



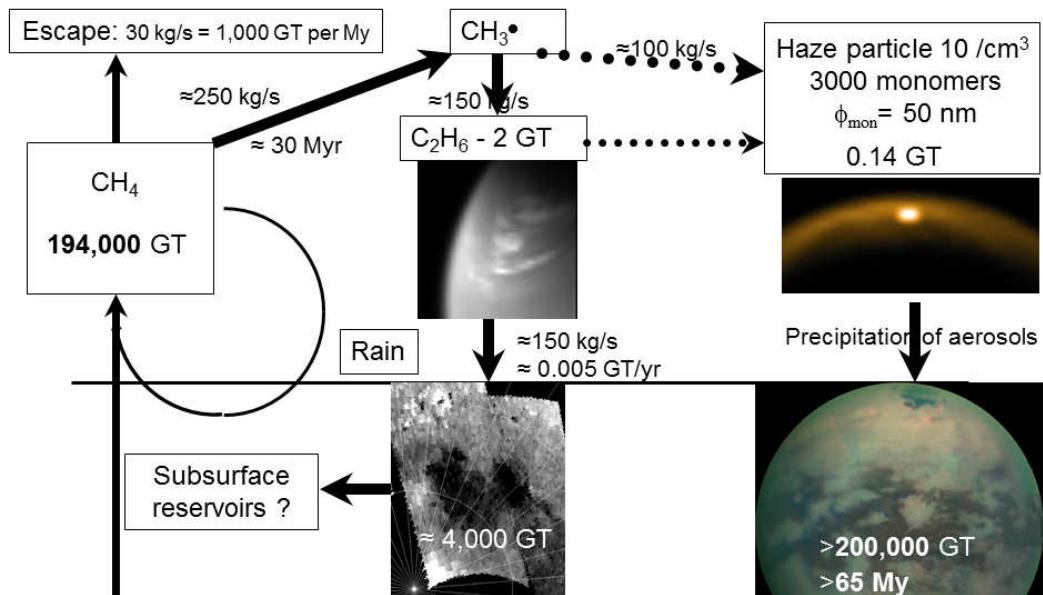
Numerical simulations of mantle plumes in Venus interior
(Smrekar and Sotin, 2012)

Resume

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When? 500 My (isotopic ratios, density of impact craters, Titan's shape)
Where and how? One catastrophic event or several large events (impact craters, cryovolcanism)

Observations by the Cassini spacecraft, laboratory data, and numerical simulations suggest that the formation of complex organic molecules is the result of different processes in the atmosphere, surface, subsurface and deep interior of Titan, Saturn's largest moon (Sotin et al., 2012),

Curriculum vitae

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Present Position : Chief Scientist for Solar System exploration at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology (Pasadena, CA).

Professional record

Principal Research Scientist at JPL/Caltech since September 2007.

Chief Scientist for Solar System Exploration since October 15, 2012.

Editor for Earth and Planetary Science Letters since September 2012.

Senior Research Scientist since December 2007.

Professor at University of Nantes since 1993, on leave of absence since Sept. 2007

Professor ‘classe exceptionnelle’ since 2005.

Distinguished visiting scientist at JPL, 2005-2007.

Director of LPGNantes (Laboratoire de Planétologie et Géodynamique de Nantes – UMR CNRS 6112), 2004-2007.

Visiting professor at Brown University (RI, U.S.A.) in 2001.

Deputy Director of LPGNantes (Laboratoire de Planétologie et Géodynamique de Nantes – UMR CNRS 6112), 2000-2003.

Professor at Institut Universitaire de France from 1996 to 2001.

Professor at Paris XI University (Orsay) from 1988 to 1993.

Research assistant at Brown University from 1986 to 1988.

Assistant professor at University of Nantes from 1985 to 1986.

Research assistant at Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris from 1983 to 1985.

Consultant for TOTAL (oil Company) in 1983.

Volontaire Aide Technique (VAT) at Observatoire de Guadeloupe from 1981 to 1982.

Education

11/86: Docteur d'Etat ès Sciences at Paris VII University

09/83: Ph.D. in Geophysics at Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris

06/81: D.E.A. (Master degree in Science) in Geophysics at Nancy University

06/81: Master Degree in Geological Engineering from Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Géologie (ENSG)

Honors

Officier dans l'ordre des Palmes Académiques (January 2013)

Asteroid 54963 named Sotin (February 2012)

Medal ‘Runcorn-Florensky’ of the European Union of Geosciences (2008)

Chevalier dans l'ordre des Palmes Académiques (January 2007)

Member of IAA (International Academy of Astronautics) since 2003

Member of ‘Bureau des Longitudes’ since January 2001

Member of ‘Institut Universitaire de France’ from 1996 to 2001

NASA Group Achievement Awards:

2009 – Cassini Titan Orbiter Science Team (TOST)
2009 – Visual and Infrared Mapping Spectrometer (VIMS) Team
2004 – Aerial Regional-scale Environmental Survey of Mars (ARES) Mission Concept Development Team

Participation at different committees and other duties

At NASA

Member of the Science Definition Team of the EJSM (2009-2010).
Member of the Science Definition Team of the TSSM (Titan and Saturn System Mission), 2008.
Member of the Mars Architecture Tiger Team, 2008.
Member of a NASA panel for the selection of missions concepts using ASRG, 2008.
Member of the Science Advisory Group for the definition of the 2016 Mars mission, 2007.
Member of a NASA panel for the selection of instruments on a mission, 2001.
External reviewer for different NASA programs since 2000.

At the French Space Agency (CNES)

Member of the Science Advisory Committee between November 2000 and January 2009.
Chairman of CNES Solar System Working Group between 1997 and 2000.

At the French National Research Council

Member of the National Program ‘Origine des planètes et de la vie’ 2007-2010.
Director of ‘Laboratoire de Planétologie et Géodynamique de Nantes’ between January 2004 and December 2007.
Member of the Astrophysics Science Committee (section 17, CNRS) between September 2004 and September 2007.
Member of GdR Exobiology between 2002 and 2008.
Member of the Science Advisory group for ‘Programme National de Planétologie’ between 1998 and 2006.
Director of the national program ‘Study of the Earth’s Deep Interior’ between 2000 to 2002.
Member of several evaluation committees for laboratories in Earth Science and Astrophysics.

Miscellaneous

Member of the Advisory committee of Institut d’Astrophysique Spatial
Editors of special issues of Planetary and Space Science related to workshops on Mars in 2000, 2004 and 2005.
Organizer of several exhibits about planetary exploration for the public
Members of several hiring committees in different universities
Reviewer for journals such as Nature, Science, Icarus, JGR, GRL, PSS,
.....

Convener of special sessions in meetings and organization of meetings and workshop

Co-chair of the Mars IV workshop, Les Houches, France, 10/22-10/29 2013.
Member of the Local Organizing Committee of the joint DPS-EPSC (Division of Planetary Science (US) and European Planetary Science Conference) hold in October 2011 in Nantes
Co-chair of a Mars workshop for the International Space Science Institute in Bern (2011)

Co-convener of two sessions at the 2010 Fall AGU:

U14: Union session on ‘Innovative approaches in planetary seismology’(conveners are C. Sotin and D. Stevenson)

P11: Titan: hydrocarbon cycle and oxygenated reactions (conveners are C. Alexander, R. Lopes, R. Nelson, C. Sotin)

Member of the Science Organizing Committee of the Exeter Exoplanet Workshop, Exeter, UK, September 7-10, 2010.

Member of the Science Organizing Committee of the Venus Express workshop, Aussois, France, June 20-26, 2010.

Co-chair of the Mars III workshop, Les Houches, France, 03/28-04/02 2010.

Co-chair of the Keck Institute for Space Science (KISS) workshop entitled ‘Innovative approaches in planetary seismology’ – March 2010, Caltech.

Co-chair of three sessions at the 2009 Fall AGU:

P23E: Physics and Chemistry of Ices: From the laboratory to the planetary scale

P42B: Modeling Planetary Dynamics

P54C: Titan and lakes: Geography, Limnology and Astrobiological Potential

Co-organizer of the first ‘Super-Earths’ workshop, Nantes, June 2008

Organizer of the Titan’s surface worshop, ESTEC, February 2007.

Convener of session ‘Titan’ at the 1st Europlanet Science Conference, September 2006.

Organizer of the Cassini-Huygens PSG meeting in Nantes in June 2006.

Organizer of the session entitled ‘Planetary Science’ at the SF2A meeting, Strasbourg, 27 June to 1 July 2005.

Organizer of the workshop ‘Planet Mars’, les Houches, 23 May to 1 June 2005.

Organizer of the workshop entitled ‘A comparative study of the outer planets before the exploration od Saturn by Cassini-Huygens’, ISSI (International Space Science Institute), Berne, 12-16 January 2004.

Organizer of the european workshop ‘Planet Mars’, les Houches, 30 April - 9 May 2003.

Co-convener of session ‘Early Earth’, EGS, April 2003.

Organizer of the workshop on Planetary Science in France, Nantes, 10-12 Septembre 2002.

Convener of the meeting “Mars exploration and other sample return missions”, Paris, February 2-7 1999.

Organizer of the workshop “The Jovian system after Galileo, the saturnian system before Cassini-Huygens”, Nantes (France), May 11-15 1998.

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Role in space missions

Interdisciplinary Scientist (IDS) on ESA VenusExpress mission since June 2006.

Co-I of MERMAG on the ESA Bepi-Colombo mission since 2006.

Co-I of OMEGA on the ESA MarsExpress mission (2000 -)

Team-member of VIMS on the NASA Cassini mission (1993 - 2017)

Co-I of ISM on the soviet mission PHOBOS (1988-1989).

Work and duties related to space exploration

As Chief Scientist for Solar System Exploration at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), California Institute of Technology, I play a large role in JPL and NASA's plans for future competed and strategic missions. I also follow the evolution of ongoing missions for which JPL is strongly engaged (Voyager, Cassini, GRAIL, Dawn, JUNO, Rosetta, InSIGHT). Scientific discoveries and technology breakthroughs lead pave the path for future missions. My experience acquired during the last 25 years helps me to work at the interface between science and technology in order to assess whether the science requirements of future missions can be achieved by the proposed instruments..

Before coming to JPL in 2007, I was in Nantes (France) where I set up a laboratory in planetary geophysics because the most recent data in planetary science and the experiments onboard upcoming missions to Mars and other planets require more and more interaction between Earth Science and Planetary Science. I am involved in implementing the observations of and processing the data of mapping spectrometers VIMS/Cassini and OMEGA/Mars Express. I have worked on a number of projects including airplanes for Mars, Mars geophysical networks, Bepi-Colombo (Mercury), Corot (extra-solar planets) and future missions to Europa and Titan. I am a Co-Investigator on Cassini, Mars-Express and Bepi-Colombo. In June 2006, I got appointed as one of the 5 IdSs (Interdisciplinary scientist) on the ESA Mission Venus-Express.

During the last 25 years, I have studied the internal dynamics of the Earth and other Earth-like planets including Mars and the large icy satellites of the outer planets. The models are used to predict the thermal history of the planets and to compare with observations such as chemical composition of the surface, magnetic field, gravity field and seismic activity. The comparison between observations and models allows for a better understanding of the physical processes which drive the evolution of each planet. One major goal is to understand the uniqueness of planet Earth. My ongoing research focuses on the interaction between internal dynamics and evolution and composition of planetary atmospheres.

I have served in a number of committees including the advisory committee of the French space agency (chairman of the solar system working group from 1997 to 2001), the CNRS program 'Interieur de la Terre' (program officer between 2000 and 2003), and NASA panels. I have organized several workshops and conferences including the Euroconference entitled "The Jovian system after Galileo, the Saturnian system before Cassini-Huygens", held in Nantes (France) in May 1998 and was the chairman of the meeting entitled "Mars exploration and other sample return missions" held in Paris in February 1999. I have co-chaired several Mars workshops. I also organized several exhibits on solar exploration for the public.

I have acquired experience in the submission process of missions as PI (Principal Investigator) of the 2010-Discovery proposal entitled JET (Journey to Enceladus and Titan) and US lead of the Cosmic Vision M3 proposal entitled TAE (Titan Aerial Explorer).

I have authored or co-authored more than 160 papers in refereed journals and books. Several papers describe the internal structure (presence of deep oceans) of icy satellites, and the internal dynamics of the Earth, terrestrial planets, icy satellites, large asteroids (Ceres), and extrasolar planets.

Work related to exoplanets

Publications

- Sotin**, C., Jackson J.M., Seager S. (2010) Terrestrial planet interiors; in Exoplanets, S. Seager (Ed), University of Arizona Space Science Series, 375-395.
- Grasset, O., Schneider, J., and **Sotin, C.** (2009) A study of the accuracy of mass-radius relationships for silicate-rich and ice-rich planets up to 100 Earth; Astro. J., 693, 722-733.
- Sotin C**, Grasset O and Mocquet A; (2007); Mass-radius curve for extrasolar Earth-like planets and ocean planets; Icarus, 191, 337-351.
- Selsis F, Chazelas B, Borde P, Ollivier M., Brachet F., Decaudin M., Bouchy F., Ehrenreich D., Griessmeier, J. -M., Lammer H., **Sotin C.**, Grasset O., Moutou C., Barge P., Deleuil M., Mawet D., Despois D., Kasting J. F., Leger A. (2007); Could we identify hot ocean-planets with CoRoT, Kepler and Doppler velocimetry?; Icarus, 191, 453-468.
- Léger A., Selsis F., **Sotin C.**, Guillot T., Despoix D., Mawet D., Ollivier M., Labèque F.A., Valette C., Brachet, Chazelas B., Lammer H., (2004), A new family of planets ? « Ocean planets », Icarus, 169, 499-503.

Invited talks and communications

- Sotin C.**, Ocean Worlds; Conference on “Exoplanets Rising: Astronomy and Planetary Science at the Crossroads”, KITP/UCSB, March 2010.
- Sotin C.**, Thermal convection and plate tectonics on Earth-like exoplanets ; UC Santa Barbara, February 2010.
- Sotin C.**, Mini-Neptunes and Super-Earths: can we make the difference; Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics, UCSB, February 2010.
- Sotin C.**, Methane in Exoplanets: Lessons from Mars and Titan, workshop on “Exchange processes in icy moons”, International Space Science Institute, Bern, Switzerland, November 2008.
- Sotin C.**, Extrapolating solid Earth models to terrestrial exoplanets; JPL, April 2008.
- Sotin C.**, Titan’s geology: comparison with icy satellites and earth-like planets; Caltech, April 2008.
- Sotin C.**, Extrapolating solid Earth models to terrestrial exoplanets; University of Arizona, April 2008.
- Sotin C.**, 2004, Ocean in the solar system and beyond, Darmstadt, Germany, 2 Novembre 2004.
- Sotin C.**, 2004, Water in the solar system and beyond, Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Caltech, Pasadena, 4 Mai 2004.
- Sotin C.**, 2004, Water in the solar system and beyond, Geotop conference at McGill university and université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), Montréal, 2 Avril 2004

Chapter on the internal structure of terrestrial exoplanets

The science committee of the first book on Exoplanets in the series of the University of Arizona boos asked me to write the chapter on the interior structure of Exoplanets (Sotin, C., Jackson J.M., Seager S., Terrestrial planet interiors, University of Arizona Space Science Series,)

Member of the Science Advisory Committee of the first ‘Super-Earths’ workshop in Nantes, 16-18 June, 2008

About 100 people attended this first workshop on Super-Earths. During the three days, there has been a lot of discussion among the participants. This workshop was interdisciplinary with the participation of astronomers, astrophysicists, planetary scientists and geologists.

Teaching experience and Education and Public Outreach (EPO) activities

2009 – I have completed the writing of a book in Planetary Science for undergraduate students. **Sotin C.**, O.Grasset and G. Tobie, Planétologie, Dunod, 350 pp.

2009 – Class on exoplanets for graduate students (J. Schubert and C. Sotin), UCLA.

1998-2007 - The table below gives the list of classes I taught when I was professor in Nantes (only years from 1998 are reported). The usual teaching load is 200 hours per year. But my teaching load was reduced due to my duties for the French research council (CNRS) and the University of Nantes (1998-2001 and 2004-2007), and for my role in the Cassini mission (2004-2007)

	Number of hours					
	98/99*	99/00*	00/01*	01/02	02/03	03/04
Introduction to geosciences for undergraduates		6		54	66	60
Astrophysics for undergraduates	54	57	36	42	45	45
Field work in geophysics				16		
Geodynamics for graduate students	40	34	39	82	79	81

	Number of hours				
	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07
Introduction to geosciences for undergraduates	66	60	60	60	40
Mathematics for geologists	-				34
Astrophysics for undergraduates	45	45			17
Geodynamics for graduate students	79	81			20

I had the responsibility of the following classes:

- Introduction to geosciences for undergraduates : 450 students in 2004/2005, 500 in 2005/2006, 600 en 2006/2007.
- Astrophysics for undergraduates: about 100 students
- Energy : 70 students / I worked out the syllabus of this class but a colleague taught it because I could not do it.
- Geodynamics for graduate students, 10 students.

1993-1998 – 192 hours per year

Advisor for the following Ph.D. thesis

1. Bruno Allard, 1988, Application de l'analyse d'images à la détermination de la composition modale sur lames minces, Université de Montpellier, Ingénieur France Télécom.
2. Philippe Blondel, 1992, Analyse d'images radar : application à la tectonique de Vénus, Ingénieur océanographe à l'université de Southampton.
3. Laure Dupeyrat, Convection chimique et thermique : applications à la Terre et Vénus. MdC Université de Paris XI.
4. Olivier Grasset, Professeur à l'université de Nantes.
5. Pierre Vacher, MdC université de Nantes.
6. Frédéric Deschamps, , chercheur à l'université d'Utrecht puis chercheur à l'ETH Zurich depuis Septembre 2005.
7. Stéphane Labrosse, MdC à l'Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris puis professeur à Lyon depuis le 01/09/06.
8. Gaël Choblet, 01/10/95 au 10/01/99, Dynamique interne des planètes : apport de la modélisation 3D, CR2 CNRS depuis Octobre 2002.
9. Julie Castillo, 01/10/98 au 05/12/2001, Contribution à l'étude de la structure interne des planètes telluriques. Postdoc au Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) 2002/2007 puis Research Scientist au JPL depuis 2007.
10. Olivier Mousis, 01/10/98 au 01/12/2001, Rôle des hydrates dans la formation de Titan et des satellites de glace réguliers, ATER en Physique à l'université de Besançon, Postdoc à l'université de Berne, MdC Besançon depuis Septembre 2004, HDR en 2006.
11. Véronique Dubois, 01/10/98 au 09/09/02, Relations masse-rayon-composition pour des planètes extrasolaires de type terrestre. Emploi dans l'animation culturelle à Nantes.
12. Gabriel Tobie, 01/10/2000 au 27/10/2003, Chauffage de marée et géodynamique des satellites des planètes géantes. Post-doc University of Arizona at Tucson (bourse Lavoisier 2003/2004), puis au LPGNantes (bourse CNES) 2004/2006. CR CNRS au LPGNantes depuis Novembre 2006.
13. Judith Pargamin, 01/10/2000 au 08/07/04, Etude thermodynamique et expérimentale des clathrates et des mélanges H₂O-NH₃-CH₄ : applications planétologiques. Réorientation en journalisme scientifique (DESS en 2004/2005), reçue au concours de conservateur du patrimoine en option patrimoine scientifique et naturel en Novembre 2006.
14. Jean-Philippe Combe, 01/10/2001 au 24/10/05: télédétection IR des surfaces planétaires. ATER à l'Université de Nantes puis postdoc au Planetary Science Institute (PSI) à Winthrop (WA, USA).depuis le 01/02/06. Research Scientist au PSI depuis le 01/02/08.
15. Yoann Quesnel, 01/10/2003 au 20/11/06: Analyse des données géophysiques de Mars, postdoc à Potsdam (Allemagne) du 01/12/2006 au 30/09/2008. Maître de conférences au CEREGE (Aix-Marseille) depuis 1 Octobre 2008.
16. François Couturier, 01/10/2003 au 26/04/2007*: Convection 3D sphérique et champ de gravité, ATER à Paris7 du 01/10/2006 au 30/04/2007 puis à partir du 01/05/2007 poste CDI d'animateur en astronomie (employé par l'association 'A Ciel Ouvert', Moulin du roi, av Pierre De Coubertin 32500 FLEURANCE). *Date de soutenance reportée en Avril 2007 du fait de problèmes de réunion du jury de thèse.
17. Laetitia LeDeit, 01/10/2005 au 30/11/2008 : Géologie de Mars d'après les données Mars-Express. Postdoc at DLR (Berlin) depuis 12/2008.

18. Lucille LeCorre, 01/12/2006 au 03/12/2009: Géologie de Titan à partir des données de spectro-imagerie infrarouge et radar de la mission Cassini. Postdoc au département « Space and Climate Physics » à University College London (UCL) depuis 12/2009.

Positions occupied by my Ph.D students as of 1/1/2010: 2 postdocs, 3 in public outreach, 2 engineers in private companies, 4 assistant professors, 5 junior researchers including three out of France (ETH Zurich, JPL, PSI), 2 professors.

Outreach activities since 1998

Conferences and seminars for the public (see list in the list of publications)

Publications in journals that describe scientific discoveries to the public (The New Scientist, Science et Vie, La Recherche, ...)

Participations at radio and TV interviews including Discovery Channel and National Geographic.

Participation at the realization of exhibits for the public

Voyages Planétaires, Congress Center, Nantes, October 2011

Mars : Exploration d'une planète, 2005/2007, Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle de Nantes jusqu'au 21 Août 2006, puis à Tours à partir du 18 Septembre 2006.

Foire Internationale de Nantes, Avril 2005

Les météorites, 2001, Muséum d'histoire naturelle de Nantes.

Chroniques terrestres, 2000-2004, exposition itinérante de la MCLA, stand géologie planétaire.

Les mondes inventés, 2000, Château des Ducs de Bretagne, Nantes

Exploration du système solaire, 1999, Libreville, Gabon.

Exploration du système solaire, 1998, Cité des congrès, Nantes.

Talks in elementary schools, high-schools, children hospitals, etc...

Activities at JPL (September 2007 – August 2012)

Team-member of the Cassini Visual and Infrared Mapping Spectrometer (VIMS)

Since I arrived at JPL, I have been responsible for planning the VIMS observations of Titan, Saturn's largest moon. This work includes the following tasks: (i) definition of the science objectives for each Titan flyby, (ii) ranking the flybys for determining the VIMS prime observations, (iii) definition of the pointing requirements for the VIMS prime observations, (iv) working with the other teams for pointing arrangements, (iv) sequencing of the observations, (v) first look of the data, (vi) interacting with the project for the preparation of reviews. The Cassini mission has been approved for extension until July 2017 when the Cassini spacecraft will plunge into Saturn's atmosphere. There are about 10 Titan flybys per year.

My work also includes data processing and interpretation of the VIMS images. Last results include the characterization and evolution of Titan's northern lakes and their role in the carbon cycle.

Development of a laboratory experiment on the interaction between hydrocarbons and water ice under Titan conditions

I have set up a chamber where Titan conditions can be met (T=94 K, N₂ Pressure). The objective is to study the interaction between hydrocarbons and H₂O ice. We have been able to obtain drops of methane and ethane dropping in the ice and forming an hydrocarbon pools. The data (videos, temperature, pressure) are being analyzed and implications for the composition of Titan surface will be discussed in a paper we are preparing.

The chamber is being modified to allow infrared observations to be performed

Co-I on the following funded NASA ROSES proposals

- NASA Astrobiology Institute 'Titan', 2009-2014.
- NASA Astrobiology Institute 'Icy worlds', 2009-2014.
- NASA Outer Planet Research 'Cyclic Loading of ices', 2008-2012.
- NASA Outer Planet Research 'Thermal conductivity of planetary ices', 2010-2013.
- NASA ASTID proposal 'fiber optic probe for performing chemical analysis of Titan's lakes', 2011-2015.
- NASA Outer Planet Research 'Chemical Interaction of Liquid Hydrocarbons and Icy Subsurface Materials: Laboratory Investigation and Implications for Titan', 2012-2015.
- NASA CDAP proposal 'Titan Retrievals: Decoupling Haze and Surface', 2012-2015.

Member of the Science Definition Team (SDT) for the Titan and Saturn System Mission (TSSM) during 2008.

My role in this SDT includes:

- Attending the meeting with the engineers for the feasibility of the montgolfière in Titan's atmosphere – fluid mechanics for the calculation of the buoyancy / proving information about Titan / definition of the science investigations to be performed on the balloon
- In charge of writing the traceability matrix for each in situ element (lake-lander and the montgolfiere)
- Defining the science requirements for the determination of the gravity field and the topography from the orbiter – other members of the SDT have helped on that issue

- Helping the coordination between JPL, ESA and CNES (French Space Agency)
- Writing parts of the proposal defining how the extension of the Cassini mission can set the stage for TSSM (landing sites, seasonal variations, long term variability, ...)

Member of the Science Definition Team (SDT) for the Europa and Jupiter System

Mission (EJSM) – (2009-2010)

My role in this SDT includes:

- Definition of the synergy between the NASA-led Europa orbiter and the ESA-led Ganymede orbiter.
- Assessment study for a Europa lander
- Helping the coordination between JPL/NASA and ESTEC

Writing of several book chapters

- Tides on Europa with Gabriel Tobie and John Wahr (2009)
- Interior Structure of Titan (2009)
- Geology of Titan (R. Jaumann is first author)
- Internal dynamics of the medium size icy satellites (D. Matson is first author)
- Interior structure of Exoplanets for University of Arizona Press

Other duties

- Member of Science Advisory Committee of the French Space Agency (CNES)
- Participation at NASA panels
- Member of the Mars Architecture Tiger Team
- Member in several mission concept studies: several classes of mission to Uranus, use of nano satellites for system solar exploration, development of a JPL reference bus for the exploration of the outer solar system
- Member of several science panels at JPL
- Editor of Earth and Planetary Science Letters

Advisor for undergraduate students

JPL has programs which allow undergraduate students to perform internships at JPL. I have mentored several undergraduate students who spent a few months at JPL: Mathieu Bouchard (2012), Bianca Reinhardt (2011), Veronica Gurnett (2011), Henry Tom (2010, 2012), Brian Anderson (2010), Frances Wulke (2008-2009)

PI of the Discovery proposal JET (Journey to Enceladus and Titan)

During the period May-August 2010, with a team of engineers at JPL, we wrote a proposal to study Titan and Enceladus using a NASA developed technology for power. This mission will take situ measurements of Titan's upper atmosphere and Enceladus' plume and will acquire high resolution images of Titan's surface.

US-lead of the Cosmic Vision M3 proposal TAE (Titan Aerial Explorer)

During the period October-November 2010, I helped in the design of a mission to Titan which would use a balloon to explore the lower atmosphere, surface and subsurface of Titan.

Co-I on several instrument proposals for the ESA mission JuIcE (Jupiter and Icy Moons Explorer)

List to be provided once the selection is known (2013).

Chief Scientist for Solar System Exploration at JPL since October 15, 2012

Choice of the JPL portfolio for Discovery proposals
Choice of JPL internal investment for instrument development
Linking the science community (division 32) with the Solar System Exploration directorate
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List of publications in peer-reviewed journals

Last update: October 2012

- 163 - LeMouélic S., Cornet T., Rodriguez S., **Sotin C.**, Barnes J.W., Baines K.H., Brown R.H., Lefèvre A., Buratti B.J., Clark R.N., Nicholson P.D. (2012) Global mapping of Titan's surface using an empirical processing method for the atmospheric and photometric correction of Cassini/VIMS images; *Planet. Space Sci.*, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.pss.2012.09.008>.
- 162 – **Sotin C.**, Lawrence K.J., Reinhardt B., Barnes J.W., Brown R.H., Hayes A.G., Le Mouélic S., Rodriguez S., Soderblom J.M., Soderblom L.A., Baines K.H., Buratti B.J., Clark R.N., Jaumann R., Nicholson P.D., Stephan K. (2012) Observations of Titan's Northern lakes at 5 microns: Implications for the organic cycle and geology; *Icarus*, 221, 768–786. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.icarus.2012.08.017>.
- 161 – Maurice S., Wiens R. C., Saccoccia M., and 67 co-authors including **Sotin C.** (2012) The ChemCam Instrument Suite on the Mars Science Laboratory (MSL) Rover: Science Objectives and Mast Unit Description; *Space Science Reviews*, 170, 95–166, DOI: 10.1007/s11214-012-9912-2.
- 160 – Soderblom J.M., Barnes J.W., Soderblom L.A., Brown R.H., Griffith C.A., Nicholson P.D., Stephan K., Jaumann R., **Sotin C.**, Baines K.H., Buratti B.J., Clark R.N. (2012) Modeling specular reflections from hydrocarbon lakes on Titan; *Icarus*, 220, 744–751.
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- Sotin C.**, Ocean Worlds; Conference on "Exoplanets Rising: Astronomy and Planetary Science at the Crossroads", KITP/UCSB, March 2010.
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- Sotin C.**, Convective motions within icy mantles, workshop on "Exchange processes in icy moons", International Space Science Institute, Bern, Switzerland, November 2008.
- Sotin C.**, G. Mitri, N. Rappaport, G. Schubert, D. Stevenson; Titan's internal structure after Cassini-Huygens ; 'Titan after Cassini-Huygens' workshop, Corpus Christi, TX, July 2008.
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- Sotin C.**, 2012, Planetary volcanism and cryovolcanism, Colloque du Comité National Français de Géodésie et Géophysique, Clermont-Ferrand, Octobre 2012.
- Sotin C.**, 2010, Satellites des planètes géantes, Conférence publique du bureau des longitudes, Mercredi 5 Mai 2010, Fondation Del Duca, Paris.
- Sotin C.**, 2009, La géodynamique de Titan a partir des données Cassini: couplage entre la dynamique interne et l'atmosphère ; Institut de Physique du globe de Paris, Octobre 2009.
- Sotin C.**, 2006, Exploration de Mars et de Titan, Colloque du programme interdisciplinaire ‘Origines des Planètes et de la Vie’ , 6 Décembre 2006.
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- Sotin C.**, 2006, Titan vu par Cassini-Huygens, Conférence à l’Institut d’Astrophysique Spatial, Orsay, 28 Septembre 2006.
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- Sotin C.**, 2003, Dynamique et structure interne des satellites de glace des planètes géantes, Observatoire Midi-Pyrénées, Toulouse, 20 Novembre 2003.
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- SOTIN C.**, 2001, Les programmes de recherche en Sciences de l’Univers, Séminaire SDU pour les entrants au CNRS, 4 Décembre 2001.
- SOTIN C.**, 2001, Evolution de Mars, Ecole Doctorale des Sciences de l’Univers, Strasbourg.
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