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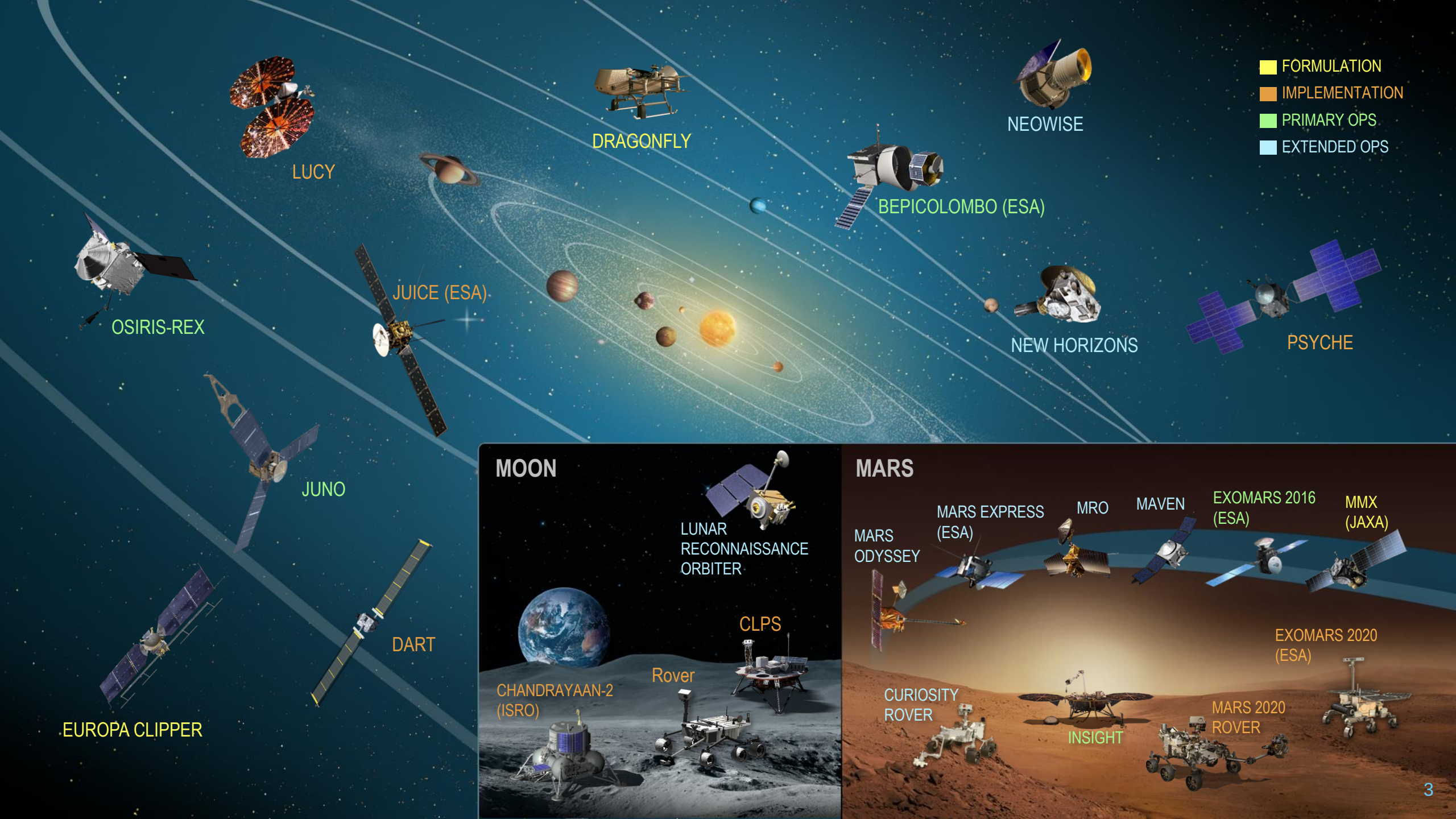
KEY SCIENCE THEMES

Protect & Improve Life on Earth

Search for Life Elsewhere

Discover Secrets of the Universe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PRIMARY OPS
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DRAGONFLY
NEOWISE
BEPICOLOMBO (ESA)
OSIRIS-REX
JUICE (ESA)
NEW HORIZONS
PSYCHE
JUNO
DART
EUROPA CLIPPER
MOON
LUNAR RECONNAISSANCE ORBITER
CLPS
Rover
CHANDRAYAAN-2 (ISRO)
MARS
MARS ODYSSEY
MARS EXPRESS (ESA)
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MMX (JAXA)
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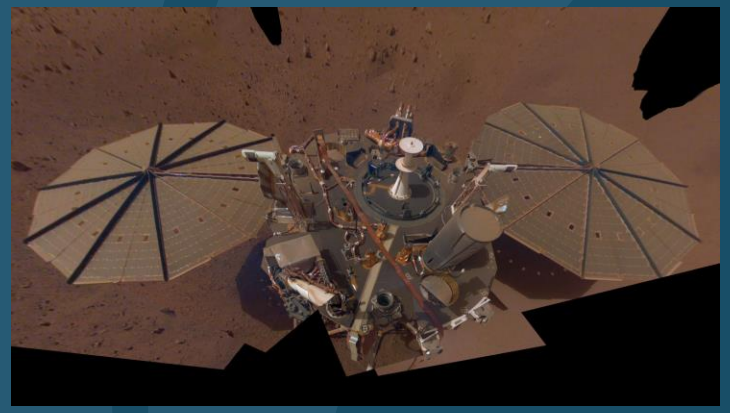
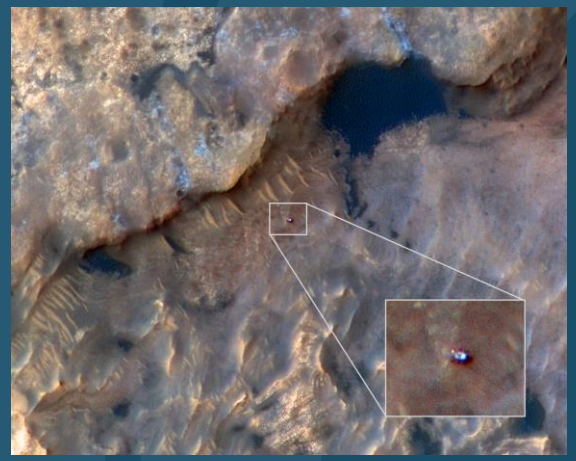
CURIOSITY ROVER
INSIGHT
MARS 2020 ROVER



InSight selfie mosaic made up of 14 images taken on March 15 and April 11, 2019

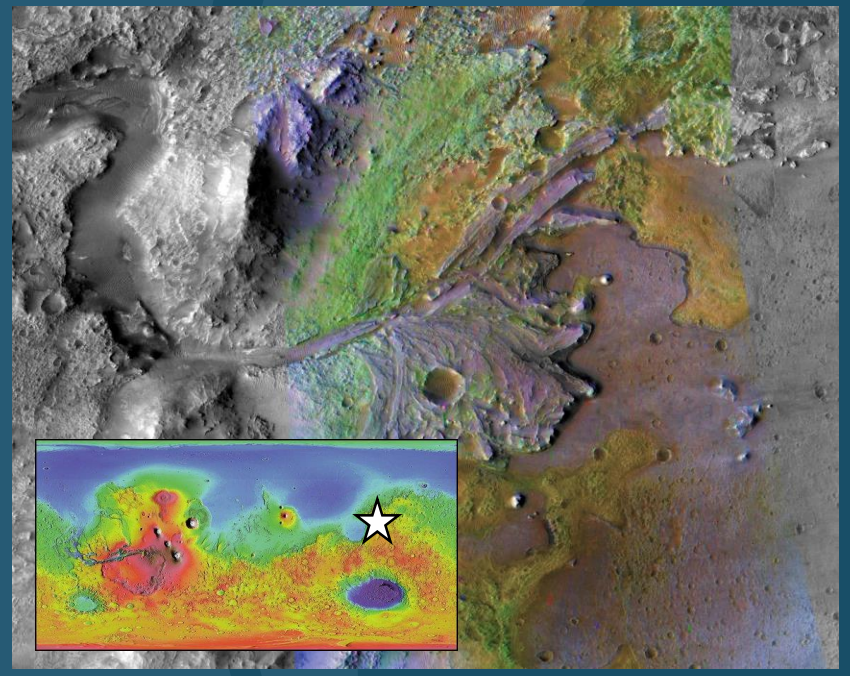
Dec. 19, 2018 – InSight seismometer on Martian surface – first time a spacecraft robotically placed a seismometer onto surface of another planet

MSL Curiosity

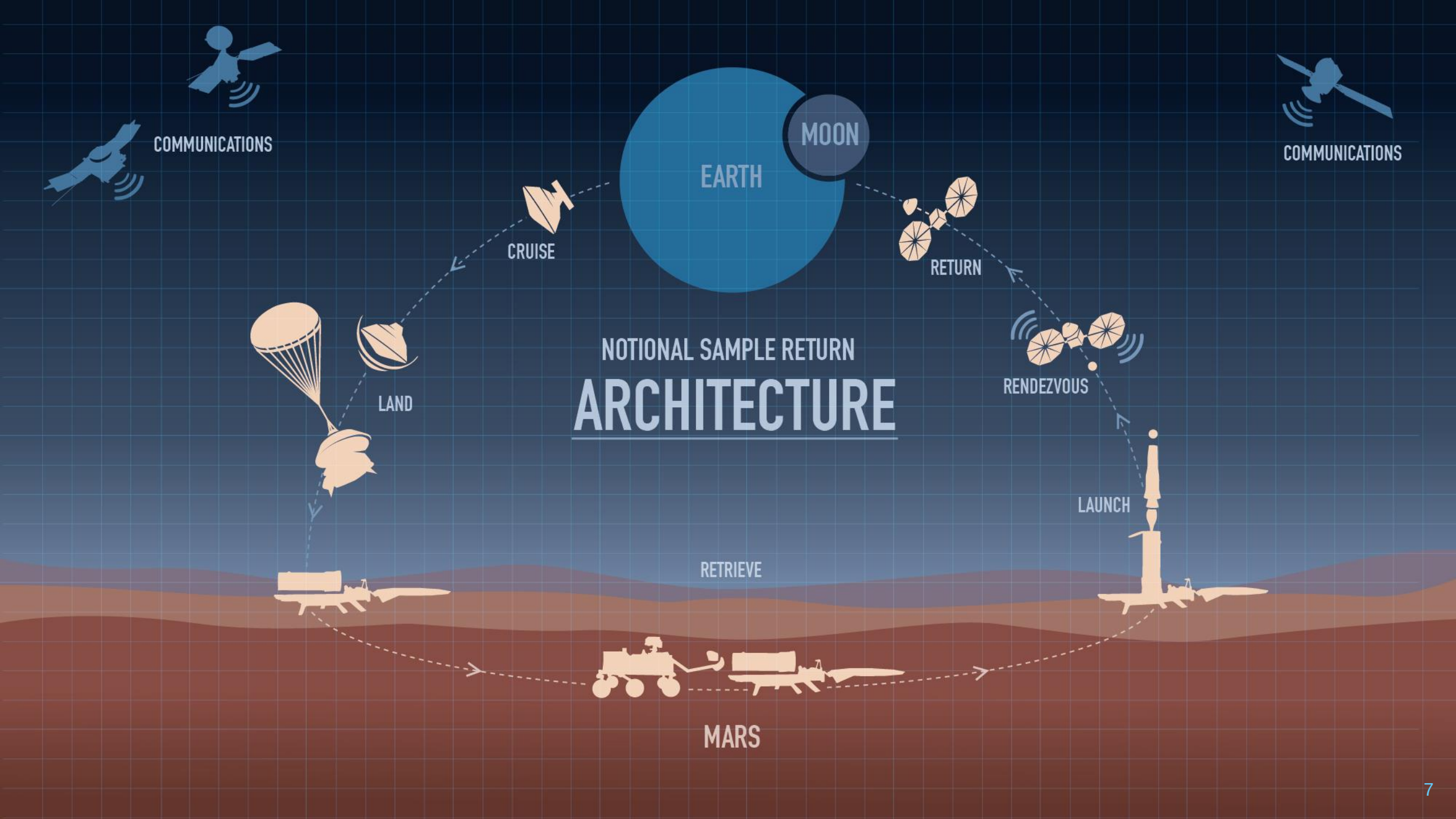


May 31, 2019 – MRO HiRISE spots Curiosity rover at Mars' Woodland Bay

Apr. 6, 2019 – Before and after images from Mastcam of first time Curiosity drilled in the clay-bearing unit



Nov. 19, 2018 - NASA announced landing site for Mars 2020 Rover mission as Jezero Crater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MOON
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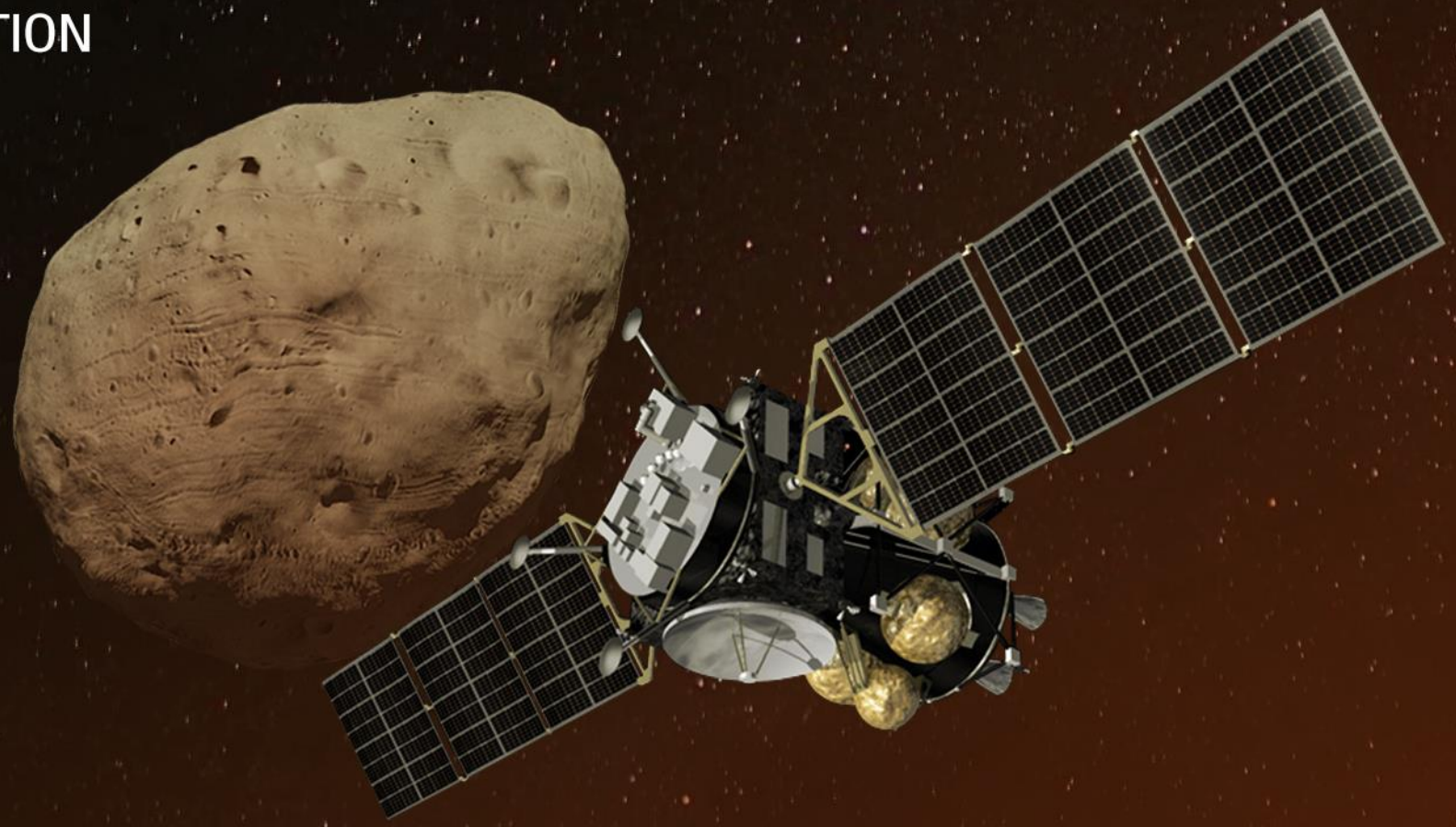
MARS

MMX

MARTIAN MOONS EXPLORATION



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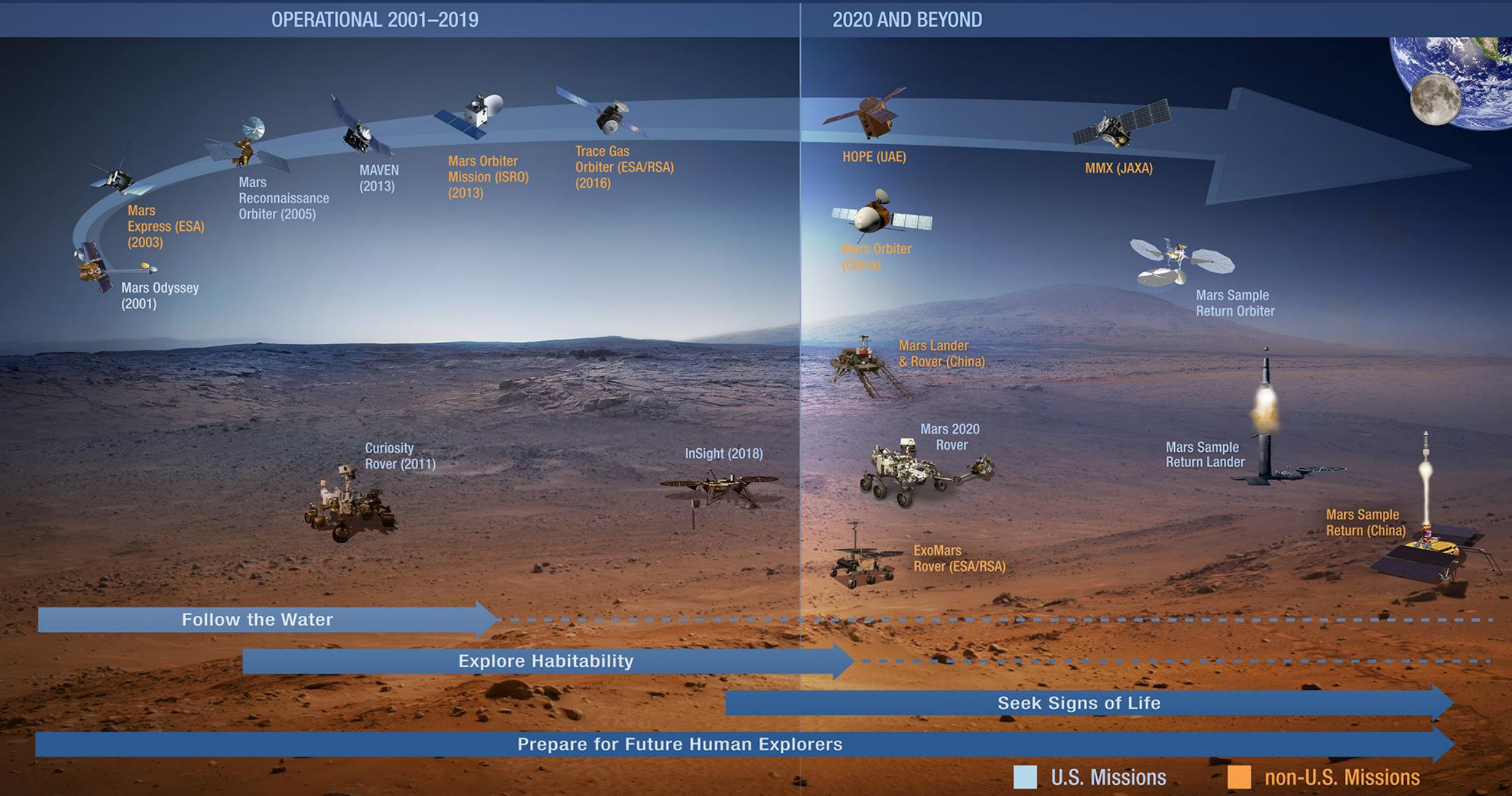
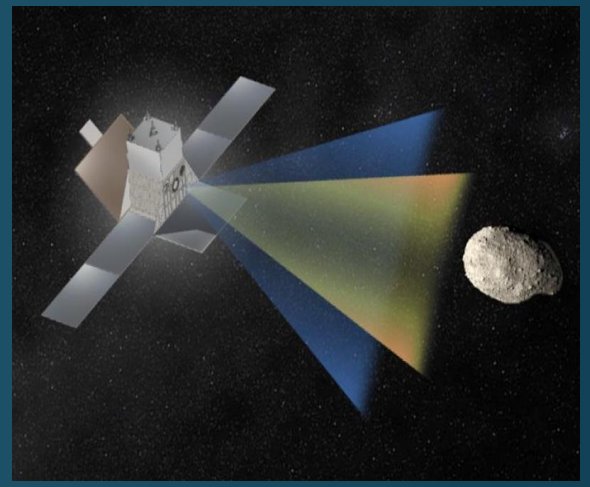
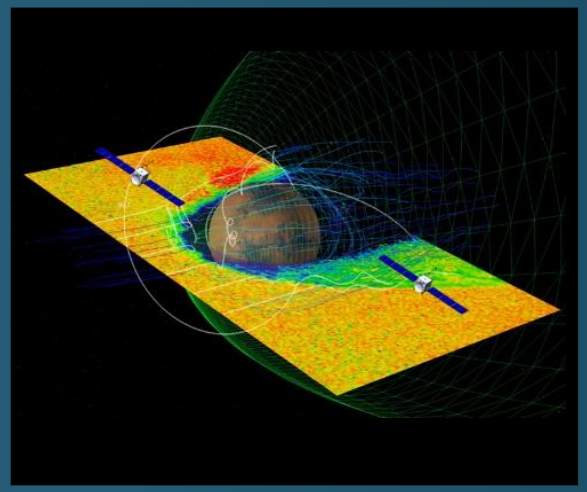
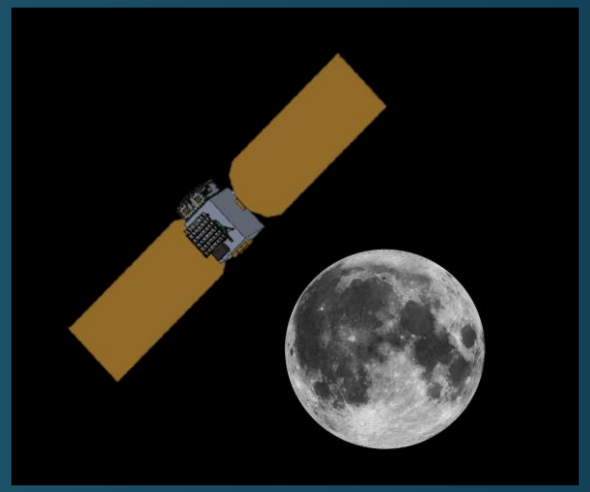
MARS MISSIONS



Announcements of Opportunity







Small Innovative Missions for Planetary Exploration (SIMPLEx)

- Three missions selected for Phase A/B development
- ESCAPADE – twin spacecraft to study effects of energetic particles around Mars
- Janus – reconnaissance mission to binary asteroids
- Lunar Trailblazer – lunar orbiter to investigate geology and water on the Moon

New Frontiers #4

- Dragonfly selection announced June 27, 2019

Discovery 2019

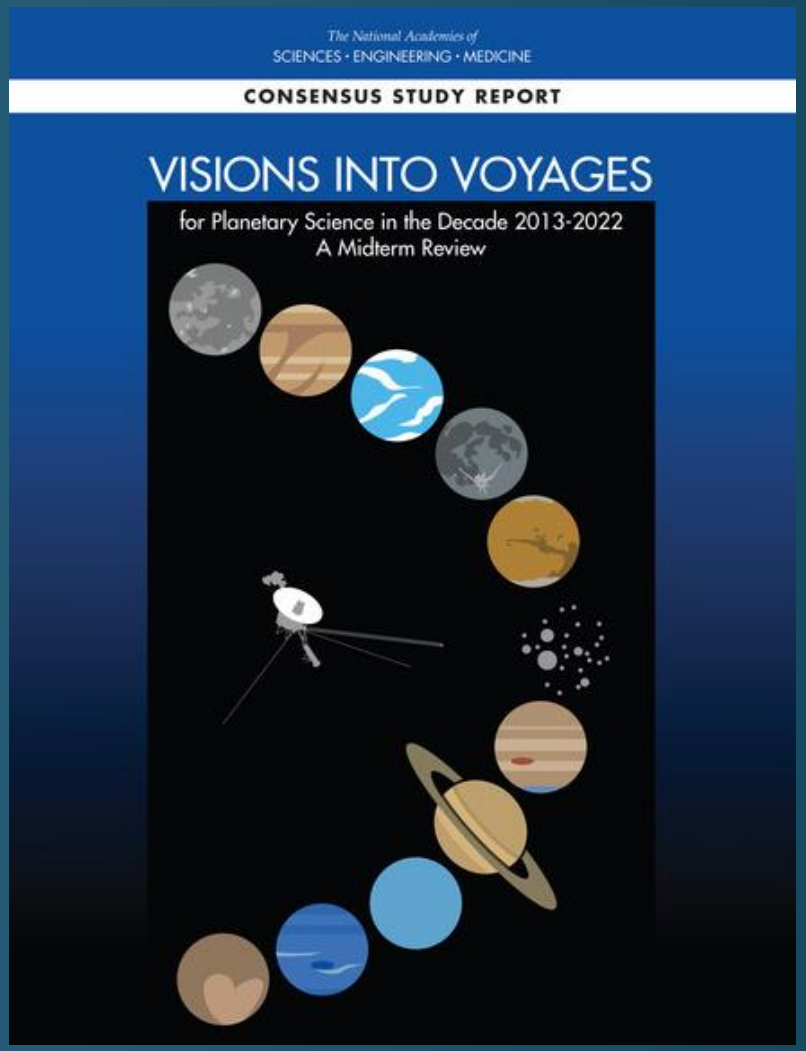
- Final AO released April 1, 2019
- Step-1 proposals due July 1, 2019
- Dr. Tom Wagner has been named as the new Lead Program Scientist for the Discovery Program

Inspire Future Leaders

- Achieve excellence by relying on diverse teams, both within and external to NASA, to most effectively perform SMD’s work
- Attract and retain talent by promoting a culture that actively encourages diversity and inclusion and removes barriers to participation
- Encourage development of future leaders, including the next generation of mission principal investigators, through targeted outreach and hands-on opportunities
- Support early-career scientists to build careers working with NASA
- Engage the general public in NASA Science, including opportunities for citizen scientists

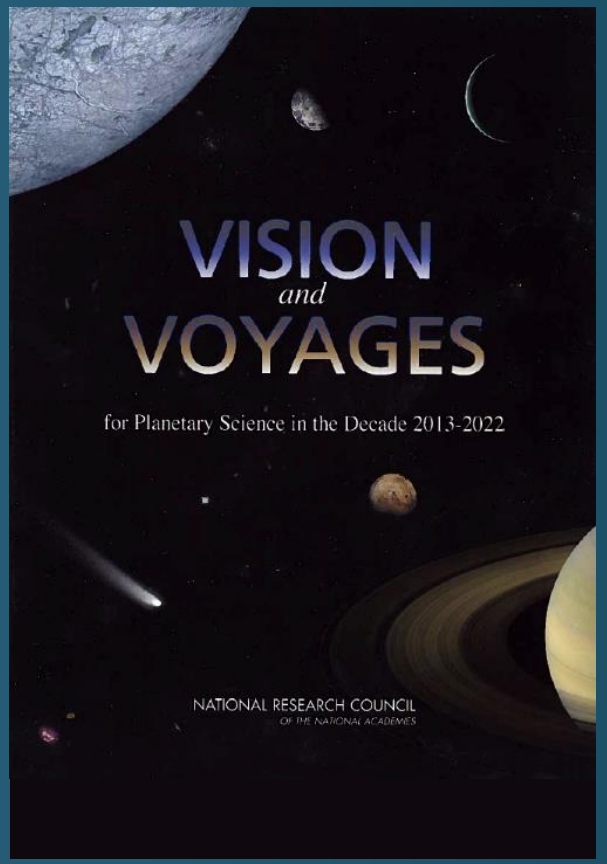
Mission Principal Investigator Development

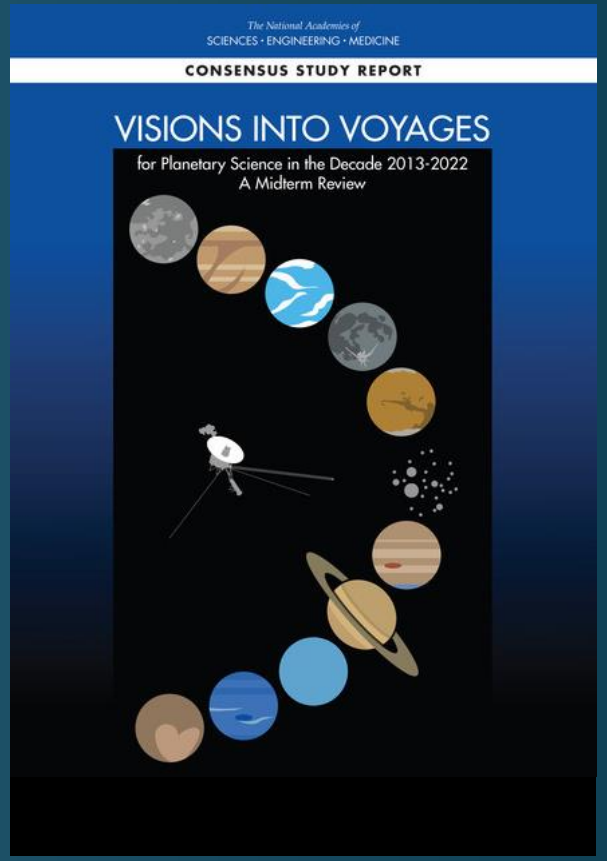
- NASA Science has been exploring barriers to participation
- Workshop in Nov. 2018 explored issues and provided valuable feedback for forward work
  - Developed a consolidated PI resources webpage at https://science.nasa.gov/researchers/new-pi-resources
  - Introduced pre-reviews of mission peer review panels to ensure diversity and reduce conflicts of interest
  - Added a code of conduct requirement for SMD-funded conferences to ROSES 2019
  - Restarted proposal writing workshops at major science conferences
  - Included career development positions and associated evaluation criteria as part of Discovery and New Frontiers AOs
- SMD AA “Writing Successful Mission Proposals” colloquium live streamed on June 5, 2019
- Upcoming activities include
  - Information sessions at science conferences and stand-alone workshops to support those developing first proposal
  - First workshop will be held October 16-18, 2019 in Tucson, AZ and information on how to register will be forthcoming
  - Sign up to learn more at https://lists.hq.nasa.gov/mailman/listinfo/hq-smdpi-workshop-outreach



Midterm Evaluation

- Discovery AOs at the Vision and Voyages recommended cadence of ≤24 months
- New Frontiers (NF) 5 AO as soon as possible, but at a minimum no later than 5 years after NF 4 AO
- Largely following or exceeding the Vision and Voyages recommended levels of R&A and technology spending
- NASA should sponsor 8 to 10 mission concept studies based on the list produced by the Committee on Astrobiology and Planetary Sciences





Preparing for the Next Decadal Survey

- Mission concept studies proposals were due May 31, 2019
- Proposals will be assessed by peer review panels this summer
- Results from concept study reports will be submitted to National Academies of Science to be included for consideration by the Decadal Survey
- Plan to initiate 2023 Decadal Survey in June 2020, with the final report to be delivered in 2022

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