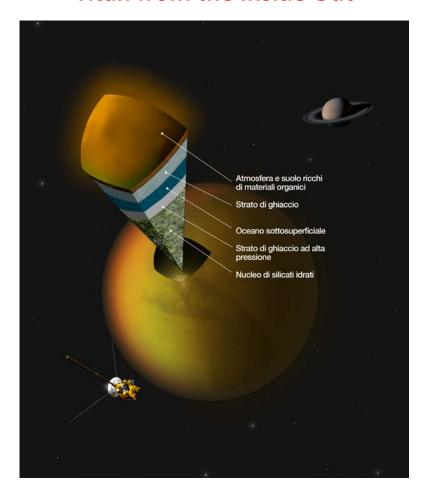


JOINT SEMINAR ASTROPHYSICS & SPACE PHYSICS

"Titan from the Inside Out"



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Friday, February 22, 2013
Refreshments at 3:30pm in CAS 500
Talk begins at 4:00pm in CAS 502

Abstract:

Saturn's moon Titan, large and with a dense atmosphere, has always beckoned as an intriguing site to look for prebiotic or biotic processes. Now Cassini has found strong evidence for a subsurface ocean, one that might be in contact with warm silicates. I will describe how the observations were done, a tour de force of precision radio science, and discuss the astrobiological implications.