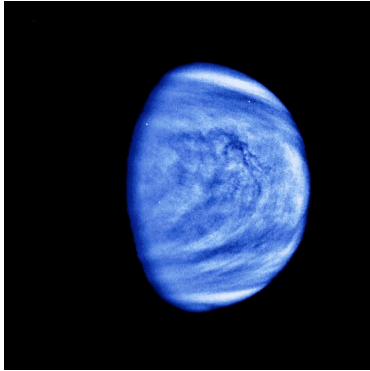
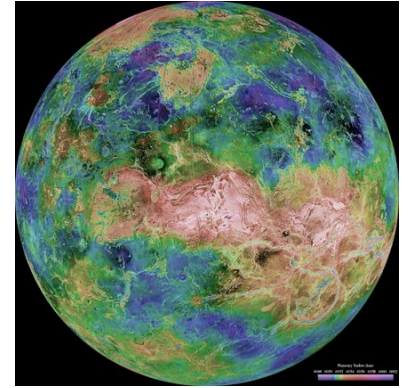


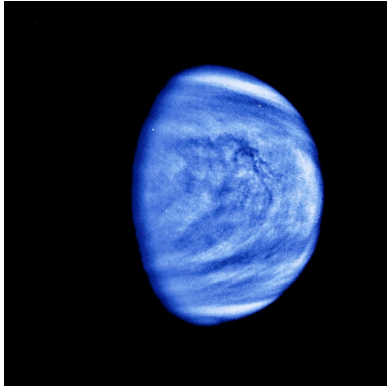
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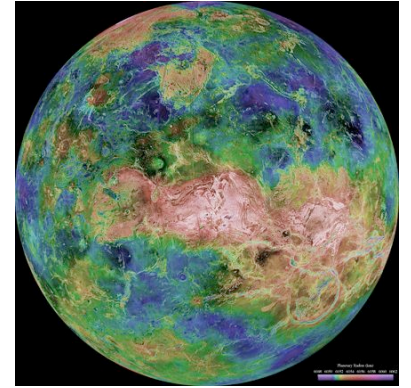
# Since our last meeting



- Good news
  - Flagship mission study started (Mark Bullock, Chair)
  - Comparative Climatology effort moving forward
  - Ongoing success of Venus Express
- Issues
  - Uncertainty in wake of HQ changes, budget issues
  - Venus New Frontiers mission recommended by DS to be accomplished by 2015. Venus mission in NF NOSSE report reaffirmed, but diluted as mission list expanded
  - Ongoing dilution of Venus community due to lack of research programs, missions
  - 15 year Discovery program and 1 NF opportunity - **Venus is overdue!**



# Goals of the Meeting



- Updates from Venus Express, VCO, NASA HQ
- Review progress of the Venus Flagship Science and Technology Definition Team
  - Science Priorities
  - Mission Architecture
  - PROVIDE COMMUNITY INPUT
- Review progress of Climate Initiative that was focus of VEXAG 4
- Review White Paper
  - What is missing (laboratory science, modeling, ?)
- Formulate recommendations