— Working Group Summary —

Weather Related Service Management (WRSM)

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Session Goals

- Address weather-related needs of satellite industry for Earth/space link management
  - Forecasting of weather and its application to satellite link management
  - Weather data observation, modeling, and statistical analysis

Presenters/Panelists

- Wallace Tai, JPL
- Faramaz Davarian, JPL
- Shervin Shambayati, JPL
- Robert Sniffin, JPL
- Wayne Baggett, NOAA
- Russell Fang, HNS
- Robert Watson, University of Bath
- Tom Shaw, OITC

Key Points

- Weather forecasting is a promising approach for the mitigation of weather-related anomalies
- Commercial, scientific, and military satellite systems are in the process of employing weather-related services for the management of K-band and higher frequency links

Conclusions

- High temporal and spatial resolutions are necessary to reduce forecasting errors
- The use of local mesonets will improve performance
- Challenges
  - Conversion of weather forecasts to channel forecasts
  - Paradigm shift in link management and spacecraft operation

Future of the Working Group

- Will meet annually at future GSAW sessions
- Will invite a broader participation in our next meetings
  - Mission managers
  - Spacecraft developers
  - Science instrument PIs
  - Military representation