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# The Global Telecommunication System

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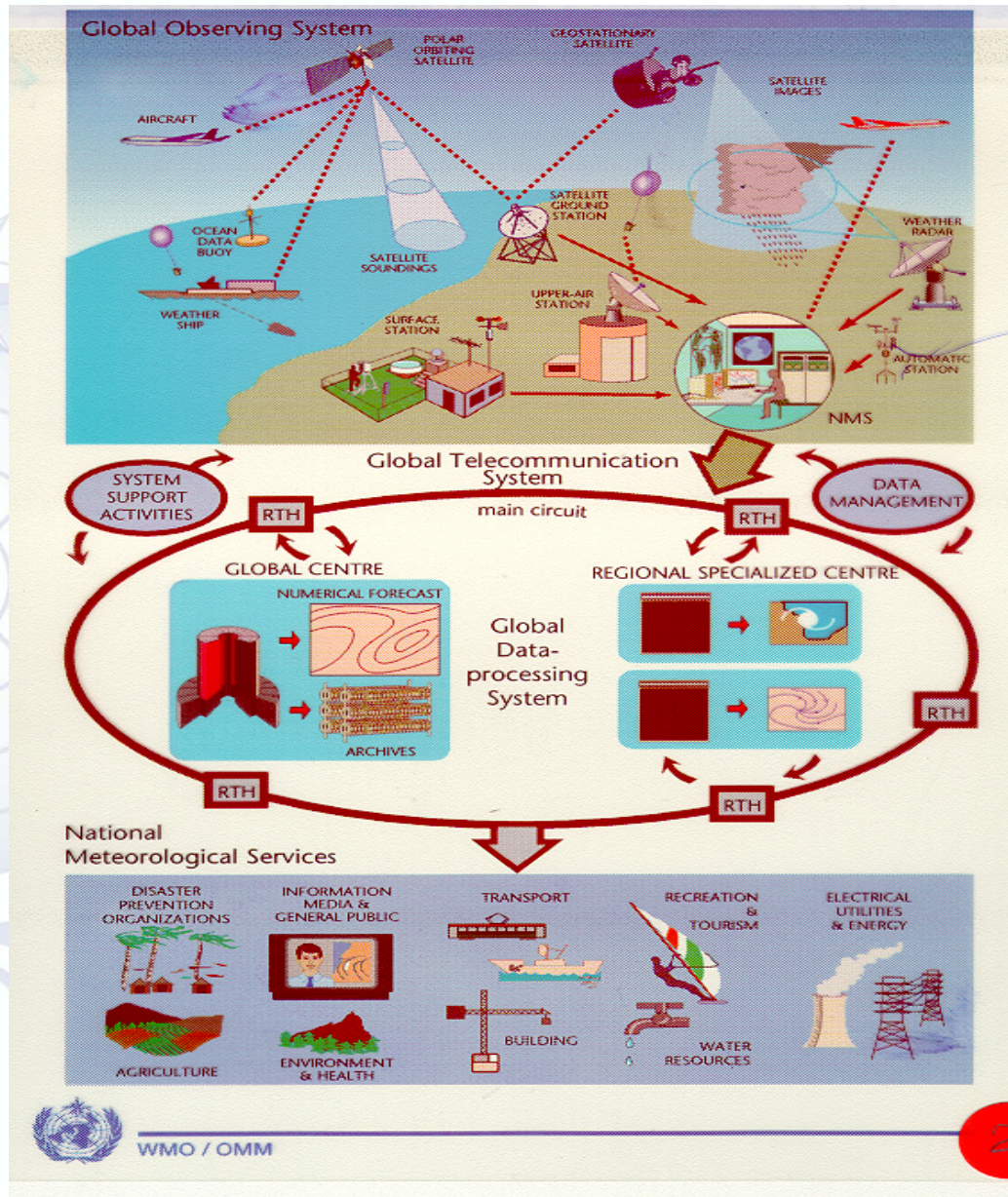
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# The Global Telecommunication System (GTS) in its context



## The World Weather Watch

Integrated Observing systems

Information systems and services: GTS

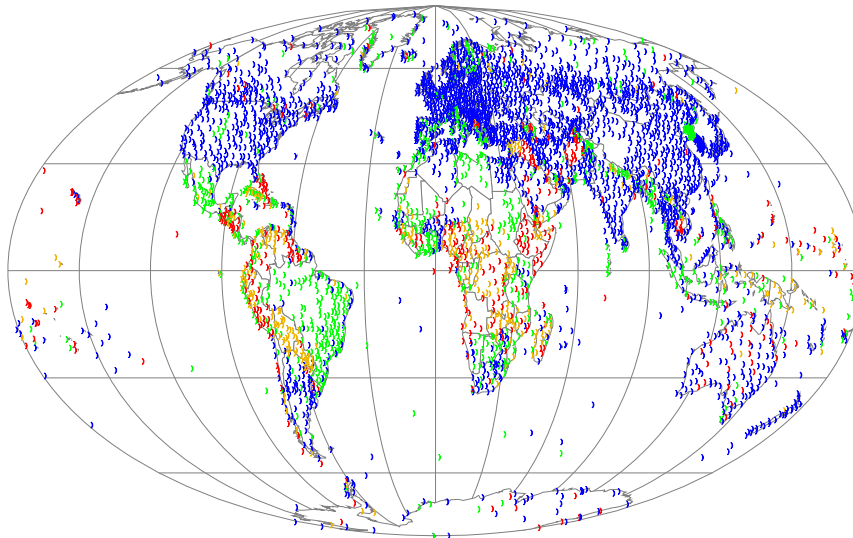
Data-Processing and Forecasting System

NMHSs services users



## Availability of SYNOP reports from RBSN stations

Monitoring period: 1 to 15 October 2005



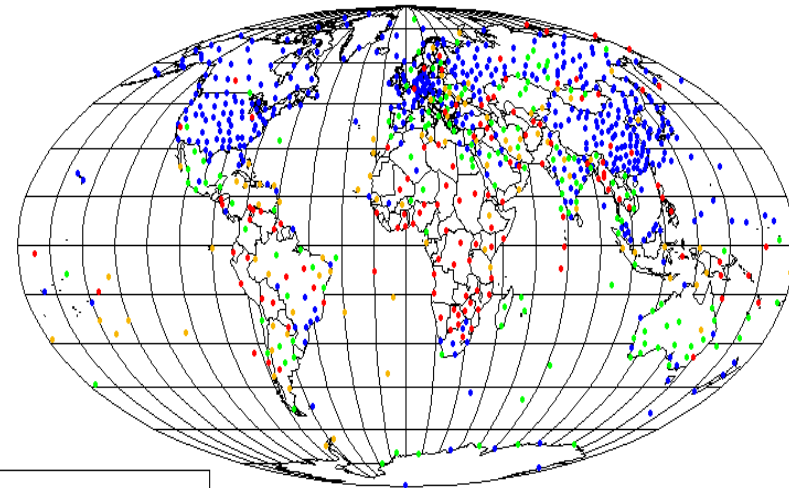
• 90% to 100% (2617)  
 • 45% to 90% (786)  
 • 1% to 45% (362)  
 • silent station (404)

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Parts A of TEMP reports made at 00 and 12 UTC at RBSN stations



Percentage of reports received:

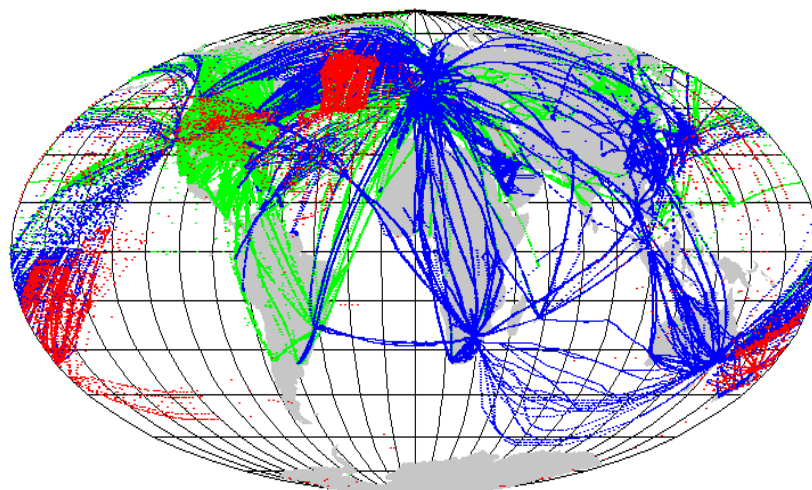
- 90 to 100 per cent (443 stations)
- 45 to 90 per cent (145 stations)
- Less than 45 per cent (83 stations)
- Silent stations (128 stations)

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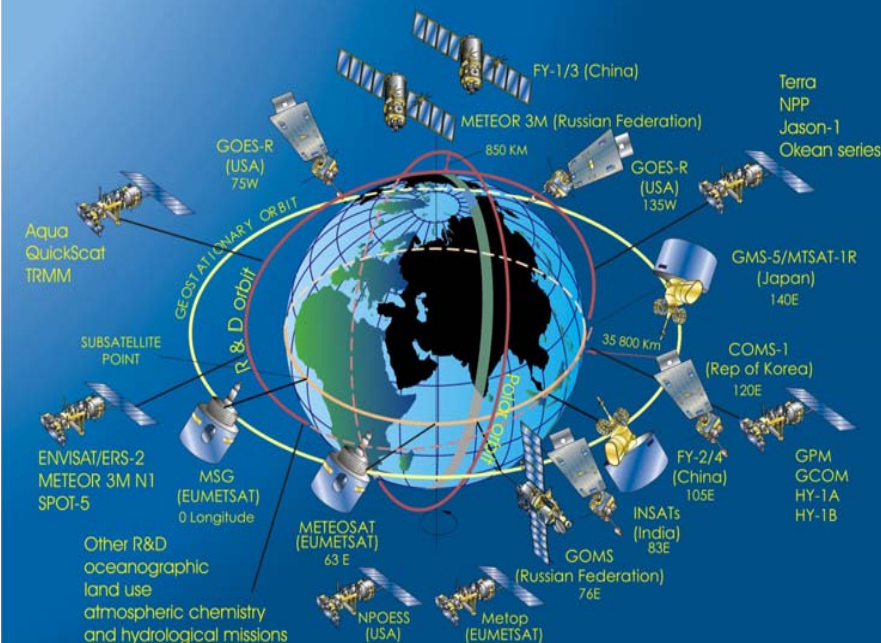
(the percentage of reports received at 0000, 0600, 1200 and 1800 UTC)

AIREP, AMDAR and BUFR aircraft reports



- 4930 AIRREP reports received on average each day
- 40083 AMDAR reports received on average each day
- 141094 BUFR aircraft reports received on average each day

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# Global Data Processing and Forecasting Centres

**GDPFS - One System of World, Regional, National Centres, and Regional Specialized Meteorological Centres (RSMC) of the World Weather Watch System**

- **Severe Weather Early Warnings & Forecasting**
- **Real-time functions and responsibilities**
- **Sustained 24/7/365 operations; people and infrastructure**
- **Built-in reliability, continuity of operations; standing operational procedures; contingencies**

# Environmental Emergency Response Activities

## WMO “ERA” PROGRAMME

- **8 RSMCs – specialized atmospheric dispersion products for environmental emergencies – global Numerical Weather Prediction Centres;**
- **Assistance to NMHSs, IAEA, National Competent Authorities for nuclear EER;**
- **Strategic Direction – ERA to support broader area of EER for Disaster Prevention and Mitigation:**
  - Chemical accidents or spills,
  - Emissions from volcanic eruptions,
  - Smoke from large fires,
  - Biological hazards;

# The Global Telecommunication System (GTS)

- integrated system of:
  - data communication networks
  - point-to-point circuits
  - satellite-based systems
- interconnects meteorological centres worldwide
- decentralized, well-structured
- agreed procedures and services

# Function of the GTS

- to ensure that all WMO Members have access, in a timely and cost-effective way, to observational data and products (analysis, warnings, forecasts) they need to provide Weather services
- It also gives telecommunications support to other programmes, as decided by the WMO Congress or the Executive Council.



# Organisation of the GTS

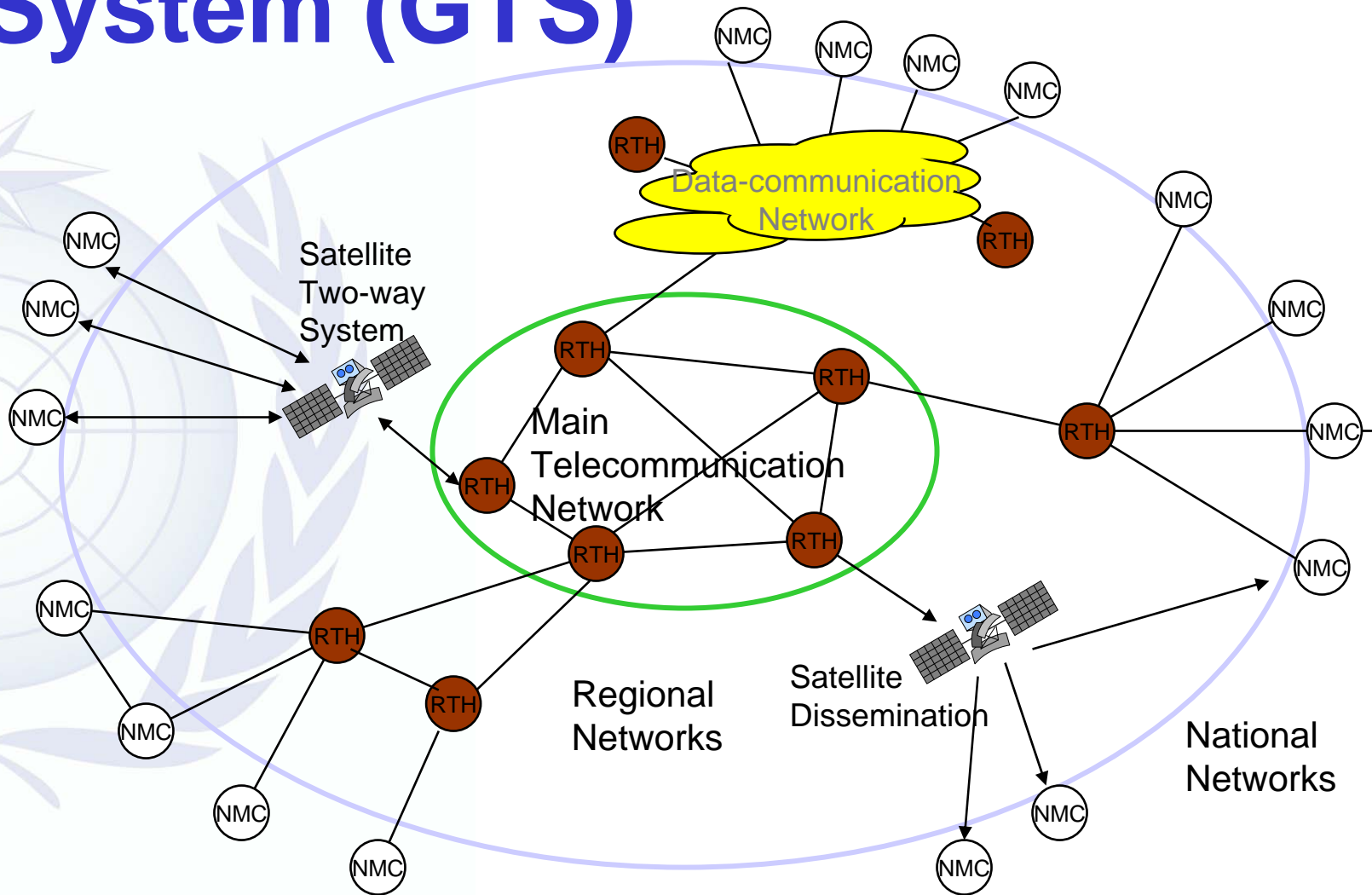
- The GTS has a three-tier structure:
  - The Main Telecommunication Network, its core;
  - 7 Regional Telecommunication Networks
  - National networks
- WMO coordinates GTS implementation, operation and development:
  - WMO/CBS: globally agreed structure, techniques, procedures and monitoring; coordination of MTN
  - Regional Associations: Coordination of Regional Networks
- WMO Members implement and operate



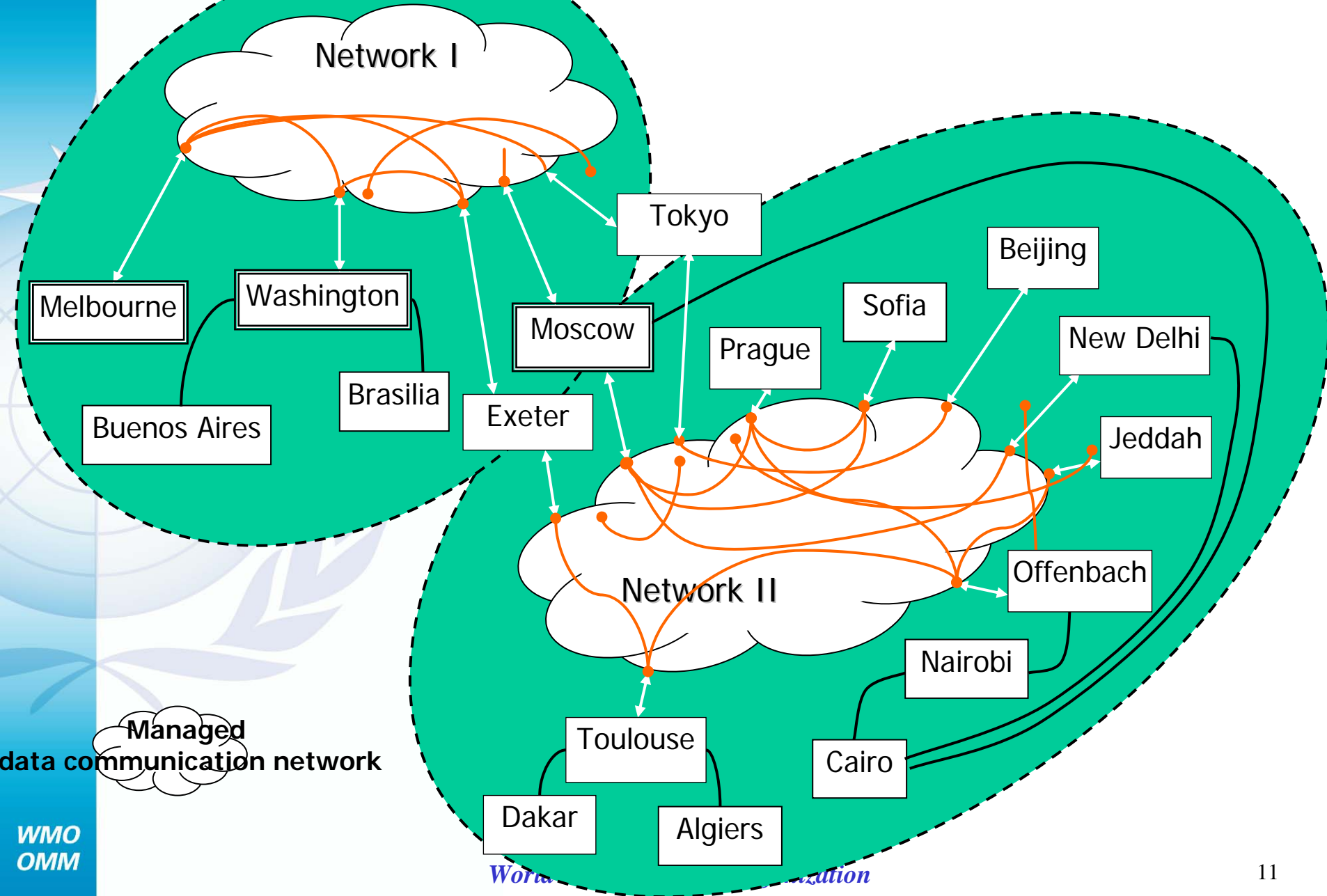
# GTS Implementation

- Point to point circuits operating over leased lines
- Point to multi-point circuits operating over satellite, including DVB, DAB”datacast”
- Managed Data Networks (Frame Relay, MPLS)
- Internet
- Other techniques adequate for specific conditions (digital HF)

# Global Telecommunication System (GTS)

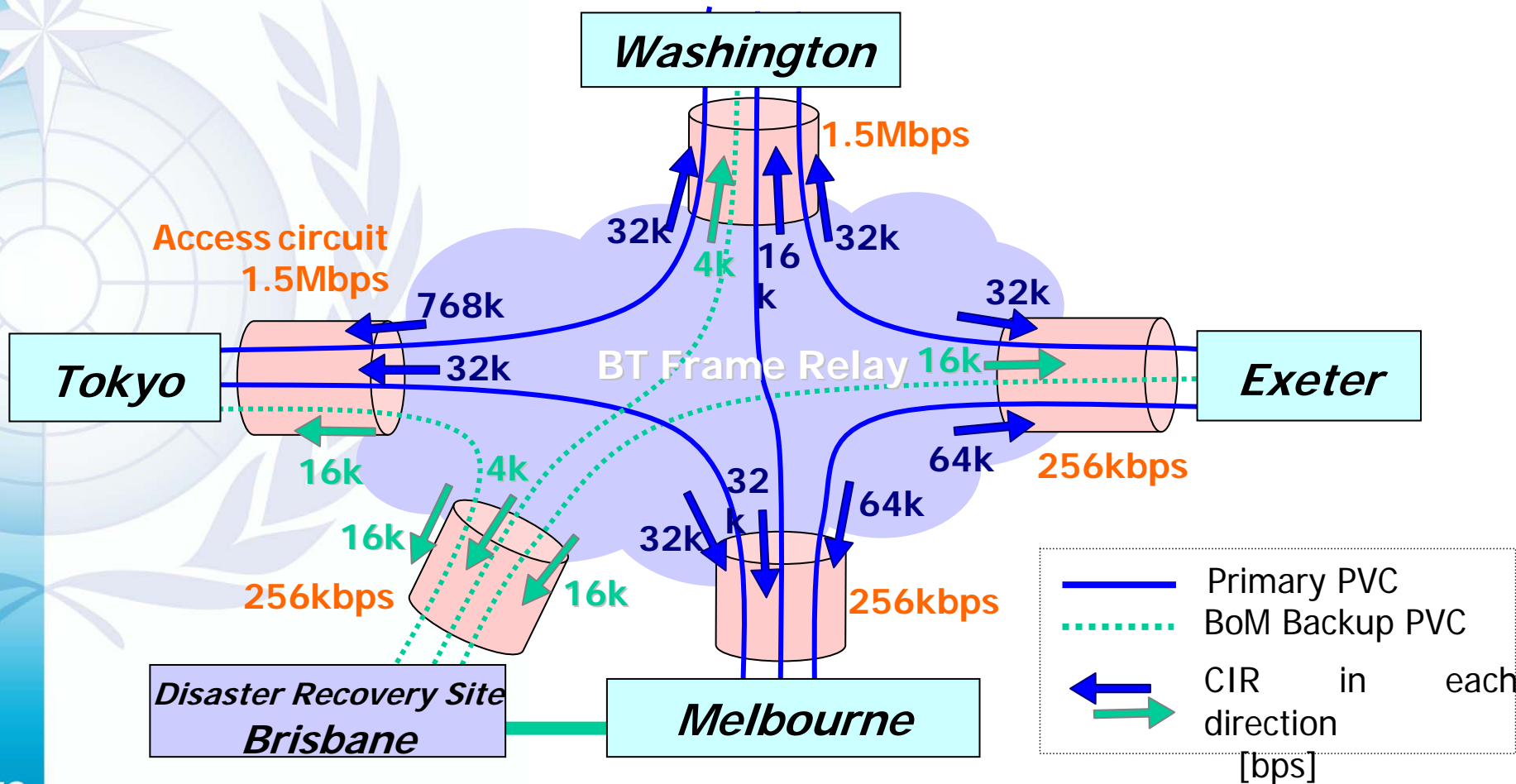


# The Improved Main Telecommunication Network



## Details of Network I

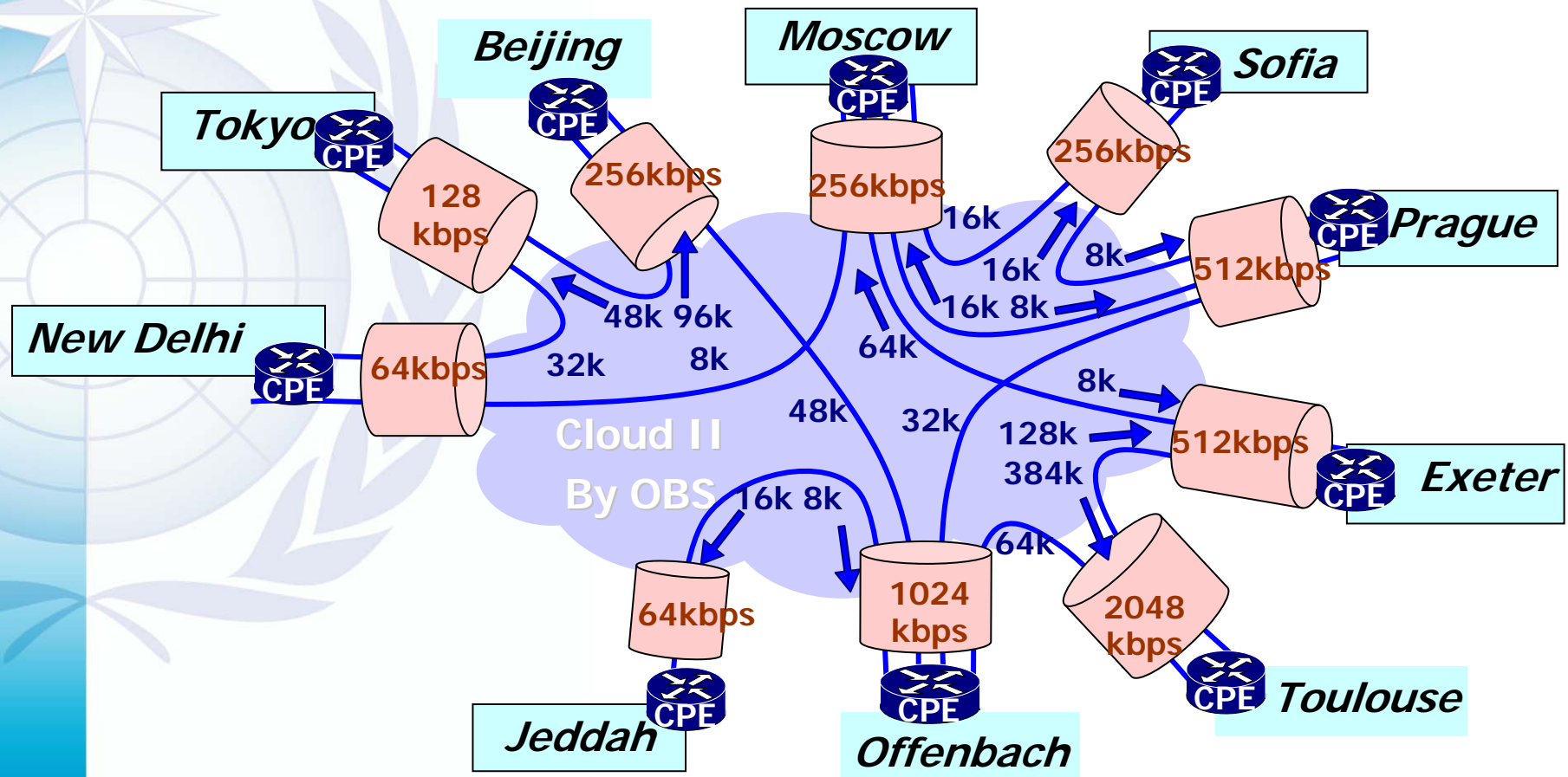
- Logical connections (PVC: Permanent Virtual Circuit) through BT Frame Relay network





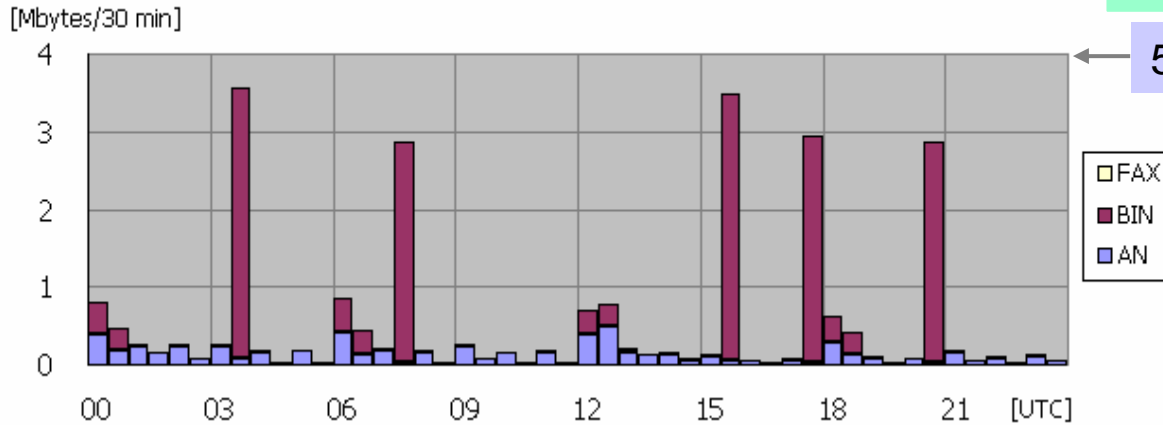
## Details of Network II

- Logical connections (PVC) through OBS Frame Relay network



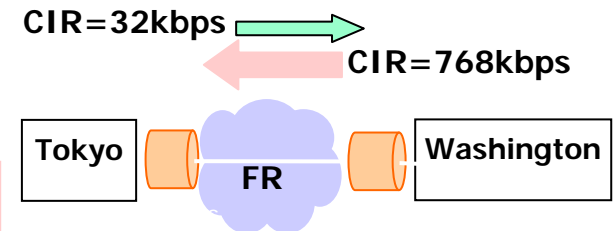
# Example of traffic

Tokyo to Washington (CIR=32kbps) (18 August 2006)

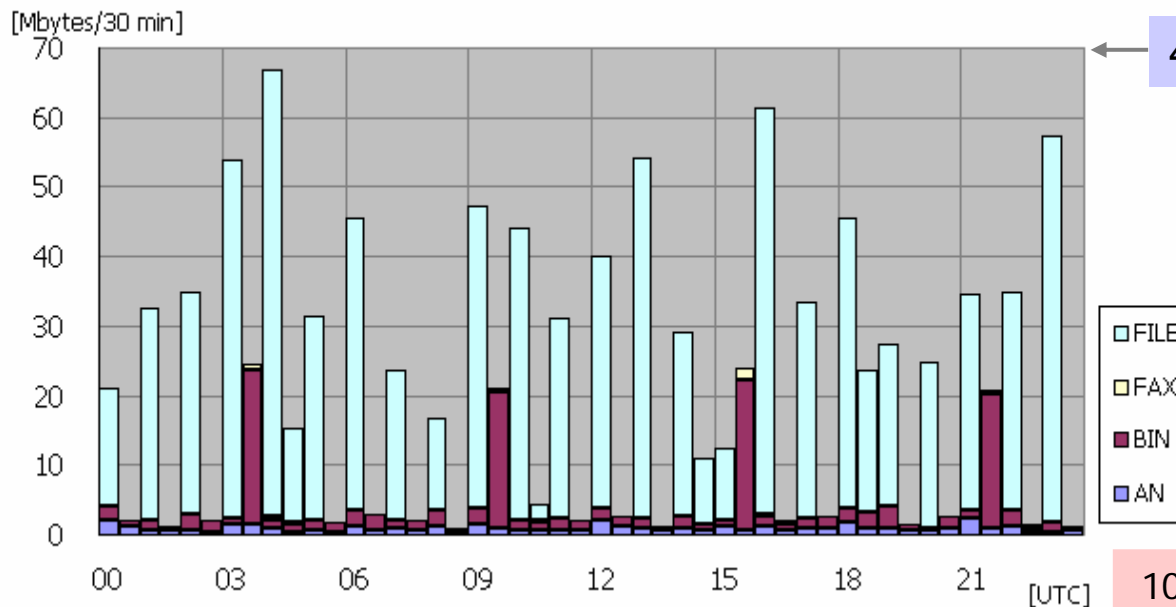


25 Mbytes/day

55% of CIR



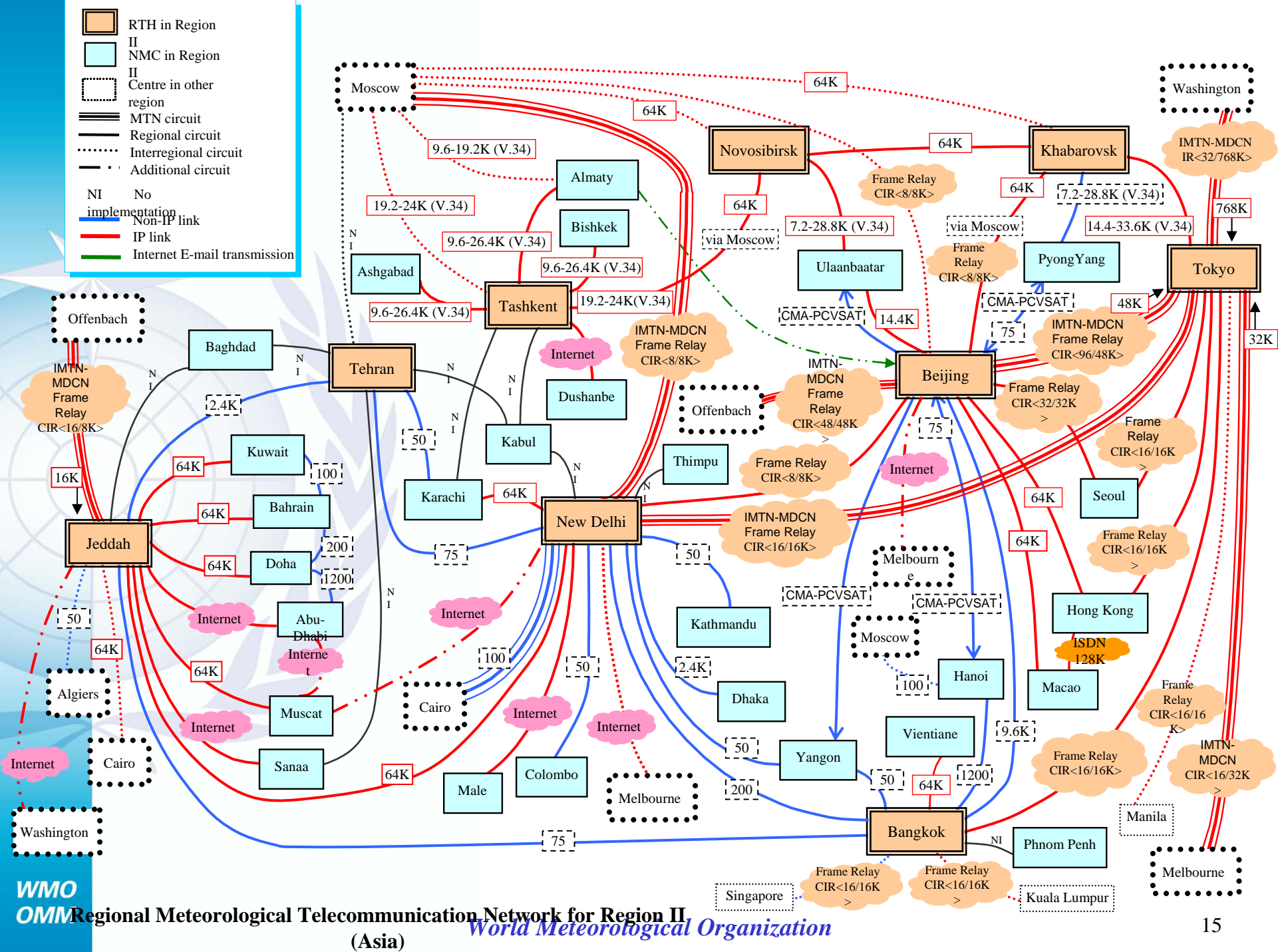
Washington to Tokyo (CIR=768kbps) (18 August 2006)

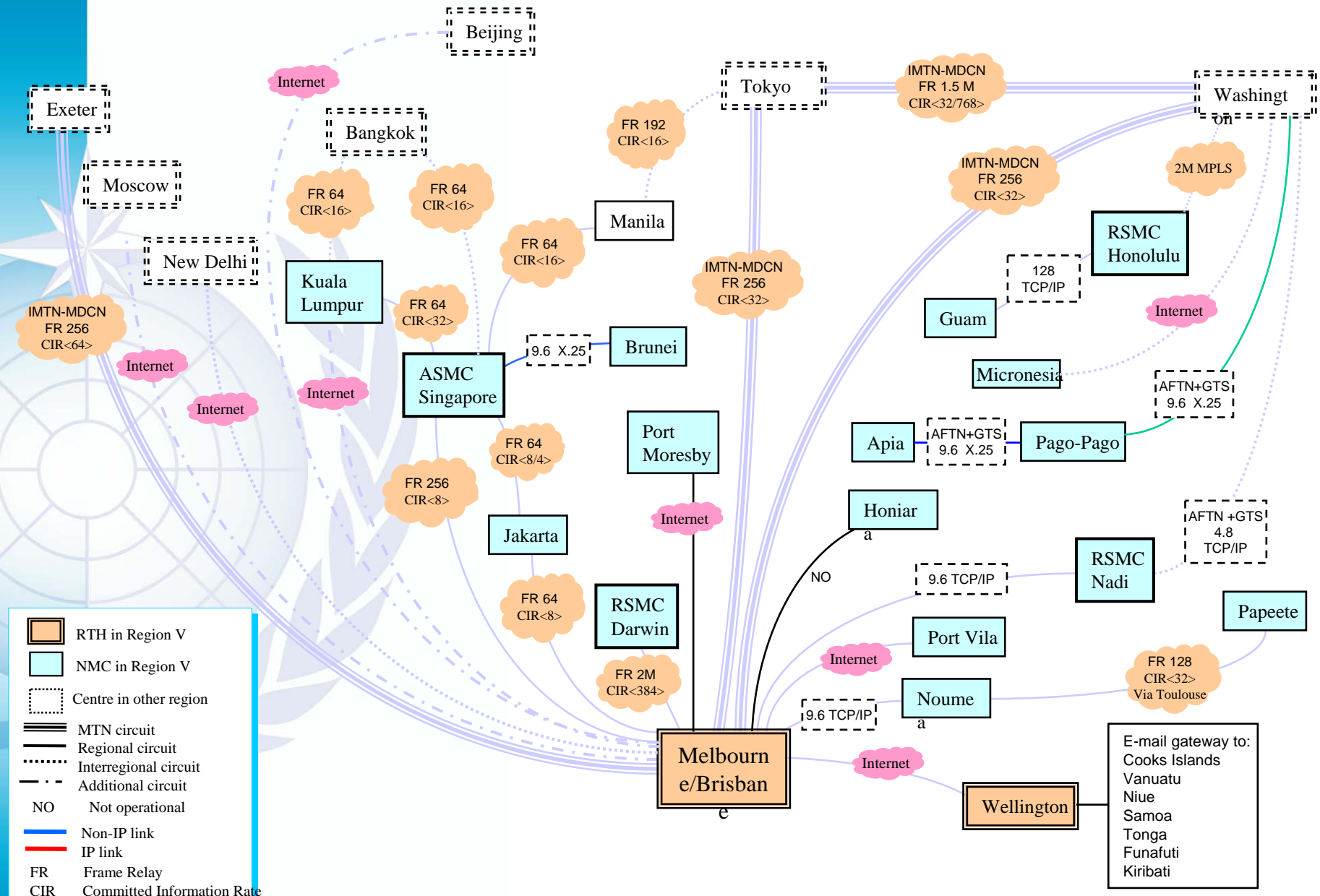


40% of CIR

Each centre pays for its local access circuit and an incoming CIR

1076 Mbytes/day





Regional Meteorological Telecommunication Network Plans for Region V (South-West Pacific)

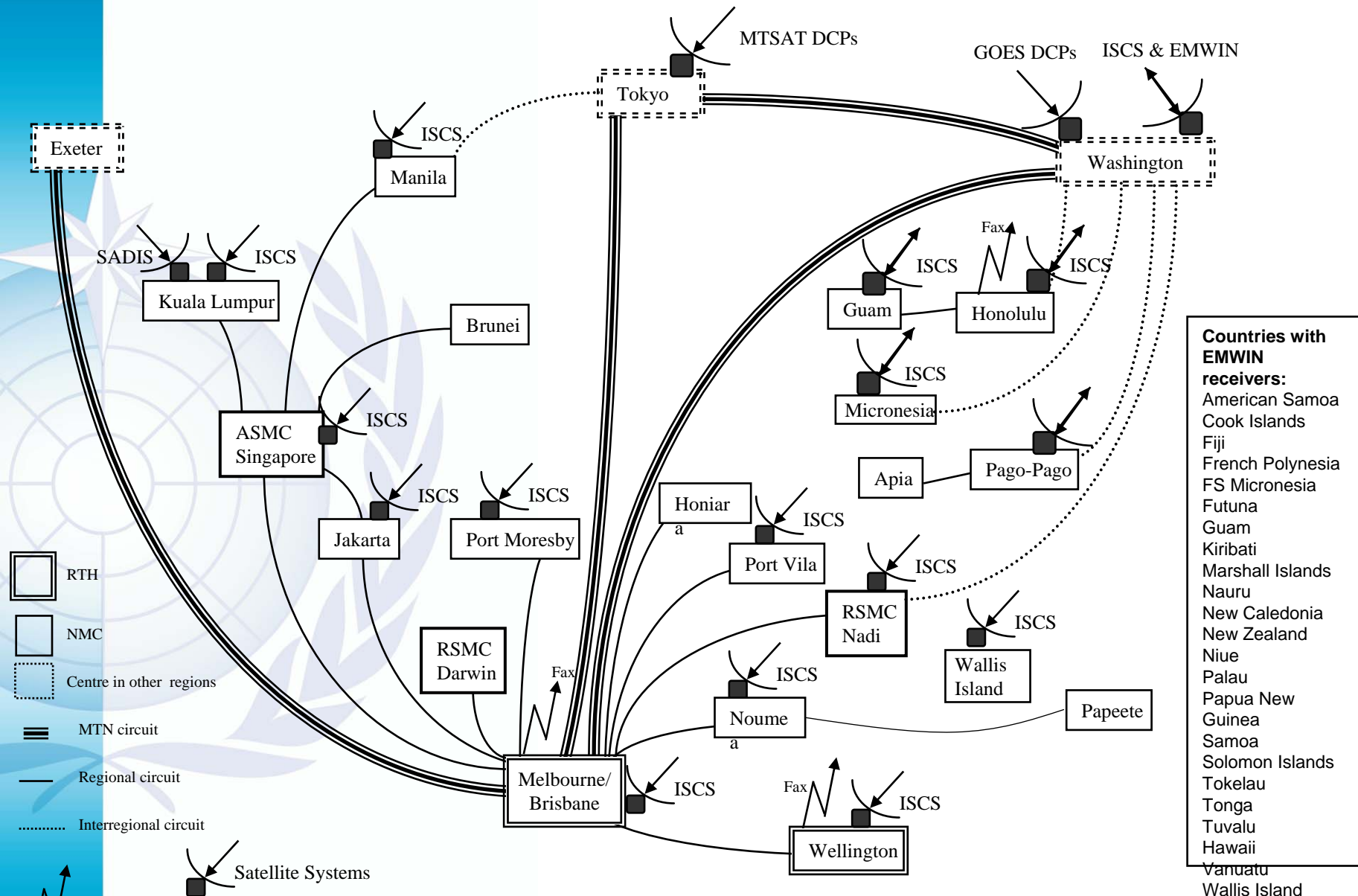
point-to-point circuits implementation (transmission speed in kbit/s)



# Satellite-based data-collection and data-distribution systems

The GTS includes systems via satellite, covering all Regions, based on advanced techniques (e.g. Digital Video Broadcasting DVB-S) for distributing large volume of information.


It also integrates satellite-based data-collection services, in particular via meteorological satellites.



## Regional Meteorological Telecommunication Network for Region V (South-West Pacific)

*Implementation of telecommunication systems via satellite and radiobroadcasts*

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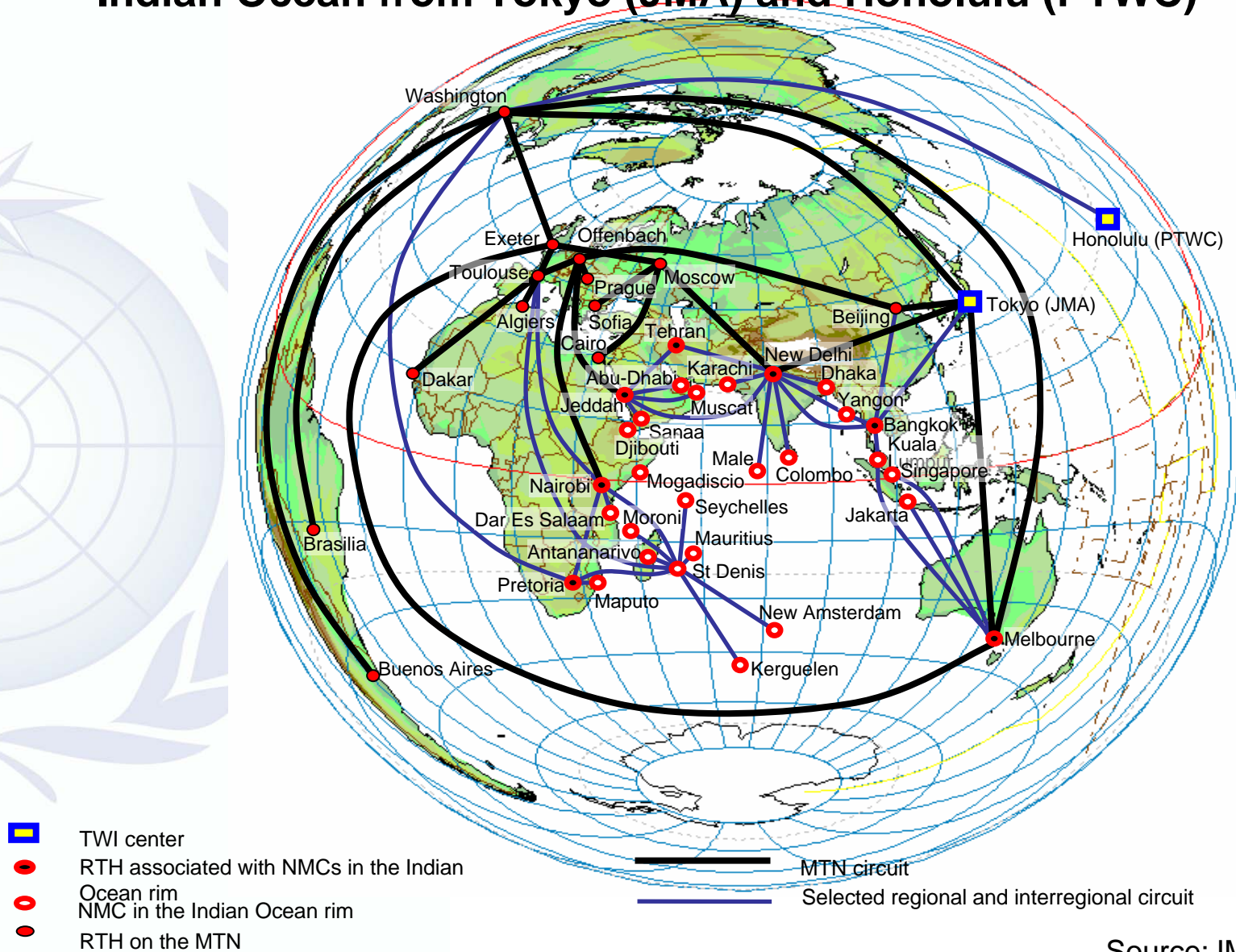
**The GTS provides flexible,  
reliable and high-security 24/7  
operations for the international  
quasi real-time distribution of  
information**

# **GTS technical arrangements to distribute TWS messages to NMHSs:**

- Use of WMO/GTS links and routeing**
- Use of WMO/GTS satellite-based data distribution systems, including : RETIM-Africa, EUMETCast (West IO), CMA PCVSAT (N-E IO), ISCS and EMWIN (East IO)**
- Adoption of special GTS message headers for watch and warnings ensuring highest priority routeing, and acknowledgment procedures**
- Adoption of unified GTS message headers for sea-level data facilitating collection and exchange via the GTS**



# Dissemination of Tsunami watch information (TWI) for the Indian Ocean from Tokyo (JMA) and Honolulu (PTWC)



Source: JMA

# Status of GTS Upgrades for the IO-TWS

Country	Implemented By	Status
<b>Kenya</b>	France	Completed
<b>Tanzania</b>	France	Completed
<b>Madagascar</b>	France	Completed
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	USA/NOAA	Underway
<b>Maldives</b>	USA/NOAA	Underway
<b>Bangladesh</b>	ISDR Flash Appeal, managed by WMO Secretariat-WWW	Underway - Completion planned in January 2007
<b>Pakistan</b>	ISDR Flash Appeal, managed by WMO Secretariat-WWW	Underway - Completion planned in January 2007
<b>Myanmar</b>	ISDR Flash Appeal, managed by WMO Secretariat-WWW	Underway - Completion planned in January/February 2007
<b>Yemen</b>		under consideration

GTS/ICT trainings are arranged on a country-by-country basis as part of the implementation.

## The next generation GTS

# WMO Information System (WIS)

Managing & Moving  
Weather, Water and Climate Information  
in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



# WIS

**Overarching and Integrated approach for all WMO Programmes:**

- **Routine collection and dissemination of time-critical and operation-critical data and products:**
  - Real-time "push" through dedicated telecommunication
- **Data Discovery, Access and Retrieval service:**
  - "Pull" through the Internet (HTTP, FTP,...), unified user interface
- **Timely delivery of data and products:**
  - Delayed mode "push" through dedicated telecommunication means and public data networks, especially the Internet
- **Unified procedures**
  - More efficient data exchange
- **Coordinated and standardized metadata**
  - Interoperability between programmes
  - Improved data management
  - ISO 191xxx series for geographic information



# Structure of WIS

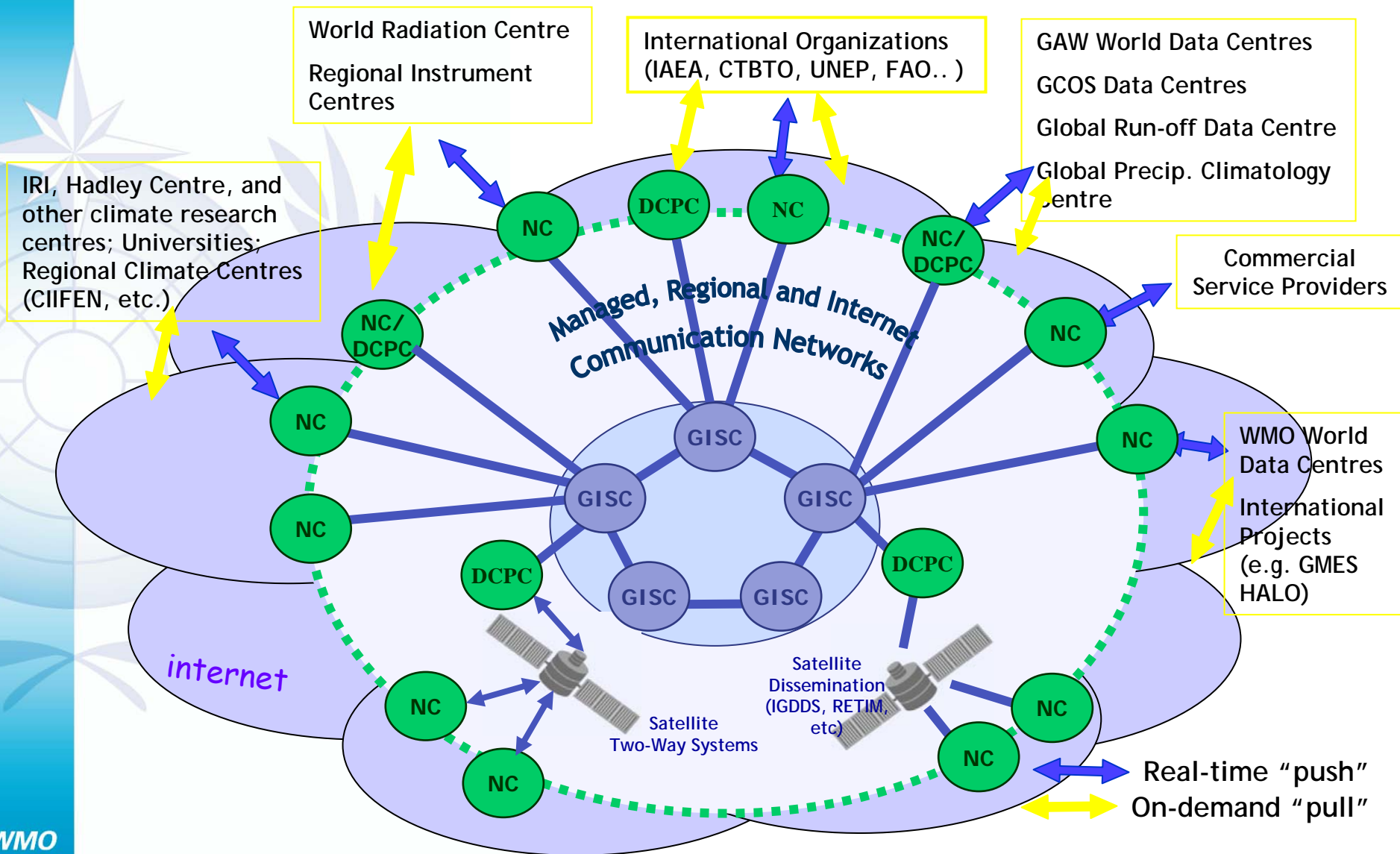
## *Functional centres:*

- National Centres (NC)
- Global Information System Centres (GISC)
- Data Collection and Production Centres (DCPC)

*and*

- Data communication networks

# WIS



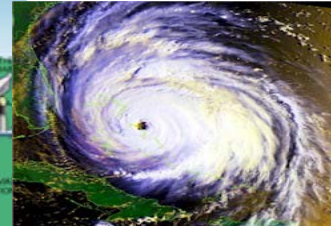
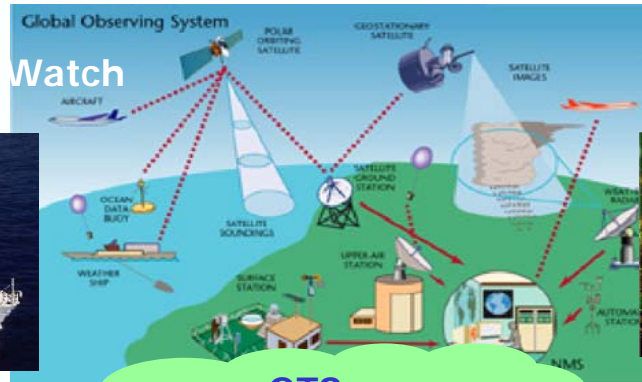
# WIS implementation

- **Phase A: GTS Evolution into WIS**

- Provides consolidation/improvement for time-critical and operation-critical data
- Includes extension to meet operational requirements of WMO programmes in addition to World Weather Watch (including improved management of services);

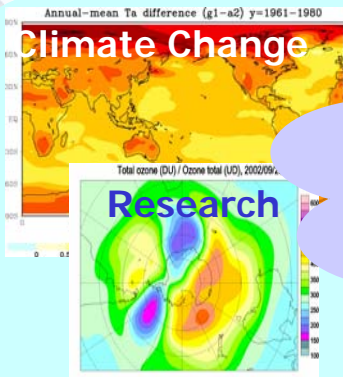
- **Phase B: Migration to WIS**

- Provides for an extension of the information services through flexible data discovery, access and retrieval services to all users, as well as flexible timely delivery services;



**GTS**  
Realtime Data Exchange

Evolution



Metadata  
Data Portal  
Request/Reply  
Discovery

**Multi-Hazard Warnings**

**WIS**

**WMO Common Infrastructure**

Data Collection  
/distribution



**Disaster Prevention**



**Environment**



**Hydrology**



**Oceanography**



**Agriculture**



**Capacity Building**



***Thank you***