

Staying Within the Box

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High-resolution Stereo Color Imager (HiSCI)

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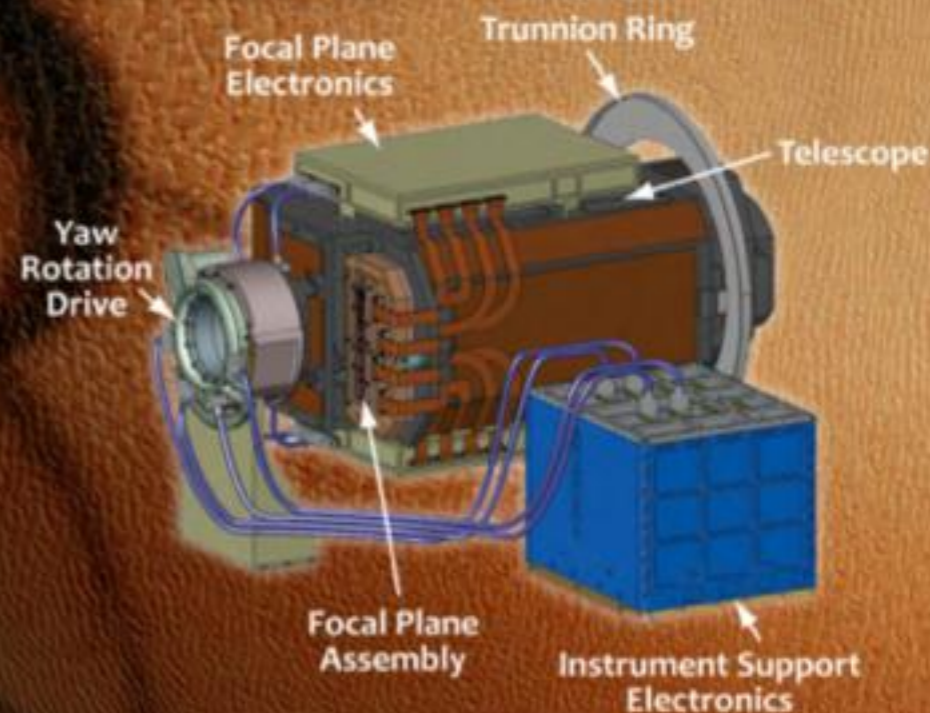
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Simulated HiSCI Images



Understand active surface processes

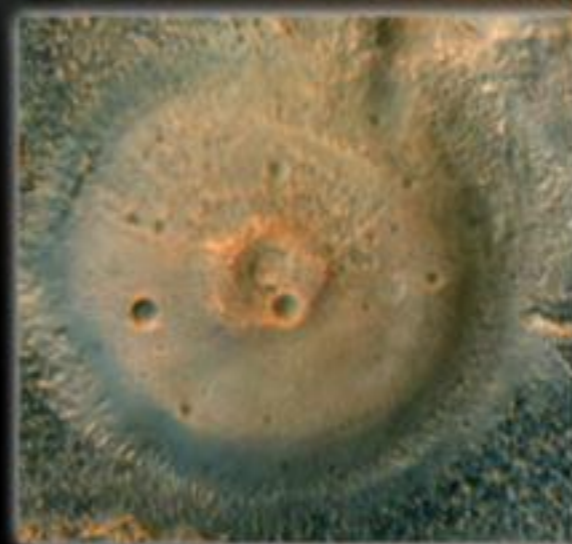
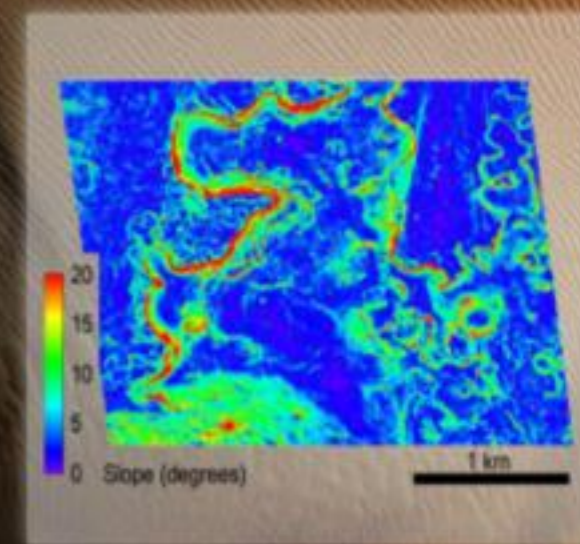


Image regions discovered by EMTGO
to be source regions for trace gases



Map slopes to certify new
candidate landing sites

ESA/NASA Trace Gas

Orbiter

Project Scientists:

- ✓ Mark Allen, JPL
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MATMOS

Solar occultation Fourier transform IR spectrometer

NOMAD

Occultation + mapping IR, Vis, UV spectrometer (supplied by EU)

EMCS

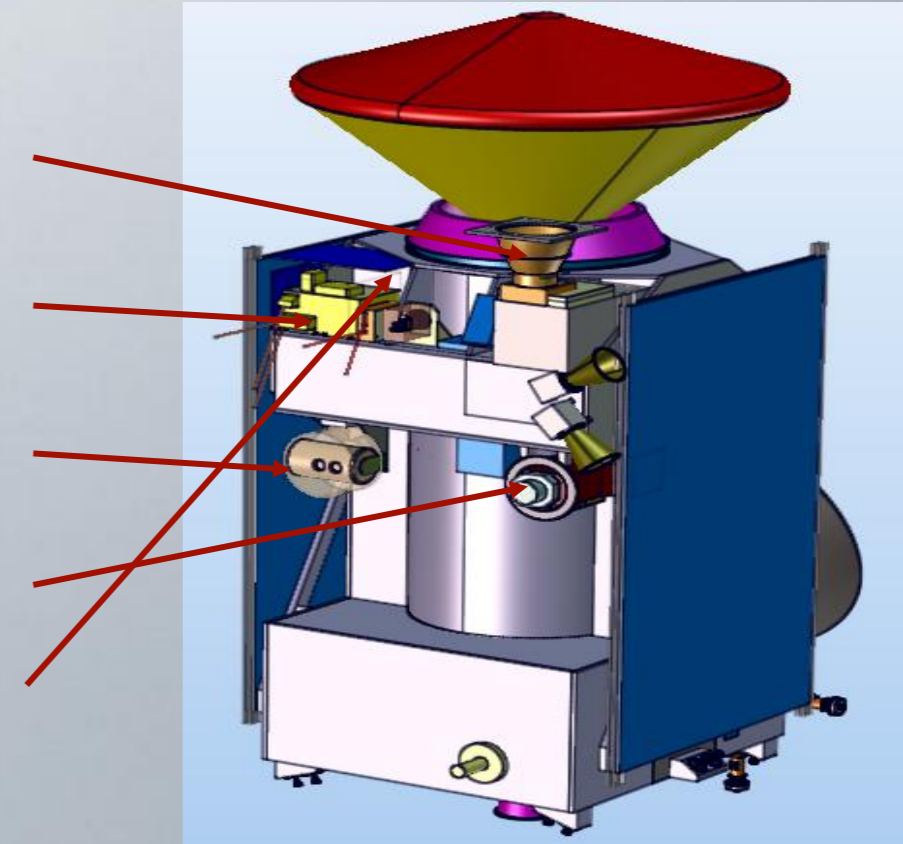
Thermal IR spectrometer

HiSCI

High resolution, colour, stereo camera

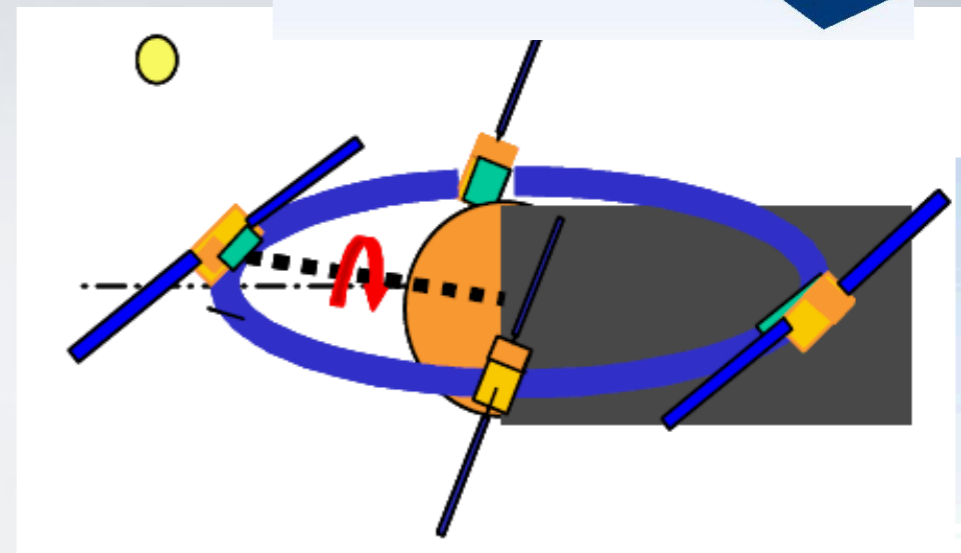
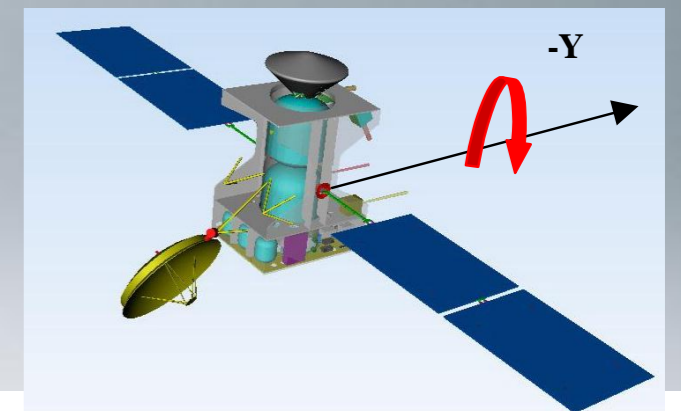
MAGIE

Wide-angle Vis-UV camera



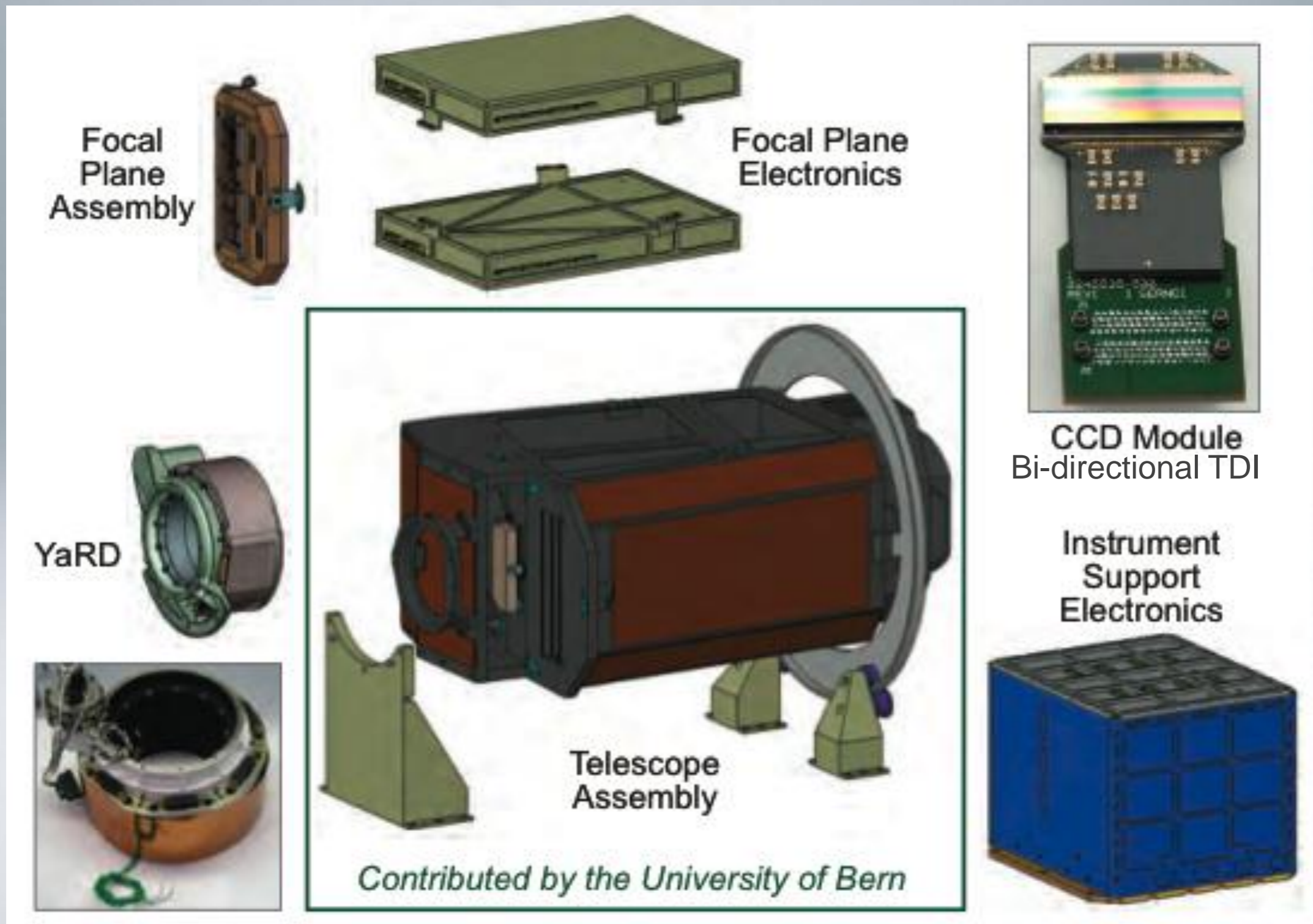
Yaw Steering Mode

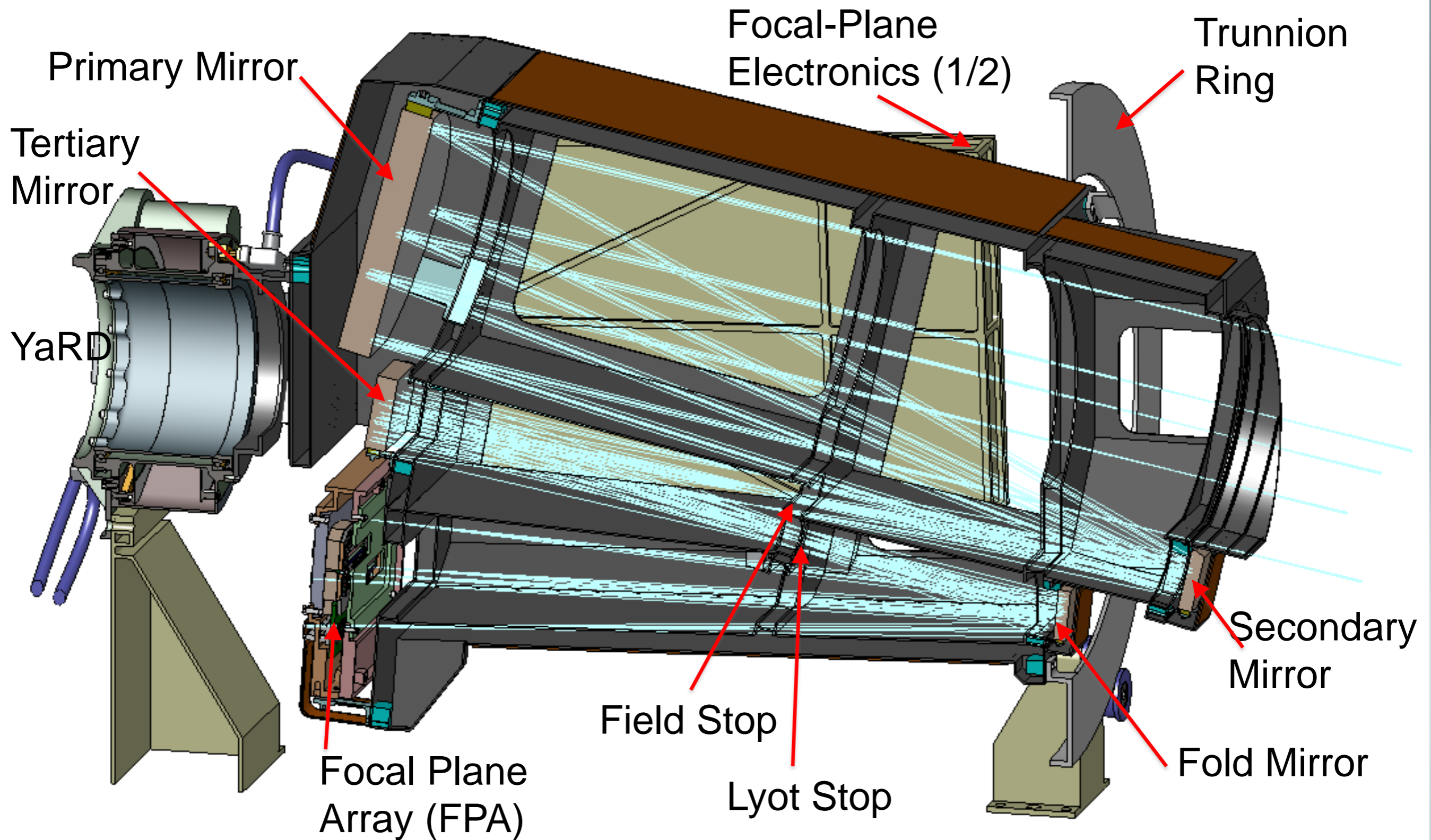
- 3-axis stabilised spacecraft
- Allows for keeping – Y axis always Mars Nadir oriented (with simultaneous Sun pointed Solar Arrays and Earth pointed High Gain Antenna)
 - Max steering rate (around –Y axis) 1.5 mRad/s
 - *Mode interrupted during Sun occultation measurements and high resolution imaging*



Attitude during Science and Relay Phases

Telescope assembly from Switzerland; Instrument Design, electronics and integration at Ball Aerospace in Boulder, Colorado.





Imaging Performance (at 400 km altitude)	
Pixel scale	2.0 m/pixel
Swath width	8.5 km
Colors	BG (400-600 nm), RED (550-850 nm), NIR (800-1000 nm), IR (900-1000 nm)
SNR	>100 in all colors at full resolution over low-albedo areas, 45° illumination
Compression	~10:1 via 14-->10 bits + wavelets
Coverage of Mars	~3 x 10 ⁶ km ² (~2%) in 1 Mars year At minimum data rate 2.9 Gb/day
Stereo DTM dimensions	6 m/pixel, 1.1 m vertical precision

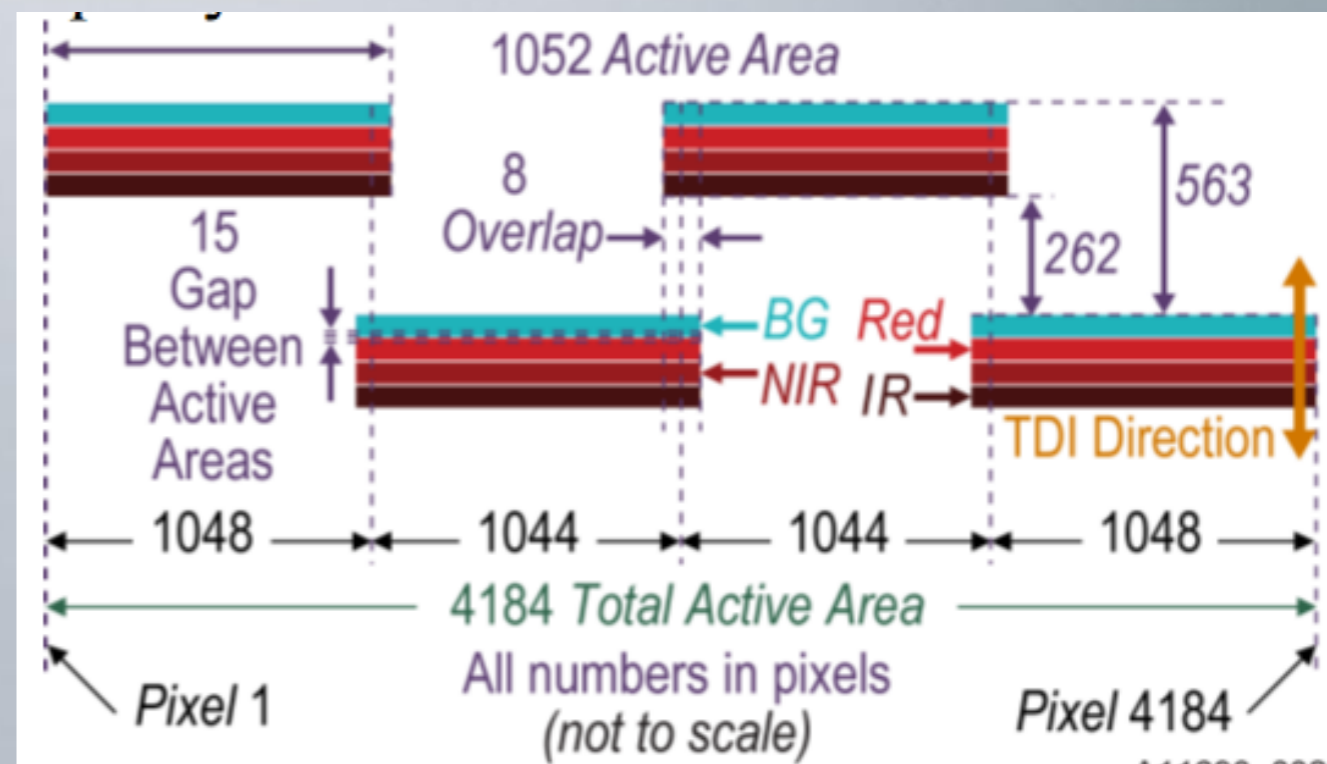
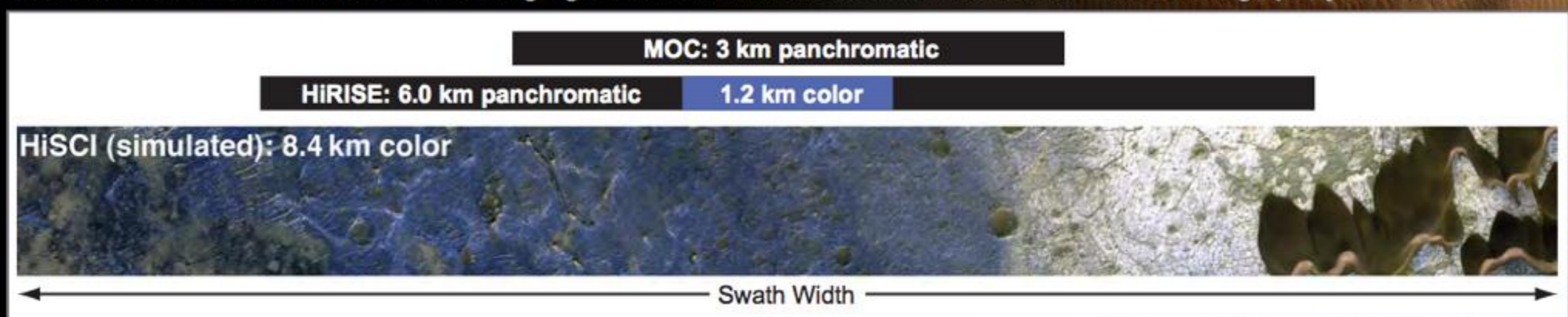
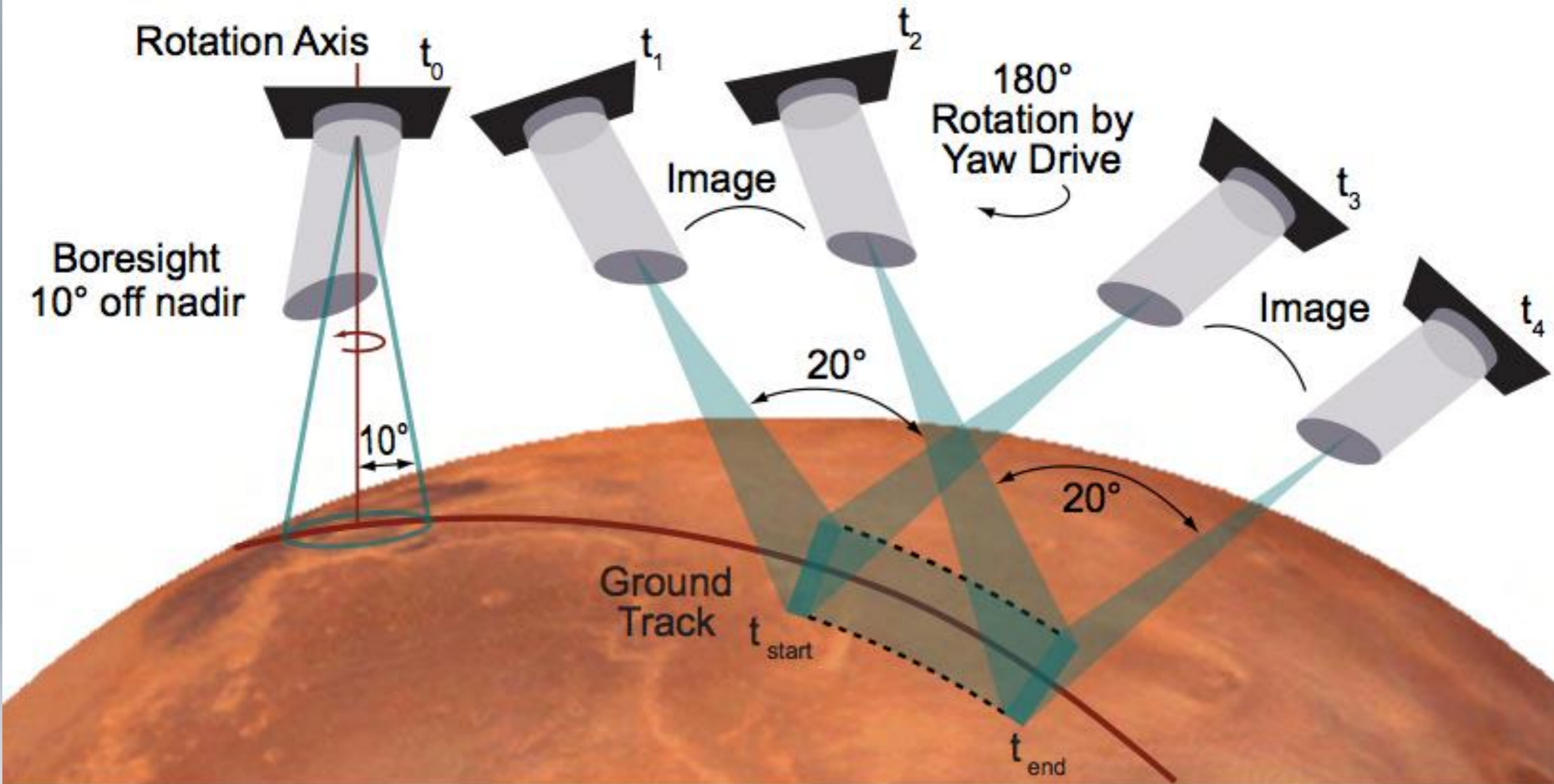


Figure 1-9. Four overlapping MS CCD modules provide seamless coverage and information on pointing jitter. Physical layout of detectors is shown with scales in pixels.

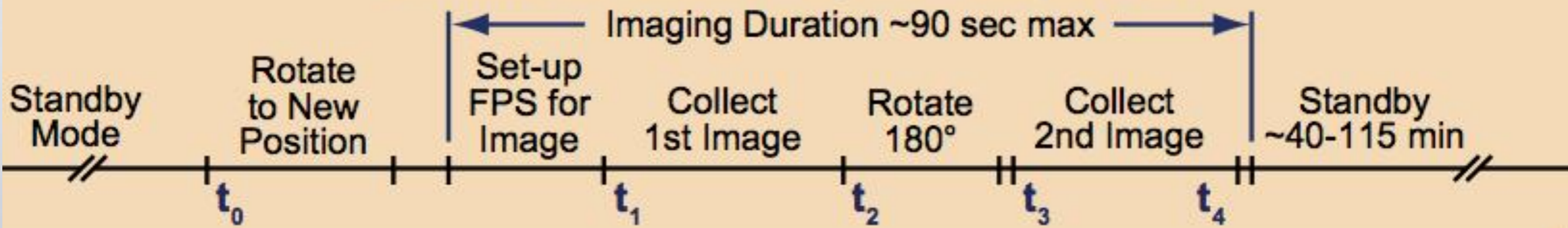
HiSCI will return the best-ever color imaging of Mars from a wider swath width and >10x coverage per year than HiRISE



How HiSCI Images in Stereo



Timeline for Stereo Image Pair Acquisition



HiSCI Science Team

Name and Institution	Key Responsibility
Alfred McEwen LPL, UA, USA	PI: Responsible for the overall successful conduct of HiSCI.
Nicolas Thomas University of Bern, CH	Co-PI: European lead, hardware provision for telescope. Volatile processes.
Shane Byrne LPL, UA, USA	Deputy-PI: Prioritize and analyze targets for ice-related processes.
John Bridges U. Leicester, UK	Co-I: Landing site definition and support; layered deposits and alteration.
Gabriele Cremonese Astron. Obs., Padova, I	Co-I: DTM production, cratering statistics, wavelets compression analysis.
W. Alan Delamere DSS, USA	Collaborator: instrument design, calibration, and color analysis.
Candice Hansen PSI, (St. Geo., Utah)	Co-I: Uplink planning; prioritize and analyze targets for seasonal processes.
Ernst Hauber DLR, Berlin, D	Co-I: Periglacial, sedimentary, volcanic, tectonic processes; DTM production

Anton Ivanov EPFL, Lausanne, CH	Co-I: DTM production, targeting and analysis of icy Mars.
Laszlo Kestay USGS, Flagstaff, USA	Co-I: Volcanology; geometric star calcs, oversee ISIS effort at USGS.
Randolph Kirk USGS, Flagstaff, USA	Co-I: Geometric calibration, geodesy, and production of DTMs.
Nicolas Mangold University of Nantes, F	Co-I: Science planning and analysis for fluvial and other geologic processes.
Wojciech Markiewicz Max-Planck-Institut, D	Co-I: Atmospheric phenomena and effects on color data; seasonal processes.
Matteo Massironi Astron. Obs., Padua, I	Collaborator: DTM production; crater chronology.
Sarah Mattson LPL, UA, USA	Other professional: jitter analysis and DTM production.
Chris Okubo USGS, Flagstaff, USA	Co-I: Tectonics, hydrothermal, and mass wasting processes.
James Wray Cornell University, USA	Co-I: Science planning and analysis for mineralogy and stratigraphy.

Science Objectives		
1. Understand active surface processes that affect atmospheric exchange on Mars	2. Follow-up study of specific areas where trace gas release has been discovered	3. Search for candidate landing sites driven by new discoveries and map small-scale slopes
Example Targets		
Vents, gullies, exposed ice, faults, exposures of key minerals, recent impact sites, seasonal defrosting	Locations where trace gases are observed or inferred to originate	Potential landing sites with HiRISE coverage but insufficient topographic data
Measurement Objectives		
Quantify current activity of all types; well-calibrated measurements of color and topography	Quantify surface color, topography, and active processes over specific regions	Stereo topography at 6-m scales; down to 2-m scale by photogrammetry
Expected Benefits to State of Knowledge		
Detailed understanding of a broad range of active surface processes	Detailed understanding of locations of special interest for understanding trace gases	DTMs complete certification of sites for landed follow-up to EMTGO discoveries

HiSCI Science

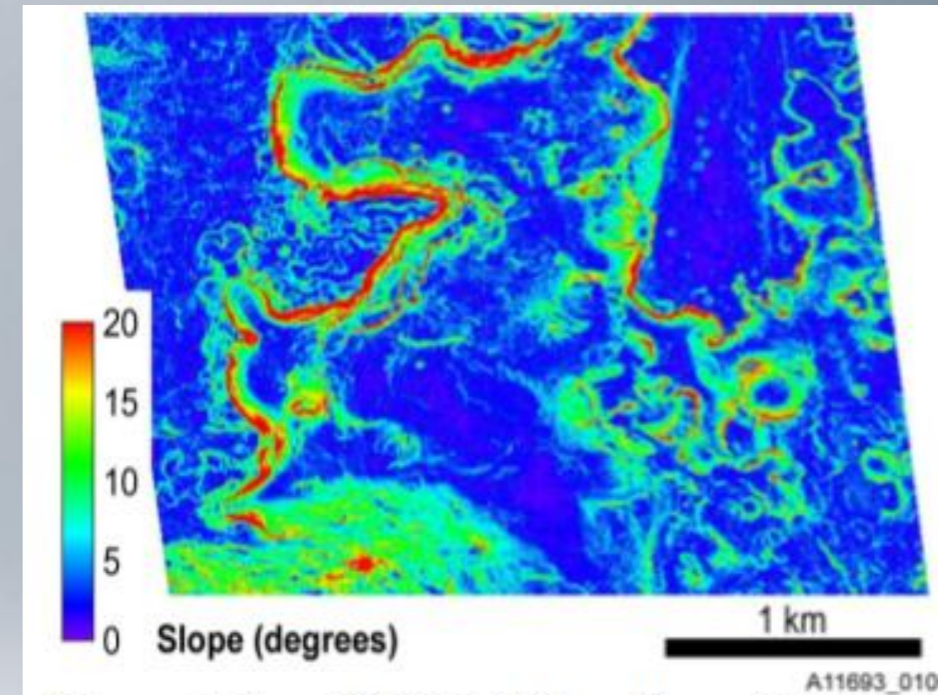


Figure 1-6. HiSCI DTMs will provide information needed to certify candidate landing sites. Slope map at 6 m/pixel (reduced HiRISE DTM) over lake deposits in Holden crater.

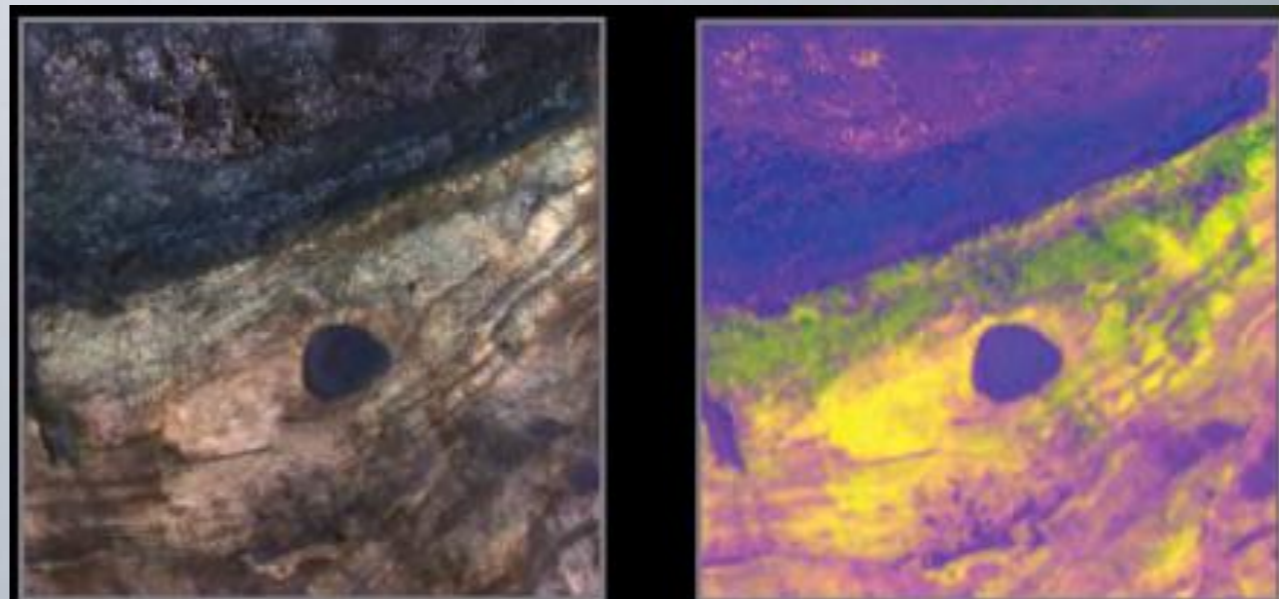
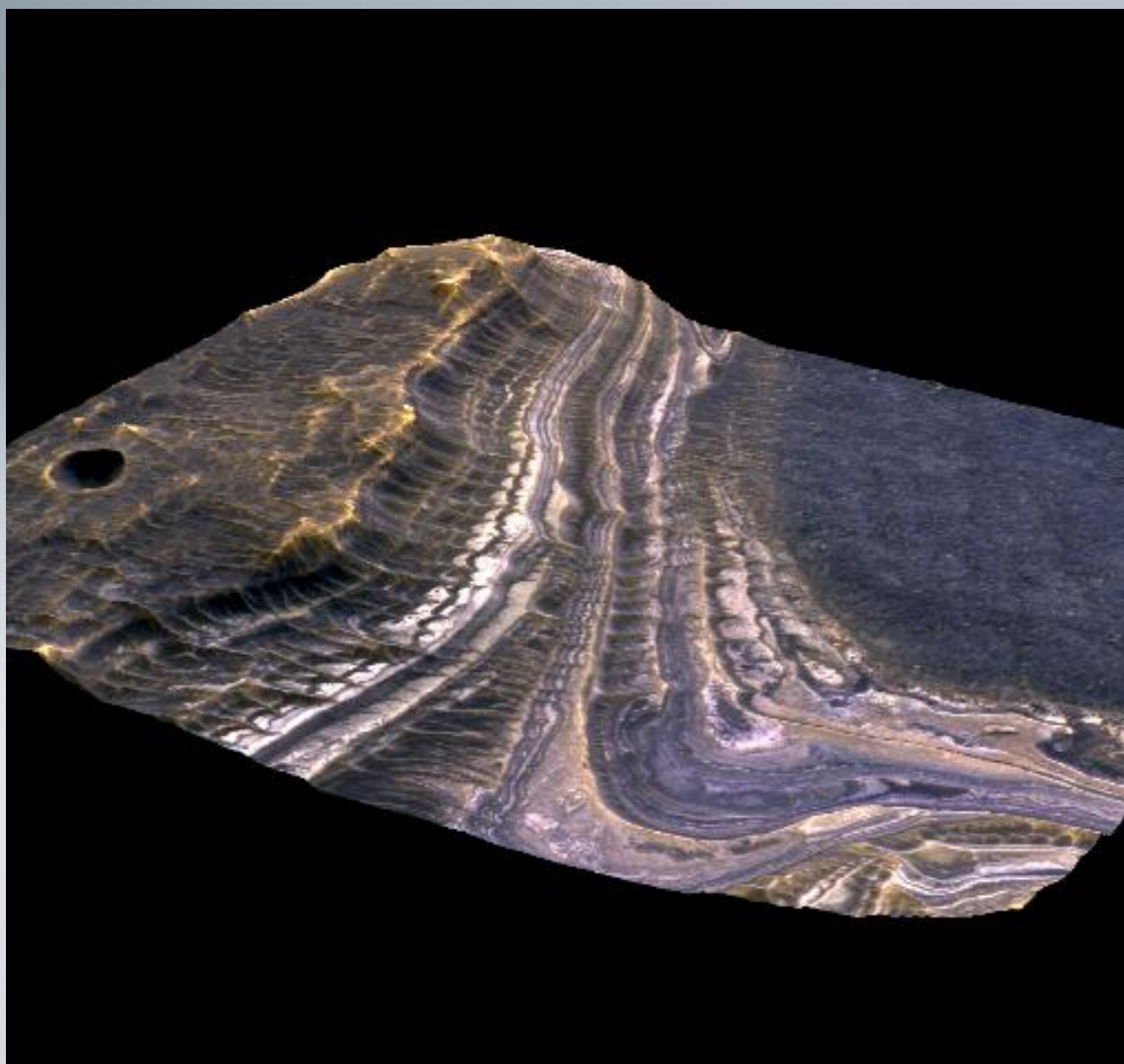
HiRISE/HiSCI Operations Center (HiROC)

- HiROC established in 2004 for HiRISE
 - Currently ~30 people, including part-time students and work on multiple projects.
 - Location: Sonett Bldg, University of Arizona
 - Facilities include basement computer center with extra cooling, security, fire and flood protection, backup generator.
- HiROC includes experienced people in all areas needed for HiSCI operations:
 - systems administration, software development, targeting/uplink specialists, downlink data processors, Digital Terrain Model (DTM) workstations and people, database management, administration, instrument health&safety
- Hopefully MRO/HiRISE will last to 2016 (and beyond) so we can transition experienced people to HiSCI.



HiSCI Data Products

- Calibrated and map-projected 4-color image cubes
- 3-color images and color-ratio composites
- Hundreds of Digital Terrain Models (DTMs)
- Stereo anaglyphs of all stereo pairs
- Slope maps
- Special products like color flyover movies for E/PO



HiSCI will produce quicklook color images (left) and atmospherically-corrected color ratio composites (right) to map color units

