

From Earth to the Planets and back again

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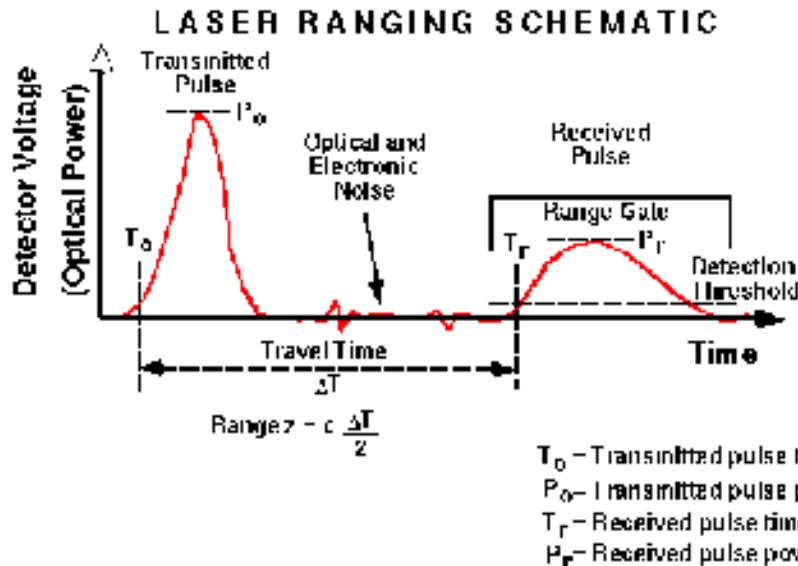
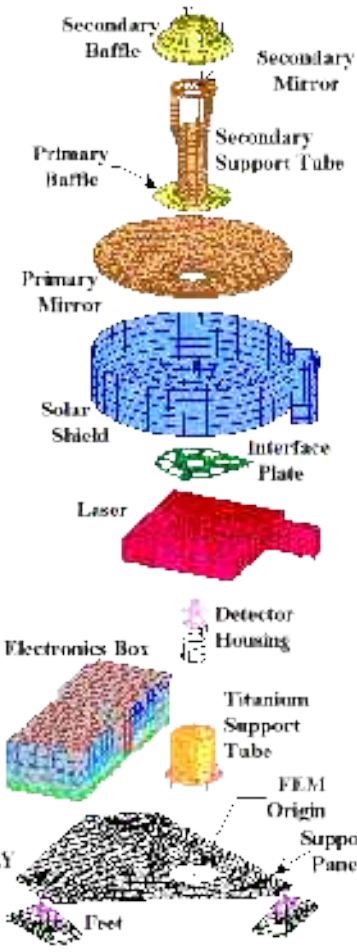
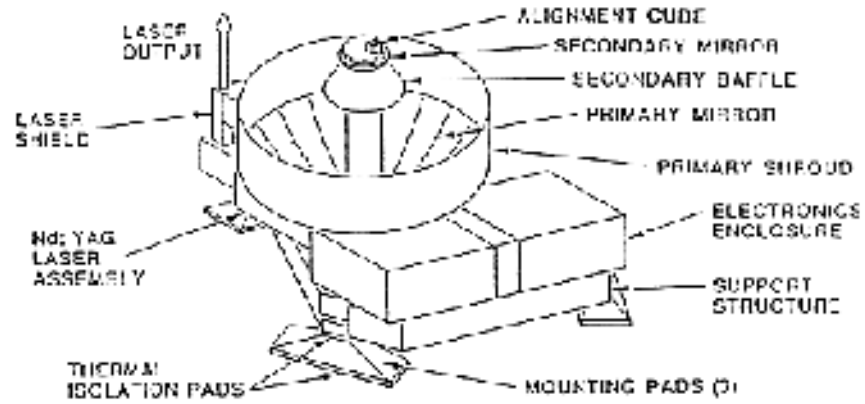
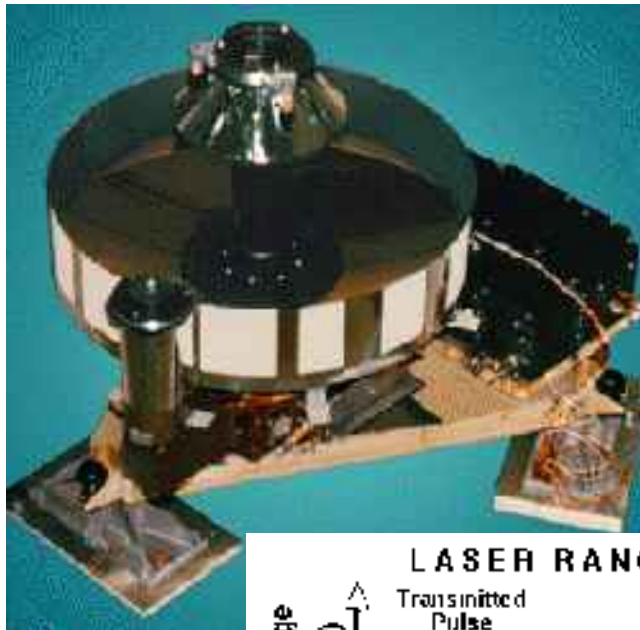
Key Common Issues

- **Land topography and/or cloud topography**
- **Surface composition and hydrology**
- **Solid earth deformation and sub-surface processes**
- **Atmospheric dynamics and radiative transfer**
- **Trace gases and their possible relationship to life processes**
- **Detection of microbial life from fluorescence**

Key Common Technology requirements

- **Sub-nm spectral sampling for isotopologues and fluorescence measurements in Fraunhofer lines**
- **differential SAR interferometry for deformation measurements**
- **LiDAR and RadAlt measurements of ice-sheets**
- **Low frequency radars for sub-surface mapping**
- **Multi-angle, hyperspectral and polarimetric imaging**
- **Multi-angle stereo imaging for land topography**

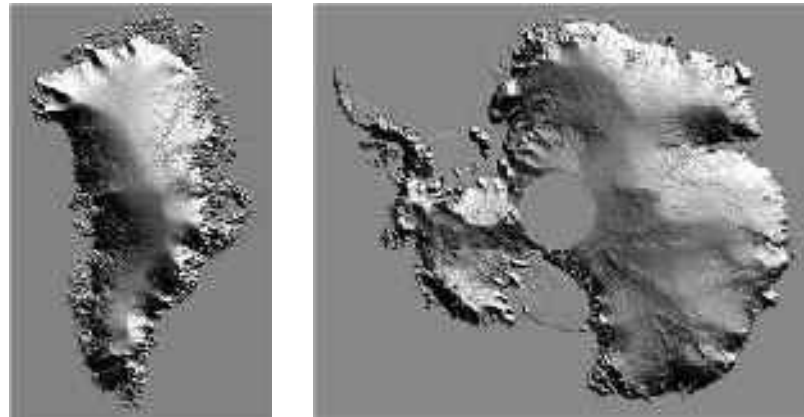
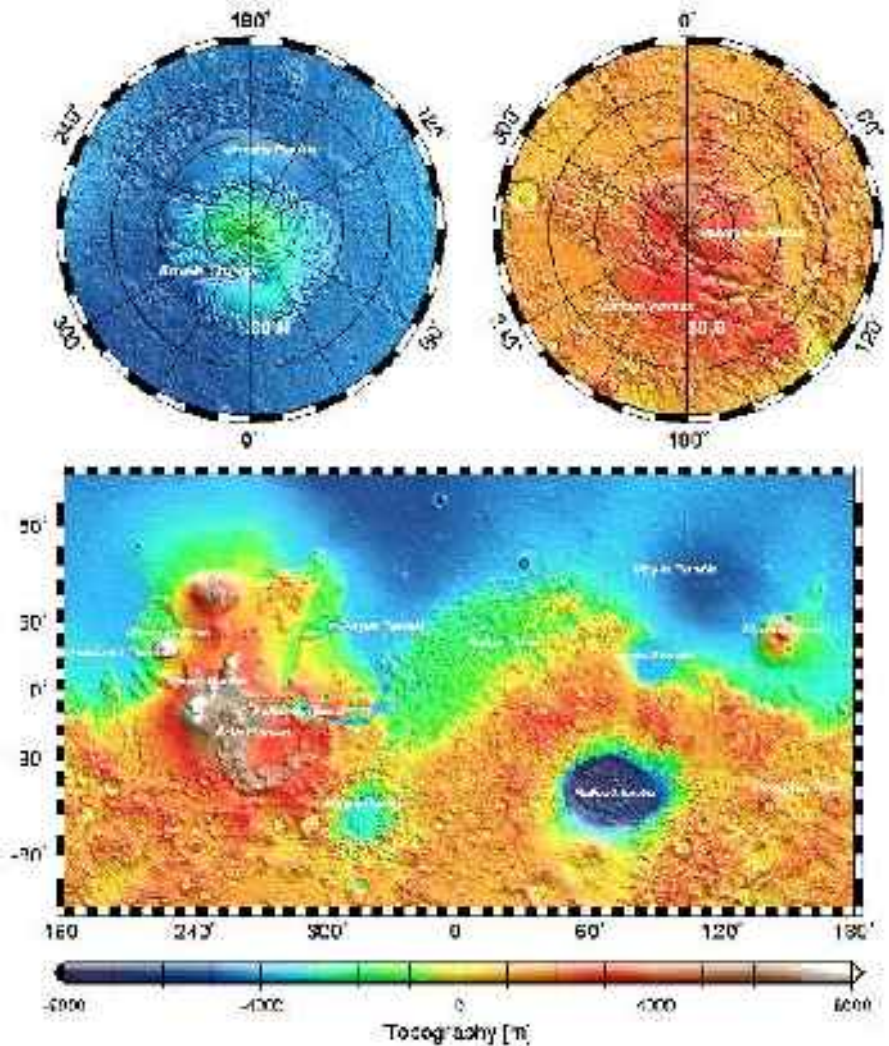
NASA Mars Global Surveyor - MOLA



- launch 1996, failed 2001
- mass: 25.85kg
- power: 34.2 W
- 1064nm at 10Hz
- diode pumped
- Q-switched Nd:YAG laser
- 48mJ/pulse at launch
- 50cm parabolic mirror
- range resolution: 37.5cm
- spot size: 130m
- along-track spacing: 300m

MOLA DTM Products of ICESat

- Global 463m DTM (2002)
- Across-track spacing <200m near poles
- Across-track spacing spacing >>3km near equator
- Orbit intersections indicate $Z_{rms} \ll 1m$
- Provides global reference plane



500m ICESat observations (2009)

HRSC and SRC – Technical Parameters



HRSC:
Focal length
175 mm

SRC:
Focal length
975 mm

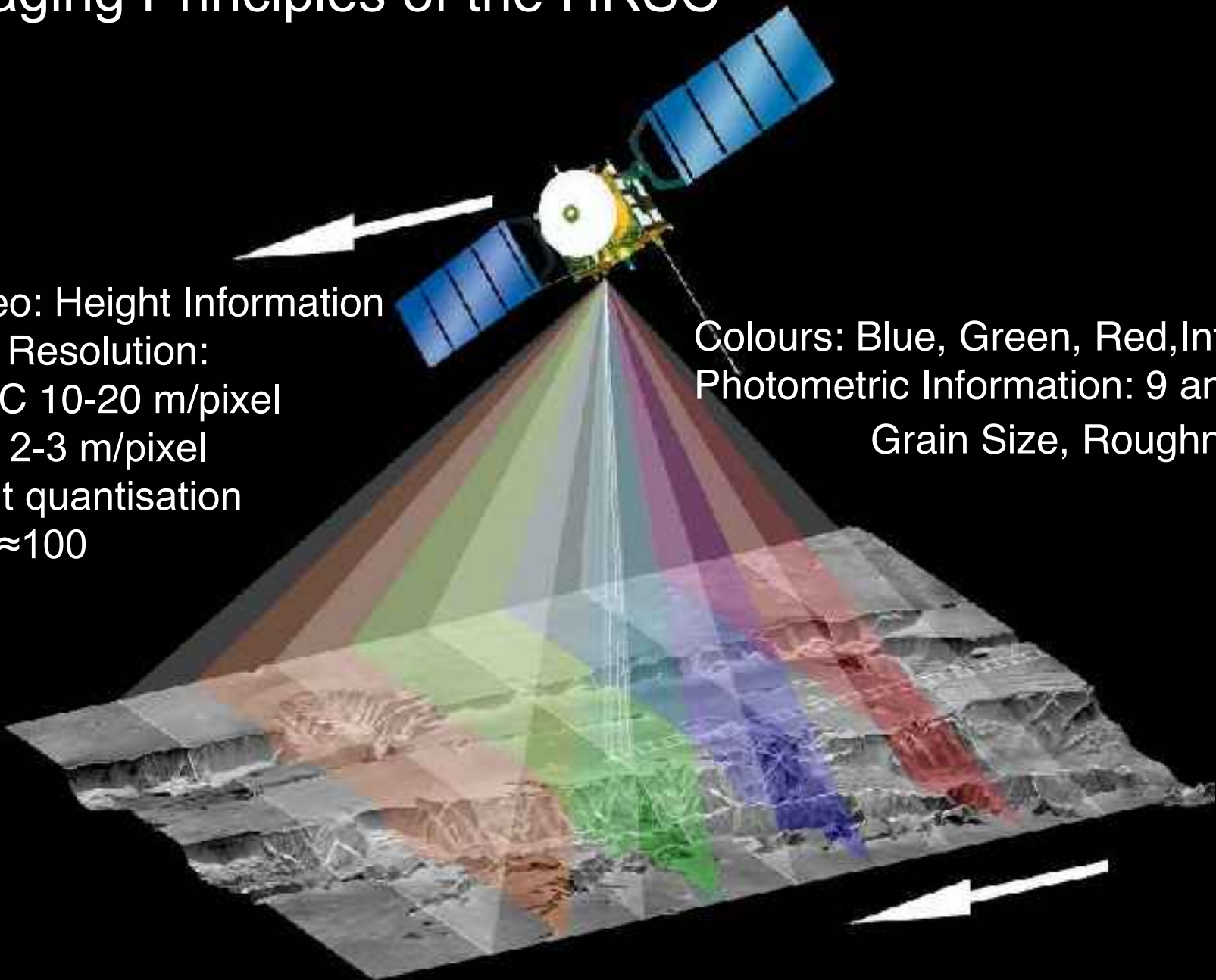
Simultaneous acquisition of image data

- **High resolution** : Nadir-Sensor, 10 m/Pixel from 250 km Altitude
- **Stereo:** 4 Sensors, 10-20 m/Pixel from 250 km Altitude
- **Color:** 4 Sensors, red, green, blue, near Infrared
- **Max. Resolution (SRC):** 2-3 m/Pixel from 250 km
- **Output-Datarate:** 25 Mbit/s, On chip-Compression
- **Mass:** 19.6 kg

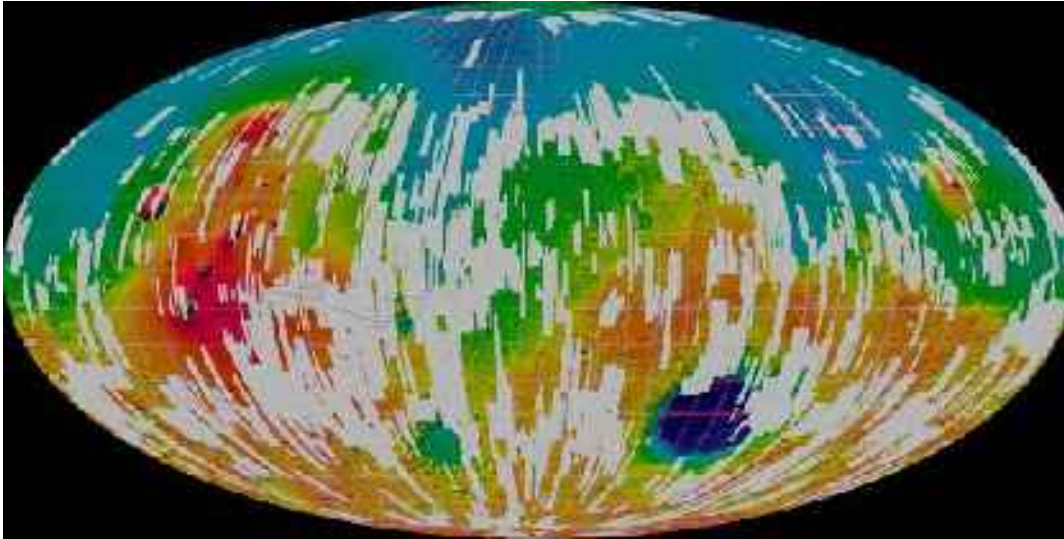
Imaging Principles of the HRSC

Stereo: Height Information
High Resolution:
HRSC 10-20 m/pixel
SRC 2-3 m/pixel
14-bit quantisation
SNR \approx 100

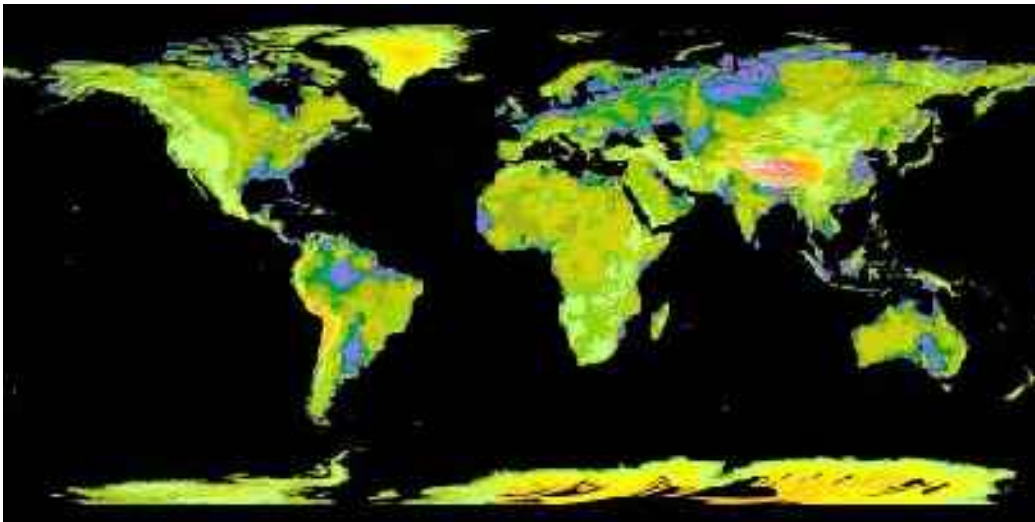
Colours: Blue, Green, Red, Infrared
Photometric Information: 9 angles
Grain Size, Roughness



Mars 50-100m DTMs from HRSC (37% to date) cf ASTER 30m GDEM

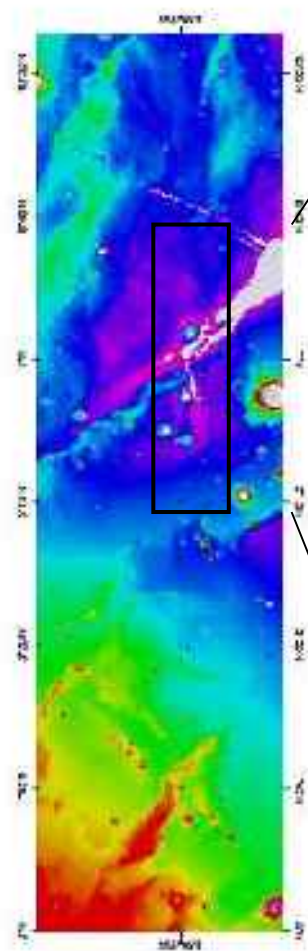


Scholten, DLR, 7-Sep-11



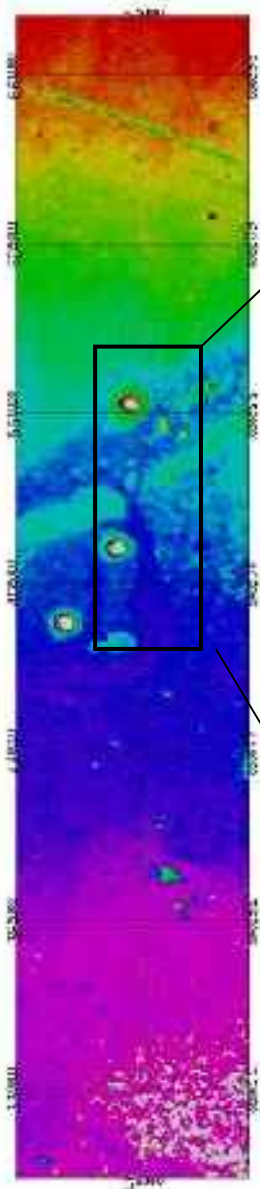
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Multi resolution DTM from MOLA, HRSC, CTX, HiRise: Elysium/Athabasca Vallis

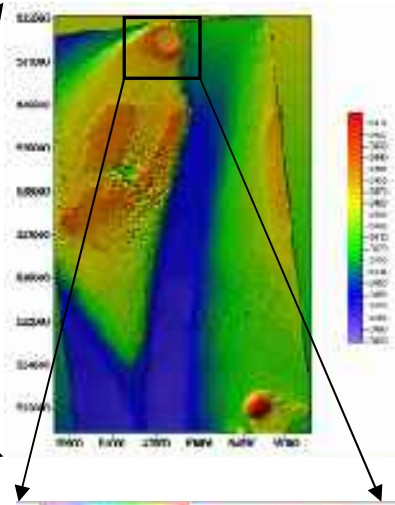
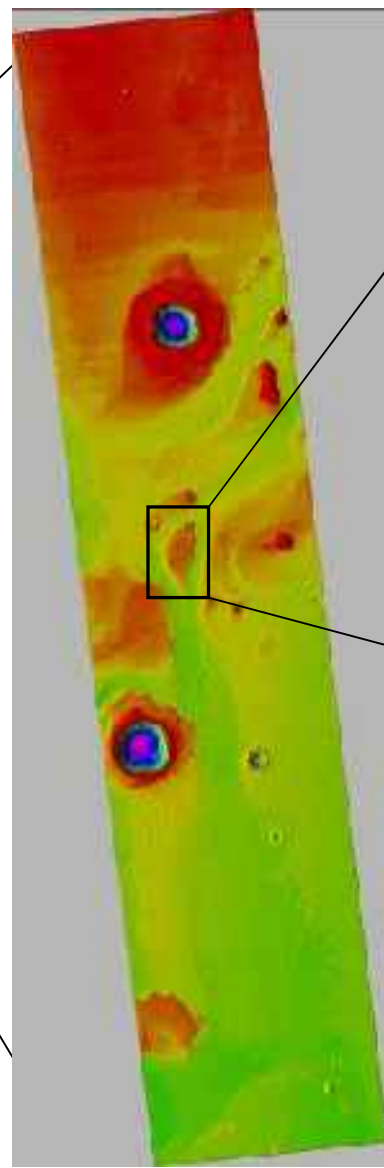


500m MOLA grided DTM in Elysium

100m HRSC Stereo DTM by UCL DTM processor



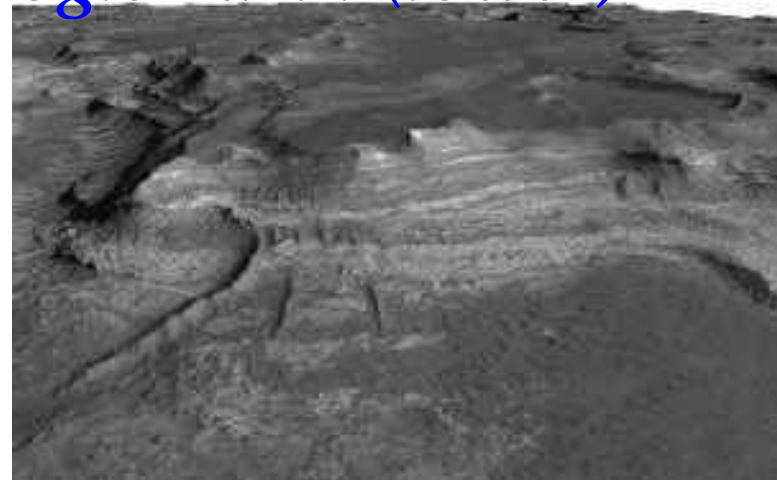
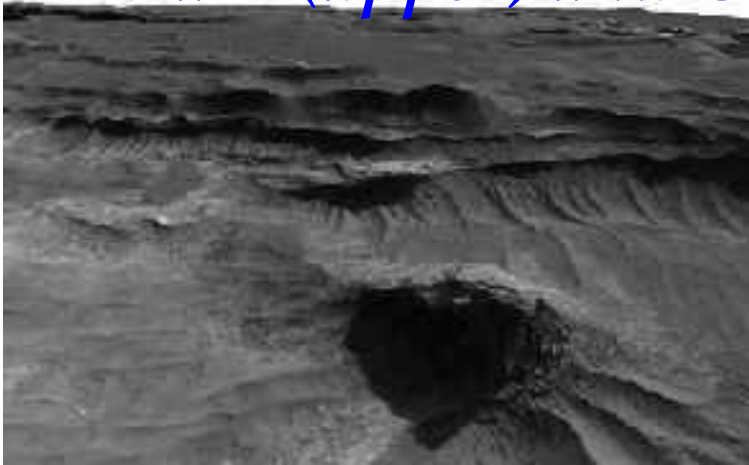
10m CTX Stereo DTM by UCL DTM processor



2.5m and 70cm HiRISE Stereo DTM by UCL DTM processor

Kim & Muller, Planetary Space Science10

How and what can we map from space? Mars (upper) and Google Earth (lower)

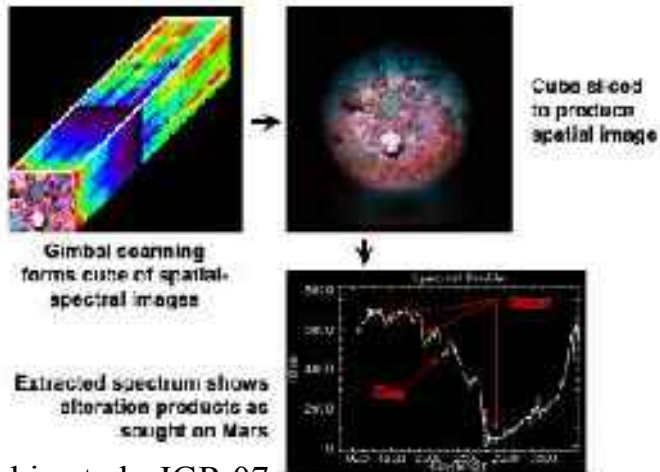


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Perspective view of horizontal sedimentary beds in cliff faces over Mars - Eberswalde crater (upper) and Egypt (lower) at the SAME scale (courtesy of Sanjeev Gupta, Imperial College)

Hyperspectral: MRO CRISM cf OMEGA

- Global coverage at 2-3 times the resolution of OMEGA and better SNR
- Targeted hyperspectral data can better characterise deposits but still dependent on aerosol correction
- Current mapping ignores spectral BRDF
- MERIS, CHRIS & Hyperion



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Murchie et al., JGR 07

CRISM RGB image on CTX Miliken on Holden crater MSL site

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CRISM high resolution mapping

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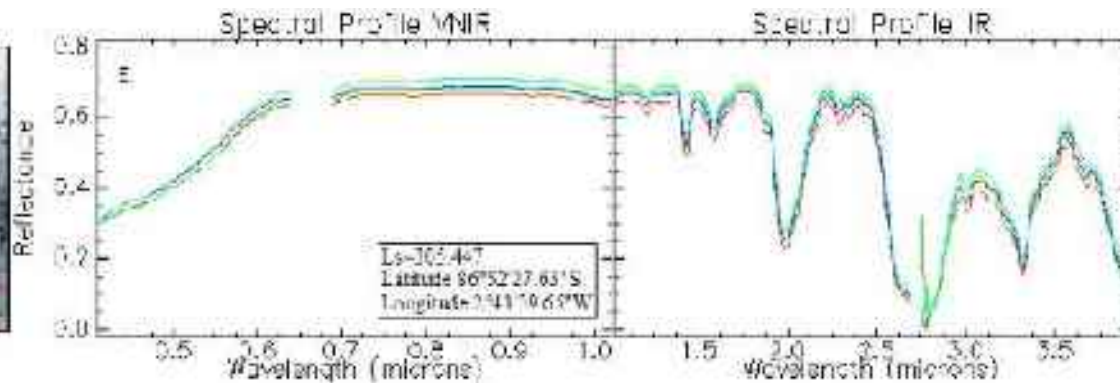
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Fe Minerals

Mafic Minerals

Clay Minerals



Angles, MSc11

CO₂/H₂O with a hint of PAH

THEMIS mapping of rock types



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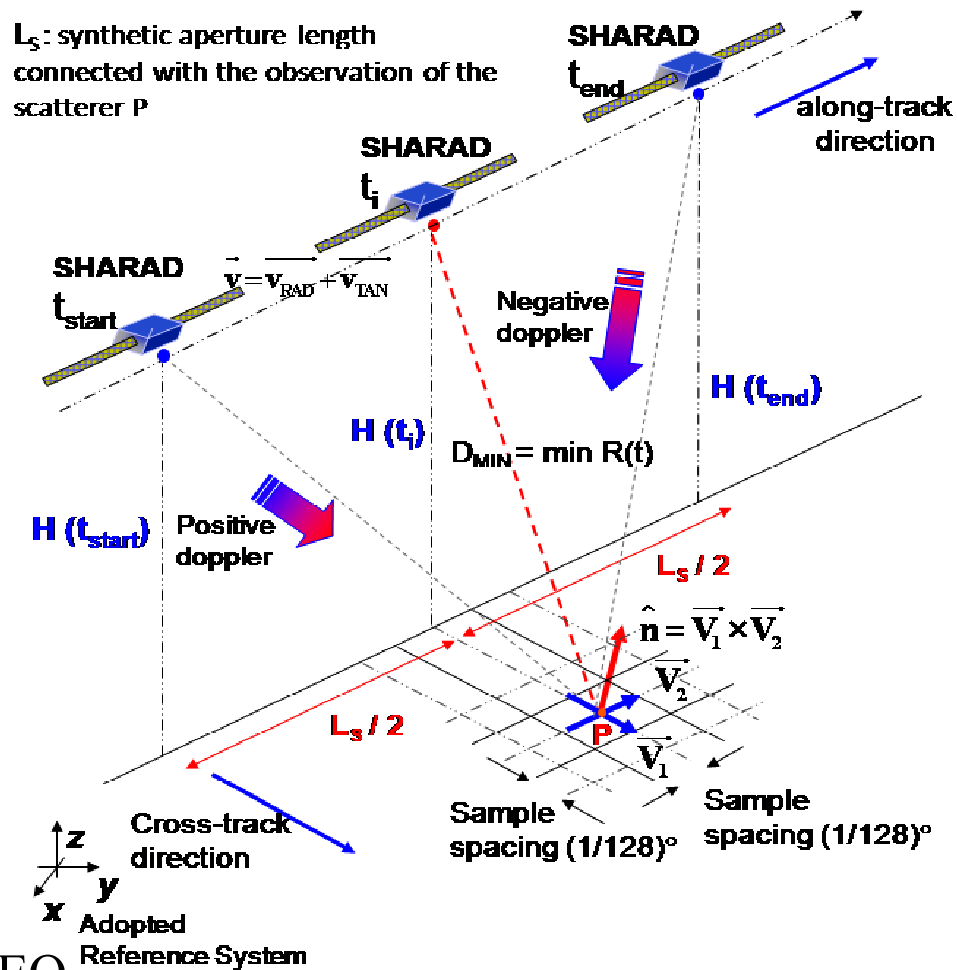
Olivine basalt 2

Dust

THEMIS: 3-15 μ m flat response multispectral microbolometer (2001)

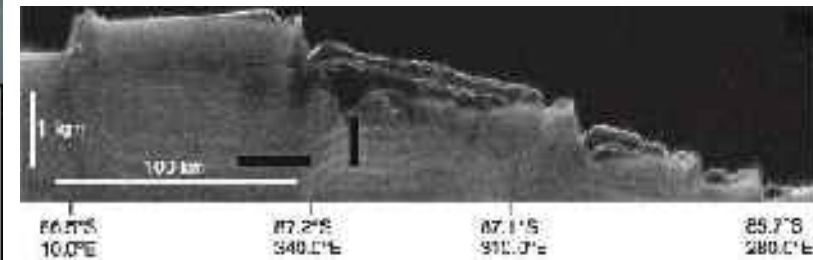
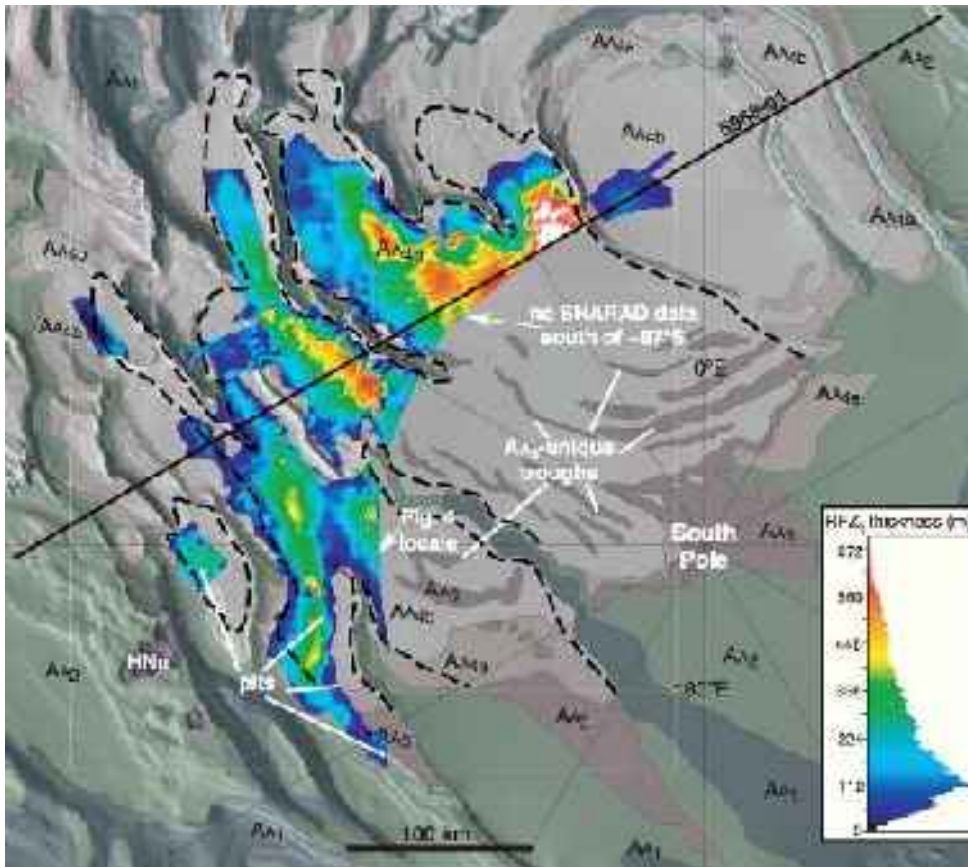
Nothing comparable in Earth Orbit

MRO SHARAD sub-surface sounding (15m wavelength)



Nothing comparable in EO

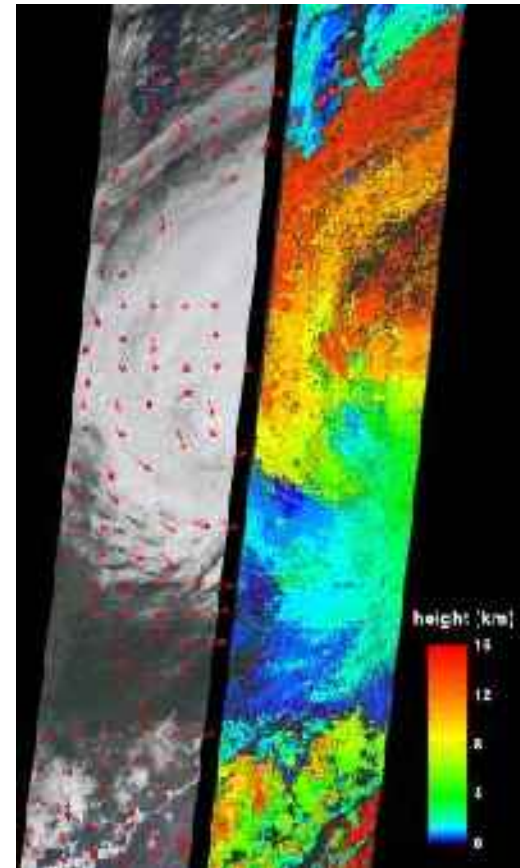
MRO SHARAD sub-surface sounding : estimation of polar cap thickness



Philipps et al., Science, 2011

Atmospheric Dynamics using multi-angle time differencing

- MISR and ATSR2-AATSR have demonstrated cloud-top winds and heights
- MISRlite (TIR) and SABLE (Venture) are smallsat versions
- Jupiter-Europa-Ganymede mission could include a MISRlite instrument for mapping 3D distributions of clouds



Atmospheric Trace gas analysis

- Prediction in 1967 that if methane were detected in Mars' atmosphere that it would be a strong indicator of biological activity
- Observations in 2003 show that highly variable amounts of methane (1-30ppb) detected in martian atmosphere
- MATMOS on ExoMars Trace Gas Orbiter 2016 should make definitive measurements from orbit
- SCIAMACHY methane observations from EO but no differentiation as to source(s)

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Life Detection by Atmospheric Analysis

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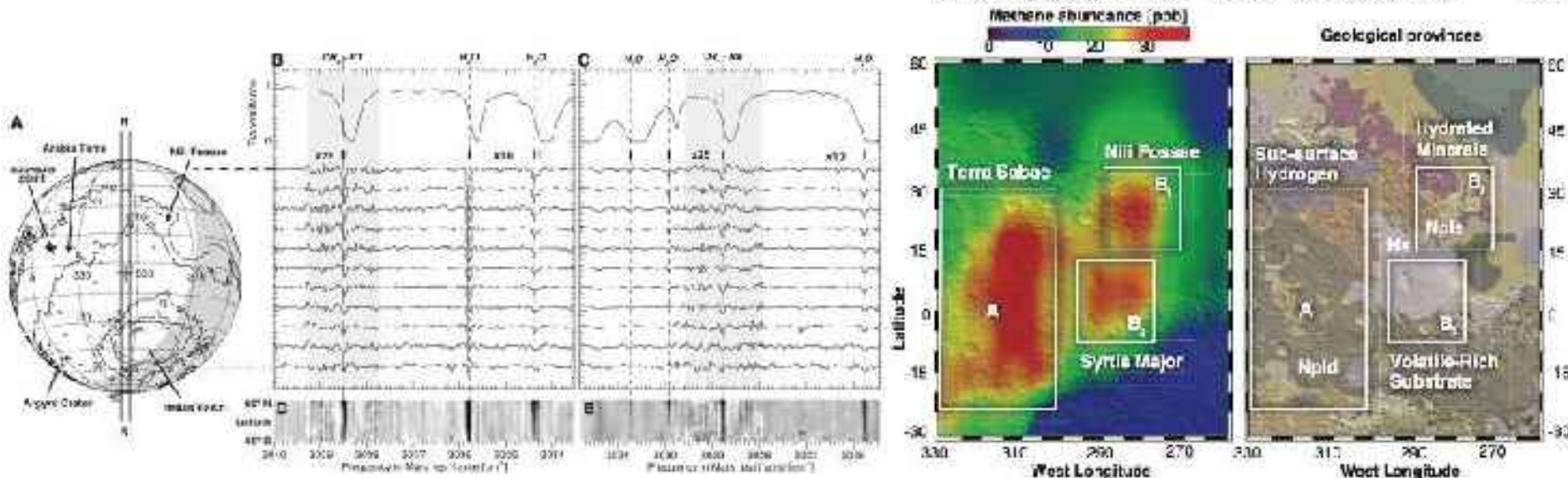
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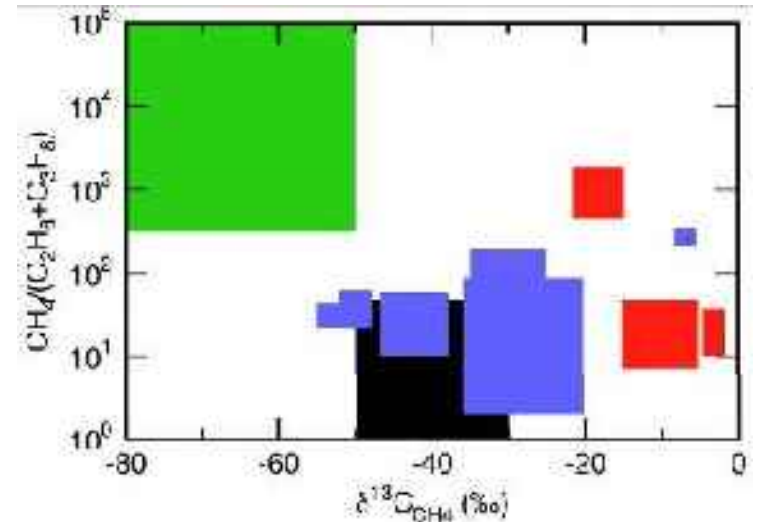
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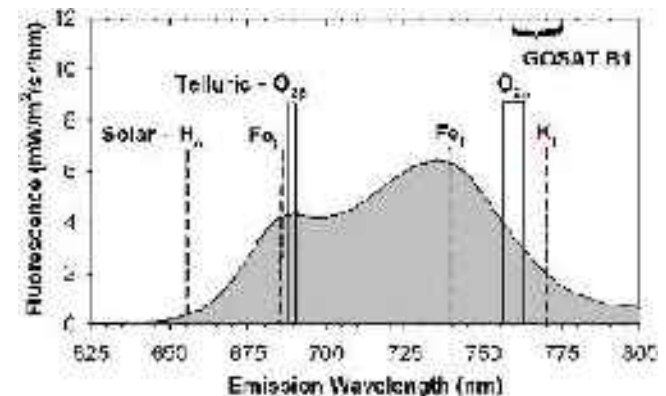


Life detection from Orbit

- Isotopic ratios (isotopologues) combined with abundance ratios appear to provide more definitive proof of biogenic or abiogenic origins
- MATMOS (FTIR on EMTGO16) Spectral resolution onboard will be sufficient to determine this
- Randal et al (EGU, 2010) have demonstrated this already with Canadian ACE/FTS for H₂O
- Chlorophyll fluorescence also possible to map from orbit in Fraunhofer lines from GOSAT as demonstrated by Joiner et al (2011) for vegetation and in solar-reflected region over oceans by Gower et al (2005)



Green area represents Biogenic (Allen, 2011)



Summary and Future Prospects

- **A great deal of new technology has been developed and tested on planetary missions which has yet to be applied in EO:**
 - **Hyperspectral high resolution ($\geq 30\text{m}$) up to $15\mu\text{m}$**
 - **Sub-surface mapping at low frequency**
- **Similarly some EO technology has not yet been applied to planetary observations**
 - **Isotopologue and abundance ratio combinations**
 - **Fluorescence measurements from organics**
- **With a UK Space Agency and a coherent planetary exploration programme (Aurora), hope to see much more “joined-up” thinking of bi-directional technology development and transfer**