

IS ANYONE? HOME?

Your guide to exoplanet
habitability

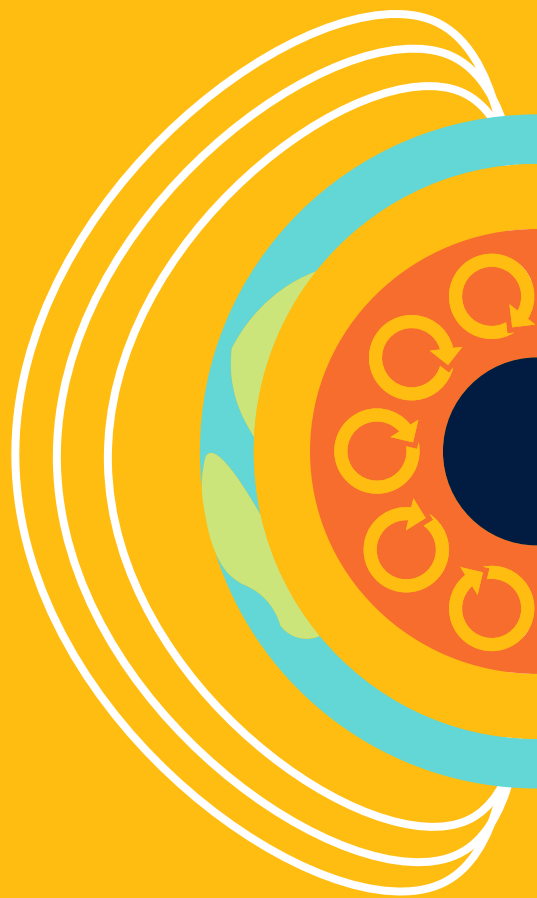
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CORE

A liquid iron core is important for protecting life on a planet's surface. The movement of molten iron generates a magnetic field, which shields the atmosphere from stellar activity.



Some planets with iron cores, like Earth, start with a completely liquid core which crystallizes over time.



Billions of Years

For planets with small cores, the core may completely solidify, turning off the magnetic field.

SOURCES

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