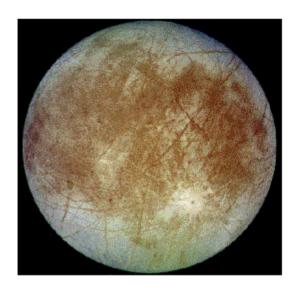
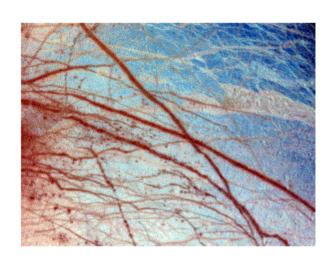
Tidal forces have a major influence on the Galilean Moons

Tidal friction effects on Europa are much weaker than on Io, but still
produce striking results. The icy crust of the moon is covered in
'cracks' due to tidal stresses, and beneath the crust it is believed that
frictional heating results in a thin ocean layer

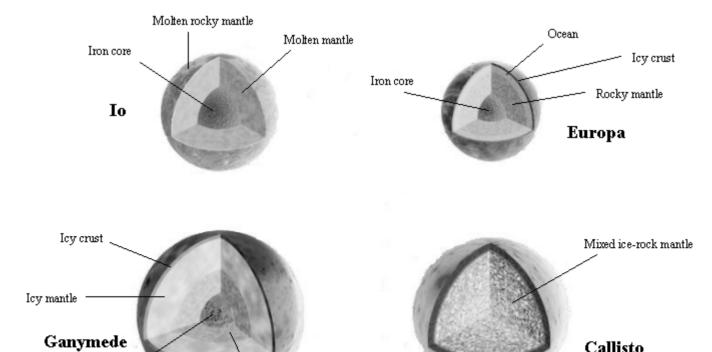


Iron core



Icy crust

Interior structure of the Galilean Moons



Rocky mantle