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And SkyCAP Assured IP Software

SkyCAP



UHF SATCOM I/P NETWORKING

ANYTIME ANYWHERE

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What is SkyCAP?

SkyCAP is a software solution to provide netted I/P access over half duplex LDR satellite (also LOS) links. It is the integration of the proposed MIL-STD-188-184A with an I/P interface. The original goal was to only pass TCP for mail, web browsing, ftp, etc. but has since been expanded to support all I/P types. SkyCAP has demonstrated use on other tactical Line-of-Sight (LOS) VHF/UHF radio networks and shows potential for Over-the-Horizon (OTH) HF radio modes.

DOD does not have a UHF SATCOM I/P network waveform.



What Is SkyCAP?

- **SkyCAP is a TDMA implementation of MIL-STD-188-184. It includes proxy-tunnel component allowing for efficient IP networking and latency tolerance. The TDMA protocol provides shared use of the satellite channel in both netted and point-to-point modes.**
- **A little on 184:**
 - *It is a RED side CSMA data link protocol designed for UHF SATCOM.*
 - *MIL-STD-188-184 defines an interoperable waveform standard for data controllers required to operate over single-access, 5- and 25-kHz ultra high frequency (UHF) satellite communications (SATCOM) channels.*
 - *It is designed to reliably control the flow of data over noisy communications channels at high throughput rates and with minimum setup required for interoperability and performance.*
- **SkyCAP is a modification of this MIL-STD prepared to comply with Joint Staff direction requiring that a new standard for data control be developed.**
- **This MIL-STD defines the mandatory system parameters for planning, engineering, procuring, and using data control functions that will be used to transfer error-free data over UHF SATCOM channels during joint operations.**



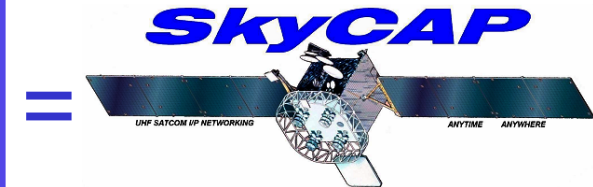
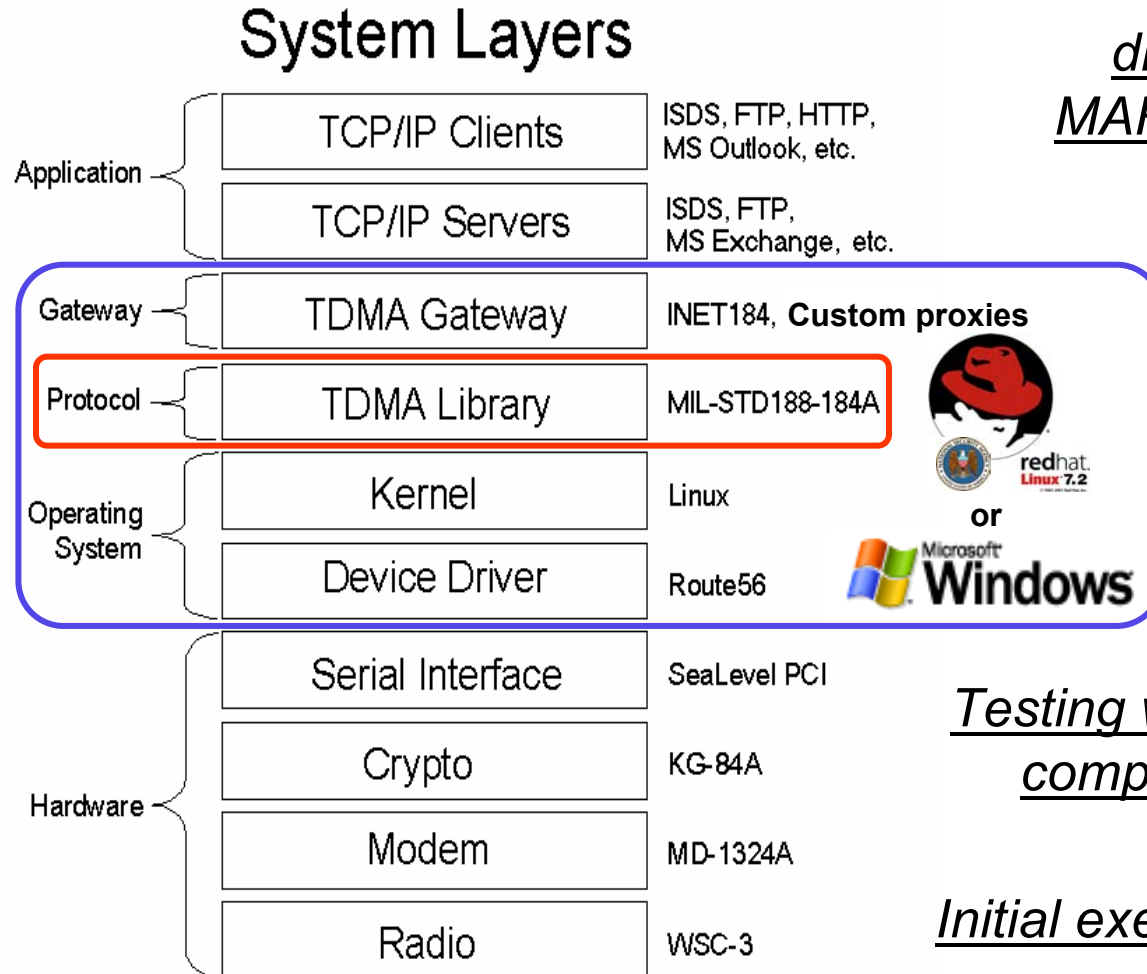
Purpose of SkyCAP

- 5kHz Program MIL-STD interoperability for basic 184
- To provide a reliable way to use ADW in support of IXS transition and demonstrate the benefits of moving towards a new integrated waveform (IW)
- To meet user requests for an easy to use low or no cost method to allow multiple users to pass I/P data across a single UHF SATCOM 5kHz or 25kHz channel and other LOS channels as appropriate
- Provide a Windows software module capable of being used across the full spectrum of Navy/USMC radio systems



Software Architecture

Windows development completed
(DEC 2004) via
direction/funding from
MARCORSYSCOM C2PC
Program

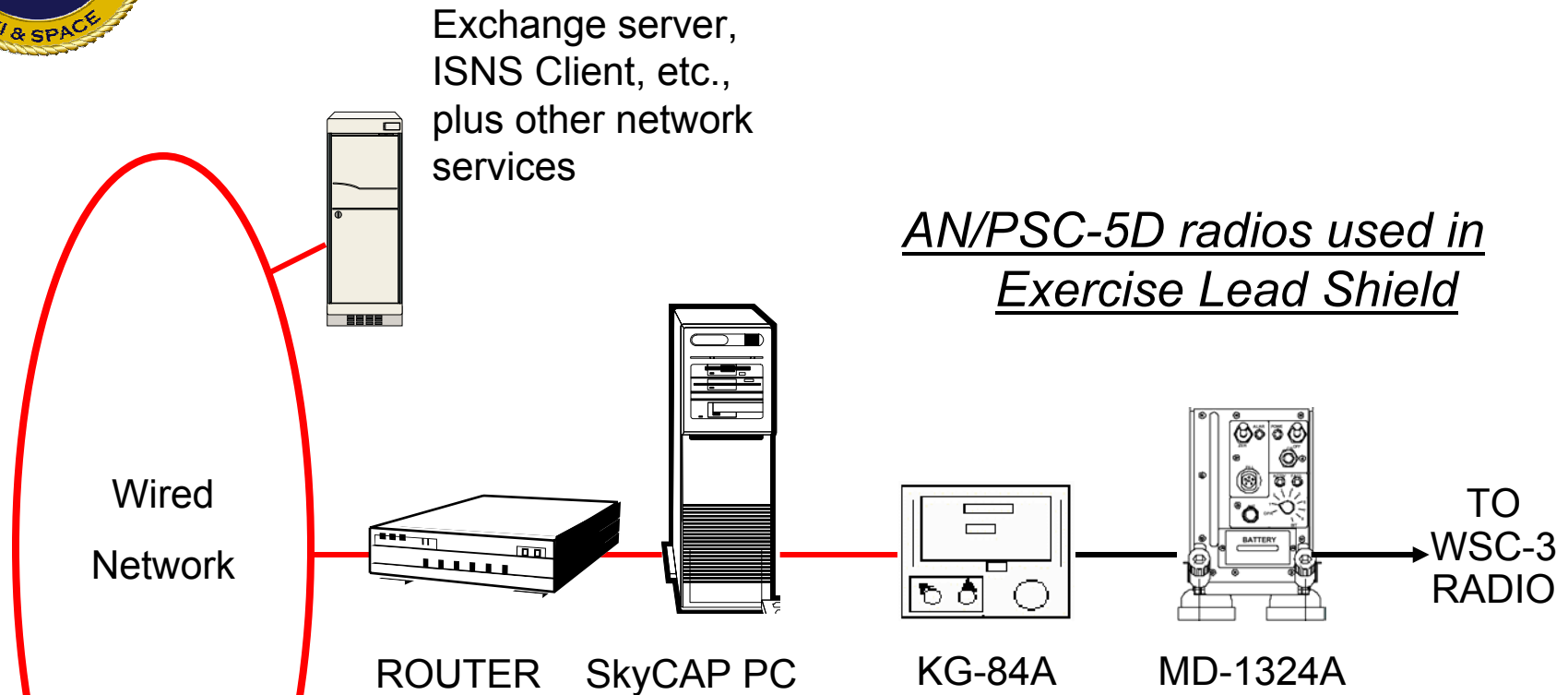


Testing with GCCS-M segments
completed in MAR/APR 2005

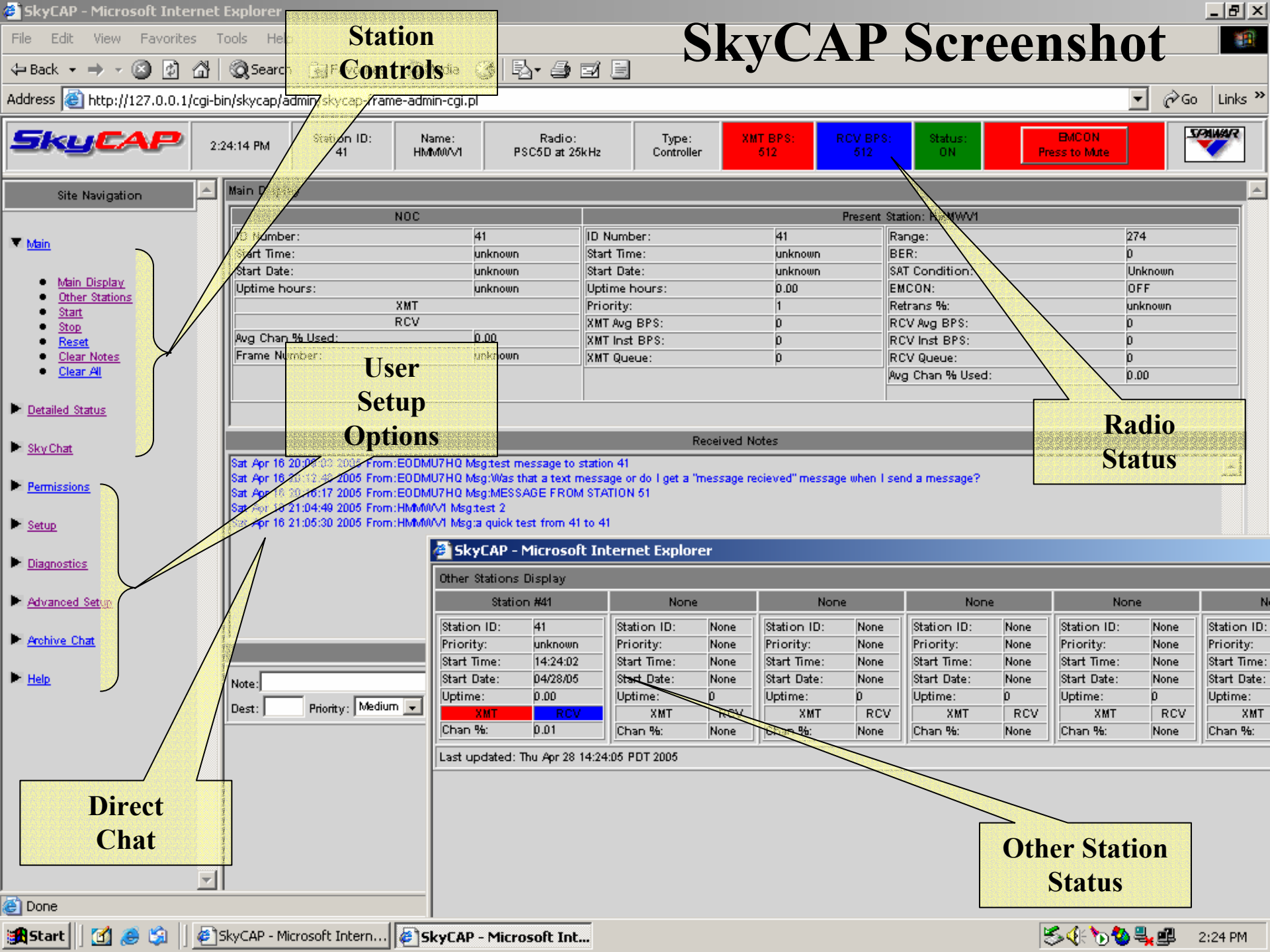
Initial exercise use in Lead Shield
in MAY 2005



How It Works



- The SkyCAP PC is assigned an I/P address; tunnels are automatically created for the desired ports; it then functions as a proxy.
- I/P data is stripped down, compressed, and packaged into SkyCAP messages with all FEC applied.
- The networking protocol then transmits the message over the WAN to the distant end where the reverse is performed.





Spiral Development Sequence

- JAN 04
 - Start SkyCAP live SATCOM testing (LINUX version)
- MAR 04
 - Complete SkyCAP JWID build (LINUX version)
- APR 04
 - Complete user test documentation
 - Complete software accreditation for SkyCAP for JWID 2004
- June 04
 - Participated in JWID 2004 demonstration
- DEC 04
 - Complete Windows development
 - Deliver 12 SkyCAP Windows systems to MARCORSYSCOM
- FEB-MAR 05
 - Commence SkyCAP/MEDAL tests with CMWC, NSCT-1 & EOD
- MAY 05
 - SkyCAP/MEDAL in Exercise Lead Shield III

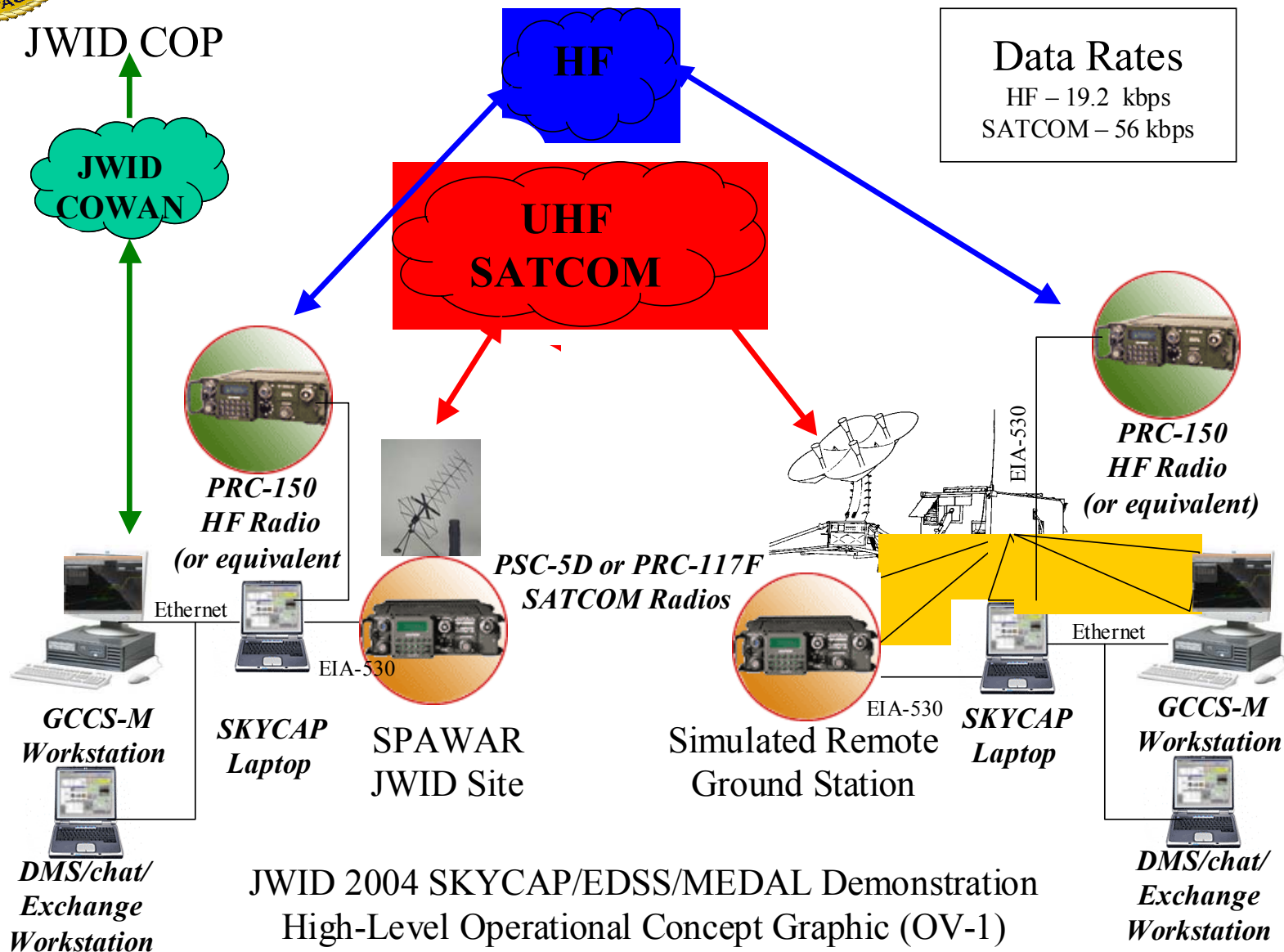


Goals of SkyCAP in JWID

- **Use programmable traffic for scheduled allocation of resources and delivery of timed traffic**
- **Demonstrate reliable single transmission of SMTP and/or X.400/DMS to multiple domains**
- **Demonstrate reliable and timely transfer of FOTC/NETPREC GCCS-M data via SkyCAP**
- **Demonstrate SKYCHAT, a web based chat application**



SkyCAP in JWID 2004





JWID 2004 Results

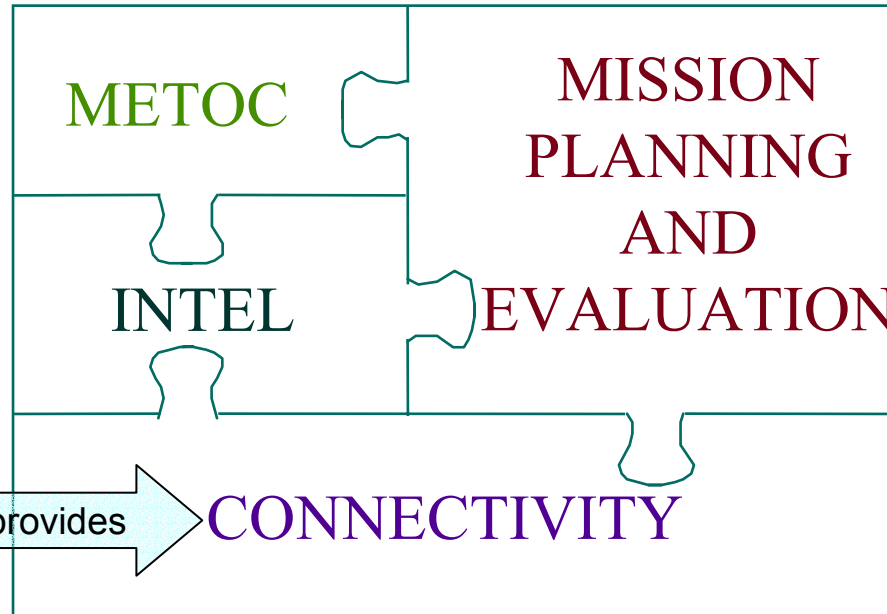
- **Following is quoted from official JWID 2004 final assessment:**
 - The SkyCAP demonstrated significantly improved methods of providing IP connectivity to existing GCCS-M tactical decision aids using current tactical radio systems.
 - The SkyCAP/MEDAL/EDSS combination demonstrated significantly improved methods of providing IP connectivity to existing GCCS-M tactical decision aids using current tactical radio systems.
 - The systems successfully passed the following types of data:
 - Standard GCCS-to-GCCS traffic in the form of USMTF/OTHG text messages via the GCCS NETWORK/NETPREC interfaces to a remote node representing a small tactical field unit. This was accomplished via both standard shipboard (WSC-3) and field manpack (PRC-117F) radio systems.
 - C2PC traffic as an extension of the GCCS track picture from one master Gateway to two remote Gateway/client workstations representing small ships. This was accomplished using standard field HF radio systems.
 - Imagery files (JPEG format was used, although any file type was possible).
 - Chat using Microsoft Chat.
 - Web browsing using standard Internet Explorer



What is MEDAL?

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MEDAL supports:

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- MIW Evaluation.
- Command and Control of MIW forces.



MEDAL Testing

- **Test offer made at initial request of EODMU 7 to test distribution of REMUS platform data via MEDAL from remote mobile teams.**
- **Initial testing 14-15 FEB 05 highlighted configuration and physical problems that required correction.**
- **Follow-on testing 1 MAR 05 at NSCT-1 was successful on both 25 KHz and 5 KHz channels.**
- **Continued MEDAL testing conducted in MAR/APR with EODMU-7 using base stations and mobile HMMWV's.**
- **Use of SkyCAP to support MEDAL data exchange in Exercise Lead Shield III 23-27 MAY 05 via SATCOM and UHF LOS links.**

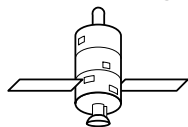


SkyCAP/MEDAL Test Configuration

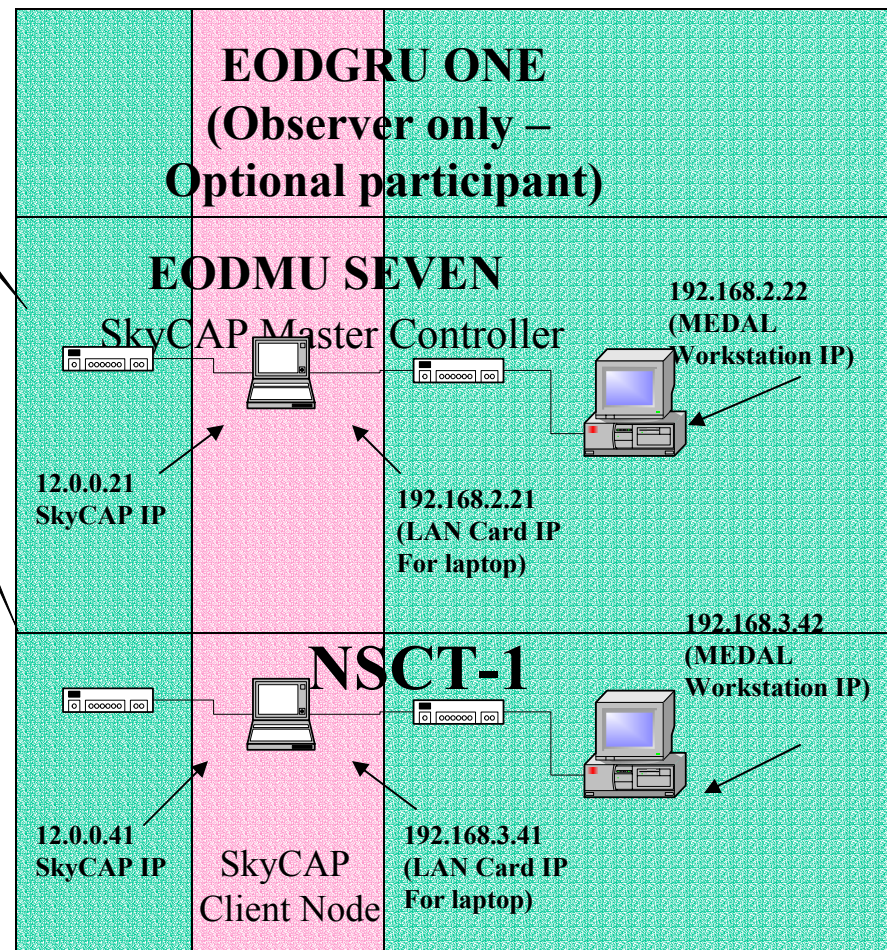
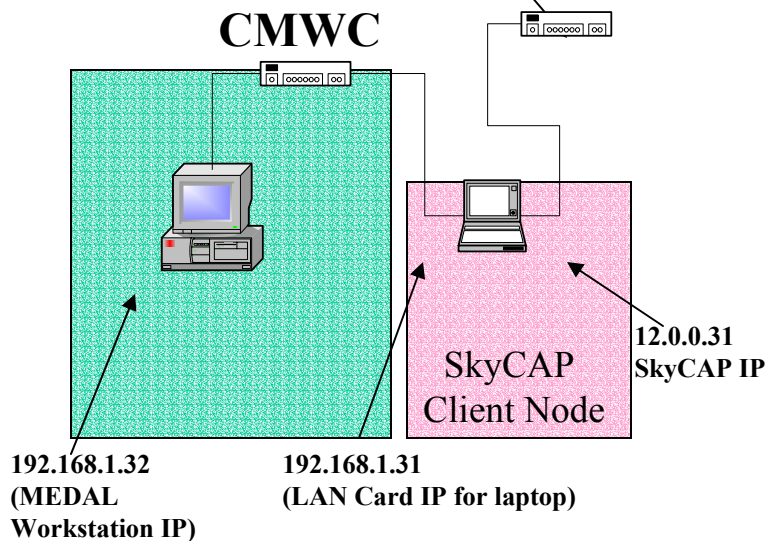
25 KHz Dedicated Channel
(CONUS channel assigned by JFCOM)

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San Diego, CA



Radio on loan
to CMWC from
NSCT-1



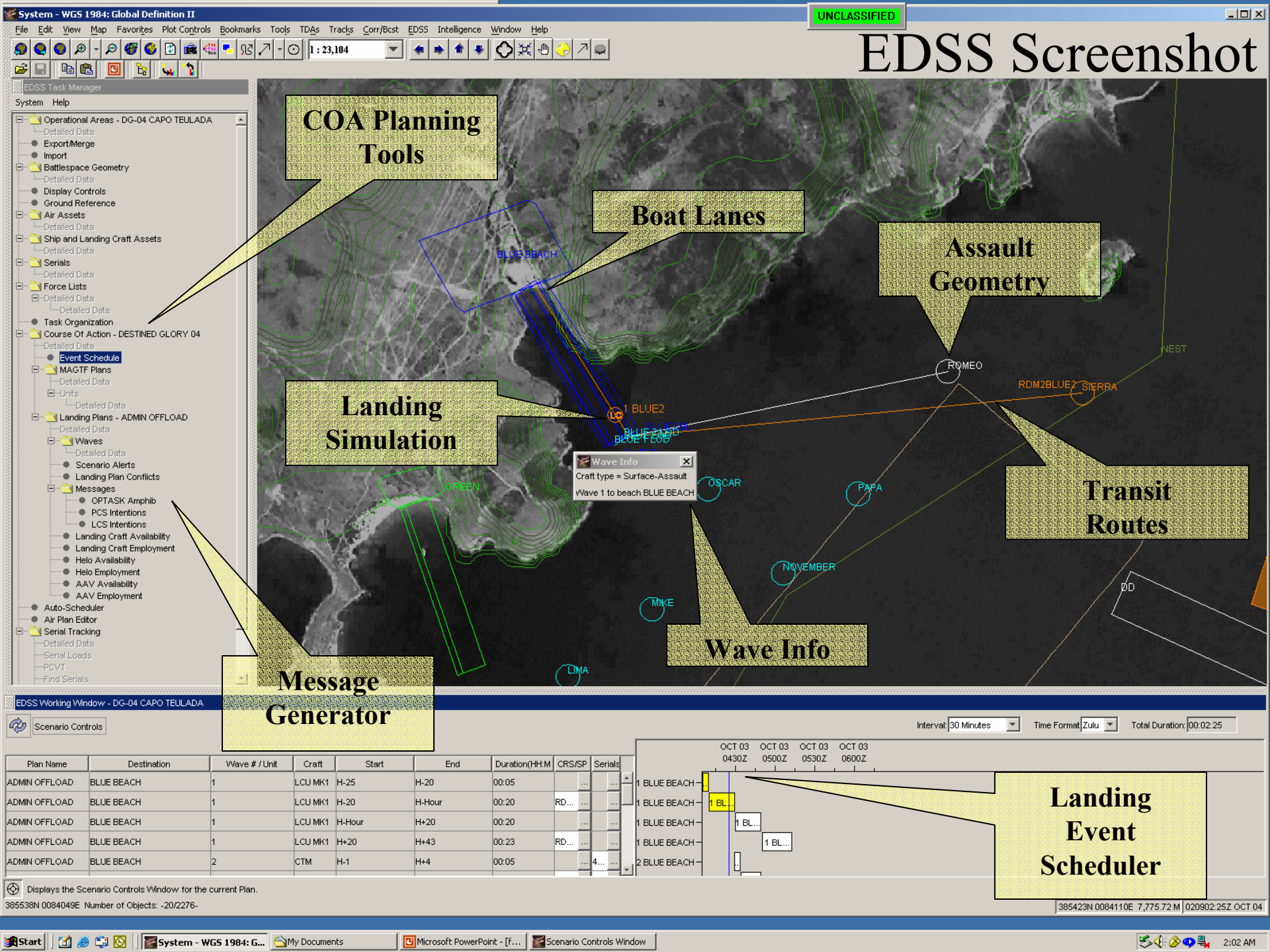
Items provided by
each command

Items provided by
SPAWAR/ONR



What is EDSS?

- **EDSS is an operational Integrated Mission Planning and Execution Tool supporting Expeditionary Forces**
 - **Set of software Tactical Decision Aids serving all Expeditionary Warfare Commanders ~ Navy & Marine Corps**
 - **ONR sponsored, government owned software**
 - **DII COE compliant software**
 - **US Navy ~ developed as a GCCS-M 4.x segment**
 - **US Marine Corps ~ developed/transitioned as a C2PC v6.1 Injector**
 - **Currently integrated with other Joint/Naval systems (AFATDS, ICODES, MEDAL) and designed to easily interface with additional systems in follow-on spirals (TBMCS, JMPS, etc.)**





MARCORSYSCOM Testing

- **SkyCAP Windows version tested for MARCORSYSCOM at SPAWAR JICF and MCTSSA (Camp Pendleton) in DEC 04/JAN 05.**
- **Demonstrated reliable data transmission of C2PC and other network data via 25 KHz channel and LOS mode.**
- **Some C2PC data types (Overlays and Opnotes) tended to clog the circuit due to the nature of their transmission**
- **Standard GCCS-M to C2PC track distribution was not affected**
- **Twelve SkyCAP systems delivered to MARCORSYSCOM for continued testing.**
- **EDSS will become an injector of C2PC in Q1FY06**



Goals of SkyCAP in Lead Shield

- **Demonstrate reliable GCCS-M tactical data distribution of MEDAL and other data**
- **Demonstrate SKYCHAT, a web based chat application, for tactical coordination**
- **Demonstrate image file transfers from small mobile units (RHIB, swath boats)**
- **Demonstrate full IP connectivity between supported nodes using UHF SATCOM and LOS**



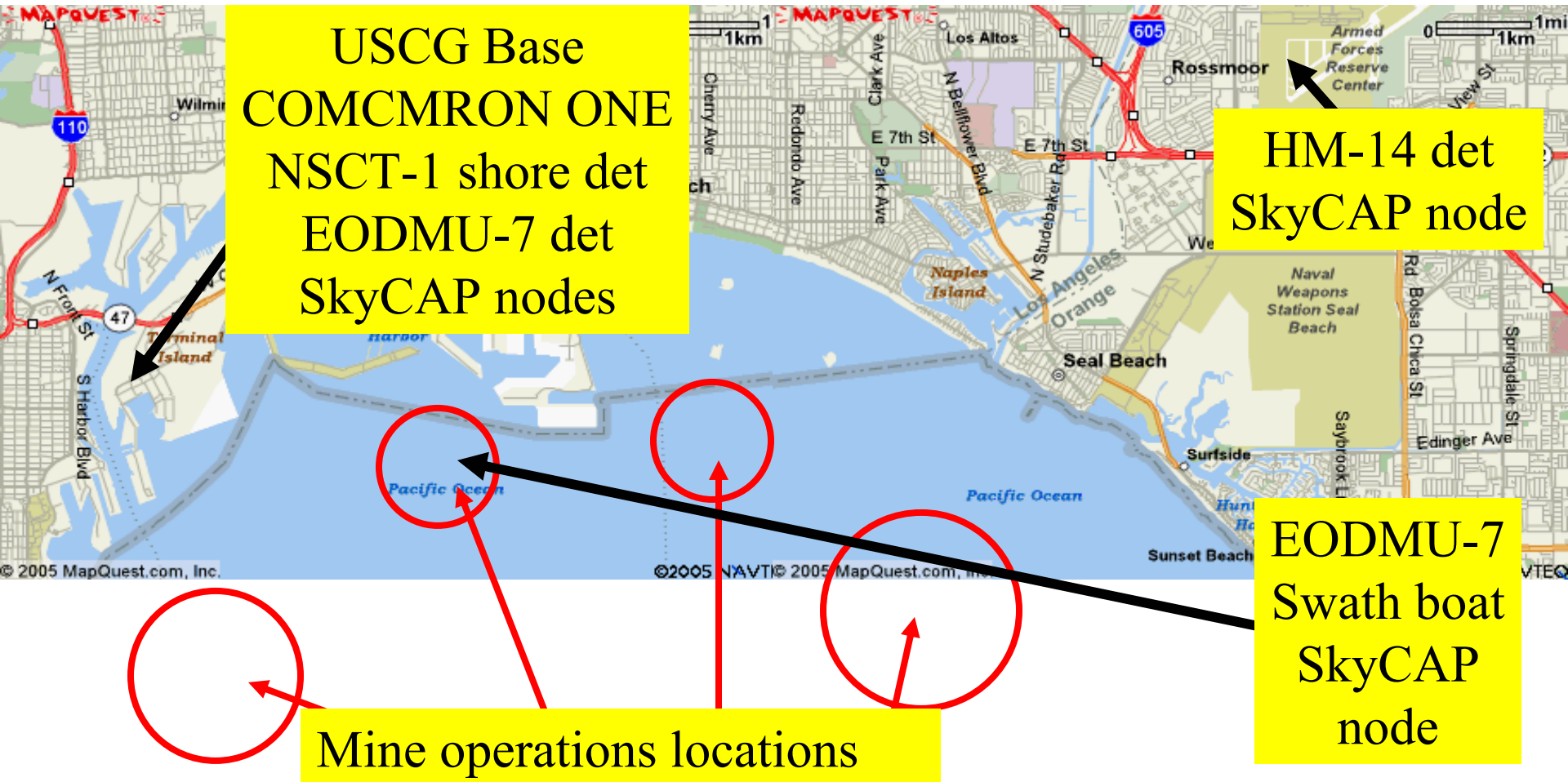
SkyCAP Locations in Lead Shield

USCG Base
COMCMRON ONE
NSCT-1 shore det
EODMU-7 det
SkyCAP nodes

HM-14 det
SkyCAP node

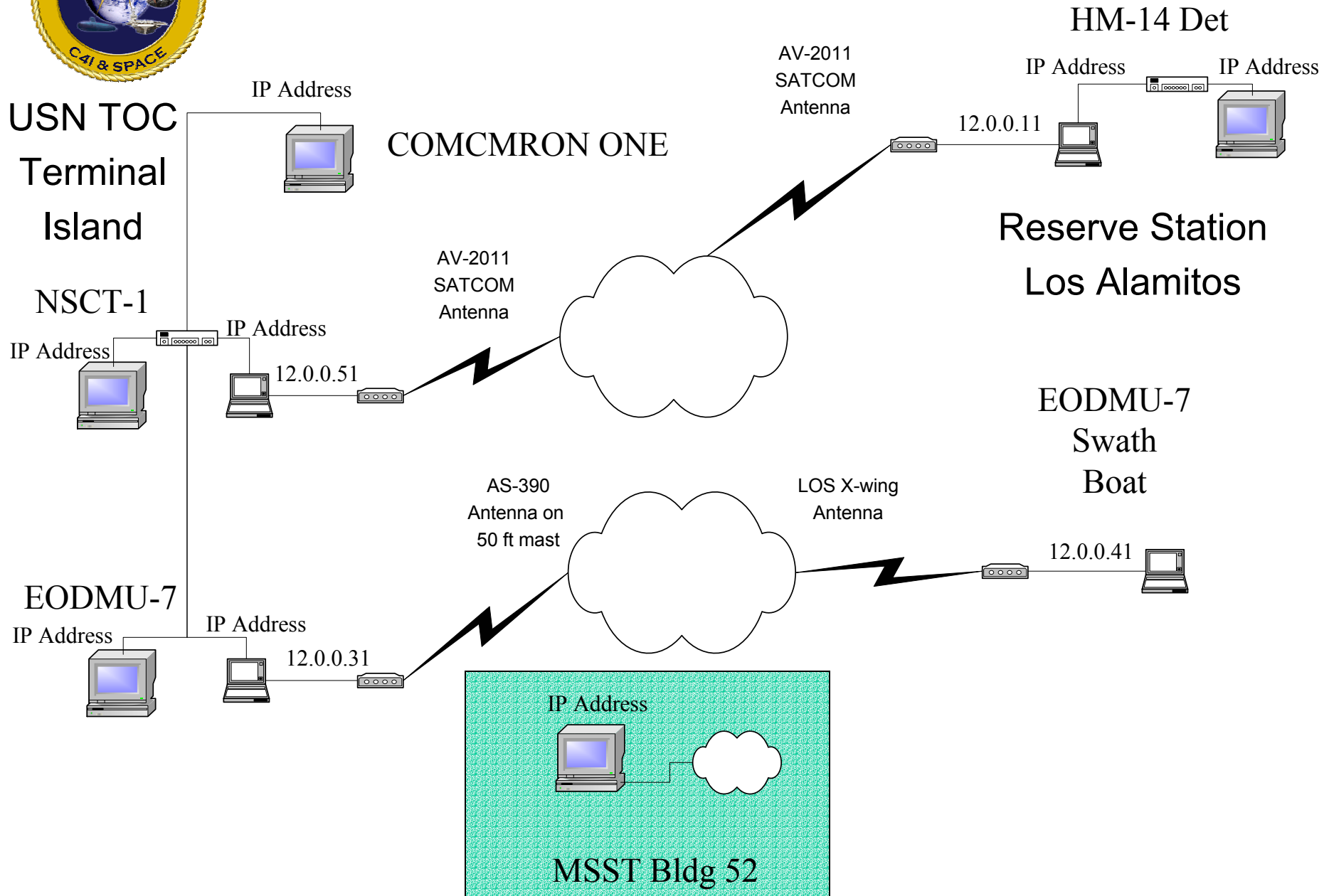
EODMU-7
Swath boat
SkyCAP
node

Mine operations locations





SkyCAP Data Architecture for Lead Shield





SkyCAP Lead Shield Configurations

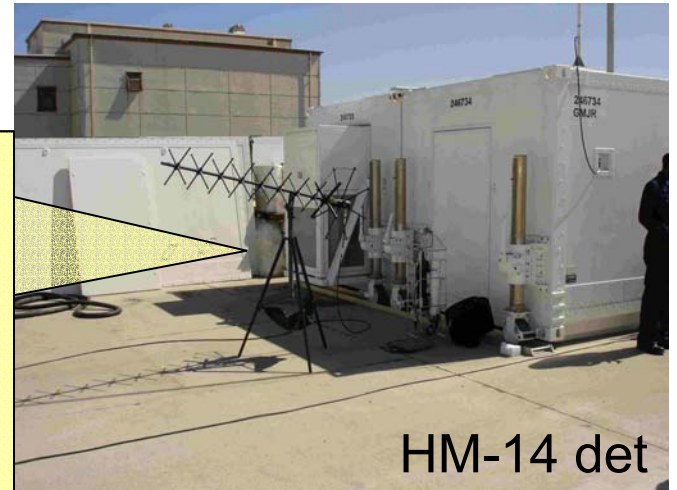
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UHF LOS
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on 50ft
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AV-2011
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EOD
Swath boat

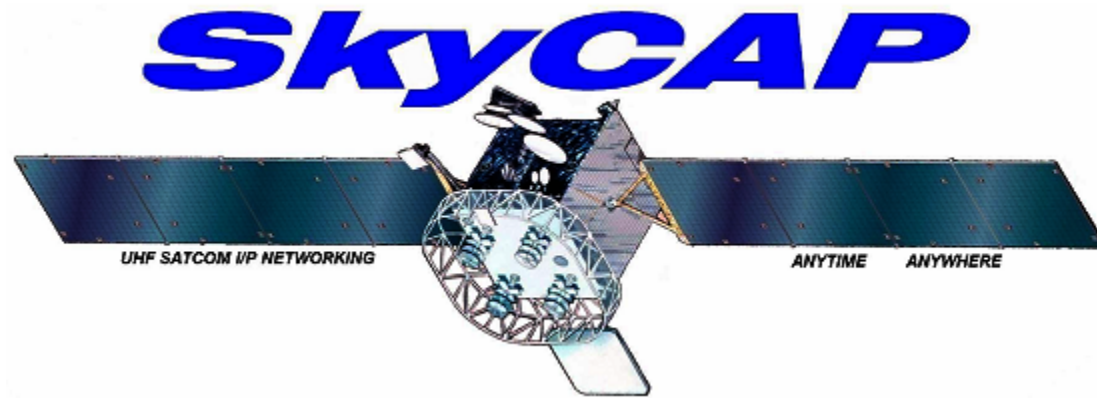
HM-14 det





What next?

- **Discussions ongoing for potential use of 25 KHz SATCOM channel to perhaps replace OTCIXS with OTCIXS-IP (SkyCAP).**
- **Additional testing with CMWC and EOD units is scheduled. SkyCAP to participate in October GOMEX with MCM forces.**
- **SkyCAP under consideration as upgrade to MCM vessel communications suite.**
- **SkyCAP to be used with ongoing ONR projects (ARVCOP).**
- **USCG expressing interest in using SkyCAP as airborne IP link to C-130 aircraft.**
- **DOD interest in using SkyCAP for medical IP data exchange from mobile medical units.**



Questions?