
Mars Network Node

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Mars Network Overview

Robotic Exploration

- Streaming 1Mb/s return link video
- Reliable Store-Forward File Transfer
 - Surface-Surface, Surface-Relay, Relay-Earth
- Reliable Messaging
 - Telecontrol, 'E-mail'
- Emergency command and telemetry
- Network Services
 - Network management,
 - Security



Flight Elements:

- **Low-Altitude Microsat Constellation**
 - >1Gb/sol low-lat data return
 - 10-100m position determination
- **Areostationary MARSAT**
 - 1Mb/s near-continuous contact, streaming video
 - 100 Gb/sol data return

Human Exploration

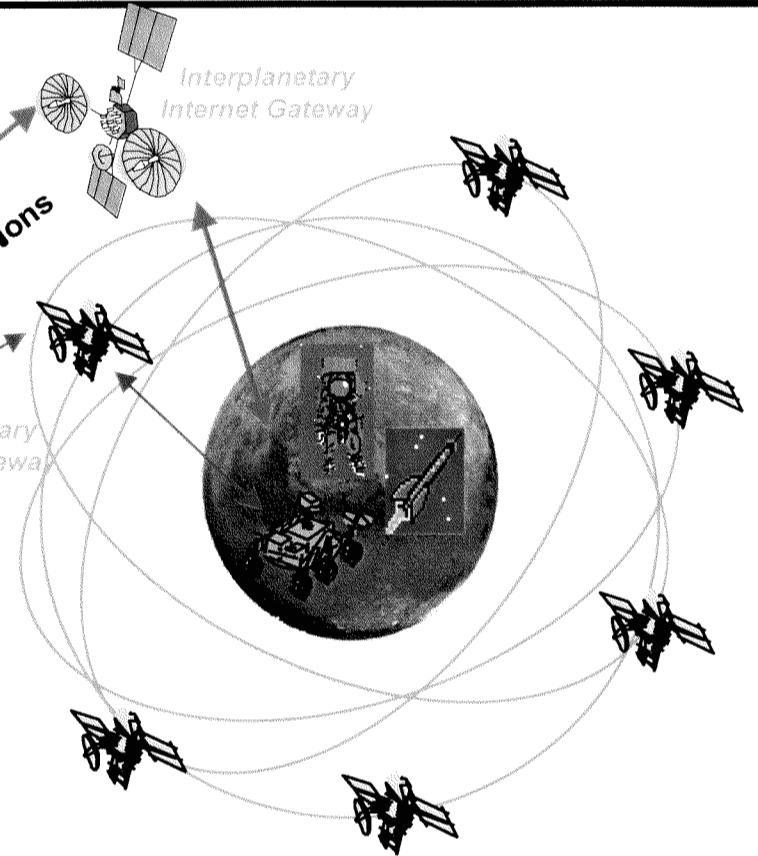
- Robotic +
- Streaming 2-way video + audio
 - 'RealAudio' 2-way videoconferencing
 - Biomedical
 - "Really Terse" web browsing

Long-haul Interplanetary communications

Interplanetary Internet Gateway

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What is Mars Network Node?

- **Mars Network Node is envisioned to service various users**
 - Lander/Rover
 - Canister
 - Aerobots
 - Probes (eg. DS-2)
 - Precision landing of incoming spacecraft
- **Provide autonomy to the users**
 - Multiple access: Earth Scheduled ---> Autonomous access scheme
 - Navigation: Earth Based ---> In-situ user positioning
- **Software re-configurable architecture to provide communication and navigation services to Mars in-situ users**
 - Signal structures
 - Access Schemes/Protocols
 - Autonomy/Post processing algorithms

Roadmap of Mars Network Node

Increase in Capability w/ Re-use of Re-configurable Software Architecture

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- * Simultaneous users (2)
- * Residual/Suppressed
- * BPSK (xmt/rcv)
- * FDMA
- * Doppler/Range extract
- * On-Board navigation proc
 - Canister Doppler extract

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- * Simultaneous users (4)
- * Residual/Suppressed
- * BPSK (xmt/rcv)
- * FSK (xmt)
- * TDMA/FDMA/CDMA
- * Phase/Doppler/Range extract
- * Navigation processing
 - User state determination
- * Navigation range beacon

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- * Simultaneous users (8)
- * Residual/Suppressed
- * BPSK, QPSK (xmt/rcv)
- * FSK (xmt)
- * Support Mars In-situ relay
- * TDMA/FDMA/CDMA
- * Doppler/Range extract
- * Navigation processing
 - User state determination
- * Navigation range beacon

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Mars Network Node Functional Diagram

