Supplement 3

Combed strike angles Application for Mars

- for theory see Suppl. 1
- for tutorial part and truncation error tests see Suppl. 2

Landing sites



Mars map with landing sites - Wikimedia Commons, 2022

Fig. S3: 2

General global views on Mars





Gravity disturbances Δg [mGal] on Mars

according to the gravity field model JGMRO_120 F (Konopliv et al. 2020), used here everywhere to plot the gravity aspects, cut always at maximum degree and order d/o = 80, as recommended by the authors of the model, together with contour lines derived from the MOLA topography [m] (metres above the reference ellipsoid).

Valles Marineris (VM). Hellas (H), area at the Crater Lake (Syrtis Major/Isidis) I, Utopia (U), Hustak (HU), Elysium (E), Tharsis area (T), Olympus Mt (OM) and other volcanoes in T, Ascraeus Mons (ASM), Pavonis and Arsia Mons (PM and ARM), Alba Patera and Syria Mons (AP and SM), Tempe Terra (TT), Thaumasia Highlands (TH), one of ancient structures (AI).



Fig. S3: 6

Mars - Topo + Theta0.9



Fig. S3: 7. Strike angles [deg]



Fig. S3: 8. Strike angles, *Comb* factor, and MOLA topography



Fig. S3: 9. Virtual deformations [-] and topography [m]

Northern Paleoocean selected areas 1-5





Fig. S3: 12 MOLA Topography Paleoocean



Fig. S3: 14 Topography

Valles Marineris (VM) series

contour line -3500 m black contour line -4000 m tyrkys







Fig. S3: 15 VM Topography NASA/MOLA



Valles Mariners

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proporce: delka/sirka=1/2

from W to E (left) and from E to W (right) grid 0.25 deg



Fig. S3: 17. VM, 3D topography

-3500 red, -2000 tyrkys





Fig. S3: 19. VM, topography, see the main text

The gravity aspects for zones of the Northern paleoocean 1-5



Fig. S3: 20



Fig. S3: 21, MOLA topography [m]



Fig. S3: 22, Δ*g*



Fig. S3: 23, Δg



Fig. S3: 24, *Tzz*



Fig. S3: 25, *I*¹



Fig. S3: 26, *I*₂



Fig. S3: 27, the ratio I



Fig. S3: 28, θ



Fig. S3: 29, *θ*



Fig. S3: 30, vd



Fig. S3: 31, vd - two different ways how to plot the virtual deformations



Fig. S3: 32, topography





22 20 18

16 14

12 10

8 6

4 2 0

-2

-6 -8

-10 -12 -14

Fig. S3: 34, *T*_{zz}





Fig. S3: 35, *I*₂





Fig. S3: 36, *I*


Fig. S3: 37, *θ*



Fig. S3: 38, θ





Fig. S3: 39, θ



Fig. S3: 40, vd

Mars - oblast-2 - topo





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Fig. S3: 49, topography



Fig. S3: 50, topography



ISIDIS = volcano?



Mars - oblast-3 - topo + RI3





Mars - oblast-3 - topo + RI







Fig. S3: 56, θ plus landing site of Perseverance





Fig. S3: 58, vd



Fig. S3: 59, vd, two different ways how to plot the virtual deformations

Mars - oblast-4 - topo



Fig. S3: 60, topography





Fig. S3: 61, Δg

Mars - Topo + Tzz



Fig. S3: 62, *T*_{zz}

Mars - oblast-4 - topo + RI3



Fig. S3: 63, *I*₂





Fig. S3: 65, θ , Comb factor

Mars - Topo + virtual deformations



Fig. S3: 66, vd



Lahars on Mars, example NW of Elysium Mt.

Reference for the lahars: Christiansen E. H. et al (1989). Lahars in the Elysium region of Mars. Geology 17 (3): 203-206. https://doi.org/10.1130/0091-7613(1989)017<0203:LITERO>2.3.CO;2

Fig. S3: 67, θ. Left: example from literature; right: our figure S3: 65





Polar caps of Mars



Assymetry around poles, different size and thickness (southern smaller), effect of Corriolis force, see also strike angles for more study, internet

Fig. S3: 69







Fig. S3: 70





0°


0°





0°









180°







Mars dichotomy

The crustal dichotomy of Mars describes the topographic division between the plains in the northern hemisphere and the terrain in the southern hemisphere.

The two hemispheres' geography differ in elevation by 1 to 3 km. The average thickness of the Martian crust is 45 km, with 32 km in the northern lowlands region, and 58 km in the southern highlands.

The boundary between the two regions is quite complex in places. One distinctive type of topography is called <u>fretted terrain</u>. It contains mesas, knobs, and flat-floored valleys having walls about a mile high. The Martian dichotomy boundary includes the regions called <u>Deuteronilus Mensae</u>, <u>Protonilus Mensae</u>, and <u>Nilosyrtis Mensae</u>. All three regions have been studied extensively because they contain landforms believed to have been produced by the movement of ice^{[12][13]} or <u>paleoshorelines</u> questioned as formed by volcanic erosion.^[14] The northern lowlands comprise about one-third of the surface of Mars and are relatively flat, with as many impact craters as the southern hemisphere.^[15] The other two-thirds of the Martian surface are the highlands of the southern hemisphere. The difference in elevation between the hemispheres is dramatic.

Three major hypotheses have been proposed for the origin of the crustal dichotomy: endogenic (by mantle processes), single impact, or multiple impact. Both impact-related hypotheses involve processes that could have occurred before the end of the primordial bombardment, implying that the crustal dichotomy has its origins early in the history of Mars.

wikipedia



Fig. S3: 83. Mars MOLA topography, review from internet



Typical situation: the northern lowlands are highly combed in large "plates" over relatively gravitationally "silent" terrain (thick layer of sediments), while diverse features on the southern highlands do not permit such large-scale alignment.

Fretted terrain Mars

This terrain contains a complicated mix of cliffs, <u>mesas</u>, <u>buttes</u>, and straight-walled and sinuous <u>canyons</u>. It contains smooth, flat lowlands along with steep cliffs. The scarps or cliffs are usually 1 to 2 km high. Channels in the area have wide, flat floors and steep walls. Fretted terrain shows up in northern <u>Arabia</u>, between latitudes 30°N and 50°N and longitudes 270°W and 360°W, and in <u>Aeolis Mensae</u>, between 10 N and 10 S latitude and 240 W and 210 W longitude.Two good examples of fretted terrain are <u>Deuteronilus Mensae</u> and <u>Protonilus Mensae</u>. *wikipedia*





| Martian valley networks. a,b, Mars Orbiter Laser Altimeter (MOLA) elevation map with high (red) and low (blue) elevations (a) and valley network distribution (b). THEMIS data were used over a MOLA shaded relief map with Amazonian (cyan), Hesperian (purple), and Noachian (orangered) terrains. The highest concentration of valleys is on Noachian terrains near the equator. AP, Alba Patera; AT, Arabia Terra; HB, Hella Basin, NT, Noachis Terra, as mapped by Hynek et al. 15. Panel a courtesy of NASA/MOLA Science Team.

Fig. S3: 86 *internet*

Isidis Planitia (8.4N, 69.5E) & **Syrtis Major (SM) Planum**

MOLA topography





Perseverance landing site (18N, 70E), Jezero Crater, NASA 2022

Fig. S3: 88 *internet*







oblasti = regions



Estimate of extent of the paleoocean

Fig. S3: 91 MOLA topography, selected contour lines, relief [m]



-2000 m yelow, -3000 m cyan, -4000 m blue

The northern polar cap on Mars with data from the MOLA topographic model in [m] with respect to the reference ellipsoid. The estimated "seahore" of the NMPO.

Valles Marineris (VM)

profile red for -3500m



A compromise found:

-3 500 m above reference best-fitting rotational ellipsoid, this is the model height for the hypothetical seashore of the hypothetical paleoocean. Data: the MOLA topography [m].



latitude





Mars - north pole - topography

180°E



0°E







270° E

Mars - north pole - Topography





Fig. S3: 99

-4200 m white, -4400 m cyan



Mars - oblast 6 - topo + comb



Fig. S3: 101



Valles Marineris (VM)

a 3D look from East to West; Melas Chasma (a deep, steep-sided canyon, one of several such features in the system of VM) is in centre of VM.

MOLA topography, grid 0.25⁰.









THE END