Table 1 – General and Telecommunications Data

Parameter	Unit	Case 1 Earth LEO (Starlink)	Case 2 Moon (Chang'e 4)	Case 3 (Mars Odyssey)	Case 4 Mercury (Bepi C.)	Case 5 Saturn (Cassini)
Total spacecraft power	W	200	500	750	1000	900
Transmitter power (spacecraft)	W	50	200	50	200	100
Transmitter power (ground station)	W	400	400	1000	1000	1000
Loss factor transmitter	-	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Loss factor receiver	-	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Downlink frequency	GHz	2.2 (S-Band)	2.2 (S-Band)	8.4 (X-Band)	8.4 (X-Band)	8.5 (X-Band)
Turn around ratio (uplink/downlink frequency)	1	221/240	221/240	749/880	749/880	749/880
Antenna diameter spacecraft (parabolic antenna)	m	0.2	4.2	2	1	4
Antenna diameter ground station (parabolic antenna)	m	0.5	5	35	35	35
Orbit altitude	km	500	100	400	500	2000
Elongation angle (angle between spacecraft- Sun line and Earth-Sun line)	deg	N/A	N/A	20	10	10
Pointing offset angle (spacecraft)	deg	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.05	0.1
Required uplink data rate	bit/s	108	10^{7}	10^{6}	10 ⁵	10 ⁵
Payload swath width angle	deg	20	45	10	10	20
Payload pixel size	arcmin	0.1	0.1	0.05	0.05	0.2
Payload bits per pixel	-	8	8	8	8	8
Payload duty cycle	-	60%	80%	15%	40%	15%
Payload downlink time	-	3 hr/day*	4 hr/day*	12 hr/day*	18 hr/day*	24 hr/day*
Modulation/coding type	-	uncoded	uncoded	uncoded	uncoded	uncoded
Required BER	-	10 ⁻⁶	10-6	10-6	10-6	10-6

*Note: "day" = "Earth's day" = 24 hours