

# Lat-Lon Presentation for: MARTS

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# Lat-Lon Overview

- Founded 1999, based in Denver
- Maker of Wireless Monitoring Devices
  - Solar Tracking Unit (STU)
  - Locomotive Monitoring Unit (LMU)
  - Family of Sensors
- 170 active customers, 4300 digital units sold
  - Digital unit sales began in mid-2006
- Primary market is freight rail



One week of data activity (all customers)



# Some of Lat-Lon's Customers



# Solar Tracking Unit

- Cellular communications (Kore Wireless)
- Camera sensor
- 3-axis accelerometer
- Wireless sensors
- Solar powered
- Hybrid battery/super-cap
- 3 Patents (one pending)
- Magnetic or screw mounting
- Two-way communications
  - Can send settings and/or new firmware
- UL-913 certified
  - Intrinsically safe
  - Available for combustible shipment monitoring
    - Propane, Ethanol, LNG etc.



# Back Office / Website

- Designed for variety of customers
  - Customers can build their own:
    - Reports
    - Groups of units
    - Alerts
    - Geofences, geopoints, trip-wires databases
    - Sub-user accounts
    - Preferences (time zone, units etc.)
- Designed for variety of applications
  - Sensor reassignment
    - “RF\_digital\_1” becomes “Hatch Open”
- XML data access for 3<sup>rd</sup> parties
- Small screen version for smartphones / iPad
- Various specialty reports
  - Productivity
  - Aging history by location
  - Start/stop summary
  - Fuel usage summary



# Solar Tracking Unit (STU)

## Four Models

- **STU – Tracking unit**  
For companies that want near-real-time visibility to their mobile assets including location, speed, direction, etc.
- **STU / I – Tracking with impact monitoring**  
For companies that want to monitor their shipments for damaging impacts
- **STU / RF – Tracking with wireless sensors**  
For companies that also want to monitor various conditions of a mobile asset such as temperature
- **STU / RF / C – Tracking with camera (picture taking ability)**  
For companies that also want to monitor their assets or shipments for security reasons



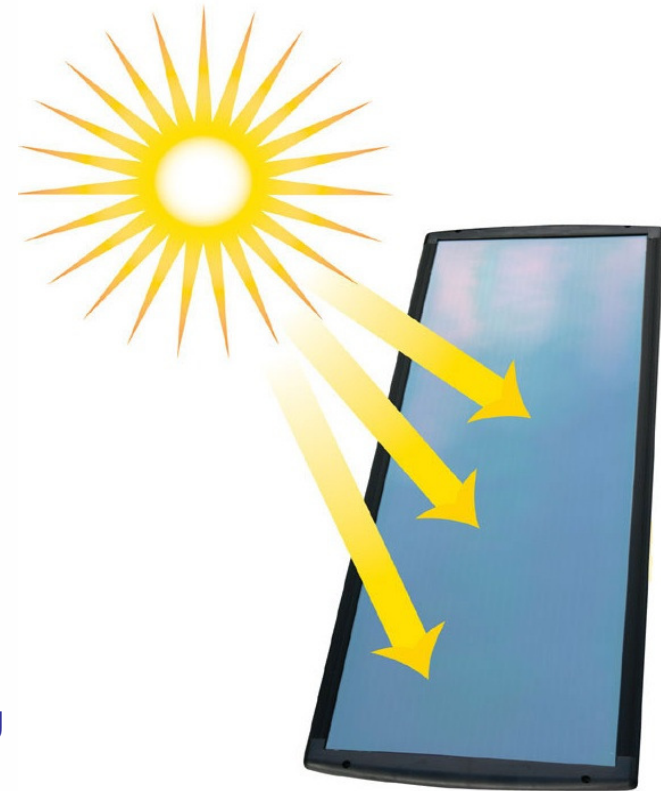
# STU Features

- Worldwide GSM/GPRS communication
- Easy magnet or screw mount
- Hybrid super-caps and rechargeable battery can potentially run forever
- No batteries to replace—ever!
- Patented battery isolation circuit protect batteries from abusive discharge currents
- **Creates a timed message every 2 hours** (over the air programmable)
- **Creates move-timed messages up to once every 10 minutes** (over the air programmable)
- **Alarm messages (ex: impact alarm or door open alarm) are sent out immediately**
- For immediate temperature alarms, wired sensors are available:
  - 2 temperatures and/or 2 digitals per STU

The screenshot displays a web-based tracking application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Report', 'Administration', 'Preferences', and 'Support', along with 'Logout' and 'CPAlbert'. The main area is divided into a control panel on the left and a map on the right. The control panel includes a 'Select a Report' dropdown set to 'Temperature and Digitals', a 'Time Zone' dropdown set to 'MDT', and a 'Select Units' list with a 'Filter' button. The units list contains: CP3076, CP3078, CP3092, CP5838, CP5844, CP6614, and CP8232. Below this is a 'Select a time frame' dropdown set to 'Last 4 Hours', with 'Start Date/Time' and 'End Date/Time' fields both set to '10/08/2010 07:38'. There are radio buttons for 'Map', 'Data', and 'Both', with 'Map' selected. A 'Run Report' button is at the bottom of the panel, and a status indicator shows '76 records in 2.091 sec(s)'. The map shows an aerial view of a rail yard with numerous tracks and trains. Several colored markers are overlaid on the map: red circles with '01', green squares with '02', and purple circles with '03'. A legend at the bottom of the map identifies these markers: 'Moving' (green square), 'Moving, Speed 0' (red circle), 'Stopped' (yellow triangle), 'Alarm' (orange diamond), 'RF Triggered' (purple circle), and 'Timed' (blue circle). The map also shows a scale bar for '60 yds' and a copyright notice for '© 2010 Let-Lon LLC'.

# Lat-Lon = No Limits

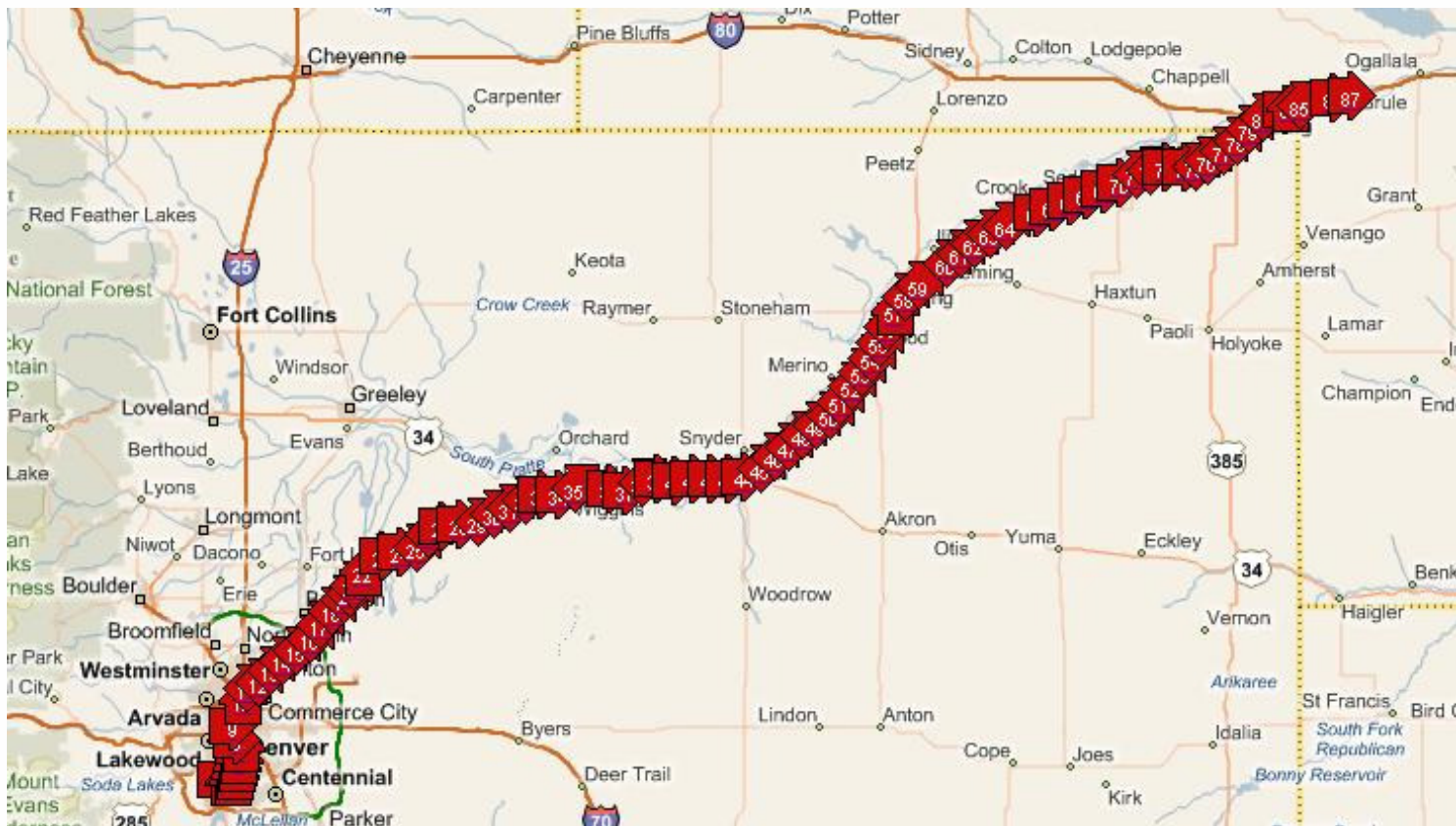
- No limit to number of messages (location updates)
  - Fixed cost data plan using GSM/GPRS cellular data
  - Sending data is nearly free—40 location reports per penny
  - Near real time data, so you know where your unit is NOW
- No limit from power
  - With solar power, every day brings a fresh set of “batteries”
  - Enough power for 100’s of location messages per day
  - Patented power system works forever
    - STU fully functional with no battery at all
    - Battery used to bridge periods of poor lighting





# Solar Smart Power in Action

Map shows plentiful power during this test trip in good sunlight for near-real-time tracking data



# STU / I

- Internal impact detection monitoring
- Internal 3 axis accelerometer
- More power for lower impact threshold reporting
- Filtering for high and low speed impacts
- Unit reports change in velocity



# STU / RF

- 10 Wireless sensors can be assigned to each STU
- Each wireless sensor can monitor:
  - Temperature
  - Continuity switch
    - can be used for open/closed door or hatch
  - Accelerometers
    - can be used for tilt,  
loaded /empty,  
hand brake on / released  
(Patent pending)



The picture shows you how small the RF Wireless Sensors are in comparison to a smart phone



# Wireless Sensors Specs.

- Tilt in two axis (orientation, patent pending)
- Temperature (-40 to +180F)
- Magnetic reed switch on end
- Battery voltage reporting
  - Predict remaining life of sensor
- 5-10 year life
  - Depending on sensors and reporting frequency
- Can trigger STU to create message or not
- Flexible sampling intervals
- Transmits when sensor readings change
- Smart digitals to turn tilt analog values into digitals
  - Report loaded/empty or brake on/off as digital
- Status LED blinks as data is sent (confirm operation)
- 433 MHz TX frequency
- Patent pending



# STU /RF/ Camera Unit

- Camera can be activated by:
  - RF sensor(s)
  - Impact detection threshold
  - Paging unit from Lat-Lon website
- The STU can illuminate a night shot up to about 20 feet away (infrared light cannot be seen by humans)
- Different photo resolutions and different mounting options are available



# STU Wireless Sensor Apps

- Hatch—three methods to detect state
  - Tilt sensing on lid (photo at right)
  - Tilt sensing with ball-switch
    - Gives longer battery life
  - Magnetic proximity
    - RF sender need not be on lid
    - Magnet needed to be near RF sender, then move away when hatch opens
    - Also gives longer battery life
- Load/Empty (photo at right)
  - Wireless tilt sensor on ramp between bolster and side-frame
    - Measures spring compression
- Handbrake sensing (photos next page)
  - Wireless tilt sensor on bell-crank
  - Or, tilt sensor on hinged plate with cable tie to chain



# Wireless Brake Sensing

- Sheave equipped car needs chain-to-ramp tilt installation
  - Cable between chain link and ramp



- Bell crank detects brake via tilt angle using accelerometer sensor in RF sender



# STU – RF Sensor Config.

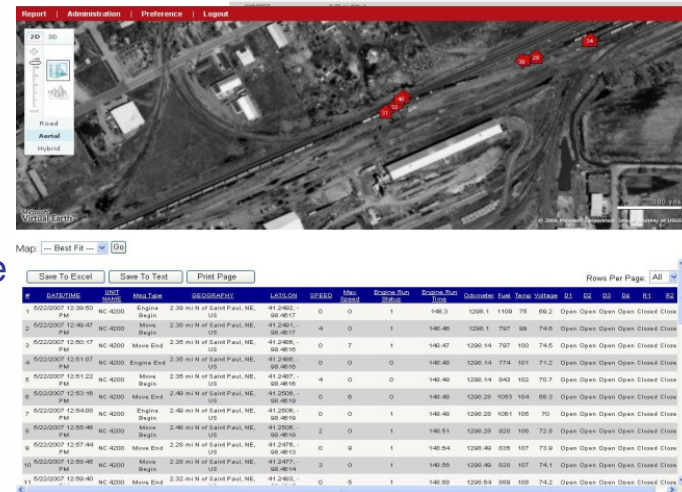
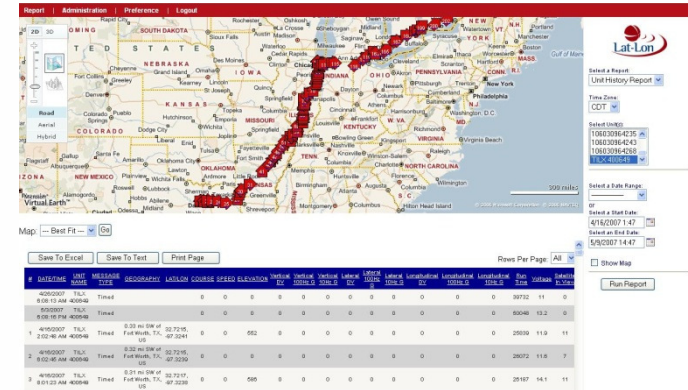
- Each STU can host up to 10 RF sensors
- STU contains database of sensor serial numbers and what it should do when a message is received
  - RF sensor message can trigger a STU message
  - RF sensor message can trigger a STU picture to be taken
  - RF sensor message can just update their data fields and not trigger a picture (for inclusion in next STU triggered message)
- All these settings and the RF sensors that are assigned to a STU can be updated over the air via the Lat-Lon website
  - New sensors can be added
  - Sensors can be changed out or removed
- STU can be configured to listen for RF sensors or not (to save power)





# Website Reporting

- Query Engine
  - Customer built data mining tools (custom reports)
  - Fleet and history reports
- Street level, aerial and birds eye maps
  - Integrated map/report
  - Puts data into context
- Customer specific geo-referencing
  - 0.01 Mi North of Roundhouse
  - Unlimited amounts of backend geofences and geopoints can be created by customer
- Dispatch and alert pages
  - Auto updates
- Save to Excel or CSV format
- Graph or chart creation directly from website
- Web services (XML) available
- Any message can be sent to a cell phone via text messaging or an email



# Two-Way Communications

- Administrator can change parameters of a unit over the air
  - Move Timed call-in times
  - Timed call-in times
  - Temperature alarm thresholds
  - Digital alarm enable/disable
  - Impact sensor thresholds
- Unit firmware can be updated
  - Upgrades without removal
  - Performance improvements after deployment

Report | Administration | Preference | Logout

[Manage Users](#) | [Manage Units](#) | [Manage Reports](#) | [Manage Maps](#)

Menu  
Configure Unit  
[Check Status](#)

### Configuration

Timed Report Call-In Time (Eastern Time)

<input type="checkbox"/> 18:00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17:00	<input type="checkbox"/> 16:00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 15:00	<input type="checkbox"/> 14:00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13:00
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Temperature 1 High Alarm Trip Point:  degree(s) F  
Temperature 1 High Alarm Hysteresis Point:  degree(s) F  
Temperature 1 Low Alarm Trip Point:  degree(s) F  
Temperature 1 Low Alarm Hysteresis Point:  degree(s) F  
Temperature 2 High Alarm Trip Point:  degree(s) F  
Temperature 2 High Alarm Hysteresis Point:  degree(s) F  
Temperature 2 Low Alarm Trip Point:  degree(s) F  
Temperature 2 Low Alarm Hysteresis Point:  degree(s) F  
Digital 1 Alarm:   
Digital 2 Alarm:   
Impact Alarm:



# STU Summary

- The STU is the most advanced tracking system developed to date
  - It has moving / not moving intelligence
  - It can run forever
  - It has multiple monitoring capabilities
  - Website has the tools to get your logistics answers
  - It has a low lifetime cost of ownership
- Let Lat-Lon help you solve business problems and reduce cost with the STU.
- Call 877-300-6566

