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2013
USC Eden Shield

<https://sites.google.com/a/usc.edu/aste527/home/eden-shield---concept-and-strategies-for-planetary-defense>

QBOLT

2015

ISU READI Project

Roadmap for Earth Defense Initiatives

https://isulibrary.isunet.edu/doc_num.php?explnum_id=722

2015 USC LunaRevolution

<https://sites.google.com/a/usc.edu/aste527/home/lunarevolution-role-of-the-moon-in-the-future-of-human-space-activity-2015>

Lunar Sentinel

Running Theme

- ❑ Emergency Response Strategies
- ❑ Short Period Warning
- ❑ Conventional Campaigns Need Long Term Planning
- ❑ PD Impacts Global Policy and International Relations
- ❑ Nuclear Option is Thorny - **No Unilateral Action**
- ❑ Look for new and maturing technologies
- ❑ Advances in Directed Energy offer promise
- ❑ Close Proximity Engagement @ Speed of Light



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Chronology

- 2013 - ASTE 527 Team Project - Eden Shield
- <https://sites.google.com/a/usc.edu/aste527/home>
- 2015 - IAA Planetary Defense Conference, Italy
- 2015 - NASA Ames International PD Workshop
- 2015 - ISU SSP Team Project – READI Project
- https://isulibrary.isunet.edu/doc_num.php?explnum_id=722
- 2015 - ASTE 527 Lunar Sentinel
- 2016 - NASA Ames SSERVI Conference – Lunar Sentinel
- 2016 - AIAA Space Expo – Lunar Sentinel paper
- 2017 - IAA Planetary Defense Conference, Japan
- 2018 -

Current Philosophy

- Dictated by Policy
- Observation of NEOs
- Improved Observation & Detection(IAWN)
- Mainly Asteroids and Fragments
- Collision probability based on extrapolating orbits
- Long term strategy – 30 -100 years
- Probability is not Reality !

Sorely Lacking

- ❑ Short Warning Period Mitigation Strategies
- ❑ Bolide detected on terminal trajectory
- ❑ Few weeks or Days to Impact
- ❑ Long Period Comets
- ❑ Oort Cloud objects in very high energy hyperbolic orbits
- ❑ Extrasolar objects
- ❑ Single pass hit miss
- ❑ Oumuamua type



Evolution of Awareness

❑ Space Situational Awareness

To

❑ Solar System Situational Awareness

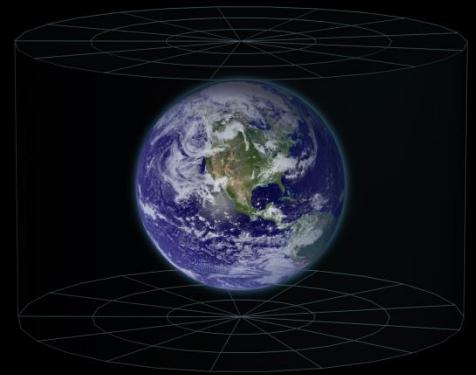
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❑ Galactic Situational Awareness

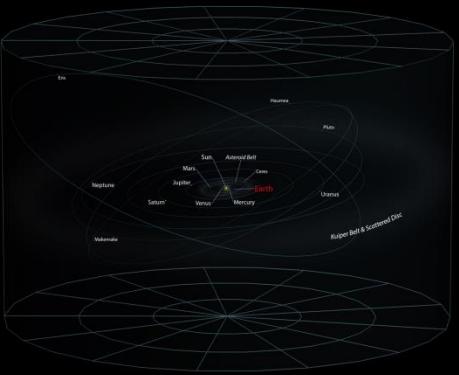
Dynamic Universe

- Cosmic Velocities and Energies
- Milky Way Rotation
- Anisotropic medium ?
- Fate of Stellar Systems
- Orphan planets and wandering bodies
- Radial Migration ?

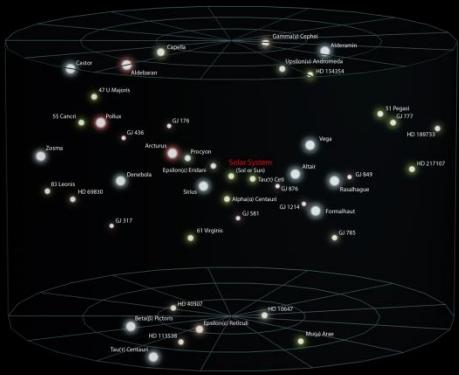
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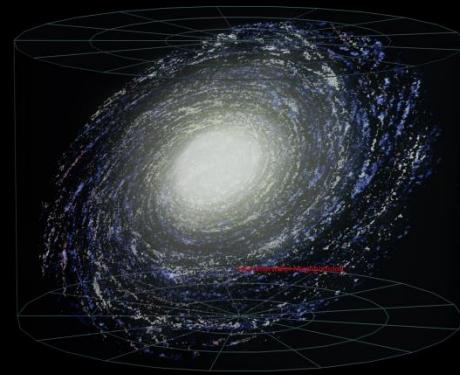
Solar System



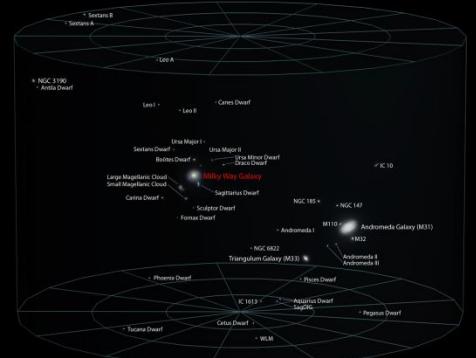
Solar Interstellar Neighborhood



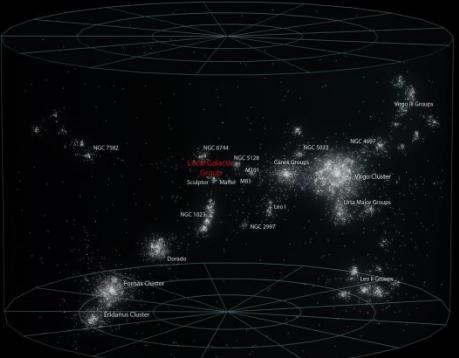
Milky Way Galaxy



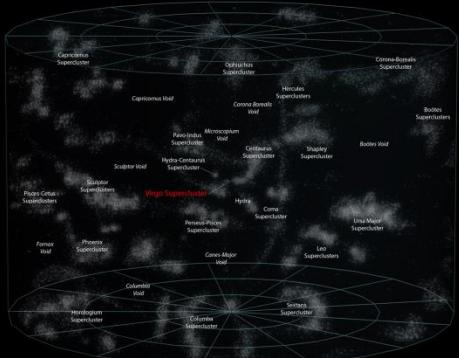
Local Galactic Group



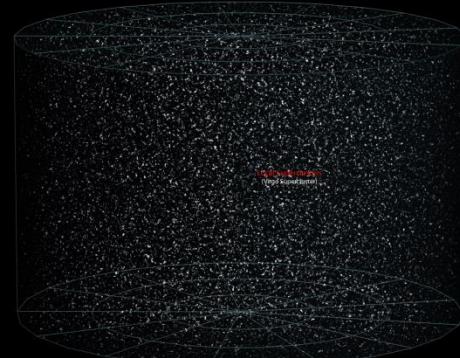
Virgo Supercluster



Local Superclusters



Observable Universe



Evolution of Capabilities

From

- ❑ Observation and Early Detection

To

- ❑ Mitigation - Deflection, Neutralization

And

- ❑ Last Resort Contingency Plans

- ❑ FEMA

- ❑ Develop Strategies in Parallel, not in Series

Essential for PD Capability

- End to End System Functionality
- End to End System Demonstration
- End to End System Readiness Verification
- Simulations
- Regular Readiness Exercises
- Global Warning and Mitigation Capability

Potential Credible Sequence

- ❑ Evolutionary
- ❑ Observation
- ❑ Detection
- ❑ Orbital Debris Mitigation
- ❑ Global Policy Friendly - TCBM
- ❑ Planetary Defense

Awareness

- ❑ Education
- ❑ Global in Scope
- ❑ Collective Sensitivity
- ❑ Collective Action
- ❑ Transcends Nation State Security
- ❑ E.g., Climate Change, Pandemic Prevention

Architect's View

- In case of PD Emergency :
- Civilian or Military Response ?
- Kinetic Kill ?
- Nuclear Option ?
- Directed Energy ?
- Other ?
- All of above
- But Globally Coordinated Response

A Global, Cosmopolitan Planetary Defense Capability

- Impacts whole world
- Global Awareness
- Global Coordination
- Global Action
- Humanitarian Pursuit
- Cosmopolitan World View
- Peaceful and Progressive
- Leads to other global Earth stewardship projects too !

