SCIENTIFIC PAYLOAD OF THE EMIRATES MARS MISSION: EMIRATES MARS ULTRAVIOLET SPECTROMETER (EMUS) OVERVIEW. H. Al Matroushi1, F. Lootah1, G. Holsclaw2, J. Deighan2, M. Chaffin3, and the EMUS Team2. R. Lillis1, M. Fillingim1, S. England2, S. Al Mheiri1, and H. Reed2. 1Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre, Dubai, UAE, 2Laboratory of Atmospheric and Space Physics, University of Colorado, Colorado, USA, 3Space Sciences Laboratory (SSL), University of California, California, USA, 4Aerospace and Ocean Engineering, Virginia Tech, Virginia, USA.

Introduction:
In 2014, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) announced the first outer-planetary Arab mission, Emirates Mars Mission, as a catalyst for science and technology sector development within the region. The mission focuses on developing national capabilities in both science and engineering within the UAE, and on contributing with novel science to the human knowledge and civilizations.

The Emirates Mars Mission’s (EMM) Hope Probe will launch in 2020 to explore the dynamics in the atmosphere of Mars globally while sampling on both diurnal and seasonal timescales. EMM’s primary science goals are aligned with the Mars Exploration Program Advisory Group’s (MEPAG) 2015 Goal II: “Understand the processes and history of climate on Mars” [1]. Moreover, EMM’s objectives and investigations will address the following MEPAG’s objectives of II.A): “Characterize the state of the present climate of Mars’ atmosphere and surrounding plasma environment, and the underlying processes, under the current orbital configuration” as well as II.C): “Characterize Mars’ ancient climate and underlying processes” [1]. EMM is the first mission to have full diurnal coverage on sub-seasonal timescales with a global coverage which enable understanding of the transfer of energy from the lower-middle atmosphere to the upper atmosphere.

On-board the Hope Probe are three scientific instruments which will provide a set of measurements fundamental to an improved understanding of the Martian climate. Two of the EMM’s instruments, which are the Emirates eXploration Imager (EXI) [2] and Emirates Mars Infrared Spectrometer (EMIRS) [3] will focus on the lower atmosphere observing dust, ice clouds, water vapor and ozone. On the other hand, the third instrument Emirates Mars Ultraviolet Spectrometer (EMUS) will focus on both the thermosphere of the planet and its exosphere. This poster will cover an overview of the EMUS instrument, the investigations associated with the instrument, and the performance of the instrument post-delivery.

EMUS Science Targets:

Thermosphere Investigation: EMUS will investigate the abundance and spatial variability of key neutral species in the thermosphere on sub-seasonal timescales. To address this investigation, EMUS will provide a measure of the dynamics and energetics of the thermosphere, through which all escaping particles must travel, as it forms the lower boundary of the exosphere. This will be achieved by determining the column abundance and spatial variability of the key neutral species in the thermosphere: oxygen (O), and carbon monoxide (CO).

Exosphere Investigation: EMUS will also address the EMM investigation that focuses on determining the three-dimensional structure and variability of the key species in the exosphere and their variability on sub-seasonal timescales. For this investigation EMUS will observe the neutral exospheric species hydrogen (H) and oxygen (O). Measurements of both hydrogen and oxygen in the upper atmosphere are essential for determining the loss of water from the upper atmosphere.

Instrument Overview: The EMUS instrument is a far ultraviolet imaging spectograph that is jointly developed by the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics (LASP) at the University of Colorado Boulder and Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC). It consists of a single telescope mirror feeding a Rowland circle imaging spectrograph with a photon-counting and locating detector (provided by the Space Sciences Laboratory at the University of California, Berkeley). The EMUS spatial resolution of 0.36° is sufficient to characterize spatial variability in the Martian thermosphere (100-200 km altitude) and exosphere (>200 km altitude). EMUS measures ultraviolet emissions in the spectral range 100-170 nm with a selectable spectral resolution of 1.3 nm, 1.8 nm, or 5 nm. In order to observe and discriminate between the hydrogen and oxygen coronas, EMUS will make one-dimensional spectral measurements. To measure the hydrogen corona, the instrument will be sensitive to Lyman alpha at 121.6 nm and Lyman beta at 102.6 nm. To measure the oxygen in the upper atmosphere, it will be sensitive to 130.4 nm and to the dimmer 135.6 nm emission. EMUS will measure thermospheric CO emissions between 140 nm and 170 nm. Table 1 summarizes EMUS design parameters.

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The EMUS instrument takes its observations utilizing 4 different observing variations in the atmosphere (just over 1 Mars year long) to age the exosphere with 25° inclination, resulting in 55 hour orbital period.

This unique high target science orbit, is of 20,000km x 43,000 with 25° inclination, resulting in 55 hour orbital period.

For coronal measurements, the standard image set consists of images taken within 1/3 of a week, from at least 5 of the 8 45° intervals of LS sampled for standard cadence, and at least 7 of the 8 45° intervals of LS sampled for high cadence sets.

To allow the characterization of short-term, sub-week variability in all Mars seasons, high cadence data sets, consisting of 3 consecutive standard image sets in the same week, must be collected in at least seven of the eight 45° intervals of LS comprising a Martian year. This is to ensure that such variability does not manifest itself differently at different seasons or heliocentric distances.

Summary: Data returned from the EMUS instrument will enhance our understanding of the thermosphere and exosphere of Mars and their variability on sub-seasonal timescales as the instrument is designed to measure relative changes in the thermosphere and the structure – radial extent and scale height – of both the hydrogen and oxygen in the exosphere. Additionally, EMUS will measure changes in the structure of the corona with season, and lower atmosphere forcing (e.g. dust storms). Combined with data from other instruments on-board the Hope Probe, EMM will improve our understanding of the coupling between the upper and lower atmosphere and the climate of Mars.