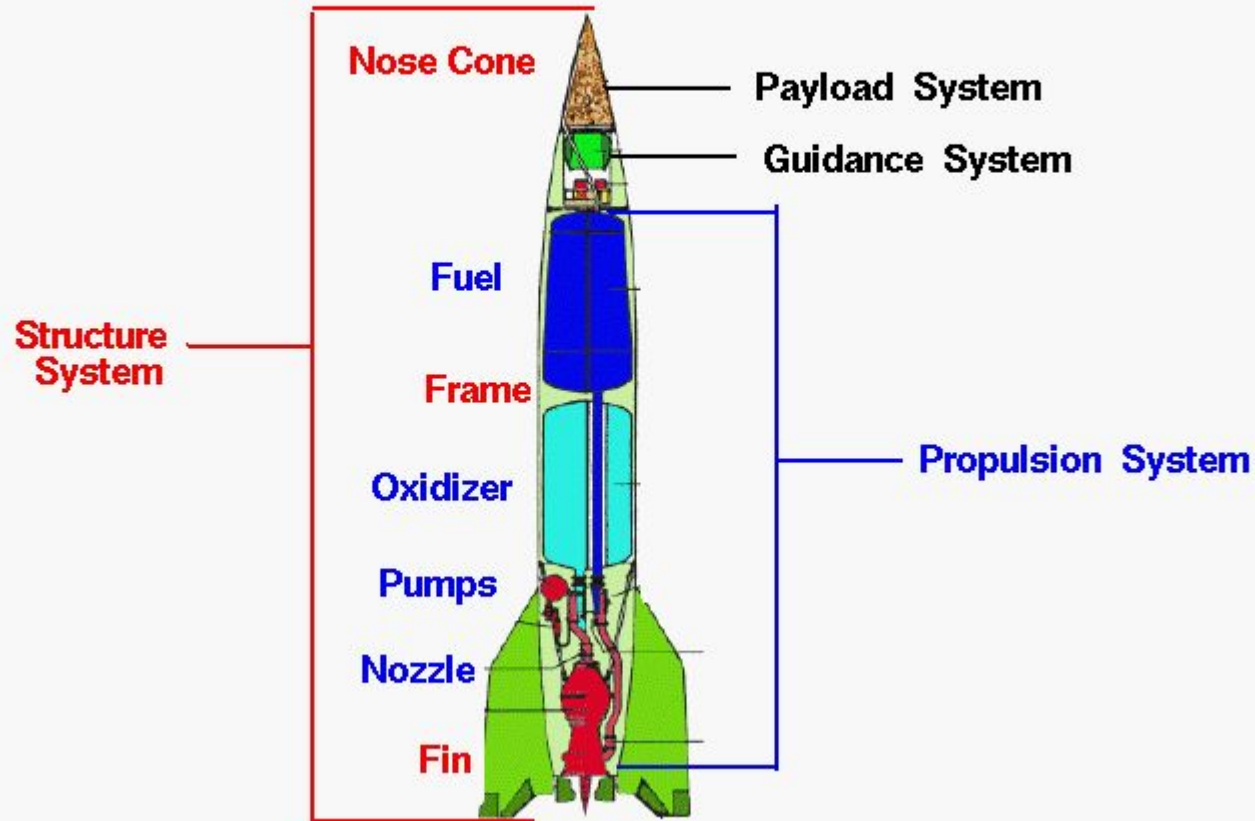


A space shuttle, identified as Columbia, is shown in the process of launching. It is ascending vertically, leaving a massive, billowing plume of white smoke and fire behind it. To the left of the shuttle, a yellow service structure is visible, partially obscured by the launch clouds. The background is a clear blue sky with scattered white clouds. The shuttle's orange external tank and white solid rocket boosters are prominent. The orbiter is attached to the bottom of the external tank.

ABOVE THE ATMOSPHERE AND UNDER CONTROL

Topic 6

Parts of a Rocket



V2 rocket

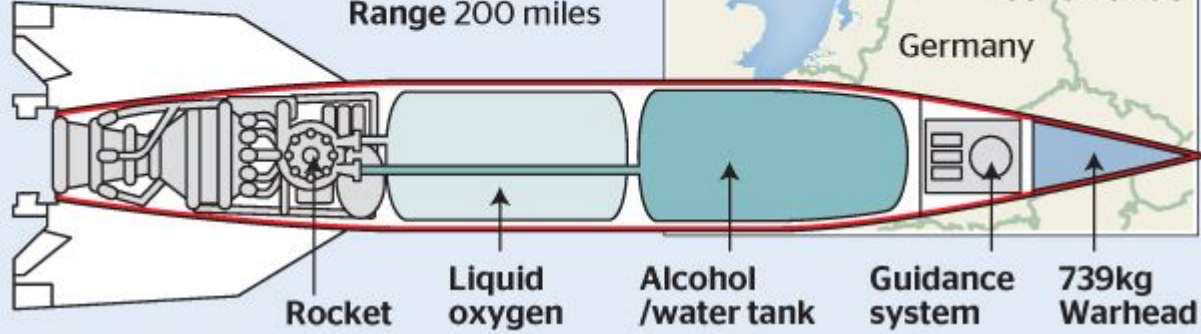
Length 14m (46ft)

Altitude 60 miles

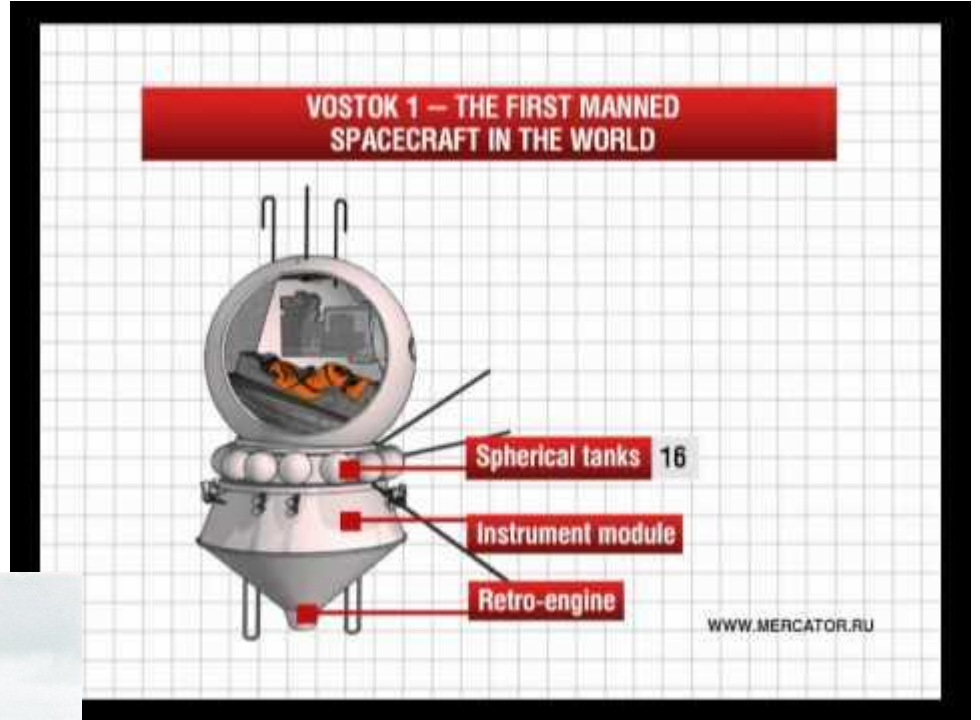
Maximum speed

5,400 km/h
(3,355 mph)

Range 200 miles







VOSTOK 1

50 YEARS

On April 12, 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first human to orbit the Earth on board of the Vostok-1, perhaps the most important flight since the Wright brother's at Kitty Hawk.



Mission and Vostok program insignias

STAGES

April 12, 1961

A two-stage rocket, carrying the Vostok-1 spaceship with Yuri Gagarin on board, launches from Baikonur (former USSR, now Kazakhstan) at 0607 GMT

Vostok 3KA rocket
Weight 4,725 kg (with fuel)

38.36 m

Spaceship Vostok -1

Second stage burn time 365 seconds
First stage burn time 301 seconds

0612 GMT
Stage 1 separation0609 GMT
Strap-on booster sections separate

VOSTOK -1

SHARIK RE-ENTRY SPHERE

5 m

'Trombone' communication antennas

Electronics pack

'Vzor' optical orientation device

Ablative heat shield

Steel attachment straps, severed during re-entry

Cosmonaut's ejection seat

Survival kit inside the seat

Service module

Oxygen and nitrogen tanks

Electrical harness

Communication antennas

Retro-rocket

Hatch

0617 GMT
Stage 2 separation, craft reaches orbit

0637 GMT
Vostok-1 crosses into the night side of earth

0710 GMT
Reaches daylight again, starts orientation for retrofire

0726 GMT
Retro-rocket fires, separation of re-entry module fails

0735 GMT
Separation achieved during re-entry

0755 GMT
Gagarin seat ejects from module at an altitude of 23,000 ft

Gagarin separates from ejection seat at 13,000 ft


0805 GMT
Yuri Gagarin lands near Uzmoriye, a former USSR town in Russia



Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin (1934-68)

Vladimir Komarov



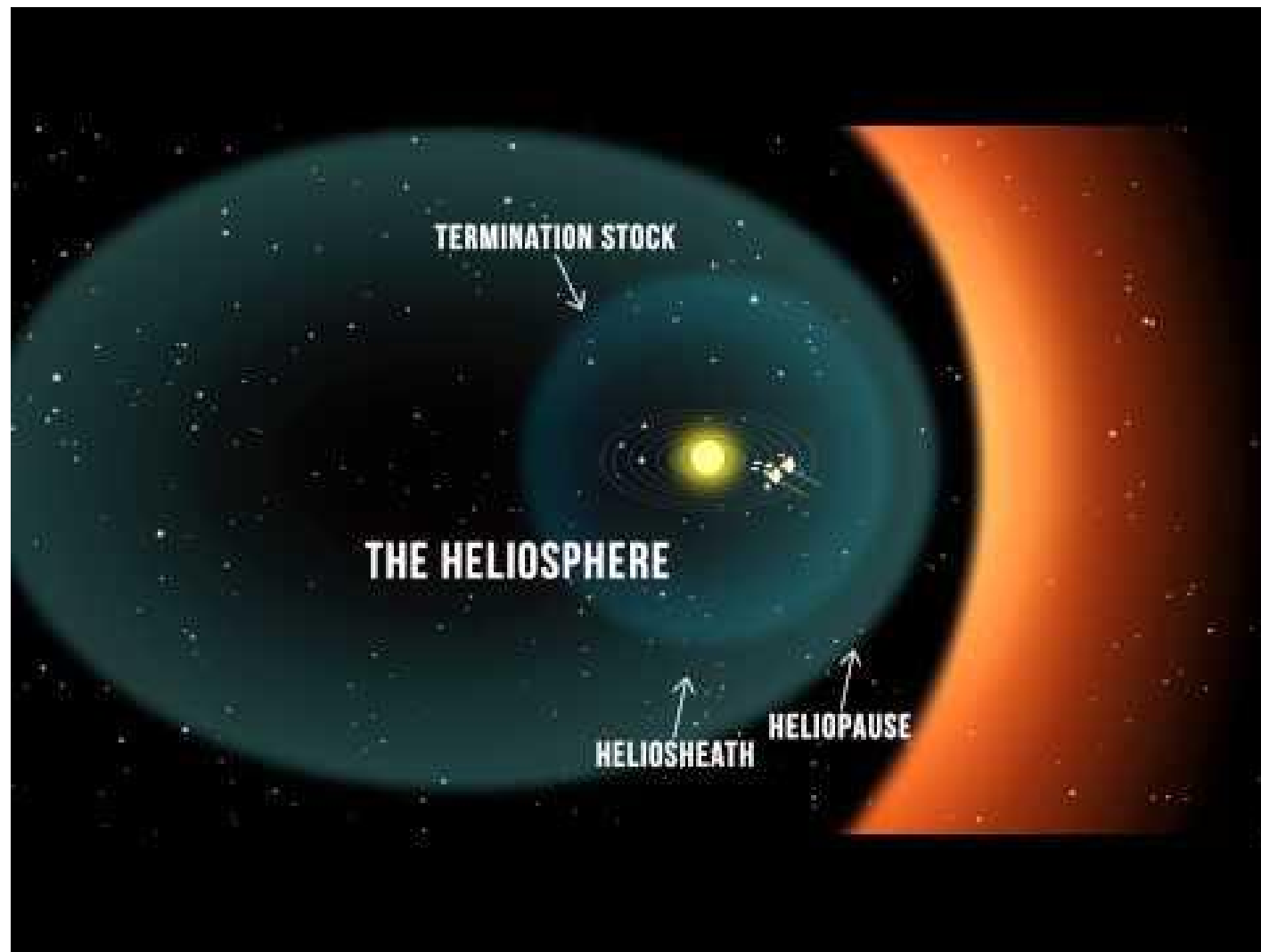


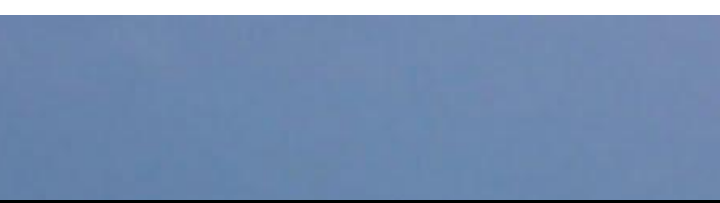
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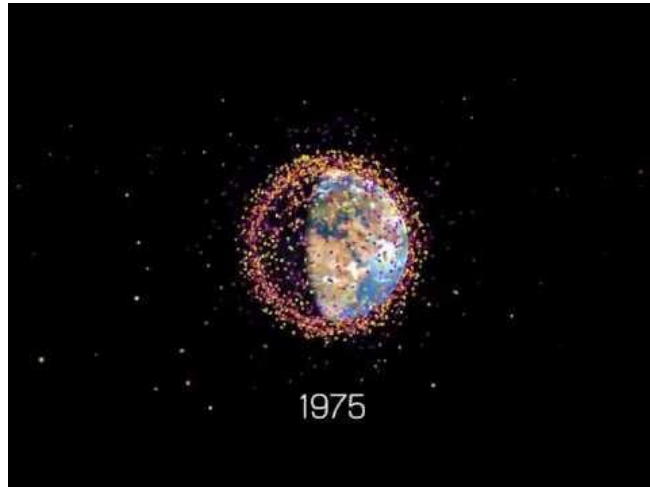
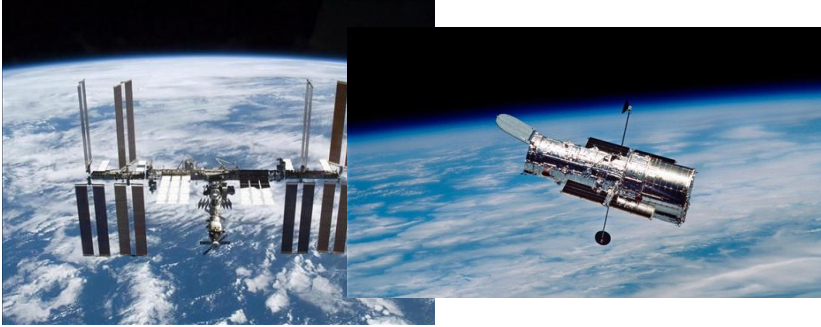








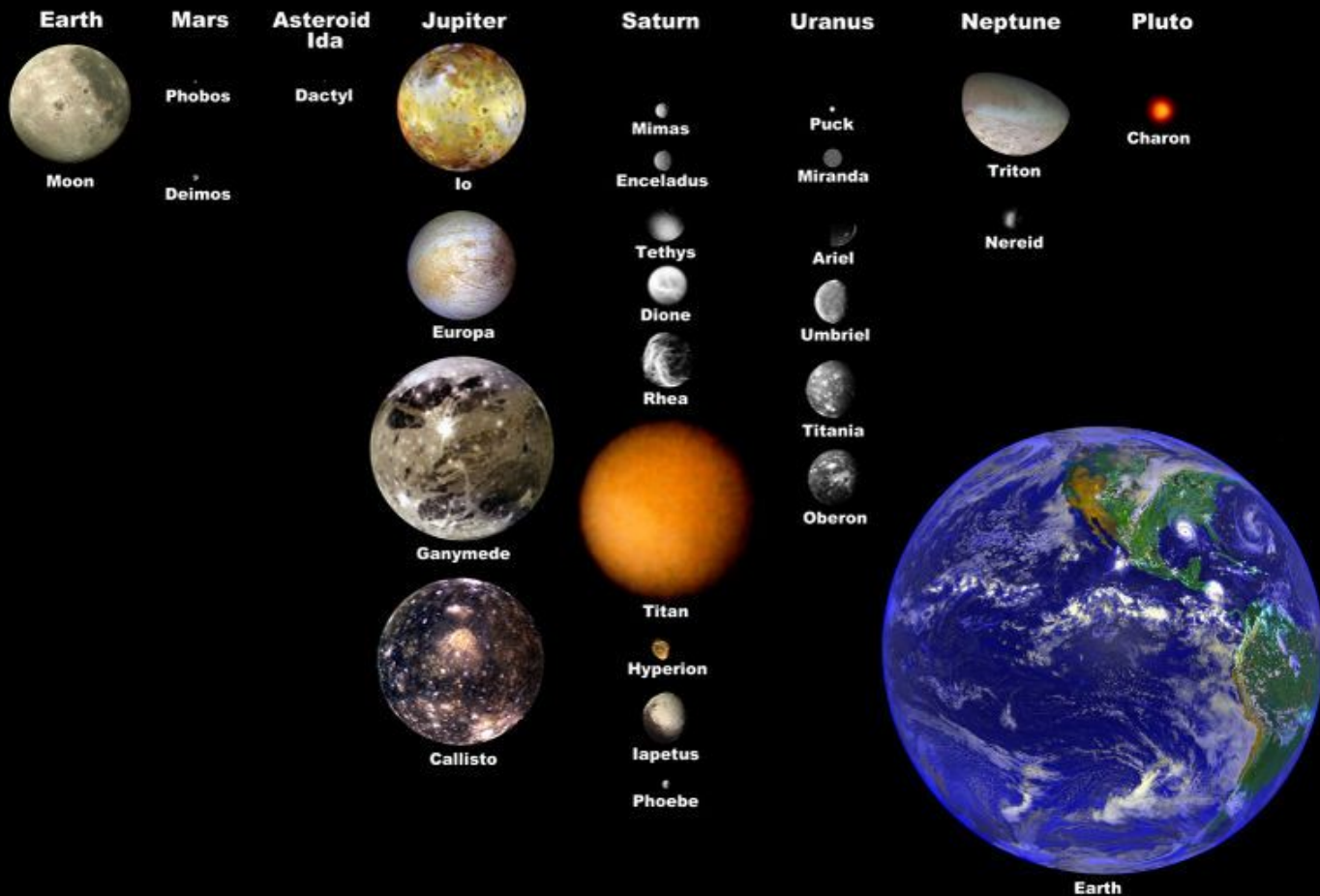
Artificial Satellites



Natural Satellites

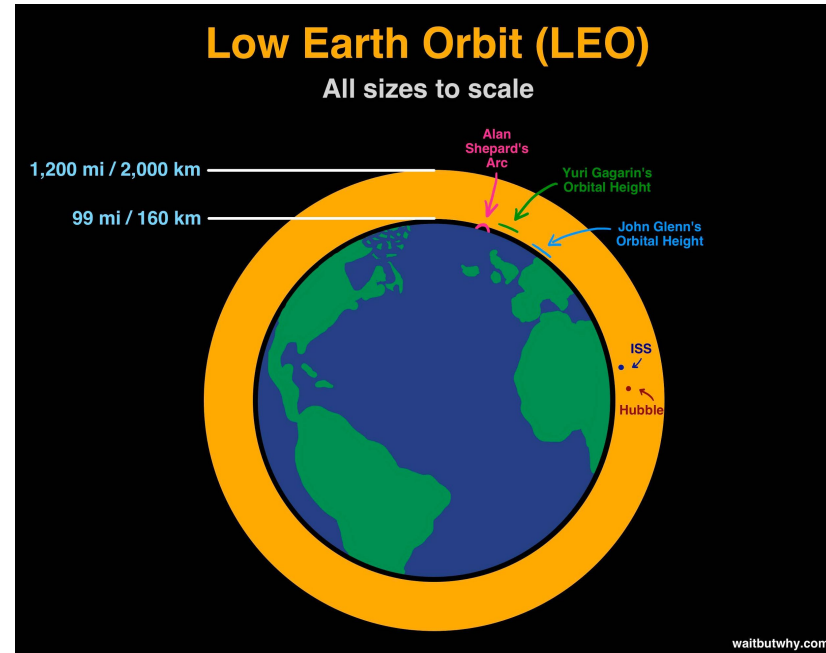


Moons of the Solar System Scaled to Earth's Moon



Low Earth Orbit

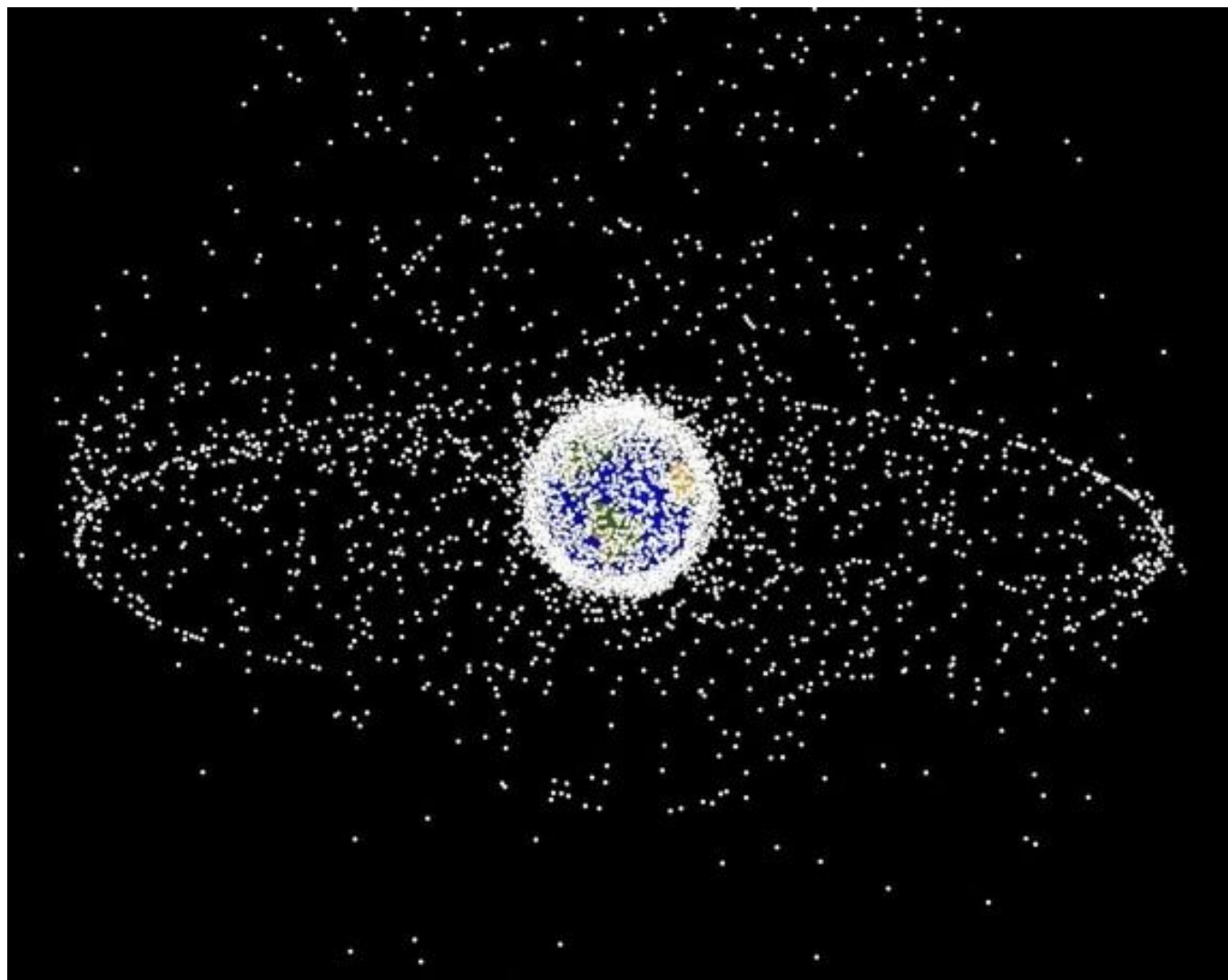
- 200 - 800 km high
- Orbit the Earth every 1.5 hrs.
- Good for communication
- Very fast signal since it doesn't have to travel far
- Have to track the satellite through space to get a message from it since it is moving so fast



Geosynchronous Orbit

- 36 000 km high (50x higher!)
- Orbit the Earth at the same time as the Earth rotates (so it appears not to move)
- Great for broadcasting information over a large area
- Very noticeable lag as the signal has to travel a lot farther





Remote Sensing

-using satellites to take measurement of Earth from outer space

