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HORIZON

Where Sustainable Space
Meets Sustainable Earth



SUSTAINABLE SPACE

Lead, collaborate, and innovate for sustainable space.



CLIMATE ACTION

Take bold climate action by setting targets and innovating for the planet.



DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Make the space industry more diverse and inclusive, starting with SES.



CRITICAL HUMAN NEEDS

Empower communities to thrive with services to support critical human needs.

Responsibility

Innovate to reduce our footprint from launch to decommissioning

➔ **Be future-proof, powered by sustainable growth & innovation**

Reduce GHG emissions across operations and our supply chain.

Build a more diverse and inclusive workforce across all levels of our business.

Develop partnerships and innovate to increase access to education, health, and information services.

Opportunity

Advocate best practice approaches to ensuring industry-wide responsible use of space.

Provide solutions to combat environmental challenges through satellite connectivity.

Increase diversity and inclusion in the space industry through targeted actions and investments.

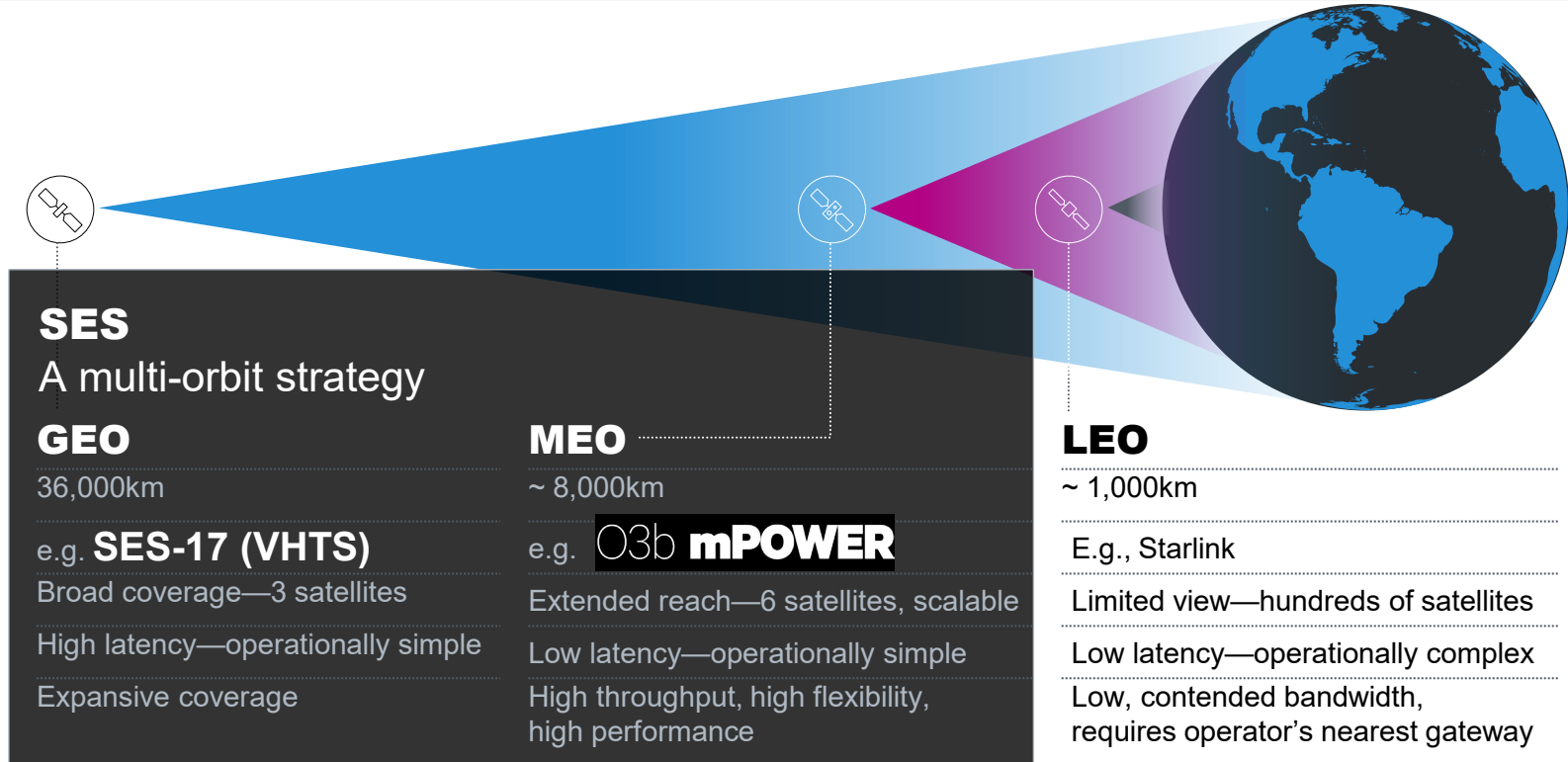
Expand reliable access to content and connectivity to build sustainable communities.

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Multi-orbit, multi-frequency for evolving connectivity needs



Space Assets: Multiple Orbits, Frequencies and Applications



GEO WIDE BEAM

- ▲ Over 50 satellite constellation
- ▲ Reaching 369 million TV HHs worldwide
- ▲ Broad coverage in less dense areas
- ▲ Well-suited for applications such as content multicasting, enterprise connectivity in remote regions
- ▲ Serving multiple data applications and customers
- ▲ **Using C, Ku, Ka band spectrum**



GEO (V)HTS

- ▲ Four GEO (V)HTS satellites, more to come
- ▲ Enhanced downstream connectivity for video and data transmission
- ▲ Reduced cost per MHz, improving value proposition for data applications
- ▲ **Using Ku, Ka and Q/V band spectrum**



MEO (V)HTS (O3b & mPOWER)

- ▲ 20 MEO HTS satellites plus 4 out of 11 VHTS with launching as of 2022
- ▲ Up to 2Gbps per MEO beam with <150ms latency
- ▲ Optimal for time sensitive applications such as videoconferencing, direct2cloud, 5G
- ▲ **Using Ka and Q/V band spectrum**

Electric propulsion & Digital payload boost GEO HTS



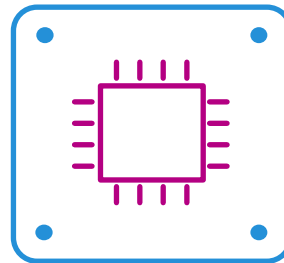
Using FSS Ku (10-15 GHz) and Ka-band (27.7-30.0 GHz) spectrum

Electric Propulsion Benefits

- ▲ lowers the cost of launches
- ▲ extends the life of a satellite
- ▲ lowers the weight of satellites
= larger satellites and/or more flexibility

Satellites go Digital & Software-driven

- ▲ Smaller size
- ▲ Mission flexibility
- ▲ Better bandwidth management
- ▲ Adapted to network virtualisation (5G)



GEO HTS SATELLITES (in Ku/Ka)

SES-15

2017

**SES-12
SES-14**

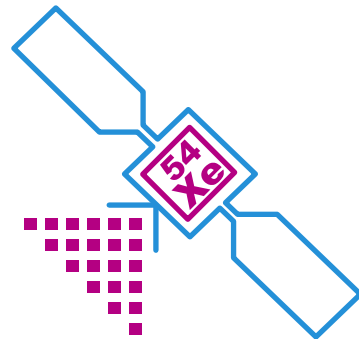
2018

SES-17

2021

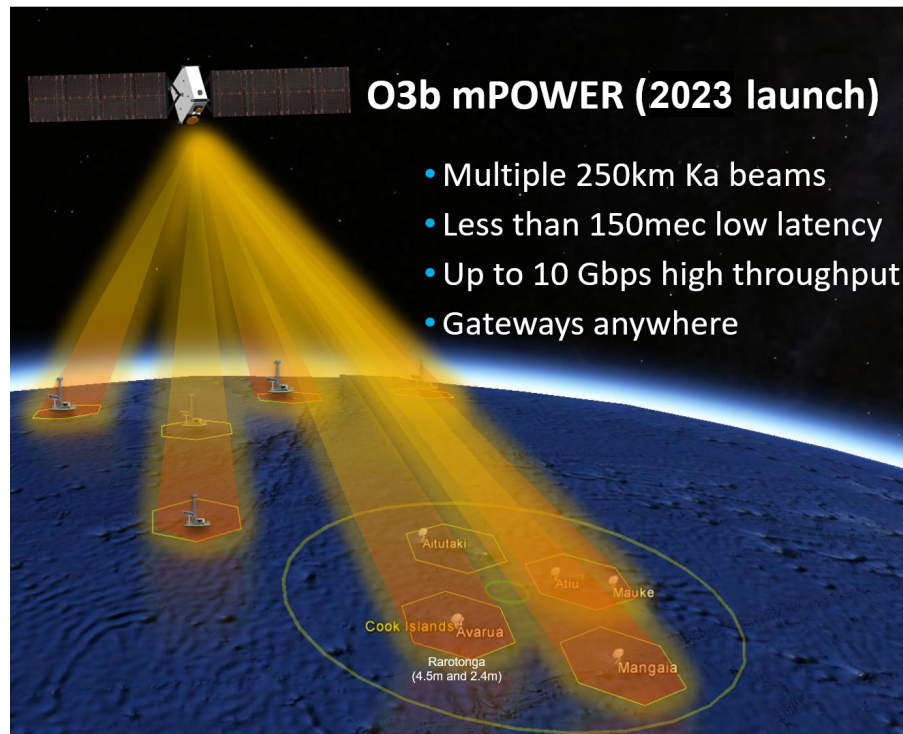
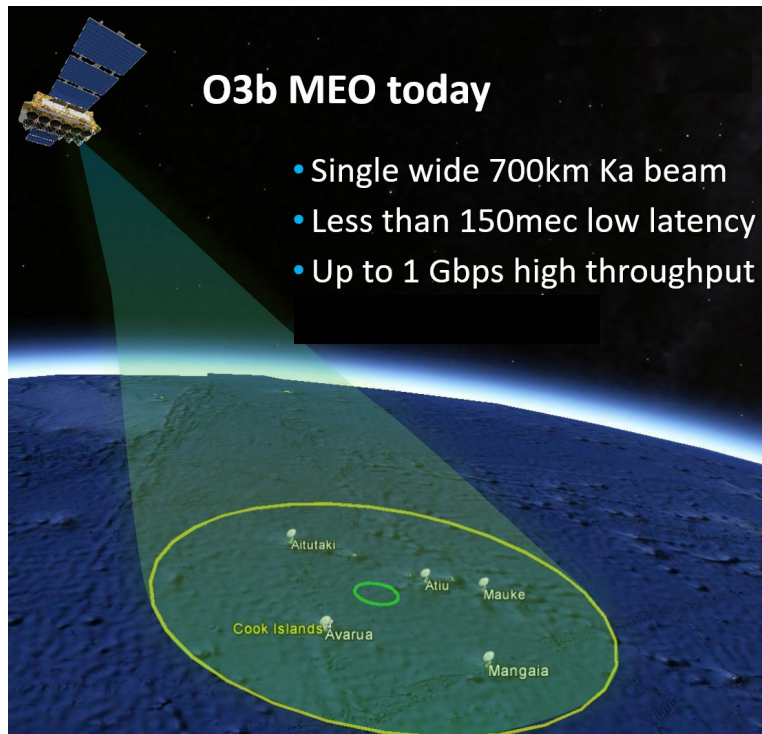
**SES-26,
ASTRA-1P & 1Q**

2024



From O3b MEO to O3b mPOWER

Using full Ka-band 17.7-20.2 & 27.5-30.0 GHz spectrum



GSO & NGSO ESIM for Cruise and Ferries

Als 1.15 & 1.16 are critical



SES helps commercial maritime industry navigate their digitalisation journeys



Blog | 21 Jun 2021 | 2 min read

Demand for reliable and high-performance satellite communications services are greater than ever as shipowners adopt technology to increase efficiency and profitability

The last 15 months have seen a surge in demand for satellite-enabled services in the commercial maritime market. Over the course of 2020 we collectively connected over 1,500 vessels served by players such as [Satcom Global](#), [De Boer Marine](#), [Tototheo Maritime](#), [Hellenic Radio Services](#) and [K4 Mobility](#).



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Carnival Corporation's MedallionNet™ to Set Industry Apex for Wi-Fi Bandwidth Capacity at Sea Powered by SES Networks

Written on 26 Feb 2018

Regal Princess set to eclipse 1.5 gigabits per second stream during special event

Staying connected allows guests to share photos and videos, and stream movies, live sporting events and other content onboard Regal Princess and at Princess Cays

Seamless Switching with GSO & NGSO ESIM for In-Flight Connectivity

Als 1.15 & 1.16 are critical

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Press Release | 02 Nov 2021 | 2 min read

Isotropic Systems simultaneously connects multiple SES satellites across separate orbits to converge broadband satellite networks and provide industry-leading quality of service and experience

Reading, UK / Luxembourg, 2 November 2021 – Isotropic Systems, the leading developer of transformational multi-link satellite technology, and SES today announced the successful completion of the first-ever simultaneous multi-orbit antenna field tests, a game-changing development empowering a new age of connectivity on land, in the air and at sea for both civil and defense communications.

Isotropic Systems' UK-built multi-link antenna underwent a series of field tests at SES's Manassas, Virginia teleport. The terminal established multiple simultaneous, full-performance link connections with SES satellites – linking to a geostationary (GEO) satellite while simultaneously connected with an O3b satellite in medium earth orbit (MEO).

Category: Technology

THALES
AVIONICS

SES and Thales Reach Record Speed and Enhanced Coverage via Integrated GEO/MEO Network

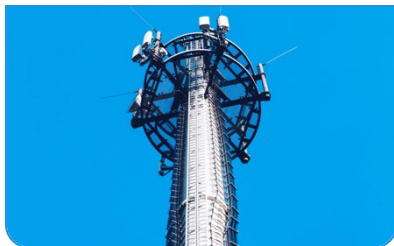
Written on 23 Oct 2019

Interoperable GEO/MEO platform enables seamless switching between GEO and MEO satellite beams, opening the door for O3b connectivity to disrupt the skies as it has the seas

GSO + NGSO

Access to Full Ka-band spectrum is essential

Upgrade to LTE/5G



- ▲ 10X backhaul capacity
- ▲ Turnkey deployment

- ▲ Fail over resiliency
- ▲ Congestion relief

Disaster Recovery



- ▲ Fast response
- ▲ High bandwidth

Core Resiliency

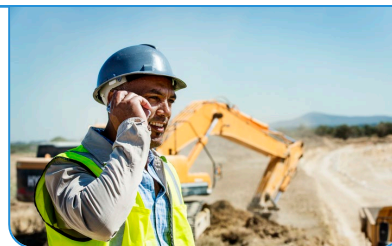


National Digitalisation



- ▲ Landlocked territory (no cable access)
- ▲ Limited infrastructure

Private LTE/5G for Enterprise



- ▲ QoS traffic segregation for "corporate or cloud connect"
- ▲ Edge compute

A multi-orbit fleet to connect to a multi-cloud world

Access to Full Ka-band spectrum is vital

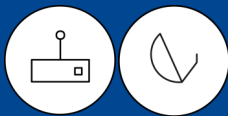


Connectivity Options

Core

- ▲ High throughput (trunk)
- ▲ Support critical workloads
- ▲ Up to 2 Gbps

O3b MEO

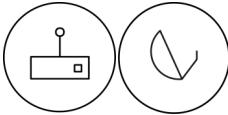


Terminal

Remote and Aggregated Sites

- ▲ New MEO terminals (light trunk)
- ▲ Aggregate sites and/or fleet
- ▲ 50 - 500 Mbps

MEO or GEO

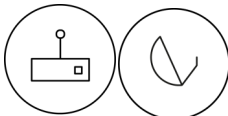


Terminal

Access

- ▲ Per site connectivity
- ▲ Fixed or mobile service
- ▲ 2 - 50 Mbps

GEO



Terminal



MEO-GEO



Gateway



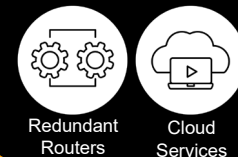
Platform



Router

Cloud Options

Direct to Cloud



Redundant
Routers

Cloud
Services

- ▲ Private, dedicated connection
- ▲ Global backbone & cloud resource
- ▲ E2E Managed service to the cloud

▲ DirectConnect to AWS (pending)



▲ DirectLink to IBM Cloud

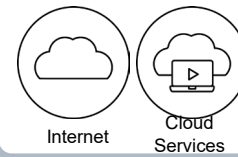


▲ ExpressRoute to MS Azure



VPN to Cloud

- ▲ Encrypted through internet



Internet

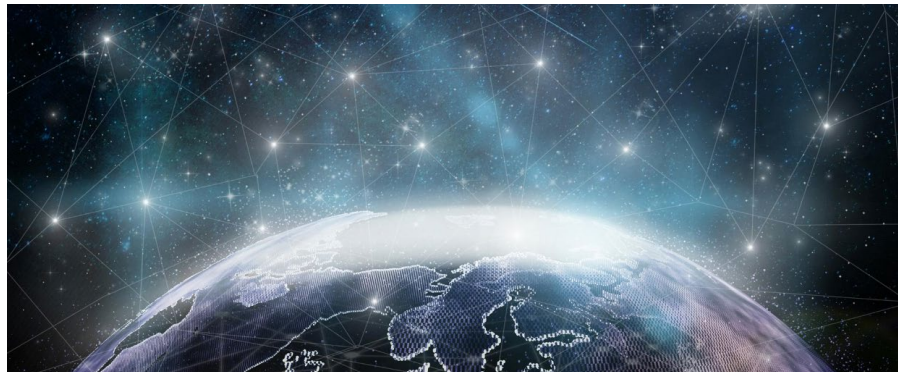
Cloud
Services

Public Cloud

- ▲ Public peering with major CSPs
- ▲ Uncontended access
- ▲ Robust access to cloud services

Ensuring spectrum for Inter-satellite links

AI 1.17 is key



GOALS

- ❑ Satellite-to-satellite links operations to facilitate enhanced services, such as real-time offloading of earth imaging and internet-of-things traffic from NGSO constellations
- ❑ Enable more efficient use of FSS spectrum, with fast implementation via existing assets

**Frequency bands 11.7-12.7 GHz,
18.1-18.6 GHz, 18.8-20.2 GHz and
27.5-30 GHz**

MEANS

- ✓ Inter-Satellite Service (ISS) allocation together with operations limited to the cone of coverage
- ✓ Rely on existing coordination agreements, and ensure operations similar to the current ones

Joint interest of industry & governments to ensure same level of protection for GSO & NGSO, avoiding constraints & interference

Conclusions

- ❑ SES makes **significant investments in new GSO & NGSO satellite, network and service capabilities** to support all opportunities
 - Delivering **valuable services** to a **diverse set of data customers**: expanding 4G/5G coverage, expanding broadband comms, connecting planes & ships
 - Building **collaborative approach** with industry players to develop integrated platforms: MNOs, Cloud actors, 5G Verticals (e.g. in Energy, Transport, Media) which will be essential to achieve future connectivity needs
- ❑ Satellite needs **access to radio spectrum in various bands to operate both GSO & NGSO**: **WRC-23** will be an important milestone
- ❑ SES fully supports ITU's key role to guarantee **equitable access** to, and **efficient use** of, spectrum and associated orbital resources