



# Beyond 5G symposium

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# A few words about myself

- Most of career in Telecom
- 10 years in 3GPP (RAN2 Chair), 15 years building products
- Move to Eutelsat to « Make a BTS fly »

# Two market-focused business units

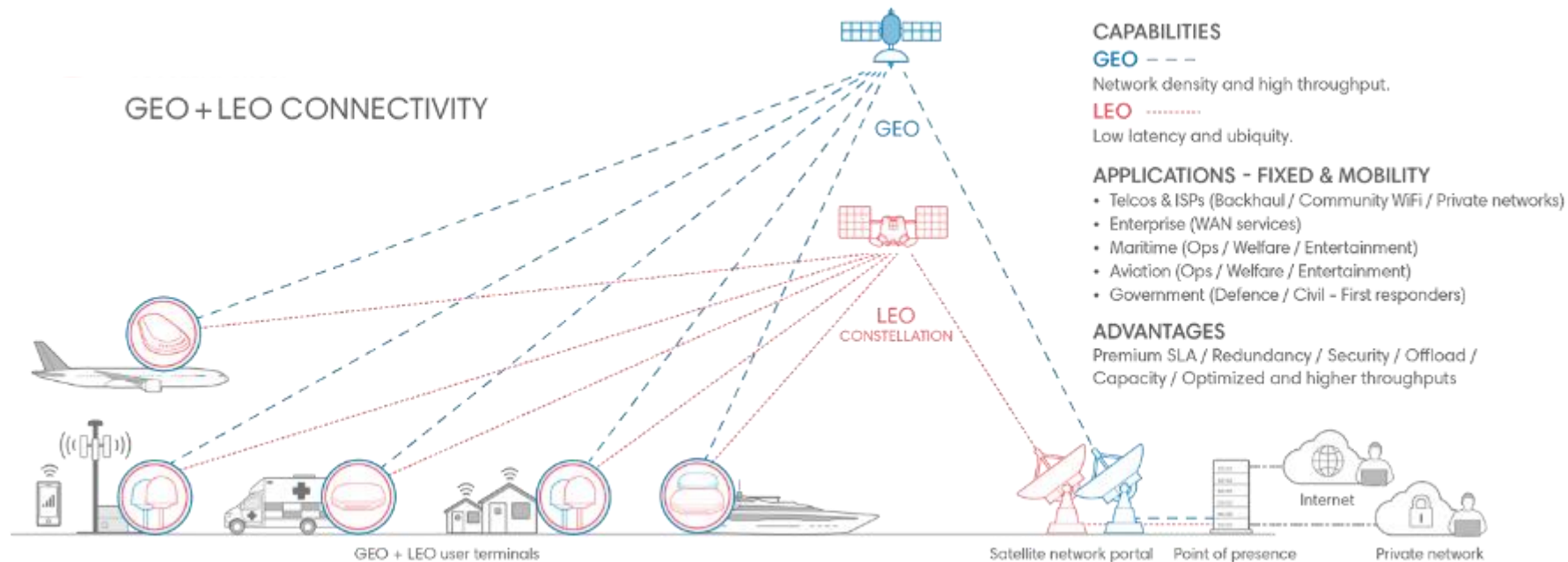


- 6,500 TV channels
- 2,130 HD channels
- 1 billion viewers
- Delivering content to terrestrial networks and Direct-to-Home reception
- Enriching the viewing experience with satellite multiscreen and revolutionary FTA services



- Formed from the merger between Eutelsat and OneWeb in 2023
- Mobile, Fixed and Government connectivity services
- World's first GEO+LEO one stop shop
- Live services down to the 35<sup>th</sup> parallel and fully global services from 2024
- 3X usage growth in 2023

# Combining GEO+LEO for guaranteed performance



# Summary – new advantages for our partners and their customers

<p>Launching a new hybrid connectivity offer for LEO+GEO</p>	<p>Trusted partners for global satellite connectivity</p>			<p>True B2B business model with sustainable margins for distribution partners</p>
<p>An exciting new entrant - LIVE and ready to connect</p>				<p>The enterprise-grade network- SLAs, CRIs and committed availability</p>
<p>A choice of user terminal form factor approved hardware from leading manufacturers</p>	<p>Seamless and secure IP and digital integrations</p>	<p>24/7 customer support</p>	<p>A range of service plans for ultimate flexibility</p>	<p>Global reach to the hardest and most remote places on Earth.</p>

# Distribution Partner in Japan

Eutelsat OneWeb and SoftBank signed a Distribution Partnership Agreement to deliver satellite communication services across Japan



**Stable communication service**  
High-speed/Low-latency/Bandwidth guarantee



## Assumed Use Cases

Sea vessels



Construction



Disaster recovery



Forestry  
(Mountainous areas)



Remote area  
infrastructure



# There are several ways on how satellite interacts today with 3GPP

	Cellular spectrum smart phones & objects	L/S band smart phones & objects	KA/KU VSATs
Proprietary		Verticalised	GEO & MEO : DVB, LEO: OFDM
4G Smartphones	Telco partnership for spectrum		
NTN Rel 17	Telco partnership for spectrum	Telco roaming	
NTN Rel18+			Satcom & Telco roaming

Diagram illustrating the interaction between satellite and 3GPP across different scenarios and technologies. The table is divided into three columns: Cellular spectrum (smart phones & objects), L/S band (smart phones & objects), and KA/KU VSATs. The rows represent different scenarios: Proprietary, 4G Smartphones, NTN Rel 17, and NTN Rel18+.

Key interactions are highlighted with red arrows and numbers:

- 1**: Telco partnership for spectrum (Cellular spectrum to 4G Smartphones)
- 2**: Verticalised (L/S band to 4G Smartphones)
- 3**: GEO & MEO : DVB, LEO: OFDM (KA/KU VSATs to 4G Smartphones)

Green boxes highlight the following combinations:

- Cellular spectrum smart phones & objects (NTN Rel 17)
- L/S band smart phones & objects (NTN Rel 17)
- KA/KU VSATs (NTN Rel18+)



# Risk and opportunities of 3GPP for Satellites

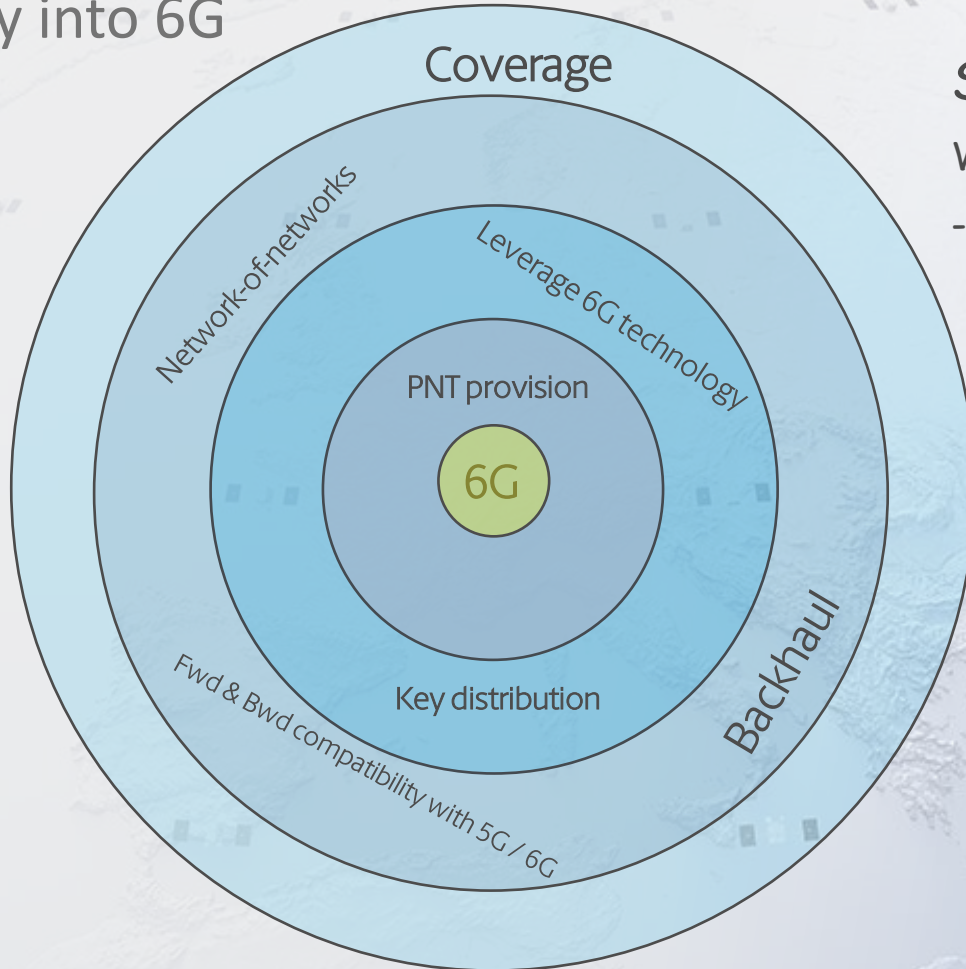
## Opportunities

- Avoid lock-in of terminal to infra, in particular for regenerative satellites
- Leverage of 3GPP Hardware and Software ecosystem
- Benefit from feature rich 5G telecom roadmap
- Roaming between satellite operators and between satellite & terrestrial
- Enable new verticals e.g. connected cars

## Risks

- Custom development on top of the standard
- Lack of expertise from satellite industry

# Satcoms play into 6G



## Spectrum

Will impact (nearly) everything

- New bands

# AI will also be essential for future satcoms networks

## Interference mitigation

- advanced de-modulation in the presence of interference
- Spectrum access and cognitive radio

## Routing for minimising latency in congested networks and for satellite mesh

## Network security

- Null-forming towards jammers
- RF finger-printing for authentication (differences in signal emitted from different hardware)

## Channel modelling

IEEE Trans. Machine learning, Deep Learning Forecasting and Statistical Modeling for Q/V-Band LEO Satellite Channels, 2023

## Dynamic resource management

## Modulation and code design and model design

## Network and device design

## Network fault diagnosis

# Summary of perspectives for 6G

Current phase is 'integrating' satellite into 5G networks, 6G should target unification of TN and NTN for both D2D and VSAT

Satellite from day one

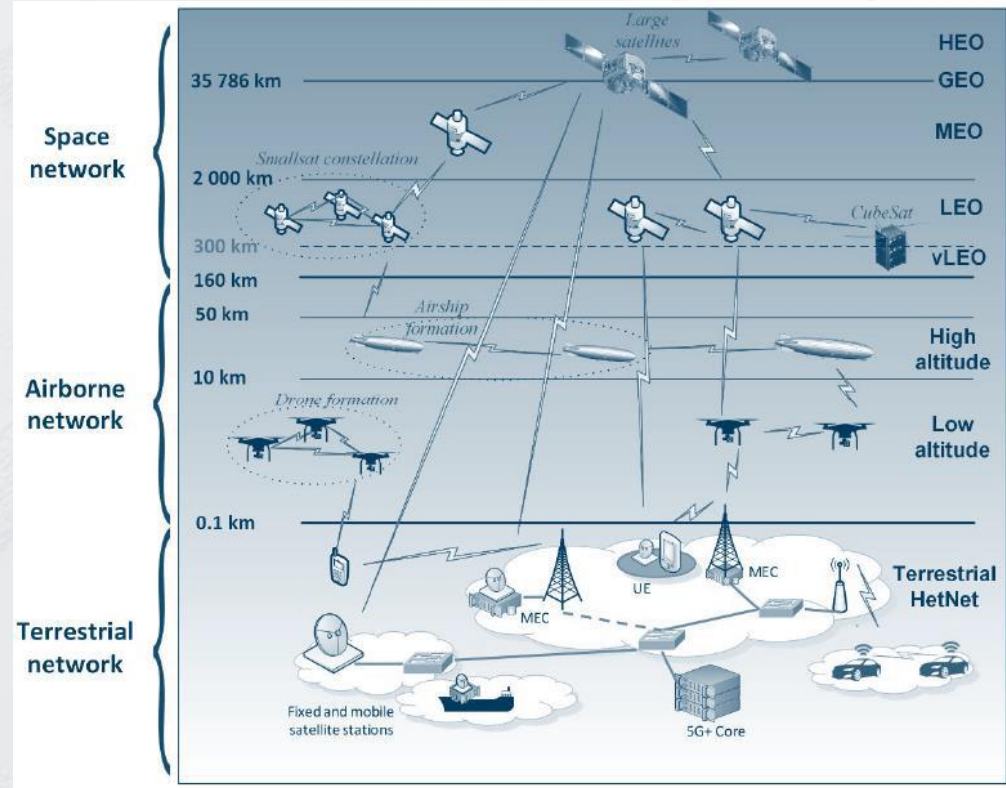
- All chipsets NTN enabled
- Harmonised access to spectrum and TN/NTN Coexistence
- Unified Air Interface
- Unified positioning and timing (PNT)
- From roaming to seamless handover

More technology synergies to build satellites and terminals cost effectively

- Chipsets
- Antennas

Key 6G enablers

- AI across the network
- Open networking



NTN space network as part of 6G

Questions?





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