

AIS: Technology Development to Commercialization

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Outline

COMDEV / MDG Overview The AIS Problem The Trials

Simulations,

Harbour/Aircraft Quick AIS NTS – The Nano-satellite that Could Spinoff into Commercial Industry (exactEarth) Current Mission Designs HIP-1 ADS-1B M3MSAT Summary

COM DEV / MISSION DEVELOPMENT GROUP



COM DEV at a Glance

- In operation since: 1974
- 2009 Revenues: \$240M
- **Size**: 1377 + employees 5 facilities
- Patents: 200 granted or pending
- Public Ownership: TSX-CDV
- Satellite Contracts to date: 700+



Cambridge, ON



Aylesbury, UK



Ottawa, ON



El Segundo, CA



MDG-Cambridge, ON

Most prolific supplier of payload equipment for commercial communication satellites



Relationships with all satellite primes – lasting decades.

COM DEV On Board

ACE	ARABSAT 3A	CMBSTAR	EUTELSAT W1	HISPASAT 1C	INTELSAT 704	MARS 98 - STARDUST	OLYMPUS	SIRIUS 5	TELSTAR 14
ACES - GARUDA-1	ARABSAT 4A	COLUMBUS	EUTELSAT W2	HISPASAT 1D	INTELSAT 705	MARS EXPLORER	OPTUS 1C	SIRIUS 6	TELSTAR 4 FM1
ACTS	ARABSAT 4AR	CONTOUR	EUTELSAT W2A	HORIZONS-2	INTELSAT 706	MARS OBSERVER	OPTUS D1	SKYNET 5A	TELSTAR 4 FM2
ADEOS-1	ARABSAT 4B	COSMO/SKYMED	EUTELSAT W2M	HOTBIRD 10	INTELSAT 707	MARSCHALS	OPTUS D2	SKYNET 5B	TELSTAR 4 FM3
ADEOS-2	ARABSAT 5A	CPA (FREJA)	EUTELSAT W3	HOTBIRD 4	INTELSAT 708	MBSAT	OPTUS D3	SKYNET 5C	TELSTAR 5
AEHF	ARABSAT 5B	CRYOSAT	EUTELSAT W3A	HOTBIRD 5	INTELSAT 709	MCI	ORION 1	SKYNET 5D	TERRA
AFRISTAR	ARTEMIS	CS-2	EUTELSAT W4	HOTBIRD 6	INTELSAT 8	MEASAT	ORION 3	SMS (AKEBONO)	TERRASTAR
AMAZONAS	ASCAT/METOP	CTS	EUTELSAT W5	HOTBIRD 7	INTELSAT 801	MEASAT 3	PALAPA	SOLIDARIDAD	THAICOM
AMAZONAS 2	ASIASAT 5	DAWN	EUTELSAT W7	HOTBIRD 8	INTELSAT 802	MEASAT 4	PALAPA-C	SPACENET	THAICOM 5
AMC-1	ASIASAT-2	DBS/COMSAT	EXPRESS AM-2	HOTBIRD 9	INTELSAT 803	MIMR	PALAPA-D	SPACEWAY-1	THAICOM3
AMC-10	ASIASAT-4	DIRECTV 10	EXPRESS AM-3	HOTBIRD FM3	INTELSAT 804	MIPAS	PAN	SPACEWAY-2	THORII
AMC-11	ASIASTAR	DIRECTV 10R	FUSE (FES)	HTSSE-11 (ARGOS)	INTELSAT 9	MORELOS	PANAMSAT	SPACEWAY-3	THOR IIR
AMC-12	ASTRA 1A	DIRECTV 11	GALAXY 10R	HYLAS	INTELSAT 901	MORELOS III	PANAMSAT 11R	SPAINSAT	THURAYA-1
AMC-14	ASTRA 18	DIRECTV-5	GALAXY 12	ICO	INTELSAT 902	MSAT-1	PANAMSAT 4R	SPOT 4	THURAYA-2
AMC-15	ASTRA 1C	DIRECTV-75	GALAXY 13	ICO F1	INTELSAT 903	MSG-1	PROTOSTAR 1	ST-1	TIMED
AMC-16	ASTRA 1D	DIRECTV-8	GALAXY 14	ICO F2	INTELSAT 904	MSG-2	PROTOSTAR 2	STAR 1C	TOPSAT
AMC-18	ASTRA 1K	DIRECTV-95	GALAXY 15	IMAGE	INTELSAT 905	MSG-3	RADARSAT	STAR 2C	TPA (NOZOMI)
AMC-2	ASTRA 1KR	DRTS	GALAXY 16	INMARSAT 2	INTELSAT 906	MSG-4	RAINBOW	STARDUST	TURKSAT 3A
AMC-21	ASTRA 1L	DSCS III A3	GALAXY 17	INMARSAT 3	INTELSAT 907	MSV	RASCOM	STELLAT	UARS
AMC-23	ASTRA 1M	DSCS III B6	GALAXY 18	INMARSAT 4	IA-9	MT-SAT	SATCOM	STELLAT-5	UK DBS
AMC-3	ASTRA 2B	E-BIRD	GALAXY 25	INSAT 2	INTELSAT V	MTSAT 2	SATCOM BW	STENTOR	VIKING
AMC-4	ASTRA 3B	ECHOSTAR 14	GALAXY 26	INSAT 2E	INTELSAT VA	MUGUNGWHA-2	SATCOM C3	SUPERBIRD 4	VINASAT
AMC-5	ASTROLINK	ECHOSTAR I	GALAXY 27	INSAT 3A	INTELSAT VI	MUGUNGWHA-3	SATCOM C4	SUPERBIRD 5	WESTAR
AMC-5R	ATLANTIC BIRD 1	ECHOSTAR II	GALAXY 28	INSAT 3B	INTELSAT-K	MUGUNGWHA-5	SATCOM F4/F5	SUPERBIRD 5	WGS-1
AMC-6	ATLANTIC BIRD 2	ECHOSTAR III	GALAXY 3C	INSAT 3C	IRIDIUM	MUOS 1	SATCOM	SUPERBIRD 6	WGS-2
AMC-7	AURORA II	ECHOSTAR IV	GALAXY 4	INSAT 3E	ITALSAT	MUOS 2	K1/K2/K3/K4	SUPERBIRD 7A	WGS-3
AMC-8	AUSSAT	ECHOSTAR IX	GALAXY 4R	INSAT 4A	JASON 1 55	NAHUEL 1A	SATMEX 6	SUPERBIRD 7B	WORLDSTAR
AMC-9	AUSSAT-B	ECHOSTAR V	GALILEO IOV	INSAT 4B	JCSAT 11	NEAR	SBIRS	SUPERBIRD A	XINNUO-1
AMOS 2	BOLIVARSAT MK II	ECHOSTAR VI	GALS R16	INSAT 4C	JCSAT 11R	NIGCOMSAT	SCISAT	SUPERBIRD B	XM-3
AMOS 3	BRAZIL 1	ECHOSTAR VII	GENESIS-1	INSAT 4CR	JCSAT 8	NILESAT	SCS-1	SUPERBIRD B-R	XM-5
ANIK F1R	BRAZILSAT	ECHOSTAR VIII	GIOVE-2A	INSAT 4D	JCSAT 9	NILESAT 102	SCS-1 REPLACEMENT	SUPERBIRD C	XM-RADIO
ANIK F2	BS3N	ECHOSTAR X	GIOVE-A	INTELSAT TO	JCSAT-3A	NIMIQ	SES-1	SYRACUSE 3A	XM-ROCK
ANIK F3	BSAT	ECHOSTAR XI	GLOBALSTAR	INTELSAT 11	JCSAT-4A	NIMIQ 3	SESAT	SYRACUSE 3B	XTAR
ANIK-B	BSAT 2B	EKPRESS MD-1	GOES N	INTELSAT T2	KAKEHASHI	NIMIQ 4	SE-SAT	T1	
ANIK-C	834F20	EKPRESS MD-2	GOES 0	INTELSAT 14	KAZSAT-1	NIMINZA	SICRAL IA	TORS	YAHSAT 2
ANIK-D	BSAT 3A	EKSPRESS 33	GSAT-6	INTELSAT 15	KOREASAT	NIMIQ-2	SICRAL 1B	TDRS-J	YAMAT (2)
ANIK-E	CAKRAWARTA	EKSPRESS 44	GSAT-2	INTELSAT 1R	LMI-1	NSS 6	SINOSAT 2A	TDRSS	YAMAL 201
ANIK-F1	CARTOSAT-1	EKSPRESS AM-1	GSAT-3	INTELSAT 5	LOCSTAR	NSS 7	SINOSAT-3	TDRSS-7	YAMAL 202
APSTAR 6	CASSINI	EKSPRESS AM-22	G-STAR	INTELSAT 68	LOUTCH 5A	NSS 8	SIRIUS 1 (CD-RADIO)	TELECOM II	YAMAL 300
APSTAR II R	CHINASAT 6B	ENVISAT	HAIYANG	INTELSAT 7	LOUTCH 5B	NSS-12	SIRIUS 2	TELKOM 1	ZHONG WEI
AQUA	CHINASAT 9	ERS-1/2	HELLASAT	INTELSAT 701	M2	NSS-9	SIRIUS 2 (CD-RADIO)	TELKOM 2	ZHONGXIN
ARABSAT	CIELSAT 2	EURASIASAT 1	HIMAWARI	INTELSAT 702	MABUHAYSAT	NSTAR	SIRIUS 3 (CD-RADIO)	TELSTAR	ZIYUAN
ARABSAT 2	CLOUDSAT	EUROBIRD	- HISPASAT	INTELSAT 703	MARS 2001	_NSTAR C	SIRIUS 4	TELSTAR 11N	ZIYUAN 2B

COM DEV is the world's most prolific supplier of satellite equipment with products and sub-systems on more than 700 satellites and counting.

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Wide Range of Challenging Activities

SEARCH AND RESCUE transponder payloads for satellite-based beacon tracking





ASTRONOMICAL IMAGERS

large aperture, low-distortion systems for imaging the universe from UV to FIR

ISR FROM SPACE automatic identification system for global mapping of shipping traffic





ATMOSPHERIC REMOTE SENSING

sensitive pollution mapping, atmospheric composition and dynamics, weather and climate monitoring

SPACE SITUATIONAL AWARENESS high accuracy, high sensitivity monitoring of space resident objects.





SPACE ENVIRONMENT

in-situ plasma composition and dynamics analysis for space weather monitoring





FINE GUIDANCE SENSORS

accurate, autonomous real-time attitude transducers allowing spacecraft to navigate by the stars

Mission Development Group

- Officially stood up in 2008
- Mandate is to provide space-based mission solutions to a variety of problems using microsatellites.
- AIS is the first problem that was addressed.
- Focus is on 'microspace' approach: Quick response, dedicated team with wide skill sets, may use COTS parts, subcontractors and subject matter experts as required.
 - "micro" space is at the other end of "big" space
- Microspace philosophy is a way to get to orbit at lower cost and take smarter risks.



Video

SPACE BASED AIS



WHAT IS AIS?

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Terrestrial AIS

• Automatic Identification System (AIS) as specified by IMO, is a ship and shore based broadcast system, operating in the VHF maritime band.

• AIS is capable of sending and receiving ship information such as identity, position, course, speed, ship particulars and cargo information to and from other ships and shore stations

• It can handle over 4,000 reports per minute and updates information as often as every two seconds.

• AIS uses Self-Organising Time Division Multiple Access (SOTDMA) technology. "Cells"

• Shipboard AIS provides automatic and accurate information regarding risk of collision by calculating Closest Point of Approach (CPA) and Time to Closest Point of Approach (TCPA)



Terrestrial, Line-of-sight system, Self Organized within Cells ~40 nm.

Not designed for reception from space

AIS From Space

- Some important technical questions need to be addressed:
 - AIS signal strength from space
 - Ships pitch/roll and use dipole antennas with deep overhead null
 - Gain/Size of antenna on satellite [vs. size of satellite]
 - Field of view from space
 - Many cells in view simultaneously
 - Signal 'Collisions'
 - Can signals be decoded?
 - What is probability of detection?





THE TRIALS

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Path to AIS Feasibility

- Extensive, high-fidelity simulations (2005)
- Harbor testing in Vancouver & Halifax (2006)
- Aircraft AIS trials at 29,000 ft. (2007)
- NTS AIS nano-satellite launch (2008)



AIS Simulator: Signal Propagation Models



Satellite ephemeris, Doppler shift, receive antenna gain, receiver noise accounted.

Faraday rotation in ionosphere dependent on day/night.

Reflection & De-polarization due to Sea State

Pitch and roll of the ship varies gain to satellite and sea surface.

Simulator generates AIS signals at the satellite that can be sent to a decoding processor and collision statistics calculator

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Simulator Output

Satellite near pole Little traffic in FOV

Greenland



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NTS Characteristics

Limited AIS data storage capacity (90 seconds of sampled baseband data, both AIS channels)

Limited AIS data downlink capacity (32 kbps)

□ Field of view: 5200 km diameter. (Altitude: 630 km)

Attitude control: magnetically damped. Antenna gain null points Nadir near the poles.

CONCEPT OF OPERATION:

<u>Demonstration satellite only!</u> Proof of concept for detection algorithms. Take 90 seconds of AIS observation, and then download this over the slow downlink over a period of about 3-4 days!



14 messages/s global average detection rate



Introduction to the NTS Spacecraft

- Envelope: 20 x 20 x 20 cm cube
- Mass: 6.5 kg
- Power provided by 24 cells distributed evenly on all sides. Available power for the payload:
 - Peak: 8 Watts
 - Orbit Average: 0.75 Watts
- Payload and communication antennas launched in deployed state
- Communications
 - Uplink: 4 kbps at UHF
 - Downlink: 32 kbps at S-Band
 - 4 whip antennas



The First Space AIS Payload



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NTS launch: April 2008





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WHAT CAN AIS BE USED FOR?

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Surveillance and Security



Search and Rescue



Arctic Vessel Monitoring



Environmental Monitoring



exactEarth



Satellite Constellation

- Detects AIS Class A Signals
- Initial Satellite launches mid 2010
- Full 6 satellite constellation by 2014
- <2 hour global revisit rate
- Secure downlink



Earth Stations

- Downlink signals
- Data Pre-Processing
- 3 Initial Earth Stations
- 3 additional stations for full constellation
- Secure transfer to Data Center



Data Center

- Located in highly secure facility in Canada
- Decollide signals into AIS messages
- Convert messages into industry standard formats
- Filter and forward messages to Customer



Customer Delivery

- Industry standard files such as NMEA, OTH-Gold KML, or XML
- Only authorised data is distributed
- Commercial Display System
- Integration into Custom Display System

End-to-End, Highly Secure Solution for Increased Maritime Domain Awareness



THE SPACECRAFTS?

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ADS-1B

- Microsatellite
- S-Band TM/TC
- C-Band Payload Downlink
- 2 Polarizations / 4 Channels





Hosted Indian Payload (HIP-1)

- Resource Sat-2 (ISRO)
- Two Polarizations / 4 Channels
- S-Band Data Downlink



M3MSat

- Microsatellite (95Kg)
- S-Band TM/TC
- C-Band Payload Downlink
- 2 AIS Payloads each with 2 Polarizations / 4 Channels
- Low Data Rate Systems (Trial Experiment)









HOW IT ALL WORKS?

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Define and Monitor Areas of Interest



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Monitor Coast Lines



Monitor vessel traffic in costal areas

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Feed back to SAR aircraft

 Historical tracking of ships in and out of costal ports

Monitor Marine Protected Areas



Monitor vessel traffic in sensitive areas

Automated Alerts based on:

- Approaches
- Intrusions and Exits
- Vessel Speed

Historical and Statistical Data of MPA traffic



Questions?