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Objectives:

Educational purpose.
Transmit telemetric data.
Test subsystems such as: Operating system.
Energy supply.
Attitude control.
Antenna deployment.











Criteria and considerations

- Type of information.
- Uplink frequency: VHF
 downlink UHF
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Antennas I

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TX dipole Rx monopole



Dipole vs Monopole









TX dipole Rx dipole



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Antennas II



















Monopole with a finite ground plane



90° out of phase monopole

Rx monopole $1/8\lambda$ –

Tx monopole $1/8\lambda$





Ground Station

UHF: Yagui 30 elements

Rotor: Yaesu G5500-

VHF: yagui 14 elements-





Criteria and considerations

- Simple and Robust.
- Safe for us and other CubeSats
- Energy Restrictions
- Reliable





















Justification

Antenna must be oriented because it is not omni directional. It must be "tangential" to the earth surface.





- •Active control system.
- •Gravitational gradient.
- •Use of a magnet.
- Magnet & Hysteresis rods



Active control system. Energy restrictions.
Gravitational gradient. Dimensions too small.
Use of a magnet. No dissipative force.
Magnet & Hysteresis rods





Hysteresis

- Phenomenon related to the magnetic memory of certain materials.
- Molecular "friction" acts as an energy dissipater.
- Hysteresis rods can act as rotation dampers





Result

Explicit solution for the damping time as a function of the initial angular velocity and the amount of hysteresis material.





Final remarks:

Produced a "ground-working" satellite.
Made small innovations in each subsystem.

•"Everything" is a payload.

"In theory, theory and practice are the same. In practice they are not." A. Einstein



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