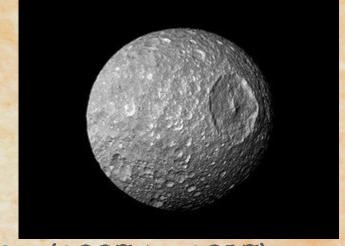
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## Can a Liquid Ocean Exist on Mimas?

- Known as the Death Star moon because of the "Herschel Crater"
- It's orbital resonance might create the gap between Saturn Rings A and B



- Was mapped by the Cassini Probe (2007 to 2017)
- Discovered by <u>William Herschel</u> using his "40 foot Telescope"
- Named for the Greek giant conceived from the blood of Uranus

#### Possible Stealth Ocean on Mimas

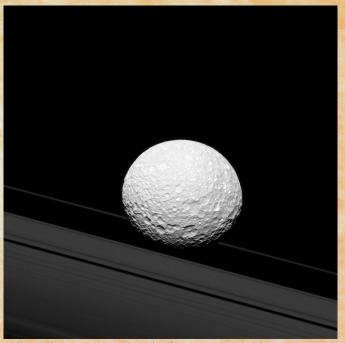
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• 1/3rd the density of Earth's Moon, 1/12th the radius

• Surface temp is -315 deg F

• Little to no tectonics, which is surprising due to it's close orbit to Saturn

Mimas's librations led to speculation that the moon has either an ocean and small stable core, or an unstable core with only an ice shell



• This study used the 87-mile Herschel impact basin to explore the possibility of a hidden ocean on Mimas

### Is there a Hidden Ocean?

- According to the study's calculations Herschel had to have been formed by collision with another object orbiting Saturn (15 vs 27 km/s)
- Impacting object estimated at 4.8 km in diameter
- The shape of the impact crater implies that an ocean existed 34 to 44 miles below the surface at the time of impact
- The crater is estimated to be younger than 1 billion years old, and the ocean under Mimas's ice has grown since the impact occurred
- In order for Mimas to have created the Cassini division the tidal forces would have melted all the ice
- The model implies that an ocean is more likely than none

## Born this Day - Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin

• Born in 1900 in Wendover, England

 Studied botany, physics, and chemistry at Newnham College

 Was refused the opportunity to study astronomy in England but managed to work her way into a job at the Harvard Observatory

Proved in her thesis "Stellar

Atmospheres" that stars consist of ~70% H and ~30% He, with other elements making up less than 1% masses

• With the help of her husband, an assistant at the observatory, she mapped out more than 2,000,000 variable stars in the Magellanic Clouds

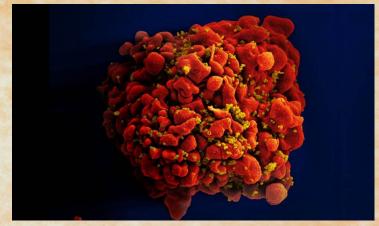
## Died This Day in 1907 - Frederick Moore

- Born in 1830 in London
- Became an assistant and later a curator at the East India Company Museum in 1848
- Was a writer, illustrator, and artist
- Did the major work of compiling and illustrating <u>Lepidoptera</u>
   Indica - a catalogue of Indian butterflies
- The major work described more than 6000 species
- Also catalogued birds of India and butterflies of Sri Lanka

# Elimination of Replicating HIV In Humanized Mice

• T-Cells are specific white blood cells that consume invasive particles

• HIV infects T-Cells by hijacking CD4 and another co-receptor on the cell



- In most strains the co-receptor is CCR5
- The CCR5-Δ32 deletion prevents HIV from penetrating the cell membrane
- 3 patients have been cured by bone marrow transplantation from donors carrying the trait

## Human Cells Were Transplanted Into Mice

- CRISPR-Cas9 was discovered in 2012
  - Bacterial immune protein for destroying viral infections
  - Captures an RNA fragment and cuts corresponding DNA
  - o Creates many many ethical questions
- Researchers set out to test whether CCR5 could be altered and if HIV RNA could be removed using CRISPR
- Humanized mice were created in the lab
  - Mice were raised and bone marrow irradiated
  - Marrow cells were transferred from human cord blood

### Mice Were Infected With HIV and Treated

- Mice were injected with HIV and infection was confirmed by PCR after two weeks
- Mice were put in 6 groups
  - No treatment (control group)
  - o Anti-RetroViral Treatment
  - o Anti-RetroViral + CRISPR of CCR5
  - Anti-RetroViral + CRISPR of HIV
  - o Anti-RetroViral + CRISPR of Both
- Treatment was stopped

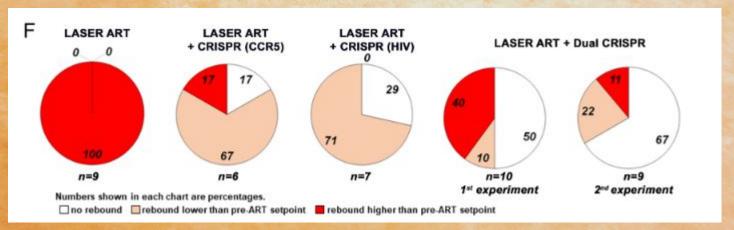


## Some Mice Were Completely Cured of HIV

• The dual CRISPR treated mice had the highest cure rates, but all CRISPR groups were partially cured

• The authors stated that complete cure requires removal from all tissues, which isn't always possible

 Most promising in my opinion is the 29% cure rate from HIV CRISPR only



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### Shoutouts

Dr Roger Seheult on Instagram and YouTube

RealWholesomeChannel on TikTok for the Pepperoni Hug Spot commercial

NeuroscienceAndYou on TikTok for her explainer of the Jennifer Aniston Neuron

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