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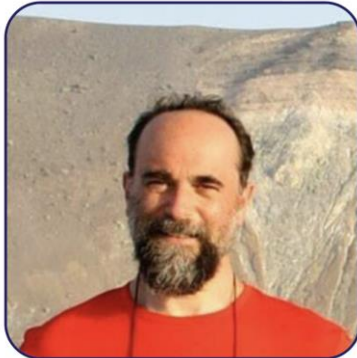
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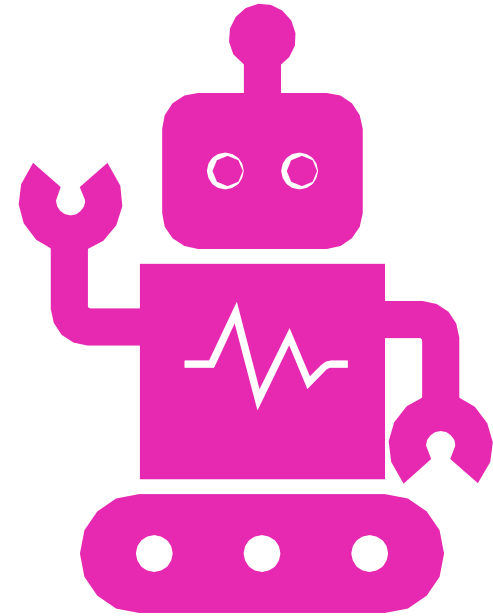
**COSMO SkyMed**

**Mars Express**



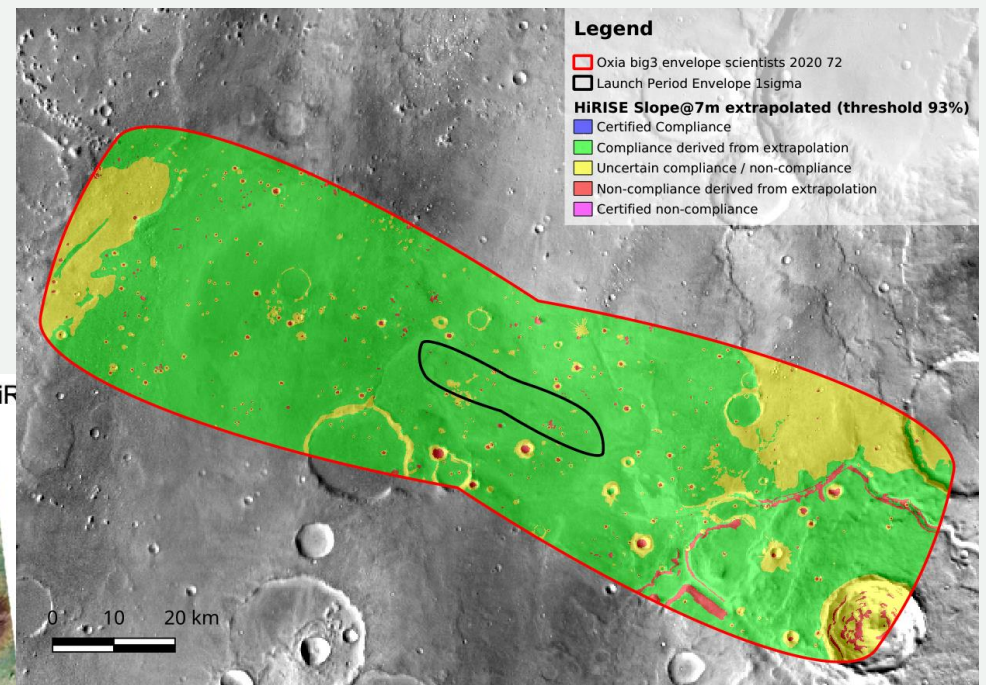
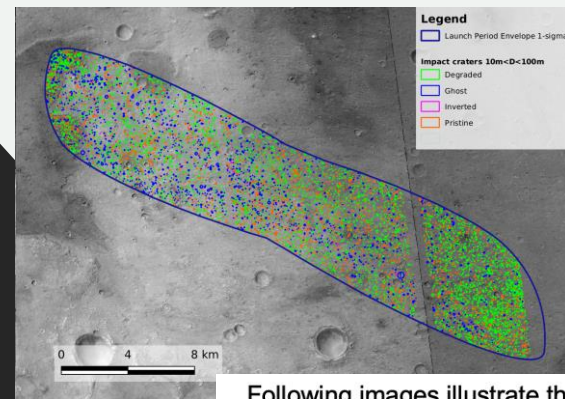
# *Research subjects*

- Geology
- Astrophysics
- Exploration (robotic operations, human settlement and operations, landing site, mapping)
- Space architecture
- Ibn Battuta Center
- Mars (Planetary) analogues



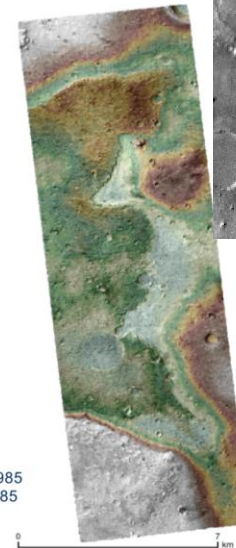


# ExoMars landing site analysis and certification



Following images illustrate the five HiR

Data fusion of HiRISE stereo-derived DEM in false color and HiRISE orthorectified image



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PSP\_009735\_1985

PSP\_009880\_1985 - PSP\_009735\_1985

SlopeMap @ 1 m/px.

ESP\_ EC compliance percentages have been calculated at global image-scale.

Fine dust  
3.20 % EC non-compliant  
96.8 % EC compliant

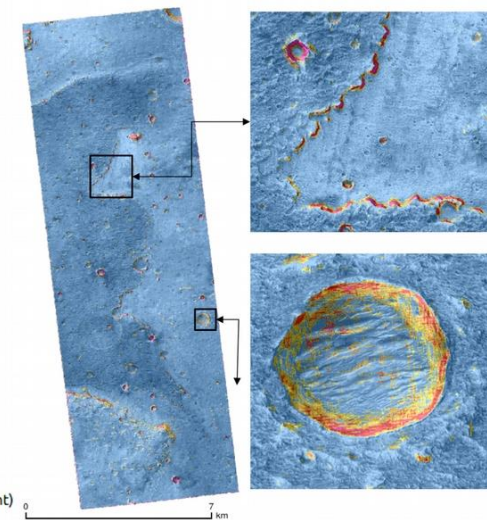
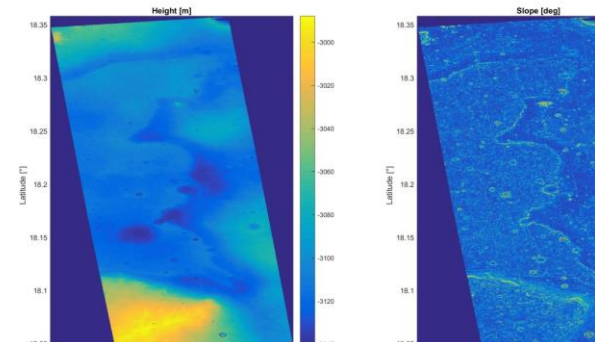
Very fine sand  
0.3 % EC non-compliant  
99.7 % EC compliant

Gravel and medium to coarse sand  
0.2 % EC non-compliant  
99.8 % EC compliant

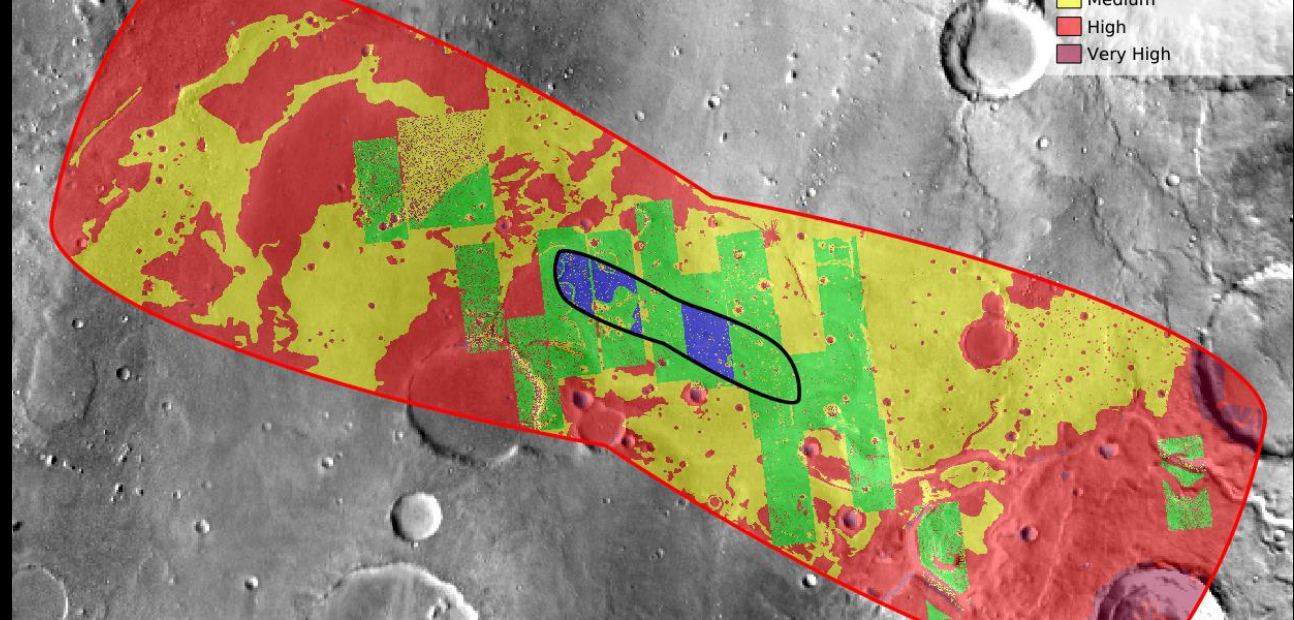
Legend

SlopeMap @ 1 m/px

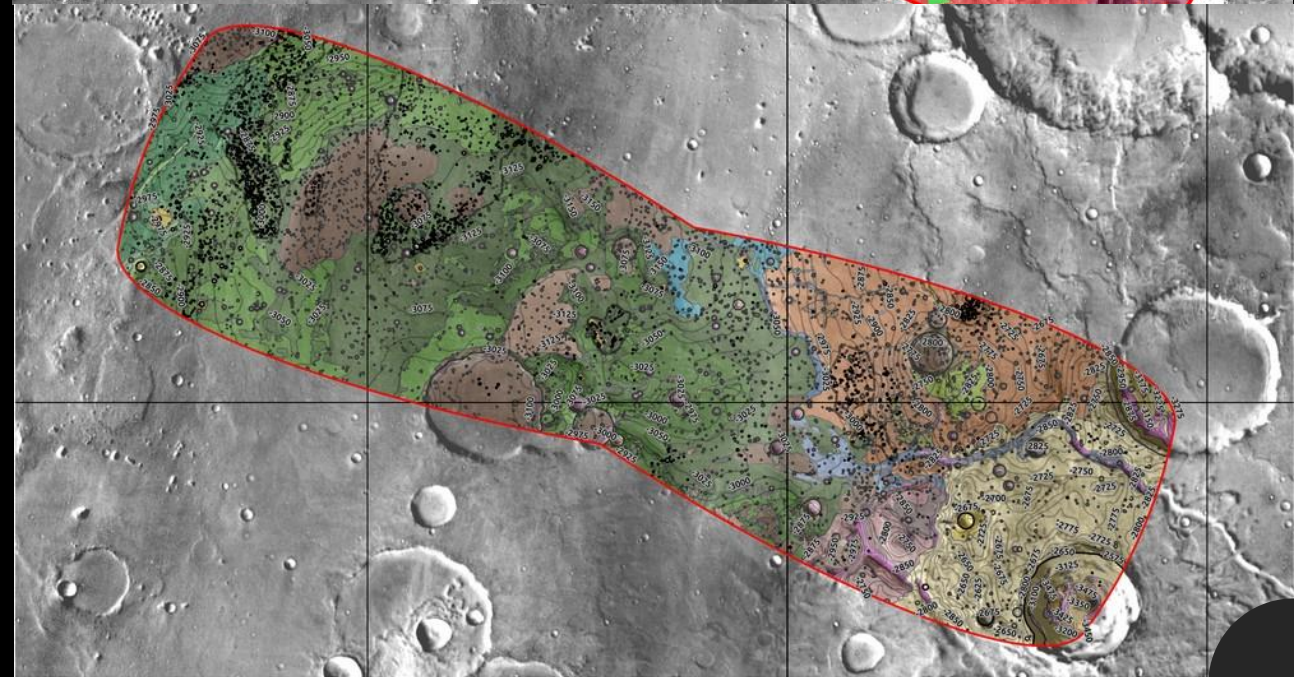
- 10° (Drill, Analysis and Fine dust EC Compliant)
- 15°
- 21° (Very fine Sand EC Compliant)
- 26° (Gravel and Medium to Coarse Sand EC Compliant)
- > 26°



# Hazard Map



# Geological Map

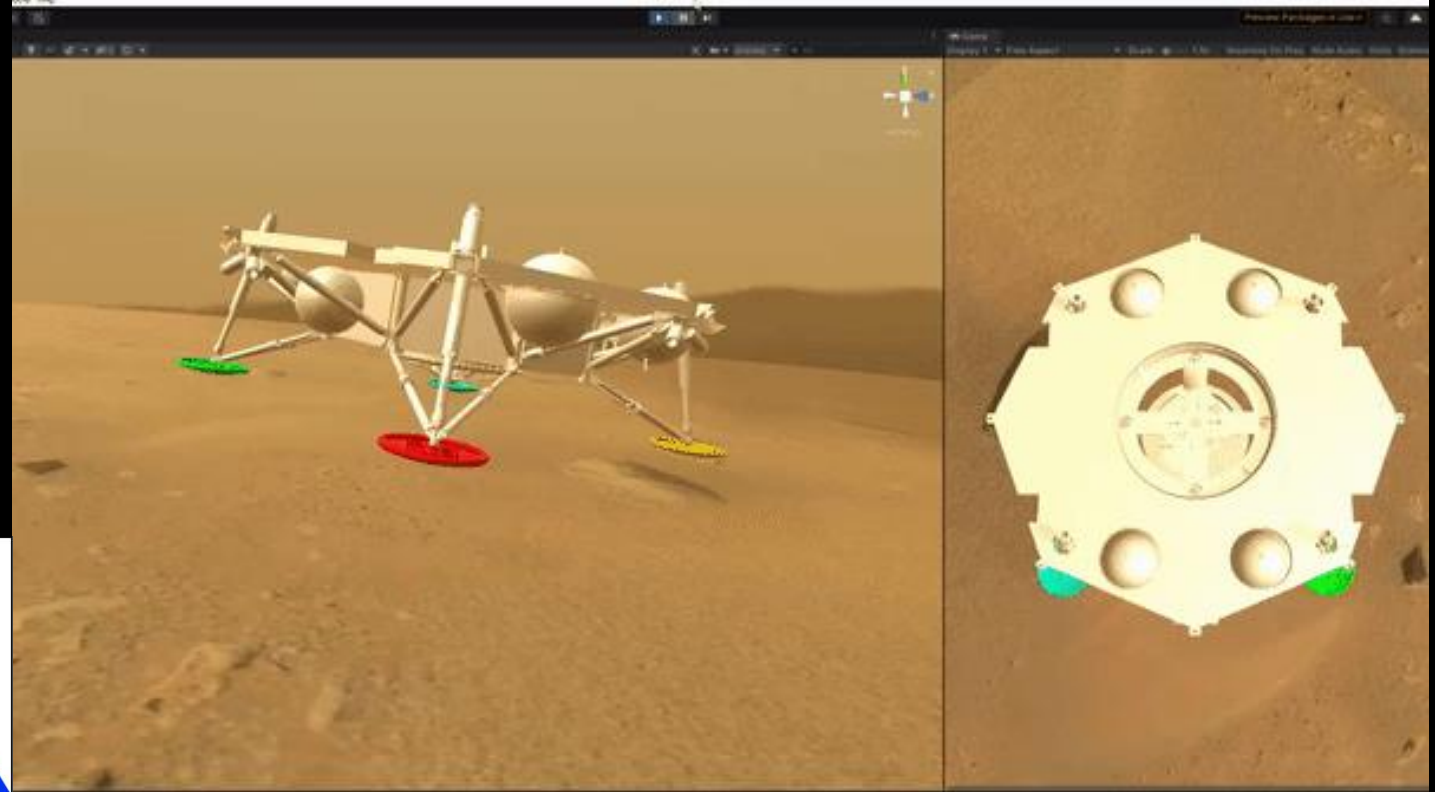


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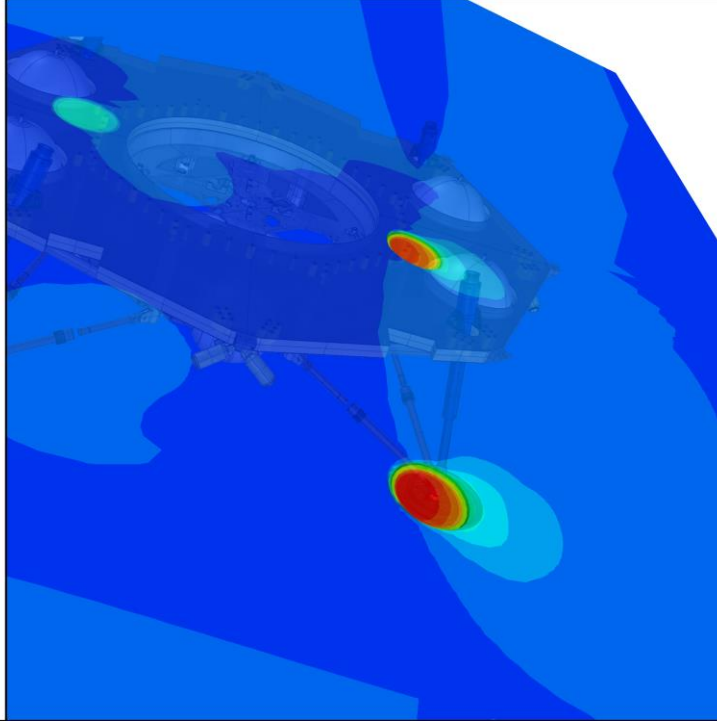
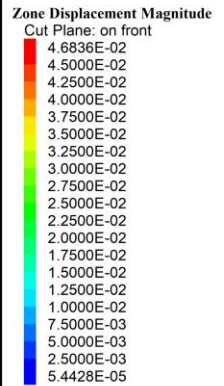
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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Oxia_big3_envelope_scientists_2020_72 | Aeolian_Unit - TARs_at_crater_floor | Eastern_Unit - B | Impact_Crater - South-Eastern_wall   | Plain_Unit - Wrinkle_Ridge |
| MOLA Contour lines 25m                | Capping_Unit - A                    | Eastern_Unit - C | Impact_Crater - South-Eastern_ejecta | South-Eastern_Unit - Scarp |
| Impact craters                        | Capping_Unit - B                    | Eastern_Unit - D | Impact_Crater - South-Eastern_floor  | South-Eastern_Unit - A     |
| Degraded                              | Channels_Unit - A                   | Eastern_Unit - E | Plain_Unit - A                       | South-Eastern_Unit - B     |



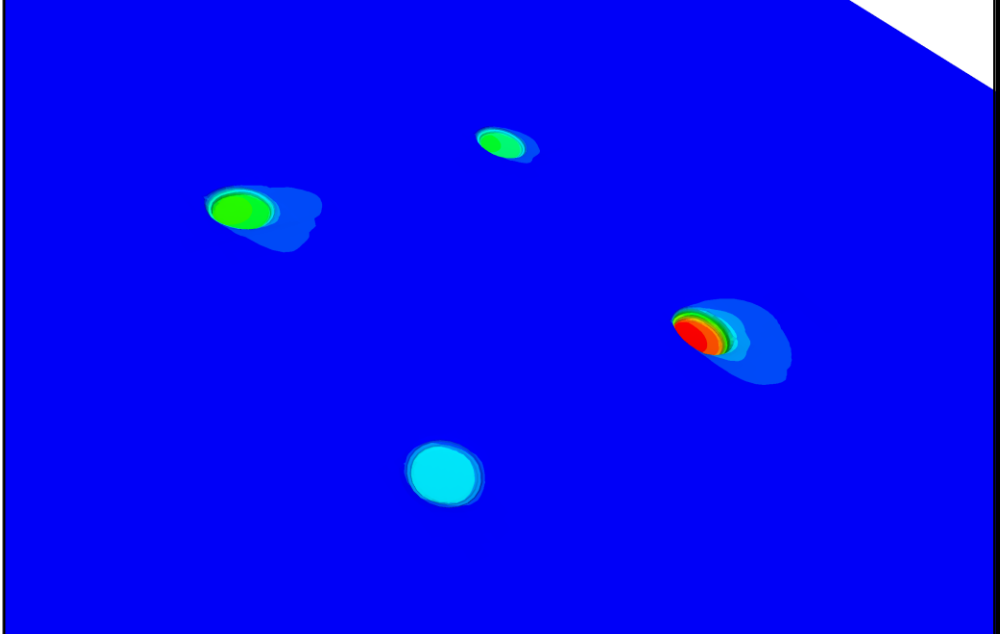
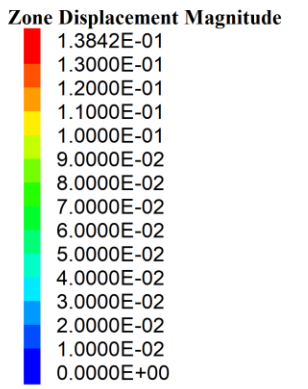
# Computer simulations



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## Comparison of geotechnical parameters

Measured values are within the range of values estimated for the Regolith unit, showing the **suitability of the soil for landing simulations**.

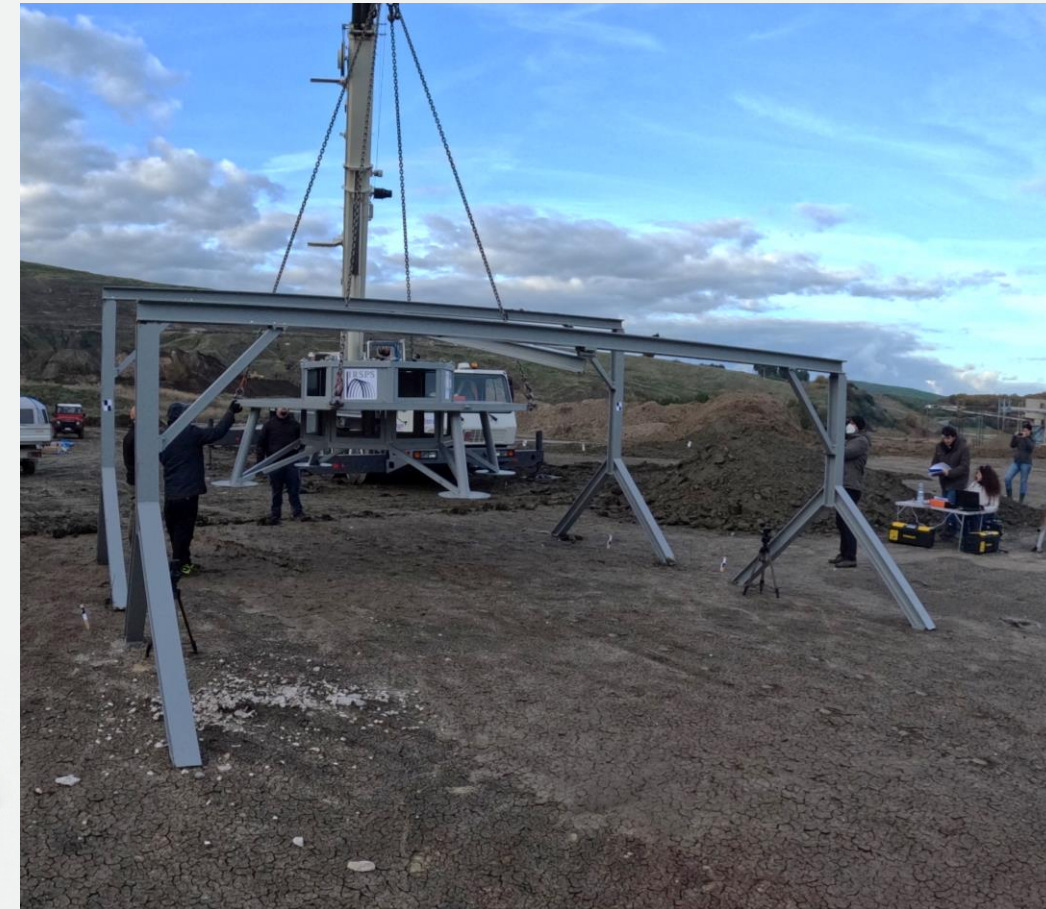
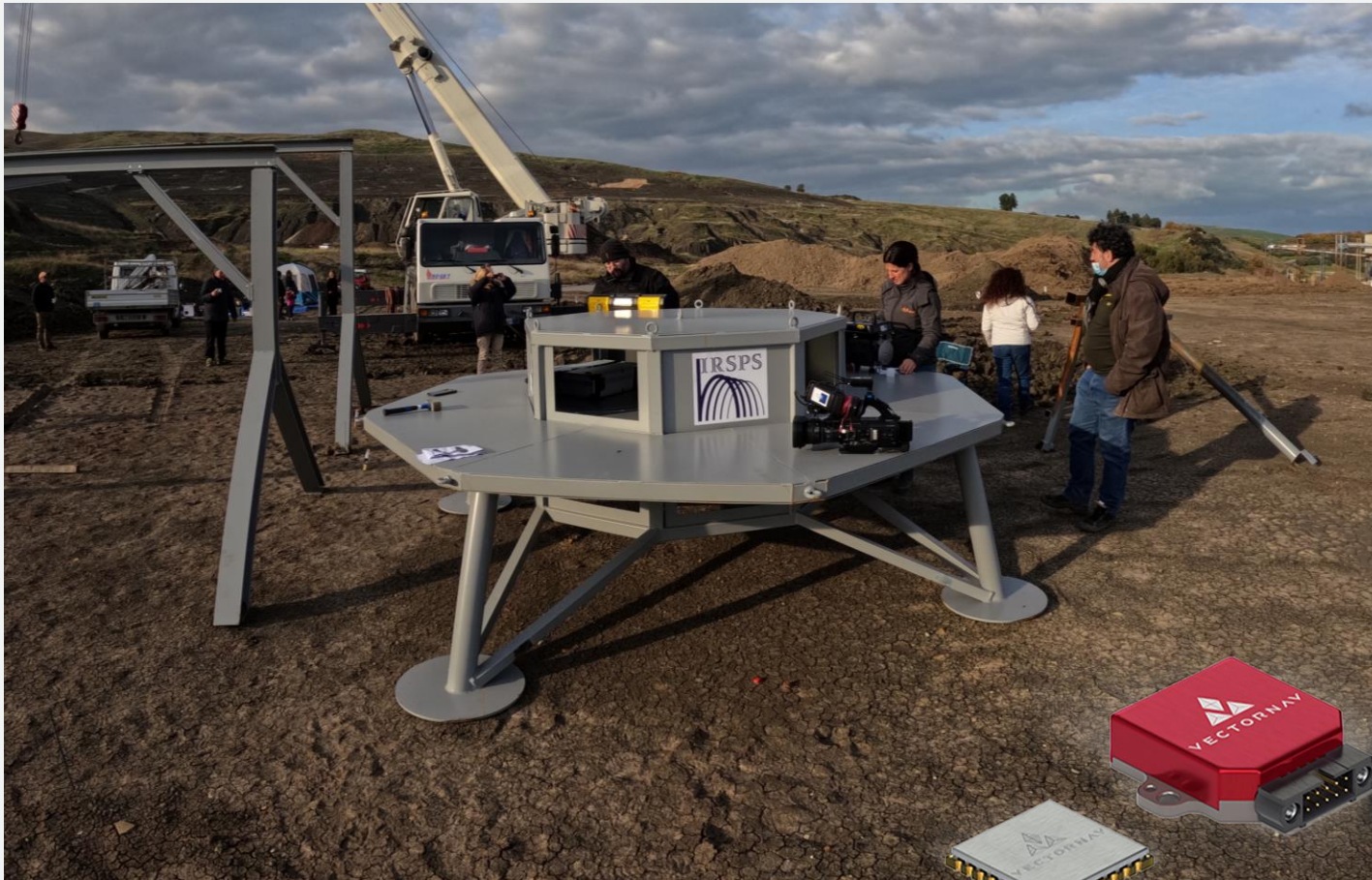
Parameter	Mars Regolith unit	Test range (Residual strength)
Bulk density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1200 - 1600	1938
Cohesion (kPa)	0.2 - 7	18 (0)
Friction angle (deg)	20	13 (10)
Young's Modulus (MPa)	7.5 - 70	11.1
Poisson's Ratio	0.22 - 0.4	0.44
Bulk Modulus (MPa)	4 - 42	30.8
Shear modulus (MPa)	3 - 29	3.85
Terzaghi Load Bearing Capacity (kPa)	10 - 365	280.5 (6.7)

**Lab tests performed:** bulk density estimation, grain size distribution, water content estimation, dried material bulk density, direct shear test, residual strength shear test, oedometer test.

The **mock-up** has been designed to respect the dimensions of the Landing Platform. The structure (including foil and sensors) reached a mass of approximately **450 kg**, scaled to compensate for Earth's gravity.

LIDAR instrumentation has been used for each test to make **three point clouds**, one **before the test and two following**, (before and after removing the mock-up).

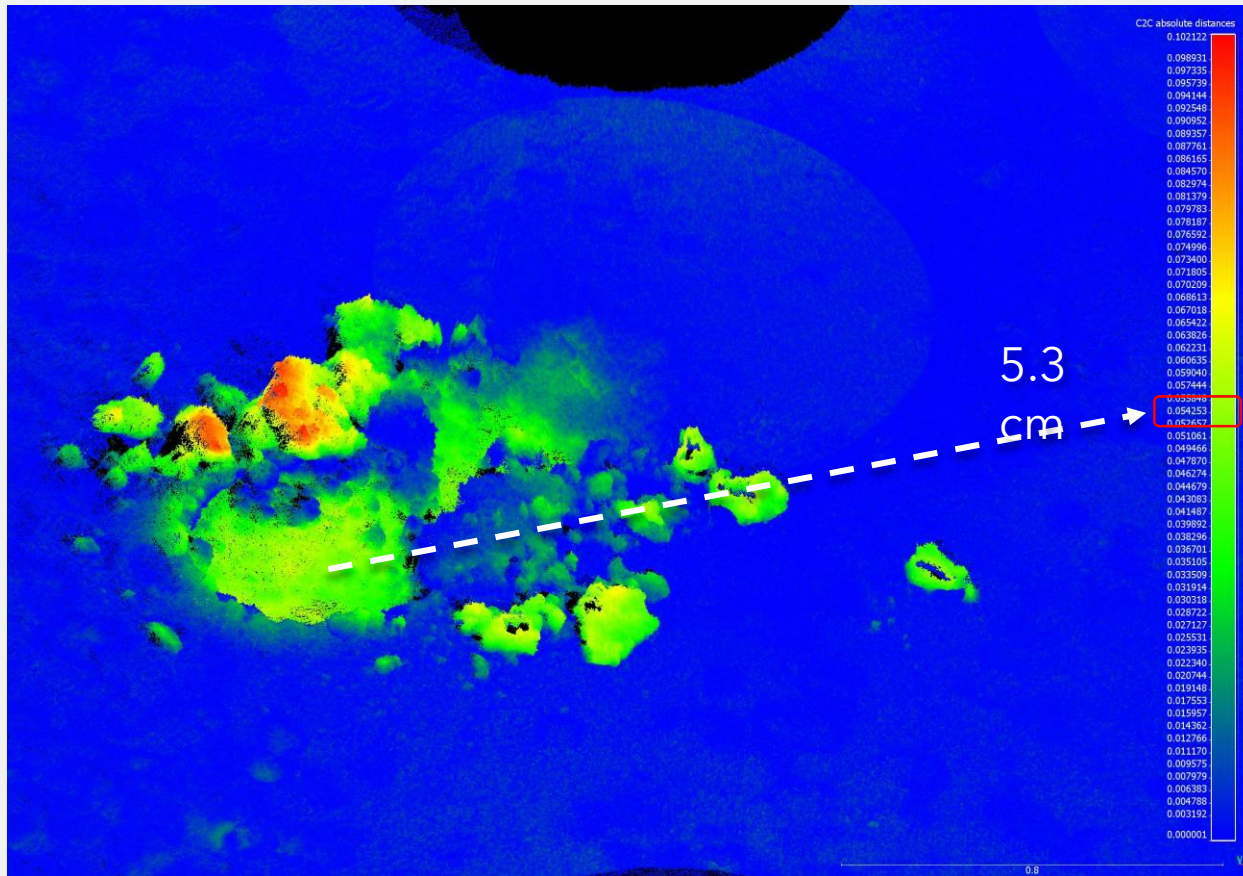
On-board: VectorNav VN-100 Autopilot Inertial Measurement Unit (**IMU**) (3-axis gyroscopes and 3-axis accelerometers  $\geq 1$  kHz), Wireless 2.4/5 GHz antenna, frontal camera.



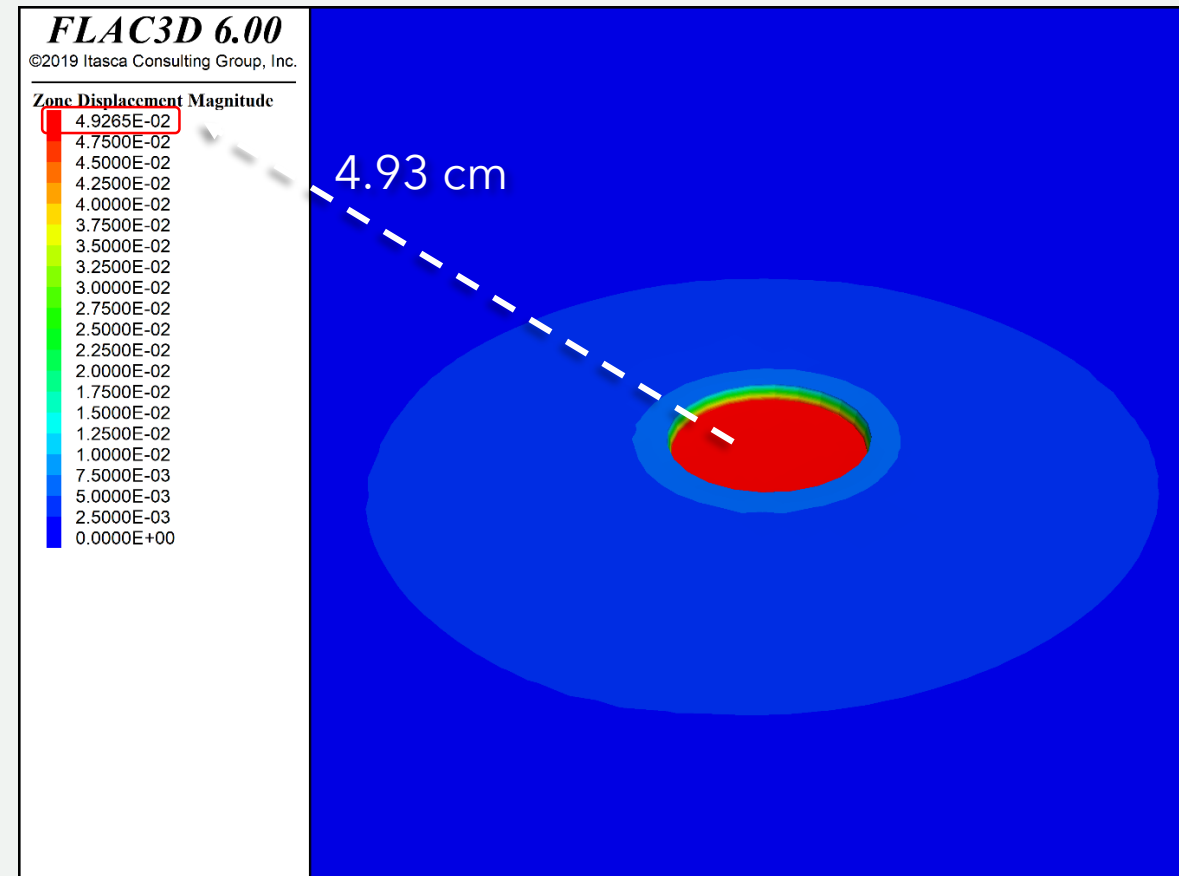


# Comparison of surface deformation between field tests and FLAC3D replication

Surface deformation computed as Cloud-to-Cloud distance between the clouds before and after the tests



Test average surface displacement 5.3 cm



Replication of the Test 1

FLAC3D replication (cm) 4.93 cm

Percentage difference between field Test 1 and FLAC3D reproduction is **7.2% (3.7 mm)**





**The field  
facility of the  
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Centre  
in the  
Moroccan  
desert (at  
Arfoud)**



**Ibn Battuta  
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**Analysis of the surface and near subsurface in with low-frequency SAR and sounder radar**

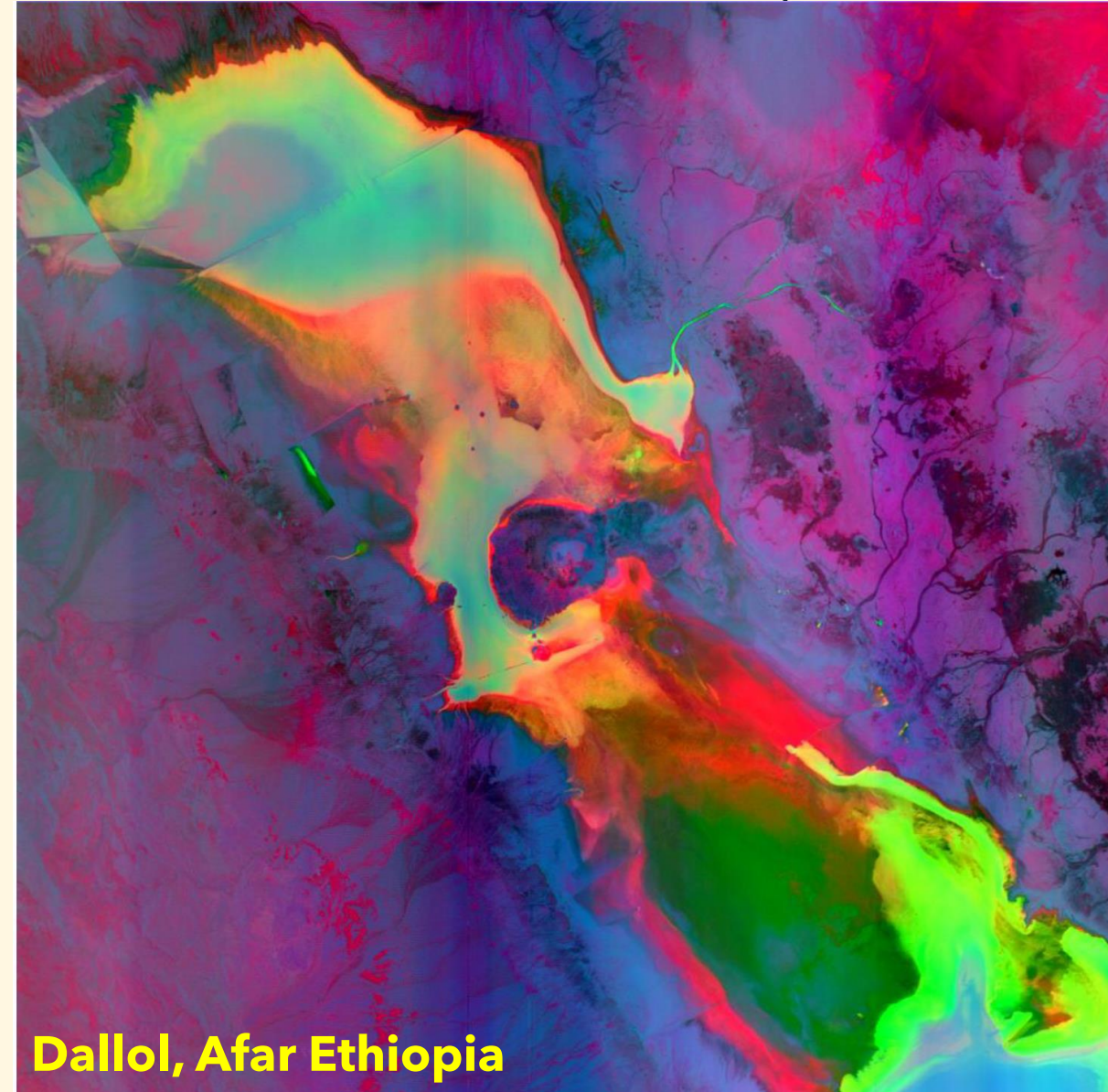
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