

GLAST SWG Telecon DRAFT minutes
Thursday, July 27, 2006

Attended:

David Band
Guido Barbiellini
Patrizia Caraveo
Lynn Cominsky
Neil Gehrels
Rick Harnden
Neil Johnson
Don Kniffen
Giselher Lichti

Chip Meegan
Julie McEnery
Jonathan Ormes
Steve Ritz
Chris Shrader
Dave Thompson
Stephen Thorsett
Kathy Turner
Al Vernacchio

Steve welcomed everyone.

Minutes from the May telecom are on the web page. If there are no further comments, we will accept them as written.

Rick Harnden – NASA HQ:

- Budget issue - we may need to ask for additional funds, but will wait until the base-line rescheduling meeting.

Kathy Turner – D.O.E.:

- On track with all the necessary testing.

International Activities:

Italy - Guido: BEAM testing taking place at CERN.

Germany - Giselher: Delivered hardware; Has asked for an extension of support through 2007.

Italy - Patrizia: Busy with preparations for the Stockholm LAT Collaboration meeting and organizing Italian participation at the meeting.

Steve Ritz for Kevin Grady – Mission Update:

- Re-base line schedule meeting will take place in mid-September. Most issues are resolved or are there way to being resolved. It's likely that the launch will move to the October-November 2007 timeframe.

- GBM has their pre-ship last week. LAT pre-ship will take place in Sept.
- Spectrum Astro is ready to accept GBM.
- Science Requirements Document (SRD) - Steve would like the SWG to hold a science performance review against the requirements in the SRD. Targeting the December timeframe.
- The special session at the HEAD meeting has been approved. Will have a 1 ½ hour time slot - 30 minutes programmatic and 1 hour science. Speaker suggestions welcome.
- Fact Sheet - J.D. , Neil, Julie, and Steve are working on a fact sheet to be handed out at the HEAD meeting. This is written especially for the HEAD meeting. Lynn would like to comment on it when it's ready.
- AAS Meeting - Julie requested a special session with panel and speakers. Although interesting, it was rejected. Steve wrote a letter of protest but has not received an answer. He wrote several additional letters and sent them up the chain of command, and has yet to receive an acknowledgement. Lynn stated there is going to be a AAS/AAPT joint meeting and they are overwhelmed with requests. They are expecting 3500 people.
- Public Outreach - Steve has contacted the GSFC TV and they suggested sending a camera crew to the GLAST Symposium and film the scientists who attend.
- Has been talking with the Systems folks - Majordomo list - and there will soon be a GLAST newsletter to be sent out monthly or bi-monthly.
- Jonathan asked if anyone is filming the integration of the GBM and LAT. Steve said that Spectrum Astro has been filming everything and when it's complete will give us the film.
- Neil G. gave a talk on GLAST at the Venice Gamma Ray meeting. Rob Preece talked about the GBM.

Al Vernacchio - Additional Mission Update:

- Great progress
- The GBM arrived at Spectrum Astro, but it is still on the truck.
- Spectrum Astro was really hit hard by the storm. They lost power, had some water damage in the hi-bay, etc. It may take a couple days to repair the breaker, but hope to be up and running by the end of the day.
- The launch vehicle is progressing.
- The LAT is scheduled to be shipped to Spectrum Astro on September 21.

- Re-base schedule to be held, resulting in a launch in the Oct/ Nov 2007 timeframe.

Chip Meegan and Giseller Lichti - GBM

Chip:

- GBM was shipped to Spectrum Astro.
- Pre-ship review last week. Still have a lot of paperwork to be done before turning the GBM over to Spectrum Astro. Hope to have that complete by next week.

Giseller:

- Will be traveling to Phoenix to support the team and then on California to support data analysis.

LAT:

Neil Johnson:

- Testing going well, no real issues or performance issues.
- Thermal-vac testing - doors to close at 4:00pm on Friday
- Chamber was leaking, first thought it just needed to be cleaned, but then found the shroud was leaking. It has been fixed and everything is working fine.
- BEAM test being held at CERN is in 2 parts with Italy and France support.

Steve:

- Julie has been working on the LAT paper; it will be combined with the GBM paper and a mission paper.
- LAT Collaboration Meeting in Stockholm at the end of August. The last day will be a session on gamma-rays.
- DC-2 completed and was very successful.
- Jonathan worked on a background investigation project. This has been completed. Will link report to the SWG website.

IDS Reports:

Stephen Thorsett:

- Is a bit concerned about communications between radio pulsar people and high energy people. And is trying to find a way to get this communications going. The best opportunity would be the 40th anniversary of pulsars meeting in Montreal, August 2007. Stephen, Dave T. and Steve will discuss this off-line.

- David Smith is working on the IAU meeting next month.
- Special radio session at the Symposium? There is some time set aside on the last day of the Symposium for satellite meetings. Julie reported requests from the AGN-Multi-wavelength community and the TeV ground-based detector community. There may not be enough time for all the requests.

Steve Ritz for Josh Grindlay - GUC:

- Telecon was held last week and the minutes will be on the website next week.
- LAT - 1st year sources data release list - what ways to stimulate discussions on the list.
- November face-2-face meeting - beta test of science tools hosted and run by the SSC.
- Handling of the NRA - timing of fellows with the NRA>

Steve Ritz - Symposium Status:

- Written proceedings - ADS and AIP; 8 1/2X11" book size.
- Draft announcement to go out next week.
- Web-site almost ready to go live.
- Schedule - change in the parallel sessions from Tuesday to Wednesday. Posters will be up from Sunday night thru Tuesday evening.
- Room blocks have been made a several hotels in the area. Parking has been defined.
- Second bulletin in Sept/Oct will announce the registration fee.
- Will start inviting people to speak; program and topics proceeding well.
- Will not provide lunch or box lunches during the meeting. There are plenty of eating places near the meeting area.

Lynn Cominsky - E/PO:

- Finished ambassador training 2 weeks ago, had 18 people. We also had visitors from Hubble and Spitzer to talk about their missions.
- The Black Hole Planetarium Show has opened at Chabot
- Have set up a showing at the Air & Space Museum on August 16th at 5:00 PM. Will be inviting dignitaries from the area, Tom Lucas, folks from the University of Denver, etc. **Would it be possible to change to Aug 15th because there is an ISOC review in California on the 17th. Lynn will check on this.

- The NOVA TV show will air October 10, 2006 instead of September.
- Has submitted the PR budget for Swift and GLAST for the next 2 years.
- Next press release will be when the LAT travels to Arizona.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Lynn - to send GTN viewgraphs to Dave Thompson.
- Lynn - to check on changing the date for the Air & Space Museum showing.
- Steve - website for the Stockholm meeting to Giseler and Chip.
- Steve - background report to link from SWG website.
- Steve, Stephen, and Dave to talk about pulsar and gamma ray community communications.

Next telecom on October 19

Adjourned
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