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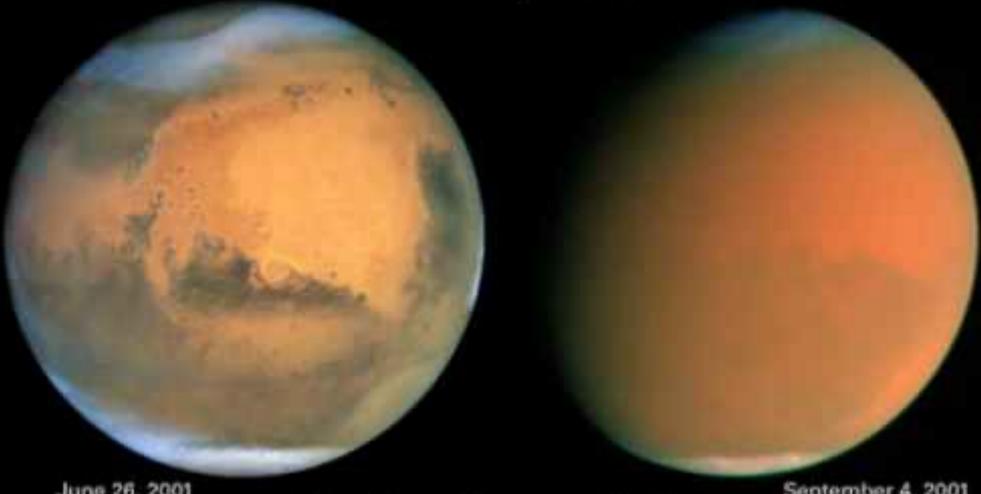
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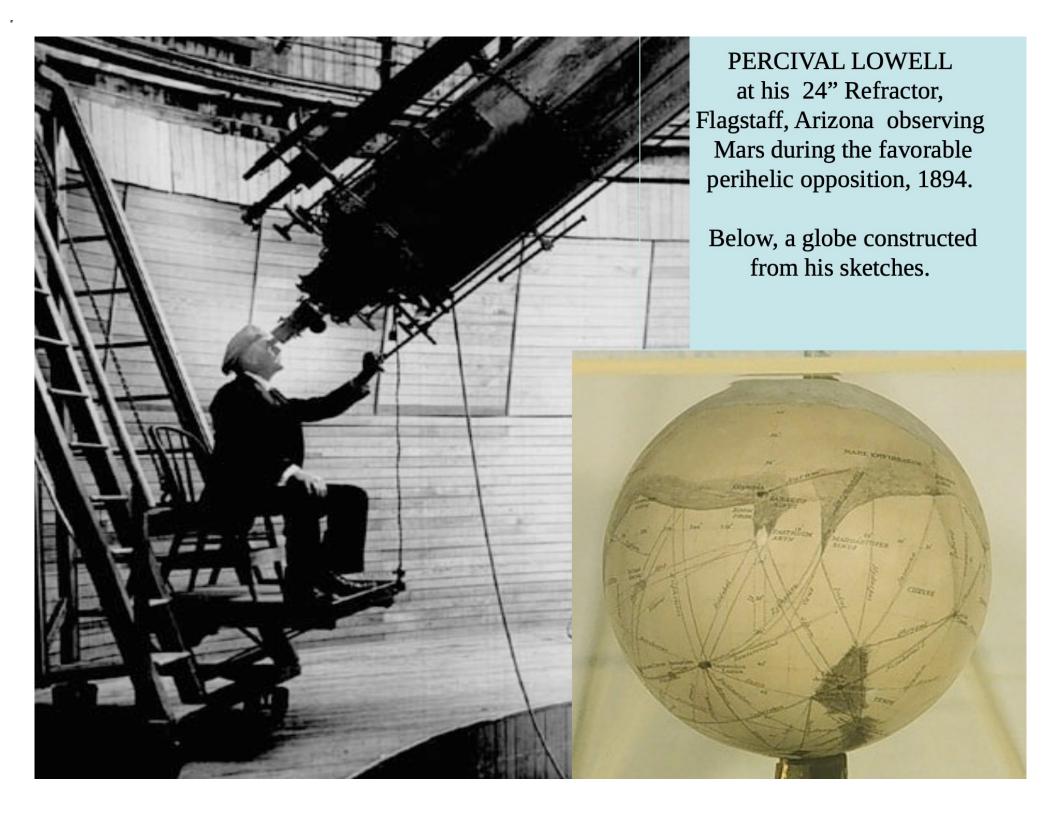
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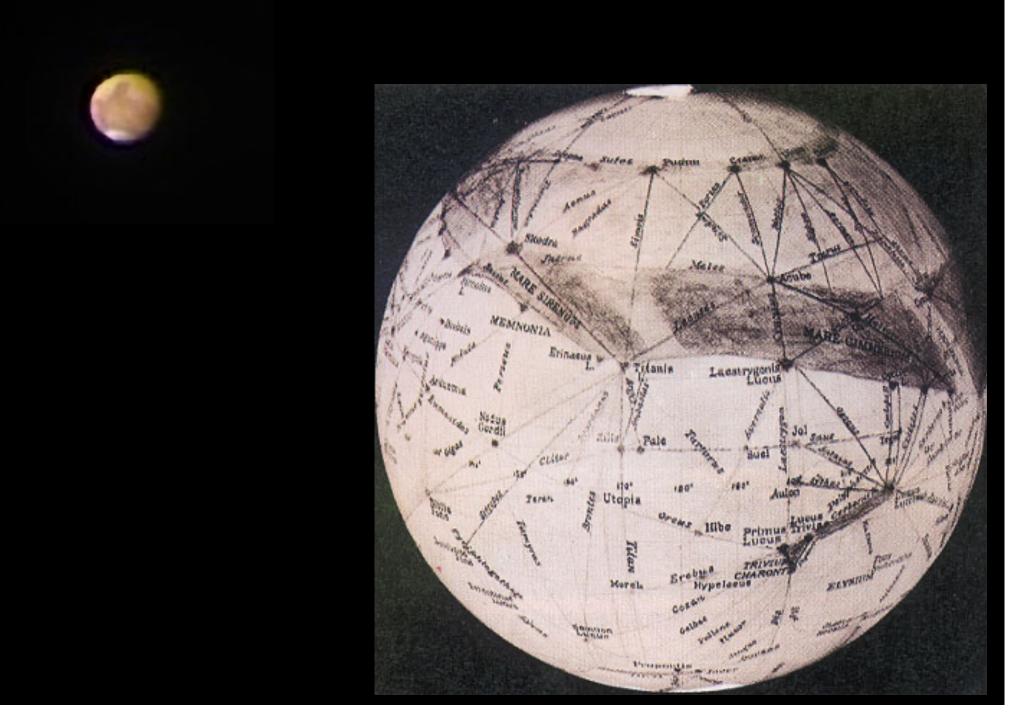


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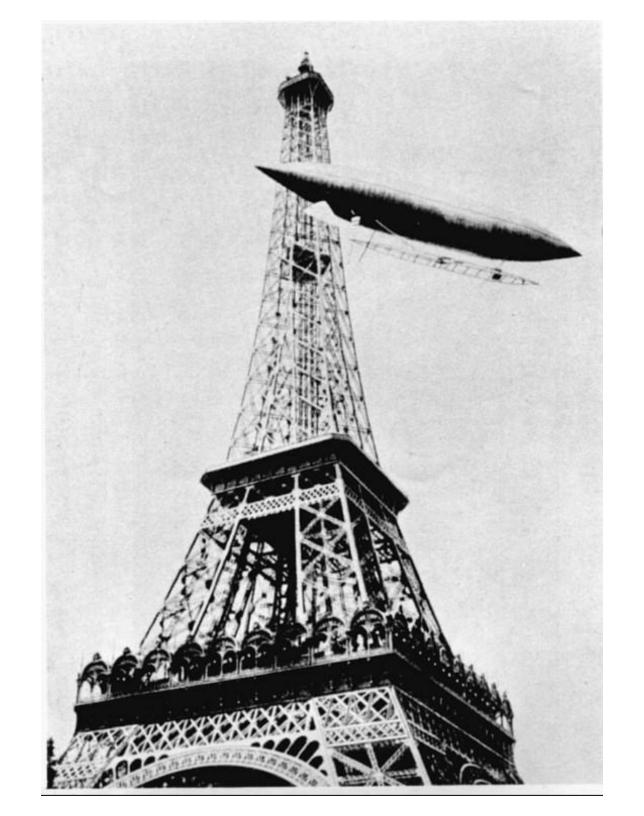


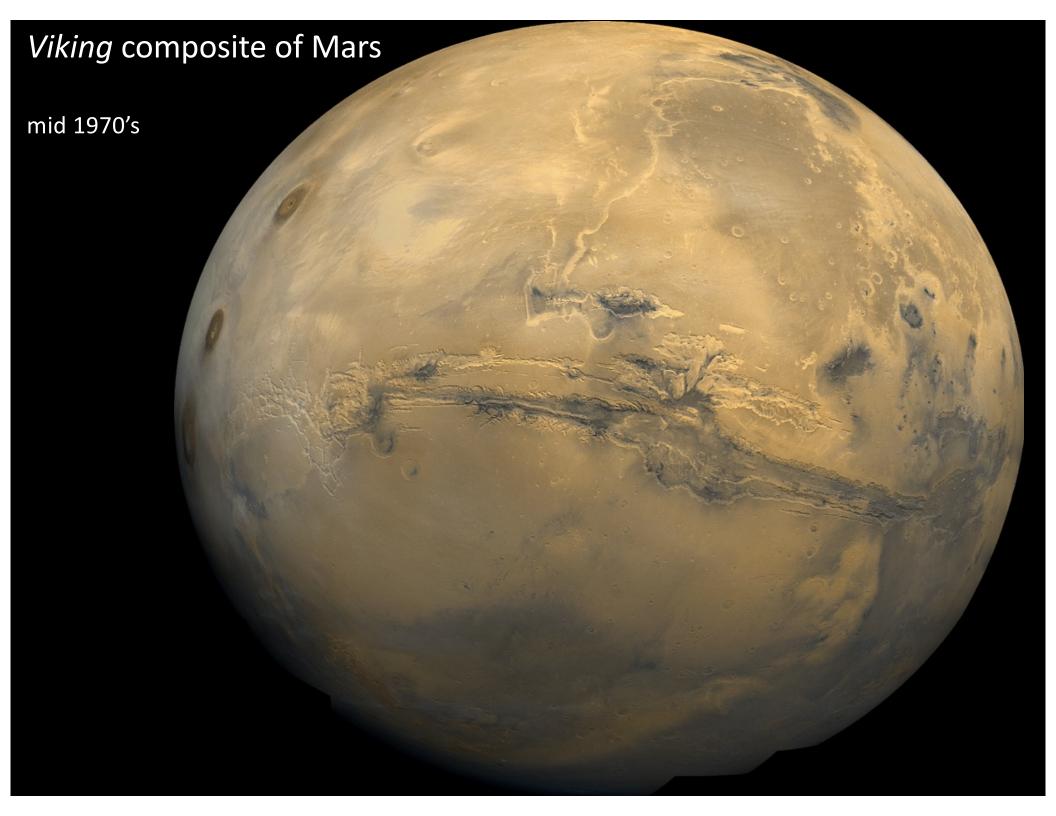
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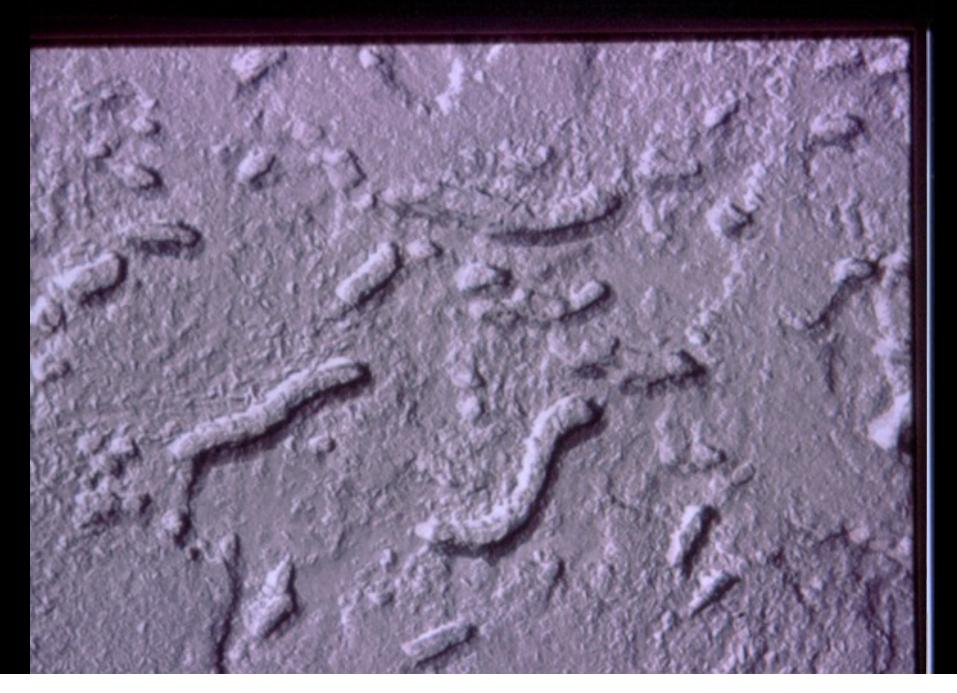


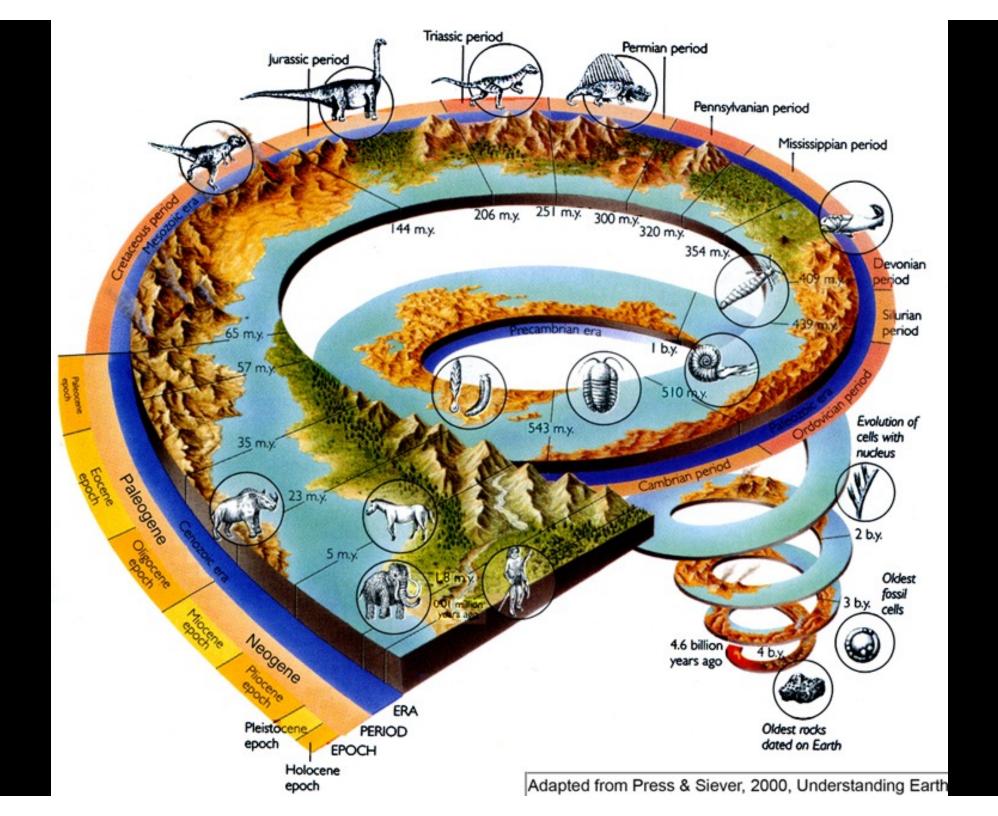






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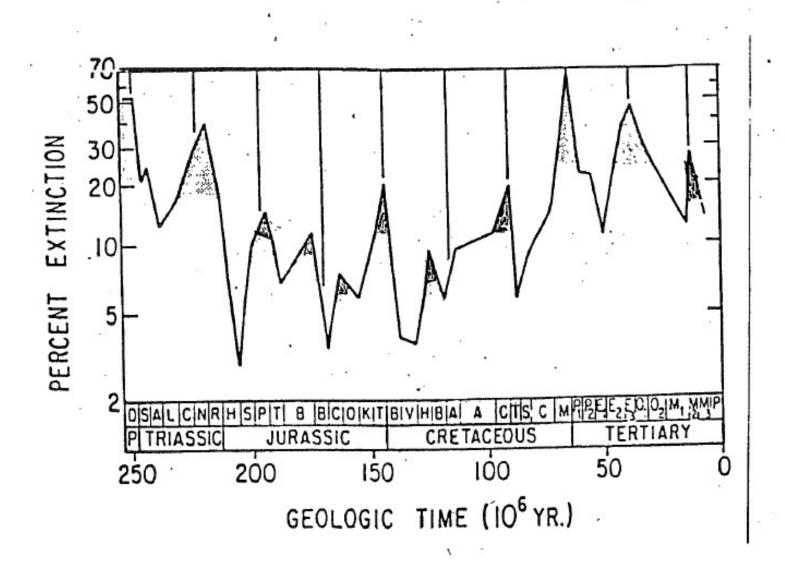




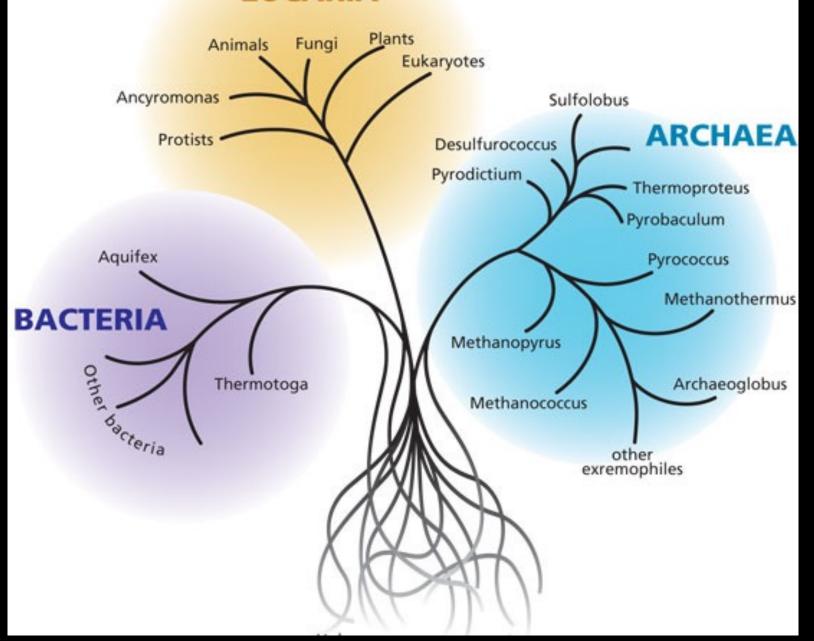


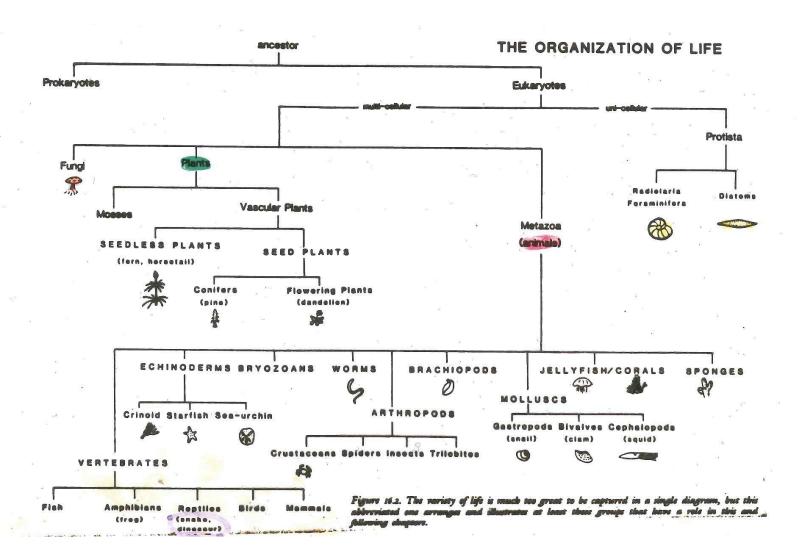


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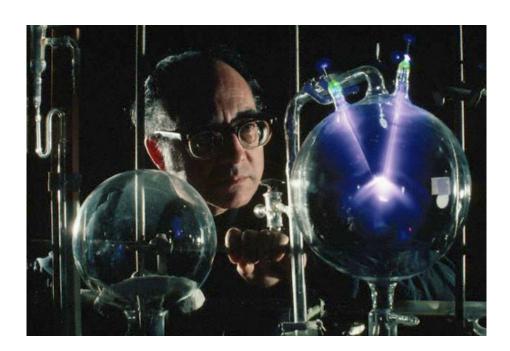


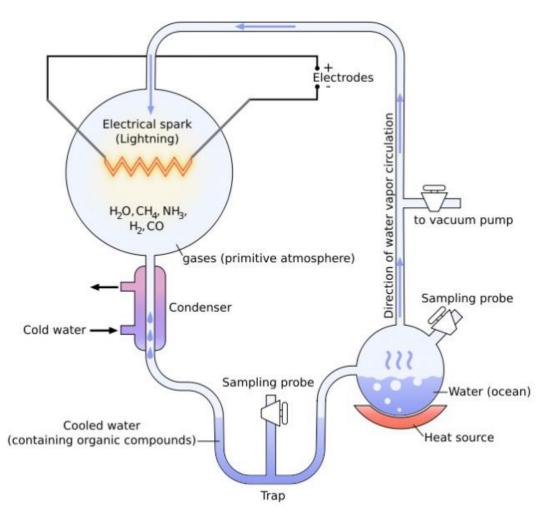
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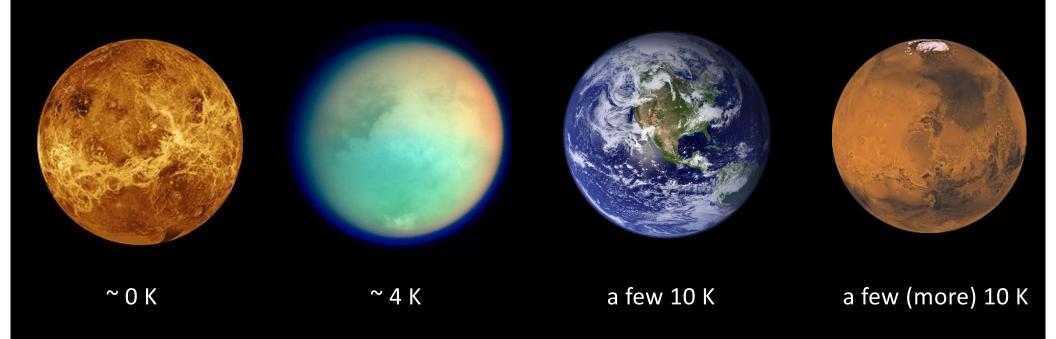






Life in the Solar System?

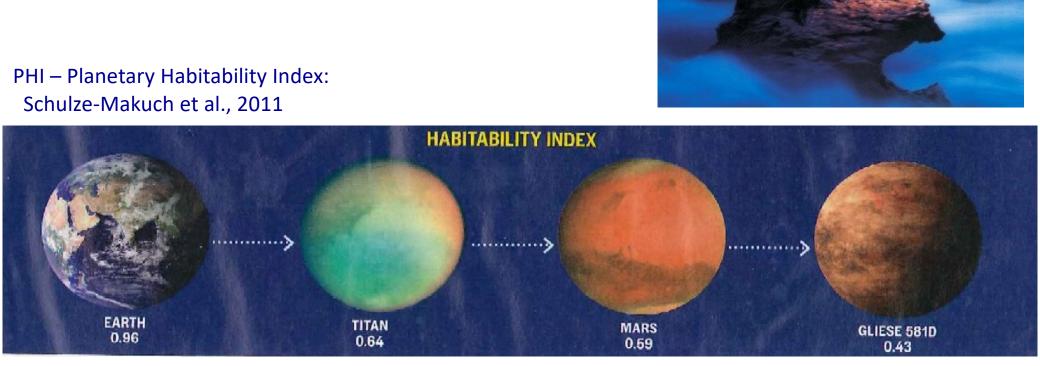
Pole-to-Equator Temperature Difference on Other Planets



Thicker Atmosphere

Needed for Habitability?

Solid surface
Atmosphere
Liquid on surface:
Need not be water





LIQUID SURFACE PERFECT SCORE PRESENCE CHARACTERISTICS Beneath surface Solid land At surface Atmosphere In atmosphere Magnetosphere CHEMICAL **ENERGY** MAKEUP SOURCES Phosphorus Light from star Sulfur Heat, trapped or generated Nitrogen at surface Reduction and oxidation Complex organic molecules Tidal flex



Earth lacks (gray) one energy source: tidal flexing, friction caused by strong gravitational pull.









Jupiter



a Saturn



G| 581 d









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Many extrasolar planets, like GJ 581 b, have low scores because their chemistry is not known.





Moon





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Titania

Pluto

Mercury

A score drops to zero if it fails any single category. Mercury and the moon lack liquid.

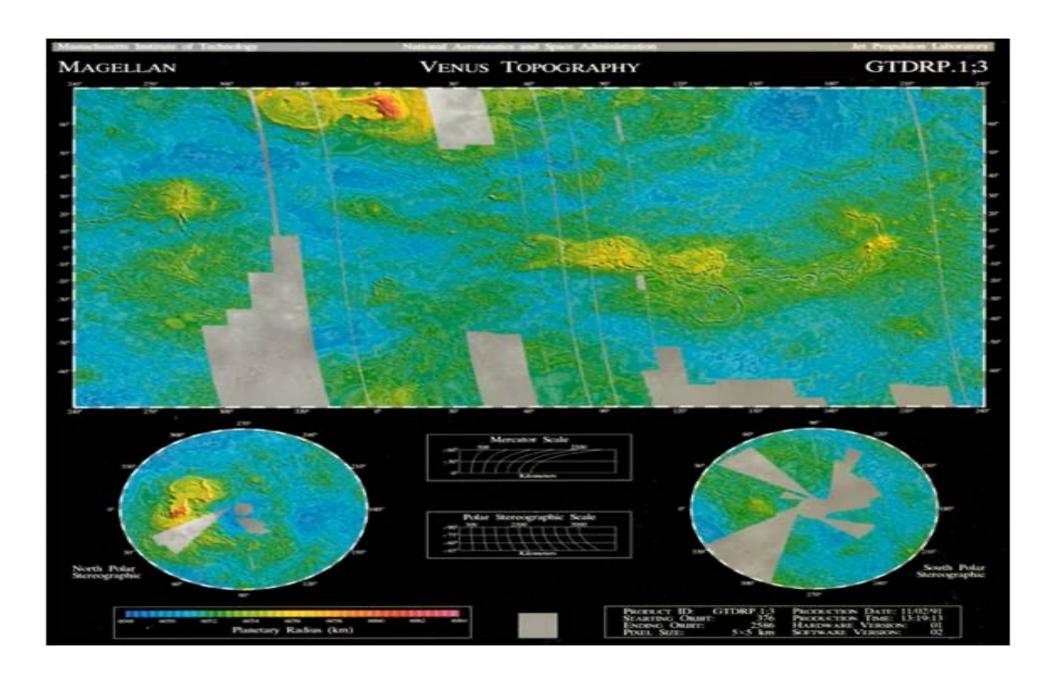
Habitability Index

Earth = 0.96

Titan = 0.64

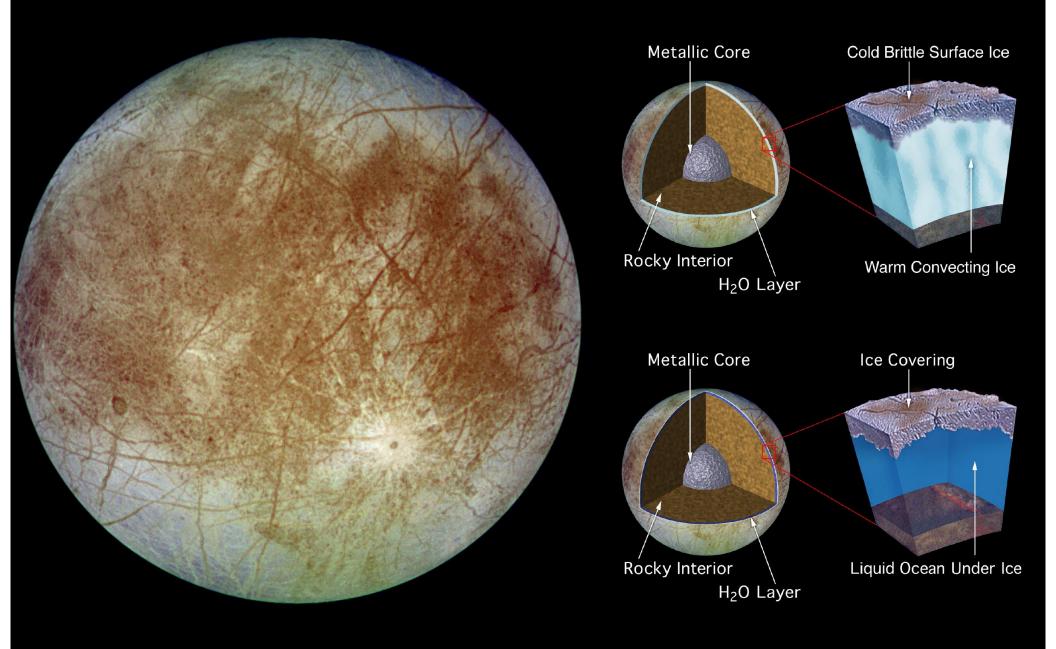
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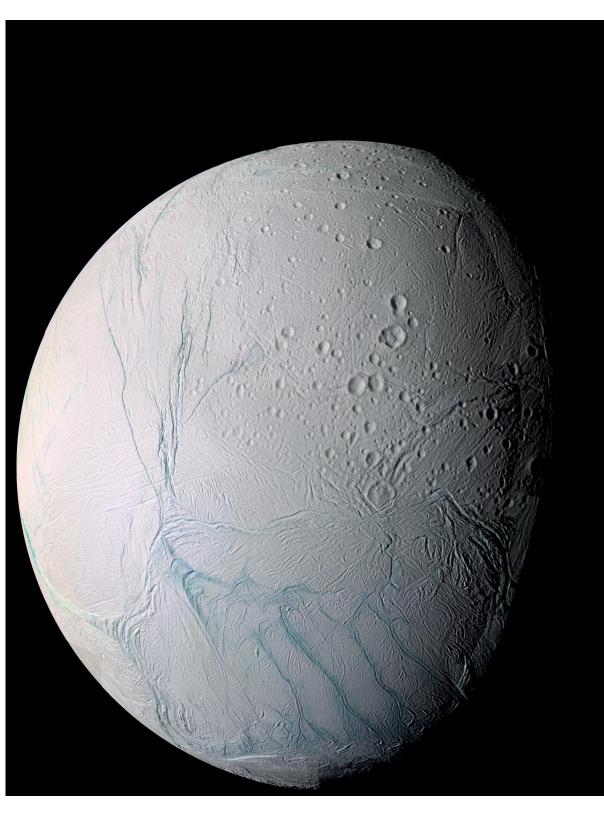
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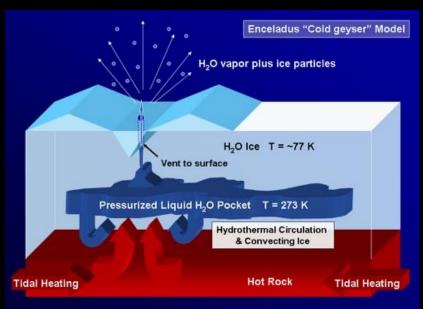


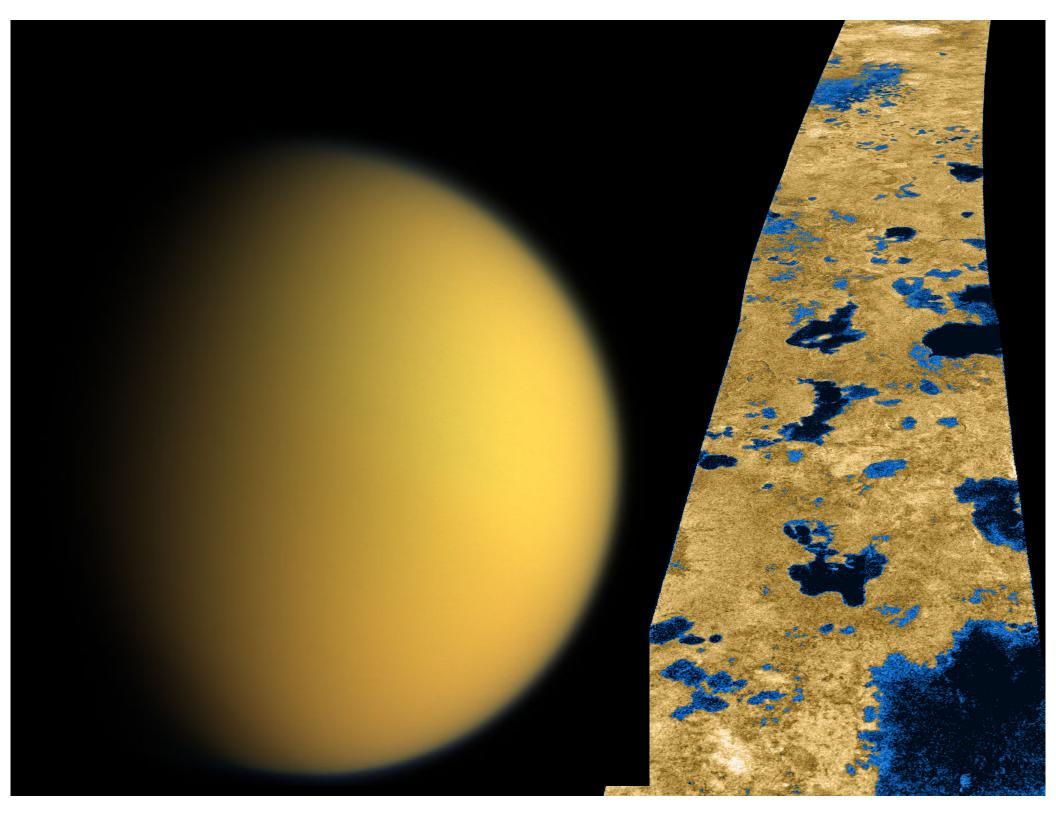
Early View of Venus











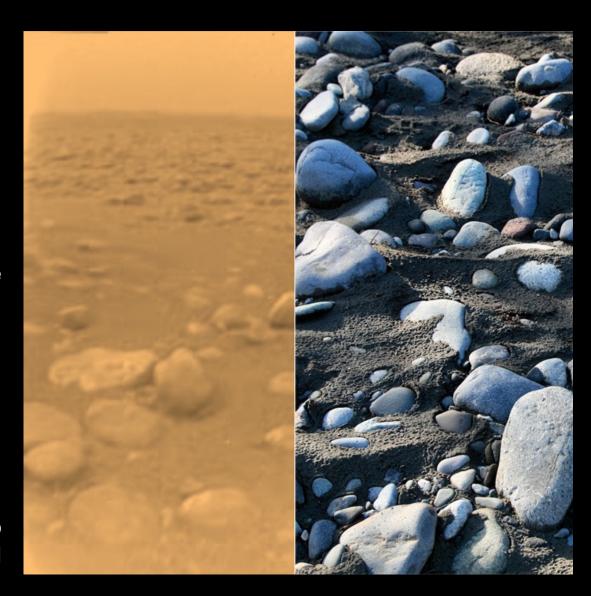
Huygens Landing Site

Landed January 14, 2005 at 10.2S, 192.4W

Discovered small "rocks", possibly made of water ice, at the landing site.

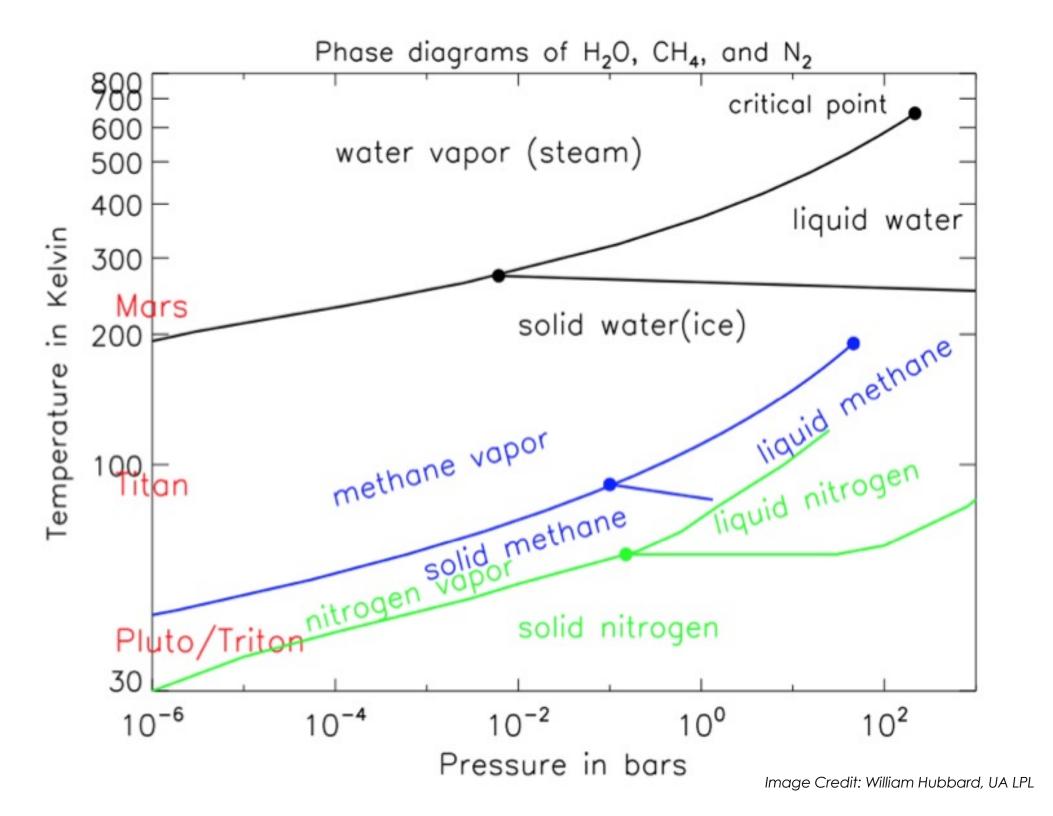
Fluvial activity (methane?)

Images taken during descent showed no open areas of liquid, but indicated liquid had once flowed



Titan Earth



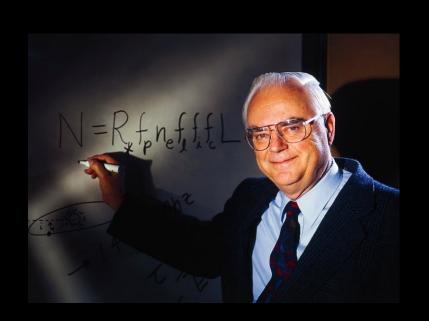


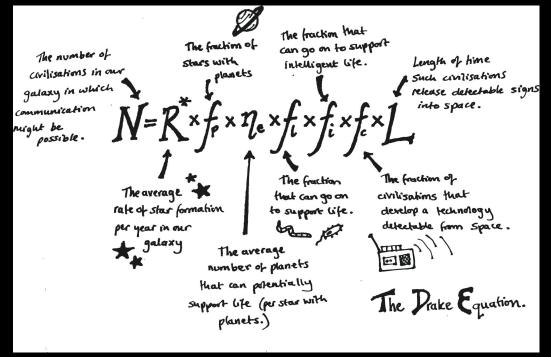
DRAKE EQUATION $N = R \times f_1 \times f_2 \times n_c \times f_1 \times f_2 \times f_4 \times$

The Drake Equation

How many civilizations are out there?

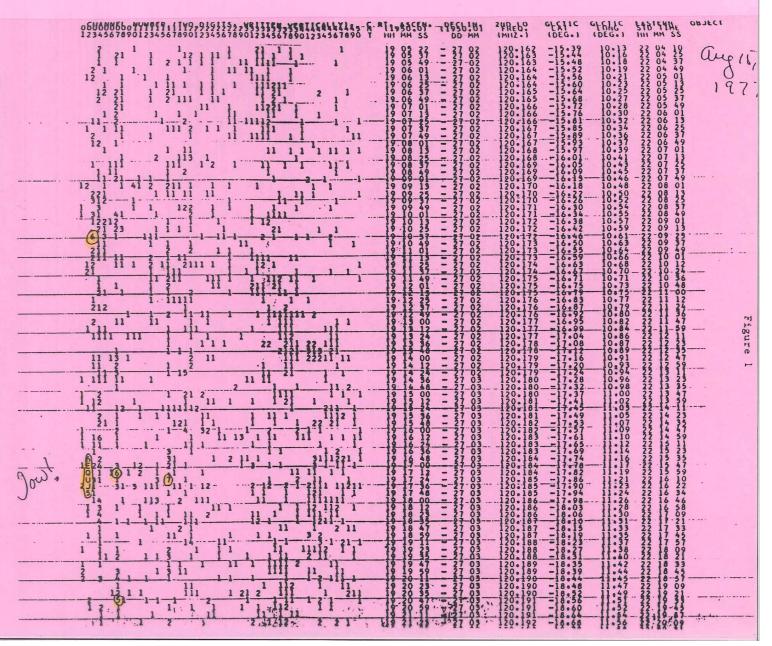












Dixon; Obio State University Radio Observatory.) 50 frequency channels (digits and letters at left) at varying sky positions. (Photo: Courtesy Robert Figure 1. The "Wow!" signal. It was recorded on a computer printout of radio noise intensity from

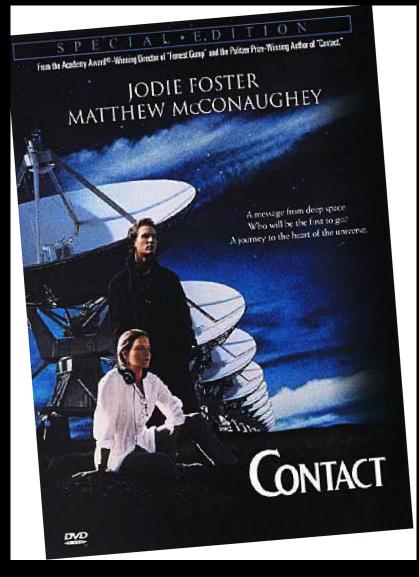
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Arecibo Message



Broadcast on November 16th 1974 from the Arecibo radio telescope.

Aimed toward globular star cluster M13.

M13 is 25,000 light years away.

Chaz Vukotic

(Frank Drake)

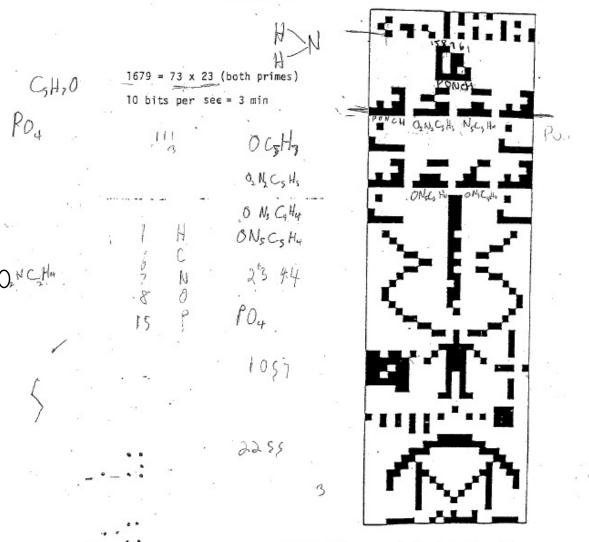


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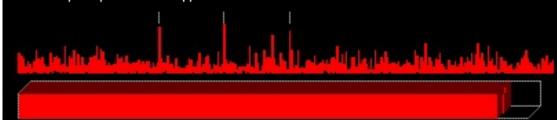


The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence at HOME

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Data Analysis

Computing Fast Fourier Transform 87%
Doppler drift rate: -19.4612 Hz/sec Resolution: 0.149 Hz
Best Triplet: power 9.33, period 0.7275



Overall: 93,929% done CPU time: 8 hr 28 min 41.1 sec

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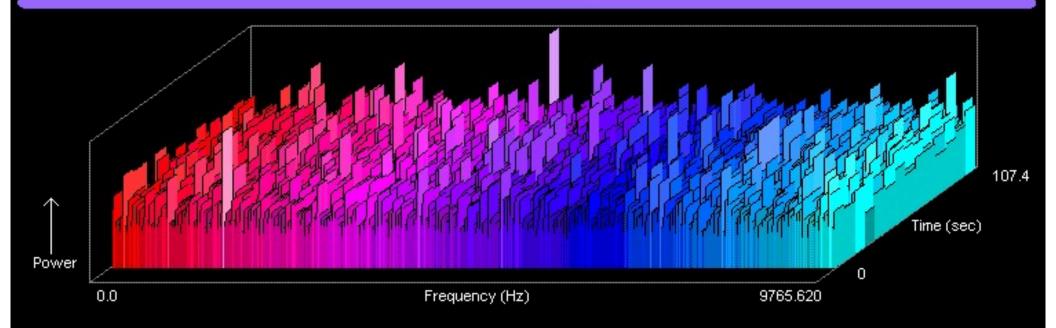
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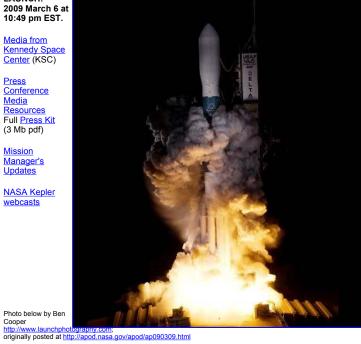
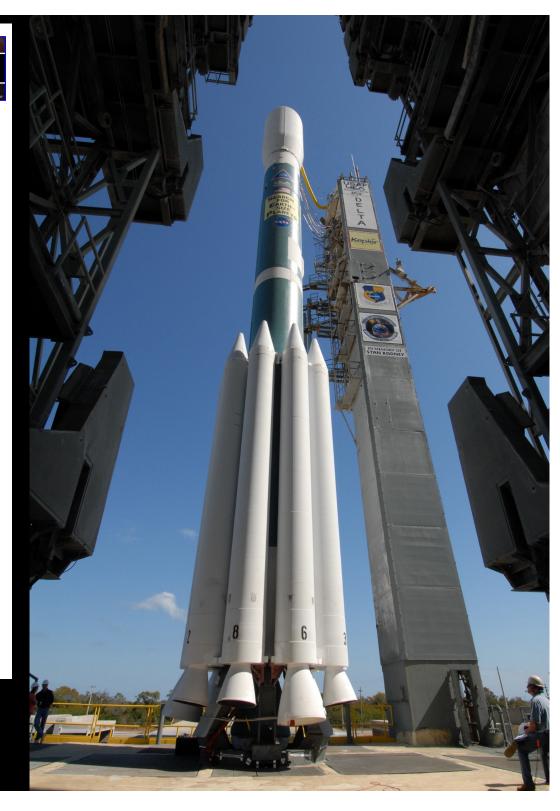
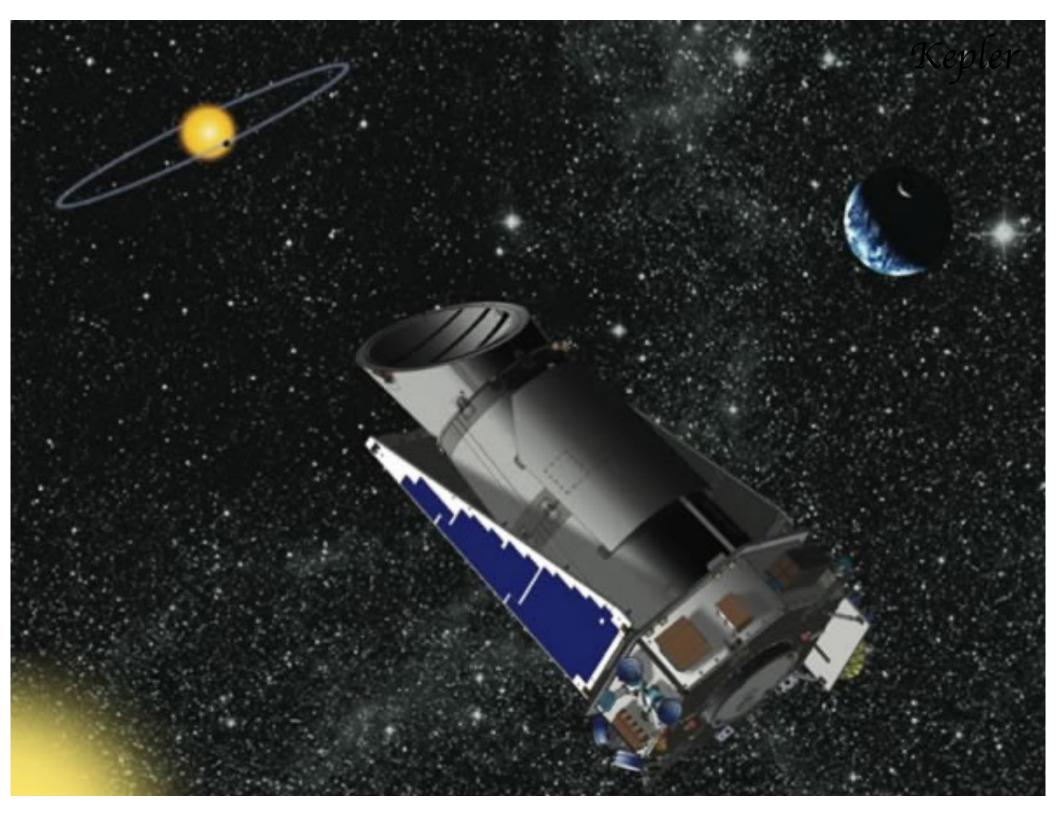
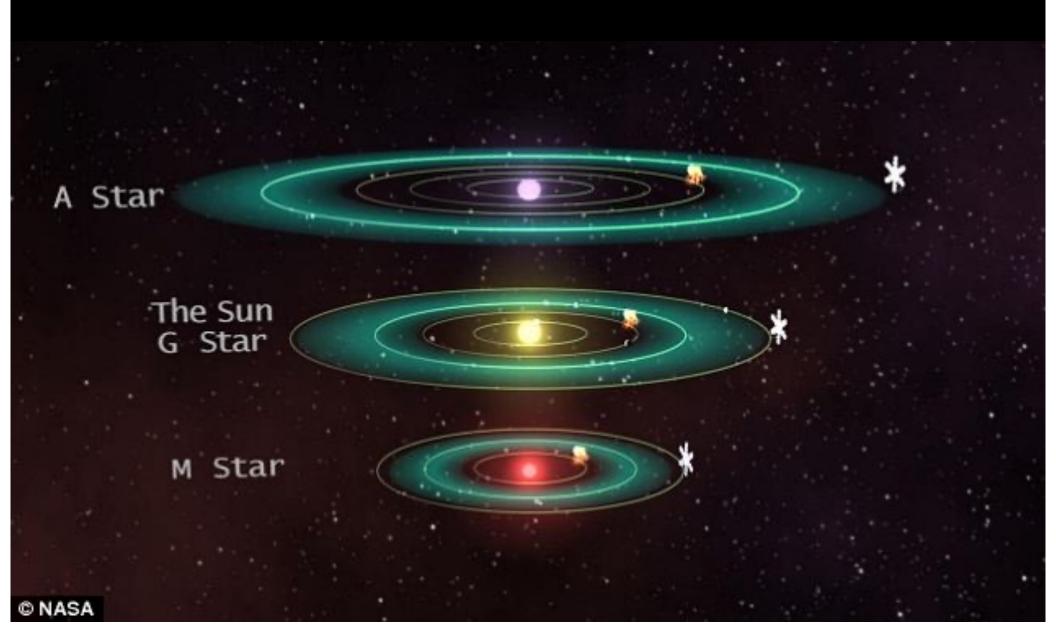


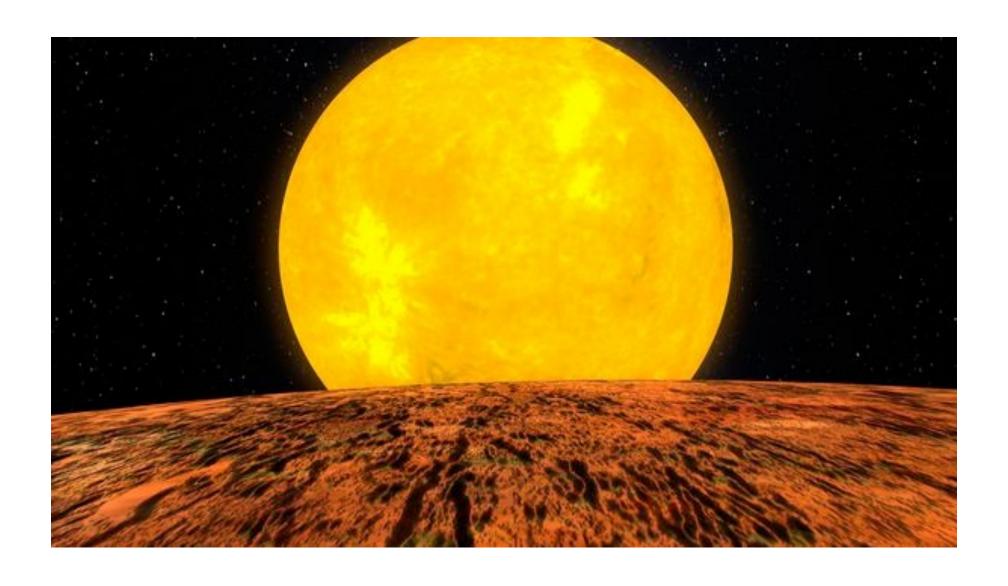
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Life Around Other Stars

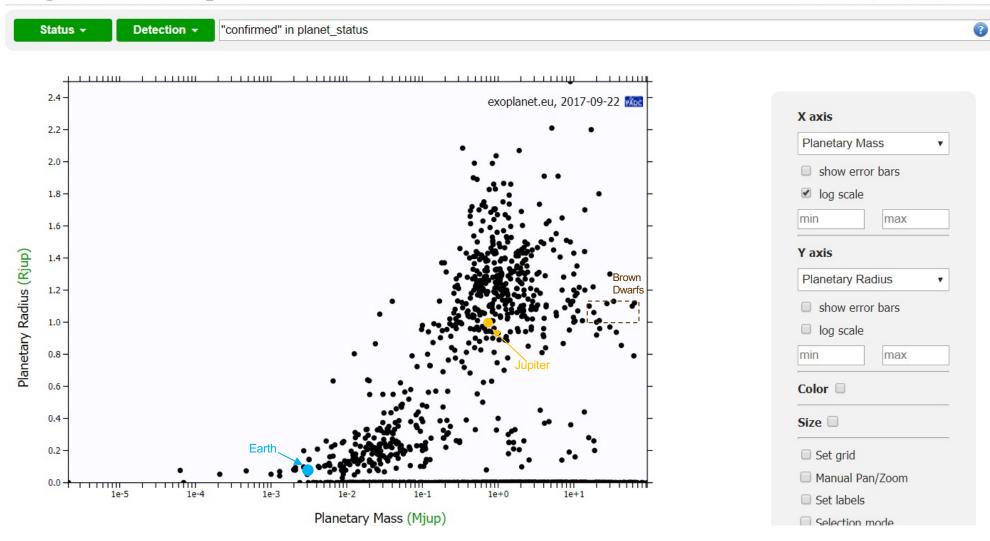


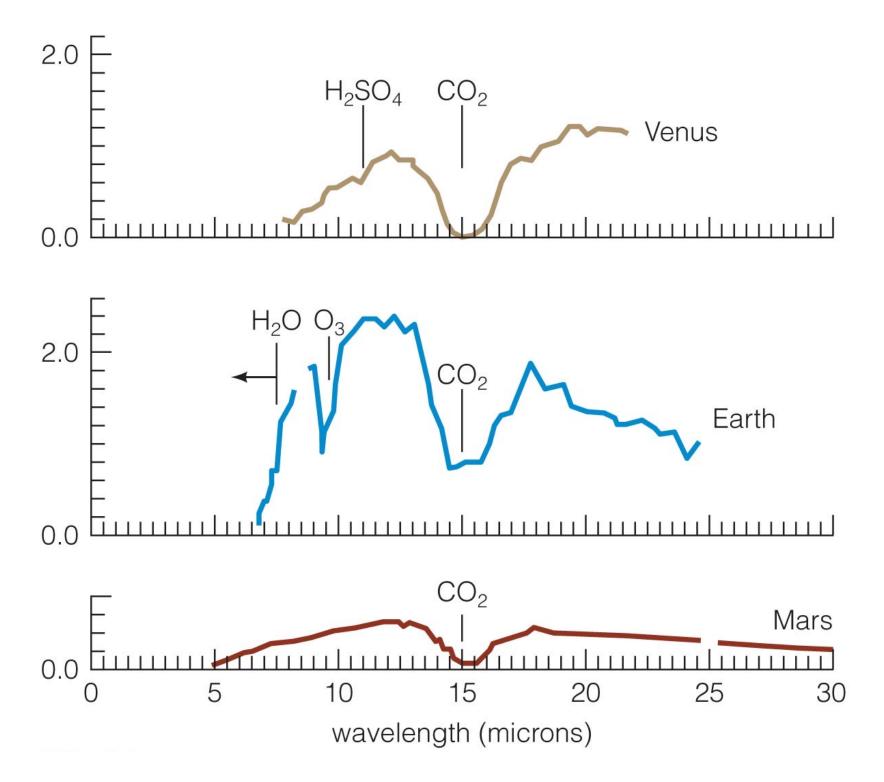


Imagined View from Planet Kepler-10b (Artist's Depiction) Credit: NASA/Kepler Mission/Dana Berry

Diagrams: scatter plot

Histogram plot →





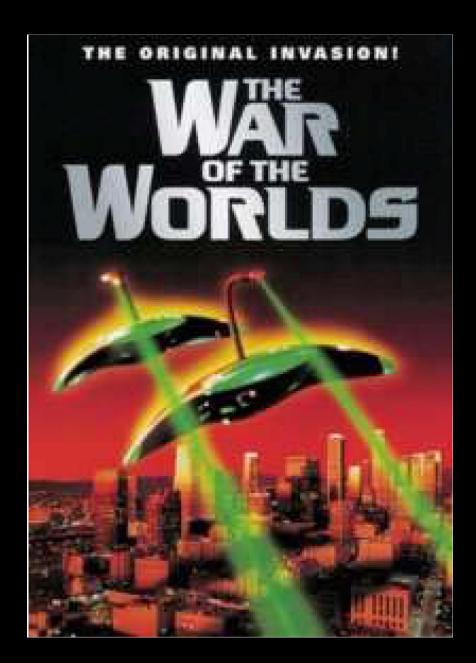
In Disasters, Panic Is Rare; Altruism Dominates

ScienceDaily (Aug. 8, 2002) — WASHINGTON, DC — Group panic and irrational behavior did not occur at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Instead the event created a sense of "we-ness" among those threatened, says Rutgers University sociology professor Lee Clarke. In his article, "Panic: Myth or Reality?", in the fall 2002 edition of Contexts magazine, he explains that 50 years of evidence on disasters and extreme situations shows that panic is rare, even when people feel

Rarity of Panic

Because this combination of conditions is so uncommon in disasters, panic is also quite rare. (6, 7) When panic does occur, it usually involves few persons, is short-lived, and is not contagious. (21) In studies of more than 500 events, the University of Delaware's Disaster Research Center found that panic was of very little practical or operational importance. (21, 22) A number of systematic studies of human behavior in disasters have failed to support news accounts of widespread panic. (5, 8, 23–26)



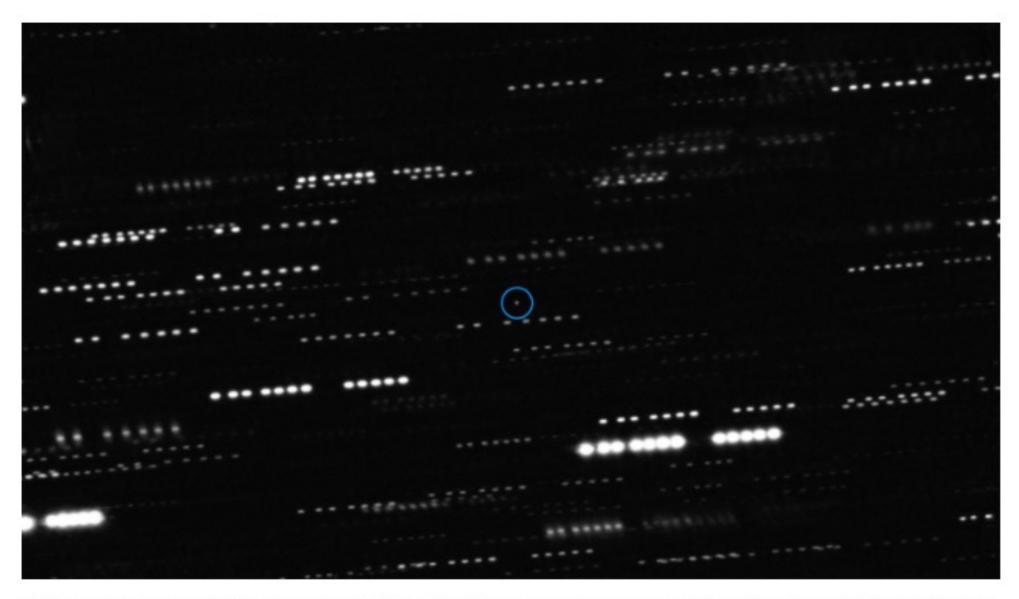




Artist's concept of interstellar object11/2017 U1 ('Oumuamua) as it passed through the solar system after its discovery in October 2017. The aspect ratio of up to 10:1 is unlike that of any object seen in our own solar system. Image Credit: European Southern Observatory / M. Kornmesser



Originally classified as an asteroid, Oumuamua is an object estimated to be about 230 by 35 meters (800 ft x 100 ft) in size, travelling through our solar system. (Getty Images/Aunt_Spray)



This very deep combined image shows the interstellar object 'Oumuamua at the center of the image. It is surrounded by the trails of faint stars that are smeared as the telescopes tracked the moving comet. Credit: ESO/K. Meech et al.