

Near Earth Architectural Options for a Future Deep Space Optical Communications Network

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In the near future the National Aeronautics and Space Administration anticipates a significant increase in demand for long-haul communications services from deep space to Earth. Distances will range from 0.1 to 40 AU, with data rate requirements in the 1's to 1000's of Mbits/second. The near term demand is driven by NASA's Space Science Enterprise which wishes to deploy more capable instruments onboard spacecraft and increase the number of deep space missions. The long term demand is driven by missions with extreme communications challenges such as very high data rates from the outer planets, supporting sub-surface exploration, or supporting NASA's Human Exploration and Development of Space Enterprise beyond Earth orbit. Laser communications is a revolutionary communications technology that will dramatically increase NASA's ability to transmit information across the solar system. Lasercom sends information using beams of light and optical elements, such as telescopes and optical amplifiers, rather than RF signals, amplifiers, and antennas.

This paper provides an overview of different network options at Earth to meet NASA's deep space lasercom requirements. It is based mainly on work done for the Mars Laser Communications Demonstration Project, a joint project between NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC), the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology (JPL), and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Lincoln Laboratory (MIT/LL). It reports preliminary conclusions from the Mars Lasercom Study conducted at MIT/LL and on additional work done for the Tracking and Data Relay Satellite System Continuation Study at GSFC. A lasercom flight terminal will be flown on the Mars Telesat Orbiter (MTO) to be launched by NASA in 2009, and will be the first high rate deep space demonstration of this revolutionary technology.

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Bonjour! The Canadian Space Agency (CSA) cordially invites you to SpaceOps 2004, an international conference on space operations to be held May 17 to 21, 2004, in Montreal, Québec, Canada. The theme for the conference is "SpaceOps - A Global Enterprise".

SpaceOps is an international and multi-disciplinary organization dedicated to exploring all aspects of space mission operations and their ground based systems, and in promoting and maintaining an international community of experts from government, academia and industry.

The SpaceOps 2004 conference will address modern approaches and techniques, focusing upon the emerging global and business-oriented nature of space operations in the modern world environment. This will provide an excellent opportunity for experts to exchange useful information and ideas related to all types of space missions, from scientific, operational or commercial satellites to human flight and to deep space exploration. It will also embrace some crucial operational realities, such as launch operations, robotics, automation and global networks.

SPACEOPS 2004 HIGHLIGHTS

TECHNICAL PROGRAM

- Cross Support and Interoperability
- Ground Segment Engineering and Architectures
- Operations, Mission Planning, and Control
- Operations Management
- Standardization and Enabling Technologies
- Speciality Operation Services

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SpaceOps est une organisation internationale et multidisciplinaire qui se consacre à l'étude de tous les aspects touchant les opérations de mission spatiale et au maintien d'une communauté internationale d'experts venant des gouvernements, des universités et de l'industrie.

La conférence SpaceOps 2004 portera notamment sur les approches et techniques modernes et mettra l'accent sur la nature mondiale et commercialisée des opérations spatiales dans le monde actuel. Un excellent occasion d'échanger des informations utiles et des idées concernant tous les types de missions spatiales allant des satellites scientifiques, opérationnels ou commerciaux, aux vols humains. On abordera également certaines réalités opérationnelles cruciales comme les opérations de lancement, la robotique, l'automatisation et les réseaux globaux.

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- Opérations, planification de mission et contrôle
- Gestion des opérations
- Normalisation et technologies habilitantes
- Services de planification particulières

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- Oral presentations
 - Interactive poster presentations
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 - Opportunity to conduct one-on-one consultations
 - Opportunities for sponsorship available
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Host

The Space Operations Branch of the Canadian Space Agency is organizing this conference in collaboration with Telesat Canada and the National Research Council of Canada (NRC). For further information about the conference, please visit our web site www.spaceops2004.org.

Dr. Suresh Parashar, Conference Chair

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Nous vous invitons à soumettre des exposés dans le cadre de la 9^e Conférence internationale sur les opérations spatiales. Prochainement, les invitations à soumettre des exposés seront envoyées et l'échéancier pour le dépôt des exposés sera à l'automne 2003. Par la suite, on vous demandera de soumettre l'ébauche de votre présentation pour janvier 2004.

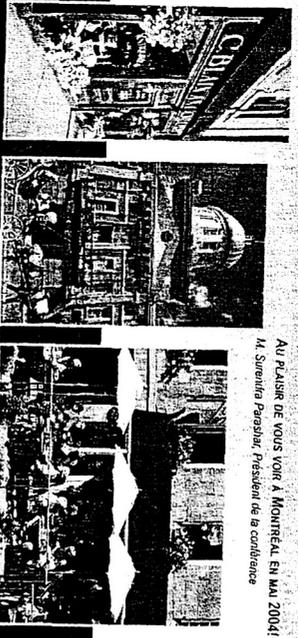
EXPOSITION, AFFICHAGE, MARRAINAGE ET PLUS ENCORE

- Présentations orales
 - Présentations interactives d'affiches
 - Nombreuses activités sociales
 - Plus de 50 organismes présenteront leurs plus récents produits et services
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 - Possibilité de parrainage pour diverses activités
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AU PLAISIR DE VOUS VOIR À MONTRÉAL EN MAI 2004!
M. Suresh Parashar, Président de la conférence



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