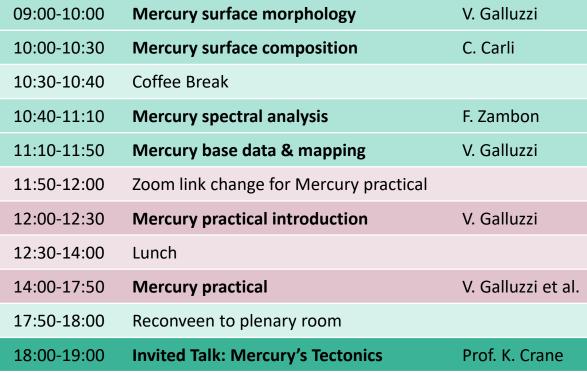
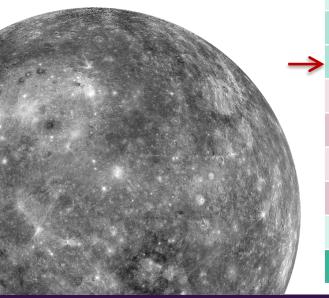


Mercury Day Schedule









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Mercury Base Data & Mapping

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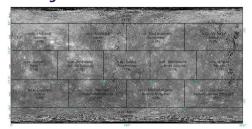


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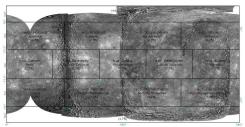
MESSENGER datasets provide global coverage images useful for the photo-interpretation of the surface.

Best place to explore and download them: https://messenger.quickmap.io/

MDIS global mosaics



MDIS + M10 flyby mosaics



MDIS color mosaics

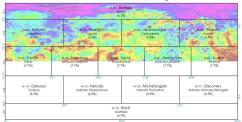


166 m/pixel

500 m/pixel

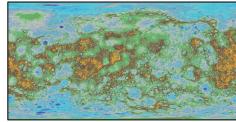
332, 665 m/pixel

MLA DTM Northern hemisphere



[Zuber et al., 2012]

USGS global multi-image DTM



[Becker et al., 2016]

DLR regional DTMs

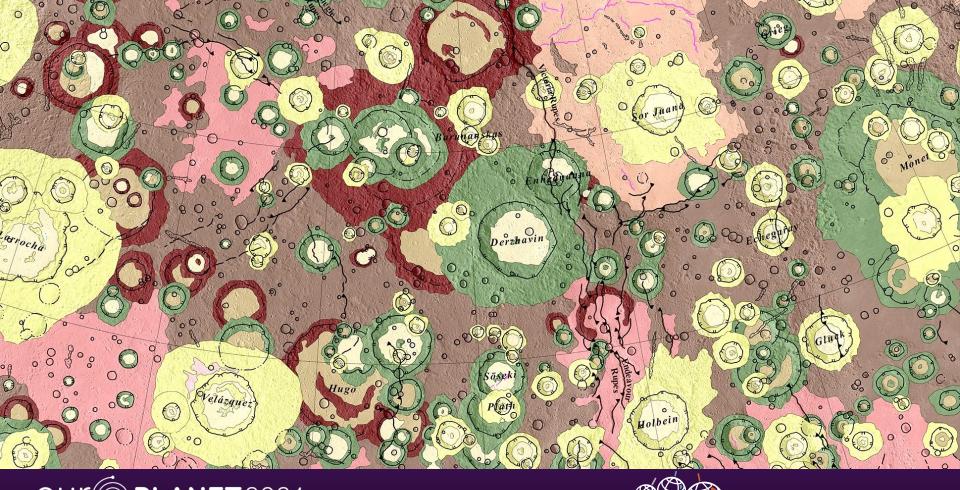
+ H03, H05, H06, H07

222 m

665 m











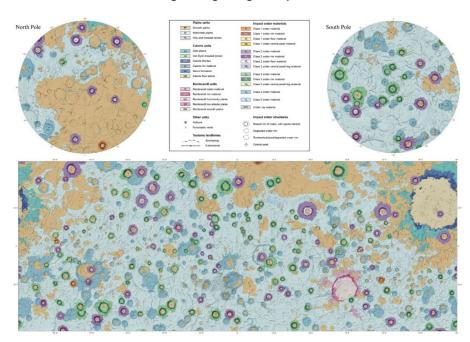
Past & Present Geological Maps of Mercury

After the end of the Mariner 10 mission, a series of 1:5M-scale maps was produced.

Today, a 1:15M global map is being prepared by the MESSENGER team.

Mariner 10 preliminary geological map [Trask & Guest, 1975]

MESSENGER team, 1:15M global geologic map [Prockter et al., 2016]



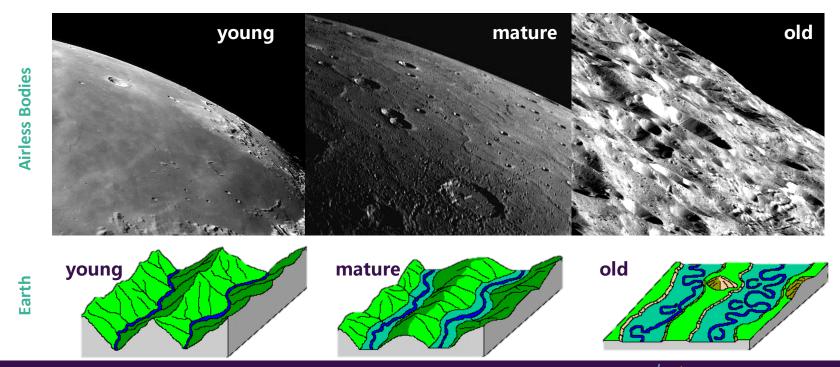




Space Weathering and Terrains Relative Ages

Impact craters are part of the space weathering process and change the **terrain appearance** in time.

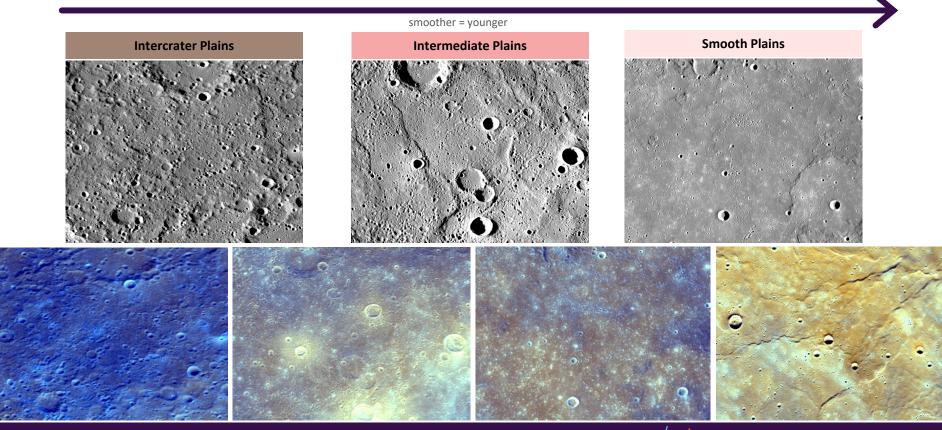
«On Mercury surface morphology reflects the age, composition, lithology, and mode of formation of the underlying rock unit» (Trask & Guest, 1975).







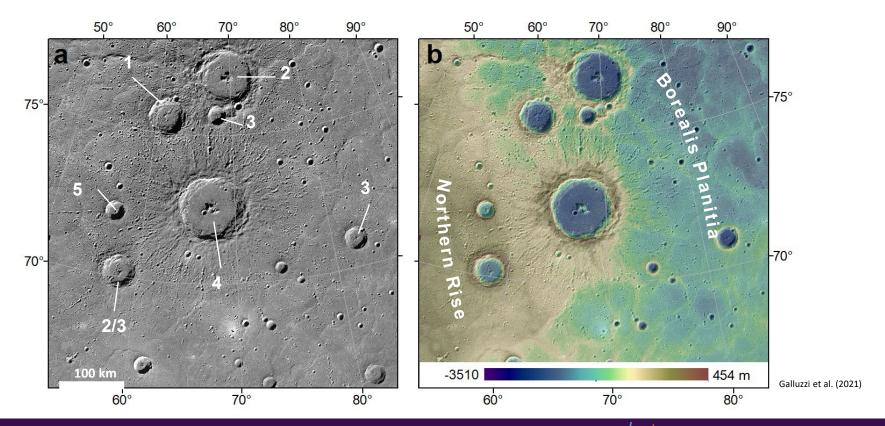
Main Geological Units







Crater relative ages







Hermean Craters

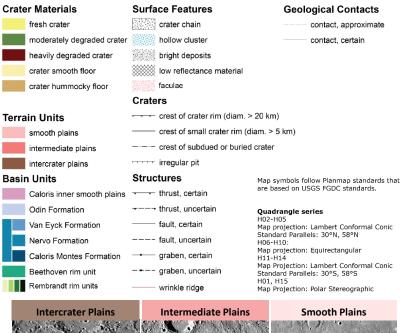






Geological Mapping

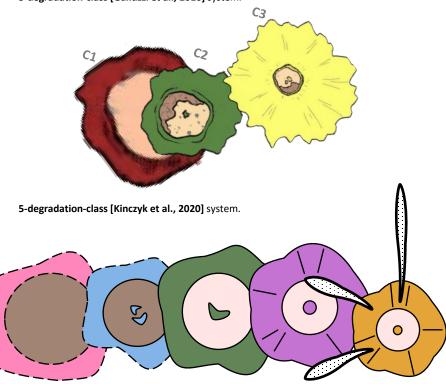
Legend



Intercrater Plains Intermediate Plains Smooth Plains

Craters larger than 20 km:

3-degradation-class [Galluzzi et al., 2016] system.



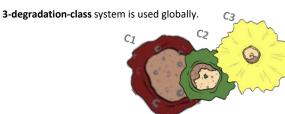
c1: Pre-Tolstojan | c2: Tolstojan | c3: Calorian | c4: Mansurian | c5: Kuiperian



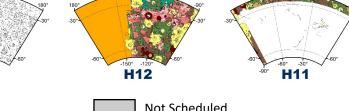


European 1:3M Quadrangle Geological Map series Legend Crater Materials Surface Features **Geological Contacts** H01 H15 crater chain fresh crater contact, approximate moderately degraded crater contact, certain heavily degraded crater bright deposits H₀2 **H05** crater smooth floor low reflectance material faculae crater hummocky floor Craters crest of crater rim (diam. > 20 km) Terrain Units crest of small crater rim (diam. > 5 km) intermediate plains ---- crest of subdued or buried crater tercrater plains · irregular pit Structures Map symbols follow Planmap standards that are based on USGS FGDC standards. Caloris inner smooth plains Odin Formation → — → thrust, uncertain Ouadrangle series - fault, certain Van Evck Formation Map projection: Lambert Conformal Conic Standard Parallels: 30°N, 58°N ---- fault, uncertain ervo Formation Map projection: Equirectangular Caloris Montes Formation - graben, certain H11-H14 Map Projection: Lambert Conformal Conic -+-- graben, uncertain Standard Parallels: 30°S, 58°S Rembrandt rim units wrinkle ridge **H08** Map Projection: Polar Stereographic 180°

Craters larger than 20 km:



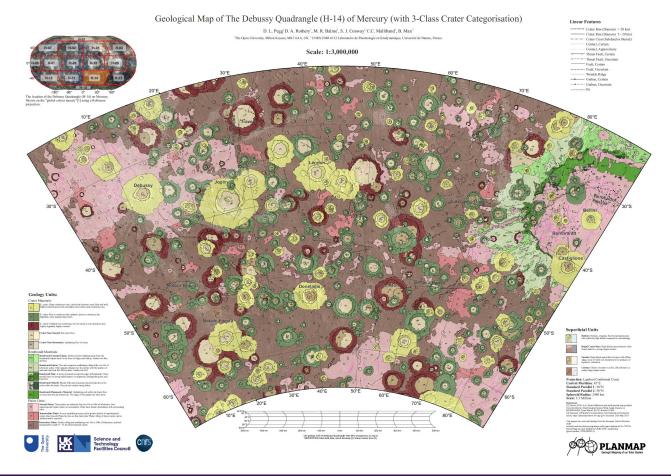










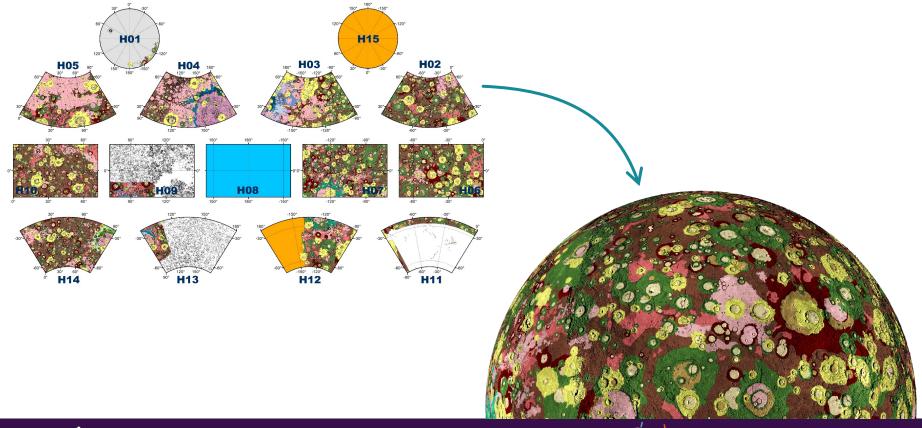








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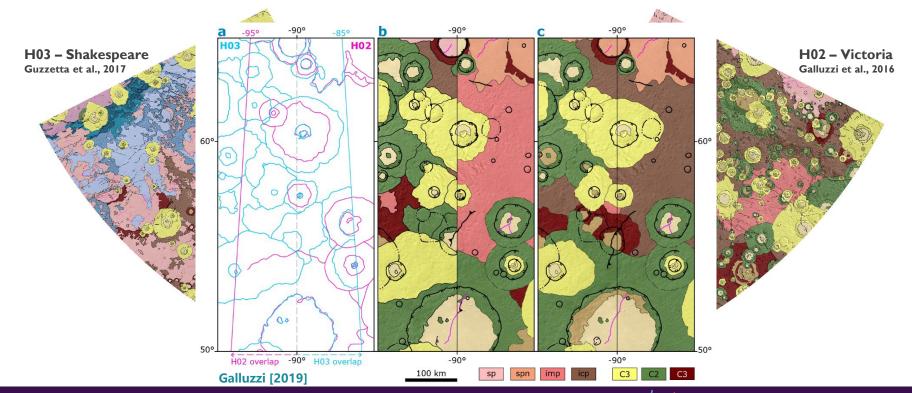






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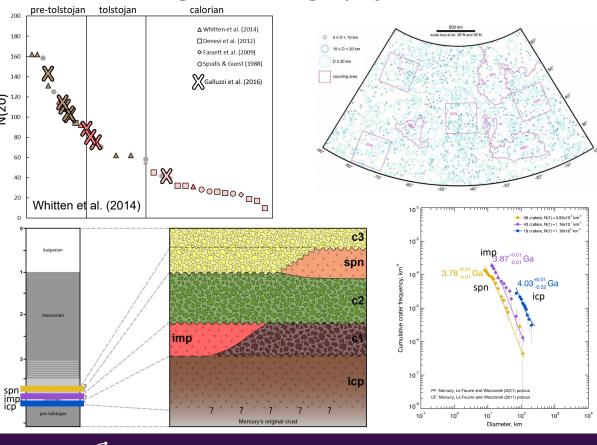
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Understanding the Stratigraphy



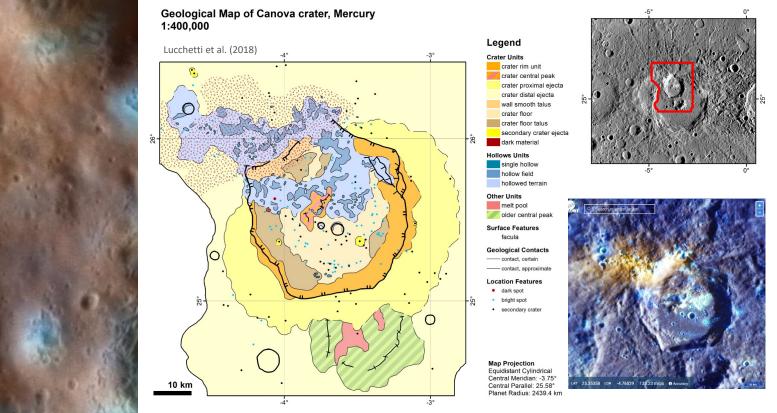
Galluzzi et al. [2016, JoM]

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Area name	Unit description	$N(20) \pm \sigma p$
SPn	Northern smooth plains, NE	40 ± 10
IMP1	Intermediate plains, E	76 ± 20
IMP2	Intermediate plains, W	89 ± 34
IMP	Intermediate Plains, all areas	80 ± 17
ICP1	Intercrater Plains, NW	102 ± 25
ICP2	Intercrater Plains, central	142 ± 30
ICP3	Intercrater Plains, E	103 ± 26
ICP4	Intercrater Plains, SW	111 ± 26
ICP	Intercrater Plains, all areas	114 ± 13





Mapping Hollows



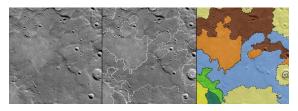


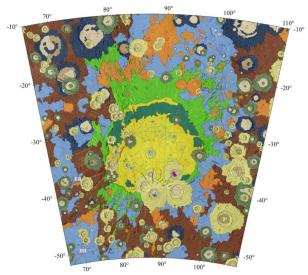




Integrated Planetary Geological Maps

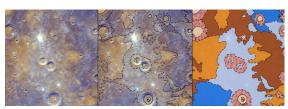


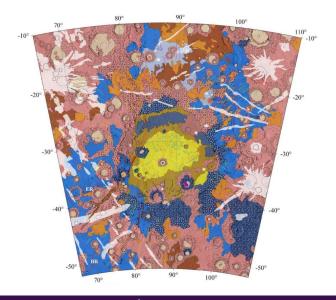




Semenzato et al. (2020)

Geo-Stratigraphic Map









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