

SSC Connect - Global Ground Station Network Services - Optimizing your ground stations for your operations

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SSC Business Areas



A broad range of advanced space services accross the space value chain

UP-STREAM



Launch

MID-STREAM



Ground-to-Space Connectivity



Spacecraft
Operations &
Engineering

DOWN-STREAM



Space Data

Launch



Ground Station



Spacecraft Operations & Engineering

LSE GmbH, Aurora



Space Safety





SSC customers & partners







































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Esrange center and Orbital launch capabilities

Esrange Space Center

The most versatile Space Center in the World

Established services

Recent services

Coming services

Ground stations



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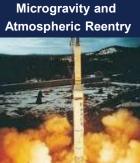
Stratospheric Balloons



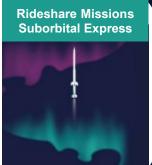
UAV Validation

Sounding Rockets















Testbed Esrange











SmallSat Express







Spaceport Esrange

Europe's polar gateway to space





SSC Connect – A global ground station network



Global connectivity for reliable spacecraft operations – SSC owned and Partner stations

Comprehensive All-Altitude Multi-Mission GSN capable of serving any mission with high-quality standards

- 10 SSC Stations complemented by 11 carefully selected Partner Stations
- Constantly growing
- A redundant ground network positioned to reduce operational latency
- S, X, and Ka-band globally
- High availability in a proven multi-mission concept
- Service availability > 99.8 %
- Cloud agnostic



Overview of SSC Stations' Capabilities



SSC Ground stations	Esrange Space Center, Kiruna, Sweden	Inuvik, Canada	North Pole, Alaska USA	South Point, Hawaii, USA	Western Australia Space Center	Santiago, Chile	Punta Arenas, Chile	Clewiston, Florida, USA	Si Racha, Thailand	Ågesta Teleport, Stockholm Sweden
LAT	67° 53'N	68° 19'N	64° 48'N	19° 00'N	29° 02'N	33° 09'N	52° 56'N	26° 45'N	13° 06'N	59° 12'N
LONG	21° 04'E	133° 32'W	147° 30'W	155° 39'W	115° 21'E	70° 40'W	70° 51'W	81° 03'W	100° 56'E	18° 05'E
Antenna class	2.4 - 13 m	7 - 13 m	5 - 13 m	13 m	7 - 13.6 m	9 - 13 m	7 m	9 m	7 m	1.9 - 9 m
Receive RF bands (Down)	S, X, Ka	S, X, Ka	S, X	S, X, Ku	S, X, Ku	s	S, X, Ka	x	S, X, Ka	Ku
Transmit RF Bands (Up)	s	s	s	S, X, Ku	S, X, Ku	s	s	s	s	Ku



Global connectivity for reliable spacecraft operations – Lunar and Deep Space capable stations

Robust and readily available Lunar capabilities for advanced LEGS standards operations

Connect Lunar

Ground Sites

- SSC 13m apertures with both S/X up/down available in 2024
- Completed by large Partner Lunar antennas (16-32m)





Global connectivity for reliable spacecraft operations – Future stations for constellation operators

Connect Go global network for efficient operations in LEO

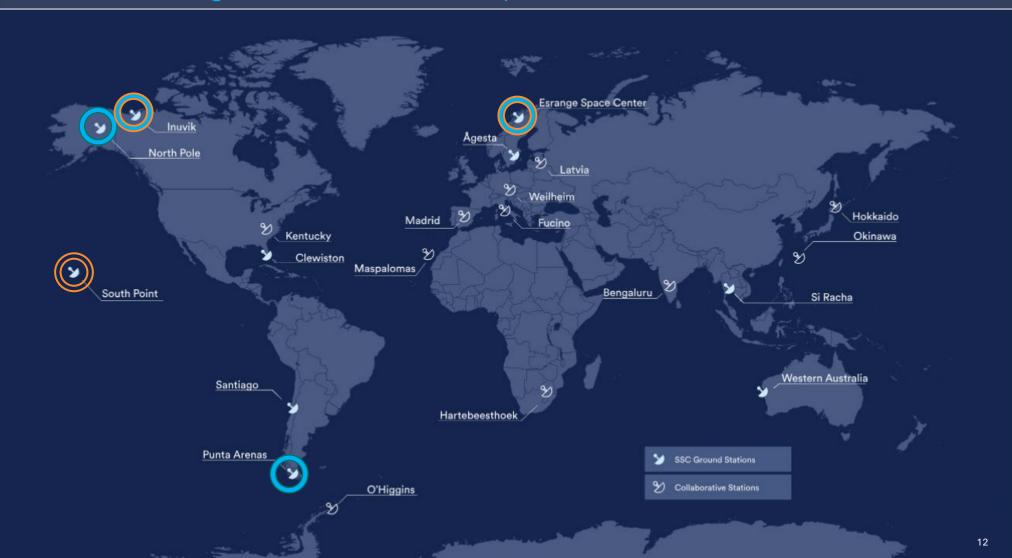
Connect Go

Ground sites

Service available in Q4 2024



- Small antenna network (3.7m)
- 7 Antennas already operational
- Additional 6 Antennas being installed in 2024
 - Aggressive growth plan





Global connectivity for reliable spacecraft operations – Ka-Band capable stations

Global Ka-Band capabilities for EO large throughput operations

Ka-Band

Ground sites





Global connectivity for reliable spacecraft operations – Optical stations

Connect Optical capabilities in developments for advanced Direct-To-Earth communications

Optical

Ground sites

- Development of the ESA optical communication project NODES (Network of Optical Stations for Data Transfer to Earth from Space)
- Trials starting in 2024 with the first optical ground station (OGS) in Western Australia, and the second OGS to be installed in Santiago, Chile and added to the optical ground network in 2025.
- Additional optical ground stations will be added to the global network to provide a full optical data service when the concept is proven.



SSC's Future Optical Comms Ground Network Services



Swedish Space Corporation (SSC) is currently deploying an optical ground network to complement the space-to-ground payload data portfolio. The project, named NODES, is supported by ESA's Scylight programme and the new service validation will start around Q1 2025 with two optical ground stations.



Get in touch if interested. We are looking for partners and early customers!

	OGS1	OGS2
Bi-static design (aperture ø)	✓ (60 cm)	✓ (50 cm)
1.5 µm band (communications)	√ (TX + RX up to 10 Gbps)	✓ (TX + RX up to 10 Gbps)
Multi-mission (standards)	✓ (CCSDS O3K + SDA OCT)	✓ (CCSDS O3K + SDA OCT)
Location	Western Australia	Santiago, Chile
Manufacturer	Cailabs	Safran
Commissioning	CCSDS: Q3 2024 SDA: Q1 2026	CCSDS: Q1 2025 SDA: Q2 2025



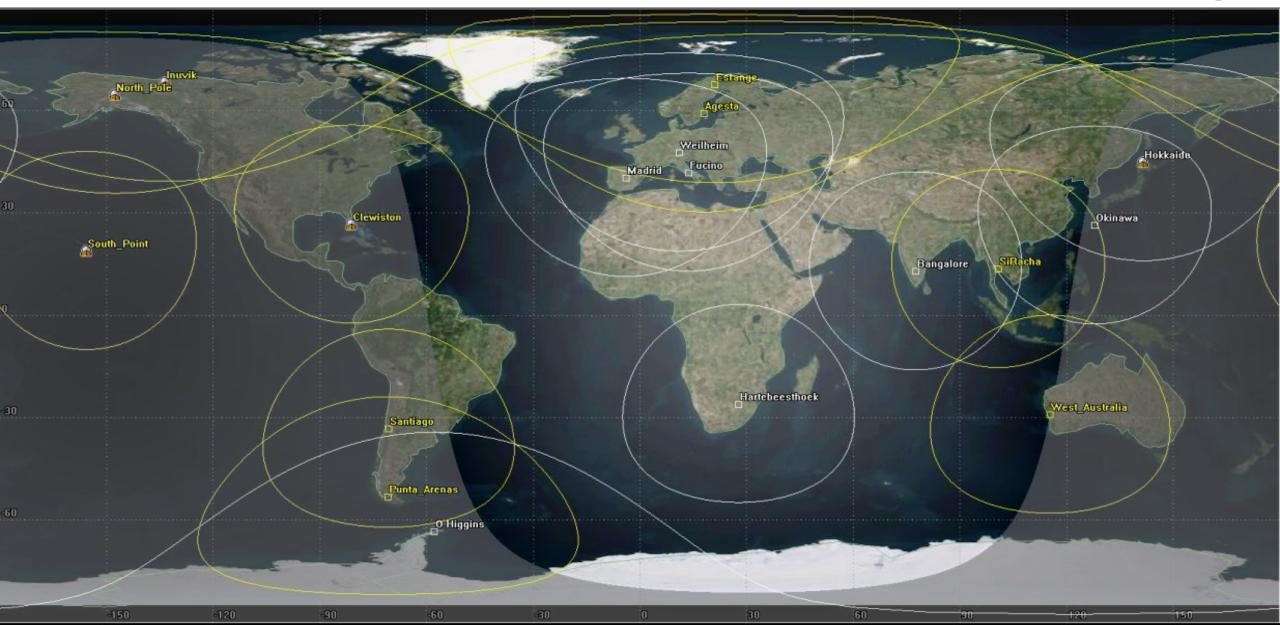
SSC's OGS1 in Western Australia (Jan 2024)





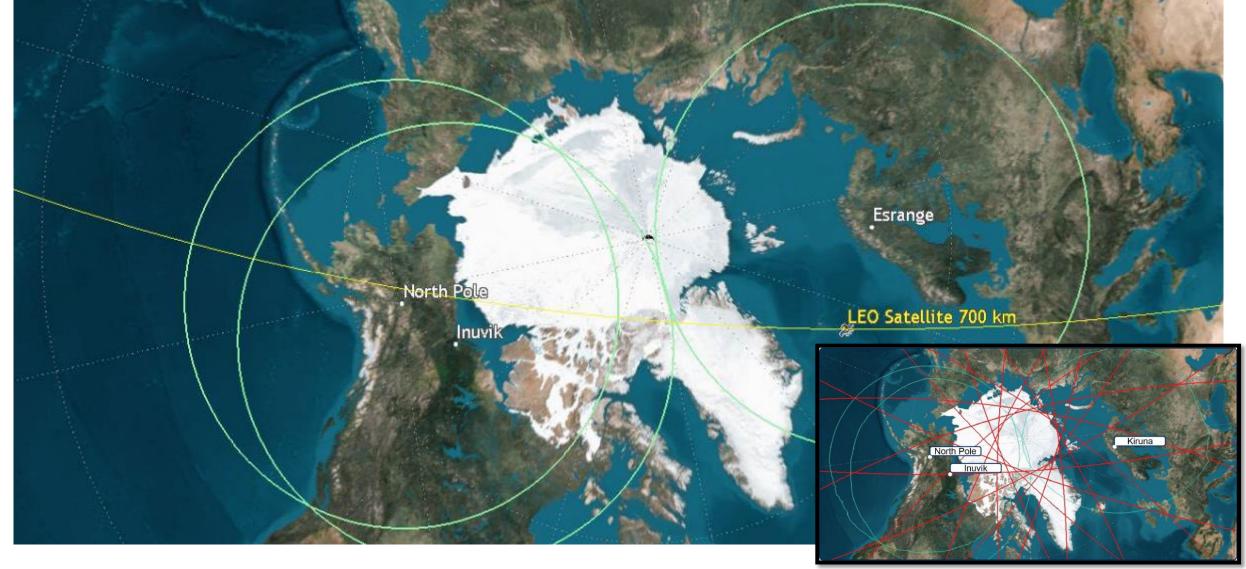
Global Ground Station Network, Global Connectivity for Space Operations





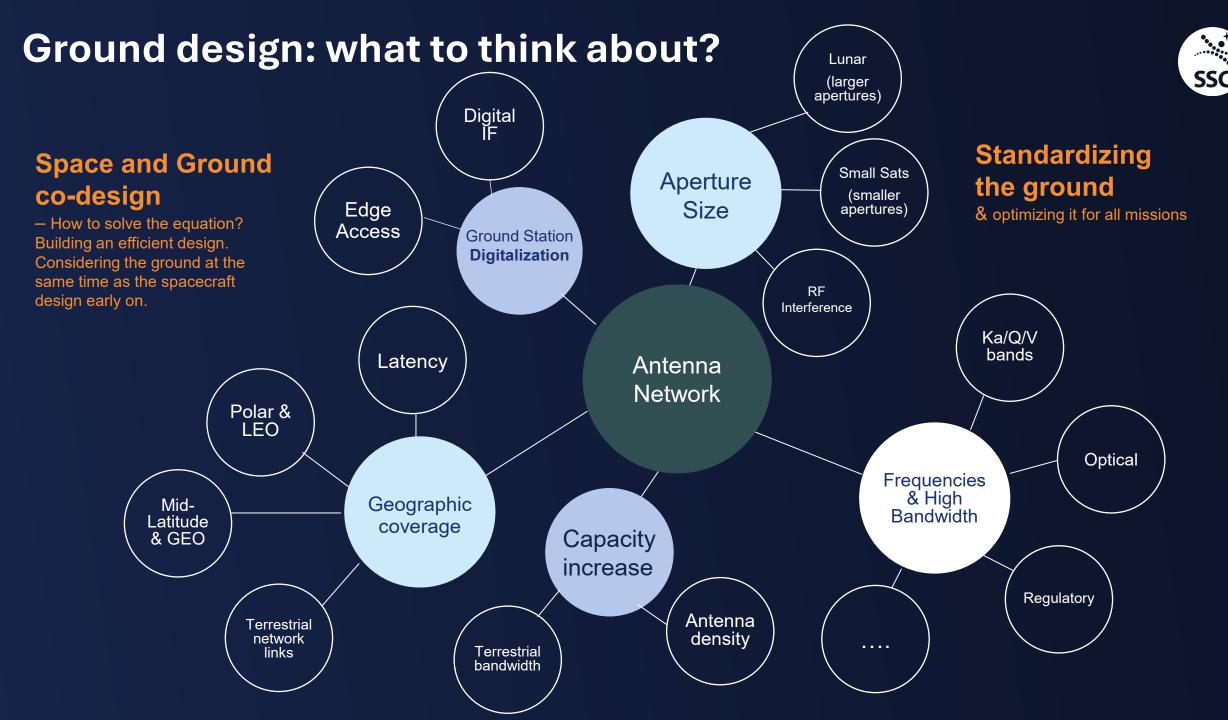
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE COVERAGE





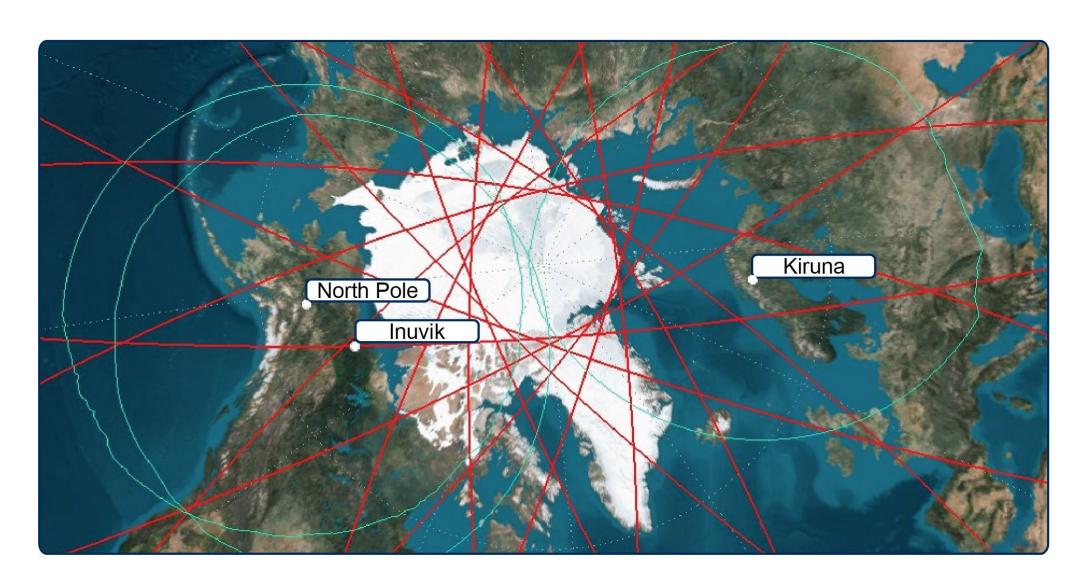


Services for all your Ground Station needs



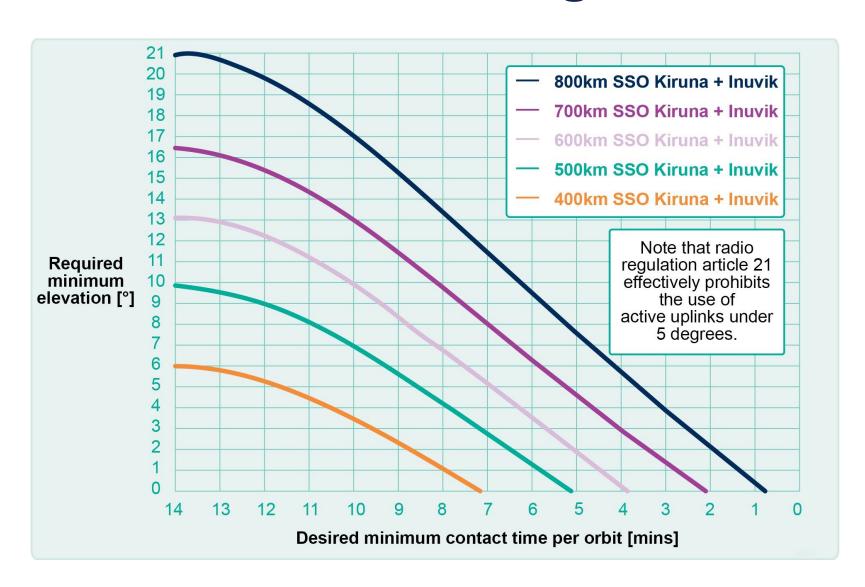


Polar Coverage





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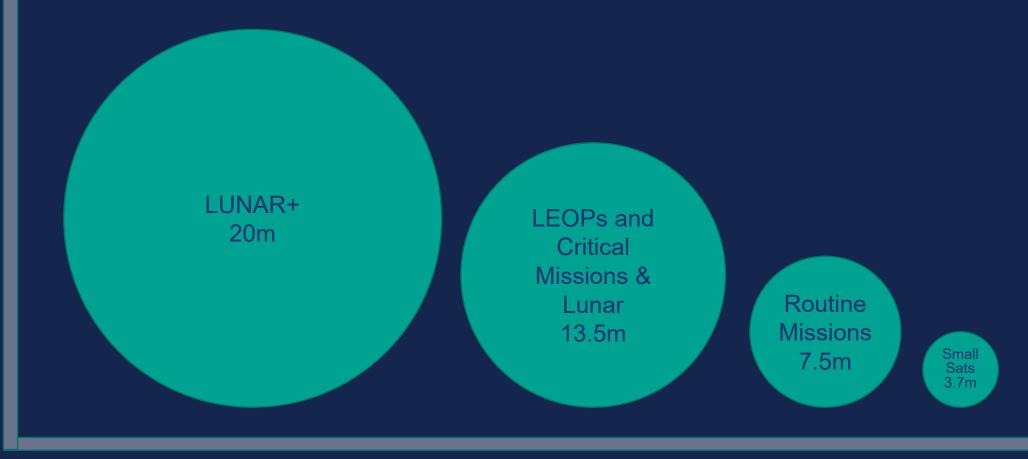
Network Evolution – Aperture size and capability



Frequency band requirements such as Ka & X-band uplinks also reduce number of antenna available and impact cost.



- Less RFI
- Higher cost



Increasing volume – decreasing pass prices

Software role in Ground Station Services

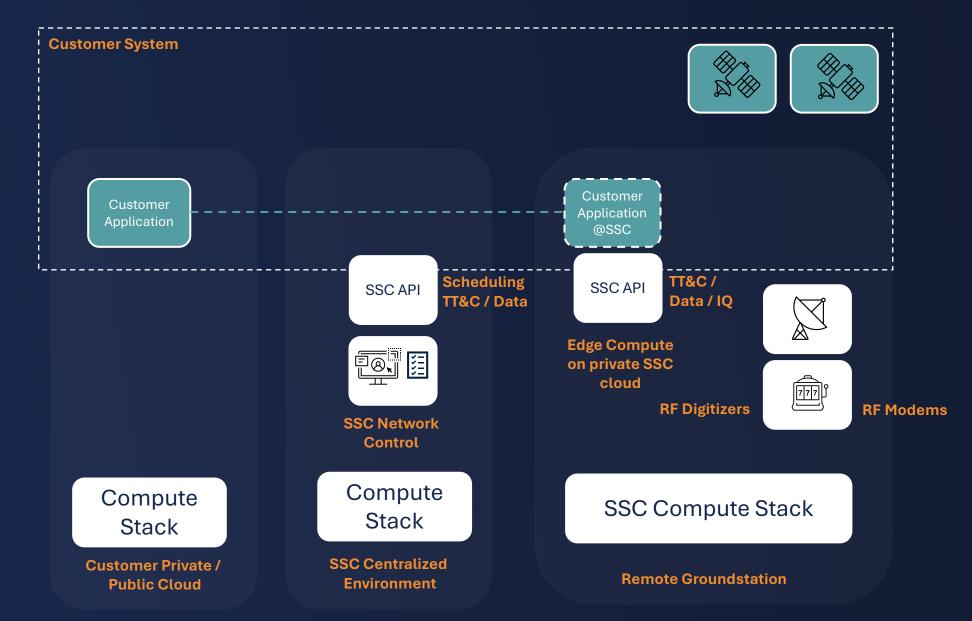




- The SSC Connect Ground Station
 Services delivery system consists of a set of assets, software and operations
- The software has a critical role in efficiently sharing Infrastructure in a robust way in a multi-mission environment and delivering the service to the customer
- Traditional hardware components are transitioning into software functions
- We see an overall increase in network utilization, growth and capacity needs
- Automation is key to run this efficiently

Architecture Roadmap Digitalized System - Ground Station as a Service





Well-designed and functional API's



In addition to the well-established protocols SLE CCSDS, Cortex native

SSC API for Scheduling passes

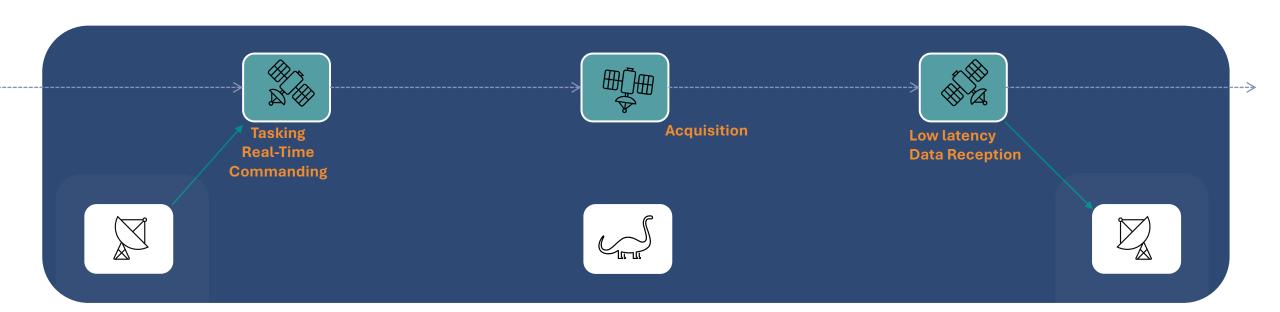
RESTful API for scheduling requests

SSC WebSocket for real time data - TM/TC

- Ground station M&C parameter streaming
- · Quick customer onboarding
- · Sandboxed environment for customer testing

Near-real time - Data Delivery

- Pickup-points in cloud provider or server in SSC infrastructure
- Data can be sliced in small segments at ground station to support low latency scenarios
- Standard IT protocols for file / data transfer (S3, SFTP, FTPS, https, ...)

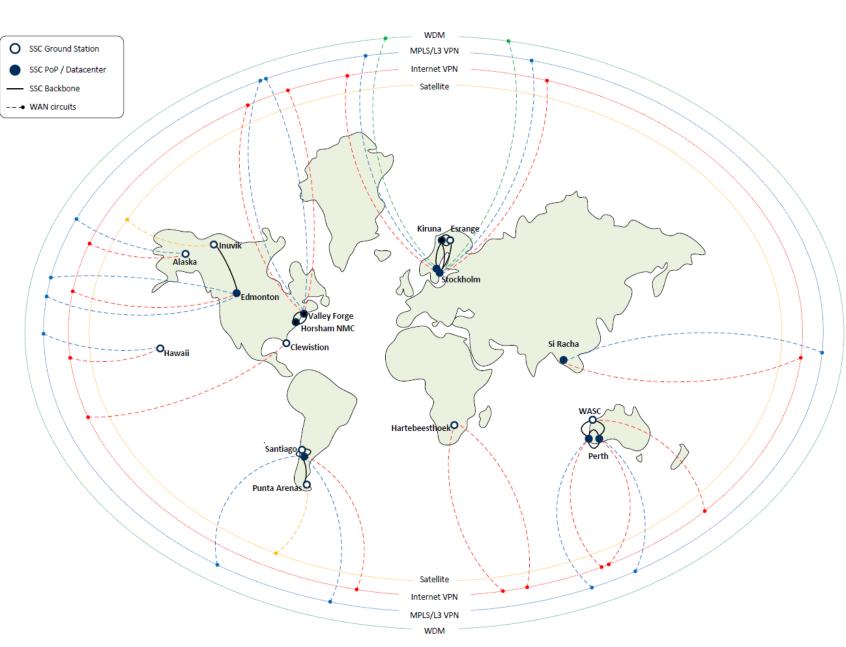


Terrestrial Communication



Bandwidth
connection in the
SSC CONNECT
network may vary
depending on the
ground site's location
best fitting the
satellite support.

- From 1Mbps to 1 Gbps
- Cloud interface available for datahandling



RF LICENSE ITU PUBLICATION

REQUIREMENTS OF ITU PUBLICATION PER SITE



- SSC shall apply for the Receive and Transmit RF license at each ground station location, however, the satellite owner/operator must file its ITU publication through its national authority for the satellite/spacecraft.
- The national authorities have a strict unconditional requirement that before a licence application is processed, the satellite network must be published in the ITU to mitigate any risk of interference for satellites in orbit.
- The satellite filing in the ITU is the responsibility of the satellite owner/operator.
- The requirement differs between the national authorities.
- The satellite operator should contact SSC to get information and ensure to identify potential ground station in the Service Area as well as Reference to Earth Station in its ITU Filing.

Administration	Publication at the ITU	Service Area	Reference to Earth Station
Australia	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
Canada	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
Chile	Mandatory	Optional	Optional
Sweden	Mandatory	Mandatory	Highly recommended
Thailand	Recommended	Mandatory	Recommended (Remark: License only for EO or scientific missions.
US	Mandatory	Mandatory	Highly recommended

RF LICENSE APPLICATION FOR SSC STATIONS

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APPLICATION LEAD TIMES

Country Administration	Licensing Administration Lead Time	Valid period and comments
Australia	 On-going license - 4 months Non-ongoing license - 2 months 	 On-going license – Automatic yearly renewal if fee is paid. Non-ongoing license – Is temporary and expires at the end date. Valid period is longest 12 months.
Canada	 At least 6 months in total Foreign Satellite Approval - 130 days Earth Station license - 7 weeks RSSSA license - 180 days 	 Foreign Satellite Approval - Temporary or continuous Earth Station license – Automatic Yearly renewal RSSSA - continuous
Chile	 Standard (S-band) – Up to 2 months Non Standard (X-band, Ka-band) – Up to 4 months 	10 years
Sweden	• 42 days + FMV review	10 years
USA	 30-day authorization - about 2 months. 60-day authorization - about 2 months 180-day authorization - about 4 months. Authorization for reception only – about 1 month Long-term license - at least 1 year 	 30 days 60 days 180 days Long-term about 10 years
Thailand	At least 6 months	1 year

The above presented time is only the external lead time and does not inclide internal time required for SSC to prepare the application.



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