

# Introduction to the Satellite Industry

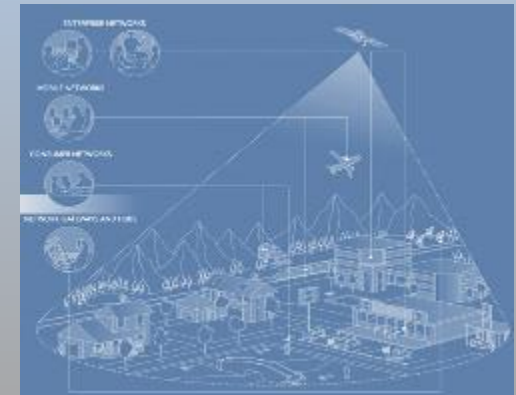
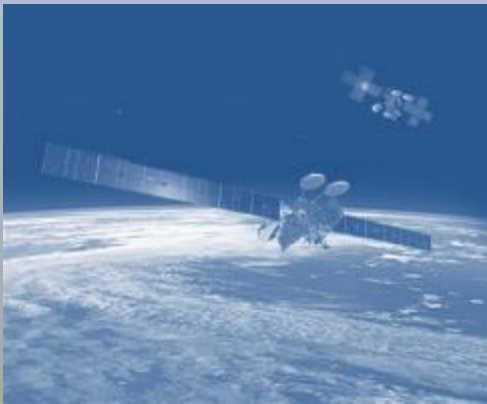


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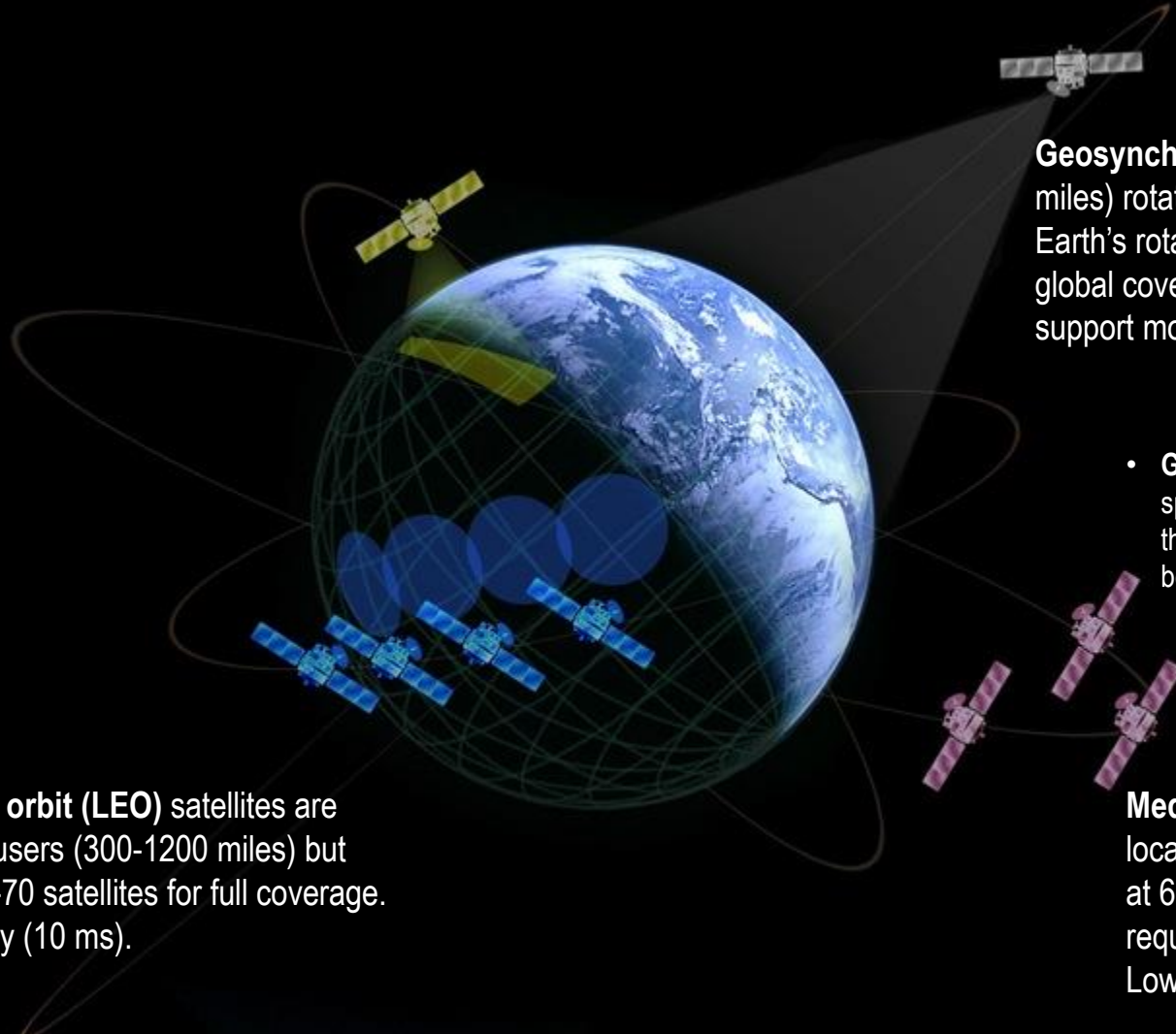
## Satellites are Essential to our Modern Society



- Continuously delivering Earth Observation; Position, Navigation, Timing; and Communications to all
- Establishing global leadership in space network innovations
- Assuring lynchpin services to protect our nation
- Serving as an Incubator for Next-Gen Technology
- Providing ubiquitous connectivity and information services, daily and in time of disaster
- Broadband, Media, and Entertainment in every format



# Basics: Satellite Segment

A central diagram of the Earth is shown with several satellite orbits. A yellow satellite is in a high orbit, representing Geosynchronous (GSO) or Geostationary Equatorial Orbit (GEO). A cluster of blue satellites is in a lower orbit, representing Low Earth Orbit (LEO). A cluster of pink satellites is in a medium orbit, representing Medium Earth Orbit (MEO). The orbits are depicted as thin lines around the Earth, which is shown with a blue and white cloud-covered surface.

**Geosynchronous (GSO)** satellite orbit (22,236 miles) rotates at the same speed as the Earth's rotation. Three satellites can provide global coverage. 300 ms latency, which can support most applications.

- **Geostationary Equatorial Orbit (GEO)** is a special case of GSO in which satellites circle the Earth above the Equator and appear to be stationary over a fixed position. |

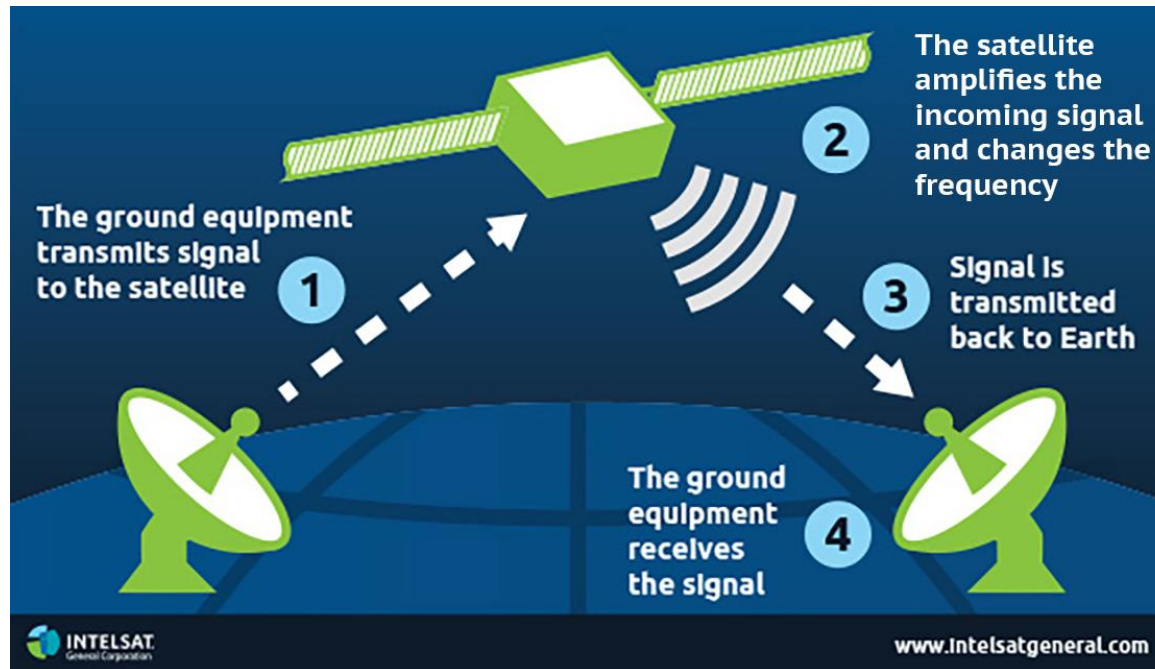
**Low earth orbit (LEO)** satellites are closest to users (300-1200 miles) but require 40-70 satellites for full coverage. Low latency (10 ms).

**Medium earth orbit (MEO)** satellites are located between LEO and GEO satellites at 6,300 to 12,500 miles. 10-18 are required for continuous global coverage. Lower latency (150 ms).

# Basics: Key Satellite Network Elements



- Space Segment
  - Satellites in geostationary orbit or non-geostationary orbit (medium earth orbit, or low earth orbit)
- Ground Segment
  - Telemetry, Tracking, and Control (TT&C): used to “fly” the satellite
  - Gateway/Hub: used to manage communications
  - User Terminals: devices used to connect the customer to the satellite network
    - Can be receive-only or transmit; mobile or fixed; a dish, a laptop, or a handheld, depending on the application, site, etc.





# Basics: Unique Attributes of Satellites



- **Large geographic coverage**
  - interconnecting widely distributed networks
  - providing broadcasting services over a country, region, or entire hemisphere
  - providing “last mile” connectivity for telecom services, broadband and video services
- **Instant infrastructure**
  - always-on network redundancy
  - emergency connectivity
- **Supporting Mobility**
  - voice, data, broadband, or mobile video
  - air, land, or sea
- **Wide Area Observation**
  - Collecting data or large swaths over land and ocean
  - Diverse sensor information for varying types of information

# Satellites provide a variety of mobile and fixed communications services

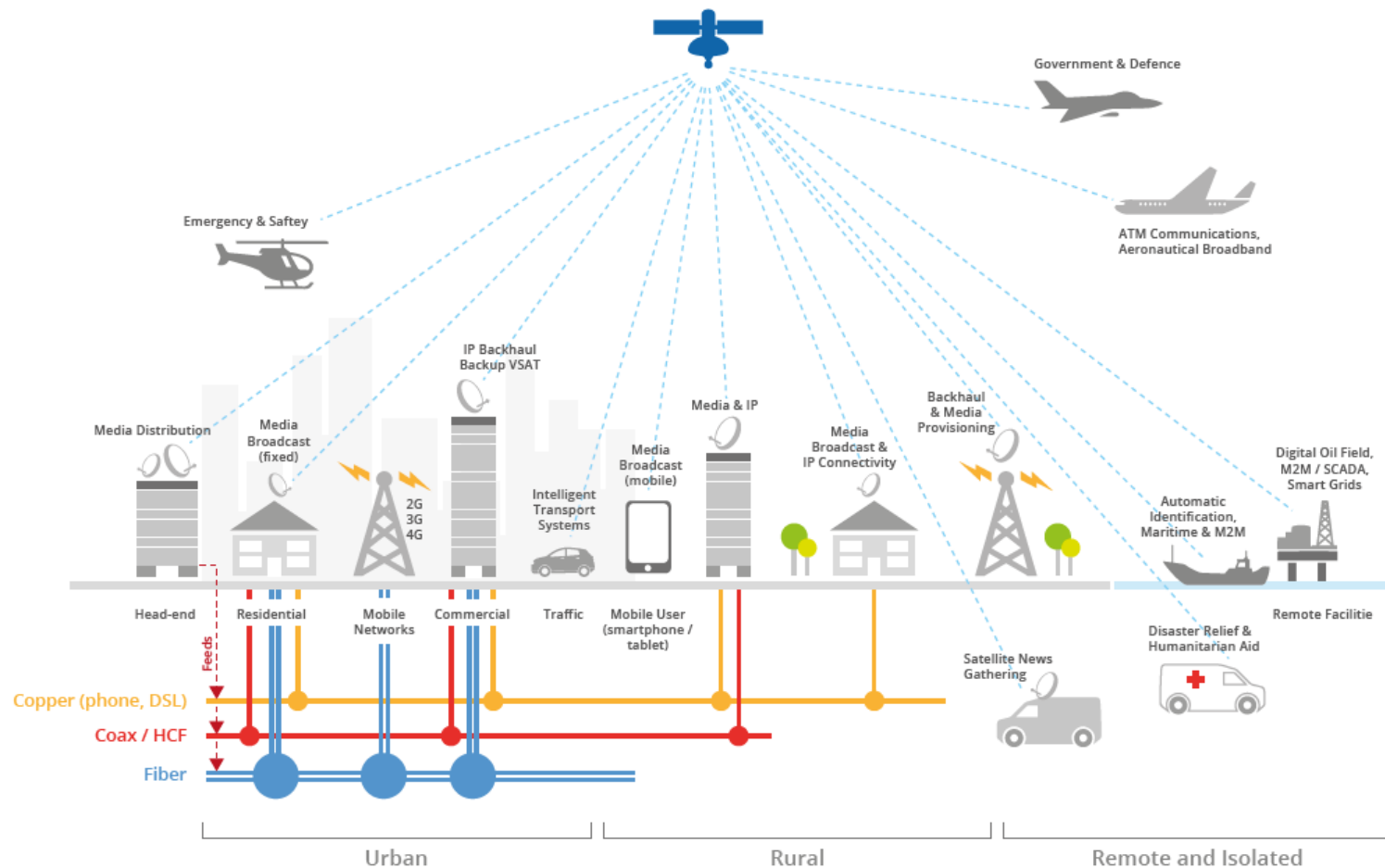
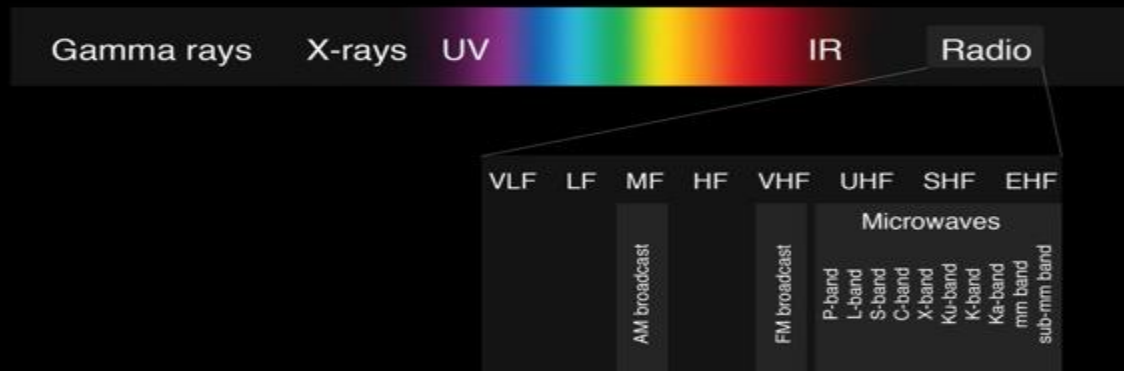


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# Basics: Frequency Assignment



The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is the venue for registering GEO orbital slots (via companies' governments) and has allocated specific frequency ranges used by commercial satellites globally:

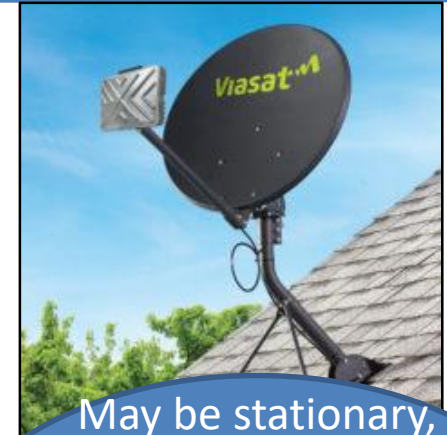
VHF/UHF	30 MHz- 1 GHz	Telemetry, Tracking, and Command (TT&C), Internet of Things applications, Earth Exploration Satellite Service (EESS)
L-band	1-2 GHz	Mobile services (MSS), Radionavigation Satellite Services (RNSS)
S-band	2 – 2.9 GHz	MSS, EESS, satellite radio (DARS), TT&C
C-band	3.4 – 6.7 GHz	Fixed satellite services (FSS), RNSS, TT&C
X-band	8 – 12 GHz	EESS, Military/satellite imagery and communications
Ku-band	10.7 – 18.1 GHz	FAA, satellite TV/broadcast, FSS “broadband” , TT&C
Ka-band	17.3 – 21.2 GHz and 24.25 – 31 GHz	FSS “broadband” and inter-satellite links, EESS, TT&C
Q/V-band	33-75 GHz	FSS, inter-satellite links, EESS
W-band	75-100 GHz	FSS, MSS, EESS



# Satellite Ground Equipment



- **Fixed Satellite Services (FSS)\* network equipment and consumer terminals**
  - Wide range of sizes and costs
    - Teleports with many Earth Stations
    - VSAT dishes for private corporate networks and credit card
    - Consumer terminals for high-speed broadband at lower cost and easier install
  - May be stationary, transportable or in motion/on a mobile platform (aircraft, ship, vehicle)
- **Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)\* terminals**
  - Provide voice or data services
  - Form factors vary from business card-size modems to laptop-size receivers and sleeves to convert mobile phones
- **GNSS equipment and chipsets**
  - Provide Position, Navigation, and Timing information to either standalone devices (e.g., Garmin) or integrated into other devices (e.g., cell phones)



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\*FSS and MSS defined by frequency, and no longer defined by whether or not the services are mobile



# Satellite Communications Innovation Trends



- High-Throughput Satellites utilize spot beam technology and frequency reuse to increase capacity more than 20x
- Dynamic spectrum use allows for reallocation of spectrum to most-needed areas
- Flat panel antennas are being developed to enhance communications on the move
- Constellations of tens to thousands of smaller NGSO satellites will provide low-latency broadband worldwide

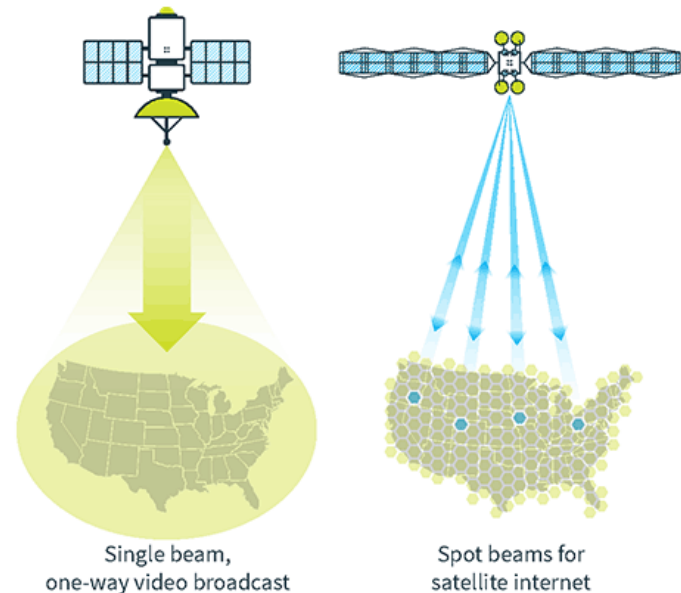
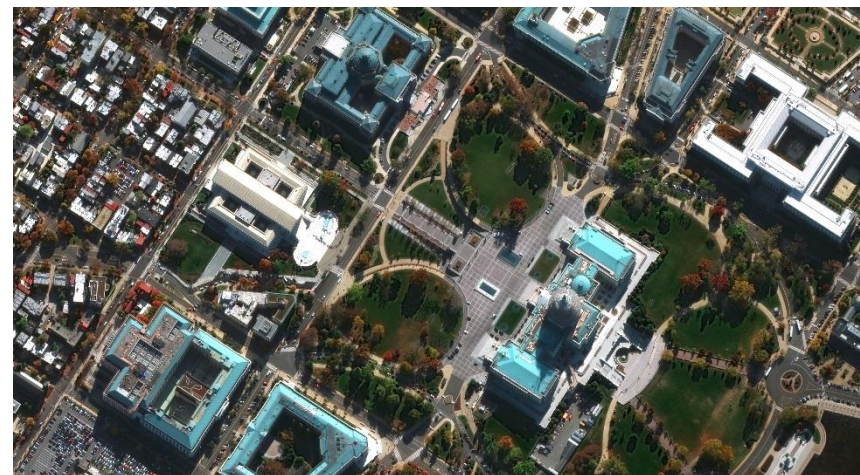


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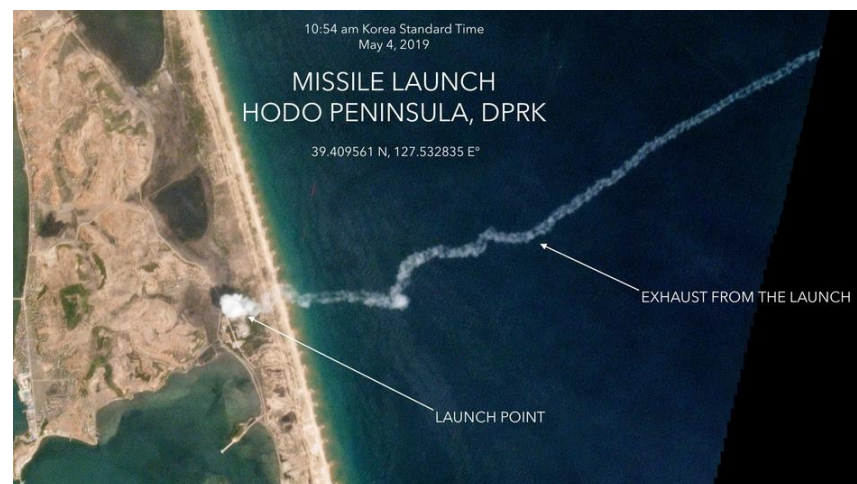
# Satellite Imagery Innovation Trends



- Satellites can image the Earth in many different ways:
  - Visible: natural color or black & white images
  - Infrared: capturing wavelengths the human eye can't see; this can see through smoke, determine vegetation health, identify materials, etc.
  - Radar: active satellite sensors send radar signals to Earth and measure how long it takes to come back, creating the image; these satellites work in all weather conditions and during the day and night.
- Applications:
  - Defense and intelligence: mission planning, situational awareness
  - Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Response (HADR)
  - Commercial: Maps for autonomous vehicles and infrastructure planning and monitoring
- Technological advances:
  - Resolution: U.S. satellites collect imagery as sharp as 30 cm, leading the world's capabilities
  - Revisit: U.S. satellites can increasingly monitor the world by imaging a single location multiple times within a single day.
  - Access: Imagery is now more easily obtained. Combining cloud storage with cloud computing allows users to leverage AI and machine learning to extract insights from imagery at scale.



Maxar's WorldView-3 satellite images in 30 cm resolution.



Planet satellite captures North Korean missile launch, 5/4/19

# Non-imaging Remote Sensing Trends



- Types of sensors:
  - Signal occultation / reflectometry / altimetry
  - Radio frequency detection
- Applications:
  - Accurate commercial weather forecasts
  - Tracking illegal ship activity on the ocean
  - Aviation safety
  - M2M/IoT communications
- Technological Advances:
  - Advanced data analytics
  - Geolocation of RF signals
  - Dramatic cost and latency reduction



HawkEye 360's geolocation of VHF-16 maritime distress signals near the Auckland Islands.



Spire Maritime AIS and Spire Aviation ADS-B data.





# Satellite Services Findings: Fixed and Mobile Services



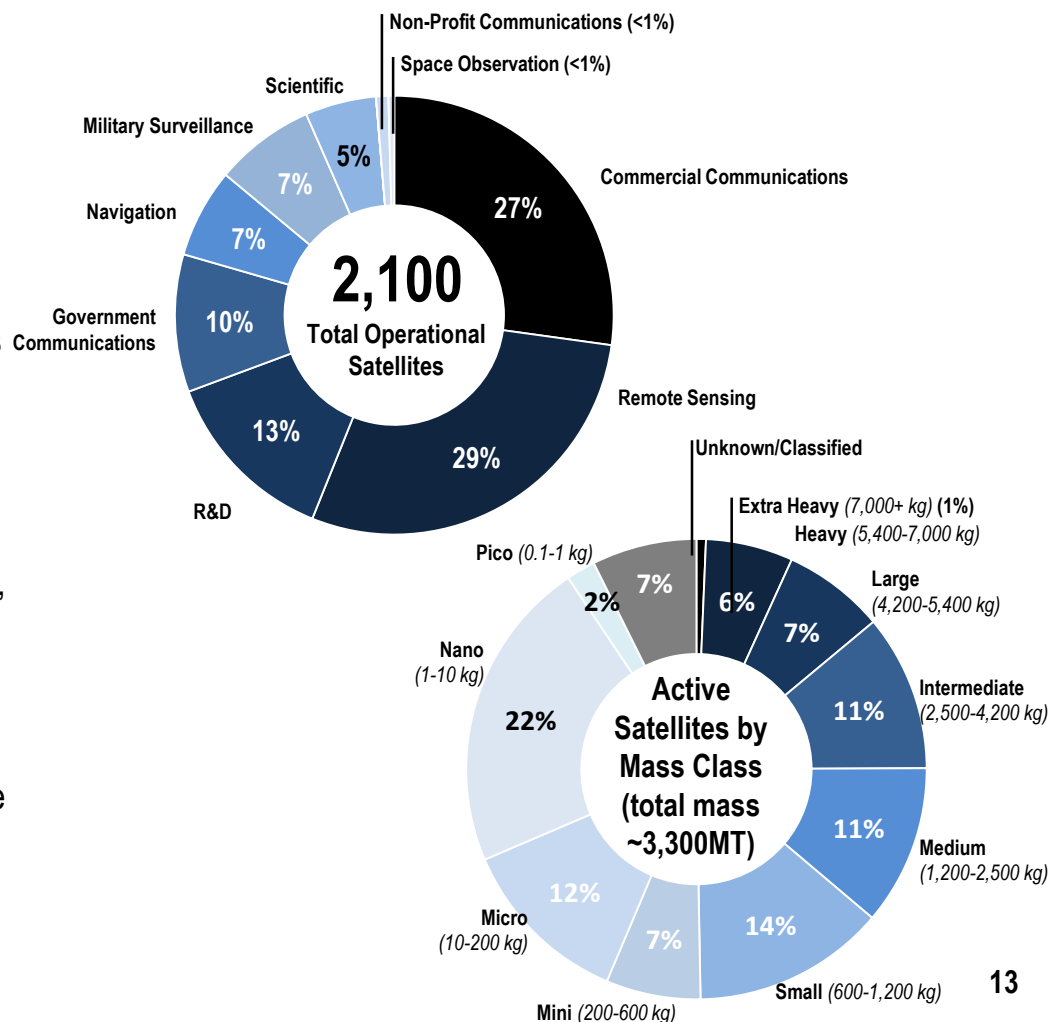
- Mobile Satellite Services grew 3% from 2017-2018
  - MSS operators continued increasing penetration into the IoT markets
  - LEO MSS operators fully deployed new generation satellites
  - GEO MSS operators bundle MSS with managed FSS and broadband services
- Fixed Satellite Services: managed network service 7% revenue growth from 2017-2018, offset decline in transponder leasing
  - Continued expansion in in-flight connectivity and other mobility applications
  - Operators providing consumer broadband also drive the mobility application expansion
  - Deployment of additional high-throughput satellite (HTS) capacity

# The Satellite Network in Context



- Estimated as of December 31, 2018
- Number of satellites increased 67% over 5 years (from 1,261 in 2014)
  - Satellites launched 2014—2018 increased 243% over previous 5 years
    - Average 210/year
    - Due mostly to small/very small satellites in LEO (<1,200 kg)
  - Total satellite mass in orbit about 3,300 metric tons
  - Average operational lives of larger (mostly communications) satellites becoming longer, exceeding 15 years; 272 active satellites launched before 2003
  - 558 active satellites in GEO (27 more than in 2017, mostly providing communications services)
- 2,100 satellites operated by entities from 68 countries (some in regional consortia)
  - Cumulatively, organizations from 86 countries have deployed at least one satellite since 1957
- U.S. entities operate 849 satellites, some in partnership with other nations

## Operational Satellites by Function and Mass Class





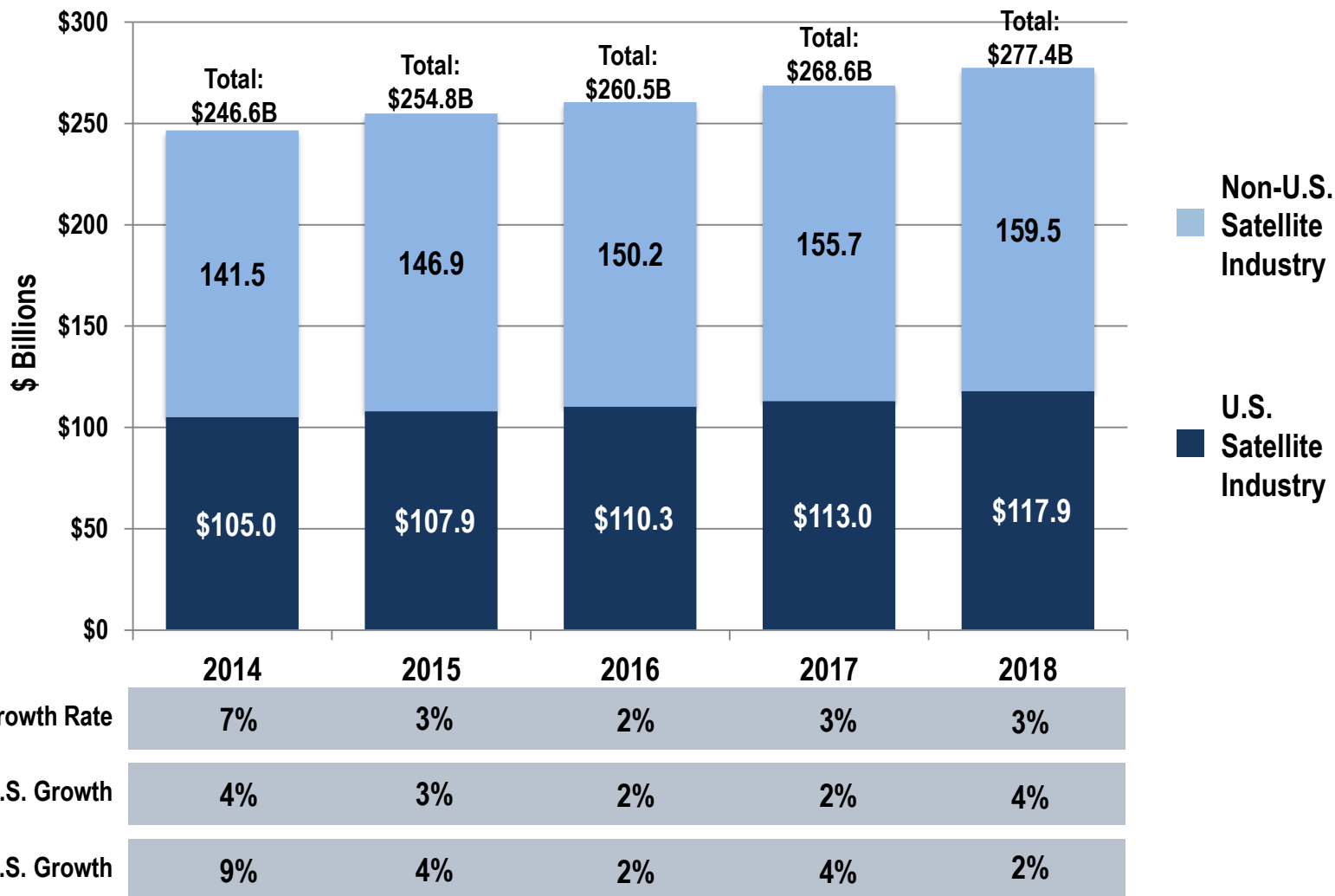
# Global Satellite Industry Revenues: U.S. Portion



Average yearly  
U.S. market share

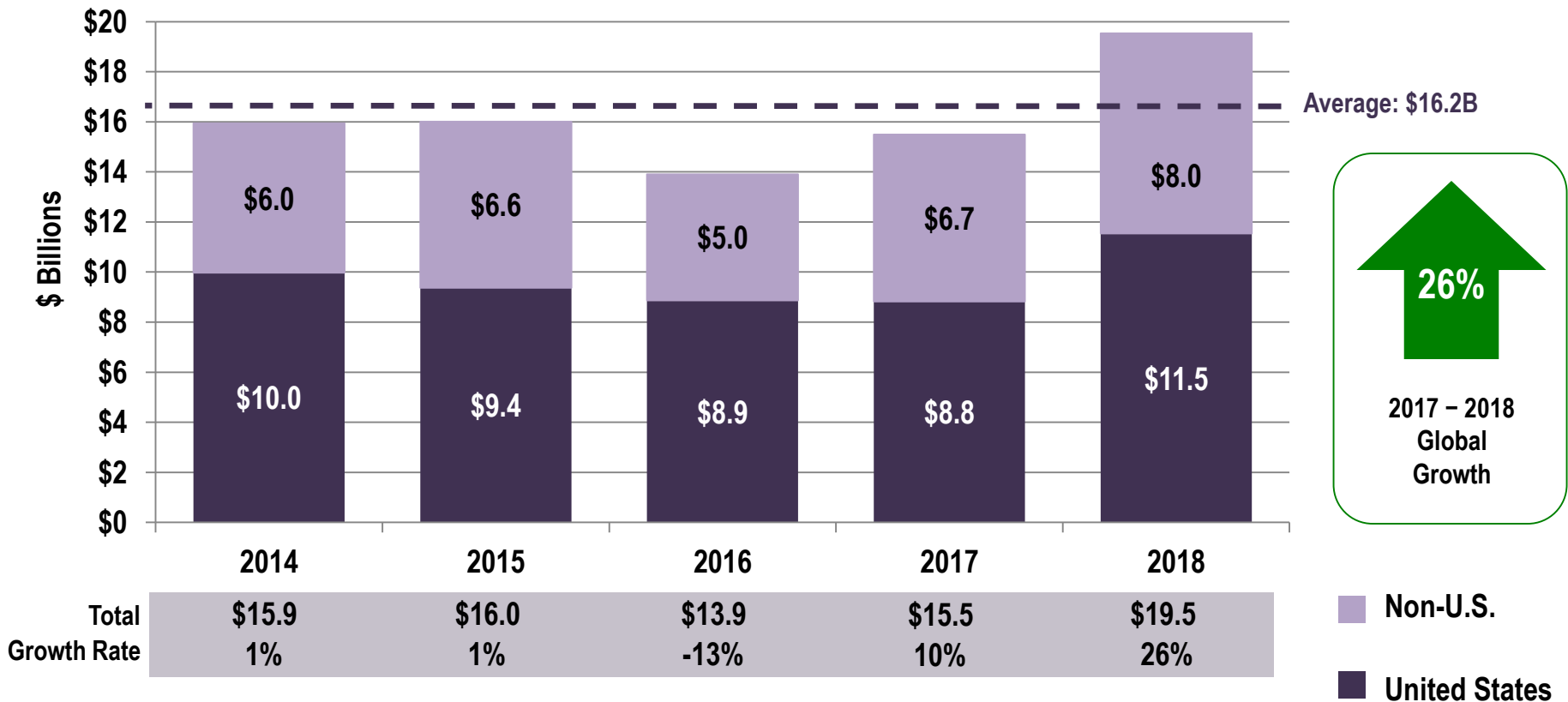
**43%**

of global  
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# Satellite Manufacturing Revenues



- Worldwide 2018 revenues totaled \$19.5B
- In 2018, U.S. share of global revenues was 59%, in line with 57% in 2017

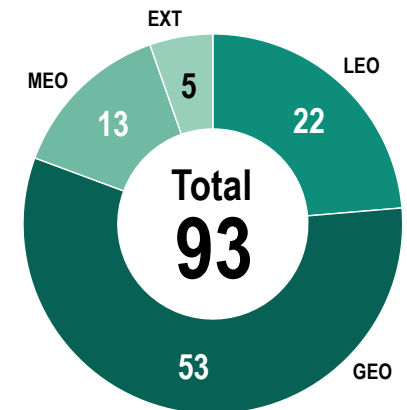
NOTE: Satellite manufacturing revenues are recorded in the year of satellite launch. Do not include satellites built by governments or universities. Data based on unclassified sources.



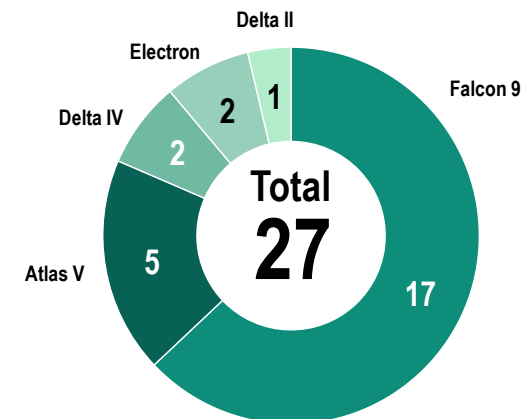
# U.S. Satellite Launch Industry Findings



- \$6.2B revenues from commercially procured satellite launches worldwide; 34% growth
- Record number of commercially procured satellite launches worldwide (93 – higher than in any previous years; 64 in 2017)
- U.S. had largest share (37%) of commercially procured launch revenues; 27 launches by U.S. providers (23 in 2017)
- Record year for Chinese launch providers – 39, all captive except 1 internationally competed launch (previous maximum – 22 launches in 2016)
- Continuing trends
  - Launches of U.S. Government satellites generated 23% of global launch revenues
  - Government customers worldwide remained the revenue driver (growing to 71%, from 55% in 2017), reflecting increased launch activity in China
  - European provider Arianespace maintaining launch cadence
  - No commercial launches from Russian providers, continuing decline



2018 Commercially Procured Satellite Launches by Orbit

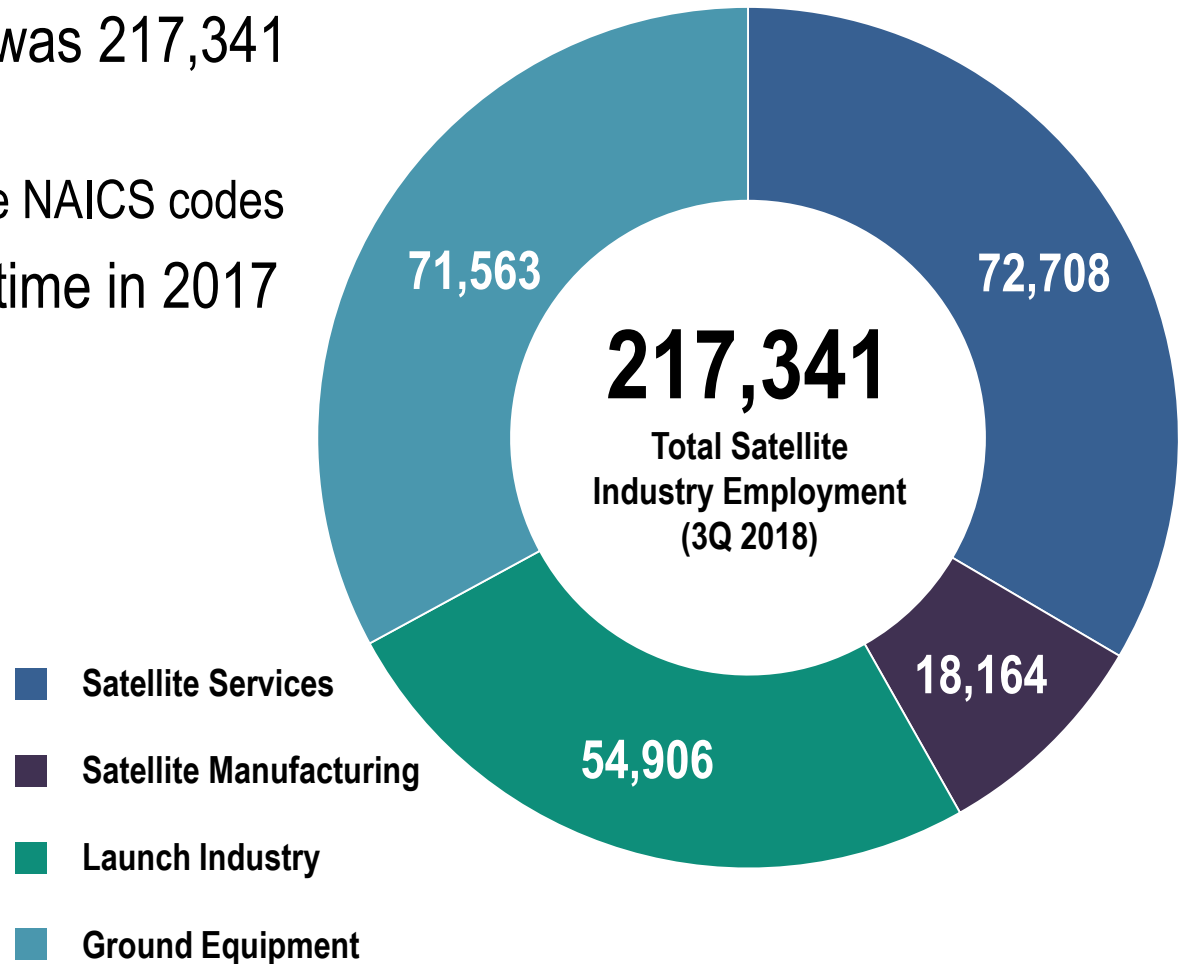


2018 Commercially Procured U.S. Satellite Launches by Vehicle

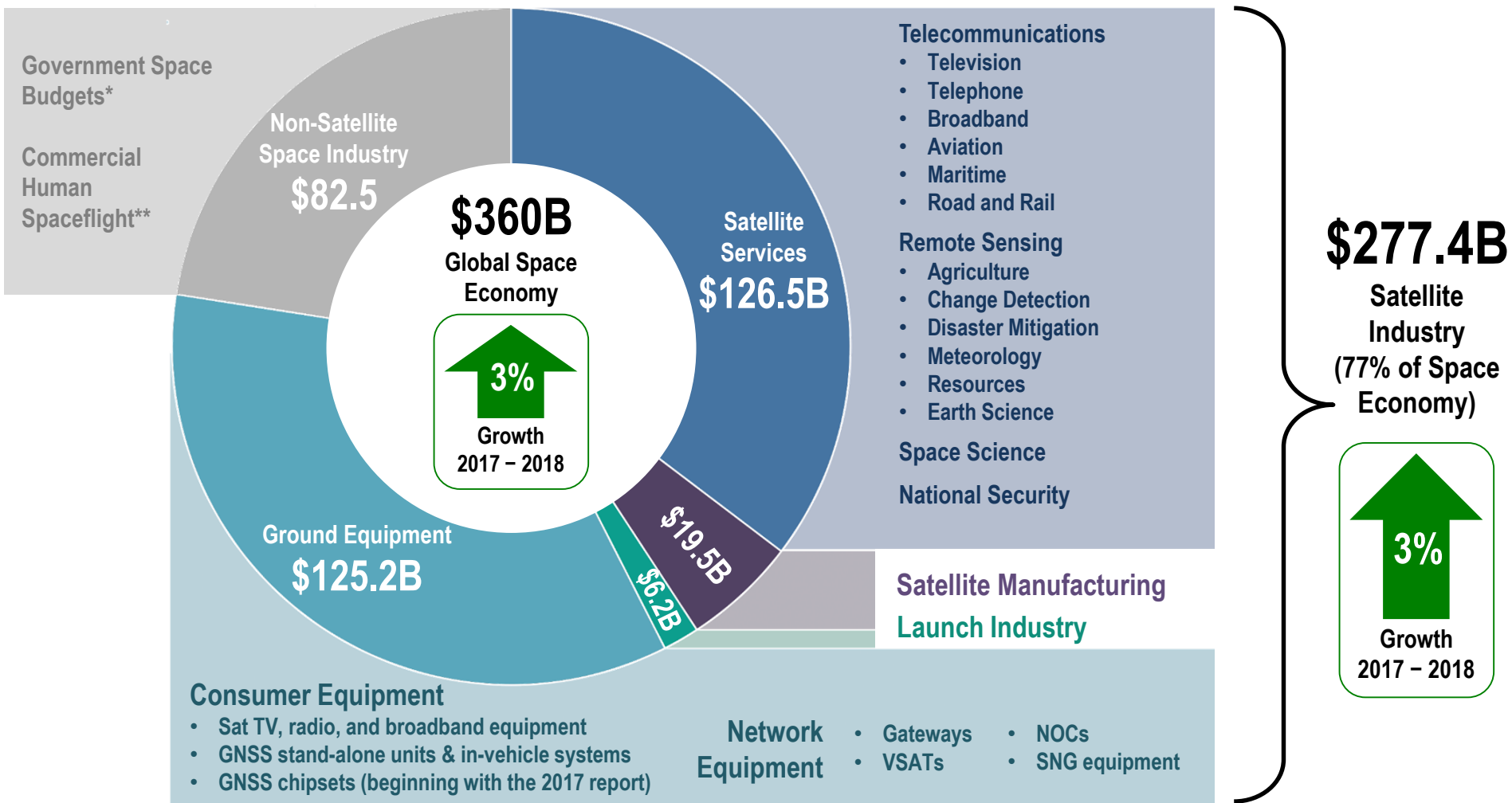
# U.S. Employment Impact



- In 3Q 2018, satellite industry employment in the U.S. was 217,341
  - Private sector only
  - Estimated across multiple NAICS codes
- 2% increase over same time in 2017



# The Satellite Industry in Context



\* Includes government civil and military space spending by 70 countries and international organizations (ESA) using published data.

\*\* Includes commercial cargo missions to ISS and other human spaceflight projects, about \$2B

Acronyms: Network operations centers (NOCs), satellite news gathering (SNG), very small aperture terminal (VSAT) equipment, global navigation satellite systems (GNSS)





# Satellite Services Findings: Consumer Services



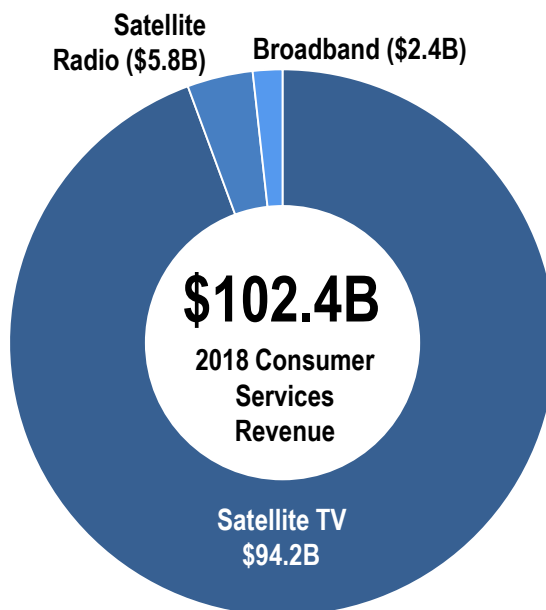
- Satellite radio and broadband revenues grew 7% and 12% from 2017-2018, respectively
- Satellite radio and broadband subscribers grew 4% and 6% from 2017-2018, respectively

## Satellite Radio

- Satellite radio (DARS) revenues grew 7%
- DARS subscribers grew 4%, to 34 million
- Mostly North American customer base

## Satellite Consumer Broadband

- Revenue grew 12%
- Subscribers grew 6%, to slightly over 2M
- Higher revenue per user in the U.S.
- Capacity available on newly launched GEO satellites over the U.S. allows operators to add subscribers, offer more bandwidth; new LEO constellations will add more capacity
- Majority of subscribers in the U.S., growing numbers outside the U.S



## Satellite TV Services

- Satellite TV services (DBS/DTH) declined 3%, accounted for 74% of all satellite services revenues; 92% of consumer revenues
- 220M+ satellite pay-TV subscribers worldwide (plus 190M+ free-to-air satellite TV homes) in 2018
- Subscribers and revenue declining in the U.S.
- Lower per-user revenues combined with growing or flat subscriber numbers outside U.S.
- 38% of global revenues attributed to U.S.
- Number of Ultra-HD channels growing slowly, around 1% of total global TV channels
- HD channels about 30% of all TV channels
- Contributing to slower demand for satellite capacity: improving compression technologies; growing numbers of consumers continue to opt for IP-based video services

# Global Competitiveness of the Satellite Industry Depends On



- Spectrum access that enables growth
- A predictable while adaptive regulatory environment
- Continuous improvement of export regulation
- A level playing field internationally
- Public-Private Partnerships that invest in satellite services and technologies, encouraging growth
- A sustainable orbital environment with which to operate in and provide services from

Satellites play a key role in the U.S. economy, for infrastructure, and national security.  
Now is the time to create the regulatory conditions for the industry's continued success.

# Satellite Industry Association: 24 Years as the Voice of the U.S. Satellite Industry



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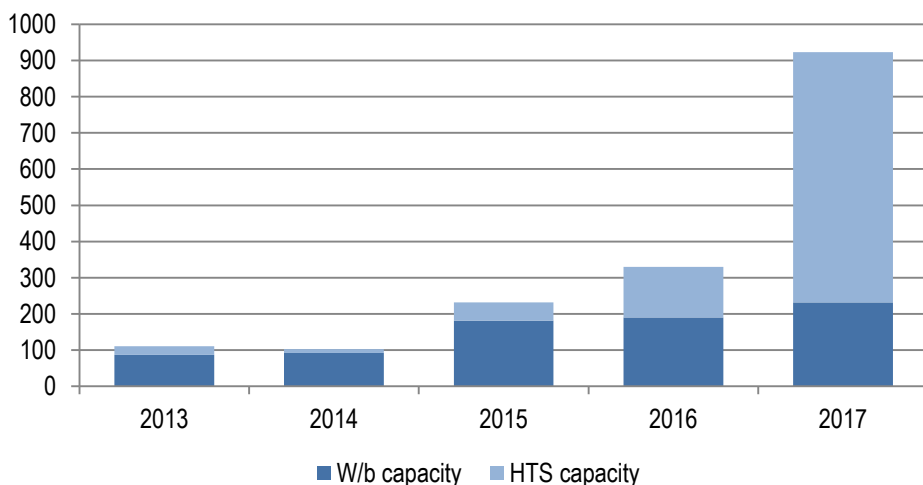


# Case Study: New Satellite Capacity Deployment and Cost Trends

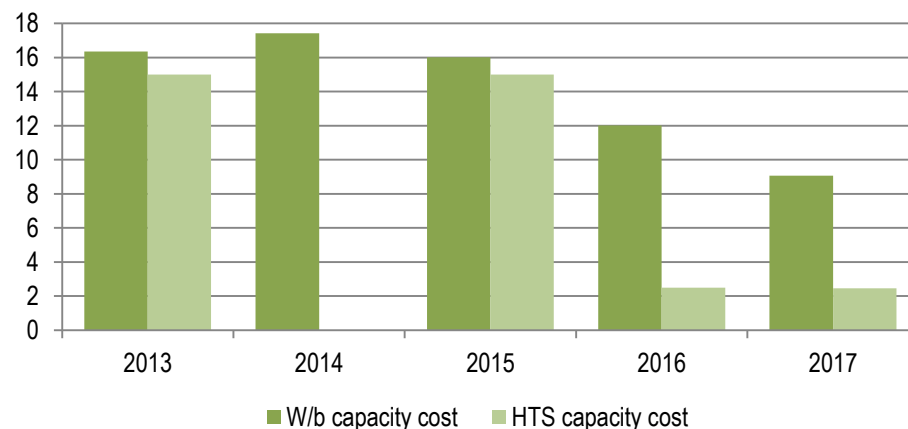


- Significant new capacity deployed in 2016 – 2017, driven by high-throughput satellites (HTS)
- Growth in HTS capacity results in lower overall cost per Gbps
- More capacity and decreasing cost leads to more affordable satellite broadband connectivity; improved affordability; greater data volumes and speed offered to multiple markets
- Companies plan to deploy up to 30 Tbps of capacity through 2022 (estimated at about 3 Tbps today)
  - Total capacity of planned GEO satellites under contract and in development: over 5 Tbps
  - New LEO/MEO constellations under contract and in development: up to 25 Tbps

## New Capacity Launched by Year, Gbps



## New W/b vs. HTS Capacity Cost, \$M/Gbps



Notes: Satellite capacity cost estimated based on satellite manufacturing prices

Future capacity estimates reflect publicly announced plans and manufacturing contracts; some systems may not deploy



# Case Study: Remote Sensing Services



- For many years, global remote sensing services were offered by small number of operators
- New competitors and new partnerships have recently emerged
- Tremendous investment and innovation driven by interest in business intelligence products using satellite imagery and powered by advances in data analytics and artificial intelligence (AI)
- Industry maturation
  - New systems continue to be announced
  - Certain industry consolidation through mergers and acquisitions in 2013 – 2017
    - Operational includes initial deployment through full capacity
    - UrtheCast operates cameras aboard ISS and acquired assets from Elecnor Deimos, but is also planning to deploy optical and radar satellites
    - exactEarth/Harris features hosted payloads, rather than dedicated satellites
    - Criteria for inclusion are satellites on orbit, announced funding, signed launch contract/agreement, or NOAA license
    - Acronyms: MS – multispectral, HS – hyperspectral, RO – radio occultation, RF – radio frequency, AIS – Automatic Identification System; ADS-B – automatic dependent surveillance—broadcast

Large Sats

Small Satellites (<200 kg)

		Country	High Res (<1m)	High revisit (≤1 day)	Sensor Description	Number of Satellites	Typical Sat Mass (kg)	Generating Revenue (GR), Start-up no/some revenue (SU)	Added in 2018 SSIR
Large Sats	Maxar	CAN	●	●	Optical (MS), radar	15	150-2,200	GR	
	Airbus Intelligence	FR	●	●	Optical (MS), radar	9	430-3,085	GR	
	ImageSat	IL	●		Optical (MS)	3	280-370	GR	
	21AT/TripleSat	UK/CN	●		Optical (MS)	3	350	GR	
	UrtheCast	CAN	●	●	Optical, radar	26	300-1,400	GR	
Small Satellites (<200 kg)	Astro Digital	USA	●	●	Optical (MS)	30	10-20	SU	
	Axelspace	JP	●	●	Optical (MS)	50	95	SU	
	BlackSky Global	USA	●	●	Optical (MS)	60	55	SU	
	Capella Space	USA			Radar	30	TBD	SU	
	Chuang. Sat. Tech. Co.	CN		●	Optical (MS)	60+	420	SU	
	Earth-i	UK	●	●	Optical (MS), video	TBD	80	SU	
	GeoOptics	USA		●	RO	24	TBD	SU	
	HawkEye 360	USA		●	RF mapping	3+	13	SU	
	Hera Systems	USA		●	Optical (MS)	48	12	SU	
	ICEYE	FIN	●	●	Radar	18	150	SU	
	Kleos	LUX		●	RF mapping	20	TBD	SU	
	Orbital Micro Systems	UK		●	Optical (MS)	39	10	SU	
	Planet	USA	●	●	Optical (MS), video	100+	4-150	GR	
	PlanetiQ	USA		●	RO	18	20	SU	
	SatByul	KR			Optical	8	10	SU	●
	Satelogic	ARG	●	●	Optical (HS)	25+	37	SU	
	Spire Global	USA		●	RO, AIS, ADS-B	75+	4.5-6	GR	
	Siwei Star Company	CN			Optical (MS)	24+	TBD	SU	
	SpaceVR	USA	●		Optical (MS)	2	4	SU	●
	Umbra Lab	USA		●	Radar	12	TBD	SU	●



- Satellite operators and launch providers are committed to a safe and sustainable space environment
- **SIA Principles for Satellite Operators**
  - Be Trackable - Know where your satellite is;
  - Be Transparent - Communicate and share;
  - Prevent Radio Frequency Interference (RFI)
- **Space Data Association's Latest Recommendations**
  - “All responsible operators should, at a minimum, ensure:
    - Development of and adherence to space standards, best practices and established norms of behavior;
    - Reliance on STM systems that always seek the best, most actionable and timely collision avoidance data, techniques, and mitigation strategies;
    - Collaborative, mutual and transparent sharing of key satellite operations information elements, including planned maneuvers, spacecraft characteristics and RF information;
    - Adherence to station keeping boxes, authorized RF levels and national, international and organizational space debris and RFI mitigation policies and practices.”