



Status of the Earth Surface Mineral Dust Source Investigation Imaging Spectroscopy Mission



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Earth's Mineral Dust Cycle







EMIT Science Objectives





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- 1) Constrain the sign and magnitude of dust-related RF at regional and global scales. EMIT achieves this objective by acquiring, validating and delivering updates of surface mineralogy used to initialize Earth System Models.
- 2) Predict the increase or decrease of available dust sources under future climate scenarios.

EMIT achieves this objective by initializing Earth System Model forecast models with the mineralogy of soils exposed within at-risk lands bordering arid dust source regions.



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Earth System Models



Earth System Model





Dust in Earth System Models









UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Soil Map Interpolated/Extrapolated

Current Soil Sample Locations



Challenge: Using FAO soil data sets and "Average" soil properties from ≤5000 soils samples (mostly not in deserts) doesn't fully capture actual distribution and diversity of the mineral dust source regions.



EMIT Will Use Imaging Spectroscopy Dust Minerals have Distinct Spectral Signatures





Visible to Short Wavelength Infrared Spectral Range (VSWIR) [400 to 2500 nm]





FAO Soil Map Compared to Airborne VSWIR Imaging Spectroscopy at Cuprite, Nevada







EMIT Data Products and Testing Builds on Decades of Airborne Imaging Spectrometer Measurements



Level 2b Mineralogy





Field Spectroscopy with Laboratory/Analyses



Level 3 Gridded Level 3 Gridded

Level 4 Model Runs





The EMIT Instrument is Well Along in Development



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Live EMIT Spectra with Christine Bradley 20210817











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Planned SpaceX Launch







EMIT Planned Arid Land Coverage Area







EMIT Dust Source Surface Mineralogy





EMIT on the ISS delivers >10⁹ direct spectroscopic observations of arid land surface





Data Product	Description	Initial Availability to NASA DAAC	Median Latency in Product Availability to NASA DAAC after Initial Delivery	NASA DAAC Location
Level 0	Raw collected telemetry	4 months after IOC	2 months	LP DAAC
Level 1a	Reconstructed, depacketized, uncompressed data, time referenced, annotated with ancillary information reassembled into scenes.	4 months after IOC	2 months	LP DAAC
Level 1b	Level 1a data processed to sensor units including geolocation and observation geometry information	4 months after IOC	2 months	LP DAAC
Level 2a	Surface reflectance derived by screening clouds and correction for atmospheric effects.	8 months after IOC	2 months	LP DAAC
Level 2b	Mineralogy derived from fitting reflectance spectra, screening for non-mineralogical components.	8 months after IOC	2 months	LP DAAC
Level 3	Gridded map of mineral composition aggregated from level 2b with uncertainties and quality flags	11 months after IOC	2 months	LPDAAC
Level 4	Earth System Model runs to address science objectives	16 months after IOC	2 months	LP DAAC

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L1B Outputs (Radiance)





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L2A Outputs (Reflectance)







L2A Outputs (RGB, orthorectified)



RGB





L2B Outputs (orthorectified)

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Mosaiced L2b Output Spectral Abundance Estimate





Summary: EMIT Science Flow to Objectives





Mineral composition for models



Update mineralogy in ESMs



Model Runs



RF Predictions

(%) 600 500 400 300 200 100 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Hematite Fraction in Soil (wt %)

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