

# Planetary atmosphere modelling and other activities at LMD, IPSL



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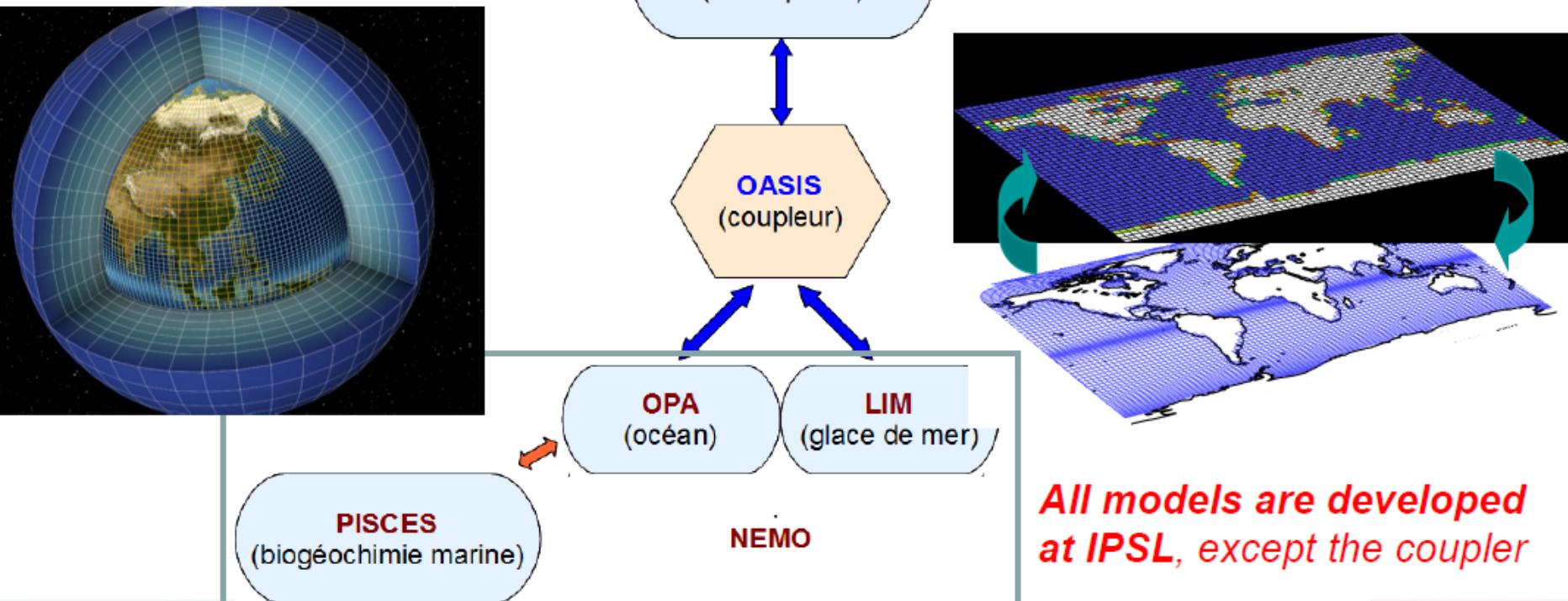
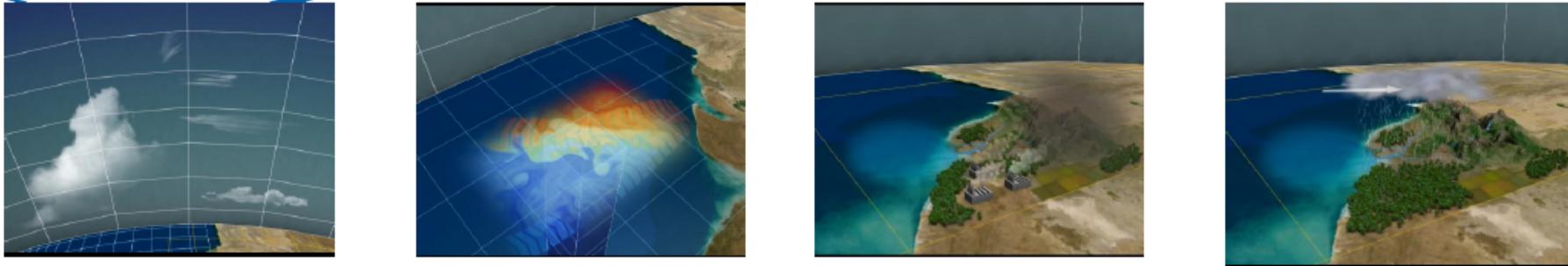
# Planetary Science in « Laboratoire de Météorologie Dynamique » (LMD) within Institut Pierre Simon Laplace (IPSL) In the Paris area, France



- **LMD** = « Laboratory for Dynamic Meteorology : A department (~200 persons)  
⇒ *Atmospheric Sciences: theories, modeling and observations*
- **IPSL** = « Institut Pierre Simon Laplace »  
= A federation of 7 « laboratories including » LMD (~1200 persons) in the Paris area  
⇒ *Environmental Sciences: ocean, biosphere, atmosphere, chemistry, paleoclimates, planetary sciences*
- **CNRS** = The big National administration which coordinate french research and pays civil-servant scientist salaries (unless they are professor in Universities)
- **UPMC** = University Pierre & Marie Curie: The Big University where our offices are and which pays Professors like Aymeric Spiga.

# Numerical modelling of Earth climate at LMD and IPSL

# The IPSL-CM5 Earth System Model



# Planetary Sciences at IPSL

## The « Solar System Center »

- ~80 permanent scientists and engineers et ~60 contractors (post-doc, students, engineers) working on Planetary Sciences
- **3 main topics :**
  1. Climate and Meteorology on other planets
  2. Interaction Sun – Planets - Earth
  3. Origins of Planets and Life.



## Climate & past atmospheres Space-based observations

Topic #1 :  
Planets  
Modelling

- **Mars**

- **Space Mission** : Mars Express (instrument SPICAM, « IDS », Co-Is) : LATMOS + LMD
- **Modelling** : GCM Mars: LATMOS + LMD (« Mars GCM simulator », méso/micro-scale: A Exomars, Insight (2016, 2018))
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- **Titan**

- **Space Mission**: Cassini Huygens (PI, cols)
- **Modelling** : “IPSL” Titan GCM (LMD + GSMA)

- **Exoplanets & past atmospheres**

- **Modelling**: « Generic » GCM (LMD, LATMOS)  
⇒ Space telescope Echo (ESA, preselected)

**Mars Express:** See talk by François Forget on Wednesday afternoon

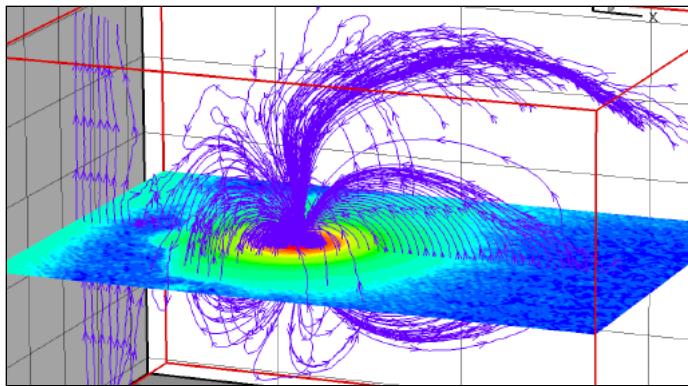
**Insight & Exomars:**  
See talk by A. Spiga on Thursday

**Venus Express:** See talk by Sébastien Lebonnois on Thursday

## Topic #2 : Interaction Sun – Planets – Earth

- Interaction solar wind - exosphere - atmospheres  
⇒ Atmospheric Escape
- Heliosphere and solar wind studies

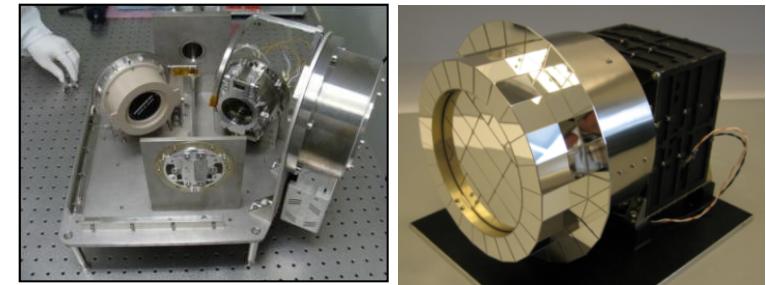
### Numerical Simulations



### Modelling exospheres & interactions with solar wind

- Earth
- Mars (⇒ Mars Express; Maven)
- Mercury (⇒ Bepi Colombo)
- Ganymede (⇒ JUICE)

### Space Obs.: UV and Mass spectrometers

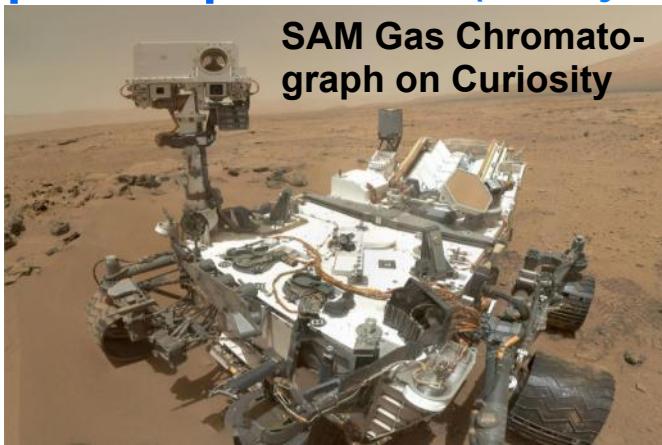


- Ex:*
- **SOHO/SWAN** (Sun)
  - **Cassini**: around Saturn (and Titan) since 2004
  - **Rosetta** (launch: 2004; Comet in 2014). See below.
  - **Bepi-Colombo** : Mercury (launch 2015) (LATMOS PI UV spectrometer **PHEBUS** (UV spectro & co-PI **PICAM**)
  - **MAVEN** (Mars, launched 2013) : see below
  - **TARANIS** (Earth): see below (2015)
  - **JUICE** (Jupiter 2022): Mass Spectro **NIMEIS**, LATMOS (F. Leblanc) on instrument suite JUMMP (Pi: Coates)

## Topic #3 : Origins of Planets and Life.

- To understand solid body formation by studying comets, asteroids and interplanetary dust.
- To study extraterrestrial organic matters and its evolution. (e.g. Mars, Titan).

### Space experiments (*mostly in-situ*)



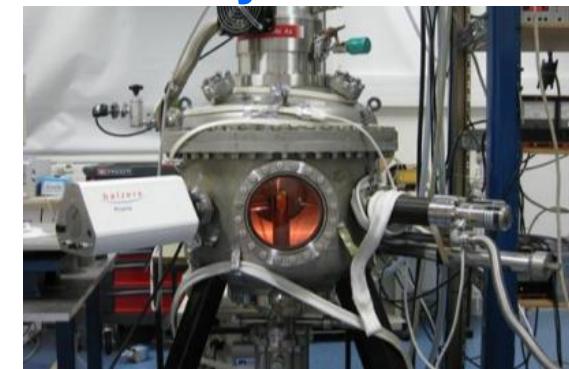
#### • In-situ Analysis (LATMOS-LISA)

- **Gas Chromatograph:** SAM (Curiosity), GAP (Phobos-Grunt 2011) , COSAC (Rosetta, Comet) MOMA (Exomars Rover 2018) + COSIMA (dust analyser, Rosetta)

#### - Radar (LATMOS):

- Consert + Permittivity probe (Rosetta)
- Wisdom (Exomars Rover2018)

### Laboratory simulations



#### • Simulating photochemistry on Titan and organic aerosols.

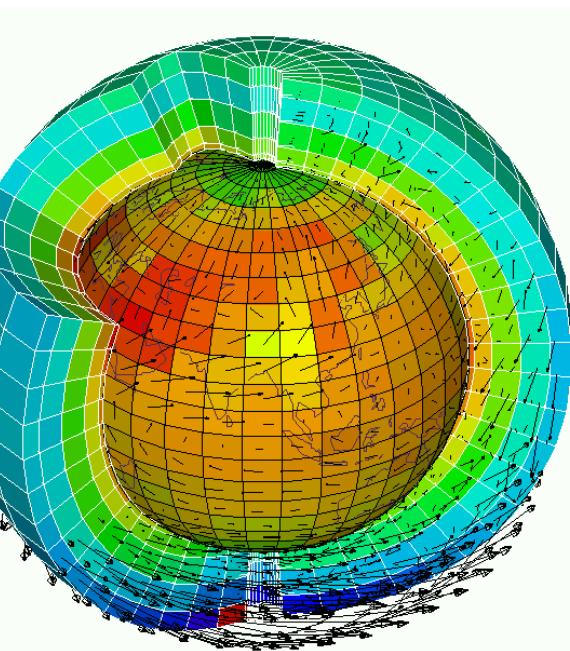
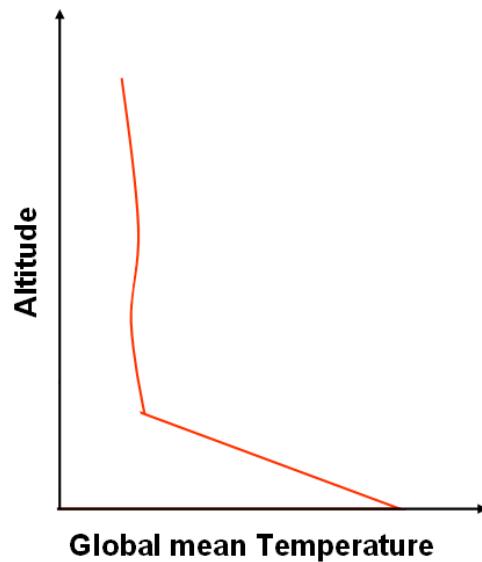
Experiments PAMPRE (LATMOS), PLASMA, SETUP (LISA), SMARD (LATMOS,+LISA)

#### • Physic of space ices : experiments OREGOC (LISA), SPICES (LPMAA)

#### • Physico-chemistry of Mars surface ExperimentsMOMIE (LISA+ LATMOS)

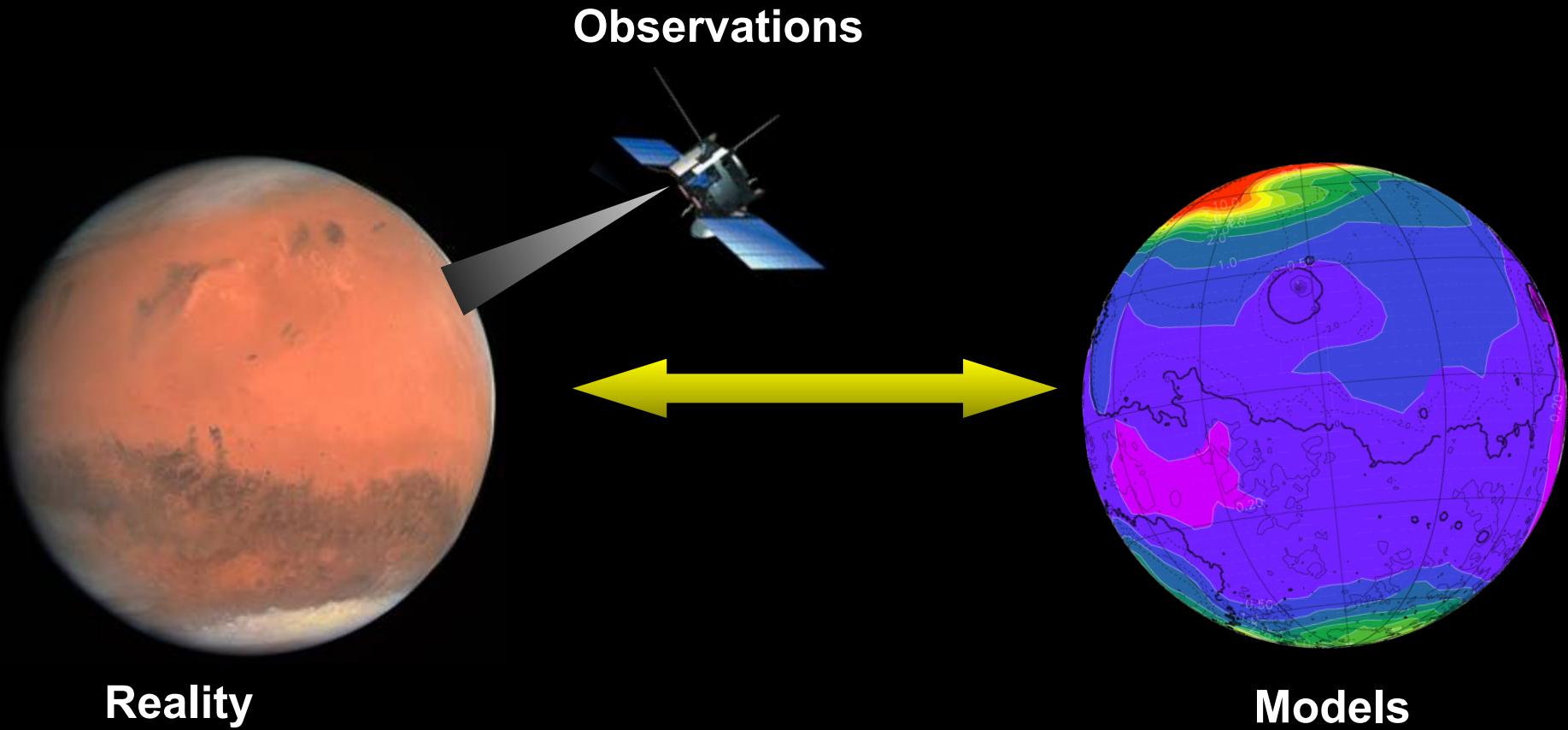
# Modelling of Planetary Climates at LMD and IPSL

# A hierarchy of models for planetary climatology



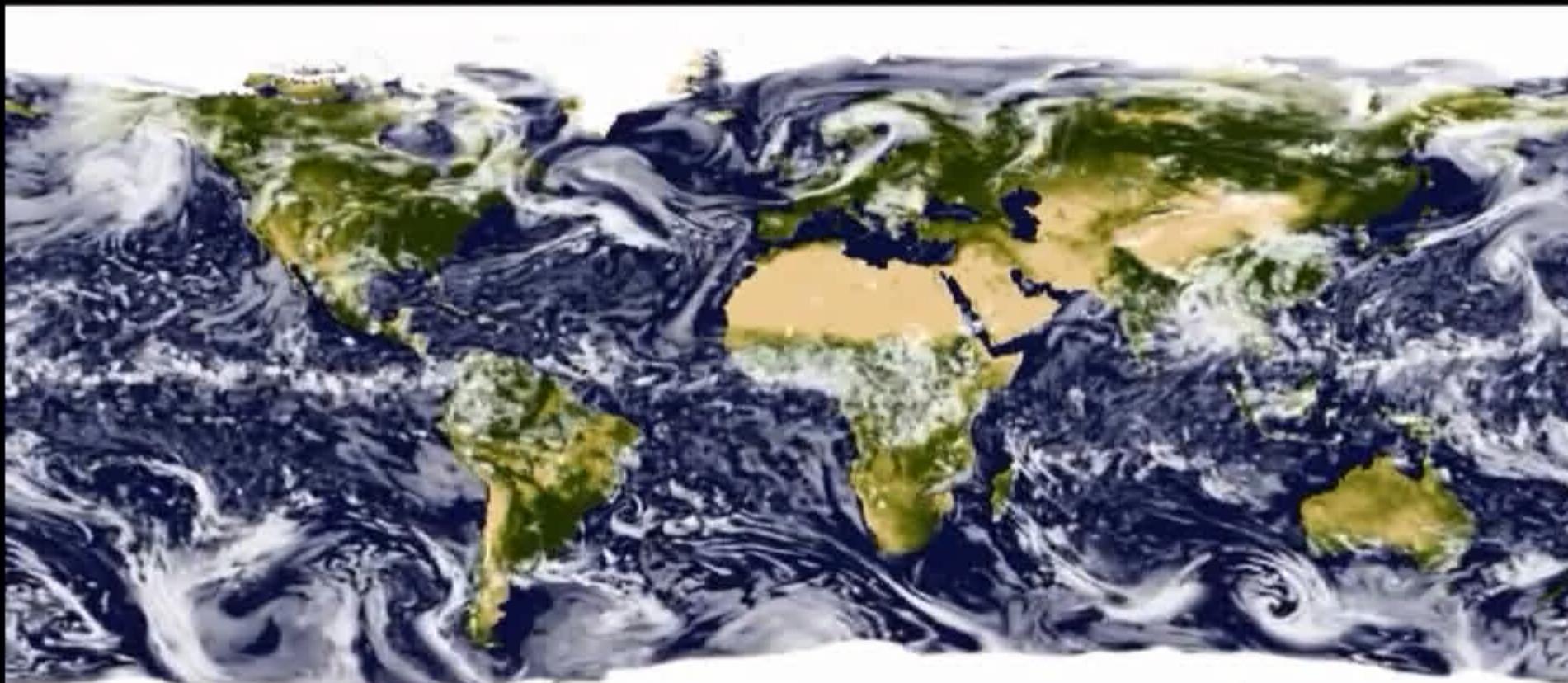
1. 1D global radiative convective models  
⇒ Great to explore a wide range of possible climates; (e.g. *Kasting et al. 1993*)
2. 2D Energy balance models...
3. Theoretical 3D General Circulation model with simplified forcing: used to explore and analyse the possible atmospheric circulation regime (see *Read 2011, Heng et al. 2011, Showman et al. 2013, etc*)
4. Full Global Climate Models aiming at building “virtual” planets.

Ambitious Global Climate models : Building “virtual” planets behaving like the real ones, on the basis of universal equations



# How to build a full Global Climate Simulator ?

*Earth System Model (CESM),:*

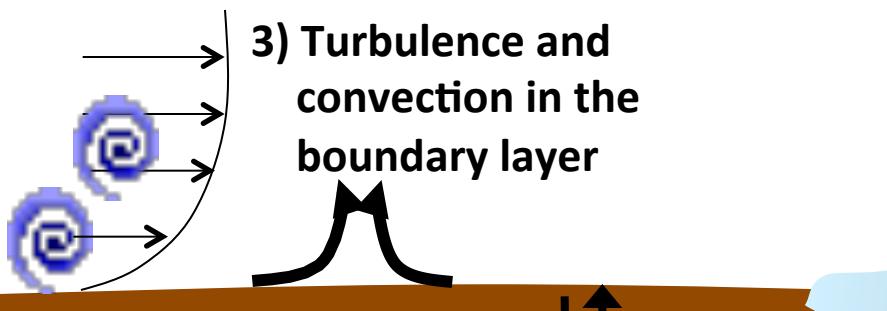


# How to build a full Global Climate Model :



**1) Dynamical Core to compute large scale atmospheric motions and transport**

**2) Radiative transfer through gas and aerosols**



**3) Turbulence and convection in the boundary layer**

**4) Surface and subsurface thermal balance**



**6) Photochemical hazes & mineral dust**



**5) Volatile condensation on the surface and in the atmosphere**

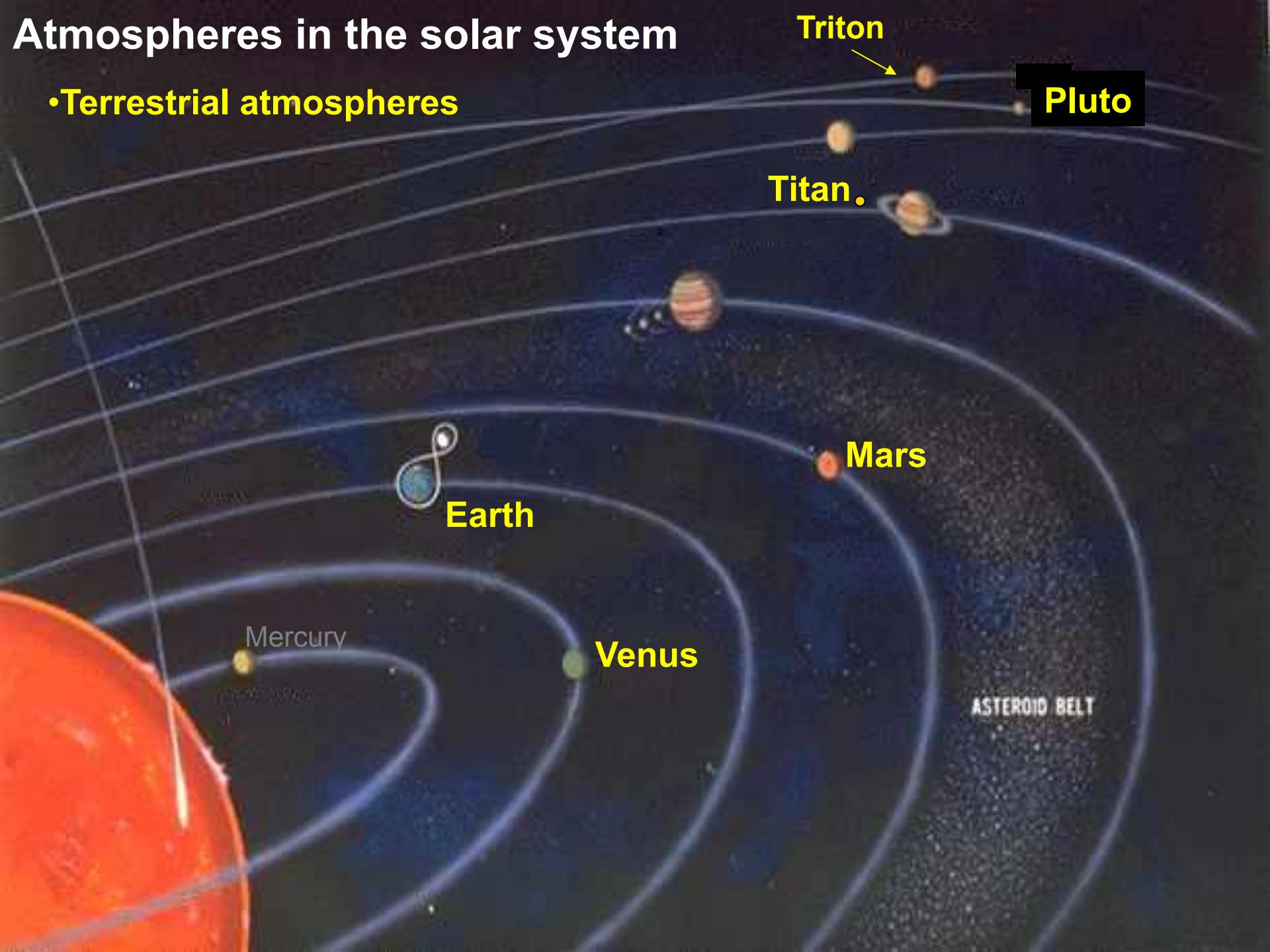
*Forget and Lebonnois (2013) In "Comparative Climatology of Terrestrial Planets" book. Univ of Arizona press 2013.*

# **How to build a Global Climate Model :**



# Atmospheres in the solar system

- Terrestrial atmospheres



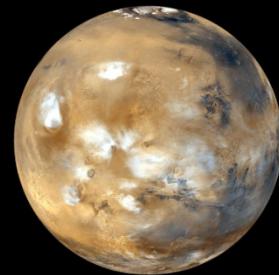
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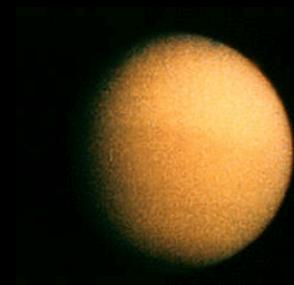
VENUS



EARTH



MARS



TITAN



TRITON



PLUTO

## Applications:

- Climatology
- Climate projections
- Paleoclimates
- chemistry
- Biosphere / hydrosphere
- cryosphere / oceans
- coupling
- Many other applications

## Coupled cycles:

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- etc...

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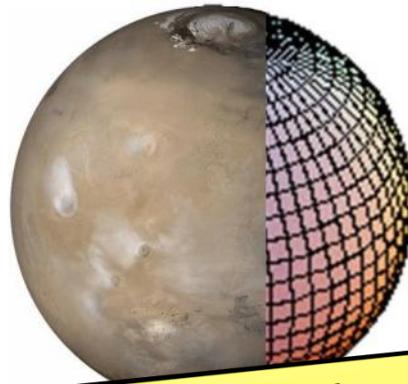
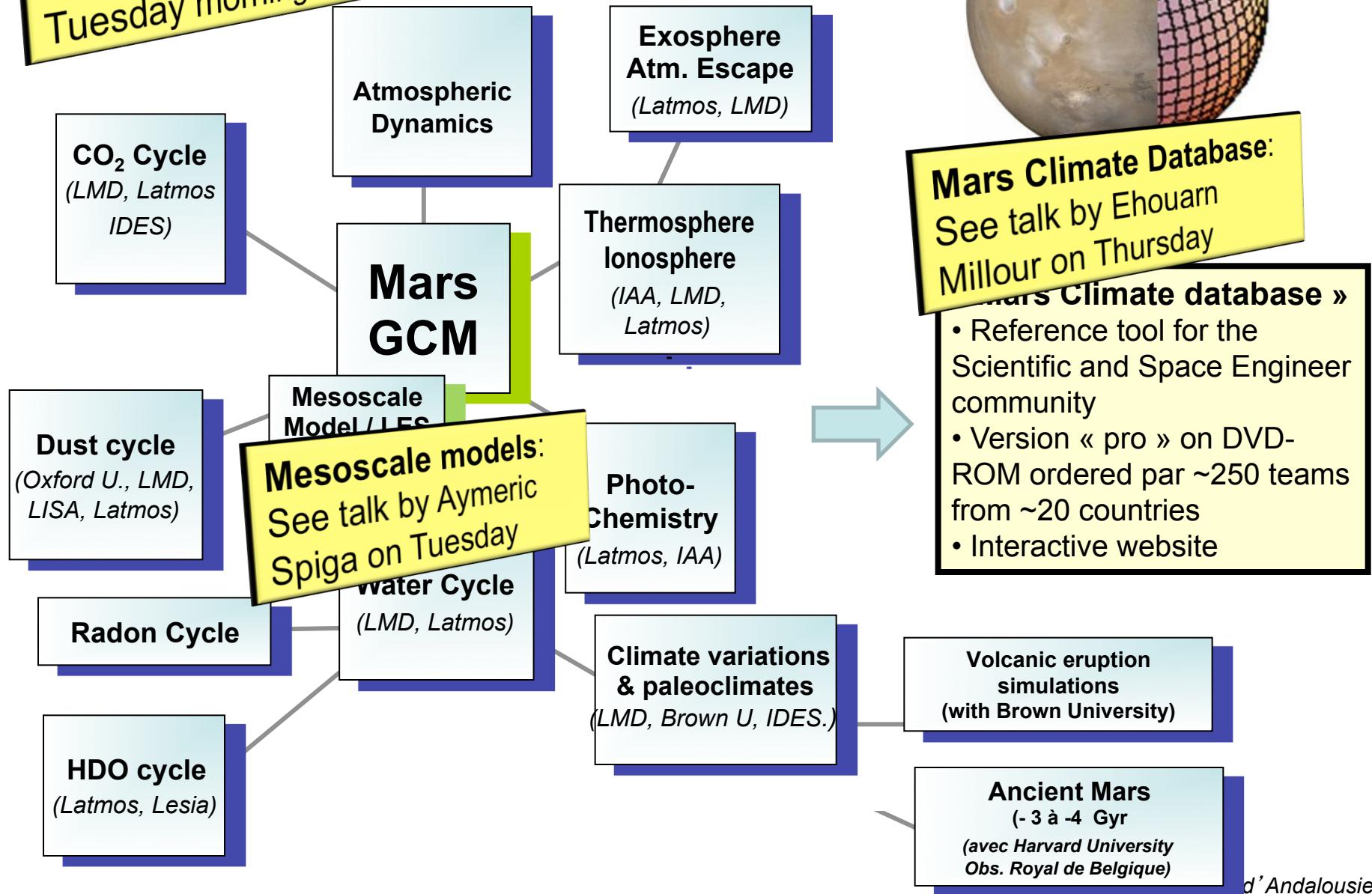
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Mars: See talk by  
François Forget on  
Tuesday morning

## Mars system simulator »



**Mars Climate Database:**  
See talk by Ehouarn  
Millour on Thursday

**Mars Climate database »**

- Reference tool for the Scientific and Space Engineer community
- Version « pro » on DVD-ROM ordered par ~250 teams from ~20 countries
- Interactive website

# GCMs at LMD/IPSL



VENUS

Coupling dynamic & radiative transfer + cloud physics + photochemistry



TRITON  
GCM

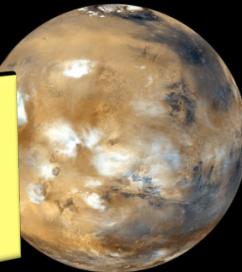


PLUTO  
GCM



EARTH

Venus & Titan: See talk by Sebastien Lebonnois on Wednesday morning



MARS

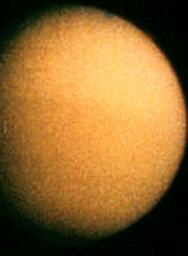
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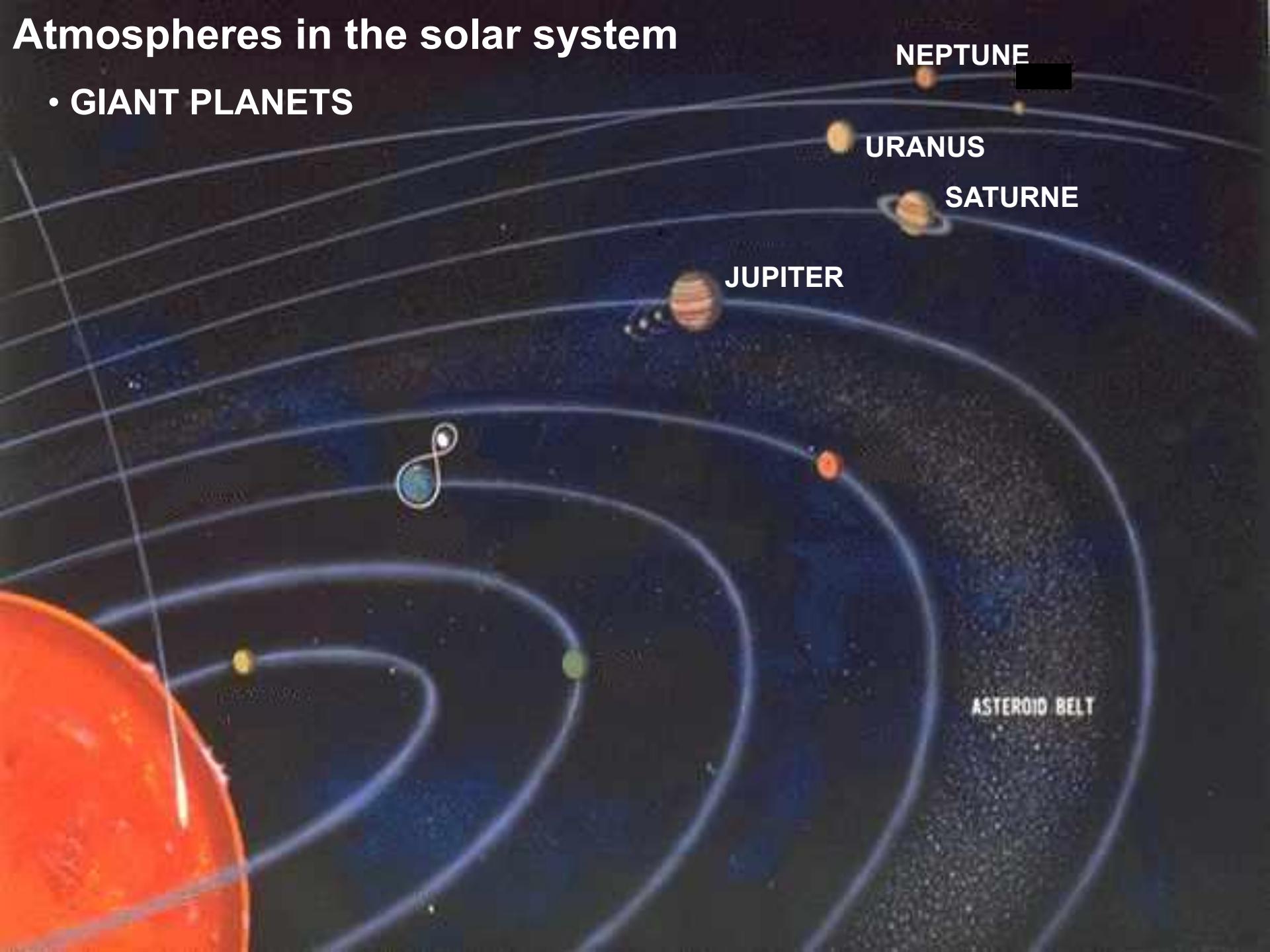
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- Photochemistry
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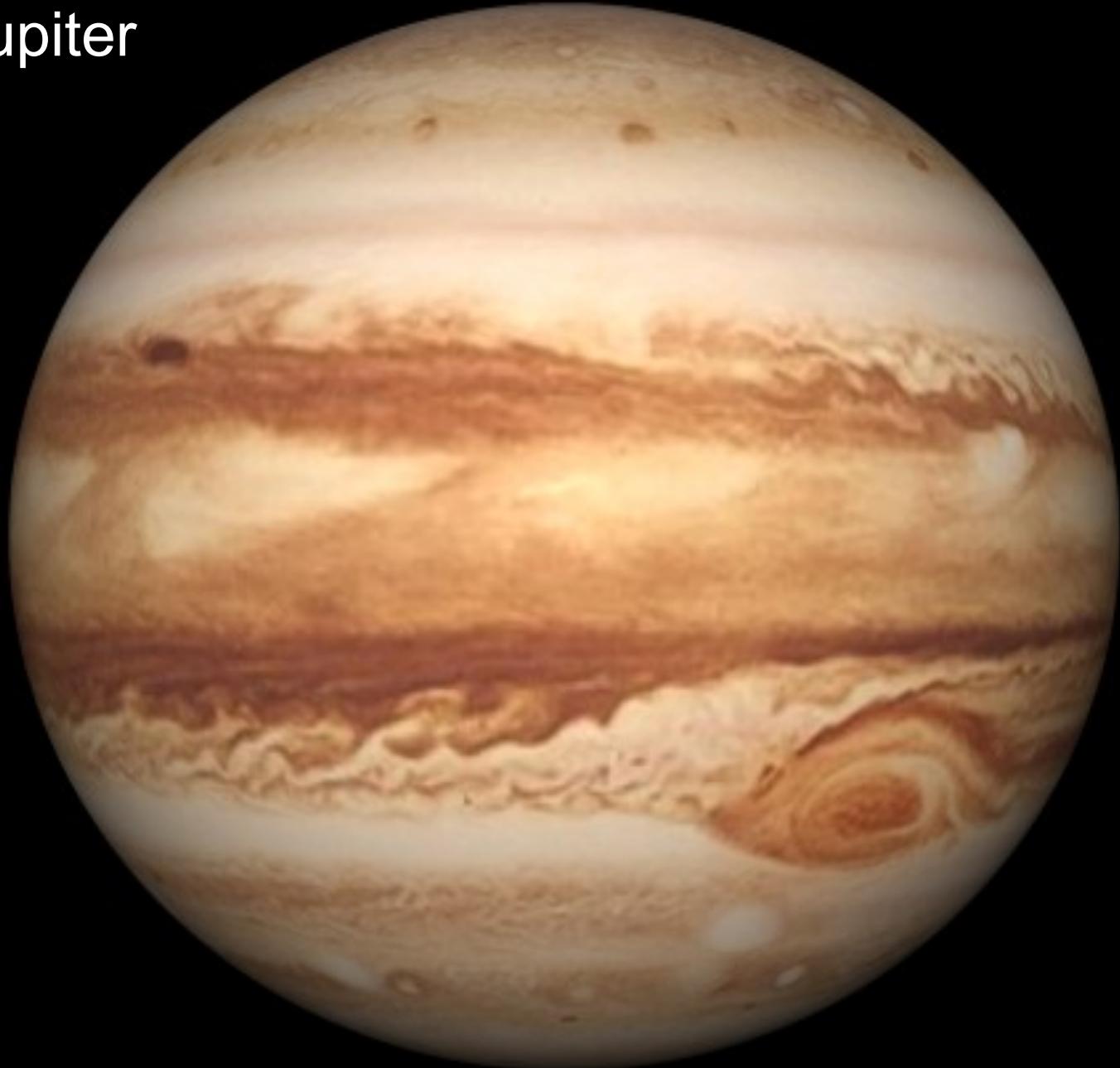
Pluto & Triton: See talk by François Forget on Friday

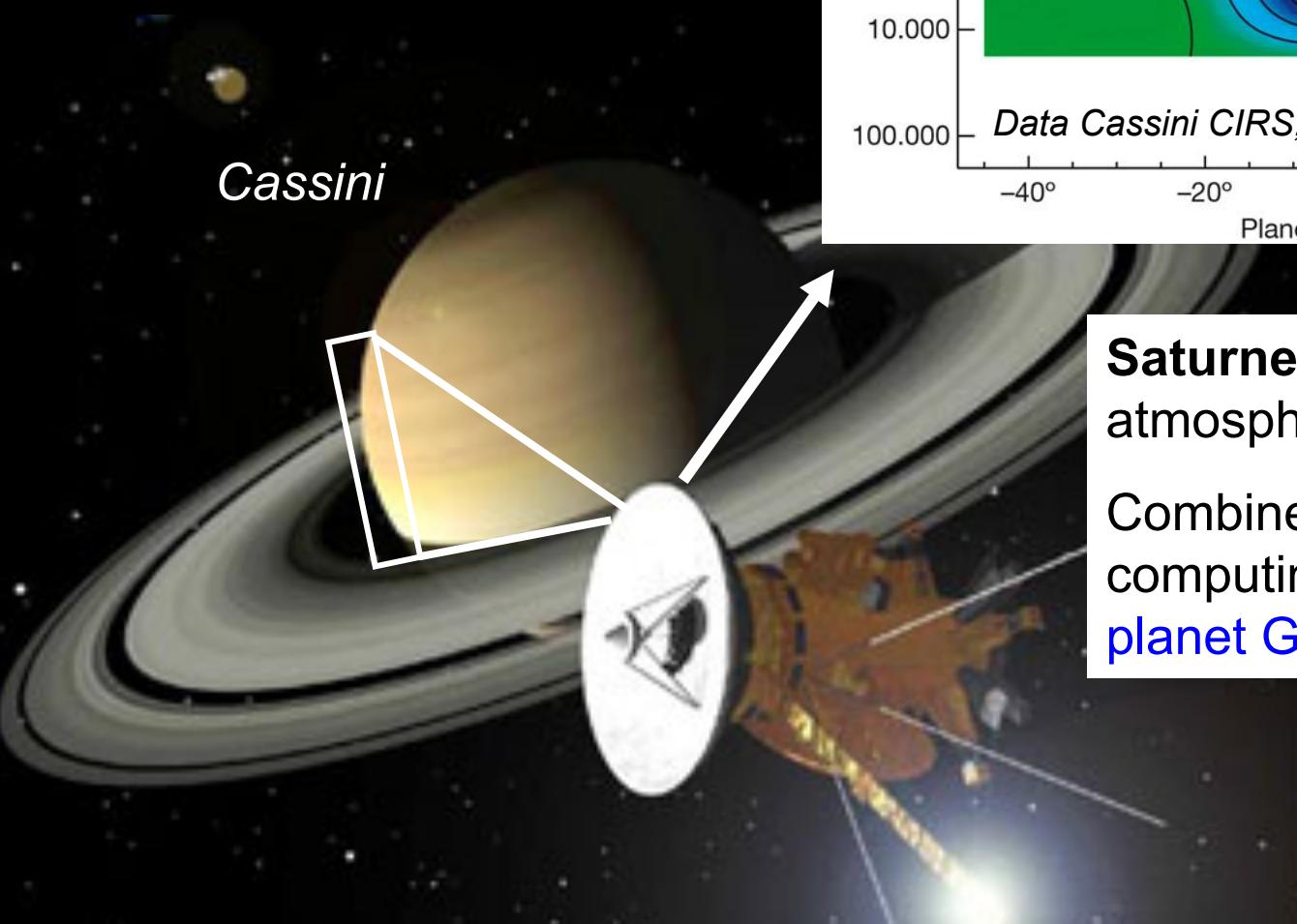
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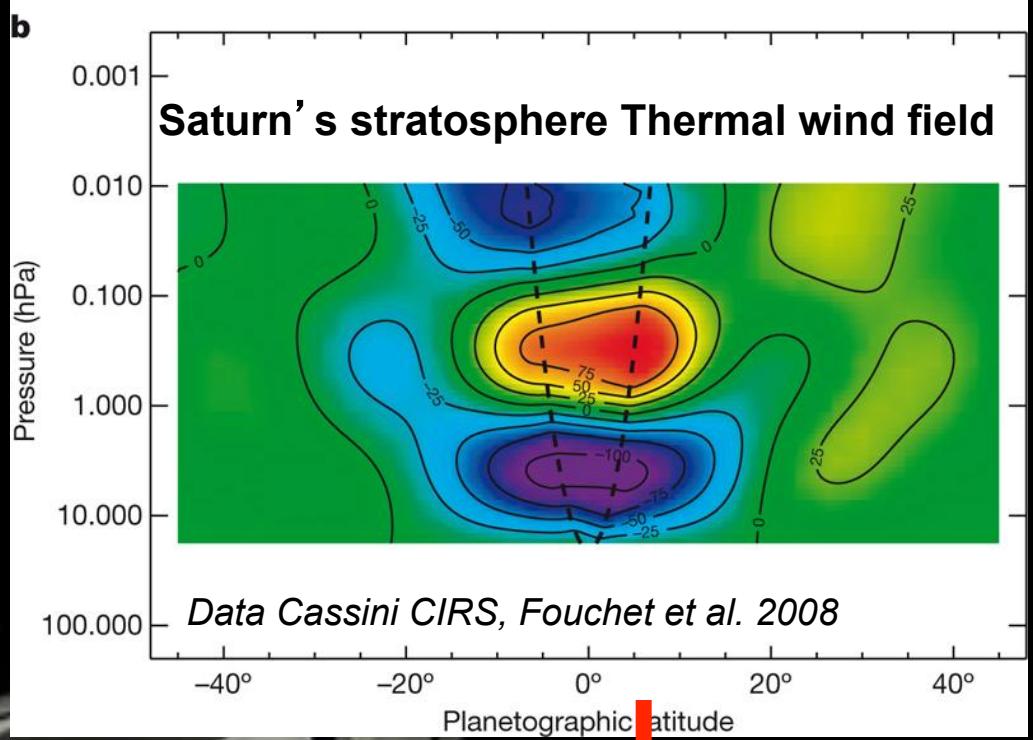


# Jupiter





Cassini



**Saturne :** A well observed atmosphère.

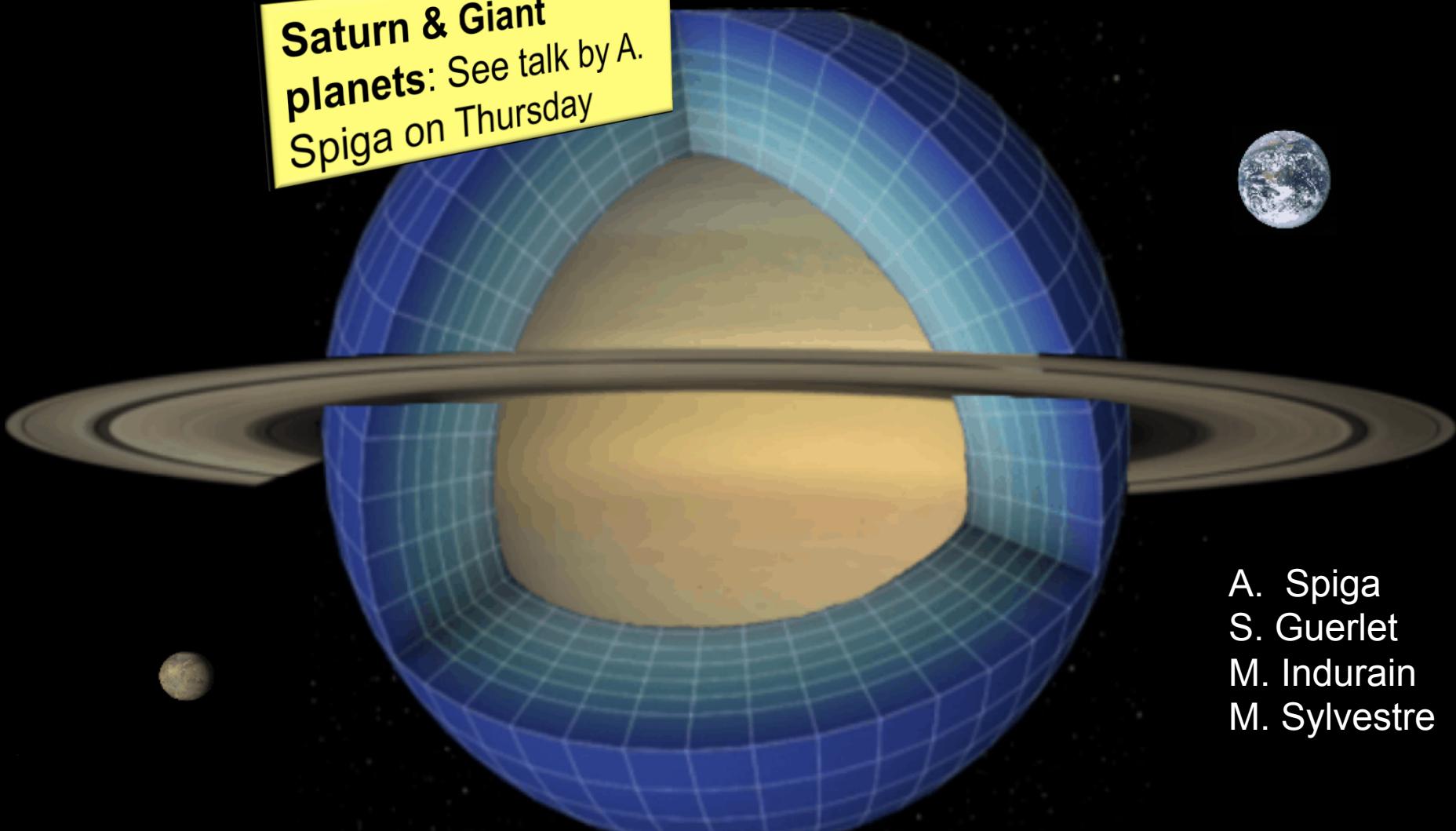
Combined with modern computing : Toward a Giant planet GCM.

# A GCM for Saturn

## Project « Emergiants » at LMD

- Challenge:
- Resolutions
  - Long runs
  - Boundary conditions

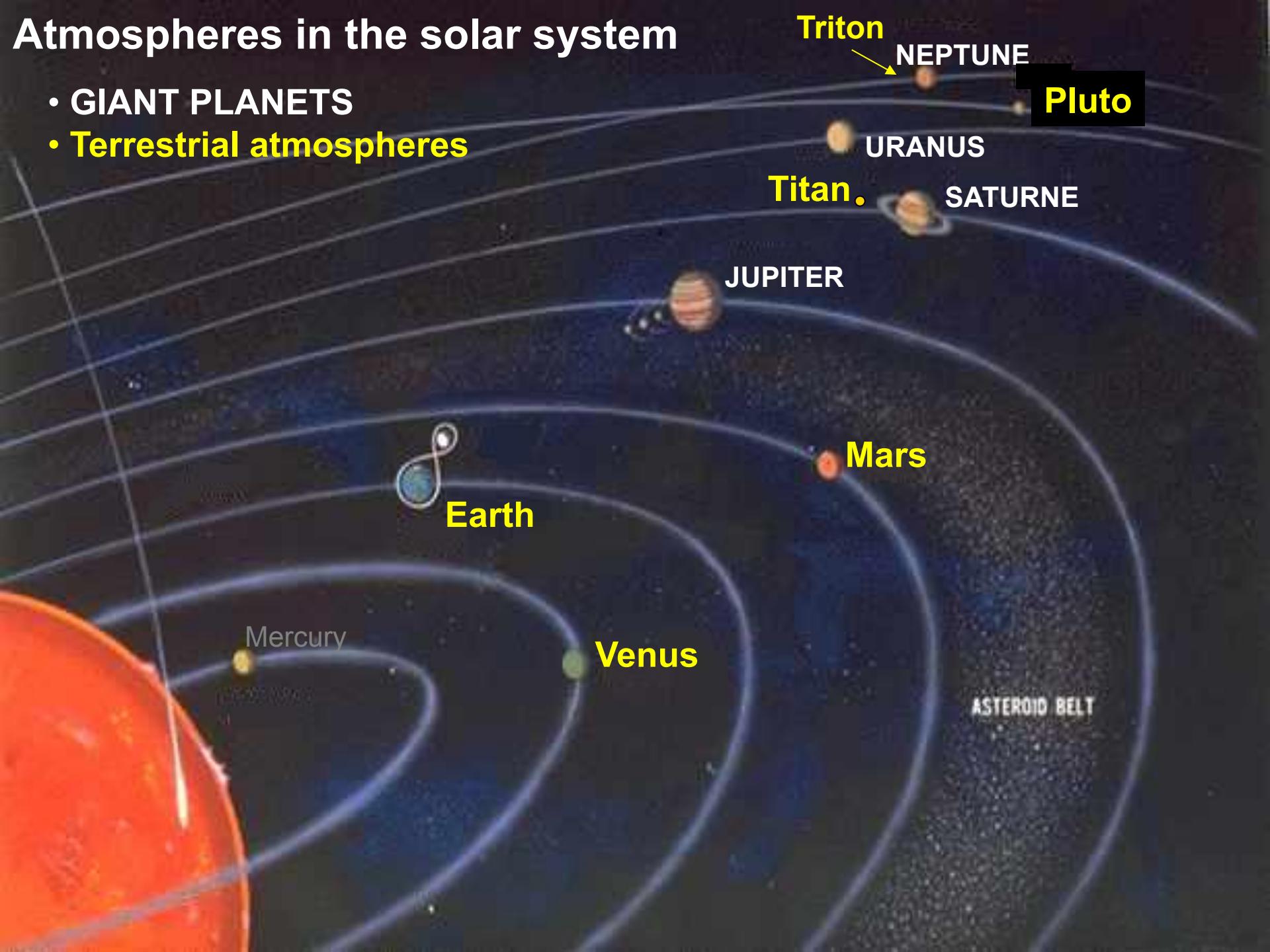
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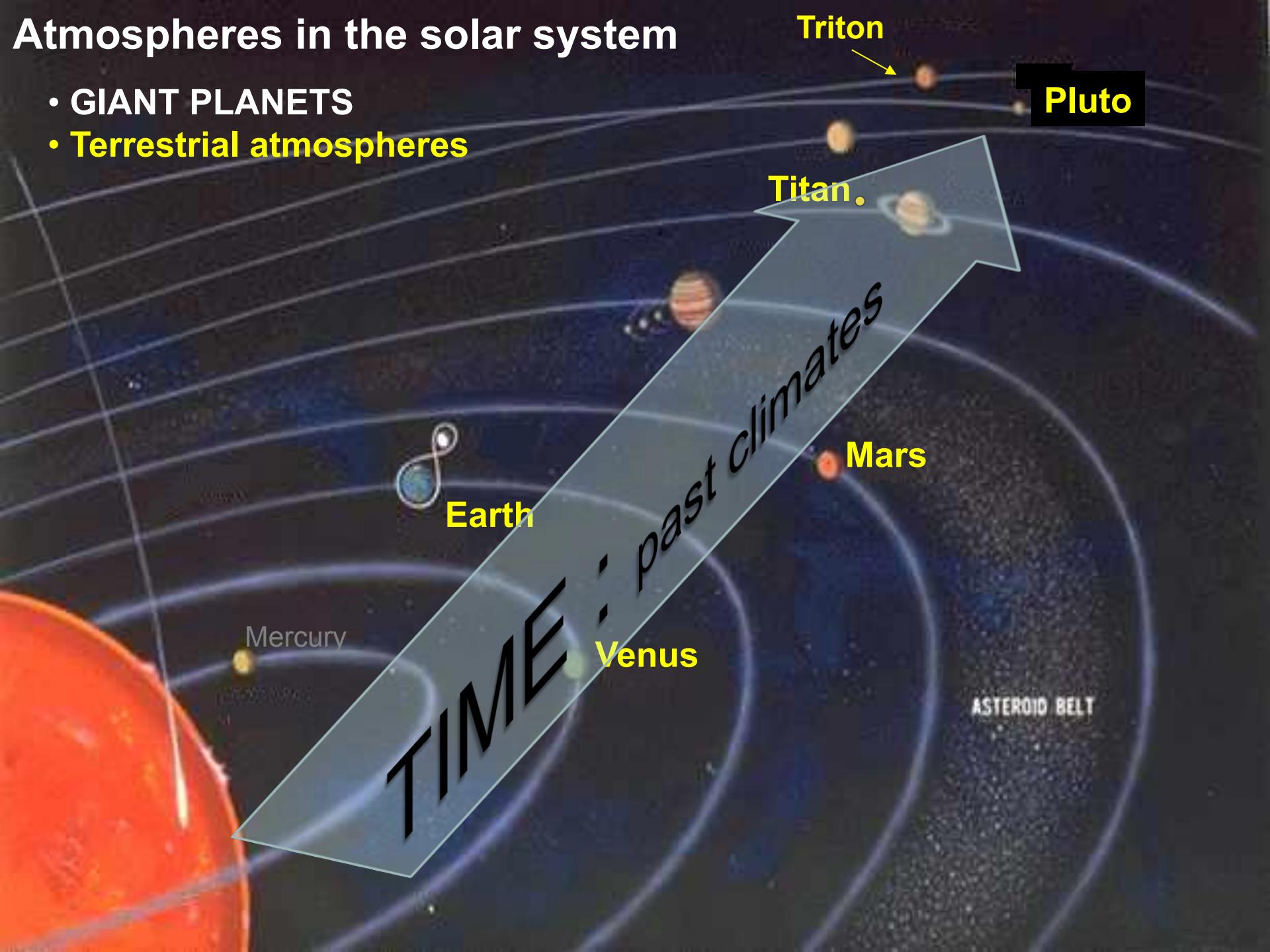
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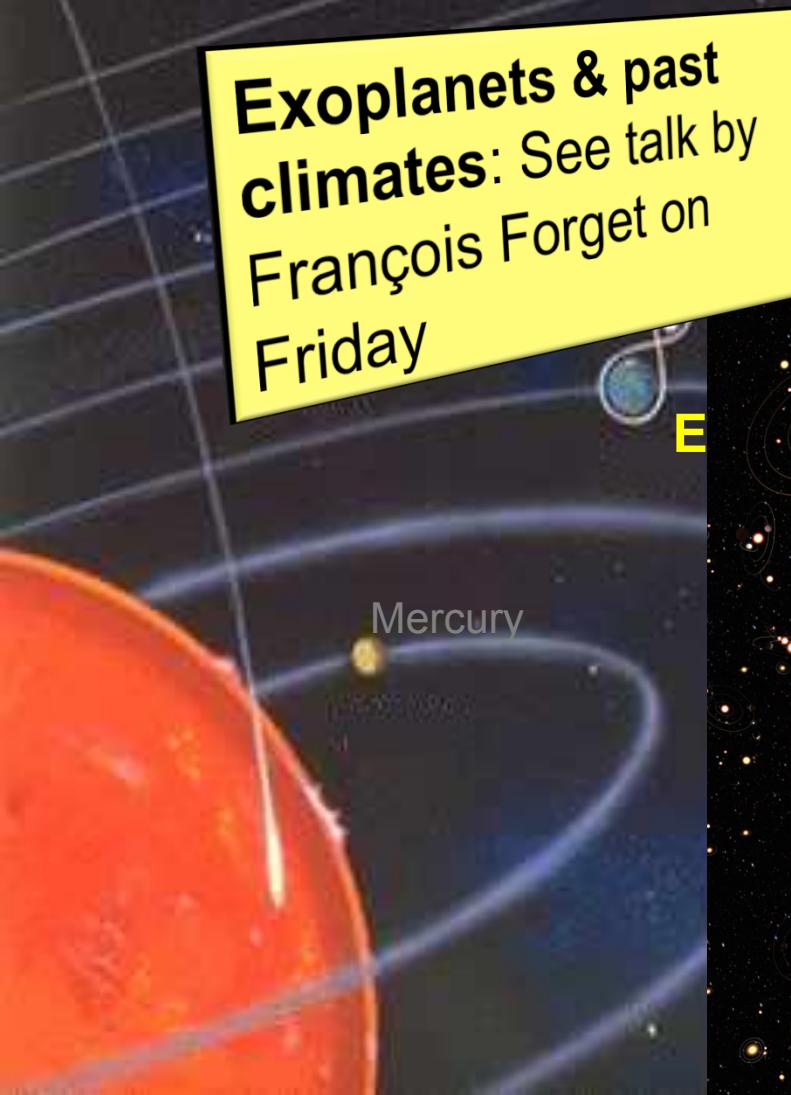
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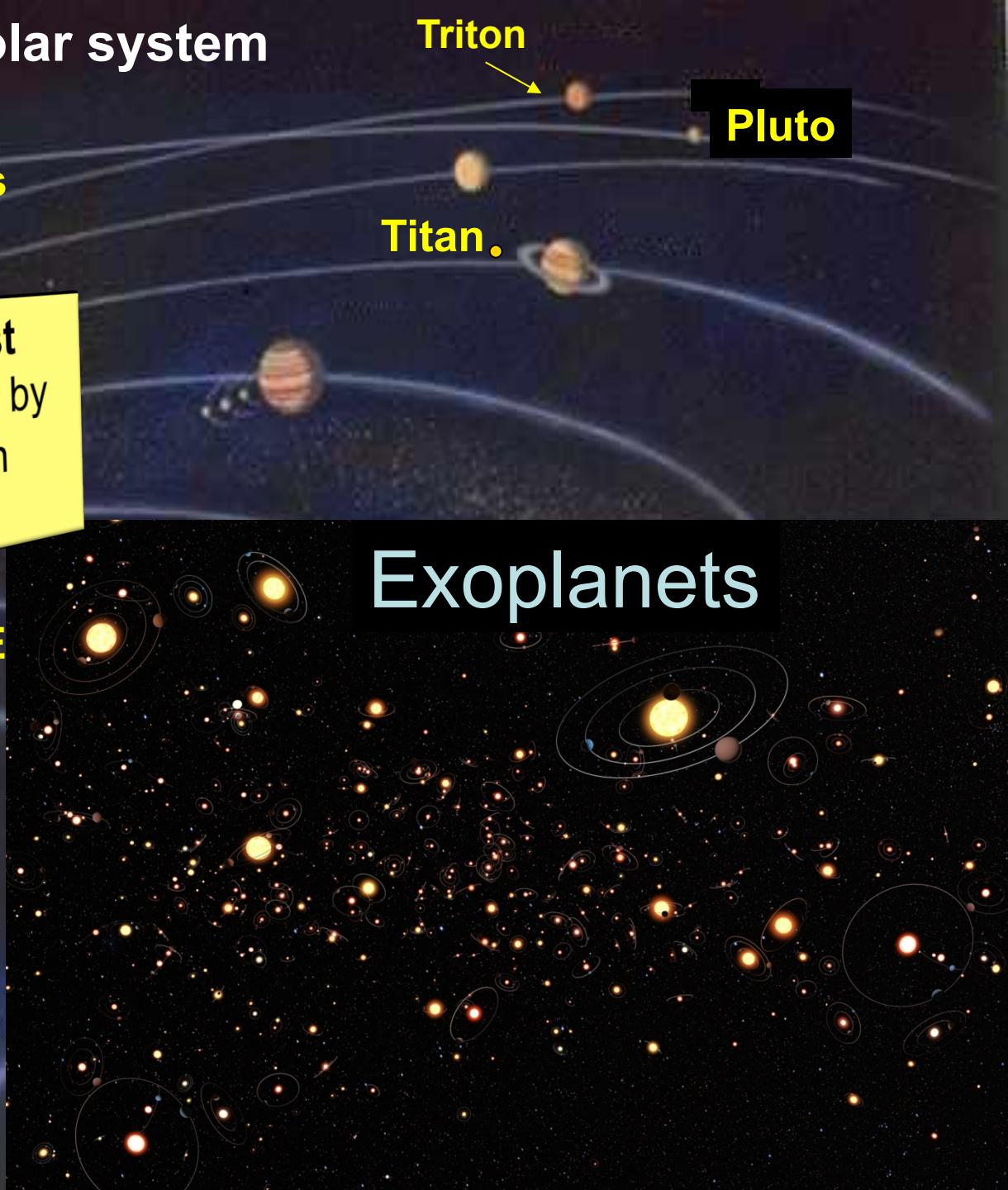
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Triton

Pluto

Titan.

Exoplanets



## **Why are we here today ?**

- To collaborate and exchange ideas on modelling & planetary exploration...

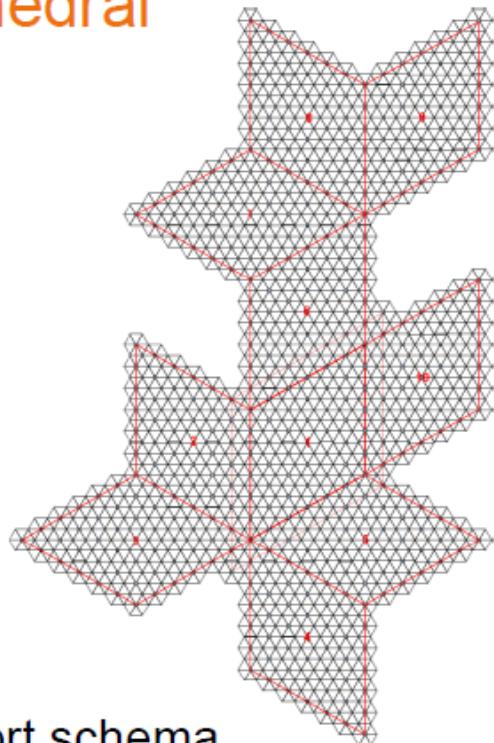
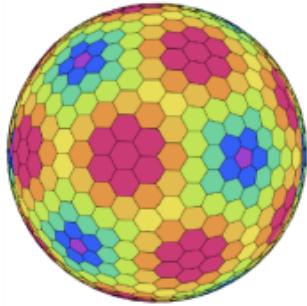
In particular:

⇒ ***Brainstorm with you on the future of planetary climate modelling***

# The future of planetary climate modelling: Some ideas

- **Improved dynamical cores & high parallelism**  
⇒ Toward very high resolution for global models

# DYNAMICO: new dynamical core, icosahedral



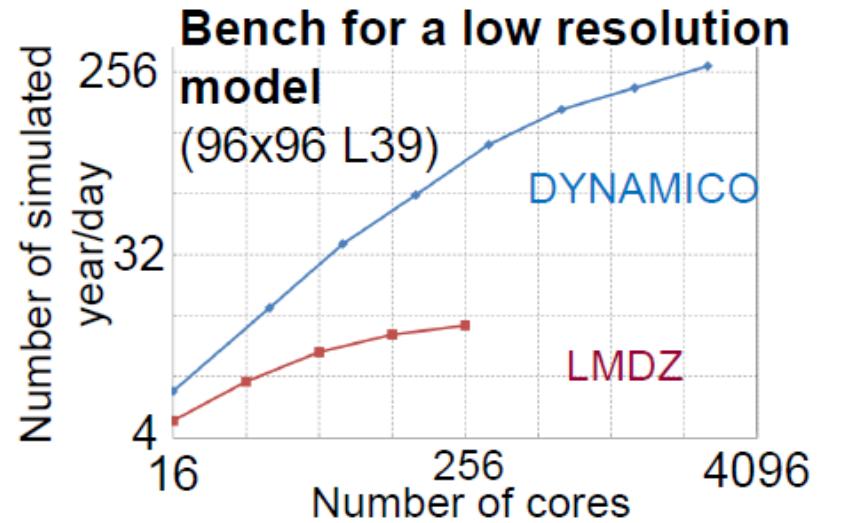
## Present:

- New transport schema
- Quasi-uniform mesh
- Energy conserving

*Participation to the ICOMEX project*

*Collaborations with applied mathematic*

*Collaboration with IIT Delhi (OP Sharma)*



## Bench with different resolutions

degrees	nb cores	year/day
3	320	100
1	1 280	20
$\frac{1}{2}$	11 520	17
$\frac{1}{4}$	81 920	14

## Plans:

- Stretched grid
- Non hydrostatic
- In the IPSL-CM model
- Deep atmospheres (planets)

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- **Improved « parameterization » of climate processes**
  - More universal physics, less assumptions...
  - Design of Parameterizations + careful independant tuning using dedicated state of the art models (e.g. microphysics, LES, etc...)
  - Introducing stochastic events in global modelling
- **Toward a scientific methodology to tune Climate models..**

- Merci.
- Let's have a great week !