



Solar System Science with SALTUS

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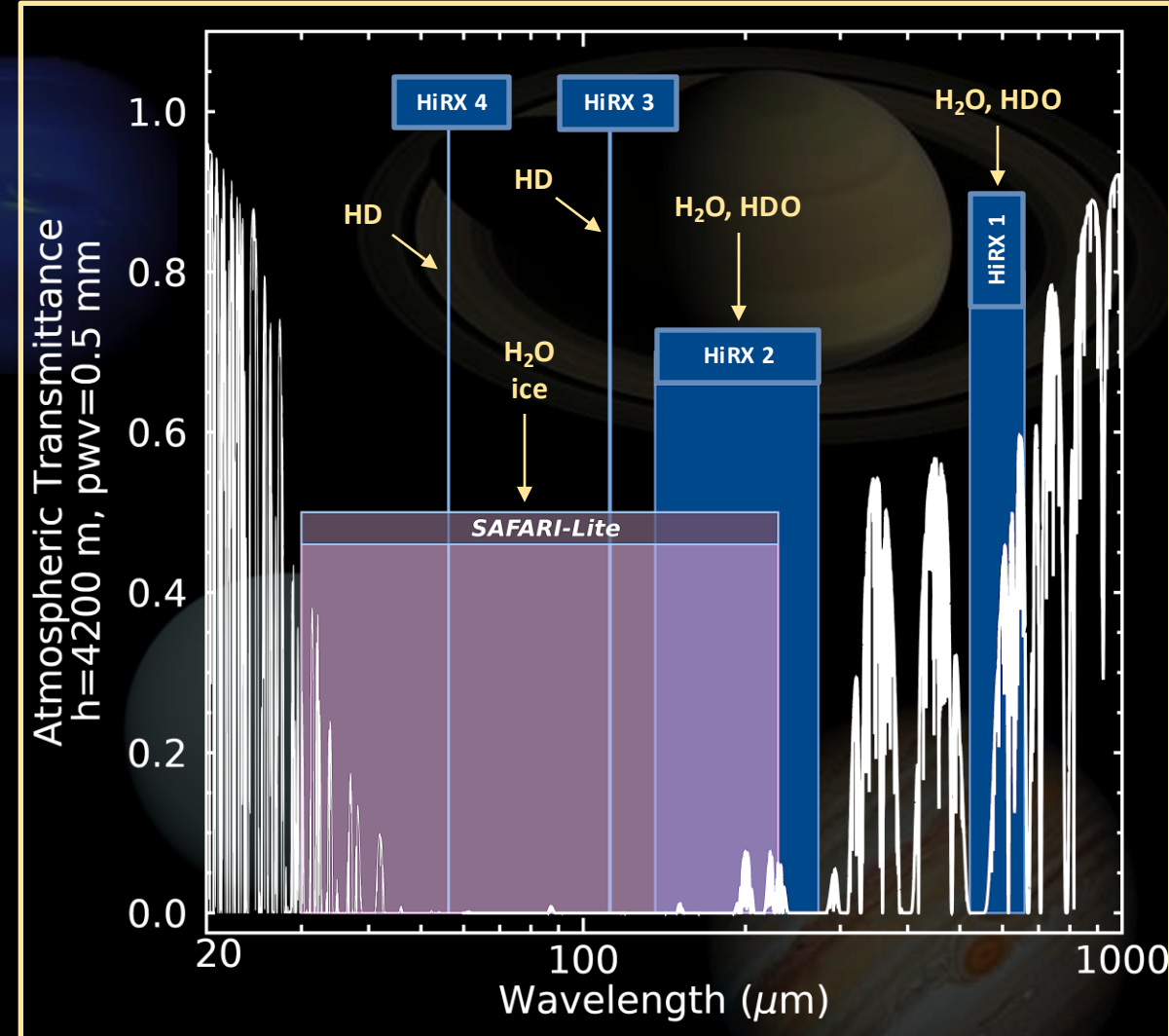
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SALTUS has Unique Capabilities

- High spectral resolving power
 - *HiRX: $R = 10^6 - 10^7$*
- High spatial resolution
 - *0.38" at 30 μm to 8.3" at 659 μm*
- High sensitivity
 - *20-m primary aperture (25 K)*
 - *4 K SIS and HEB detectors (HiRX)*
 - *0.1 K KID detectors (SAFARI-Lite)*
- Covers wavelengths obscured from ground-based telescopes
- Bridges spectral gap between ALMA and JWST

What do these unique capabilities bring to Solar System Science?



Solar System Science Themes SS.1 – SS.5

SS.1: Origin and history of water delivered to the solar system via isotopologues in:

- a) *Comets and Ocean World atmospheres* (GTO; HiRX 1,2)
- b) *Atmospheres of Giant Planets, Moon, Ceres, Venus, Mars, Titan, Triton, Pluto* (GO; HiRX 1,2)

SS.2: HD abundance in Giant Planet atmospheres (GTO; HiRX 3,4)

SS.3: Ices and other particulates in:

- a) *cometary, planetary atmospheres, Enceladus' plumes* (GTO; SAFARI-Lite)
- b) *surfaces of icy moons, Jupiter Trojans, Centaurs, KBOs* (GO; SAFARI-Lite)

SS.4: CHNOPS-containing molecules in Venus, Earth, Mars, comet atmospheres (GO; HiRX 1,2)

SS.5: Venus' complex chemistry to help distinguish exo-Venus' from exo-Earths (GO; HiRX 1,2)

Note: **GTO**=Guaranteed Time Observing (~30% total time); **GO**=General Observer (~70% total time)

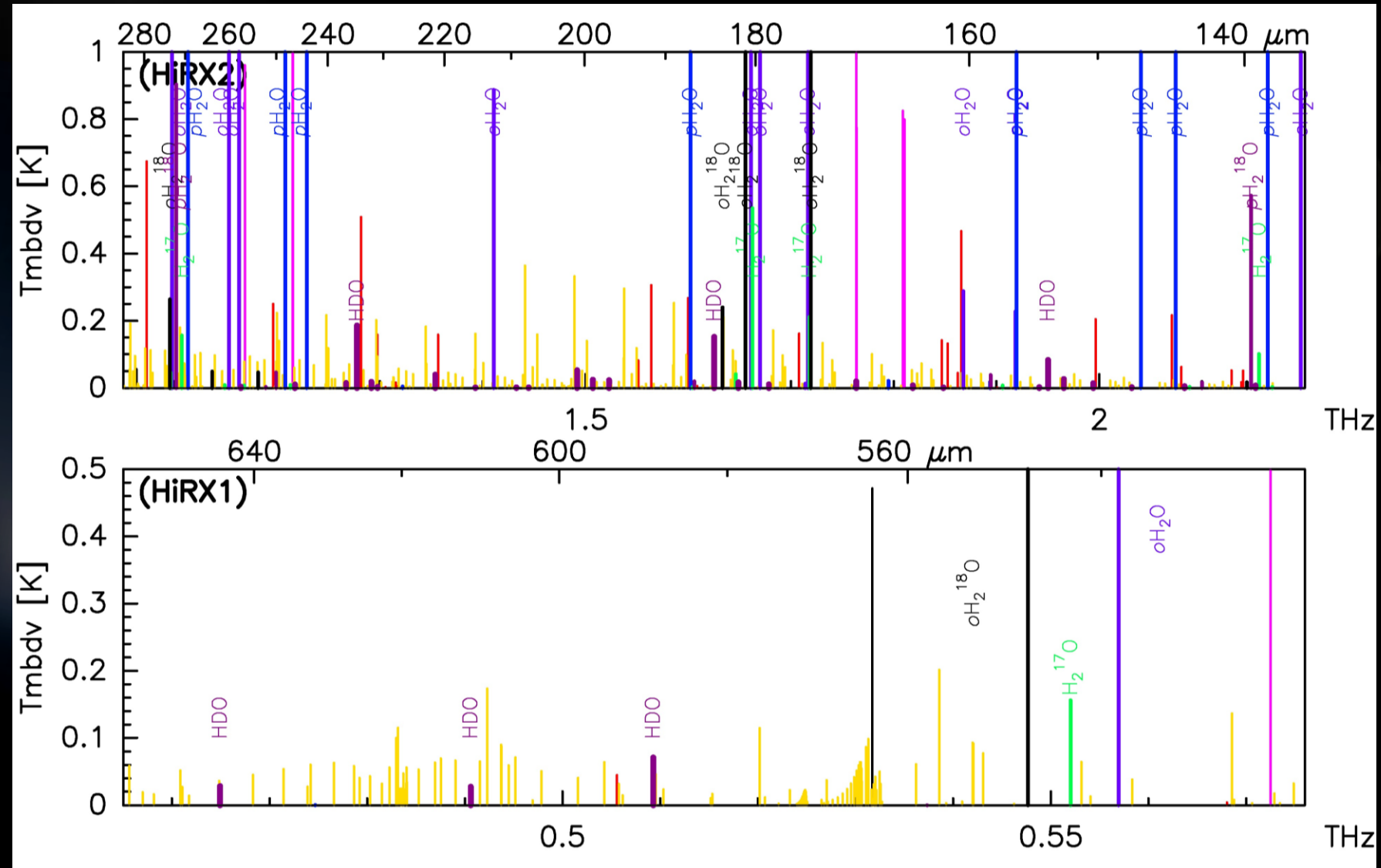
The GO Science themes demonstrate the full science capabilities of SALTUS beyond the GTO agenda. They are by no means all-encompassing and should be taken as *illustrative* science that takes advantage of SALTUS' unique capabilities. There is still time for community feedback to refine them.

Measure HDO, H₂¹⁶O, H₂¹⁸O, and H₂¹⁷O in Comets

- **Comets help constrain origin/thermal evolution of water in solar nebula**
 - *D/H ratios are critical diagnostics of isotopic fractionation*
- **Accurate D/H ratios reported in 2 comets from remote investigations**
 - *high accuracy requires near-simultaneous H₂O with multiple HDO lines*
 - *D/H ratios reported in 14 other comets with an intrinsic dispersion (range) of ~1 – 3x that of Earth's oceans (VSMOW)*
 - *few simultaneous measurements of HDO with other water isotopes exist*
- **SALTUS HiRX will significantly increase the sample size and accuracy of D/H by observing HDO and H₂O in 30 – 40 comets with a single instrument**
- **HiRX will measure at least 5 HDO transitions between 112 and 645 μm in <12 hours**
 - *simultaneously retrieve H₂¹⁶O, H₂¹⁸O, and H₂¹⁷O*

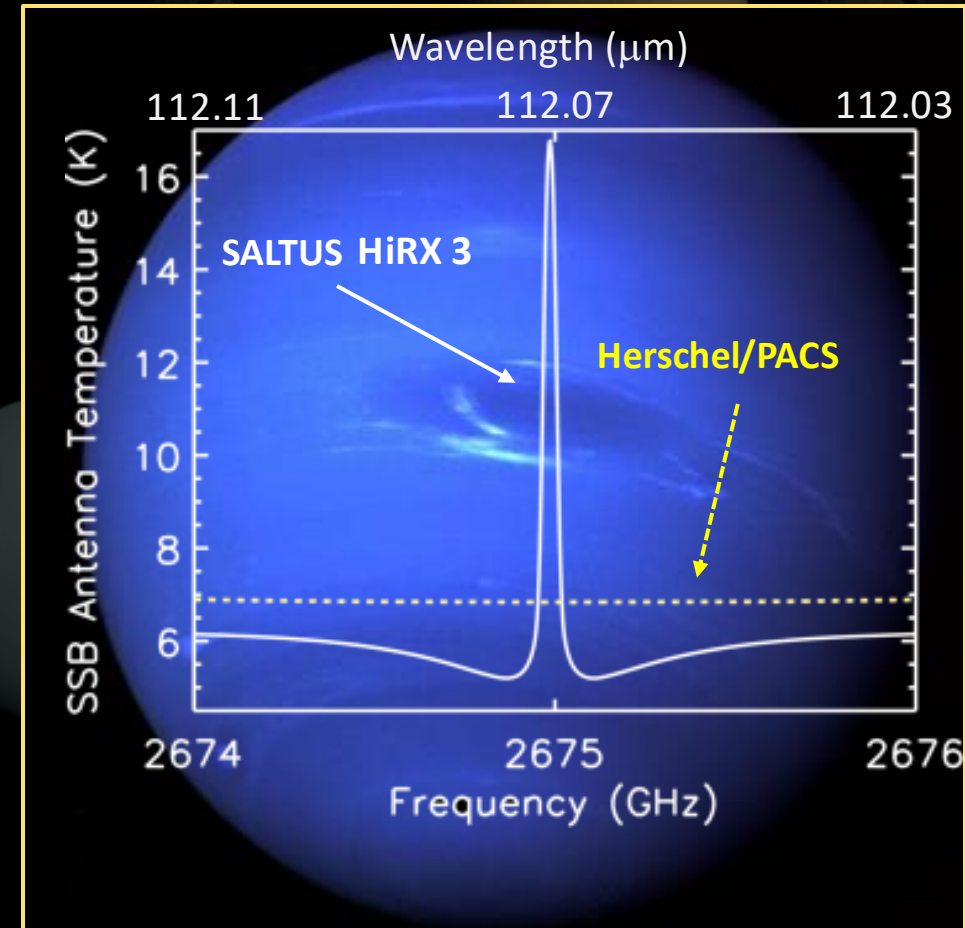
HiRX 1 and 2 Comet Simulation

- $QH_2O = 5 \times 10^{28}$ at 1 AU
- $H_2^{16}O$ (blue)
- HDO (thick maroon)
- $H_2^{18}O$ (light maroon)
- $H_2^{17}O$ (green)
- CH_3OH (yellow)
- H_2S (red)
- NH_3 (pink)
- HCN, CO (thin black)



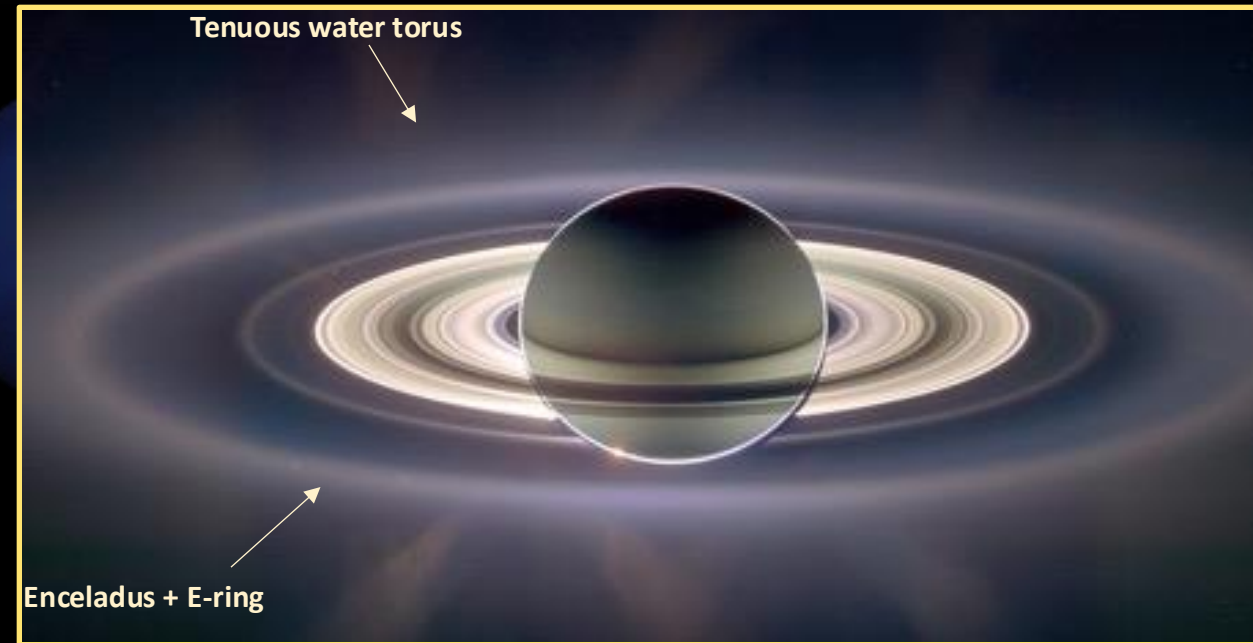
Measure HD in the Giant Planets

- **Accurate D/H measurements needed to constrain origin models**
 - *HD can only be measured from stratospheric- and space-borne platforms*
- **HD measured by *Herschel*, *ISO*, and *Cassini***
 - *stratospheric and tropospheric contributions could not be separated*
 - *limited accuracy in deriving HD*
- **SALTUS HiRX will independently measure HD in the upper troposphere and stratosphere**
 - *spectrally resolve emission line core to derive stratospheric HD*
 - *test the expectation that HD is well mixed*
- **SALTUS will measure both the HD 1-0 (112 μm ; HiRX 3) and HD 2-1 (56 μm ; HiRX 4) lines**



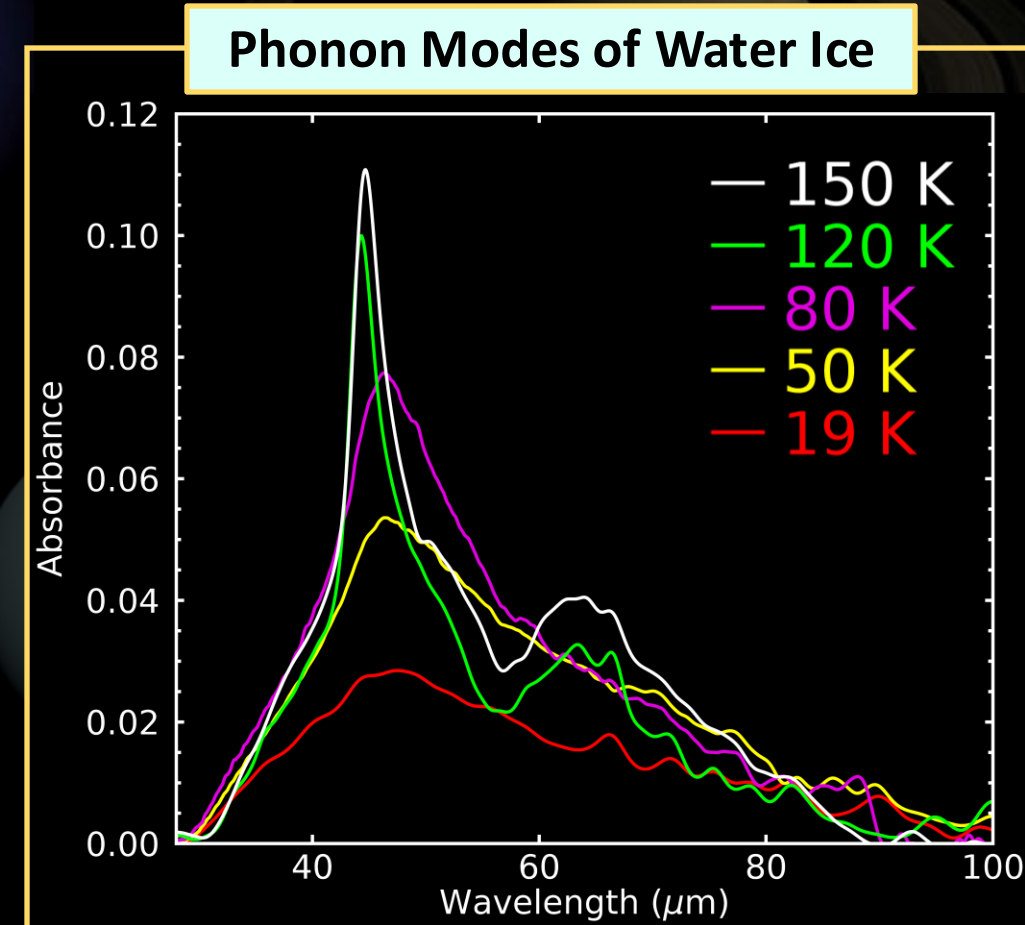
Measure H₂O in Enceladus' Torus

- **Investigate habitability of an Ocean World**
 - *100s of kg/s of water vapor jet into space*
 - *torus extends 10s of thousands of km*
 - *large spatial extent allows for water isotopic measurements*
- **SALTUS HiRX measurements will provide a rare opportunity to probe conditions in the interior of Enceladus**
 - *first to spatially-map out water emitting directly from the torus*
 - *measure isotopic ratios through HDO and H₂¹⁸O transitions*
- **Building on the Herschel HIFI legacy but with higher spatial resolution and sensitivity**
- **SAFARI-Lite will characterize the water ice near Enceladus and in the E-ring**



Measure far-IR ice signatures with SAFARI-Lite

- **Far-IR comprises low energy lattice vibrational modes of ices**
 - *unique views into composition, structure, porosity, thermal evolution*
 - *evolutionary history imprints into spectral dependence*
- **Easily distinguish between amorphous and crystalline phases**
 - *phase transition temperatures*
 - *informs on ice thermal evolution*
- **Extend our understanding of near-IR detected ices through their far-IR characterization**
- **Spectral signatures of solid N₂ and O₂ ice in outer solar system objects and comets**
- **Spectral signatures of mineral compositions of silicates in asteroids and comets**
 - *e.g., Fe in olivine at 69- μ m*



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More High-Impact Measurements with the GO Program

- **H₂O delivery to Gas Giant stratospheres**
 - *planetary rings, icy moons, interplanetary dust particles, comet impacts*
- **Gases in Venus' middle atmosphere**
 - *H₂O and HDO; numerous sulfur compounds; confirm/refute PH₃ detection*
- **H₂O in Titan's stratosphere**
 - *constrain its external source*
- **CH₃D and CH₄ on Titan**
 - *retrieve deuterium inventory; methane cycle*
- **H₂O on Ceres**
 - *source and spatial distribution*
 - *cryo-volcanism/ice sublimation from localized regions*
- **Lunar exospheric H₂O**
 - *density/spatial variations; pure science and resource utilization*
- **N₂ ice on Triton's surface**
 - *Mixed or pure?*

**SALTUS is
truly a
community
resource!**

Comets

H₂³³S H₂¹⁶O
OCS HDO
O¹³CS H₂¹⁸O
OC³⁴S H₂¹⁷O
OC³³S CO
SO ¹³CO
SO₂ C¹⁸O
³⁴SO₂ H₂CO
H₂O₂ H₂¹³CO
NH₃ H₂C¹⁸O
¹⁵NH₃ HCOOH
HCN CH₃OH
H¹³CN O₂
HC¹⁵N O¹⁸O
HNC O¹⁷O
HF H₂S
HCl H₂³⁴S
CH₃CN

Molecules Galore!
There are a profusion of molecules available for Solar System Science with SALTUS GO.

Ocean Worlds

H₂¹⁶O H₂O₂
HDO O₃
H₂¹⁸O OO¹⁸O
H₂¹⁷O O¹⁸OO
CO OO¹⁷O
C¹⁸O O¹⁷OO
¹³CO CH₃OH
NaCl NH₃
SO₂ ¹⁵NH₃
³⁴SO₂ HCN
H₂S H¹³CN
H₂³⁴S HC¹⁵N
H₂³³S HNC

Venus

H₂¹⁶O H₂S
H₂¹⁸O H₂³⁴S
H₂¹⁷O H₂³³S
HDO H₂SO₄
CO¹⁸O ClO
CO¹⁷O ³⁷ClO
¹³CO¹⁸O H₂O₂
¹³CO¹⁷O SO
CO SO₂
¹³CO ³⁴SO₂
C¹⁸O OCS
O₂ O¹³CS
O¹⁸O OC³⁴S
O¹⁷O OC³³S
O₃ NO
OO¹⁸O NO₂
OO¹⁷O PH₃

Titan

H₂¹⁶O H₂¹⁶OCO¹⁷O
HDO ¹³CO¹⁸O
H₂¹⁸O ¹³CO¹⁷O
H₂¹⁷O HCN
CH₄ DCN
¹³CH₄ H¹³CN
CH₃D HC¹⁵N
CO H¹³C¹⁵N
¹³CO HC₃N
C¹⁸O CH₃CN
¹³C¹⁸O C₂H₅CN
CO¹⁸O C₂H₃CN

Giant Planets

HD PH₃
CH₄ H₂S
¹³CH₄ H₂³⁴S
CH₃D H₂³³S
CO NH₃
¹³CO ¹⁵NH₃
C¹⁸O HCN
H₂¹⁶O H¹³CN
H₂¹⁸O HC¹⁵N
H₂¹⁷O GeH₄
HDO AsH₃

Moon/CERES

H₂¹⁶O
HDO
H₂¹⁸O
H₂¹⁷O
OH

Pluto

H₂O
HDO
H₂¹⁸O
H₂¹⁷O
NaCl
CO
¹³CO
C¹⁸O
HCN
H¹³CN
HC¹⁵N
HNC
CH₄
¹³CH₄
CH₃D

Mars

H₂¹⁶O
HDO
H₂¹⁸O
H₂¹⁷O
CO
¹³CO
C¹⁸O
CO¹⁸O
CO¹⁷O
¹³CO¹⁸O
¹³CO¹⁷O
O₂
O₃
H₂O₂
H₂CO
H₂¹³CO
H₂C¹⁸O
HCOOH
CH₄

Solar System Science Logistics

- **SALTUS operational efficiency is currently 60%**
 - *~6600 hrs over 5 yrs for Solar System Science*
 - *GTO occupies 30% of this time, while GO program comprises 70%*
- **Threshold Science**
 - *Year 1; Phase-E will commence ~2032*
 - *observe ~80 objects, 6 – 10 combined JFCs and OCCs*
 - *science includes initial detection/discovery of astrochemically-relevant compounds*
- **Baseline Science**
 - *Years 2 – 5*
 - *an additional ~220 objects, 24 – 30 more combined JFCs and OCCs*
 - *broadens Threshold Science impact by expanding measurements to include i) additional transitions, ii) more spatial and time coverage on target, iii) spectral surveys.*

All GTO and GO data will be made public as soon as practical through a NASA-managed astrophysics data archive.

**Thank you for your time.
Questions?**

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