



USE OF SMALL TELESCOPES IN THE GIANT ERA II



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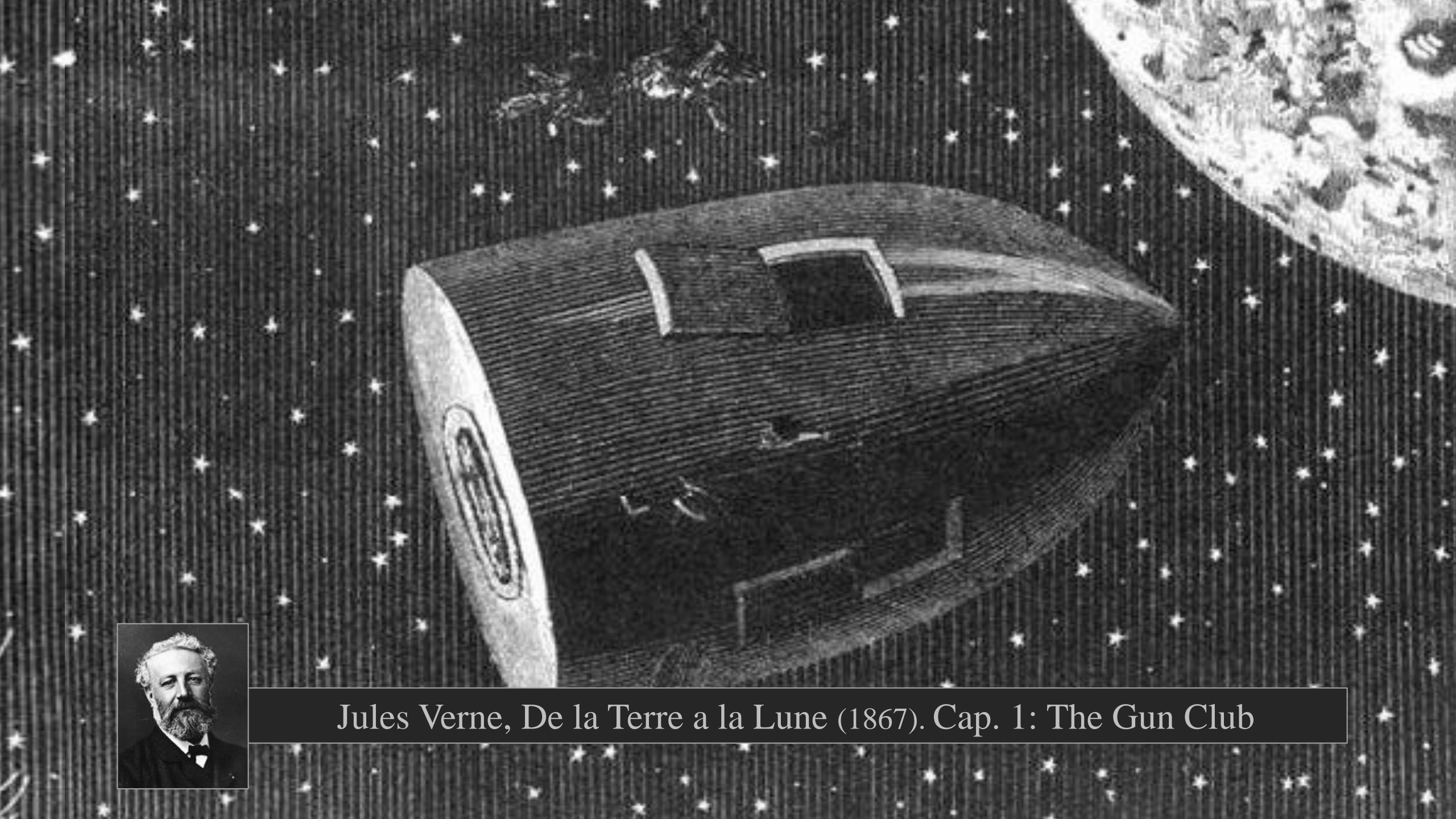
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an opportunity for small telescopes

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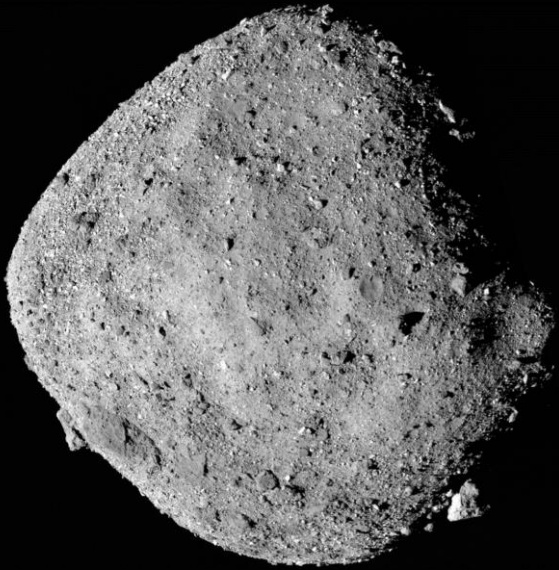
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Jules Verne, *De la Terre a la Lune* (1867). Cap. 1: The Gun Club

space situational awareness

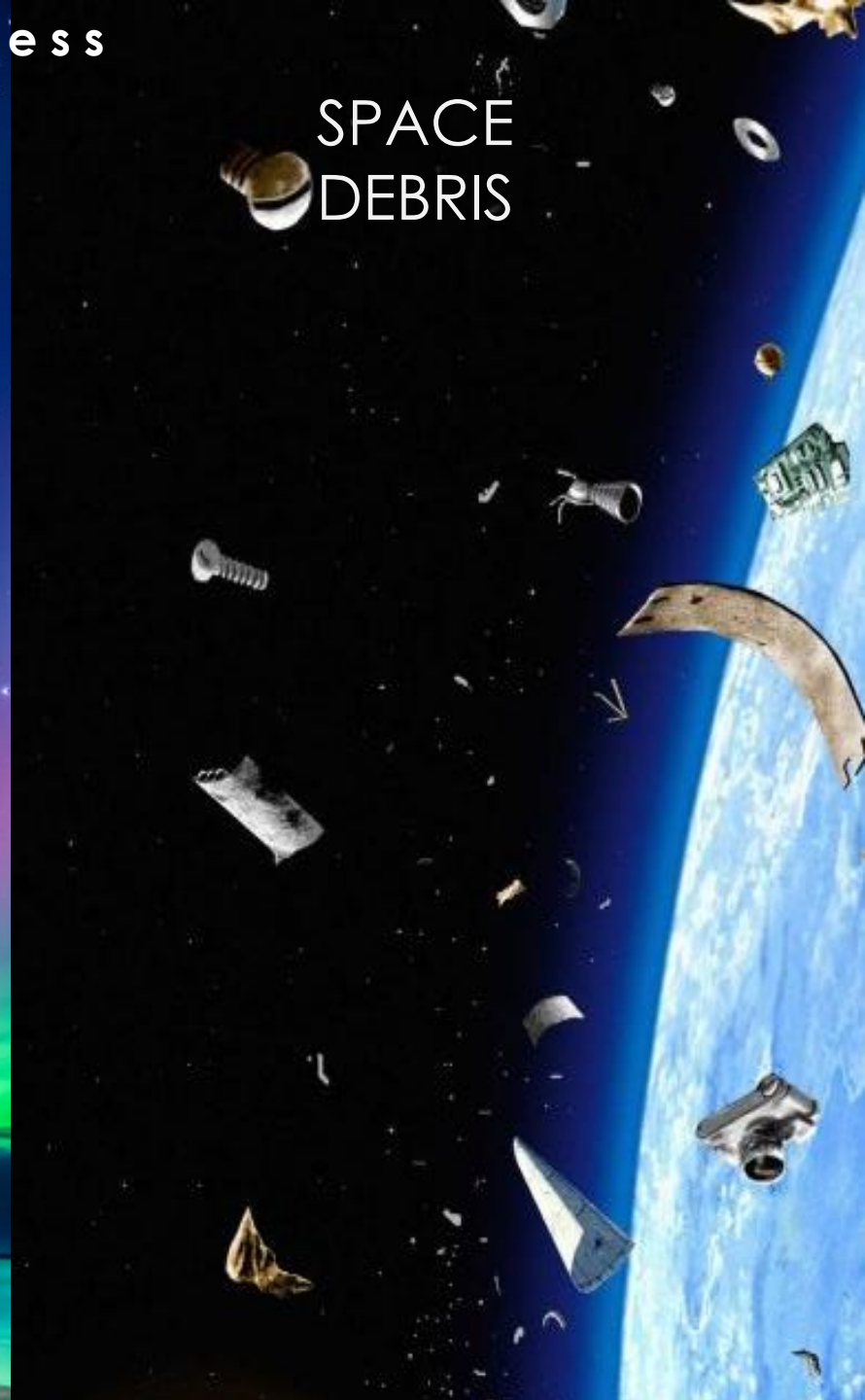
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space situational awareness

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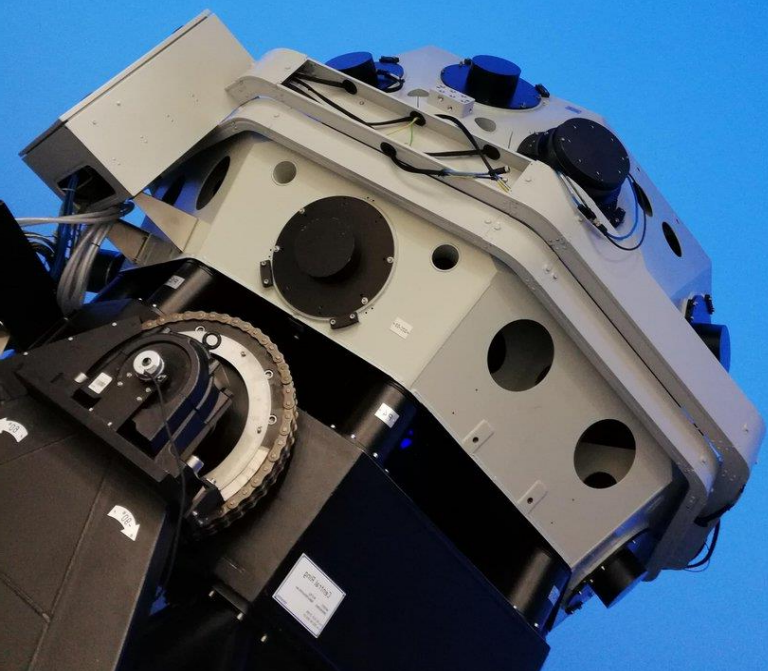


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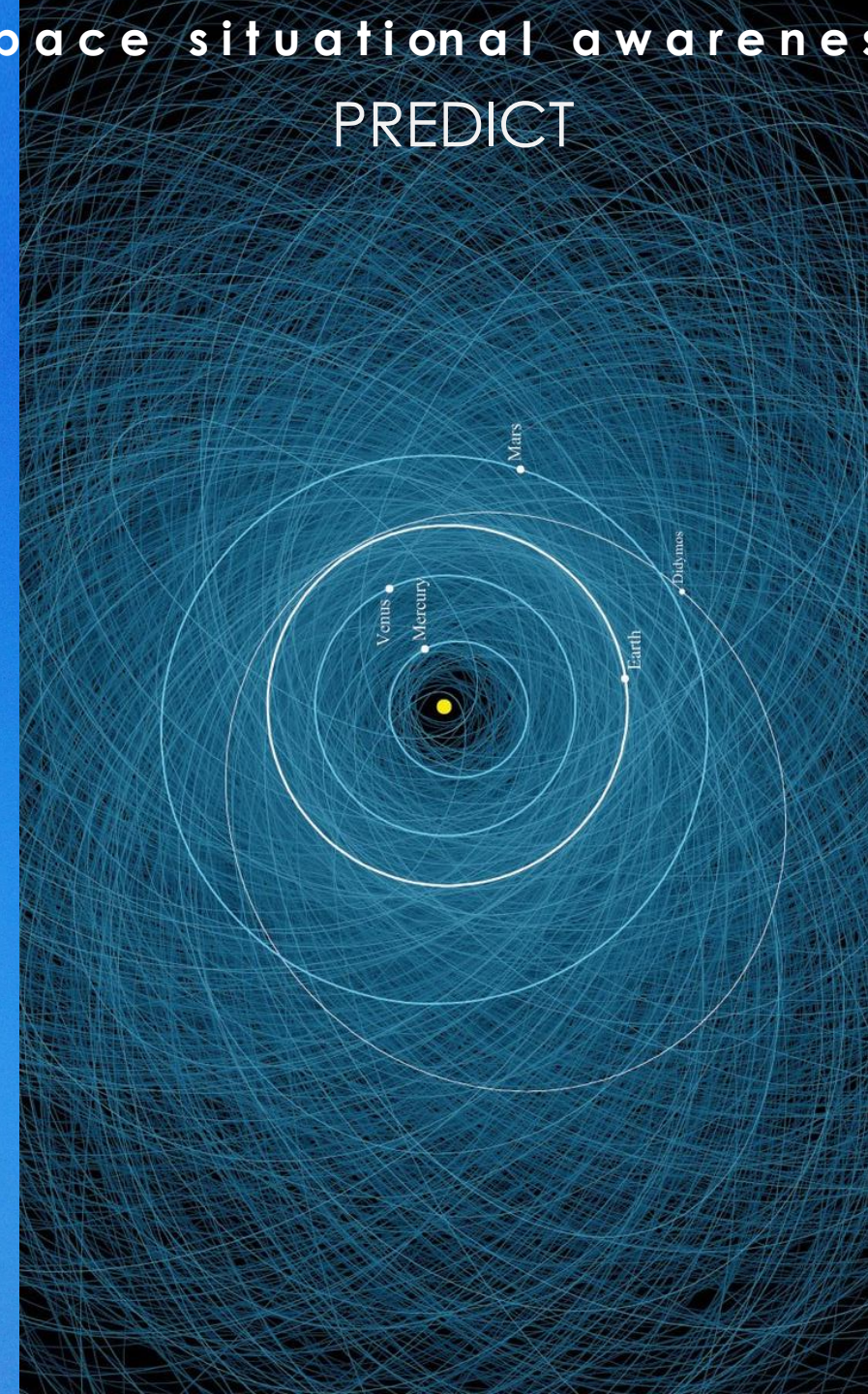


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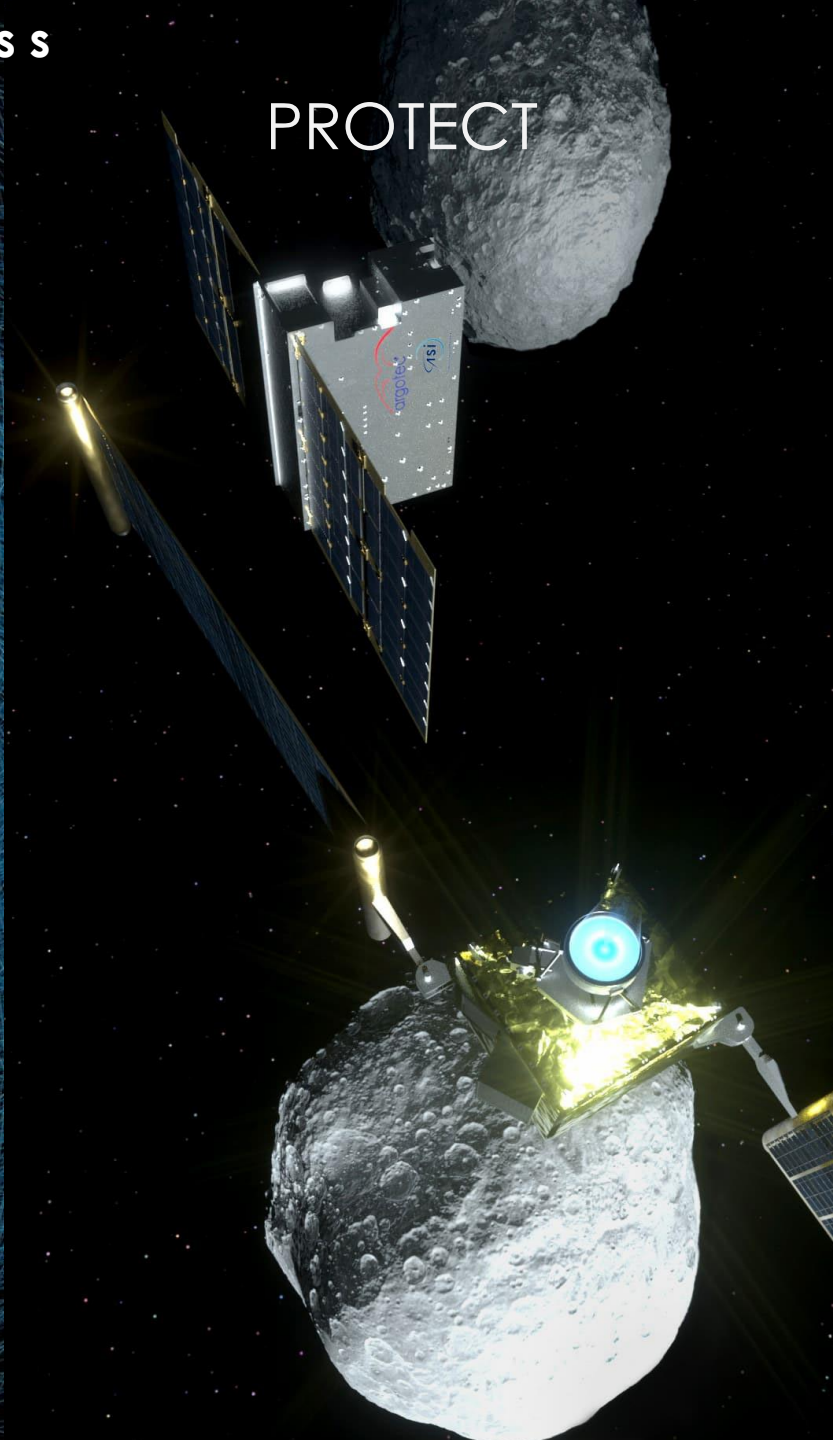
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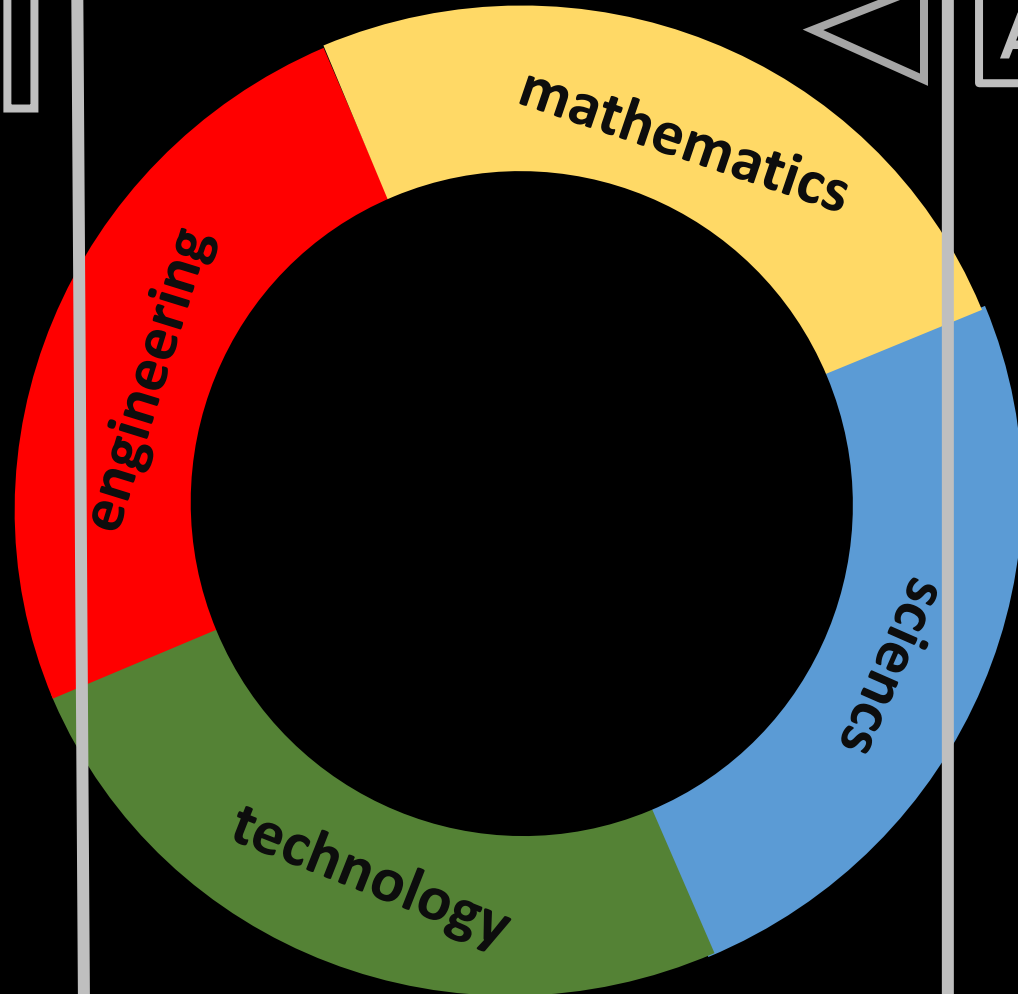
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OPERATIONS



- PROJECT MANAGEMENT
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- CONFIGURATION CONTROL
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- LIABILITY



AWARENESS

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- APPLIED RESEARCH
- PROTOTYPNG
- AUTOMATION

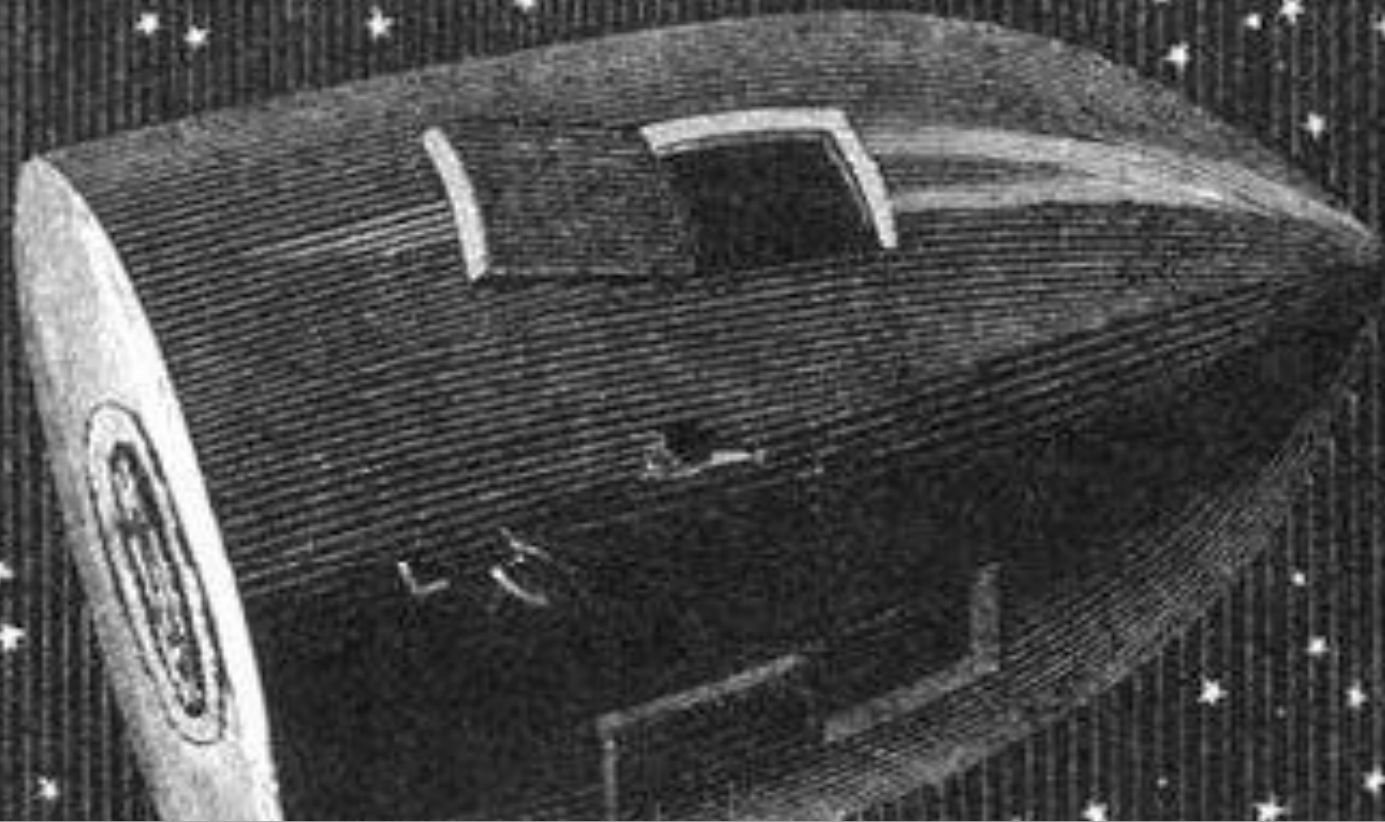
metrics



space surveillance



space surveillance



Je veux dire qu'il ne suffit pas d'envoyer un projectile et de ne plus s'en occuper ; il faut que nous le suivions pendant son parcours jusqu'au moment où il atteindra le but.

space debris by the numbers



number of

rocket launches since 1957:	6.340
satellites placed in Earth orbit:	14.710
satellites still in space:	9.780
operational satellites:	7.100

estimated number of debris	
> 10 cm	36.500
10 cm - 1 cm	1.000.000
1 cm - 1 mm	130.000.000

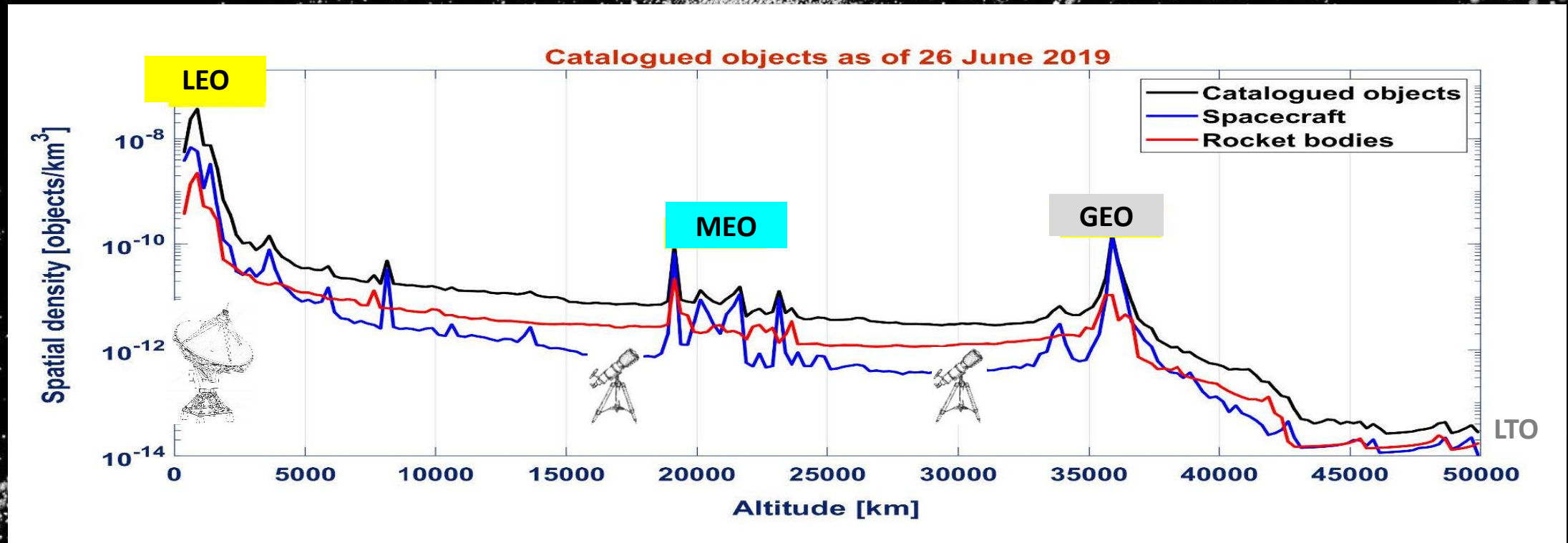
orbital regimes and spatial density

LEO Low Earth Orbits < 2000 km: Earth observation, science etc.

MEO Medium Earth Orbits 20000 km: navigation constellations

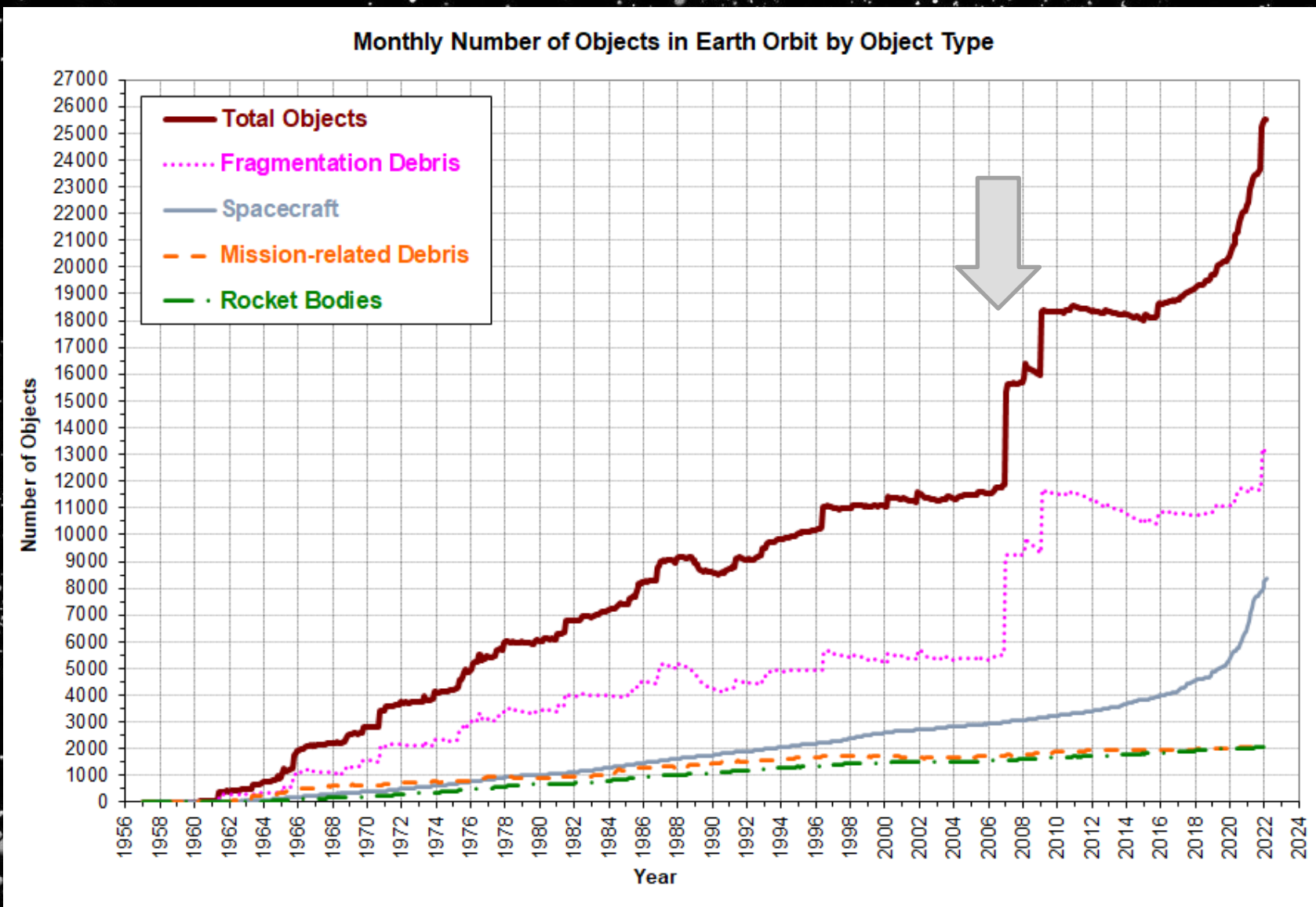
HEO High Eccentricity Orbits : high latitude telecom satellites etc.

GEO Geostationary Orbits 36000 km: telecommunications, weather forecasting etc.



LTO Lunar Transfer Orbits < 400000 km; > LEO: lunar exploration

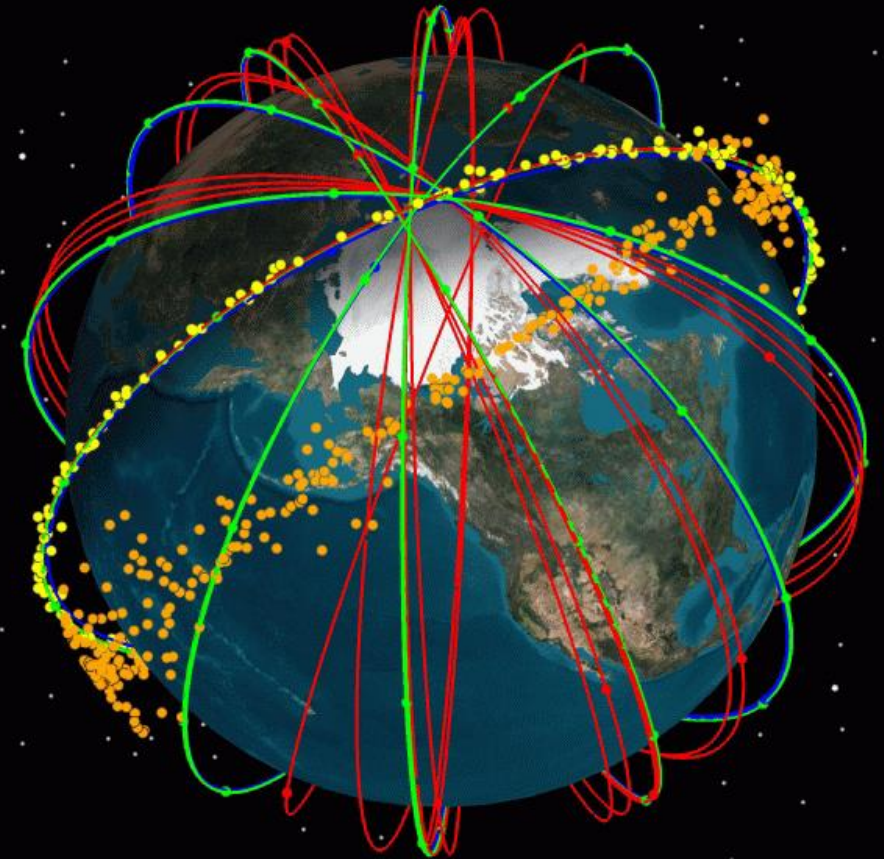
proliferation



breakup

estimated number of break-ups, explosions, collisions, or anomalous events resulting in fragmentation

> 640



About 65% of the catalogued objects originate from break-ups in orbit (more than 240 explosions)

10 known collisions: **It is expected that in the future collisions will become the dominant source of space debris**

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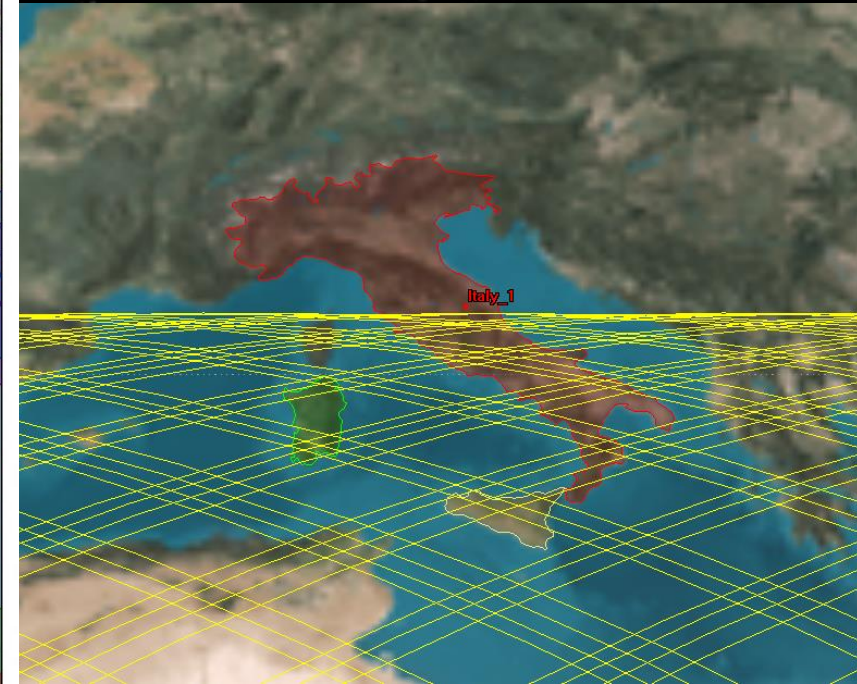
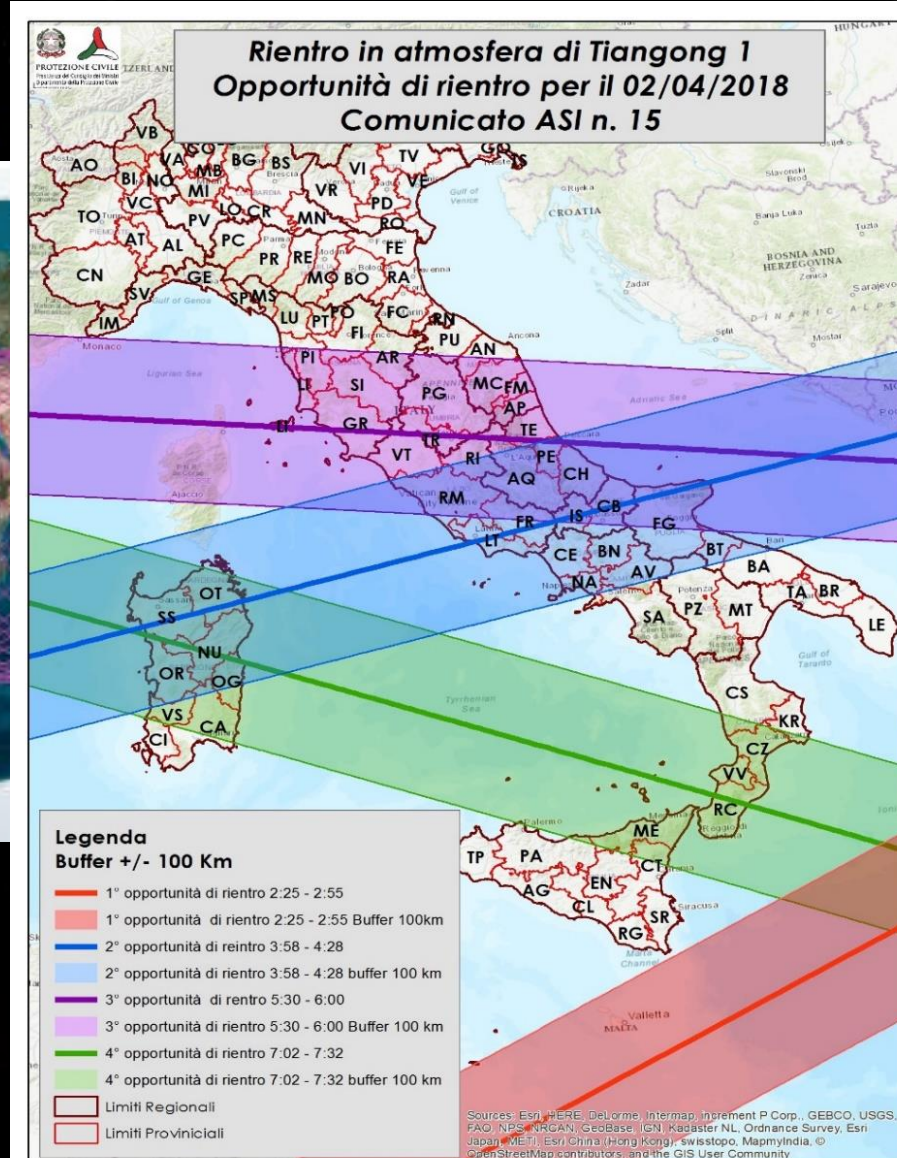
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Lethality treshold: 2 cm

reentry

controlled / uncontrolled atmospheric re-entry of large objects



reentry

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Area di possibile dispersione dei frammenti di Tiangong-1 se la stima post-rientro comunicata da JSpOC fosse corretta

Stime post-rientro di Roscosmos e ISTI/CNR, a 10 km di altezza, basate sull'ultimo TLE russo, confrontate con quella di JSpOC

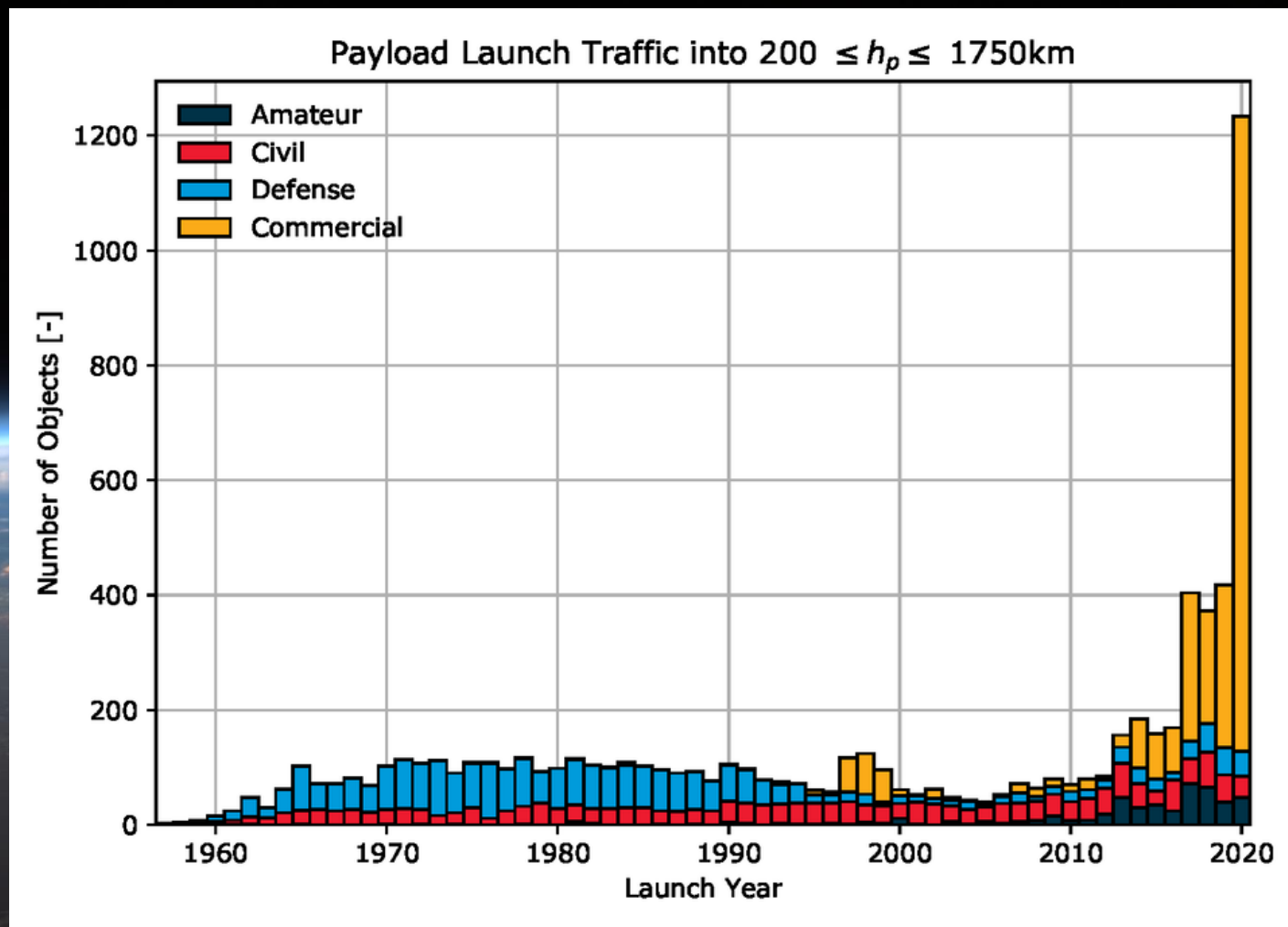
collision avoidance



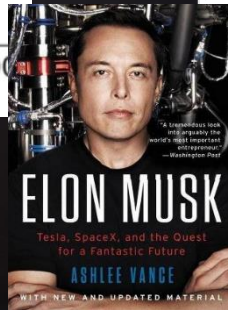
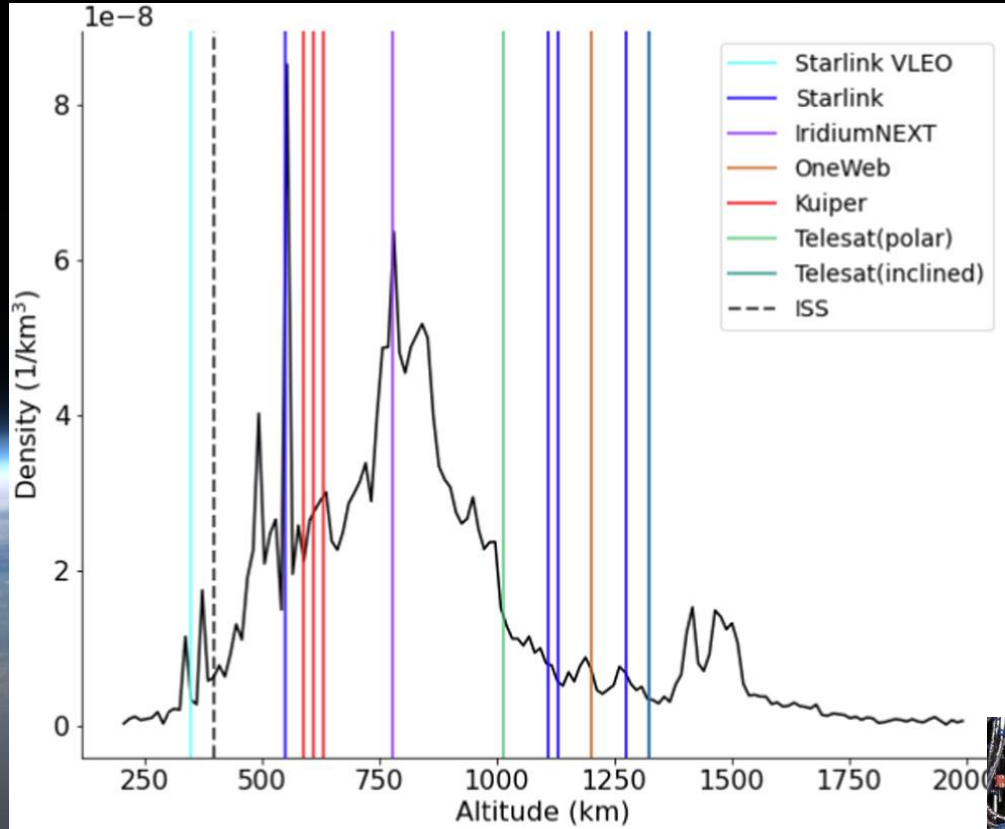
> 1000 conjunction notifications processed for
ESA's fleet **every day**

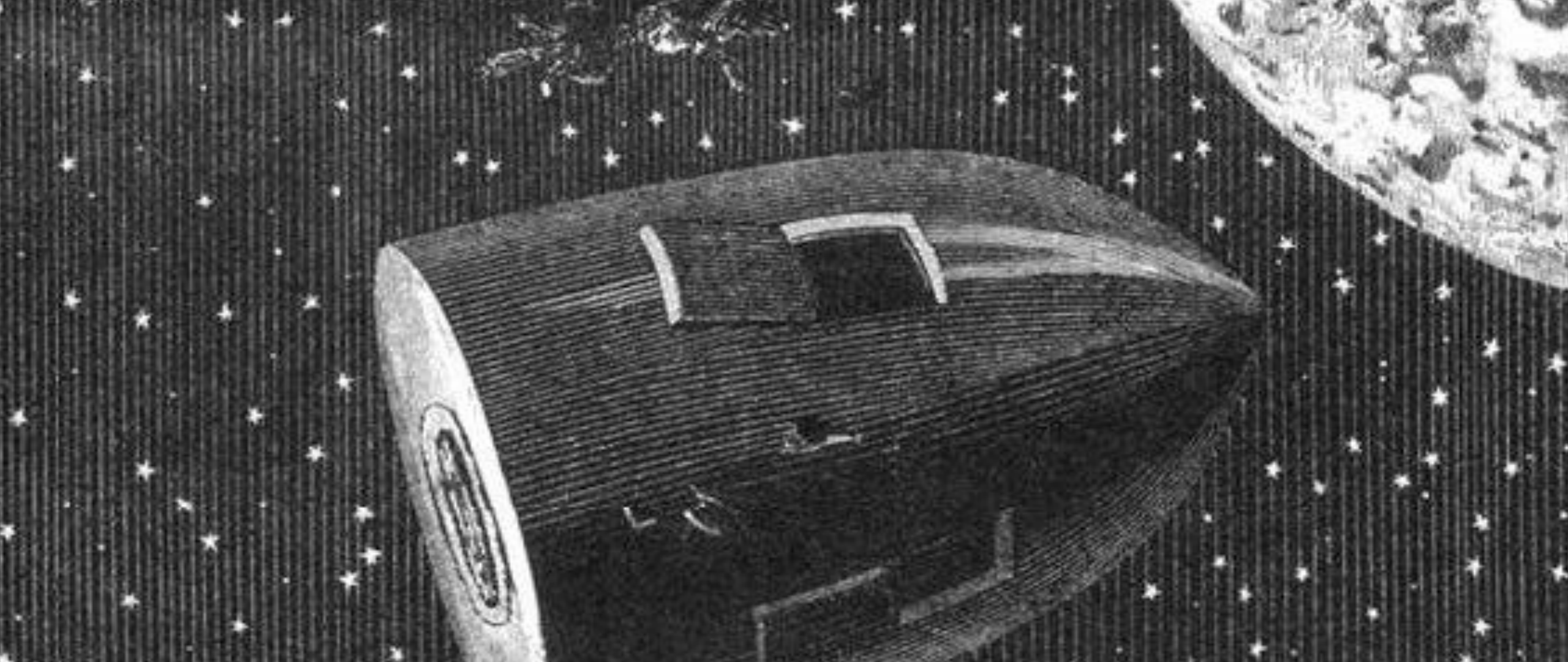


satellite launch rate



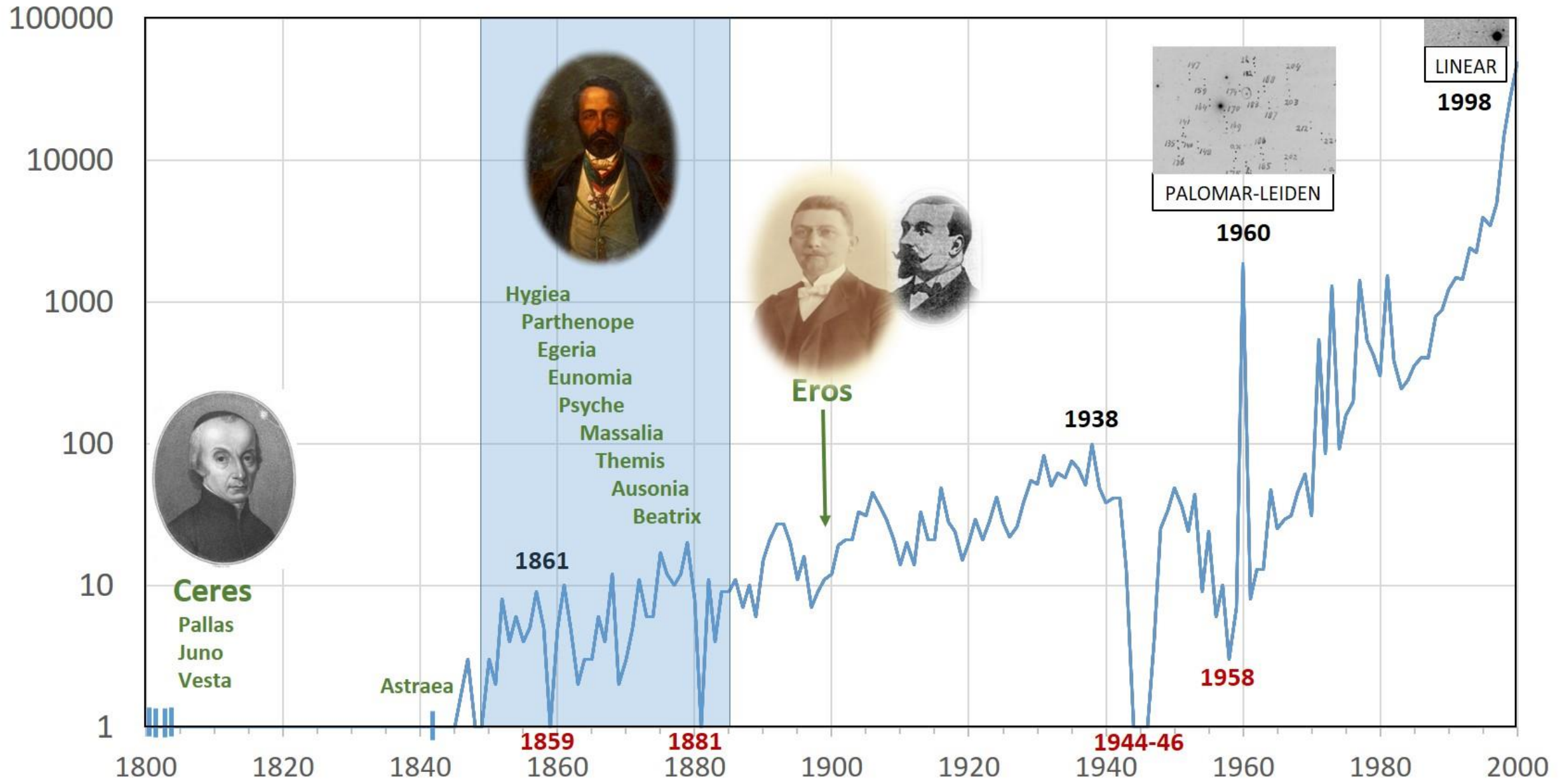
megaconstellations

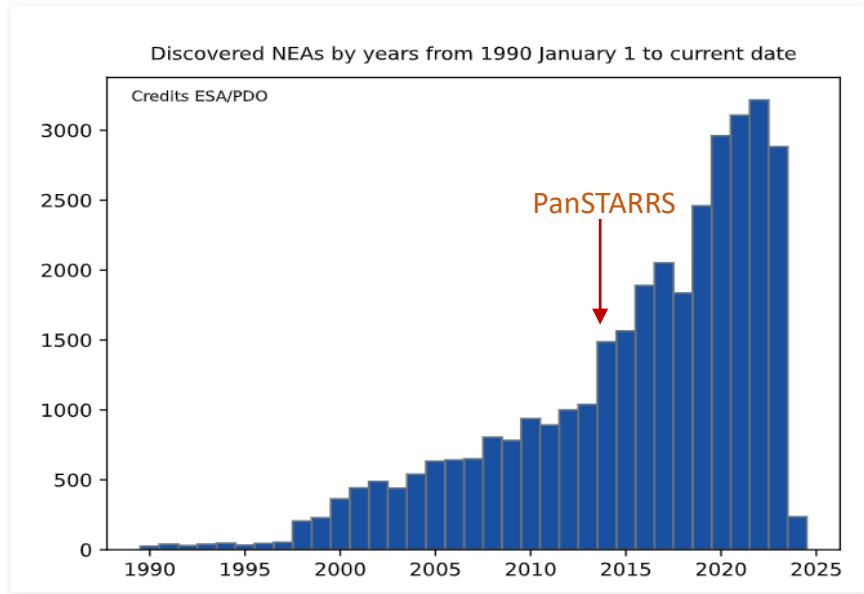




L'apparition de ce corps énorme le surprenait et l'inquiétait. Une rencontre était possible, qui aurait eu des résultats déplorables, soit que le projectile fût dévié de sa route, soit qu'un choc, brisant son élan, le précipitât vers la Terre, soit enfin qu'il se vît irrésistiblement entraîné par la puissance attractive de cet astéroïde.

Asteroid discovery rate 1801-2000

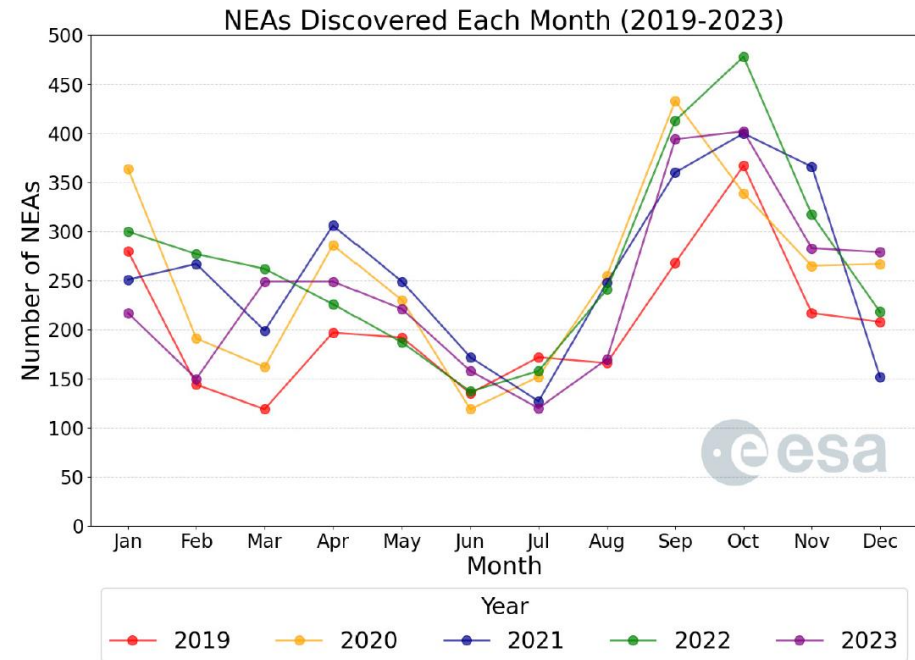




Current NEO statistics

Despite a December rich of discoveries, 2023 closed with less than 2900 new NEOs, the lowest of the last 4 years. This relative reduction of discovery rates is likely due to a few unforeseen shutdowns of major US surveys during the year.

- Known NEOs: 33 948 asteroids and 122 comets
- NEOs in risk list*: 1574
- NEOs designated during last month: 293
- NEOs discovered since 1 January 2023: 2878



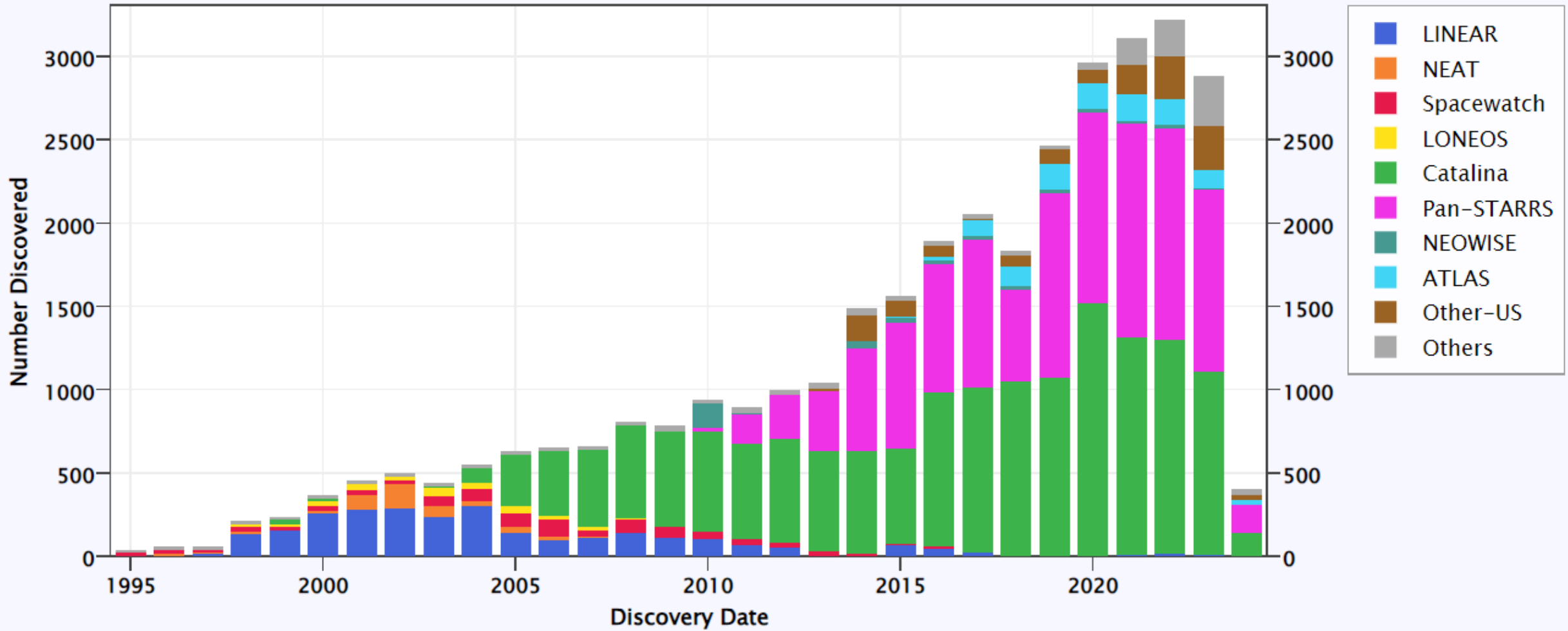
The plot presents the monthly NEO discovery rate for the last 5 years.

It shows that year 2023 was nicely in line with most of the recent years, except for some drops in February and August, which resulted in an overall lower total for the year.

It also shows the well-known periodicity of discovery rates, with a minimum during summer months and a maximum in the fall.

Near-Earth Asteroid Discoveries by Survey

All NEAs (as of 2024-Feb-27)



A Near-Earth Asteroid Census

Each image represents 100 objects

Known Asteroids ●
Predicted Total (WISE) ○



**IMMINENT
IMPACTORS**

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the imminent impactors threat



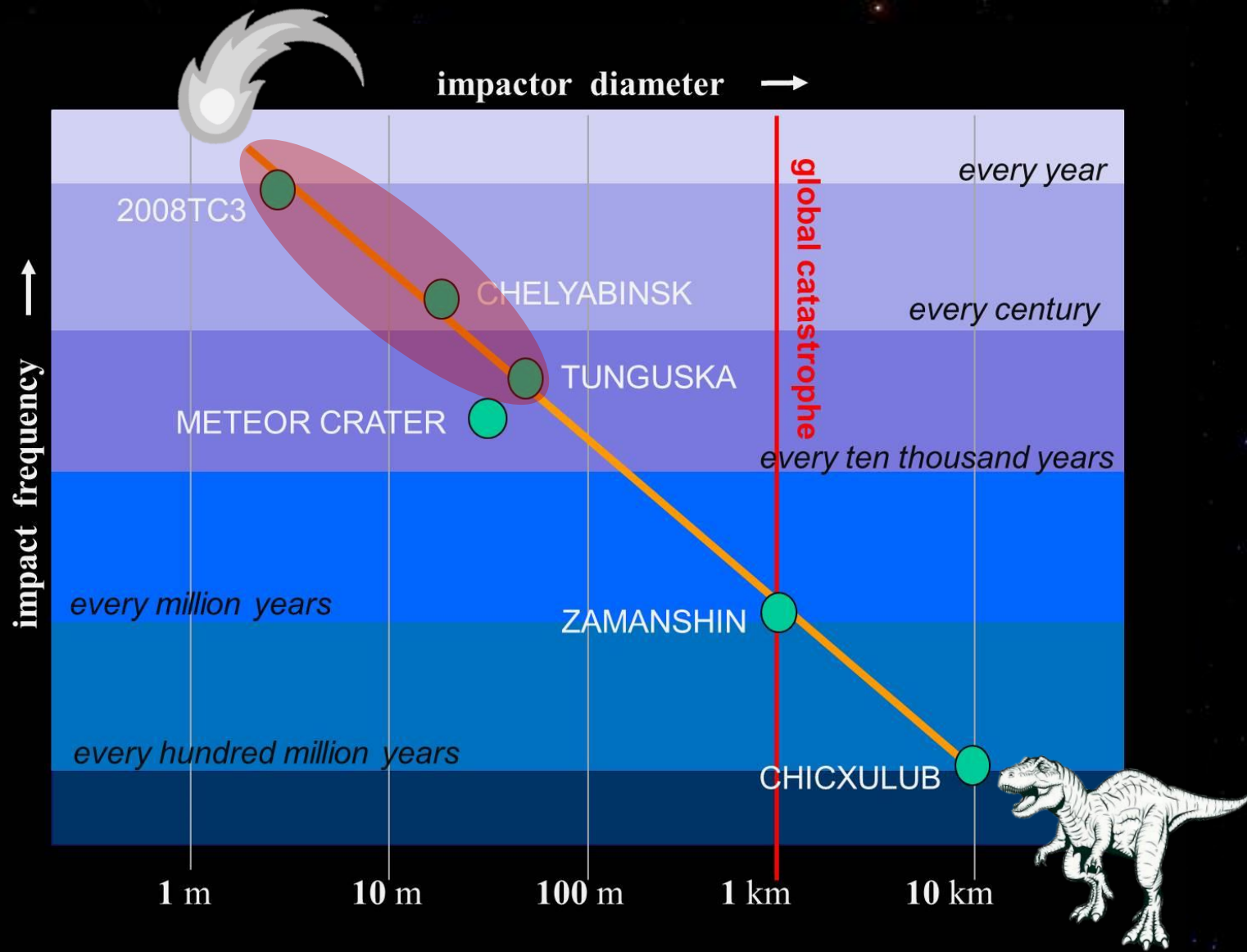
2008 TC3






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Earliest evidence of a death and injury by a meteorite

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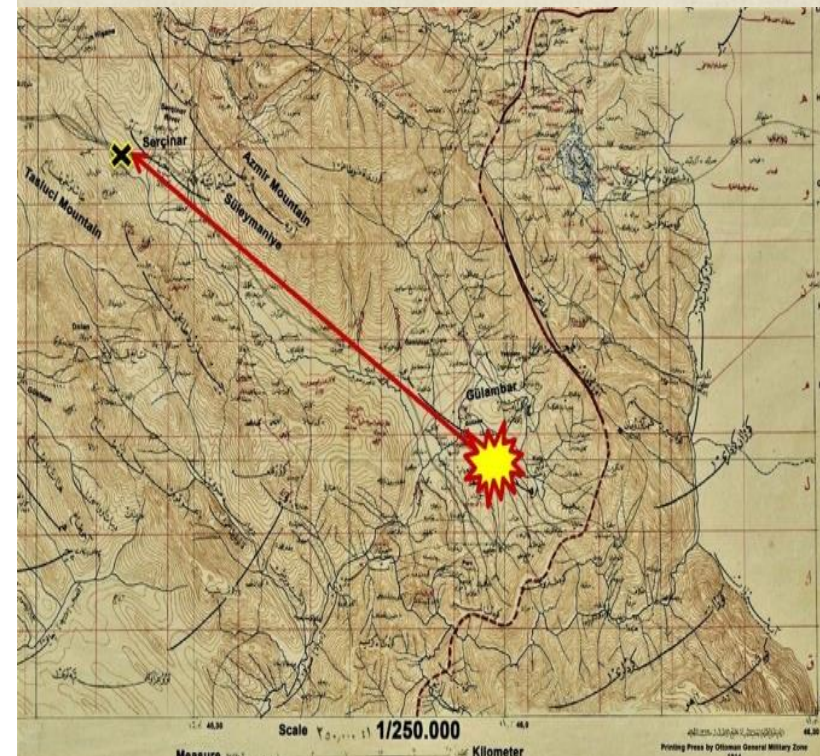
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Abstract—Our planet has been hit by meteorites with different airburst and ground impact risk. Some of these meteors can survive after the atmospheric passage and fall into the ground. Although there are claims that people were hit and killed by meteorites in history, the historical records do not prove this fact so far. This issue might be due to the fact that either the manuscript was written in a language other than English or there is not enough interest in historical records. To the best of our knowledge, we show the first proof of an event ever that a meteorite hit and killed a man and left paralyzed another on August 22, 1888 in Sulaymaniyah, Iraq, based on three manuscripts written in Ottoman Turkish that were extracted from the General Directorate of State Archives of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey. This event was also reported to Abdul Hamid II (34th sultan of the Ottoman Empire) by the governor of Sulaymaniyah, which was under Ottoman reign in those days. These findings suggest other historical records may still exist that describe other events that caused death and injuries by meteorites.

WE NEED AN IMMINENT IMPACTORS OPERATIONAL DEFINITION FOR CIVIL PROTECTION
Meteorites - Chelyabinsk - Tunguska



from data center to coordination center



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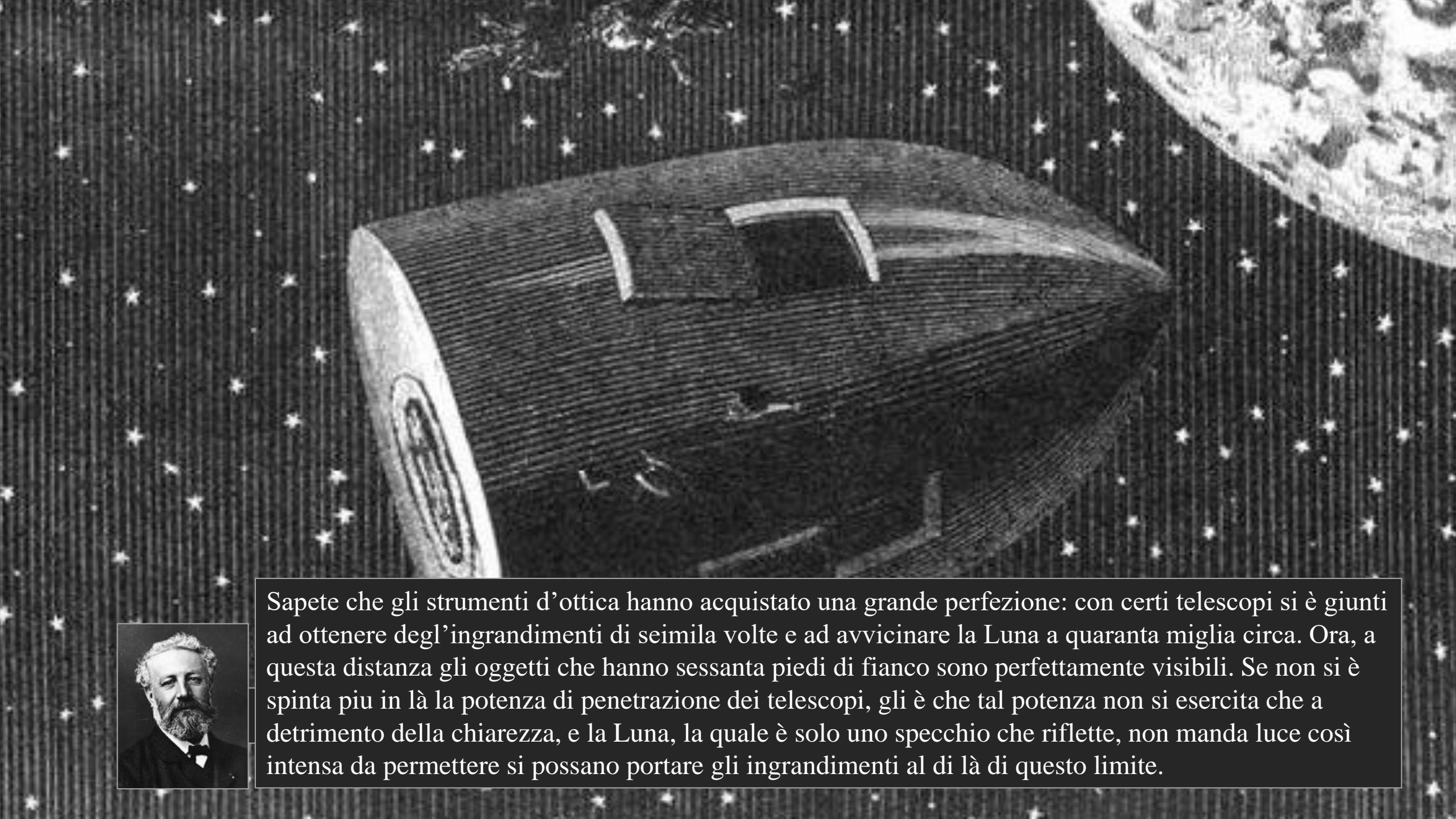
near-earth objects coordination centre

<https://neo.ssa.esa.int/>



NEOCC Home

The NEOCC is ESA's centre for computing asteroid and comet orbits and their probabilities of Earth impact.



Sapete che gli strumenti d'ottica hanno acquistato una grande perfezione: con certi telescopi si è giunti ad ottenere degl'ingrandimenti di seimila volte e ad avvicinare la Luna a quaranta miglia circa. Ora, a questa distanza gli oggetti che hanno sessanta piedi di fianco sono perfettamente visibili. Se non si è spinta piu in là la potenza di penetrazione dei telescopi, gli è che tal potenza non si esercita che a detrimento della chiarezza, e la Luna, la quale è solo uno specchio che riflette, non manda luce così intensa da permettere si possano portare gli ingrandimenti al di là di questo limite.

LEO

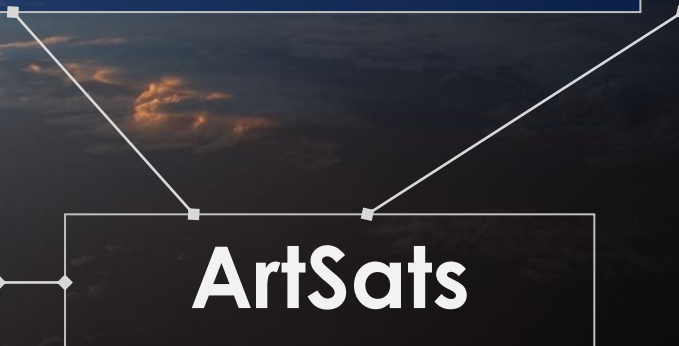
- *LEO: fast moving objects / short exposures*
- *Catalogue build-up: survey telescopes*
- *Catalogue maintenance: survey telescopes*
- *Short-term dynamics: catalogue obsolescence*
- *Observation assets dispersed in longitude*
- *Detection & correlation functions*
- *Follow-up only for specific cases*
- *Positions errors too large -> too many warnings*
- *Breakup parent body*
- *Classified data*

NEO

- *Slow moving objects / long exposures*
- *Discovery: survey telescopes*
- *Catalogue entries: follow-up network*
- *Catalogue improvement: follow-up*
- *Observation assets dispersed in latitude*
- *Chaotic dynamics: impact monitoring*
- *Discovery & identification*
- *Moving object detection SW: avoiding fakes*
- *Physical characterization*
- *Public data*

MEO GEO LTO

ArtSats



THE FLYEYE TELESCOPE

Survey telescope using innovative optics: extremely large FOV (45 sqdeg) for NEO and Space Debris



NEO

- Flyeye Mark I (16-camera)
- Realized by OHB-I for ESA
- Nominal Limiting magnitude: 21.5
- Mount Mufara site (Sicily) under construction
- Commissioning and science verification @ ASI CGS (Matera)
- Flyeye Mark II (8-camera)
- Nominal Limiting magnitude: 21 (desirable)
- Best for Imminent Impactors

SST

- Flyeye Mark I (16-camera)
- 4-telescopes ordered to OHB by ASI
- Sites: Italy, Mexico, Argentina, Australia
- Italian site: ASI CGS (Matera)
- Best for High LEO, MEO catalogue

THE MUFARA SITE



Etna



Flyeye



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THE MUFARA SITE

Monte
Mufara
Sicilia





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CALL FOR PROPOSALS – DEVELOPMENT OF INNOVATIVE OPTICAL COMMERCIAL SENSORS

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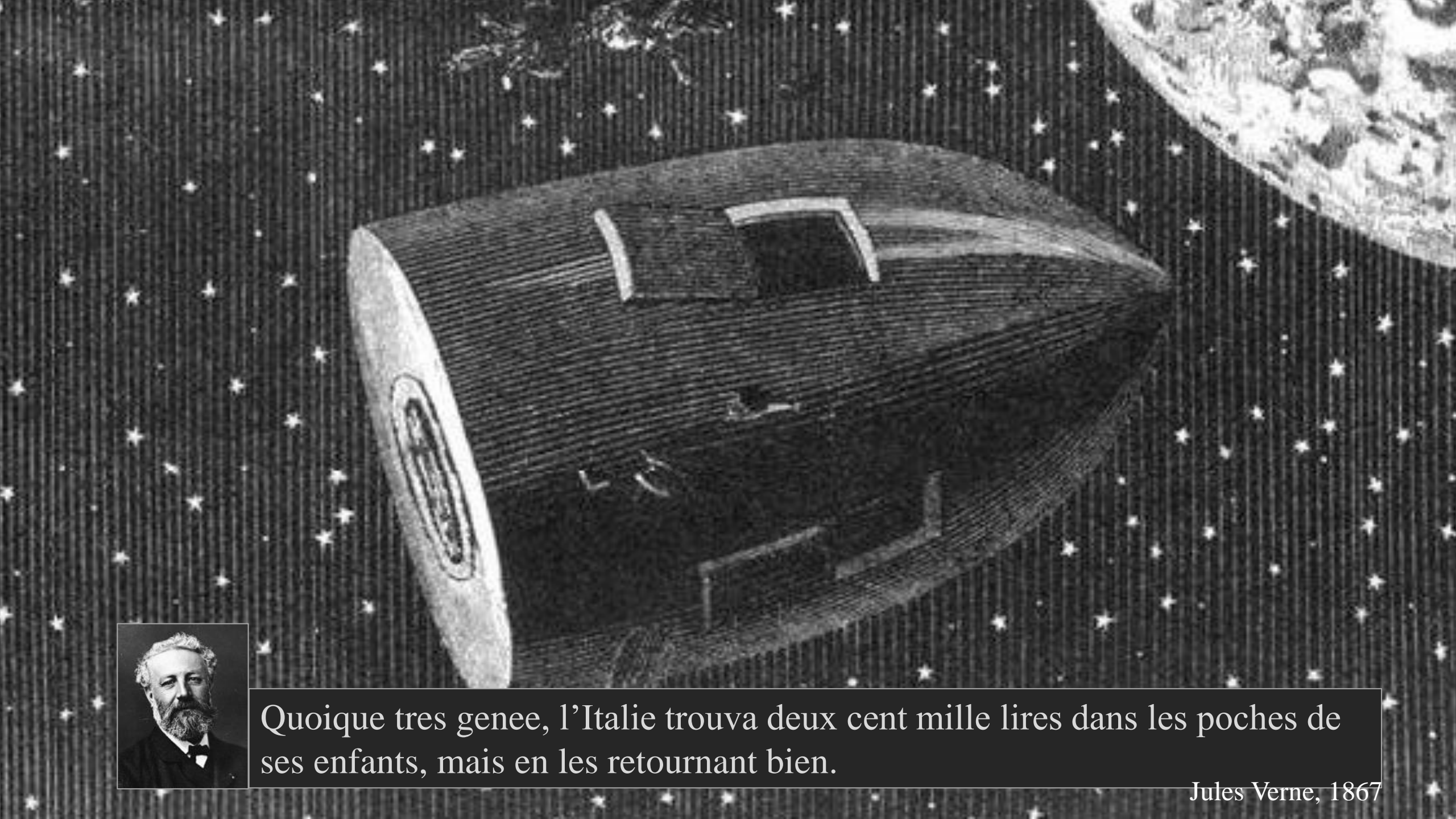
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THE MUFARA SITE

Monte
Mufara
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Quoique tres genee, l'Italie trouva deux cent mille liras dans les poches de ses enfants, mais en les retournant bien.

Jules Verne, 1867

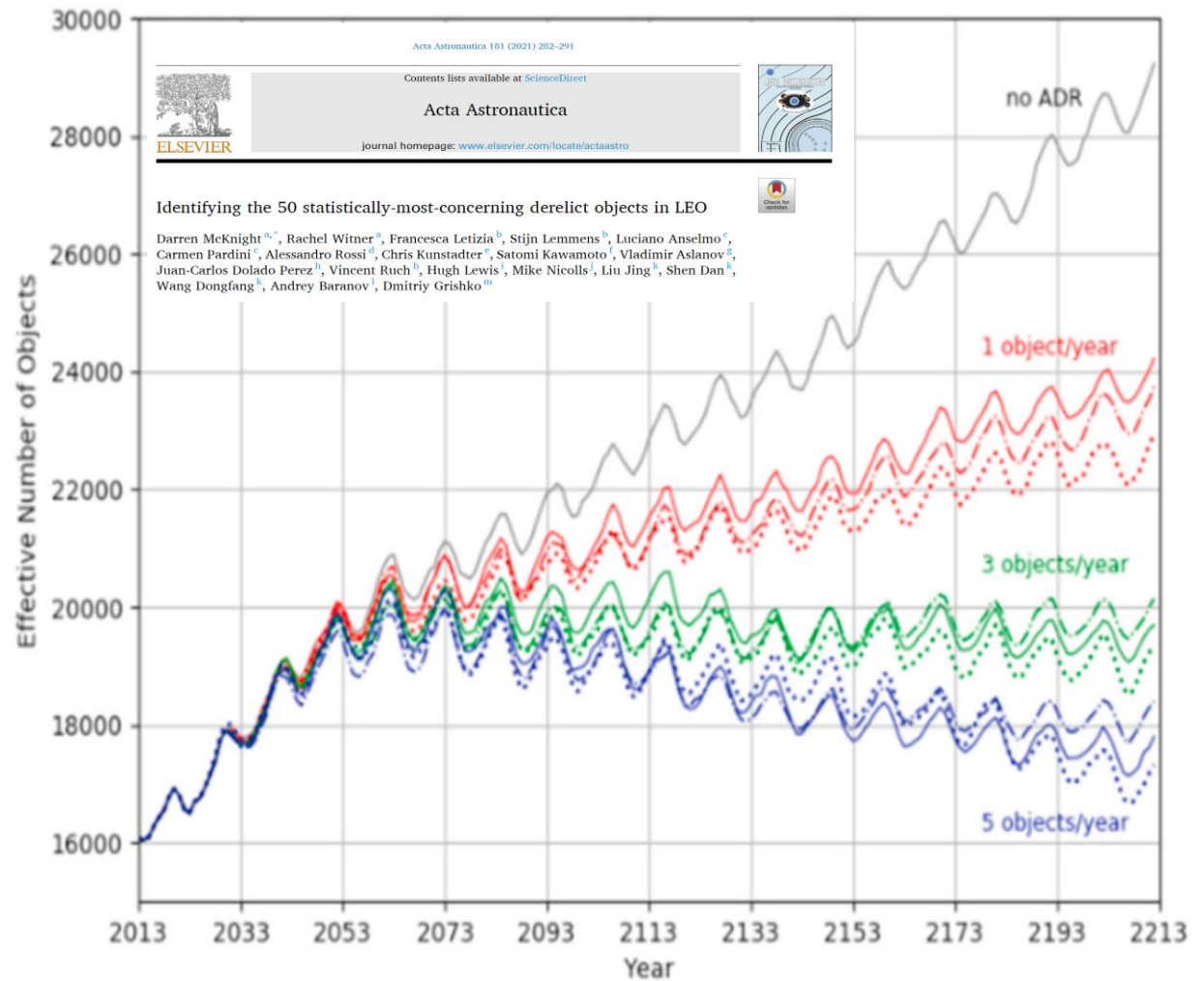
SPACE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

SATELLITE BOX SCORE

(as of 05 January 2021, cataloged by the U.S. SPACE SURVEILLANCE NETWORK)

Country/ Organization	Spacecraft*	Spent Rocket Bodies & Other Cataloged Debris	Total
CHINA	441	3810	4251
CIS	1551	5696	7247
ESA	93	56	149
FRANCE	72	510	582
INDIA	101	119	220
JAPAN	189	145	334
USA	2866	4998	7864
OTHER	1131	123	1254
TOTAL	6444	15457	21901

* active and defunct



SPACE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT



The US Space Policy Directive-3 (SPD-3), released in June 2018 provides general guidelines and direction for space traffic management, and contains key references and guidelines specific to orbital debris

It address the threat from orbital debris, improve fundamental knowledge of the space environment, promote orbital debris mitigation and best practices with the global community, *etc.*

SPACE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

REMEDIATION

- design for demise
- in-orbit servicing
- environmental index

MITIGATION

- 25y rule for uncontrolled re-entry
- controlled re-entry –
- de-orbiting / re-orbiting into graveyard orbits –
- minimizing release of mission-related debris –

Inter-Agency Space Debris Coordination Committee



from
SPACE SITUATIONAL AWARENESS
to
Space Safety

CS Space Weather Lagrange Point 5

CS In-Orbit Servicing/Debris Removal

CS Asteroid Deflection Demonstration

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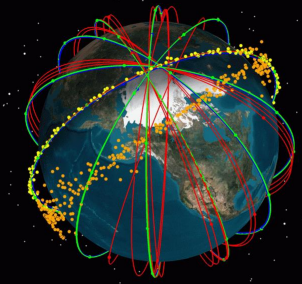
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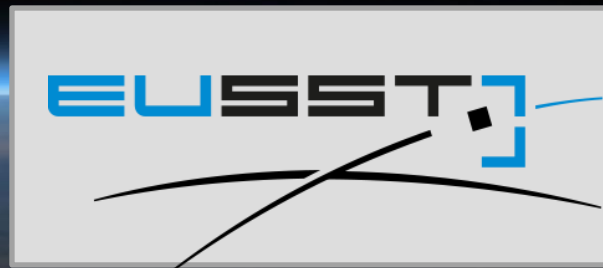
re-entry



collision avoidance



fragmentation



consortium

DECISION No. 541/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing a Framework for Space Surveillance and Tracking Support.



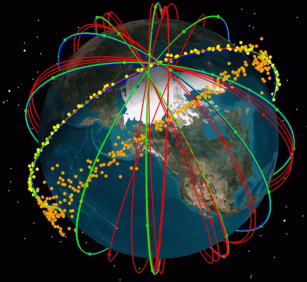


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partnership

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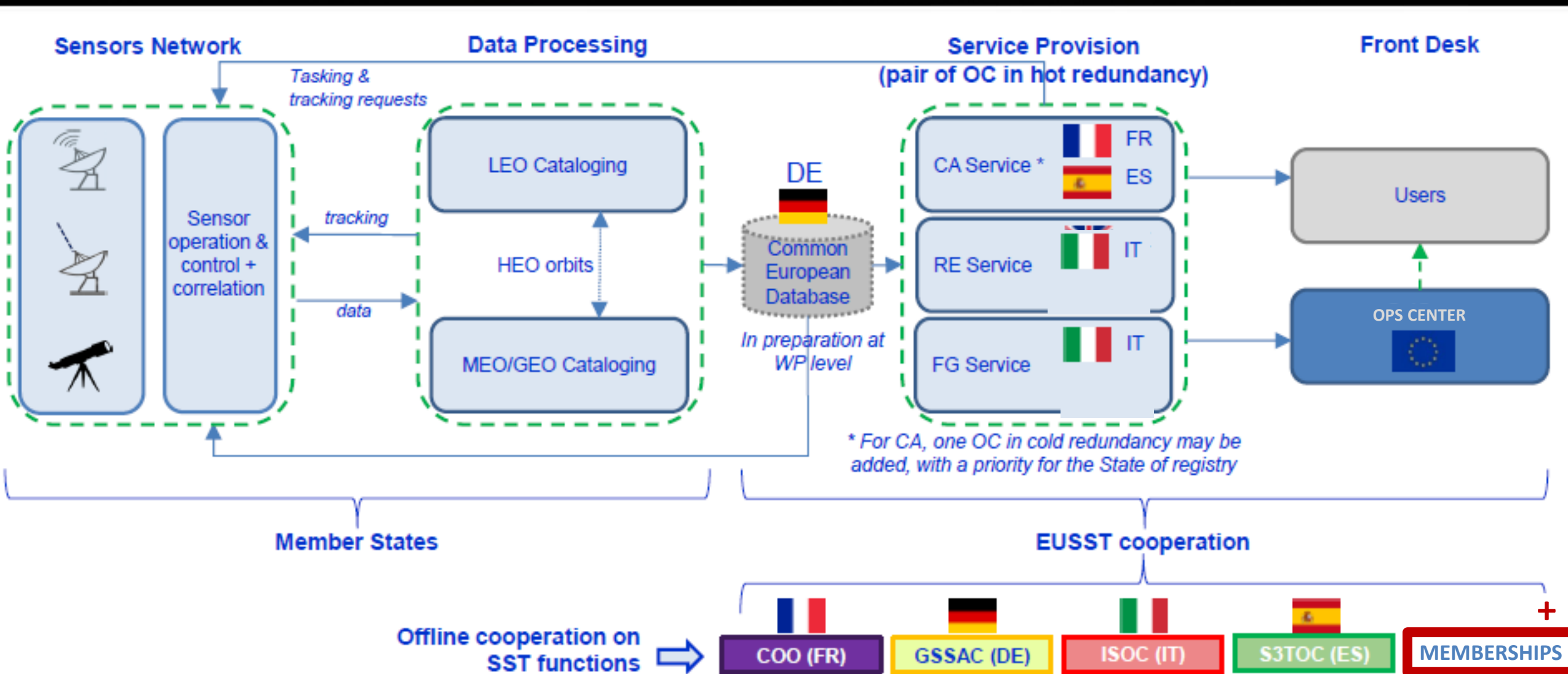
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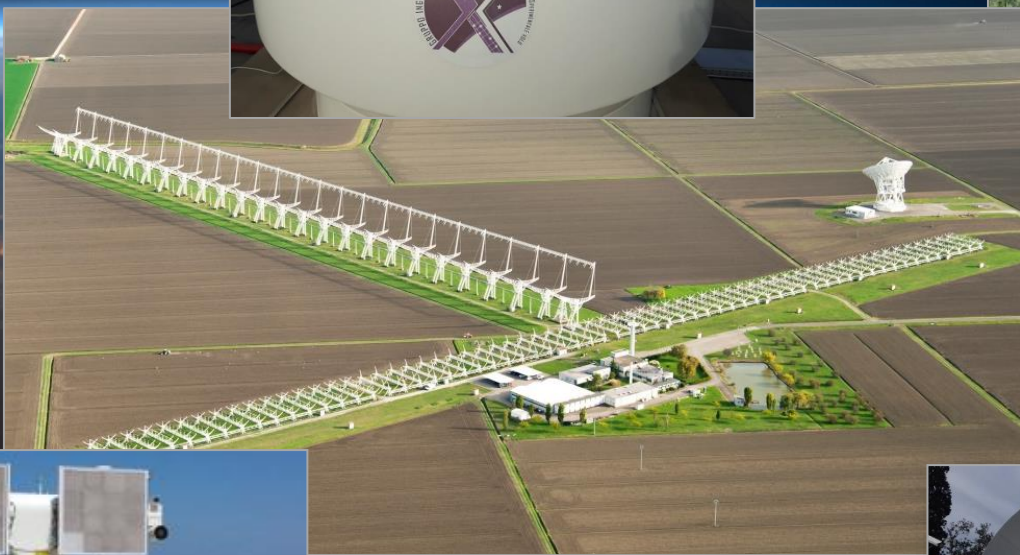
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- MFDR
- BIRALET



Italian sensors



EU BUDGET FOR THE FUTURE

THE EU SPACE PROGRAMME






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WHAT IS THE BUDGET AND HOW WILL IT BE SPENT?

The EU Space Programme has a budget of **€ 16 billion over 2021-2027** and consolidates all Union space-related activities into a coherent, simplified and flexible programme:

	 Galileo and EGNOS	 Copernicus	 GOVSATCOM & SSA
Role	global navigation and regional satellite navigation systems	free and open Earth observation data of land, atmosphere, sea, climate change and for emergency management and security	access to secure satellite communications for national authorities and monitoring of space hazards
Budget	€ 9,7 billion	€ 5,8 billion	€ 0,5 billion

EU BUDGET FOR THE FUTURE



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Signature of the Financial Framework Partnership Agreement



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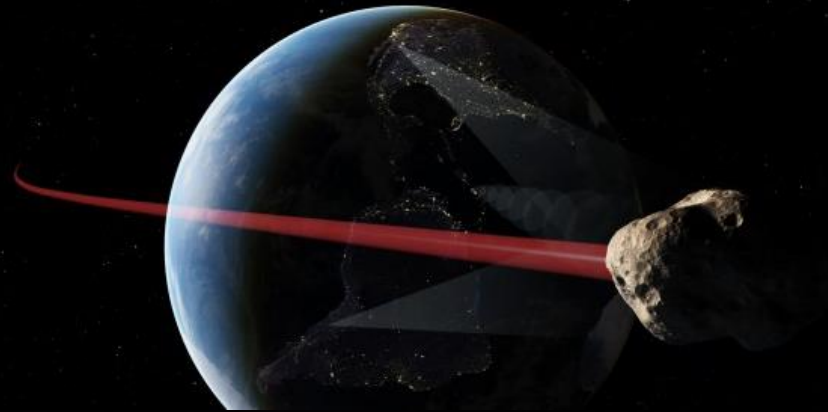
Promotion of networking of MS facilities and research centres

Establishing and maintaining a European NEO catalogue - physical properties database

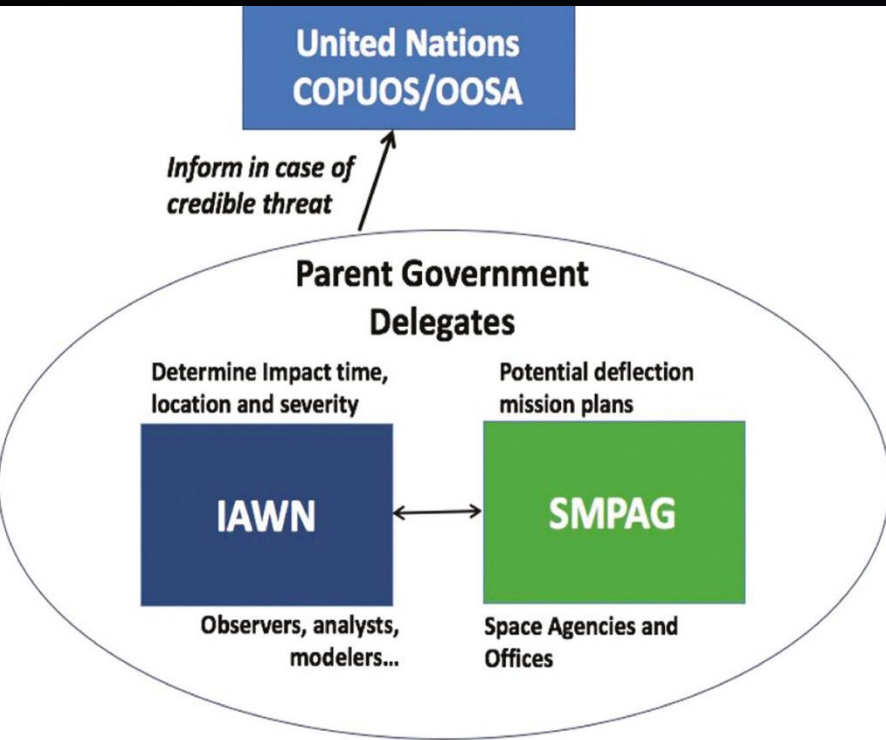
Development of provision of a (space based) rapid expert response service

Study of precursor services: European hot-redundant Minor Planet Centre backup





International Asteroid Warning Network



Steering Committee

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- ▣ Lindley Johnson (NASA Hq)
- ▣ Boris Shustov (INASAN)
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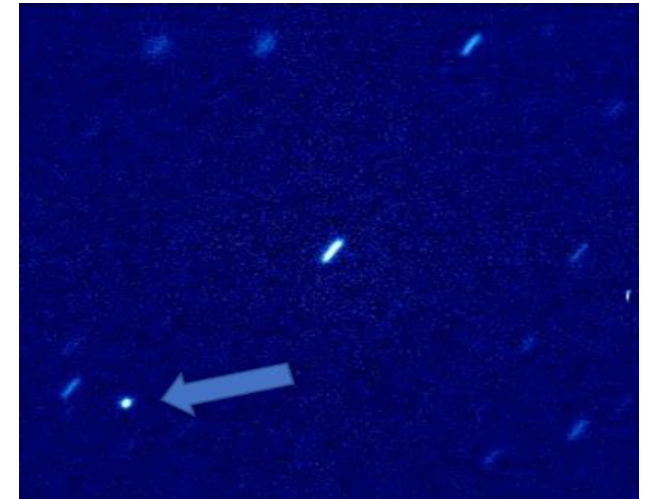
- 7** Space Agencies (**1**)
- 18** Research Institutions (**0**)
- 28** Amateur Observatories (**9**)

■ The 2022 GC1 NEOROCKS CAMPAIGN

A 100m object which would make a distant close approach to Earth on 17 April 2022

- 2 April 2022: NEO Confirmation Page entered
- 2 April 2022: NEOROCKS astrometric observations submitted
- 2 April 2022: MPEC discovery confirmed
- 5 April 2022: NEOROCKS physical properties observations carried out@TNG

In the night between 5th and 6th of April, despite a high proper velocity (about 200 arcsec/h), standard BVRI photometry was successfully obtained, thus closing the loop within 3 days from discovery.

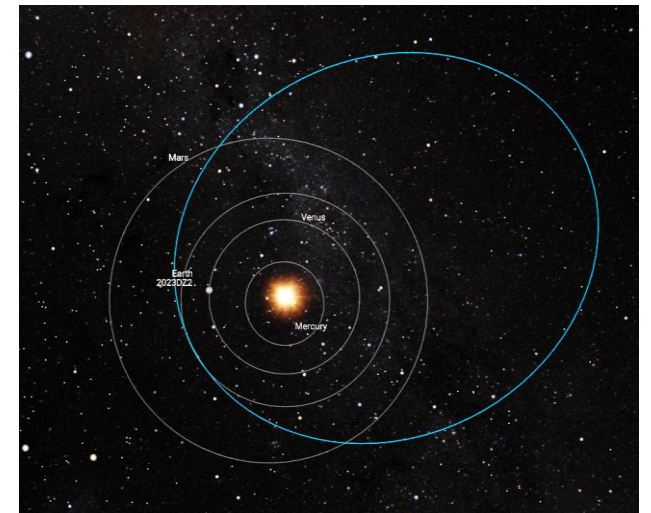


■ The 2023 DZ2 IAWN CAMPAIGN

Size (50-100m) consistent with Tunguska-class imminent impactors, Earth close approach within half the lunar distance on March 25, 2023

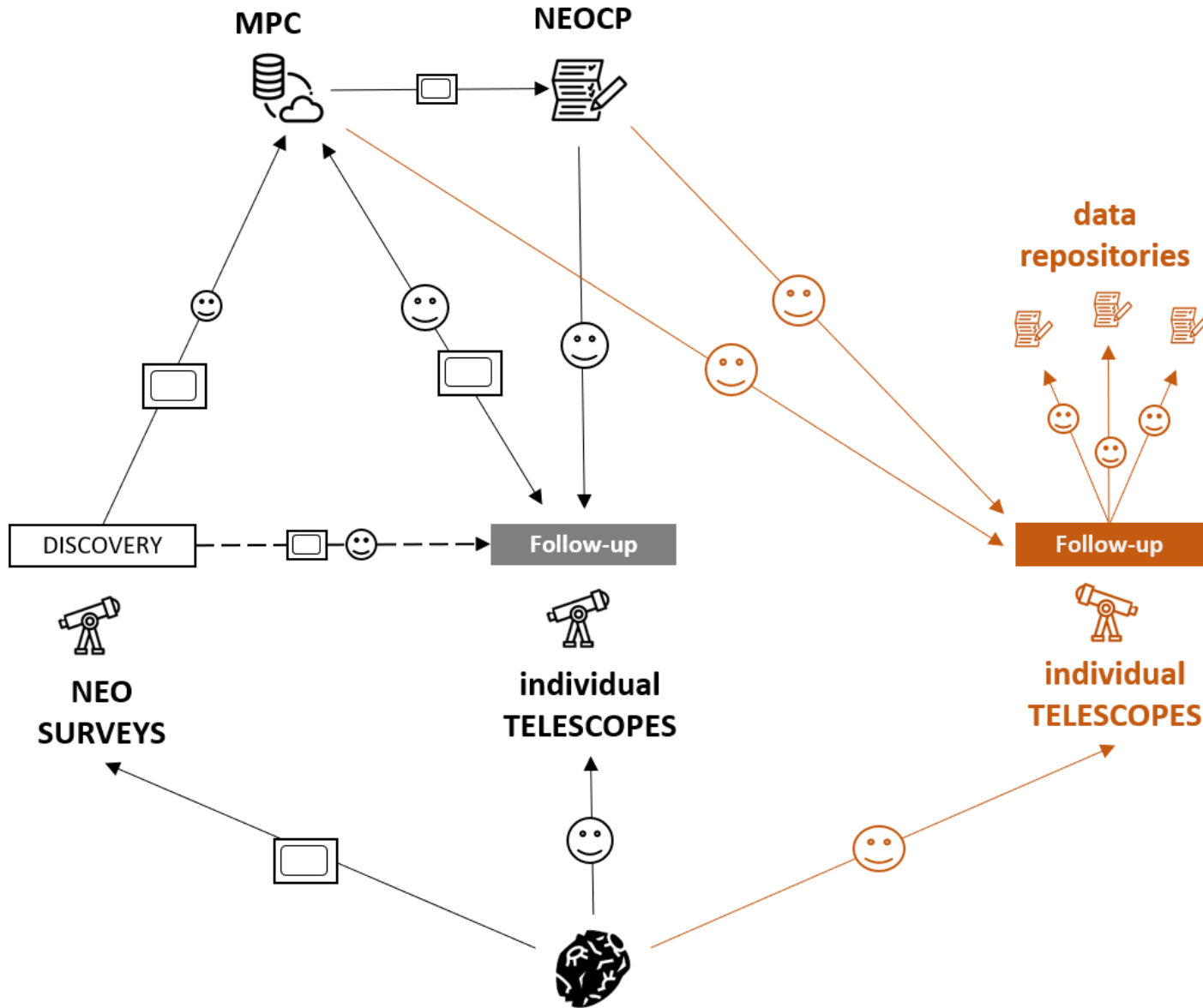
- 27 February 2023: NEO Confirmation Page entered
- 16 March 2023: MPEC Discovery Confirmed
- 20-27 March 2023: IAWN physical properties campaign

7850 observations, 22 different telescopes, 12 different countries: about 50% professional observers – including NEOROCKS partners – 50% amateur/educational observatories.





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tasking
from → to

astrometric

physical

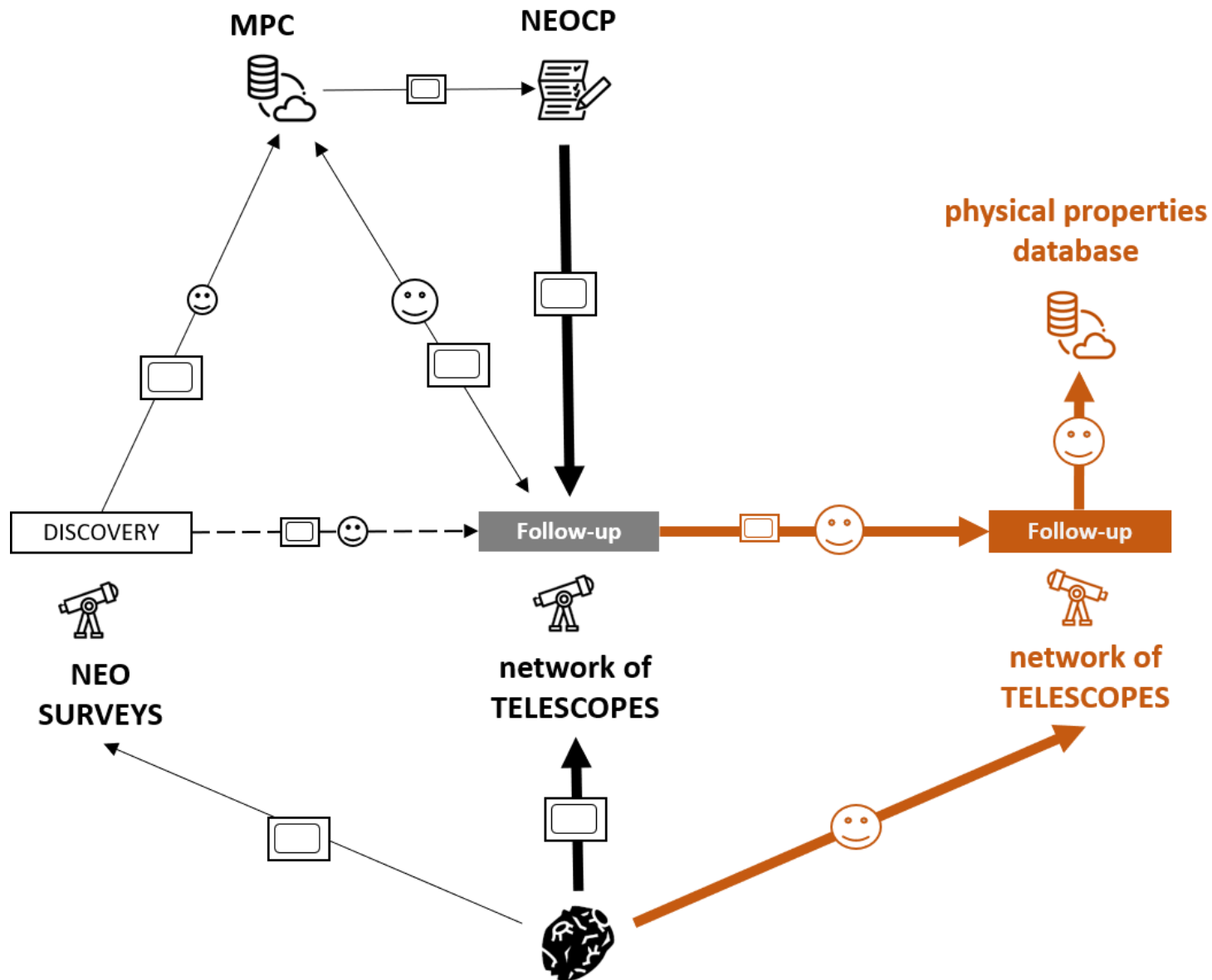
human ☺

software ☐

data base 🗄️

tool 📄

MPC – IAU Minor Planet Centre
NEOCP – MPC NEO Confirmation Page
NEOCC – ESA NEO Coordination Centre
SSDC – ASI Space Science Data Center



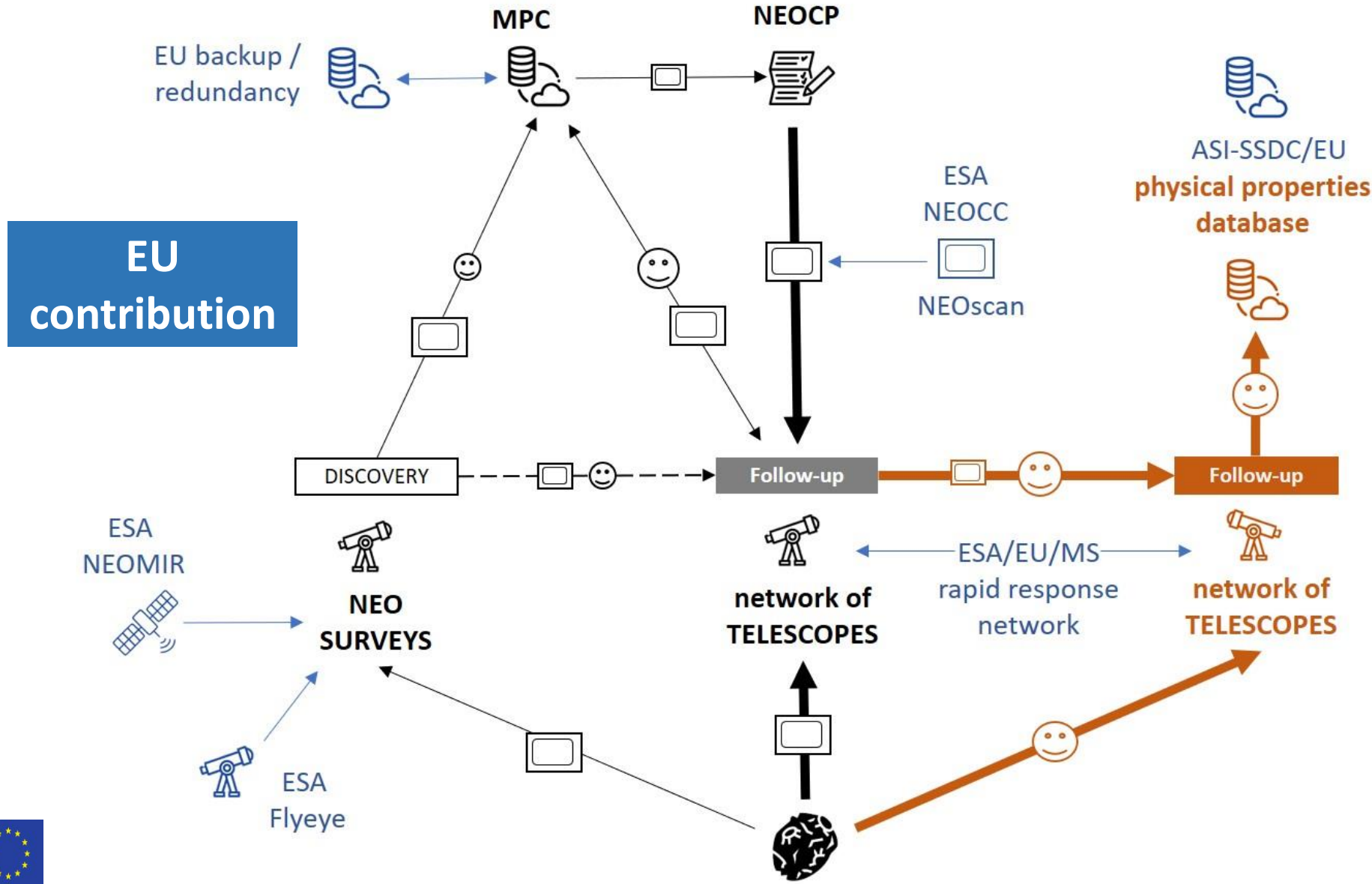
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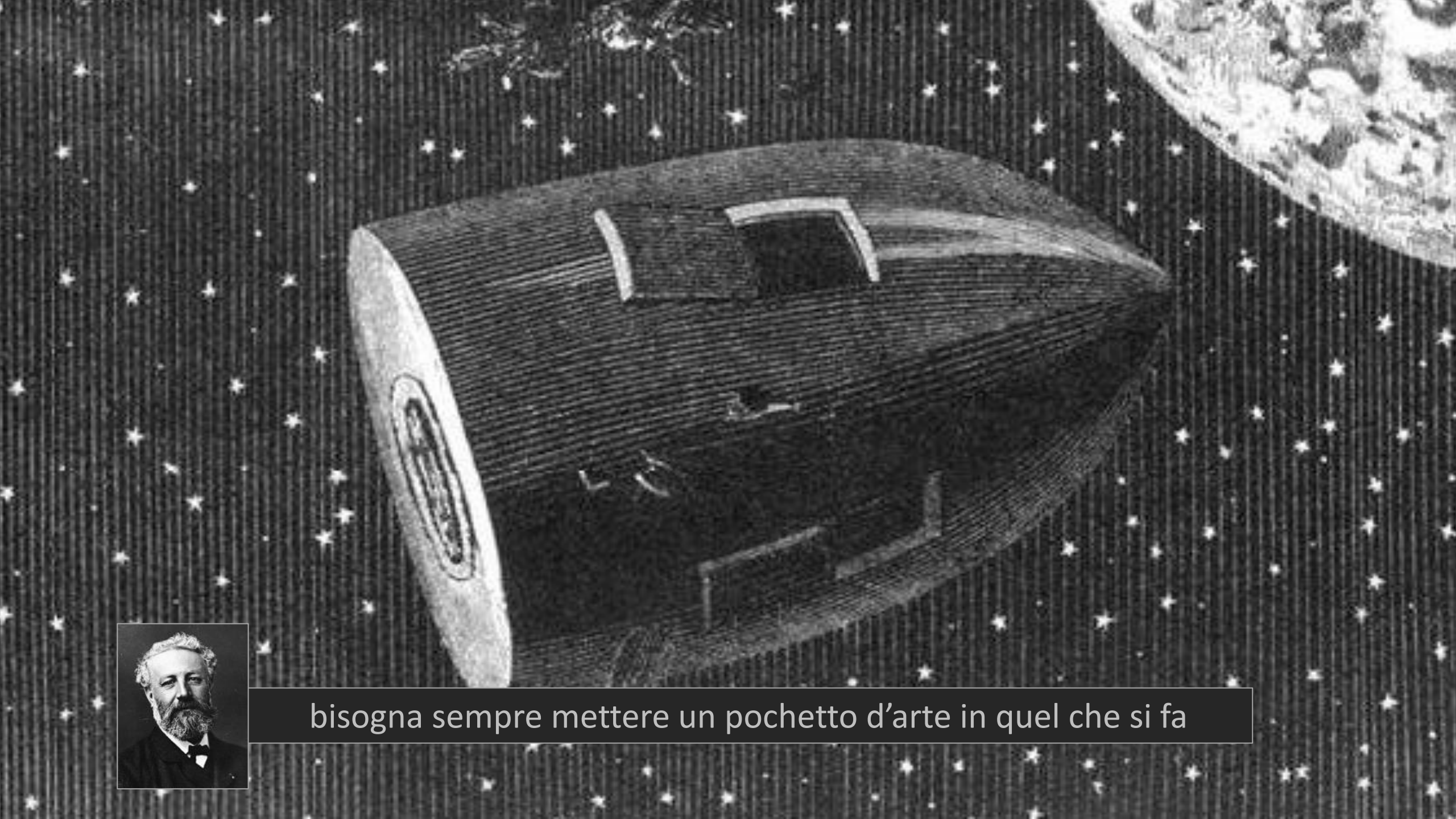
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