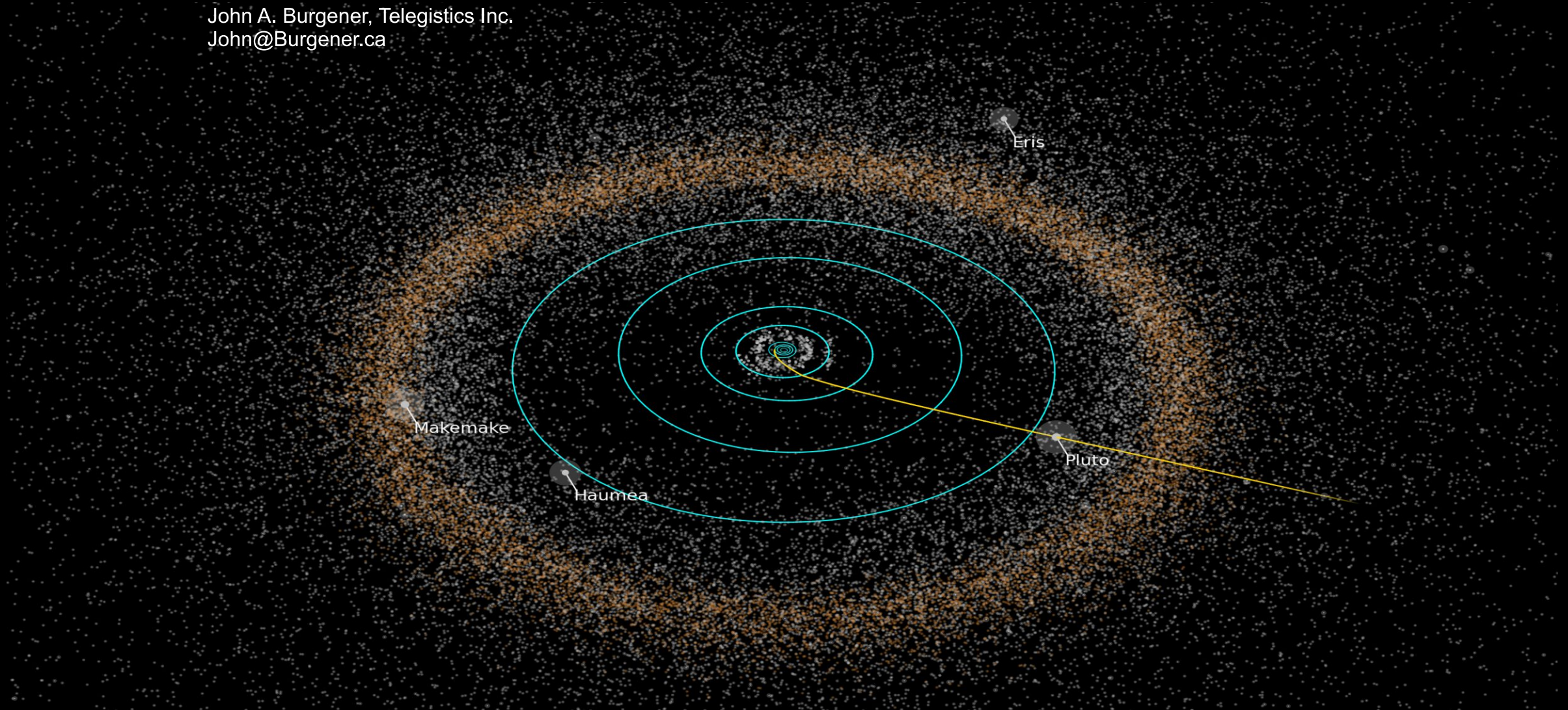


# THE INFLUENCE OF DWARF PLANETS ON THE STABILITY OF OBJECTS IN THE KUIPER BELT

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**I believe that Earth is hit by comets often.**

**Often means:**

**every 400 - 800 years for 1 - 20 km comets,  
every 3,000 - 12,000 years for 20 - 50 km comets, and  
every 100 million years for 350 - 450 km comets.**

**This is not accepted by other geophysicists.  
At present, it is believed that Chicxulub,  
a 150 km crater caused by a 10 km asteroid,  
killed the dinosaurs.**

**I propose that Chicxulub is too small.  
The Amazon Basin is the right size.**

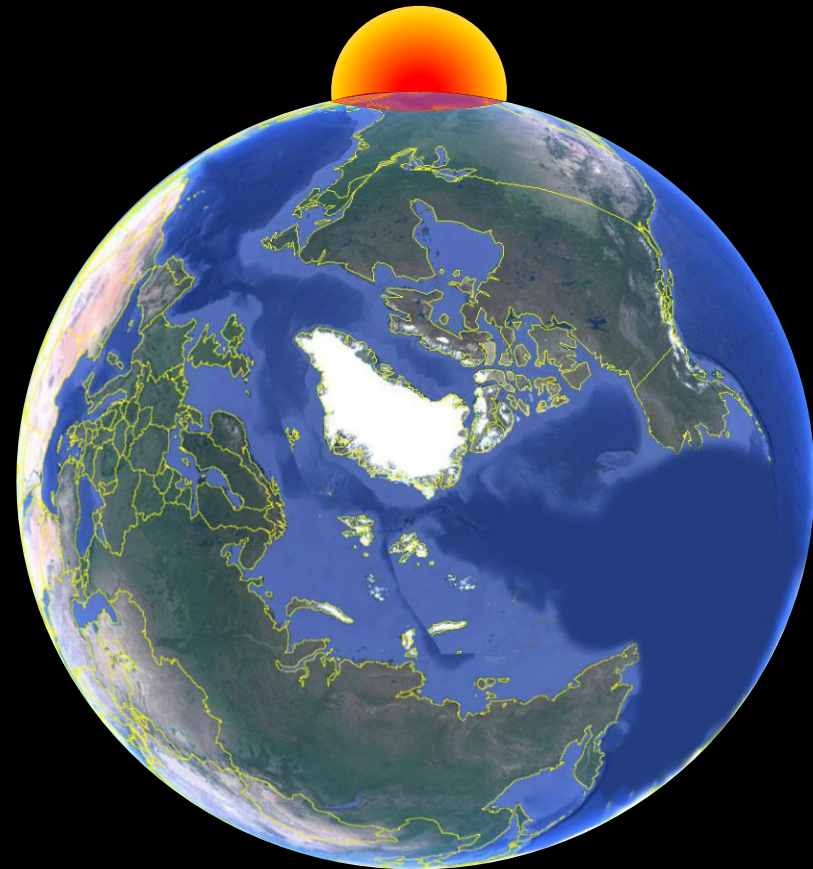
**Chicxulub was caused by a 10 km diameter asteroid  
It left a 150 km diameter crater.  
The fireball was a tiny, local event.**

**Chicxulub can NOT be the dinosaur killer.**

**Its too small.**

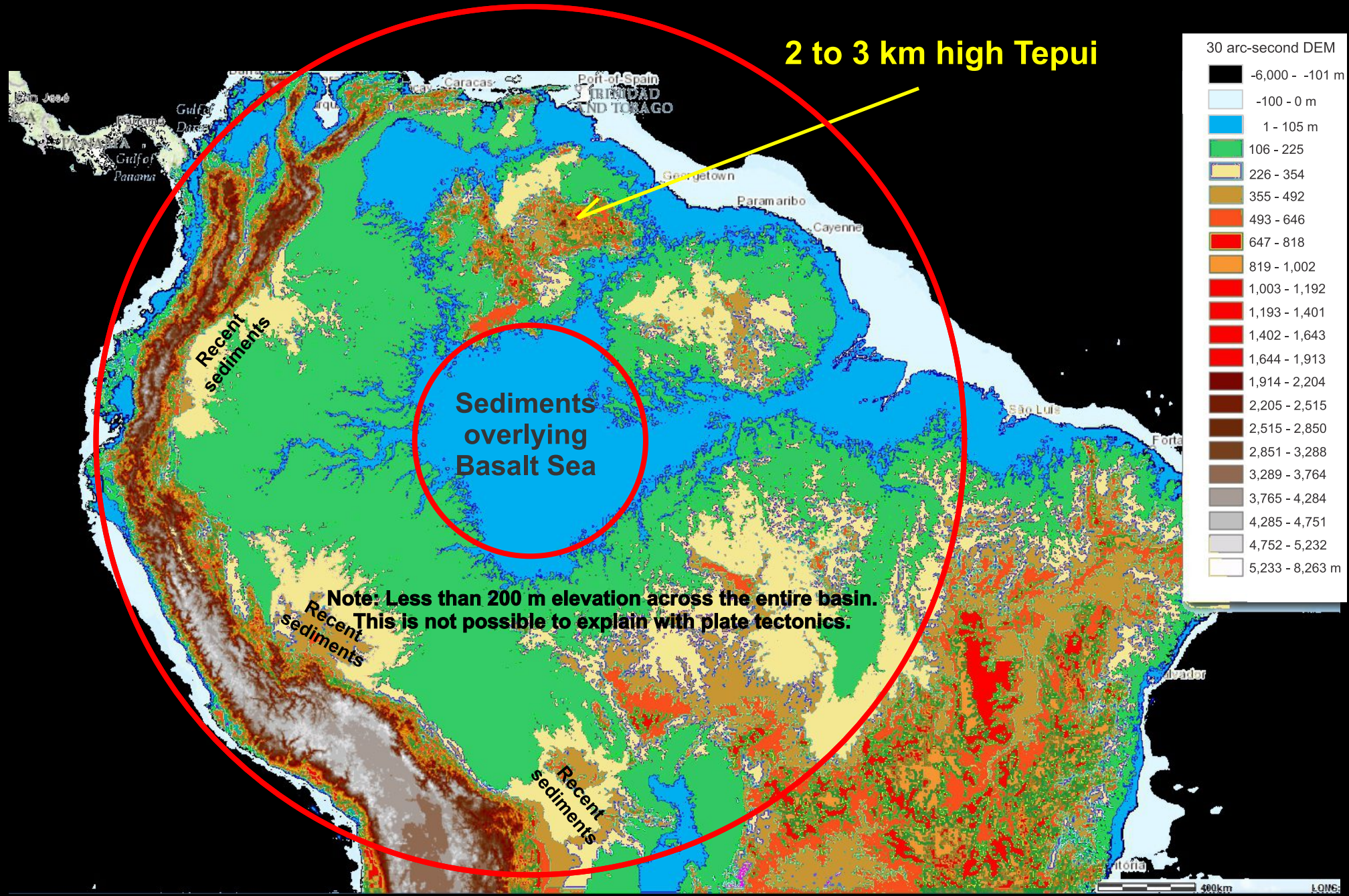
**CHICXULUB:  
12 km Asteroid, 20 km/sec  
A Small  
local event**

**1.2% of the planet  
boiled or burned**





# Digital Elevation Map showing proposed Amazon Crater: 3,800 km diameter





**An impact of this size  
would have produced a fireball  
that would cover 1/2 of the planet.**

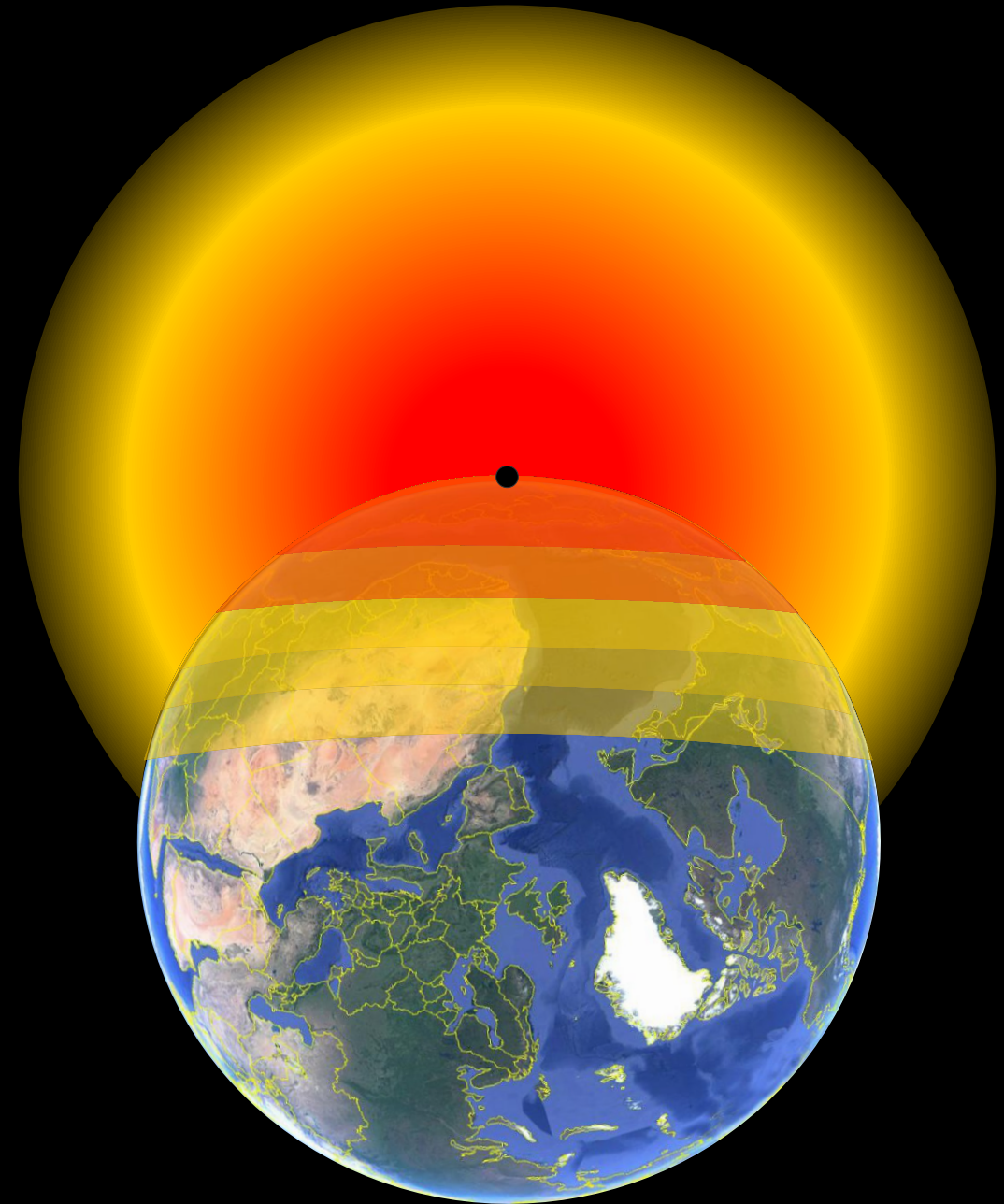
**This would have caused  
an extinction event.**

**AMAZON:  
380 km Comet, 70 km/sec  
A Planet  
Devastation event**

**1/3 to 1/2 of the planet  
boiled or burned**

**Fallout, Heat and  
shock waves would  
kill almost all large animals  
in the remainder of the planet**

**An Extinction Event would clearly result.**

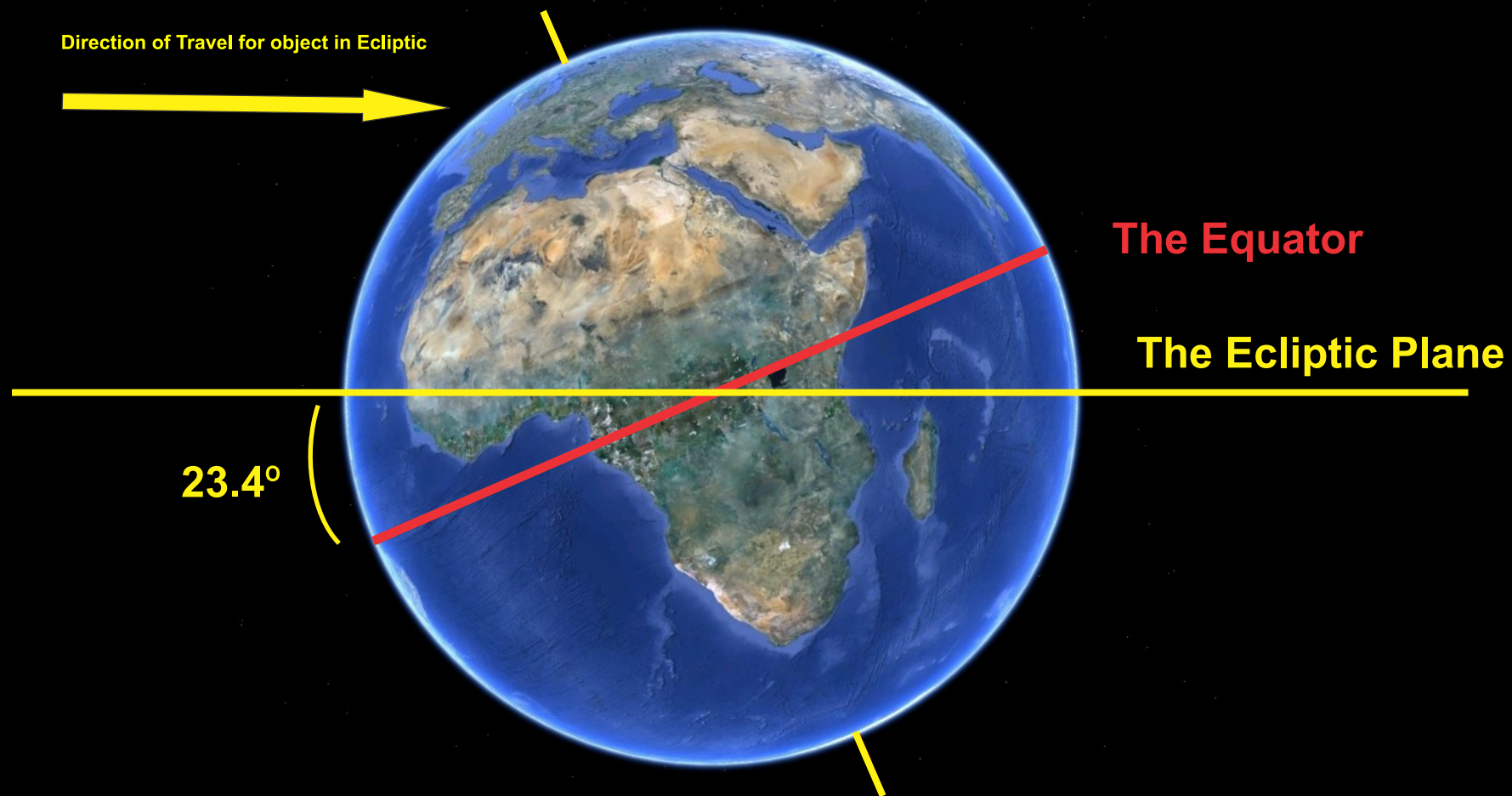


**I propose that Lakes Ontario, Erie and Michigan were caused by 10-30 km comet impacts 12,700 years ago.**

**I propose that the Carolina Bays were caused by a comet forming Lake Michigan and splashing a lot of ice.**

**To see why I think this makes sense, you need to know how features orientated at  $23.4^\circ$  relate to impacts.**

The Earth is tilted  $23.4^\circ$  relative to the Ecliptic



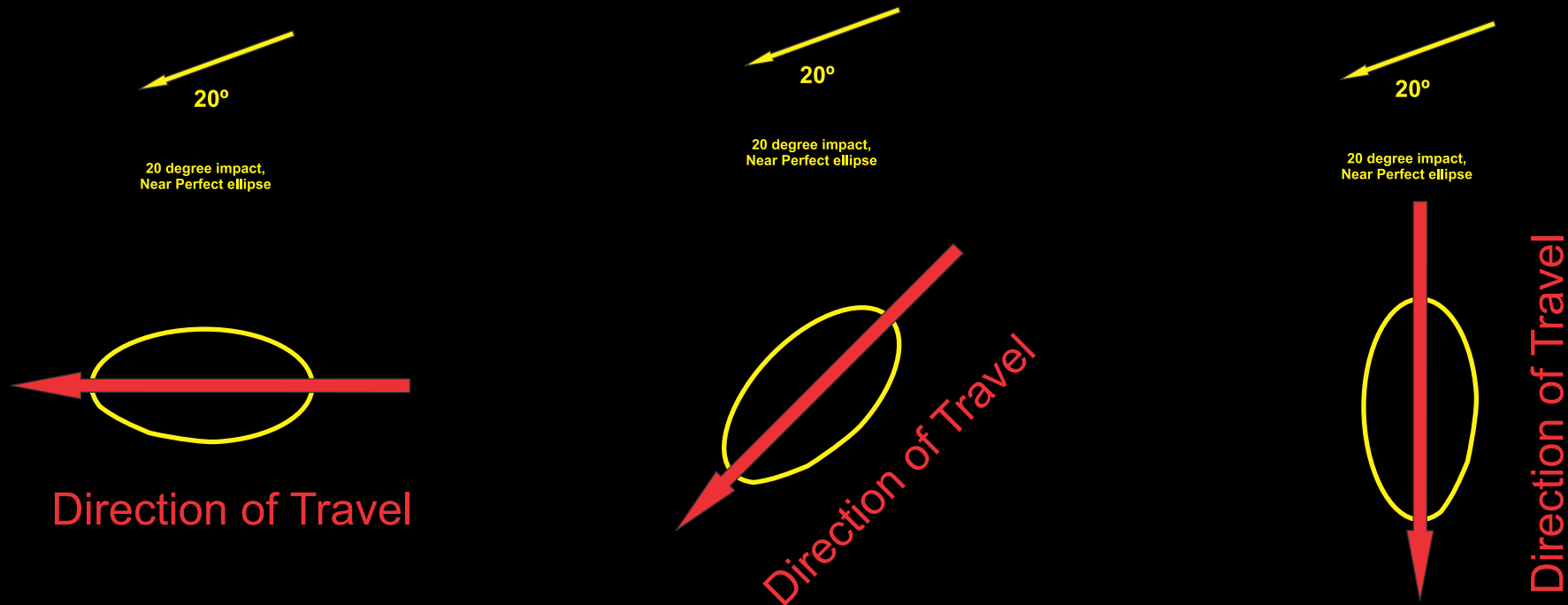


# Low Angle Impacts form elliptical craters.

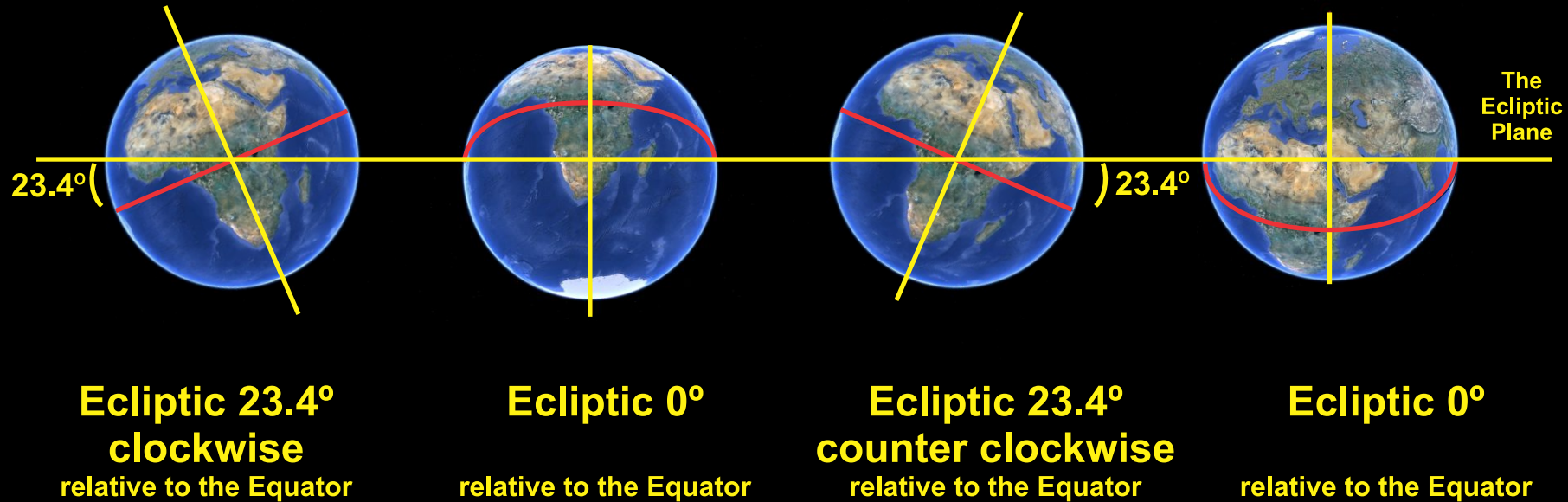
## Direction of Travel effect on ellipsoidal craters:

(Note that the Angle of Impact is  $20^\circ$  for all of these impacts.)

Results of pellet rifle shots into moist, soft clay. March 29, 2011



An impact from an object traveling in the Ecliptic can hit the Earth at any direction of travel angle between  $0^\circ$  and  $23.4^\circ$  relative to the Equator, depending on when and where it hits.



$23.4^\circ$  is not the only angle of travel possible, but it is a **unique angle** that can only relate to an impact, and not to tectonic processes.

**A comet traveling in the Ecliptic can hit at either  
23.4° Clockwise or 23.4° Counter-clockwise  
depending on which side of the Earth it hits.**



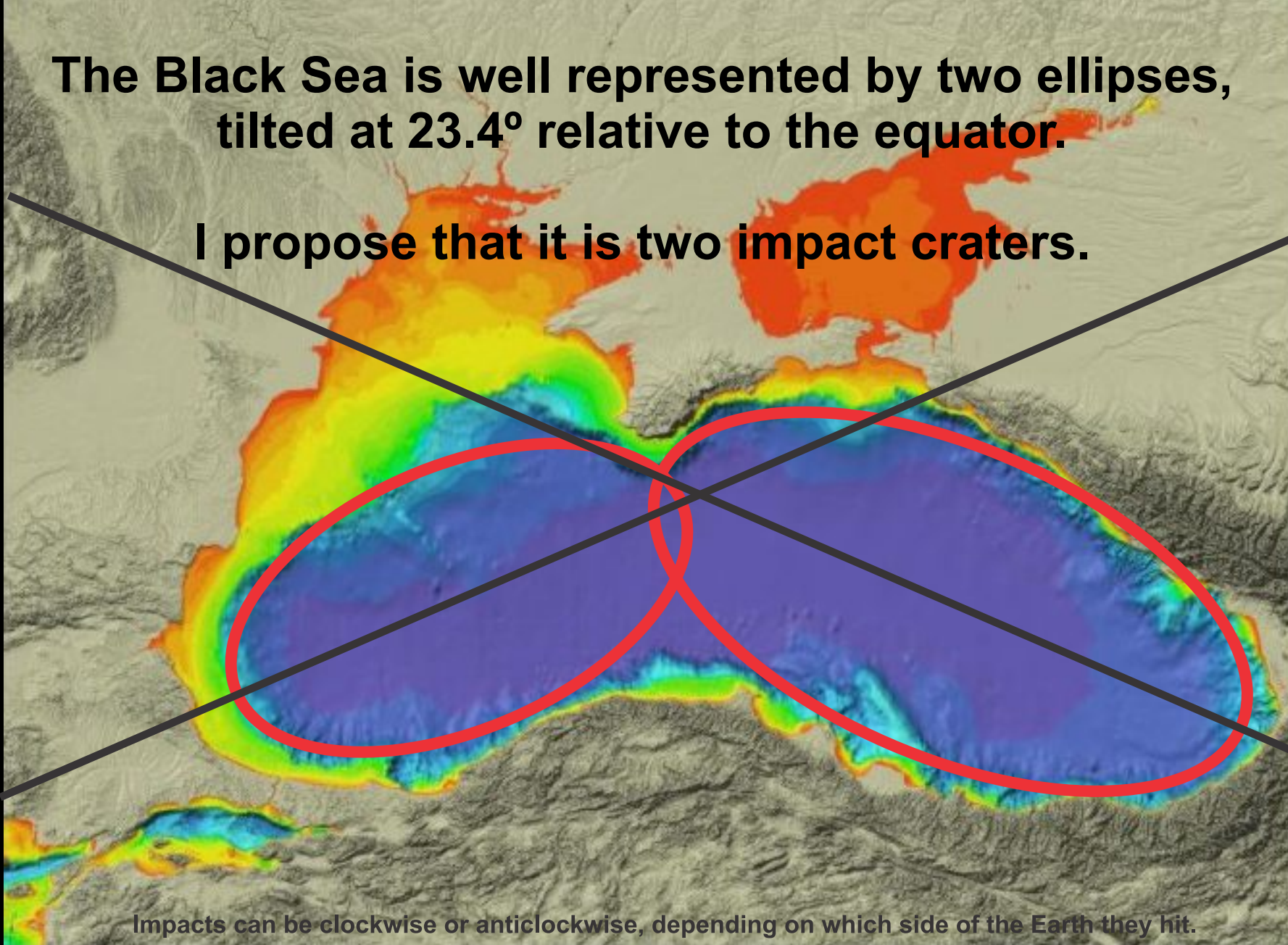
**Impact at 23.4°  
tilted Counter-clockwise**



**Impact at 23.4°  
tilted Clockwise**

**The Black Sea is well represented by two ellipses, tilted at  $23.4^\circ$  relative to the equator.**

**I propose that it is two impact craters.**



Impacts can be clockwise or anticlockwise, depending on which side of the Earth they hit.

Depths of Black Sea indicated by color. Red is shallow, Purple deepest. Max depth 2,200 meters.

Image from GEBCO: [http://www.gebco.net/data\\_and\\_products/gridded\\_bathymetry\\_data/gebco\\_08\\_update\\_history/version\\_20100927/](http://www.gebco.net/data_and_products/gridded_bathymetry_data/gebco_08_update_history/version_20100927/)



**The Tarim Basin is a 900 km long ellipse tilted at  $23.4^\circ$**





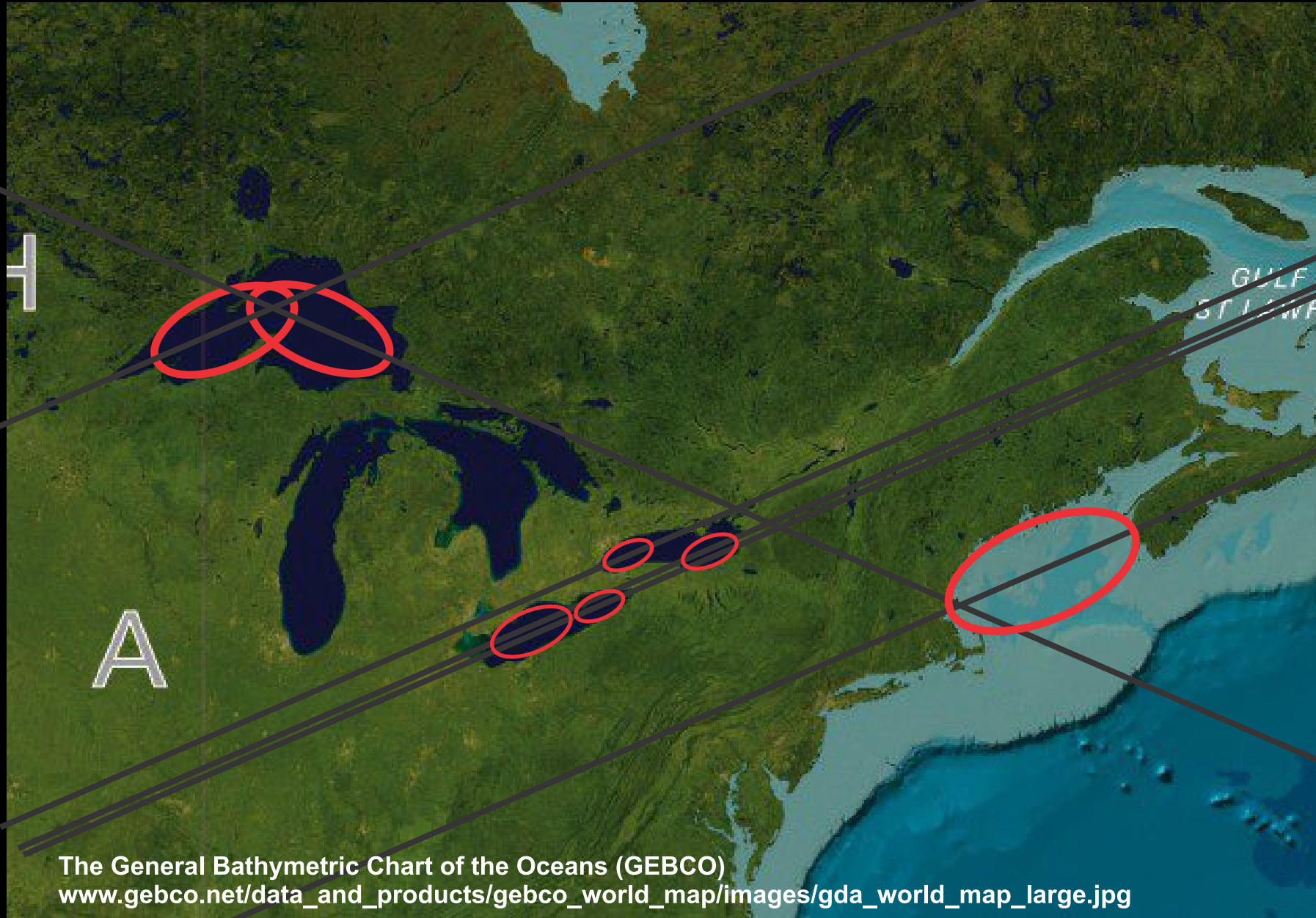


23.4°

Tarim

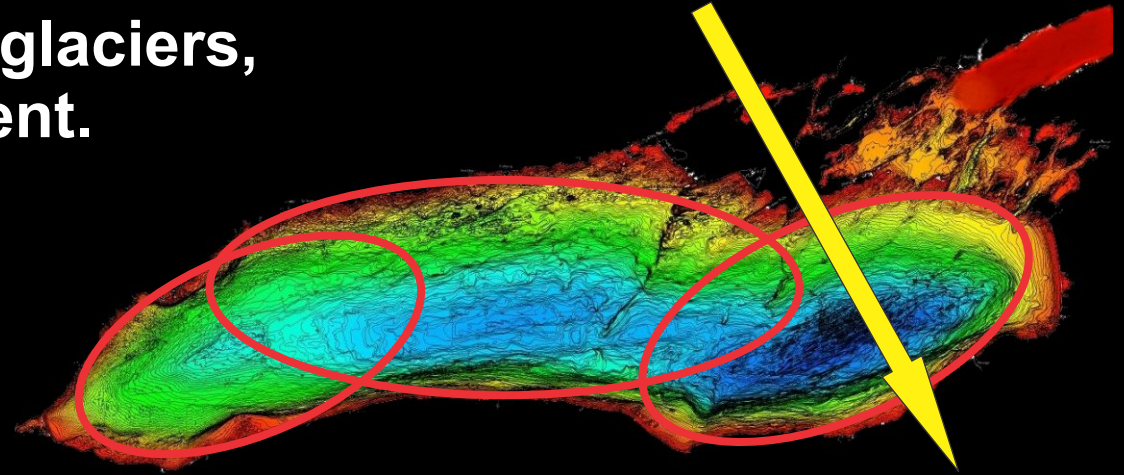


And North America has many  $23.4^\circ$  features:

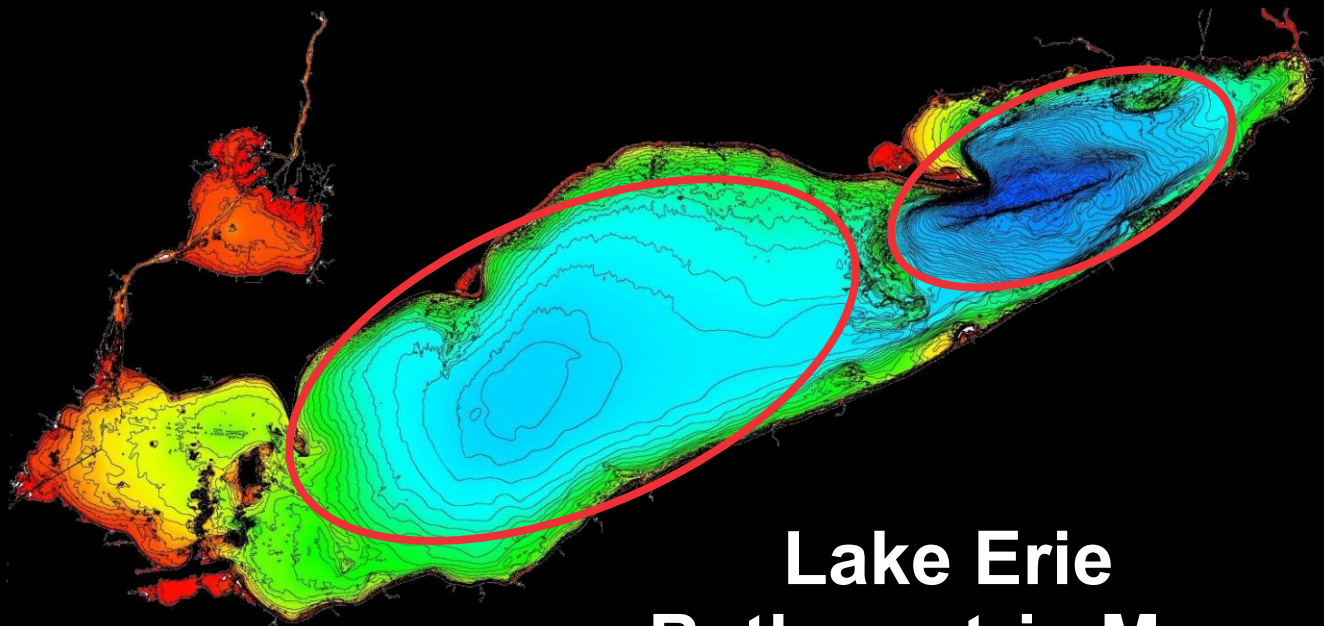


The Great Lakes are distorted by glaciers, but the  $23.4^\circ$  features are prominent.

Direction of movement  
from Wisconsin glacier



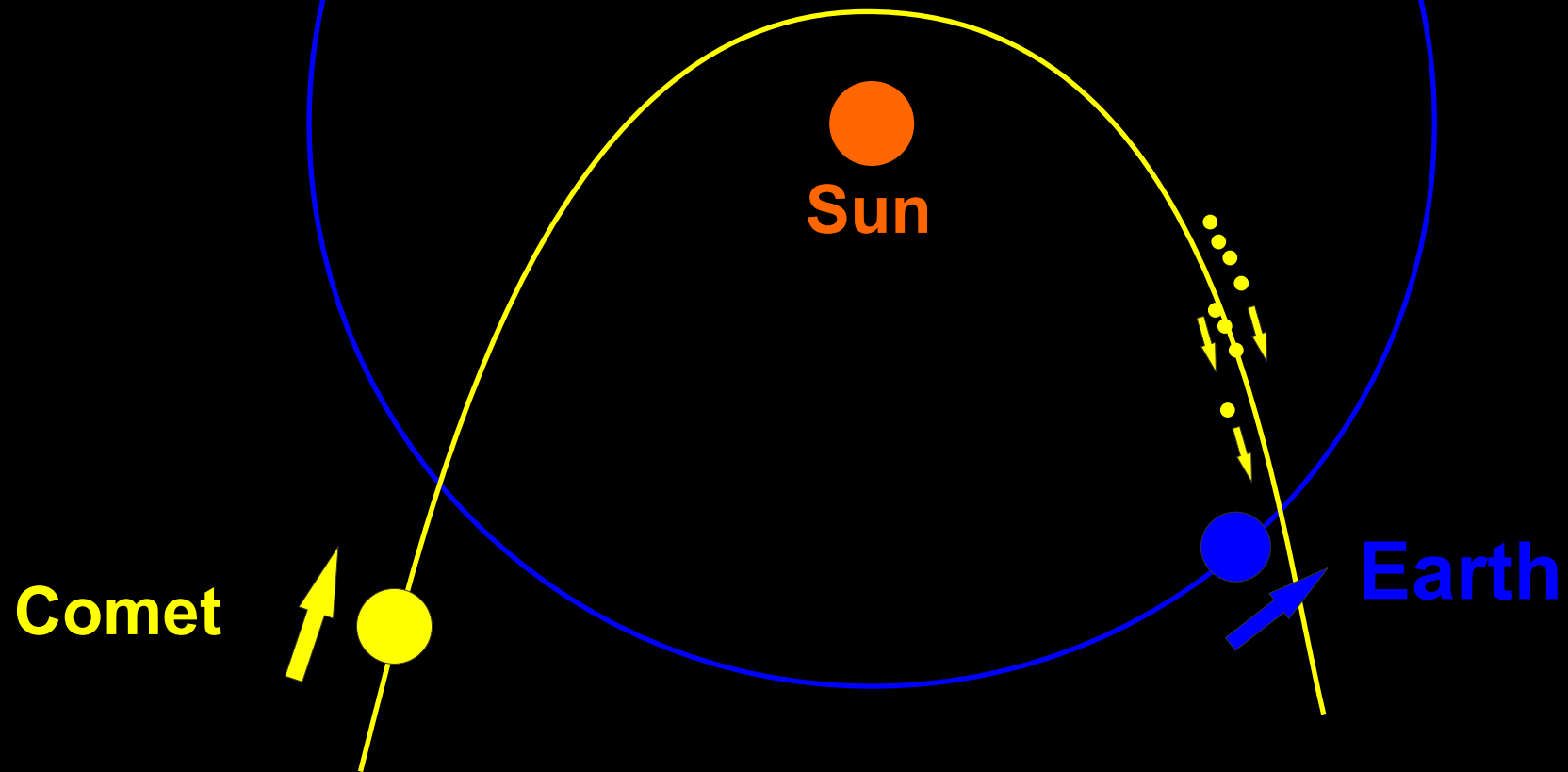
Lake Ontario  
Bathymetric Map



Lake Erie  
Bathymetric Map

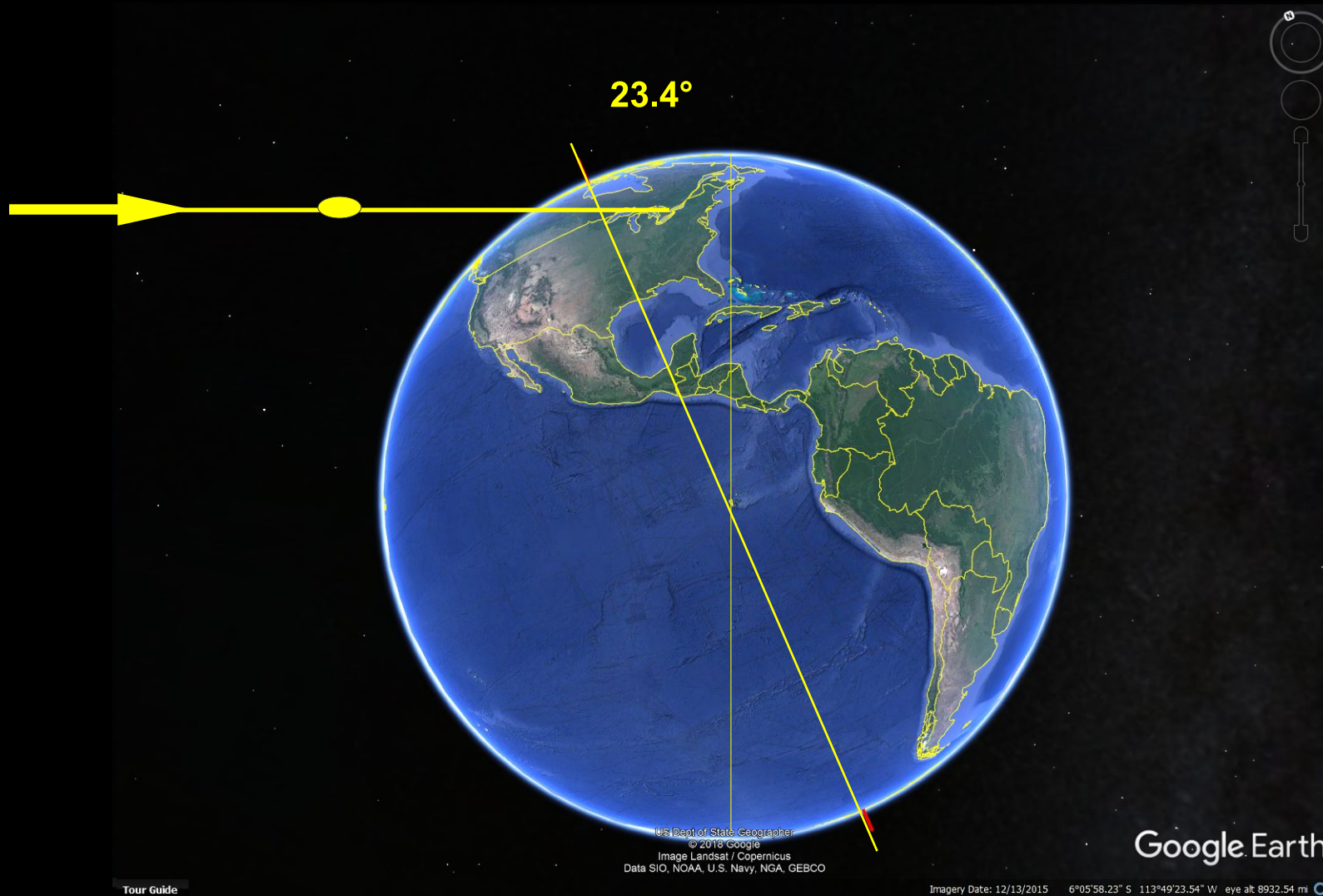


**John Burgener theory of the end of the ice age:  
A large comet broke into 7 + pieces**



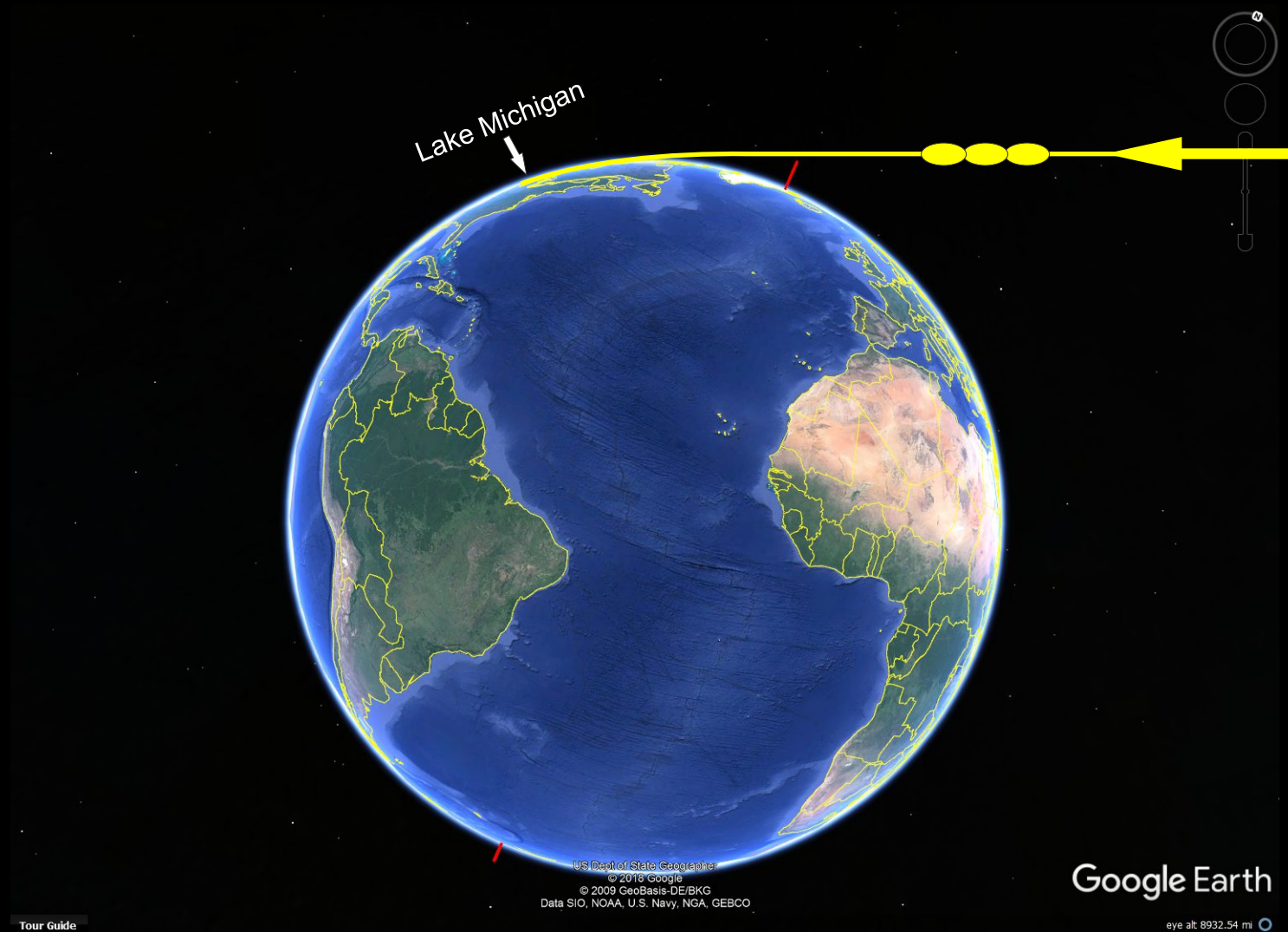
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# 1 hit Earth forming the Middle of Lake Ontario



John Burgener theory of the end of the ice age:

## 6 hours later 3 hit Earth forming Lake Michigan



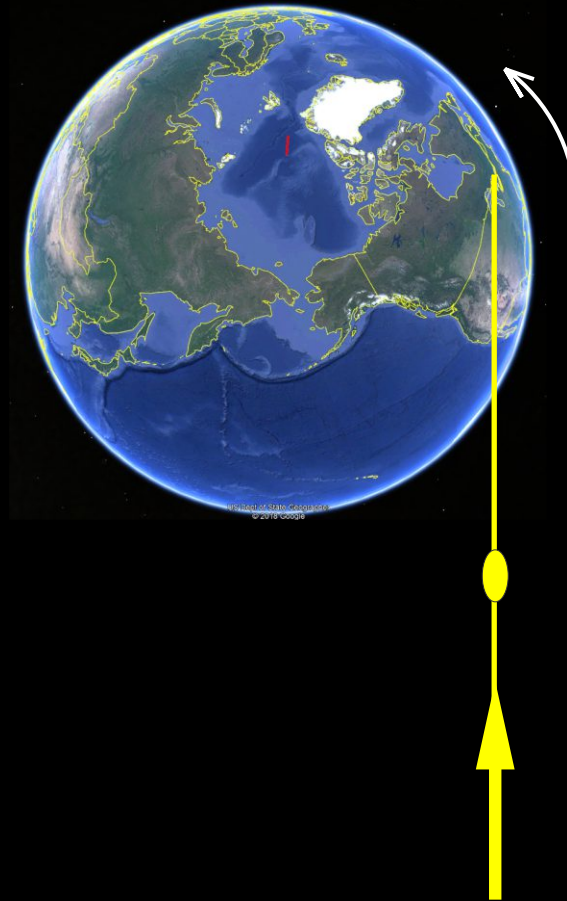
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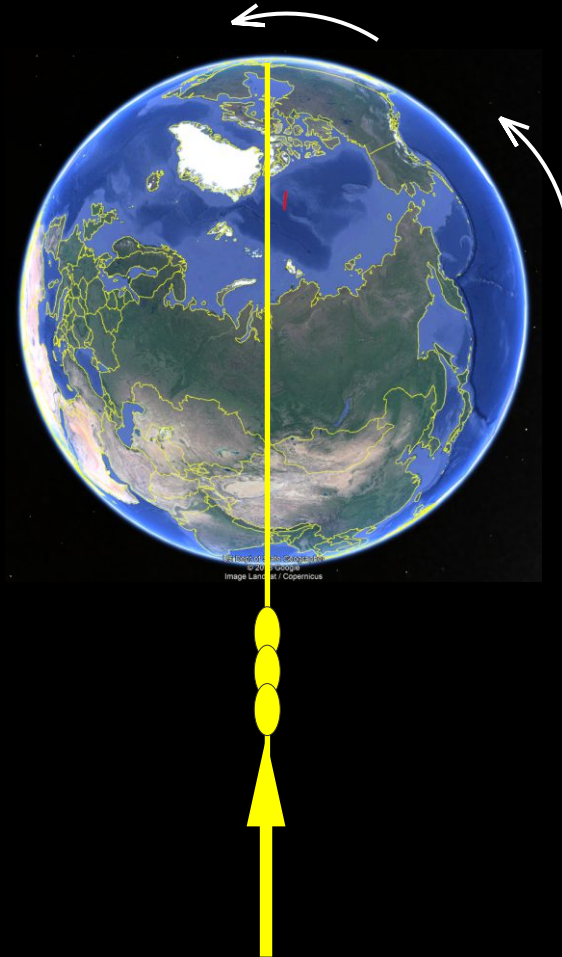




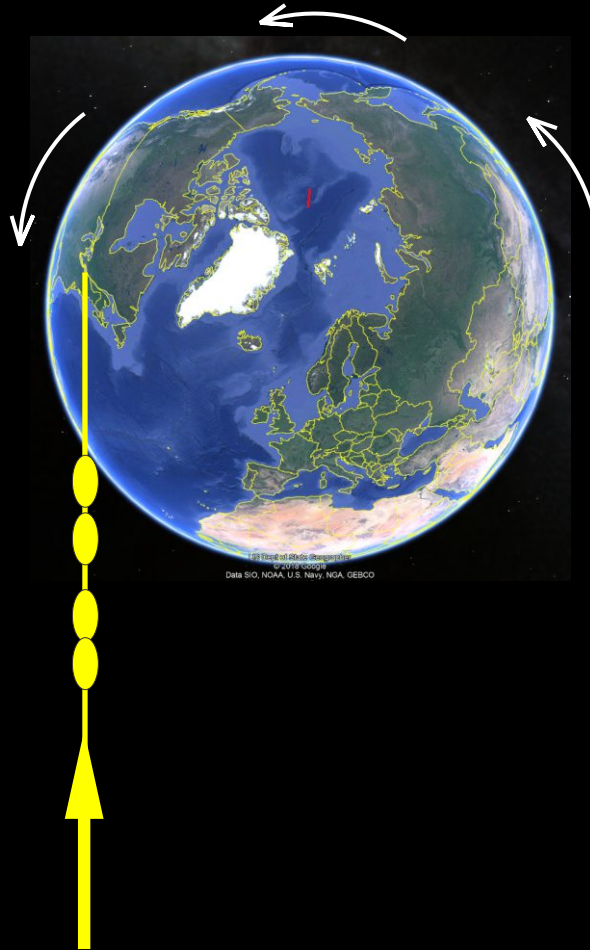
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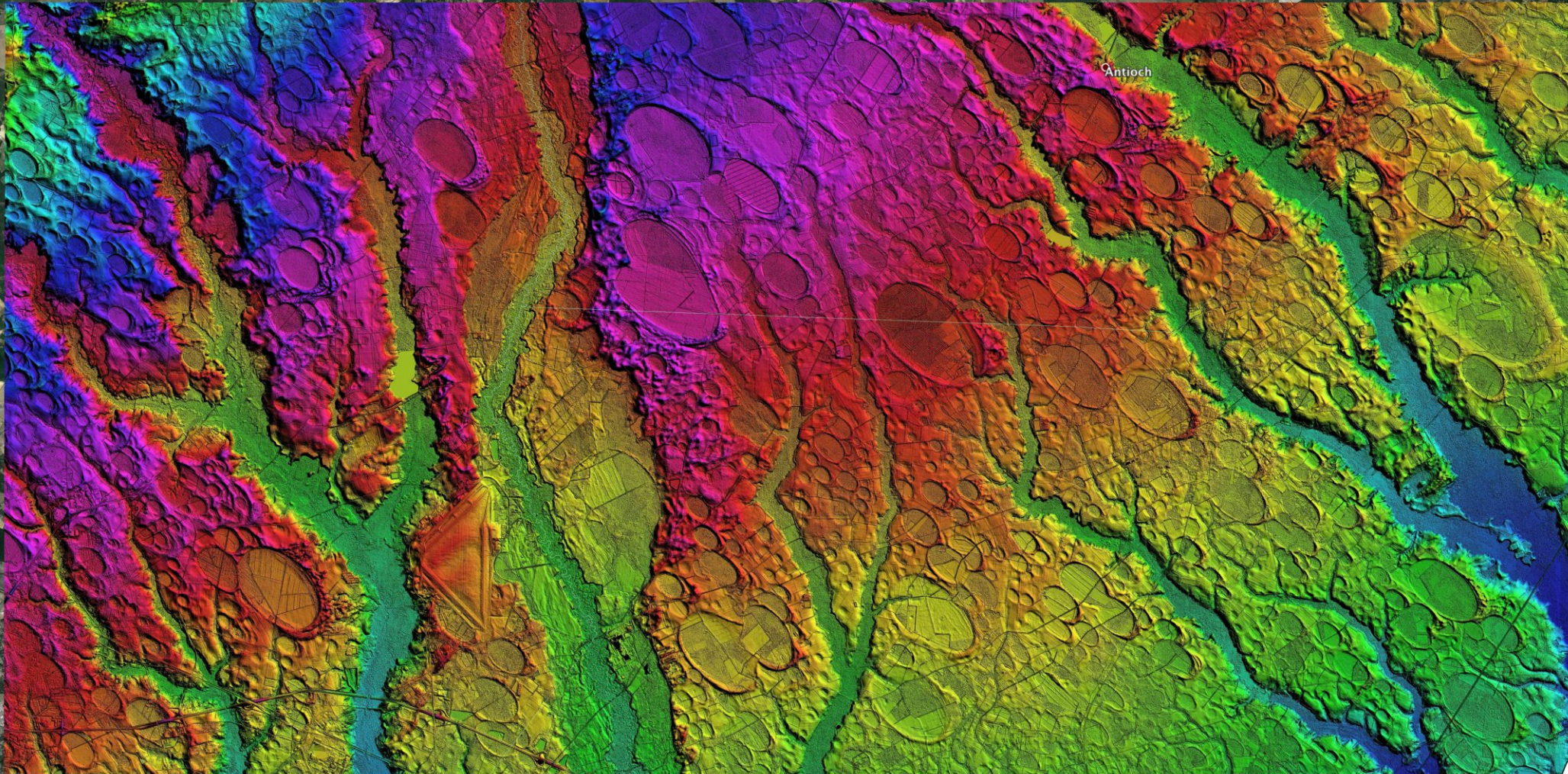


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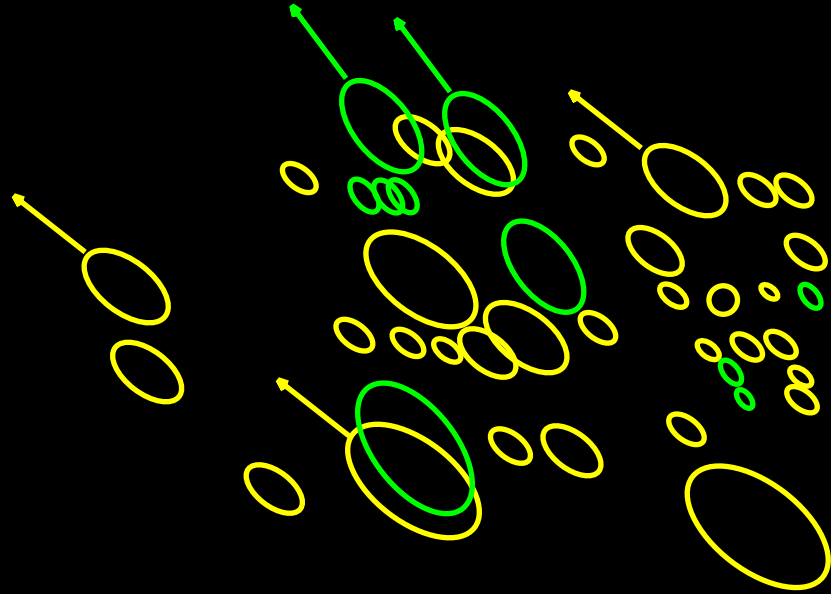
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**A Small section highlighted  
showing two directions of travel**

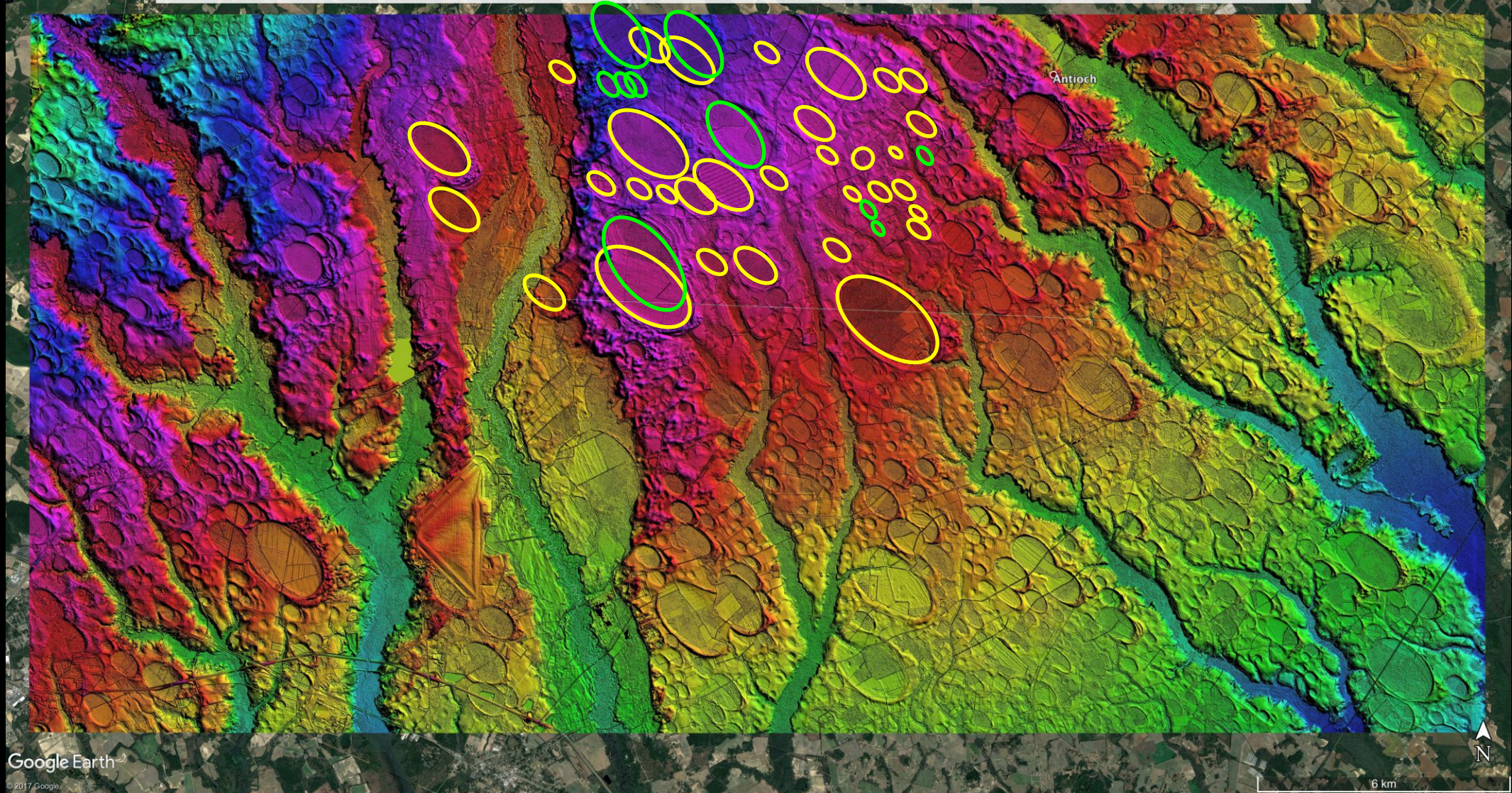


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**Several Authors have tried to trace the origins of the Carolina Bays as splashes from impacts.**

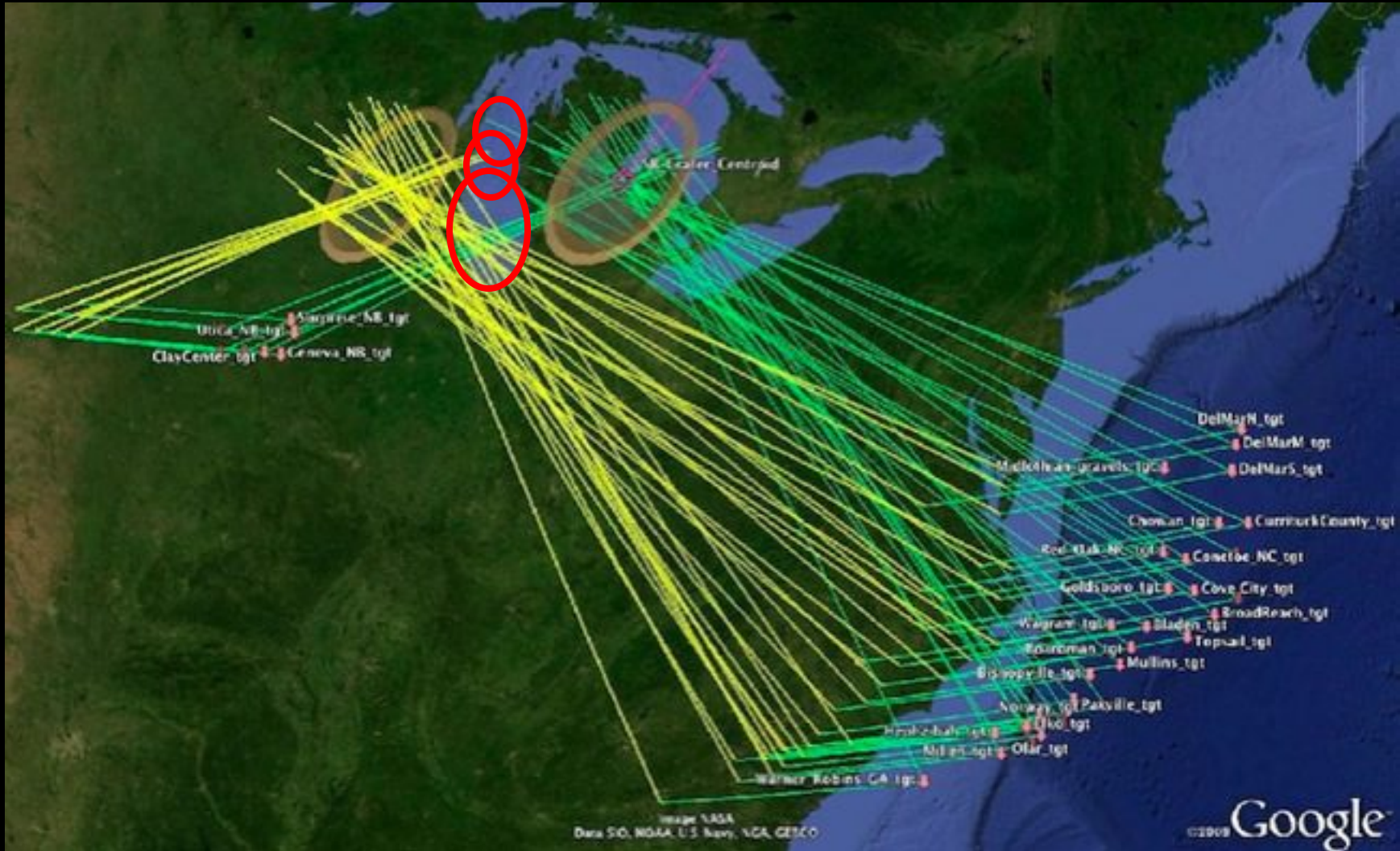
**For Instance: "Correlating the Orientation of Carolina bays to a Cosmic Impact"**

[cintos.org/SaginawManifold/Introduction/index.html](http://cintos.org/SaginawManifold/Introduction/index.html)



**My alternative is that an impact forming Lake Michigan is the source:**

**All of the lines lead to Lake Michigan**





**But many people have pointed out that comets are rare,  
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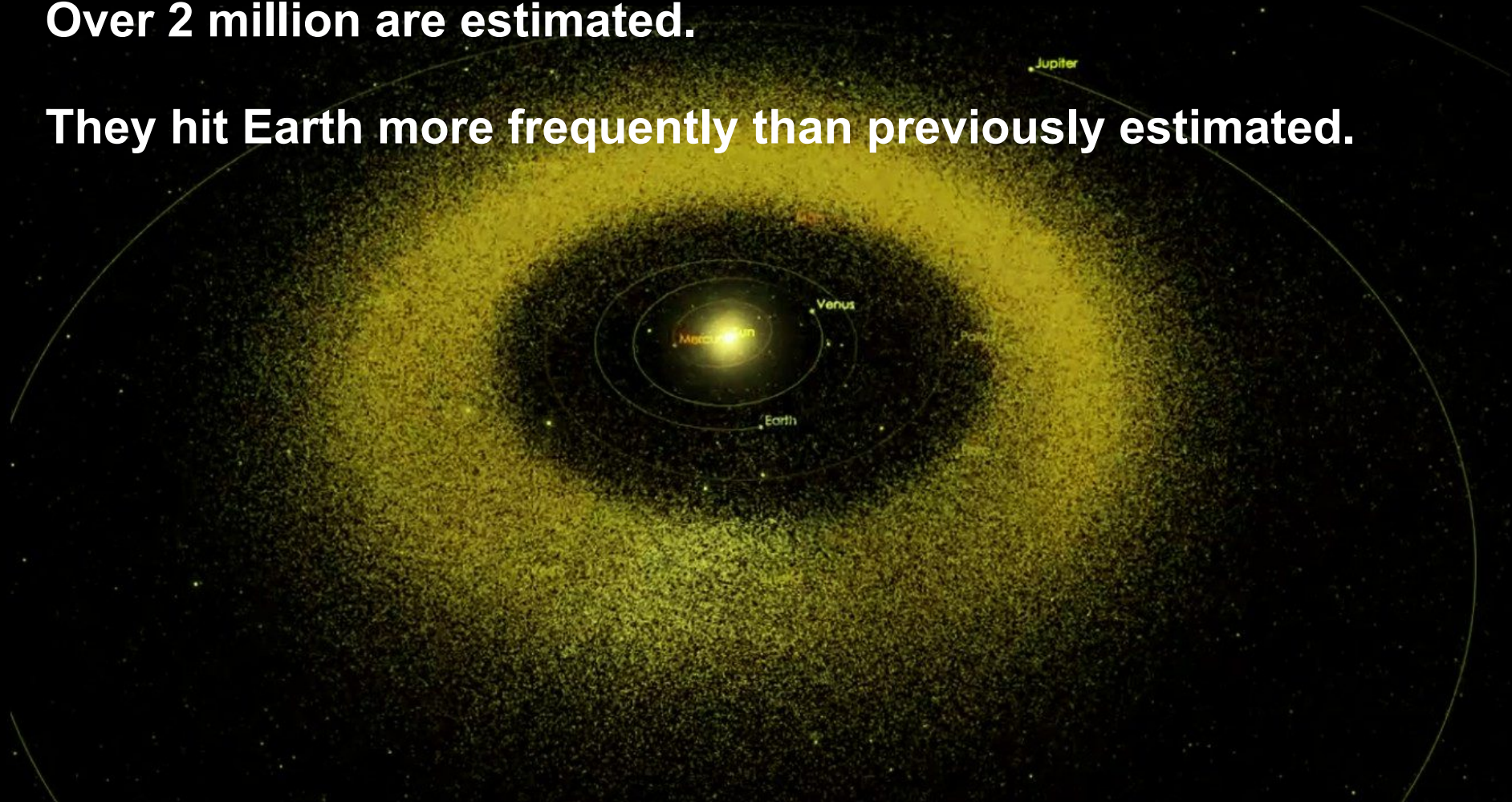
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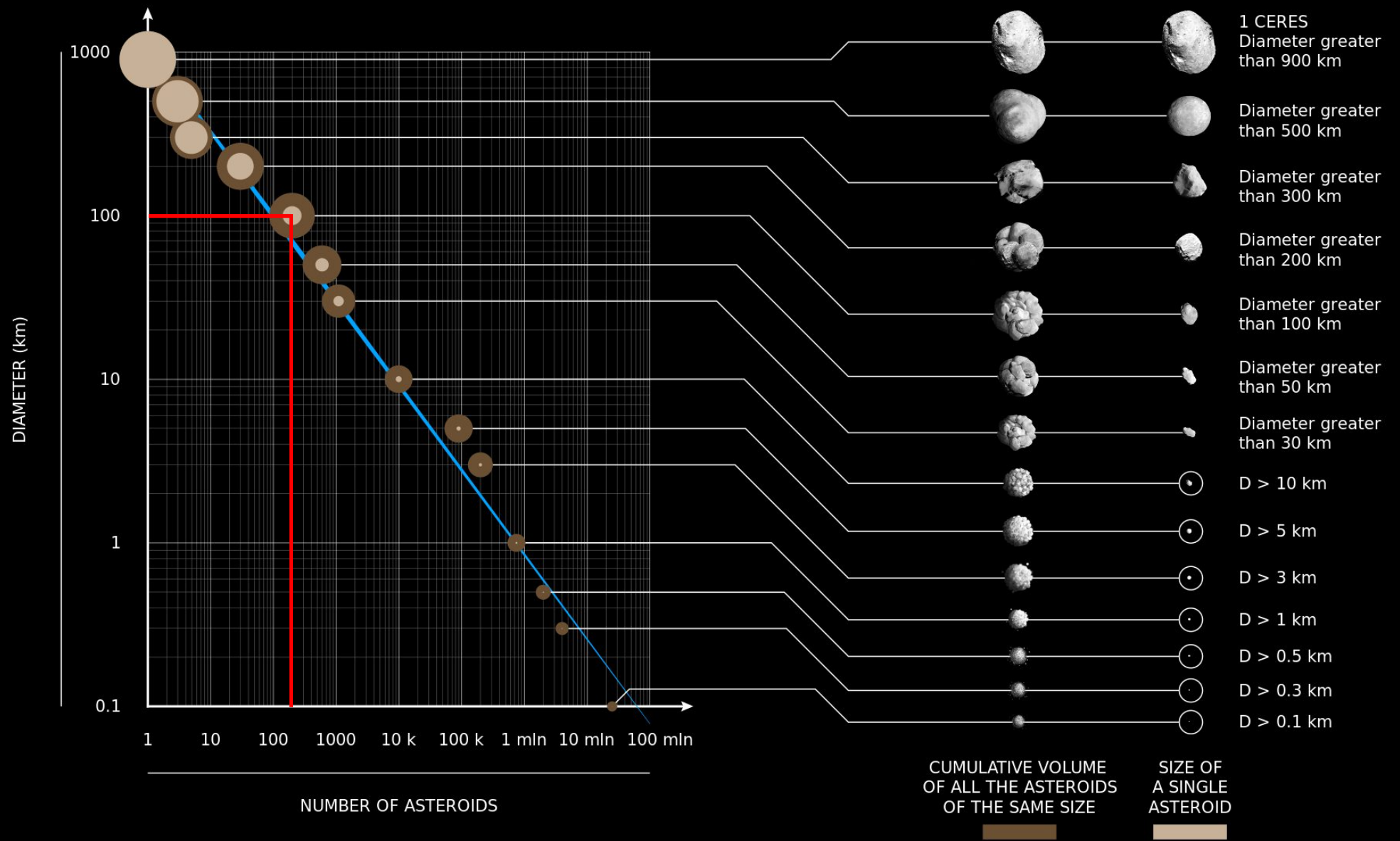
**Comets and Asteroids are mainly on the Ecliptic.  
When time between impacts was calculated  
Less than 10,000 asteroids were known.**

**Today more than 600,000 have been identified.  
Over 2 million are estimated.**

**They hit Earth more frequently than previously estimated.**



Most asteroids are less than 10 km in diameter. About 10,000 are 10 km or larger, About 200 are over 100 km.





**Most asteroids that hit Earth  
will be much less than 1 km in diameter,  
and their impacts will be devastating but local events.**

**Short period comets are from the Kuiper Belt,  
outside of Neptune's orbit.**

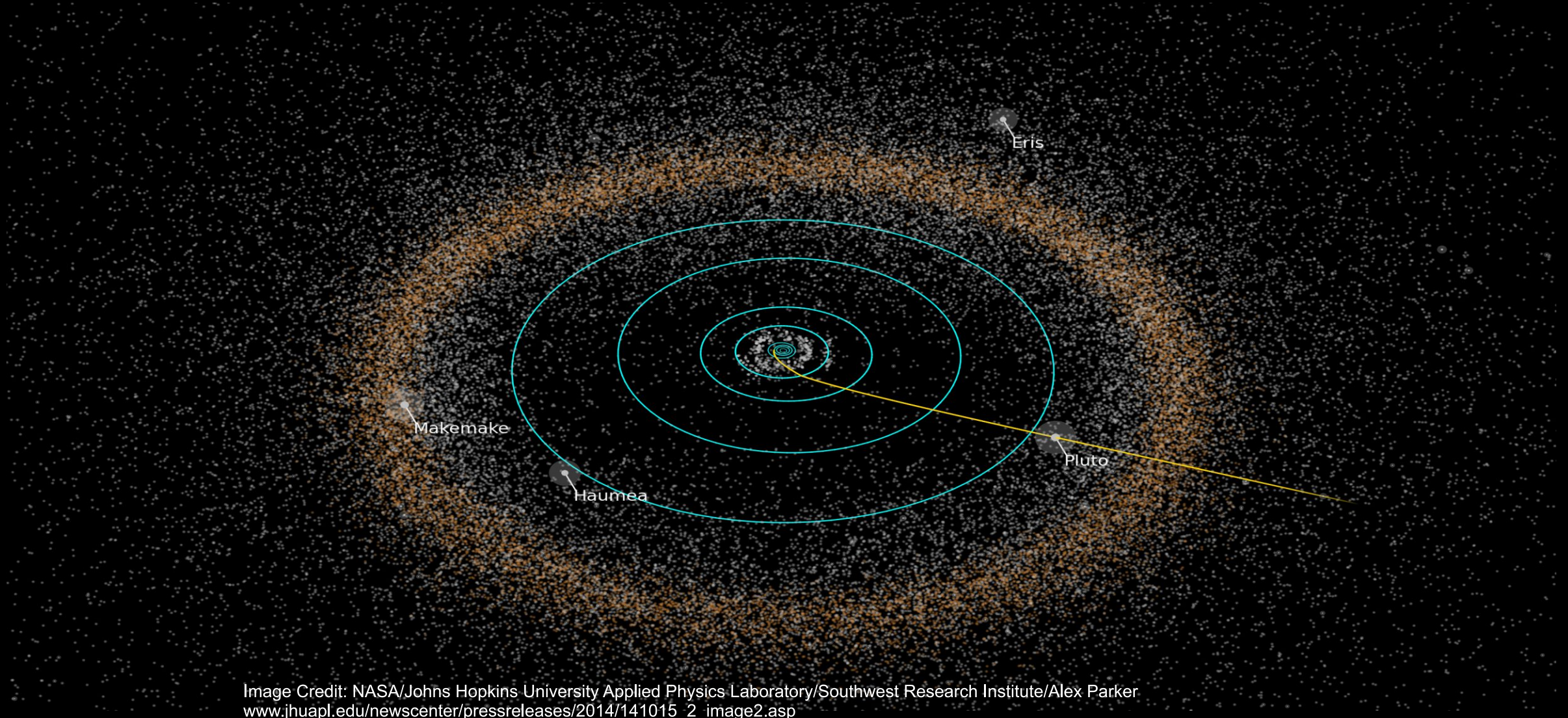


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**It is estimated that there are over 100,000 objects (potential comets)  
more than 100 km in diameter in the Kuiper Belt**

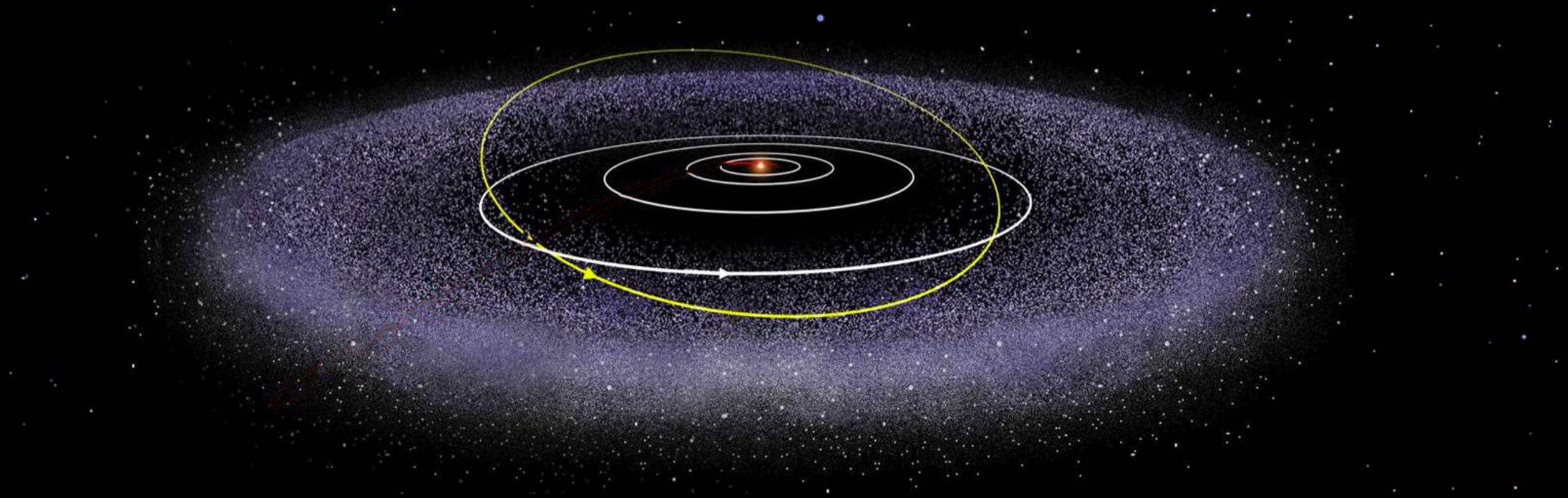


Image from NASA: <https://solarsystem.nasa.gov/solar-system/kuiper-belt/overview/>

Estimates of numbers of Kuiper Belt Objects from :

The Canada-France Ecliptic Plane Survey—Full Data Release: The Orbital Structure of the Kuiper Belt

J.-M. Petit et al. 2011 Astron. J. 142 131 doi:10.1088/0004-6256/142/4/131



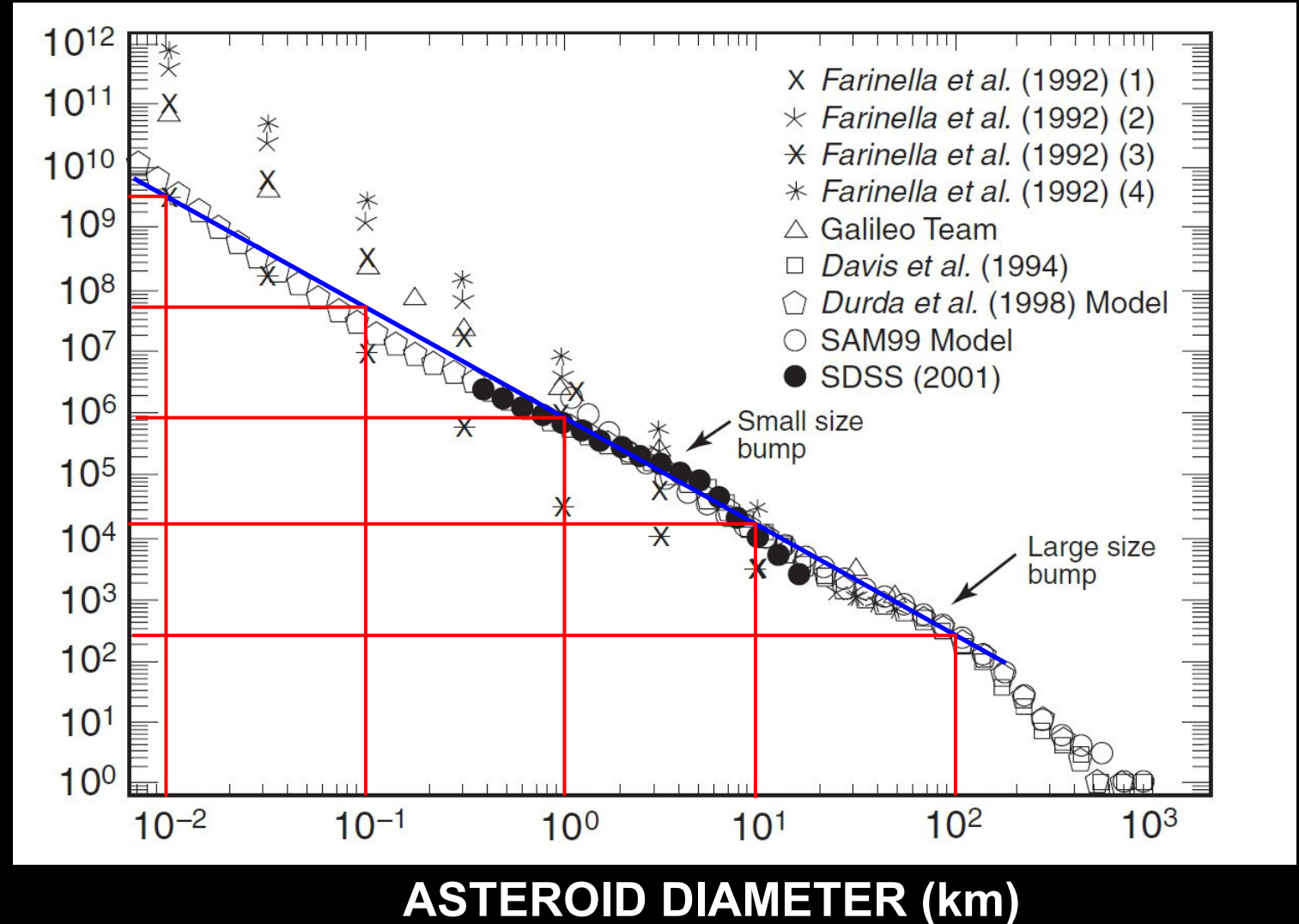
**There are about 500 X as many comets as asteroids.**

# As Asteroid size decreases 10X, population increases by $\sim 10^{1.77}$

## Comparison of Asteroid size distribution: Observations and Models

Asteroid Diameter km	# Asteroids
0.01	$4 \times 10^9$
0.1	$6 \times 10^7$
1.0	$1 \times 10^6$
10	$1.7 \times 10^4$
100	$3 \times 10^2$
number $\propto \Delta \text{Size}^{1.77}$	

Cumulative Number > D



# # KBO in Kuiper Belt & Size Distribution

**Assume that the KBO population size distribution is similar to the Asteroids**

Present estimates of numbers of objects in the Kuiper Belt:

~ 100,000 objects > 100 km (Reference: Pitjev and Pitjev 2018)

**Size distribution is ~proportional to  $\Delta r^{1.77}$ , so the size distribution will be:**

<b>100+ km</b>	<b>100,000</b>
<b>10+ km</b>	<b>6,000,000</b>
<b>1+ km</b>	<b>350,000,000</b>

“Mass of the Kuiper Belt”, Pitjeva, E.V. & Pitjev, N.P. Celestial Mechanics and Dynamical Astronomy (Sept. 2018) 130: 57.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10569-018-9853-5>

Nesvorný et al 2017 estimate about 15 million 10Km size objects in the scattered disk,  
so these numbers for the classical and resonate zones are appropriate.



**For close approaches to Kuiper Belt Objects (KBO), Dwarf Planets have a stronger gravitational pull than Neptune or Jupiter.**

**It is desirable to define a Zone of Influence (ZOI) in which the gravitational pull of a Dwarf Planet is at least 10 X greater than the pull of Jupiter or Neptune.**

**The orbits of the KBOs effected by such a ZOI should be significantly changed, and many will move into the inner Solar System to become Short Period Comets.**

[Show Video of Jupiter's pull here](#)

Consider a KBO coming within the distance of a Dwarf Planet, eg Pluto, such that the Dwarf Planet's gravitational acceleration is 10X greater than the acceleration of Jupiter or Neptune.

$$10 \times g_{\text{Jupiter}(48\text{AU})} = 3.06 \times 10^{-11} \text{ km/s}^2$$

Match 10 X Jupiter Acc to Pluto Acc:

$$g_{\text{Pluto}} = GM_{\text{P}}/r_{\text{P}}^2 = 10 \times GM_{\text{J}}/r_{\text{J}}^2 = 3.06 \times 10^{-11} \text{ km/s}^2$$

$$r_{\text{Pluto}} = 5,323,200 \text{ km}$$

**At 5,323,200 km, the pull of Pluto is 10 X greater than the pull of Jupiter**

Gravity is a time dependant function.

Distance<sup>2</sup> and Time determine effect.

Jupiter's orbit is ~12 years, so assume 6 years of Jupiter's gravity has a significant effect on KBO orbits.

$$\Delta v = g_{\text{Jupiter}} \times 6 \text{ years} = 3.06 \times 10^{-12} \text{ km/s}^2 \times 6 \times 31,557,600 \text{ s}$$

$$\Delta v = 5.794 \times 10^{-4} \text{ km/s}$$

**Jupiter Effect in 6 years**

$\Delta v$  = The change in speed of a KBO due to Jupiter's gravitational pull for 6 years.



## Definition of the Zone of Interaction (ZOI):

The volume of space effected by a Dwarf Planet so that the  $\Delta v$  accumulated by a Kuiper Belt Object (KBO) is greater or equal to  $10 \times \Delta v_{\text{Jupiter @ 48 AU for 6 years}}$ :

$$\Delta v = 5.794 \times 10^{-3} \text{ km/s} \quad 10X \text{ Jupiter Effect}$$

Any combination of time and distance that provides this  $\Delta v$  will be in the ZOI.

## For Pluto to match 10 X $\Delta v$ of Jupiter:

r(km)	r^2	Time (sec)	Time (Years)	Speed
5,323,200	2.83 E13	188,877,117	6.00	0.04 km/s
2,200,000	4.84 E12	32,261,098	1.02	0.10 km/s
1,400,000	1.96 E12	13,064,411	0.41	0.15 km/s
1,000,000	1.00 E12	6,665,516	0.21	0.21 km/s
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45,000	2.02 E09	13,498	0.00	4.67 km/s

Pluto's acceleration will match 10X Jupiter's acceleration for 6 years if object is at distance r for Time in above table.  
Speed is how fast KBO can travel relative to Pluto to remain in that distance for that time.  
Faster speed will allow less time so shorter distance for same acceleration.

For this distance, Pluto needs this much time, and needs to travel at this speed or slower to travel this distance in that time.

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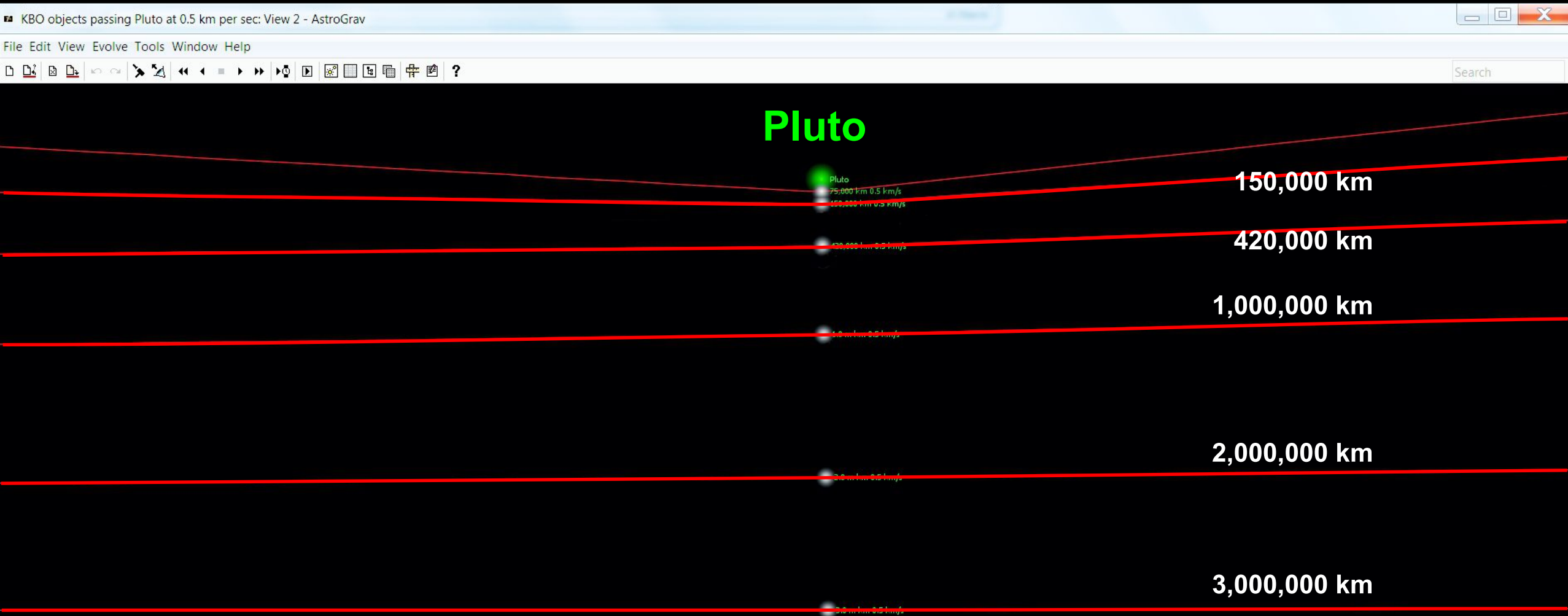
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Pluto passes most KBO at speeds in the yellow highlighted zones



# Orbit changes from close pass of Pluto at 0.5 km/s

Orbits drawn by AstroGrav (<http://www.astrograv.co.uk>)

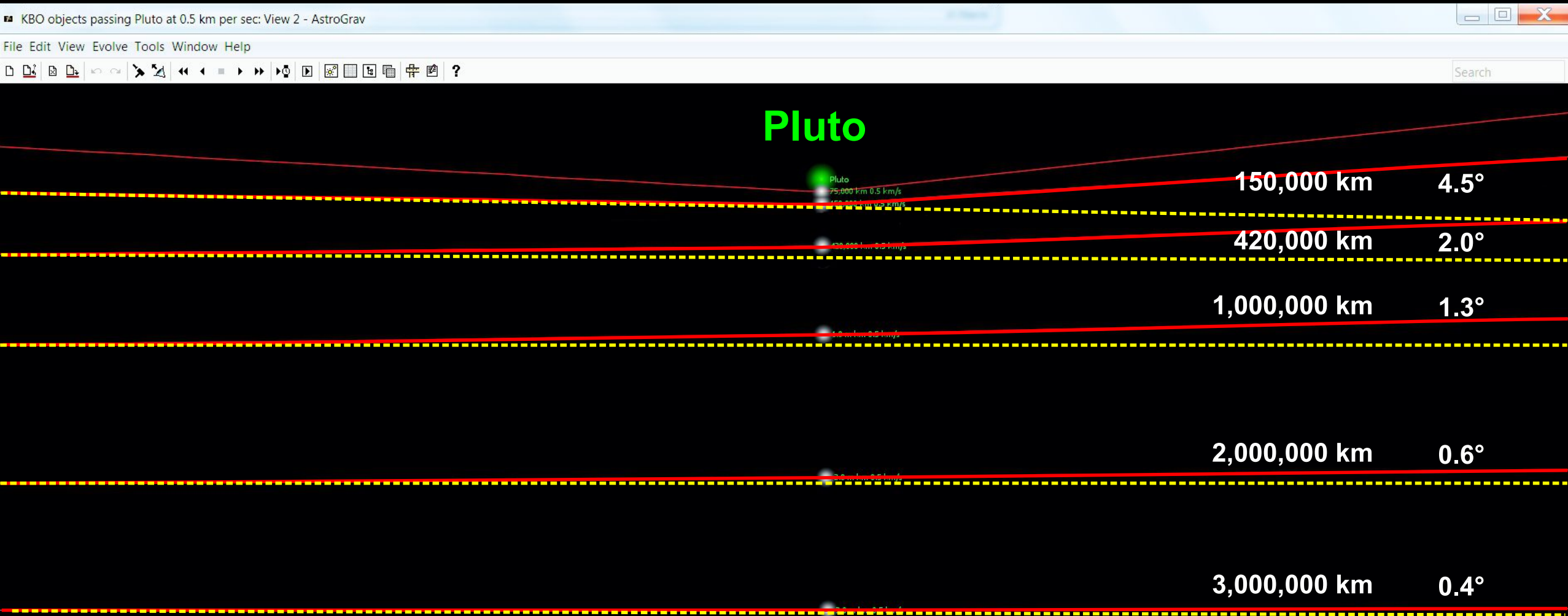


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(From AstroGrav)

Red Line = path with Pluto Influence

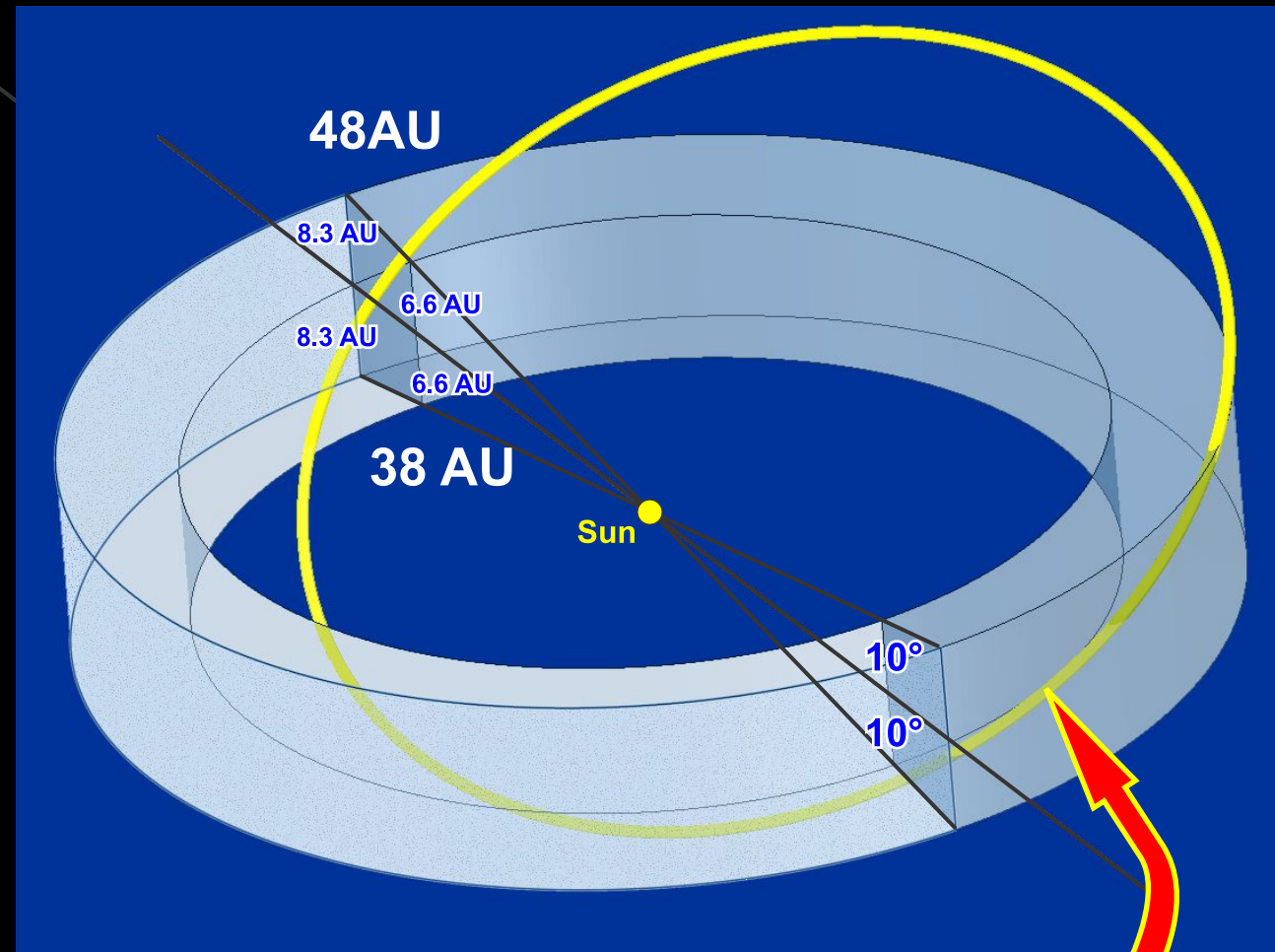
Yellow Line = path without Pluto Influence





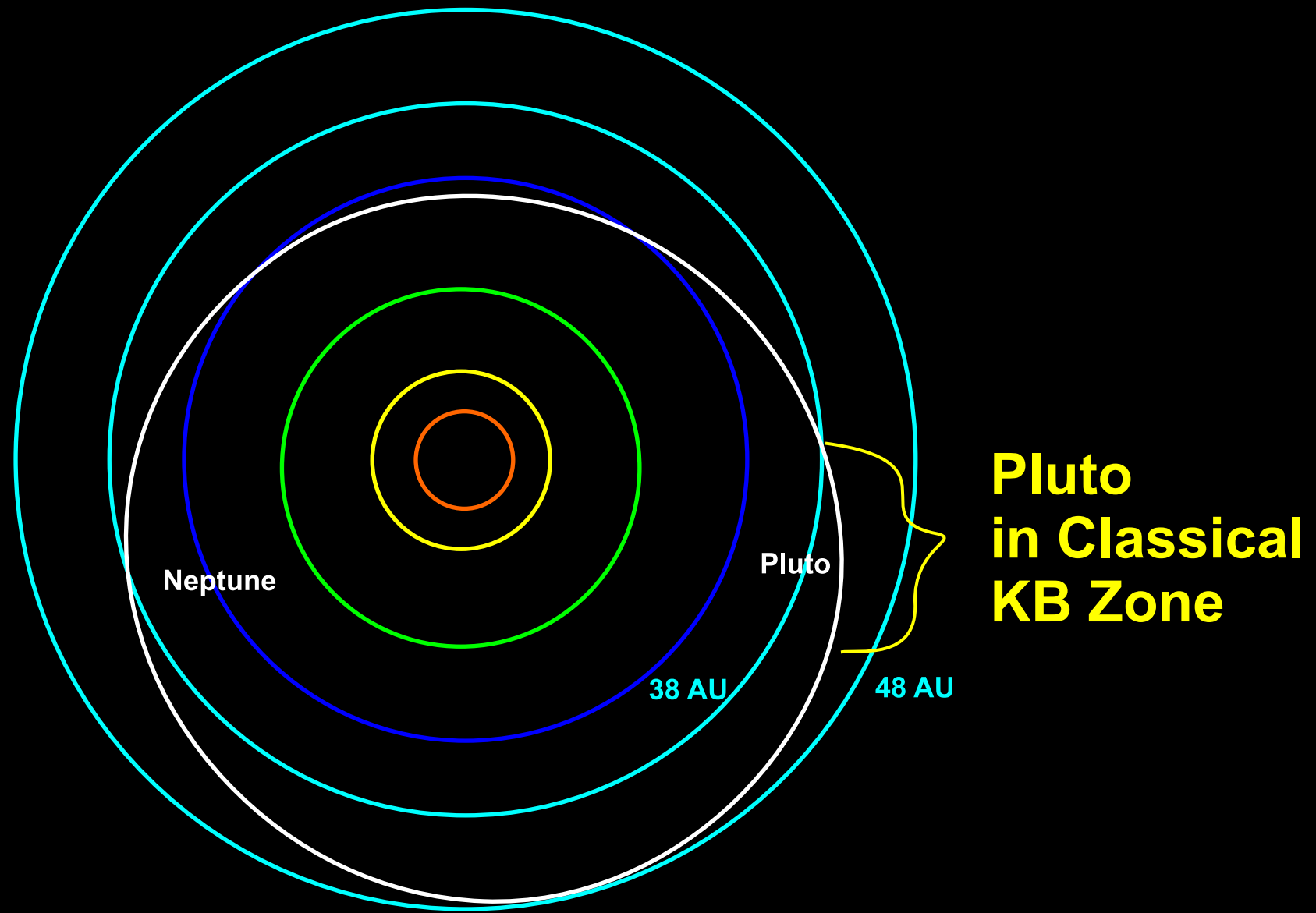
# Pluto's orbit

**intersects the main KB zone  
(includes classical and resonate zones)  
for approx. 35 years,  
ranging from 36 to 44 AU  
distance from Sun.**



**35 years in most densely populated part of KB**

**Pluto travels  
in the main KB  
Zone for approx.  
35 years**



## Radius of Influence of Pluto's Path:

Pluto is inclined at  $17^\circ$ . KB main zone is  $\pm 10^\circ$

Range is from  $17^\circ - 10^\circ = 7^\circ$  up to  $17^\circ$

Horizontal speed difference is generally  $< 0.2$  km/sec

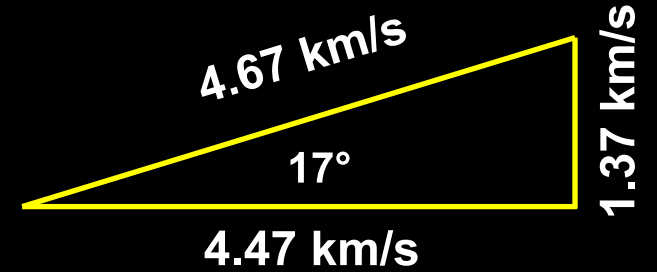
Vertical difference ranges from 0.55 - 1.37 km/sec

From the 10 X  $\Delta v$  Jupiter chart:

at speed of .55 km/s, Zone of Influence is 380,000 km radius

at speed of 1.365 km/s, Zone of Influence is 156,000 km radius.

**For simplicity, use average of 200,000 km radius**





## Volume of Pluto's Path:

With the average of 200,000 km radius:

$$\text{area of path} = \pi r^2 = 1.257\text{E}11 \text{ km}^2$$

Pluto takes ~ 35 years to pass through classical portion of KB,

$$= 1.5\text{E}8 * 35 = 5.25\text{E}9 \text{ km}$$

$$\text{Volume of Pluto Zone of Influence} = 6.48 \text{ E}20 \text{ km}^3$$

# Classical & Resonant Kb

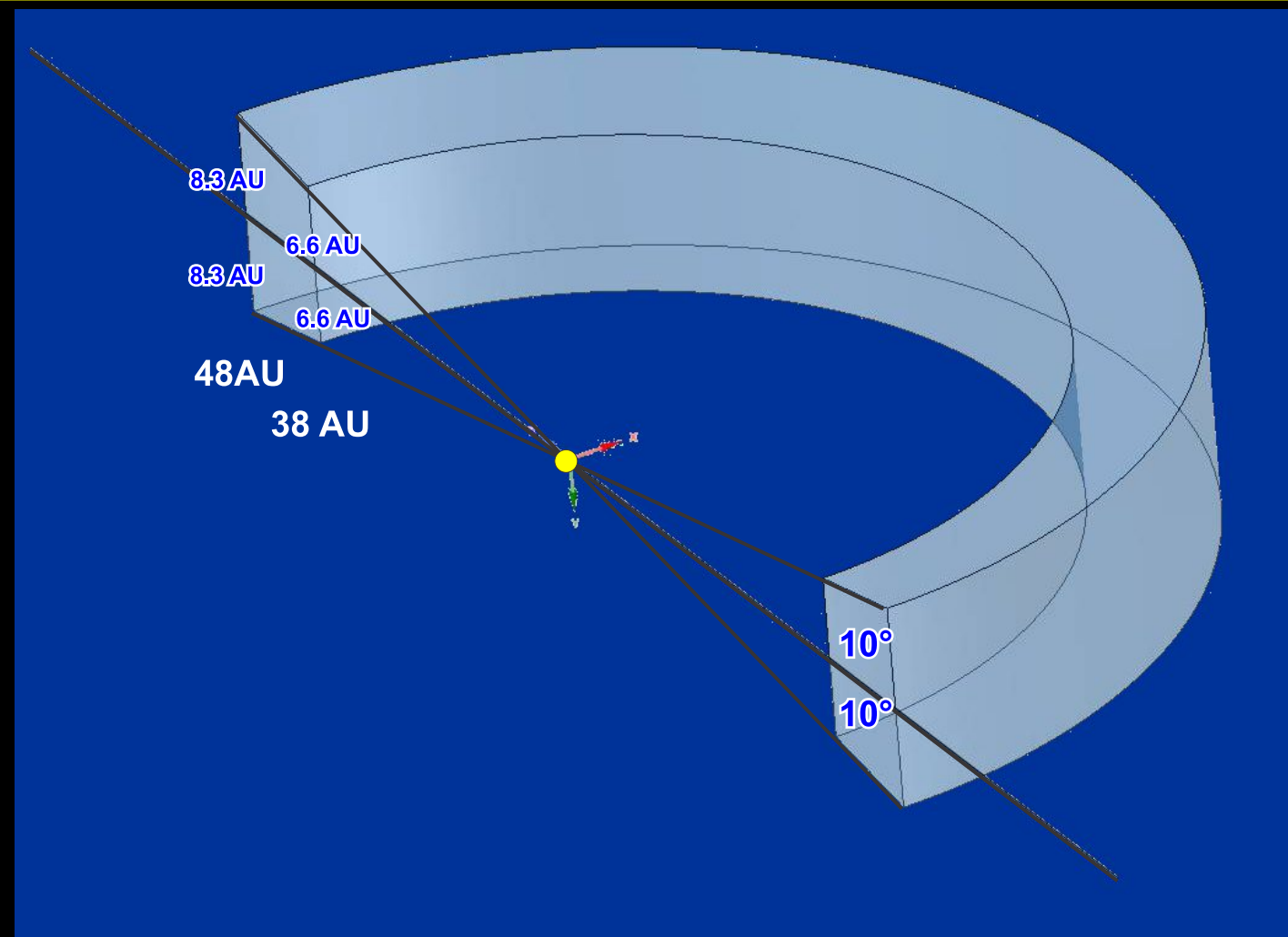
## Volume of Kuiper Belt:

+/- 10 degrees, from 38 to 48 AU

$$\text{Volume} = 40,550 \text{ AU}^3$$

$$\text{Volume} = 4.055\text{E}4 * 1.49598\text{E}8^3 \text{ km}^3$$

$$\text{Volume} = 1.3576 \text{ E}29 \text{ km}^3$$



$$\text{Volume of cylinder} = 3.14159 r^2 * h$$

$$= 3.14159 * 48 * 48 * 16.67 = 120,661$$

$$= 3.14159 * 38 * 38 * 13.19 = 59,835$$

$$\text{Volume of cone 48 au} = 1/3 \text{ Pi } r^2 h = 40220$$

$$\text{Volume of cone 38 au} = 1/3 \text{ Pi } r^2 h = 19945$$

$$\text{Total Volume} = (120,661 - 40,220) - (59,835 - 19,945) = 40,551 \text{ AU}^3$$

**Time required for Pluto to effect all of KB:**

**Volume of KB divided by Volume of Pluto ZOI**

$$1.357\text{E}29 / 6.48\text{E}20 = 2.094 \text{ E}8$$

**= 209,400,000 orbits of 255 years each,**

**51,942,771,795 years to effect all of the Kuiper Belt**

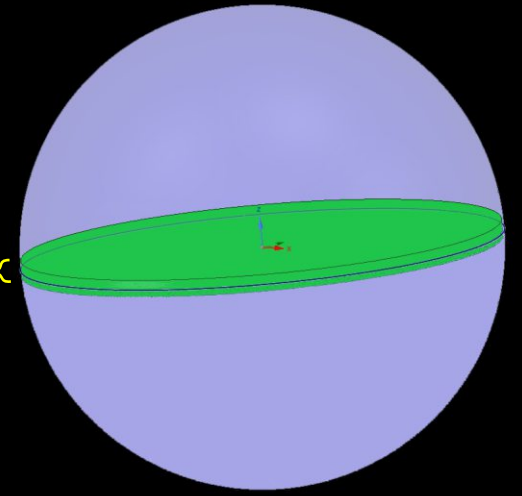
**Which is 10X the age of the Solar system**



# Pluto's Effect on KBOs

Only a few will be pushed towards the Sun

$\pm 2^\circ$



The effected KBOs orbit will change in random directions

Some away from the sun, some towards, some to the Scattered Disk.

The KBOs with a change parallel to the Ecliptic Plane will have their Perihelion closer to the sun, and move into the influence of the inner planets.

Parallel to the Ecliptic  $\pm 2$  degrees can become Earth Crossing.

$\pm 2$  degrees is  $2/90$  or  $1/45$  of the effected KBOs.

# How many KBOs will be effected?

6 million over 10 km diameter  
350 million over 1 km diameter

51,942,771,795 years to effect all KB, divided by 6 million:

8,738 years per 10 km KBO effected  
148 years per 1 km KBO effected

1 in 45 eventually cross Earth Orbit:

**389,571 years between 10 km diameter comets** in Earth crossing Orbit.  
6,678 years between 1 km diameter comets in Earth crossing Orbit.

# 50000 Quaoar

Match 10 X Jupiter Acc to Quaoar Acc:

$$g_{\text{Quaoar}} = GM_Q/r_Q^2 = GM_J/r_J^2 = 3.06 \times 10^{-11} \text{ km/s}^2$$

$$r_{\text{Quaoar}} = 1,746,893 \text{ km}$$

Quaoar travels between 42 and 45.2 AU so it does not effect ALL of the belt.



## For Quaoar to match 10 X Jupiter $\Delta v$ :

r (km)	r <sup>2</sup>	Time (sec)	Time (Years)	Speed
1,747,000	3.05E12	189,273,187	6.00	0.01 km/s
1,000,000	1.00E12	62,023,555	1.97	0.02 km/s
500,000	2.50E11	15,505,890	0.49	0.05 km/s
250,000	6.25E10	3,876,472	0.12	0.09 km/s
100,000	1.00E10	620,236	0.02	0.23 km/s
50,000	2.50E09	155,059	0.005	0.45 km/s
35,000	1.22E09	75,979	0.002	0.64 km/s
5,000	2.50E07	1,551	0.000	4.51 km/s

## Radius of Influence Quaoar's Path:

Quaoar is inclined at  $7.99^\circ$ . KB Classical zone is  $\pm 10^\circ$

Relative Range is from  $0^\circ$  up to  $8^\circ$

Horizontal speed difference is generally  $< 0.2$  km/sec  
Vertical difference ranges from 0.0 - 0.63 km/sec

From the  $10 \times \Delta v$  Jupiter chart:

at speed of 0.1 km/s, Zone of Influence is 250,000 km radius

at speed of 0.63 km/s, Zone of Influence is 35,000 km radius.

**For simplicity, use average of 100,000 km radius**



## Volume of Quaoar's Path:

With the average of 100,000 km radius:

$$\text{area of path} = \pi r^2 = 3.14 \text{ E}10 \text{ km}^2$$

Quaoar remains in KB main zone for the entire 288 year orbit:

$$= 1.5\text{E}8 * 288 = 4.10 \text{ E}10 \text{ km length}$$

$$\text{Volume of Quaoar Zone of Influence} = 1.287 \text{ E}21 \text{ km}^3$$



**Time required for Quaoar to effect all of KB:**

**Volume of KB divided by Volume of Quaoar ZOI**

$$1.357 \text{ E}29 / 1.287 \text{ E}21 = 1.05 \text{ E}8$$

**= 105,440,000 orbits of 288 years each,**

**30,366,400,000 years to effect all of the Kuiper Belt**

# How many KBOs will be effected by Quaoar?

6 million over 10 km diameter  
350 million over 1 km diameter

30,369,125,000 years to effect all KBO, divided by 6 million:

5,062 years per 10 km object effected  
87 years per 1 km object effected

1 in 45 eventually cross Earth Orbit:

**227,800 years between 10 km diameter comets** in Earth crossing Orbit.  
3,900 years between 1 km diameter comets in Earth crossing Orbit.

Dwarf Planet	Mass	Inclination	Years in Classical KB	Max Speed Difference km/s	ZOI	Years per Earth Crossing 1 km KBO
Quaoar	1.40 E21	7.99°	288	0.63	1.29 E21	3,905
Pluto	1.30 E22	17.16°	35	1.38	6.48 E20	6,678
Eris	1.66 E22	44.04°	20	2.39	9.80 E19	99,343
Haumea	4.01 E21	28.19°	43	2.14	4.83 E19	102,698
MakeMake	4.40 E21	28.98°	25	2.14	2.74 E19	197,035
Orcus	6.41 E20	20.58°	34	1.67	2.56 E19	168,491
2002 Ms4	6.00 E20	17.68°	78	1.39	2.21 E19	212,472
Ixion	4.00 E20	19.59°	45	1.59	1.90 E19	229,583
Varuna	3.70 E20	17.20°	100	1.34	4.49 E18	1,094,026
Salacia	4.38 E20	23.93°	93	1.87	2.71 E18	1,747,027
2007 OR 10	1.75 E21	30.90°	0	1.87	0	

# KBO effected over a period of time

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Pluto	6.48 E20	6,678	1.50
Eris	9.80 E19	99,343	0.10
Haumea	4.83 E19	102,698	0.10
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Pluto	6.48 E20	6,678	1.50	2.57
Eris	9.80 E19	99,343	0.10	0.17
Haumea	4.83 E19	102,698	0.10	0.17
MakeMake	2.74 E19	197,035	0.05	0.09
Orcus	2.56 E19	168,491	0.06	0.10
2002 Ms4	2.21 E19	212,472	0.05	0.08
Ixion	1.90 E19	229,583	0.04	0.07
Varuna	4.49 E18	1,094,026	0.01	0.02
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Total KBO / 1,000,000 years				7.67
Years per new 10 km comet			2,236	130,439

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MakeMake	2.74 E19	0.05	0.09	0.1
Orcus	2.56 E19	0.06	0.10	0.2
2002 Ms4	2.21 E19	0.05	0.08	0.1
Ixion	1.90 E19	0.04	0.07	0.1
Varuna	4.49 E18	0.01	0.02	0.0
Salacia	2.71 E18	0.01	0.01	0.0
Total KBO / 10,000 years		4.47		
Total KBO / 1,000,000 years			7.67	
Total KBO / 100,000,000 years				12.8
Years per new 100 km comet		2,236	130,439	7,826,337

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**These numbers are a MINIMUM.**

**The Zones of Influence have been set as small as possible.**

**The actual rate should be higher.**

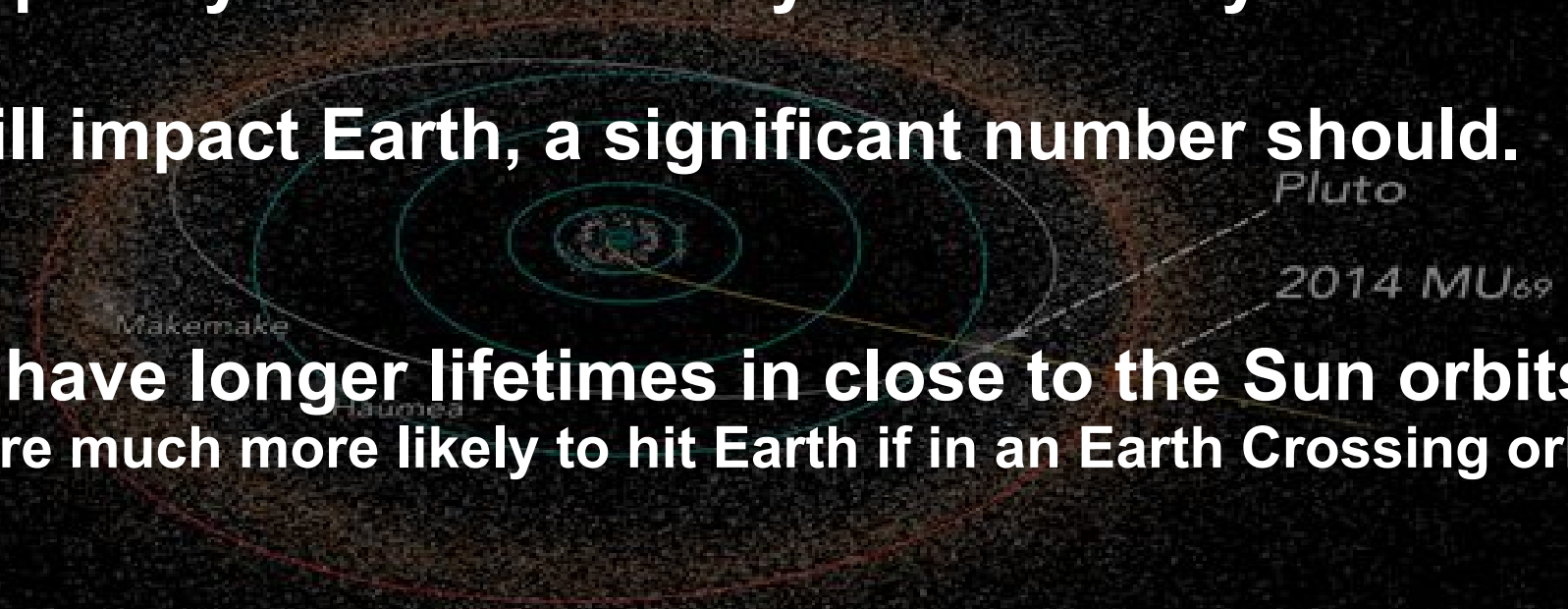


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If new 10 km KBOs go into Earth Crossing Orbit every 130,000 years, This implies that impacts from 10 km comets should happen much more frequently than once every 100 million years.

While not all will impact Earth, a significant number should.

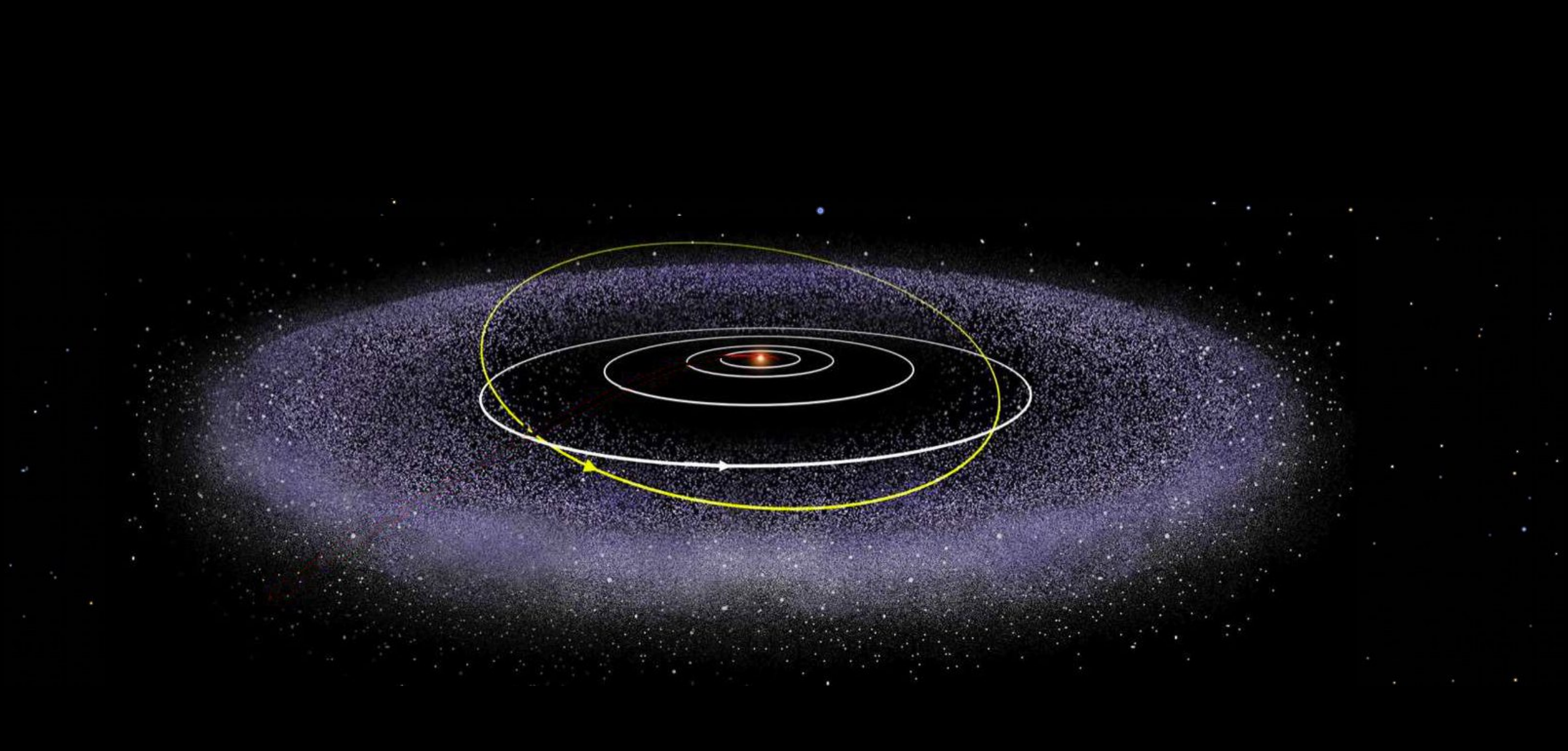
Larger comets have longer lifetimes in close to the Sun orbits, so larger comets are much more likely to hit Earth if in an Earth Crossing orbit.



## **Conclusions:**

**It is apparent that comets must hit Earth much more often than presently believed.**

**The theory that large comets have hit Earth recently fits these calculations of how often Kuiper Belt objects are pushed out of their orbits.**



**Thank you for your attention.**

**Extra Notes if time permits:**

**Using the above calculations to explain  
The Late Heavy Bombardment**



**Musing on conditions at the beginning of the solar system:**

**1,000 X as many KBOs**

**+/- 5° for main zone instead of +/- 10°**

**Dwarf Planets in main zone of +/- 5°**

**Volume of KB Main zone:  $20,368 \text{ AU}^3 = 6.8187 \text{ E}28 \text{ km}^3$**

**Pluto ZOI: +/- 2.5° max variation from KBOs**

**0.2 max vertical speed diff, near 0 min horizontal speed diff.**

**1 million km for 0.2, so go with 2 million as radius of ZOI**

**Quaoar ZOI: assume  $r = 500,000$**

**Eris: same as Pluto:  $r = 2,000,000$**

**etc.**

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Orcus	6.41 E20	2.5°	280	0.2	1.22 E21	8,534
2002 Ms4	6.00 E20	2.5°	280	0.2	1.07 E21	7,478
Ixion	4.00 E20	2.5°	280	0.2	4.76 E21	3,323
Varuna	3.70 E20	2.5°	280	0.2	4.07 E20	2,844
Salacia	4.38 E20	2.5°	280	0.2	5.71 E20	3,985
2007 OR 10	1.75 E21	2.5°	280	0.2	9.11 E21	63,612
Total KBO / 1 million years						10,116,227
# 10 km comets per year						10.1
% of KBOs removed per million years						0.17 %

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Quaoar	40,712	Time	% removed
Pluto	3,526,556		
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Haumea	333,337	1 billion years	83%
MakeMake	402,131	2 billion years	98%
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