

Software Release Notice

System: AGS, SGS

Release: AGS 4.3

Date: February 14, 2001

Modification Description:

Upgrade for Alaska (Poker Flats) and Svalbard Ground Stations

The following changes are planned for the Alaska (Poker Flats) and Svalbard Ground Stations software. Modifications that have been completed since the NASA 4.2 release:

1. Fix the one hertz discrepancy for uplink frequency. (e.g. 2090.659999 instead of 2090.660000)
2. Update the release version number.
3. Restore the shortened prepass feature.
4. Fix the day 366 problem.
5. Improves the Single Socket Connection to the Master. (CDS ID # 00018047)

Files Affected:

The files that were developed and/or utilized as part of AGS 4.3 are listed in Attachment 1: AGS 4.3 FILES.

Hardware Requirements:

N/A

Validation Procedures:

AGS 4.3 with ATS 3.3 or later software by connecting to the SCC software and performing all the actions need for system operation including login, upgrade, load ephemeris, load schedule, retrieve pass results file. In addition, please perform the following individual tests:

One hertz discrepancy

On the Configuration/Uplink/Exciter screen, enter 2090.66 as the frequency. Notice that the frequency 2090.66 appears in the field by the frequency for Exciter #1. Perform the same test on the Control/Status/Uplink/Exciter screen. Change the frequency for the EO-1 configuration files and save them. Verify with the Flight Dynamics Facility that the frequency 2090.66 is being transmitted during uplink.

Restored Shortened Prepass

On the Schedule screen, choose a pass, which started slightly in the past (about one minute) or within one minute of the future. Hit the save button, and notice that there is a short prepass (about 20 seconds), rather than a 2.5 minute prepass, before tracking begins.

Day 366

You may not wish to verify this feature, since it has been verified at ViaSat. However, here is a test that could be performed. Start the software and as the software is running, as a superuser, set the date on the Station control computer to the next leap year, December 31st, 2004. Then set the computer to a manual time past 12:00 GMT on December 31st, 2004, using the Maintenance/Time Screen so that both the computer and ACU are on a simulated time basis. Select a pass, which runs sometime in the next twelve hours. Notice that the pass tracks correctly and that the Antenna Control Unit display continues to update its angles throughout the entire pass. At the end of this exercise, Stop the Software. As superuser, set the clock back on the Station control computer to current time and date. Restart the software.

Improved Single Socket Connection

Once the SCC and Master are connected, restart the Master without restarting the SCC. Notice that the Master and SCC reconnect.

Known Bugs or Limitations:

Some open DRs may not be resolved in this release due to equipment constraints. The following are limitations to the shortened prepass feature:

All of these limitations could result in loss of data.

- a. Train may not have adequate time to position properly. If a high elevation pass, and the Train gear is not at a proper position, the Azimuth may not be able to keep pace with the satellite near the point of closest approach.
- b. Cable wrap may not have adequate time to position properly. This could result in the pedestal reaching a limit in the middle of the pass.
- c. There may be inadequate time to configure all the equipment prior to the start of track.
- d. There is inadequate time to zero the receivers on noise. The 930 tracking receivers remember their last zeroing. If a 930 receiver is power cycled, it does not have a valid zeroing value. If the configuration of the 930 receiver changes the IF bandwidth, the prior zeroing value is invalid. If a 930 receiver has a valid zeroing value, the consequences of not zeroing again during prepass are inconsequential. Else, it could result in autotracking on noise and the dish heading for a limit. Or it could result in not autotracking at all. The data signal strengths logged and displayed could also be misleading, if the software was just restarted without having the chance to zero those signal strengths as well.

Installation Procedure:

To install this release, first check to see that there is adequate disk space available by typing bdf. There should be at least 150MB available. If not, back-up to tape and then delete old unused releases in the /home/aaas/releases directory. Create a rel4.3 directory in the /home/aaas/releases directory. Copy the file ags4.3.tar.Z in to this directory. From /home/aaas/releases/rel4.2. Uncompress and untar ags4.3. This will create a bin directory with the new executables.

Create new etc directory and copy all the contents of rel4.2/etc to the rel4.3/etc directory. Modify the bin and etc links under /aaas/ to look at the new release directories.

Copy the files winPrint and pcltrans (if it exists) from rel4.2/bin to rel4.3/bin. Run a diff between NasaStart in rel4.2/bin and rel4.3/bin. If there are differences then copy the NasaStart from rel4.2/bin into rel4.3/bin.

Rename the rel4.2/etc tapelog files, eph.txt and the config directory. Then create links of those files and directory to rel4.3/etc/. By creating those links then the configuration files are kept up to date no matter what release of software is activated.

Create a script called sw4.2 which will remove the links under /aaas/ for bin and etc and restore them to rel4.2/bin and rel4.2/etc. Create a script called sw4.3 which will remove the links under /aaas/ for bin and etc and link them to rel4.3/bin and rel4.3/etc.

Activation Procedure:

SCC 4.3 activation procedure is used when switching from release 4.2 to 4.3 after the installation procedure is performed above (must be installed with ATS 3.3 or later) :

(1) Select option "Exit" from the "Session" menu. This action will close the SCC graphical user interface (GUI) and stop all SCC processes. Processes are stopped after "Stopping rci_client", "Stopping rci_server" and "Removing Stale Message Queues" messages are displayed. Hit "enter" to display the SCC command prompt, "ags11m-1 or sgs11m-1 >".

(2) Type "sw4.3" to switch to SCC release 4.3. Type "Start" to start the SCC processes. The SCC GUI main window will show "NASA Version AGS 4.3".

Reversion Procedure:

SCC 4.2 reversion procedure (must be installed with ATS 3.3 or later) is used to revert back to release 4.2 after the installation procedure is performed above and after release 4.3 is activated:

(1) Select option "Exit" from the "Session" menu. This action will close the SCC graphical user interface (GUI) and stop all SCC processes. Processes are stopped after "Stopping rci_client", "Stopping rci_server" and "Removing Stale Message Queues" messages are displayed. Hit "enter" to display the SCC command prompt, "ags11m-1 or sgs11m-1 >".

(2) Type "sw4.2" to switch to SCC release 4.2. Type "Start" to start the SCC processes. The SCC GUI main window will show "NASA Version 4.2".

Documentation Affected:

N/A

Comments:

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Approval:

The software modifications described in this release notice has been validated and accepted.

NASA AGS Project Manager	Date
NASA SGS Project Manager	Date

SOFTWARE RELEASED:

The software modifications described in this release notice have been completed and released to ground station operations.

System Manager	Date
NASA Program Monitor	Date

Attachment 1
AGS 4.3 Files

The bin Directory:

AntennaControlStartup
Displays
Nasa
NasaStart
Start
Stop
authent
configud
control
dpsHndlr
errhandler
eup
executive
file.lst
getNtpSyncInfo
ioh
pcltrans
pedcont
postPassShell
rci
recon
recsch
resetLANGateway
rmqs
schedmon
snyHndlr
start.awk
start_ntp
status_1
stop.awk
stop_ntp
sup
tapelog
terminal
testexec
time_code_handler
track
uactask
winPrint

The etc Directory:

N/A

The etc/hpib directory:

N/A

The etc/config directory:

N/A

The etc/defaults directory:

N/A