

Sharing the NASA Experience with Students

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- Space Communications and Navigation (SCaN)
- Research Collaboration with Academia

About NASA?

- <http://www.nasa.gov/about/>
- <http://www.nasa.gov/missions/>



Vision

We reach for new heights and reveal the unknown for the benefit of humankind.

Mission

Drive advances in science, technology, aeronautics, and space exploration to enhance knowledge, education, innovation, economic vitality, and stewardship of Earth.

Core Values

- Safety
- Integrity
- Teamwork
- Excellence

Overarching Approach

- **Invest** in next-generation technologies and approaches to spur innovation;
- **Inspire** students to be our future scientists, engineers, explorers, and educators through interactions with NASA's people, missions, research, and facilities;
- **Expand** partnerships with international, intergovernmental, academic, industrial, and entrepreneurial communities, recognizing their roles as important contributors of skill and creativity to our missions and for the propagation of our results;
- **Commit** to environmental stewardship through Earth observation and science, and the development and use of green technologies and capabilities in NASA missions and facilities; and
- **Safeguard** the public trust through transparency and accountability in our programmatic and financial management, procurement, and reporting practices.

More Information

- » Full Strategic Plan, Performance Plan, and Budget: <http://nasa.gov/news/budget/index.htm>
- » Agency Priority Goals: <http://goals.performance.gov/agency/nasa>
- » Cross-Agency Priority Goals: http://goals.performance.gov/goals_2013

Strategic Plan 2014



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NASA's 2014 Strategic Goals

STRATEGIC GOAL

1

STRATEGIC GOAL

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STRATEGIC GOAL

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Expand the frontiers of knowledge, capability, and opportunity in space

By empowering the NASA community to...

Objective 1.1: Expand human presence into the solar system and to the surface of Mars to advance exploration, science, innovation, benefits to humanity, and international collaboration.

Objective 1.2: Conduct research on the International Space Station (ISS) to enable future space exploration, facilitate a commercial space economy, and advance the fundamental biological and physical sciences for the benefit of humanity.

Objective 1.3: Facilitate and utilize U.S. commercial capabilities to deliver cargo and crew to space.

Objective 1.4: Understand the Sun and its interactions with Earth and the solar system, including space weather.

Objective 1.5: Ascertain the content, origin, and evolution of the solar system and the potential for life elsewhere.

Objective 1.6: Discover how the universe works, explore how it began and evolved, and search for life on planets around other stars.

Objective 1.7: Transform NASA missions and advance the Nation's capabilities by maturing crosscutting and innovative space technologies.



Advance understanding of Earth and develop technologies to improve the quality of life on our home planet

By engaging our workforce and partners to...

Objective 2.1: Enable a revolutionary transformation for safe and sustainable U.S. and global aviation by advancing aeronautics research.

Objective 2.2: Advance knowledge of Earth as a system to meet the challenges of environmental change, and to improve life on our planet.

Objective 2.3: Optimize Agency technology investments, foster open innovation, and facilitate technology infusion, ensuring the greatest national benefit.

Objective 2.4: Advance the Nation's STEM education and workforce pipeline by working collaboratively with other agencies to engage students, teachers, and faculty in NASA's missions and unique assets.



Serve the American public and accomplish our Mission by effectively managing our people, technical capabilities, and infrastructure

By working together to...

Objective 3.1: Attract and advance a highly skilled, competent, and diverse workforce, cultivate an innovative work environment, and provide the facilities, tools, and services needed to conduct NASA's missions.

Objective 3.2: Ensure the availability and continued advancement of strategic, technical, and programmatic capabilities to sustain NASA's Mission.

Objective 3.3: Provide secure, effective, and affordable information technologies and services that enable NASA's Mission.

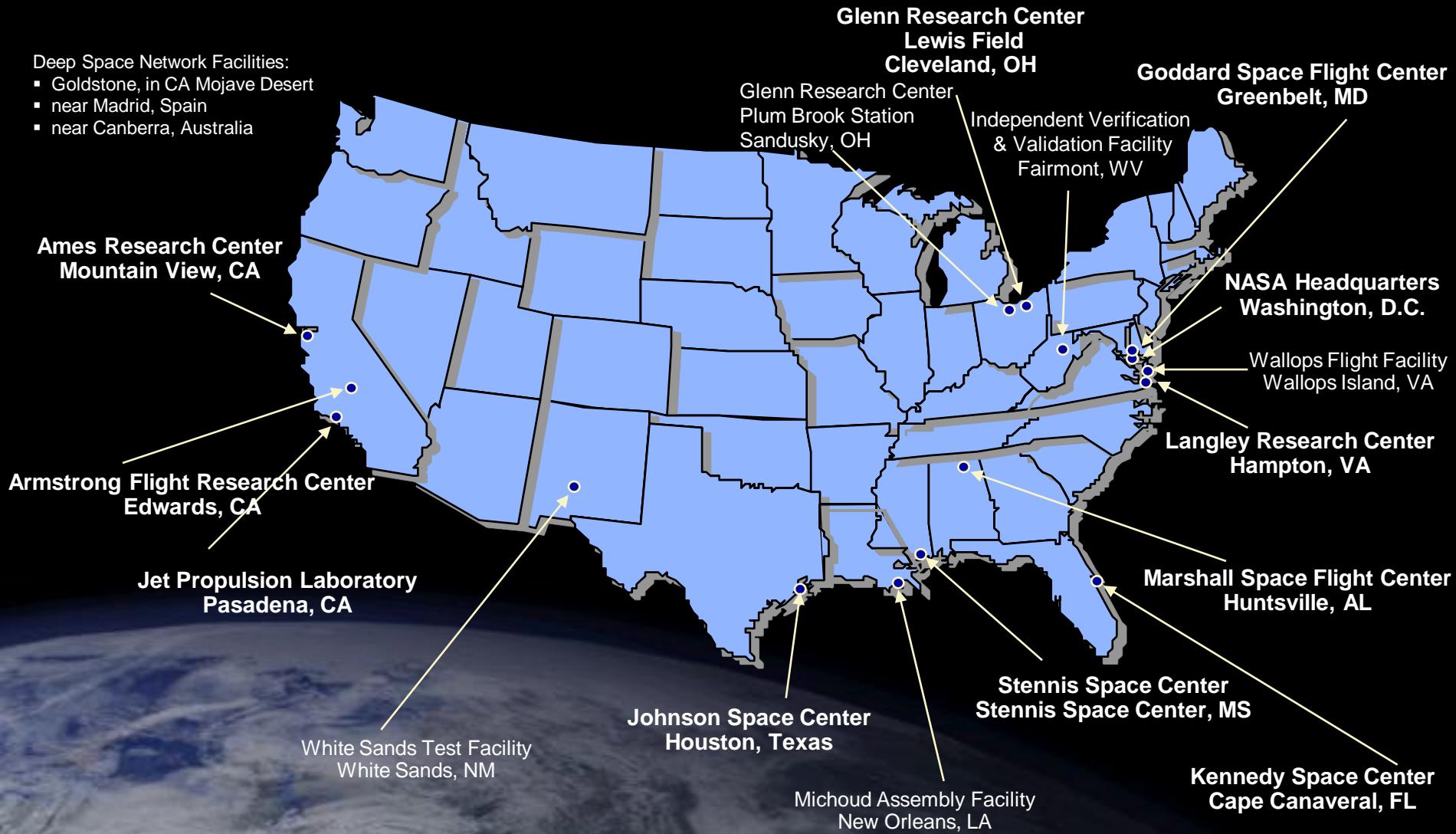
Objective 3.4: Ensure effective management of NASA programs and operations to complete the mission safely and successfully.



NASA Centers and Facilities

Deep Space Network Facilities:

- Goldstone, in CA Mojave Desert
- near Madrid, Spain
- near Canberra, Australia



NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)

<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/goddard/home/installations.html>

- NASA GSFC's Facilities include:



Goddard Space Flight Center, main campus
located within Greenbelt, Md



Wallops Flight Facility, located on
Virginia's Eastern Shore

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)

Organizations and Projects

- <http://www.nasa.gov/centers/goddard/about/organizations/org2.html>

100 - Office of the Director

Office of the Chief Technologist
Government and Community Relations
Diversity and Inclusion
Alternative Dispute Resolution Program
Ombudsman Program
Anti-Harassment Program
Office of the Chief Knowledge Officer

- 100.1 - Business Management Office
- 101 - New Opportunities Office
- 120 - Equal Opportunity Programs Office
- 130 - Office of Communications
- 140 - Office of Chief Counsel
 - 140.1 - Office of Patent Counsel
- 160 - Office of Education
- 180 - NASA IV&V Facility
- 190 - Office of Inspector General

110 - Office of Human Capital Management

- 110.1 - Business Planning and Strategic Alignment

500 - Applied Engineering and Technology Directorial (AETD)

- 501 - Business Management Office
- 504 - Innovative Partnerships Program Office
- 540 - Mechanical Systems Division
 - 541 - Materials Engineering Branch
 - 542 - Mechanical Systems Analysis & Simulation Branch
 - 543 - Mechanical Engineering Branch
 - 544 - Electro-Mechanical Systems Branch
 - 545 - Thermal Engineering Branch
 - 546 - Contamination and Coatings Engineering Branch
 - 547 - Advanced Manufacturing Branch
 - 548 - Mechanical Systems Branch at WFF
 - 549 - Environmental Test Engineering and Integration Branch
- 550 - Instrument Systems & Technology Division
 - 551 - Optics Branch
 - 552 - Cryogenics and Fluids Branch
 - 553 - Detector Systems Branch

Open the link to view GSFC Organizations and Projects

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Would like to thank and acknowledge the sources below that have provided materials for the following slides focusing on “Space Communications and Navigation (SCaN)”

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http://www.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/696855main_Pres_Future_of_Space_Communications_SGC_2012.pdf
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http://www.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/694635main_Pres_Public_University_Navarra_Astronaut_Robotic.pdf

The following slides will focus on Space Communications and Navigation (SCaN)"

- My current work tasks support the SCaN Program

SCaN Current Networks

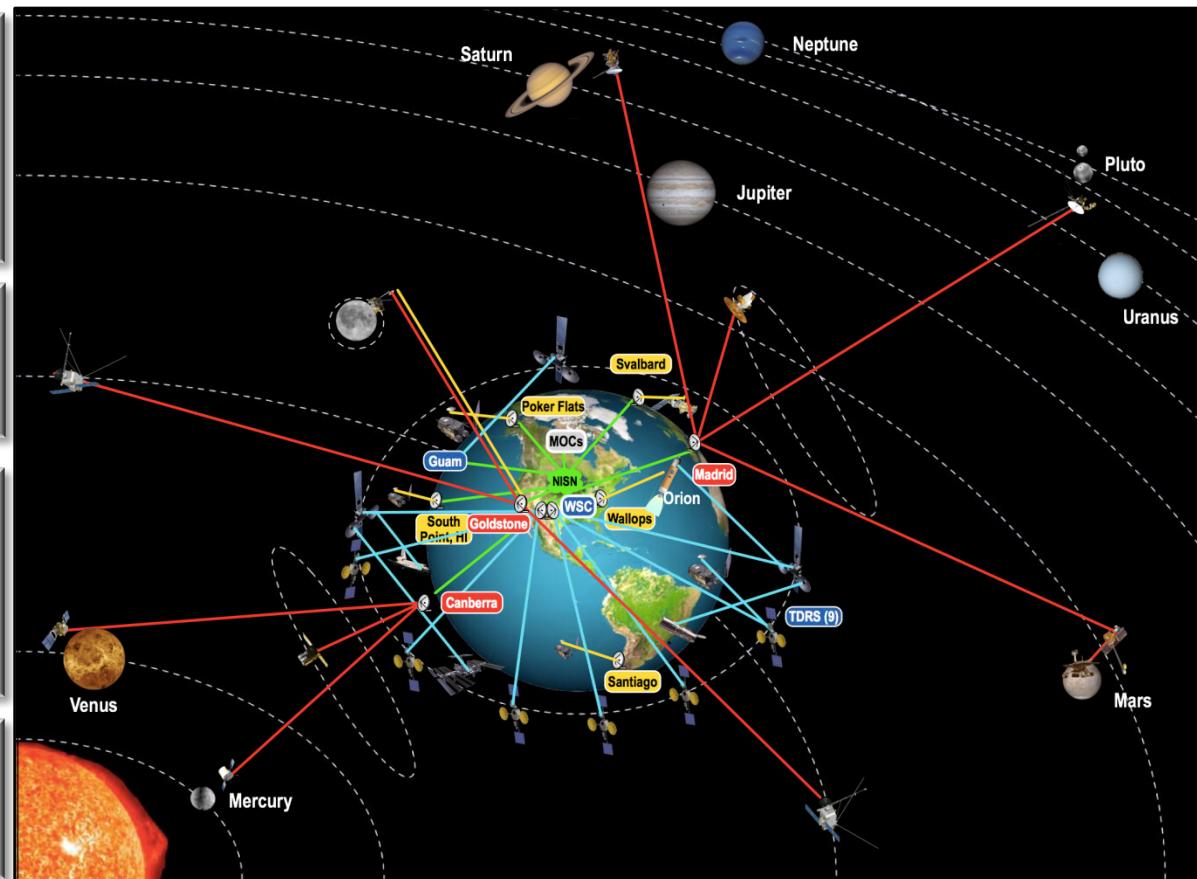
The current NASA space communications architecture embraces three operational networks that collectively provide communications services to supported missions using space-based and ground-based assets

Near Earth Network - NASA, commercial, and partner ground stations and integration systems providing space communications and tracking services to orbital and suborbital missions

Space Network - constellation of geosynchronous relays (TDRSS) and associated ground systems

Deep Space Network - ground stations spaced around the world providing continuous coverage of satellites from Earth Orbit (GEO) to the edge of our solar system

NASA Integrated Services Network (NISN) - not part of SCaN; provides terrestrial connectivity



SCaN Network

Crewed Missions



Sub-Orbital Missions



Earth Science Missions



Space Science Missions



Lunar Missions



Solar System Exploration



DSN

NEN/NASA

NEN/Commercial

NEN/Partner

SN

Alaska Satellite Facility
Fairbanks, Alaska



Partner Station:
Gilmore Creek, Alaska



USN Alaska
Poker Flat & North Pole, Alaska



Madrid Complex
Madrid, Spain



Kongsberg Satellite Services (KSAT)
Svalbard, Norway



Swedish Space Corp. (SSC)
Kiruna, Sweden



German Space Agency (DLR)
Weilheim, Germany



Goldstone Complex
Fort Irwin, California



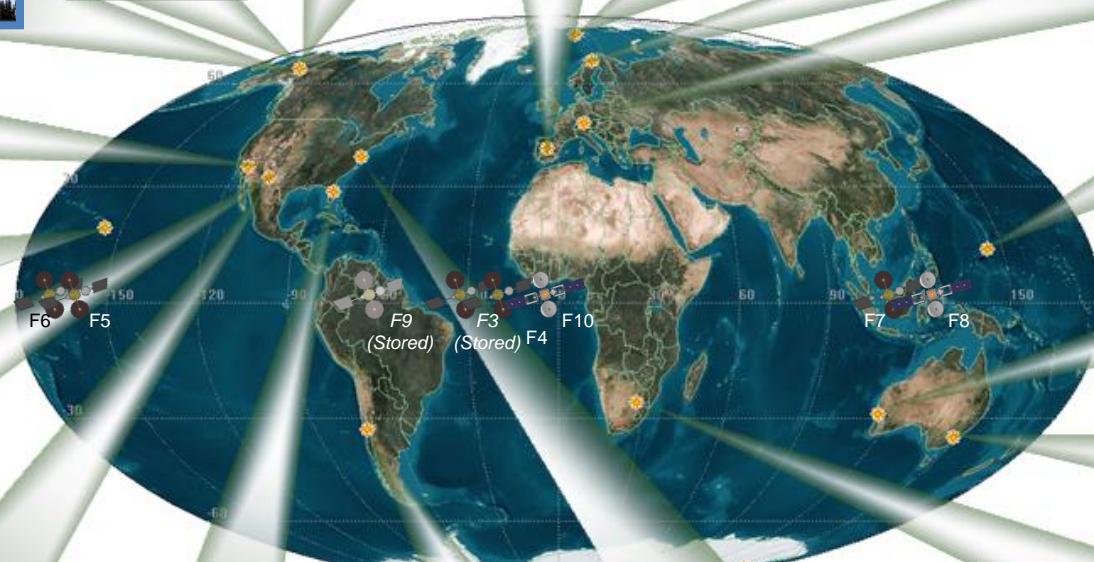
USN Hawaii
South Point, Hawaii



White Sands Ground Station
White Sands, New Mexico



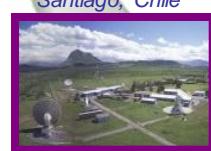
White Sands Ground Terminals
White Sands, New Mexico



Merritt Island Launch Annex
Merritt Island, Florida



USN Chile
Santiago, Chile



Wallops Ground Station
Wallops, Virginia



McMurdo Ground Station
McMurdo Base, Antarctica



Guam Remote Ground Terminal
Guam, Marianna Islands



USN Australia
Dongara, Australia



Canberra Complex
Canberra, Australia



Satellite Applications Center
Hartebeesthoek, Africa

Near Earth Network Overview

Alaska Satellite Facility
Fairbanks, Alaska



**Partner Station:
NOAA CDA Station**
Gilmore Creek, Alaska



USN Alaska (1)
Poker Flat, Alaska



USN Alaska (2)
North Pole, Alaska



Kongsberg Satellite Services
Svalbard, Norway



Swedish Space Corp. (SSC)
Kiruna, Sweden



White Sands Complex
White Sands, New Mexico



USN Hawaii Station
South Point, Hawaii



**Merritt Island
Launch Annex**
Merritt Island, Florida



Wallops Ground Station
Wallops, Virginia



University of Chile
Santiago, Chile



McMurdo Ground Station
McMurdo Base, Antarctica

German Space Agency (DLR)
Weilheim, Germany



USN Australia
Dongara, Australia



Satellite Applications Center
Hartebeesthoek, Africa

■ **NASA**

■ **Commercial**

■ **Partner**

Space Network

Space Segment

- TDRS F-1 through F-7
 - The most complex communications satellite ever build at that time
 - Single access S-Band and Ku-Band services and Multiple Access system
 - 10 year design life
 - Series launched from 1983 - 1995
 - Original series still in operation
 - TDRS-B lost with the Challenger
 - TDRS 1 retired in 2010
- TDRS F-8 through F-10
 - Backwards compatible S-Band and Ku-Band services
 - New Ka-Band Service, up to 1.2 Gbps Capability
 - Enhanced Multiple Access system
 - Increased on-orbit autonomy
 - 15 year design life
 - Series launched from 2000 – 2002
- The 3rd Generation of TDRS spacecraft, known as TDRS K, L, and M: TDRS K launched January 30, 2013, and TDRS L launched January 23, 2014. TDRS M's launch readiness date is scheduled for 2015. <http://tdrs.gsfc.nasa.gov/tdrs/136.html>



First Generation TDRS F-1 through F-7



Second Generation TDRS F-8 through F-10

SN Ground Segment

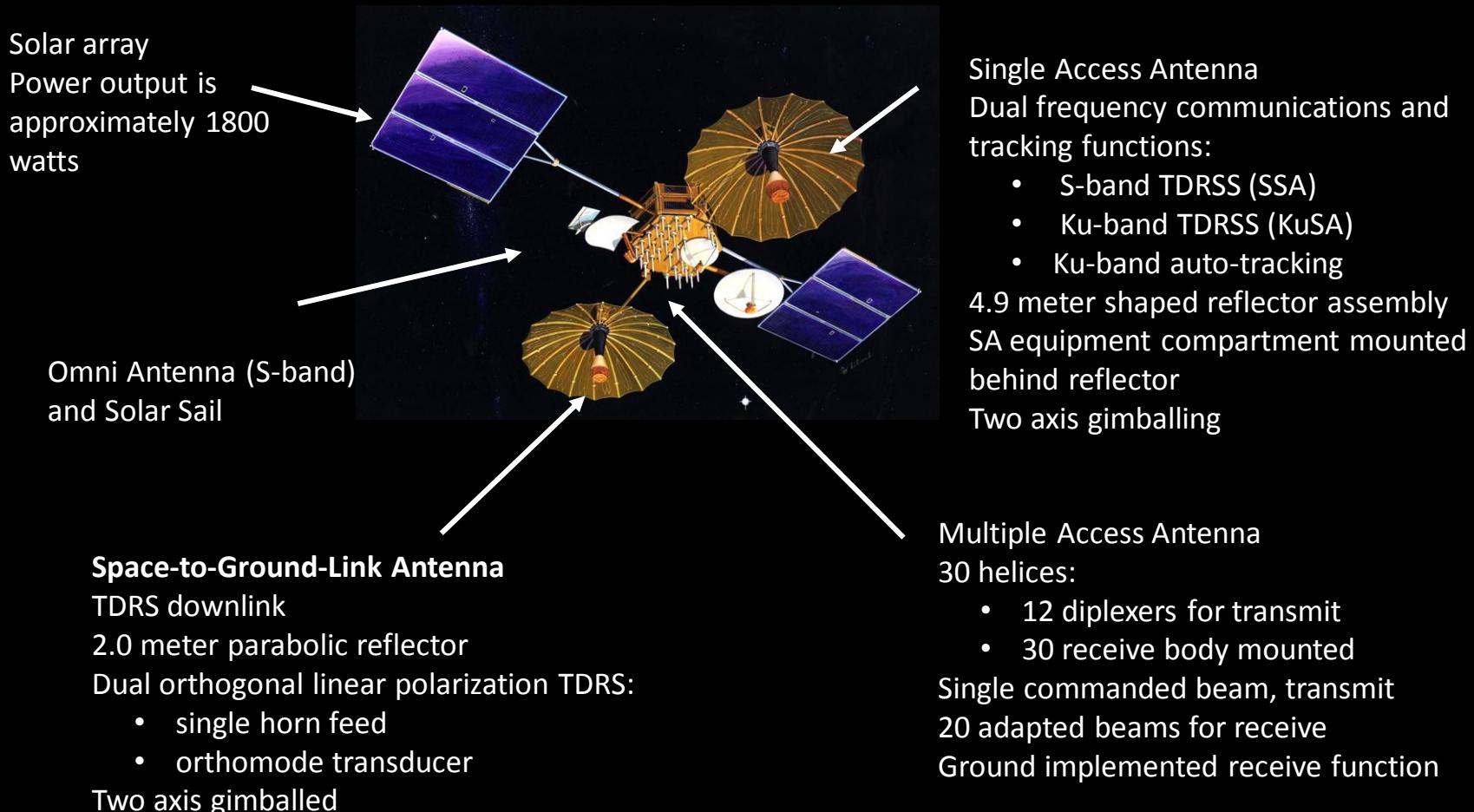


White Sands Ground Terminal (WSGT) and the Second TDRSS Ground Terminal (STGT).



Guam Remote Ground Terminal (GRGT).
The GRGT allows for the closure of the the Zone of Exclusion.

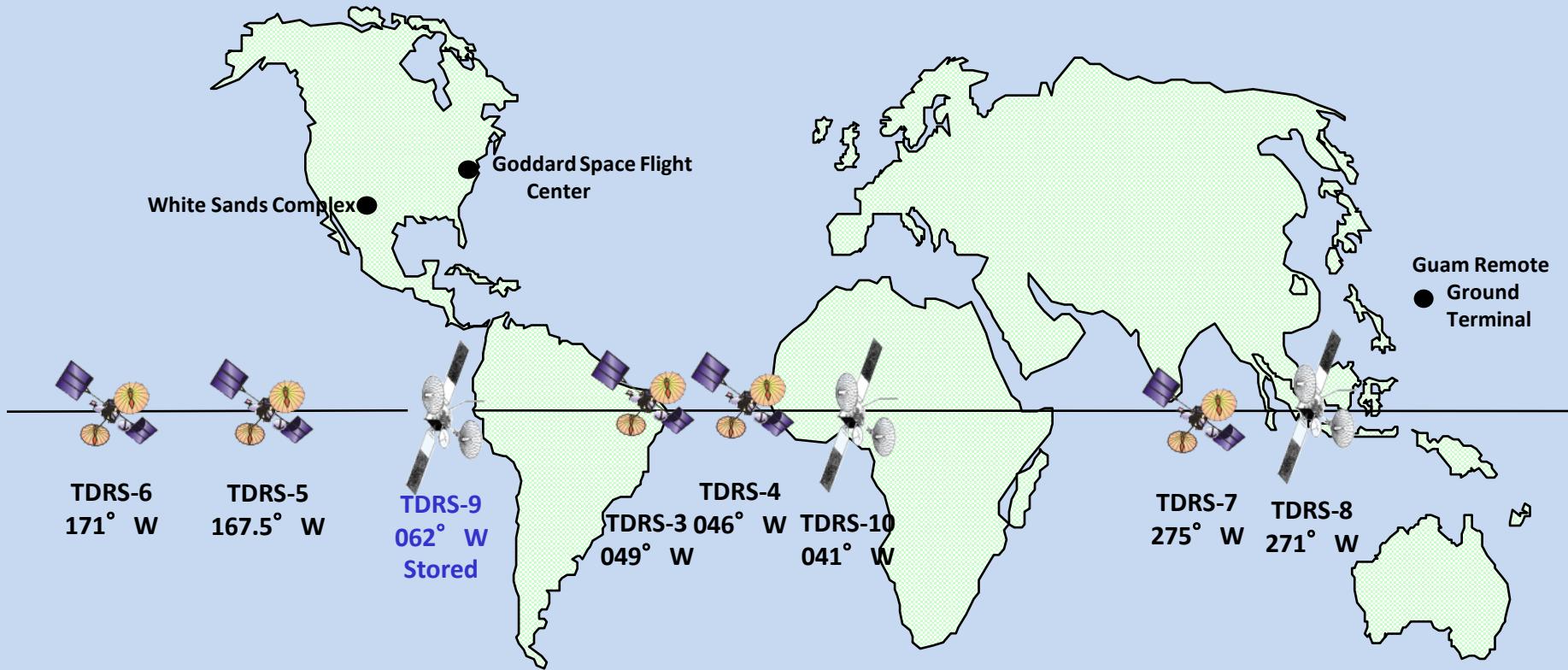
Space Segment: Tracking and Data Relay Satellite (F1 - F7)



Forward (FWD): link from TDRSS Ground Station through TDRS to Customer Spacecraft

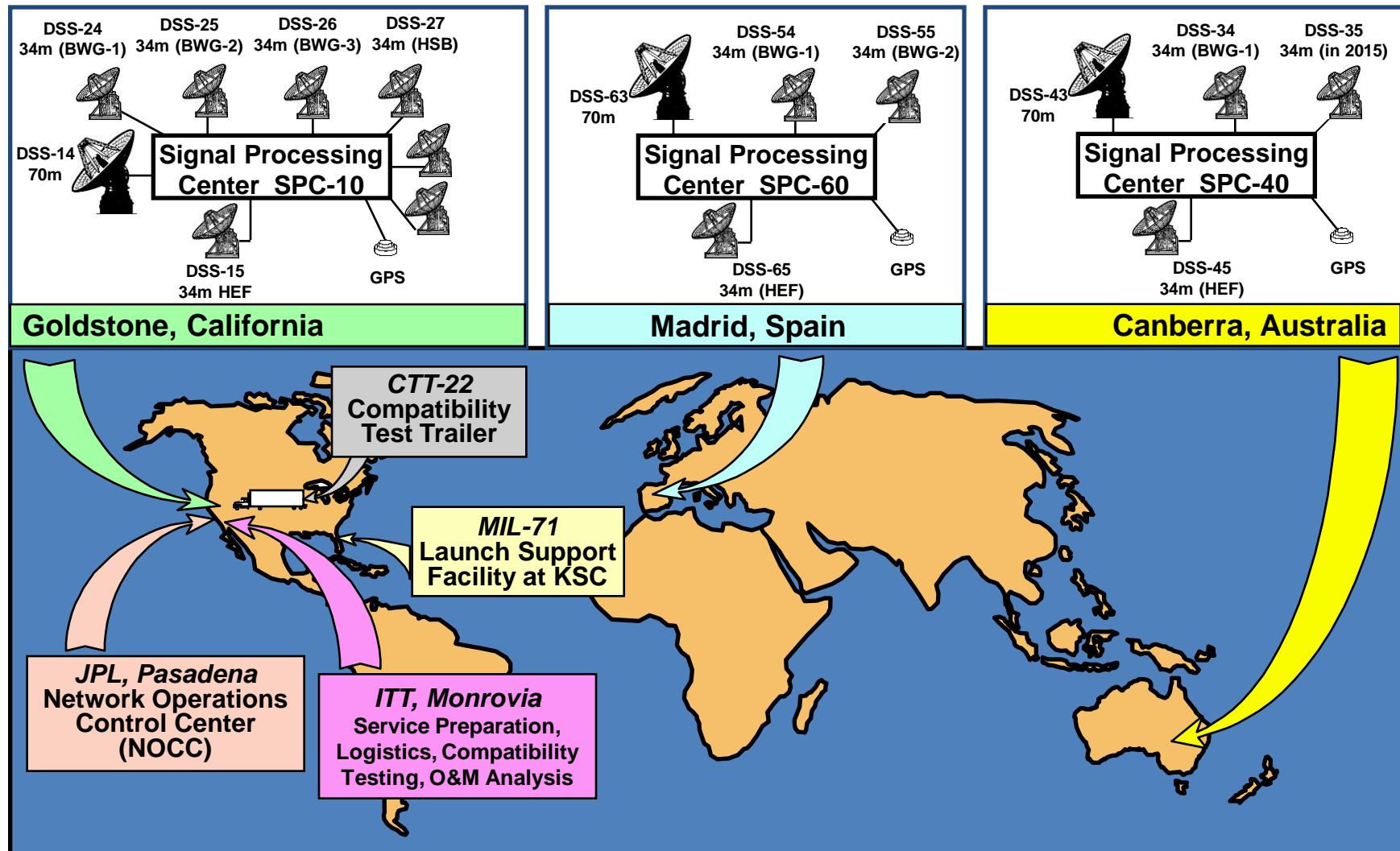
Return (RTN): link from Customer Spacecraft through TDRS to TDRSS Ground Station

1st and 2nd Generation TDRSS Constellation



In a typical month the SN supports approximately 10,000 scheduled customer service events.

Deep Space Network Facilities



Deep Space Complexes

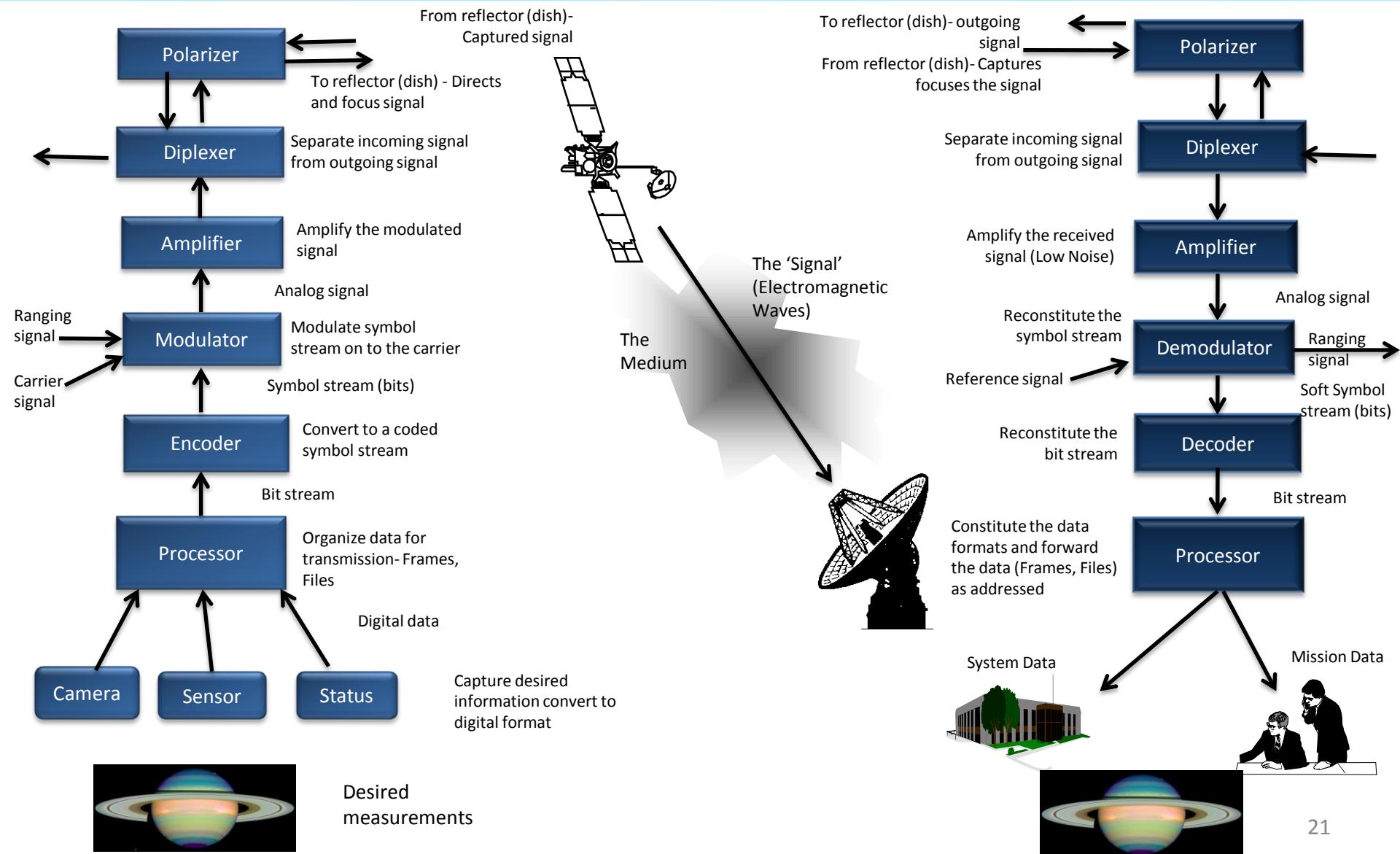


SCaN Notional Integrated Communication Architecture



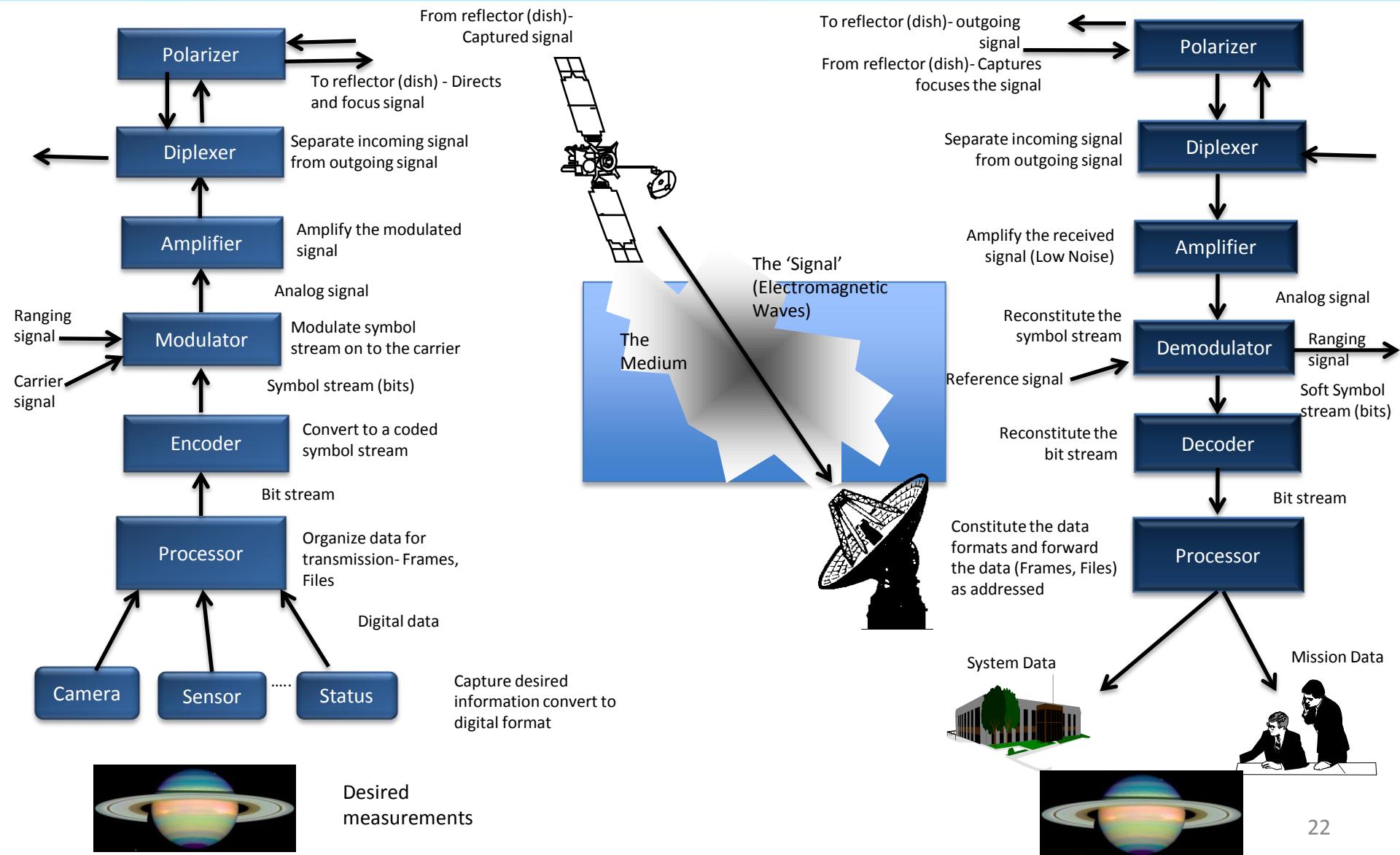
Space Communications

End to End Process



Space Communications

The Medium



Research Areas

- Get more information from our “Space Technology Roadmaps”
 - <http://www.nasa.gov/offices/oct/home/roadmaps/index.html>
 - http://www.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/501627main_STR-Int-Foldout_rev11-NRCupdated.pdf
 - http://www.nasa.gov/externalflash/OCT_Interactive_Roadmaps/OCT_Interactive_Roadmaps.html

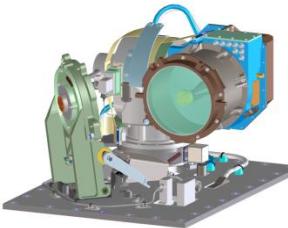
SCaN Communications and Navigation

Technology Themes

- Optical Communications
- Antenna Arraying Technology – Receive and Transmit
- Advanced Antenna Technology
- Advanced Networking Technology
- Spacecraft RF Transmitter/Receiver Technology
- Software Defined Radio
- Spacecraft Antenna Technology
- Spectrum Efficient Technology
- Ka-band Atmospheric Calibration
- Position, Navigation, and Time
- Space-Based Range Technology
- Uplink Arraying

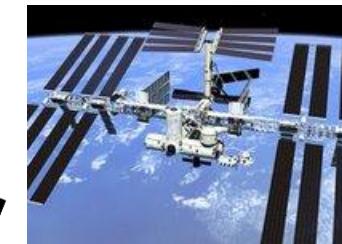
SCaN Technologies Trying to Take the TRL 7 Leap

- Optical Communication



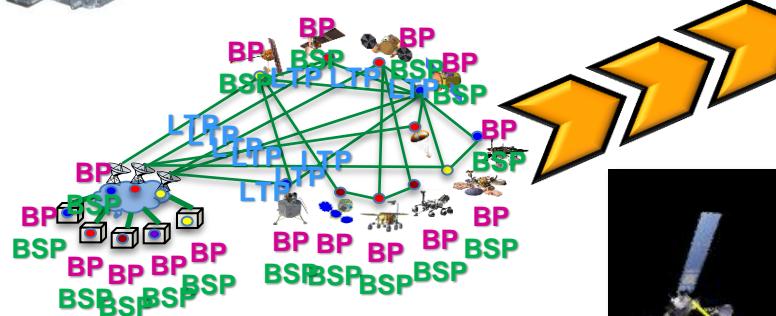
LADEE

- Software Defined Radios



ISS

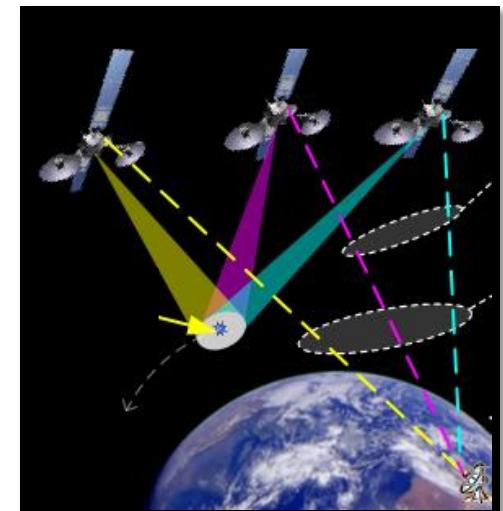
- Disruptive Tolerant Networking



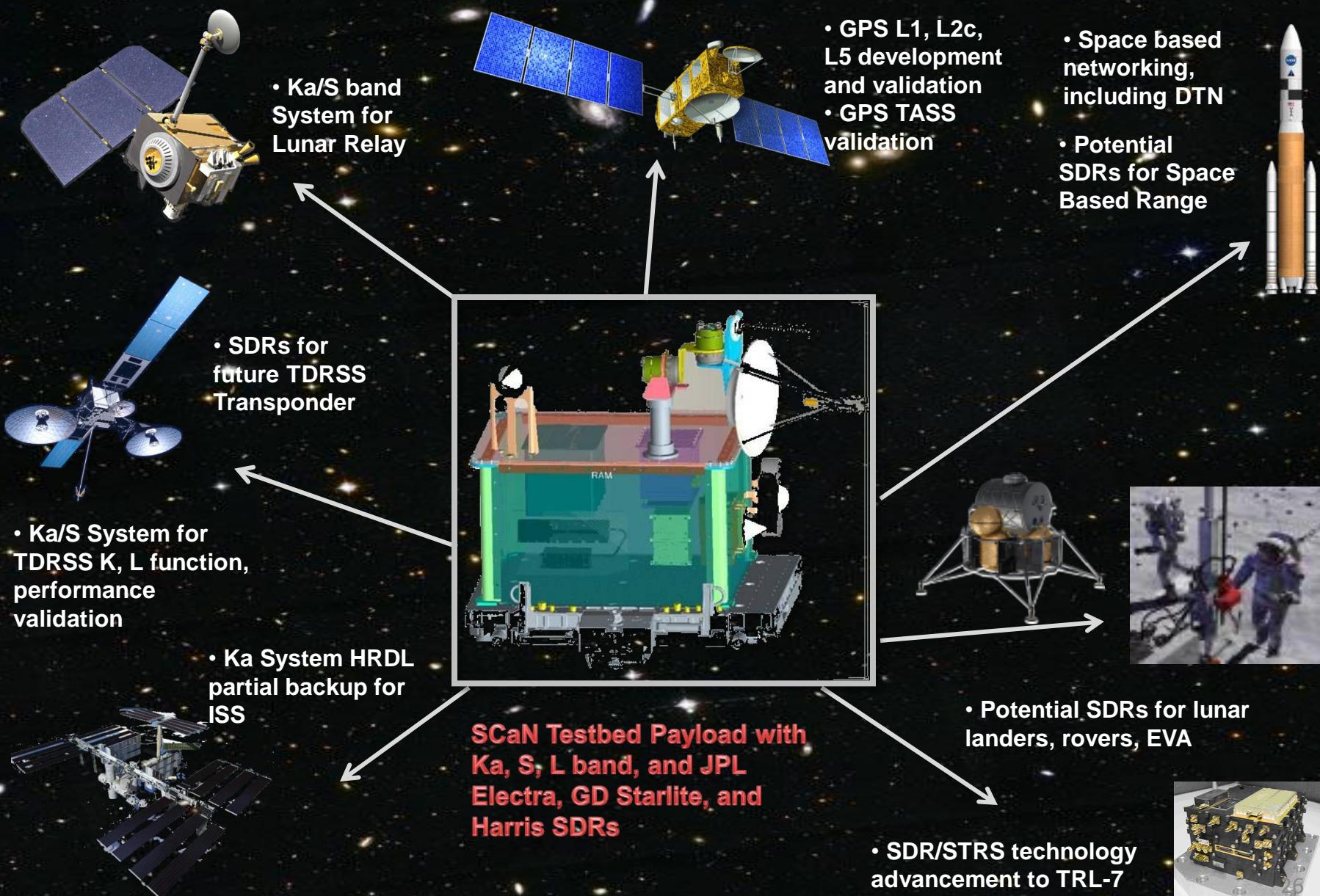
TDRSS



- TDRSS Antenna Combining



Benefits of SCaN Testbed to NASA Programs and Missions



Why Use Software Defined Radios?

- SDRs provide unprecedented operational flexibility with software functionality that allows communications functions to be updated in flight
 - Functions can be changed within the same SDR across mission phases
 - E.g., Range Safety functions in launch phase, mission ops functions in mission phase
 - Technology upgrades can be made in flight
 - E.g., modulation methods upgrades, new coding schemes
 - Failure corrections can be effected in flight
 - E.g., MRO corrected EMI problem with SW update in transit to Mars using the Electra SDR
- Small size, weight, and power is achievable for all SDRs, esp mobile units (e.g., EVAs, rovers), similar to cell phones
 - SDRs have excellent potential for miniaturization compared to conventional radios
- Software defined functionality enables standard radios to be tailored for specific missions with reusable software
 - Similar to PCs running standard programs like Word and Excel, standardization enables common hardware platforms to run common reusable software across many missions
 - Cost reductions are realized with common hardware architecture, reusable software and risk avoidance

NASA's Pathways / Student Intern Program

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- <https://intern.nasa.gov/>
- <http://www.usajobs.gov/>
 - NASA's Pathways Student Intern Program
 - Create Resume on USAJOBS Website, specify keywords, i.e. NASA, Internship, Engineering, Aerospace, Electrical, Computer, Physics, etc.

Back Up Slides

NASA Missions

Example - Browse Missions by Topic

- [Earth](#)



<http://www.nasa.gov/content/earth-missions-list>

- [Solar System](#)



<http://www.nasa.gov/content/solar-missions-list>

- [Humans in Space](#)



<http://www.nasa.gov/content/human-missions-list>

- [Universe](#)



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Earth Missions 1/5

Atmosphere	
AIM Aqua ARCTAS ATTREX Aura CALIPSO CHAMP CINDI Cloudsat Glory GOES-N ICEsat	NOAA-N NOAA-N Prime NPP Operation Ice Bridge POES QuikSCAT Radiation Belt Storm Probes (RBSP) TDRS Terra Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission Upper Atmosphere Radiation Satellite (UARS)
Climate	
Aquarius ARCTAS ATTREX Aura CALIPSO Cloudsat Global Precipitation Measurement (GPM) Glory GOES-N GOES-O GOES-P GOES-R Jason Landsat	LDCM NOAA-N NOAA-N Prime NPP Ocean Surface Topography Mission Orbiting Carbon Observatory POES Radiation Belt Storm Probes (RBSP) SERVIR Solar Radiation and Climate Experiment TDRS Terra Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission Upper Atmosphere Radiation Satellite (UARS)

Earth Missions 2/5

Continental Drift and Geodynamics	Gravity
 Lageos 1 and 2 Radiation Belt Storm Probes (RBSP) TDRS	 Gravity Probe-B Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment Radiation Belt Storm Probes (RBSP)
Hurricanes	Ice
 GOES-N Hurricanes NPP Polar Radiation Belt Storm Probes (RBSP) TDRS Terra Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission	 ICESat Landsat LDCM Operation Ice Bridge Radiation Belt Storm Probes (Van Allen Probes) TDRS (Tracking and Data Relay Satellite)
Land and Vegetation	Land and Vegetation
 Aqua ICESat Landsat LDCM NPP Operation Ice Bridge	 Orbiting Carbon Observatory Radiation Belt Storm Probes (RBSP) Shuttle Radar Topography Mission TDRS Terra

Earth Missions 3/5

Oceans	Ozone
<u>Aqua</u> <u>Aquarius</u> <u>Jason</u> <u>NOAA-N Prime</u> <u>Ocean Surface Topography Mission</u> <u>QuikSCAT</u> <u>Radiation Belt Storm Probes (RBSP)</u> <u>TDRS</u> <u>Terra</u> <u>TOPEX/Poseidon</u>	<u>Aura</u> <u>NOAA-N Prime</u> <u>Radiation Belt Storm Probes (RBSP)</u> <u>TDRS</u> <u>TOMS-EP</u> <u>Upper Atmosphere Radiation Satellite (UARS)</u>

Earth Missions 4/5

Sun and its Influence on Earth	
CHAMP Earth Radiation Budget Satellite Explorer FAST Geotail Hinode (Solar-b) IMAGE IRIS: Interface Region Imaging Spectrograph Polar Radiation Belt Storm Probes (RBSP) RHESSI	SDO SOHO Solar Anomalous and Magnetospheric Particle Explorer (SAMPEX) SORCE STEREO TDRS Terra THEMIS TIMED TRACE Ulysses WIND

Water Cycle	Wildfires
Aqua ATTREX GOES-N NPP POES Radiation Belt Storm Probes (RBSP) TDRS Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission	Fire and Smoke GOES-N Landsat LDCM NMP EO-1 Radiation Belt Storm Probes (RBSP) TDRS Terra

Earth Missions 5/5

Weather

[ATTREX](#)

[GOES-N](#)

[GOES-O](#)

[GOES-P](#)

[NOAA-N](#)

[NOAA-N Prime](#)

[NPP](#)

[POES](#)

[Radiation Belt Storm Probes \(RBSP\)](#)

[SERVIR](#)

[TDRS](#)

[Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission](#)

Humans in Space Missions

Current Missions	
<u>International Space Station</u> <u>Commercial Resupply</u>	

Past Missions	Future Exploration Plans
<u>Apollo</u> <u>Apollo-Soyuz</u> <u>Gemini</u> <u>Mercury</u> <u>Skylab</u> <u>Space Shuttle</u>	<u>Asteroid Redirect Initiative</u> <u>Commercial Space</u> <u>Orion Crew Vehicle</u> <u>Space Launch System</u>

Solar System Missions 1/3

Asteroids	Comets
Asteroid Redirect Initiative Dawn Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous (NEAR) Osiris-REX	Deep Impact EPOXI Stardust-NExT
Jupiter	Saturn
Galileo Hubble Juno Pioneer Voyager	Cassini Hubble Pioneer Voyager
Neptune	Pluto
Hubble Voyager	Hubble New Horizons
Mercury	
MESSENGER	

Solar System Missions 2/3

Uranus	Venus
Hubble Voyager	Magellan Pioneer

Sun and its Influence on Earth	
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Solar System Missions 3/3

Mars	Moon
Hubble InSight Mars Exploration Rover Mars Global Surveyor Mars Odyssey Mars Pathfinder Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter Mars Science Laboratory, Curiosity MAVEN Phoenix Viking	Apollo Clementine GRAIL LADEE LCROSS LRO (Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter) Mini-RF Moon Mineralogy Mapper Ranger Surveyor

Planets	
Hubble James Webb Space Telescope Kepler Roentgen Satellite (ROSAT) SWIFT WISE	

Universe Missions 1/3

Big Bang and Cosmology	Galaxies
ASTRO-1 ASTRO-2 Chandra Compton Gamma-Ray Observatory Cosmic Background Explorer (COBE) Extreme Ultraviolet Explorer Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope FUSE GLAST Gravity Probe-B Herschel Hubble Solar Anomalous and Magnetospheric Particle Explorer (SAMPEX) Wide-Field Infrared Explorer	Chandra FUSE GALEX Herschel Hubble James Webb Space Telescope SOFIA Spitzer SWIFT Wide-Field Infrared Explorer

Black Holes	Interstellar Medium
Chandra Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope GLAST Herschel Hubble NuSTAR RXTE	Chandra FUSE IBEX Pioneer Spitzer Submillimeter Wave Astronomy Satellite (SWAS) Voyager

Universe Missions 2/3

Planets Beyond the Solar System	Stars
Hubble James Webb Space Telescope Kepler Roentgen Satellite (ROSAT) SWIFT WISE	Chandra GALEX Herschel Hubble SOFIA WISE
Gamma-Ray Bursts	Gravity
Chandra Compton Gamma-Ray Observatory HETE-2 SWIFT	Gravity Probe-B Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment Radiation Belt Storm Probes (Van Allen Probes) TDRS
Nebulae	Life in the Universe
Herschel Hubble	Genesis

Universe Missions 3/3

Supernovae

[Chandra](#)

[Herschel](#)

[Hubble](#)

[Solar Anomalous and Magnetospheric Particle](#)

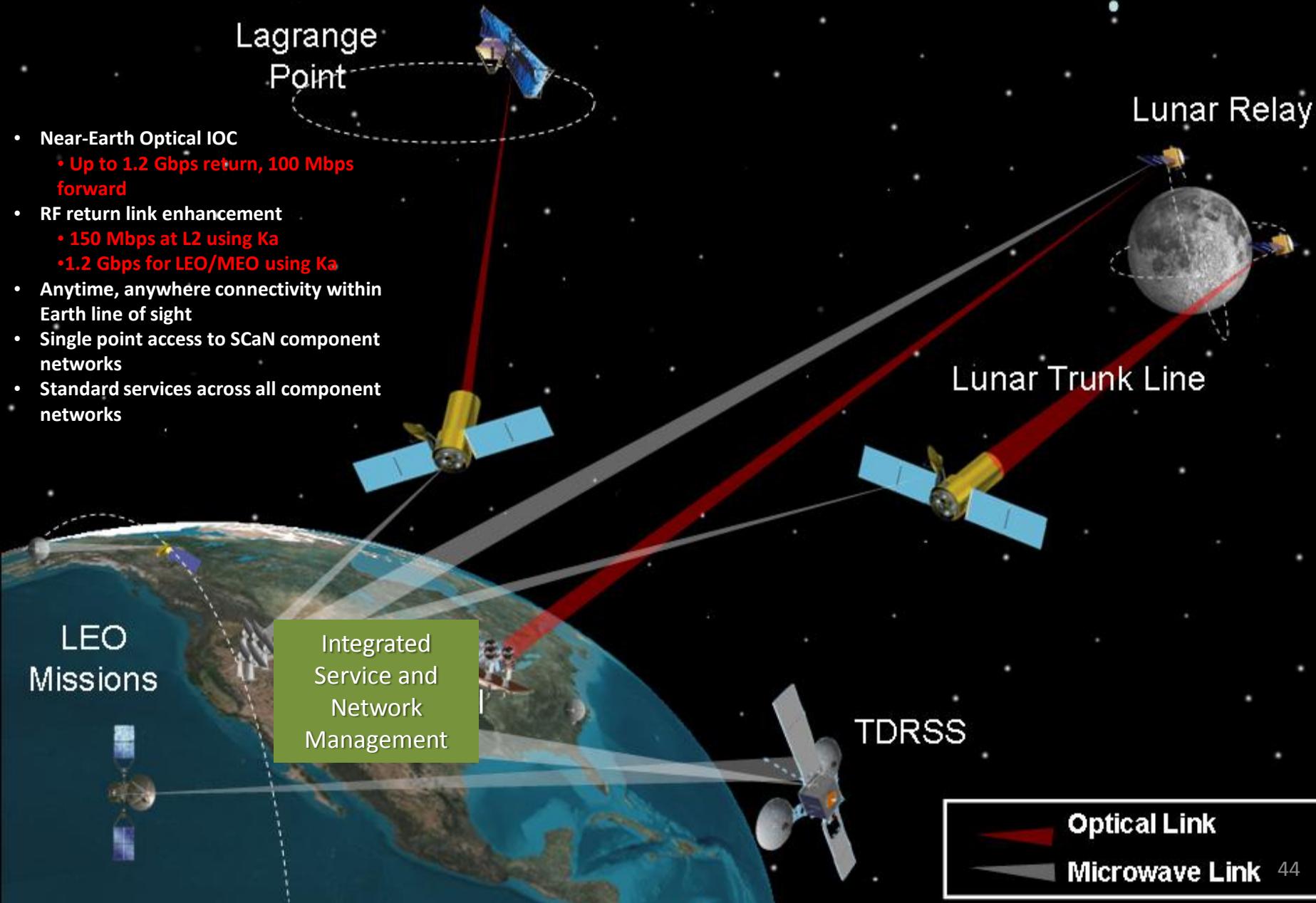
[Explorer \(SAMPEX\)](#)

[SWIFT](#)

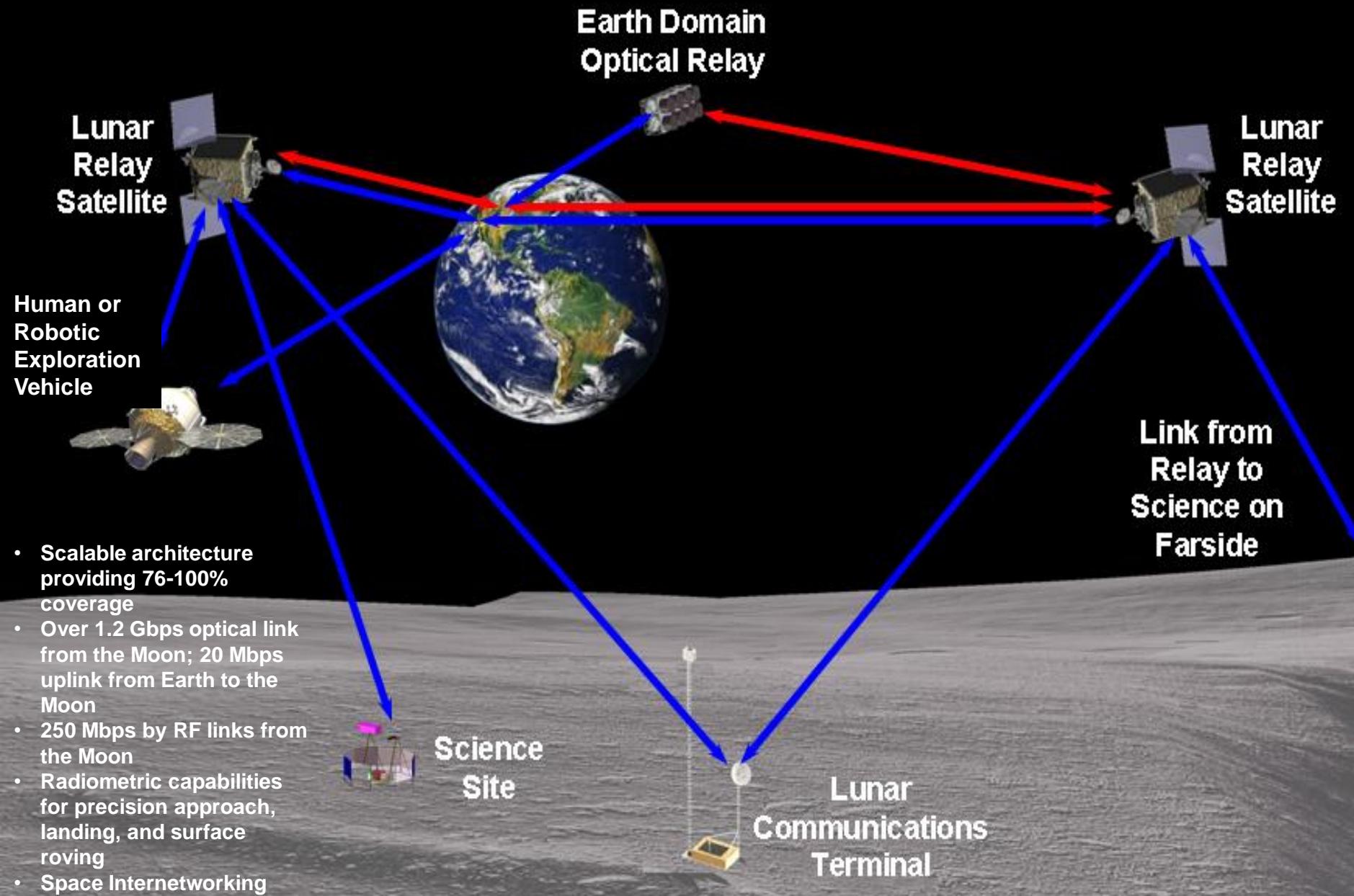
Future of Space Communications

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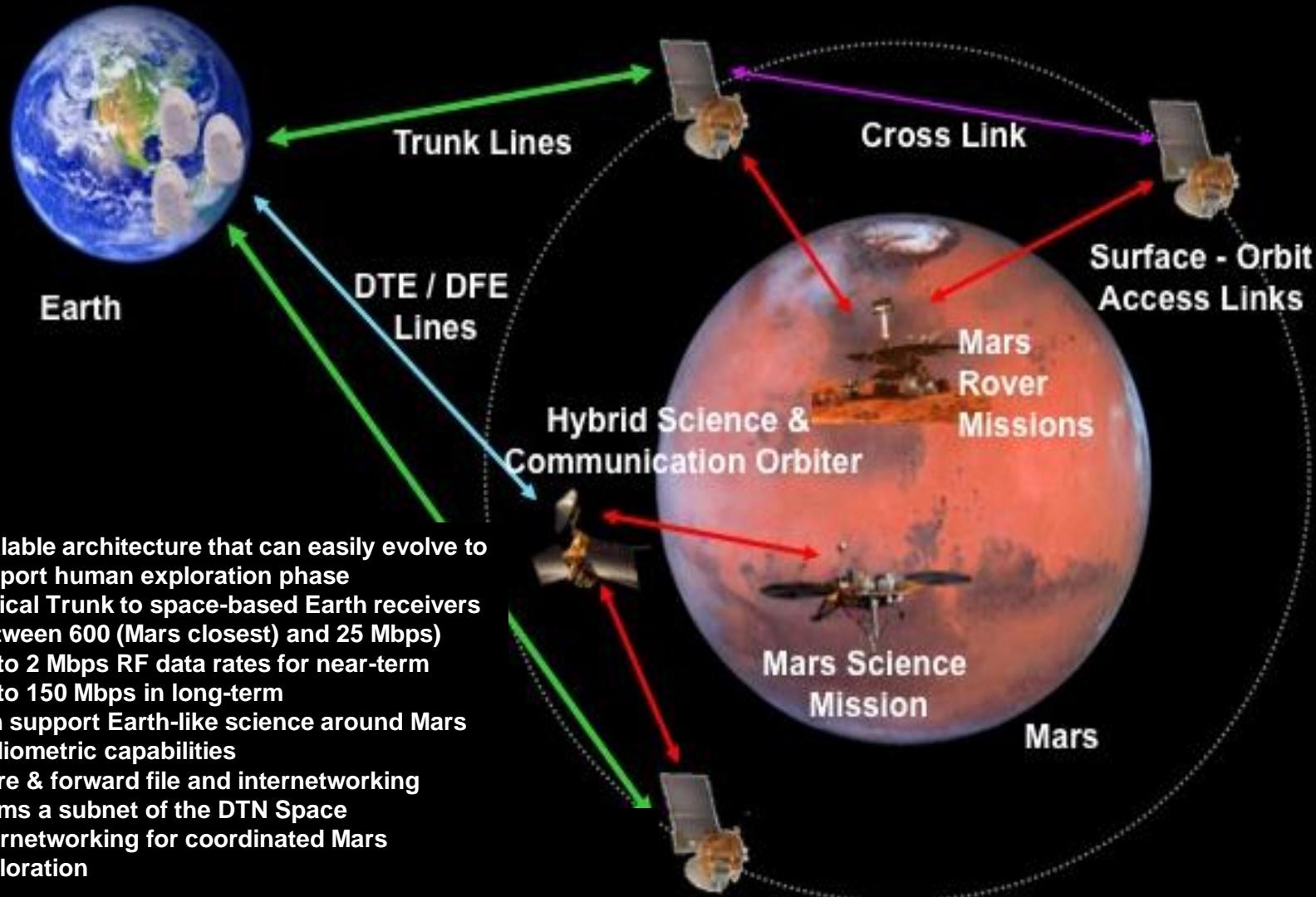
Enhanced Earth Domain Capabilities



Lunar Network



Mars Network



- Scalable architecture that can easily evolve to support human exploration phase
- Optical Trunk to space-based Earth receivers (between 600 (Mars closest) and 25 Mbps)
- Up to 2 Mbps RF data rates for near-term
- Up to 150 Mbps in long-term
- Can support Earth-like science around Mars
- Radiometric capabilities
- Store & forward file and internetworking
- Forms a subnet of the DTN Space Internetworking for coordinated Mars exploration

Enhanced Deep Space Domain Capability

