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# International Space Station Payload Operations Integration Center (POIC) Overview

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# POIC Purpose, Goals & Objectives

- **PURPOSE**

- Primary facility and systems responsible for 24x7 real-time ISS payload operations management, integration, and control

- **GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

- Maintain and operate the POIC and support integrated Space Station command and control functions
- Provide software and hardware systems to support ISS payloads and Shuttle for the POIF cadre, Payload Developers and International Partners
- Provide design, development, independent verification & validation, configuration, operational product/system deliveries and maintenance of those systems for telemetry, commanding, database and planning
- Provide Backup Control Center for MCC-H in case of shutdown
- Provide certified personnel and systems to support 24x7 facility operations per ISS Program Payloads CoFR Implementation Plan (SSP 52054) and MSFC Payload Operations CoFR Implementation Plan (POIF-1006)





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# Payload Operations Integration Center



**POIC provides facilities and ground systems infrastructure for ISS payload operations:**

- Telemetry
- Command
- Operational Info Management Systems
- Payload Planning Systems
- Voice
- Video
- HOSC Power Outage Contingency (4207 Annex)

## Services

- Host Payload Operations Integration Function (POIF)
- Remote operations to globally distributed Payload Developers and International Partners
- Backup Control Center for Houston
- Payload science data distribution and archive
- Critical services availability 99.5% or greater

## Configuration Control

- POIC utilizes the Ground Segment Control Board (GSCB) to control Interface Control Documents with remote facilities

## Certification of Flight Readiness

- POIC provides the facility, systems and International Partner interfaces certification readiness to the POIF

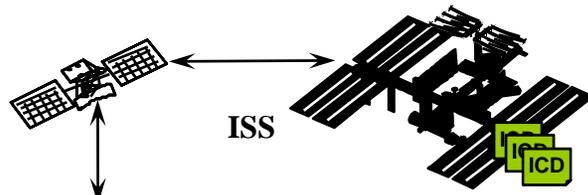


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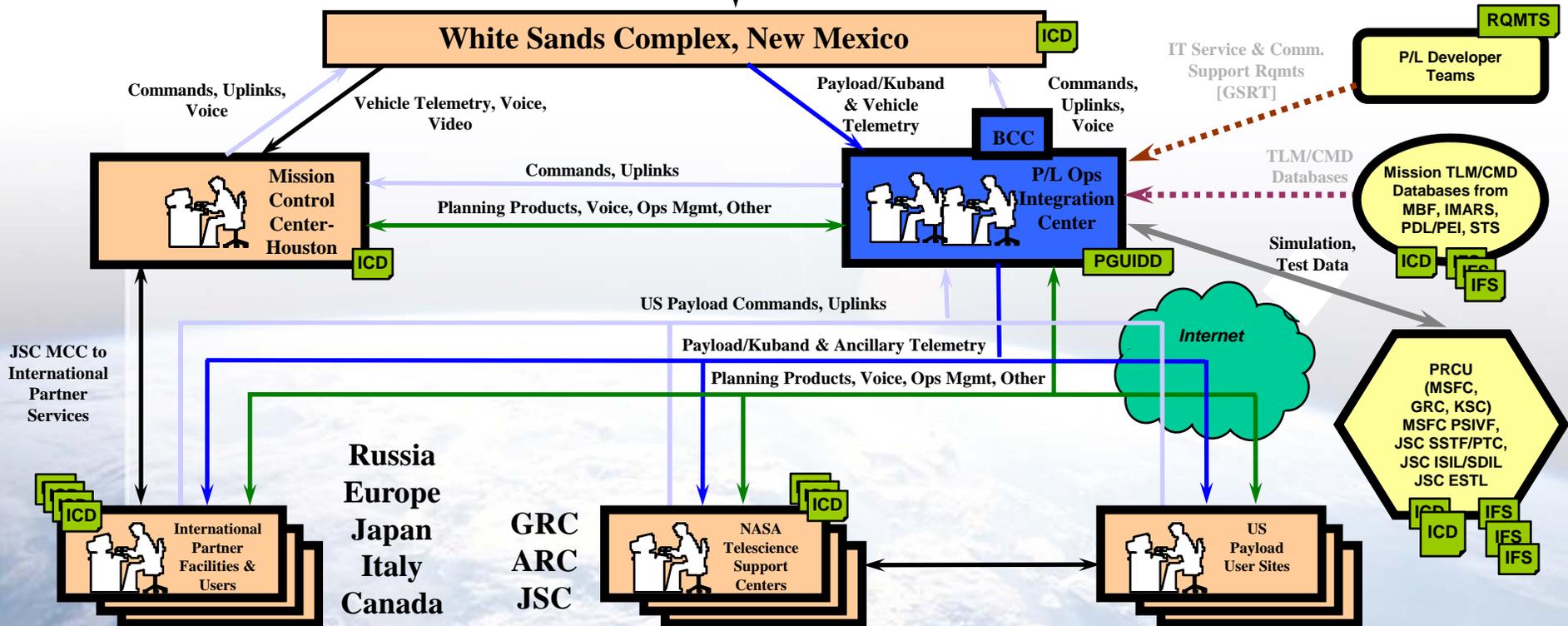
# ISS Payload Operations Distributed Architecture, POIC Services and External Interfaces



- ICD** I/F Control Document
- IFS** I/F Specs/Agreements
- PGUIDD** POIC/Generic User I/F Definition Document
- RQMTS** Requirements



Global Customer Support



**POIC S/W Capability Provided Remotely**

- Telescience Resource Kit (TReK)
- Internet Voice Distribution System (IVoDS)
- Enhanced HOSC System (EHS) PC (EPC) S/W
- POIC Web Services
- JSC MCC-H S/W Tools

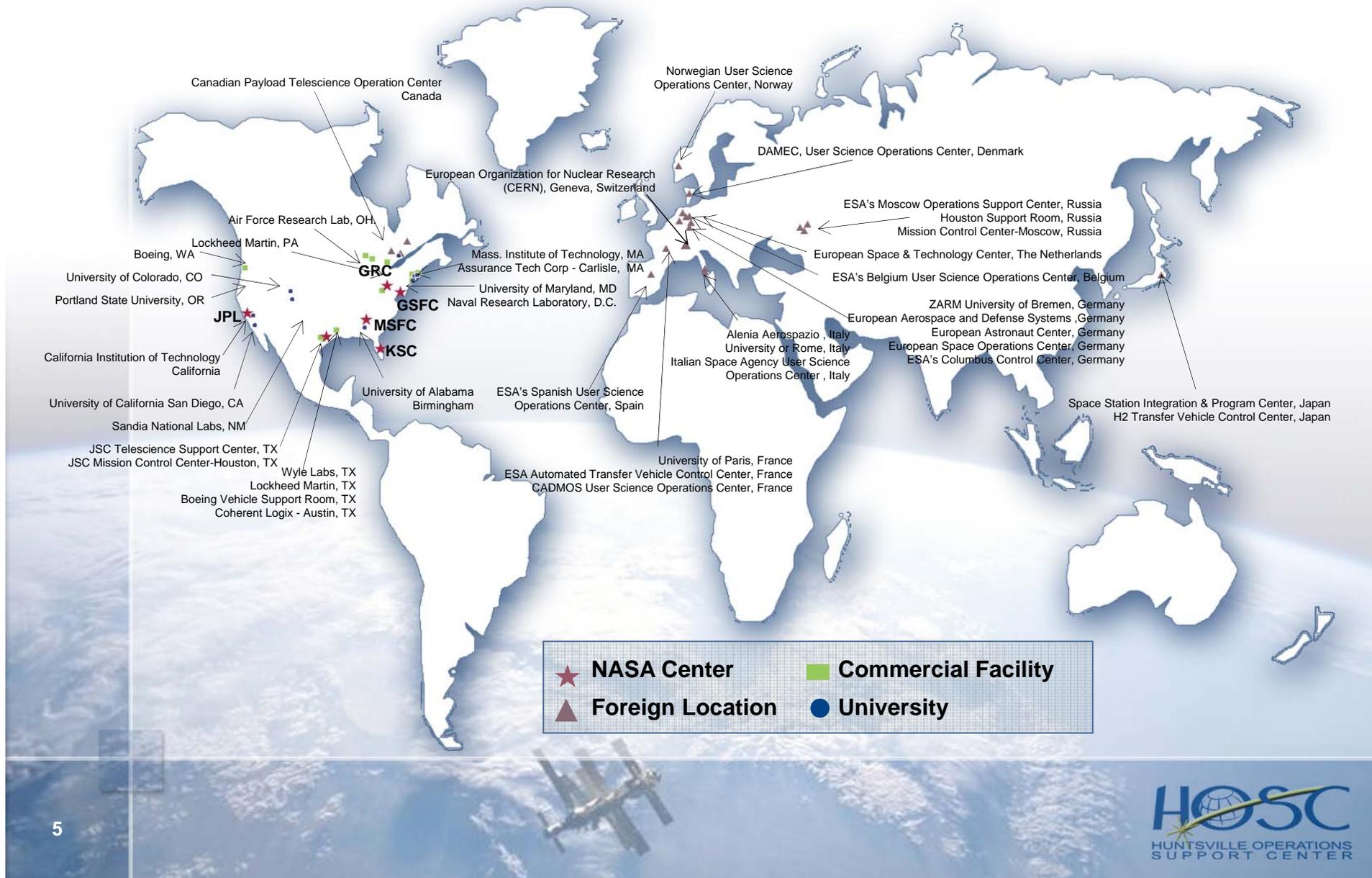
**Payload (P/L) User Support Operational Function Provided**

- P/L-Unique Command/Telemetry Processing
- Mission Voice Services For Ground Operator and Onboard Crew Comm
- System-Wide POIC ISS P/L Operations Telemetry/Command Services Access
- POIC Operations Planning, Integration & Stored Telemetry Data Access
- Onboard Crew Procedures & Operations Timeline Access





# HOSC Supported Remote Sites



★	NASA Center	■	Commercial Facility
▲	Foreign Location	●	University



# HOSC General: HOSC Supported Remote Sites

Universities	<p>Northeastern University, MA. ■ Harvard University, MA. ■ Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MA. ■ Princeton University, N.J. ■ University of California at San Diego, CA. ■ University of Wisconsin, WI. ■ University of Alabama at Birmingham, AL. ■ California Institute of Technology, CA. ■ University of Colorado, CO. ■ Colorado School of Mines, CO. ■ University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada</p>
U.S. Commercial Facilities	<p>Henry Ford Health Clinic, MI. ■ Payload Systems, MA. ■ Lerner Research, OH. ■ Intek Inc., WI. ■ National Institute of Health, MD. ■ Boeing Vehicle Support Room, TX. ■ Wyle Labs, TX. ■ Boeing, WA. ■ Lockheed Martin, TX. ■ Orbitec, WI. ■ Hamilton Sundstrand, CT. ■ Chandra Operations Control Center, MA.</p>
Foreign Locations	<p>European Astronaut Center, GERMANY ■ Canadian Payload Telescience Operation Center, CANADA ■ ESA's Norwegian User Science Operations Center, NORWAY ■ ESA's Belgium User Science Operations Center, BELGIUM ■ ESA's Moscow Operations Support, RUSSIA ■ University of Paris, FRANCE ■ University of Rome, ITALY ■ German Sports University, GERMANY ■ European Space Operations Center, GERMANY ■ European Space and Technology Center, The NETHERLANDS ■ University of Waterloo, CANADA ■ Thomson &amp; Nielson Electronics, CANADA ■ ESA's Columbus Control Center, GERMANY ■ JAXA's SSIPC, JAPAN ■ Damec, DENMARK ■ Italian Space Agency, ITALY ■ ESA's Spanish User Science Operations Center, SPAIN ■ Houston Support Room, RUSSIA ■ Mission Control Center-Moscow, Russia ■ European Center for Nuclear Research (CERN), Geneva Switzerland</p>
NASA Centers	<p>JSC Telescience Support Center ■ JSC DOD Payload Operations Control Center ■ JSC Build 4S Crew Office ■ JSC Space Station Training Facility ■ JSC SSCC/Bio Med Support ■ JSC Increment Scientist Support ■ MSFC United States Operations Control Center ■ MSFC Payload Software Integration &amp; Verification (Boeing) ■ MSFC Regenerative ECLSS Support Room ■ GRC Telescience Support Center ■ AMES Telescience Support Center ■ JPL Earthkam Project Support ■ KSC Space Life Sciences Lab ■ KSC Florida State Research Institute ■ KSC Space Station Processing Facility KSC Boeing ■ GSFC SEM Payload Operations ■ Backup Advisory Team (remote locations) ■ Jacob Sverdrup, Engineering and Science Contract Group, Houston, Texas (PIMS, OSTPV/MPV, Voice)</p>

# POIC IT Security

- POIC provides secure/encrypted support/gateway services
  - Meets requirements specified in NPR 2810, including protection for vehicle and crew
  - Provides protection: between payload users; separates payload users from core systems operations; protects ISS from network/hacker/denial-of-services attacks
  - Requires significant/ongoing diligence in maintaining acceptable security posture of systems
  - Cost savings to Program
- Remote ISS Payload users/sites
  - Remote services encapsulated within COTS Virtual Private Network (VPN) technology, with upper level network, firewall, operating system and application level protections



*International Space Station (ISS)*



*Globally Distributed Remote Payload Users & Facilities*

**SCIENCE OPERATIONS**  
POIC Integration/Services For Remote Users  
Payload Command Uplink Gateway,  
Downlink Vehicle/Payload Telemetry Distribution,  
Voice Comm Control, Data Transfer Services,  
Planning Services, Information Systems, etc



# POIC Tools and Services

Tool	Services
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data Services – retrieve, process, record, playback, forward, and display data (ground based data or telemetry data).</li> <li>• Support for various data interfaces such as UDP, TCP, and Serial interfaces.</li> <li>• Command – create, modify, send, and track commands.</li> <li>• Command Management -- Configure one TReK system to serve as a command server/filter for other TReK systems.</li> <li>• Database – databases are used to store telemetry and command definition information.</li> <li>• Application Programming Interface (API) – ANSI C interface compatible with commercial products such as Visual C++, Visual Basic, LabVIEW, Borland C++, etc. The TReK API provides a bridge for users to develop software to access and extend TReK services.</li> <li>• Environments –development, test, simulations, training, and flight. Includes standalone training simulators.</li> <li>• Forward work to include support for CFDP and DTN.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rich toolset to provide point and click creation to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive and display telemetry data on a user-defined display</li> <li>• Perform computations on the received telemetry values</li> <li>• Continuously monitor specific telemetry parameters to detect anomalies</li> <li>• Update and uplink commands to the spacecraft</li> <li>• Track and verify command uplinks</li> <li>• Extensive scripting language for automated telemetry acquisition, command updates, and command uplinks</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Can be combined with TReK to provide comprehensive processing of payload science and health and status data</li> </ul>
 <p data-bbox="348 1260 611 1295">Web and Portal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secure access to mission support tools including:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programmatic access to Near Real-Time Data</li> <li>• Command tracking and post-analysis</li> <li>• Custom telemetry stream generations (GSE Packets)</li> <li>• Mission configuration management (PIMS)</li> <li>• Mission support tools (console log tool)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

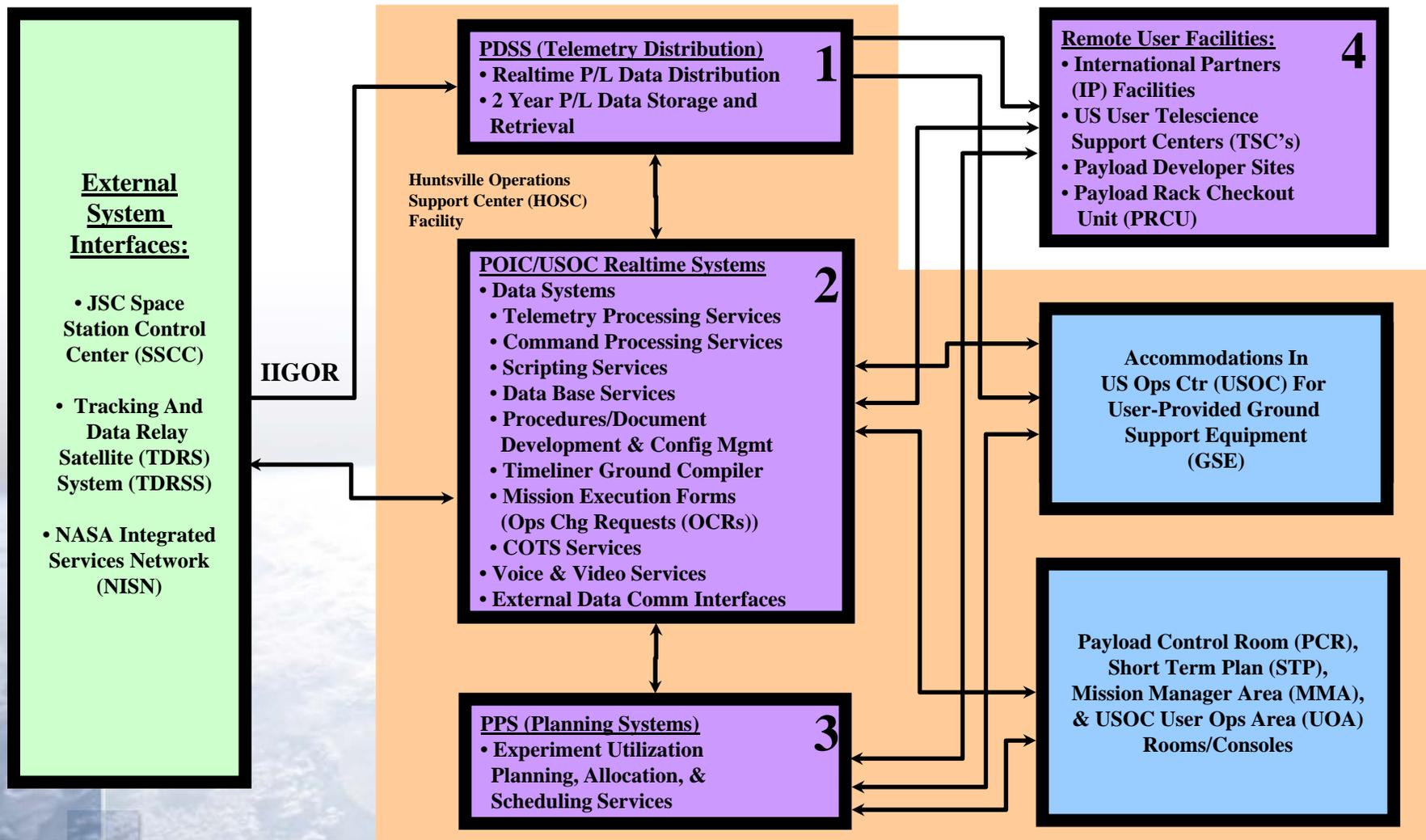


# POIC Tools and Services

Tool	Services
<p>Payload Data Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive, distribute, and archive payload science data               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 year archive requirement</li> </ul> </li> <li>Receive, process, distribute, archive ISS core and health and status data               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 year archive requirement</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Automates planning, scheduling, and integration of payload operations during pre-increment planning, weekly planning and realtime execution</li> <li>User Requirement Collection Tool (URC) – Enter payload planning               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crew time</li> <li>Power</li> <li>Thermal</li> <li>Data</li> <li>Video/Photography</li> <li>Operational constraints</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internet voice solution               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitors up to 24 loops/conferences simultaneously</li> <li>User selects from authorized subset of available voice loops/conferences</li> <li>Talk on one of the 24 loops</li> <li>Volume control and mute for individual loops</li> <li>Differentiate between talk and monitor privileges</li> <li>Show lighted talk traffic per loop</li> <li>Custom group configuration</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
 Video	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integration of NASA provided ISS downlink video services with customer operating location.</li> </ul>
 <p>Mission Planning &amp; Integration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ground System Integration Support               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ops Concept Development</li> <li>Requirements analysis and integration</li> <li>Interface Configuration</li> <li>Interface Testing</li> <li>Payload &amp; Test &amp; Checkout Support</li> <li>Ground System Flight Readiness Certification</li> <li>Customer Support Services</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



# Overall Systems and Interfaces for ISS Payloads





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# Telemetry Distribution Payload Data Services System (PDSS) (Box 1)

- **PDSS Realtime Services**
  - Receive and process ISS payload (Ku-band) and core systems (S-band) CCSDS telemetry streams; embedded video and audio discarded
  - Distribute to local/remote users/systems (POIC, International Partners, US Users/Telescience Centers, US Ops Center Ground Support Equip)
  - Receive test/simulation data from other external sources (e.g., JSC Space Station Training Facility) for distribution
  - Collect and report statistics on users' downlink data
  - Provides intermediate capability for realtime data buffering
- **PDSS Non-Realtime Services**
  - Store ISS payload/science data, payload health and status, flight ancillary data, and data quality statistics
  - Retain for up to 2 years
  - Web access for user-requested "data sets"
    - Playback
    - File transfer
  - Data processing reports



## Realtime Systems (Box 2)

- Data Acquisition and Distribution

- Front-End Processor (FEP) acquires and distributes Time Division Multiplexed (TDM) telemetry to other systems

- Telemetry Processing Server-Based Functions

- Receive/process packet data from POIC FEP and PDSS
- Raw telemetry data stored for recall
- Web-based user interface to request telemetry measurement reports and packet/stream playbacks
- Telemetry extraction, conversion, calibration, and limit/expected state sensing

- Command/Telemetry Database Services

- Input and conversion of project unique telemetry/command databases into POIC compatible format
- Web-based user interface
- Multiple databases processed per flight/increment
  - Preliminary, interim and final versions
  - Backup Control Center (BCC)

- Command Processing Server-Based Functions

- Vehicle/Payload commanding for users with all command transactions logged
- Hazardous command operations system design (certified by JSC Safety Office)
- Command database partitioned by users with facility controls to enable/disable
- Secure remote facility/user programmatic command services



## Realtime Systems (Box 2) (cont)

- Exception Monitoring:
  - Provides for continuous automated monitoring of user-selected telemetry data to indicate Caution & Warning (C&W), Redline, Expected State, and Delta Limit violations; with associated textual message output.
- EPC Display Services:
  - Provides capability for users to easily generate, validate, and operate displays containing text/graphical telemetry representations and background information; with input support for command uplinks, scripting directives, etc.
- EHS PC (EPC) Scripting:
  - Provides user capability to easily build, validate and operate scripts for monitoring telemetry; and initiate conditional/automated responses (including Command update/uplink).
- EPC Computation Services:
  - Provides user capability to easily build, validate, and execute comps on telemetry, with outputs available locally or globally to other users. Comps supported on servers or locally on PC.
- EPC/Workstation Command Services:
  - Provides capability for user to uplink commands/command groups/files, in addition to updating modifiable commands/command groups from user-defined forms. Provides command system visibility including command track, command history, and command delog support.



## Realtime Systems (Box 2) (cont)

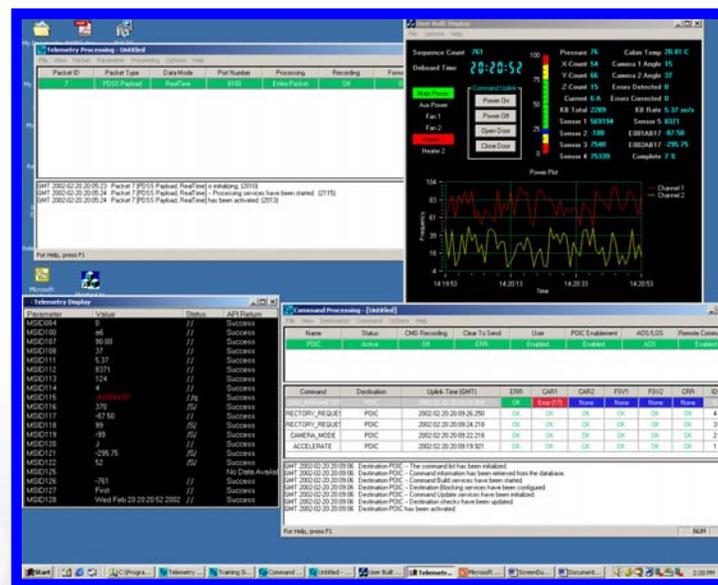
- Mission PC (MPC) Systems (MPS)
  - Supplemental operations support for POIC Cadre
    - COTS Tools: MS Office, JAVA, Internet Explorer, etc.
    - JSC Tools: Manual Procedures Viewer (MPV), Onboard Short Term Plan Viewer (OSTPV), Inventory Management System (IMS), JSC Web Sites/Services, Orbital Data Reduction Complex (ODRC) JAVA Mission Evaluation Workstation Software (JMEWS), Hazardous Material (HAZMAT), etc.
    - Payload Planning Tools
  - External User access to MPV/OSTPV products (read only capability)
- Other Externally Developed Systems
  - JSC ISS Antenna Management
  - JSC Orbital Communications Adapter (OCA) System
  - JSC Space Station Training Facility (SSTF) Remote Area for Payloads Support (RAPS) System
  - Cadre G2 Services
  - ACES Desktop
- Payload Information Management System (PIMS)
  - Electronic/online operations request and processing services provided for Operations Change Requests (OCR's)
  - Mission documentation configuration management, notification and distribution services
  - Timeliner Ground Compiler automated procedures development
  - Storage and configuration management of files uplinked/downlinked
  - Web-based user interface
- ISS Unique Operations Control Management System (OCMS) Tools
  - File Ground Mgmt Tool (FGMT)
  - Automated Procedures Ground Mgmt Tool (APGMT)
  - Command Plan Mgmt Tool (CPMT)
  - Timeliner Master Bundle Generator (MBGEN)





# Remote User Services (Box 4)

- Telescience Resource Kit (TReK)
  - POIC-developed software provided to remote users
    - Hosts individual P/L user-centric command and telemetry applications on Windows-based PC
    - Significantly improves ISS P/L customer command, control, and science data processing capabilities while eliminating redundant end-user data processing implementations
    - Greatly reduces P/L user ground-flight system integration complexities/cost and recurring engineering
    - Applications custom-tailored by end-user thru software Application Programming Interface (API)
    - In use by significant majority of ISS payload users



- Internet Voice Distribution System (IVoDS)
  - Vendor software provided to remote users
    - Windows PC-based
    - Secure multiple voice loop talk/monitor capability
    - Eliminates very costly custom-built hardware voice instruments and dedicated data communications infrastructure of conventional mission voice implementations
    - Used by ISS payload users requiring mission voice not within NASA TSC





# Remote User Services (Box 4)

## Enhanced HOSC System (EHS) Web Services

- Provides remote user web-based access to command/telemetry database, information management systems, planning systems data, telemetry recall data, etc for integrated operations
- Runs on JAVA compliant Windows platform

## Enhanced HOSC System (EHS) PC (EPC) Services

- Provides users with access to POIC telemetry processing/display and command/uplink system services
- Runs on Windows platform
- Provides end user low-cost method to quickly build and validate mission products for system-wide sharing & integrated ops

The screenshot displays a multi-windowed software interface for the Enhanced HOSC System (EHS). Key components include:

- FIDS Database:** A table listing various files and documents, such as 'DOCTEST', 'LITTLE JOB', and 'Miko'.
- Filter Dialog:** A window for filtering data based on priority, effectiveness, type, and state.
- USL - ECLSS Status:** A window showing the status of the Pressure Control Assembly (PCA) and LAB Atmosphere, including parameters like Cabin Air Temp and Cabin Pressure.
- USL - MAIN:** A central window displaying USL Telemetry and Thermal Control System parameters, along with a grid of RACK MODEs for various systems.
- Command Track:** A window for tracking commands and their execution.
- MSID List Request:** A dialog box for requesting data from the Mission Support Information Database (MSID).
- Messages:** A status bar at the bottom showing system messages and the current time (9:13 AM).



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