



# Mars Target Encyclopedia: Text-Based Machine Learning for Planetary Science

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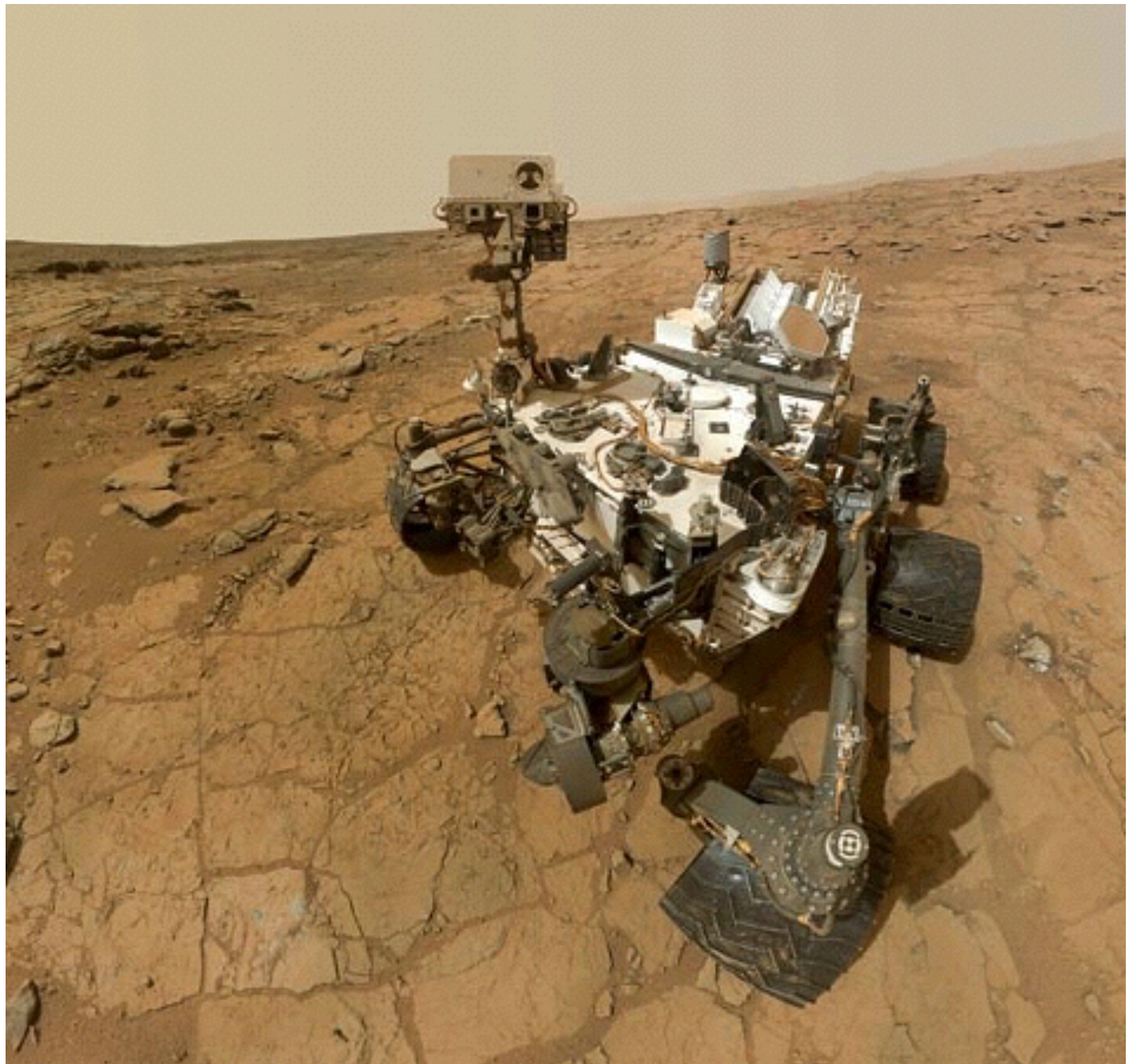
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**Mastcam image from the  
Mars Science Laboratory rover**

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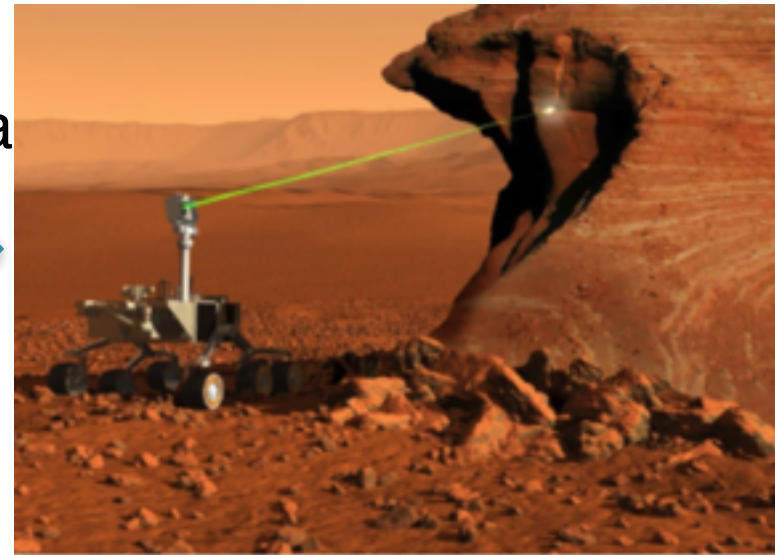


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Uplink commands



Downlink data



# MSL Data Archive

Drill hole



Rock



Rover wheel



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## Planetary Image Atlas

MSL: 905K Mastcam, 1.7M Hazcam, 8.2M Navcam

## MSL Curiosity Analyst's Notebook

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2000+ per-sol summaries of data collected

What have we learned?

**IRON METEORITE CANDIDATES WITHIN GALE CRATER, MARS, FROM MSL/MASTCAM MULTISPECTRAL OBSERVATIONS.** D. F. Wellington (dfwellin@asu.edu)<sup>1</sup>, J. R. Johnson<sup>2</sup>, P.-Y. Meslin<sup>1</sup>, J. F. Bell III<sup>1</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Arizona State Univ., <sup>2</sup>Johns Hopkins Univ., APL, <sup>3</sup>IRAP, UPS-CNRS, Univ. Toulouse

**Introduction:** The Mastcam instruments on the MSL *Curiosity* rover each include an 8-position filter wheel that allows a length range of 400 nm. Mastcam features broad electrochromic filters, primarily, from the UV to the visible, contained in constituent phases of Gale Crater. Spectral observations common to the Mastcam may have weathered materials transported from elsewhere in the case that the float is not underlying or near the surface. Distances of spectral observations from the rover dataset can be as small as a few meters, smooth, red-sloped

without chemistry, not definitive) evidence for a meteorite interpretation. For dark-toned materials imaged in

**NEW ANALYSIS OF HYDROGEN ABUNDANCE IN THE SHEEPBED MEMBER OF YELLOWKNIFE BAY USING *IN SITU* GEOCHEMICAL DATA.** S. Czarniecki<sup>1</sup>, C. Hardgrove<sup>1</sup>, T. S. J. Gabriel<sup>1</sup>, M. Litvak<sup>2</sup>, I. Mitrofanov<sup>2</sup>, D. Lisov<sup>2</sup>, S. F. Nowicki<sup>3</sup>, W. Rapin<sup>4,5</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, [sczarnie1@asu.edu](mailto:sczarnie1@asu.edu), <sup>2</sup>Space Research Institute, RAS, Moscow, Russia, <sup>3</sup>Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, NM, <sup>4</sup>Universite de Toulouse, UPS-OMP, Toulouse, France, <sup>5</sup>Institut de Recherche en Astrophysique et Planetologie, CNRS, UMR 5277, Toulouse, France.

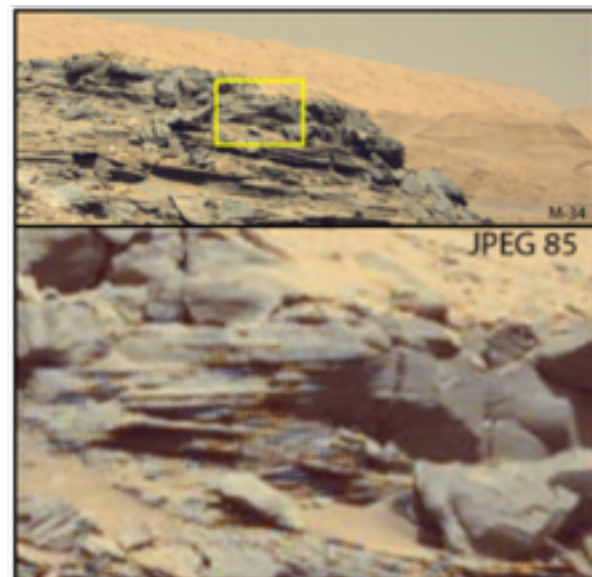
**Introduction:** The Mars Science Laboratory (MSL) rover, *Curiosity*, entered a fluvio-lacustrine depression named Yellowknife Bay (YKB) in December 2012. *Curiosity* completed a detailed observational campaign as it traversed across several geologic units of the YKB formation, including the Sheepbed (SB) member [1,2]. Along with the DAN instrument, a neutron spectrometer measuring the hydrogen (H) abundance in the cm of the subsurface. To compare DAN data to models of the Martian subsurface with user-specified geochemical data can be a valuable tool for geochemistry [1,2,3] or carbon sequestration [4,5].

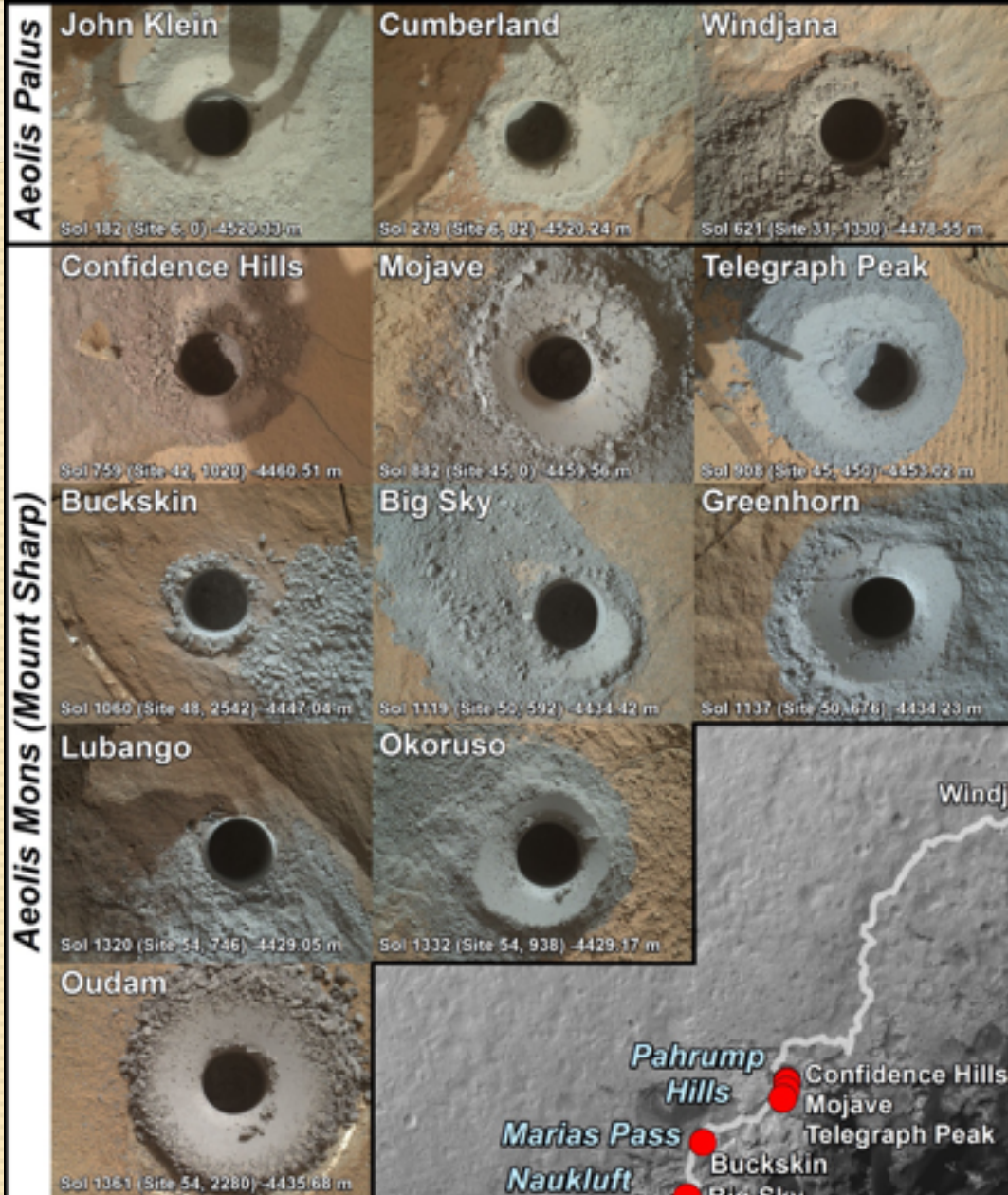
For this study, we first published, best-fit DAN abundance and depth [1] of updated *in situ* geochemical data. We used a similar analysis routine to determine the H content and depth di-

Previous studies have reported H abundances as wt. % Water-Equivalent-Hydrogen (WEH), assuming all H is bound in water, a convention we follow here. Litvak et al. (2014) reported WEH based on 2-layer DAN active modeling using variable Cl and top layer depth.

**DETECTING AND CHARACTERIZING COMPRESSION-RELATED ARTIFACTS IN MARS SCIENCE LABORATORY MASTCAM IMAGES.** H. R. Kerner<sup>1</sup>, J. F. Bell III<sup>1</sup>, H. Ben Amor<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Arizona State University School of Earth and Space Exploration, Tempe, AZ 85251 ([hkerner@asu.edu](mailto:hkerner@asu.edu)); <sup>2</sup>Arizona State University School of Computing, Informatics, and Decision Systems Engineering, Tempe, AZ 85251.

**Introduction:** The Mastcam color imaging system on the Mars Science Laboratory *Curiosity* rover acquires images within Gale crater for a variety of geologic and atmospheric studies [1,2]. Images are often JPEG compressed onboard the rover before being downlinked to Earth. While critical for transmitting images on a low-bandwidth connection, this compression style can result in small image artifacts most noticeable as anomalous brightness or color changes within or near 8x8 JPEG compression block boundaries. In high-frequency detail regions of some images, for example in regions showing fine layering or lamination in sedimentary rocks, the image must be retransmitted losslessly to avoid introducing problems in the scientific interpretation of the data. The process of identifying which images have been adversely affected by such compression artifacts is performed manually by the Mastcam science team, costing significant ex-



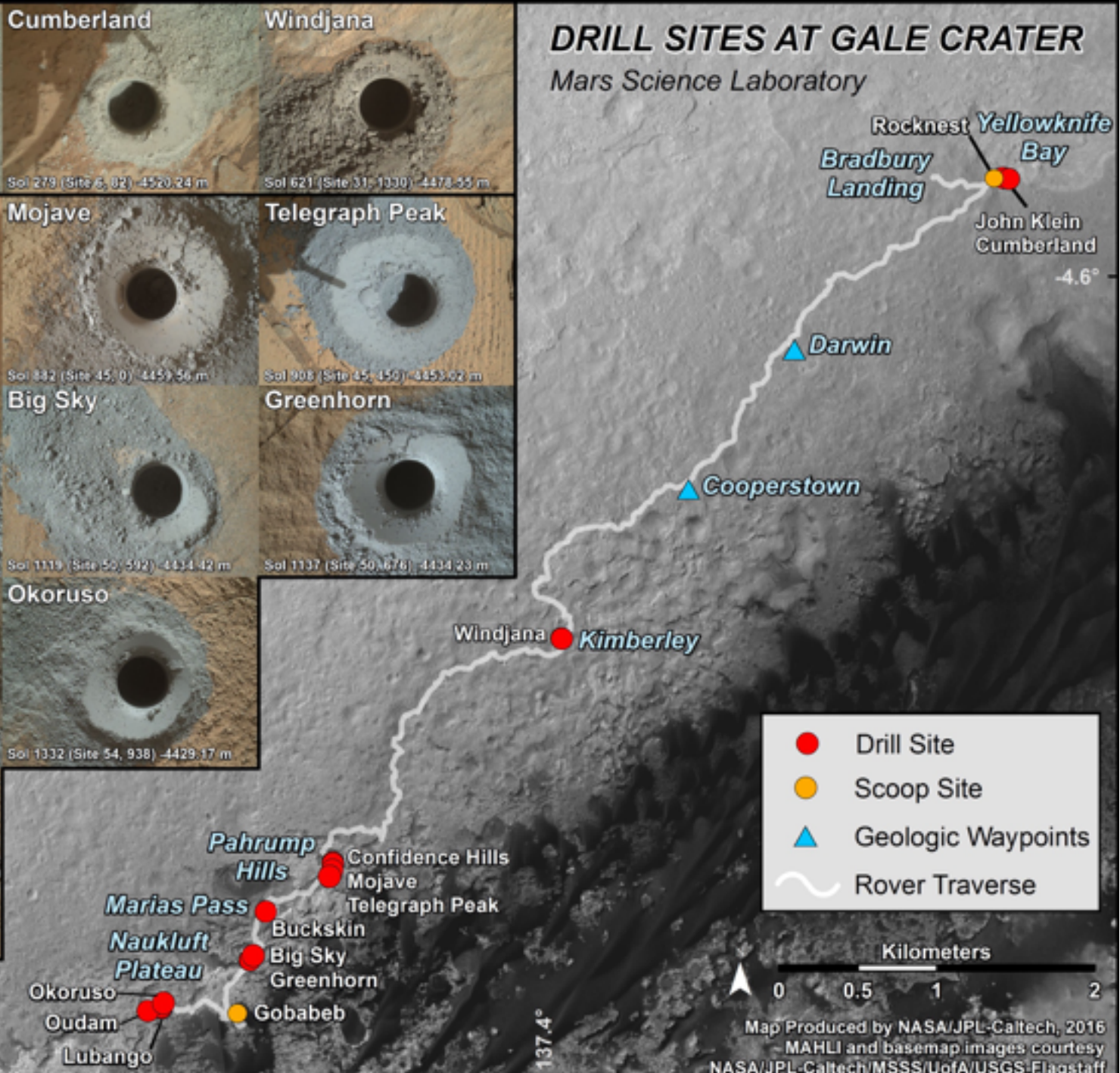


# DRILL SITES AT GALE CRATER

Mars Science Laboratory

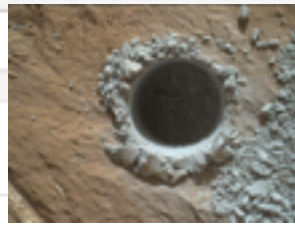
Drill hole diameter is ~1.6 cm.

-137.4°



- Drill Site
- Scoop Site
- ▲ Geologic Waypoints
- ~ Rover Traverse

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[PDF] [Effect of disease assessment method on ranking potato cultivars for resistance to early blight](#)

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Significant differences among several potato cultivars (*Solanum tuberosum*) were observed for disease reaction to early blight, caused by *Alternaria solani*, in 1985, 1986, and 1988 field trials and in a greenhouse in 1986. Over the 3 yr, several assessment methods were ...

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Abstract Field studies in the Whipple Mountains, southeastern California, and in the **Buckskin** and Rawhide Mountains, western Arizona, have defined the existence of an Oligocene (?) to middle Miocene gravity slide complex that is at least 100 km across in ...

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SM Richard, JE Fryxell, JF Sutter - *Journal of Geophysical ...*, 1990 - [Wiley Online Library](#)

Abstract The Harquahala and **Buckskin** mountains lie in the footwall of the Whipple-Buckskin-Bullard detachment system. In the Harquahala Mountains, Mesozoic fabric and structure are progressively more intensely overprinted by penetrative Tertiary deformation toward the ...

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[book] [Cavalier in Buckskin: George Armstrong Custer and the Western Military Frontier](#)

RM Utley - 2001 - [books.google.com](#)

George Armstrong Custer. The name evokes instant recognition in almost every American and in people around the world. No figure in the history of the American West has more powerfully moved the human imagination. When originally published in 1988, *Cavalier in ...*

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## High-Temperature, Perhaps Silicic, Volcanism on **Mars** Evidenced by Tridymite Detection in High-SiO<sub>2</sub> Sedimentary Rock at Gale Crater, **Mars**

[\[PDF\] open.ac.uk](#)RV Morris, DT Vaniman, DF Blake, R Gellert... - 2016 - [oro.open.ac.uk](#)

... Curiosity at Gale Crater: The **Mars** Science Laboratory (MSL) rover, Curiosity, has been exploring sedimentary rocks within Gale crater since landing in ... of Aeolis Mons (aka Mount Sharp), drill powder was collected from a high-silica (74 wt% SiO<sub>2</sub>) outcrop named **Buckskin** (BK ...

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## Alteration Mineralogy and Geochemistry at Swansea, Arizona: A Potential Analog for Brine-Basalt Interaction on **Mars**

[JR Michalski](#), SJ Reynolds, TG Sharp... - AGU Fall Meeting ..., 2002 - [adsabs.harvard.edu](#)

... has been documented in the Harcuvar Mountains to the east, where deep (~10 km) crustal brines that migrated along the Tertiary **Buckskin**-Rawhide detachment fault ... Future work will include the development of a model for alteration of basalt by brine on the Earth and **Mars**. ...

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No

## Silicic volcanism on **Mars** evidenced by tridymite in high-SiO<sub>2</sub> sedimentary rock at Gale crater

[\[HTML\] pnas.org](#)

RV Morris, DT Vaniman, DF Blake... - Proceedings of the ..., 2016 - National Acad Sciences

... Tridymite, a low-pressure, high-temperature (>870 °C) SiO<sub>2</sub> polymorph, was detected in a drill sample of laminated mudstone (**Buckskin**) at Marias Pass in Gale crater, **Mars**, by the Chemistry and Mineralogy X-ray diffraction instrument onboard the **Mars** Science Laboratory ...

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## Is Tridymite at Gale Crater Evidence for Silicic Volcanism on **Mars**?

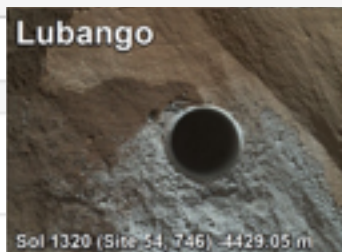
RV Morris, DT Vaniman, DW Ming, TG Graff, [RT Downs](#)... - 2016 - [ntrs.nasa.gov](#)

... The X-ray diffraction (XRD) instrument (CheMin) onboard the MSL rover Curiosity detected 17 wt% of the SiO<sub>2</sub> polymorph tridymite (relative to bulk sample) for the **Buckskin** drill sample (73 wt% SiO<sub>2</sub>) obtained from sedimentary rock in the Murray formation at Gale Crater, **Mars**. ...

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MSL Mills, U Franke, G Joseph, F Miato, S Milton... - Bull. ABC, 2010 - [birdsangola.org](#)

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... Les spécimens du musée de **Lubango** proviennent d'une zone de contact des deux taxons et pourraient servir pour une étude ... haut) et femelle (en bas) du Tisserin à menton noir *Ploceus nigrimentus*, collectés à Huambo (auparavant Nova Lisboa) en **mars** 1966 probablement ...

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### [Groupes nouveaux de Mimosacées et Caesalpiniacées](#)

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G Gilbert, R Boutique - Bulletin du Jardin botanique de l'Etat, Bruxelles/ ..., 1952 - JSTOR

... 1914, Bequaert 2325; La Kulu, juin 1931, Vanden Brande 508; Nala, 1907, Seret 819; Buta, forêt secondaire, fleurs blanc jaunâtre, **mars** 1931; Lebrun 2472; entre Niangara et Wamba, anciennes cultures, juin 1931, Lebrun 3197 ... **Lubango**, chaîne Ouest du lac tdoard, alt. ...

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H Humbert, P Staner - Bulletin du Jardin botanique de l'Etat a Bruxelles, 1936 - JSTOR

... 2,500 m. d'alt., arbuste de 2 m., fleurs centrales lilas, fleurs périphériques blanches, **mars** 1929, Humbert 7576; région S.-W. de Lemera, vallée de la Ruzizi, vers 2,500 m. d'alt., buisson de 2 m., fleurs mauve clair, juill. 1927, Chapin 487; entre Kasindi et **Lubango**, chaîne 'l ...

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### [ACTIVITÉS EXTÉRIEURES](#)

A sur le Planalto - Cambridge Univ Press

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... Activités dans le sud de l'Angola A l'occasion de sa mission en Angola, le délégué général du CICR pour l'Afrique, MJ-M. Bornet, s'est rendu à **Lubango** les 18 et 19 **mars** et s'est entretenu directement sur le terrain avec les autorités provinciales et militaires. ...

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# What if I want to know:

- Which targets contain **fluorine**?
- Which targets contain **hematite**?
- Is there **consensus** on target X's composition?

HELP!



# Mars Target Encyclopedia

- Collect all published knowledge about every target on Mars
- Provide search access
- Answer questions
- Inspire new investigations and hypotheses

# Can computers do the reading?



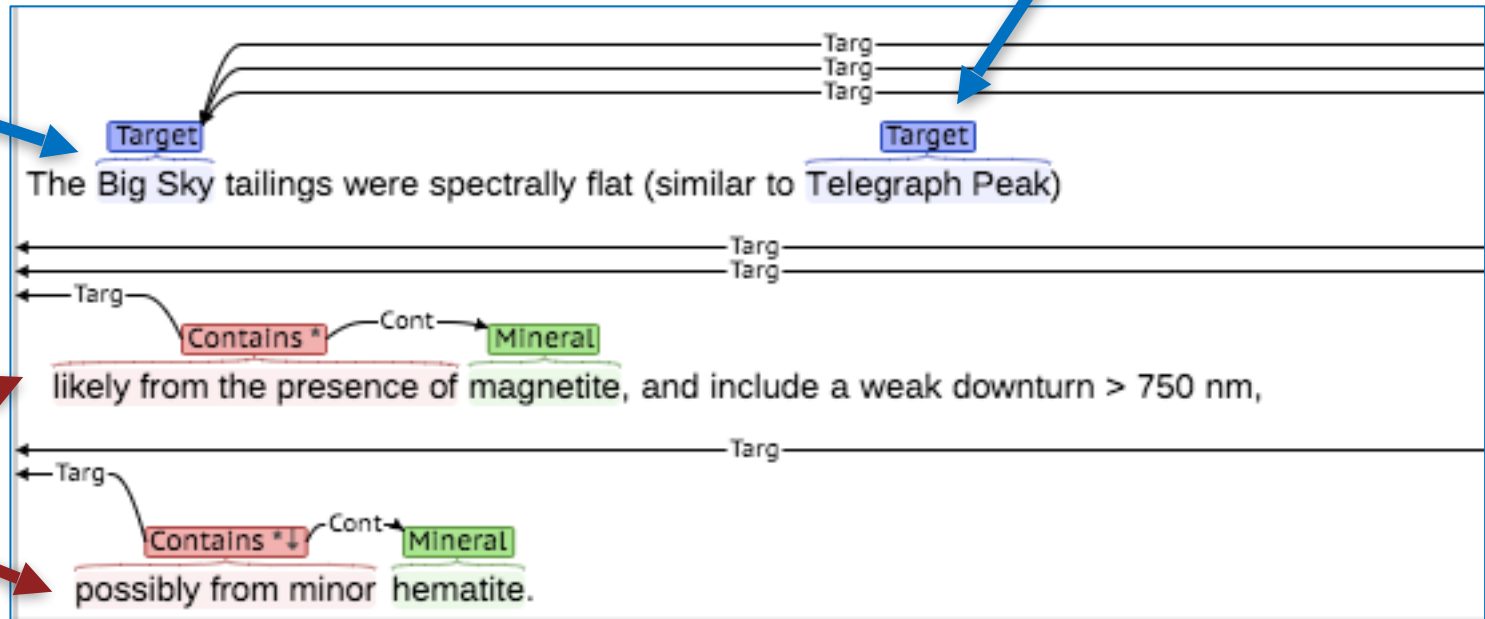
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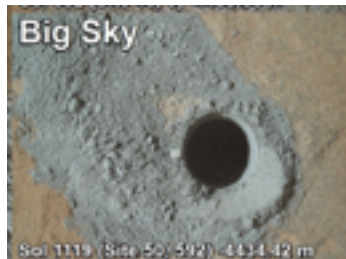
- How hard is it?

Mountain in CA

Resort in MT,  
2015 movie



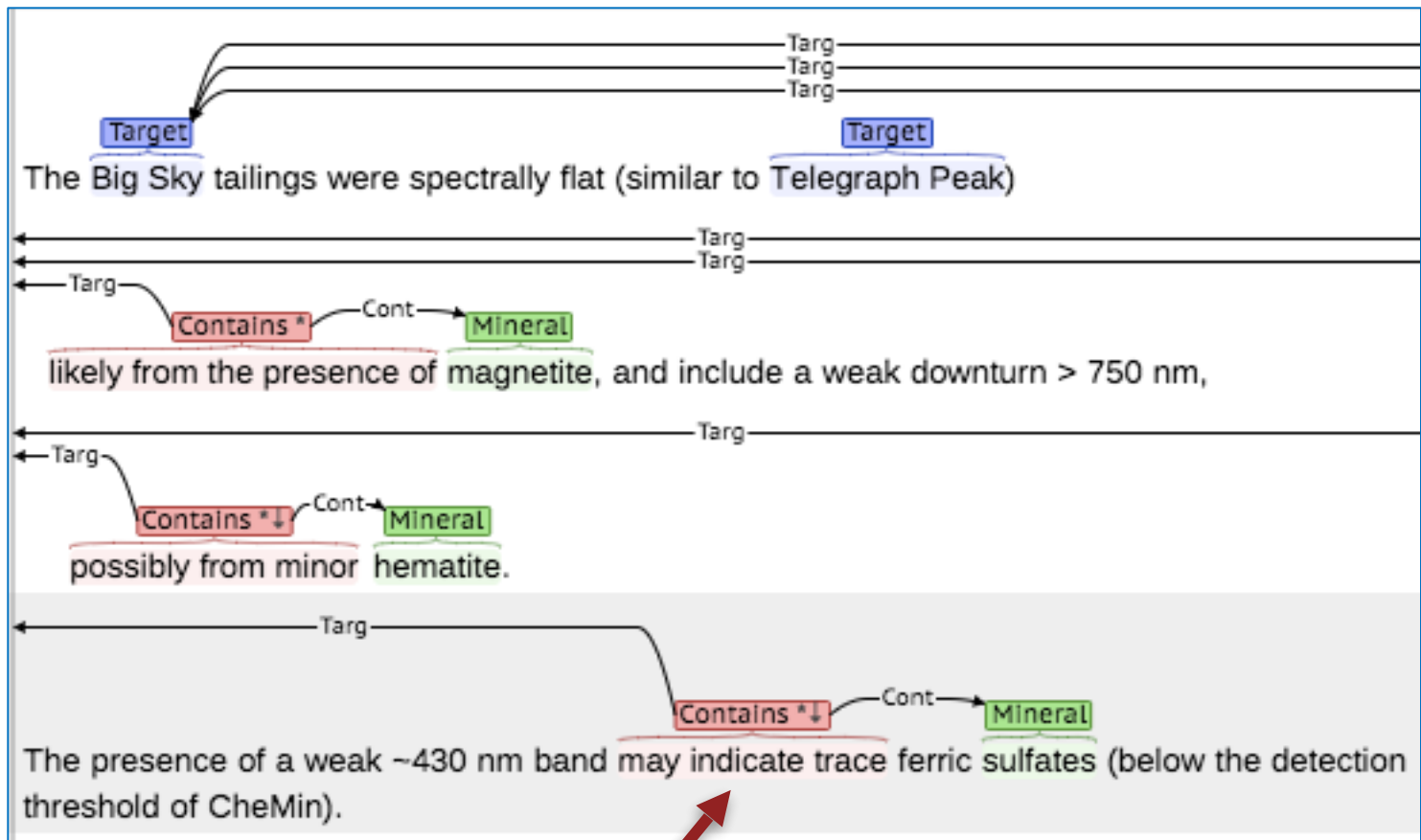
"Hedging"



[Johnson et al., 2016]

# Can computers do the reading?

- How hard is it?



Not even in the same sentence!

[Johnson et al., 2016]

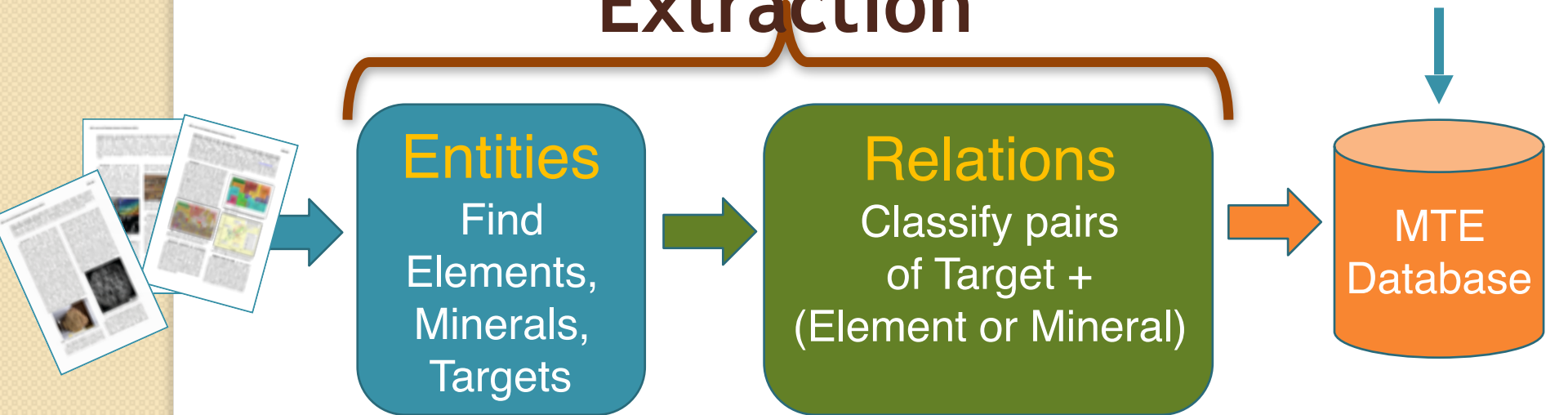
# The documents

- Lunar and Planetary Science Conference
  - Three years
  - 5,920 documents
  - 2-page abstracts
  - 7.2M words

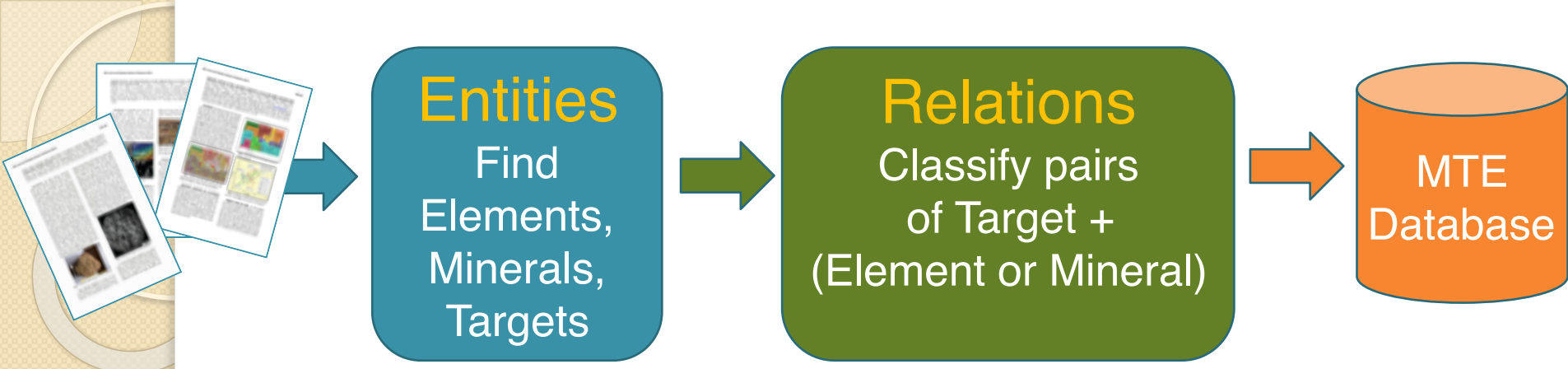


# Mars Target Encyclopedia

## Information Extraction







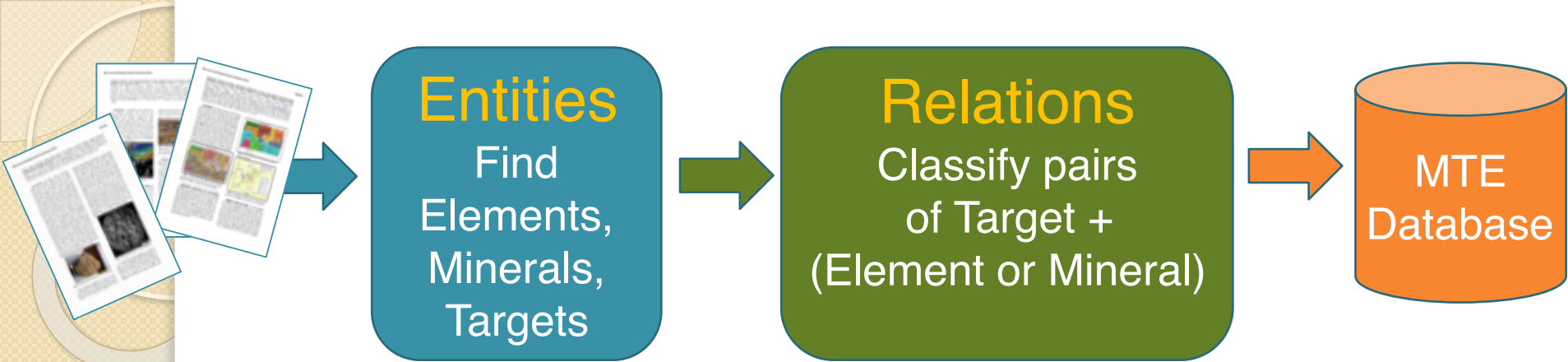
# 1. Find Targets, Elements, Minerals

- Use known lists
  - What about newly discovered targets?
- Machine learning
  - Given example texts, learn word patterns
    - “The Big Sky tailings were spectrally flat...”
  - Stanford CoreNLP system [Finkel et al., 2005]
    - Word sequences, parts of speech, word “shape”
    - ML: Conditional Random Field (CRF) model

# Entity extraction performance

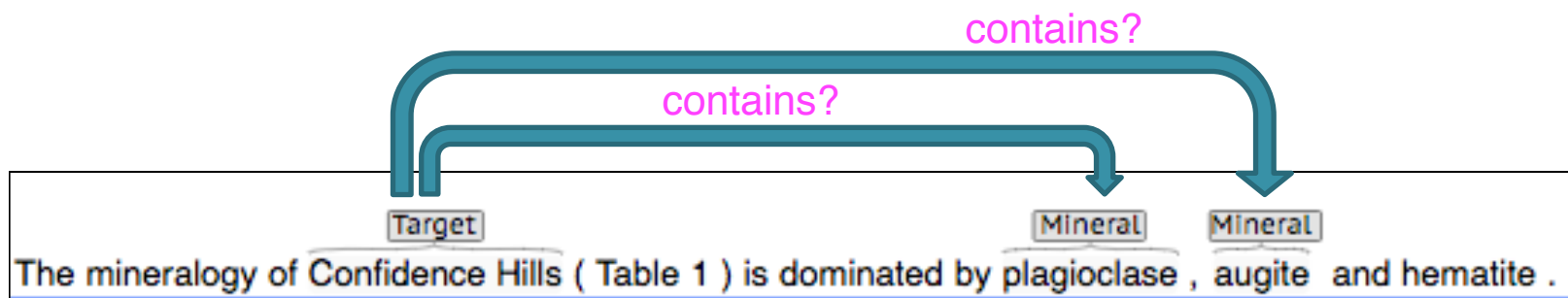
Train on 62 docs from 2015, test on 35 docs from 2016





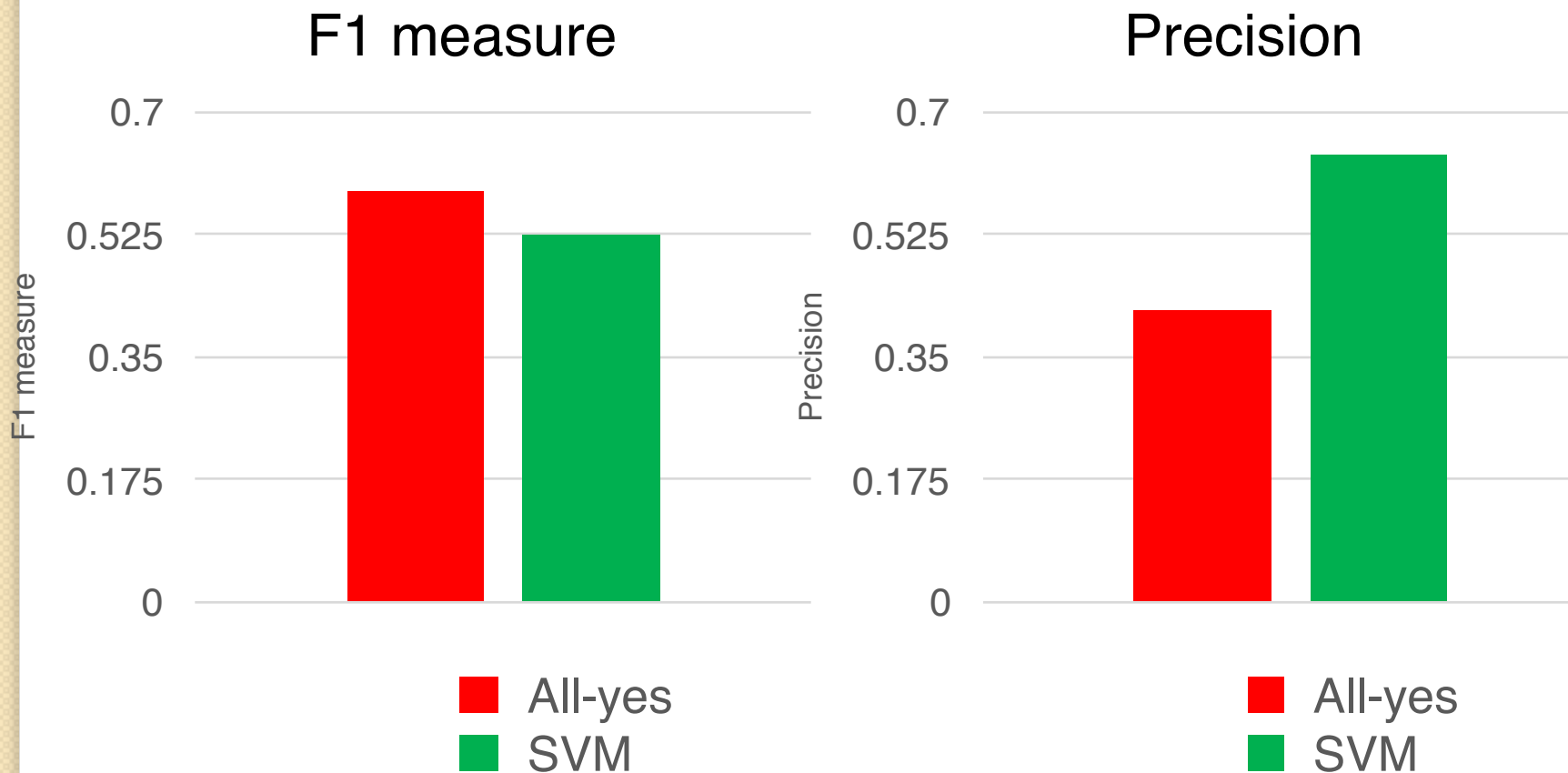
## 2. Find relationships

- Predict whether there is a “contains” relation for each [Target, Element] or [Target, Mineral] pair
- Machine learning: jSRE [Giuliano et al., 2006]
  - Words, positions, endings, parts of speech
  - ML: Support Vector Machine (SVM) model



# Relation extraction performance

Train on 429 pairs from 2015, test on 173 pairs from 2016



# Mars Target Database

<b>Content type</b>	<b>Manual</b>
Documents	118
Elements	2,224
Minerals	1,456
Targets	916
Relations	696



# Mars Target Database

<b>Content type</b>	<b>Manual</b>	<b>Automatic</b>
Documents	118	5,920
Elements	2,224	48,614
Minerals	1,456	34,287
Targets	916	3,255
Relations	696	1,412

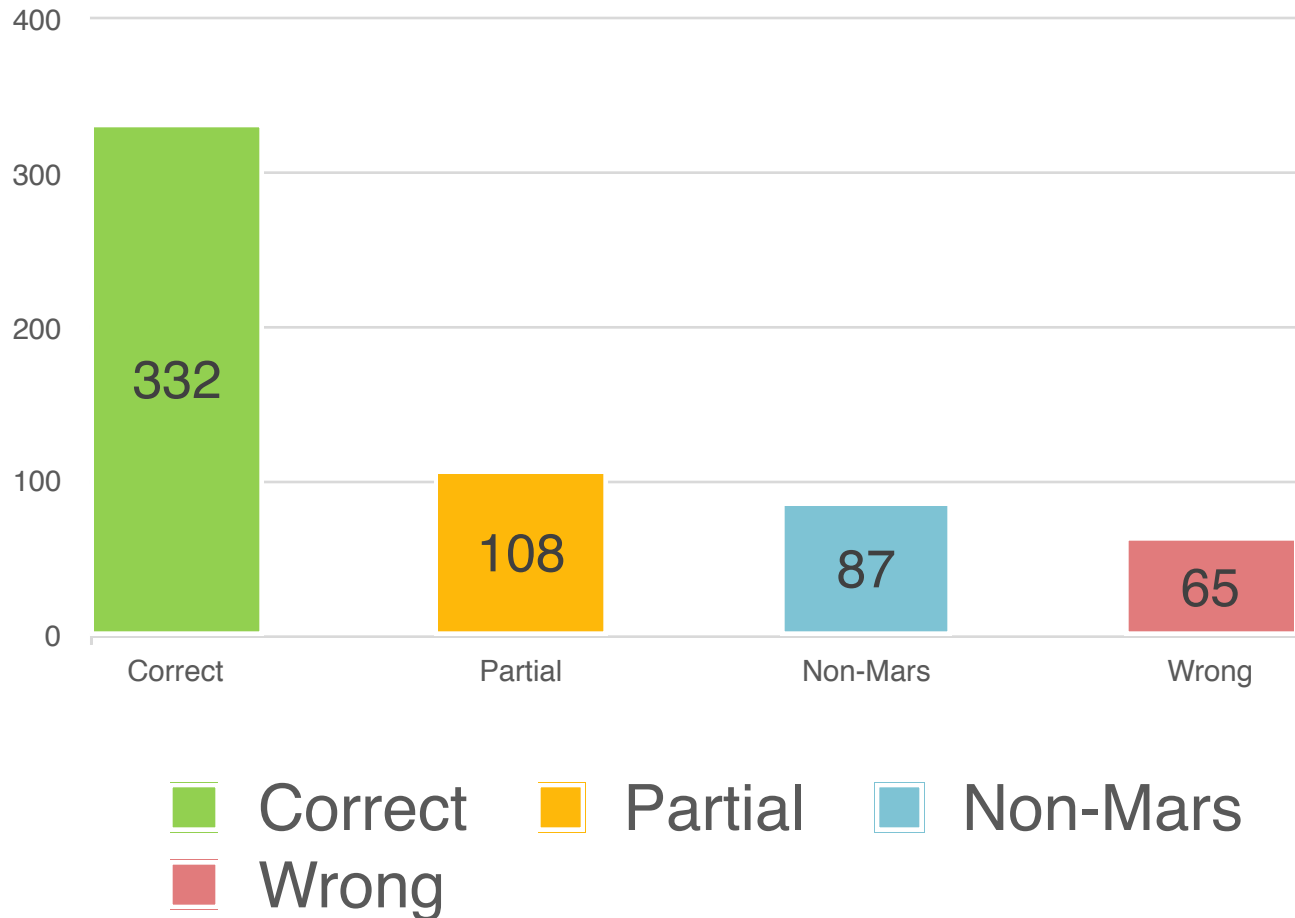


# Mars Target Database

<b>Content type</b>	<b>Manual</b>	<b>Automatic</b>
Documents	118	5,920
Elements	2,224	48,614
Minerals	1,456	34,287
Targets	916	3,255
Relations	696	1,412
Time (per document)	~30 mins	~5 seconds

# Manual review of relations

- Relations from non-training documents
- ~5 sec per document





# Example extractions – correct

- Link contains potassium
  - “Link, which was one of the first K-rich conglomerate targets observed with ChemCam, whereas felsic group 5 shows a higher Na/K ratio.”
- Link contains hydrogen
  - “Both of these are good candidates since, in Link at least, the hydrogen signature is relatively prominent.”
- JK/CB and olivine/magnetite
  - “The RN crystalline component is depleted in MgO and FeO relative to JK and CB because of the absence of olivine and enrichment of magnetite in the latter.”

# Example extractions – incorrect

- Not a target (Mars region)
  - “While limited detections of **phyllosilicates** and hydrated silica are found in Acidalia and **Utopia Planitia**...”
- Not an element (Fm)
  - “The results indicate that the dip of the **Shoemaker Fm** impactite section...”
- Meteorite (not Mars, but same name as Mars target)
  - “Finally, the **Bilanga diogenite** has a model age that seems older but still similar within the error than basaltic and cumulative eucrites.”










# Map display of search results

Thanks: Fred Calef (MMGIS)

**Mars Target Encyclopedia**  
Compositional information from publications about MSL ChemCam surface targets  
Publications currently indexed: abstracts from LPSC 2015 and 2016

hematite

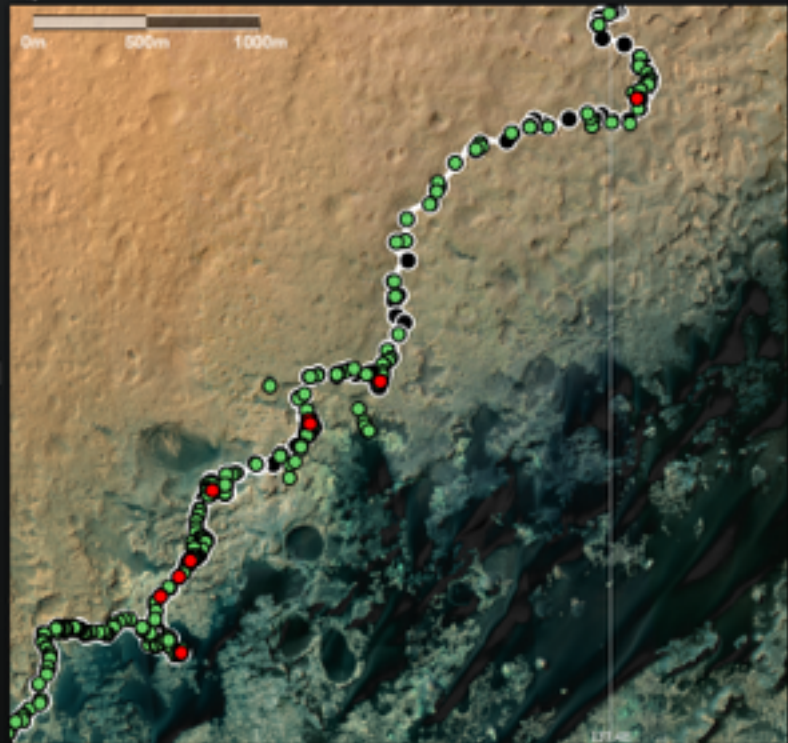
9 targets found

 <b>Confidence_Hills</b> 46 properties 8 publications	 <b>Windjana</b> 103 properties 10 publications	 <b>Augusta</b> 1 property 1 publication
 <b>Big_Sky</b> 9 properties 2 publications	 <b>Buckskin</b> 11 properties 3 publications	 <b>Engo</b> 1 property 1 publication
 <b>Maturango</b> 8 properties 2 publications	 <b>Stovepipe_Wells</b> 3 properties 1 publication	 <b>Tsumeb</b> 1 property 1 publication

**MMGIS** login

Map

0m 500m 1000m



MTE

Longitude, Latitude  
137.37467766°, -4.63802334°

# Integration with MSL Analyst's Notebook

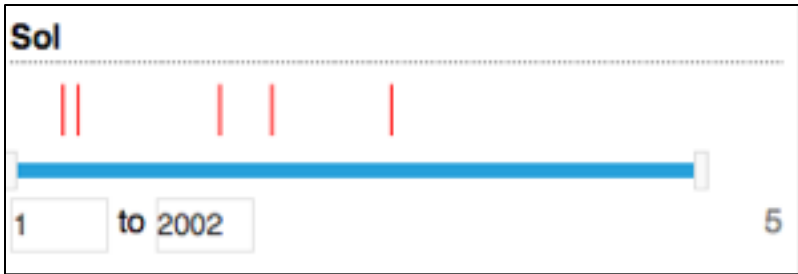
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The screenshot displays the 'MSL Curiosity Analyst's Notebook' interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for search, bar chart, flag, document, and magnifying glass. Below this is a 'FILTERS' section with a 'Reset all' button, a 'Recent' dropdown menu, and a help icon. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Name:** A search input field with a dropdown arrow.
- Sol:** A red bar chart showing data distribution over time, with a blue slider below it. The range is set from '1' to '2002', with a total count of '3899'.
- Data links:** A section with a 'reset' link and three items:
  - AP APXS concentration 311
  - CC RMI contour image 1200
  - CC RMI mosaic 1425
- Lit refs:** A section with one item:
  - Has lit refs 193
- Element in lit ref:** A section with five items:
  - al 1
  - aluminum 10
  - barium 3
  - bromine 5
  - ca\_poor 1A link 'Show all 45 items' is provided below.
- Mineral in lit ref:** A section with two items:
  - akaganeite 2
  - alkali 1

# Integration with MSL Analyst's Notebook


Mineral in lit ref	
<input type="checkbox"/> akaganeite	2
<input type="checkbox"/> alkali	1
<input type="checkbox"/> anhydrite	2
<input type="checkbox"/> apatite	1
<input type="checkbox"/> augite	3
<input type="checkbox"/> basanite	2
<input type="checkbox"/> ca_sulfate	3
<input type="checkbox"/> carbonate	1
<input type="checkbox"/> chlorite	1
<input type="checkbox"/> chloritesmectite	only 0
<input type="checkbox"/> clinopyroxene	3
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<input type="checkbox"/> feldspar	5
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# Integration with MSL Analyst's Notebook

**RESULTS** Save ▾


RESULTS ARE UP TO DATE  Update automatically



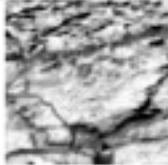
**Big\_Sky**  
Sol 1114 Site 50  
AP CC  
E Oxygen  
M(5) Anhydrite, Feldspar, Hemat...




**Confidence\_Hills**  
Sol 758 Site 42  
E(9) Aluminum, Ca\_Poor, Iron, ...  
M(21) Alkali, Apatite, Augite, Ca...



**Cumberland**  
Sol 185 Site 6  
AP CC  
E(8) Calcium, Chlorine, Cl\_Rich,...  
M(19) Akaganeite, Augite, Basa...



**John\_Klein\_RP1**  
Sol 152 Site 5  
E(10) Calcium, Chlorine, Hydrog...  
M(18) Basanite, Ca\_Sulfate, Car...



**Windjana**

# Integration with MSL Analyst's Notebook

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## Target Big\_Sky

Target defined on Sol 1114 Site 50 / 592

### Compositional references

#### Element

References to elemental composition of this target, with relevant excerpts

Oxygen

#### Mineral

References to mineral composition of this target, with relevant excerpts

Anhydrite

Feldspar

Hematite

Magnetite

Pyroxene

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## Target Big\_Sky

Target defined on Sol 1114 Site 50 / 592

### Compositional references - Mineral

#### Anhydrite

Yen et al. (2016) "Cementation And Aqueous Alteration Of A Sandstone Unit Under Acidic Conditions In Gale Crater, Mars", Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Abstract #1649.

"In comparison , the Big Sky sandstone has strikingly similar abundances of feldspar , pyroxene , amorphous constituents , anhydrite and other phases ."

#### Feldspar

Yen et al. (2016) "Cementation And Aqueous Alteration Of A Sandstone Unit Under Acidic Conditions In Gale Crater, Mars", Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Abstract #1649.

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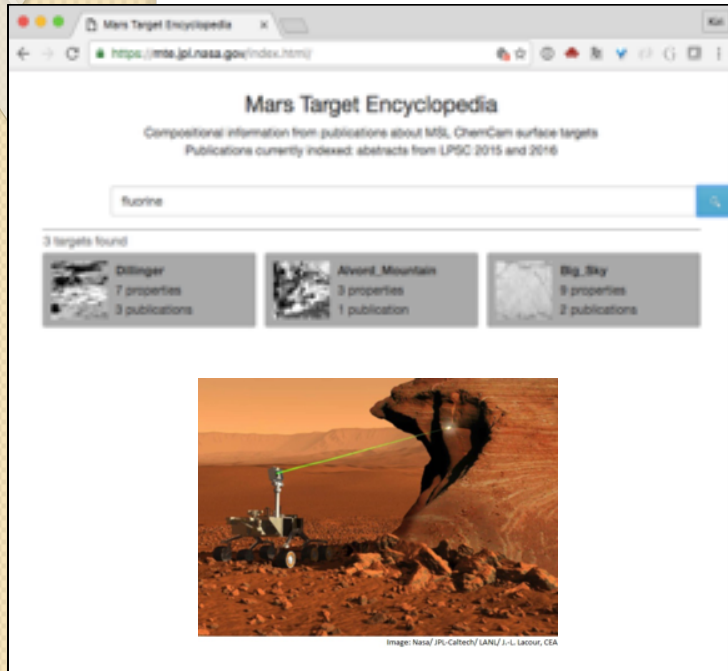
#### Hematite

Johnson et al. (2016) "ChemCam Passive Reflectance Spectroscopy Of Recent Drill Tailings, Hematite-Bearing Rocks, And Dune Sands", Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Abstract #1155.

"The Big Sky tailings were spectrally flat ( similar to Telegraph Peak ) likely from the presence of magnetite , and include a weak downturn > 750 nm , possibly from minor hematite ."



# Summary



- Information extraction for scientific publications
- Enable searches not previously possible
- Facilitate scientific progress and exploration using artificial intelligence methods
- Make discoveries accessible to everyone

<https://an.rsl.wustl.edu/msl/>

Thank you: JPL MGSS program, NASA Planetary Data System, and MSL project