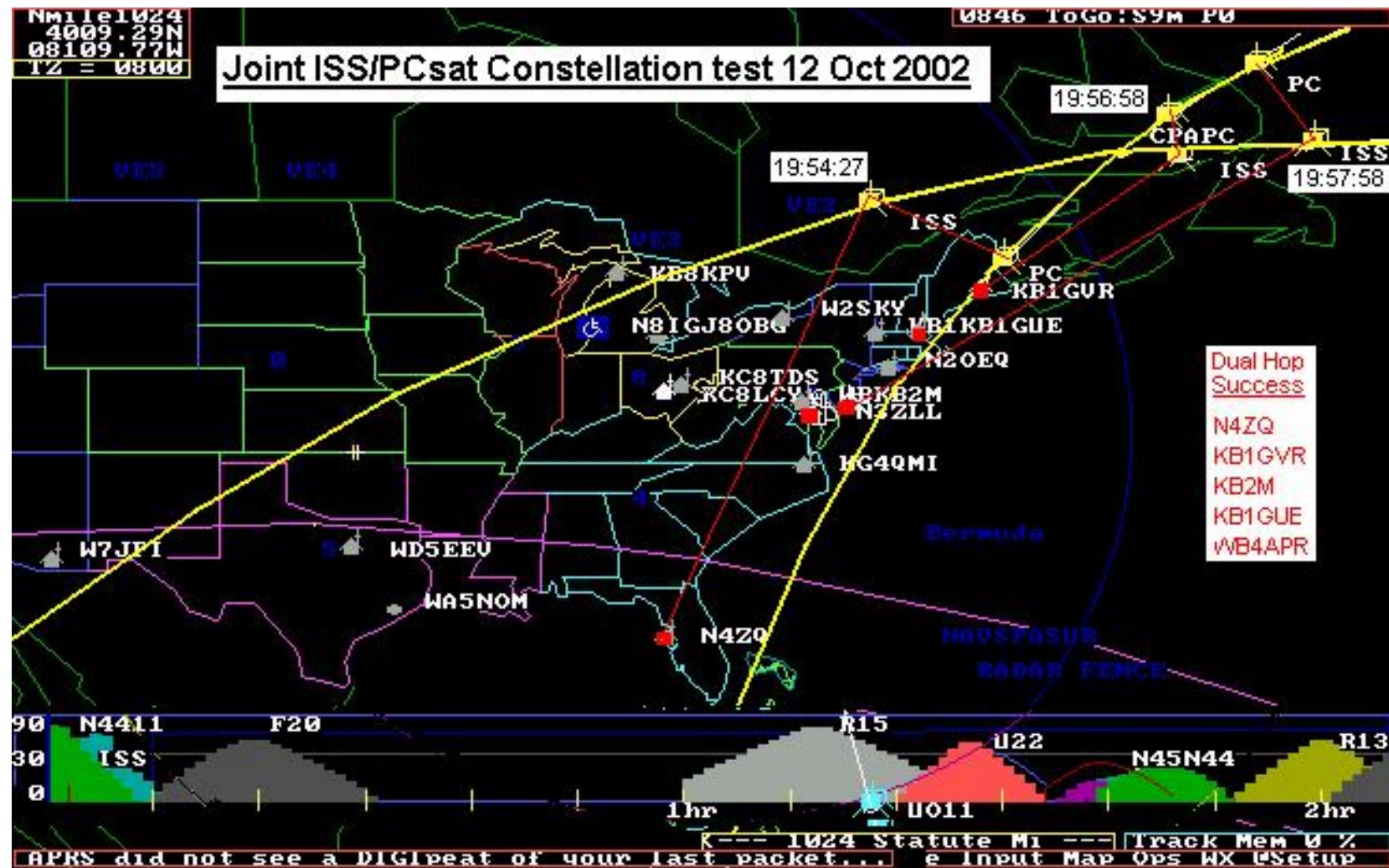
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# Dual Hop Operations with PCSAT-1 and PCSAT2:



During the March 2006 joint PC1<=>PC2 operations period, numerous dual hop telemetry and user packets were observed. This telemetry packet from PCSAT2 is just about as far as we can get with satellite-to-satellite-to USNA. Notice how few European or USA users were in the footprint making it more probable that PCSAT-1 could hear PCSAT2's signal. WB4APR

# Dual Satellite 2-hop links



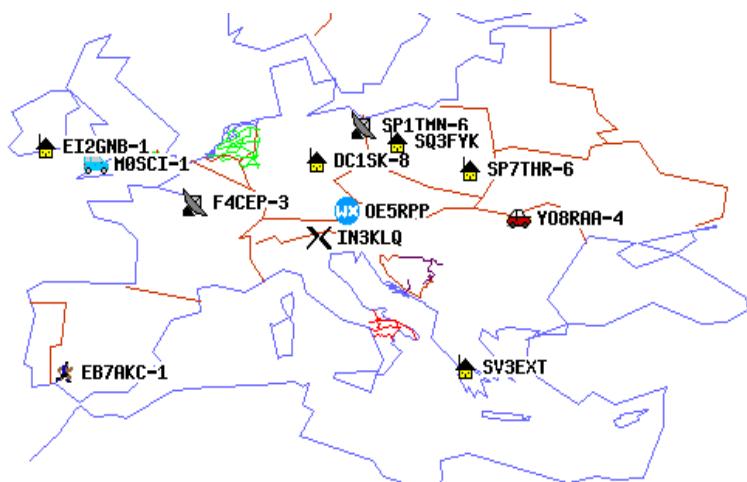
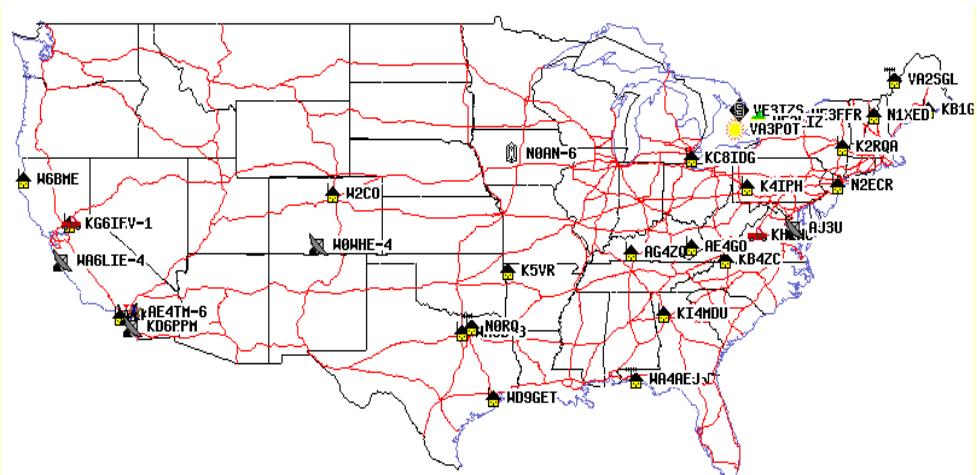
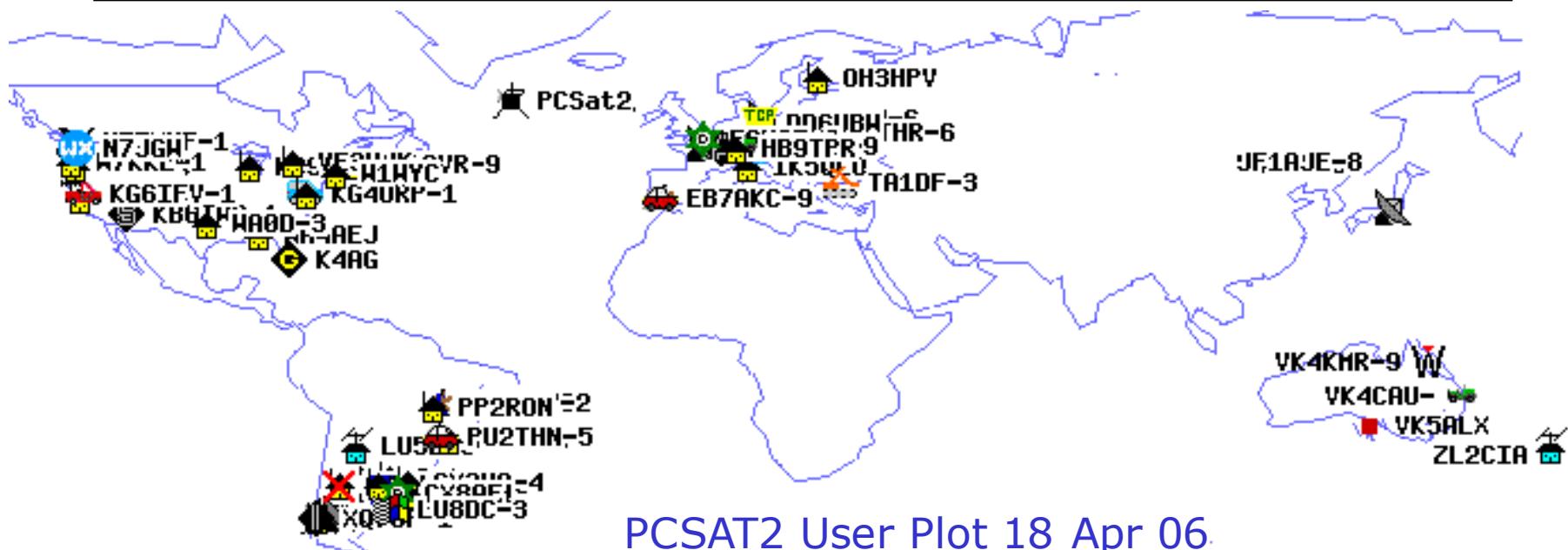
# Global Volunteer Groundstations

feed live downlink into Internet

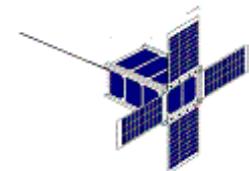


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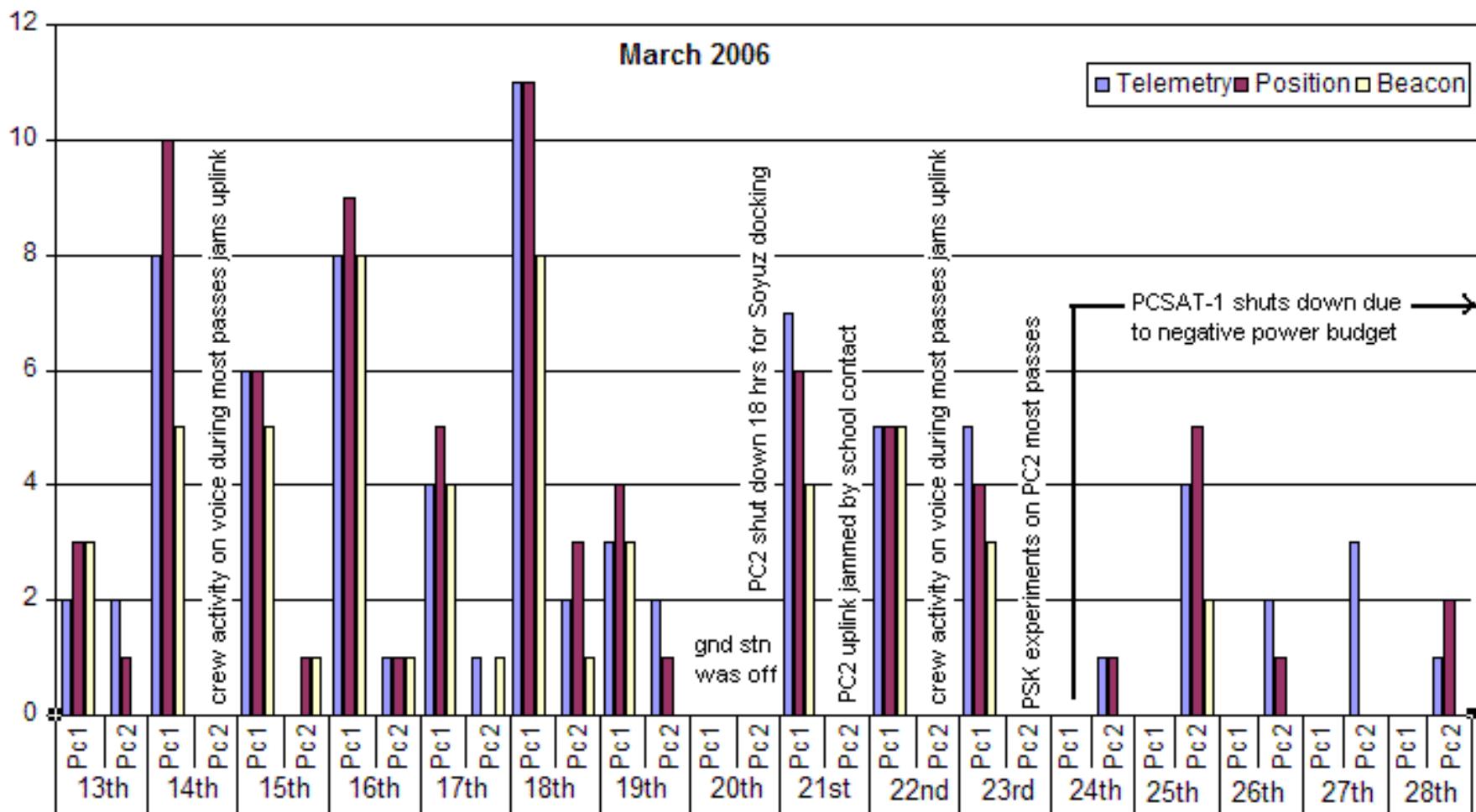
PCSAT validates our links



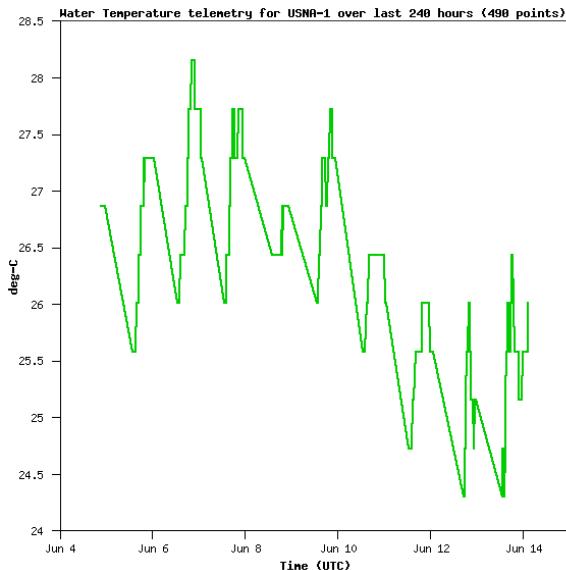
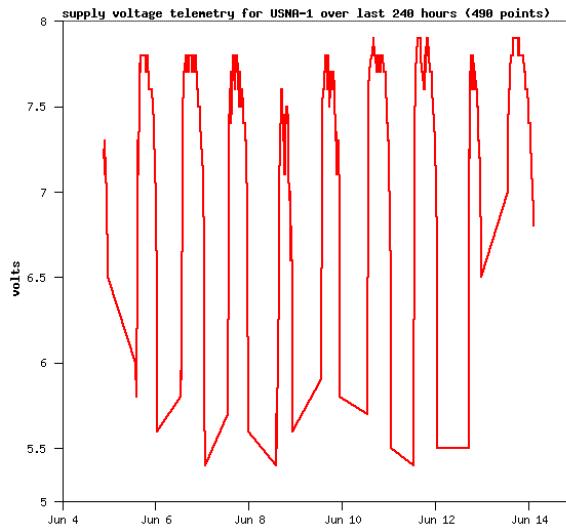
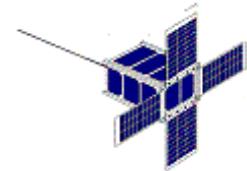
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**Number of Buoy Packets Received Per Day via PCSAT-1 and PCSAT2**



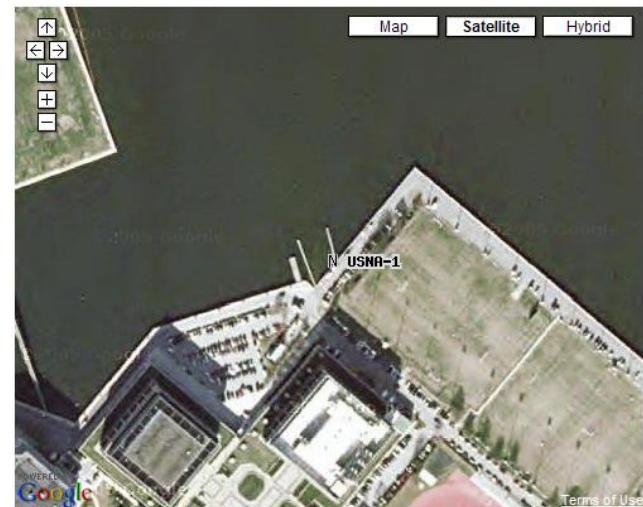
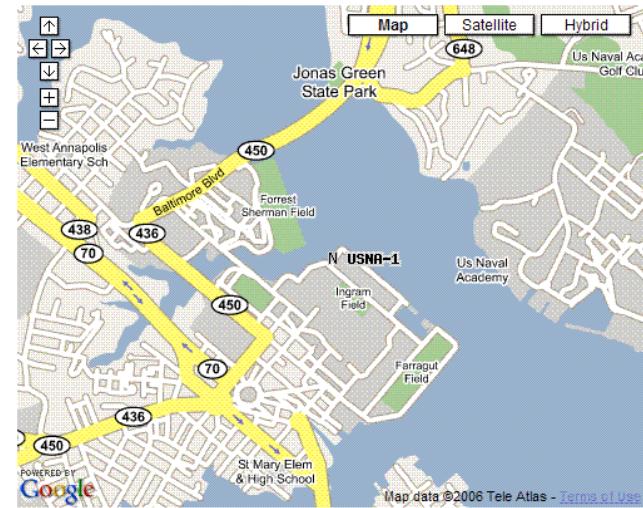
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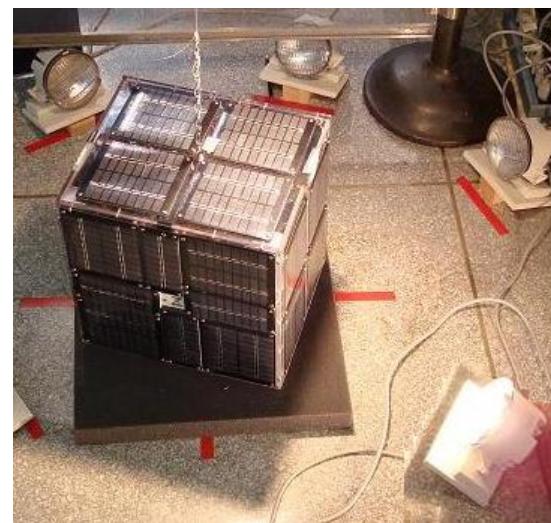
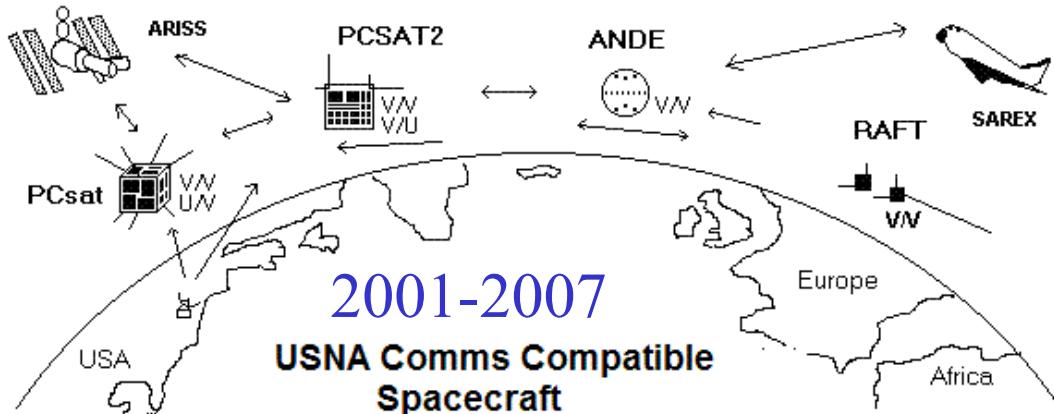
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