

**DATA COLLECTION WITH THE  
ACTS PROPAGATION TERMINAL**

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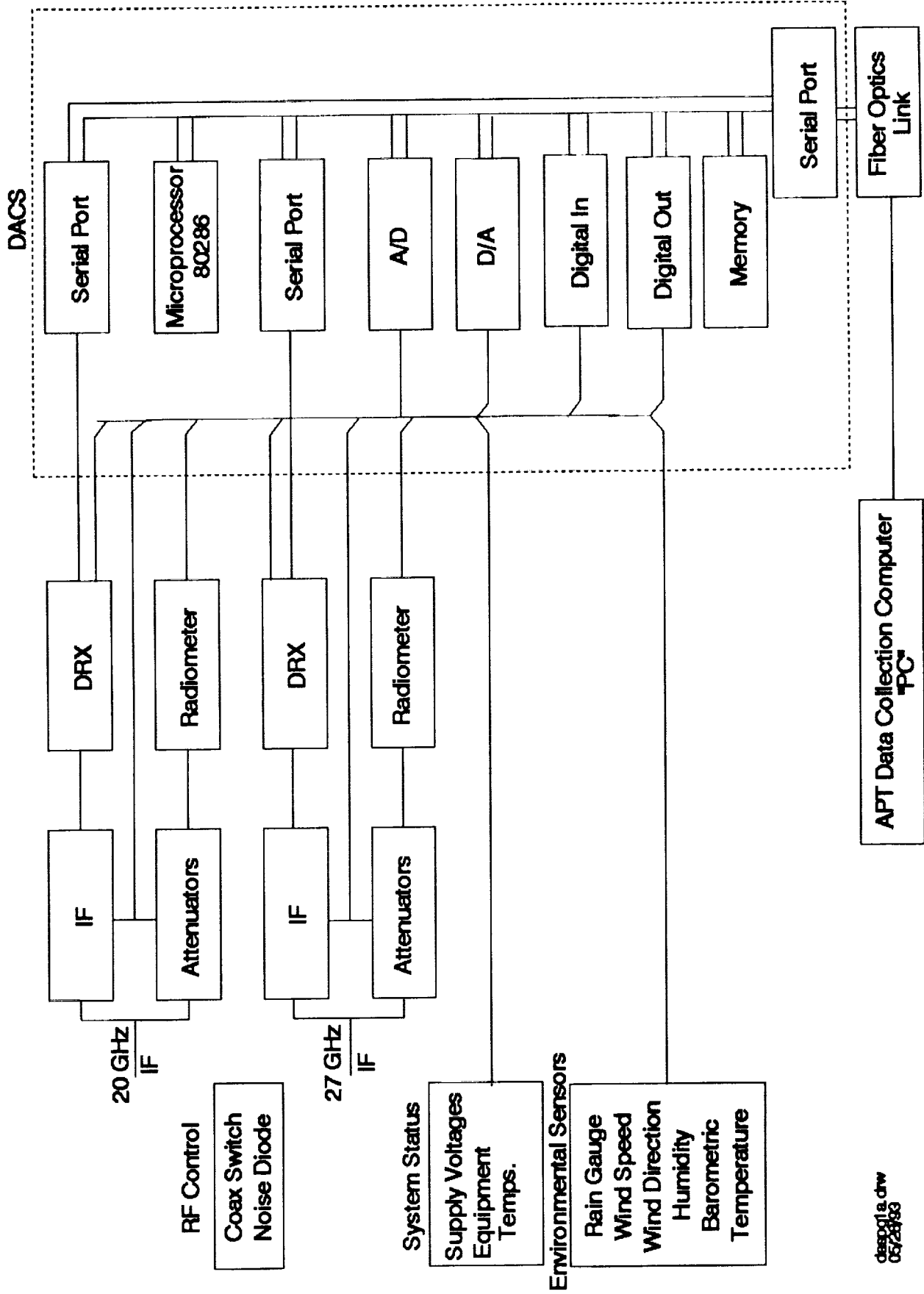
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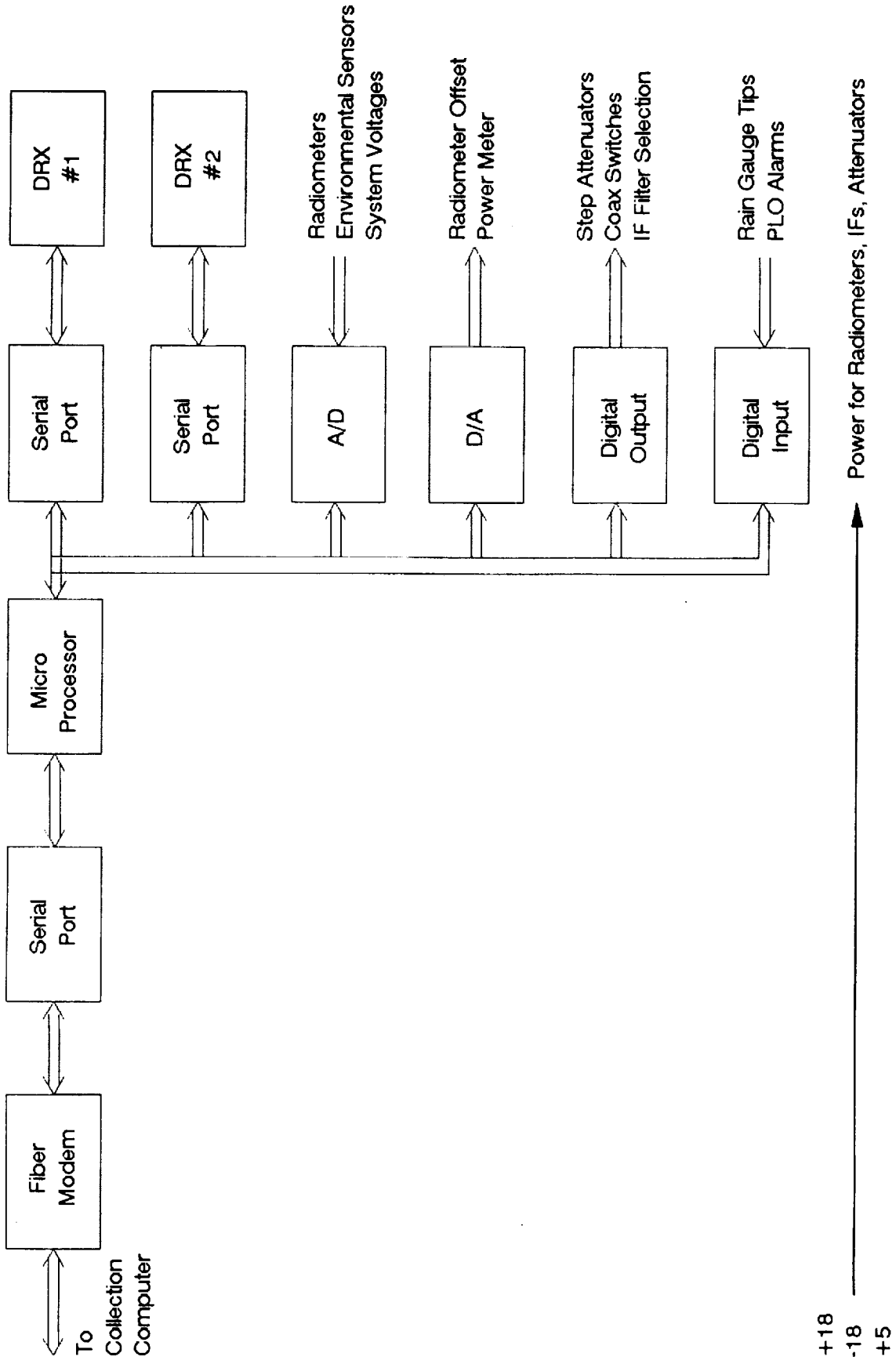
# DACS SYSTEM OVERVIEW



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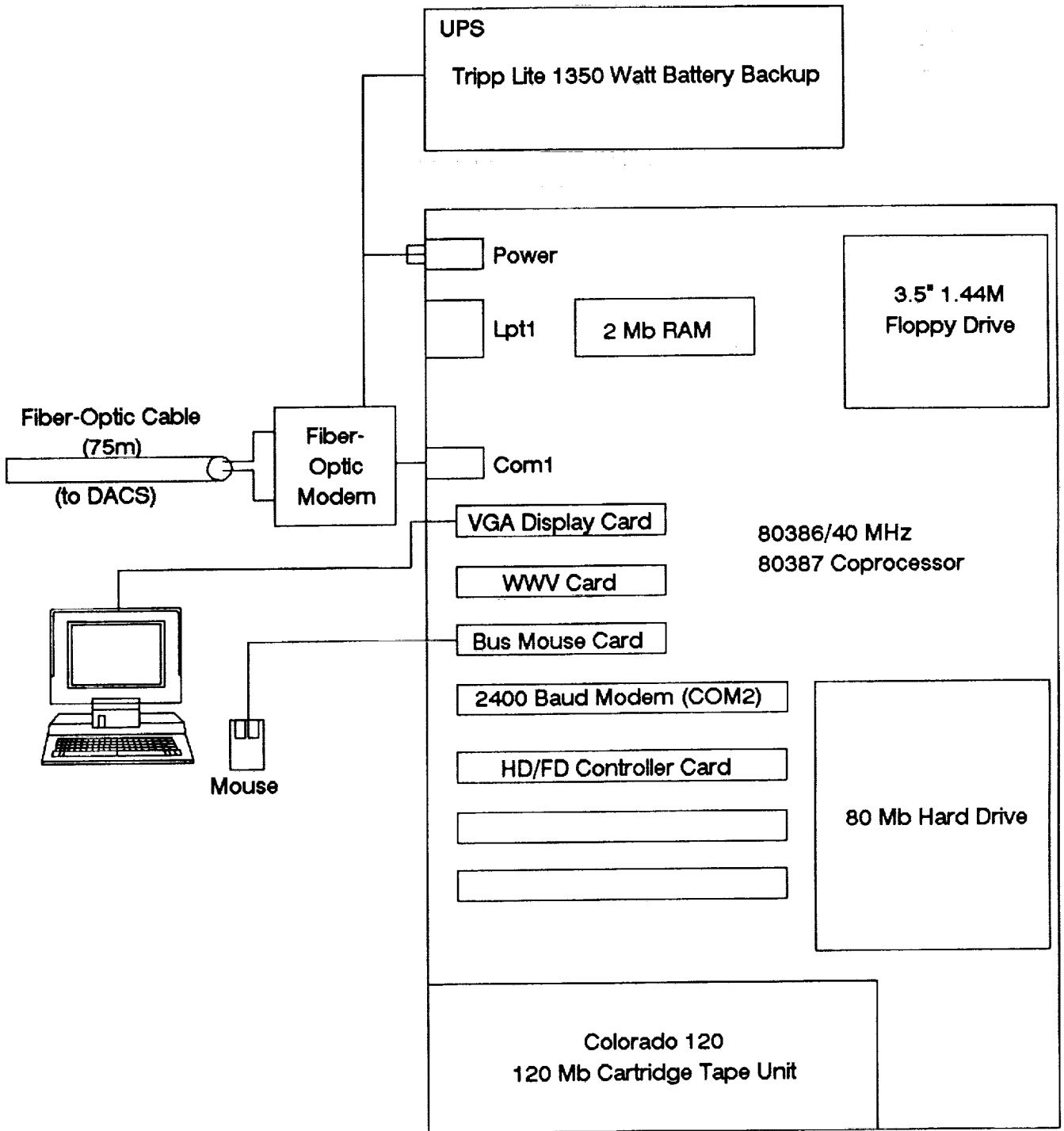
Figure 13.2-1. Block diagram of DACS hardware.

# DACS BOARD



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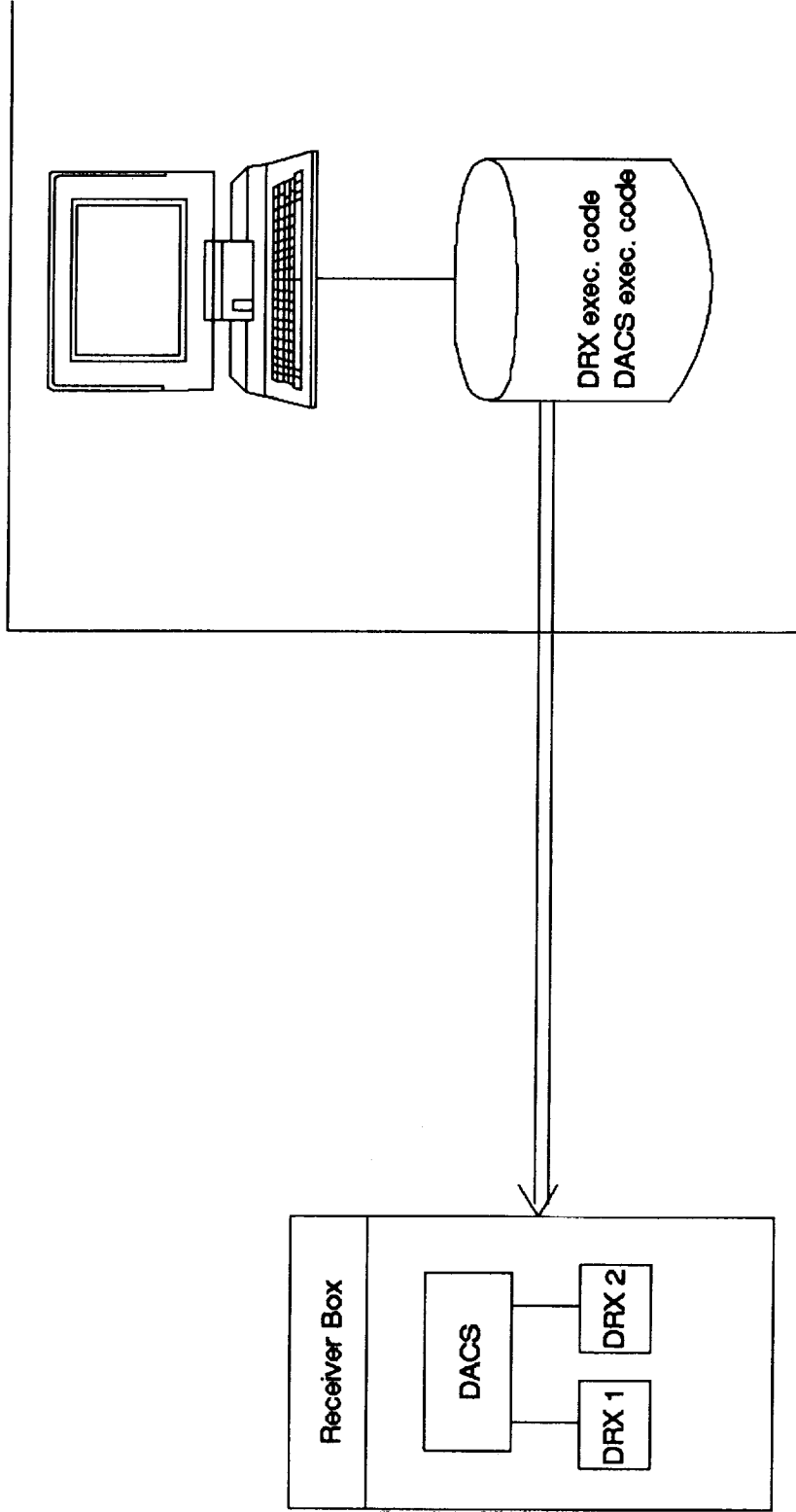
# APT Data Collection Computer



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Figure 13.2-2. Configuration of the data collection computer hardware.

# APT Software Downloading



Digital Receiver and DACS executable code can be (re)loaded from the collection computer hard disk either under operator command or automatically at power up/reset.

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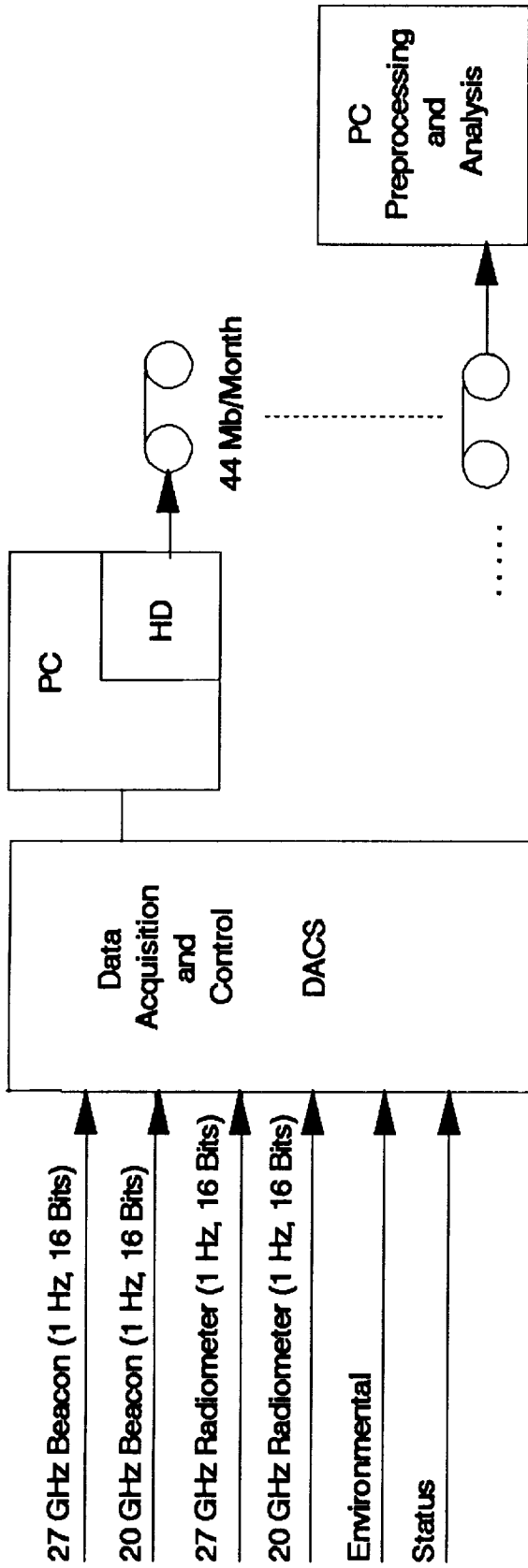
Figure 13.4-1. Block diagram of the downloading process.

Table 7.2-1

Configuration of Terminal Strip for The Receiver Enclosure

Tipping bucket rain gauge sensor	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Green terminal case ground
Outside air temperature sensor	2	14	Tipping bucket rain gauge GND
Wind direction sensor	3	15	Outside air temperature GND
Wind speed sensor	4	16	Wind direction GND
Barometric pressure sensor	5	17	Wind speed GND
Relative humidity sensor	6	18	Barometric Pressure GND
Capacitive rain gauge sensor	7	19	Relative humidity GND
Optical rain gauge sensor	8	20	Capacitive rain gauge GND
Test align output	9	21	Optical rain gauge GND
Wind direction, +15 V	10	22	GND
Barometric pressure, +15 V	11	23	GND
Relative humidity, +15 V	12	24	GND
Capacitive rain gauge, +15 V	13	25	GND
Optical rain gauge, +15 V			

# DATA STORAGE FOR APT



Data file (one second data rate):

| Time (4) | 20 GHz Beacon (2) | 27 GHz Beacon (2) | 20 GHz Rad (2) | 27 GHz Rad (2) | Status 1 (2) | Status 2 (2) |

Beacon data are signal power in 0.01 dB;

Radiometer data are voltage in 0.001 V.

Storage Requirements:  $\left( 16 \frac{\text{Bytes}}{\text{Sec}} \right) \left( 60 \frac{\text{Sec}}{\text{Min}} \right) \left( 60 \frac{\text{Min}}{\text{Hr}} \right) \left( 24 \frac{\text{Hours}}{\text{Day}} \right) = 1.32 \frac{\text{Mb}}{\text{Day}}$

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Field (# of Bytes) → Time multiplexed fields include: Environment Monitors ID Calib. on/off

Figure 13.8-1. Data storage format.

# ACTS Propagation Experiment Data Flow

