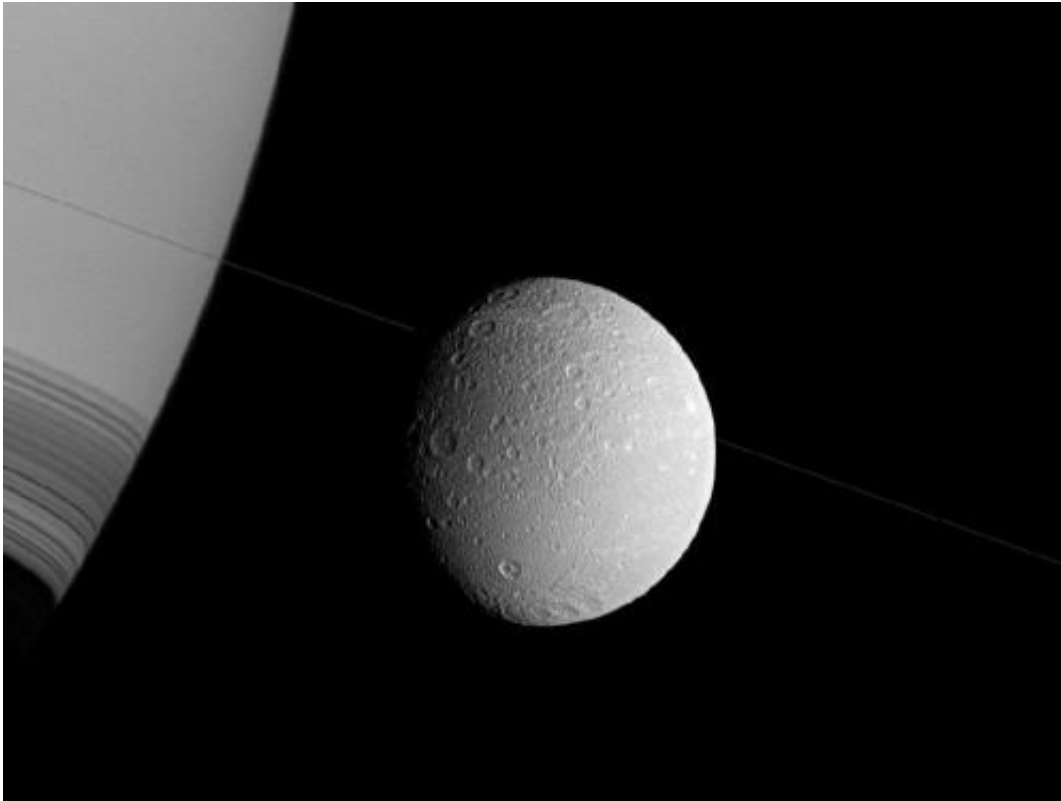


Image: Saturn and its moon Dione

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(PhysOrg.com) -- Saturn and Dione appear askew in this Cassini spacecraft view, with the north poles rotated to the right, as if they were threaded along on the thin diagonal line of the planet's rings.

This view looks toward the anti-Saturn side of [Dione](#) (698 miles, or 1,123 kilometers across). North on Dione is up and rotated 20 degrees to

the right. This view looks toward the northern, sunlit side of the rings from less than one degree above the [ring plane](#).

The image was taken in visible green light with the [Cassini spacecraft](#) wide-angle camera on Dec. 12, 2011. The view was obtained at a distance of approximately 35,000 miles (57,000 kilometers) from Dione and at a Sun-Dione-spacecraft, or phase, angle of 41 degrees.

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