

### EXPLORATION OF MERCURY AND MARS

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## **INVOLVMENT IN SCIENTIFIC PROJECTS: MERCURY**



#### **BepiColombo Mission:**

- ESA/JAXA to Mercury
- MPO: comprehensive and detailed study of the whole planet and its environment.



- October 2000: ESA select the mission within the Cosmic Vision program
- Beginning 2004 ESA deliver the Annoucement of Opportunity for selecting payload ٠ and scientific teams
- October 2009 system PDR
- Spring 2013 system CDR
- December 2014 system delta-CDR completed
- 19 October 2018 Jaunch from Kourou
- Arrival to Mercury on December 2025



1 x Flyby with Earth

6x Flyby with Mercury

Arrival December 5 2025

Departure October 19 2018

#### BepiColombo: Science and Scientific Objectives



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# SIMBIO-SYS a REMOTE SENSING for MERCURY EXPLORATION

SIMBIO-SYS( Spectrometers and Imagers for MPO BepiColombo Integrated Observatory SYStem)

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#### Industrial Prime: Leonardo s.p.a



The SIMBIO-SYS scientific team is composed by 56 Co-Investigators, 42 Associates

**STC** a double wide angle camera designed to image each portion of the Mercury surface from two different perspectives, providing stereo image pairs for the 3D reconstruction of the planet's surface.



**VIHI** is a Vis/NIR spectrometer that will provide the hyper spectral global mapping of the surface. Its objective is to study the hermean surface composition.

**HRIC** is the high resolution camera. The main objective is to characterize relevant Mercury surface features at high resolution level.

# SIMBIO-SYS a REMOTE SENSING for MERCURY EXPLORATION

- **38% of the data volume** of the entire mission is allocated to SIMBIO-SYS. 980 Gbit per year (mostly data compressed by a factor 7).
- SIMBIO-SYS operations shall allow both global coverage and target-oriented observations
- All SIMBIO-SYS channels shall be able to operate in parallel to allow needed **operational flexibility**
- Co-registration and data fusion are enabled
- SIMBIO-SYS will provide high-resolution images, the Digital Terrain Model of the entire surface, and the surface composition using a wide spectral range, as for instance detecting sulphides or material derived by sulphur and carbon oxidation, at resolutions and coverage higher than the MESSENGER mission.
- All the data that will be acquired will allow to cover a wide range of scientific objectives, from the surface processes and cartography up to the internal structure, contributing to the libration experiment, and the surface-exosphere interaction.











HRIC

### HYPSOS: HYPERSPECTRAL STEREO CAMERA



Starting from SIMBIO-SYS....

**HYPSOS (HYPerspectral Stereo Observing System)** combines two different approaches to studying the surface of a planet:

**3D reconstruction** with **hyperspectral reflectance providing stereo images at every wavelength of the visible**, with fine sampling at the spectral resolution of a spectrograph.

The morphology of any topographical feature will be *directly linked* to the composition of the same surface feature, through the hyperspectral data, similar to the approach by a mineralogist.

 Patent deposited 01/09/2016, M.Tordi (EIE), G.Naletto, G.Cremonese, C.Re
 (n. 102016000097439: "DISPOSITIVO STEREOIPERSPETTRALE PERFEZIONATO")
 ASI-INAF Agreement n.2018-16-HH.O Study activity for the national scientific community on Sun, Solar System and Exoplanets [KO 2020 March]









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## STC ACTIVITIES @ OAPD



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#### SIMBIO-SYS Stereo Channel STC:

- OPTICAL DESIGN
- CALIBRATION CAMPAIGN: -Radiometric Calibration -Geometric Calibration
- STEREO VALIDATION
- STEREO PIPELINE
- PERFORMANCES and OPS.
- SCIENCE

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## SCIENCE ON MERCURY



Mercury's polar water ice deposits, putative pyroclastic deposits from explosive volcanism, and hollow landforms are features that exhibit the complexity of the distribution of volatiles on Mercury.

• What is the nature of the volatile elements trapped beneath the surface, like the **hollows**?



Shallow, irregular, rimless, flat-floored depressions with bright interiors and halos, often found on crater walls, rims, floors and central peak whose nature is still unknown (Blewett et al., 2011,2013).

Understanding the composition of these features provides additional information on Mercury's surface characterization. • How are the volatiles preserved during Mercury's formation, are the volatiles delivered to Mercury at a later phase?

Pyroclastic and other volcanic deposits represent important sources of information about planetary structure, composition (including volatile content), stress state, and thermal history (Wilson, 2009).



Pyroclastic deposits are explosive volcanic eruption products formed by the fragmentation and upward propulsion of magma particles driven by the expansion of volatile species released from rising bodies of magma (e.g., Wilson and Head, 1981).

## SPECTRAL CLUSTERING AND GEOMORPHOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF HOLLOWS (Lucchetti et al.)





Result coming from the comparison between the geological map and the spectral clustering analysis for Canova crater. Hollows are here identified by a well-defined visible spectrum, which is represented by cluster #9.

#### SPECTRAL CLUSTERING

**statistical clustering** over the entire dataset based on a **K-means partitioning algorithm** developed and evaluated by Marzo et al., (2006, 2008, 2009) and makes use of the Calinski and Harabasz criterion (Calinski, T., Harabasz, J., 1974) to find the intrinsically natural number of clusters, making the **process unsupervised**.

#### CORRELATION BETWEEN SPECTRAL UNITS AND GEOLOGICAL ONES

Comparison between spectra and geomorphological map reveals a correlation between different spectral units and geological ones. Hollows in different craters are identified by a similar spectrum.

Hollows are the expression of both the remnants of materials from devolatilization and bedrock forming material (Lucchetti et al., 2018).



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## PHOTOMETRIC MODELLING (Munaretto et al.)

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- Collect multiple measurements of flux under different illumination and observation directions from 8-filter MDIS/WAC observation of Hollows at Canova and Tyagaraja craters, Mercury
- Fit photometric models to the data collected in 1). As in Domingue et al., (2016) we consider the Hapke and Kasalaainen-Skhuratov models



Link the observed surface brightness with parameters related to physical properties of the surface

#### AIMS:

- ANALYSIS OF SCATTERING PROPERTIES OF MERCURY'S SURFACE: through the analysis of photometric models for different surface features (hollows, pyroclastics, LRM, fresh rays etc ...)
- SUPPORT SPECTROPHTOMETRIC ANALYSES: by estimating accurate, material specific photometric corrections
- CALIBRATION OF OBSERVED RADIANCES : comparison between observed / predicted reflectances, in prep. for SIMBIO-SYS@BepiColombo
- CHARACTERIZATION OF STC COLOR FILTERS: analyze the filters performances in distinguishing different spectral units.

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Munaretto et al., (2023)

## CARTOGRAPHY, AGE DETERMINATION, IMPACT AND THERMAL MODELLING OF HERMEAN POLAR CRATERS





frequency

#### MACHINE LEARNING (N.A Vergara Sassarini et al.)



#### CAN UNSUPERVISED LEARNING AID THE GENERATION OF



#### ExoMars:

- ESA/Roscomos to Mars (conception 2011, launch 2016, scientific mission 2018)
- Trace Gas Orbiter (TGO)
- CaSSIS (Colour and Stereo Surface Imaging System)
  - PI: Nicolas Thomas
  - Co-Plship: Gabriele Cremonese
  - OAPD-Team Responsible for DTM archiving and generation



- Key concept is the rotation mechanism to produce stereo pair
- Four colour filter bands oriented with their longer dimension perpendicular to the ground-track direction
- Framelets with a repetition rate syncronized to the ground track velocity
- Overlap between successive framelets to allow accurate mosaicking







## CaSSIS ACTIVITIES @ OAPD

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#### CaSSIS:

• DETECTOR, the focal plane system is a spare from SIMBIO-SYS

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- Contribution in CALIBRATION CAMPAIGN
- DTM generation
- STEREO PRODUCT REPOSITORY (web-based)
- CaSSIS Stereo Data ingestion in ASI-MATISSE
- SCIENCE









Novel photogrammetric pipeline (CaSSIS Reader + 3DPD) for the processing of the stereo images of CaSSIS (a starting point for the future procedures that will be applied to Stereo Camera STC for the BepiColombo mission to Mercury) (Simioni et al. 2021, Re et al, 2022)

**CaSSIS Repository** hosted @ OAPD and accessible to the public via a dedicated web-page (<u>http://cassis.oapd.inaf.it/)</u>.

It provides the ability of on-line visualization and download of the stereo products that are delivered periodically after their validation. CaSSIS Repository nowadays hosts: <u>1800 products linked to DTMs</u> <u>435 Anaglyphs</u>



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## STEREO PRODUCTS @ OAPD





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### DATA FUSION WITH PANSHARPENING (Tullo et al.)

**Pansharpening** represents a family of data fusion and radiometric transformation techniques that aim to merge lowerresolution multispectral data with a high-resolution panchromatic base image. Different techniques have been in continuous development for almost forty years since the inception of his theory.





16x resolution increase obtained with **Pansharpening** from 4.5 m/px the original CaSSIS resolution (to the left) to 0.25 m/px, using a modified MMSE algorithm



#### OAPD as World Reference for **PLANETARY PHOTOGRAMMETRY**

- High competences in 3D reconstruction from stereo processing: We are leaders for Digital Terrain Models from CaSSIS stereo pairs thanks to our stereo pipeline (3DPD SW).
- We design the first push-frame stereo camera (STC) and we are developing the entire photogrammetric data processing of the complete stereo image coverage of Mercury.
  - MOSAICKING tool
  - BUNDLE ADJUSTMENT tool for CO-REGISTRATION
  - **DTM, ORTHOIMAGE** generation, **PANSHARPENED** images
- We will process:
  - # STC STEREO PAIRS for GM: 518 acq. for orbit, 373 k for GM
- STC stereo products:
  - BEST SPATIAL RESOLUTION: ~40 m (at the end of the extended period)
  - WORSE SPATIAL RESOLUTION: ~ 225 m (first aphelion at Poles)
  - VERTICAL ACCURACY (Mission Requirements): 80 m





#### SCIENCE ON MARS

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Exploring Mars through geologic time: from past to present & towards

the future

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#### Introduction

The surface of Mars records traces of events dating back to immediately after planetary formation, followed by periods of Earth-like habitable environments that then transitioned to the present-day dry, cold and nhospitable conditions. This makes the Red Planet the only other planetary body in the Solar system beyond Earth with an easily accessible geologic history that was similar to the Earth. Studying its surface i therefore crucial for understanding its past habitability and climatic conditions and how they evolved with time. It is also pivotal for assessing its in Situ Resource Utilization potentials, a crucial aspect for the future human and robotic exploration missions. The planetary science research group at OAPD is actively involved in many research projects on the multidisciplinary analysis of Martian surface landform cations and features that record past and/or present-day aqueous or glacial processes. We present a set of published and ongoing studies aimed at investigating a) candidate past & present-day Marti rface features related to the flow of liquid water b) periglacial landforms, c) characterization of Martian locations suitable for a possible human and/or robotic exploration mission



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Favours the volcanic injection and the ice melting



#### The colours of Mars: Exploring the red planet with CaSSIS

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To the human eye, Mars appears red, mainly due to iron minerals in the Martian regolith that are oxidized, or "rusted", giving the surface its characteristic reddish-brown tint. Even its white seasonal ices at the polar cans often have a slightly red tinge because of the scattered Martian dust that gets deposited. Such a hue, however, hides the incredible variety of minerals and lithologies. that make up the surface of Mars

Fig.1 CaSSIS stereo processing:

The Colour and Stereo Surface Imaging System (CaSSIS) onboard the ESA ExoMars Trace Gas Orbiter allows us to probe for such differences, revealing a striking diversity of colours. CaSSIS produces high-resolution multispectral storeo images of Mars in four bands spanning the blue, visible, and near-infrared wavelength ranges. Thanks to its novel rotation mechanism, CaSSIS can acquire image pairs that are stereo-compatible, which can be used for three-dimensional surface reconstruction photogrammetry (Fig.1). The images can reach up to 4.5 m/px in spatial resolution from the TGO 400 km circular orbit and acquire at various times of the day and sessons of the year. Thanks in part to CaSSIS's capabilities, in orbit from April 2018, the evolving research shows how Mars has been affected by a very diverse and complex geological history, characterized by the presence of wet and dry periods with bodies of water stable for very long time, perhaps even oceans. In addition to past volcanic and sedimentary processes. Mars still exhibits active dynamical processes such as, for example, dune migration, dry dust avalanches, dust devils, gullies, and Recurring Slope Lineae (RSL), as well as seasonal sublimation of polar caps and frost deposition.

Stereophotogrammetry is a branch of photogrammetry









CaSSIS

b) Transient morning frost deposits in the calderas of the Olympus Mons volcano in the Tharsis region. This recent discovery suggests an active exchange of water between regolith and atmosphere with implications on the Mars water cycle. Check out the paper or Nature Geoscience! (https://doi.org/10.1038/s41561-024-01457-7)

c) Erosion forms below a crater rim in Tyrrhena Terra. The formation of such morphologies, termed 'Gullies', is still debated, and could be related to the action of liquid or volatile water or CO2, and are under monitoring as they may still be active today.











The sky of Mars from surface as observed by the MSL Curiosity rover; h) a feather-shaped iridescent cloud, or "night-shining" clouds. This phenomena is supposedly the result of the interaction of sunlight with water vapour and ice crystals. IJ The blue sunset of Ma



)) The Incised Morella Crater in Vallis Marineris region, k) the fluvial delta in Jezero Crater and I) karst-like features in Meridiani Planum are all marks of past erosion and deposition events from Mars' "Wet period"



g) Exposed layers of the north polar cap on which dust is deposited due to atmospheric transport. The image is derived from the fusion of a MRO CRISM hyperspectral image with CaSSIS via pansharpening, greatly improving the original anatial resolution

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others craters)

Second step of Sirenum Fossae, which continues to

dissect the magmatic deposit and brings other

magmatic material (lava layering deposits, like

Other later modification (wind, permafrost, gravity).

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### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE/DEEP LEARNING

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- Feature Detection (Crater Catalogues Moon, Mercury, Ceres)
- Image Enhancement (Super Resolution)
- Image Classification/Segmentation/Clustering
- DTM generation (monoscopic)

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Hyperspectral compressor



## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE/DEEP LEARNING (Riccardo La Grassa et al.)

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