Cassini's Fifth Year at Saturn: Titan and Icy Satellite Highlights

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Titan Highlights

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Titan Encounters

T45, 31 July 2008

T46, 3 Nov 2008

T47, 19 Nov 2008

T48, 5 Dec 2008

T49, 21 Dec 2008

T50, 7 Feb 2009

T51, 27 March 2009

T52, 4 April 2009

T53, 20 April 2009

T54, 5 May 2009

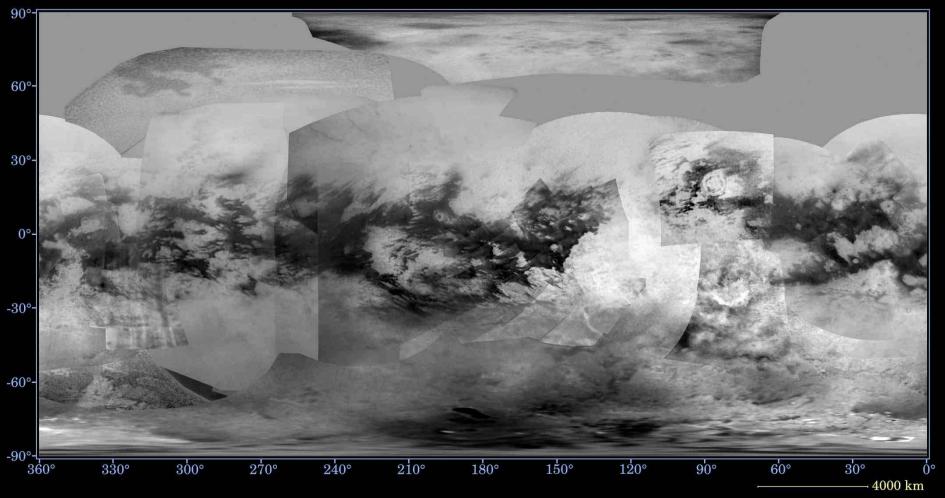
T55, 21 May 2009

T56, 6 June 2009

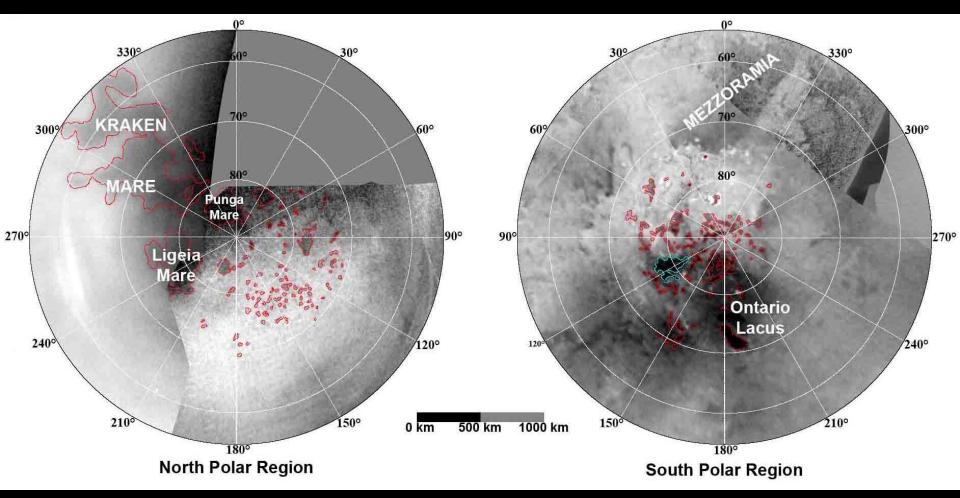
T57, 22 June 2009

Updated Map of Titan

Map of Saturn's Moon Titan - February 2009

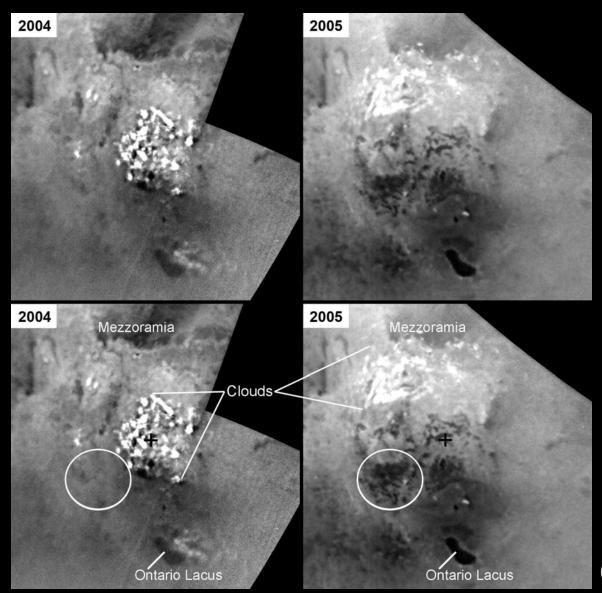


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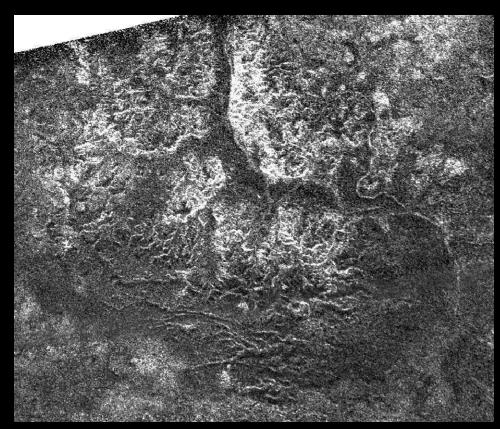
(Turtle et al., 2009)

South-polar Changes



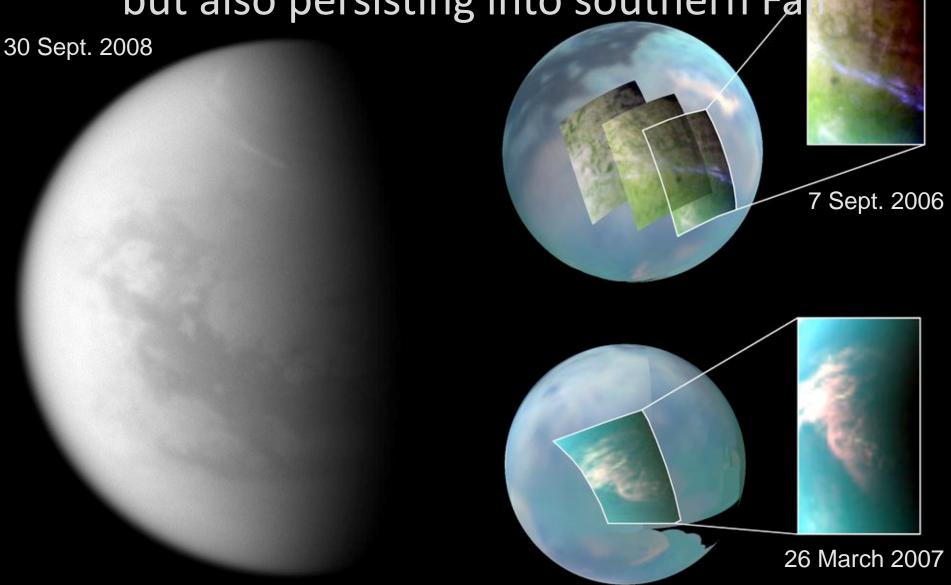
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South-polar features seen by RADAR

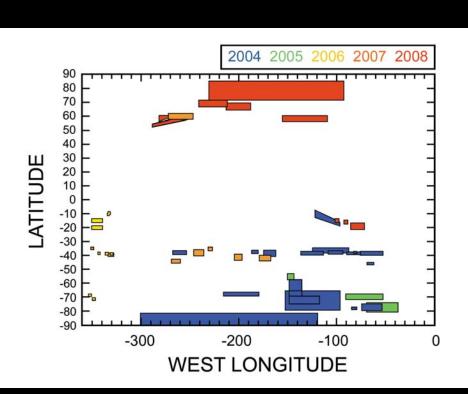


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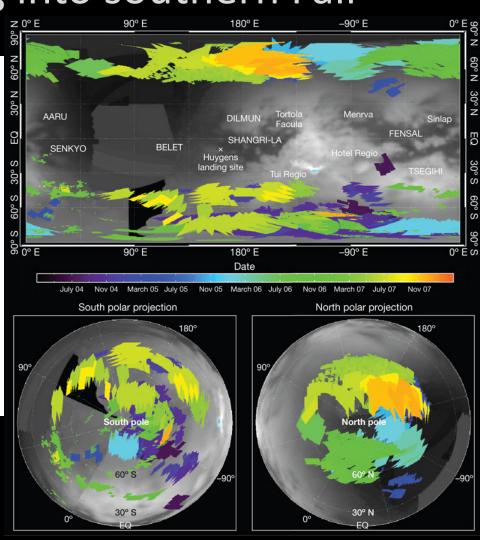
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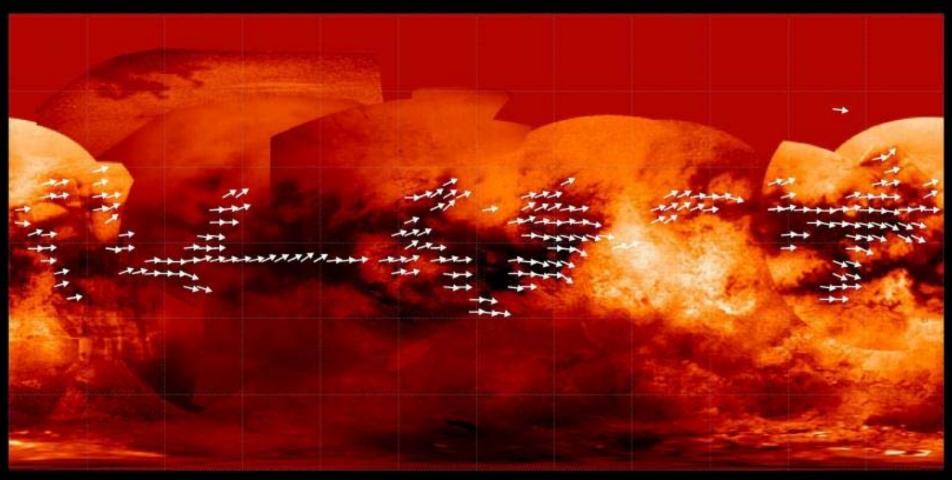


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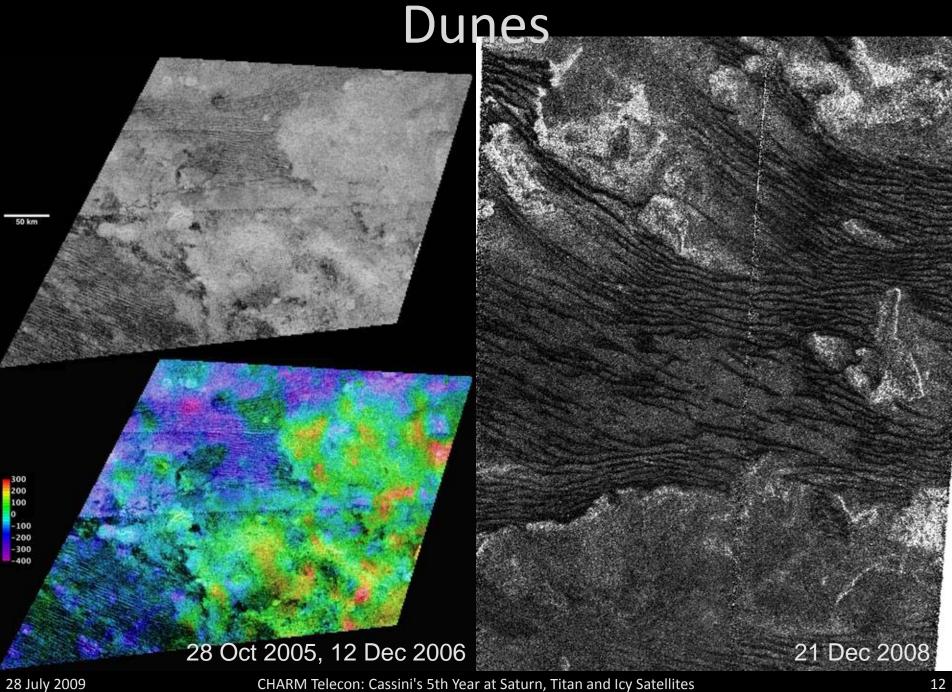


(Rodriguez et al., 2009)

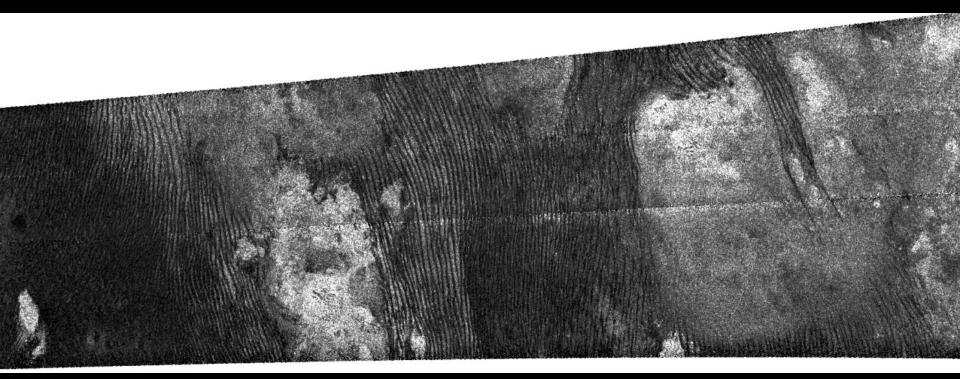
Surface Wind Patterns



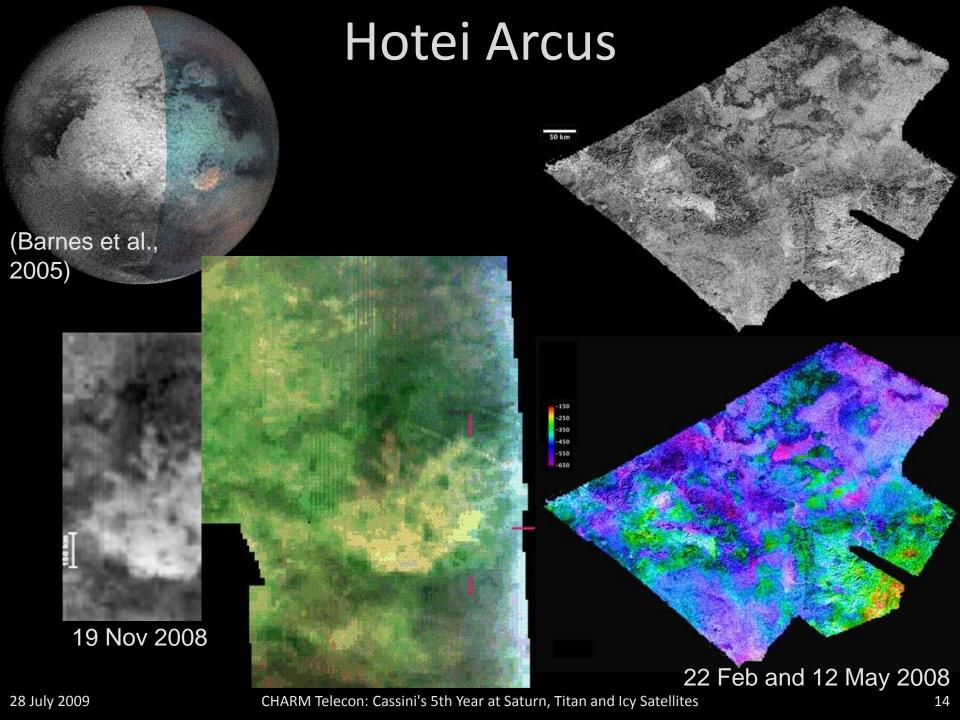
(Lorenz and Radebaugh, 2009)



Dunes



21 May 2009



Icy Satellite Highlights

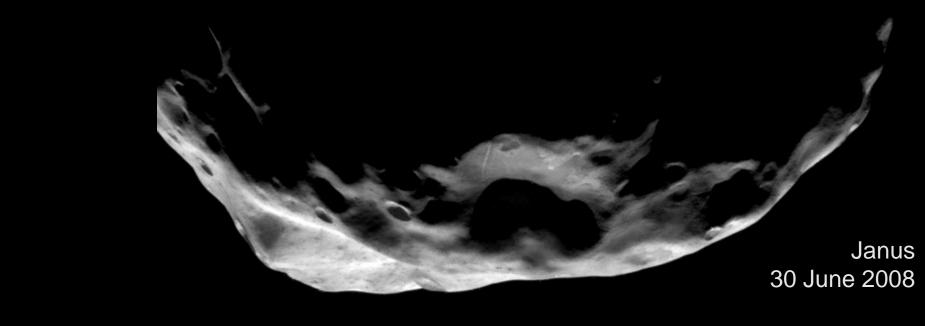


Mimas & Saturn 26 Nov 2008

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Small Satellites





Helene, trojan satellite leading Dione 24 Nov 2008

Tethys



Penelope, left, 207 km in diameter Odysseus, right, 450 km in diameter 12 April 2009,

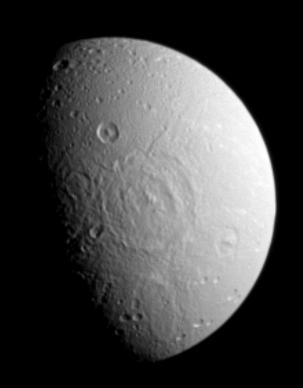
Tethys

Map of Saturn's Moon Tethys - June 2008

500 km

Dione





21 July 2008 28 Dec 2008

Mimas

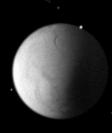
eclipsed by Saturn's rings 4 Aug 2008

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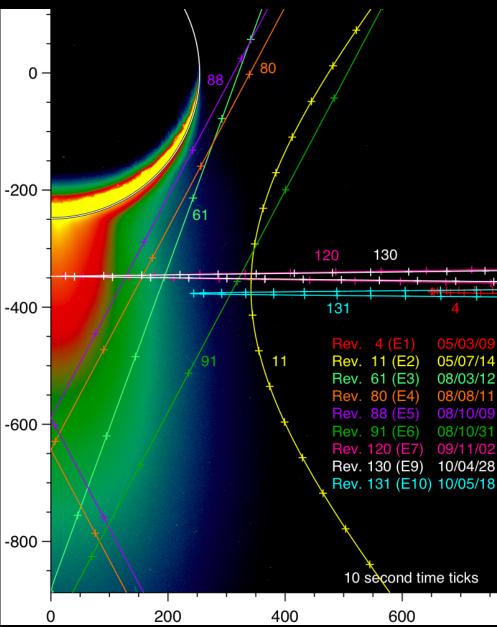
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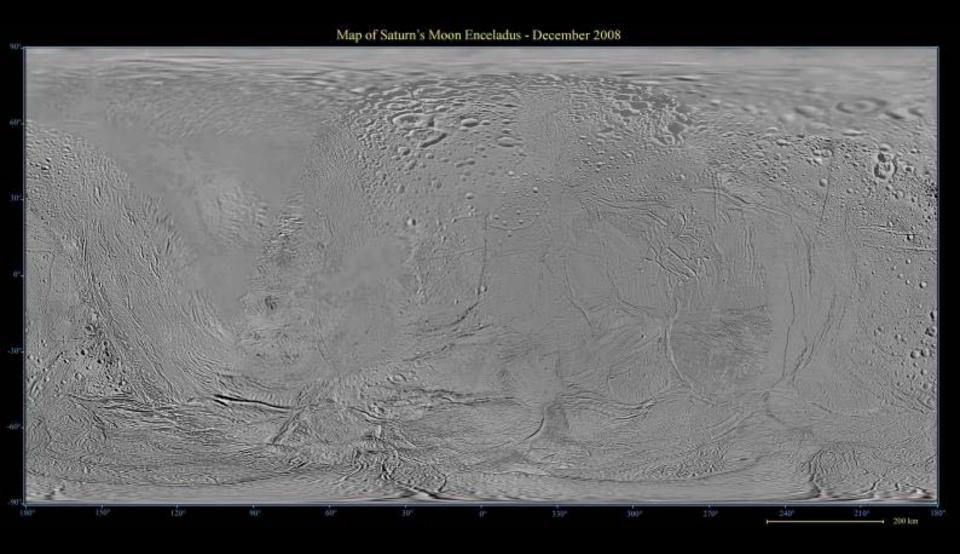
Cassini's Enceladus Encounters

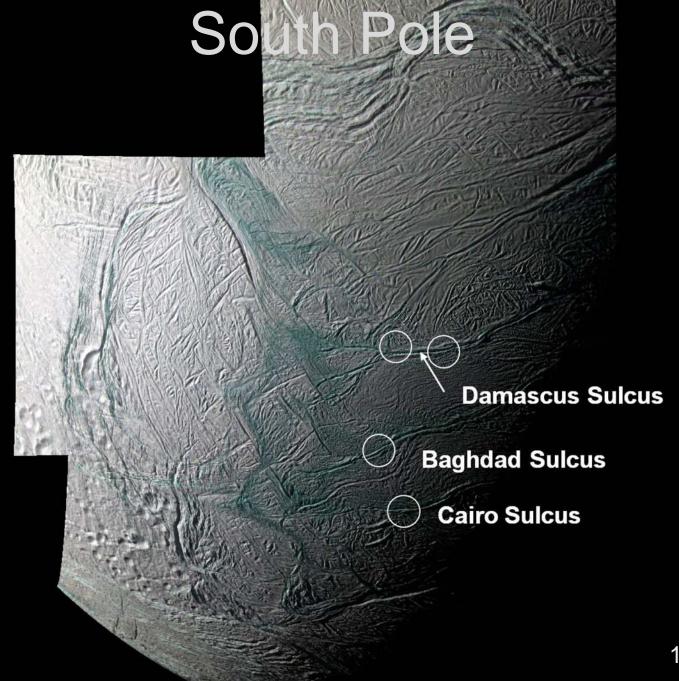
Seven to date

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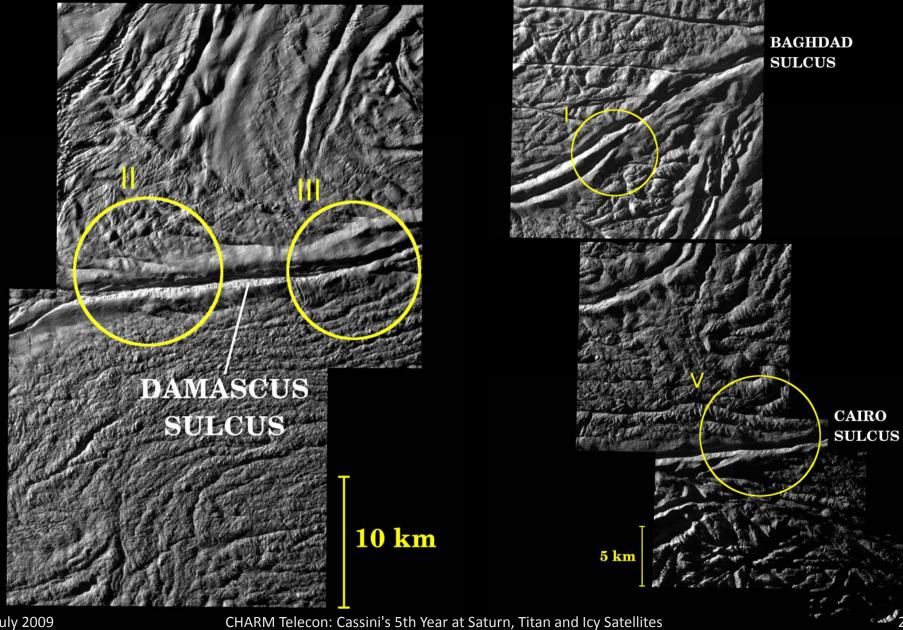
Updated Map of Enceladus





11 Aug 2008

"skeet shoot" 11 Aug 2008: plume sources



"skeet shoot" 11 Aug 2008



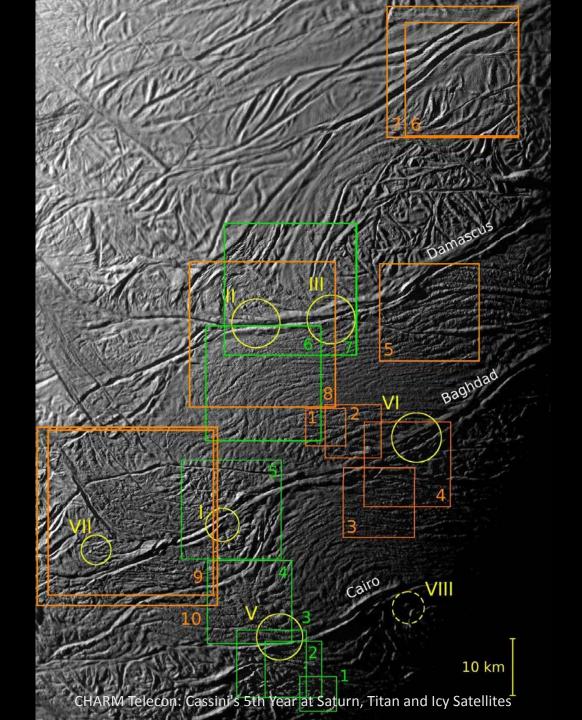
Receding from Enceladus, 9 Oct 2008

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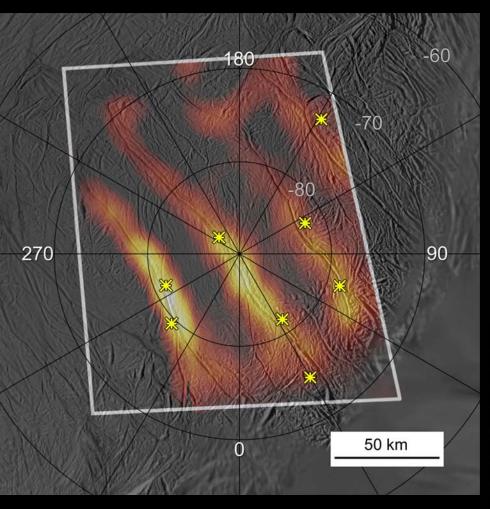


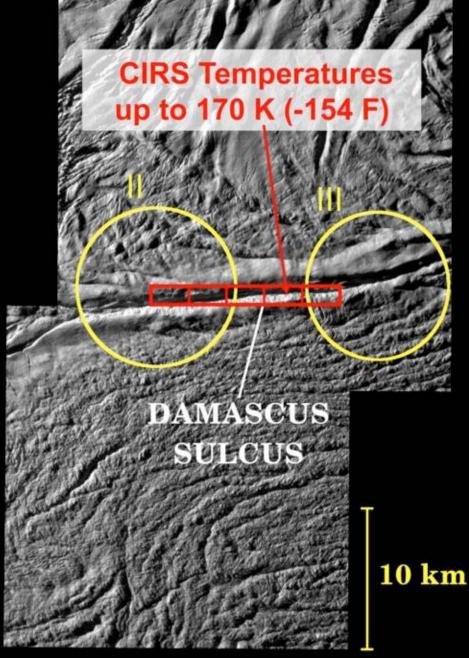


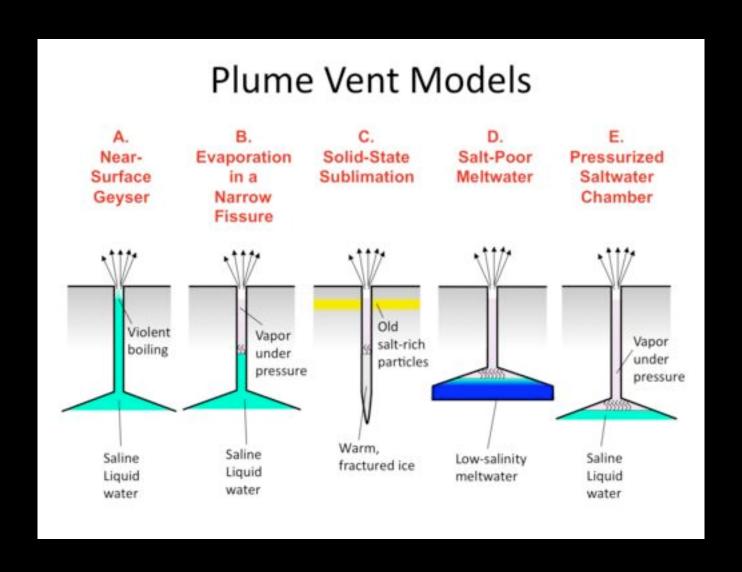




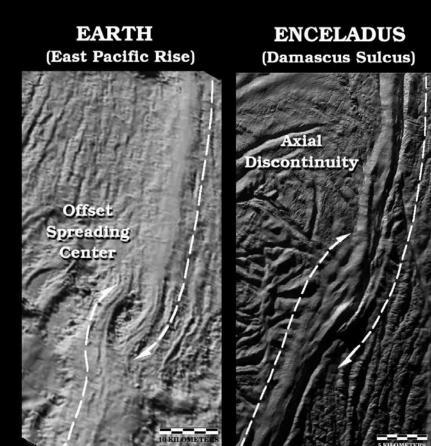
Temperature Measurements



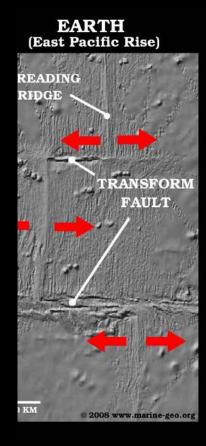




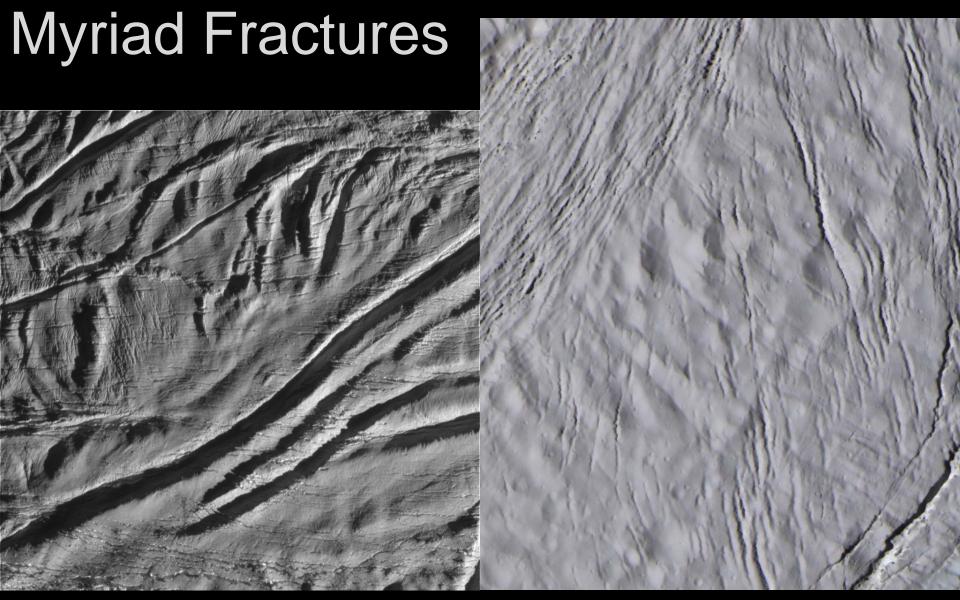
Tectonics



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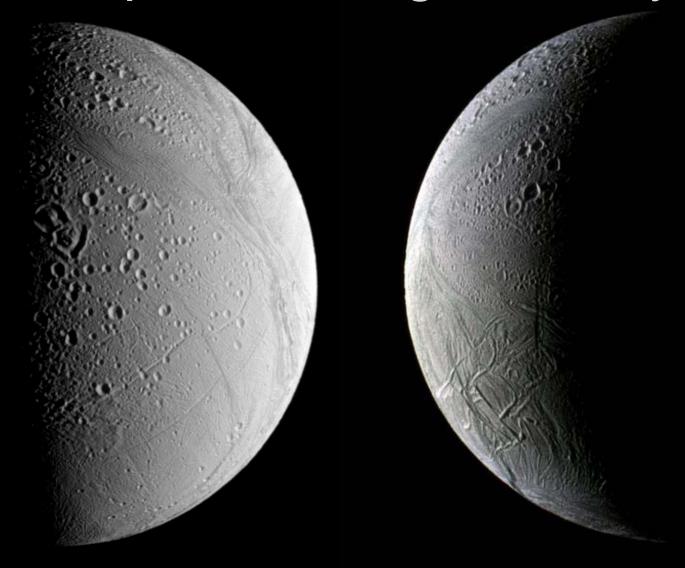




near the South-polar Terrain boundary 31 Oct 2008

near-equatorial 9 March 2005

Complex Geologic History



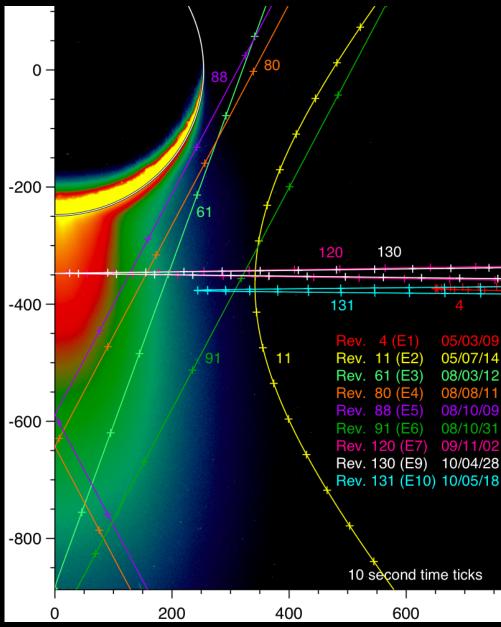
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Crescent Dione



25 Feb 2009