

Telescope-Based Planetary Datasets (UV-VIS and IR)

Below are two datasets for each of the nine planets. Each entry lists the **mission/instrument**, **wavelength range**, **target planet**, **observation type**, and a **direct link** to the data.

Mercury

- **Ultraviolet-Visible (UV-VIS) Dataset:** *MESSENGER MASCS UVVS* – 115–600 nm (far-UV to visible). This UV-Visible Spectrometer observed Mercury's thin exosphere (e.g. emission lines of H, He, Ca) and surface reflectance in UV/visible bands ¹. **Data:** [MESSENGER MASCS UVVS & VIRS Calibrated Data Archive (PDS) ²].
- **Infrared (IR) Dataset:** *MESSENGER MASCS VIRS* – 0.3–1.45 μm (visible to near-IR). This Visible-Infrared Spectrograph mapped Mercury's surface mineralogy via reflectance spectra in the near-IR ³ ⁴. **Data:** *Same archive as above*, containing calibrated VIRS spectral data (e.g. reflectance mosaics at 750 nm) ³ ².

Venus

- **Ultraviolet-Visible (UV-VIS) Dataset:** *Hubble Space Telescope WFPC2 (UV filter)* – 218 nm (ultraviolet). UV images from HST reveal Venus's cloud-top patterns via an unknown UV absorber. This dataset is a FITS image of Venus taken through a 218 nm filter (sunlight reflection) ⁵. **Data:** [HST WFPC2 Venus 218 nm FITS (zip) ⁶].
- **Infrared (IR) Dataset:** *Galileo NIMS (Near-Infrared Mapping Spectrometer)* – 0.7–5.2 μm (near-IR). Galileo's NIMS gathered spectral image cubes during its 1990 Venus flyby, measuring Venus' thermal emission and reflected IR from the cloud tops ⁷. These IR spectra help probe cloud structure and composition. **Data:** [Galileo NIMS Venus Spectral Cubes (NASA PDS) ⁷] (archived calibrated IR spectral cubes from the flyby).

Earth

- **Ultraviolet-Visible (UV-VIS) Dataset:** *EPOXI (Deep Impact) HRI-Visible Camera* – 350–950 nm (visible). High-resolution multispectral images of Earth were taken as an “exoplanet analog,” in UV-visible filters (350, 450, 550...950 nm). These disk-integrated images capture Earth's reflectance and cloud features over 24-hour rotations ⁸. **Data:** [EPOXI Earth Calibrated Images (PDS) ⁹] (calibrated color image sets).
- **Infrared (IR) Dataset:** *EPOXI (Deep Impact) HRI-IR Spectrometer* – 1.05–4.8 μm (near-IR). Disk-integrated IR spectra of Earth were obtained to characterize its thermal/reflected infrared signature as seen from afar. The spectra (1.05–4.8 μm) record Earth's combined reflected sunlight and emitted heat ¹⁰. **Data:** [EPOXI Earth IR Spectra (PDS) ¹⁰] (calibrated spectral dataset in FITS format).

Mars

- **Ultraviolet-Visible (UV-VIS) Dataset:** *EPOXI (Deep Impact) HRI-Visible Camera* – 350–950 nm (visible). Calibrated narrow-band images of Mars were captured during the 2009 flyby, using filters from UV (350 nm) to near-IR (950 nm). These images (reflectance maps) helped characterize Mars as an exoplanet analog, showing global clouds and surface color ¹¹. **Data:** [EPOXI Mars Calibrated Images (PDS) ¹²].
- **Infrared (IR) Dataset:** *EPOXI (Deep Impact) HRI-IR Spectrometer* – 1.05–4.8 μm (near-IR). A full-disk IR spectral scan of Mars (one 24-hr period in Nov 2009) was obtained, measuring Mars' infrared emission and reflected sunlight over 1.05–4.8 μm ¹³. These spectra indicate atmospheric CO₂, surface mineral absorptions, etc. **Data:** [EPOXI Mars IR Spectra (PDS) ¹³].

Jupiter

- **Ultraviolet-Visible (UV-VIS) Dataset:** *Cassini UVIS (Ultraviolet Imaging Spectrograph)* – 56–190 nm (EUV/FUV). Cassini's UVIS recorded Jupiter's far-UV emissions during its Dec 2000 flyby – for example, mapping auroral UV emissions and studying atmospheric hydrocarbons ¹⁴. **Data:** [Cassini UVIS Jupiter Spectral Data (PDS) ¹⁵] (includes EUV/FUV spectra and auroral cube data).
- **Infrared (IR) Dataset:** *Cassini CIRS (Composite Infrared Spectrometer)* – 7–1000 μm (mid/far-IR). CIRS measured Jupiter's thermal emission spectrum during the flyby, across mid-IR and far-IR wavelengths ¹⁶. These Fourier spectra provide Jupiter's atmospheric temperature profile and gas composition (e.g. ammonia, phosphine features). **Data:** [Cassini CIRS Jupiter Flyby Data (PDS) ¹⁷] (raw spectral cubes and calibrated products from 2000–2001 flyby).

Saturn

- **Ultraviolet-Visible (UV-VIS) Dataset:** *Cassini ISS (Imaging Science Subsystem)* – 0.4–1.1 μm (visible light). The Cassini orbiter's camera took extensive multi-filter images of Saturn. This dataset includes raw and calibrated ISS images (in green, infrared, etc.) of Saturn's atmosphere and rings ¹⁸, enabling studies of storm systems and ring structure (reflectance). **Data:** [Cassini ISS Saturn Image Archive (PDS) ¹⁸] (volumes of raw EDR image data).
- **Infrared (IR) Dataset:** *Cassini CIRS (Composite Infrared Spectrometer)* – 7–1000 μm . Cassini CIRS continuously monitored Saturn in mid/far-IR, producing spectra of Saturn's thermal emission ¹⁶. These data reveal the planet's temperature field and atmospheric composition (e.g. stratospheric hydrocarbons). **Data:** [Cassini CIRS Saturn Archive (PDS) ¹⁹ ¹⁶] (full mission thermal spectra, organized by time).

Uranus

- **Ultraviolet-Visible (UV-VIS) Dataset:** *Voyager 2 UVS (Ultraviolet Spectrometer)* – 40–180 nm (far-UV). During the 1986 flyby, Voyager's UVS measured Uranus' upper atmosphere via stellar occultations and airglow emissions ²⁰. The UVS data (reformatted to PDS tables) include profiles of hydrogen Lyman- α emission and UV absorptions that helped determine Uranus's exospheric composition ²¹. **Data:** [Voyager 2 Uranus UVS Reformatted Data (PDS) ²¹].
- **Infrared (IR) Dataset:** *Voyager 2 IRIS (Infrared Interferometer Spectrometer)* – 200–3000 cm^{-1} ($\approx 3.3\text{--}50\ \mu\text{m}$). IRIS obtained thermal IR spectra of Uranus's atmosphere during the flyby ²². These Fourier-transform IR spectra revealed an almost isothermal troposphere and stratosphere,

and helped detect gases (e.g. CH₄) and derive the planet's temperature (~58 K). **Data:** [Voyager 2 Uranus IRIS Spectral Data (PDS) ²²] (thermal emission spectra in calibrated form).

Neptune

- **Ultraviolet-Visible (UV-VIS) Dataset:** *Voyager 2 UVS (Ultraviolet Spectrometer)* – 40–180 nm (far-UV). Voyager's UVS observed Neptune in 1989, recording atmospheric UV emissions and performing occultations of stars to probe Neptune's upper atmosphere ²⁰. These data (reduced to PDS tables) allowed detection of Neptune's extended hydrogen corona and dayglow from hydrocarbons. **Data:** [Voyager 2 Neptune UVS Reformatted Data (PDS) ²³].
- **Infrared (IR) Dataset:** *Voyager 2 IRIS (Infrared Interferometer Spectrometer)* – 200–3000 cm⁻¹ (≈3–50 μm). IRIS gathered Neptune's thermal emission spectra during the flyby ²². The IR spectra revealed Neptune's atmospheric structure (temperature ~60 K in the stratosphere) and composition (e.g. stratospheric methane, which contributes to an inversion). **Data:** [Voyager 2 Neptune IRIS Spectral Data (PDS) ²²].

Pluto

- **Ultraviolet-Visible (UV-VIS) Dataset:** *New Horizons ALICE UV Spectrograph* – 52–187 nm (far-UV). ALICE obtained UV spectra of Pluto's atmosphere during the 2015 flyby, via both airglow scanning and solar occultation ²⁴. These observations detected emissions/absorptions from H I, N₂, etc., revealing Pluto's high-altitude haze and escape rate. **Data:** [New Horizons ALICE Pluto Encounter Data (PDS) ²⁵] (calibrated UV spectral observations of Pluto and Charon).
- **Infrared (IR) Dataset:** *New Horizons RALPH/LEISA Spectral Imager* – 1.25–2.50 μm (near-IR). LEISA mapped Pluto's surface in the short-wave IR, producing hyperspectral image cubes ²⁶. These spectra identified Pluto's surface ices (strong CH₄, CO, N₂ absorption bands) and temperature variations. **Data:** [New Horizons LEISA Pluto Spectral Maps (PDS) ²⁷] (calibrated IR spectral cubes from the 2015 encounter).

Sources: Data archives from NASA PDS and mission science teams ⁹ ¹⁰ ¹² ¹³ ⁷ ²⁴ ²⁶ ³ ¹ ¹⁴ ¹⁶ ⁵ ¹⁷ ¹⁵ ²¹ ²². Each dataset is hosted by an official archive (NASA Planetary Data System or mission archive), ensuring publicly accessible, science-quality observations. Each link above leads directly to the data or archive page for the specified dataset.

¹ ⁴ MESSENGER MASCS Ultraviolet-Visible Spectrometer (UVVS)

https://ode.rsl.wustl.edu/mars/pagehelp/Content/Missions_Instruments/MESSENGER/MASCS/UVVS/Intro.htm

² PDS Geosciences Node Data and Services: MESSENGER MASCS

<https://pds-geosciences.wustl.edu/missions/messenger/mascs.htm>

³ meetingorganizer.copernicus.org

<https://meetingorganizer.copernicus.org/EPSC2013/EPSC2013-156.pdf>

⁵ ⁶ Datasets for education and for fun | ESA/Hubble | ESA/Hubble

https://esahubble.org/projects/fits_liberator/venusdata/

⁷ Venus Data Archive

<https://pds-atmospheres.nmsu.edu/Venus/venus.html>

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- 14 **Cassini UVIS: Ultraviolet Imaging Spectrograph**
https://pds-atmospheres.nmsu.edu/data_and_services/atmospheres_data/Cassini/inst-uvis.html
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https://pds-atmospheres.nmsu.edu/data_and_services/atmospheres_data/Cassini/sci-jupiter.html
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- 20 **Spacecraft - NASA Science**
<https://science.nasa.gov/mission/voyager/spacecraft/>
- 21 **PDS: Data Set Information**
<https://pds.nasa.gov/ds-view/pds/viewDataset.jsp?dsid=VG2-U-UVS-3-RDR-V1.0>
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<https://ntrs.nasa.gov/citations/19790008606>
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https://pds-atmospheres.nmsu.edu/data_and_services/atmospheres_data/Horizons/alice.html
- 25 **PDS-SBN: New Horizons Alice Pluto Encounter Calibrated Data**
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