



Basic information (J,S)

Density (avg, g/cm^3):	1.33	0.69
Distance from Sun (avg, AU):	5.2	9.5
Orbital Period (years):	11.9	29.5
Rotation Period (equatorial, hrs):	~10h	~10h
Albedo:	0.50	0.34
Moons (confirmed, 2019):	79	82
Tilt of rotational axis:	3°	27°
Equatorial diameter (x Earth):	~11	~9

Jupiter “Ruler of the Gods”

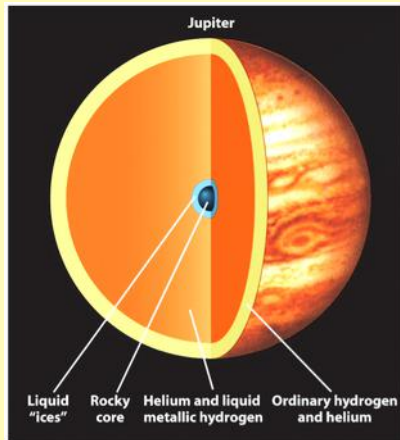
- *brightest* planet after *Venus*
- *radiates ~2x more energy* than it receives from Sun
- could hold *1300 Earths!*
- only *1/1000 mass of the Sun* but *2.5 x mass of all other planets combined!*



Exploring Jupiter

- *Galileo* via *telescope* (1600's) 
- *Pioneer 10 & Pioneer 11* (1973/74) NASA
- *Voyager 1 & Voyager 2* (1979)  NASA
- *Galileo* orbiter & probe (1995) NASA
- *orbited* until 2003; *crashed into Jupiter*
- *Cassini, New Horizons* flybys (2000,2007) NASA
- *Juno* polar orbit (2016) NASA

Interior Structure



Atmosphere

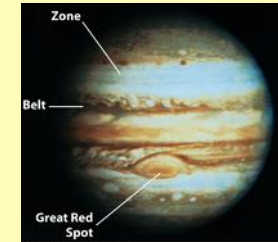
- *light zones* (high, cool), *dark belts* (low, warm)

- *ammonia & water ices*
- *different colours?*

- *windspeeds: 500+ km/h*

- *temperature: 100 K at top*

Q: What fuels the winds?



Great Red Spot



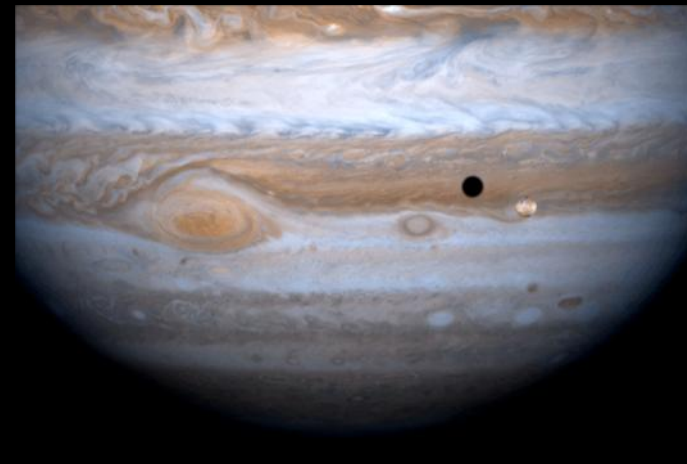
- *Great Red Spot: giant storm ~1.5 Earths wide (and slowly shrinking)*
- *visible for 400 years*

Q: How has it lasted so long?

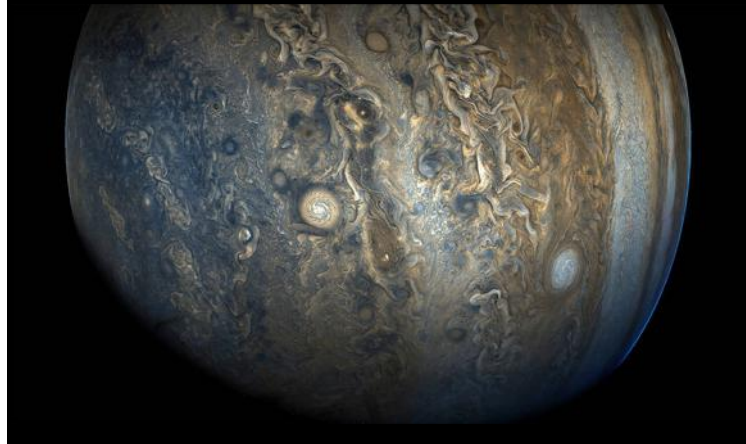
- *trapped by opposing winds;*
- no ground to dissipate energy*



Clouds, GRS (& Io!)



Jupiter S (Juno)



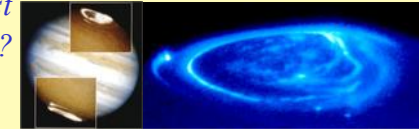
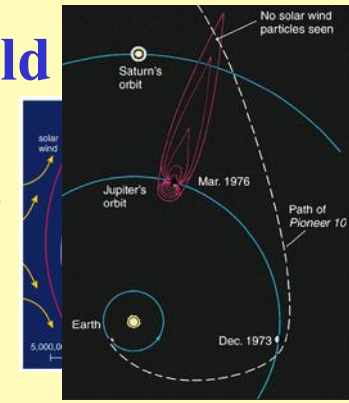
Magnetic Field

- *much* stronger than Earth's field (~20x)
- reaches to *Saturn's orbit!*
- stronger *dynamo* – *why?*

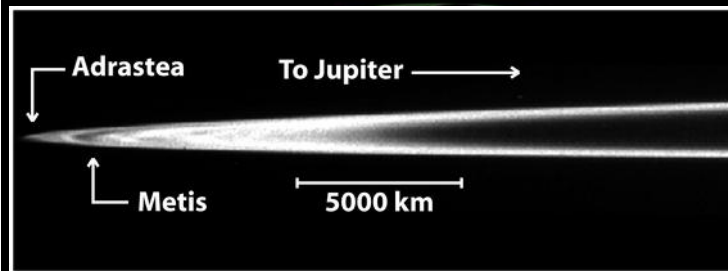
- *rapid rotation & lots of metallic hydrogen*

Q: What features exist on Jupiter as a result?

- *aurora* at poles!



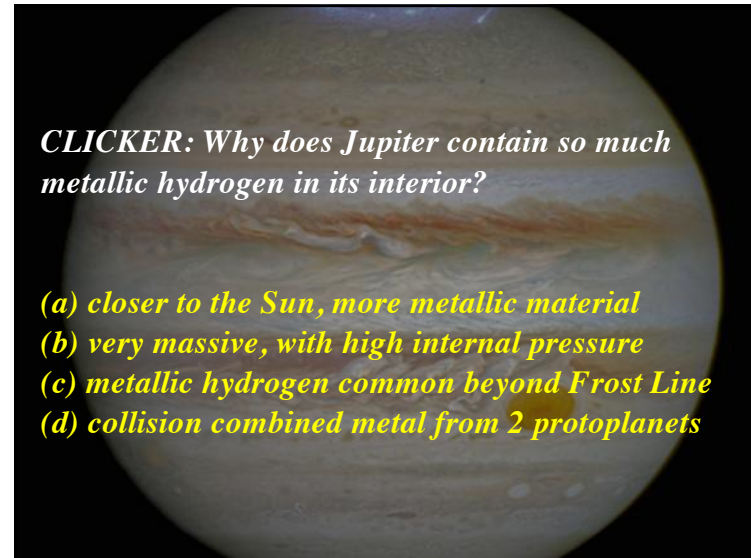
Jupiter's rings (Voyager)



- probably *dust sized rocky grains from impacts*

CLICKER: Why does Jupiter contain so much metallic hydrogen in its interior?

- (a) *closer to the Sun, more metallic material*
- (b) *very massive, with high internal pressure*
- (c) *metallic hydrogen common beyond Frost Line*
- (d) *collision combined metal from 2 protoplanets*



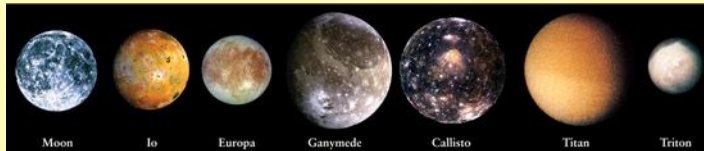
The Galilean Moons

Q: Why “Galilean” moons?

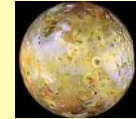
- 4 *largest* moons; found by *Galileo*



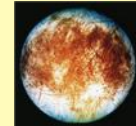
- *Io, Europa, Ganymede, Callisto*
- “*I Eat Great Carrots*”
- named for *Jupiter's (Zeus) lovers*



- *Io*: tidal forces *heat interior*
- ~ *300 active volcanoes!*



- *Europa*: smooth *icy surface*
- possible salty “*ocean*” *beneath ice*



- *Ganymede*: *solar system's largest moon*
- *larger than Mercury!*



- *Callisto*: heavily *cratered surface*
- *among oldest objects in solar system*



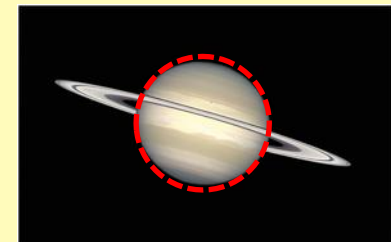
Saturn



Saturn “The Ringed Planet”

- *second largest* planet

- most *oblate* planet
(~*10% flattened*)



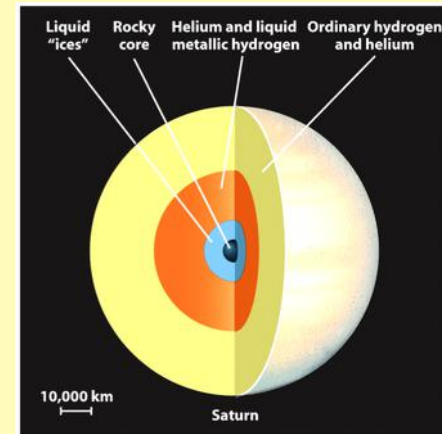
- its *density* is so low
it would *float in water*

Exploring Saturn

- *Galileo, Huygens, Cassini* (1600's)
- *Pioneer 11* (1979) NASA
- *Voyager 1 & Voyager 2* (1980/81) NASA
- *Cassini* orbiter & *Huygens* probe (2004-2017) NASA

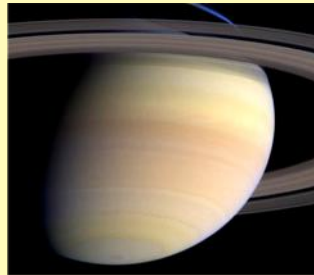


Interior Structure



Atmosphere

- *clouds similar to Jupiter*
- *less* defined, turbulent & compressed **Q: Why?**
- *cooler than Jupiter* but not by as much as expected
- *helium precipitation* may release *heat*
- *Great White Spot*

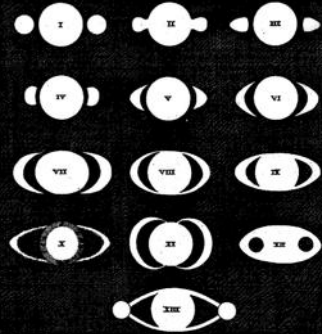
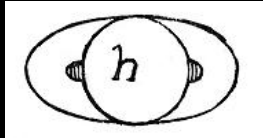


CLICKER: Why does Saturn have a weaker magnetic field than Jupiter?

- (a) *less massive so less compressed interior*
- (b) *solid iron core is too small*
- (c) *rotates too slowly*
- (d) *further from Sun, less solar energy available*



Rings



- *Galileo* did not recognize they were rings (1610)
- *Huygens* first to suggest "rings" (1655)

Rings from Earth



- 274,000 km *wide* (~21 Earths)
- ~10 m *thick*
- *mostly* <1 m icy chunks

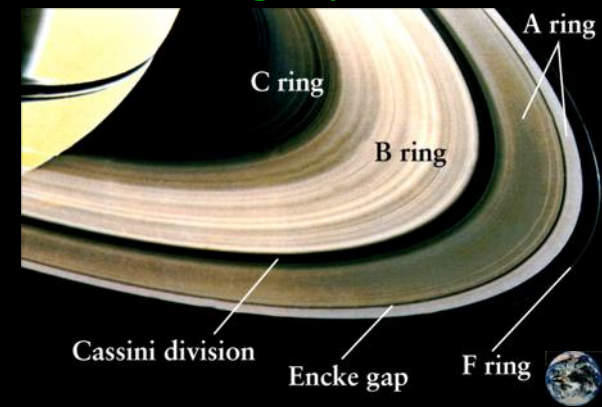
• big moons **cannot** form within
"Roche Limit" - tidal forces

- *gaps* exist in the rings
- *largest*: **Cassini Division**

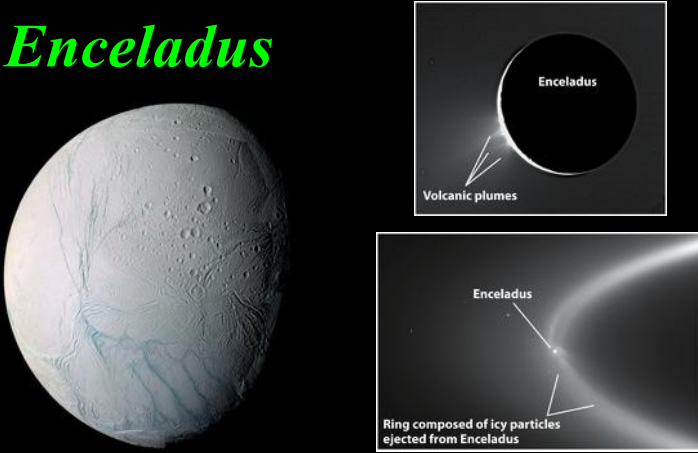
(*eg*) if diameter of rings was like a football field,
rings would be *thinner* than a sheet of paper



Ring System

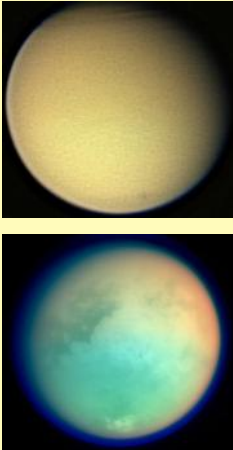


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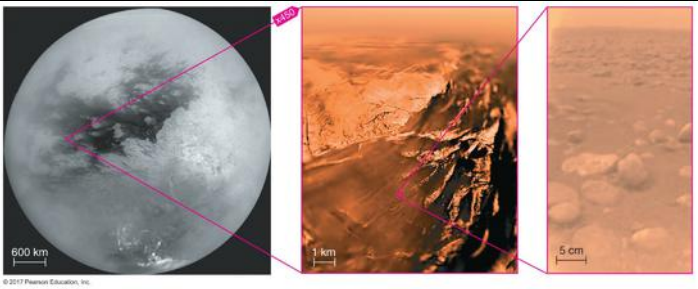
- *watery geysers erupt from its surface!*
- *source of ring material?*

Titan



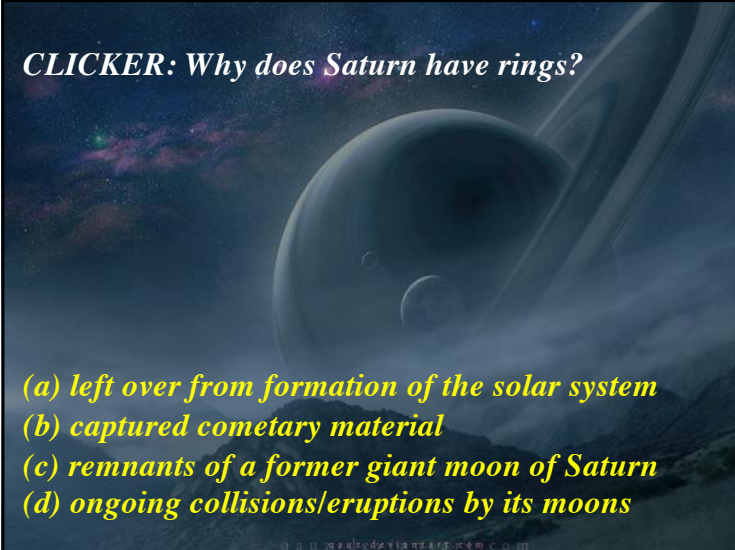
- *largest of Saturn's moons, 2nd largest in solar system*
- *thick N_2 atmosphere from photo-dissoc of ammonia (NH_3)*
- *surface pressure 1.5 bars*
- *surface temp $\sim 95\text{ K}$ (-178° C)*
- *thick layer (200 km) of clouds/smog*
- *features: hydrocarbon rivers & lakes*
- *Cassini landed Huygens probe (2004)*

Titan's Surface



- *views of Titan from Cassini/Huygens*

CLICKER: Why does Saturn have rings?



- left over from formation of the solar system*
- captured cometary material*
- remnants of a former giant moon of Saturn*
- ongoing collisions/eruptions by its moons*