

# Digital Smart Technologies for Amateur Radio



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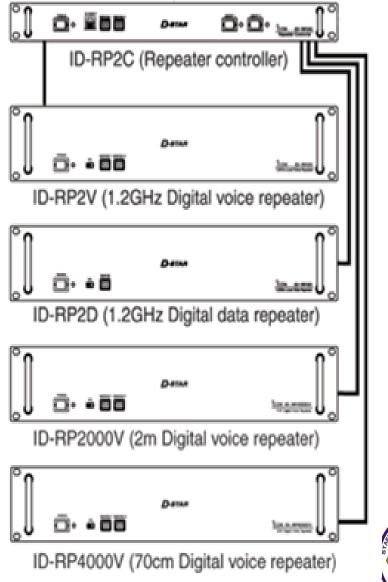
### **D-STAR Overview**

- 1999 Funded by the Japanese Government and administered by the Japanese Amateur Radio League (JARL)
- 2001 Open Specification Published
- Current Implementations
  - Digital Voice (with simultaneous low rate data) on 2 meters 70 centimeters 23 centimeters
  - Digital Data (128Kbps) on 23 centimeters
  - Backbone (10 Mbps) on 10 GHz. Band (Never really deployed outside of ICOM)
  - Internet Gateways
- Currently ICOM only commercial provider of D-STAR equipment outside of Japan
  - Kenwood produces small amount of D-STAR equipment sold only in Japan
- Numerous 3<sup>rd</sup> Party D-STAR equipment currently available with more in development
- Utilizes Internet to interconnect D-STAR Gateways
- D-STAR Growing every day



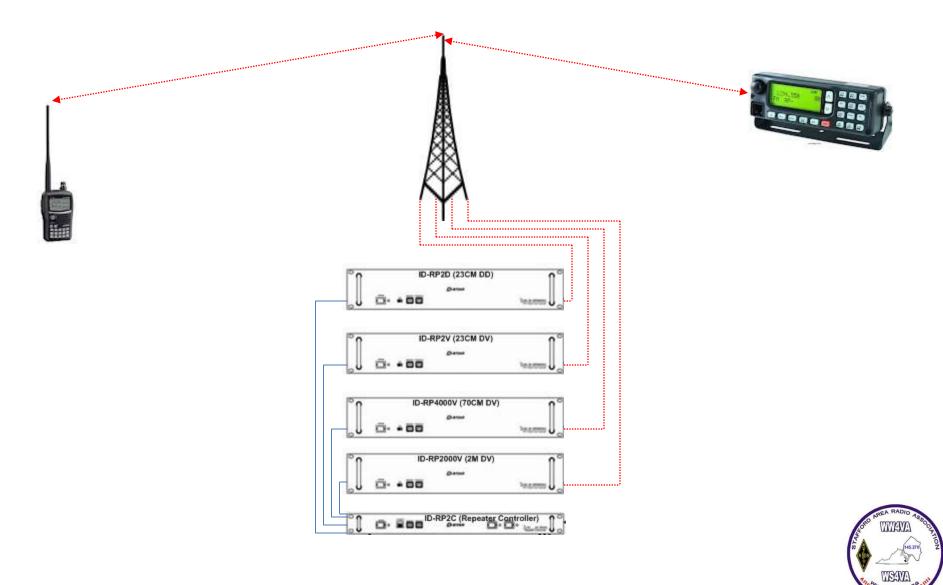
### D-STAR Network

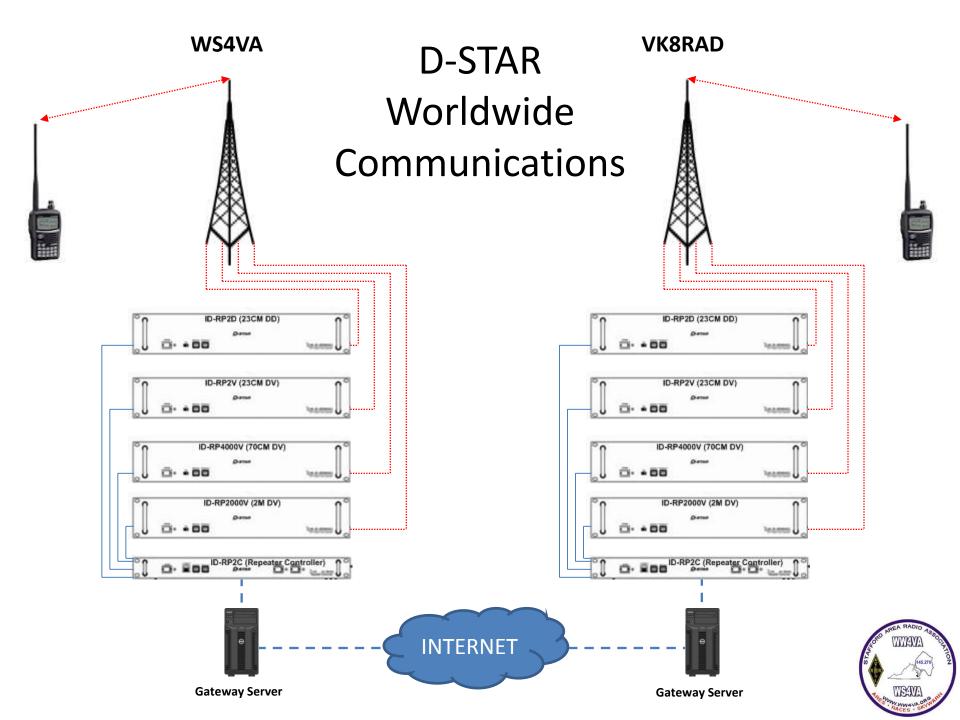






### D-STAR Local Communications

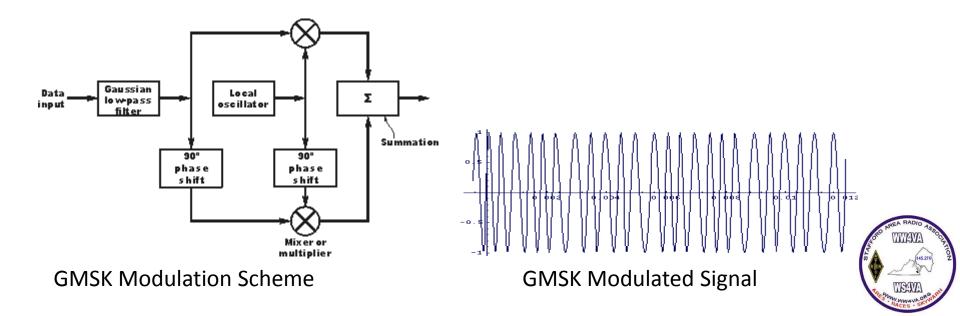




## **D-STAR Modulation**

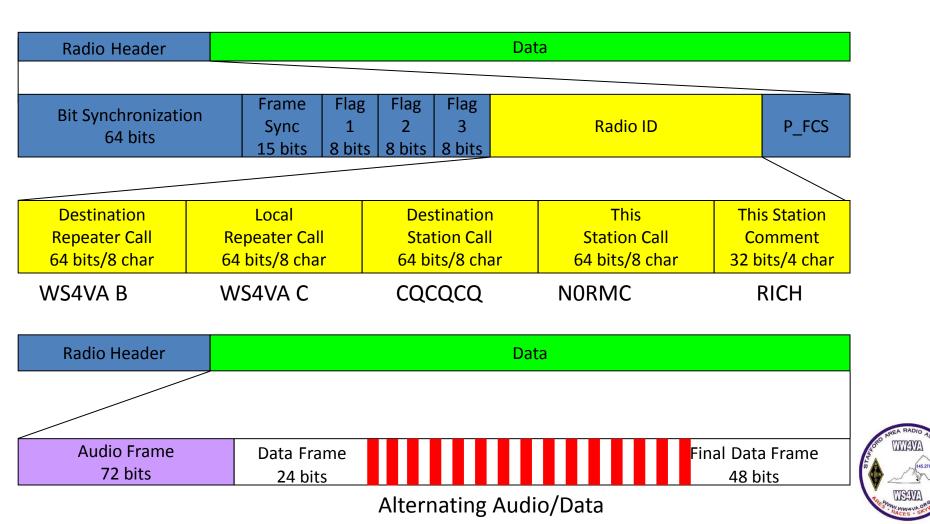
D-STAR modulations are Gaussian Minimum Shift Keying (GMSK)

- Modulation generation is accomplished by directly injecting Non-Return to Zero (NRZ) data into the frequency modulator with its modulation index set for 0.5 with a Gaussian Filter
- Results in a bandwidth of 6.25Khz

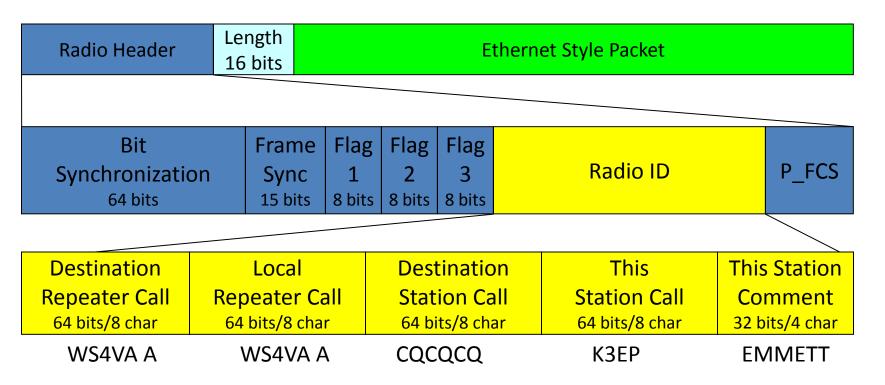


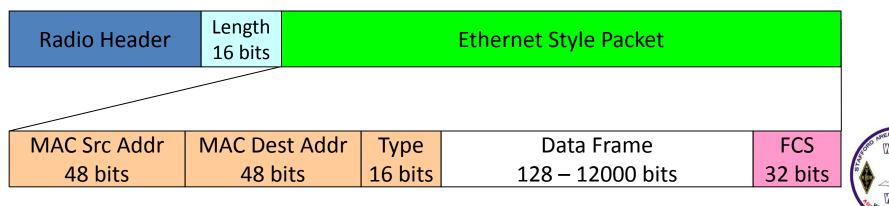
# **Digital Voice Transmissions**

- Digital Voice (DV) transmissions are 4800Bps on 2M/70cm/23cm
  - Voice input is encoded as a 3600Bps data stream using the AMBE Encoder
  - Low Speed Data utilizes the remaining 1200Bps with Forward Error Correction (FEC)



## **Digital Data Transmissions**



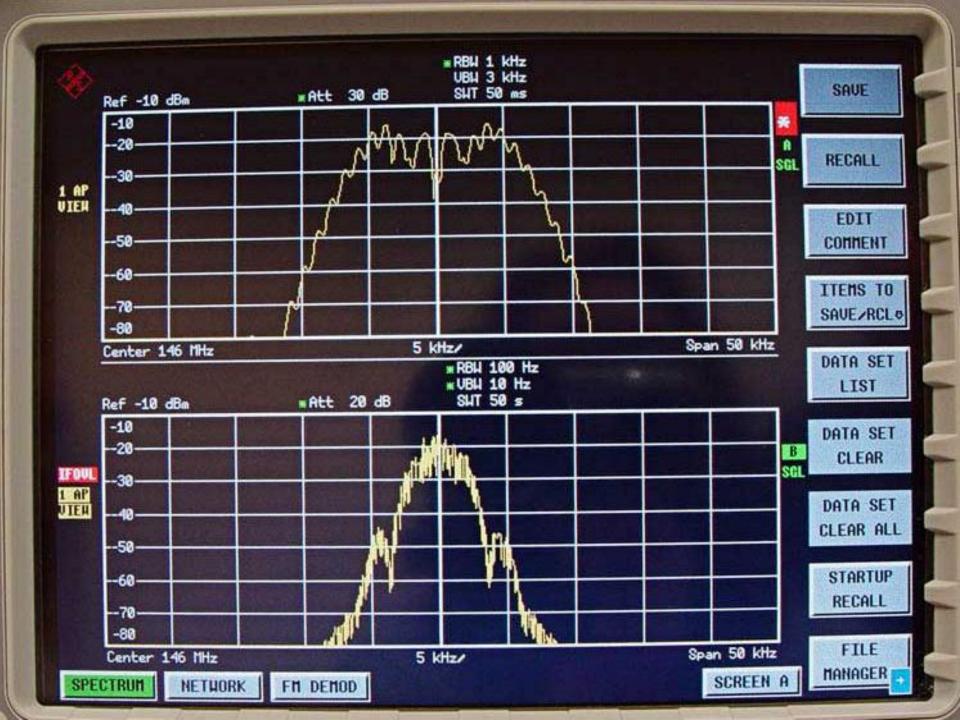


### **D-STAR Technical Aspects**

### Transmission footprint

- D-STAR is considered Narrow Band (NB) by FCC based on its 6.25Khz Bandwidth
- D-STAR frequency assignments are currently being assigned on the "Split" or interleaved channels between the typical FM repeater frequencies.
- 2M D-STAR frequency assignments are currently being assigned between Analog 2M FM due to its NB footprint. 10Khz separation from Analog FM repeaters
- 70cm & 23cm D-STAR frequency assignments are currently being assigned between Analog 70cm FM repeaters and Analog 23cm FM repeaters due to its NB footprint. 25Khz separation from Analog FM repeaters
- Typical 2M FM analog repeaters are separated by 20Khz
- Typical 70cm & 23cm FM analog frequency assignments are separated by 25Khz
- Terrain is always a factor in these assignments





## **D-STAR Routing & Linking**

#### > ICOM designed D-Star to be a user routable system

- Allows call sign routing
- Lacks the ability to conduct nets
- DPLUS created by Robin Cutshaw (AA4RC) expands on the capabilities of D-STAR by adding a number of additional features:
  - > Link
    - Gateways
    - Reflectors
  - Unlink
    - Unlink from current module (Link established and terminated on 2M)
    - Unlink from alternate module (Link established on 2M and terminated from 70cm or 23cm)
  - Echo Test
  - Gateway ID
  - Simulcast on all modules
  - Dynamic call sign routing



## D-STAR Routing & Linking (Cont.)

#### Entries are exactly 8 Characters in length

- > All 8 characters are required
- "." depict a space
- URCALL : Who you want to communicate with
  - CQCQCQ\_ = General Transmission (ICOM & Dplus)
  - /WA3CVB = Specific User you want to talk to (ICOM)
  - WA3CVB = Specific User you want to talk to (Dplus) \*
  - Repeater & Module
  - ➢ Reflector
  - "L, U, E, I" = Speciality Commands (Dplus)
- RPT1: This is the input repeater & module
- RPT2: This is the output repeater & module or Gateway
- > MYCALL: This is your personal call sign
- \* Dynamic routing via Dplus send your transmission to the repeater/Gateway user was last heard on.



## **IC-91AD** Programming

| Memory CH |           |           |        |                |      |           |             |          |          |          |       |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|----------------|------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|-------|
|           | Frequency |           |        |                |      | Call Sign |             |          | Bank     |          |       |
| СН        | Select    | Freq      | DUP    | Offset<br>Freq | TS   | Mode      | Name        | Your     | RPT1     | RPT2     | Group |
| 0         |           | 145.32000 | -DUP   | 0.60000        | Бk,  | DV        | WS4VA       | CQCQCQ   | WS4VA C  | WS4VA G  |       |
| 1         | S         | 145.32000 | -DUP   | 0.60000        | 5k,  | DV        | ,2M_QSO     | CQCQCQ   | WS4VA C  | ,WS4VA G |       |
| 2         |           | 447.27500 | -DUP , | 5.00000        | 25k, | DV        | 70CM_QSO    | CQCQCQ   | ,WS4VA B | ,WS4VA G |       |
| 3         |           | 145.32000 | -DUP . | 0.60000        | Бk,  | DV        | UNLINK      | U        | ,WS4VA C | ,WS4VA G |       |
| 4         |           | 145.32000 | -DUP , | 0.60000        | Бk,  | DV        | ,2M>70CM    | CQCQCQ   | ,WS4VA C | ,WS4VA B |       |
| 5         |           | 145.32000 | -DUP . | 0.60000        | Бk,  | DV        | ,2M>1.2Gh → | CQCQCQ   | ,WS4VA C | ,WS4VA A |       |
| 6         |           | 447.27500 | -DUP . | 5.00000        | 25k, | DV        | ,70CM>2M    | CQCQCQ   | ,WS4VA B | ,WS4VA C |       |
| 7         |           | 447.27500 | -DUP , | 5.00000        | 25k, | DV        | ,70CM>1.2   | CQCQCQ   | ,WS4VA B | ,WS4VA A |       |
| 8         |           | 145.32000 | -DUP . | 0.60000        | Бk,  | DV        | ,2M_DARWI   | VK8RADCL | ,WS4VA C | ,WS4VA G |       |
| 9         |           | 447.27500 | -DUP _ | 5.00000        | 25k, | DV        | 70CM_DAR    | VK8RADCL | ,WS4VA B | ,WS4VA G |       |
| 10        |           | 145.32000 | -DUP _ | 0.60000        | Бk,  | DV        | VERNON      | AA1HD CL | ,WS4VA C | ,WS4VA G |       |
| 11        |           | 447.27500 | -DUP _ | 5.00000        | 25k, | DV        | 70>UNLIN    | U        | ,WS4VA B | ,WS4VA G |       |
| 12        |           | 447.27500 | -DUP , | 5.00000        | 25k, | DV        | ,70>JERRY   | WA3CVB   | ,WS4VA B | ,WS4VA G |       |
| 13        |           | 447.27500 | -DUP _ | 5.00000        | 25k, | DV        | , 70>HARRY  | KI4JVE   | ,WS4VA B | ,WS4VA G |       |
| 14        |           | 447.27500 | -DUP _ | 5.00000        | 25k, | DV        | ,70>ED 3    | W4NEZ    | ,WS4VA B | ,WS4VA G |       |
| 15        |           | 447.27500 | -DUP _ | 5.00000        | 25k, | DV        | 70>BUTCH    | KF4HR    | ,WS4VA B | ,WS4VA G |       |
| 16        |           | 447.27500 | -DUP _ | 5.00000        | 25k, | DV        | REF025B     | REF025BL | ,WS4VA B | ,WS4VA G |       |
| 17        |           | 145.32000 | -DUP _ | 0.60000        | Бk,  | DV        | NCRD*       | REF025CL | ,WS4VA C | ,WS4VA G |       |
| 18        |           | 145.32000 | -DUP . | 0.60000        | 5k,  | DV        | REF025C     | REF025CL | ,WS4VA C | ,WS4VA G |       |
| 19        |           | 145.32000 | -DUP , | 0.60000        | 5k,  | DV        | , GERMANY   | DA5SATCL | ,WS4VA C | ,WS4VA G |       |
| 20        |           | 145.32000 | -DUP . | 0.60000        | 5k,  | DV        | , DORTMUND  | DB0DDOCL | ,WS4VA C | ,WS4VA G |       |
| 21        |           | 145.32000 | -DUP , | 0.60000        | Бk,  | DV        | KARLSBAD    | DB0DJ CL | ,WS4VA C | ,WS4VA G |       |
| 22        |           | 145.32000 | -DUP , | 0.60000        | Бk,  | DV        | , RIMBERG   | DB0HRRCL | ,WS4VA C | ,WS4VA G |       |
| 23        |           | 145.32000 | -DUP   | 0.60000        | Бk,  | DV        | GRANDSBE    | DBORDHCL | ,WS4VA C | ,WS4VA G |       |
| 24        |           | 145.32000 | -DUP   | 0.60000        | 5k,  | DV        | , GERMANY   | DB0SATCL | ,WS4VA C | ,WS4VA G |       |
| 25        |           | 145.32000 | -DUP   | 0.60000        | 5k,  | DV        | , GERMANY   | DF0HMBCL | ,WS4VA C | ,WS4VA G |       |
| 26        |           | 145.32000 | -DUP   | 0.60000        | Бk,  | DV        | COURBEVO    | F1ZPL CL | WS4VA C  | ,WS4VA G |       |
| <         |           |           |        |                |      |           |             |          |          |          | >     |

# Making a Contact: Simplex

#### General Call

- Your Call: CQCQCQ
- ➢ RPT1:
- ► RPT2:
- ➢ My Call: NORMC

#### General Call

Calling CQ Round tables/Nets Most Common

#### Specific Station

- ➢ Your Call: KI4JVE
- ➢ RPT1:
- ➢ RPT2:
- ➢ My Call: NORMC

#### **Specific Station**

When other station is using callsign squelch Send Message





### Making a Contact: Local Repeater

- General Call
  - Your Call: CQCQCQ
  - ➢ RPT1: WS4VA..C
  - ➢ RPT2:
  - ➢ My Call: NORMC

#### Specific Station

- Your Call: KI4JVE
- ➢ RPT1: WS4VA..C
- ➢ RPT2:
- ➢ My Call: NORMC

#### **General Call**

Calling CQ Round tables/Nets Most Common

#### **Specific Station**

When other station is using callsign squelch Send Message

**Emergency Override** 



### Making a Contact: Zone Repeater

- General Call
  - Your Call: CQCQCQ
  - ➢ RPT1: WS4VA..C
  - ➢ RPT2: WS4VA..B
  - ➢ My Call: NORMC

#### General Call

Calling CQ Roundtables/Nets Most Common

#### Specific Station

- ➢ Your Call: W4NEZ
- ➢ RPT1: WS4VA..C
- ➢ RPT2: WS4VA..B
- ➢ My Call: NORMC

#### **Specific Station**

When other station is using callsign squelch

Send Message

**Emergency Override** 



### Making a Contact: Gateway

- General Call (Source Route) (ICOM)
  - Your Call: /VK8RADB
  - ➢ RPT1: WS4VA..C
  - ➢ RPT2: WS4VA..G
  - My Call: NORMC

General Call Through Gateway Calling CQ

Most like IRLP

Be sure to give reverse routing

- Specific Station\User (Dplus)
  - Your Call: VK8HF
  - RPT1: WS4VA..C
  - ➢ RPT2: WS4VA..G
  - ➢ My Call: NORMC

### Specific Station Through Gateway Calling specific Station

Don't need to know other station's location (City, Repeater, Freq., ...)

When other station is using callsign squelch

Send Message

### Link to Repeater (Dplus)

- Your Call: VK8RADBL
- ➢ RPT1: WS4VA..C
- RPT2: WS4VA..G
- ➢ My Call: NORMC

### Link Repeaters

Initial key utilizes "L" in 8th Character

All transmissions following must have "CQCQCQ.." in the Your Call



# Specialty Commands

### Unlink Repeater\Reflector (Dplus)

- Your Call: .....U
- RPT1: WS4VA..C
- ➢ RPT2: WS4VA..G
- My Call: NORMC
- Echo Test (ICOM)
  - ➢ Your Call: WS4VA..E
  - RPT1: WS4VA..C
  - ➢ RPT2: WS4VA..G
  - My Call: NORMC

#### Gateway ID (Dplus)

- ➢ Your Call: WS4VA..I
- ➢ RPT1: WS4VA..C
- ➢ RPT2: WS4VA..G
- My Call: NORMC

#### Unlink Repeaters\Reflectors

- 7 spaces followed by "U" in Your Call

- To unlink module from a different module position 7 identifies module to be unlinked

Echo Test

- Repeats your transmission

#### **Gateway Identification**

- Announce Repeater Call Sign if no modules are linked

- Announce linked modules



# Specialty Commands

### Unlink Repeater\Reflector (Dplus)

- ➤ Your Call: .....U
- ➢ RPT1: WS4VA..C
- ➢ RPT2: WS4VA..G
- ➢ My Call: NORMC
- Echo Test (ICOM)
  - Your Call: WS4VA..E
  - RPT1: WS4VA..C
  - ➢ RPT2: WS4VA..G
  - My Call: NORMC
- Gateway ID (Dplus)
  - ➢ Your Call: WS4VA..I
  - RPT1: WS4VA..C
  - RPT2: WS4VA..G
  - ➢ My Call: NORMC

### Unlink Repeaters\Reflectors

#### 7 spaces followed by "U" in Your Call

To unlink module from a different module position 7 identifies module to be unlinked

#### Echo Test

Repeats your transmission

#### **Gateway Identification**

Announce Repeater Call Sign if no modules are linked

Announce linked modules



# **DV** Dongle



➤The DV Dongle connects to your PC or Apple Mac via a USB port and provides encoding and decoding of compressed audio using the DVSI AMBE2000 full duplex vocoder DSP chip.

>AMBE technology is used in all D-Star radios to provide efficient voice transmissions.

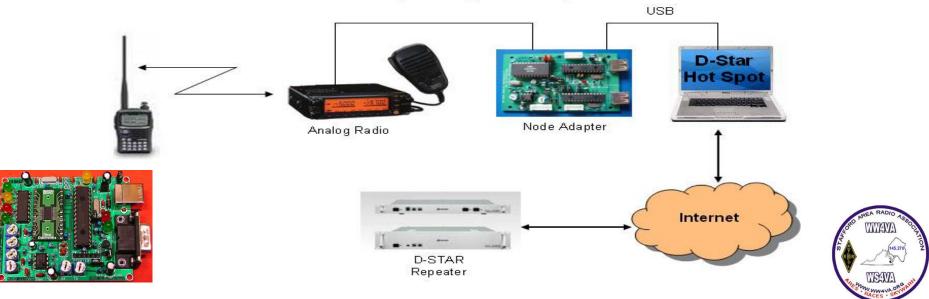
≻It is also used in some HF digital protocols by vendors like AOR.

➤The DVTool application used with the DV Dongle may be installed and run on Microsoft Windows XP/Vista, Mac OS X Leopard, or many flavors of Linux.



## **D-STAR Hot Spot**

- Software for Windows that creates a D-STAR 'point of presence' (or hot spot) utilizing an analog radio and a GMSK node adapter.
- The hot spot creates RF access to the D-STAR network where none previously existed.
- With a hot spot set up, you can use your D-STAR radio (IC-91AD, ID-92, etc.) to listen to, and talk on, any DPlus equipped D-STAR repeater or reflector.



#### D-STAR Hot Spot - System Diagram

### **DV Access Point Dongle**



≻The DVAP, is similar to many of the homebrew D-STAR Hotspots.

The device is used for simplex operations, but it does connect to the gateway.

Like the DV Dongle it plugs into your Windows or MAC OS X computers via the computer's USB port and uses the internet connection to communicate with the D-STAR gateway.

≻Very low-power signal at only about 10 mW.

Similar to the functionality of a simplex Echolink link node.

≥2M only



## D-RATS

| M D-RATS: NORMC   |                               | C-RATS: NORMC  |  |
|---|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Eile View Help  | Stations                      | Eile <u>V</u> iew Help   |  |
| Messages Chat Files Event Log                                       | Messages Chat Files Event Log | Stations   |  |
|   | KC9IL                         | Show event type: All Containing text: Enter filter text  | KC9IL (00:01)  |
| New Forward Reply Delete Mark Read Mark Unread Send/Receive         | N1KXJ                         | Time   Description   | N1KXJ-UB (00:01  |
| Drafts Sender 4 Recipient 4 Subject 4 Type 4 Date -                 | KF4JKY                        | 9 2011-12-29 23:23:02 Station N1KXJ-UB is now Online: Online (D-RATS)                                      | N1RCW-1 (00:01   |
| Inbox Inbox   | SP1VDV                        | 💡 2011-12-29 23:23:02 Station KK4EYE is now Unattended: Ted in Valdese, NC                                 | 9Z4FZ (00:02)  |
| Outbox  | NIRCW                         | 9 2011-12-29 23:23:02 Station 9Z4FZ is now Unattended: Online (D-RATS)                                     | K2TJW (00:03)  |
| Sent Sent   | N1RCW-1                       | 💡 2011-12-29 23:23:02 Station N1RCW-1 is now Unattended: Online (D-RATS)                                   | N1KXJ (00:07)  |
| Trash   | 9Z4FZ 🗧                       | 9 2011-12-29 23:23:02 Station N1RCW is now Online: Online (D-RATS)   | KF4JKY (00:07) 📒   |
|   | KK4EYE                        | 🗔 2011-12-29 23:22:58 NORMC replied to ping from N3TSZ with: Running D-RATS 0.3.2 (Windows XP              | SP1VDV (00:07)   |
|   | N1KXJ-UB                      | 🗔 2011-12-29 23:22:56 N3TSZ pinged CQCQCQ [RAT] (Request)  | N1RCW (00:07)  |
|   | W3ICF                         | 💡 2011-12-29 23:22:45 Station N3TSZ is now Online: Patrick in Chentenham, PA [FN20kb]                      | KK4EYE (00:07)   |
|   | K2TJW                         | 🗔 2011-12-29 23:21:49 NORMC replied to ping from KC9IL with: Running D-RATS 0.3.2 (Windows XP)             | W3ICF (00:07)  |
|   | PA1EU                         | 🗔 2011-12-29 23:21:49 KC9IL pinged NORMC [RAT] (Request)   | PA1EU (00:07)  |
|   | K9CJD                         | 🗔 2011-12-29 23:20:51 NORMC replied to ping from KC9IL with: Running D-RATS 0.3.2 (Windows XP)             | K9CJD (00:07)  |
|   | My Status                     | 🗔 2011-12-29 23:20:51 KC9IL pinged NORMC [RAT] (Request)   | My Status  |
|   | Online 🗸 🗸                    | 💡 2011-12-29 23:19:56 D-RATS Started   | Online 🗸 🗸   |
|   | Online (D-RATS)               |  | Online (D-RATS)  |
| Station KC9IL is now Offline: Going offline (D-RATS)                | NORMC                         |  | NORMC .:   |
| 😬 D-RATS Map Window   |                               | M D-RATS: NORMC  |  |
| Map   |                               | <u>Eile View</u> Help  |  |
|   |                               | Messages Chat Files Event Log  | Stations   |
|   |                               | [23:23:02] K2TJW: Now Online: K2TJW Hornell, NY (Port RAT)   | 9Z4FZ  |
| ey (1997)   | -                             | [23:23:02] PA1EU: Now Online: Online (D-RATS) (Port RAT)   | K2TJW (00:01)  |
|   | -/ P                          | 23:23:02 K9CJD: Now Online: Online (D-RATS) (Port RAT)   | KC9IL (00:04)  |
| Newington   |                               | 23:23:04 SP1VDV: Now Online: Online (D-RATS) (Port RAT)  | N1KXJ (00:05)  |
| Newington<br>High<br>School   |                               | [23:23:06] KF4JKY: Now Unattended: Online (D-RATS) (Port RAT)  | KF4JKY (00:05)   |
| Center Center   | igton East Cable Sec          | [23:23:07] N1KXJ: Now Unattended: Online (D-RATS) (Port RAT)   | SP1VDV (00:05)   |
| Cedar Street WORM   | Igcon                         | [23:23:33] KC9IL: Now Offline: Going offline (D-RATS) (Port RAT)   | N1RCW (00:05)  |
|   |                               | [23:26:39] [RAT] K2TJW: [QST] WNY Ratflector:  | N1RCW-1 (00:05   |
| Mill Pond 5   | Main                          | rat.starrsny.org Port 9000, open for gen. use as well as   | KK4EYE (00:05)   |
|   |                               | emergency traffic.   | N1KXJ-UB (00:05  |
|   |                               | 1 199.97.46 LID AT LOZ 4E7. LOCT L Cassers Creating with the all a   |  |
| Show 1 Station 1 Latitude 1 Longitude 1 Distance 1 Direction 1      | Zoom                          | [23:27:46] [RAT] 9Z4FZ: [QST] Season Greeting wishing all a  |  |
| Show 4 Station 4 Latitude 4 Longitude 4 Distance 4 Direction 4      | Zoom                          | [23:27:46] [RAT] 9Z4FZ: [QST] Season Greeting wishing all a safe and enjoyable xmas season de Julien 9Z4FZ | W3ICF (00:05)  |
| Show 4 Station 4 Latitude 4 Longitude 4 Distance 4 Direction 4      | Zoom                          | safe and enjoyable xmas season de Julien 924FZ   | W3ICF (00:05) PA1EU (00:05)  |
| Show 4 Station 4 Latitude 4 Longitude 4 Distance 4 Direction 4      | Zoom                          | safe and enjoyable xmas season de Julien 9Z4FZ   | W3ICF (00:05)<br>PA1EU (00:05)<br>K9CJD (00:05)                        |
| Show 4 Station 4 Latitude 4 Longitude 4 Distance 4 Direction 4      | Zoom                          | safe and enjoyable xmas season de Julien 9Z4FZ   | W3ICF (00:05)<br>PA1EU (00:05)<br>K9CJD (00:05)<br>My Status           |
| Show 4 Station 4 Latitude 4 Longitude 4 Distance 4 Direction 4      | Zoom                          | safe and enjoyable xmas season de Julien 9Z4FZ   | W3ICF (00:05)<br>PA1EU (00:05)<br>K9CJD (00:05)<br>My Status<br>Online |
| Show 4  Station 4  Latitude 4  Longitude 4  Distance 4  Direction 4 | Zoom                          | safe and enjoyable xmas season de Julien 9Z4FZ   | W3ICF (00:05)<br>PA1EU (00:05)<br>K9CJD (00:05)<br>My Status           |

| D* Cha   | t                     |
|--|-----------------------|
| 🔙 dChat nj6n   |                       |
| Ele Settres Cornect Disconnect<br>South Orange Amateur Radio Associatio<br>www.soara.org<br>d*Chat | 4                     |
|  |                       |
| Text to Send   | Delay (ms) 1361 Clear |
| Auick Send Bulletin<br>Message 1<br>Message 2<br>Message 3 2 2,1,3 (c) 2000                        | Sent! Recall Send     |

- Enables text based communications between multiple stations simultaneously.
- Works on simplex channel, through a repeater, or through the gateway network.
- Works with ALL current ICOM D-STAR radios
- Filters GPS data from the message stream.
- Random Delay feature helps avoid collisions on active channels.
- Bulletin-send feature sends text files with variable pause between lines.
- Timestamps can be enabled for RX and/or TX
- Optional audible alert for incoming messages.
- Simple re-transmission of last line sent.
- Customizable Logo and Title Text



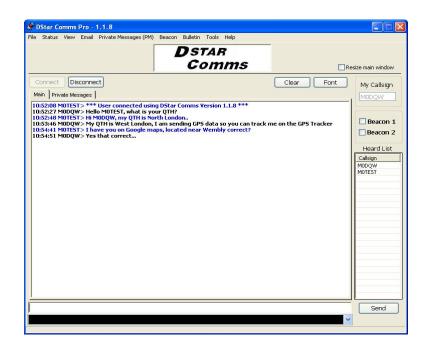
### D-STAR TV



- SSTV for D-Star Amateur Radios
- Fast Scan Video for Icom ID-1



### **D-STAR COMMS**



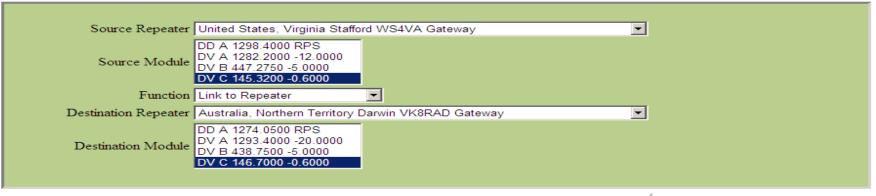
- Text Chat
- Beacon Mode
- POP 3 Email
  - Sateway, Composer, Address Book, Private Messages, Auto Reply, Log, etc.
- Heard List
- GPS Tracker
- GPS Beacon Emulator
- Network Node



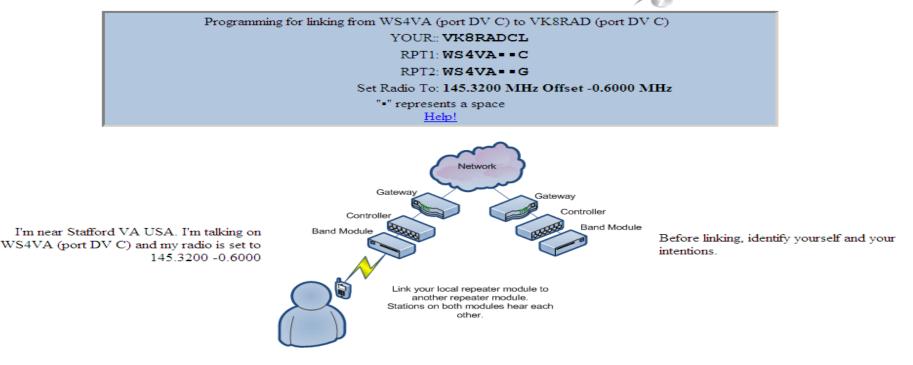
### D-STAR Calculator

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For D-STAR News and Information, check out <u>www.DSTARINFO.com</u>



I want to link this repeater module to VK8RAD (port DV C)

After linking switch back to your regular programming for this module.



## **D-STAR STATISTICS**

| Statistic        | Count | Country   | Systems* | Repeaters* |
|------------------|-------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Systems*         | 885   | USA       | 420      | 811        |
| Repeaters        | 1511  | Germany   | 73       | 102        |
| Countries        | 36    | Italy     | 64       | 96         |
| A Modules        | 225   | Japan     | 58       | 105        |
| <b>B</b> Modules | 664   | UK        | 45       | 58         |
| C Modules        | 407   | Canada    | 44       | 88         |
| DD Modules       | 215   | Australia | 21       | 49         |

•A system can have between 1 and 4 repeater modules



## Milestones & Future

➤1999 - Japanese government funded development of D-STAR and administered by the Japan Amateur Radio League (JARL).

➤2000 - D-STAR standard published.

➤2004 – ICOM begins offering D-STAR "Optional" and D-STAR "Capable" Hardware.

>2005 – WS4VA D-STAR Activated

➢2007 - First D-Star over satellite QSO occurred between Michael, N3UC, FM-18 in Haymarket, Virginia and Robin, AA4RC, EM-73 in Atlanta, Georgia while working AMSAT's AO-27 microsatellite.

➤2009 - First non-Icom D-Star repeater GB7MH, fully linked to the K5TIT G2 network and D-Plus.

>2009 – First 10M D-STAR QSO's

➢ 2012 - First D-Star capable microsatellite is scheduled for launch during early 2012. OUFTI-1 is a CubeSat and is built by Belgian students at the University of Liège and I.S.I.L (Haute École de la Province de Liège). The name is an acronym for Orbital Utility For Telecommunication Innovation.



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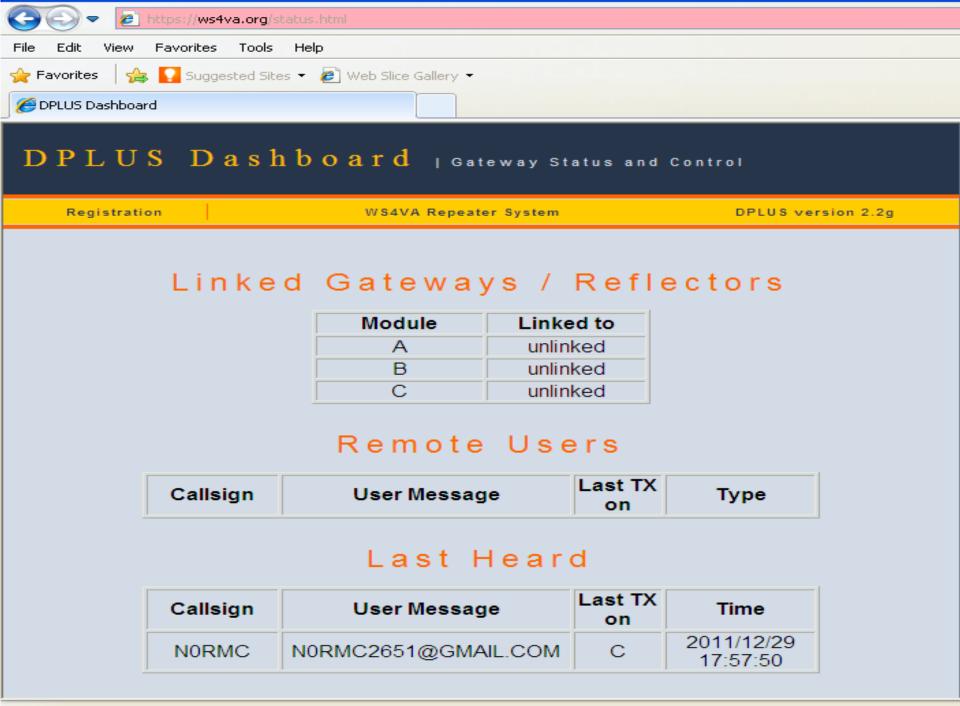
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- D-STAR Users www.dstarusers.org
- D-STAR Calculator www.dstarinfo.com/calculator.aspx
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