



Broadband VSAT Services-

New Perspective for Oil and Gas Applications

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Objective

- Explain why VSAT Satellite network is important to Oil & Gas operations
- Introduce VSAT open standard technology, DVB-RCS
- Highlight potential market of Oil & Gas users and applications for VSAT systems
- Highlight issues and concerns of DVB-RCS Technology

Option 3: 2-Way VSAT Satellite System

- Independent from Terrestrials
- Independent from the environment
- Fast deployment
- Cost-Effective



Satellite
"Repeater in the Sky"

Microwave Repeaters

Earth

Coaxial or Fiber Optic Cable



Onshore Rigs



2 Way- Broadband VSAT Communications is Best Suited

- A symmetrical connectivity of high forward and return data links
- Used for transporting IP traffic over satellite
- Used for delivery of large volumes of data, voice and video to remote sites on a single infrastructure

What is VSAT DVB-RCS?

- DVB = Digital Video Broadcast
- RCS = Return Channel via Satellite
- Open standard VSAT technology
- ETSI Standard **EN 301 790** established for interoperable VSAT networking in 2001 as worlds first two-way satellite standard
- There are approximately 100 fully compliant DVB-RCS Hubs & 20, 000 terminals worldwide
- **Satlabs**: Forum led by ESA grouping stakeholders of DVB-RCS (over 20 members) to ensure standard compliant & interoperability
- DVB-RCS Availability:
 - DVB-S
 - DVB-S2



<http://satlabs.org>

Why Use DVB-RCS?

- DVB RCS is open standard IP based platform and it is the only non-proprietary VSAT standard on the market today:
 - Forward data link from gateway to remotes up to 80mb/s
 - Return data link from remotes to gateway 2 – 4 mb/s
 - Multi-vendor competitive environment
 - Proven Interoperability which leads to low cost equipment
 - Ease of adding new remotes & Scalable Hub
 - Ease of remote configuration & Powerful NMS
 - DVB-RCS supports all IP services
- Fading & Interference
 - Higher availability of terminal connectivity
 - Optimized use of satellite bandwidth

**DVB-S2
is now available**

Advanced Coding Schemes

- CCM – Constant Coding Modulation
- VCM – Variable Coding Modulation
- ACM – Adaptive Coding Modulation

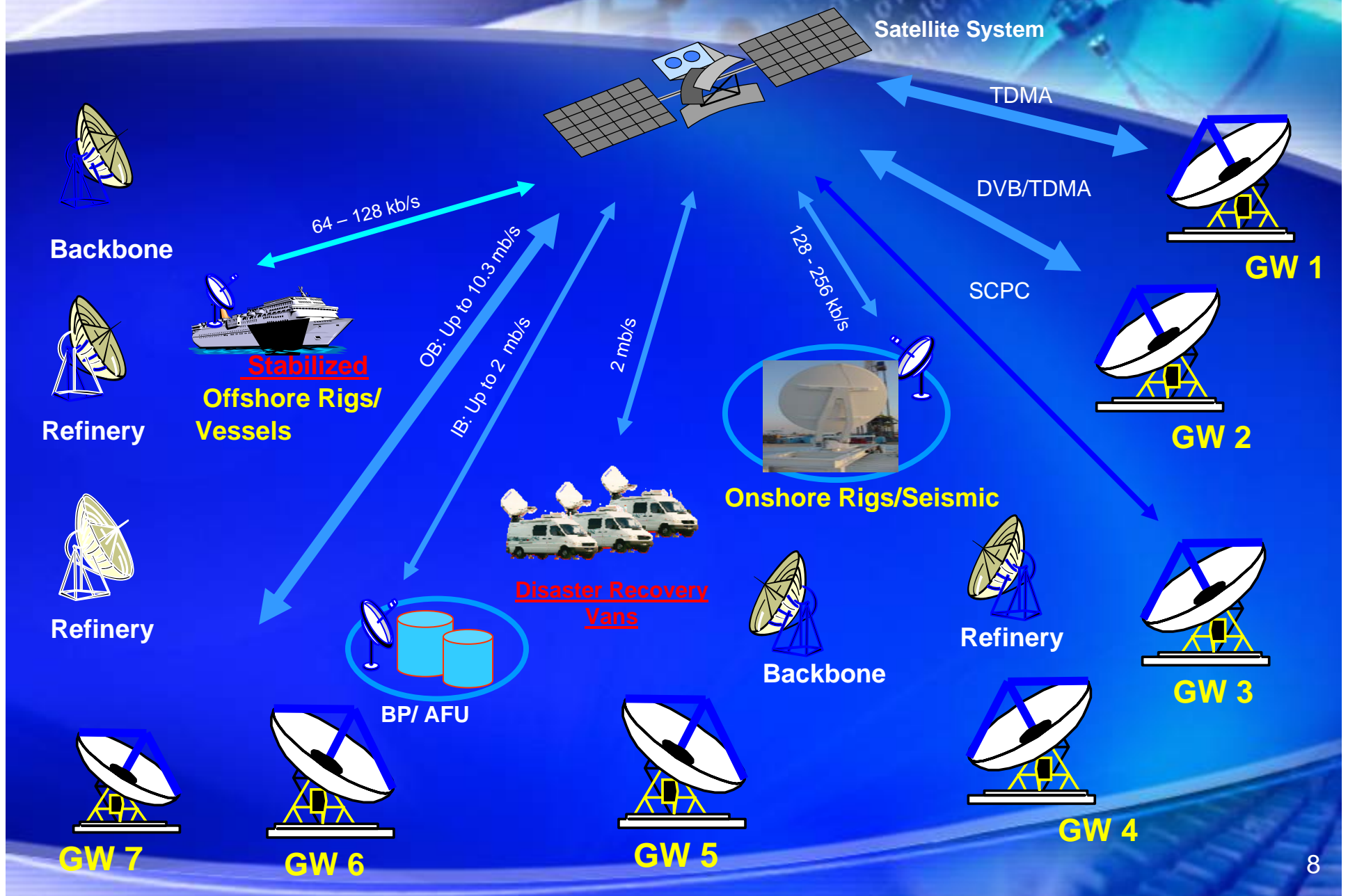


DVB-S2 Advantages

(ETSI: EN 302 307)

- Wide range of modulation schemes (QPSK, 8PSK, 16APSK and 32 APSK modulation)
- Supports 3 modes of modulations: CCM/VCM/ACM &
- Provides Ability to Dynamically Change Modulation: VCM/ACM
- Improves BW efficiency of 30% - 50% greater than DVB-S in CCM & ACM
- Variety FEC coding (LDPC): $1/4$, $1/3$, $2/5$, $1/2$, $3/5$, $2/3$, $3/4$, $4/5$, $5/6$, $8/9$, $9/10$

Typical Proprietary VSAT Network



DVB-RCS VSAT Network supporting current Oil & Gas operations

- Perform the D&WO operations Online Geosteering real data analysis
- Perform the Seismic operations online Quality Check
- High data rates & better voice quality
- Centralized NMS platform
- Introduced advanced drilling technologies:
 - Batching Drilling
 - Intelligent Well
 - Intelligent Field
 - Real Time Monitoring

Challenges to DVB-RCS

- Higher data rates is needed
- Majority of existing VSAT systems are still proprietary
- Some VSAT leaders are still watching the DVB- RCS VSAT technology & market

Conclusion

- DVB-RCS VSAT technology meets Oil and Gas current and future requirements
- DVB-RCS organization shall continue improving the technology by providing:
 - Full interoperable VSAT systems
 - Higher data rates
 - Smaller/Lighter VSAT terminals
 - More competitive prices

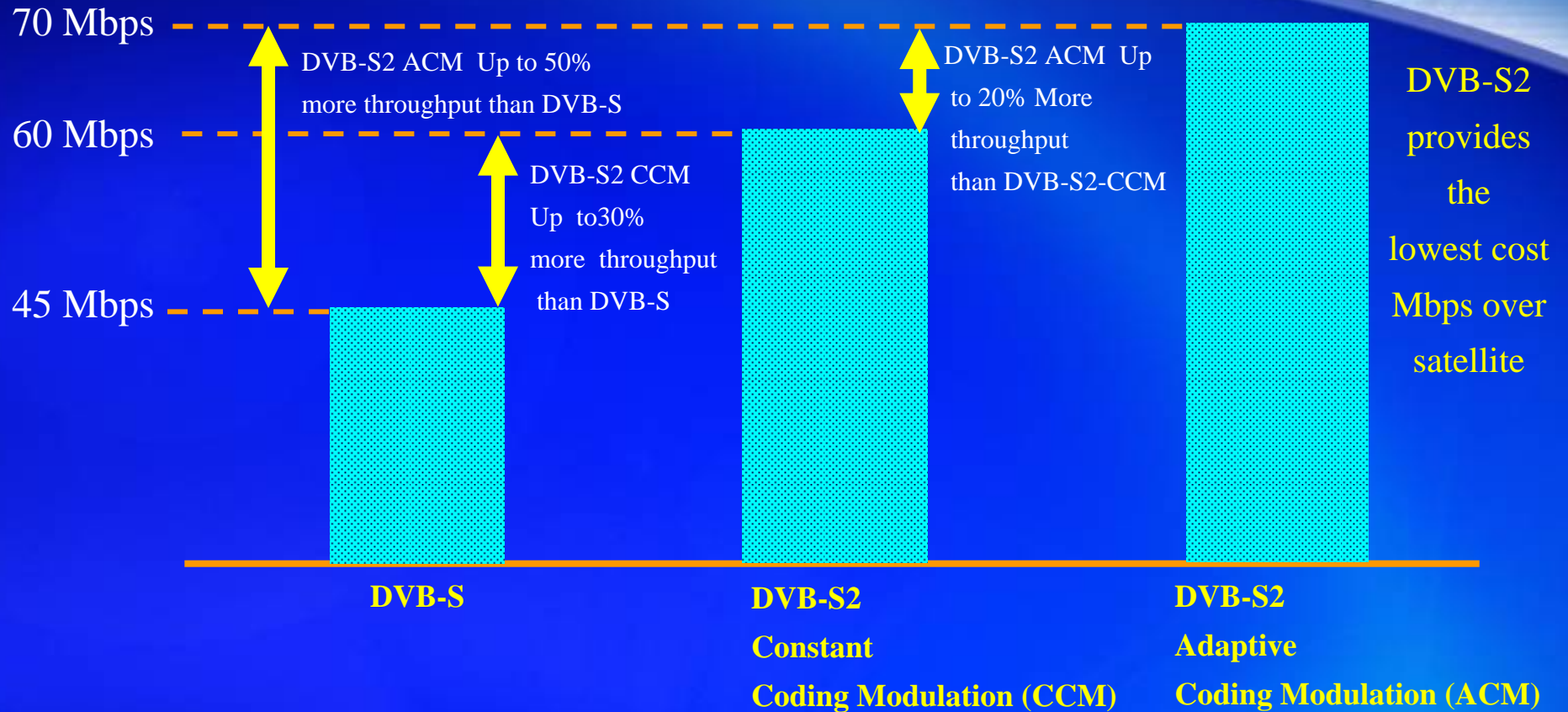
Drive Oil & Gas operations to DVB-RCS VSAT Technology to successfully implement and perform Oil & Gas current & new applications

**Thank You
Q&A**

Satlabs

- International non-profit
- Committed to large-scale adoption and deployment of DVB-RCS
- **Work of Satlabs:**
 - Interoperability
 - Cost Reduction
 - Availability
 - DVB-RCS Awareness
 - Standard Evolution

Summary of DVB-S2 ACM Savings



For the same amount of satellite capacity :

DVB-S2 ACM gives the most bandwidth efficiency or throughput



Saudi Aramco Domestic Oil & Gas Operations



Saudi Aramco International Oil & Gas Operations



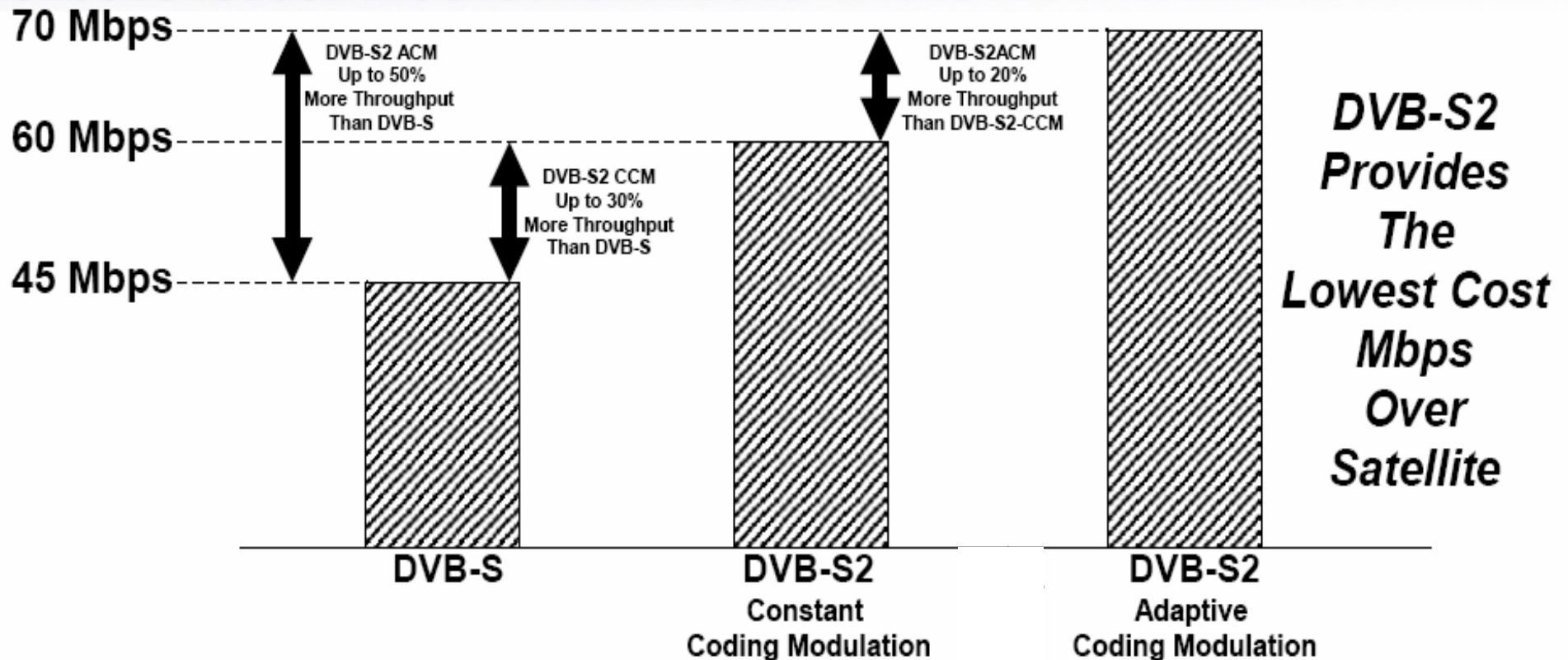
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**DVB-S2
Provides
The
Lowest Cost
Mbps
Over
Satellite**

**For The Same Amount Of Satellite Capacity DVB-S2 ACM Gives
The Most Bandwidth Efficiency Or Throughput →**

DVB-S2 With ACM 40-50% More Throughput Over Outbound

