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# Enabling Space 2.0

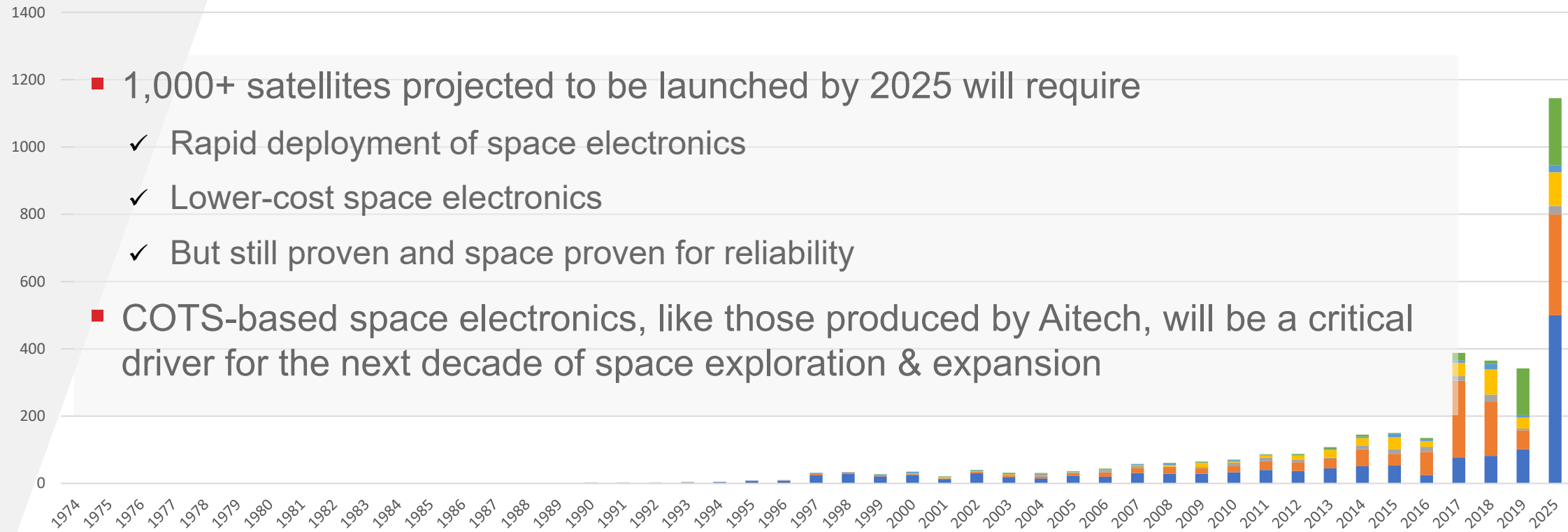
Driving Affordability & Reliability in Space  
with Mil-Aero COTS

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## The Next 10 Years

# Will Not Look Like the Last 10 Years...



Source: MIT Technology Review

# ...Space 2.0 is Today



Space Electronics Driving Space 2.0

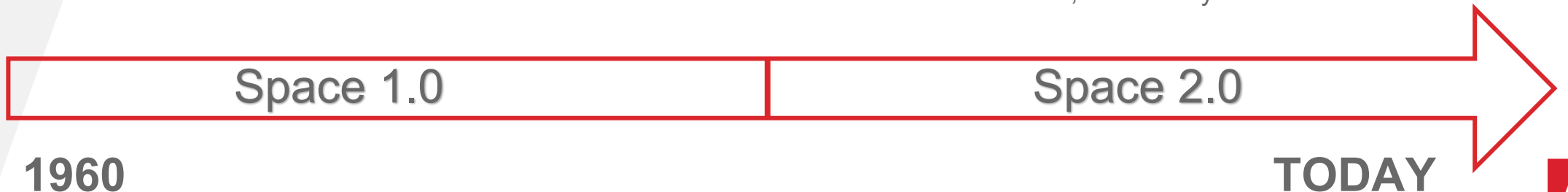
# Lower Cost, Continued Reliability, New Capabilities

## Specialization Model – Each challenge overcome by specialized effort and development

- Market driven by government end-user and very few Prime contractors
- Launch cost about **\$450M**
- Low volume driven by few large satellites
  - Each project is **NRE** focused
  - Once built, project was done; little recurring business
  - Pedigree and unique specialized skills won business

## Rejection of Specialization Model

- Building new space infrastructure based on new technology; not based on past work
- Launch cost about **\$60M**
  - Project is more **COTS** and production focused
  - Design once and build repeatedly
  - Cost & schedule wins business; more in common with **mil-aero business** and not Space 1.0 business
  - Large constellation opportunities
  - Less NRE, thus ability to scale business



Challenges Being Solved with

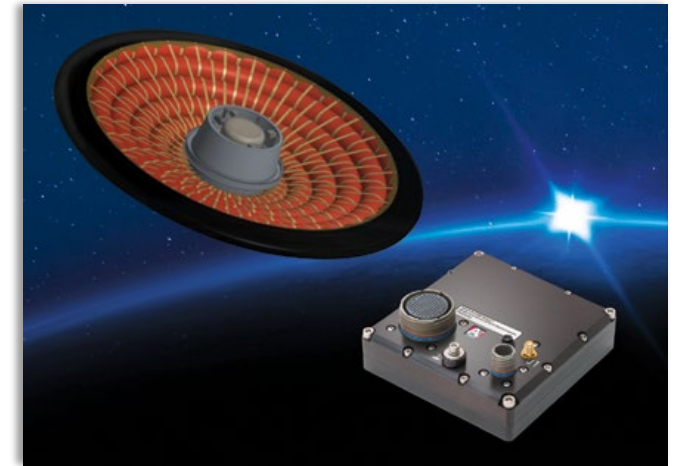
# Next-gen Space Electronics

- Common COTS/MOTS infrastructure:  
Deliver timely and cost-effective solutions
- Improved Connectivity:  
Creating a software-defined satellite infrastructure
- Reliable, Integrated Computing:  
High performance edge computing
- AI/ML Implementations:  
Advanced multi-processor architecture
- Digital Backbone:  
Unified, flexible, scalable communication infrastructure for the increasing number of IoT technologies being implemented into space missions



# Current & Future Missions Developments

- NASA LOFTID
  - First deployment of space AI GPGPU supercomputer for short-term space missions (S-A1760 Venus™)
  - Validated new cost-efficient Series 300 offering for NEO/LEO
  
- Artemis I (Orion & Callisto)
  - Setting the stage for the return of manned missions to the moon
  - Provided critical communication infrastructure and HMI processing capabilities on recent uncrewed test flight
  - Aitech technology powered mission





## Current & Future Missions Developments (con't)

- Virgin Galactic

- Strengthening space tourism as a growing, obtainable industry
- Provided rocket motor controller (RMC) for VSS (Virgin Space Ship) Unity



- NASA HALO

- Lunar gateway serving as hub for further, long-term missions to deeper space regions
- Space-qualified, flight-proven SP0-S Series 500 uses both NASA Level 1 and Level 2 EEE-INST-002 components to meet program's reliability requirements, while keeping program costs to a minimum



Mil-Aero to Space

# Lower Risk, Lower Cost, Rapid Deployment and New Capabilities for Space 2.0



## A176

Proven mil-aero GPGPU enabled system, UAV, ground vehicles, etc.



- **Lower Risk** – Proven design!
- **Lower Cost** – Built on volume
- **Rapid Deployment** – COTS system
- **Capabilities** – Edge processing, artificial intelligence in space!



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## S-A1760

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Ground Vehicles, etc.

Transition to Space

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- **Lower Cost** – Built on volume
- **Rapid Deployment** – COTS system
- **Capabilities** – Network connectivity in space, connected devices, connected experiments

No Loss of Functionality

- 12x 10/100/1000 Base-T Ports
- Full Wire-speed Non-blocking Forwarding
- Access Control List (ACL) support
- QoS Packet Scheduling
- Port Mirroring
- Jumbo Frame Support (10 kB)
- Fast Boot



**S-A6640**  
Ethernet Switch for  
Space Payloads,  
Satellites, etc.



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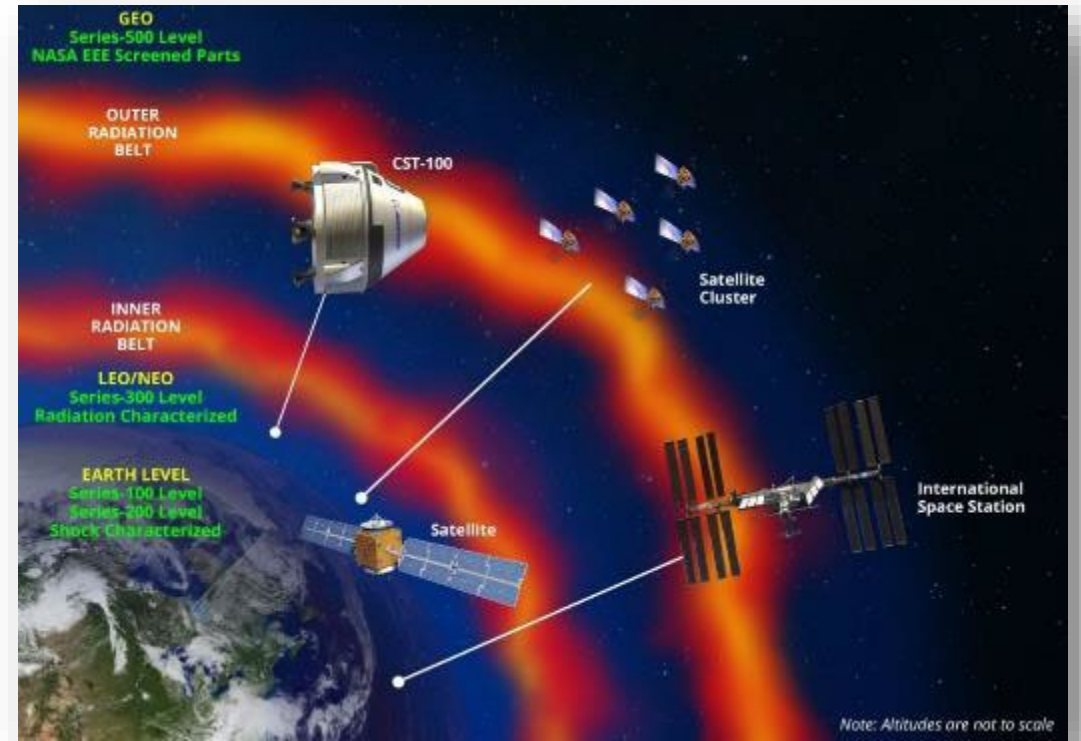
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