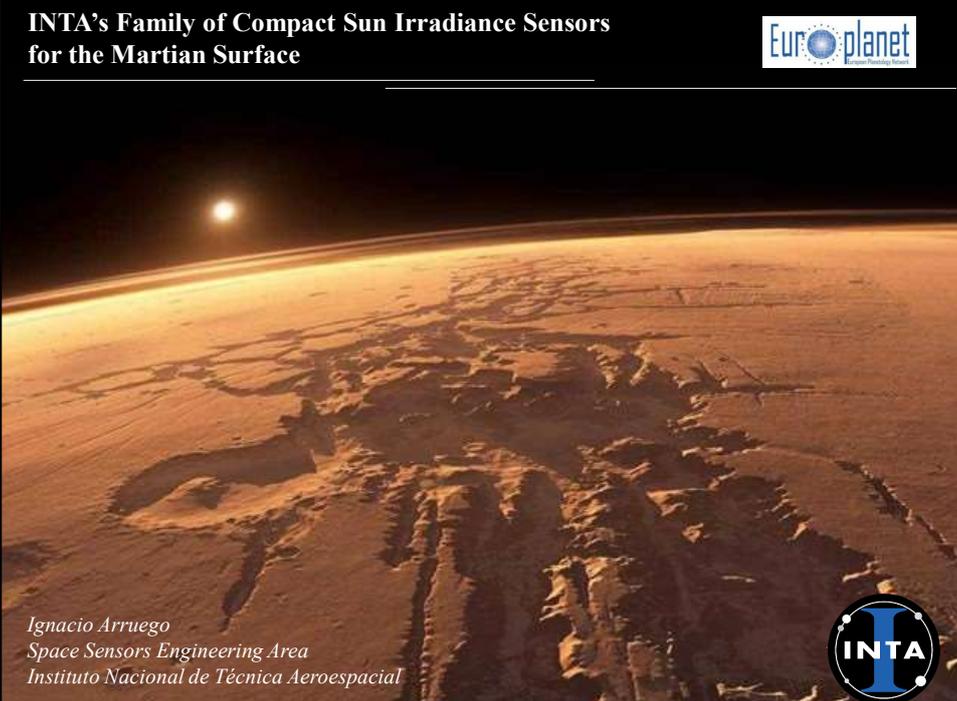


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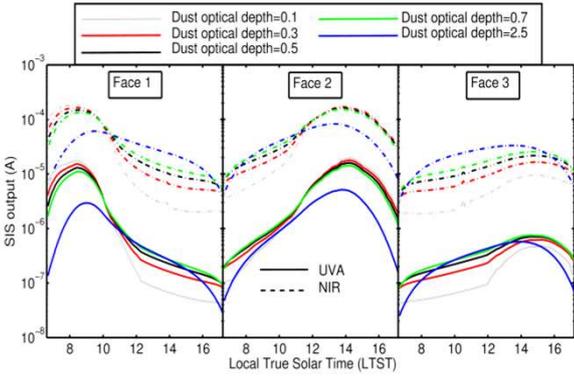


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#### General science goals of SIS

1.- Dust Optical Depth & Angstrom parameter: direct vs diffuse ratio observations



re<sub>eff</sub> = 1.4 μm  
v<sub>eff</sub> = 0.3  
n = 1.5  
K(UVA) = 0.015  
K(NIR) = 0.001

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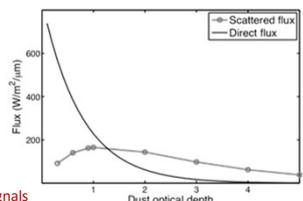
Simulations from DREAMS (Schiaparelli)

- Ratio scattered-direct flux and shape of the SIS signal strongly depend on DOD
- Best fit between simulation (RTM) and real signal provides the DOD

Wide-FoV detectors to ensure Sun enters into FoV at some time.  
2 different spectral bands → Angstrom parameter and CI

About dust deposition:

- AOD retrieval procedure based on relative signals.
- Certain estimation of the dust deposition rate can be done based on absolute signals



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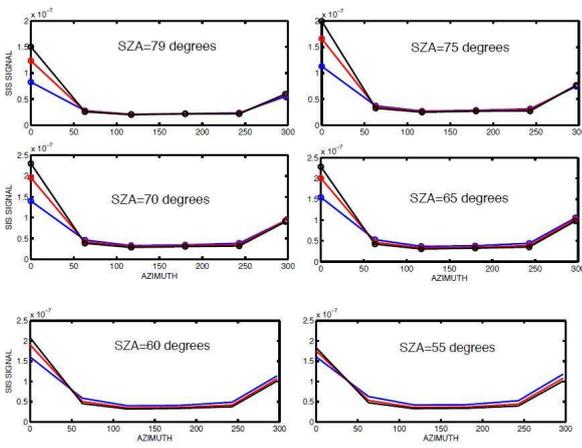


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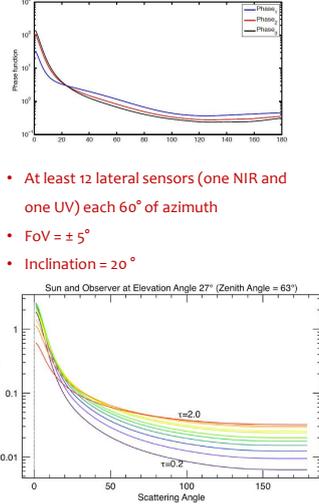


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2.- Scattering Phase Function: adjust AZ observations (lateral detectors) to model predictions (@several SZA)



- At least 12 lateral sensors (one NIR and one UV) each 60° of azimuth
- FoV = ± 5°
- Inclination = 20°



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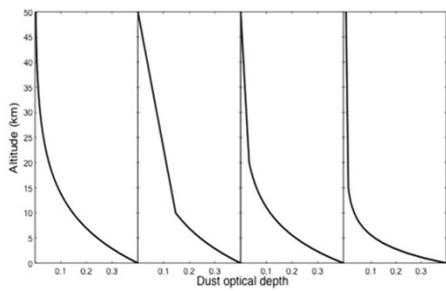
3.- Vertical column: very low elevation (SZA: 85... 95) observations adjust to model predictions (for a total column OD previously estimated)

Two steps process:

1. During the day: the average daily AOD is estimated (typical vertical aerosol profile), since for SZAs lower than 80°, the vertical distribution of dust has a low impact on the simulated SIS signal.
2. SZA: 85 – 95: different aerosols profiles are used to simulate the SIS'20 measurements, in order to check out which of them provide the best fit with the measurements (AOD constrained by value obtained during the day)

Zenith-pointed detectors, with FoV > +/-30 deg.

- Duration of twilights is relatively short → good temporal resolution is needed
- Solar radiation is weak during the twilight → the sensibility must be high
- Dynamic range has to allow: direct Sun w/o saturation and scattered light until SZA = 96 → High dynamic range



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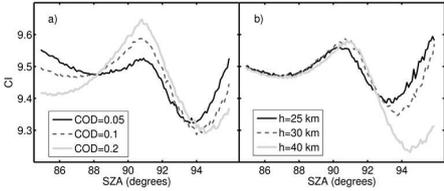


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4.- Clouds: color index → altitud and COD, main parameters affecting signal (with known AOD by 1)



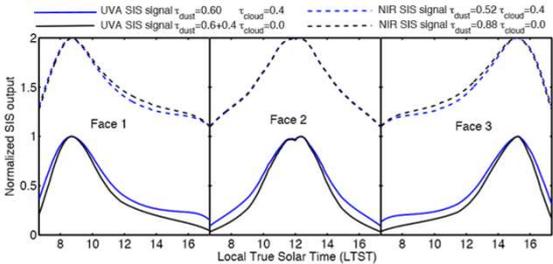
Graph (a) shows CI vs SZA for COD values of 0.05, 0.1, and 0.2. Graph (b) shows CI vs SZA for altitudes of 25 km, 30 km, and 40 km.

CI evolution at twilight:

- Cloud detection
- COD
- Altitude

→

- 2 different spectral ranges
- Great FoV and/or great gain
- Sensor pointing to zenith
- High dynamic range and sensitivity needed
- High temporal resolution measurements needed



Normalized SIS output vs Local True Solar Time (LTST) for three faces. Legend: UVA SIS signal  $\tau_{out}=0.60$ ,  $\tau_{cloud}=0.4$ ; UVA SIS signal  $\tau_{out}=0.6+0.4$ ,  $\tau_{cloud}=0.0$ ; NIR SIS signal  $\tau_{out}=0.52$ ,  $\tau_{cloud}=0.4$ ; NIR SIS signal  $\tau_{out}=0.88$ ,  $\tau_{cloud}=0.0$ .

Cloud detection also possible during daytime  
(Simulations from DREAMS-SIS)

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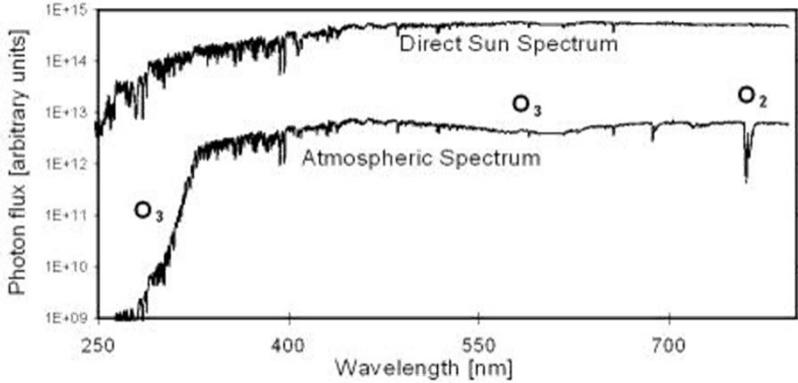
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General science goals of SIS

5.- Ozone variation estimations: relative 255 vs. 295 nm observations

- Differential measurements between the 2 detectors
- Zenith Pointing
- FoV TBD (Simulations work on-going)
- High dynamic range needed



Photon flux [arbitrary units] vs Wavelength [nm]. The graph shows the Direct Sun Spectrum and the Atmospheric Spectrum. Key features include O<sub>3</sub> absorption at approximately 255 nm and 295 nm, and O<sub>2</sub> absorption at approximately 700 nm.

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Now let's go to the technical matters

This is the story of a family... A "saga"!

And every saga has an origin...

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## Access to Space through Small Platforms

Space Programs and Flight Segment

Minisatellites	Microsatellites	Nanosatellites
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Technical support to  
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Then came MetNet...

... and that was our introduction into the Martian "arena"



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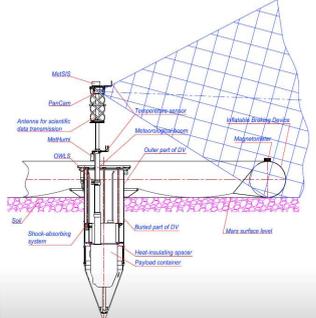

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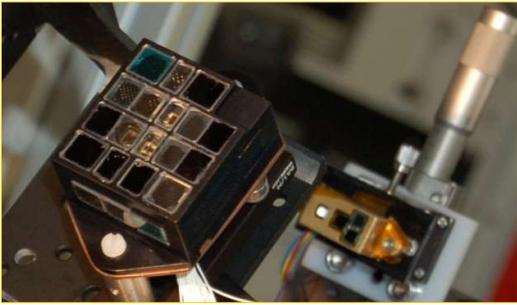
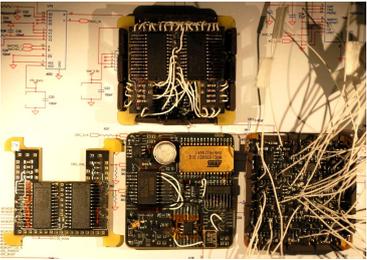
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MetSIS on MetNet Precursor:

- 32 sensing channels
- 11 spectral bands
- Compact, unique box (114 g)
- OWLS data link





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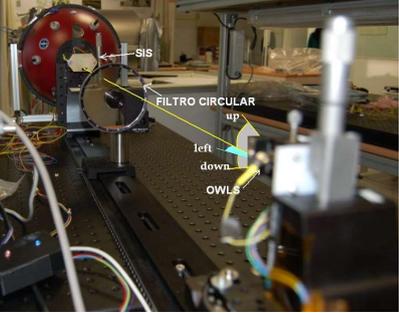


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MetSIS Datasheet



Characteristics	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
<b>Power Supply</b>					
Supply Voltage	SIS & OWLS	4,5	5	5,5	V
Supply Current	SIS & OWLS → 5V T=25°C	-	102	105	mA
	SIS → @5V T=25°C	-	80	82	mA
	OWLS → @5V T=25°C	-	22	25	mA
<b>Temperature</b>					
Operating (SIS & OWLS)		-55		70	°C
Storage (SIS & OWLS)		-130		125	°C

Optical Sensing Characteristics @ 25°C; Samples Averaged: 1024				
Band Name	Spectral Response Range (nm)	Responsivity XENON Lamp [mV/W]	Responsivity Error (%)	Noise [µV]
Hartley Band*	200-310	-	-	-
UV/IRCP*	285-290	-	-	-
UV*	280-315	-	-	-
Huggins Band	300-345	140.59	8.04%	-
UVA	315-400	47.32	2.85%	-
	440	1176.23	1.71%	14
Dust Optical Depth	600	963.85	1.55%	15
Visible	400-700	8.09	1.59%	37
Infrared	700-1100	8.48	1.68%	13
H <sub>2</sub> O	930-950	192.69	1.26%	33
Total Irradiance	230-1200	4.10	1.38%	27

Dark Signal Channel Sensitivity	Temperature	Value	Unit
	@ -70°C	1.02	mV
	@ -2°C	32.2	mV
	@ 24°C	52.7	3.86 mV
	@ 57°C	3260	mV

Angle Sensor Peak Sensitivity	Value	Unit
	960	Elements
	4	Elements
	150	Elements
	2	Elements

**Environmental qualification**

**Biorburden**

- Biorburden reduction temperature 225°C / 3h
- Low sweep rate: A sweep from 500 to 2000 Hz at 2 Oct/min, and 0.5 g for each axis
- Site Test: A sweep from 5Hz to 2000 Hz at 2 Oct/min, and 1.5 g for each axis
- Random test
- 55°C → +70°C
- 6 cycles
- Dwell time in hot and cold at least 2 h
- Stabilisation criterion for temperature ΔT/dt ≤ 1°C/h

**Thermal Vacuum Cycling**

- 90°C → +70°C
- 6 cycles
- Planned 2 hours of dwell time in hot and cold, as well as a rate of change of 5 °C/min

**Thermal Cycling**

- 119.0 g
- 48 x 45 x 26.65 mm
- 11.3 g
- 41 x 35 x 14 mm

**X-Y-Z Axis Shock Survival**

- Half sine shock of 500g and 15 ms

**Radiation Hardening**

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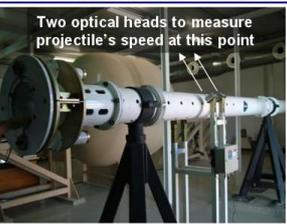


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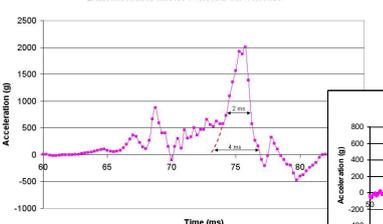


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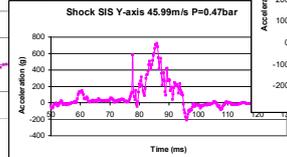
Special test facilities were been developed for shock tests within MetNet Precursor Project

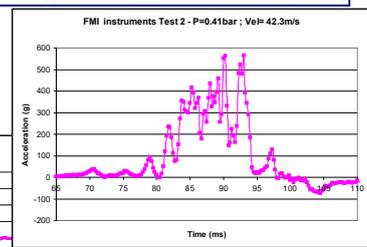

Z-axis shock MAG MetNet P=0.68bar Vel=55.37m/s



Shock SIS Y-axis 45.99m/s P=0.47bar



FMI instruments Test 2 - P=0.41bar ; Vel= 42.3m/s



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Our sweetheart: small but powerful!!



**DREAMS Solar Irradiance Sensor (SIS)** main goals/capabilities:

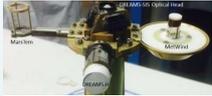
- Measurement of irradiance in the UV (315-400 nm), IR (700-1100 nm) and "panchromatic" (200-1100 nm) bands.
- Estimation of Optical Thickness and its variation within a Sol.
- Color Index analysis (IR vs. UV)
- Includes an accelerometer for Lander attitude determination, once landed.
- Includes a sensor for the estimation of radiation received during the trip to Mars

It is composed of 2 units: Optical Head (SIS-OH) and Processing Electronics (SIS-PE).

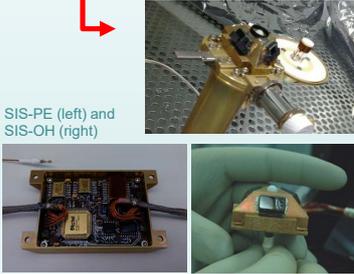
**DREAMS on ExoMars 2016 and DREAMS-SIS**

**DREAMS (*Dust Risk Assessment and Environment Analyzer on the Martian Surface*):** a suite of sensors for the characterization of the Martian basic state meteorology and of the atmospheric electric properties at the landing site of the Entry, descent and landing Demonstration Module (EDM) of the ExoMars mission.  
On board the ill-fated Lander Schiaparelli, ExoMars 2016.

SIS-OH mounted on DREAMS Mast



SIS-PE (left) and SIS-OH (right)



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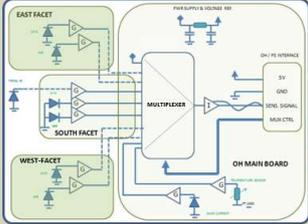
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**DREAMS-SIS construction**

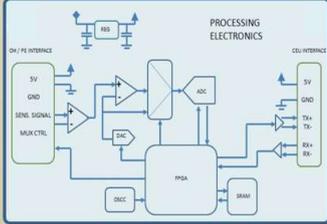
**SIS-OH**

- Tetrahedral shape. 3 faces ("East, South, West") 120° apart from each other (AZ), looking at 60° SZA. Panchromatic, hemispheric-FoV channel on top with a dome-shaped diffuser.
- Combination of Si-photodiodes, interference filters, FoV-shaping masks and density filters.
- Intensive use of COTS amplifiers (qualified and screened) to allow a huge degree of integration.



**SIS-PE**

- 16 bit ADC + 6 bit DAC for sub-ranging acquisition.
- 22 bit resolution. Noise = 2xLSB.
- Anti-fuse FPGA, 128k RAM, RS-422 I/F.
- Allows programmable autonomous operation.
- Additional House-Keeping signals.



**Planetary Protection and C&CC observed during all AIT**



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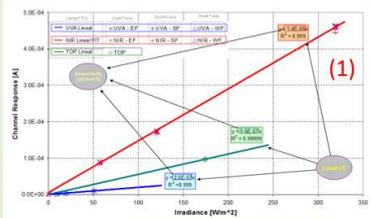
Calibration

**CALIBRATION STEPS**

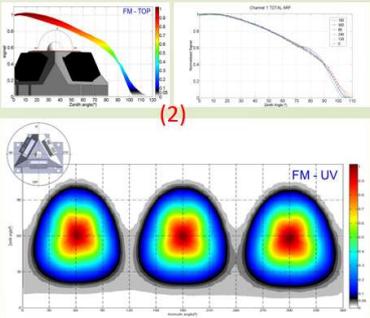
- (1) Normal incidence Responsivity, at ambient temperature, variable-power AMO spectrum.
- (2) Angular Responsivity Function, with constant power, constant temperature.
- (3) Thermal Responsivity Function, with constant power, 3 fixed incidence angles.

Plus several measurements with reference Martian spectrums (at SPASOLAB, INTA).

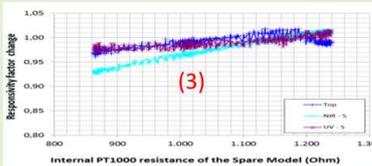




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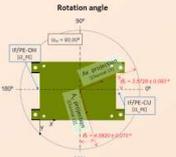


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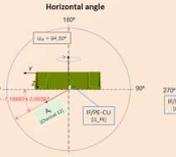


Attitude and Sun position determination

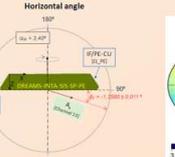
**A 3-axis COTS accelerometer was qualified, screened and integrated into SIS-PE to facilitate Lander attitude determination:**



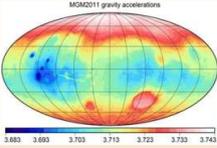
Rotation angle



Horizontal angle

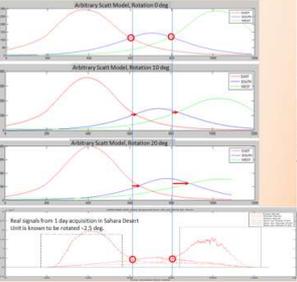


Horizontal angle



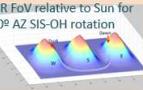
Only 2-axis are read due to limitation in available House-Keeping channels:

- Gravity uncertainty of 0.1 m/s<sup>2</sup> would only be equivalent to 0.25 degrees tilt error.
- 14 °C change generates same signal change as 1 degree tilt, in the worst case → Temperature of SIS-PE is sensed.

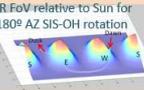


Relative Sun position determination through analysis of:

- Time of Sol when Sun is symmetrically positioned w.r.t. 2 different faces (works even with variable dust conditions).
- Time when signals change variation sense (independent of Optical Thickness, if steady dust conditions).



IR FoV relative to Sun for 0° AZ SIS-OH rotation



IR FoV relative to Sun for 180° AZ SIS-OH rotation

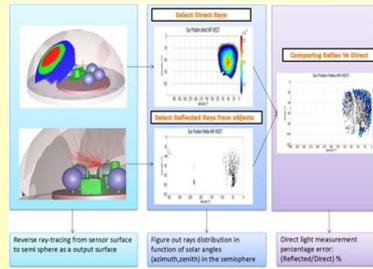
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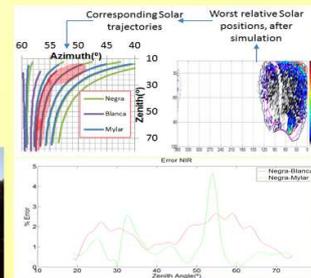
Integration on the Lander

Minor interferences of some EDM elements in SIS Field-of-View (FoV) were found:

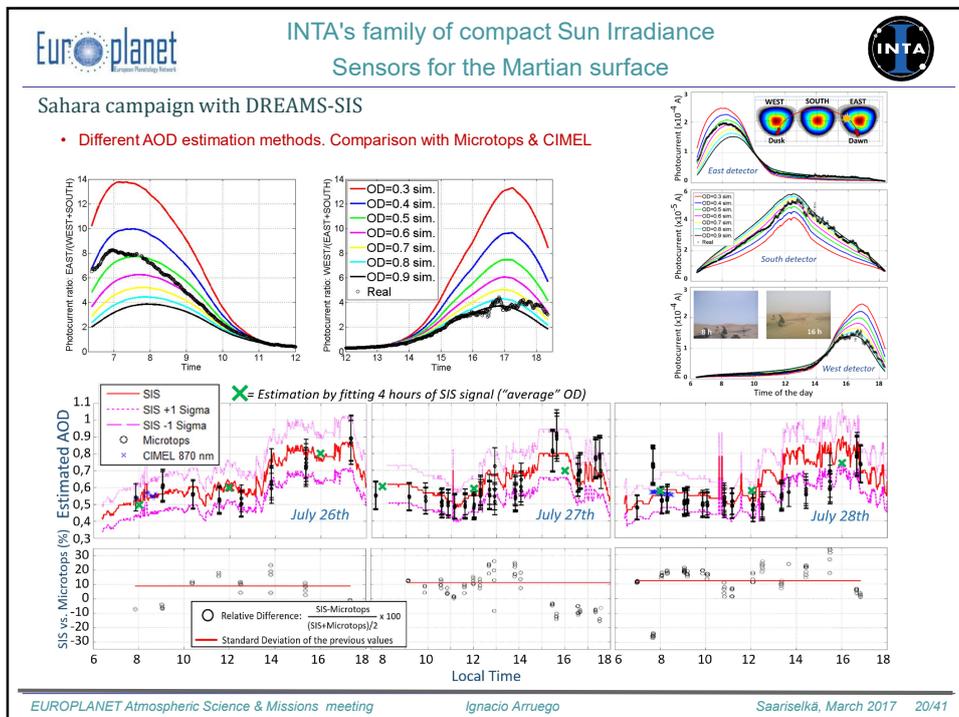
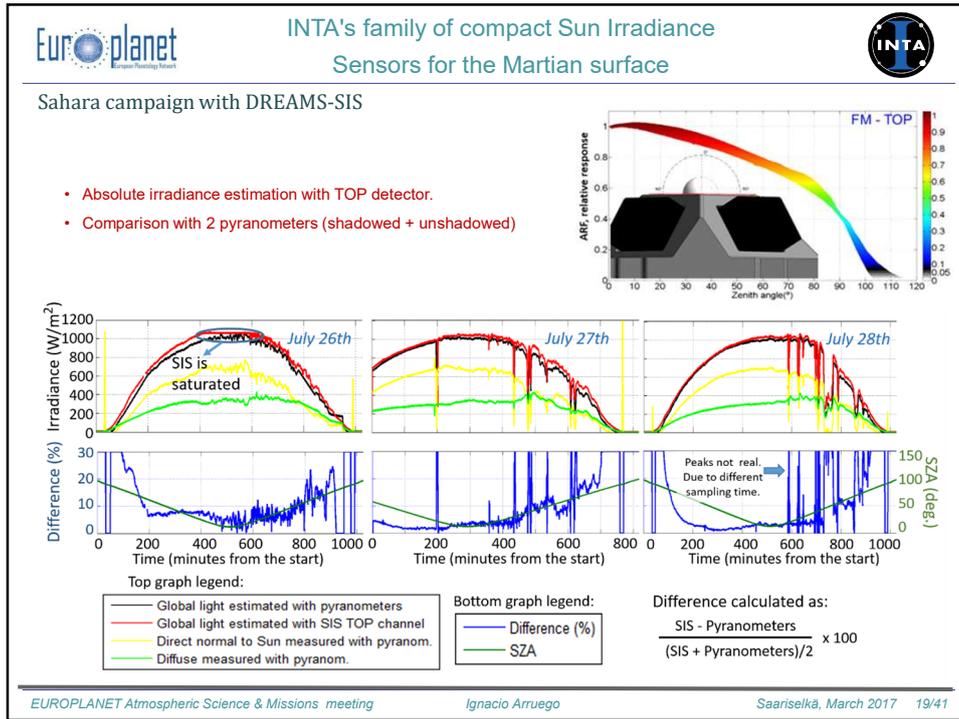
- Ray-tracing simulations to evaluate worst case interferences.
- Real measurements done in a 1:1 mock-up with representative elements of EDM.
- Different finishes for the fuel tanks compared (black as reference, diffusing white, aluminum Mylar, golden MLI).
- Different relative trajectories of Sun emulated by rotating the mock-up in both AZ and SZA.
- Cases emulated: those for which simulations indicate highest levels of interference.



- Worst Sun relative positions identified.
- Maximum interference level bounded and found acceptable.



Parameter	Value	Observations
Dimensions	OH: 42 x 35.75 x 22.5 mm <sup>3</sup> PE: 80 x 50 x 13.5 mm <sup>3</sup>	Complete envelop, including fixation points, in both cases.
Mass	OH: 25 g PE: 53 g	
Power consumption	OH: 11 mA @ 5V PE: 51 mA @ 5V	Constant current consumption.
Temperature	Operational: -120 / +60 °C Storage: -120 / +80°C	Upper value limited only by nominal (datasheet) information for the photodetectors. No extended temperature range was tested (long duration one, apart from DHMR) as it was not needed.
DHMR compatibility	YES	DHMR = Dry Heat Microbiology reduction
Spectral bands	NIR: 700 – 1100 nm UV: 315 – 400 nm Top: 200 – 1100 nm	NIR x 3 side detectors UV x 3 side detectors
Side detectors (NIR, UV) pointing and FoV	Pointing: Rel. elevation: 30 deg. Rel. azimuth: 60, 180, 300 deg. FoV: ~ 25 deg @ 50%	See Figure
Top detector pointing and FoV	Pointing to zenith FoV: ~hemispheric	See Figure
Effective (free-of-noise) resolution	20-21 bits	
Operational modes	1- "MANUAL" 2- "AUTOMATIC"	1.- An Instrument Control Unit commands each single measurement. 2.- SIS operates autonomously according to a configurable sampling period, and stores data in internal memory (128 kB) until it is requested.
Design lifetime	> 3 Earth year	
Interface	RS-422 serial port, 57.6 kbps.	Proprietary, character-oriented, protocol
Data volume	100 Bytes data packet	Each measurement
Calibration uncertainties	Thermal: NIR: irrelevant UV: up to 2% (worst-case) (a) ARF: (b) <1% around ARF=1 <5% around ARF=0.5 Absolute responsivity @ normal incidence: (c) NIR: 1% UV: 0.5%	(a) Due to technical problem during calibration process. Refer to (Jiménez, J.J., et al., 2016). (b) Due to pointing uncertainty within angular dependence calibration set-up. (c) Due to reference-cell uncertainty.
Associated products	Raw data: 16 sensing channels, 6 data Bytes per channel (a) Pre-processed data: photocurrents, resistor values (thermal sensors), voltages (internal references and accelerometer). Calibrated data: normal-incidence equivalent irradiance, temperature, inclination. Derived products: AOD (UV and NIR), Displacement Damage.	(a) Includes the standard deviation value of the averaged samples for each channel, to provide an estimation of the raw signal noise.



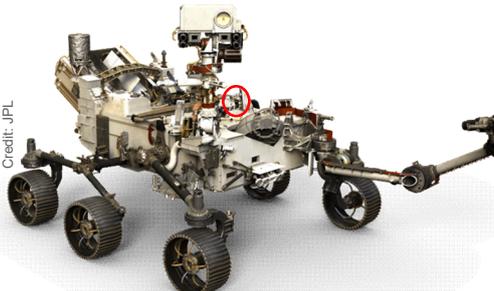
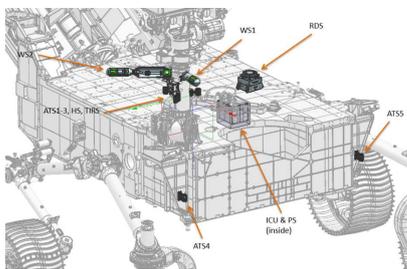


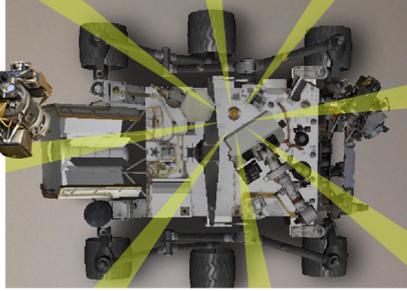
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The big brother... or maybe the "spoiled-child"!  
**MEDA-RDS: Radiation & Dust Sensor**

- MEDA: Mars Environmental Dynamic Analyzer
- On board Mars 2020 Rover (NASA/JPL)
- Main actors: INTA, CAB, CRISA, UPC, AVS
- Heritage from: REMS, DREAMS, MetNet
- 2 Wind Sensors, 3 Thermal, TIR, Pressure, Humidity
- + **RDS: Radiation & Dust Sensor (SIS)**
- + ICU



Credit: JPL

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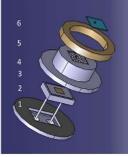
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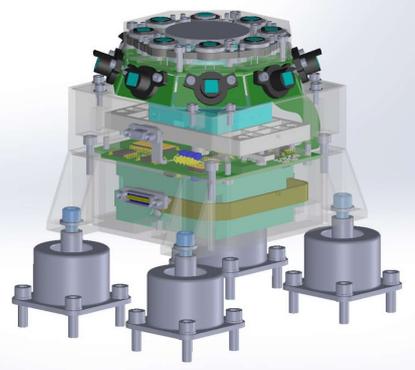
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The big brother: **MEDA-RDS**



1. Radiation Shield
2. Photodiodes
3. Interference filters encapsulated with the photodiode
4. FoV Aluminum Mask
5. Magnet
6. Glasses to avoid Dust



- DP: measure during 22 minutes each hour, 24 times by sol.
- 16 photodiodes
- DP electronics: 0.145 W
- DP processing board: 0.352 W
- **Total power for DP: 0.537 W**

TOP Channel	Center Wavelength (nm)	Bandwidth (nm)
1	255	± 5
2	295	± 5
3	250-400	
4	450	± 40
5	650	± 25
6	750	± 10
7	190-1100	
8	950	± 50

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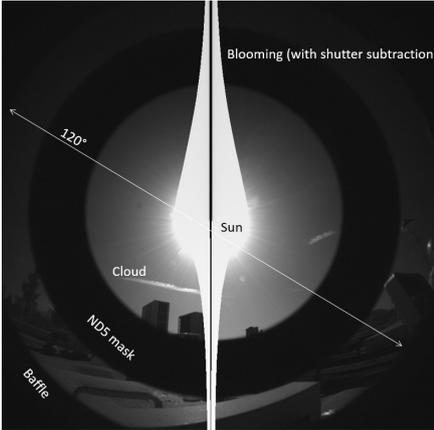


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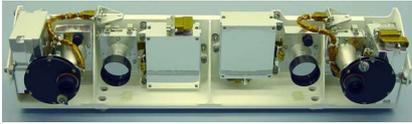


The big brother: MEDA-RDS

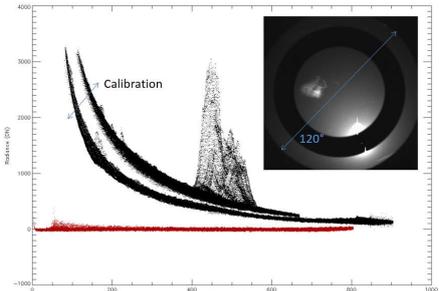
- SkyCam: 7 pictures by sol, at 5:30am, 6am, 6:30am, 7am, 5:30pm, 6pm, 6:30pm.
- Picture acquisition is 60 seconds (TBC).
- CCD: 0.25 W
- E-unit: 2.44 W
- **Total power for SkyCam: 2.69 W**



- Heritage from previous rovers engineering cameras



Credit: JPL



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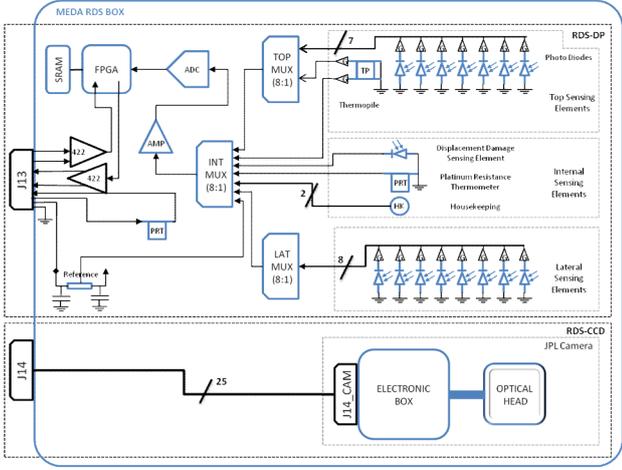


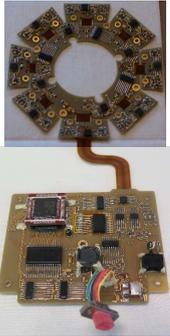
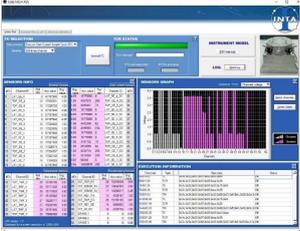
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The big brother: MEDA-RDS

Electronic design



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EM integration

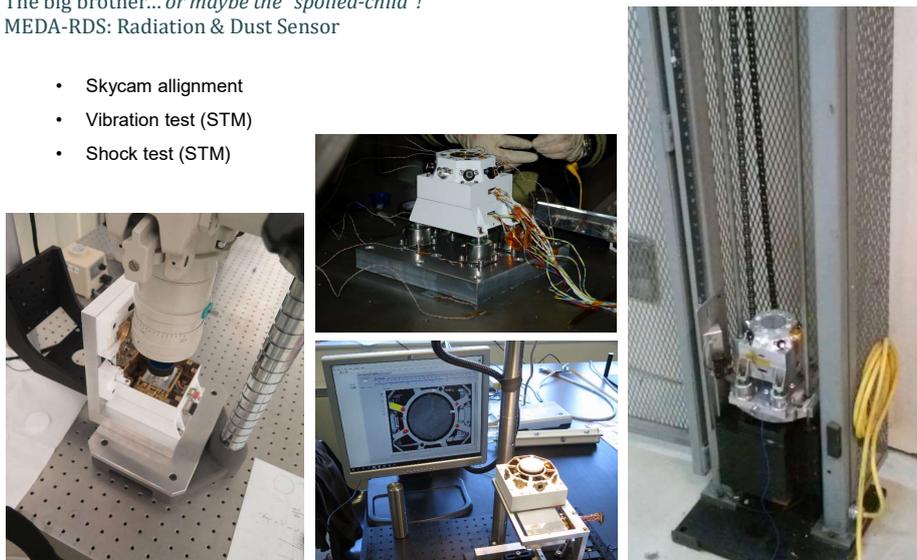


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The big brother... or maybe the "spoiled-child"!  
 MEDA-RDS: Radiation & Dust Sensor

- Skycam alignment
- Vibration test (STM)
- Shock test (STM)



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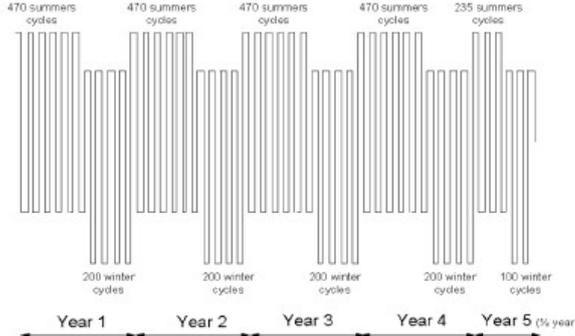


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Why did I say "spoiled child" ?

It is requiring the most of our attention and care!  
Package Qualification and Verification (PQV): a real pain in the...



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PQV numbers

- 20 UUT BOARDS
- 2 RDS SUBASSEMBLIES
- 18 EGSE BOARDS
- MORE THAN 170 DOCUMENTS
- 7 PEOPLE HAVE WORKED INTENSIVELY
- 300k€ ESTIMATED COST

Technology Tested	NUMBER OF ITEMS
Paint	1 Type
Glue	3 Types
Silicones	2 Types
PCBs	1 Type
Coating	1 Type

EEE Parts Tested	NUMBER OF ITEMS
Photodiodes (stand alone)	6 Large size 6 Small size
Opto-mechanical sets	6 Large size 9 Small size
Cristal Oscillator	3 FMI 3 QTech
Operational Amplifier	3 National 3 Analog Dev.
ADC	3 Maxwell 3 Texas Instr.
SERIAL DRIVERS	6 Intersil 3 Texas Instr.
FPGA	3 Actel
RAM MEMORY	3 Atmel
DAC	3 Texas Instr.
PASIVES	TONS
MULTIPLEXER	3 Intersil 3 Maxwell

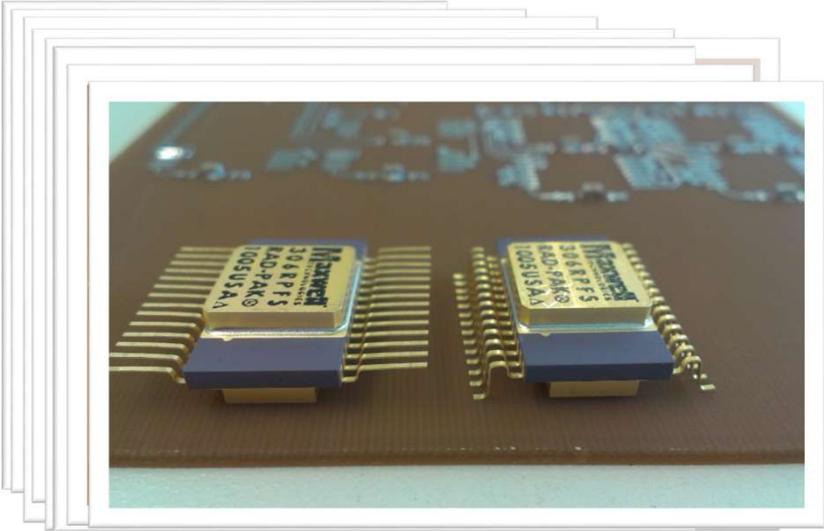
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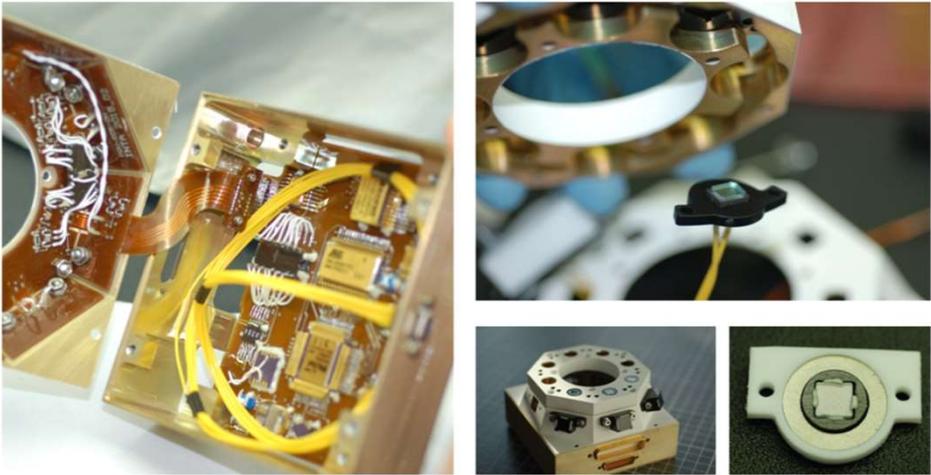
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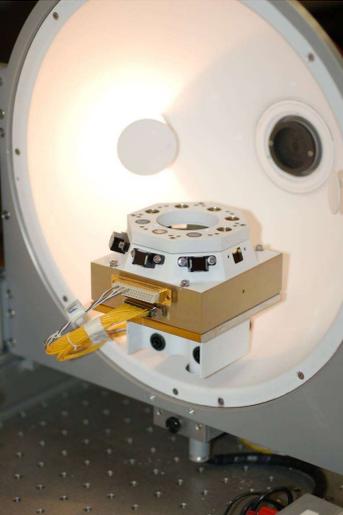
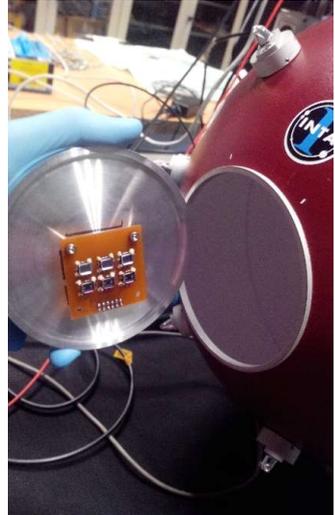
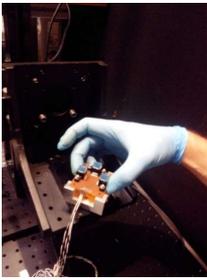


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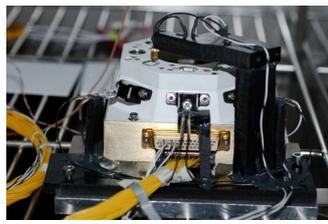
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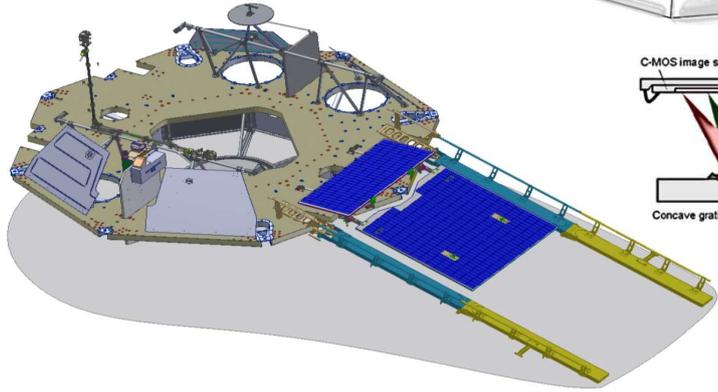
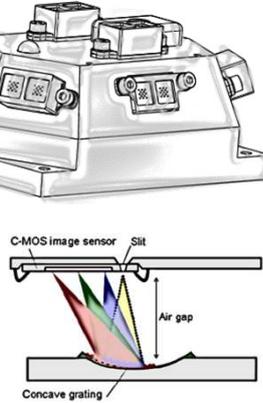


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SIS'20: virtue is in the happy medium

- Part of METEO – ExoMars 2020 Lander
- Mid-term between DREAMS-SIS and MEDA-RDS: 180 g, 600 W
- 6 lateral faces: UV + NIR on each (20 deg. Elevation, +/-5 deg. FoV)
- TOP: UV, NIR, 255 nm, 295 nm, "panchromatic"
- Incorporates Microspectrometer: 340- 780 nm, 5g

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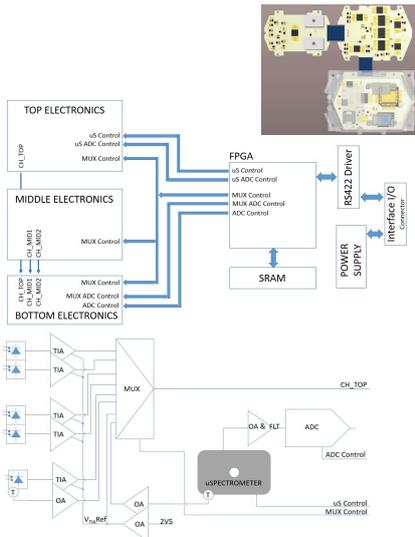


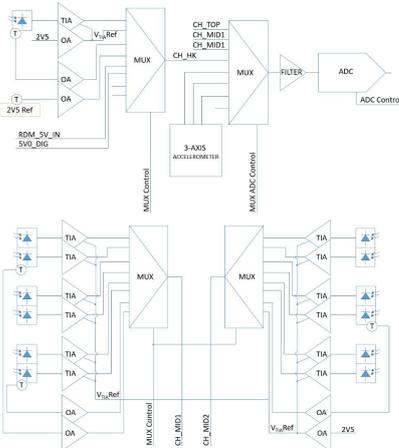
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- Electronics design in an advanced stage
- FPGA design building blocks 90% (design and validation)
- Functional EGSE 60%





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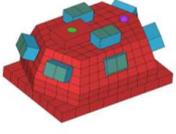
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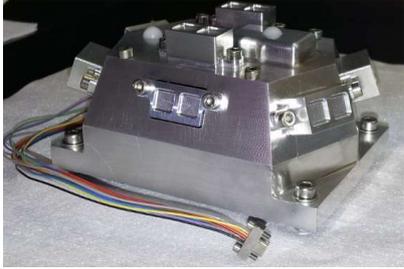
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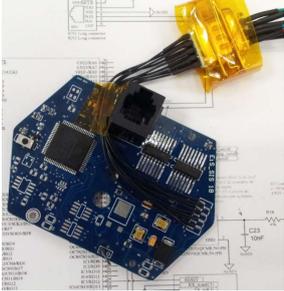


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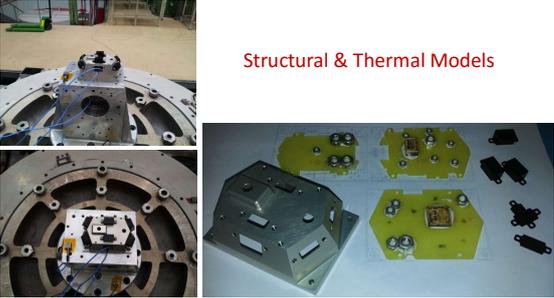


Thermal model





Electrical Interface Simulator



Structural & Thermal Models

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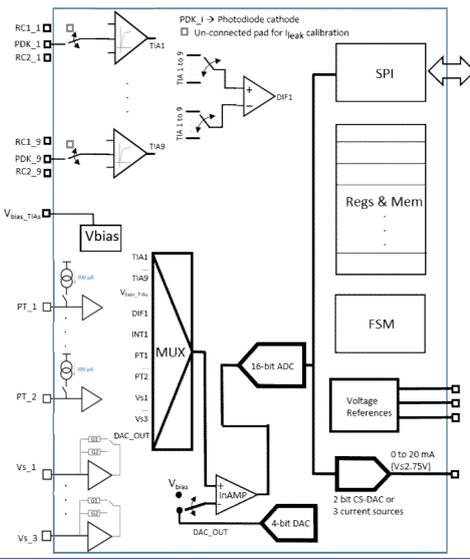
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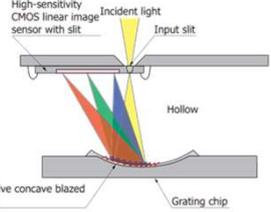
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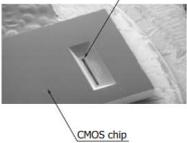
**Miniaturization efforts:**

- ASIC: Front-End + A/D for photodetectors, 3-axis accelerometer, Thermal sensors, etc.
- Qualification of compact mid-resolution (10 nm) spectrometer





High-sensitivity CMOS linear image sensor with slit  
Incident light  
Input slit  
Hollow  
Reflective concave blazed grating  
Grating chip



Slit  
CMOS chip

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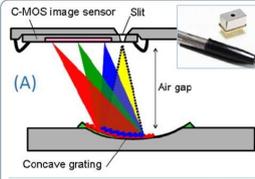


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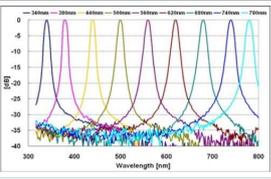


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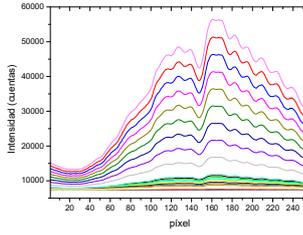
CMOS detector, 340 to 780 nm, ~10 nm resolution, 256 pixels



(A)







Successfully passed test at this moment:

- Vacuum
- Operation down to -135°C
- Thermal Cycling > 1000 cycles
- Vibration and Shock (as per DREAMS reqs.)
- Optical characterization.

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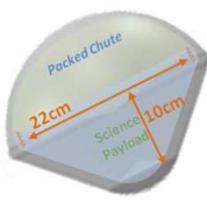


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A "new" potential misión concept: MarsDrop

- Entry mass limited by the need to provide a subsonic parachute deployment: 3-4 kg probe entry mass
- Accommodates a ~1 kg science payload

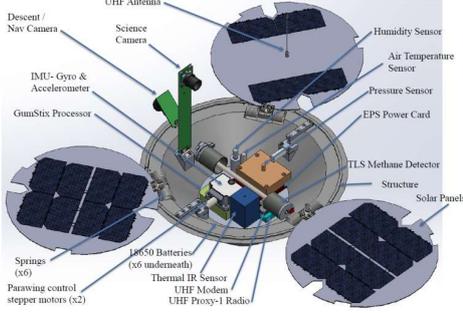


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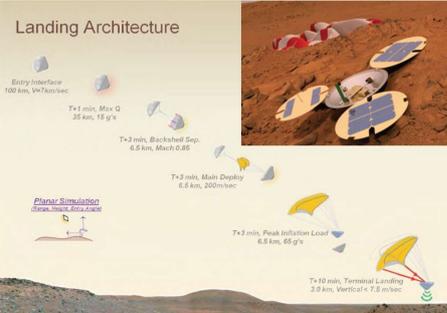
Scaled Version of NASA's Twin-keel Parawing Model 21



MASA Graph Technical Note D-5965  
Design Sizing Point  
• L/D=3.0, CD=1.00  
• Produces a 70° Glide Angle



**Landing Architecture**



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