These dots aren’t Klingon vessels. Appearing as strings of orange dots, the brightest sets of dots belong to asteroids Klotho and Lina. Both orbit out in the main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter, while smaller, more distant asteroids can also be seen passing through the image. They were imaged by the NASA’s Near-Earth Object Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (NEOWISE) mission, which has been collecting asteroid data for more than five years. The five years of NEOWISE data have significantly advanced scientists’ knowledge of asteroids and comets in the solar system, as well as the stars and galaxies beyond.

Most planetary geologists probably don’t know too much about the mission which took this image. For more information about NEOWISE, visit https://www.nasa.gov/neowise and http://neowise.ipac.caltech.edu/