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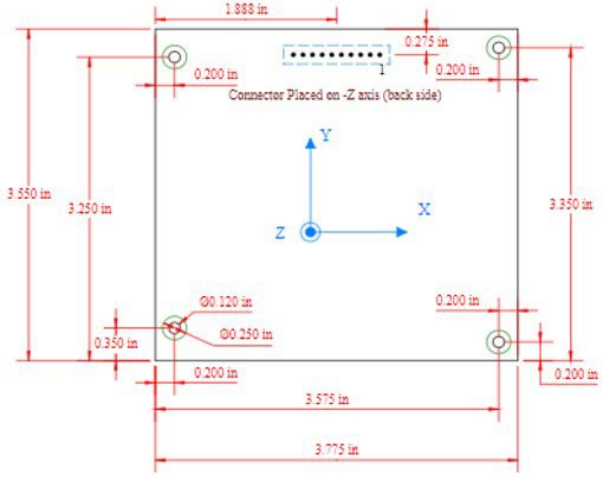

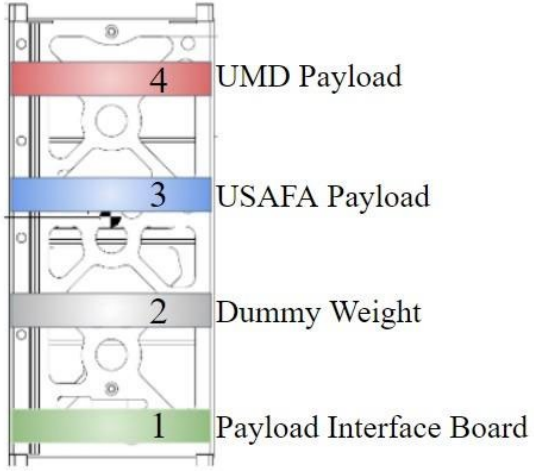

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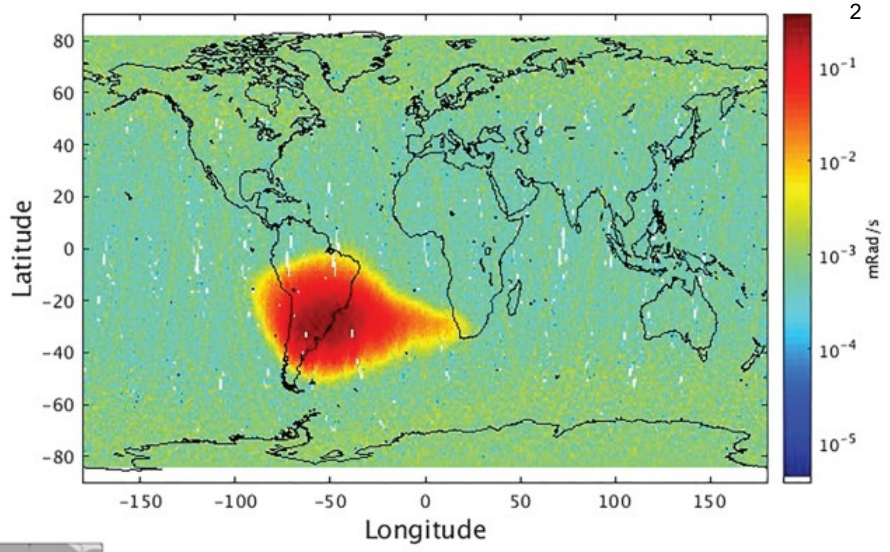
Research Purpose

- South Atlantic Anomaly (SAA)
  - Misalignment of Earth's dipole magnetic field & rotation axis
  - Results in weaker magnetic field in south
- Allows high energy particles access to LEO



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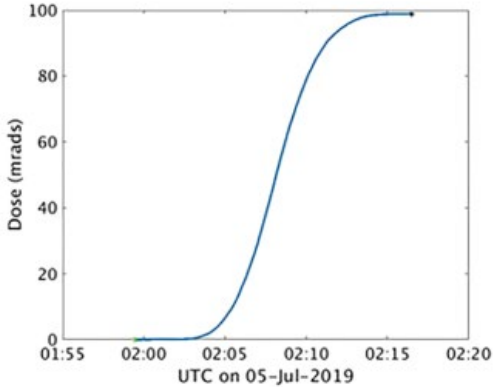

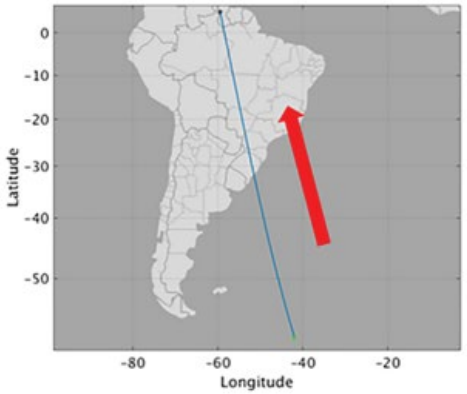

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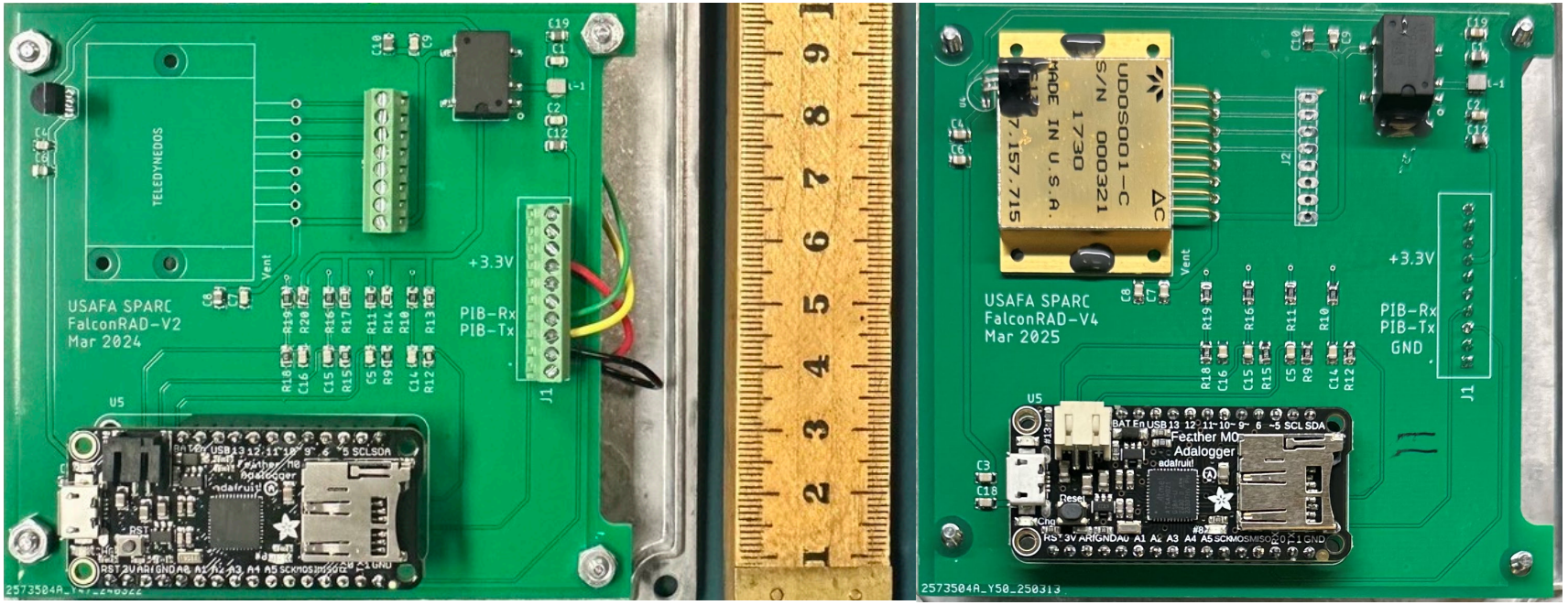
Energetic electrons primary cause of spacecraft charging [2]

Charging caused more than half (161/198) of documented environmental anomalies[1]

Component Overview
Prototype & Flight Boards



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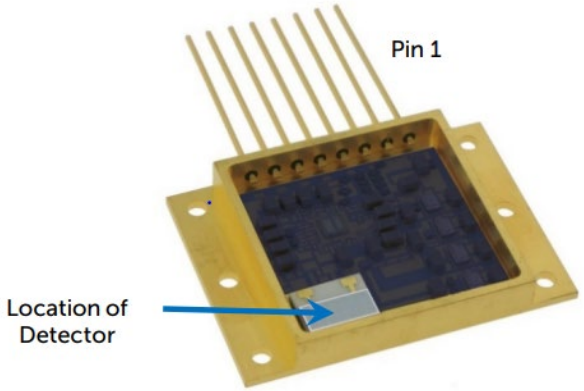
- Adafruit Feather M0 Adalogger
- Teledyne UDOS001-c commercial off the shelf micro-dosimeter
- TMP-36 Temperature Sensor



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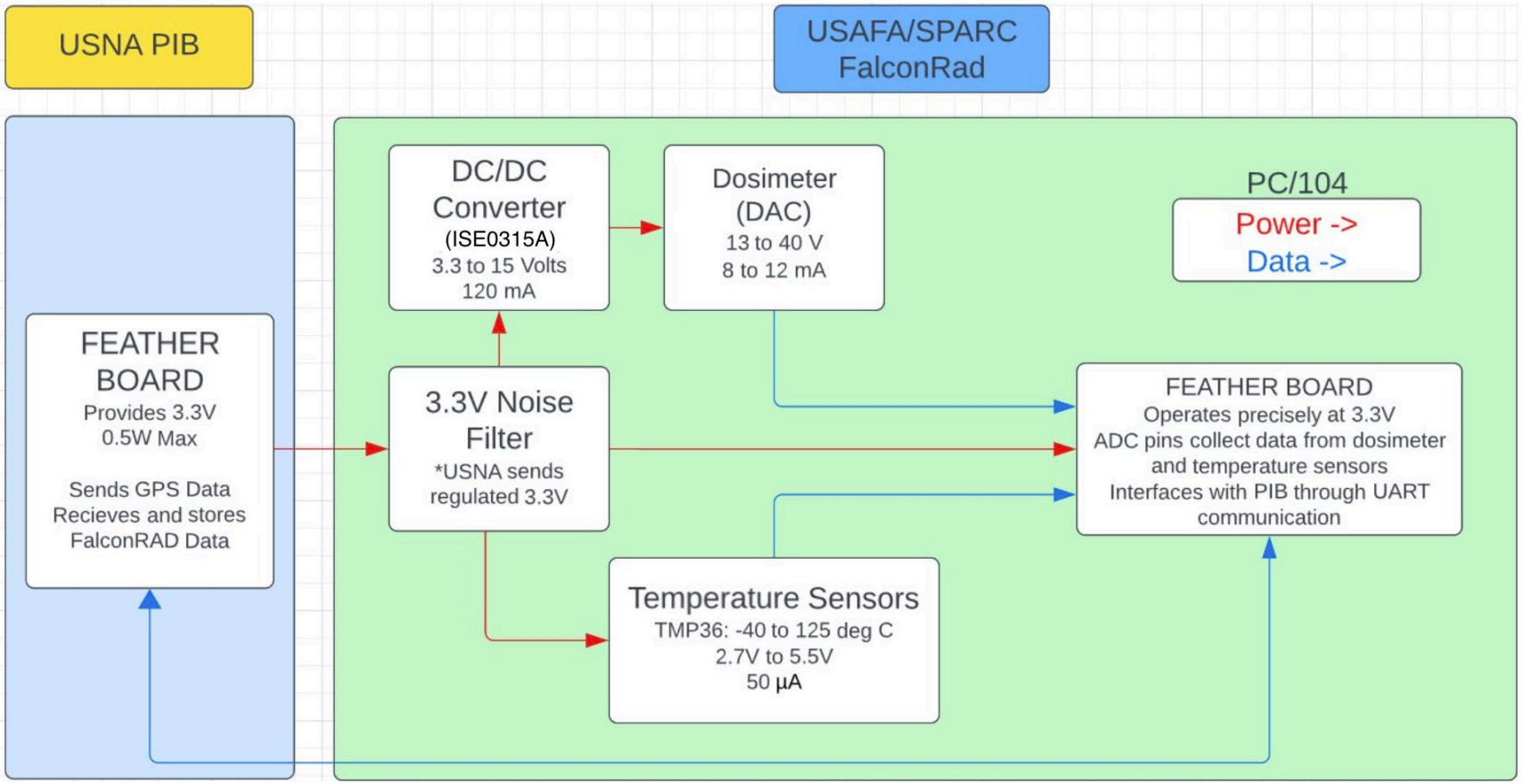
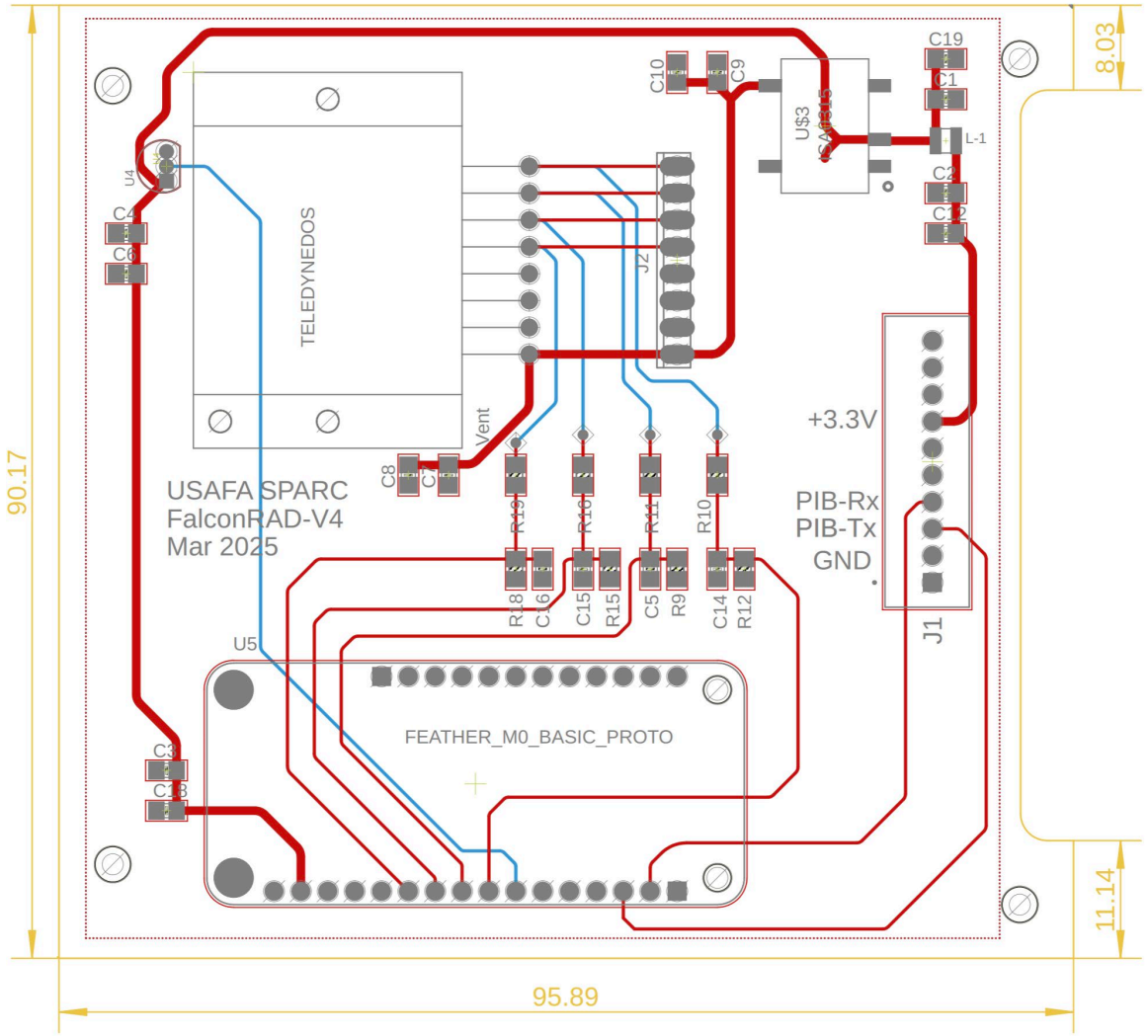
DACx	Dose Conversion	Range
Low (Pin 5)	14 µrad(Si)/19.5 mV	0 – 3.6 mrad(Si)
Medium (Pin 6)	3.6 mrad (Si)/19.5 mV	0 – 0.9 rad(Si)
High (Pin 7)	0.9 rad(Si)/19.5 mV	0 – 235 rad (Si)
Log (Pin 8)	Detailed table will be provided upon request	0 – 40 Krad(Si)

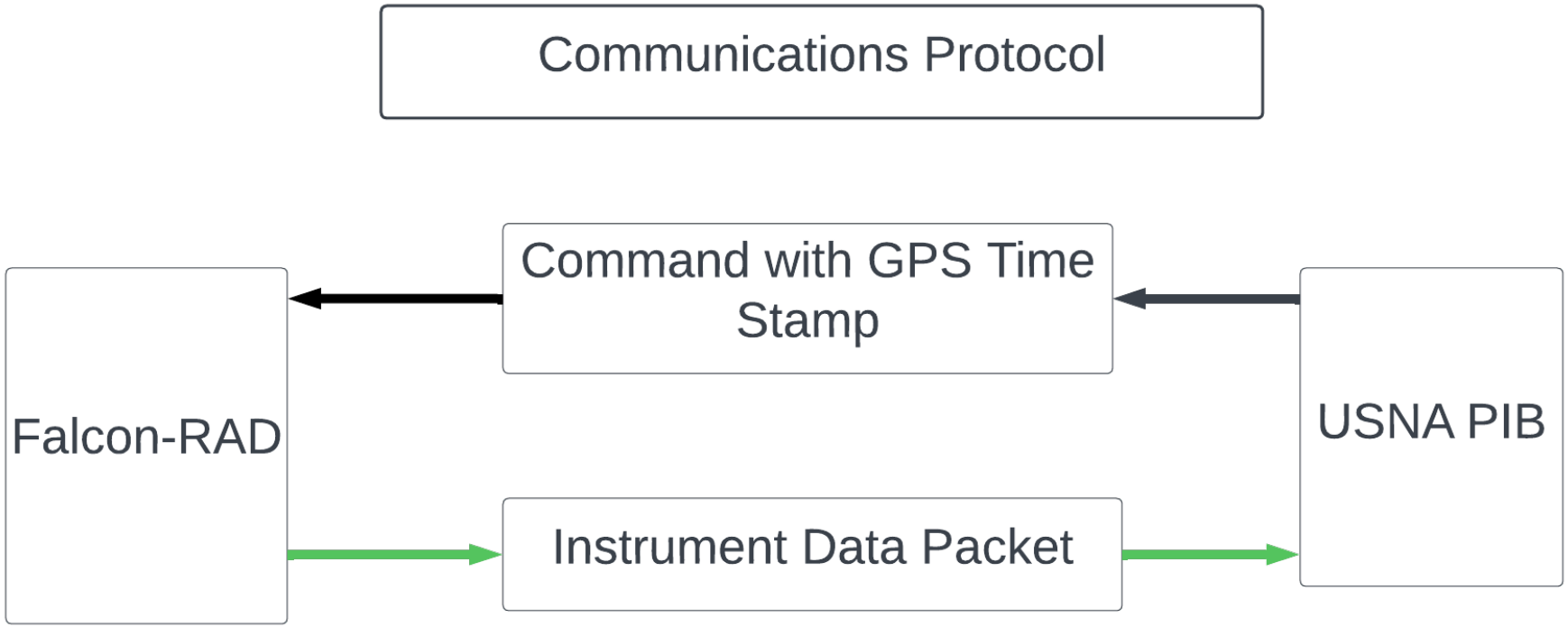
Electrical Overview
Functional Block Diagram



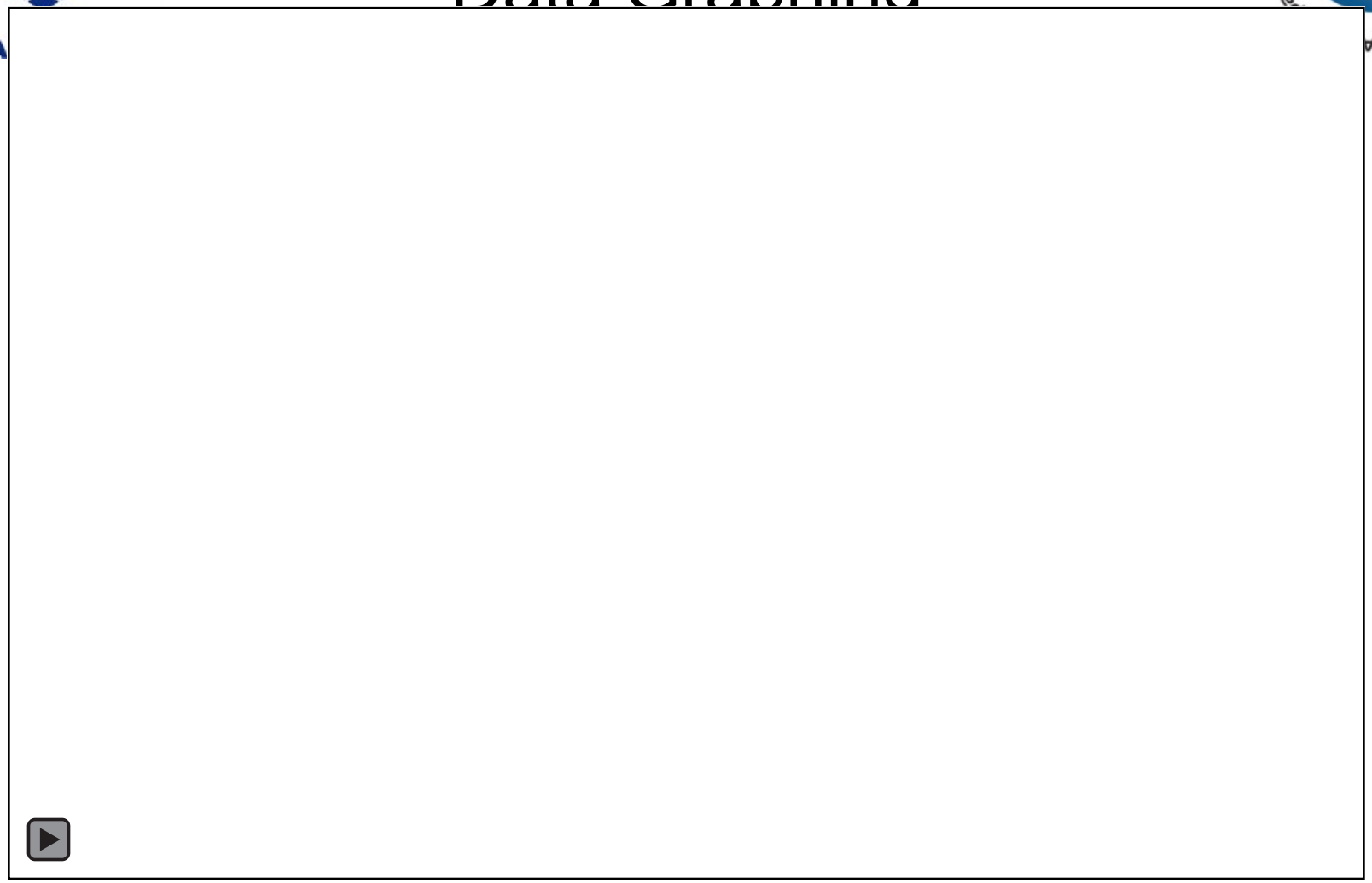
Electrical Overview
Flight Board



Software Communication Protocol

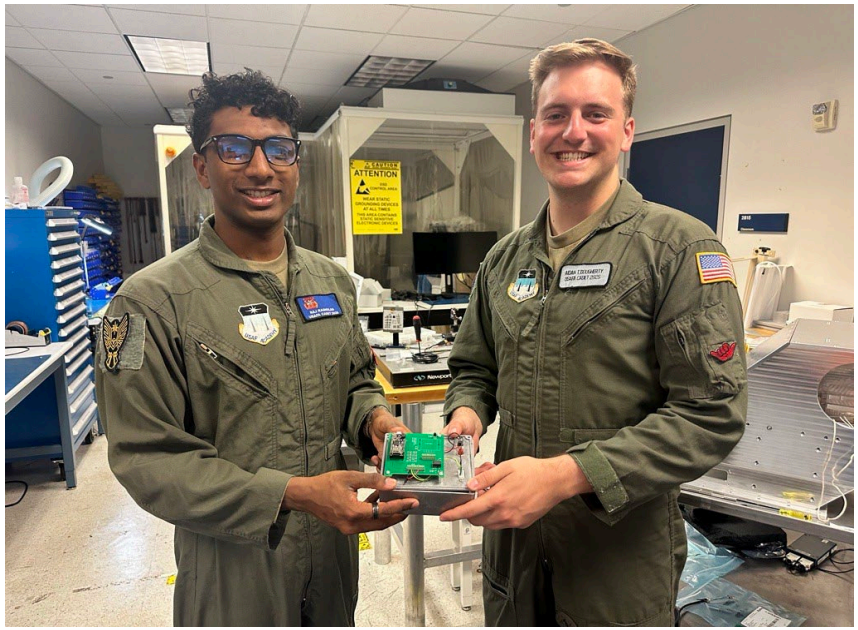


Collected Data Graphing



Lessons Learned and Way Forward

- Sink Navy
- Integration Challenges: It's crucial to have a clear understanding and plan before initiating integration efforts. Attempting to figure things out after starting can significantly complicate the process.
- Regular Communication: Keeping open lines of communication is key to navigating and resolving issues effectively.
- Documentation: Joint ICD created with Naval Academy.



Planned Calibration Testing

- Looking to test complete system at AFRL/AFIT with realistic radiation environment
  - Data recorded from all outputs
  - Produce calibration between dosimeter counts and rads for on-orbit use
- Test EDU unit
  - Identical to Flight unit

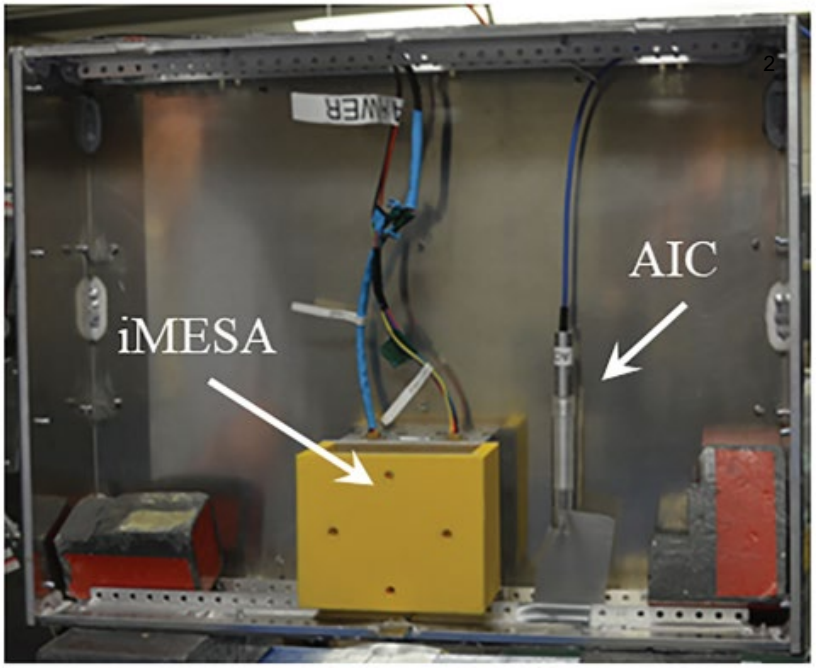


Image of previous dosimeter payload experiment setup

Questions?

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