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11 November 2021. A bpv Huegel team led by Elke Napokoj has advised Microsoft Venture Fund M12 and Point 72 Ventures on their \$20M funding in Blackshark.ai. Microsoft Venture Fund M12 led the Series A funding round. Google Earth co-founder Brian McClendon, former Airbus Defense and Space CEO Dirk Hoke and CEO of Applied Intuition Qasar Younis join as advisors to the board of Blackshark.ai.

For further information please see: <https://techcrunch.com/2021/11/10/blackshark-ai-digital-twin-of-earth-microsoft-funding/>

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