

"The Planets"

Astro/EPS C12 (CCN 17045 or 32505)

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QUIZ 2 GRADE

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| A | 8.00 | 16 |
| B | 6.00 | 11 |
| C | 4.75 | 13 |
| D | 0.00 | 23 |
| F | 0.00 | 0 |

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STAR PARTY

- TONIGHT !!
 - attendance optional (this is just for fun)
 - meet at 10pm in front of Campbell Hall
 - don't be late
 - my cell 510-207-2236
 - may be cancelled if weather is bad

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NEW HORIZONS CALENDAR

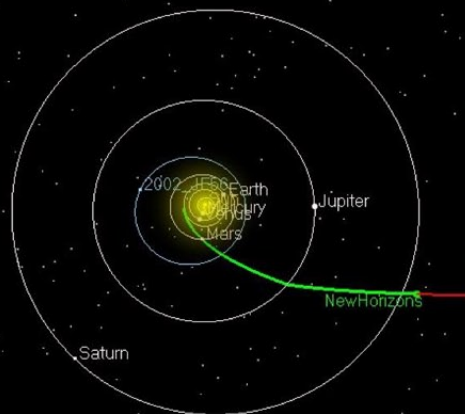
- launch: Jan 2006
- Jupiter encounter: Feb 2007
- Pluto closest approach: July 2015

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New Horizons Current Position

Distance from Sun (AU): 10.69 Heliocentric Velocity (km/s): 17.98

NEW HORIZONS LAST NIGHT



Distance from Earth (AU): 10.10
Distance from Jupiter (AU): 6.22
Distance from Pluto (AU): 20.88
12 Aug 2008 05:00:00 UTC

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New Horizons Full Trajectory - Side View

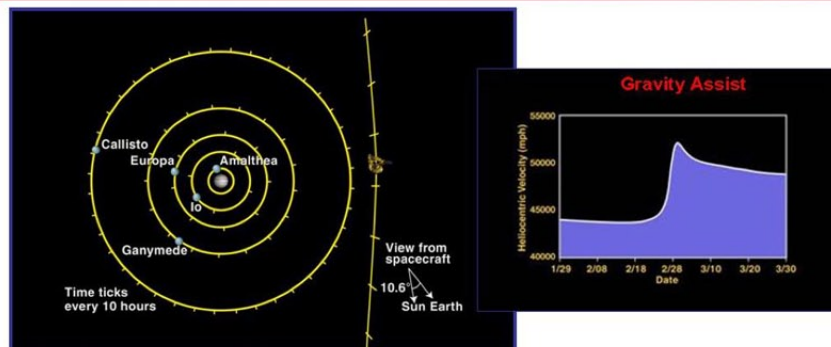


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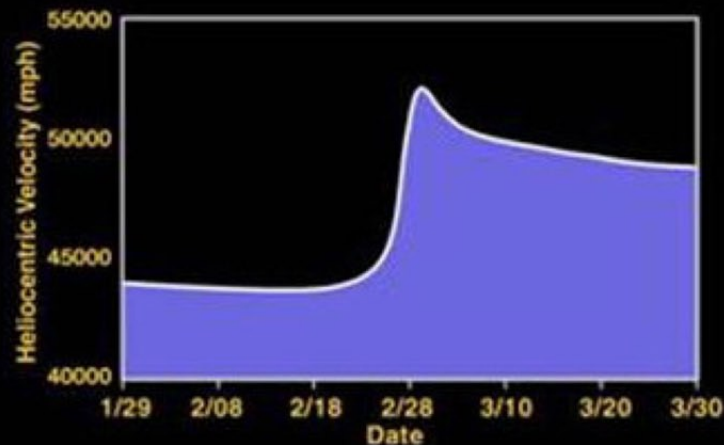
JUPITER ENCOUNTER



International Observing Campaign:

- Hubble, Chandra, XMM
- Rosetta, MRO (HIRISE)
- IRTF, Gemini, Subaru, KPNO, VLT, AAT
- Amateurs

Gravity Assist

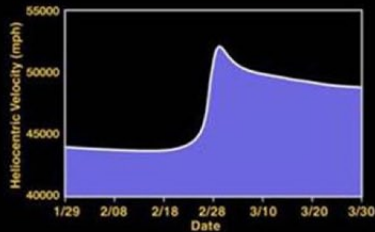


NH Jupiter encounter objectives:

1. Gravity Assist
2. Stress test for Ops Team
3. Calibration Observations
4. Jovian system science

GRAVITY AND VELOCITY

Gravity Assist



- velocity continually decreasing with time, due to Sun's pull
- velocity would go to zero if initial velocity less than escape velocity
- big "kick" from Jupiter similar to what happened to many planetesimals

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MAINTAINING AN ATMOSPHERE

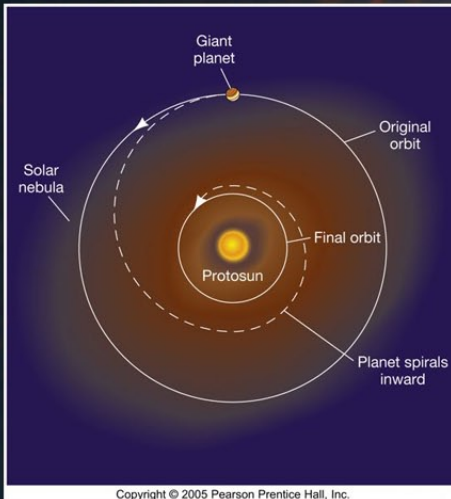
- v_{esc} = escape velocity from planet
- \bar{v} = average thermal velocity of a molecule
- if $6 \bar{v} > v_{\text{esc}}$, then the atmosphere is escaping the planet !!

$$v_{\text{esc.}} = \sqrt{2 g r} = \sqrt{\frac{2 G m_{\text{planet}}}{r}}$$

$$\bar{v} = \sqrt{\frac{8 R T}{\pi M}} = \sqrt{\frac{8 R T}{\pi \mu M_u}}$$

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GIANT PLANET FORMATION



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- giant planets probably migrated by interacting with the disk
- many different types of migration
 - interaction with gas --> inward migration
 - interaction with planetesimals --> outward migration

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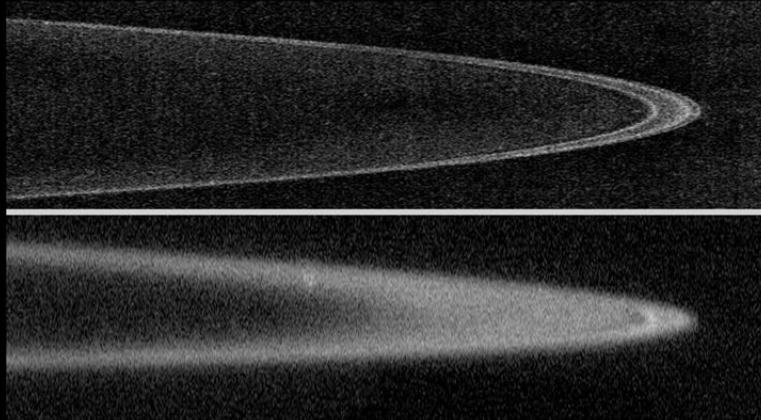
- may extend to a radius of about 50,000 AU

The Oort Cloud (comprising many billions of comets)

Oort Cloud cutaway drawing adapted from Donald K. Yeoman's illustration (NASA, JPL)

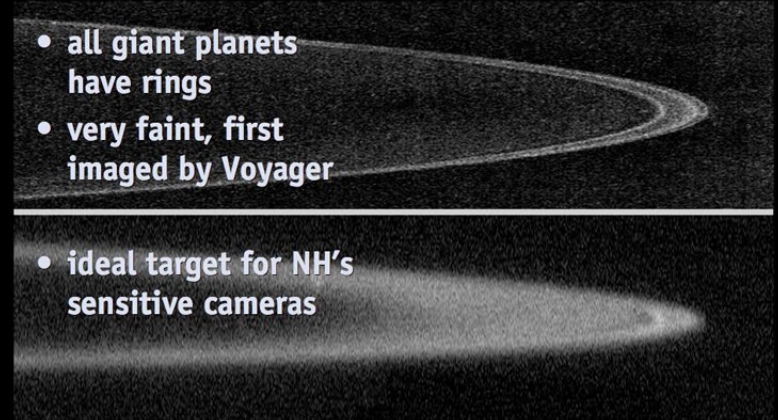
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JUPITER'S RING



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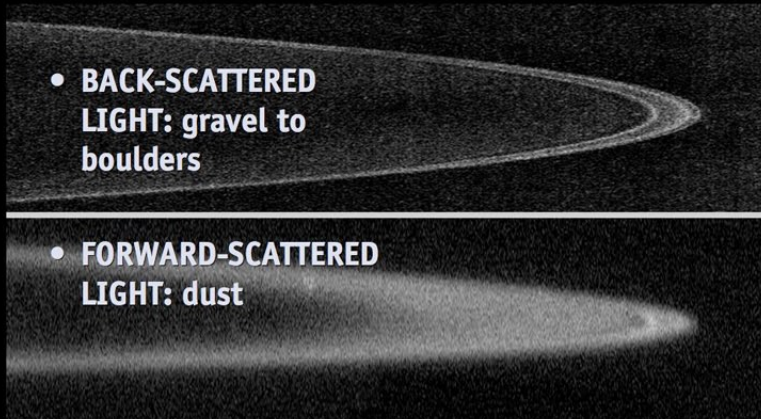
JUPITER'S RING



- all giant planets have rings
- very faint, first imaged by Voyager
- ideal target for NH's sensitive cameras

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JUPITER'S RING



- **BACK-SCATTERED LIGHT:** gravel to boulders
- **FORWARD-SCATTERED LIGHT:** dust

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FORWARD SCATTERING



Tommy Ga-Ken Wan

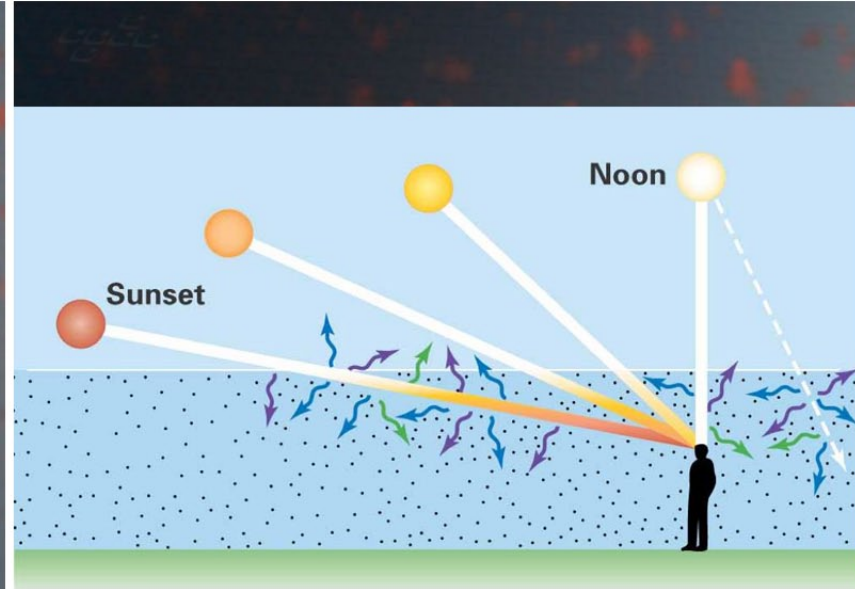
- smoke is made of small particles, like dust... it has strong forward-scattering

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SCATTERING

- **LARGE “particles”** like gravel, boulders, planets: back-scattering, the familiar reflection of light off surfaces
- **SMALL dust:** forward-scattering is stronger. blue light scattered better than red light.
- **TINY molecules:** scatter in all directions, blue light scattered better than red light

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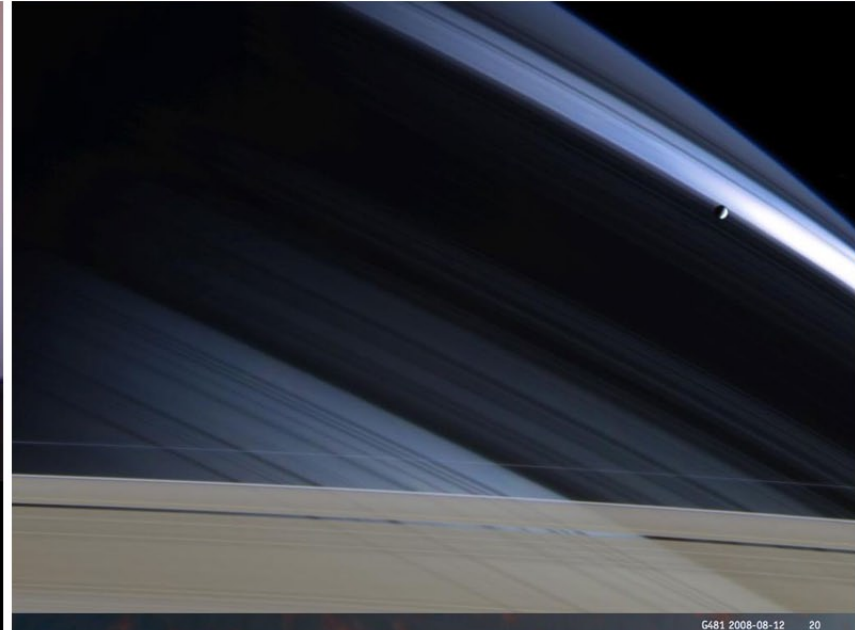
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SCATTERING

- **light changes direction, but is not absorbed, in scattering events**
 - Martian sunset
 - our blue sky
 - interstellar dust



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No moons were found: What does this mean?

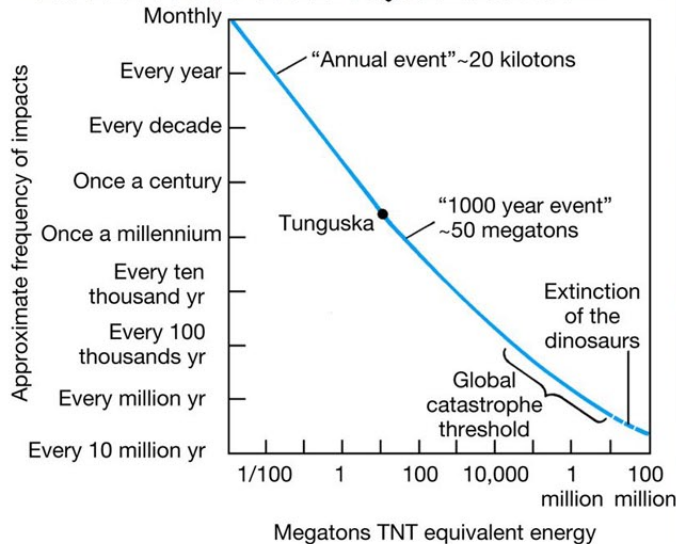
- Hypothesis:
 - The system originally followed a typical power law.
 - Erosion by meteoroids ate away all but the largest bodies, Adrastea & Metis.
 - Suggests that this is a very old ring system, unlike Saturn's "youthful" rings.

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- In the distant past, small bodies were more numerous than large ones.
- Erosion by meteoroid impacts caused bodies to shrink at a uniform rate.

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IMPACT FREQUENCY



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COUNTING CRATERS

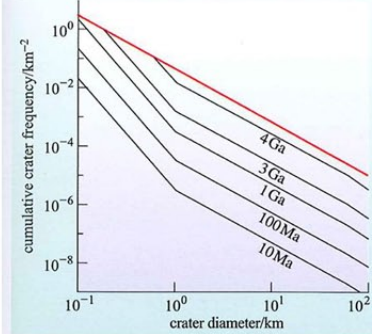


Figure 4.26 'Calibrated' cratering curves for the Moon, based on statistics for surfaces whose ages have been determined radiometrically. The red line shows the crater density on a saturated surface.

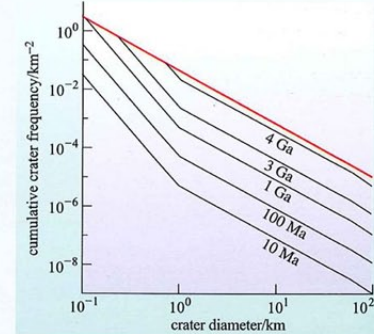
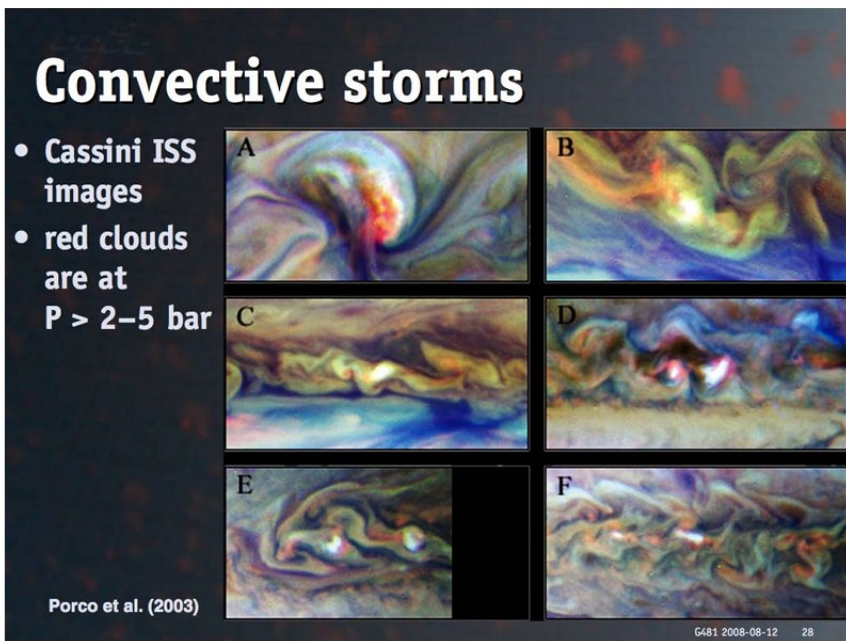
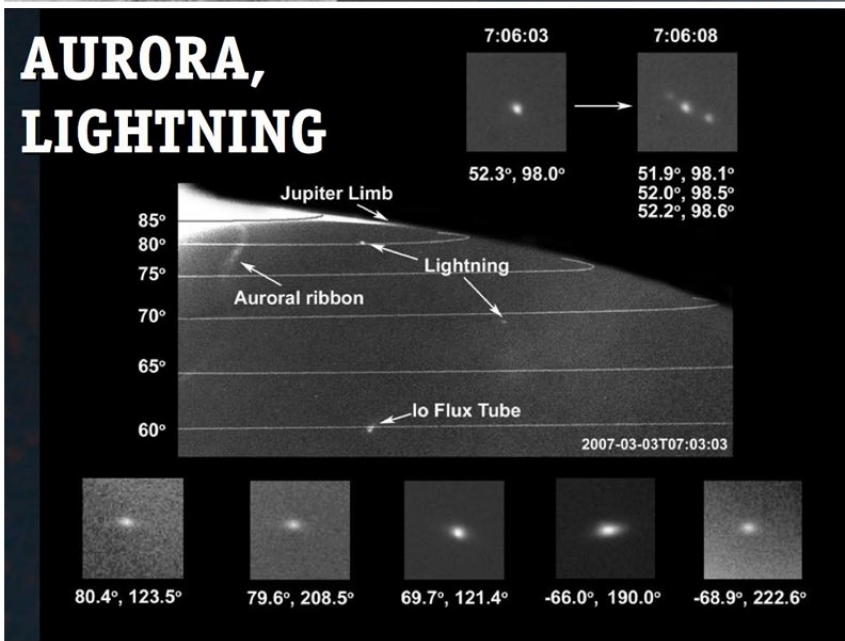
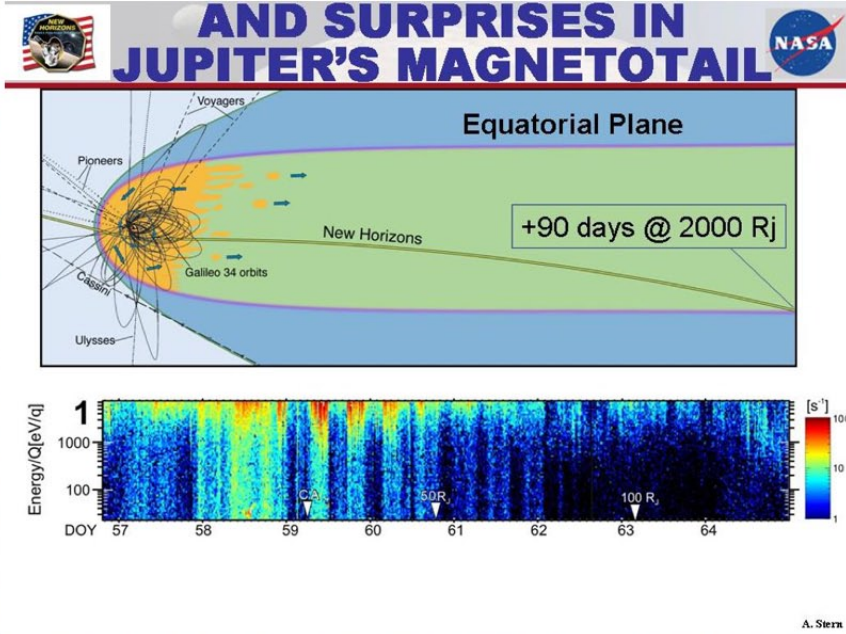
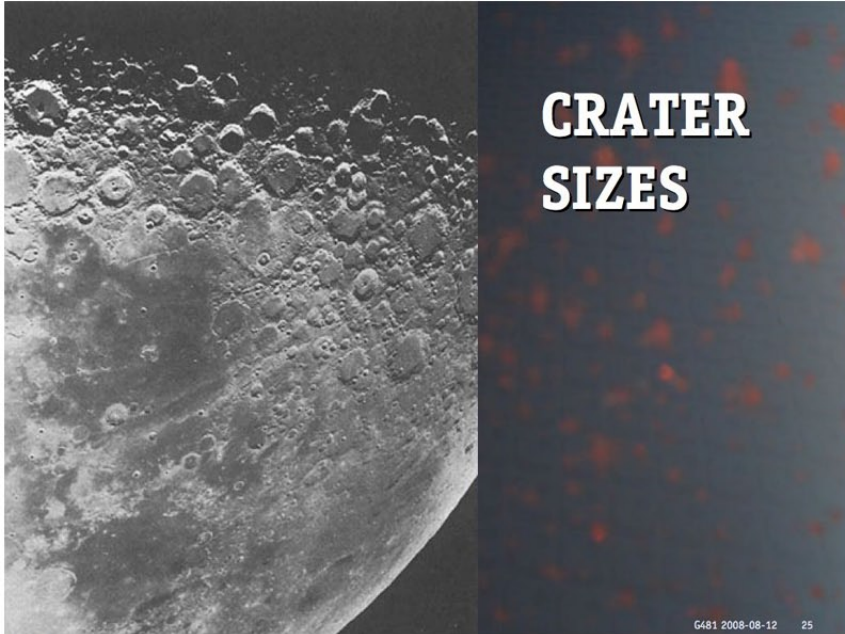


Figure 4.27 Cratering curves for Mars, based on lunar data in Figures 4.25 and 4.26, but adjusted to take account of the slightly higher flux at Mars. Notice it is very similar to Figure 4.26.

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SATURN STORMS

- Voyager image

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OVAL BA

- 3 white ovals formed in the 1920s
- merged in 1998–2001
- turned **red** in 2005

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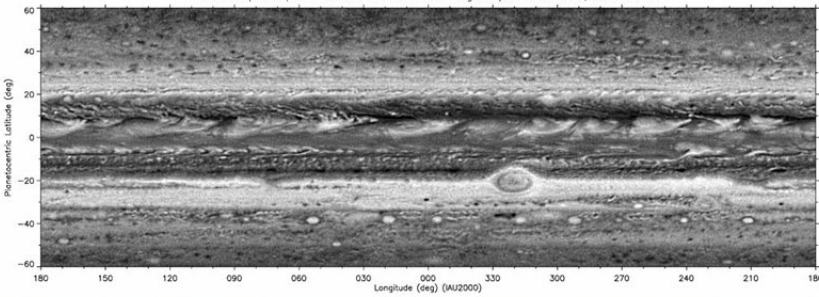
OVAL BA

- HST image

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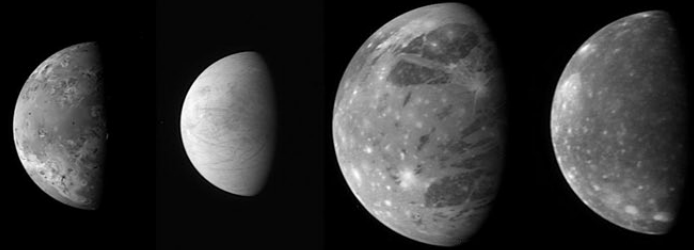
ZONAL WINDS

Global map of Jupiter from New Horizons LORRI Image Sequence J08aATM1, 2007 Jan 08



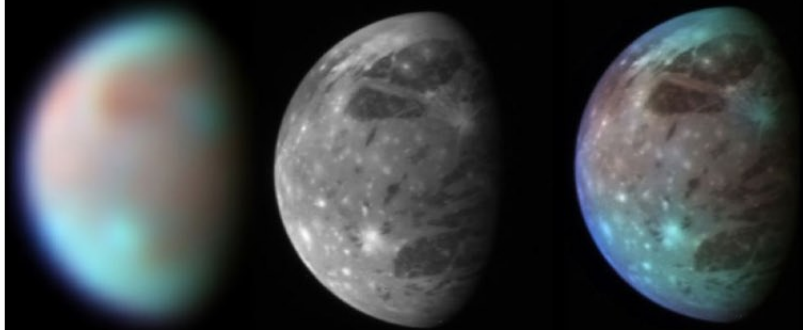
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GALILEAN MOONS



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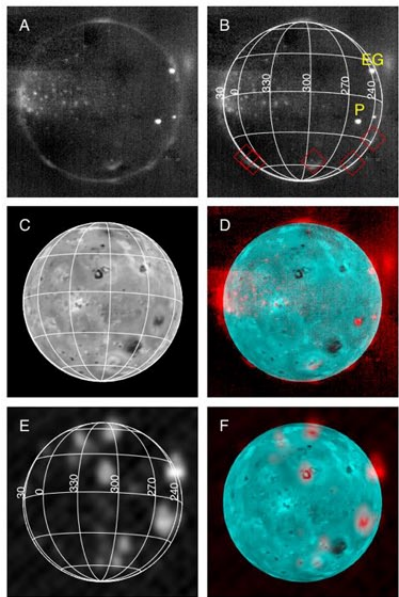
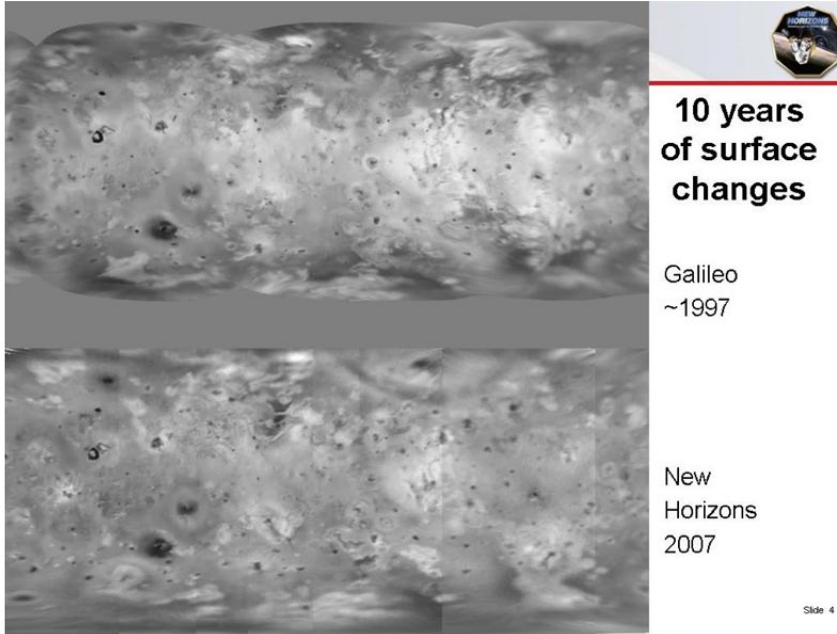
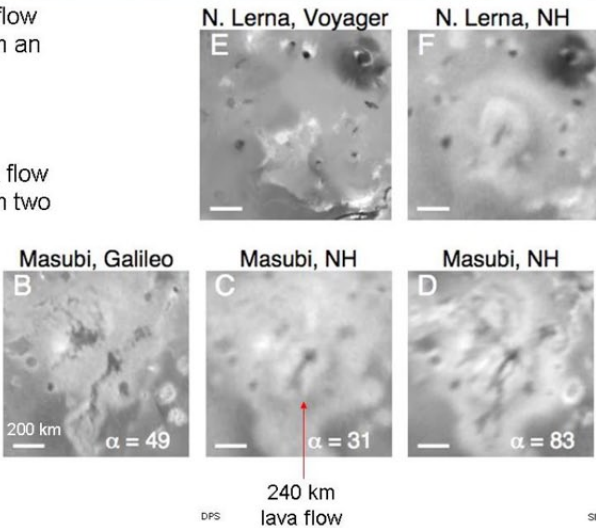


- visible + infrared
- blue = fresh ice
- red = contaminated

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Lerna: New lava flow and deposits from an active plume


Masubi: new lava flow and deposits from two active plumes




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- A, B - visible (eclipse)
- C - visible (sunlit)
- D - eclipse + sunlit
- E - infrared
- F - infrared + sunlit


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Coordinated Observations with Each Remote Sensing Instrument




LORRI



MVIC



LEISA



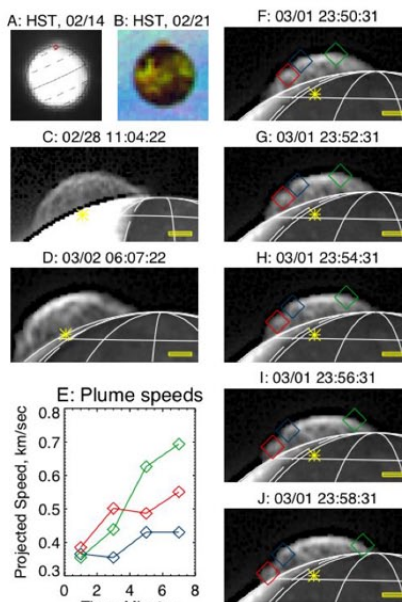
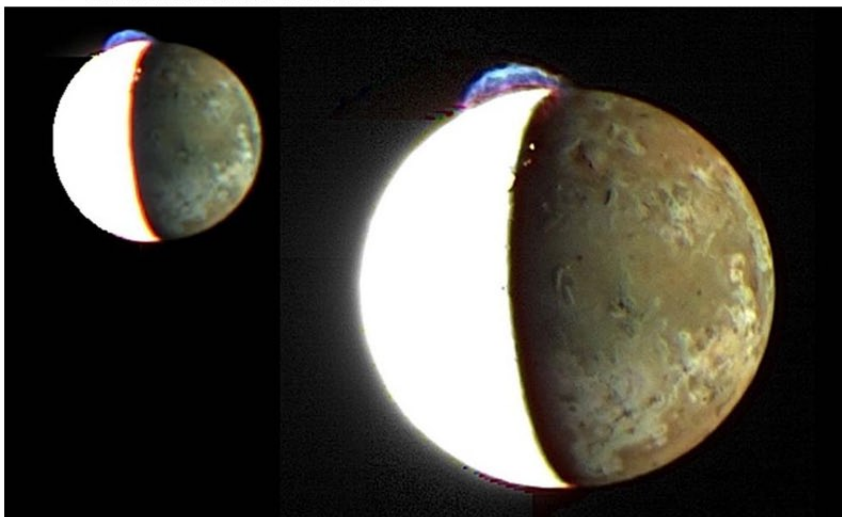
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Nightside Color Imaging



- Combined LORRI and MVIC



IO

- plume studies

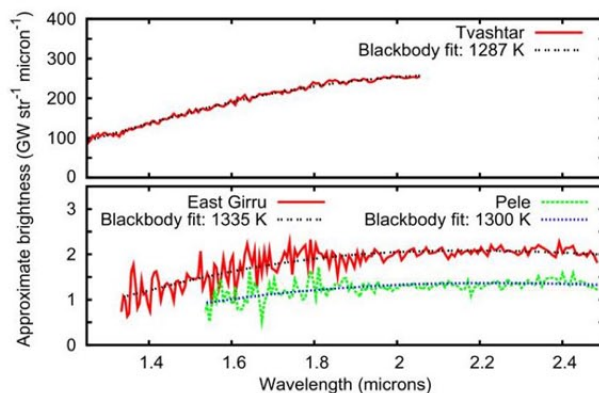
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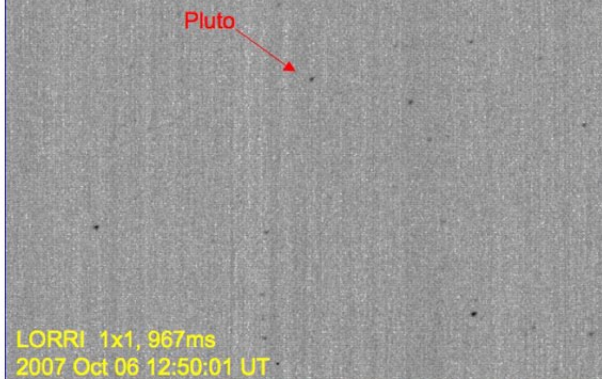
Temperature of Tvashtar (and other Hot Spots)



- LEISA spectra
- In basaltic range- no evidence for exotic high-T magmas



ONWARD TO PLUTO



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