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# Introduction to Space: *Space plasma physics*

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## Three space plasma physics weeks, three topics:

### 1. lecture week (*September 14 & 15*)

- *Space plasma physics: Space plasma & Solar system plasma environments*

### 2. lecture week (*September 21 & 22*)

- *Space plasma observations & instruments*

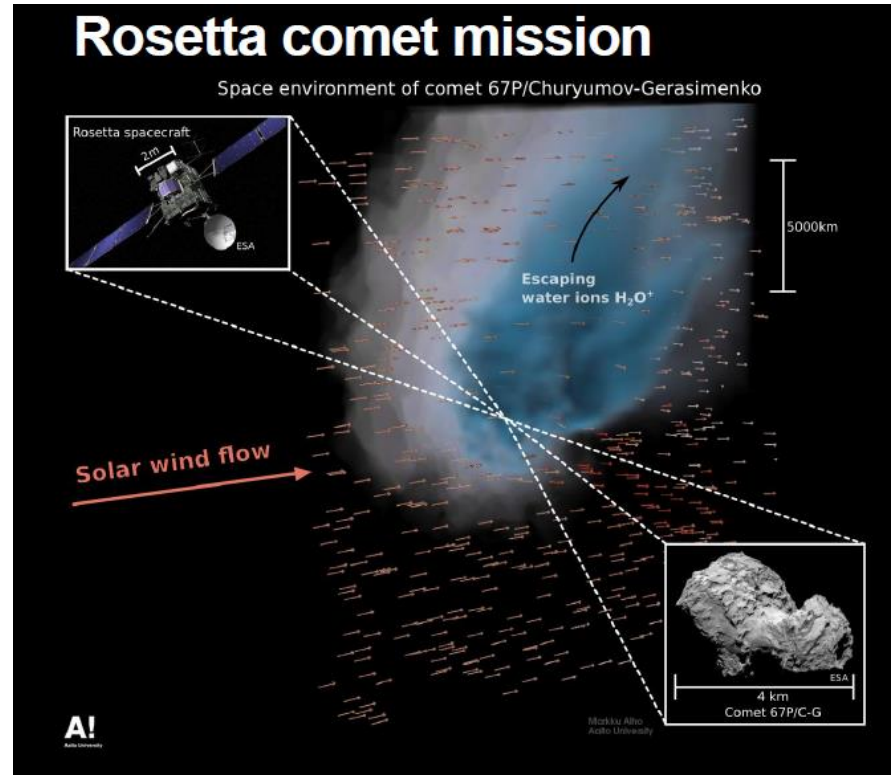
### 3. lecture week (*September 28 & 29*)

- *Space plasma modelling & simulations*
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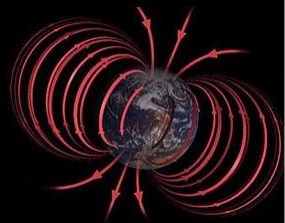
# 1. Space science: Plasma environments in the Solar System

- *Science objective:  
How does flowing plasma interact with Solar System objects?*
- *Space weather in the Solar System*

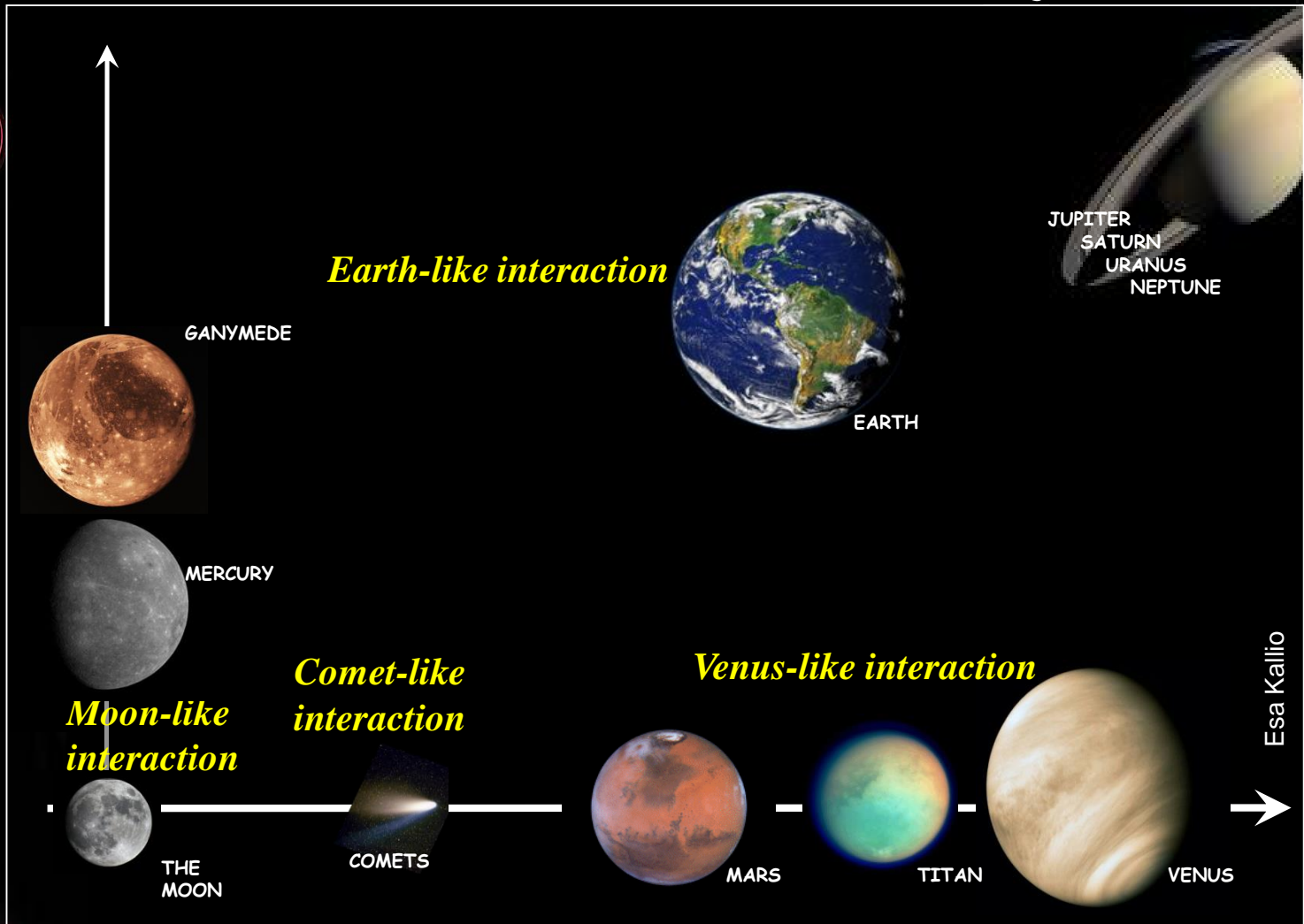
*Example: Comet - solar wind interaction*



# 1. Space plasma physics: Plasma environments in the Solar System



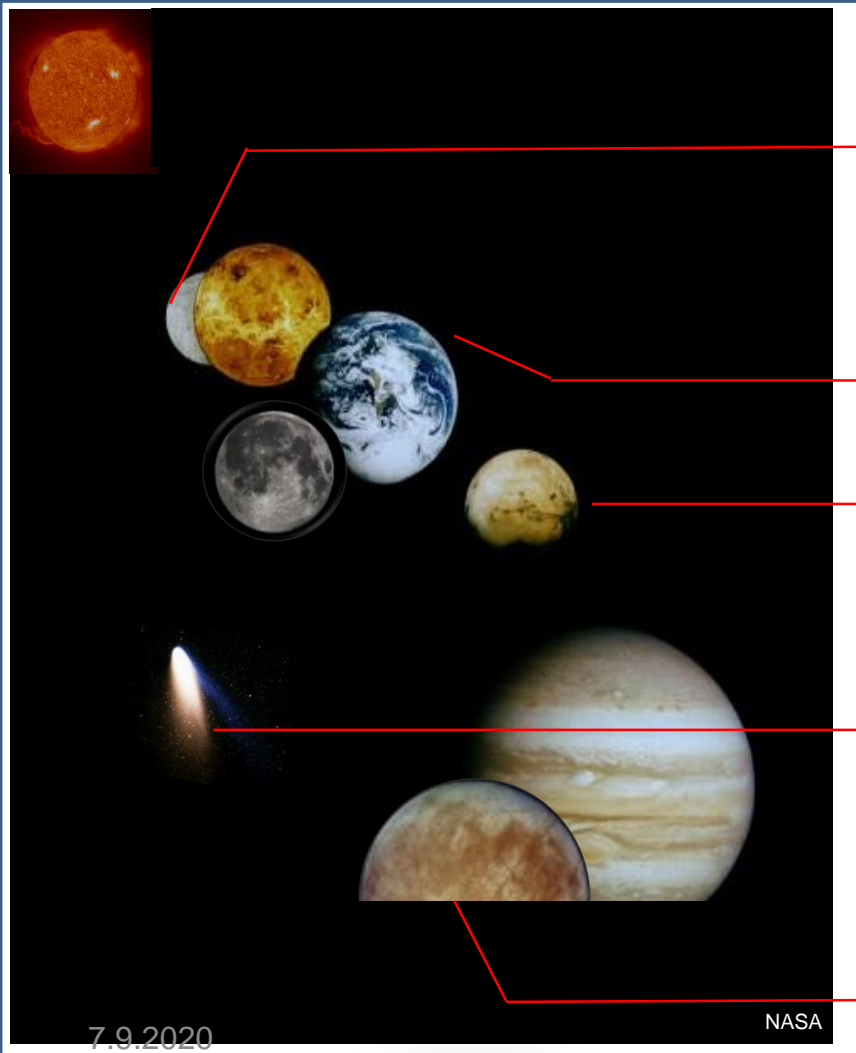
Strength of the  
intrinsic magnetic field



Density of the atmosphere/ionosphere

# 2. Space plasma observations & instruments

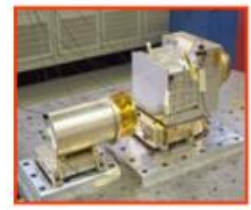
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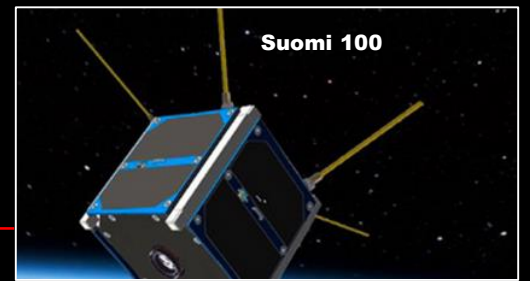
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**ICA / Rosetta**



**PEP / JUICE**



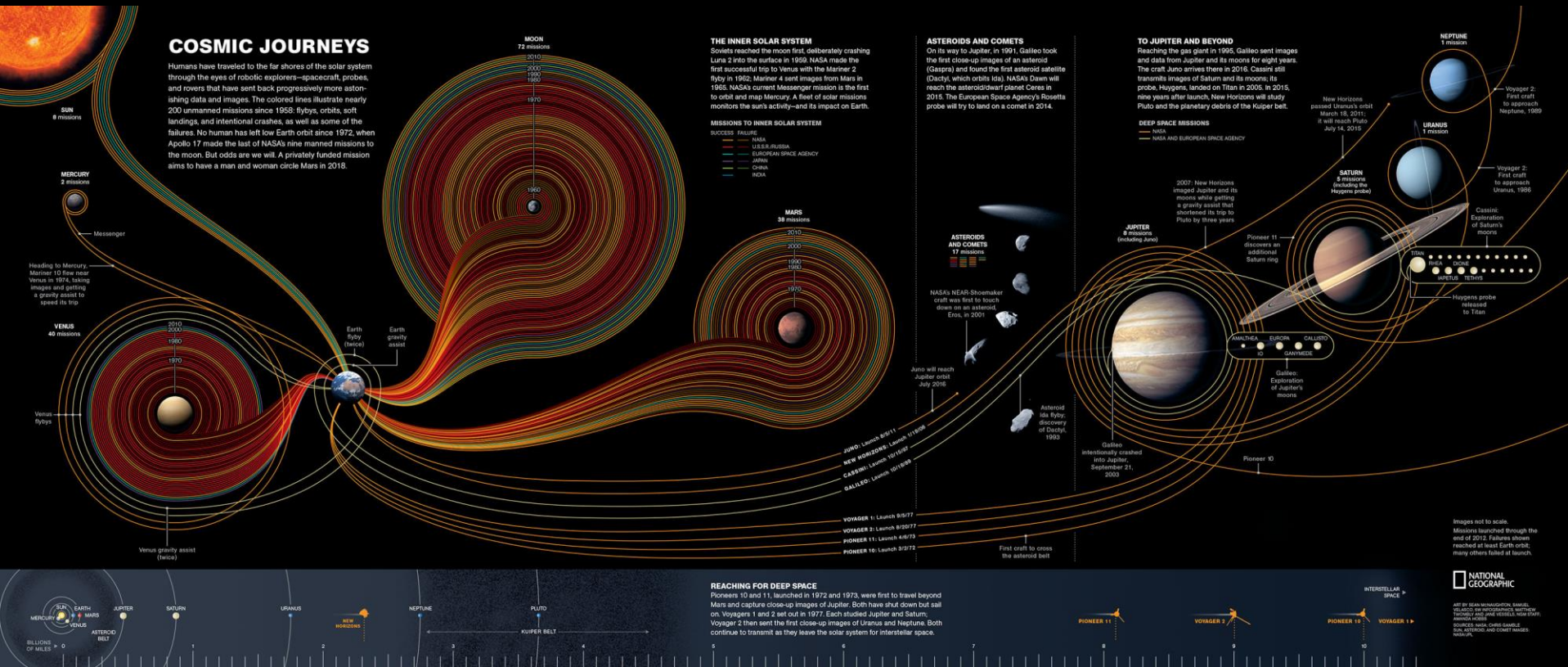
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NASA

# Lots of space missions

## COSMIC JOURNEYS:

The colored lines illustrate nearly 200 unmanned missions at 1958 - end of 2014



<http://www.5wgraphics.com/img/newsletter/50-years-of-exploration.jpg>



**venus express**  
Studying Venus' atmosphere

**juice**  
Studying Jupiter's icy moons

**bepicolombo**  
Exploring Mercury

**proba-2**  
Observing coronal  
dyrtamics and solar eruptions

**cassini-huygens**  
Studying the Saturnian system  
and landing on Titan



**mars express**  
Investigating the Red Planet

**cluster**  
Measuring Earth's magnetic shield

**solar orbiter**  
The Sun up close

**rosetta**  
Chasing a comet

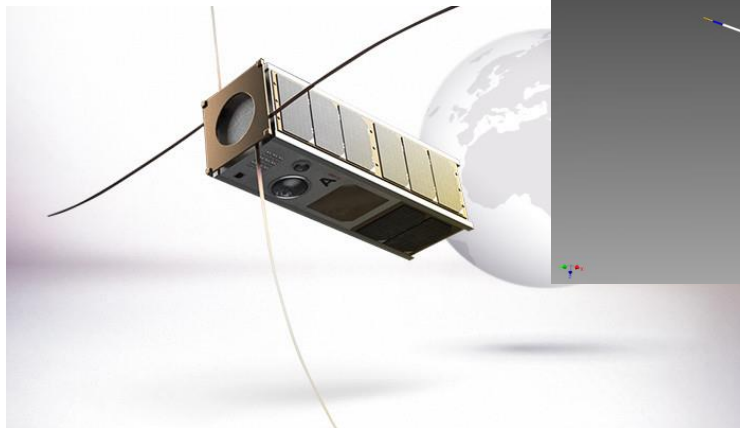


# → ESA'S FLEET IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM

The Solar System is a natural laboratory that allows scientists to explore the nature of the Sun, the planets and their moons, as well as comets and asteroids. ESA's missions have transformed our view of the celestial neighbourhood, visiting Mars, Venus, and Saturn's moon Titan, and providing new insight into how the Sun interacts with Earth and its neighbours. The Solar System is the result of 4.6 billion years of formation and evolution. Studying how it appears now allows us to unlock the mysteries of its past and to predict how the various bodies will change in the future.

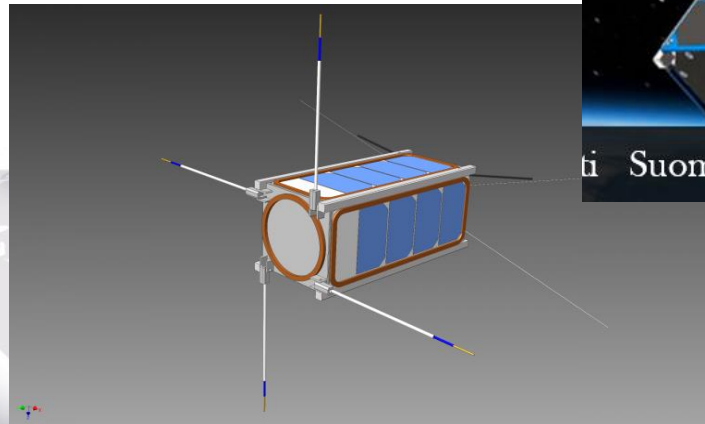
# Aalto University's cubesat program

## Aalto-1



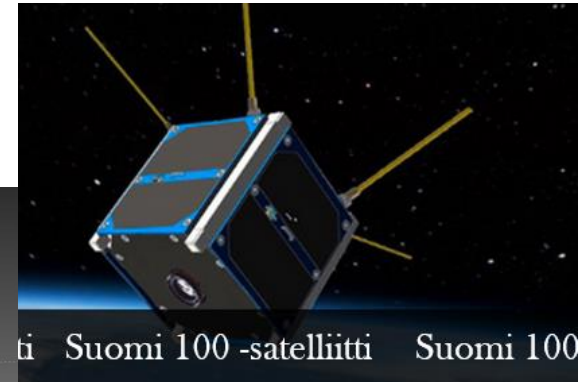
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## Aalto-2



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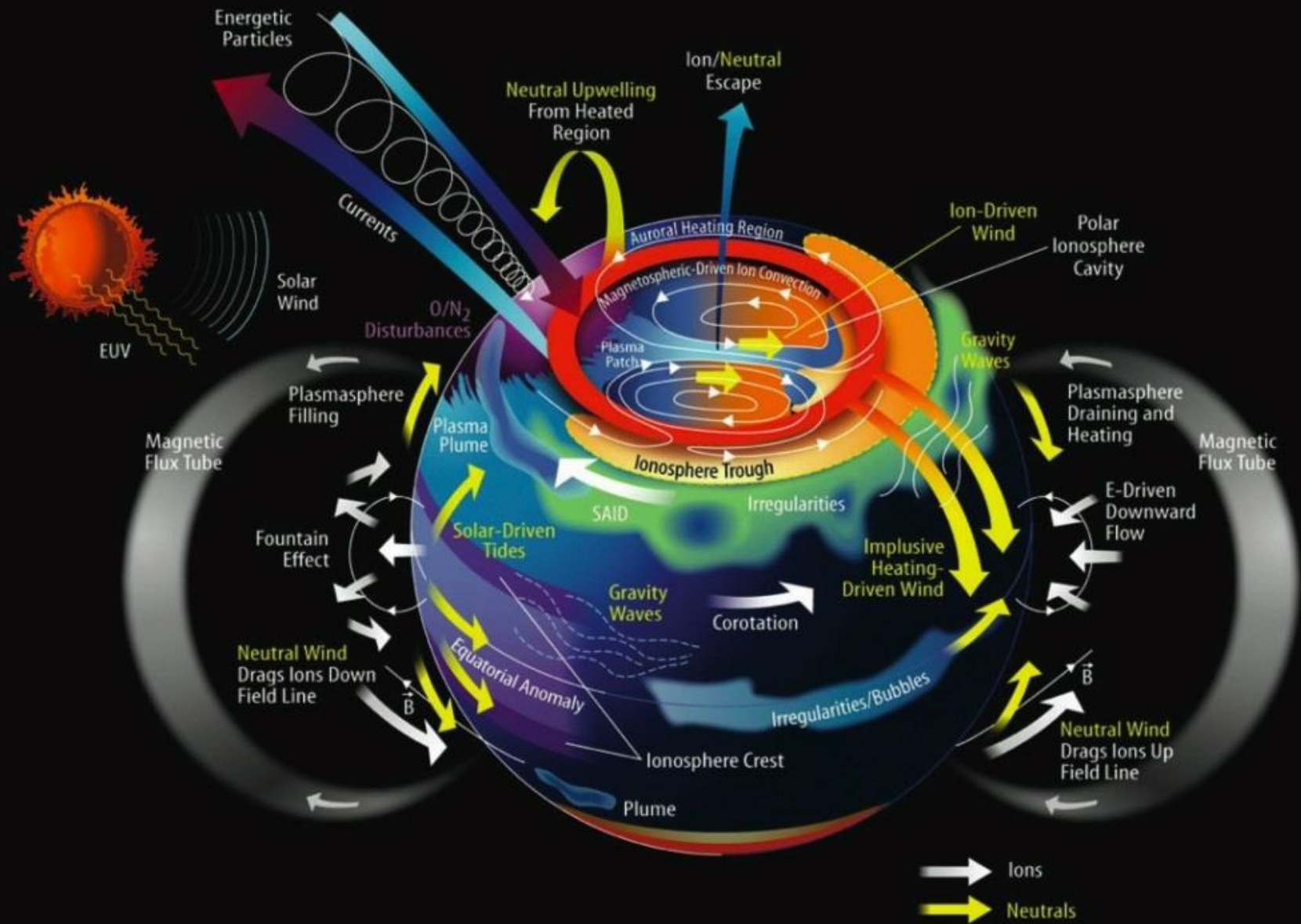
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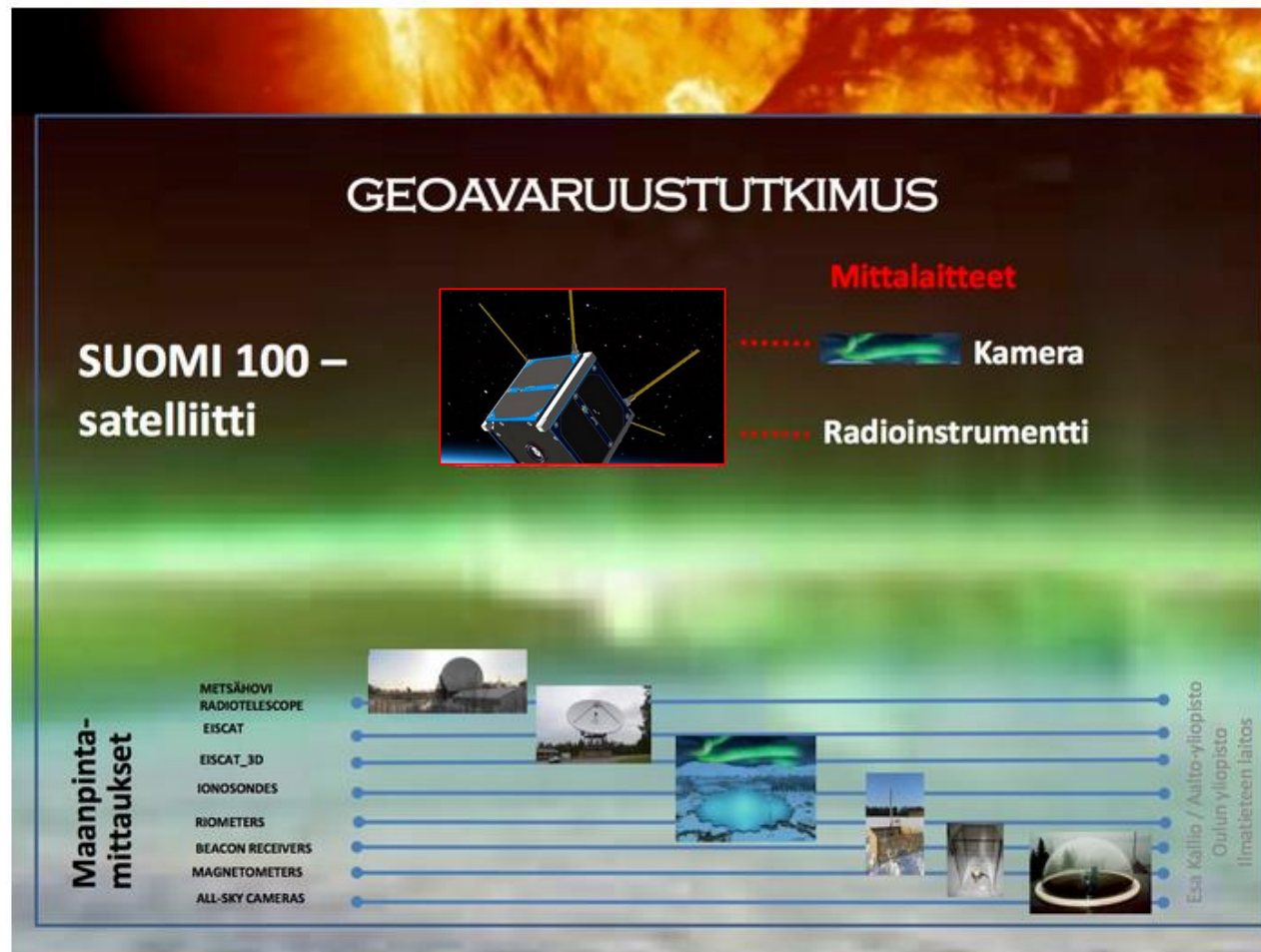
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# Geospace



# Geospace reseach (geoavaruustutkimus)



Payload:

- White light camera
- Radio instrument (~ 1-10 MHz)

Joint measurements with ground based equipments

# “Electrical space weather simulator”: Aalto University’s “Terrella Cubica”

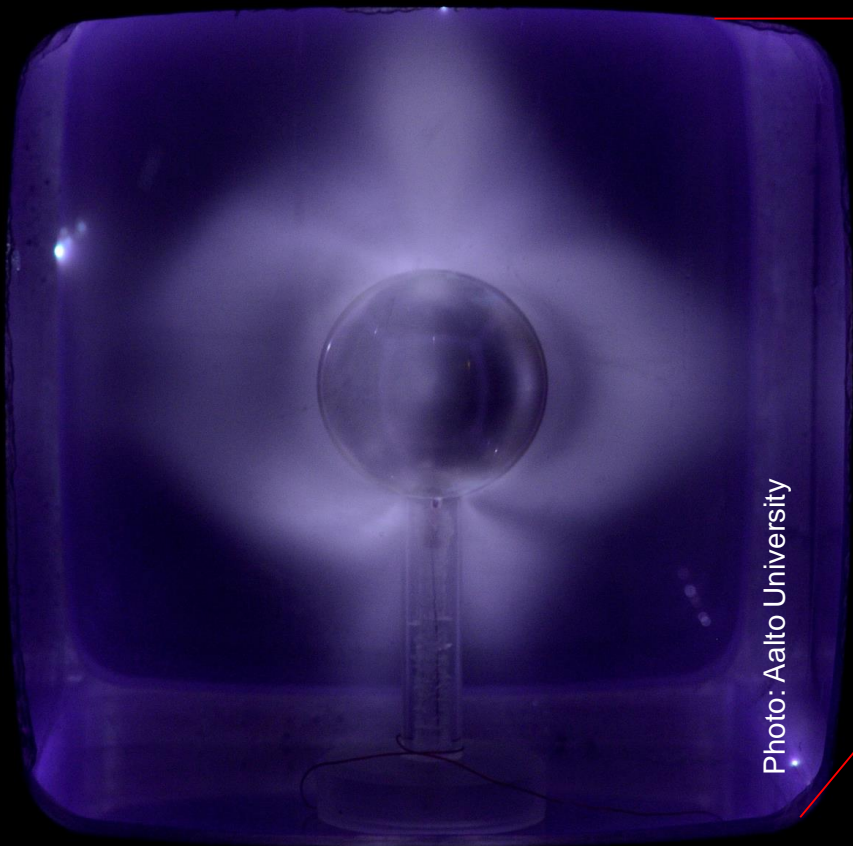


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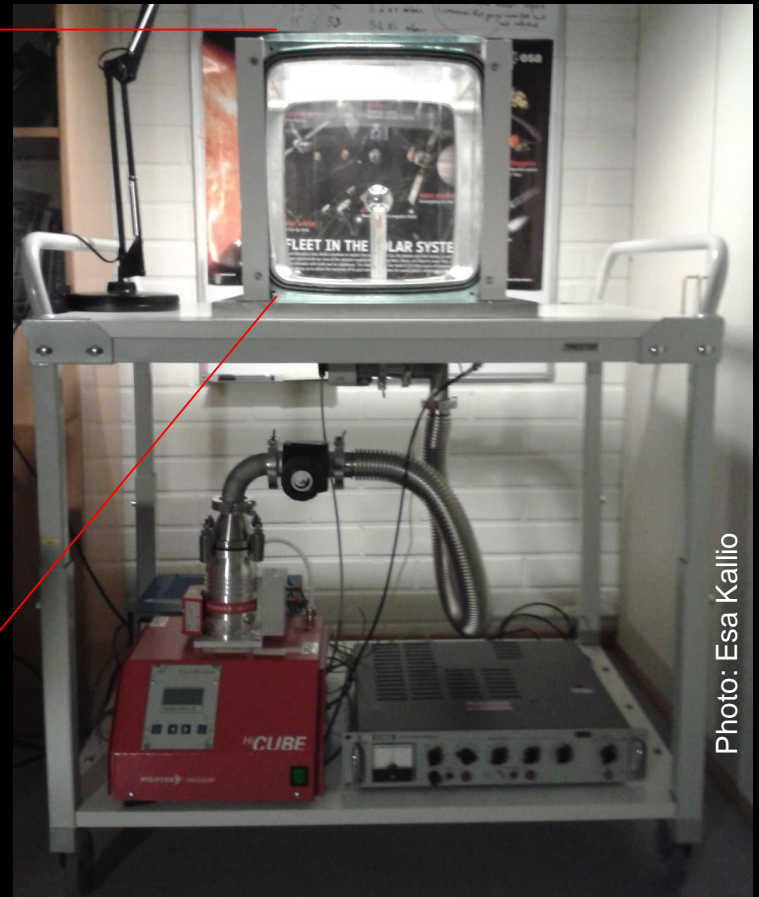
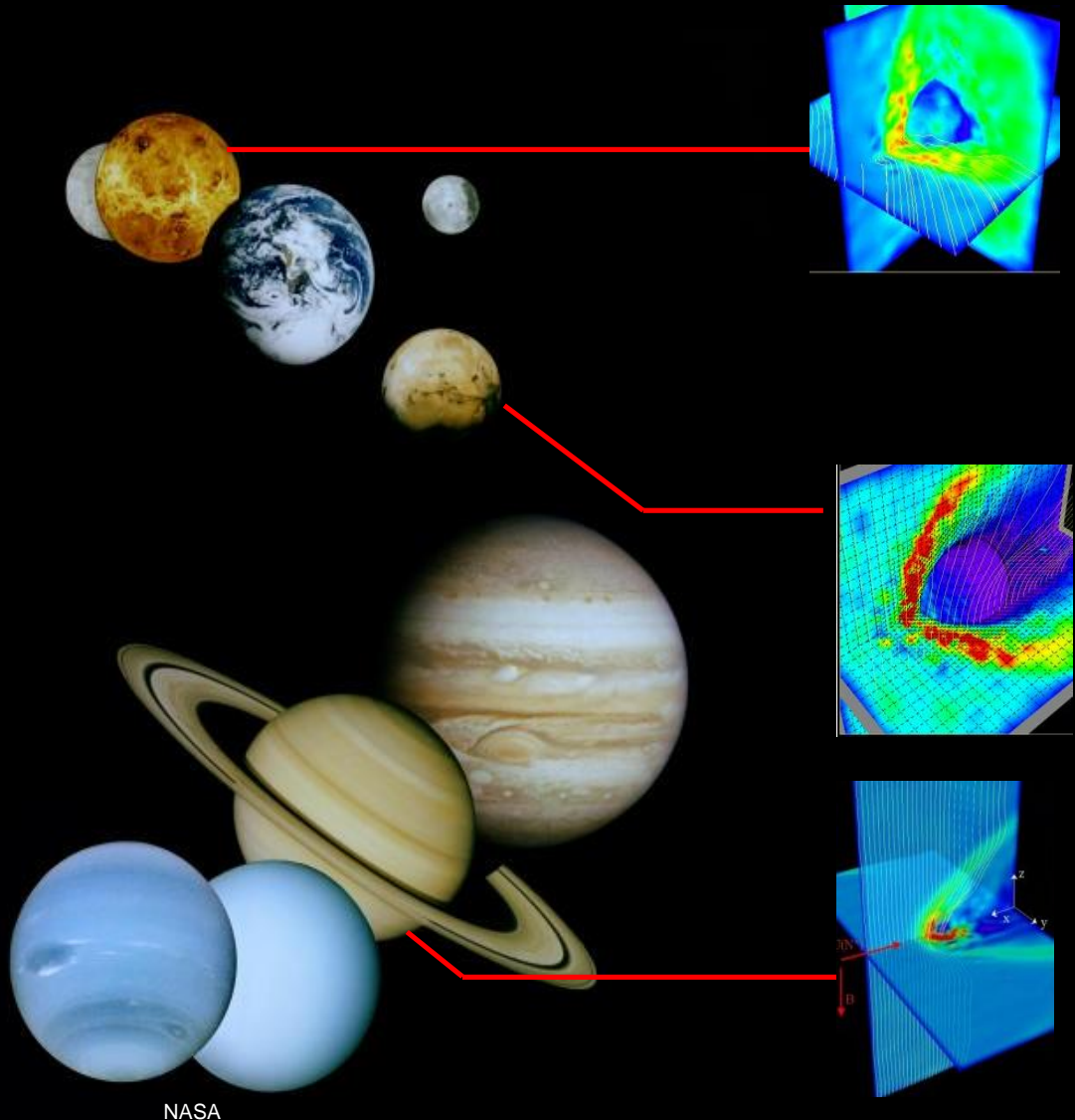
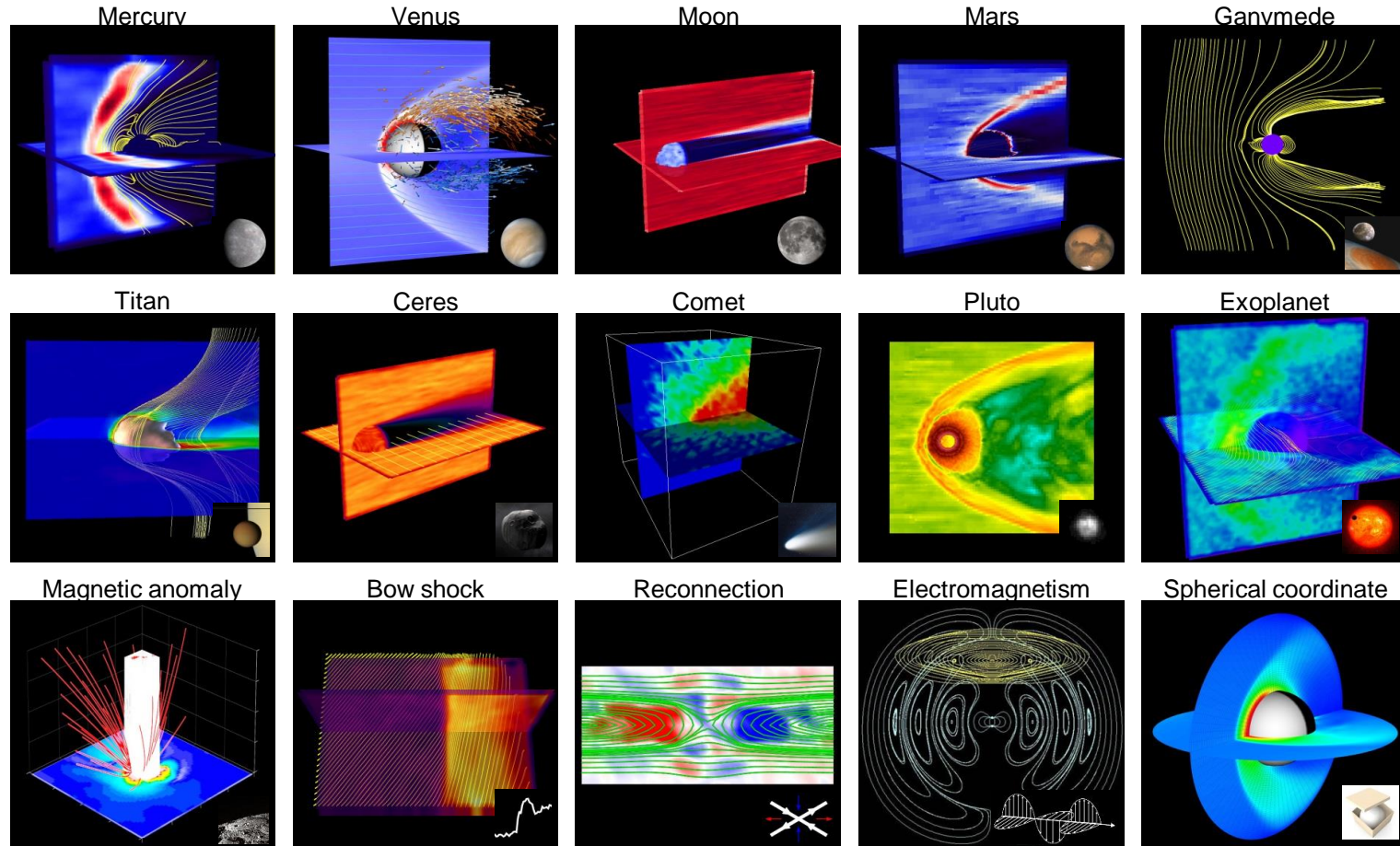


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# 3. Space plasma modelling & simulations



# Aalto University's space plasma simulations



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# WELCOME!

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