

# Blink Astro's IoT Products: Bringing Space Home

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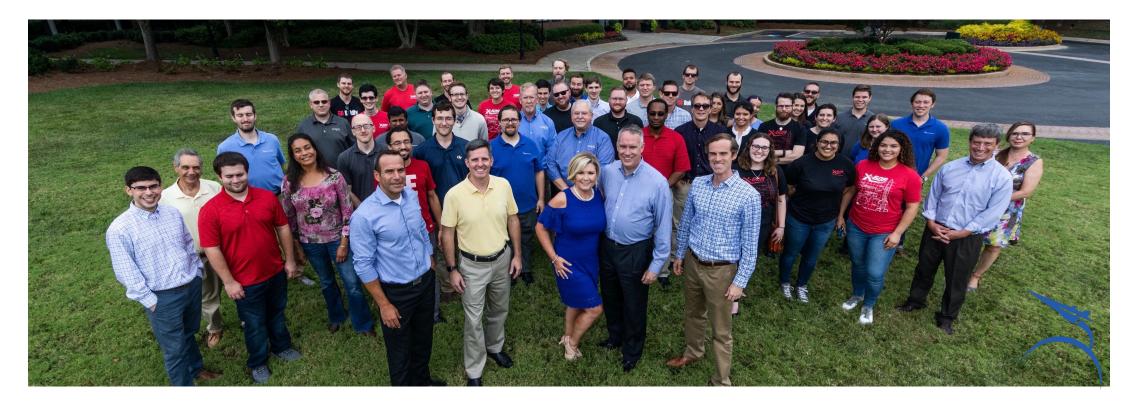
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## Introducing SpaceWorks Enterprises

- SpaceWorks Enterprises is <u>dedicated to advancing the state-of-the-art</u> in the aerospace sector
- For <u>21 years</u>, our Atlanta-based small business team has helped shape new commercial space markets, designed and built complex flight systems, developed cutting-edge software, been a leader in hypersonics, and pioneered revolutionary low-cost space hardware





## **Our Brands and Business Units**

# SpaceWorks



- Aerospace market research, forecasting, and M&A support
- QuickShot and REDTOP commercial aerospace software tools
- FuseBlox modular design & assembly connectors

X-60A/X-60C hypersonic flight test services

Hypersonic flight technologies and mechanisms





- RED-4U/RED-25/RED-50 recoverable space return capsules
  Nova heat shield materials

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RED-Data2 telemetry-based TPS testbeds

Advanced in-space propulsion stages



- BlinkSats for M2M/IoT
- BlinkR family of low power direct-to-space IoT ground transmitters
- DTN-ready space radios/transceivers



## **SpaceWorks' Facilities & Hardware Development Activities**





# **Blink Astro and IoT**

**b** How CubeSats are enabling low-cost global IoT from Low Earth Orbit

# **IoT-Enabled Devices and Applications are Growing Rapidly**

#### **Commercial/Consumer**

#### Industrial

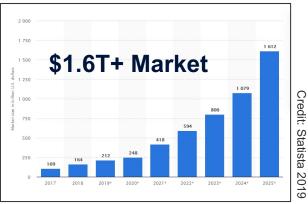


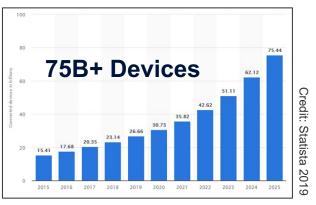
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## **The IoT Market Forecast**

- The global Internet-of-Things (IoT) is a rapidly growing marketplace with billions of emerging devices
- Despite high accessibility to existing terrestrial/cellular networks, only <u>fraction</u> of the Earth's surface is supported for <u>terrestrial</u> connectivity
  - Cellular networks only provide limited coverage for certain IoT market verticals (agriculture, shipping, oil and gas, and transportation), which need to operate in remote areas
- Existing satellite network services are expensive (e.g. Iridium, OrbComm)
- Launch provider costs have dropped significantly and CubeSat technology has rapidly matured
  - CubeSat platforms are suddenly very nicely suited for a <u>disruptive IoT satellite solution</u> due to their low cost and low data rate needs
  - Applications include commercial, civil, and DoD users

### **2025 Forecasts**







SpaceWorks' internal studies in 2014-2015 identified emerging IoT as a significant opportunity for space-based network capabilities. We have received two US Patents on our CubeSat-based IoT approach to date

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- 10,000's of Globally Deployed BlinkR<sup>TM</sup> Transmitters
- 100 CubeSats form a LEO Network (BlinkSats<sup>™</sup>)
- All Devices Support Direct-to-CubeSat Communications
- 1 Single-Provider Integrated Global IoT Network

Using active signal collection rather than imagery (we're ears, not eyes), our patented CubeSat small satellite network will be an affordable global network for satellite-IoT



Small BlinkR<sup>™</sup> transmitters/ground

terminals actively send secure data to

satellites.



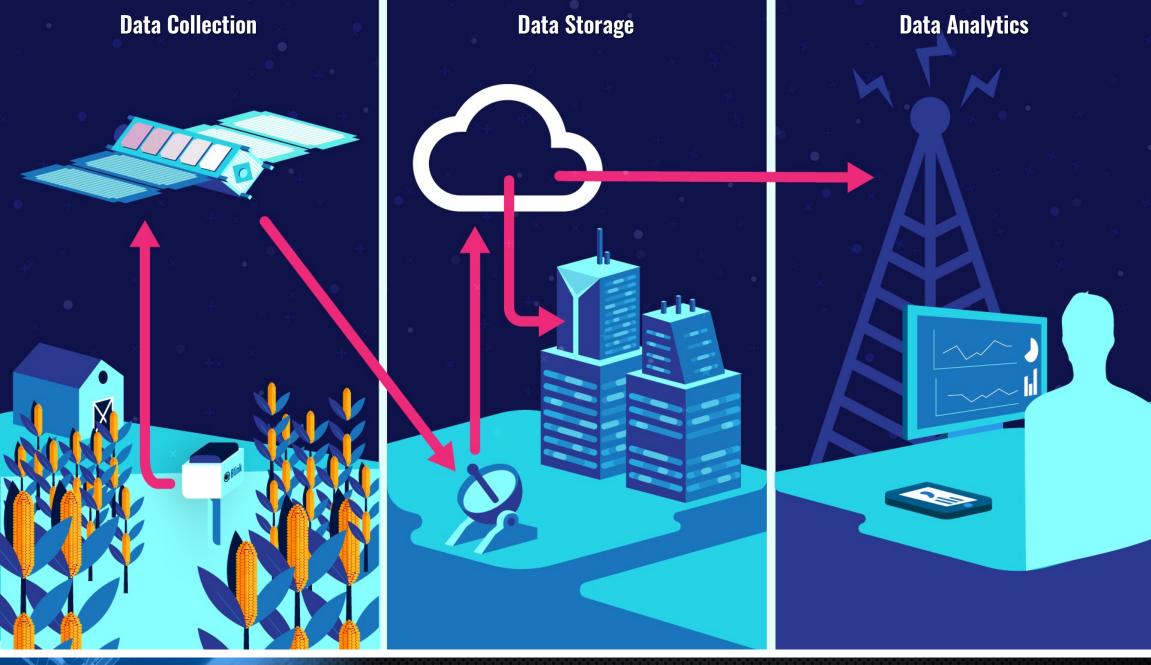
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Blink's network accommodates sensors from many industries

Patent No. US 10,368,251 B1

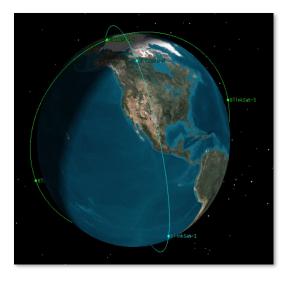


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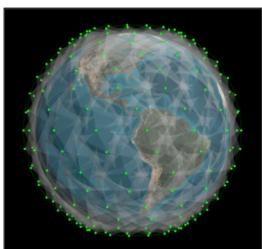


## **Proposed Gen1 and Gen2 Blink Astro LEO Networks**



## Generation 1 BlinkSat<sup>™</sup> Constellation

- 8 Satellites
  - 2 orbital planes, 4 satellites per plane, 700 km altitude
- Four passes per ground target per day (worst case)
  - One pass every 6 hours
  - Over flight of any ground site +/- 90° latitude



## Generation 2 BlinkSat<sup>™</sup> Constellation

- 100+ satellites (depending on altitude)
- Walker style LEO constellation (similar planes)
- Continuous global coverage
- Can be deployed incrementally to achieve final coverage goal



# How are We Doing?

Progress and Accomplishments to Date

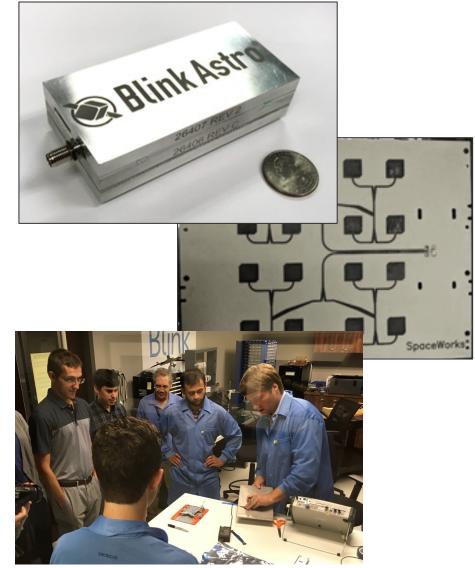




# Blink Technology Demo 1 (BTD-1)

## BTD-1 | Mission and Hardware Development Timeline

- SpaceWorks developed a customized radio receiver system for an orbital flight test (designated the BTD-1 / Blink Technology Demonstration 1)
- Flight hardware was shipped 125 days after project initiation
- BTD-1 demonstrated key Blink network technologies:
  - Low noise, high performance IoT receiver
  - Tunable from 1 GHz to 6 GHZ
  - Many-to-1, multiple access technologies
  - Doppler compensation
  - Flexible data rate, modulation, and encoding

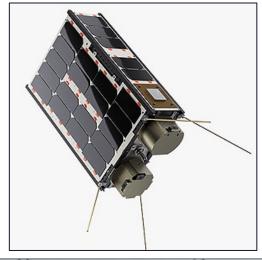




# Our Ride | M6P Hosted Payload Opportunity

- NanoAvionics Multipurpose Platform Spacecraft Bus
  - Nanosatellite bus manufacturer based in Lithuania
- 6U CubeSat Form Factor (aka M6P)
  - Empty Bus Mass: 4,570 g
  - Max Payload Mass: 7,500 g
  - Payload Volume: up to 4U
  - CAN/UART Data Interfaces
- Launched on a PSLV (India) in March 2019
- Downlink services provided by NanoAvionics
- Provided 3 4 uplink contacts with each of our BlinkR test devices per week
  - 5 test BlinkR locations positioned across CONUS

### NanoAvionics M6P Spacecraft







## **BTD-1** | Key Mission Accomplishments

- Designed and qualified a radio payload optimized for IoT Application
- Designed and tested prototype ground transmitter for technology demonstrator
- Successfully transmitted and received messages from ground transmitters by the hosted radio payload
- Characterized link performance capability during demonstration
- Successfully demonstrated signal reception by hosted radio payload from multiple sites across the United States as well as simultaneous access of multiple ground transmitters in a single location





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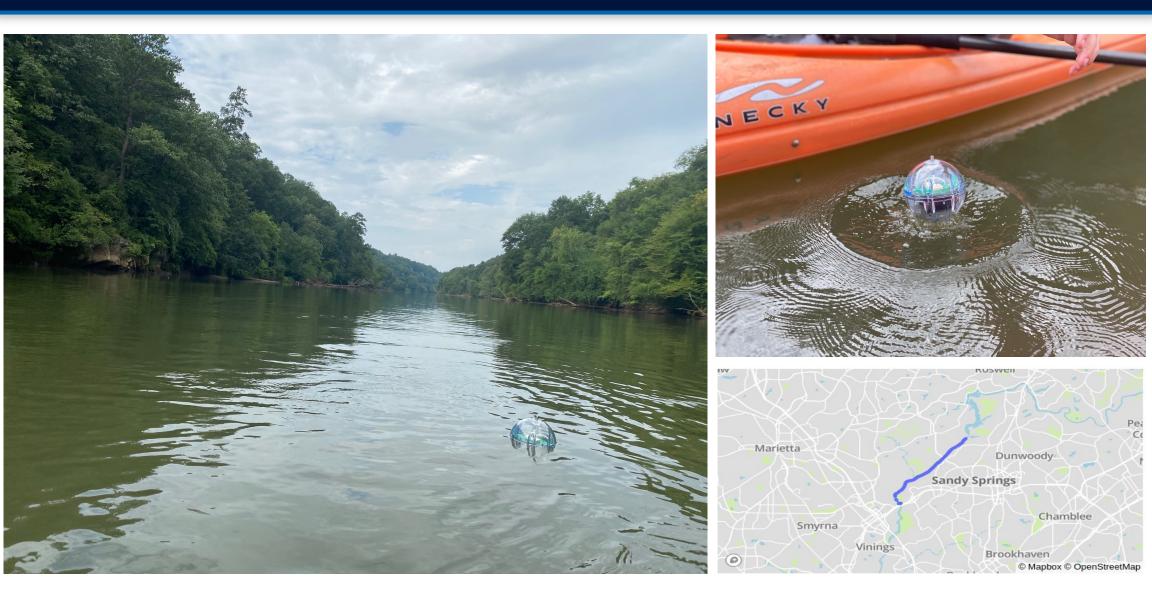
Verified key technical aspects of our Space-Based IoT solution *and* showed team's ability to rapidly develop novel, low-cost space hardware



# **Real-world Blink**R<sup>™</sup> **Application Examples**

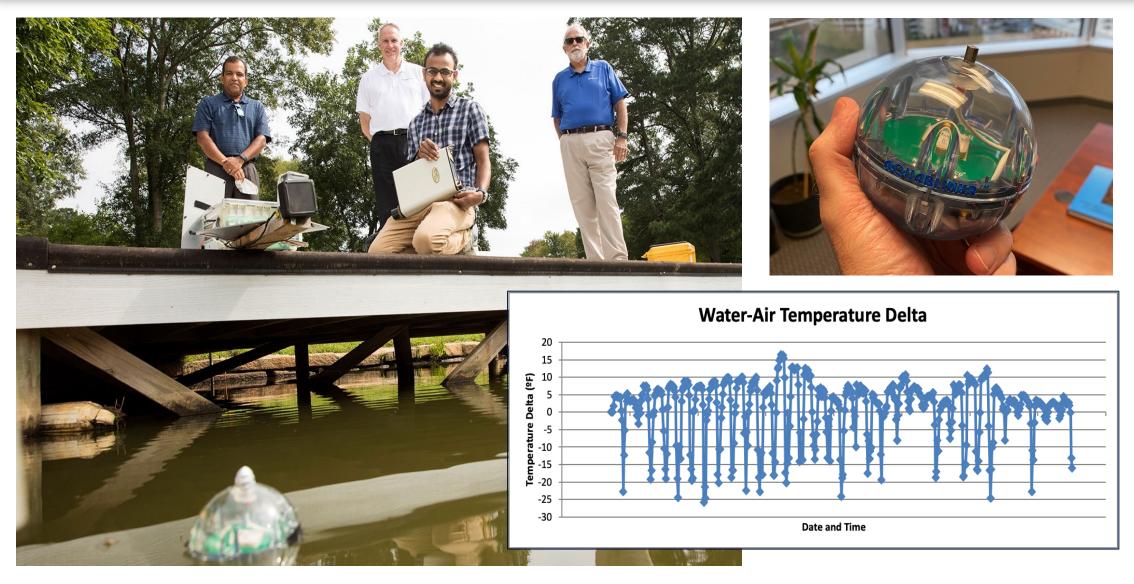
- AquaBlinkR Chattahoochee River Flow Monitoring
- AquaBlinkR Lake Oglethorpe Cyano-algae Bloom Monitoring
- AgriBlinkR South Georgia Row Crop Soil Moisture Management

## AquaBlinkR Chattahoochee River Application Demonstration





## AquaBlinkR Lake Oglethorpe Application Demonstration





## **AgriBlinkR Cordelle GA Row Crop Application Demonstration**



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## Summary

Space technology really does benefit all of us at home on Earth in tangible ways!

### At 5% of the total IoT market, space-based IoT will be a \$80B market by 2025

- Global coverage leads to competitive advantages for unique markets
- Service price and indoor locations (building shielding) remain barriers to larger adoption
- The SpaceWorks team is working steadily to advance our Blink Astro technologies to flight!
  - BlinkR field tests and market demonstrations are being conducted
  - Two US Patents issued to date on our overall architecture
  - Space-segment technologies have been demonstrated with more demos on the way
  - Our first two markets (waterways and agriculture) are just the tip of the iceberg. There are additional BlinkR devices currently in development for even more IoT applications



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## **SpaceWorks' Hardware Accomplishments**

