Testbed for Satellite and Terrestrial Interoperability (TSTI)
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Objective
Develop and demonstrate high degree of interoperability between satellite- and terrestrial-based networks
- Develop and evaluate enhancements to protocols such as ATM and TCP/IP
- Test and demonstrate new interface equipment hardware and software
- Utilize and showcase ACTS performance, especially its high data rate capabilities
- Extend HPCC network research program in Large Scale Networks
- Open to U.S. satellite and terrestrial communications carriers, equipment suppliers, and network providers
Specific Technical Objectives

Facilitate and conduct research and evaluations of new computer networking protocols and related technologies which improve the interoperability of satellite and terrestrial networks, e.g.,

- TCP: large windows (RFC 1323), SACK (RFC 2018), XTP (RFC 1453)
- IP: TAG (Cisco), flow (Ipsilon), multi-protocol label switch (IETF), RSVP, multicasting, IPv6
- ATM: MPOA, PNNI, available bit rate traffic management
2.0 Network Test Suites for the ATDNNet-ACTS-MAGIC Network (AAMnet)

- 2.1 Assessment of Satellite Links on ATM Signaling (Co-I: Rich Verjinski/Fore @ NRL)
- 2.2 Tuning TCP over High Speed Satellite Links (Co-I: Pat Gary/GSFC)
- 2.3 Evaluation of ATM Flow Control and Traffic Monitoring Techniques in a 622 Mbps Hybrid Satellite/Terrestrial Network (Co-I: Victor Frost/KU)
- 2.4 Demonstration and Evaluation of Everyday Internet Applications across the AAMnet at 622 Mbps (Co-I: Pat Gary/GSFC)
- 2.5 Demonstration and Evaluation of TerraVision/ISS Operating over the AAMnet (Co-I: Jay Fequay/HSTX @ EDC)
- 2.6 Multimedia Telemedicine Applications Operating over the AAMnet (Co-I: Kenneth Kempner/NIH)
- 2.7 Telemedicine-enabling R&D Testbed Experiments Operating over the AAMnet (Co-I: Mike Gill/UMD)
- 2.8 Testbedding of New Applications at 622 Mbps (Co-I: Pat Gary/GSFC)
- 2.9 Native ATM Application Programmer Interface Testbed for Cluster-based Computing (Patrick Dowd/NSA & UMD)
- 2.10 ARIES / ACTS 622 Mbps Experiment (David R. Beering/Amoco)
- 2.11 Multiplatform Evaluation of TCP/IP over ATM Interoperability Issues in a Hybrid Satellite Environment (Dave Brooks/Sterling @ LeRC)
- 2.12 Assessment of Effects of Hybrid Satellite/Terrestrial Networks on ATM Signalling (Tom von Deak/LeRC)
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Testbed for Satellite and Terrestrial Interoperability Infrastructure at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

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| IP/TAG Switching               | Ipsilon, Cisco | GSFC/505, ARC |
| (IETF MPLS WG)                 |              |              |
| IPv6/RSVP                      |              | GSFC/505      |

| ATM Transport Drivers          | UMD(College Park) | NSA          |
| ATM OC-3c Firewall             | STK/NSC, SPOCK   | NSA          |
| ATM OC-12c Encryption          | SECANT, SPOCK    | NSA          |

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- Recent Major Accomplishments
  » Enabled first use of ACTS high data rate capabilities by GUMC, KU, NIH, and NLM
  » Monthly highlights online at http://everest.gsfc.nasa.gov/month.html
  » LeRC set ACTS highwater throughput performance
    - 520 Mbps memory-to-memory
    - 320 Mbps aggregate (3 streams) tape-to-tape
  » Protocol performance baselining by GSFC
    - TCP, TCP-SACK, XTP
    - BER: 0, 10E-11, 10E-10, 10E-9, 10E-8, 10E-7, 10E-6, 10E-5
    - Delay: 0, 5, 71, 540 ms
Satellite Conditions (RTT = 540 ms)
Demonstrate and evaluate use of high performance satellite communications and advanced data communications protocols to enable interactive digital library data access between the U.S. Library of Congress, the National Library of Japan, and other digital library sites at 155 Mbps.

- The satellite links demonstrate effective use of geostationary satellite-based communications in the Global Information Infrastructure.
- The data communications protocols will include both standard protocols with recently specified options for performance enhancements and experimental protocols designed for improved performance.
- Access will include interactive searches and retrievals of new on-line digital library data, and will promote an understanding of the need for ready access to these data.
Trans-Pacific Digital Library Experiment

**U.S.-led Applications**

- Law Library of the Library of Congress
  - Global Legal Information Network

- NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
  - Trans-Pacific Access to GLOBE Visualizations in Real Time

- NIH National Library of Medicine
  - Multi-Lingual Digital Anatomical Data Base

- USDA National Agricultural Laboratory
  - Plant Genome Databases

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**Configuration of Networks for Trans-Pacific Digital Library Experiment**

[Diagram showing network configurations for various locations and organizations]
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- Major Milestones
  » FY98: TSTI development and instrumentation;
    Support for PI & Co-I's at GSFC, KU, LeRC, NIH, and
    NLM in 622 Mbps Network Tests between ATDNet and
    MAGIC via ACTS (Exp. #118) and for others (e.g., GUMC
    and GIBN Trans-Pacific Digital Library Experiment)
  » FY99: Complete evaluations of IP switching and ATM traffic
    management 4.0 explicit rate control in ABR;
    Enable/expand testbed for use by other GIBN projects and
    Satellite Alliance USA
  » FY00: Initiate evaluations of IP RSVP and ATM QoS parameters
  » FY01: Complete evaluations of IP RSVP and ATM QoS
    parameters

ESDCD On-Going Network Projects

More Info

- AAMNet: ADTNet-ACTS-MAGIC Network (622 Mbps)
- ATDNet: Advanced Technology Demonstration Network
  - http://www.atd.net/
- GIBN DLE: Global Information Broadband Network Dig. Lib. Exp.
  - http://dlt.gsfc.nasa.gov/gibn/
- GLIN: Global Legal Information System
  - http://lcweb2.loc.gov/law/GLINv1/GLIN.html
- HECN: High End Computer Networking (for HPCC/ESS)
  - http://everest.gsfc.nasa.gov/
- TSTI: Testbed for Satellite and Terrestrial Interoperability
  - http://everest.gsfc.nasa.gov/TSTI/TSTI.html