

# Space – The Final Frontier

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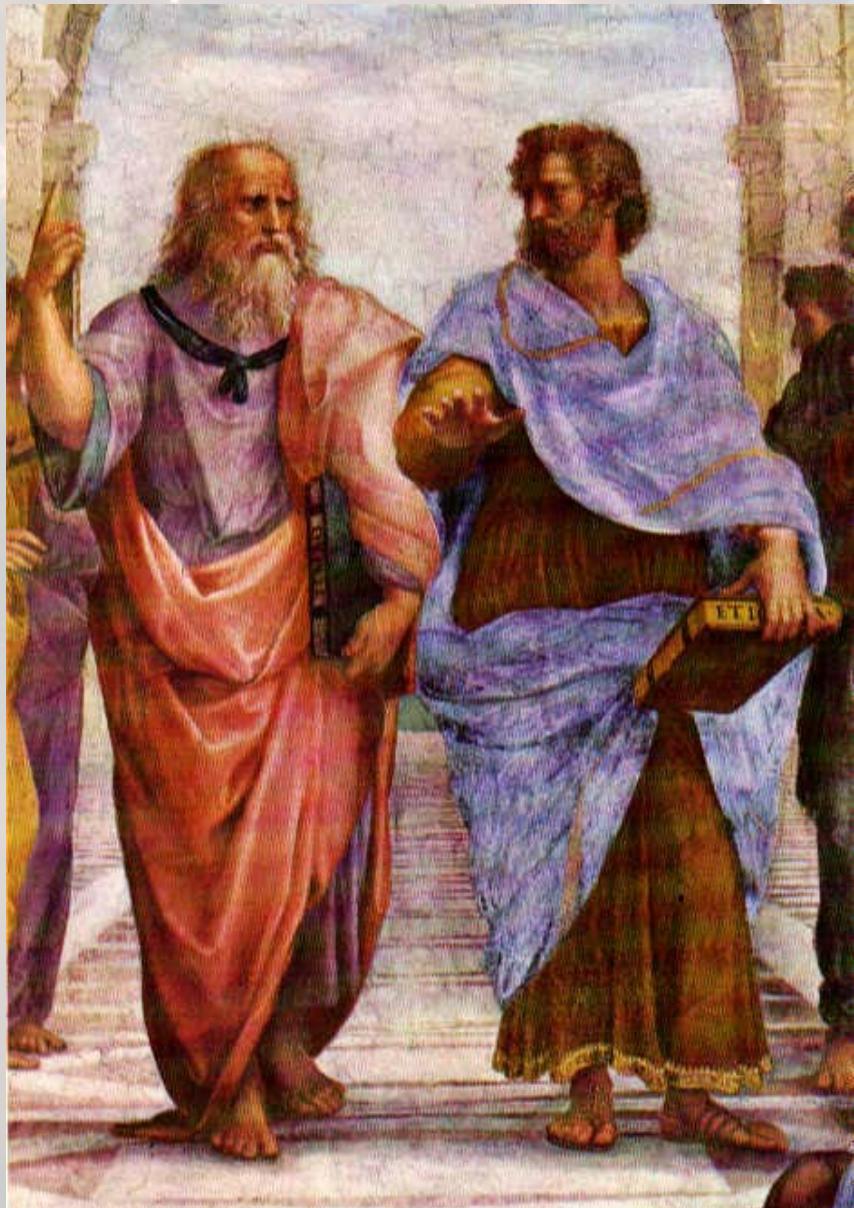


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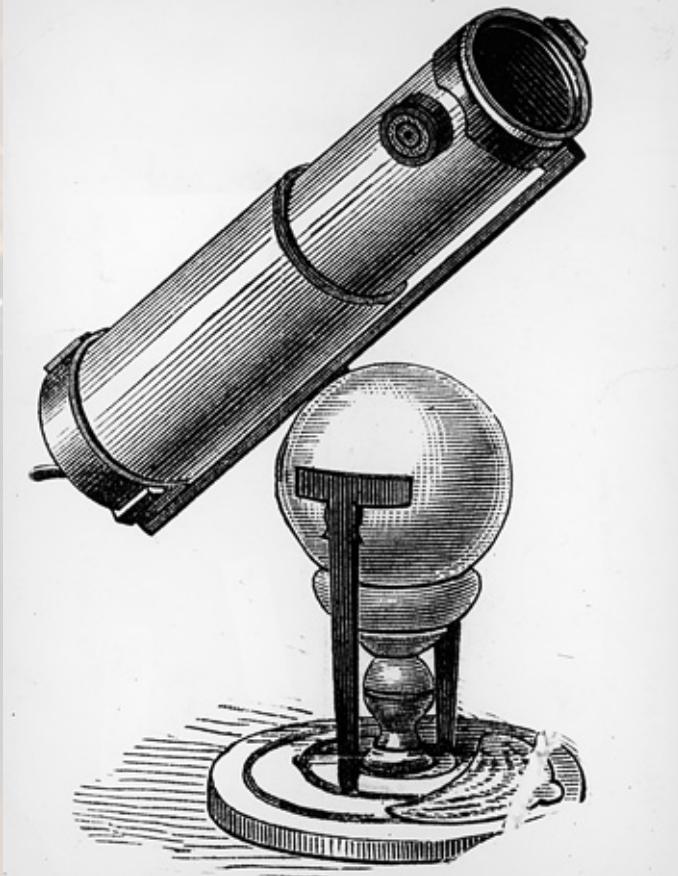


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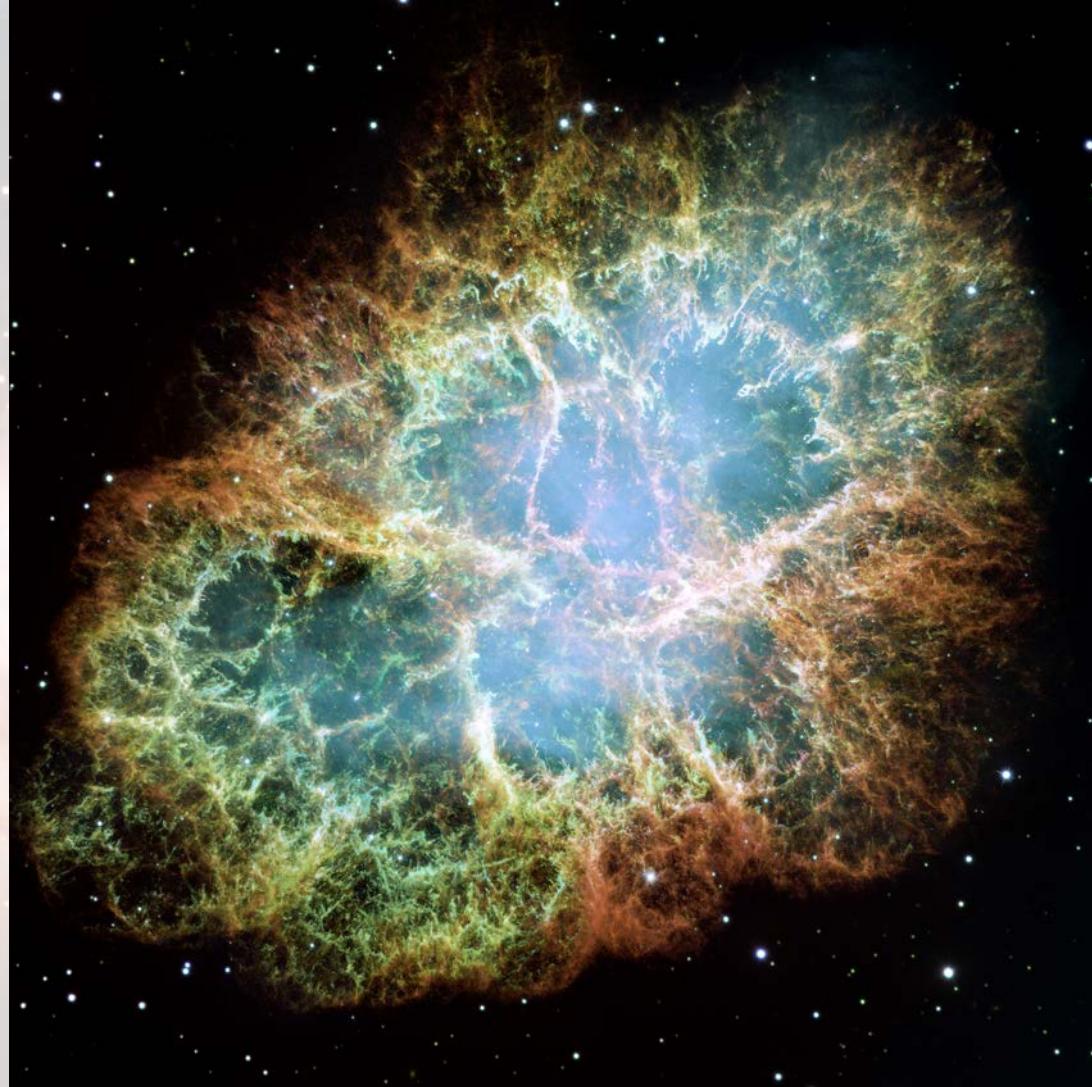


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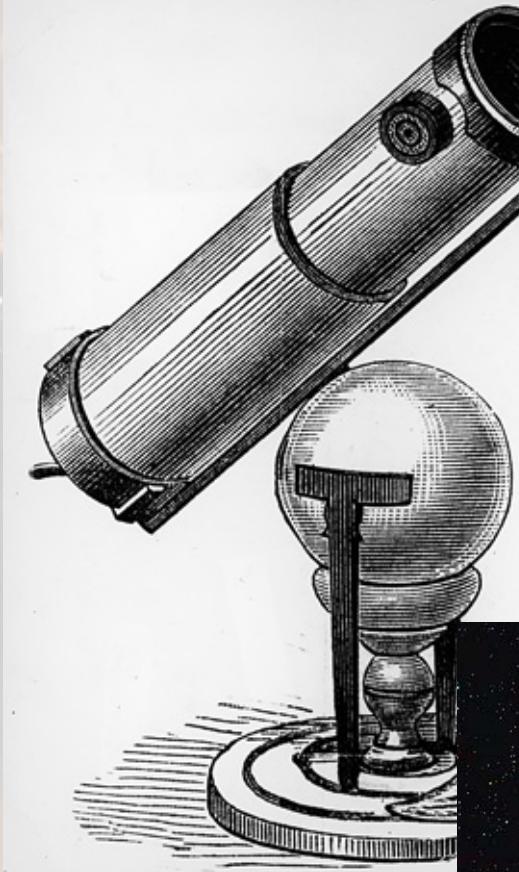


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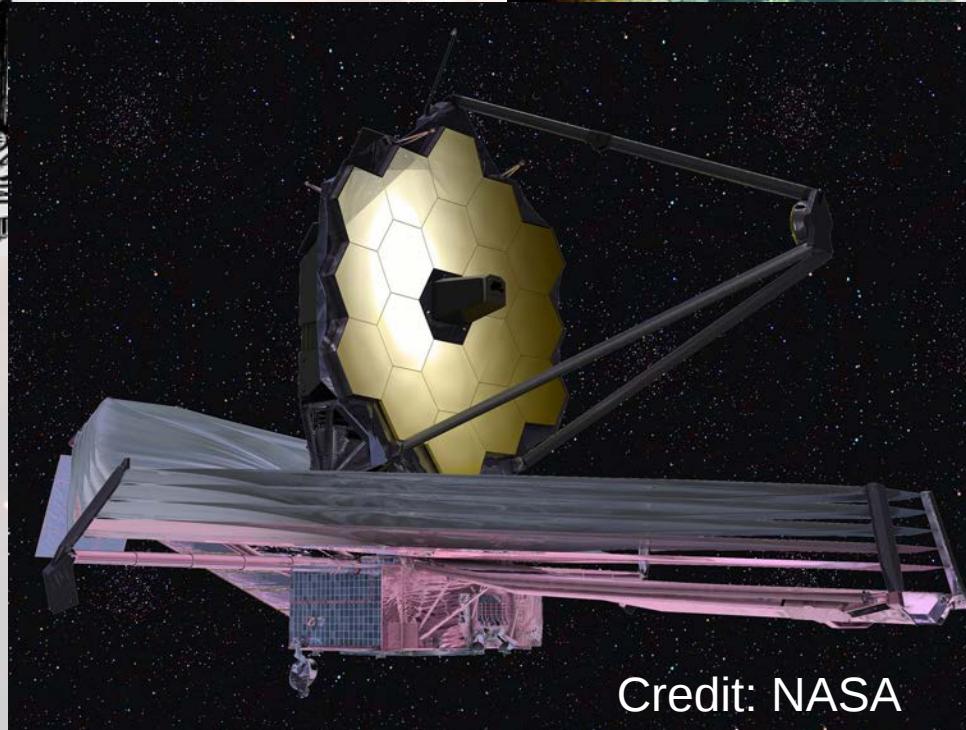


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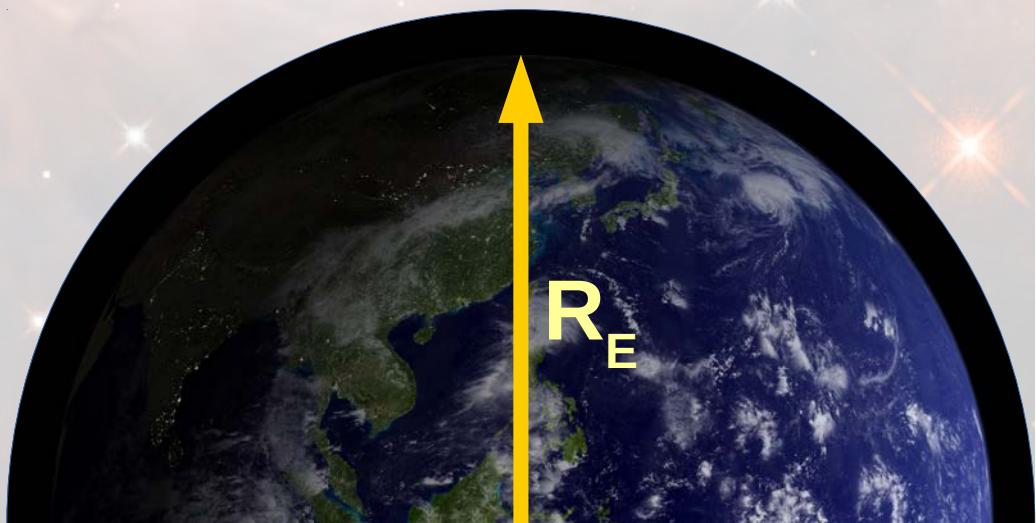
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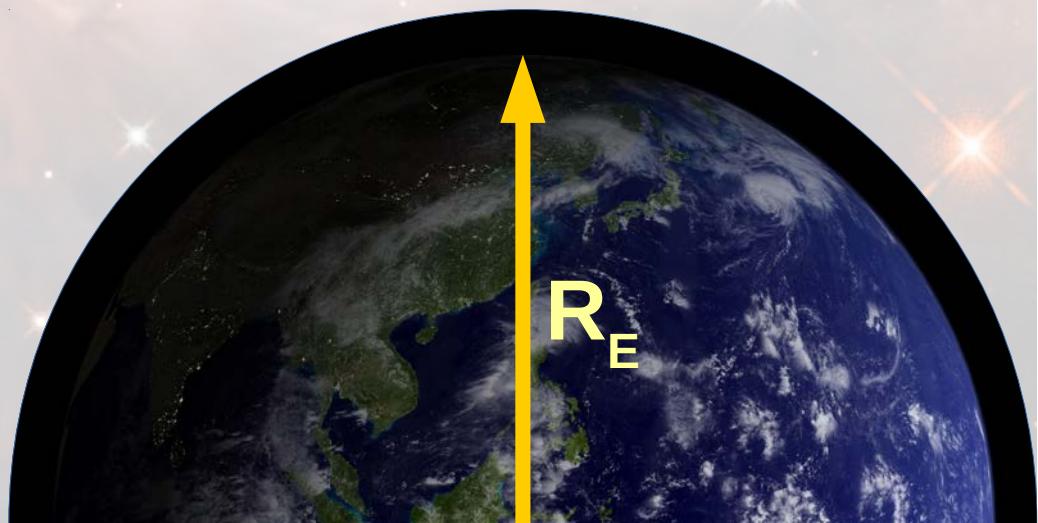
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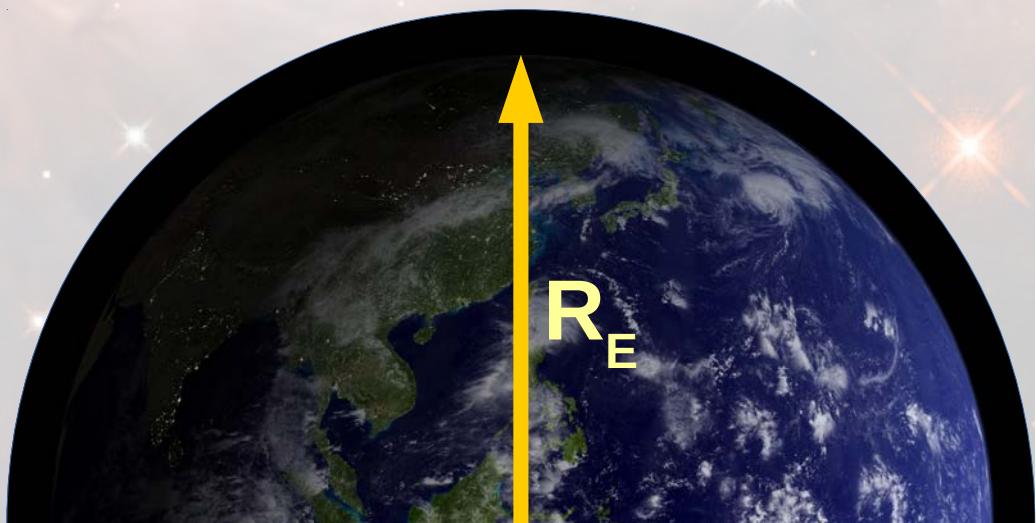
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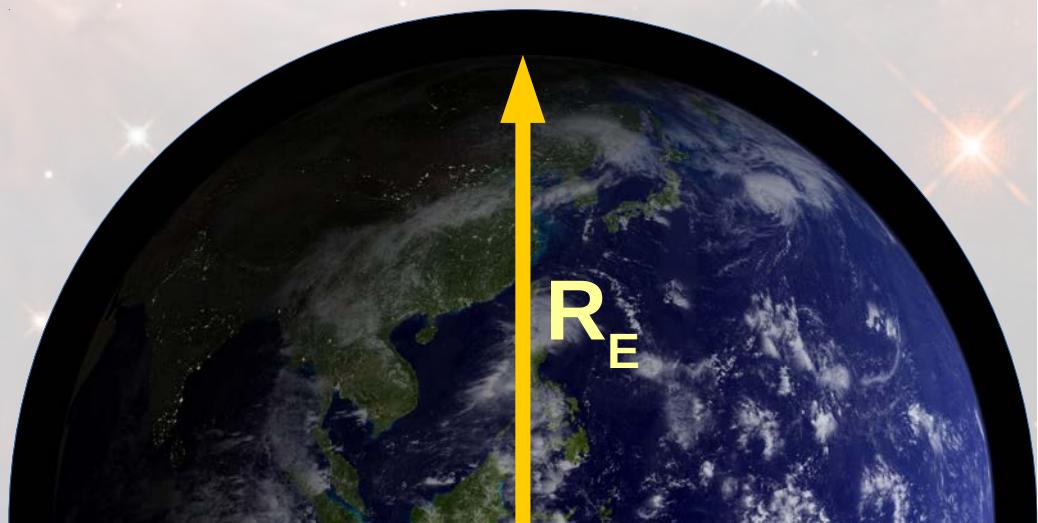
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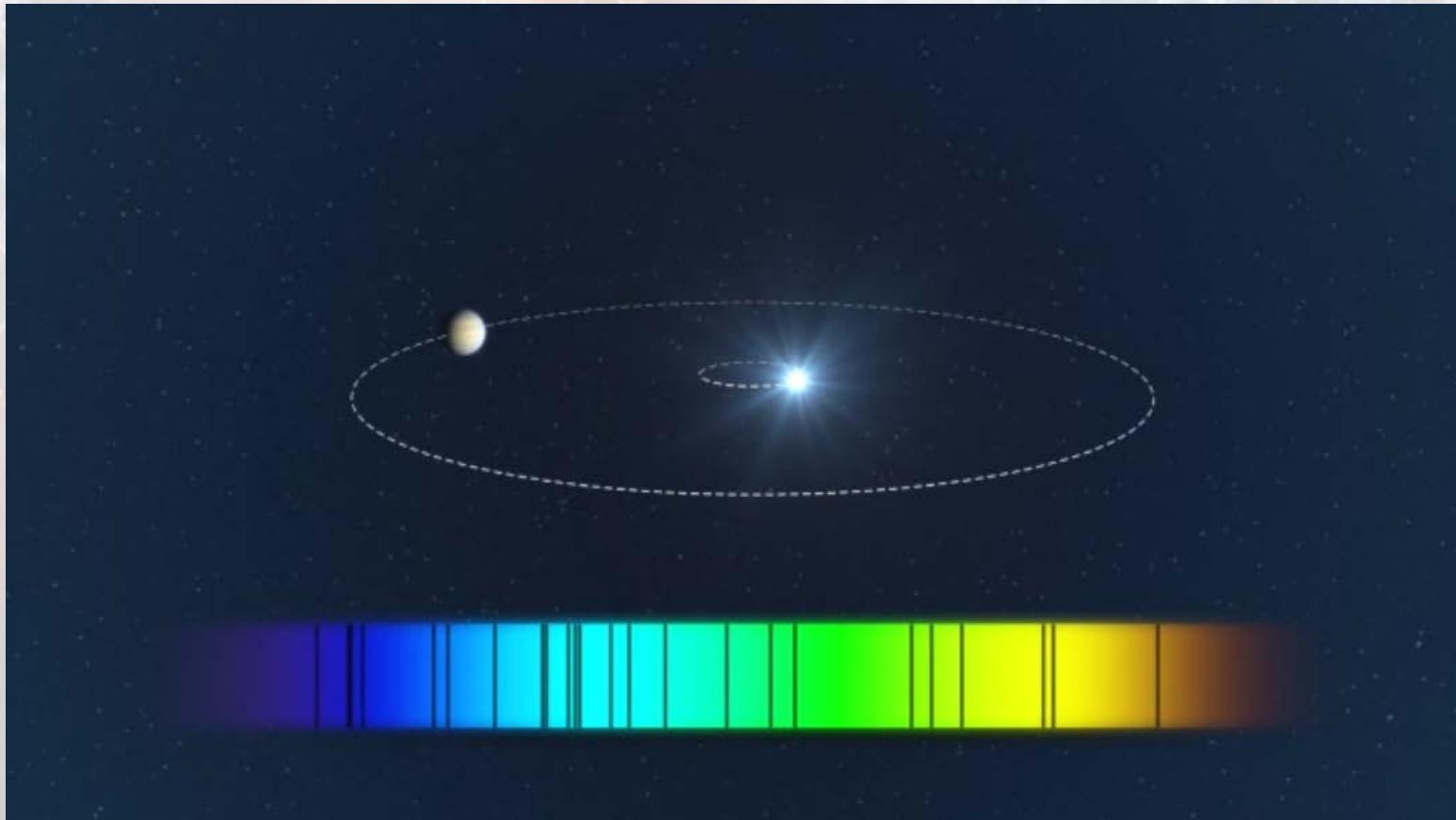


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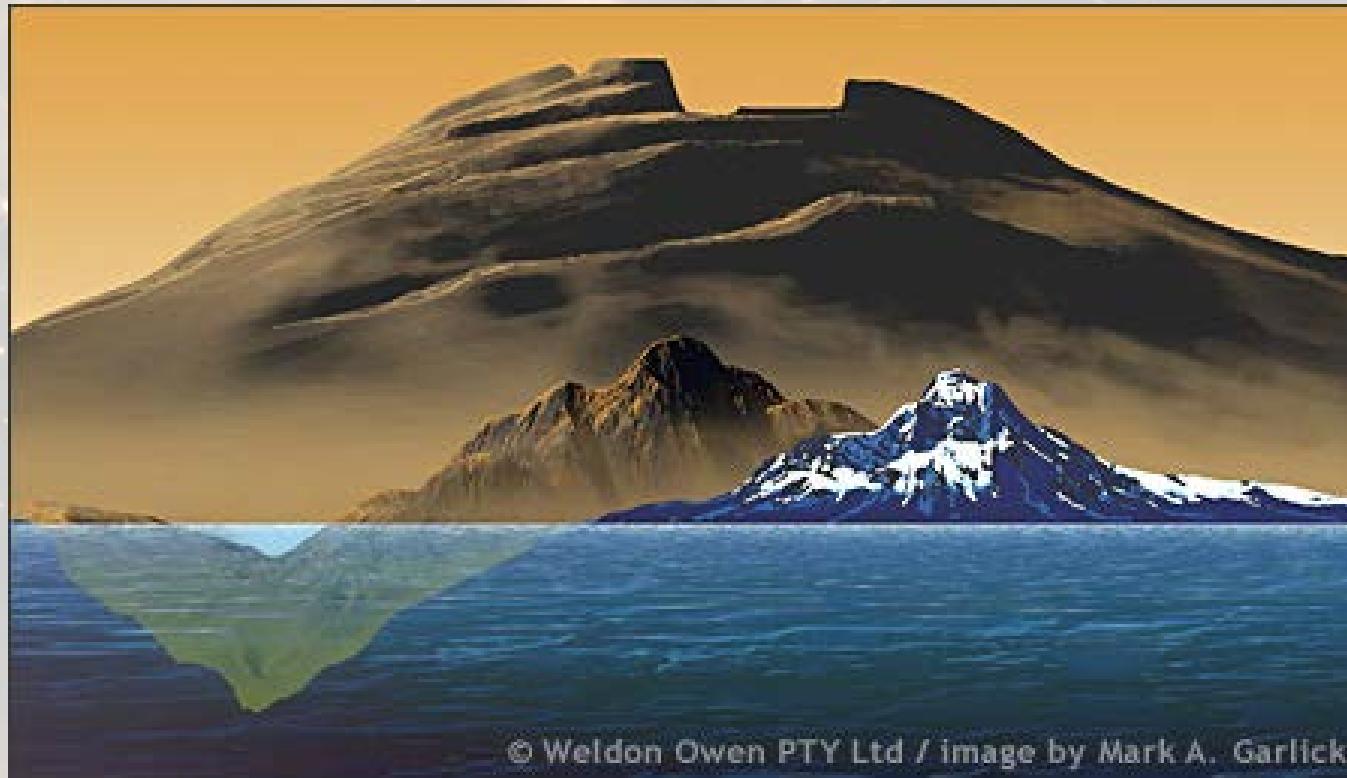
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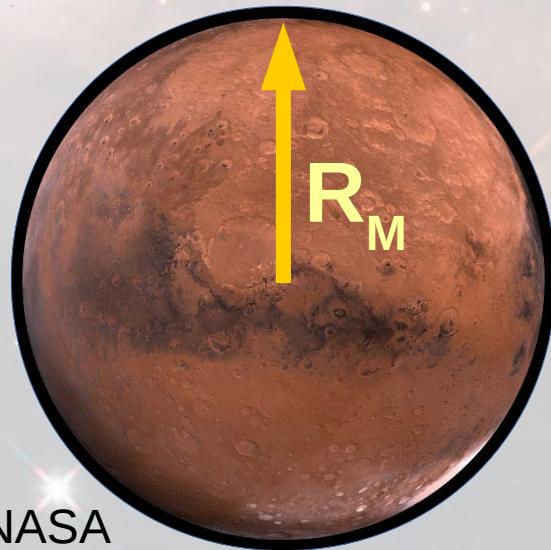
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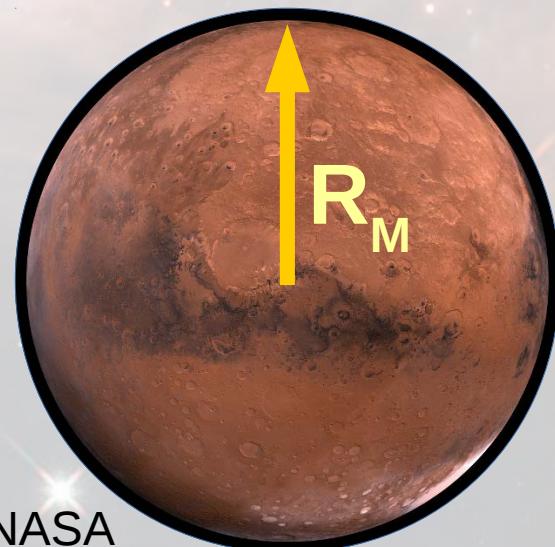
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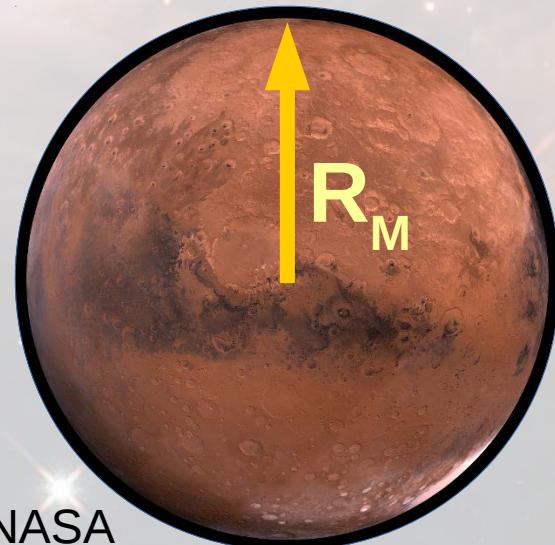
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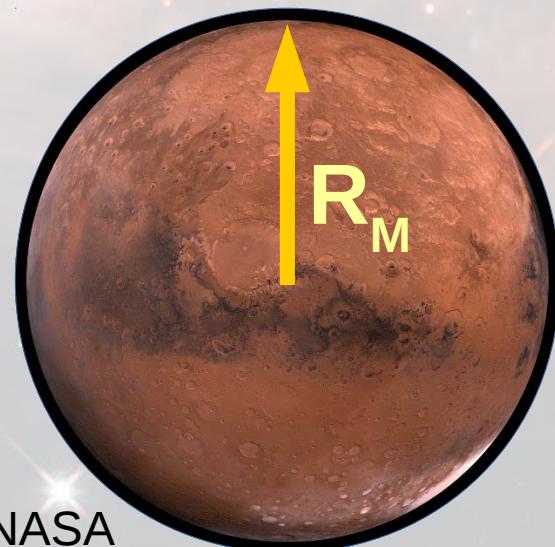
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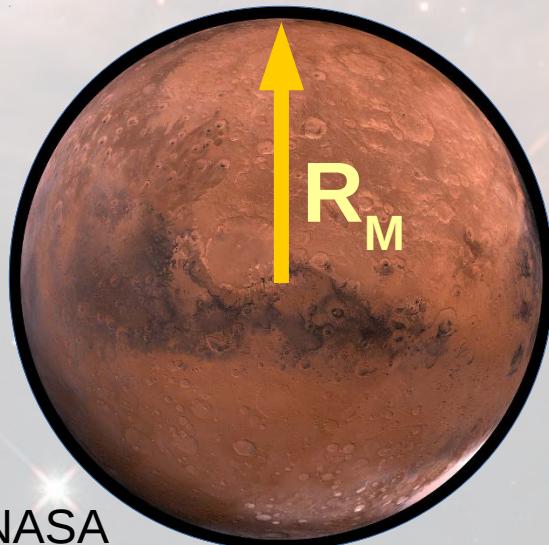
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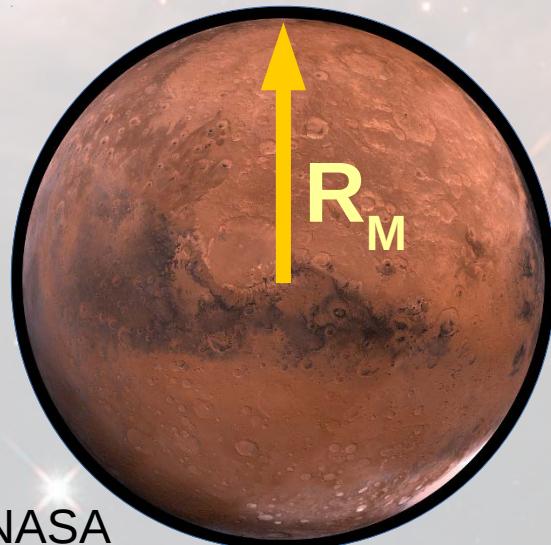
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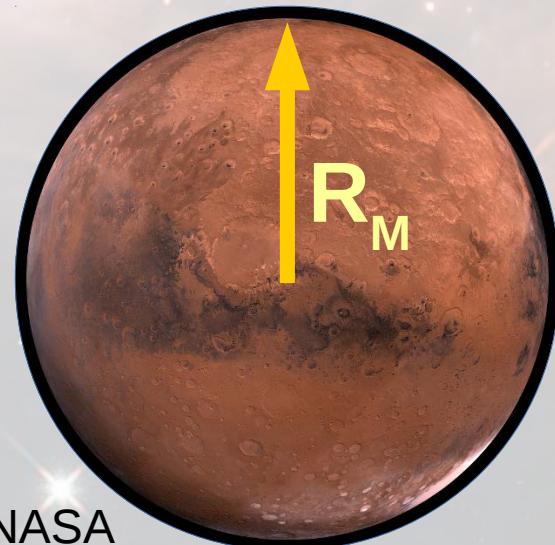
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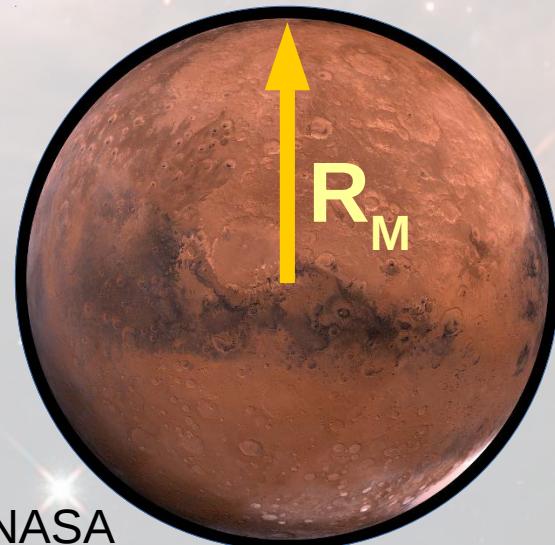
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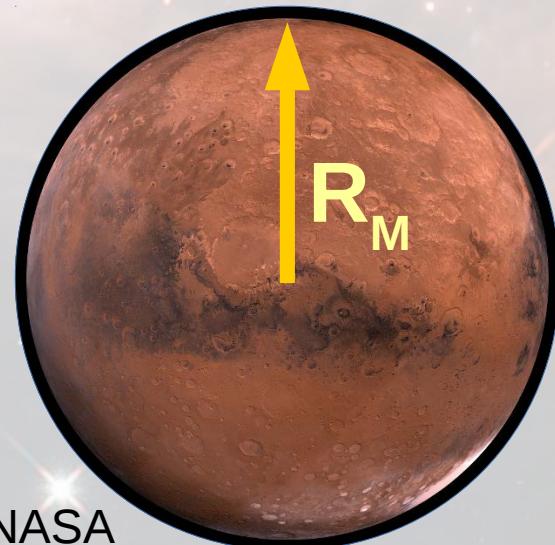
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# Significant Figures

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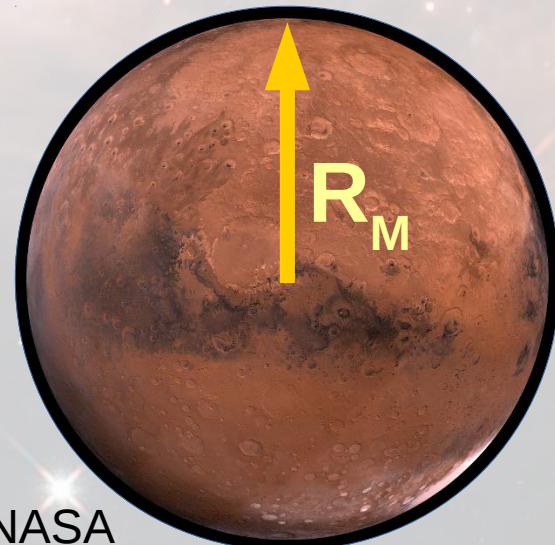
$$R_{Mars} = 3389.5 \text{ km} = 3.3895 \times 10^3 \text{ km} \text{ (5 sig. figs)}$$

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*Another example:*

$$0.061 \text{ m} = \underline{6.1} \times 10^{-2} \text{ m} \text{ (2 sig. figs)}$$



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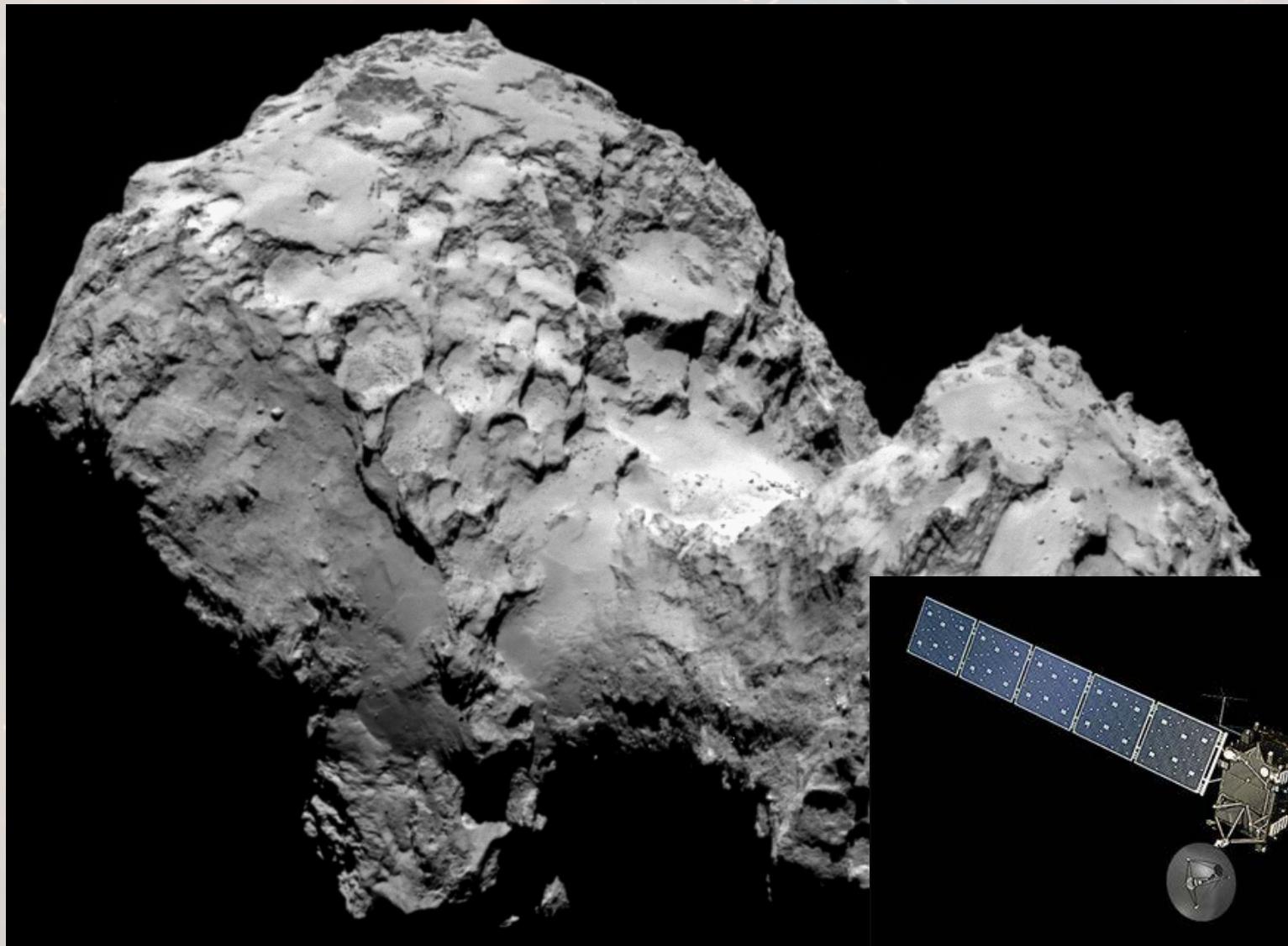


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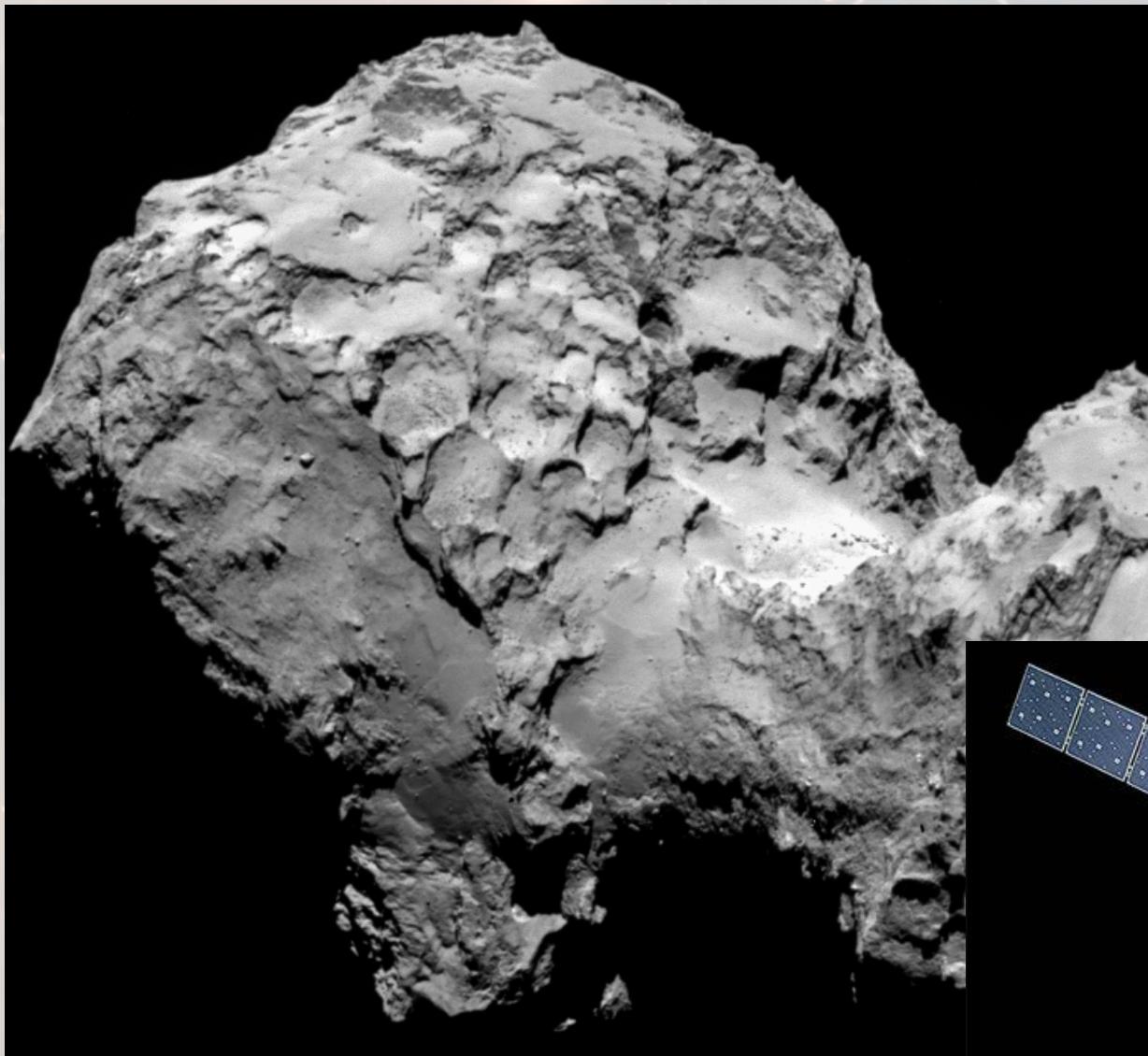


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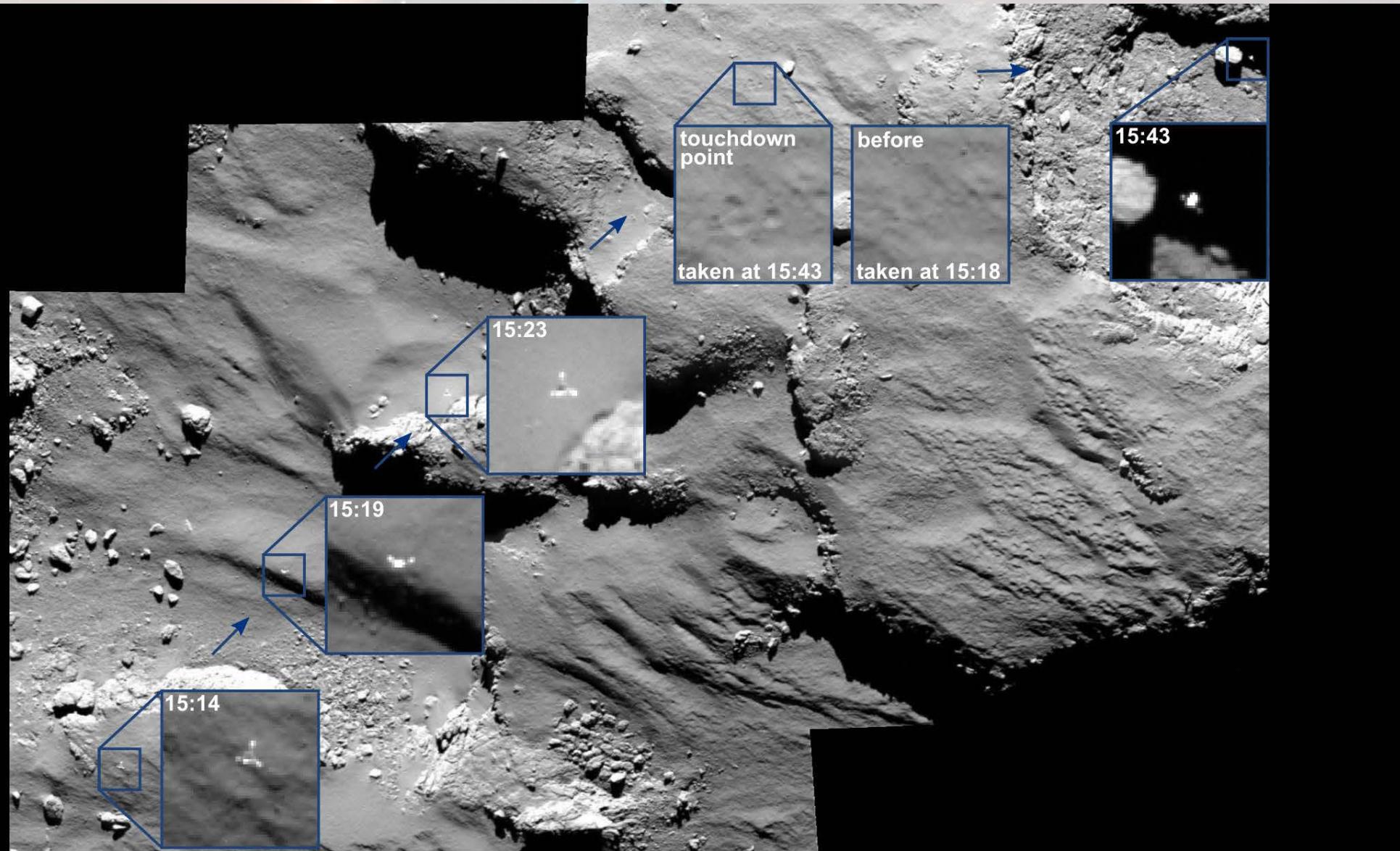


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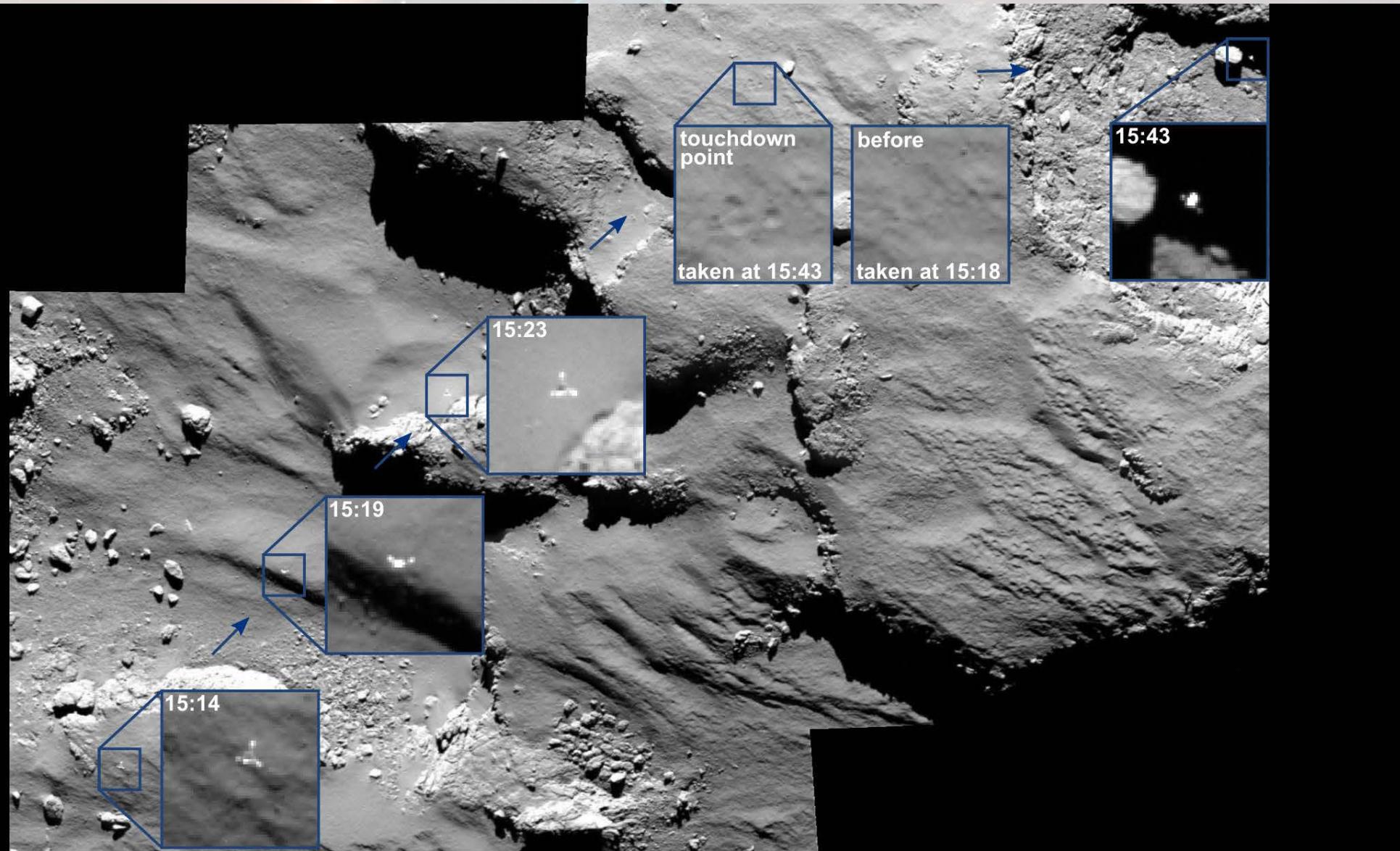
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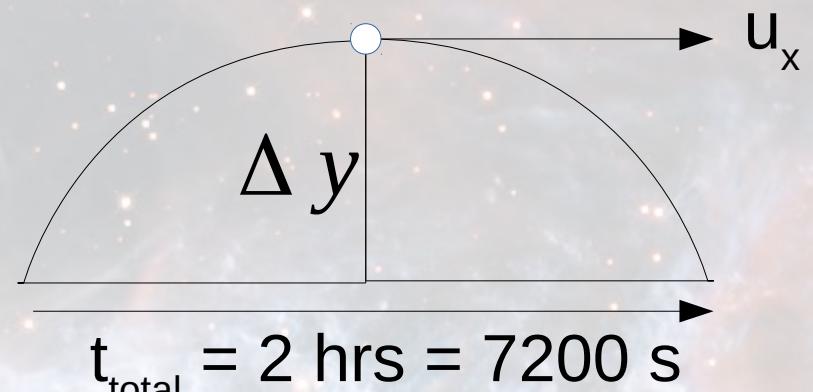
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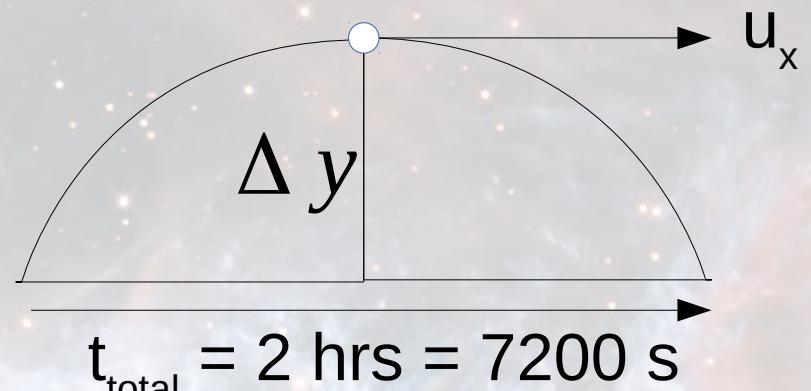
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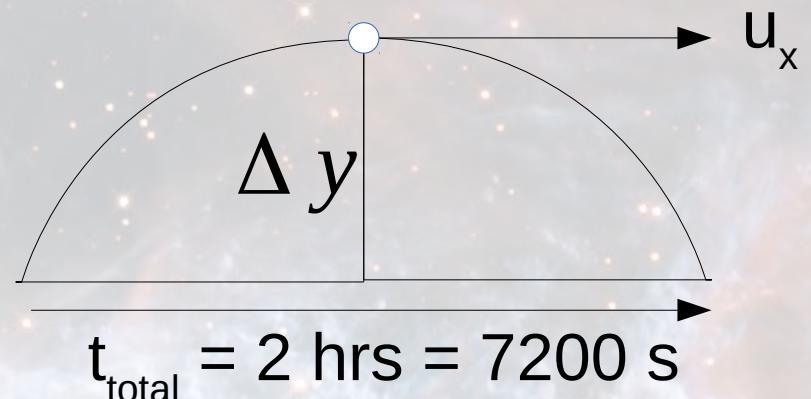
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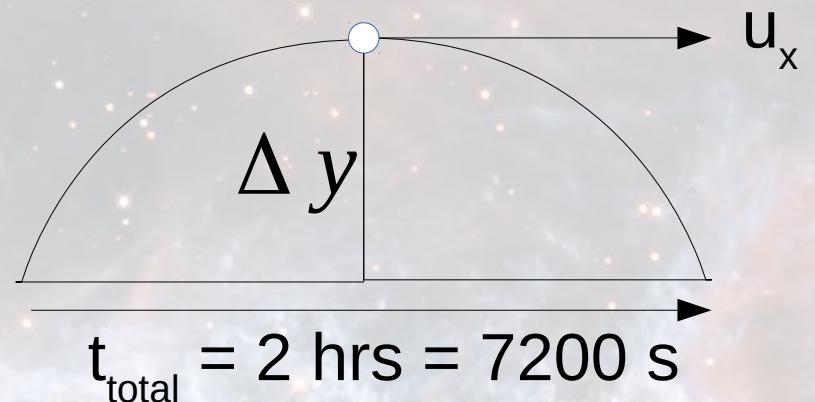
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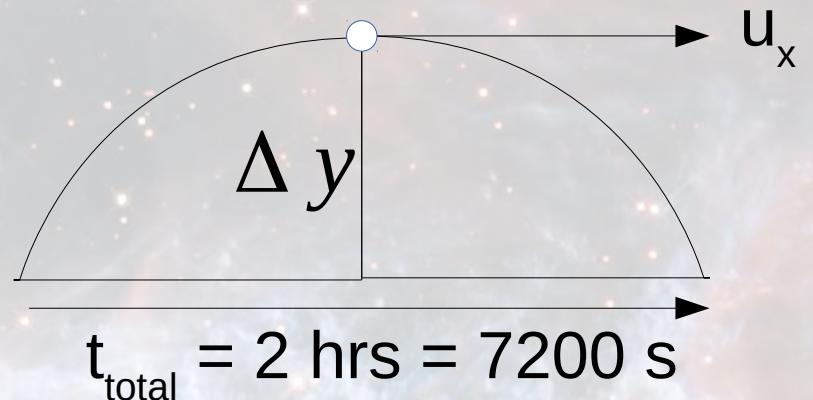
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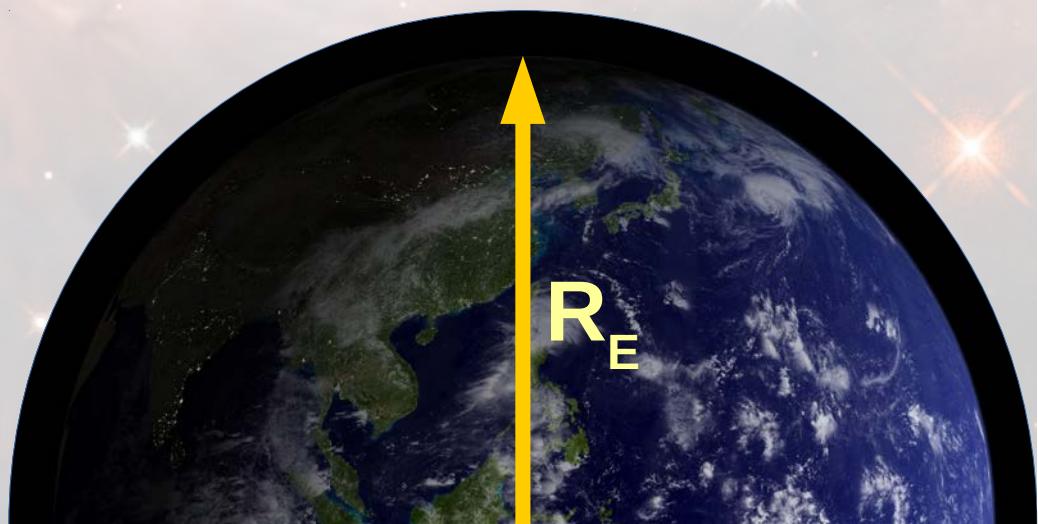
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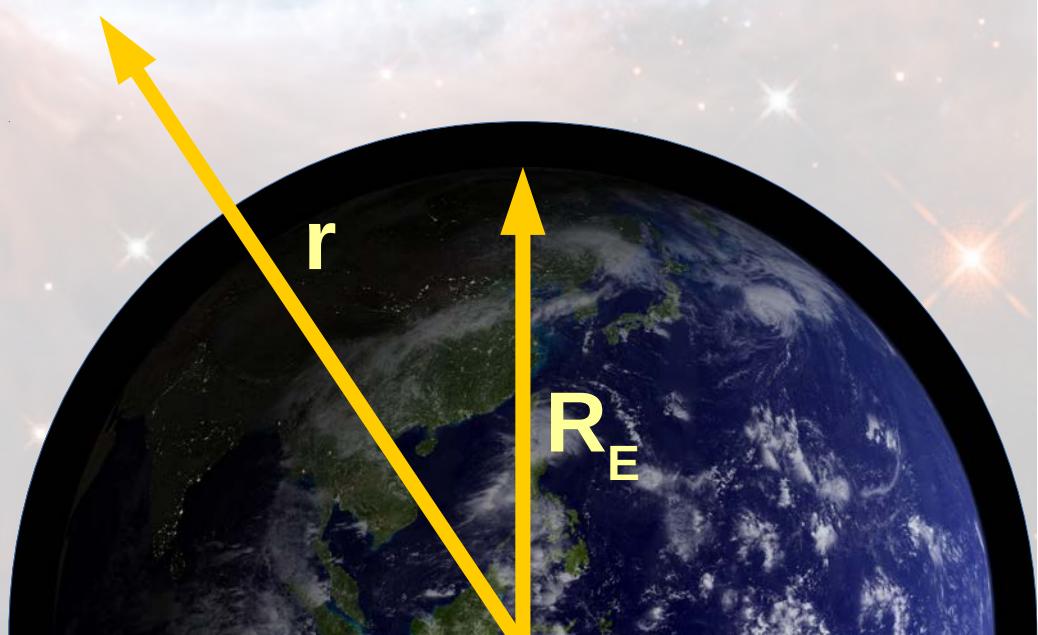


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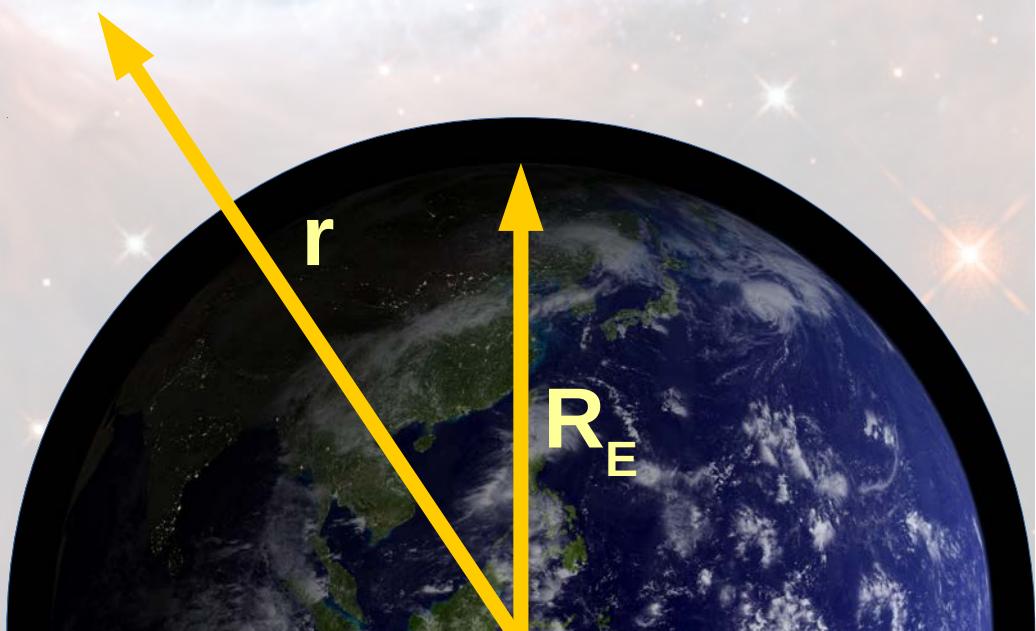
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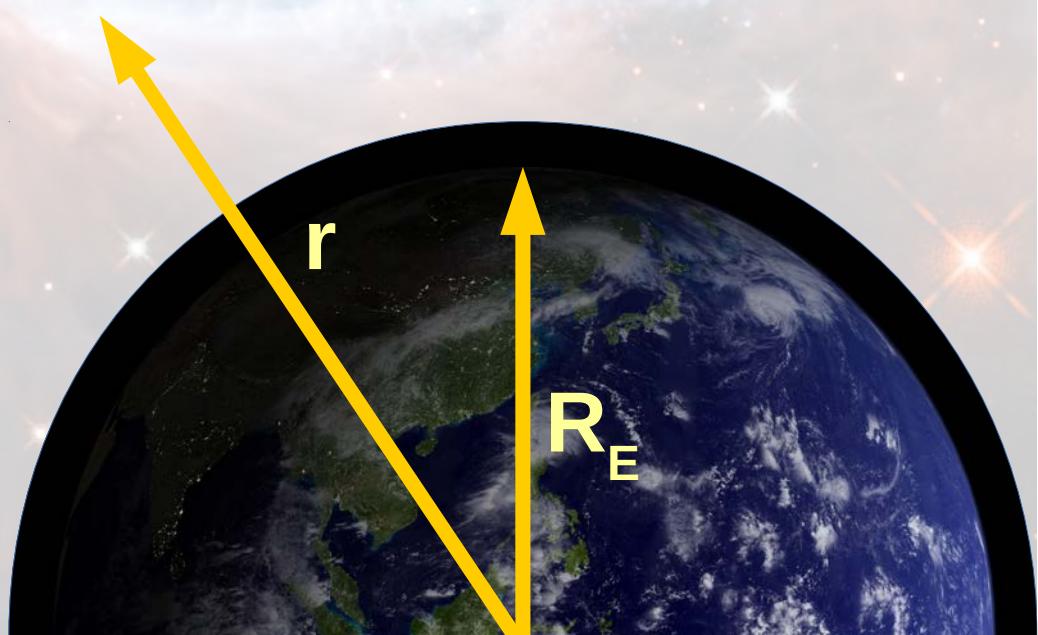
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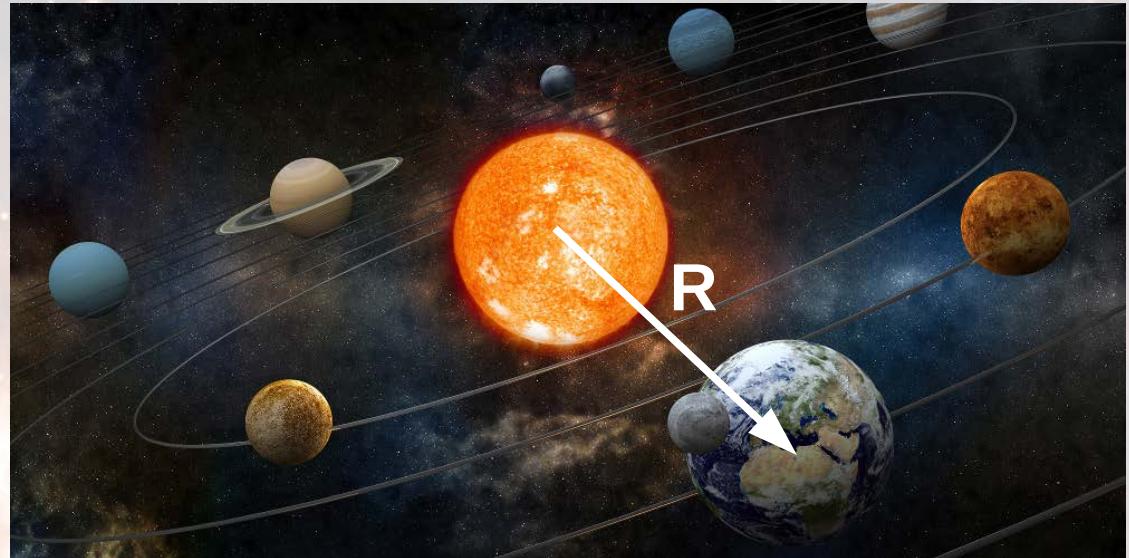
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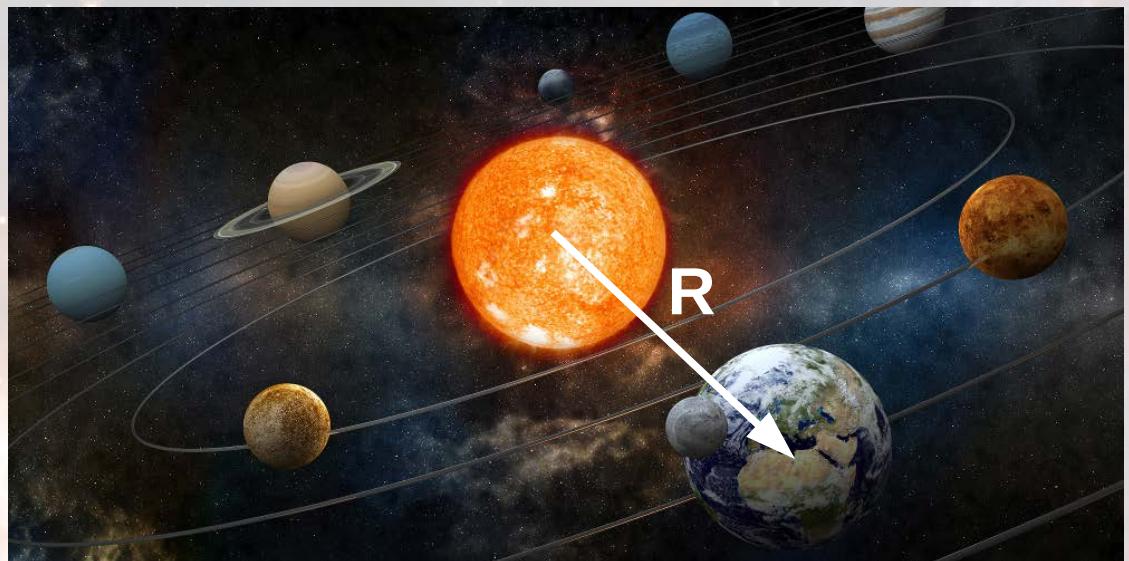
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$$R = 1.5 \times 10^8 \text{ km}$$



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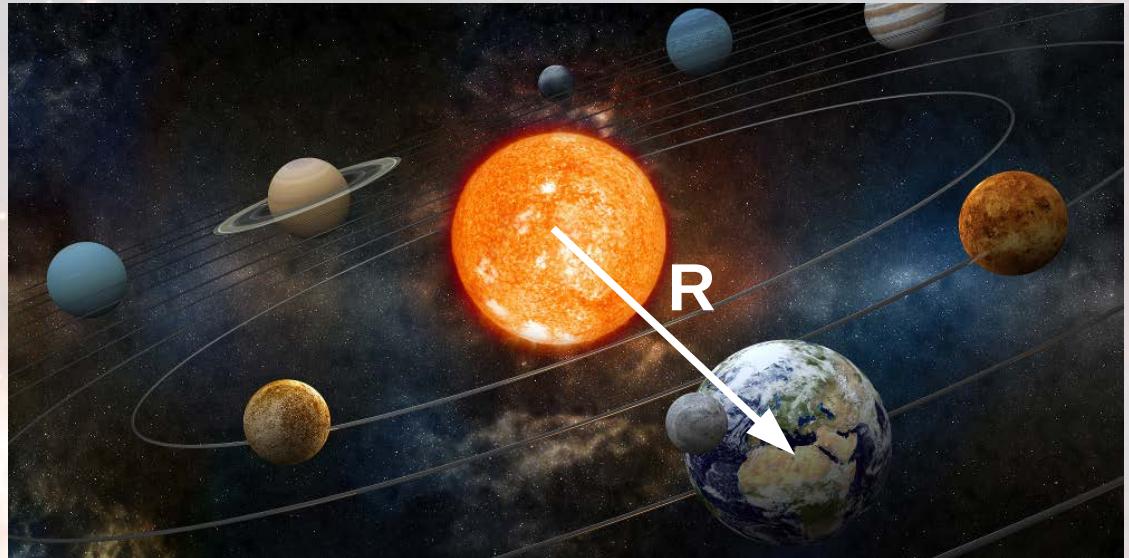
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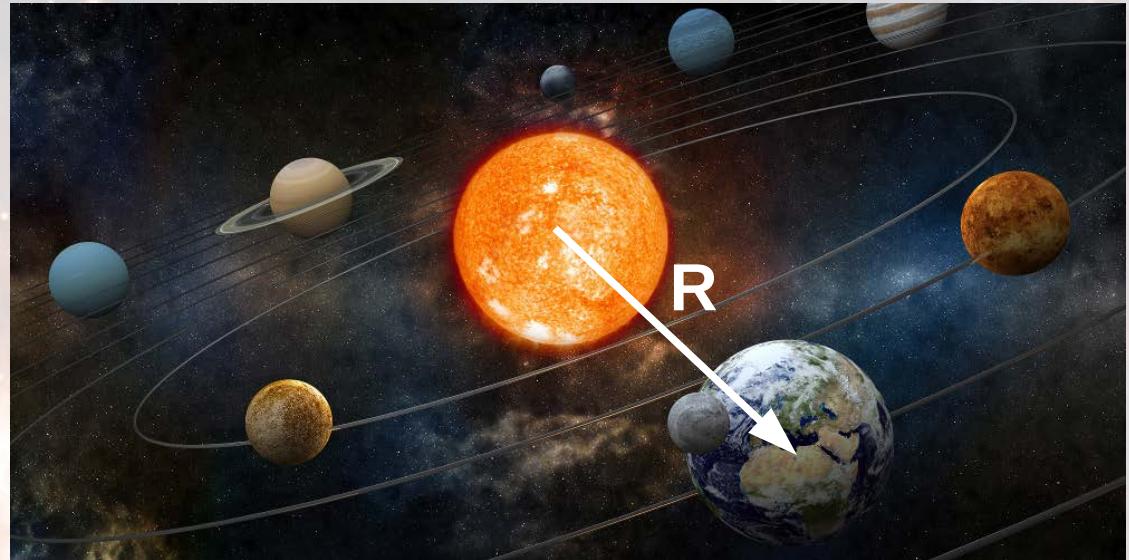
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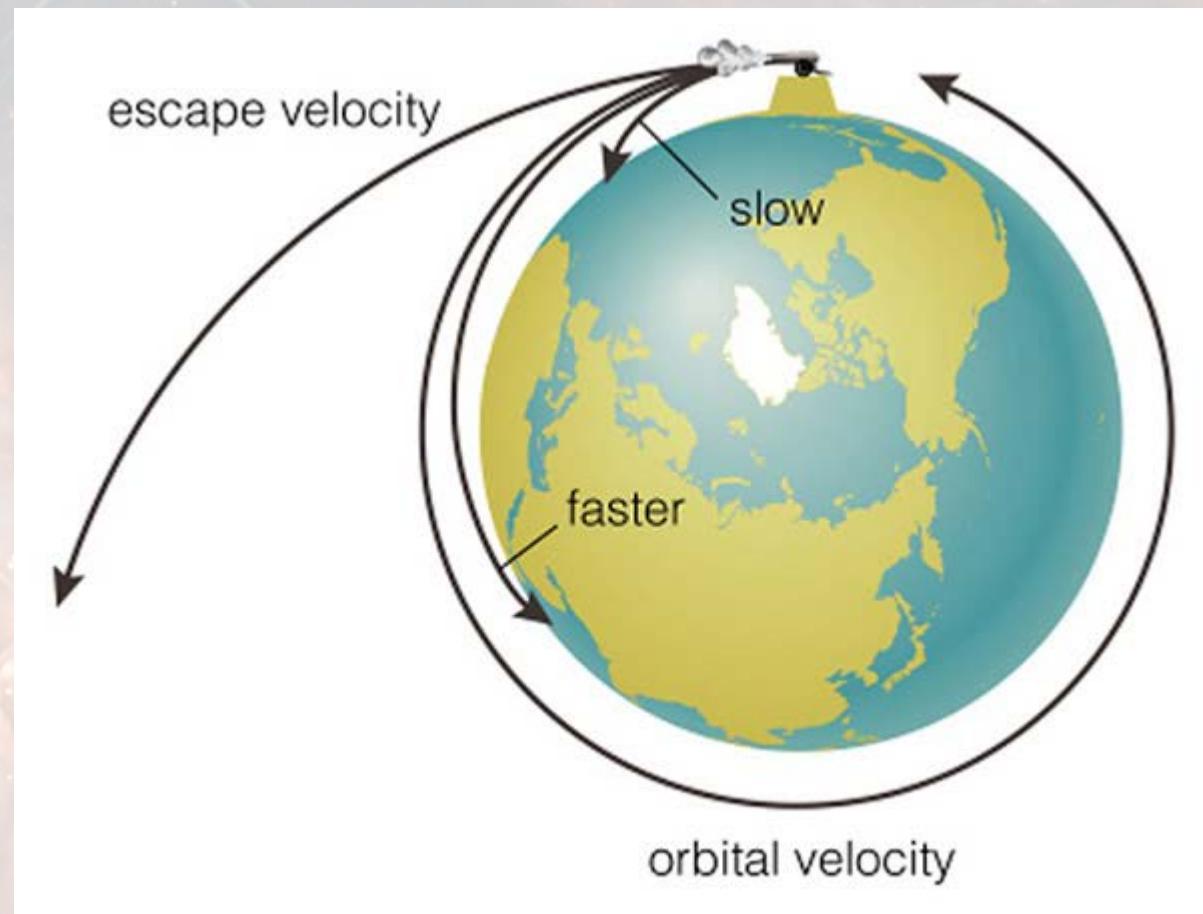
Equivalent to setting off every nuke on Earth every second for 250 000 years or the energy released from the surface of the Sun in 160 days.



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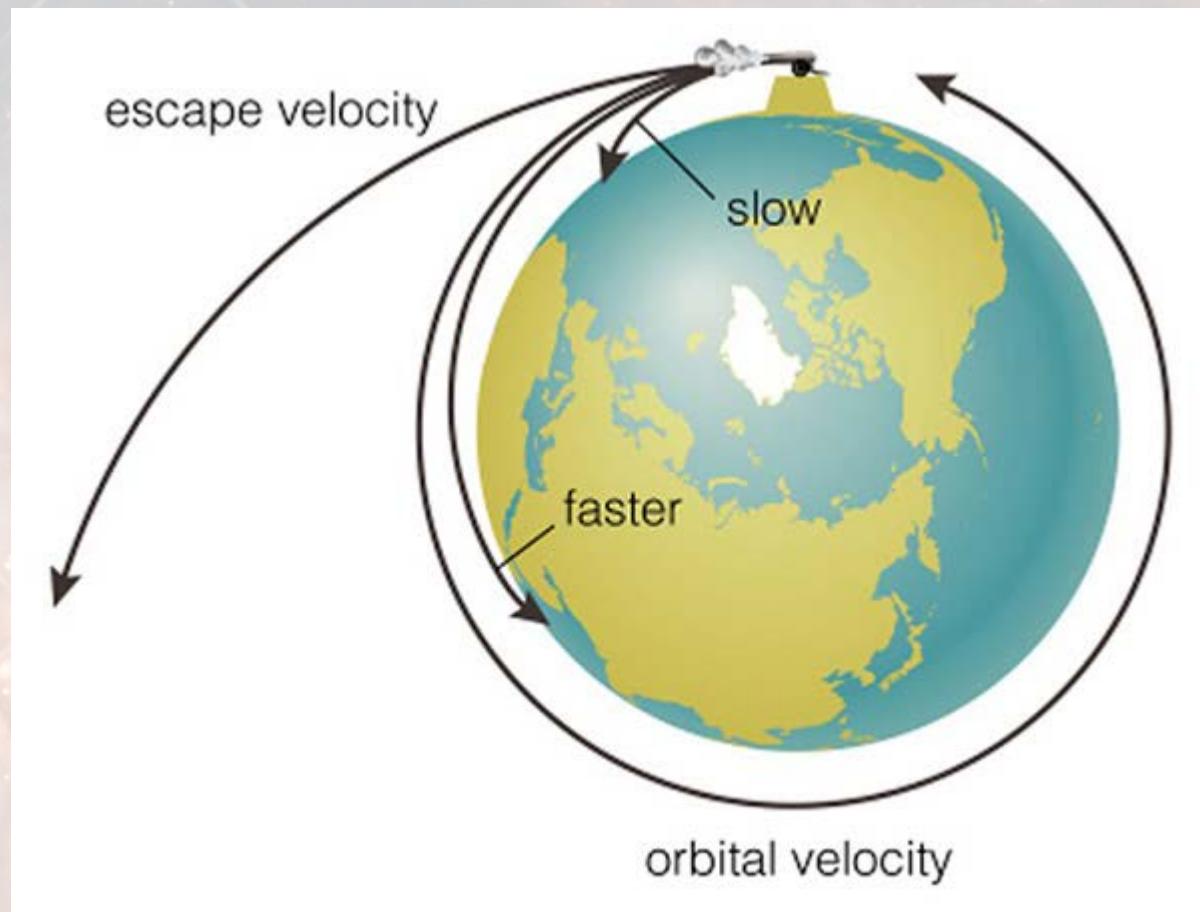


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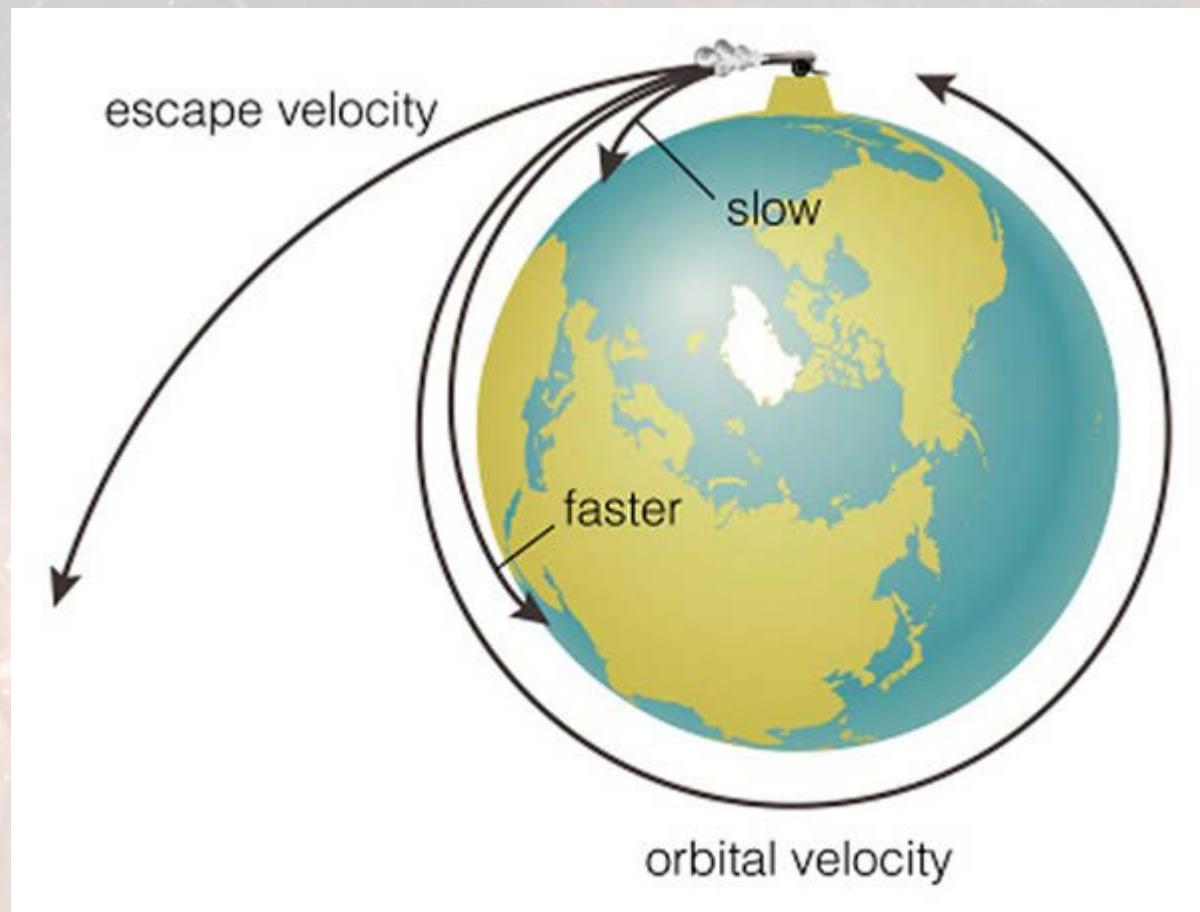
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escape velocity

slow

faster

orbital velocity

