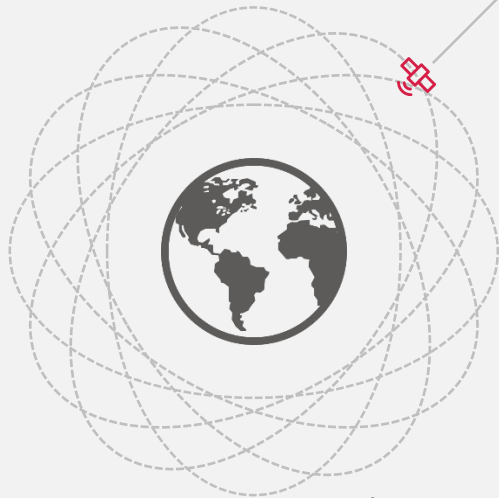


Updates related to **NGSO**

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NGSO

Non-geostationary satellite systems

NGSO shall not cause unacceptable interference to / not claim protection from GSO FSS & BSS (Art. 22 No. 22.2)

How to ensure protection from NGSO systems?



How to define unacceptable interference?
How to get agreement from all GSO satellite networks worldwide?

No. 22.2 obligation fulfilled if comply with **EPFD** limits (Art. 22 No. 22.5I)

Defines level of acceptable interference
Meet EPFD limits, meet No. 22.2 requirements
GSO satellites get needed protection

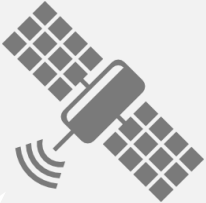
What do we need to know about EPFD?

EPFD Equivalent power-flux density

Sum of power flux-densities (PFD) produced by all transmit stations within NGSO system at a GSO earth station or at GSO (Taking into account receive antenna directivity)

Complex - interference
varying in time and space

EPFD = Limits that apply to parts of
C, Ku, Ka-bands
(Art. 22 Tables 22-1A to E, 2, 3)



GSO

Low Earth Orbit (LEO)
Medium Earth Orbit (MEO)
Highly Elliptical Orbit (HEO)

An aggregate term and must be
summed over all contributing
NGSO transmitting stations

NGSO



EPFD down
No. 22.5C

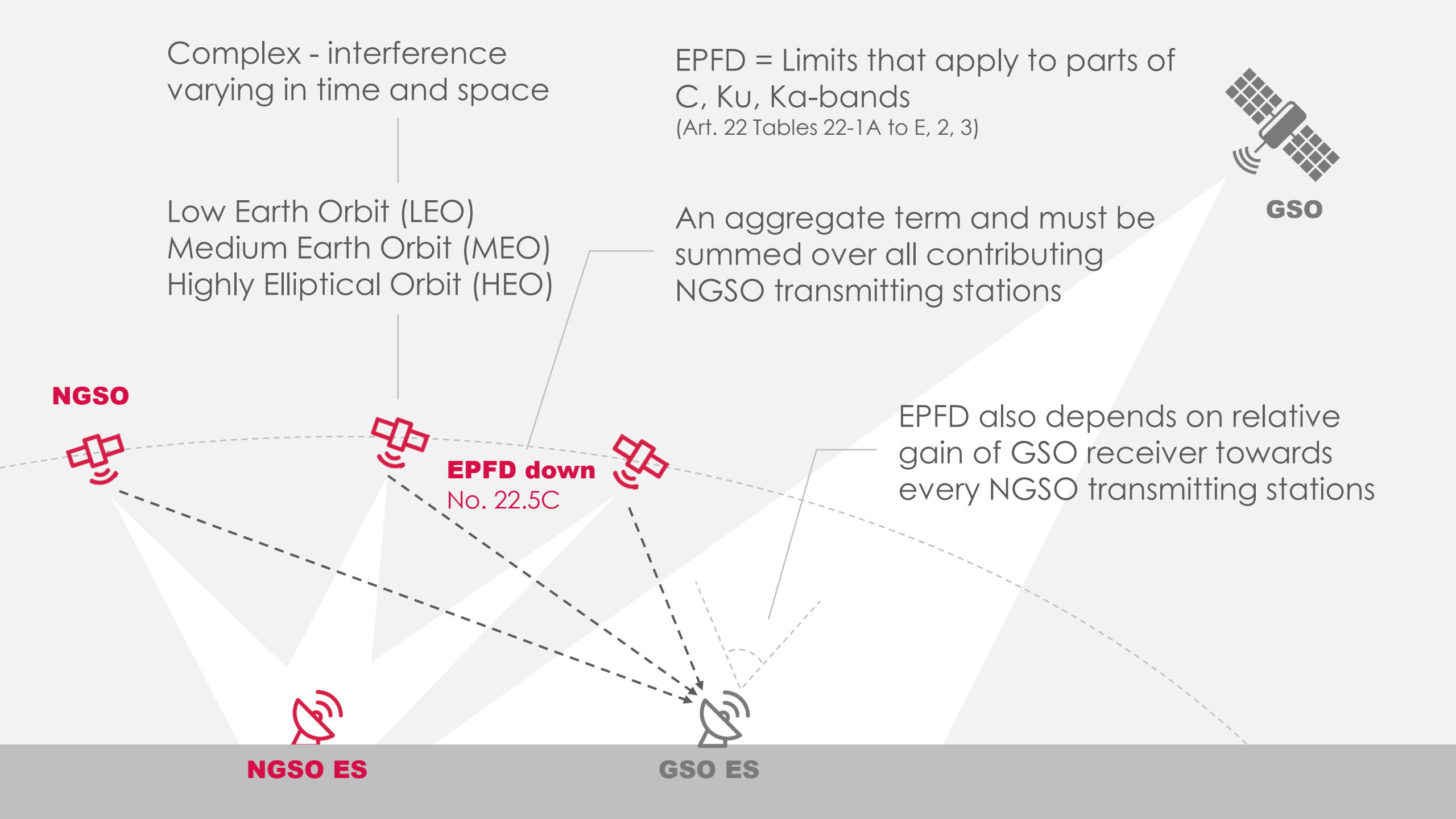
EPFD also depends on relative
gain of GSO receiver towards
every NGSO transmitting stations

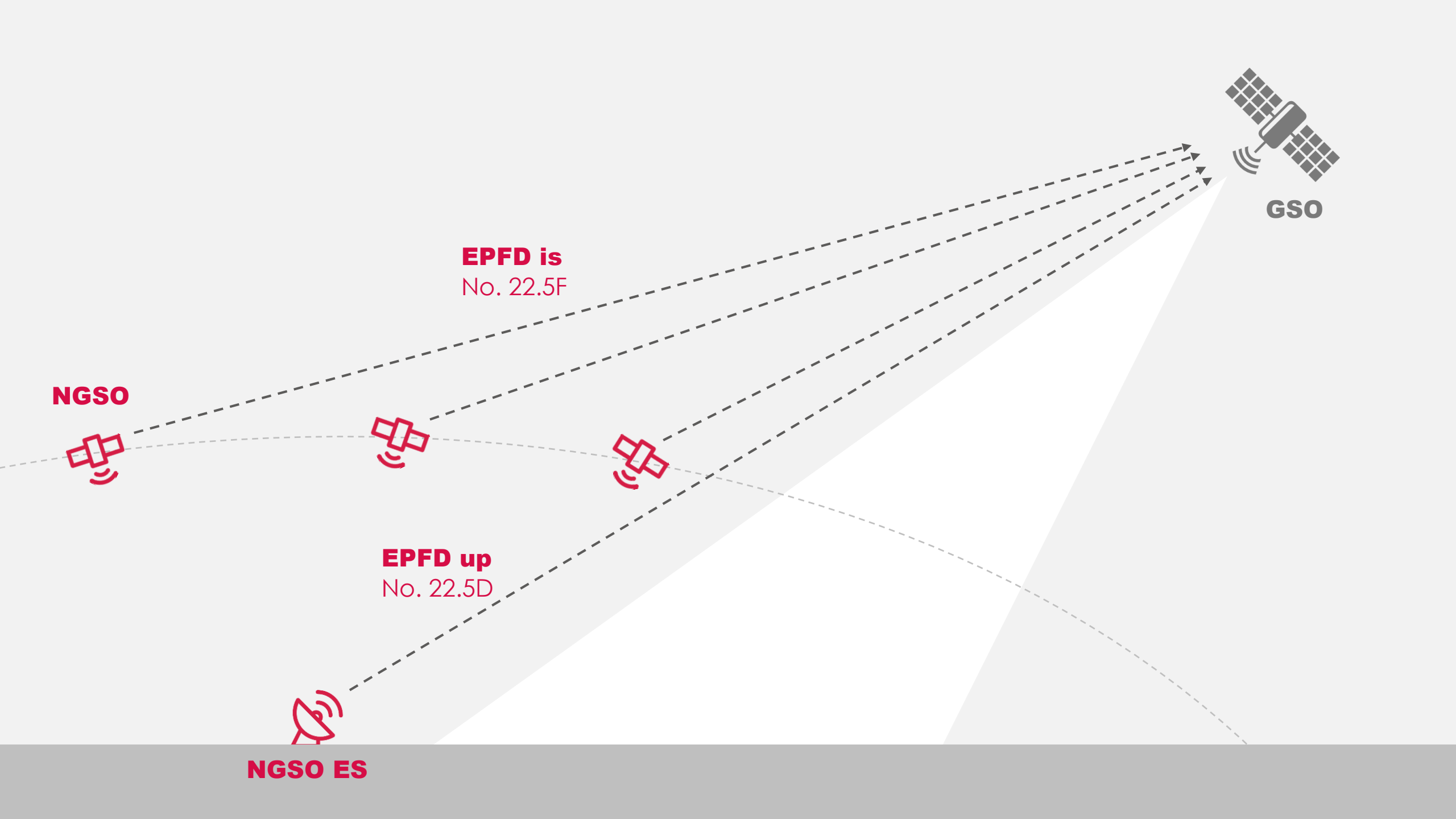


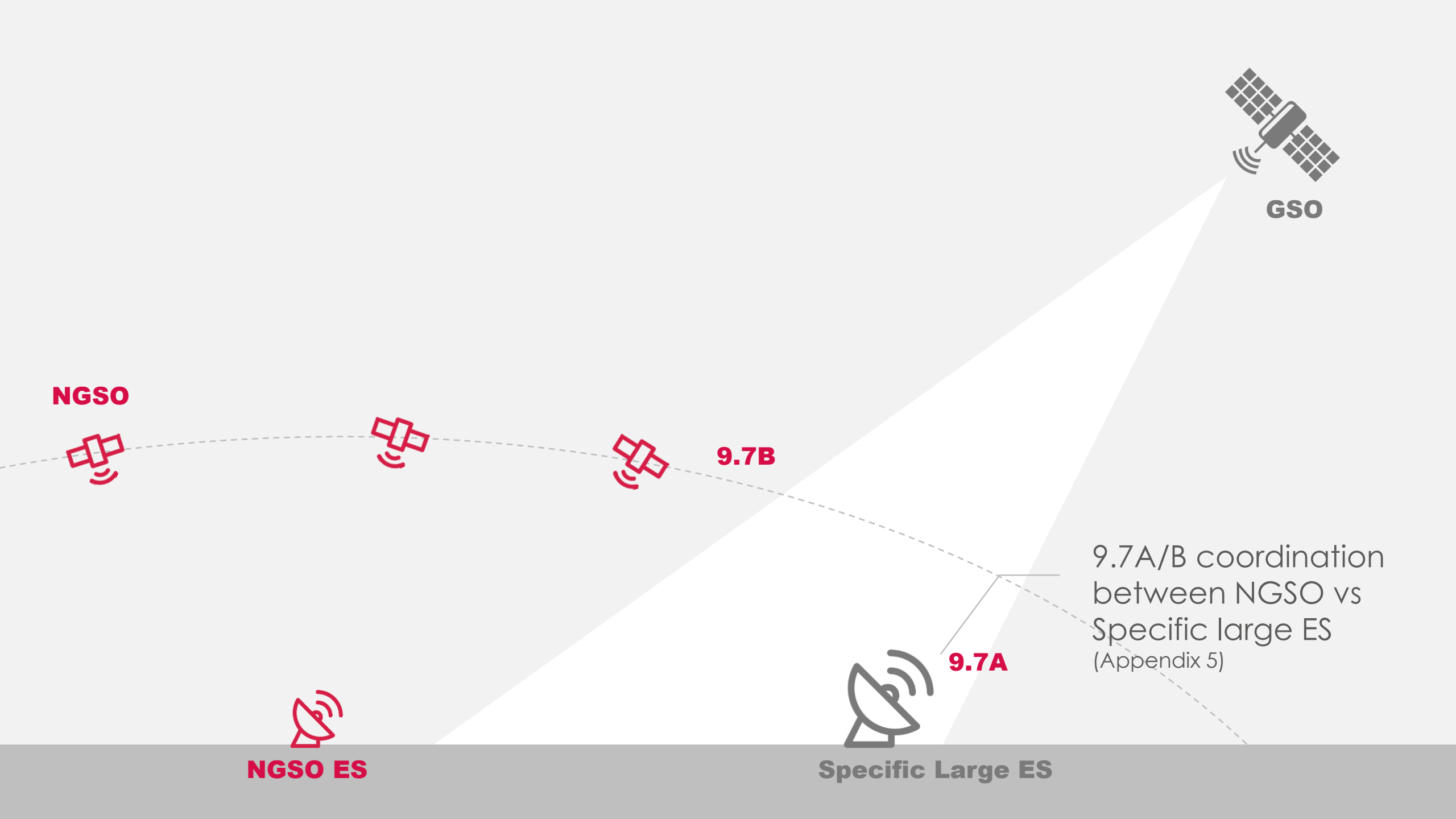
NGSO ES



GSO ES







NGSO



9.7B



GSO



NGSO ES



Specific Large ES

9.7A

9.7A/B coordination between NGSO vs Specific large ES (Appendix 5)

Summed for all
NGSO transmitting
stations

Receive gain of GSO
receiver towards NGSO
transmitting station

$$epfd = 10 \log_{10} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N_a} 10^{\frac{P_i}{10}} \cdot \frac{G_t(\theta_i)}{4 \pi d_i^2} \cdot \frac{G_r(\varphi_i)}{G_{r,max}} \right]$$

PFD of NGSO
transmitting station

$$epfd = \text{PFD} \cdot G_{r,rel}(\varphi)$$

Based on ITU-R Rec S.1503-2

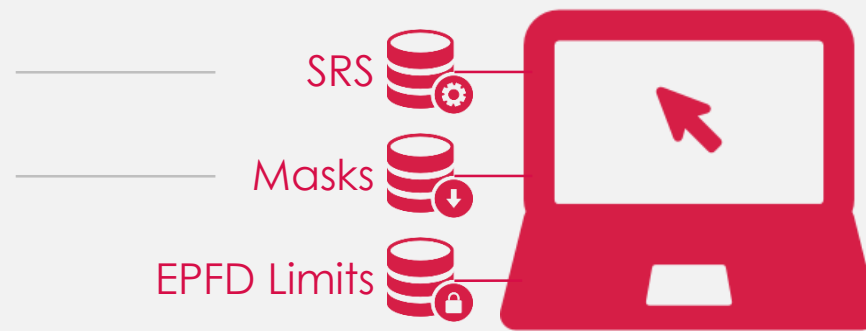
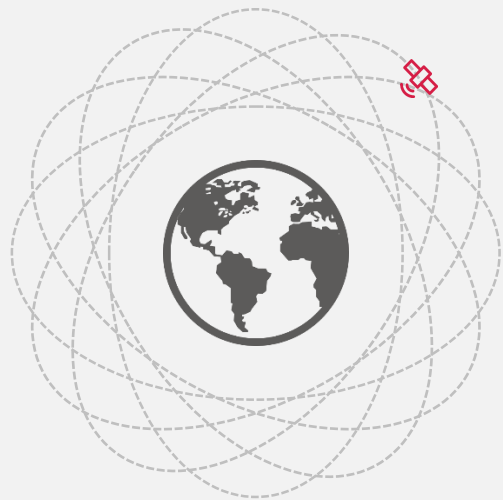
“Functional description to be used in developing software tools for determining conformity of NGSO FSS system networks with limits contained in Article 22”

www.itu.int/rec/R-REC-S.1503/en

EPFD validation software developed by Agenium/Transfinite, available for testing

www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/software/Pages/epfd.aspx





NGSO system characteristics in Appendix 4
(orbit parameters, frequency assignments etc.)

PFD/EIRP masks

(permits some flexibility to NGSO within the mask & simplifies EPFD formula)

www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/space-mask-XMLfile

Article 22 EPFD limits, % time,
frequency band, antenna
diameter, service, ref. BW



Determines Worst Case Geometry (masks & orbital parameters)



Generates CDF of EPFD statistics



Compare with EPFD Limits



Single NGSO system verification for all pointing directions for all GSO systems

Results (EPFD CDF & Pass/Fail)

What were the issues, outcome and updates following WRC-15?

4 issues

#1 Constellation Flexibility

Issue

Various configuration at coordination stage

NGSO systems with

- Simultaneous operation of all orbital characteristics

- Mutually exclusive operation - Different orbital characteristics but only one set will be notified

- No clear indication of actual use

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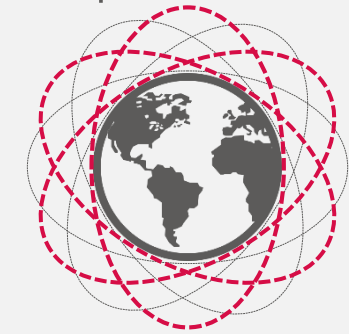
ROP to be drafted to limit flexibility to simultaneous or mutually exclusive operation at coordination stage and finally one configuration at notification

Draft Rules of Procedures

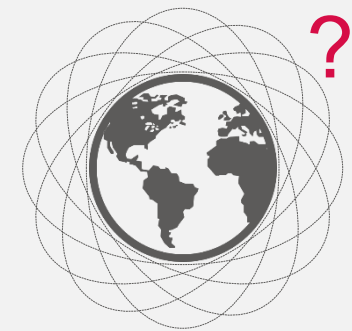
Limit receivability to simultaneous or mutually exclusive operations



Simultaneous operation



Mutually exclusive



Unknown

#2 NGSO vs NGSO Coordination

Issue

Identified based on frequency overlap (No. 9.12)

No methodology to assess compatibility

How much changes allowed without losing priority date?

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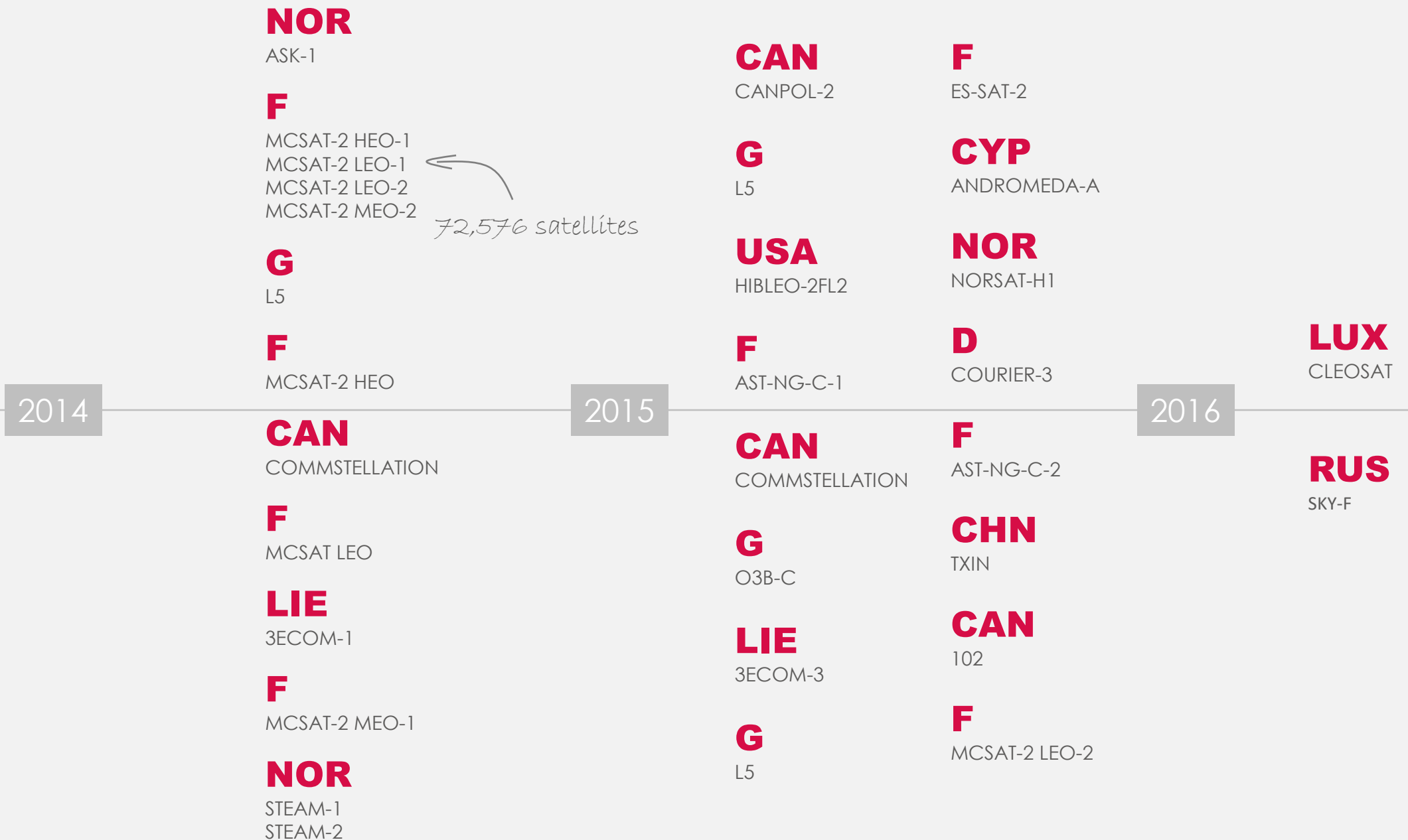
Adms may mutually agree multilateral coordination meetings

NGSO coordination can be further studied in ITU-R

Any modifications to procedures, can be submitted under

WRC-19 A17





NGSO Characteristics

Ku, Ka-bands etc. (Art. 22 EPFD limits + No. 9.7B apply)

Fixed-Satellite Services

Large no. of assignments / orbits

LEO, MEO, HEO

Various configurations of operation

| Adm | Satellite Name | No. of Sats | LEO | MEO | HEO | Ku | Ka | Others | Max DBIU |
|-----|----------------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|--------|------------|
| CAN | 102 | 774 | LEO | | | | Ka | | 27.05.2022 |
| | CANPOL-2 | 51 | LEO | | HEO | | Ka | | 19.04.2020 |
| | COMMSTELLATION | 891 | LEO | | | | Ka | | 06.05.2018 |
| CHN | TXIN | 60 | LEO | | | | Ka | Other | 30.12.2021 |
| CYP | ANDROMEDA-A | 48 | LEO | | | | Ka | | 04.06.2021 |
| D | COURIER-3 | 72 | LEO | | | | Ka | Other | 13.06.2021 |
| F | AST-NG-C-1 | 797 | LEO | MEO | | | Ka | Other | 08.04.2021 |
| | AST-NG-C-2 | 4672 | LEO | | | | Ka | Other | 04.12.2021 |
| | ES-SAT-2 | 1428 | LEO | MEO | | Ku | Ka | Other | 27.06.2021 |
| | MCSAT LEO | 774 | LEO | | | | Ka | | 18.12.2019 |
| | MCSAT-2 HEO | 312 | | MEO | | | Ka | | 29.01.2021 |
| | MCSAT-2 HEO-1 | 36 | | | HEO | Ku | Ka | | 29.01.2021 |
| | MCSAT-2 LEO-1 | 72576 | LEO | | | Ku | | | 29.01.2021 |
| | MCSAT-2 LEO-2 | 2772 | LEO | | | | Ka | | 29.01.2021 |
| | MCSAT-2 MEO-1 | 1104 | | MEO | | Ku | | | 29.01.2021 |
| | MCSAT-2 MEO-2 | 744 | | MEO | | Ku | Ka | | 29.01.2021 |
| G | L5 | 2692 | LEO | | | Ku | Ka | | 27.11.2019 |
| | | | | | | | | | 14.03.2020 |
| | | | | | | | | | 18.07.2021 |
| | O3B-C | 840 | LEO | MEO | | Ku | Ka | | 02.09.2021 |
| LIE | 3ECOM-1 | 288 | LEO | | | Ku | Ka | | 10.06.2021 |
| | 3ECOM-3 | 288 | LEO | | | Ku | Ka | | 18.09.2021 |
| LUX | CLEOSAT | 60 | LEO | | | | Ka | Other | 12.05.2022 |
| NOR | ASK-1 | 7 | | | HEO | Ku | Ka | Other | 28.06.2020 |
| | NORSAT-H1 | 4 | | | HEO | Ku | Ka | Other | 11.11.2021 |
| | STEAM-1 | 3993 | LEO | | | Ku | | | 27.06.2021 |
| | STEAM-2 | 3993 | LEO | | | | Ka | | 27.06.2021 |
| RUS | SKY-F | 24 | | MEO | | | Ka | | 05.10.2022 |
| USA | HIBLEO-2FL2 | 66 | LEO | | | | Ka | | 09.06.2018 |
| | | | | | | | | | 29.07.2021 |

#3 EPFD Validation Software

Update

Final stages of testing

When ready, BR to

- Review findings with respect to EPFD limits

- Reestablish coordination requirements under No. 9.7A/B (NGSO FSS vs GSO E/S)

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Res 85 (WRC-03) continues to be applied when software cannot adequately model certain NGSO



#4 Bringing into Use

Issue

Lack of clear provision, current practice:

- At least one NGSO satellite at one orbital plane

- Capable to transmit or receive frequency assignment

- 90 days of operation

Possible spectrum warehousing / “fictitious frequency assignments”

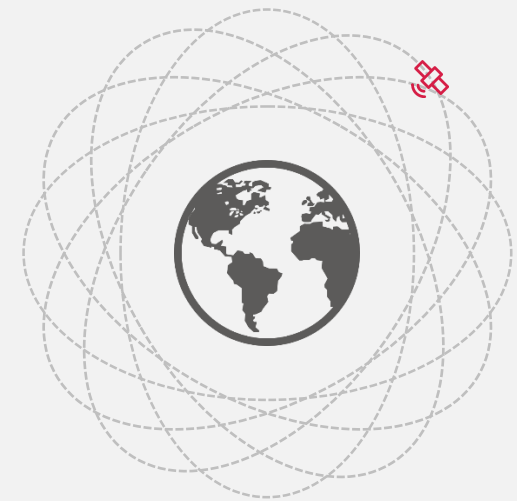
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ITU-R invited to examine provisions requiring additional milestones beyond normal notification and BIU procedure

Consider implications on NGSO systems BIU after WRC-15

Draft Rules of Procedures

Current practice + deployment plan at end of 7y period + minimum number of satellites for service



What are the NGSO issues at WRC-19?

#1 Agenda Item 1.6 (NGSO in V-bands)

Regulatory framework for NGSO FSS in 37.5-39.5 GHz (s-E), 39.5-42.5 GHz (s-E), 47.2-50.2 GHz (E-s), 50.4-51.4 GHz (E-s) Res 159 (WRC-15)

No regulatory provisions for sharing NGSO vs GSO

No ITU-R defined protection requirements for GSO

WP4A responsible group:

- Ensure protection of GSO FSS, MSS, BSS, EESS (passive), RA

- Develop EPFD to protect GSO

#2 Agenda Item 9.1.3 (NGSO in C-Band)

Study provisions for NGSO in C-Band Res 157 (WRC-15)

WP4A responsible group:

- Ensure protection of existing NGSO HEO, AP30B, Fixed, Mobile

- Ensure protection of GSO from unacceptable interference

#3 Agenda Item 7 Issue A (BIU of NGSO)

BIU of frequency assignments for NGSO systems subject to coordination

Is it coming?

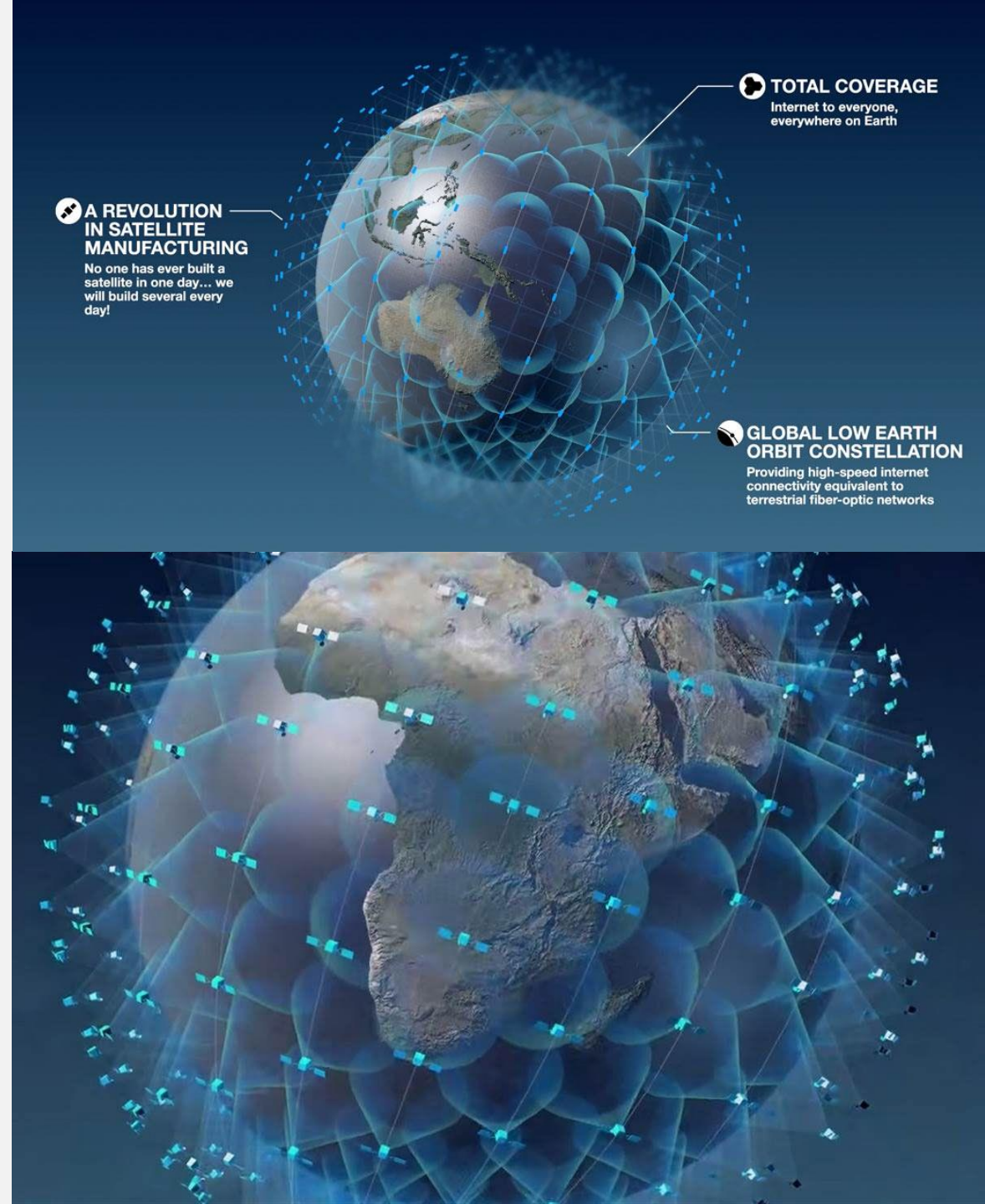
Ensure existing services protected

Considerable interest in NGSO FSS systems

Prevent spectrum warehousing or
“fictitious frequency assignments”

Provide real opportunity to use spectrum/orbit resource
more efficiently

Further discussions at WP4A



Initiate work on establishing technical characteristics of potential NGSO & GSO FSS systems in V-bands for compatibility studies

Next meeting

1st WP4A meeting
(13 - 22 April 2016)

2nd WP4A meeting
(28 September – 6 October 2016)

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