

Mars Rover In Situ X-ray Compositional Data Sets and Analysis Tools

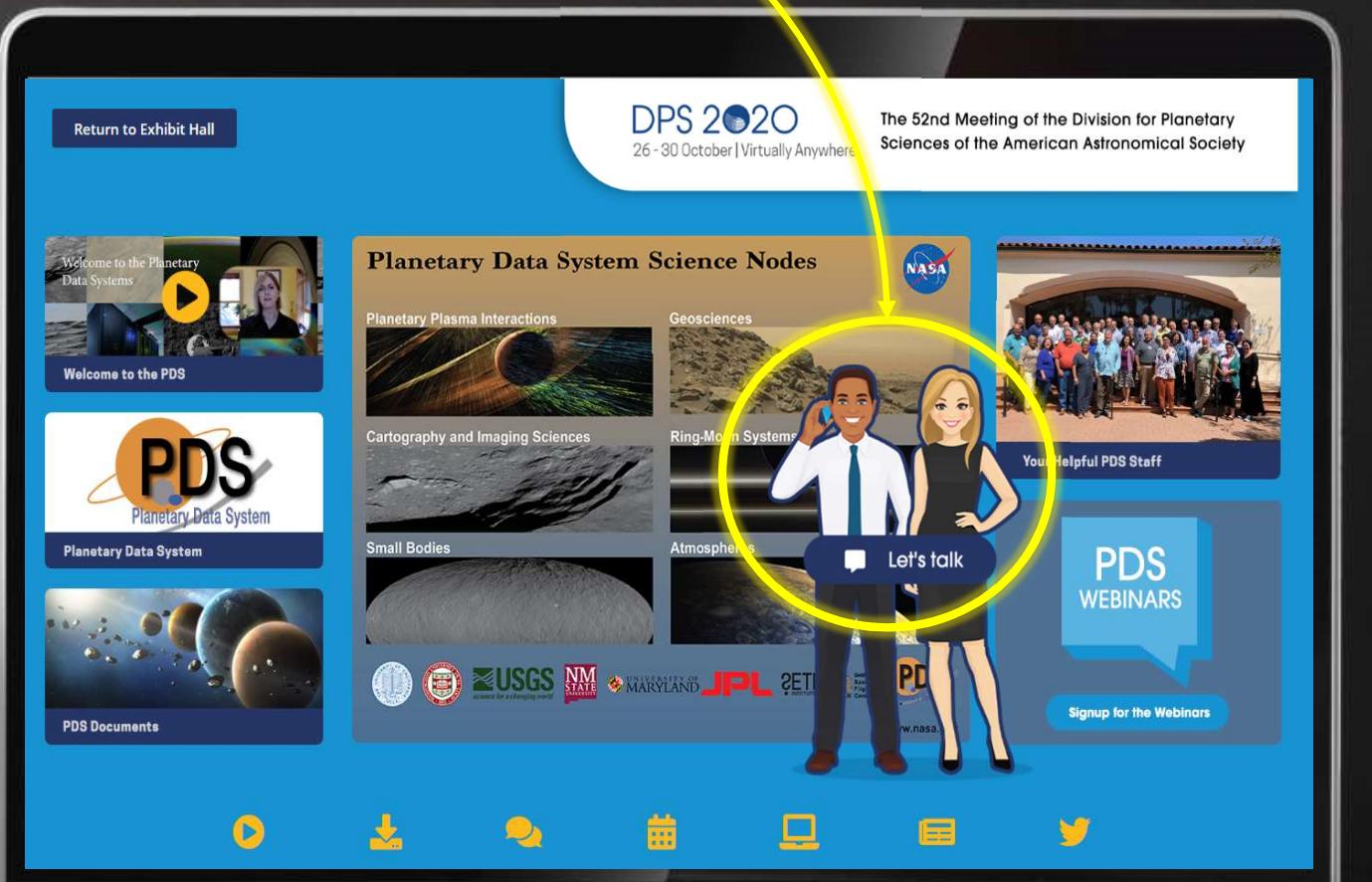
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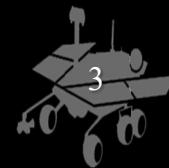
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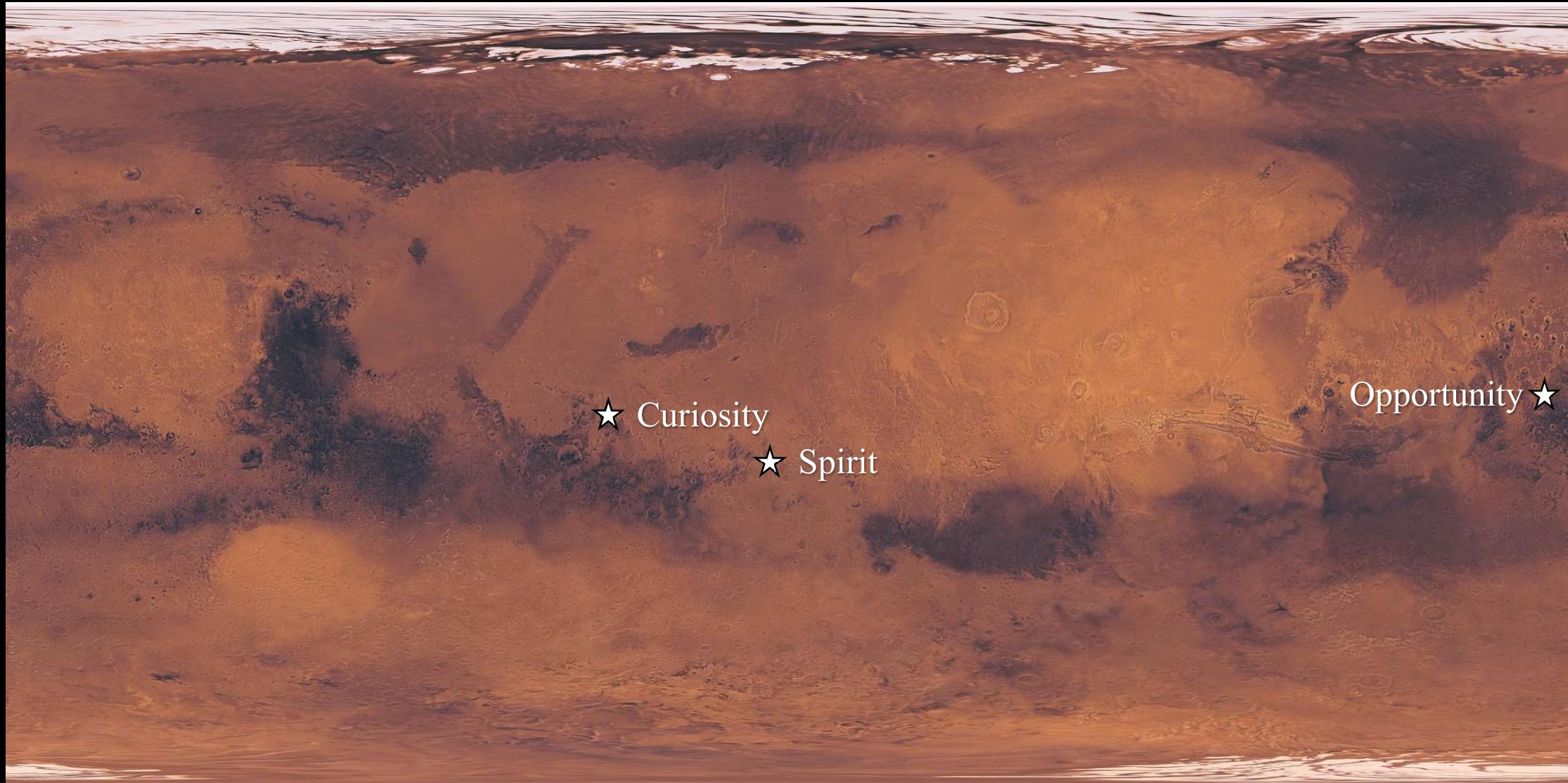
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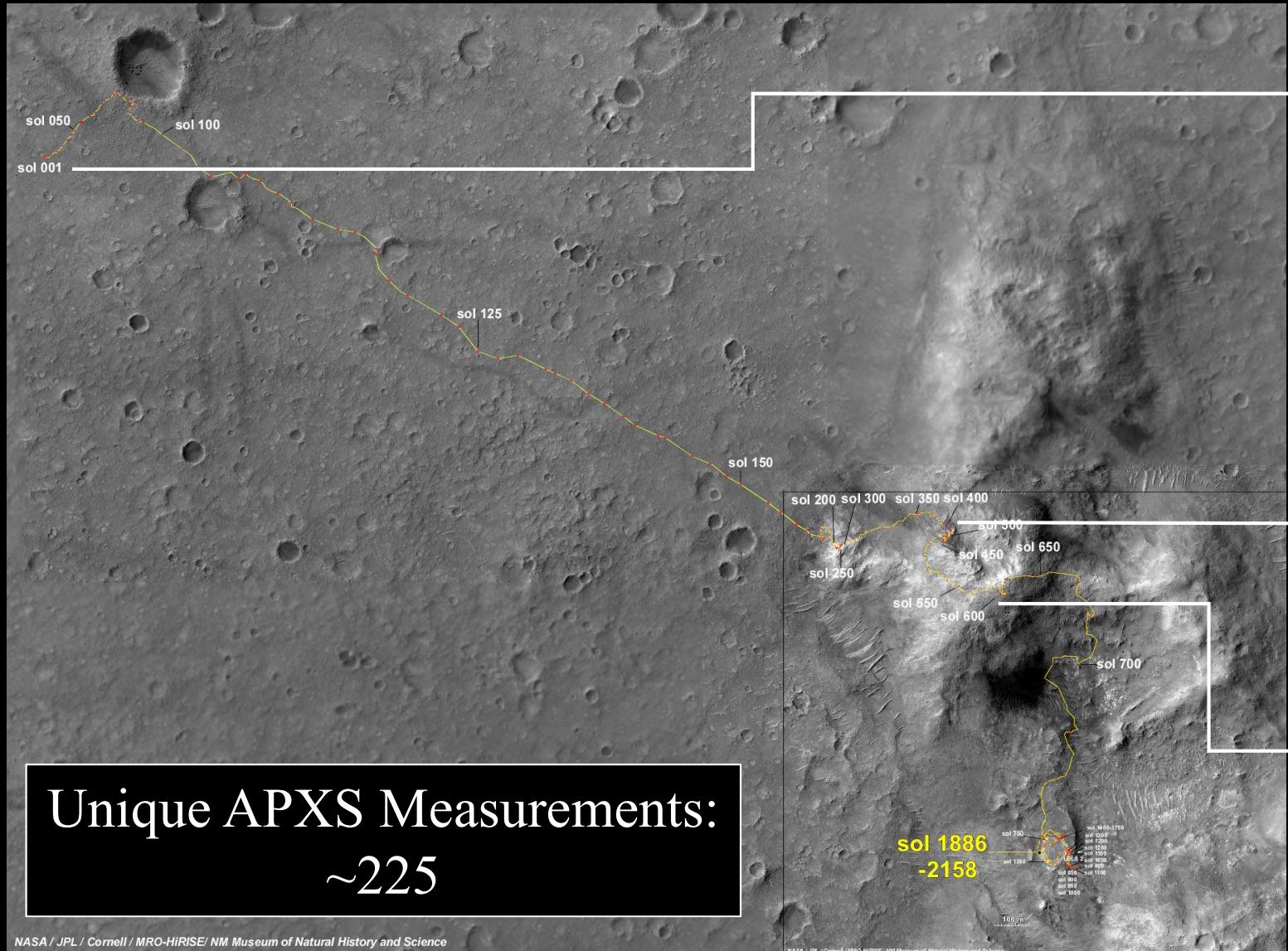
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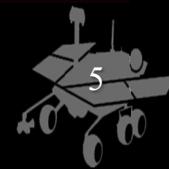
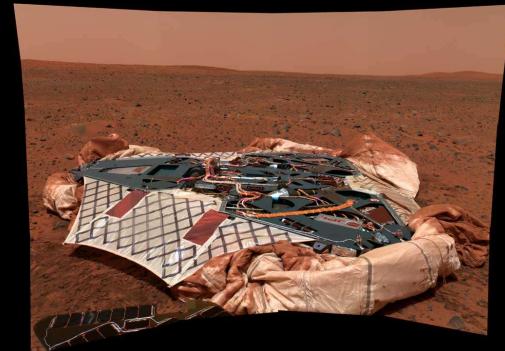


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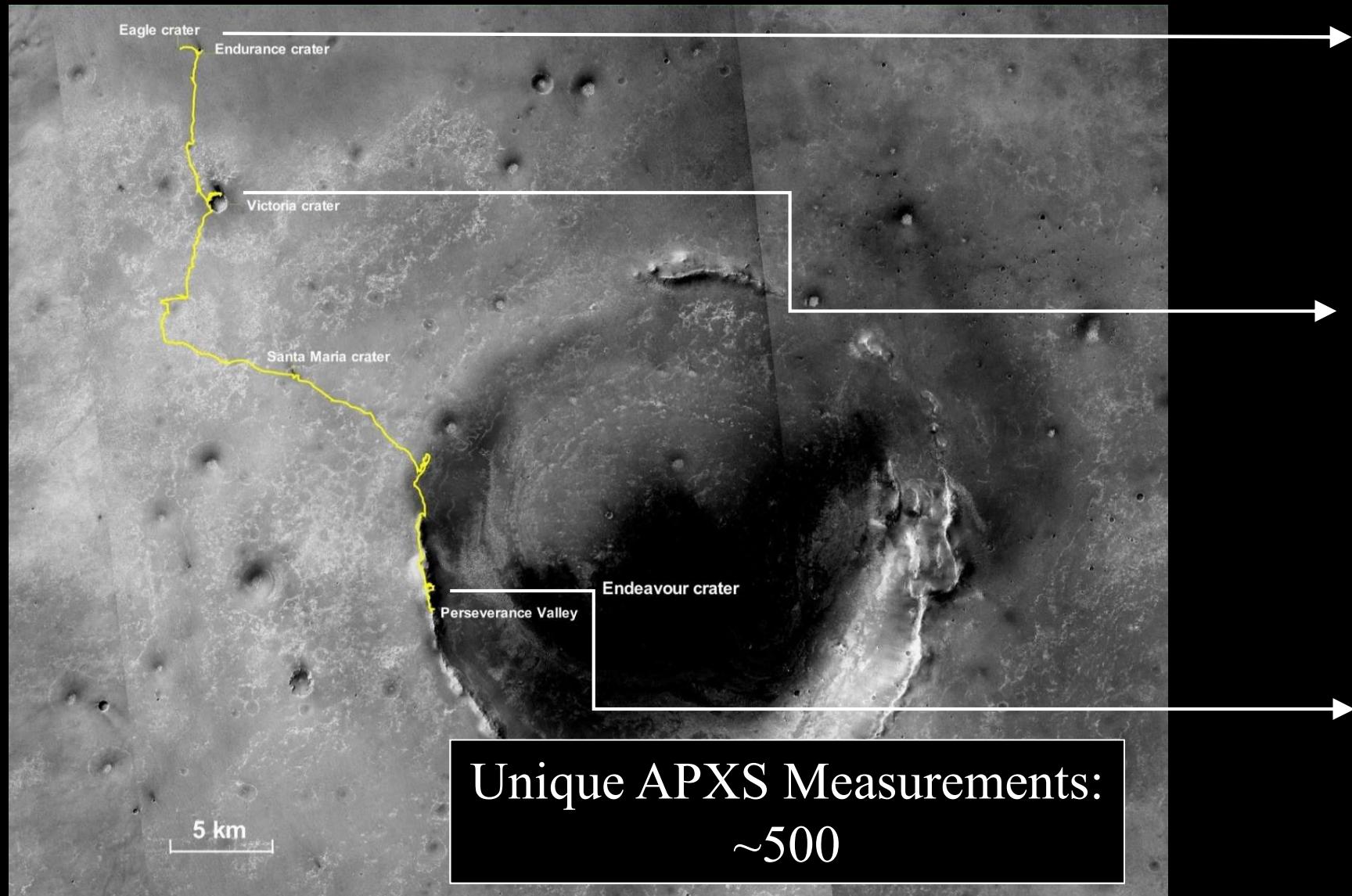


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MER Contact Science Target List: https://pds-geosciences.wustl.edu/mer/urn-nasa-pds-mer_cs_target_list/



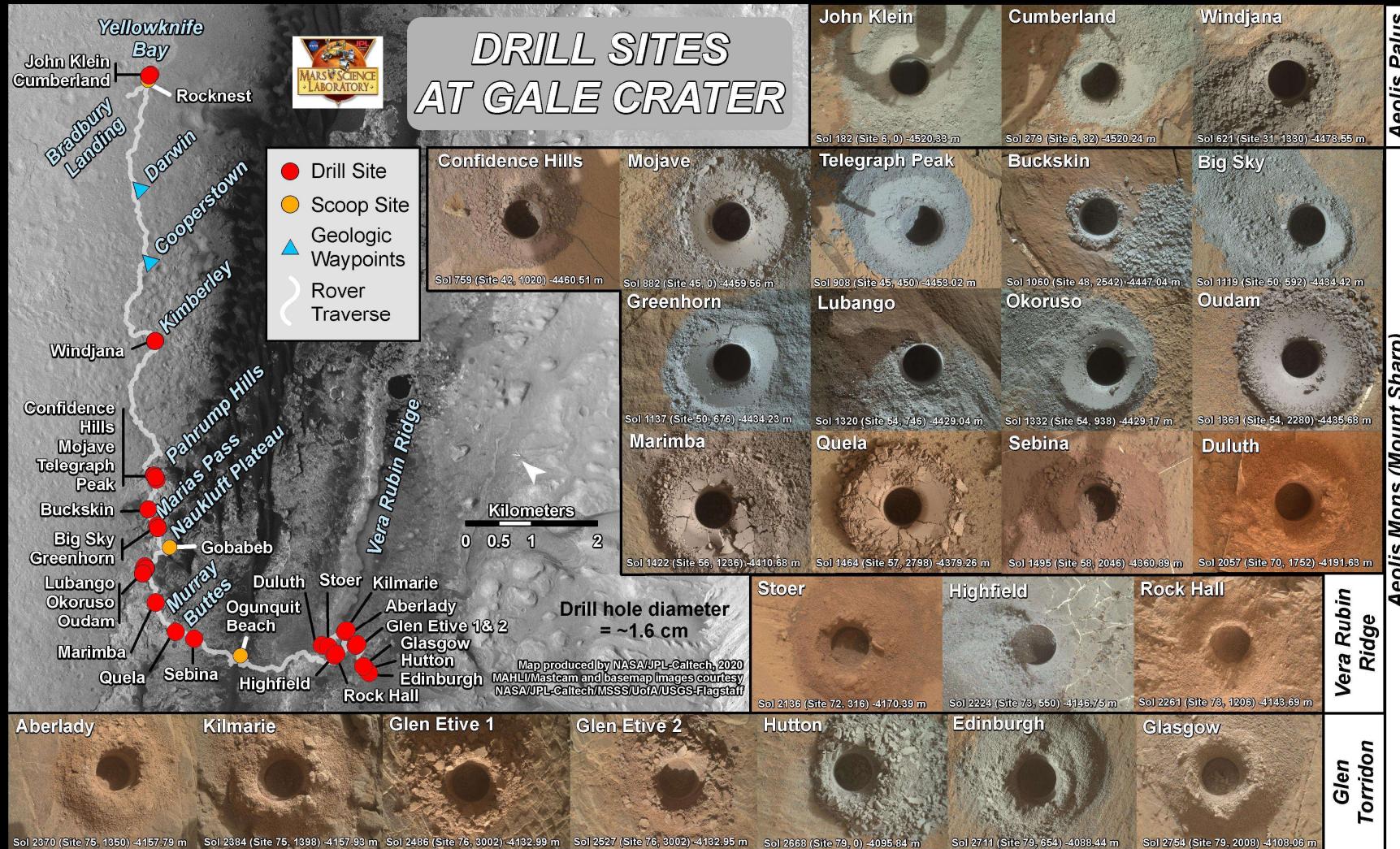
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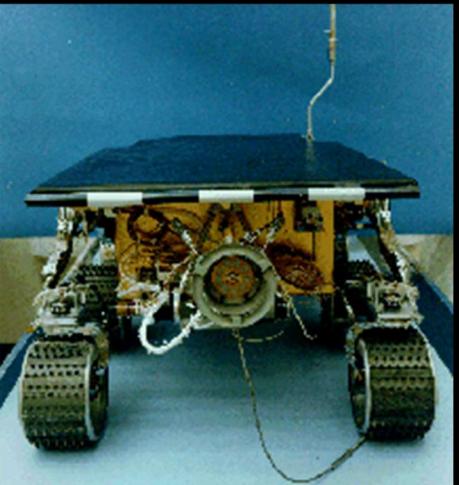
Unique APXS Measurements:
~950

MSL APXS Data Supplement (to sol 2301): https://pds-geosciences.wustl.edu/msl/urn-nasa-pds-msl_apxs_supplement_sols_0_2301/

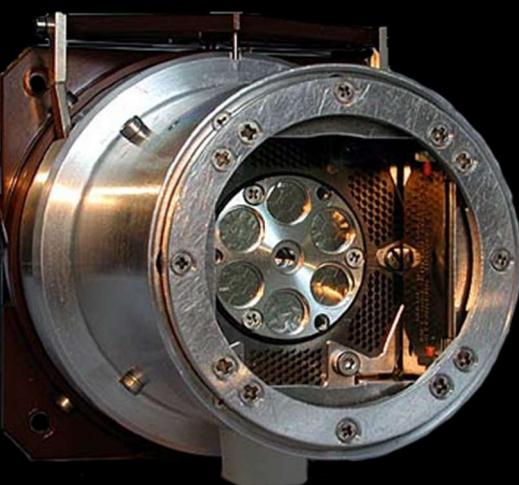


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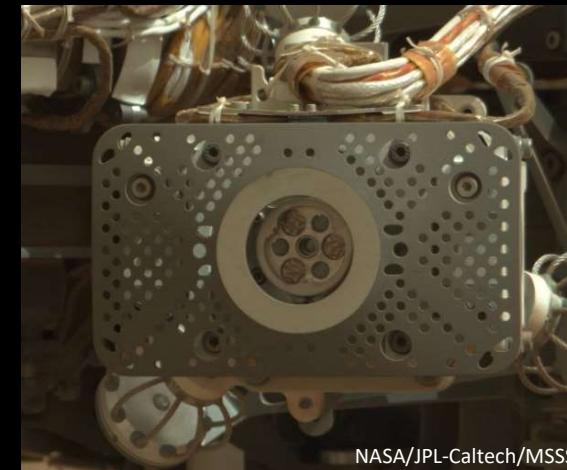
1997 – Mars Pathfinder
(Sojourner)



2004 – MER
(Spirit, Opportunity)



2012 – MSL
(Curiosity)



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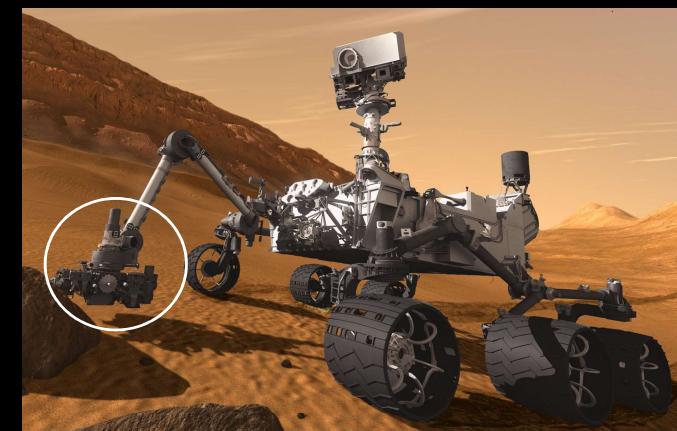
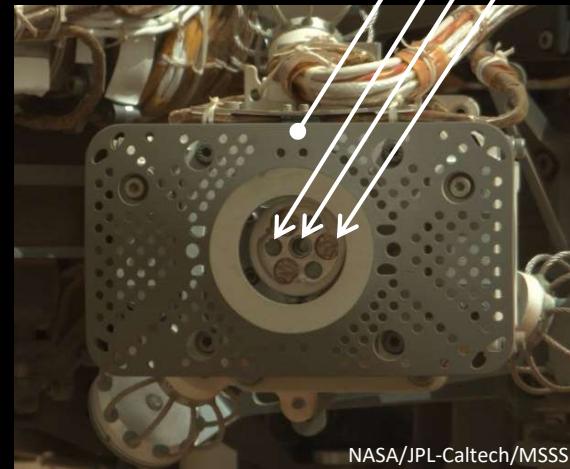
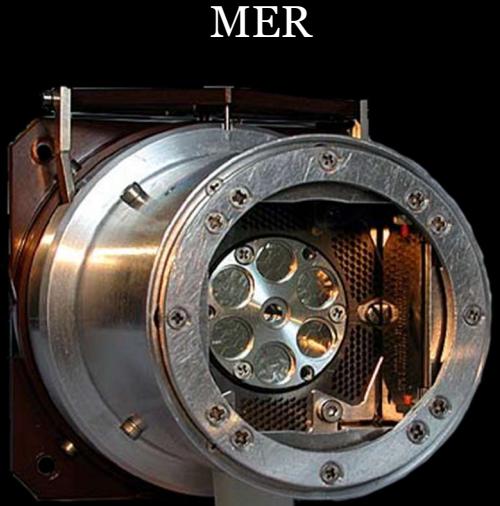
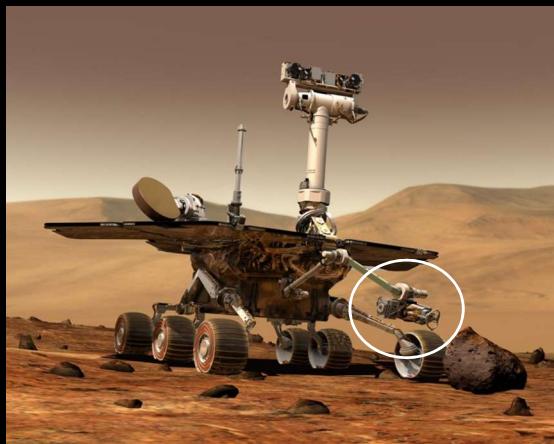
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APXS Overview



Contact Sensor Plate
10 mCi Beryllium-covered ^{244}Cm (x3)
SDD X-ray Detector
10 mCi Ti-foil-covered ^{244}Cm (x3)

Specifications

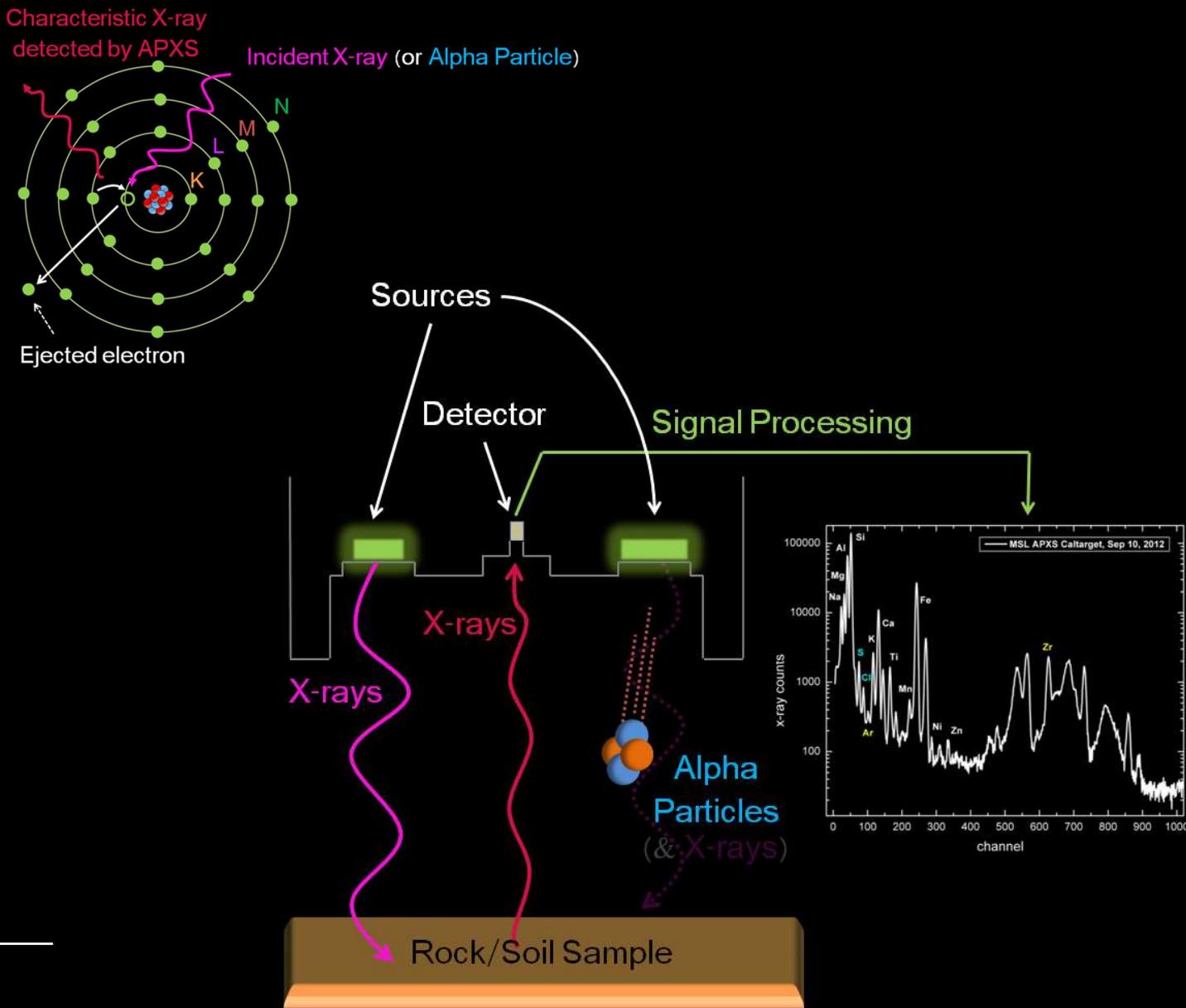
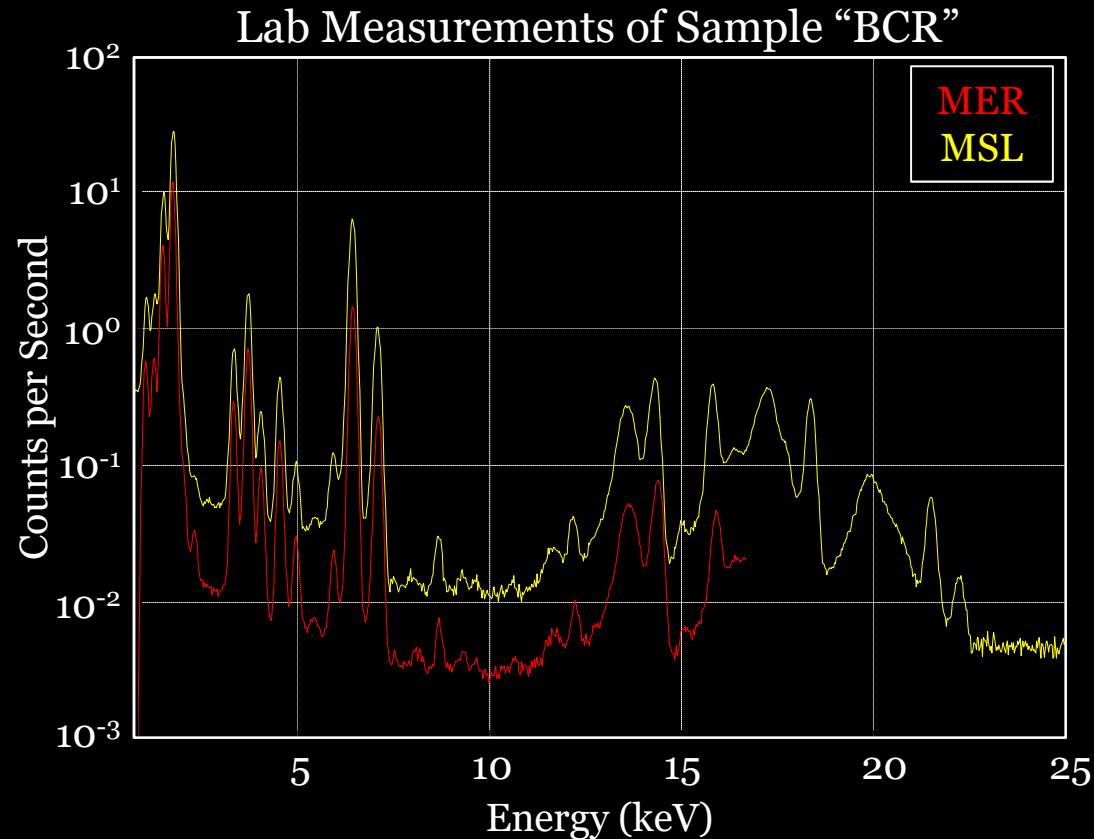
Sample Separation	30 mm (Contact)
In-Contact FOV	35 mm \varnothing
Energy Range	0.9 – 16 keV
Resolution	160 eV (FWHM)
Operating Temp	-130°C to -40°C
Power Dissipation	2.8 W

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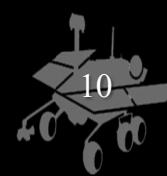
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Power Dissipation	5 W (+3 w/Peltier)



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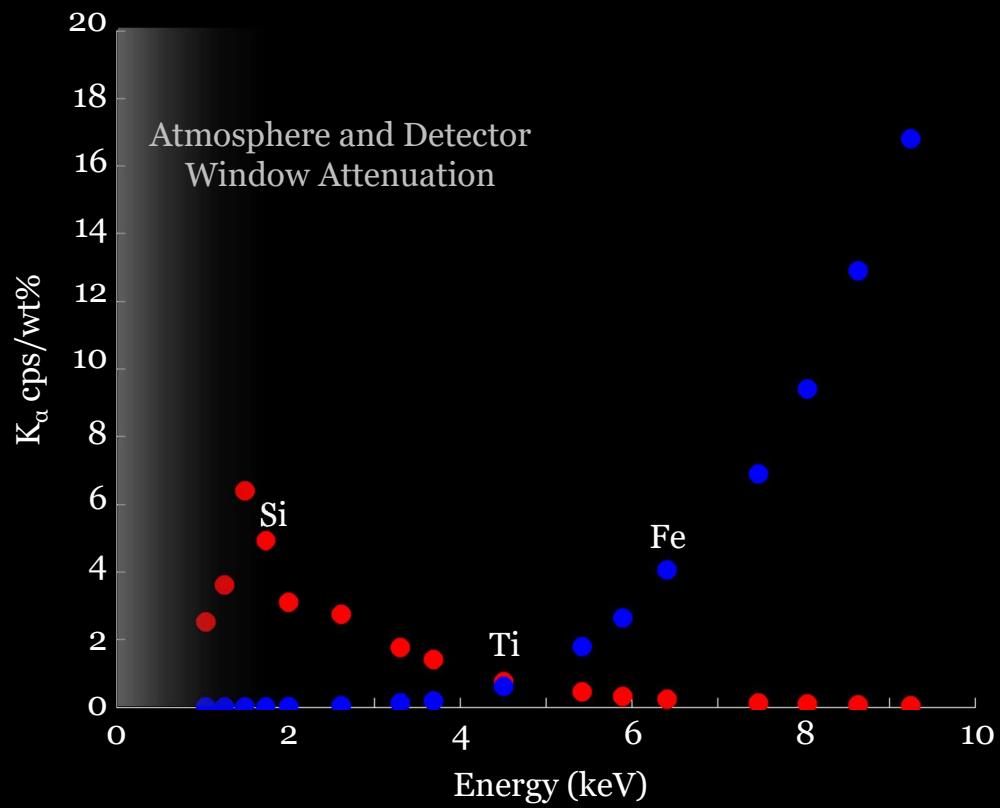


	MER	MSL
Sensitivity (Relative)	1	~3
Operable Peltier Cooler	No	$\Delta T = 30^\circ\text{C}$
Meaningful APXS Calibration Target	No	Yes
Alpha Detectors (for RBS)	Yes	No
Proximity Mode	No	Yes

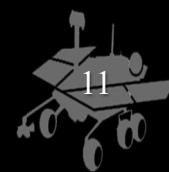
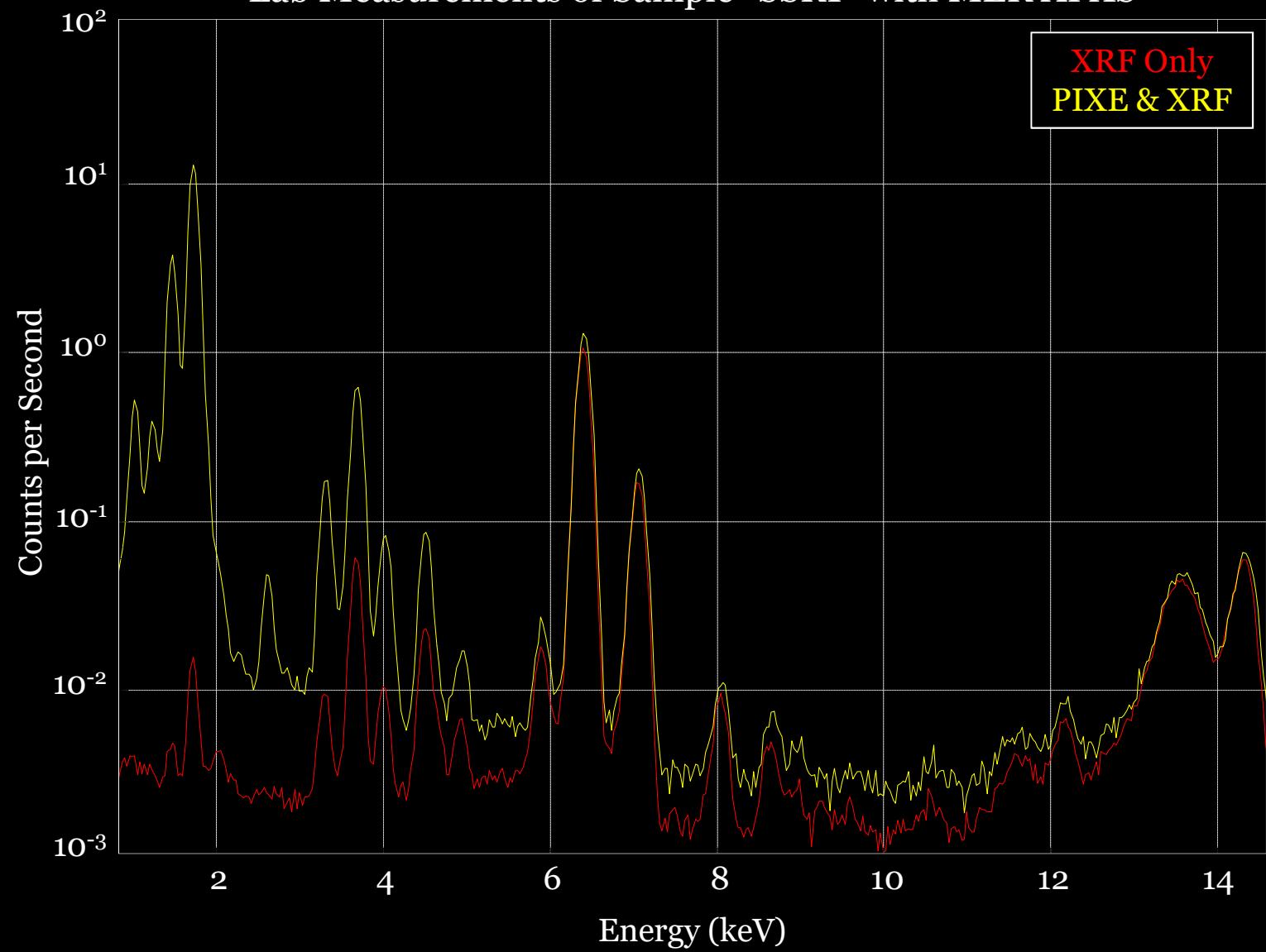


APXS Overview

Excitation by **Alpha** and **X-rays** on APXS Target

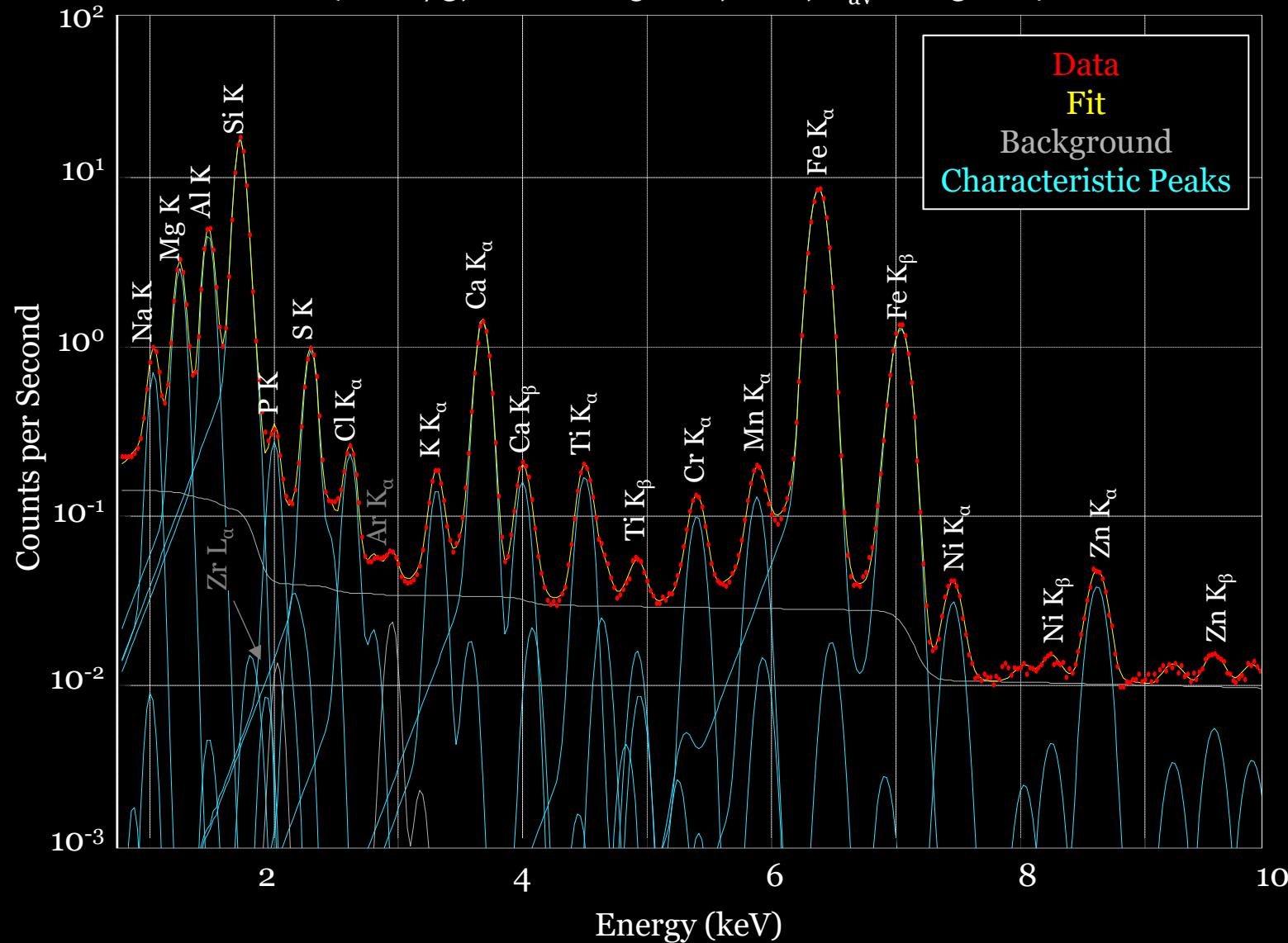


Lab Measurements of Sample “SSK1” with MER APXS



APXS Overview

Fit of Mars Soil Sample “Sourdough”
(Sol 673, FWHM 152 eV, ~8h, $T_{av} = -63.2^{\circ}\text{C}$)



APXS Data Considerations

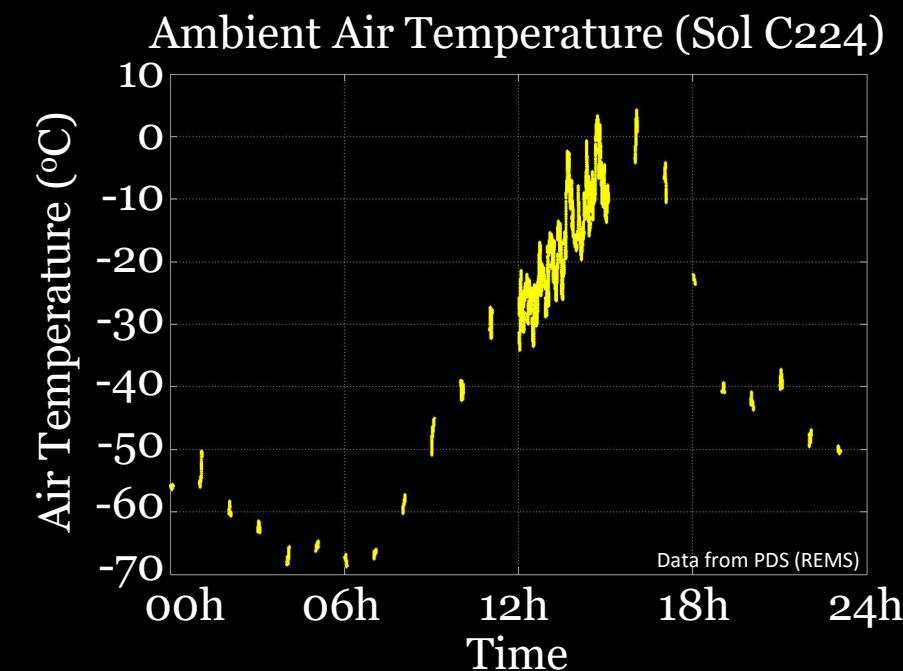
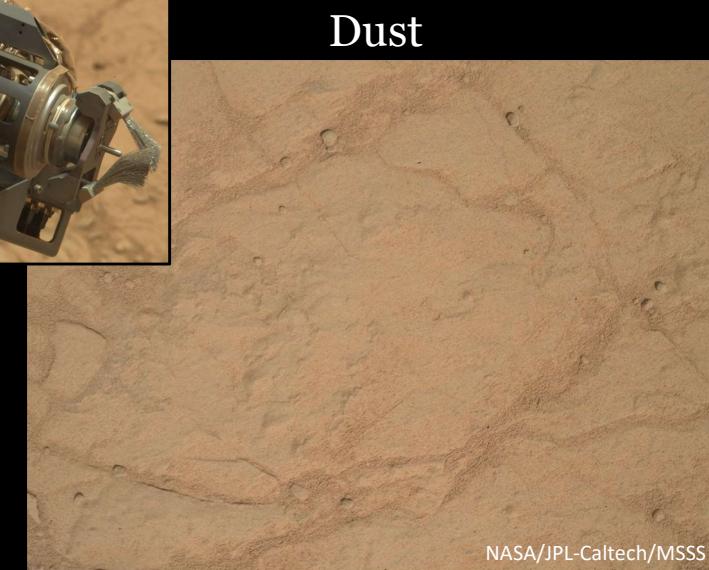
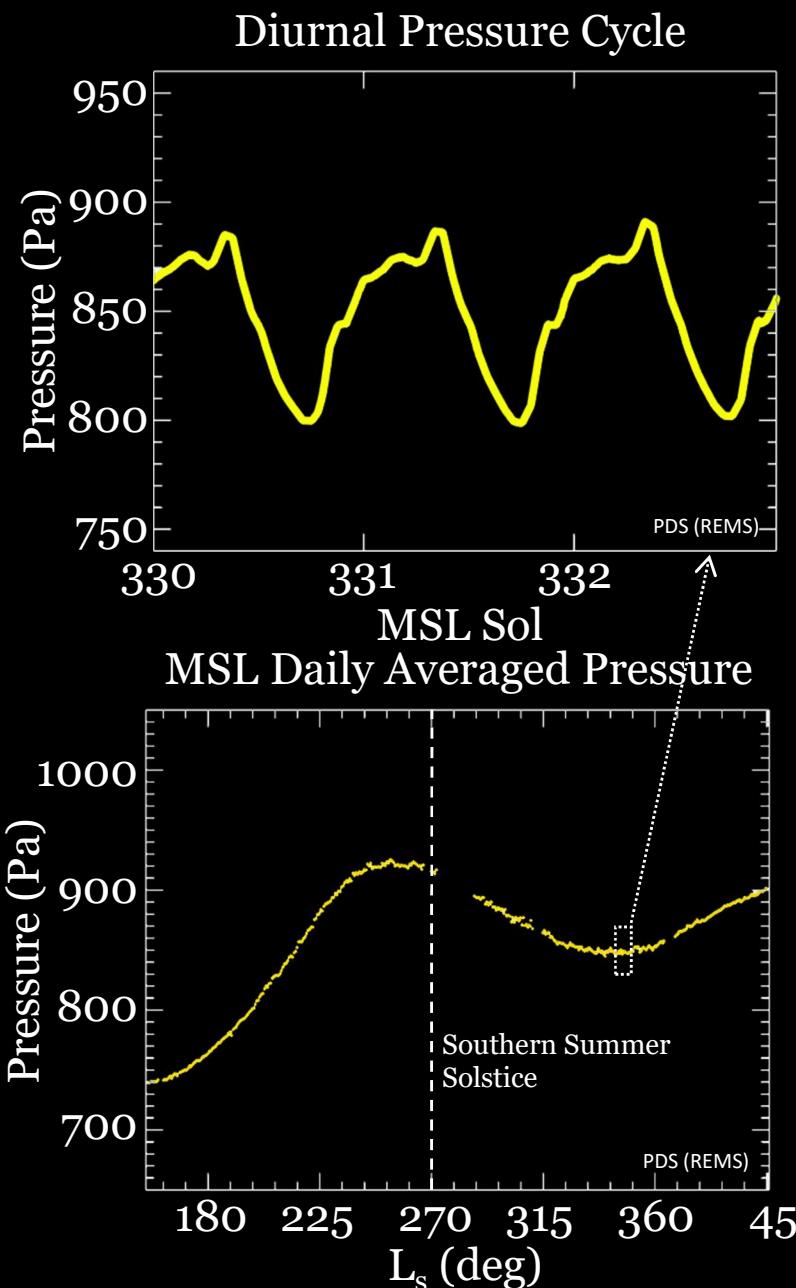
- Temperature
- Sample Proximity
- Measurement Duration
- Heterogeneities



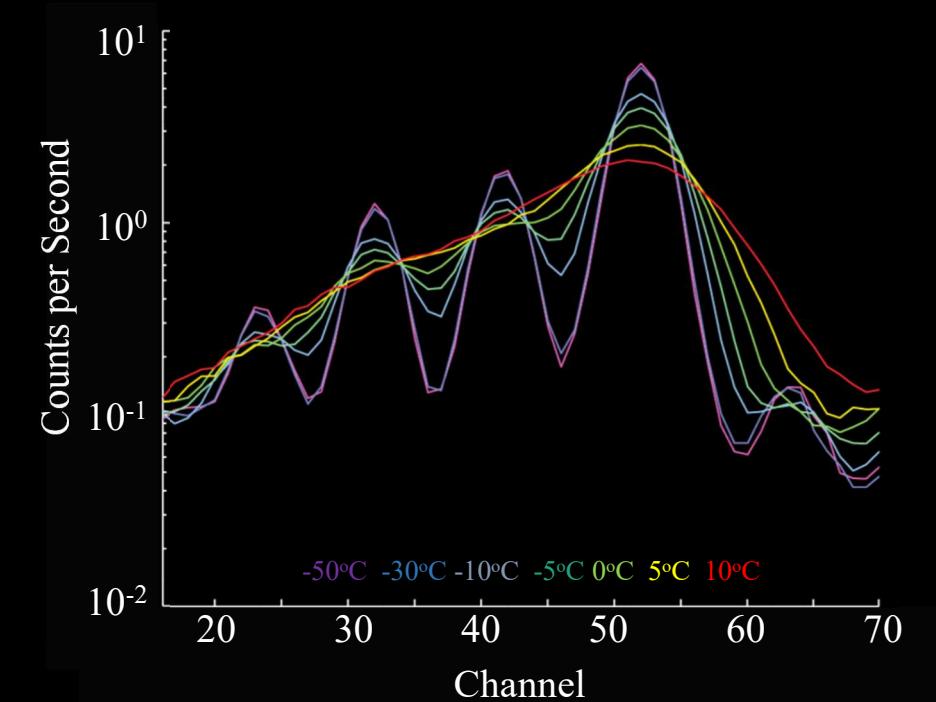
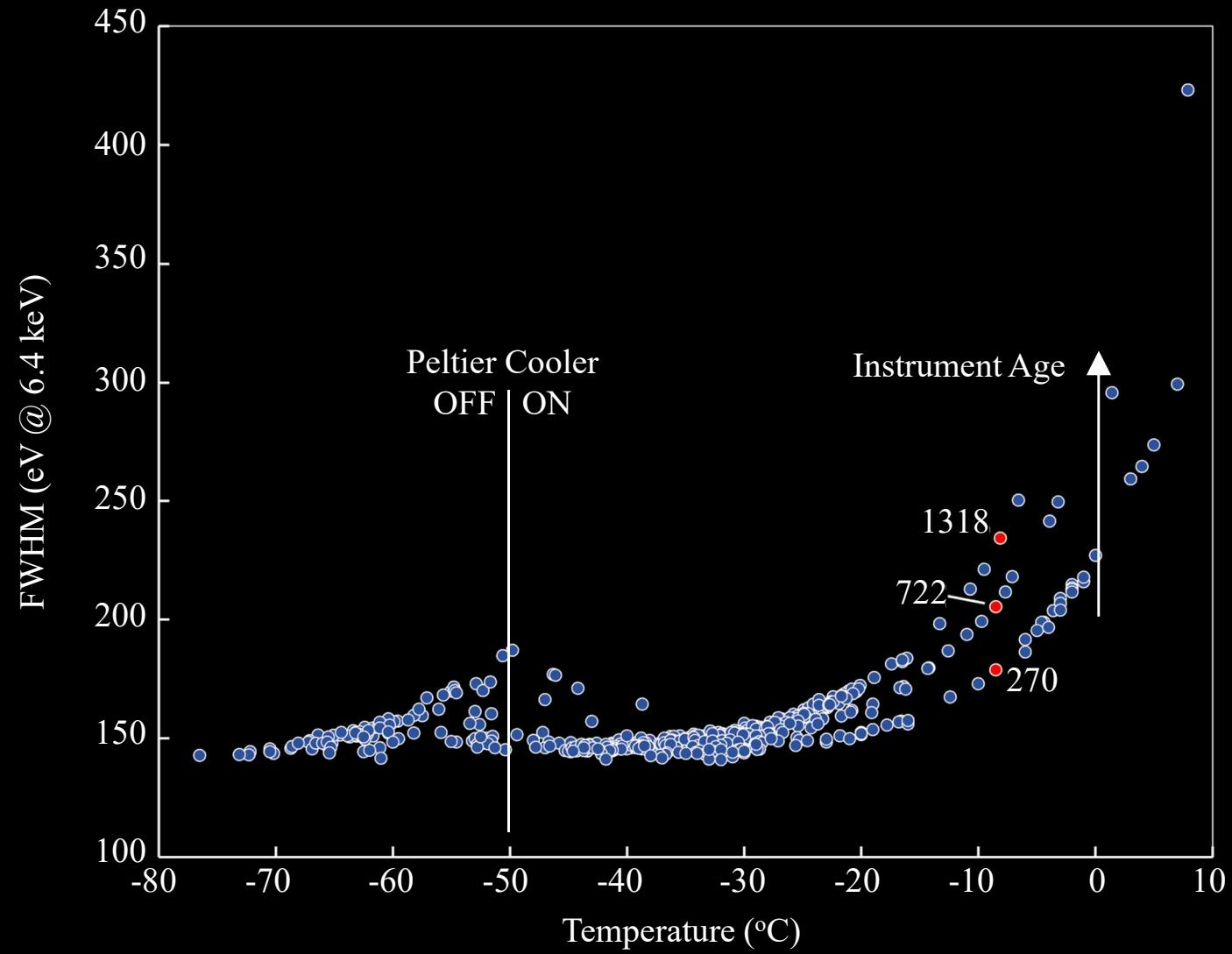
MSL APXS
FOV

Image above captures an
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3.5 cm x 5.0 cm in size

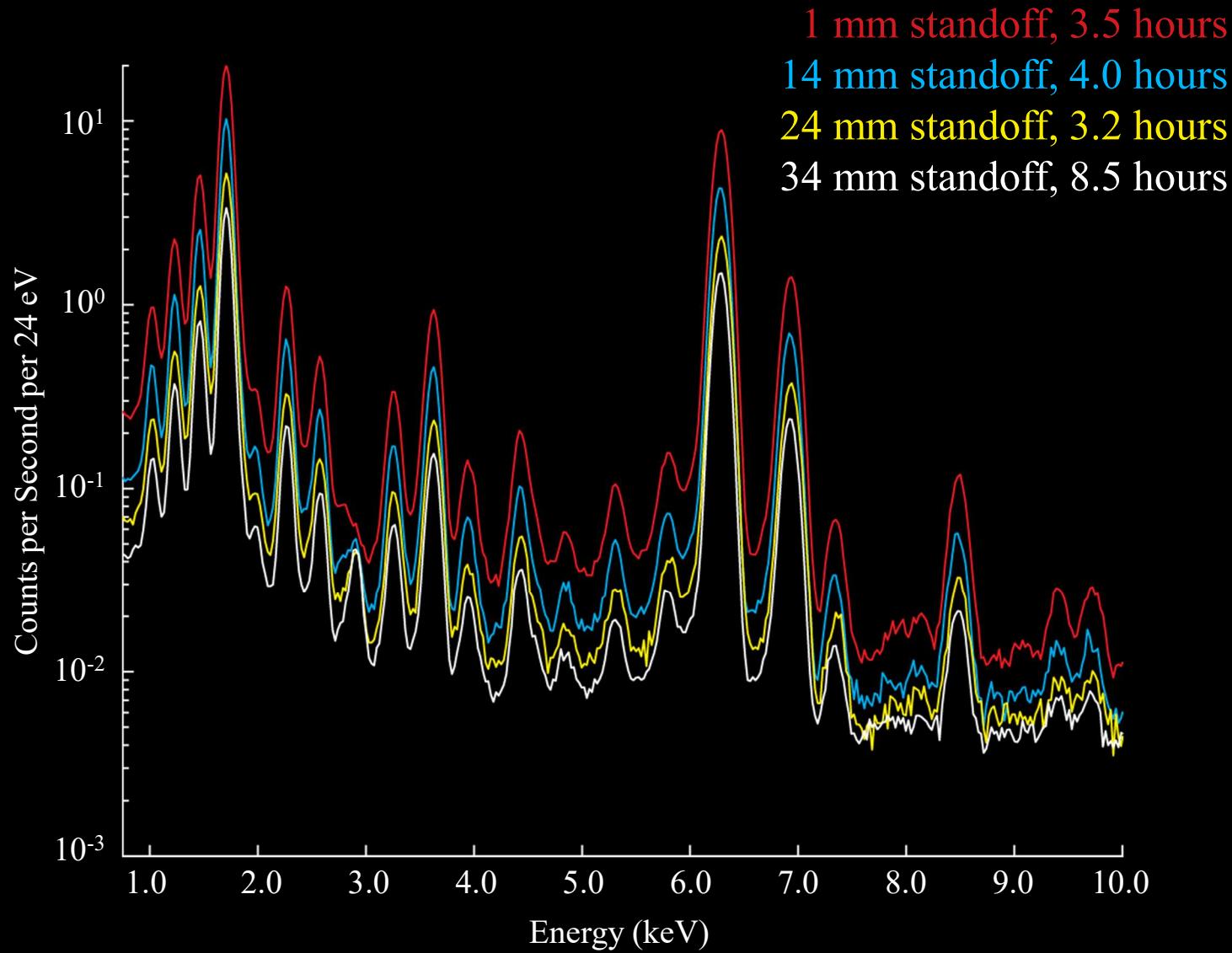
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APXS Data Considerations: Temperature



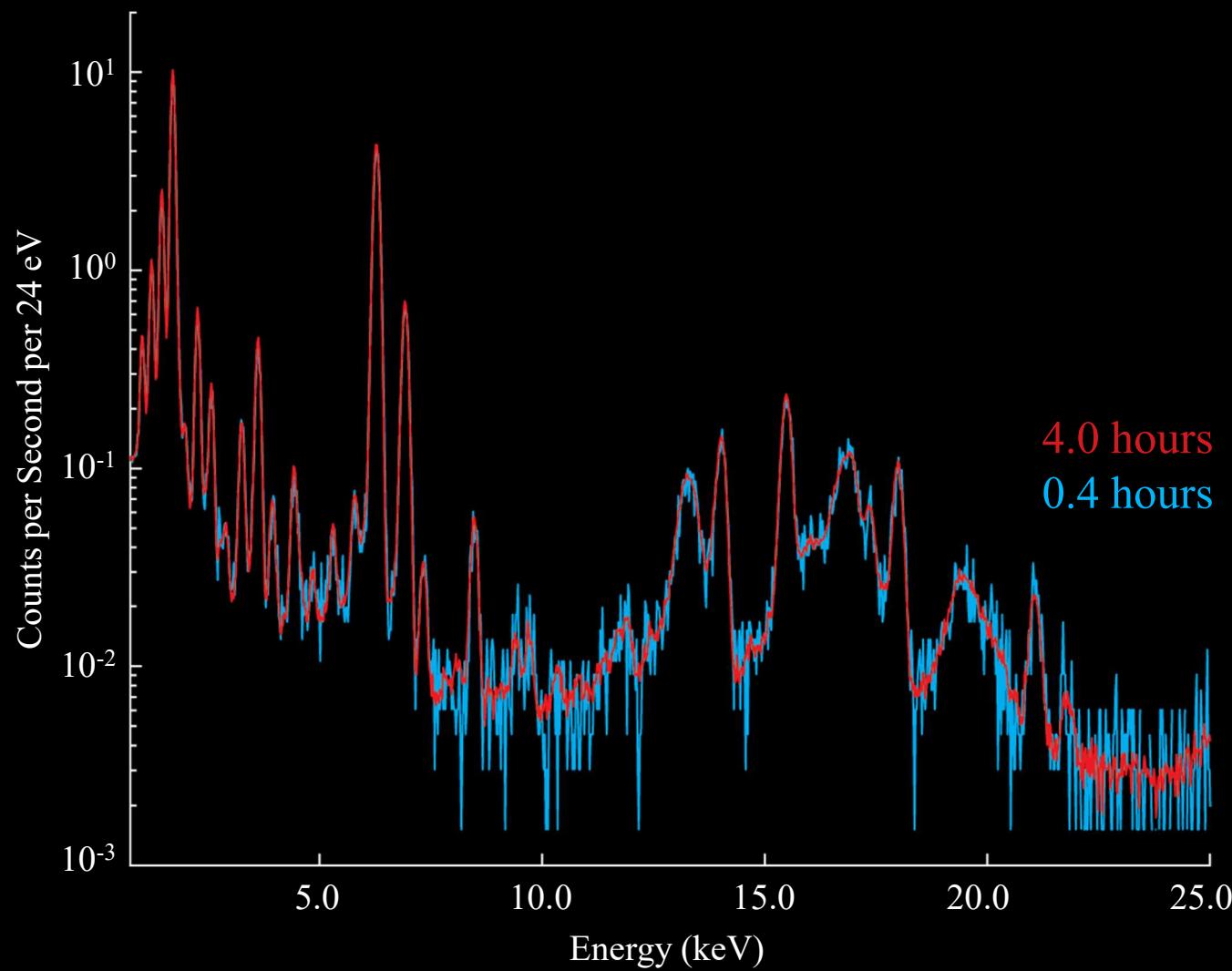
APXS Data Considerations: Sample Proximity



- Standoff (sample proximity) primarily affects statistical count rates
- Some elements have a standoff-dependent background
- Higher standoff means more attenuation of low-Z X-rays by the atmosphere (e.g., Na, Mg)
- For every 1 cm further from the sample, count rates are approximately halved



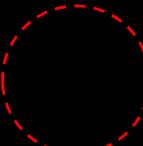
APXS Data Considerations: Measurement Duration



- Short-duration measurements are useful tactically in order to return geochemical data decisionally
- Short-duration measurements provide reliable results for major oxides
- Typical APXS measurements are 1-2 hours in length, or longer
- Overnight (4+ hour) measurements provide a high degree of confidence for trace elements



APXS Data Considerations: Heterogeneities



MSL APXS
FOV

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Credits: NASA/JPL-CalTech/MSSS

- Targets are often interrogated with minimal sample preparation
- Chemical heterogeneities exist on a lateral scale smaller than a typical APXS field of view
- Vertical layering may also be present, affecting characteristic X-rays differently as a function of Z
- Surface dust is pervasive and skews low-Z compositions, as well as S and Cl, towards a known endmember composition

APXS Data: Availability

- APXS data are available online through the PDS Geosciences node
- APXS data are reported in wt% oxides with a few exceptions (Cl, Ni, Zn, Br)
- Sixteen (16) elements and oxide concentrations are reported for each APXS measurement in wt% (unless otherwise noted): Na₂O, MgO, Al₂O₃, SiO₂, P₂O₅, SO₃, Cl, K₂O, CaO, TiO₂, Cr₂O₃, MnO, FeO, Ni ($\mu\text{g/g}$), Zn ($\mu\text{g/g}$), Br ($\mu\text{g/g}$)
- Precision errors are reported, see data documentation for accuracy errors

MER APXS Concentration Data Availability (PDS3, PDS4)

- Spirit & Opportunity:
https://pds-geosciences.wustl.edu/missions/mer/mer_apxs_oxide.htm

MSL APXS Concentration Data Availability (PDS3)

- Curiosity:
https://pds-geosciences.wustl.edu/msl/msl-m-apxs-4_5-rdr-v1/mslapx_1xxx/extras/



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MER

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Scheduled Maintenance

This site may be down on Thursdays between 7:00 and 9:30 pm Central Time for maintenance.

Mars Exploration Rover Oxide Abundance Data

September 19, 2016. PDS release 49 includes APXS Oxide Abundance data for Opportunity sols 1 through 4000, updating the previous delivery from 2012.

This data set contains oxide abundance data derived from the APXS Reduced Data Record (RDR) products acquired by the Alpha Particle X-ray Spectrometers on both MER rovers. The data were provided by Ralf Gellert, University of Guelph, and Rudolph Rieder, Max Planck Institute, and archived by the PDS Geosciences Node.

Download the Archive

[mer_apxs_oxide.zip](#) is a zip-compressed 315 KB file containing the complete archive.

Direct Access to Archive Contents Online

Root Directory - Start here for access to the entire volume.

AREADME.TXT - Introduction to the archive. Read this first.
ERRATA.TXT - Release notes and errata concerning the archive.
VOLDESC.CAT - Description of the volume contents as a PDS catalog object.

DATA Directory - This archive consists of two tables, one for each rover. Each table is accompanied by a PDS label that defines the table columns. The tables are in comma-separated-value (CSV) format, viewable in any text editor and suitable for loading into a spreadsheet program such as Microsoft Excel.

CATALOG Directory - Files in the CATALOG directory are text files containing documentation formatted for reading by humans and by software. The files contain information about the data set, the instrumentation, references, and personnel involved in archiving the data. See the file **CATINFO.TXT** for details. These files are called catalog files because they are entered into the PDS Catalog for online searching.

- APXS_OXIDE_DS.CAT** - MER Oxide Abundance data set description.
- MER1_APXS_INST.CAT, MER2_APXS_INST.CAT** - APXS Instrument descriptions.
- MER1_INSTHOST.CAT, MER2_INSTHOST.CAT** - MER rover descriptions.
- MISSION.CAT** - MER mission description.
- PERSON.CAT** - Personnel associated with this archive volume.
- REF.CAT** - References mentioned in the above catalog files.

DOCUMENT Directory - The DOCUMENT directory has notes from the APXS Payload Element Lead. **These notes contain important caveats regarding the use of the data. Read these notes carefully to avoid misinterpretation of the data.**

EXTRAS Directory - The EXTRAS directory in a PDS archive contains ancillary material that may be useful but is not required for the understanding of the archive. In this archive, the EXTRAS directory contains the original Excel spreadsheets as submitted to PDS, which became the basis for the tables in the DATA directory described above. The contents of this directory are described in **EXTRINFO.TXT**.

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- APXS_PDS_541_720_OXIDES_MERAB.XLS** - Excel spreadsheet
- APXS_PDS_720_1368_OXIDES_MERA.XLS** - Excel spreadsheet
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MSL: APXS (Alpha Particle X-ray Spectrometer)

July 31, 2020. MSL Release 24 includes new APXS raw (EDR) and derived (RDR) data from sols 2580-2713, November 8, 2019 – March 25, 2020.

The Alpha Particle X-ray Spectrometer (APXS) measures the abundance of chemical elements in rocks and soils. The APXS is placed in contact with rock and soil samples on Mars and exposes the material to alpha particles and X-rays emitted during the radioactive decay of the element curium. APXS data sets are produced by the APXS Science Team at the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada. The APXS is funded by the Canadian Space Agency.

APXS Data Sets

Raw Data Products

EDR - Experiment Data Records

Derived Data Products

RDR - Reduced Data Records

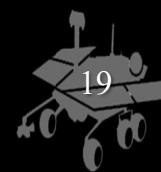
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+ more (and new data every 90 days)

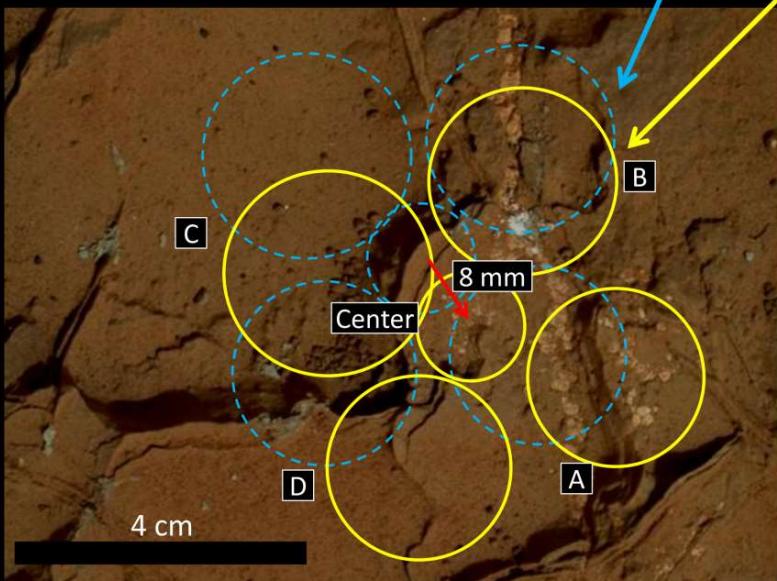
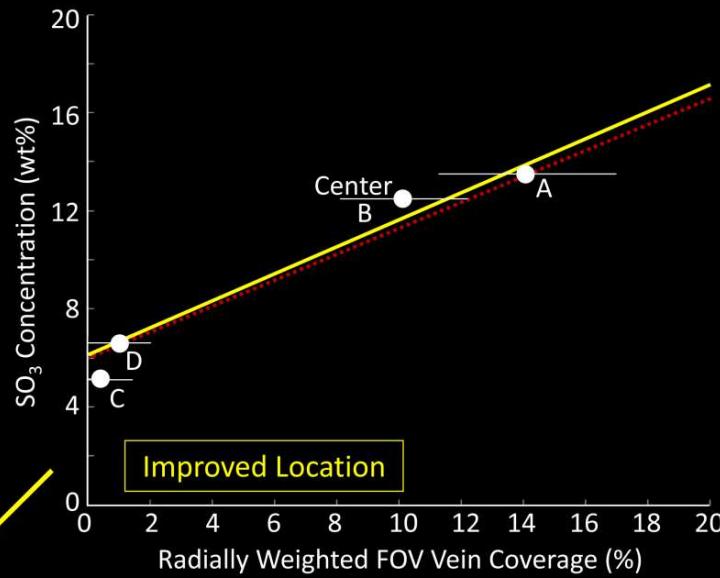
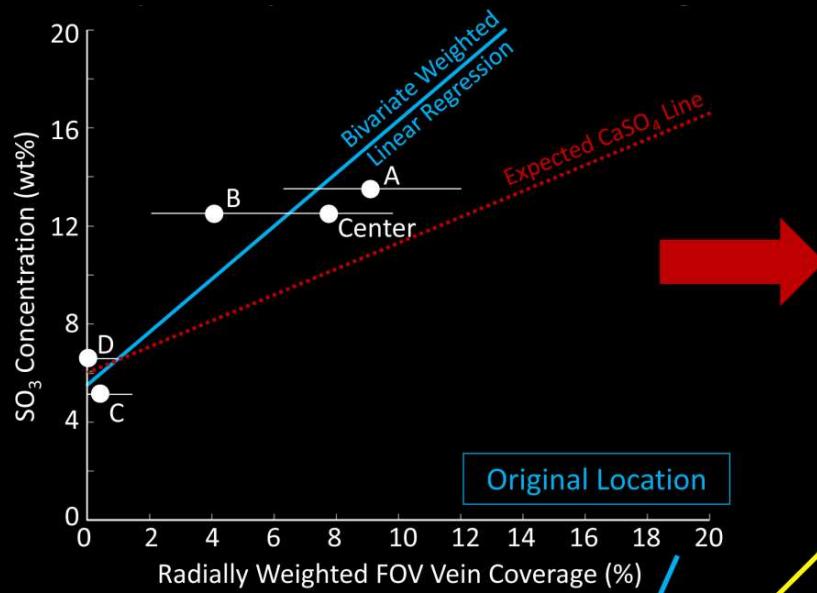


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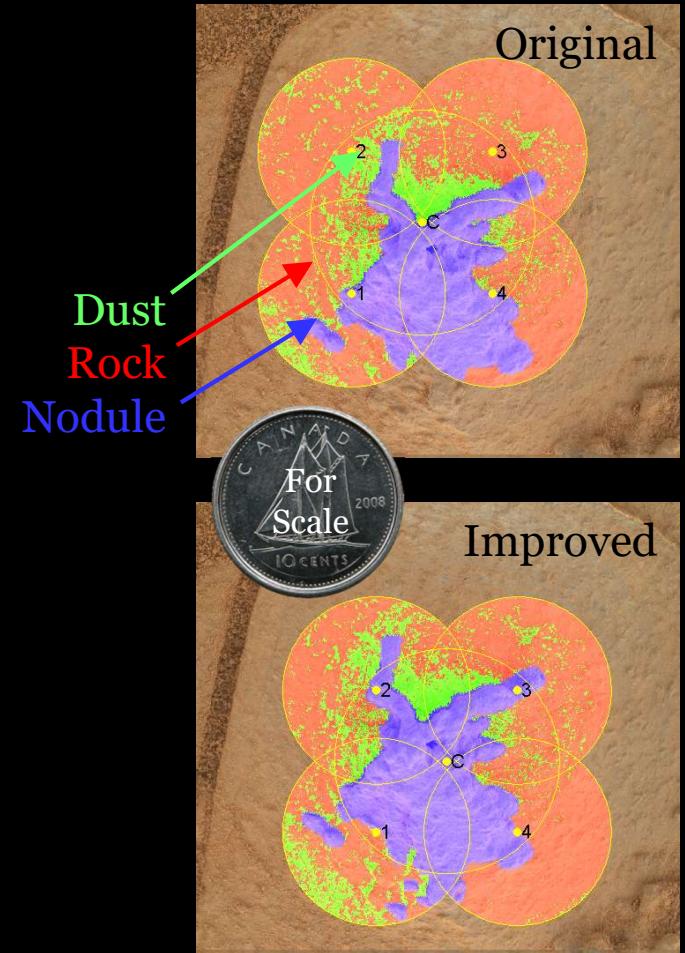
- APXS data is integral to elucidating geochemical trends on the surface of Mars
- The additional complement of data from other instruments on the rover enables one to assess whether past conditions on Mars were once habitable through a detailed characterization of Mars' paleoclimate
- New techniques are advancing the scientific return of data acquired by the APXS
 - Computational deconvolution techniques have increased the spatial resolution upon which the APXS can provide quantitative chemistry, essential for determining the chemical composition of diagenetic features
 - Artificial Intelligence has effectively created a “lab APXS” within a computer, enabling detailed studies of acquired and theoretical APXS data



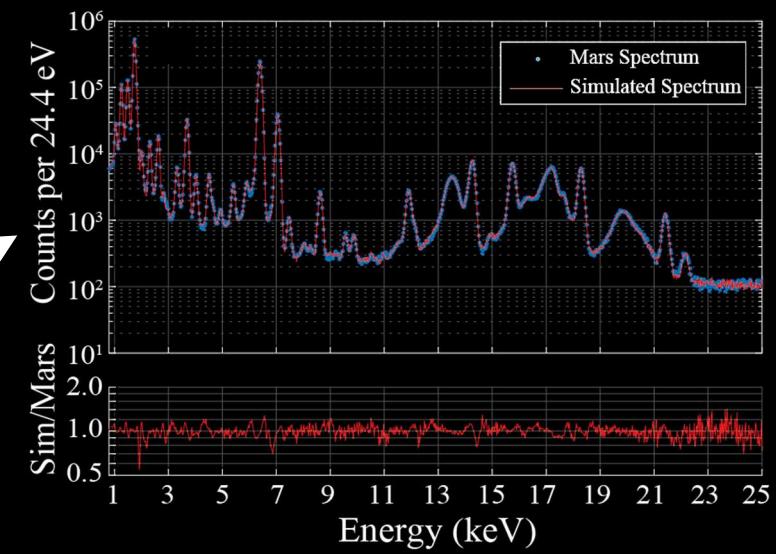
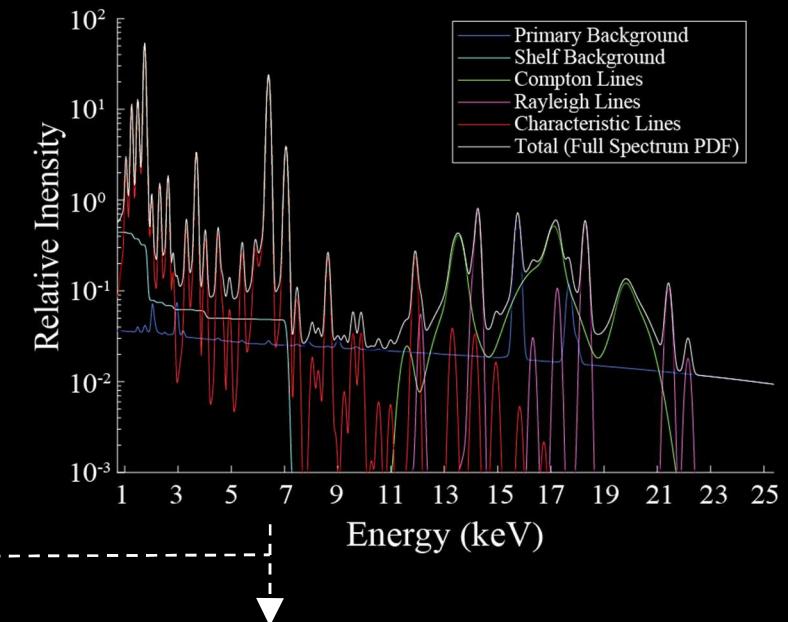
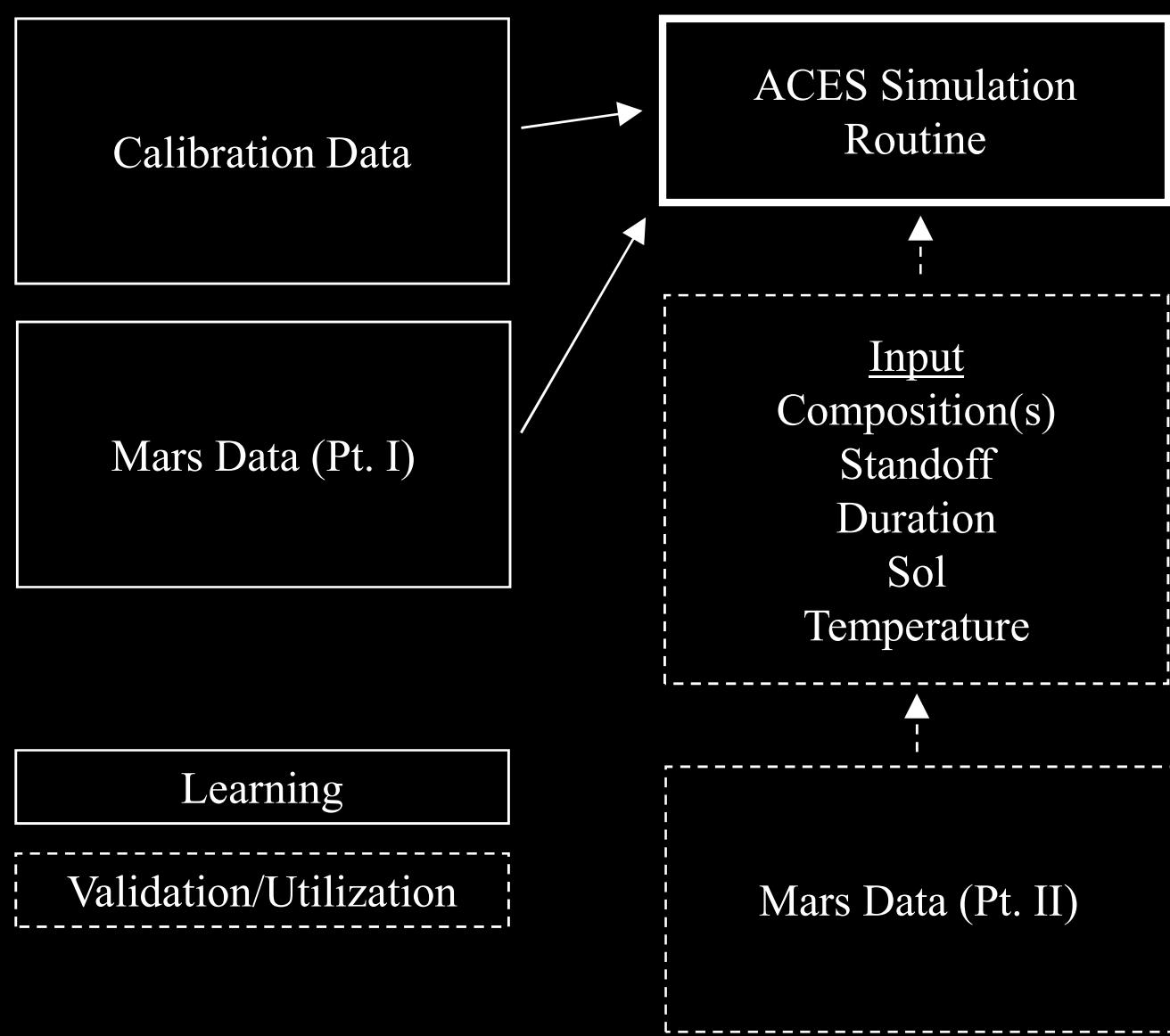
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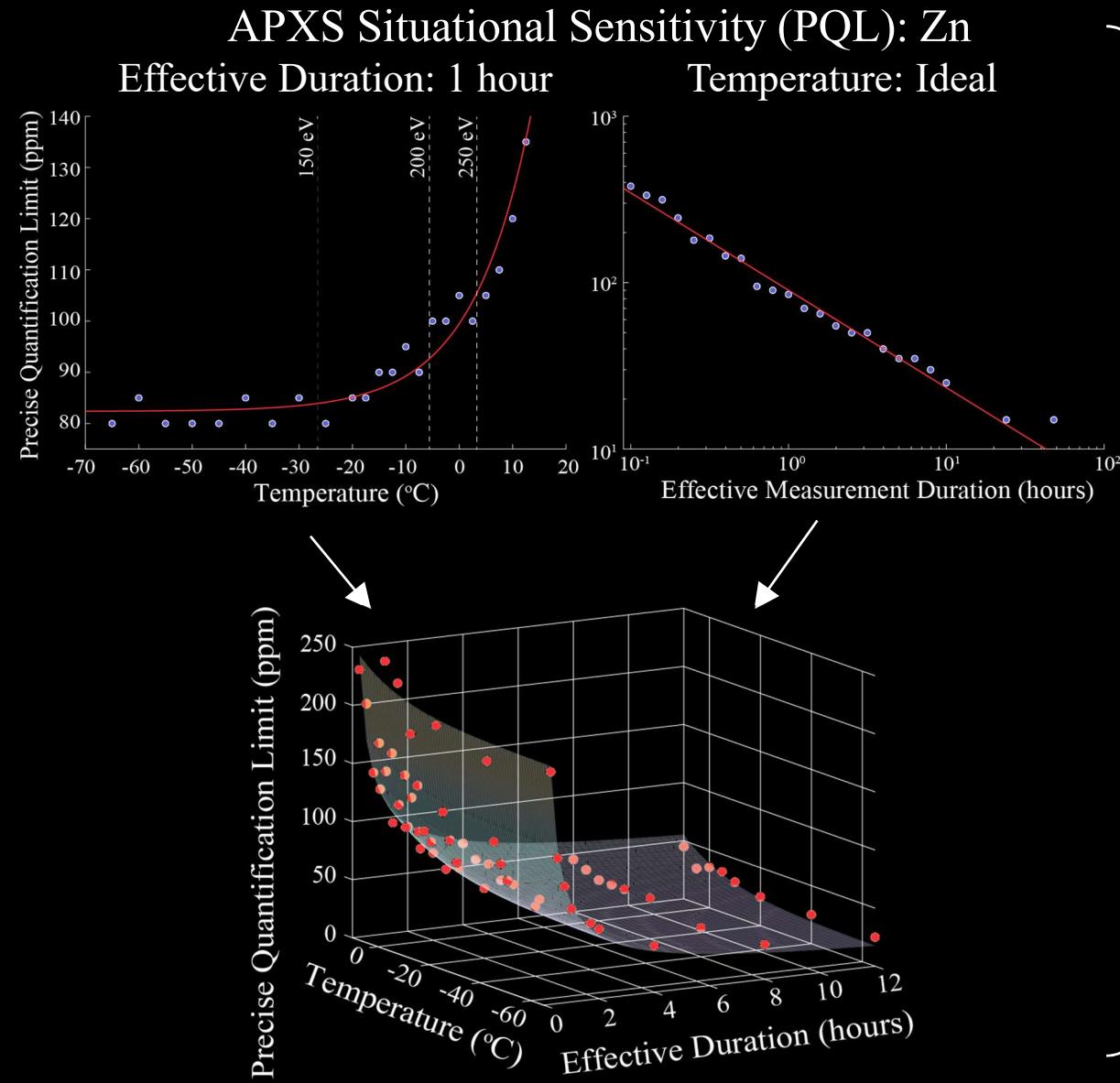
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MgO	9.58	0.12	0.00	0.06	0.24
Al ₂ O ₃	8.65	0.12	0.00	0.07	0.58
SiO ₂	43.08	0.18	0.00	0.07	0.96
P ₂ O ₅	1.01	0.04	0.00	0.07	0.52
SO ₃	5.38	0.11	65.04	0.61	1.00
Cl	1.54	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.10
K ₂ O	0.55	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.44
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Cr ₂ O ₃	0.40	0.01	0.00	0.13	0.00
MnO	0.31	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.95
FeO	20.12	0.11	0.00	0.06	0.59
Ni (ppm)	817	30	0	40	0.07
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APXS Analytical Techniques: Emulation



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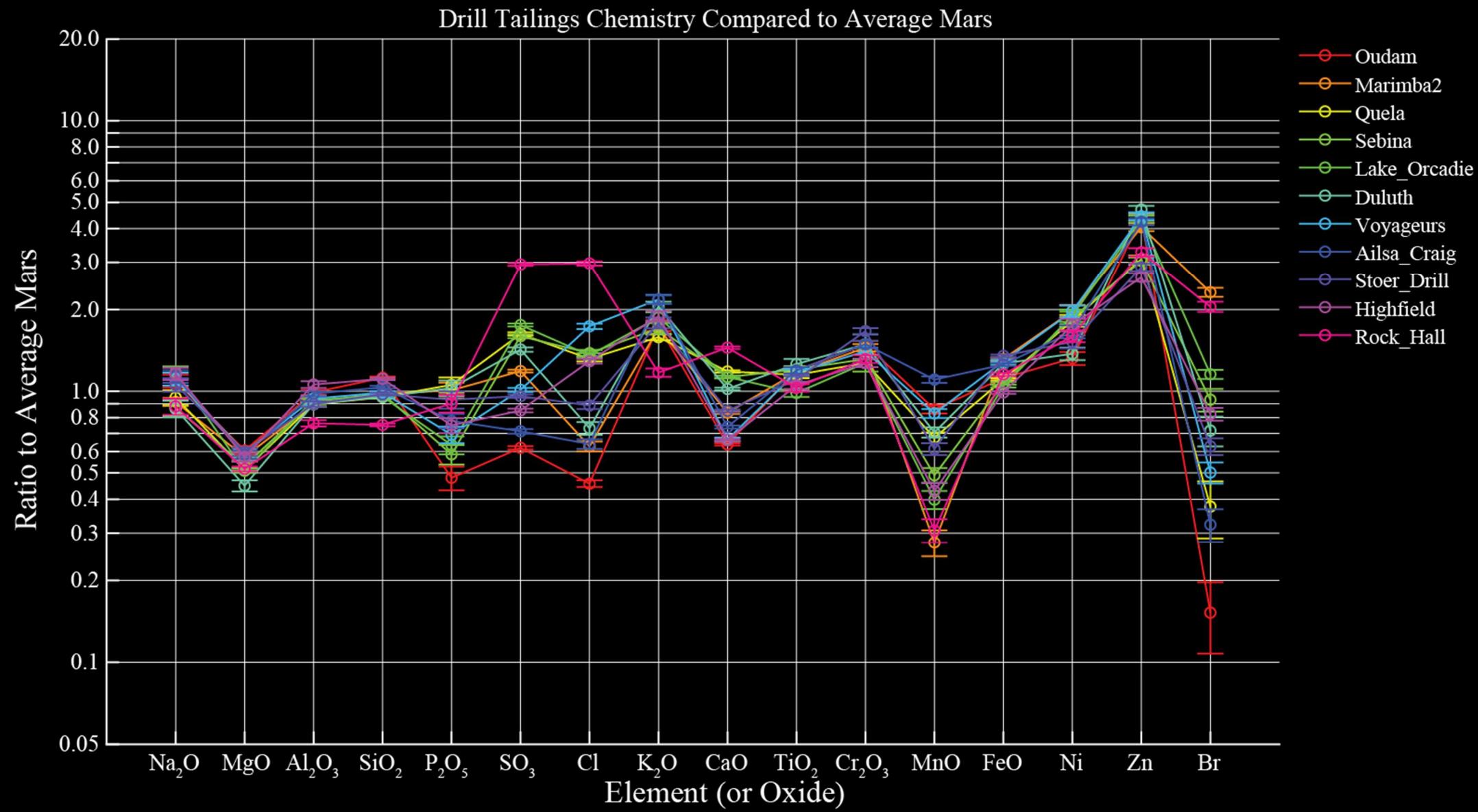


Element	PQL (ppm) by Measurement Condition		
	Touch-and-Go	Evening	Overnight
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Cu	220	75	30
Zn	190	55	30
Ga	135	45	25
Ge	150	45	25
Br	85	25	15

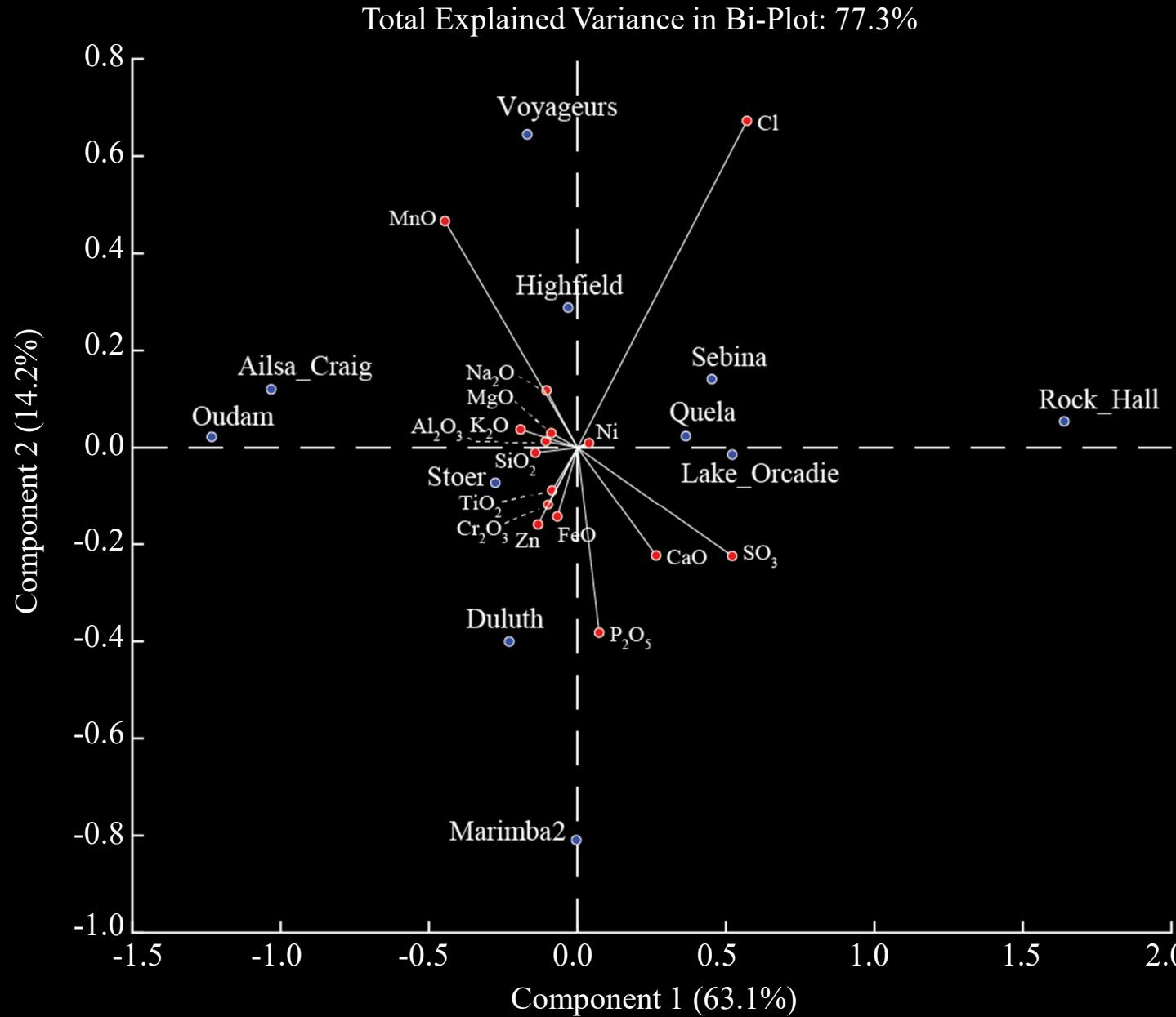
- APXS emulation is also being used to conduct performance testing for possible application on lunar missions, without the need for special laboratory equipment and lunar samples



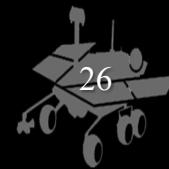
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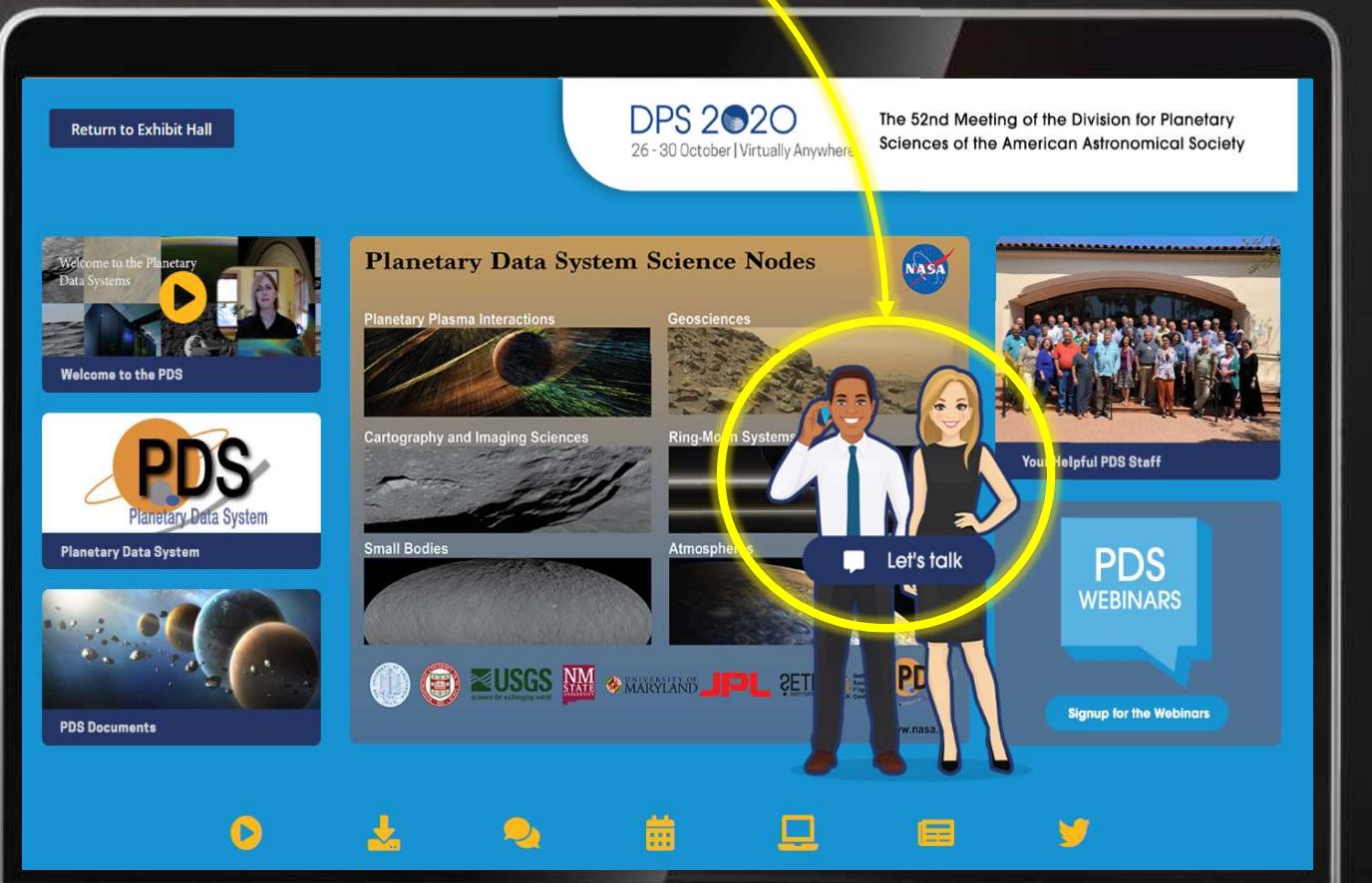
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- PCA analysis follows work by J. Aitchison and corrects for closed-number artifacts
- Quick and convenient way to review multivariate data



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