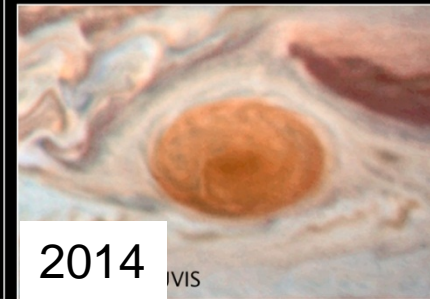
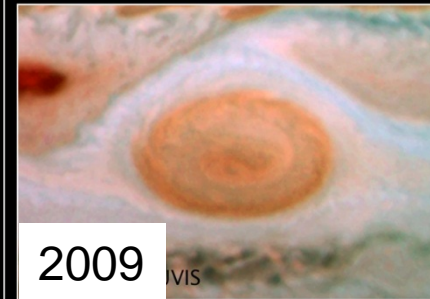
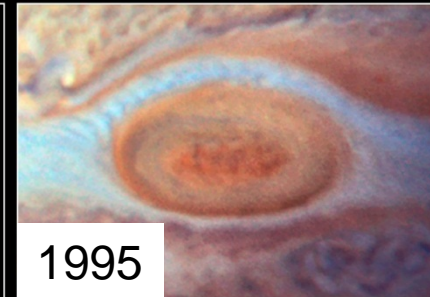
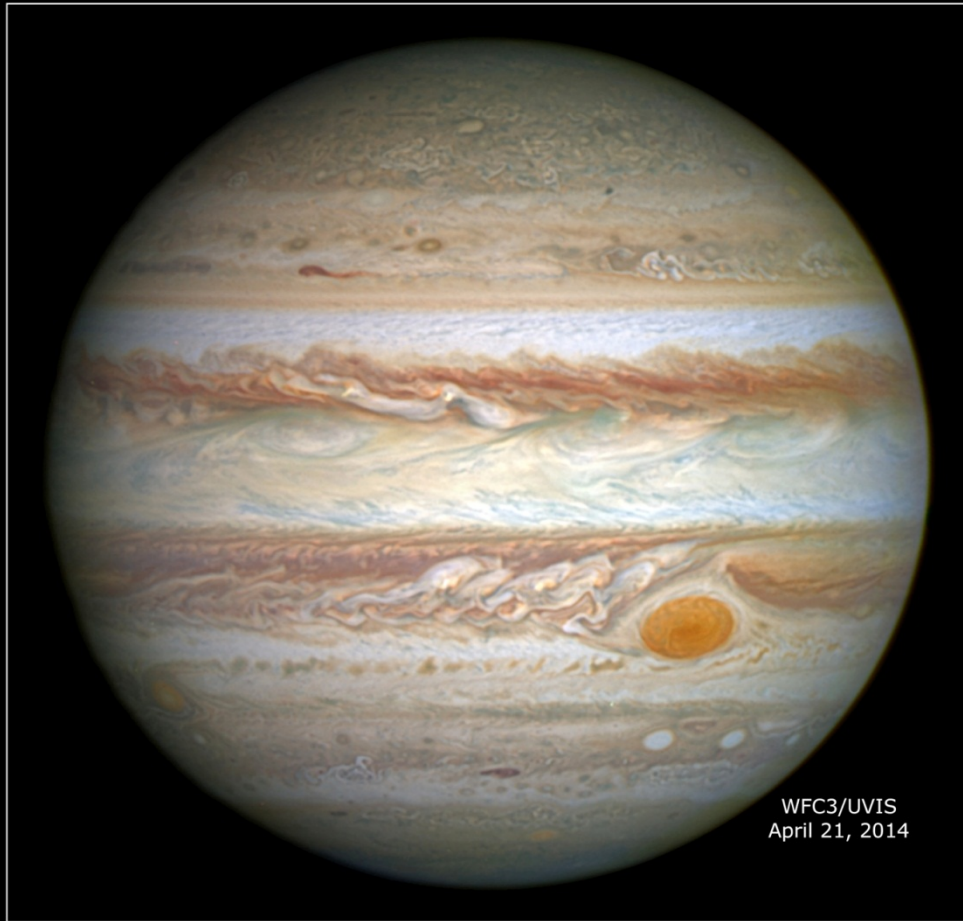


Jupiter's Shrinking Great Red Spot



- Jupiter's Red Spot is a gigantic Earth-sized cyclone.
- Astronomers have observed the Great Red Spot shrinking for decades.
- It is now at the smallest size ever measured, 16,500 km (10,250 miles) across, shrinking at an unprecedented rate of 930 km (580 miles) per year. Its spin rate is speeding as it shrinks, like an ice skater bringing her arms closer to her body to spin faster.
- Scientists are studying this feature to learn what mechanisms could maintain such a large storm for extended periods.

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