1. OVERVIEW

This final report summarizes work carried out during my PGG funding for the period 3/1/02 – 2/28/05. Research under this award has focused on the areas described below and is represented in the publications list, invited departmental lectures and presentations at professional meetings. The grant has provided partial support for 1 graduate student, Renee Bulow, and provided 1 month per year of my summer salary.

The linking theme of the research performed under this award is the manifestation of the thermal history of terrestrial planetary bodies through the existence and evolution of internally-generated magnetic fields (martian magnetism research, and beginnings of lunar magnetism research), mantle dynamical processes and their resulting surface expression (studies of venusian coronae task) and the crust and upper mantle structure of a planetary body (lunar seismic structure task). The investigations build upon and extend my previous work supported by the PGG program.

2. RESEARCH PERFORMED UNDER THIS AWARD

Publications and abstracts associated with this work are listed below.

(1) Studies of venusian corona. I have examined the spatial distribution of coronae and its relationship to possibly changing large-scale mantle dynamic processes (published JGR paper).

(2) Processing of the lunar Apollo seismic event and continuous data. This work is being carried out primarily by my student Renee Bulow, under my guidance and in collaboration with Professor Peter Shearer at IGPP. This has led to the discovery of previously undetected moonquakes associated with known deep clusters (JGR paper, in revision).

(3) Lunar paleointensity. In November 2003 I visited JSC, with colleague Dr. Jeff Gee, to survey the natural remanent magnetization of a suite of Apollo samples. We measured 17 samples – most display some magnetic signature. We requested a subset of these samples from CAPTEM for preliminary paleointensity measurements at Scripps. The samples were received in summer 2004 and our lab work is in its early stages.

(4) A study, in collaboration with Roger Phillips, of the magnetic signatures over the Tharsis region on Mars. Mars Global Surveyor (MGS) observations of crustal magnetic fields over Tharsis provide new constraints on models for the thermal and magmatic evolution of this region (published EPSL manuscript). This work has also contributed to the review paper on the early history of Mars by Solomon et al. (published Science paper).

3. INVITED LECTURES / PRESENTATIONS ON THIS RESEARCH

2004: University of California, Berkeley, Seismo Lab Seminar
Scripps Institution Inaugural Lecture
University of Toronto, Physics Department Colloquium
University of British Columbia, Earth and Ocean Sciences seminar
4. PUBLICATIONS UNDER THIS AWARD

Peer Reviewed Publications


Abstracts (papers presented at professional meetings)


5. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

We have developed several visualization objects and tools for the Scripps Visualization Center (http://siovizcenter.ucsd.edu), including flythroughs of Mars’ topography, and visualizations incorporating several data sets related to the MER landing sites. This has resulted in the following publication


6. RELEVANCE TO NASA GOALS

The completed work is directly relevant to NASA’s goals of understanding the formation and evolution of the terrestrial planets. The investigations have addressed aspects of fundamental questions related to the thermal evolution of the moon using state-of-the art seismological techniques applied to the unique Apollo data sets. In addition they have provided new insights understanding the evolution of mantle dynamics of Venus, and the magnetic field history and volcanic evolution of Mars.