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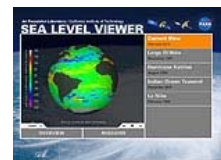
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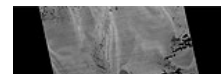
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The Advanced Spaceborne Thermal Emission and Reflection Radiometer (ASTER) instrument on NASA's Terra spacecraft captured this nighttime image of the growing oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico on May 7, 2010.

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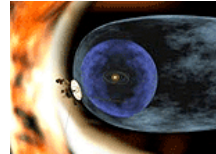
Analog missions, like this one, allow NASA to evaluate the interactions of multiple concept mission systems in remote field locations with similarities to conditions astronauts might face during a space mission.



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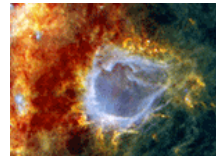
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