

# Partnering for Prolific Radio Coverage

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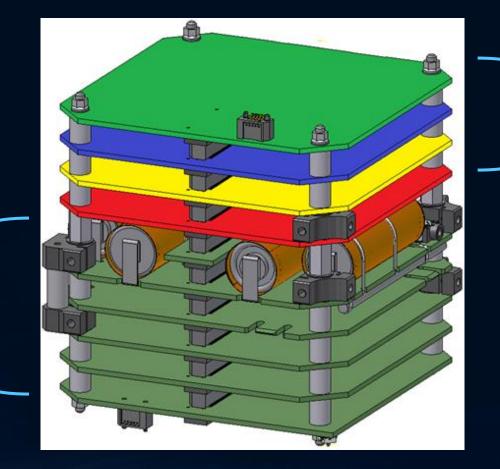


# Radio Amateur Satellite Corp. (AMSAT)

- 501(c)(3) Incorporated in 1969
- Nine satellites launched
  - Sizes range from 1U (1 kg) to 400 kg
- Current Fox-1 CubeSat Project
  - Fox-1A AO-85 launched November 8, 2015 ELaNa XII
  - RadFxSat/Fox-1B ELaNa launch August 2017
  - RadFxSat-2/Fox-1E ELaNa launch December 2017
  - Fox-1D commercial Spaceflight/PSLV launch late 2017
  - Fox-1Cliff commercial Spaceflight SSO-A/SpaceX launch early 2018



### Fox-1 1U Avionics Design



# EXPERIMENTSFour slots available

### **BASE AVIONICS**

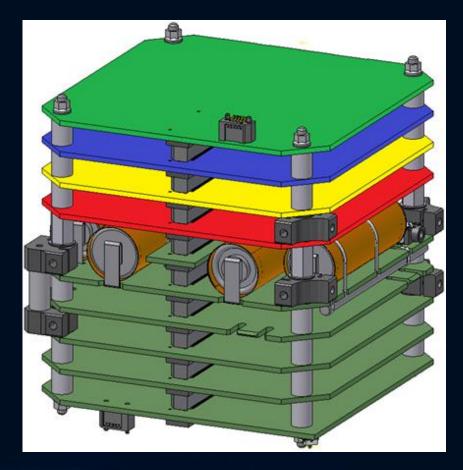
- Power
- IHU (CDH)
- Radios



## Fox-1 Hosted Experiments / Partnerships

### • Fox-1A

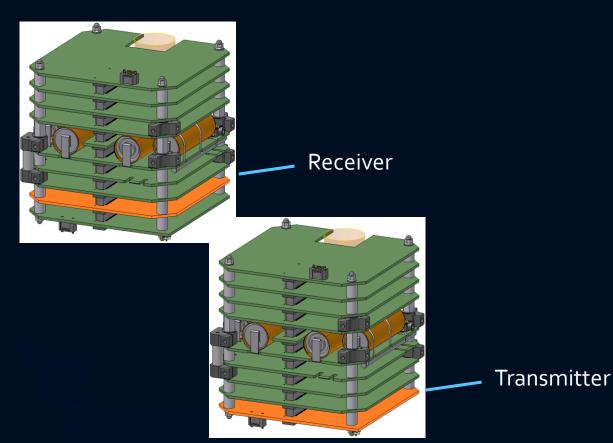
- Penn State Erie MEMS Gyro (on all Fox-1 satellites)
- Vanderbilt University Radiation
- RadFxSat/Fox-1B
  - Vanderbilt University Radiation
- Fox-1Cliff
  - Virginia Tech JPEG Camera
  - Vanderbilt University Radiation
  - AMSAT L band uplink
- Fox-1D
  - University of Iowa HERCI
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- RadFxSat/Fox-1E
  - Vanderbilt University Radiation





# Communications System (Amateur Radio)

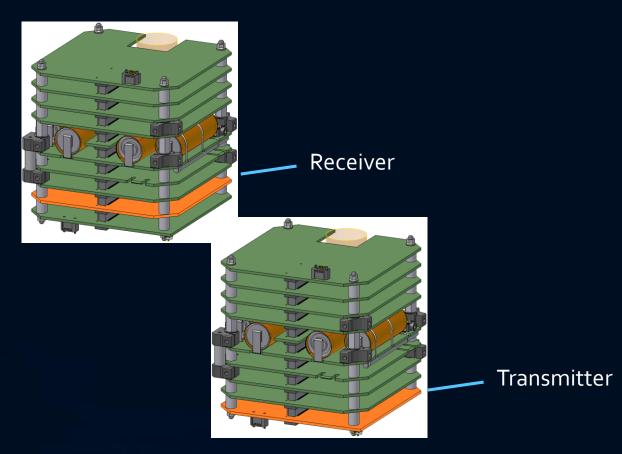
- Fox-1A-D
  - U/v FM repeater
  - Nominal 200 bps telemetry/experiment data stream as data under voice
  - Command selected 9600 bps high speed telemetry/experiment data only
    - University of Iowa requests high speed downlink of HERCI data during local pass
    - VT camera images 640x480 and 320x240 for all per AMSAT Ops





# Communications System (Amateur Radio)

- Fox-1E
  - V/u analog transponder
  - Simultaneous and continuous 1200 baud BPSK telemetry/experiment data stream





# Flying an Amateur Radio Transponder/Repeater is Key to Ground Station Participation



# Telemetry Reception Coverage (AO-85)

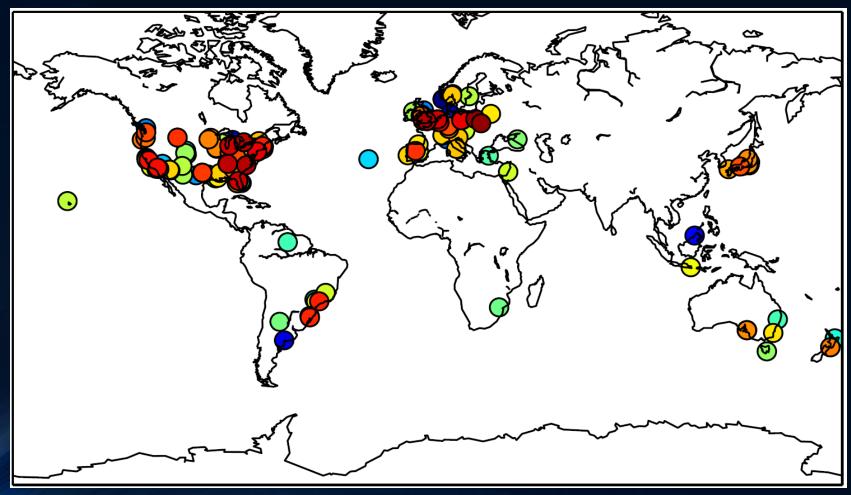


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# AO-85 Telemetry Frames Received (as of 4/18/17)



#### Fox-1A Telemetry Leaderboard

Ground station	DUV Frames	9k6 Frames	Last 7 days	Fox-1A latest spacecraft health
SP8CGR	292197	198	3752	Frames - last 24 hours: 6261 - last 90 mins: 894
SP5ULN	178637	15	1755	From ground stations:
WA4SCA	154080	101	2598	EU1XX G0MRF DK3WN SP5ULN SP3MCY
PBOAHX	144486	81	3166	G4MDH ON4HF G7WIQ PB0AHX W2JTM
G7WIQ	135935	1	2802	AC2CZ/VE2 W2BFJ-Win1 AC2CZ K4SQC K9EK
N8MH	130937	853	1253	WA4SCA W8AB K4RGK K4OZS VK5KJP
K4OZS	117063	508	1654	PLOAU WN90-EN64
wa6fwf	115720	17	4052	T LOAD THE
G0MRF	115065	28	1476	Total Frames since launch: 2849446
G4MDH	97442	0	1126	Total Frances since radius. 2010110
SP3MCY	82236	33	774	
N7DJX-DN13	78954	0	0	
AC2CZ	72786	85	280	
KB6LTY	69582	0	965	
VE3HII	65906	32		
W2BFJ-Win1	61957	158	543	
KD8CAO	56837	42		
ON5APO-JO21	50513	0	466	
ON4HF	48953	4	467	
MOSAT	45560	56	86	
K9QHO	41550	21	860	
NOJY	38029	278		
AD7MQ	36979	6	0	
PU3XGS	36932	0	92	
PY2RN	29908	0		
K4RGK	29751	143	1305	
K6FW	28349	0	164	
WN9Q-EN64	28177	12	449	
EA1JM	26797	0	0	
HB9AKP	24276	Ō	503	
DK3WN	23976	13	1031	
KOGTZ	22427	6	431	
JA3FWT	22024	Ő	92	

### Total Frames since launch: 2849446



# Fly an AMSAT Amateur Radio

- Fox-1E linear transponder opportunities available 4Q 2017
  - Provides amateur radio operators an incentive to copy your telemetry
  - High ground based coverage makes up for need for high speed dumps over your home ground station
  - "Black Box" interface
  - Very competitive pricing
- University of Washington
  - Fox-1E linear transponder



# AMSAT Projects and Plans Partnership Opportunities

- Ragnarok Industries Nano-Satellite Company "Heimdallr" CQC
  - C/X band digital transponder for control and navigation, amateur radio use
- LEO 3U series development with "space for rent" similar to Fox-1
- GTO/HEO opportunities with C/X band ("Five and Dime") high bandwidth, "space for rent"





# Thank you!

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