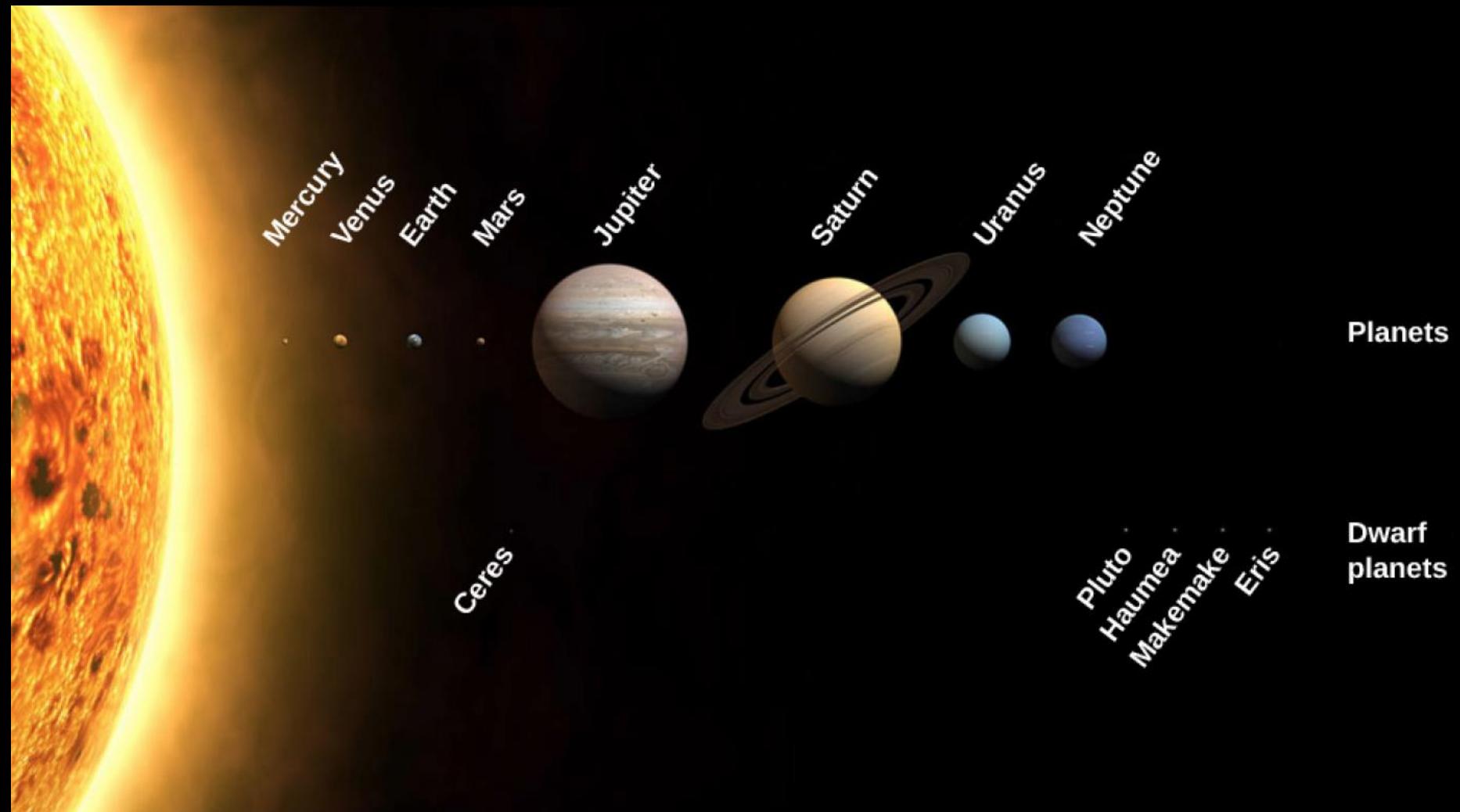


# Our solar system: the giant planets and their moons



# First: finish terrestrial planets



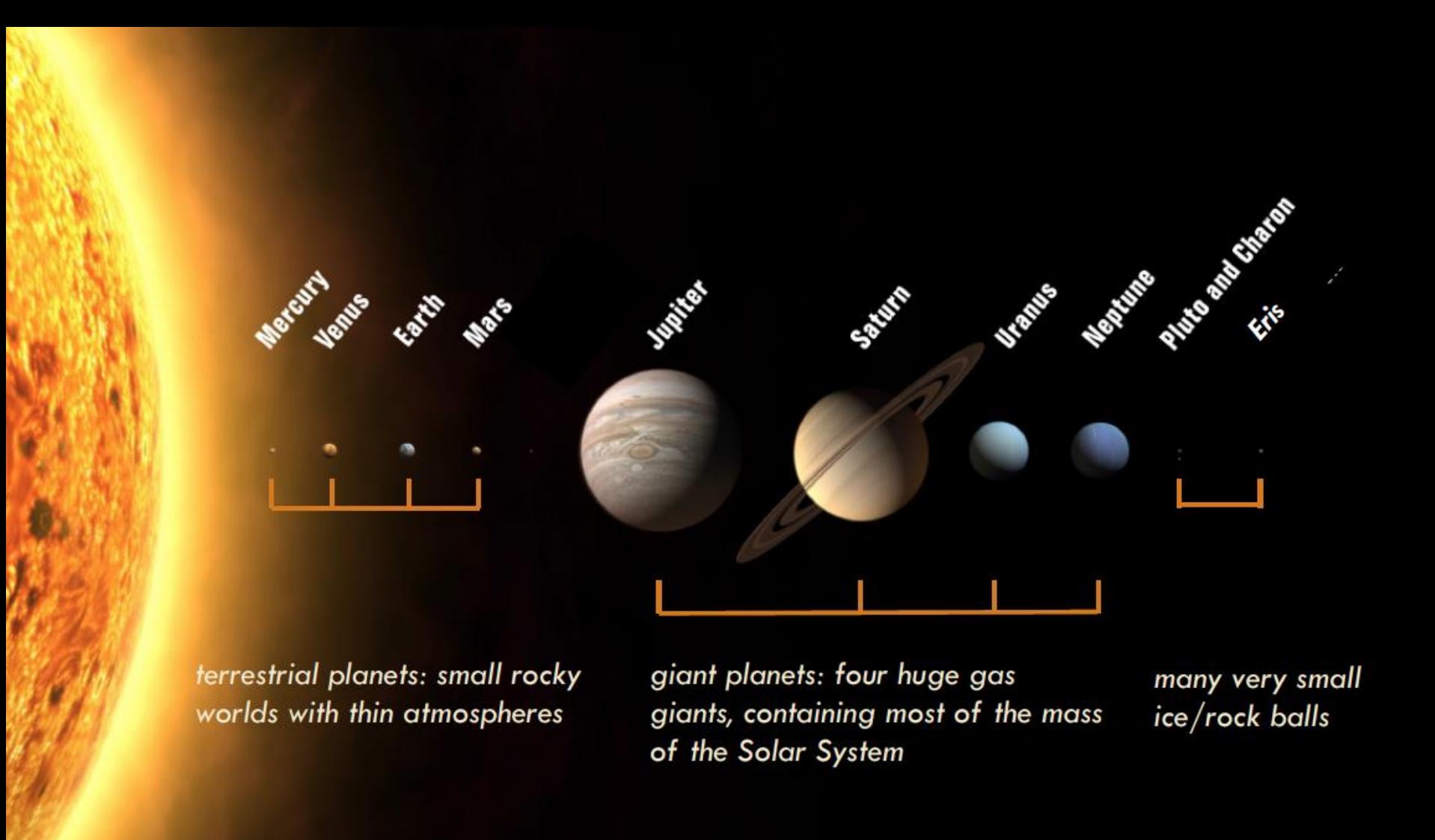
*terrestrial planets: small rocky  
worlds with thin atmospheres*

*giant planets: four huge gas  
giants, containing most of the mass  
of the Solar System*

*many very small  
ice/rock balls*

# LLM policy for homework 4, project

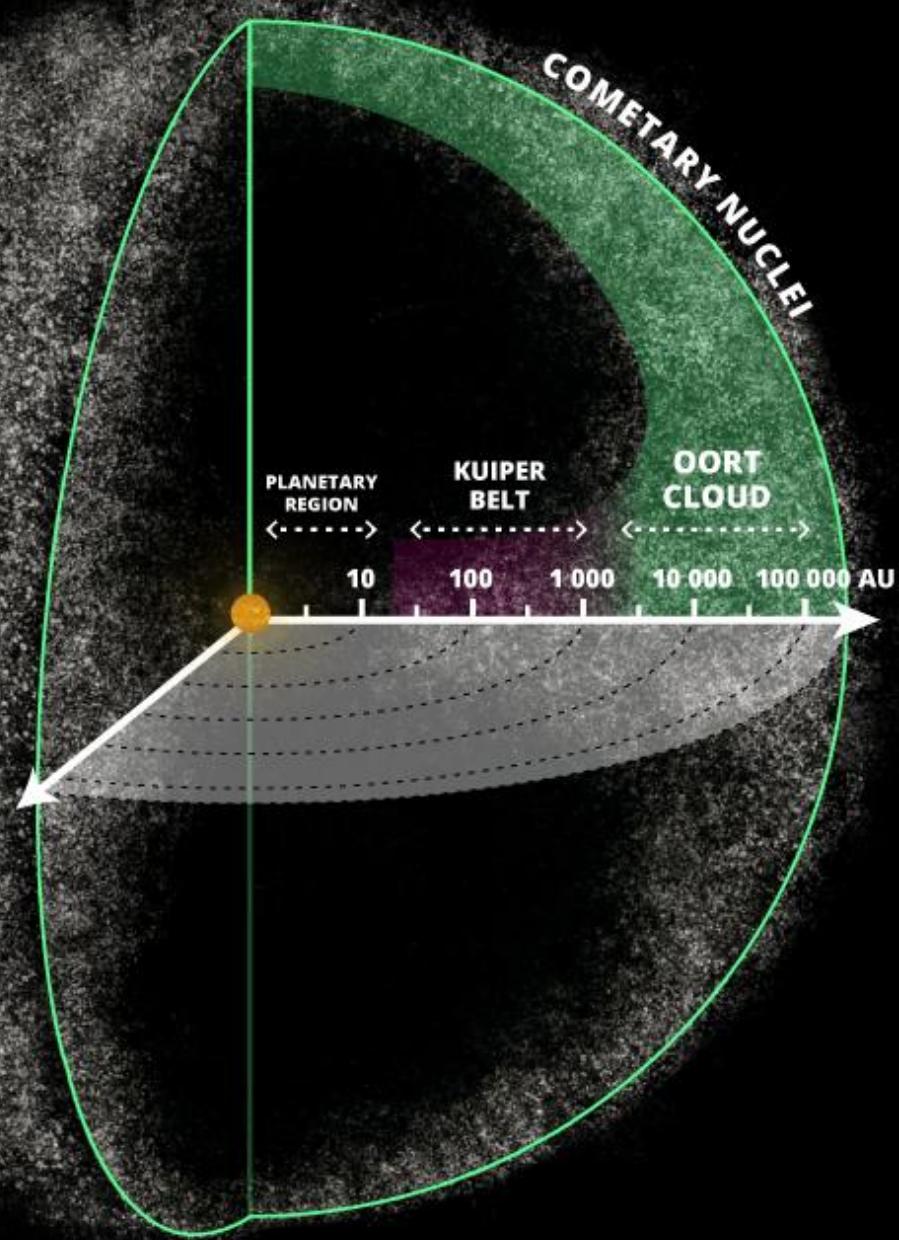
- Use LLMs (like ChatGPT) however you would like!
  - Acknowledge where you use it!
  - (obviously that acknowledgement is specific to this class; follow the syllabus for other courses and be smart about using ChatGPT – it can be obvious)
- The work you turn in must be your own
  - Points may be deducted when answers sound too much like ChatGPT.
- I think that LLMs won't help too much with the project
  - Editing/structure help
- Homework 4: added a hard question because students did so well previously
  - ChatGPT effect!

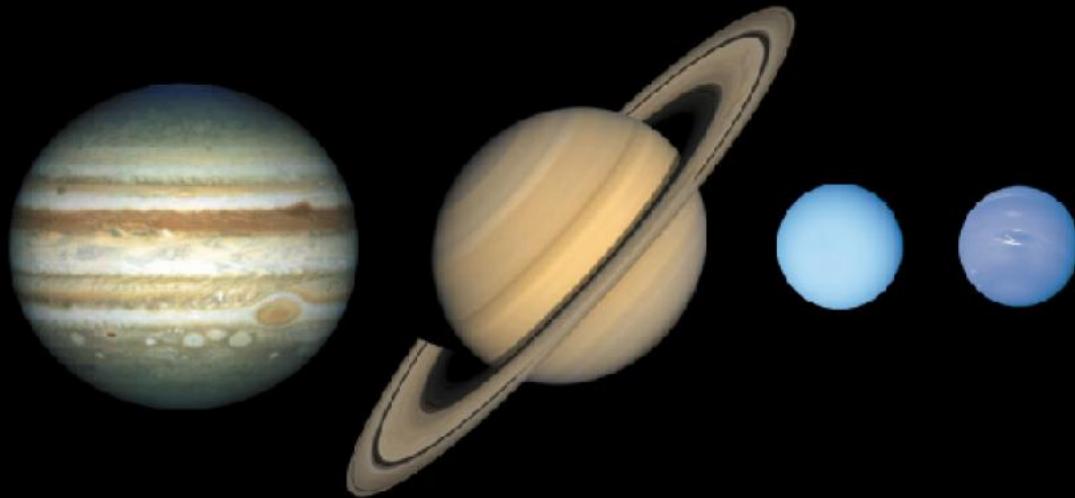


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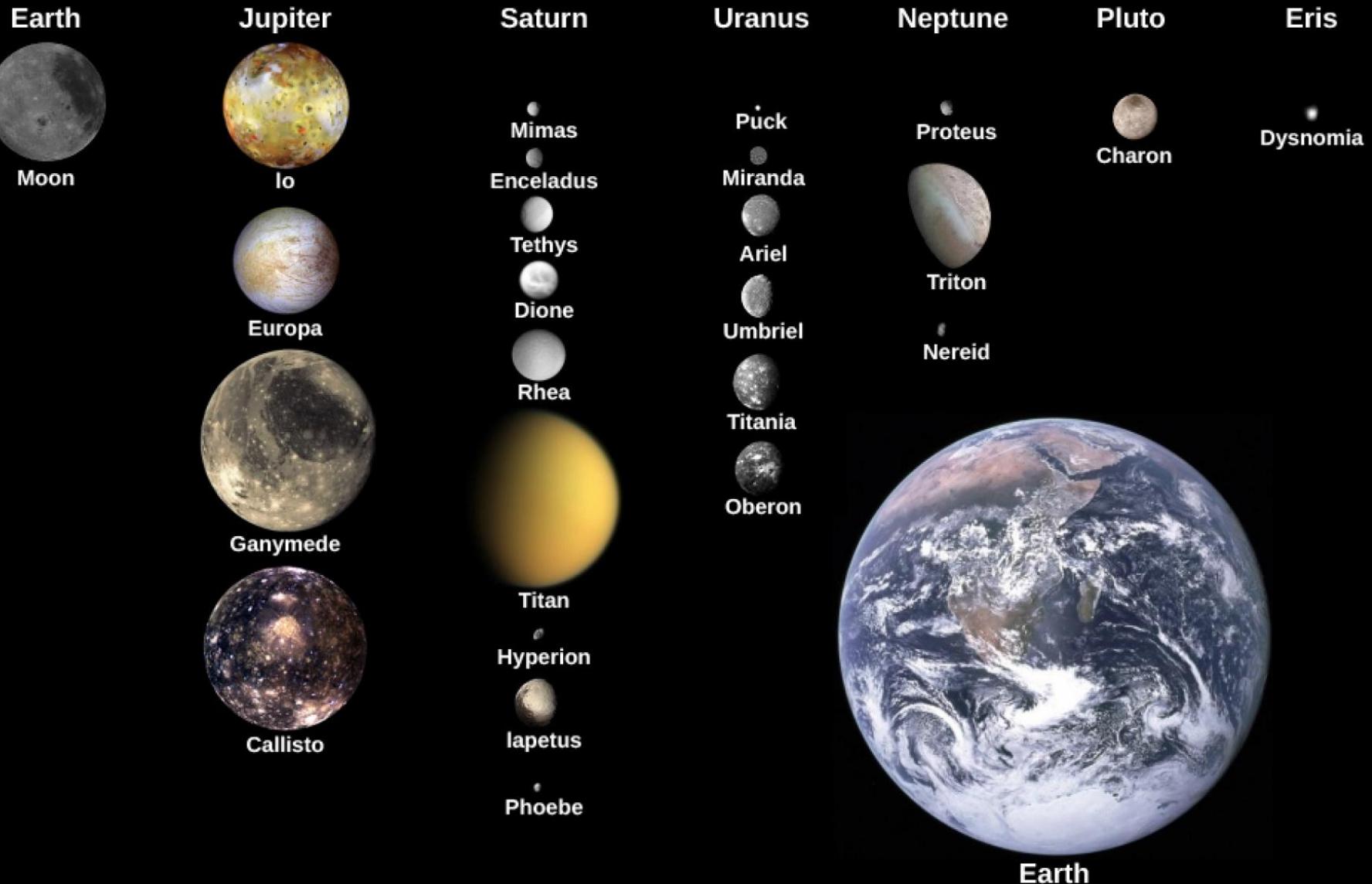
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⊕ Earth





Ganymede

5262 km



Titan

5150 km



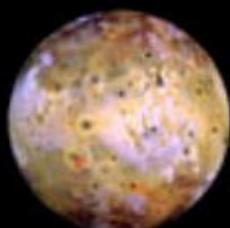
Mercury

4880 km



Callisto

4806 km



Io

3642 km



Moon

3476 km



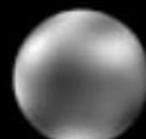
Europa

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Triton

2706 km



Pluto

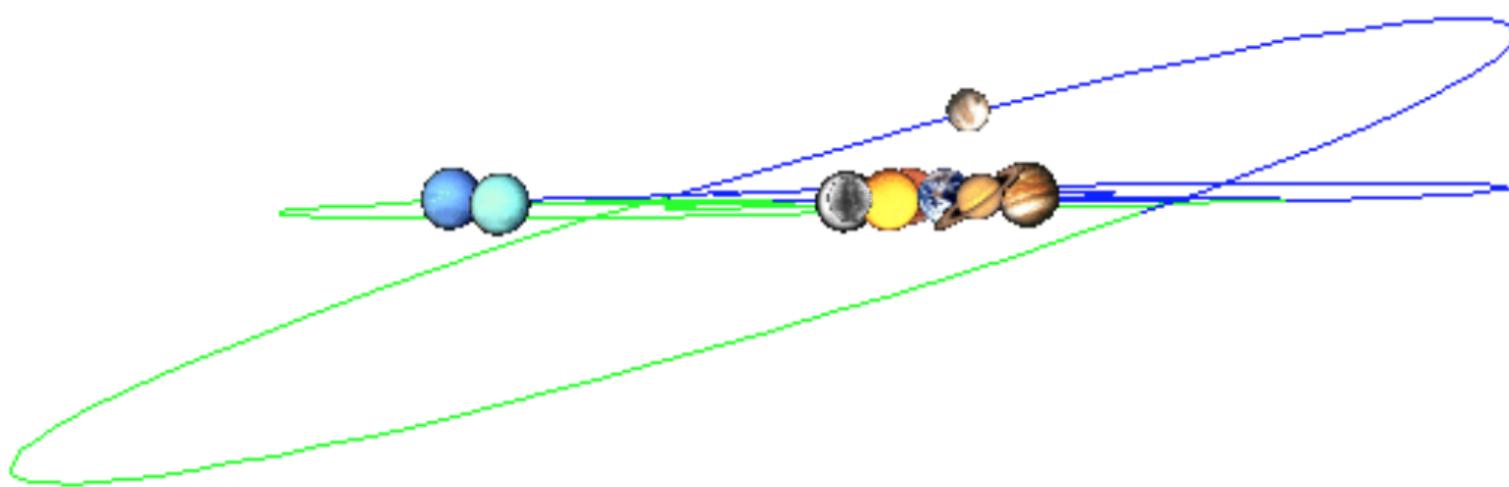
2300 km



Titania

1580 km

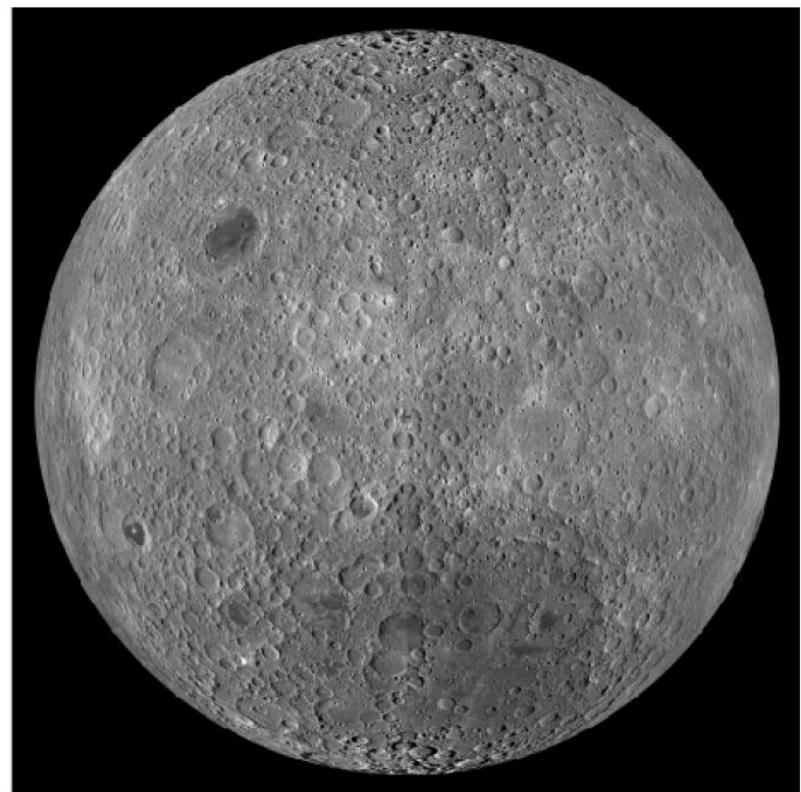
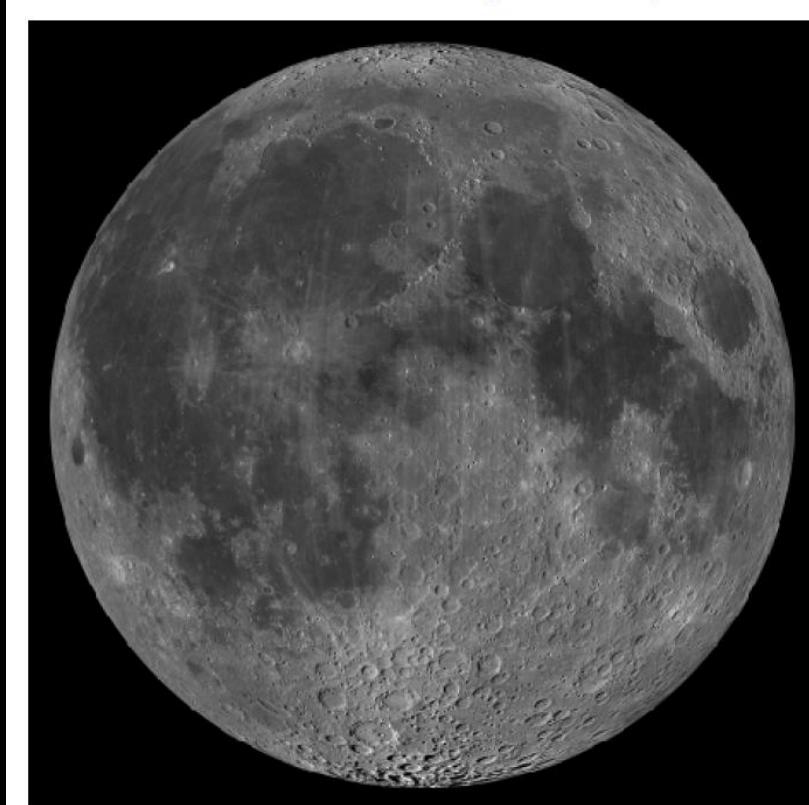
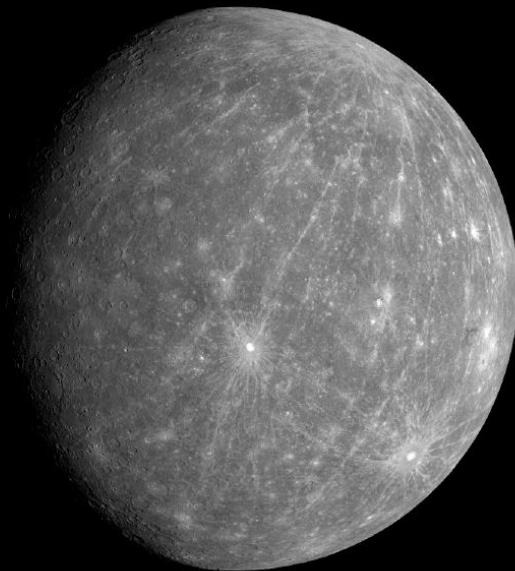
All the planets (but not Pluto) orbit in the same direction and in the same plane: the **ecliptic** (to within  $60^\circ$ ).

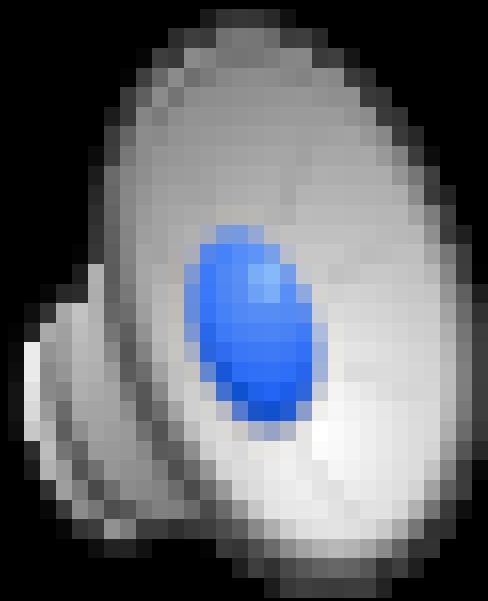


# The terrestrial planets – *rocky worlds*



# The moon and Mercury





## Properties of Earth, Venus, and Mars

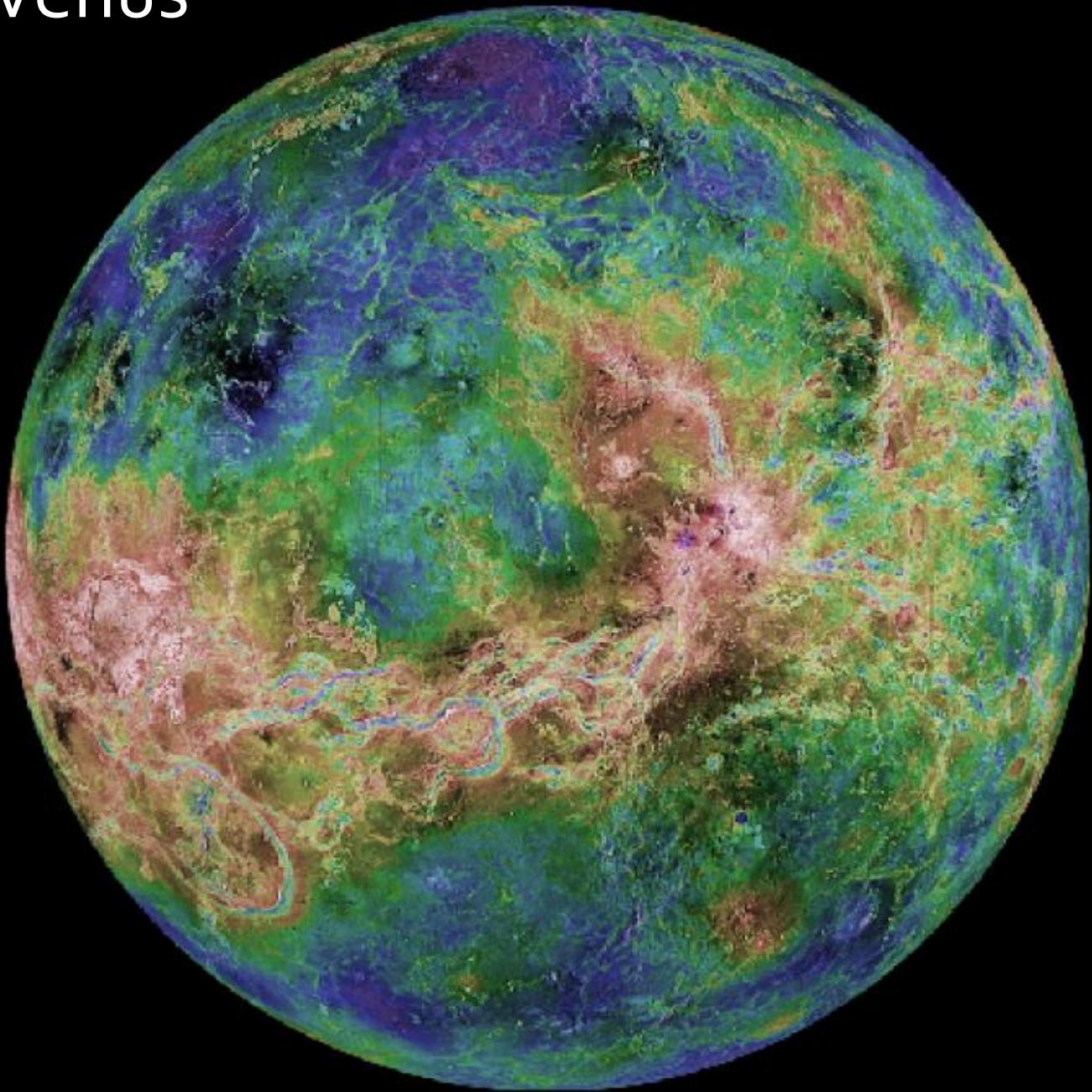
Property	Earth	Venus	Mars
Semimajor axis (AU)	1.00	0.72	1.52
Period (year)	1.00	0.61	1.88
Mass (Earth = 1)	1.00	0.82	0.11
Diameter (km)	12,756	12,102	6,790
Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	5.5	5.3	3.9
Surface gravity (Earth = 1)	1.00	0.91	0.38
Escape velocity (km/s)	11.2	10.4	5.0
Rotation period (hours or days)	23.9 h	243 d	24.6 h
Surface area (Earth = 1)	1.00	0.90	0.28
Atmospheric pressure (bar)	1.00	90	0.007

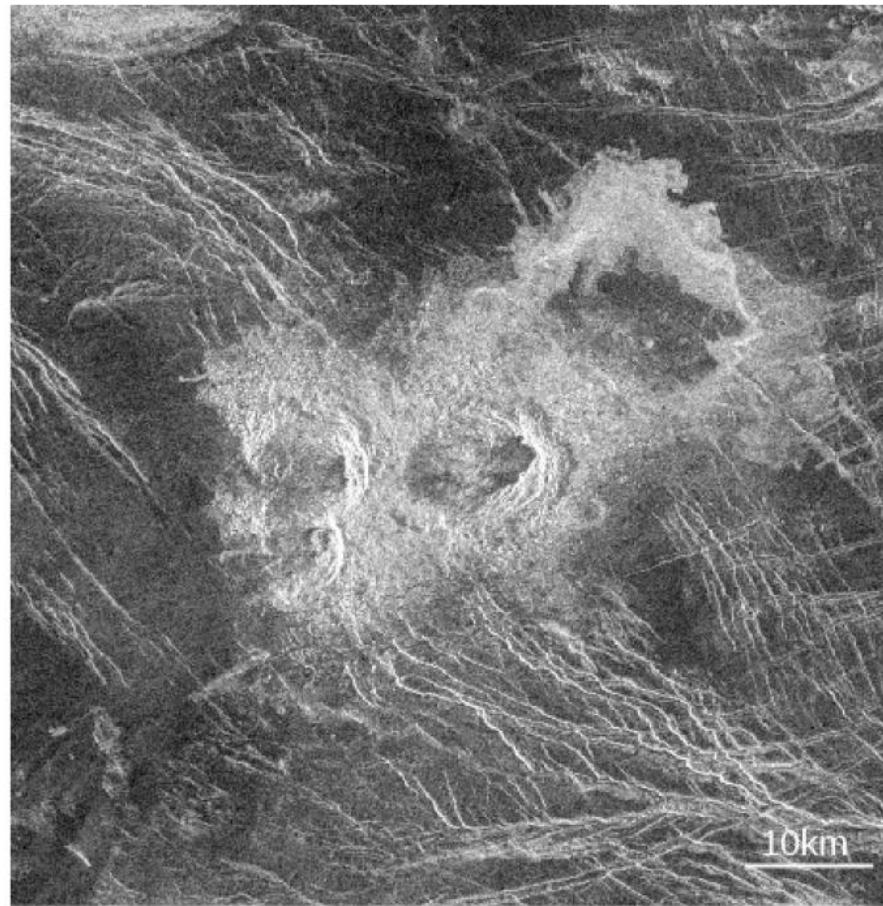
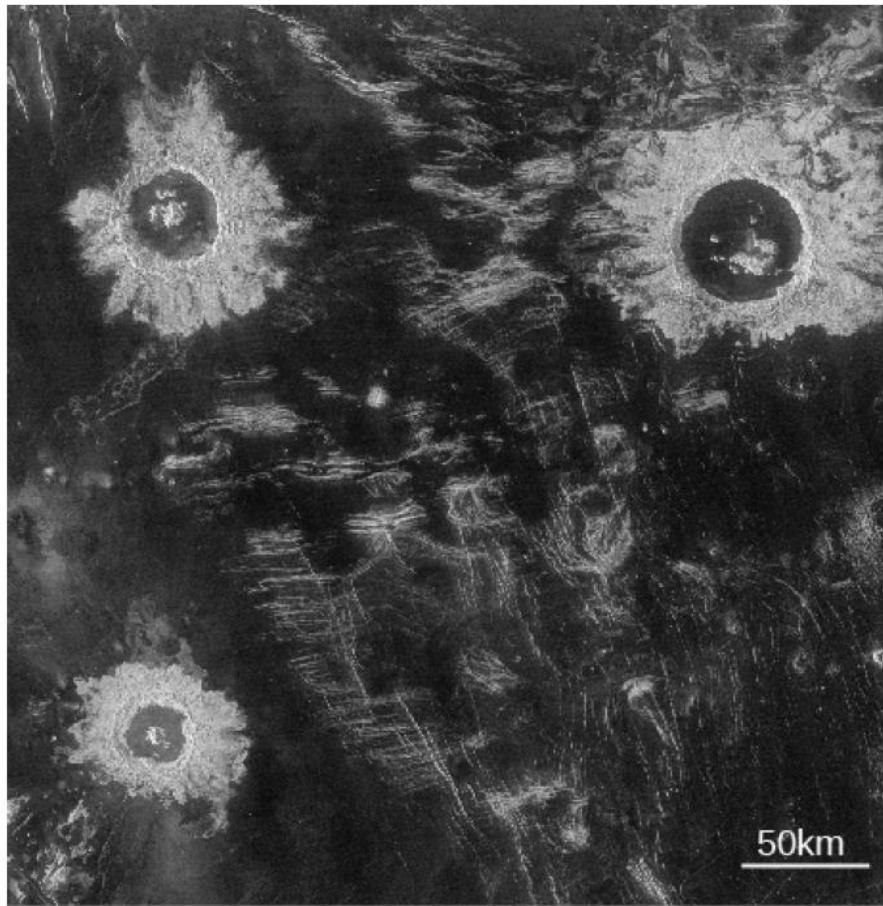
Venus

Thick atmosphere

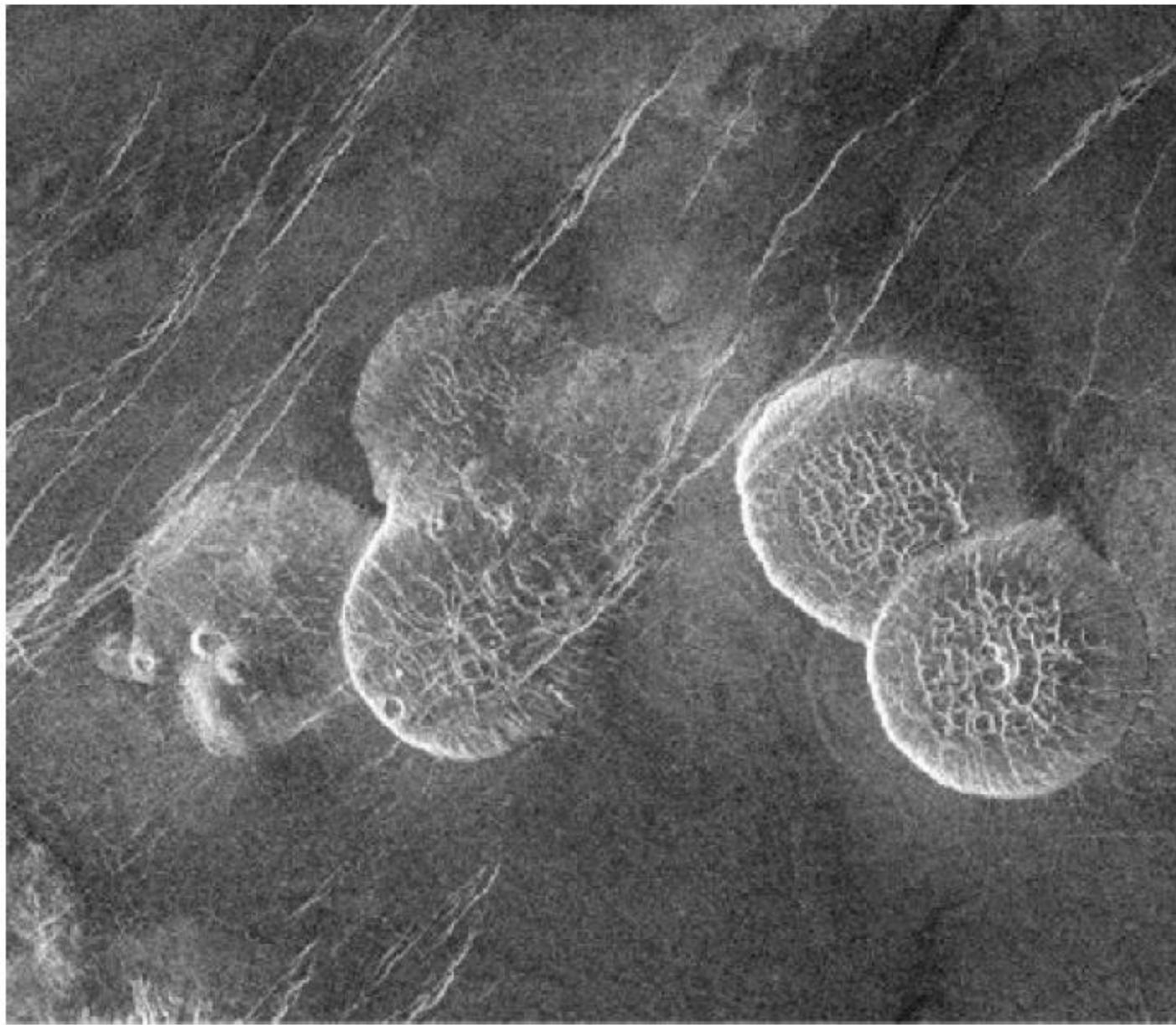


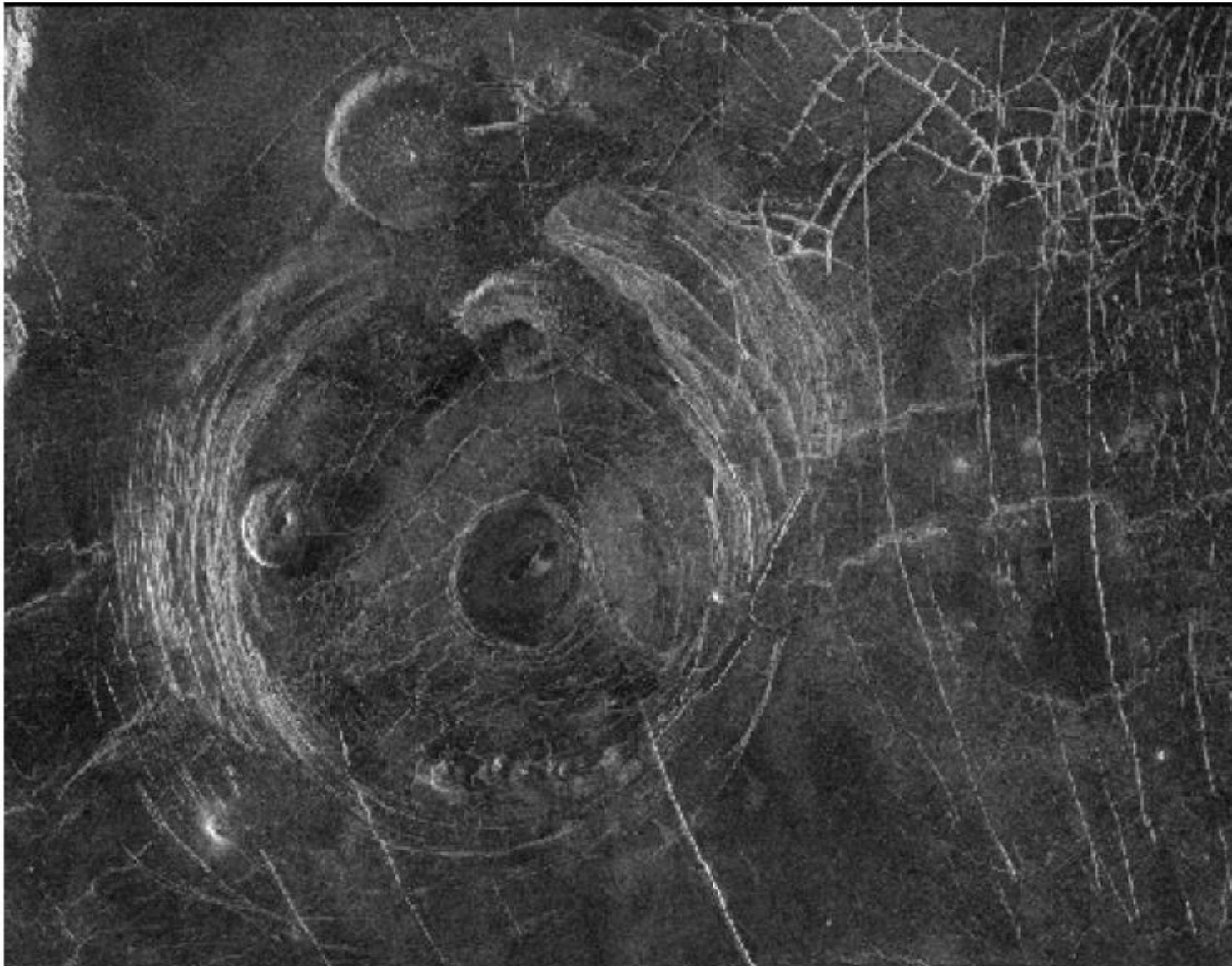
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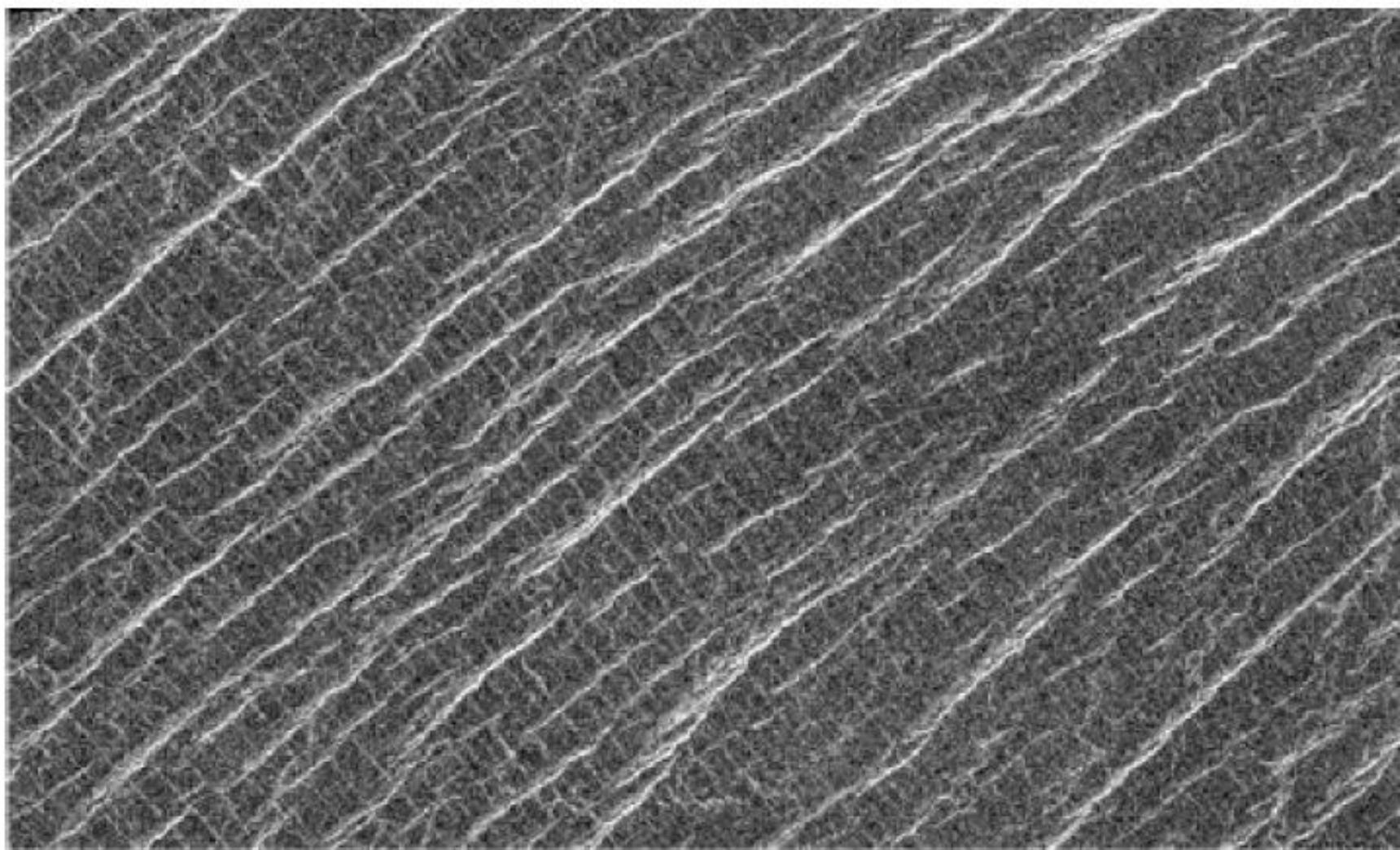


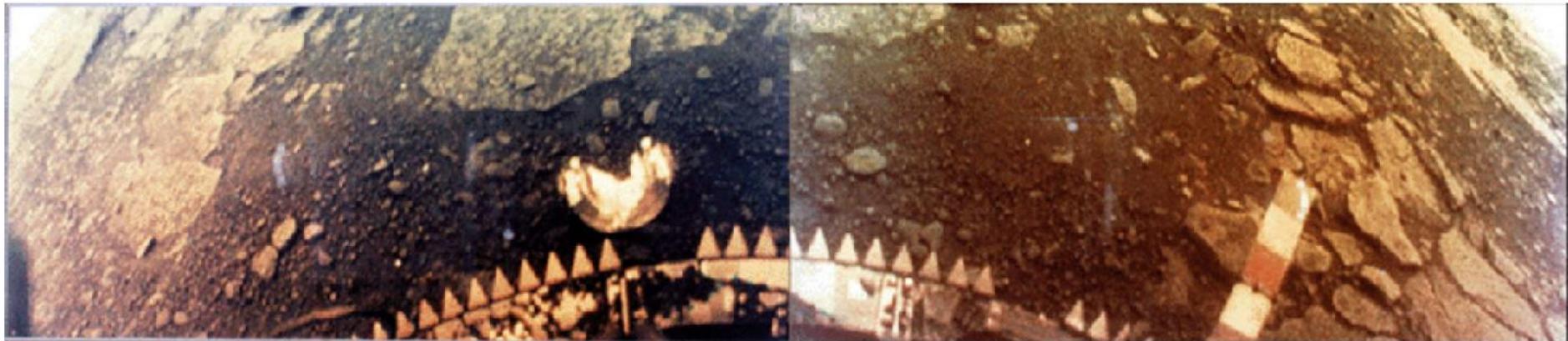


Only a few landers  
(all Soviet Union)



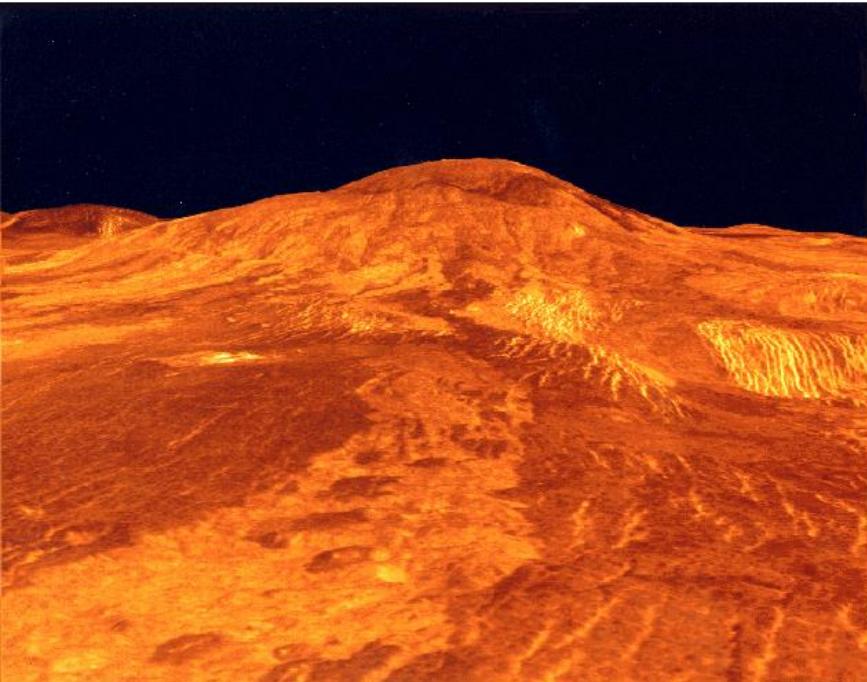






Venus has hardly any impact craters; the surface density of craters indicates most of the surface is only 600 million years old; but craters do not appear to be eroding. Where are all the older craters?

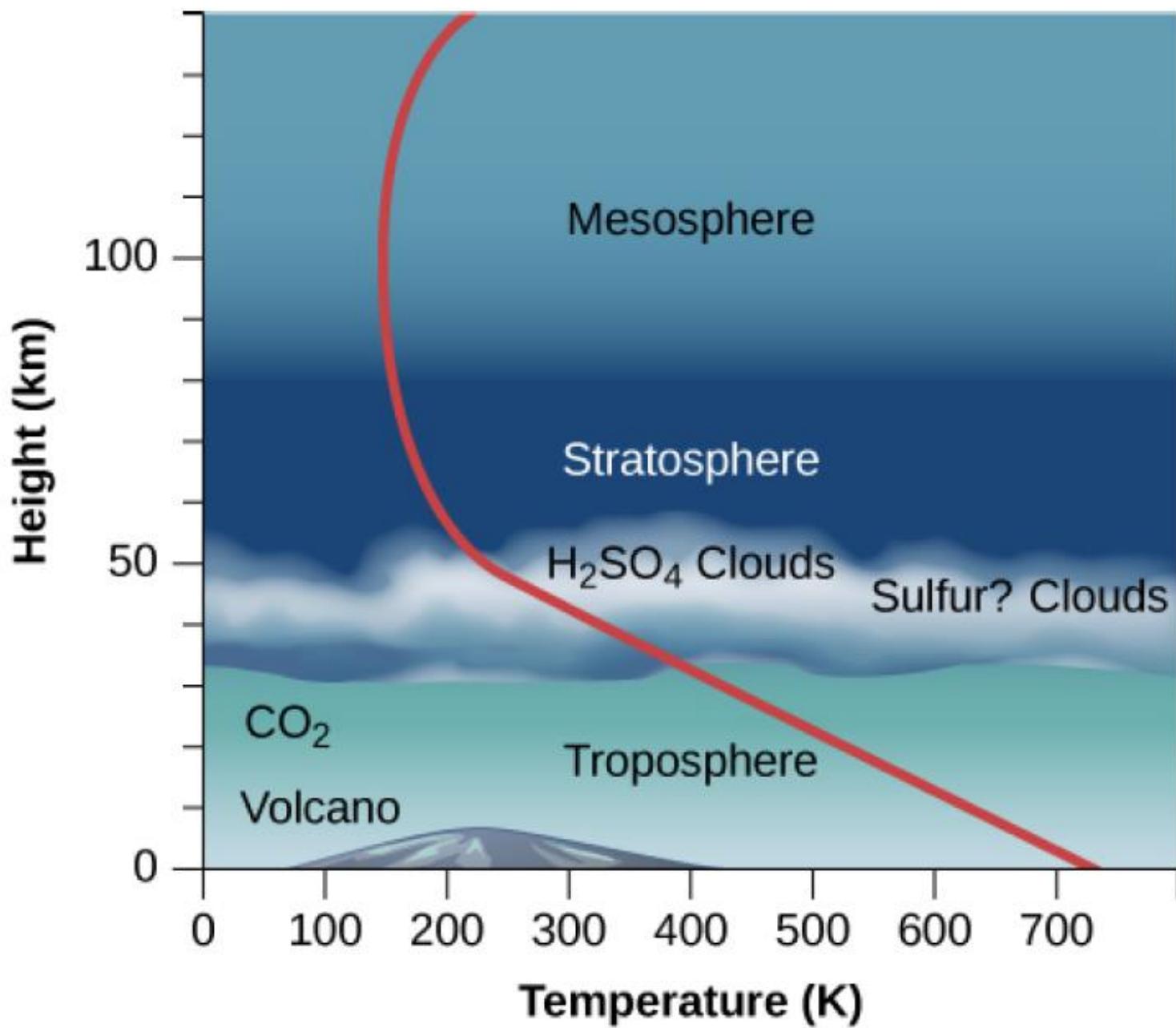
Perhaps Venus undergoes periodic **catastrophic resurfacing**. The last such event would have taken place about 600 million years ago.



The volcano Sif Mons. is about 2 km high and nearly 300 km across. There appear to be recent lava flows at the front of the image: these flows are about 120 km long, which suggests that these lavas were also very fluid.

## Atmospheric Composition of Earth, Venus, and Mars

Gas	Earth	Venus	Mars
Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )	0.03%	96%	95.3%
Nitrogen (N <sub>2</sub> )	78.1%	3.5%	2.7%
Argon (Ar)	0.93%	0.006%	1.6%
Oxygen (O <sub>2</sub> )	21.0%	0.003%	0.15%
Neon (Ne)	0.002%	0.001%	0.0003%

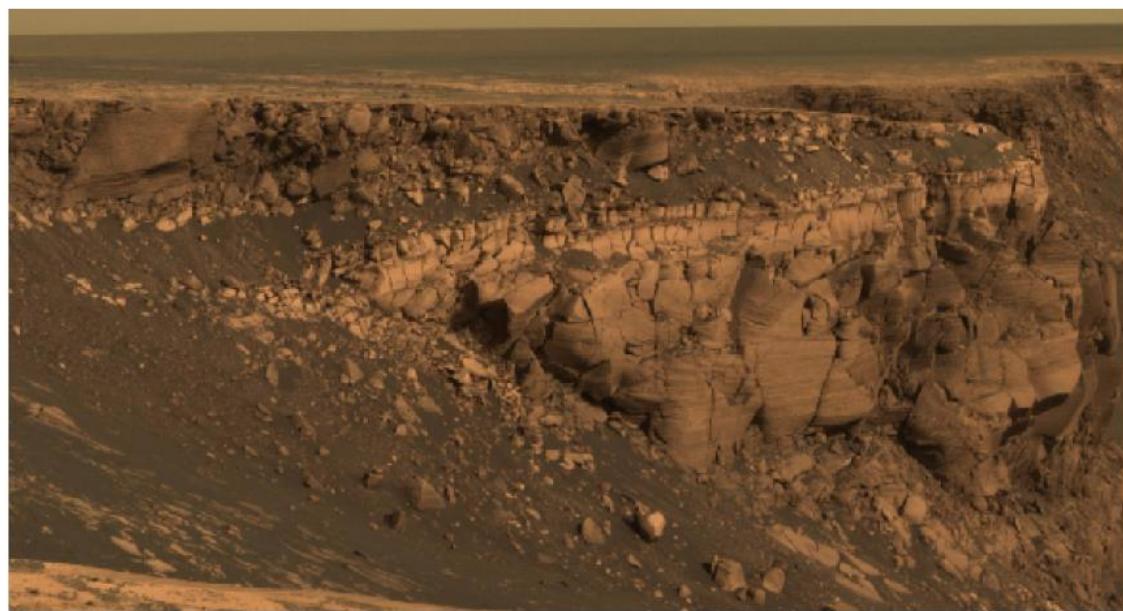


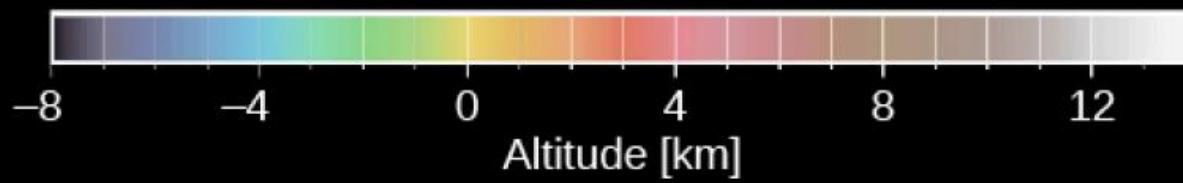
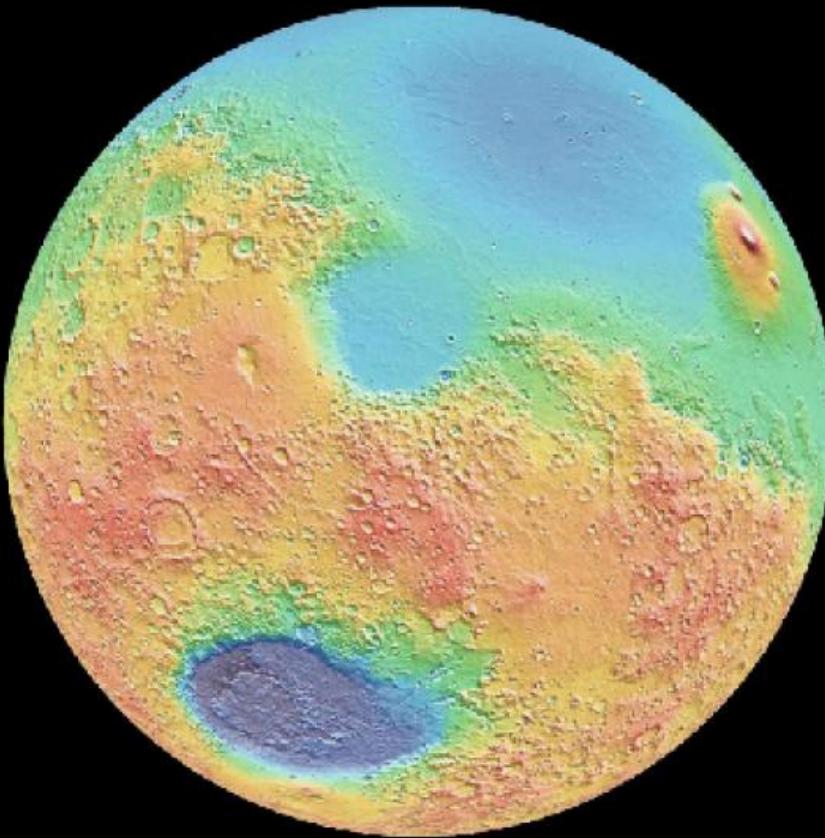
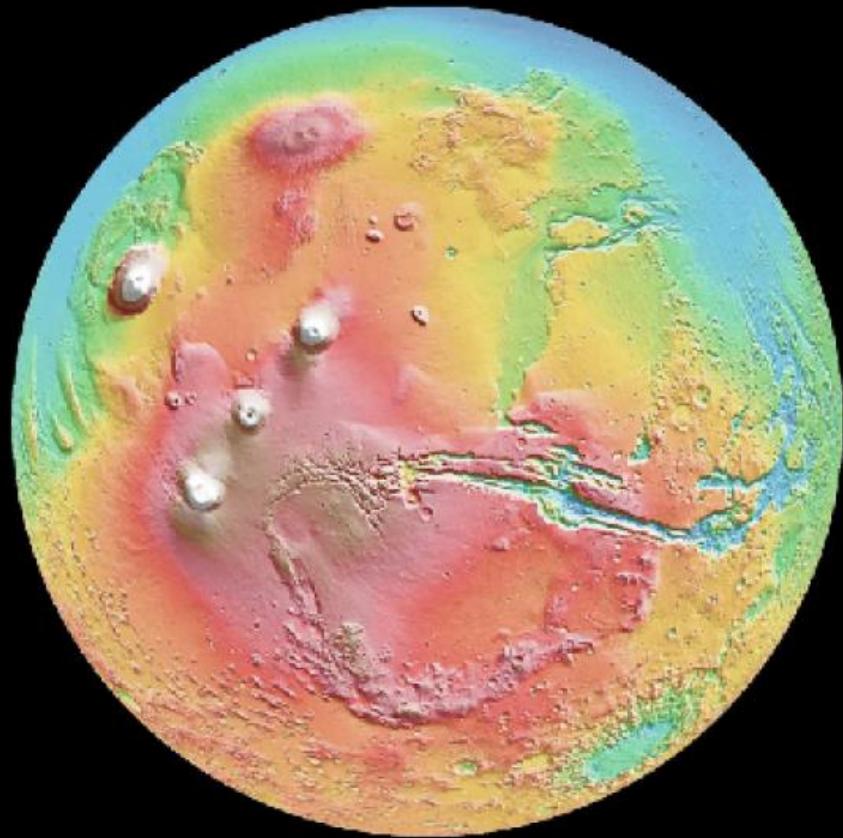
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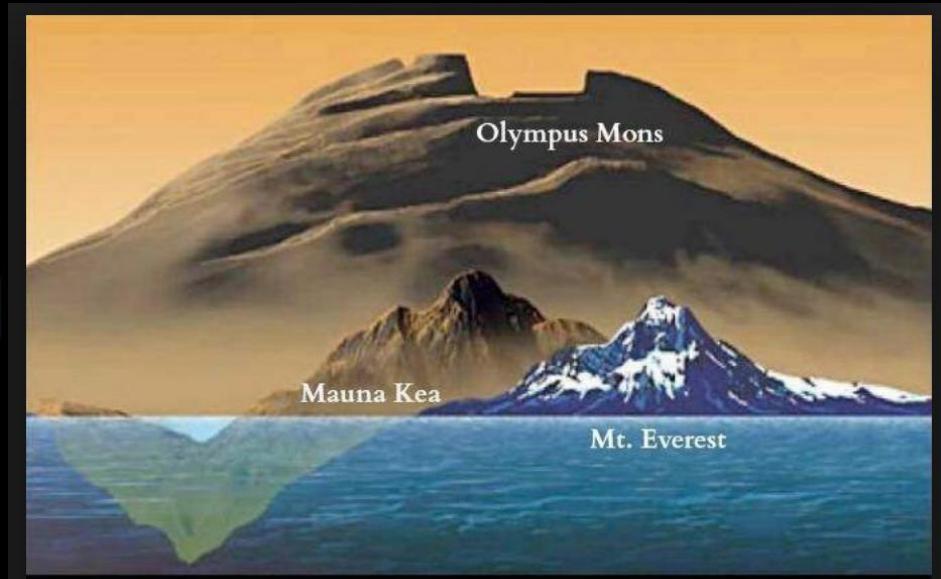
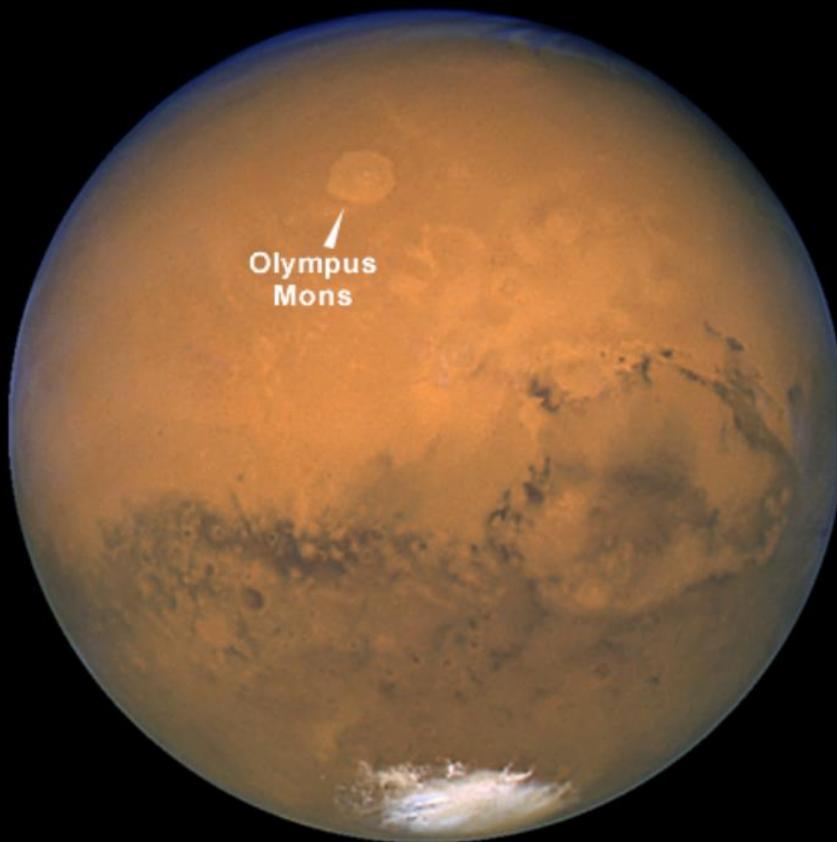


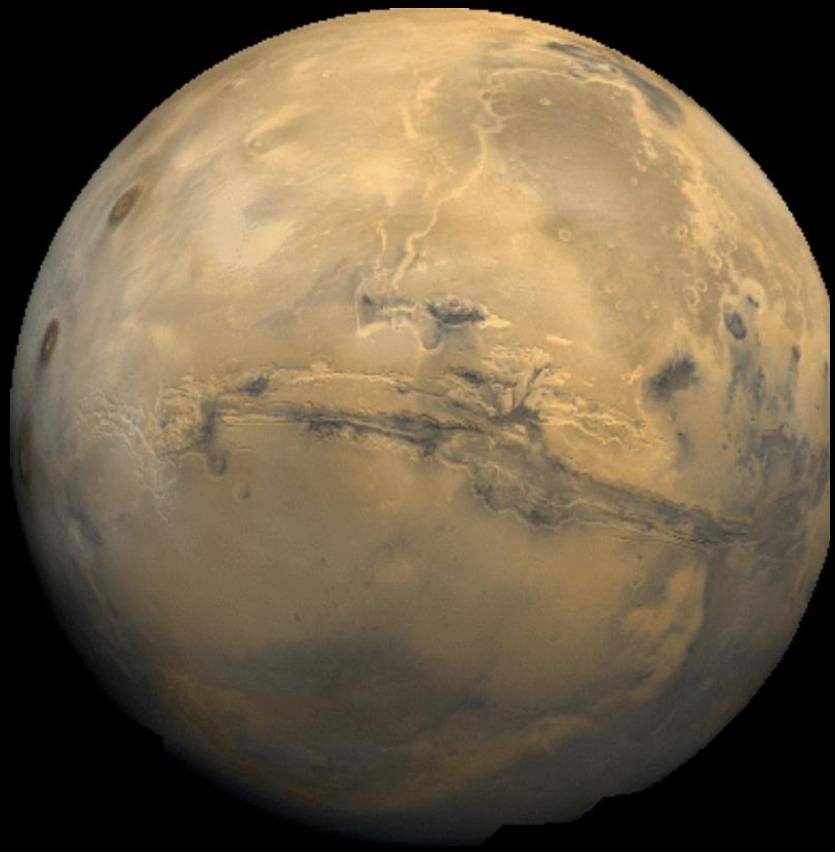
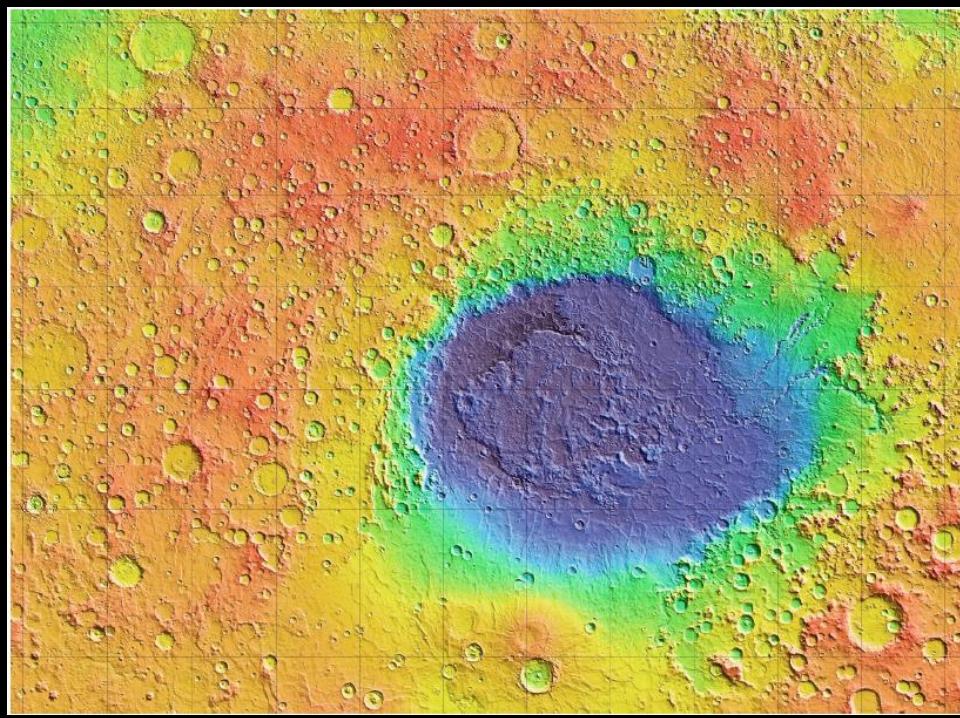
# Mars rock from Antarctica!





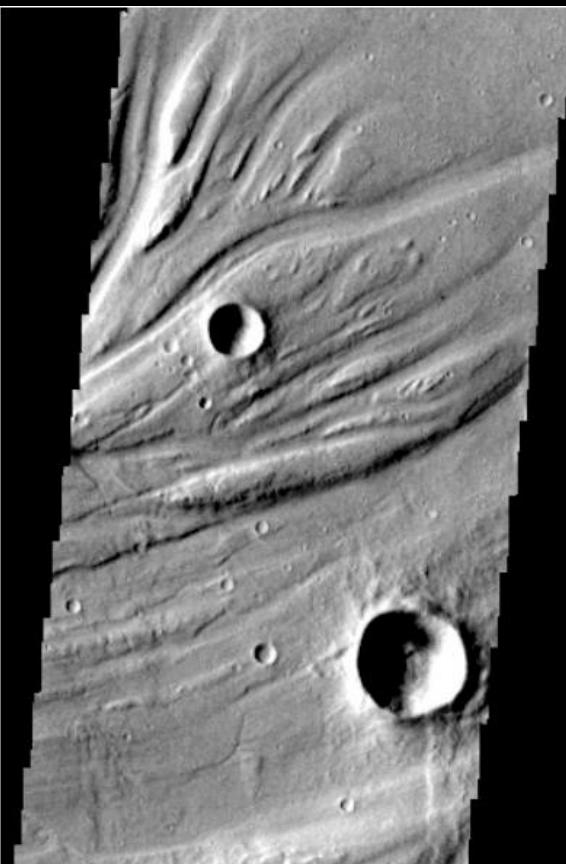


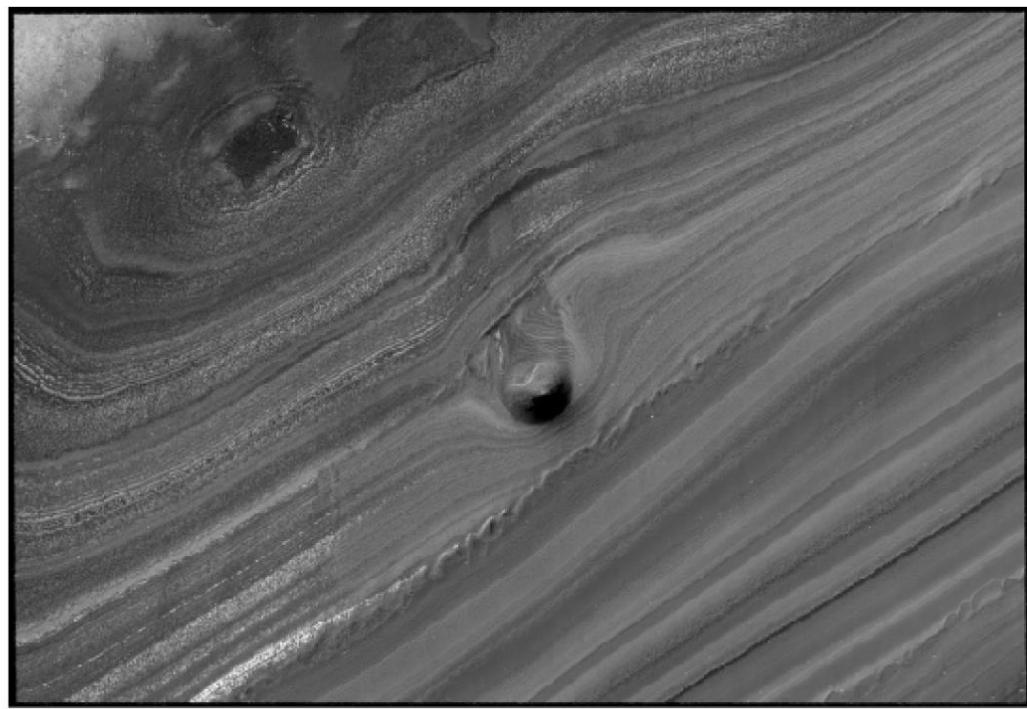
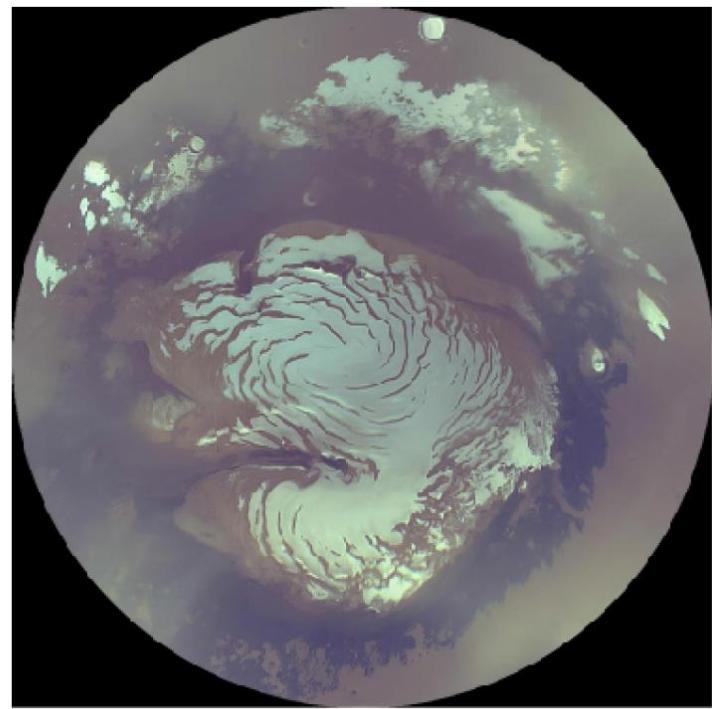


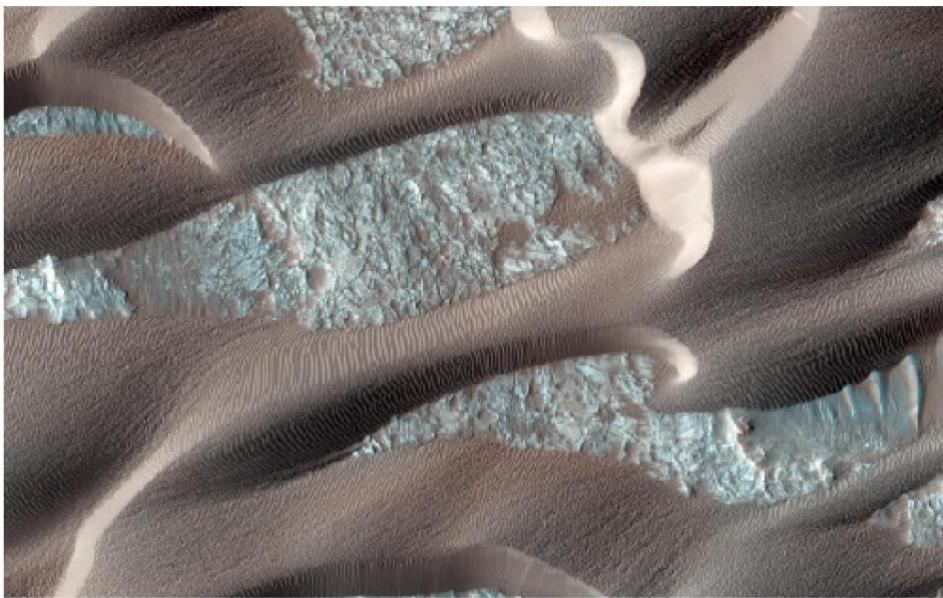


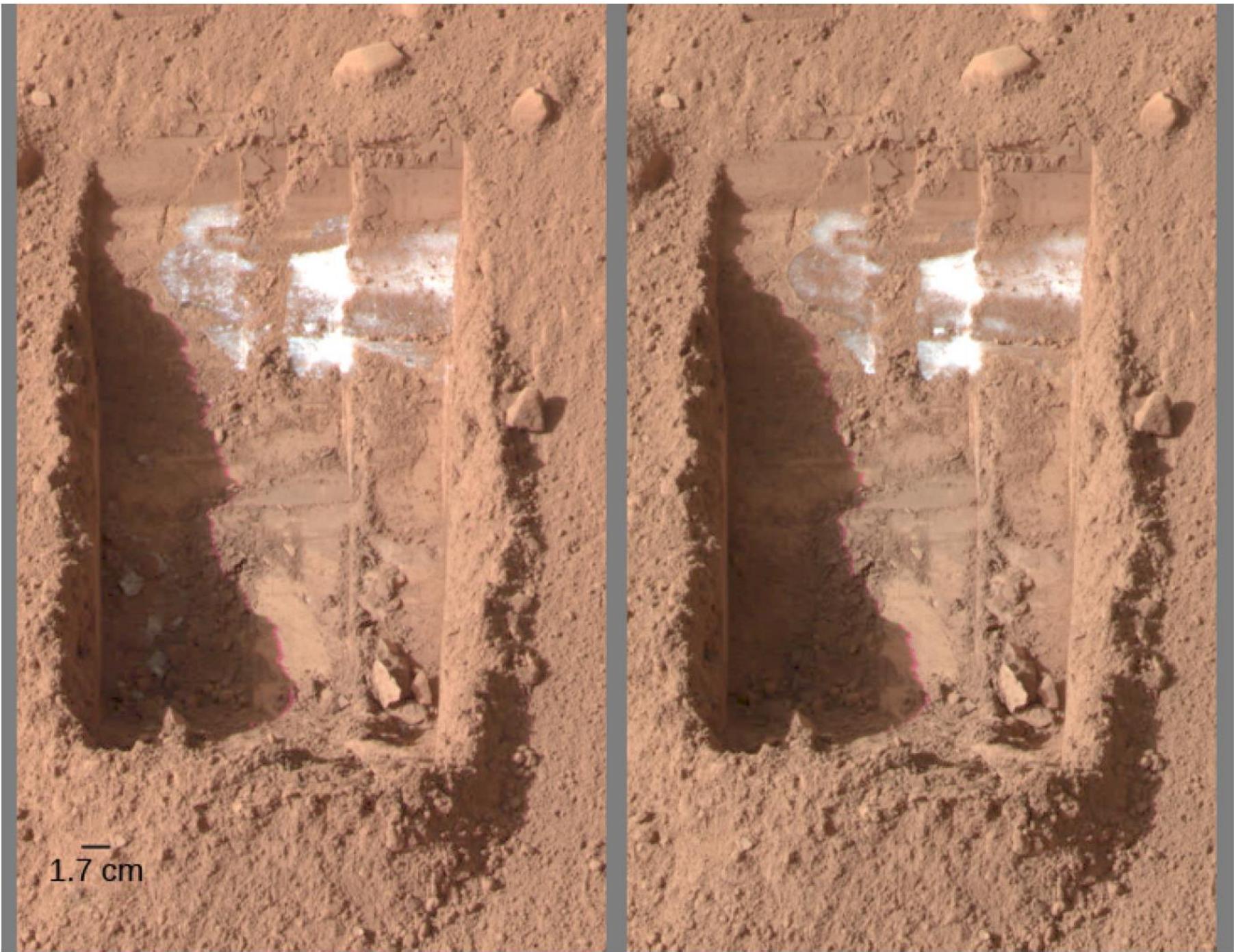


# Water?

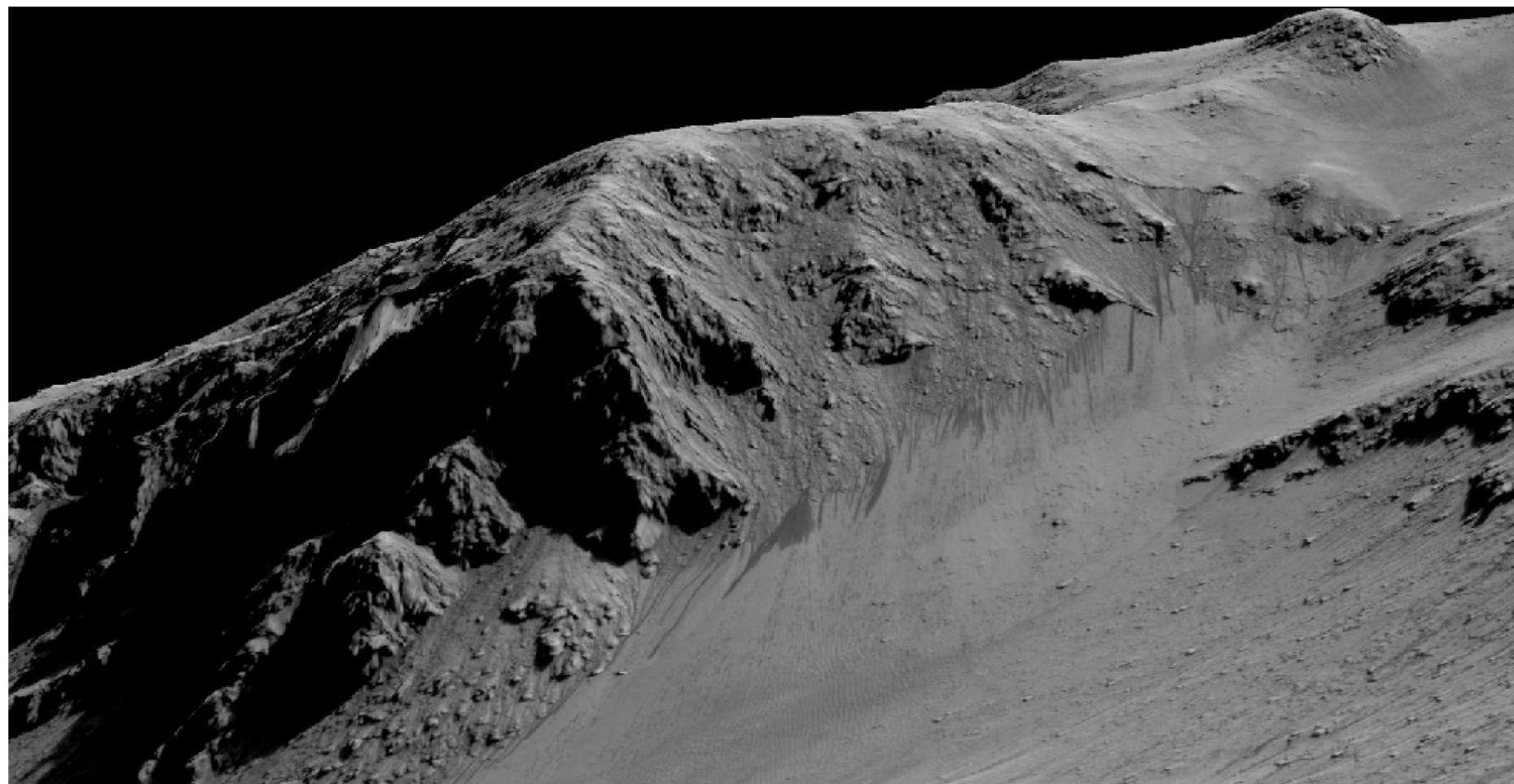








1.7 cm





# HISTORY OF WATER ON MARS

Billion years ago



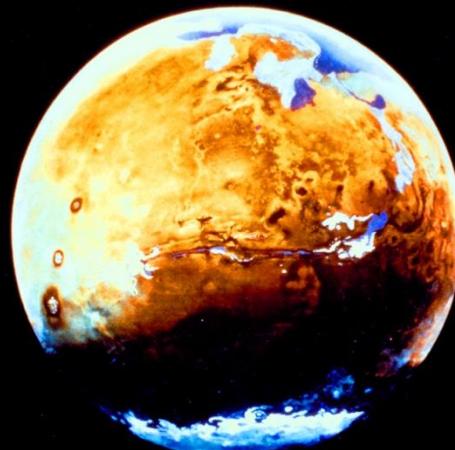
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3.8



3.5



2.0

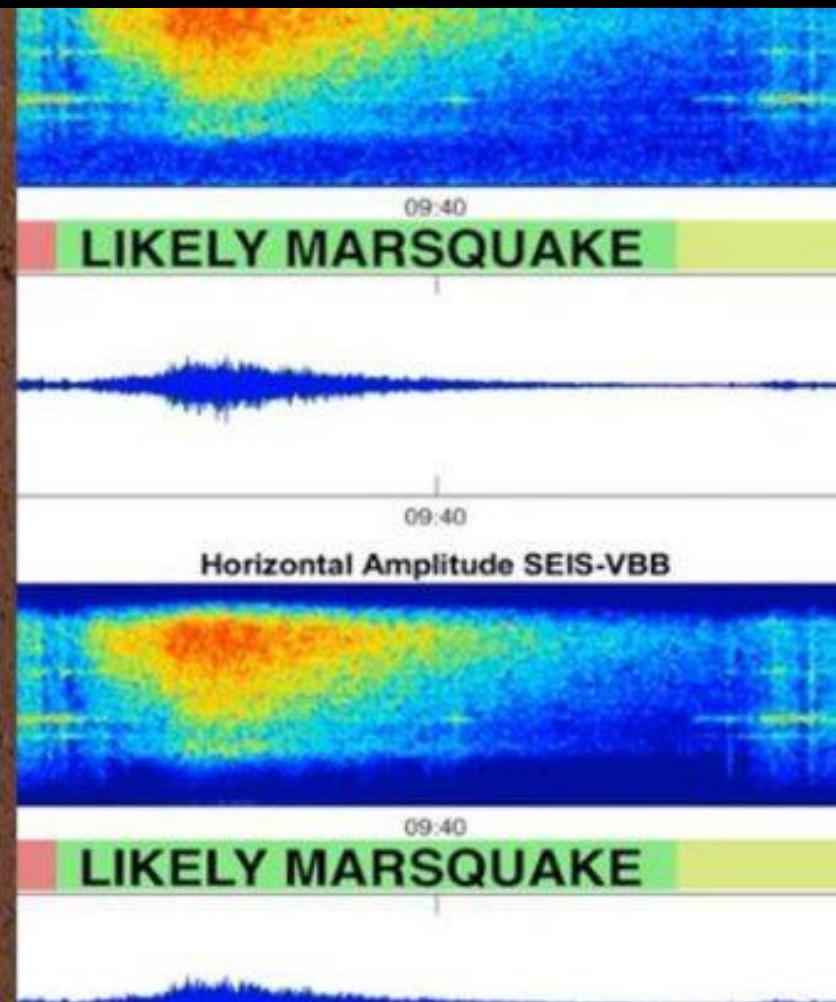


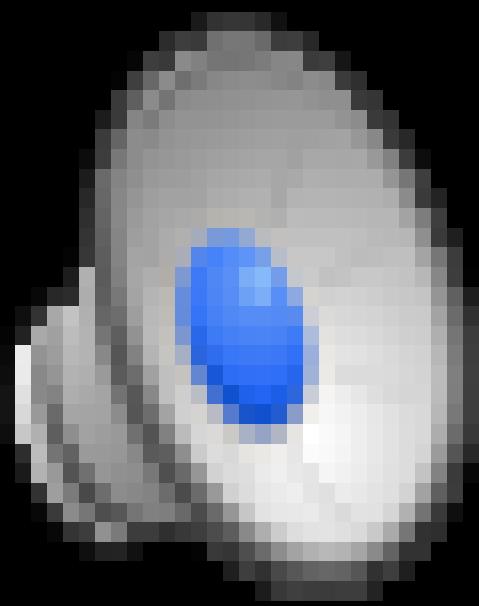
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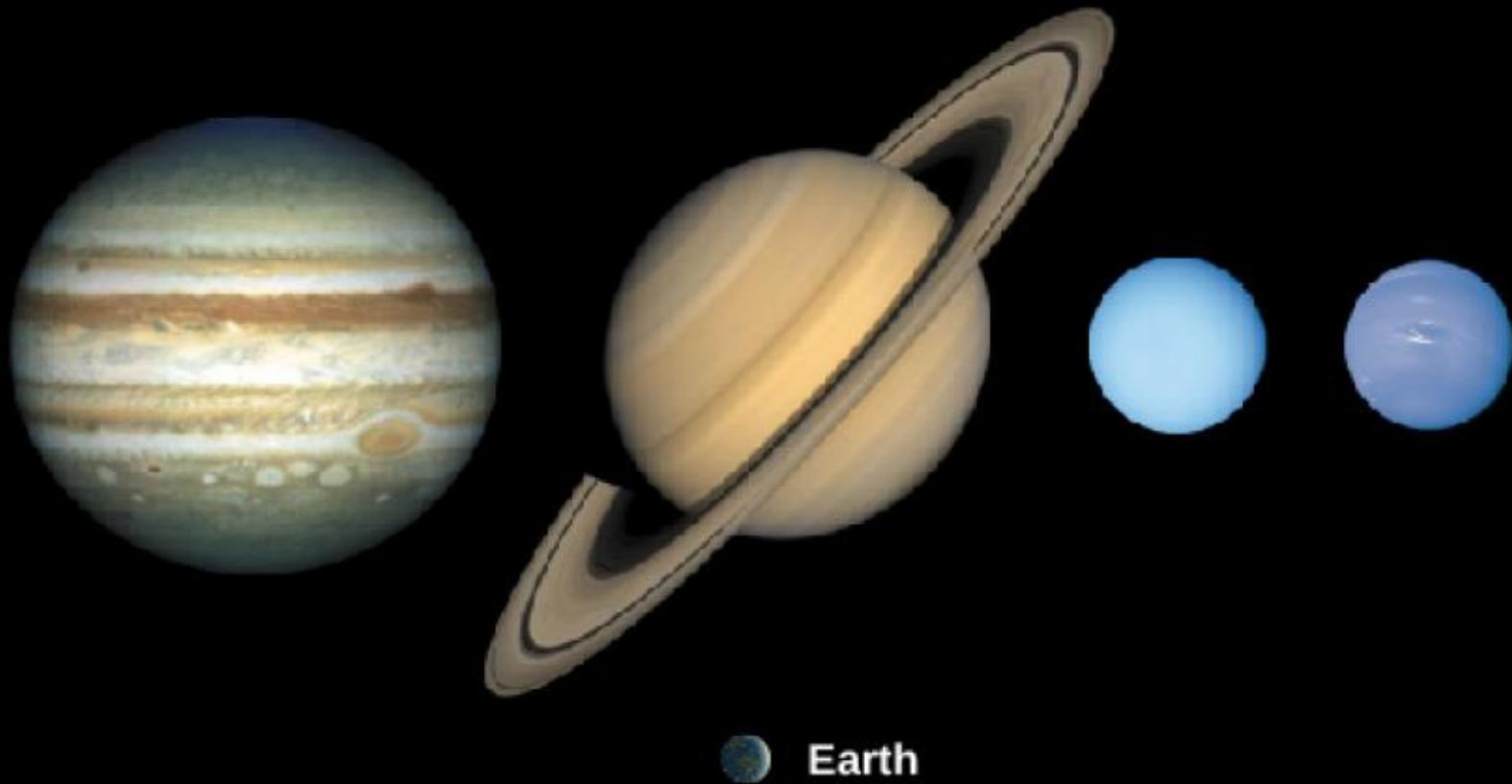


Now

# Marsquakes!





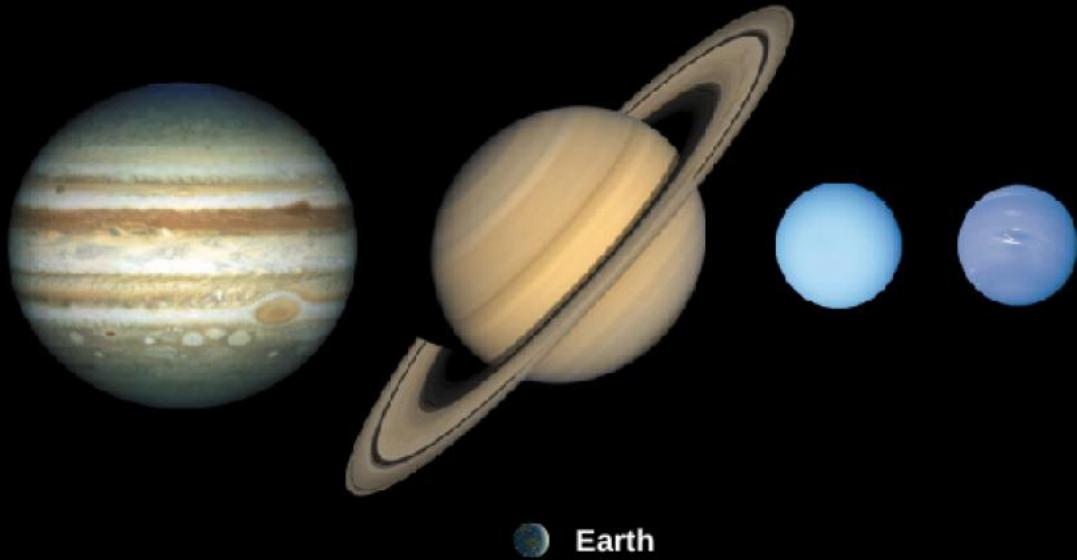


Earth

## Basic Properties of the Jovian Planets

Planet	Distance (AU)	Period (years)	Diameter (km)	Mass (Earth = 1)	Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Rotation (hours)
Jupiter	5.2	11.9	142,800	318	1.3	9.9
Saturn	9.5	29.5	120,540	95	0.7	10.7
Uranus	19.2	84.1	51,200	14	1.3	17.2
Neptune	30.0	164.8	49,500	17	1.6	16.1

Ice giants are much smaller: started with similar sized core, but could not accrete enough material



## Gas giants

Jupiter, Saturn

Much more massive

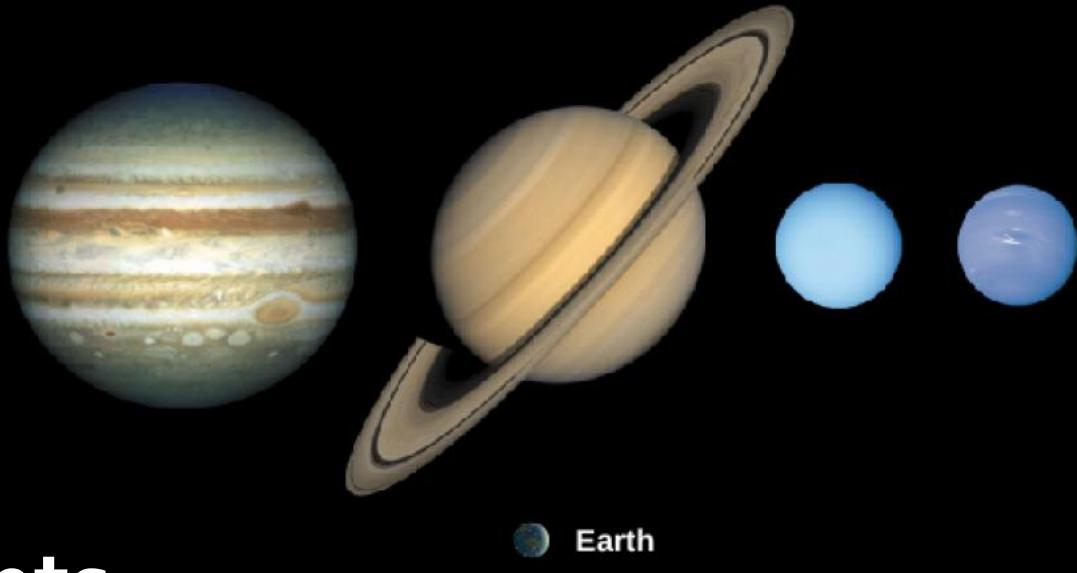
Abundances similar  
to sun

## Ice Giants

Uranus, Neptune

Much less massive

Similar cores as gas  
giants



## Gas giants

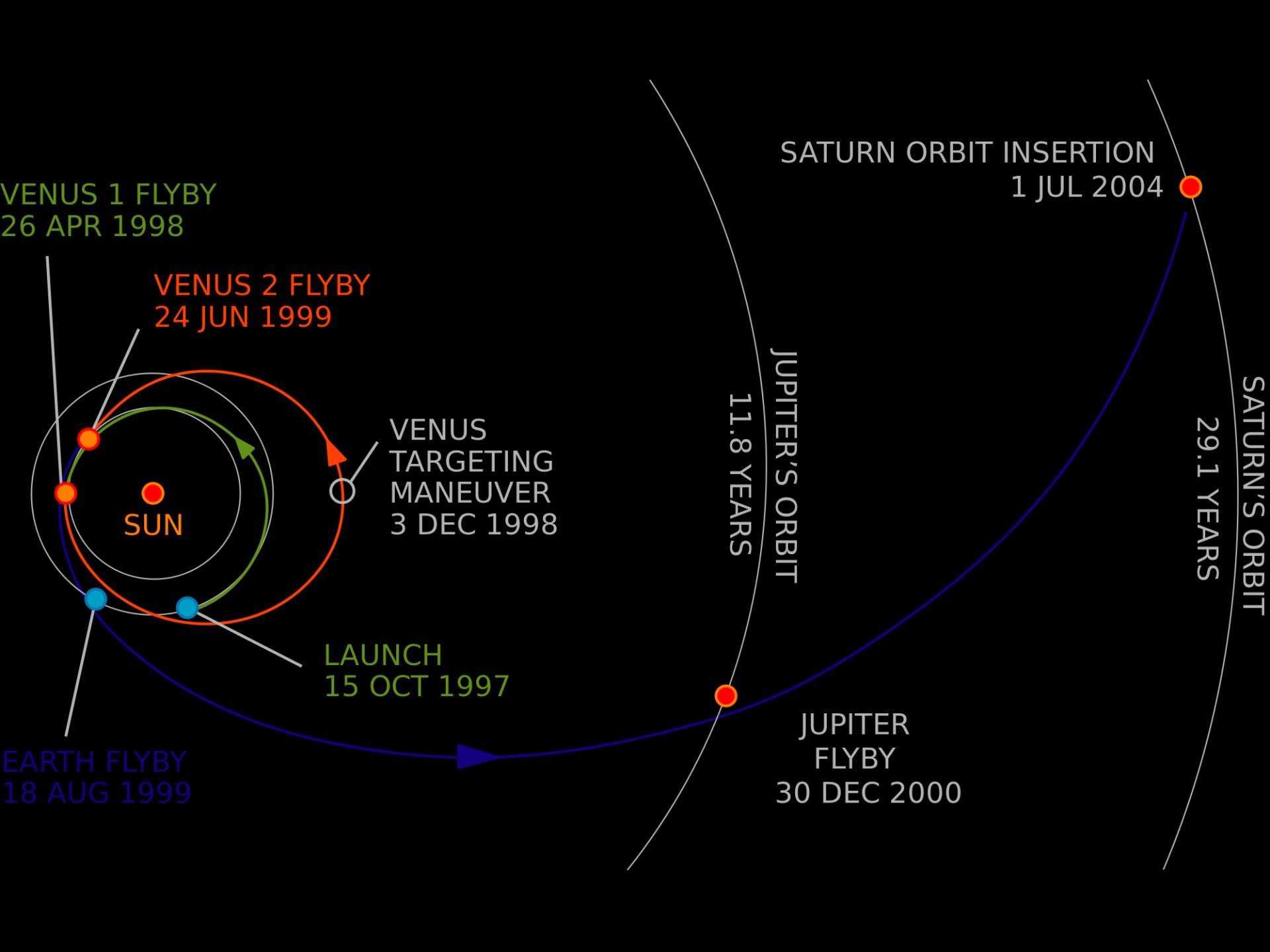
Jupiter: energy from contraction (2 cm/yr)

## Ice Giants

Cold

Saturn: energy from differentiation (heavier elements sink)





Earth fly-by

2013-10-09

Launch  
2011-08-05

Deep space maneuvers

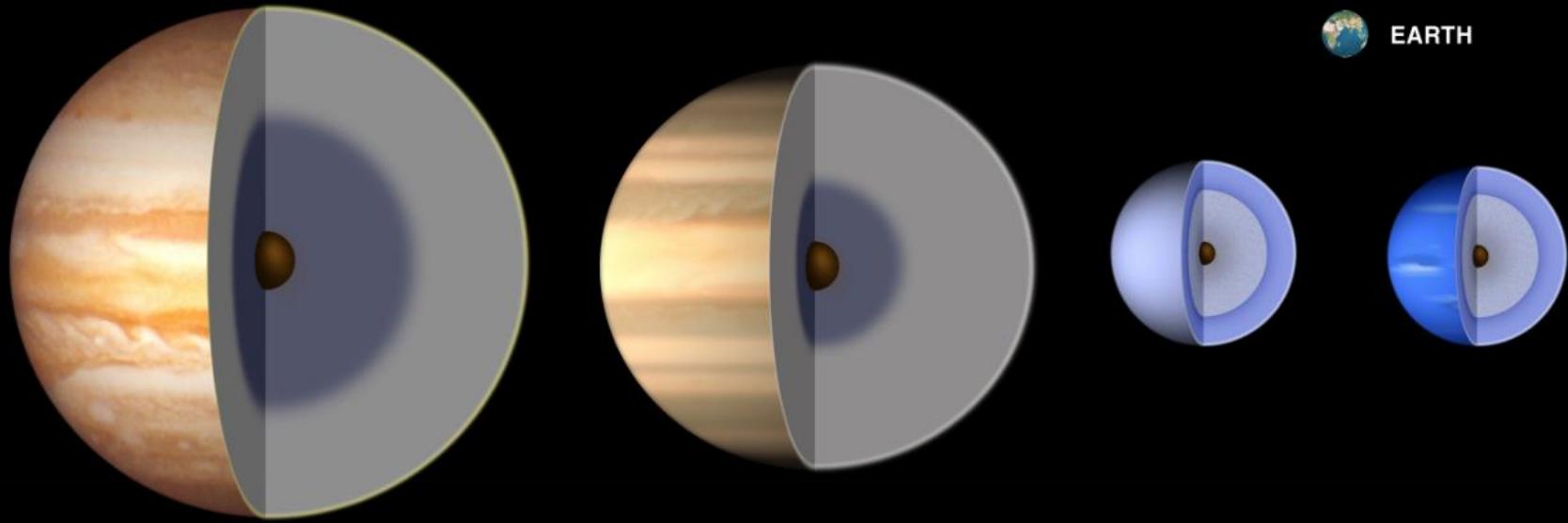
2012-08-30 & 2012-09-03

Jupiter orbital insertion

2016-07-05

## Missions to the Giant Planets

Planet	Spacecraft <sup>[1]</sup>	Encounter Date	Type
Jupiter	Pioneer 10	December 1973	Flyby
	Pioneer 11	December 1974	Flyby
	Voyager 1	March 1979	Flyby
	Voyager 2	July 1979	Flyby
	Ulysses	February 1992	Flyby during gravity assist
	Galileo	December 1995	Orbiter and probe
	Cassini	December 2002	Flyby
	New Horizons	February 2007	Flyby during gravity assist
	Juno	July 2016	Orbiter
Saturn	Pioneer 11	September 1979	Flyby
	Voyager 1	November 1980	Flyby
	Voyager 2	August 1981	Flyby
	Cassini	July 2004 (Saturn orbit injection 2000)	Orbiter



JUPITER

SATURN

URANUS

NEPTUNE

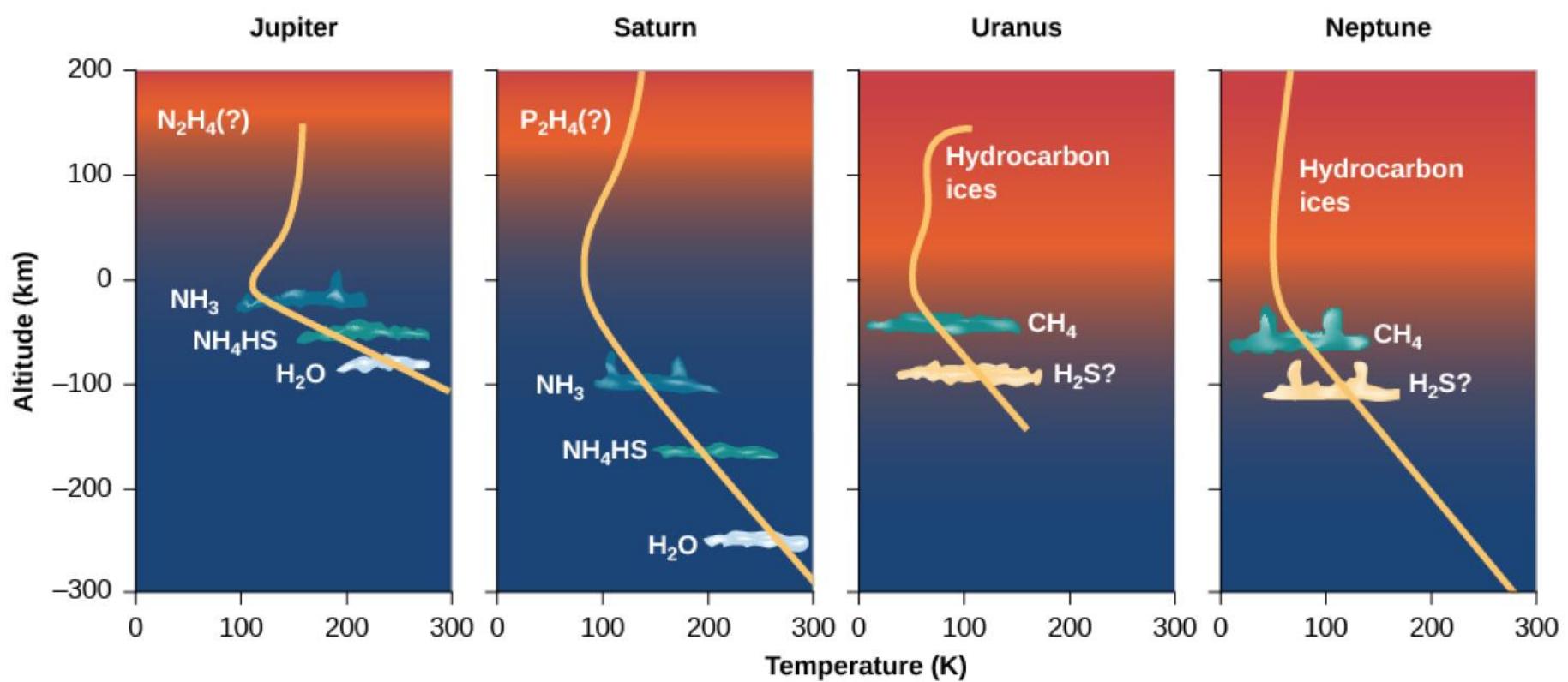
Molecular hydrogen

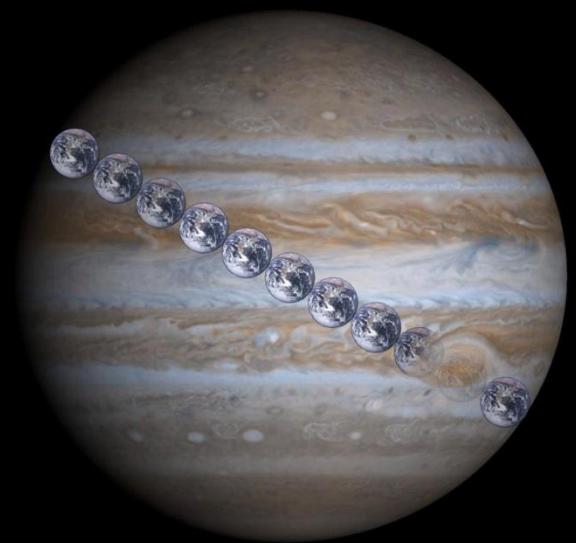
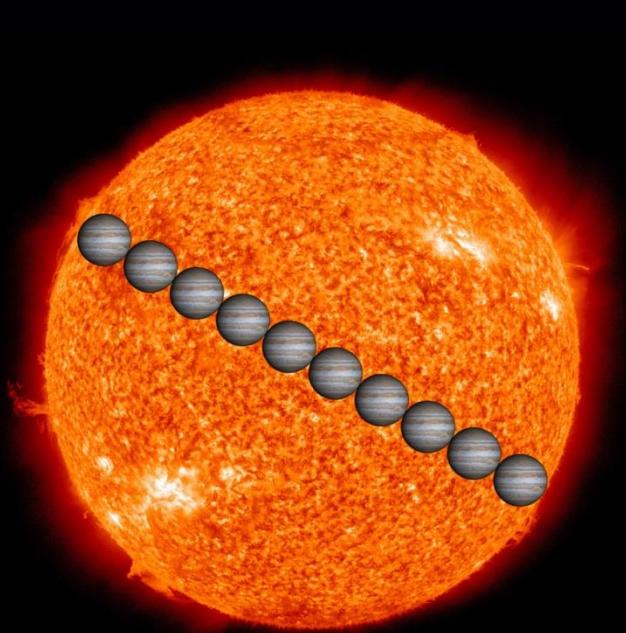
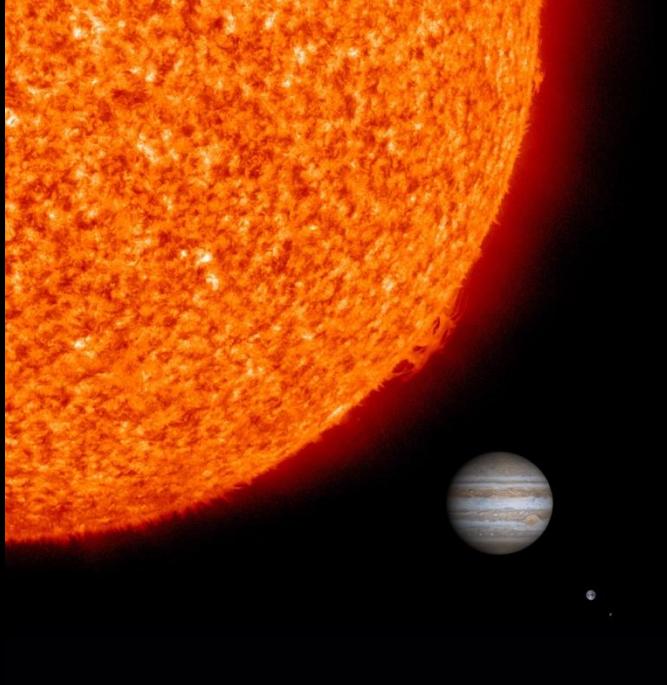
Hydrogen, helium, methane gas

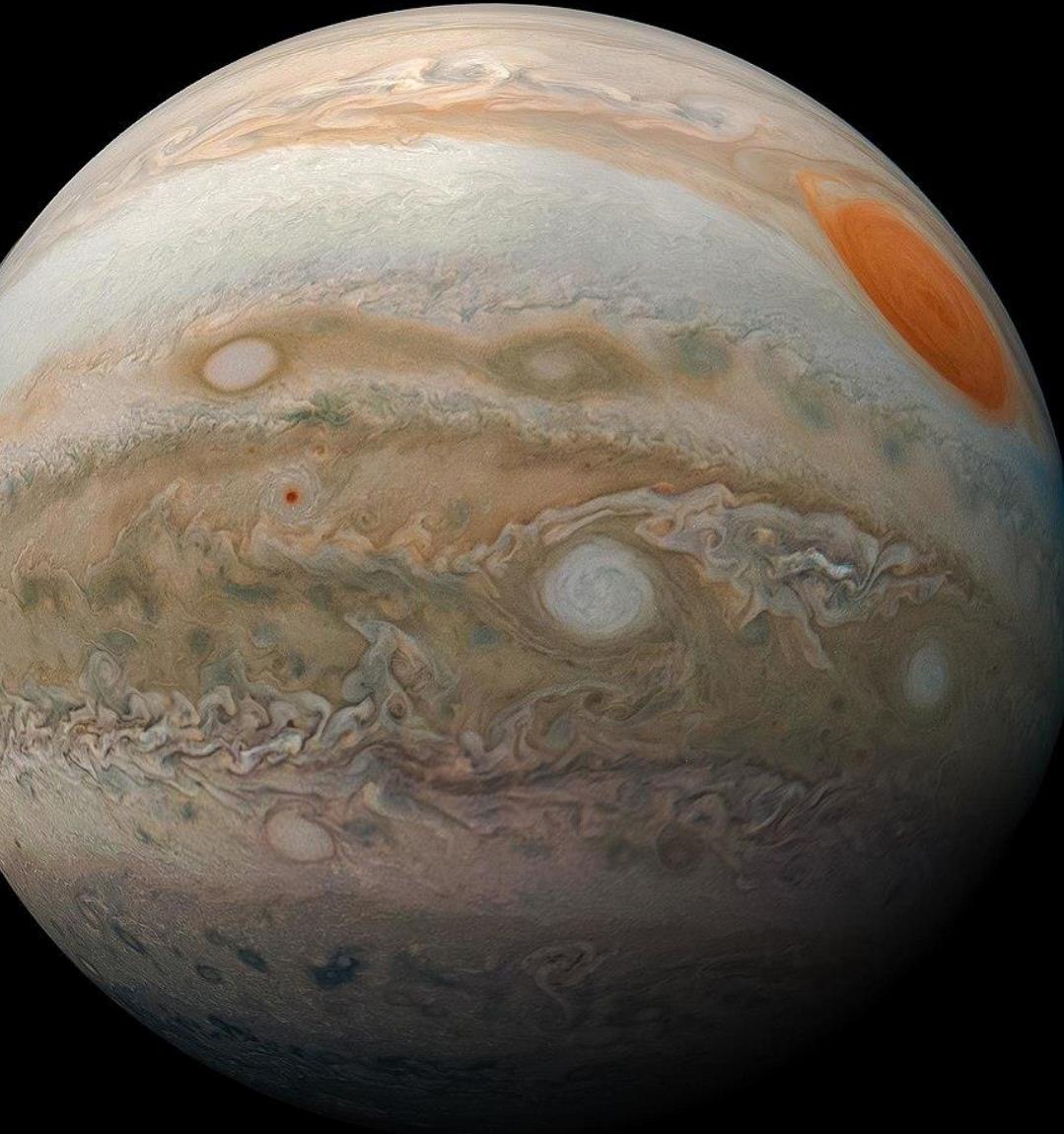
Metallic hydrogen

Mantle (water, ammonia, methane ices)

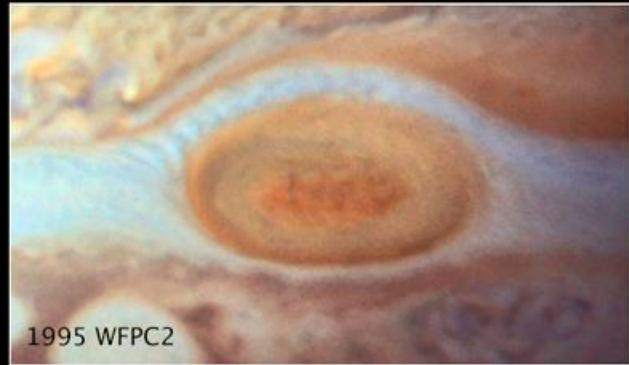
Core (rock, ice)







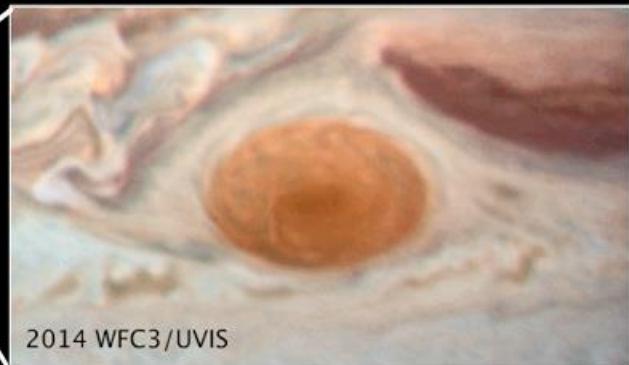
Bands of clouds  
Great Red Spot:  
high-pressure  
storm



1995 WFPC2

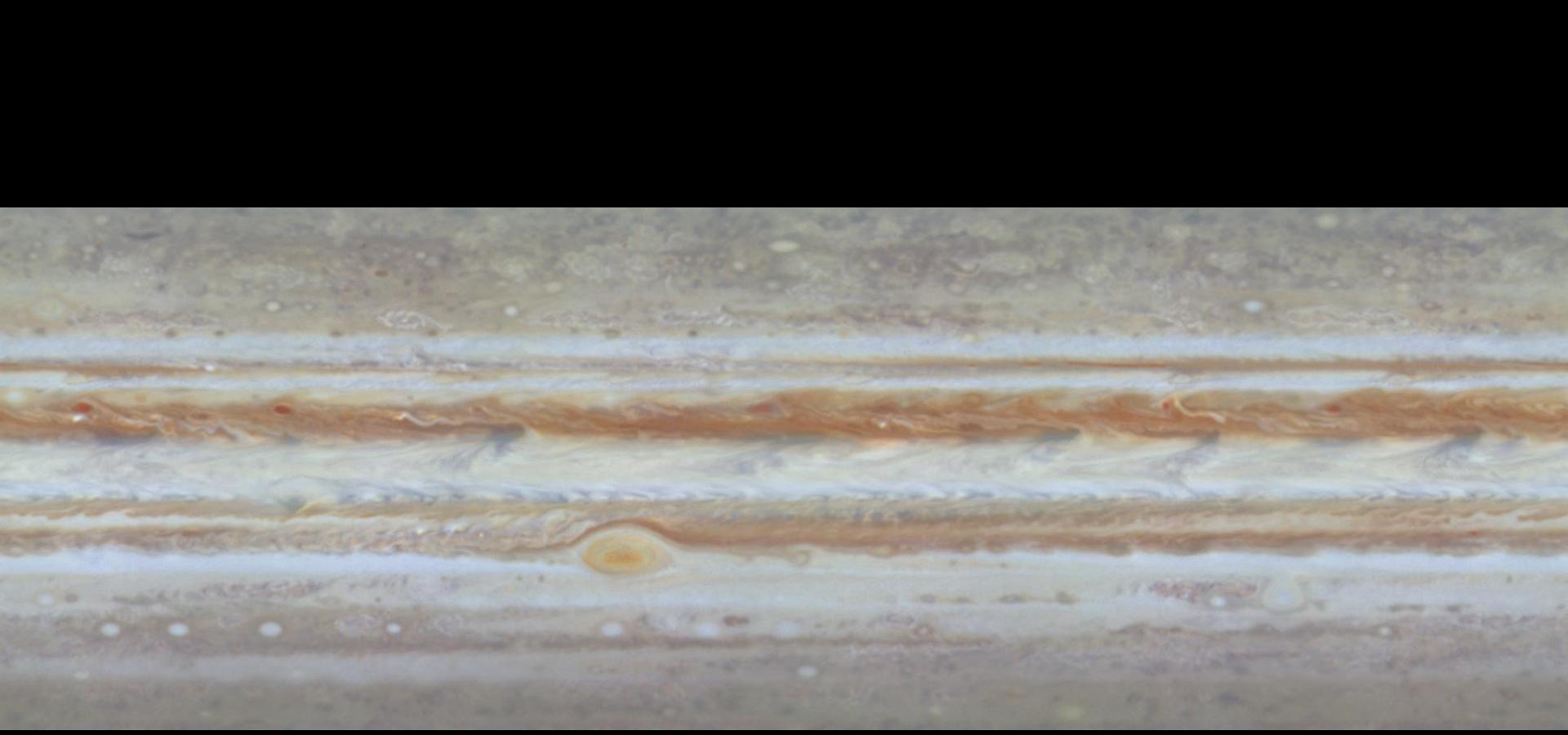


2009 WFC3/UVIS



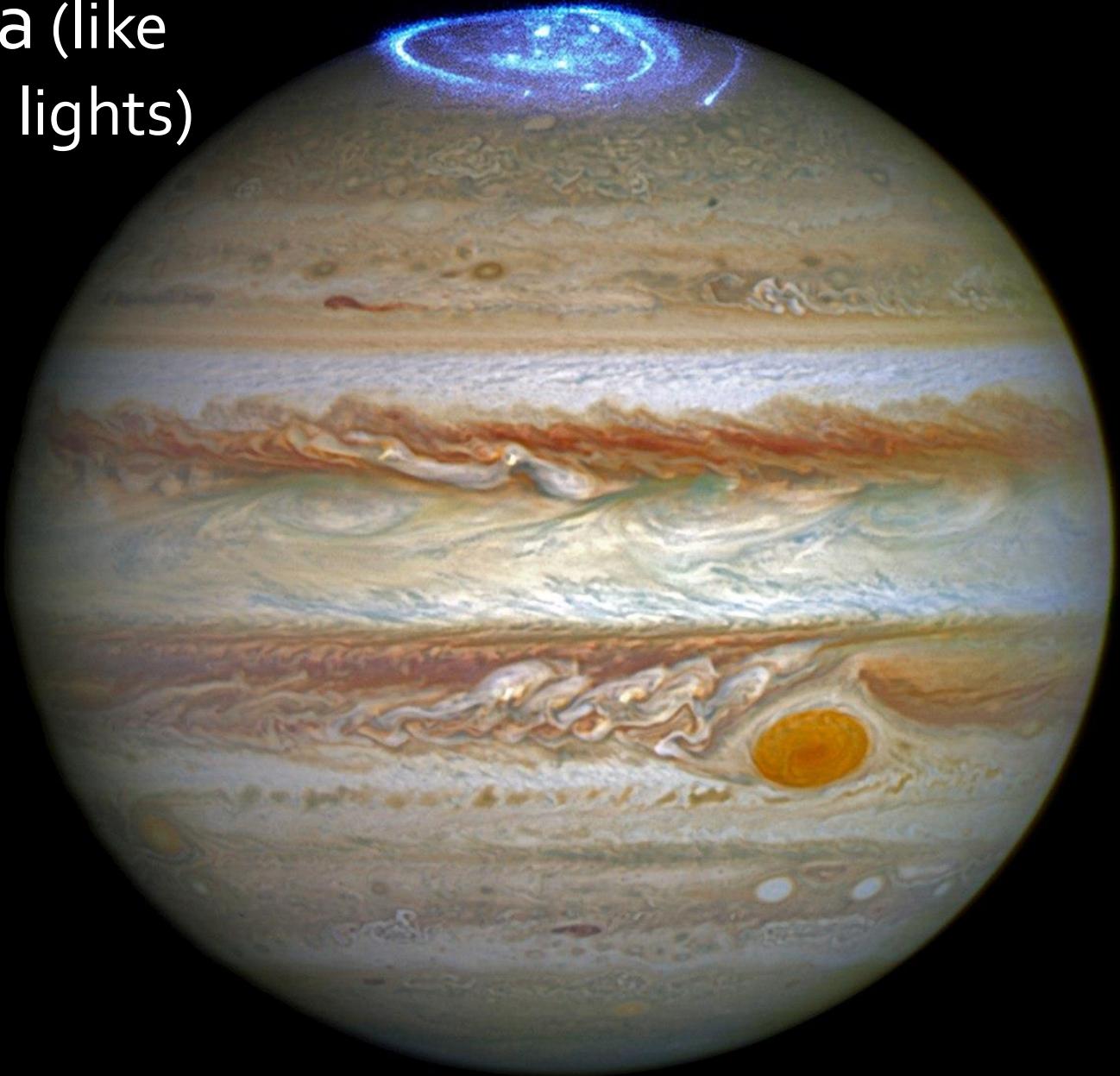
2014 WFC3/UVIS

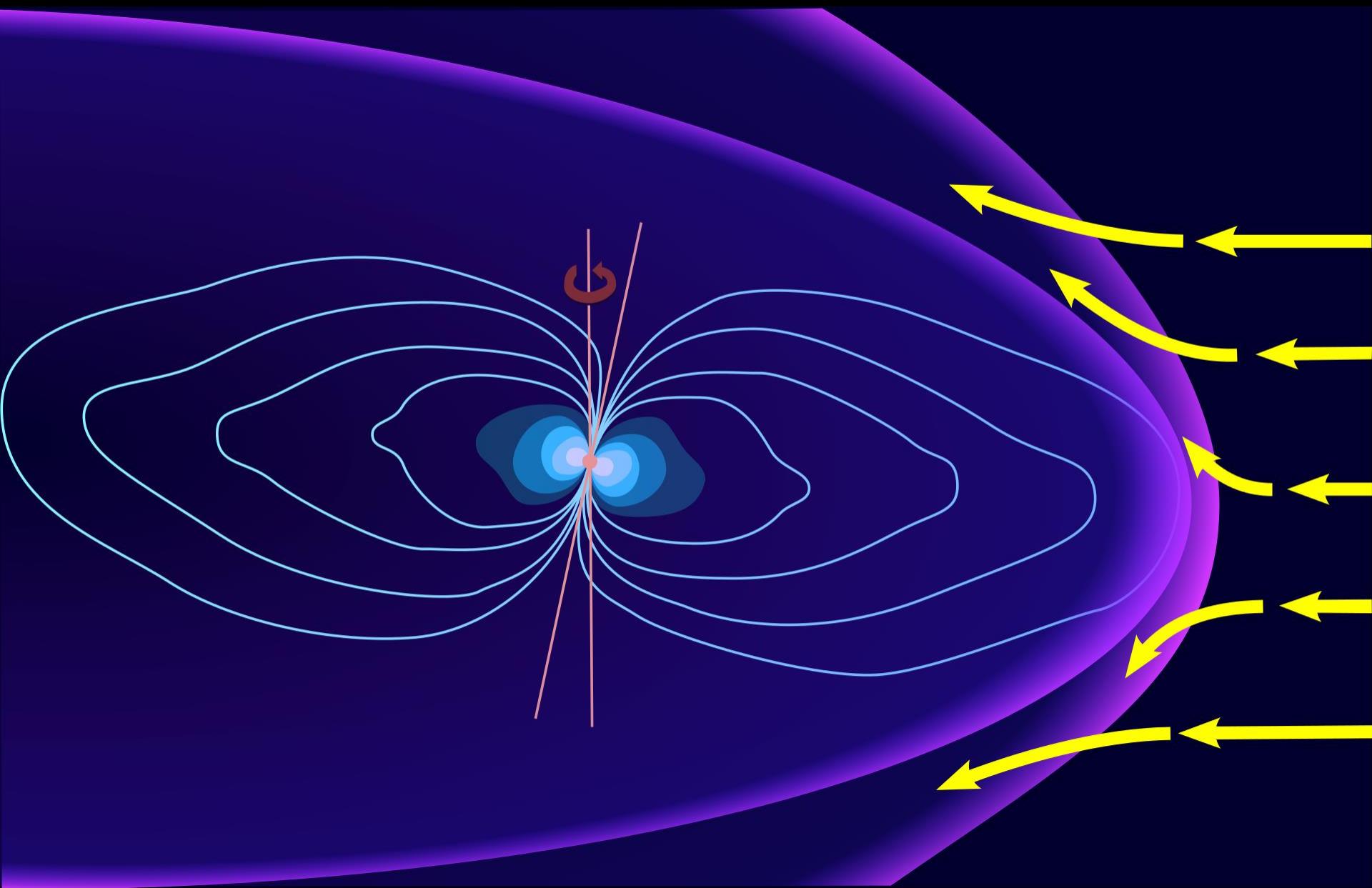
Red spot is shrinking!

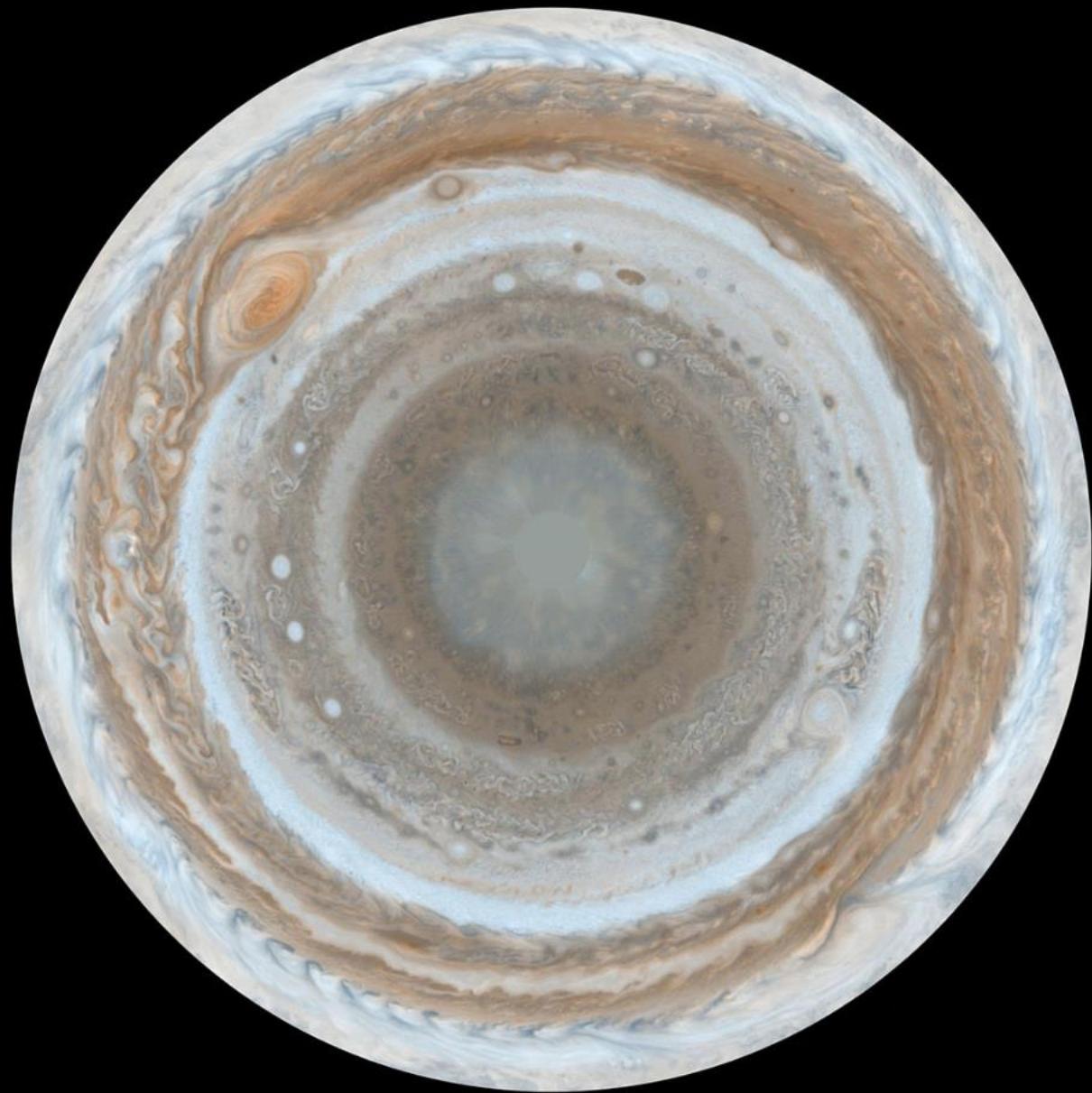


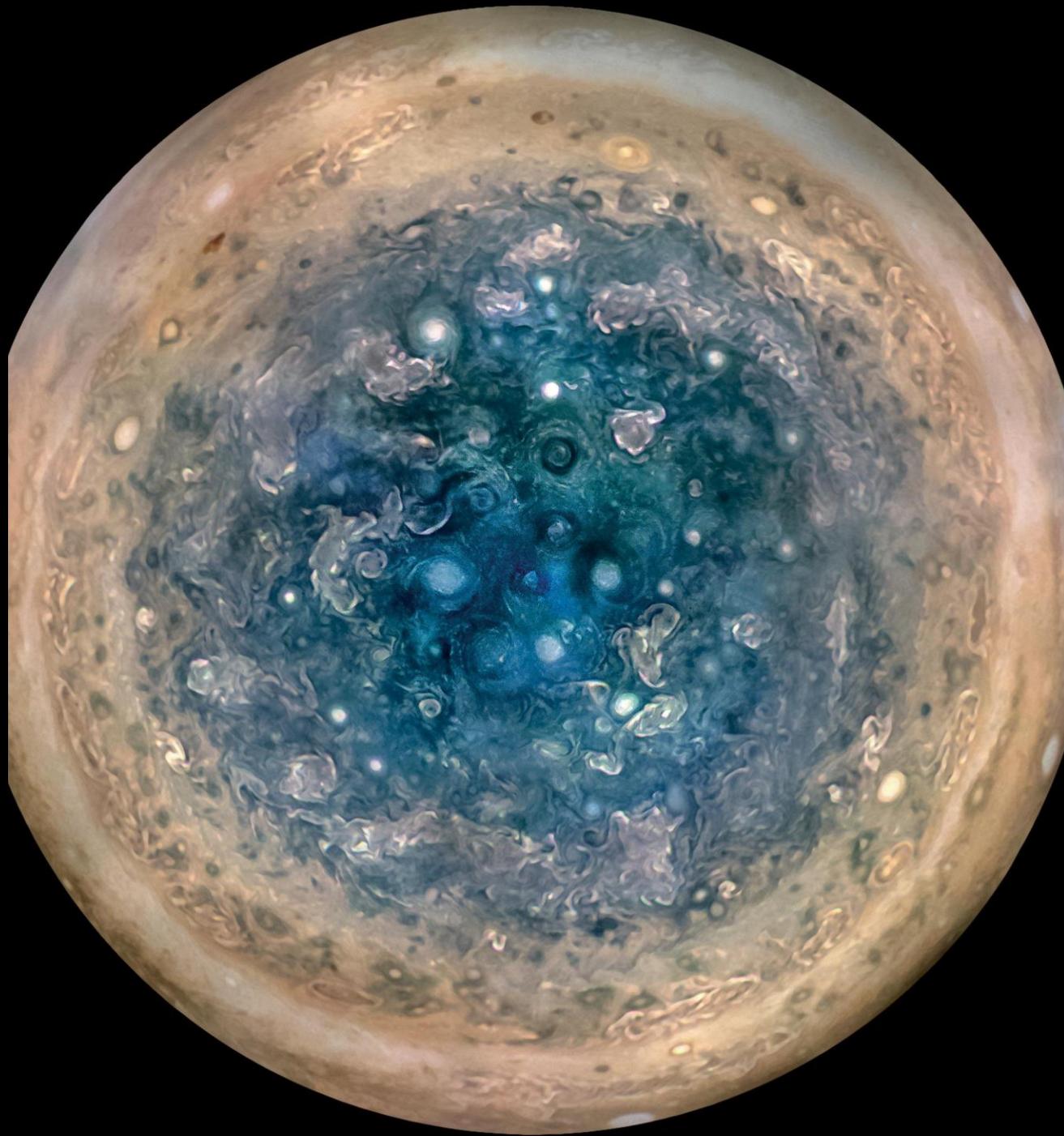
Bands rotate at different speeds  
(like weather on earth)

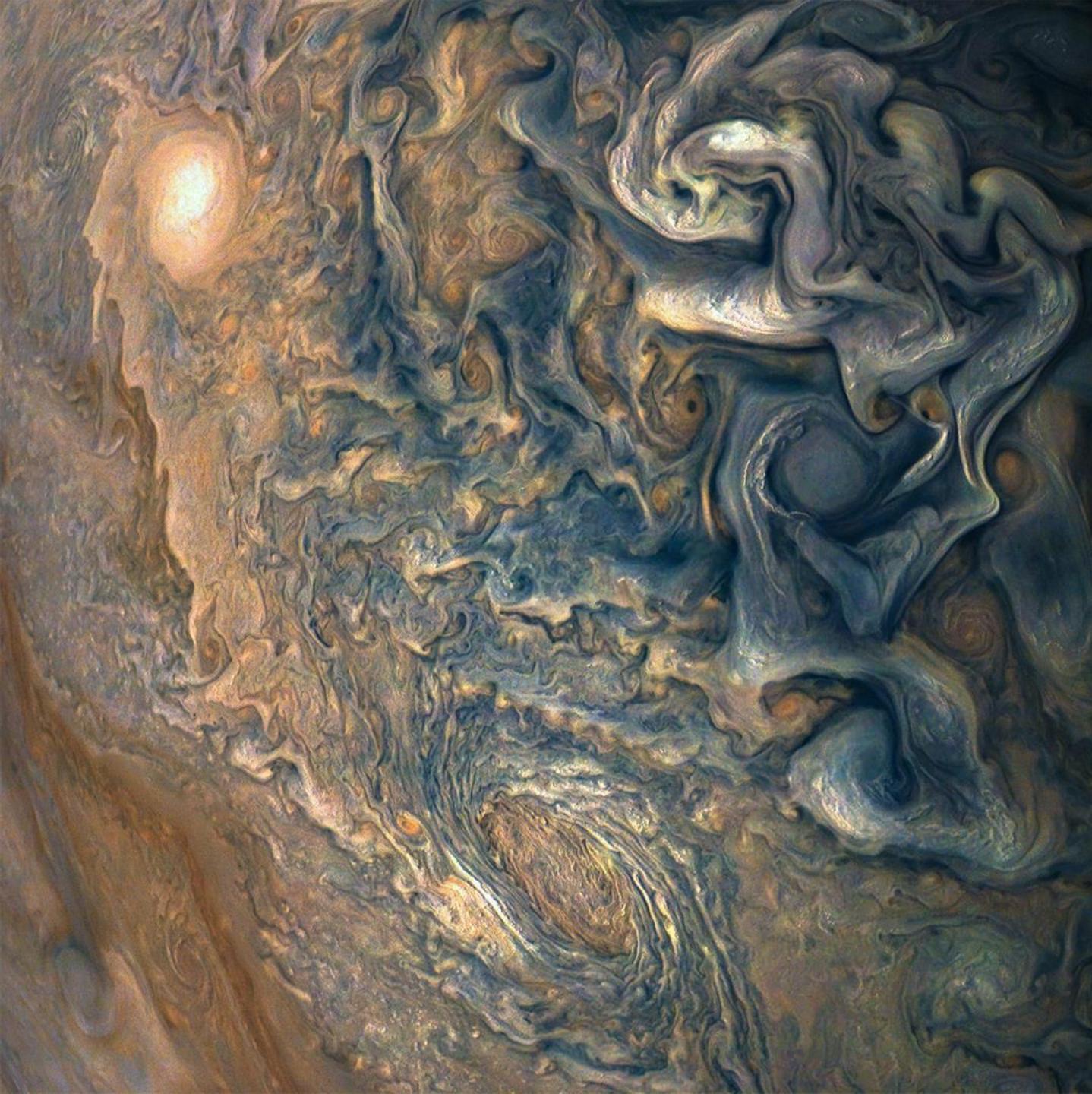
Jovian aurora (like  
Earth: Northern lights)



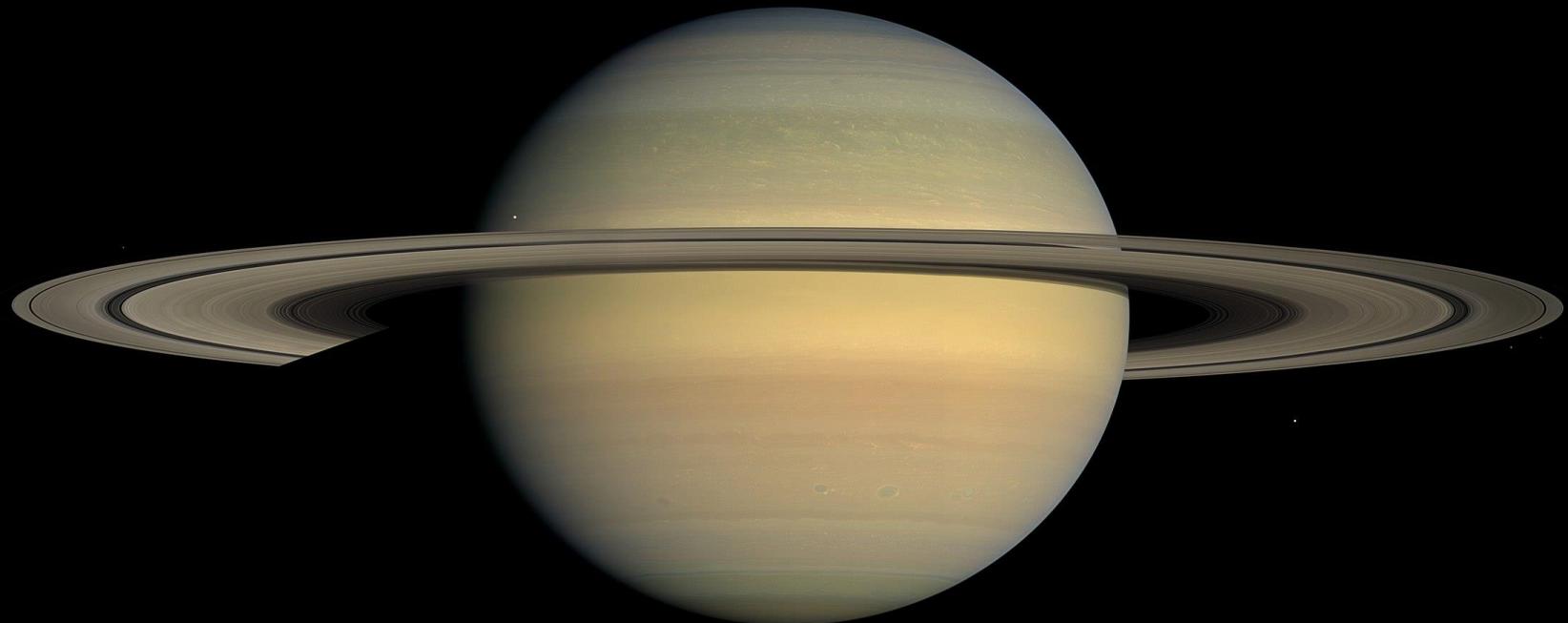


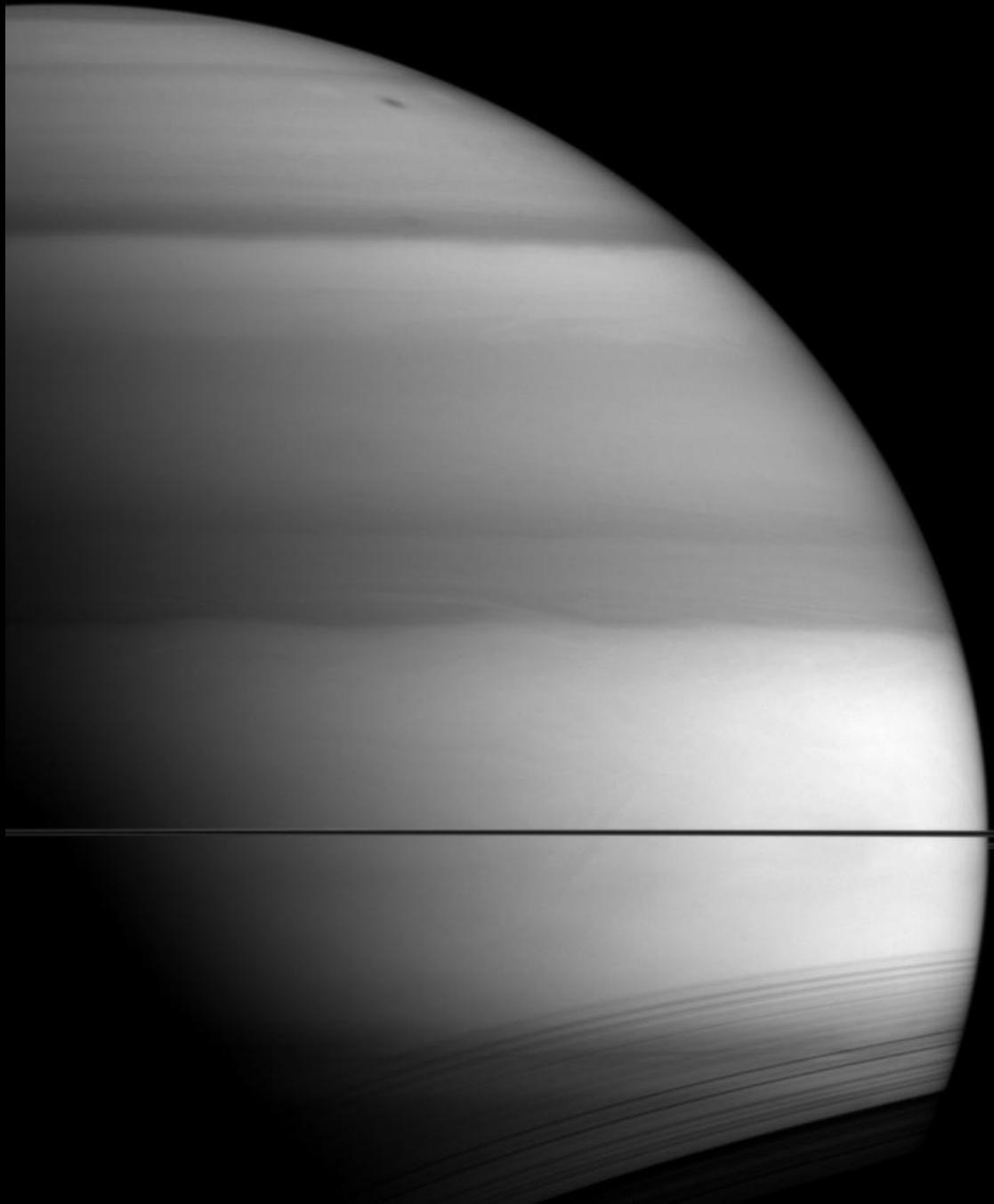


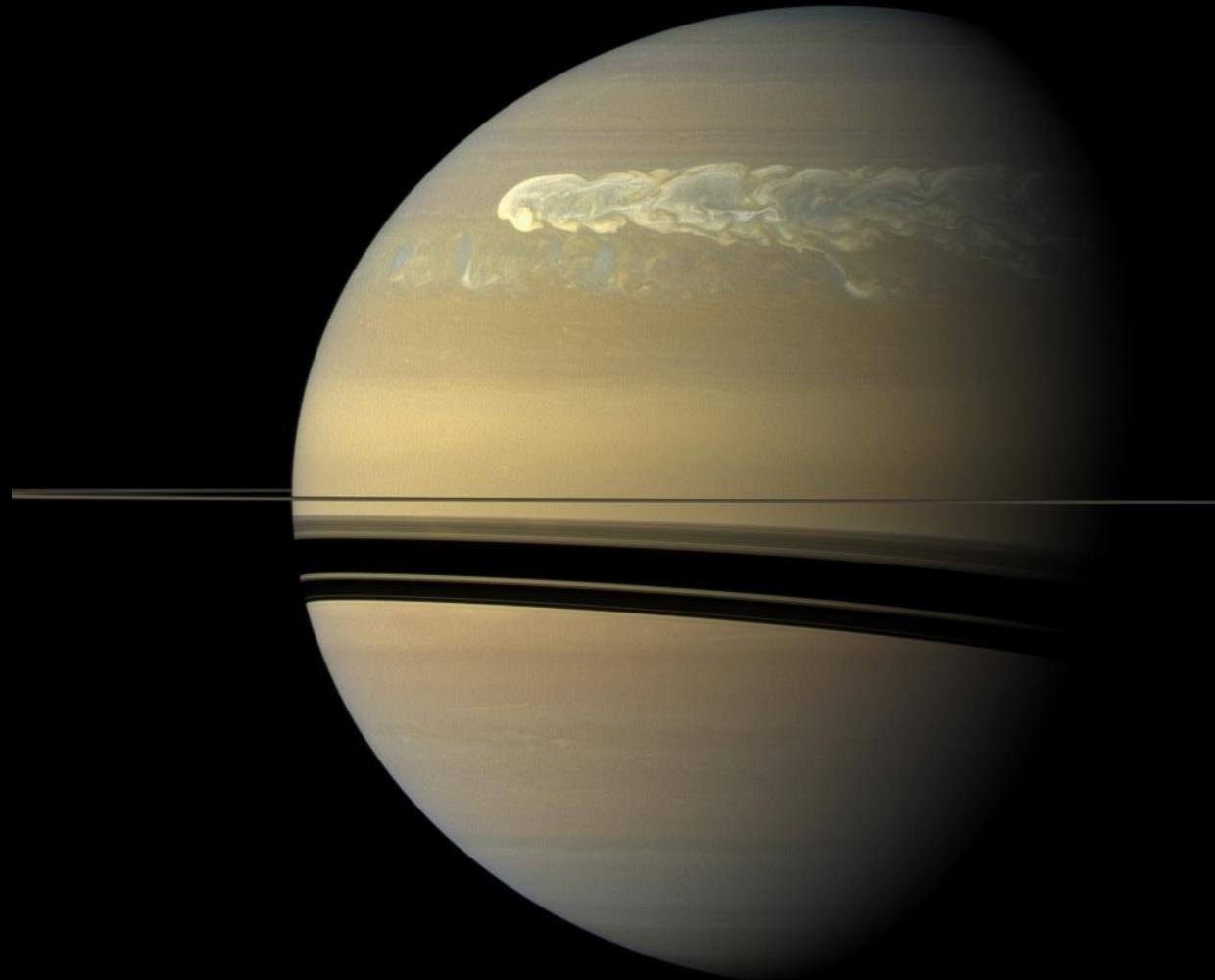


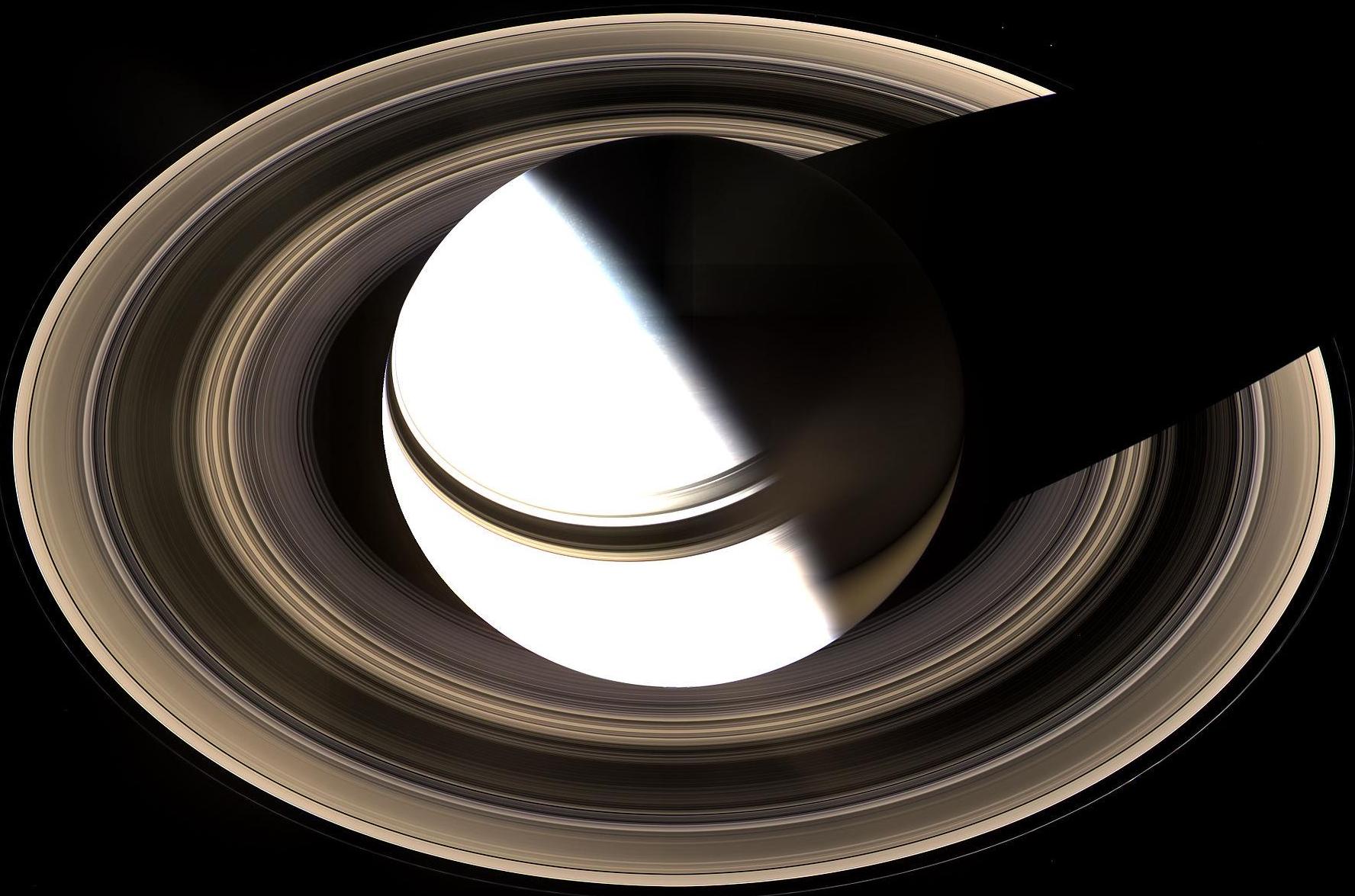


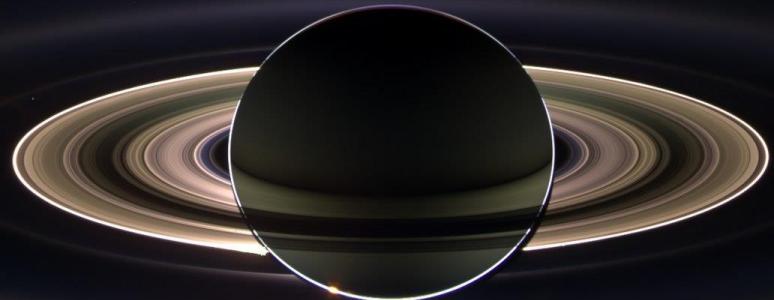
# Saturn (and its rings)

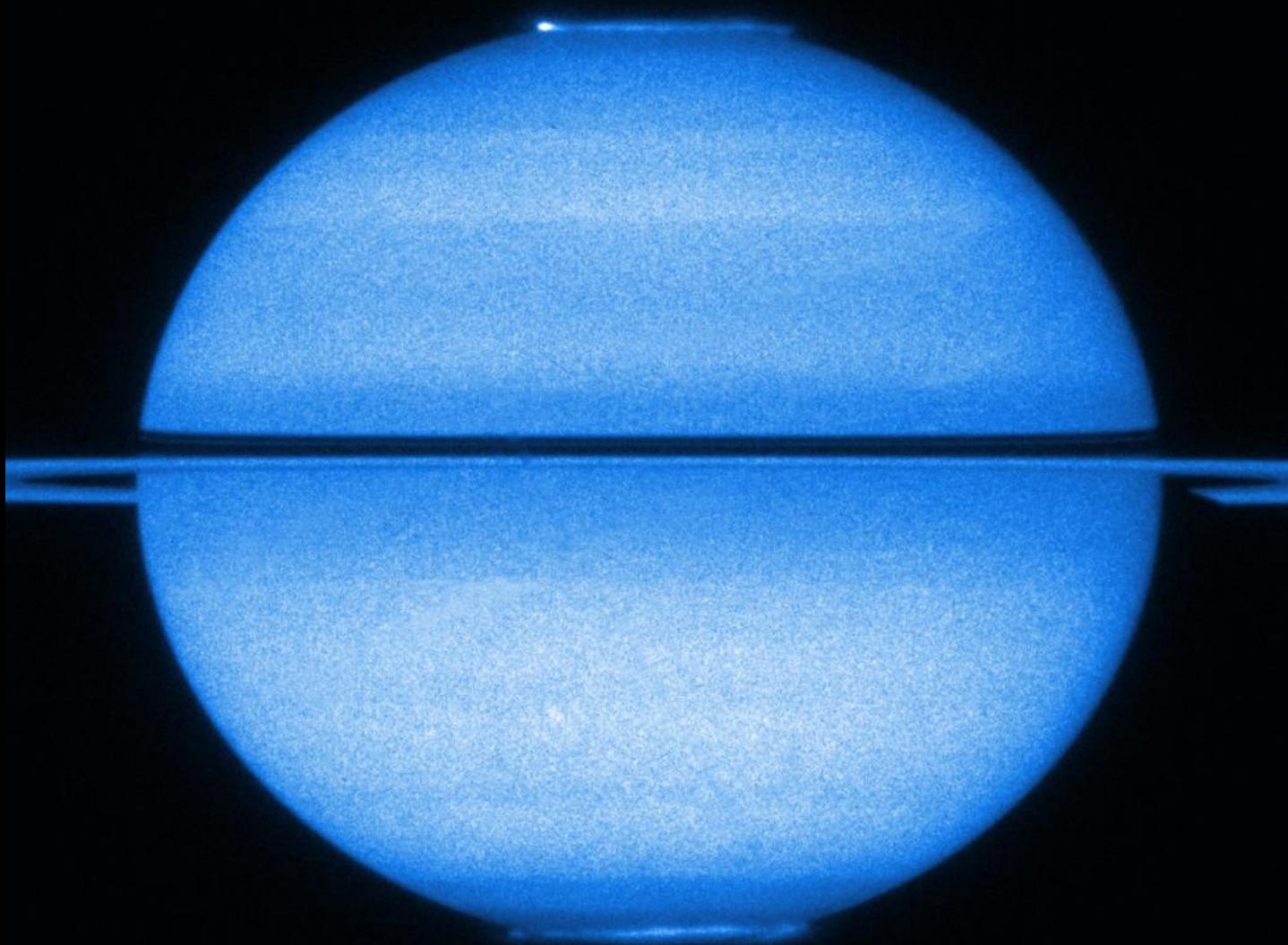




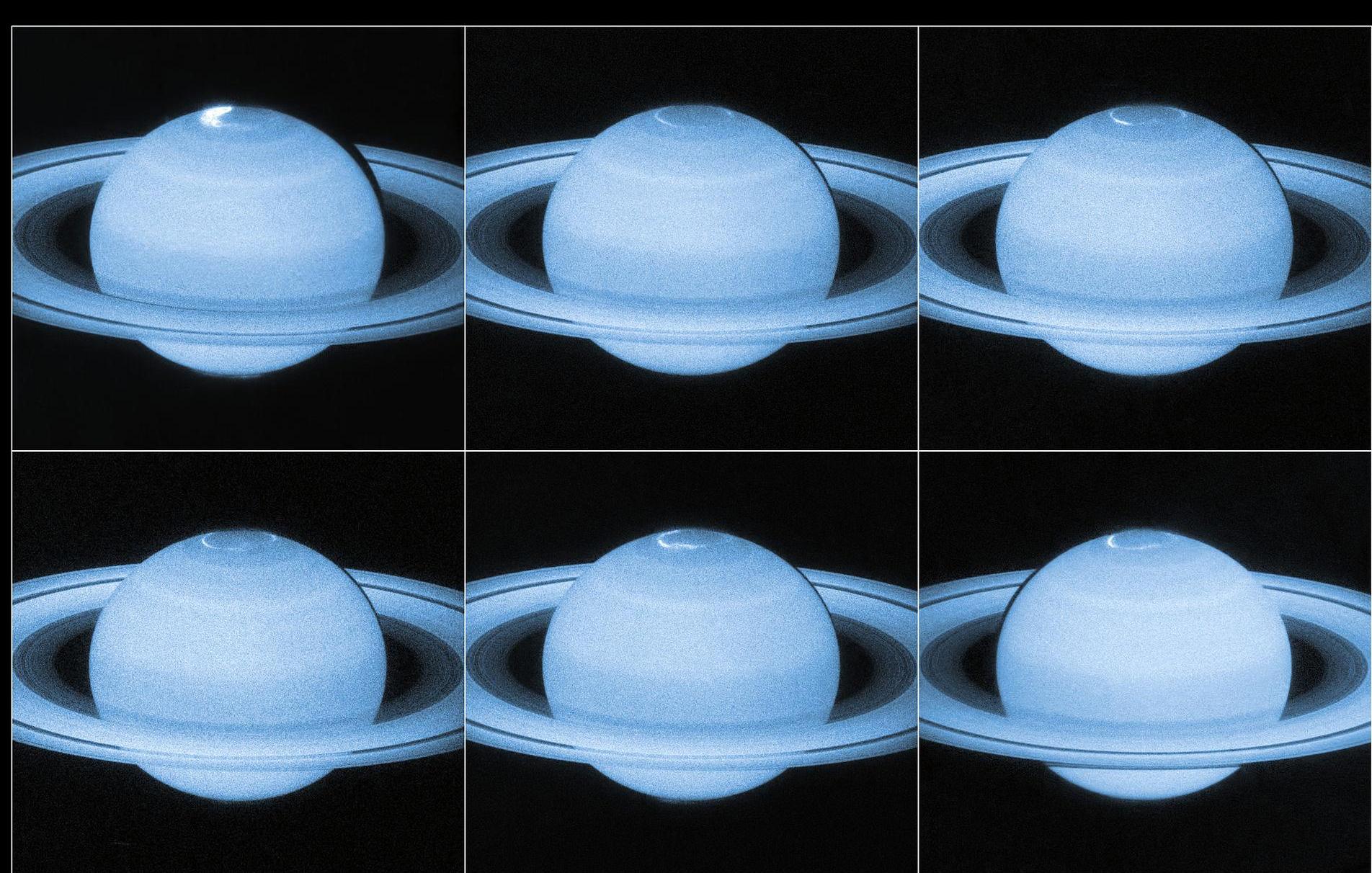


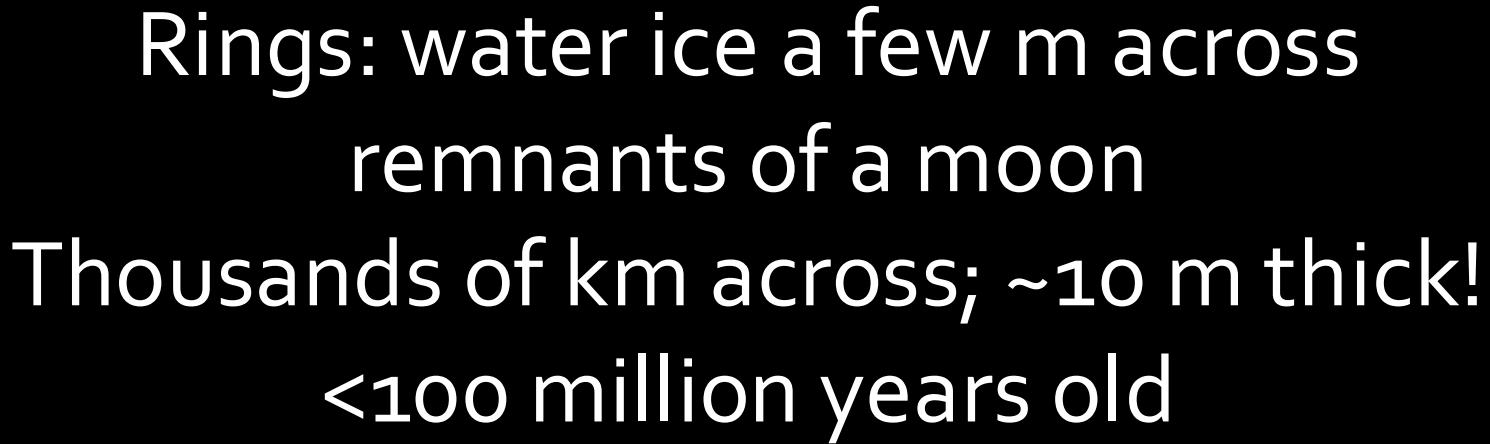




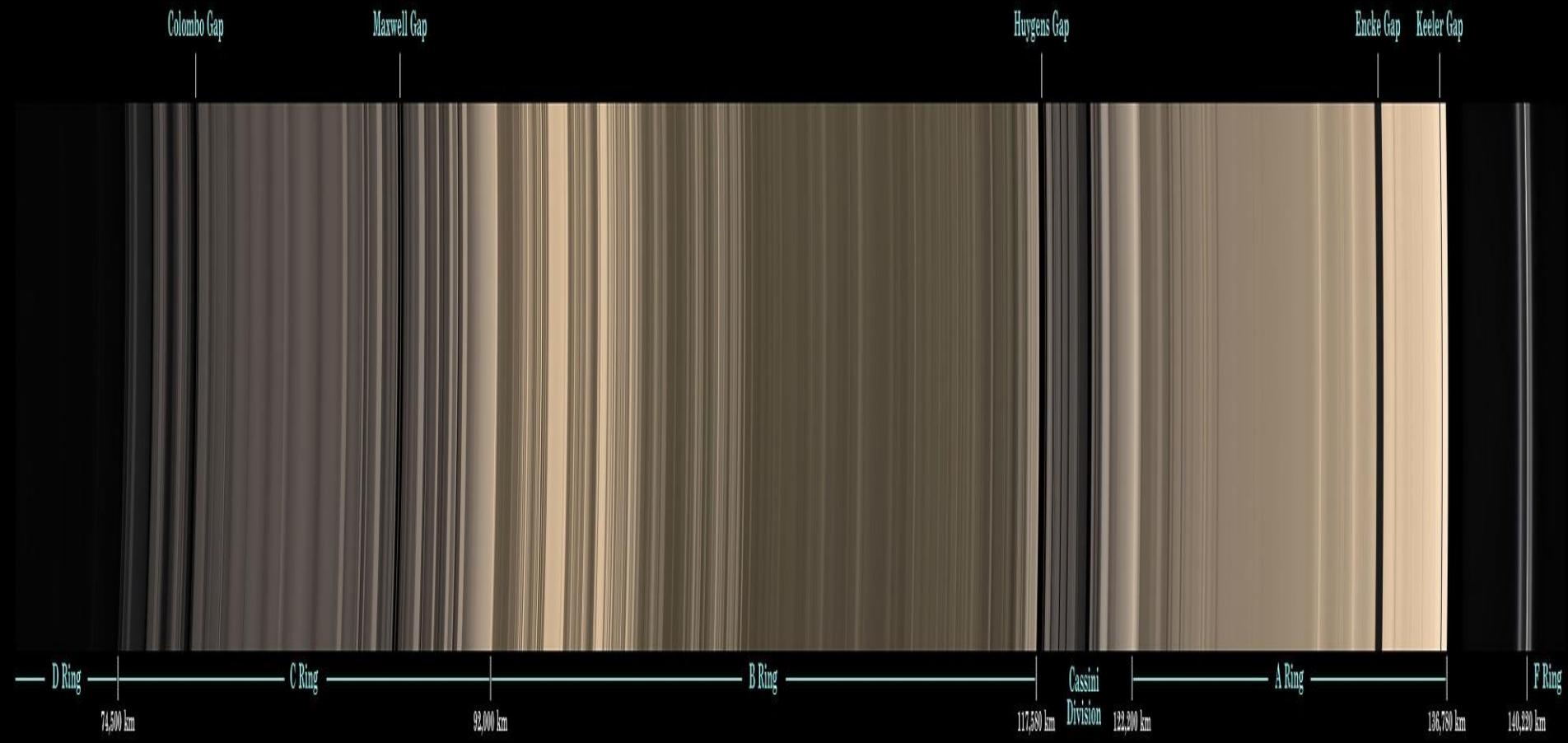


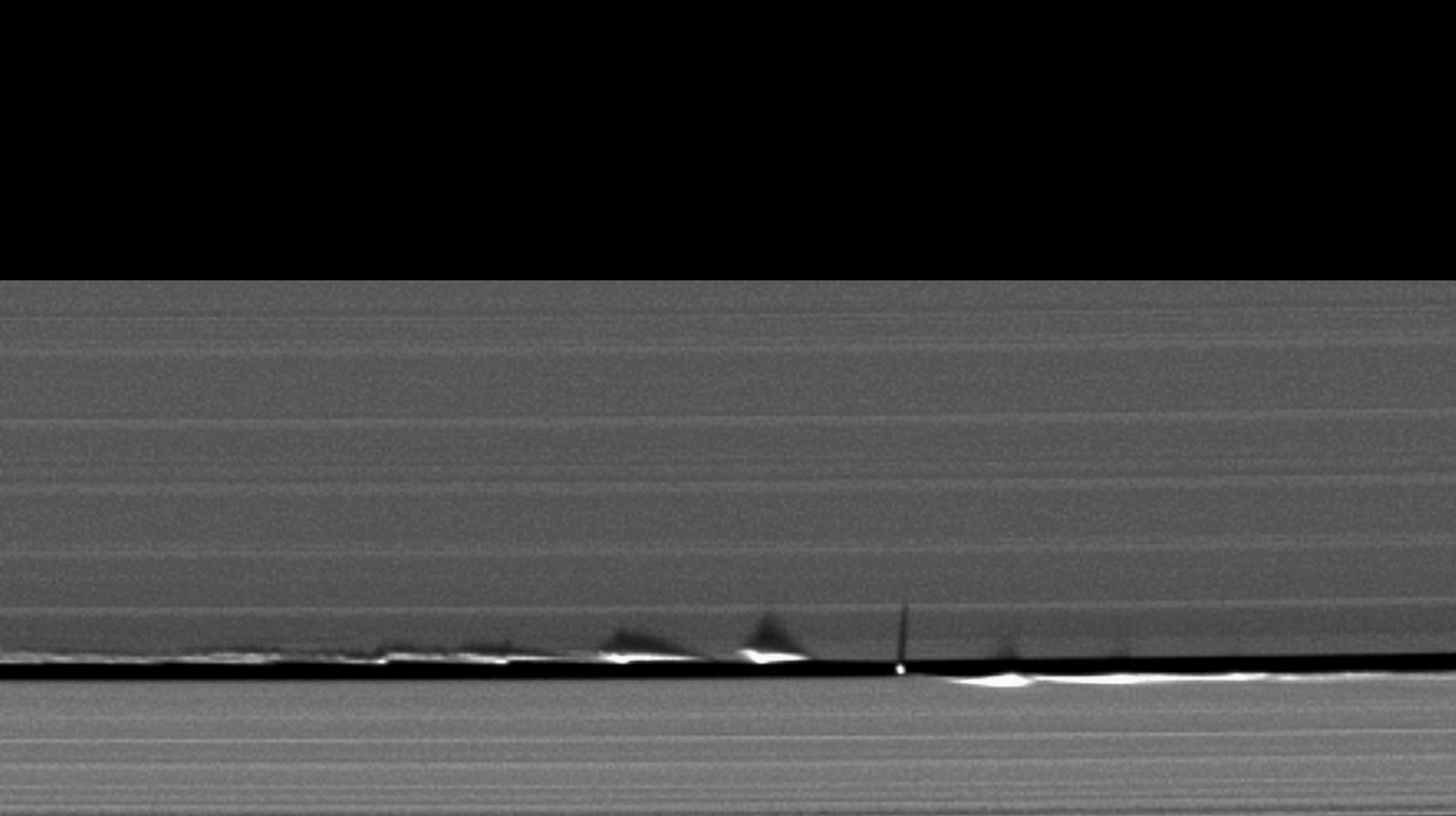
Saturn's aurora

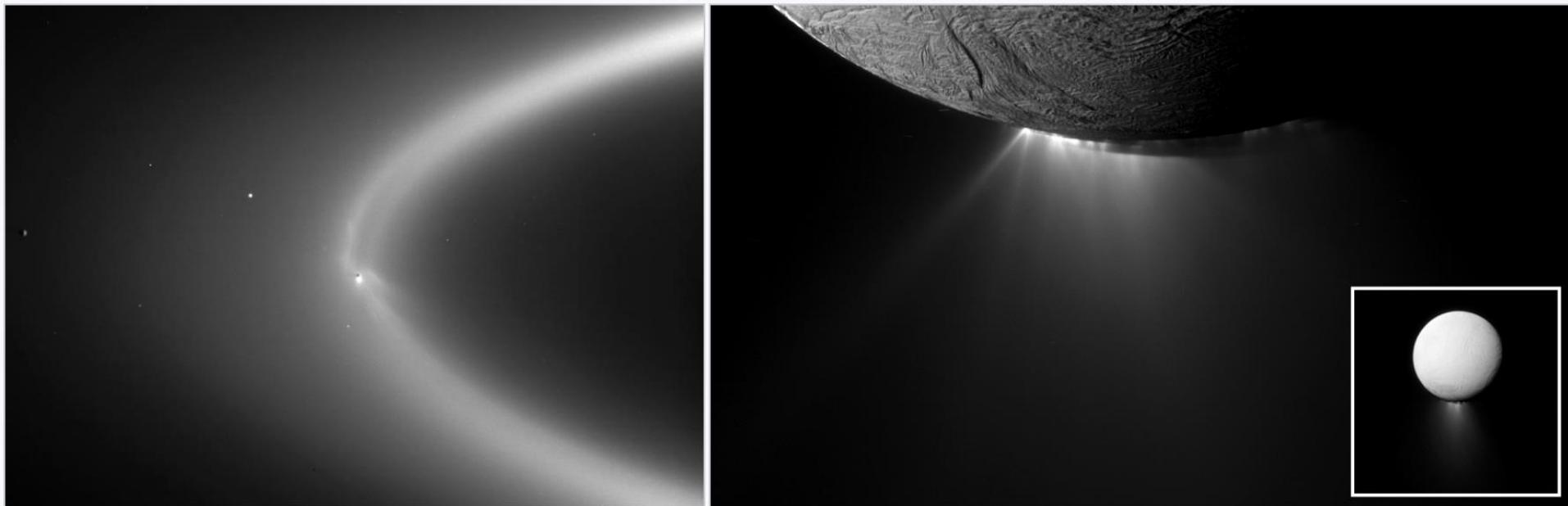




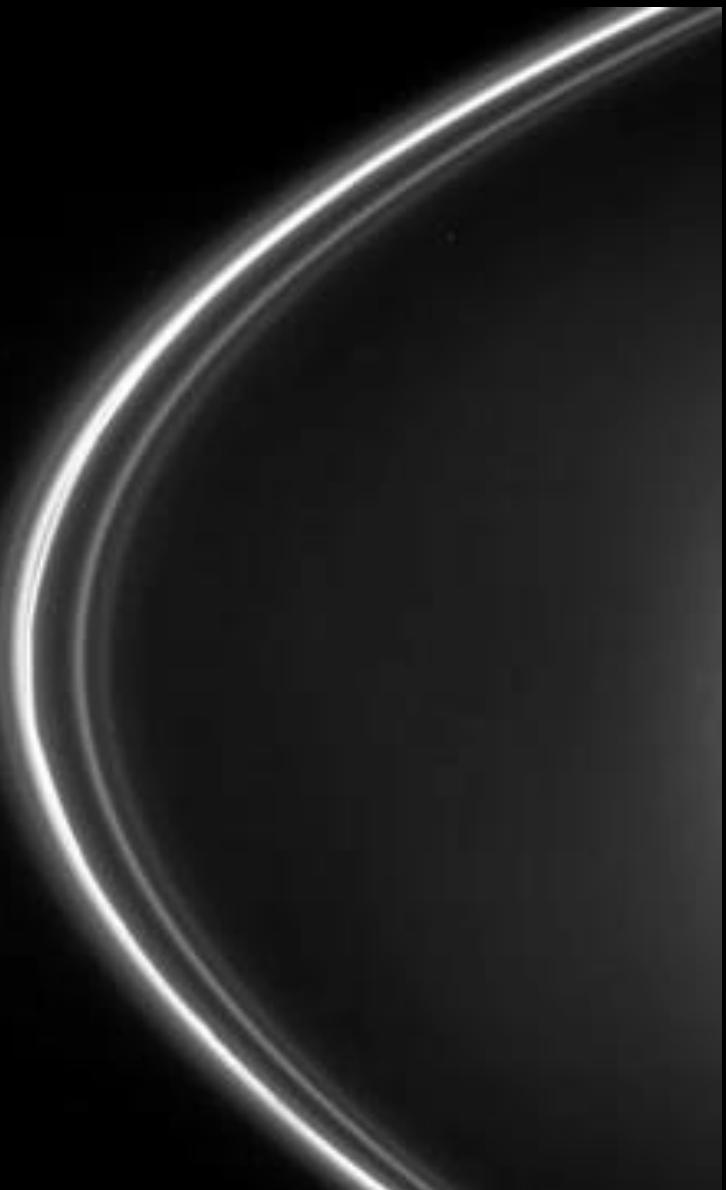
Rings: water ice a few m across  
remnants of a moon  
Thousands of km across; ~10 m thick!  
<100 million years old

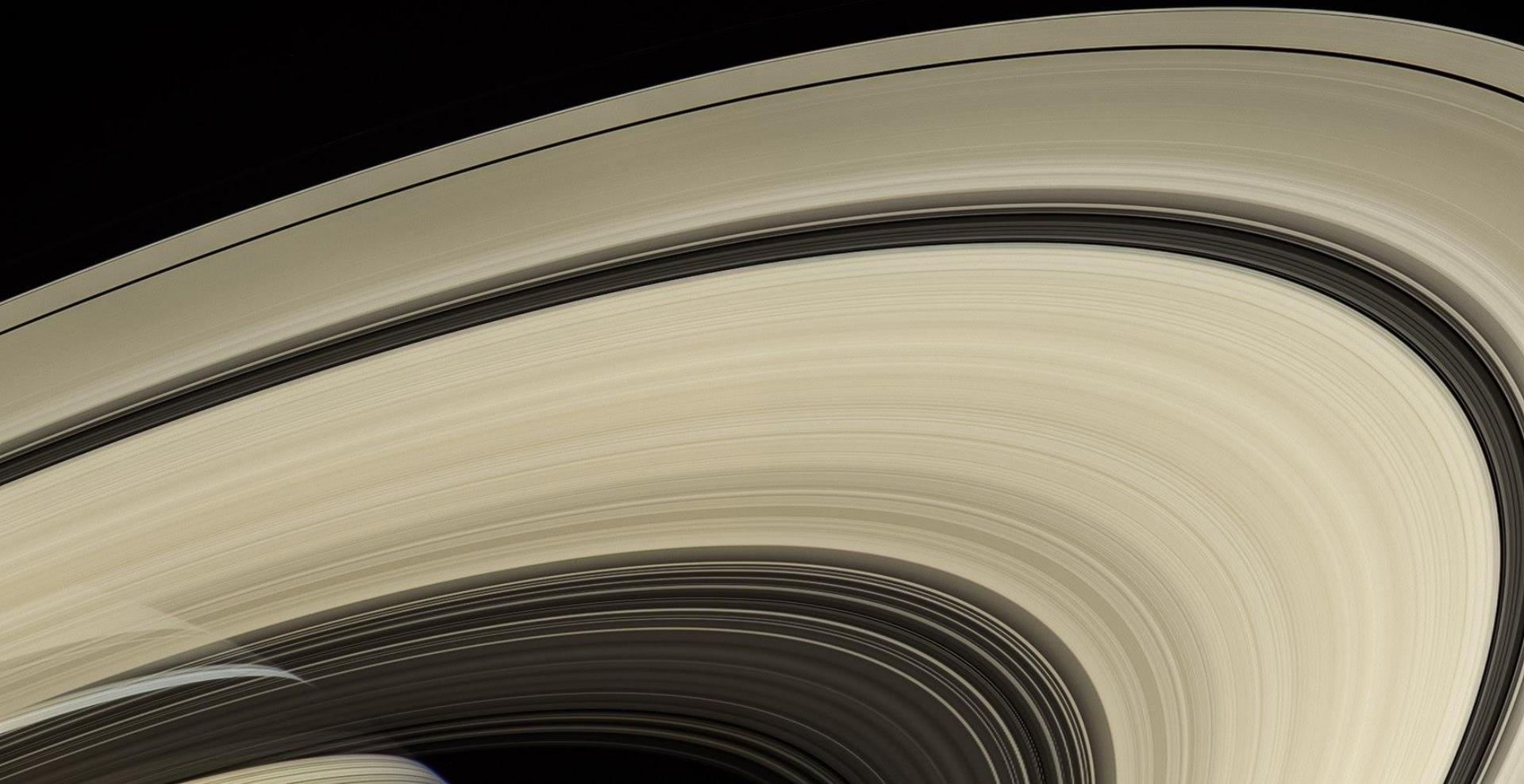






E ring: thousands of m thick  
Water from geysers on the moon Enceladus

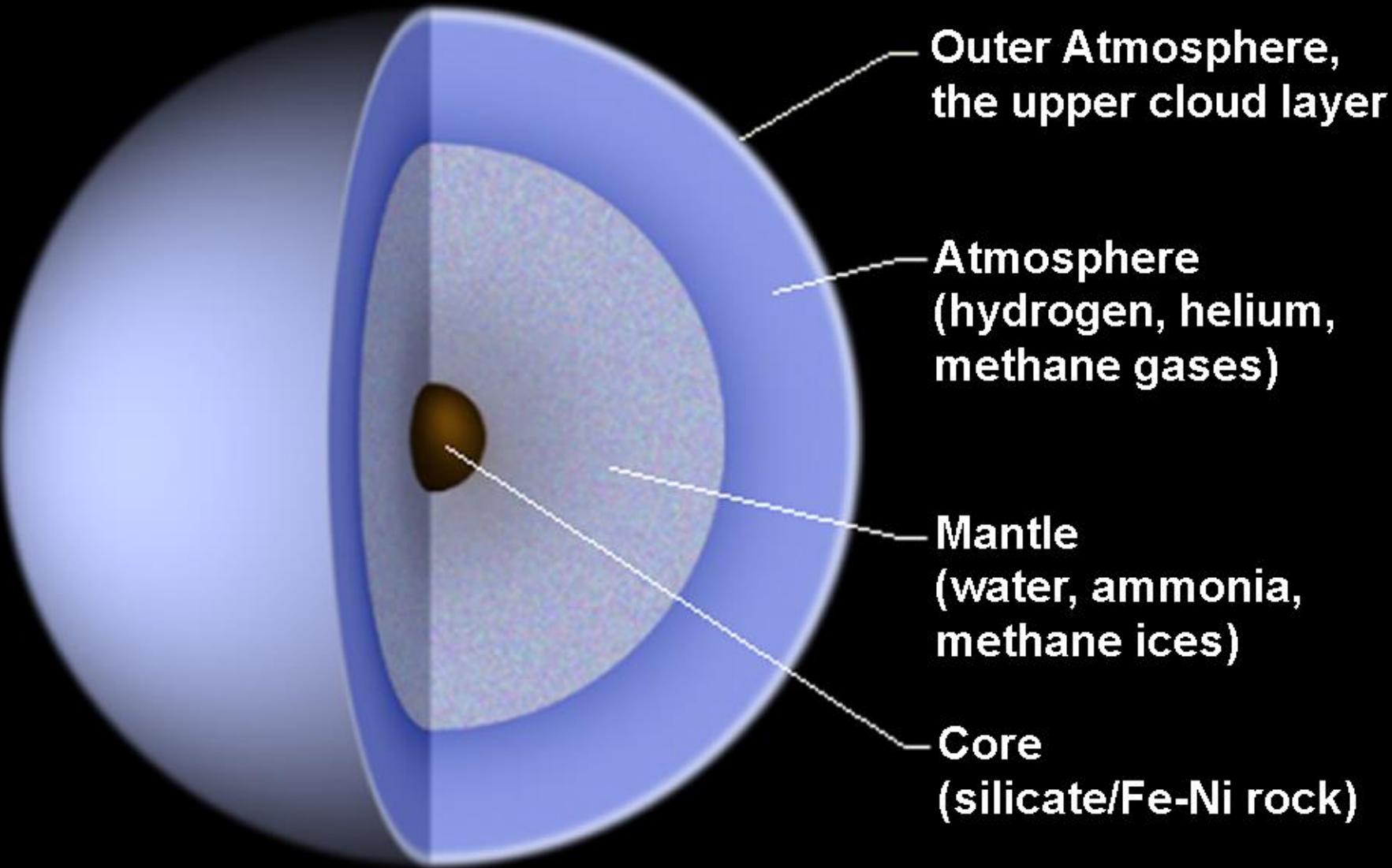




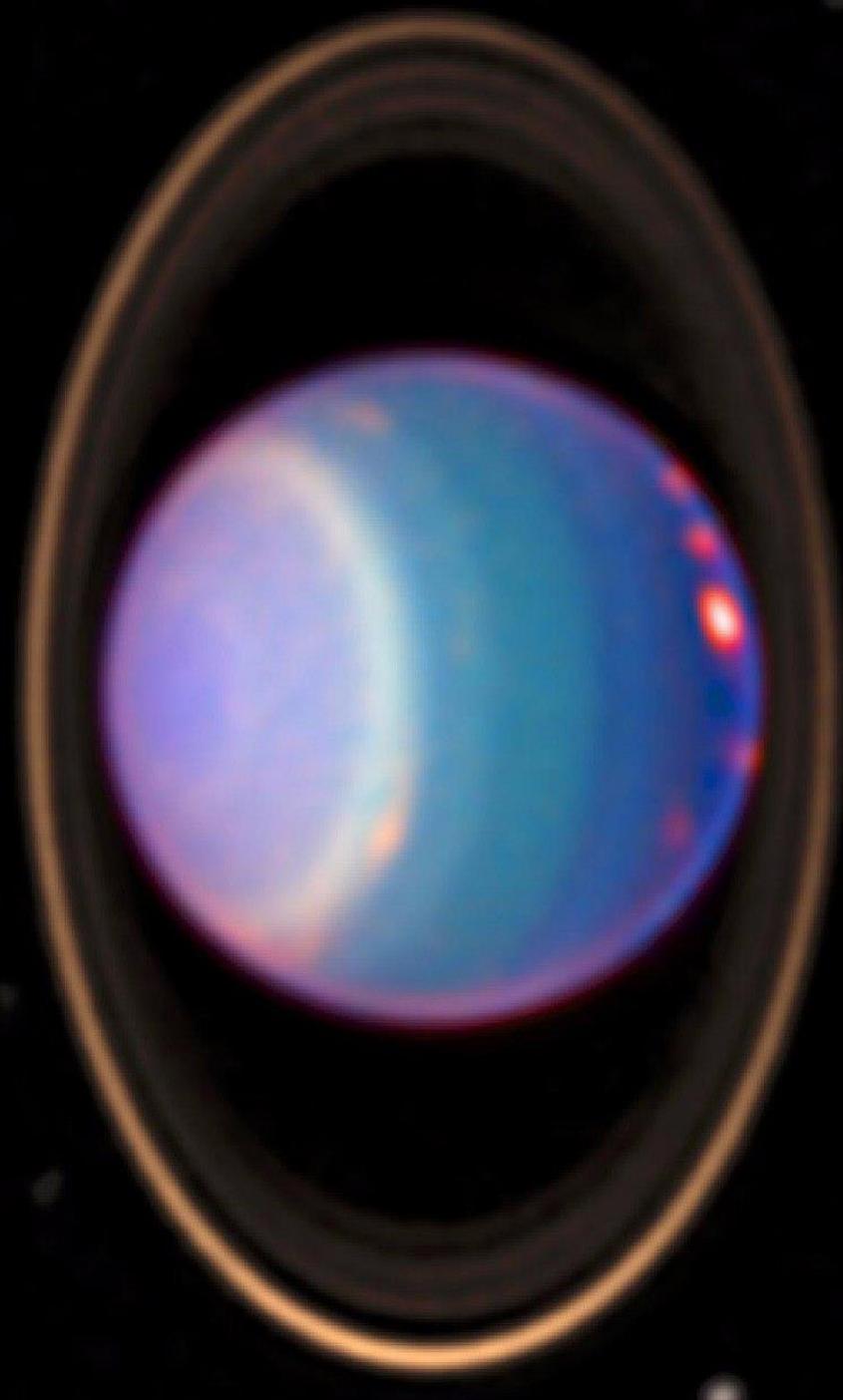


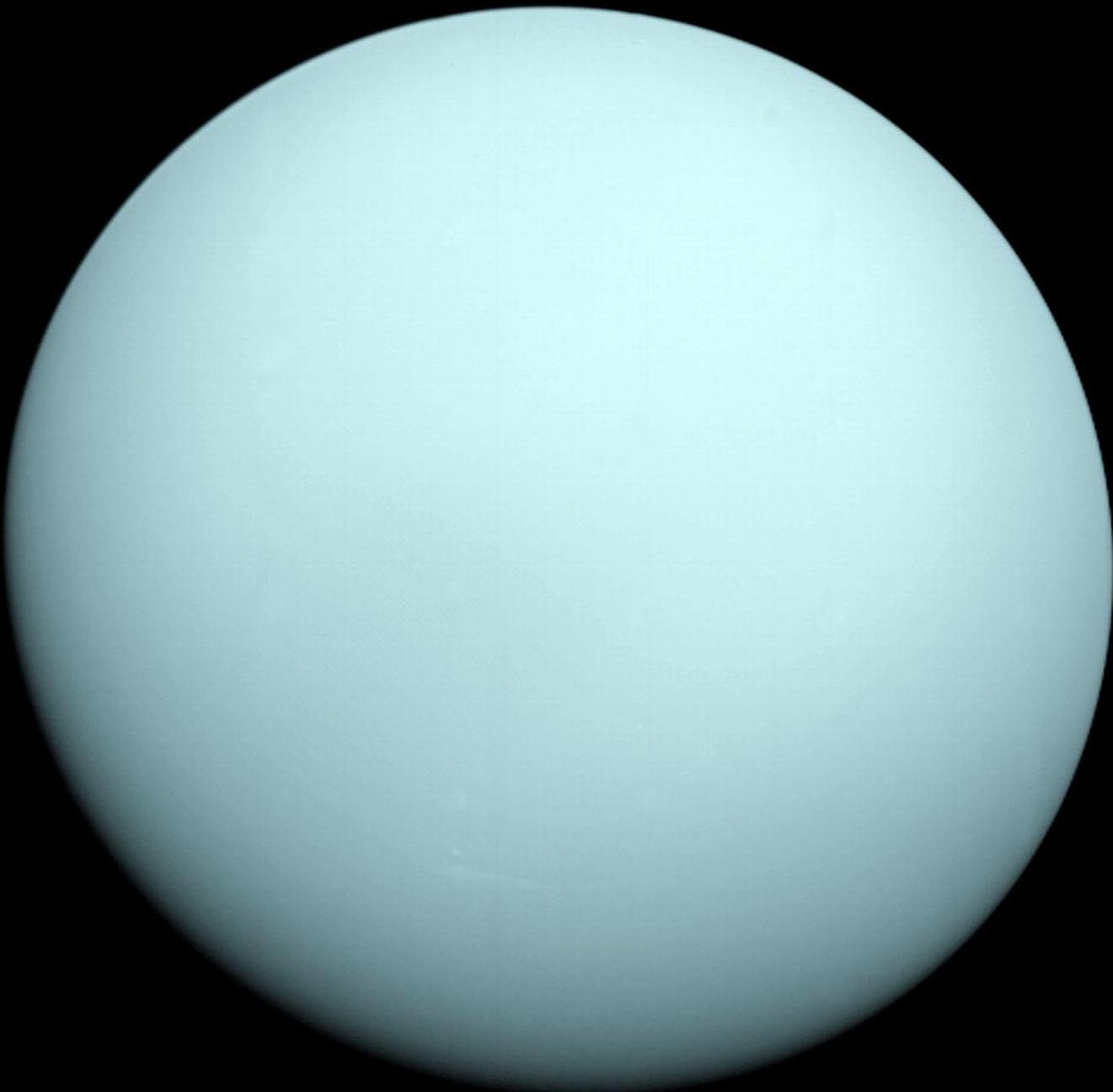
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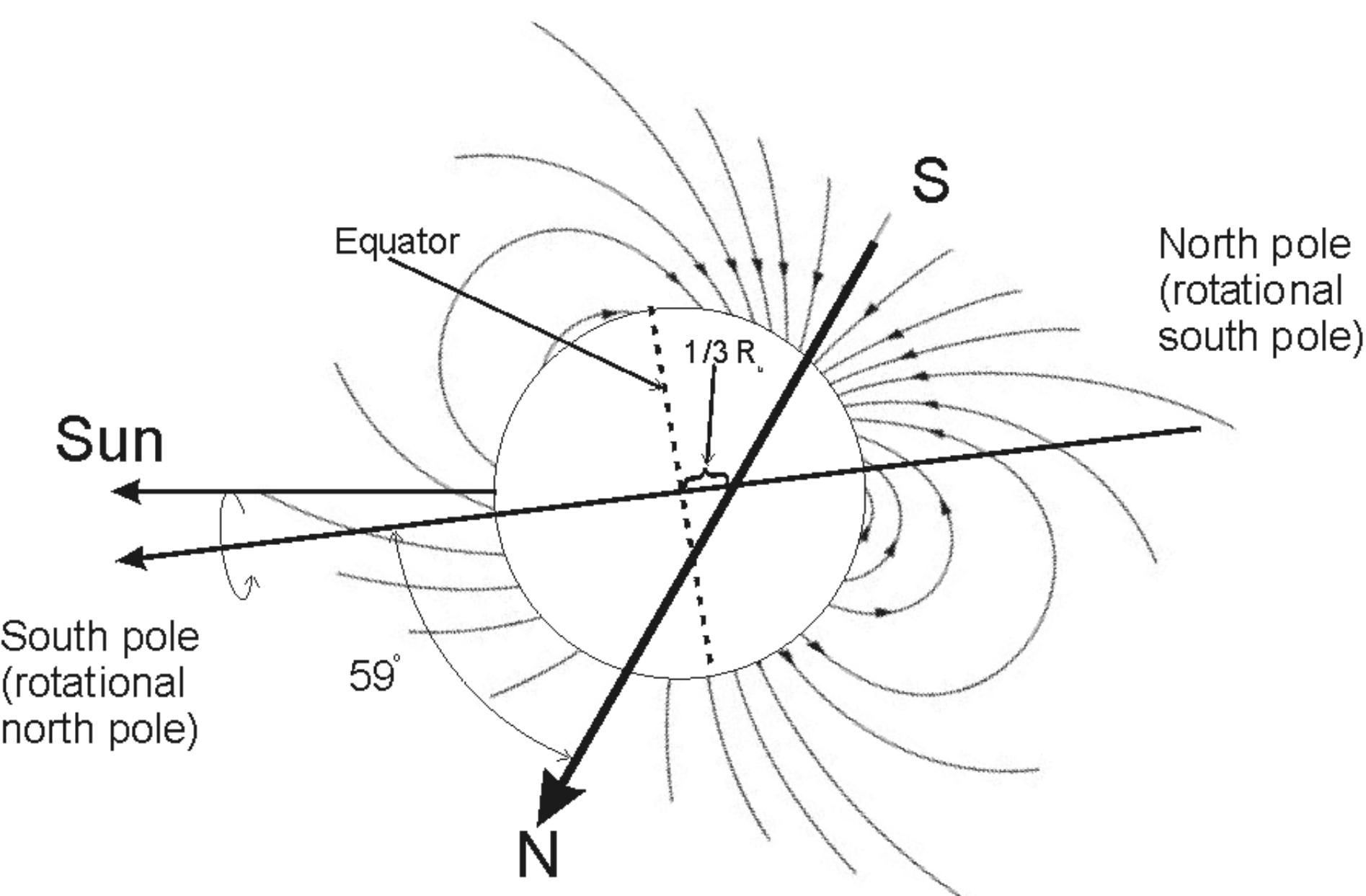


Tilted by 90 degrees!  
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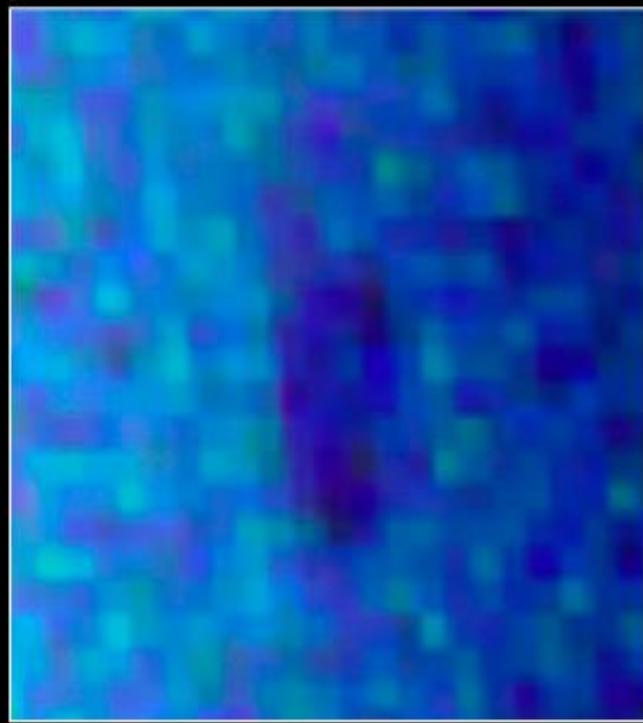
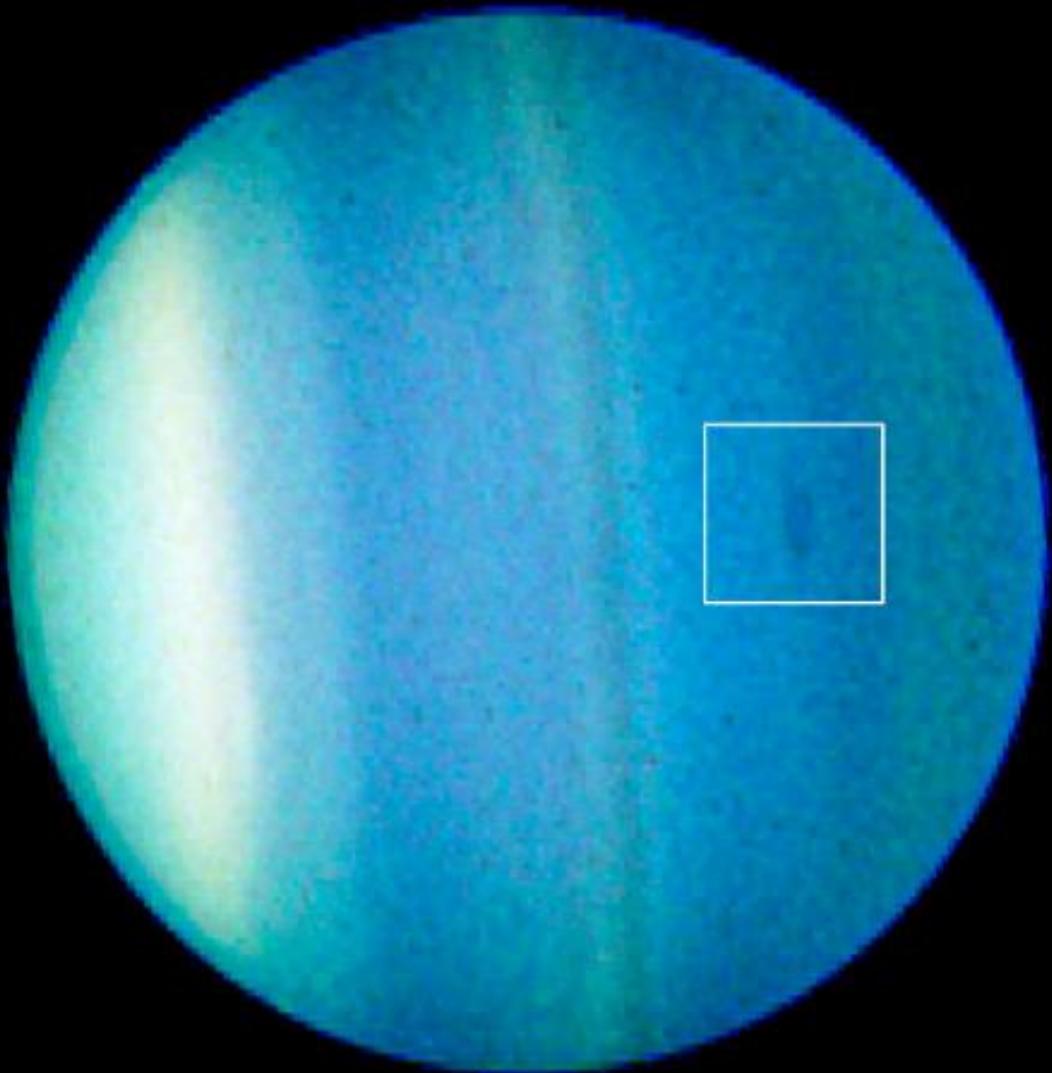






# Uranus Dark Spot

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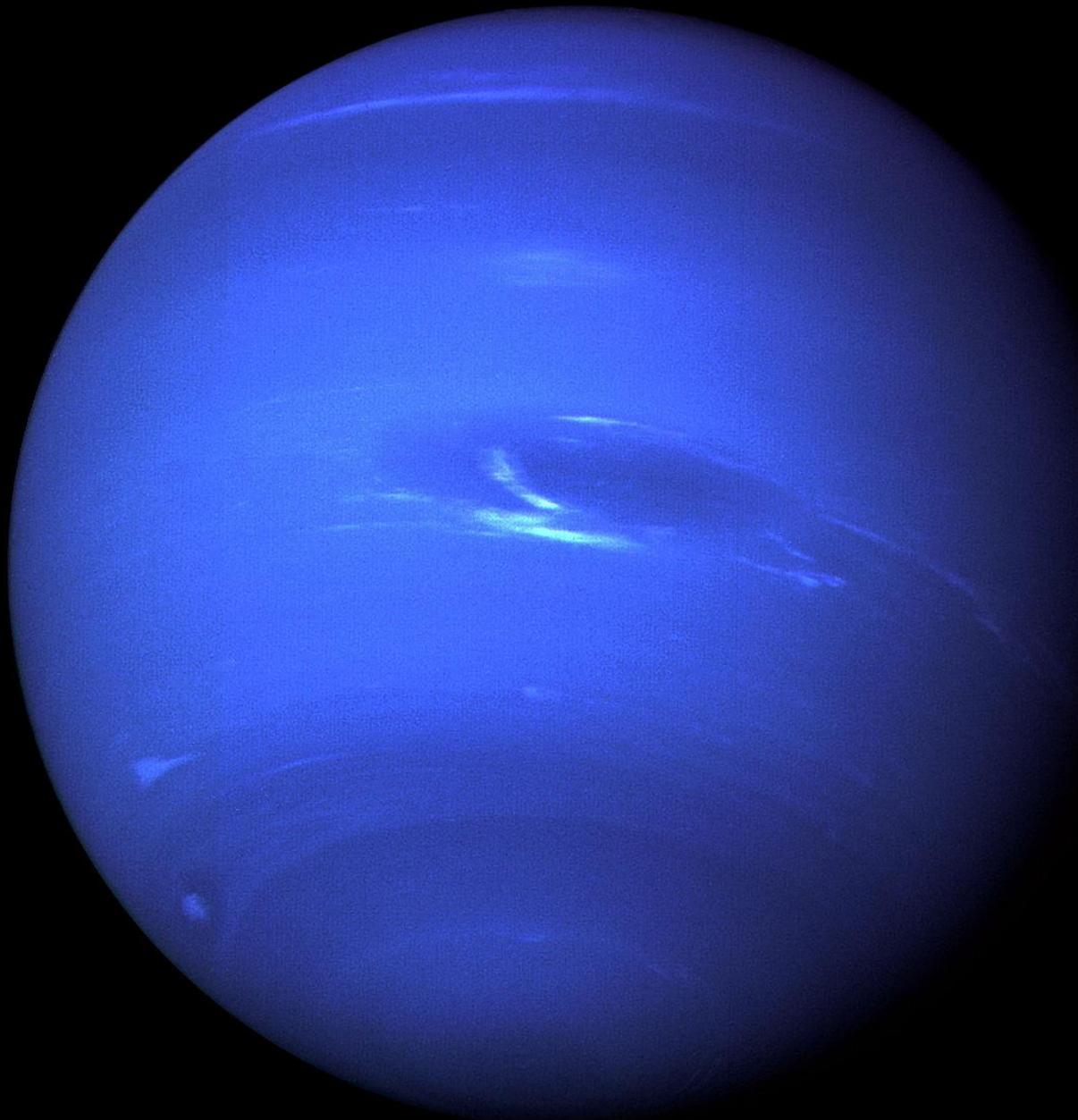


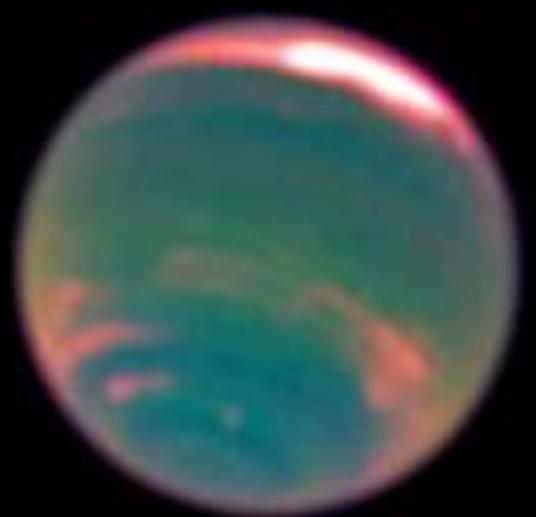
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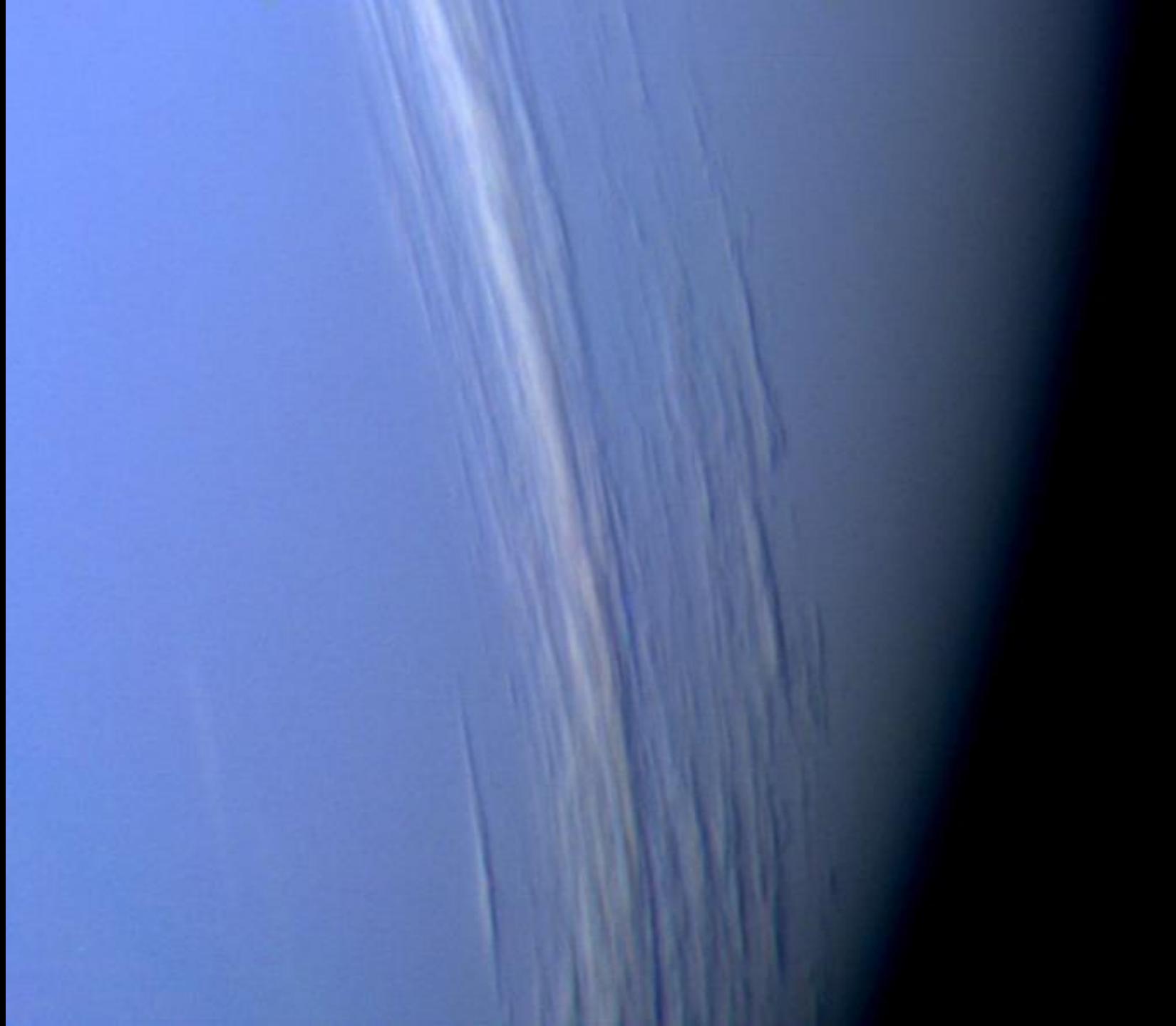
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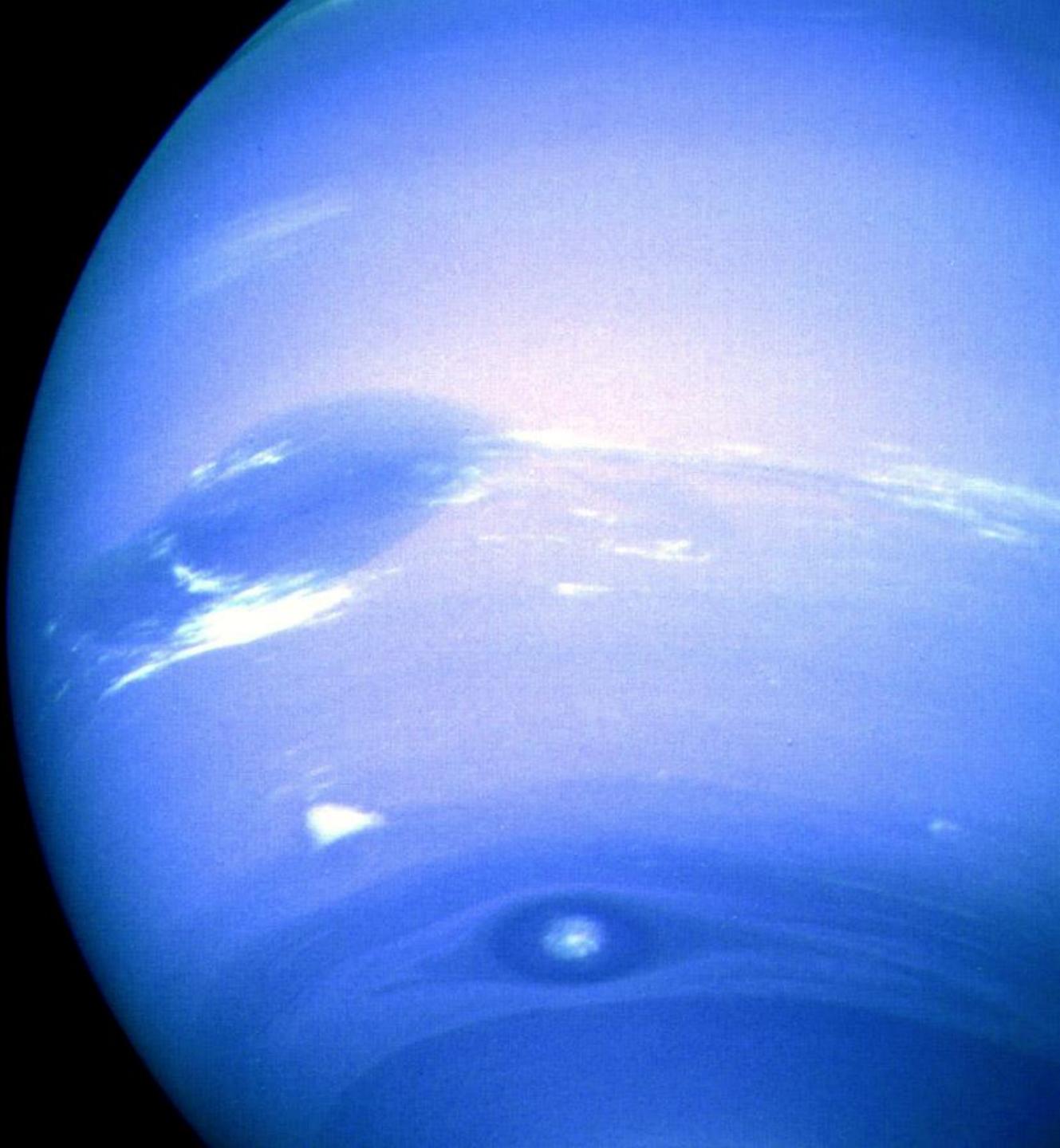


# Neptune

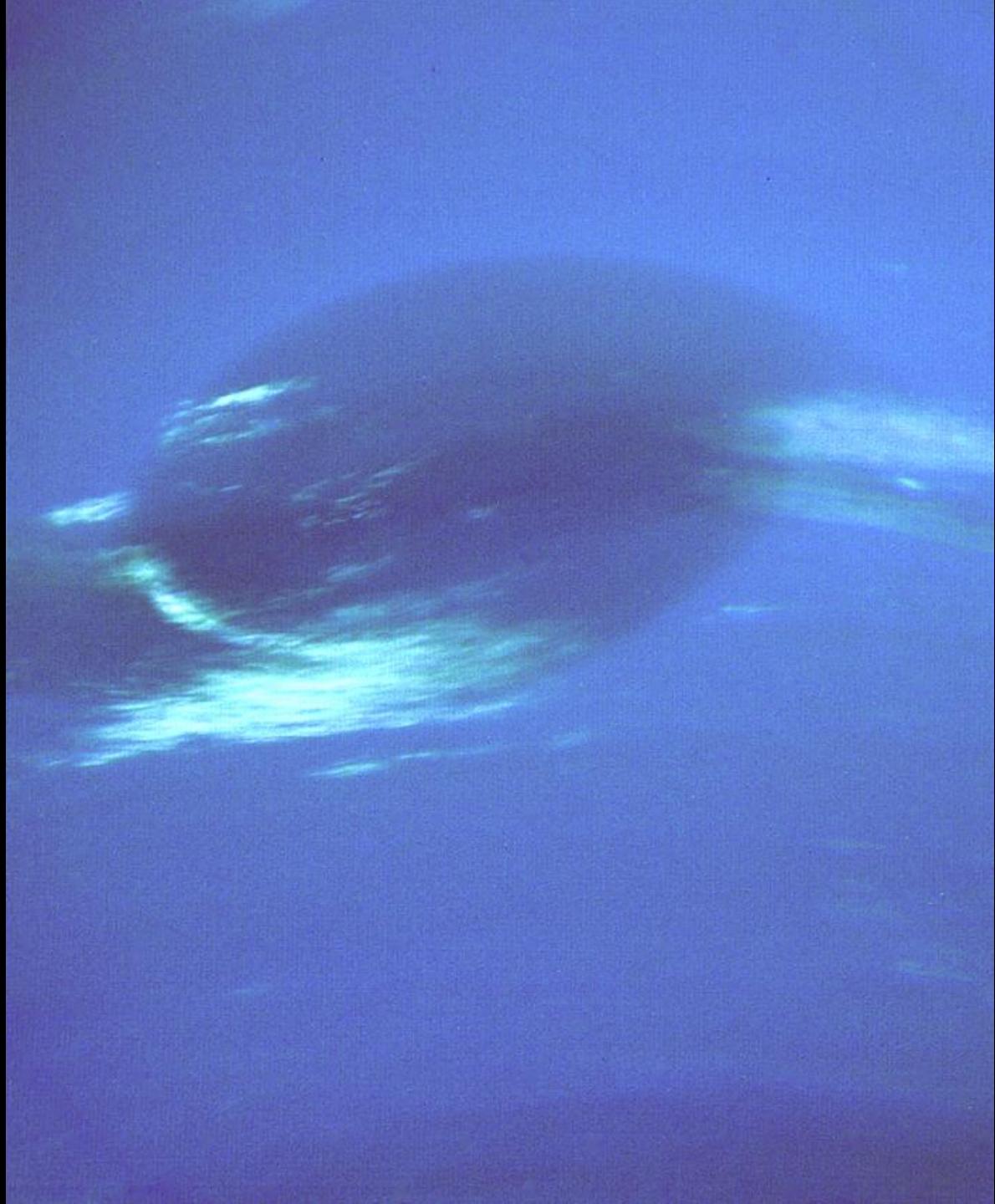


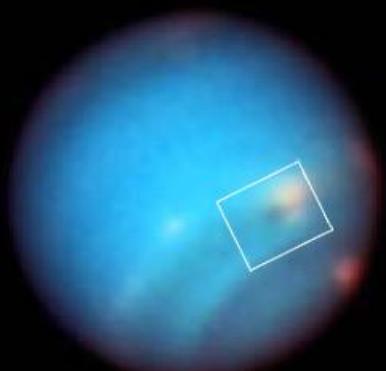




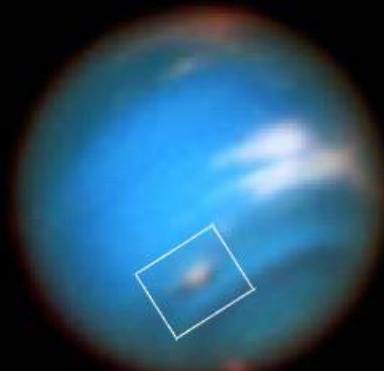




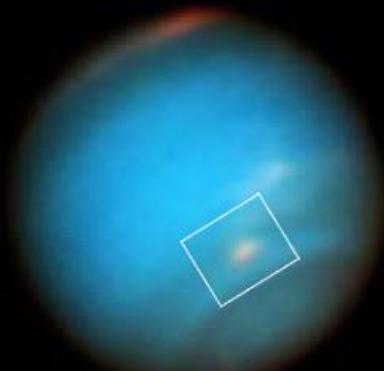




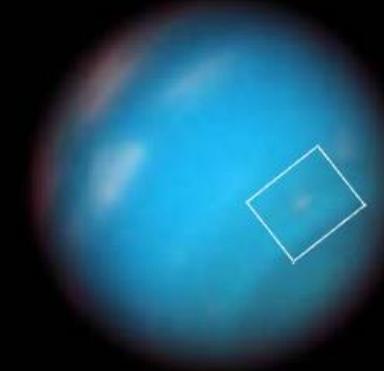
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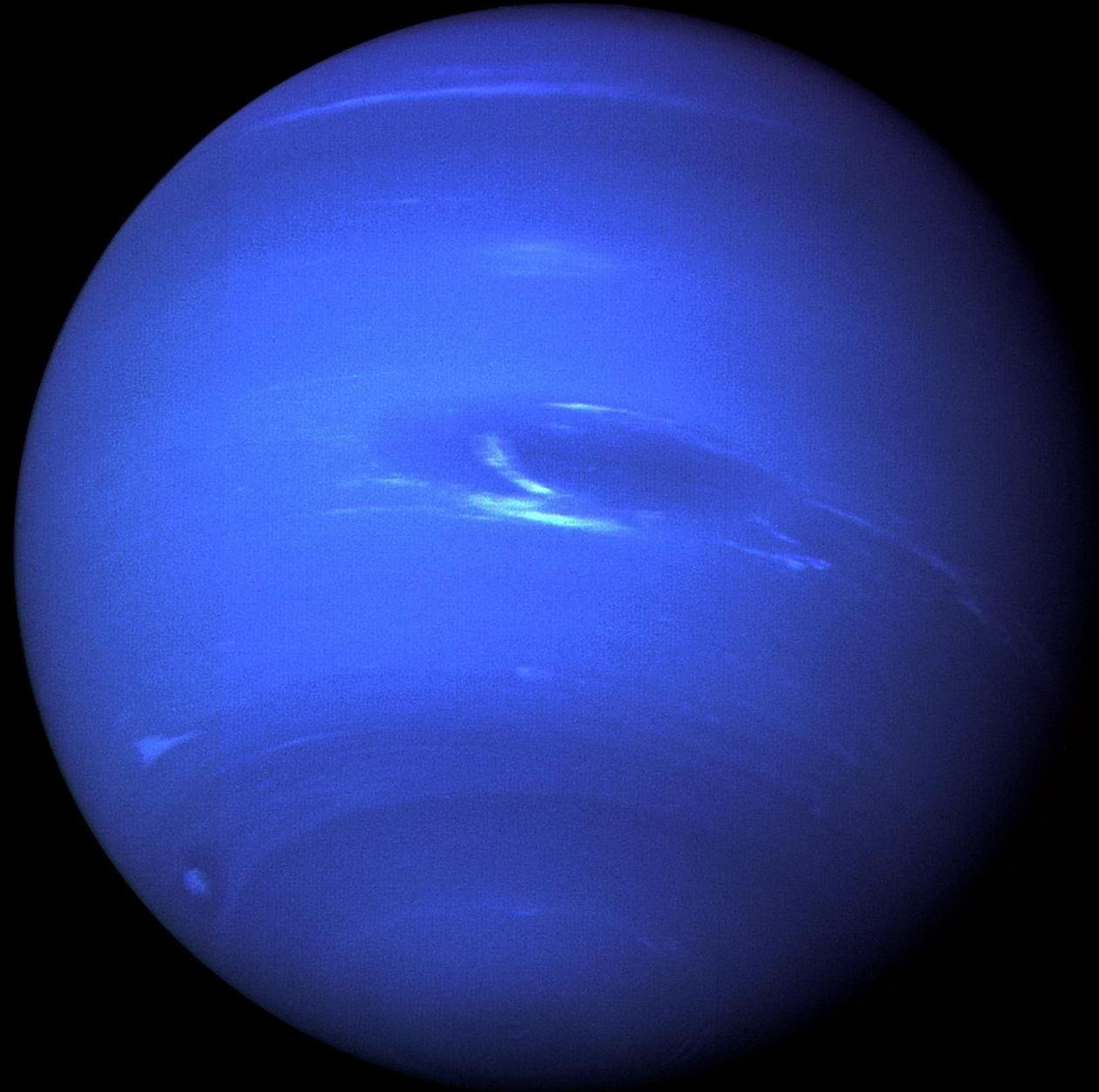
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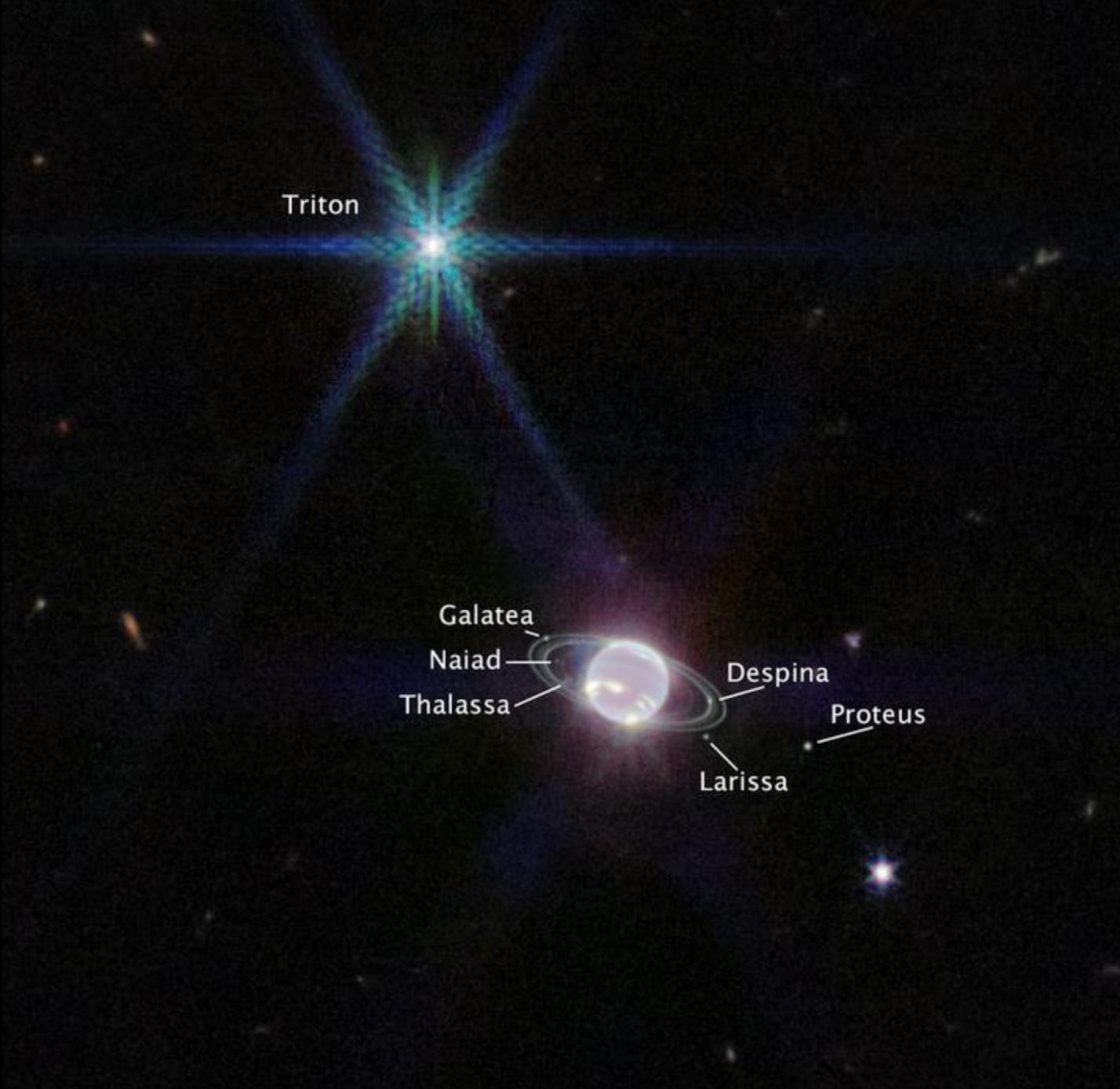


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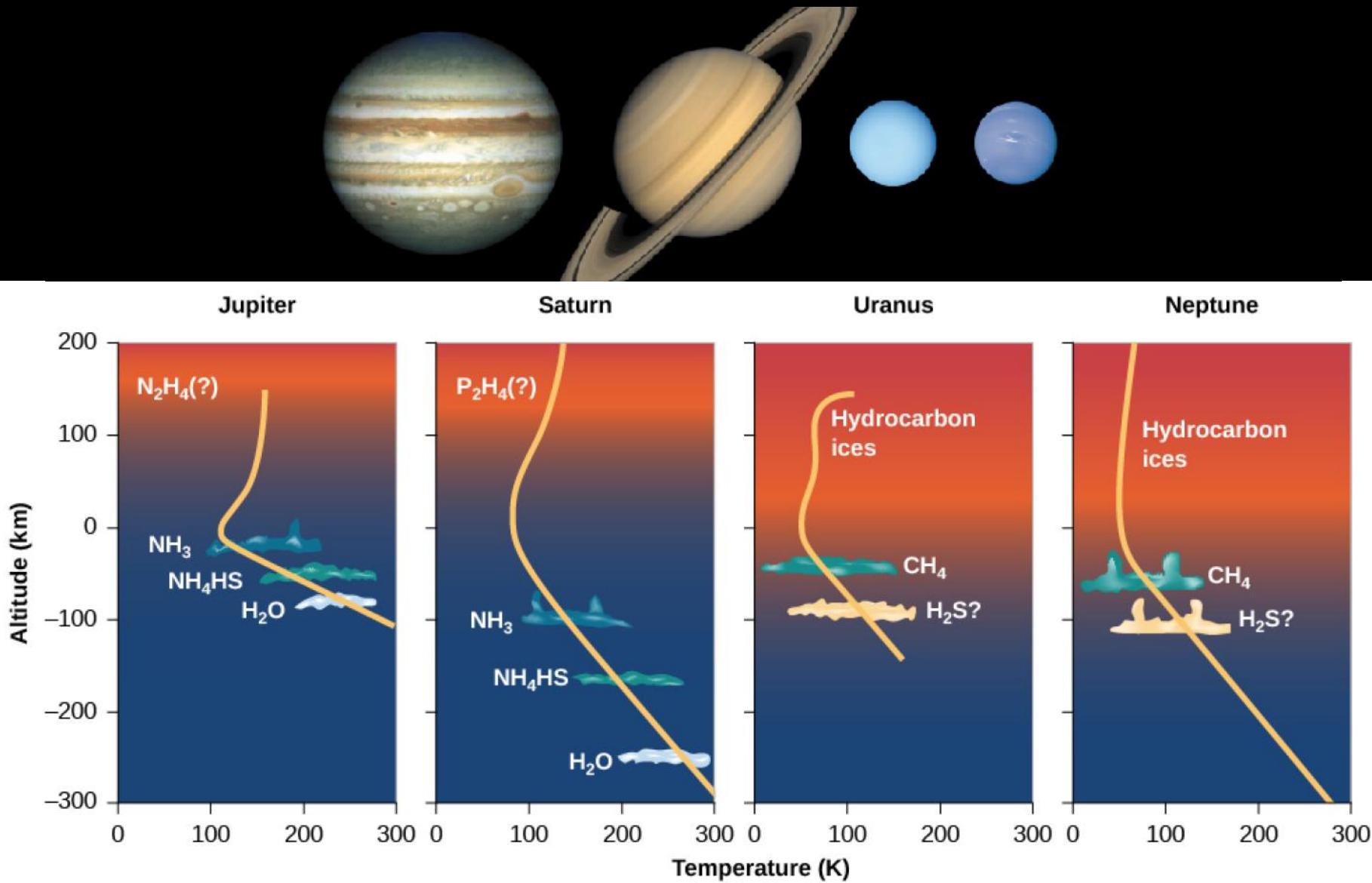








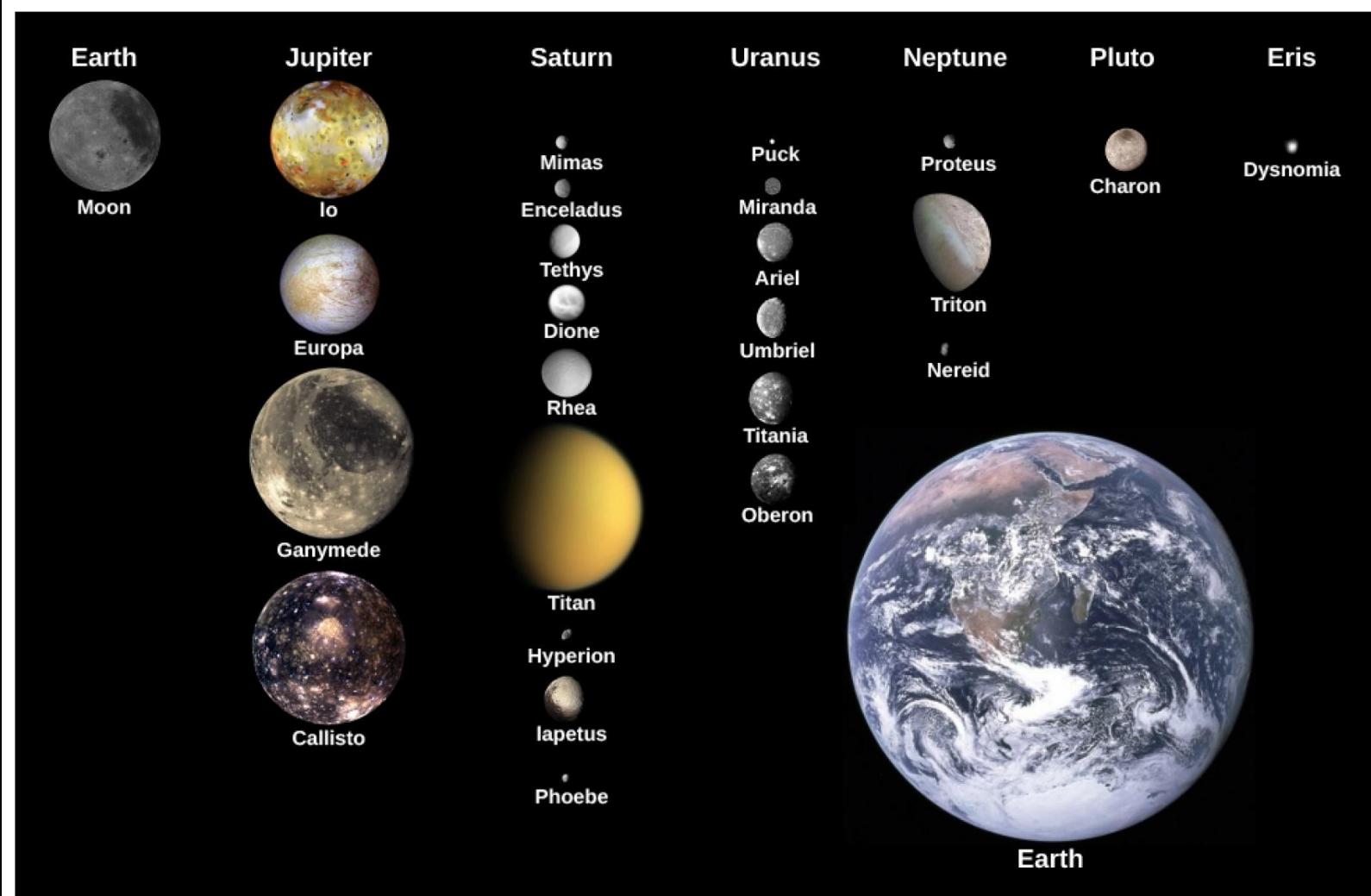
# Clouds: scattering prevents detections of structure



## Summary – number of moons

Planet	Mercury	Venus	Earth	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune
Number of moons	0	0	1	2	79	62	27	14

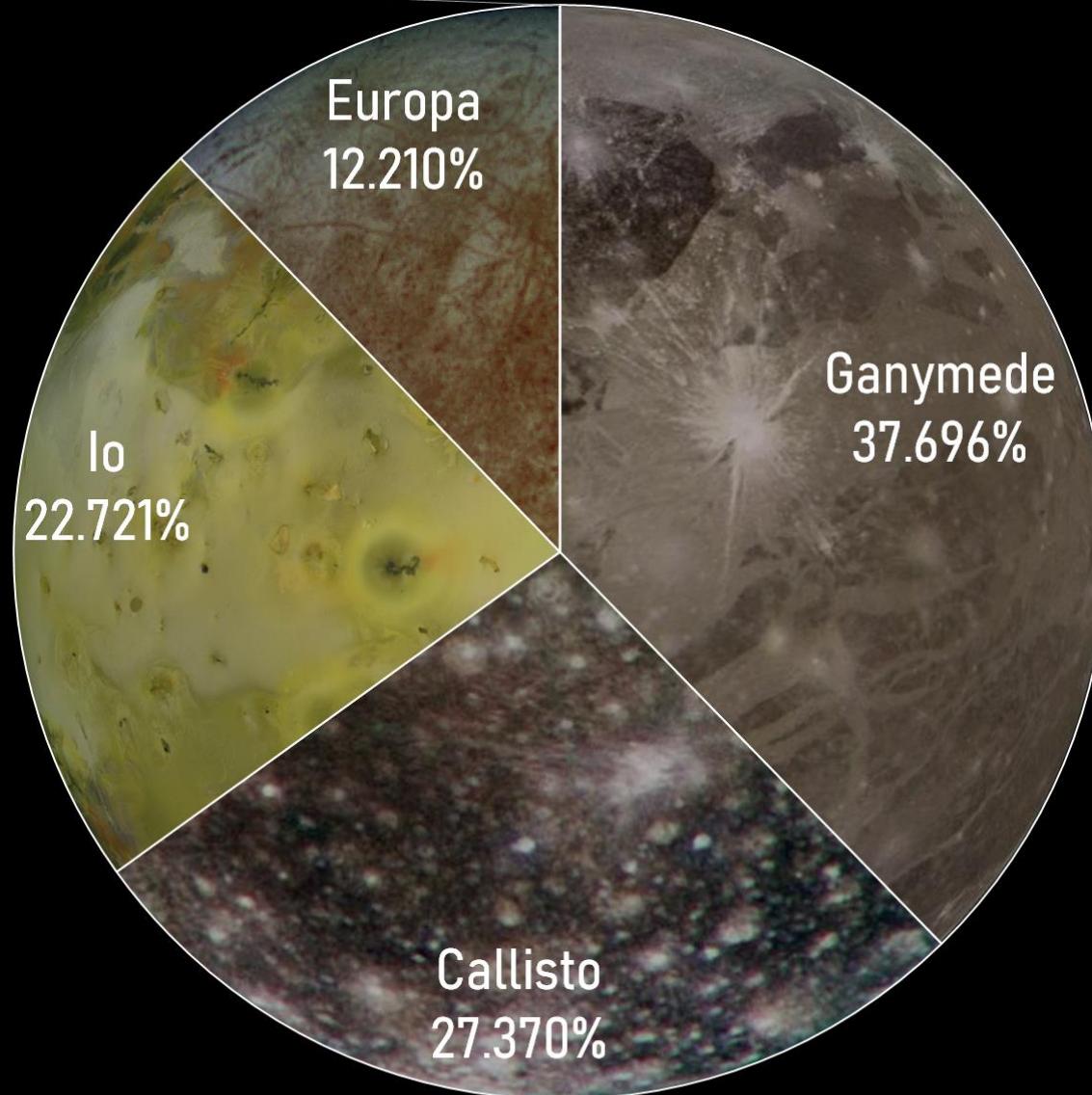
Dwarf planet	Ceres	Pluto	Haumea	Makemake	Eris
Number of moons	0	5	2	1	1



Order [note 3] ♦	Label [note 4] ♦	Name ♦	Pronunciation	Image	Abs. magn.	Diameter (km)[note 5] ♦	Mass ( $\times 10^{16}$ ♦ kg)	Semi-major axis (km) <sup>[46]</sup>	Orbital period (d) <sup>[46][note 6]</sup>	Inclination (°) <sup>[46]</sup>	Eccentr. [41]	Discovery year <sup>[23]</sup> ♦	Discoverer <sup>[23]</sup> ♦	Group [note 7] ♦	
1	XVI	Metis	/mətɪs/		10.5	60 × 40 × 34	≈3.6		128 852	+7h 10m 16s	2.226	0.0077	1979	Synnott (Voyager 1)	Inner
2	XV	Adrastea	/ə'dræstɪə/		12.0	20 × 16 × 14	≈0.2		129 000	+7h 15m 21s	2.217	0.0063	1979	Jewitt (Voyager 2)	Inner
3	V	Amalthea	/ə'mælθiə/ <sup>[47]</sup>		7.1	250 × 146 × 128 (167 ± 4.0)	208		181 366	+12h 01m 46s	2.565	0.0075	1892	Barnard	Inner
4	XIV	Thebe	/θibē/		9.0	116 × 98 × 84	≈43		222 452	+16h 16m 02s	2.909	0.0180	1979	Synnott (Voyager 1)	Inner
5	I	Io♦	/aɪoʊ/		-1.7	3 660.0 ×3 637.4 ×3 630.6	8 931 900		421 700	+1.7691	0.050 <sup>[48]</sup>	0.0041	1610	Galilei	Galilean
6	II	Europa♦	/jʊə'rōpə/ <sup>[49]</sup>		-1.4	3 121.6	4 800 000		671 034	+3.5512	0.471 <sup>[48]</sup>	0.0094	1610	Galilei	Galilean
7	III	Ganymede♦	/gænɪmɛd/ <sup>[50][51]</sup>		-2.1	5 262.4	14 819 000		1 070 412	+7.1546	0.204 <sup>[48]</sup>	0.0011	1610	Galilei	Galilean
8	IV	Callisto♦	/kə'listoʊ/		-1.2	4 820.6	10 759 000		1 882 709	+16.689	0.205 <sup>[48]</sup>	0.0074	1610	Galilei	Galilean
9	XVIII	Themisto†	/θɪ'mɪstɔʊ/		13.5	8	0.069		7 393 216	+129.87	45.762	0.2115	1975/2000	Kowal & Roemer/ Sheppard et al.	Themisto
10	XIII	Leda†	/lɛdə/		12.8	16	0.6		11 187 781	+240.82	27.562	0.1673	1974	Kowal	Himalia
11	VI	Himalia†	/hɪ'mæliə/		8.3	170	670		11 451 971	+250.23	30.486	0.1513	1904	Perrine	Himalia
12	LXXI	S/2018 J 1†			15.9	2	0.0015		11 453 004	+250.40	30.606	0.0944	2018	Sheppard et al.	Himalia

# Relative Masses of Jovian Satellites

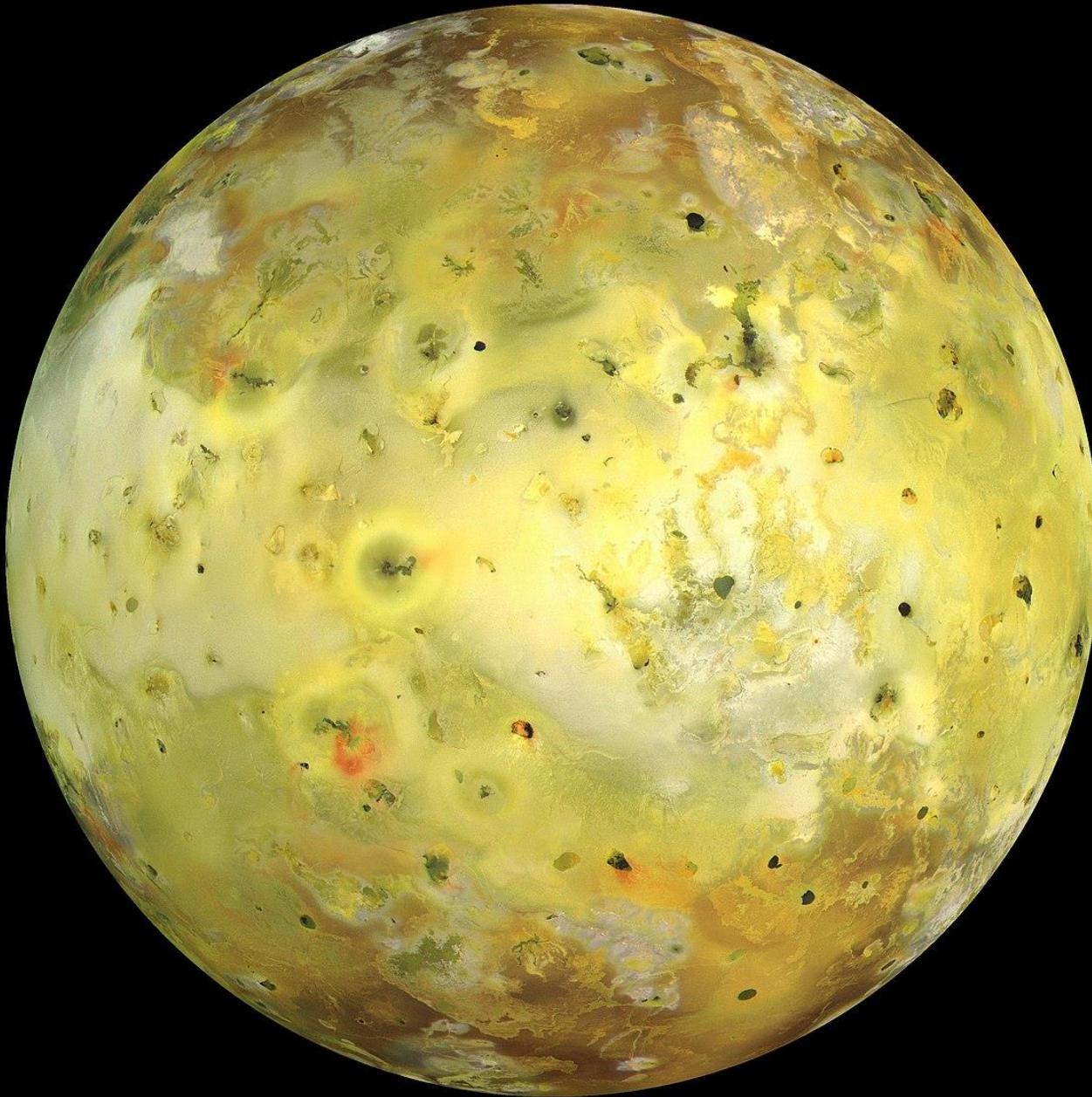
All Other  
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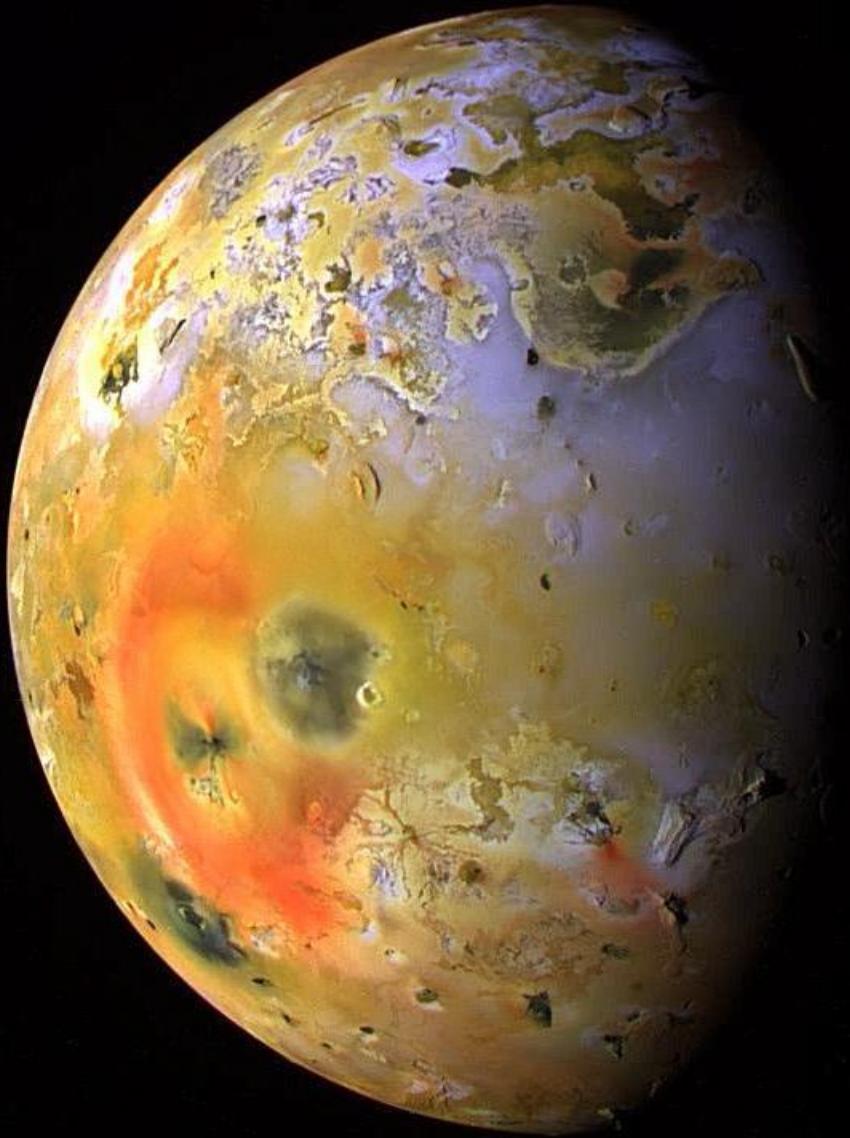


# Galilean satellites of Jupiter



Io: a volcanic moon heated by tides





# Io Surface Changes

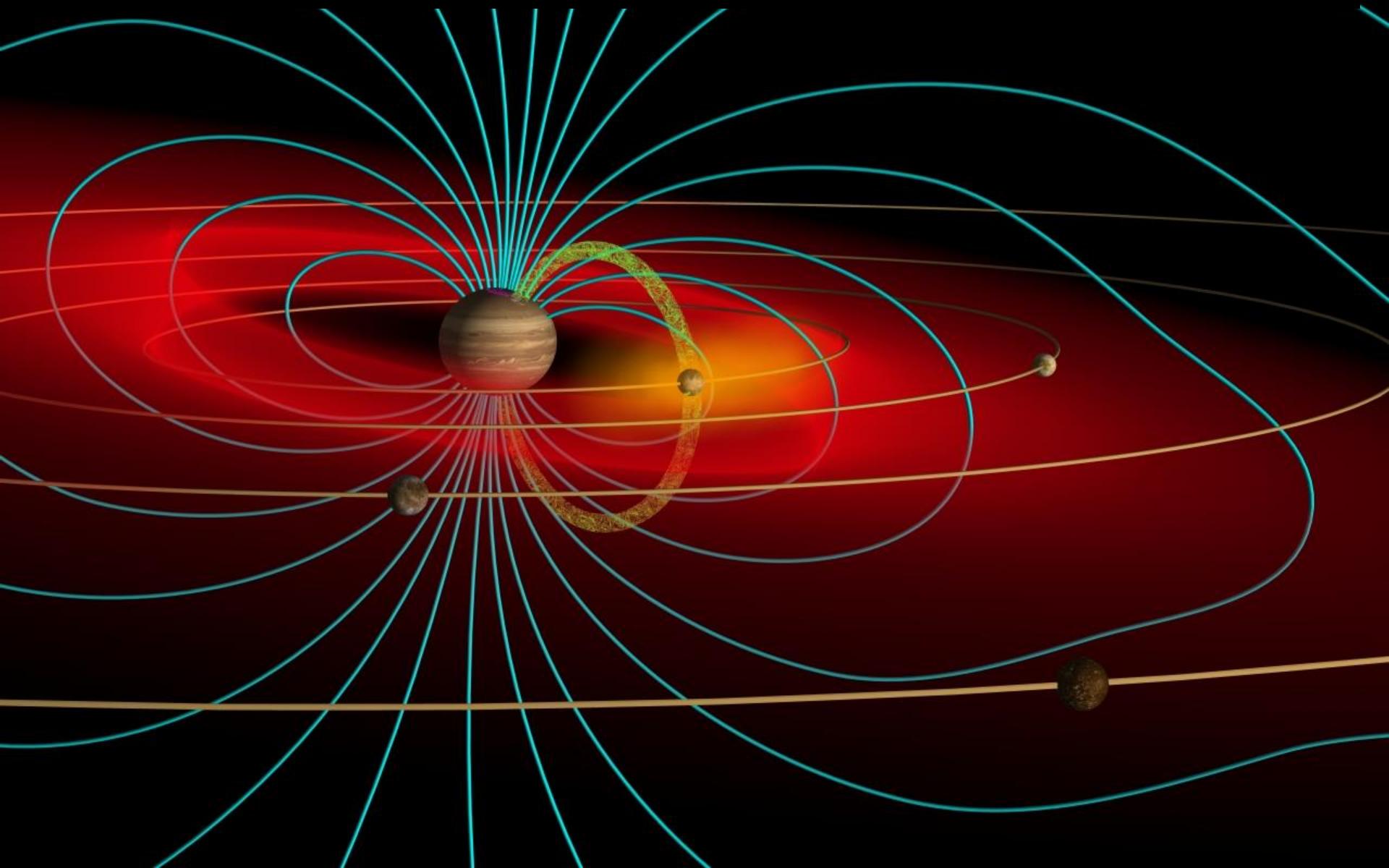
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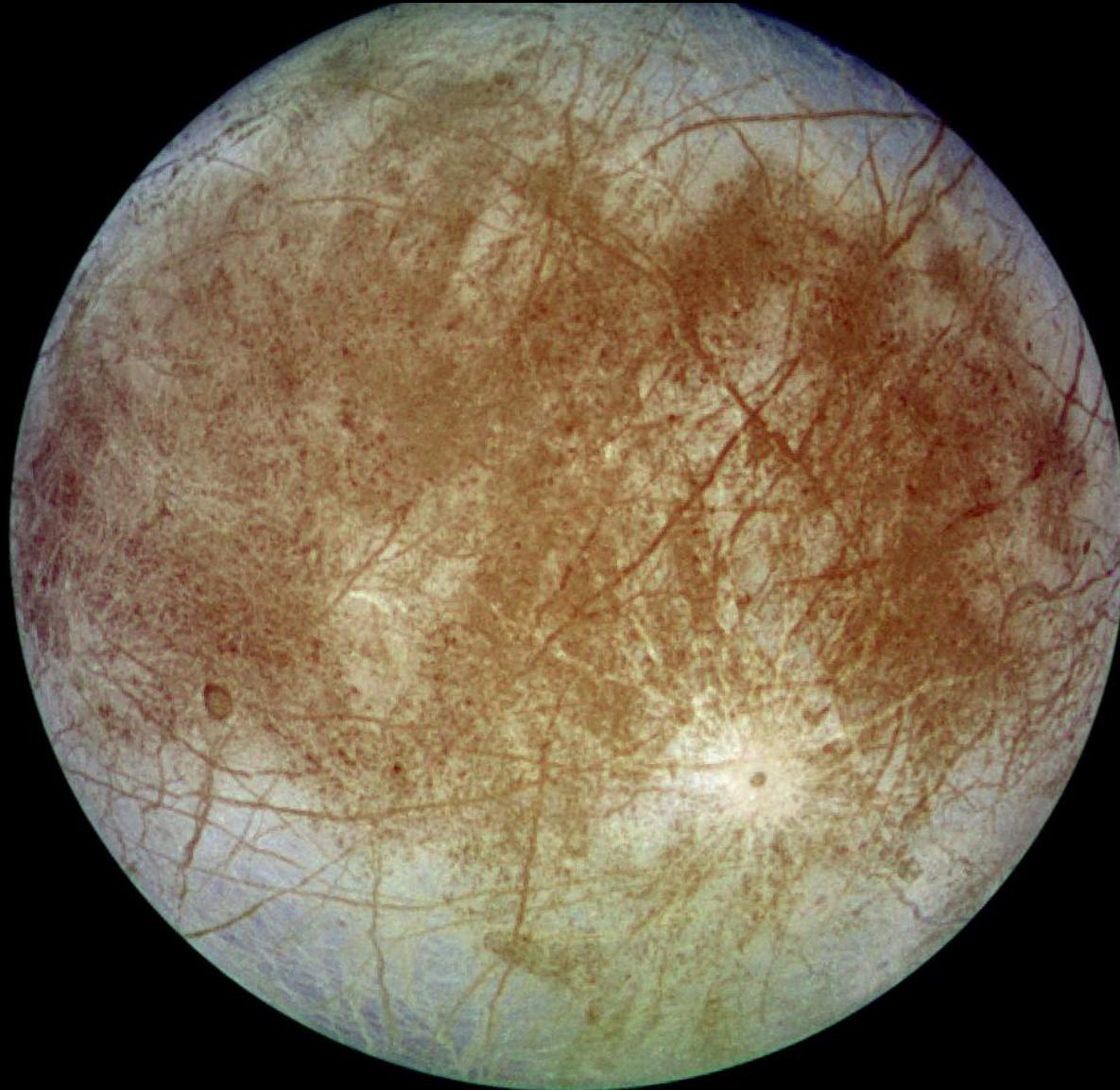
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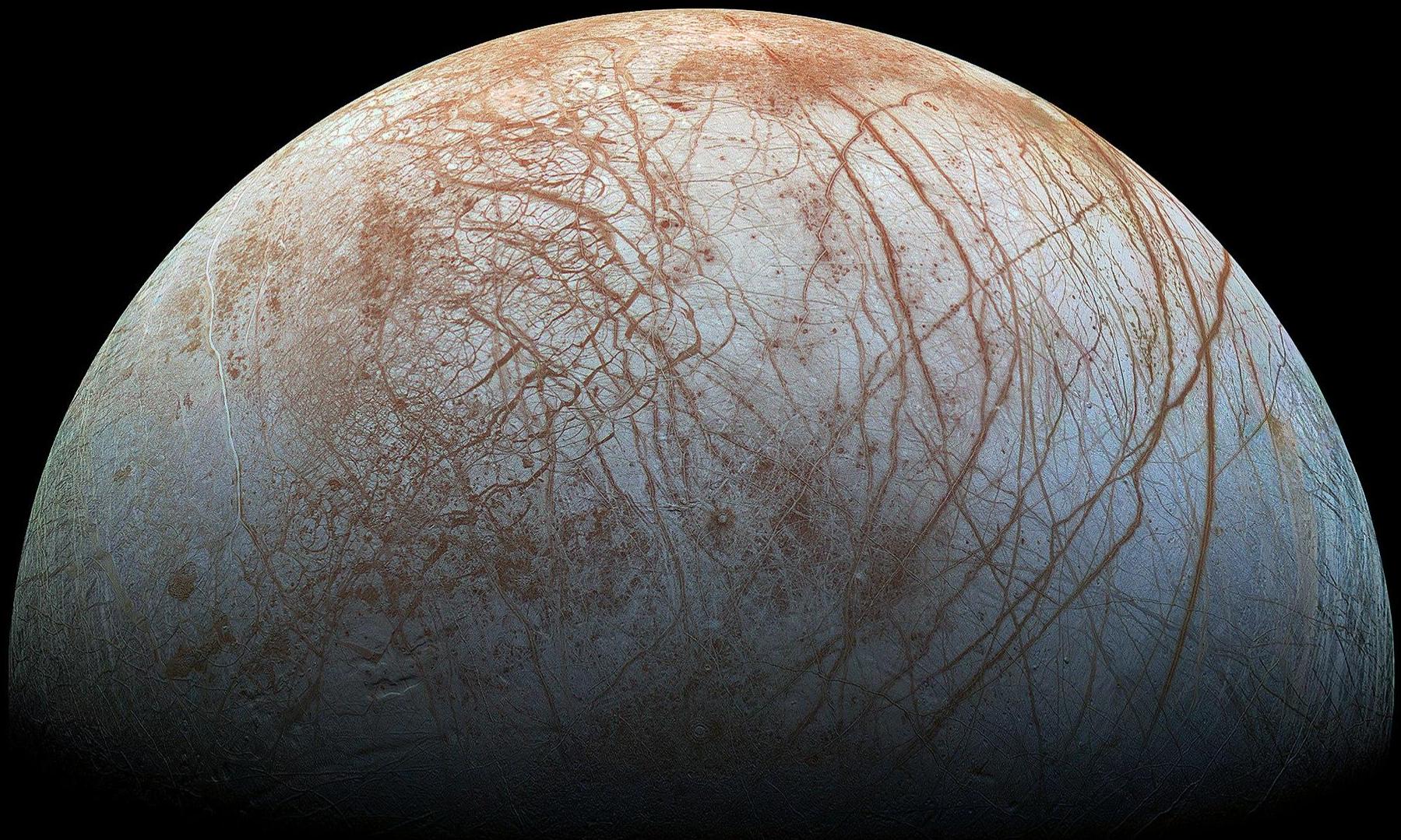


Io: cloud around Io because of Jupiter's magnetic field

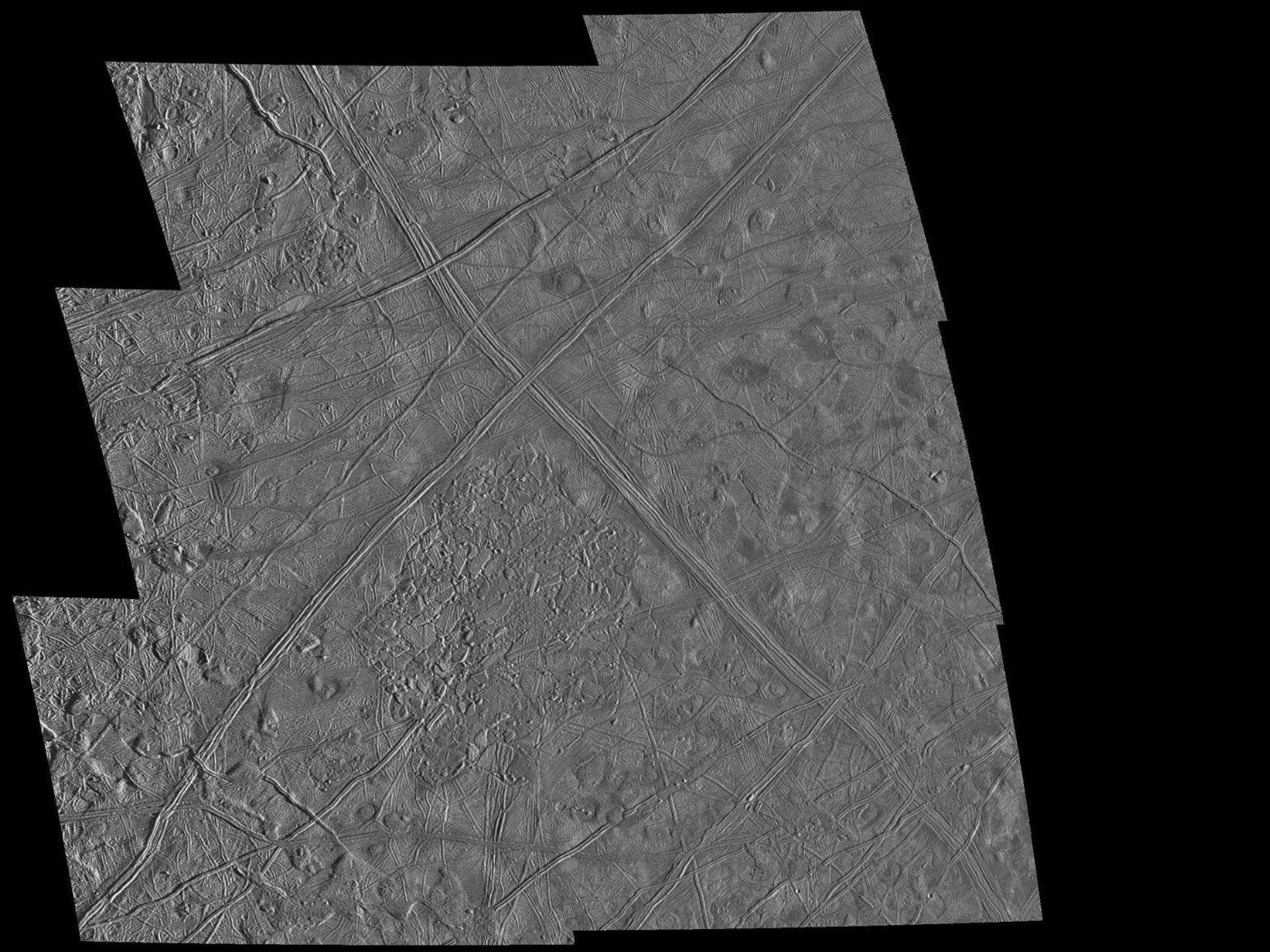


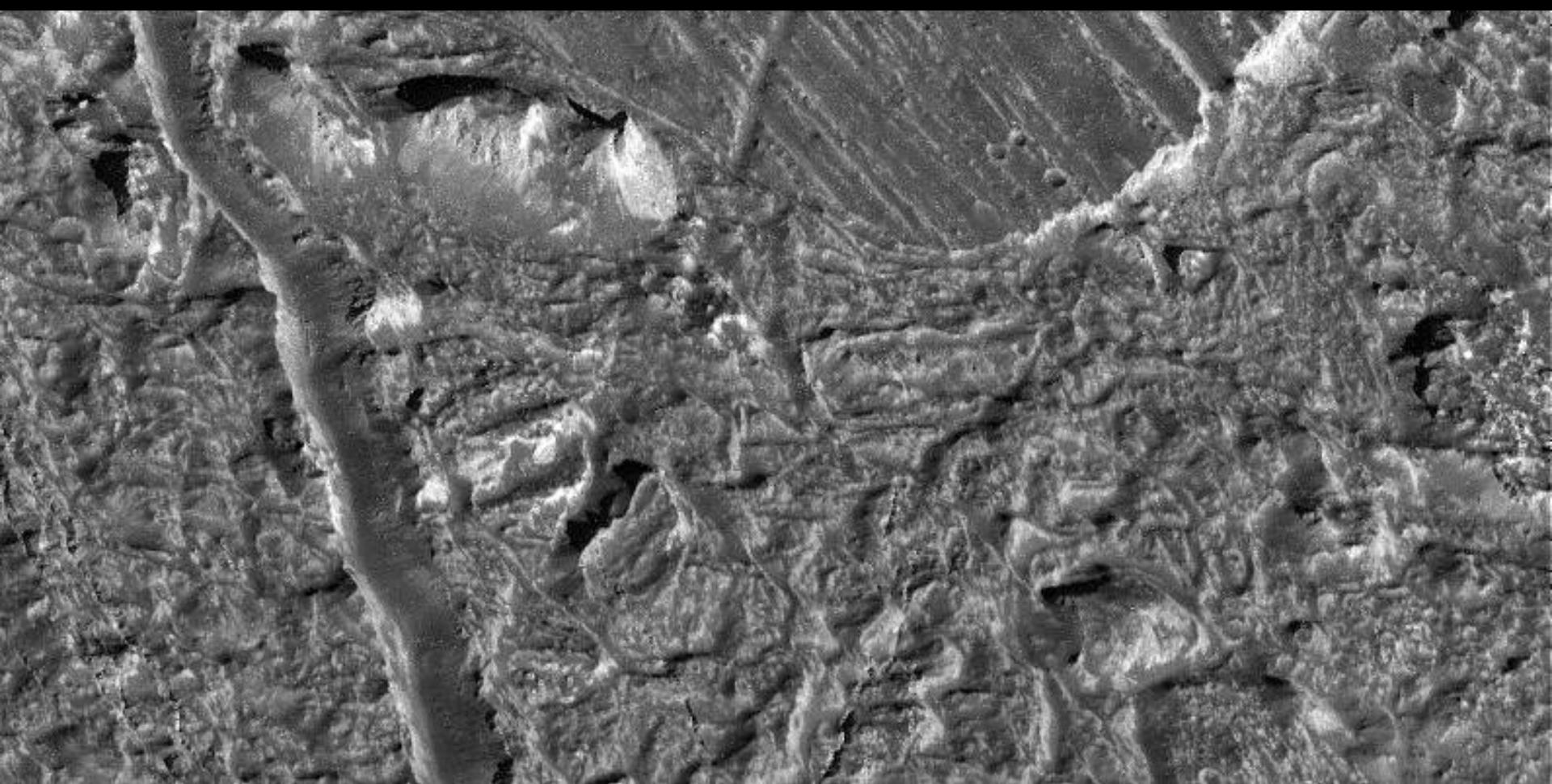
Europa: smallest of inner moons; ice world

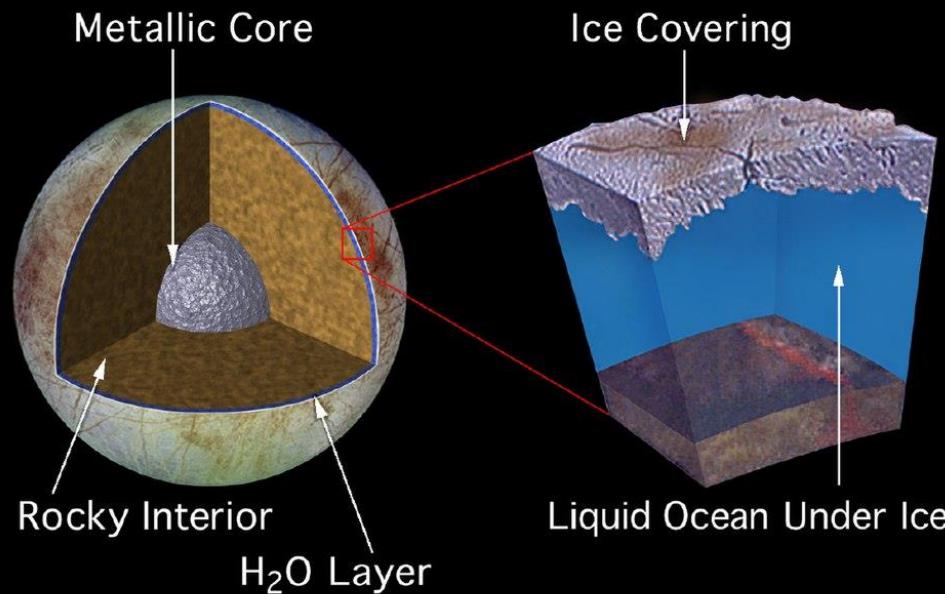
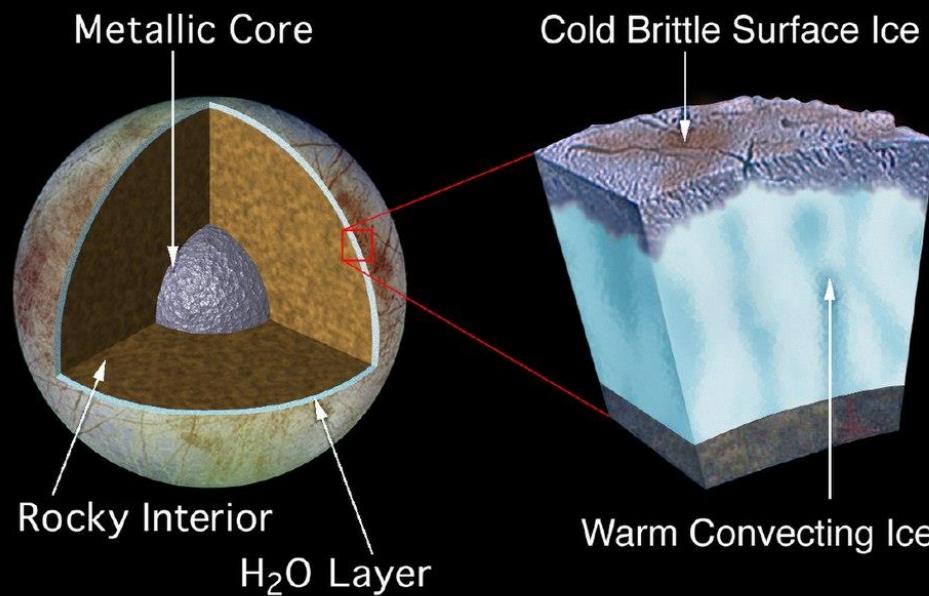


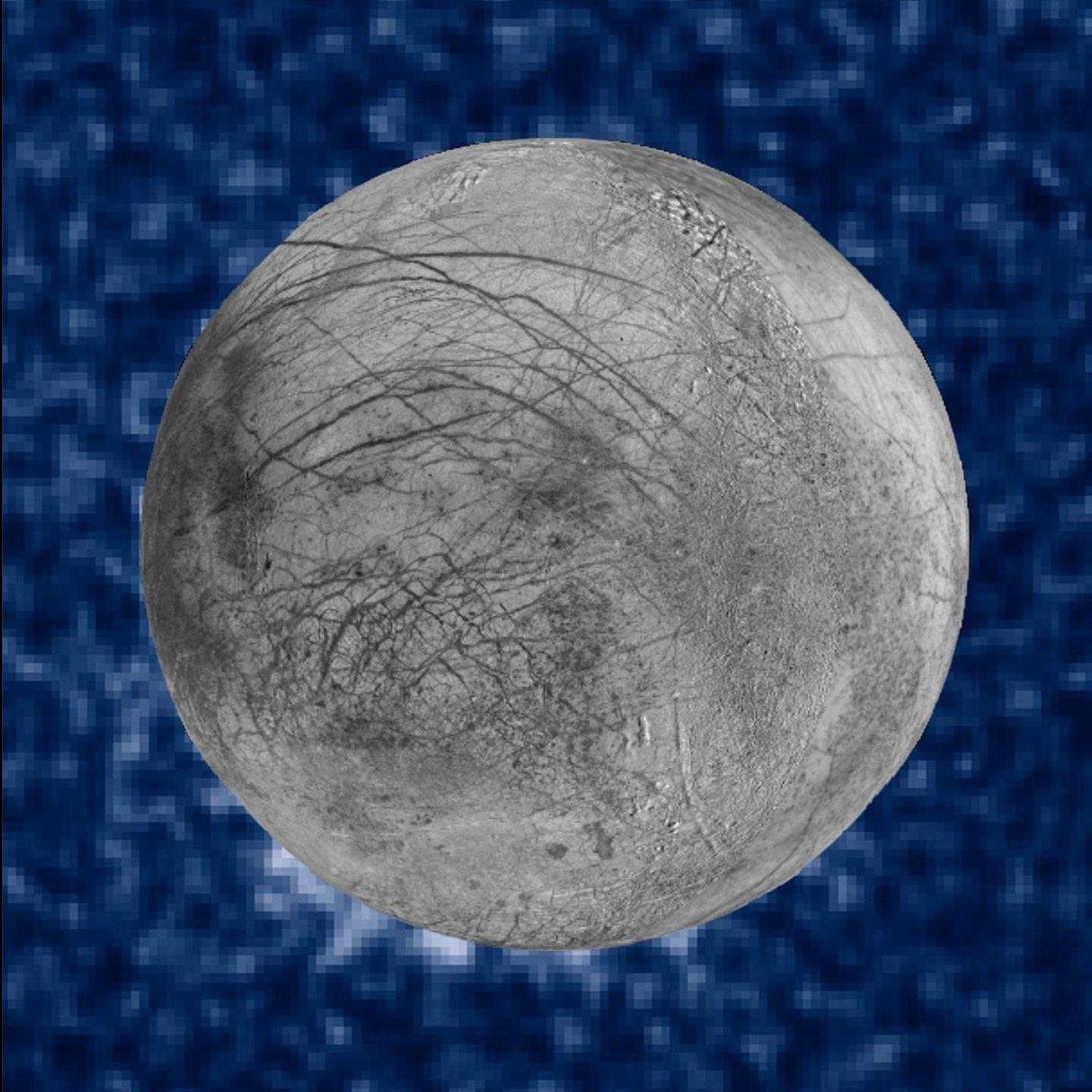


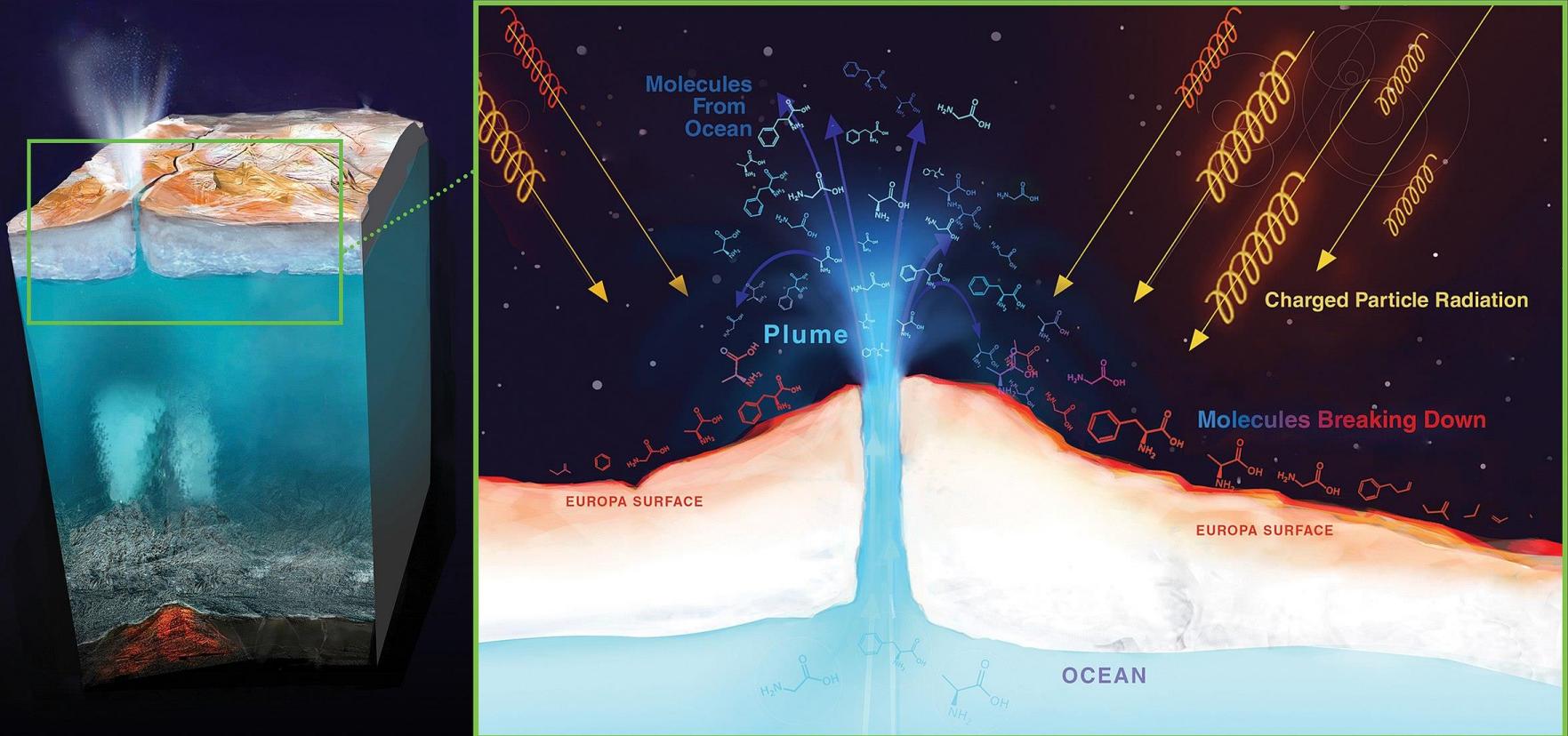






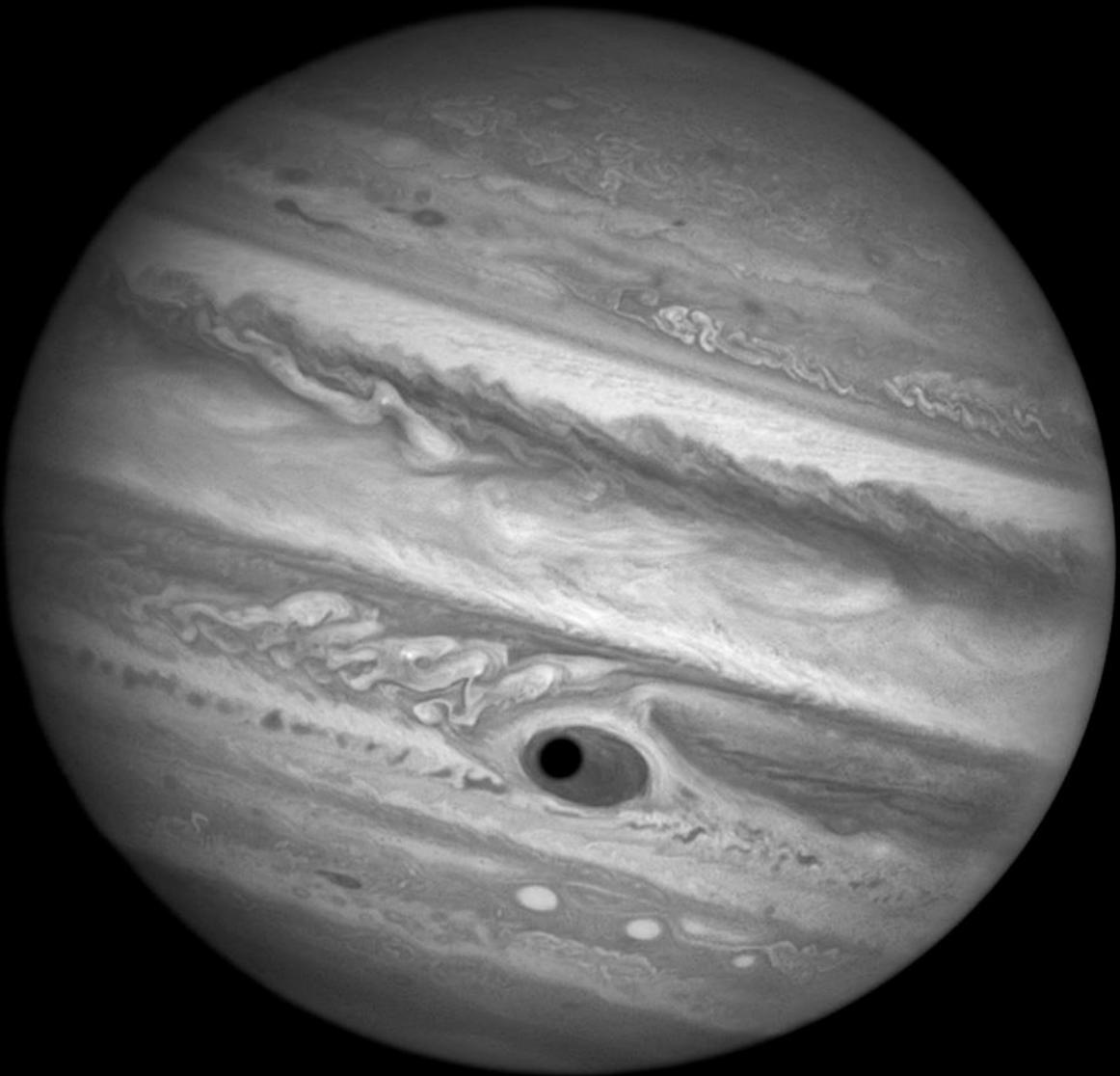


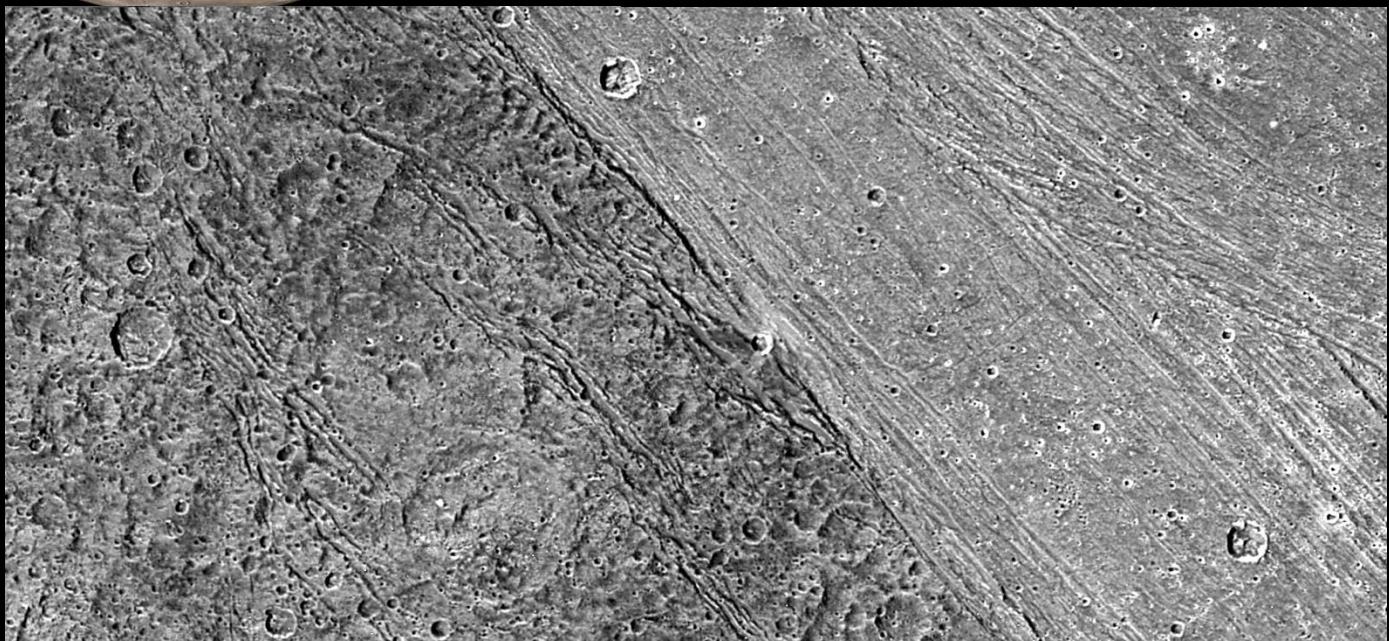


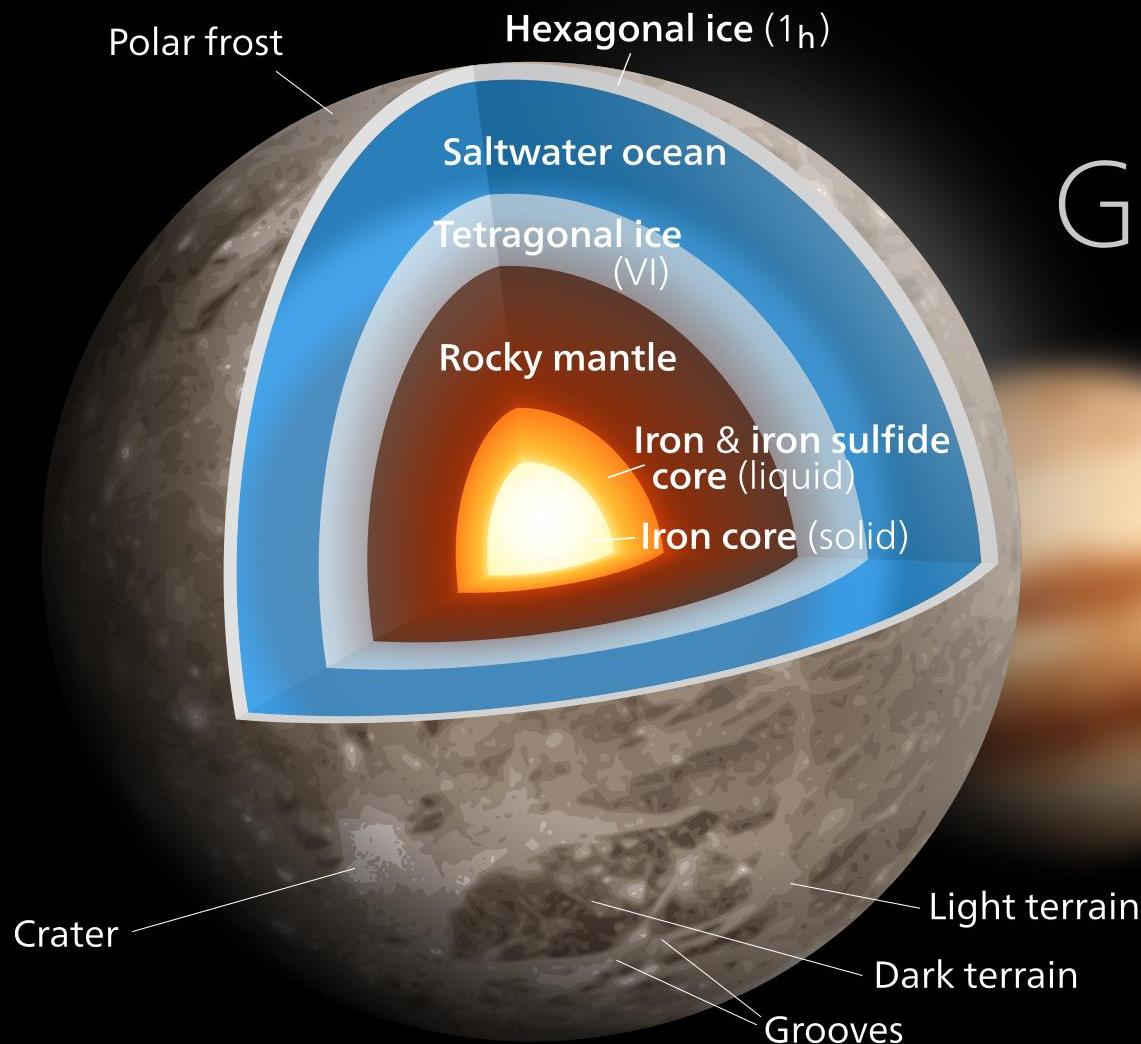


# Ganymede and Callisto



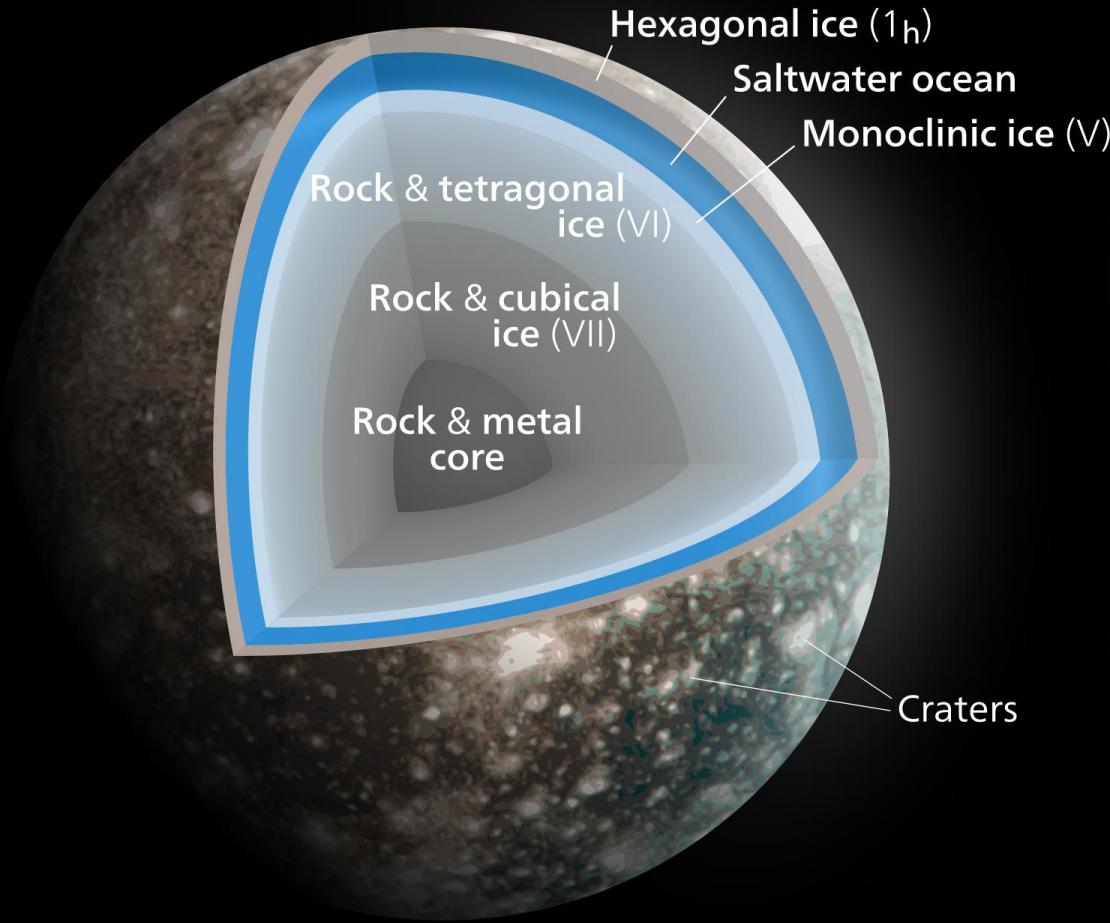






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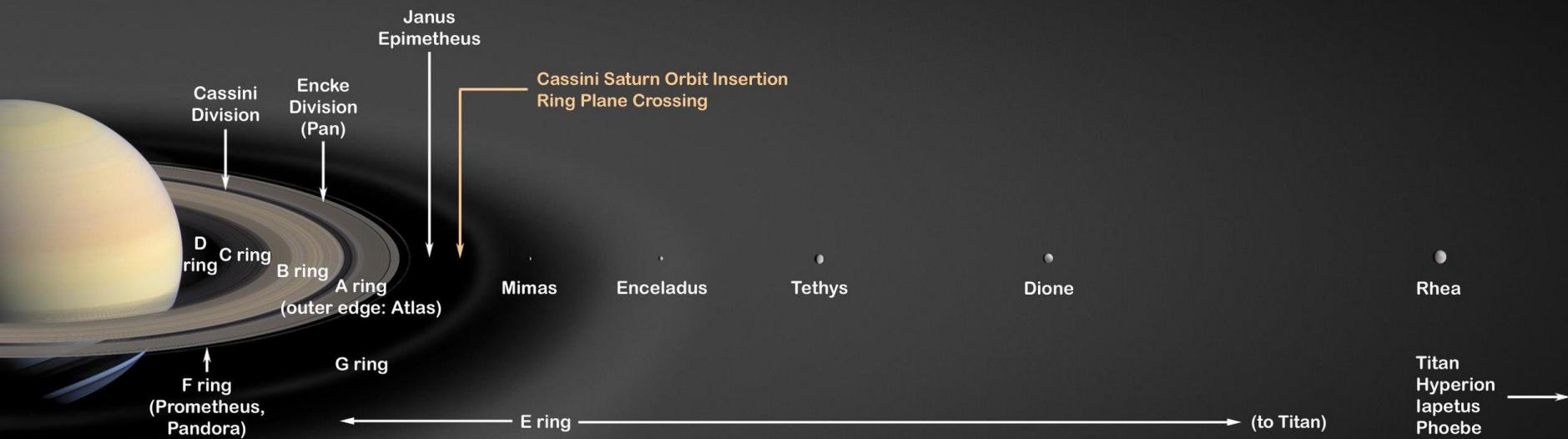
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# Callisto

SATMOD monoclinic ice model  
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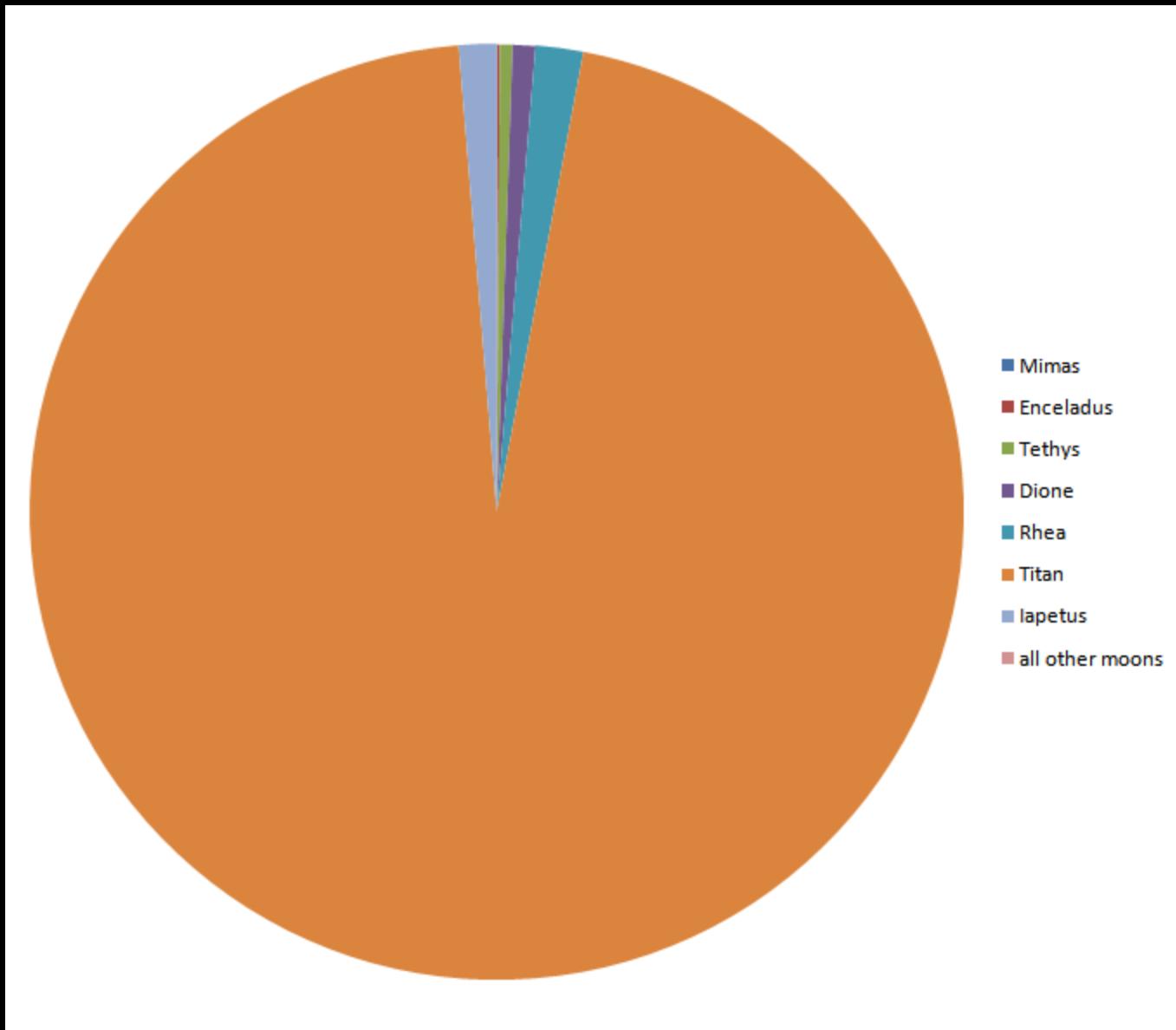
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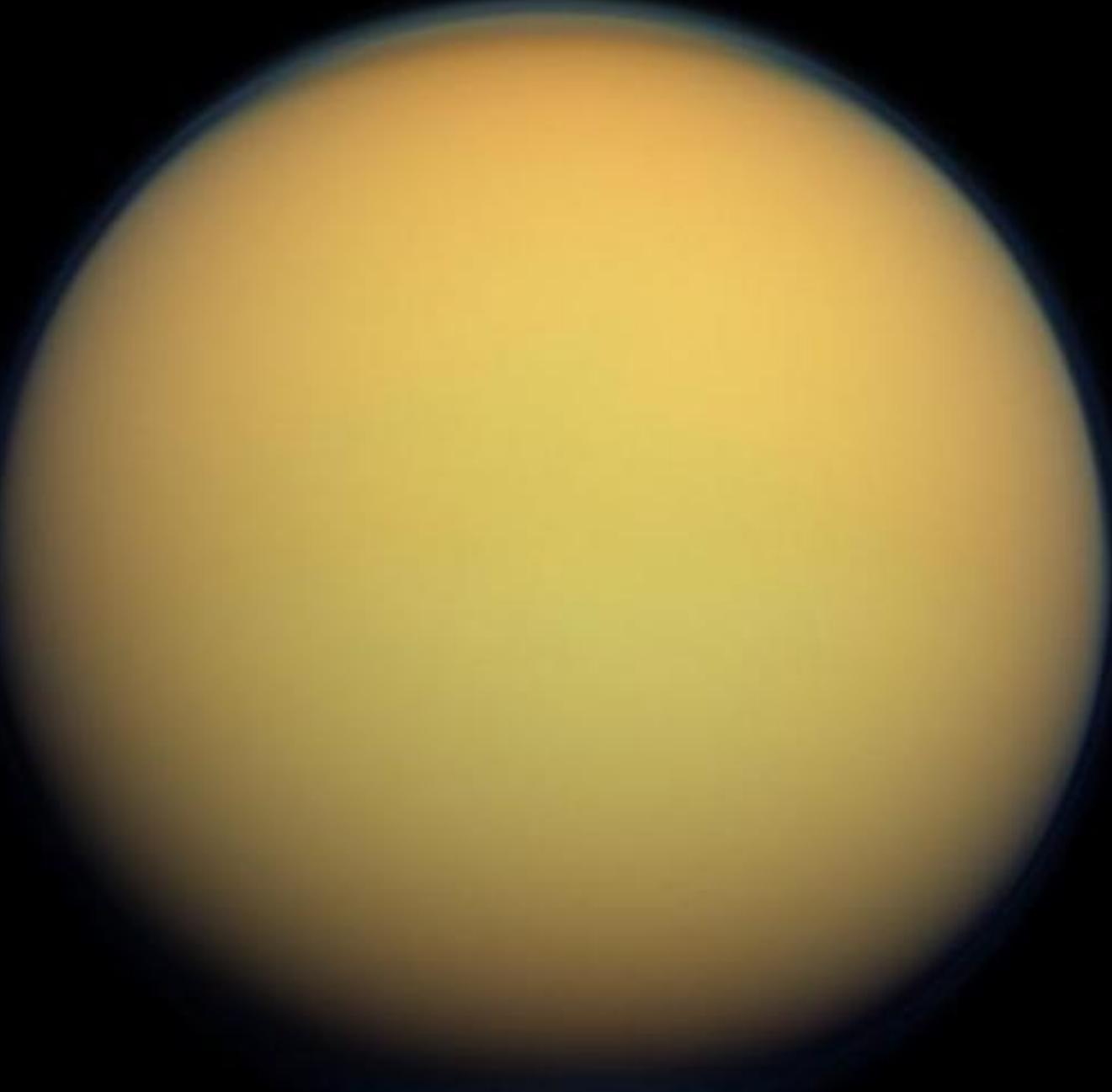
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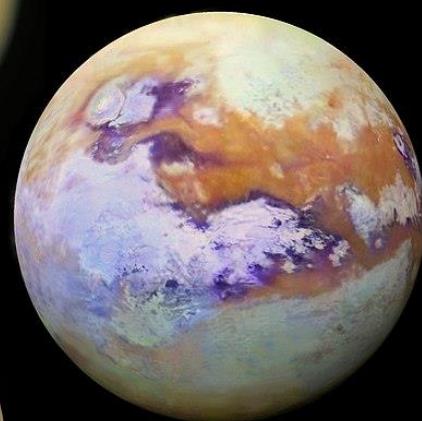
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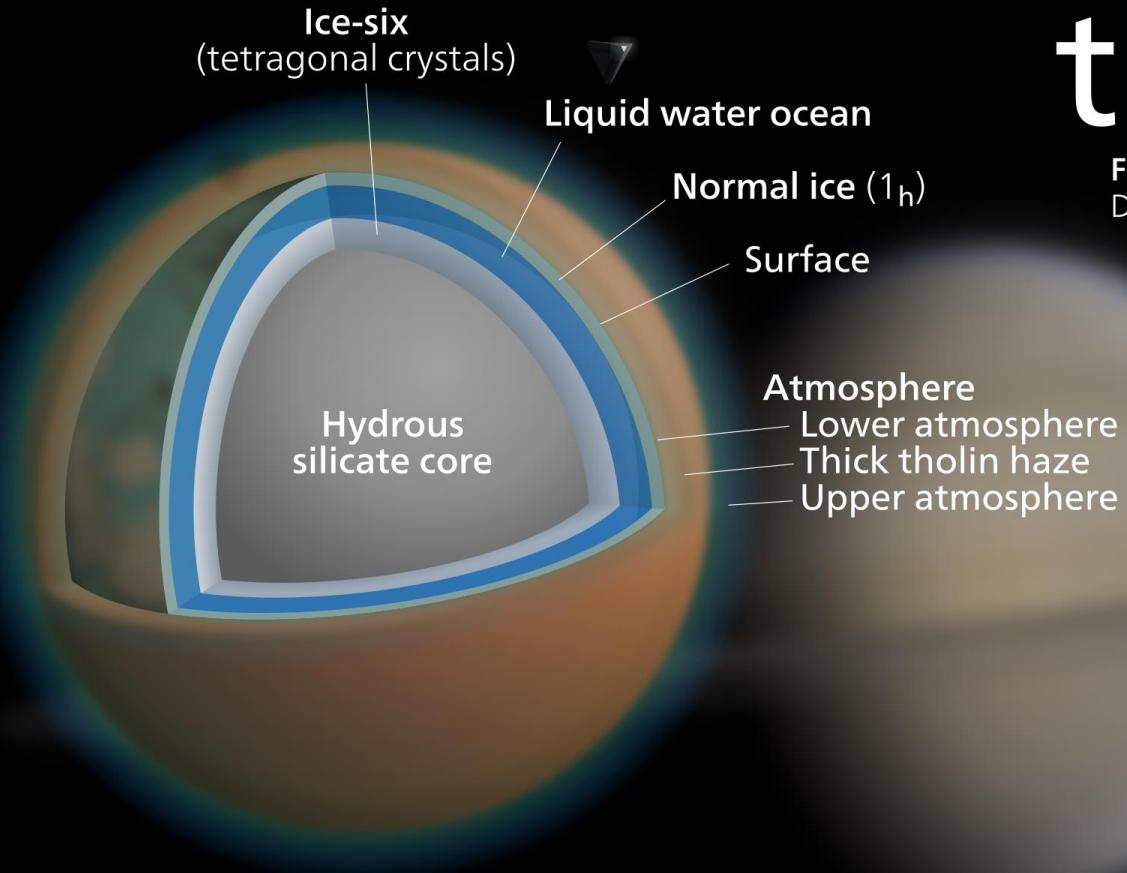


# Titan: the main moon of Saturn



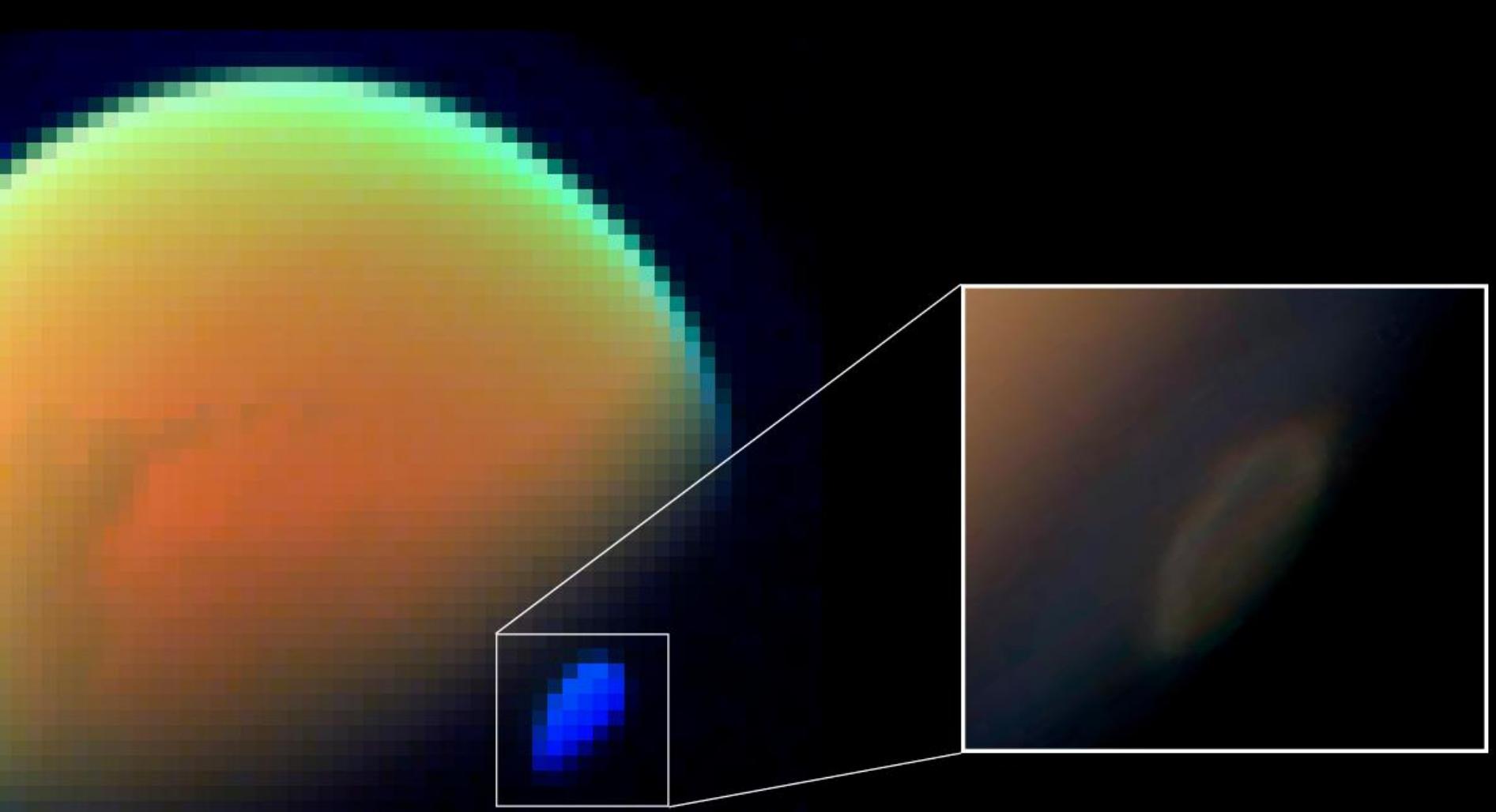


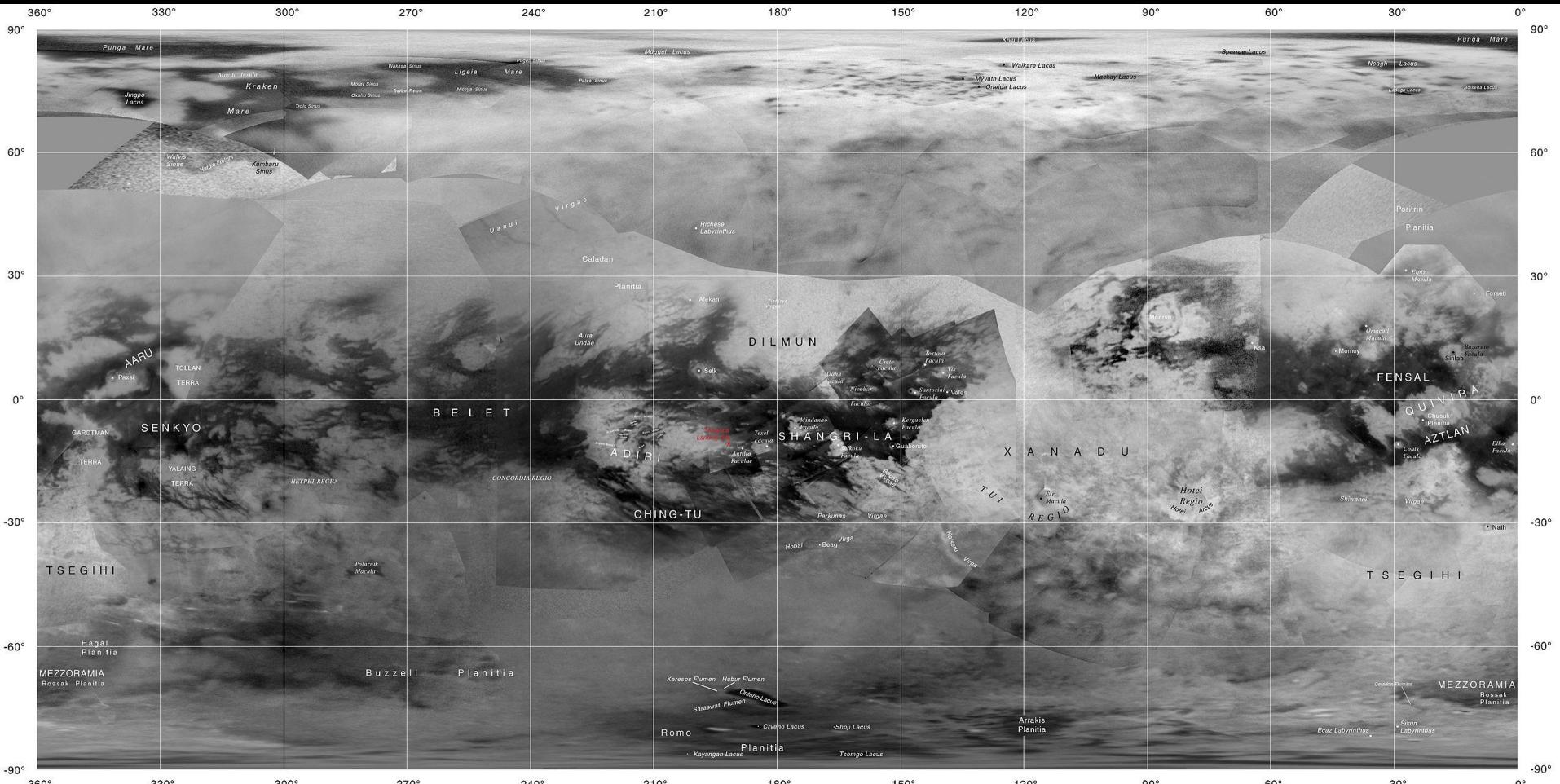


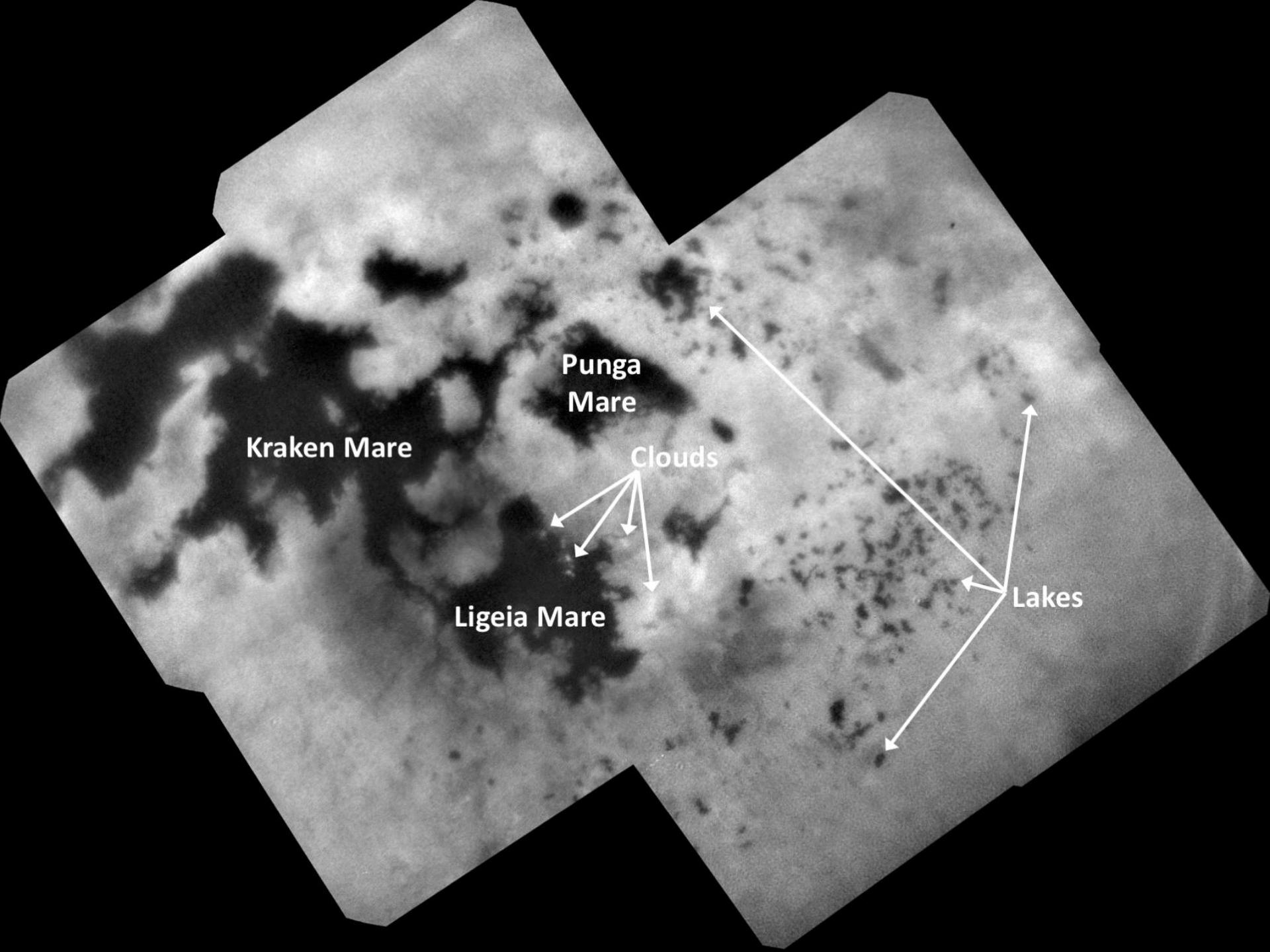


# titan

Fully differentiated dense-ocean model  
Drawn to scale







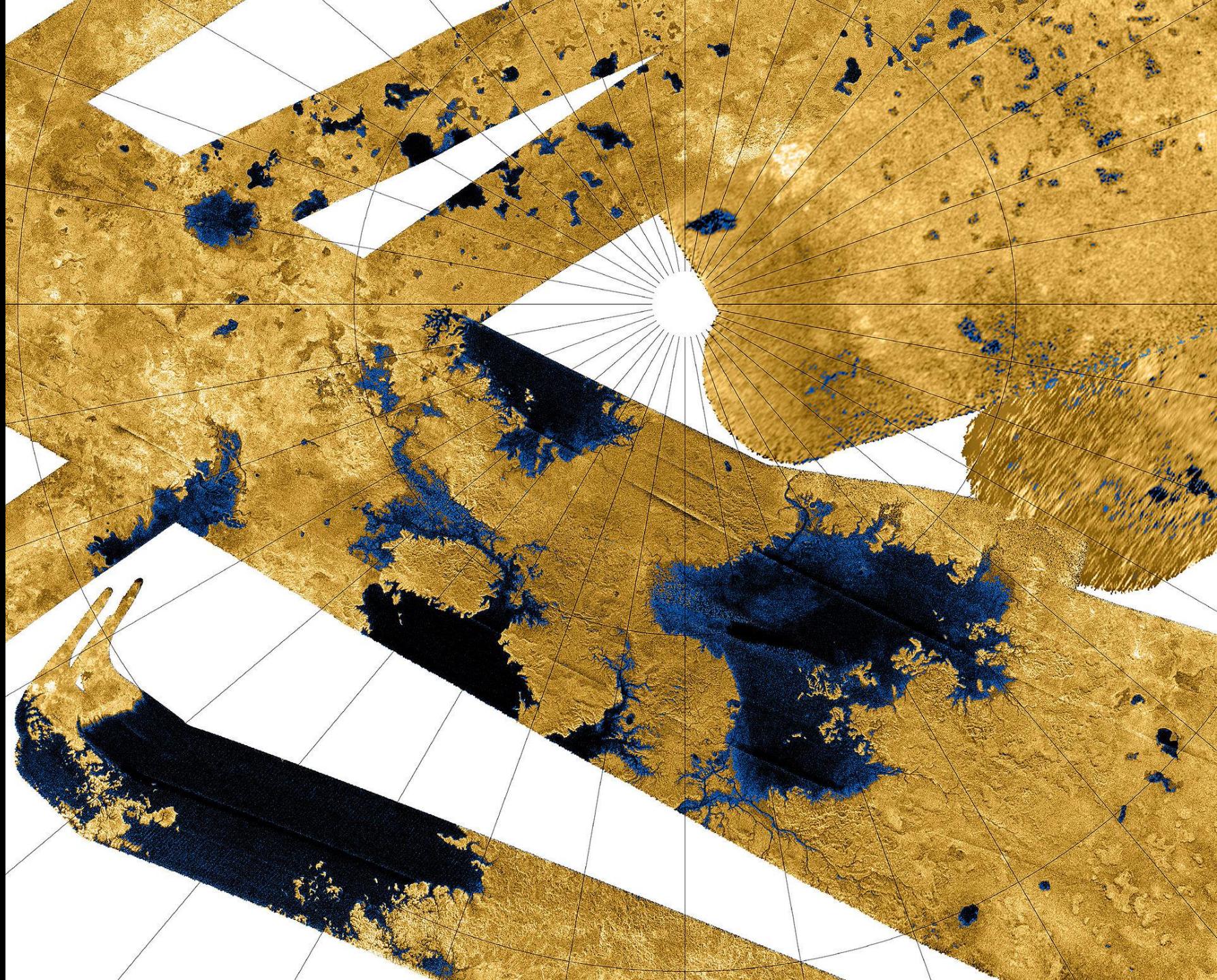
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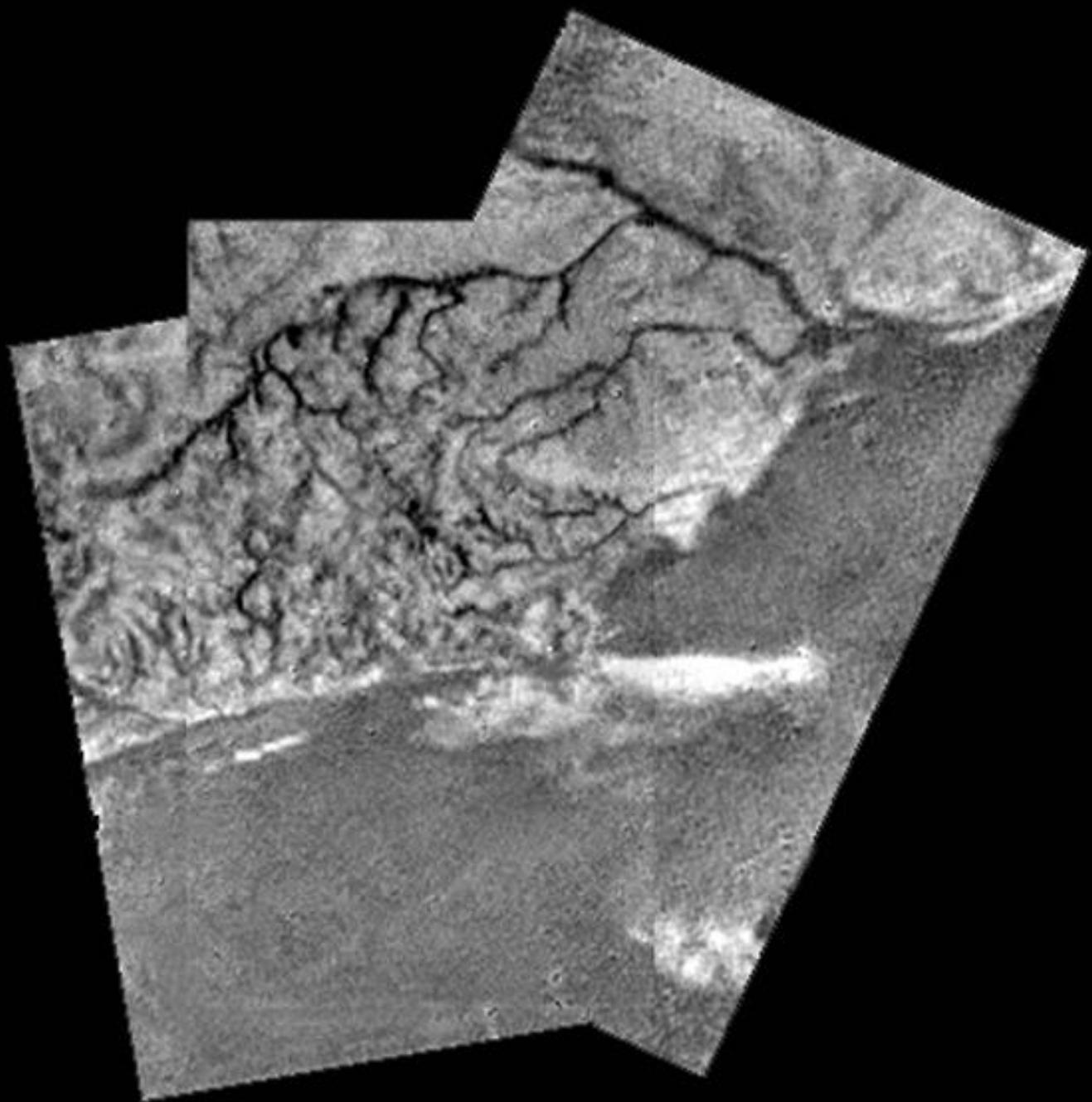
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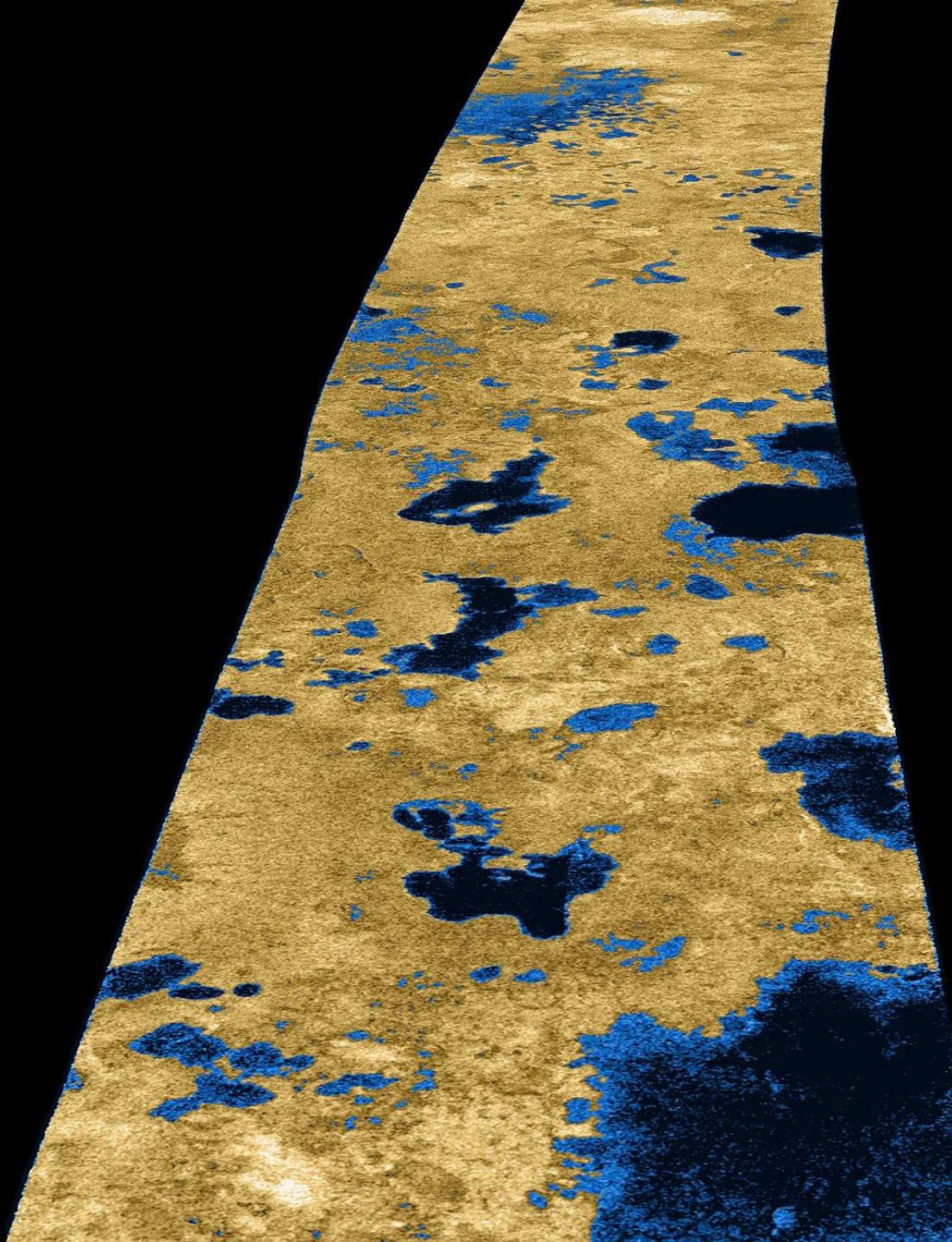
Ligeia Mare

Clouds

Lakes







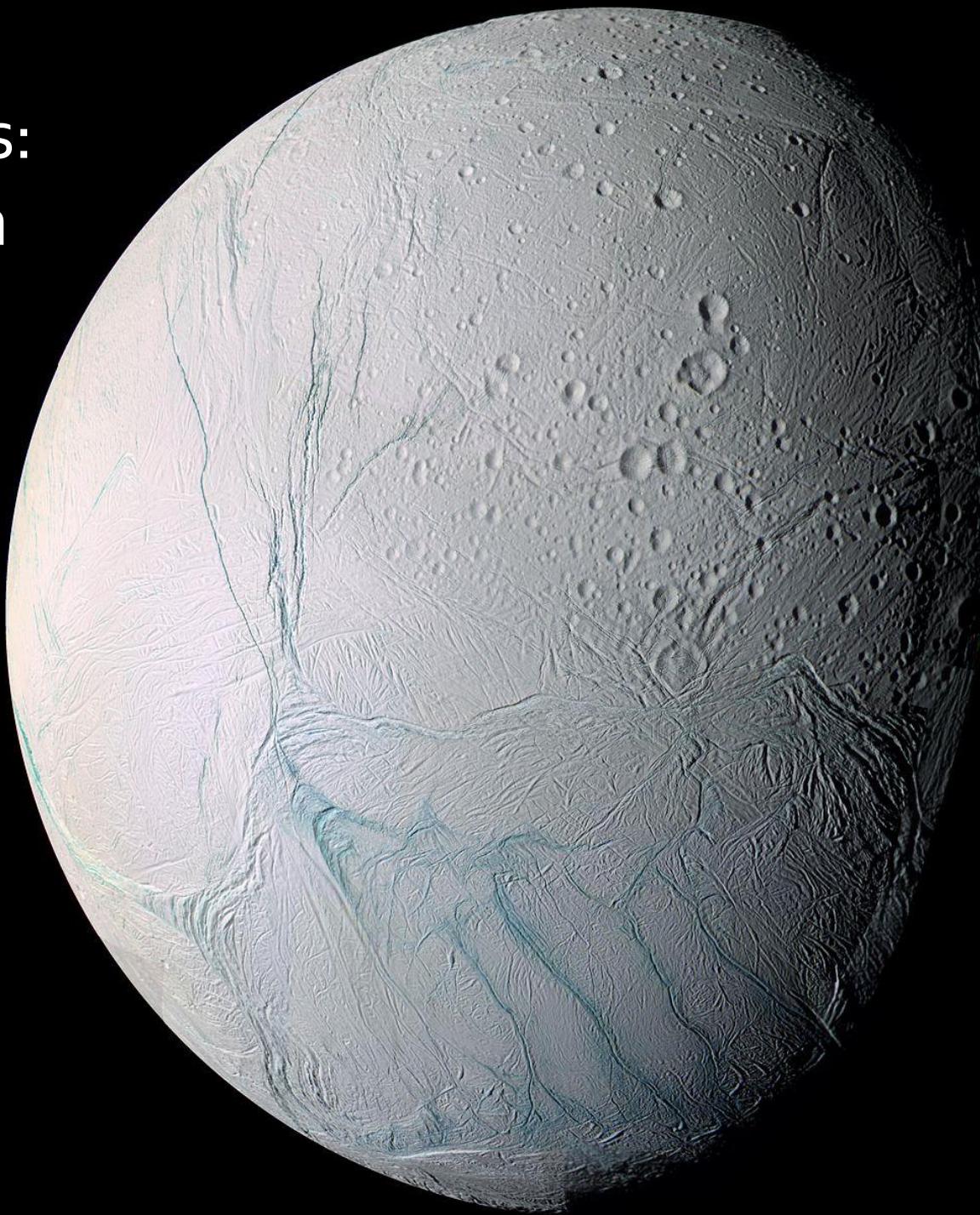


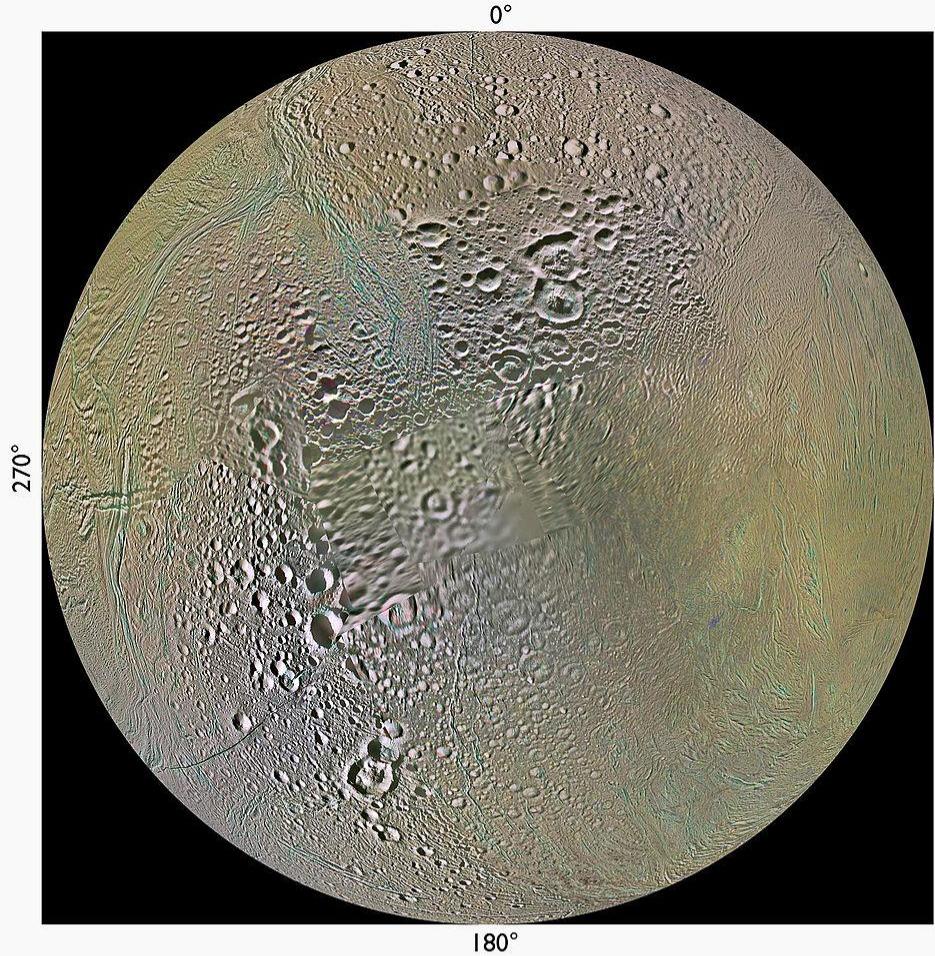




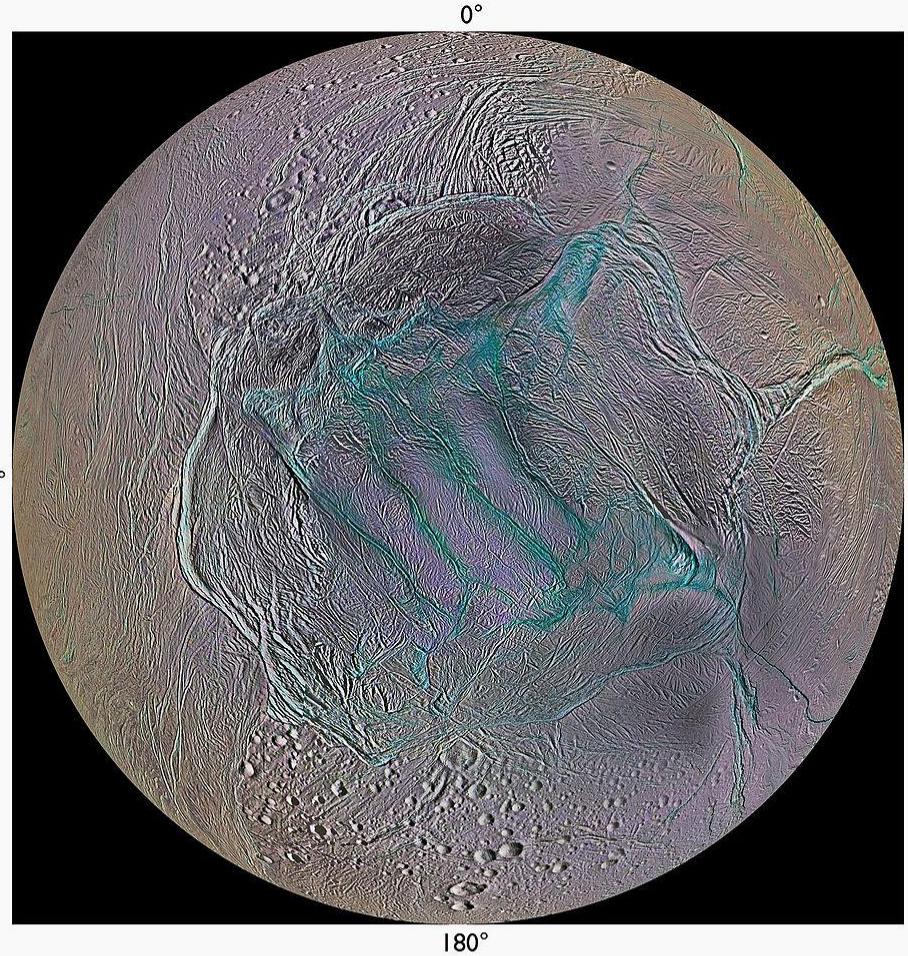
NASA/Dragonfly Mission:  
drone to Titan!

Enceladus:  
ice moon





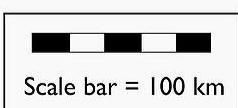
Northern Hemisphere  
Orthographic map projection at 100 meters/pixel



Southern Hemisphere  
Orthographic map projection at 100 meters/pixel

## Global 3-Color Map of Enceladus (IR3-GRN-UV3)

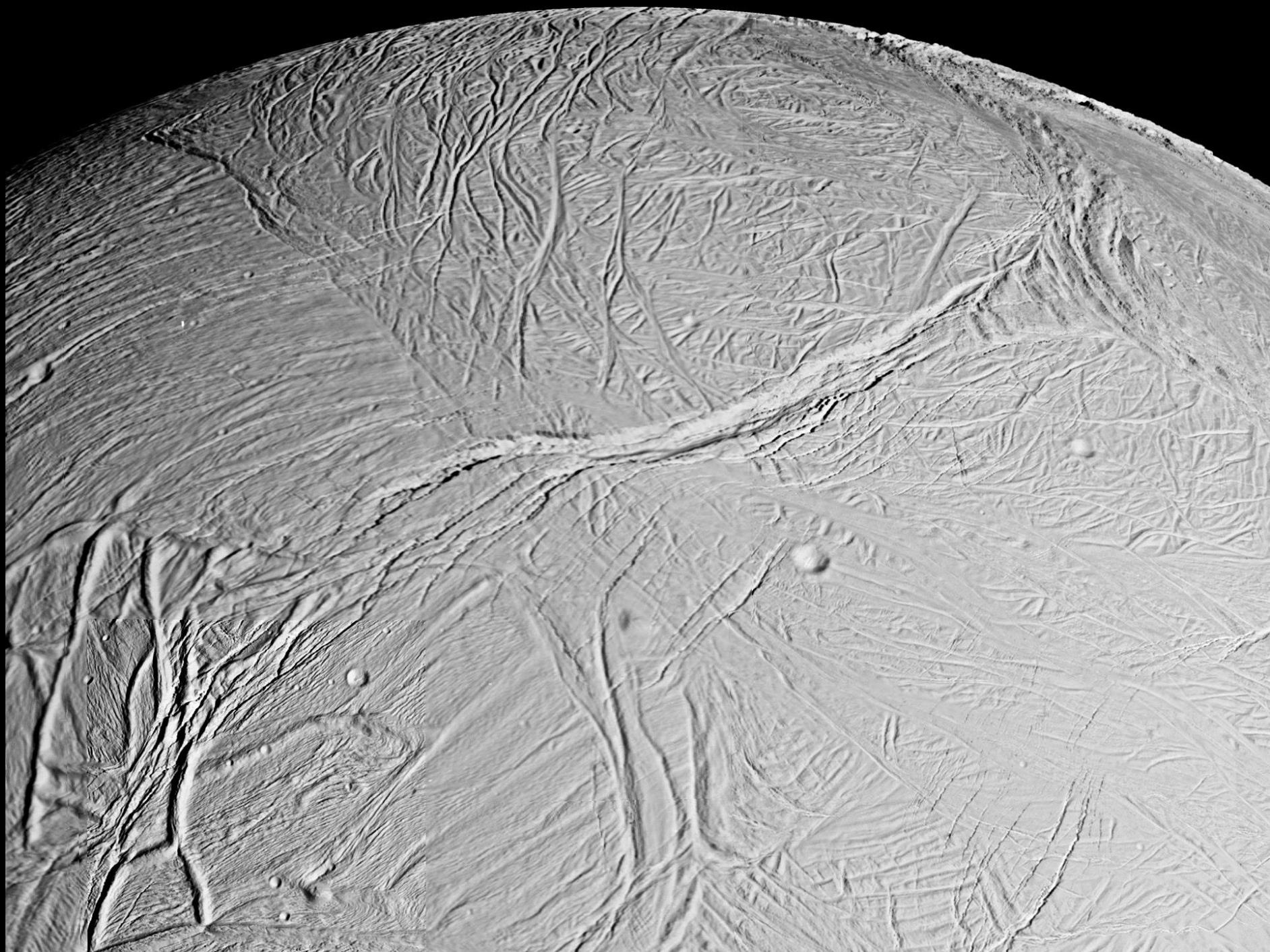
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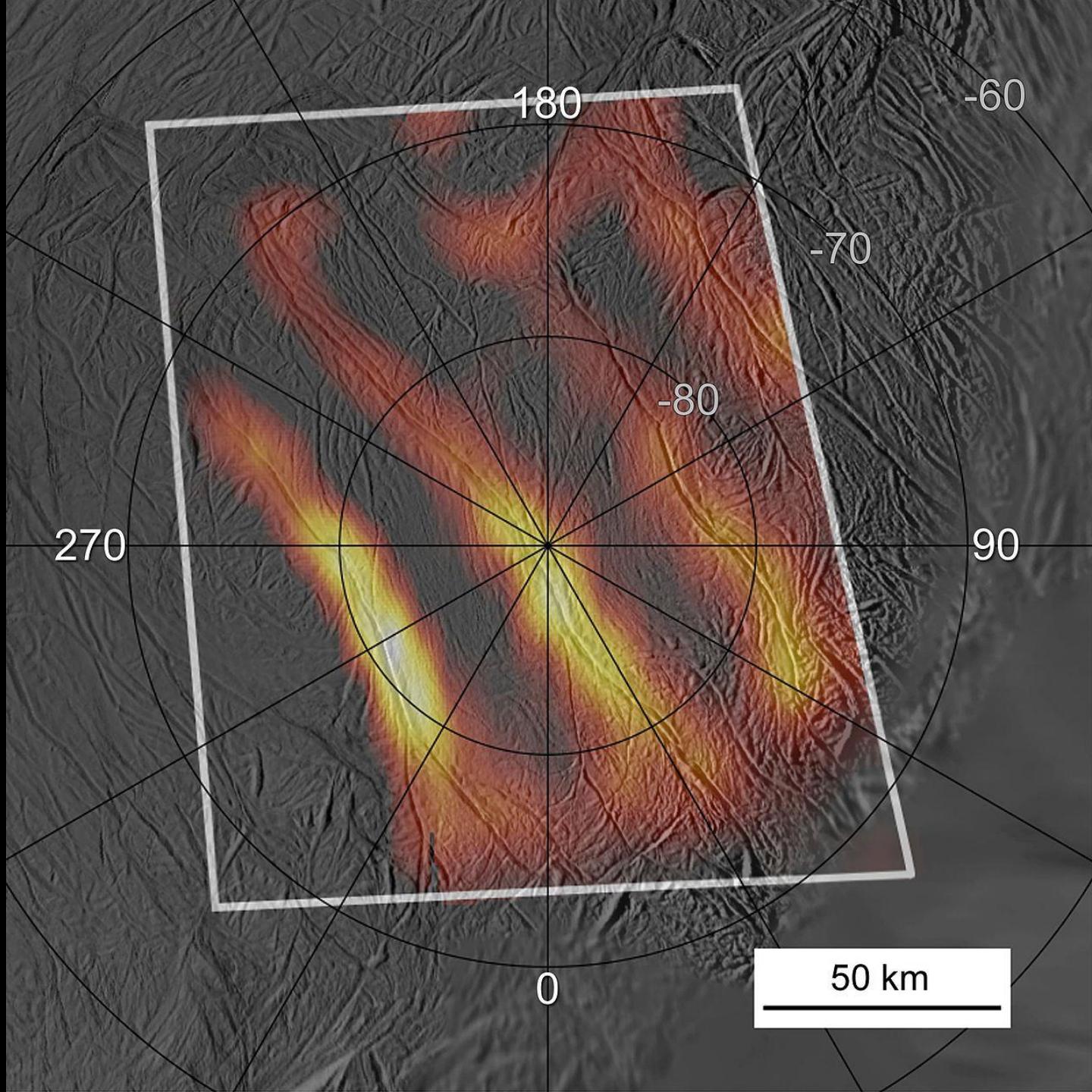


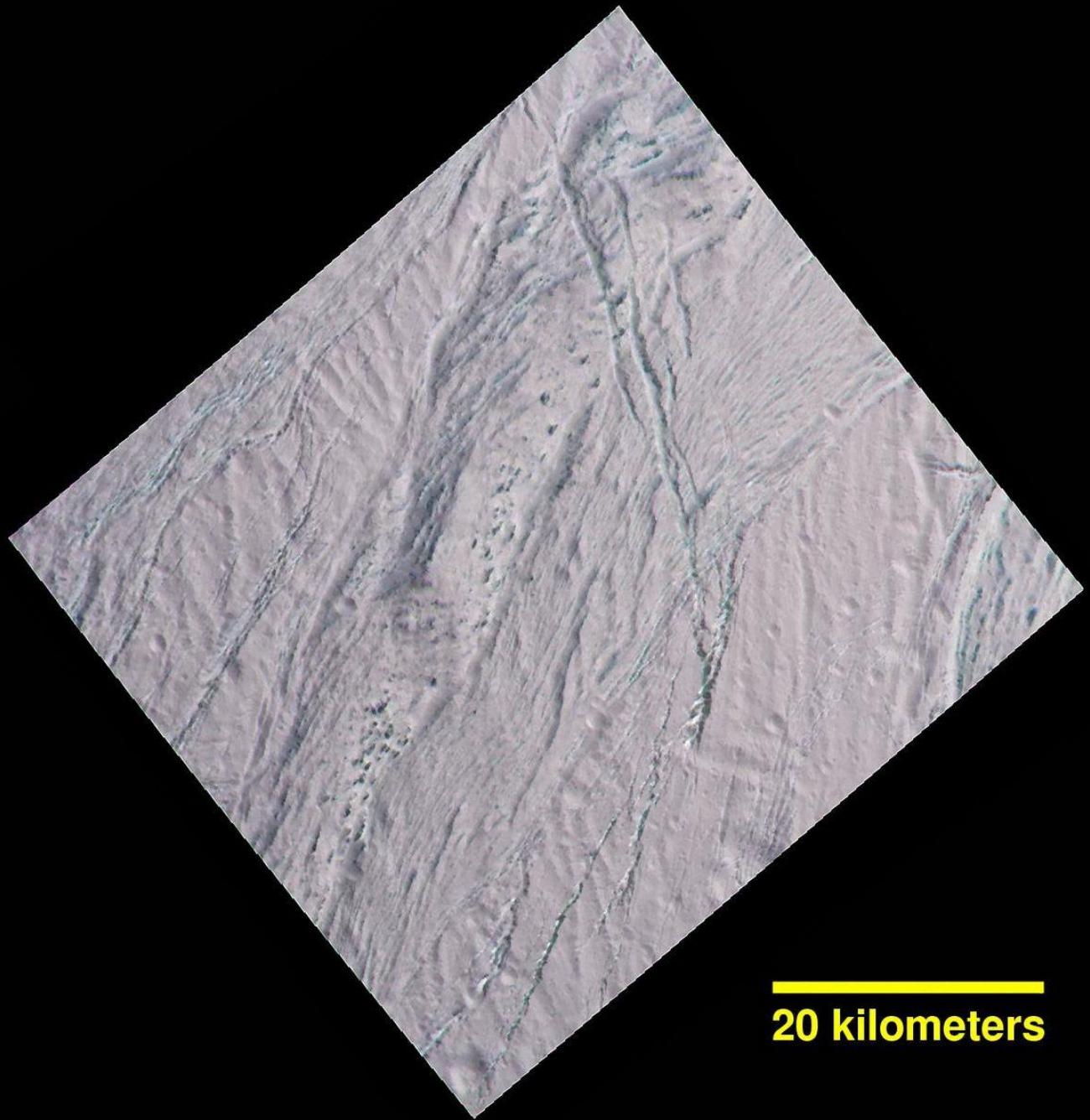
Scale bar = 100 km

Cartographic control and digital mosaic construction by Dr. Paul Schenk (LPI, Houston)  
Cassini ISS images acquired 2004-2014



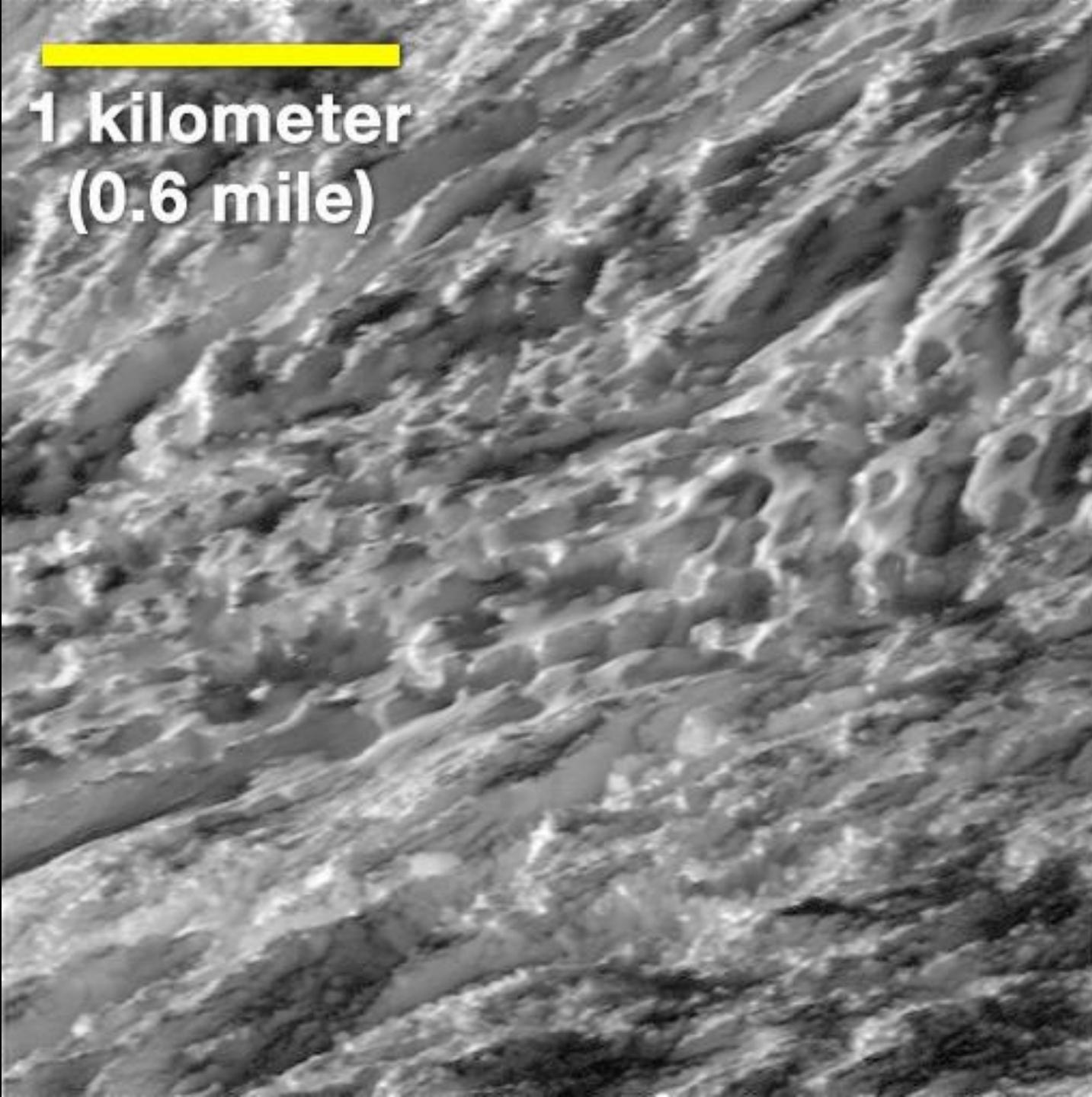




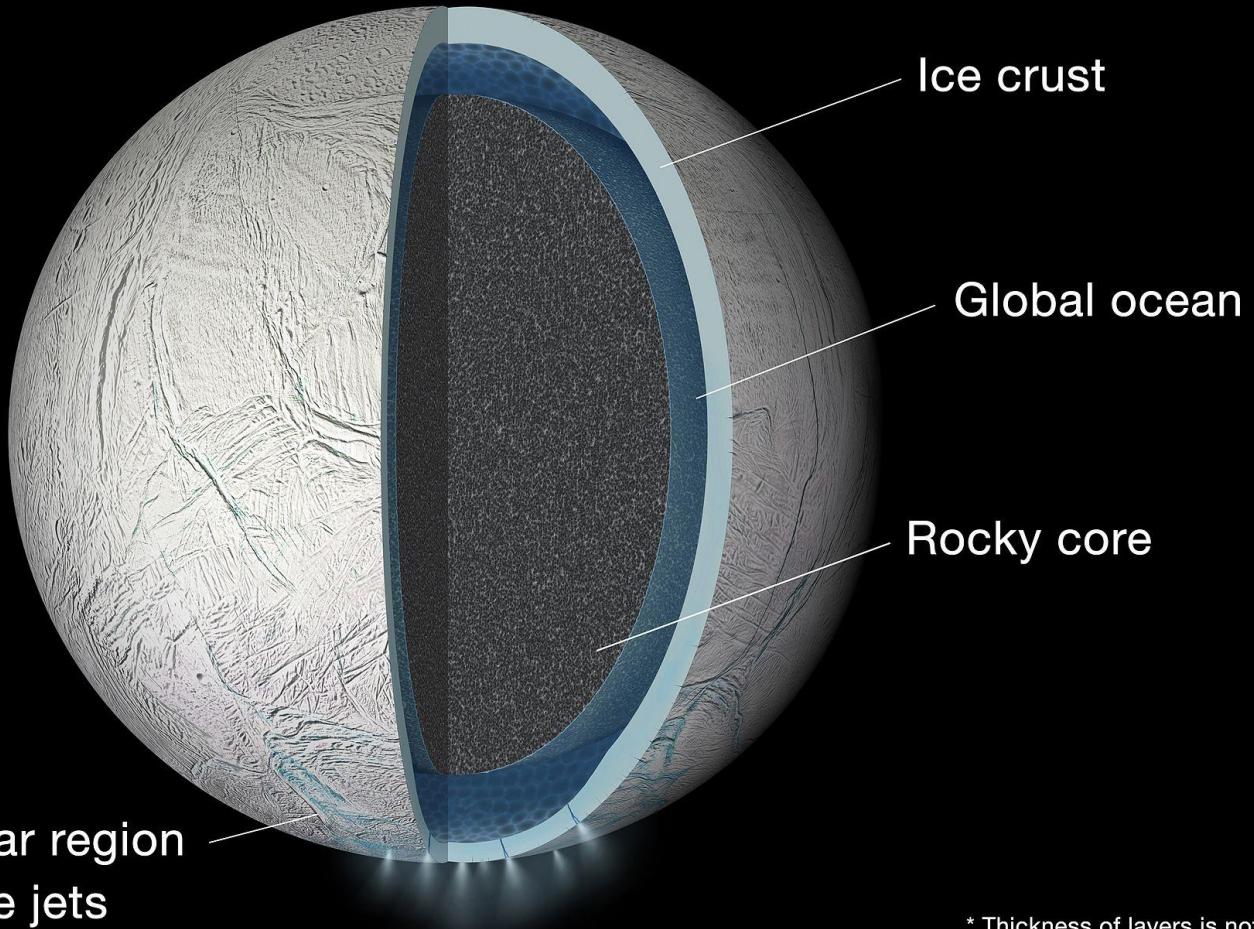


**20 kilometers**

**1 kilometer  
(0.6 mile)**

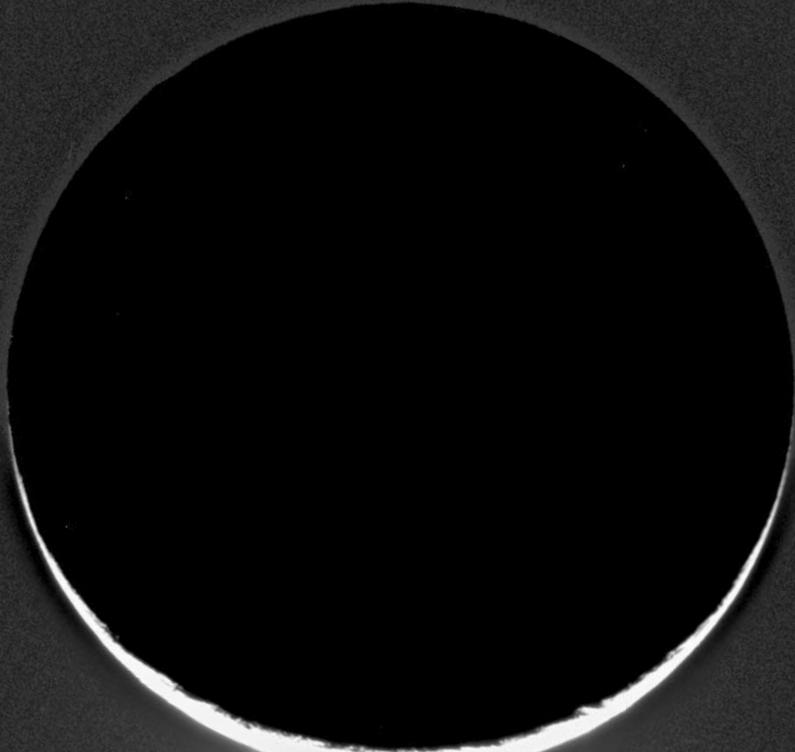


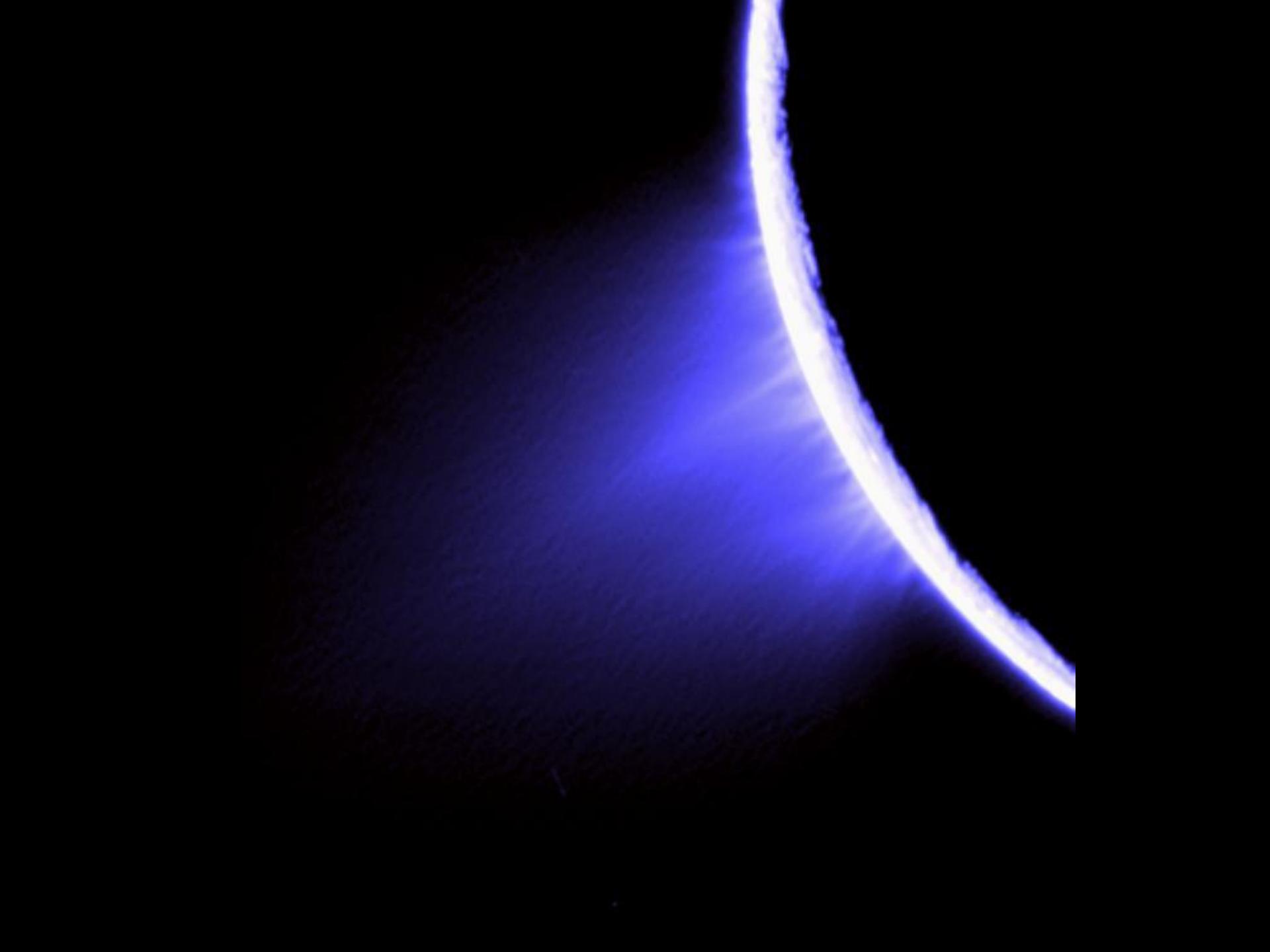
# Global Ocean on Saturn's Moon ENCELADUS



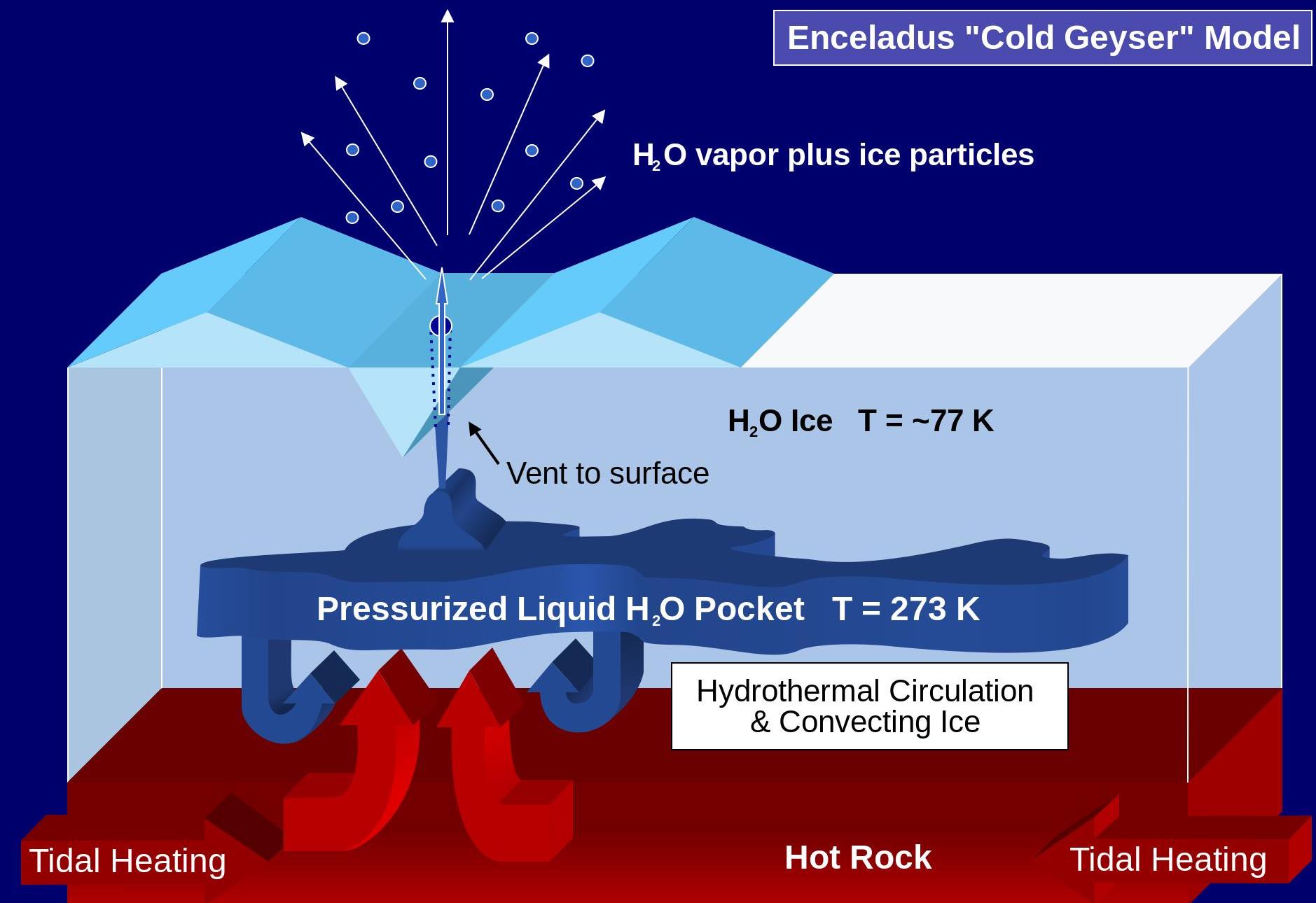
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# Enceladus: geysers!

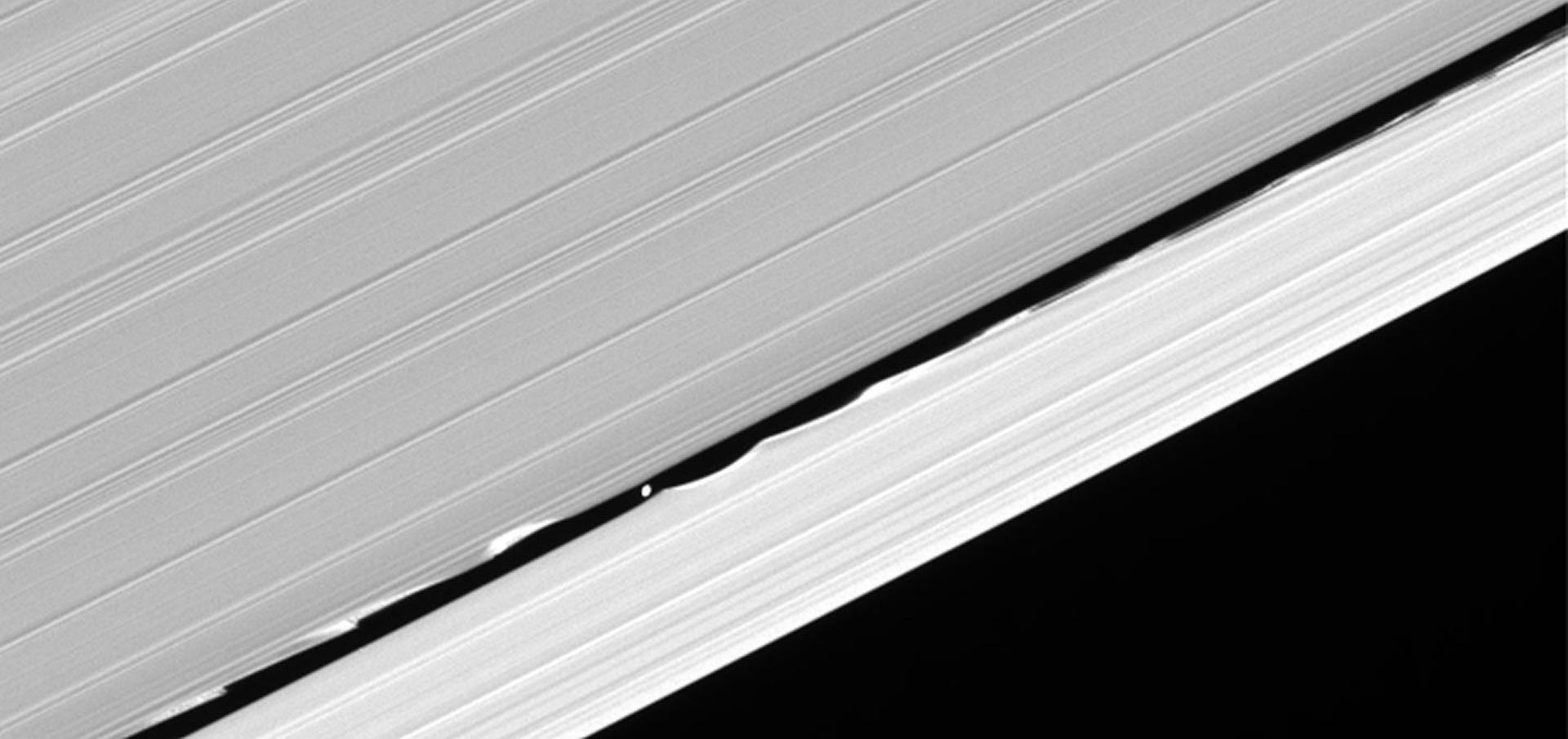




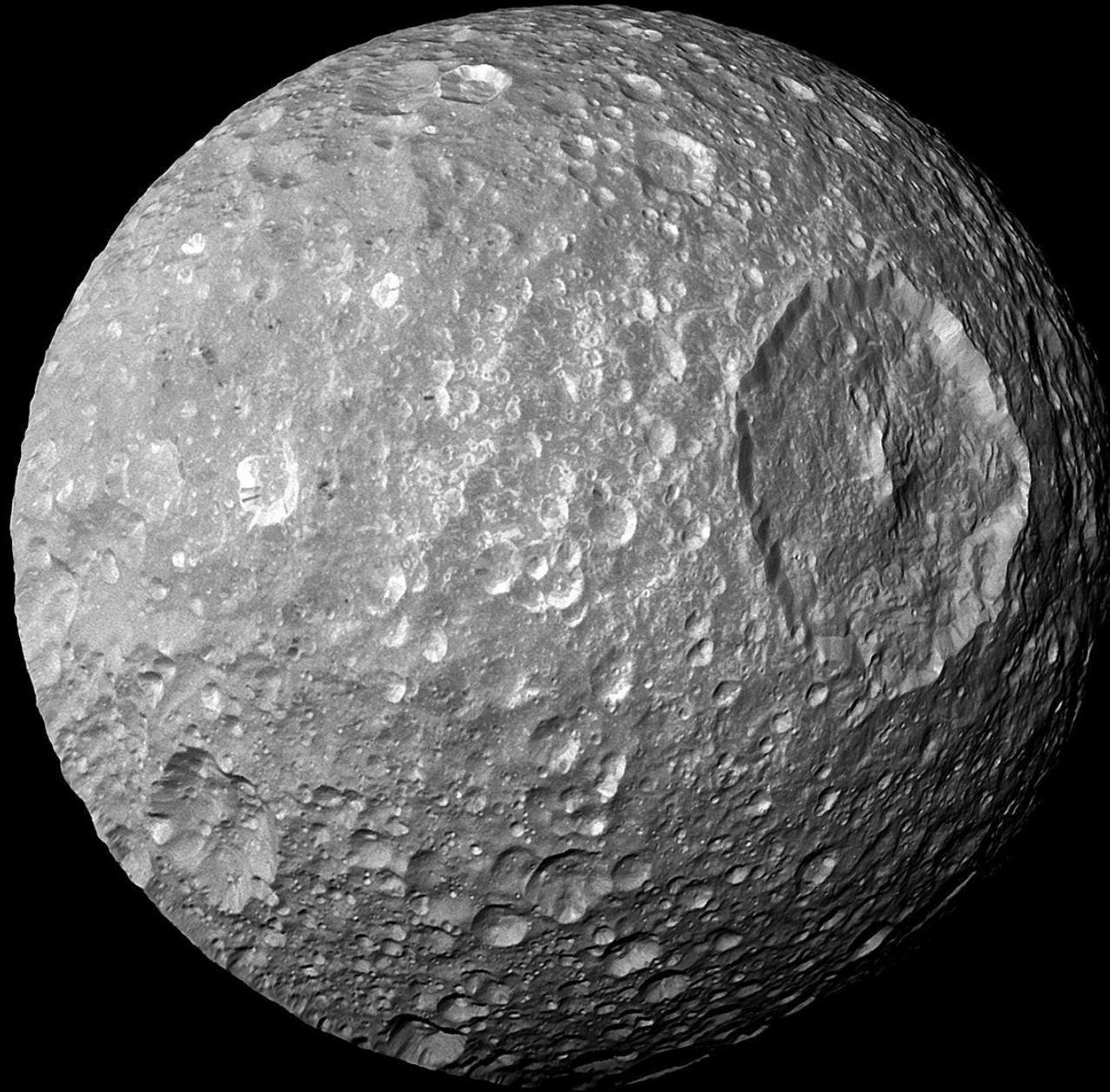
## Enceladus "Cold Geyser" Model



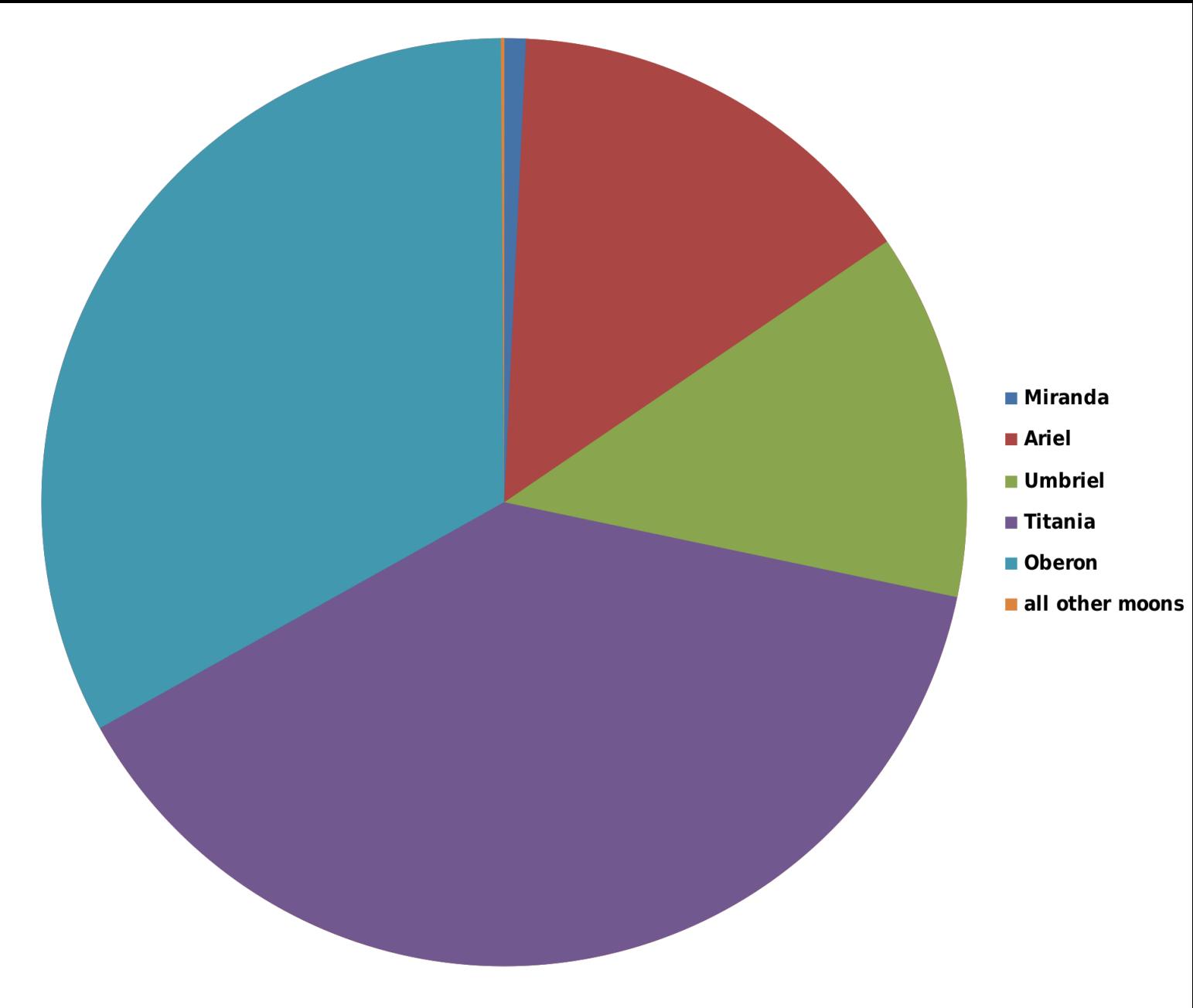
# Daphnis: A shepherd moon

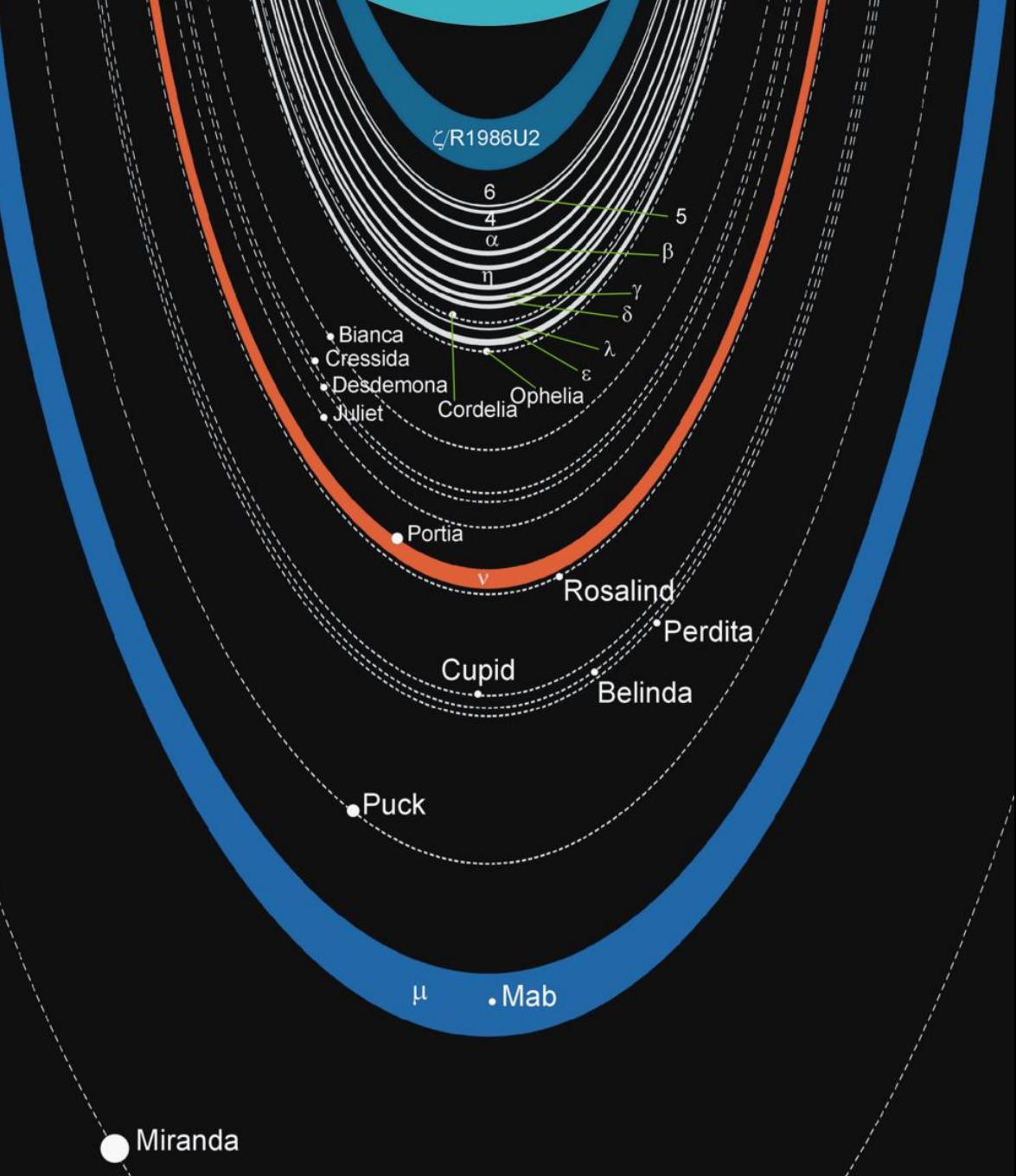


# Mimas: the death star moon

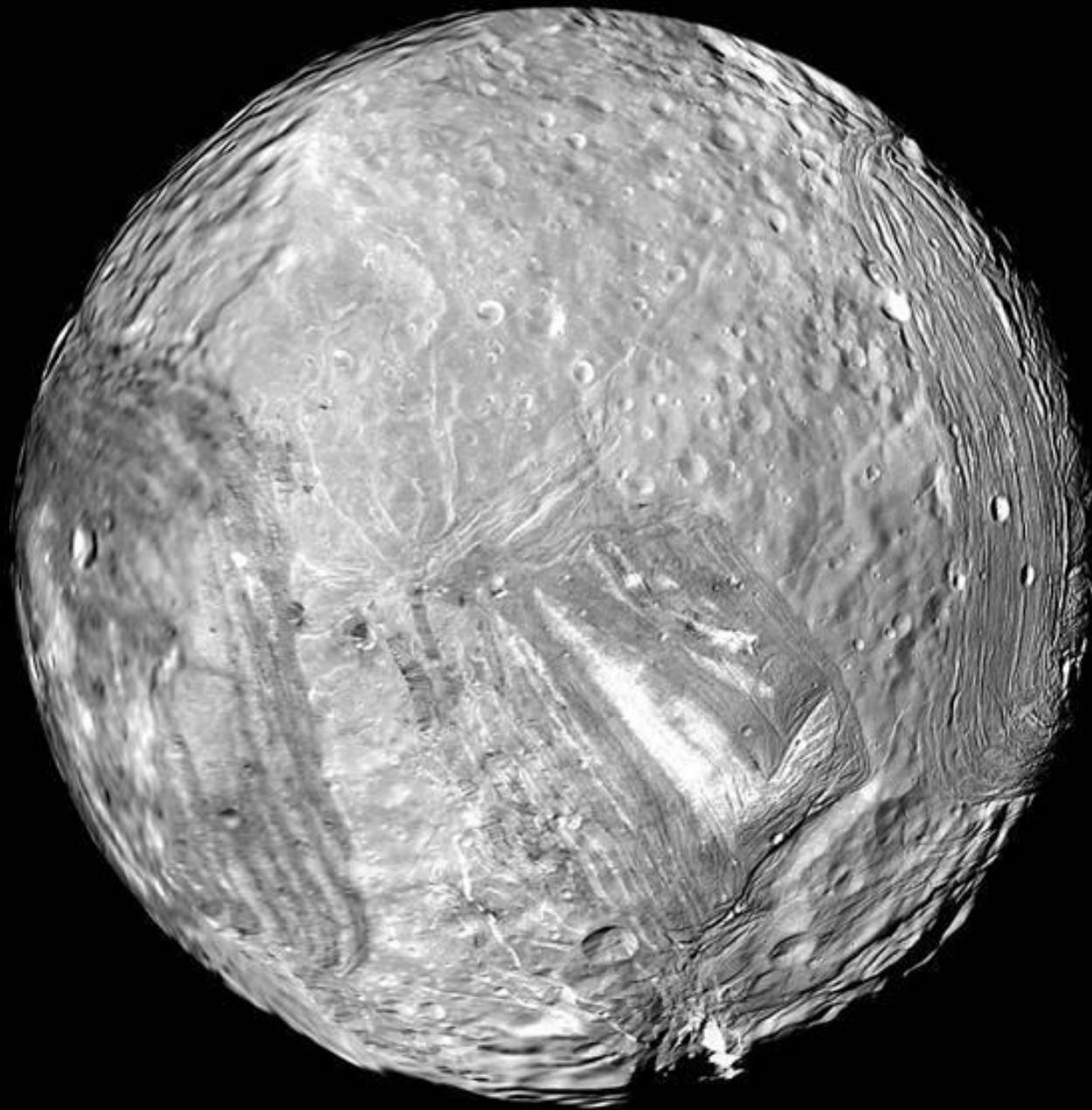


# Moons of Uranus



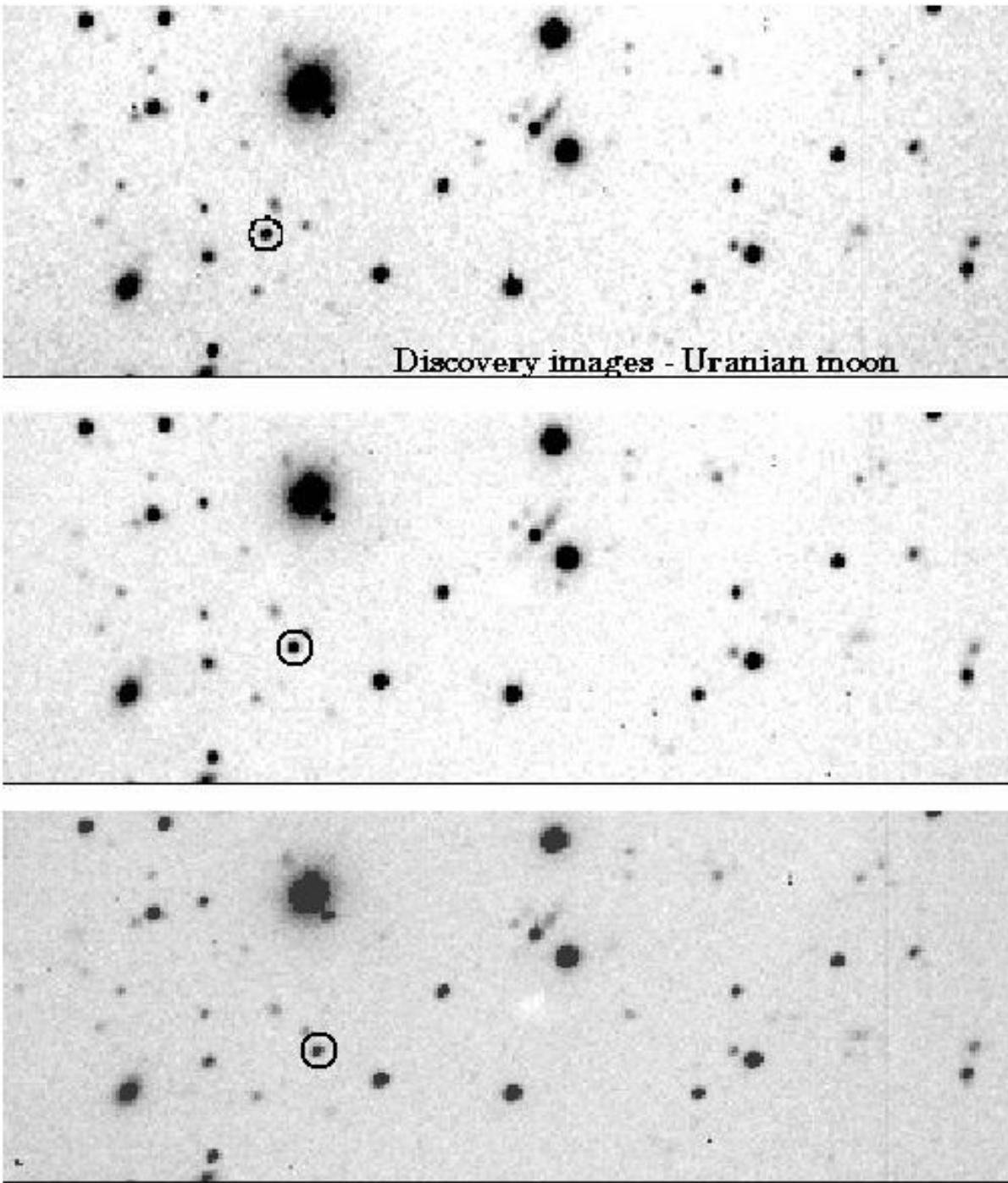


# Miranda: an ice world?



Umbriel: weird ring at the top

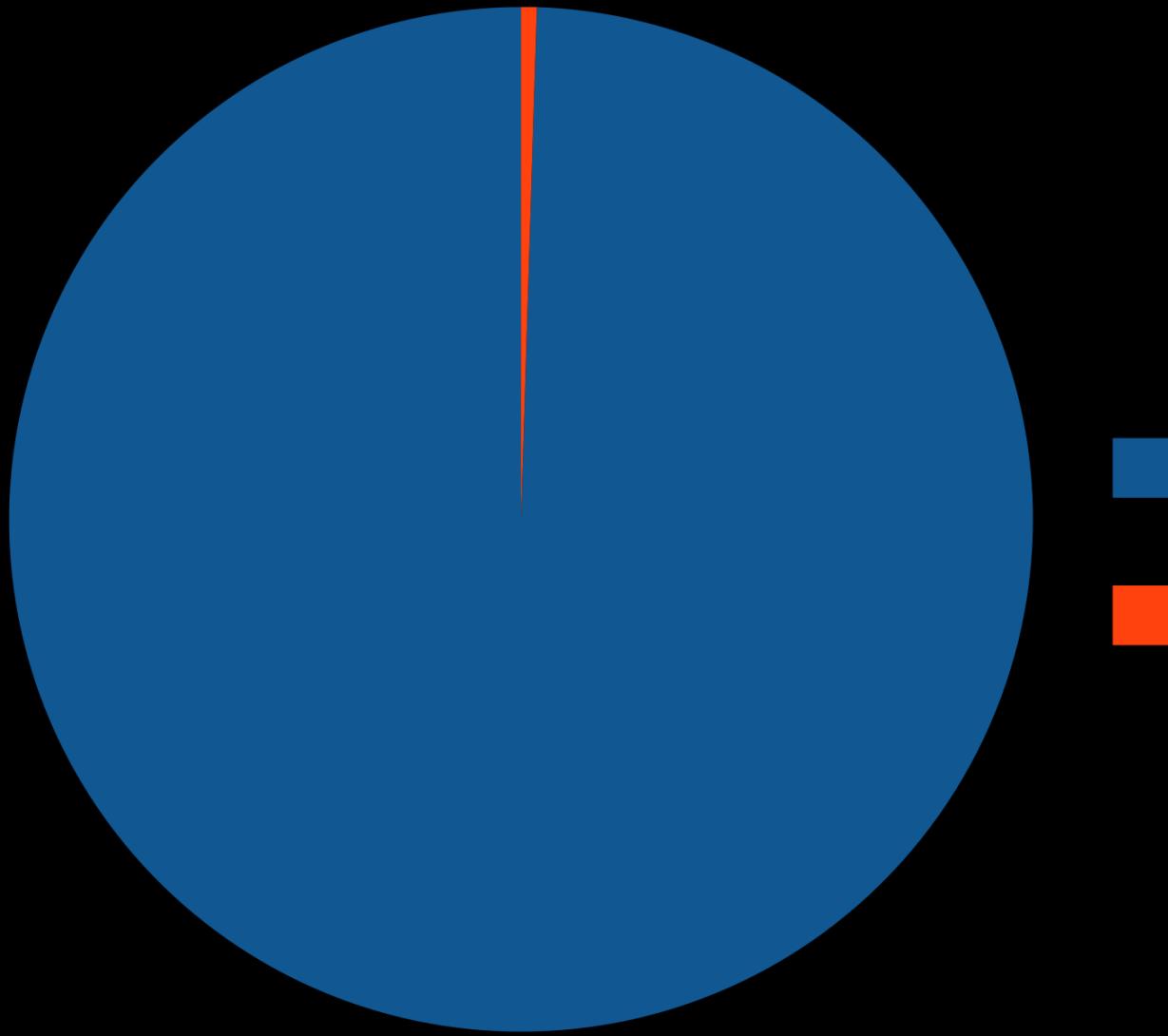




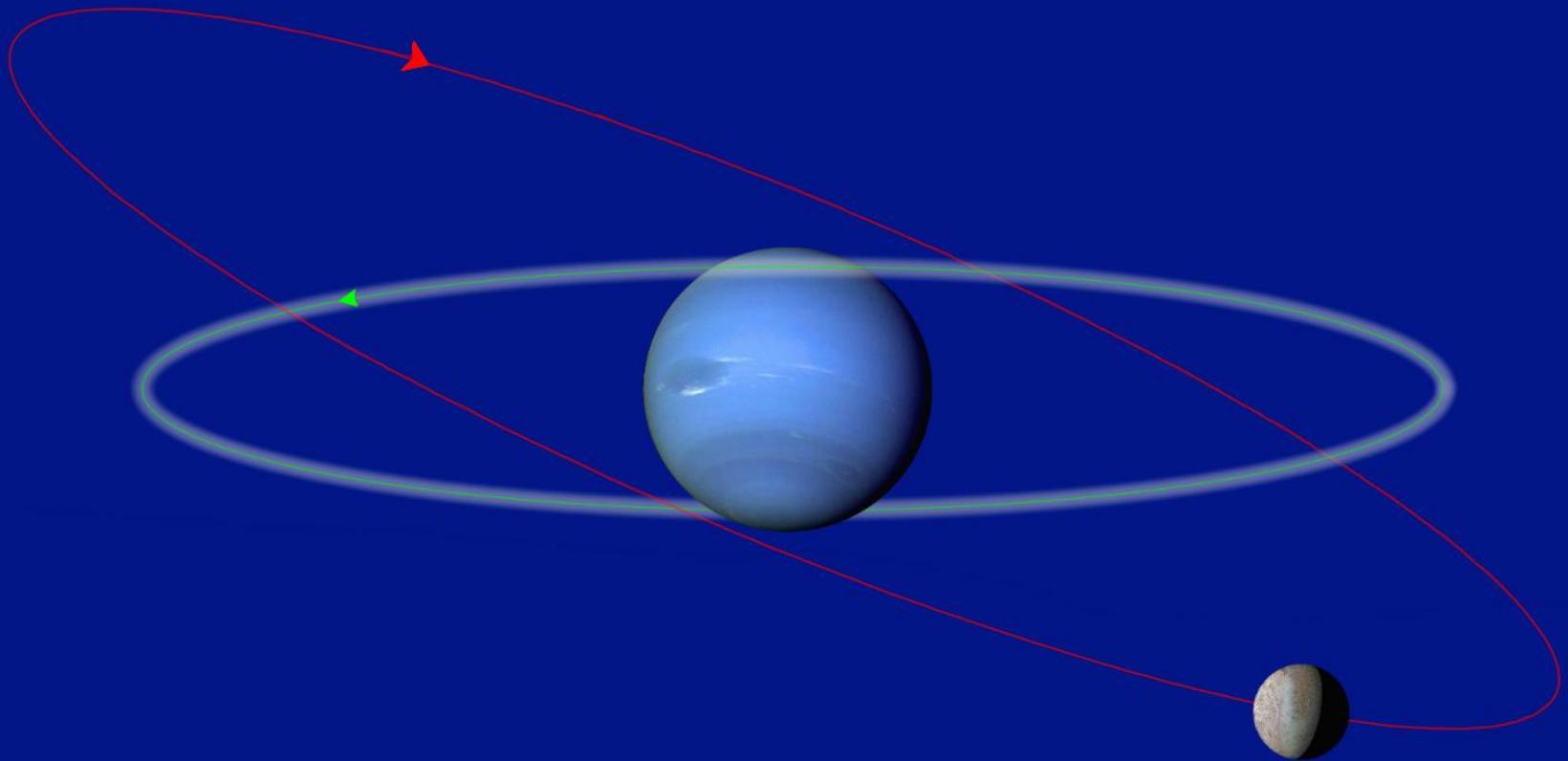
Sycorax:  
example of how  
the moons are  
found

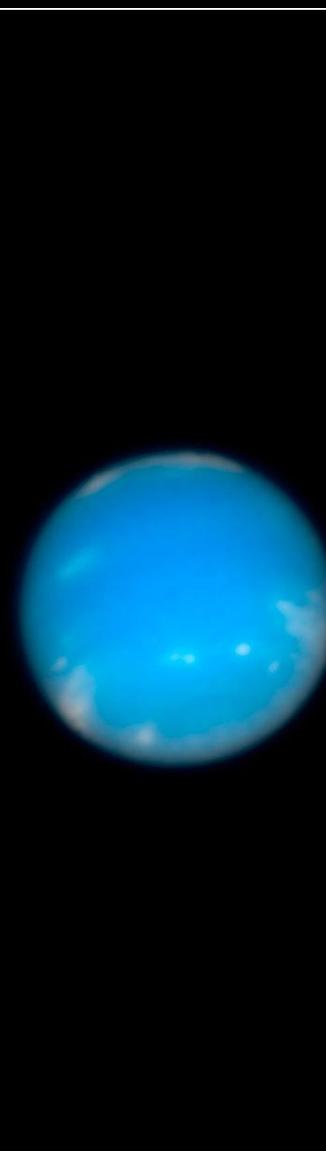
Discovery images - Uranian moon

# Moons of Neptune

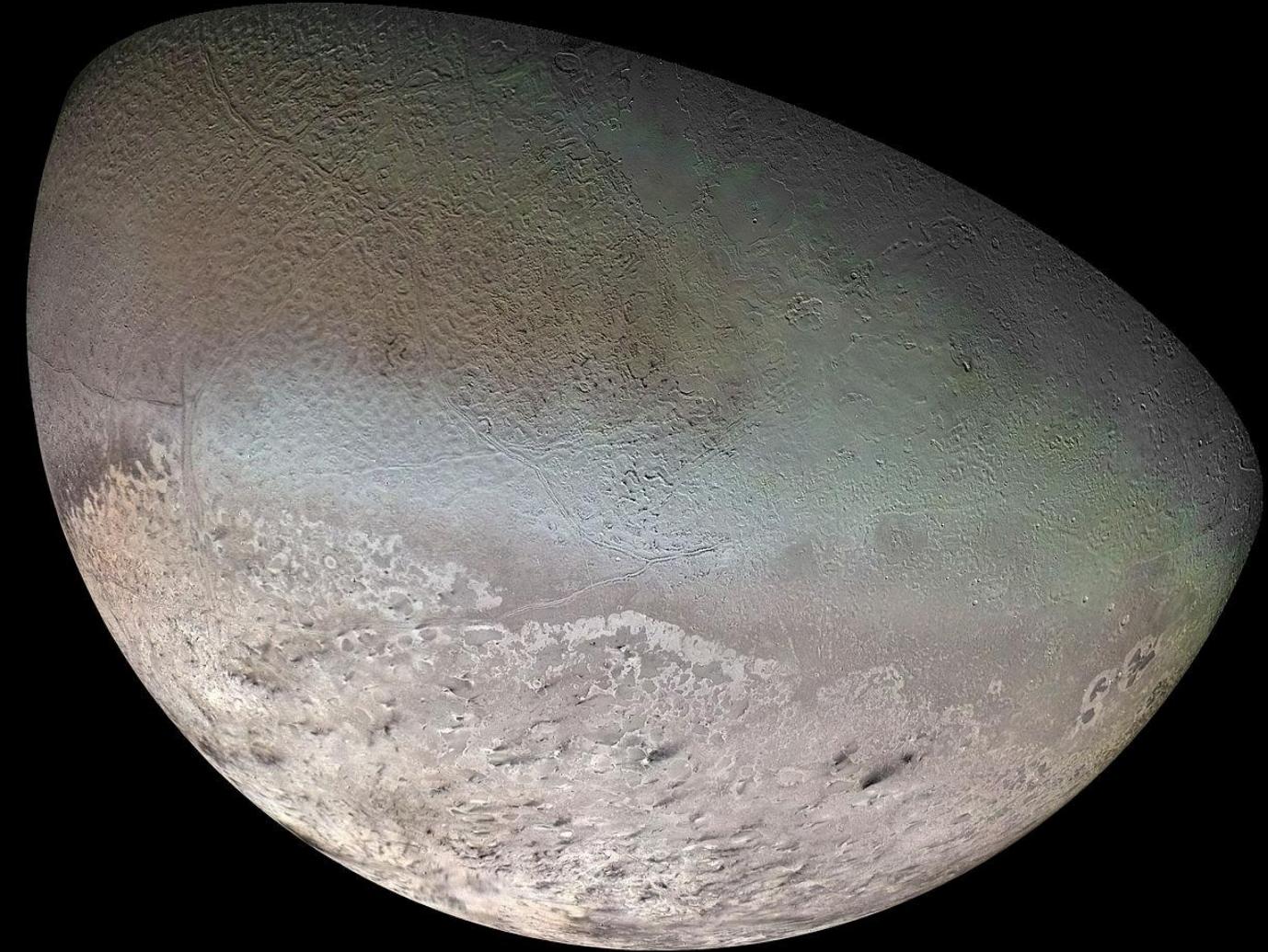


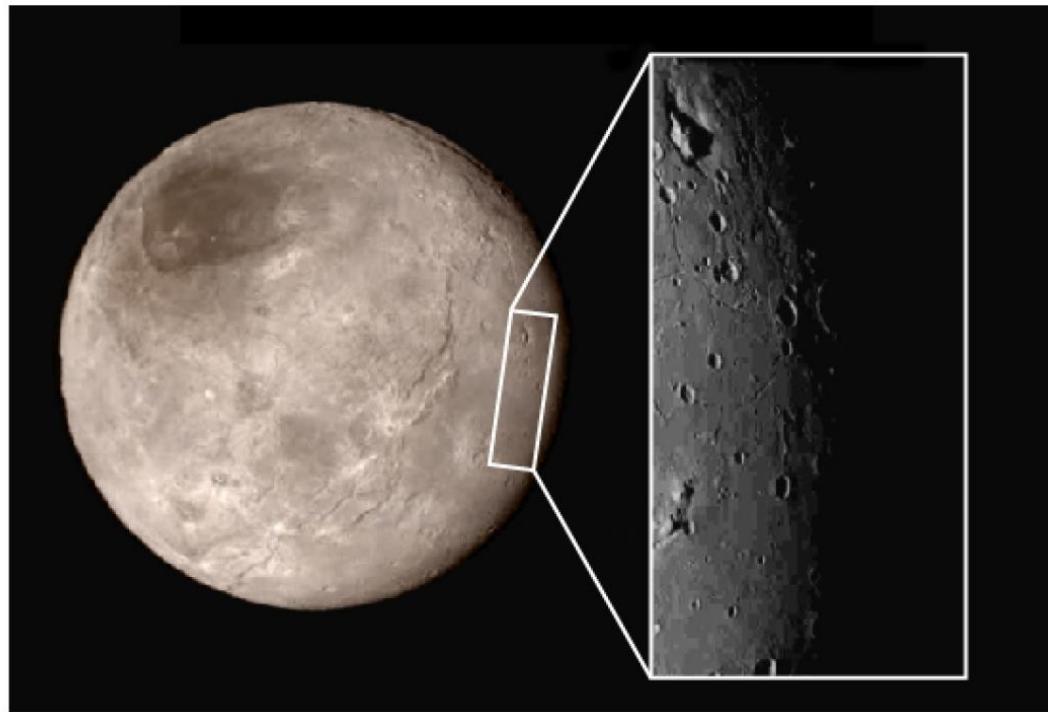
# Triton: going in the wrong direction! captured Kuiper Belt Object?





**Neptune Satellites and Ring Arcs**  
*Hubble Space Telescope ▀ WFC3/UVIS*





KIM STANLEY  
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Winner of the Nebula Award

# Red Mars

'The ultimate in  
future history'  
*Daily Mail*

