

Ph1a Lecture 6 10/14/11

- Uniform circular motion
- Central forces
- Gravity
 - ↳ Circular orbits

Uniform circular motion

represent objects location vectorially:

$$\vec{r} = x \hat{x} + y \hat{y}$$

$(\hat{i}) \quad (\hat{j})$ ← alternative notation

Circular motion: $r = \text{const.}$

$\theta \neq \text{const.}$

"Uniform" : $\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \text{const} \equiv \text{angular velocity (or speed)} \equiv \omega$ "omega"

$$\Rightarrow \theta(t) = \omega t + \theta_0$$

[on analogy with $x(t) = vt + x_0$] ← linear motion

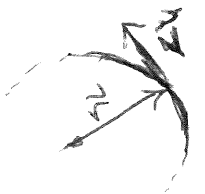
One complete loop; $\theta \rightarrow \theta + 2\pi$ in time T

$$\Rightarrow \omega = 2\pi/T \quad \leftarrow \text{"period" } T$$

Take $\theta_0 = 0$:

$$\vec{r}(t) = (r \cos \omega t) \hat{x} + (r \sin \omega t) \hat{y}$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = (-r\omega \sin \omega t) \hat{x} + (r\omega \cos \omega t) \hat{y}$$

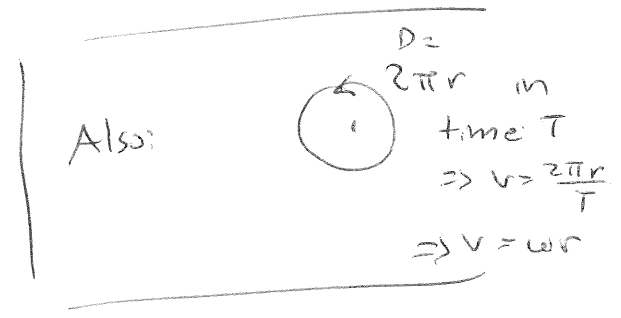


$\vec{v} \perp \vec{r}$ from: picture
 : $r = \text{const}$
 : $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{r} = v r \cos \theta = 0$

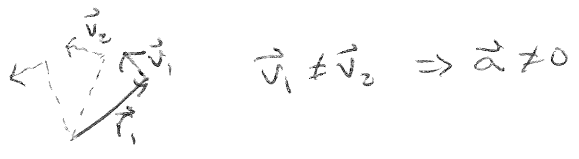
$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{r} = -r^2 \omega \cos \omega t \sin \omega t + r^2 \omega \cos \omega t \sin \omega t = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$|\vec{v}| = v = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2} = \omega r$$

$v = \omega r$



Accel?



$$\vec{a} = (-r\omega^2 \cos \omega t) \hat{x} + (-r\omega^2 \sin \omega t) \hat{y}$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = -\omega^2 \vec{r}(t) \quad \underline{\underline{\vec{a} \parallel \vec{r}}}$$

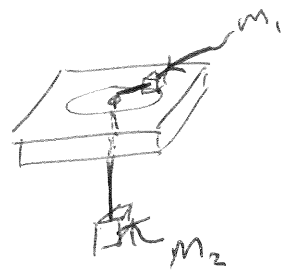
and

$a = \omega^2 r$

\vec{a} is needed; $\vec{F}_{\text{centrip.}}$ provides; $\vec{F}_c = m\vec{a} = -m\omega^2 \vec{r}$
 or

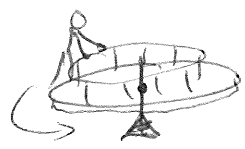
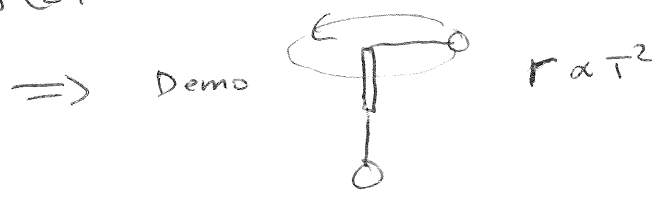
$$\vec{F}_c = m\omega^2 r = m v^2 / r$$

any (net) force can be the centripetal force.

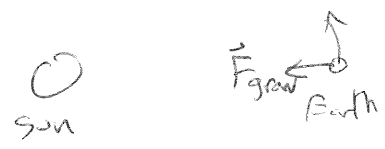


$$m_2 g = m_1 \omega^2 r$$

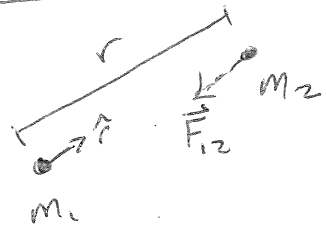
$$r = \frac{m_2}{m_1 g} \left(\frac{I}{2\pi} \right)^2$$



Many cases of circ. motion with different sources of $\vec{F}_{centripetal}$



Gravity



Newton's insight:

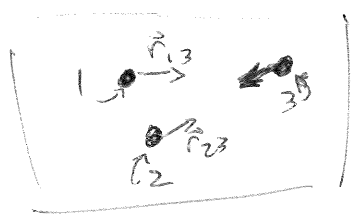
$$\vec{F}_{12} \propto \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

$$\vec{F}_{12} = -G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

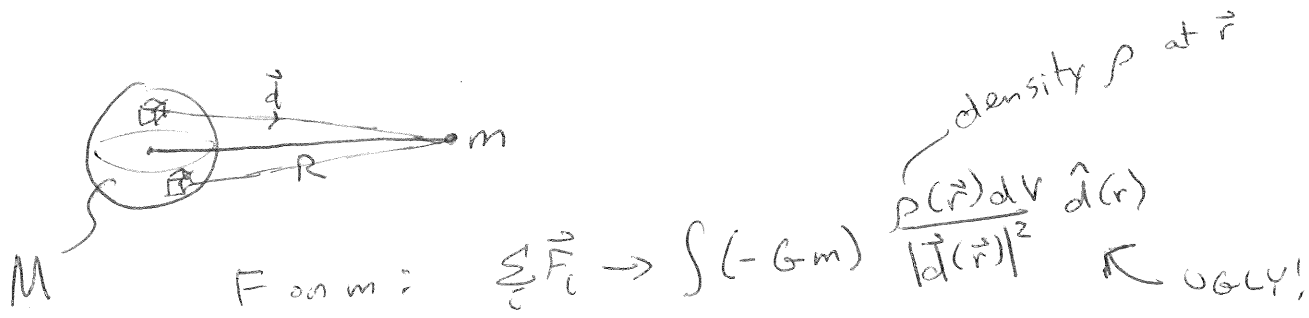
→ $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 / \text{kg}^2$

This plus $\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$ → powerful!

More objects?



$$\vec{F}_3 = \vec{F}_{13} + \vec{F}_{23}$$

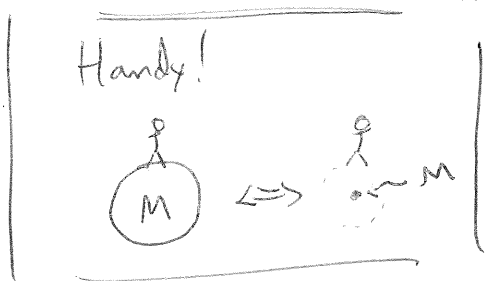


If $\rho(\vec{r}) = \rho(r)$ {spherically symmetric object}

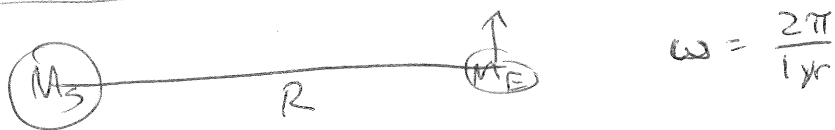
then

$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = -G \frac{Mm}{R^2} \hat{R}$

← as if all mass at center.



Earth around sun:



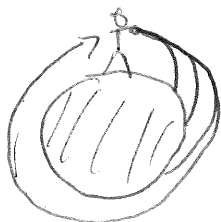
$$\underbrace{M_E \omega^2 R}_{F_{\text{centrip. required}}} = \underbrace{\frac{G M_S M_E}{R^2}}_{F_{\text{grav.}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow R^3 = \frac{G M_S}{\omega^2} = G M_S \left(\frac{T}{2\pi} \right)^2$$

↑
no M_E !

Kepler's 3rd Law
 $R^2 \propto T^3$

Aside: orbit = falling



M LEO (low earth orbit) ~ 300km up
 "g" ~ 8.8 m/s²

★ more on LEO & gravity: PDF slides →

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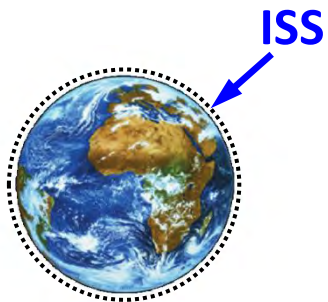
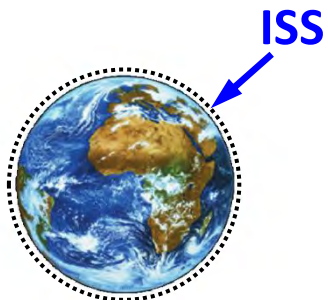


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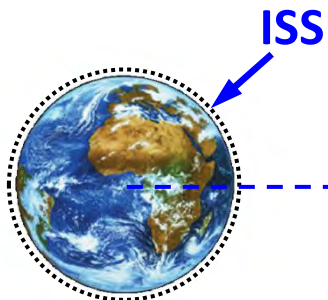
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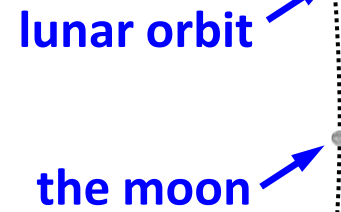
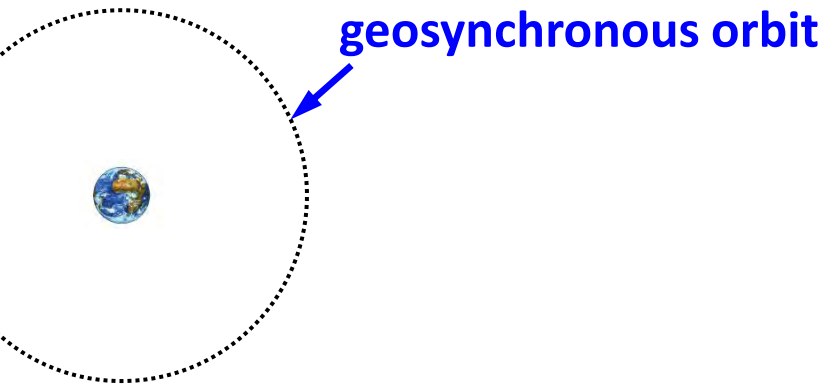
Moon's orbital radius is
3.8× the length of this line. →

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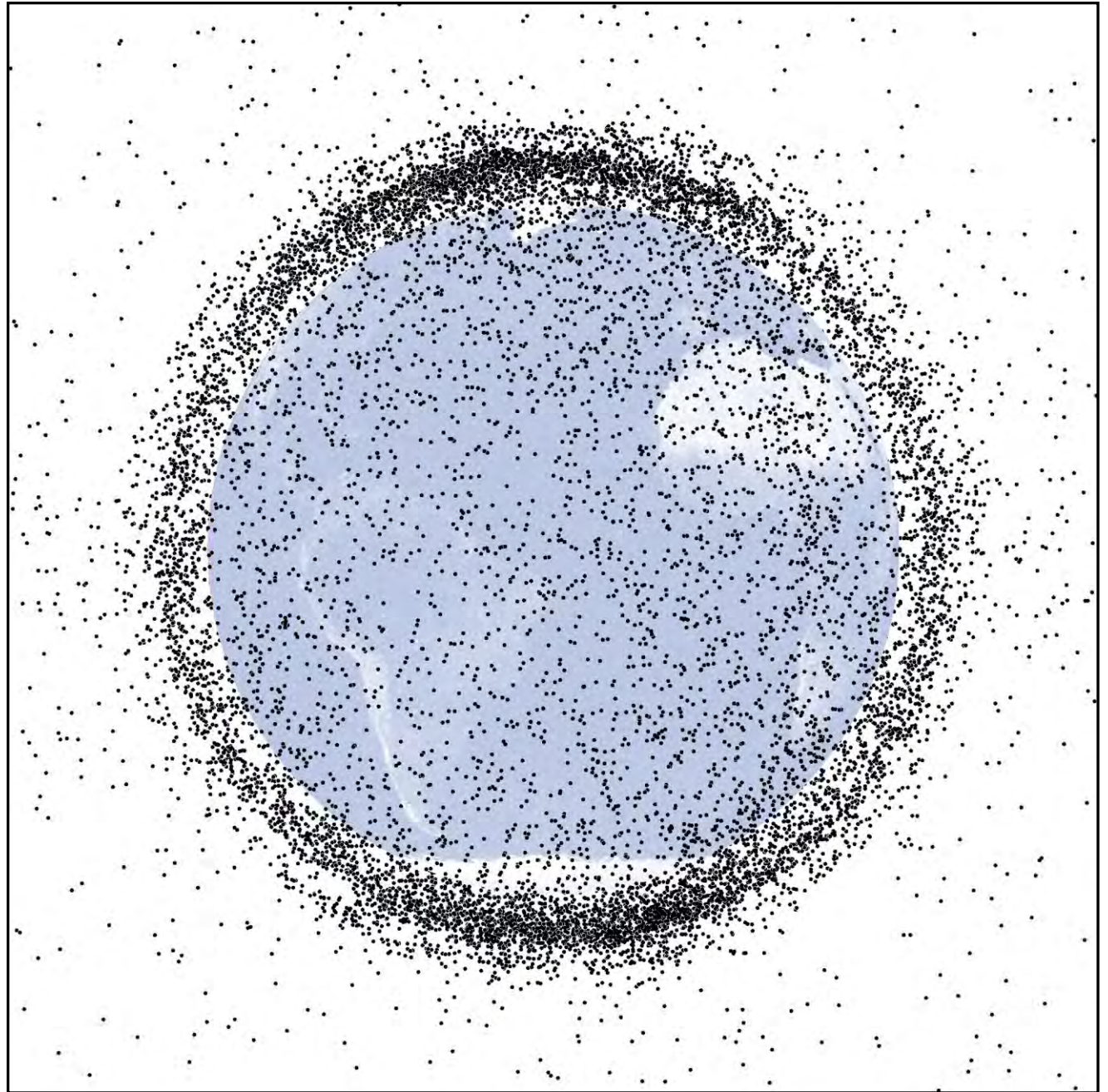
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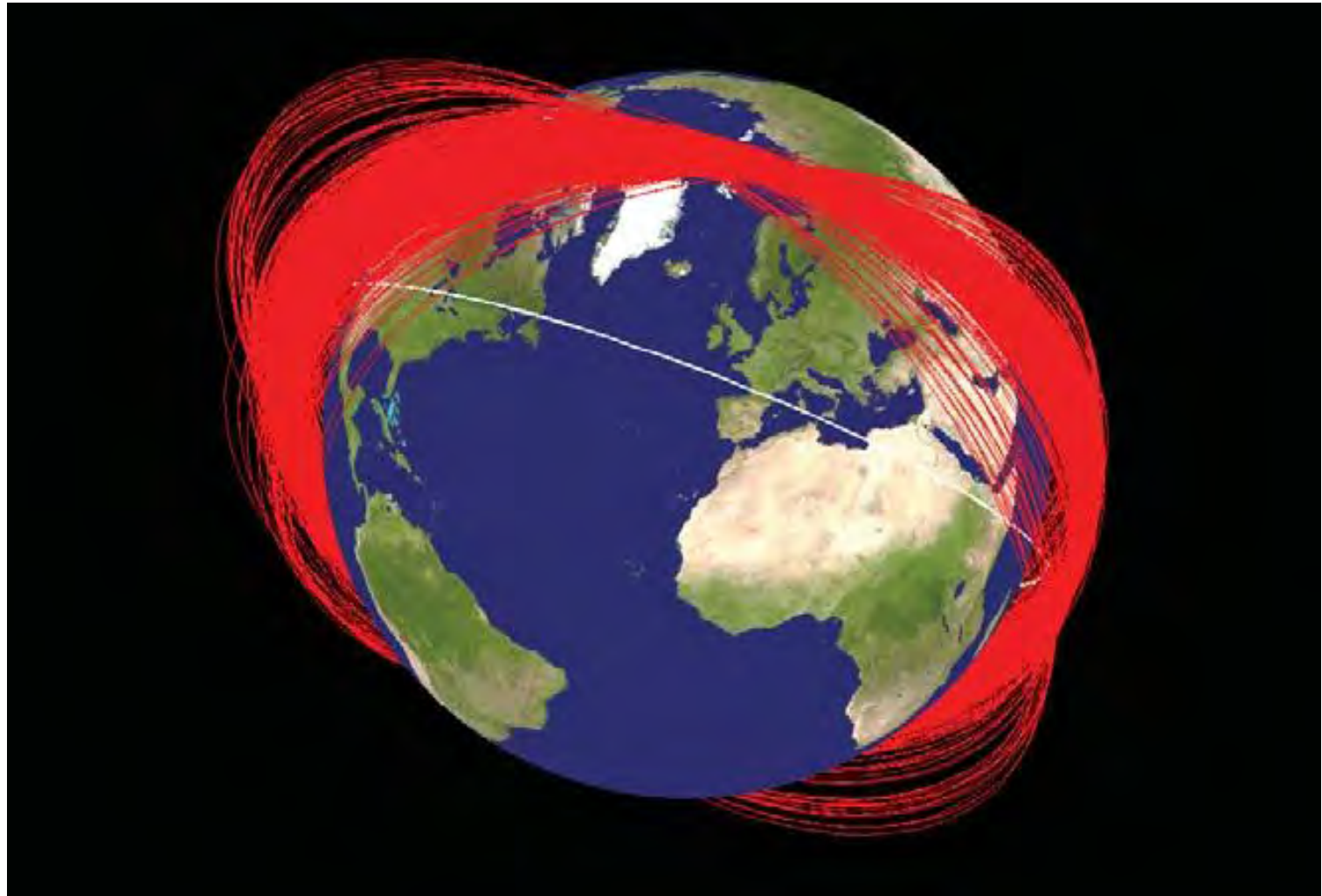
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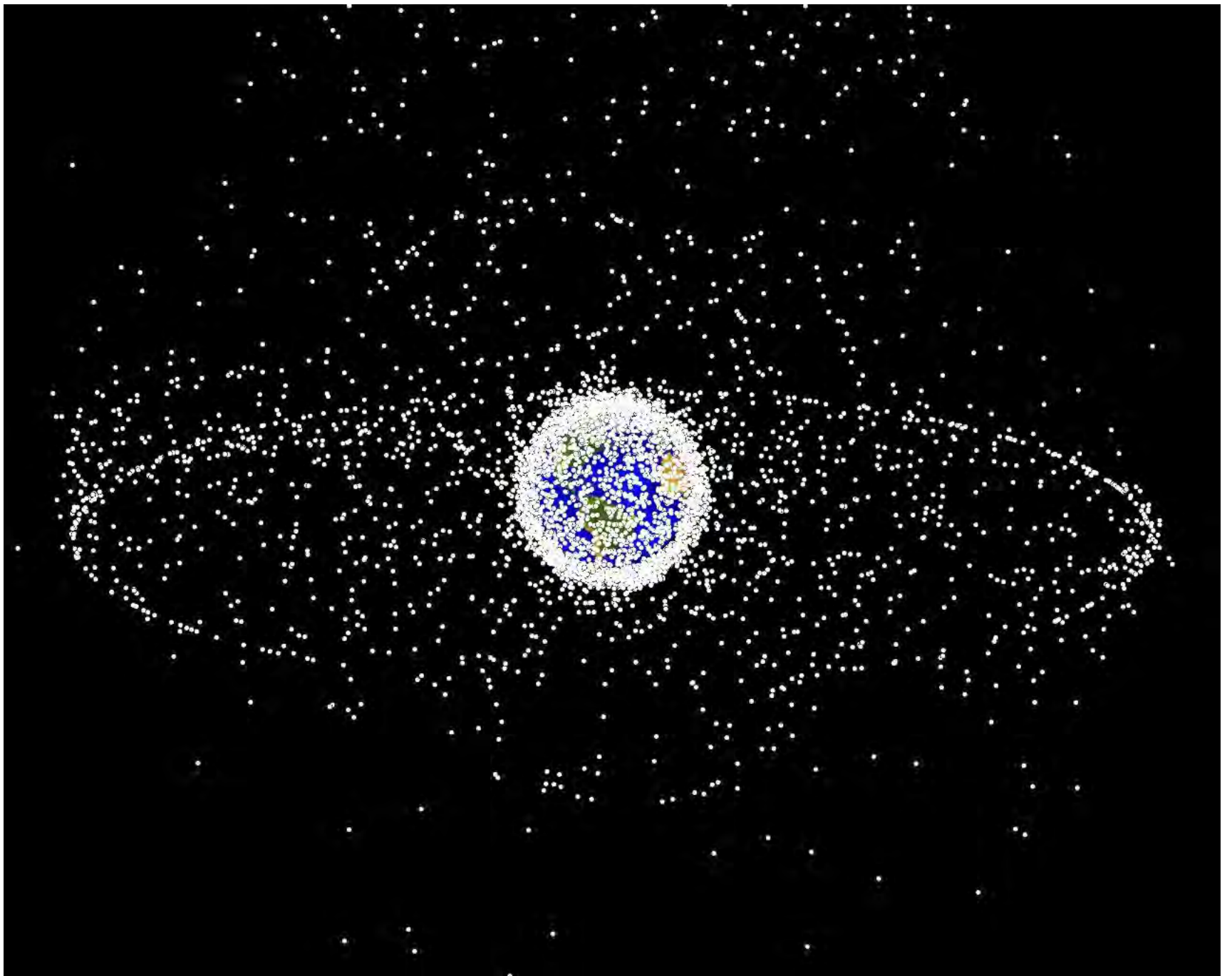


**Tracked manmade
objects in low earth
orbit (mostly debris)**



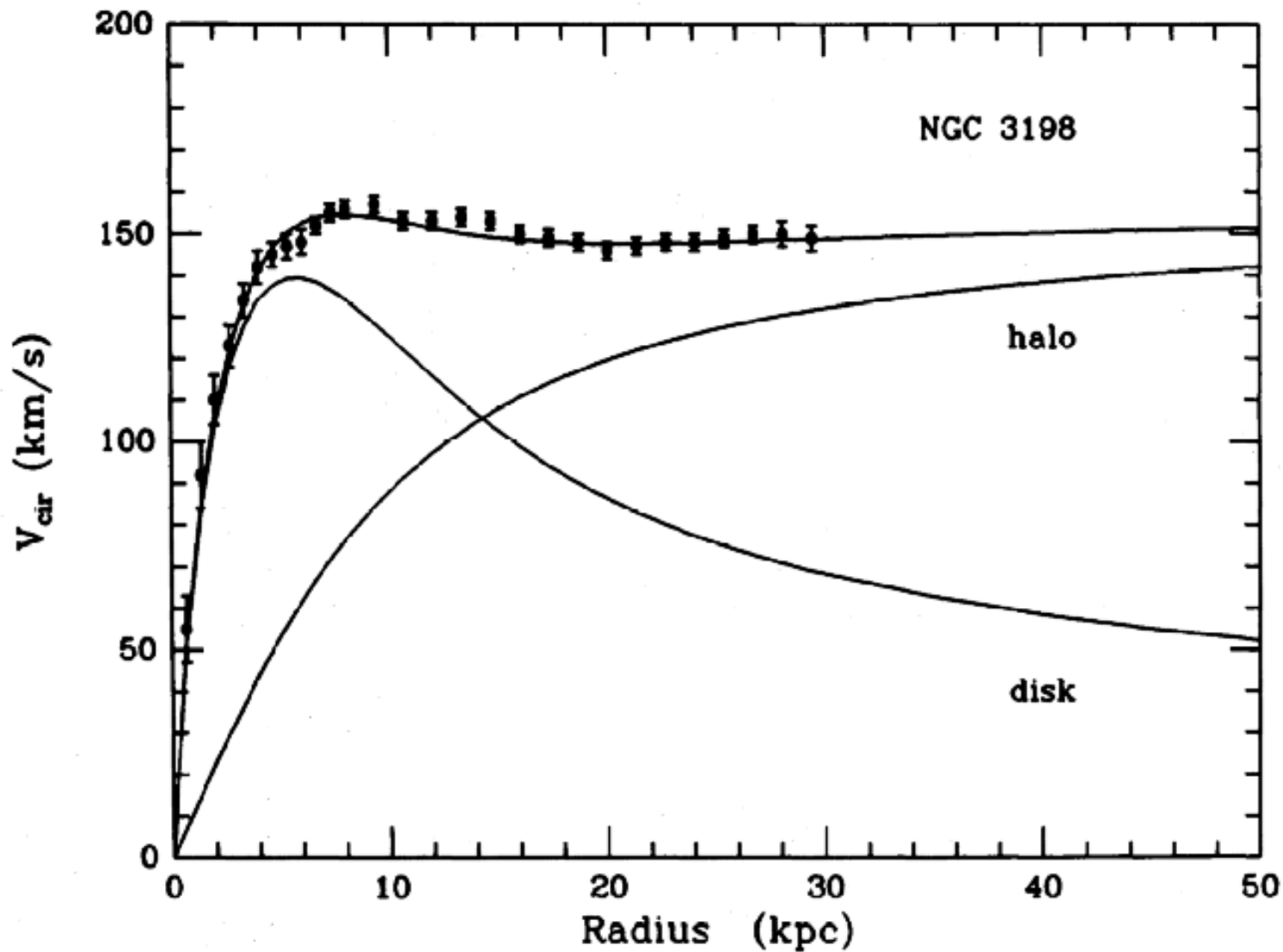


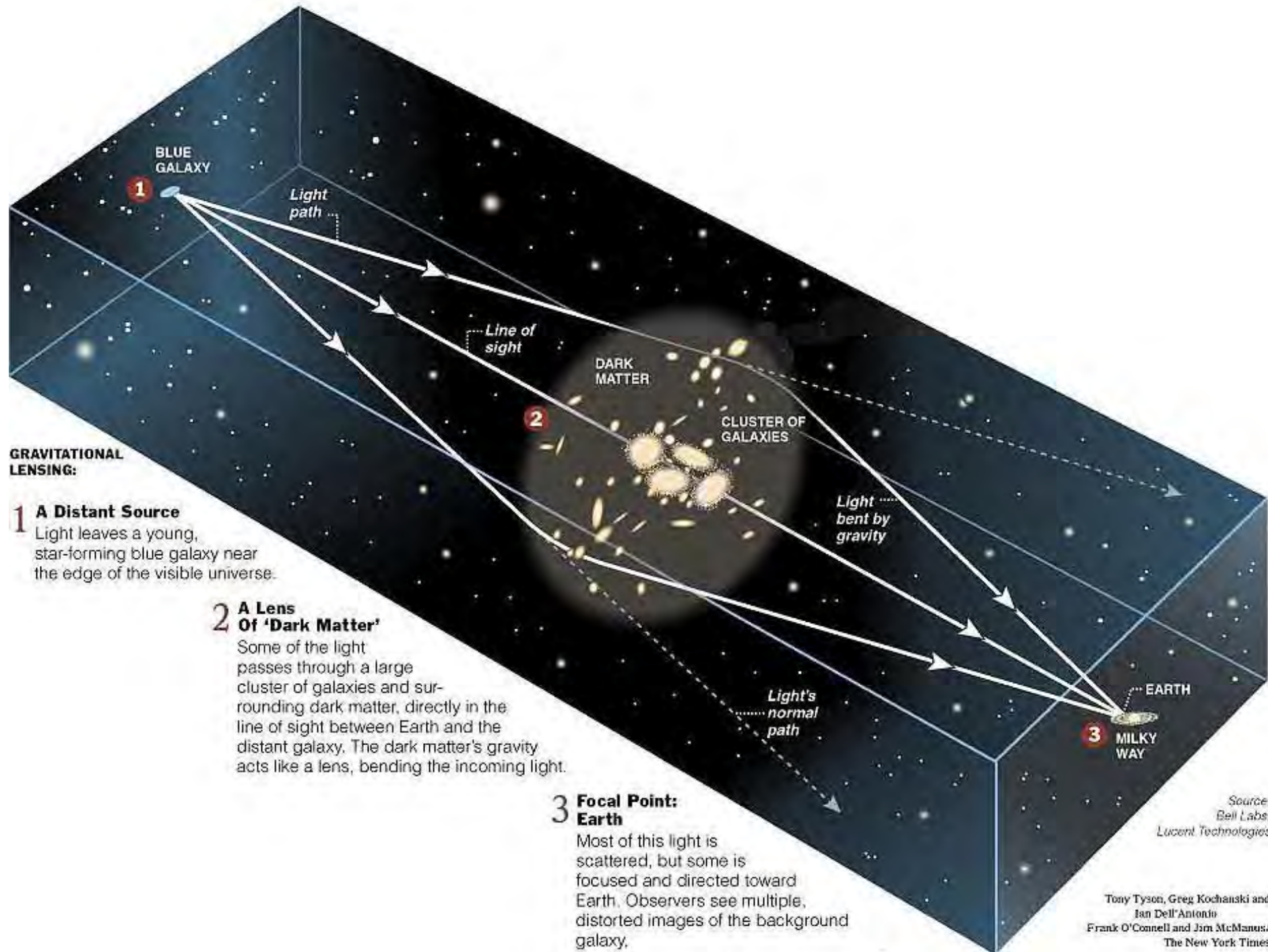
2,317 trackable objects produced in a Chinese anti-satellite missile test in 2007.





DISTRIBUTION OF DARK MATTER IN NGC 3198





GRAVITATIONAL LENSING:

1 A Distant Source
 Light leaves a young, star-forming blue galaxy near the edge of the visible universe.

2 A Lens Of 'Dark Matter'
 Some of the light passes through a large cluster of galaxies and surrounding dark matter, directly in the line of sight between Earth and the distant galaxy. The dark matter's gravity acts like a lens, bending the incoming light.

3 Focal Point: Earth
 Most of this light is scattered, but some is focused and directed toward Earth. Observers see multiple, distorted images of the background galaxy.

Source: Bell Labs, Lucent Technologies

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 Frank O'Connell and Jim McManus/
 The New York Times

