

Impact cratering into water-covered targets on Mars

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Conclusions

Promising new independent observable of water/ice on Mars

- > We test if we can **distinguish between ejecta** arising from impacts into different targets (**water-covered**, **ice-layered**, **pure bedrock**)
- > confirmed observable **differences in crater radii and ejecta distributions** with the presence or absence of water (ice) in the subsurface
- > applied to ubiquitous impact sites,
-> **method for a better characterization of future landing sites (also for subsurface exploration)**

