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CO₂ Ice Properties using CRISM Data: Implications for Martian Gullies Formation Mechanisms

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The study of Martian ices provides key information into the formation mechanisms of gullies on Mars. Using infrared spectroscopy data from CRISM (Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, NASA), this work focuses on seasonal CO₂ ice deposits near Mars' poles, with particular attention to Sisyphi Cavi, where active gullies are observed. The properties of CO₂ ice are characterized by evaluating its translucent or granular structure, comparing ice thicknesses predicted by a climate model from LMD to optical paths derived from CRISM observations. By assessing these ice properties, the study aims to offer valuable insights into the mechanisms driving gully formation, including CO₂ sublimation and the possible role of liquid water.

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