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# INSIGHT LANDER MISSION TO MARS



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LAUNCH SITE

VANDENBERG AFB CALIFORNIA, USA

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE

MAY 2018

ARRIVAL SITE

ELYSIUM PLANITIA, "PLAIN OF IDEAL HAPPINESS"

ROCKET

ATLAS V 401

AWARD POINTS EARNED 301,223,981 mi / 484,773,006 km

## **Outline**

### **InSight Mission Background**

Behind the Scenes: From Pre-Launch to Operations

#### Why Call this Mission InSight?



**Interior Exploration using** 

**Seismic** 

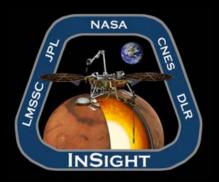
Investigations,

**Geodesy and** 

Heat

**Transport** 

#### What is InSight measuring?



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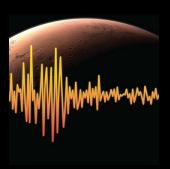


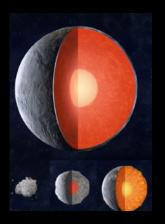


Marsquakes

Wobble

Interior Temperature





#### **Taking Mars' Vital Signs**

(It's been 4.3BY since your last appointment...)



Checking Mars' Pulse

Seismic Activity

Taking Mars' Temperature

Thermal Conductivity

Checking Mars' Reflexes

Wobble/Precession

#### **RISE**

Rotation and Interior Structure Experiment

- What is the precession of Mars?
- What is the size/composition of Mars' core?

#### **SEIS**

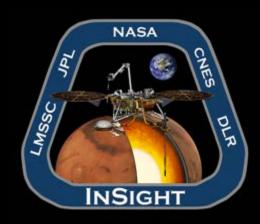
Seismic Experiment for Interior Structure

- How much seismic activity is present?
- What is the distribution of seismic activity?
- What other surface vibrations are detectable (meteorite impacts, dust storms)?

#### HP<sup>3</sup>

Heat-Flow and Physical Properties Probe

- At what rate does heat escape the interior?
- What is the thermal conductivity vs. depth?
- Are Earth and Mars siblings?



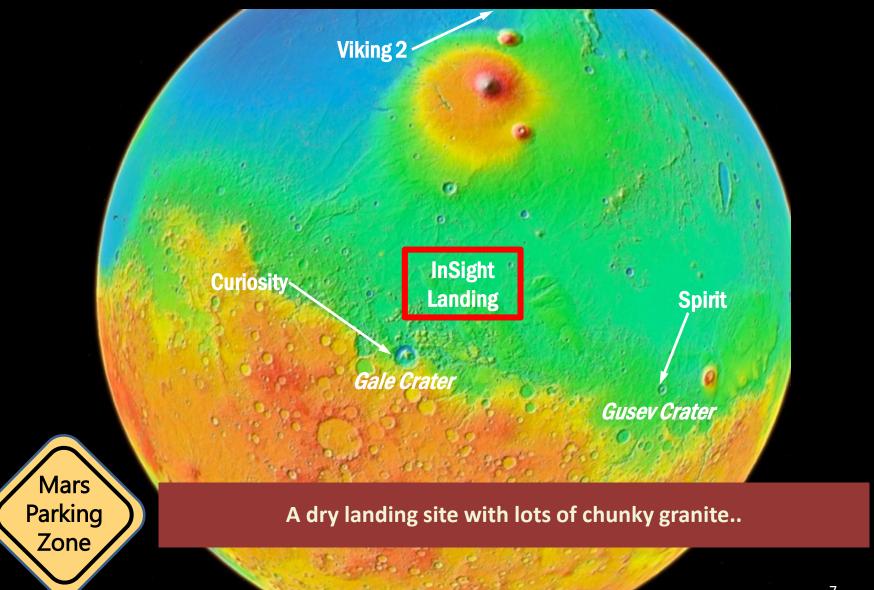
#### **Basics**

- The first Mars launch out of the West Coast/ Vandenberg AFB
- Launch Date: May 5, 2018 on an Atlas V 401
- Landing Date: November 26, 2018
- Currently in operation on Mars
- Mission Duration: 728 Earth Days (~ 2 years)

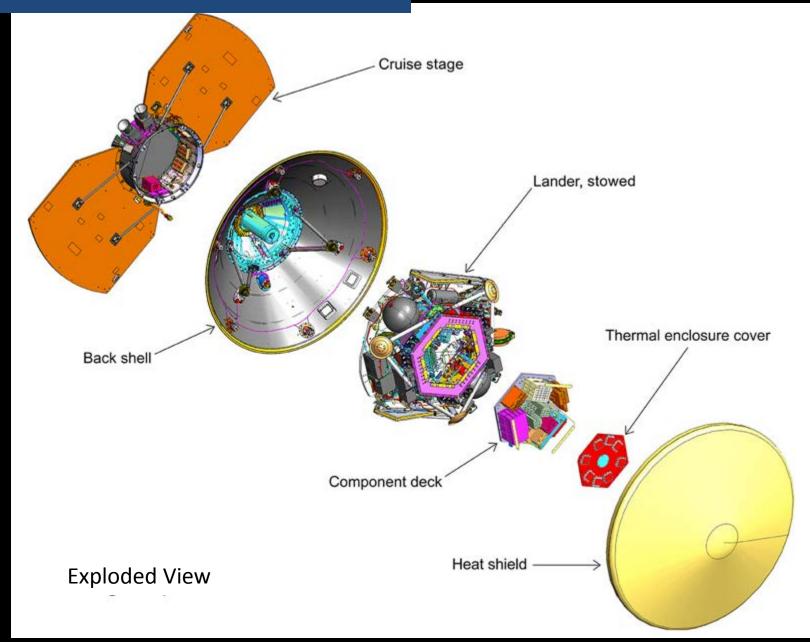
#### **Landing Site**

#### **Elysium Planitia**

"an afterlife paradise that is flat!"



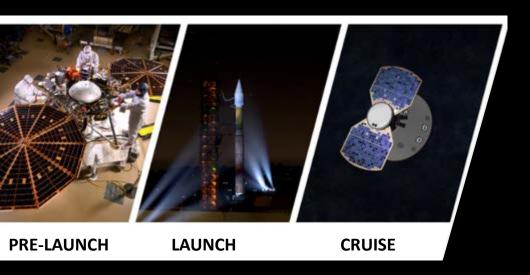
## **Spacecraft in Cruise Stage**

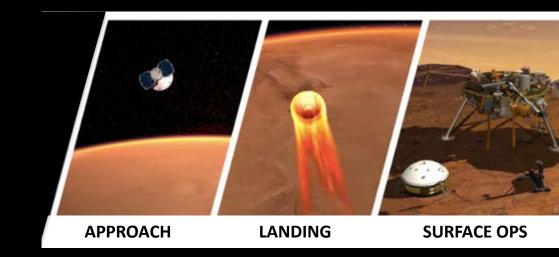


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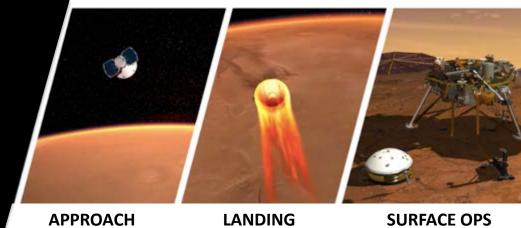
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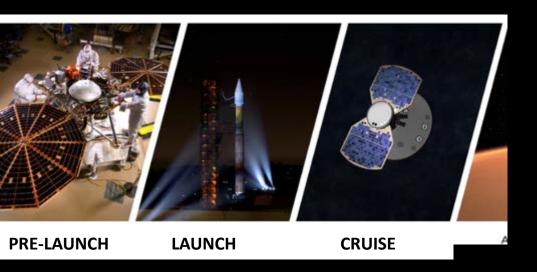


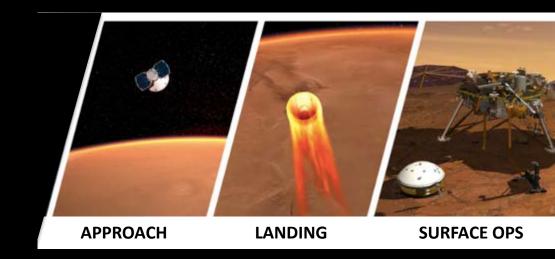












# PRE-LAUNCH

# 2014 through February 2018



#### Lockheed Martin Littleton

Through blizzards, government shutdowns and modified launch opportunities...

# From Preparations to Integration and Test



# PRE-LAUNCH

# **Shipping and Unloading**





Buckley AFB





Vandenberg AFB

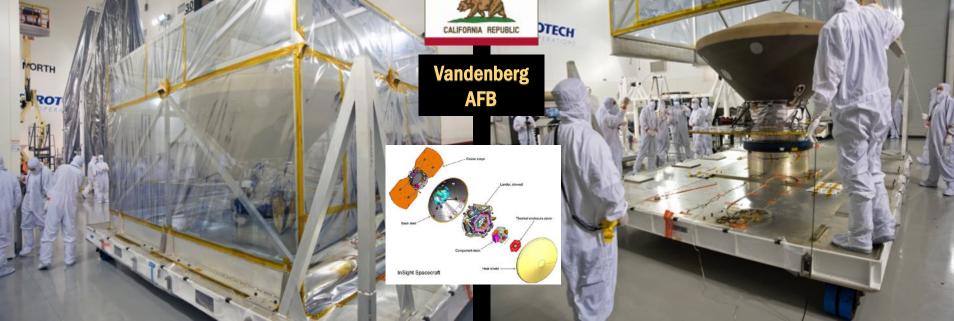






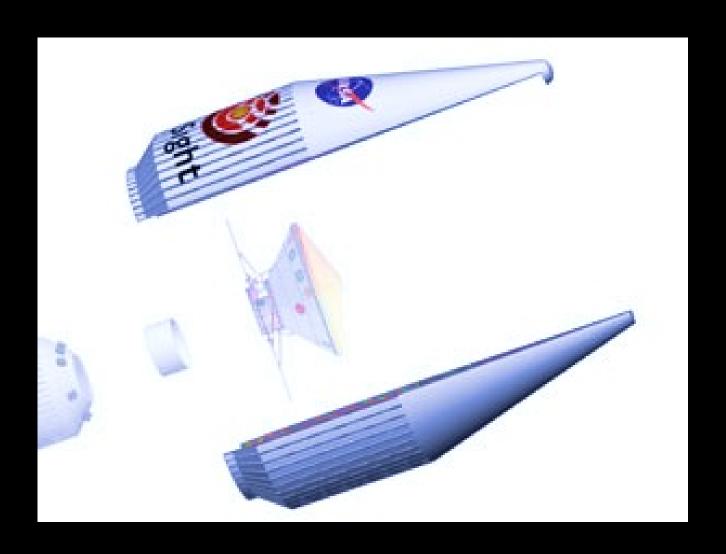




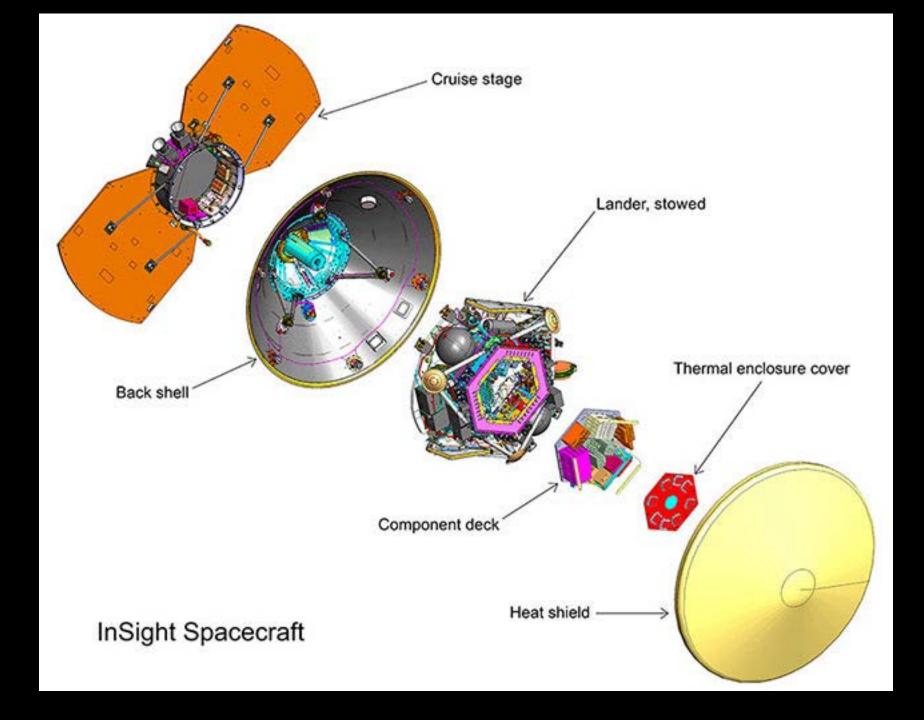




#### **Encapsulation**







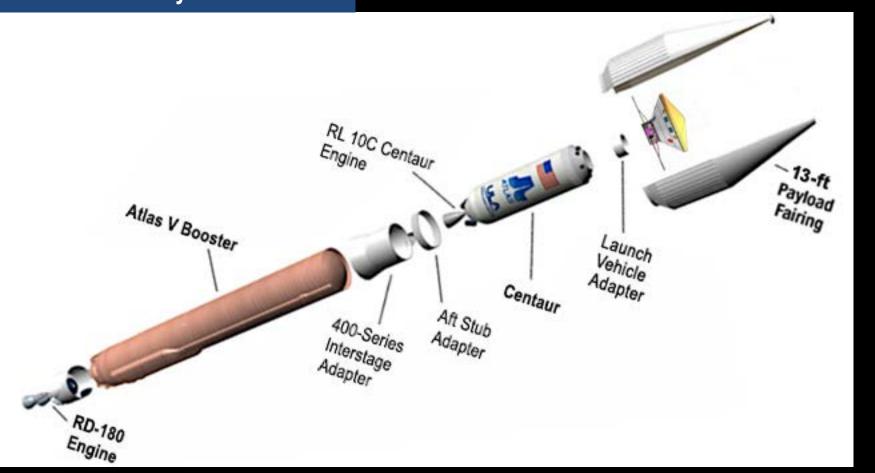








#### **LV Assembly and Stack**















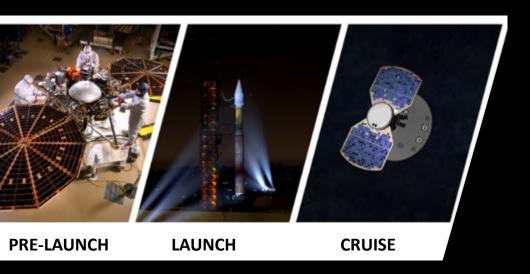


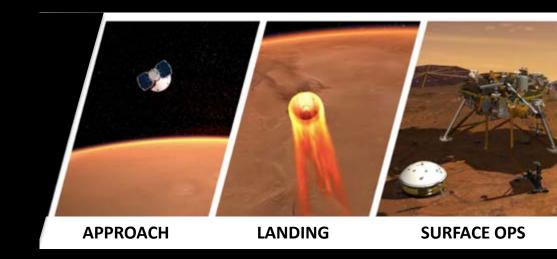












#### Launch!

#### VANDENBERG LAUNCH

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InSight | MAY 5

FORECAST LOW CLOUDS & FOG



NW 5-15MPH

LAUNCH WINDOW OPENS

4:05 AM

LAUNCH VEHICLE

ATLAS V

LAUNCH SITE

SLC-3E

FIRST VANDENBERG INTERPLANETARY LAUNCH 2 HOUR LAUNCH WINDOW







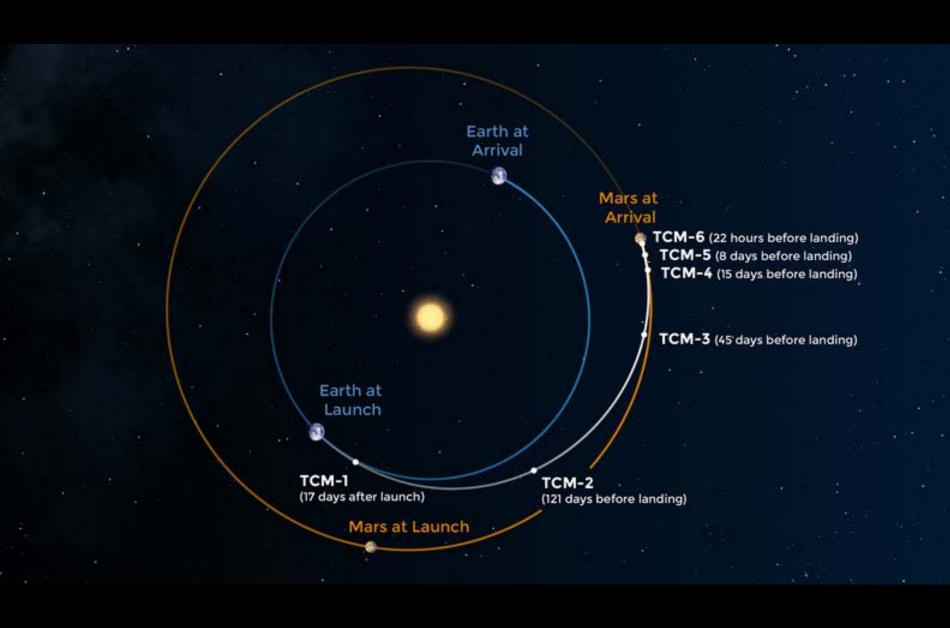


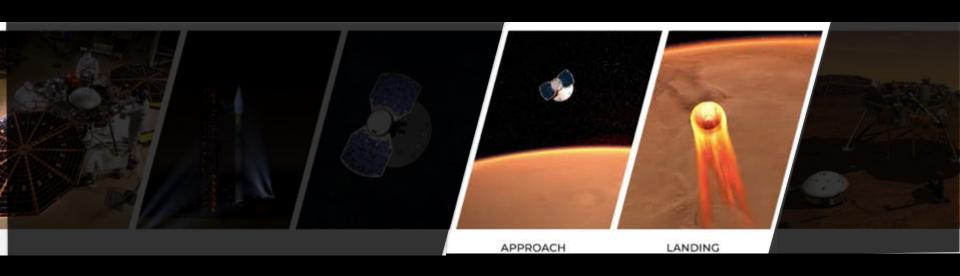




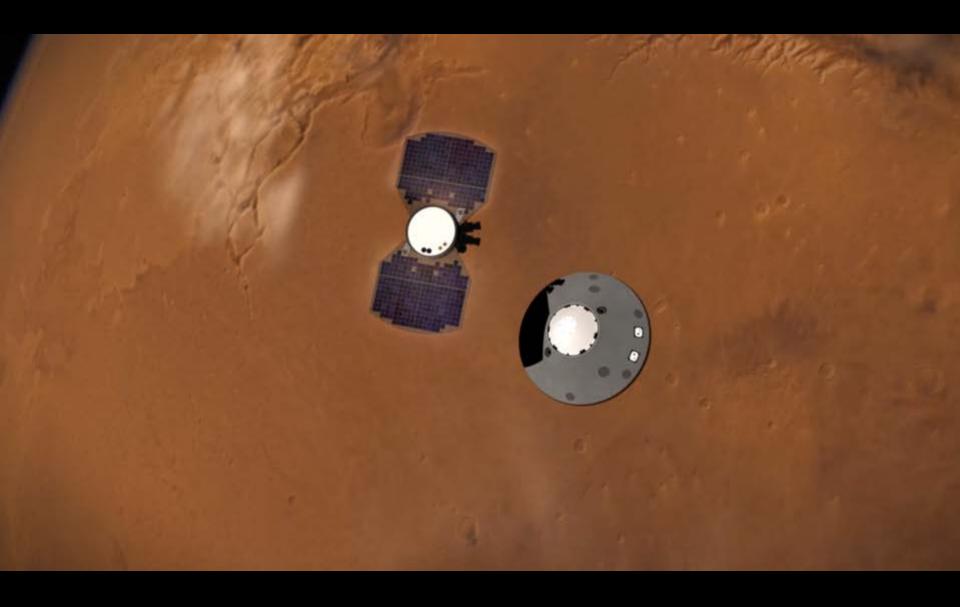


May - November 2018





November 2018



# November 26, 2018 Landing!













### **Deploy!**

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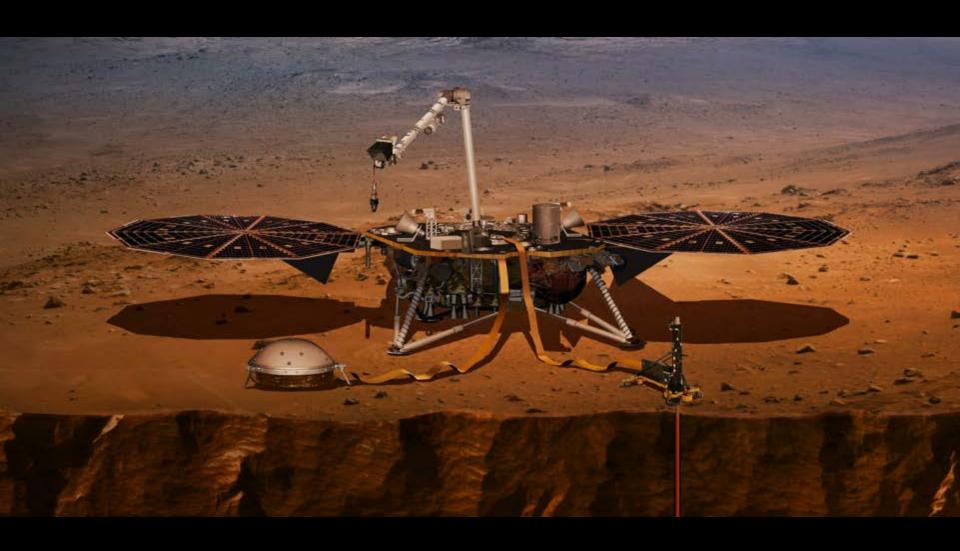


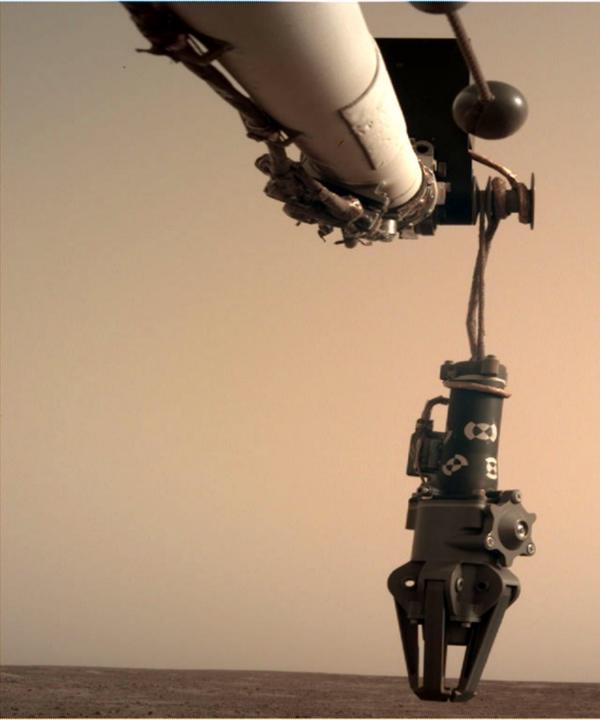
#### Step 2: Seismometer Deploy



#### Step 3: HP3 Deploy

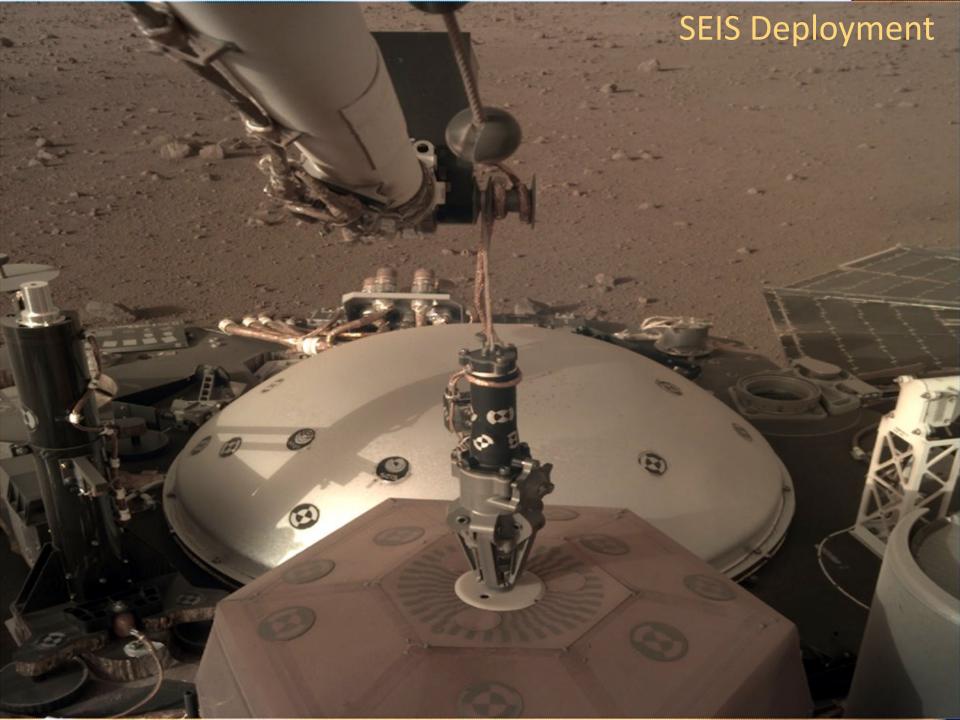


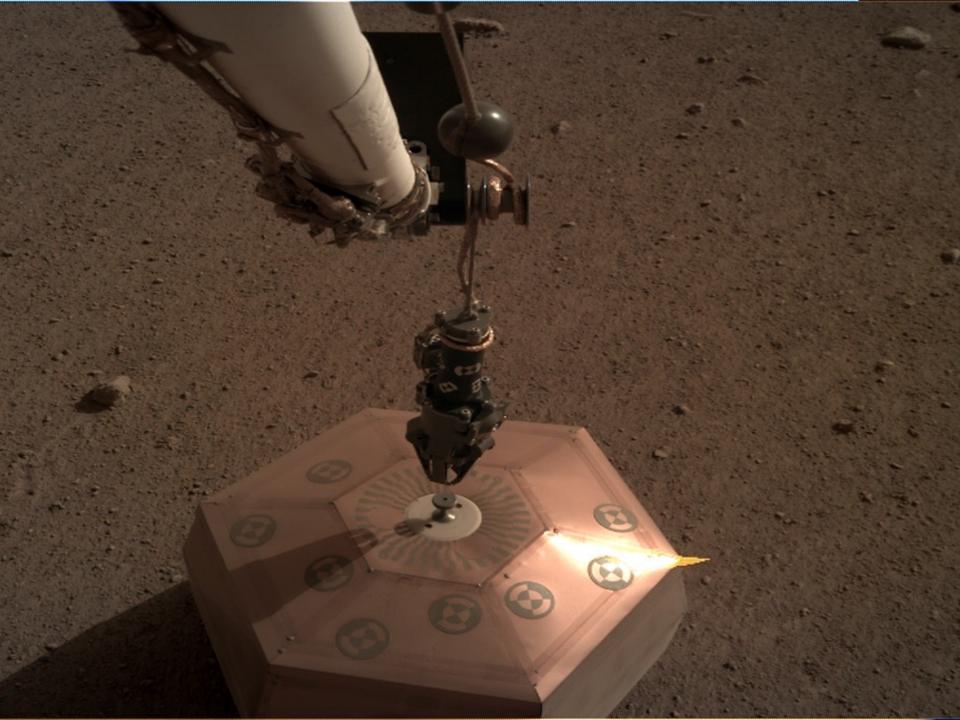


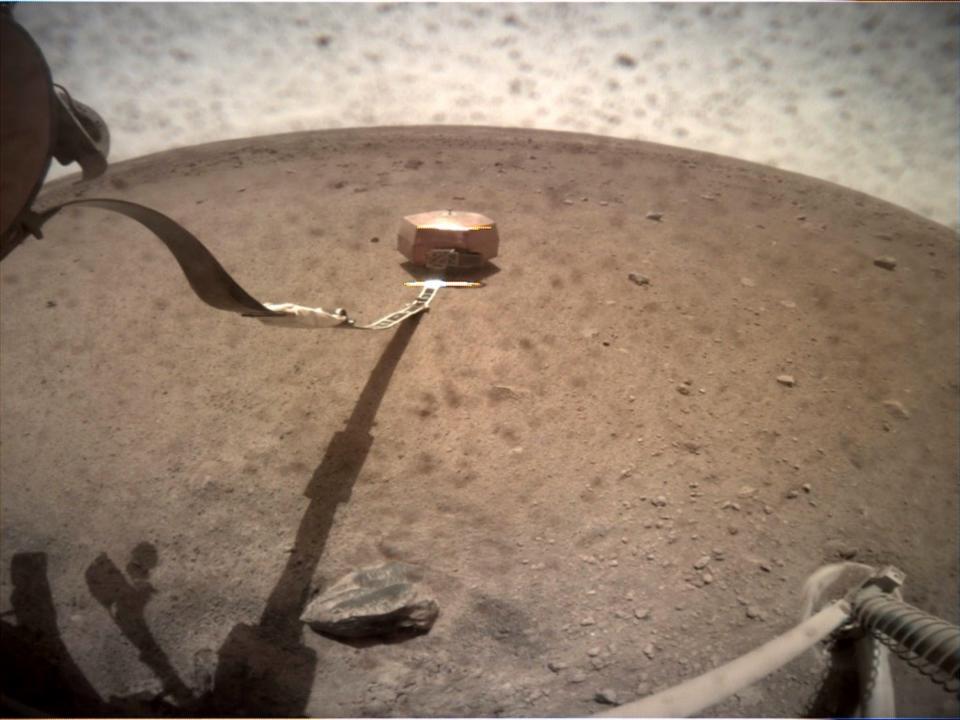


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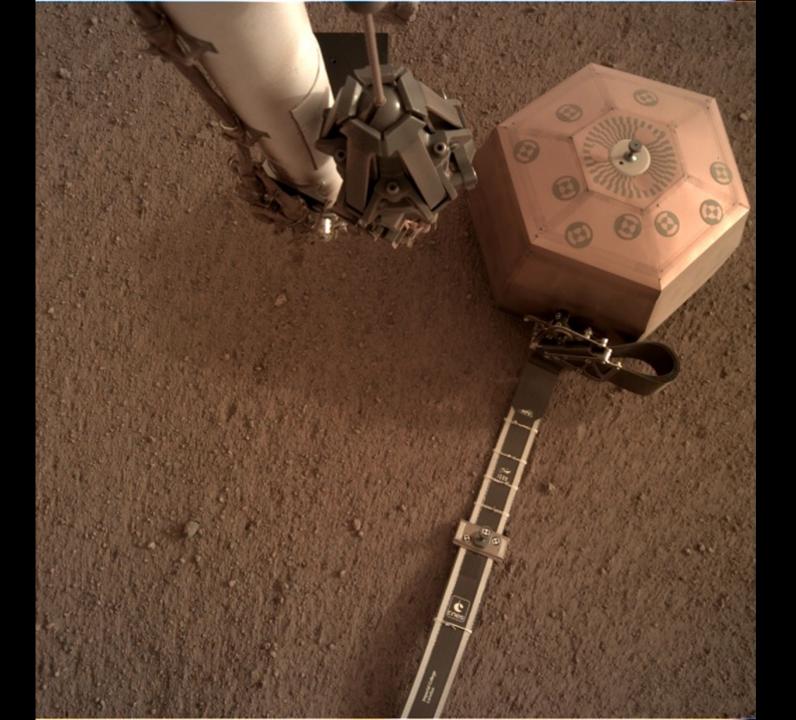
Actual photo-InSight

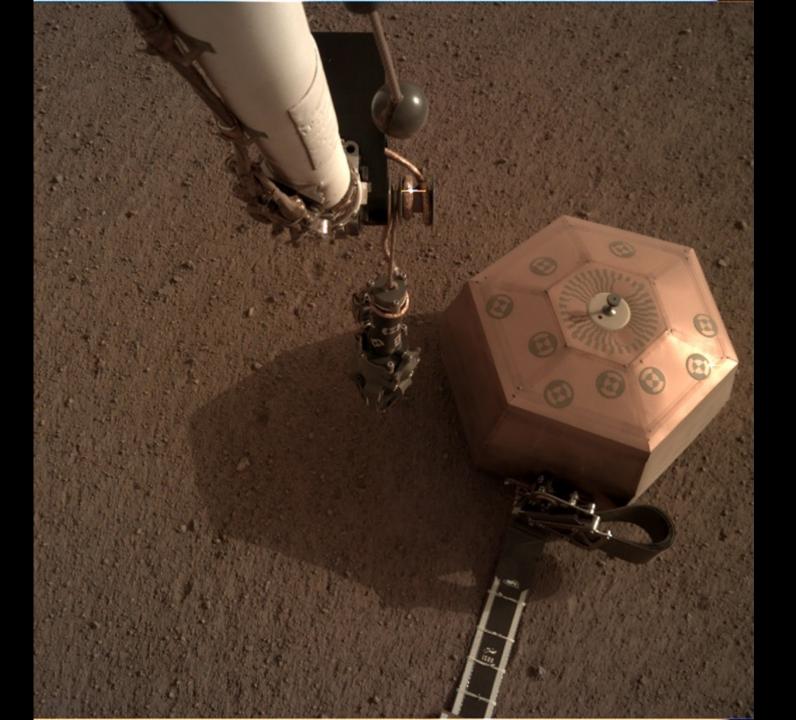


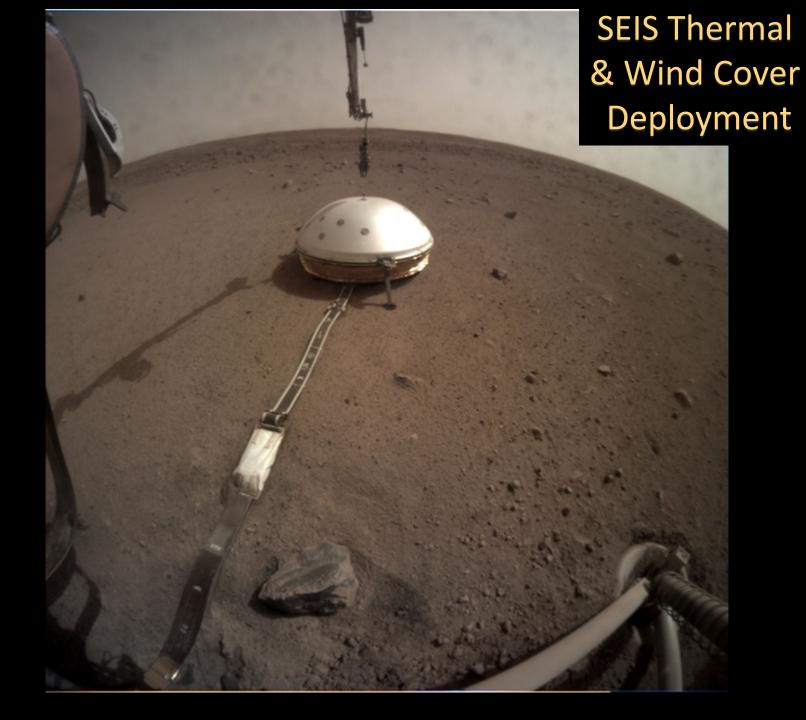


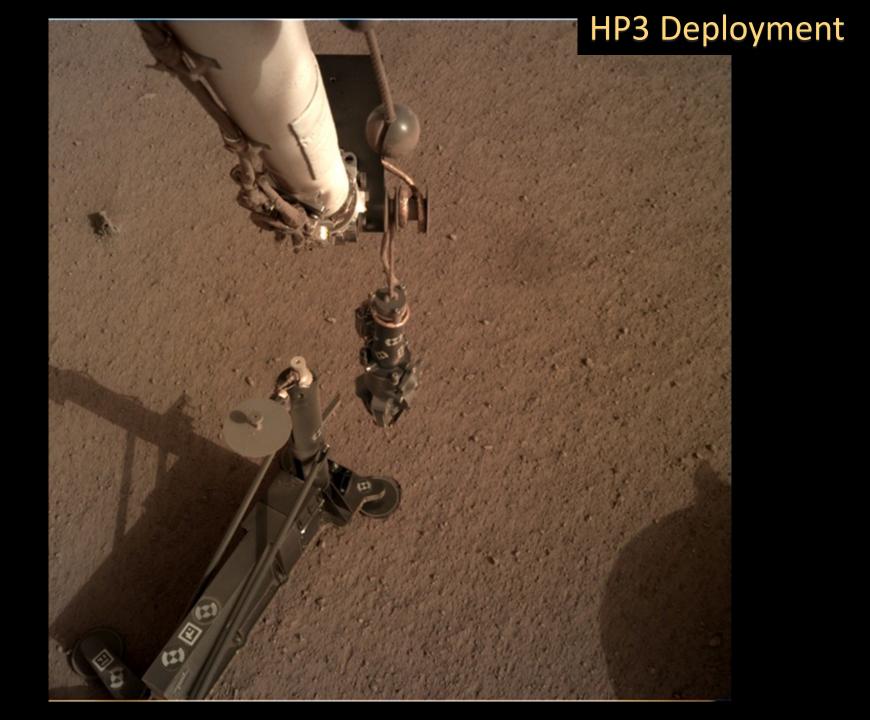


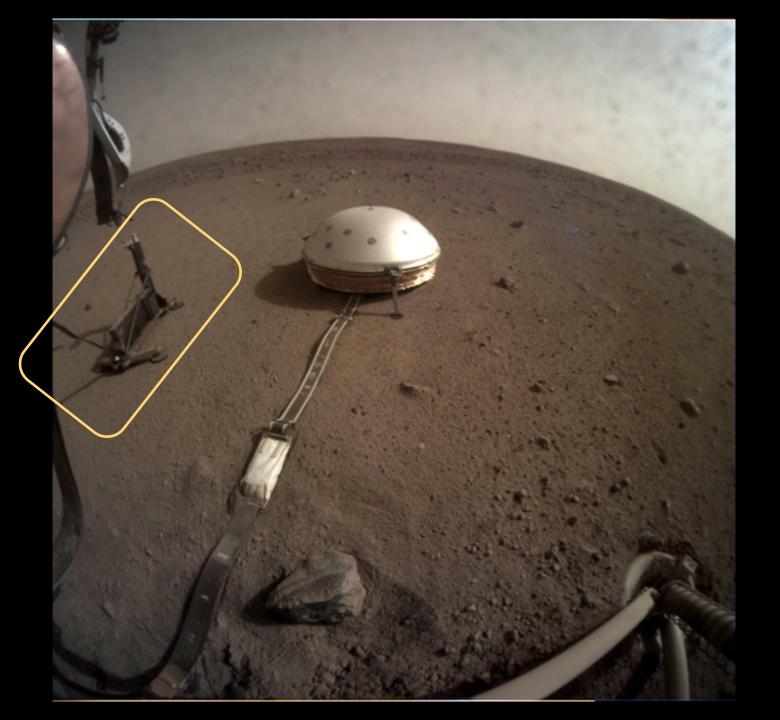


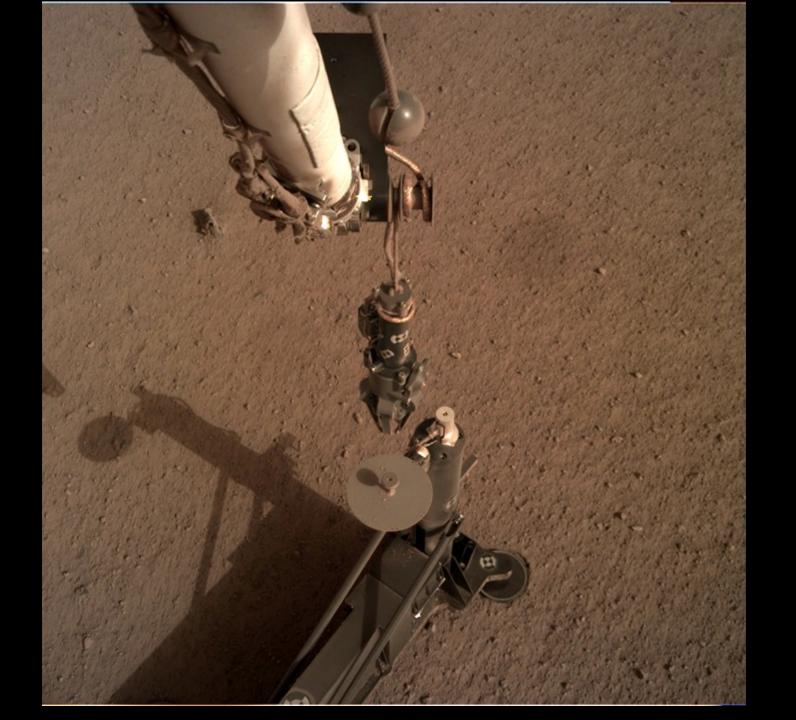














## Thank You!



**Questions?**