

**LUNAR / MARS ACTIVATION - 2**  
**NEEP 533 LECTURE 32**

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# MARS BASE ACTIVATION

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# **VARIOUS CLASS MISSIONS**

## **(REVIEW AT YOUR LEISURE)**

- **SPLIT/SPRINT-OPPOSITION CLASS (1988 NASA OFFICE OF EXPLORATION)**
  - **ROBOTIC PRECURSORS**
  - **ONE CARGO VEHICLE/ONE CREW VEHICLE**
  - **14 MONTHS**
  - **30 DAYS IN ORBIT**
  - **20 DAYS ON SURFACE**
  - **4 CREW ON SURFACE / 4 IN ORBIT**
  - **60 TOTAL HOURS OF EVAS BY 2 CREW MEMBERS**
  - **3 MISSIONS**
- **SPLIT/SPRINT-OPPOSITION CLASS (1988 NASA JSC)**
  - **ROBOTIC PRECURSORS**
  - **ONE CARGO VEHICLE/ONE CREW VEHICLE**
  - **14 MONTHS**
  - **30 DAYS IN ORBIT**
  - **<20 DAYS ON SURFACE**
  - **2 CREW ON SURFACE / 1 IN ORBIT**
  - **60 TOTAL HOURS OF EVAS BY 2 CREW MEMBERS**
  - **1 MISSION**
- **VENUS SWING-BY (COLLINS, 1988)**
  - **ROBOTIC PRECURSORS?**
  - **ONE VEHICLE**
  - **22 MONTHS**
  - **30 DAYS IN ORBIT?**
  - **40 DAYS ON SURFACE**
  - **4 CREW ON SURFACE / 4 IN ORBIT?**
  - **120 TOTAL HOURS OF EVAS BY 2 CREW MEMBERS?**
  - **3 MISSIONS?**
- **"MARS DIRECT" CONJUNCTION CLASS (ZUBRIN, 1996, NASA INTEREST, 1999)**
  - **ONE AUTOMATED CREW RETURN VEHICLE/ONE DELAYED CREW VEHICLE**
  - **30 MONTHS**
  - **MANUFACTURE RETURN FUEL AND OXIDIZER PRIOR TO CREW LAUNCH**
  - **0 DAYS IN ORBIT**
  - **18 MONTHS ON SURFACE**
  - **4 CREW ON SURFACE / 0 IN ORBIT**
  - **REPEATED MISSIONS**

# **MINIMUM ENERGY -1**

- **MINIMUM ENERGY-CONJUNCTION CLASS (NEAL, ET AL., 1989)**
  - **FINAL RECONNAISSANCE FROM ORBIT / NO ROBOTIC PRECURSORS REQUIRED**
  - **ONE ORBITAL VEHICLE / TWO LANDERS**
  - **32 MONTHS**
  - **18 MONTHS IN ORBIT**
  - **90 TOTAL DAYS ON SURFACE**
  - **4 CREW ON SURFACE / 4 IN ORBIT ALTERNATING TO SURFACE**
  - **1200 TOTAL HOURS EVAS BY 8 CREW MEMBERS AT TWO SITES**
  - **4 MISSIONS / 8 SITES WITH FIFTH MISSION THE CREATION OF A PERMANENT MARS BASE WITH 8 INITIAL INHABITANTS**
    - **SYMMETRY WITH LUNAR ACTIVATION**

# MINIMUM ENERGY -2

- **MAJOR POSSIBLE ENHANCEMENT OPTIONS**
  - **LAUNCH FROM THE MOON WITH LUNAR DERIVED CONSUMABLES (GREATER PAYLOAD) (SEE STANCATI, ET AL., 1991)**
  - **He-3 FUSION / NUCLEAR FISSION / SOLAR ELECTRIC PROPULSION (SHORTENED TRANSIT TIME)**
  - **TRAJECTORY SHAPING (FLEXIBLE STAY TIMES AT MARS)**
  - **AERO-BRAKING (MARS ORBIT INSERTION AND ON RETURN TO EARTH)**
  - **RETURN PROPELLANT DERIVED FROM MARS ATMOSPHERE (ZUBRIN, ET AL., 1991, AND SEE STANCATI, ET AL., 1991)**

# **MINIMUM ENERGY -3**

## **FLEXIBILITY IN TRANSIT AND ORBIT**

- **LANDING DELAY DUE TO EQUIPMENT OR WEATHER PROBLEMS**
- **SURFACE EXPLORATION DELAY DUE TO EQUIPMENT, WEATHER, ADAPTATION, OR BIOLOGICAL HAZARD PROBLEMS**
- **ASCENT DELAY DUE TO EQUIPMENT PROBLEMS**
- **EARLY ASCENT DUE TO DEGRADING SYSTEMS OR A CREW HEALTH PROBLEM**
- **DESIRE EXPLORE PHOBOS AND / OR DEIMOS(?)**
- **"MISSION CONTROL" AND COMMUNICATIONS RELAY IN MARS ORBIT**
- **LANDING SITE VERIFICATIONS FROM MARS ORBIT SENSORS AND ANALYSIS**

# **MINIMUM ENERGY -4**

- **OTHER ISSUES**
  - **IN-ROUTE, IN-ORBIT, ON-SURFACE SIMULATION AND TRAINING REQUIRED**
  - **MISSION RELEVANT AND VALUABLE SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES IN-ROUTE**
  - **NON-TIME CRITICAL MISSION MONITORING AND DATA PROCESSING ON EARTH**
  - **NEED HIGH RATE DATA TRANSMISSION MARS-EARTH-MARS**
- **PROBLEMS**
  - **MASS COST TO SUPPORT CREW OF 8 (COULD REDUCE TO 4 AND ONE LANDING WITH INCREASE OVERALL RISK TO MISSION SUCCESS)**

# SPACE BIOMEDICAL ISSUES IN MICROGRAVITY

| • MAJOR KNOWN PROBLEMS                         | • COUNTER-MEASURE OPTIONS   |
|--|---|
| – MUSCLE ATROPHY                               | – HEAVY, ANAEROBIC EXERCISE   |
| • HEART  | – CENTRIPETAL FORCE   |
| • SUPPORT                                      | – DRUG THERAPY  |
| – BONE AND OTOLITH DE-MINERALIZATION           | – EXERCISE  |
|  | – CENTRIFUGAL FORCE   |
|  | – DRUG THERAPY  |
| – RATE OF RE-ADAPTATION TO GRAVITY ENVIRONMENT | – EXERCISE IN GRAVITY   |
| – IMMUNE SYSTEM COMPROMISE (?)                 | ALL OF THE ABOVE  |
| – RADIATION PROTECTION                         | IN-TRANSIT AND IN ORBIT<br>“WATER” SURROUNDED<br>STORM CELLAR<br>ON-SURFACE<br>“REGOLITH” COVER<br>FOR ZENITH |

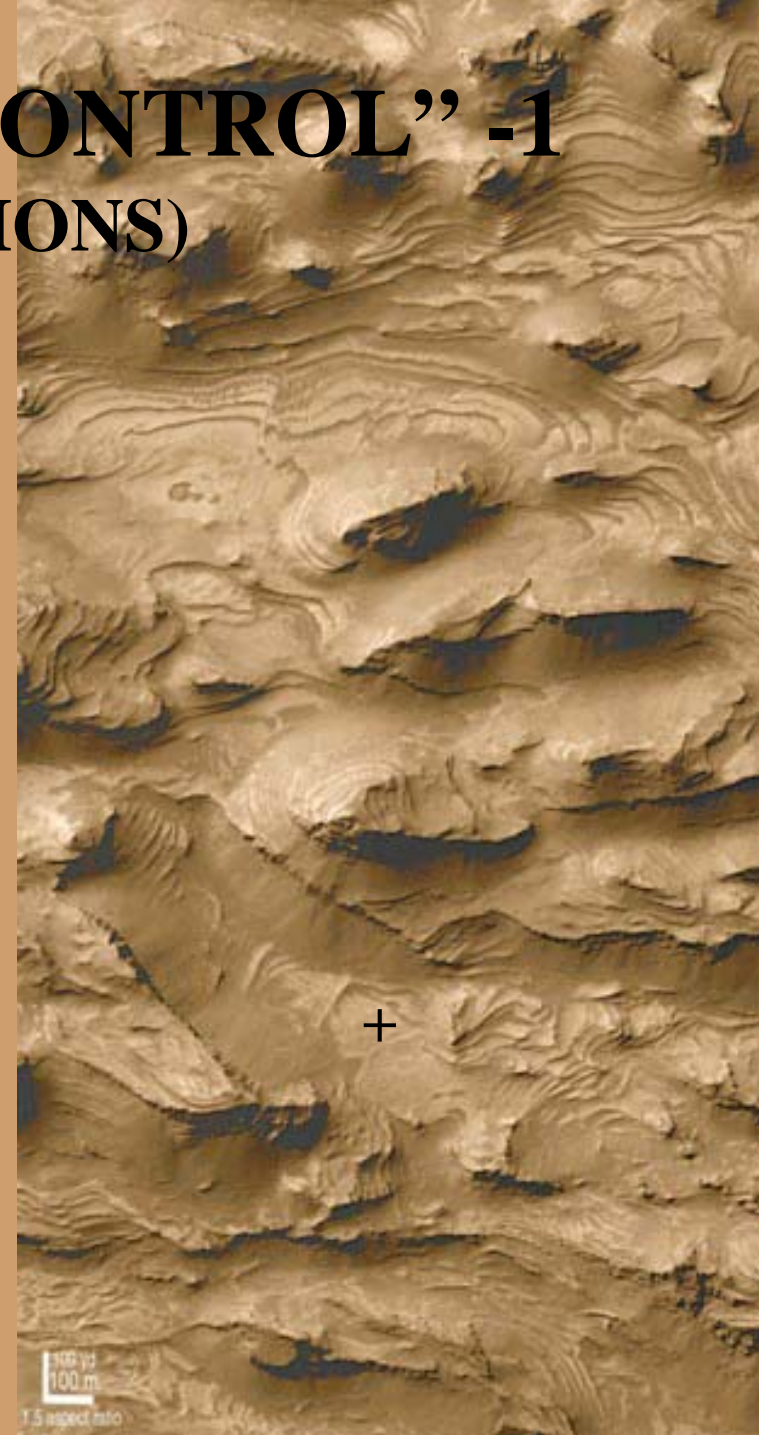
NOTE: NO SCIENTIFICALLY CREDITABLE UNDERSTANDING OF THESE PROBLEMS AND OPTIONS HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO DATE DUE TO THE LACK OF A SYSTEMATIC RESEARCH PROTOCOL AND USE OF INAPPROPRIATE TEST SUBJECTS.



# **ORBITAL “MISSION CONTROL” -1**

## **(FIRST FEW MISSIONS)**

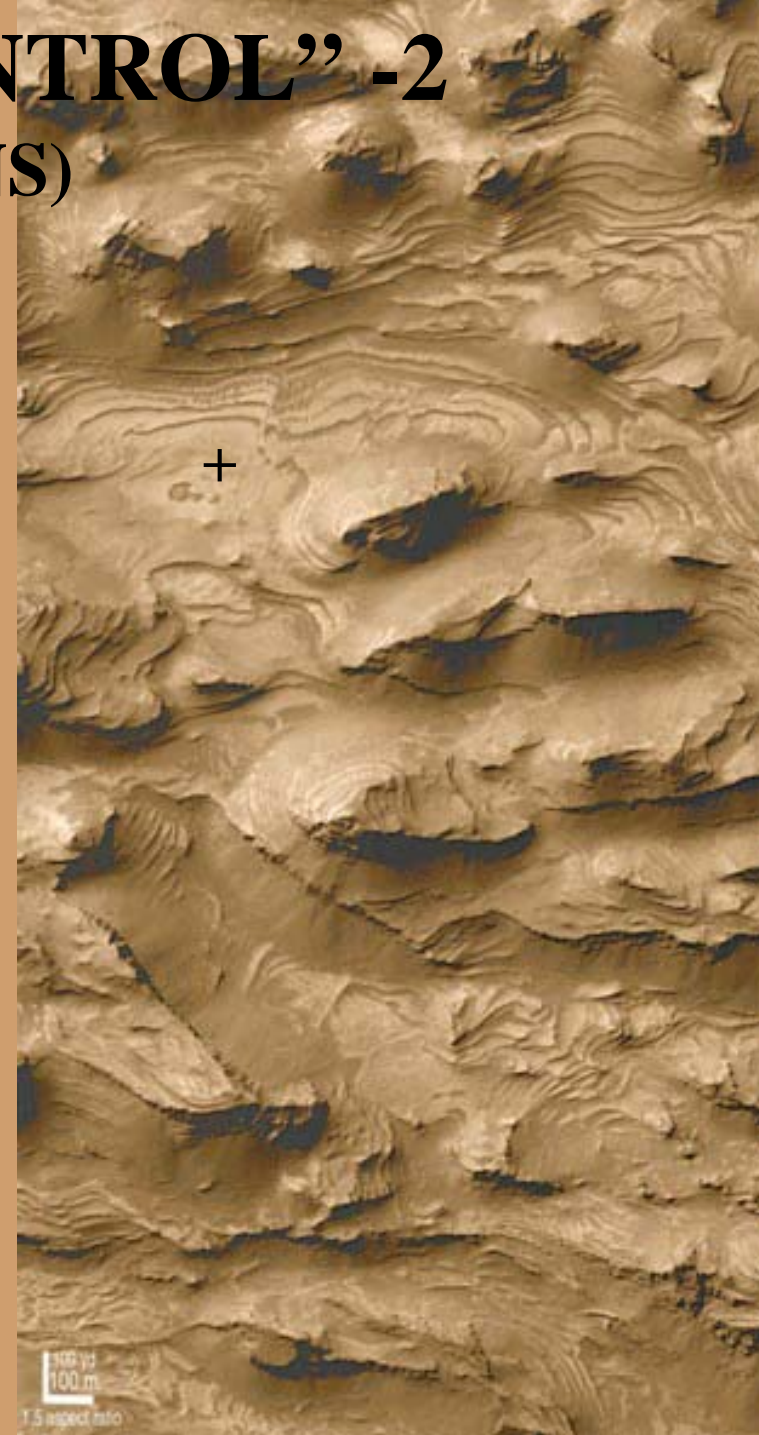
- **OVERALL SUCCESS NOT DEPENDENT ON SUCCESS OF PRECURSORS**
- **COMMUNICATIONS DELAY OF 8-40 MINUTES AND SUN PUTS EARTH “OUT OF THE LOOP”**
- **TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CONJUNCTION CLASS MARS-STAY REQUIREMENT**
  - **16 MONTHS IN ORBIT**



# **ORBITAL “MISSION CONTROL” -2**

## **(FIRST FEW MISSIONS)**

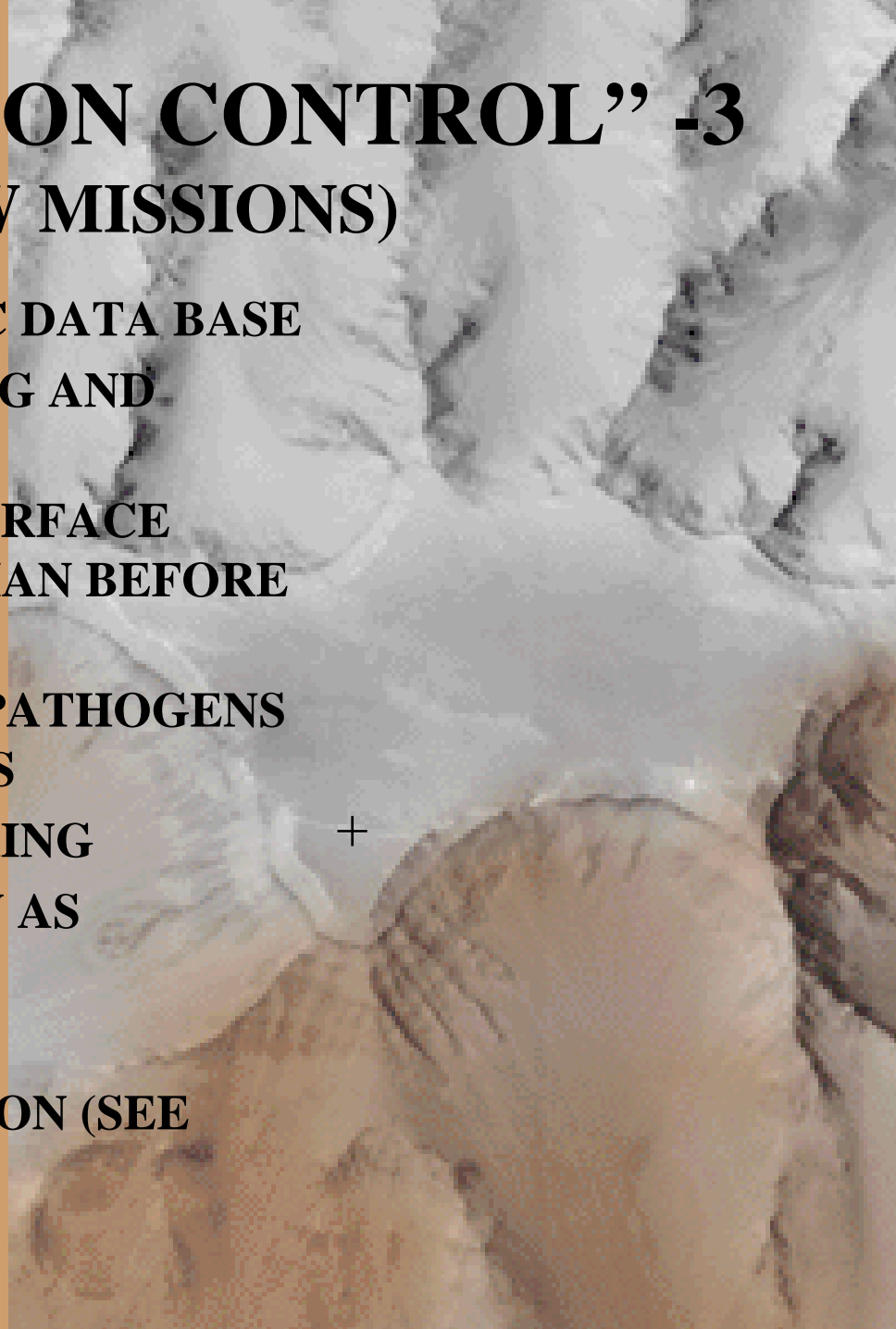
- **PROVIDES CURRENT LANDING DATA AND HUMAN COGNITIVE ANALYSIS**
  - **LANDING SITE SELECTION AND VERIFICATION AND DETAILED SURFACE MISSION PLANNING**
  - **SPECTRAL DATA**
  - **RADAR DATA**
  - **SURFACE PROBES**
  - **LANDING BEACON DEPLOYMENT**
  - **LANDING TRAJECTORY PRECURSORS THROUGH ATMOSPHERE**
  - **DATA FUSION SOFTWARE**
  - **SAMPLE RETURN TO ORBIT VS. TESTS AFTER LANDING (?)**
  - **REFINE LANDER PAYLOAD**



# **ORBITAL “MISSION CONTROL” -3**

## **(FIRST FEW MISSIONS)**

- **BUILD ON EXISTING ROBOTIC DATA BASE**
- **USE EARTH DATA PROCESSING AND CONSULTATION**
- **MARS ENVIRONMENT AND SURFACE BETTER CHARACTERIZED THAN BEFORE APOLLO 11**
  - **EXCEPT FOR POTENTIAL PATHOGENS IN ISOLATED ECOSYSTEMS**
- **LANDING SYSTEMS MONITORING**
- **LANDER-EARTH DATA RELAY AS REQUIRED**
- **EVA PLANNING ASSISTANCE**
- **PHOBOS-DEIMOS EXPLORATION (SEE NEAL, ET AL, 1989)**

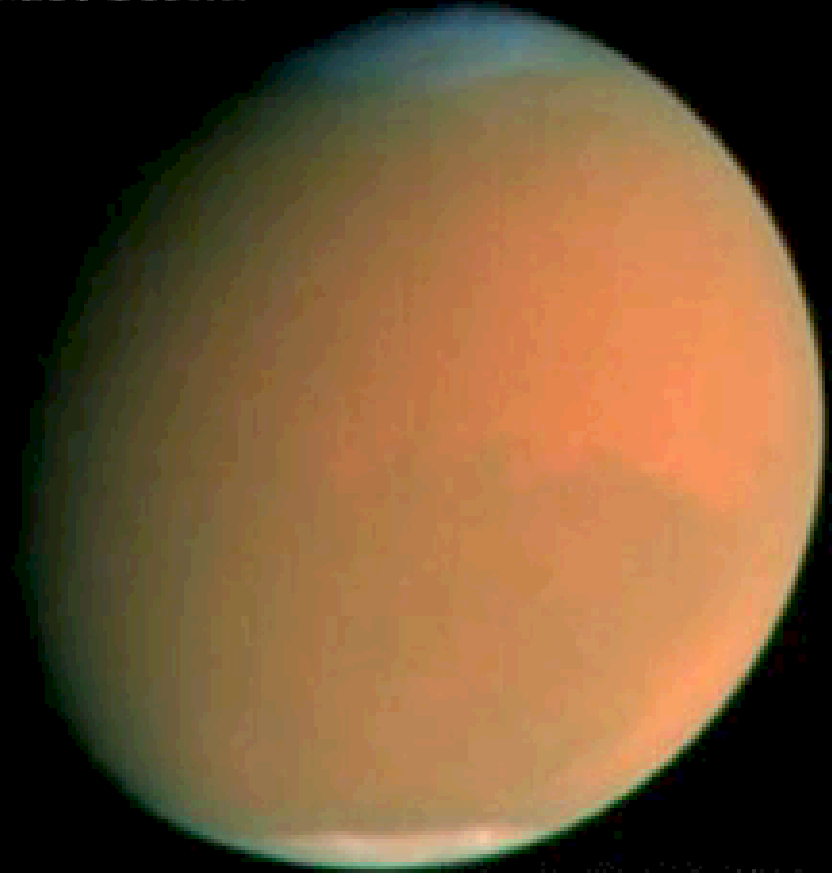


**IMAGINE, YOU ARRIVE IN MARS ORBIT AND  
THIS IS WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE LEAVING EARTH!**

**Mars • Global Dust Storm**



June 26, 2001



September 4, 2001

**Hubble Space Telescope • WFPC2**

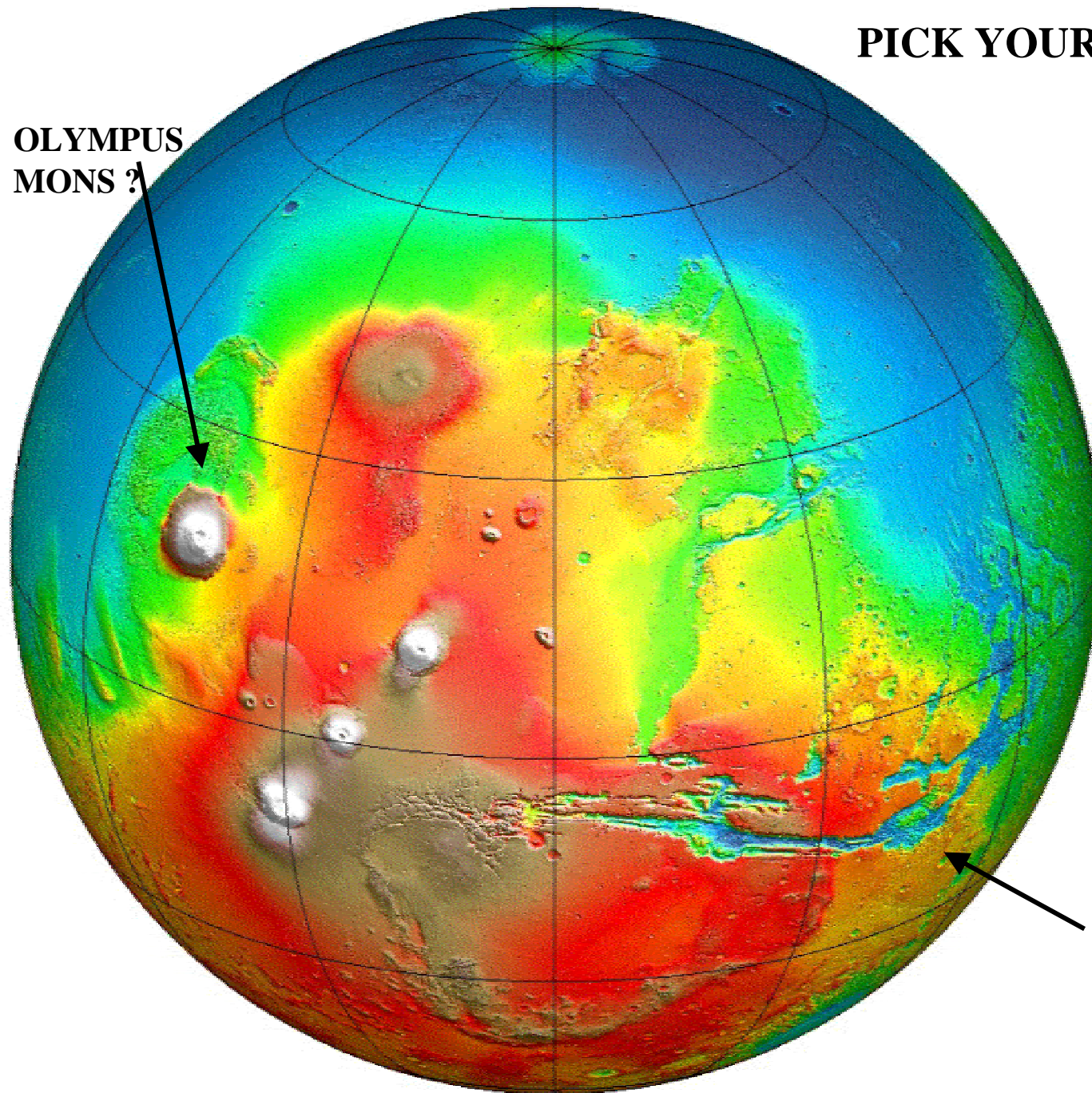


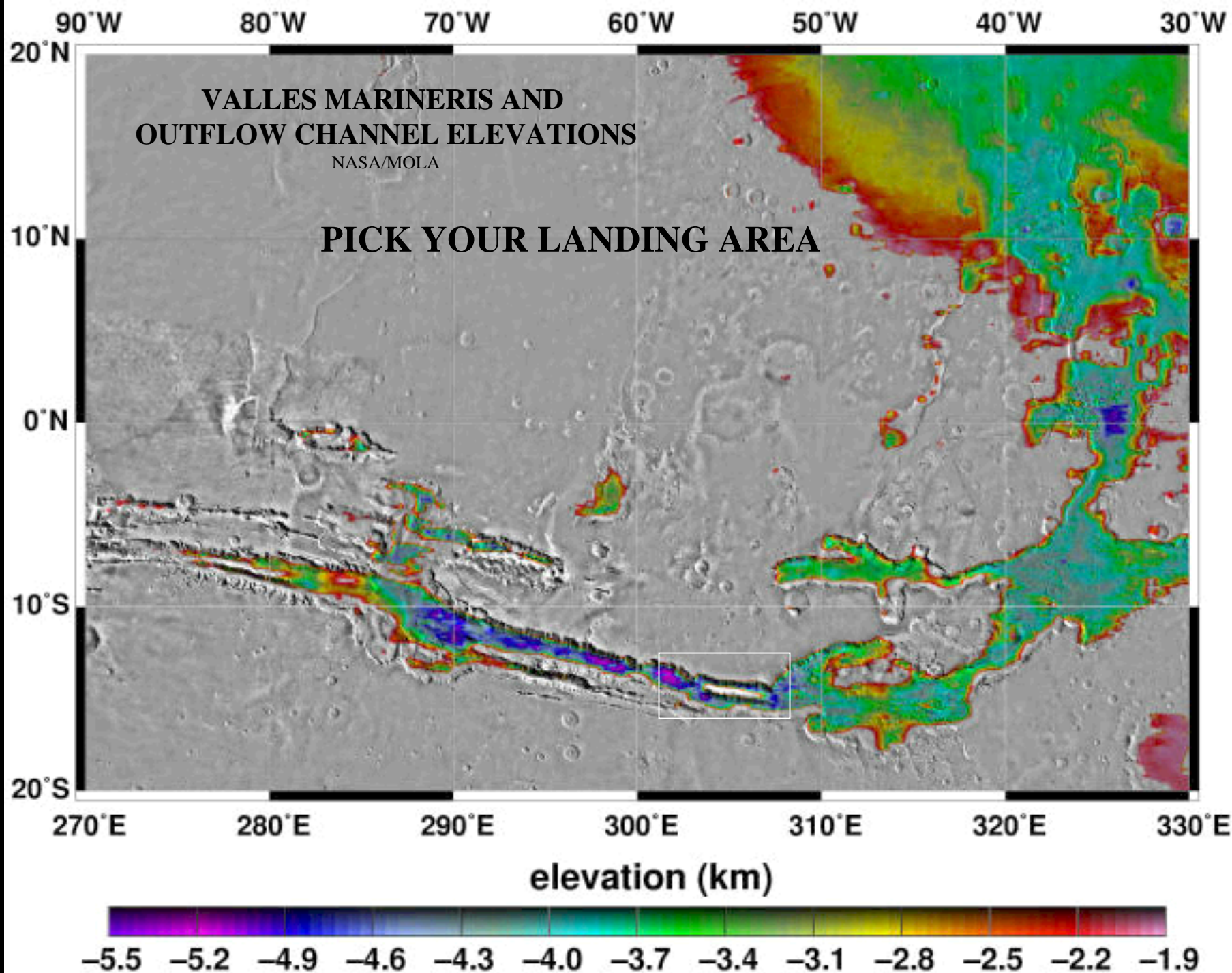
**PICK YOUR LANDING REGION**

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MONS ?**

**MERIDIANI**

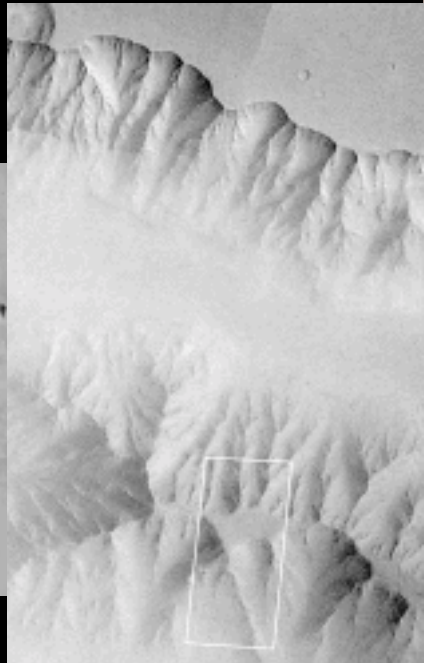
**VALLES MARINERIS ?**





**...VALLES MARINERIS  
MAY PRESENT AN  
EXCITING  
APPROACH,  
LANDING,  
AND  
EXPLORATION  
TARGET!**

**PICK YOUR LANDING SITE**



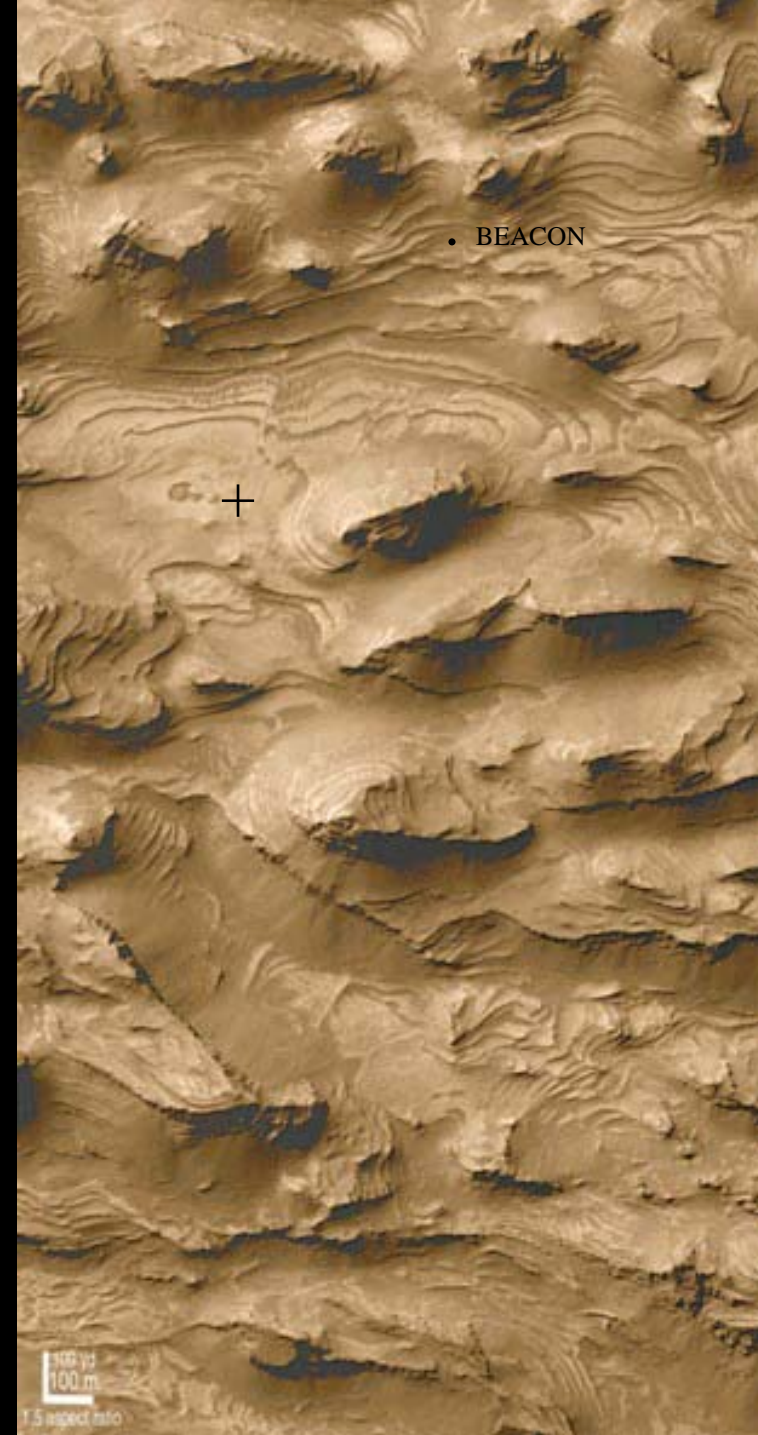
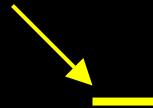
• BEACON





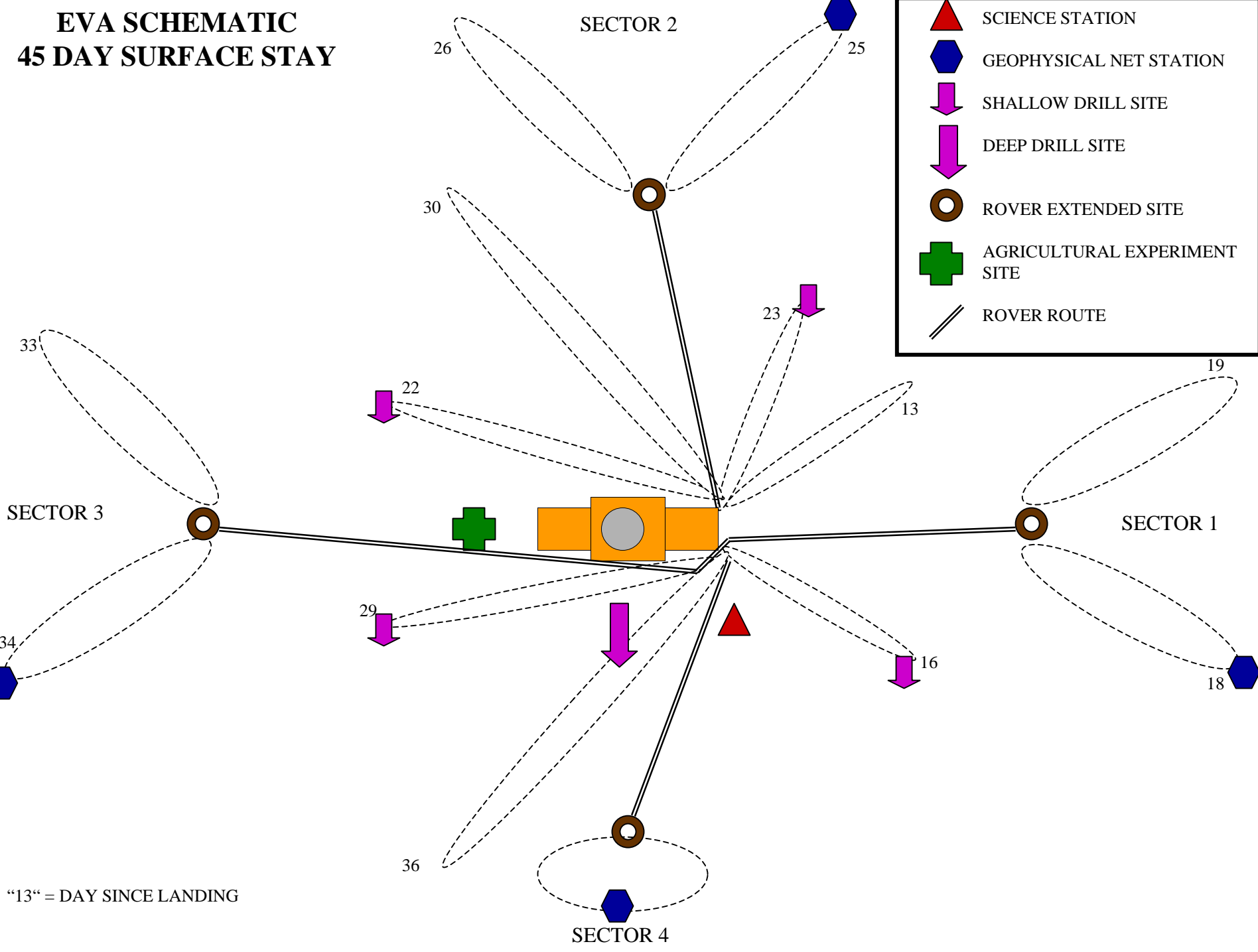
**WITH A LANDING AMONG  
THE LAYERS AND FOSSILS (?)  
OF CANDOR CHASMA**

**100 METERS OR A LITTLE LESS  
THAN A SATURN V OR A LITTLE  
MORE THAN A FOOTBALL FIELD**





**EVA SCHEMATIC**  
**45 DAY SURFACE STAY**



# 45 DAY HUMAN EXPLORATION FOR MARS BASE SITE EVALUATION

- **WEEK ONE (DAYS 1-6)**
  - **READAPTATION**
  - **ENVIRONMENTAL TESTS**
  - **ACTIVATION OF EXTERIOR SENSORS**
  - **PHYSICAL MONITORING**
  - **PLANNING**
- **WEEK TWO (DAYS 8-13)**
  - **SHORT/SIMPLE PROXIMITY EVAS**
  - **DEPLOY COMM ANTENNA / SCIENCE STATION / AGRICULTURAL TEST STATION**
  - **START DEEP DRILL SYSTEM**
  - **SELECTED SAMPLE ANALYSIS**
  - **PHYSICAL MONITORING**
  - **PLANNING SESSIONS**
- **WEEK THREE (DAYS 15-20)**
  - **SECTOR 1 EXPLORATION**
  - **MID LENGTH EVAS USING ROVER**
  - **EXTENDED RANGE EVA WITH TWO ROVERS**
  - **SHALLOW DRILLING/DEPLOY GEO. NET**
  - **SELECTED SAMPLE ANALYSIS**
  - **PHYSICAL MONITORING**
  - **PLANNING SESSIONS**
- **WEEK FOUR (DAYS 22-27)**
  - **SECTOR 2 EXPLORATION**
  - **DITTO WEEK THREE**
- **WEEK FIVE (DAYS 29-34)**
  - **SECTOR 3 EXPLORATION**
  - **DITTO WEEK THREE**
- **WEEK SIX (DAYS 36-41)**
  - **SECTOR 4 EXPLORATION**
  - **ASCENT SIMULATIONS**
  - **DITTO WEEK THREE**
- **WEEK SEVEN (DAYS 43-45)**
  - **MOTHBALL FACILITY**
  - **PREPARE ROVER FOR REMOTE OPERATION**
  - **FINAL ASCENT SIMULATIONS**
  - **SAMPLE SELECTION AND STORAGE**
- **NOTE: ONE REST DAY PER WEEK**
  - **FOUR PERSON CREW**
  - **TWO PERSON EVAS, ALTERNATE BETWEEN PAIRS**

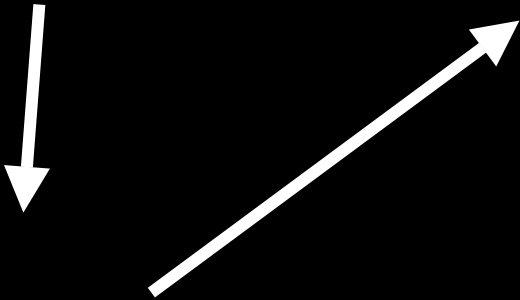
# **EARLY LANDINGS STRATEGY**

## **GOAL: PERMANENT BASE**

- **FIRST AND SECOND MISSIONS  
(POSSIBLE FOUR LANDINGS)**
  - **GENERAL EXPLORATION AND RECONNAISSANCE**
    - **AUTOMATED ROVER  
AFTER CREW DEPARTURE**
  - **DEVELOPMENT OF CRITERIA  
FOR BASE SELECTION**
  - **POTENTIAL TO ACCELERATE  
DECISION ON BASE SITE  
SELECTION**
    - **CORRELATION OF  
ORBITAL  
RECONNAISSANCE WITH  
DATA FROM SURFACE**
- **THIRD AND FOURTH MISSIONS  
(POSSIBLE FOUR LANDINGS)**
  - **EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATE  
BASE SITES**
    - **AUTOMATED ROVER  
AFTER CREW DEPARTURE**
  - **USE FOURTH LANDING TO SET  
UP CONSUMABLES PLANT AT  
SELECTED BASE SITE**
  - **GENERAL EXPLORATION AND  
RECONNAISSANCE**



**IF A LUNAR HELIUM-3 INITIATIVE  
BEGAN BY 2005 WITH ASSURED FUNDING,  
THE FIRST HUMAN MISSION TO MARS  
COULD BE LAUNCHED BY 2020,  
LARGELY USING TECHNOLOGY PAID FOR BY  
THE HELIUM-3 INITIATIVE.**



**ENJOY THE VIEW WHEN YOU GET THERE!!!!!!**

**“TRUE COLOR OF MARS”  
PATHFINDER LANDER VIEW**

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**A POSSIBLE REPRESENTATIVE VIEW FROM THE “MARTIAN MODULE”  
BEFORE THE FIRST EVA, HOWEVER....  
VALLES MARINERIS WILL BE A TAD MORE SPECTACULAR**



**NASA OPPORTUNITY**

