

Hybrid, Converged & Unified

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Agenda



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- Challenges and Opportunities



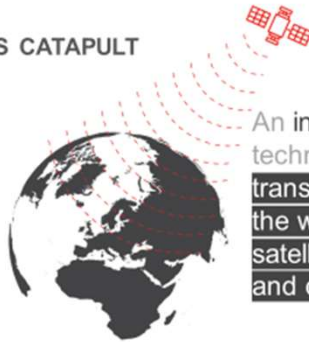
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SATELLITE APPLICATIONS CATAPULT

Who are we?



An innovation and technology company transforming the way the world uses satellite technology and data.

WE HELP ORGANISATIONS GROW THEIR BUSINESS

We help organisations to use satellite applications to grow their business in the UK and internationally.

WE ARE INDEPENDENT

We bring together industry, researchers, end-users and government to explore and develop new ideas.

WE ARE GOVERNMENT BACKED

We are partly-funded by the Government and work closely with the government, space agency, innovation network and other public bodies.

OUR MARKET FOCUS



ENERGISE | EMPOWER | ENABLE

Our strategy is to accelerate the growth of the satellite applications sector, by focusing on three themes across targeted markets.

OUR TECHNOLOGY FOCUS



APPLICATIONS

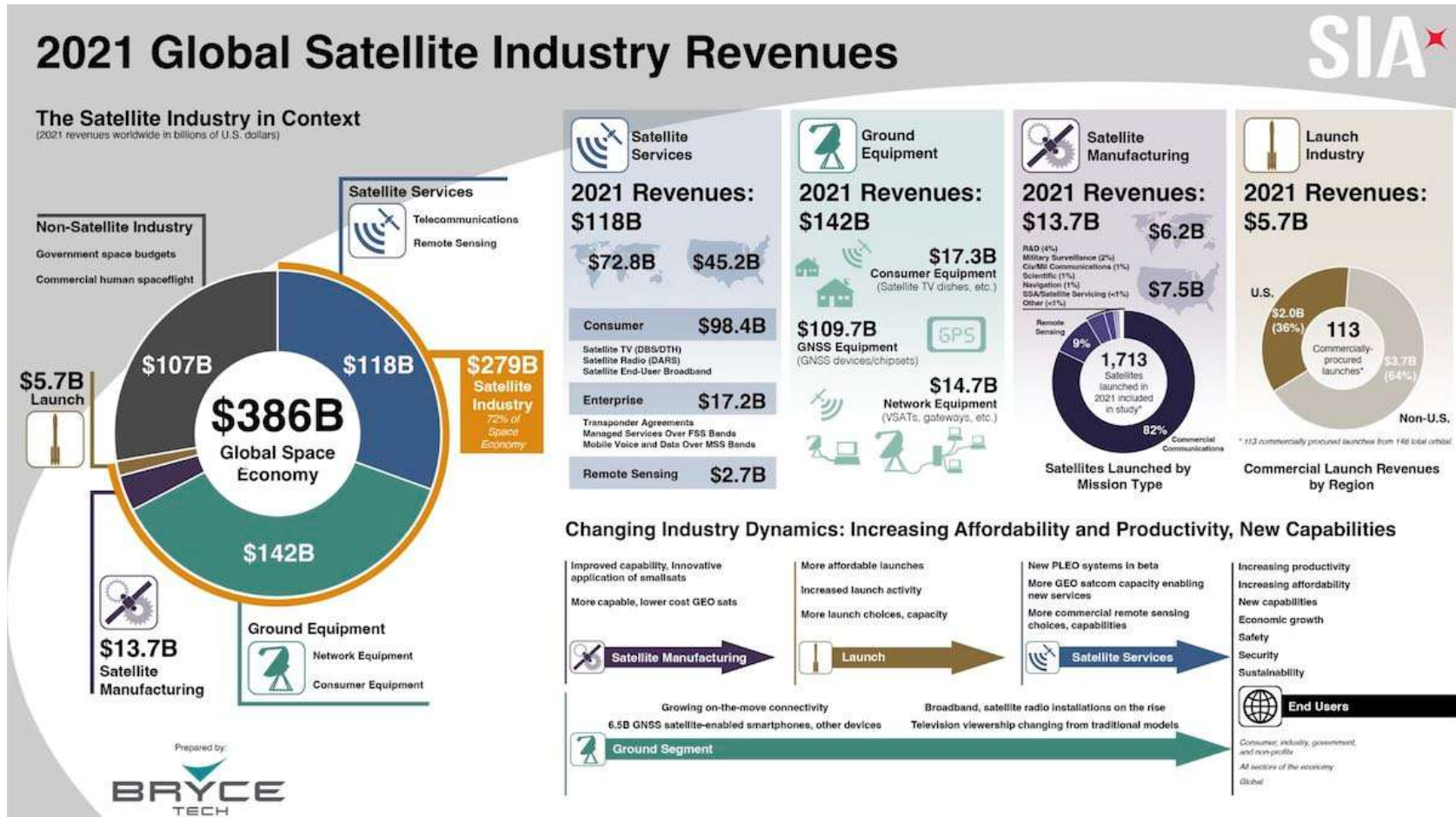
INTEGRATION FOR A CONNECTED AND INFORMATION CENTRIC WORLD



OUR FACILITIES



We offer unique facilities designed specifically to reduce the barriers to the growth of the space sector



Challenges and Opportunities

Ubiquitous Positioning, Navigation & Timing (PNT)

‘Making PNT work anywhere – outdoors, indoors, partially covered spaces’.

Key ITS enabling platforms are built upon GNSS services of Positioning, Navigation & Timing

- 5G/6G based positioning
- Satcom network for timing and positioning



Environment mapping

Creation and maintenance of accurate maps for large areas – including timely weather conditions

- Enabling technologies (e.g. LiDAR) requires accurate PNT services
- Spatially accurate
- Mapping from aerial imagery



Challenges and Opportunities

Ubiquitous Communication

Deploying cost effective connectivity solutions

- Rural vs urban
- Cross-Border



Connectivity Capacity

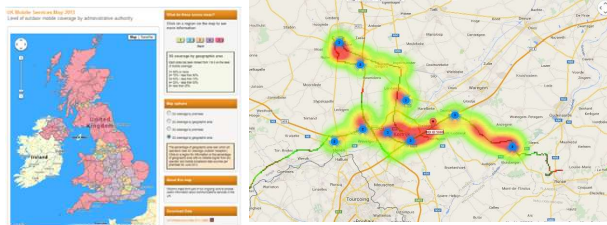
Elastic connectivity architecture with ability for rapid reconfiguration & prioritisation

- Connected services
- Consumer demand for data (QoS expectations)

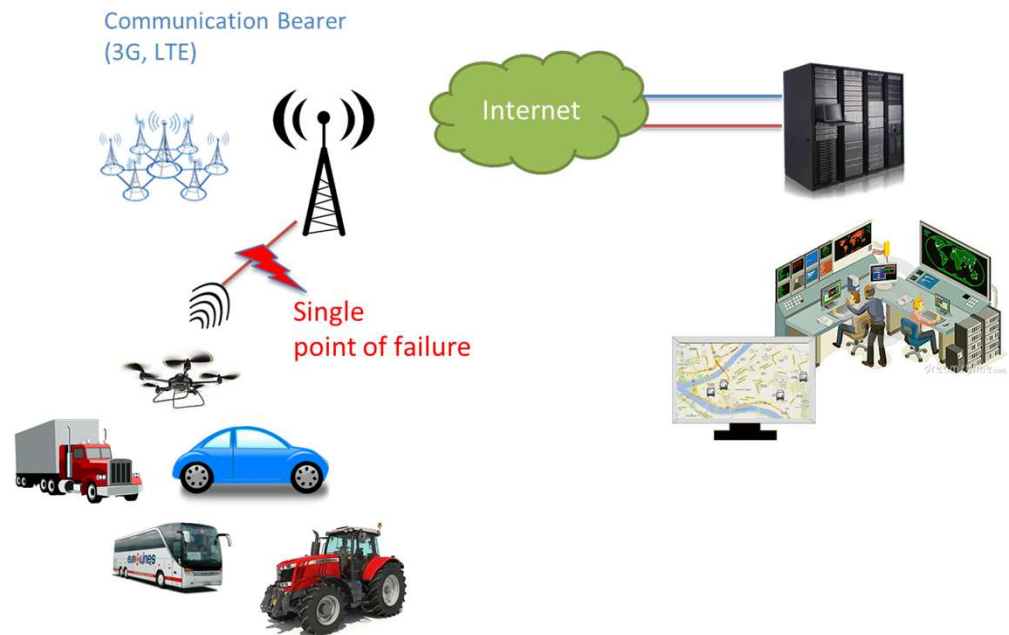


Terrestrial Networks – on its own

The deployment of terrestrial technology poses **limitations** and is **expensive** at scale – therefore not **sustainable**



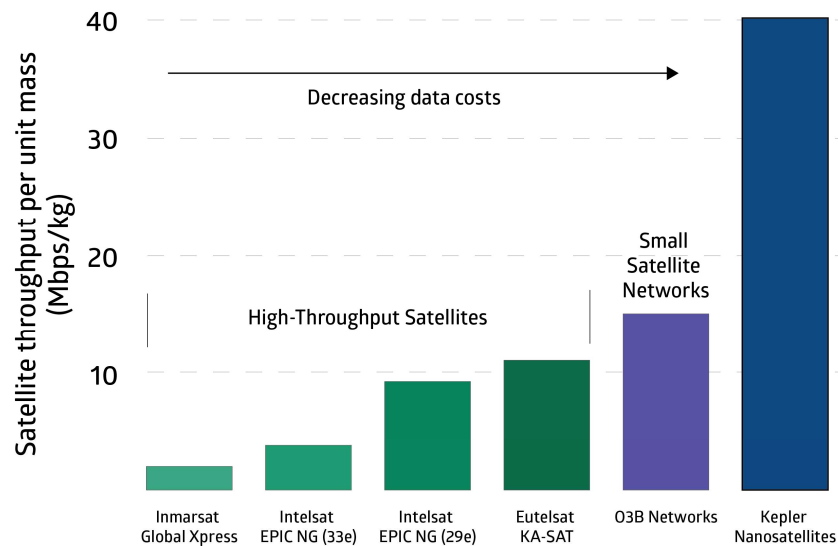
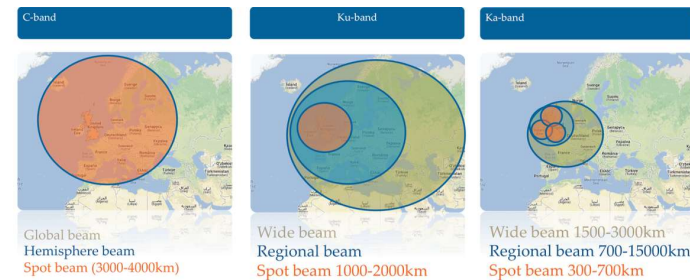
Commercial mobile network deployment focussed high usage area (e.g. cities, busy roads)



Trends in Satellite Communication

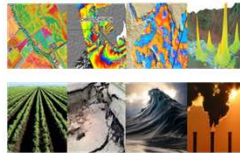


Satellite Bandwidth increasing: 1Gbps → 100Gbps
 Service costs reducing: £5k → £50/month
 Equipment cost reducing: £5k → £500



One of the biggest barriers

Holistic Approach to Key Enablers



Remote Sensing



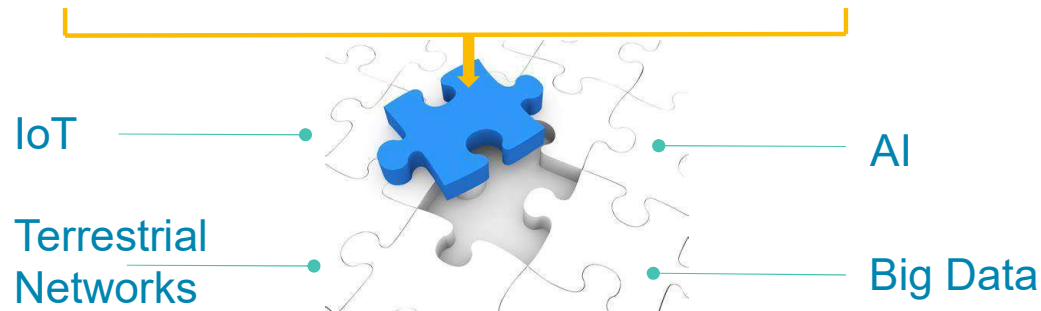
Telecommunications



PNT

Space
Technologies as
enablers

Combined
with
non-space
technologies



Applications & Services



Hybrid Approach - Emergency Services - Most critical and demanding use

Emergency Services

ESMCP Demonstrator

Homeoffice Programme
 Transition from dedicated Tetra communication network to use of commercially available mobile technology

ESMCP – the future of blue light services communications

A paradigm shift to exploit the latest technology and high bandwidth services using state of the art information systems and applications for the benefit of the emergency services.




An example of response to large scale regional and national agenda

Connectivity Everywhere (Resilience) – Emergency Services

Always able to communicate to/from vehicle/infrastructure




Some feedback

- Bulky
- Expensive kit
- Hard to integrate

Saving lives irrespective of where you are



Project - Lightbar

Innovation challenges

- Small form factor
- Cost effective
- Robust and resilient


ESA Lightbar project

- Academia and industry
- From innovation to commercialisation
- Access to early cutting-edge terminals

ESA - Hybrid-Connex

hybrid connex



"Connected Everywhere"

Objective – Provide on-the-road failover communications across NHS Trusts and integrated care pathways, using the latest satellite and cellular technology and a universal data system that connects and monitors the fleet.

Approach

- Develop in-vehicle solution for hybrid communication as well as cloud counterpart
- Use of multiple cellular communication (including 5G NR) and Satcom

Hybrid Connectivity as a Service (HCAas) | ESA TIA



eCall service

Lets emergency services know there has been an accident

The diagram illustrates the eCall service flow. On the left, a 'Vehicle in incident' is shown with a red car and a damaged orange car. Above it are two GNSS satellites. A purple arrow labeled 'MSD' points from the vehicle to a central network of blue towers labeled 'MNO'. Below this arrow is a blue double-headed arrow labeled 'Voice (112)'. Another purple arrow labeled 'MSD' points from the MNO network to a person at a desk on the right, labeled 'Most Appropriate PSAP'. Below this arrow is another blue double-headed arrow labeled 'Voice (E112)'.



Dataset Open

sAFE – aftermarket opportunity




1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.0
1.1.1	1.1.2	1.1.3	1.1.4	1.1.5	1.1.6	1.1.7	1.1.8	1.1.9	1.1.10
1.2.1	1.2.2	1.2.3	1.2.4	1.2.5	1.2.6	1.2.7	1.2.8	1.2.9	1.2.10
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1.9.1	1.9.2	1.9.3	1.9.4	1.9.5	1.9.6	1.9.7	1.9.8	1.9.9	1.9.10
2.0.1	2.0.2	2.0.3	2.0.4	2.0.5	2.0.6	2.0.7	2.0.8	2.0.9	2.0.10



Market Size (Number of Vehicles)

112 Mobile Crash Vehicle
112 Service of Trucks
112 High speed vehicles

2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019



SETERIA – eCall over Satellite

Timeline/Duration: 18 months

Consortium:

Lead		
Partners		
Ext. Service Provider:		

eCall is a vehicle safety feature that allows the establishment of an emergency call to the emergency services if an incident or accident happens. eCall system uses terrestrial networks only. This project explores the requirements of Next Generation eCall (NG-eCall) to be used via Satellite, enabling ubiquitous NG-eCall.

1. **Create a testbed** for emulating NG-eCalls via satellite with PHY layer impairments (doppler, multipath, etc.) and Layer 2/3 impairments (latency, jitter, packet loss, etc.).
2. **Understanding the adjustments** required when using LEO/GEO satellite networks for delivering high-quality NG-eCalls with new services (e.g., video stream from vehicle).
3. **Enhancing the testbed** for routing NG-eCalls through the emulator, as well as commercial LEO satellite and private 5G networks.

- **Emulation** of PHY layer impairments, incorporating PHY high-level effects and behaviours in Layer 2/3 emulator
- **Development** of NG-eCall compatible IMS
- **Integration** of IVS, emulator, IMS and PSAP in testbed
- **Addition** of commercial satellite terminals and 5G terminals and networks, as well as an intelligent routing agent to the testbed.



Autonomous Systems – Mass Market Opportunity

PACV (Pathway to Autonomous Vehicle)

How healthy is the lead vehicle?

Objective
Predictive maintenance of tyres using AI and remote monitoring of tyre pressure.

Approach

- Use of cellular and satellite communication to relay data to AI platform
- Local alerts to driver and fleet management notification

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EU Project - 5G-MOBIX

1. Filling coverage gaps + resilience

2. Interconnecting Edge Compute Platforms

5 National EU test site
2 Cross-border test sites
1 S-Korean test site
1 China Trial site in Jinan (SDAS)

CATAPULT

RASR
Robotics & Automation for Soil Resilience

Overall Concept
Accelerate the automation and standardisation of soil health sampling, monitoring and analysis to unlock soil resilience metrics, productivity gains and emerging markets by developing a cost-effective, fully autonomous robotic platform designed and tested across a range of terrains and farms whilst incorporating an agnostic 'plug and play' sensor payload.

Technical Objective
Create 5 working robotic prototypes equipped with sensors suitable for delivering commercially viable soil health, carbon, nitrogen and biodiversity data in farming environments

Approach

- Develop a cost-effective, 2nd generation, fully autonomous robotic platform for monitoring soil health, biodiversity and carbon in farmland
- Hybrid Comms – Transmission of data using satellite connectivity as alternative to Cellular networks (5G) if not available – Low Earth Orbit (LEO) Constellations and/or GEO satellites.

UC Bid/Tech lead: Angel Almeida
Bid/PM: Suzanne Collins / James Corring

Timeline/Duration: 36 months

Funder: SAC Value: £190,370k

Consortium:
Lead: **CATAPULT**
Partners: **UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH**, **INSTITUTION OF FOOD SCIENTISTS AND DIETITIAN**, **ROBOTICS RESEARCH CENTRE**, **ROBOTICS RESEARCH CENTRE**

RPF
Regulating UAVs in Smart City Environments

Overall Concept
To empower UK regulators and local authorities to create a regulatory environment conducive to business innovation and investment. The aim of project is to pioneer regulatory changes of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs - Drone) by demonstrating successful and safe use cases.

Technical Objective
Oversee 4 pre-defined scenarios of drones to achieve comprehensive urban management covering many aspects including but not limited to medical services, infrastructure inspection and emergency response and perhaps the UAV/CAV interaction proof of concept can be at the Drone port.

Approach

- System architecture design to facility connectivity and interoperability between UAV's platforms and central network.
- Post architecture completion testing of technical and interoperability network systems before use case deployment.
- Use of DTDC runway for testing and procuring flight operation services at Westcott.

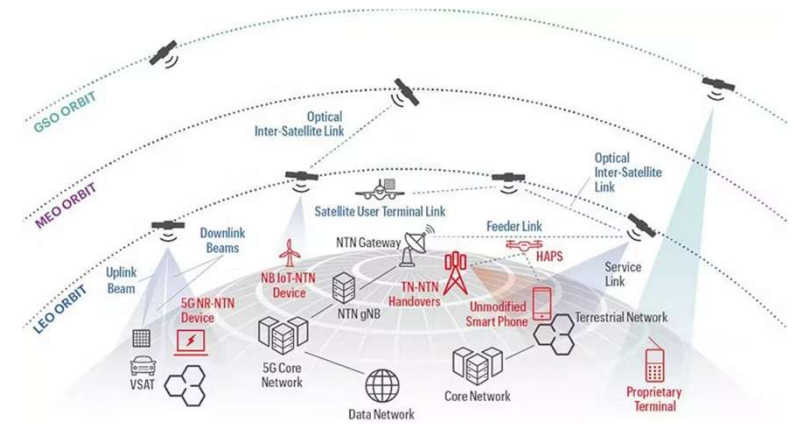
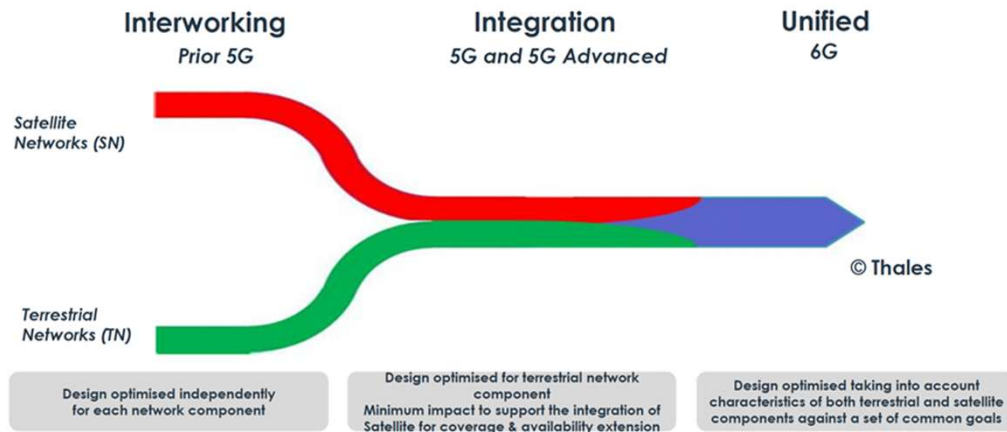
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Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

Total (GBP): 1M
SAC Value (GBP): 342k



The unification

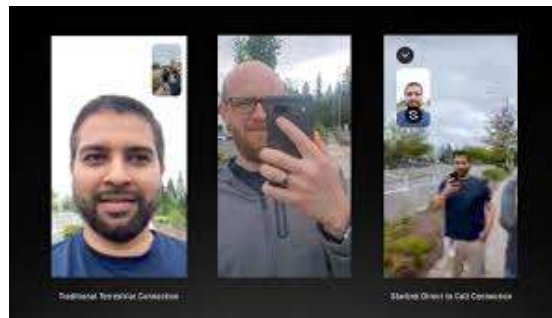
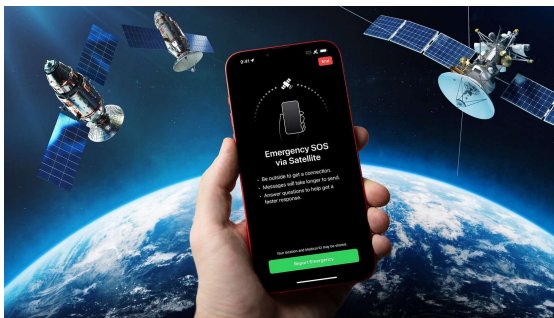


Unification key challenges

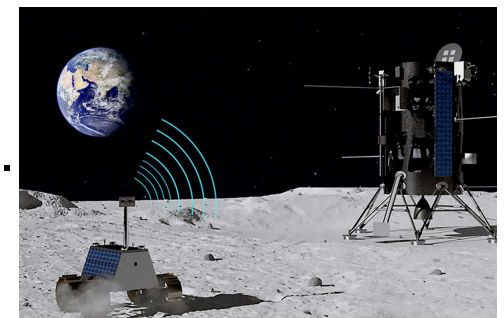
- Alignment with ETSI/3GPP
- Standardisation in the Non-Terrestrial segment
- Access devices (antenna, chipsets, software stacks)
- TN/NTN co-existence
 - Spectrum sharing ('dynamic'? – on demand)



There is progress



But



The IRIS² vision

Multi-orbit broadband global coverage

LEO & MEO, low latency high throughput.
Combined with GOVSATCOM (GEO)

Security by design

State-of-the-art cryptographic mechanisms, cyber and RF threats resilient,
assets located in EU, security accreditation,
Future Quantum Key Distribution service

Open standards and interoperability

Regenerative mode : built in 5G in space, ground and user segments.
Transparent mode : sovereign waveforms and UEs

Innovative

System must integrate innovative/disruptive technologies and services,
participation of SMEs, new entrants

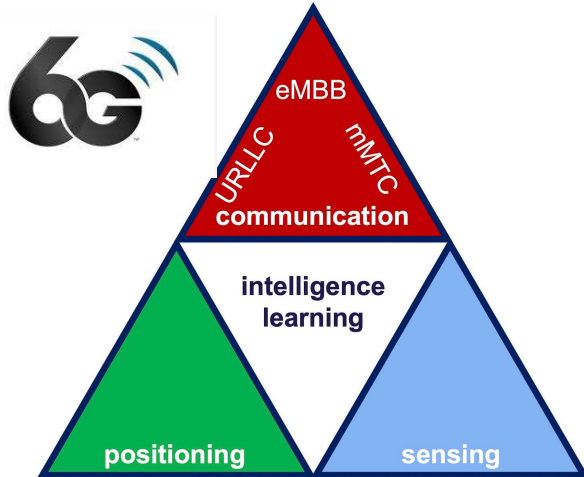
Environmental and space sustainability

GHG minimisation and offset, Space debris mitigation, anti-collision,
prevention of illumination pollution

- LEO
- MEO
- GEO (GOVSATCOM)
- EU ground infrastructure

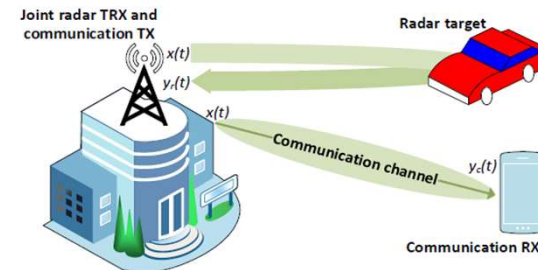


The unification – across enabling technologies – more than comms



Joint Communications and Positioning

- 5G RAN based positioning
- Network assisted positioning
- Space technology complement - GNSS



Joint Communications and Sensing (Radar)

- Joint communications and Radar - Testbed demo
- Joint Radar and Comms - Waveform design,
- Joint comms and sensing for 3D environment mapping
- Joint Comms and SAR
- Space technology complement – Earth Observation



A hand is shown reaching out from the left side of the frame, interacting with a digital globe. The globe is composed of a network of glowing blue lines and dots, representing a global network or data flow. The background is a dark blue, out-of-focus cityscape at night. The text "Thank you" is written in a bold, yellow font on the right side of the globe.

Thank you

The UK will fundamentally change where & how satellite technology is used by delivering cutting-edge satellite-based innovation at scale.