Amateur Radio Satellites





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Satellites

History changed on October 4, 1957, when the Soviet Union successfully launched Sputnik I. The world's first artificial satellite was about the size of a beach ball (58 cm.or 22.8 inches in diameter), weighed only 83.6 kg. or 183.9 pounds, and took about 98 minutes to orbit the Earth on its elliptical path.

Only 4 years later

OSCAR 1 was the first amateur radio satellite launched by Project OSCAR into Low Earth Orbit. OSCAR I was launched December 12, 1961 by a Thor-DM21 Agena B launcher from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Lompoc, California.





The start for me

- First interested in the 1980s, Russian RS satellites UoSAT space shuttle etc.
- Prediction using BBC Micro
- FT726R 2 metres and 70 centimetres
- Roddy Clews G3CDK of S&CRS was my mentor.
- Joined AMSAT UK Magazine and nets
- Break from 1992 for family and work until 2014

Phase 3D ill fated Oscar 40



On 13 December 2000 at 11:23 <u>UTC</u>, transmissions from AO-40 ceased during the exercising of its 400 <u>newton</u> motor.

The Command Team were able to infer that there had been an explosion caused by pressure in the propellant pipes caused by malfunction of the control valves.

A protective cap that was supposed to be removed from the motor before launch, was inadvertently left in place.

When the motor was fired, pressure built up where it shouldn't, and destructive failure occurred. The loss of the motor caused AO-40 to be left in an equatorial orbit that the satellite was not designed for.

Satellites - Current Status as of 17 Feb 18

Transponder	/Repeater active	Telemetry/Bea	acon only <mark>No s</mark> i	<mark>gnal</mark> Conflictin	g reports <mark>ISS C</mark> r	ew (Voice) Active
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Hardware

- TS 2000 HF, VHF, UHF, microwave (23cm) full duplex
- Funcube dongle + turnstile antenna
- Windows Laptop
- Wimo Quad 70 and 2



- Yaesu rotator (elev and az) + ERC interface
- Wimo phase control for both 70 and 2 (V, H, RHCP LHCP)
- Low loss coax MESSI & PAOLONI ULTRAFLEX 10
- All connectors N Type

Software

- SDR Sharp
- FOX telemetry software
- Funcube telemetry software
- SSTV ap on iPhone
- HRD Free version
- Rotator software for setup and calibration

Basic Setup

- For FM satellites hand-held with 2m and 70cm
- Arrow antenna with duplexer IOWRS can loan you this
- Satellites AO92, AO91, SO50, AO85

ARROW ANTENNA 146/437-10WBP

3 Element VHF 7 element UHF Portable Hand Held Yagi Satellite Antenna with Split Boom w/ Duplexer





Dopler shift

The Doppler Effect for a Moving Sound Source



The International Space Station orbits at an altitude of 400 km above the surface of the Earth. What is the space station's orbital velocity? The orbital velocity of the International Space Station is **7672 m/s or 17161.78 MPH**

Set up for SO50

The order of operation is: (allow for Doppler as necessary):

1) Transmit on 145.850 MHz with a tone of 74.4 Hz to arm the 10 minute timer on board the spacecraft.

2) Now transmit on 145.850 MHz (FM Voice) using 67.0 Hz within the 10 minute window.

3) Sending the 74.4 Hz tone again within the 10 minute window will reset the 10 minute timer

You can set the memory channels in your handheld as follows:

- Ch TX RX CTCSS 1 145.850 Timer Reset 74.4 Hz
- 2 145.850 436.805 67 Hz
- 3 145.850 436.800 67 Hz
- 4 145.850 436.795 67 Hz
- 5 145.850 436.790 67 Hz
- 6 145.850 436.785 67 Hz

At the start of the pass tune to 436.805 and then decrease the frequency during the 10+ minute pass.

Dopler shift in practice

Telemetry signal recorded on SDR

Amateur satellites



AO73 / Fun Cube 1 10cm Cube





Introduction

In 2009, a team of volunteer experts from AMSAT-UK, in collaboration with their colleagues in the Netherlands at AMSAT-NL started work on a new amateur satellite concept –*The FUNcube Project*

The initial plan was to design, build and launch a single spacecraft but further flight opportunities became available and the project now comprises of the following missions:

FUNcube-1 (AO73) is a complete educational 1U CubeSat with the goal of enthusing and educating young people about radio, space, physics and electronics. FUNcube-1, now registered as a Dutch spacecraft, was successfully launched from Russia on a DNEPR rocket on Nov 21st 2013 and, after more than three years in orbit, continues to perform well. More than 1000 stations, including many at schools and colleges around the world, have received and decoded the telemetry. Details of current operations and the telemetry available from FUNcube-1 can



be seen at http://warehouse.funcube.org.uk/ We also have a dedicated educational outreach page here https://funcube.org.uk/education-outreach/

FUNcube-1 is in a Sun-Synchronous Low Earth Orbit approx 630km above the earth. In such an orbit a satellite passes over most locations approximately 3 times in the morning, and 3 in the evening, every day. This schedule allows the morning passes to be used for educational purposes and the evening passes for Amateur Radio communications.

The satellite also carries a Materials Science Experiment, from which the school students can receive telemetry data and which they can compare to the results they obtained from similar reference experiments in the classroom.

FUNcube-1 also carries a UHF to VHF linear transponder with approx 300mW PEP output and which can be used by Radio Amateurs worldwide for SSB and CW communications.

Measuring just 10cm x 10cm x 10cm, and with a mass of less than 1kg, FUNcube-1 is the first spacecraft to have a primary mission of educational outreach to schools and the smallest ever satellite to carry a linear transponder for radio amateurs.

FUNcube-2 on UKube-1 is a follow-on project and comprises of a set of FUNcube boards that is flying as part of the separate UKube-1 triple cubesat and it has identical goals. This spacecraft was successfully launched on a Soyuz rocket from Baikonur on July 8th 2014. It has also now been in space for more than three years and both the telemetry downlink and transponder continue to be operational on a 24/7 basis.

FUNcube-5 (E088) on Nayif-1 – Nayif-1 is a 1U Cubesat project that has been developed by the Emirates Institution for Advanced Science and Technology (EIAST) in partnership with students at the American University of Sharjah (AUS) This mission is intended to provide Emirati students with a tool to design and test systems in space. It carries a complete, and enhanced, FUNcube communications package to provide educational outreach telemetrv and an amateur transponder. Navif-1 was successfully launched from India



FUNcube-1 / AO-73 details

TLM down link freq 145.935 MHz BPSK - Please check the news section for the current operating schedule during high illumination periods.

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Transponder:

Links:

Nominal Uplink 435.150 - 435.130 MHz LSB (Inverting) The passband may be up to 15kHz higher depending on on-board temps. Low temperature gives higher freqs! Downlink 145.950 - 145.970 MHz USB Please use a maximium uplink power of 5 watts to a 7 dBi gain antenna. More power is not needed to use the transponder!

Forum for Help and advice. Latest Dash Board Software Latest Keplerian Elements (TLEs) Handbook ver 1.3 Data Warehouse

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Meet The Fox Project

What is the Fox Project?

CubeSats were once just a cheap way for university students to build and launch a satellite. But they have become the hottest new technology in the space industry. NASA, the National Reconnaissance Office ("spy satellites,") Aerospace Corporation and even Boeing have all launched and operated CubeSats. And now, the NASA Educational Launch of Nano satellite (ELaNa) program, which offers free launches to education and encourage science missions, is open to US non-profit corporations like AMSAT. *Project Fox* is AMSAT's answer to this new, emerging technology. AMSAT is developing a family of CubeSats with amateur radio transponders that can support advanced science experiments. We are working with universities on science and education missions that qualify for the NASA ELaNa program. This provides us with a way to put ham radio transponders into orbit and provides our university partners with a reliable platform for space-based research projects.



Our Phase 1 *Fox* satellites are 1-Unit CubeSats. They each include an analog FM repeater that will allow simple ground stations using an HT and an "arrow" type antenna to make contacts using the satellite. This was the mode made so popular by AO-51. The Phase 1 CubeSats also have the capability of operating in a high-speed digital mode for data communications. Two of our phase 1 *Fox* satellite projects (*Fox-1* and *Fox-1B* "RadFXSat") have already been accepted into the NASA ELaNa program for free launches. AMSAT has purchased a launch for a third (*Fox-1C*) on a Spaceflight SHERPA with a 3Q 2015 launch to SSO.

Why Are The Fox Satellites "Only" In Low Earth Orbit (LEO)?

Fox-1 Engineering Prototype.

Cost, launch opportunities, and user needs. High Earth Orbit (HEO) satellites are simply not affordable today. An excellent replacement for AO-13 is in storage in

Germany. So far, the cheapest available launch is \$10 million. While efforts continue to find an affordable launch, this underlines why the type of satellites we are used to are no longer affordable. By comparison, launch costs into LEO for CubeSats is in the \$100k range, and is often free if paired with a suitable education-oriented mission. However, the technology developed and tested is planned to be usable, or upgradable, to HEO missions when they arise. CubeSat technology can essentially be "snapped together" to form larger, more capable spacecraft. Likewise, the engineering management procedures developed will provide us with the needed experience and contacts for other missions.

What is a CubeSat?

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Keplarian Elements

Keplerian Elements

Seven numbers are required to define a satellite orbit. This set of seven numbers is called the satellite orbital elements, or sometimes "Keplerian" elements (after Johann Kepler [1571-1630]), or just elements. These numbers define an ellipse, orient it about the earth, and place the satellite on the ellipse at a particular time. In the Keplerian model, satellites orbit in an ellipse of constant shape and orientation. The Earth is at one focus of the ellipse, not the center (unless the orbit ellipse is actually a perfect circle)

The real world is slightly more complex than the Keplerian model, and tracking programs compensate for this by introducing minor corrections to the Keplerian model. These corrections are known as perturbations. The perturbations that amateur tracking programs know about are due to the lumpiness of the earth's gravitational field (which luckily you don't have to specify), and the "drag" on the satellite due to atmosphere. Drag becomes an optional eighth orbital element.

- 1 Epoch
- 2 Orbital Inclination
- 3 Right Ascension of Ascending Node (R.A.A.N.)
- 4 Argument of Perigee
- 5 Eccentricity
- 6 Mean Motion
- 7 Mean Anomaly
- 8 Drag (optional)
- No need to do the complex maths as there are software programs to do it for you.
- The Keplerain elements are available online and down loaded automatically by the software

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AMSAT Online Satellite Pass Predictions

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15 Feb 18	11:41:13	00:10:27	230	39	136	74	11:51:40
15 Feb 18	13:17:27	00:10:43	262	80	350	81	13:28:10
15 Feb 18	14:54:02	00:10:42	281	87	352	102	15:04:44
15 Feb 18	16:30:32	00:10:16	285	30	193	137	16:40:48
15 Feb 18	18:07:45	00:06:57	271	6	230	187	18:14:42
16 Feb 18	09:15:40	00:06:17	166	4	140	93	09:21:57
16 Feb 18	10:49:18	00:10:08	219	26	163	75	10:59:26
16 Feb 18	12:25:14	00:10:43	254	86	176	78	12:35:57
16 Feb 18	14:01:48	00:10:42	277	76	6	95	14:12:30

Your results are shown above

Use the form below to request more pass predictions

Show Predictions for: ISS of for Next 10 Pass Calculate Latitude and Longitude from Gridsquare: io90jr Calculate Position Or Enter Decimal Latitude:* 50.7292 North Enter Decimal Longitude:* 1.2083 West Elevation in meters AMSL: 20 Predict Save my location for later use
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TELEMETRY

Satellite system status

Experiments

Data some cases can be uploaded to a data warehouse for all to use.

Great way of learning about space physics and satellite systems

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Certificate of Achievement

It is certified that: G1HCM

Successfully received telemetry packets from the FUNcube-1 amateur radio satellite and first uploaded them to the warehouse on the date/time shown below.

Date : Time : 26 Sep 2016 20:17:10 UTC

FUNcube-1 is a single unit educational amateur radio CubeSat satellite Size: 10x10x10 cm Power: 350mW in sunlight, 35mW in eclipse Antennas: dipole for 2m transmitter, dipole for 70cm receiver QTH: orbiting earth at about 650km altitude On behalf of the team, 73 de AMSAT

Thank you for supporting the FUNcube Project

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APRS SSTV and **Voice Demo**

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ISS Voice Signal on SDR

My First SSB Satellite QSO

The Future

Es Hail Geostationary Satellite 35,786 km away Launch around 28 March 2018

Qatar's Es'hail 2 satellite will provide the first amateur radio geostationary communications that could link amateurs from Brazil to Thailand. The satellite is expected to launch in 2018 and will be positioned at 25.5 degrees East.

Es'hail 2 will carry two "Phase 4" amateur radio transponders operating in the 2400 MHz and 10450 MHz bands. A 250 kHz bandwidth linear transponder intended for conventional analogue operations and an 8 MHz bandwidth transponder for experimental digital modulation schemes and DVB amateur television

Earth Coverage Es'HailSat-2

Narrowband Linear transponder

2400.050 - 2400.300 MHz Uplink 10489.550 - 10489.800 MHz Downlink

Wideband digital transponder

2401.500 - 2409.500 MHz Uplink 10491.000 - 10499.000 MHz Downlink

- X-Band 10 GHz Downlink:
- 89 cm dishes in rainy areas at EOC like Brazil or Thailand
- 60 cm around coverage peak
- 75 cm dishes at peak -2dB
- NB: linear vertical polarisation
- WB: linear horizontal polarisation
- S-Band 2.4 GHz NB-Uplink:
- narrow band modes like SSB, CW
- 5W nominal Uplink power (22.5 dBi antenna gain, 75cm dish)
- RHCP polarisation
- S-Band 2.4 GHz WB-Uplink (DATV):
- wide band modes, DVB-S2
- peak EIRP of 53 dBW (2.4m dish and 100W) required
- RHCP polarisation

Paul G4IKI is building a 2.4 GHz Transverter

Further Information

- AMSAT UK Publish Oscar News
- AMSAT NA Predictions etc
- The ARRL satellite Handbook Steve Ford WB8IMY
- Satellite Experimenter's Handbook Martin Davidoff ARRL
- Hamsat Amateur Radio Satellites Explained Pierlugi Poggi IW4BLG
- This presentation will be made available online

Who will take this Arrow Antenna on loan and work a satellite.

IOWRS has satellite capability, but its needs some TLC from members keen to learn something new.