Iridium, IOT and Converged Communications

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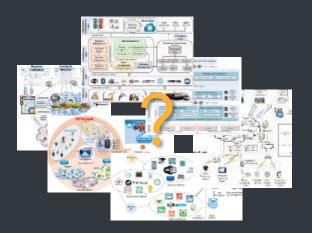
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What is the Internet of Things (IoT)?





The Simple Answer

- Internet of Things is about connecting devices and machines to other devices and machines, or to people
- The goal is to enable organizations to be more effective, productive, profitable or provide better service
- Things can be:
 - Moving or in one place
 - Located anywhere in the world
 - Disadvantaged (connectivity, power, environment)
 - Highly cost sensitive
 - Mission critical
- Satellite is often the best and sometimes the only way to connect the Internet of Things





Some Iridium History

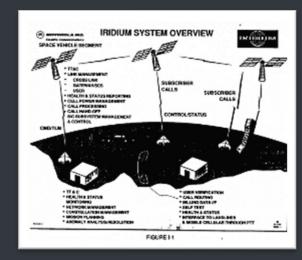
1987 - 1998

AN AMAZING DECADE

- Over \$6 billion spent!
- 13 International Partners
- Over 95 satellites built (a first in the industry!)
- IPO on NYSE before service ever began
- 19 launches across
 3 countries in 1 year!

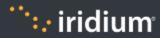














The Iridium Network

66 Active Satellites

- 6 orbital planes with 11 satellites each
- Plus 9 in-orbit spares
- Plus 6 ground spares (launching 5 in 2023)

Low-Earth Orbit (LEO)

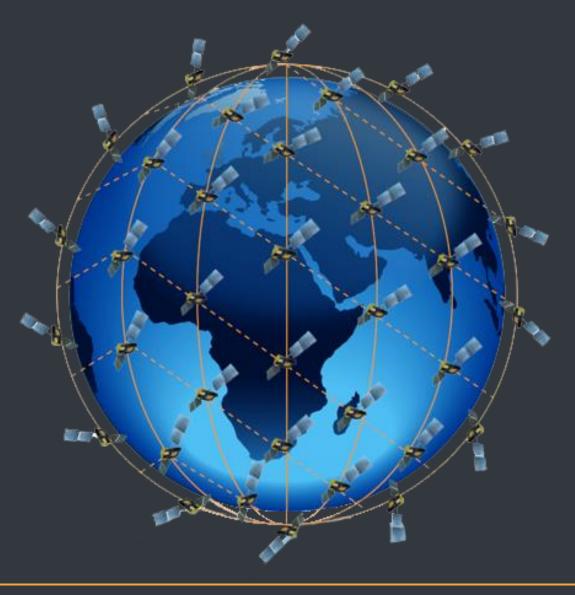
- Access anywhere / Real Time
- 100 minutes to circle the Earth

L-band Access

Allows for transmissions even in adverse weather conditions

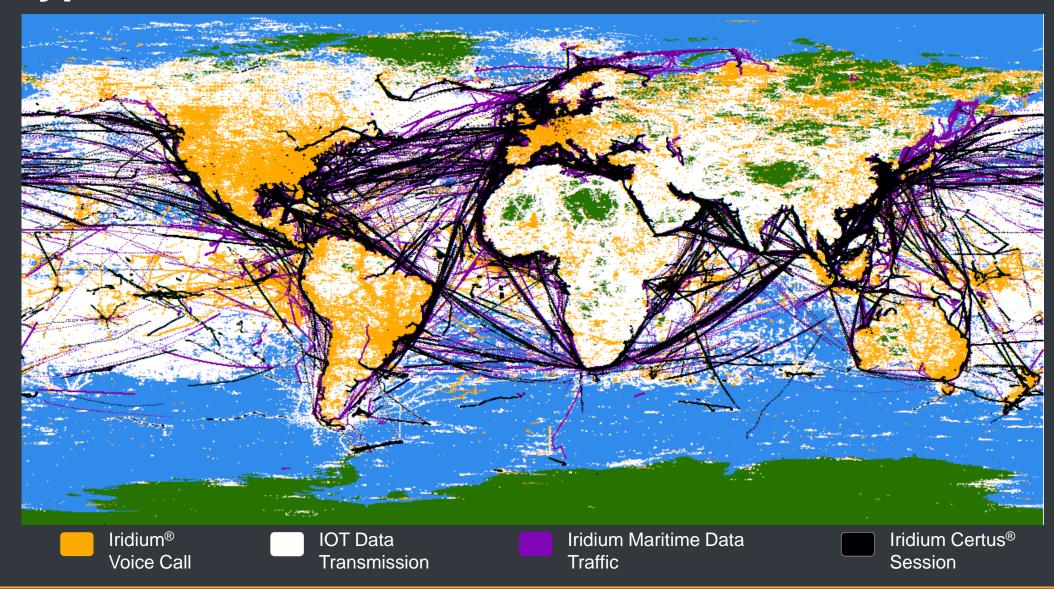
Satellite Crosslinks

Creates low-latency, resilient, high-quality connections





A Typical Week







Satellite Orbits

COMPARING ORBITS

Table of main characteristics

	GEO (36,000km)	MEO (5,000-20,000km)	LEO (500-1,200km)
Altitude latency ¹	High	Low	Very low
Earth coverage	Very large	Large	Small
Satellites required	Three	Six	Hundreds
Data gateways	Faw fixed	Regional flexible	Local numerous
Antenna speed	Stationary	1-hour slow tracking	10-minute fast tracking
Advantages	High throughput (HTS) technologies enable basic broadband internet applications	Proven low latency comparable to terrestrial networks, offers fibre-equivalent performance	Claims support for high-frequency trading, virtual gaming, and high-performance computing applications
	Fewer satellites over very large fixed geographical areas	Simple equatorial orbit covers 96% of global population	Smaller, lower power satellites batch-launched more cheaply than GEO
Disadvantages	High altitude and distant ground networking impacts latency-sensitive applications	Dual tracking antennas required to maintain continuous connectivity	Very complex tracking and ground network, plus complete constellation must be in place before service starts
	Signal power losses require larger satellites and antennas	Inclined plane orbits needed to cover high latitudes	Unproven business model, risky technology, and space debris risk





Global LEO can be ideal for IoT

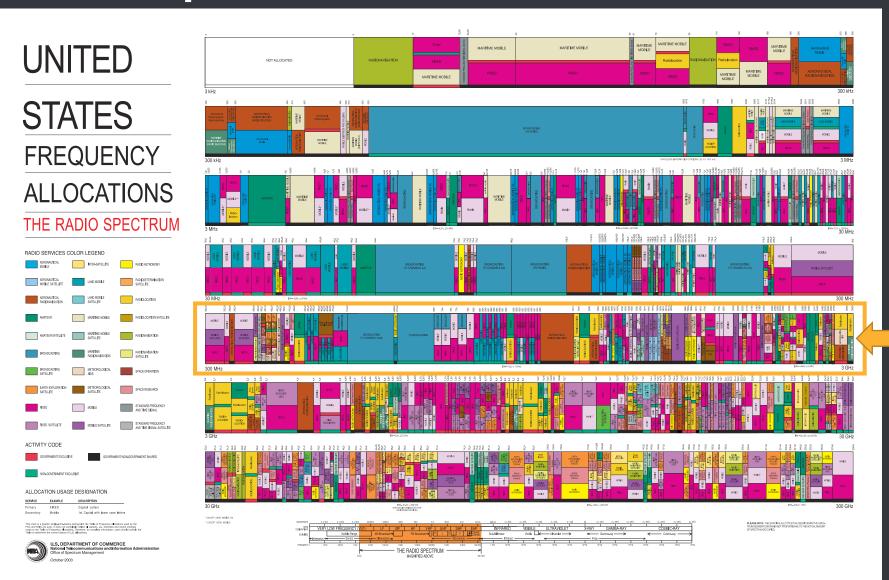
- Mobile
- Low power / battery
- Low latency
- Very reliable
- Small antenna
- Two-way
- Highly scalable
- Low cost

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Satellite Spectrum



Terrestrial Options

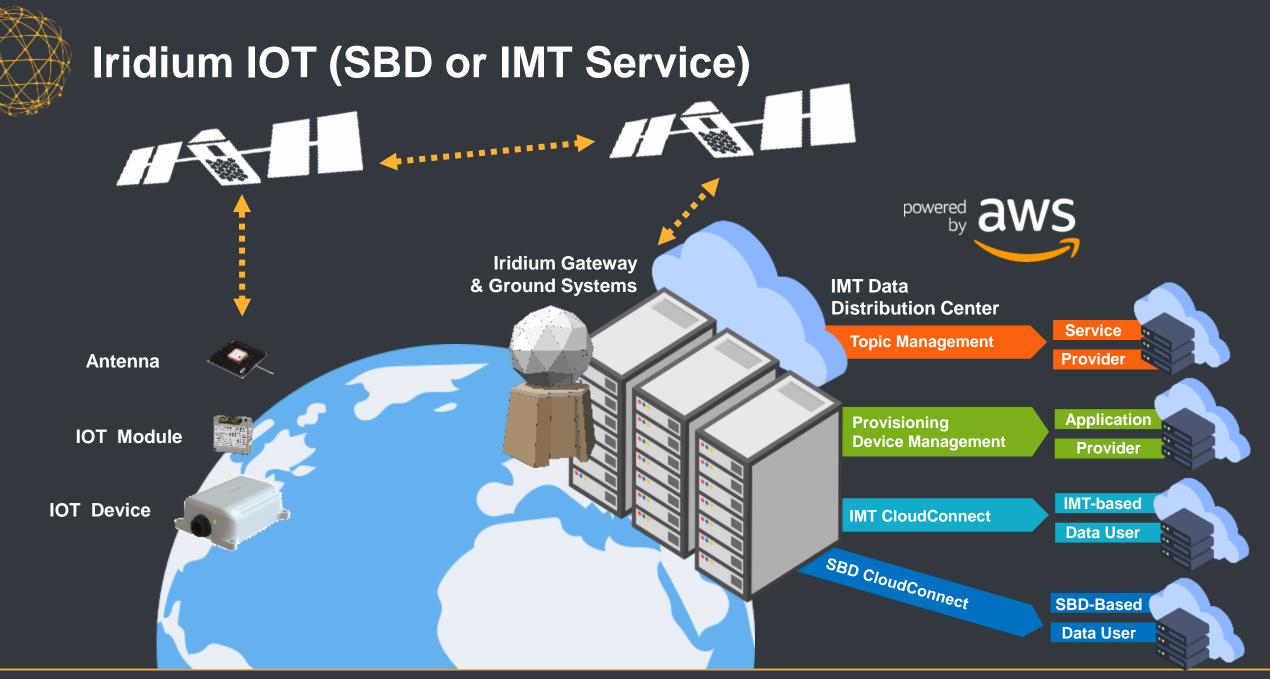
- Cellular (telematics)
- Unlicensed (utilities)

Typical Satellite IoT Bands

- UHF (300-1000 MHz)
- L-band (1-2 GHz)
- S-band (2-3 GHz)

Iridium global L-band (1610 MHz)









IoT Service Classes / Devices

SERVICE CLASS CORE TECHNOLOGY ENABLED DEVICES SERVICES Iridium Voice Communications Short Burst Data® (SBD®) **Narrowband** Circuit-Switched Data (2.4 Kbps) (Up to 2.4 Kbps) **Iridium Certus**® High Quality Voice IP Data (up to 88 Kbps) Midband Iridium Messaging Transport SM (Up to 88 Kbps)

Iridium Certus®

Broadband
(Up to 704 Kbps)



- IP Data up to 704 Kbps
- High Quality Voice
- Secondary Data Flows
- Safety Services







Enterprise and Government IoT



Remote Monitoring



Asset Tracking



Worker Safety



Cockpit Communication



Global GPS Tracking



Flight Safety Services



Asset Tracking



Vessel Monitoring



Tracking Buoys



Fishing Vessel Compliance



Sail Drones



Oceanographic / Research



LRIT Compliance Personnel Tracking



Precision Farming



Pump Monitoring



Equipment Telematics



Vehicle Security



Logistics Tracking



Worker Safety



Secure Communications



Compressor Monitoring



Flow Monitoring



Asset Tracking



Cathodic Protection



Turbine Monitoring



Vaccine Delivery



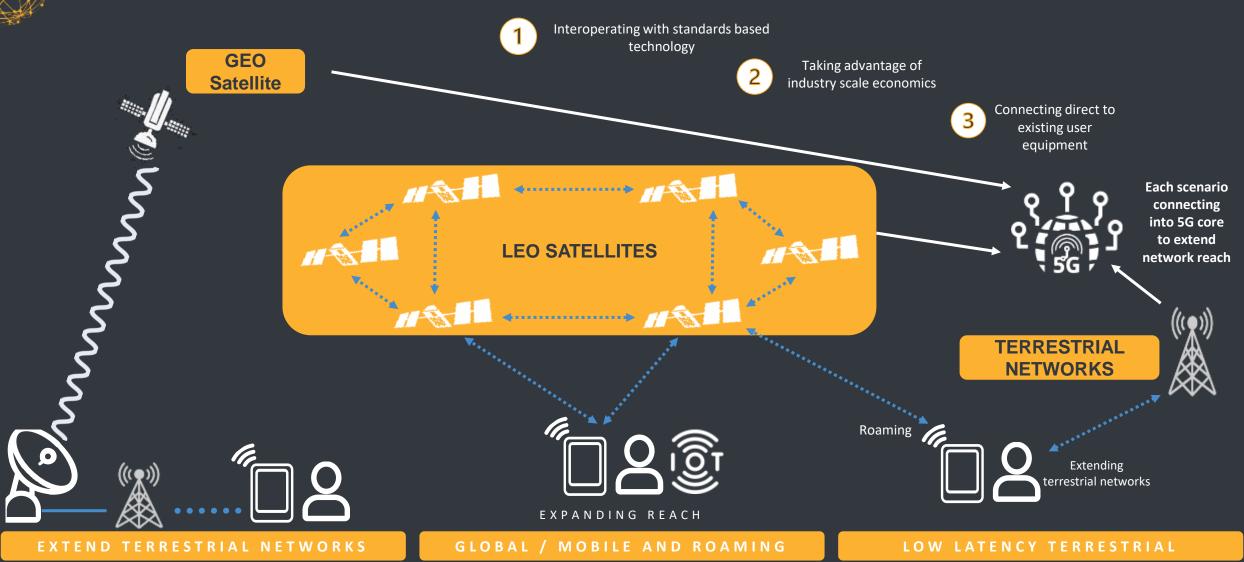
Positive Train Control







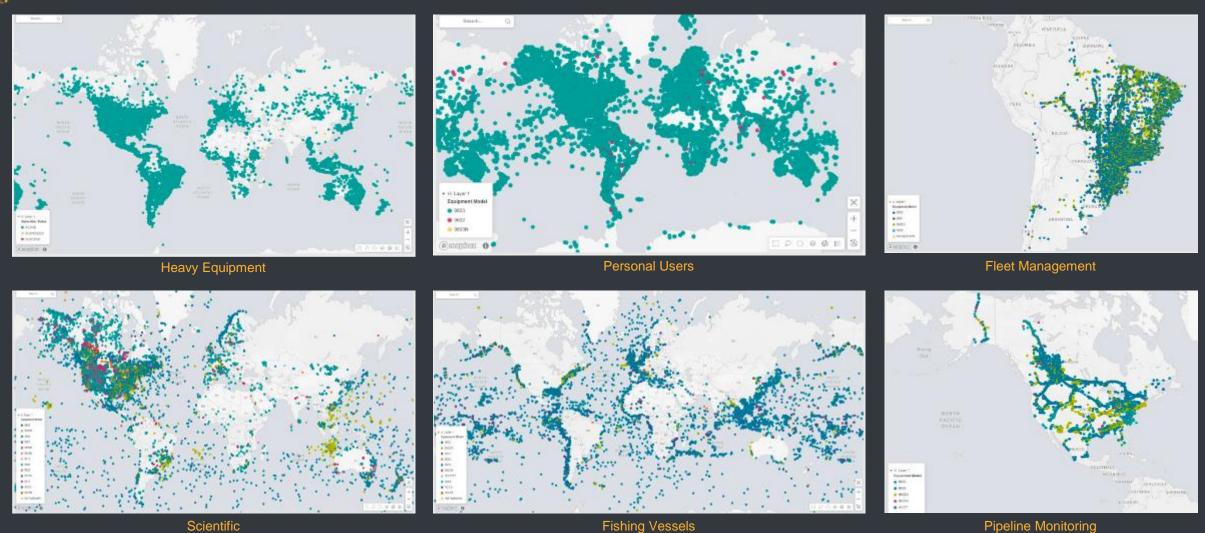
Iridium – coming to a Smartphone / IOT device soon







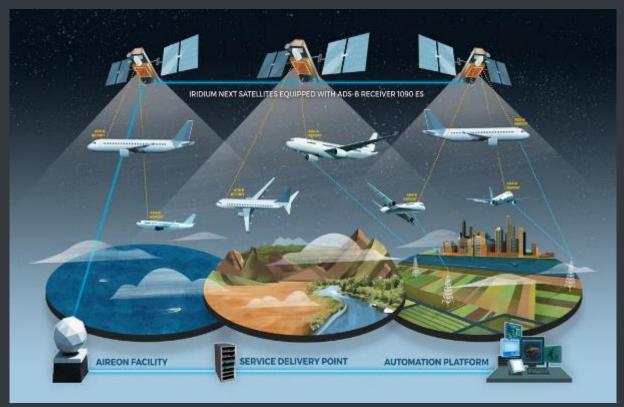
IoT is Everywhere







Aireon – Aviation IoT









Summing It Up

- There are hundreds of IoT use cases
 - Logistics, safety, research, navigation, monitoring, manufacturing, farming, energy extraction, fishing, tracking, defense, etc.
- The challenge is the right connectivity
 - Availability, cost, reliability, coverage, latency, ease of deployment, size/weight/power, support
- Terrestrial connectivity first choice option
 - When available and reliable although cellular covers only ~ 30% of landmass reliably
- L-band connectivity from LEO satellites is ideal for many applications
 - Consistently reliable service and wide geographic reach
- Convergence is happening now
 - Available today but at higher cost (multiple devices) in future lower cost convergence will accelerate with adoption of more standards-based technology
- More IoT use cases will be enabled with technology at the edge
 - Compute, memory, cameras, video engines, sensors, controls, automation, analytics, Al



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