Jupiter and Saturn

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Jupiter

Distance From Sun:483 Million Miles

• Average Temp: -166°F

• Diameter: 88,000 miles

• Orbital Period: 12 years

• Moons: 67



Galileo

Launch: 1989 Orbit Jupiter: 1995 Mission End: 2003



First two years focused on Jupiter.

Extended mission (6 years) focused on Jupiter's moons, with emphasis on Europa, Callisto, Ganymede, and Io.

4 of Jupiter's 61 moons



Io (with active volcanoes)

Europa

3 with Liquid Oceans?

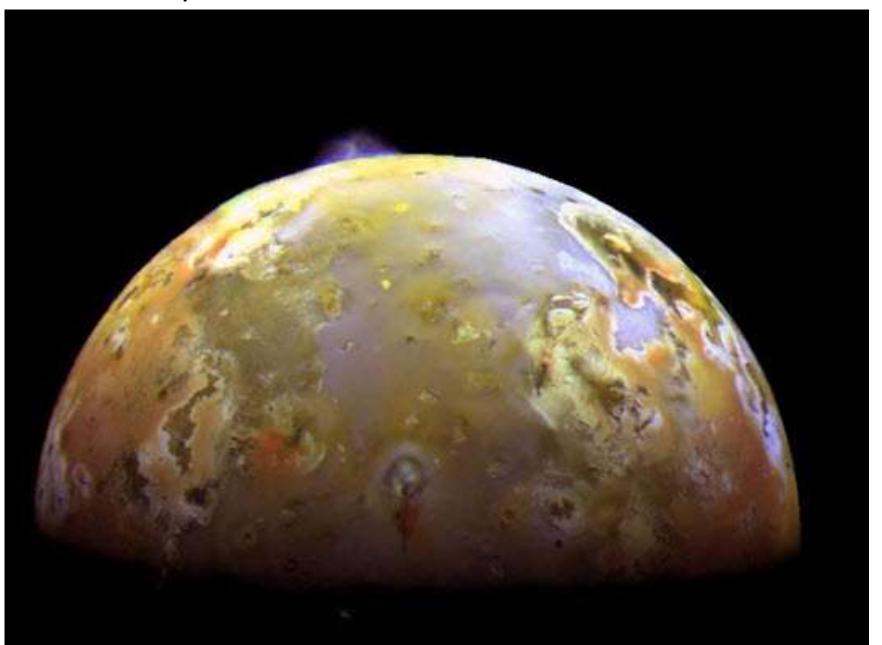
Ganymede

Callisto



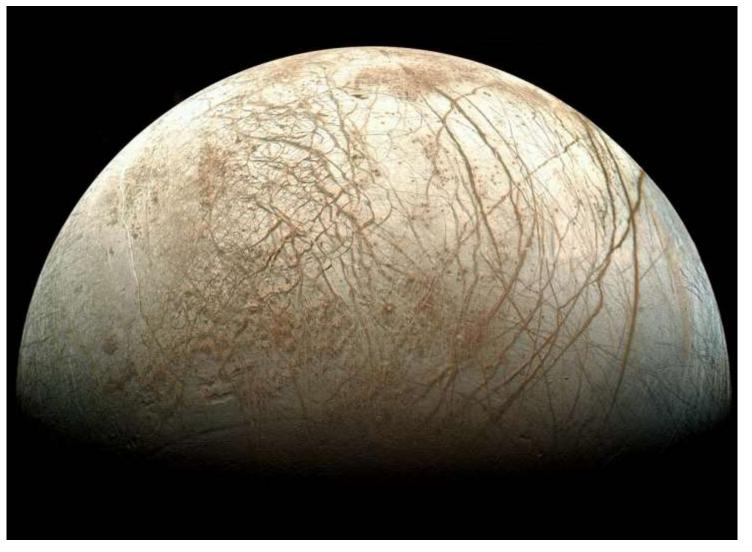
Imagine if Earth had 61 moons

Volcanic Eruption on IO



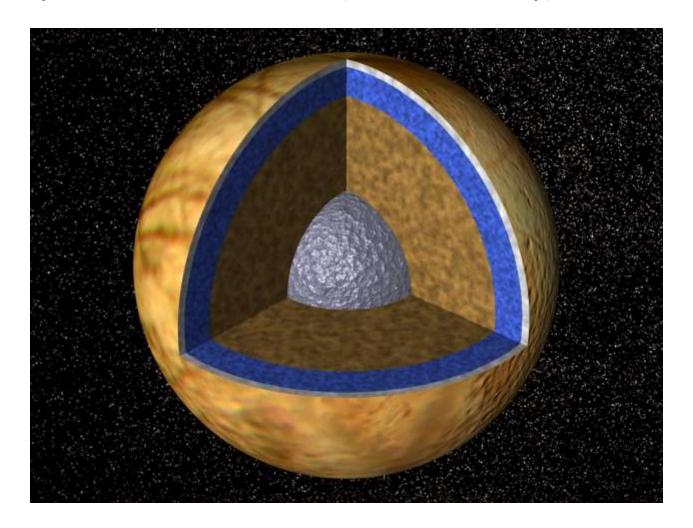
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Europa Ice – 3 miles thick with liquid salt water ocean beneath

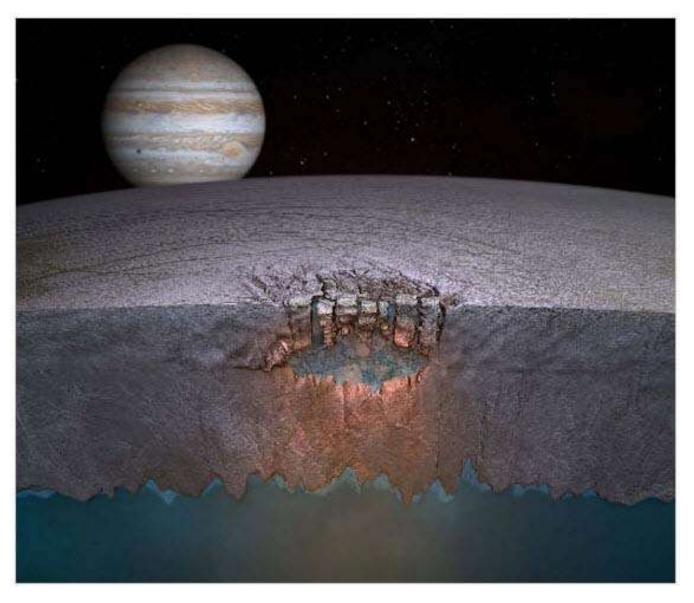


Europa

- Ice 3 miles thick with
- Liquid salt water ocean beneath (40 100 miles deep)

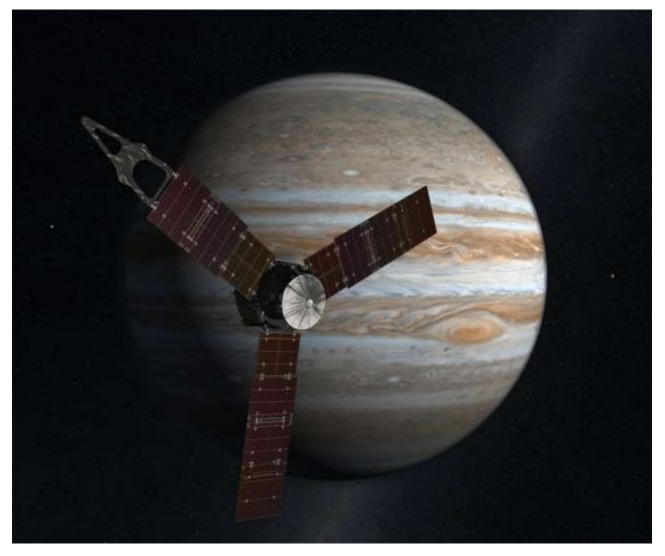


Liquid lakes in the ice



JUNO - Launched August 5, 2011 Polar Orbit of Jupiter

Solar Powered



Arrives at Jupiter: July 4, 2016

Saturn

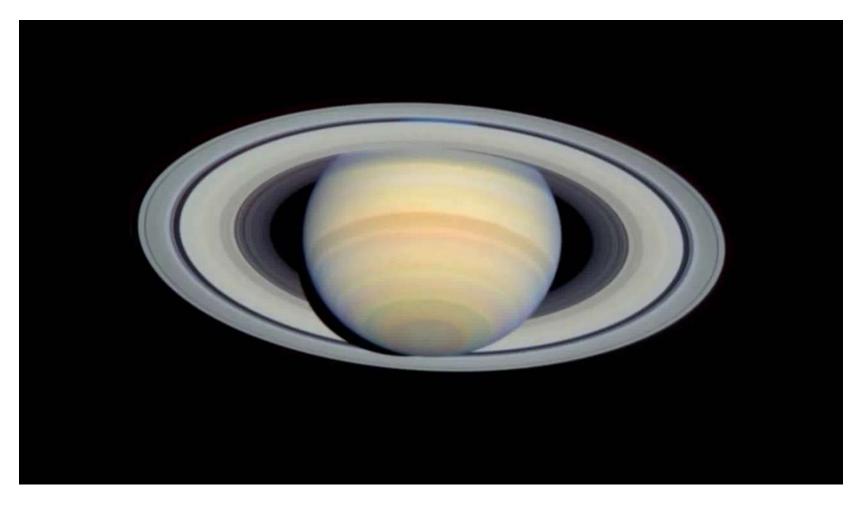
• Distance From Sun: 888 Million Miles

• Average Temp: -220°F

• Diameter: 75,000 miles

• Orbital Period: 29 years

• Moons: 62



Cassini and Huygens

Mission to Saturn and its largest moon Titan.

Launch: 10/15/1997

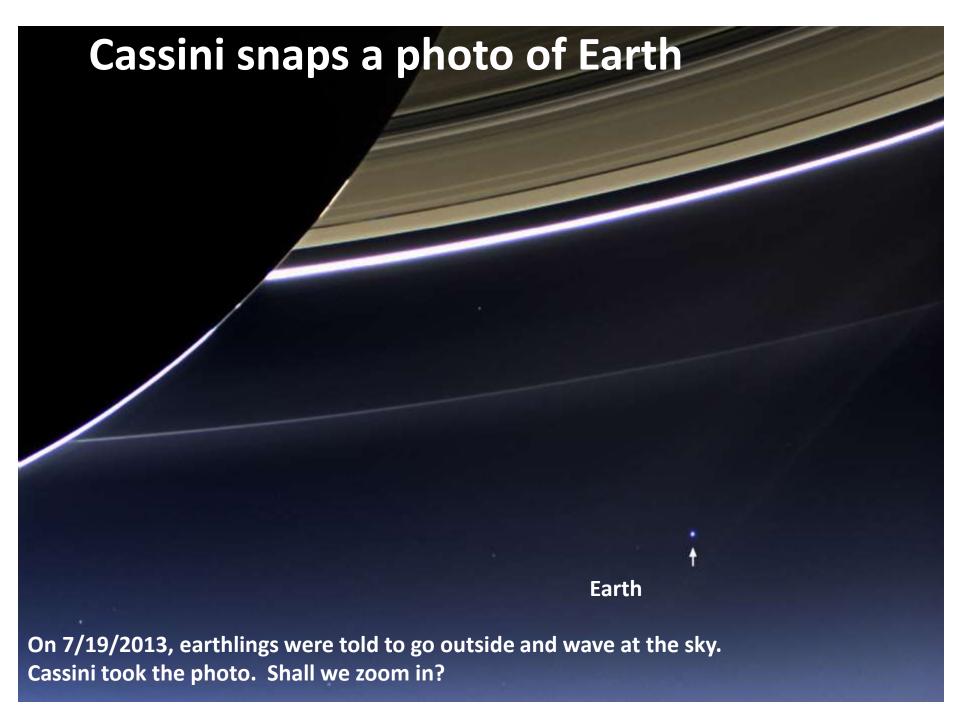
Orbit Saturn: 7/1/2004

Huygens Release: 12/2004

Landed on Titan: 1/12/2005

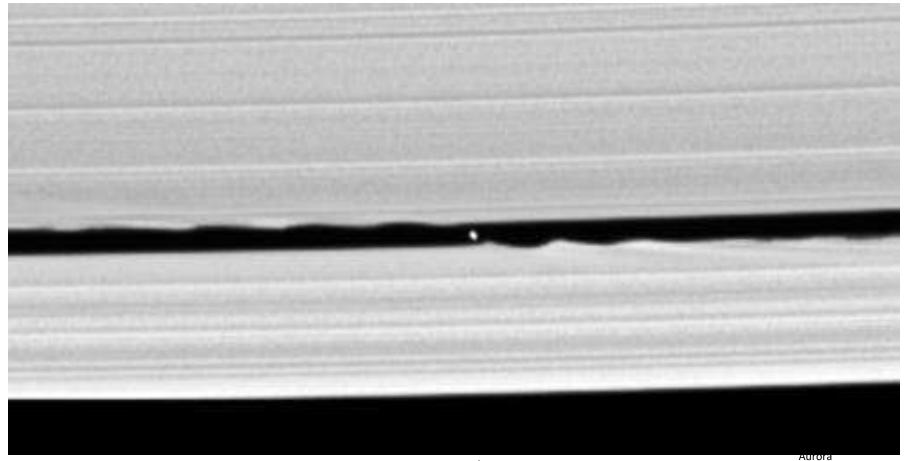




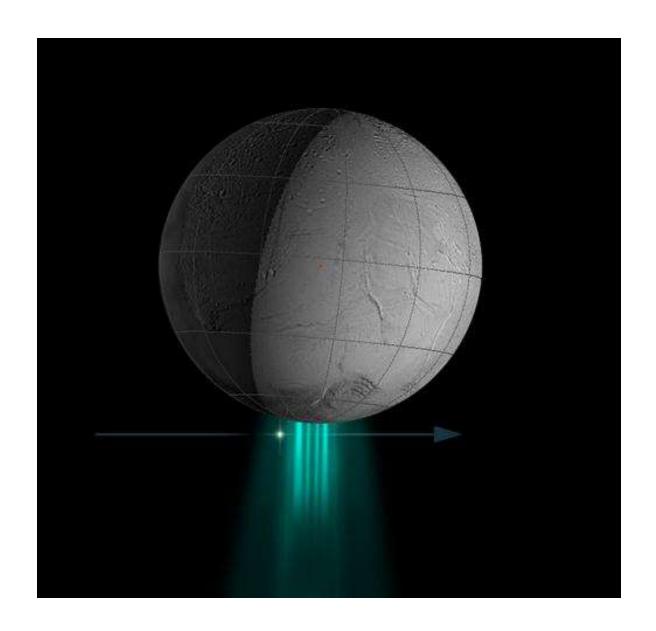


What causes the gaps in the Saturn rings?

A moon in the rings (where are the ripples?)



Water plumes shooting from Enceladus south pole

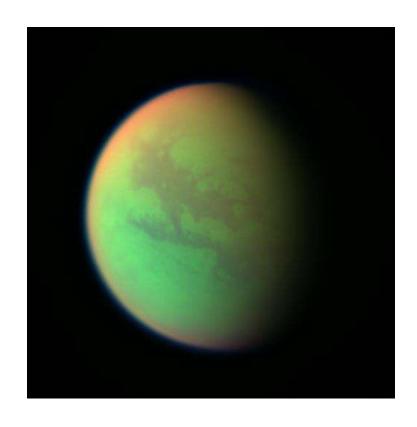


Images of Saturn's moon Titan

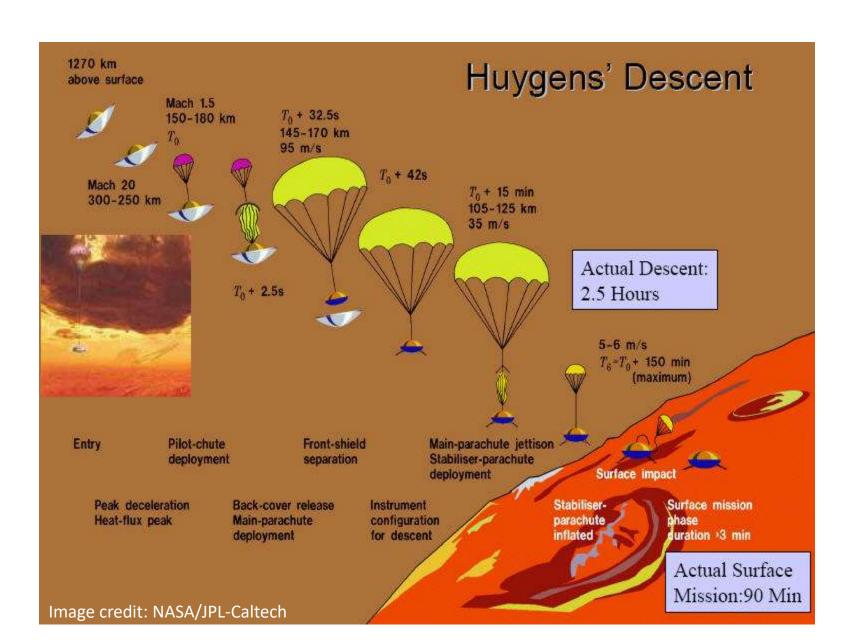


Hubble Image

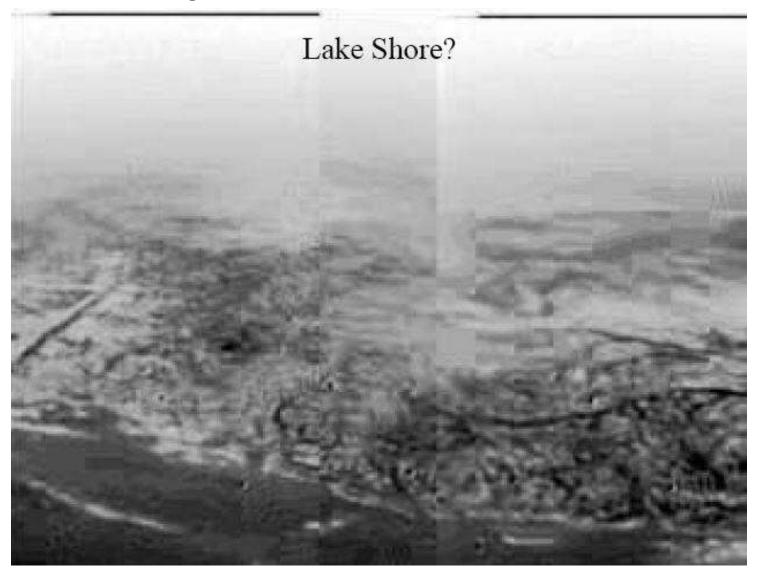
Continents/Oceans visible?



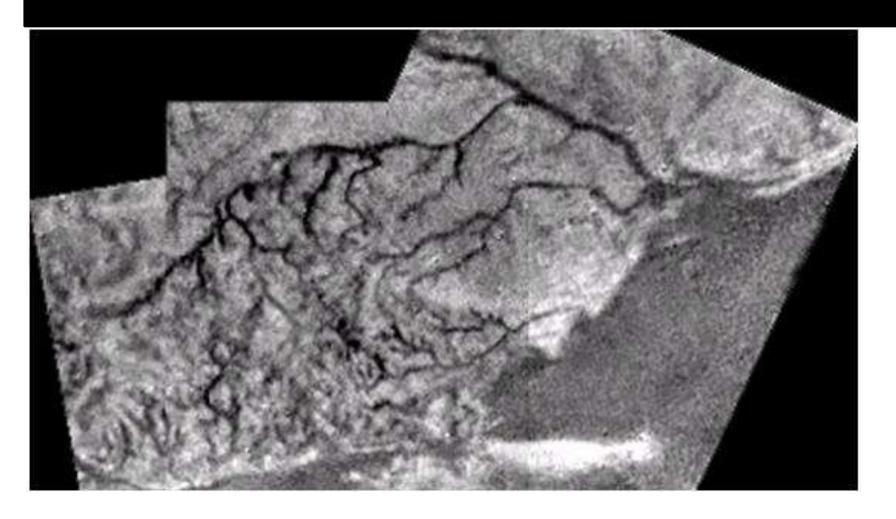
Cassini Image



Cassini images of Saturn's moon Titan



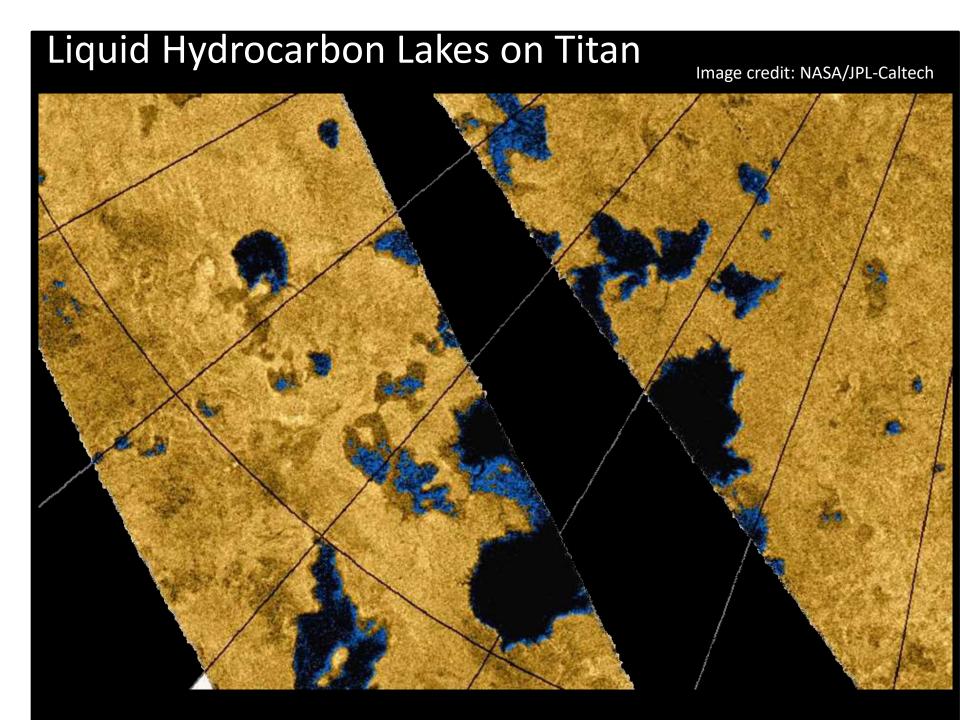
Liquid flow erosion on Titan

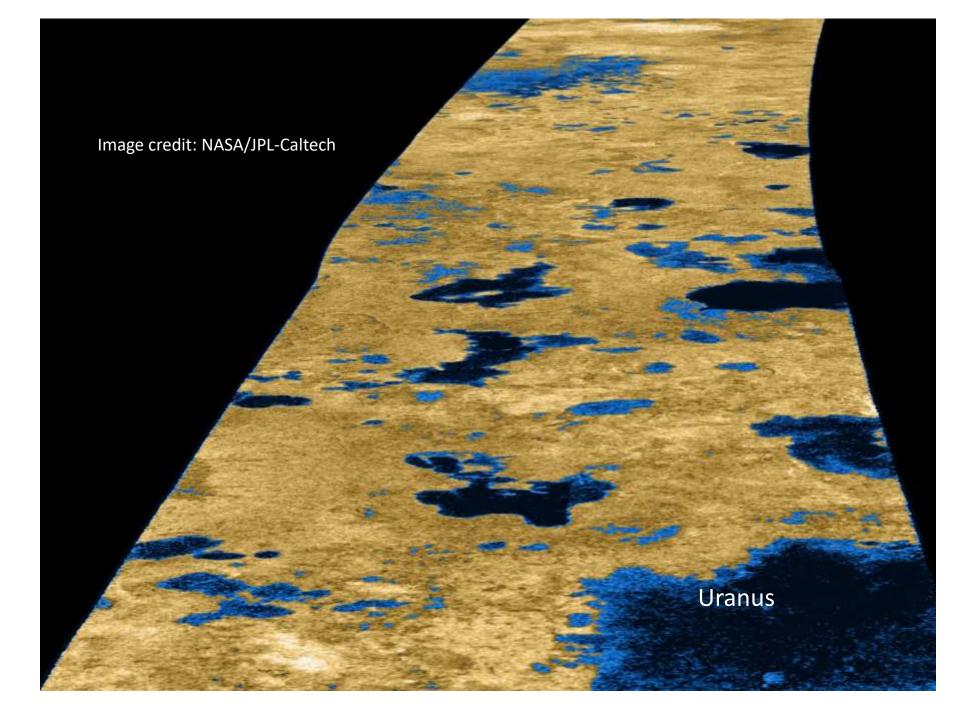


Huygens Probe image from the Surface of Titan



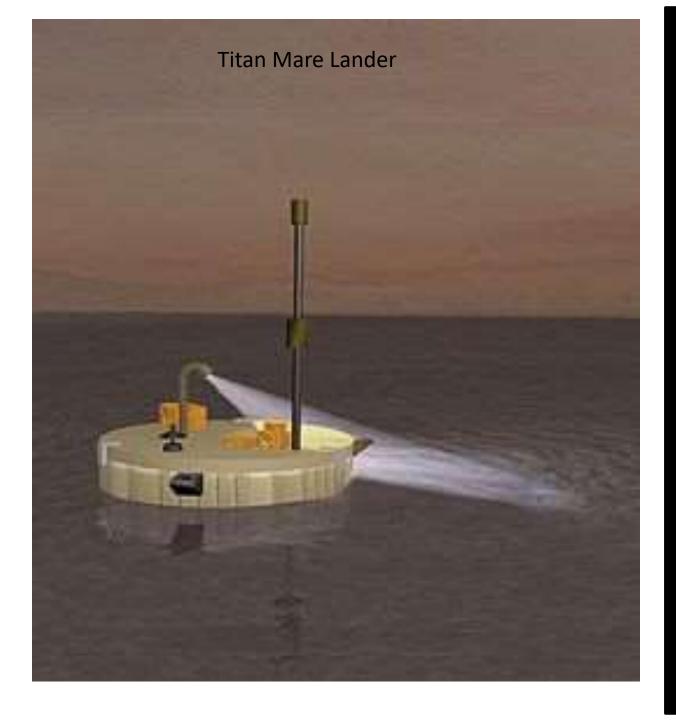
Liquid lakes





Size: Titan Sea vs. Earth's Lake Superior





Mission to land a boat on the seas of Titan

Uranus

Pluto (1978)

Distance From Sun: 3.7 Billion Miles

• Average Temp: -400°F

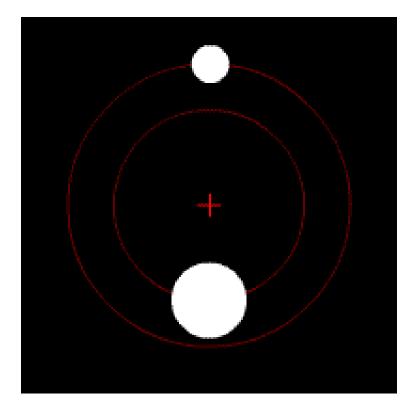
• Pluto diameter: 1,500 miles, Charon diameter: 750 miles

Orbital Period: 248 years

• Moons: 1 (known in 1978)

• Charon found in 1978





Hubble Best View

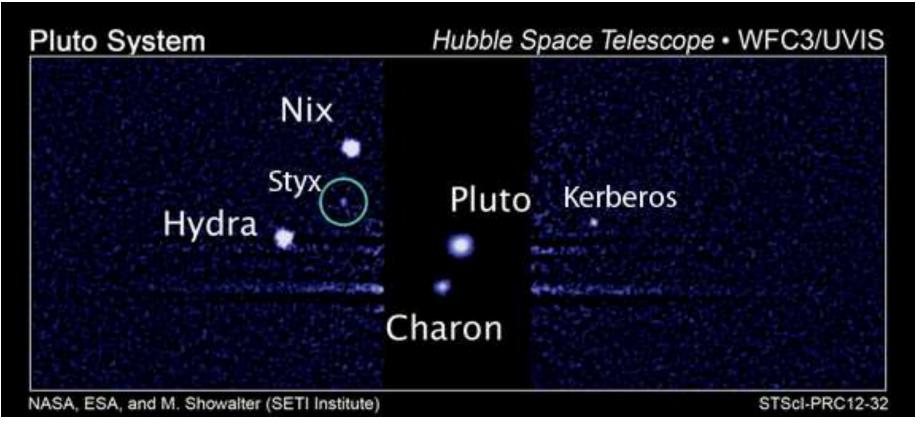


Pluto (7/1/2013)

Introducing: Styx and Kerberos

Pluto Moons: Now at 5

- Charon found in 1978
- Nix and Hydra found in 2005
- Kerberos found in 2011
- Styx found in 2012



New Horizons (Pluto - Kuiper Belt Mission)

Launched: Jan 17, 2006

Pluto Flyby: July 14, 2015

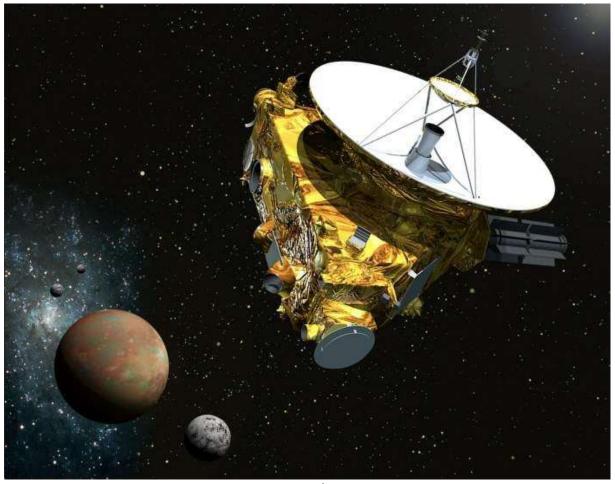


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