

A satellite with large solar panels is shown in space, orbiting Earth. The satellite has a central body and several large, rectangular solar panels extending outwards. The Earth's surface is visible below, showing clouds and landmasses. The background is the blackness of space with some stars.

Other Remote Sensing Satellites

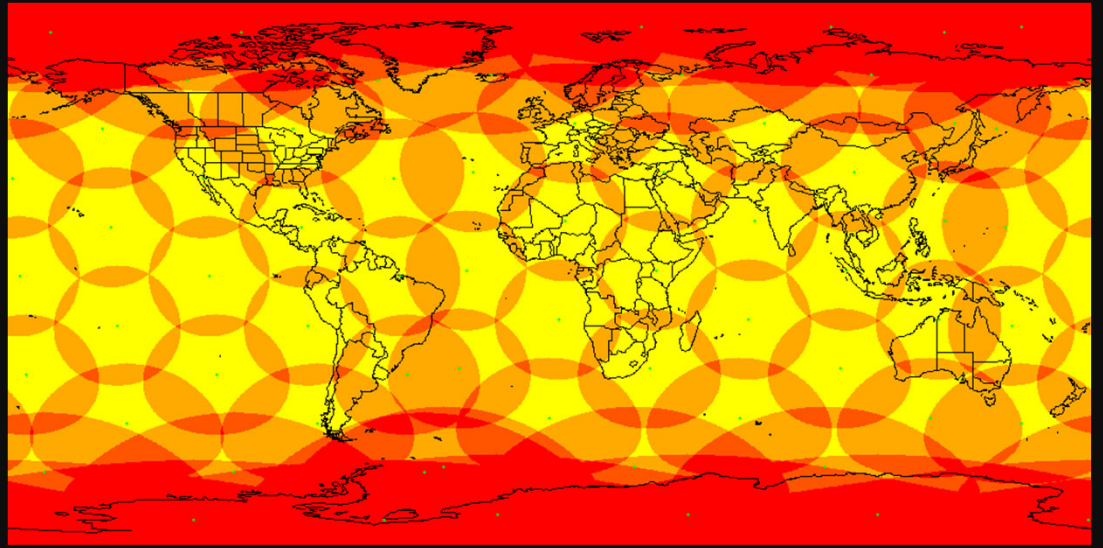
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Types of Satellites

- Remote Sensing Satellites (Weather)
- Polar Orbiting Satellites (Weather and Communications)
- Geocentric Orbit type (LEO, MEO, HEO)
- Geostationary Satellites (GEOs)
- Navigation Satellites (GPS, GNSS, etc.)
- Nano Satellites, CubeSats and SmallSats
- Communications Satellites
- Astronomical satellites (Space Explorations)
- Drone Satellites

Communications Satellite



- An artificial satellite that relays and amplifies radio telecommunications signals via a transponder; it creates a communication channel between a source transmitter and a receiver at different locations on Earth.
- Many are in geostationary orbit 22,236 miles (35,785 km) above the equator, so that the satellite appears stationary at the same point in the sky, so the satellite dish antennas of ground stations can be aimed permanently at that spot and do not have to move to track it.
- There are about 2,000 communications satellites in Earth's orbit, used by both private and government organizations.
- Communications satellites are used for television, telephone, radio, internet, and military applications.

Coverage of Earth by the Iridium satellites, which are arranged in 6 orbits of 11 satellites each. Animation shows approximately 10 minutes.



Orbits for Communications satellites

- Geostationary satellites have a geostationary orbit (GEO), which is 22,000 miles from Earth's surface.
- Medium Earth orbit (MEO) satellites are closer to Earth. Orbital altitudes range from 1,200 to 22,000 miles above Earth.
- The region below medium orbits is referred to as low Earth orbit (LEO), and is about 99 to 1,200 miles above Earth.

Communication frequencies

- Microwave band terminology
 - L band 800 MHz - 2 GHz
 - S band 2-3 GHz
 - C band 3-6 GHz
 - X band 7-9 GHz
 - Ku band 10-17 GHz
 - Ka band 18-22 GHz



The ITU coordinates the shared global use of the radio spectrum, promotes international cooperation in assigning satellite orbits, works to improve telecommunication infrastructure in the developing world, and assists in the development and coordination of worldwide technical standards.

The ITU is also active in the areas of broadband Internet, latest-generation wireless technologies, aeronautical and maritime navigation, radio astronomy, satellite-based meteorology, convergence in fixed-mobile phone, Internet access, data, voice, TV broadcasting, and next-generation networks.

Astronomical satellites

- An astronomy satellite is basically a big telescope floating in space.
- Because it is in orbit above the Earth, the satellite's vision is not clouded by the gases that make up the Earth's atmosphere, and its infrared imaging equipment is not confused by the heat of the Earth.
- Astronomy satellites, therefore, can "see" into space up to ten times better than a telescope of similar strength on Earth.

Infrared Astronomical Satellite

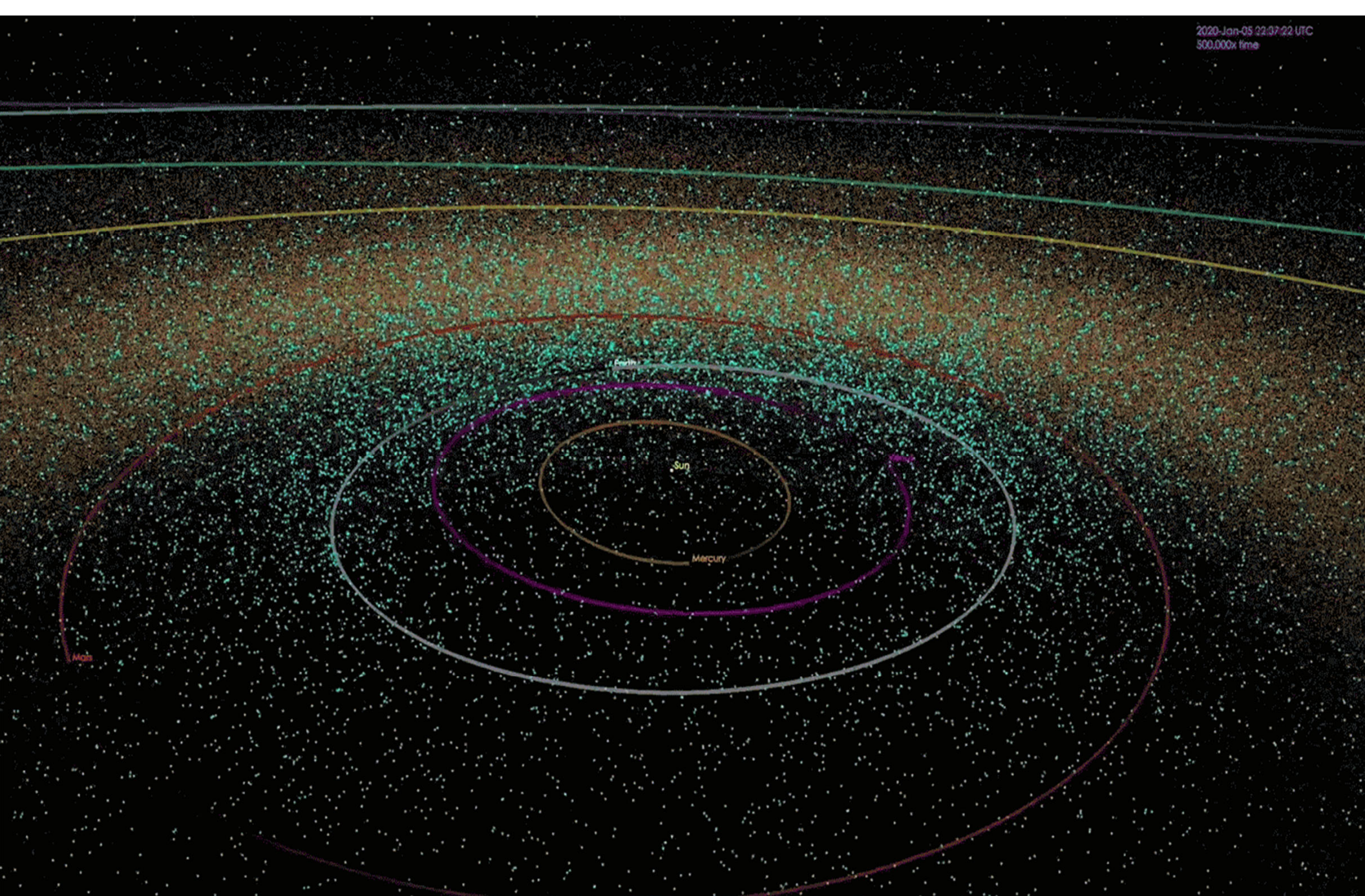


Astronomical satellites

Applications

- To make star maps
- To study mysterious phenomena such as black holes and quasars
- Take pictures of the planets in the solar system
- Make maps of different planetary surfaces

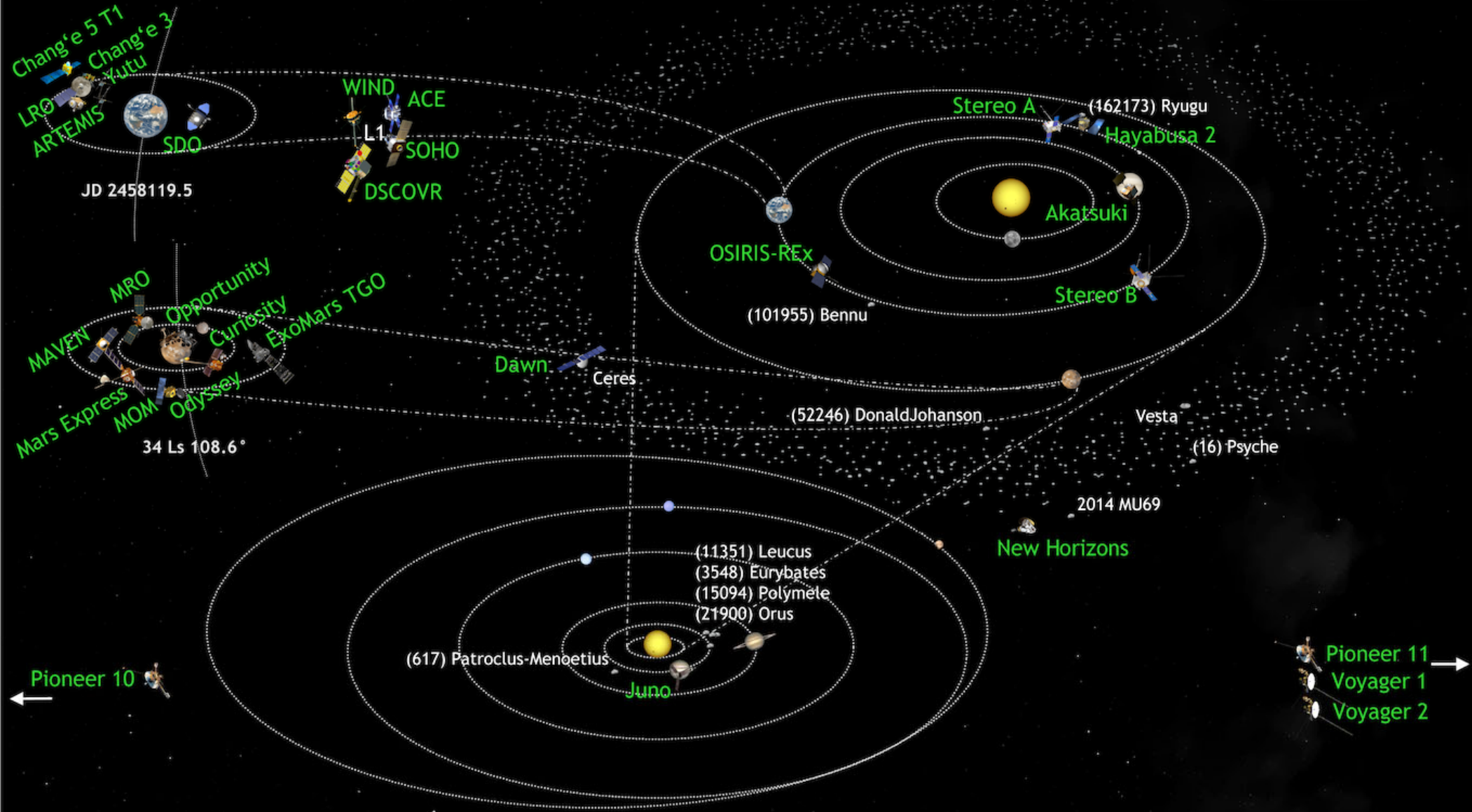




Plot of orbits of known potentially hazardous asteroids (size over 140 m (460 ft) and passing within 7.6 million km (4.7 million mi) of Earth's orbit) as of early 2013.

Space exploration missions

- [International Space Station](#)
- [Chandrayaan-2](#) (ISRO)
- [Chang'e 4](#) (CNSA)
- [Mars Odyssey](#) (NASA)
- [Mars Express](#) – ESA satellite orbiting Mars
- [Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter](#) (NASA)
- [Mars Science Laboratory](#) – NASA rover to Mars
- [MAVEN](#) – NASA satellite orbiting Mars
- [Mars Orbiter Mission](#) (ISRO) – satellite orbiting Mars
- [ExoMars](#) (ESA / [Roscosmos](#)) – Mars mission
- [InSight](#) (NASA)
- [Akatsuki](#) – [JAXA](#) satellite orbiting Venus
- [BepiColombo](#) (ESA / JAXA)
- [Parker Solar Probe](#) – NASA probe to Sun
- [Hayabusa2](#) (JAXA) – sample return mission to asteroid [Ryugu](#)
- [OSIRIS-REx](#) (NASA) – sample return mission to asteroid [Bennu](#)
- [Juno](#) – NASA satellite orbiting Jupiter
- [New Horizons](#) – probe to Pluto
- [Voyager](#) (NASA) – probe to outer Solar System and interstellar space



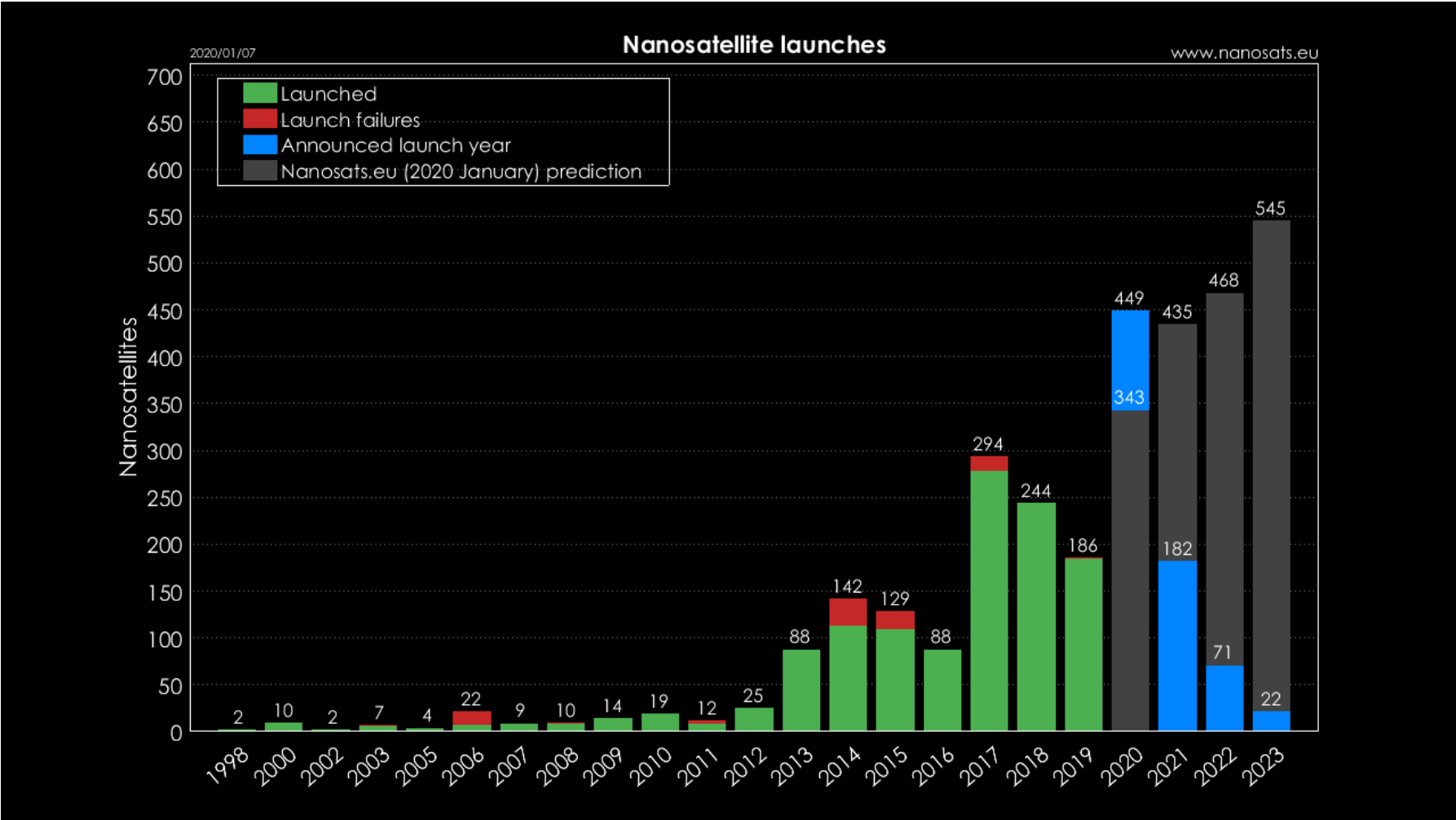
Upcoming Events

<p>2018</p> <p>Mar: Chandrayaan 2 Launch/SL Moon</p> <p>Mar: GLXP Last Launch Opp. Moon</p> <p>May: InSIGHT/MarCO Launch to Mars</p> <p>Jun: Chang'e 4 LRS Launch/OI Moon</p> <p>Sep: OSIRIS-REx App Bennu</p> <p>Oct: Bepi-Colombo Launch to Merc.</p> <p>Nov: InSIGHT EDL Mars</p>	<p>Dec: Chang'e 4 Launch/SL Moon</p> <p>Dawn EOM Ceres</p> <p>Hayabusa 2 App/SL Ryugu</p> <p>Lightsail 2 Launch</p> <p>Parker Solar Probe Launch</p> <p>Solar Orbiter Launch</p> <p>2019</p> <p>Jan: New Horizons FB 2014 MU69</p> <p>Oct: OSIRIS-REx Sample Acq. Bennu</p>	<p>Orion EM-1 Launch/FB Moon</p> <p>+10 EM-1 Cubesats Launch/OI/FB Moon/Heliocentric Orbit</p> <p>Hayabusa 2 Sample acq. Ryugu</p> <p>Chang'e 5 Launch/SL Moon</p> <p>Luna 25 Lander Launch</p> <p>SLIM Launch/SL Moon</p> <p>2020</p> <p>Dec: KPLO Launch/OI Moon</p> <p>2020 Mars Rover Launch</p> <p>Chang'e 6 Launch/SL Moon</p>	<p>ExoMars Rover Launch</p> <p>Hayabusa 2 EDL Earth</p> <p>Luna 26 Orbiter Launch</p> <p>Mars Hope Launch to Mars</p> <p>MGRSO Launch to Mars</p> <p>MOM-2 Launch to Mars</p> <p>2021</p> <p>Mar: OSIRIS-REx Dep Bennu</p> <p>Juno EOM</p> <p>ExoMars Rover EDL Mars</p> <p>Lucy Launch to Jupiter-Trojans</p>	<p>Luna 27 Lander Launch</p> <p>2022+</p> <p>[Chinese Asteroid FB] Launch</p> <p>Europa Clipper Launch to Jupiter</p> <p>JUICE Launch to Jupiter</p> <p>Psyche Launch to Psyche</p> <p>EM-2 Launch to Cislunar Space (2023)</p> <p>OSIRIS-REx EDL Earth (2023)</p> <p>MMX Launch to Mars (2024)</p> <p>Bepi-Colombo OI Mercury (2025)</p> <p>JUICE EDL Jupiter (2032)</p>
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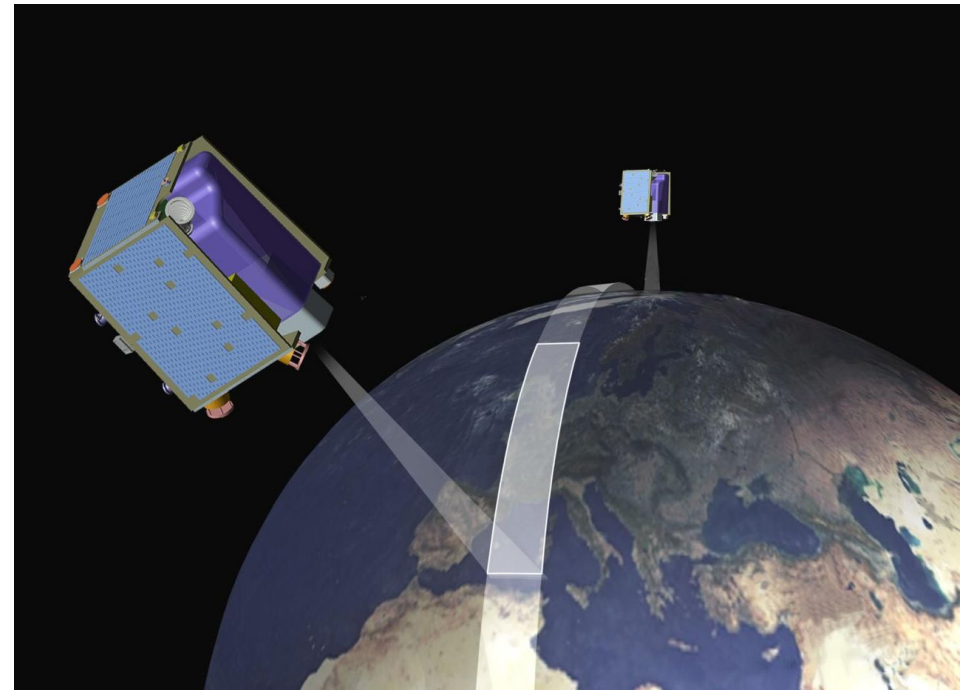
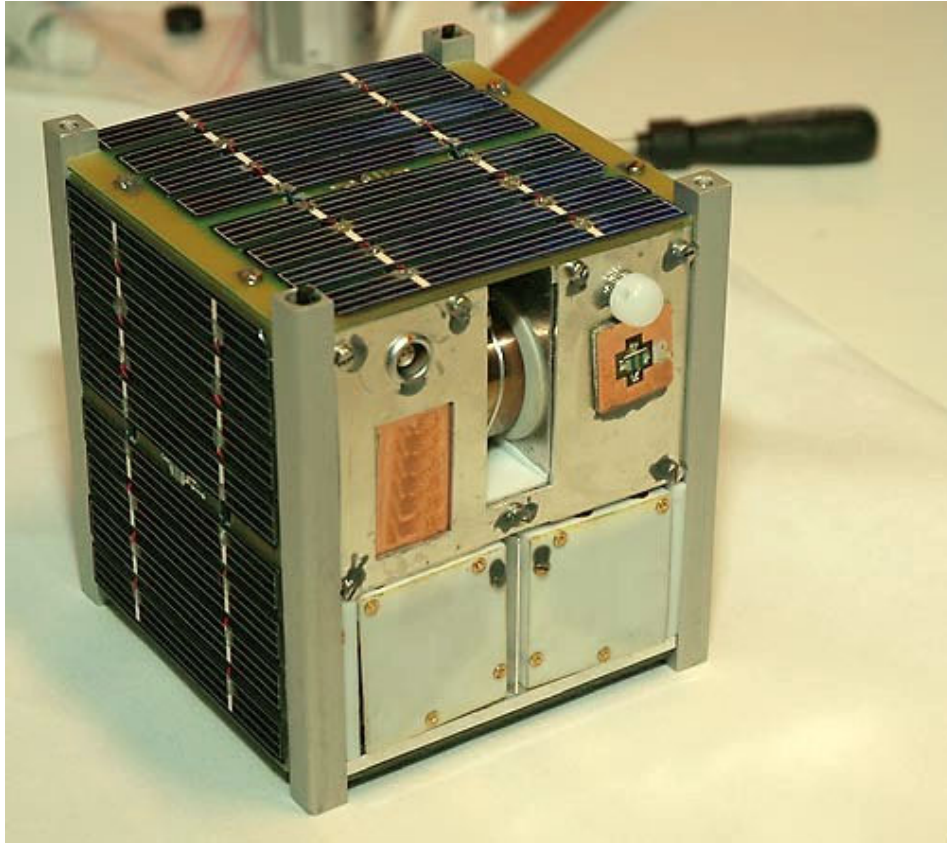
FB: Flyby; OI: Orbit Insertion; App: Approach; Dep: Departure; Imp: Impact
 EDL: Entry, Descent and Landing; SL: Soft Landing; EOM: End of Mission

Group name ^[1]	Mass (kg)
Large satellite	>1000
Medium satellite	500 to 1000
Mini satellite	100 to 500
Micro satellite	10 to 100
Nano satellite	1 to 10
Pico satellite	0.1 to 1
Femto satellite	<0.1

Small satellites



Examples of Small Satellites



SpaceBelt Data Security as a Service



A network of 10 Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites for the purpose of offering space-based secure cloud data storage and global connectivity services