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### Perspectives of a Mobile Operator concerning NTN

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Observation Developments **Optionspace for us** 

Innovations 6G

#### **Telefónica in Germany**

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### 44.6 million

Mobile network customers\*





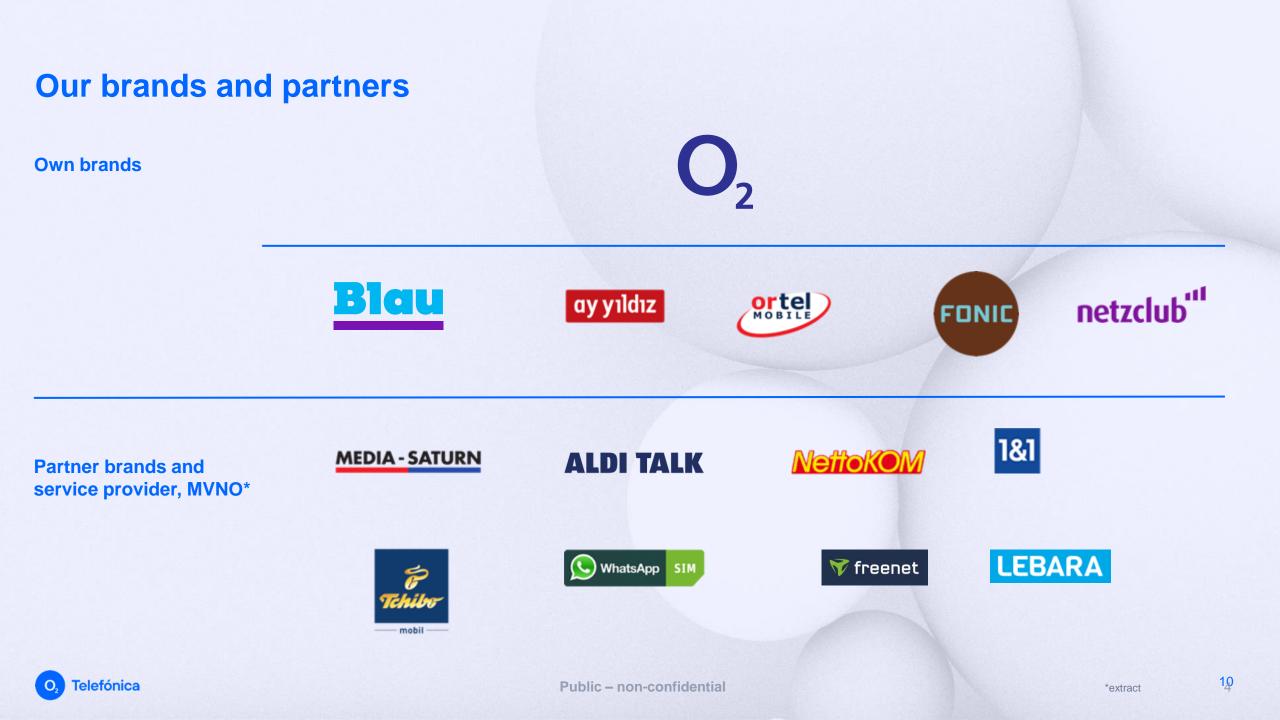
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Broadband lines\*

**7,250** Employees 2022

\*As at 31 December 2022, consolidated figure for Telefónica Deutschland Group.



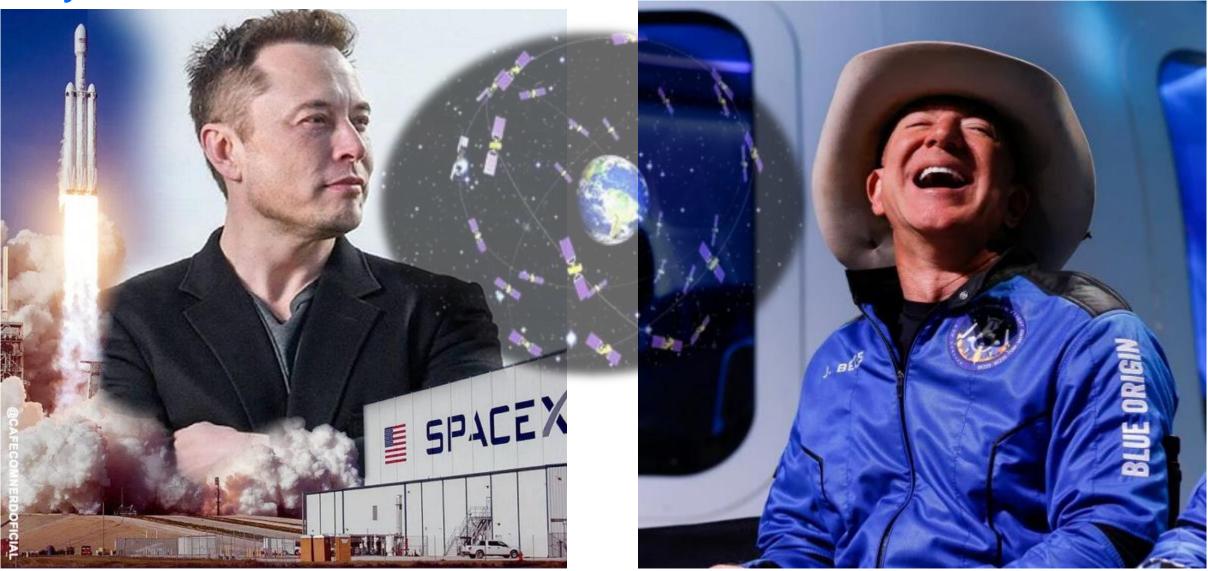
# **Big Space**

#### Observation, Development, Application



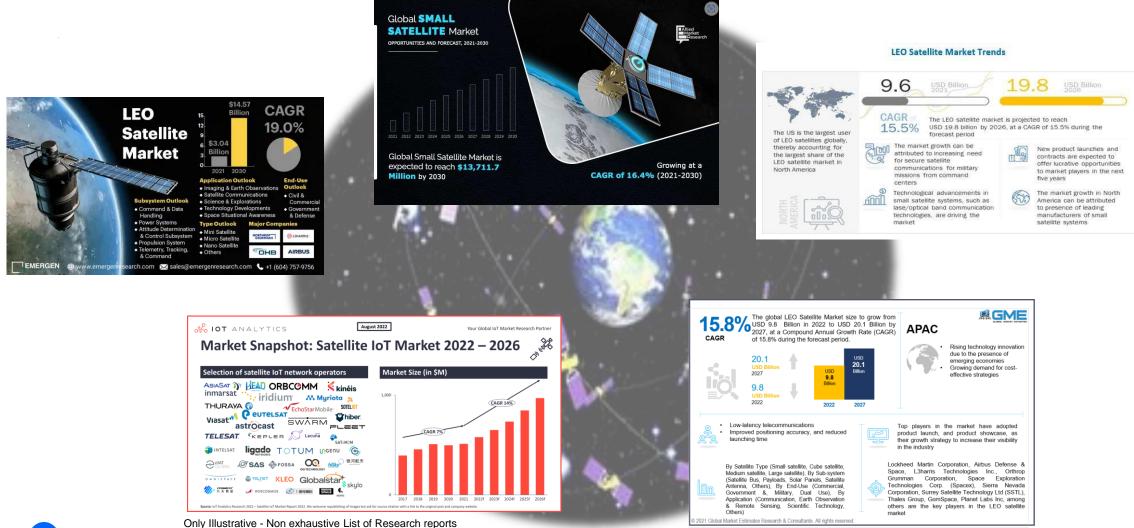
#### Space Cowboys – Who controls Space?

### Why Satellite?



#### New Space – Big Space

## A lot of money is flowing into the development of cost-effective technologies. Extreme growth market forecasted





#### Introduction

### **Satellite Connectivity in global context**

#### Context

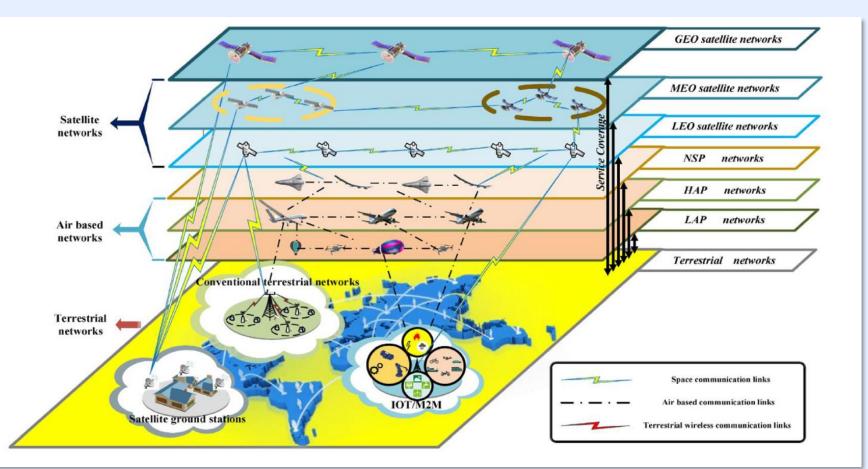
#### **Overview Non Terrestrial Networks - NTN**

**OneWeb** started hype around LEO begun 2012. Followed by Starlink (SpaceX) and Kuiper (Amazon) in large scale.

Closed and vertical technical solutions

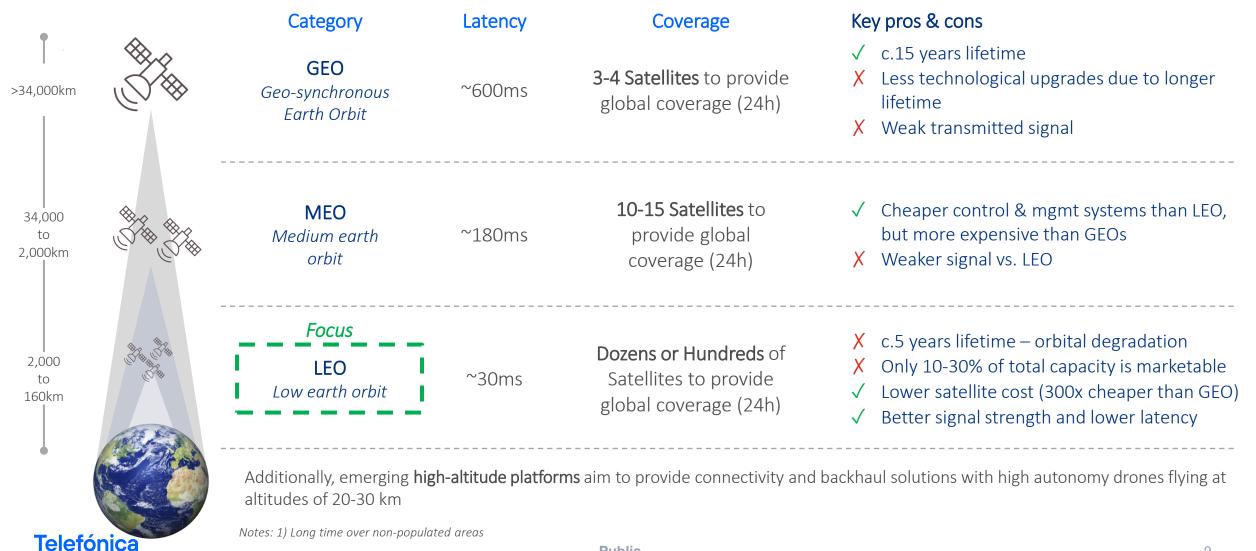
3GPP adopted satellites for 5G into standardisation

- Chance for scaling up and innovation
- Convergence of terrestrial with airborne and sat based service provision



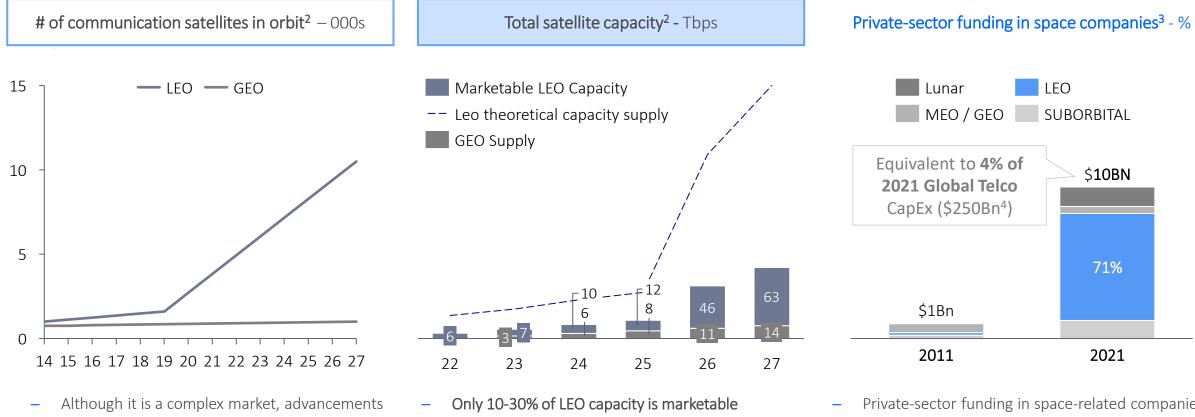
Source: HEUMEGA Study 30.6.2021

#### The evolution of satellite platforms and the emergence of LEO constellations will increase options to provide connectivity to difficult to reach areas



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### LEO satellites will represent ~90% of satellites in orbit by 2027, accounting for ~80% of total marketable capacity; space funding reached \$10bn in '21

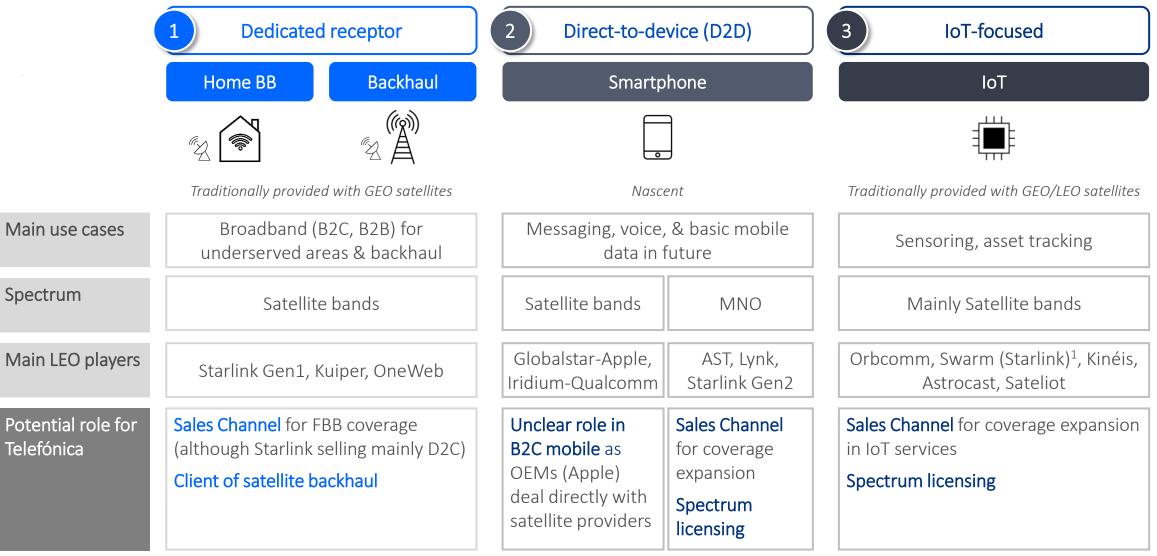


- in technology have made possible to design and launch smaller, cheaper, and more powerful satellites, reducing barriers to deploy large constellations
- New LEO constellations starting operation in 2026:
- Starlink and OneWeb 2<sup>nd</sup> Generations, and Kuiper (Amazon)
- Private-sector funding in space-related companies reached \$10Bn in 2021 (mainly driven by LEO)
- Multiple projects running in parallel: Uncertainties around tech, costs and demand imply it is unlikely that all of them will succeed

Notes: 1) GSMA; 2) NSR (An Analysys Mason company); 3) Mckinsey report "Space: Investment shifts from GEO to LEO and now beyond"; 4) According to UBS

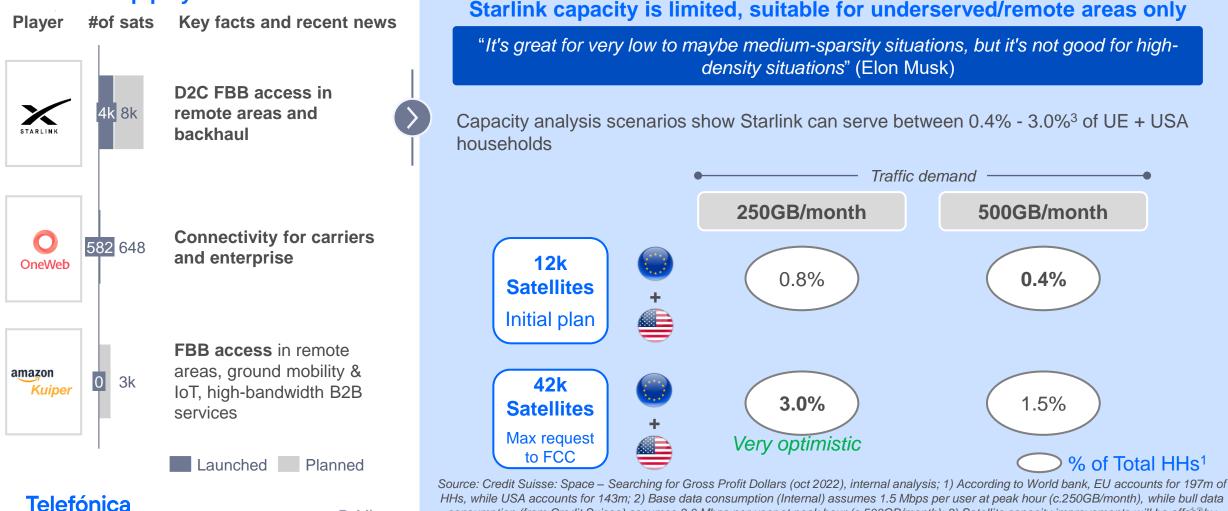
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### Service approaches: Broadband, Direct-to-device for mobile and IoT-focused



# Starlink, with 4k satellites in orbit and ~1m users is the undisputed leader broadband connectivity services, however, its capacity is limited

**Top players** 

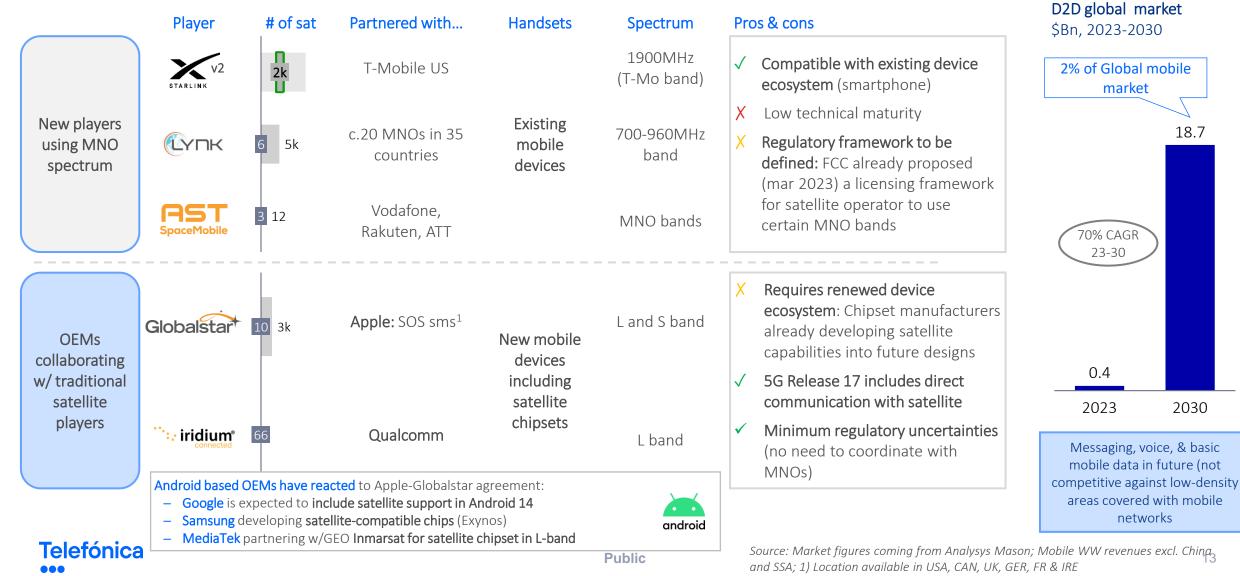


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consumption (from Credit Suisse) assumes 3.0 Mbps per user at peak hour (c.500GB/month); 3) Satellite capacity improvements will be offset by traffic increase

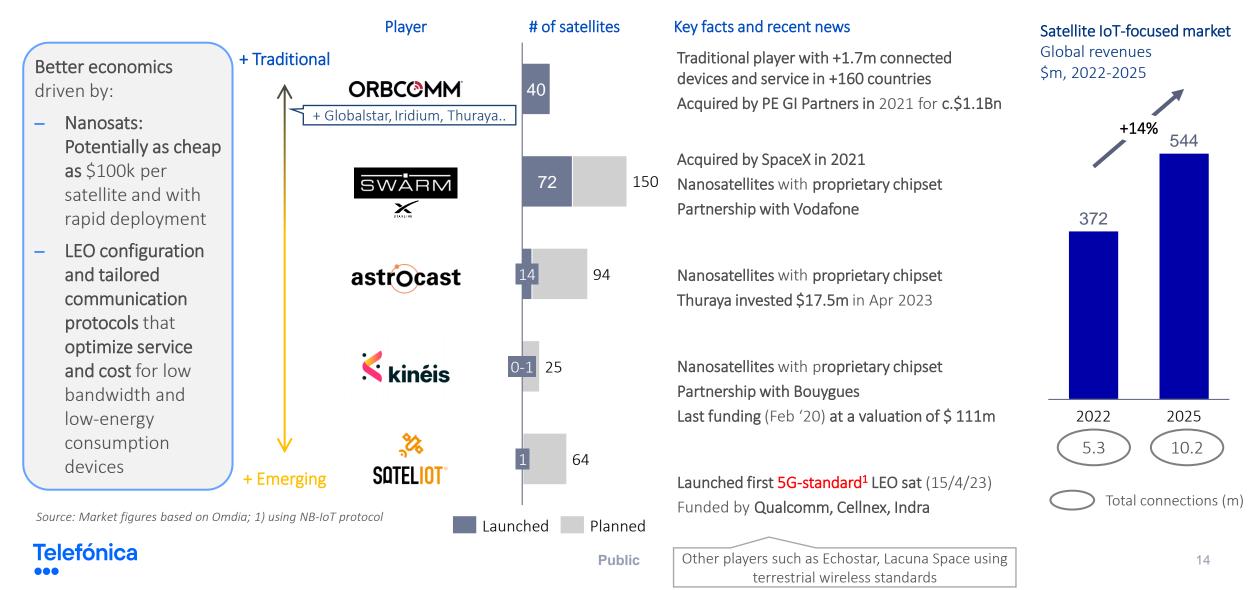
# Nascent D2D reach ~\$19Bn in 2030 and follows 2 trends: emerging players using MNO spectrum and OEMs collaborating w/ traditional satellite players



# Technology evolution is enabling better economics in Satellite IoT services (growing @14% CAGR 22-25), but from a very low base currently

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# **5G in Space**

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## Satellite communication develops rapidly, creating new opportunities for vertical or horizontal partnerships



#### Achieve service continuity

- IoT Services
- In remote and rural areas
- Direct-to-device (D2D)\*

Note: \* Direct-to-device: Connection from satellite to handheld/smartphone without any terrestrial base station in between



### Expand broadband connectivity services

- Fixed access
- SD-WAN



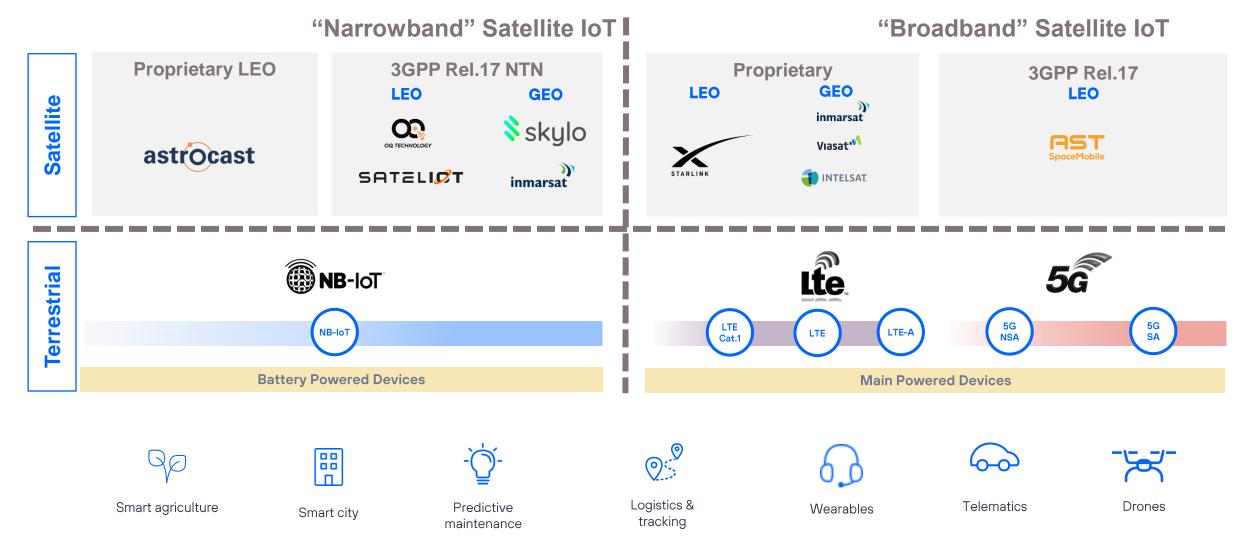
### Deploy rapidly in case of interruption or natural disaster

- Backup connection to radio towers
- Mobile radio tower (MRT)

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**DIGITAL SERVICES** 

### **Satellite Players and O<sub>2</sub> Business Partners**





#### **5G FROM SPACE**

### Service continuity, ubiquity and scalability are where satellite communication can create strong interplay with mobile networks



Partnerships

R&D



Monitoring



**Spectrum** 

Test and certify capabilities from SatCom providers

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# What does the far future bring?

Which innovations will come with 6G?

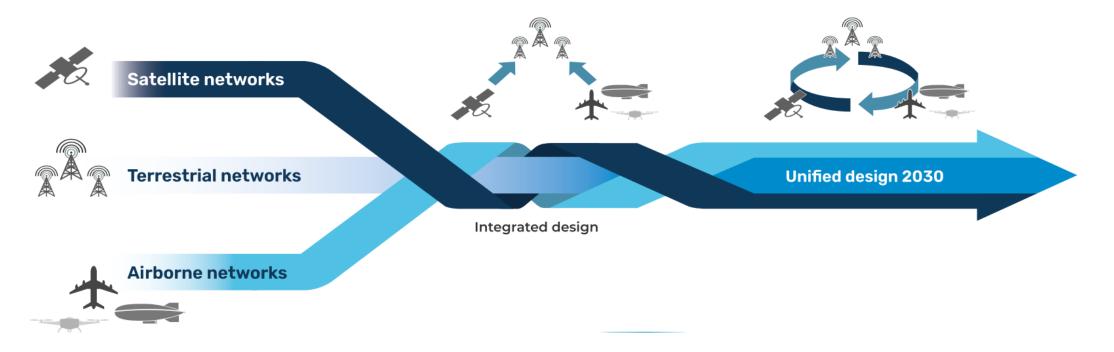


### Telefónica Germany arbeitet heute schon aktiv an der Vorausentwicklung von technischen Voraussetzungen von 6G Netzen und Diensten

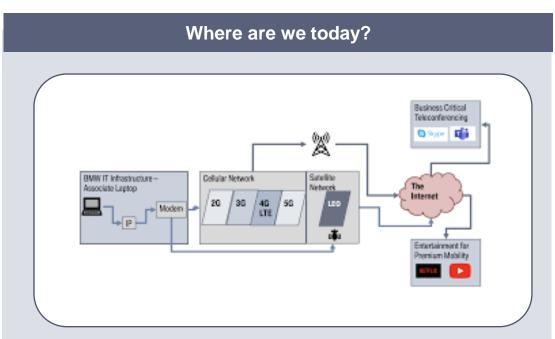




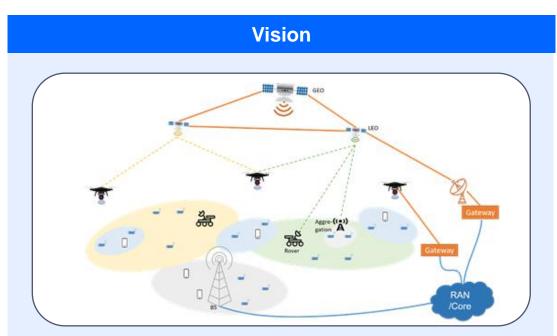
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# Since today's offerings represent vertical closed solutions, we are aiming for a unified service and 3D network model



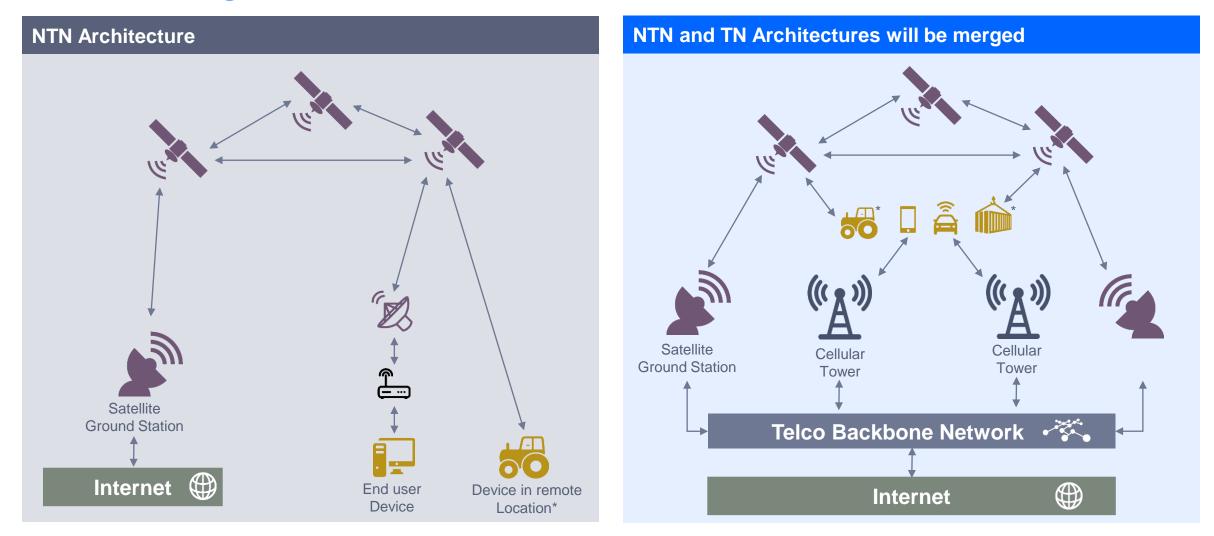
- Today's vertical communication enables OTT services
- However, a seamless service experience and harmonized subscription model is still a challenge
- Standardization paves the way



- Fully integrated addition to our service model one device, one subscription
- Enables new horizontal whole-sale-buy business models at different levels
- In the long term, 6G is expected to enable a converged network experience

#### **High Level Architecture**

# Technical integration of mobile communications and satellite networks is the medium-term goal of 3GPP



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