China Deep Space TT&C and International Cooperation

Deep space TT&C (Tracking, Telemetry and Command) capability is an inevitable requirement for the implementation of lunar and deep space exploration.
China's deep space TT&C system is gradually built and developed along with the three Phase of "Orbiting, Landing and Sample Returning" of China lunar exploration Program (CLEP).





- No deep-space TT&C facilities to support Chang'E-1 mission.
- So we used existing earth orbit satellites TT&C equipment to implement the TT&C capability of 400,000 km.



Kashi 12m +18m



Qingdao 10m +18m





In order to meet the requirements of orbit tracking for lunar exploration missions, China VLBI Network (CVN) took part in CLEP mission from Chang'E-1 mission (2004).



Chang'E-1 TT&C International Cooperation

- Tracking "Smart-1" spacecraft of ESA was used to test and verify the long-distance tracking capability of China TT&C System in 2006.
- This is the beginning of China TT&C System cooperation with ESA.







Chang'E-1 TT&C International Cooperation



ESA Kourou 15m station





CCSDS SLE

ESA Maspalomas15m station





ESA NNO 35m station

- Three ESA stations supported China Chang'E-1(2007) mission
- CCSDS SLE protocol be used to connect with ESA TT&C Network.



During the Phase II of CLEP, China began to build Deep Space TT&C Network for tracking and telecommunication support (2008--2013).



During Phase II of CLEP, China Deep Space TT&C Network includes :

- ✓ Kashi 35m S/X/Ka band station (Northwest of China), 2012.
- ✓ Jia Musi 66m S/X band station (Northeast of China), 2012.
- ✓ Deep Space Mission operation center is Beijing Aerospace Control Center.
- ✓ Kashi 18m and Qingdao 18m S-band received only antennas were upgraded to 18m S/X band full function TT&C equipment.



TT&C coverage rate with two Deep Space Stations in China (2013)

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I. Chang'E-2 mission, Oct.01 ,2010— For the first time, China Deep Space TT&C Network supported deep space mission in 2012.



It departed the Moon on June 8, 2011 and arrived in the Sun-Earth L2 point on August 25.

It completed a flyby of asteroid 4179 Toutatis on 13 December 2012



> 2. Chang'E-3 lunar lander and rover , Dec.2,2013—

This is the first formal mission for China Deep Space TT&C Network.





Cooperation with ESA during phase II of CLEP

- Delta-DOR tracking of Chang'E -2 (Sun-Earth L2 point) and Chang'E-3 by ESA DSA and supply raw data(2011,2013)
- Joint Delta-DOR tracking of VEX by deep space Antennas of both sides(2012)











In order to meet the mission requirements of the third phase of CLEP:

• built a 35m deep space TT&C station, in Argentina

•built a new 18m S/X band TT&C equipment(with interferometry function), in Namibia.







Control room and antennas of Argentina station, 2017



China deep space TT&C network formed in the third phase of CLEP





Jia Musi 66m S/X band antenna



Kashi 35m S/X/Ka band antenna



Argentina 35m S/X/Ka band antenna

Frequency	Uplink (MHz)	Downlink(MHz)
S-band	2025~2120	2200~2300
X-band	7145~7235	8400~8500
Ka-band		31800~32300

 These are international common frequency bands, compatible with the CCSDS.
 We can do cross-support with other countries or agencies for deep space mission.



China's 18m S/X band TT&C subnet





Mission support for Chang'E-4 Mission

The Chang'E-4 mission has implemented to realize the first soft landing and roving on the lunar far-side, to realize the TT&C and science data relay at earth-moon L2 point.(2018-2019)

- Both Deep Space TT&C Network and 18m Subnet supported this mission.
- Argentina 35m station for the first time supported CLEP mission.
- The construction and operation of this station took friendly cooperation with CONAE (Comisión Nacional de Actividades Espaciales) .





Mission support for Chang'E-5 Mission

Launched before 2020. Realize automatic lunar sample ,return sampling of the moon, carry out comprehensive analysis of lunar samples.

- Both Deep Space TT&C Network and 18m Subnet will support this mission.
- ESA Kourou Station and Maspalomas Station will provide TT&C Support.







Follow-up China lunar exploration program

- •Chang'E-6: sample on the south pole of the Moon;
- •Chang'E-7 : conduct a comprehensive exploration on the south pole of the Moon, including topography, material composition , spatial environment;
- •Chang'E-8 : carry out further scientific exploration experiments and test some key technologies on the moon .







Future China Deep Space program:





Future Requirements for Deep Space TT&C capability

- 1. To Improve downlink capability
- 2. To Improve uplink capability
- 3. Multiobjective TT&C capability





1. To Improve downlink capability



Kashi Deep Space Antenna Array(4×35m, 2020) for China First Mars Mission



2. To Improve uplink capability

X band 10kW transmitter **High power transmitter** X频段 **10kW 50kW** 2012 2025 2kW Ka频段



3. Multiobjective TT&C capability





China Deep Space TT&C Network is open, Possible areas of future international cooperation as follow:

- 1. Mission Cross-support with deep space TT&C system.
- Long baseline ∆DOR with other Deep Space Antennas for improving navigation accuracy.
- 3. Antenna arraying with other Deep Space Antennas for higher data rate received from deep space probe.



Future Deep Space TT&C International Cooperation Proposals

1. 18m,35m and 66m TT&C systems can provide cross-support.



China's Deep Space TT&C system ,before 2025 28



Future Deep Space TT&C International Cooperation Proposals

35m,66m and 18m(in Namibia) antennas can provide Long baseline ΔDOR support.





Future Deep Space TT&C International Cooperation Proposals

3. 35m and 66m antennas can provide antenna arraying support with other deep space antennas.



Thanks