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Tidal interaction of satellite systems

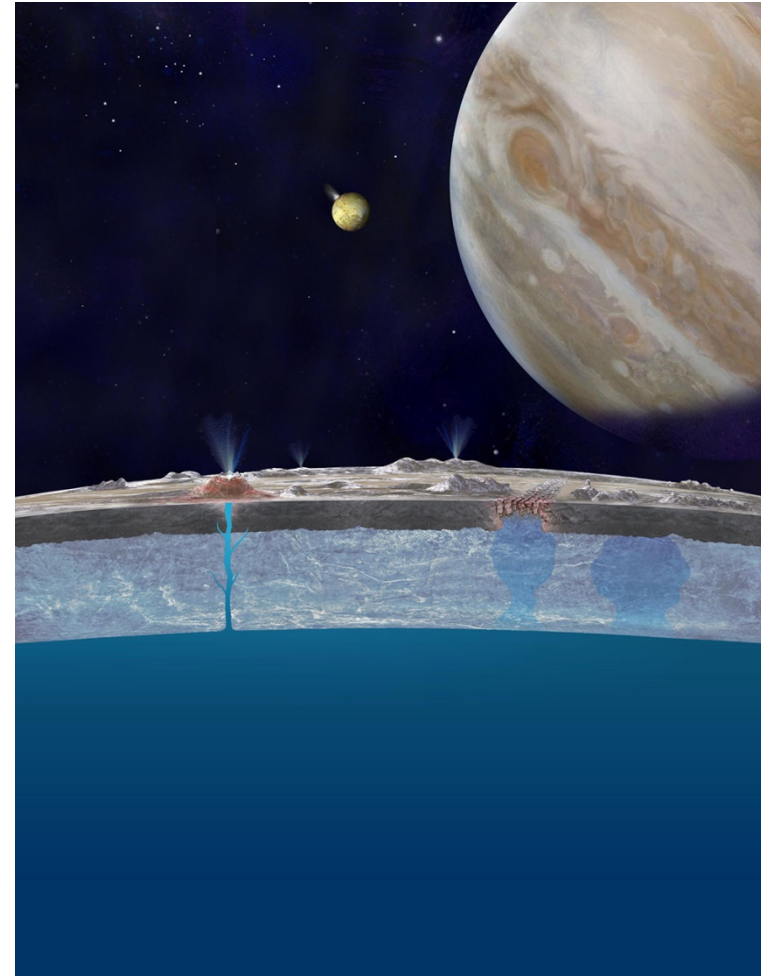
A diagram illustrating tidal interaction in a satellite system. A central planet with a ring system is shown. A dashed elliptical orbit surrounds it. Three smaller, blue, oblate satellites are positioned at different points along this orbit. Red arrows on each satellite indicate the direction of tidal forces. Large grey curved arrows on the orbit indicate the direction of orbital motion. The background is a dark space with stars.

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“Habitable worlds”?

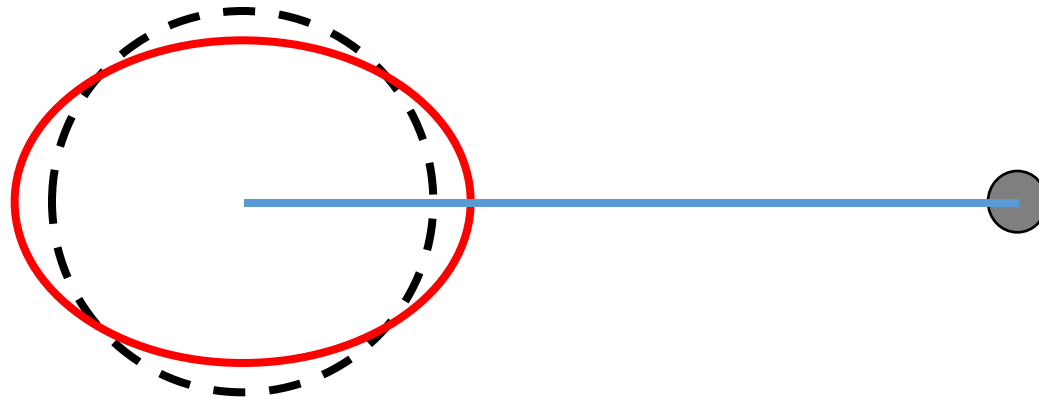
- Habitability is difficult to define
- But a key issue is the presence of a large amount of liquid water
- A uniqueness of the Earth: surface ocean
- **Subsurface oceans** may be common in Solar System
 - Europa, Enceladus, Pluto, Ganymede(?), Callisto(??), Mimas(???)



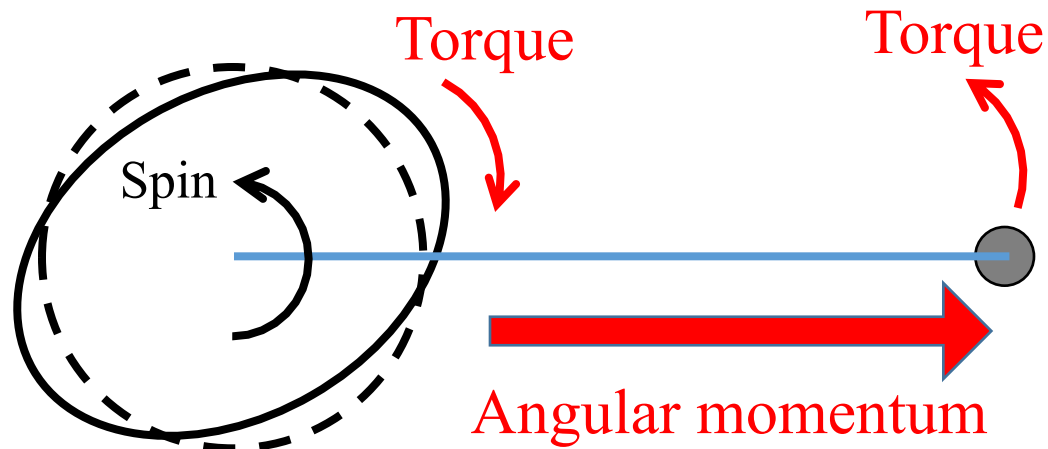
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Tidal interaction

1. Elongate the shape

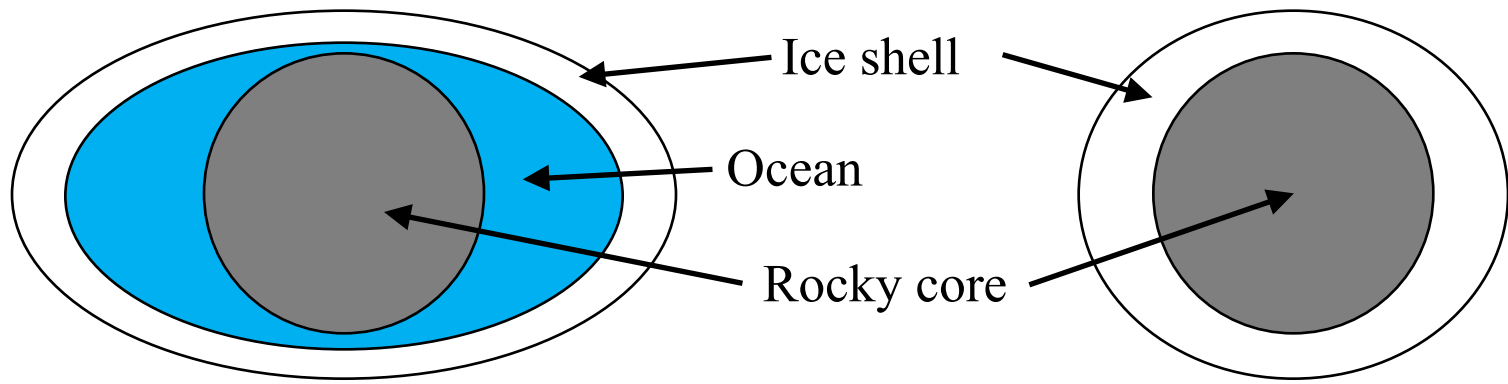


2. Modify orbital properties



1. Interior structure

- Deformation is large if the interior is soft
 - Large deformation is expected if a subsurface ocean exists



- Measurements using spacecraft
 - Shape: Laser altimetry (+ precise orbit determination)
 - Gravity: Radio tracking of the spacecraft or astrometry

Measurements of tidal response

- Love number: shape/gravitational response normalized by the tidal potential

Planet/satellite	h_2 (shape)	k_2 (gravity)	Missions
Mercury		0.45	MESSENGER
Venus		0.295	PVO, Magellan
Earth	~0.6 (~1d)	~0.3 (~1d)	Satellites/VLBI
Moon	0.0371 (1m)	0.024 (1m)	LRO, GRAIL
Mars		0.170	MGS, M Ody, MRO
Jupiter		(Est: ~0.59)	Juno
Ganymede	(Est: <1.7)	(Est: <0.6)	JUICE
Saturn		0.39	Cassini
Titan		0.59-0.63 (Subsurface Ocean!)	Cassini

[References] Mercury: Mazarico+, *JGR*, 2014; Venus: Konopliv & Yoder, *GRL*, 1996; Earth: Wahr, *Global Earth Physics: A Handbook of Physical Constants*, 1995; Lunar h_2 : Mazarico+, *GRL*, 2014; Lunar k_2 : Williams+, *JGR*, 2014; Mars: Genova+, *Icarus*, 2016; Jupiter: Wahl+, *arXiv*, 2016; Ganymede: Kamata+, *JGR*, 2016; Saturn: Lainey+, *arXiv*, 2015; Titan: Iess+, *Science*, 2012

2. Energy input for satellites

- Satellites generally have non-zero eccentricity
 - Periodical change in the shape
 - Frictional heating
- The heating rate of a solid body for eccentricity tides: H

$$H = \frac{21}{2} \frac{k_2}{Q} \frac{(nR_s)^5}{G} e^2$$

k_2 : Love number

Q : Dissipation factor

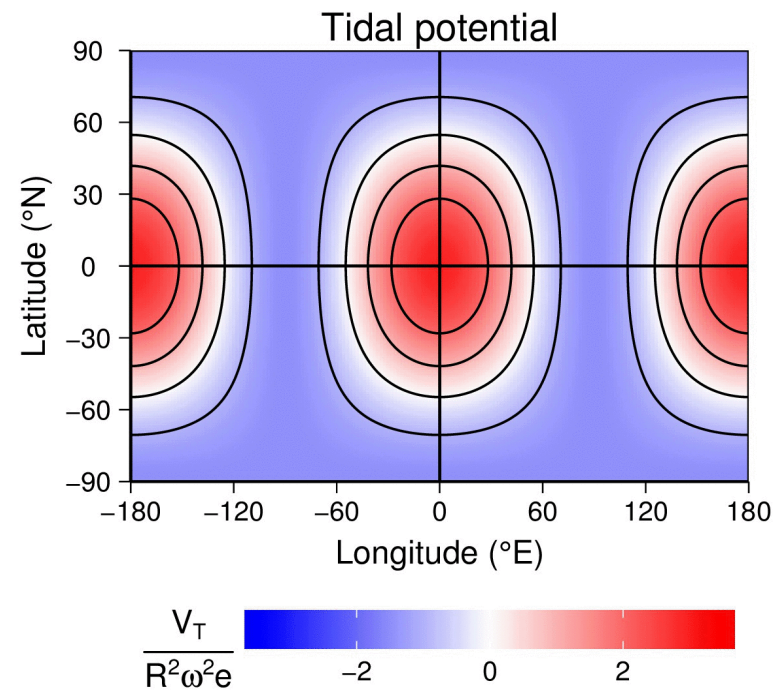
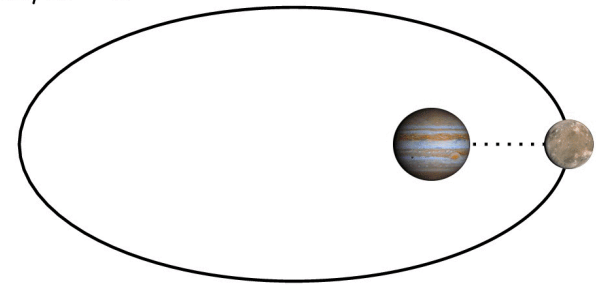
n : mean motion

R_s : Radius

G : Grav. const.

e : eccentricity

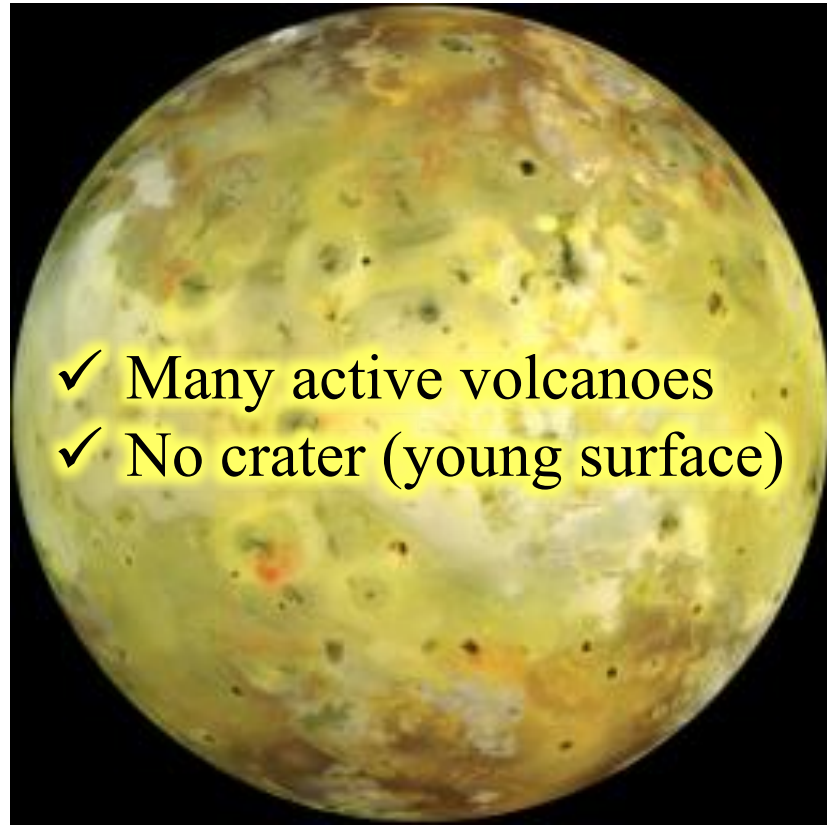
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Jovian satellite Io: No longer icy!

- Close to Jupiter, large eccentricity (0.0041)

- ✓ Many active volcanoes
- ✓ No crater (young surface)



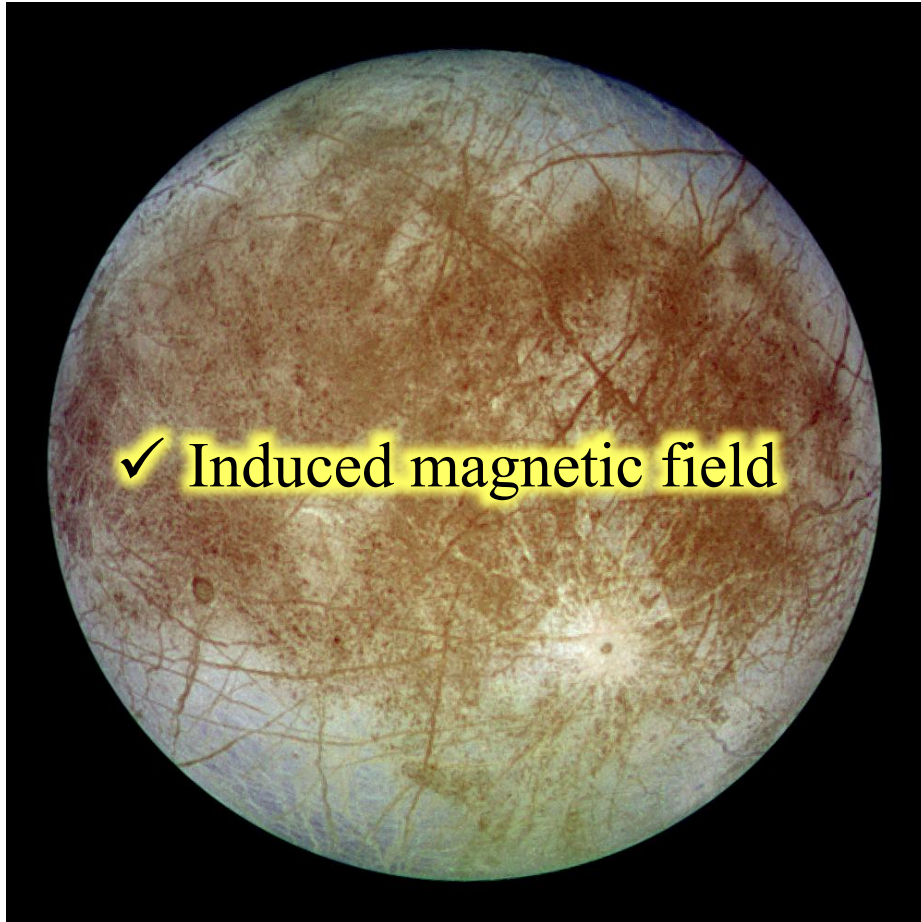
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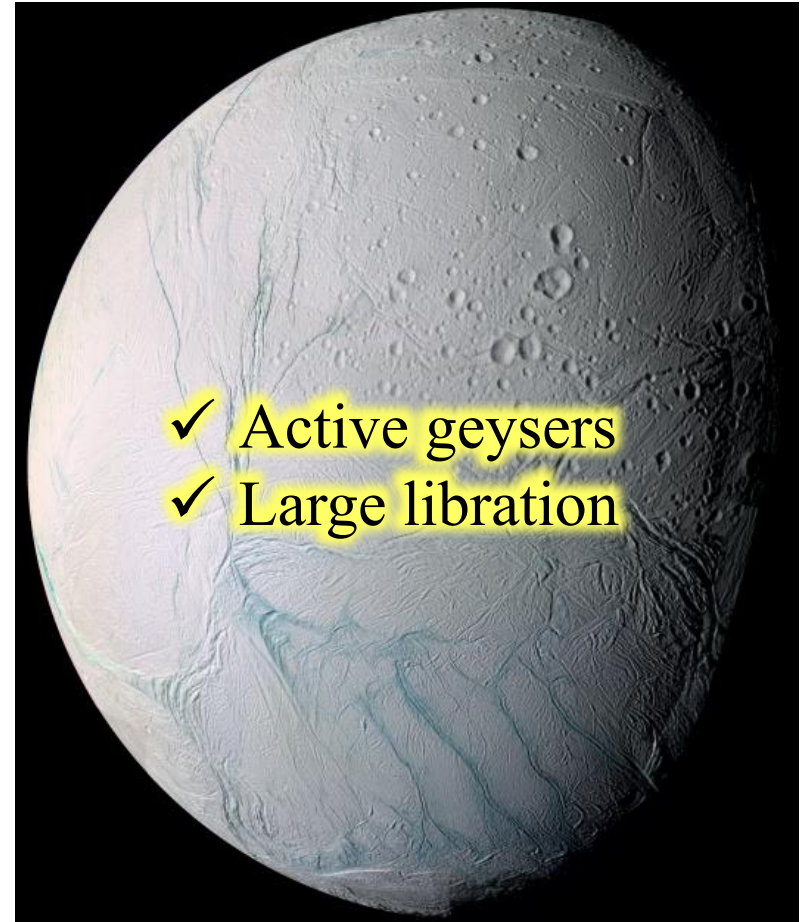
“Ocean satellites”

Europa



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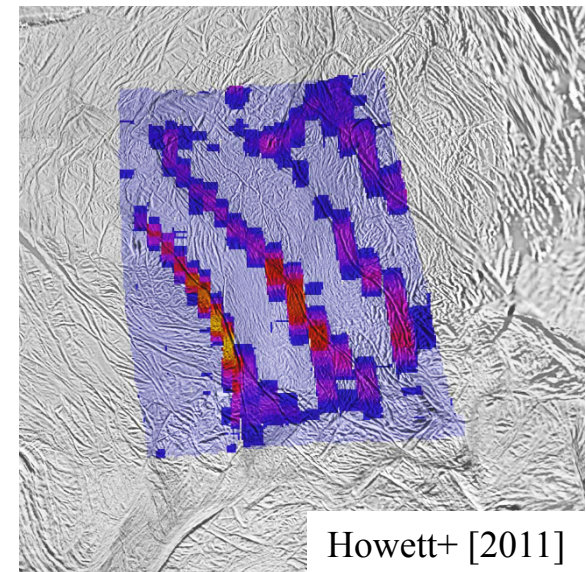
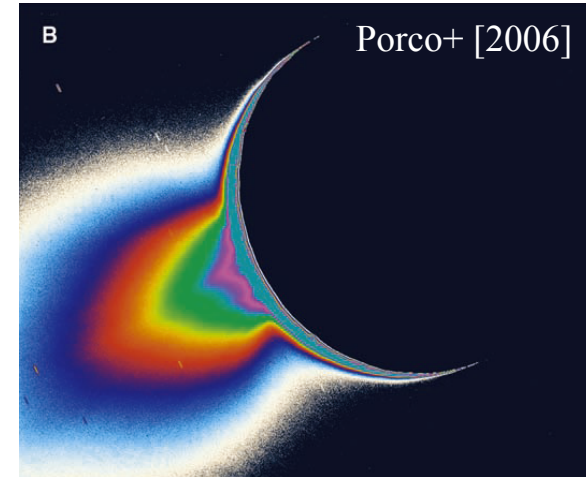
Enceladus



Credit: NASA/JPL/SSI

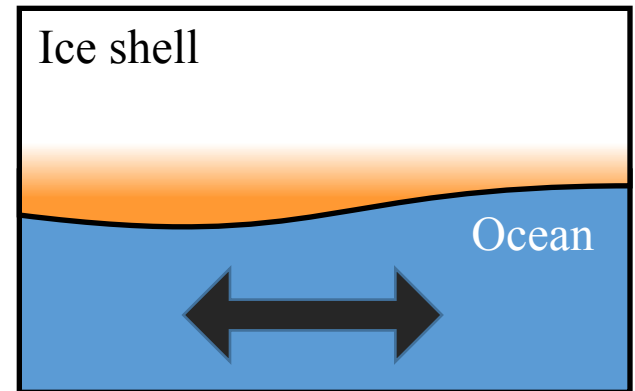
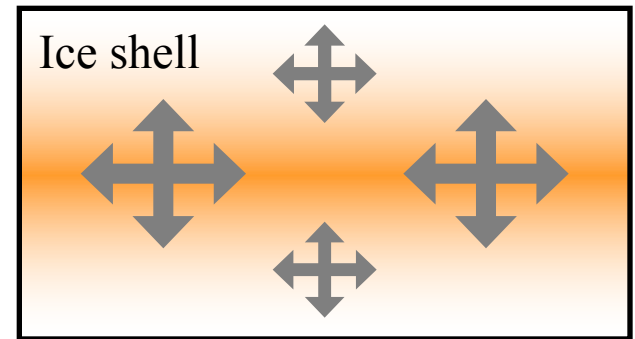
Active South Pole of Enceladus

- Observation
 - Large amount of thermal emission
 - **~10 GW** [e.g., Howett+ 2011]
- Heat source
 - Primordial heat/chemical reaction
 - Negligible [e.g., Malamud & Prialnik 2013]
 - Radiogenic heating
 - ~0.3 GW [Roberts & Nimmo 2008]
 - Episodic heat loss
 - Could work in principle [O'Neill & Nimmo 2013]
 - **Tidal heating??**



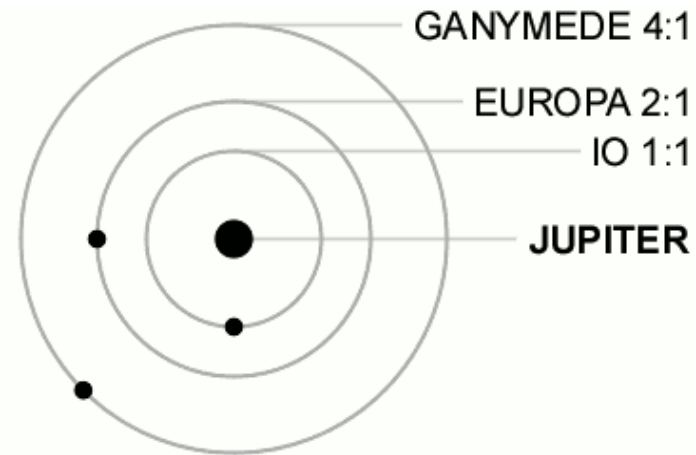
Tidal heating

- Friction inside solid layers
 - “Solid tides”
 - Large H for a soft ice shell
- Friction at solid-liquid boundaries
 - “Ocean tides” [e.g., Tyler 2008]
 - Large H for a thin ocean
- Tidal heating could be ~ 10 GW in principle but requires extreme conditions and is unlikely to maintain for a long time



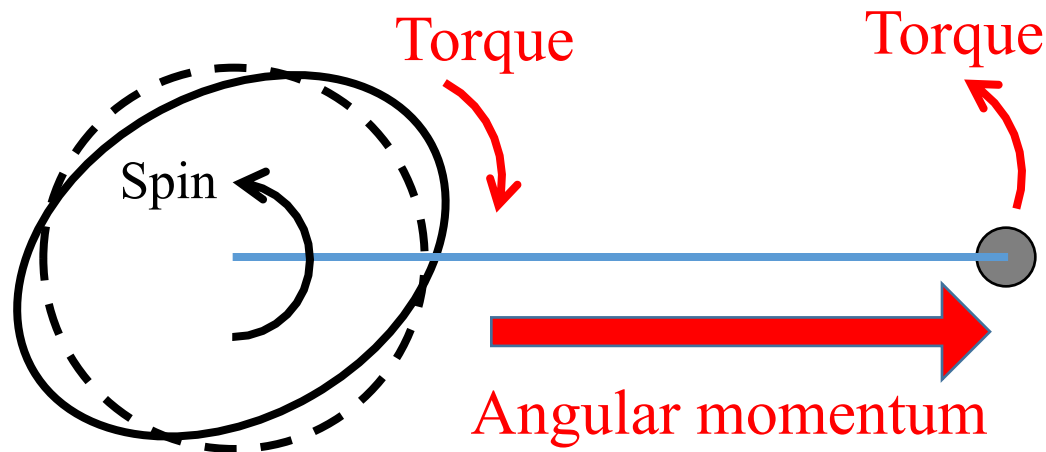
Equilibrium tidal heating rate

- Enceladus is in a 2:1 mean-motion resonance with Dione
- **Equilibrium tidal heating rate is determined by the dissipation factor Q of the planet**
 - Increase in e due to dissipation in planet is balanced by decrease in e due to dissipation in satellites
- Equilibrium tidal heating rate is **1.1 GW for Enceladus** under $Q_{\text{Saturn}} = 18,000$ [Meyer & Wisdom 2007]



Q_{Saturn}

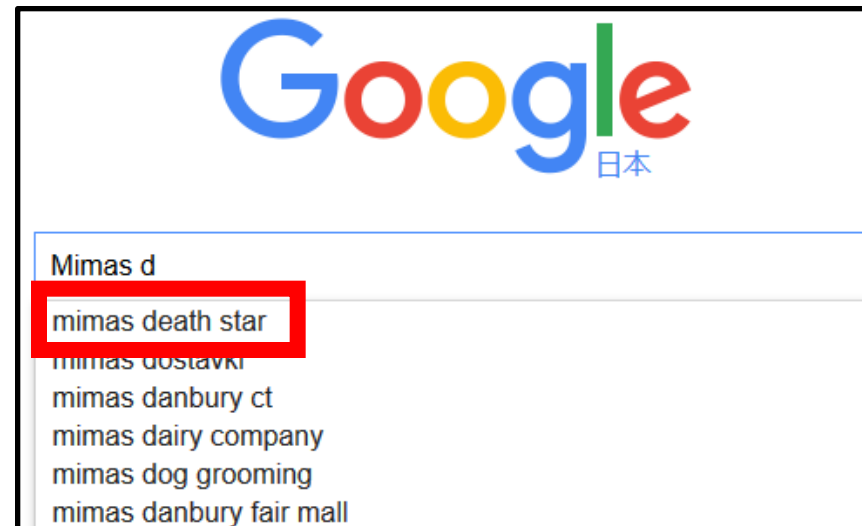
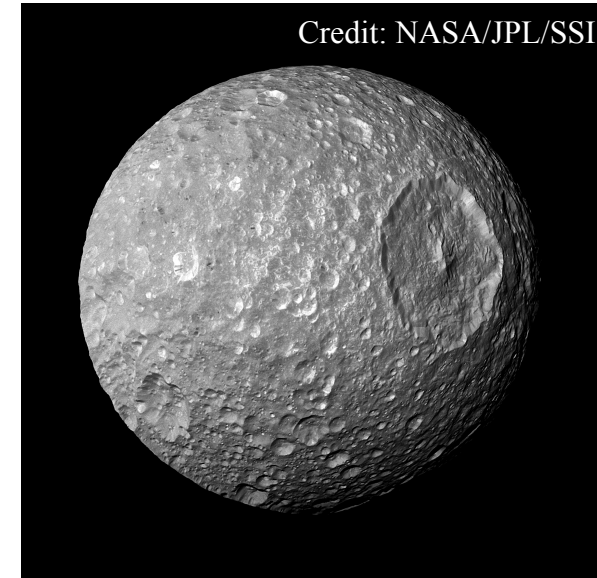
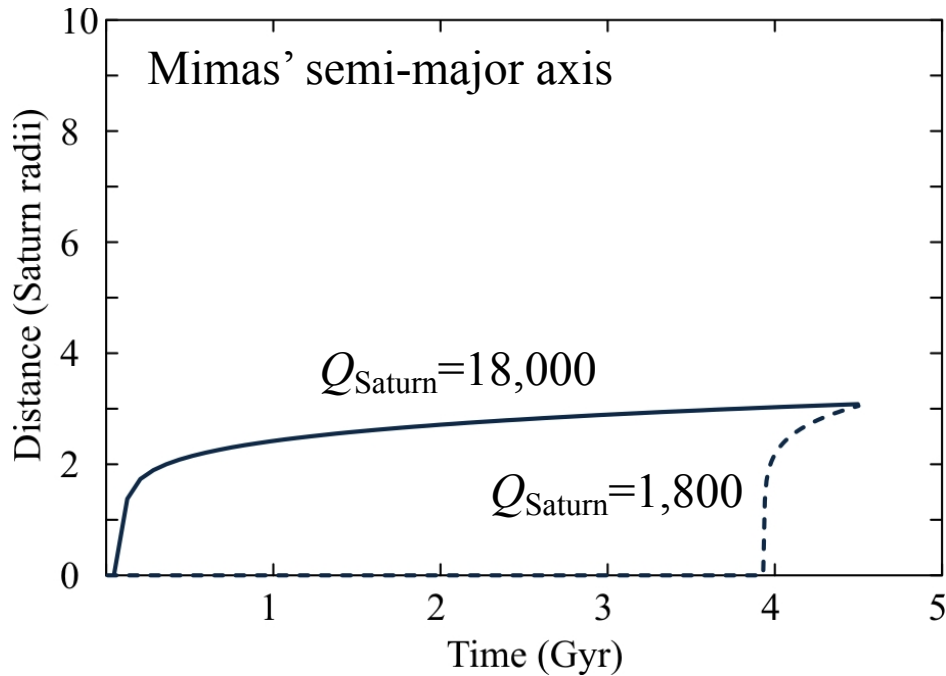
- Controls orbital evolution and tidal heating
- Nearly constant for equilibrium tides



- A lower Q means more torque, more tidal heating, and **faster outwards evolution**
 - The lower bound of Q_{Saturn} can be obtained from orbits of satellites

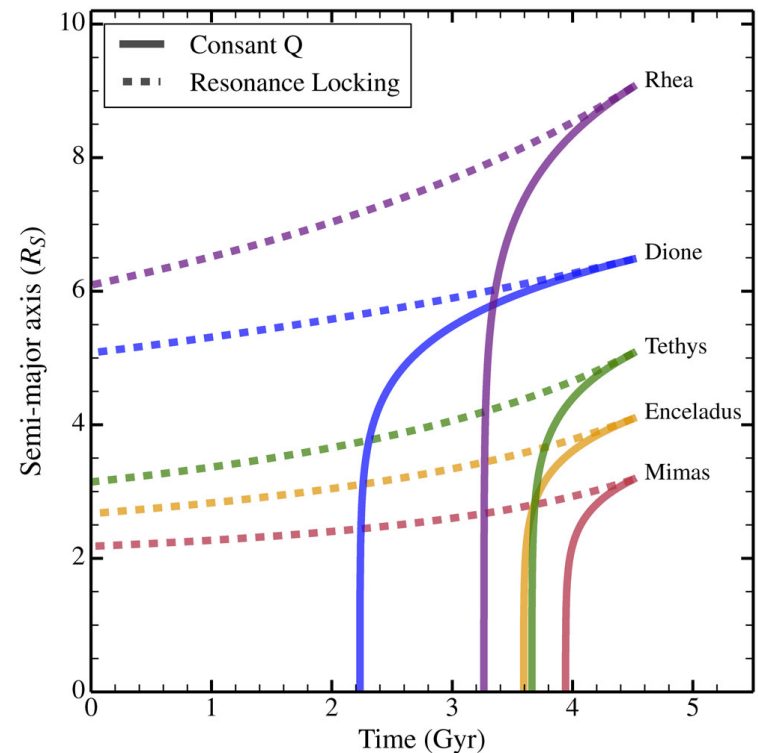
“Mimas test”

- Innermost, regular, mid-sized satellite
 - Heavily cratered = **old** surface
- Lower Q requires younger satellite
 - If Mimas is 4.5 Gyr old, $Q_{\text{Saturn}} > 18,000$



Astrometry and astrophysics

- Recently a $Q_{\text{Saturn}} \sim 1,800$ is inferred from astrometry of satellites [Lainey+ 2012]
 - Pros: ~ 10 GW of tidal heat
 - Cons: Unrealistically young satellites
- “Resonance locking” due to dynamical tides [Fuller+ 2016]
 - Q depends on frequency
 - Migration rate is controlled by the rate of internal evolution of Saturn
 - Strong tidal heating + old satellites are accepted!



Summary

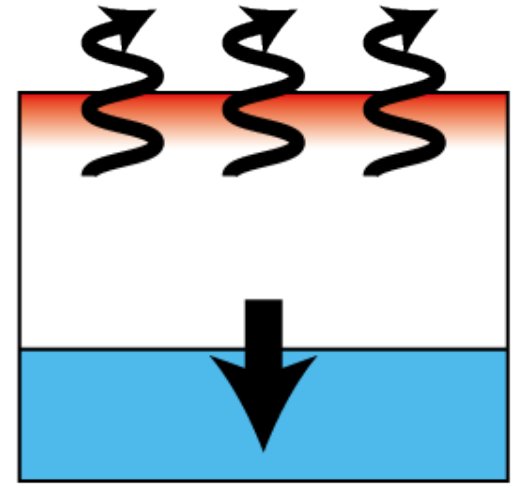
- The presence of a subsurface ocean is a key to understand **habitability** of a planetary body
- **Tidal interaction is important** because it
 1. Provides information on the interior structure
 2. Provides heat to prevent complete freezing
- Tiny Enceladus has a global subsurface ocean indicates tidal heating much larger than previously expected
 - **Dissipative property of the *primary* is the key**

Backup slides

Location of the heat deposition

- Heat deposited in a near-surface layer dissipates immediately to the outer space
 - Deposition of heat in a deep interior is necessary to maintain a subsurface ocean

- Heating rate \sim (stress) \times (strain rate)



Need more heat output

1. Episodic heat *production*

- The thermal-orbital evolution of the Saturnian system
 - Additional heat is only <1 GW [Shoji+ 2014]
- Tidal resonance [e.g., Matsuyama 2014, Kamata+ 2016]
 - Requires an ocean much thinner than that estimated from libration measurements [Thomas+ 2016]

2. Episodic heat *loss*

- Overturn of a convective ice shell [O'Neill & Nimmo 2008]
 - Requires us to be seeing Enceladus at a special time

3. Previous tidal heating models are wrong

Obliquity tides

- Non-zero obliquity also leads to tidal heating
- Mostly “ocean tides”

