

Mineralogy on Mars and Future Missions with MIMOS II

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The Solar System (not to scale)



Mars: the red planet

~ 1/3 the gravity of the Earth atmosphere: CO₂ (nearly 100 %)
~ 1 % the density of the Earth atmosphere
One Mars day is 24 h 39 min.

One Mars year last ~ 2 Earth years (~686 days)

temperature on Mars: ca. +20°C (day) to - 120°C (night)

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Mars Exploration Rover

On The Mast Science Objective •Multispectral Panorama Camera (Pancam) To search for evidence of •Infrared Spectrometer (Mini-TES) past and present water activity On The Arm (IDD) ·Microscope (MI) ·Alpha Particle X-Ray Spectrometer (APXS) •Mössbauer Spectrometer (MB) 👖 ·Rock Abrasion Tool (RAT) Study geology around the landing sites Study rocks and soils Sol 903 at Gusev Crater







Mössbauer Spectroscopy:



Backscatter Mossbauer Spectra (293 K) Obtained with MIMOS II Instrument for Martian Surface Analogues





MIMOS II Sensor head



Scheme of Sensor Head <u>Sensor Head (actual design)</u>









Sample



Load (4x1)



- 🗆 ×

500

4 MB Spectra 14.4 keV 4 MB Spektra 6.4 keV 1 MB Reference Spectrum up to 13 Temperature windows

205.000 205.000 **2** 200.000 200.000 ິບ _{195.000} 195,000 190.000 100 200 300 Π 400 500 100 200 300 400 Channels Channels Display <u>S</u>um 🥒 ОК.

and: (i)Energy spectra Si-detectors; (ii) Drive error signal

DEPTH SELECTIVITY

6.4 kev and 14.41 keV Mössbauer Spectroscopy



Early Mars – northern sea?



Early Earth ocean-covered







MAZATZAL(Gusev)



Mineral	relative intensity	
	6 keV	14 keV
Pyroxene (blue)	11 %	24 %
Olivine (green)	27 %	33 %
Np oxides (brown)	51 %	33 %
Magn. Phases (magenta)	11 %	10 %

Launch of Spirit and Opportunity

- and MIMOS II



at Kennedy Space Center, Florida, USA



Parachute Phase





<u> !! Successful Landings !!</u>

Spirit : 3. January 04 Opportunity : 25. January 04

MER-Statistics (10.October 2008)

Spirit, Gusev-krater

• 1697 Sols (initial goal: **90 Sols)** • ~7 km traveled (initial goal: 600 m) 161 sets of spectra of rocks and soil targets (initial goal: 1 rock, 1 soil target, 1 extra) ~ 6 Half-life periods of the Co-sources since the landing

Opportunity, Meridiani Planum • 1674 Sols (initial goal: **90 Sols)** ~11 km traveled (initial goal: 600 m) 139 sets of spectra of rocks and soil targets (initial goal: 1 rock, 1 soil target, 1 extra) ~ 6 Half-life periods of the **Co-sources since the** landing

Landing sites on Mars: Follow the water !



Gusev Crater, Mars



Gusev Crater diameter ~160 km

Gusev Crater / "Columbia Hills"

Columbia Hills, West Spur.

Landing-Trajectory (according to real data)



Landing site 'Eagle crater' / Meridiani Planum





Spherules

Blueberries

everywhere !!



~ 3cm

What is the mineralogical composition of the "Blueberries"?



<u>Meridiani Planum - Opportunity in Eagle crater</u>



Mössbauer spectrum of El Capitan: Meridiani Planum Jarosite: (K, Na, X⁺¹)Fe₃(SO₄)₂(OH)₆



Endurance Crater Opportunity Sol ~ 133





changes of element – distribution (relativ to unit D)










Sulfates at Meridiani Planum, Mars Jarosite Distribution







Gusev Crater, Mars



Gusev Crater diameter ~160 km

Spirit in Gusev Crater



Sol 55 Brushing at rock 'Humphrey' / lots of dust !!



Mössbauer Spectrum of "Adirondack"



MER results: Gusev crater

sol 150

Plains: weakly weathered basaltic rocks grouped as "Adirondack-class"
Mazatzal: thin surface coating detected with the Microscopic Imager



sol 01

sol 10

45 mm diameter



Mazatzal



npOx: weathering product

Simulation of a coating with **10 µm** thickness compares best to measured spectra

Simulation uses SiO₂ to account for Fe-absent phases

Composition of Mazatzal (wt %)			
lineral	Interior	Coating	
01ivine (50% Fe ₂ SiO ₄ + 50% Mg ₂ SiO ₄)	40%	-	
yroxene (33%CaFeSi ₂ O ₆ + 33%CaMgSi ₂ O ₆ + 33%MgFeSi ₂ O ₆)	30%	-	
anophase Oxide (50%Fe ₂ O ₃ +50%SiO ₂)	20%	80%	
lagnetite (50%Fe ₃ O ₄ +50%SiO ₂)	5%	10%	
ematite (50%Fe ₂ O ₃ +50%SiO ₂)	5%	10%	

Rotten Rock at Columbia Hills / Spirit _Gusev Crater







Fe³⁺-Sulfate Mars- soil (Paso Robles) at 'Husband Hill'



MIMOS II 'nose print'











dragging the Wheel.....

'white' sands

rich in Silica (~ 70 wt%)!!

Silica Valley is where most of the high silica targets are located



Dust and Energy





Dusty rover

Clean rover

dust on Mars and the 'dust devils'



Car wash on Mars



before the 'dust devil'

Car wash on Mars



before the 'dust devil' after the 'dust devil'

Summary (1): Mössbauer Mineralogy at Meridiani Planum

- 8 Fe-bearing phases were identified:
 - Primary igneous phases: olivine [(Fe,Mg)₂SiO₄], pyroxene [(Fe,Mg)SiO₃], magnetite [Fe₃O₄].
 - Alteration products: npOx, hematite [α-Fe₂O₃], jarosite [(K,Na)Fe3(SO4)2(OH)6], and Fe³⁺-sulfate.
- Jarosite [(K,Na)Fe3(SO4)2(OH)6] identified as a mineralogical marker for aqueous process.
- Direct support for NASA's "follow the water" exploration theme and strategy. MB results will constrain Martian climate history (e.g., jarosite identification)

Summary (2): Mössbauer Mineralogy at Gusev Crater

- Identification of 9 (10) Fe-bearing phases were identified:

 Primary igneous phases: olivine [(Fe, Mg)₂SiO₄], pyroxene [(Fe, Mg)SiO₃], ilmenite [FeTiO₃], magnetite [Fe₃O₄], and chromite [Fe(Cr, Fe)₂O₄].
 Alteration products: npOx, hematite [α-Fe₂O₃], goethite [FeOOH], and Fe³⁺-sulfate.
- Ilmenite, chromite, magnetite, hematite, goethite, and Fe³⁺-sulfate were not unequivocally identified by any other MER instrument at Gusev crater.
- Magnetite established as the primary magnetic phase in martian soil and rock.
- Goethite (FeOOH) identified as a mineralogical marker for aqueous process. The phase has the equivalent of ~10% H₂0 and can be formed only in H₂O-bearing environments.
- Direct support for NASA's "follow the water" exploration theme and strategy.
- MB results will constrain Martian climate history (e.g., goethite found only in very old terrain.)

The Future:

(1) Current Projects:

MIMOS II advanced for:

'Phobos Soil' in 2009 (Russia)
 'ExoMars' in 2013 (Europe/ESA)

Phobos Sample Return Mission



Mars moon "Phobos"



- 1/1000 of Earth gravity
- troughs / crater chains possibly due to material ejected from Mars (ESA Mars-Express).
- bluer material may be fresher than other parts of surface.
- origin: asteroid, caught by Mars?
- C-typ (high Carbon)?
- low density -> mixture of rock & ice?

Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech/University of Arizona

HiRISE camera on NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter; March 23, 2008. distance of about 5,800 kilometers; about 21 kilometers across.Most prominent feature: crater Stickney (lower right); diameter: 9 kilometers.

According to the current understanding the Martian moons Phobos and Deimos are captured asteroids and so they are samples of relict matter of the Solar system.

Choice of Phobos and Deimos as an object of investigation for the next planetary mission bases on following reasons:

- Delivery to the Earth of samples of relict matter and its investigation in the laboratories is one of the most important task of current Solar system exploration;
- Phobos and Deimos are the most accessible small bodies for space research from the technical point of view;







ExoMars Mission

Launch Window: 19th April to 9th May 2013 on Soyuz 2b from Kourou

Arrival:	March 2015 after Mars Global Dust Sease HEO and Delayed Transfer strategies	on (GDS) using
S/C Composite:	Carrier Module plus Descent Module (including Rover and GEP subject to techr	nical feasil <mark>uility</mark>
Landing:	Following ballistic entry from hyperbolic trajectory - EDLS based of Heat Shield, P Retro-rockets and Airbags	arrival Parachute,
Landing Range:	Latitudes between –15º and +45º, all long Altitude ≤ 0 m relative to the MOLA zero I	itudes level
Payload:	Rover and its Pasteur Payload:	Mass 150-180 kg, includes: Drill (up to 2 m depth) & SPDS Instruments ~8 kg Mobility ~10 km

Geophysics/Environment Package (GEP): Mass ≤ 20

Mass ≤ 20 kg, includes: Instruments (4-5 kg TBC)

Data Relay: To be provided by NASA (MRO or equivalent orbital asset)

MOPs and GS: MOC at ESOC (up to Rover egress TBC); ROC (& MTS) at ALTEC (afterwards)



Baseline Mission:

The Rover will ensure regional mobility (several km) to the Pasteur Payload as well as power, communications etc.

The Rover also includes a Drill-based Sample acquisition Preparation and Distribution System (SPDS) which will allow for accessing Mars surface and sub-surface (down to a depth of 2 m)



Phase B1 concept

> Robotic arm with MIMOS IIA



Current baseline

- ≻ Mass ~ 180 kg
- Average Power ~ 120 W
 (by Solar Array assuming RHUs availability)
- X-band communication link for DTE and UHF band for link with MRO

Important to look into the "Subsurface"



Credit: "Space is a funny place" by Colin Pillinger 2007



Si-PIN detector system



Si-Drift detectors SDD



SDD detector: Mössbauer AND XRF on Basalt:



Peak/Background at 14.4 keV: 73% (only ~5% Si-PIN on MER)

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Science, eds. M.Miglierini and D.Petridis, Kluwer Academic Publishers 1999.

Silicon Drift Detector, SDD

Expected performance



Preliminary studies



Backscatter Mössbauer-spectra of an Fe-foil taken with MIMOS II standard e-board and a high resolution SDD



- For temperatures < 250 K the energy resolution is < 150 eV</p>
- Significant reduction of integration time
- Possibility of simultaneous acquisition of an X-ray fluorescence spectrum (element analysis)

Results:

 14.4 keV MB radiation: SDD gives a factor of 7 better signal to noise ratio
Field test at Rio Tinto / Spain







Rio Tinto field campaigne June 2008



Field test at Rio Tinto / Spain













Mössbauer: substrate (jarosite) is visible through the crust (copiapite; possibly with coquimbite).

-2

0 Velocity (mm/s) 2

6

1.02

Raman: white coquimbite crust

Future Plans (& Dreams):

MIMOS II, advanced' for:

(ESA Cosmic Vision / after 2017)



Marco Polo

- Sample return from a *primitive* asteroid
- Collaboration with Japan
- Proposed by Antonella Barucci, Obs. Paris (+ ca. 400 scientists)



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