

IRIS² – The First Fully Fledged 5G NR NTN Multi-Orbit Constellation

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Introduction

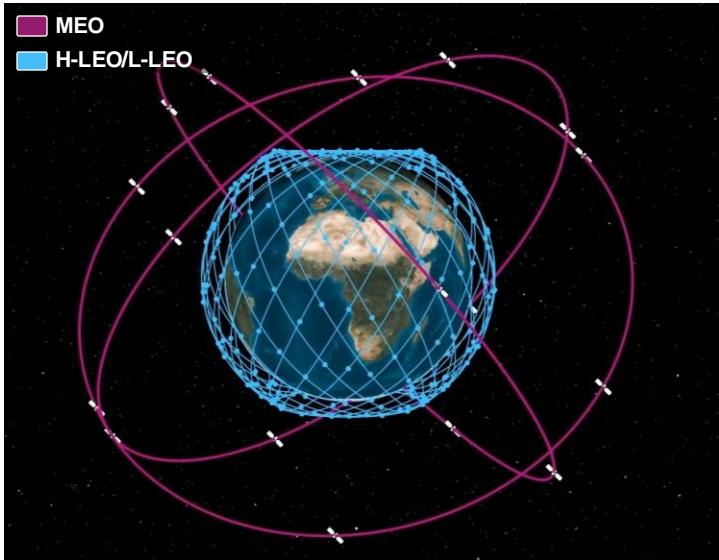
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- Total cost of the constellation: €10.6bn (\$11bn)



IRIS² – Technical description

Summary of technical features



Space Segment

- **264** satellites in **High-LEO** (1200 km)
- **18** satellites in **MEO** (8000 km)
- **10** satellites in **Low-LEO** (<750 km)

Connectivity

- **5G regenerative RAN** in LEO and MEO
- Support for transparent mode services
- Support for direct **UE-SAT-UE** connectivity
- Fully integrated in **5G Core Network**

UE

- **5G NR NTN** waveform in **Ku** and **Ka** bands
- **Mobile VSAT** terminals in both bands
- **Mobile broadband** satellite services

(e.g., residential broadband, transportation, B2B satellite trunking, etc.)

Technological benefits

- Integrated **Quality-of-Service** (QoS) architecture
- **Flexible resource management** (e.g., dynamic time-frequency resource allocation)
- Built-in 3GPP **security** and **authentication** mechanisms
- **Mobility** with other **3GPP core networks** (e.g., NTN/TN mobility with other broadband networks)

Commercial benefits

- **Mature** and **open** standards ecosystem with a **clear evolution path**
- 3GPP standards enable **vendor operability** and **economies of scale**
- **Lower entry barriers** for **new SATCOM actors** (space, ground and user segments)
- Synergies with other **key verticals** (e.g., automotive, railway, airplanes, critical communications, etc.)

Thank you

