

HiSeasNet Focus Group Meeting

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Agenda

- 2010 changes, projects, plea for feedback
- Open format
 - Open, informal discussion
 - I have a list of possible topics
 - Toss out your own
 - Open discussion?
 - Show-and-tell
 - Tech-to-tech chatter of stuff that works or doesn't
 - Open forum
 - Q&A with me or each other?
 - Demos of web/other stuff?
 - Small group/break-out discussion?
- Schedule more discussion for later?

Changes in 2010

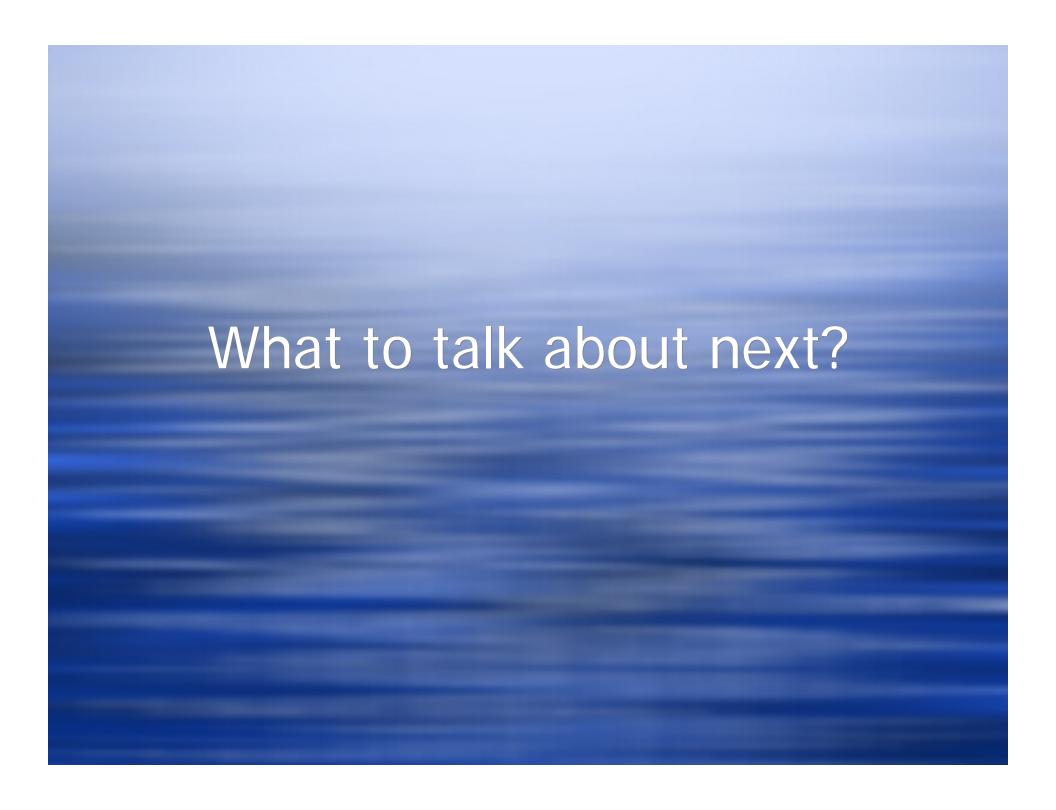
- POR moved to NSS-9 (183W) for 512kbps bandwidth
- AOR bandwidth upped to 512kbps on IS-707
- G-18 (Alaska) used by Pt Sur and Wecoma from June-Nov 2010
- Accelerators mostly rolled out (all but Langseth)
 - ~??% improvement shore-to-ship
 - ~??% improvement ship-to-shore
- Seward Johnson left

Grassroots projects

- Blacklist proxy setup (SIO)
 - Optionally filters web browsing to reduce bandwidth usage
- FBB/HSN failover tunnels ships (SIO)
 - Quick auto-cutover between HSN and FBB links
- DAC/Comtech cable (WHOI)
 - Helps keep antenna on the right bird
- Modem and DAC settings monitoring scripts (WHOI)
 - Gets a dump of the current settings, potentially from shore

Feedback

- How do we better coordinate satellite assignments/changes?
 - Schedules updates
 - Work area descriptions beyond just start/end ports
- Are the current slot assignments correct?
- Are maintenance visits working/helping
- Are accelerators being used?
- What do you want to see in 2011?

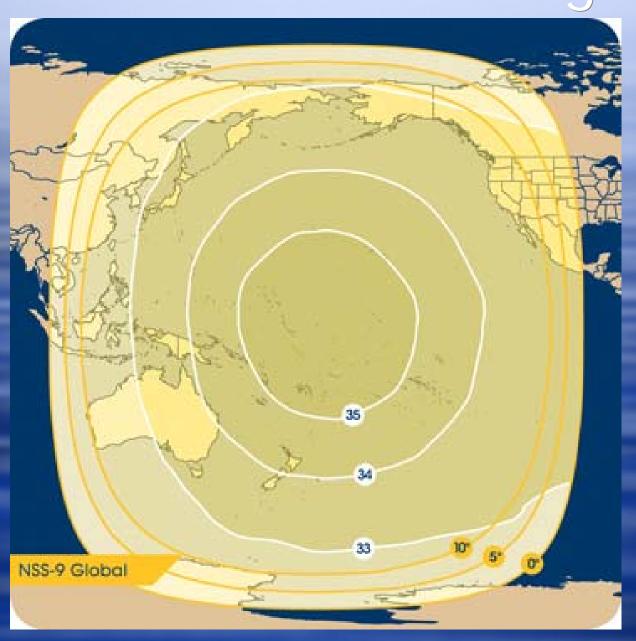


More Potential Topics

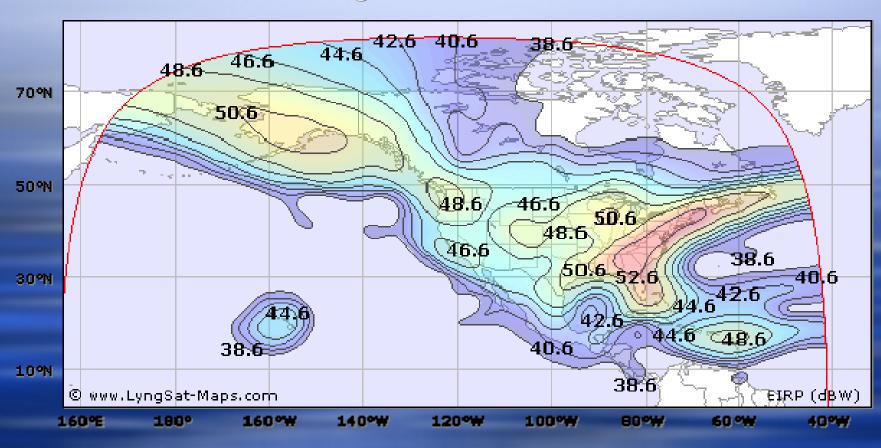
- Accelerators
 - Installation, use, policies, tuning process, etc.
- Wider coverage areas
 - GE-23, Med, IOR, Alaska, split Ku into AOR/POR?
- Wiki demo/discussion
- Tracking issues and DAC/Comtech cable
- HSN-wide parent web proxy
 - Elective, could provide shared caching, antivirus/ad filtering, blacklisting, ToS tagging for various URLs/TLDs
- Security/firewalls/DoS Need support from HiSeasNet?
- Routing
 - Tunnel alternatives?
 - Mobile IP, VPNs, etc.
- Bandwidth
 - Upgrades, shared vs. separate
- Training
 - Feedback...did it work in the long term? Do we need more?
- Policies
 - What are they? How to enforce them? Should they be the same?
- Services offered on ships (IM, web, mail, Skype, streamed data, etc)
 - Who is running what? How does it work? What does Science expect now?
- Random feedback / discussion / experiences



Pacific C-band Coverage

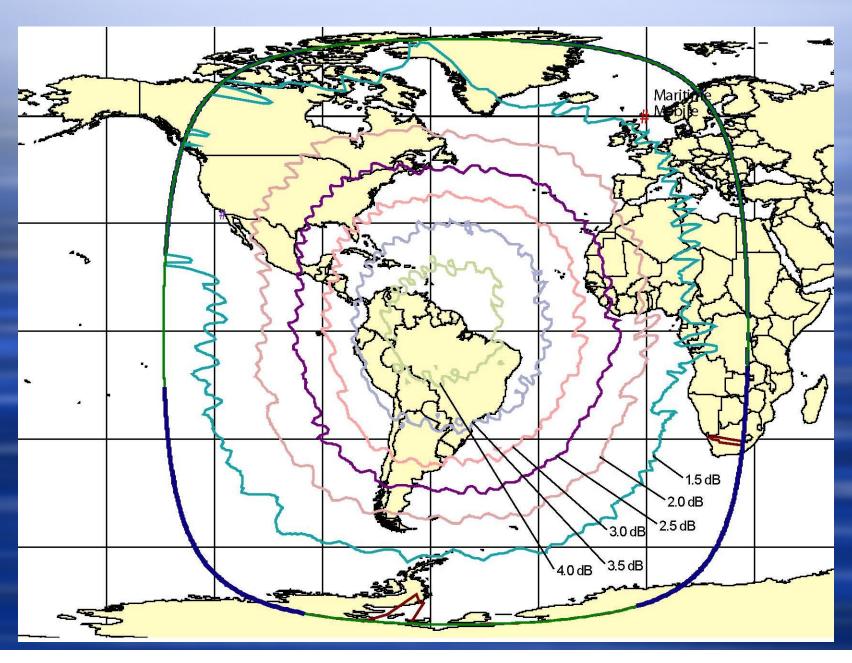


Galaxy-18 Satellite

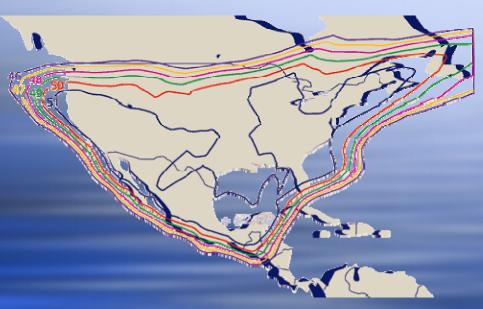


- Used quite successfully on Pt Sur (1m dish) in Gulf of Alaska in 2009
- No HiSeasNet earth station capabilities right now, would need additional Ku antenna at earth station

Atlantic/Eastern Pacific C-band



Ku-Band Coverage (SatMex5)



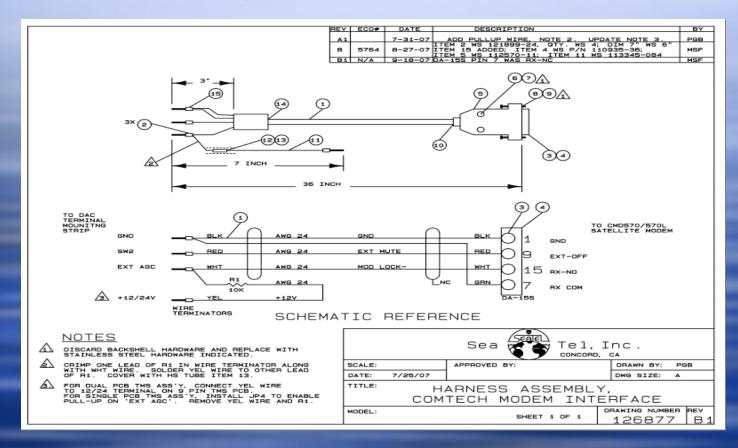
- Beam 1
 - R/V New Horizon
 - R/V Point Sur
 - R/V Wecoma

- Beam 2
 - R/V Endeavor
 - R/V Oceanus
 - R/V Pelican
 - R/V Walton Smith

Indian Ocean C-band

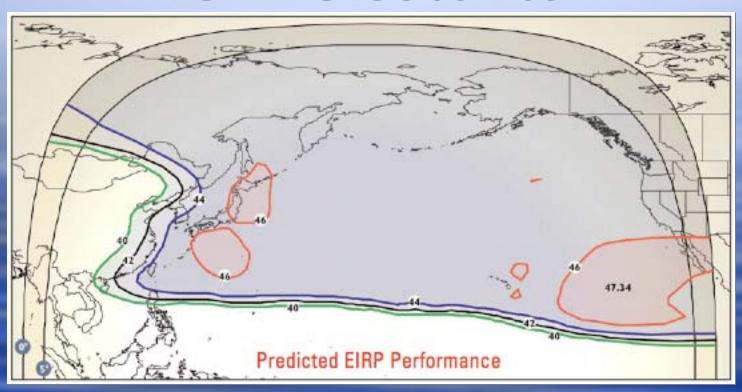


DAC/Modem Cable



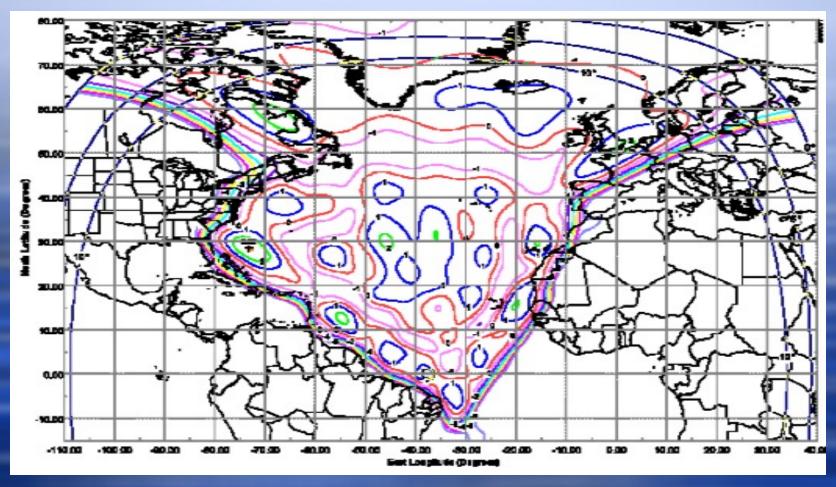
- Starting some testing with this, but havent been able to get it to work as advertised
- Schematic in manuals and on wiki

GE-23 Satellite



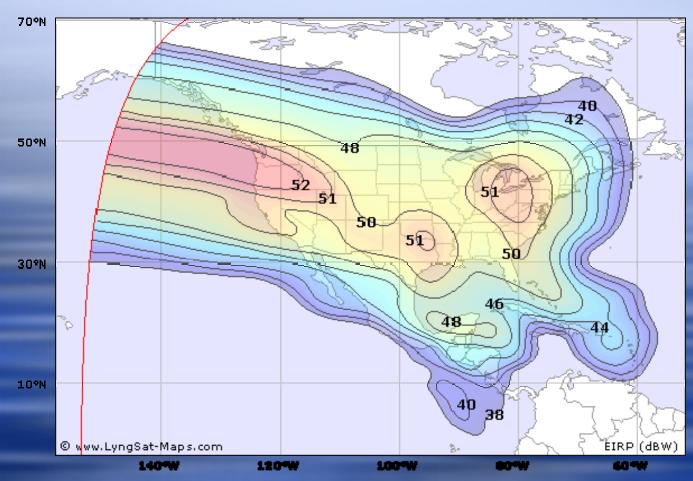
- Wider beam is weaker and requires larger 1.5m antenna
- No earth station capabilities right now
- Strange satellite, needs some hardware changes to shipboard antennas (\$2k?)
- Availability may be reduced now due to KVH use of satellite
- Low look angle in port and coastal waters

Telstar 11N



- No HSN earth station capabilities
- Sketchy in port and near shore

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- Availability unknown
- Would require another antenna on shore
- Look angle gets sketchy at the edge

Typical Ship Network Setup

