#### Thermal Design Validation of the Mars Scout Phoenix Payload

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- Phoenix Mission Description
- Phoenix Flight System & Payload
- Initial Payload Design Responsibility Approach
  - Lessons Learned
- Revised Approach for Payload Design Validation
- Conclusions







#### Phoenix Phoenix Overview



What is Phoenix?

- Phoenix will be the next NASA Mars landed mission
- Phoenix utilizes the terminated MSP'01 lander, improved through Return To Flight upgrades
- Phoenix will fly many of the lost MPL (Mars 98) payloads and some from MSP'01
- Phoenix utilizes a powered descent system unlike MPF and MER
  - More scalable
  - Provides soft landing capabilities
  - More precise placement on the surface
- Key Partners
  - The University of Arizona provides the PI, Peter Smith, and several instruments as well as the PIT and SOC
  - JPL provides Project Management, Systems Engineering, MOS/GDS, as well as the RA and MECA instruments
  - Lockheed Martin provides the Flight System and Operations support
  - Instruments are supported as well through contributions from all over the world



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•CSA/MDR/Optech

- Provides MET station and optical Lidar
- •Max Planck Institute for
- Aeronomy (MPAe) •Provides RA camera ('01) and calibration
- •University of Neuchatel/Swiss Federal Institute of Technology •Provides Atomic Force microscope for MECA ('01)
- •University of Copenhagen •Provides magnets for MECA and SSI cal target

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## Science Objectives

**Phoenix** 



- Verify the Odyssey discovery of near surface ice in the northern plains
  - Find a safe landing site between 65 and 72°N
  - Land during northern summer after any CO<sub>2</sub> frost has evaporated
  - Dig to an ice layer (or to 1meter), provide samples for analysis
- Study the history of water in all its phases
  - Determine the vertical profile of water, chemistry and minerals
  - Identify the altered (aqueous) minerals that make up the soil
  - Investigate the wet chemistry of the soil in special beakers
  - Study the geomorphology at all scales from regional to single grain
- Study the polar weather and climate concentrating on the boundary layer
- Determine the habitability and biological potential of the ice-soil mixture
  - Does unfrozen water periodically wet the soil?
  - Are there sources of energy for micro-organisms?
  - Do all the biogenic elements exist in a usable form?
  - Are there severe hazards to life (oxidants, toxins, etc.)?

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0

20

40

60

H<sub>2</sub>O (Wt %)

80

100

-30



#### Phoenix Phoenix Timeline





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Flight Configurations





**Phoenix** 

### Integrated Science Payload





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EM Surface Stereo Imager (SSI, MPL)

University of Arizona



Thermal Evolved Gas Analyzer (TEGA, MPL)

#### University of Arizona

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Robotic Arm (RA, MPL, MSP'01) JPL



Robotic Arm Camera (RAC, MSP'01) Max Plank Institute Aeronomie



EM Meteorological Package with LIDAR Canadian Space Agency

LOCKHEED MARTIN



Microscopy, Electrochemistry & Conductivity Analyzer (MECA, MSP'01)

JPL



Mars Descent Imager (MARDI, MSP'01)



Mission Phase Overview

**Phoenix** 









- Each payload was responsible for the development & validation of their thermal design
  - Thermal interface information provided by:
    - JPL for Cruise, EDL, & Landed Surface thermal environments
    - LMSSC for spacecraft geometry & thermooptical properties, and reduced analytical model requirements









Lessons Learned



- The process lacked overall system
   engineering
- There was a wide spectrum of thermal engineering expertise across the payload element
- Interactions were complicated by the number of institutions involved
  - International partners further slowed the communication process due to ITAR
- Post-CDR changes needed to ensure design validation success







Space Administration Revised Approach for Payload Thermal Design Validation - 1/2



- JPL took on overall payload system thermal design engineering responsibility
  - Coordinated & communicated all environmental & spacecraft information
    - Facilitated delivery of test-correlated reduced analytical models
  - Identified & rectified thermal engineering proficiency gaps
    - Expanded JPL's involvement with specific payloads







Space Administration Revised Approach for Payload Thermal Design Validation – 2/2



- Defined landed operational scenarios with Project System Engineering
- LMSSC became responsible for conducting integrated thermal analyses for all mission phases
  - Analyses results used for design validation
  - Spacecraft & payload analytical models correlated to System-Level Thermal Testing







# Payload Thermal Design Validation Results – PEB TMM











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- Thermal system engineering, especially, for a payload suite is crucial to mission success
- Use the strengths of the spacecraft & payload team members to establish a tractable strategy
  - Also understand team weaknesses to bolster as necessary
- The payload thermal design validation was successful
  - Early cruise flight data are within flight predictions







