

#### BepiColombo MMO Payload Mercury Dust Monitor (MDM)

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#### Historical dust mission of inner solar system

| Spacecraft   | distance<br>range<br>(AU) | spin axis<br>direction | sensor<br>orien-<br>tation<br>(deg.) | $\begin{array}{c} {\rm mass} \\ {\rm thresh-} \\ {\rm old} \\ {\rm (g)} \end{array}$ | sensitive<br>area<br>(m <sup>2</sup> ) | solid<br>angle<br>(sr) | dy-<br>namic<br>range |
|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|------------------------|-----------------------|
|              |                           |                        |                                      |  |  |                        |                       |
| Helios $1/2$ | 0.3 - 1                   | Ν                      | 65,134                               | $9\cdot 10^{-15}$  | 0.012                                  | 1.23                   | $10^{4}$              |
| Galileo      | 0.7 – 5.4                 | S, E                   | 120                                  | $4 \cdot 10^{-15}$   | 0.1                                    | 1.4                    | $10^{6}$              |
| Pioneer 9    | 0.75 – 0.99               | N                      | 90                                   | $2 \cdot 10^{-13}$   | 0.0074                                 | 2.9                    | 200                   |
| Pioneer 8    | 0.97 – 1.09               | Ν                      | 90                                   | $2 \cdot 10^{-13}$   | 0.0094                                 | 2.9                    | 200                   |
| HEOS $2$     | 1                         | var.                   | 0                                    | $2 \cdot 10^{-16}$   | 0.01                                   | 1.03                   | $10^{4}$              |
| Hiten        | 1                         | Ν                      | 90                                   | $2 \cdot 10^{-15}$   | 0.01                                   | 1.5                    | $3\cdot 10^4$         |
| Ulysses      | 1 – 5.4                   | $\mathbf{E}$           | 85                                   | $4\cdot 10^{-15}$  | 0.1                                    | 1.4                    | $10^{6}$              |
| Pioneer 10   | 1 - 18                    | ${f E}$                | 180                                  | $8\cdot 10^{-10}$  | $0.26^{(1)}$                           | 2.8                    | 1                     |
| Pioneer 11   | 1 - 10                    | Ε                      | 180                                  | $6 \cdot 10^{-9}$  | $0.56^{(1)}$                           | 2.8                    | 1                     |

 $^{(1)}$  initial area, actual area decreased as cells were punctured



#### Scientific Objectives

| Dust Types                                 | Scientific Interests   |  |  |
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| Dust flux within the<br>Inner Solar System | Confirm the flux and size distribution as a function of the heliocentric distance. In-situ measurement to constrain zodiacal dust cloud distribution model.  |  |  |
| Cometary Dust                              | Possible encounters with the cometary dust trails and highly eccentric trajectories.   |  |  |
| Beta Meteoroids                            | Direct flux measurement in the vicinity of Mercury (0.31-0.47 AU) help to understand mechanism and location.   |  |  |
| Interstellar Dust                          | Possible detection of large interstellar dust (>>1 micron) intruding so close to the   |  |  |
| Dust to Mercury<br>(V orbit = 47.5 km/s)   | Investigation of temporal and directional variations of dust influx<br>throughout Mercurian orbit to identify the key meteoroid<br>sources. Estimate external mass accretion rate to the<br>Mercurian surface Constraint to space weathering effect on the<br>Mercurian surface. Assessment of meteoroid impact<br>contribution to the formation of the tenuous Na-K atmosphere. |  |  |
| Dust from Mercury<br>(V esc.= 4.25 km/s)   | Search for Mercurian dust ejection (e.g., temporal dust cloud?)<br>by meteoroid impacts, similar to the Jovian satellites. Possible<br>interaction with the magnetic field, similar to the Jovian satellite<br>dust stream.  |  |  |



#### Dust flux near Mercury

from Mann et al. 2003













### Circuit board & sensor frame







flight time: t velocity: v = L/tcharge: q = cV, induced voltage V and capacitance 1pF. energy:  $mv^2/2 = qU$ , acceleration voltage U mass:  $m = 2qU/v^2$ 



# Experiment chamber of the dust accelerator at HIT



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### PZT sensor in the dust accelerator chamber



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#### Typical waveform (MPI-K)

Change with velocity (Iron particles)



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# Particle mass vs. velocity by the van de Graaf dust accelerator





Vp vs momentum (Sample II



#### **Rise time vs. velocity of single peaked pulse** High speed impact ( > 8 km/s )

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## Installation of MDM and heat flow

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## Thermal mathematical calculation of the PZT sensor



近水点での温度分布 ピエゾの中心で193℃ 電極表面: 銀 α=0.50、ε=0.18 最悪条件での温度変化 (2周期 ≒ 20時間) ピエゾの中心で210℃ ボルトからの衛星への熱伝導小

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#### ピエゾの温度と電気容量



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## ピエゾの温度と出力



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