

LESAF PROJECT

The aim of LESAF project is to propose low-profile and highly efficient electronically steerable antenna solutions for the next generation of In-Flight Connectivity services in the 2020 decade.

OBJECTIVE

Propose low-profile and highly efficient electronically steerable antenna solutions for the next generation of In-Flight Connectivity services in the horizon 2030 via satellite communications in LEO/MEO/GEO scenarios

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- » Electronically Steered Antenna, K/Ka Band
- » Low Profile, High Efficiency, High Reliability
- » Separated TX/RX Apertures
- » Reconfigurable, Scalable
- » Multi-beam Capability
- » Seamless Handovers
- » ARINC-792 2018, FCC 25.218



IN-FLIGHT TERMINAL Infographic





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TX DEMONSTRATOR

32 x 48 Radiating Elements

- » Ka-band frequency range: 27.5-30.0 GHz
- » Channel bandwidth: 100 MHz
- » Power consumption at BO = 6 dB and P1dB: < 200 W and < 255 W
- \gg EIRP at 28.75 GHz and BO = 6 dB: 38.6 dBW at 0° scan, 37.6 dBW at 30° scan and 31.7 dBW at 70° scan
- » EIRP at 28.75 GHz and P1dB: 44.6 dBW at 0° scan, 43.6 dBW at 30° scan and 37.7 dBW at 70° scan
- » Directivity at 28.75 GHz: 34 dBi at 0° scan, 33 dBi at 30° scan and 27
 - dBi at 70º scan
- » Radiating patterns: High matching to simulations
- » High flexibility to reconfigure the radiating elements activation pattern
- » High speed steering: 25 micro-seconds
- » Optimization of the antenna beamwidth against scan and skew angles

RX DEMONSTRATOR

32 x 64 Radiating Elements

- » K-band frequency range: 17.7-20.2 GHz
- » Channel bandwidth: 500 MHz
- » Power consumption: < 300 W
- » G/T at 18.95 GHz: 13.4 dB/K at 0° scan, 12.1 dB/K at 30° scan and 7.9 dB/K at 70° scan
- » Directivity at 18.95 GHz: 37.3 dBi at 0° scan, 36.0 dBi at 30° scan and 31.8 dBi at 70° scan
- » Radiating patterns: High matching to simulations
- » High flexibility to reconfigure the radiating elements activation pattern
- » High speed steering: 25 micro-seconds
- » Multibeam capable (two independent beams) based on two physical apertures
- » Soft Handover ready based on two physical apertures







