Electrostatic Precipitation for Cleaning Mars Atmospheric ISRU Intakes

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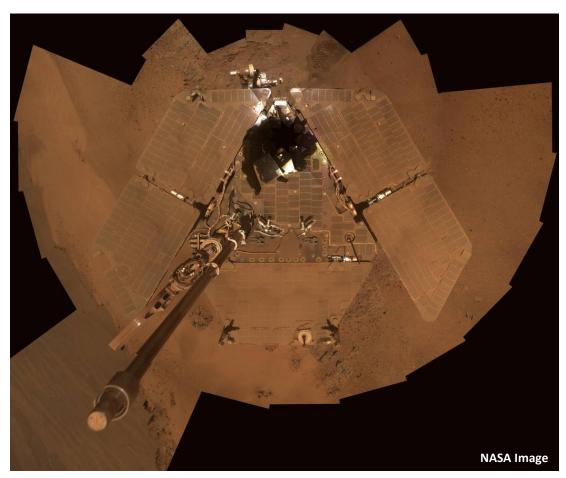
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The Dust Problem

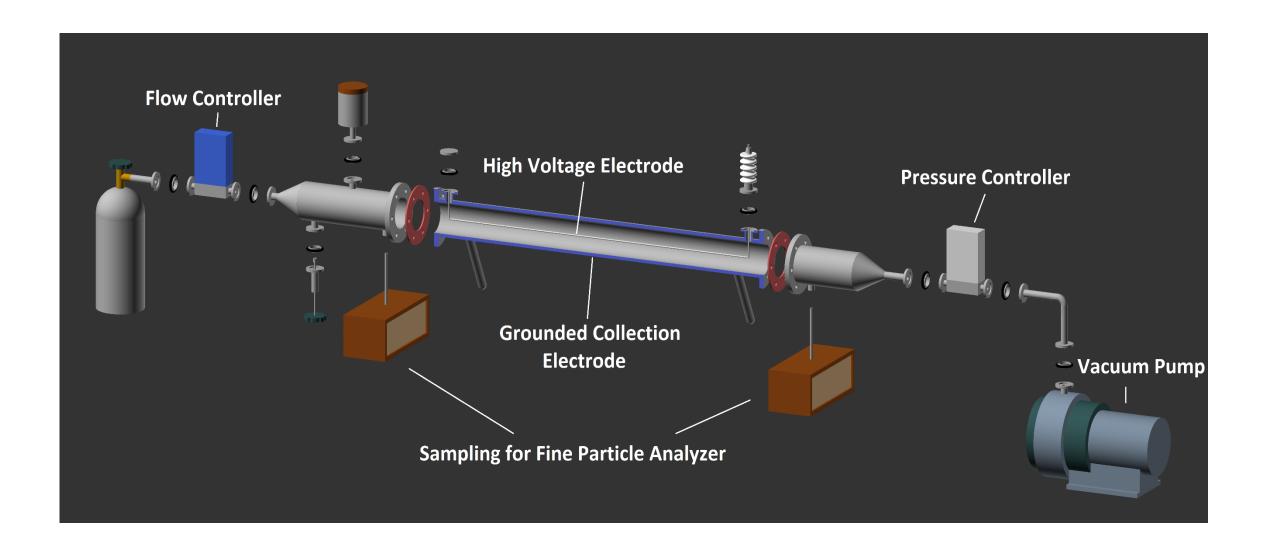


Dust coverage on Gene Cernan's EVA suit

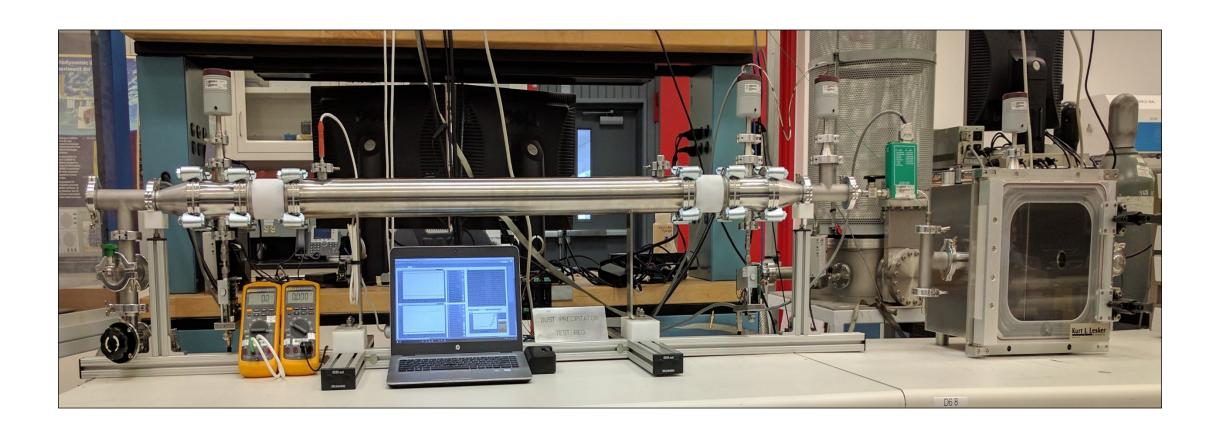


Dust coverage on MER solar panels

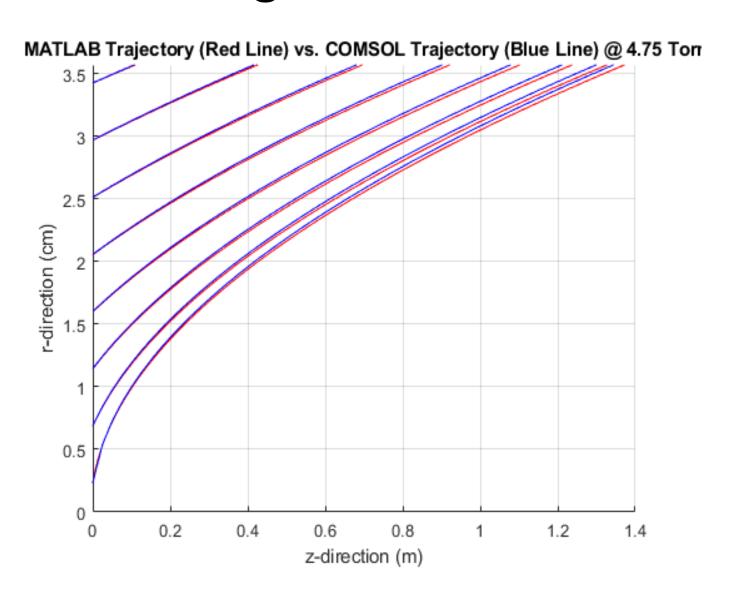
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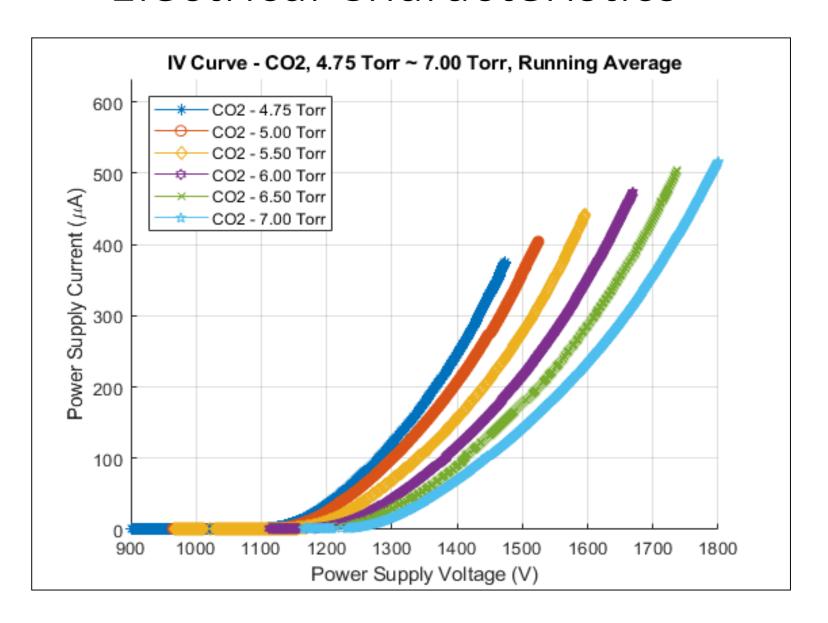
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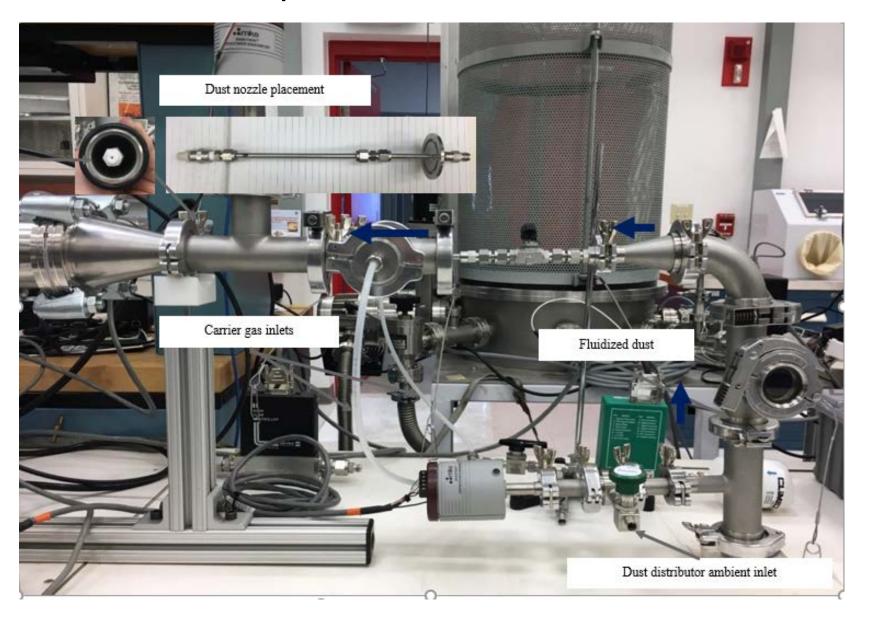
Modeling and Simulation



Electrical Characteristics



Dust Dispersion Fluidized Bed

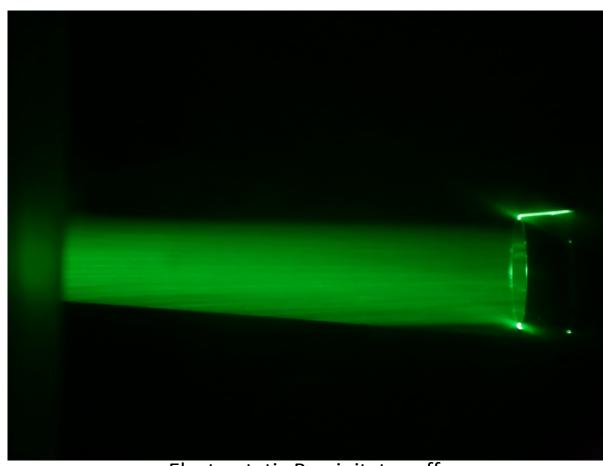


Fine Particle Analyzer

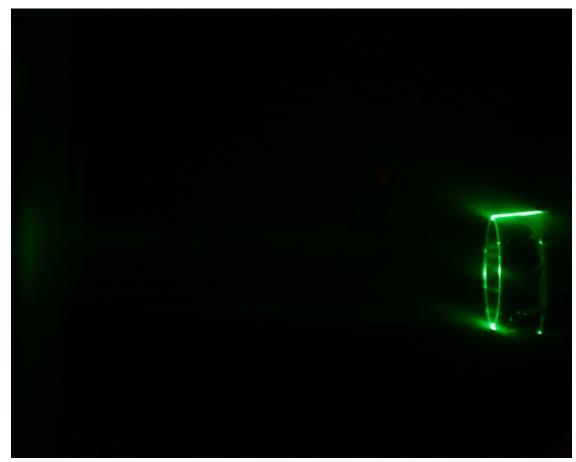


FPA sampling 50 μm diameter particles in ESP testbed

Laser Scattering



Electrostatic Precipitator off



Electrostatic Precipitator on

Future Work

- Testbed will be used to test electrode geometries
- Laser scattering data combined with FPA data
- Consider operational constraints
- Perform long duration testing
- Perform materials analysis