



# **EUROPLANET N2 3&5 DWG**

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DWG 8 and DWG 1**

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# Planet(ary) moons and surfaces

The Moon, the moons

Mars: after MarsExpress and the Aurora program

Mercury : Bepi Colombo in 2016

Venus : little will be known by Venus Express: how to complete?

Titan : The surface composition is still a mystery : Post-Cassini,  
ground-based monitoring

Comets, asteroids : Rosetta, Don Quichotte, Deep Impact I and II

Questions<sup>what next?</sup> to address :

Interiors and surfaces of satellites

Surface erosion/ evolution

Laboratory experiments and databases

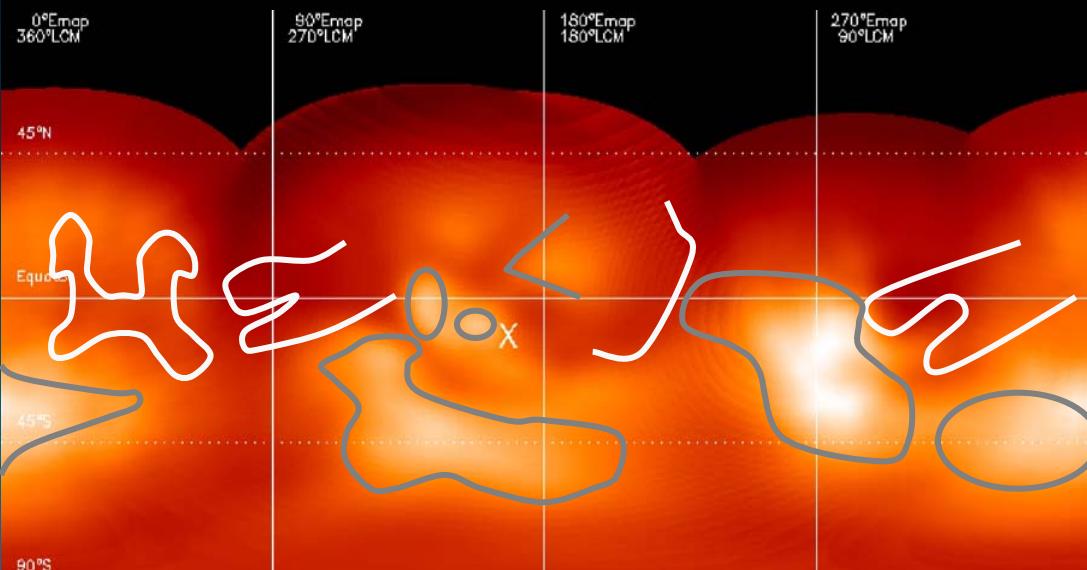
Tectonics : what other bodies besides the Earth have plate tectonics ?

Volcanism/cryovolcanism : origin of volcanoes on Venus and Mars

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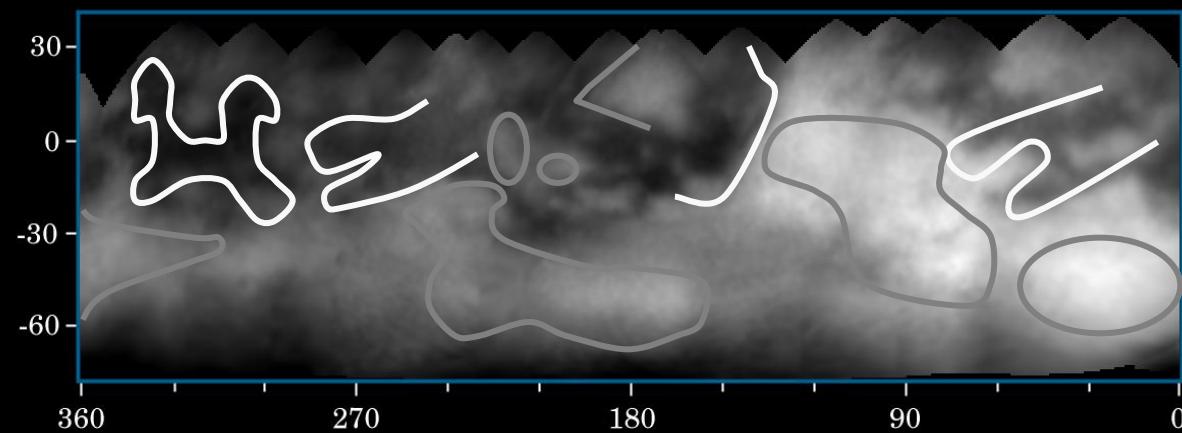
Mars, Mercury, comets, moons:  
surface-atmosphere interactions  
impacts  
craters  
surface properties and evolution

# Complete surface mapping



1.28  $\mu\text{m}$ ; via NACO (Coustonis *et al.* 2005)

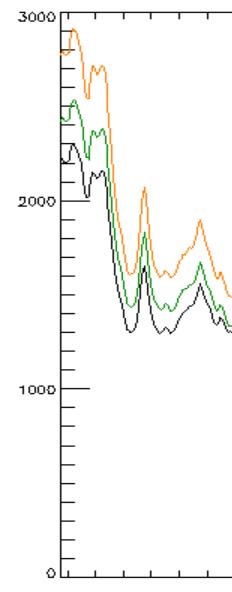
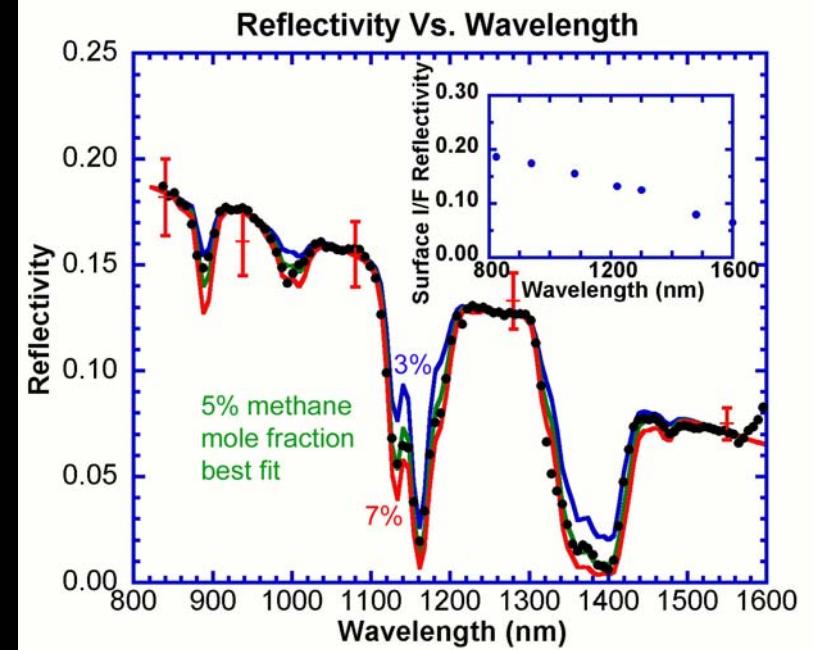
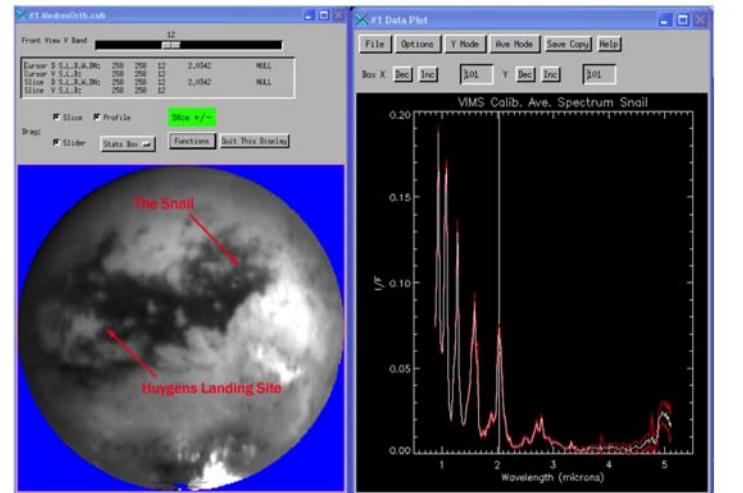
0.94  $\mu\text{m}$ ; via Cassini/ISS (TL C. Porco)



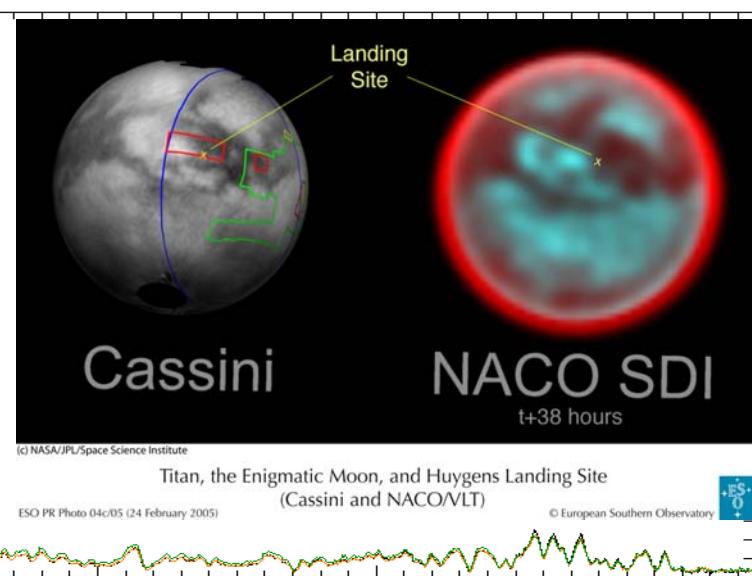
1000 km

# Intercombine data from missions and ground-based

VIMS "Medres" Near Infrared Cubes Acquired on  
TA - 256 Spectral Channels 0.8-5.2  $\mu\text{m}$



ESO/VLT



# Planetary atmosphere-surfaces interactions & surface properties (impacts, craters)

## Mars, Mercury, moons and comets:

several missions including Cassini-Huygens, MarsExpress and the Aurora program will leave room for further investigation

### Questions to address :

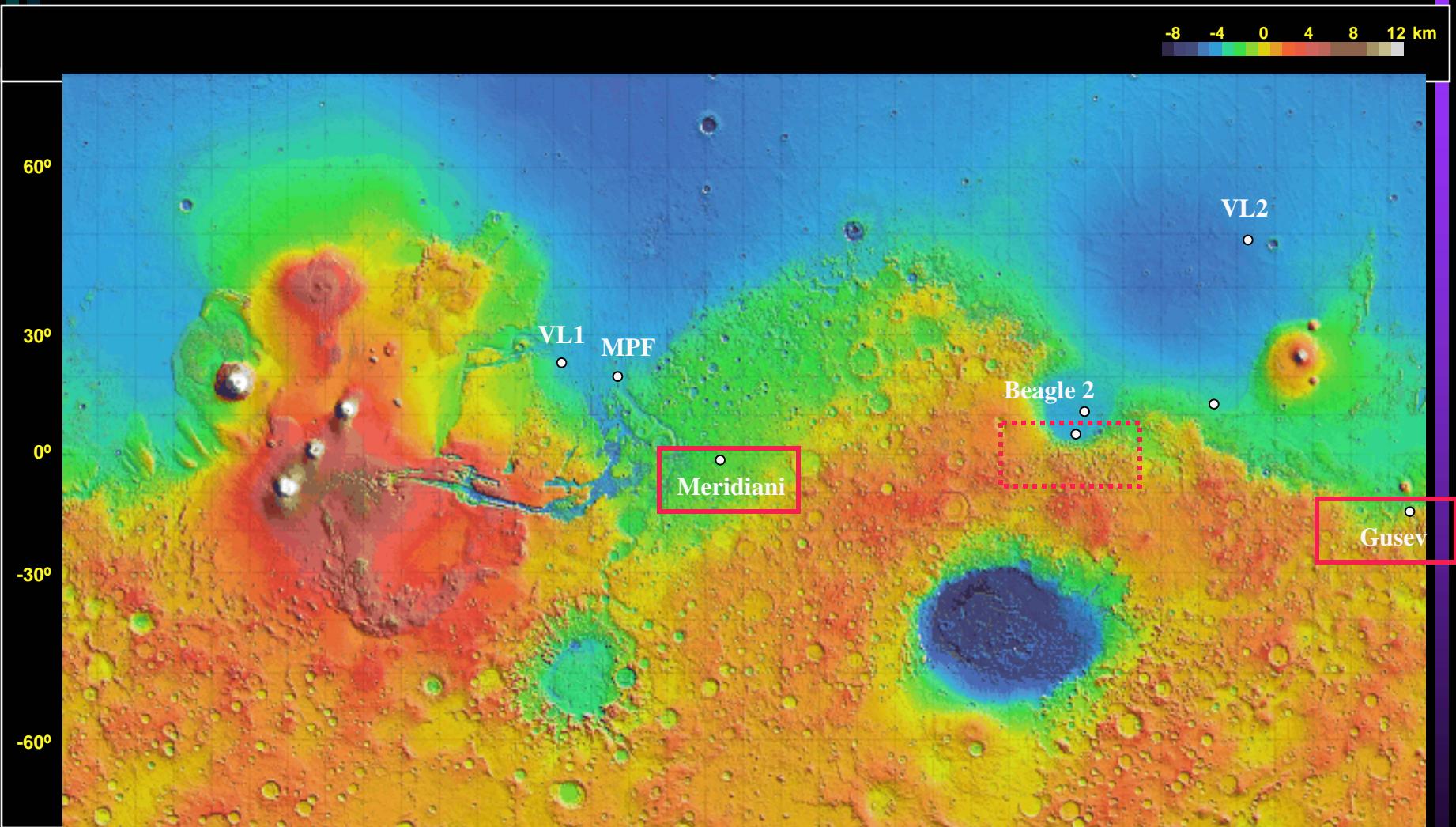
**WATER EXCHANGE** : Sublimation of ices through a dust layer (Mars, comets, moons): where does the dust humidity seen in the lower atmosphere originate?

how close to the surface is it, how it is maintained - even in the absence of an atmosphere?, => meteorology related to the atmosphere

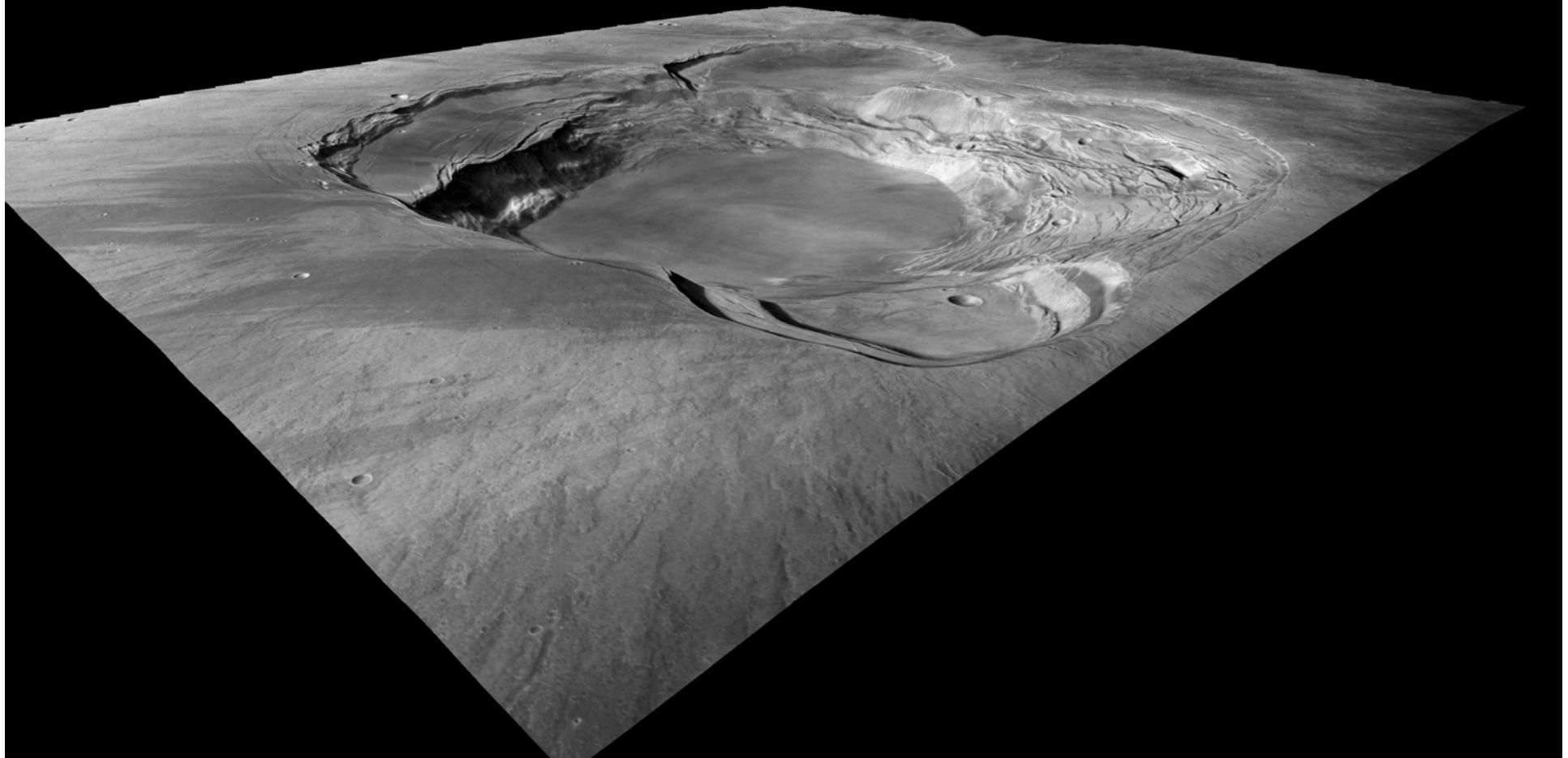
**Suggestions**: Missions (short-term): MEX, Aurora, but also in situ measurements with more specific instrumentation (neutron spectrometry, drilling, access to deeper layers)

# Landing sites selection importance

# Landing sites



***Ascreaus Mons : young caldera (100 Ma)***  
***Origin of the volcanoes, mineralogy of the lava,  
different episodes of volcanism***



# Juventae Chasma

*Discovery of salts by  
Omega on Mars Express*

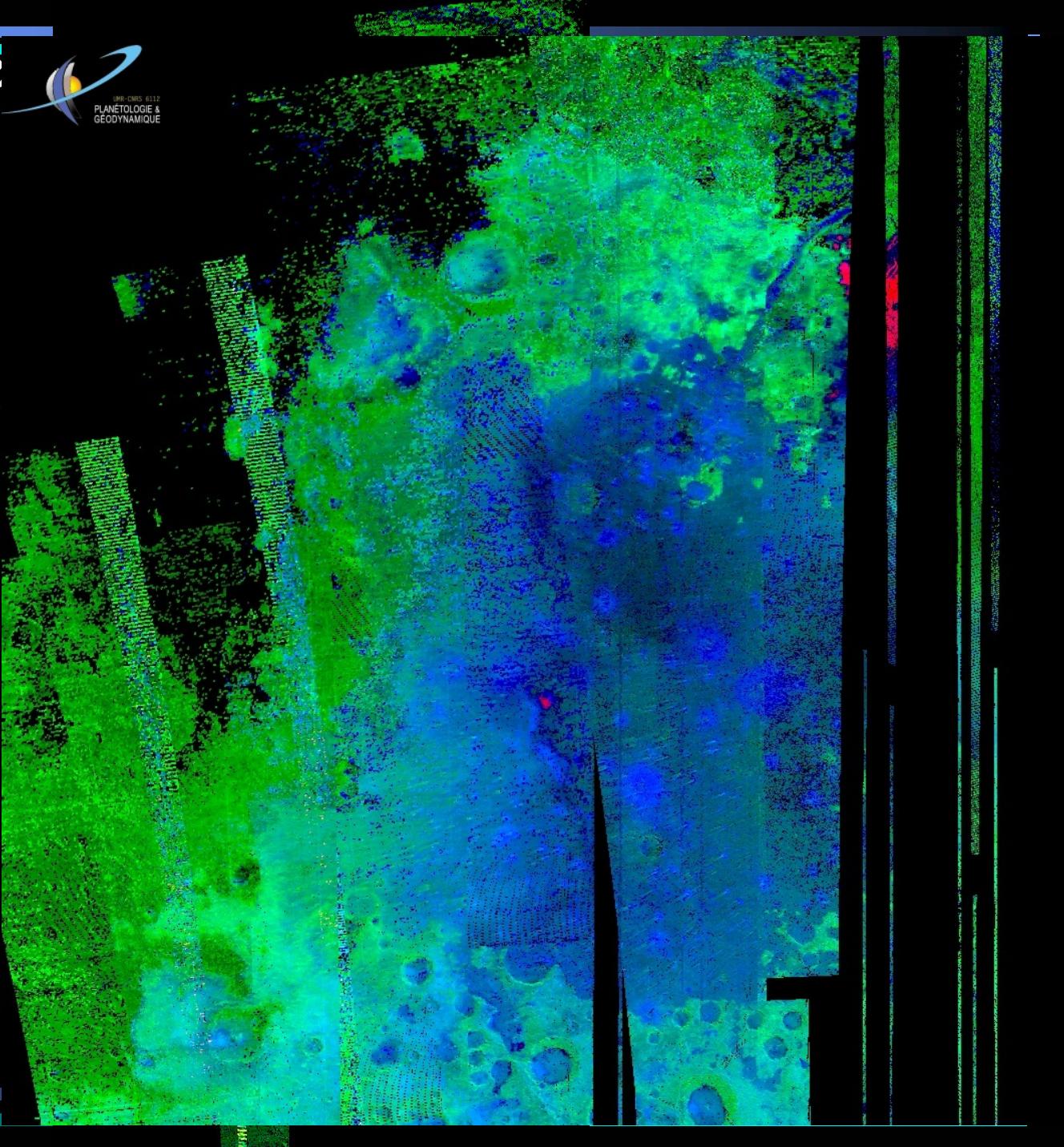


HRSC orbit 243 (~true colour)

# Syrtis: surface mineralogy



- composite couleur :  
Red = olivine  
blue = Augite (CPX)  
green = hypersthene (OPX)



Greeley and Guest 1987

**-IMPACTS** : Impact places on the Moon for SMART-1 (coordinated ground-based observations of the event) and output to serve for longer-term missions : Post-Rosetta and other missions

**-Suggestions:** localized magnetized locations and/or sunlit regions, crater (?)

Deep-impact III at the surface of the Rosetta target comet 67P (support for project impact rocket to plan for 2015-16); studies or peri- and aphelion by Rosetta or Sun probe on location; high-resolution imaging of the full spectrum from ground-based observations; ground-based coverage of the event;

Impact on Mars and **seismography** (4 stations?). Impact the orbiters on the surface at the end of the mission?

Meteoritic **impact** on the Moon to use as a natural experiment (impact flashes are expected); seismic detection from moon probe over short periods of time (10h);

=> Insights on impact hazards on Earth

=> formation and evolution of the Solar System

### **-CRATERS :**

characterization of planetary bodies

-=> formation and evolution, erosion processes, towards a precise chronology,

distribution of impact densities in the Solar System

=> formation and evolution of the Solar System

**-Suggestions:** complete space or Earth-bound surface mapping of planetary moons and surfaces with the larger ground-based telescopes offering higher spatial resolution than previously

### **-BIBLIOGRAPHY**

### **-LABORATORY EXPERIMENTS**

### **-DATA SHARING/ARCHIVING**

# Surfaces:lab data & other databases

Surface structure and composition :

new observations to complete mapping and composition:

**RADAR** for objects with an atmosphere (Titan) and high-resolution full coverage **spectroscopy** (Europa)

lightcurves, higher-resolution mapping, better spectral coverage

Identification of observed feature

Interpretation of planetary data:

-images require identification of **Earth analogues** or use Mars and Moon features to interpret features on other planetary objects : Titan, etc :

gain access to data from SPOT, LANDSAT, ASTER

(commercial :for N7? Can EUROPLANET invest money or create conventions with ESA, etc?)

- spectroscopic lab databases on ices and minerals and mixtures

# Identify Earth analogues



**Useful site to download or buy earth images**

<http://earth.esa.int/descw/>

<http://earth.jsc.nasa.gov/sseop/efs/>

<http://edcimswww.cr.usgs.gov/pub/imswelcome/>

<http://glcfapp.umiacs.umd.edu:8080/esdi>

DTM site:

<http://seamless.usgs.gov/>

### **Earth Satellites**

[http://terra.nasa.gov/About/ASTER/about\\_aster.html](http://terra.nasa.gov/About/ASTER/about_aster.html)

<http://www.landsat.org/index.html>

<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/radar/sircxsar/>

others: SPOT, ERS, ENVISAT, JERS ecc...

### **Spectral Library**

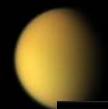
Aster: <http://speclib.jpl.nasa.gov/>

Antarctic rocks: <http://www.ingv.it/labtel2/LibrerieSpettral/Content.htm>

# Volcanism, cryovolcanism and tectonics evidence from high-resolution images of a surface

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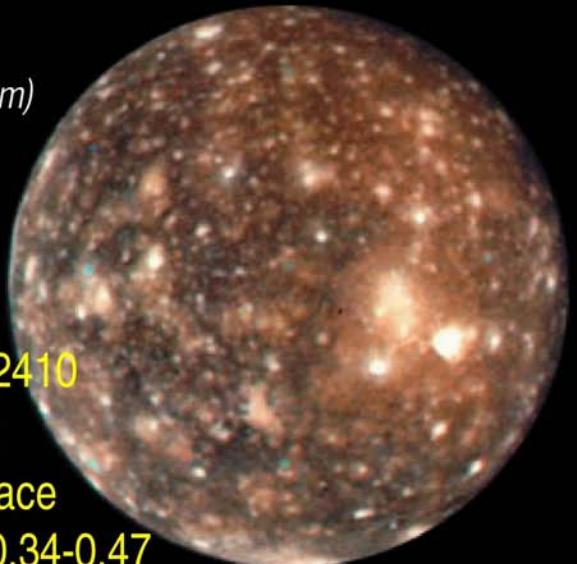
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## Main characteristics of large moons

### Callisto

(vu de 2 318 000 km)



Rayon (km) : 2410

Densité : 1.83

Fraction de glace  
(en masse) : 0.34-0.47

### Titan

(vu de 4 000 000 km)



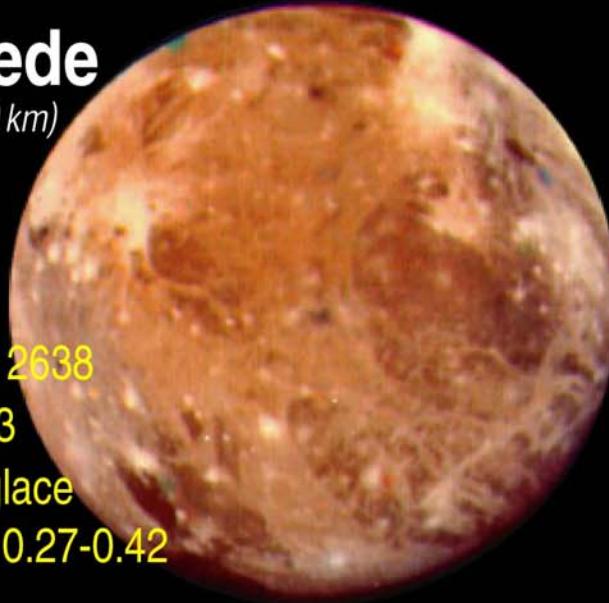
Rayon (km) : 2575

Densité : 1.88

Fraction de glace  
(en masse) : 0.30-0.45

### Ganymede

(vu de 2 600 000 km)



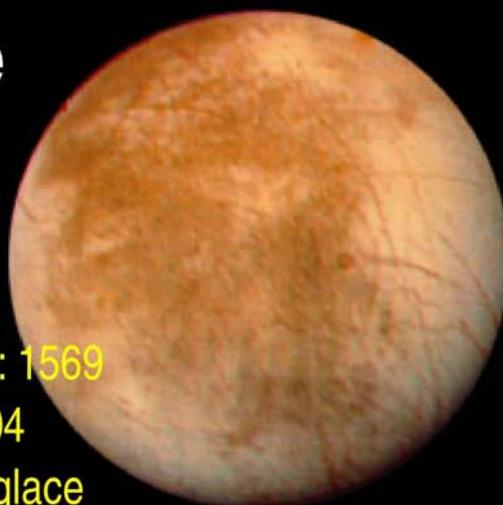
Rayon (km) : 2638

Densité : 1.93

Fraction de glace  
(en masse) : 0.27-0.42

### Europe

(2 000 000 km)



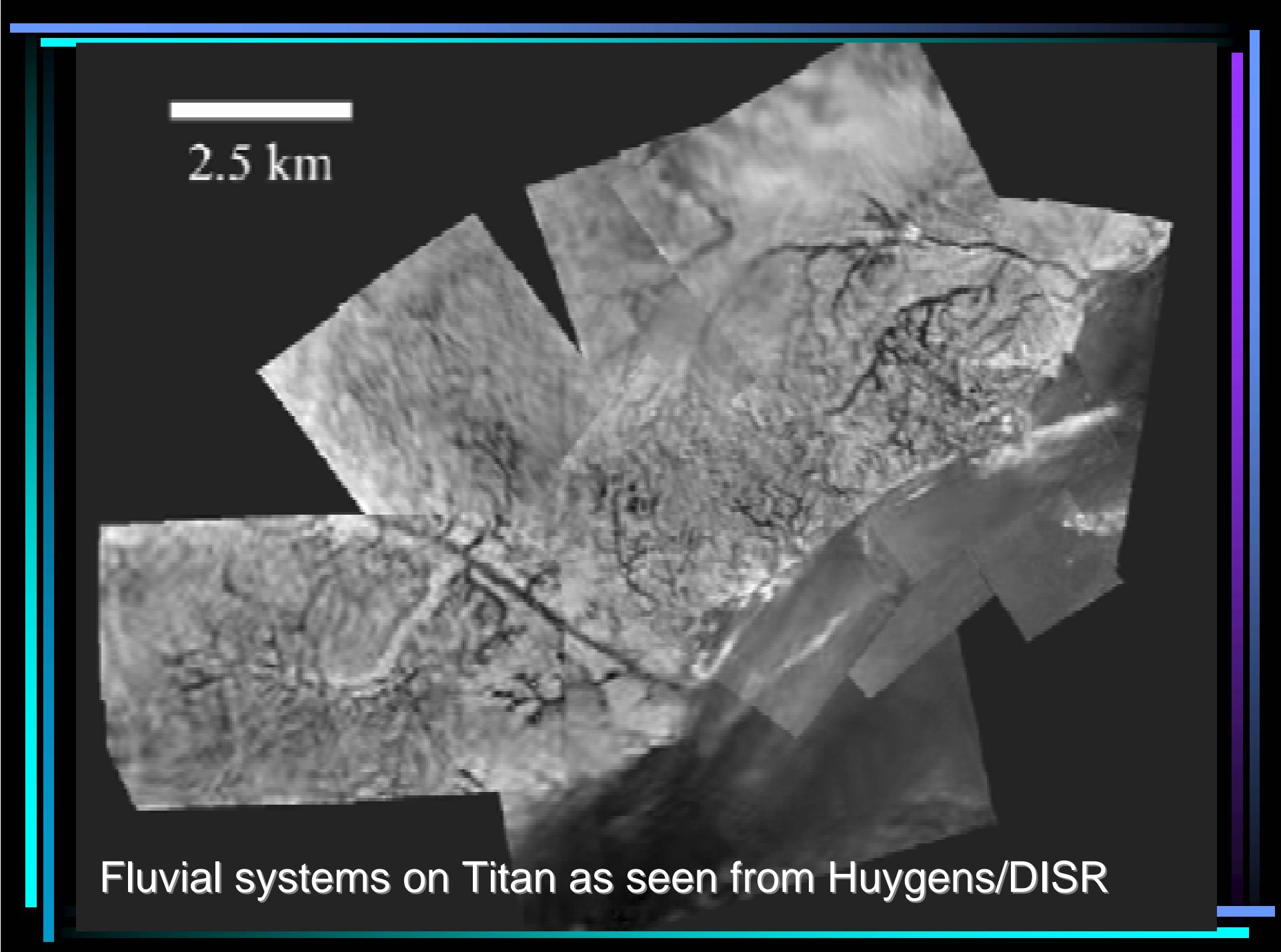
Rayon (km) : 1569

Densité : 3.04

Fraction de glace  
(en masse) : 0.06



**Image prise par la caméra HRI à 3 km d'altitude indiquant, dans la plaine sombre sur laquelle Huygens va atterrir, un écoulement de fluide autour d'îles plus claires.**



2.5 km

Fluvial systems on Titan as seen from Huygens/DISR

## Questions concerning the deep interior of icy bodies

### Modelling considerations

- Liquid layers: possible existence – theory improvement and possible observations
- Cryovolcanism – how does it work : Key question for Europe (salts) and Titan (methane)
- Heating modes in icy moons - tidal heating for Europe and Titan not fully constrained
- Dynamics of thick liquid layers – nobody works on that...(maybe ROB???)

### Experimental considerations

- HP-LT experiments – stability of ice compounds (hydrates, clathrates, ices)
- HP-HT experiments – relevant for metallic core of giants satellites
- IR/visible laboratory experiments on icy surface for providing Titan analogs
- EOS for icy bodies (also required for exoplanet M-R relations DWG6+7)

## Questions concerning the deep interior of icy bodies

### Surface studies

- Surface/interior relationships: Description of tectonic/volcanic events, response to impacts, ...
- Composition of ices (key point for constraining deep interiors).

### Orbital constraints

- Constraints on the tidal heating amount for Titan
- Love numbers – required for describing deep interiors

## **-INTERIORS : => DWG 8**

For large icy satellites : Europa, Titan, Callisto, Ganymede, Triton?

**Needs** : Numerical modeling on mantle and crusts

Liquid layers in the subsurfaces ? What ices were available (H<sub>2</sub>O, NH<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>?) and in what form they existed in the planetesimals that formed the satellite?

Amount of NH<sub>3</sub> present?

Thickness of crust vs liquid layer?

Composition and compositional variability requires measurements from at least two different bodies.

Heat-flows

**Suggestions**: Model possible targets for the exploration and detection of liquid layers in the Solar System bodies.

-Spectroscopic satellite observations for heat-flow properties with right configuration (does the data already exist?).

-Seismic sounders on Post-Cassini-Huygens or Post-Galileo probes (for Europa and then for Ganymede and Titan or Callisto, Triton) for phase transition in the interiors with impact to give access to deeper levels (feasibility of explosion on Titan)? Different RADAR frequencies, double Radars to map the interior structures

## **-INTERIORS :**

For large icy satellites

Needs :

Experimental data HP-LT :

Orbital evolution and tide effects : precise measurements of Love numbers

Precise data on composition and dynamics on the surface

**-Suggestions:** Orbiter and laser altimetry

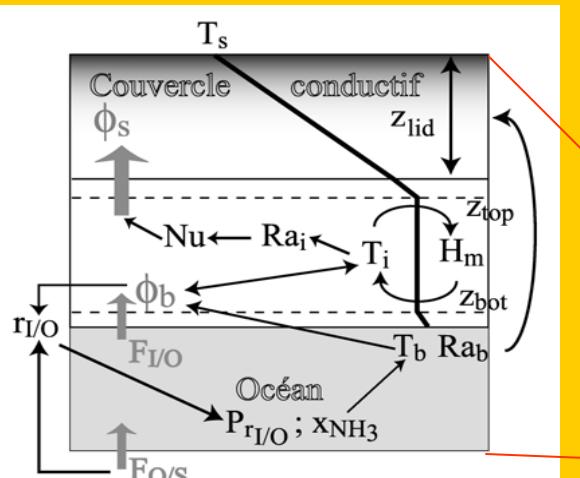
- Measure volcanism effects, composition on the surface
- Phase diagrams for icy compounds at high pressures
- And for different proportions of silicates

Rotation period?

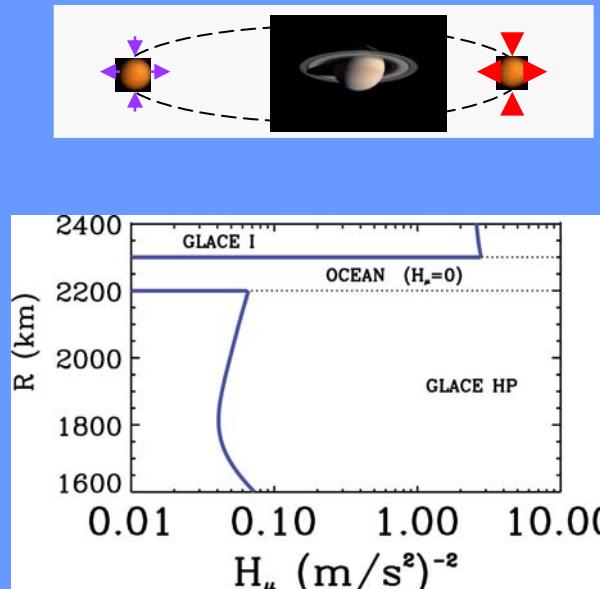
Positions of orbiters and altimetry measurements?

# Icy satellites deep interior: several approaches

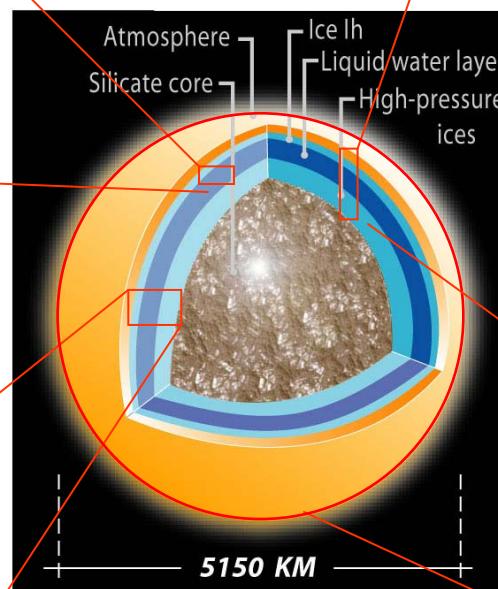
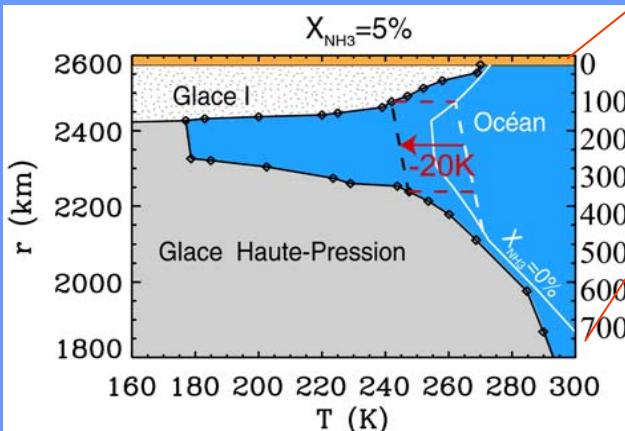
## Modélisation numérique



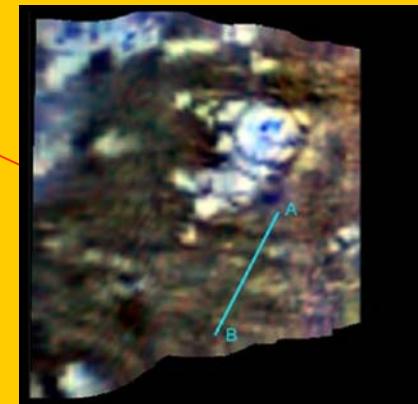
## Evolution orbitale et dissipation de marée



## Expériences HP-BT



## Découverte de la surface: Composition/volcanisme/...



Aims	Specific suggestions WG3&5
Inducing, and optimizing space missions, follow-up or follow a probe entry, support in case of failure, achieve science objectives : cometary, moon and planet surfaces/subsurfaces composition-structure	<p>Target selections (comets, moons) and landing sites for SMART-1 (on the <a href="#">Moon</a>)</p> <p>Stereoscopic images of the Moon and other objects</p> <p>Optimize Rosetta return with Deep Impact III on the <a href="#">comet</a> 67P at the end of the mission (2016)</p> <p>The water vapor on <a href="#">Mars</a>: post-MEX with new mission including neutron spectroscopy (ATR)</p>
Usefulness of ground-based observations in relation to space missions	<p><a href="#">Mercury</a>: observe from the ground at the time of Bepi-Colombo to cross-calibrate the mission data</p> <p>Ex: Cassini-Huygens (DWE- Channel C), Galileo And Lander on pole or other site</p>
Atmosphere-surface interactions	<p>Titan: RADAR measurements of whole surface during extended Cassini mission. Interpretation of high-resolution DISR images in terms of surface activity and surface-atmosphere interactions</p>
Extended temporal monitoring: study diurnal or seasonal effects	<p>Sedimentation processes and deposits</p> <p>The water vapor in <a href="#">Mars's</a> lower atmosphere</p>
	<p>Completing planetary objects' lightcurves , evolution of the surface properties</p>

Aims	Specific suggestions WG3&5
Extended spatial or global coverage with higher resolution Solar system formation Impact hazards on Earth	Study craterization in the Solar System : combine all available data on crater measurements and complete with new artificial crater (on the Moon?) caused by natural or artificial impactor (deflect small asteroid)
Techniques possible only from the Earth	VLBI radio-tracking of a space mission with probe signal during entry or landing Radar search for solid and liquid extents on moon surfaces
Better understand the volcanism and tectonics on planetary objects (related to interiors -> <b>DWG 8</b> )	High-resolution images (in situ) of all surfaces (as for Titan and Europa) in order to identify and interpret features and tie them to models of interior Seismographs, impact studies, stereo, Radar, laser altimetry
Models of Titan's surface	CH4 absorption coefficients required with high precision Aerosols/tholin description Comparison with lab ice-rock mixtures

<b>Aims</b>	<b>Specific suggestions WG3&amp;5</b>
Interpretation of surface features	Earth, Mars and Moon analogues and various databases
Test/validation of models	Through observations
Laboratory experiments	Impact, crater and rheological studies Systematic studies of Titan aerosol analogues Lab data required in all fields and in particular ices and mineral systems and mixtures Diffusion studies through dust in vacuum (comets)
Public outreach	All missions, large telescopes, artificial observatories Ex: Mars Express, Deep Impact and Cassini-Huygens missions, VLT, HST  EUROPLANET Institutes should make their websites user-friendly and include EP links

# Connection with other fields

## Surface-atmosphere interactions

- Lower atmospheres, exospheres (DWG1)

## Ice and silicates composition

- Small bodies evidences (DWG4+9)
- Magnetic field models (salty liquid layer of Europe, ...) – DWG 2

## Deep interior

- Full interaction with DWG8
- « Application » of what we know for Ocean-Planets (DWG 6+7)
- Liquid layers – DWG 6+7

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Combination of data  
Collaboration of teams  
Synergy  
Tests  
Laboratory work  
Models  
Recommendations for models,  
observations, experiments...