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Search for Extra-terrestrial Intelligence -Perspectives of an Earth Scientist

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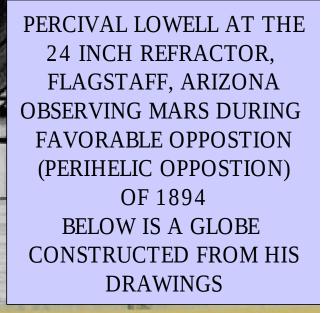




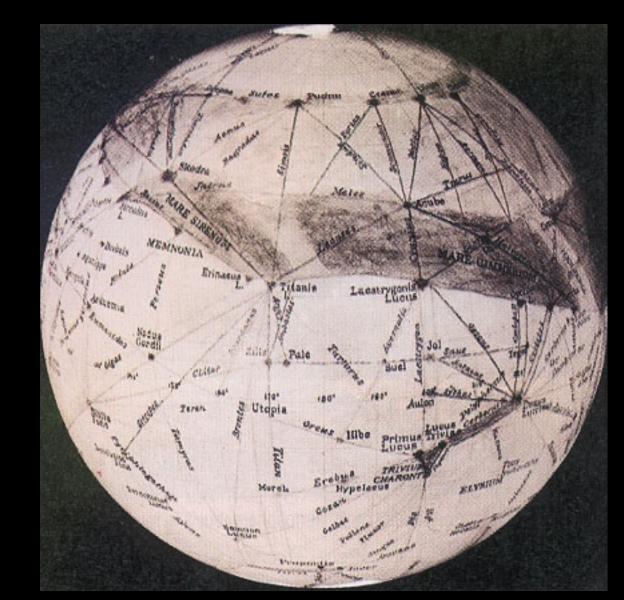
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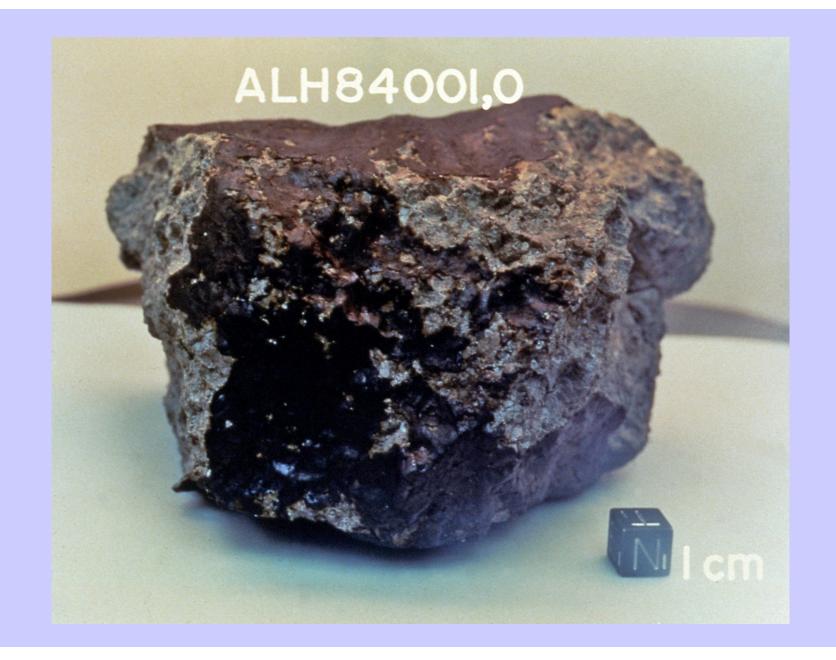


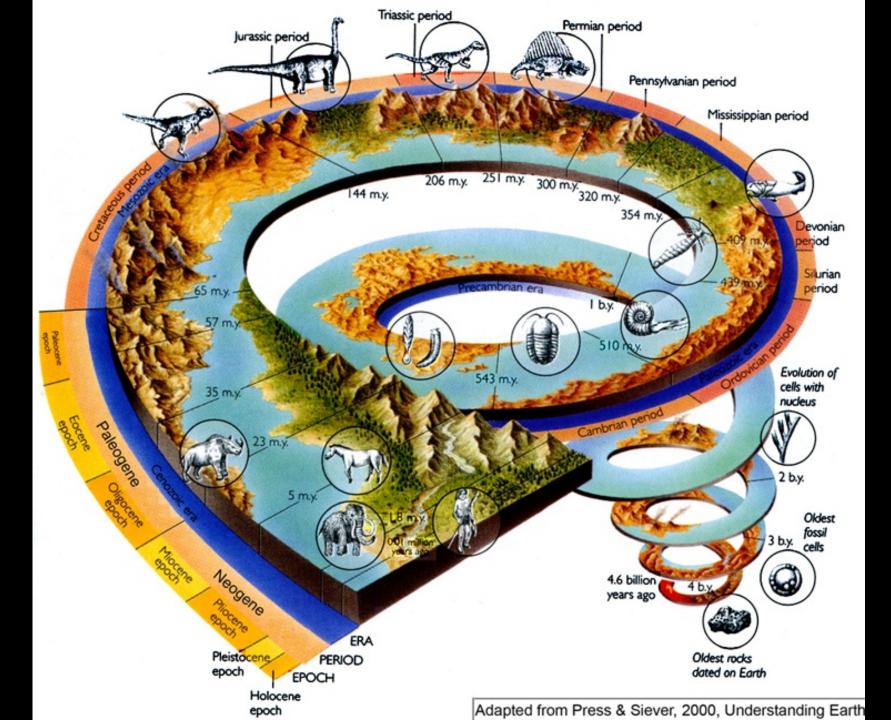




Viking composite of Mars

mid 1970's









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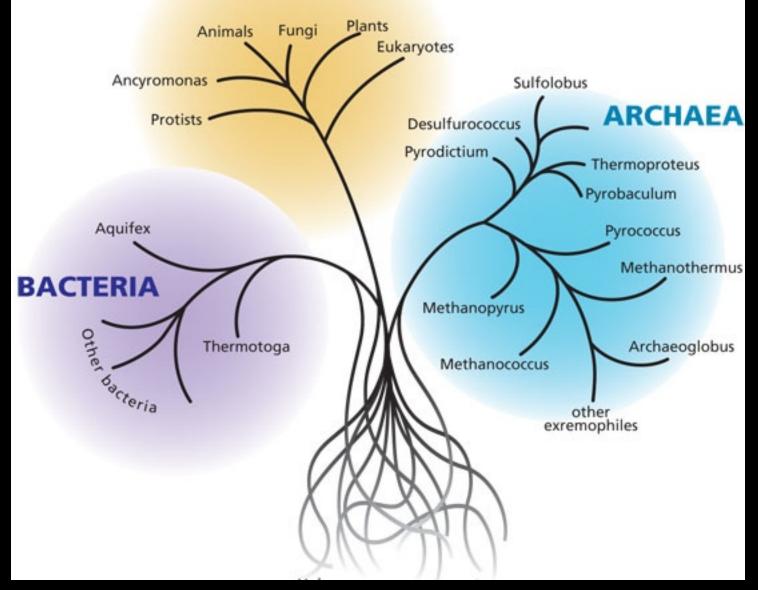
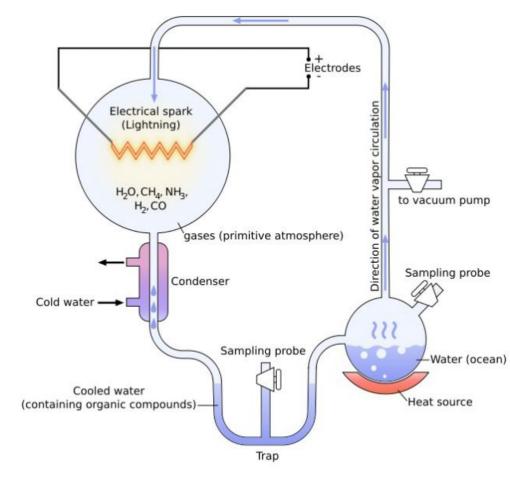
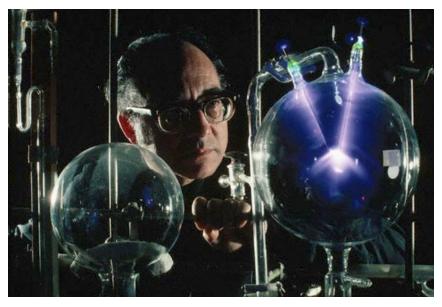


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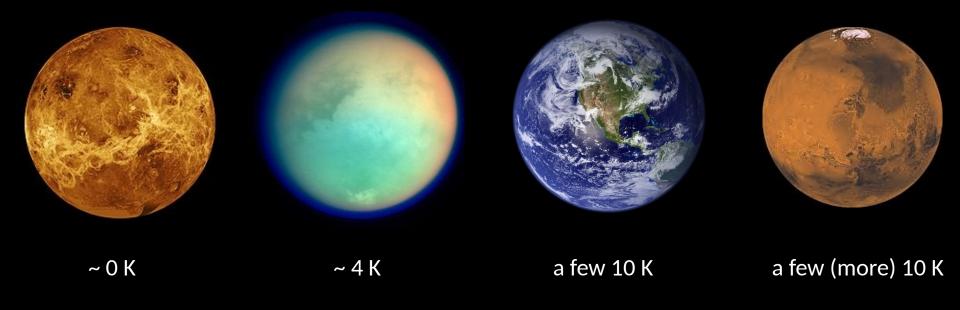


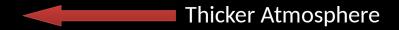




Life in the Solar System?

Pole-to-Equator Temperature Difference on Other Planets



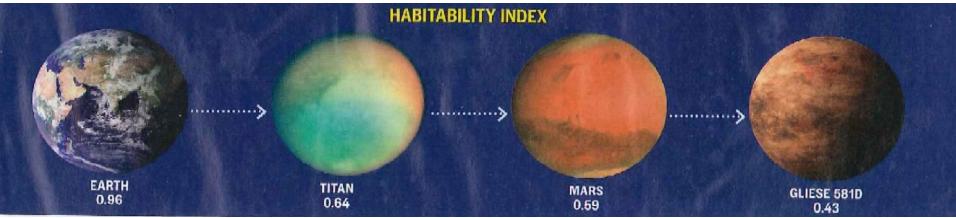


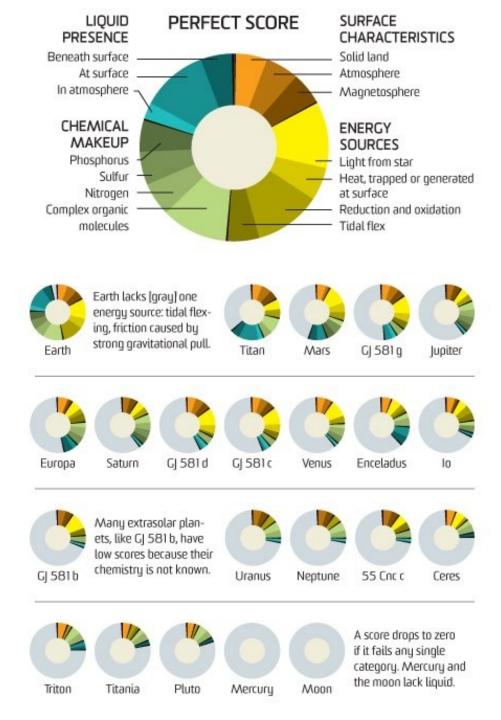
Needed for Habitability? Solid surface

Atmosphere Liquid on surface: Need not be water



PHI – Planetary Habitability Index: Schulze-Makuch et al., 2011

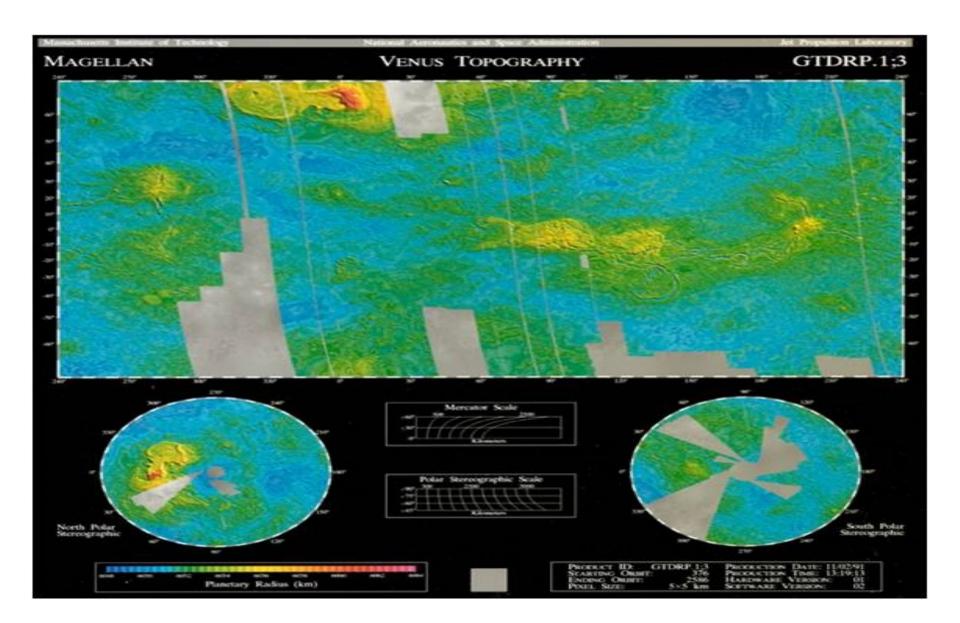


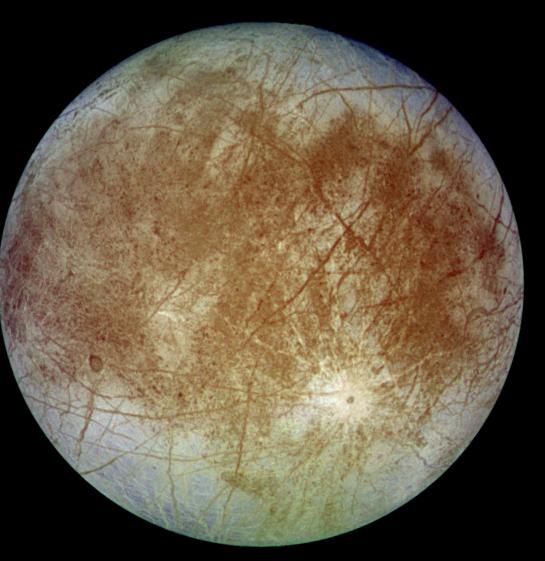


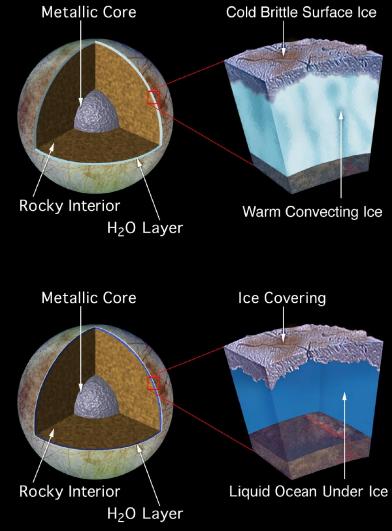
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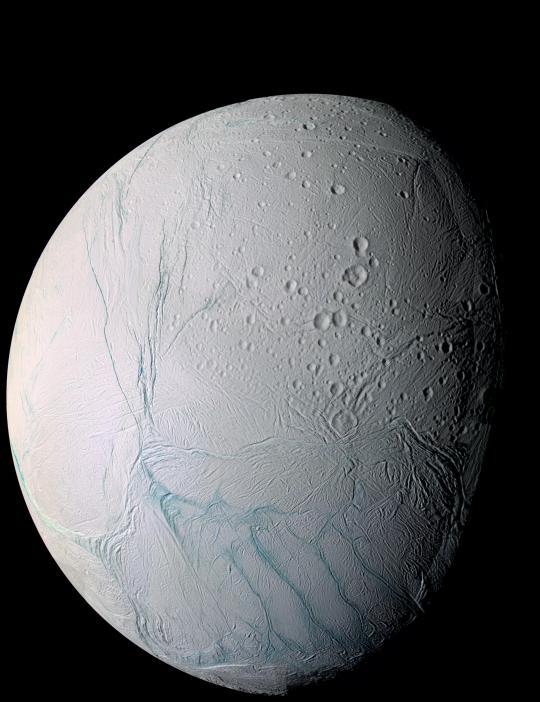
Earth = 0.96 Titan = 0.64 Mars = 0.59 Gliese 581d = 0.43

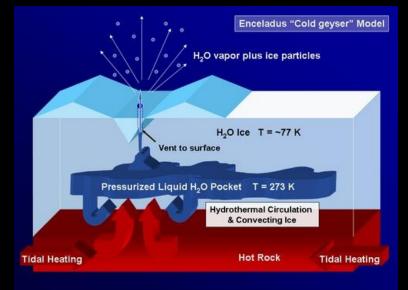
Credit: Popular Science

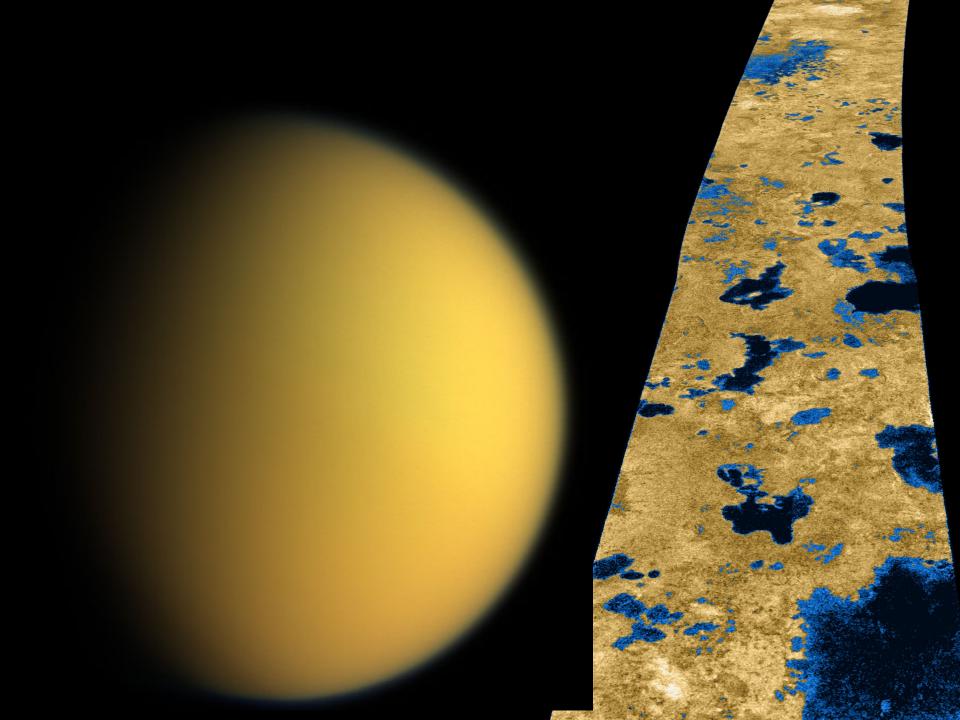












Huygens Landing Site

Landed January 14, 2005 at 10.2S, 192.4W

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

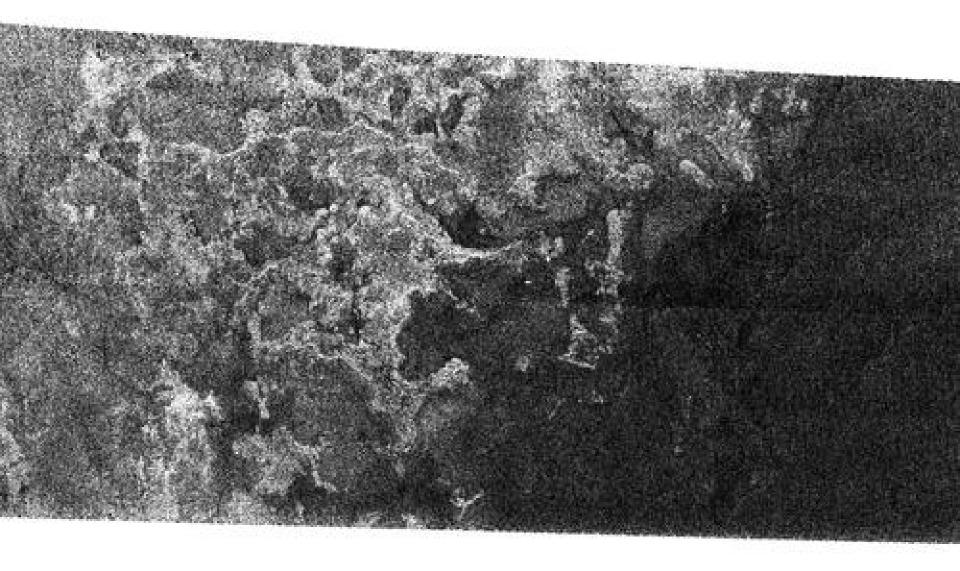
Fluvial activity (methane?)

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





Possible Shoreline



<u>100 km</u>



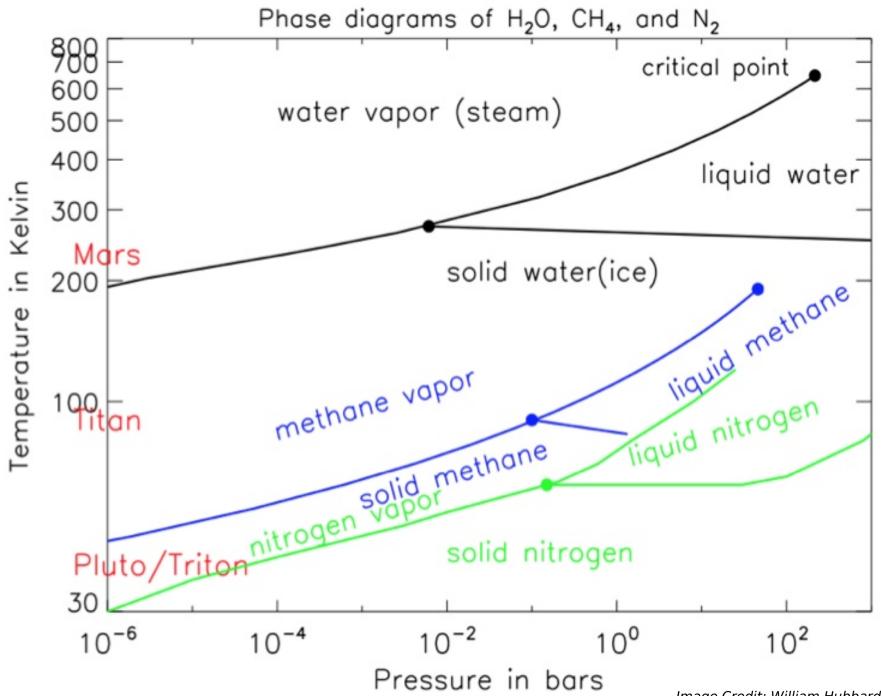
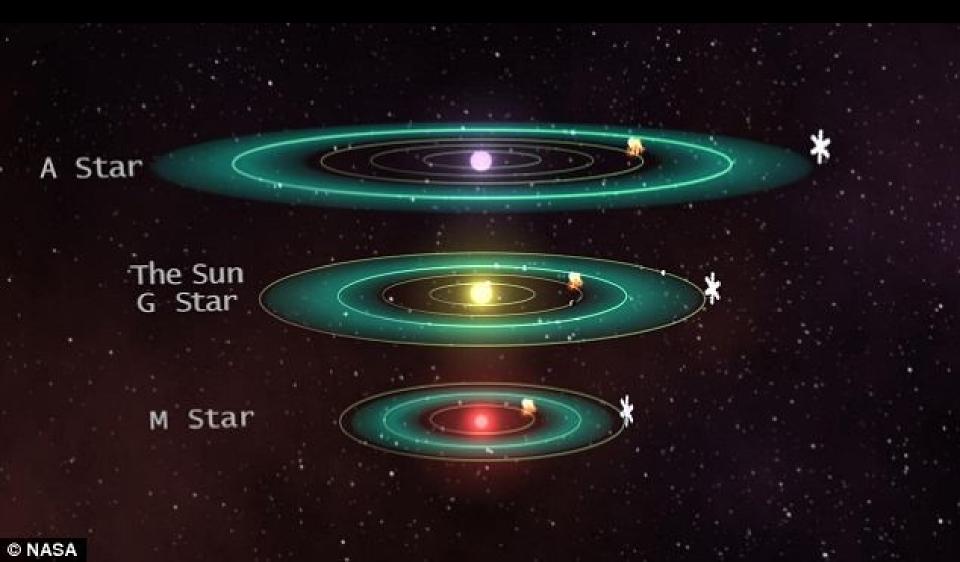


Image Credit: William Hubbard, UA LPL

Life Around Other Stars



DRAKE EQUATION $N = R \times f_i \times f_p \times n_c \times f_1 \times f_c \times L$

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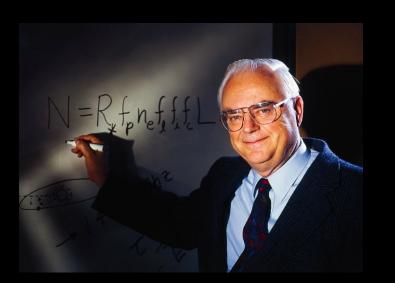
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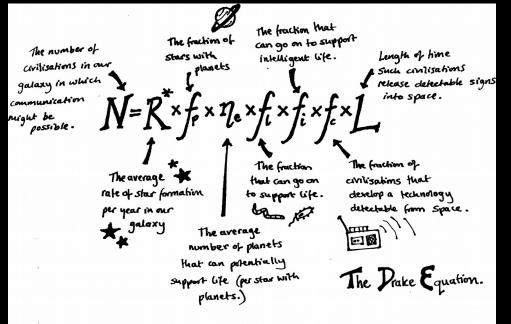
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The Drake Equation

How many civilizations are out there?













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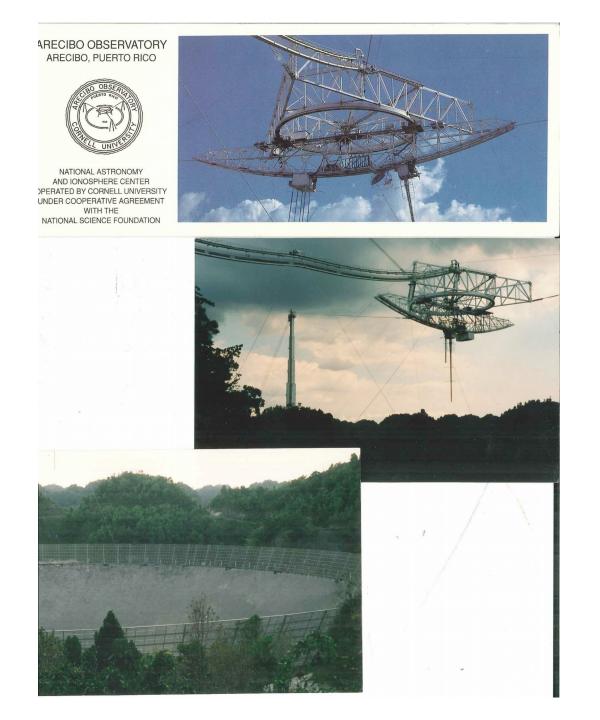
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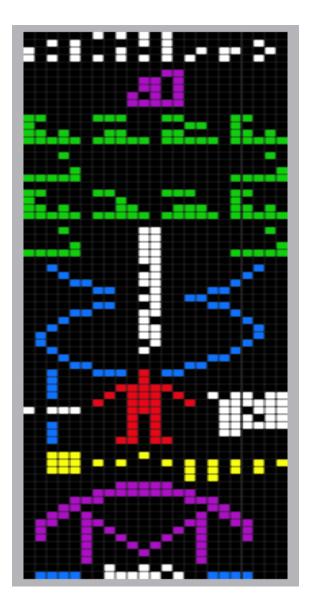
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Dixon; Ohio State University Radio Observatory.) 50 frequency channels (digits and letters at left) at varying sky positions. (Photo: Courtesy Robert



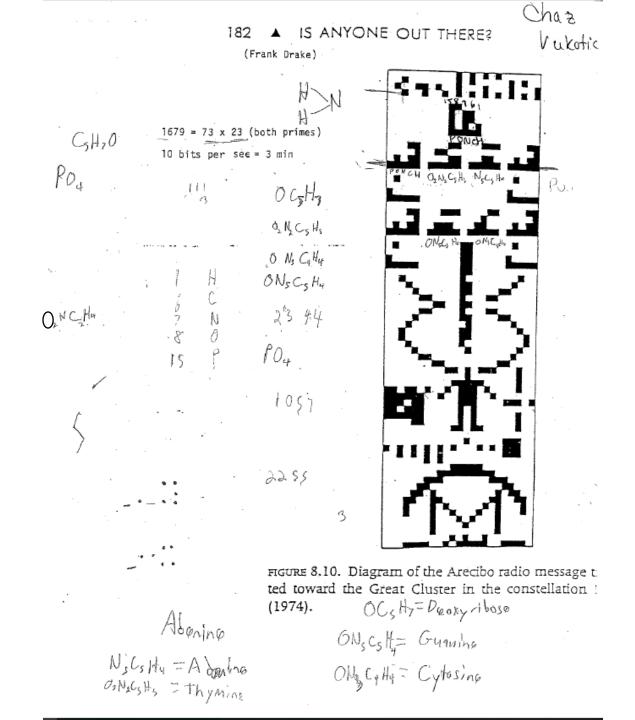
Arecibo Message

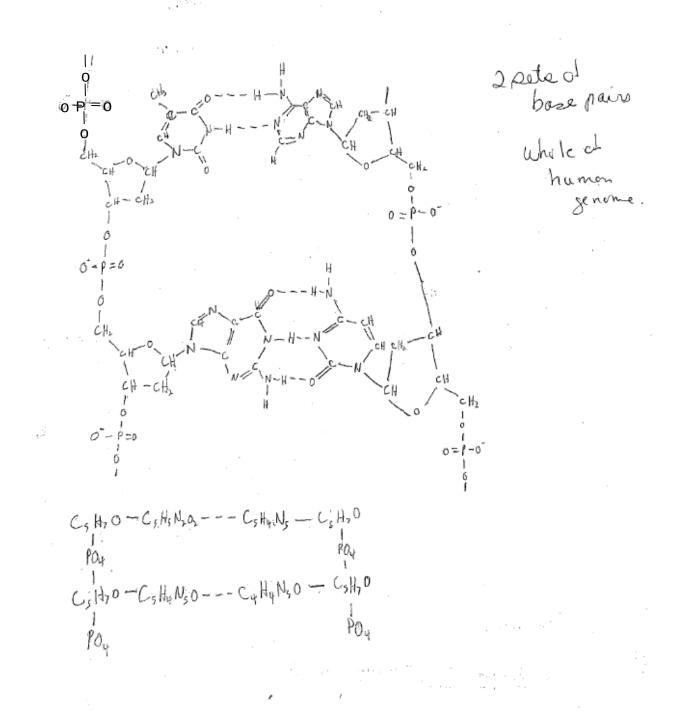


Broadcast on November 16th 1974 from the Arecibo radio telescope.

Aimed toward globular star cluster M13.

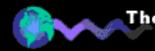
M13 is 25,000 light years away.







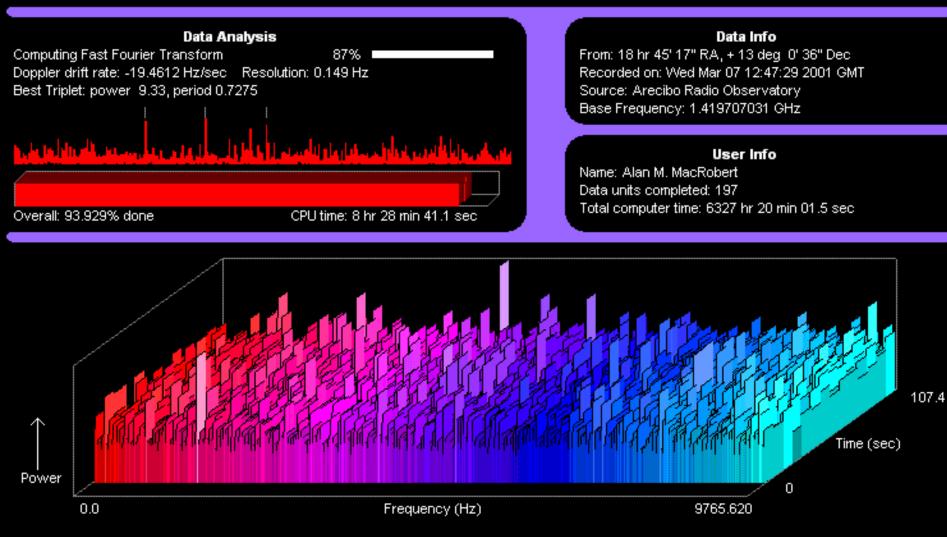


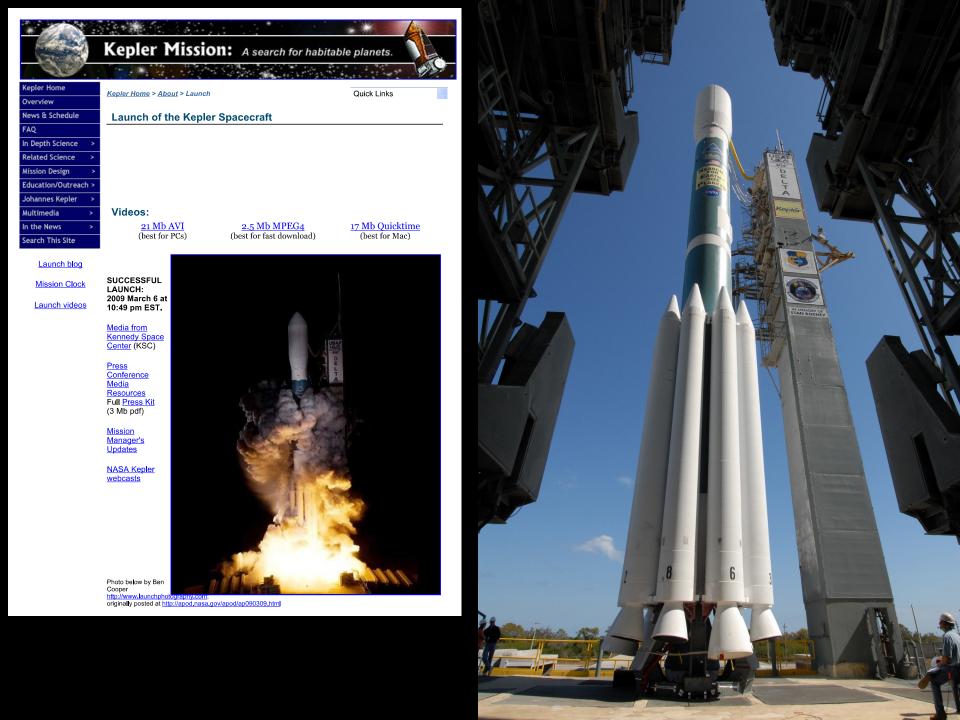


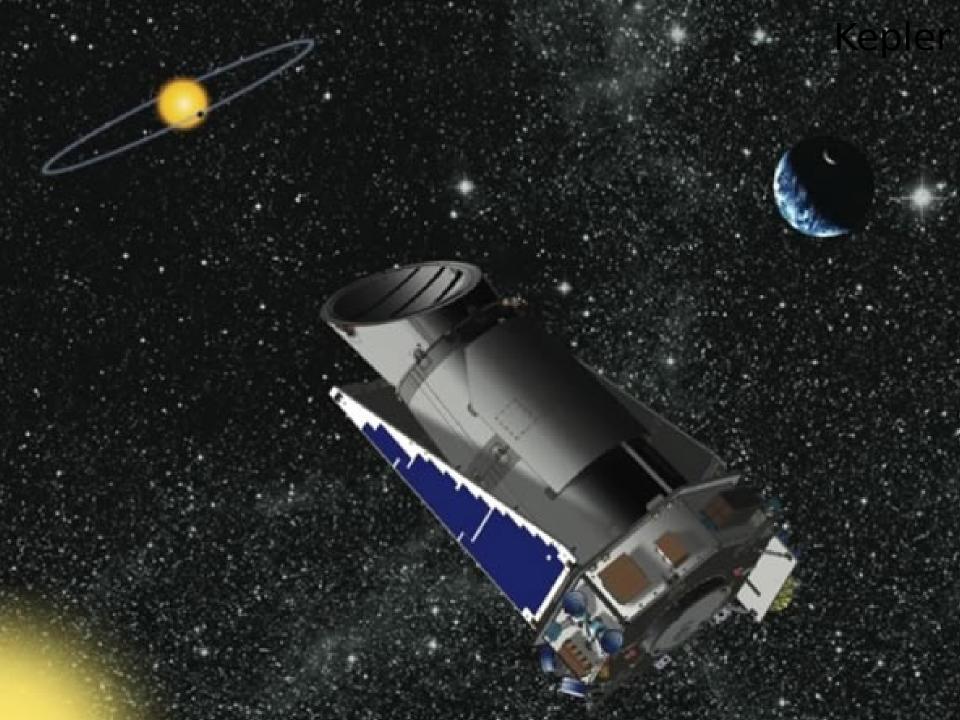
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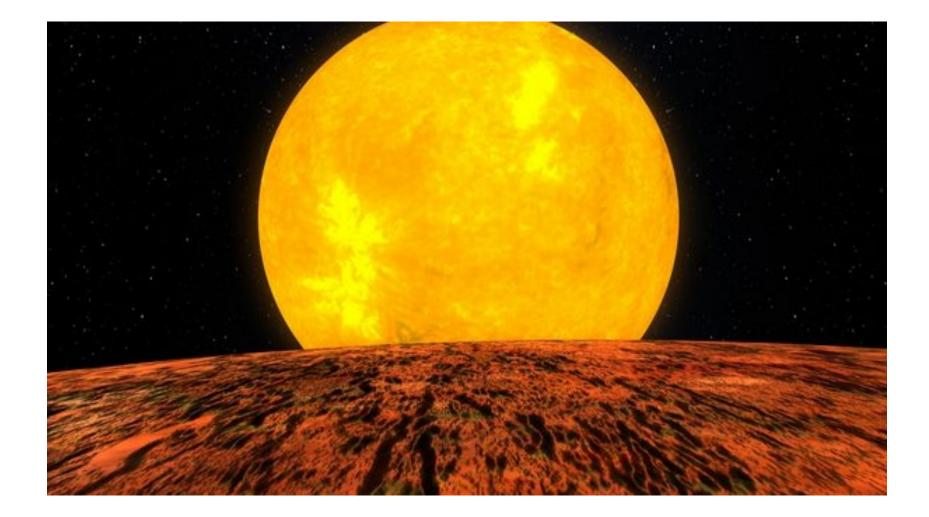


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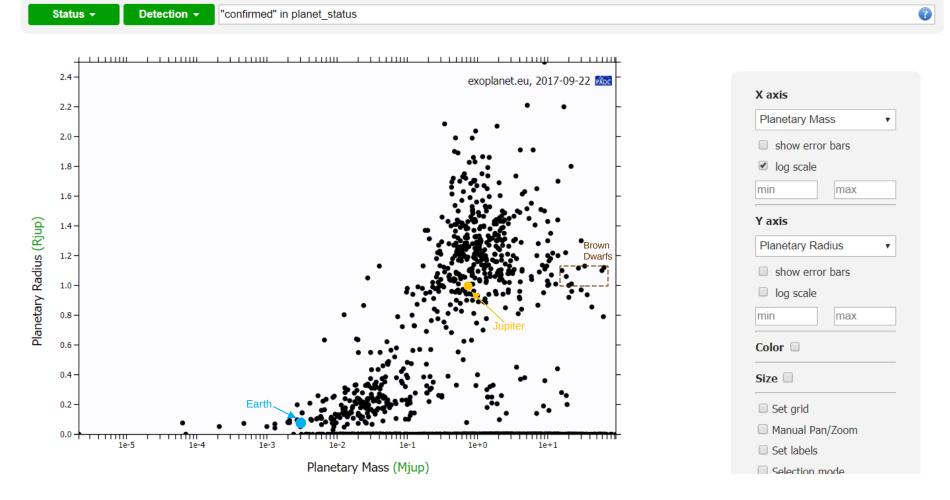




Imagined View from Planet Kepler-10b (Artist's Depiction) Credit: NASA/Kepler Mission/Dana Berry

Diagrams: scatter plot

Histogram plot \rightarrow



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 "excessive fear."

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 shortlived, 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)



