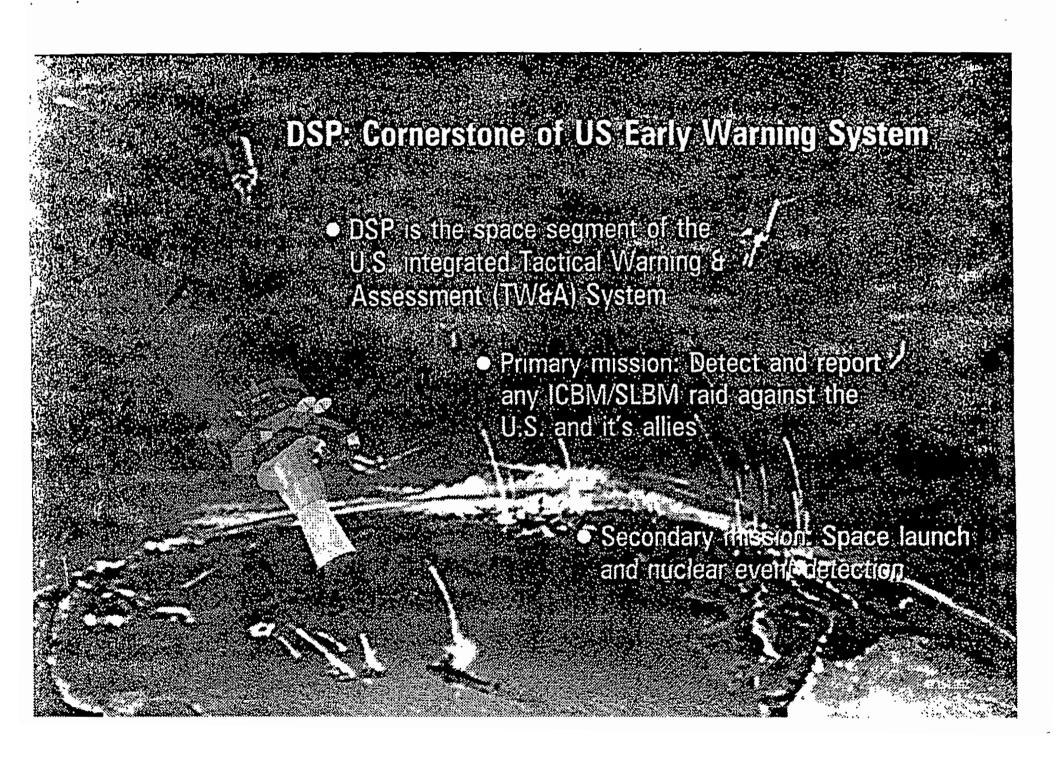
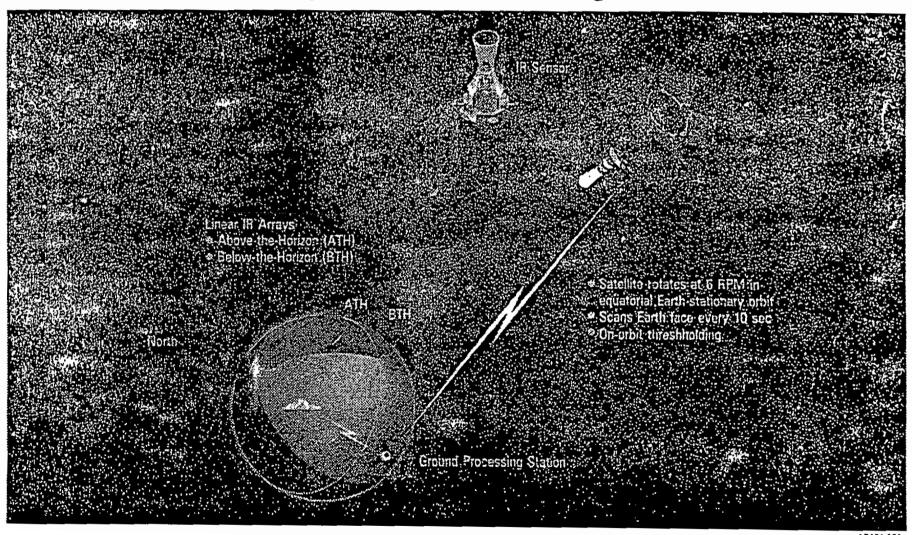
# DSP: Support to a Changing World



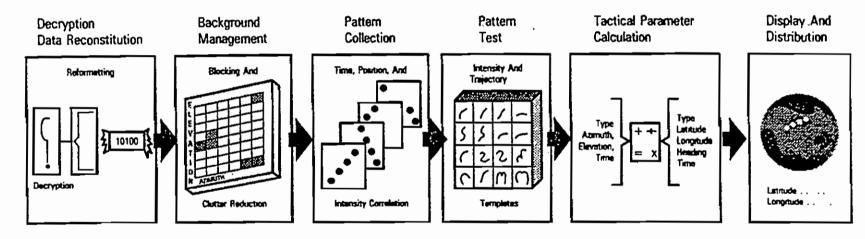
# Strategic Surveillance Using the IR





#### **Ground - Data Processing**





Individual data reconstructed from decrypted received data Successive data from same area compared & constant-level data discarded as clutter, areas of high noise can be blanked

Data from a general scan area correlated to form prospective missile flight patterns xxxxx Patterns compared to known profiles and "best fit" used to identify missile type

Flight profile for identified missile type fixed to AZ/EL reports and projected backwards to calculate launch point, heading and launch time

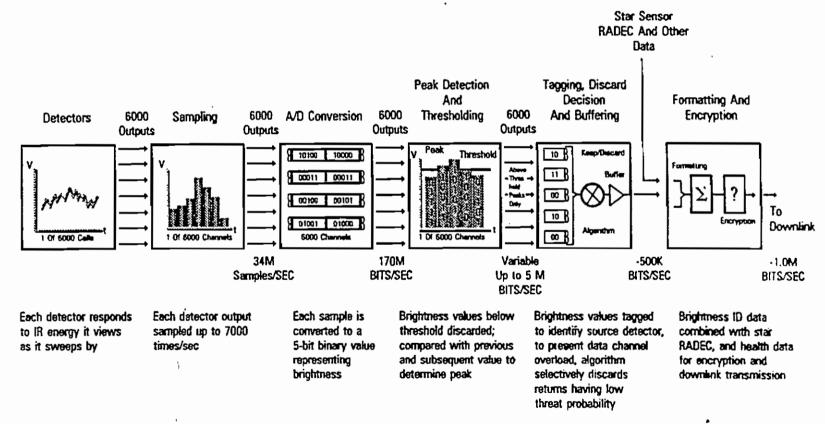
Reports are displayed for assessment and prepared for distribution to users

Ground Data Processing - Converts individual data into launch warning information for assessment



## **On-Board Signal/Data Processing**





On-Board Signal/Data Processing - allows system to operate at maximum possible sensitivity without overloading the downlink. Processing is an initial sort, selecting returns having the highest potential of being targets



#### **DSP: The Early Days**



- Threat: The development of the first Soviet ICBM in the early 1960's
- The requirement: A space-based early warning system combining:
  - (1) Infra-red sensors to detect the intense thermal radiation of rocket engines
  - (2) Newly demonstrated concept of man-made earth orbiting satellites
- Missile defense alarm system (MIDAS) program
- Further development of these technologies led to the designation of the Defense Support Program (DSP)



#### **DSP Phase I: 1970 - 1975**



 Designed to provide warning against both Soviet ICBMs, Chinese ICBMs, and Soviet Short Range SLBM's around the CONUS

• Satellites 1-4

Satellite:

2000 LBS

1.25 Years

Sensor:

2000 Detectors

PbS (SWIR)

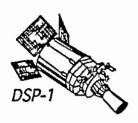
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#### **Ground Systems: 1970 - 1975**



- Overseas Ground Station (OGS)
  - Operational in 1971
  - Fixed Large Processing Station (LPS): Processes Data, provides reports from Eastern Hemisphere Satellite(s)
- CONUS Ground Station
  - Operational in 1972
  - Fixed LPS, provides peacetime reports from Western Hemisphere Satellite(s)
- Multi-Purpose Facility (MPF) on-line in 1974
  - Supports data analysis, S/W development & personnel training



#### **1975 - 1985: THE EVOLVING THREAT**

- 1975 1980
  - LONG RANGE SLBM's DEPLOYED
  - INCREASED MULTIPLE RV MISSILES
- 1980 1985
  - MOBIL E ICBMs
  - INCREASED SLBM DEPLOYMENT
  - SOVIET ADVANCEMENTS/TACTICS BECOME POSSIBLE THREAT TO SYSTEM



### DSP Phase II, MOS/PIM, Phase II Upgrade: 1975 - 1985



- 1975 1980: Phase II, Satellites 5-7
  - Added lifetime, 2 year design life
- 1980 1985: Multi-orbit satellite/performance improvement (MOS/PIM) (Satellites 8-13)
  - For increased hardening & SLBM coverage, plus multiple orbit capability
- 3 year design\_life
- JCS Level-1
- Expanded coverage (SLBM)



# DSP Phase II, MOS/PIM, Phase II Upgrade: 1975 - 1985 (Continued)



- Phase II upgrade, SATS 5R-6R retrofit
  - For improved resolution & polar/global coverage
- Advanced RADEC & hardening
- SED sensor
  - ATH, increased resolution & global coverage
  - 6000 detectors
  - Second color capability demonstrated



### **Ground Systems: 1975 - 1985**



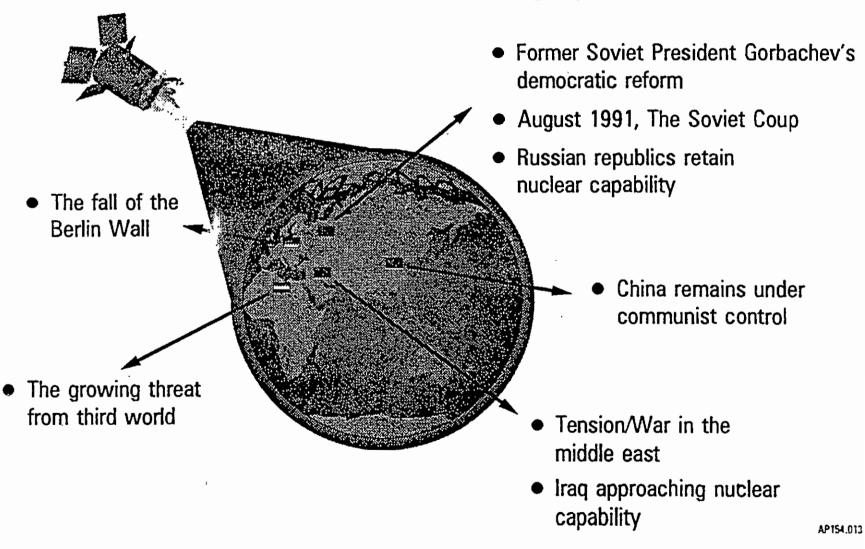
#### OGS:

- Software upgrade in 1975
- Hardware upgrade in 1982 to support phase II and DSP-1

#### • CGS:

- Hardvare upgraded in 1982 to support phase II and DSP-1
- Mobile ground station developed in 1985
  - Include both mobile ground terminals and mobile communication terminals
  - Create rapid deployable, survivable MGS to provide location uncertainty during wartime, and to back-up the CGS

### 1985 - Present: The Changing Threat



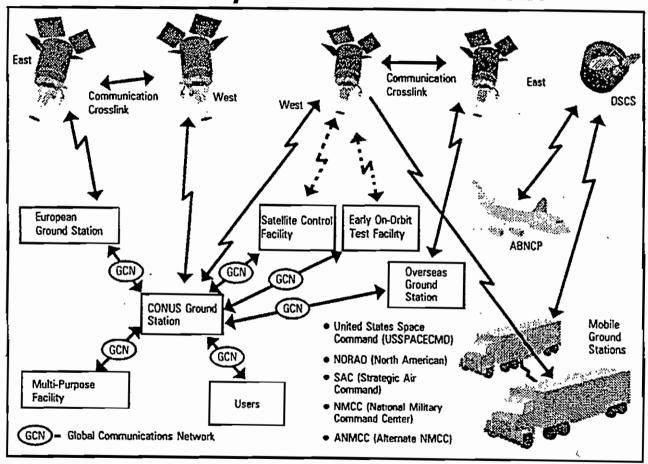


#### **DSP-1: 1985 - Present**



- Satellites 14-22: For increased resolution, survivability & lifetime
- Sensor
  - 6000 detector channels
  - PbS and HgCdTe (2nd waveband)
  - BTH & ATH
  - 5 year design goal
    Thermal control system, forward facing radiator and phase change material
- Satellite
  - 5250 pounds
  - 5 years
  - Laser crosslink subsystem (LCS), secure SAT-SAT COM
  - Hardening (JCS level 2)

#### **Ground Systems: 1985 - Present**

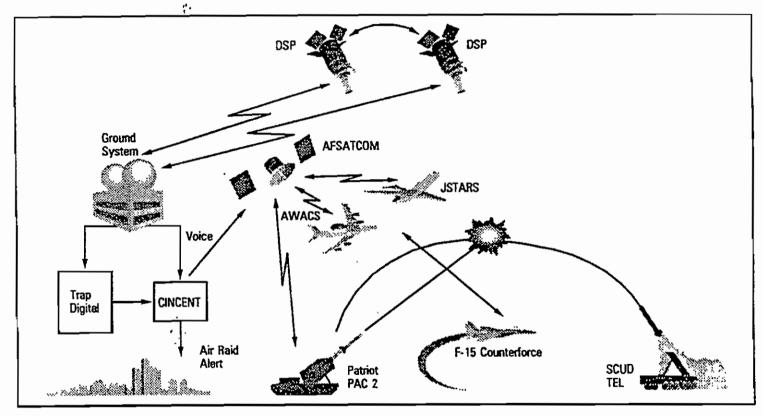


Mobile Ground Stations: Upgrades & Integration With DSP-1 Completed in 1993

OGS, CGS: The Next Generation Software, System 1, Will Be Operational in 1993 to Fully Utilize DSP-1 Capabilities

European Ground Station (EGS) Became Operational in 1990

### **DSP Performance During Operation Desert Storm**



- DSP provided SCUD warning for every attack during Operation Desert Storm
- Provided warning to U.S. forces in Saudi Arabia, and civilians in both Saudi Arabia and Israel
- The warning was passed on to the Patriot Missile Battery Commanders

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# DSP... Watching into the Twenty-First Century



# **DSP Has Evolved to Meet Changing Requirements**

