

Mars Exploration Rovers - 2003 DSN Loading Study

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Requirements

Mars Missions:

2 Mars Exploration Rovers - 2003

<u>S/C</u>	Launch Window	Arrival Date
MER-A	6/03 - 6/23/2003	01/04/2004
MER-B	6/27 - 7/17/2003	02/25/2004

- 1 Spacecraft Orbiting Mars
 Mars 2001 Orbiter (M010)
 - MGS End of Mission 4/22/2002 or (no PQ) Dec-2002
- 2 International Mars Spacecraft

S/C	Launch/Earth Departure	Arrival Date
Mars Expr	ress 6/01 - ?	12/25/2003
(Beagle2	Rover has no Direct-to-Earth	(DTE) Comm)
Nozomi	6/19	01/01/2004



Requirements

MERA and MERB:

Launch - L+4wks Continuous 34H, 34B

• TCM +/- 3 Days Continuous 34H, 34B

• TCM Day Continuous 70M

• Busy Cruise 7 wks of 2 tracks/day 34H, 34B

• Light Cruise 9 wks of 3-7 tracks/wk 34H, 34B

• EDL Testing (Cruise) Daily (M-F) 70M during 1 week

• VLBI (2 Complex) 1-5 arrays/wk 34H or 34H/70M

• Approach - EDL Continuous

MERA 34H; MERB (1) 34H, (2-3) 70M

Last 2-3 wks 70M only

• Surface Operations Daily 70M



Requirements

DSN Antenna Downtimes - 2003:

<u>A</u>	<u>ntenna</u>	<u>Weeks</u>	Description
•	DSS-63	31-34	Ball Joint/ Pad Refurbishment
•	DSS-45	37-43	Antenna Controller Replacement

Proposed for 2003-2004

Antenna	Duration /Window	Description
• DSS-14	7wks Dec-03 - Aug-04	Antenna Controller Replacement
• DSS-43	7wks Dec-03 - Aug-04	Antenna Controller Replacement
• DSS-63	7wks Dec-03 - Aug-04	Antenna Controller Replacement
• DSS-65	16 wks 2003-2005?	Pad Refurbishment/Replacement

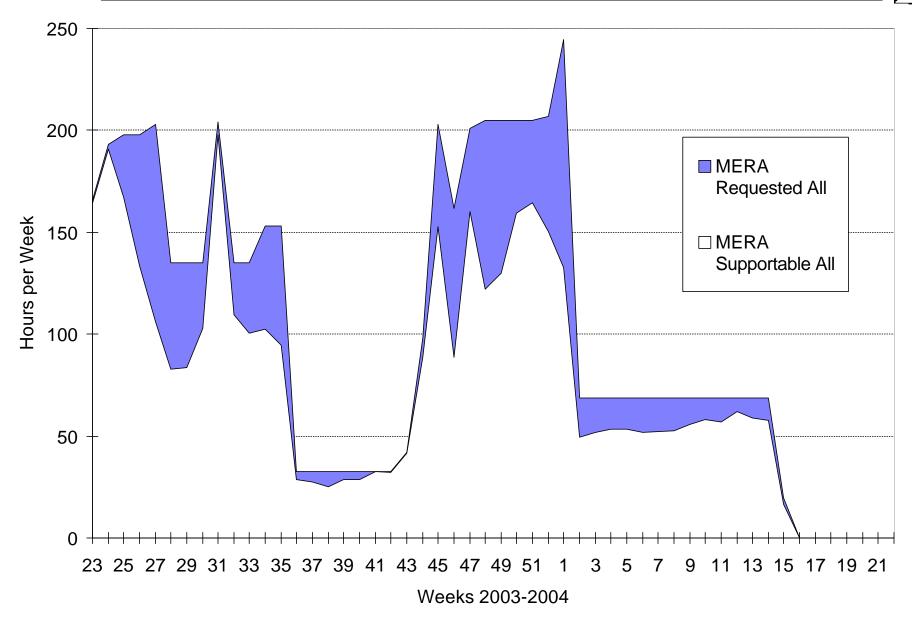


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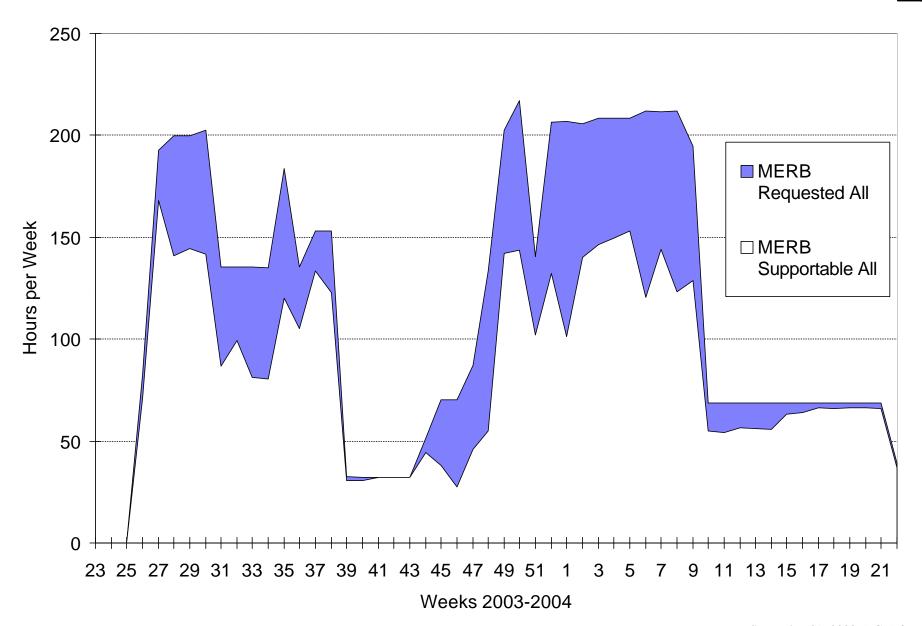
MSPA

- Would M01O MSPA during Surface Ops How much telecommand time do they need?
- Can Nozomi's Radio Science (Occultation) Requirement be supported while 'n' missions are supported in an 'n' mission MSPA?
- Could MEO's 30 days of post-Mars Arrival requirement ("10-12 hours/day prime telemetry ... and ... telecommand ..., as well as average 4 hours/day prime radiometric") be supported with MSPA?
- Equipment Limitations
 - Telemetry Decoding
 - Radio Science Receivers

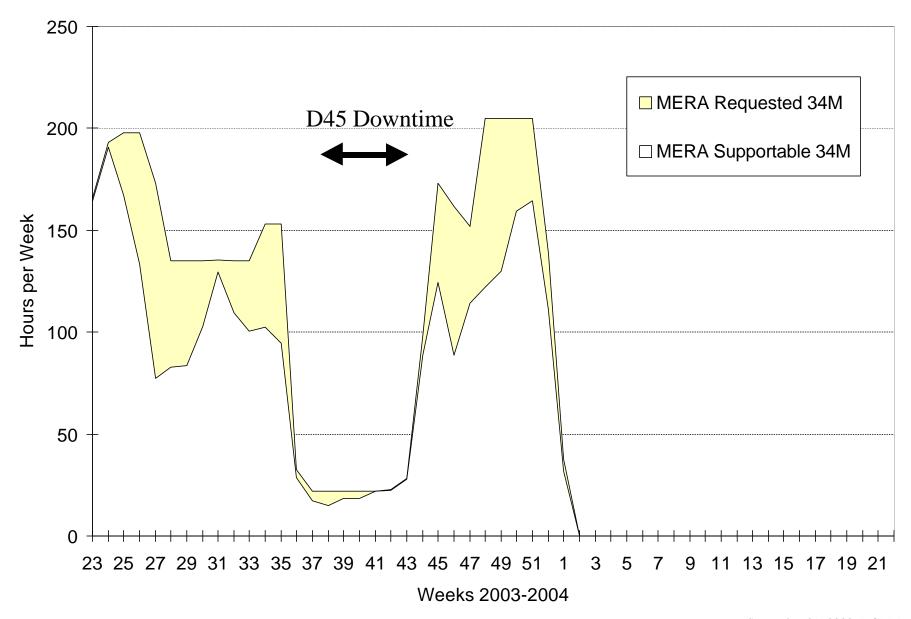




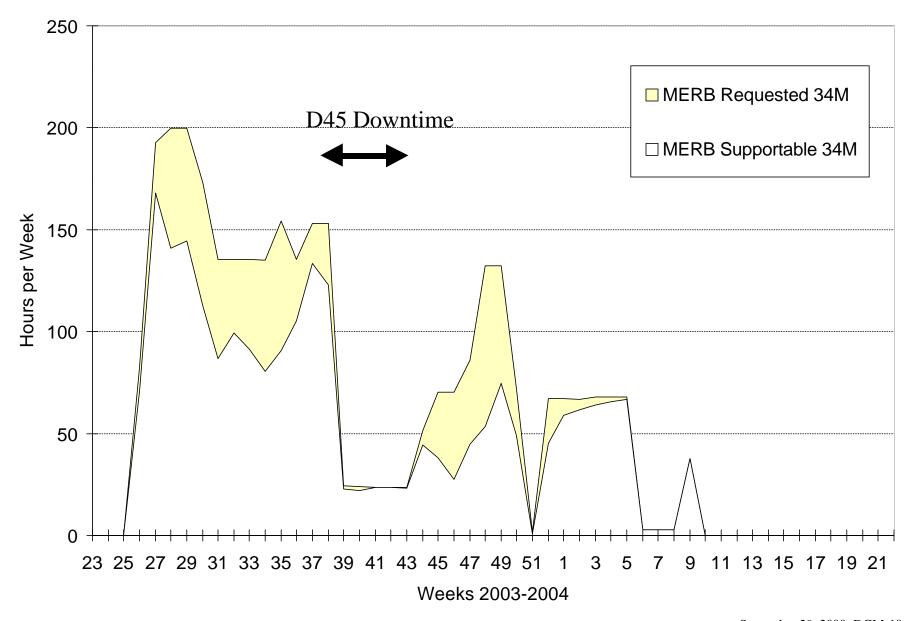




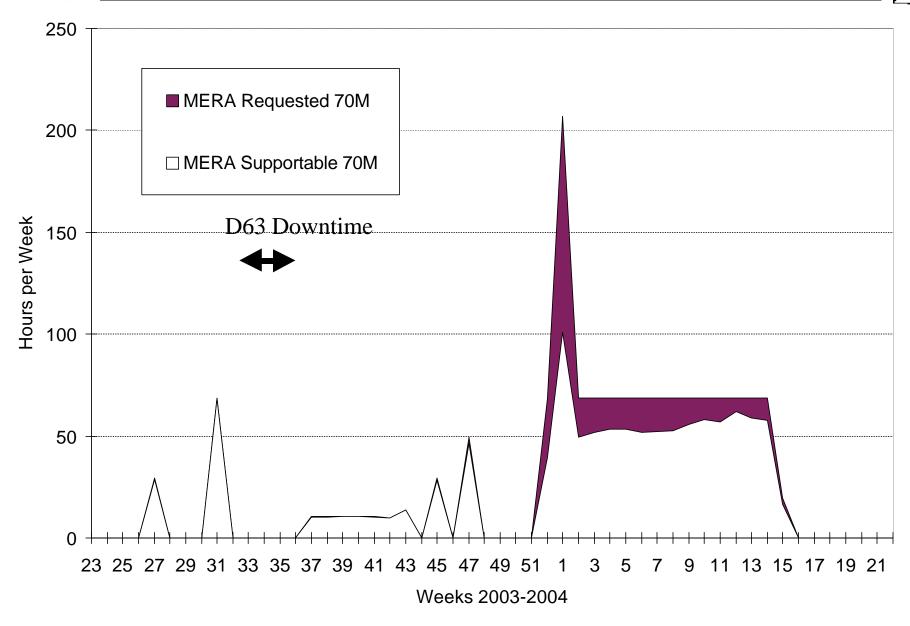




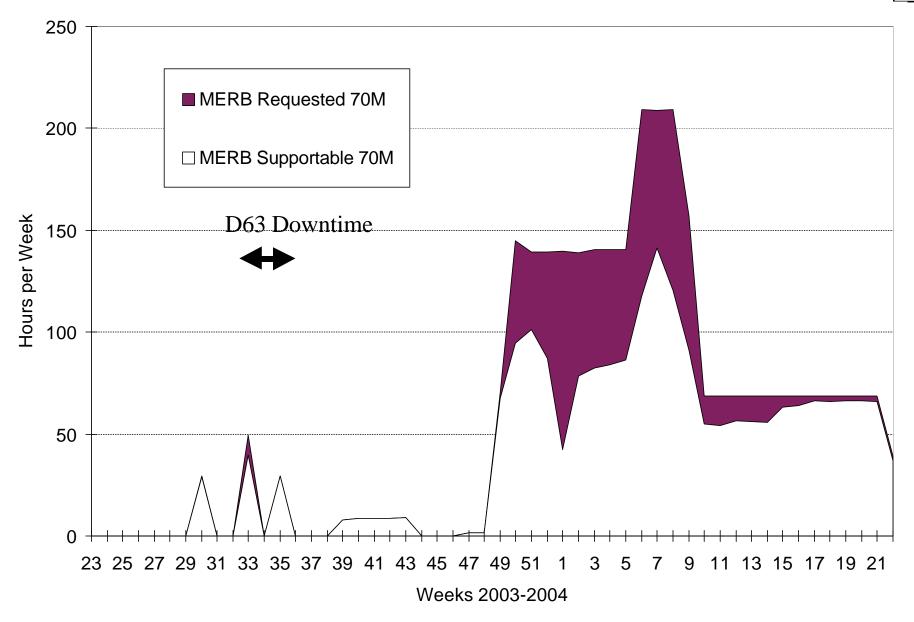








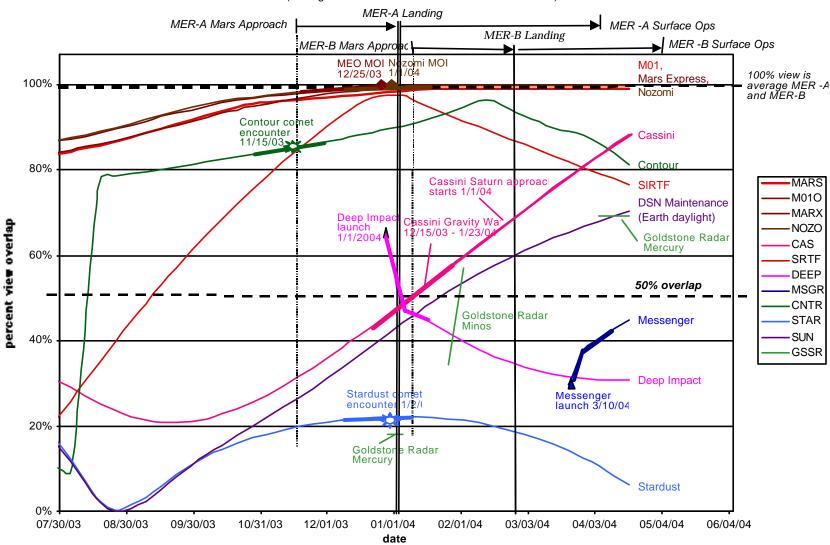






Viewperiod Overlap with MER

(average over all 3 sites and both MER-A and MER-B)





Concurrent S/C Activities in late 2003 - early 2004

- Some significant events: arbitrarily selected
 - 4 spacecraft doing Mars Approach, Landing/Orbit insertion and initial operations
 - No real plan for accomplishing this exists yet. Requesting special study from RAP.
 - MEO uses Perth, Nozomi uses Japanese antenna, which helps lessen DSN demand.
 - After September MEO conference, develop integrated radioNav strategy?
 - Cassini gravity wave experiment
 - Experiment is placed at Cassini opposition (January 4, 2004) ±20 days (December 15, 2003 January 23, 2004)
 - Request continuous 34m HEF at Madrid and Canberra, 34m BWG at Goldstone (for K_a-band). Most obvious conflict at end of Madrid segment.
 - Cassini gravity wave experiment is a "Class A" mission requirement
 - This is the third of three experiments. first: late November 2001 January 2002; second: late December 2002 January 2003.
 - Required data type is continuous Doppler (and ranging?).
 - Concurrent spacecraft pointing/orientation data is also required (1 measurement per 4 seconds?); telemetry could be buffered and sent once a day?
 - Stardust Wild-2 flyby
 - Stardust Wild-2 flyby on January 2, 2004, 19:20 UTC.
 - Approach TCMs: December 3, 23, 31, 2003; January 1, 2, 2004 (E-30d, E-10d, E-2d, E-18hr, E-6hr).
 - Flyby data return, continuous 70m: E-2d through E+3d; E+5d through E+8d; E+10 through 13d.
 - Critical return-to-Earth TCM on February 2, 2004.
 - Deep Impact launch January 1, 2004, requests continuous 34m coverage for 20 days(?).
- DSN requests for 2003 and 2004 are incomplete, immature, or missing.



Spacecraft	Coverage request	Request timeframe	Signficant activity
70m subnet			
MER-A	one 8-hr 70m track per day	Jan 4 – April 6, 2004	Mars Landing, January 4, 2004 91-sol surface operations January 4 – April 6, 2004
MER-B	one 8-hr 70m track per day	Feb 25 – TBD 2004	Mars Landing, February 25, 2004 TBD-sol surface operations February 25 – TBD, 2004
Mars 01 Orbiter	two 8-hr 70m per day	Oct. 30 2003 – all 2004	Prime Science, Themis (10/29/03-8/1/04), plus MER relay; negotiate 70m sharing agreement / MSPA after landing
Stardust	near-continuous 70m	Dec. 31 2003 – Jan 15 2004	Comet flyby Jan 2; data return, January 2-15 2004
SIRTF	two 1-hour 70m tracks per day	January – July 2004	Prime mission Science
Cassini	TBD	January 1 – July 1 2004	Saturn Approach (SOI July 1, 2004)
34m subnet			
MER-A	continuous 34mHEF	Nov 21 2003 – Jan 5 2004	Mars Approach, begins November 21, 2003 Mars Landing and sol 2 array, January 4-5, 2004
MER-B	continuous 34mHEF	Jan 11 – Feb 26 2004	Mars Approach, begins January 11, 2004 Mars Landing and sol 2 array, February 25-26, 2004
Mars Express Orbiter	12 hrs/day on 34mBWG, or 70m (S-band uplink, X-band downlink)	entire MER mission MEO uses Perth antenna, reduces DSN load.	Mars Approach, starts Dec. 1 2003? Mars Orbit Insertion December 25, 2003 (and aerobraking? TBD)
Nozomi (Planet-B)	34m BWG, or 70m (S-band uplink, X-band downlink) Goldstone & Madrid only?)	Dec 8 2003 – Jan 5 2004 Nozomi uses other antennas, uses DSN for radioNav only	Mars Approach, starts December 8, 2003 (should be earlier?) Mars Orbit Insertion, January 1 2004/08:43 UTC Mars Orbital support: periap raise 1/5/04, then radio science only? (working group meeting in Novermber)
Stardust	34m HEF	Nov 9 2003 – Feb 2 2004 peaks in January	Comet Wild-2 encounter on January 2, 2004 + approach TCMs Comet data return, Jan 2-15 2004 TCM for return-to-Earth, February 2 2004
SIRTF	two 1-hour 34m tracks per day	2003	Prime mission Science
Deep Impact	34m continuous	January 2004	Launch through launch +30d (fits nicely with Cassini view)
GSSR (Goldstone Solar System Radar)	DSS-14 (Goldstone 70m) only	Jan 30 - Feb 5 2004	Asteroid Minos observation Potential problem depending on landing site.
DSN antenna daylight maintenance	Occasional high priority	all 2004	Required maintenance: Negotiate Note: northern winter on Earth; shorter days imply specific conflict
Cassini	continuous 34m HEF, except Goldstone BWG (for Ka-band)	Dec 15 2003 to Jan 23 2004 Jan 4 2004 ± 20days	40-d gravity wave experiment, opposition ±20 days (D.M.: Madrid-Goldstone segment is tough)
	TBD	April 1, 2004 on	Saturn Approach (SOI July 1, 2004)
MUSES-C	34m	Feb 9 – Mar 28 2004	
Messenger	Continuous 34m	Mar 10 - Mar 25 2004	Launch March 10, 2004 (Venus 1 encounter June 24, 2004!)
Comet Nucleus Tour	none		Comet encounter over by Nov 15 2003. assume hibernation mode
Rosetta	none		assume hibernation mode September 29, 2000



Monthly Analysis

June 2003 Weeks 23-26

USER	ACTIVITY	ANT	HOURS	PASS/WK
MER-A	Launch (6/3), Early Cruise	34M	8	21
	VLBI (wk 25-26)	34M	1	1
MER-B	Launch (6/27), Early Cruise	34M	8	21
M010	Mapping	34M	7	14
MEO	Launch (6/1)	24, 54	8	7
NOZO	Earth-Mars Transfer (6/19)	24, 54	8	5-10
CAS	Sup. Conjunction (wk 25-26)	25, 45, 65	8	21
DSS	Routine Maintenance	All	6-8	1-2
STAR	Pre-TCM	34H	4	2-14

Analysis:

The 34H, 34BWG subnets are at maximum utilization in the Mars view. M01O requires two 7-hour passes daily. MEO launches and may use S-band for the first weeks of launch and need 34B1 at Goldstone and Madrid; Nozomi will need about seven passes from the same antennas during MEO launch. The Cassini and Stardust VP overlaps the Mars view by about 40% and both require 34H for 20kW (Cassini uses D25 for Ka band); DSS Maintenance will force them to use 34B antennas once per week. The Mars VP overlaps DSS maintenance for 3 hours. Contention on the 70M subnet is low for time inside the Mars VP.

Recommendation:

Usage of 70M by M01O, Cassini and Stardust would allow MERA and MERB to use 34H, D26 and D34. Contention would remain at D54 with Nozomi during MERB launch in week 26.



Monthly Analysis

July 2003 Weeks 27-31

USER	ACTIVITY	ANT	HOURS	PASS/WK
MER-A	TCM, Busy Cruise	34M	8	14-21
	VLBI	34M	1	1
	Semaphore Test, TCM (wk 31)	70M	8	7
MER-B	Early Cruise, TCM	34M	8	14-21
	VLBI	34M	1	1
M010	Mapping	34M	7	14
NOZO	Post Earth-Mars Transfer	24, 54	8	5-10
CAS	Sup. Conjunction (wk 27-29)	25, 45, 65	8	21
CNTR	Pre-Earth Swingby	34H	4-8	7
DSS	Downtime (wk 31)	63	168	
	Routine Maintenance	All	6-8	1-2
STAR	TCM, Post-TCM	34H	4-8	2-14

Analysis:

The 34H, 34BWG subnets are at maximum utilization in the Mars view. M01O requires two 7-hour passes daily. Nozomi will need 34B1 at Goldstone and Madrid. The Cassini, Contour (only at Canberra) and Stardust VP overlaps the Mars view by about 40% and all require 34H for 20kW (Cassini uses D25 for Ka band); DSS Maintenance will force them to use 34B antennas once per week. The Mars VP overlaps DSS maintenance for 2-3 hours. Contention on the 70M subnet is low for time inside the Mars VP. MERA semaphore test occurs when DSS-63 begins its Downtime.

Recommendation:

Usage of 70M by M01O, Cassini and Stardust would allow MERA and MERB to use 34H, D26 and D34. Contention would remain at D54 with Nozomi in weeks 27-31. May need to move D63 Downtime one week.



Monthly Analysis

August 2003 Weeks 32-35

USER	ACTIVITY	ANT	HOURS	PASS/WK
MER-A	Busy Cruise	34M	8	14
	VLBI	34M	1	1-5
MER-B	Busy Cruise, TCM	34M	8	14-16
	Semaphore Test (wk 33), TCM	170M	8	3-5
	VLBI	34M	1	1
M010	Mapping	34M	7	14
NOZO	Cruise	24, 54	8	5
CNTR	Earth Swingby	34H	8	7
DSS	Downtime (wk 32-34)	63	168	
GNS	Pre-Earth Recovery (wk 34-35) 34B1	4-8	7-10

Analysis:

The 34H, 34BWG subnets are at maximum utilization in the Mars view. M01O requires two 7-hour passes daily. Nozomi will need 34B1 at Goldstone and Madrid. Genesis begins transit back to Earth from L2; contention will occur with Nozomi and other Mars missions on 34B1 subnet. After the Contour Earth Swingby on August 13 (wk 33), its VP overlaps the Mars view by about 75% and requires 34H for 20kW. Contention on the 70M subnet is low for time inside the Mars VP. MERB semaphore test occurs during the D63 Downtime. D63 is available for MERB TCM

Recommendation:

Usage of 70M by M01O would allow MERA and MERB to use 34H, D26 and D34 in week 32. Contention with Contour on the 34H (one pass daily) would remain through week 34. Contention is expected at D54 with Nozomi and Genesis in weeks 32-34. Some coverage at 26M antennas for Genesis may reduce this contention.



Monthly Analysis

September 2003 Weeks 36-39

USER	ACTIVITY	ANT	HOURS	PASS/WK
MER-A	Minimum Cruise	34M	8	3
	VLBI	34M	1	1
MER-B	Busy Cruise	34M	8	14
	VLBI	34M	1	1-5
M010	Mapping	34M	7	14
NOZO	Cruise, TCM	24, 54	8	5-10
CNTR	Post Swingby, Pre-Comet	34H	4	7
DSS	Downtime (wk 37-39)	45	168	
GNS	Prime Earth Recovery (9/20)	34B1	4-8	7-21

Analysis:

The 34H, 34BWG subnets are at maximum utilization in the Mars view. D45 begins a seven-week Downtime September 8. M01O requires two 7-hour passes daily. NOZO will need 34B1 at Goldstone and Madrid. Genesis continues its transit back to Earth from L2; contention will occur with Nozomi and other Mars missions on 34B1 subnet. Contour's pre-Comet Encke and post Earth Swingby support overlaps the Mars view by about 75% and requires 34H for 20kW. Contention on the 70M subnet is low for time inside the Mars VP.

Recommendation:

Usage of 70M by M01O and Contour would allow MERA and MERB to use D15, D26 and D65. Contention would remain at 34B1 with Nozomi and Genesis and prohibit its use by MERA, MERB or M01O. Some coverage at 26M antennas for Genesis may reduce this contention.



Monthly Analysis

October 2003 Weeks 40-44

USER	ACTIVITY	ANT	HOURS	PASS/WK
MER-A	Minimum Cruise, TCM	34M	8	3-10
	VLBI	34M	1	1
MER-B	Minimum Cruise	34M	8	3-5
	VLBI	34M	1	1
M010	Mapping	34M,70M	7	14
NOZO	Cruise	24, 54	8	5
CNTR	Pre-Comet Encke Enc.	34H	4-8	7
DSS	Downtime (wk 40-43)	45	168	
GNS	B/U Earth Recovery (10/09)	34B1	8	21

Analysis:

The 34H, 34BWG subnets are at maximum utilization in the Mars view. D45 completes its seven-week Downtime October 25. M01O requires two 7-hour passes daily and begins to require 70M in week 44. NOZO will need 34B1 at Goldstone and Madrid. Genesis continues its transit back to Earth from L2; contention will occur with Nozomi and other Mars missions on 34B1 subnet. Contour's pre-Comet Encke support overlaps the Mars view by about 75% and requires 34H for 20kW. Contention on the 70M subnet is low for time inside the Mars VP.

Recommendation:

Usage of 70M by M01O and Contour would allow MERA and MERB to use D15, D26 and D65 until D45 returns to service. Contention in week 40-41 would remain at 34B1 with Nozomi and Genesis (if the Backup EDL date is used) and prohibit its use by MERA, MERB or M01O. Since both MERA and MERB are in minimum Cruise, there should not be any impact to them. Some coverage at 26M antennas for Genesis may reduce this contention.



Monthly Analysis

November 2003 Weeks 45-48

USER	ACTIVITY	ANT	HOURS	PASS/WK
MER-A	Checkout, Approach, TCM	34M	8	14-21
	VLBI	34M	1	1-5
	Semaphore Test, TCM (wk 45))70M	8	3-5
MER-B	Minimum, Busy Cruise	34M	8	7-14
	VLBI	34M	1	1
M010	Mapping	70M	7	14
NOZO	Cruise	24, 54	8	5
CNTR	Comet Encke Enc. (11/13)	34H	8	7-21
DSS	Routine Maintenance	All	6-8	1-2
STAR	Pre-TCM, Pre-P/Wild2	34H	4-8	3-16

Analysis:

The 34H, 34BWG subnets are at maximum utilization in the Mars view. M01O requires two 7-hour 70M passes daily. Nozomi will need 34B1 at Goldstone and Madrid. Contour's Comet Encke support overlaps the Mars view by about 75% and requires 34H for 20kW. Stardust's viewperiod overlaps Contour and just begins to impact the Mars view with the support required. Contention on the 70M subnet is low for time inside the Mars VP, but little excess time remains in weeks 45 and 47.

Recommendation:

Usage of 70M by M01O and MERA constrain its use for overloaded 34M subnets in weeks 45-47. 75% of MERA support can be met by the 34H subnet. Contour's reduction in week 47 should allow the VLBI tests to be done. MERB needs to move to 34BWG where contention in week 47-48 would remain at D54 with Nozomi.



Monthly Analysis

December 2003 Weeks 49-52

USER	ACTIVITY	ANT	HOURS	PASS/WK
MER-A	Approach, TCM	34M	8	14-21
	VLBI	34M	1	2
	TCM (wk 52)	70M	8	7
MER-B	Busy Cruise, TCM	34M,70M	8	14-21
	VLBI	34M	1	1-5
M010	Mapping	70M	7	14
MEO	Approach, MOI (DSCC 10,60)	34M	12	3-7
NOZO	Cruise	24, 54	8	5-10
CAS	Gravity Wave (wk 51-52)	25, 45, 65	8	21
CNTR	Comet Encke Enc. (wk 49)	34H	8	3
DSS	Routine Maintenance	All	6-8	1-2
STAR	Pre-TCM, Pre-P/Wild2	34H	4-8	14

Analysis:

The 34H, 34BWG subnets are near the maximum utilization in the Mars view. Both MERA and MERB Earth Range exceeds 1 AU in this month. Nozomi plans to arrive at Mars January 1, 2004 and will need 34B1 at Goldstone and Madrid, while Mars Express approaches and arrives at Mars needing daily support from DSCC 10 and 60. Contour's Comet Encke support overlaps the Mars view in week 49 by about 75% and requires 34H for 20kW. Cassini begins their search for Gravitational Waves in week 51 with about a 40% viewperiod overlap with Mars. Stardust's viewperiod begins to impact the Mars view. Contention on the 70M subnet is high for time inside the Mars VP. M01O requires two 7-hour 70M passes daily. MERA and MERB begin to request one to three 70M passes daily.



Monthly Analysis

December 2003 Weeks 49-52 (cont.)

Passes/Week Requested by Mars Missions:

70M: Wee	ek 49	50	51	52	User	
	00	00	00	07	MERA	
	07	14	14	14	MERB	
	14	14	14	14	M01O	
Total	21	28	28	35	70M Use	
34M: Wee	ek 49	50	51	52	User	
	21	21	21	14	MERA	
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	14	07	00	00	MERB	
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	14	07	00	00	MERB	

Recommendation:

Usage of 70M by M01O, MERB and MERA exceed capacity. Some part of this support either has to use 34M or find non-DSN 64M or 70M antennas. Non-DSN antennas do not help if unique telemetry decoders or two-way radiometric data are necessary. 1 AU Earth Range was stated as the limit of 34BWG 4kW transmitter usefulness for MER. Cassini's viewperiod overlap is significant enough to limit continuous coverage with 34H subnet because of complex overlap between Madrid and Goldstone. M01O needs to use only D14 and D43 so that either MERA or MERB can use D63 in this month.



Monthly Analysis

January 2004 Weeks 01-05

USER	ACTIVITY	ANT	HOURS	PASS/WK
MER-A	Approach, EDL, Surf. Ops	70M	8	7-21
	EDL (01/03)	34M	8	4
MER-B	Late Cruise, Approach	34M,70M	8	21
	VLBI	34M,70M	1	1-2
M010	Mapping	70M	7	14
MEO	Post MOI (DSCC 10,60) (wk1	-4) 34M	12	3-7
NOZO	Pre and Post MOI (wk 1-2)	24, 54	8	5-10
	Occultation	70M	3	3
CAS	Gravity Wave (wk 1-4)	25, 45, 65	8	21
DEEP	Launch Phase (01/02)	34M	8	5-19
DSS	Routine Maintenance	All	6-8	1-2
STAR	Comet P/Wild2 Enc., TCM	34H,70M	4-8	14-18

Analysis:

The 34H, 34BWG subnets are near the maximum utilization in the Mars view. MERA EDL is January 3 and both 34H and 70M antenna are required for the day. MERA Surface Ops requires a daily 70M pass. MERB is in Late Cruise and beginning its Approach phase. Nozomi's MOI is January 1, 2004 and will need 34B1 at Goldstone and Madrid. Mars Express post MOI requires daily support from DSCC 10 and 60. Cassini concludes their search for Gravitational Waves in week 4 with about a 50% viewperiod overlap with Mars. Contention on the 70M subnet is high for time inside the Mars VP. M01O requires two 7-hour 70M passes daily. MERA and MERB request one to three 70M passes daily. Stardust's viewperiod impacts the Mars view.



Monthly Analysis January 2004 Weeks 01-05 (cont.)

Passes/Week Requested by Mars Missions:

70M: Week	c <u>01</u>	02	03	04	05	User
	21	07*	07*	07*	07*	MERA *-MSPA Potential
	14	14	14	14	14	MERB
	14	14	14	14	14	M01O
Total	49	35	35	35	35	70M Use
34M: Week	<u> 01</u>	02	03	04	05	User
	04	00	00	00	00	MERA
	07	07	07	07	07	MERB
	07	07	07	05	00	MEO (DSCC 10,60)
	05	02	00	00	00	NOZO (D54)
Total	23	16	14	12	07	34M Use

Recommendation:

Usage of 70M by M01O, MERB and MERA exceed capacity. Some part of this support either has to use MSPA, 34M or find non-DSN 64M or 70M antennas. During this month four spacecraft will be at or orbiting Mars. Non-DSN antennas do not help if unique telemetry decoders or two-way radiometric data are necessary. 1 AU Earth Range was stated as the limit of 34BWG 4kW transmitter usefulness for MER. Cassini's viewperiod overlap is significant enough to limit continuous coverage with 34H subnet because of complex overlap between Madrid and Goldstone. Deep Impact launches January 2, 2004 and requires 10 days of continuous support. Deep Impact has nearly the same viewperiod as Cassini and will similarly affect Mars Missions. Stardust uses both 70M and 34M support. When they use continuous 70M, this restricts the full use of the Mars viewperiod for Mars missions by about 6 hours per day. If MSPA is used to support M01O and MERA on the 70M subnet, then MERB can only use one 70M pass per day and must find 34H for the other passes. Since both Cassini and MERB would require D45 and D65, one of these missions must move to the 34BWG and compromise their requirements unless there were sufficient uplink power for either mission to use them.

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Monthly Analysis

February 2004 Weeks 06-09

USER	ACTIVITY	ANT	HOURS	PASS/WK
MER-A	Surface Ops	70M	8	7
MER-B	Approach, EDL, Surf. Ops	70M	8	7-21
	EDL (02/25)	34M	8	4
	VLBI	34M,70M	1	2
M010	Mapping	70M	7	14
NOZO	Occultation	70M	3	3
DSS	Routine Maintenance	All	6-8	1-2
STAR	TCM	34H	4	2-14

Analysis:

Contention on the 70M subnet is high for time inside the Mars VP. M01O requires two 7-hour 70M passes daily. MERA and MERB request one to three 70M passes daily. The 34H, 34BWG subnets are available for additional support to these missions. MERA Surface Ops requires a daily 70M pass. MERB is in its Approach phase and will land February 25.

Recommendation:

Usage of 70M by M01O, MERB and MERA exceed capacity. Some part of this support either has to use MSPA, 34M or find non-DSN 64M or 70M antennas. During this month up to five spacecraft will be at or orbiting Mars; the DSN has requirements to track only four. Non-DSN antennas do not help if unique telemetry decoders or two-way radiometric data are necessary. 1 AU Earth Range was stated as the limit of 34BWG 4kW transmitter usefulness for MER. If MSPA is used to support M01O and MERA on the 70M subnet, then MERB can only use one 70M pass per day and must find 34H for the other passes.



Monthly Analysis

March-May 2004 Weeks 10-22

USER	ACTIVITY	ANT	HOURS	PASS/WK
MER-A	Surface Ops (EOM 04/05)	70M	8	7
MER-B	Surf. Ops (EOM 05/27)	70M	8	7
M010	Mapping	70M	7	14
NOZO	Occultation	70M	3	3
DSS	Routine Maintenance	All	6-8	1-2

Analysis:

Contention on the 70M subnet is high for time inside the Mars VP. M01O requires two 7-hour 70M passes daily. MERA and MERB Surface Ops each request one 70M pass daily. The 34H, 34BWG subnets are available for additional support to these missions.

Recommendation:

Usage of 70M by M01O, MERB and MERA exceed capacity. Some part of this support either has to use MSPA, 34M or find non-DSN 64M or 70M antennas. During this month up to five spacecraft will be at or orbiting Mars; the DSN has requirements to track only four. Non-DSN antennas do not help if unique telemetry decoders or two-way radiometric data are necessary. 1 AU Earth Range was stated as the limit of 34BWG 4kW transmitter usefulness for MER. If MSPA is used to support M01O, MERA and MERB on the 70M subnet, then can only one can use 70M transmitter at one time; the others may want to use the 34H for the other passes.



Results

	20 kW on the	Add'l BWG	Add'l BWG	Add'I 70M	MSPA # of
Month	BWG	CAN	MAD	Ant.	S/C
Jun-03	Χ		Χ		
Jul-03	X		X		
Aug-03	X		X		
Sep-03		X	Χ		
Oct-03		Χ	Χ		
Nov-03	Χ		Χ		
Dec-03	Χ		Χ	X	2
Jan-04	Χ		Χ	Х	4
Feb-04				Х	3
Mar-04					3
Apr-04					2
May-04					2



Recommendations

- Add 20 kW Transmitters to 34BWG
 - Provide Flexibility for All Users
- Add Madrid 34M BWG Antenna
 - Consistent Nozomi and Mars Mission Contention At D54
- "Automate" Multiple Spacecraft per Antenna
 - Two Spacecraft is Absolute Minimum
 - Three Spacecraft is Useful for About Three Months



Recommendations

Dependencies:

- DSN Implementations / Maintenance
 - X-band Uplink at D63
 - NSP Reliability of MSPA
 - D65 Foundation or Pad Stability
 - 70M Fitness in 2004
- Other Spacecraft Missions:
 - Genesis Launches in February 2001
 - MGS EOM in 2002



BACKUP CHARTS



RSA TRACKING SYSTEM

STATION LOCATIONS

