Possible Ø 8x7km elliptical Impact Crater near Warwick (QLD / Australia)

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View Point 1 :

 $(\rightarrow$ location see satellite view)

Cunnigham Highway "Greymare" (graues Meer !) – center of impact crater Image: Sector Secto

View Point 2 : \rightarrow location on the remaining (intact) section of the elliptical crater-wall



Magnetic Image of impact structure

(\rightarrow from a geological map of the Warwick area which I bought)



The total magnetic intensity image shows variations in the Earth's magnetic field caused by differences in the magnetic properities of rock units in the upper crust. The magnetic response of rocks is directly related to the content of magnetic minerals, and is depicted by means of a rainbow colour scale from red (strongly magnetic), through yellow (moderately magnetic), to blue (weakly to non-magnetic). The structure has been enhanced by draping the coloured image over a grey-scale version of the same data to which a NE sun-angle has been applied.



The first vertical derivative of the total magnetic intensity data enhances shortwavelength magnetic features relative to those with long wavelengths. This image emphasises the high gradients around the edges of magnetic bodies, and in particular highlights narrow linear magnetic features such as dykes.



cracks probably caused by the shear-stress that was caused by the impacting ejecta material on the surface of Earth which rotates towards East.

main impact direction

(trajectory of impactor)

magnetic signature of ejected material

Satellite View of impact structure (from Google Earth)

ightarrow Coordinates of the assumed center of the elliptical impact :

28° 13' 21.65'' S - 151° 44'33.03'' E



Satellite View of impact structure (from Google Earth)

 \rightarrow Here my first try to interpret the topology of the assumed elliptical impact structure



6.9 km

For Comparison : (image from NASA) A double oblique impact crater on Mars

blow-out on one side of the elliptical impact crater S 0. small blow -out north of the impact structure DCt Fig. 1. A large (7.5 imes 10.0 km) elliptical crater with a smaller elliptical crater (2.0 imes3.0 km) lying 12.5 km directly uprange (to the left). 'Butterfly'-pattern ejecta occur around both craters. (Mosaic of THEMIS daytime IR images.) North is up. ejecta blanket of impact structure Fig. 2. Atmospheric flight trajectories for asteroids (top) and a moonlet (bottom) in the martian atmosphere, as discussed in the text, Both are radially exaggerated. ca. 21,5 ° Main Impact Direction On the origin of a double, oblique impact on Mars

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ABSTRACT

A double, oblique impact feature north of Olympus Mons provides a unique opportunity to investigate the event that formed it. The sizes of the craters, their ellipticity, shapes of ejecta blankets, separation from each other, and positions relative to each other, all give us information about the event. Coupling this information with an existing model of meteoritic flight through an atmosphere allows us to test several possible scenarios for the event (object type and origin, pre-entry trajectory, atmospheric trajectory, prevailing atmospheric density). We find it highly improbable that the impactor was simply an extramartian asteroid or comet. We also find that it is unlikely to have been a double-asteroid or a tidally fractured one, but is more likely to have been a Mars-orbiting moonlet whose orbit tidally decayed, and that denser atmospheric conditions than today's may have prevailed when it impacted.

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Location of ejecta blankets & route were rock samples were collected



Geological Map of surrounding area of impact structure with the exact locations were rock samples were collected :



The surrounding area of the elliptical impact structure shows further geological structures which also seem to be Impact Structures.

This image shows the geological map of the wider surrounding area of the assumed Impact Crater near the town "Warwick".

Beside the cone-shaped distribution of the different rock types south of the elliptical Impact Structure there is also a striking stripe-like (or ray-like) distribution visible of similar colored rock types (red, pink, orange, blue), parallel to the main impact direction.

Here the main impact direction corresponds to the direction of the rays marked in blue show n on the images on the next page.

And at the end of the two visible "stripe-like (or ray-like) ejecta blankets there are circular (volcanic) geological structures notable.

With a high probability these circular geological structures are also the remains of secondary craters which were caused by the ejected material throw n out of the primary impact, the Cape York Crater, further North !

In the following I want to deal with one of these circular structures a bit closer. This geological structure is named "Mount Warning".



By following this main impact direction you will automatically come across the big impact in the North

diameter impact crater near Cape York.

Mount Warning Mount Warning is probably the result of a large secondary impact caused by the Cape York impact event, and is not the rest of an erroded shield-vulcano as currently believed. Therefore the age of the Mt Warning

On the gravity anomaly maps there are traces visible from a massive impact in the North of Australia.

 \rightarrow For example there are rays visible which come from the main impact location (marked in blue) and rays which come another crater or from the location where the ejecta of this large impact hit the surface (pink circles). The black arrows indicate the material flow caused by the impact and the ejecta, and the yellow bow-shaped line indicates where some of the material probably solidified.

anomalous gravitational field map 1



anomalous gravitational field map 2

anomalous gravitational field map 2



anomalous gravitational field map 1



The red point indicates The position of the found Elliptical Impact Structure On many areas around and also inside the assumed Warwick Crater accumulations of large rock boulders can be observed.

- → this may be an indication that the whole area is composed of ejecta material which was ejected by the large Cape York Crater in the North
- → Another indication for this assumption is the fact that in many locations very different types of rock are completely mixed like in a rubble dump !



Sample Site 23a



Sample Site 24a



Sample Site 51f



Sample Site 54b

Rock Samples

Around 50 rock samples were collected (along yellow marked route) (\rightarrow previous page)

All rock samples have the GPS datas attached (on plastic bag)



 \rightarrow see some close-up photos of some of the rock samples on the next page !

Cose-ups of some selected rock samples :

The first two images are from rock samples collected in the ejecta area further away from the impact crater. And the other six samples are from the crater area.













