# Low Earth Orbit Satellites for Communications

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### Where we are...

- For those of us fortunate to have landlines count your blessings
- Iridium low bandwidth, cell phone type service
- Geostationary satellites
  - There is a big "Arctic penalty" due to view angles
  - No service >80N
  - Generally costly
  - High latency

### Where we are going

- Constellations of low earth orbit (LEO) satellites offer:
  - Lower cost to be confirmed in practice!
  - No Artic penalty
  - Low latency
  - Higher bandwidth (but see "low cost")

### Some of the Players in the Game

- Boeing
- China (Hongyan constellation)
- Iridium
- LeoSat
- OneWeb
- SES (MEO)
- SpaceX
- Starlink
- Telesat

### Telesat's offering

## **Telesat LEO Coming 2021**

**Innovative Design** 

Advanced Technology

**Highly Efficient** 

**Priority ITU Rights to** ≈4GHz of Ka-band Spectrum

Standards-based Interfaces

Full Global Coverage

**High Throughput** 



Low Cost

Low Latency



**Connect Anywhere** in the World





#### **High Throughput**

Gigabits per second (Gbps) links available to individual customers along with multiple Terabits per second (Tbps) of total system capacity, dynamically allocated wherever it's needed.



#### Low Cost

Telesat's service offers a cost per Megabit per second (Mbps) comparable to, or lower than, the lowest cost space systems in the market, or being developed. This is enabled by a system design that drives maximum efficiency from Telesat's Kaband available spectrum and other network resources.



#### Flexible & Focused

Hundreds of Gbps available to serve multiple users in areas of high demand such as busy airports, major shipping centers, or a community/region requiring immediate communications.



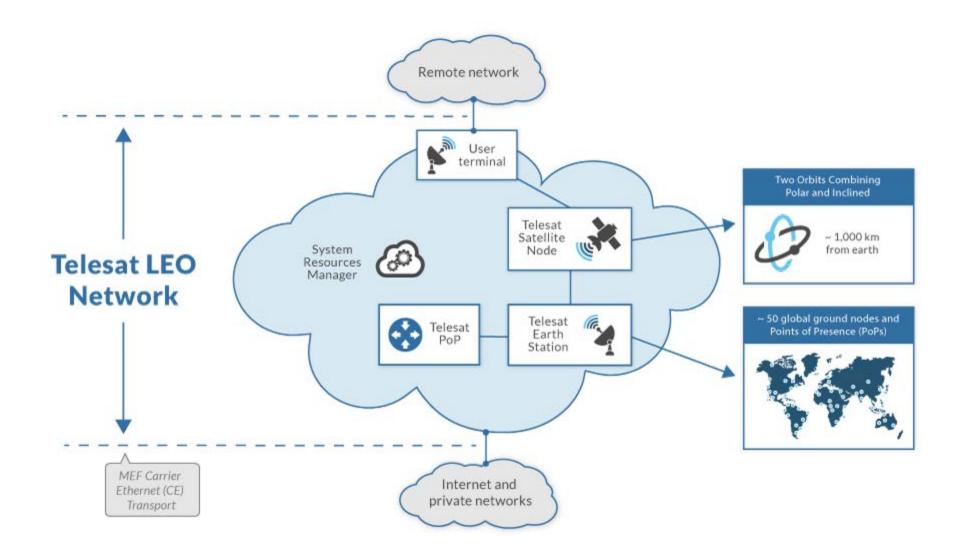
#### Low Latency

Typical round trip latency of 30-50 msec, more than 10 times faster than GEO satellites. The ultra low latency of Telesat LEO combined with the system's superior speed and capacity results in a user experience on par with the most advanced terrestrial networks but with worldwide availability.



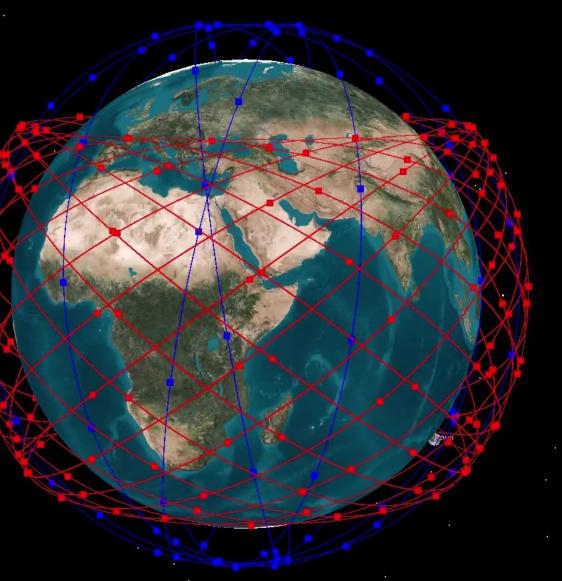
#### **Global Connectivity**

Telesat's patent-pending constellation design combining polar and inclined orbits will offer fiber-like broadband anywhere on the globe, even in the most remote locations such as oceans, deserts, hostile areas, and the north and south polar regions.



### Telesat Constellation

- Latency ~40mS
- Service availability ~2022
- Ground stations can be steerable antennas or phase arrays
- Inclinations: polar (99.5° 72 satellites) and (37.4° 45 satellites 5 planes)
- Individual links capable of Gigabit-per-second data rates.
- Spectrum allocation would allow expansion to 162 satellites.
- First satellite launched January 12, 2018



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