

# From Moon – seismology to Mars with the SEIS Instrument on the NASA InSight mission

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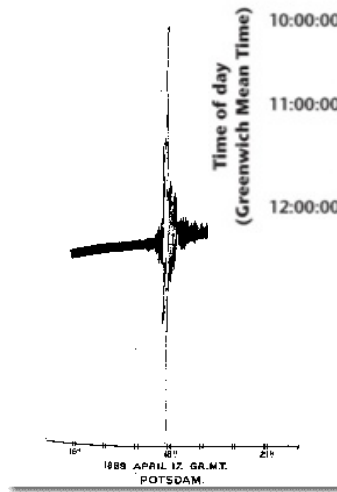
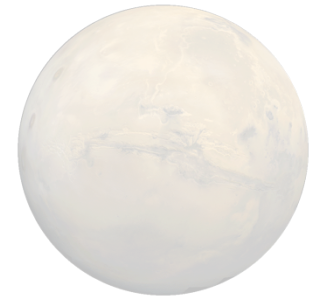
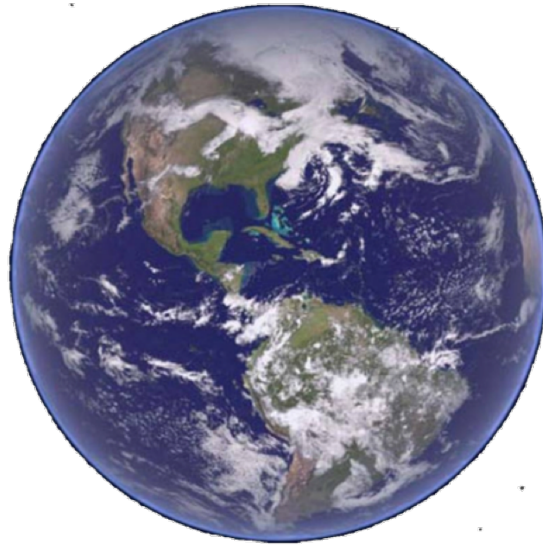
# New frontiers of Planetary Geophysics



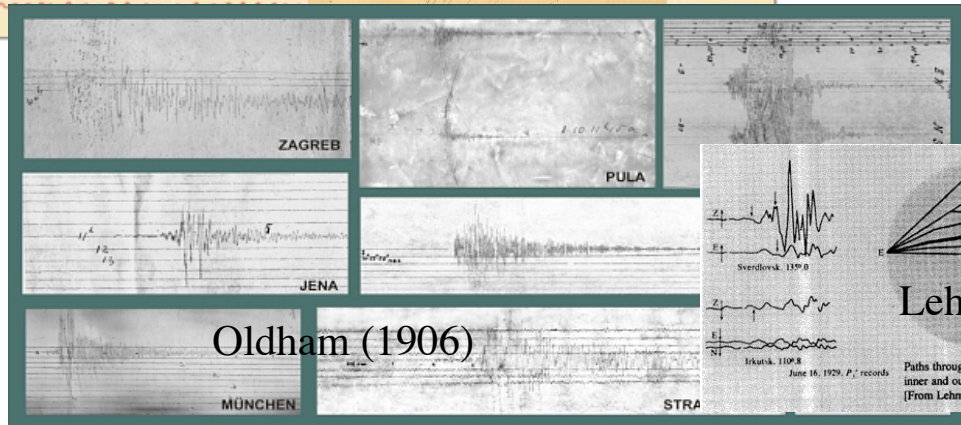
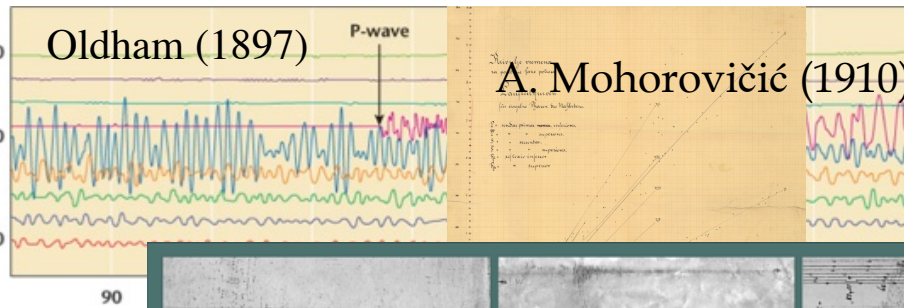
**The interior of the terrestrial planets...**



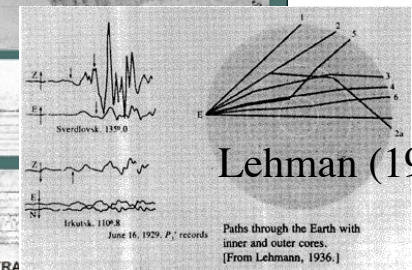
# The first success story



von Rebeur-Pacshwitz (Nature, 1889)

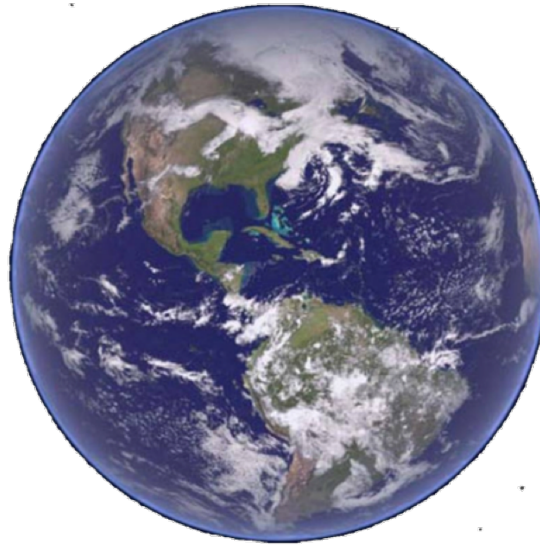
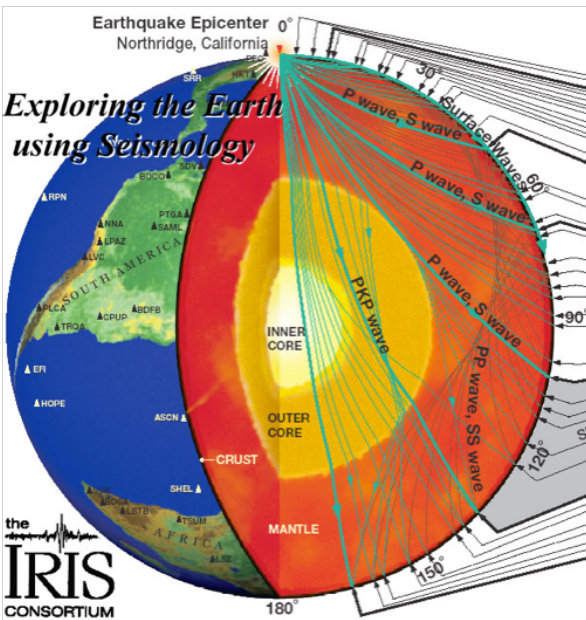


Oldham (1906)

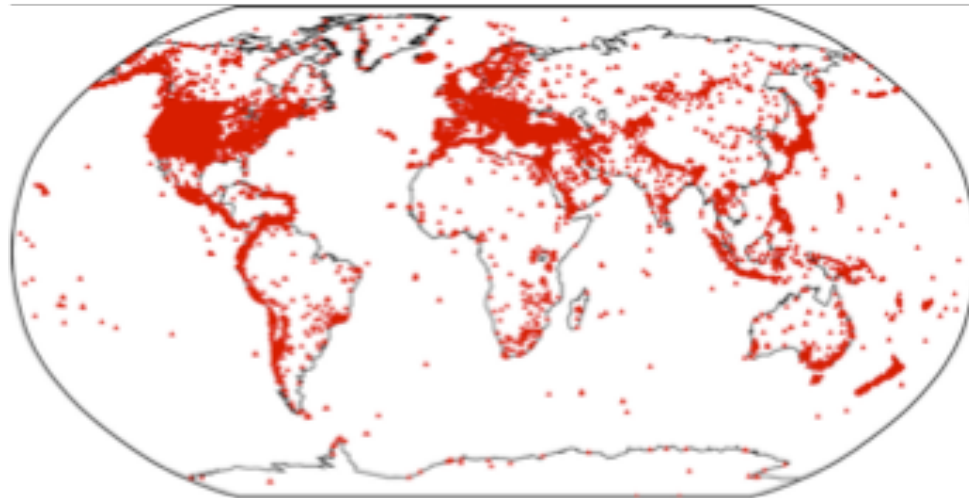


Lehman (1936)

## The first success story



1980-90



>20000 stations, many of them with direct access to data

# The second success story



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 20, 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR

VICE PRESIDENT

In accordance with our conversation I would like for you as Chairman of the Space Council to be in charge of making an overall survey of where we stand in space.

1. Do we have a chance of beating the Soviets by putting a laboratory in space, or by a trip around the moon, or by a rocket to land on the moon, or by a rocket to go to the moon and back with a man. Is there any other space program which promises dramatic results in which we could win?
2. How much additional would it cost?
3. Are we working 24 hours a day on existing programs. If not, why not? If not, will you make recommendations to me as to how work can be speeded up.
4. In building large boosters should we put out emphasis on nuclear, chemical or liquid fuel, or a combination of these three?
5. Are we making maximum effort? Are we achieving necessary results?

I have asked Jim Webb, Dr. Weisner, Secretary McNamara and other responsible officials to cooperate with you fully. I would appreciate a report on this at the earliest possible moment.

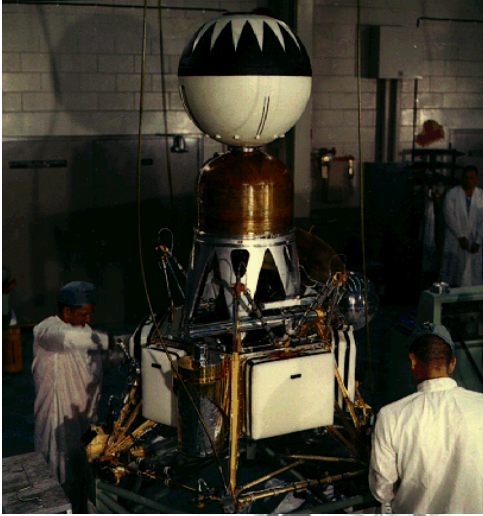
## Definitively NOT driven by Geophysics...



# The second success story



## But with piggy back Geophysics inside

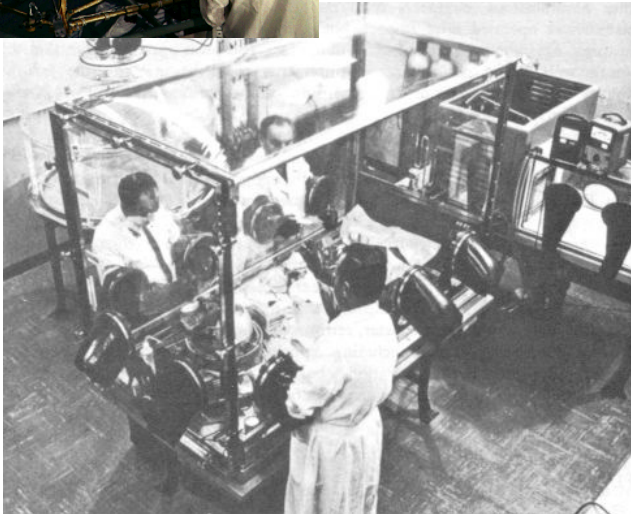


Seismometer  
and Ranger at  
JPL

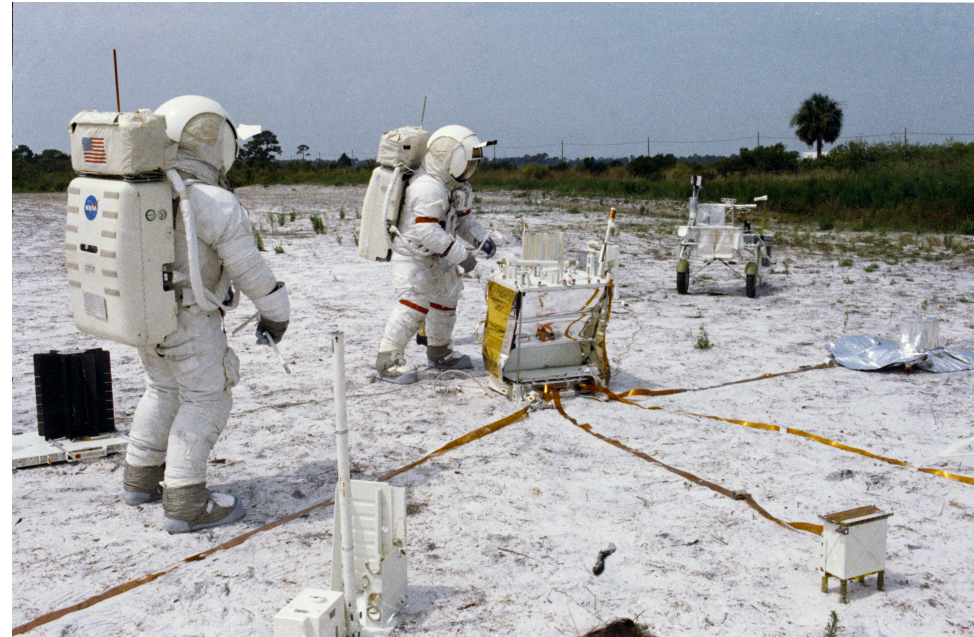
Ranger 3  
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4/23/1962

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10/18/1962



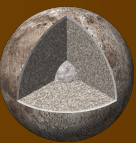
Sterile seismometer assembly at Aeronutronic



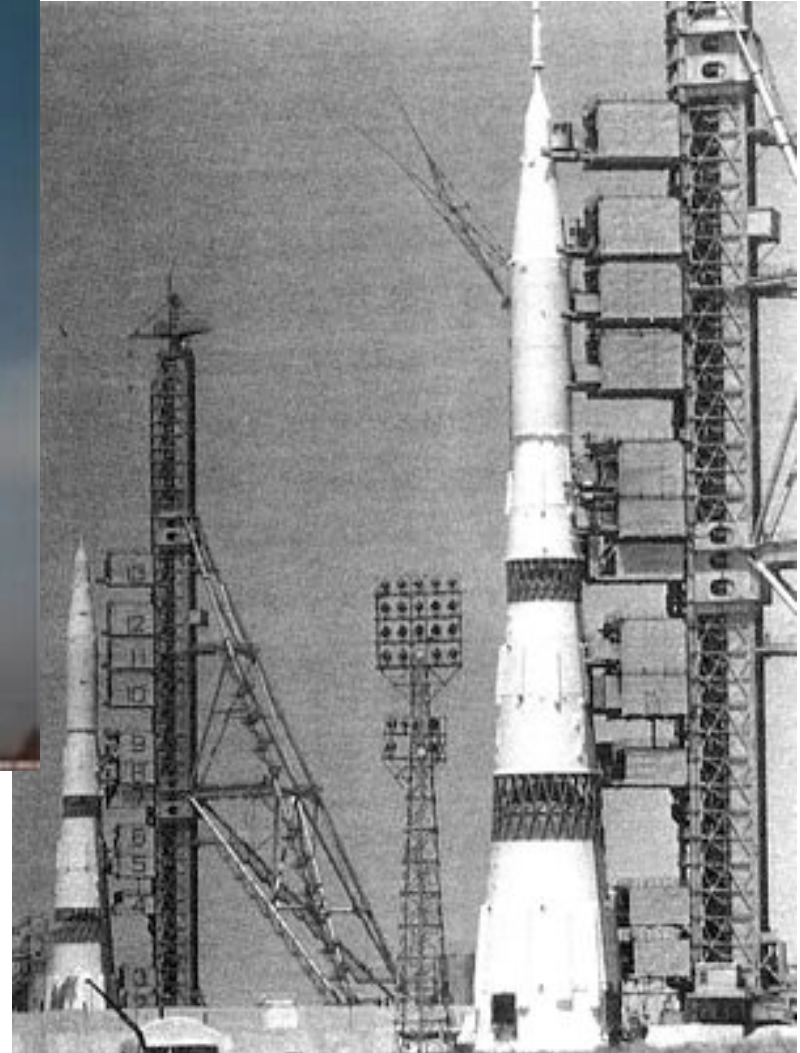
Apollo 14 crew training the ALSEP  
(and seismometer) deployment



# A double success

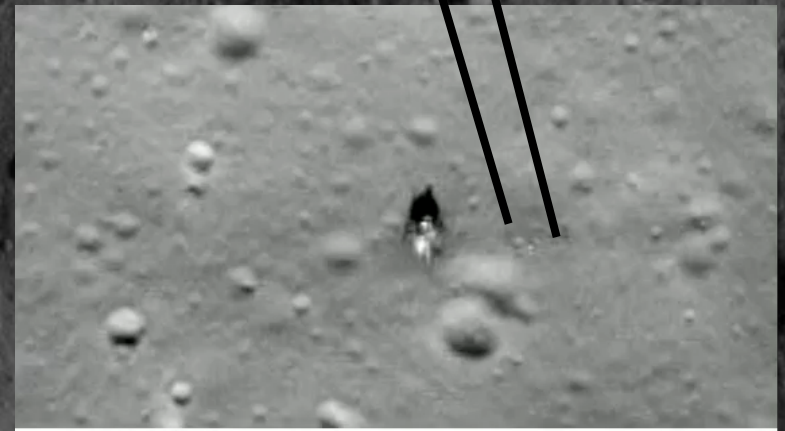
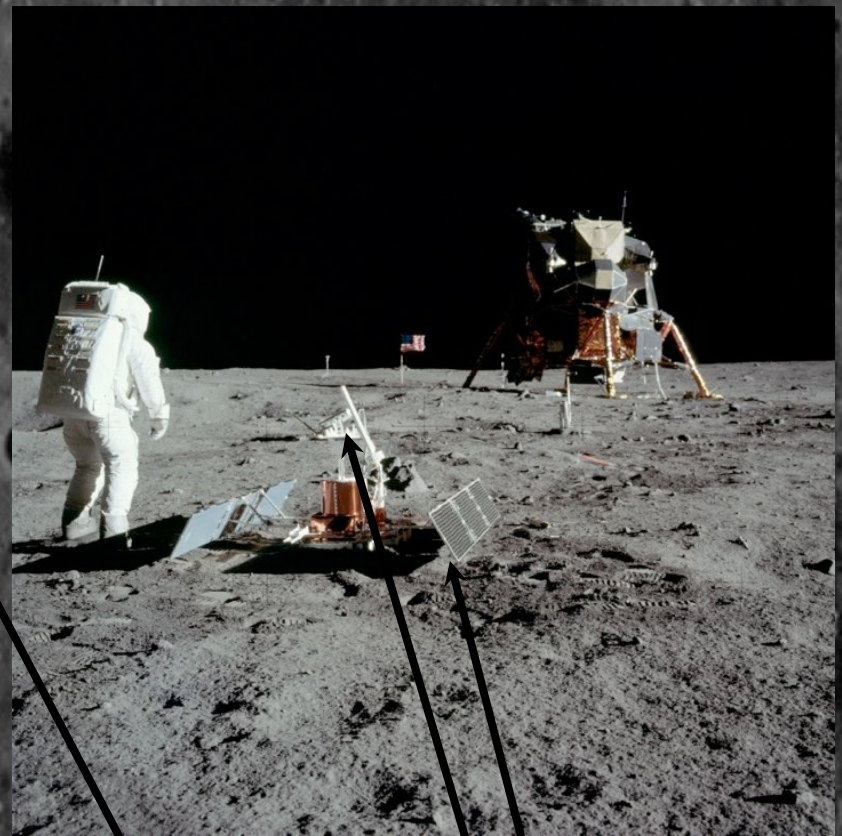


Cape Canaveral, USA, 7/16/1969



Baïkonour, USSR, 7/3/1969

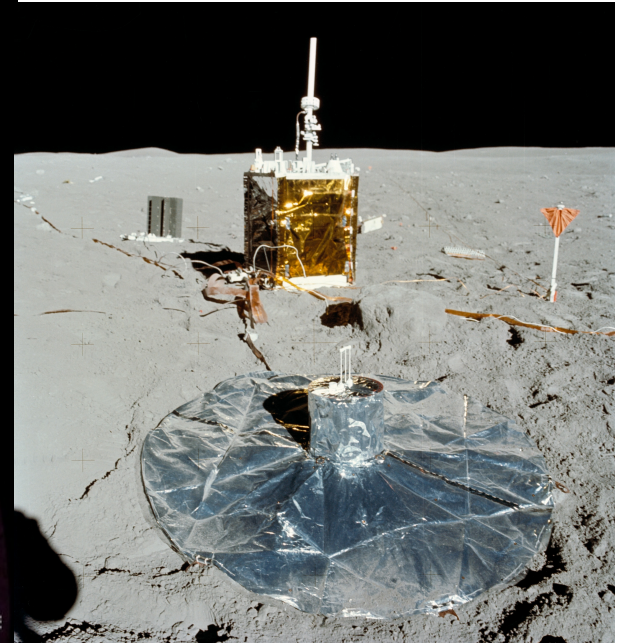
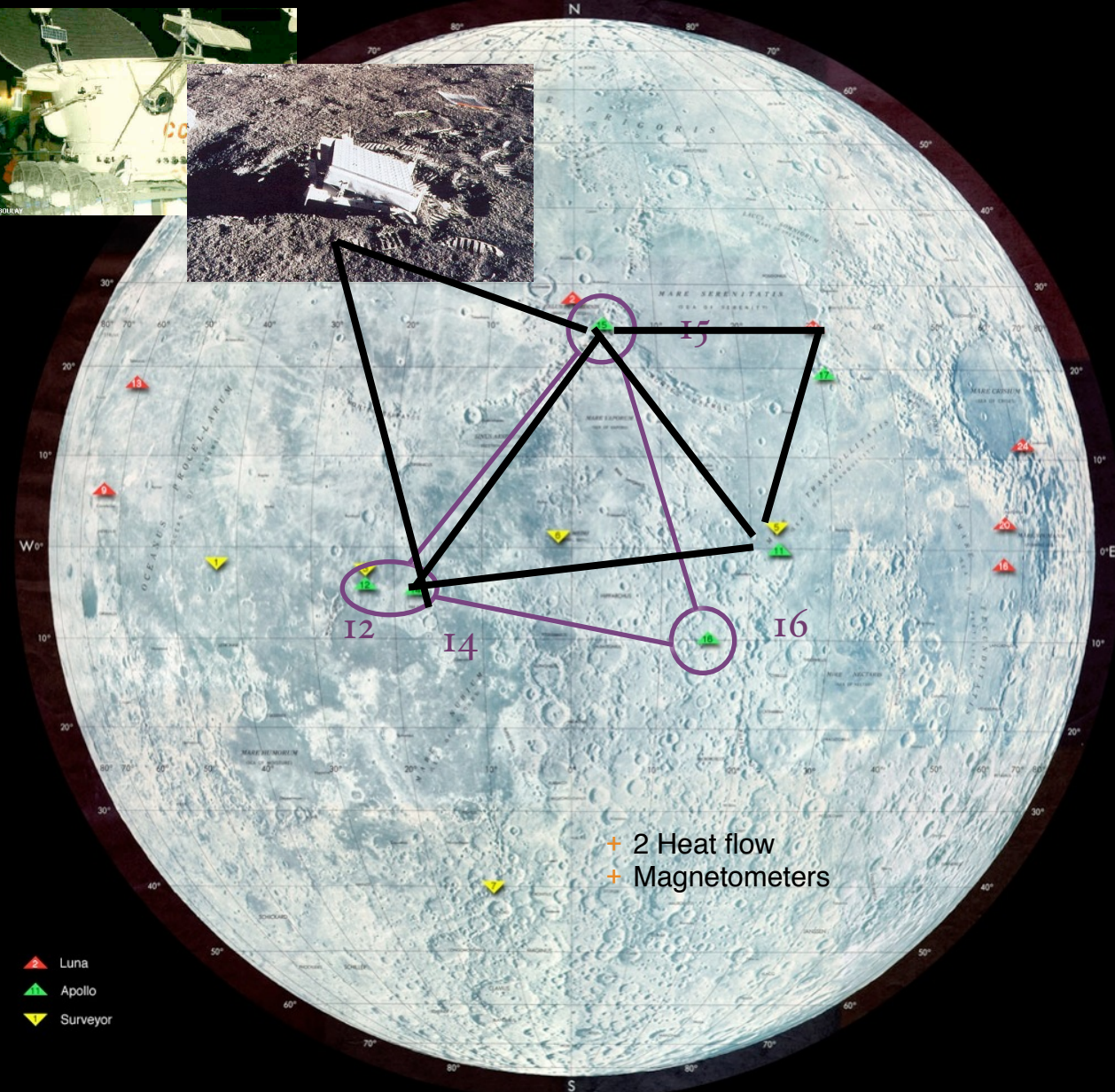
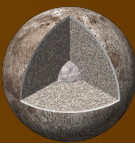
LRO/NASA



500 meters

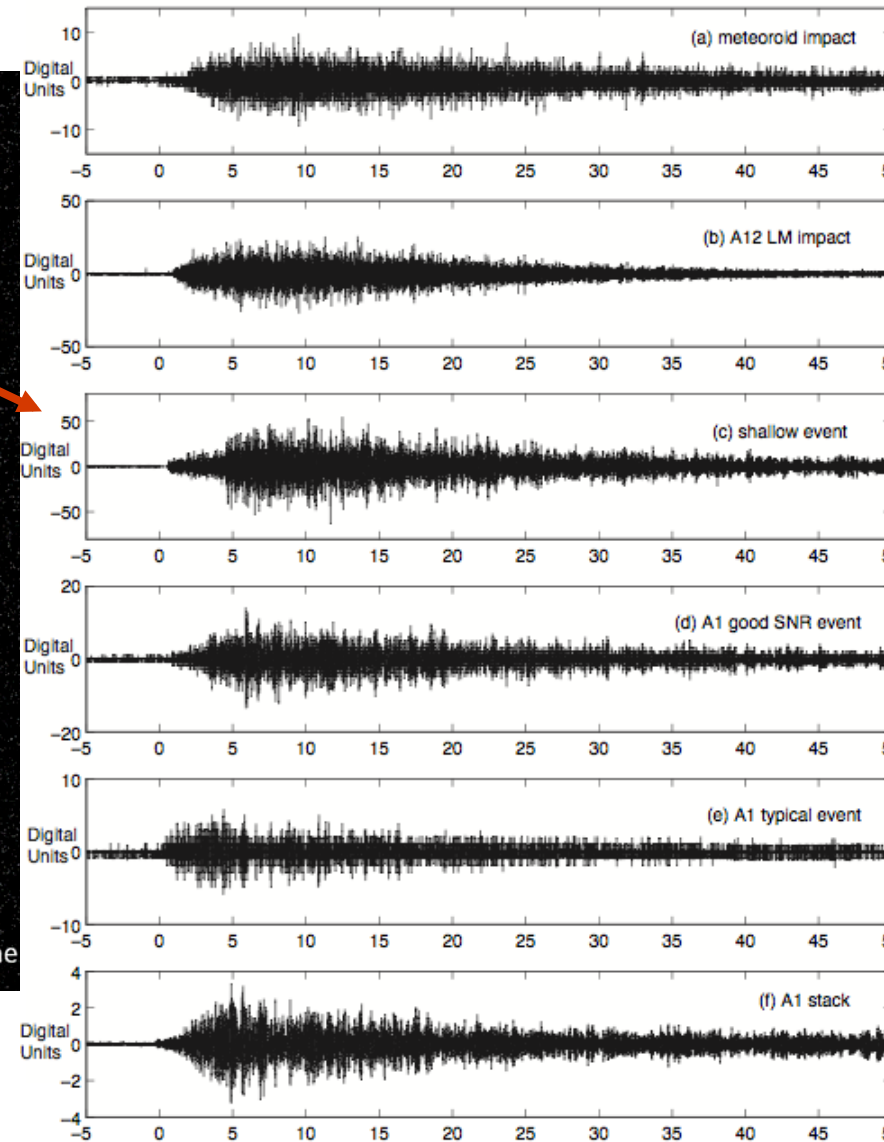
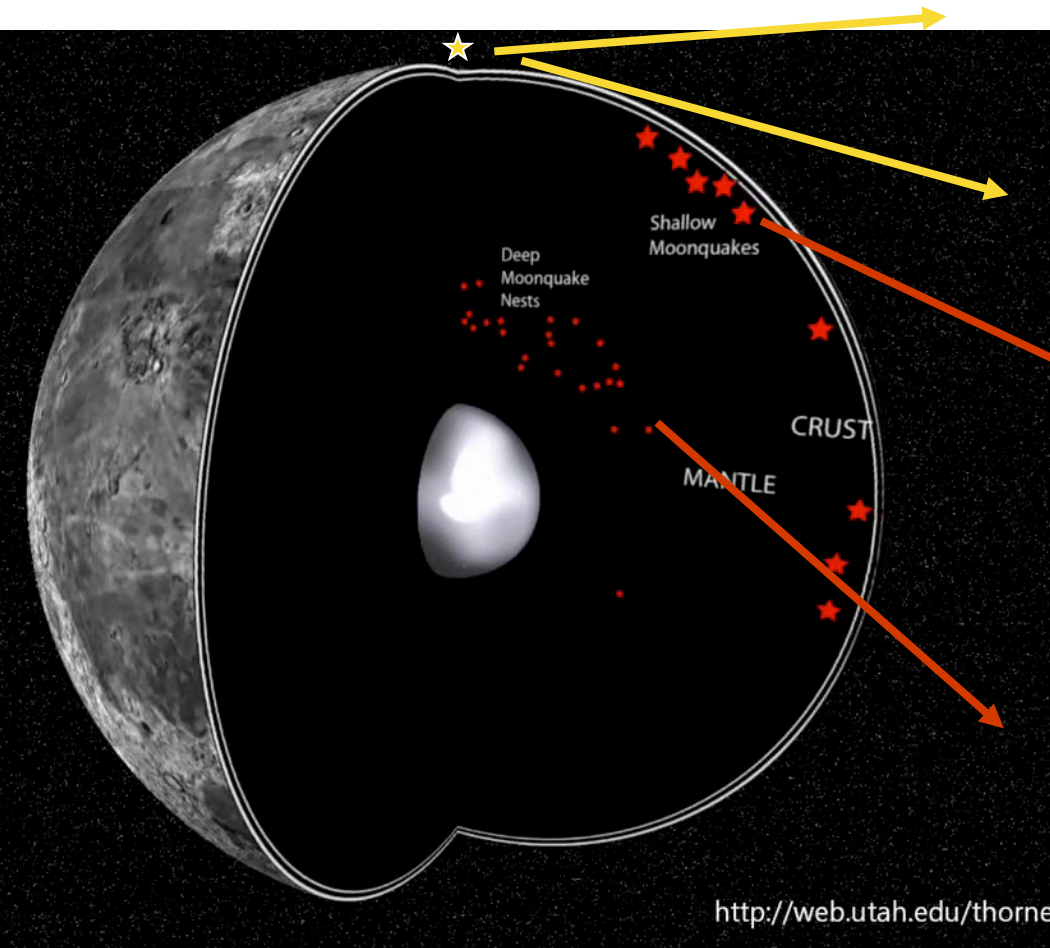
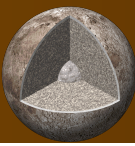


# Apollo Geophysical network



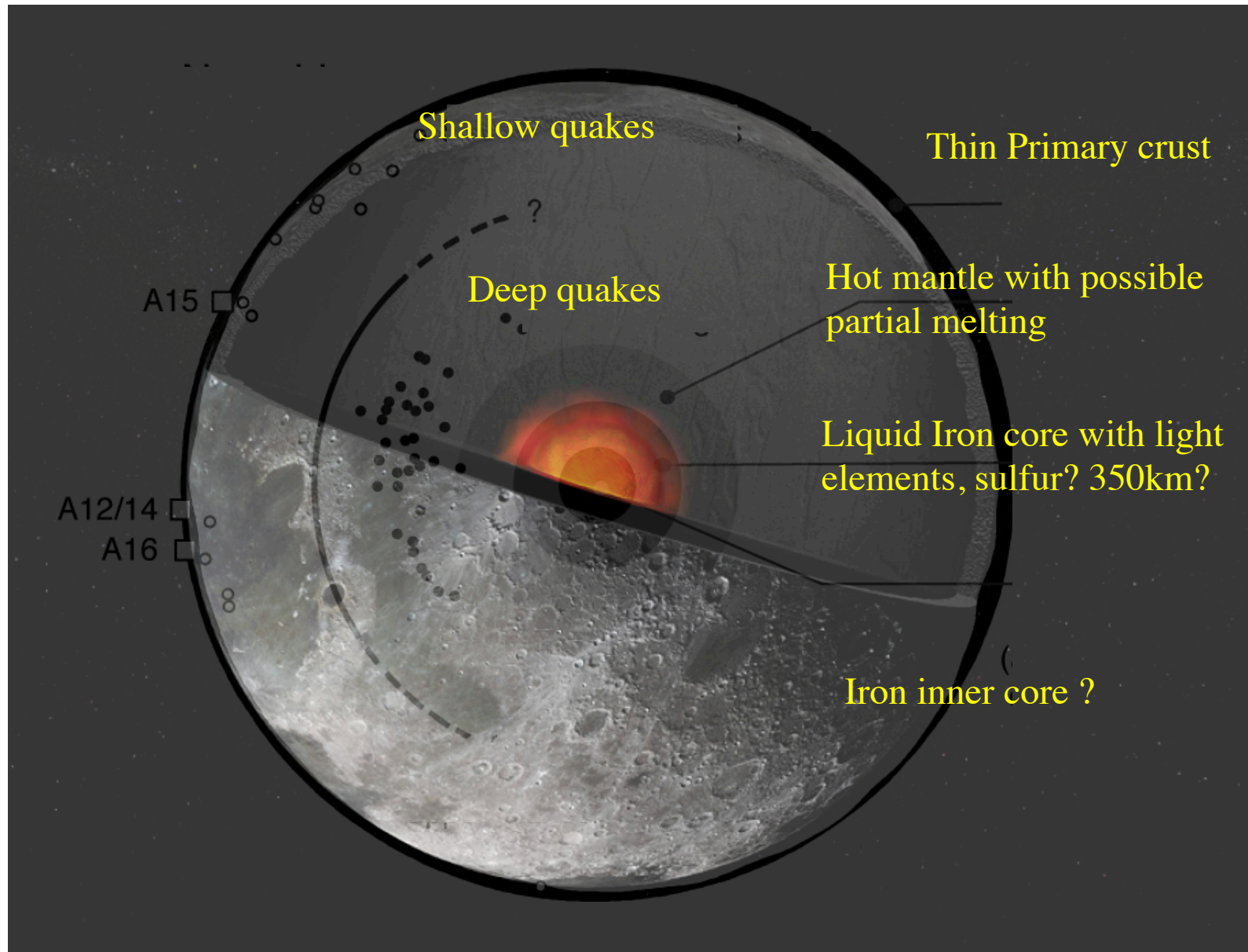


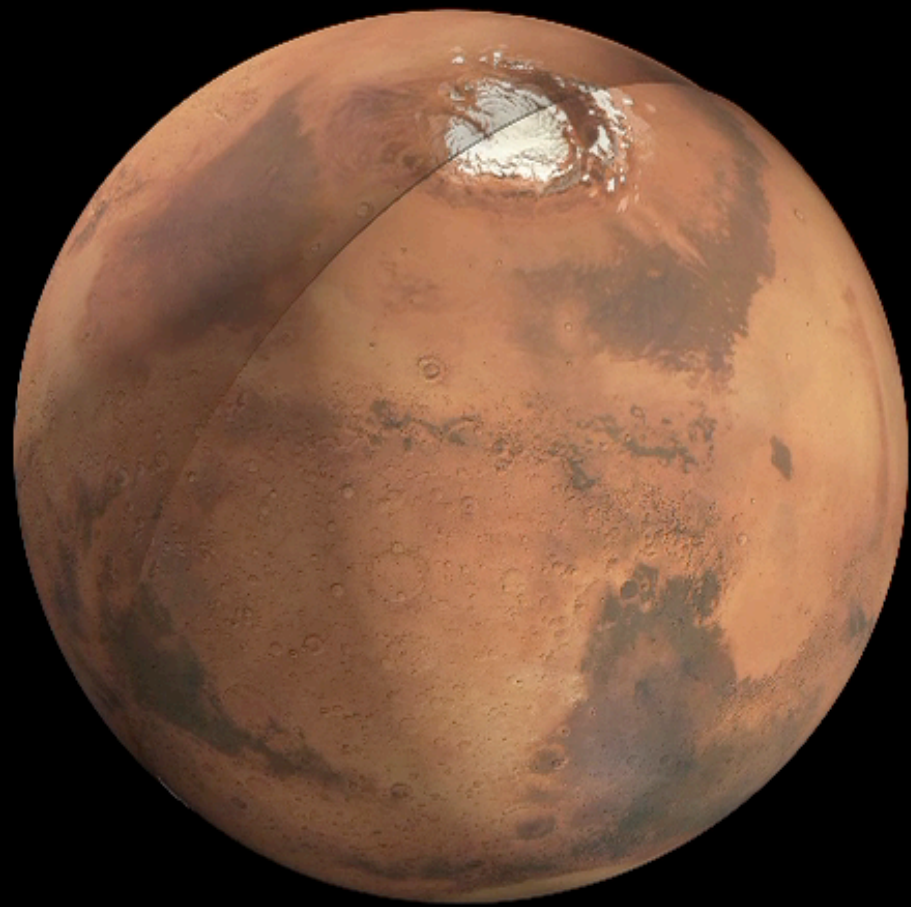
# Lunar quakes zoology



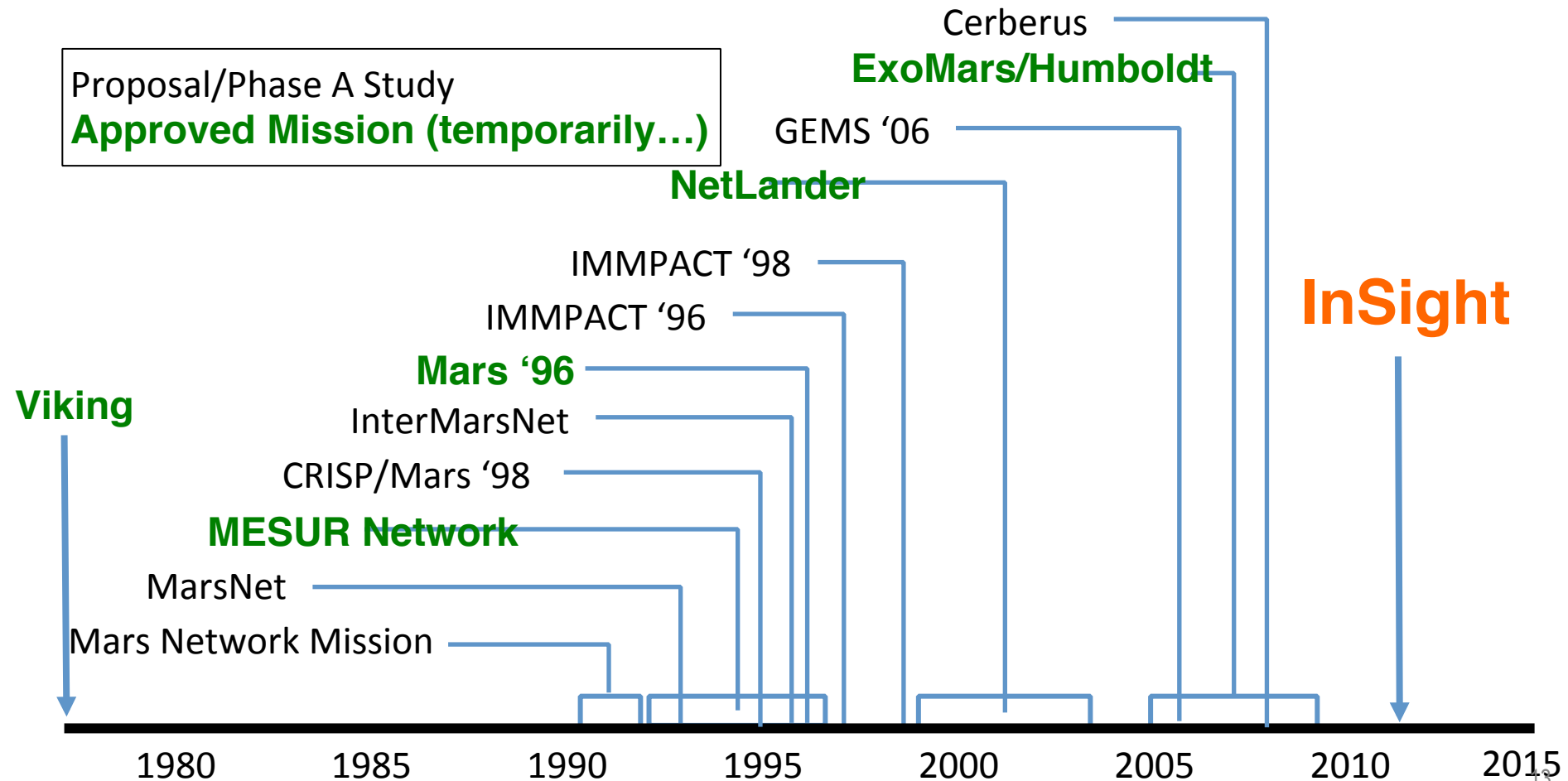


# Our view of the Moon





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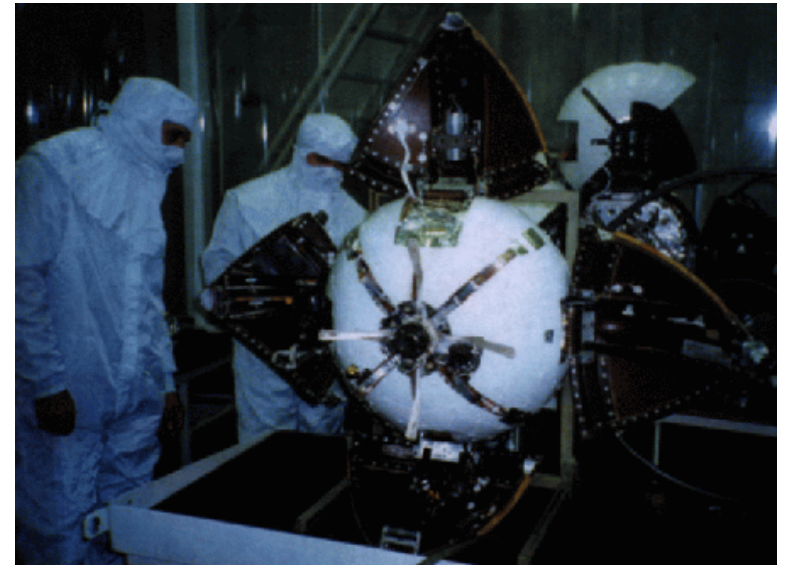


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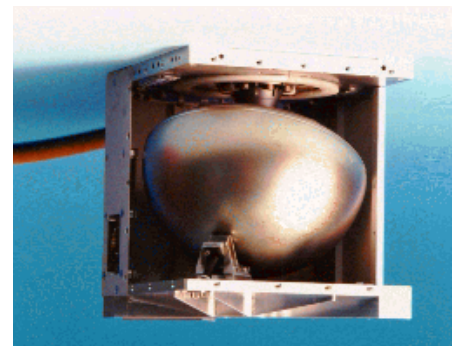
Launched Mission

Seismometer

Mars '96  
(lost)



Viking  
(no quakes)

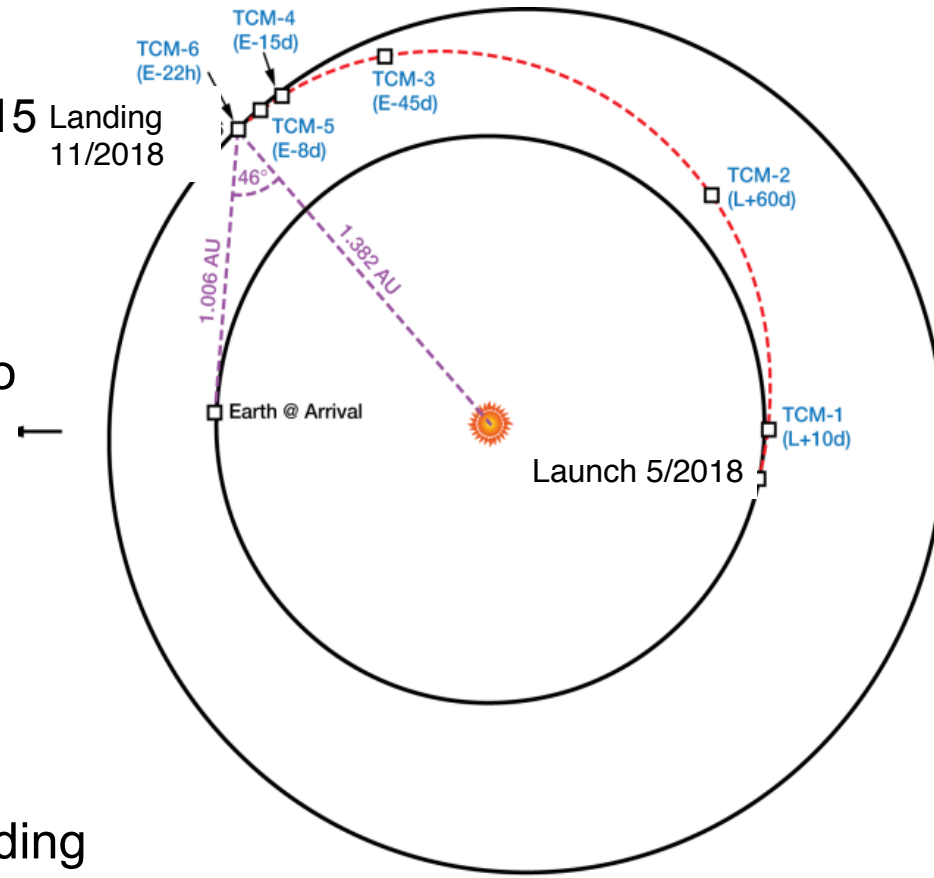


InSight

1980 1985 1990 1995 2000 2005 2010 2015



- NASA selection STEP 1 May, 2, 2011
- NASA selection STEP 2, August, 20, 2012
- Original launch date: March 2016
- 2016 Launch cancellation: December, 22, 2015
- 2018 Launch confirmation: March, 9, 2016
- Launch: May 2018
- Fast, type-1 trajectory, 6.5 month cruise to Mars
- Landing: November, 2018
- 67-sol deployment phase
- One Mars year (two years) science operations on the surface
- Nominal end-of-mission: 2 years after landing



View from Ecliptic North looking down on Ecliptic

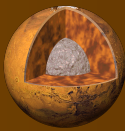
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Instrument Deployment  
System

**RISE**  
Rotation and Interior  
Structure Experiment

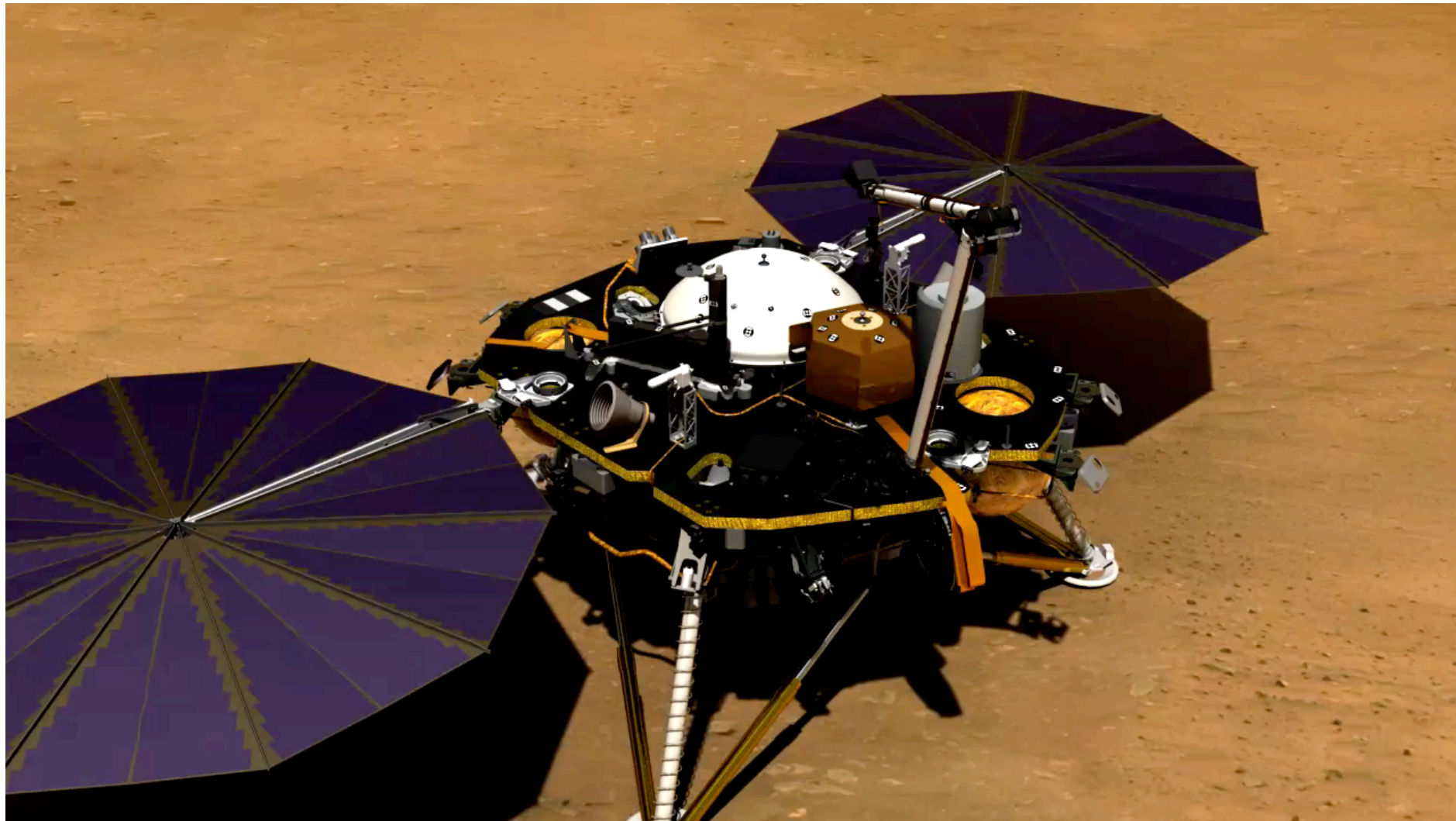
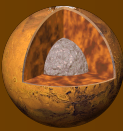
**HP<sup>3</sup>**  
Heat-Flow and Physical  
Properties Probe

**APSS**  
Auxiliary Payload  
Sensor Suite

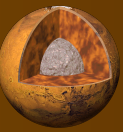
**SEIS**  
Seismic Experiment  
for Interior Structure



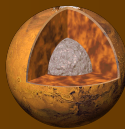












## SEIS (CNES)

### Seismic Experiment for Interior Structure

**WTS (JPL)**  
Wind and Thermal Shield

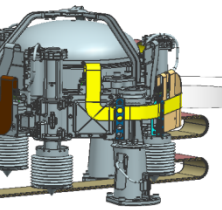


**RWEB (JPL)**  
Remote Warm Enclosure Box

**Sensor Assembly (Deployed, under RWEB)**

**TSB (JPL)**  
Tether Storage Box & TSA  
Tether System Assembly

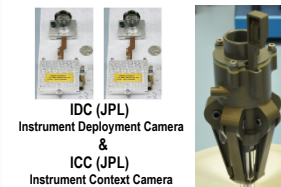
**Sensor Assembly (CNES, MPS, UKSA)**



**E-Box (CNES, ETHZ, ESA)**

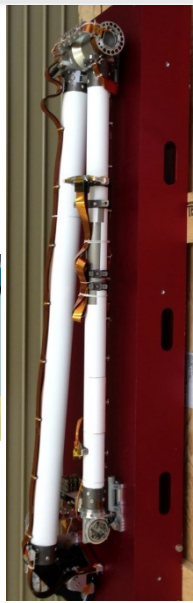
## IDS (JPL)

### Instrument Deployment System



**Grapple (JPL)**

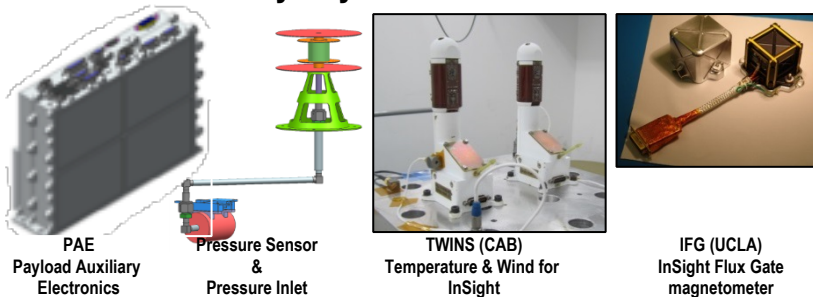
**Motor Controller (JPL)**



**IDA (JPL) —Instrument Deployment Arm**

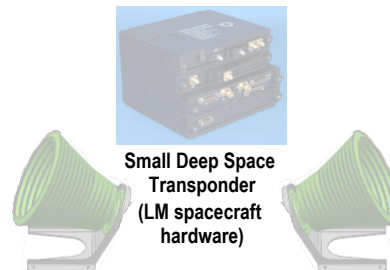
## APSS (JPL)

### Auxiliary Payload Sensor Suite

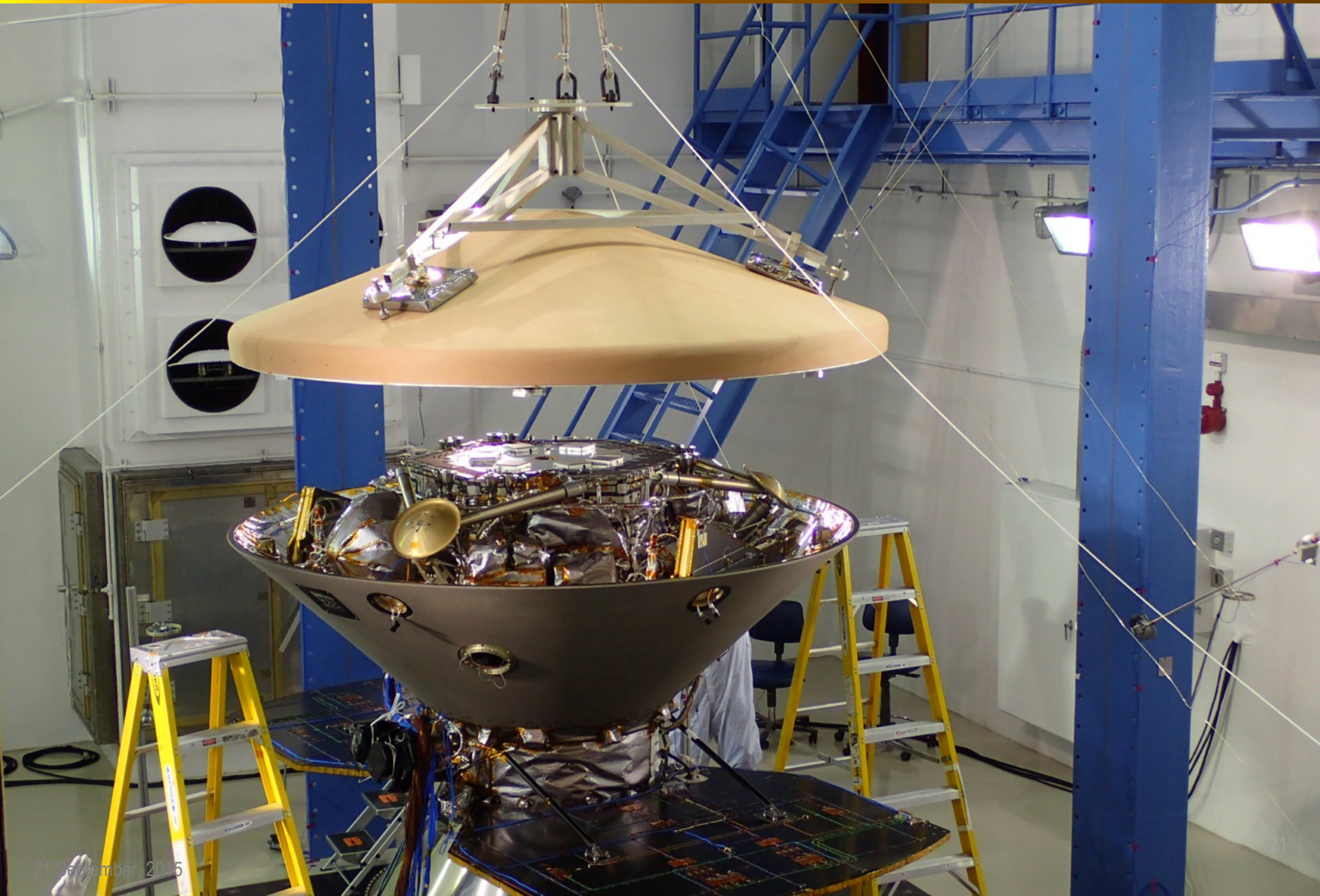


## RISE (S/C)

### Rotation and Interior Structure Experiment

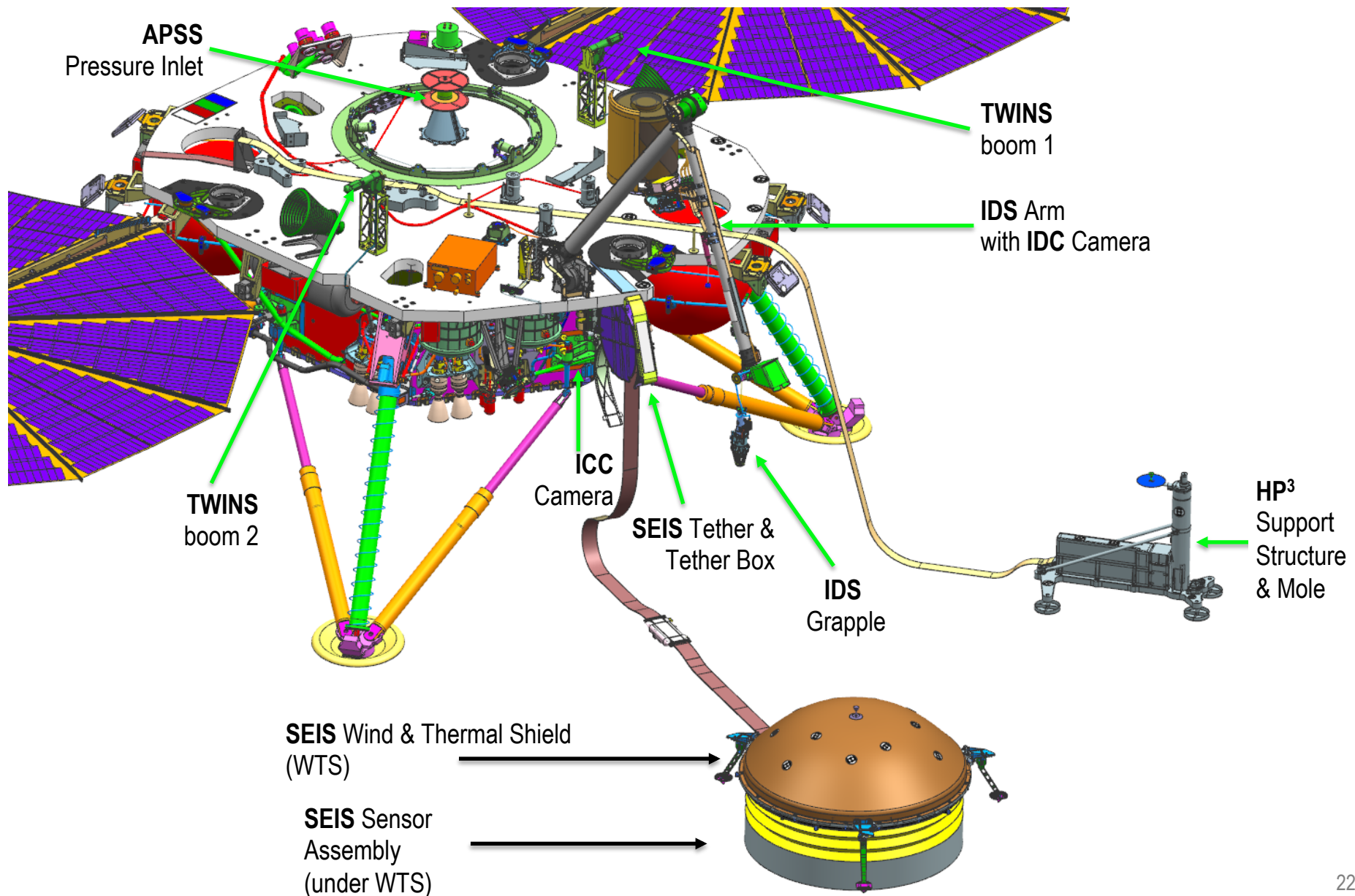
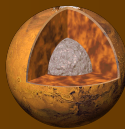


# Lander: Heat Shield Installation



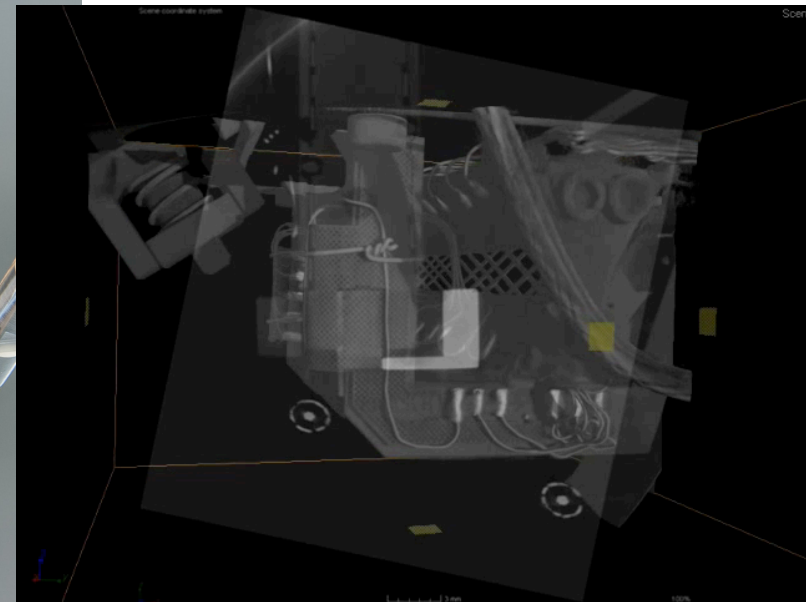
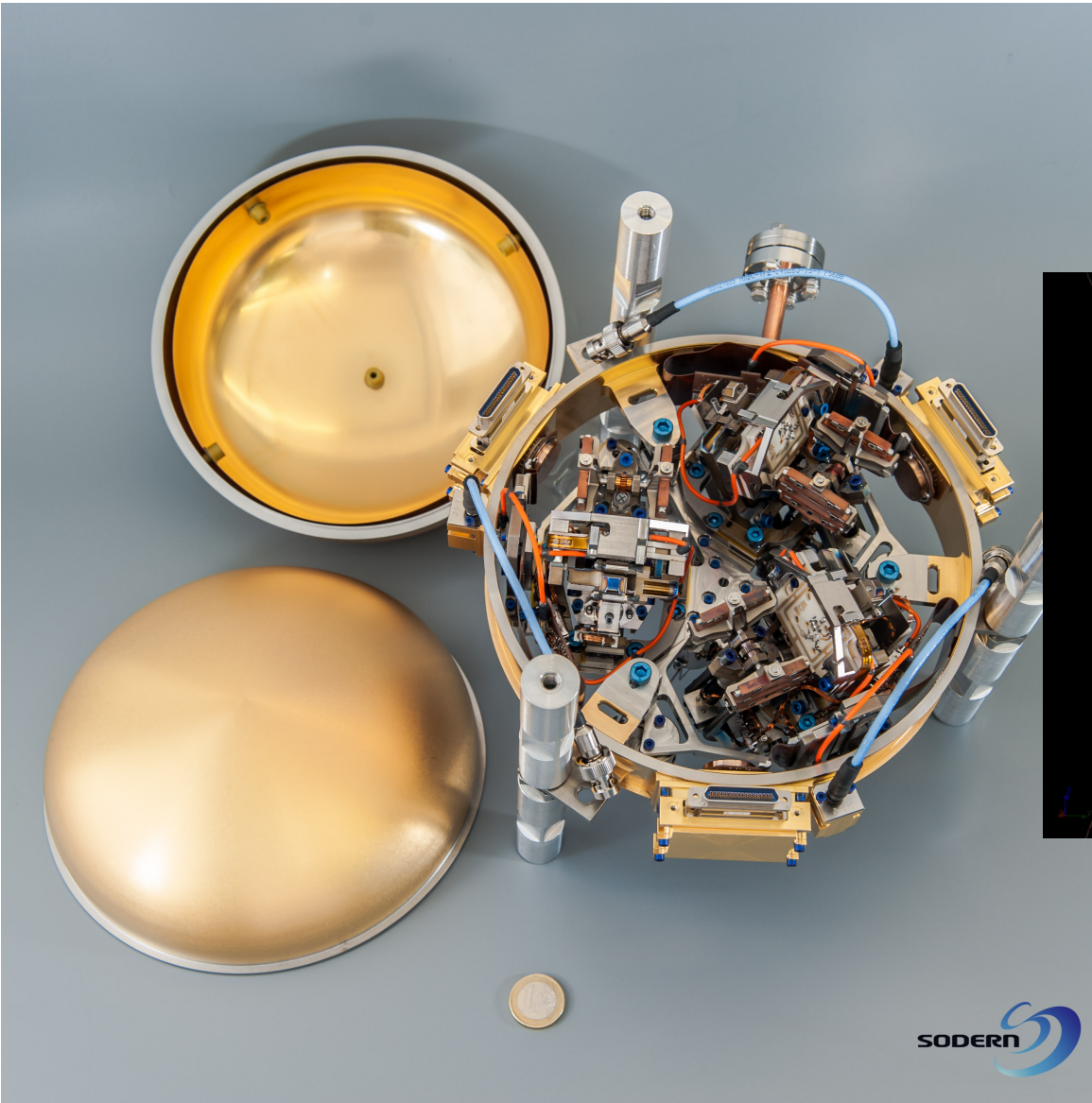
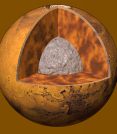


# Payload Configuration on Deck—Deployed





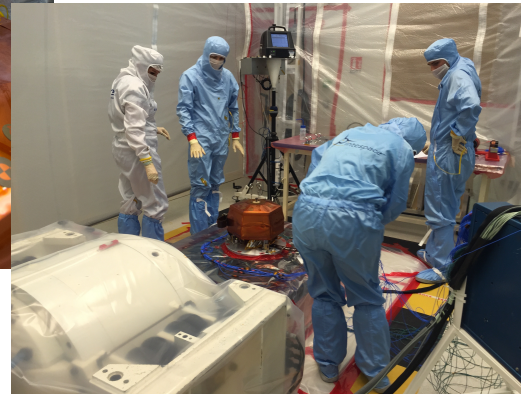
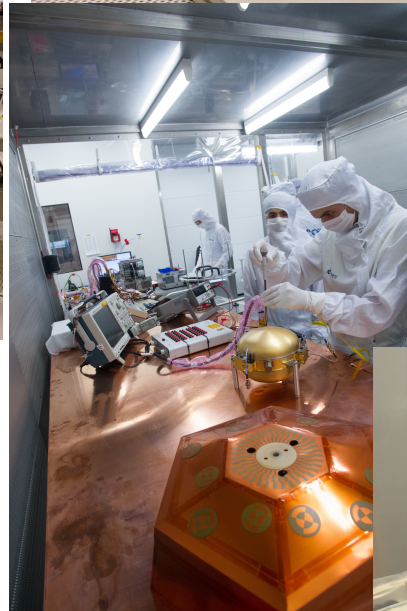
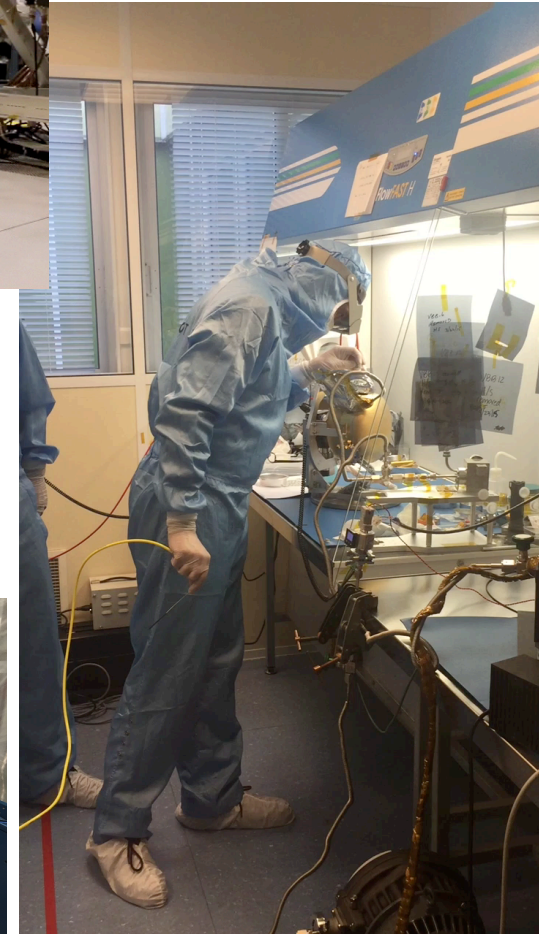
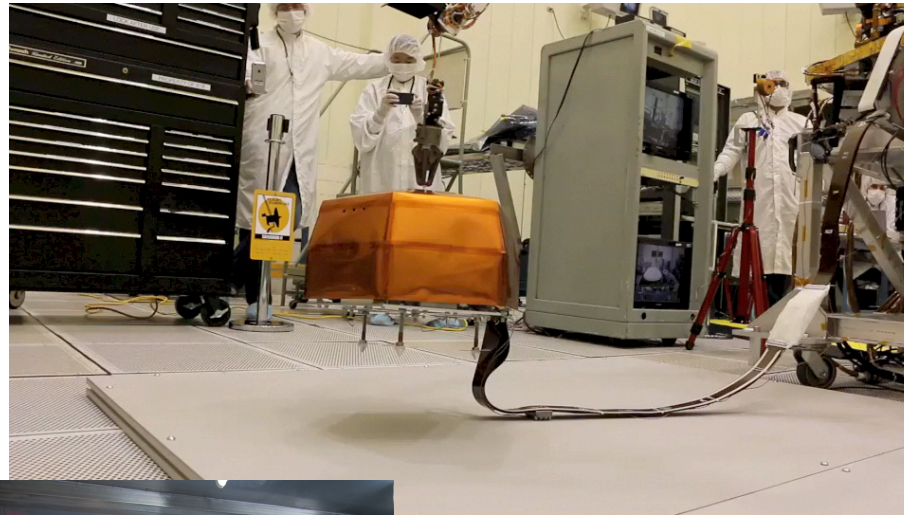








## Vacuum leak repair challenge at IPGP

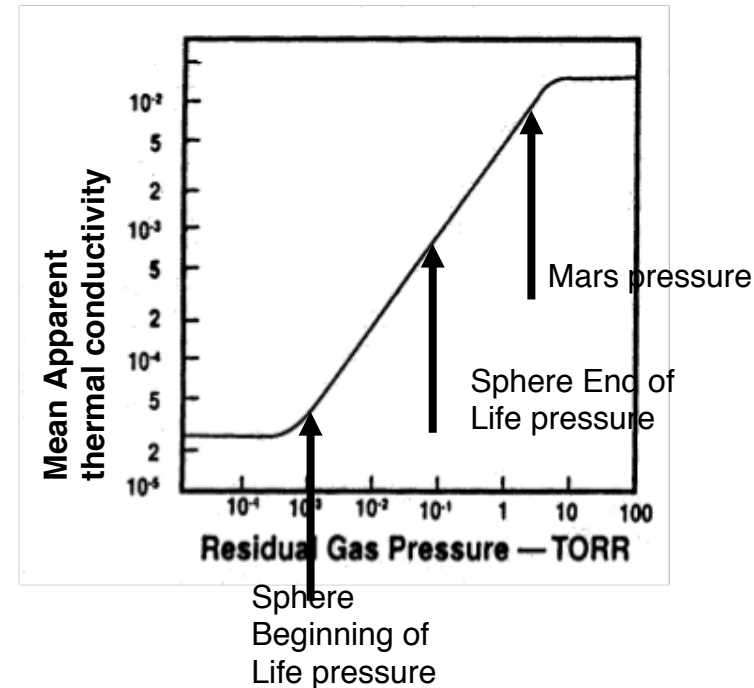


## Deployments Challenges at JPL

Sphere/TBK  
Integration and  
vibrations tests at  
CNES

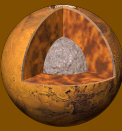
# Why vacuum and the origin of the leak...

- Thermal protection: Gaz in the sphere make a thermal short between the sphere skin (Mars atmosphere) and the VBBs sensors, increasing the thermal noise
- Gaz damping: Gaz in the sphere generate damping and noise on the seismometer associated to the impacts of the gaz on the pendulum

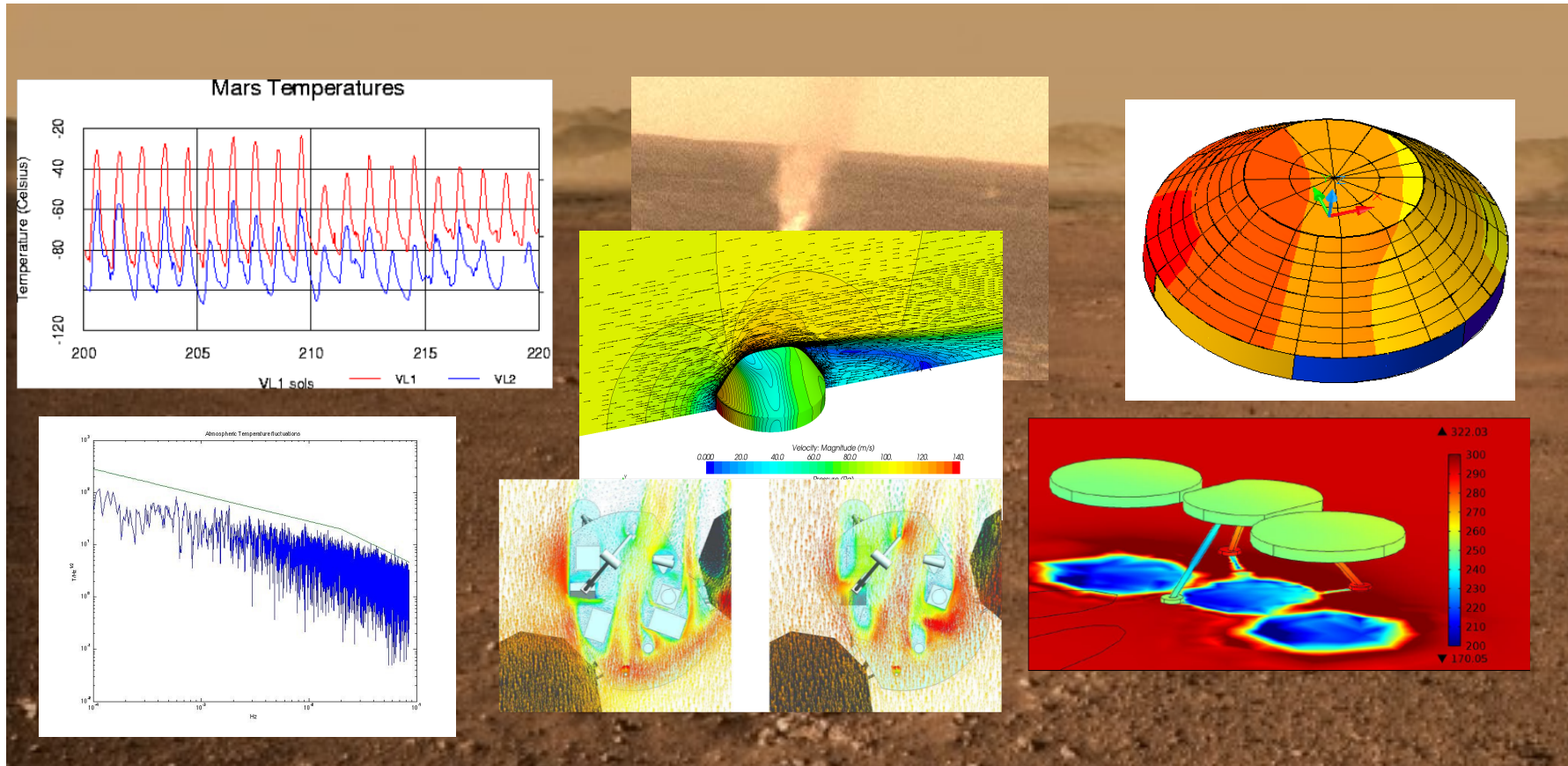


- The leak was located on of of the connector feed through
- Leak rate was small (such that a tire will loose 5% of pressure in 320 years) but too large to reach requirement
- The project failed to repair the leak with a schedule compatible with all tests requested for 2016, which lead to the 2018 shift

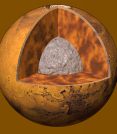




- We are here.....



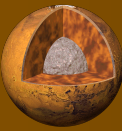




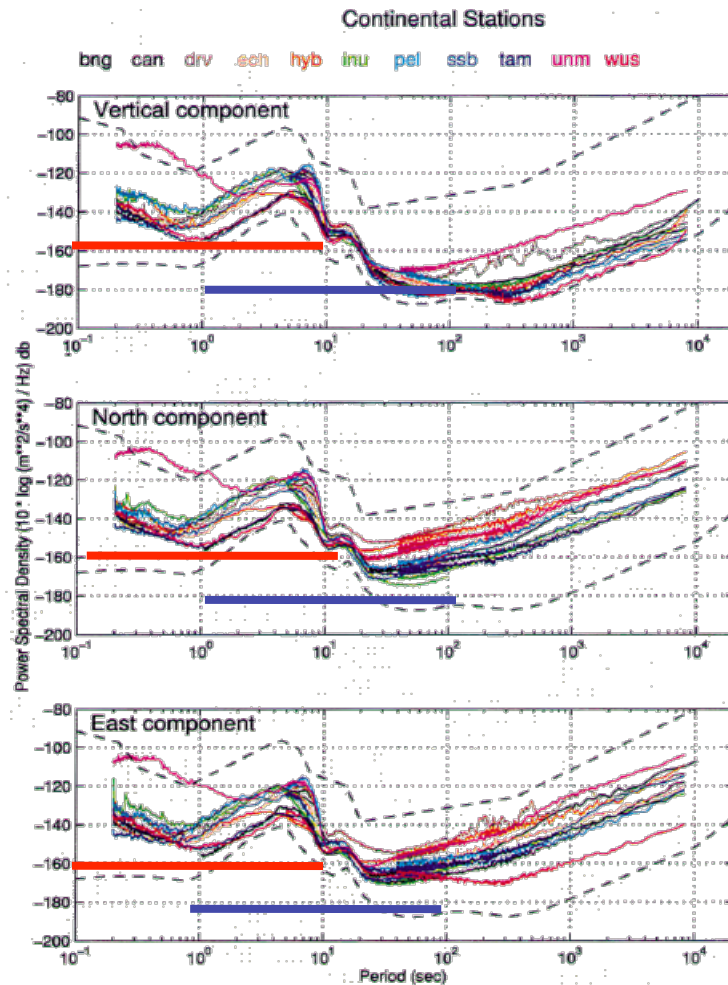
- but would like to be there.....

## Seismic vault

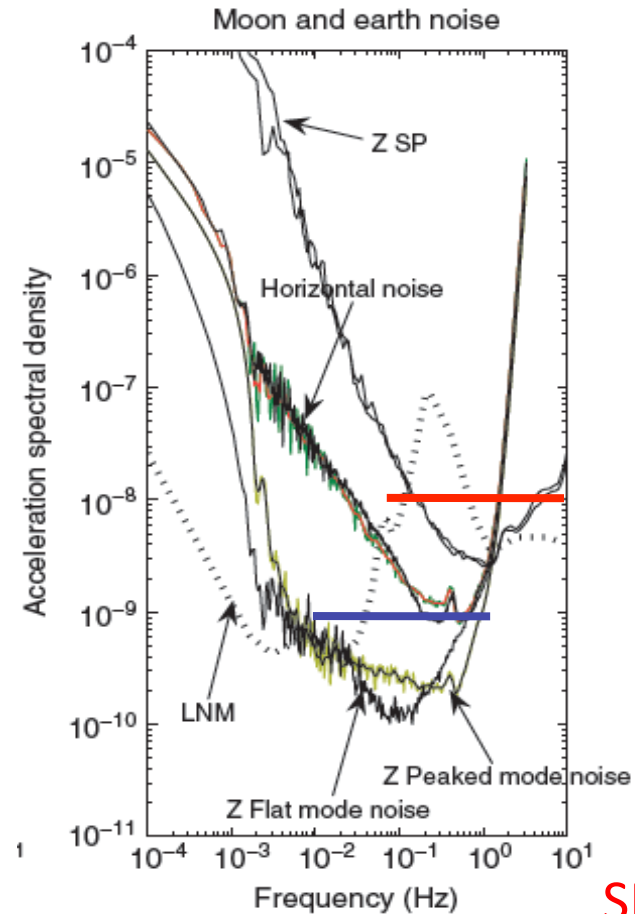




## Planet with Ocean and Atmosphere

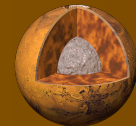


## Planet without atmosphere and ocean



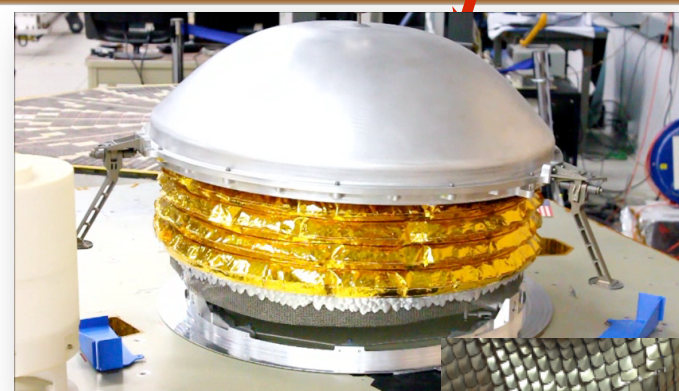
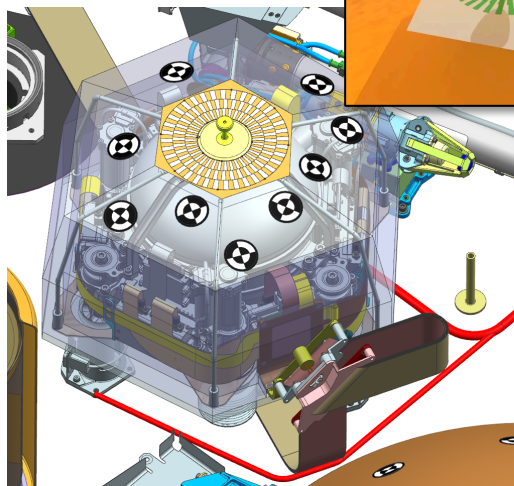
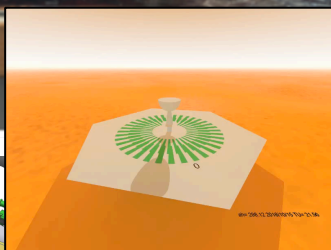
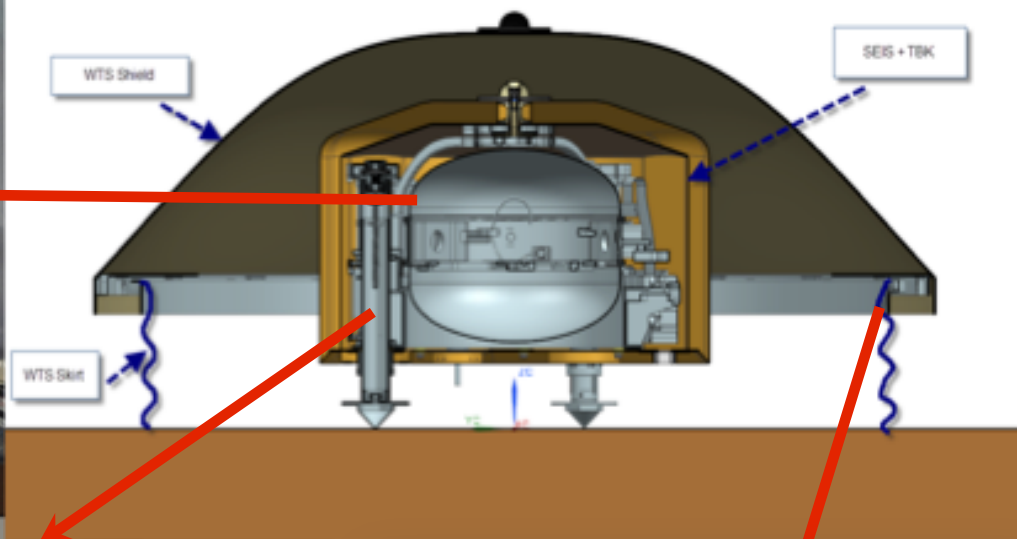
SP VBB





Evacuated sphere

Wind protection



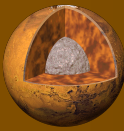
Sealing skirt



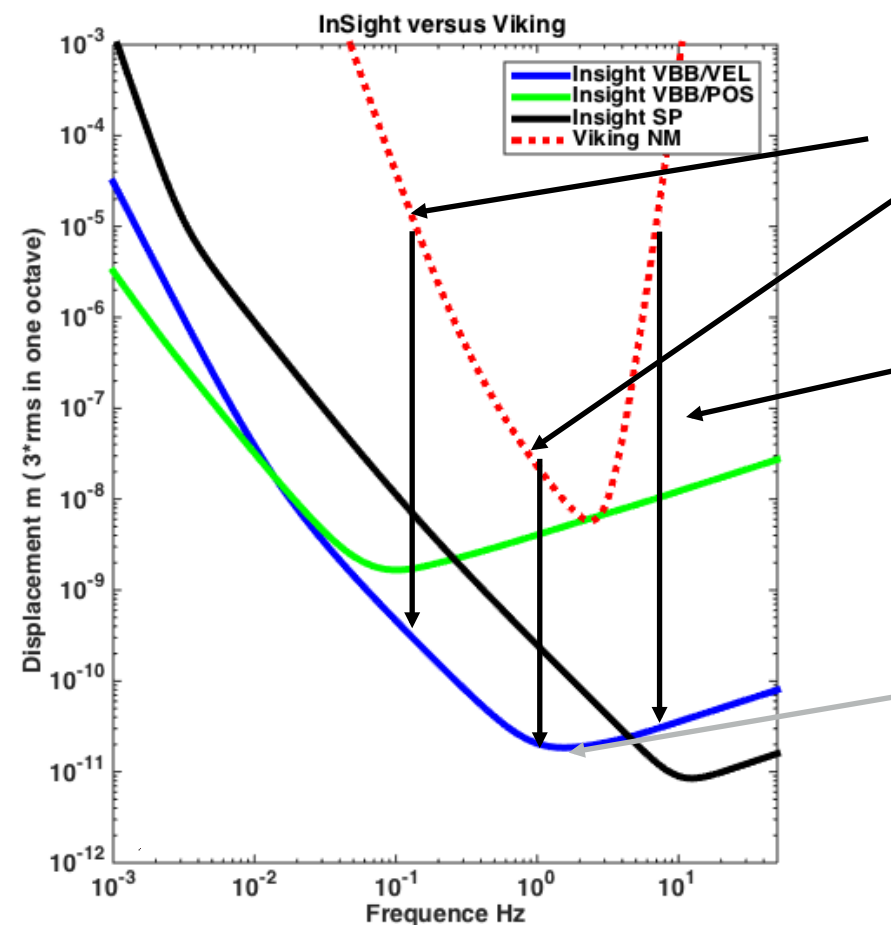
Thermo-elastic service loop

Thermal shield





- 40 yrs after Viking, SEIS will perform modern Earth seismology, with sensitivity  $10^3$  to  $10^5$  larger than Viking NM and with **almost Earth standard** for data products

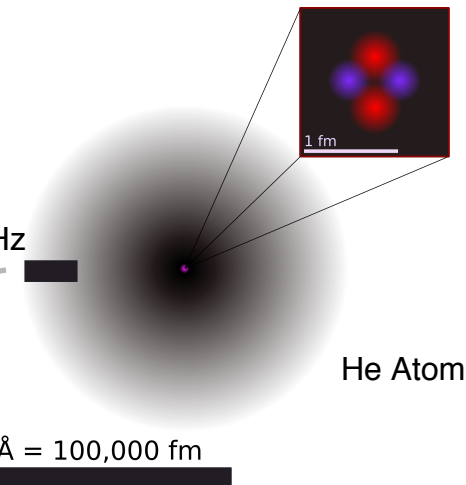


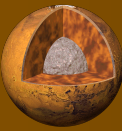
~70 000 x better for regional 10 sec surface waves (and  $5 \times 10^5 \geq 20\text{sec}$ )

~1000 x better for remote body waves

> 100 000 better for small quakes

20 pm at 1 Hz





$M \sim 5.5$

1-2/yr

Global

$M \sim 4.5$

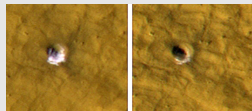
$\sim 10$ /yr

Global to regional

$M \sim 3.5$

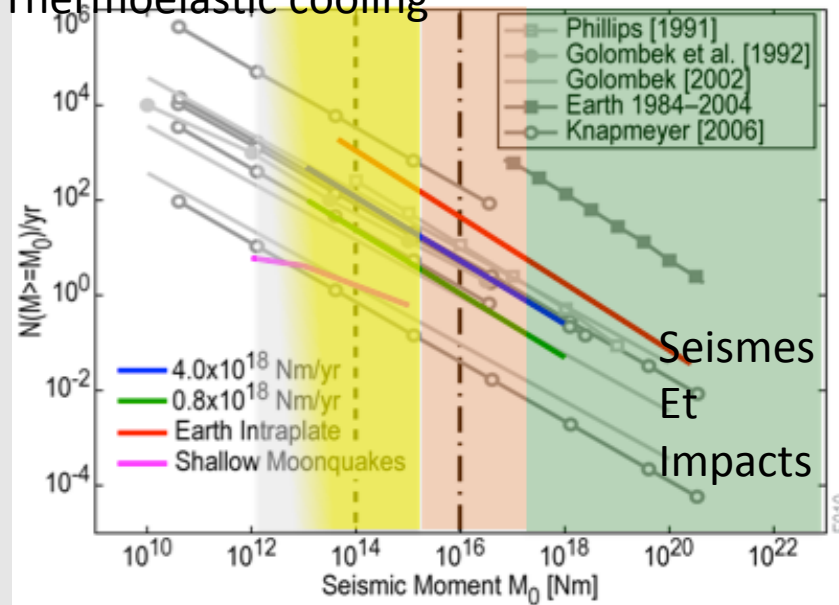
$\sim 100$ /yr

regional



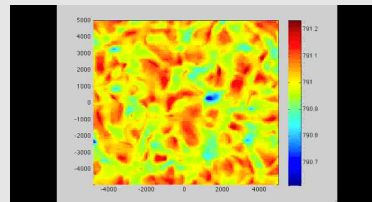
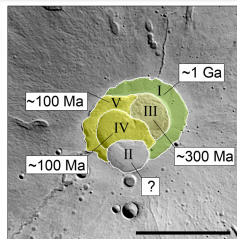
Impacts  
10-15/yr

Thermoelastic cooling



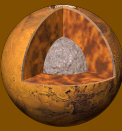
Phobos tide

Bonus:  
Tectonic  
activity



Atmospheric loading  
Atmospheric generated seismic  
noise





$M \sim 5.5$  1-2/yr

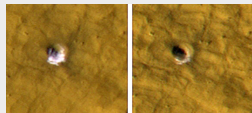
Global

$M \sim 4.5$   $\sim 10$ /yr

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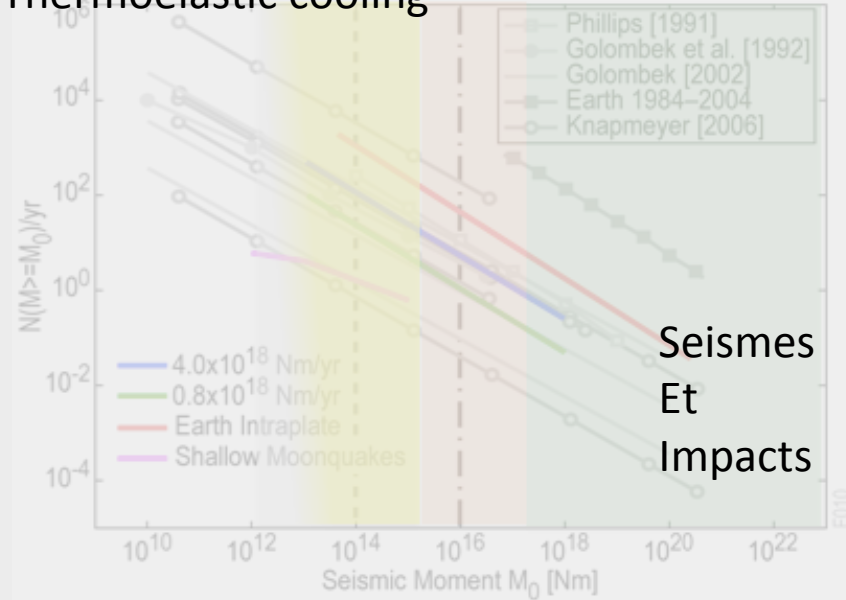
$M \sim 3.5$   $\sim 100$ /yr

regional



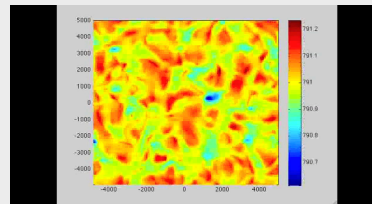
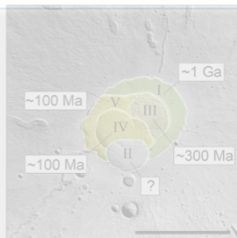
Impacts  
 $\sim 5$  /yr

Thermoelastic cooling

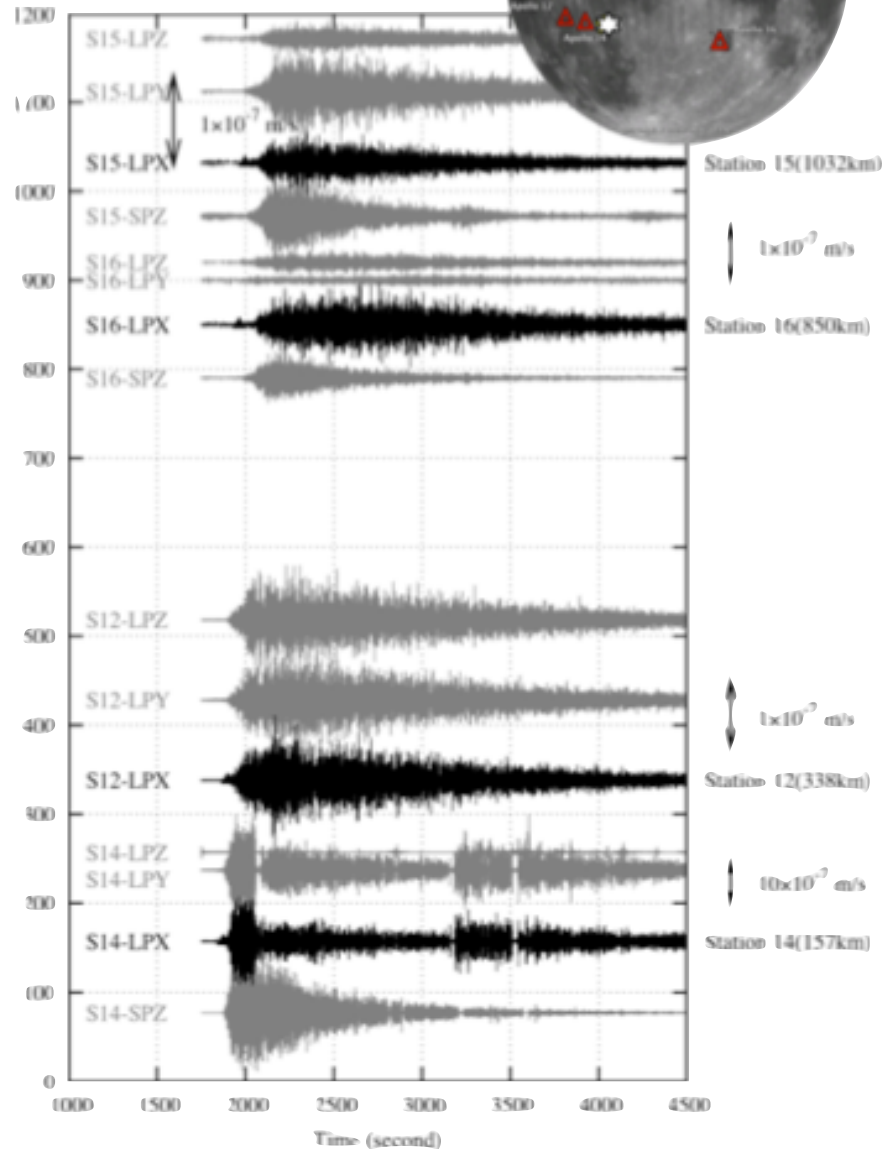
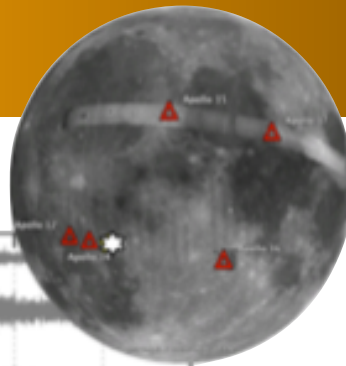
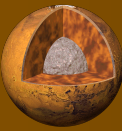


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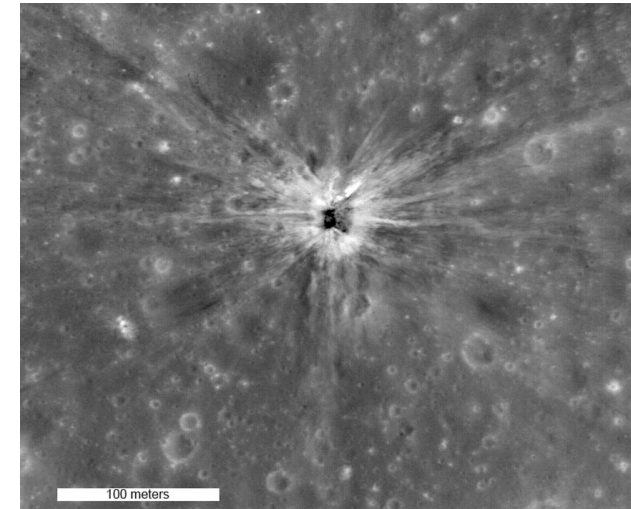
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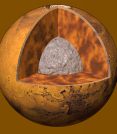


Lunar  
Apollo 13  
SIVB  
Impact

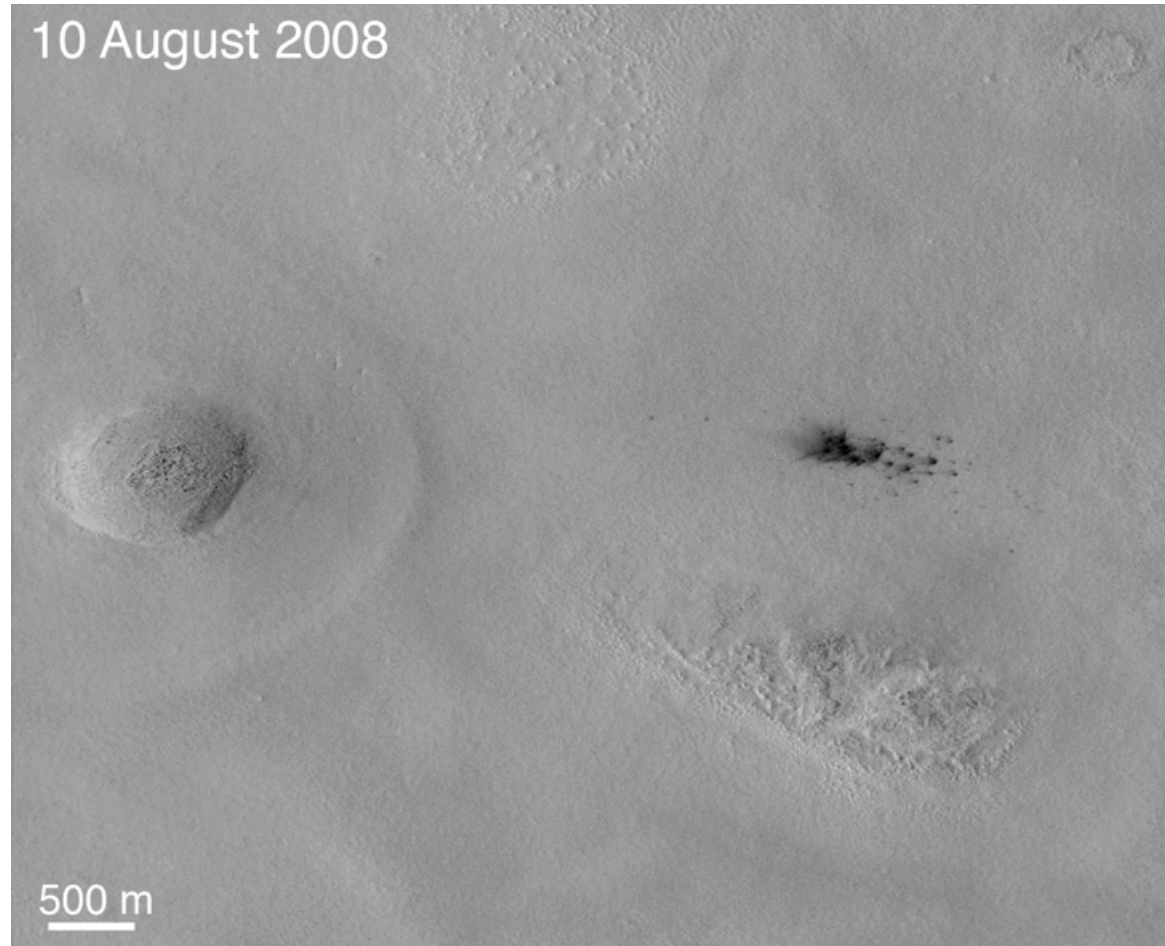


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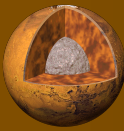




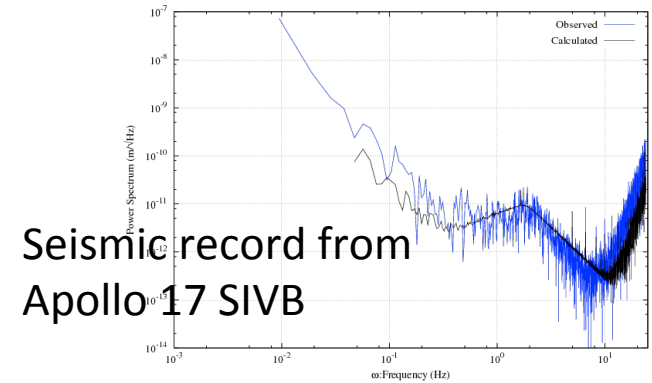
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500 m

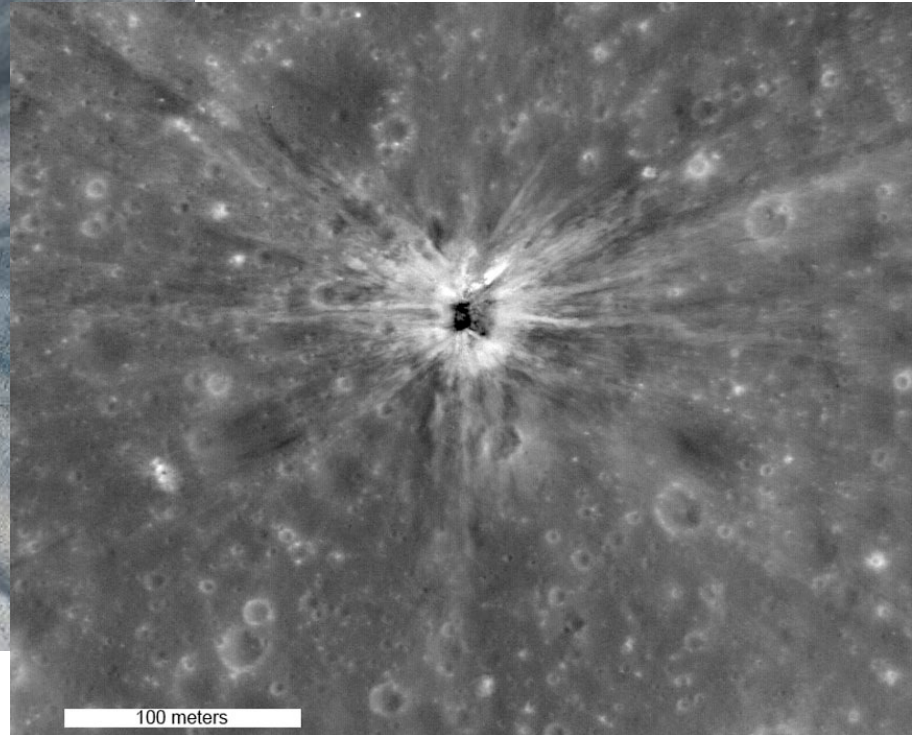


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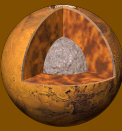


Seismic record from  
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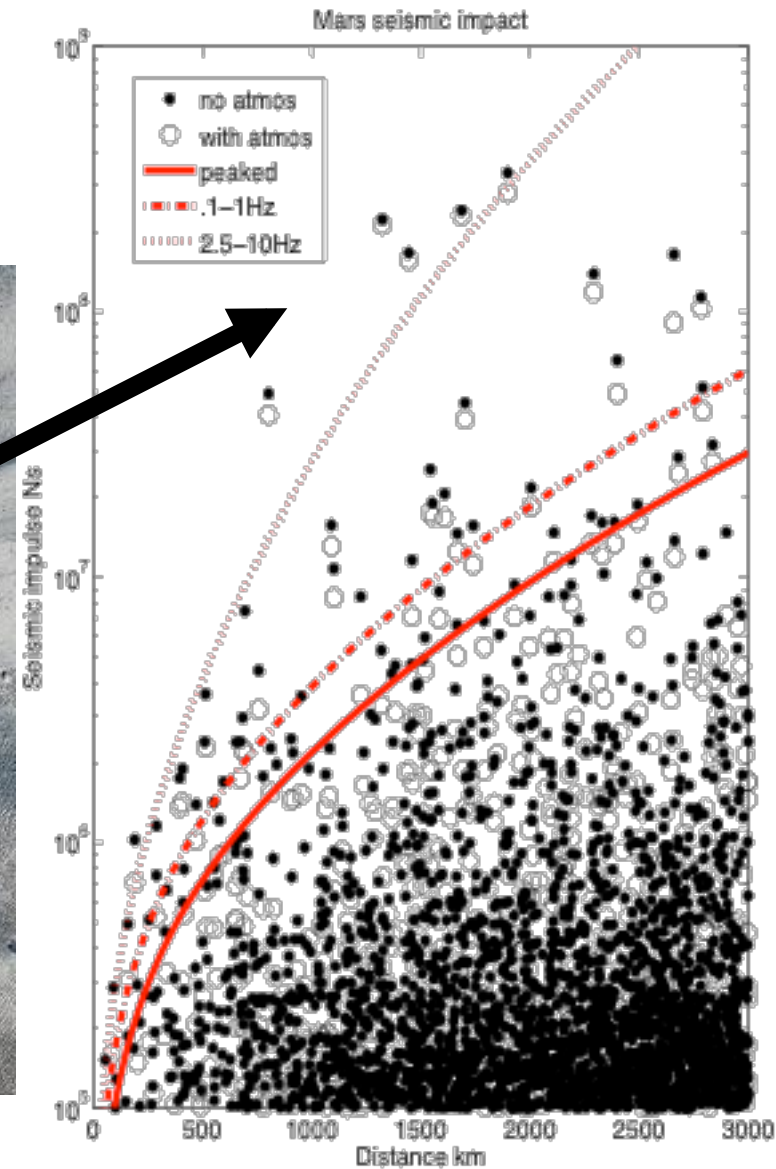
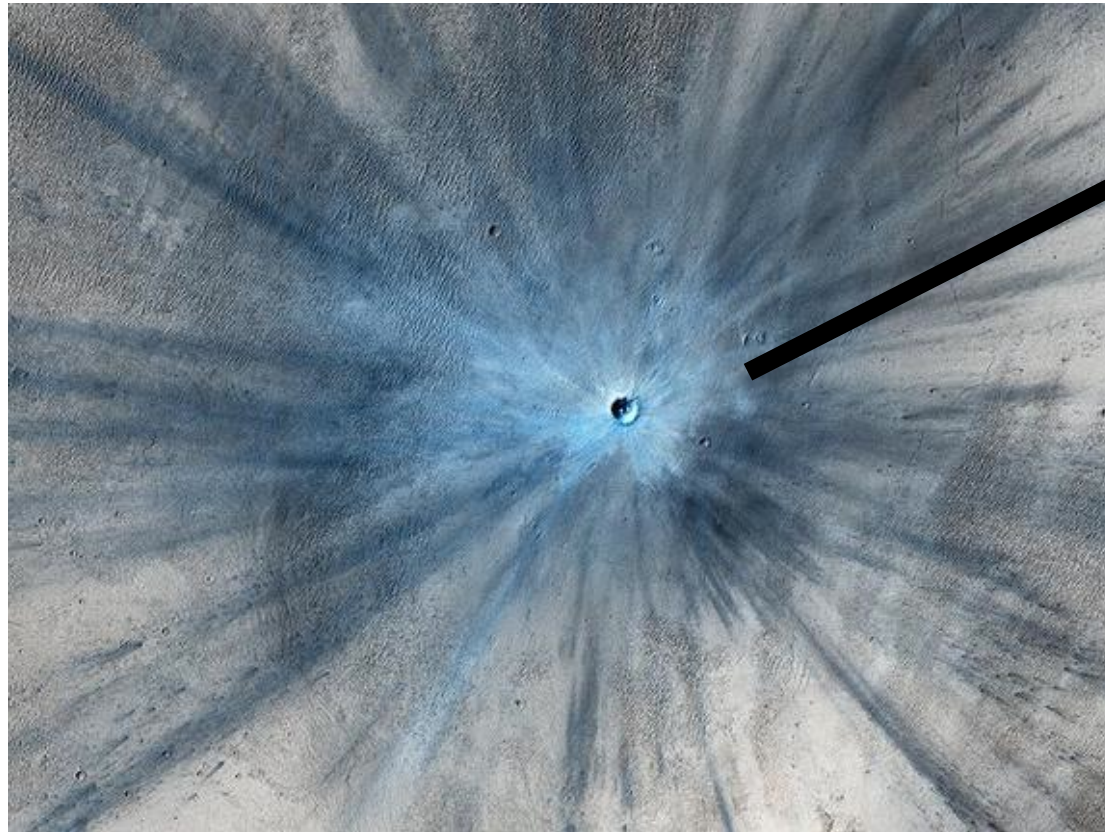
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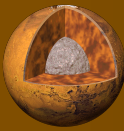






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$M \sim 5.5$  1-2/yr

Global

$M \sim 4.5$   $\sim 10$ /yr

Global to regional

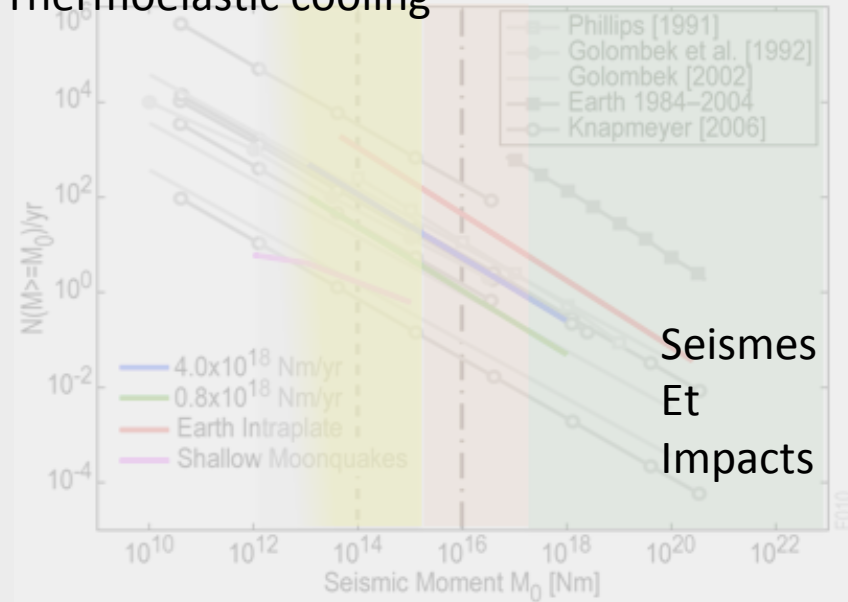
$M \sim 3.5$   $\sim 100$ /yr

regional



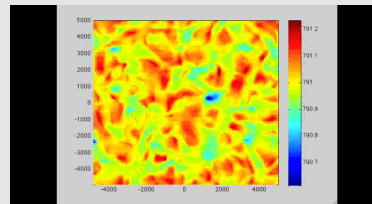
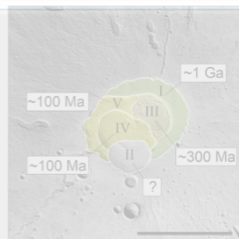
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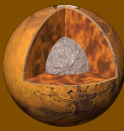
Phobos tide

Bonus:  
Tectonic  
activity



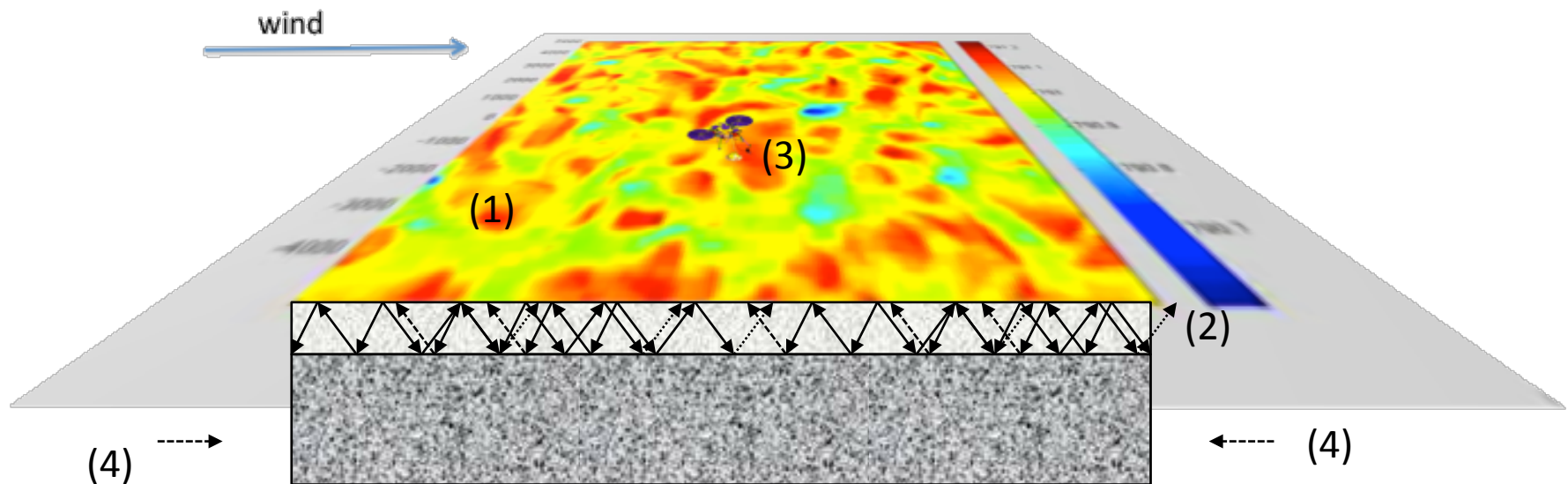
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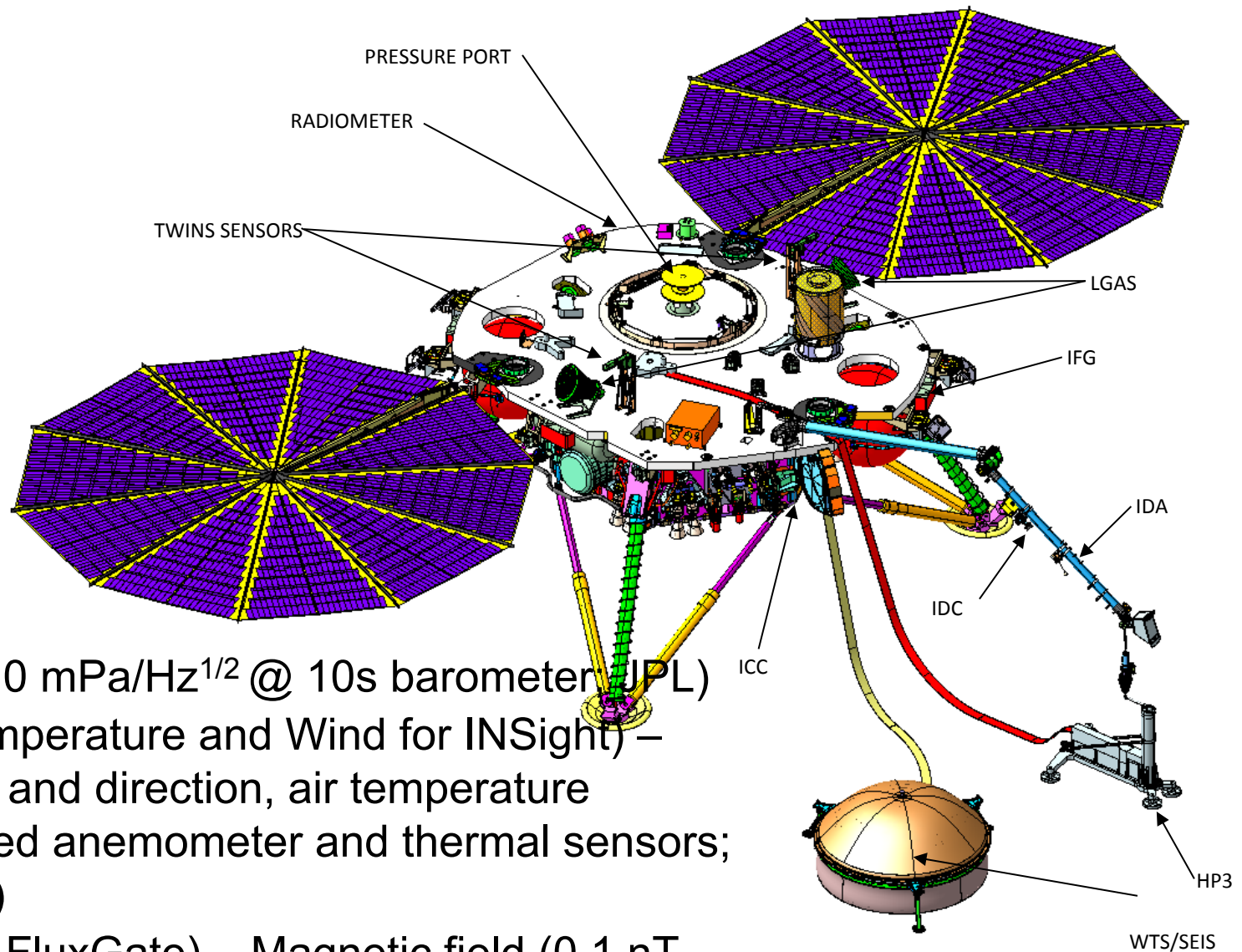
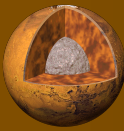




The atmosphere and wind/pressure fluctuations will be a major source of ground displacement for frequencies  $> 0.02$  Hz with:

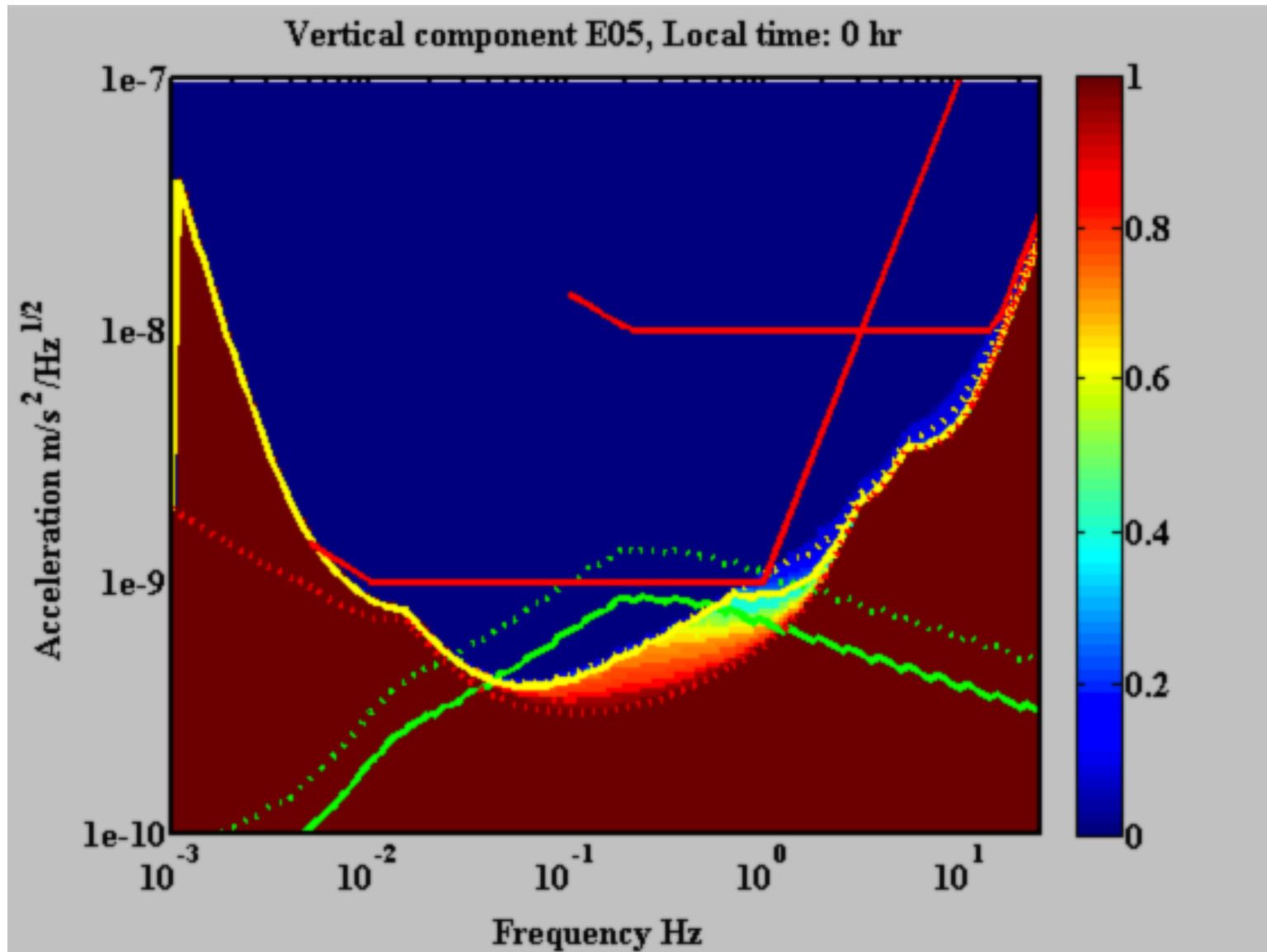
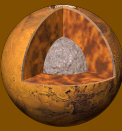
- (1) At long period, static deformations of the surface, associated to wind generated pressure waves (static loading)
- (2) At short period, dynamic ground acceleration, associated to local and possibly regional subsurface trapped surface waves excited by wind dynamic pressure (short period seismic waves)
- (3) again at short period, wind interaction with the shield and the lander (seismic noise)
- (4) on the global scale and at long period, surface waves excited by the global weather pressure fluctuations ( long period seismic waves, called hum)

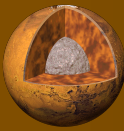




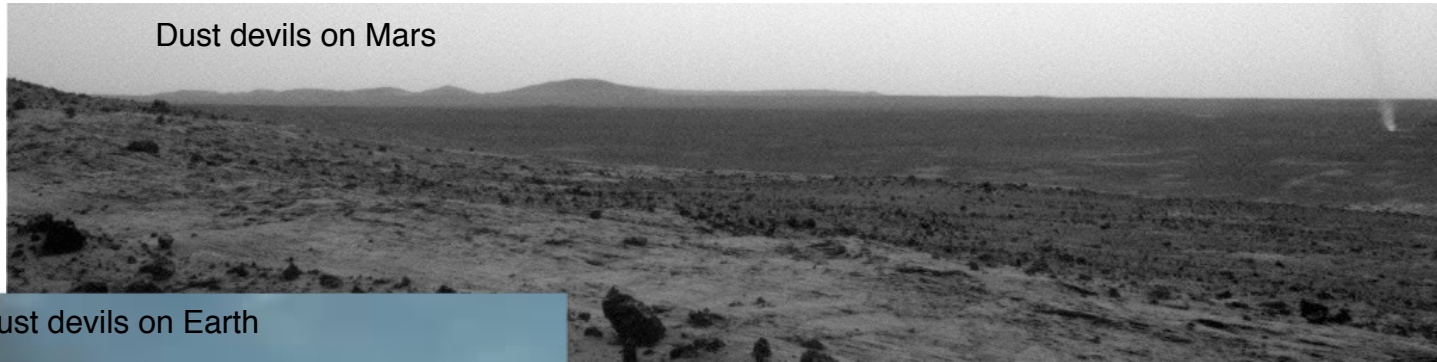
- **Pressure** ( $10 \text{ mPa/Hz}^{1/2}$  @ 10s barometer; JPL)
- **TWINS** (Temperature and Wind for INSight) – Wind speed and direction, air temperature (REMS-based anemometer and thermal sensors; CAB, Spain)
- **IFG** (Insight FluxGate) – Magnetic field (0.1 nT vector magnetometer; UCLA)



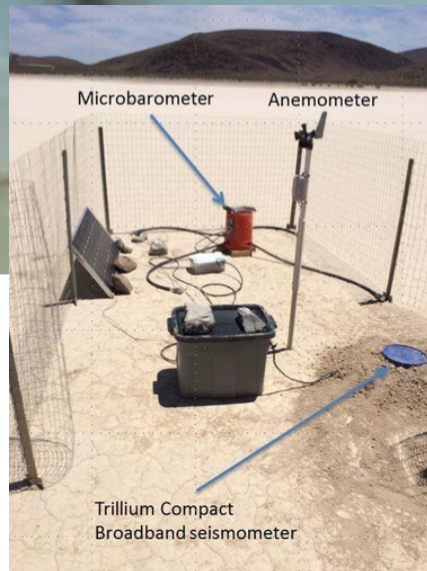
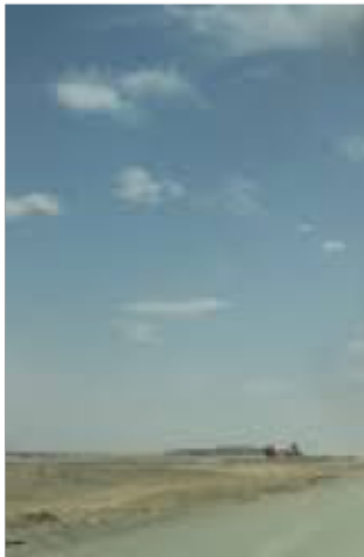




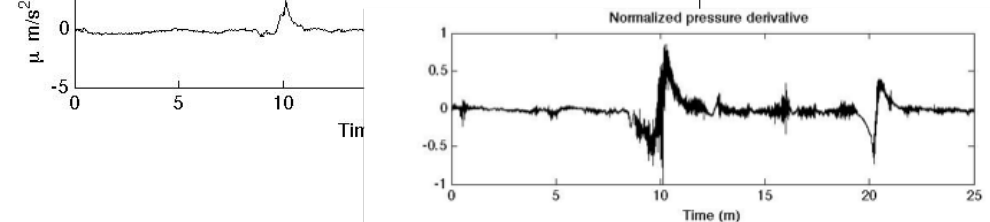
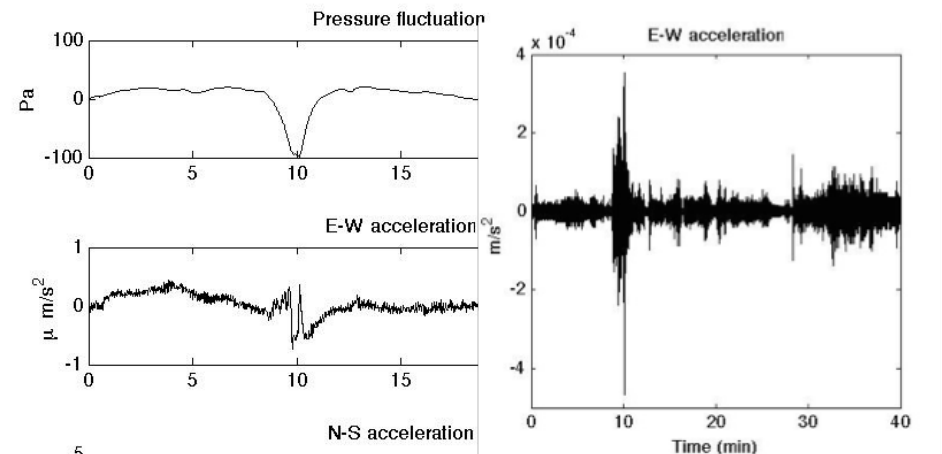
Dust devils on Mars



Dust devils on Earth

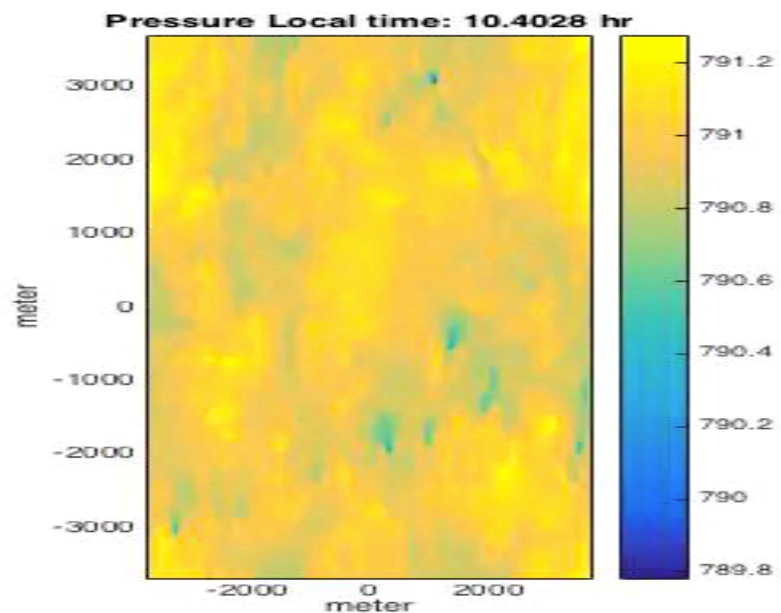
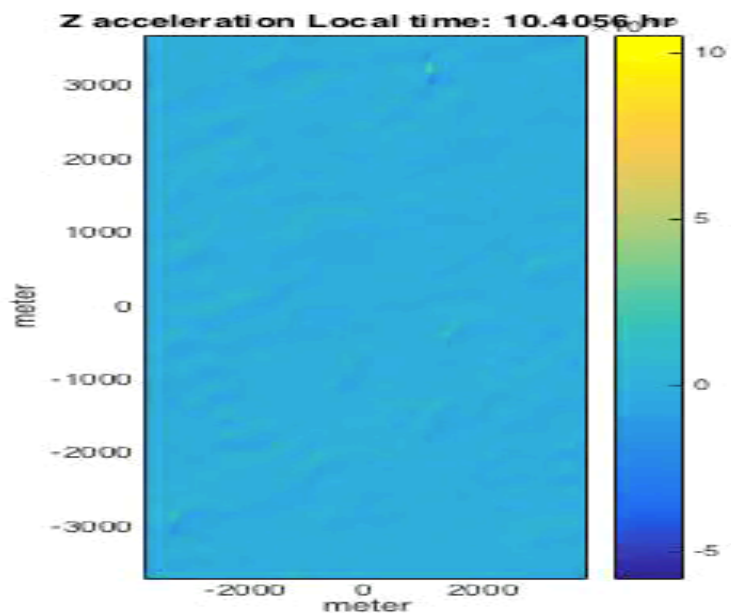
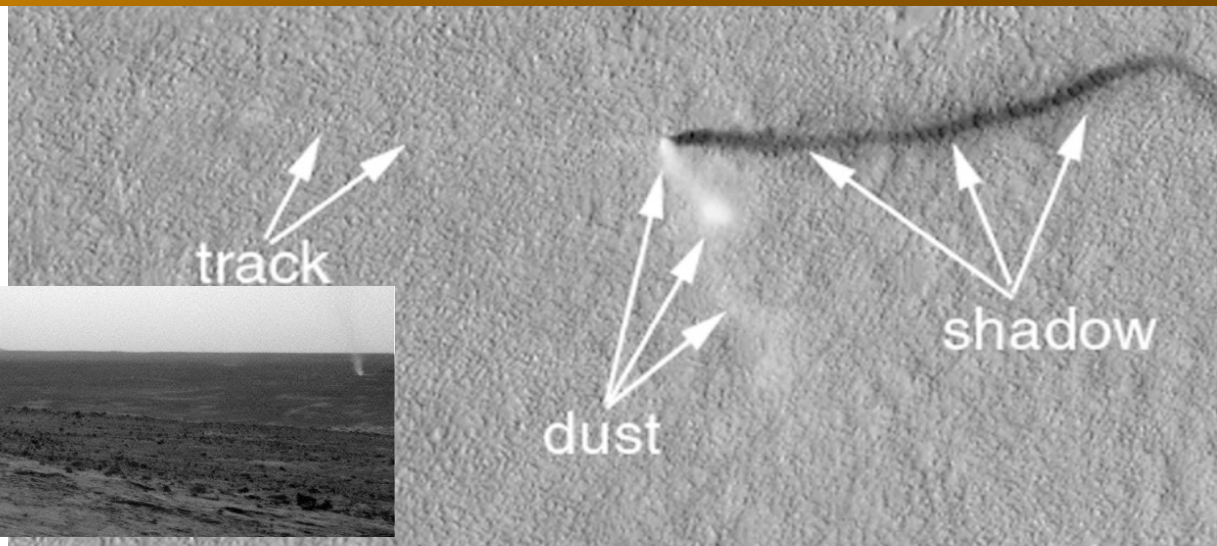
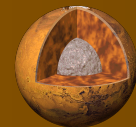


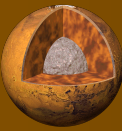
Seismic Static loading of Dust devils (Lorenz et al., 2015)



Surface waves generated by Dust devils (Kenda et al., 2015)







**M~5.5** 1-2/yr

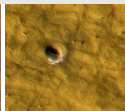
Global

**M~4.5** ~ 10/yr

Global to regional

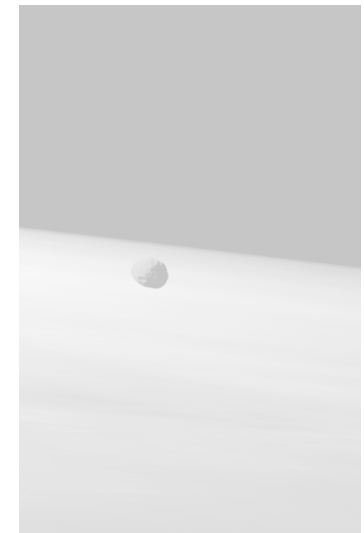
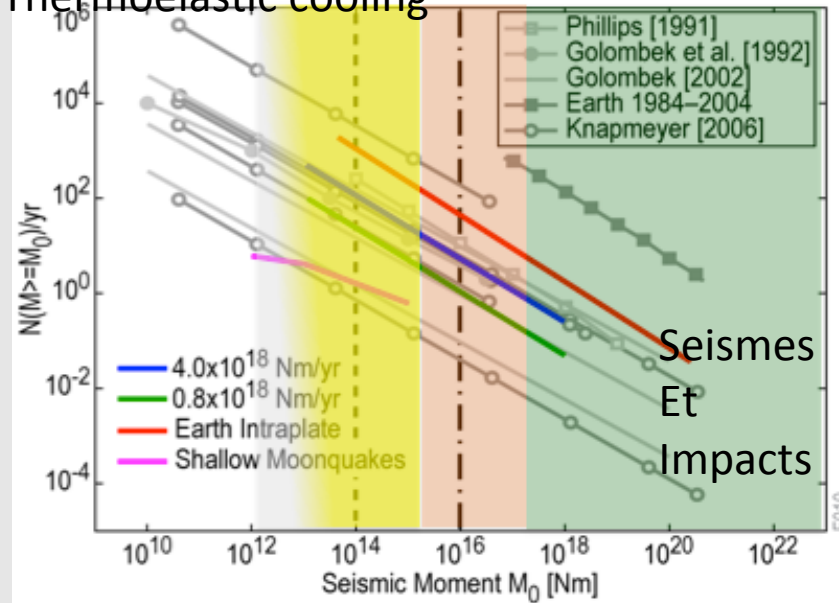
**M~3.5** ~100/yr

regional



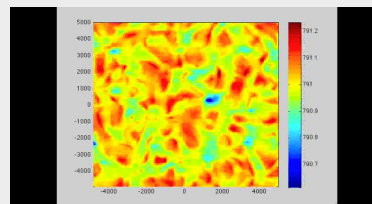
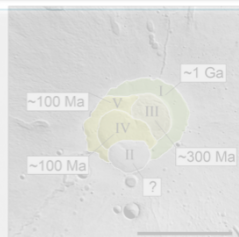
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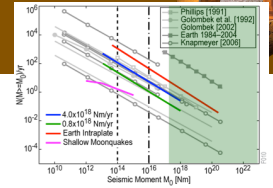
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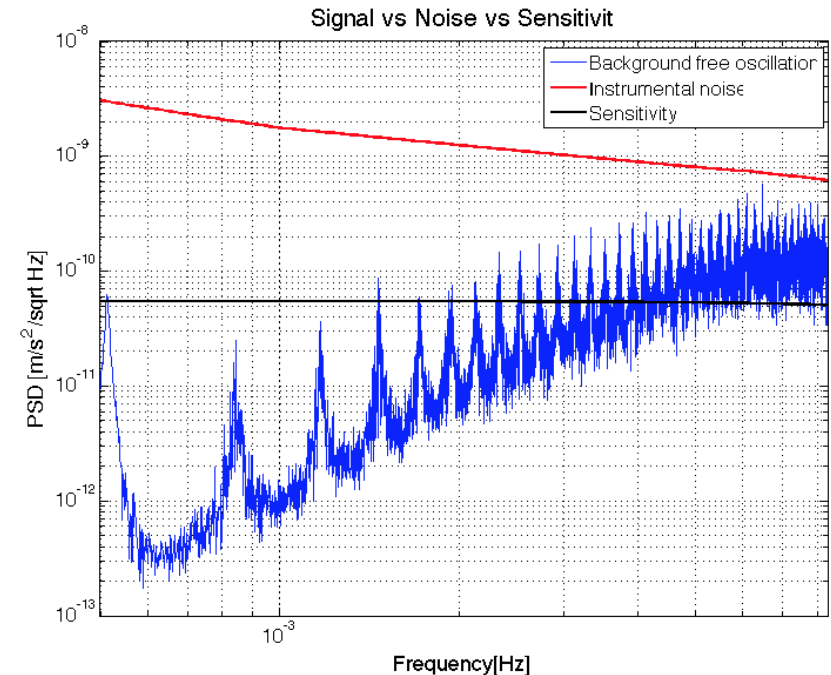
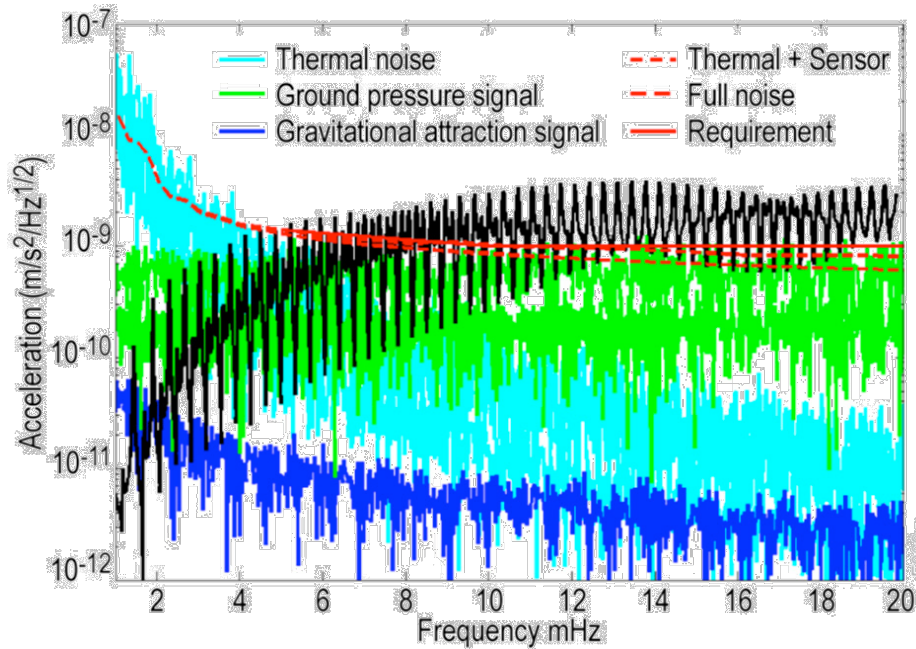
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# Largest quakes: Normal modes

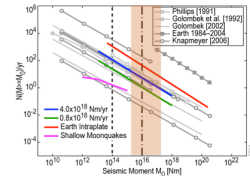
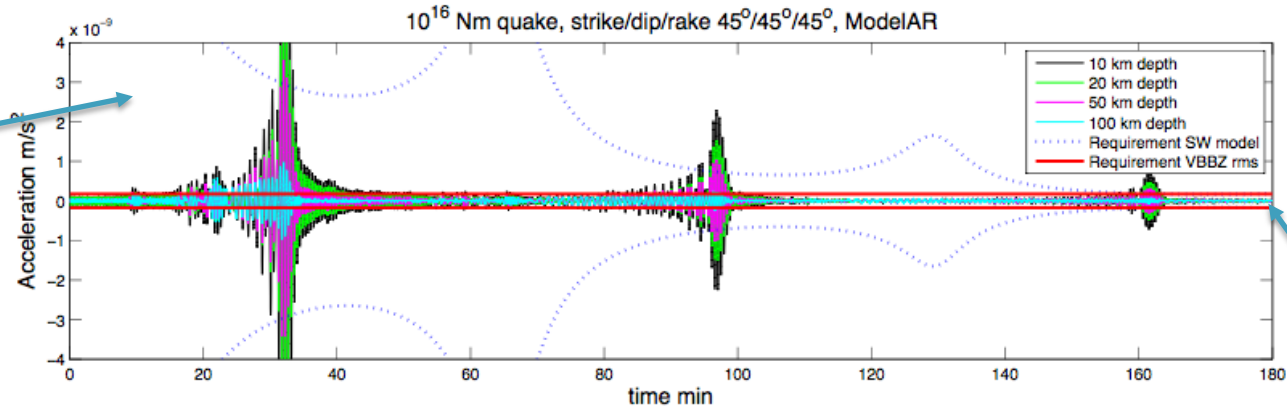
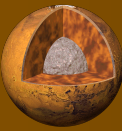


- Normal modes might be detected for  $2 \times 10^{17}$  Nm quake
- « spectroscopy » seismology: does not need the knowledge of the source location
- will constrain the upper mantle with the normal modes frequency inversion (e.g. PREM on Earth)
- Might also be coherently excited by the atmospheric circulation and turbulences

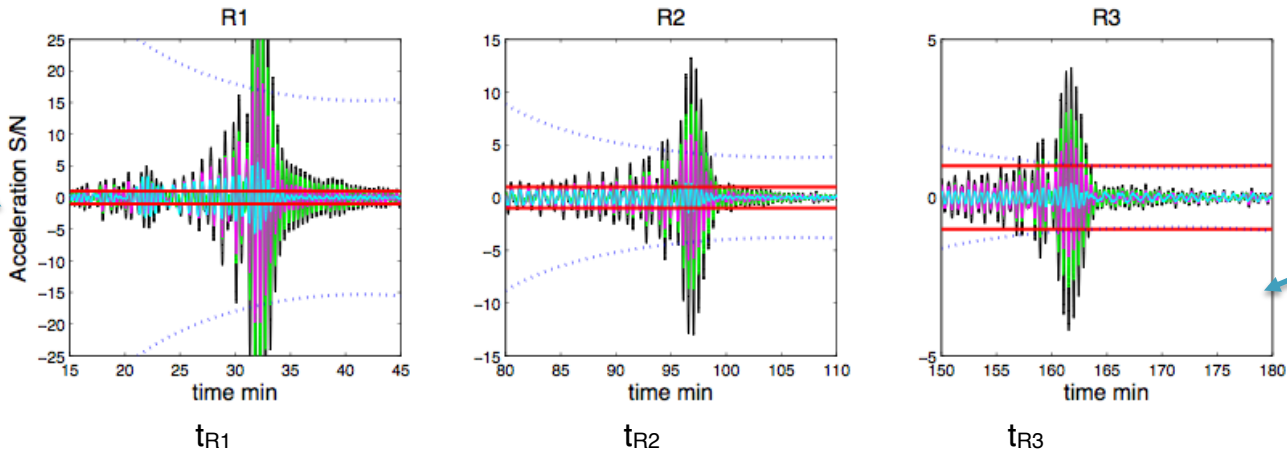


One week 'Hum' spectrum simulation ( Nishikawa et al, work in progress, 2015)

# Moderate quakes: Turning waves



Overtones



$$t_{R1} - t_0 = \frac{\Delta}{v_R}$$

$$t_{R2} - t_0 = \frac{2\pi a - \Delta}{v_R}$$

$$t_{R3} - t_{R1} = \frac{2\pi a}{v_R}$$

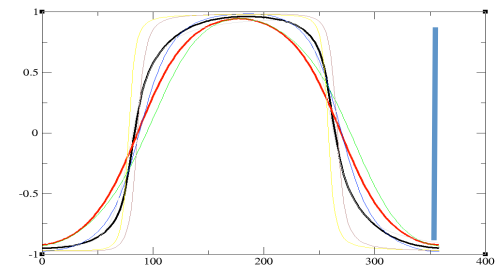
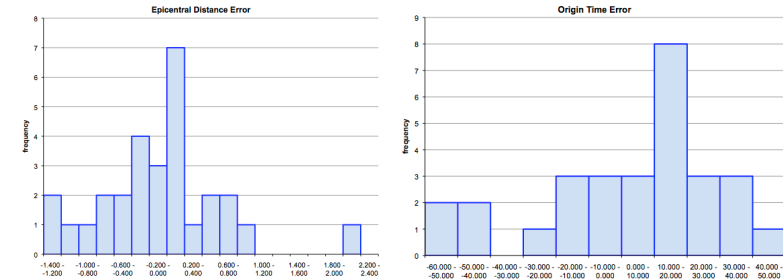
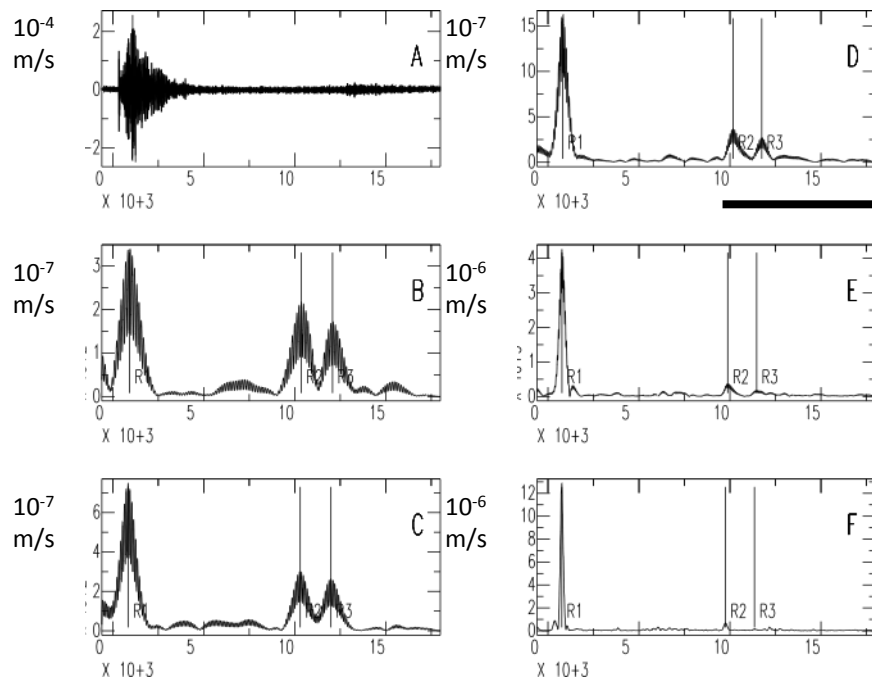
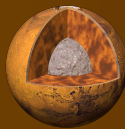
$$\frac{\Delta}{\pi a} = 1 - \frac{t_{R2} - t_{R1}}{T_R}$$

$$t_S - t_P = f_1(\Delta, v_s, v_p)$$

$$t_R - t_P = f_2(\Delta, v_s, v_p)$$

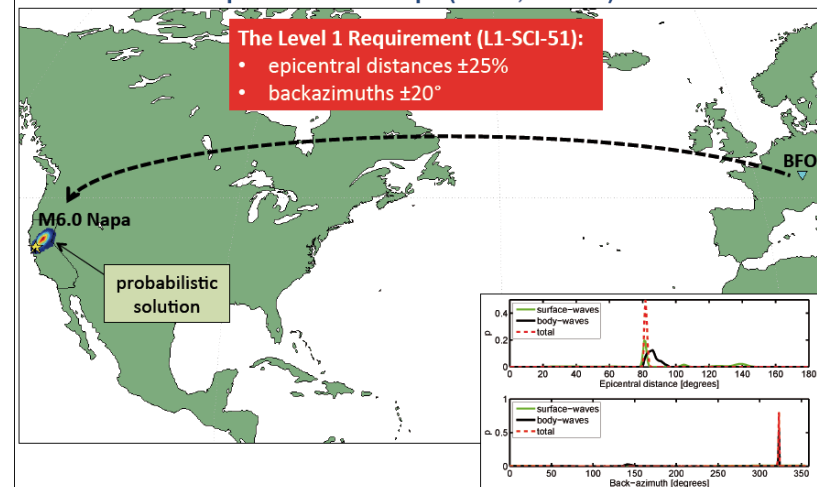
$$T_R = f_3(f, v_s, v_p)$$

Model

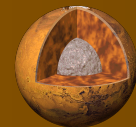


- R1 – R2 – R3 provide
- Great circle velocities (R3 – R1) → Origin time
  - Estimate of epicentral distance (R2 - R1)
  - Back-azimuth estimate (rotation of horizontal components) (Baker & Stevens, 2004)
  - and then location
- ( Panning et al., 2015, Boese et al, 2015)

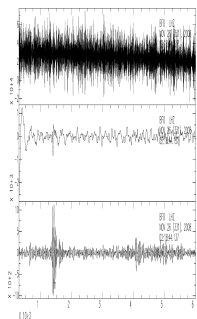
Teleseismic example: 2014 M6.0 Napa ( $\Delta=83^\circ$ ,  $\Theta=323^\circ$ )



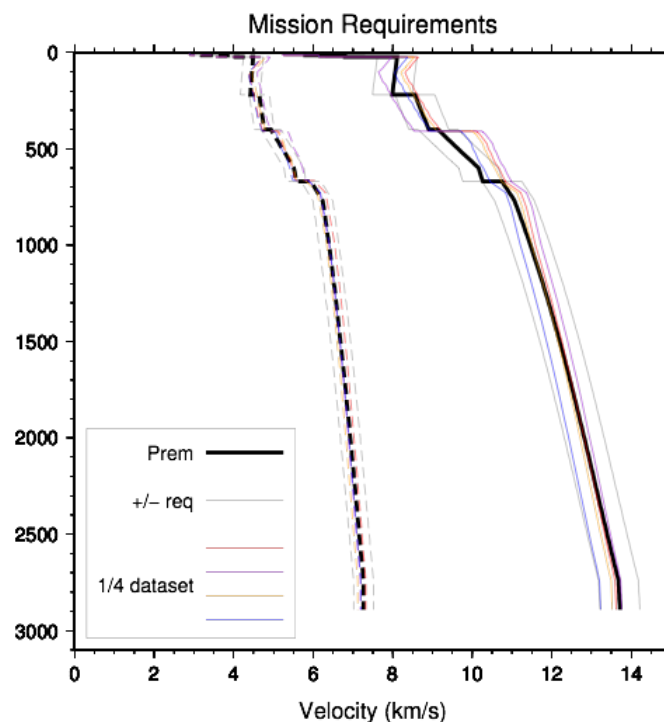
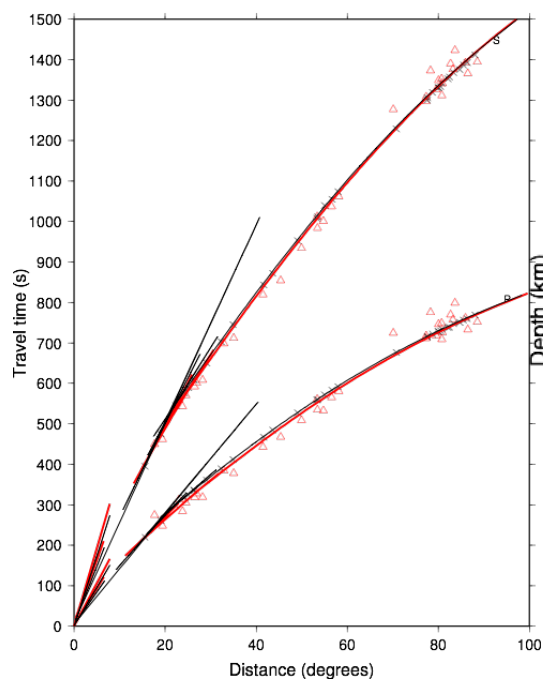




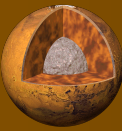
- Inversion strategy has been validated with Earth data
- Results demonstrate that the PREM model can be retrieved within the INSIGHT error bars



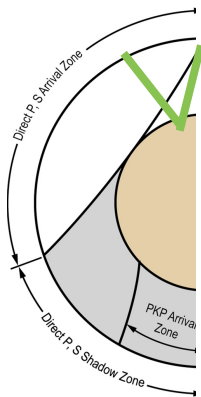
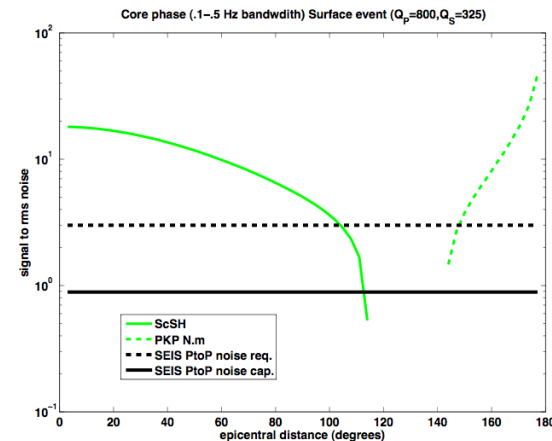
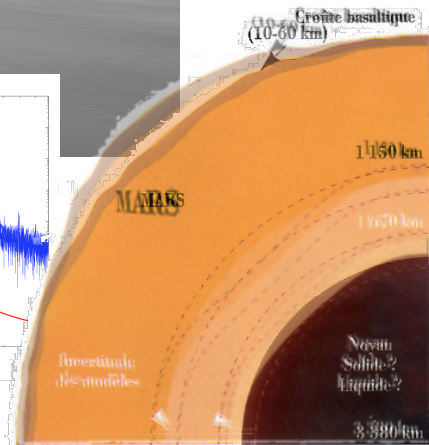
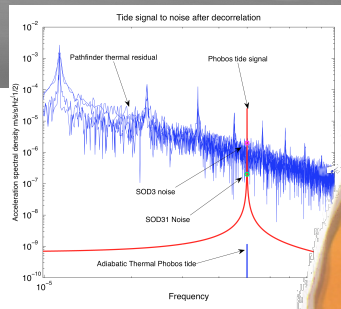
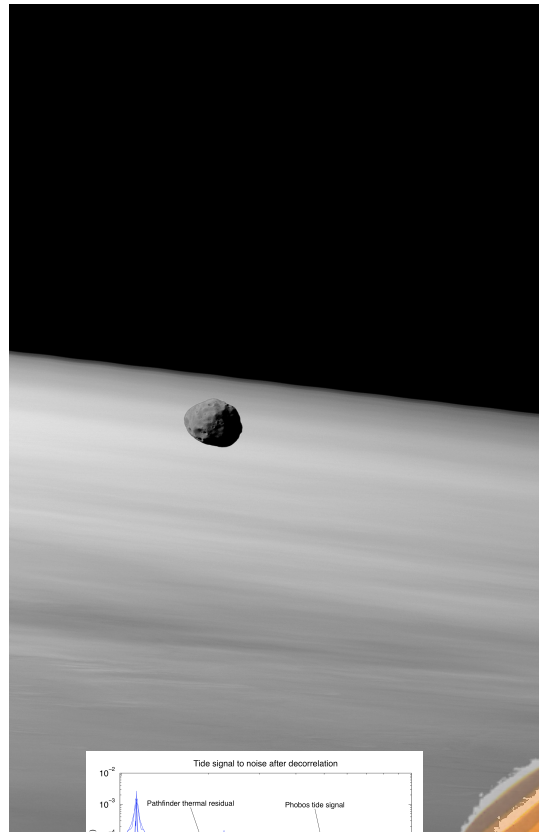
Earth data

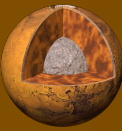


M.Panning, A.Mocquet, E.Beucier et al., 2014



- Two ways investigation:
  - non-seismic by detection of the Phobos solid tide ( $\sim$ mm) and interpretation of the amplitude in term of core size
  - seismic by detection of the core reflected waves (ScS) similar Earth and Moon





- To associate elementary to high schools to the Discovery of a new planet by seismology
- This will be the main goal of the partnership with the international networks of “sismo” at school
- Several phases to built together

**Phase 0 prior launch and landing**

**Phase 1 during the full proprietary period (between November 2018 until June 2019)**

**Phase 2 after June 20179**







Some idea for EPO with SEIS/InSight data



- Some idea for Phase 0 (fall 2016 to summer 2018)
  - Release to EPO partners of selected Earth and Moon data, to prepare partners and schools to comparative seismology
  - Release to EPO partners of Booklets on the challenge of a Mars travel
- Some idea for Phase 1 (fall 2018 to summer 2019)
  - Where will go SEIS and HP3 ?
  - Release of the SEIS data on April, 1st, 2019 ( Installation + HP3 phase data) and on July, 1st, 2019 ( First trimester of 2019)
  - Release to EPO partners of selected SEIS data, such as the data shown or used in scientific publications
    - Might be associated to some of the first project discoveries
    - Will have to follow embargo policies of journals
    - Will allow students to re-do these discoveries at the time of their publication



- Some idea.... For the phase 2 ( after fall 2019)
  - Use of all released data (either validated or non-validated)
    - non validated data will allow continuous data analysis day after day
    - validated data might offer better quality but will be older
- Selection of several small groups of US-European schools who might be associated in the tactical operations of Event selection
  - Selected groups will have the same data access as Science team members (~ a few day delay) and will be able to perform event request



Want to participate with your school/high school.



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