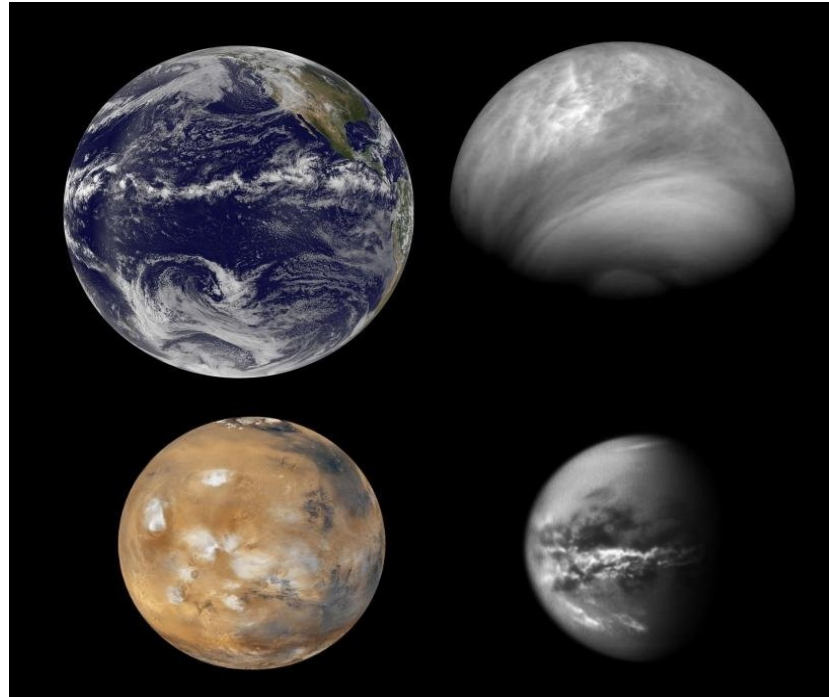


# PLANETARY ATMOSPHERES



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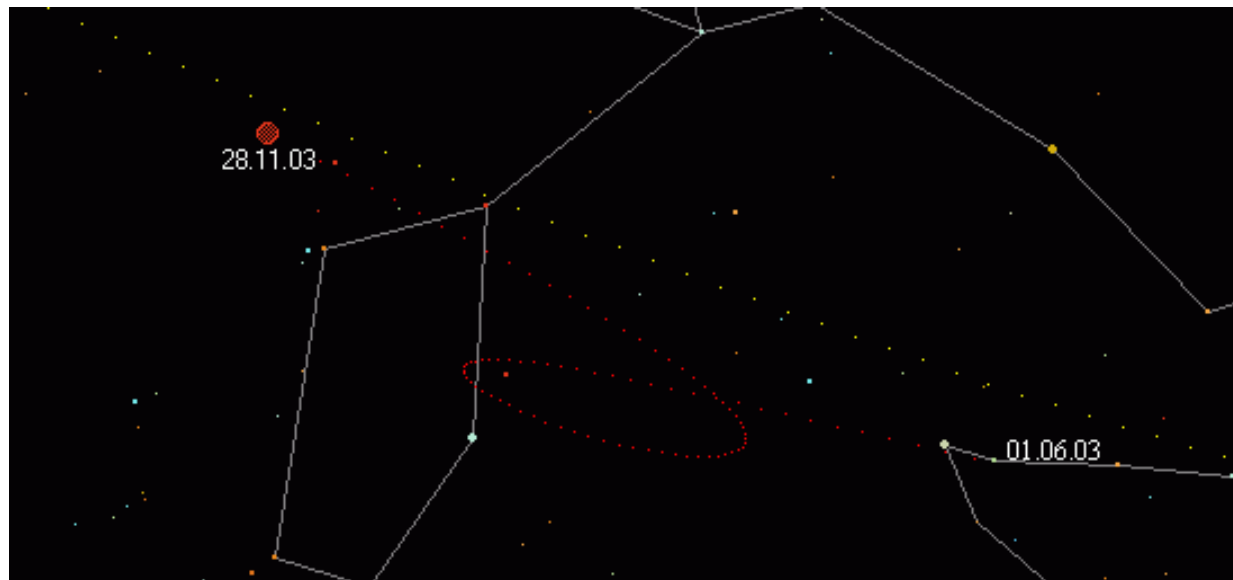
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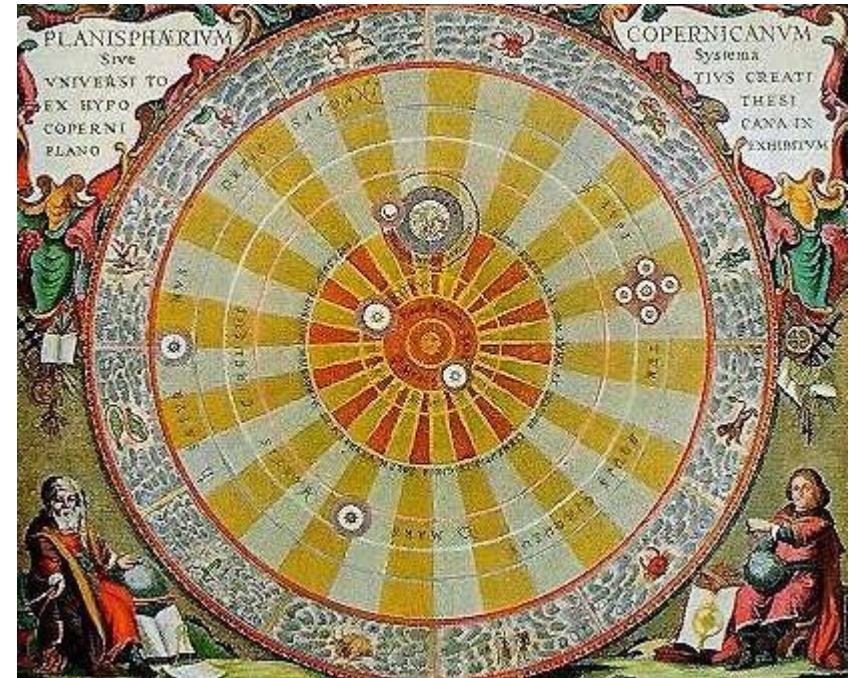
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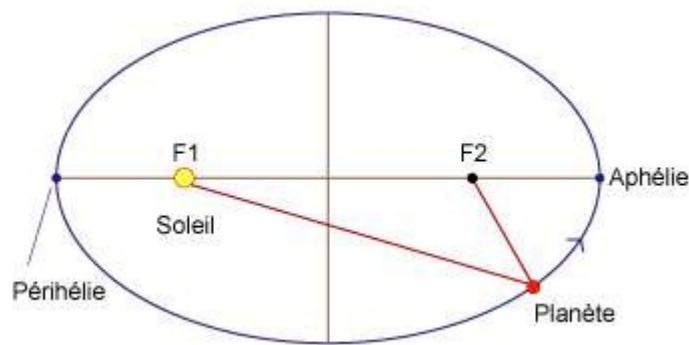
## Building our Solar System



Aristarchos of Samos, ~ 310-230 BC



Nicolaus Copernicus, 1473-1543

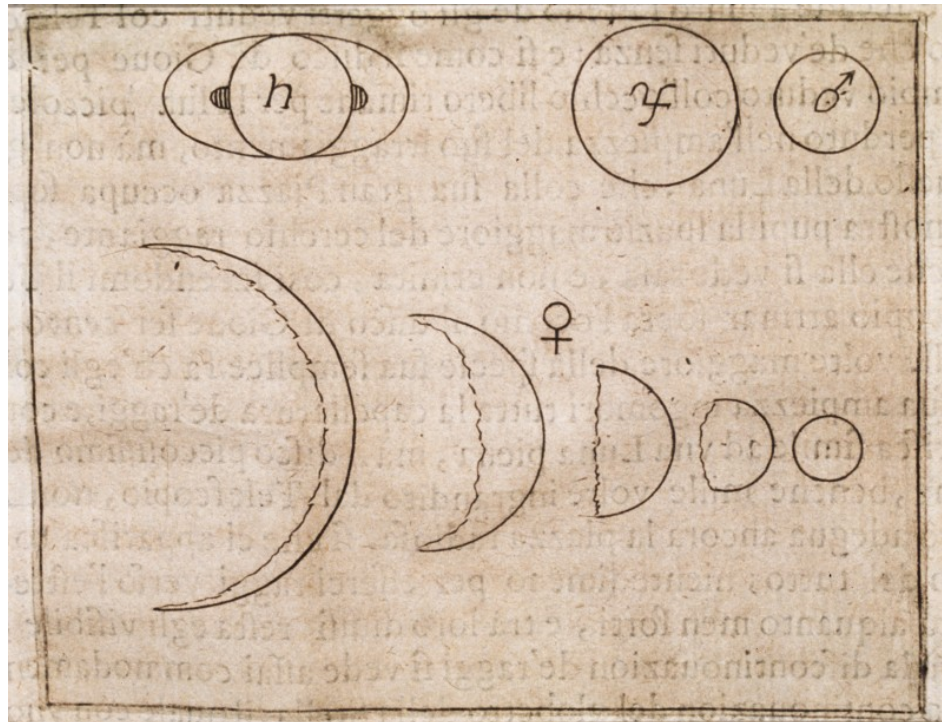


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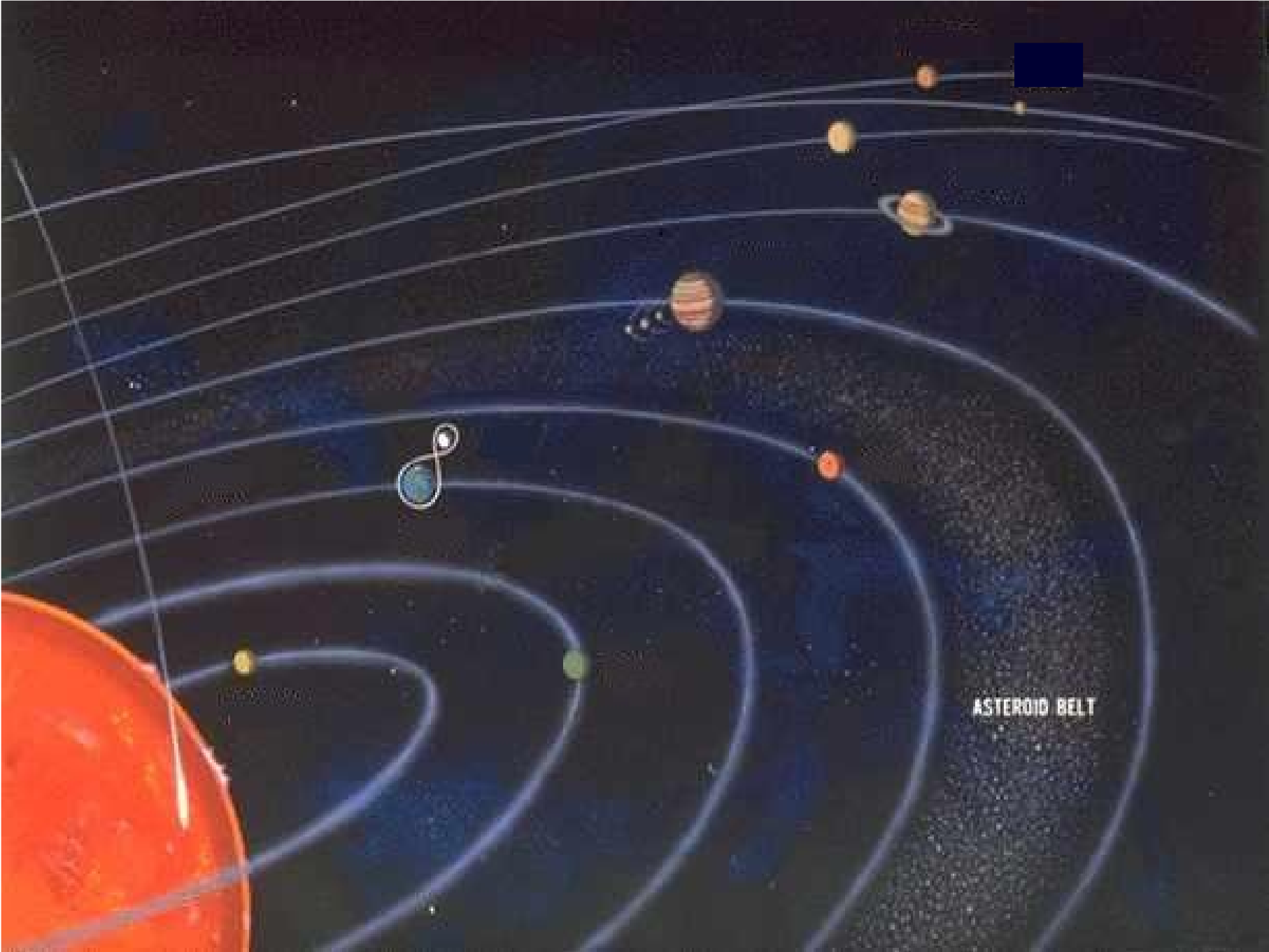
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## Space age : revealing many faces

### Mercury



Mariner 10, 1974

### Venus



### Earth



Gemini XI, 1966

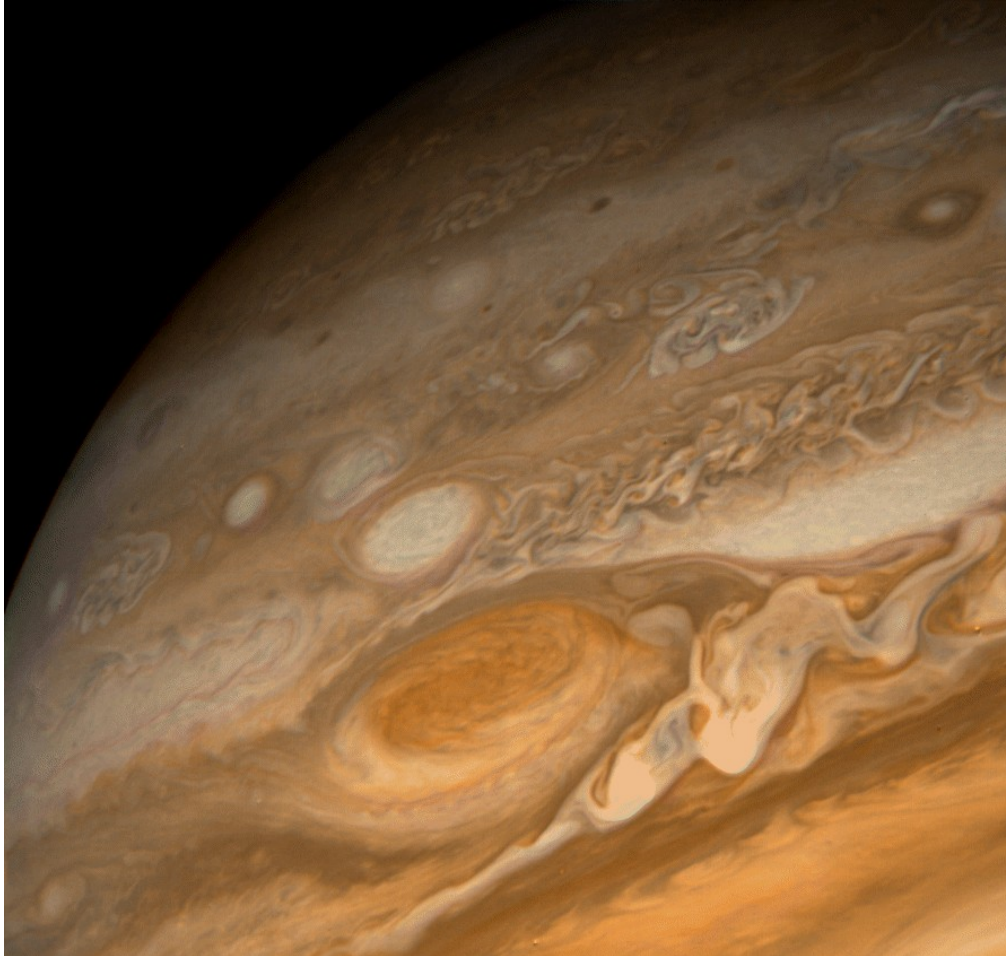
### Mars



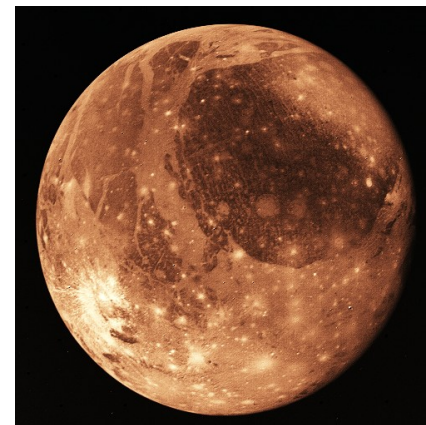
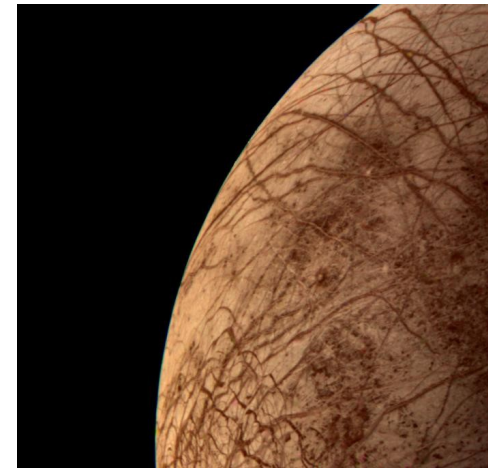
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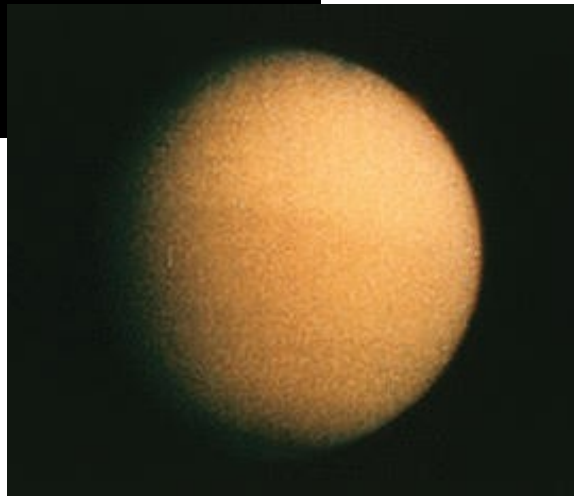
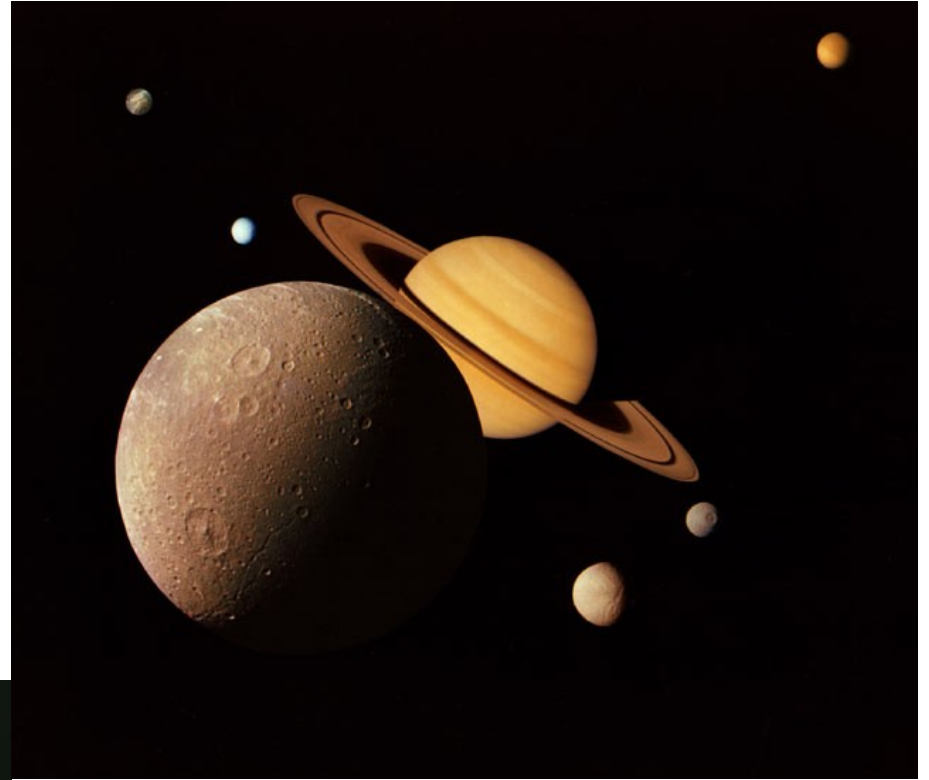
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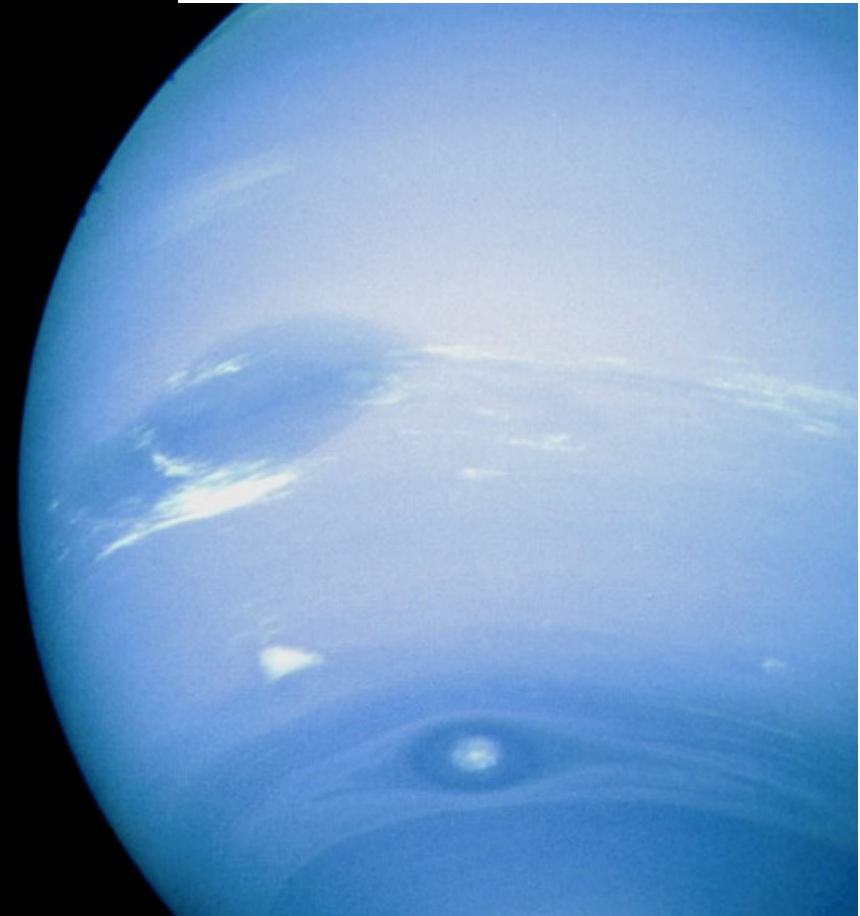
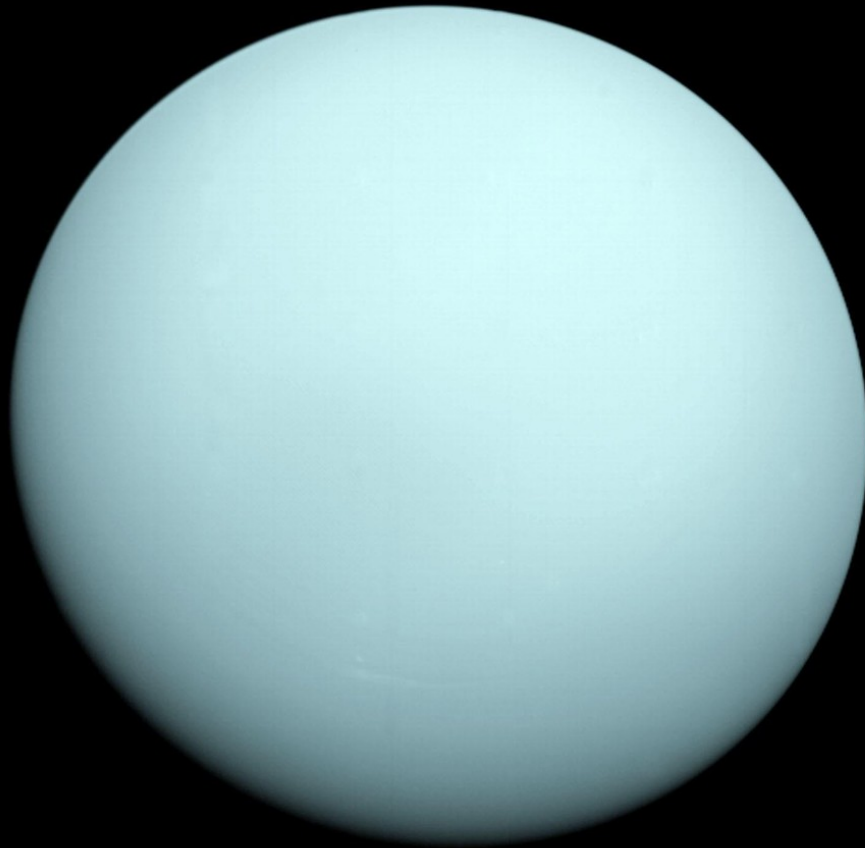
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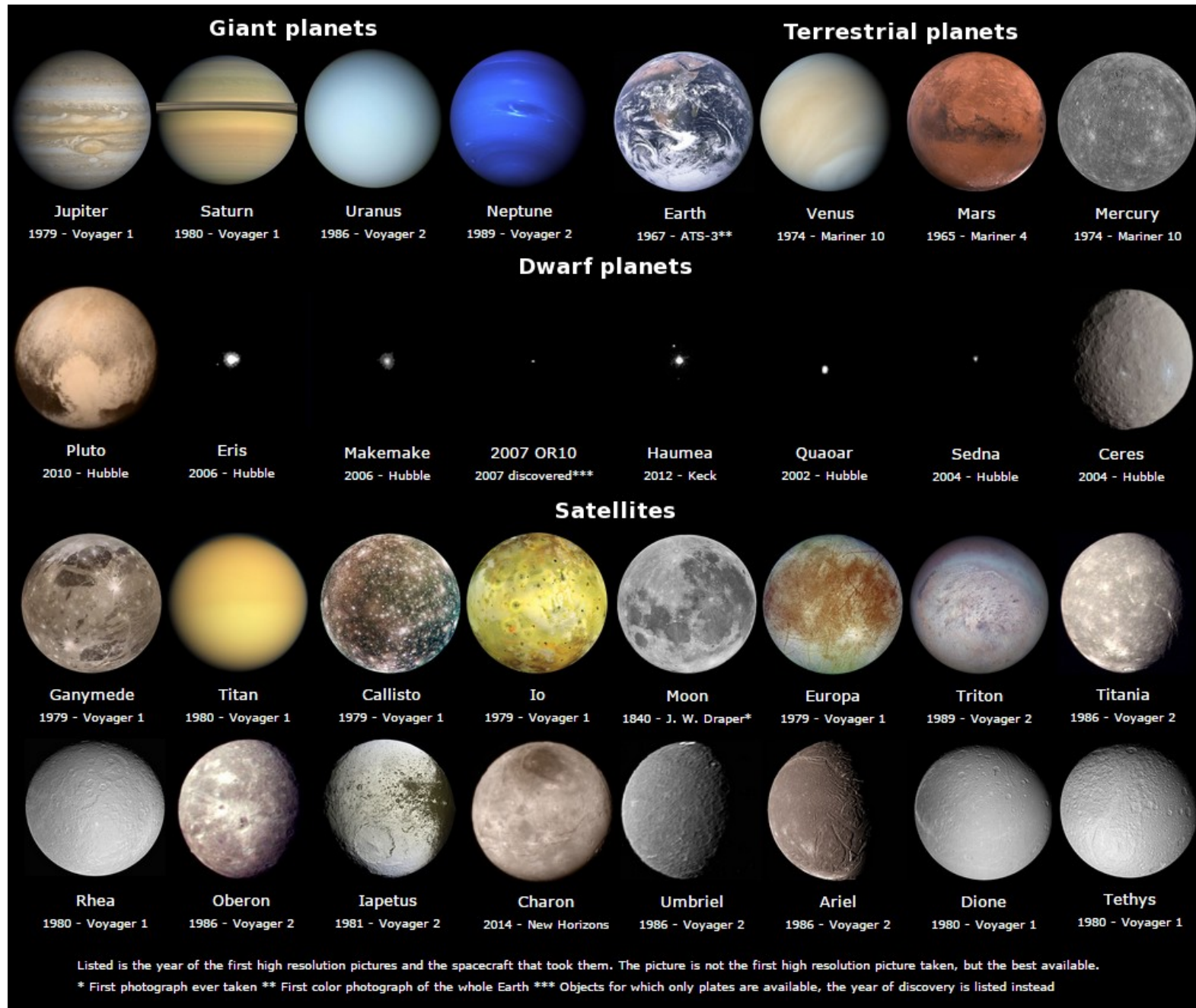
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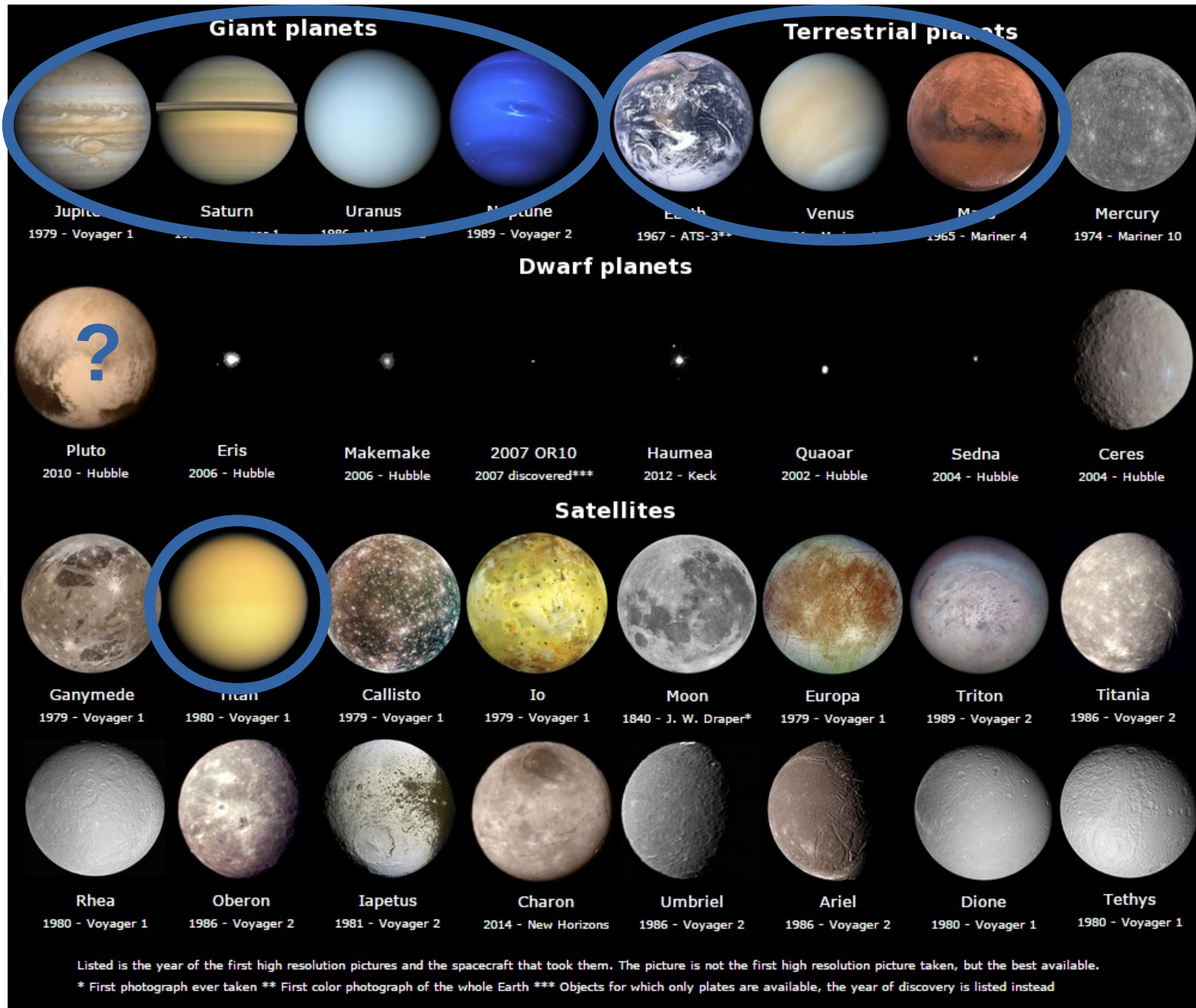


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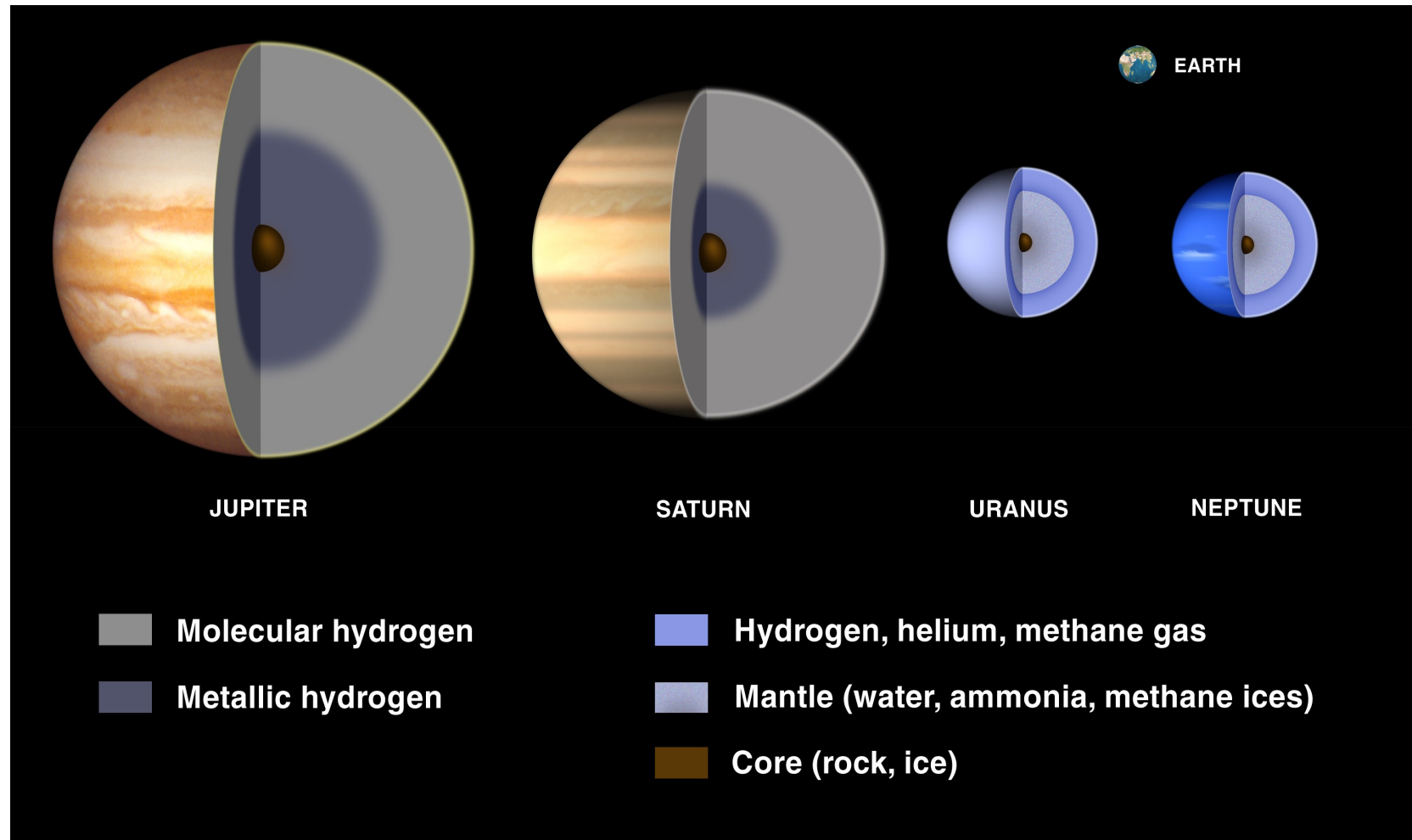
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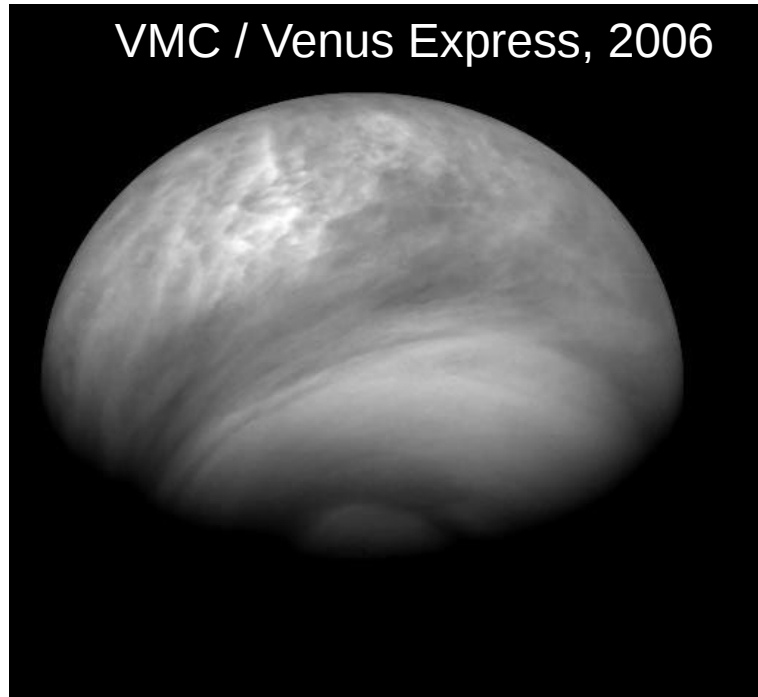


## Giant planets



## Terrestrial planets

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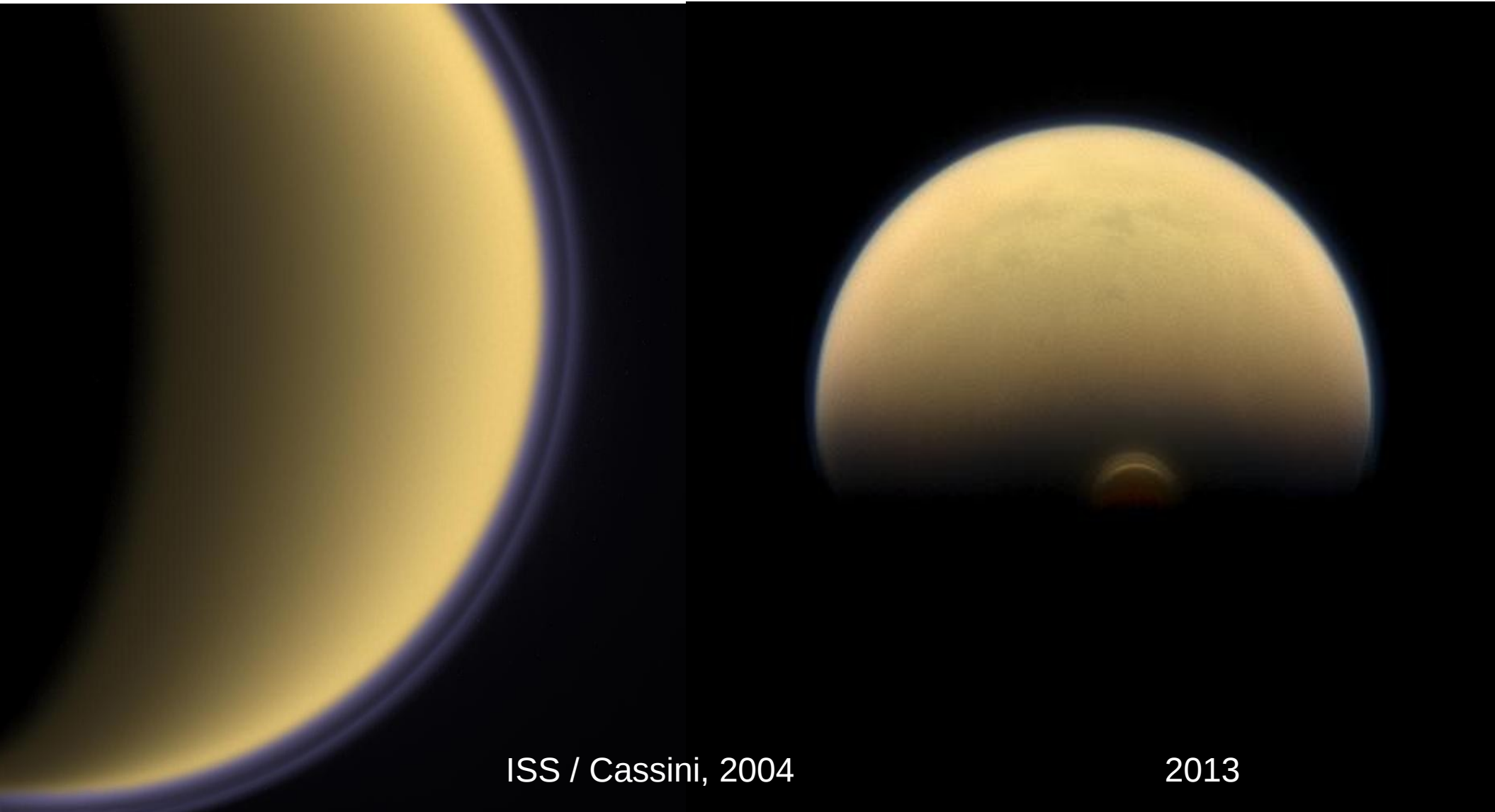
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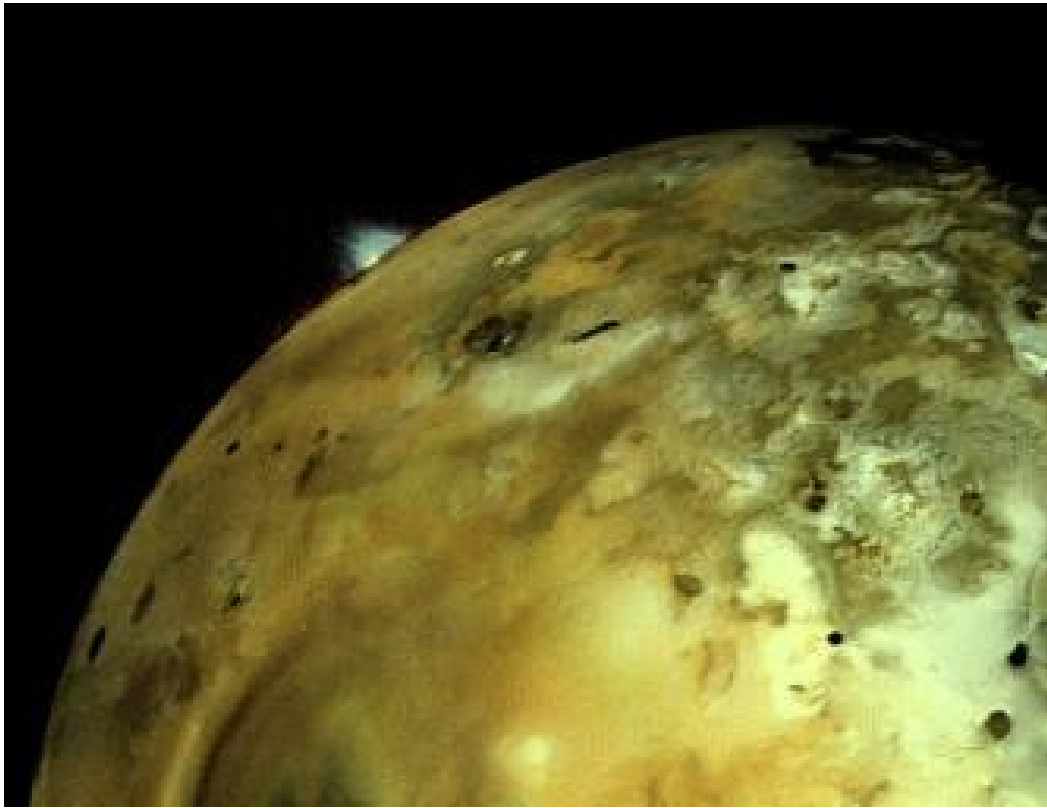
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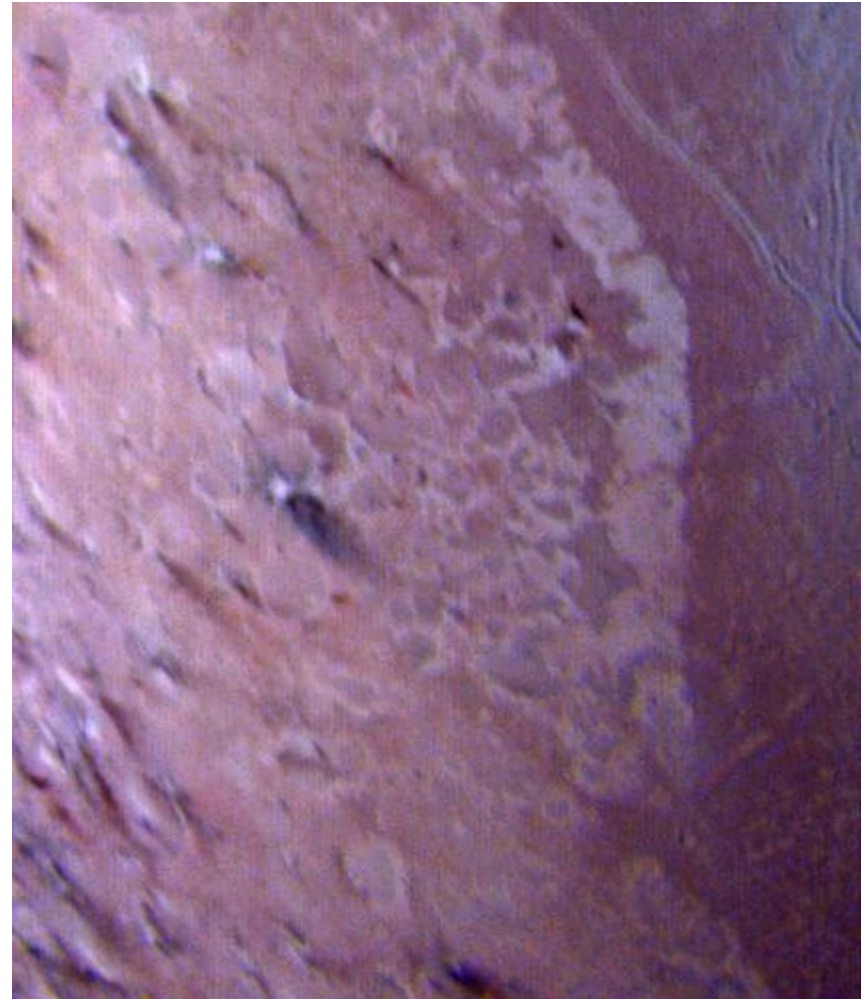
## The case of Titan



## Tenuous atmospheres

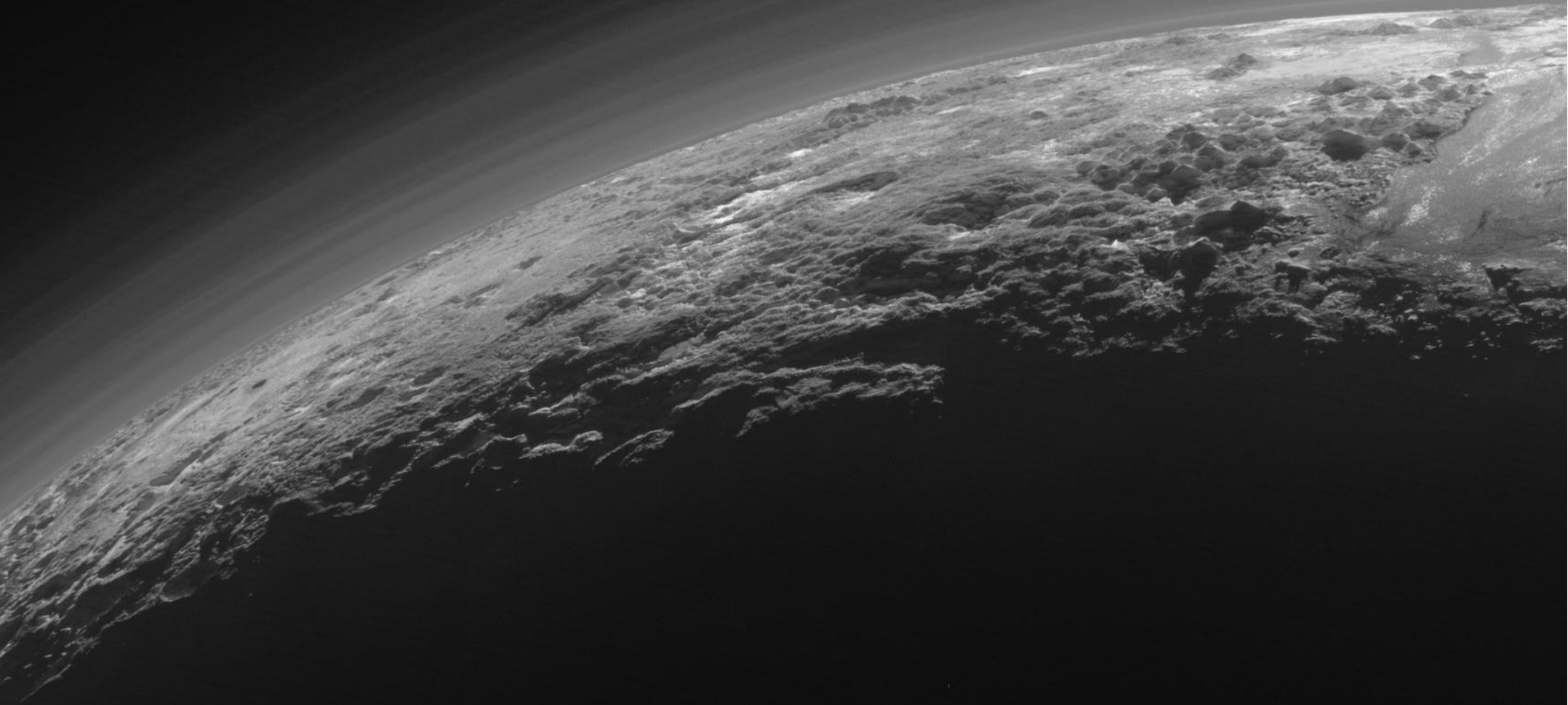


Io (Jupiter)



Triton (Neptune)

Pluto



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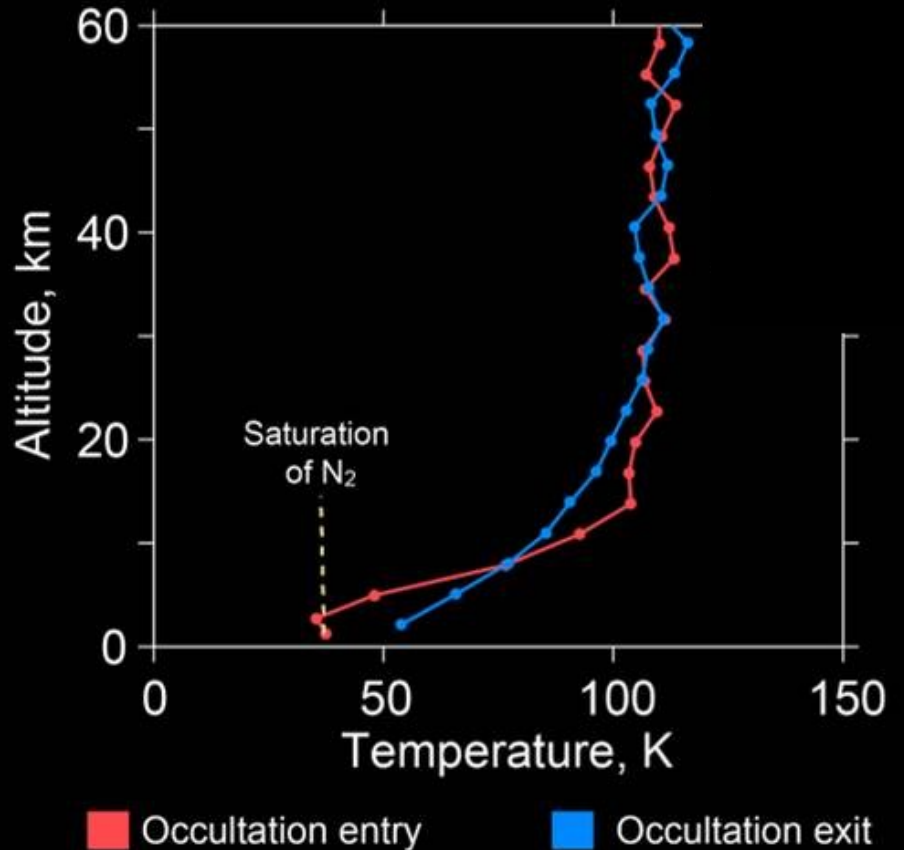
## Pluto Atmospheres:

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- 99.5% N<sub>2</sub>, 0.5% CH<sub>4</sub> 0.05% CO



Scattering by organic hazes up to ~150 km

Temperatures (radio occultation)



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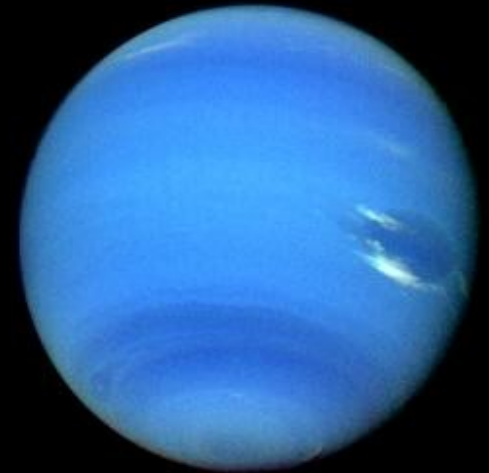
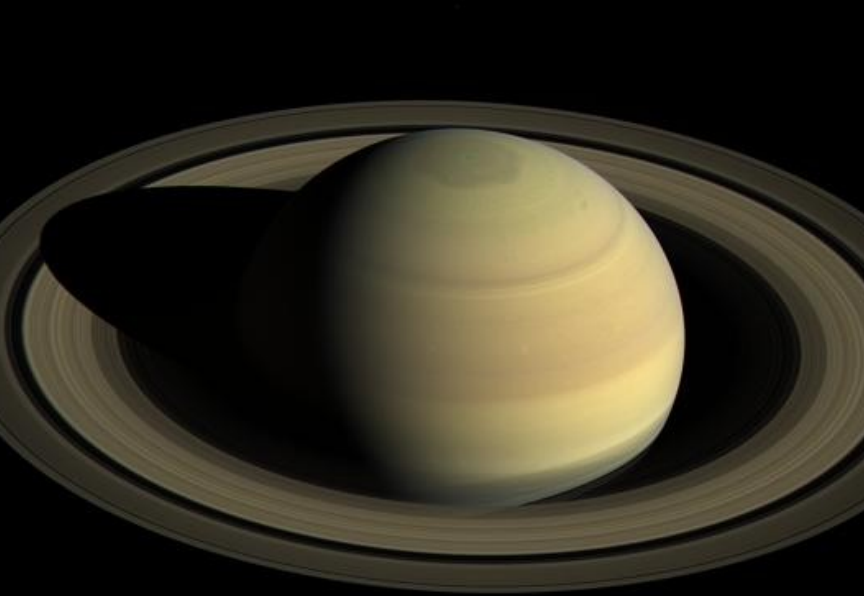
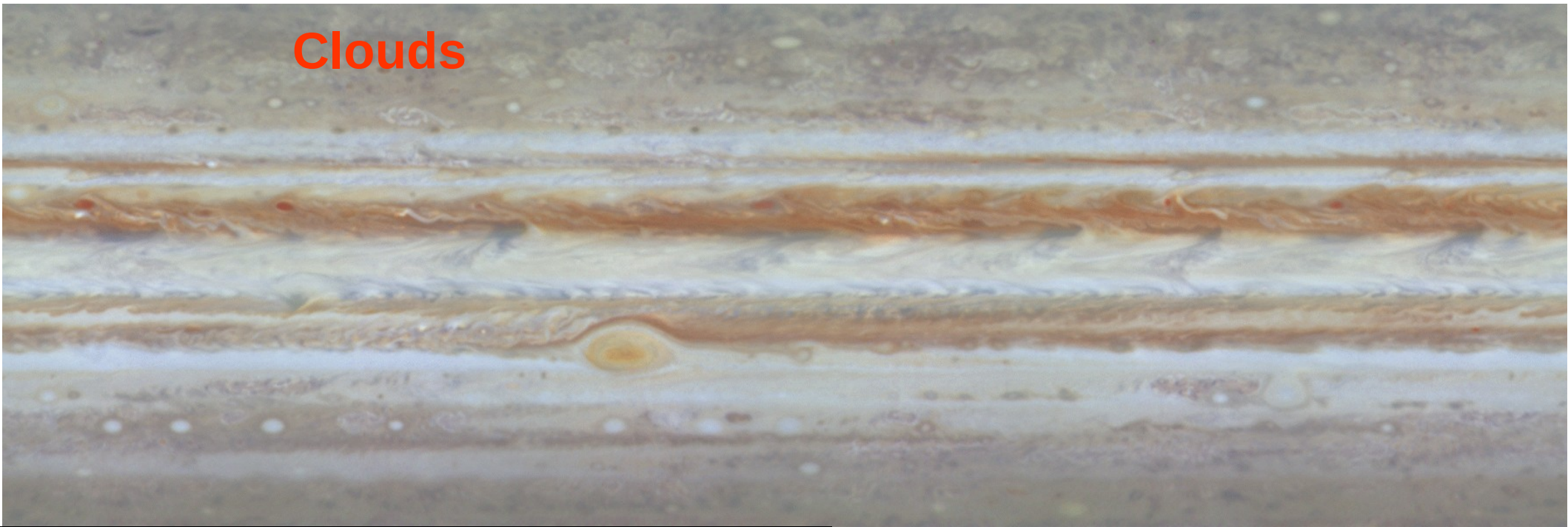
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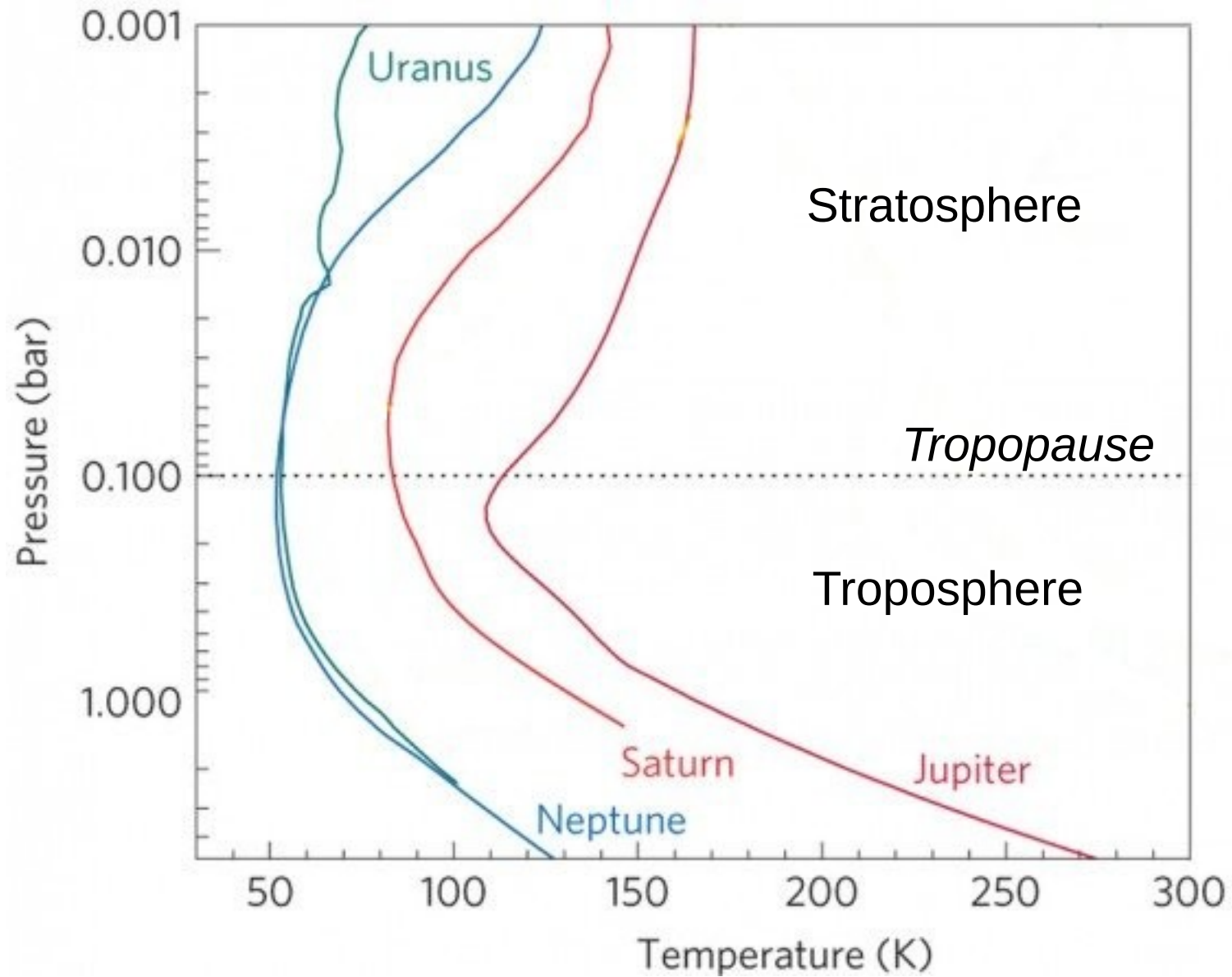
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Clouds



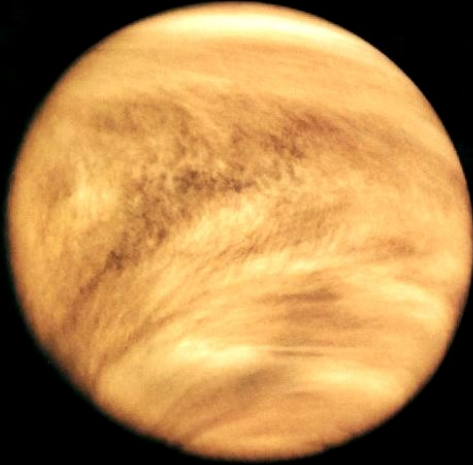


## Temperature



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## Terrestrial planets (+ Titan)



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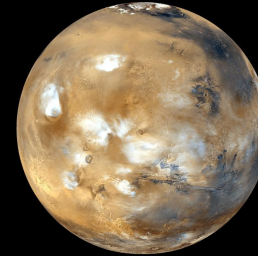
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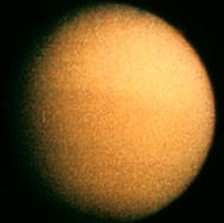
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23 h 56 m  
365,25 d



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24 h 37 m  
687 d

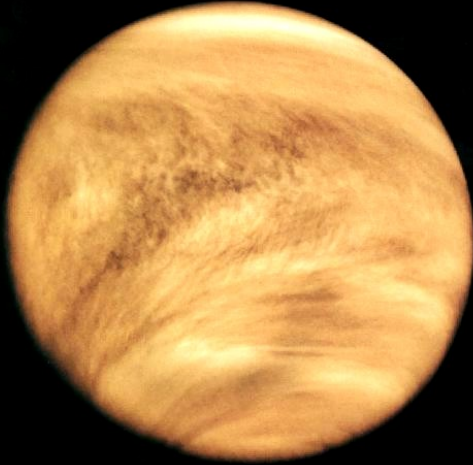


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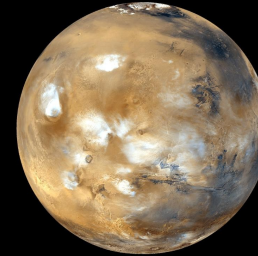
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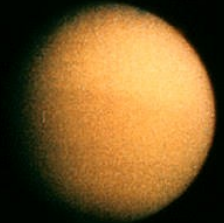
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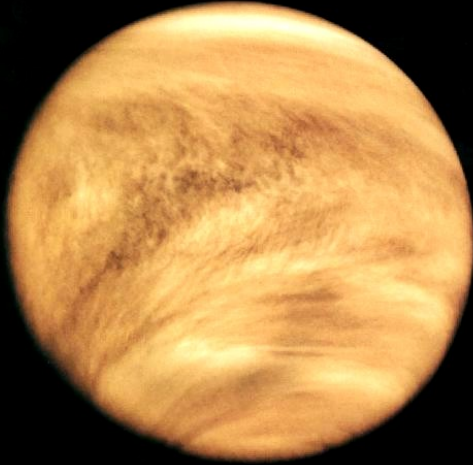
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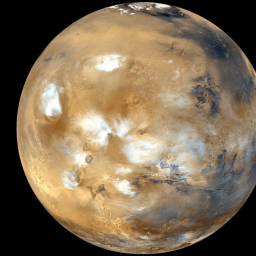
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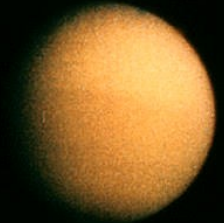
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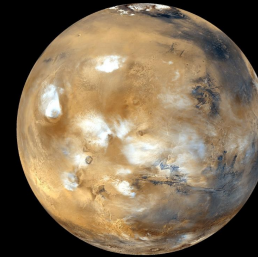
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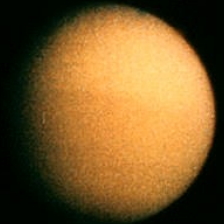
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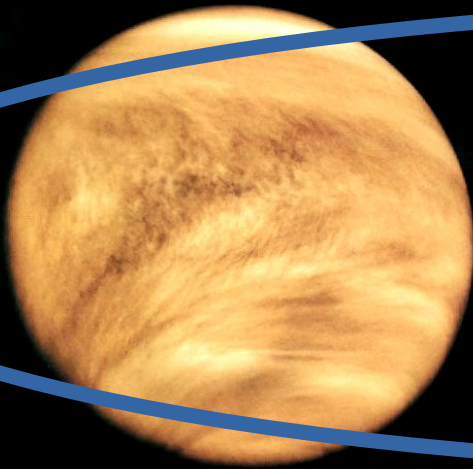
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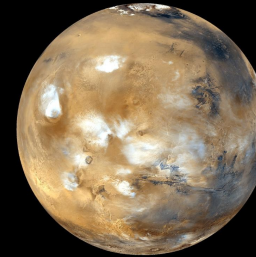
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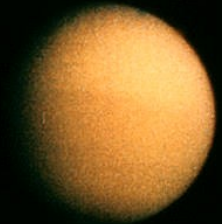
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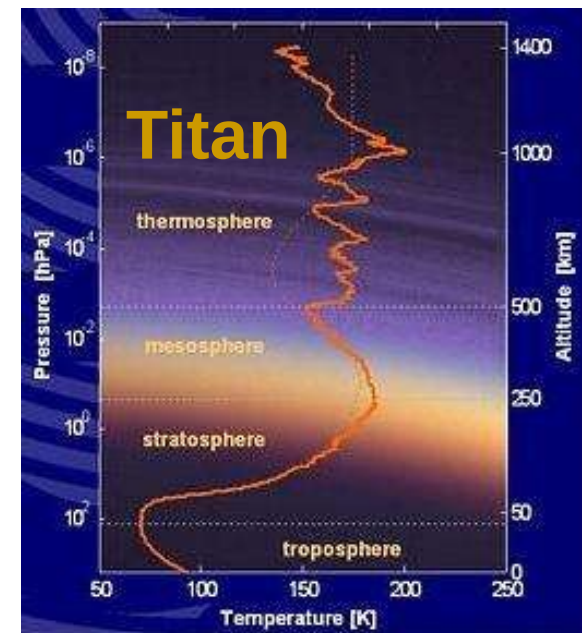
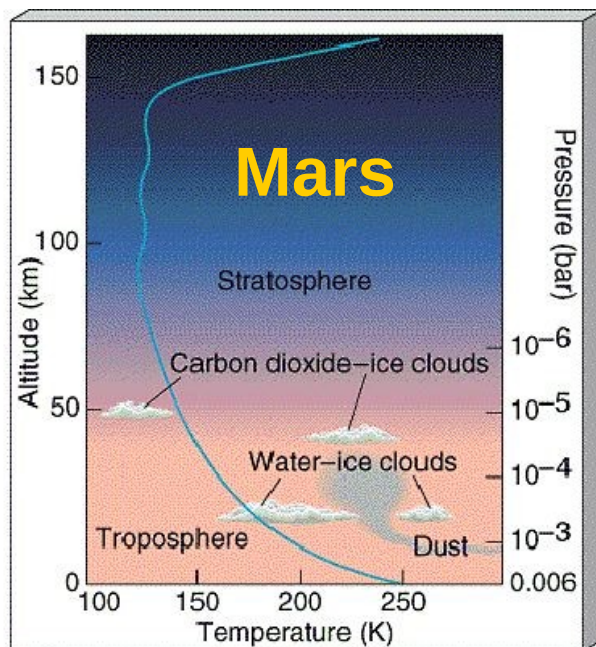
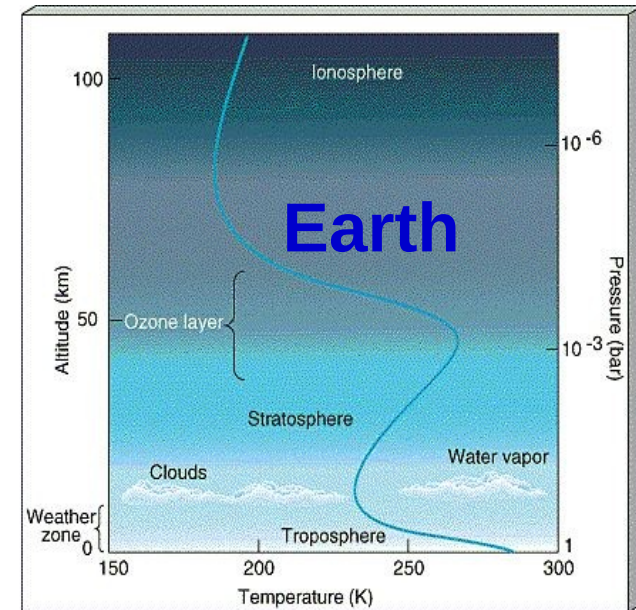
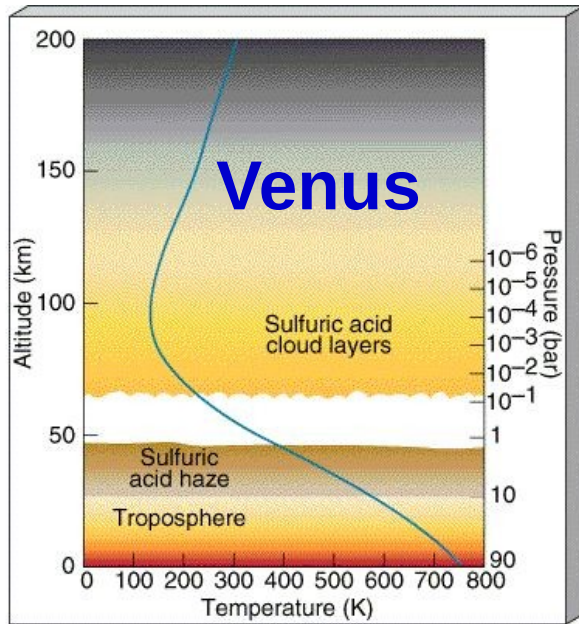
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A particularity of Titan : thickness of its atmosphere



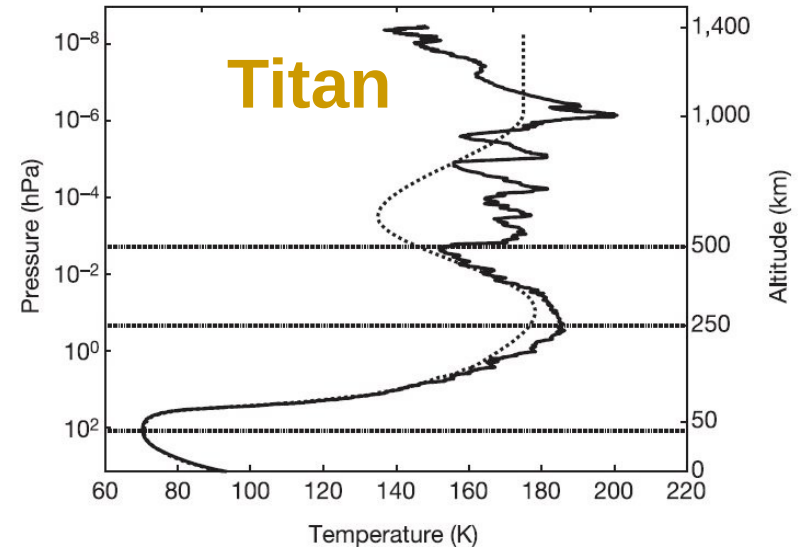
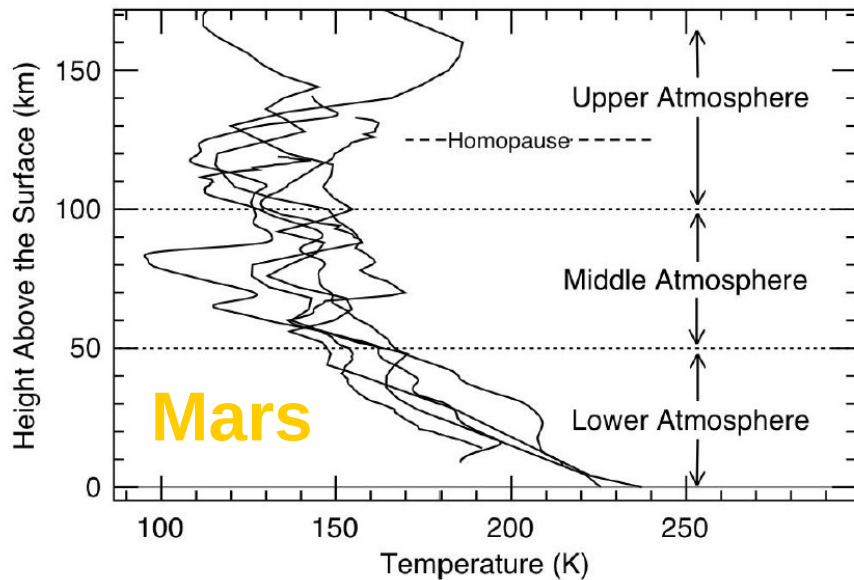
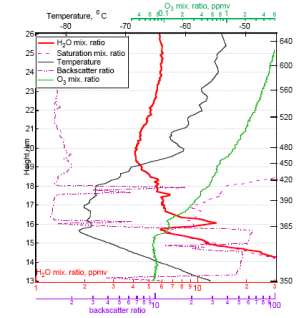
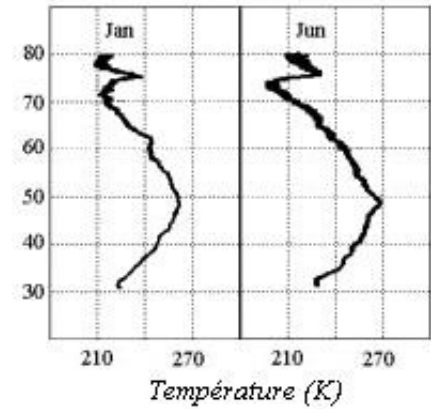
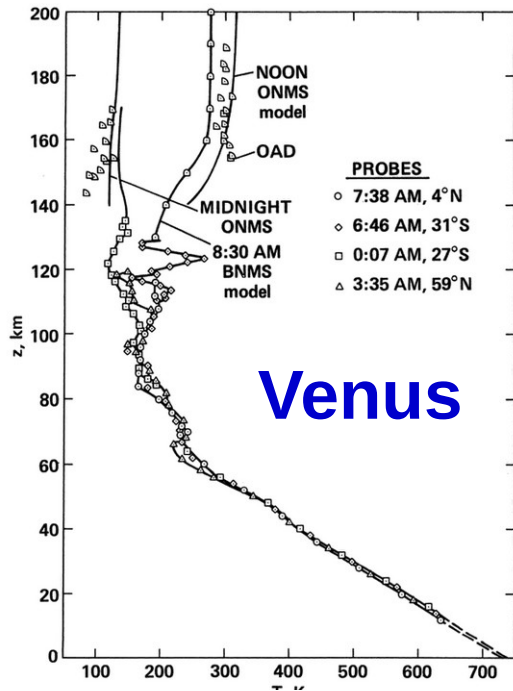
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## Temperature





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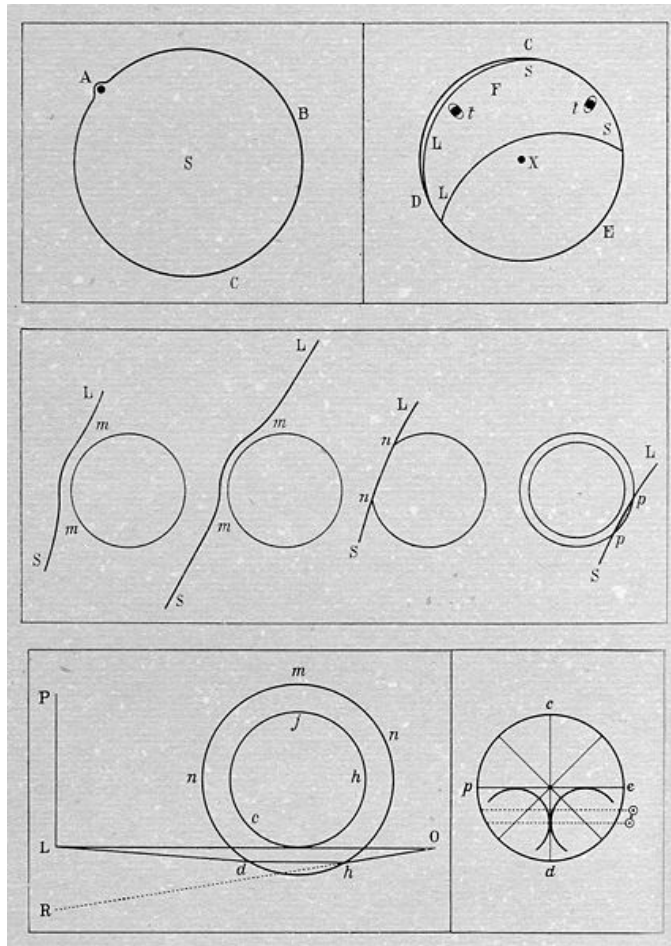
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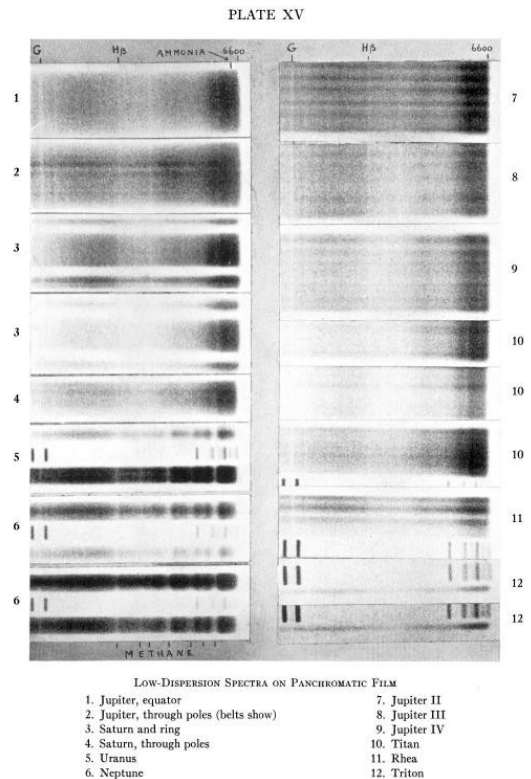
## Historical observations

1761 : Lomonosov, Venus transit

1907 : Comas Sola, Titan










1944 : G. Kuiper, methane on Titan



## Space probes : half a century of exploration

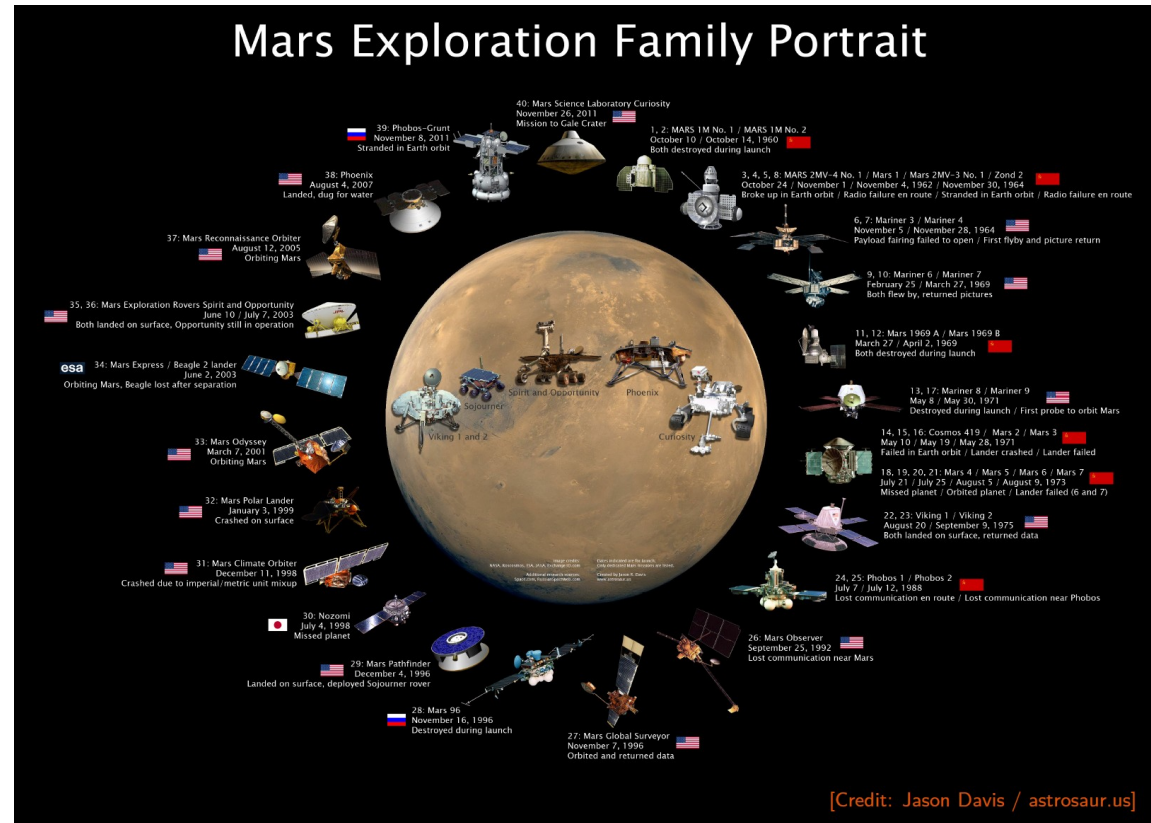
### Venus

-  Mariner 10 (1973)
-  Venera 4 (1967) to 16 (1983)
-  Pioneer Venus 1, 2 (1978-1992)
-  Vega 1, 2 (1984)
-  Magellan (1990-1994)
-  Venus-Express (2006-2014)
-  Akatsuki (2015-)

### Outer solar system

-  Pioneer 10 (1972), Pioneer 11 (1973)
- Voyager 1, Voyager 2 (1977)
- Galileo (1995-2003)
- Cassini-Huygens  (2004-2017)
- New Horizons (2015)

### Mars



## Current missions

### Mars

Mars Express (2003, Europe)

Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (2006, USA)

Mangalayan (2014, India)

Maven (2014, USA)

ExoMars Trace Gas Orbiter (2016, Europe-Russia)

Insight (2018, USA)

ExoMars rover (2020, Europe-Russia)

Opportunity (2004, USA)

Curiosity (2012, USA)

### Venus

Akatsuki (2015, Japan)

### Jupiter

Juno (2016, USA)

Juice (2022 ? Europe)

## Ground based, space based telescopes



VLT



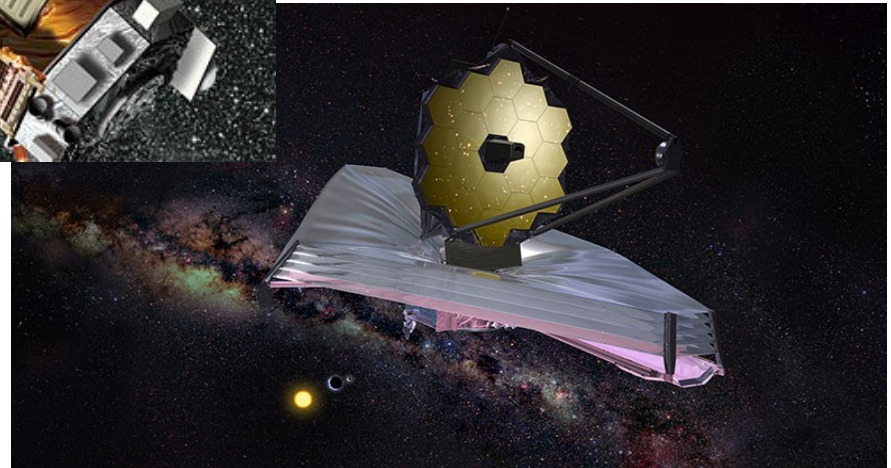
Mauna Kea



ALMA



Hubble, JWST  
Corot, Kepler  
IUE, ISO, Spitzer



## A good complementarity

Spatial resolution

Duration of the observations

Instruments technology

Type of measurements

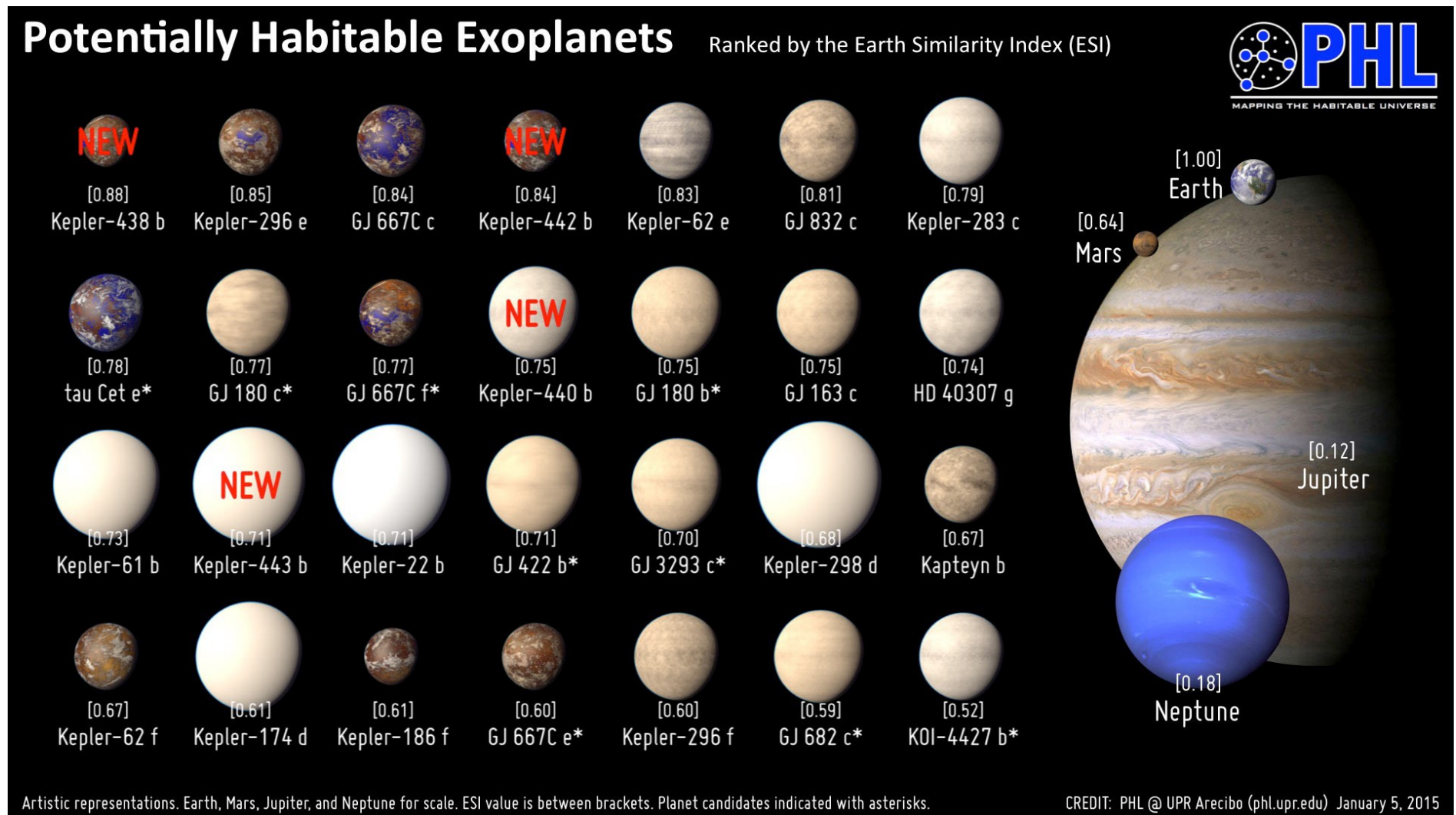
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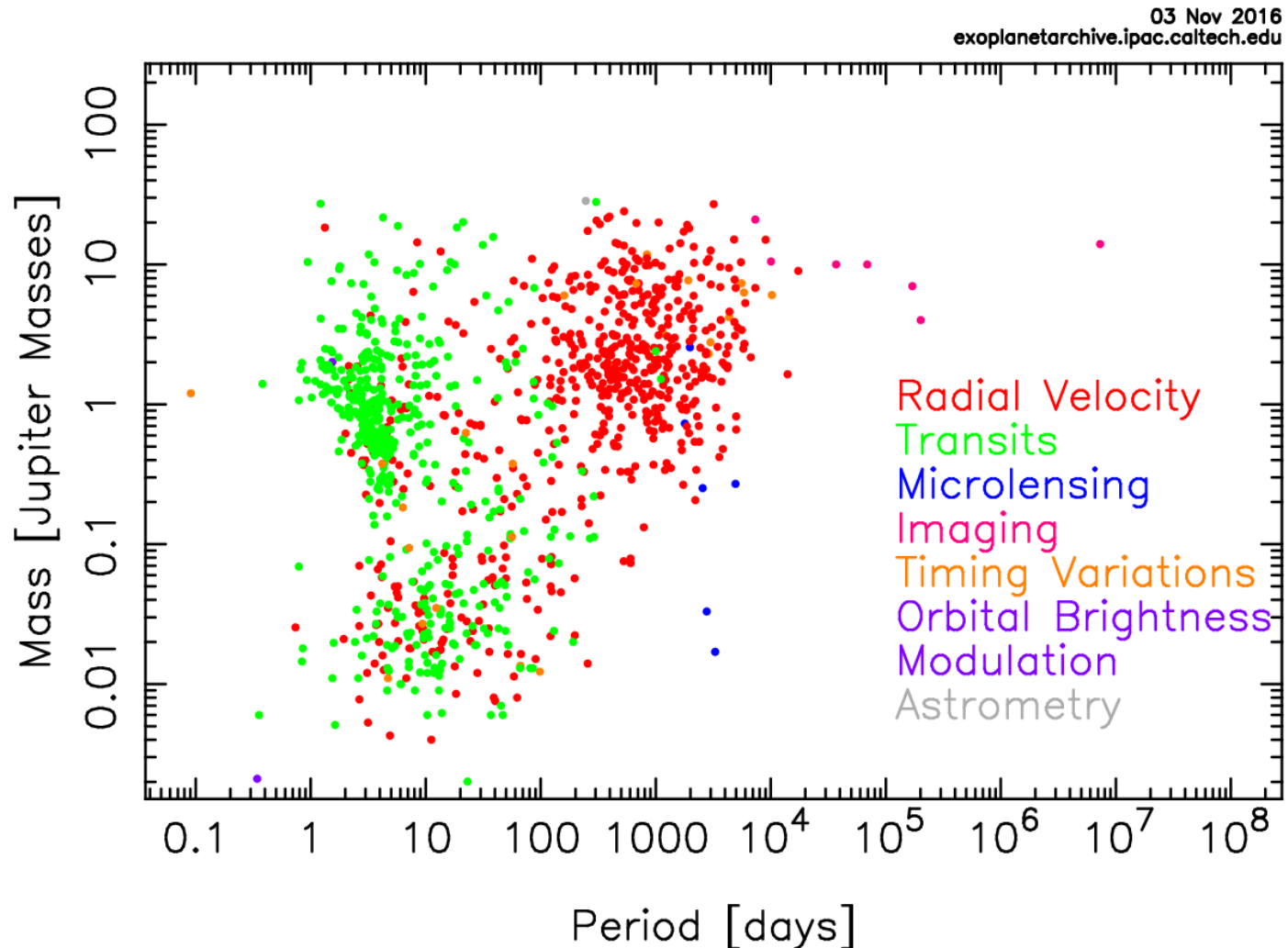


## Exoplanets !

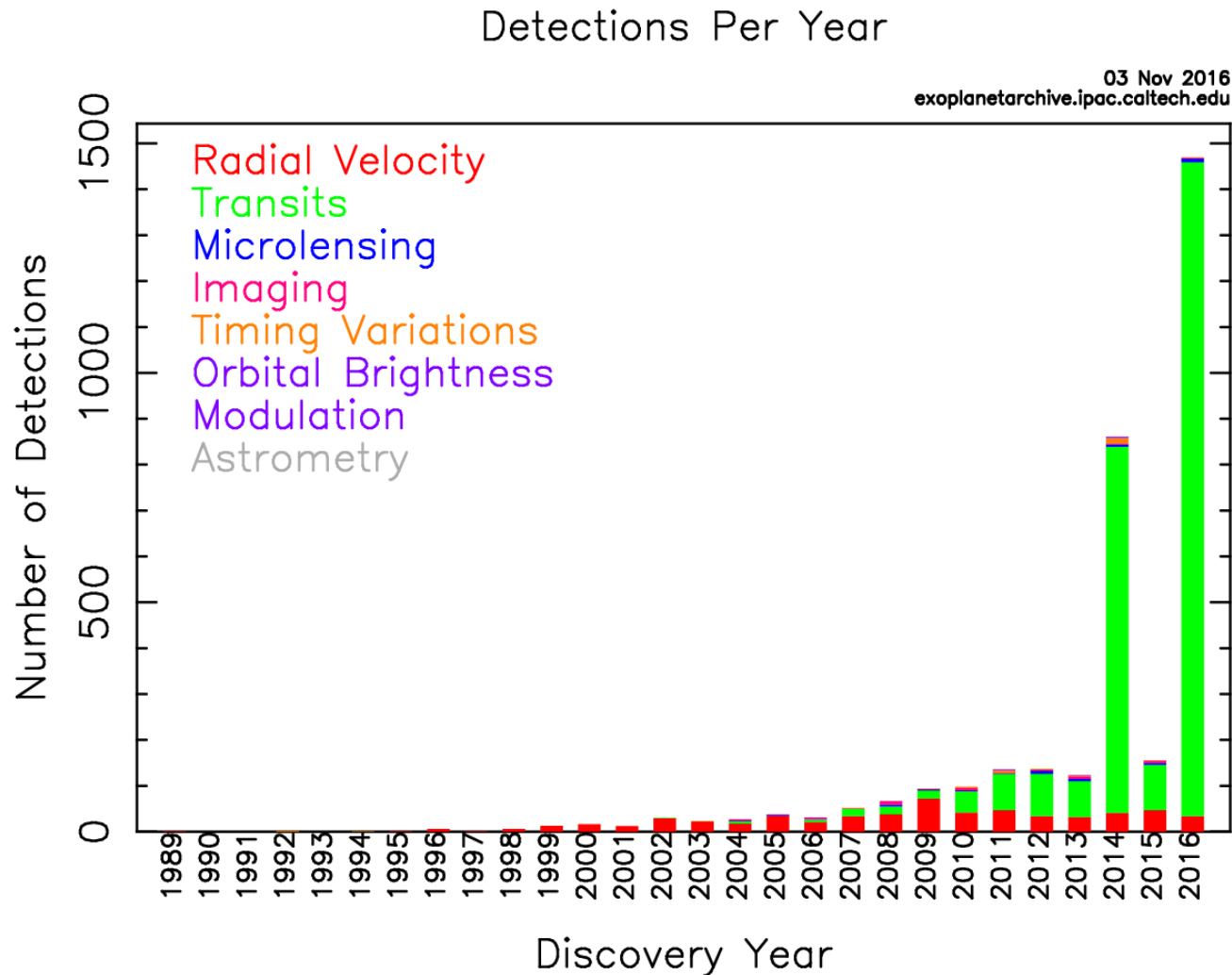


## Techniques

Mass – Period Distribution

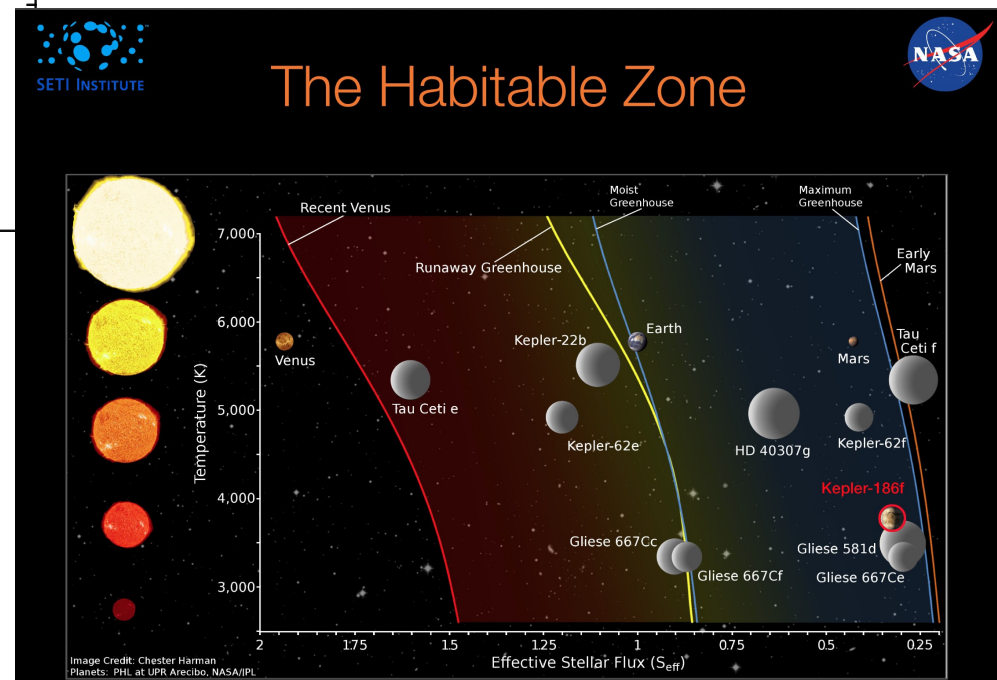
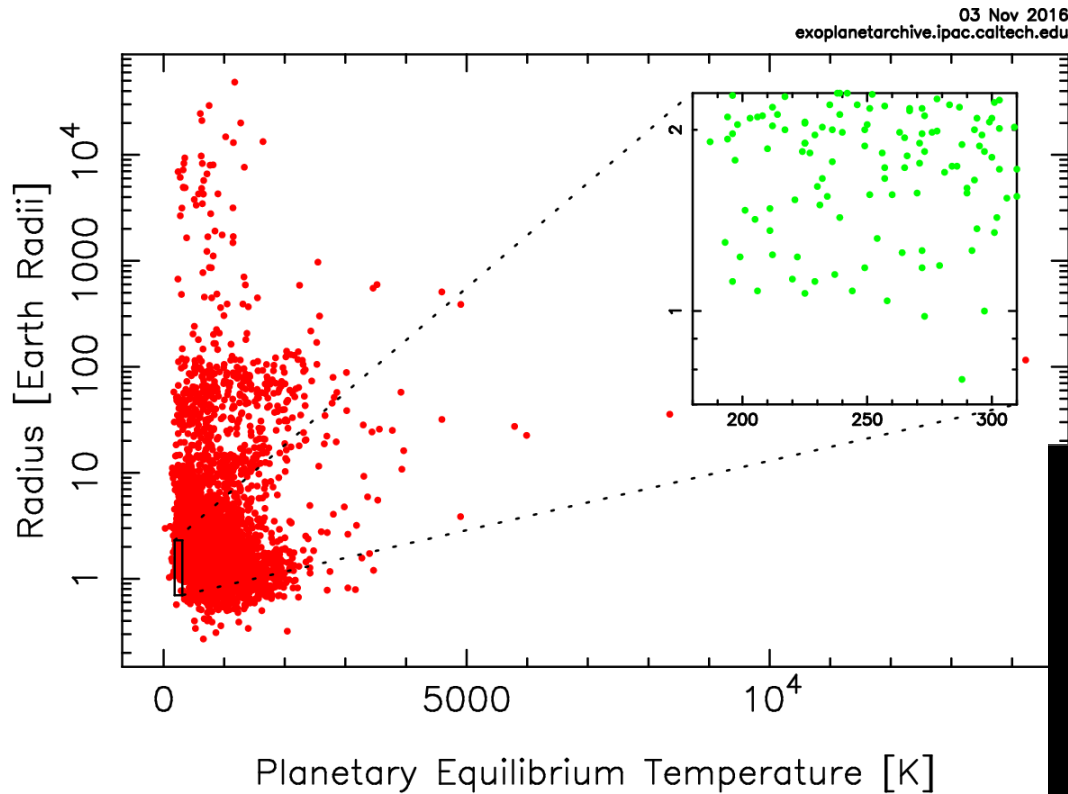


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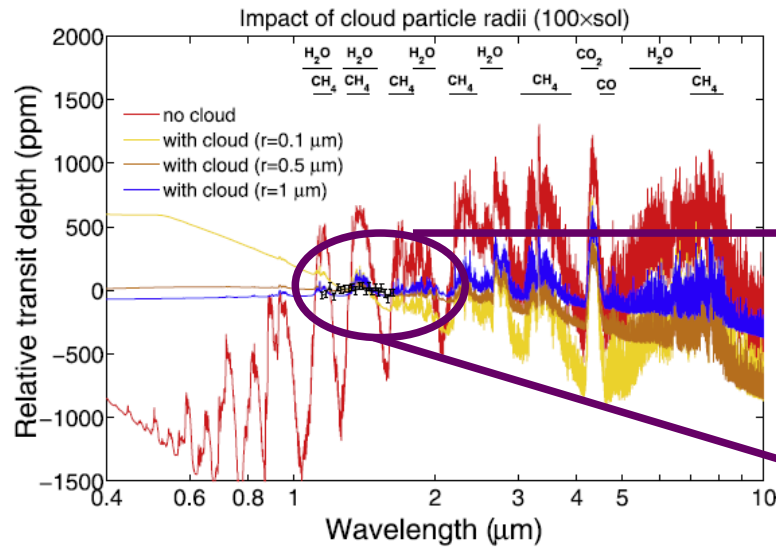


## Types of planets

Kepler Radius – Teq Distribution



## Atmospheric hints



GJ1214b : spectrum by HST

