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## Impact craters as "probes" of the geology and history of Mars

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Impact craters have played a significant role in the early formation, modification and, in some cases, the aqueous alteration of planetary crusts (e.g., Mars). As such, they are useful as "probes" and "gauges" of the target properties and the various geologic processes that modify planetary surfaces, respectively. Impact craters can be used for degradation studies. In this presentation I will touch on several ways in which craters are useful beyond impact studies, but hope to provide some details on one or two of these topics.





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