



Introduction to CRISM

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CRISM is 1 of 6 MRO Instruments to Map Mars' Surface and Atmosphere



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CRISM, HiRISE, CTX, and SHARAD characterize surface geologic features

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MARCI, MCS, and CRISM track spatial and seasonal variations in the atmosphere

CRISM Hardware Overview

3 cryocoolers keep IR detector at 110-125K to control noise

Optical Sensor Unit

Baffle with 1-time deployed cover cuts out of field stray light

Radiator pointing toward evening terminator cools spectrometer optics to -70C to -80C



Gimbal allows observations at multiple geometries to separate surface and atmosphere (±60° along-track)

Internal calibration: shutter for dark measurements, integrating sphere for radiometric calibration

Wavelength range	0.4-3.9 μm	
Spectral sampling	6.55 nm/channel	
Spatial sampling	18 m/pixel from 300 km	3





Data Processing

data acquisition,

Unit controls

pixel binning, data editing

CRISM Optics

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Basic Structure of the Data: Successive Frames Acquired Along Track



Each readout of the detector is 1 line of a spatial image. The whole image is built as MRO moves along its ground track.

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Each pixel has a spectrum whose absorptions can be compared with minerals

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All scene images are calibrated to radiance using internal calibrations to remove time-variable instrumental effects

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• The first correction is to subtract shutter-closed dark measurements from the scene and from a sphere measurement taken close in time

- The corrected scene and sphere images are both divided by exposure time to yield values linearly related to radiance
- The scene is ratioed to the sphere, multiplied by a ground-based model of the sphere's radiance, and divided by a flight-based flatfield
- The result is scene radiance

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- To convert radiance to I/F, the solar flux at 1 AU is convolved with the bandpasses for each CRISM pixel
- The radiance is divided by the solar flux scaled to Mars' solar distance
- The result is I/F

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Scene radiance, units W m⁻² sr⁻¹ µm⁻¹

* (solar distance in AU)² * π

Solar flux at 1 AU, units W $m^{-2} \mu m^{-1}$

Scene I/F, unitless

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CRISM Observation Types

Pointing

- Fixed, generally at nadir
- Track a point and repeatedly scan across it (nadir or limb)
- Number of wavelengths
 - All 544 with useful data
 - Subsets (72, 94, or 262 selected VNIR+IR wavelengths or all 107 VNIR) for global mapping
- Frame rate
 - 1 Hz (for internal calibration)
 - 3.75 Hz (hyperspectral observations)
 - 15 or 30 Hz (global mapping)
- Spatial pixel binning
 - None (18 m) or 2x (36 m) for high-resolution observations
 - 5x (100 m) or 10x (200 m) for global mapping

Primary variables that are set to define observation types

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These variables are set to manage data volume and to "square" the pixels

CRISM Rotation

+60°

-60°

First Basic Observation Type: Gimbaled (example shown is Full-Resolution Targeted)

1st 5 images discontinued Sep. 2010 due to gimbal stickiness

 "Targeted" because s/c actively points

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- Up to 11 images at varying emission angles: <u>"Emission phase function"</u>
- Central image may be unbinned (18 m/pixel), 2x binned (36 m/pixel), or 10x binned (~180 m/pixel)
- 1st 5 and last 5 are 10x binned
- Central high-resolution swath for geology; whole set to separate surface/ atmosphere

Timeline of Observing Modes

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CRISM Classic Targeted Observing Modes: FRT, EPF

~20 m/pix

Full Resolution Targeted (FRT) central scan only

FRT central scan + EPF

- EPF mode consists of 5 (or 6) incoming and outgoing scans plus a 10x-binned, ~200 m/pix central scan
- Each FRT/HRL/HRS also has 5 or 6 EPF segments but the central scan is ~20 or ~40 m/pix.

CRISM **Classic Targeted Observing Modes:** HRL, HRS

40 m/pix

Half Resolution Short (HRS)

Half Resolution Long (HRL)

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Second Generation Targeted Observing Modes

~20 m/pix (cross-track)

Full Resolution Short (FRS) (~20 m/pix)

Along Track Oversampled (ATO) (variant of FRT before 2012_142) (highest spatial resolution in center)

ATO (after 2012_142) (up to ~8 m/pix downtrack, but requires special processing for increased resolution)

Along Track Undersampled (ATU) (~40 m/pix downtrack)

MSW, MSV = 5x binned = 100 m/pix **MSP, HSV, HSP** = 10x binned = 200 m/pix

Mapping Modes

100 m/pix

MultiSpectral Window (MSW)

MultiSpectral VNIR (MSV)

200 m/pix

MultiSPectral Mapping (MSP) HyperSPectral Mapping (HSP) HyperSPectral VNIR (HSV)

> All mapping mode observations can vary in length: ~45, 180, or 540 km

AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO CRISM OBSERVING MODES

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FRI

ATO

resolution.

Spatial Characteristics · Gimbaled observation exam-

ples shown here have been scaled proportionally to their native (crosstrack) spatial

All CRISM images are ~10 km

Different binning modes result

in different pixel sizes: 1x=20

m/pix, 2x=40 m/pix, 5x=100

Modified gimbal scan rates

result in non-square pixels in

the along-track direction, as in

wide at their narrowest.

m/pix, 10x=200 m/pix.

ATO and ATUs.

Modes

HRL

In

ATU

"Most g imballed observing modes including FRT, HRL, HRS, EPF, FRS, ATO, and ATU can be commanded as VNR-only: MSV and HSV are VNR-only by definition. LMB, 100, and FFCs cannot be commanded as VNR-only: FFcom DOV 2011 079 to 2012 L42, ATO mode was a variation of FFT and labeled as "FRT" in the PDS archive. Beginning again on 2012_293 and ongoing, ATOs are labeled as "ATO" in the archive. These two periods also correspond to a change in the way that ATO's wore acquired, resulting in a difference in floopting taiz and shape. The ATO shape was alloting of FRT and tabeled as the periods.

CRISM: Two Instruments in One

- Visible and Near Infrared (VNIR) Detector:
- 107 channels (6nm sampling) from 0.3646 to 1.0560 µm.
- Near Infrared (IR) Detector: 438 channels (6nm sampling) from 1.0013 to 3.9368 µm.
- . The VNIR detector can acquire data when the cryosystem
- that cools the IR detector is turned off. This results in VNIR-only modes, such as HSV and MSV. All gimbaled modes
- can also be acquired with just the VNIR portion of the spectral data.

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Summary

- Current Observing Modes:
 - -VNIR, VNIR+IR Targeted: FRS, ATO ATU
 - -VNIR Mapping: MSV, HSV
 - -VNIR+IR Mapping/Atmospheric: MSP, HSP, TOD, LMB
- New Targets
 - New targets always welcome! <u>Don't wait to submit targets</u>, despite 1-of-4 cold cycle frequency.

