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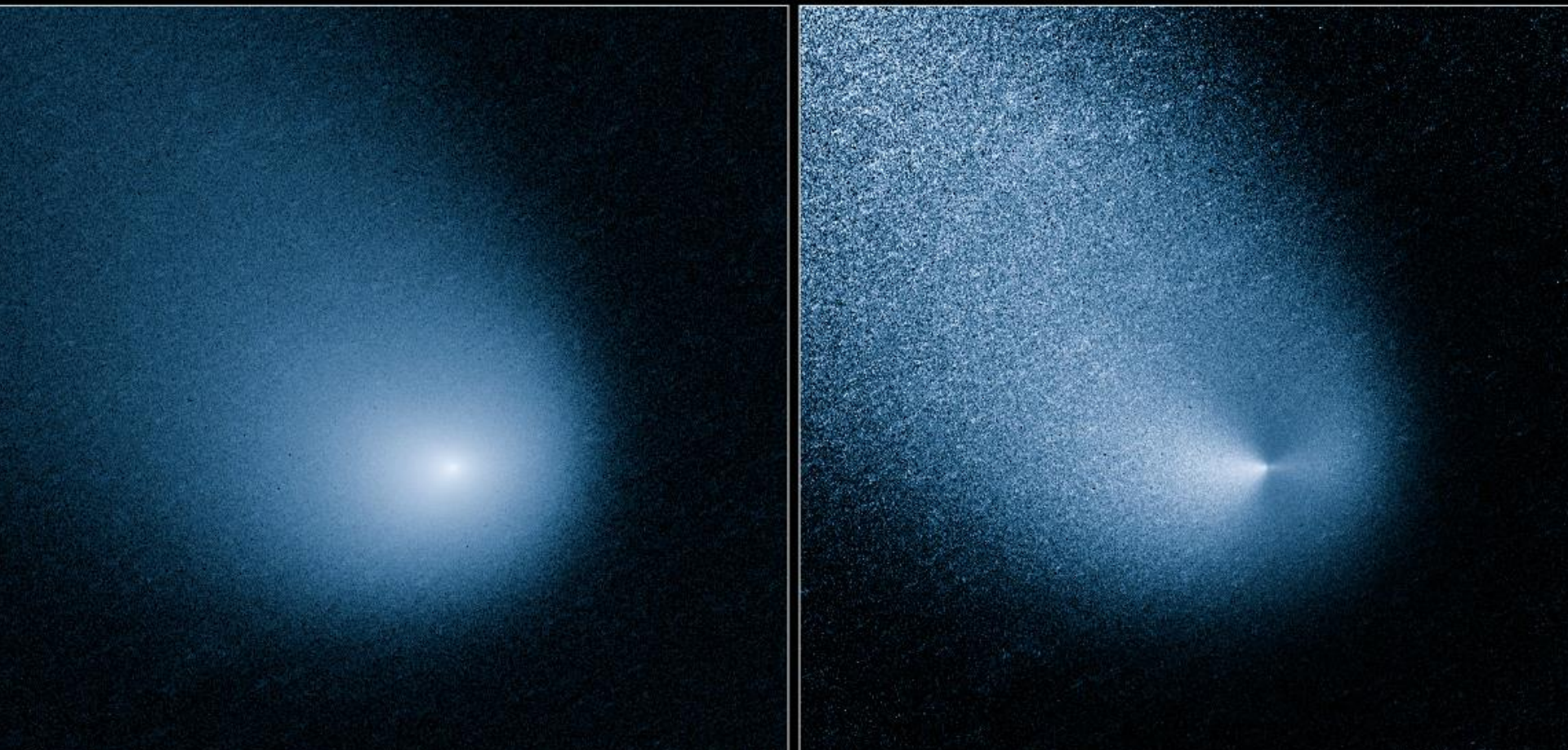
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Projekt Společně pod tmavou oblohou



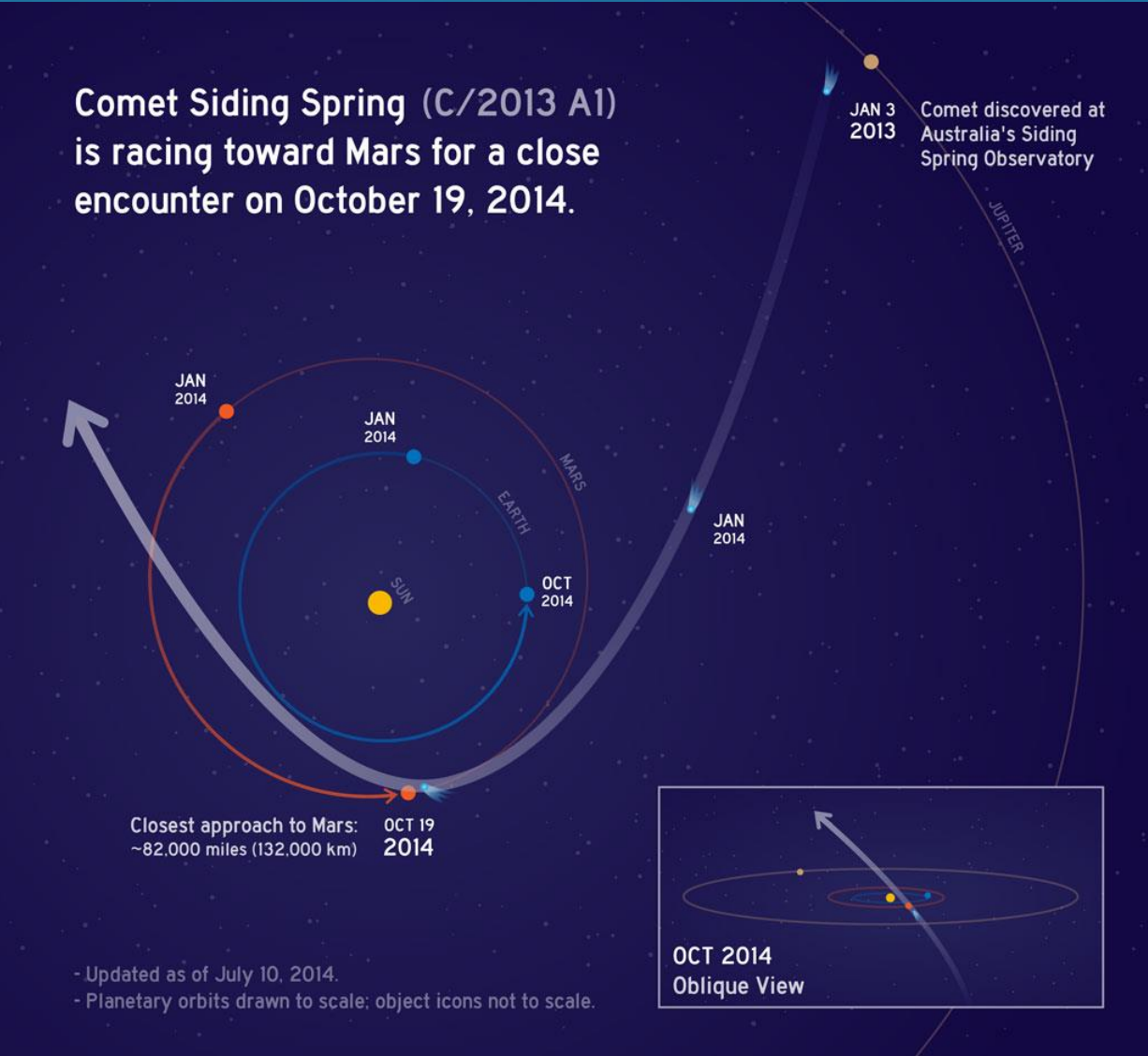
C/2013 A1 (Siding Spring) - 3. 1. 2013, 7,2 AU

Robert H. McNaught, Siding Spring Observatory, 0,5 m dalekohled



Mars a kometa
C/2013 A1 Siding Spring

Společně pod tmavou oblohou
Staré Hamry 17.-19.10.2014



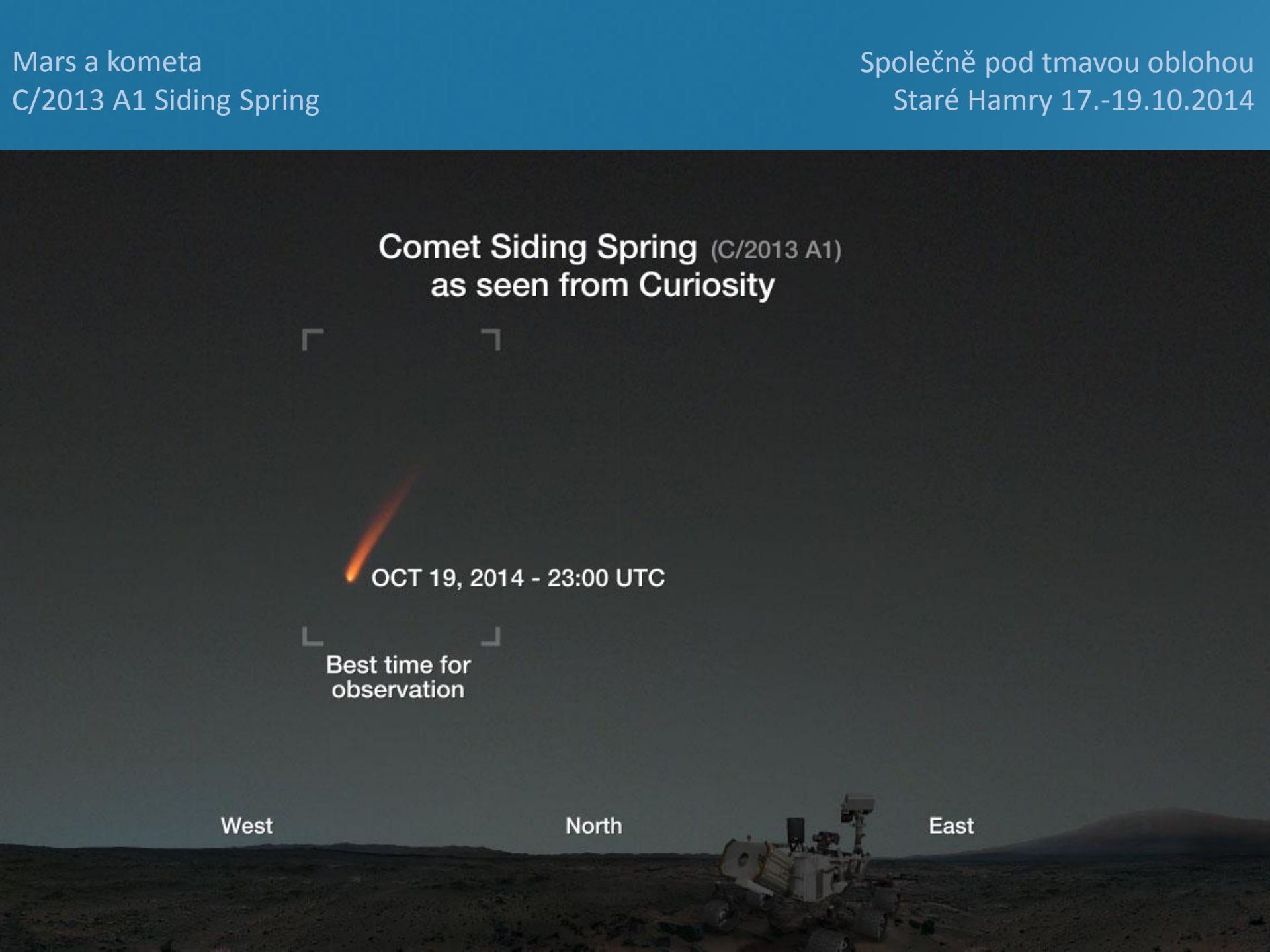
Průlet kolem Marsu:
19. 10. 2014
135,000±5000 km
18:29 UTC (±3 min)

Perihelium:
25. 10. 2014
1,4 AU

$i=129^\circ$
1,6 AU od Země (+10 mag)



Comet Siding Spring (C/2013 A1)
as seen from Curiosity



OCT 19, 2014 - 23:00 UTC

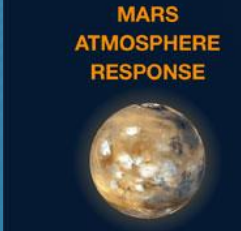
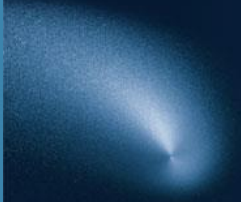
Best time for
observation

West

North

East

Comet Siding Spring Planned Science Observations



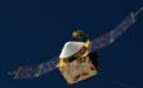
Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter



Mars Odyssey



MAVEN*



Curiosity Opportunity



TARGET

OBSERVATION OBJECTIVE

COMET

Comet General Features

Comet Nucleus
(size, shape, variation)

Comet Activity
(jets, variable brightness)

Comet Coma
(variability, particle size, gas composition)

Comet Tail
(particle size)

MARS
ATMOSPHERE
RESPONSE

Upper Atmosphere Composition
(neutrals, ions & electrons, meteor trails)

Lower Atmosphere
(temperature, clouds)

	HiRISE	CTX	CRISM	MCS	MARCI	SHARAD	THEMIS	HEND/NS	IUVS	LPW, MAG, SEP	NGIMS, STATIC SWEA, SWIA	MastCAM, CHEMCAM	PANCAM
Comet General Features					◇		◇		◆	◆		◆	◆
Comet Nucleus	◆												
Comet Activity	◆	◆	◇				◇		◆				
Comet Coma	◆	◇	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆				
Comet Tail		◆	◇	◇	◇		◇		◆	◆			
Upper Atmosphere Composition						◇		◇	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Lower Atmosphere			◇		◇		◇		◇			◇	◇

◆ Major contribution

◇ Contribution

* MAVEN observations conducted in the event of nominal transition to science orbit.



How NASA Assets Will Observe **COMET SIDING SPRING**

Closest Approach to Mars on October 19, 2014



BOPPS, sub-orbital balloon – Sept. 2014



Infrared Telescope Facility – Jan., Sept.
and Oct. 2014



Mars Recon. Orbiter – Oct. 2014



Mars Odyssey – Oct. 2014



ESA's Mars Express – Oct. 2014



MAVEN – Oct. 2014



Opportunity Rover – Oct. 2014



Curiosity Rover – Oct. 2014



Hubble – Oct. 2013, Jan., Mar.,
and Oct. 2014



Swift – since Nov. 2013



STEREO – ongoing



SOHO – ongoing



NeoWISE – Jan., Jul. and
Sept. 2014



Spitzer – Mar. and Oct. 2014



Kepler – Oct. 2014

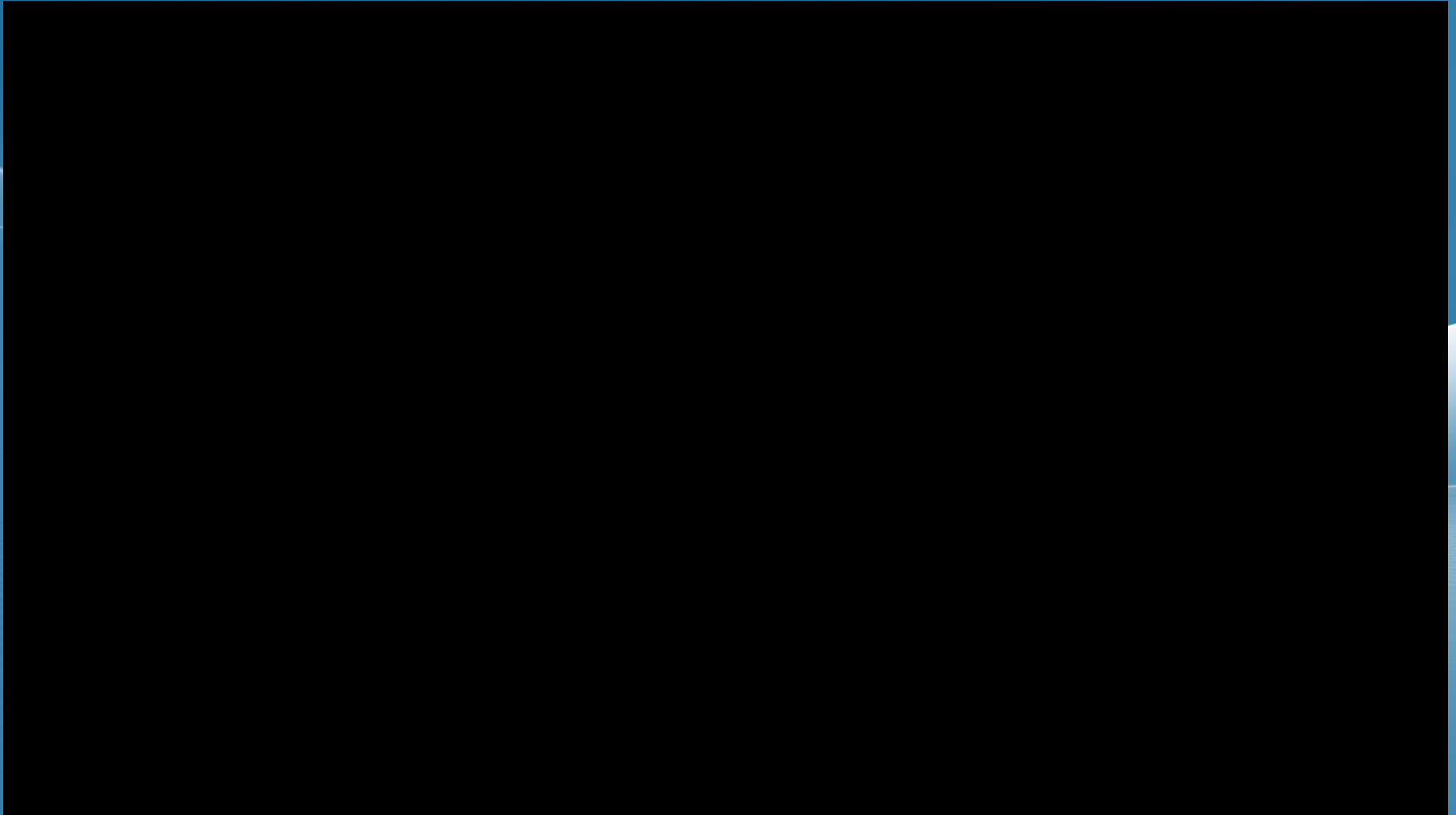


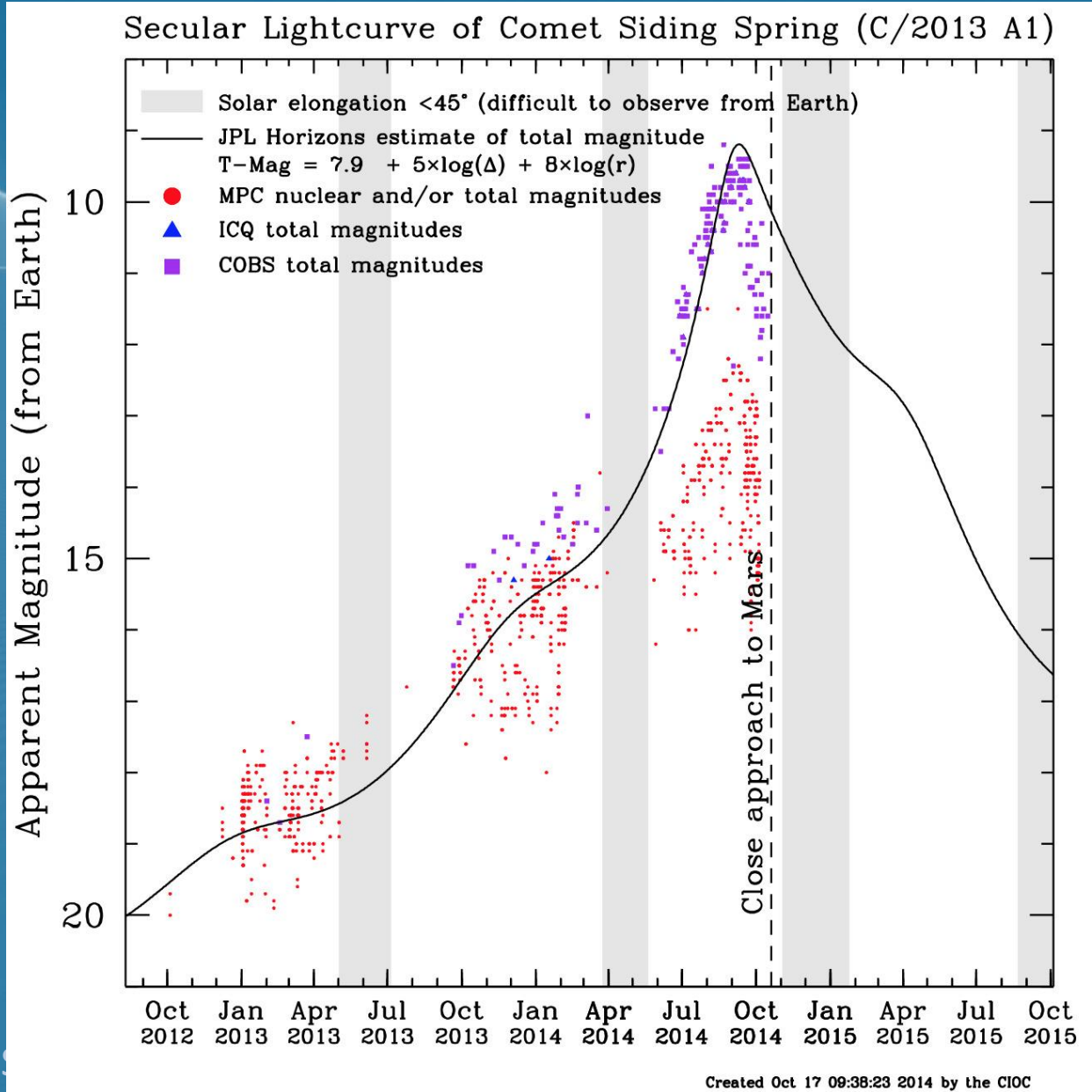
Chandra – Oct. 2014

<http://mars.nasa.gov/comets/sidingspring>
<http://cometcampaign.org>

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**(Coordinated Investigations
Of Comets)**



Table I. Siding Spring Observational Data

Date	r_h ¹ (AU)	Δ ² (AU)	α ³ (deg)	$A(0)f\rho$ ⁴ (cm)	Comments ⁵
<u>PanSTARRS</u>					
20 Nov 2011	10.3	9.6	4		Undetected
2 Dec 2011	10.2	9.5	4		Undetected
<u>HST/WFC3</u>					
29 Oct 2013	4.6	4.0	11	2705	
21 Jan 2014	3.8	3.7	15	2365	
11 Mar 2014	3.3	3.8	14	1920	
<u>NEOWISE</u>					
16 Jan 2014	3.8	3.7	15	280	$Q(CO_2) = 4 \times 10^{26}$
<u>Swift/UVOT</u>					
2 Nov 2013	4.5	4.0	11	1740	$Q(H_2O) < 6 \times 10^{27}$
28 Dec 2013	4.0	3.6	14	1495	$Q(H_2O) < 2 \times 10^{27}$
18 Feb 2014	3.5	3.8	15	1530	$Q(H_2O) < 3 \times 10^{27}$
15 Mar 2014	3.2	3.8	14	1100	$Q(H_2O) < 3 \times 10^{27}$
<u>Spitzer</u>					
26 Mar 2014	3.1	3.1	19	1460	$Q(CO_2) = 3.5 \times 10^{26}$

¹ Heliocentric distance
² Geocentric distance or Spacecraft range
³ Solar phase angle
⁴ A measure of dust in the coma
⁵ Q = gas production (molecules/sec)

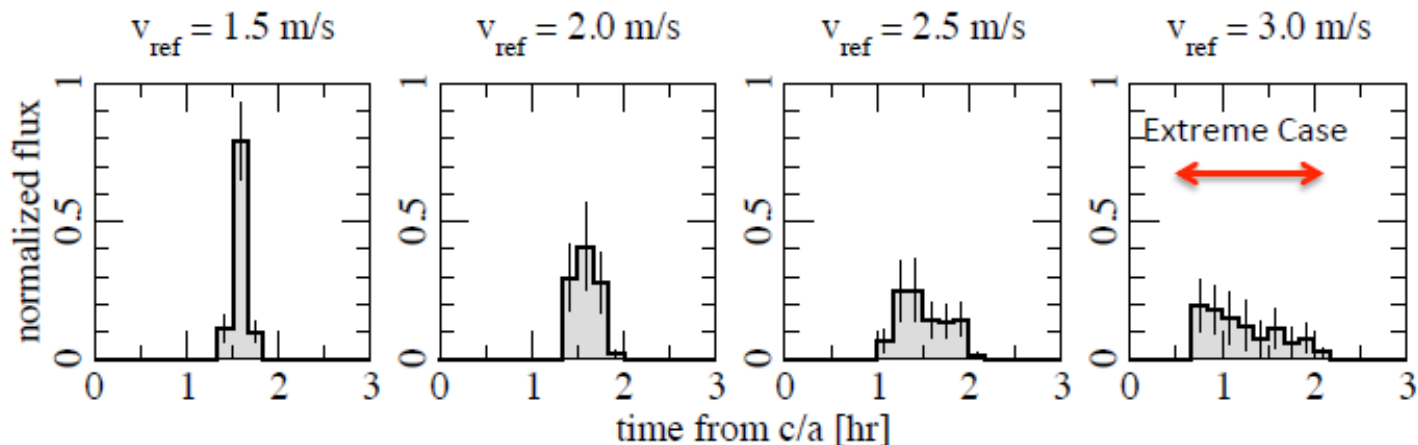
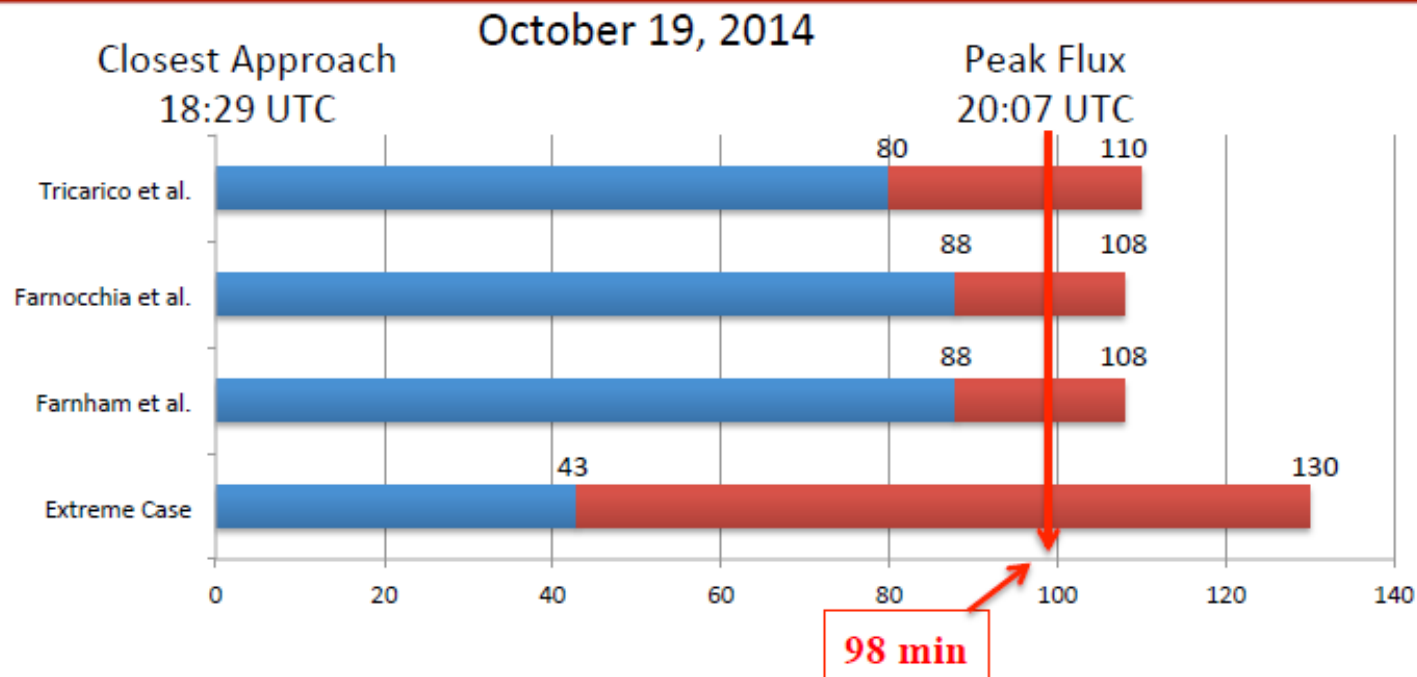




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Time of Maximum Flux

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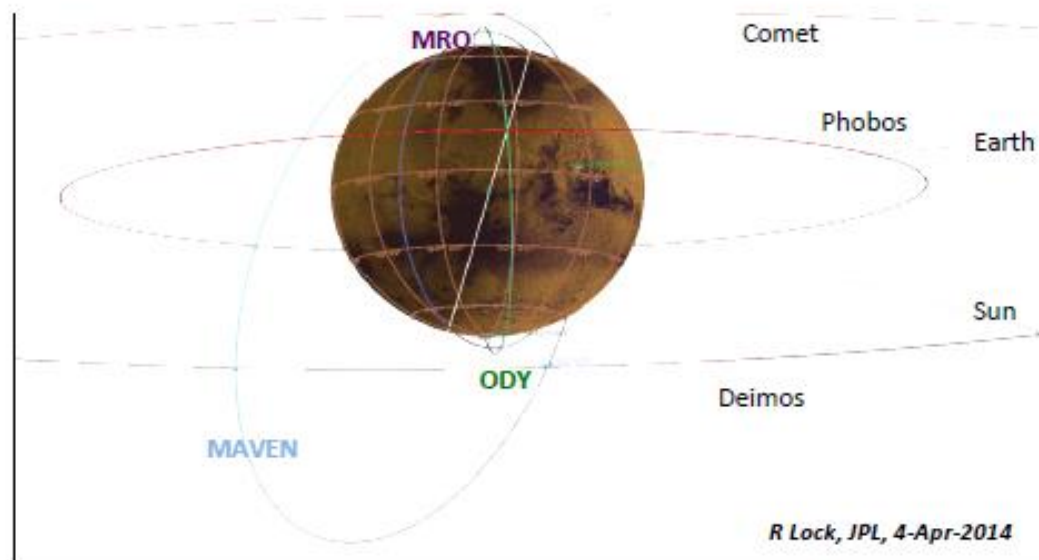
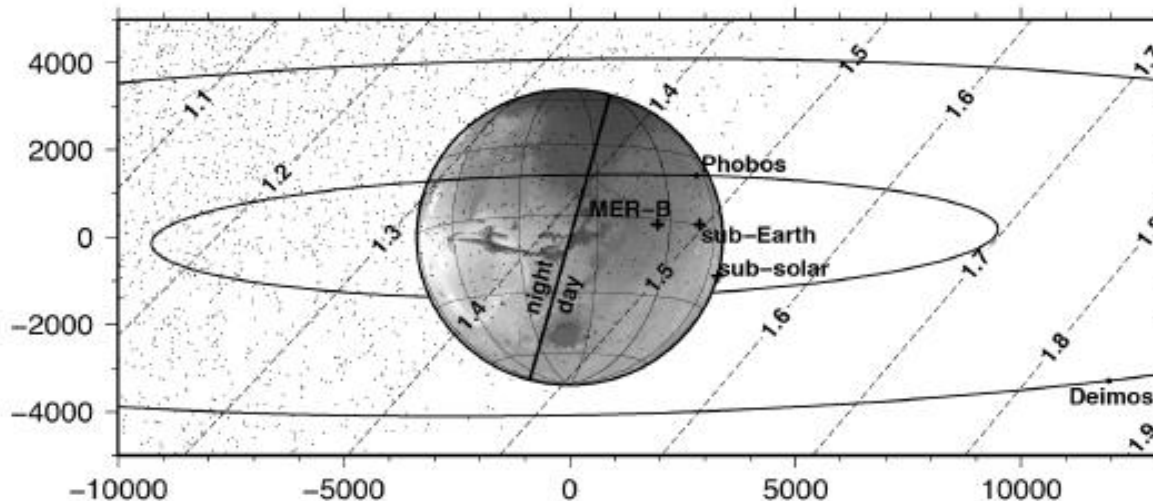
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View from Approaching Particle Direction

At Comet Closest Approach plus 95 minutes (20:04 UTC)

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P. Tricarico et al., ApJL, 787, L35, 2014



Same view as Tricarico, above, with Mars Odyssey, MRO and MAVEN orbits shown



Specific Modeling Results

Mars Exploration Program

➤ Best estimate:

- $V_{ref} \sim 0.4$ m/s
- Mars will be just outside the debris trail, encountering no particles.

➤ Conservative estimate:

- Case 1 (Farnham/Farnocchia): $V_{ref} \sim 0.7$ m/s, particles encounter Mars in a 20 minute window centered at 98 minutes after closest approach of the nucleus;
 - Fluence¹ is: $\sim 1-4 \times 10^{-7}$ particles/m² ;
- Case 2 (Tricarico): Assuming a high velocity tail (at a few %) with $V_{ref} \sim 1.5$ m/s, particles encounter Mars in a 30 minute span centered at 95 minutes after closest approach;
 - Fluence¹ $\sim 3\% \times 2 \times 10^{-5}$ particles/m² = 6×10^{-7} particles/m² ;
- Summary: Fluence¹ is: $< 10^{-6}$ particles/m².
- **Extreme case:** Use unrealistically high velocity component ($V_{ref} = 3$ m/s) assigned to jets/outbursts (a few %) and power law favoring large particles:
 - Fluence¹ $\sim 2\% \times 1.3 \times 10^{-2}$ particles/m² $\sim 3 \times 10^{-4}$ particles/m².

¹Fluence = total # of particles encountered per unit area during event

Science Observations - *Preliminary*

**Conducted only if safe, posing no spacecraft or instrument issues*

Mars Exploration Program Office

NASA Missions

Target	Observation Objective	MRO						ODY		ROVERS		MAVEN ¹		
		HiRISE	CTX	CRISM	MCS	MARCI	SHARAD	THEMIS VIS & IR	HEND/NS	PAN/CAM	MastCAM CHEM/CAM?	IUVS	LPW, MAG, SEP	NGIMS, STATIC SWEA, SWIA
Comet	Comet General Features					❖		❖		◆	◆	◆	◆	
	<u>Comet Nucleus</u> : Size, Shape & Rotation	◆												
	Comet Activity: Jets & Variable Brightness	◆	◆	❖				❖				◆		
	<u>Comet Coma</u> : Variability, particle size, gas composition	◆	❖	◆	◆	◆		◆				◆		
	<u>Comet Tail</u> : Particle Size		◆	❖	❖	❖		❖				◆	◆	
Mars Response	Mars Upper Atmosphere Composition: Neutrals, ions & electrons; meteor trails						❖		❖	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	Mars Lower Atmosphere: Temperature and Clouds			❖		❖		❖		❖	❖	❖		

Key: major contribution ◆ contribution ❖

¹*Conducted only if transition to science orbit is nominal*



➤ Meteor Observation HRSC:

- Meteoroid statistics (Magnitude / frequency relationships)
- Temporal / spatial distribution
- Meteor characteristics
- Beginning- and end height *) **)
- Break-up?
- After-glow?
- Do the small cometary meteoroids hit the surface?
- Impact flash magnitudes?

*) Note: Terrestrial meteors occur in the upper atmosphere, $\sim 80\text{-}120$ km; atmospheric density in Earth's upper atmosphere corresponds to Mars atmospheric density near surface (!)

**) As the orbits, radiant and speeds of the stream meteoroids are known, meteor trajectories can be fully reconstructed





COBS

Comet Observers Database

Jakub Černý, Jure Zakrajšek

„Comet Siding Spring Close Encounter with Mars Observers“ Workshop

August 11, 2014

Děkuji Vám za pozornost.

