

The ExoMars Programme

PHOOTPRINT



- A primitive Mars likely had an early evolution similar to that of Earth
- But without subsequent alterations due to tectonics or climate effects



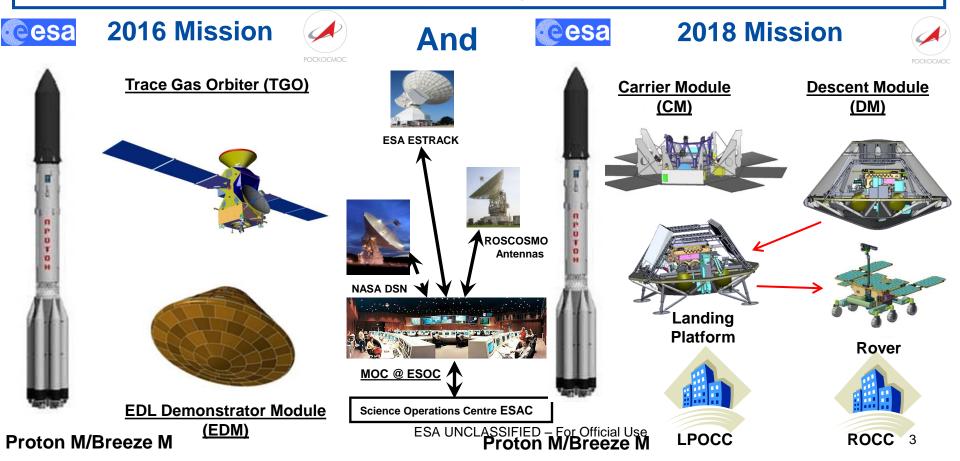
If life emerged on early Mars, even if it disappeared, there may still be traces of past life and even of a prebiotic environment, much easier to find than in the case of Earth





ExoMars Programme

- ☐ Two missions launched in 2016 and 2018, respectively
 - ➤ The 2016 flight segment consists of a Trace Gas Orbiter (TGO) and an EDL Demonstrator Module (EDM) Schiaparelli
 - ➤ The 2018 flight segment consists of a Carrier Module (CM) and a Descent Module (DM) with a Rover and a stationary Landing Platform



TECHNOLOGY OBJECTIVE

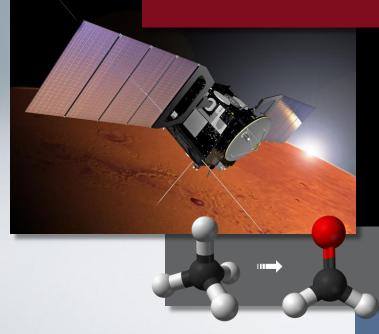
> Entry, Descent, and Landing (EDL) of a payload on the surface of Mars.



2016

SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVE

- > To study Martian atmospheric trace gases and their sources.
- > To conduct surface environment measurements.



Methane release: Northern summer

Methane Concentration

5 10 15 20 25 30 parts per billion

Provide data relay services for landed missions until 2022.



Trace Gas Orbiter

Credit: Kees Veenenbos



NOMAD

Atmospheric composition High-resolution occultation $(CH_4, O_3, trace species, isotopes)$ dust, clouds, P&T profiles and nadir spectrometers

UVIS (0.20 – 0.65 μ m) $\lambda/\Delta\lambda \sim 250$

Limb Nadir

IR (2.3 – 3.8 μ m) $\lambda/\Delta\lambda \sim 10,000$

Limb Nadir

IR (2.3 – 4.3 μ m) $\lambda/\Delta\lambda \sim 20,000$

SO



CaSSIS

High-resolution, stereo camera

Mapping of sources Landing site selection



ACS

Suite of 3 high-resolution spectrometers

Atmospheric chemistry, aerosols, surface T, structure

Limb Nadir

SO Nadir

Mid IR (2.2 – 4.5 μ m) $\lambda/\Delta\lambda \sim 50,000$

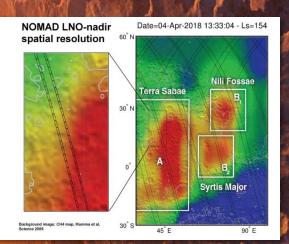
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FREND

Collimated neutron detector

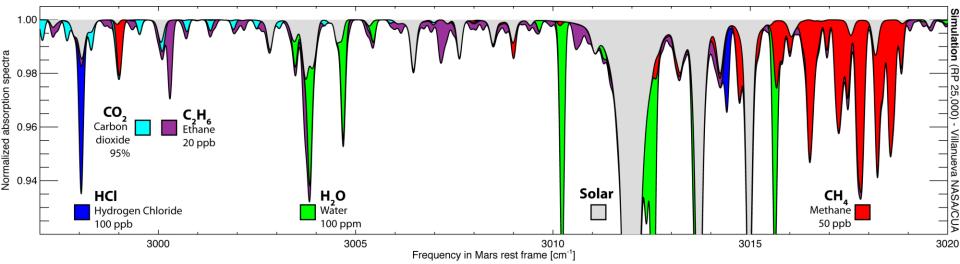
Mapping of subsurface water And hydrated minerals



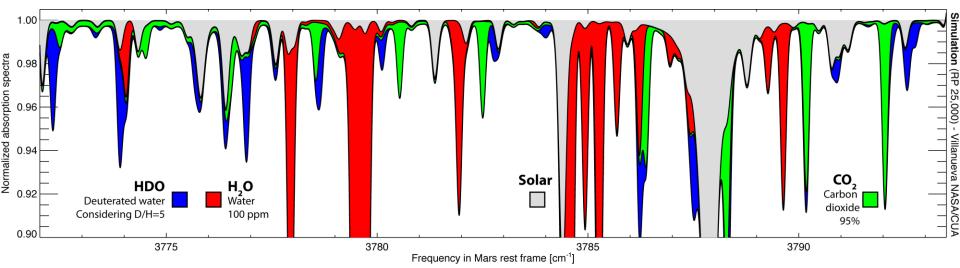


Cesa Trace species visible in the IR





"Water D/H window"



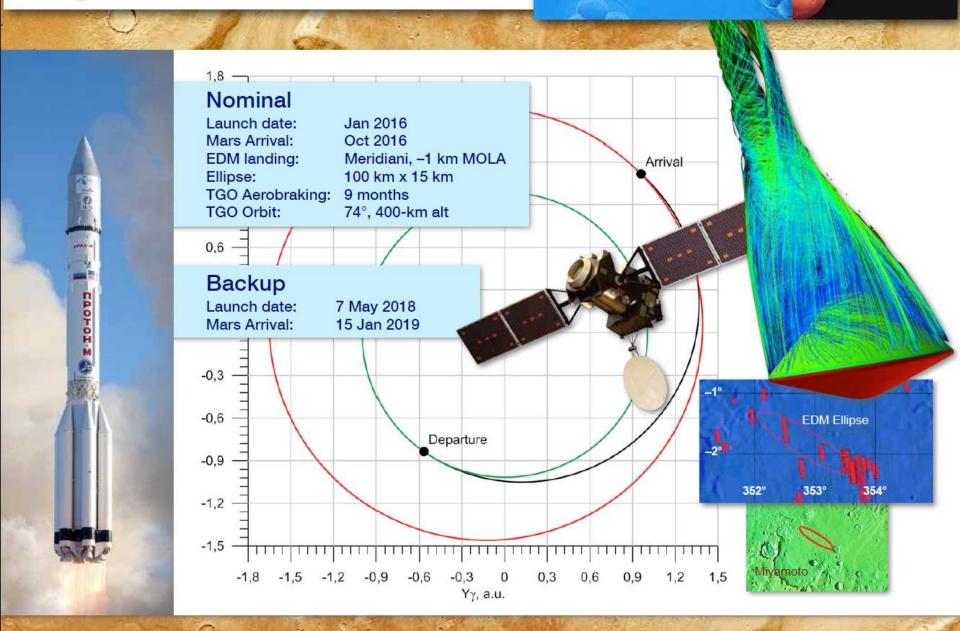
EDM

- A technology demonstrator for landing payloads on Mars;
- A platform to conduct environmental measurements, particularly during the dust storm season.

EDM PAYLOAD

- Integrated mass: 5 kg;
- Surface lifetime: 4–8 sols;
- Measurements:
 - Descent science;
 - P, T, wind speed and direction;
 - Optical depth;
 - · Atmospheric charging;
 - · Descent camera.

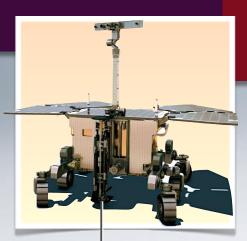




TECHNOLOGY OBJECTIVES

- > Surface mobility with a rover (having several kilometres range);
- > Access to the subsurface to acquire samples (with a drill, down to 2-m depth);
- > Sample acquisition, preparation, distribution, and analysis.

2018



SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVES

- > To search for signs of past and present life on Mars;
- > To characterise the water/subsurface environment as a function of depth in the shallow subsurface.

> To study the surface and subsurface environment.





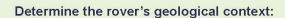
Science Exploration Scenario

Scale









· Survey site at large scales

Panoramic Instruments

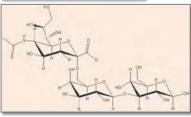
 Examine surface outcrops and soils at sub-mm scales

Close-Up Instruments











Collect a subsurface (or surface) sample



Study sample:

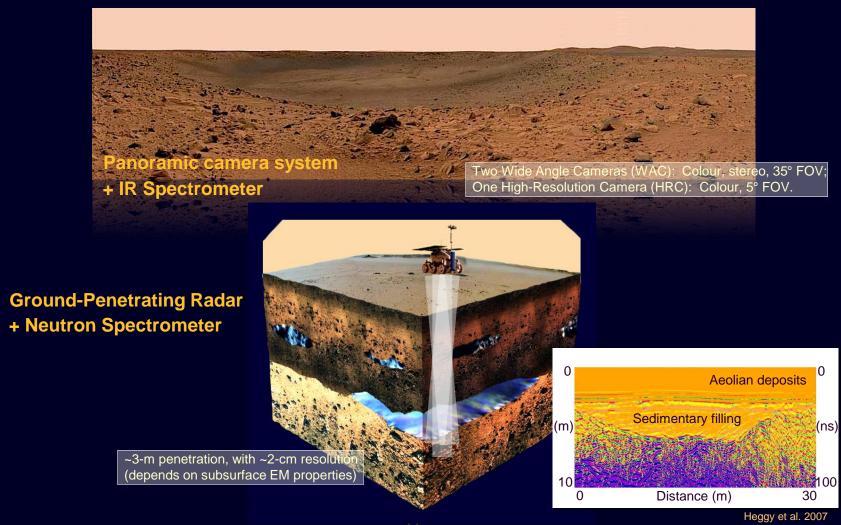
Survey analysis

Detailed analysis

Analytical Laboratory



AT PANORAMIC SCALE: To establish the geological context

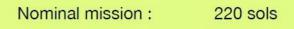


Mobility + Subsurface Access

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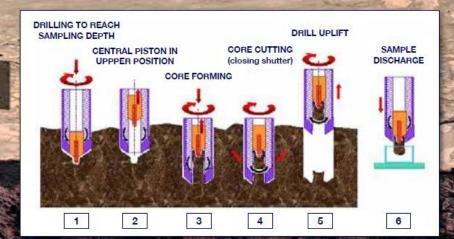
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Nominal science: 6 Experiment Cycles +

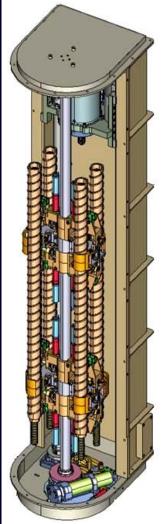
2 Vertical Surveys

EC length: 16–20 sols
Rover mass: 300-kg class
Mobility range: Several km

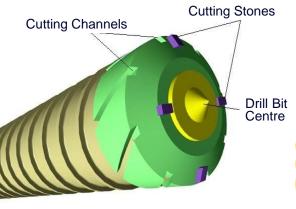


2-m depth

OBTAIN SAMPLES FOR ANALYSIS: From 0 to 2-m depth



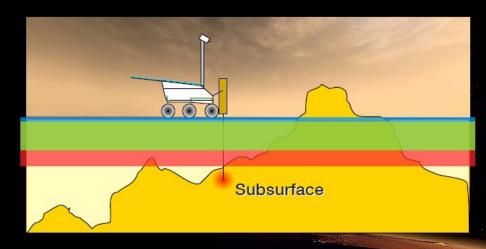








Subsurface drill includes miniaturised IR spectrometer for borehole investigations.



Penetration of Organic Destructive Agents

UV radiation ~ 1 mm
Oxidants ~ 1 m
Ionising radiation ~ 1.5 m

ExoMars exobiology strategy:

- Identify and study the appropriate type of outcrop;
- Collect samples below the degradation horizon and analyse them.

Pasteur Payload

M A R



PanCam

Wide-angle stereo camera pair High-resolution camera

Geological context Rover traverse planning Atmospheric studies

WAC: 35° FOV, HRC: 5° FOV



ISEM

IR spectrometer on mast

Bulk mineralogy of outcrops Target selection

 $\lambda = 1.15 - 3.3 \,\mu\text{m}, \, 1^{\circ} \, \text{FOV}$



CLUPI

Close-up imager

Geological deposition environment Microtexture of rocks Morphological biomarkers

20- μ m resolution at 50-cm distance, focus: 20 cm to ∞



WISDOM

Ground-penetrating radar

Mapping of subsurface stratigraphy

3 – 5-m penetration, 2-cm resolution



FREND

Passive neutron detector

Mapping of subsurface Water and hydrated minerals



Drill + Ma_MISS In-situ mineralogy information

IR borehole spectrometer

 $\lambda = 0.4 - 2.2 \, \mu m$



Analytical Laboratory Drawer



MicrOmega

VIS + IR Spectrometer

Mineralogical characterization of crushed sample material Pointing for other instruments

 $\lambda = 0.9 - 3.5 \mu m$, 256 x 256, 20- μm /pixel, 500 steps



RLS

Raman spectrometer

Geochemical composition
Detection of organic pigments

spectral shift range 200–3800 cm⁻¹, resolution \leq 6 cm⁻¹



MOMA

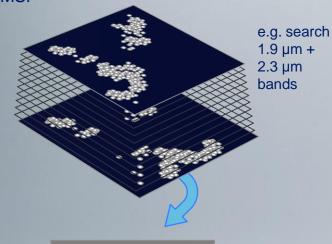
LDMS + Pyr-Dev GCMS

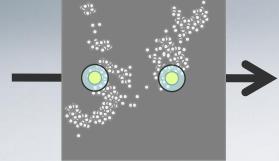
Broad-range organic molecules at high sensitivity (ppb) Chirality determination

Laser-desorption extraction and mass spectroscopy

Pyrolisis extraction in the presence of derivatisation agents, coupled with chiral gas chromatography, and mass spectroscopy

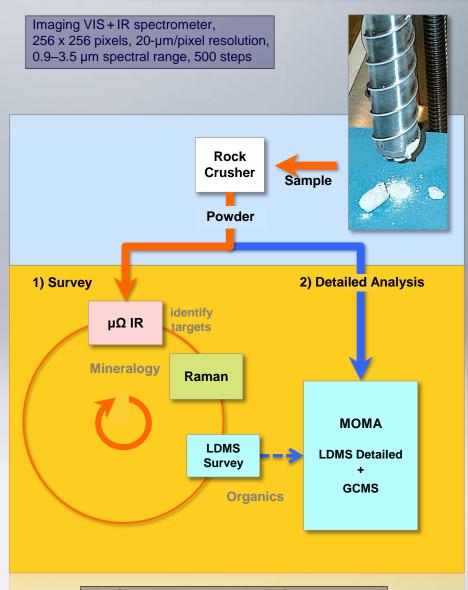
Use mineralogical + imaging information from μΩIR to identify targets for Raman and MOMA LDMS.



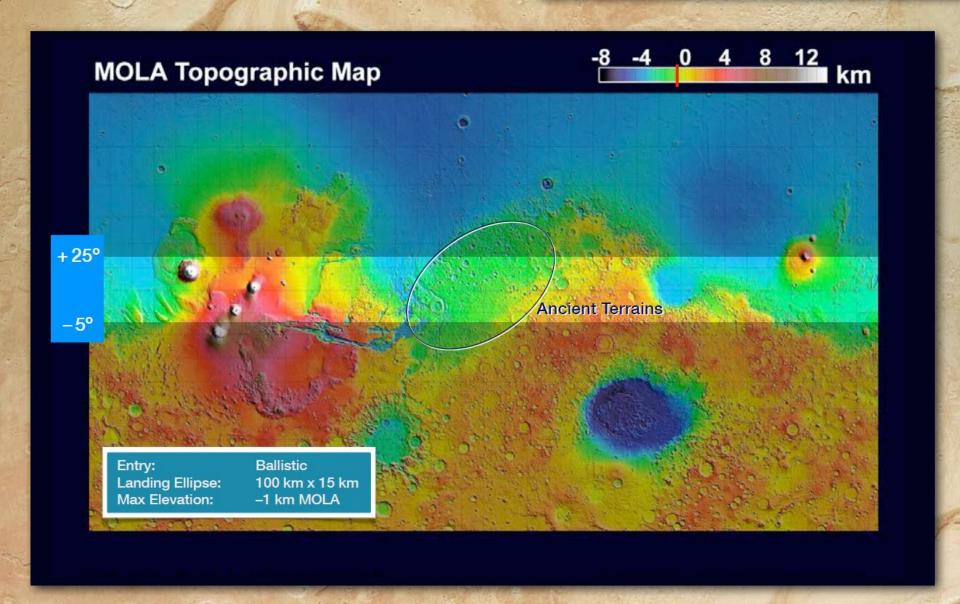


- $\mu\Omega IR = 20 \mu m$
- Raman = $50 \mu m$
- $LDMS = 100 \mu m$

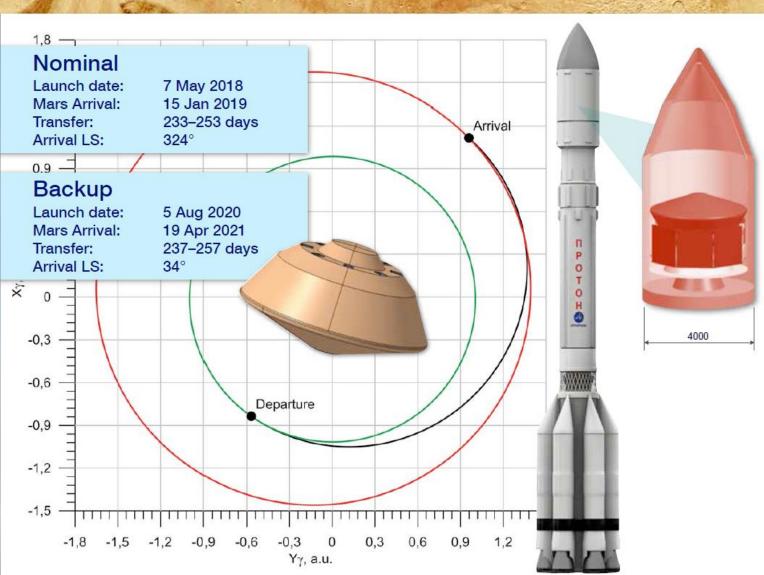
Raman: spectral shift range 200–3800 cm⁻¹ Spectral resolution ~6 cm⁻¹



LDMS = Laser-Desorption Mass Spectrometry, GCMS = Gas-Chromatograph Mass Spectrometry







→ 2016: ExoMars TGO and EDM

- Science will improve understanding of Mars and of key atmospheric processes with astrobiological relevance
- Master landing technologies for future ESA missions

→ 2018: ExoMars Rover

- Challenging Exobiology mission
- First to combine mobility and access to sub-surface
- Payload with next generation instruments
- First time study of organics and biomarkers in subsurface
- Big step towards Mars Sample Return mission

