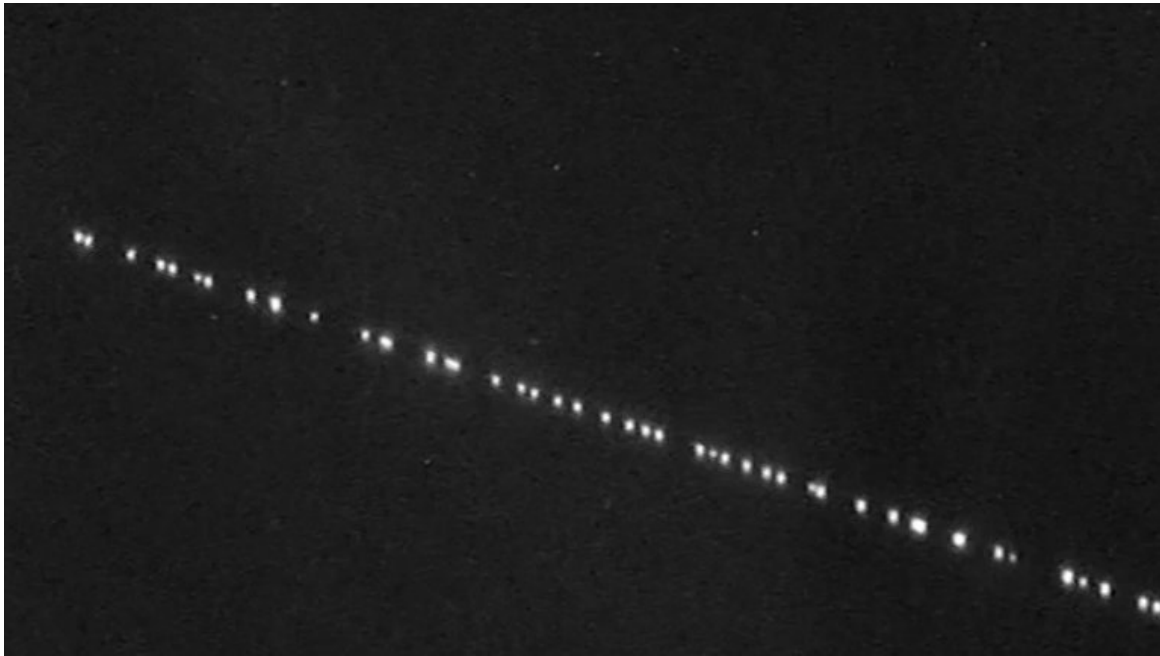


Starlink Satellites

It's likely that you may have seen the Starlink Satellites in the night sky last week, sent into orbit by SpaceX CEO, Elon Musk. But these satellites weren't just an expensive lightshow, the satellites serve an important purpose. The satellites are to fly in low Earth orbit, allowing a strong network to be created, making the Internet more accessible all over the Earth. With so many satellites in orbit, this Internet is very fast, but as a result this project was incredibly expensive, and is still in its early phases of execution. However, such a large project does not come without its controversies. Many have argued that a company should not have the rights to manipulate the view of the night sky, and it will disrupt telescopes by obscuring their views. Stargazers complain that the artificial satellites in the sky may ruin the natural view of the stars by using objects that share a similar appearance.



Satellites appeared as long lines of lights flying uniformly across the sky

While it could be argued that the satellite are disruptive, i believe that they are a useful piece of stellar infrastructure, and that their pros outweigh their cons. In addition to this, while these trails of light may not be natural,we should be able to appreciate its beauty regardless, and see it for what it is, an incredible milestone in human development.