



# OUFTI - 1

The first student satellite  
of Belgium



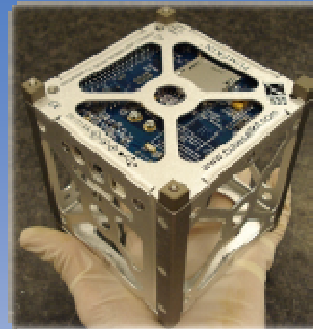
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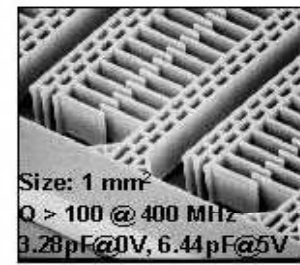
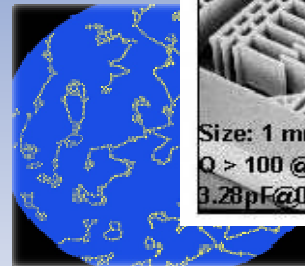


**OUFTI-1  
CubeSat**



**D-STAR  
amateur-radio  
(ham)  
communications**

**Scientific  
experiments  
in space**



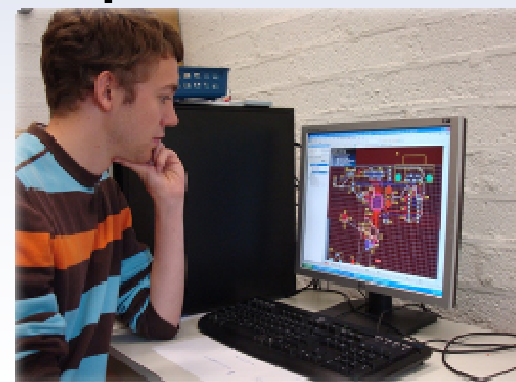
**Ground station**



**Educational project,  
hands-on experience**



**Ham-radio  
operator**



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operator**

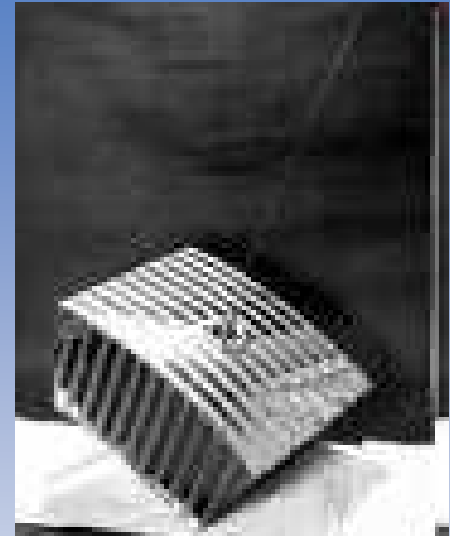


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# WHY HAM-RADIO FREQUENCY BANDS?



- Amateur-radio has a long history of satcom (since OSCAR-1 in 1961)
- Freely, quickly accessible resource to licensed users
- Support from ham-radio operators worldwide, with ...
- ..., in exchange, access to D-STAR satellite



# FAIL-SAFE STRATEGY



- Ground-based D-STAR repeater  
(Ground segment)
  - Hands-on experience with D-STAR
  - Independently useful to ham community
  - Linked to future ground station
- CubeSat and ground station  
(Space segment)



# WHY D-STAR?



- Digital Smart Technologies for Amateur-Radio
- Latest digital radiocommunication protocol (≠FM)
- Simultaneous voice & data (files, GPS...) transmission (≠ AX.25)
- Complete routing capability, including roaming
- 3 frequencies and 2 data rates
  - 144 MHz (2 m, VHF), 4.8 kbit/sec
  - 435 MHz (70 cm, UHF), 4.8 kbit/sec
  - 1.2 GHz (23 cm, SHF), 4.8 kbit/sec or 128kbit/sec
- “Cross-band” capability

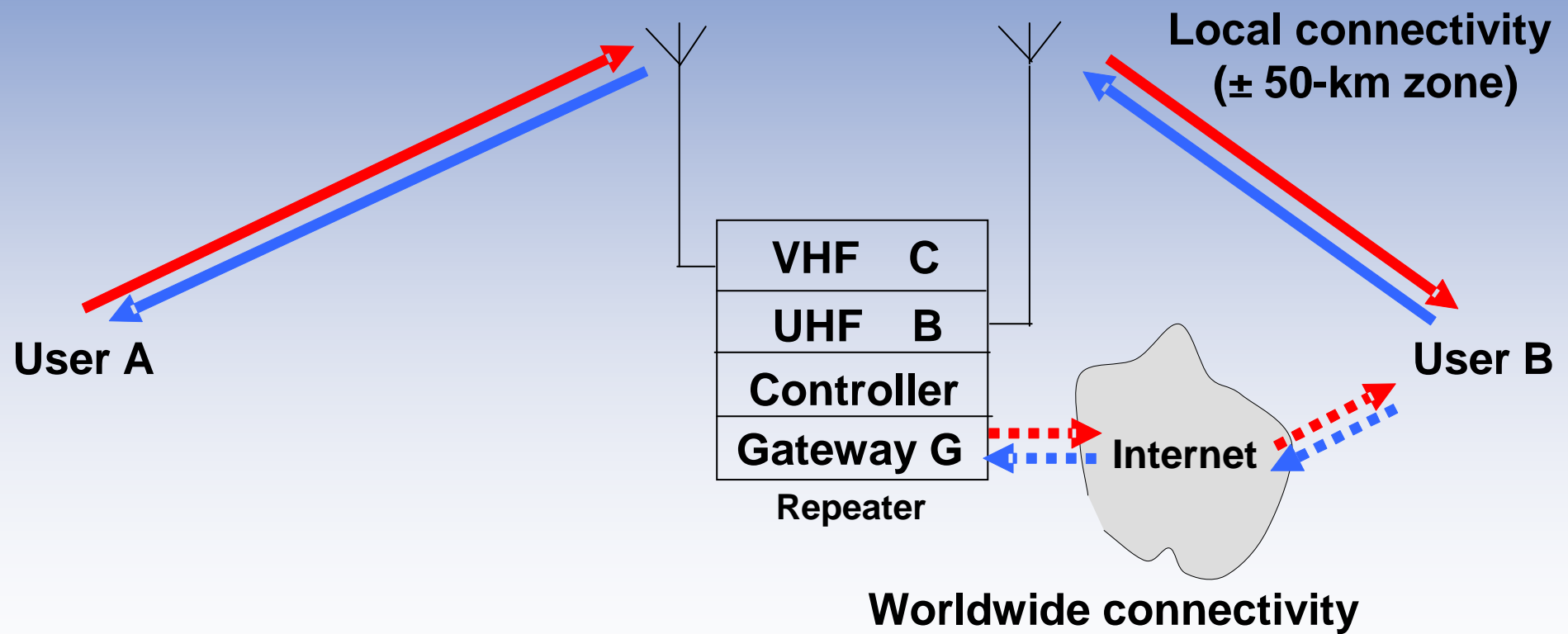




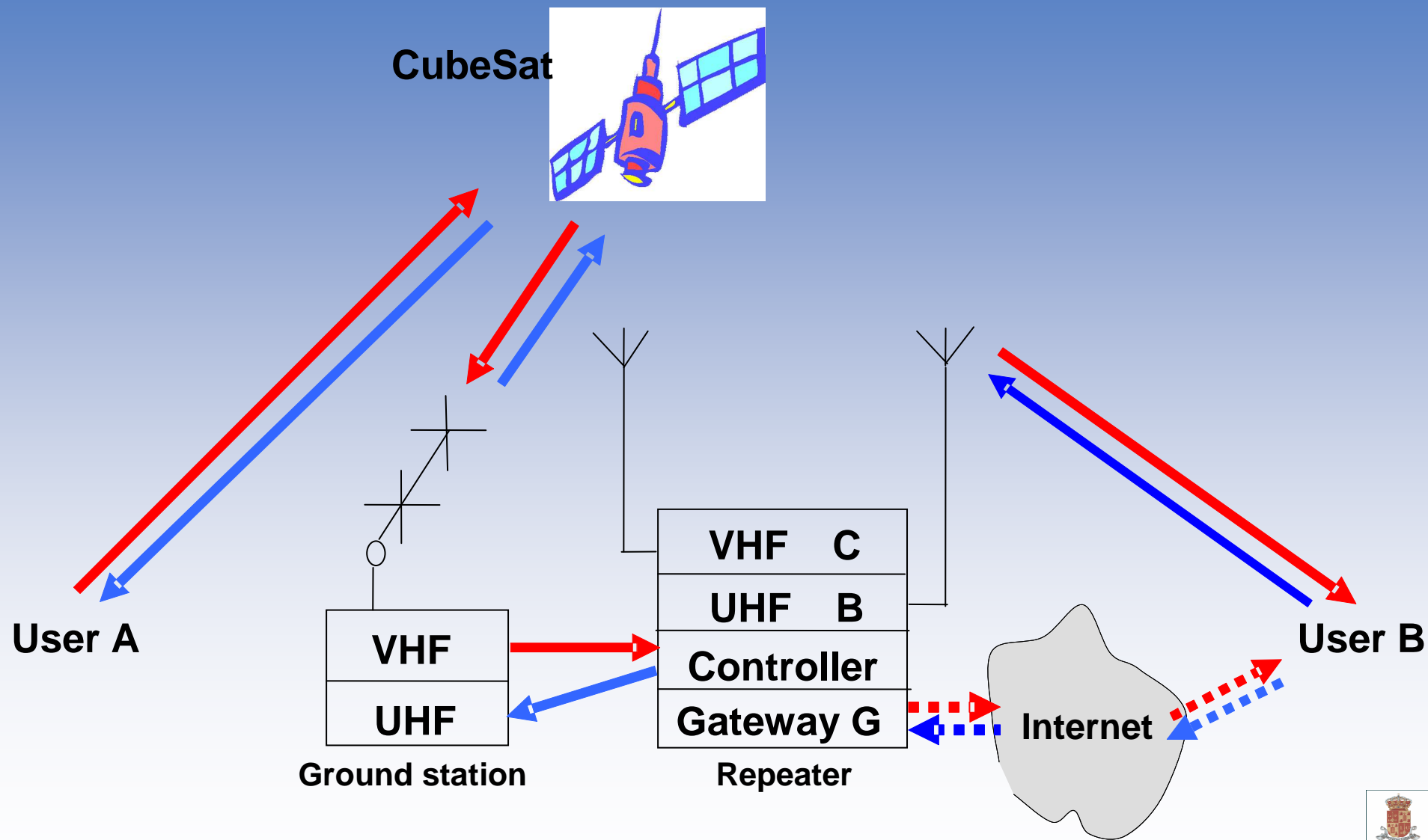
**OUFTI - 1**



# BASELINE D-STAR REPEATER



# FROM TERRESTRIAL TO SPACE D-STAR





- **High-level definition of space and ground segments**
- **Get full mastery of D-STAR protocol**
- **Build testbed to produce and decode D-STAR signals**

# ULG REPEATER IN PICTURES (1)





# ULG REPEATER IN PICTURES (2)



# ULG REPEATER LOCATION

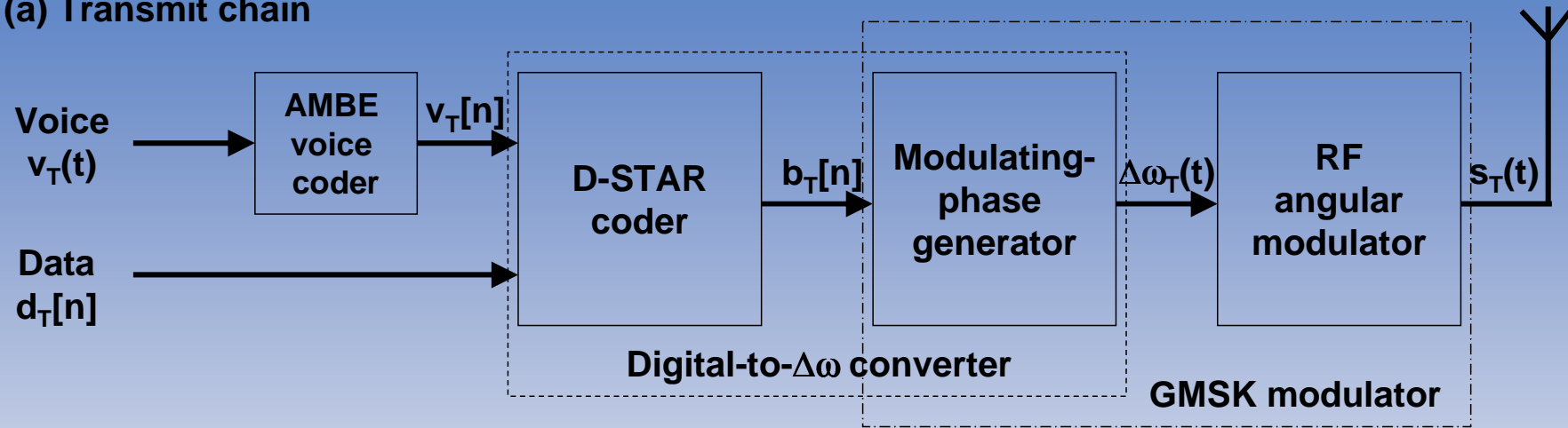


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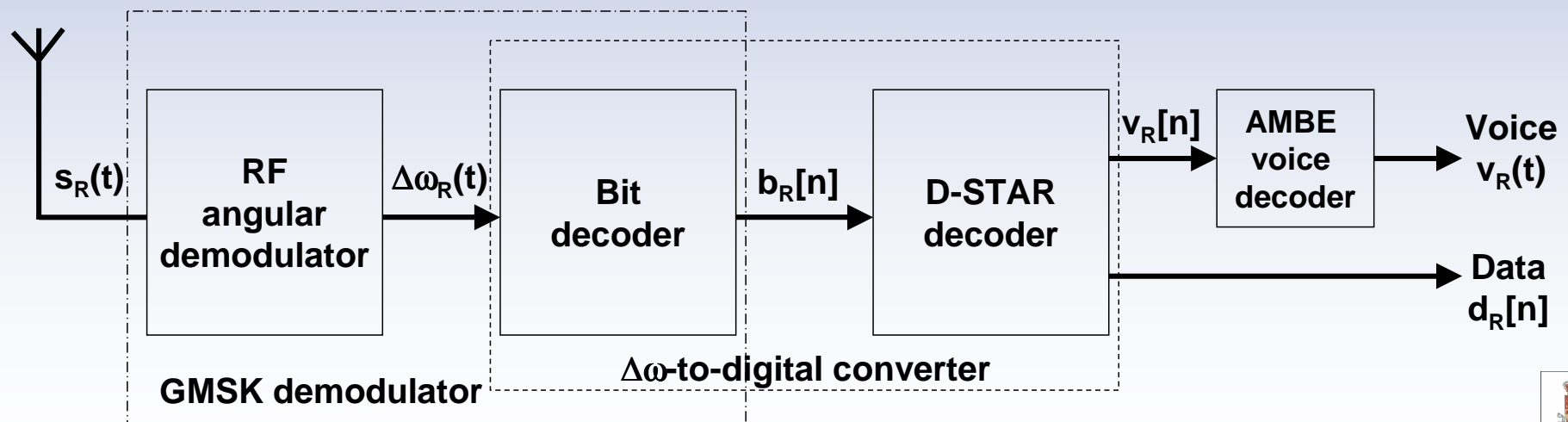


# DETECTIVE WORK ...

(a) Transmit chain



(b) Receive chain

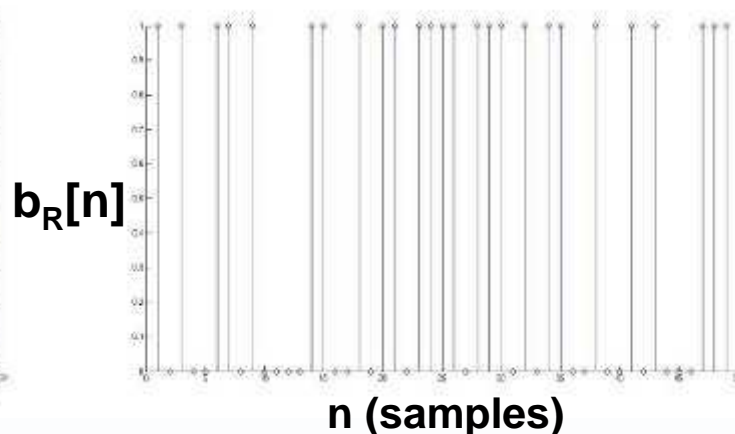
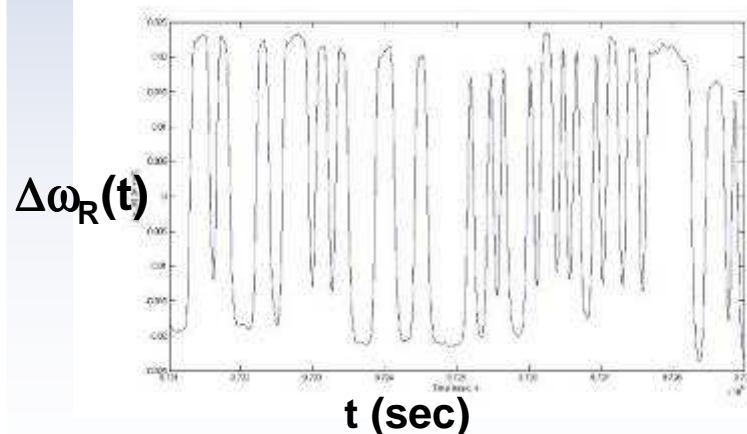
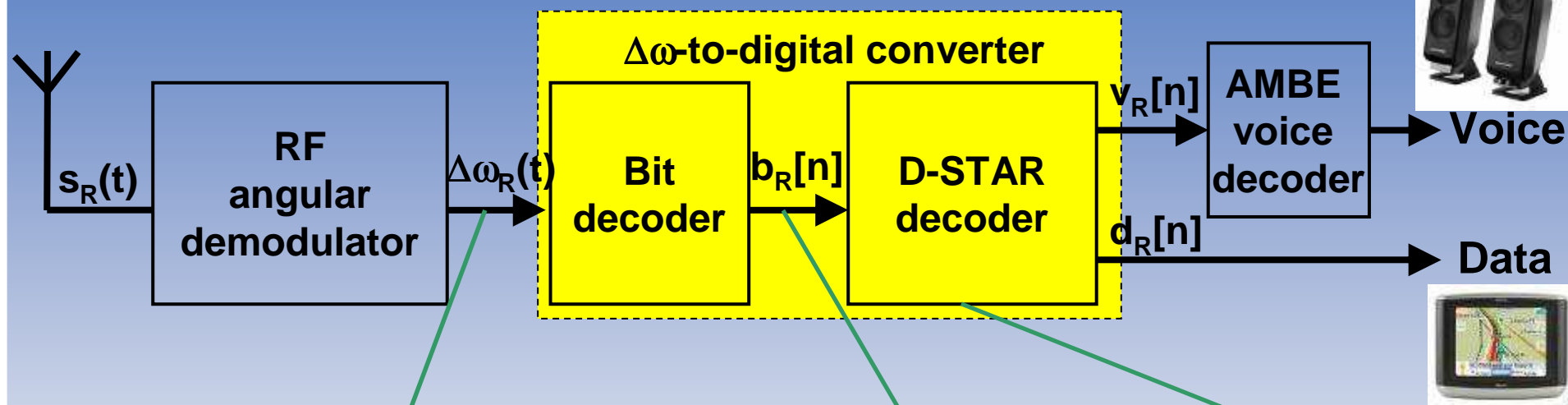




# ... SUPPORTED BY EXPERIMENTS ...



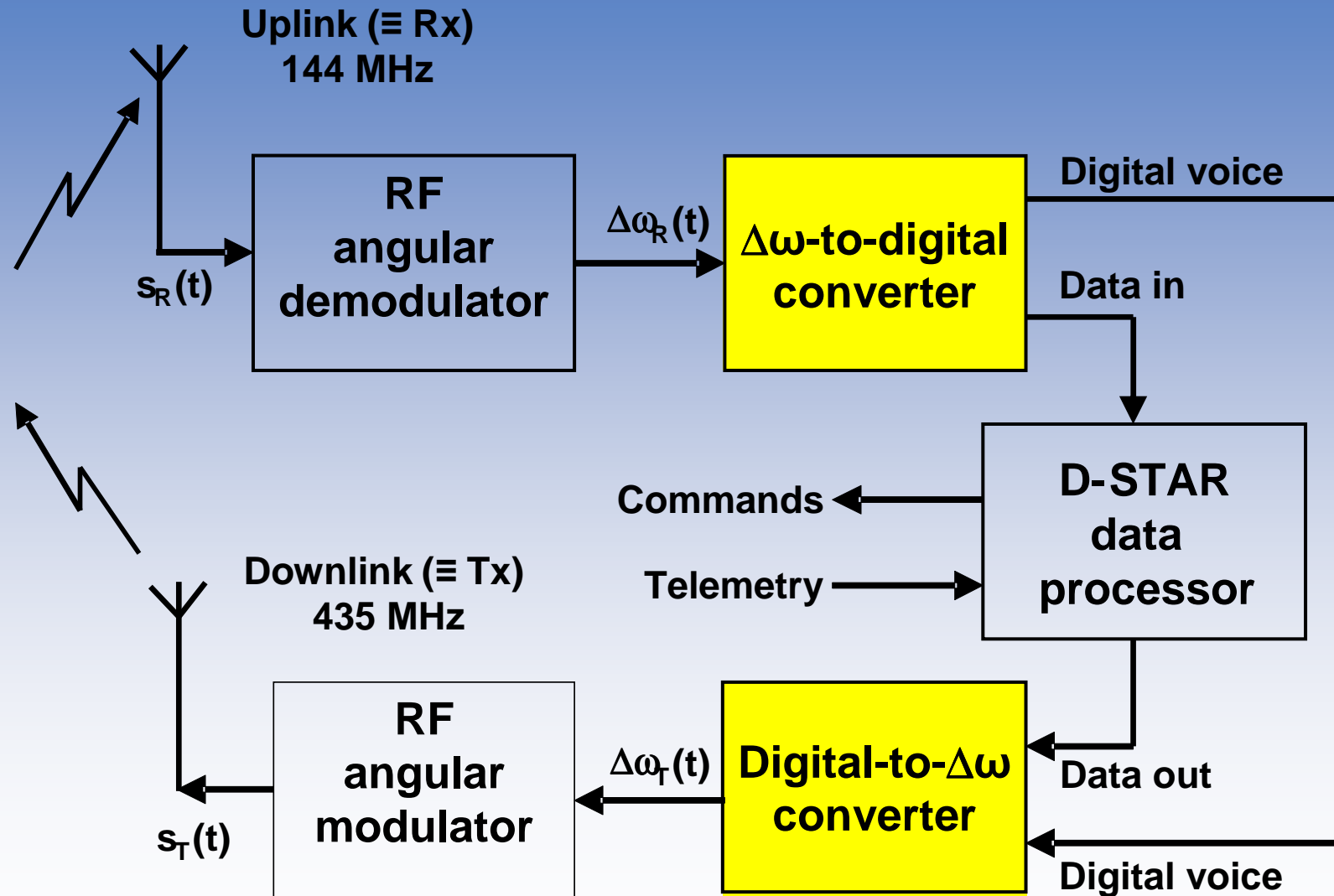
## Rx chain



Descrambling,  
deinterleaving,  
deconvolution  
(Viterbi)



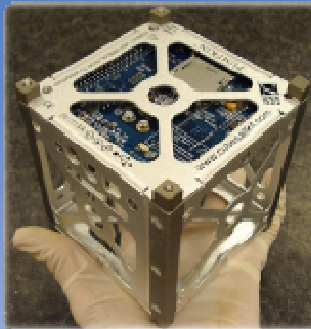
# ... LEADS TO A COM ARCHITECTURE



# DOWNLINK LINK BUDGET



OUFTI-1  
CubeSat



$$P_T = 0.5 \text{ W} = -3 \text{ dB(W)}$$

$$G_T = 0 \text{ dB}$$

$$L_T = 1.1 \text{ dB}$$

$$E_b = -175.5 \text{ dB}$$

$$N_0 = -203.8 \text{ dB}$$

$$E_b/N_0 = 19.9 \text{ dB}$$

$$\text{Minimum } E_b/N_0 = 10.6 \text{ dB} \\ (\text{for } \text{BER} = 10^{-5})$$

⇒ Margin of about 9 dB

$$T_s = 300 \text{ K}$$

4,110 km

$$L_s = 157.5 \text{ dB}$$



Ham-radio  
operator

$$G_R = 17.5 \text{ dB}$$

$$L_R = 1 \text{ dB}$$

$$P_R = -138.6 \text{ dB}$$

# ESA PROPOSAL



- Project defended at ESA workshop on educational CubeSats (Jan. 2008)
- OUFTI-1 selected to be on VEGA Maiden Flight (June 2008)
- ...
- World's first D-STAR satellite
- Belgium's first student satellite



VEGA

# GEARING UP FOR THE BIG CHALLENGE

DUPTI - 1



**13 students (ULg + technical schools),  
2 PhD students, 6 academics, 7 space companies**



# THE PIECES OF THE PUZZLE



## Electrical

Electrical power system

Mission

## Mechanical

Structure

Emergency beacon

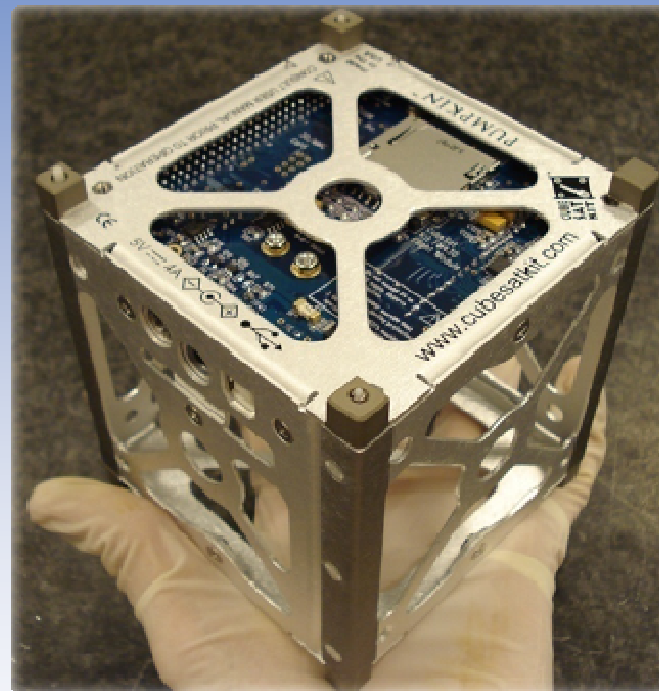
Thermal system

Radio-communications

Attitude control

Commands & telemetry

Radiations



1 Kg, I, W

On-board computer

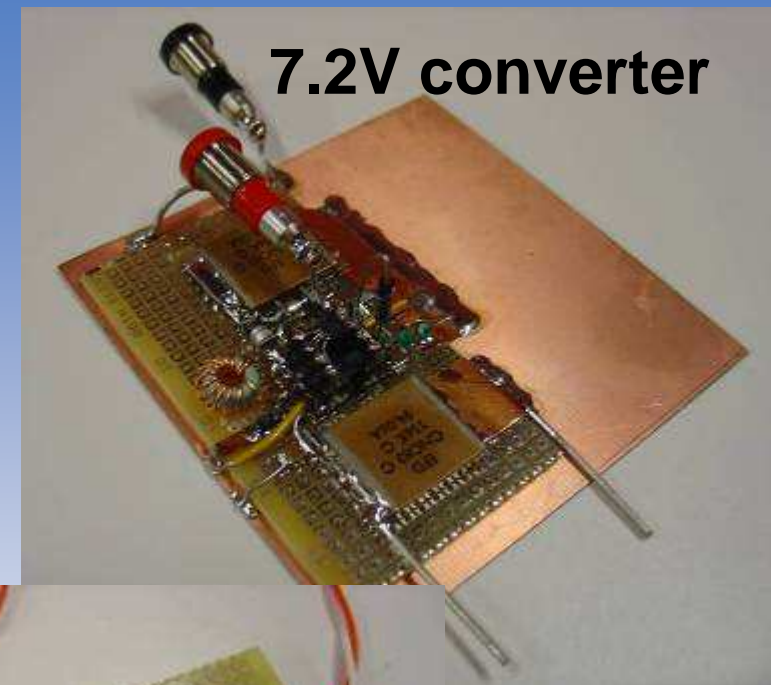
Antenna deployment

Ground segment

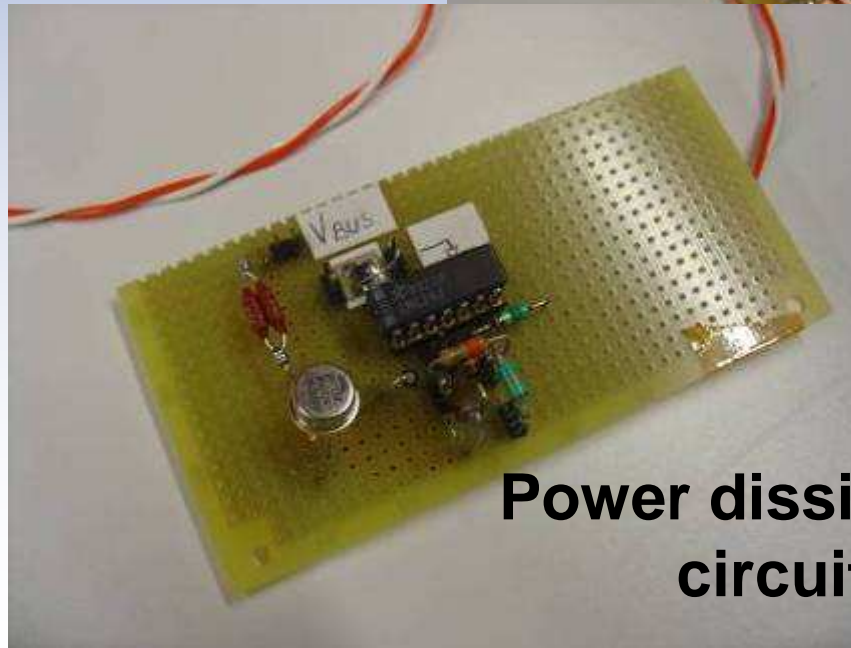
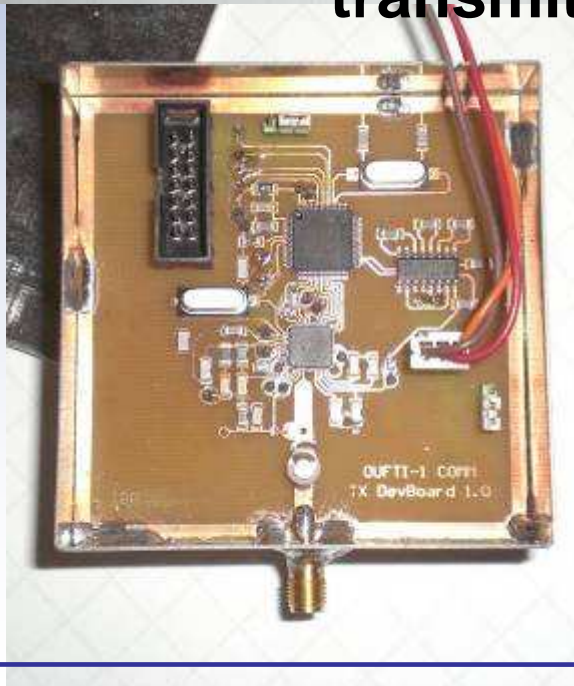
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**D-STAR  
transmitter**

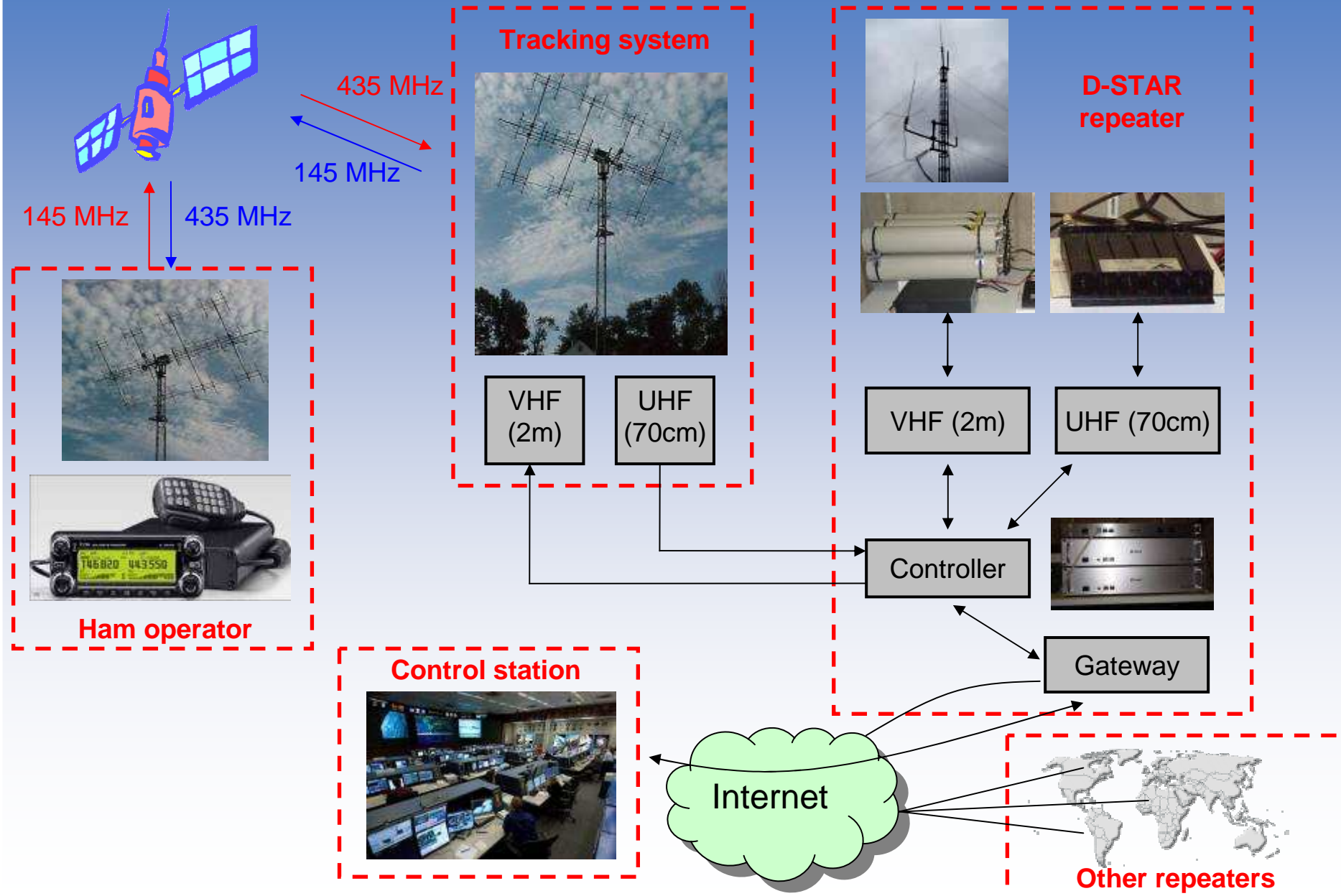


**7.2V converter**



**Power dissipation  
circuit**

# OVERALL OUFTI-1 SYSTEM

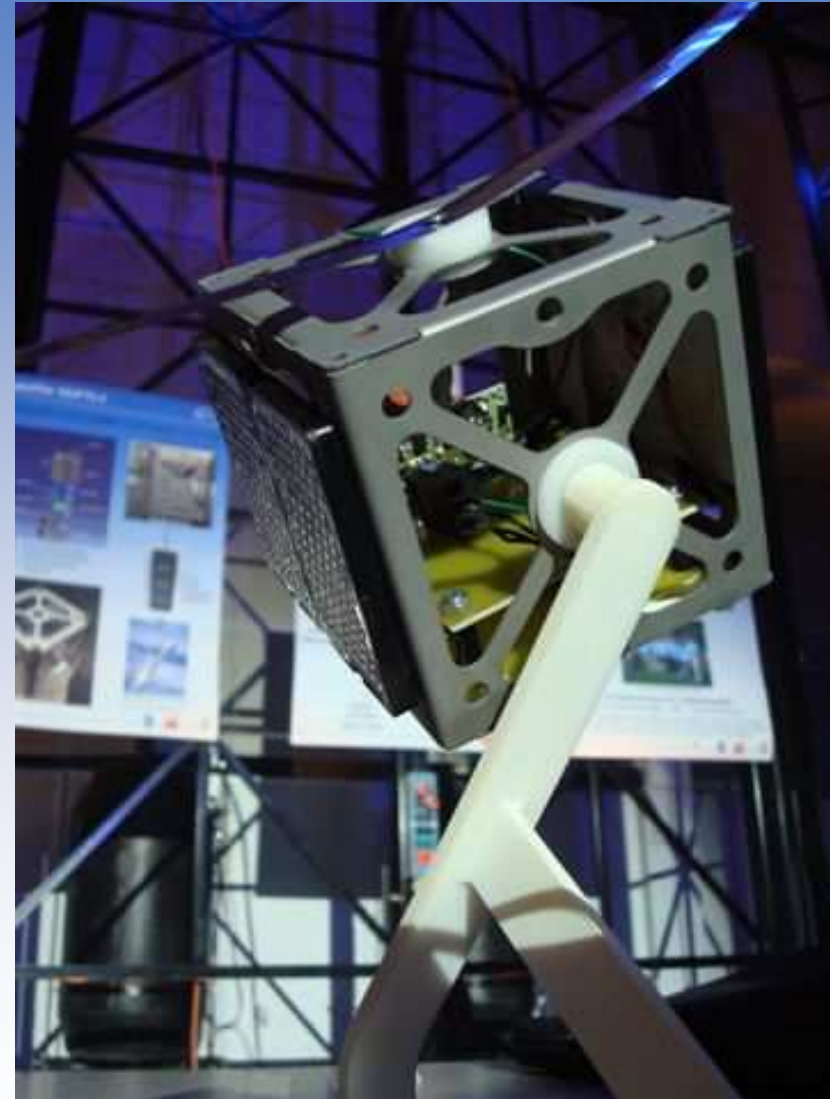




# STRONG EDUCATIONAL FLAVOR



**“L’espace, j’en rêve”  
Euro Space Center  
1 Oct 2008**



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- One of the two CubeSat pioneer students at ULg
- Full mastery of D-STAR protocol
- First D-STAR repeater in Benelux
- Won ESA competition for spot aboard VEGA
- Award for Master's thesis
- OUFTI-1 project co-manager
- Supervisory role in detailed design and implementation of ground and space segments
- Several presentations, interviews, and press articles





# INTERNATIONAL VISIBILITY!



ウェブリブログトップ/ログイン

【新規登録キャンペーン実施中】

トップ プロフィール フレンドリスト サークルリスト

## D-STAR技術情報

溪流 No.10

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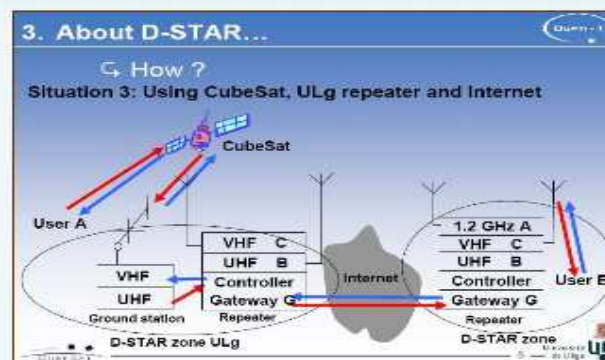


「CubeSatのOUFTI-1でD-STARプロトコルを使用」について

RSS 5 help

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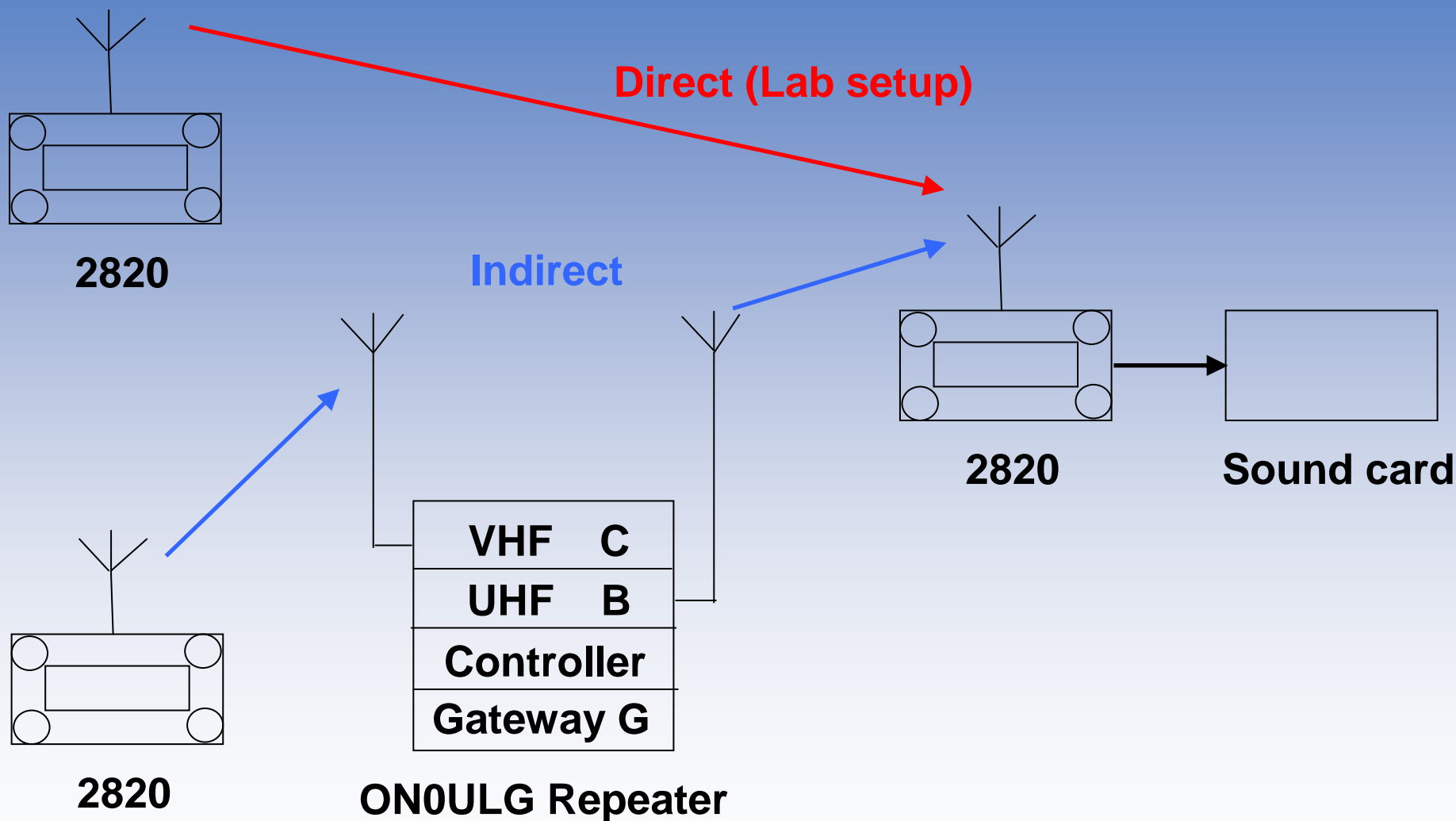
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アップリンクとダウンリンクの周波数が分かりませんので日本上空を飛ぶときに交信できるかどうかは不明ですが、使用できれば広範囲な交信が出来るそうです。

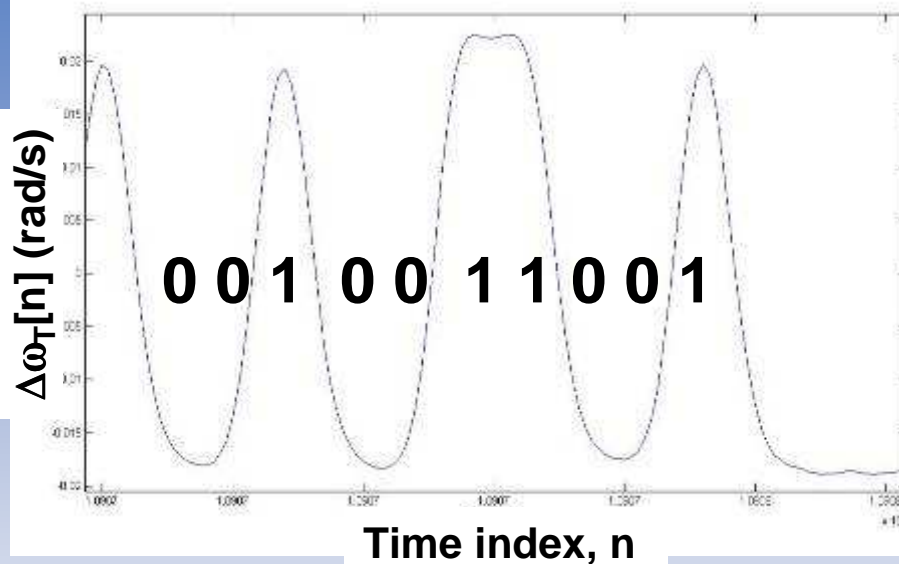
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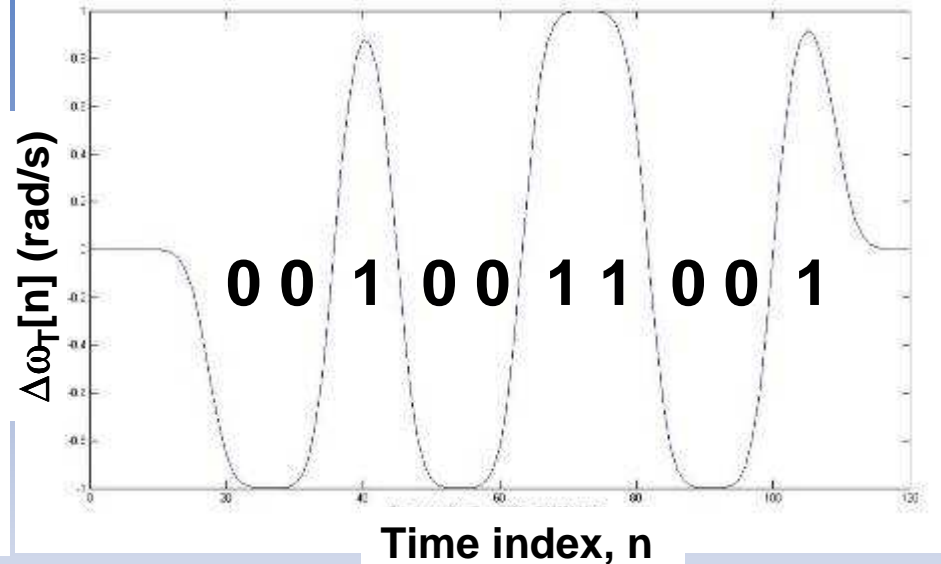
# MS THESIS EXPERIMENTAL SETUP



# EXAMPLES OF GMSK SIGNALS



**Real signal**

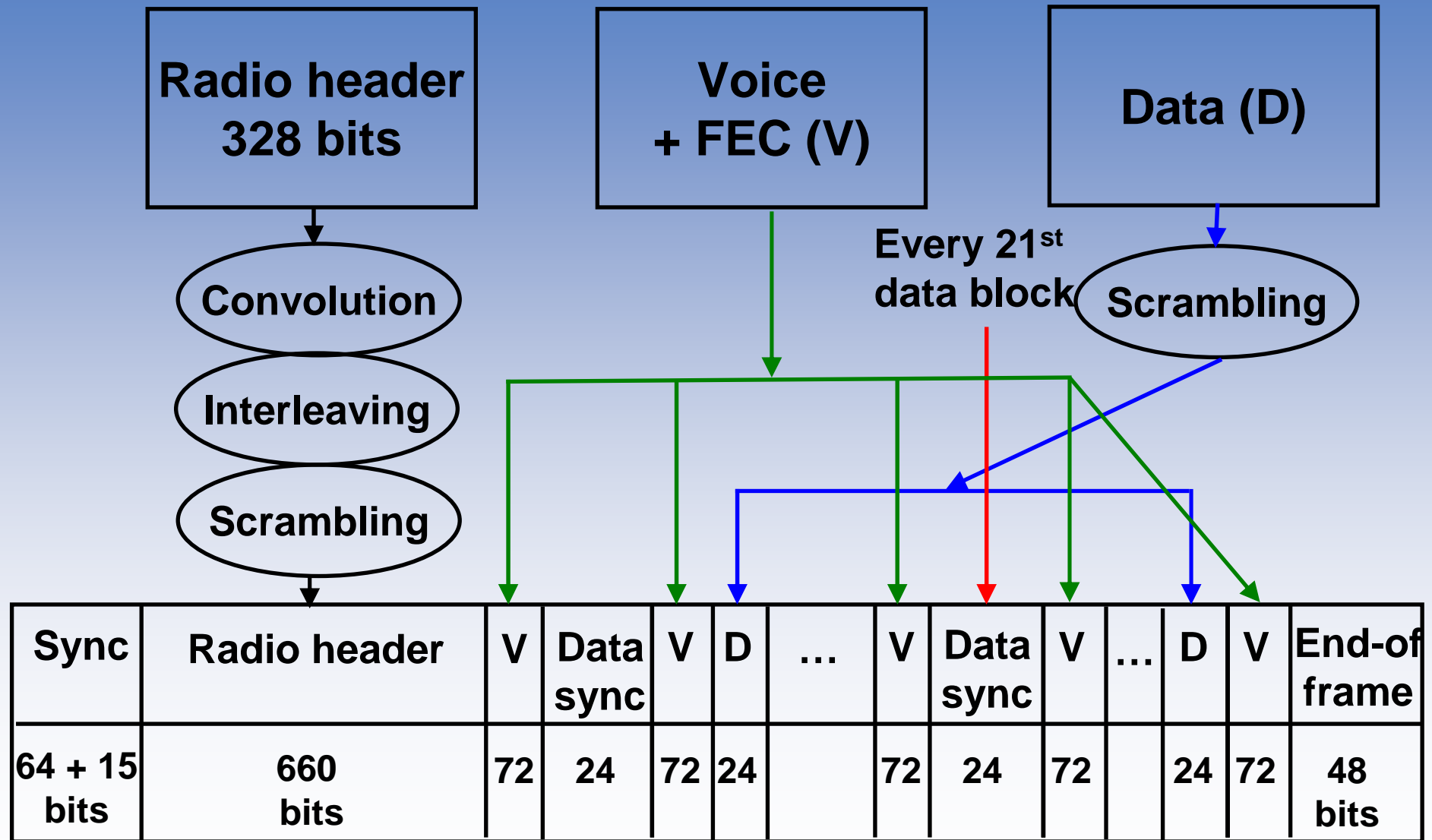


**Synthetic signal**

$$\Delta\omega_T(t) = \sum c_{T,\sigma,l}(\tau_i)$$

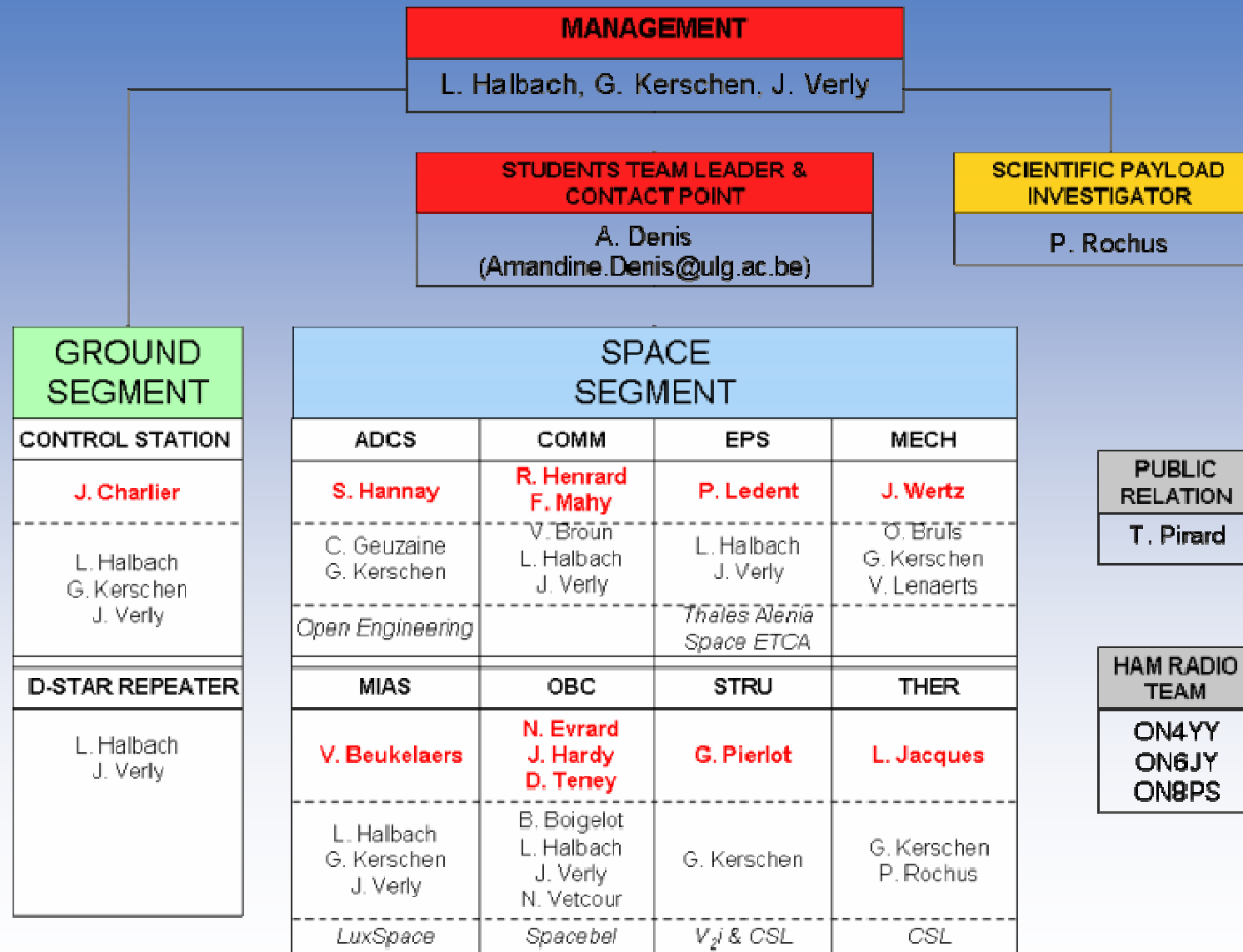
$$c_{T,\sigma,l}(\tau_i) = Q[(\tau_i - T/2)/\sigma] - Q[(\tau_i + T/2)/\sigma]$$

# GENERATION OF D-STAR FRAMES





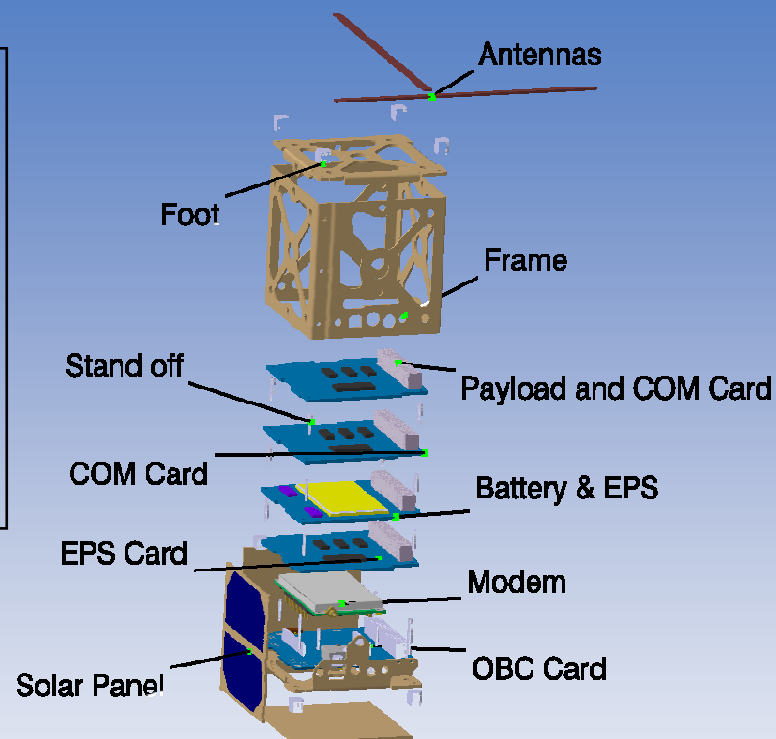
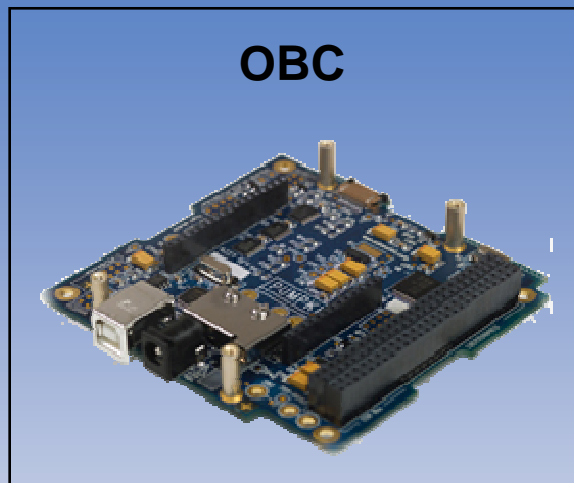
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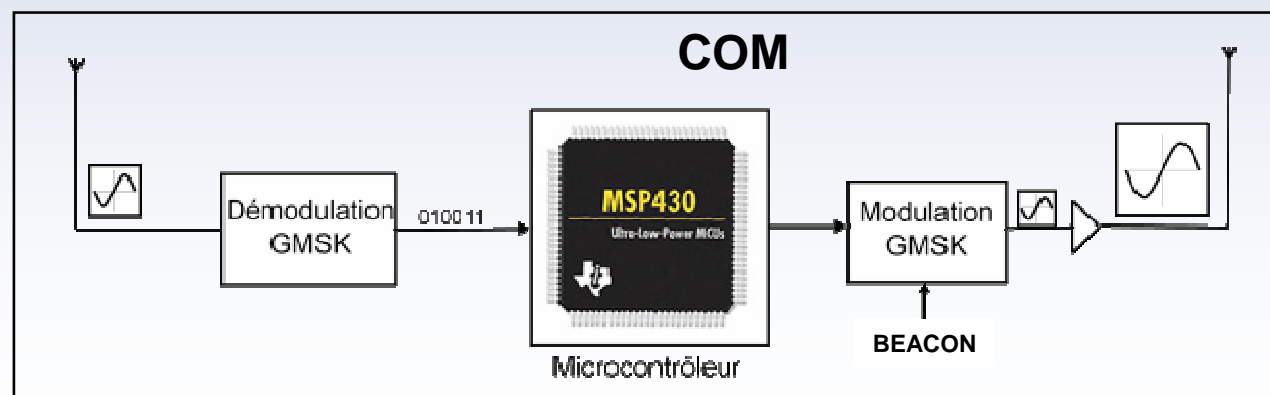
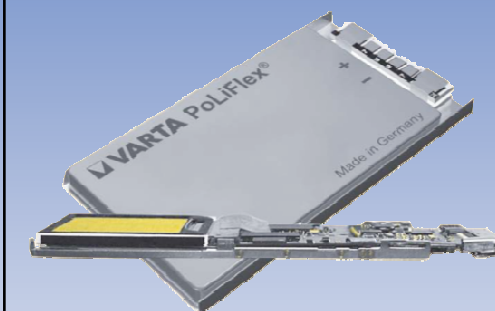
# ELECTRICAL SUBSYSTEMS



**OBC**



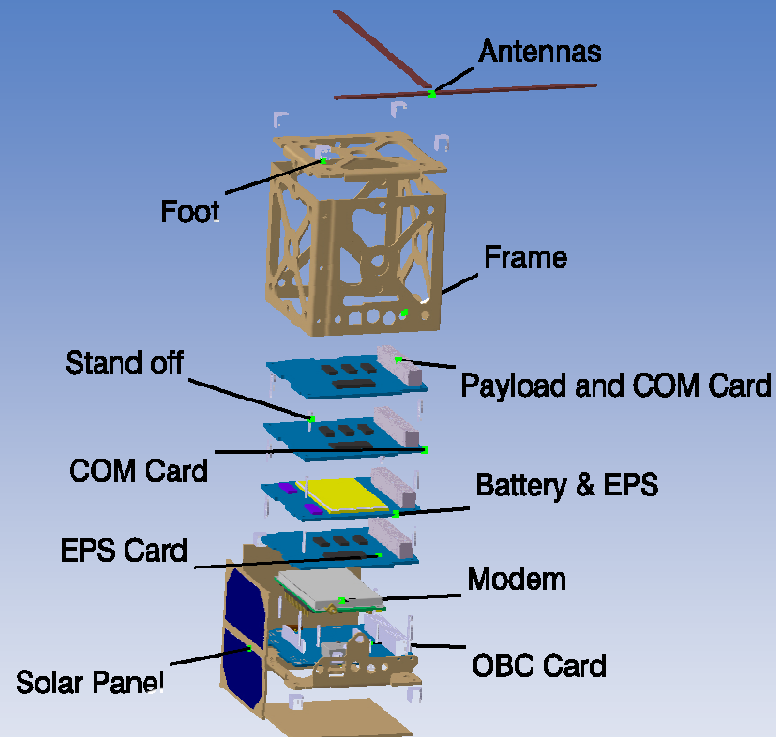
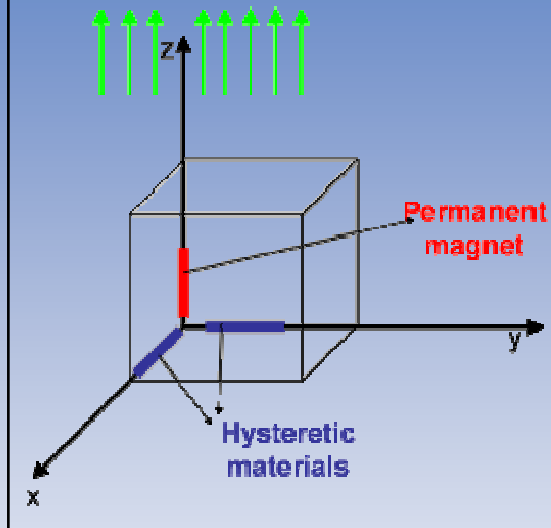
**EPS: analog & digital**



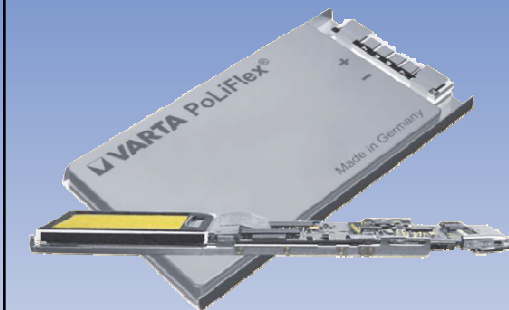
# MECHANICAL SUBSYSTEMS



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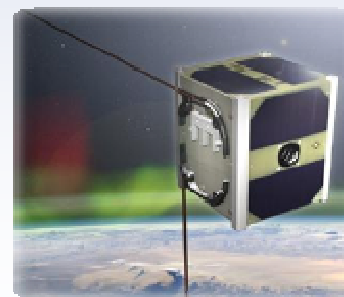


## Thermic



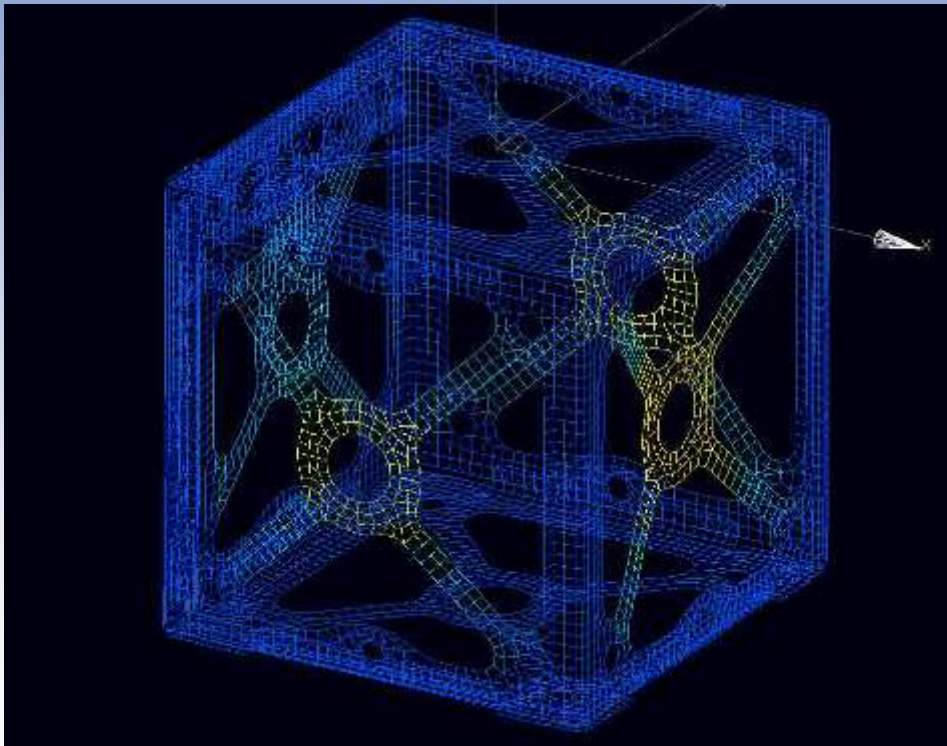
0-45°C

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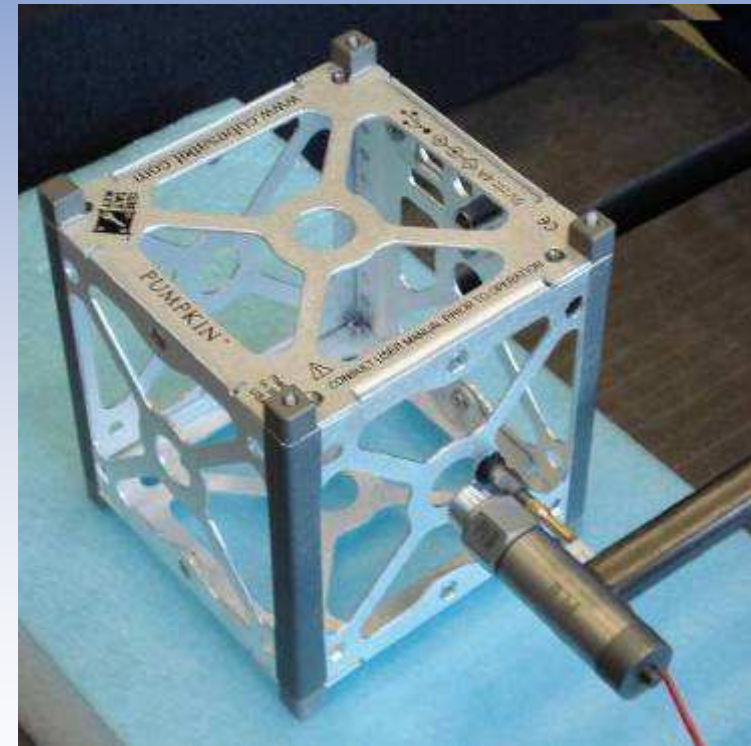
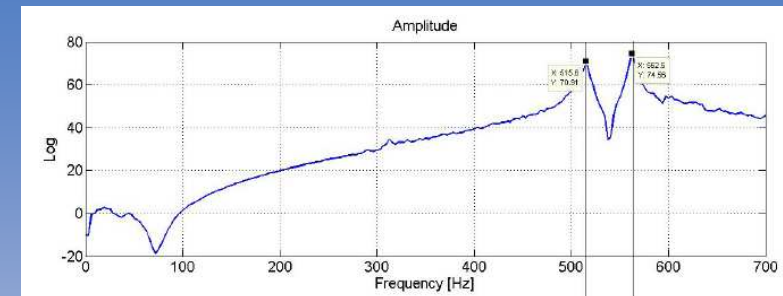


SwissCube view

# VIBRATIONS



Theory...



Experimentation



# ORBIT

