

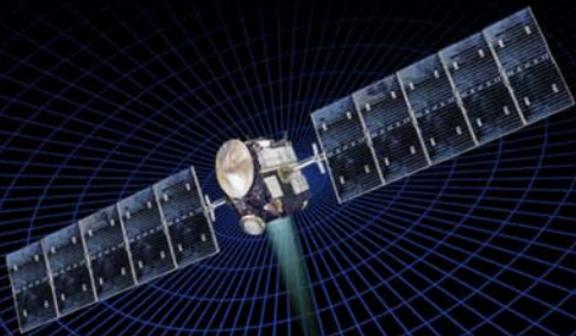


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Launch: September 27, 2007

Vesta: July 2011 - July 2012

Ceres: February 2015 - July 2015



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Most planetary astronomers believe that the planets of the solar system formed from a cloud of gas and dust, while asteroids are the rocky remnants that never grew into planets. By investigating the two most massive asteroids, Ceres and Vesta, NASA's Discovery mission Dawn seeks to determine the planetary building processes that made Ceres large and wet, and Vesta smaller and volcanic. Dawn will help us understand the conditions that led to planetary formation and delivery.



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