Timeline for Cassini Rev 194: 2-Way RSS Saturn Rings Occultation July 06, 2013 UTC (DOY-187)

Essam Marouf & Aseel Anabtawi 06/28/2013 (v3)

| | ERT UTC | SCET | PDT | |
|--|----------|----------|----------|--|
| | OWLT = | | ERT-7hrs | Comments |
| | 1:18:32 | | 7:00:00 | |
| Ka-Band ON (DOY-186) | 15:00:28 | 13:41:56 | 8:00:28 | |
| Spacecraft is NOT Earth Pointed | | | | |
| RSSG: Load 1-W, 2-W, and 3-W Frequency Predicts | TBD | | | |
| DSS-14: Begin Pre-Cal (DOY 187) | 00:25:00 | 23:06:28 | 17:25:00 | |
| DSS-14: Begin of Track | 01:25:00 | 00:06:28 | 18:25:00 | Spacecraft is not Earth pointed |
| DSS-14 Transmitter ON, 18 kW, LCP, RAMP, SWEEP | 02:19:00 | 01:00:28 | 19:19:00 | Start transmitter time = start of 2- & 3-way baseline - RTLT |
| DSS-34: Begin Pre-Cal | 02:20:00 | 01:01:28 | 19:20:00 | |
| DSS-43: Begin Pre-Cal | 02:30:00 | 01:11:28 | 19:30:00 | |
| RSSG: Begin DSS-14 Open-Loop Recordings | 02:30:00 | 01:11:28 | 19:30:00 | |
| RSSG: Begin DSS-34 and -43 Open-Loop Recordings | 03:00:00 | 01:41:28 | 20:00:00 | |
| Spacecraft is Earth Pointed | 03:02:31 | 01:43:59 | 20:02:31 | |
| DSS-14: Begin X-band 1-Way Acquisition | 03:02:31 | 01:43:59 | 20:02:31 | PC/N0 (X-70m tlm ON) = 45 dB-Hz |
| S-Band ON | 03:03:14 | 01:44:42 | 20:03:14 | |
| DSS-14: Begin S-band 1-Way Acquisition | 03:03:14 | 01:44:42 | 20:03:14 | PC/N0 (S-70m) = 42 dB-Hz |
| DSS-43: Begin of Track | 03:30:00 | 02:11:28 | 20:30:00 | |
| DSS-43: Begin X- & S-band 1-Way Acquisition | 03:30:00 | 02:11:28 | 20:30:00 | PC/N0 (X-70m tlm ON, S-70m) = 45 dB-Hz, 42 dB-Hz |
| DSS-34: Begin of Track | 03:50:00 | 02:31:28 | 20:50:00 | |
| DSS-34: Begin X- & Ka-band 1-Way Acquisition | 03:50:00 | 02:31:28 | 20:50:00 | PC/N0 (X-34m tlm ON, Ka-34m) = 39 dB-Hz, 48 dB-Hz |
| Start of Rev194 Observations | 04:28:03 | 03:09:31 | 21:28:03 | Downlink signals detectable shortly before 05:24:03 |
| RNG OFF/TLM OFF | 04:28:07 | 03:09:35 | 21:28:07 | PC/N0 (X-70m, X34-m) = 54, 48 dB-Hz |
| Start 1-way baseline | 04:28:07 | 03:09:35 | 21:28:07 | About 28 m long 1-way baseline; FRO RSR if needed |
| DSS-34: Enable Monopulse | TBD | | | Enable monopulse only when requested by RS Operations |
| DSS-14: Begin X- & S-band 2-Way Acquisition | 04:56:04 | 03:37:32 | 21:56:04 | PC/N0 (X-70m, S-70m) = 54, 42 dB-Hz |
| DSS-43: Begin X- & S-band 3-Way Acquisition (w/ DSS-14) | 04:56:04 | 03:37:32 | 21:56:04 | PC/N0 (X-70m, S-70m) = 54, 42 dB-Hz |
| DSS-34: Begin X- & Ka-band 3-Way Acquisition (w/ DSS-14) | 04:56:04 | 03:37:32 | 21:56:04 | PC/N0 (X-34m, Ka-34m) = 48, 48 dB-Hz |
| Begin 2- & 3-Way Free-Space Baseline | 04:58:04 | 03:39:32 | 21:58:04 | |
| Ring F | 05:58:30 | 04:39:58 | 22:58:30 | Approx. time; Ring F is usually not detectable in real-time |
| Ring A In | 06:01:37 | 04:43:05 | 23:01:37 | Approximate time |

Rev194 RSS Saturn Rings Occultation: 1 of 2

| Middle of Encke Gap | 06:04:33 | 04:46:01 | 23:04:33 | Increase in signal levels for a short period |
|--|----------|----------|----------|---|
| Ring A Out | 06:15:34 | 04:57:02 | 23:15:34 | Approximate time |
| DSS-34: Disable Monopulse | TBD | | | Disable monopulse only when requested by RS Operations |
| Ring B In | 06:20:05 | 05:01:33 | 23:20:05 | Signals will likely be blocked over parts of Ring B |
| Ring C In | 06:50:33 | 05:32:01 | 23:50:33 | Approximate time |
| DSS-34: Enable Monopulse | TBD | | | Enable monopulse only when requested by RS Operations |
| DSS-14: Transmitter OFF | 07:00:00 | 05:41:28 | 00:00:00 | End of 3-Way baseline - RTLT |
| DSS-14: End of Track | 07:00:00 | 05:41:28 | 00:00:00 | |
| DSS-14: End of Post Cal | 07:15:00 | 05:56:28 | 00:15:00 | |
| RSSG: End DSS-14 Open-Loop Recordings | 07:20:00 | 06:01:28 | 00:20:00 | |
| DSS-34: Disable Monopulse | TBD | | | Disable monopulse only when requested by RS Operations |
| Ring B In | 07:55:28 | 06:36:56 | 00:55:28 | Signals will likely be blocked over parts of Ring B |
| Ring B Out | 08:25:55 | 07:07:23 | 01:25:55 | Approximate time; Strong signals in the Cassini Division |
| DSS-34: Enable Monopulse | TBD | | | Enable monopulse only when requested by RS Operations |
| Ring A In | 08:30:27 | 07:11:55 | 01:30:27 | Detectable signals over most of Ring A |
| Middle of the Encke Gap | 08:41:27 | 07:22:55 | 01:41:27 | Strong signals over brief time period |
| Ring A out | 08:44:24 | 07:25:52 | 01:44:24 | All signals back to full strength (free-space) levels |
| Ring F | 08:47:31 | 07:28:59 | 01:47:31 | Approx. time; Ring F is usually not detectable in real-time |
| End of 3-Way free-space baseline | 09:37:04 | 08:18:32 | 02:37:04 | EOT of DSS-14 + RTLT |
| DSS-34: Begin X- & Ka-band 1-Way Acquisition | 09:37:05 | 08:18:33 | 02:37:05 | PC/N0 (X-34m, Ka-34m) = 48, 48 dB-Hz |
| DSS-43: Begin X- & S-band 1-Way Acquisition | 09:37:05 | 08:18:33 | 02:37:05 | PC/N0 (X-70m, S-70m) = 54, 42 dB-Hz |
| Start 1-way baseline | 09:37:05 | 08:18:33 | 02:37:05 | about 39 m 1-way baseline |
| S-Band OFF | 10:16:30 | 08:57:58 | 03:16:30 | |
| Ka-Band OFF | 10:16:36 | 08:58:04 | 03:16:36 | |
| TLM ON/RNG ON | 10:17:06 | 08:58:34 | 03:17:06 | End of Rev194 RSS Experiment |
| End of Rev194 RSS S/C Activities | 10:17:08 | 08:58:36 | 03:17:08 | |
| Spacecraft turn from Earth point | 10:17:33 | 08:59:01 | 03:17:33 | |
| RSSG: End DSS-34 and DSS-43 Open-Loop Recordings | 10:40:00 | 09:21:28 | 03:40:00 | |
| DSS-34 & DSS-43: End of Track | 10:45:00 | 09:26:28 | 03:45:00 | |
| DSS-34 & DSS-43: End of Post Cal | 11:00:00 | 09:41:28 | 04:00:00 | |

Canberra DSS-43 & DSS-34 related activities

Goldstone DSS-14 related activities

Predicted rings event times are approximate and are based on NAV OD on 07 June 2013

DSS-34 Monopulse strategy is preliminary at this time. Final strategy is decided in real-time