



# RoadMap Workshop



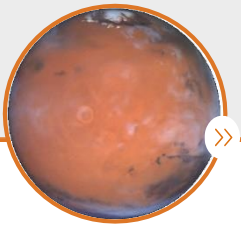
## Wind-driven Dust and Sand transport. Merrison (AU)



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# "Wind-driven Dust and Sand transport"

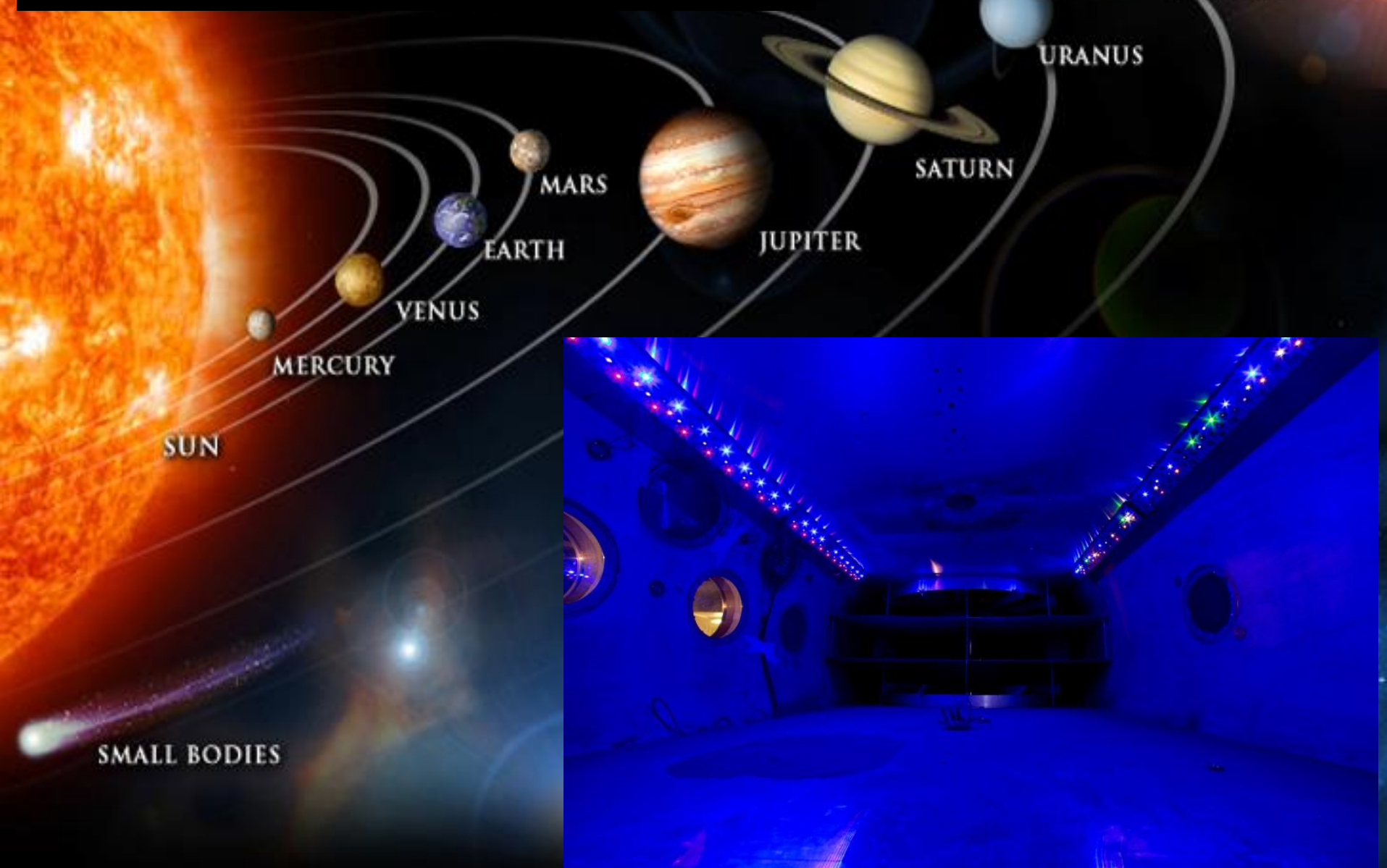
**R. A. Bagnold**  
**The Physics of Blown Sand and Desert Dunes (1941)**

**Greeley and Iversen**  
**Wind as a Geological process (1985)**

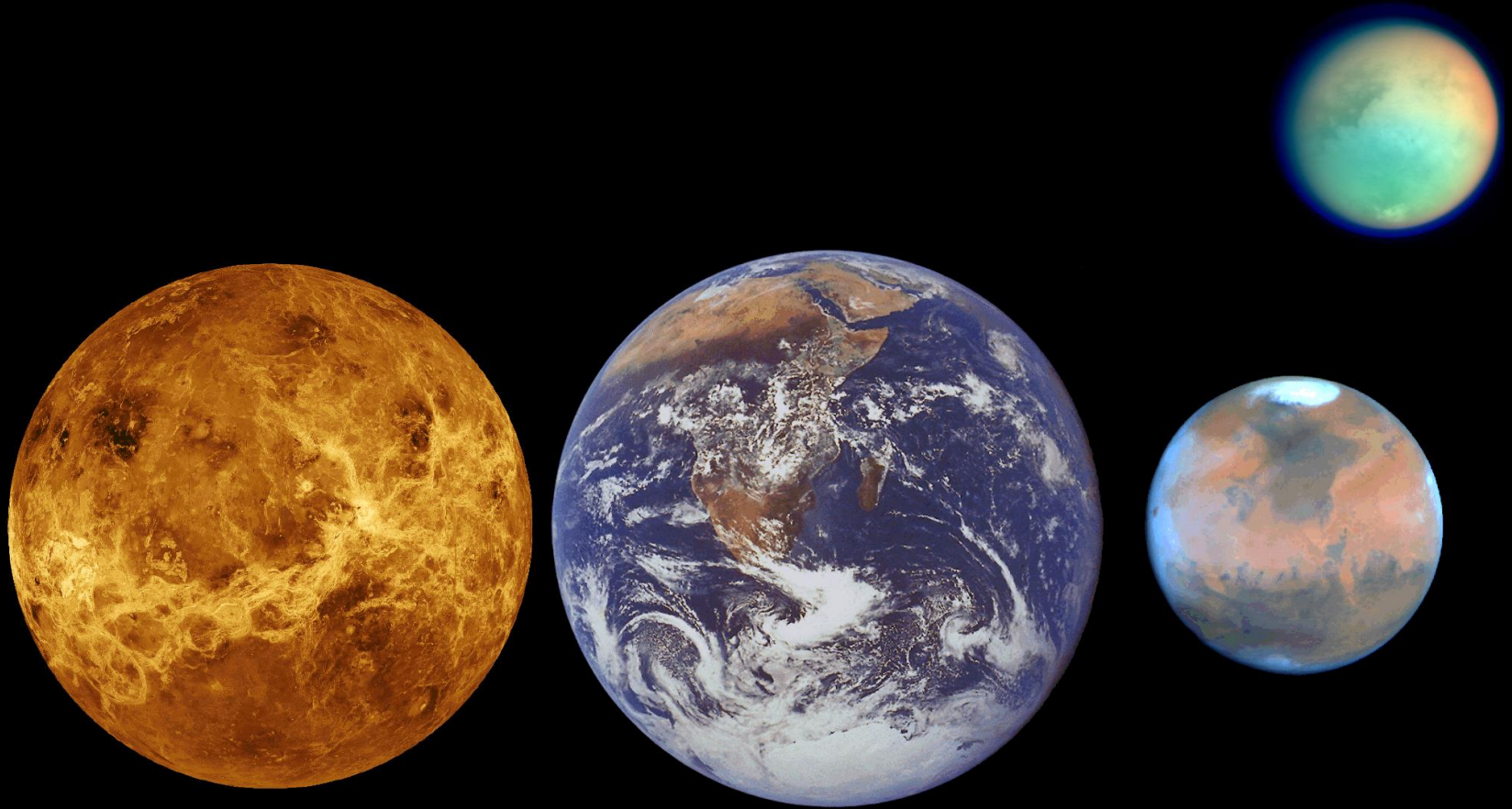
**Pye and Tsoar**  
**Aeolian sand and sand dunes (1990)**



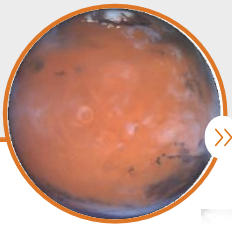
# Planetology Using Laboratory Simulators



# Terrestrial type environments (comparative planetology)

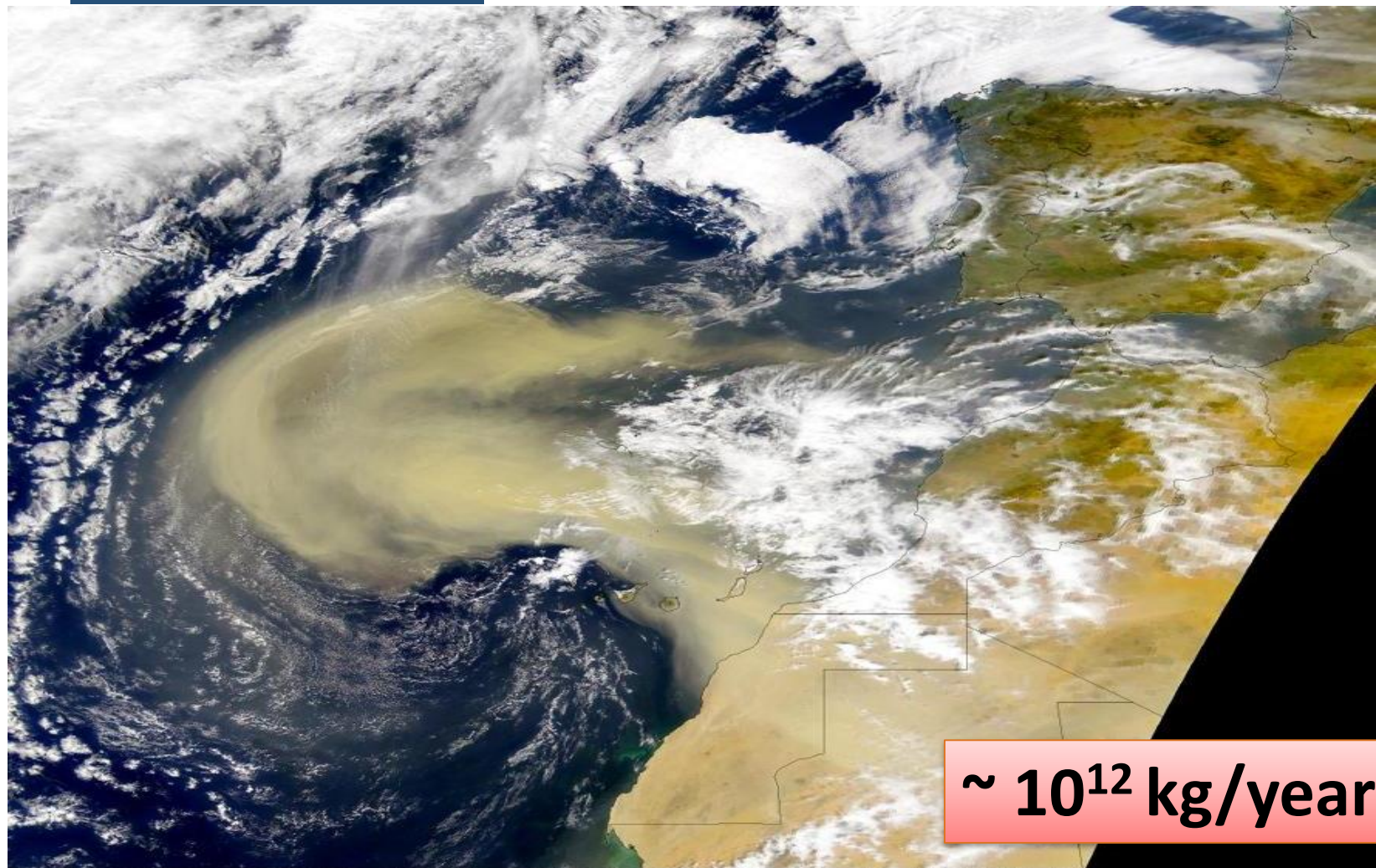


**Earth, Mars, Venus, and Titan (Surface – Atmosphere)**



# Comparative Planetology; Dust Aerosols.

Courtesy NASA/JPL-Caltech

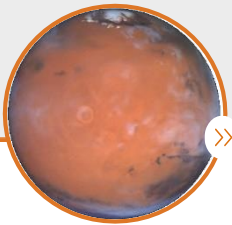


**$\sim 10^{12}$  kg/year**

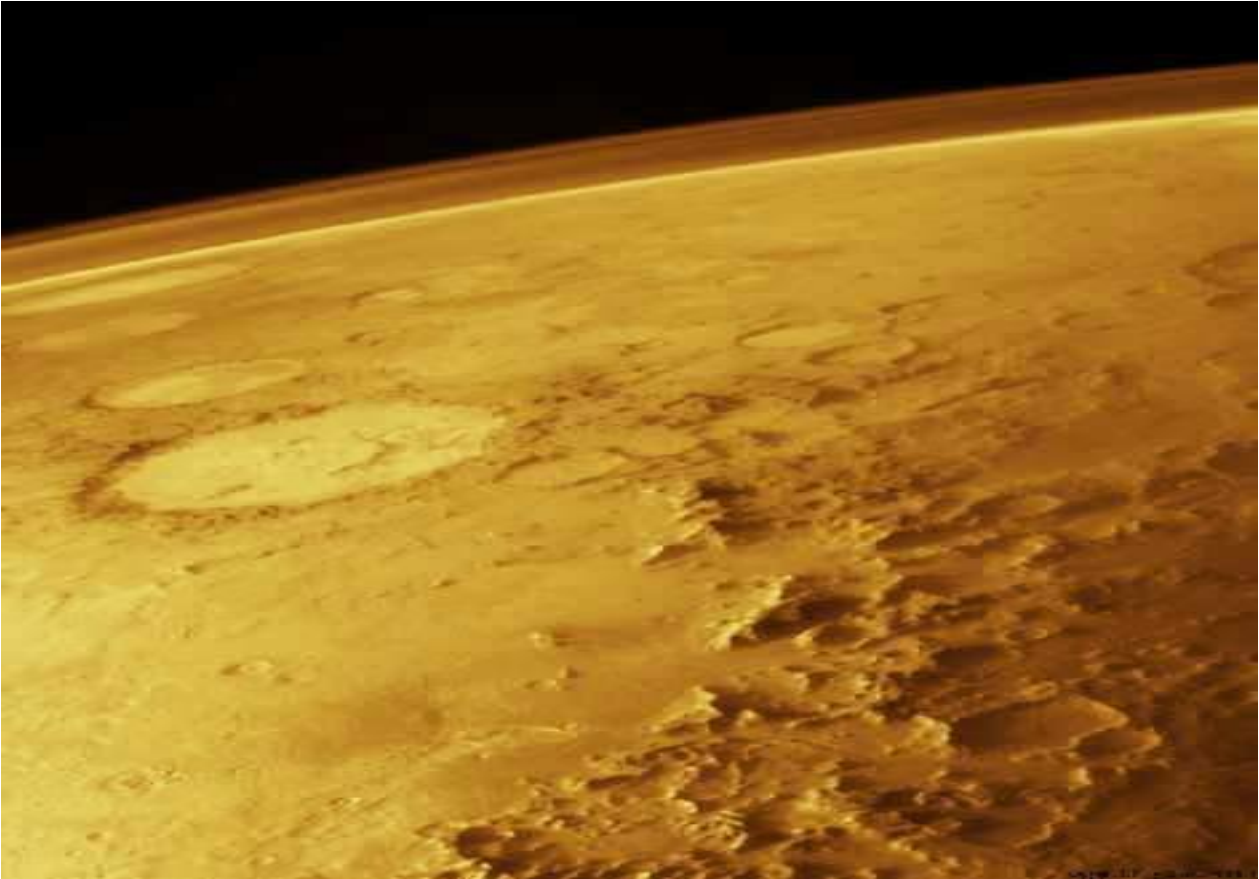


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# Martian dust transport



**Most dynamic factor affecting the surface/atmosphere**

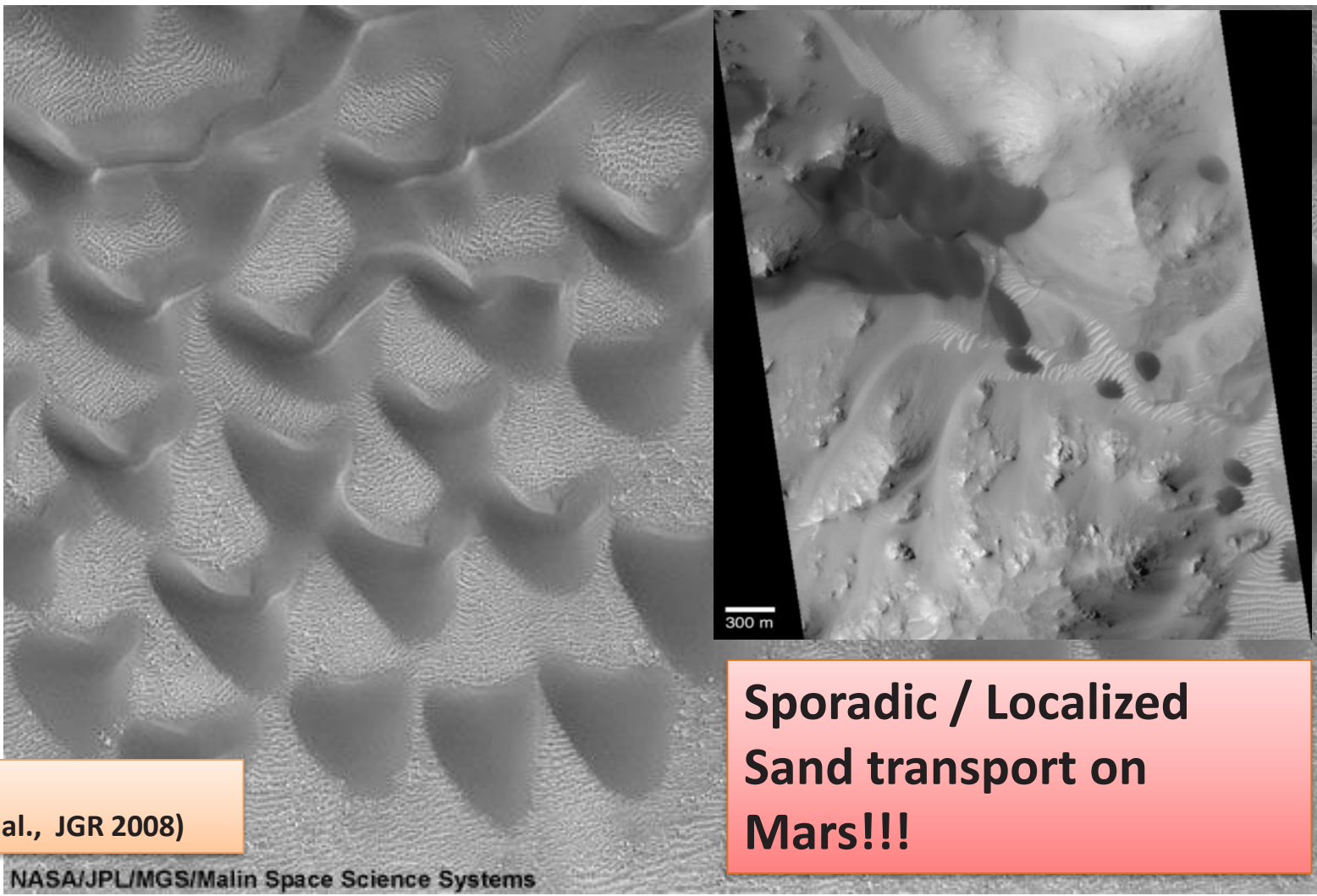


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# Sand Dunes on Mars (ancient)



Sand Transport  
(Sullivan , R.J. et al., JGR 2008)

**Sporadic / Localized  
Sand transport on  
Mars!!!**

NASA/JPL/MGS/Malin Space Science Systems



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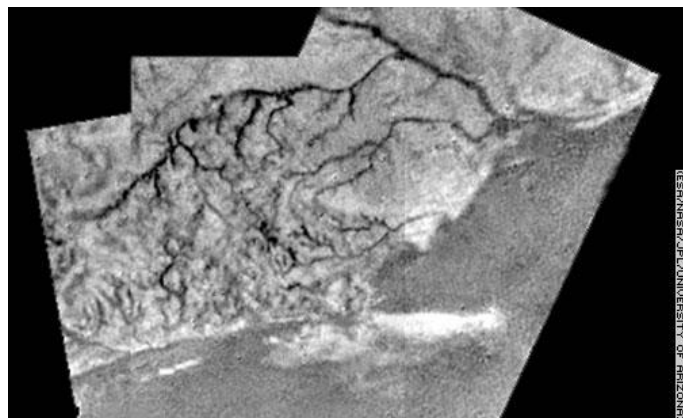
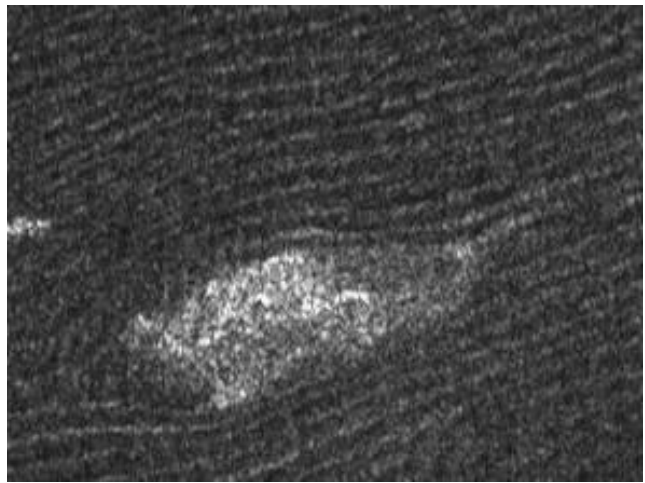




# Titan

Casini / Huygens (ESA/NASA)

Ice sand dunes



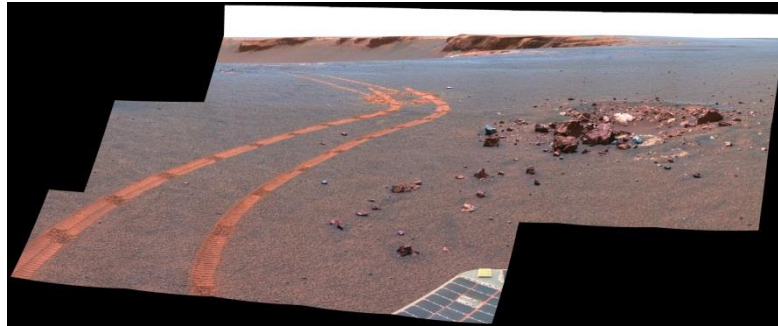
Rivers, lakes, seas, rain, mud etc..







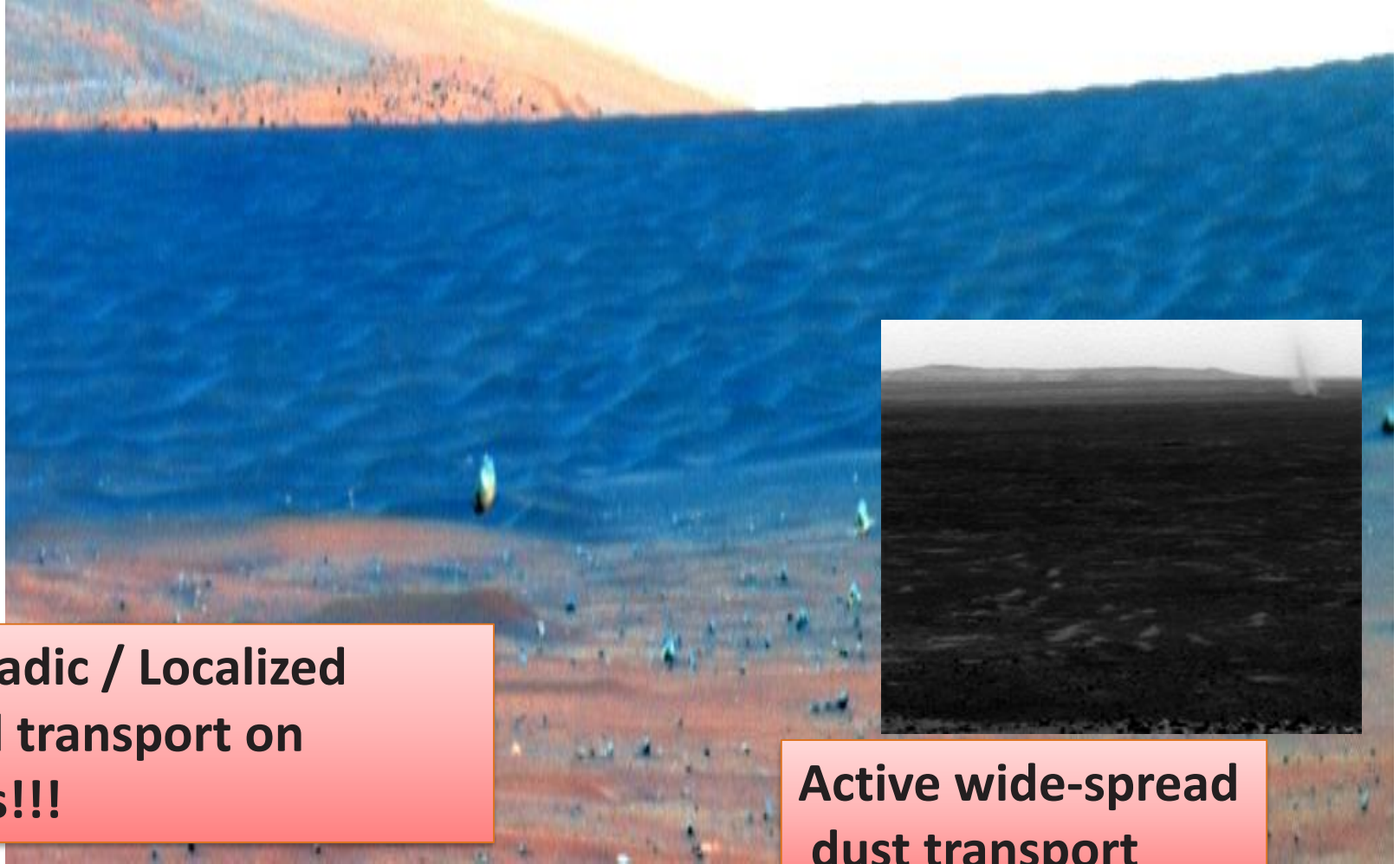
# Wind driven Ash transport



**Martian surface =  
volcanic sand /dust  
+ Aeolian transport**



# Mars: Current Aeolian (Erosion) Activity



**Sporadic / Localized  
Sand transport on  
Mars!!!**

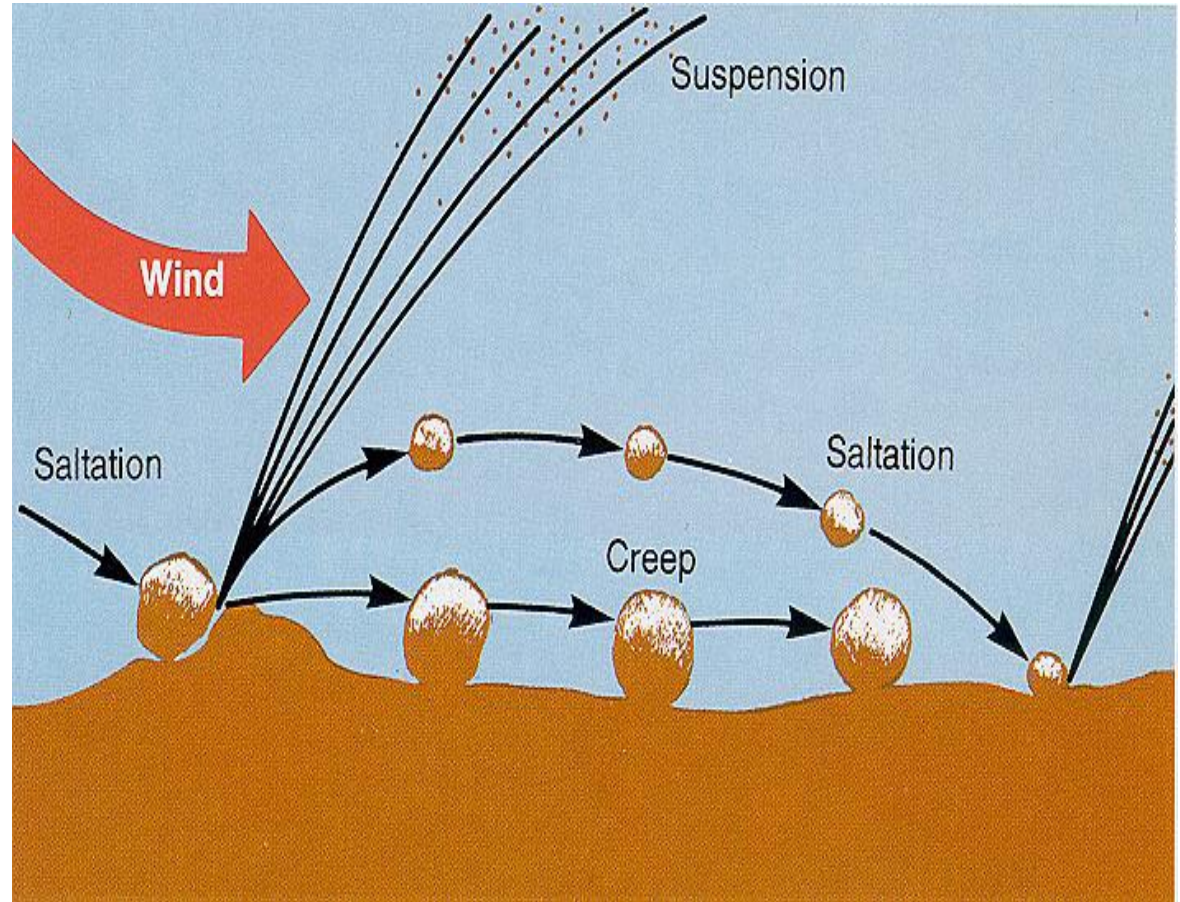
**Active wide-spread  
dust transport**

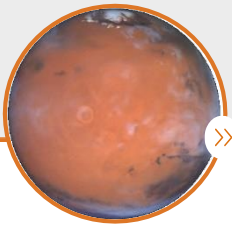




# Wind driven processes; saltating sand:

Ripples, Dunes, Abrasion (ventifacts), dust transport





# Conventional Boundary Layer Model

$$\text{Surface Shear Stress} = F/A = \rho U_*^2$$

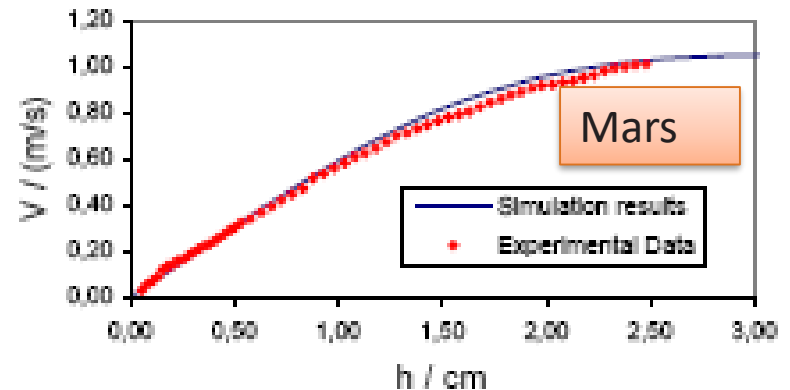
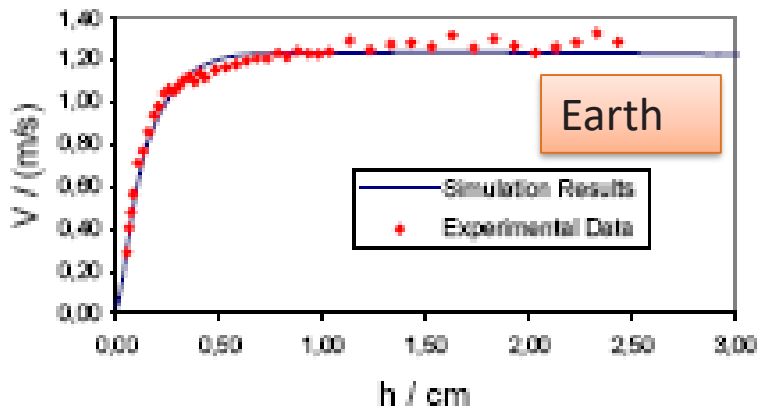
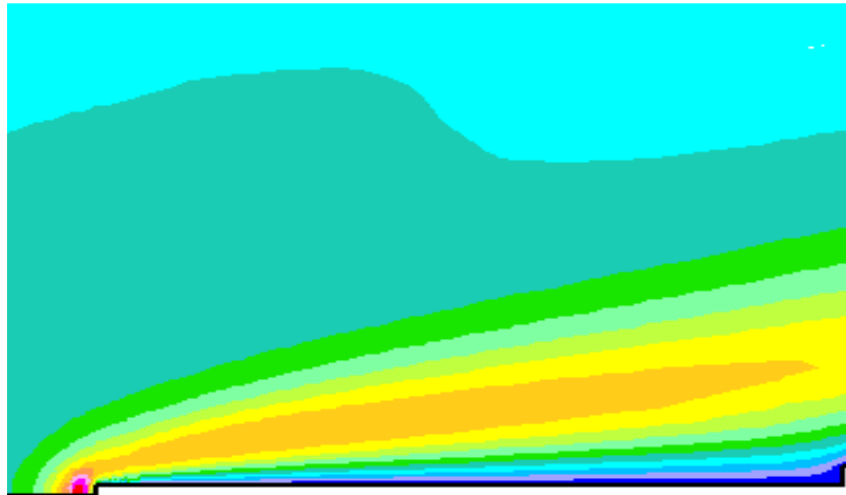
$U_*$  = Friction Velocity

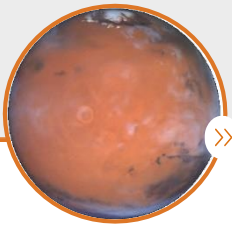
Turbulent Boundary (sub) Layer

$$U = 2.5U_* \ln\left(\frac{\rho U_*^2 Z}{\mu}\right) + 5.1U_*$$

Viscous Boundary (sub) Layer

$$U = \frac{\rho U_*^2 Z}{\mu}$$





# Computational Fluid Dynamic: CFD Modeling

## Finite Element Analysis (Computational Grid )

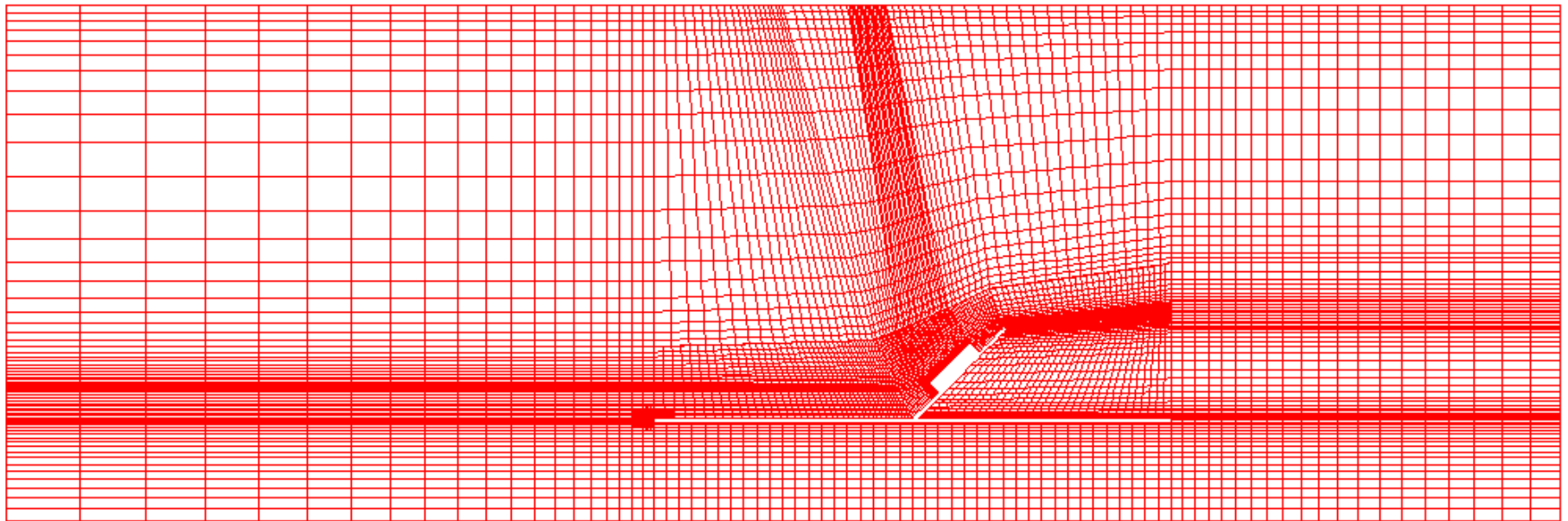
### Navier-Stokes Equations

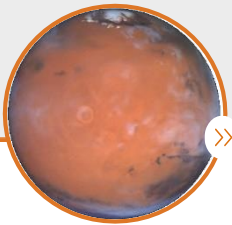
(momentum conservation i.e. Newtons 2nd law  
[moving gas parcel, ideal gas law])

+ Conservation E and mass;

$$\frac{Dv}{Dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P + g_P + \nu \nabla^2 v$$

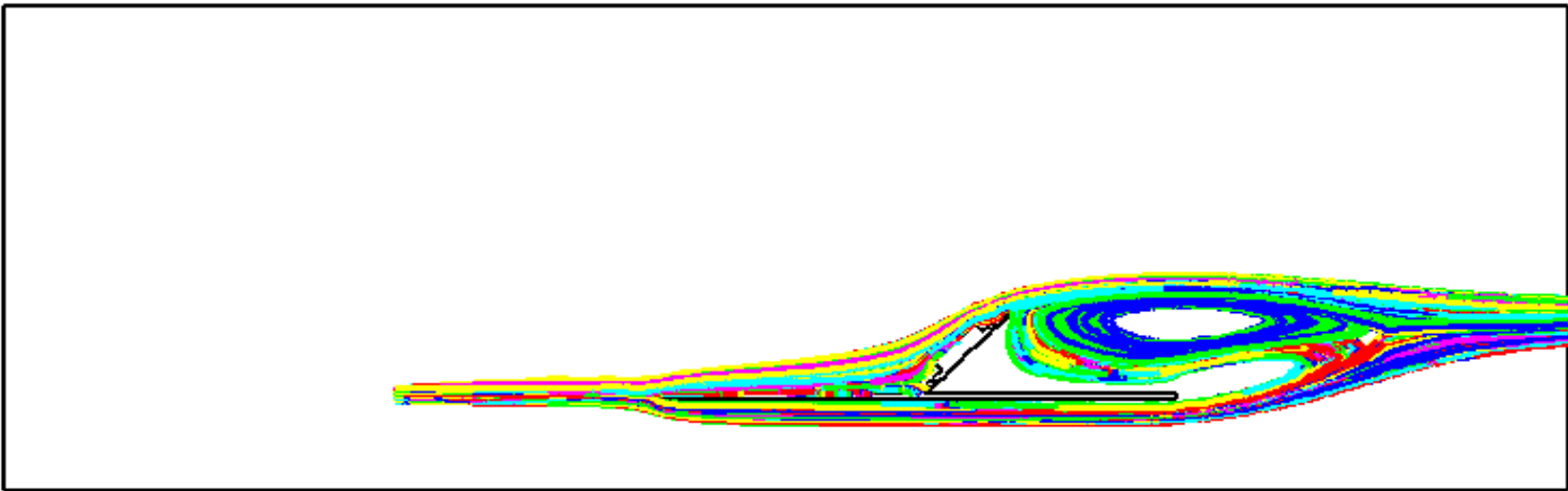
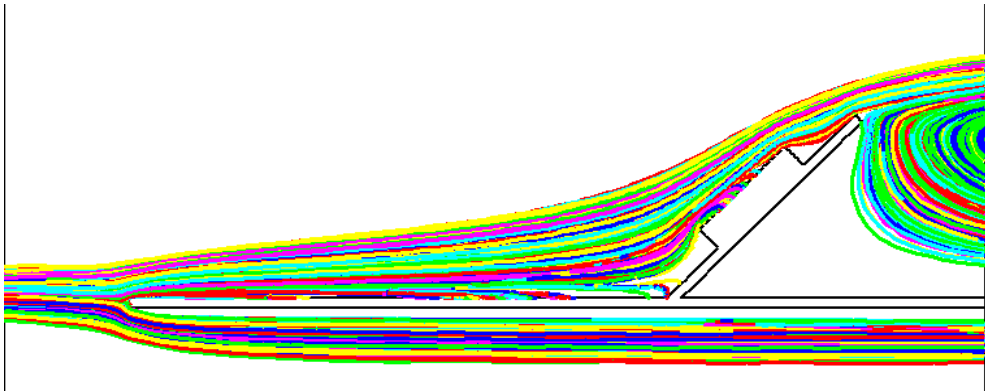
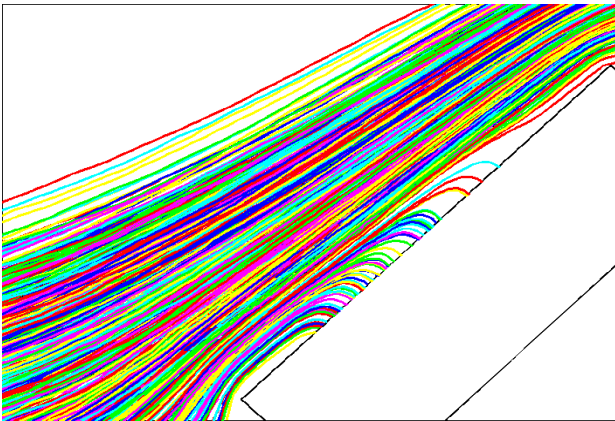
$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} = -\rho \nabla \cdot v$$





# Computational Fluid Dynamic: CFD Modeling

Injecting individual dust grains





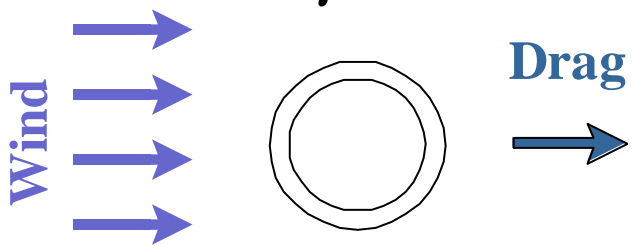
# Aerodynamic Drag

Dust Transport

Sand Transport

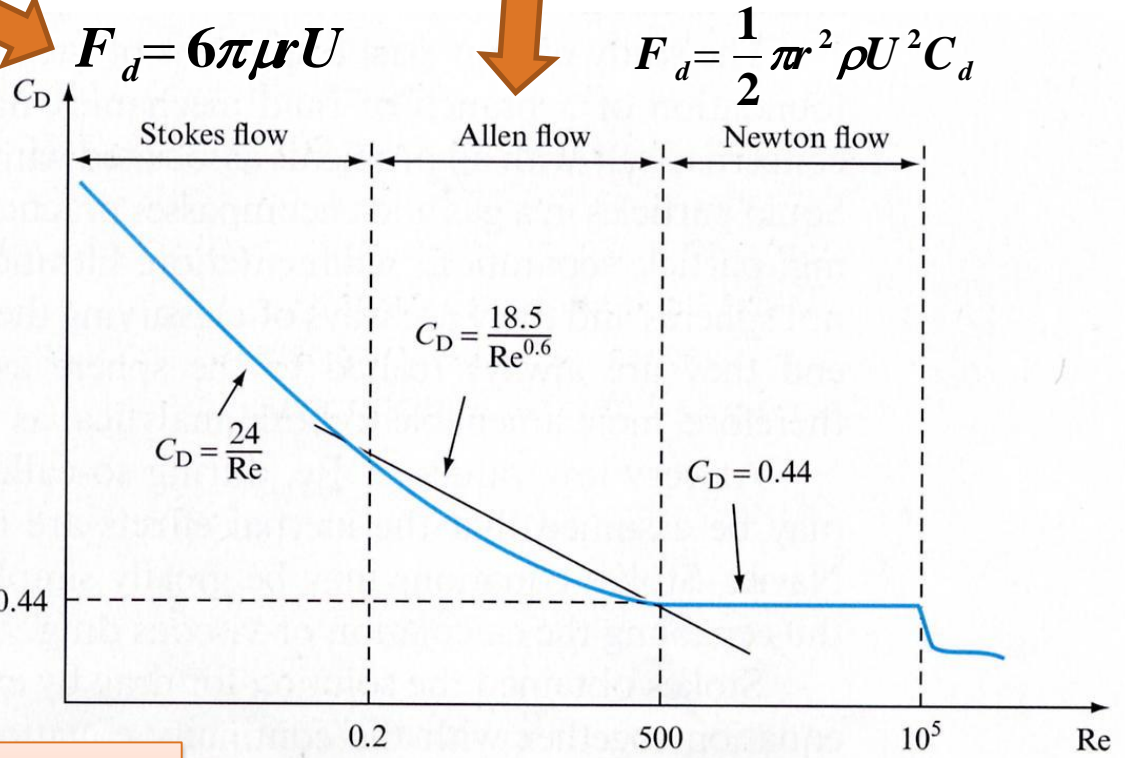
Reynolds Number

$$R = \frac{\rho \cdot U \cdot d}{\mu}$$



$$F_d = \frac{4\pi}{3} \delta \rho \bar{c} r^2 U$$

For Very Small  $Kn = \lambda/r$   
Molecular drag [Epstein 1924]

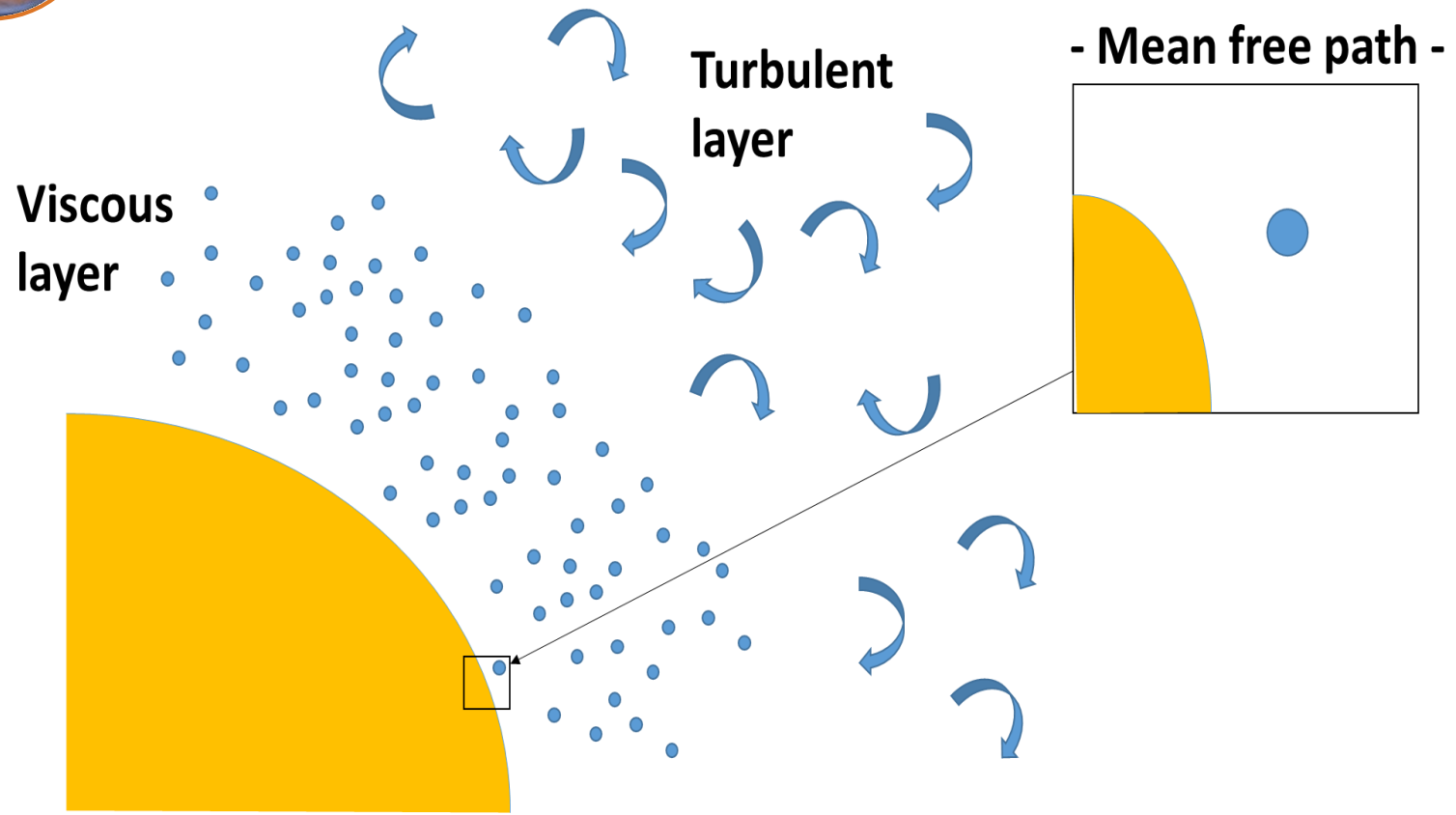


$$F_d = \frac{6\pi\mu r U}{1 + Kn(\alpha + \beta \exp(-\frac{\gamma}{Kn}))}$$





# Aerodynamic drag



**Molecular drag    Viscous drag    Turbulent drag**







# DUST; definition .....

**Turbulence:**

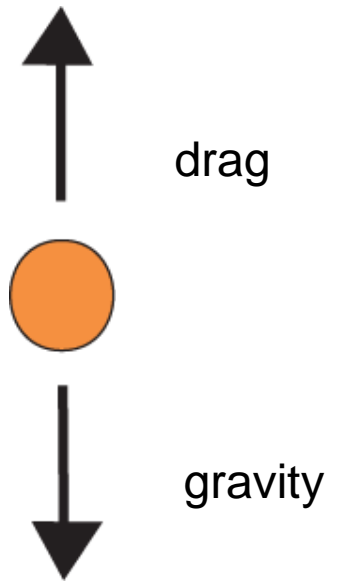
$$U_{rms} = \sum \sqrt{(u - u_{mean})^2}$$

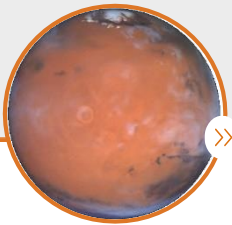
**Terminal velocity**

$$U_T = \frac{2}{9\mu} \rho_g r^2 g$$

**Grains remain suspended when:**

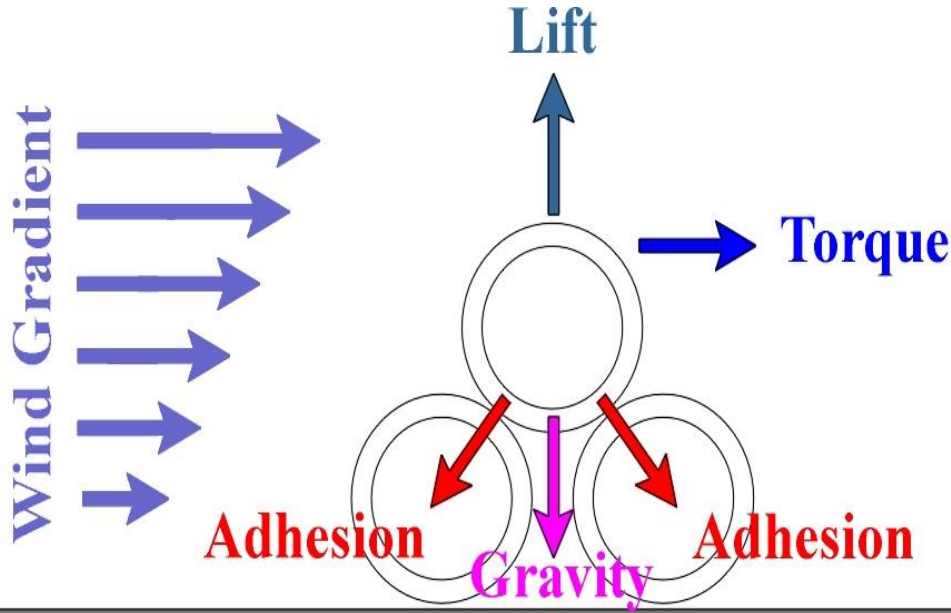
$$U_{rms} > U_T$$





# Detachment Threshold: Force Balance Equation

## Drag : Lift and Torque



$$F_{\text{lift}} + F_{\text{Torque}} = F_g + F_{\text{adh}}$$

**Gravity:**

Not easily independently varied in the lab.

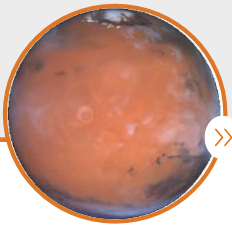
**Drag lift and Torque:**

Empirically determined, poorly defined (power law fit)

**Adhesion:**

Not known





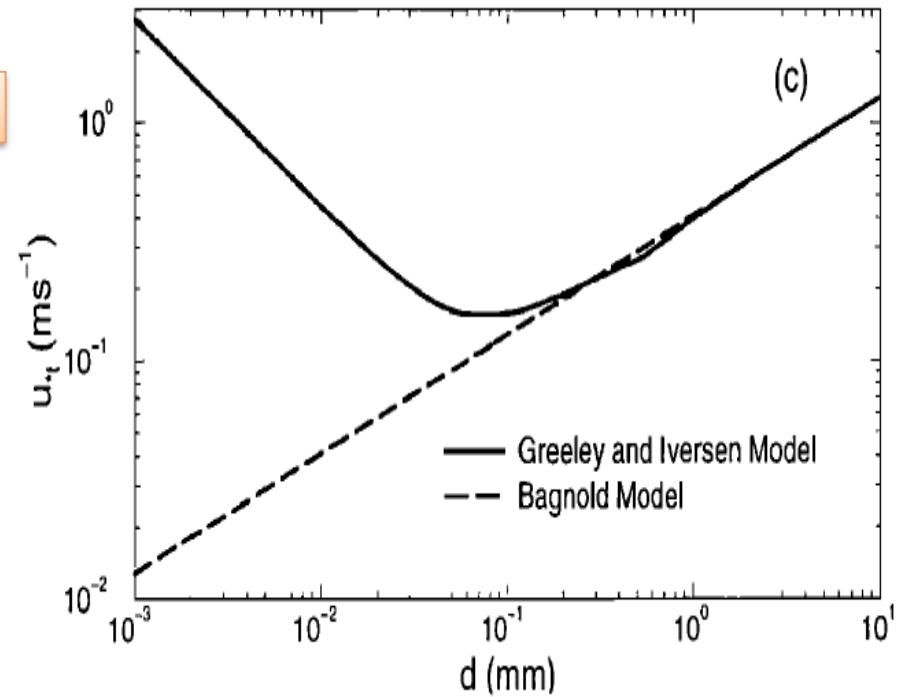
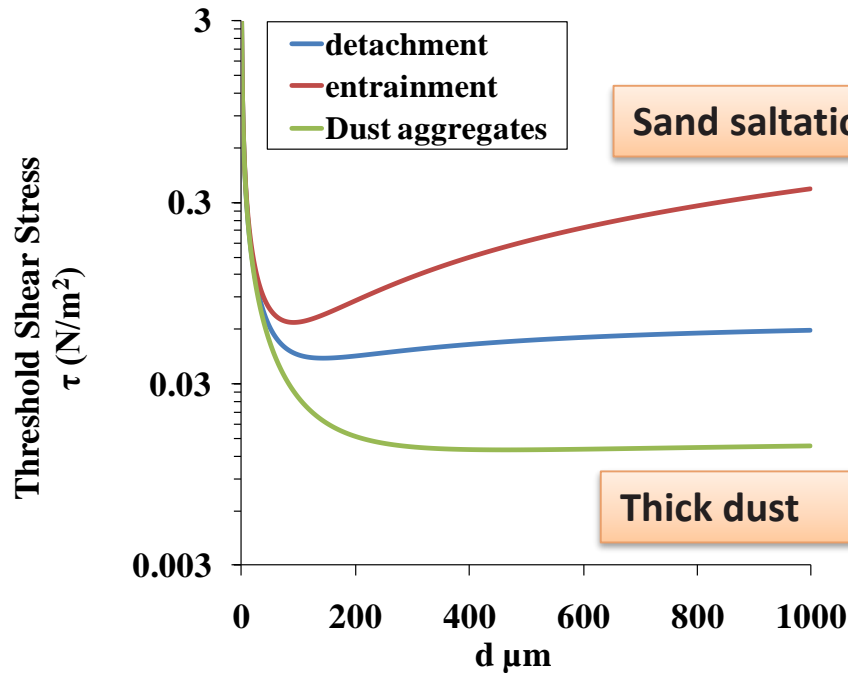
# dust/sand wind threshold

Force Balance

$$\rho U_*^2 = \frac{\frac{\pi}{6} g \rho_g d^3 + C_{adh} d}{C_L d^2}$$

Shao and Lu 2000

$$u_{*t} = \sqrt{Y_1 d + \frac{Y_2}{d}}$$



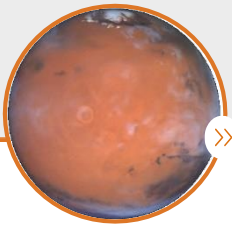
Merrison et al., ICARUS, 2007  
Holstein-Rahtlou et al. 2010

Greeley and Iversen 1985

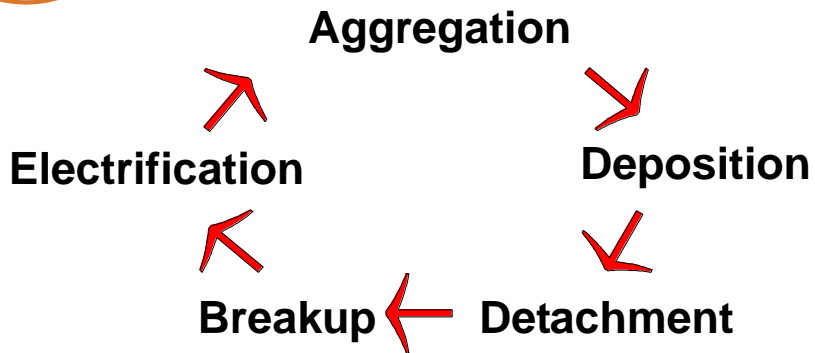


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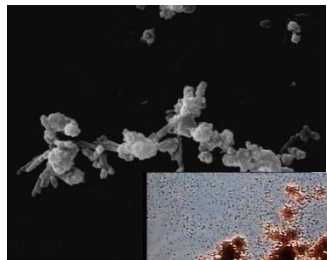




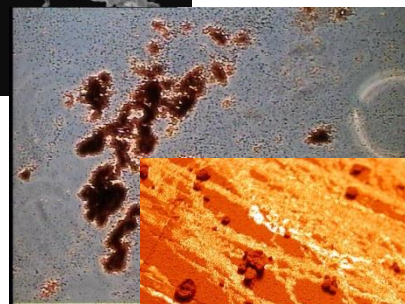
# Dust Aggregates



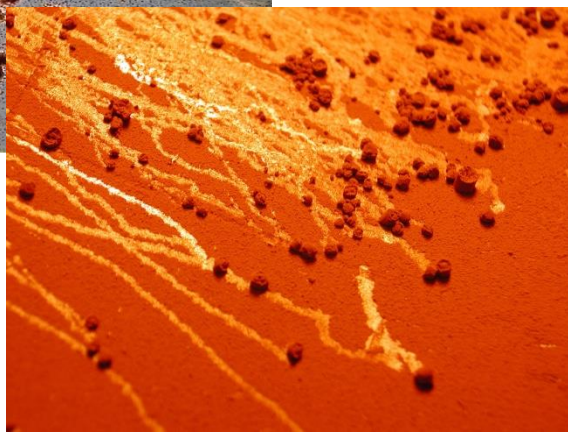
**Dust Transport**



1 $\mu$ m



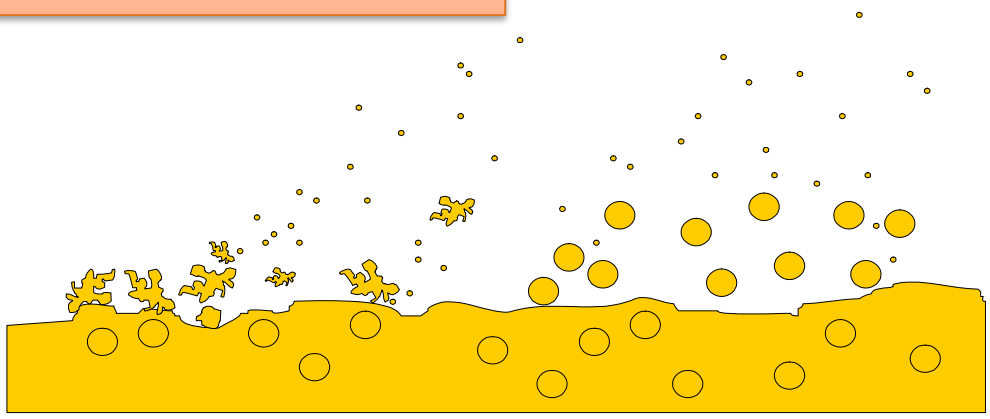
100 $\mu$ m

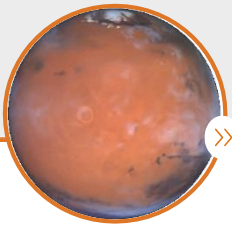


1mm

**Dust >10m/s,  
(shear stress = 0.01Pa)**

**Sand >25m/s**





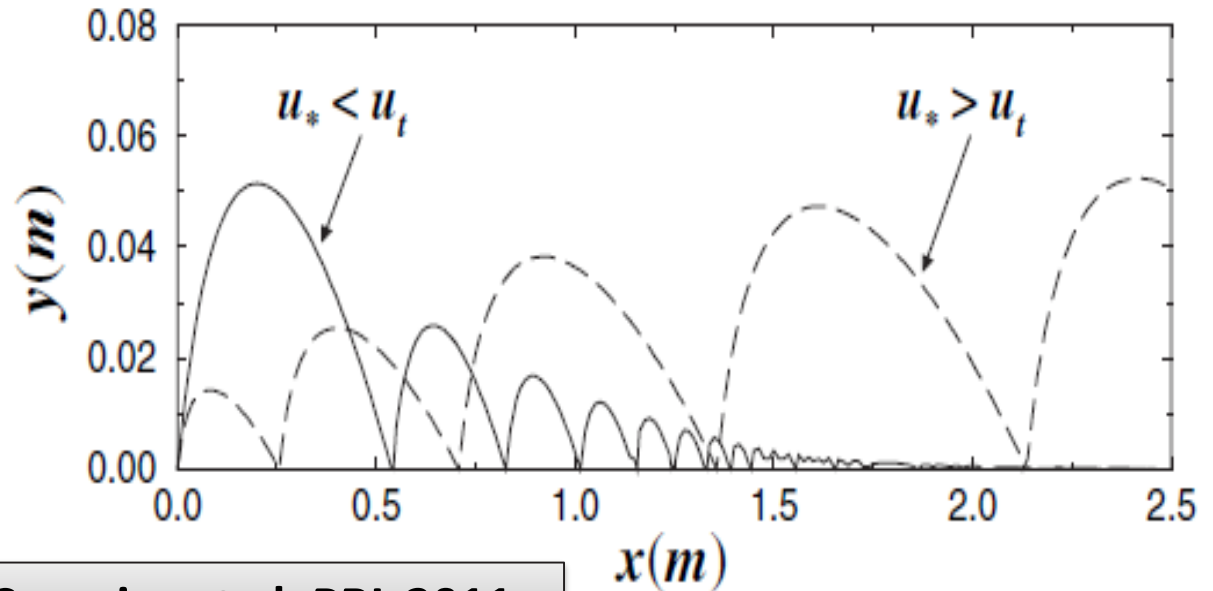
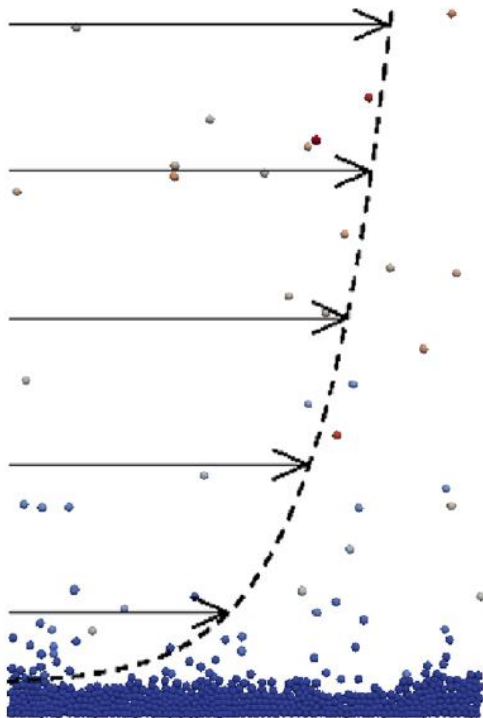
# Saltation (sand)

## Old models

Analytical, Dimensionless analysis;  
Feedback Layer

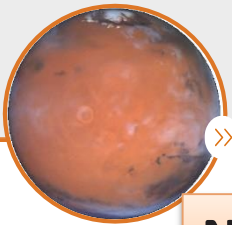
## Modern ideas

Computational (CFD, Stochastics)  
Transport rates, Trajectories  
Threshold (do we need one???)



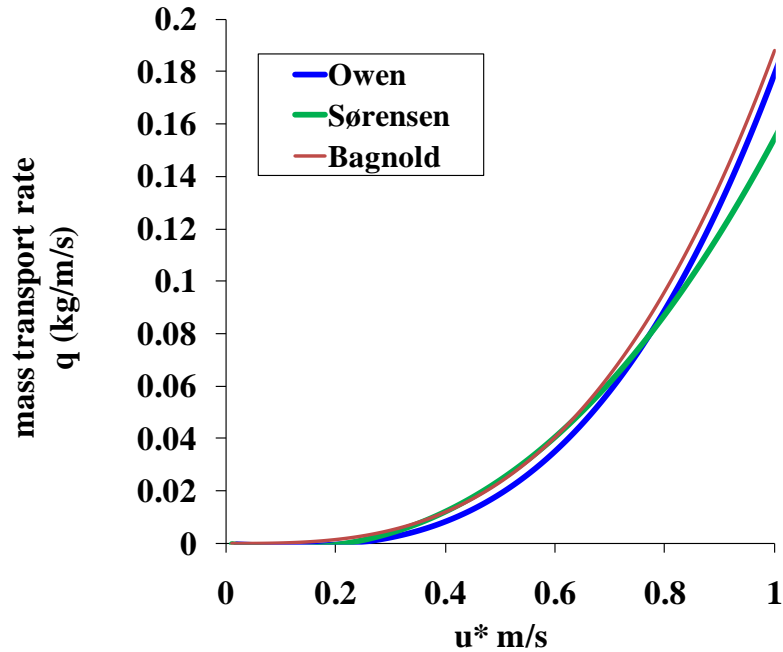
Carneiro et al. PRL 2011



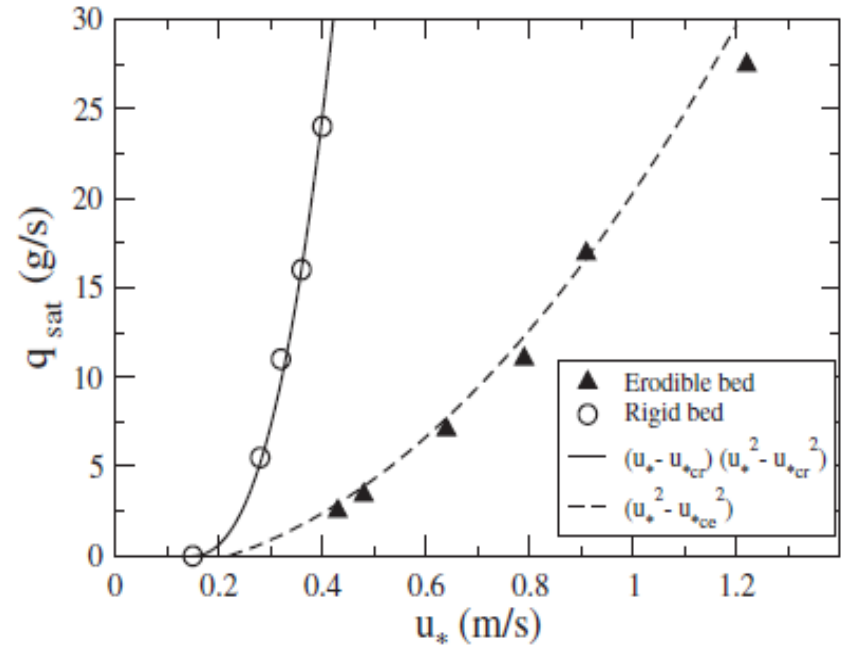


# Saltation Transport Rate

Non-Erodable bed



Erodable bed



Rate  $\sim (\tau - \tau_{th})U_* \sim (U^2)U \sim U^3$   
 (lift rate).(horizontal speed)

Rate  $\propto (U^2)$

Ho et al. 2011 PRL



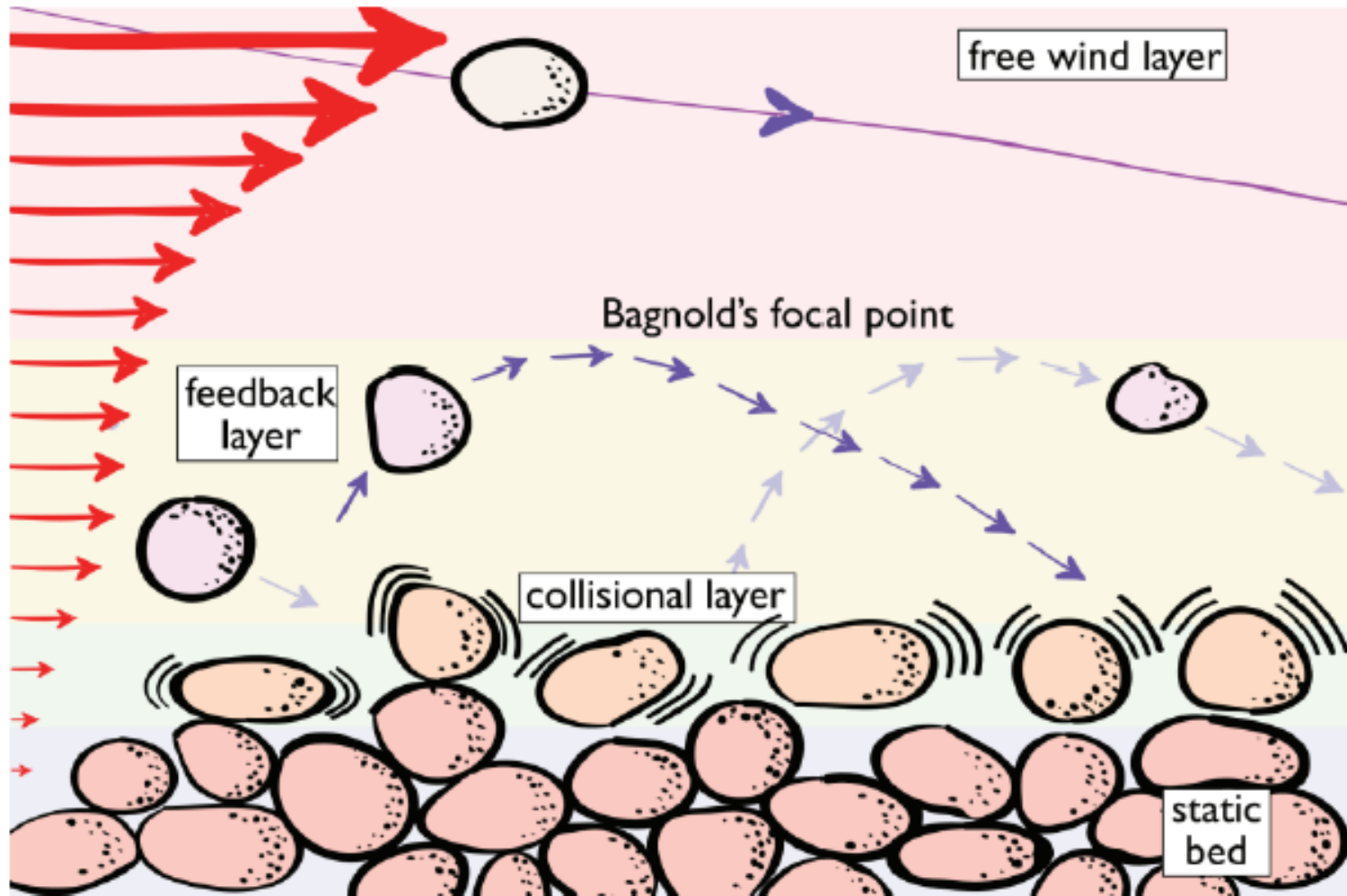


# Saltating grain trajectories; high speed imaging

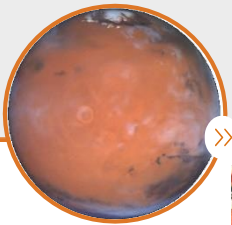




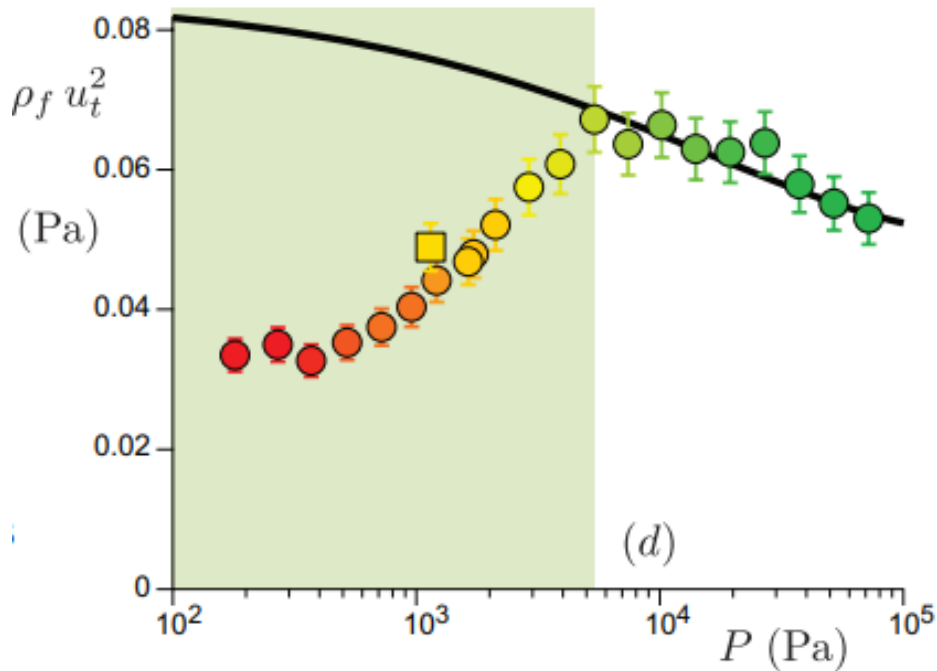
# Saltation – new models







# Saltation – new measurements



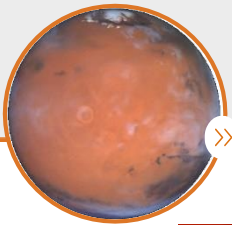
**Not fitting the model at low pressure –  
new regime of transport on Mars!!!**

**Andreotti et al. PNAS 2021,  
LPS Paris, France**



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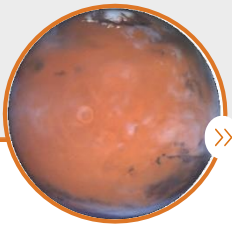


# Saltation threshold; laser sheet + microscope



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# Ripple migration; time lapse

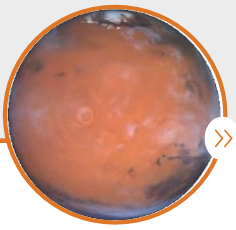
Ripple length and speed do fit the model





# Ripple migration; microscope time lapse





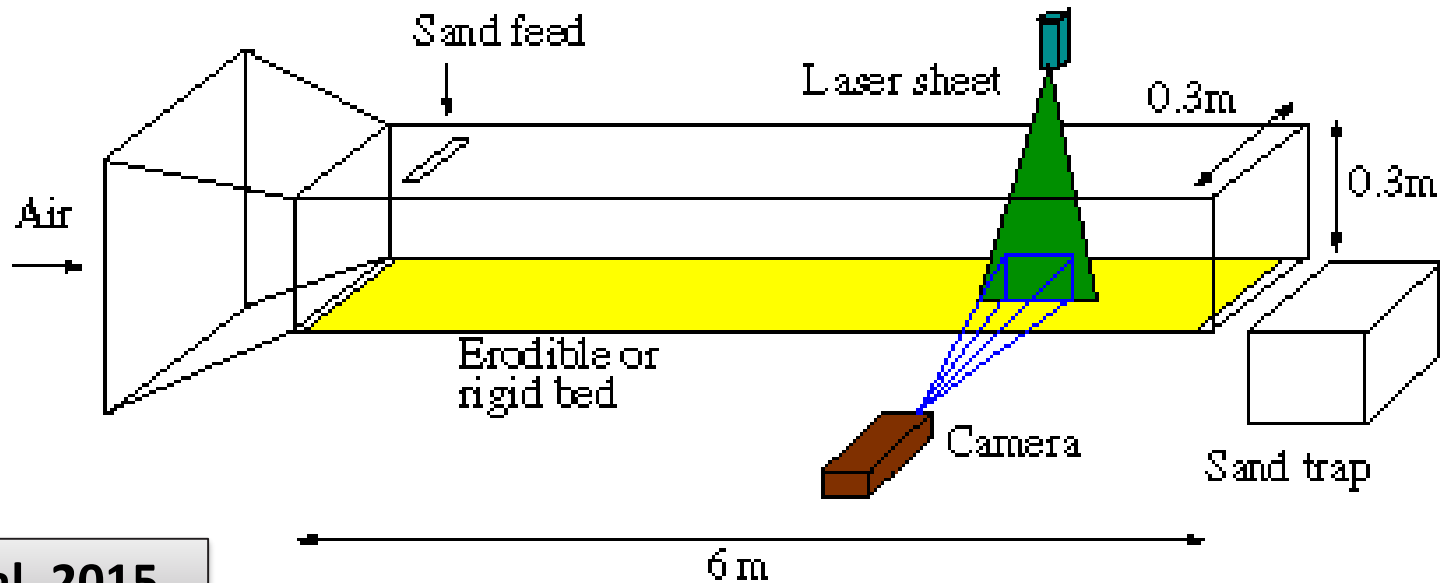
# Lab work (wind tunnels)

## Old technology

Sensors = traps, pitot tubes

## Modern technology

Sensors = PIV, LDV, high speed cams, lasers



Rasmussen et al. 2015



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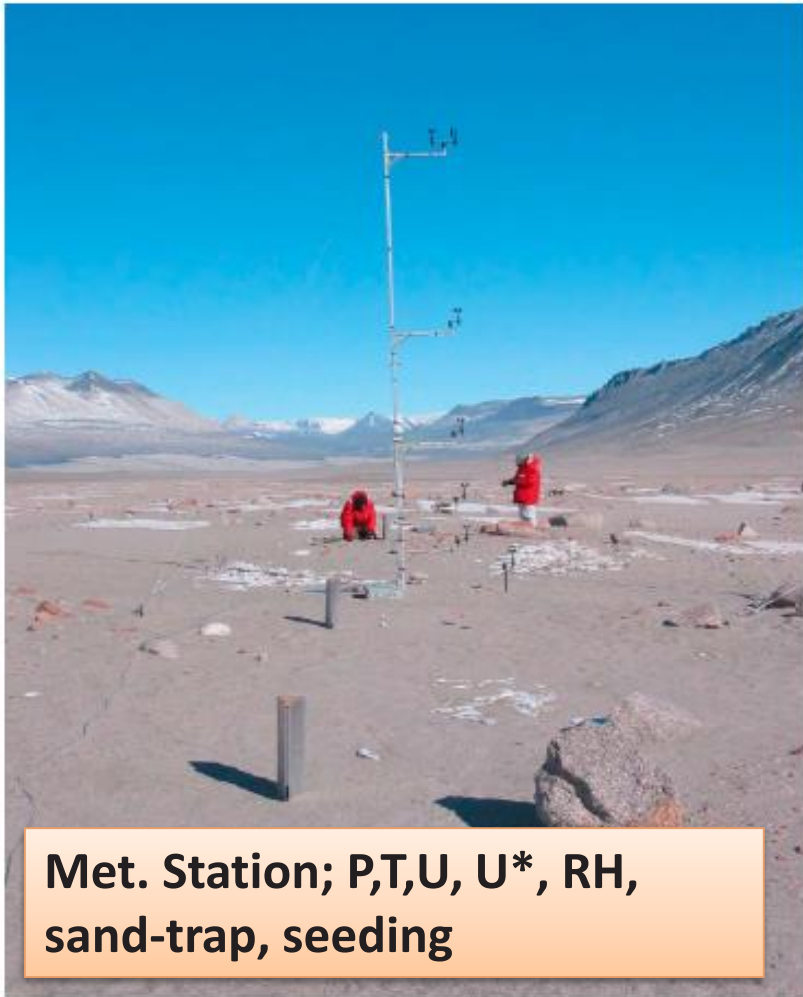




# Field Experiments

Lancaster et al. 2010 JGR

Pye and Tsoar 1990, Aeolian sand and sand dunes

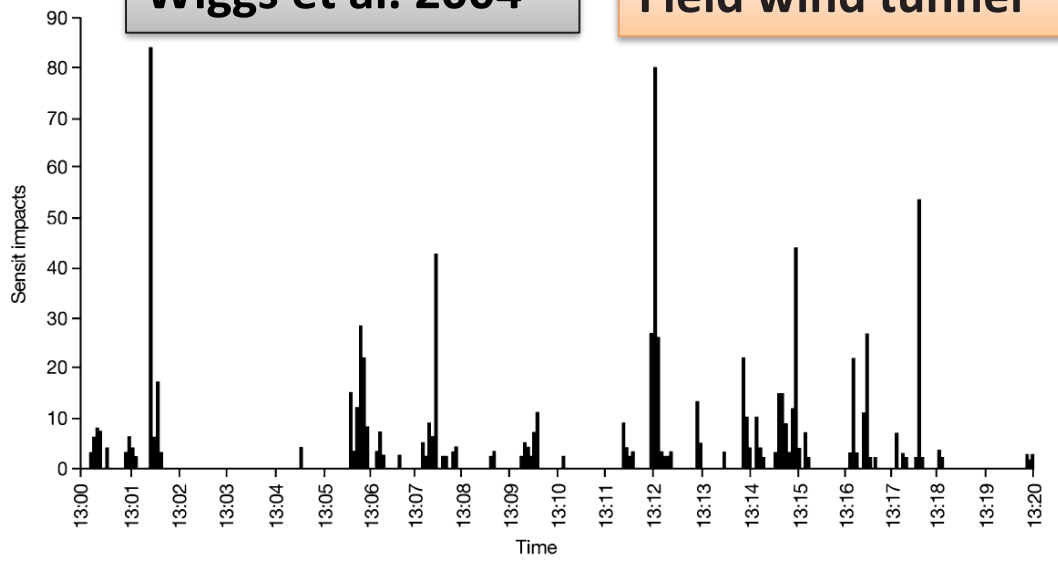


Met. Station; P,T,U, U\*, RH, sand-trap, seeding



Wiggs et al. 2004

Field wind tunnel



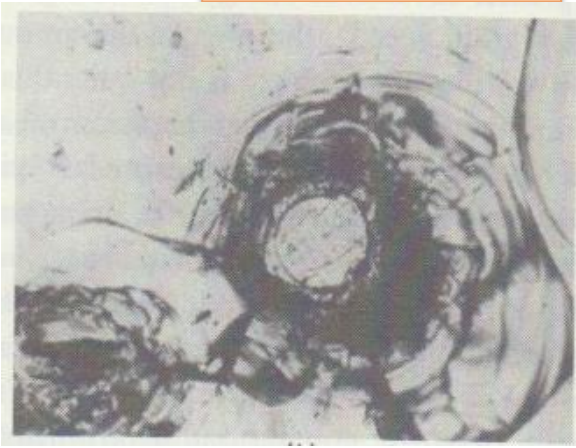
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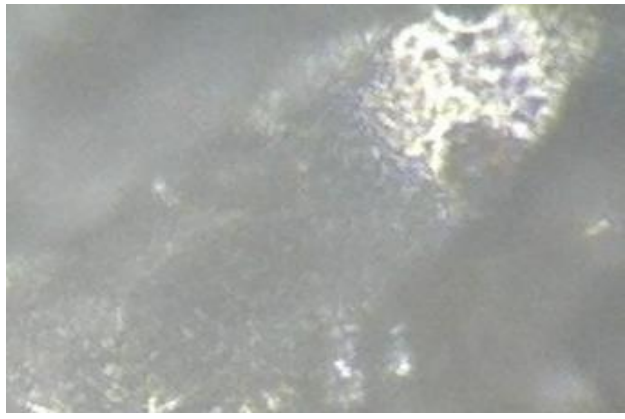


# Abrasion

**U > 10m/s**

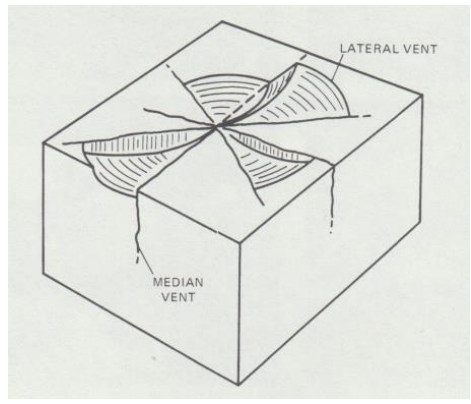


**U ~ 1m/s)**

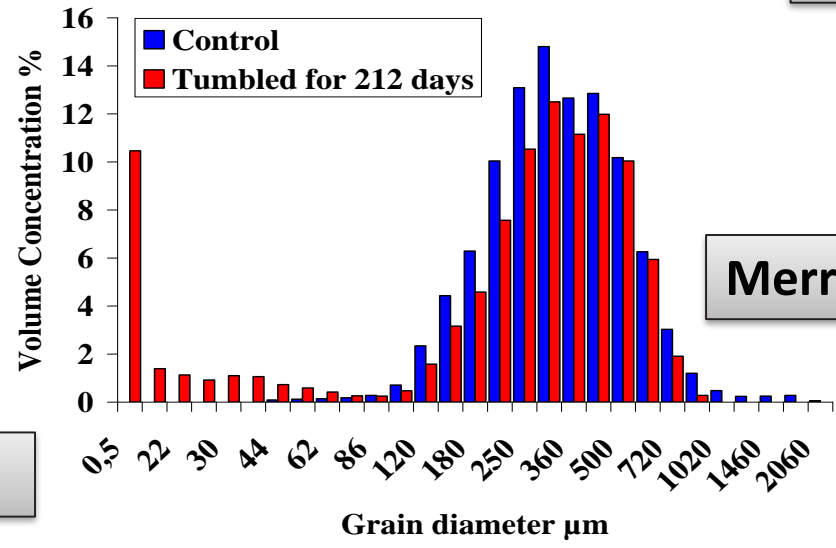


**U < 0.3 m/s**  
**NO EROSION**

det Vet et al.  
2015



**Greeley and Iversen 1985**

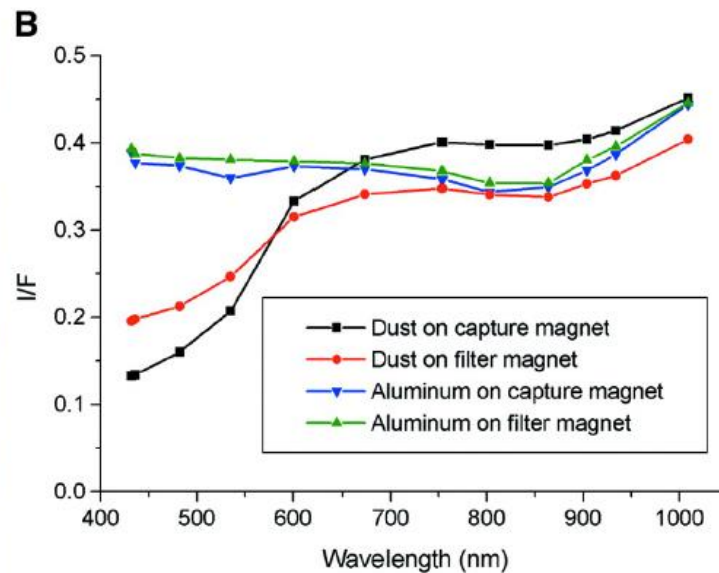
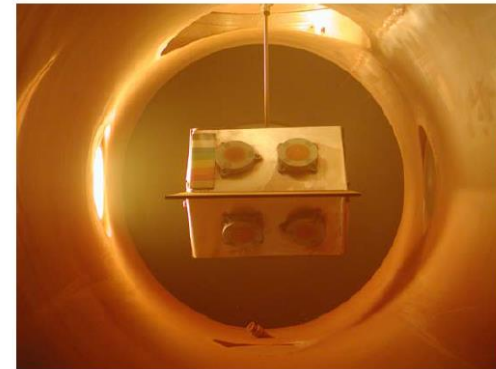
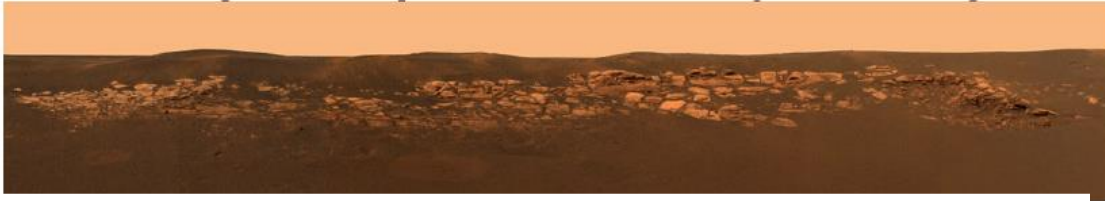


**Merrison et al. 2009**





# Why Mars is red ....



- Optical spectroscopy
- Mossbauer spectroscopy
- X-ray scattering

**Figure 3-31:** Pancam image of the Spirit Capture and Filter magnets and optical reflectance spectra from the two magnets. [5]

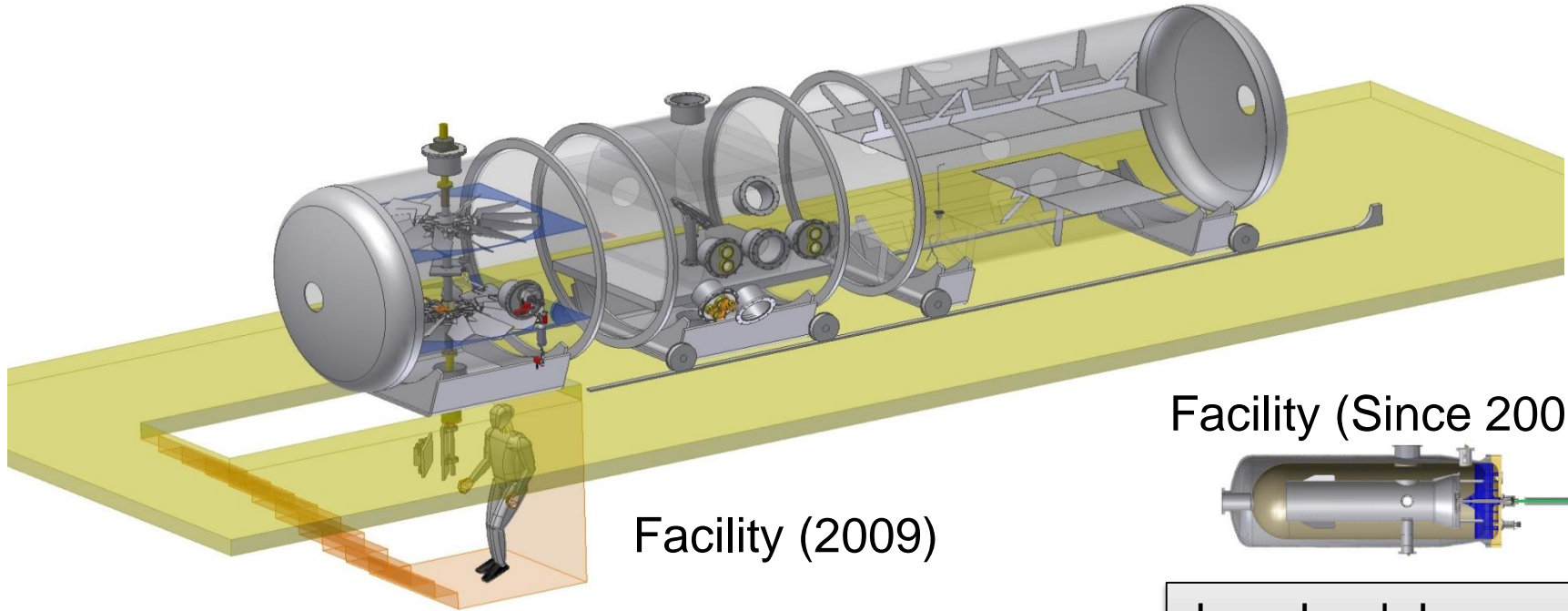
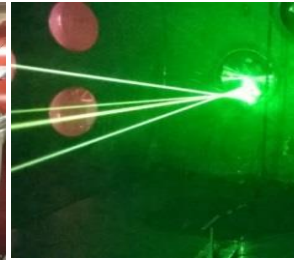






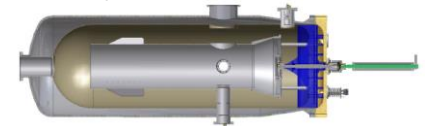
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# Planetary Environmental Simulator(s)



Facility (2009)

Facility (Since 2000)



Jens Jacob Iversen  
Jon Merrison  
Keld R Rasmussen





# Planetary Environmental Simulator(s)

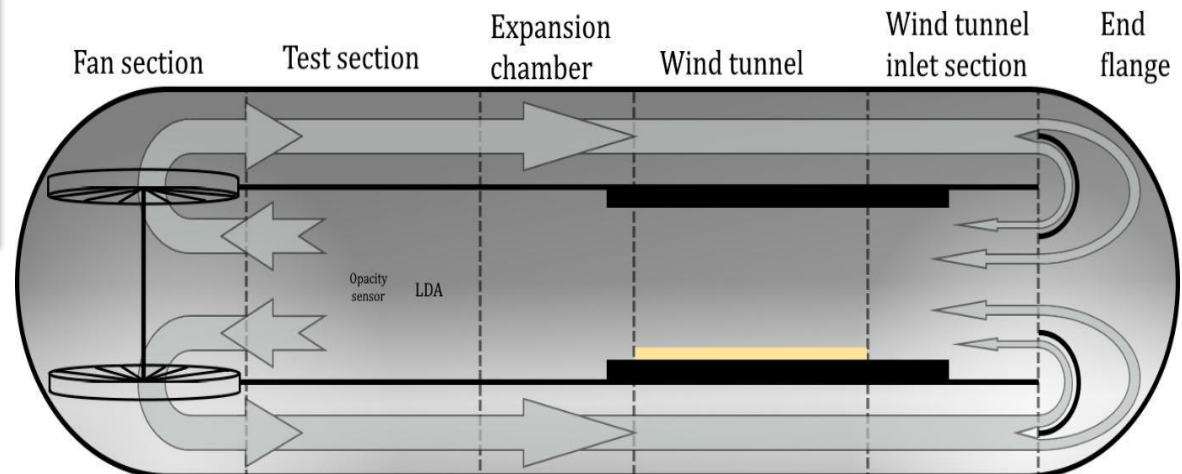
**Pressure** 0.02-1000 mbar  
(Mars 10mbar),  
Gas (Air, CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>,)

**Temperature** (100K – 350K)  
[Humidity control]

**Wind speed** 1 - 40m/s

**Dust aerosol**  $\approx$  1-1000 cm<sup>-3</sup>  
**Sand transport**

**Vol.** (2m x 8m x 1m)





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# Dust Aerosolization; Opacity sensor + LDV



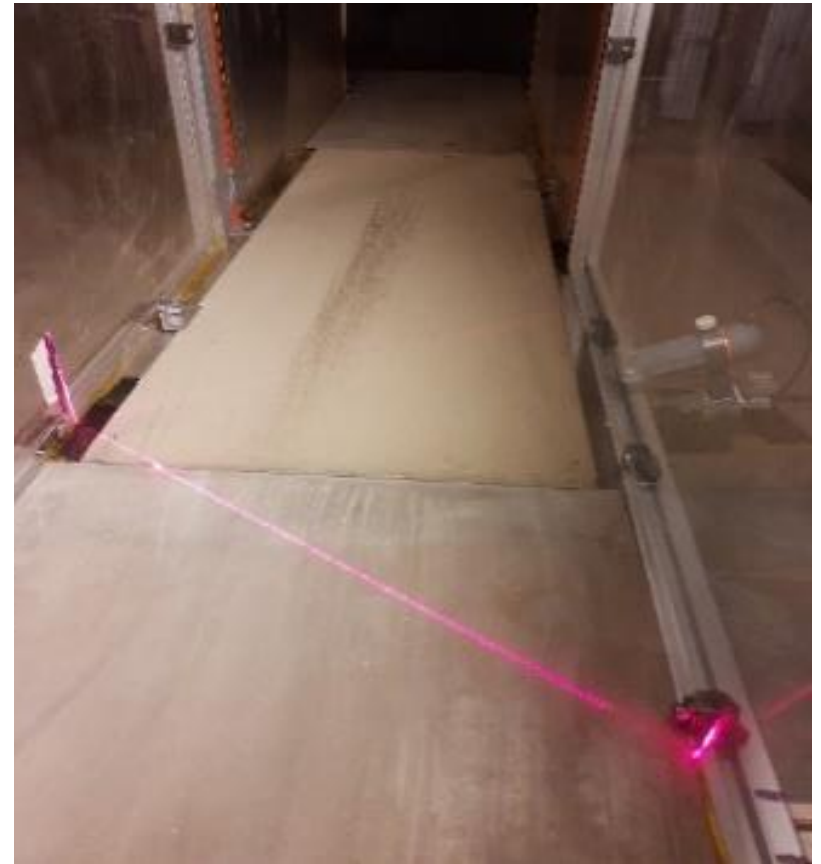
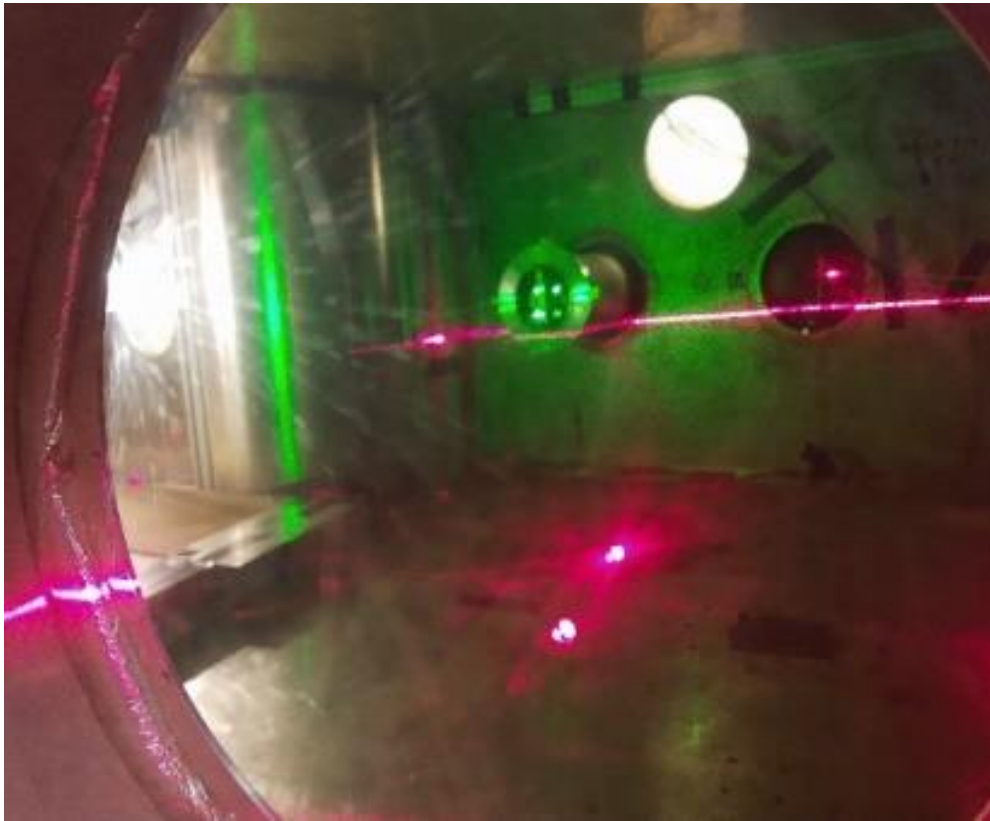


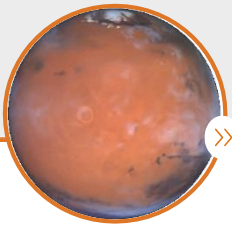
# ROADMAP project – wind tunnel studies

## Dust remobilization

DOWNWIND Resuspension  
LDV, opacity

UPWIND: Dust Removal  
(web cameras)





# ROADMAP project – wind tunnel studies

## A 'wind tunnel' on Mars

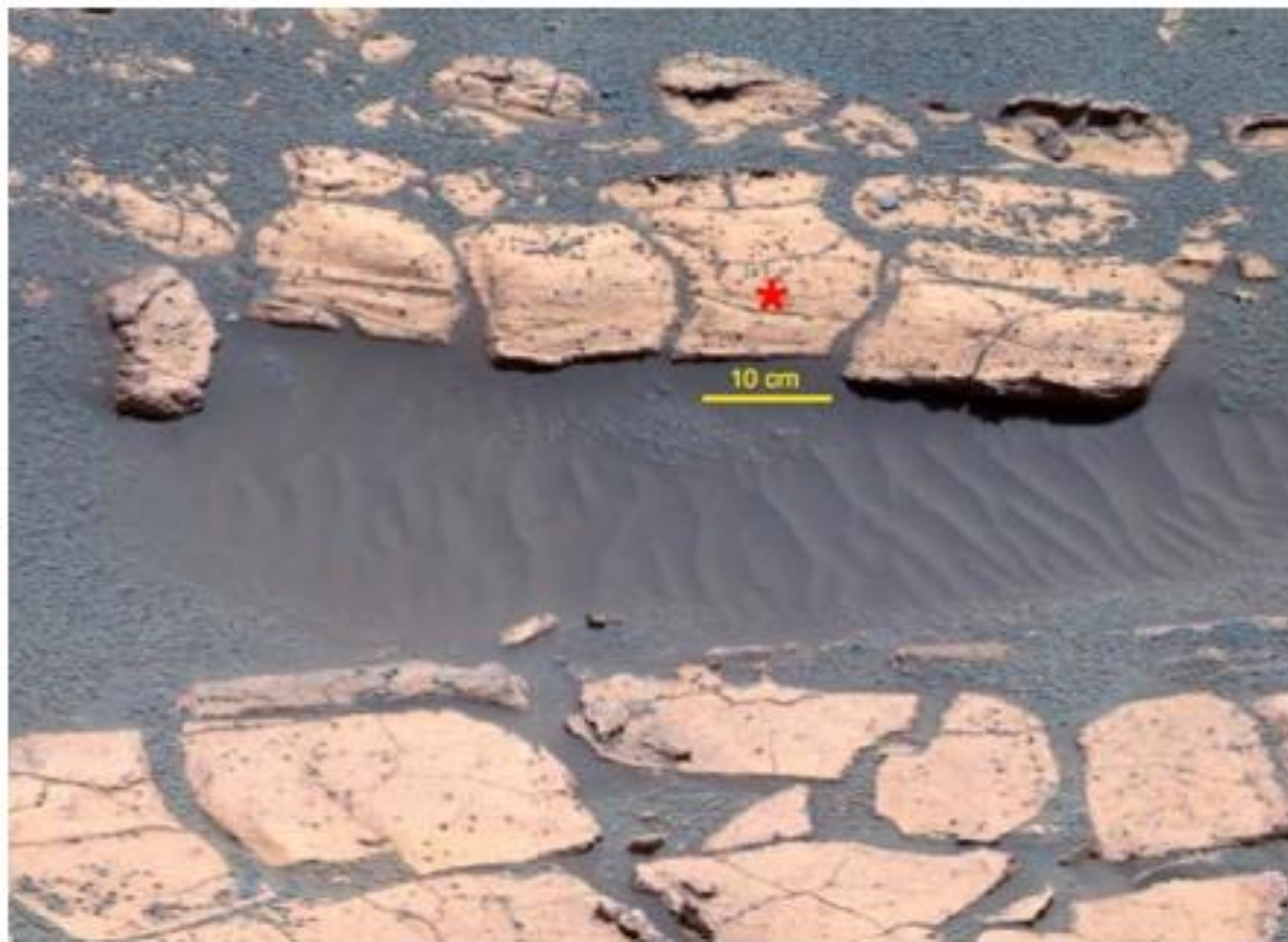
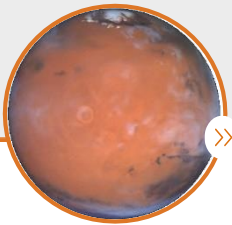
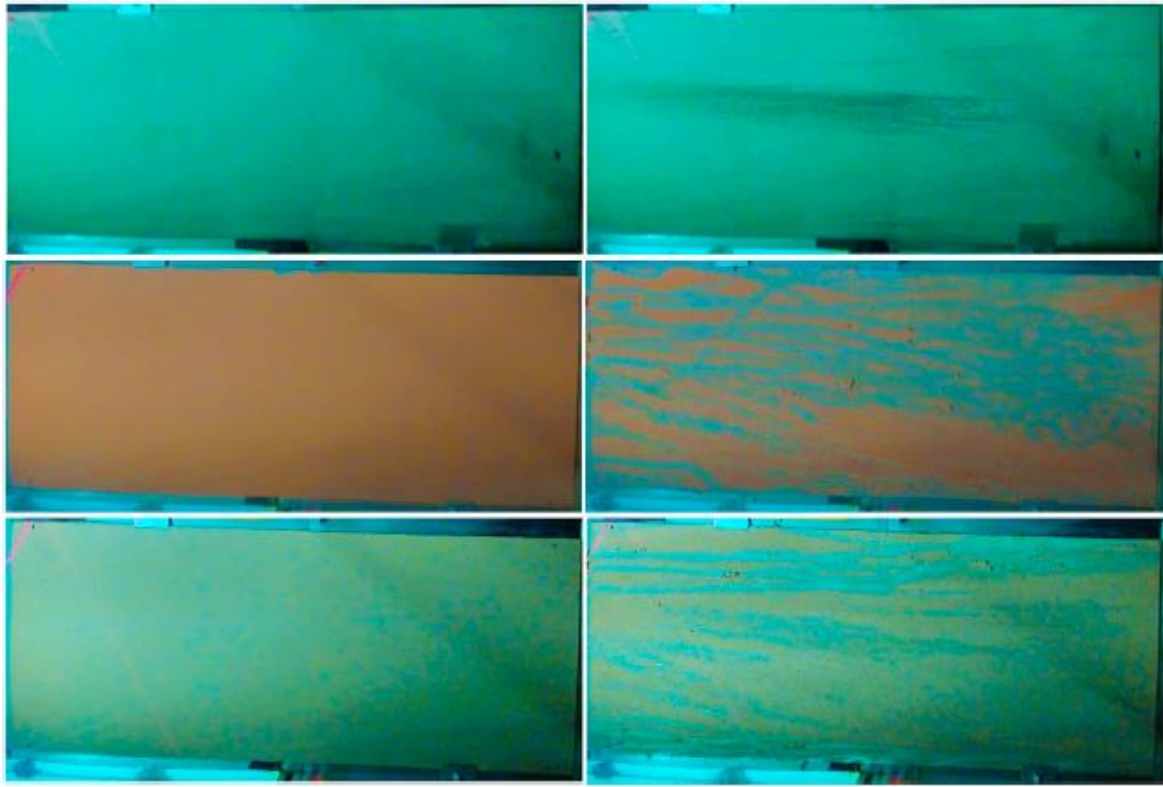


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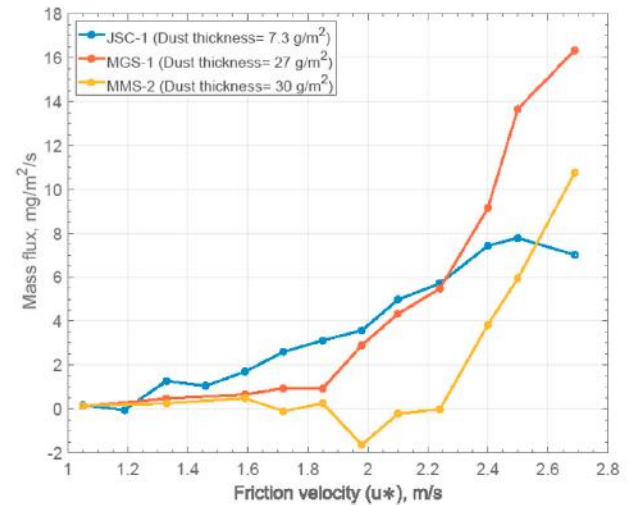
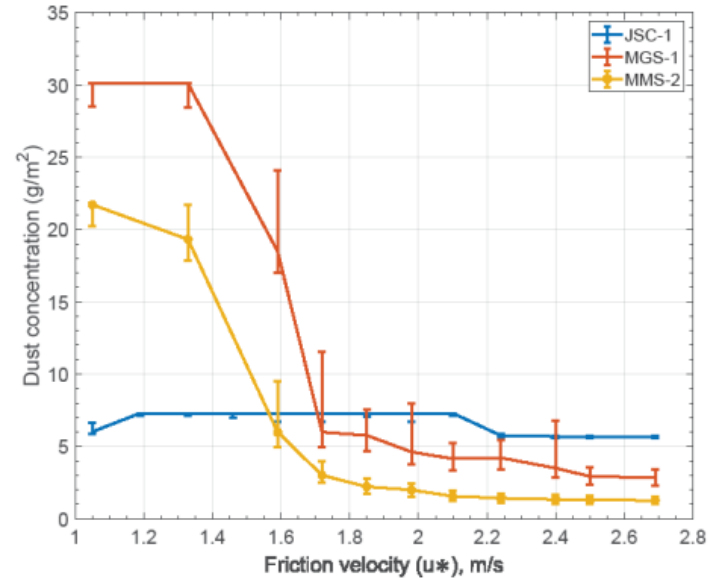




# ROADMAP project – direct dust remobilization



- Cannot remove thin dust layer !!!!!
- Direct Remobilization / Resuspension
- Threshold / flux( $u^*$ )





# ROADMAP project – direct dust (analogue) remobilization

Direct Dust Remobilization (MMS-2, Martian conditions)

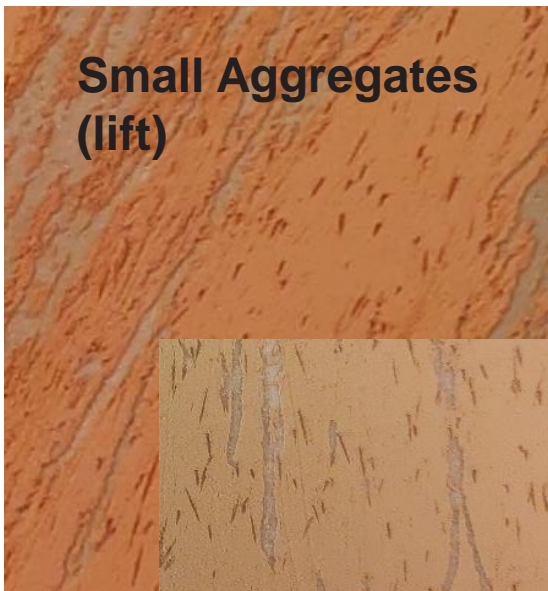




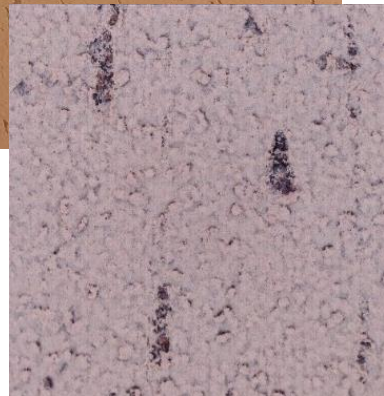
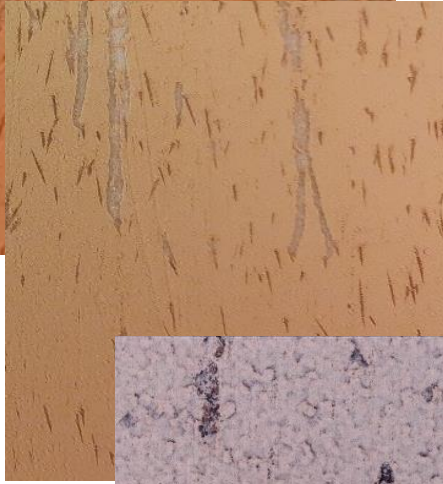
# ROADMAP project – first direct dust remobilization



Big Aggregates (roll)



Small Aggregates (lift)



## Breakup+redeposition



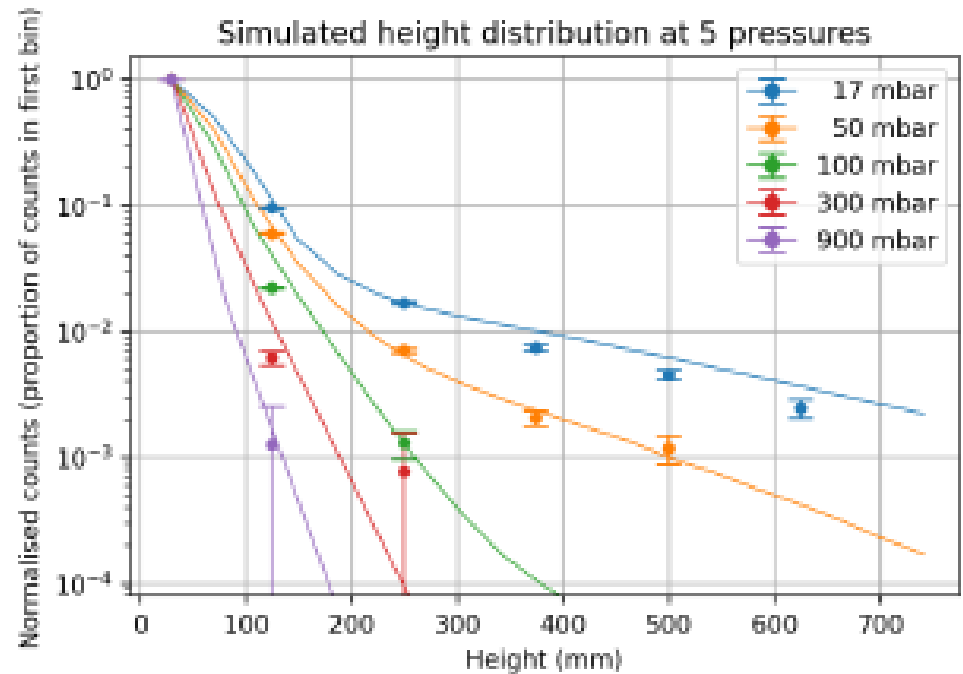


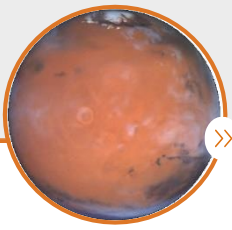


# ROADMAP project – saltation induced dust remobilization

Low pressure Saltation – sand suspension !!!

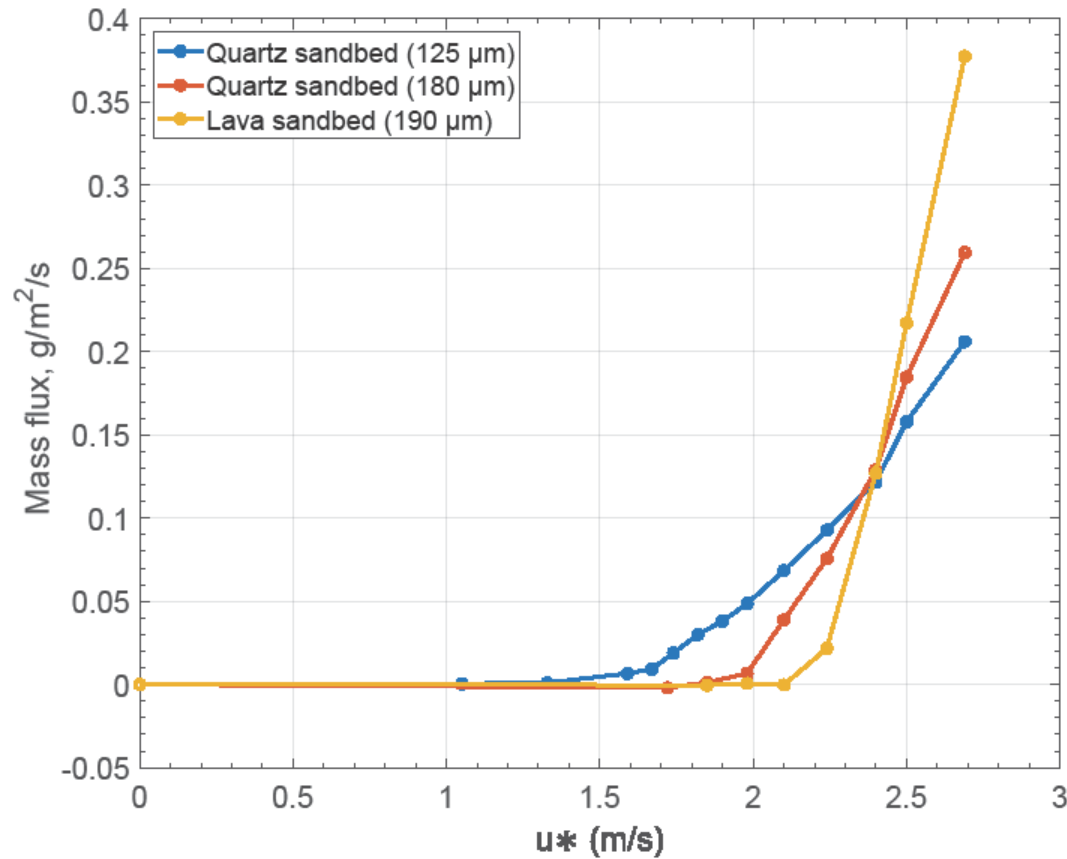
Simple modelling – monte-carlo single particle tracking





# ROADMAP project – saltation abrasion generated dust

First saltation induced abrasion observed (in windtunnel)



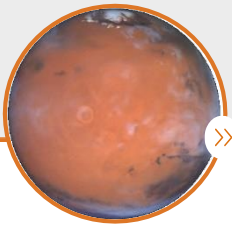


# ROADMAP project – followup

## Future

- **New saltation Experiments (several groups)**
- **New dust resuspension Experiments (few groups)**
- **Experiments Relating transport rates to abrasion rates (dust generation)**
  
- **Computational models (CFD, Monte Carlo, etc..)**
- **Turbulent models (stochastics)**
- **New physical models (less empirical)**





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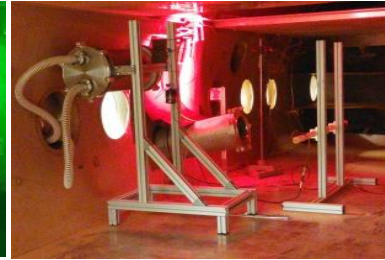
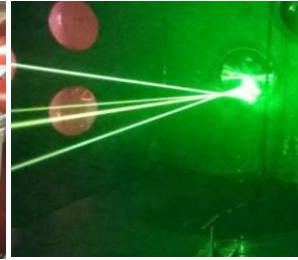
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Task 2.2: Dust  
 resuspension/Aerosolization

Task 2.3: Aerosol dynamics  
 (electrification)

Task 2.4: Aerosol deposition



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