



# Space Network

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# Agenda

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- **TDRS I and J Operations Transition**
- **SN Support Type by Mission**
- **New Capabilities**

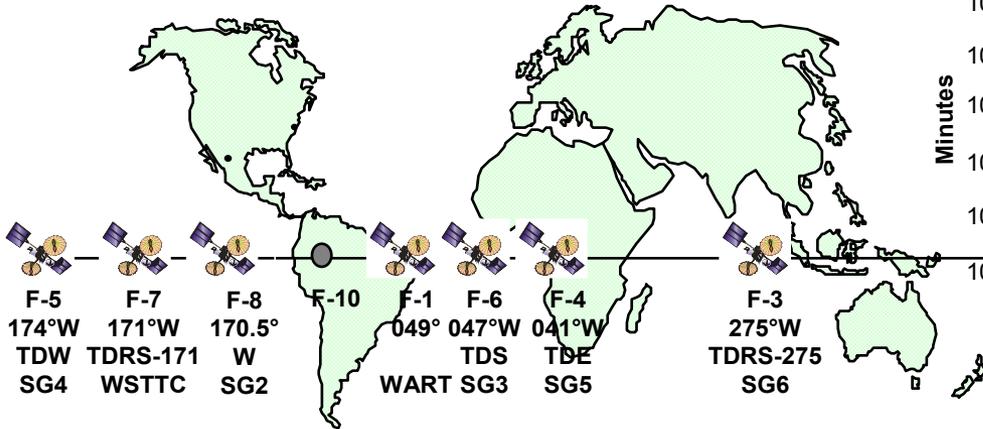
# Overview

- **The Space Network (SN) provides highly reliable Tracking and Data Acquisition services to NASA and non-NASA missions.**
- **The Space Network consists of two major segments:**
  - Space Segment (TDRS Constellation)
  - Ground Segment (WSC, Guam, Network Integration Center (NIC), BRTS)
- **NASA customers are not charged for SN services, but mission-unique capabilities must be funded by each mission.**
- **The current fleet of TDRS's must remain operational through 2012.**

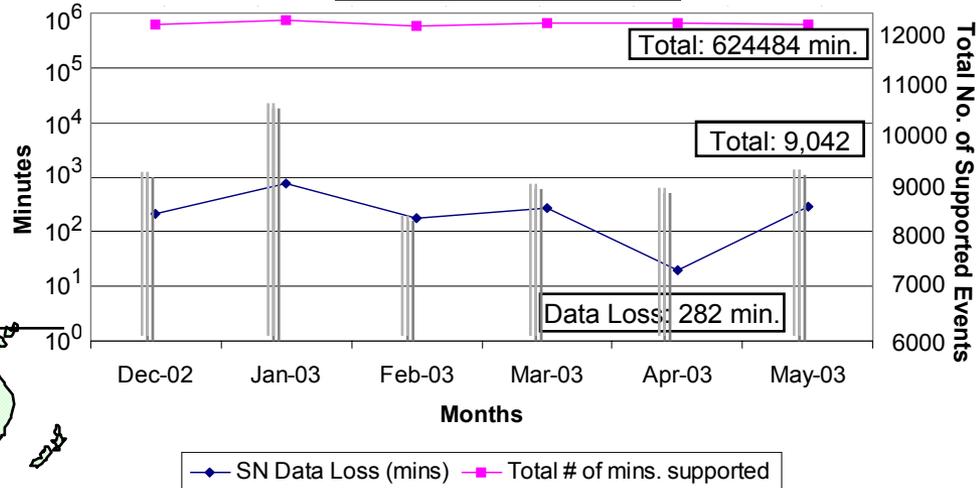
# SPACE NETWORK AT A GLANCE

## Operations and Maintenance

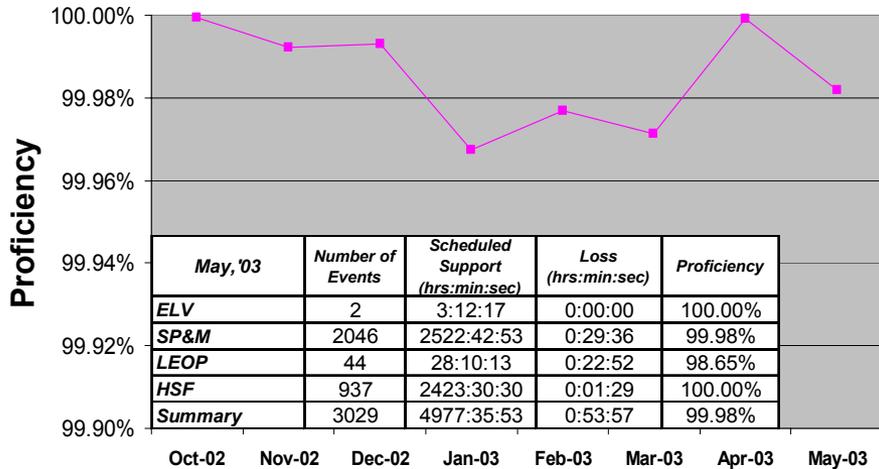
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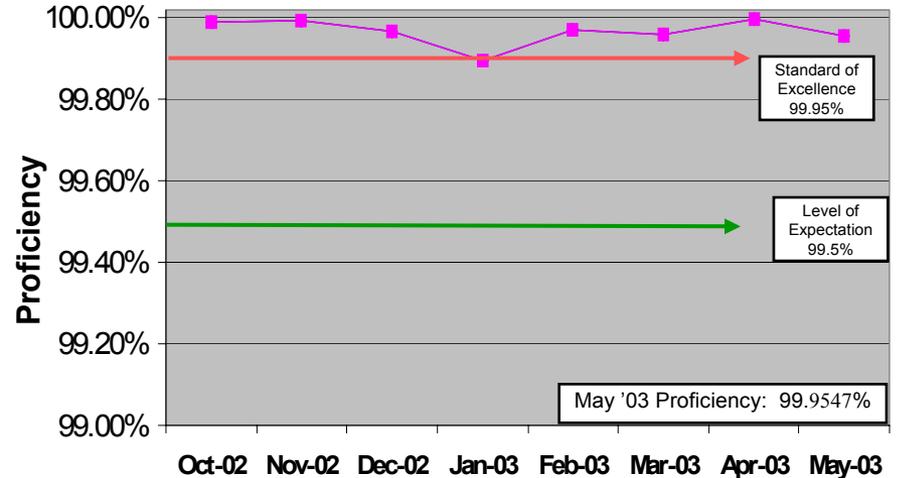
**Minutes of Support and Minutes of Data Loss**  
Total No. of Supported Events



**SN Critical Support Proficiency Trend**



**SN Proficiency Trend**



Missions	Total No. of Supported Events	Anomalies	Service Stat.	Proficiency (%)	Standard of Excellence (%)
Aqua, ERBS, FUSE, HST, ISS, L-7, SP&M, TERRA, TOPEX, TRMM, UARS, XTE, EO-1, TITAN, ATLAS, GALEX, LDBP	9,042	TBD	10,412 hrs. sched 10,408 hrs. actual 4 hrs. 42 min. lost	99.952%	99.95%

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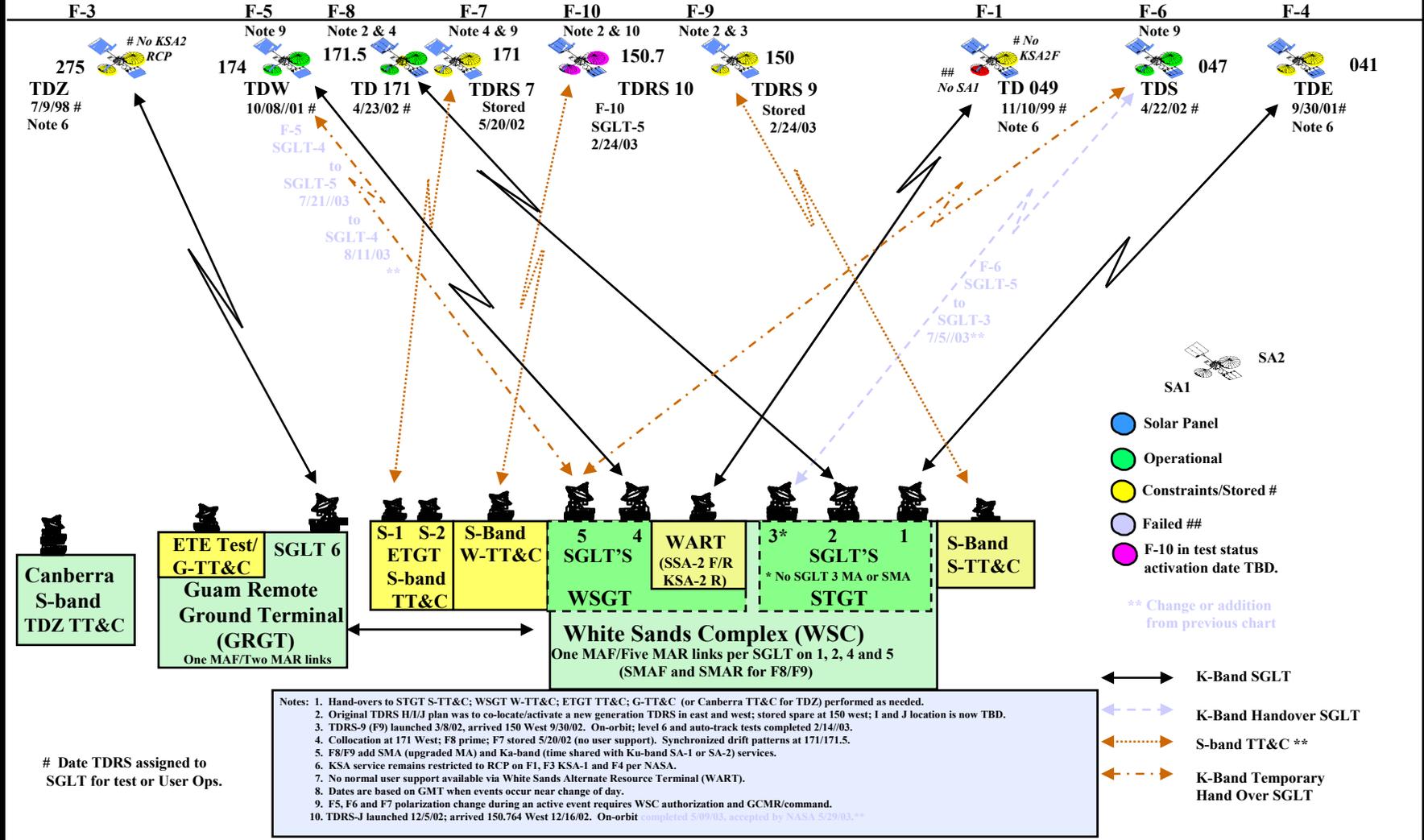
## Ground Segment

- **Two geographically separated Ground Stations at White Sands, NM with five Space-to-Ground Link Terminals (SGLT's).**
- **A sixth SGLT has been installed at the Guam Remote Ground Terminal**
- **The Data Services Management Center (DSMC) at White Sands is the focal point for scheduling and control of the Space Network.**
- **Network Integration Center (NIC) tests and monitors network data flow.**
- **Simulation and Testing Facility performs RF and data compatibility testing prior to mission.**



# Space Network Configuration – June – Aug. 2003

(5/30/03 Version per WSC SN Daily Forecast, Friday, 30 May 2003)



# Date TDRS assigned to SGLT for test or User Ops.

Notes: 1. Hand-overs to STGT S-TT&C; WSGT W-TT&C; ETGT TT&C; G-TT&C (or Canberra TT&C for TDZ) performed as needed.  
 2. Original TDRS H/I/J plan was to co-locate/activate a new generation TDRS in east and west; stored spare at 150 west; I and J location is now TBD.  
 3. TDRS-9 (F9) launched 3/8/02, arrived 150 West 9/30/02. On-orbit; level 6 and auto-track tests completed 2/14/03.  
 4. Collocation at 171 West; F8 prime; F7 stored 5/20/02 (no user support). Synchronized drift patterns at 171/171.5.  
 5. F8/F9 add SMA (upgraded MA) and Ka-band (time shared with Ku-band SA-1 or SA-2) services.  
 6. KSA service remains restricted to RCP on F1, F3 KSA-1 and F4 per NASA.  
 7. No normal user support available via White Sands Alternate Resource Terminal (WART).  
 8. Dates are based on GMT when events occur near change of day.  
 9. F5, F6 and F7 polarization change during an active event requires WSC authorization and GCMR/command.  
 10. TDRS-J launched 12/5/02; arrived 150.764 West 12/16/02. On-orbit completed 5/09/03, accepted by NASA 5/29/03.\*\*

# TDRS-H, -I & -J STATUS

- **TDRS-H was launched in June 2000 and became operational on April 2002 at the 171° West location**
- **TDRS-I was launched in March 2002 and is located at the 150° West location. On Orbit testing proceeding well**
  - On Orbit Test Review at Boeing Space Systems on 27 Jun 03
  - NASA acceptance anticipated in early July (DD250)
- **TDRS-J was launched in December 2002**
  - Resolved issues regarding the turbo pump used in the Atlas RL-10.
  - Successfully conducted Vector Verification. on 20 Nov 02
  - NASA accepted the spacecraft in May 03.
- **Plan being finalized for transition to operations**

## Current SN Service Type Per Code/Mission

Current	Code	SN Support Type					
		Primary	Routine	TT&C	DAS	MA	SA
FUSE	S		X	X			X
HST	S	X		X		X	X
LDBP	S	X				X	X
RXTE	S	X		X		X	X
TIMED	S		X	X			X
AQUA	Y				X	X	X
ERBS	Y	X		X		X	X
TOMS-EP	Y						
TERRA	Y		X	X			X
TOPEX	Y	X		X			X
TRMM	Y	X		X			X
UARS	Y	X		X		X	X
SORCE	Y					X	X
STS	M	X				X	
ISS	M	X				X	

## Future SN Service Types Per Code/Mission

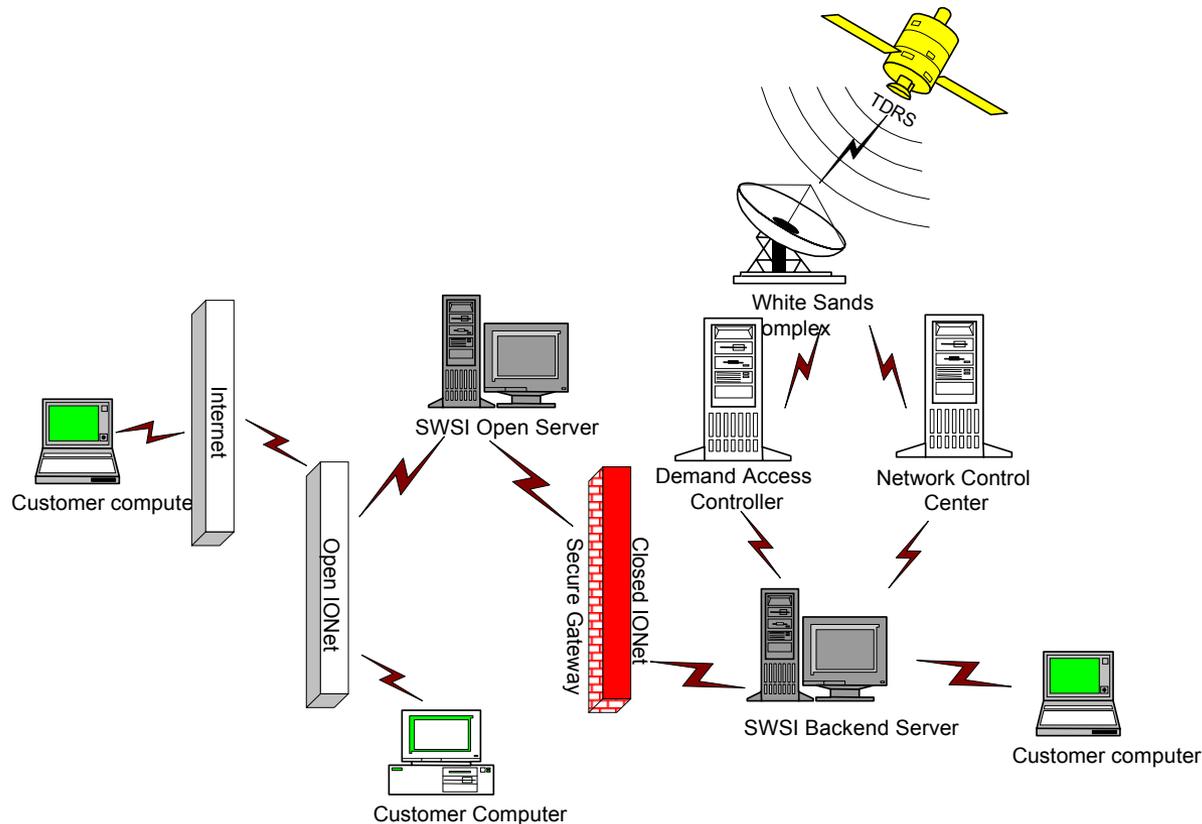
Future	Code	SN Support Type					
		Primary	Routine	TT&C	DAS	MA	SA
CNOFS	S/USAF		X		X	X	
GALEX	S	<b>LEOP</b>					
GLAST	S		X		X		
GP-B	S	X			X	X	X
ULDBP	S	X		X	X	X	X
SWIFT	S		X		X	X	
AURA	Y	X			X	X	X
GPM-1					X		
GPM-2					X		
ESA-GPM					X		
HTV	M	X				X	X
ATV	M	X				X	X

# New SN Capabilities

- **SWSI – SN Web Services Interface: A Java based platform independent customer interface for submitting SN service requests and real-time monitoring and control of on-going service, via desktop computer to the NISN Open and/or Closed IOnet**
  - SWSI Release 1.0 (SN Legacy services only): July 2003
  - SWSI Release 1.1 (New DAS MAR services): August 2003
- **WDISC - White Sands Complex (WSC) Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)/Internet Protocol (IP) Data Interface Service Capability: Provides direct TCP/IP based telemetry and command services on the closed IOnet from the WSC.**
  - Scheduling automation: Dec 02
  - Capacity expansion: July 03
- **DAS – Demand Access Services: Multiple Access Return services on demand.**
  - Site Acceptance Testing Completed: June 03
  - Interim Operational Capability (IOC) Review: June 03
  - Final Operational Capability (FOC) Review Nov. 03
- **Ka-Band Ultra-High Rate User Services: To provide a full data relay capability at >1Gbps using the 650MHz BW channel associated with F8, TDRS-I and –J at Ka-Band by 2006**
  - Sys. Requirements, Ops. con., Proj. Mgmt Plan, PCD's, etc. to be completed by 9/30/03.
  - Separate the Ground Segment from the Space Segment effort, but maintain consistency.

# Space Network Web Services Interface

- **SWSI – SN Web Services Interface: A Java based platform independent customer interface to the NCCDS for performing TDRSS scheduling and real-time monitoring and control, via desktop computer to the NISN Open and/or Closed IONet**



# SWSI

## Customers

- **Current**
  - Communications and Navigation Demonstrations on Shuttle (CANDOS)/Low Power Transceiver (LPT)
  - Long Duration Balloon Program (LDBP) Program
  - Solar Radiation and Climate Experiment (SORCE)
- **Future**
  - Swift Gamma Ray Burst Explorer (SWIFT)
  - Communications/Navigations Outage Forecasting System C/NOFS
  - Global Precipitation-B (GP-B)

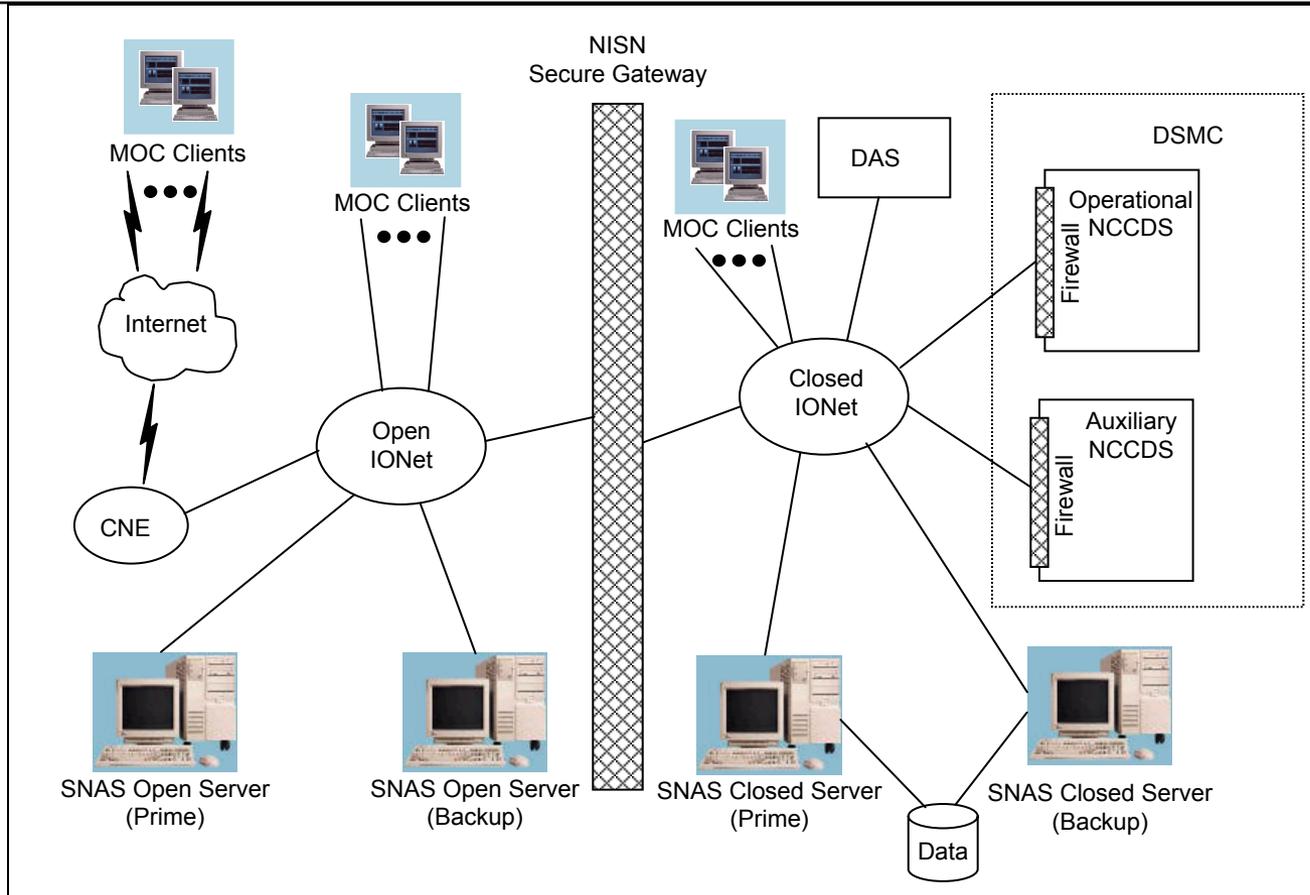
# Demand Access Service (DAS)

- **DAS is an MA return service that utilizes 3 TDRS (F-3 – F-7) nodes (041°W, 174°W, 275°W) to provide continuous global coverage.**
  - A single user schedule can provide multi-year support
  - DAS automatically hands over from TDRS node to node for orbiting users
  - Data Rate from 1-150kbps/channel (subject to approval by MSP)
  - Customers use TCP/IP interface
    - » Customers interface to DAS for scheduling and status monitoring through Space Network Web Services Interface (SWSI)
  - Low Cost based on node usage (subscription fee)
- **DAS Applications**
  - Emergency/Contingency (911 service) customer transmits when problem occurs. DAS is always “listening”
  - Science Alerts; Transmit when significant observations occur

# Space Network Access System (SNAS)

- **Purpose**
  - Provides a single, standards-based customer interface for performing (TDRSS) scheduling and real-time service monitoring and control.
  - Provides for secure message exchange on all NISN and open networks and will implement the complete NCCDS and DAS customer interfaces.
  - Consolidates the functionalities of the SN Web Services Interface (SWSI) system and the User Planning System (UPS) into a single system, and will replace the UPS and SWSI as the primary scheduling interface between the SN customer and the SN.
- **Developed to support all current SN customers**
  - » Scientific robotic missions
  - » STS
  - » ISS
  - » Special Project
- **SNAS will replace SWSI and User Planning System (UPS).**

# SNAS Architecture

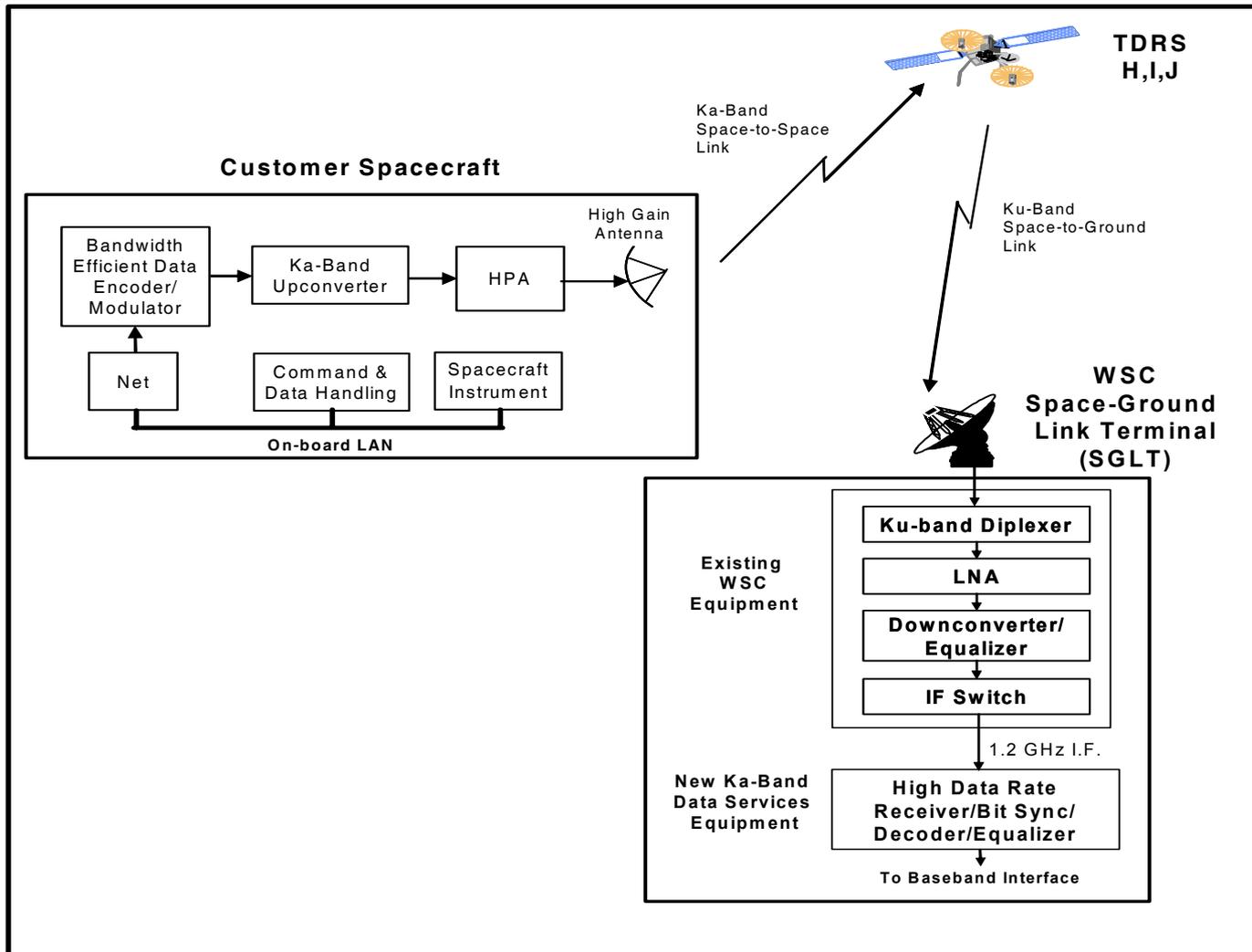


# Ka-Band Ultra High Rate Development

- **In early 2000, NASA/GSFC initiated the Ka-band Transition Project as a first step in transitioning the SN and GN to Ka-band operations.**
  - Develop new SN high rate telemetry service using TDRS H,I,J 650 MHz wide channel
  - Develop a GN station to demonstrate direct to earth Ka-band operations
  - Provide test bed within the SN and GN to demonstrate new communication technologies
  - High data rate demonstrations scheduled for fall 2002
  - Upgrade SGLTs to take advantage of TDRS H,I,J 650 MHz wide Ka-band channel.
  - Add new Downconverters, Equalizers, and IF switching.
  - Modify network control software for automated control and monitoring of new equipment.
  - Provide Ka-band return signals at a 1200 MHz IF compatible with the GN IF interface.
  - Accommodate SNIP space to space Ka-band frequency plan for both 225 MHz wide channel and the 650 MHz wide channel.

# Ka-Band Ultra High Rate Development

## *SN Ka-Band Data Services Customer Spacecraft and WSC Receive Segments*



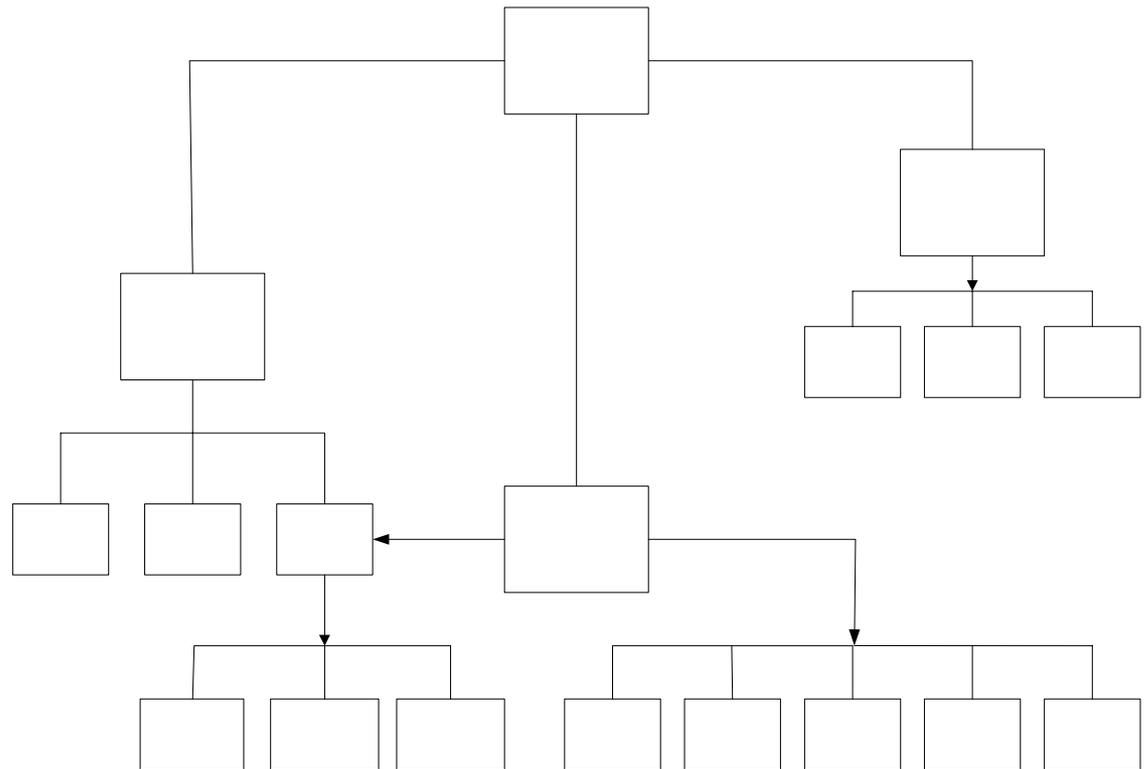
# Ka-Band Ultra High Rate Development

- **Space Network Ka-Band Ultra High Rate Development Plan**
  - Fiscal Year 2003
    - » Complete system requirements
    - » Complete Ops Concept
    - » Complete System Spec
  - Fiscal Years 2004-2005
    - » Hardware Development and Testing
    - » Demonstrations
  - Fiscal Year 2006
    - » Establish Ka-band user services capability

# Ka-Band Ultra High Rate Development

## Space Network Ka-Band Ultra High Rate Service Work Breakdown Structure

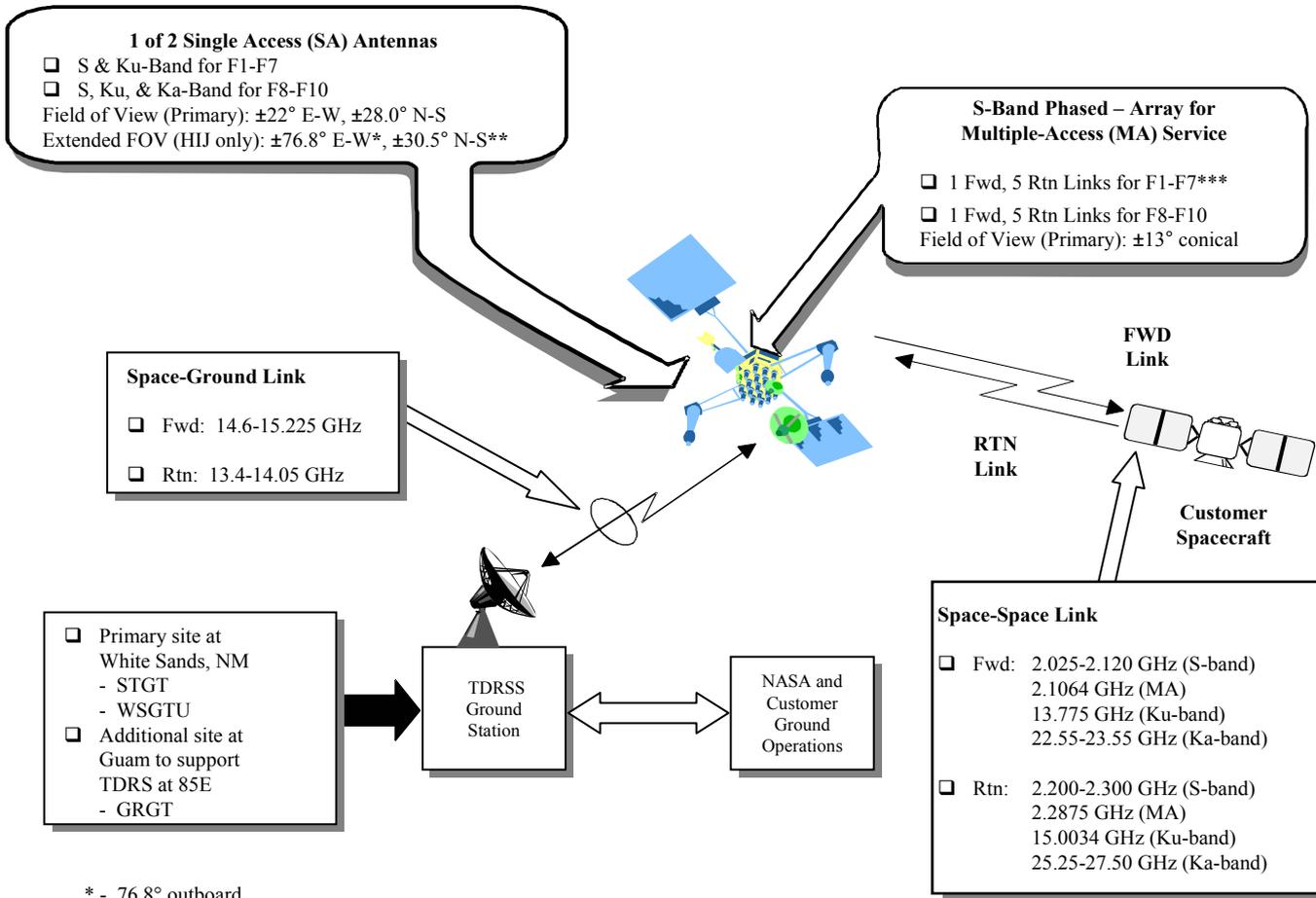
- **System engineering and trade studies** to develop operations concept & system requirements documents by Sept 2003
- **Characterization** of maximum SN data rate capability
  - Drives WSC ground system specifications and customer support system capabilities
  - Driven by technology, such as bandwidth efficient modulation.
- **End-to-end data flow architecture** development for handling high rate data
- **Partnership Outreach**
  - Exploration of needs of future SN Ka-Band customers (at low, medium & high data rates)
  - Assessment of flight hardware availability & identification of technology/product gaps



# **BACK-UP CHARTS**

# Overview

## Space Segment: Tracking and Data Relay Satellites



\* -  $76.8^\circ$  outboard

\*\* -  $24^\circ$ E-W (inboard)

\*\*\* - Demand Access Service allows large expansion on the number of non-coherent return link services available through F1 – F7

# Data Rates Associated with Space Network Services

Service		WSC & TDRS F1-F7 Capabilities <sup>(3)</sup>		WSC & TDRS F8-F10 Capabilities	
<b>Single Access</b>	S-Band	Forward	Up to 7Mbps; EIRP = 43.6 dBW (normal); 48.5 dBW (high)	Up to 7 Mbps; EIRP = 43.6 dBW (normal); 48.5 dBW (high)	
		Return	Up to 6 Mbps; G/T (min) = 9.0 dB/K	Up to 6 Mbps; G/T (min) = 9.0 dB/K	
	Ku-Band	Forward	Up to 25 Mbps <sup>(4)</sup> ; Autotrack EIRP = 46.5 dBW (normal); 48.5 dBW (high)	Up to 25 Mbps <sup>(4)</sup> ; Autotrack EIRP = 46.5 dBW (normal); 48.5 dBW (high)	
		Return	Up to 300 Mbps; Autotrack G/T = 24.4 dB/K	Up to 300 Mbps; Autotrack G/T = 24.4 dB/K	
	Ka-Band	Forward	N/A	Up to 25 Mbps <sup>(5)</sup> ; Autotrack EIRP = 63 dBW	
		Return	N/A	Up to 300 Mbps/800 Mbps <sup>(1)</sup> ; Autotrack G/T = 26.5 dB/K	
<b>Number of Single Access Links</b>			SSA: 2/TDRS; 10/WSC; 2/GRGT KuSA: 2/TDRS; 10 KuSA/WSC; 2/GRGT	SSA: 2/TDRS; 10/WSC; 2/GRGT <sup>(5)</sup> KuSA: 2/TDRS <sup>(2)</sup> ; 10/WSC; 2/GRGT <sup>(5)</sup> KaSA: 2/TDRS <sup>(2)</sup> ; 8/WSC <sup>(5)</sup>	
<b>Multiple Access</b>		Forward	1/TDRS @ up to 300 kbps; 4/WSC; 1/GRGT EIRP = 34 dBW	1/TDRS @ up to 300 kbps; 4/WSC <sup>(5)</sup> EIRP = 42 dBW (LEOFOV)	
		Return	5/TDRS @ up to 300 kbps; 20/WSC; 2/GRGT; Formed Beam G/T= 3.1 dB/K (Does not include DAS)	5/TDRS @ up to 3 Mbps; 20/WSC <sup>(5)</sup> G/T = 4.5 dB/K (LEOFOV) <sup>(6)</sup>	
User Tracking			Range, 1&2 way Doppler	Range, 1&2 way Doppler (No Ka-band Tracking)	

**Notes:**

1. Spacecraft only
2. The SN can simultaneously support S-band or Ku/Ka-band (F8-F10 only) forward and/or return services through 1 SA antenna to the same ephemeris. F8-F10 cannot simultaneously support Ku/Ka-band services through 1 SA antenna.
3. For customer data configurations, see 450-SNUG, Space Network Users' Guide
4. Current WSC configuration supports 7 Mbps
5. Guam Remote Ground Terminal (GRGT) is not currently configured to support TDRS F8-F10
6. F8 may experience lower G/T performance less than 12 hrs per day

# TDRSS Service Summary/System Capacity

Service		WSC & TDRS F1-F7 Capabilities <sup>(3)</sup>		WSC & TDRS F8-F10 Capabilities	
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User Tracking			Range, 1&2 way Doppler	Range, 1&2 way Doppler (No Ka-band Tracking)	

**Notes:**

1. Spacecraft only
2. Ku- or Ka-band; Ka-band and Ku-band space-to-space link (SSL) services are not available simultaneously through the same SA antenna.

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4. Current WSC configuration supports 7 Mbps
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# TDRSS Current Status

- **TDRS-1**      **WART**    **49W**
- **TDRS-3**      **SGLT-6**   **275W**
- **TDRS-4**      **SGLT-1**   **41W**
- **TDRS-5**      **SGLT-4**   **174W**
- **TDRS-6**      **SGLT-3**   **46W**
- **TDRS-7**      **STTC-W**   **171W**    **no operations support**
- **TDRS-8**      **SGLT-2**   **171W**
- **TDRS-10**     **STTC-S**   **150W**    **no operations support**
- **TDRS-9**      **SGLT-5**   **150W**    **no operations support**
- **available**     **ETGT**

# TDRSS Timeline (past)

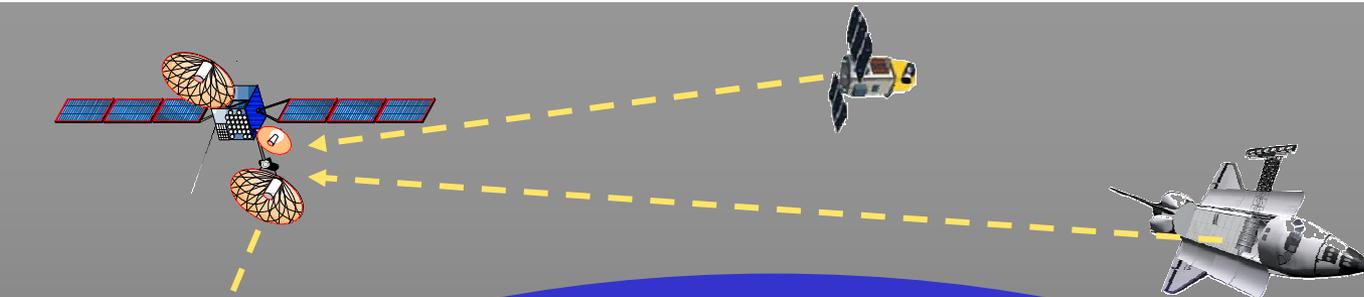
TDRS-9 Launch	March 8, 2002
TDRS-9 Propulsion System Anomaly	March 12, 2002
TDRS-9 Geosynchronous Orbit Achieved	September 30, 2002
TDRS-10 Launch	December 5, 2002
TDRS-10 Geosynchronous Orbit Achieved	December 16, 2002
TDRS-10 SCP-1 Anomaly	December 30, 2002
TDRS-9 On-Orbit Testing Finished	January 3, 2003

# TDRSS Timeline (future)

assumes TDRS-10 accepted  
before TDRS-9

TDRS-10 On-Orbit Testing Finished  
TDRS-10 Acceptance  
TDRS-7 Initiate Drift to 79W  
TDRS-10 Initiate Drift to 171W  
TDRS-10 On Station at 171W  
TDRS-10 Transition to Operations (from TDRS-8)  
TDRS-7 On Station at 79W  
TDRS-8 Initiate Drift to 62W  
TDRS-9 Acceptance  
TDRS-9 Initiate Drift to 171W  
TDRS-9 On Station at 171W  
TDRS-9 Transition to Operations (from TDRS-10)  
TDRS-10 Drift to 46W  
TDRS-7 Drift to 171W  
TDRS-7 On Station at 171W  
TDRS-10 On Station at 46W

# Demand Access System (DAS)



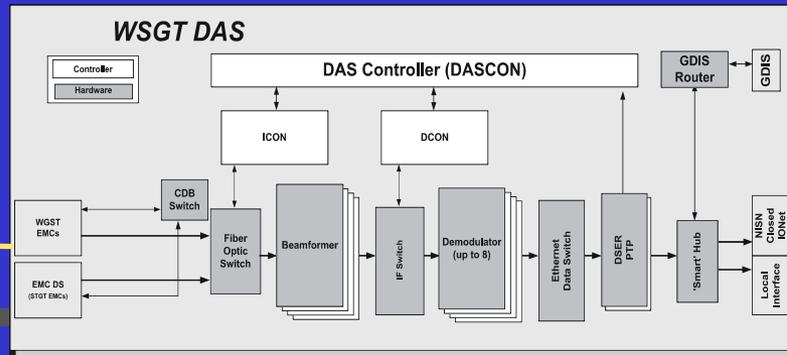
## Features

- World-wide demand access communication services 24x7 back to user project locations
- IP-based networking for data distributions to user specified locations
- Simplified scheduling and reduced costs to customers
- Fully Automatic:
  - Beamforming
  - Demodulation
  - Telemetry Data Formatting
  - Telemetry Data Distribution
  - Telemetry Data Short-Term Storage
- CCSDS telemetry processing available
  - Telemetry encapsulation available for TCP/IP transport



White Sands, New Mexico

Front End



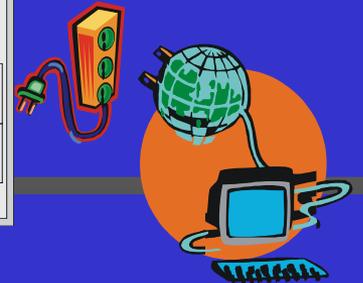
Independent Beamformer Unit Group (IBUG)



Demodulator Group (DMB)



PTP



TCP/IP Users

# DAS Customer Matrix (1 of 2)

*As of 3/21/03*

Project	AQUA	Swift	LDBP	ULDBP	AURA
Launch Date	Launched 5/4/02	Tests Begin 4/2/03 12/5/03	Tests Begin July 03 12/10/03-01/10/04	Tests Begin July 03 12/10/03-02/10/04	1/1/04
Inclination/Altitude (Km)	98.2°/705	22°/600	Antarctica/120K Feet	Antarctica/120K Feet	98.2°/705
PN Code	63	84	7,8,82,83,85	7,8,82,83,85	73
Antenna Type	Omni	Omni (2.2 dBW)	Omni	Steer Dish-.46M	Omni
Srvc Type (#of TDRSs)	All (TBD) (3)	Any (3)	Spec (1 TDRS at a time)	Spec (1 TDRS at a time)	All (TBD) (3)
Service Duration *	24x7 (911)	24x7 (911)	24x7 (cont ~30d)	24x7 (cont ~60d)	24x7 (911)
PTP Setup:					
Header	Async	LEO-T	Async	Async	Async
Frame Sync	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A
VC Processing	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Reed-Solomon	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tx Modulation Scheme	SQPN-Single	SQPN-Single	SQPN-Single	SQPN-Single	SQPN-Single
Data Rate - I Chnl	1 KB	1 KB	6 KB	150 KB	1.024 KB
Data Rate - Q Chnl	1 KB	1 KB	6 KB	150 KB	1.024 KB
I/Q Power Ratio	1:1	1:1	1:1	1:1	1:1
Symbol Format - I Chnl	NRZ	NRZ	NRZ	NRZ	NRZ
Symbol Format - Q Chnl	NRZ	NRZ	NRZ	NRZ	NRZ
Data Format - I Chnl	L	M	M	M	L
Data Format - Q Chnl	L	M	M	M	L
Acq Mode (700/3000)	700 Hz	700 Hz	3000 Hz	3000 Hz	700 Hz

\* 911 = Occasional RF Transmission  
cont = Continuous RF Transmission

# DAS Customer Matrix (cont'd)

*As of 3/21/03*

Project	C/NOFS	GLAST	GPM-1	GPM-2	ESA-GPM
Launch Date	Tests Begin 6/10/03 1/14/2000	3/1/06	11/1/07	8/1/08	2008 (TBD)
Inclination/Altitude (Km)	13°/400-710	28.5°/550	65°/400	98.2°/400-635	(TBD)
PN Code	9		32		
Antenna Type	Patch Ants (14.5 dBW)	Omni	Steer Dish- .76M	Steerable Dish (TBD)	Steerable Dish (TBD)
Srvc Type (#of TDRSs)	All (3)	All (3)	Any (TBD) (3)	Any (TBD) (3)	Any (TBD) (3)
Service Duration *	24x7 (cont)	24x7 (911)	24x7 (cont)	24x7 (cont)	24x7 (cont)
PTP Setup:					
Header	LEO-T	LEO-T	(TBD)	(TBD)	(TBD)
Frame Sync	No	Yes			
VC Processing	N/A	Yes			
Reed-Solomon	N/A	No (TBD)			
Tx Modulation Scheme	SQPN-Single	SQPN-Dual, or SQPN-Single (TBD)	SQPN-Dual	SQPN-Dual (TBD)	SQPN-Dual (TBD)
Data Rate - I Chnl	20 KB	1 KB	150 and 25 KB	? 50 KB (TBD)	(TBD)
Data Rate - Q Chnl	20 KB	1 KB	150 and 25 KB	? 50 KB (TBD)	(TBD)
I/Q Power Ratio	1:1	1:1	1:1	1:1	(TBD)
Symbol Format - I Chnl	NRZ	NRZ	NRZ	NRZ	(TBD)
Symbol Format - Q Chnl	NRZ	NRZ	NRZ	NRZ	(TBD)
Data Format - I Chnl	M	L (TBD)	L	L	(TBD)
Data Format - Q Chnl	M	L (TBD)	L	L	(TBD)
Acq Mode (700/3000)	700 Hz	700 Hz	3000 Hz (TBD)	3000 Hz (TBD)	(TBD)

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# GSFC Space Operations Technology Development Strategic Roadmap

## Space Network

