

SPACE DAY

Keynote Speaker

James W. Rice, PhD



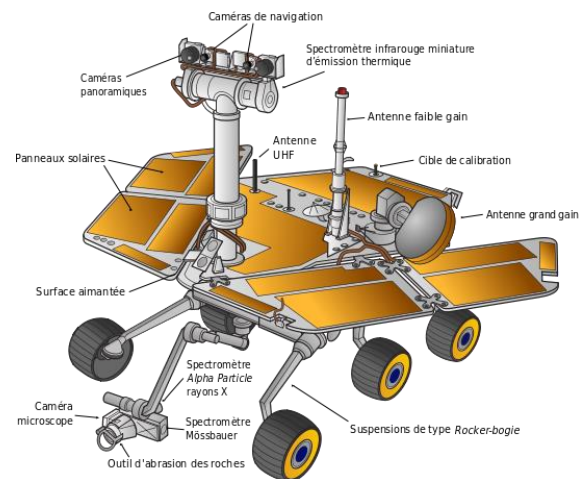
Co-Investigator on the Mars Exploration Rover Project

Dr. James W. Rice is a Co-Investigator on the Mars Exploration Rover Project (Spirit and Opportunity). An Astro-geologist with over 25 years of research experience, he specializes on the surface geology and history of water on Mars.

His career includes working for NASA, the United States Geological Survey, the Mars Spaceflight Facility at ASU, and the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory located at the University of Arizona.

Dr. Rice also has mission experience working on the Mars Odyssey Orbiter and Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter Projects. He has been involved in Mars landing site selection and certification activities for every NASA Mars Mission since Mars Pathfinder in 1995.

Dr. Rice also serves on several NASA Science Analysis Groups for manned missions back to the Moon and Mars.



Opportunity Rover

"Mars is not just a destination but rather our destiny in terms of human exploration and settlement off Earth."