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# Mars Exploration Program Analysis Group

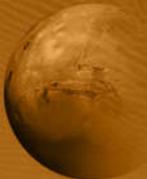


# MARS

*—the search for life*

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# Mars Exploration Strategic In-Guide Plan

**Operational  
2001-2012**



**2013**



**2016**



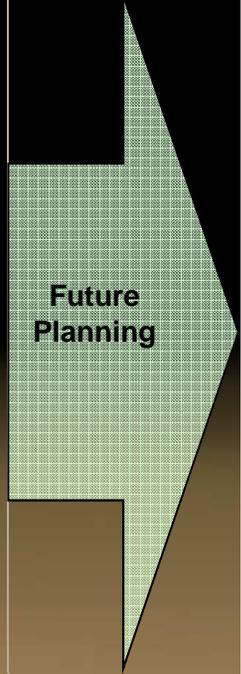
**2018**

ESA ExoMars  
Rover (MOMA)

**2020**

2020  
Science Rover

**2022**



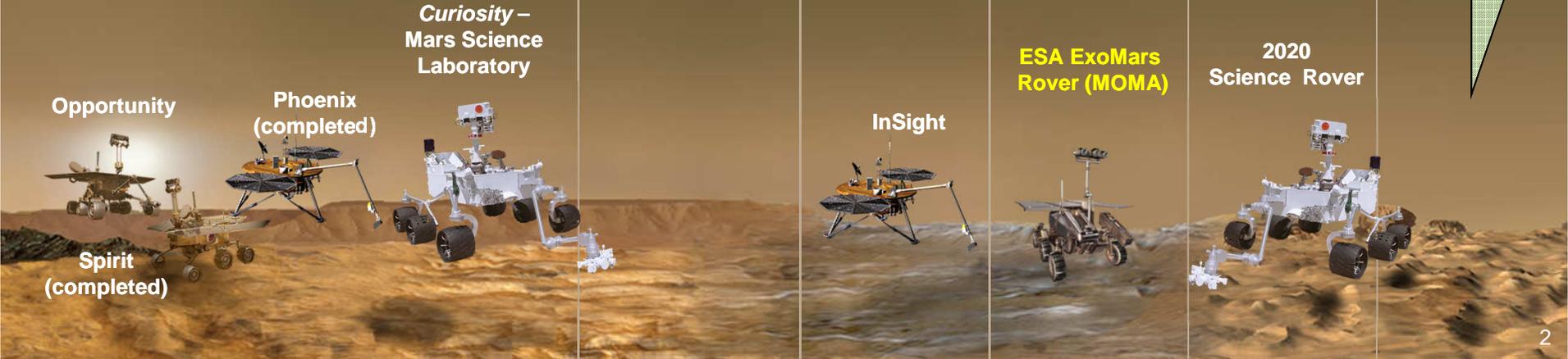
Opportunity

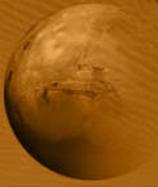
Phoenix  
(completed)

Curiosity –  
Mars Science  
Laboratory

Spirit  
(completed)

InSight



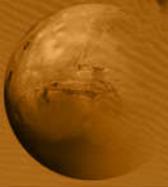


## Science Definition Team – Statement of Task

The SDT is tasked to formulate a detailed mission concept that is traceable to highest priority, community-vetted scientific goals and objectives (i.e., *Vision and Voyages* NRC Planetary Decadal Survey and related MEPAG Goals/Objectives) that will be formally presented to the Mars Exploration Program and leaders of the Science Mission Directorate (SMD); any and all mission concepts must fit within available resources and associated levels of acceptable risk as provided by the pre-project team.

***The SDT report will be essential in formulating the HQ-approved set of 2020 Mars rover mission science goals and measurement objectives suitable for open solicitation via a NASA SMD Payload AO that is to be released for open competition in Summer 2013.***

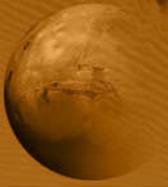




# SDT Primary Assumptions and Guidelines

- The mission will launch in 2020.
- The total cost of the instruments has a nominal cost limit of ~\$100M (including margin/reserves). This includes the development and implementation costs of US instruments (~\$80M) and the estimated costs of any contributed elements (~\$20M), but not including surface operations costs. The cost of science support equipment, such as an arm, is budgeted separately and not included in this ~\$100M/\$80M limit for instruments.
- The mission will employ Mars Science Laboratory (MSL) SkyCrane-derived entry, descent, and landing flight systems, and *Curiosity*-class roving capabilities. Consideration of the scientific value and cost implications of improving access to high-value science landing sites should be provided by the SDT in consultation with the pre-project team.
- The mission lifetime requirement is surface operation for one Mars year (~690 Earth Days).
- Mission pre-project activities will provide additional constraints on payload mass, volume, data rate, and configuration solutions that will establish realistic boundary conditions for SDT consideration.

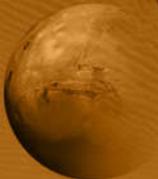




## SDT Charter Mission Objectives

- A. Explore an astrobiologically relevant ancient environment on Mars to decipher its geological processes and history, including the assessment of past habitability and potential preservation of possible biosignatures.
- B. *In situ science*: Search for potential biosignatures within that geological environment and preserved record.
- C. Demonstrate significant technical progress towards the future return of scientifically selected, well-documented samples to Earth.
- D. Provide an opportunity for contributed HEOMD or Space Technology Program (STP) participation, compatible with the science payload and within the mission's payload capacity.





# SDT Activity Schedule

- SDT Kick-off Meeting Jan. 24, 2013
  - Teleconference meetings every week
  - Two Face-to-Face meetings
- Two PowerPoint reports
  - mid-April
  - May 31
- Final Text – July 1
- Disband

Establishing a “Red” Team to review interim and final material



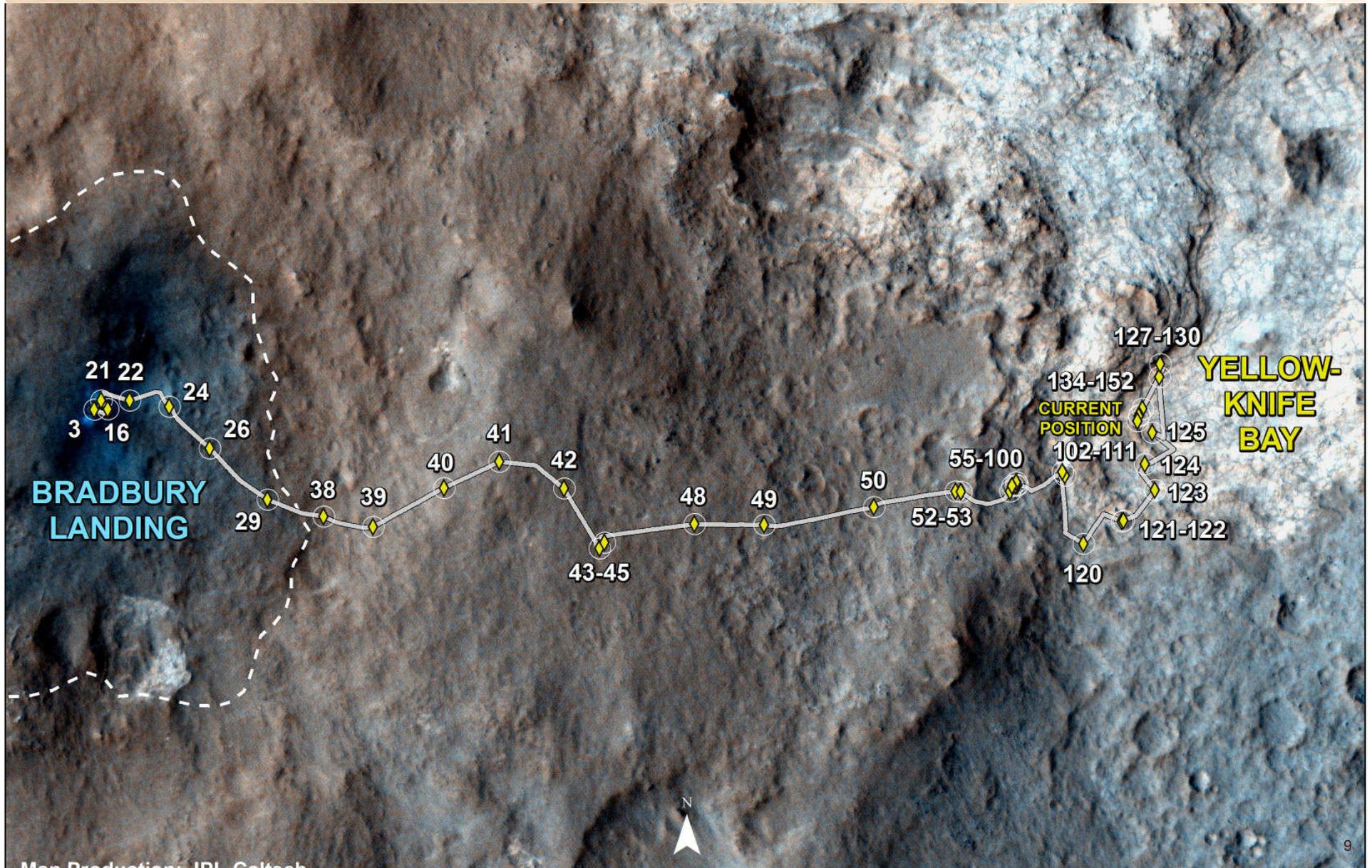
# SDT Roster

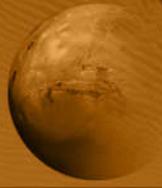
<i>Chair</i>	Professional Affiliation	Interest/Experience
<b>Mustard, Jack</b>	Brown University	Generalist, geology, Remote Sensing, MRO, MEPAG, DS, MSS-SAG
<b>Allwood, Abby</b>	JPL	Field astrobiology, early life on Earth, E2E-SAG, JSWG, MSR
<b>Bell, Jim</b>	ASU	Remote Sensing, Instruments, MER, MSL, Planetary Society
<b>Brinckerhoff, William</b>	NASA GSFC	Analytical Chemistry, Instruments, AFL-SGG
<b>Carr, Michael</b>	USGS, ret.	Geology, Hydrology, ND-SAG, E2E, P-SAG, Viking, MER, PPS
<b>DesMarais, Dave</b>	NASA ARC	Astrobio, field instruments, DS, ND-SAG, MER, MSL, MEPAG
<b>Edgett, Ken</b>	MSSS	Geology, geomorph, MPF, MER, MRO, MSL, MGS, cameras
<b>Eigenbrode, Jen</b>	NASA GSFC	Organic geochemistry, MSL, ND-SAG
<b>Elkins-Tanton, Lindy</b>	DTM, CIW	Petrology, CAPS, DS
<b>Grant, John</b>	Smithsonian, DC	geophysics, landing site selection, MER, HiRISE, E2E, PSS
<b>Ming, Doug</b>	NASA JSC	Geochemistry, MSL (CHEMIN, SAM), MER, PHX
<b>Murchie, Scott</b>	JHU-APL	IR spectroscopy, MRO (CRISM), MESSENGER, MSS-SAG
<b>Onstott, Tullis</b>	Princeton Univ	Geomicrobiology, biogeochemistry
<b>Ruff, Steve</b>	Ariz. State Univ.	MER, spectral geology, MGS (TES), MER, ND, E2E, JSWG
<b>Sephton, Mark</b>	Imperial College	Organics extraction and analysis, ExoMars, Astrobiology, E2E
<b>Steele, Andrew</b>	Carnegie Inst., Wash	astrobiology, meteorites, samples, ND-, P-SAG, AFL-SSG, PPS
<b>Treiman, Allen</b>	LPI	Meteorites, Samples, Igneous Petrology
<b>Adler, Mark</b>	JPL	Technology development, MER, MSR,
<b>Drake, Bret</b>	NASA JSC	System engineering, long-lead planning for humans to Mars
<i>Ex-officio (n = 7)</i>		
<b>Meyer, Michael</b>	NASA	Mars Lead Scientist
<b>Mitch Schulte</b>	NASA	Mars 2020 Program Scientist
<b>George Tahu</b>	NASA	Mars 2020 Program Executive
<b>David Beaty</b>	JPL	Acting Project Scientist, Mars Program Office, JPL
<b>Deborah Bass</b>	JPL	Acting Deputy Proj. Sci, Mars Program Office, JPL
<b>Jim Garvin</b>	NASA	Mars Program Scientist
<b>Jorge Vago</b>	ESA	ESA science representative
<b>Michael Wargo</b>	NASA	HEOMD representative
<i>Supporting resources (n = 2)</i>		
<b>Wallace, Matt</b>	JPL	engineering liason
<b>Sarah Milkovich</b>	JPL	SDT documentarian, logistics

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Self Portrait



# Traverse Map Sol 152+





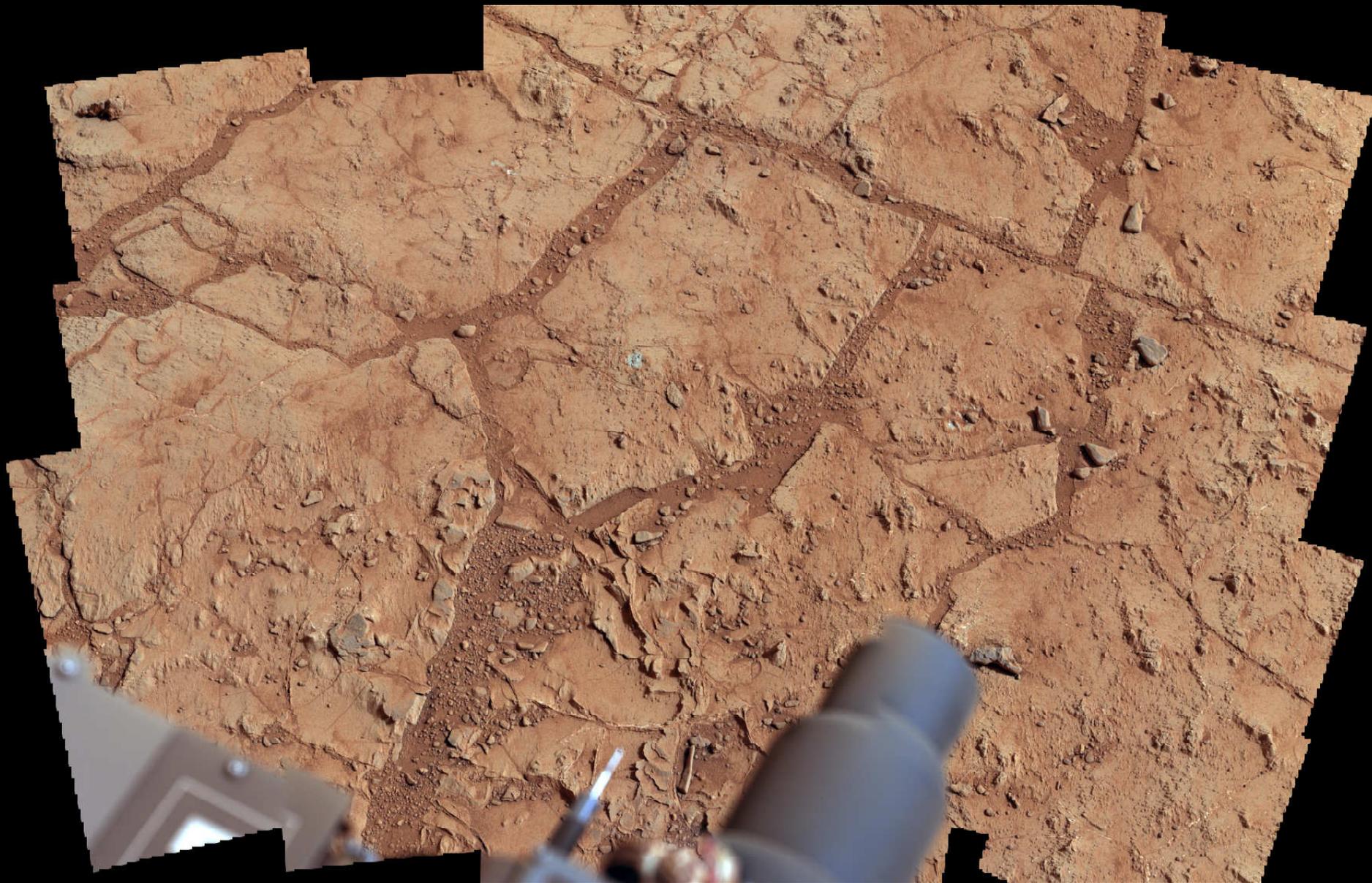
# Yellowknife Bay



Point Lake



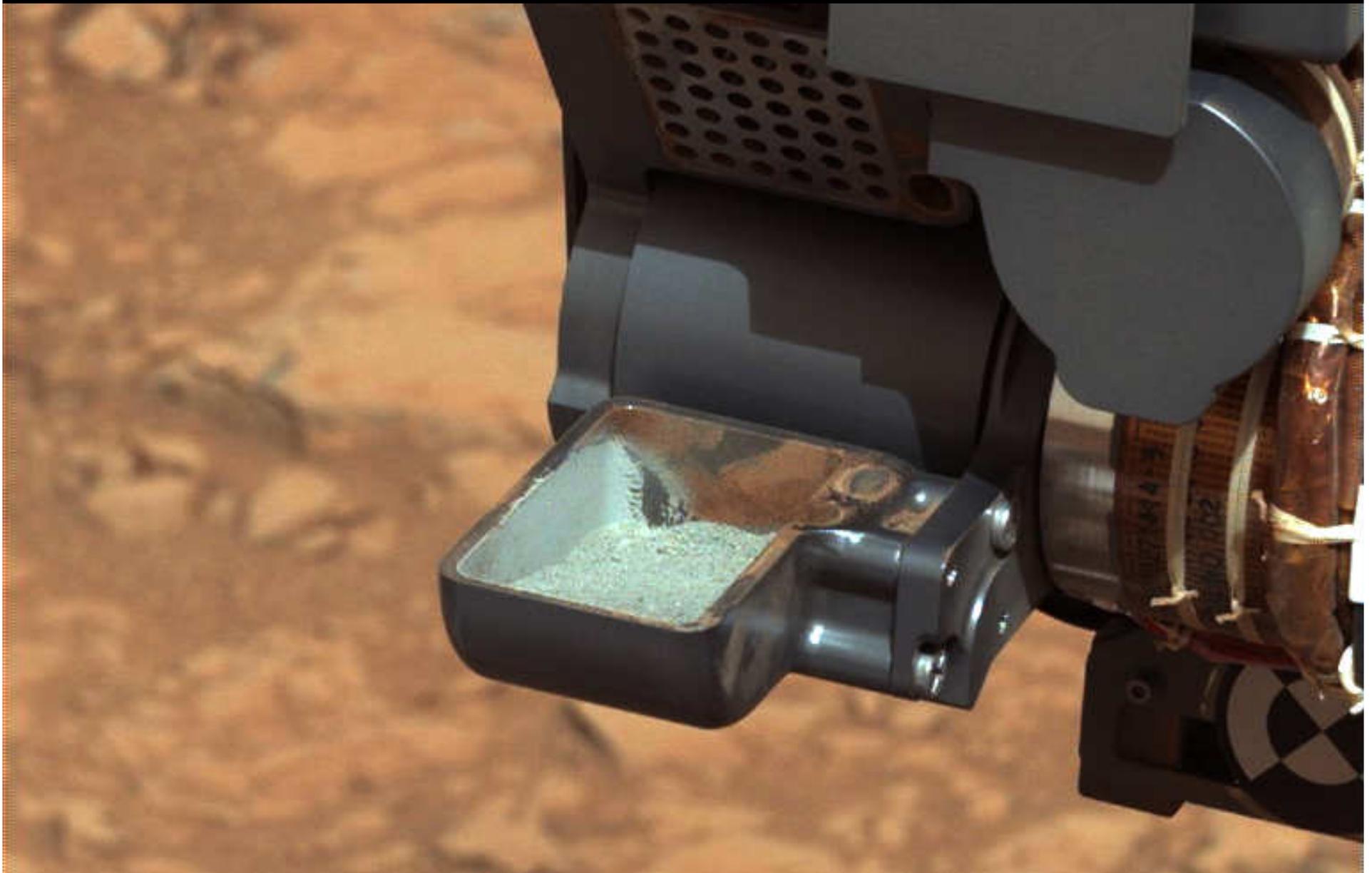
# Drill Area



# First Drill Sample



# Drill Sample





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