



# BepiColombo Europe's first mission to Mercury

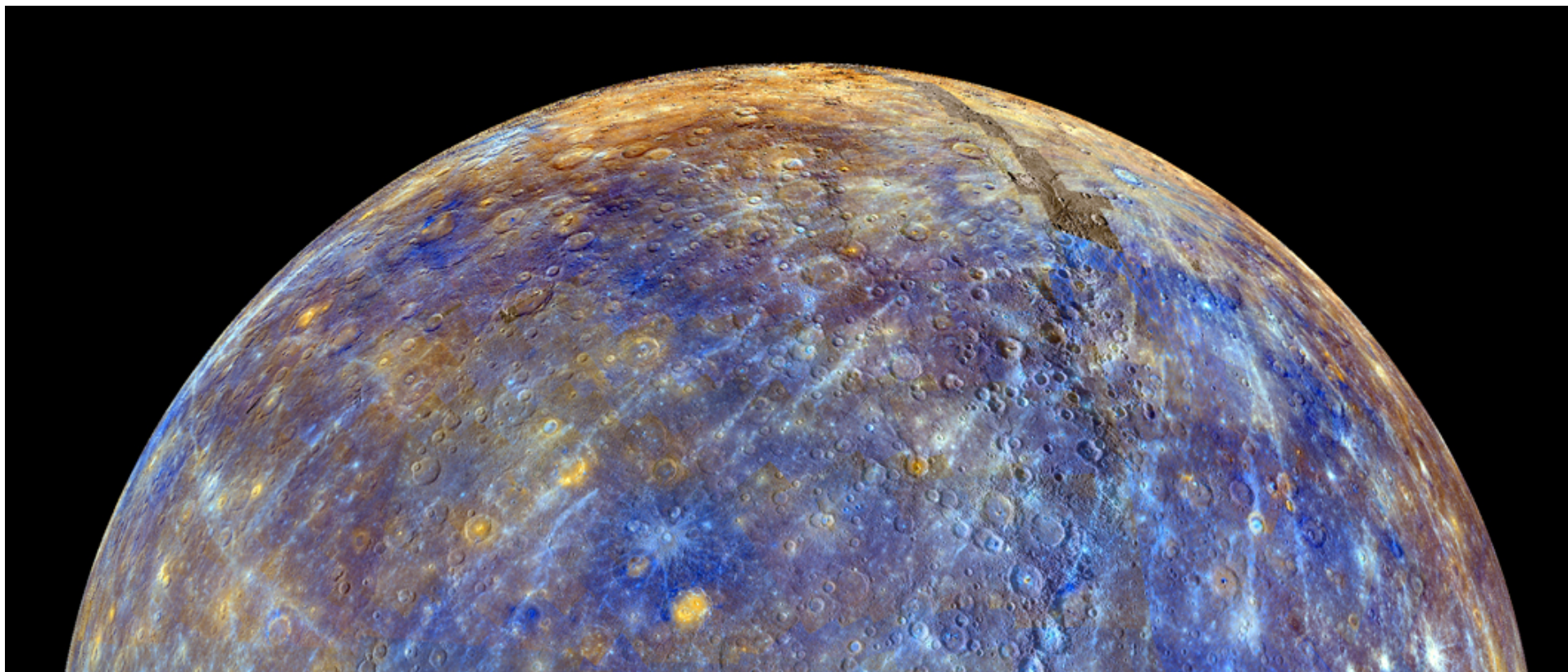
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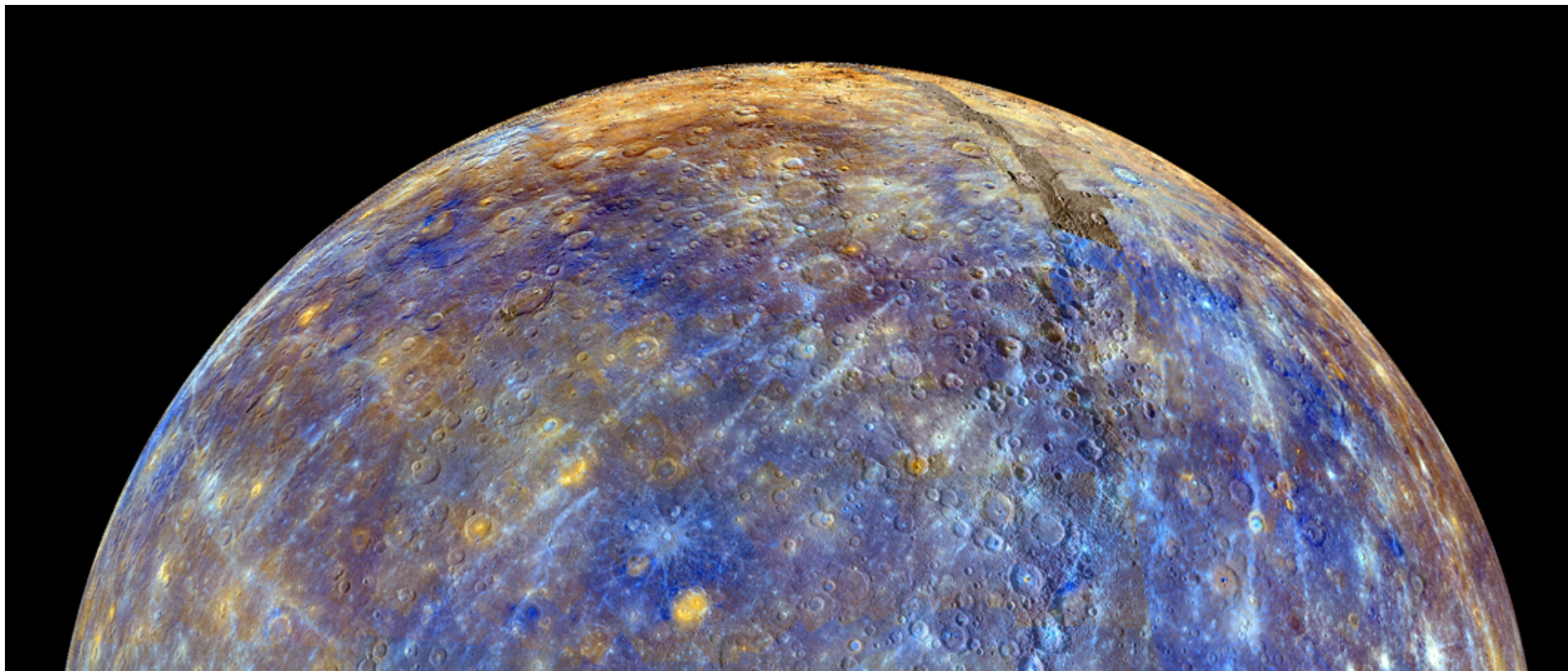


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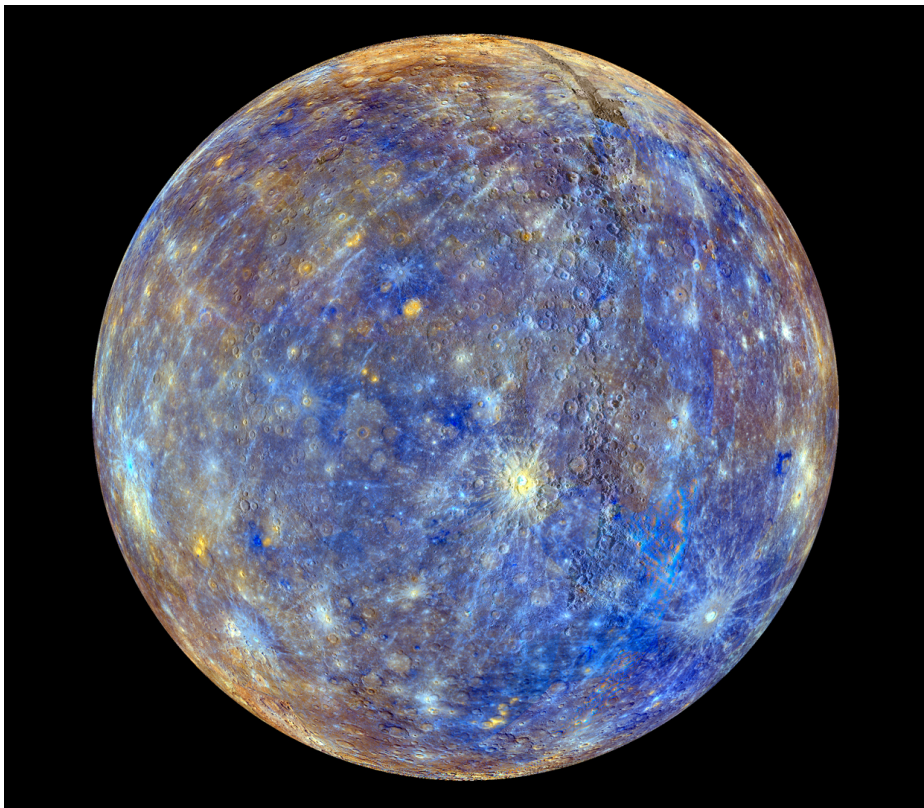
**Closest to our Sun**  
**Very elliptical orbit**  
**Almost no orbital inclination**  
**3 times around itself every**  
**2 times around the Sun**



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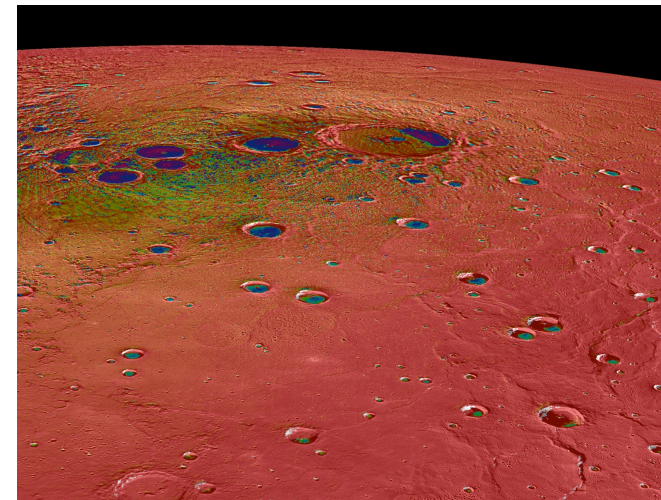
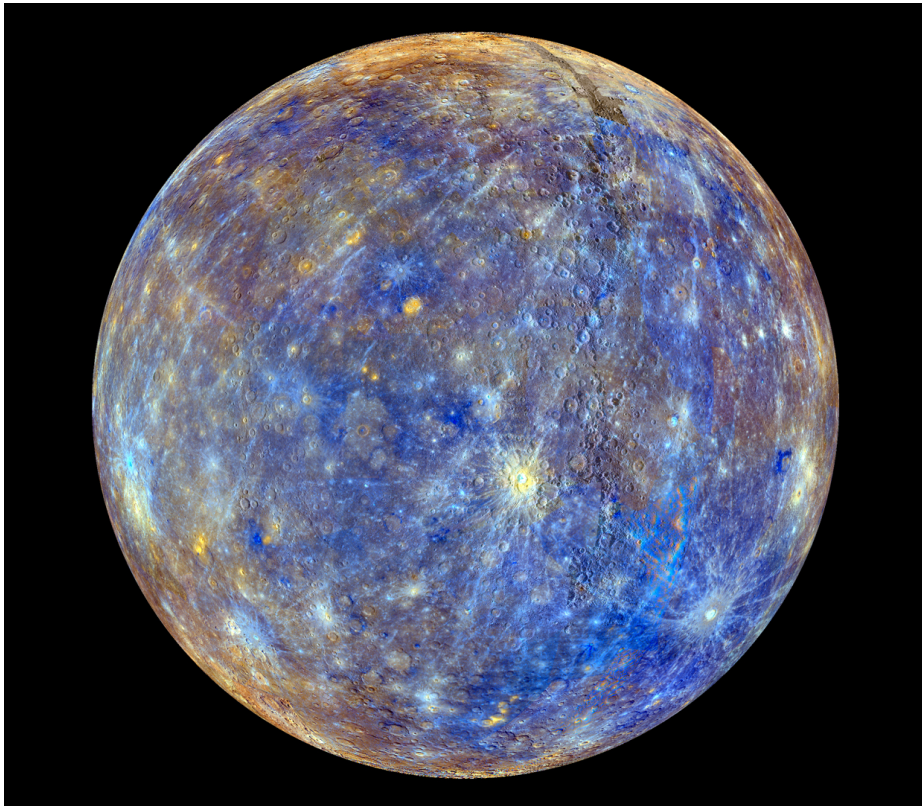


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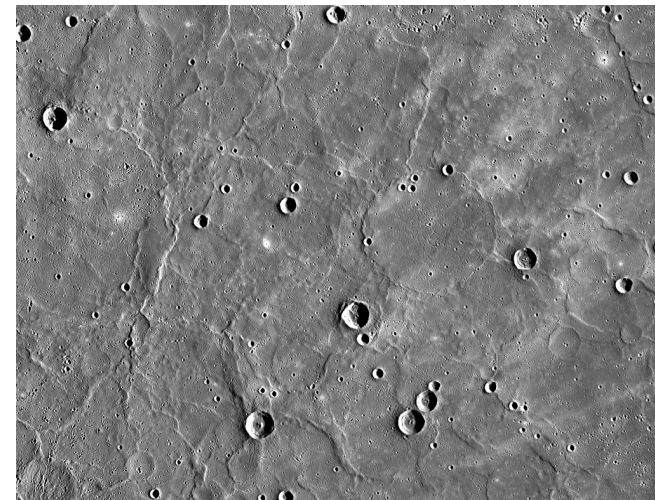
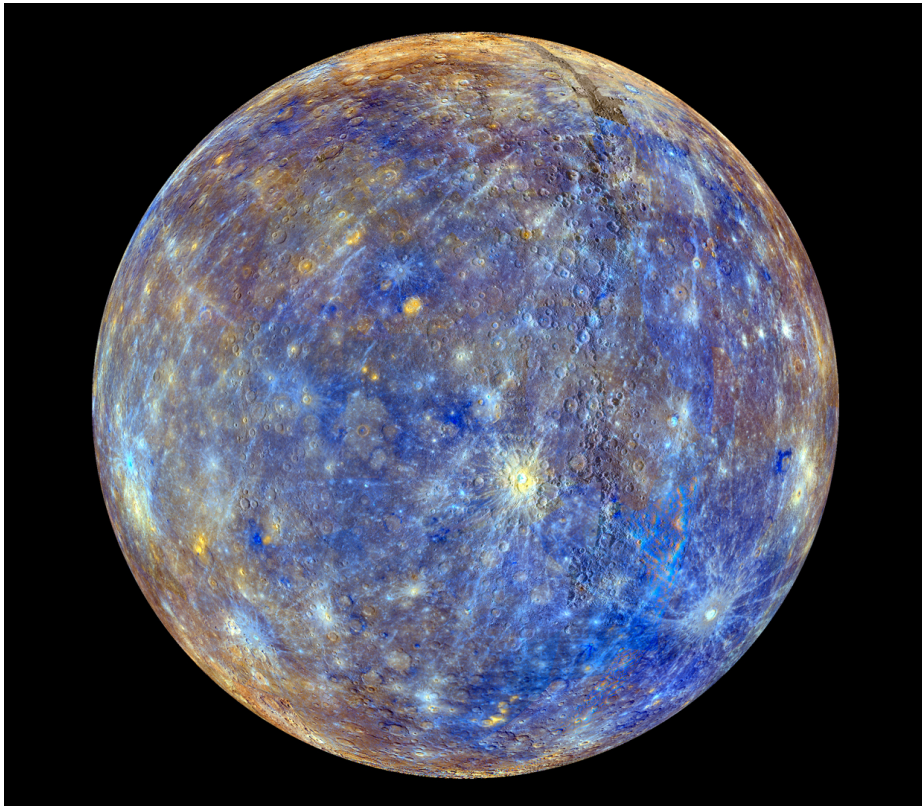
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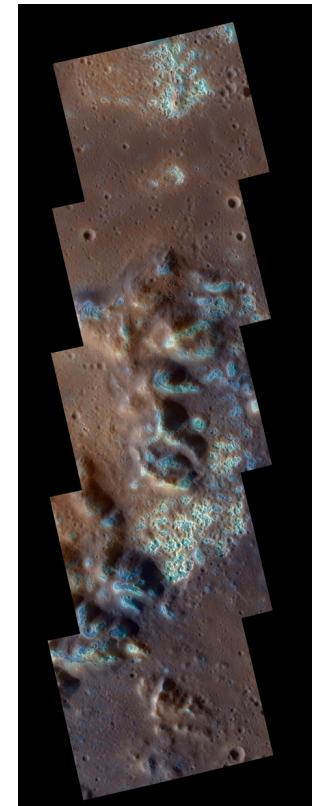
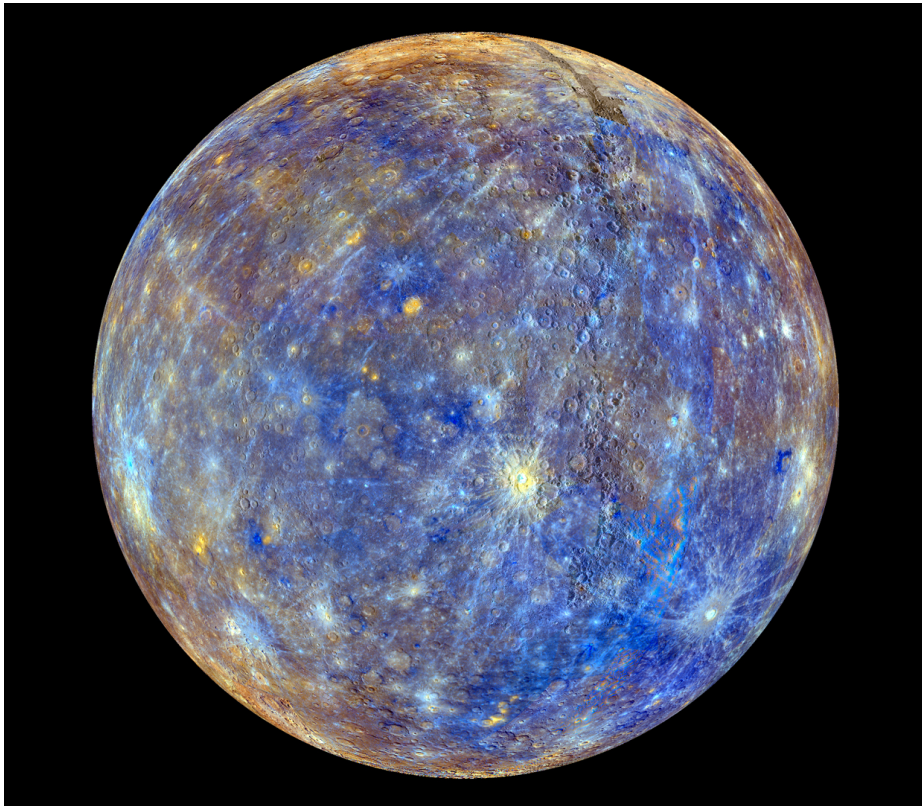


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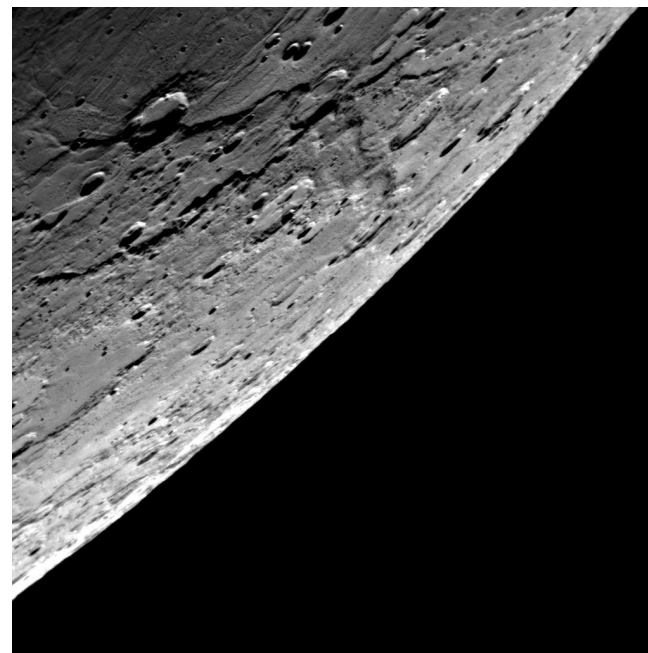
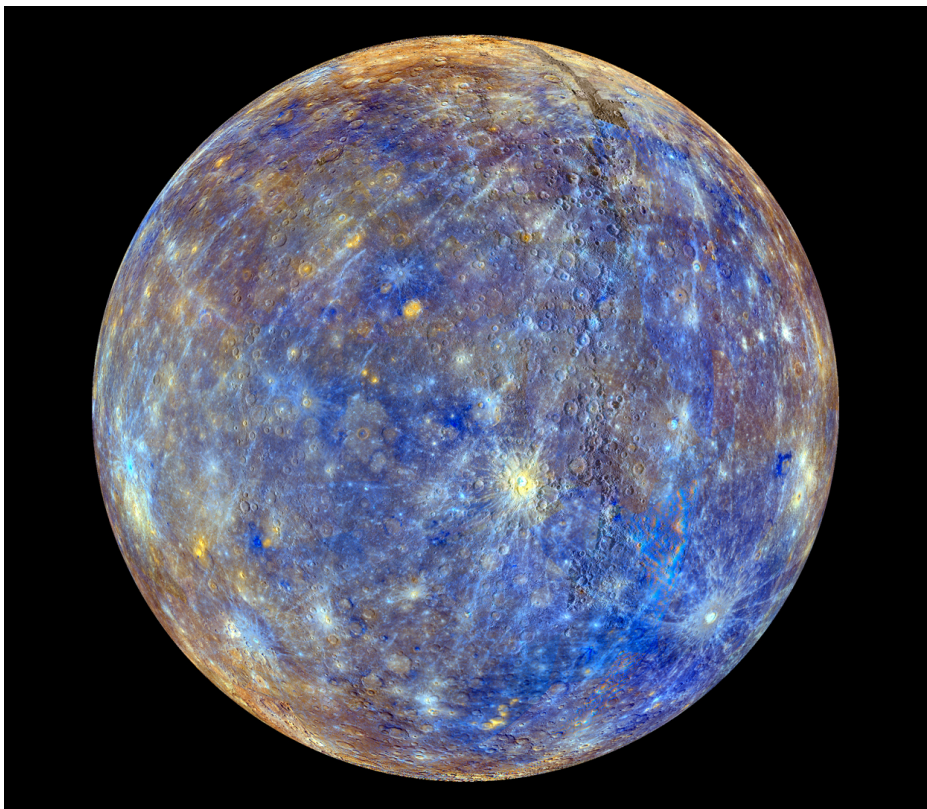
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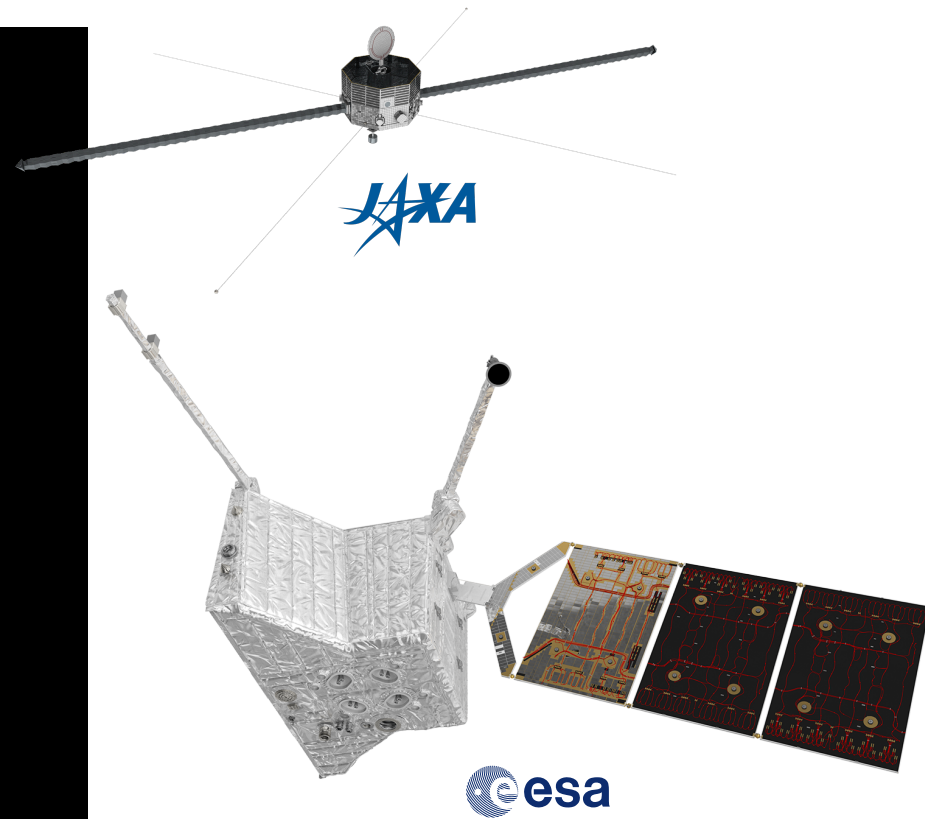
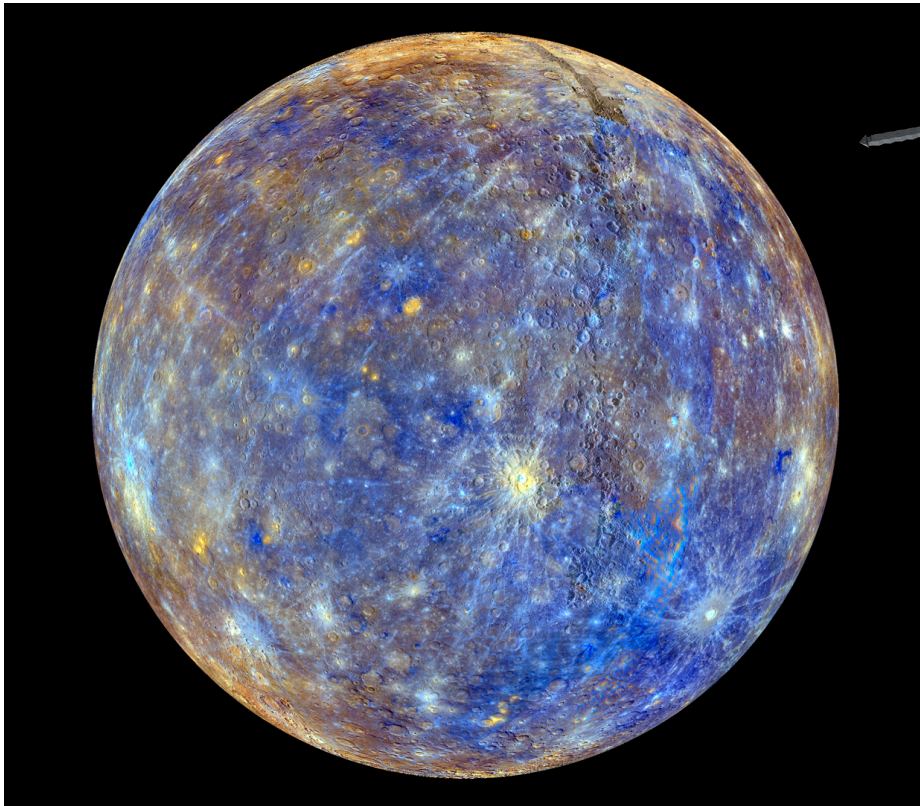


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## Mercury – waiting for BepiColombo



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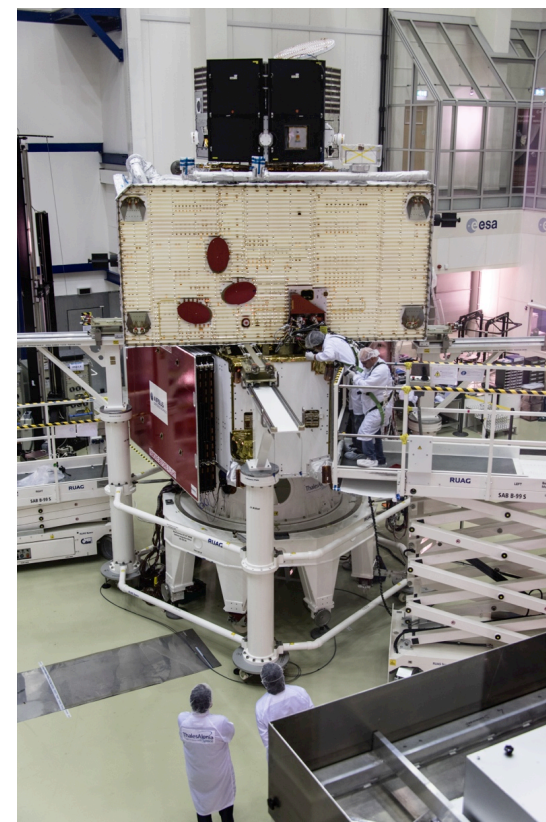
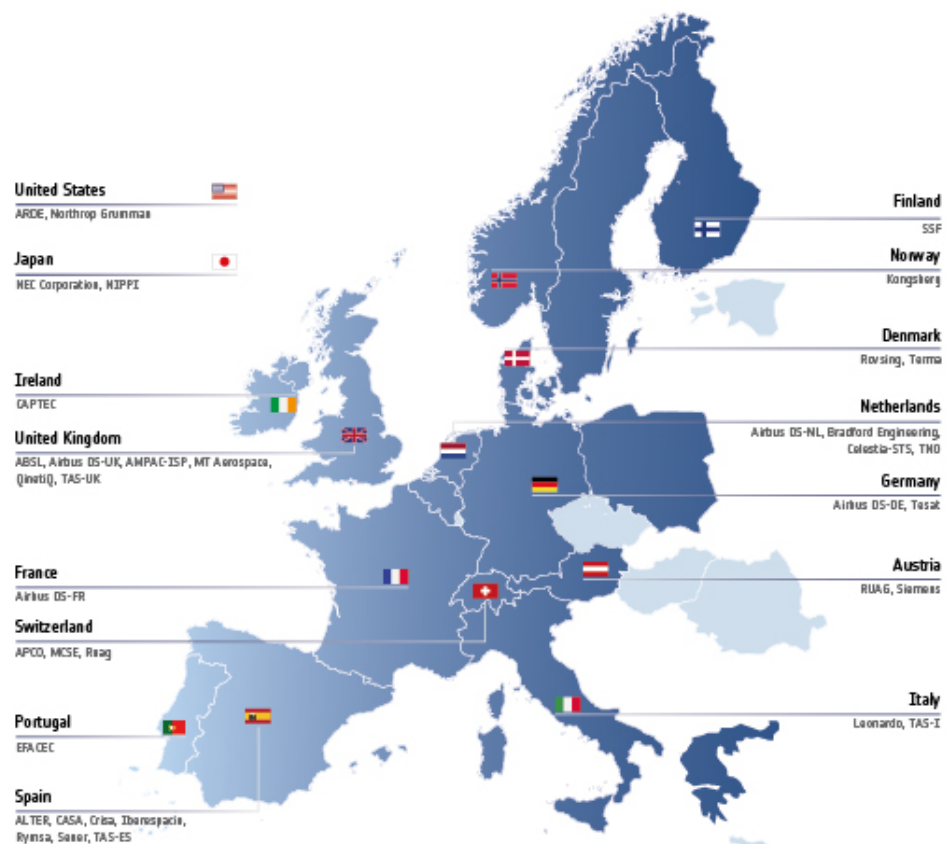


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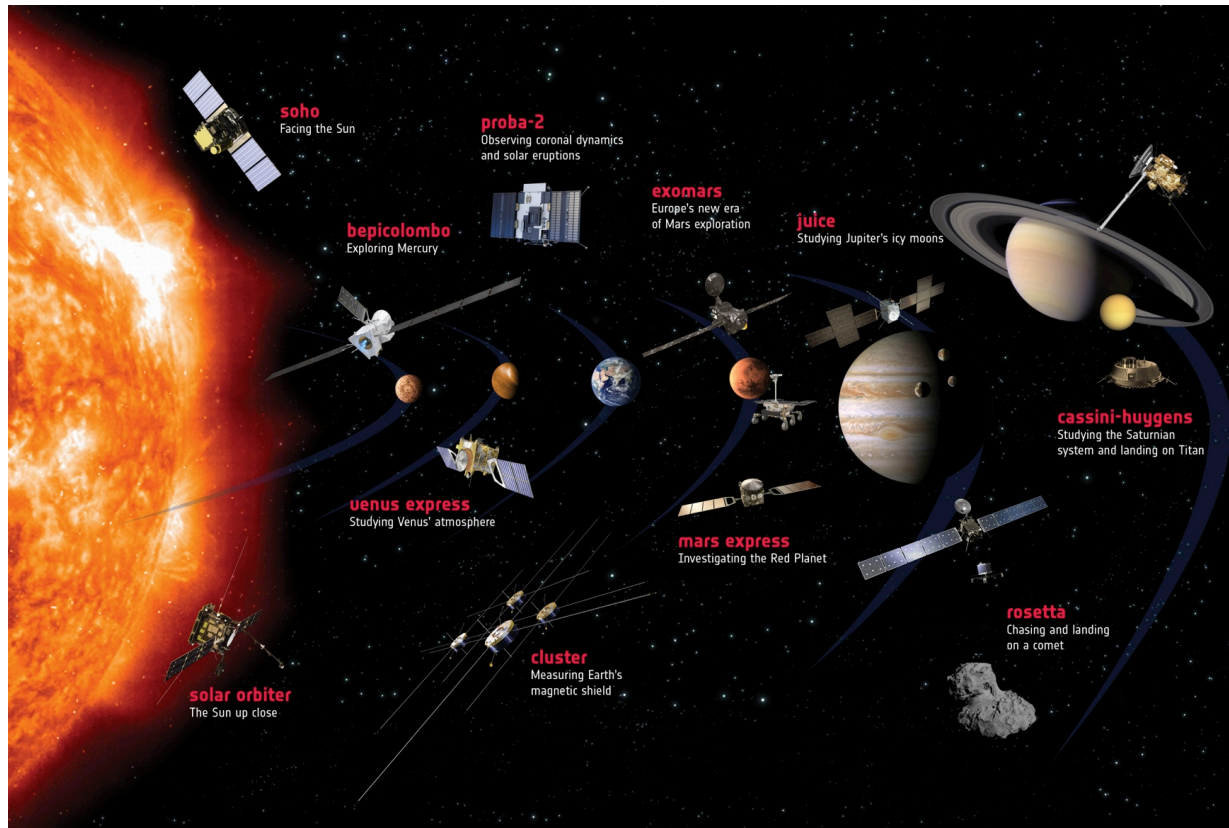
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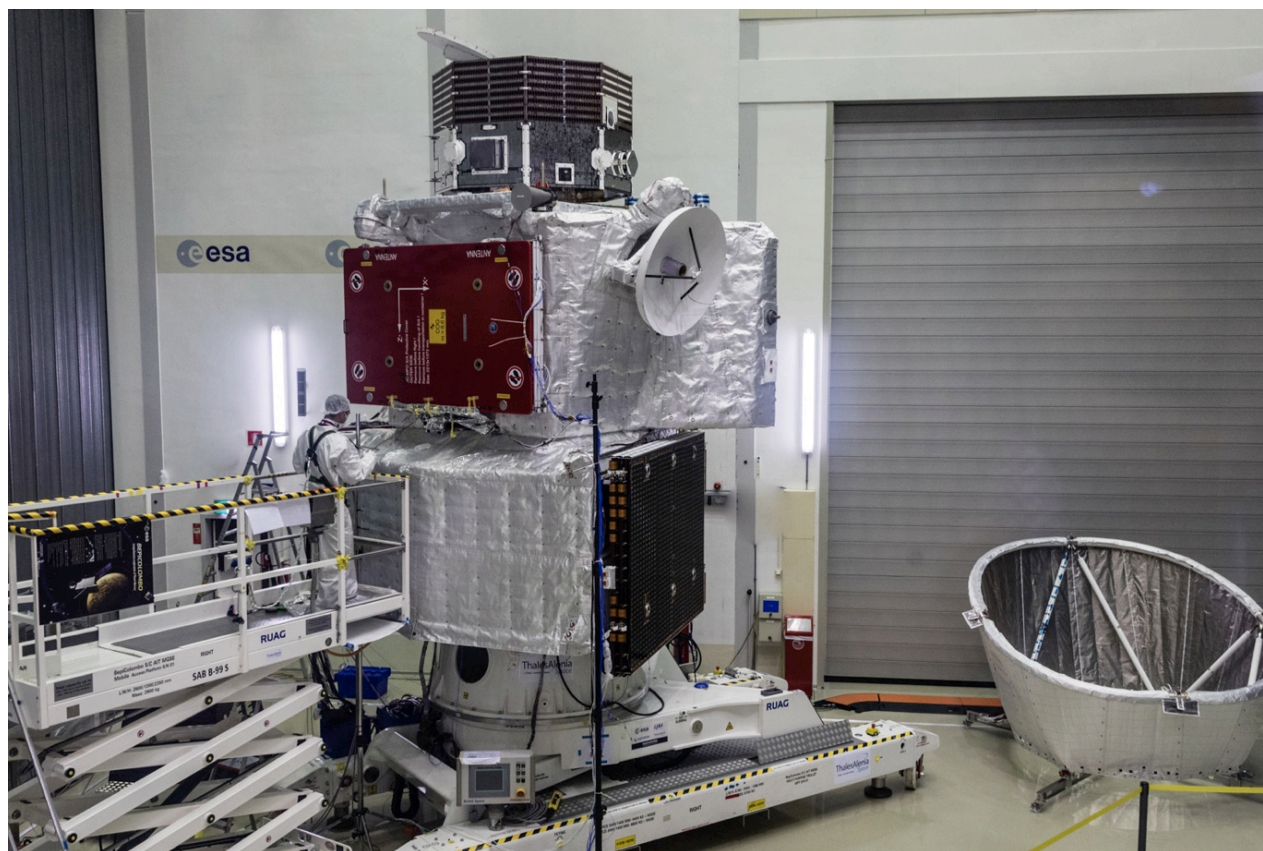


# BepiColombo part of ESA's Solar System fleet



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# BepiColombo as seen in the Test Centre



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