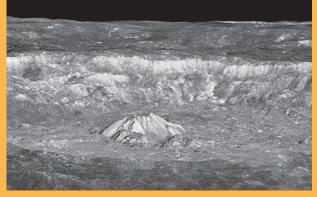
## **Engineering Node**

The Engineering Node (EN) provides systems engineering leadership and support to the entire PDS. EN handles the global aspects of the PDS such as the system architecture, standards and technology, and the development of system-wide software tools. EN coordinates the organization and distribution of data, the development and implementation of catalog meta-data, and the management of the high-level portal to access the PDS archive. The Engineering Node is located at JPL and is under the management of Jordan Padams.

For information please visit: **pds.nasa.gov** 



# **Images**

Jupiter-Juno

South Pole Mosaic

Mars-Curiosity Rover
Vera Rubin Ridge

Pluto-New Horizons
False color base map

Saturn-Cassini
Saturn's rings strongly backlit

Asteroid Ceres-Dawn
Craters Marcia, Calpurnia, and Minucia

Moon-Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter

Oblique view of Tycho Crater





# The Planetary Data System acquires, preserves, and distributes the large volumes of unique and valuable data returned by Solar System Exploration missions.

# Planetary Data System

The NASA Planetary Data System (PDS) is an active archive that provides peer reviewed planetary science data to the research community. Sponsored by NASA's Science Mission Directorate, its purpose is to ensure the long-term viability and utility of planetary science data and to stimulate scientific research. PDS today is a leader in archive technology, providing a basic resource for scientists and educators. The PDS is a distributed information system with discipline nodes located at various institutions across the U.S. PDS is managed at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland.



## **Atmospheres Node**

The Atmospheres Node is responsible for the acquisition, preservation, and distribution of all non-Earth, non-imaging atmospheric data from planetary missions. The Atmospheres Node is located at New Mexico State University and is under the management of Dr. Nancy Chanover.

#### Geosciences Node

The Geosciences Node acquires and maintains data sets relevant to the study of the surfaces and interiors of terrestrial planetary bodies. Expert assistance is provided to the scientific community in accessing various data types. The Geosciences Node is located at Washington University in St. Louis and is under the management of Dr. Raymond Arvidson.

# Navigation and Ancillary Information Facility (NAIF) Node

The NAIF Node is responsible for design and implementation of the SPICE system - a means for archiving, distributing and accessing observational geometry and related ancillary data used in mission design, mission evaluation, observation planning and science data analysis. The NAIF Node is located at JPL and is under the management of Boris Semenov.

# **Cartography & Imaging Sciences Node**

The Cartography & Imaging Sciences Node maintains and distributes the digital image collections from many planetary missions. The node provides the image archives, ancillary data, software tools, and the technical expertise necessary to utilize this vast collection. The Cartography & Imaging Sciences Node is a

collaboration between JPL and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) in Flagstaff, Arizona under Trent Hare.



### Planetary Plasma Interactions Node

The Planetary Plasma Interactions (PPI) Node is responsible for acquisition, preservation, and distribution of fields and particles data from all planetary missions. The PPI Node is at the University of California at Los Angeles and is under the management of Dr. Raymond Walker.



# Ring-Moon Systems Node

The Ring-Moon Systems (RMS) Node is devoted to archiving and distributing scientific data sets relevant to planetary ring and moon systems. The RMS Node is at the SETI Institute and is under the management of Dr. Matt Tiscareno.

### **Small Bodies Node**

The Small Bodies Node (SBN) provides consulting expertise and data sets acquired by missions and ground- and space-based telescopes for comets, asteroids, and interplanetary dust. SBN is located at the University of Maryland (UMD) College Park and is under the management of Dr. James Bauer. Subnodes responsible for a variety of disciplines are distributed at UMD (comets; Minor Planet Center) and the Planetary

