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Pequenos satélites – Sensoriamento Remoto

# PEQUENOS SATÉLITES SÃO O FUTURO DO SENSORIAMENTO REMOTO?

NANOSATÉLITES E CUBESATS: OPORTUNIDADE  
PARA EMPREENDER NO BRASIL

## ***Futuro do Sensoriamento Remoto passa pelas constelações de pequenos satélites***

***28 set 2020***

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<https://mundogeo.com/2020/09/28/futuro-do-sensoriamento-remoto-passa-pelas-constelacoes-de-pequenos-satelites/>



# Smallsat

[https://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/ast/media/2018\\_ast\\_compendium.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/media/2018_ast_compendium.pdf)

Mass Class Name	Satellite Mass (M) Kilograms (kg)	
Femto	$M \leq 0.1$	<b>smallsat <math>\leq 600\text{kg}</math></b>
Pico	$0.1 < M \leq 1$	
Nano	$1 < M \leq 10$	
Micro	$10 < M \leq 200$	
Mini	$200 < M \leq 600$	
Small	$600 < M \leq 1,200$	<b>non-smallsat</b>
Medium	$1,200 < M \leq 2,500$	
Intermediate	$2,500 < M \leq 4,200$	
Large	$4,200 < M \leq 5,400$	
Heavy	$5,400 < M \leq 7,000$	
Extra Heavy	$7,000 < M$	

Federal Aviation Administration's Office of Commercial Space Transportation (FAA AST)

2011

2022

**136 spacecrafts** ————— **1745% (30% y)** —————→ **2509 spacecrafts**  
**39 smallsats** ————— **6054% (45% y)** —————→ **2400 smallsats**

[1] Smallsats by the Numbers: 2019, [https://brycetek.com/reports/report-documents/Bryce\\_Smallsats\\_2019.pdf](https://brycetek.com/reports/report-documents/Bryce_Smallsats_2019.pdf)

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## Without Starlink & OneWeb

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# Without Starlink, OneWeb & PlanetScope

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## Without all smallsats

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———— 12% (1% a.a.) —————>

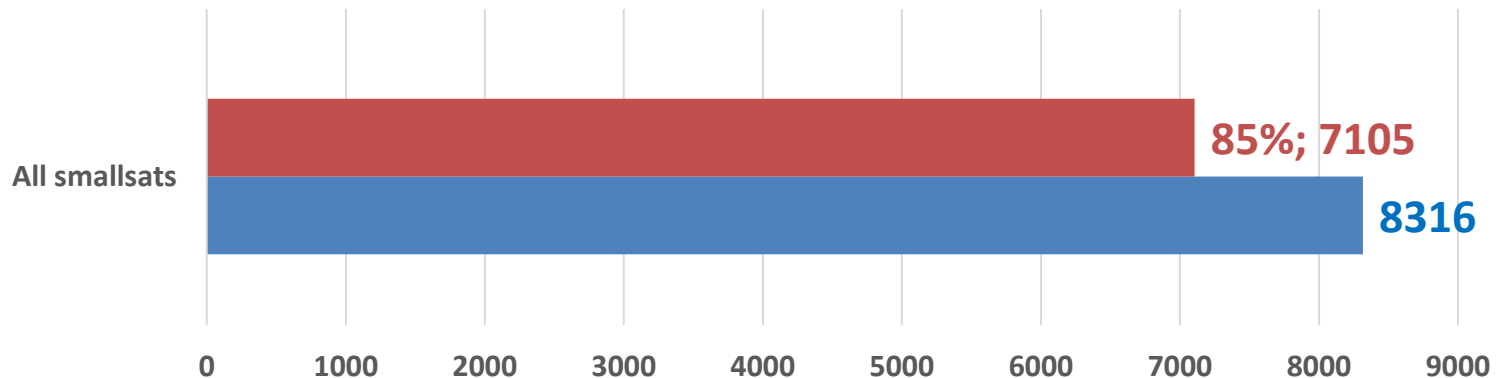
**109 spacecrafts**



# 2011 to 2022

■ Smallsat ■ Spacecraft

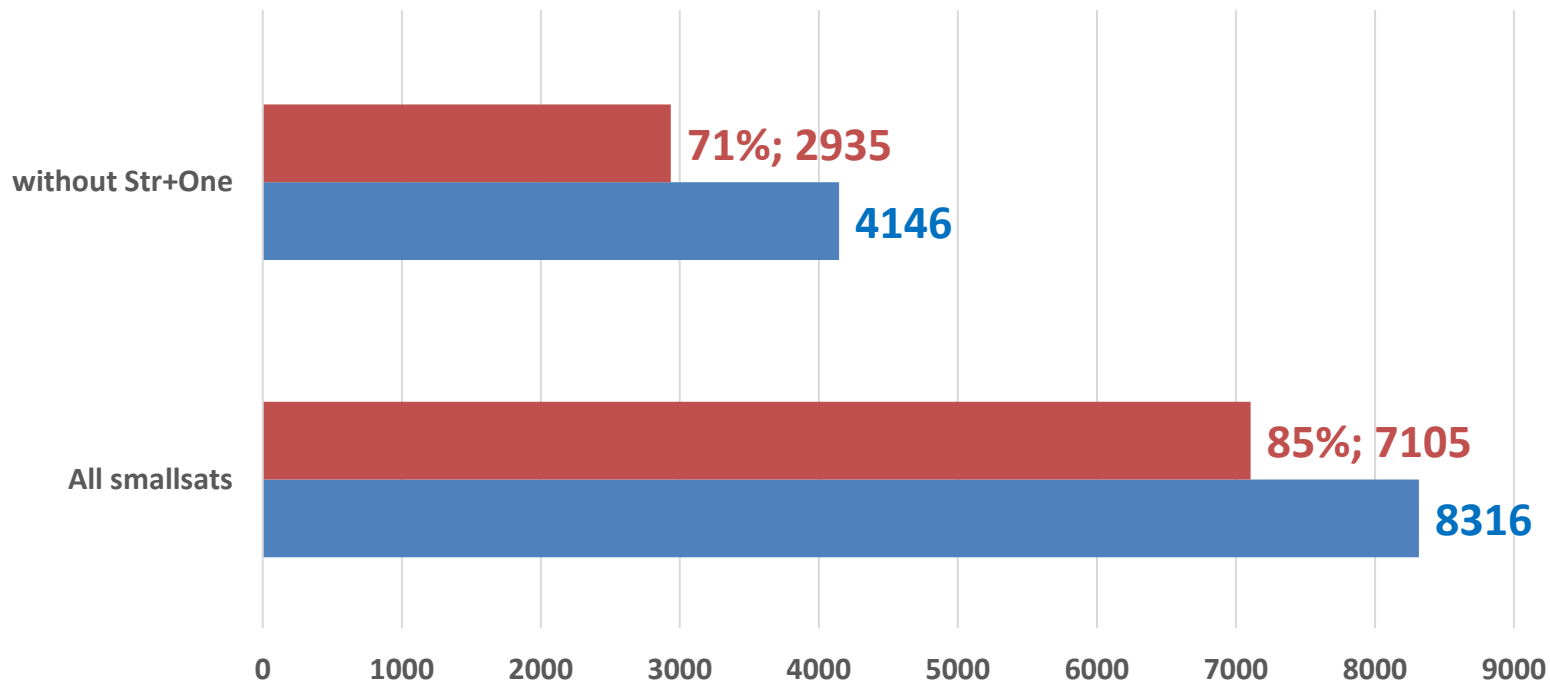
**7105** **smallsats**  
**(592** **smallsats /y)**  
**1211** **non-smallsats**  
**(101 /y)**



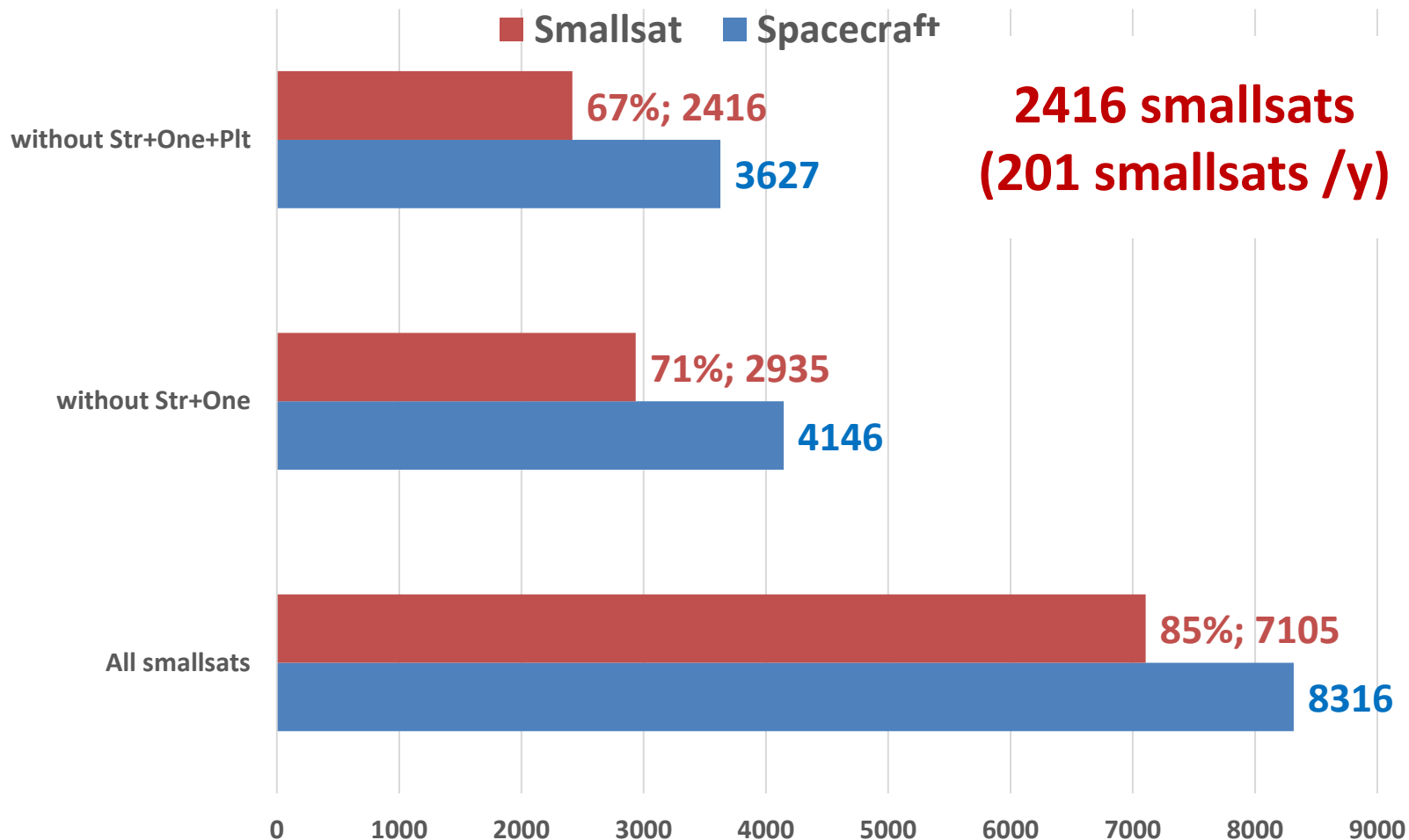
# 2011 to 2022

■ Smallsat ■ Spacecraft

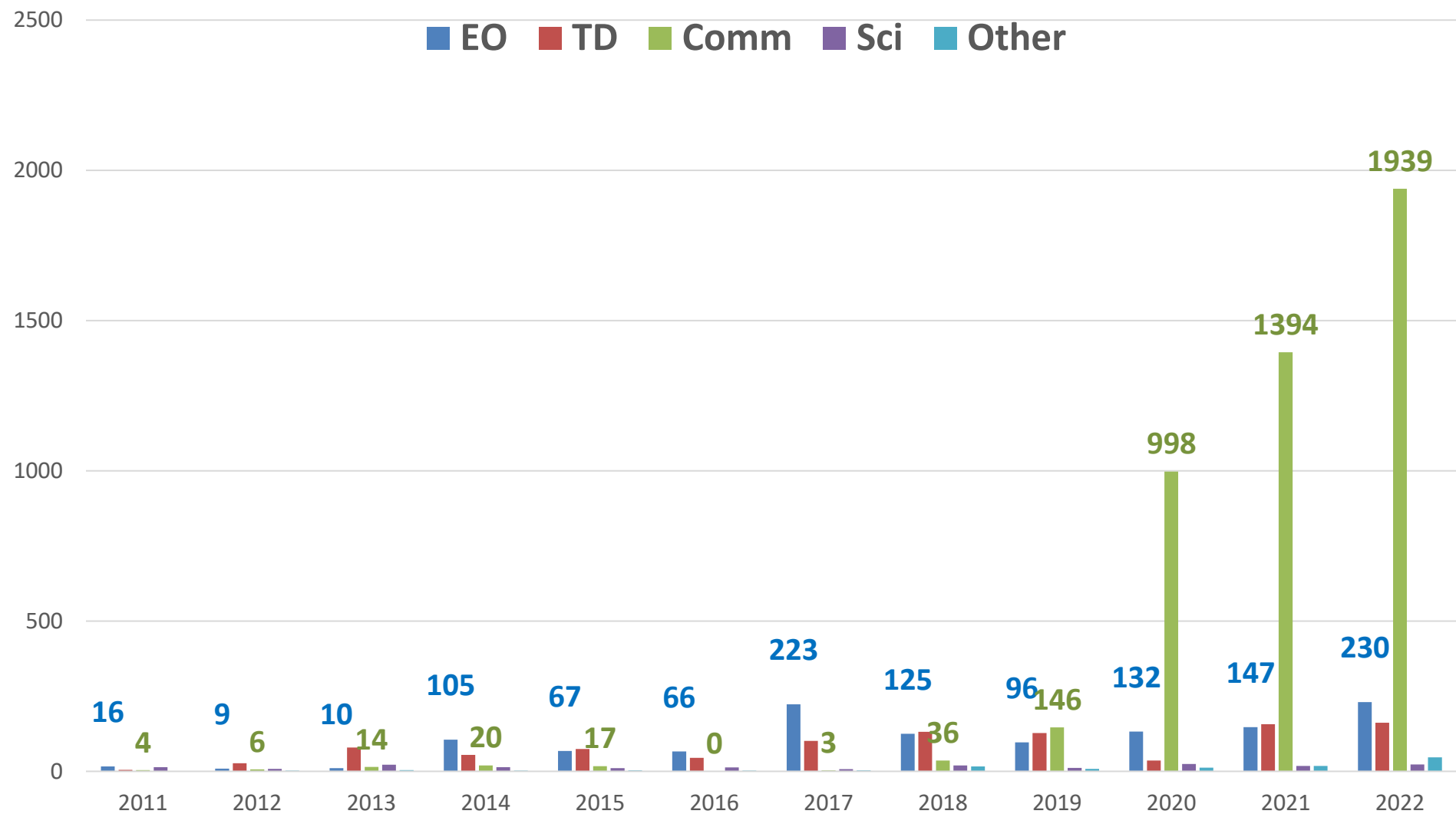
**2935 smallsats  
(245 smallsats /y)**



# 2011 to 2022

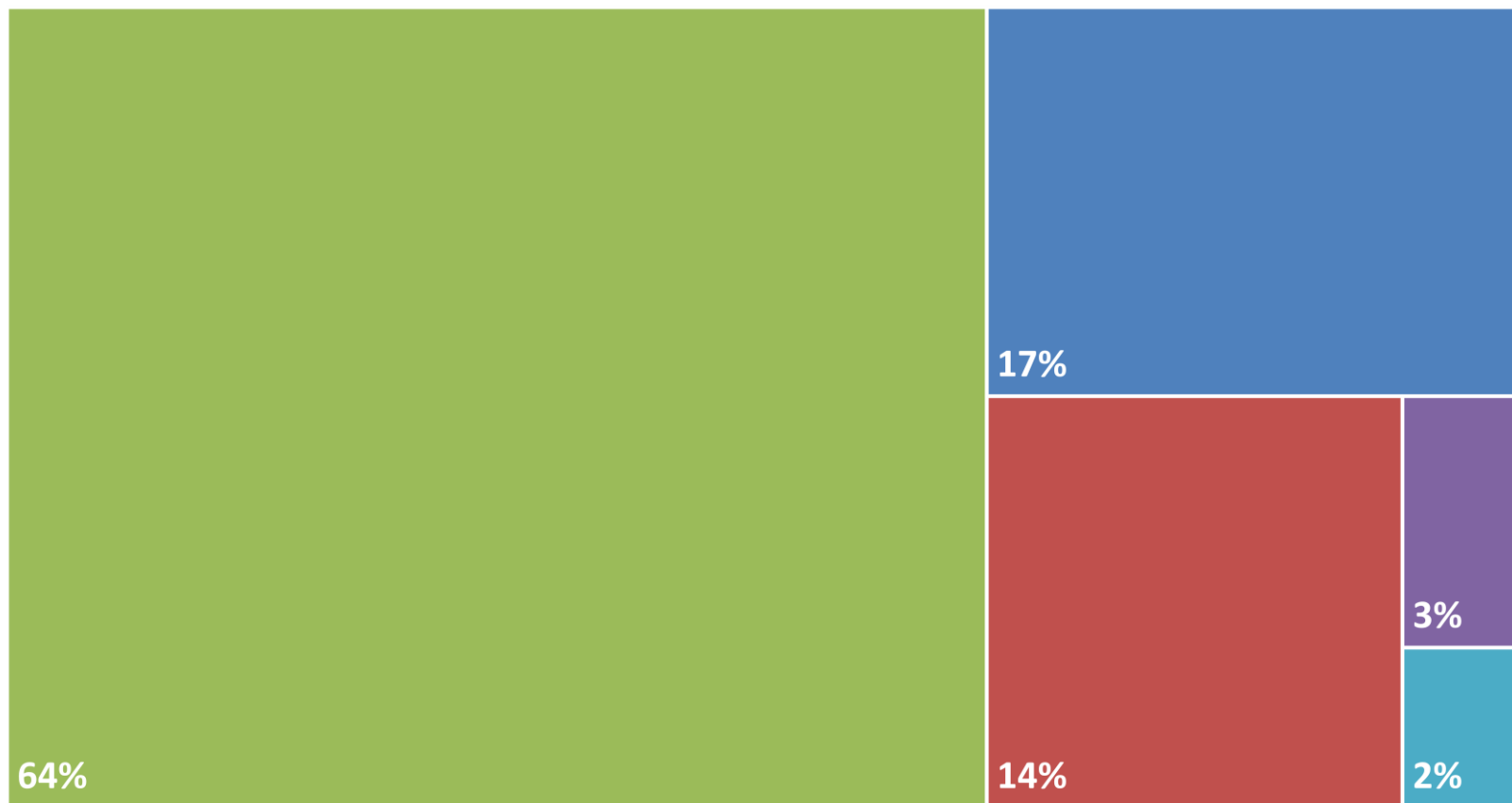


# All smallsats (7105)



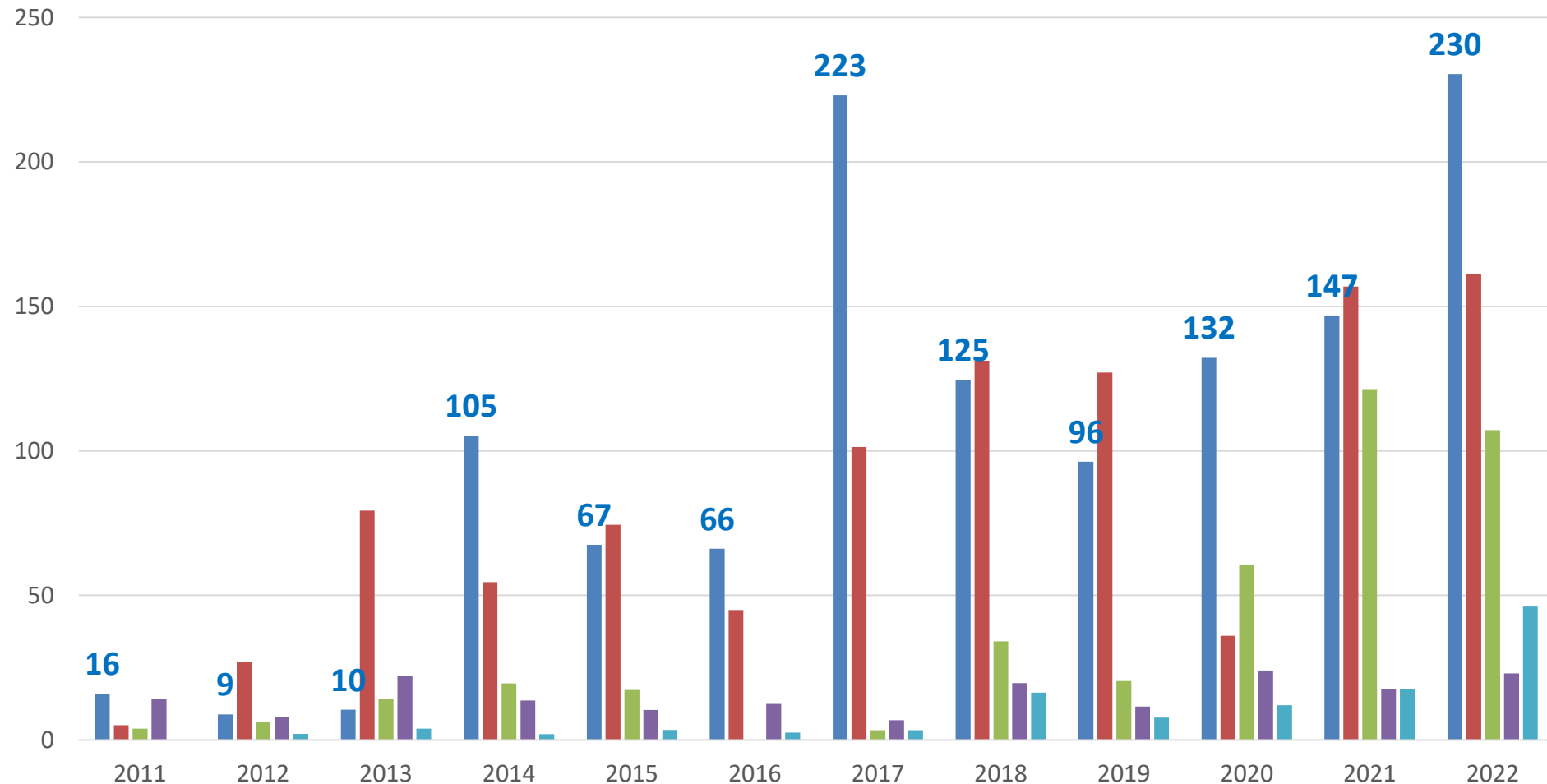
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■ EO ■ TD ■ Comm ■ Sci ■ Other



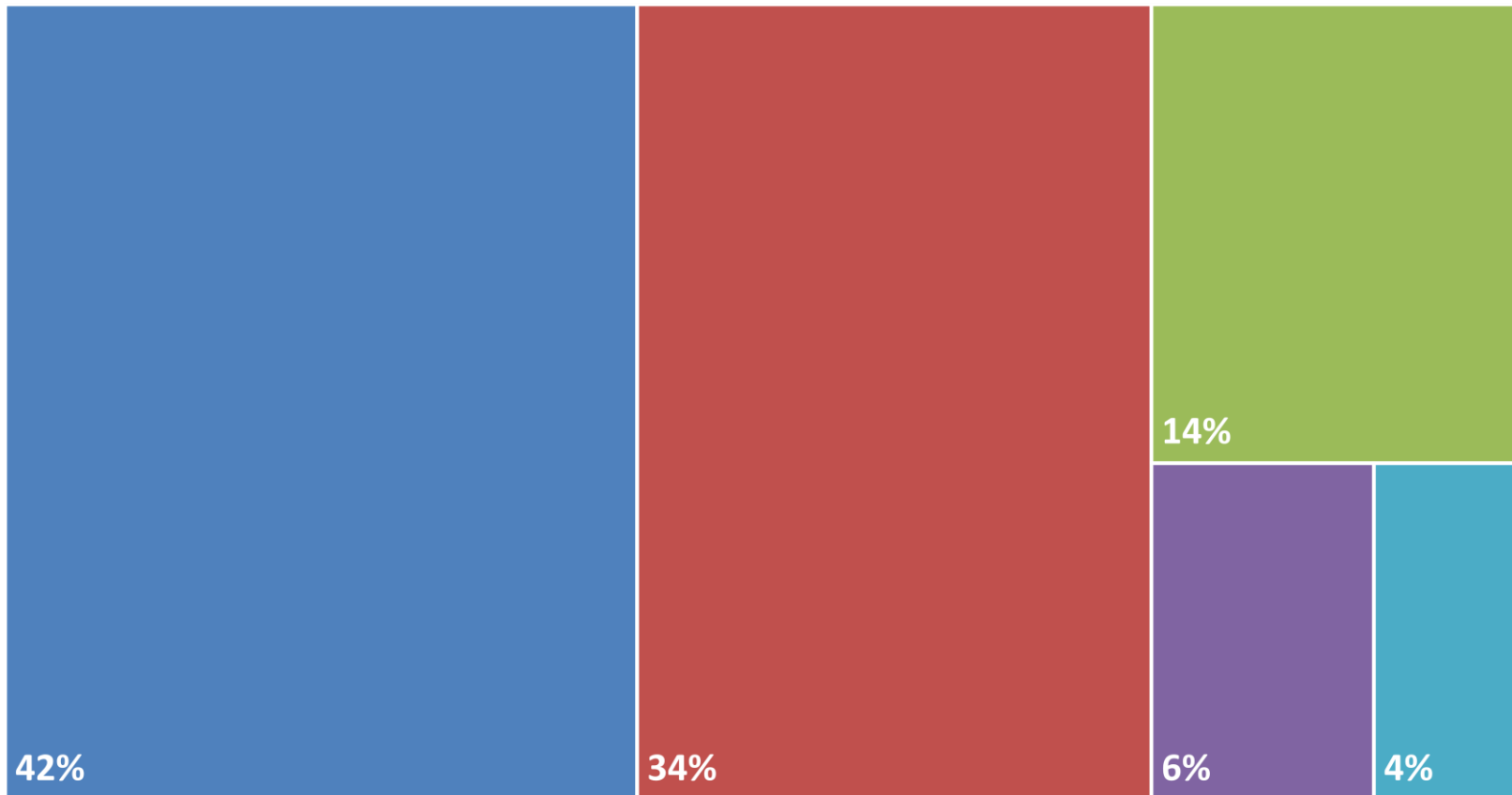
# Without Starlink & OneWeb (2935)

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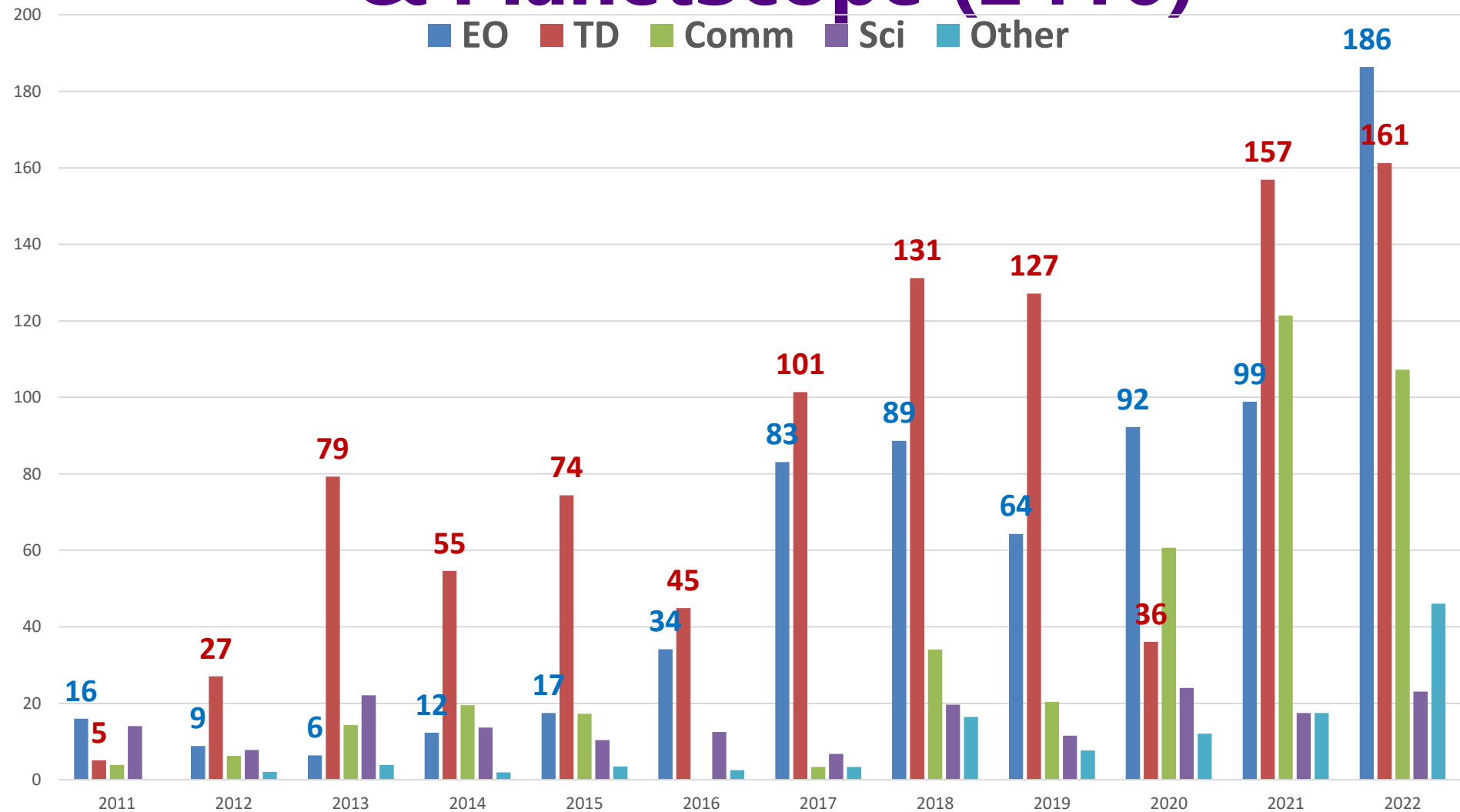
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# Without Starlink, OneWeb & PlanetScope (2416)

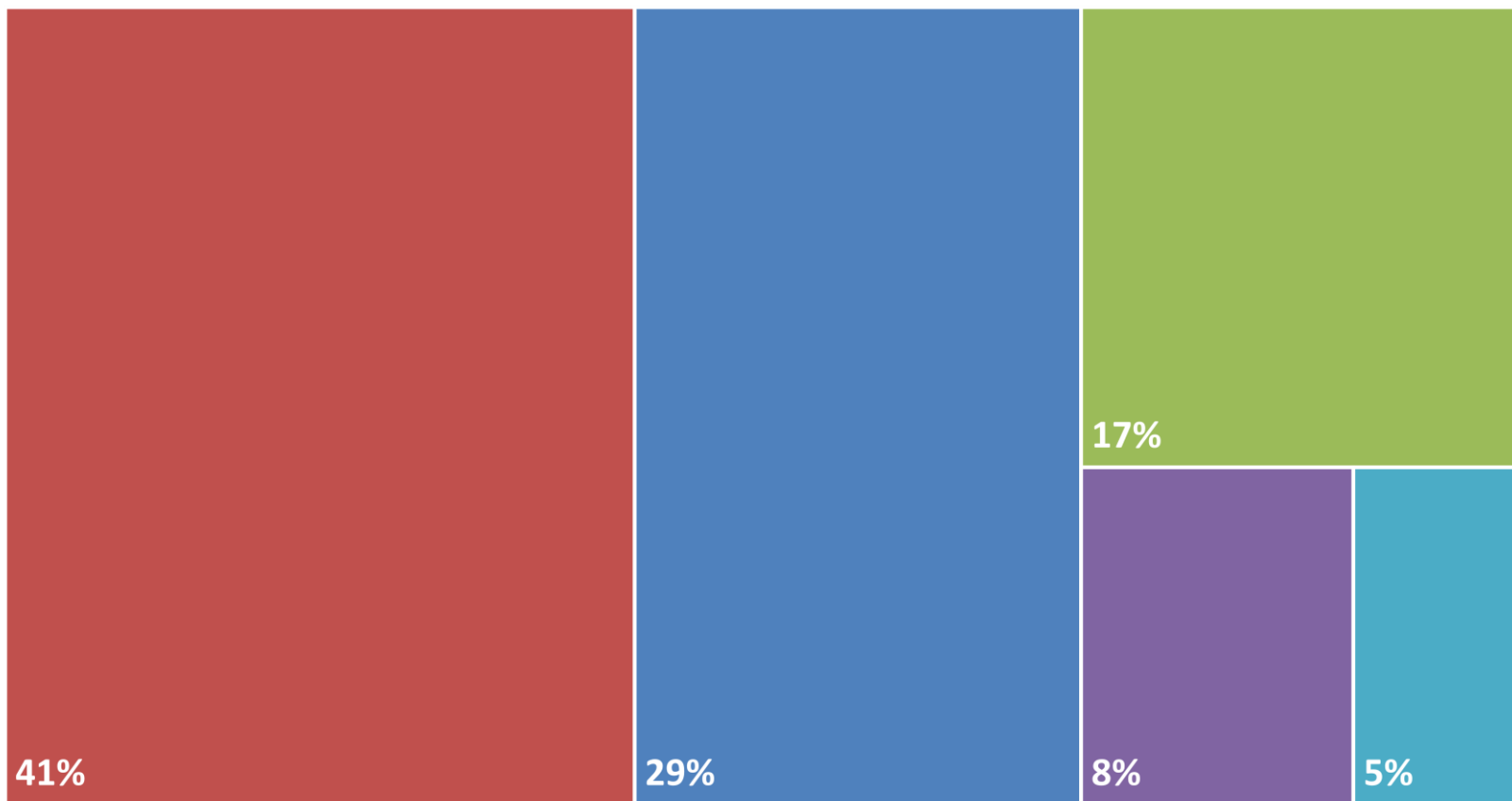
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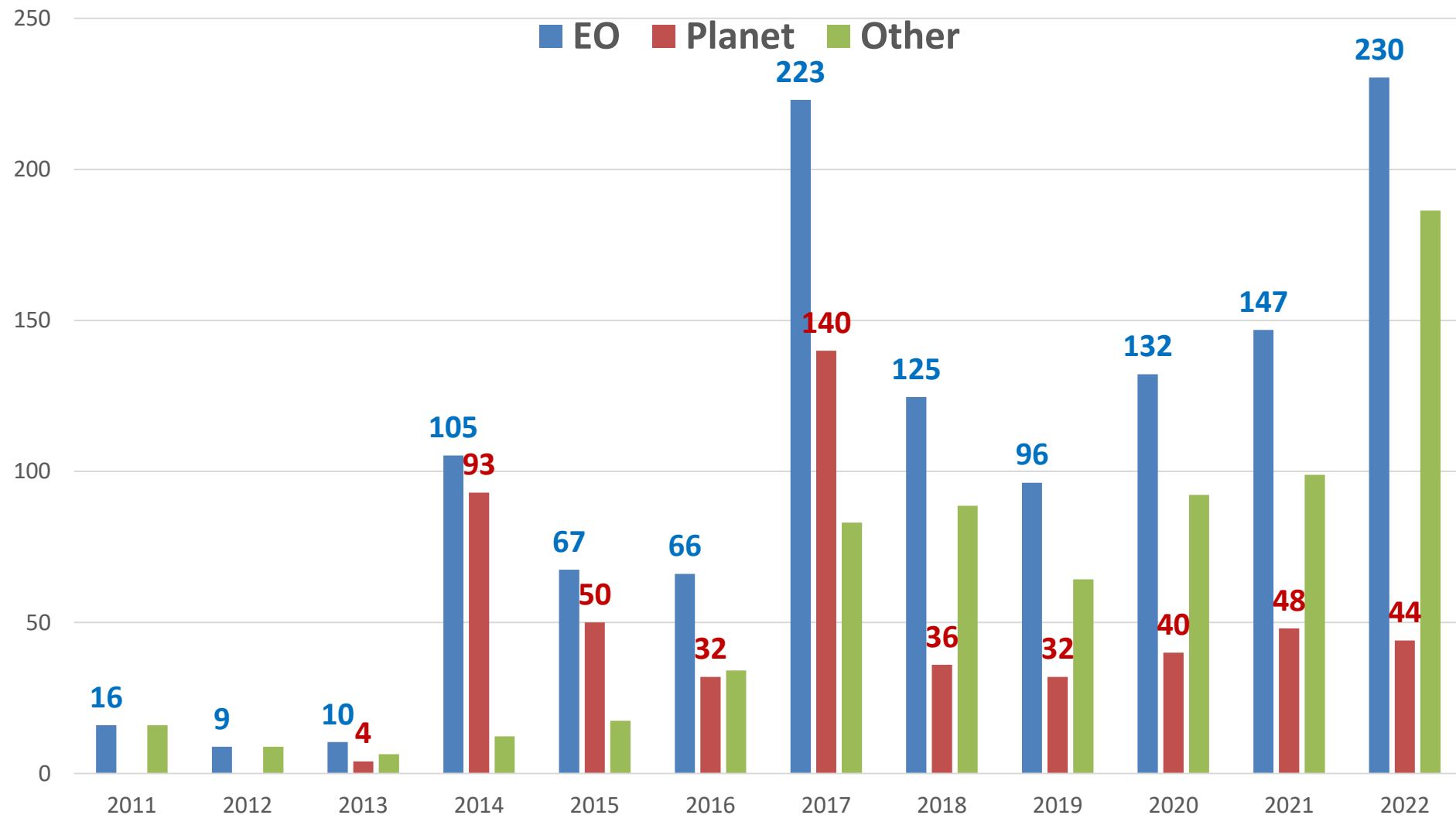


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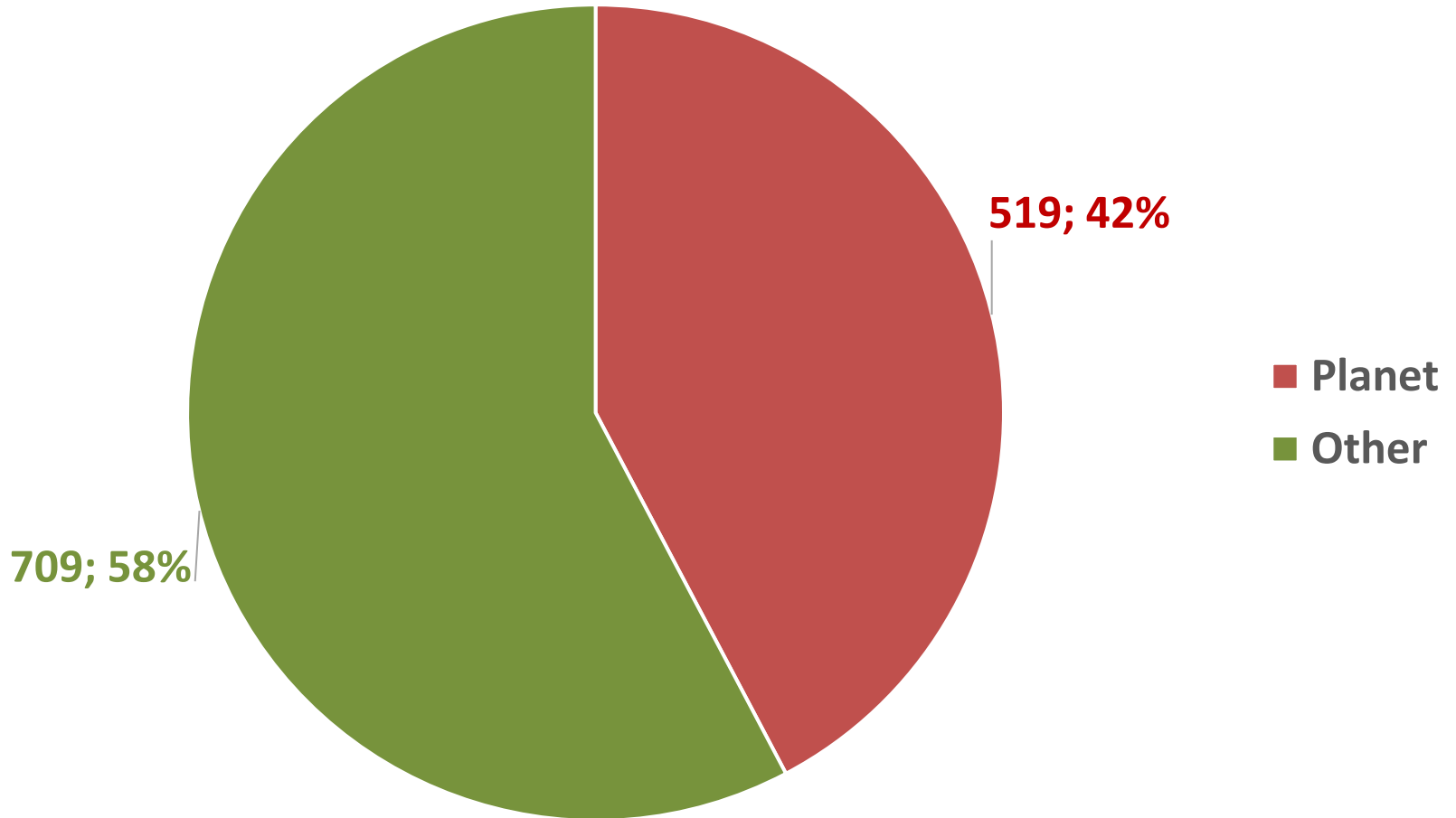
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# Top 10 Satellite Technology Trends in 2024

## 1. Small Satellites

“Equipped with smarter and compact subsystems, small satellites are replacing the need for large satellites and related infrastructure. Small satellites are increasingly positioned in LEO constellations for **earth observation (EO)** and remote sensing to generate superior insights.”

<https://www.startus-insights.com/innovators-guide/satellite-trends-innovation/>

# Top 10 Satellite Technology Trends in 2024

## 5. Artificial Intelligence

“The large volumes of data collected by satellites pose challenges in data handling, analysis, and timely resource management. Machine learning (ML) and AI enable the analysis of satellite data obtained from earth observation (EO).”

SDSat: Software Defined Satellite

# Top 10 Satellite Technology Trends in 2024

## 8. Very High Throughput Satellites (VHTS)

“Demand for satellite-based mobile and broadband communications is surging and GEO satellite network providers respond by increasing their strength and throughput capabilities. This implies that GEO satellites utilize advanced transponders and **software-defined radios** to transmit data at several hundreds of gigabytes or even terabytes per second.”

# The Rise Of Space-To-Ground Optical Comms – Accelerating Adoption Laser communication

“Another advantage of laser communications is the technology’s compatibility with ultra-high-capacity, terrestrial telecom technologies, capable of achieving data rates in the range of several Tbit/s”

<http://www.satmagazine.com/story.php?number=731853527>

Extra: <https://spacenews.com/chinas-changguang-satellite-demonstrates-space-to-ground-laser-links/>

# Terran Orbital-developed PTD-3 enables 200 gigabits per second space-to-ground optical link

*“The completion of the 200 gigabits per second link is both monumental and record-breaking.”*

[https://news.satnews.com/2023/05/14/terran-orbital-developed-ptd-3-enables-200-gigabits-per-second-space-to-ground-optical-link/?mohide=true&mc\\_cid=d0ea85306a&mc\\_eid=2e13f6b229](https://news.satnews.com/2023/05/14/terran-orbital-developed-ptd-3-enables-200-gigabits-per-second-space-to-ground-optical-link/?mohide=true&mc_cid=d0ea85306a&mc_eid=2e13f6b229)



# Hyperspectral Imaging Attracts a Host of Space Startups

“Hyperspectral imaging is still in the stages of demonstration and validation.”

Aravind Ravichandran, a satellite data strategist for TerraWatch Space

<https://interactive.satellitetoday.com/via/june-2023/hyperspectral-imaging-attracts-a-host-of-space-startups/>

# Planet Tanager constellation

## High Precision Hyperspectral Data

400nm (visible) to 2500nm (short wave):  
+400 spectral bands – 5nm

## Planet Pelican constellation – 30cm

“Planet’s next-generation satellite constellation for delivering high-resolution, rapid revisit information anywhere on the globe.”



# New space companies



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