# Inflight Connectivity Presentation

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#### **High Capacity Ka Satellites**

- » Revolution in throughput
  - > ViaSat-1, at 140 Gbps represents more throughout than all other Ku, and Ka US satellites combined

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Effective Bandwidth

**Assumes 1 GHz Spectrum** 

2 GHz

7 GHz

100 GHz

Regional

Modern

**HCS** 

- » Spot beams
  - Allows for frequency reuse
    - More effective user bandwidth
  - Improved terminal performance >
    - > Higher EIRP and G/T







# Growing Coverage of High Capacity Ka



### WildBlue-1 Coverage over U.S.



#### ViaSat-1 Network Geography

WILDBLUE.



Canadia, Alaska, Hawaii Coverage not Shown



# ViaSat-1 vs. WildBlue-1





#### High Capacity Ka-Band Satellites Facts to be considered

#### »Ka-Band Advantages

- More available spectrum
- > High power spot beams
- > Frequency re-use
- > High EIRP and G/T
- Smaller terminals
- Innovative technology to mitigate propagation impacts



#### »Ka-Band Mitigation

- > Adv.Uplink Power Control
  - > High dynamic range
  - > Short update interval
  - > Fast fade adaption
- > ACM

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- Converts Link Margin to Data Rate Margin
- Hitless adaptation of Coding & Modulation
- Constant symbol rate and power level



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## Speed vs Capacity



- » Peak Speed to Aircraft on ViaSat
  - > 100+ Mbps (At Entry Into)
  - > 200+ Mbps (Future Growth of System)
- » By itself, however, a speed to the individual plane SLA is not adequate: It is important to understand the context of a speed claim
  - > Peak or average speed to an individual plane?
  - > Peak or average speed to individual passengers?
  - > Speed experienced by passenger when the system is congested?

The only thing that matters is the speed that an individual passenger actually experiences and that is a function of all of the above combined, most importantly, with the total available capacity, and the capacity density of the system!

<u>Capacity Density is the key to passenger internet experience!</u>



#### Why ViaSat HC Ka-band Provides the Highest Quality Service

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- » Smaller beams + More Spectrum = Better service
- » Satellite bandwidth must be shared among users the more users in any given beam, the less bandwidth per user
- » With small spot beams, less aircraft are competing for the transponder resources







# Bigger pipe = faster speeds

- » Due to regulatory restrictions, only 250 MHz of satellite spectrum is available to satellites in the Ku-band in any given region
  - Ku-band transponders usually broken into 36 MHz transponders, meaning capacity is added in 36 MHz increments
- » At Ka-band, up to 1,000 MHz of satellite spectrum is available for use.
  - ViaSat class High Capacity Ka-band satellite transponders use
     250-10000 MHz transponders enabling data rates many times
     faster than Ku-band.



Ku-band or Thin-Ka (GX)



ViaSat class High Capacity Ka-band



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# **Typical Ku-band satellite**

» Ku-band transponders

typically have continental coverage (e.g. North America or Europe)

» Typical 36 MHz

transponder can typically

support up to 30-40 Mbps

of capacity

» All aircraft in the coverage area have to share that capacity – more

aircraft means slower speed/aircraft



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#### What about GX?

» While GX spot beams are smaller than Ku-band,
they are still relatively
large (2000 km x 1800
km over N America)



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- » Frequency reuse pattern means that each beam has access to only
   32 MHz (Max of 40-50 Mbps/beam)
- » All aircraft in the coverage area have to share that capacity more aircraft means slower speed/aircraft



#### ViaSat High Capacity Ka-band satellites

- » ViaSat-1 class High Capacity Ka-band satellites use very small spot beams - roughly 900 kms wide
- More intensive frequency reuse pattern means that each beam has access 250 -1000 MHz (Up to 1+ Gbps beam)
- Smaller spot beams mean fewer aircraft are sharing more bandwidth in a given location (esp. in high-density areas)
- » New satellites will have highcapacity beams over cities/areas with heaviest traffic



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## **Spectrum Density**



	Ku-band	GX	KaSat
Transponder size	36-54 MHz	32 MHz	250 MHz
Geographic area covered by transponder (in kms <sup>2)</sup>	11,309,734	2,764,601	502,654
Spectrum density (Hz/km <sup>2</sup> )	3.2 - 4.8	11.6	497.3

- » ViaSat High Capacity Ka-band satellites have more spectrum available over a smaller geographic area than Ku-band or GX
- » Smaller number of users share a larger amount of bandwidth enabling higher bandwidth to more users



# How Much Bandwidth is Required to Serve All Aircraft in 300 nm Airspace?





	ViaSat VS-1	Inmarsat GX	Intelsat EPIC	Wideband Ku	Gogo ATG
Beam size	100 nm	500 nm	300 nm		80 nm
Data rate per beam	~1Gbps	~50Mbps	200Mbps	~20 Mbps	3-10 Mbps
Beams in region	10	1	1	1	15
Total capacity in region	~10 Gbps	~50Mbps	200Mbps	~20 Mbps	~100 Mps



#### ViaSat-2: Continuing the Revolution

- » Announced May 2013
- » Launch Q1 2017 by Ariannespace
- Strategic agreement with Boeing for satellite manufacturing

# VIASAT-2 COVERAGE AREA

» Covers all primary aero and maritime routes between North America, Central America, and Europe as well as entire Caribbean



#### ViaSat-3 Global Tbps Coverage





### KuKarray Antenna



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- **n** KuKarray combines Ku-band and Ka-band into a single antenna
- **n** Uses the Mantarray positioner, ACU, aperture and RF electronics
- **n** Switching from Ka-band to Ku-band requires the antenna to simply rotate

approximately 180° in azimuth to point at the alternate satellite location

# Medium Profile Radome



#### KuKarray Mounted Under a Radome

- The radome provides protection to the antenna while reducing aerodynamic drag
  - u Radome shell is common to various aircraft types
  - u Antenna and radome mounting fixtures will vary depending on aircraft type

#### n The dielectric construction allows RF signals to pass through at both Ku &

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# Growing Customer Base, 500+ aircraft in service today







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#### ViaSat Ka BizAv Market Segmentation







Bombardier Global 5000/6K/7K/8K

#### Dassault Falcon 7X/5X/8X Gulfstream G-IV, V, 450/550/650/500/600 **Bombardier Bombardier** Gulfstream through Medium & Dassault **Bombardier Market Segment** through Large Cabin Completion Small Cabin\* NetJets Centers $\checkmark$ Long Range, Long Flight times $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ 1 1 Transocean $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ Under ViaSat Footprint $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ Cabin Amenities (Office in the Sky) $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ Can Afford BB Internet $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ Fly in Busy Corridors

\* Lear, Cessena, Hawker, G250's, G280's, etc. are VMS Candidates







#### 3,800 Business Jets - Potential Addressable Market Using Conventional Tailmount Antennas

- » Includes Following Manufacturers' Jets:
  - » Bombardier Global's and Challengers 350, 604, 605
  - » Cessna Citation X
  - » Dassault Falcons 900, 2000, 7X
  - » Embraer Legacy 500
  - » Gulfstream G-IV, G-V, G450, G550, G650
- » This number grows to <u>16,500</u> with additional antenna
  - » Fuselage mount Phased Array very attractive to small and mid cabin Business Jets
  - » Added addressable platforms include Cessa Citation, Bombardier Challenger, Embraer Phenom and Legacy, Gulfstream G150/G280, Learjet 70/75/45, and Pilatus PC-24







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