

KC1IKA HF Go box

HCRA Show & tell

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Original Concept:

HF Go-Box for digital comms

Battery powered

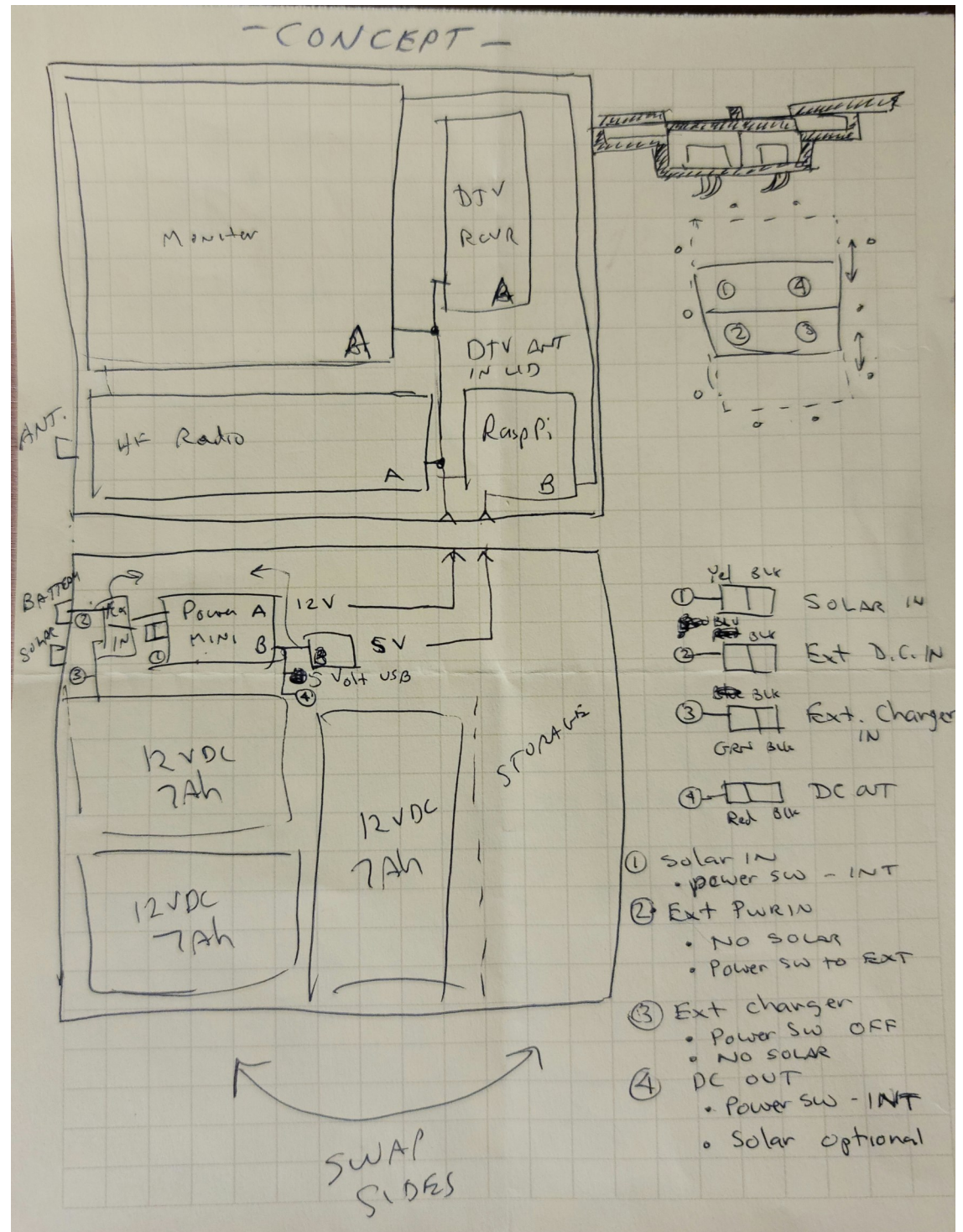
Solar or Mains Charging

Auxiliary Power in or out

DTV for situational awareness

Self contained Computer, radio, display, charger, DTV, GPS, Keyboard

Relatively light



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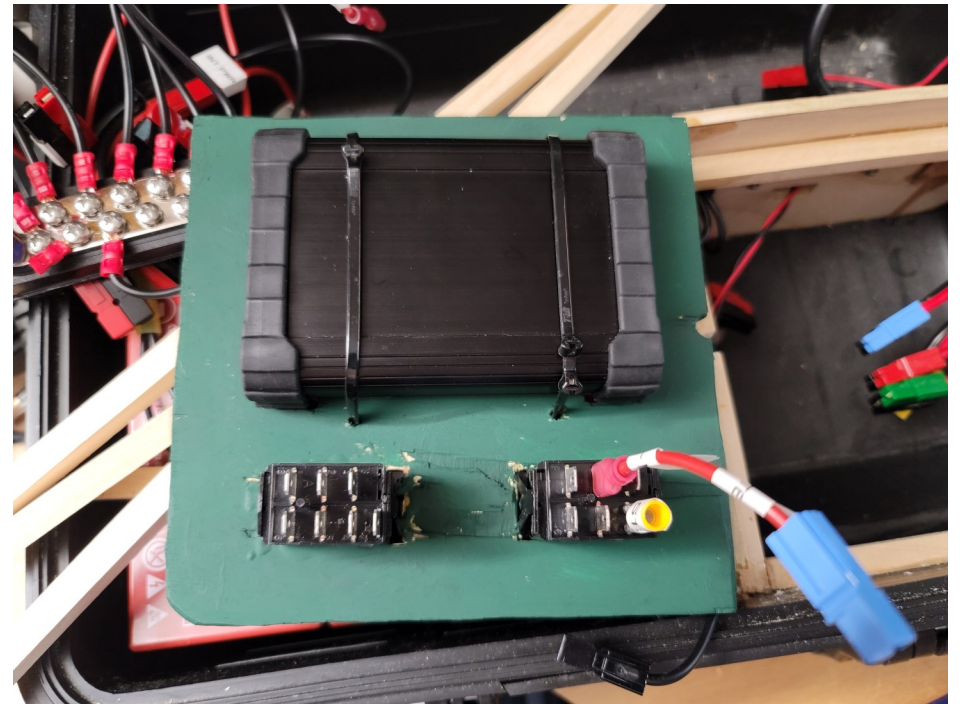
HF Go-Box for digital comms

Too many batteries

Not enough room for charge controller and connections



Much better battery and power controller placement, and it works!



Final Layout:

Tested DTV reception

Tested Raspberry Pi operation

Still need to make control cable for radio to test data transceiver



Packed up:

Soft pouch for DTV antenna and head phones



External Connections:

HF BNC antenna connection in lid

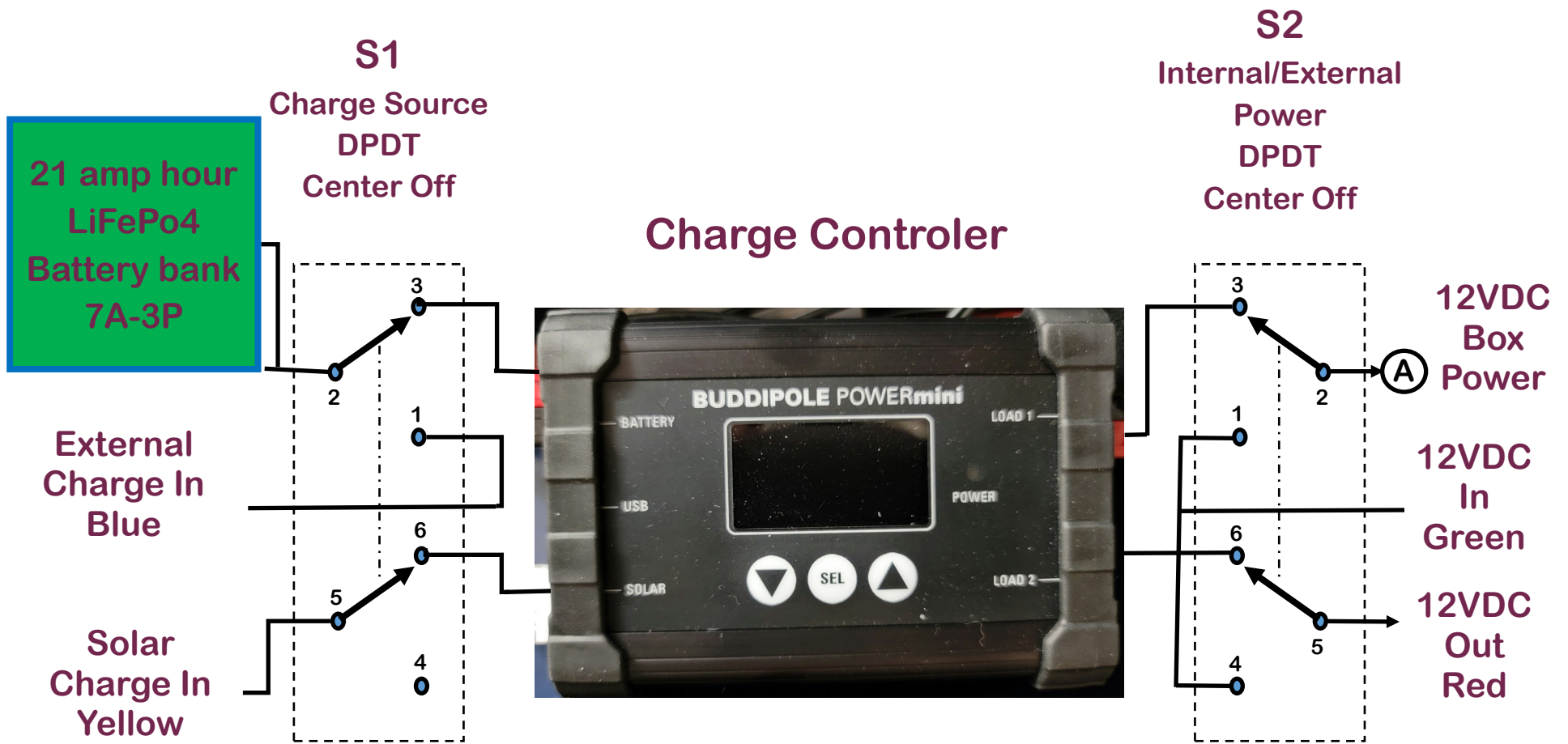
Power in/out: Green 12VDC in, Red 12VDC out,
Yellow Solar in, Blue External Charger in

DTV antenna in

Dual USB, 5VDC power out

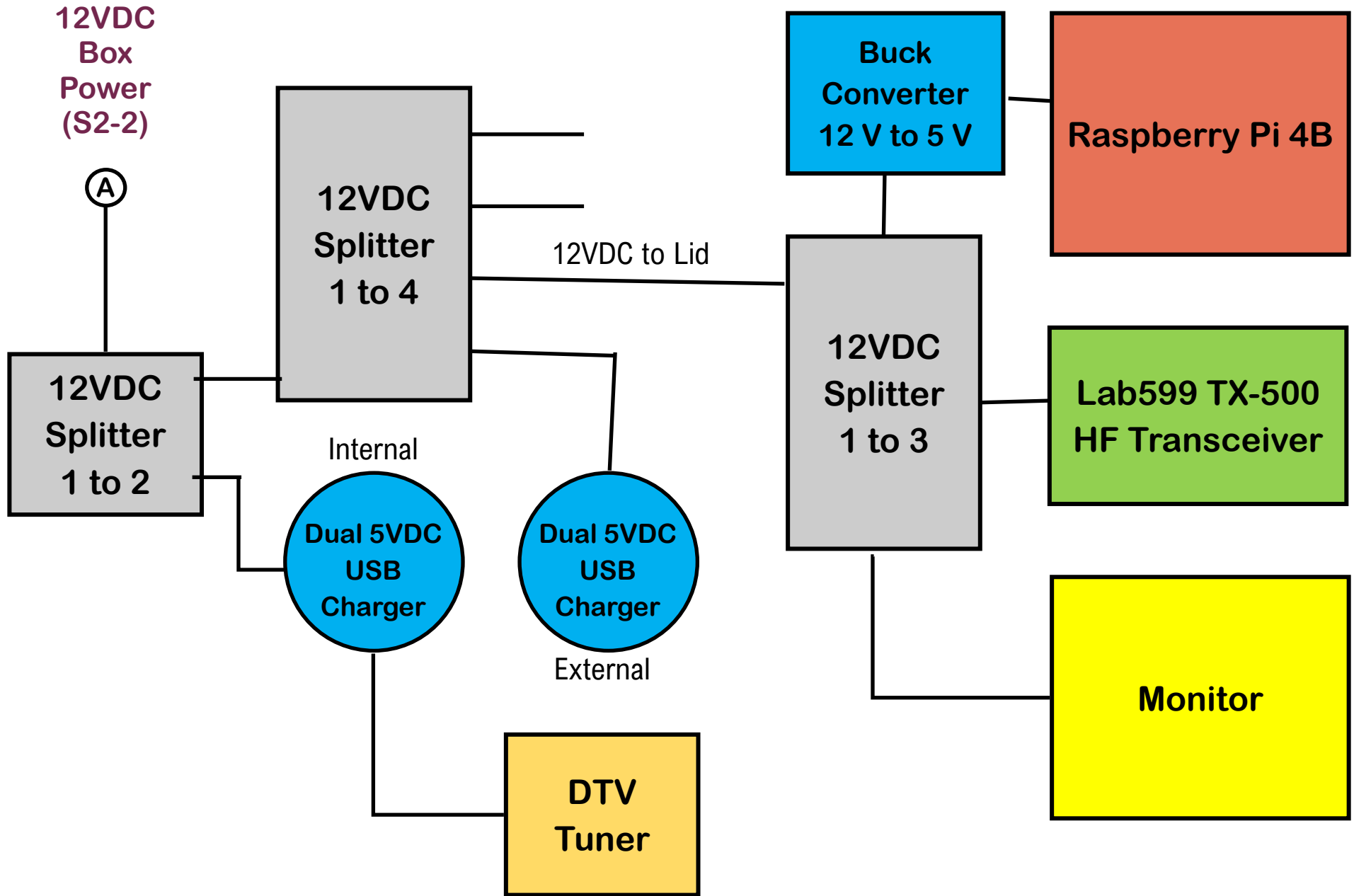


HF Go Box DC Power Control



Note: Only positive wires shown. All negative connections go to common ground block

HF Go Box DC Power Distribution



HF Go Box Major Parts

Dakota Litium 7Ah LiFePO4 Batteries, (3)

BudiPole PowerMini Charge Controller

Lab599 TX-500 HF Transceiver

Raspberry Pi 4B

7 Inch HDMI monitor

Double Pole, Double Throw, Center Off Rocker Switch (2)

DTV Receiver

DTV antenna

GPS receiver

Dual USB charger outlet (2)

Medium Project Box

Velcro for mounting items to lid

Wireless Keyboard

Wires and connectors as required



THANKS FOR WATCHING

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