

Wednesday, March 20, 2013
MERCURY SCIENCE FROM MESSENGER
 8:30 a.m. Waterway Ballroom 5

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Chairs: Louise Prockter
 Carolyn Ernst

- 8:30 a.m. Weider S. Z. * Nittler L. R. Starr R. D. Solomon S. C.
[*The Distribution of Iron on the Surface of Mercury from MESSENGER X-Ray Spectrometer Measurements*](#) [#2189]
 MESSENGER X-ray Spectrometer data reveal large spatial-scale variations in the total Fe content of Mercury's surface that may be related to surface elevation.
- 8:45 a.m. Nittler L. R. * Weider S. Z. Starr R. D. Crapster-Pregont E. J. Ebel D. S. et al.
[*Mapping Major Element Abundances on Mercury's Surface with MESSENGER X-Ray Spectrometer Data*](#) [#2458]
 MESSENGER X-ray data are used to generate Mg/Si, Al/Si, S/Si, and Ca/Si maps of Mercury's surface. One high-Mg,S,Ca area correlates with the presence of hollows.
- 9:00 a.m. Evans L. G. * Peplowski P. N. Killen R. M. Potter A. E. Sprague A. L.
[*Variable Sodium on the Surface of Mercury: Implications for Surface Chemistry and the Exosphere*](#) [#2033]
 We report evidence for spatial variation in the abundance of Na on Mercury's surface and the relationship to latitudinal variations in Mercury's Na exosphere.
- 9:15 a.m. Rivera-Valentin E. G. * Barr A. C.
[*Impact Induced Compositional Variations on Mercury: Implications for Primordial Interior Structure*](#) [#1015]
 Monte Carlo modeling indicates mercurian LRM variation does not require crustal heterogeneities and its distribution is indicative of primordial composition.
- 9:30 a.m. Irving A. J. * Kuehner S. M. Bunch T. E. Ziegler K. Chen G. et al.
[*Ungrouped Mafic Achondrite Northwest Africa 7325: A Reduced, Iron-Poor Cumulate Olivine Gabbro from a Differentiated Planetary Parent Body*](#) [#2164]
 Some mineralogical and bulk compositional features of this unique achondrite match known data for Mercury. Could this be a Hermean meteorite?
- 9:45 a.m. Perry M. E. * Kahan D. S. Barnouin O. S. Ernst C. M. Solomon S. C. et al.
[*Radio Frequency Occultations Show that Mercury is Oblate*](#) [#2485]
 RF occultations measurements of Mercury's southern hemisphere show polar flattening, which has implications for rotational history and internal structure.
- 10:00 a.m. James P. B. * Zuber M. T. Solomon S. C. Phillips R. J.
[*Geophysical Constraints on Mercury's Physiographic Provinces*](#) [#2042]
 We localize long-wavelength gravity and topography from MESSENGER. The results shed light on the structure and formation of Mercury's geological provinces.
- 10:15 a.m. Balcerski J. A. * Hauck S. A. II Sun P. Klimczak C. Byrne P. K. et al.
[*New Constraints on Timing and Mechanisms of Regional Tectonism from Mercury's Tilted Craters*](#) [#2444]
 We combine MESSENGER profiles of tilted crater floors with morphology to establish age constraints for the formation of prominent regional features on Mercury.

- 10:30 a.m. Ernst C. M. * Denevi B. W. Murchie S. L. Barnouin O. S. Chabot N. L. et al.
[*Volcanic Plains in Caloris Basin: Thickness, Timing, and What Lies Beneath*](#) [#2364]
We show that the Caloris interior plains are at least 2.5 km thick, were emplaced within a short interval, and predated the large-scale tectonic modification.
- 10:45 a.m. Selvans M. M. * Watters T. R. James P. B. Zuber M. T. Solomon S. C.
[*Comparison of Tectonic Feature Locations and Crustal Thickness in the Northern Hemisphere of Mercury*](#) [#2773]
We compare maps of lobate scarps and high-relief ridges to crustal thickness on Mercury, and find no preferred crustal thickness values for their localization.
- 11:00 a.m. Byrne P. K. * Klimczak C. Blair D. M. Ferrari S. Solomon S. C. et al.
[*Tectonic Complexity Within Volcanically Infilled Craters and Basins on Mercury*](#) [#1261]
We describe the progression in tectonic complexity from some of the smallest to the largest volcanically infilled impact features on Mercury.
- 11:15 a.m. Johnson C. L. * Winslow R. M. Anderson B. J. Purucker M. E. Korth H. et al.
[*Induced Magnetic Fields at Mercury from MESSENGER Observations*](#) [#1311]
We investigate magnetic fields induced in Mercury's interior using MESSENGER magnetometer data.
- 11:30 a.m. Prockter L. M. * Murchie S. L. Solomon S. C. Nittler L. R. McNutt R. L. Jr. et al.
[*MESSENGER's Second Extended Mission: Exploring Mercury's Dynamic Magnetosphere and Complex Surface at Unprecedented Scales*](#) [#2907]
MESSENGER's second extended mission will begin in March 2013. Unprecedented observations are planned of Mercury's surface, dynamic magnetosphere, and exosphere.