WRSM Operations Concept

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X & Ka-band Link Comparison

- An X-band link designed for a 95% confidence level must assume a 1.25 dB weather loss
  - On the best possible day, the link will be 0.5 dB better than this
- A Ka-band link designed for a 95% confidence level must assume a 6 dB weather loss
  - At least half the time, the link will be 3 dB better than this
- Adjusting the link based on anticipated weather enables much of this difference to be recovered for data transmission
Justification for WRSM

• The existing method of delivering weather statistics to users (via 810-005) is limited to monthly models for each complex based on long-term observations
  • This process creates artificial discontinuities at month boundaries
  • This process cannot consider easily recognizable weather cycles such as dry or wet years
• On-line delivery enables many more models to be supplied
  • Models for every day in the year at every complex based on a moving average
• Atmospheric attenuation can be forecast based on surface weather forecasts from external agencies
  • The forecasts get better the closer it is to an event
  • Providing this information to Projects will enable them to adjust their data delivery and avoid excessive link margins
Operations Concept

- Obtain short-term weather forecast data for all three DSN Complexes from appropriate weather institutions
- Provide automated production of atmospheric noise temperature models based on the forecasts received from these institutions.
- Make these models available to DSN users for estimating link capacity
- Provide Atmospheric Temperature Event Notification Service
- Maintain an archive of models and make this archive available to DSS users so forecast performance can be compared with actual performance
External Interactions

- **DSMS Personnel**
  - Cognizant Engineering
  - Weather Analyst
  - Operations & Maintenance
  - Managers, Engineers, Scientists, others

- **Weather Institutions**

- **Beneficiaries**
  - Project Telecom Analysts and Sequence Designers
  - Mission Planners