Jovian Planet Systems
11.1 A Different Kind of Planet

- Are jovian planets all alike?
- What are jovian planets like on the inside?
- What is the weather like on jovian planets?
- Do jovian planets have magnetospheres like Earth's?
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Why are Jupiter's Galilean moons so geologically active?
What is remarkable about Titan and the other major moons of the outer solar system?
Why are small icy moons more geologically active than small rocky planets?
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- What are Saturn's rings like?
- How do other jovian ring systems compare to Saturn's?
- Why do the jovian planets have rings?
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