

# **RISE Status Update**

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## Summary

- Radio Doppler data has been collected on most sols.
  - Most on East-pointing antenna. 15 tracks on West antenna April 8 to June 8.
  - Sparse West-pointing antenna data makes data set weaker.
- Data shows sensitivity to Mars rotation and need for update.
  - RISE data span not long enough to separate seasonal rotation from precession.
  - Needs to be added to previous lander data.
- Calibrations for effect of Mars troposphere mostly done.
  - Not applied to previous lander Doppler.
  - Average surface pressure applied so far; daily pressure to be added.
- Data weighting not yet optimized.
  - Insight data noise dominated by low SNR, different than previous lander data.
    - Data noise from SNR, Earth troposphere, and solar plasma evaluated automatically.
    - Need new weighting program to properly apply to data.
- •New precession results planned for August 2019.
  - More important nutation result not expected until spring 2020.



#### **East antenna Doppler tracking residuals**



Upper graph shows residuals to IAU rotation model from 2016 (Viking, Pathfinder, Opportunity). Lower graph shows residuals to fit of InSIght position only. rotation model depend!



# West antenna Doppler tracking residuals

- West antenna data set too short for sensitivity to Mars rotation.
- Instead just solve for position of West antenna relative to East antenna.
- Offset consistent with expectations.







### • Doppler has 3 main noise sources.

- Automated system now determines noise levels for each InSight track.
  - Not yet decided how to determine noise levels for previous landers.
- Need new program to apply optimized data weights.





- RISE uses  $\sim$ 78 W-Hr for each hour-long track.
- Currently Mars is nearing solar conjunction, so RISE passes are noisier and so less useful.
  - So cancelling or shortening RISE tracks has less science impact.
- When exiting conjunction, starting about November 1, 2019 through about February 2020, RISE geometry and noise are optimum.
  - Getting 4 hour-long tracks per week or equivalent is important for RISE.
    - 6 tracks per week of 40-minutes each are equivalent to 4 hour-long tracks.



#### **RISE Geometry Factors**





- RISE data distributed within team weekly by e-mail.
- PDS status
  - RISE has completed the peer review of the raw (Doppler data) and derived (rotation model) PDS archives.
  - Delivered raw (Doppler) data products and Earth troposphere/ionosphere calibrations through March 31, 2019 to PDS for Release 1A.
    - No additional data for planned release 1B.



## Next Steps

- Develop program to weight data for different noise types.
  - Previously done for troposphere and solar plasma; need to add low SNR.
- Determine optimal weight for previous landers.
  - Limited by different level of saved data for Viking, Pathfinder, MER.
- Perform new Mars rotation estimate for August 2019.
  - Expect slight revision of precession and seasonal LOD.



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