

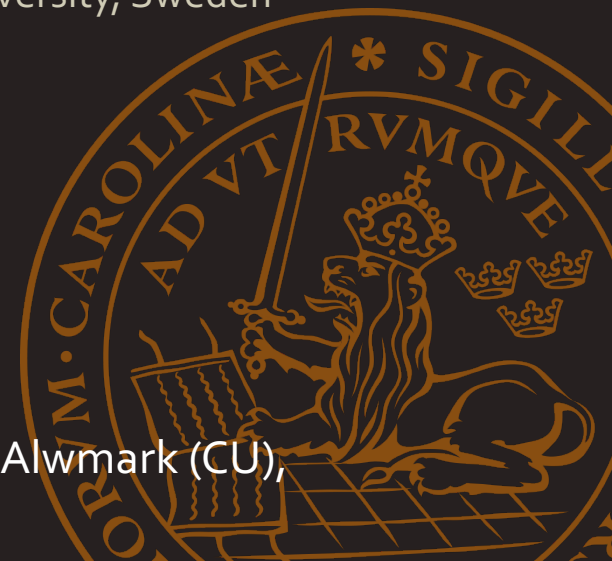
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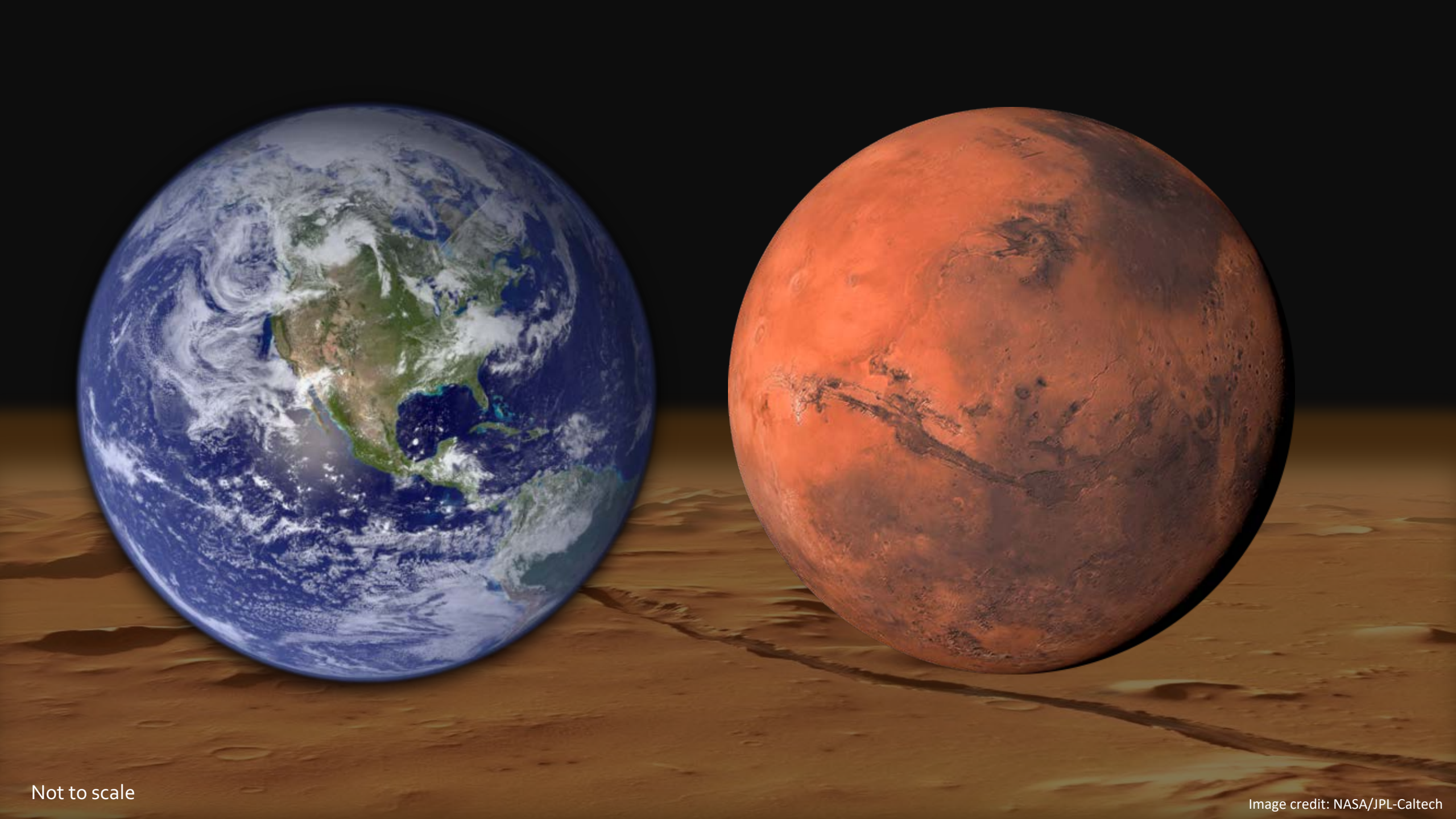
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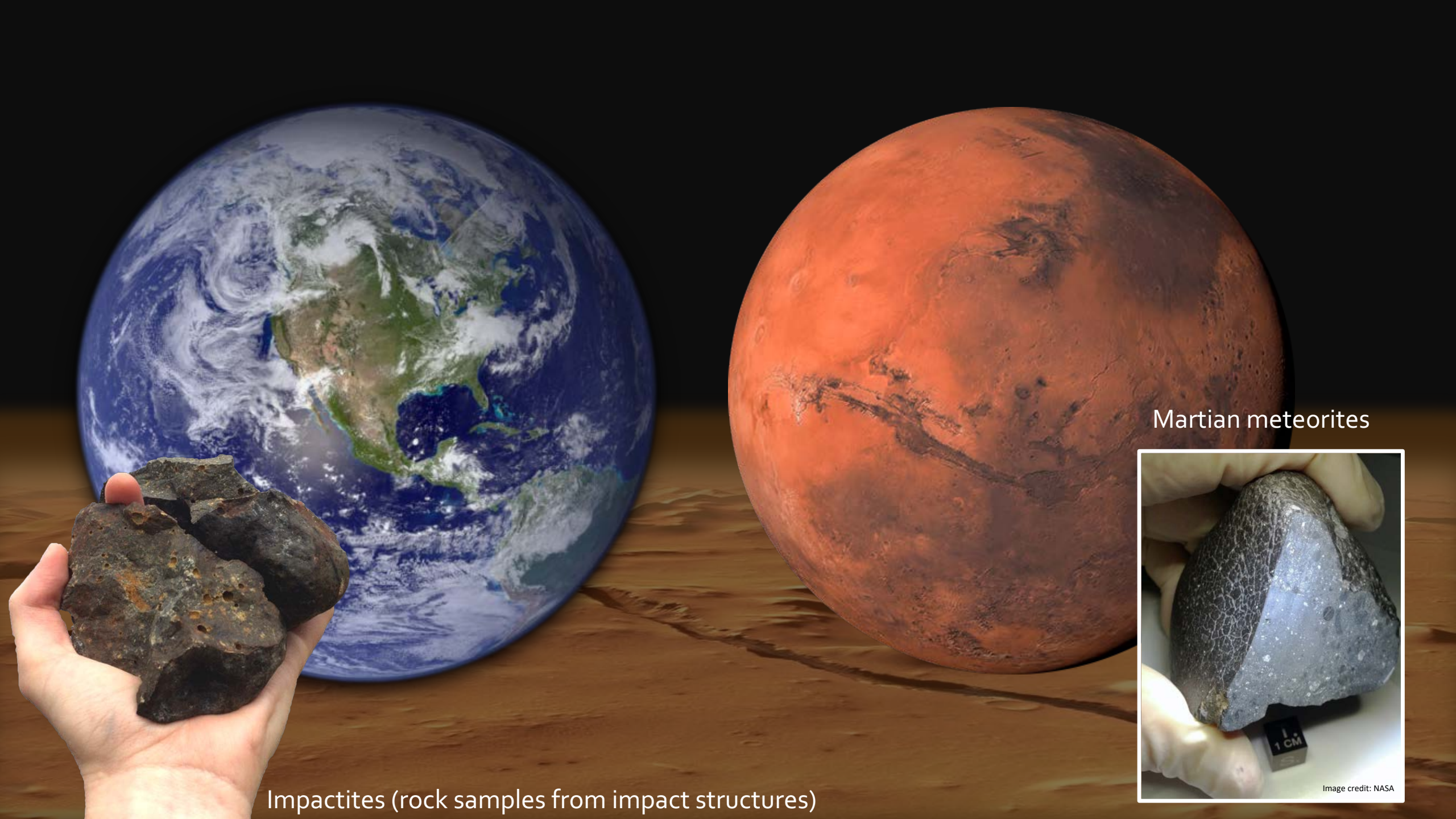
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Martian meteorites

Impactites (rock samples from impact structures)

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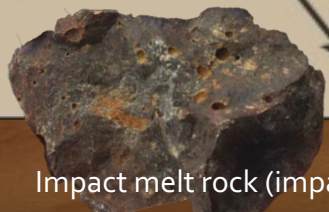
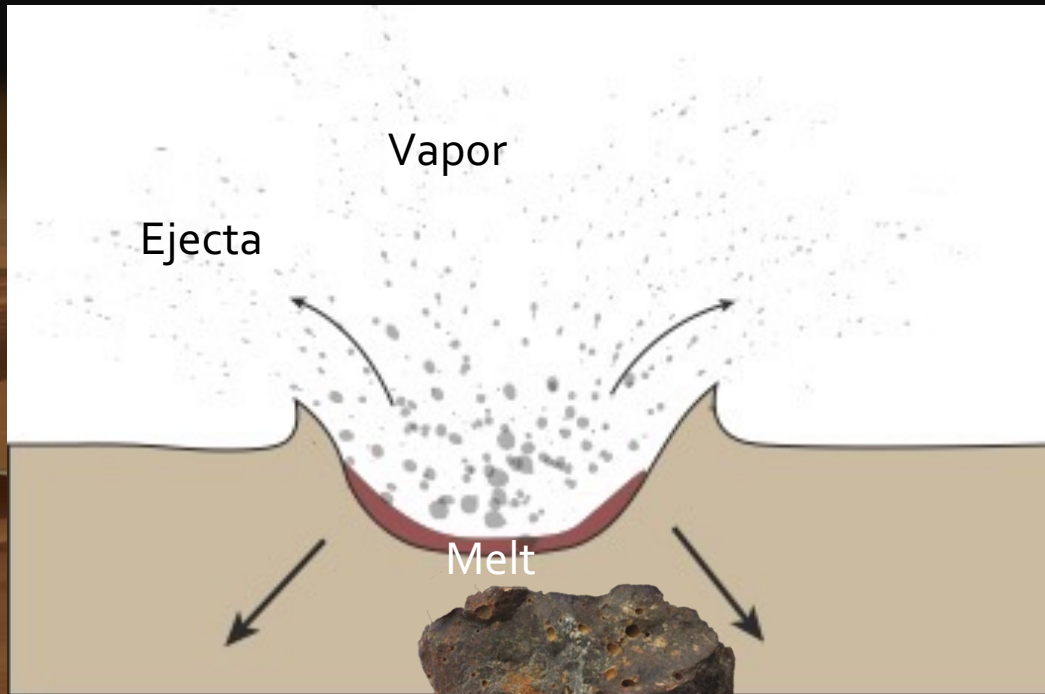
# Why use neutrons?

## 1. Fate of the projectile

Most gets vaporized, but traces of the meteorite can be incorporated in the impactites!



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Impact melt rock (impactite)



Impact glass

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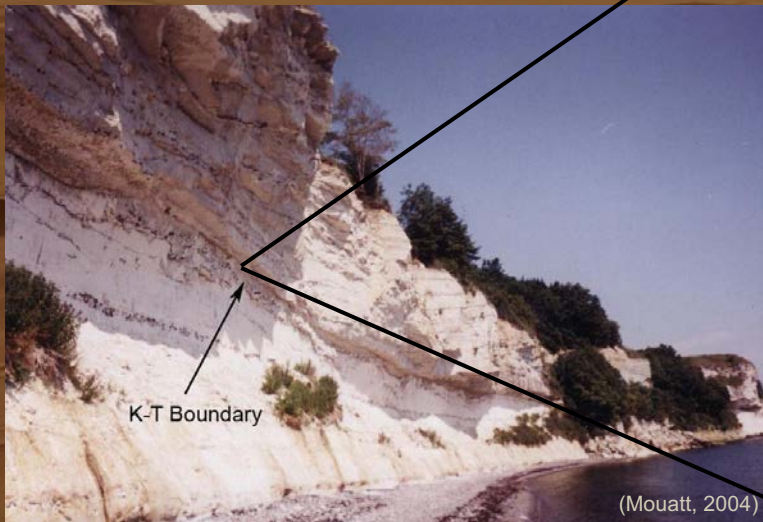
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Stevns Klint in Denmark – layer that marks the transition between the Cretaceous and Paleogene  
~66 million years ago!

- Enrichment of Iridium in the layer
- Platinum group elements



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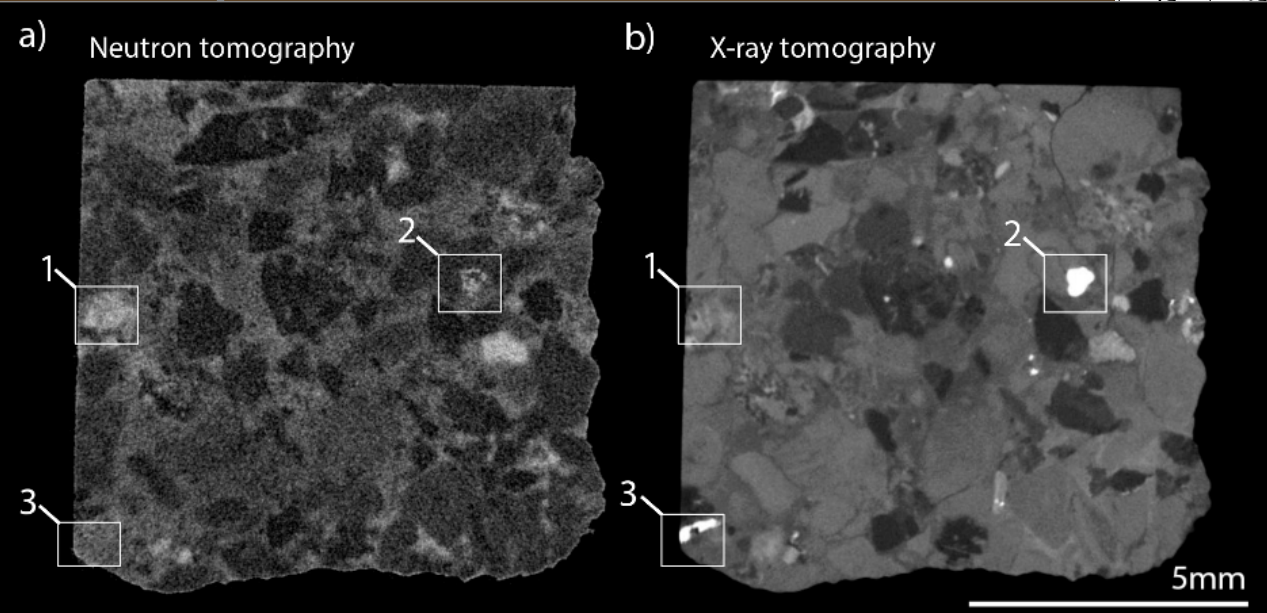
- Hydrous minerals:

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	Li	Be												B	C	N	O	F	Ne
	3.30	0.79												101.60	0.56	0.43	0.17	0.20	0.10
	Na	Mg												Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar
	0.09	0.15												0.10	0.11	0.12	0.06	1.33	0.03
	K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr	
	0.06	0.08	2.00	0.60	0.72	0.54	1.21	1.19	3.92	2.05	1.07	0.35	0.49	0.47	0.67	0.73	0.24	0.61	
	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe	
	0.08	0.14	0.27	0.29	0.40	0.52	1.76	0.58	10.88	0.78	4.04	115.11	7.58	0.21	0.30	0.25	0.23	0.43	
	Cs	Ba	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn	
	0.29	0.07	0.52	4.99	1.49	1.47	6.85	2.24	30.46	1.46	6.23	16.21	0.47	0.38	0.27				
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	0.14	0.41	1.87	5.72	171.47	94.58	1479.04	0.93	32.42	2.25	5.48	3.53	1.40	2.75					
**Actinides	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr					
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Attenuation coefficients for X-ray [ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ] (150kV)

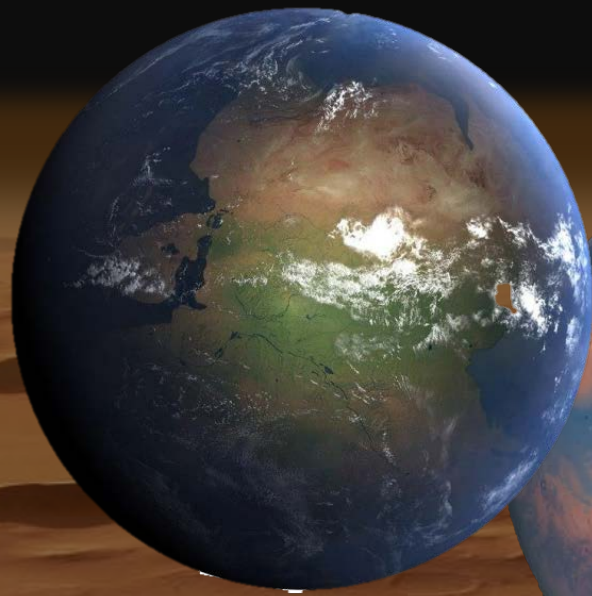
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	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr			
	0.48	0.73	1.04	1.29	1.32	1.57	1.78	1.96	1.97	1.64	1.42	1.33	1.50	1.23	0.90	0.73			
	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe			
	1.61	2.47	3.43	4.29	5.06	5.71	6.08	6.13	5.67	4.84	4.31	3.98	4.28	4.06	3.45	2.53			
	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn			
	5.04	19.70	25.47	30.49	34.47	37.92	39.01	38.6	35.94	25.88	23.23	22.81	20.28	20.22		9.77			
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	6.23	6.46	7.33	7.68	5.66	8.69	9.46	10.17	10.91	11.70	12.49	9.32	14.07						
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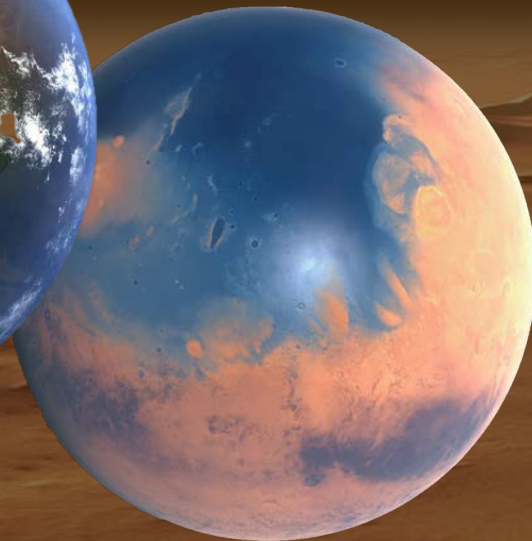
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## 2. The wet history of the red planet...

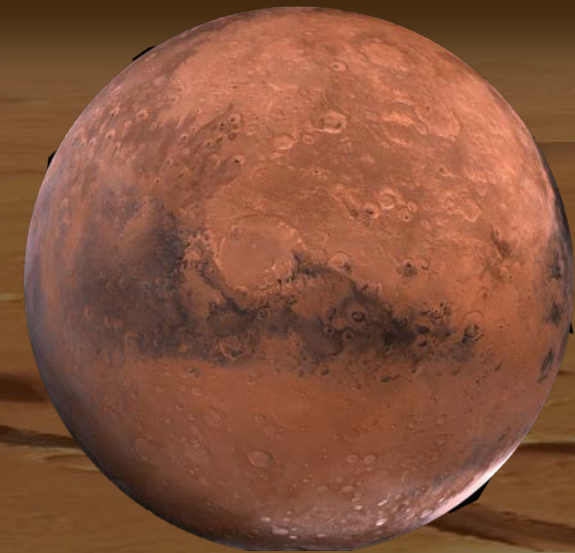
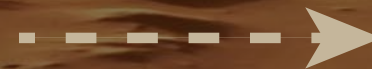
Hydrous minerals (water) on Mars – When? How? Life?



Early Earth



Early Mars



Mars today

Not to scale

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Hydrogen...

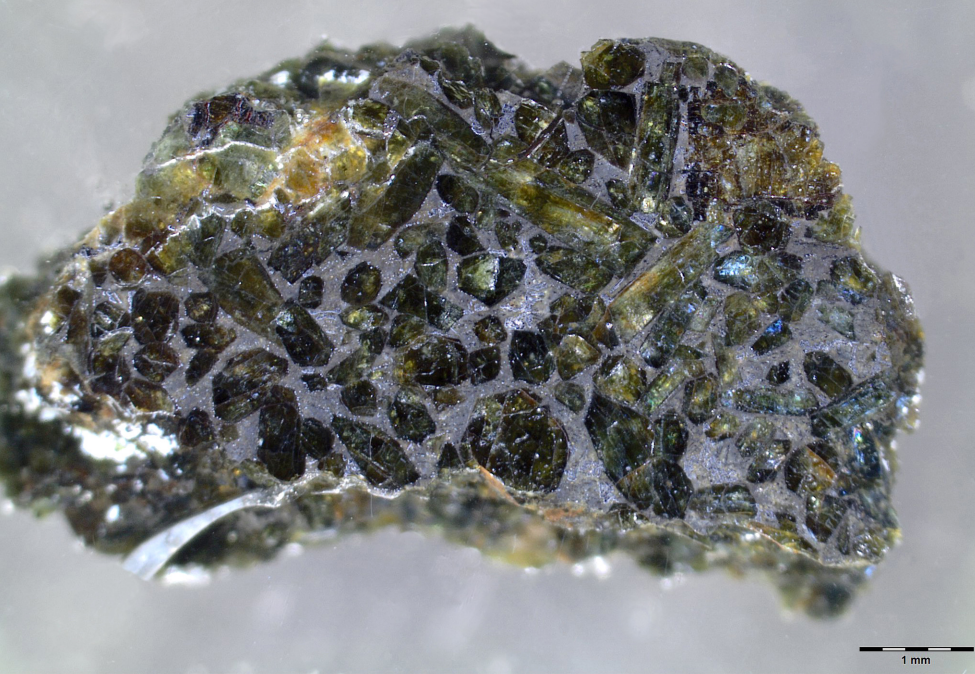
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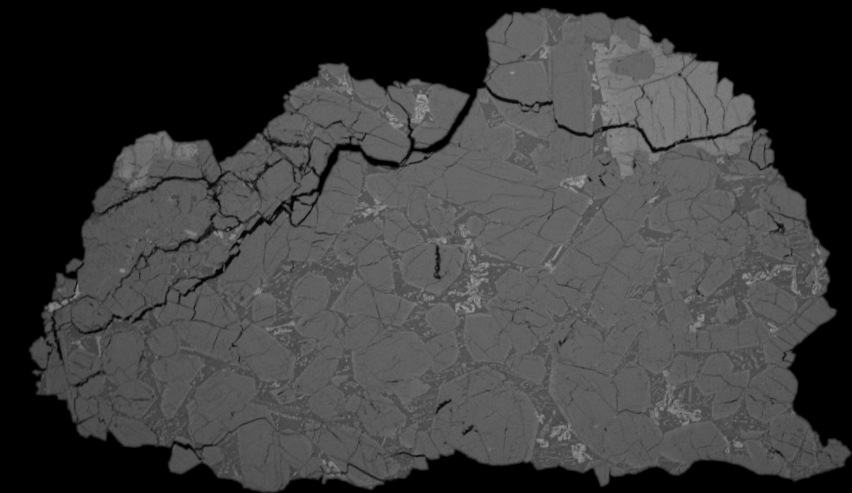
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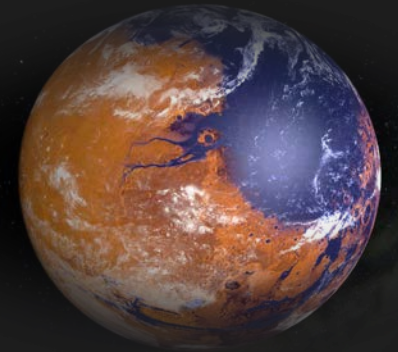




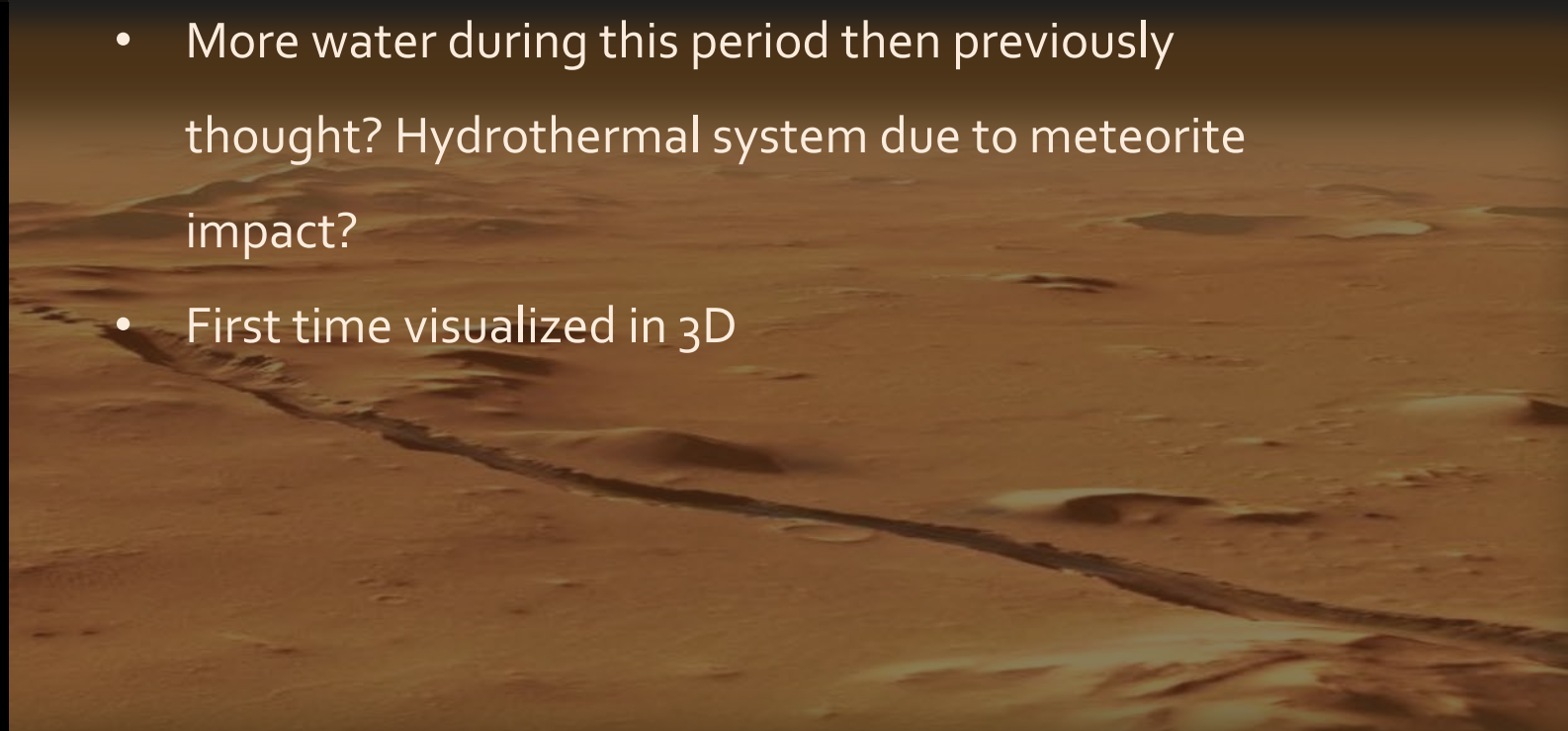
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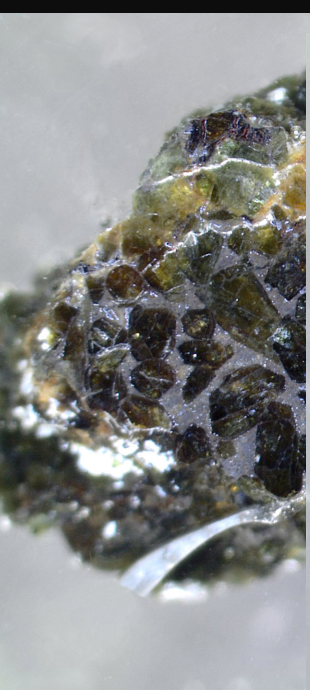


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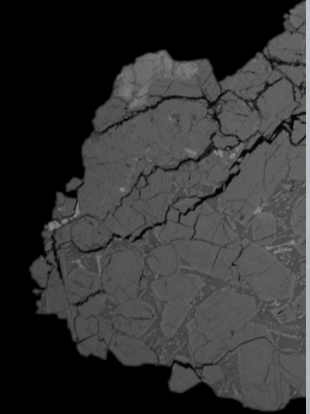


- Martian meteorite, known to contain aqueous phases – clay veins in the mineral olivine.
- Dry period on Mars
- More water during this period than previously thought? Hydrothermal system due to meteorite impact?
- First time visualized in 3D

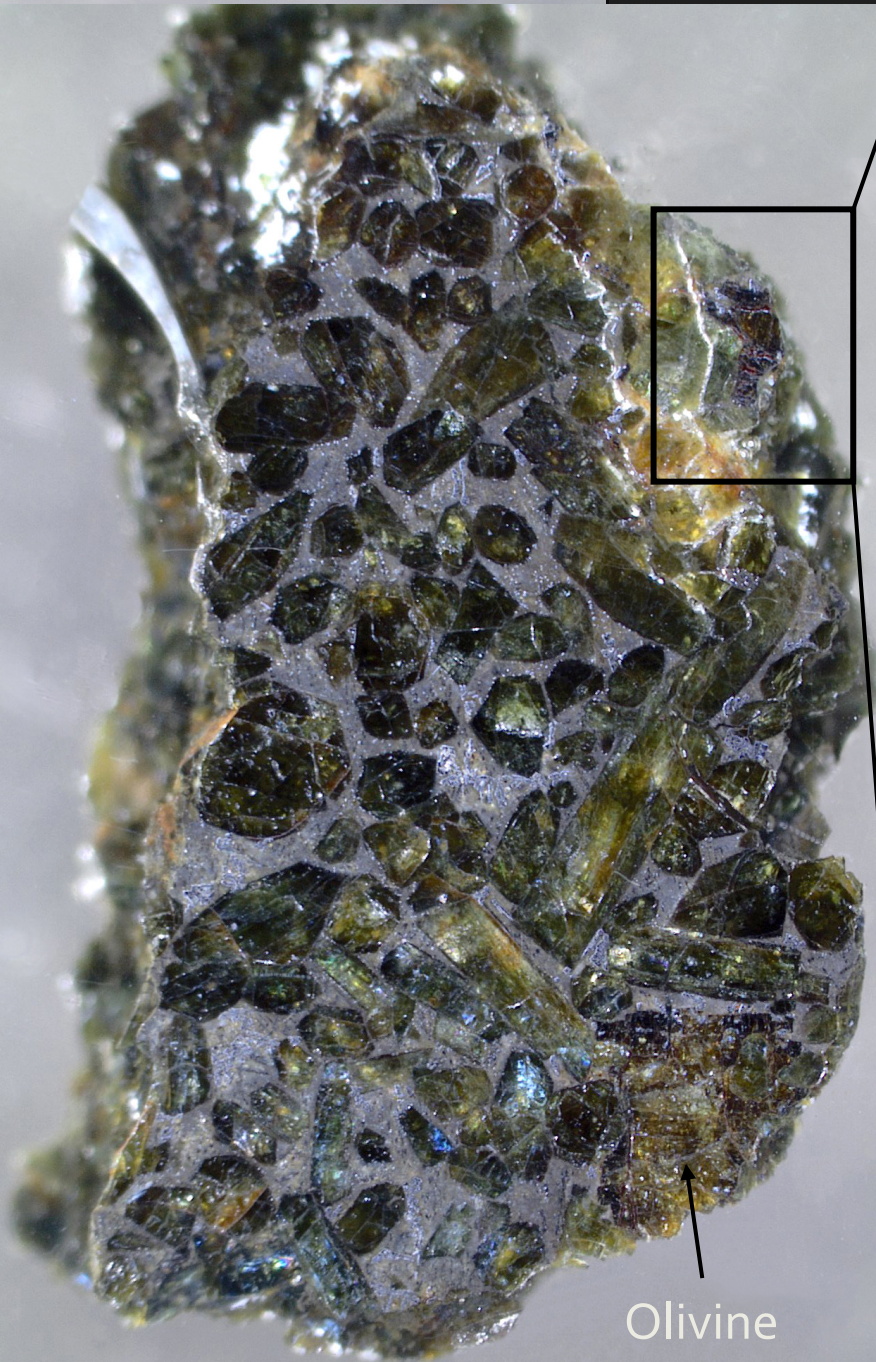




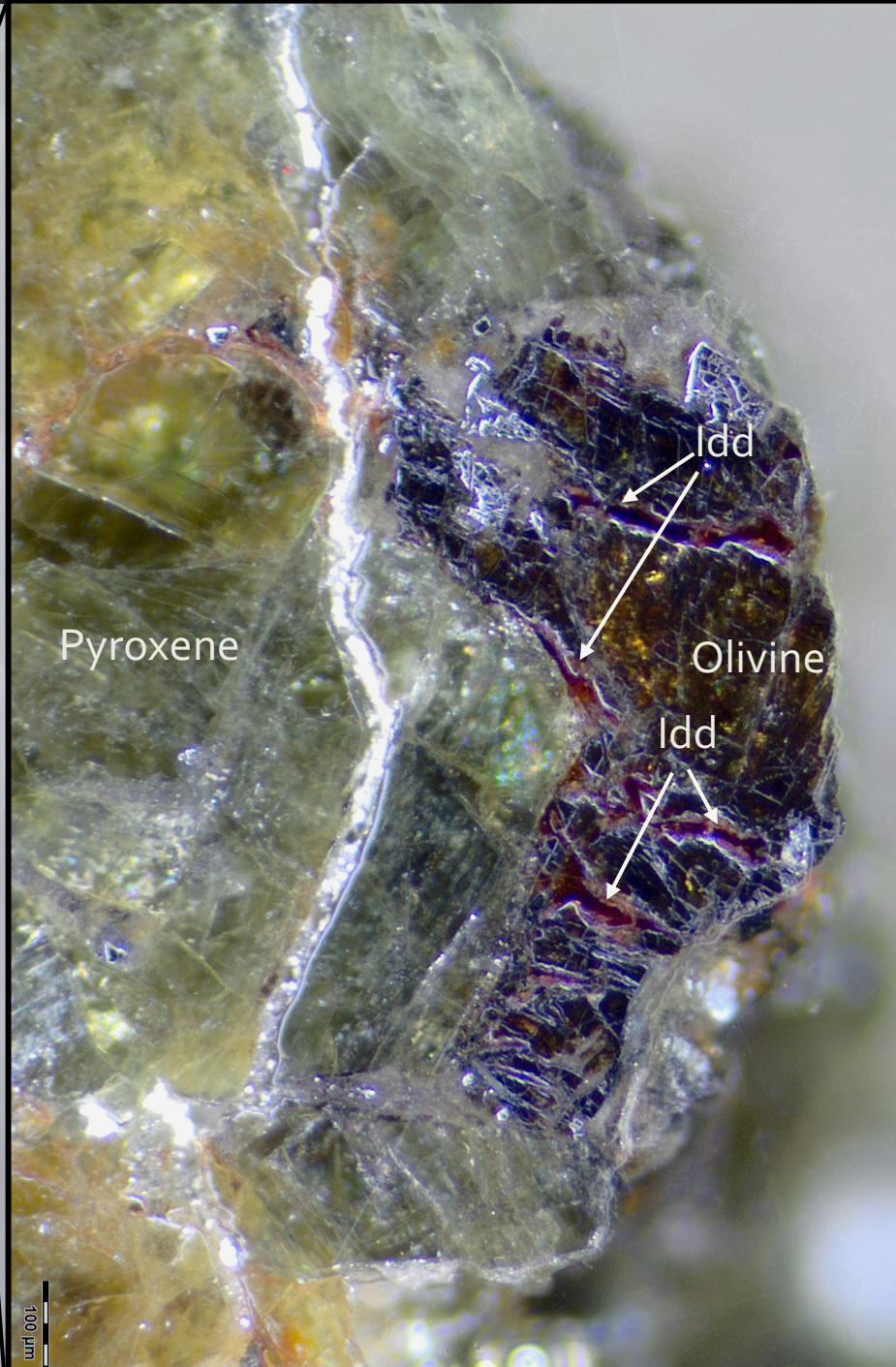
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# Mars2020

- Future sample return
- Extremely valuable samples... return mission cost estimated \$2.5–3 billion (2021)
- Non-destructive analysis – need for sophisticated analysis methods, facilities etc

