

SkyEdge IV System

Multi-Orbit Multi-Market Software-Defined Platform

Software-Defined Platform for Software Defined Satellites

SkyEdge IV is Gilat's next generation multi-service platform built with our new, advanced Elastix-Architecture. Our new platform is designed to provide the best ground segment solution for the Elastix Era of multi-orbit Software-Defined Satellites (SDS) placed in multi-orbit (GEO and NGSO), providing very high capacity over thousands of concentrated beams focused on specific customers.

SkyEdge IV is a highly elastic platform that enables, together with SDS, the creation of programmable Software-Defined Networks (SDN) that support on-the-fly changes to optimally address dynamic network changes.

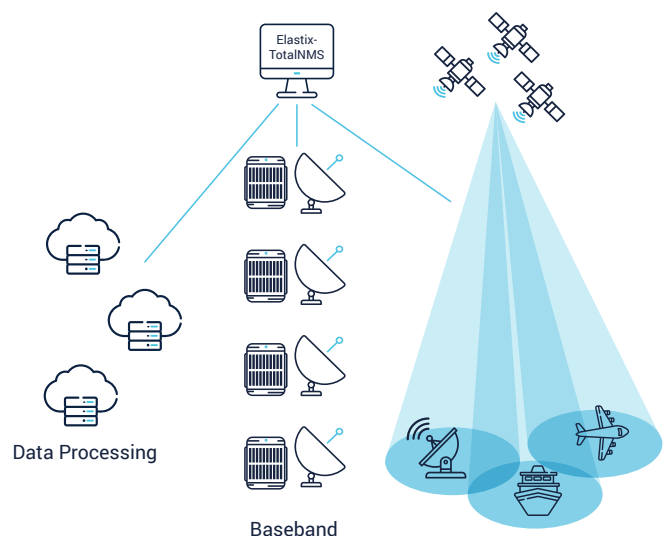
The Elastix-Architecture is a cloud-based distributed architecture, enabling the ability to split between transmission function located in the gateway and data processing SW-based functions which can be flexibly deployed on cloud servers located anywhere in the network.

The Elastix-Architecture of SkyEdge IV provides the following major benefits to satellite operators:

- **Efficient Scalability** – SkyEdge IV's Elastix-Architecture enables the platform to scale efficiently based on aggregated capacity of the network regardless of specific beam coverage, bandwidth and/or peak throughput. Scaling based on aggregated capacity provides unprecedented cost reduction with the smallest footprint possible, while capacity is added only as network utilization increases. This ensures accommodation of day-one operation over a large coverage area, scaling up with increased bandwidth, an increase in users and expanded geographic coverage, as well as support during the network maturity phase and accommodation of ongoing, changing demands.
- **Dynamic Capacity Steering based on Demand** – SkyEdge IV's Elastix-Architecture allows dynamic capacity steering of resources between beams to answer real-time changes in terminals throughput demand over specific geographic locations. No longer will it be required to allocate the maximum needed carrier size and compute power ahead of time. SkyEdge IV allows seamless dynamic carrier reprogramming in perfect coordination with the satellite to accommodate real time changes in user demand.

Benefits

- Software-defined ground segment maximizing the value of software-defined satellites
- Streamlined lifecycle management & orchestration via open platform interfaces
- Leverages cloud technologies maximizing operational efficiency and network agility
- Supports next generation VHTS and NGSO constellations
- Flexible scalable architecture with unprecedented density to support any network size and operational model with minimum footprint
- Rich feature set for any application, fixed or mobile
- Diverse modems optimized for specific markets
- Investment retention with backwards compatibility to SkyEdge II-c VSATs and unified management for SkyEdge IV and SkyEdge II-c



Single Platform for Multi-Orbit Operation

SkyEdge IV's single platform for multi-orbit operation enables deployment on GEO Very High Throughput Satellites (VHTS) as well as Non-GEO Stationary (NGSO) constellations and operates a single and unified multi-orbit network.

SkyEdge IV provides a complete set of capabilities on both the platform side and modem side, enabling seamless operation over both NGSO constellations and GEO VHTS. SkyEdge IV introduces a new set of capabilities on all layers and dimensions including modem installation, service provisioning, interfaces to tracking antennas, interface to the constellation resource manager, smart modem logon, satellite and beam seamless switchovers, and much more.

Multi-orbit support enables satellite operators to manage their multi-orbit constellations as a single network, maintaining seamless, uninterrupted service for users. This occurs while maximizing the benefits of each constellation per application and per region configuration with varied service options and delivering orbit redundancy.

Rich Feature Set to Support Multiple Markets

SkyEdge IV delivers innovative transmission technologies with exceptional performance and space segment efficiencies. Wideband DVB-S2X carriers in the forward direction and adaptive transmission in the return direction combining elastic SCPC and TDMA over shared BW, enable high on-the-move service availability and maximum bandwidth efficiency at any condition – beam peak, beam edge, fade and different traffic demands. This is achieved by adaptive power control, changes to the carrier symbol rate, ModCod and spread-spectrum factor per VSAT on a per time-slot basis.

The SkyEdge IV system employs advanced features and capabilities that help you deliver competitive services while simplifying your network operations.

- **Rich L2 and L3 services** – SkyEdge IV enables support over a single platform with both L2 MEF based and L3 services providing operators the maximum flexibility to provide their customers with the best networking services.
- **Robust Bi-Directional QoS** – Embedded in the platform, SkyEdge IV QoS supports various rate bundles per site, wholesale (VNO level) CIR/MIR bundles, DiffServ, flow and application priority, and VoIP call admission control to ensure voice and video quality.
- **Multi-Tiered Acceleration** – Enables fast web surfing and application response time using TCP acceleration, DNS caching, compression, and IP header compression.
- **Enhanced System Security** – Provides secure transmission over the satellite link by utilizing high-performance, HW-based AES-256 encryption. The system also employs X.509 terminal authentication.

Certain SkyEdge IV features particularly enhance specific applications:

MOBILITY – Beam and satellite switching, on-the-move antenna and BUC communication interfaces, and a comprehensive network management system for mobility terminals

BACKHAULING – Unique patent-pending LTE and 5G cellular data acceleration overcomes satellite latency and enables mobile handsets to achieve unprecedented speeds of over 1Gbps.

BROADBAND ACCESS – Enhanced usage-based services and integrated site level accounting deliver flexible and competitive service plans.

ENTERPRISE – With L3 and L2 support, SkyEdge IV provides comprehensive IP and routing capabilities and other Enterprise related features

High Performance Diversified Modems

SkyEdge IV provides a wide modem portfolio to answer any market segment and any need from simple broadband modems to ultra-high processing capacity modems achieving throughputs of up to 1.5Gbps download and 750Mbps uploads and high packets per second processing of up to 600Kpps.

The SkyEdge IV platform is backwards compatible with SkyEdge II-c. The backwards compatibility allows easy migration of SkyEdge II-c DVB-S2X VSATs over the air to SkyEdge IV. In addition, mobility modems can perform automatic beam switching between beams connected to SkyEdge II-c or SkyEdge IV.

Aquarius Modem Family



AquariusPro



Aquarius-e



AquariusOutdoor

SkyEdge II-c Backward Compatibility



Gemini-4



Capricorn-4



Taurus

Flexible VNO for Host Network Operators

SkyEdge IV enables satellite operators to offer services for Virtual Network Operators (VNOs) over multiple spot beams and satellites, leveraging a shared pool of network functions, data processing, and space segment spectrum. Using SkyEdge IV's Elastix-TotalNMS management system, VNOs have full control of their terminals and full flexibility to define and manage their own services. They also gain detailed VSAT monitoring information such as VSAT status, bandwidth usage and RF levels.

Unified and Centralized Elastix TotalNMS

SkyEdge IV includes an advanced total network management system, Elastix-TotalNMS, enabling full configuration, control and monitoring of all hub elements and remote terminals, regardless of their physical location.

Elastix-TotalNMS is backwards compatible and can manage both SkyEdge IV and SkyEdge II-c.

Elastix-TotalNMS includes the following key attributes:

- **Network Dashboard** – a comprehensive set of network indicators providing real time and trending information on network throughput, utilization, and alarms
- **One-Click Management** – an intuitive GUI, with easy-to-use configuration tools and advanced diagnostic capabilities, providing effortless provisioning and troubleshooting for networks of any size
- **Global User Access** – standard web interface allowing access from any PC connected to the secured management network
- **Customized User Administration** – flexible and highly granular mechanism, enabling user permission settings according to VNO service model and individual job function
- **VNO Management (TotalVNO)** – full support for a variety of VNO service models, providing VNOs with the capability to independently configure and monitor their own network
- **Rich Northbound Interface** – comprehensive API to the operator's operational and business environment, enabling simple service orchestration, and full platform orchestration from external network orchestration systems
- **Robust Accounting** – detailed data usage records are delivered to the OSS/BSS, ensuring accurate service ratings and billing of end-customers

Highly Scalable High Availability Design

SkyEdge IV is designed to support the needs of any hub network operator, whether you're adding to the number of services you're offering, ramping up your network's data traffic, or increasing the number of frequency bands, carriers, satellites or satellite beams to which you connect.

SkyEdge IV features a scalable distributed network architecture enabling efficient and robust ground segment deployment over any number of satellite gateway locations, data centers and network operations centers. The advanced high-density chassis architecture minimizes rack space and power.

SkyEdge IV makes it easy to expand capacity as demand grows and extend services to new markets with minimal investment.

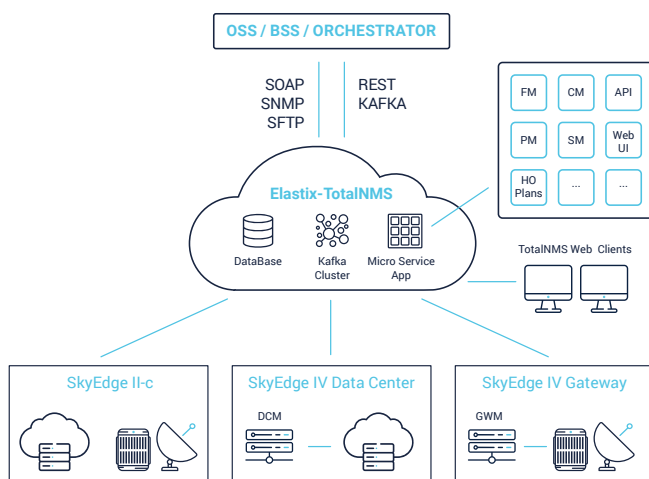
Gilat's centralized management system and redundant hub baseband Elastix-Architecture for SkyEdge IV facilitates support for unmanned gateway operations.

- **High-Availability System** – 1:N redundancy and automatic failover of all hub components ensure very high system uptime. Integrated redundant 100Gb packet switching architecture, an advanced backplane design connecting all hub components guarantee high system reliability
- **Unattended Hub Operations** – remote visibility, management and control of all hub elements enable centralized management, thereby drastically reducing OPEX while enabling remote expert analysis of system behaviour
- **High Density Hubs Reduces Rack Space and Power** – compact chassis architecture for transmit modules, receive modules and servers provide high throughput performance while minimizing rack space and power
- **Smart GW Diversity Solutions for Fade Mitigation** – capable of seamlessly reprogramming network and switch from failed GW to different active gateways in N+K or N+O diversity modes
- **Disaster Recovery** – when enhanced availability service is required, a backup baseband hub, data center or NOC may be installed at a disaster recovery facility

The SkyEdge IV Hub System is designed to provide maximum service time while simplifying your network operations. The hub system is comprised of an advanced high-density multi-beam hub. The X4-Chassis is coupled with a complete network management system.

The main advantages of the chassis are:

- **Hot Swappable Modules** – eliminates network downtime
- **Backplane Design and Redundant LAN Switches** – eliminates external LAN wiring complexity
- **Software-Defined RF Matrix** – simplifies network operations and improves unattended hub operations
- **Remote Management** – remote control of all components simplifies support and shortens time for trouble resolution



Technical Specifications

General

Topology:

Star, distributed hub architecture
(multiple GWs, NOC)
Multi orbit operation NGSO/GEO

Forward Channel

Standard:

DVB-S2X ACM

Carrier rate: 5–500Mps

Roll-off: 0.05, 0.10, 0.2

MODCODs:

BPSK-S 1/5 – 256APSK¼
(seamless MODCOD switching)

SNR range: -9dB to +21dB

FEC: LDPC, BCH

Return Channel

Elastix-Access:

eSCPC (elastic SCPC) with TDMA
overlay

Carriers rate:

0.1Mps (GEO) 1Mps (NGSO) –
250Mps

Roll-off: 0.05, 0.10, 0.2

Modulation: BPSK, QPSK, 16QAM

SNR range: -15dB to +15dB

FEC: XDC

Features

IP:

IPv4/IPv6, TCP, UDP, ICMP,
DHCP, NAT/PAT, DNS Caching,
cRTP, IGMPv2/v3, SIP, DiffServ,
VLANs, RIPv2, Static Routes,
BGP Transparent PEP: Integrated
TCP Acceleration, IP header
compression, Cellular GTP data
acceleration

QoS:

Integrated, DiffServ, Multi-Level
CIR/MIR (User, Group)

MEF Based Layer 2 Services

E-Line Access, E-Line Transit
Based on MEF 51.1

Frame Size: 9KB

Interface types: UNI/ENNI
(untagged, 802.1q, 802.1ad)

Frame mapping to OVC:

UNI Interface – based on CE Tags,
priority tag and untagged
ENNI Interface – Based on
S-VLAN tag

Usage Services:

Integrated quota-based service
definition system, Per ISP/VNO,
forward & return quota, free
usage time zones, quota reset,
usage top-ups

Security:

AES-256 bit encryption,
ACL Firewall, X.509 Terminal
Authentication

Management

System:

Single centralized Elastix
TotalNMS

Framework:

ITU / IETF standards-based

GUI Interface:

Web-based over HTTPS

Access Control:

Per User permission management

Northbound Interface:

REST, KAFKA, SOAP over HTTPS,
SNMPv2c

IDU Antenna Interface:

Gilat's Antenna ICD, OpenAMIP
v2, OpenBMIP

Interfaces

RF:

Tx 950–2450MHz, Rx 950–
2450MHz; QMA/N-type, 50
ohms

LAN: 1 / 10 / 100 GbE Optic

Environmental and Mechanical

Certifications:

RoHS, CE, ETSI EN 300 386
V1.4.1:2008-04, ETSI EN 301
489-1 V1.8.1:2008-04, ETSI EN
301 489-12 V2.2.2:2008-09, AS/
NZS CISPR 22:2006, FCC CFR 47
Part 15 Subpart B, Industry Canada
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Power:

Universal AC 110 – 240V 50–60 Hz

Operating Conditions:

10° to +25° C, up to 90% relative
humidity