

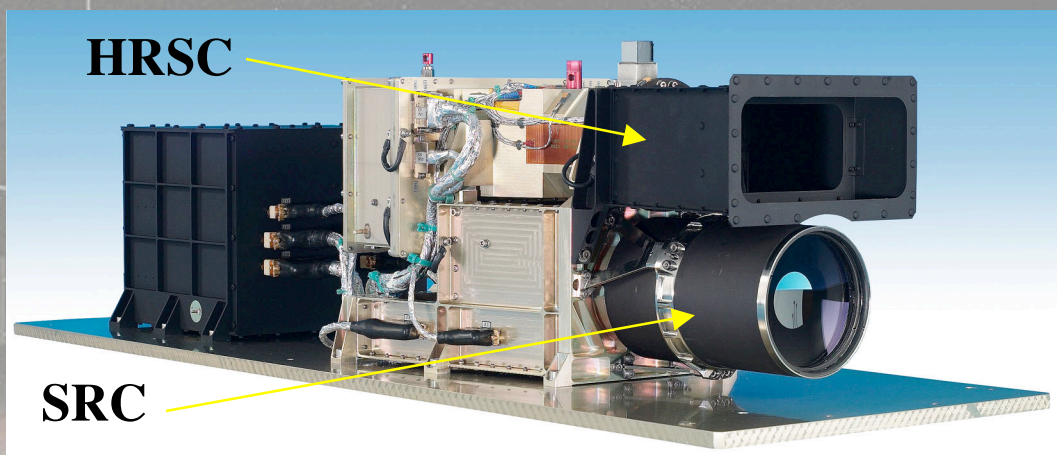
Mars Express HRSC Experiment Overview

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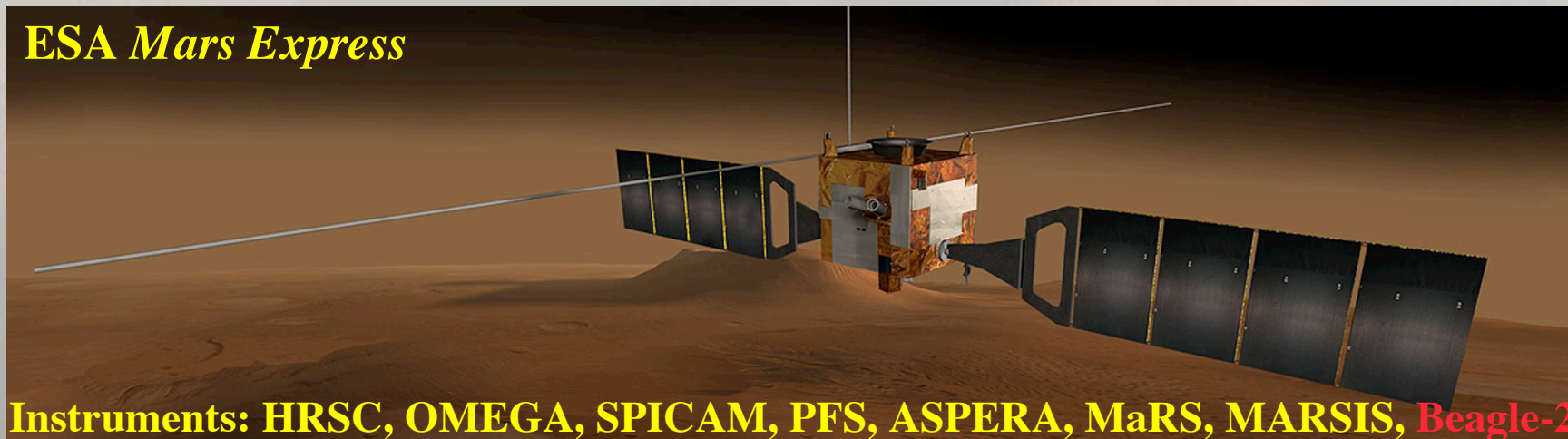
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Outline

- HRSC Science Objectives
- HRSC Experiment
- Overview of Results
- Comments on Processing



ESA Mars Express

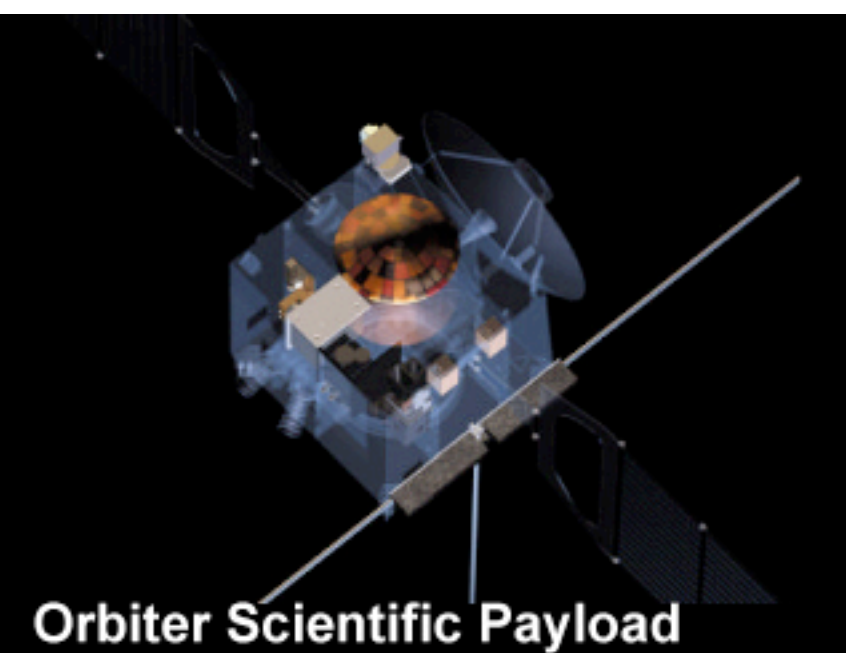


HRSC Science Objectives

- Characterize surface structure & morphology at high spatial resolution (≥ 10 m/pixel)
- Characterize surface topography at high spatial & vertical resolution
- Perform color imaging at high spatial resolution for terrain classification
- Refine geodetic control network & cartographic base
- Determine the evolution of surface processes and their influence on the martian environment

Neukum, G., R. Jaumann, and the HRSC Co-Investigator & Experiment Team, 2004, HRSC: the High Resolution Stereo Camera of *Mars Express*, ESA Special Publication 1240, p. 17-36





Orbiter Scientific Payload

Surface/subsurface instruments

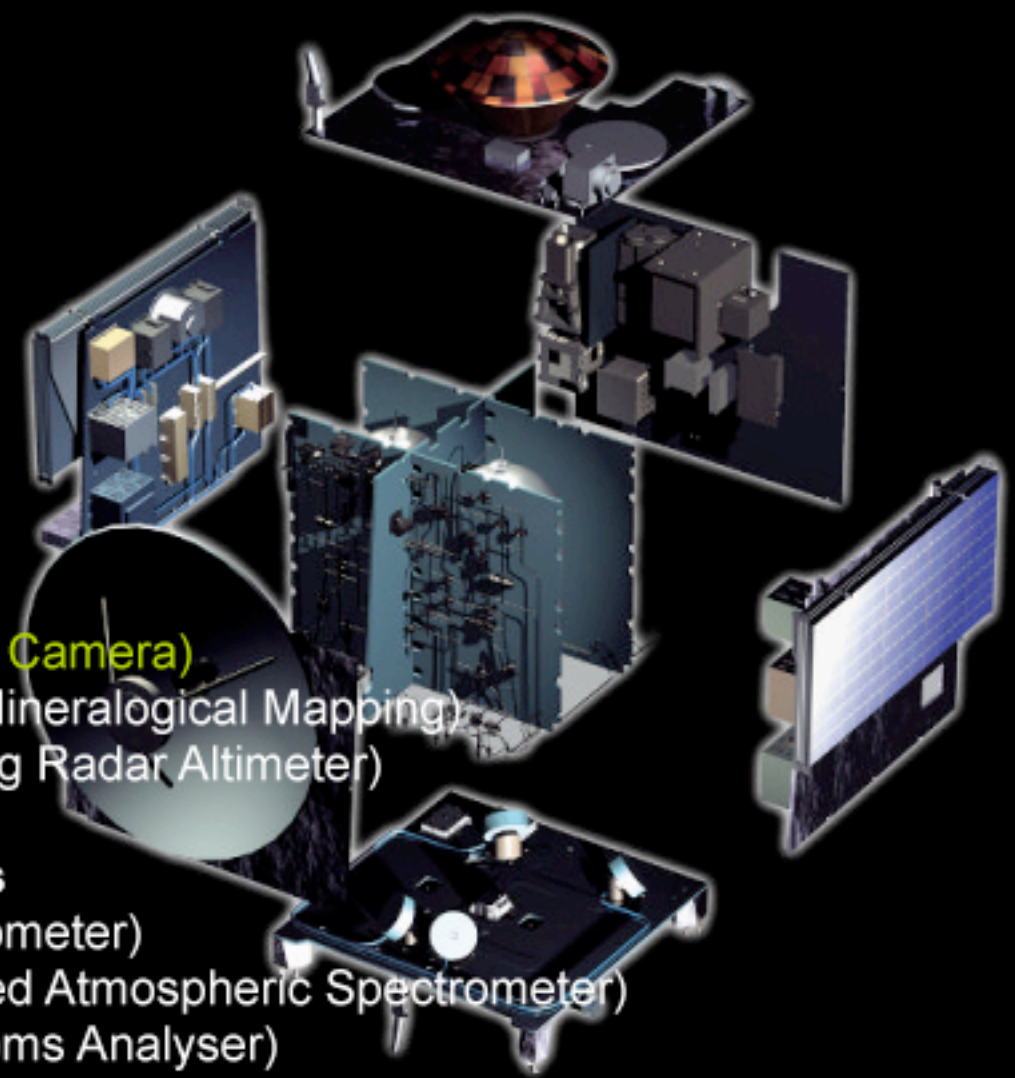
1. HRSC (High Resolution Stereo Camera)
2. OMEGA (Visible and Infrared Mineralogical Mapping)
3. MARSIS (Sub-surface Sounding Radar Altimeter)

Atmosphere/ionosphere instruments

1. PFS (Planetary Fourier Spectrometer)
2. SPICAM (Ultraviolet and Infrared Atmospheric Spectrometer)
3. ASPERA (Energetic Neutral Atoms Analyser)

Radio link

4. MaRS (Mars Radio Science Experiment)



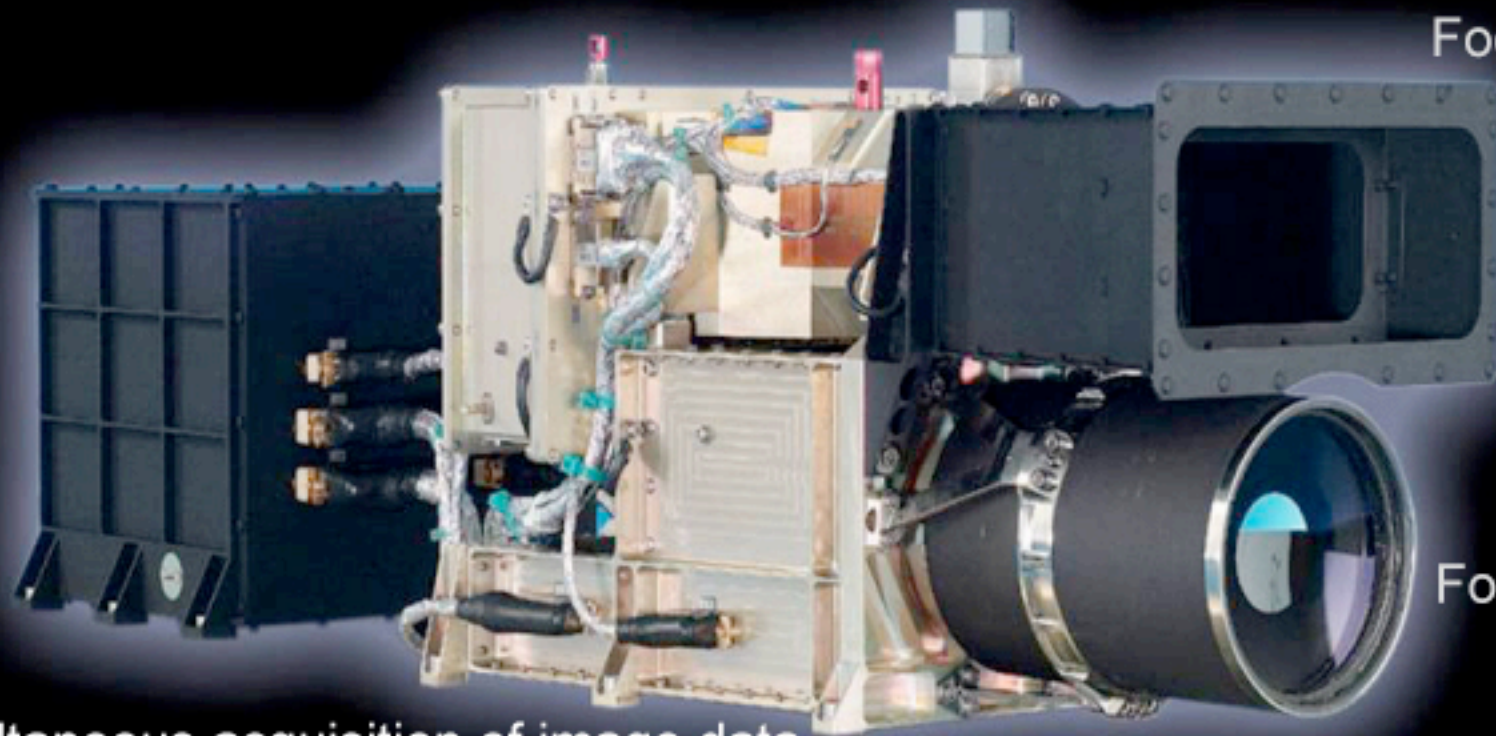
HRSC on MARS EXPRESS

INTERNATIONAL CO-INVESTIGATOR TEAM

45 Scientists from 30 Institutes and 10 Countries



HRSC and SRC – Technical Parameters



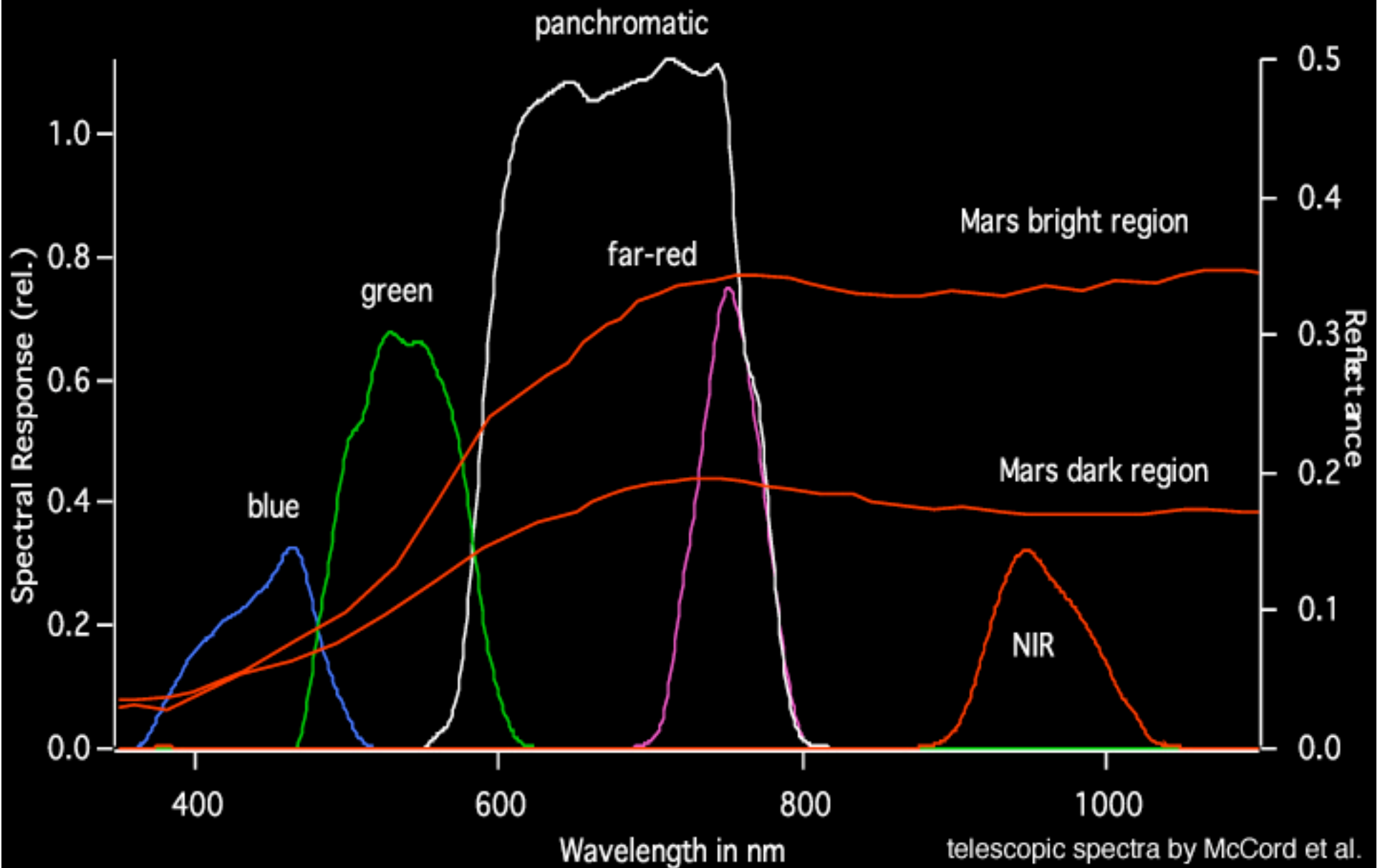
HRSC:
Focal length
175 mm

SRC:
Focal length
975 mm

Simultaneous acquisition of image data

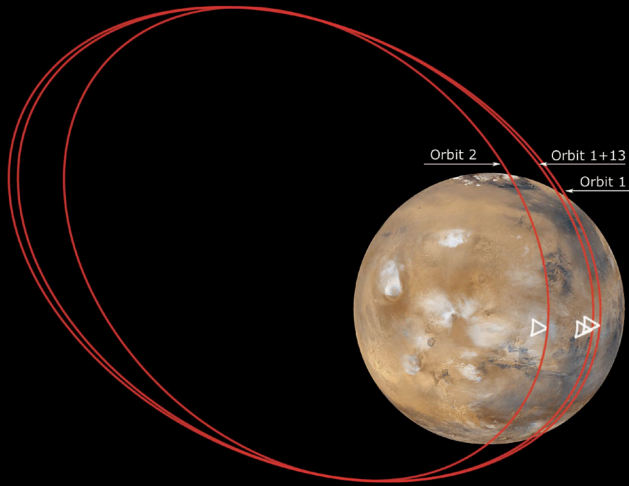
- High resolution : Nadir-Sensor, 10 m/Pixel from 250 km Altitude
- Stereo: 4 Sensors, 10-20 m/Pixel from 250 km Altitude
- Color: 4 Sensors, red, green, blue, near Infrared
- Max. Resolution (SRC): 2.3 m/Pixel from 250 km
- Output Datarate: 25 Mbit/s, Online-Compression
- Mass: 19.6 ka

HRSC: Spectral Characteristics



telescopic spectra by McCord et al.

HRSC Imaging Principle

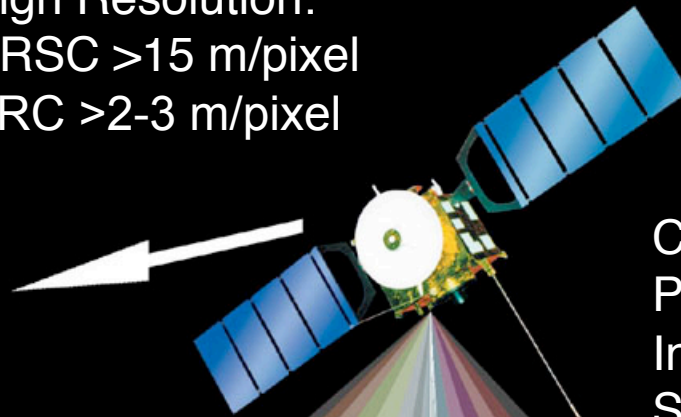


Stereo (height) Information:

High Resolution:

HRSC >15 m/pixel

SRC >2-3 m/pixel

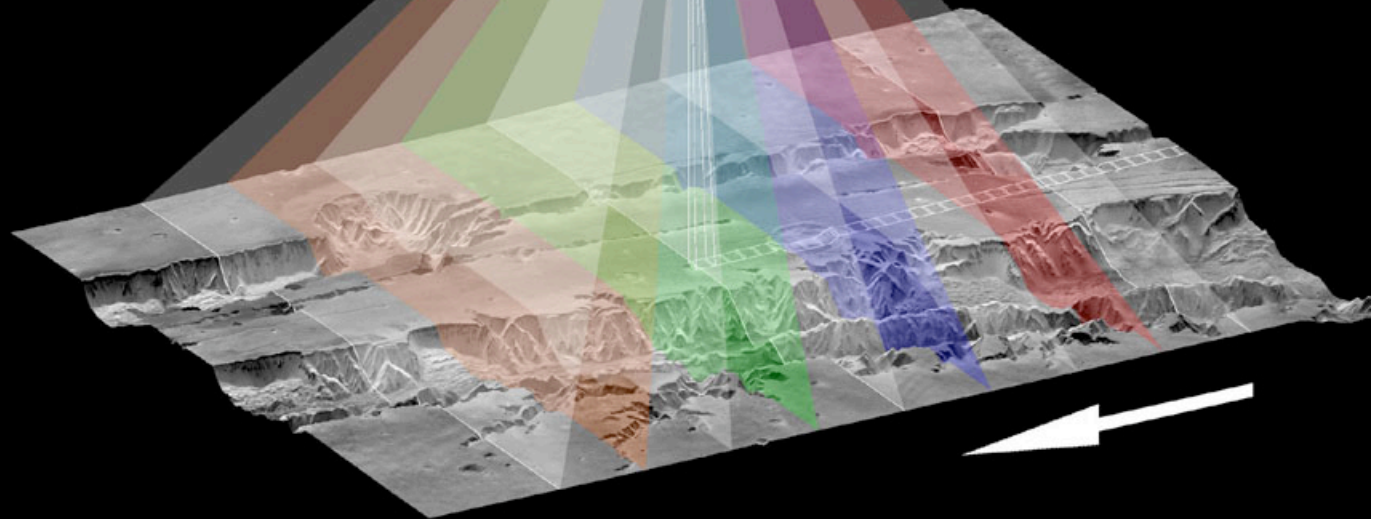
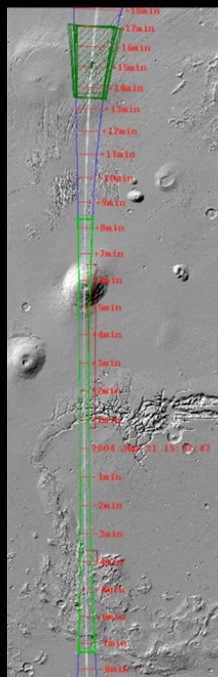


Color: R,G,B,IR

Photometric

Information: Grain

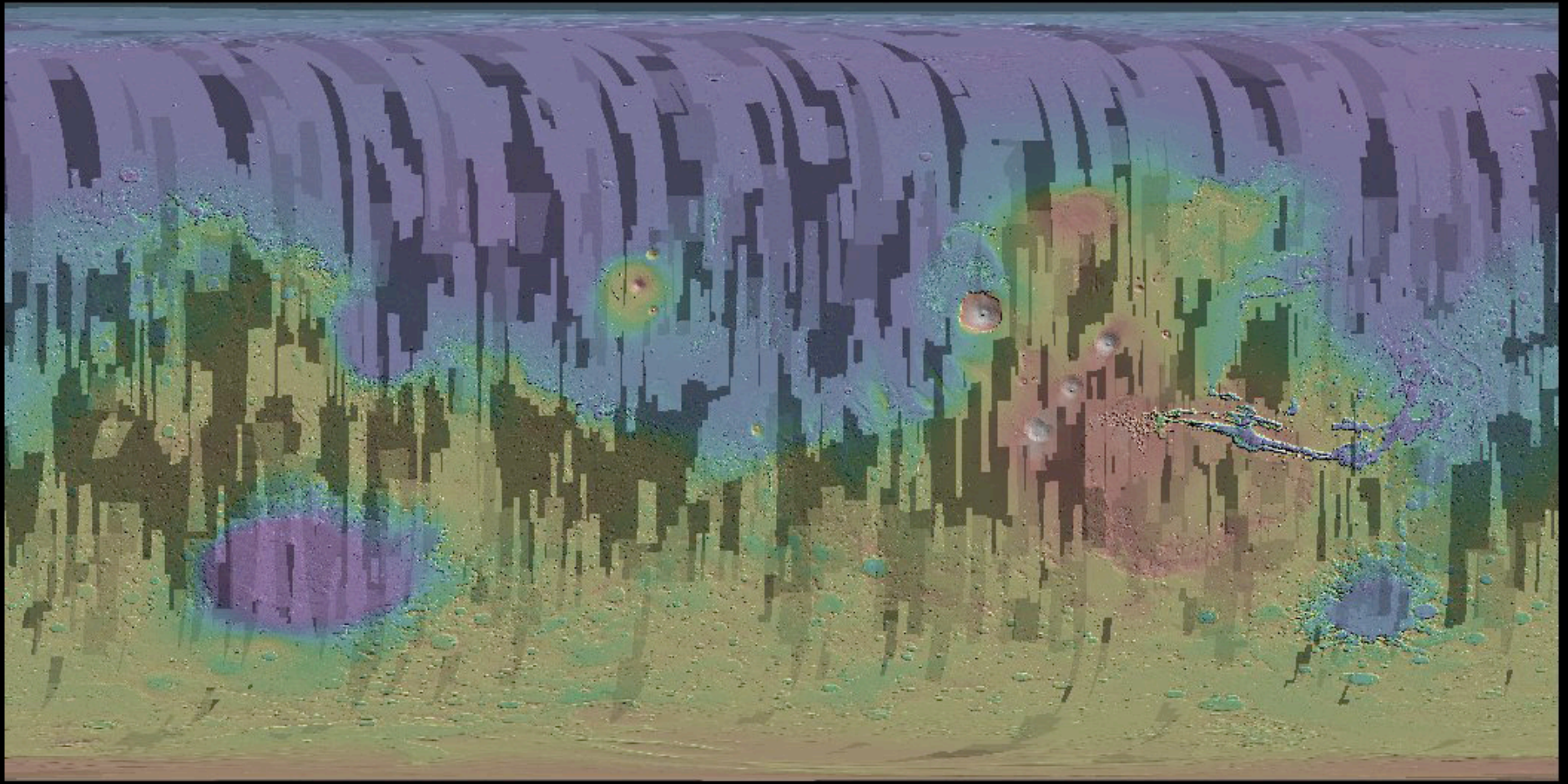
Size, Roughness



Tab. 2. The 16 main **macropixel-formats** (MPF) of HRSC. The figures in the columns for the different CCD lines indicate sampling density, e.g., „1x1“ means that each pixel will be recorded individually along and across flight direction (highest resolution), „8x8“ means that 8x8 pixels will be summed up (lowest resolution; data volume reduced by factor 64). MPF modes marked in light gray will be used most frequently to assure homogeneous imagery. See text for details on data volume and SRC imaging.

Nr	MacroPixelFormat (MPF)	Nadir 1 CCD	Stereo 2 CCD	Color 4 CCD	Phot. 2 CCD	Data Vol. Mbit comp.	SRC Spot	SRC Raster/Contig.
1	Mapping Stereo	1x1	2x2	8x8	4x4	183	possible	w/o Col. or Pho
2	Mapping Stereo Color	1x1	2x2	4x4	4x4	204	possible	w/o Col. or Pho
3	Mapping SpecPhot	1x1	4x4	4x4	4x4	163	possible	possible
4	Mapping Large Area	1x1	4x4	8x8	4x4	143	possible	possible
5	Stereo High-Res.	1x1	1x1	-	2x2	381	possible	w/o Pho
6	Stereo Quint.	1x1	2x2	8x8	2x2	224	possible	w/o Col.
7	Stereo Triple	1x1	1x1	8x8	8x8	340	possible	w/o Pho + Col
8	Stereo Color	1x1	2x2	4x4	2x2	245	possible	w/o Col or Pho
8a	Spectrophotometry	1x1	4x4	2x2	4x4	245	possible	no
9	Color	-	-	1x1	-	435	possible	If only 3 color
10	Color Stereo	1x1	2x2	2x2	-	272	possible	no
11	Map. Med.-Res.	2x2	2x2	8x8	4x4	102	possible	w/o Col or Pho
12	Med.-Res. SpecPhot	2x2	4x4	4x4	4x4	82	possible	possible
13	Med.-Res. Stereo	2x2	2x2	8x8	2x2	143	possible	w/o Col.
14	Mapping Med.-Res. Large Area	2x2	4x4	8x8	4x4	62	possible	possible
15	Mapping Low-Res.	4x4	4x4	8x8	4x4	41	possible	possible
16	Limb sounding	1x1	-	-	-	109	possible	possible

HRSC Coverage through April 2008



HRSC Coverage of Mars (by orbit)

The purpose of this document is to briefly describe (by orbit number) the surficial coverage of Mars by the High Resolution Stereo Camera (HRSC) on the ESA *Mars Express* orbiter. This document is a compilation of emails sent by David A. Williams to the members of the Planetary Geology Group at ASU during the *Mars Express* mission (January 2004-Present). Data releases are done periodically throughout the year (since 2006, daily) by the PI Gerhard Neukum of the Free University (Berlin, Germany), after which HRSC Level 2 and Level 3 data are downloaded from JPL and the Vienna database, respectively.

The format of the coverage summaries is to give a sample image file name for each orbit (initially I used a lower-resolution color image, but switched to the full-resolution nadir image by orbit 68), followed by image size (line x sample), range of coverage (latitude range and longitude range), center coordinates of image (lat, long), resolution of image (m/px), names of primary surface features that are covered, and the number and quality of any Super Resolution Channel (SRC) frames obtained. After the June 2004 HRSC Team Meeting (after orbit 600), David Williams of ASU was directed to produce simple SRC mosaics of images from each orbit where obtained, and provide VICAR and TIFF versions to the Team Website at FU-Berlin. Early orbit summaries are less detailed, but become more formalized as the mission progressed.

Location of all HRSC images at ASU: /export/Projects/hrsc/

Orbit 0008

Sample Image: h0008_0000.bl2.01, 4280 lines x 640 samples (**POOR QUALITY**)
Center Coordinates (CC): -31, 90 E
Range (R): -22 to -39, 89-92 E
SRC: 189 images, generally of low quality

Orbit 0010

h0010_0009.gr2.10, 6832 lines x 640 samples
CC: -1, 90 E
R: -8 to +1, 89-92 E
Contents: Old cratered terrain south of Isidis Basin
SRC: 189 images, variable quality

Orbit 0016

h0016_0008.gr2.04, 15,136 lines x 640 samples
CC: 6, 256 E
R: -5 to +10, 255-257 E
Contents: N. Noctis Labyrinthis to Ascræus Mons, good canyons & pit chains
SRC: 15 images, good quality

Orbit 0018 (First Press Release came from these data)

h0018_0000.gr2.08, 19,440 lines x 640 samples
CC: -1, 323 E

Orbit 5549

FRI: h5549_0000.nd3.01
R: 72 to 83°, 215-236°E
CC: 78°, 230°E
Cov: Vastitas Borealis

48,630 l x 17,539 s
Res: 12.5 m/px

Orbit 5551

FRI: h5551_0000.nd3.01
R: 75 to 86°, 358-34°E
CC: 80°, 25°E
Cov: Vastitas Borealis to Planum Boreum

48,465 l x 22,400 s
Res: 12.5 m/px

Orbit 5554

FRI: h5554_0000.nd3.01
R: 74 to 84°, 64-94°E
CC: 80°, 85°E
Cov: Vastitas Borealis to Planum Boreum

45,722 l x 20,823 s
Res: 12.5 m/px

Orbit 5555

FRI: h5555_0000.nd3.01
R: 68 to 77°, 348-358°E
CC: 73°, 354°E
Cov: Vastitas Borealis

40,199 l x 12,262 s
Res: 12.5 m/px

Orbit 5557

FRI: h5557_0000.nd3.00
R: 75 to 86°, 105-153°E
CC: 81°, 142°E
Cov: Vastitas Borealis to Planum Boreum

53,296 l x 27,522 s
Res: 12.5 m/px

Orbit 5560

FRI: h5560_0000.nd3.01
R: 70 to 80°, 198-214°E
CC: 77°, 209°E
Cov: Vastitas Borealis

46,241 l x 17,270 s
Res: 12.5 m/px

Orbit 5562

FRI: h5562_0000.nd3.01
R: 76 to 87°, 318-12°E
CC: 82°, 360°E
Cov: Vastitas Borealis to Planum Boreum

47,321 l x 2,721 s
Res: 12.5 m/px

HRSC Data in PDS

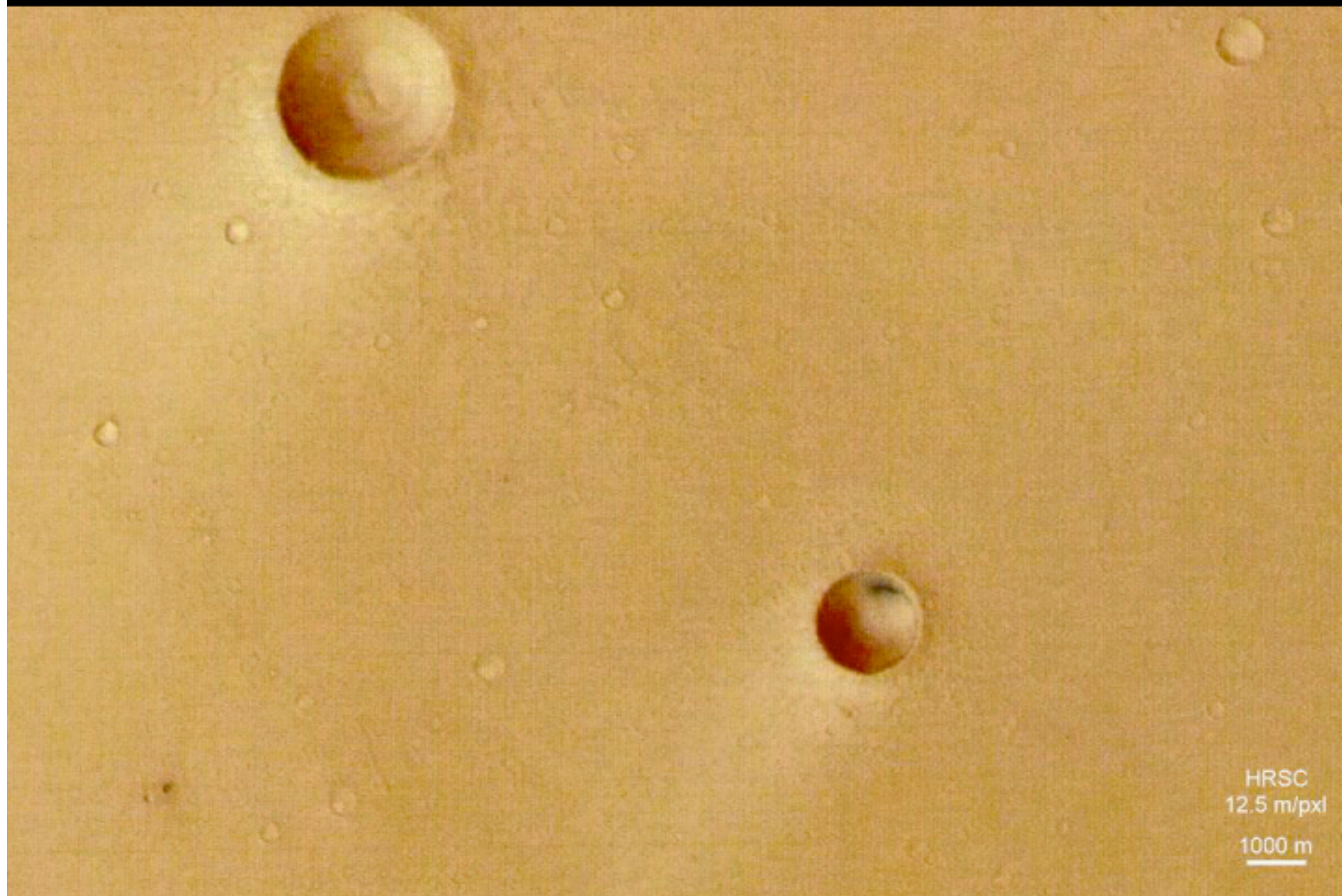
Level-2: Orbits 0010-4479 (In PDS as of March 18, 2008)
Radiometrically-corrected, NOT map-projected

Level-3: Orbits 0010-4479 (In PDS as of March 28, 2008)
Radiometrically-corrected and map-projected
(Sinusoidal, $\text{lat} < \pm 80^\circ$; Polar Stereographic, $\text{lat} \geq \pm 80^\circ$)

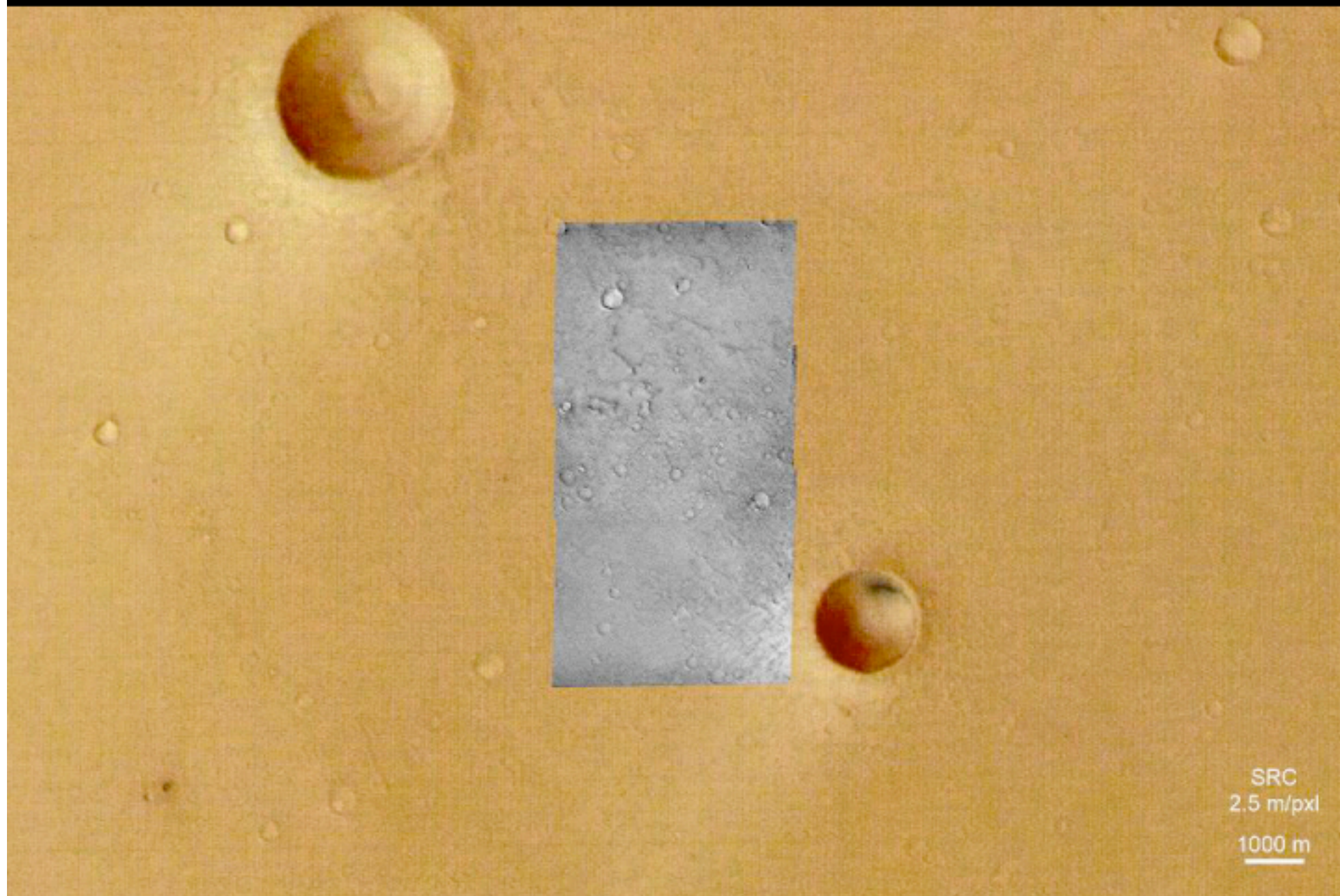
Level-4: Orbits 0010-1961 (In PDS as of ~May 21, 2008)
Orthorectified nadir, stereo, & color images with
'archival' HRSC DTM

New data added every six months

Comparison HRSC / SRC



Comparison HRSC / SRC



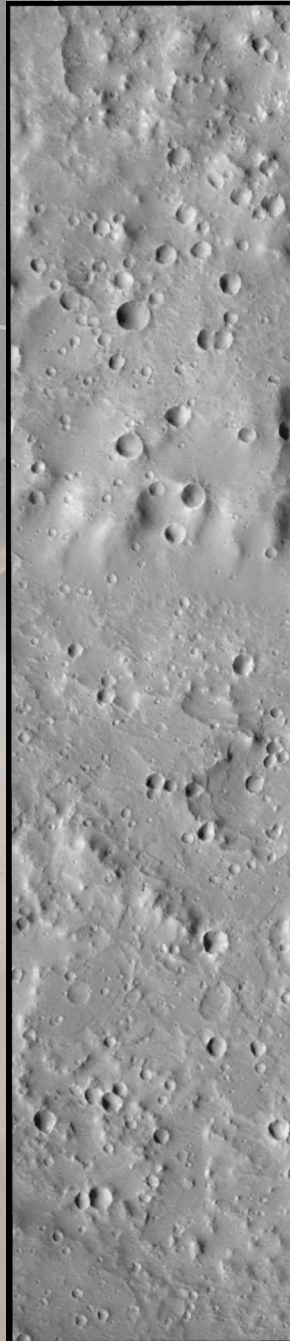
Recent SRC Mosaics



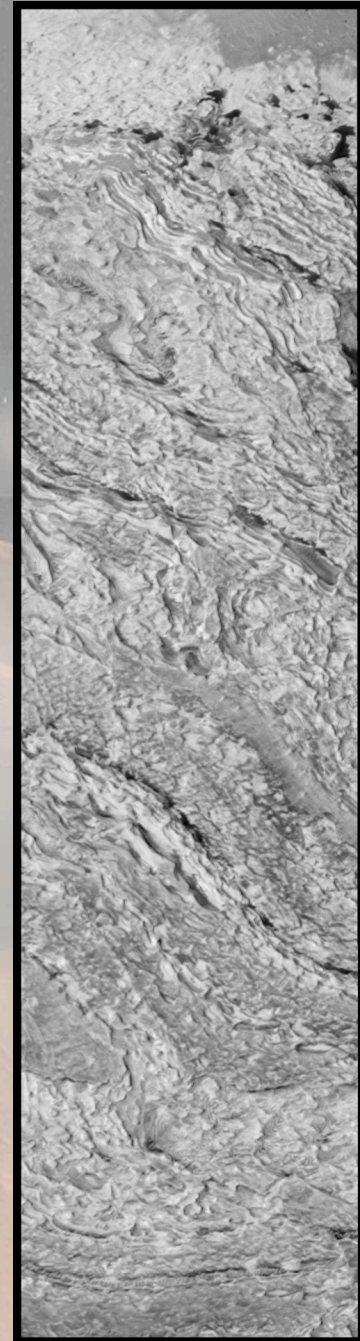
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Arabia
Terra



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Arabia
Terra

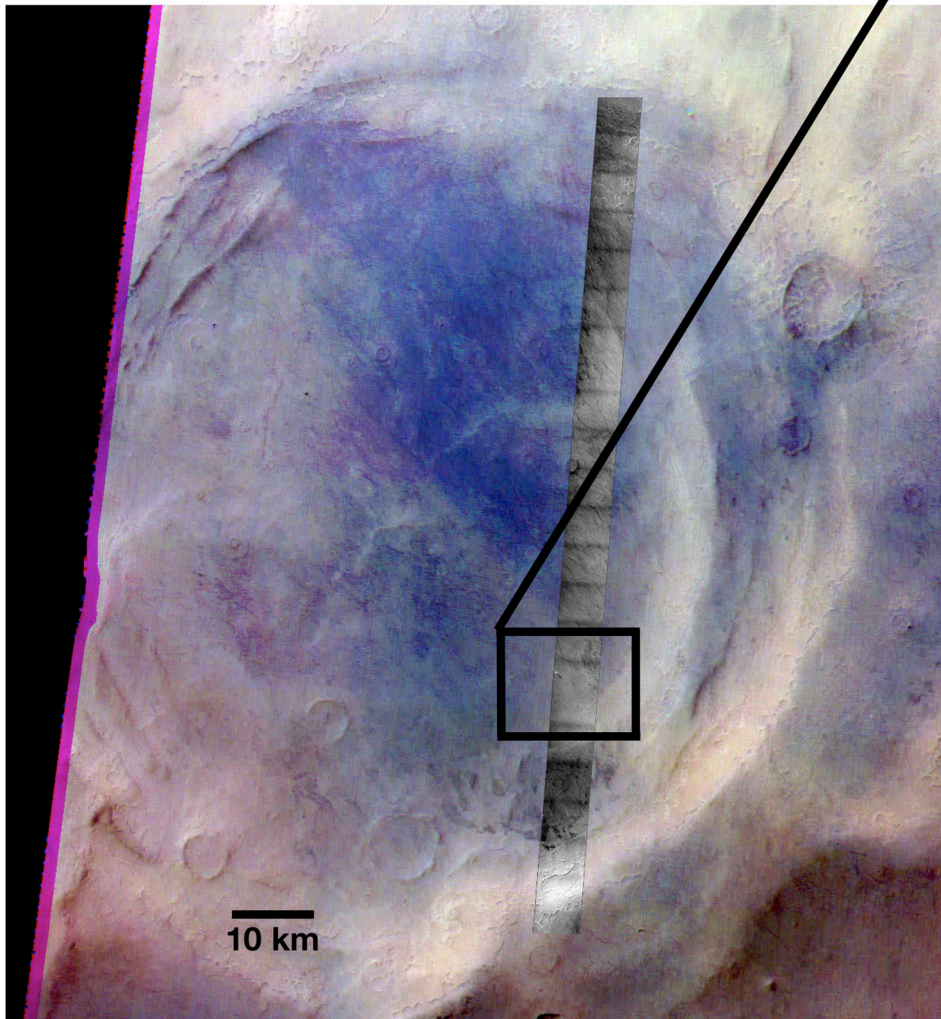


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Arabia
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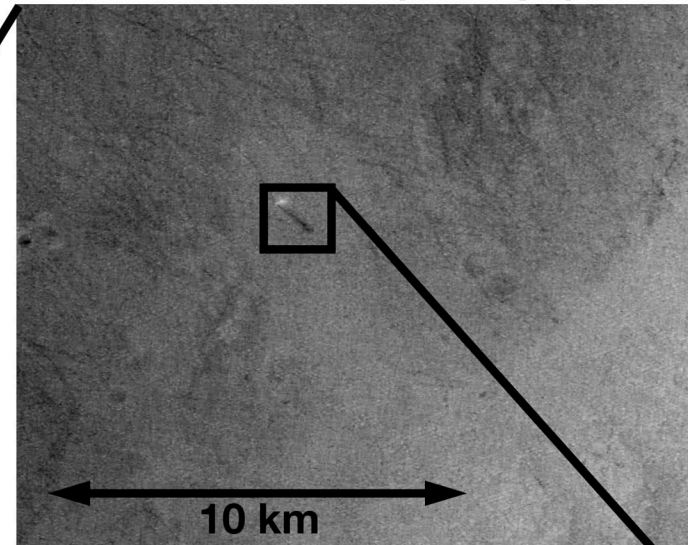


**Active Dust Devil detected in
Peneus Patera Caldera
Orbit 2133, 11 September 2005**

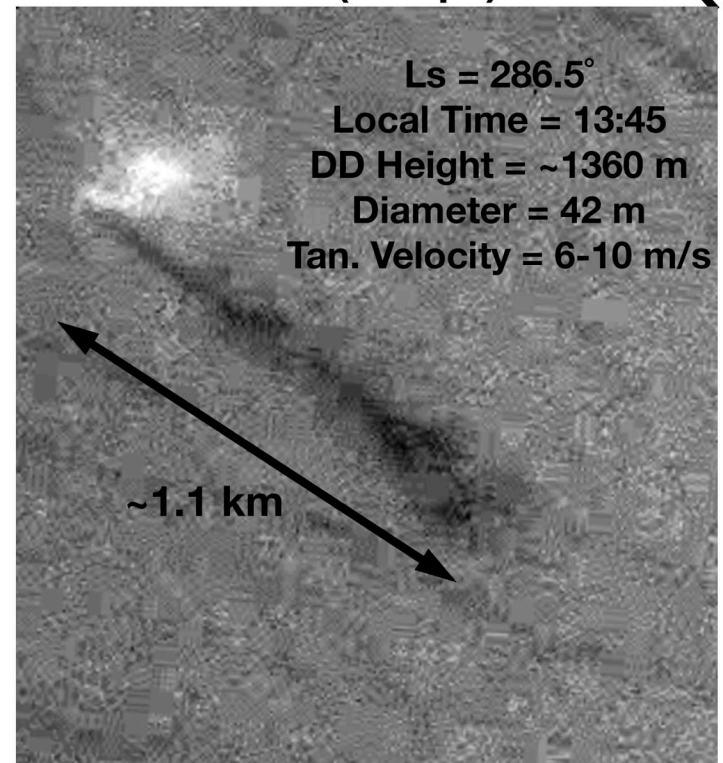
**HRSC RGB Color, stretched (100 m/px)
w/SRC**



HRSC Nadir (25 m/px)



SRC (5 m/px)

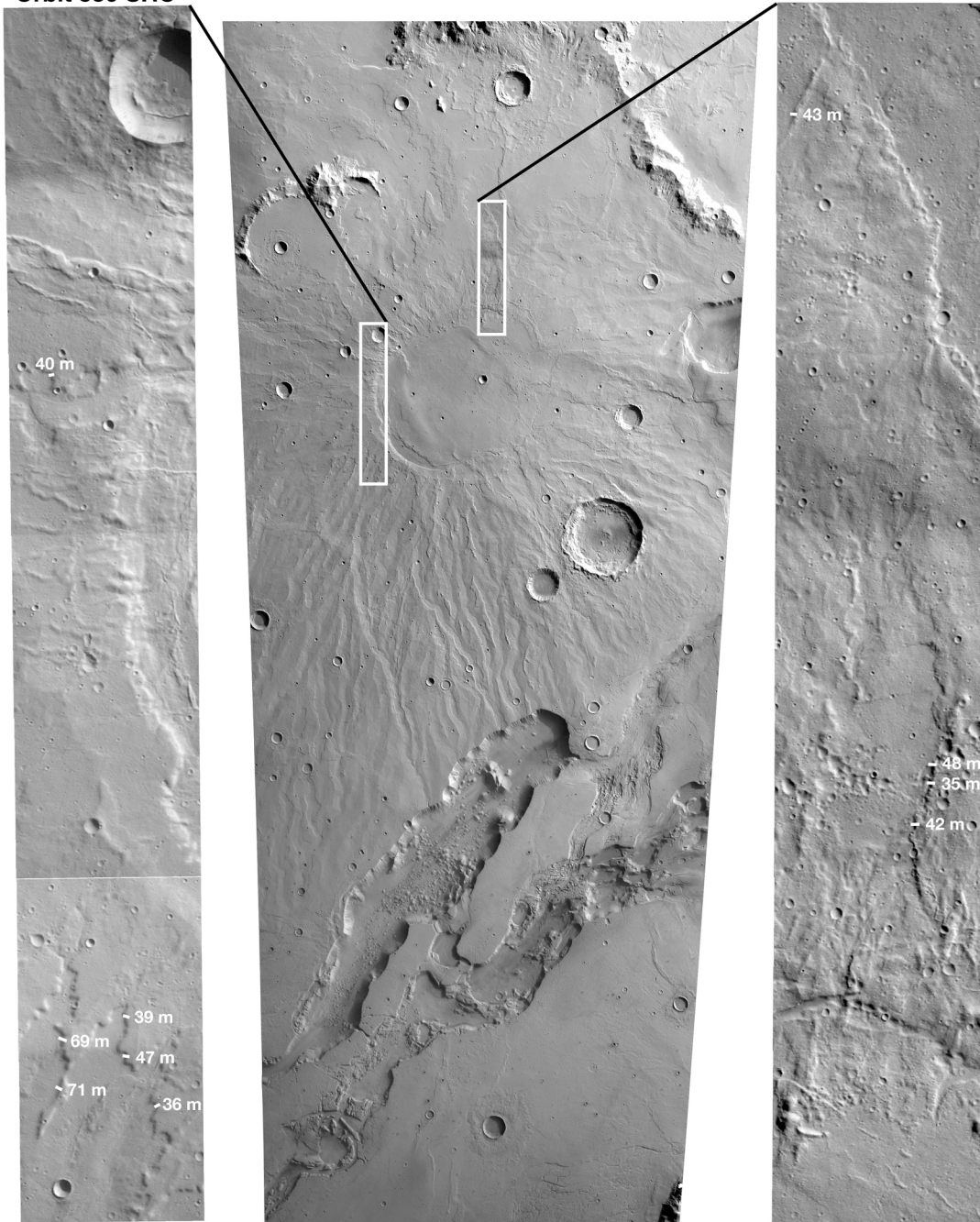


Hadriaca Patera

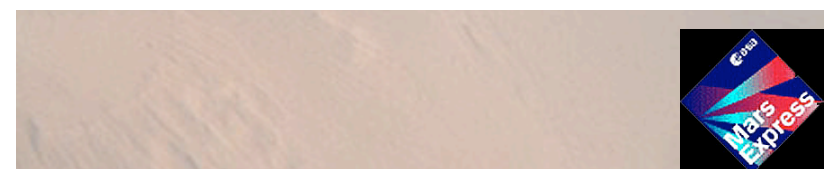
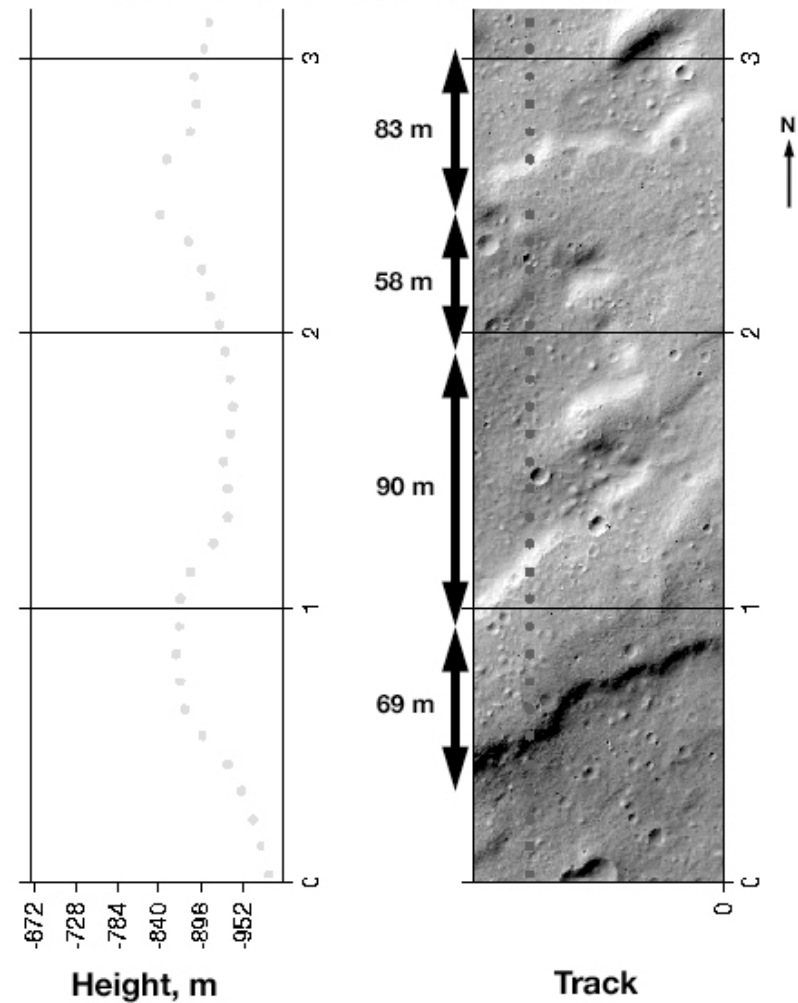
SRC Mosaics (10 m/px) in Orbit 550 HRSC Nadir (50 m/px) Context

Orbit 550 SRC

Orbit 528 SRC



MOC-NA E03-00036 w/MOLA Track
Upper West Flank of Hadriaca Patera, W of Caldera Rim



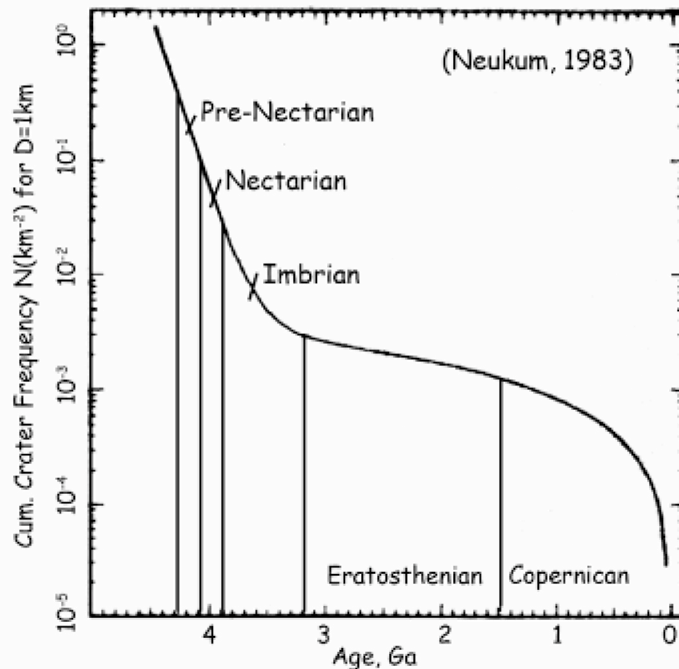
The Martian Cratering Record

Transfer of the Lunar Cratering Chronology to Mars

Martian basins and correlation of volcanic ages with meteorite ages support this approach

Werner & Neukum (2004) LPSC; Nyquist et al. (2001) SSR; Hartmann et al. (1998) Nature

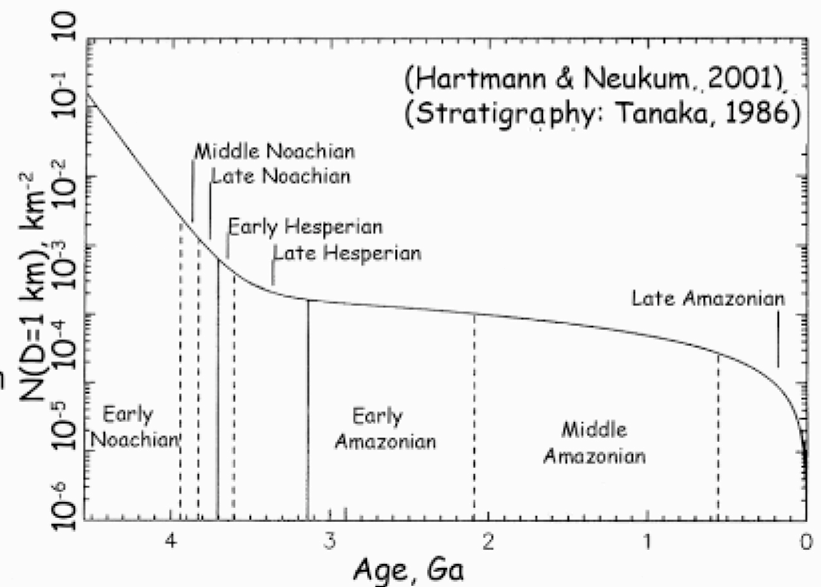
Lunar Cratering Chronology



Model

(Adjustment of the relative cratering rates Moon/Mars, impact mechanics; assumption of the same time dependence)

Martian Cratering Chronology



$$N(1\text{km}) = 5.44 \cdot 10^{-14} (\exp(6.93t_A) - 1) + 8.38 \cdot 10^{-4} t_A$$

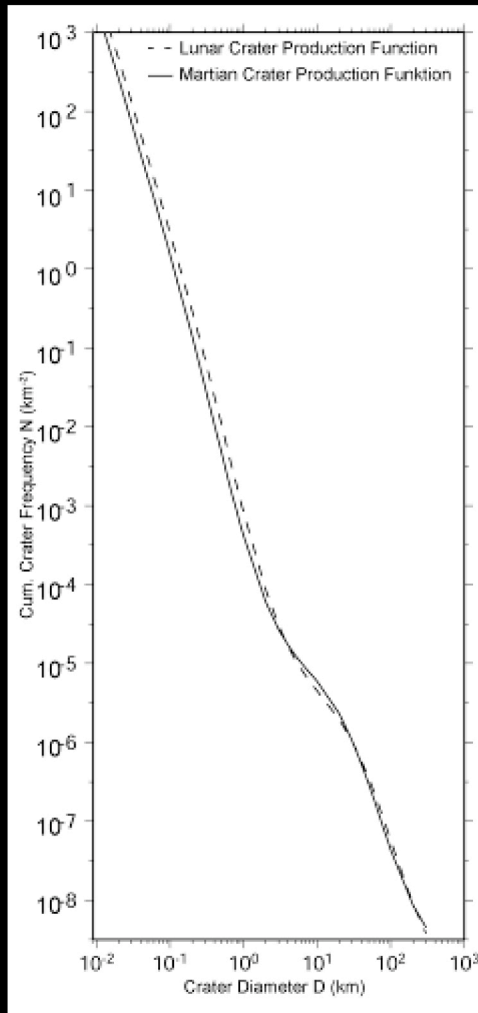
$$N(1\text{km}) = 2.68 \cdot 10^{-14} (\exp(6.93t_A) - 1) + 4.13 \cdot 10^{-4} t_A$$

$N(1\text{km})$: cumulative crater frequency for craters of diameter equal to and larger than 1km

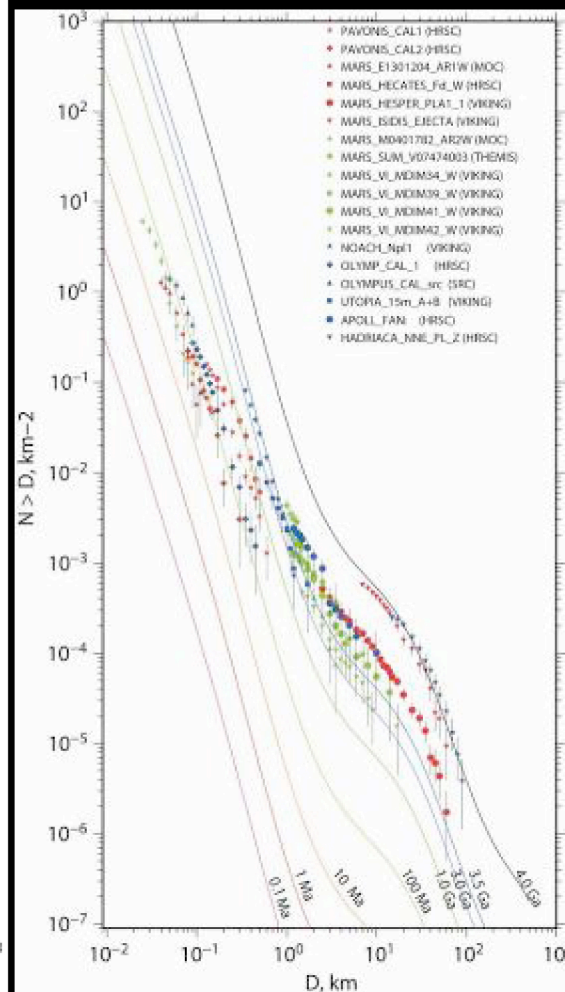
t_A : age of the measured surface in billion years (Ga)

The Martian Production Size-Frequency Distribution

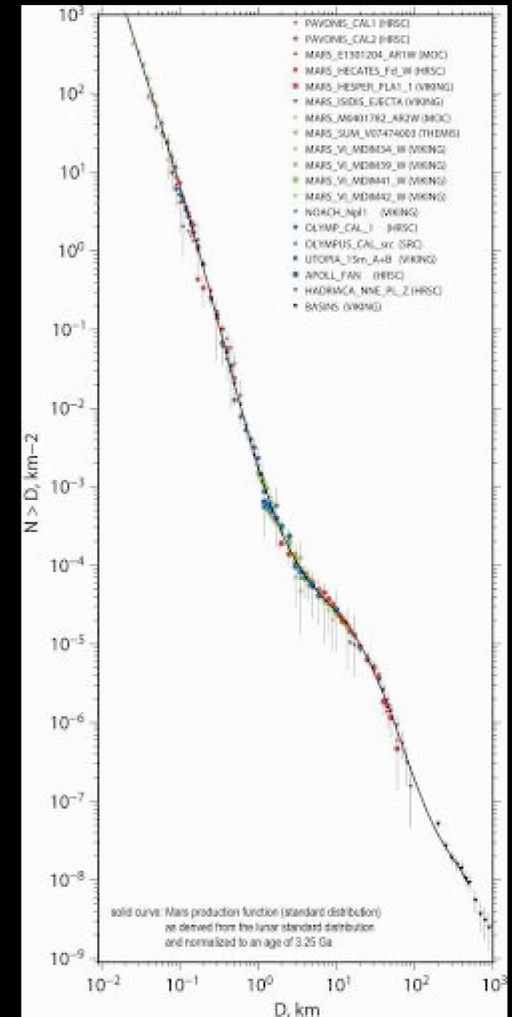
Werner (2005) Dissertation



Lunar and Martian SFD
Transfer via crater scaling laws

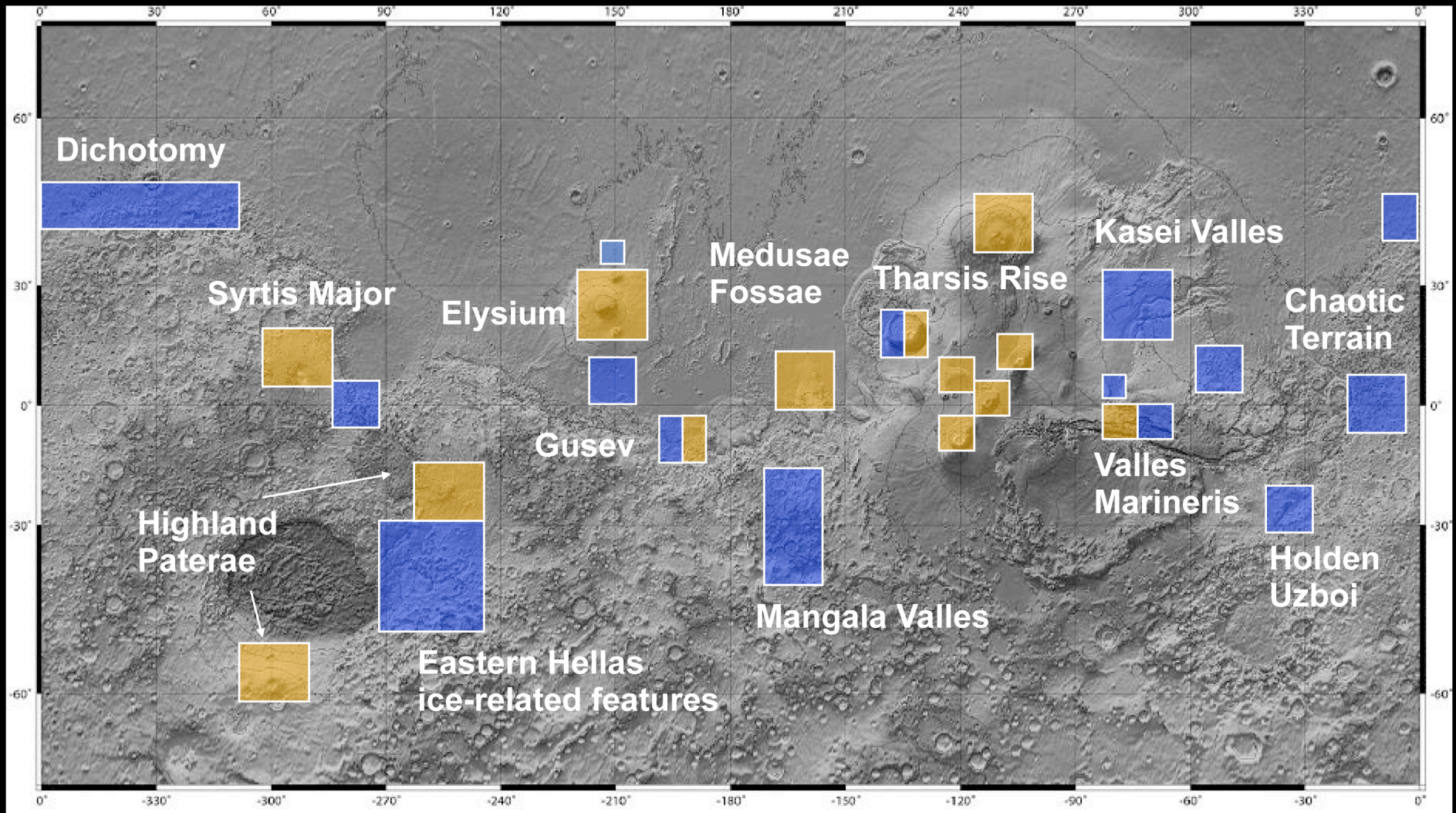


Measurements on
Various-aged surface units
at different image resolutions



3.25 Ga Isochron

Current Working Fields on Fluvial/Glacial and Volcanic Processes



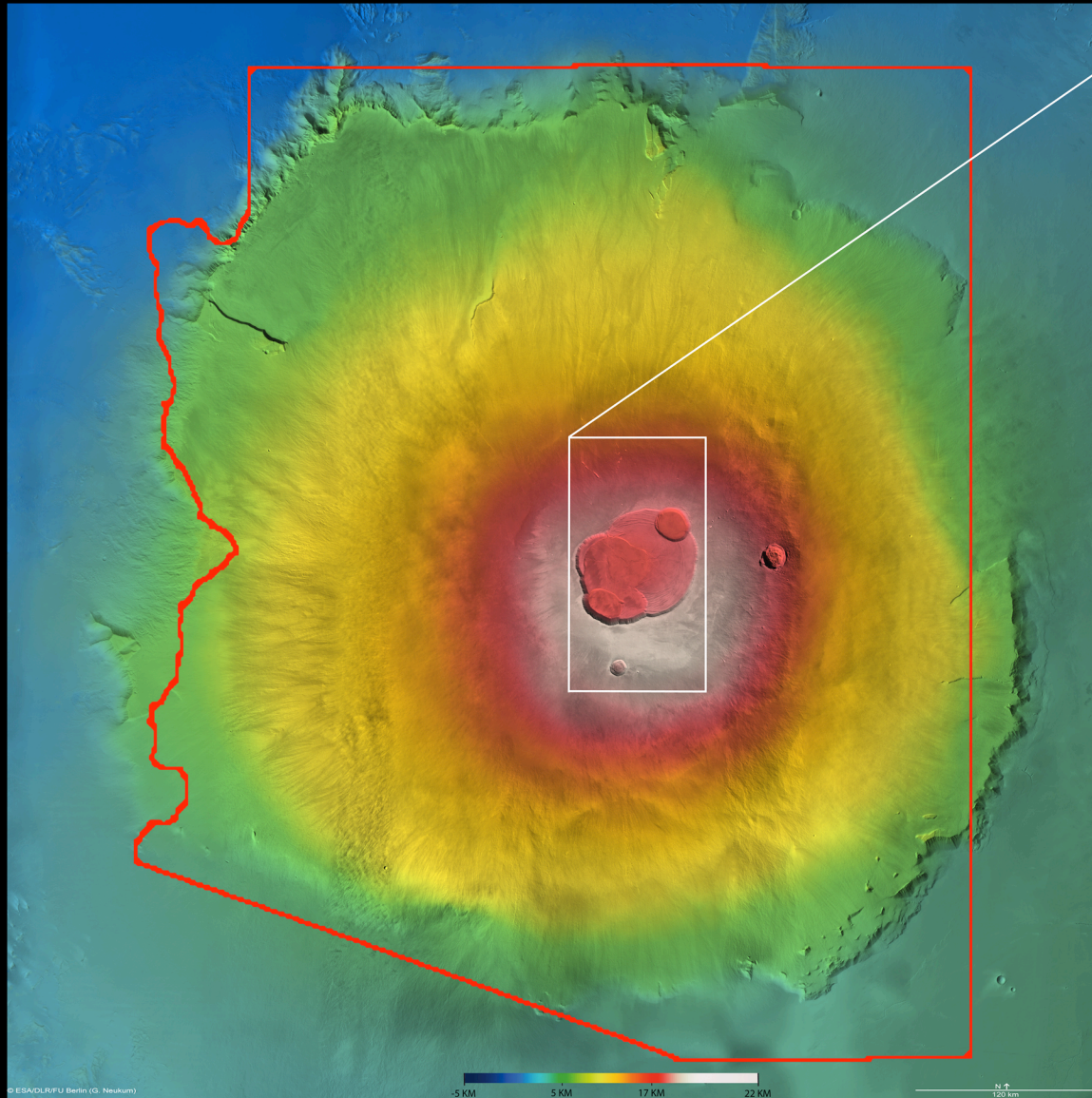
- fluvial/glacial processes
- volcanic processes

Olympus Mons Shield Volcano, Mars

ESA Mars Express HRSC Mosaic and False Color Digital Terrain Model with Arizona Border

Inset: HRSC True Color Image of Caldera with Phoenix Metropolitan Area to Scale

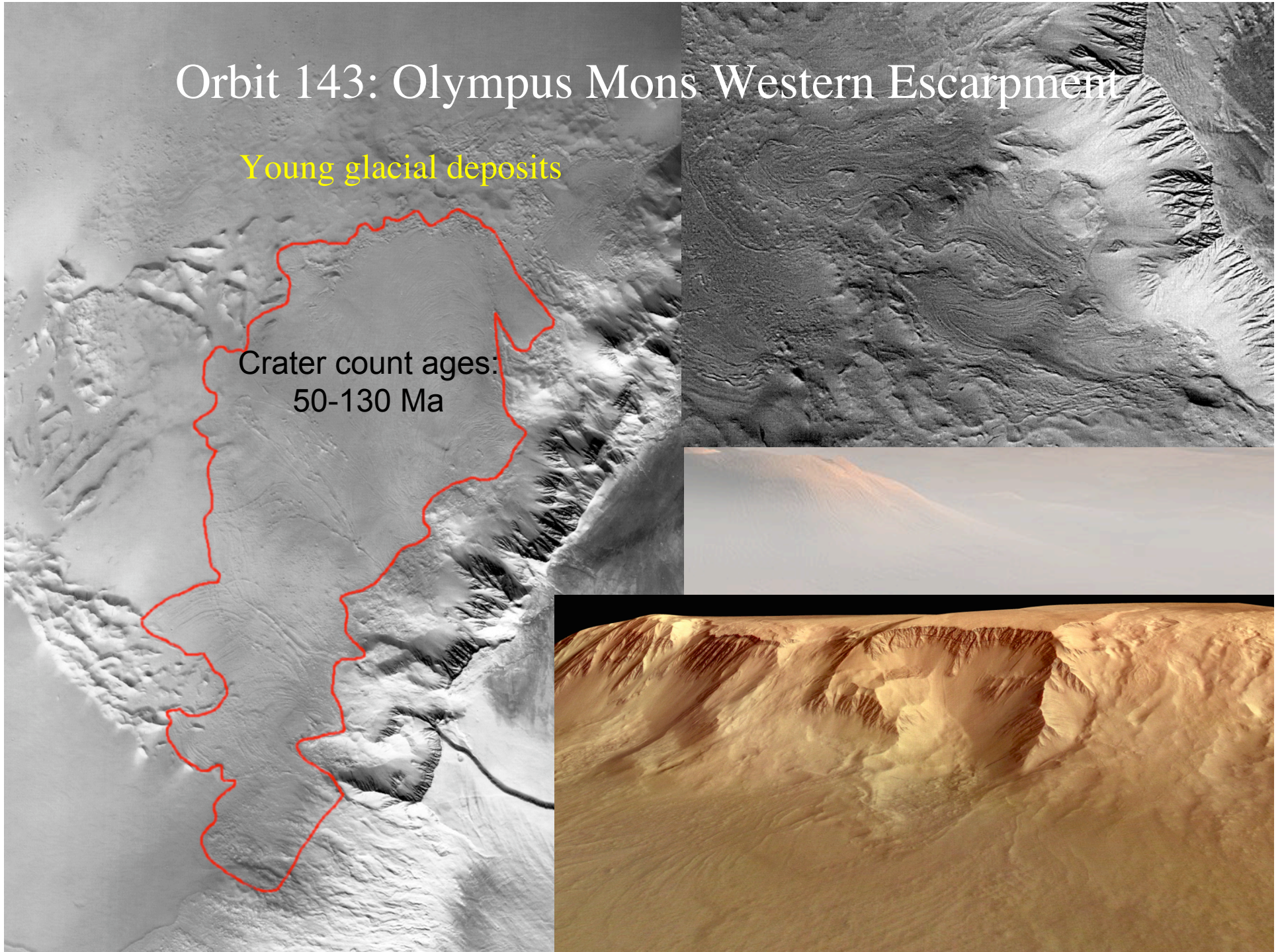
DTM Spatial Resolution: 50 m/pixel, Height Accuracy: 10 m



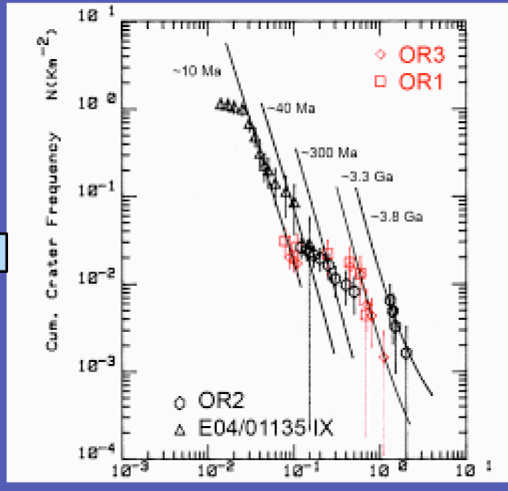
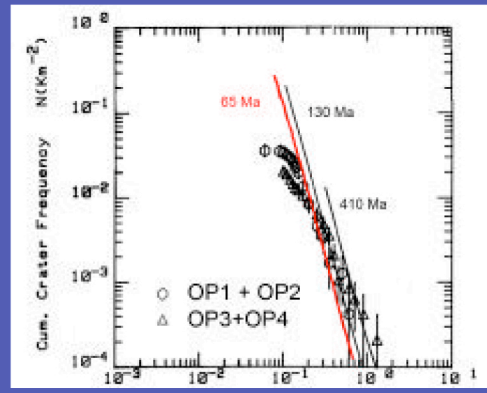
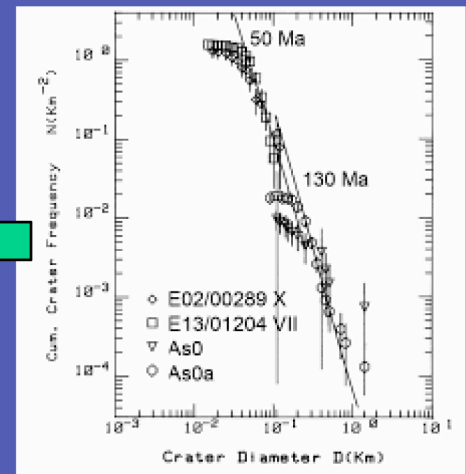
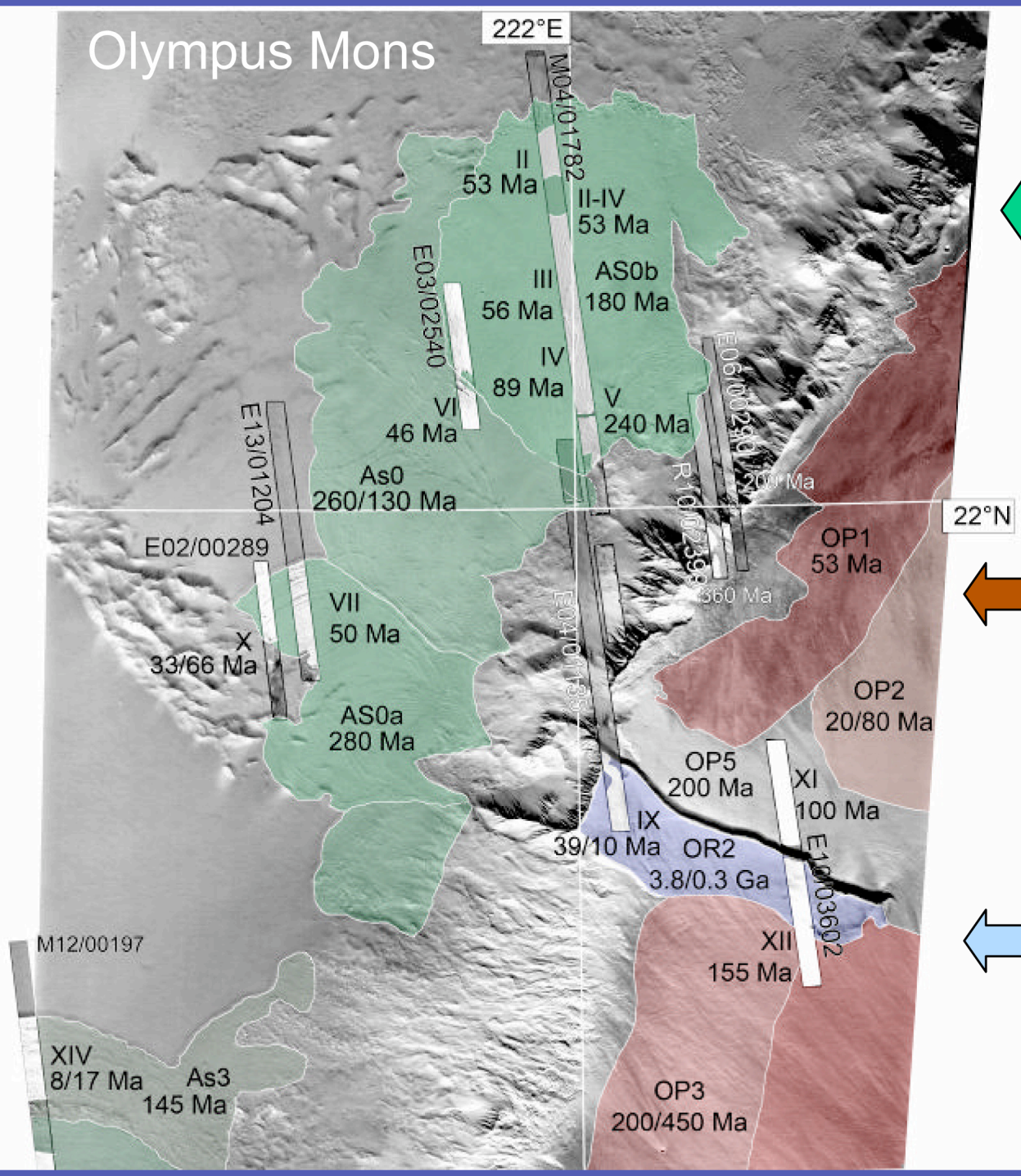
Orbit 143: Olympus Mons Western Escarpment

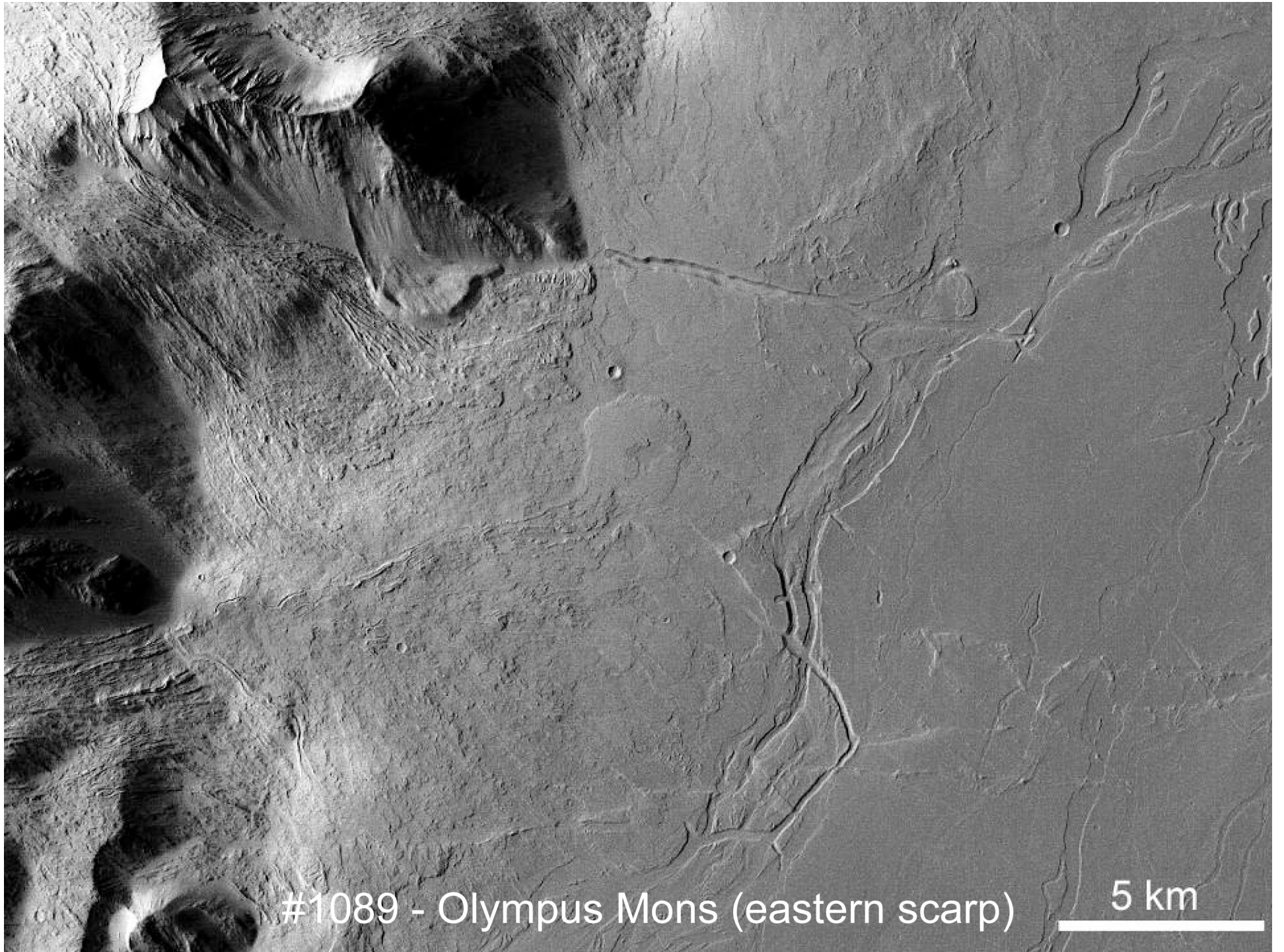
Young glacial deposits

Crater count ages:
50-130 Ma



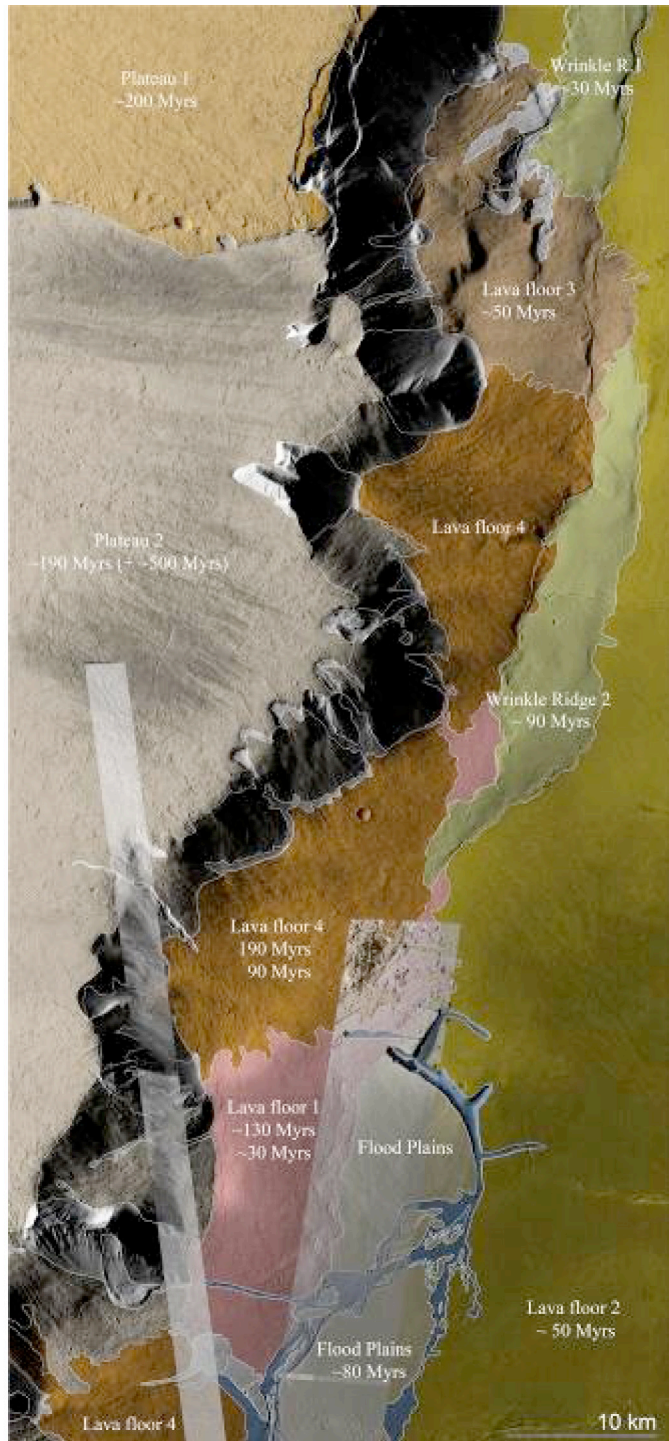
Olympus Mons



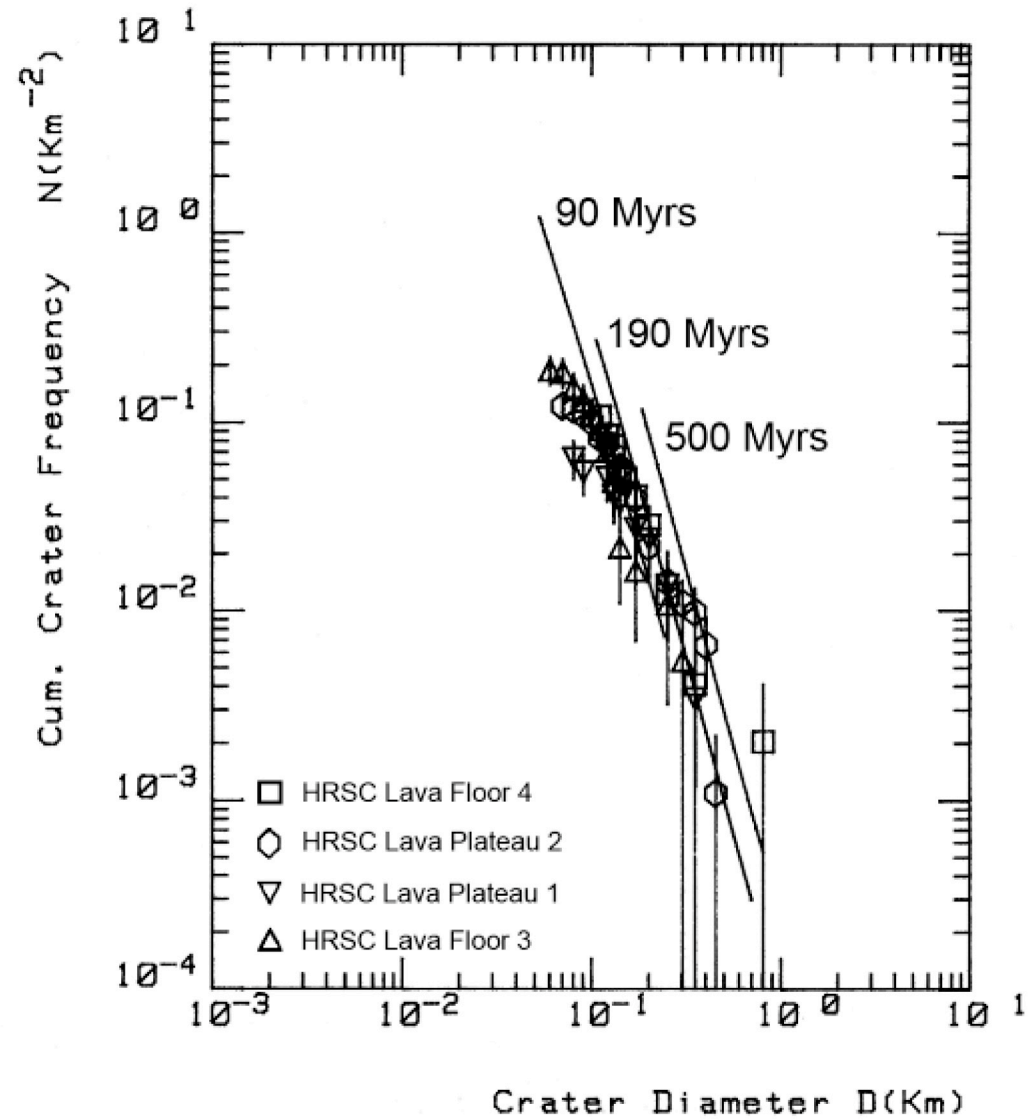


#1089 - Olympus Mons (eastern scarp)

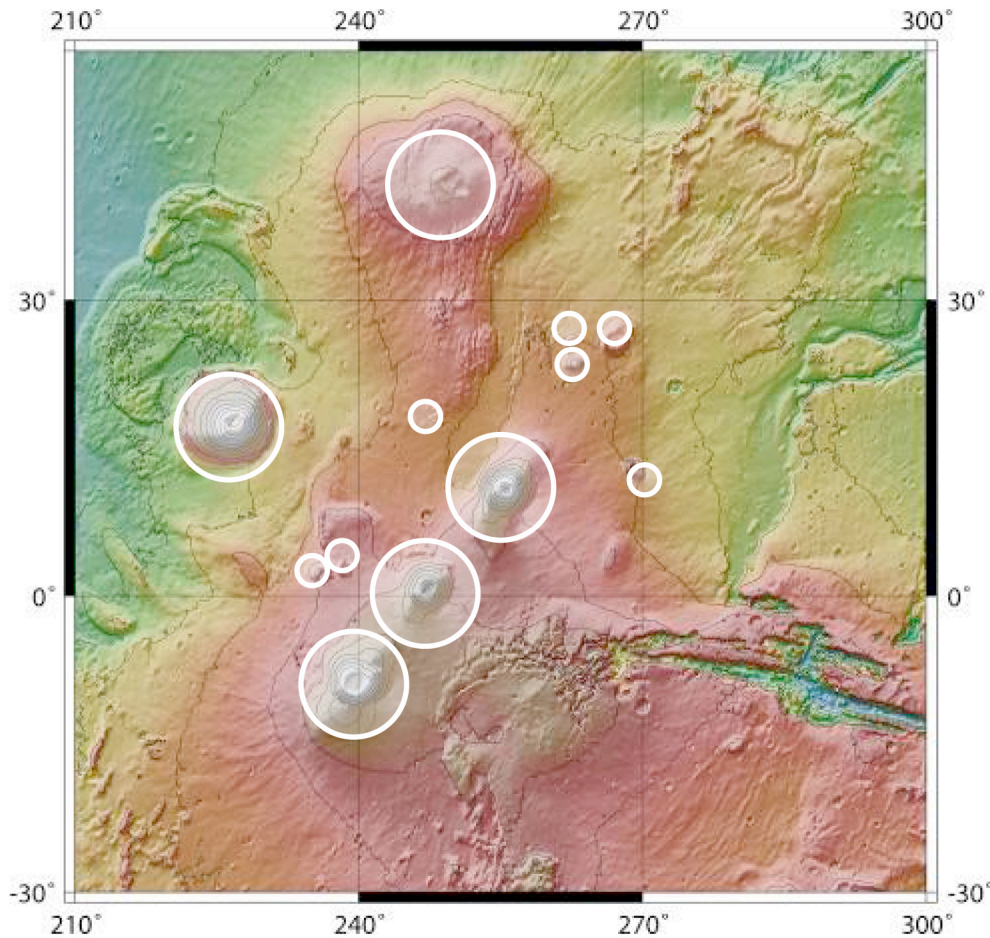
5 km



OLYMPUS MONS EAST *HRSC* VOLCANIC



Tharsis Volcanoes



Olympus and Arsia Montes

episodic activity, most recent caldera activity as young as ~150 Myr

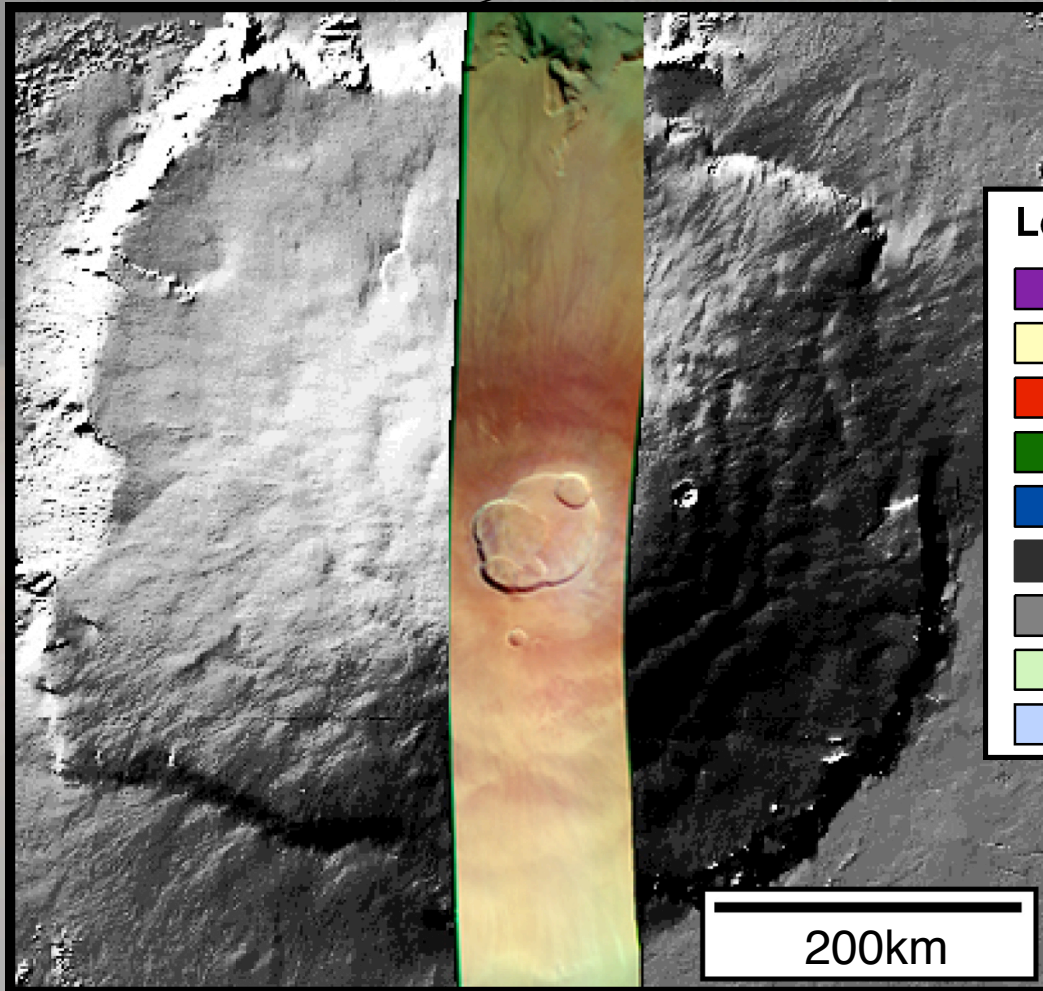
Ascraeus and Pavonis Montes

episodic activity in Martian history, latest caldera activity as young as ~150 Myr.

Paterae and Tholi

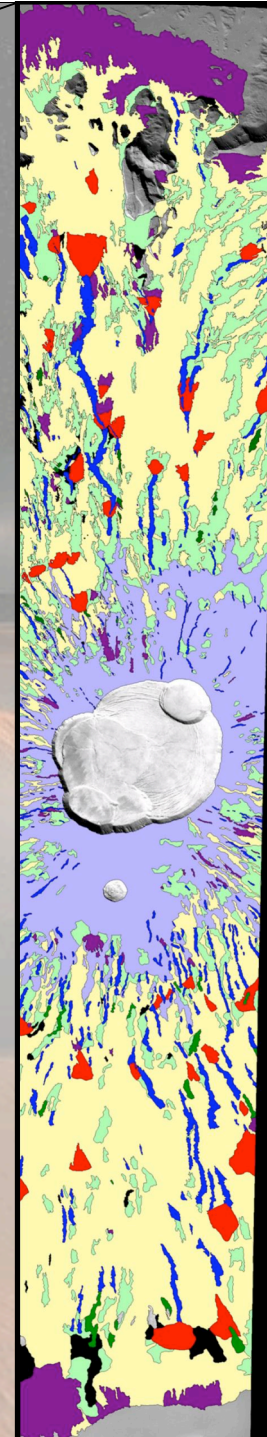
activity started ~4 Gyr ago and ended at ~3.7 Gyr

Geologic Mapping of Volcanic Feature on the Tharsis Montes




Legend

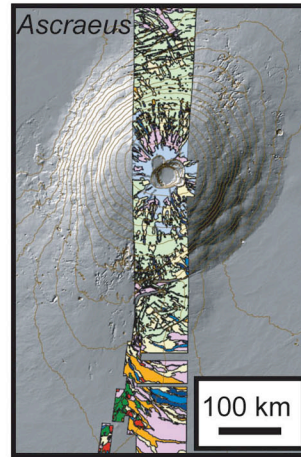
- tabular
- channels
- fans
- ridges
- tubes
- smooth
- collapse
- mottled
- hummocky



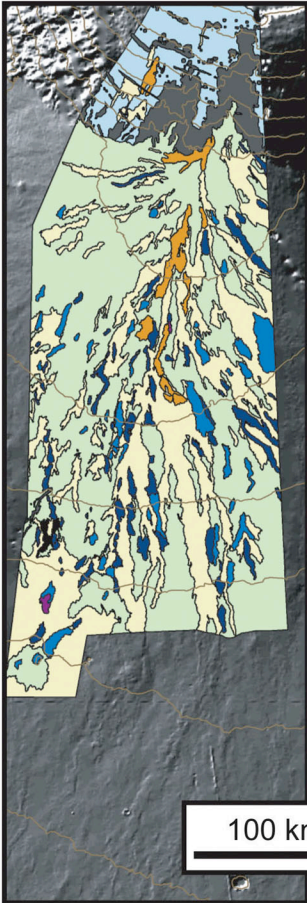
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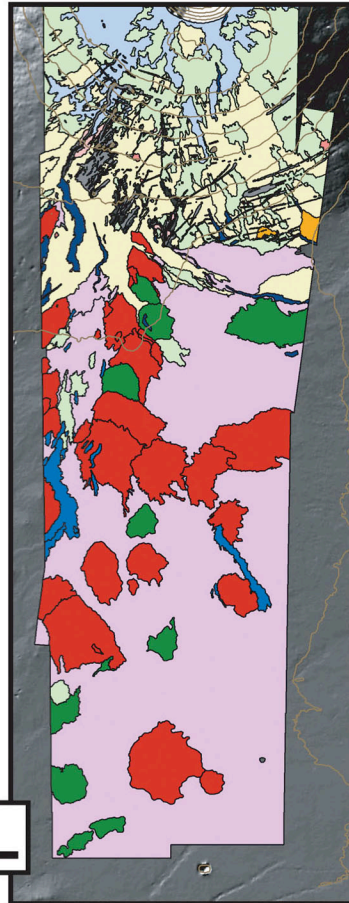
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|  Channels |  1000m Contour |
|  Braided Channels |  Collapse |
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|  Tubes |  Low Shields |
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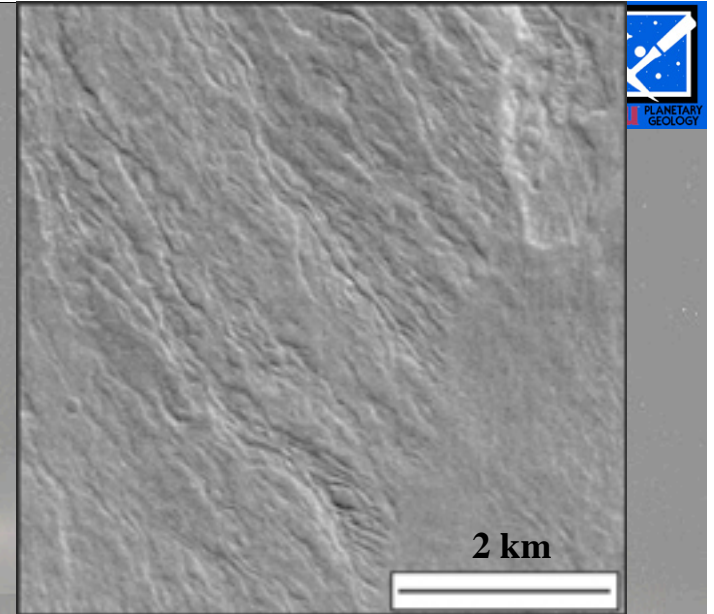
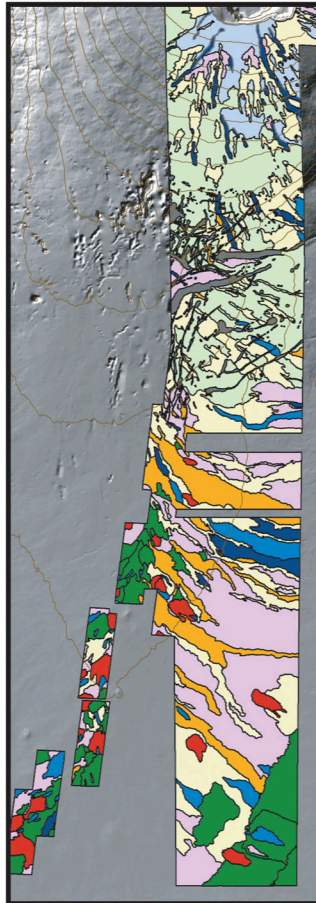
Arsia



Pavonis

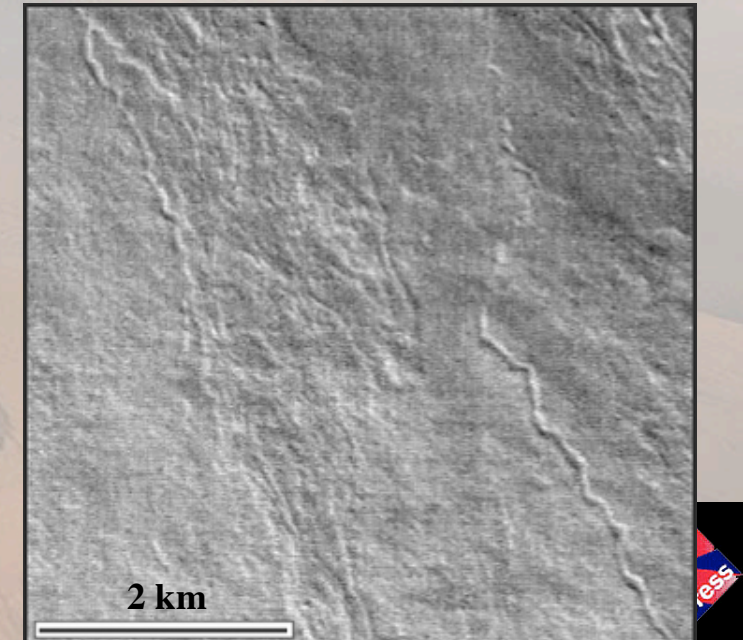


Ascræus



Channel-fed Flows

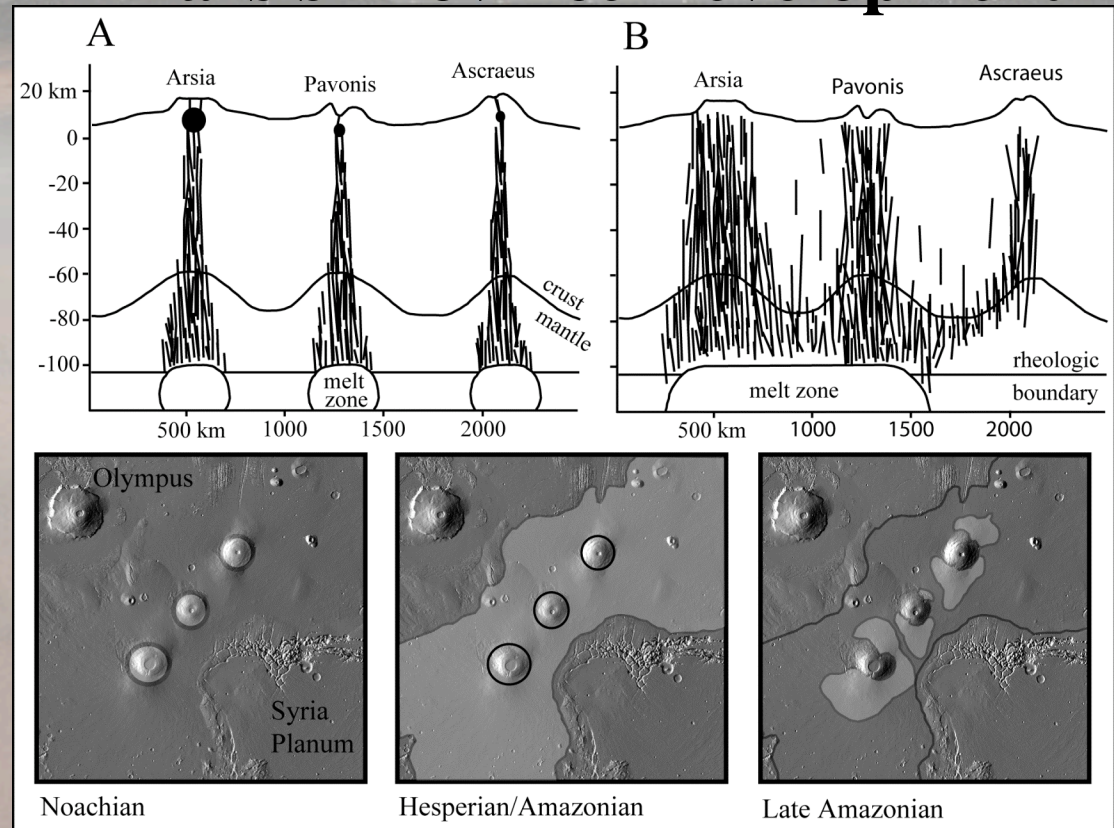
Tube-fed Flows



Results: Geologic Mapping of Tharsis Shields

- Olympus Mons: Older tube-fed flows embayed by younger channel-fed flows; Major rift zones did not develop
- OM experienced change in eruptive style in late Amazonian; Similar to evolution of Hawaiian shields
- Tharsis Montes: Similar transition observed on main flanks
- TM rift aprons: Tubes not consistently embayed by channels
- RA trends suggest most recent activity in TM from single, shared magma source
- Change in magma production from main flank phase

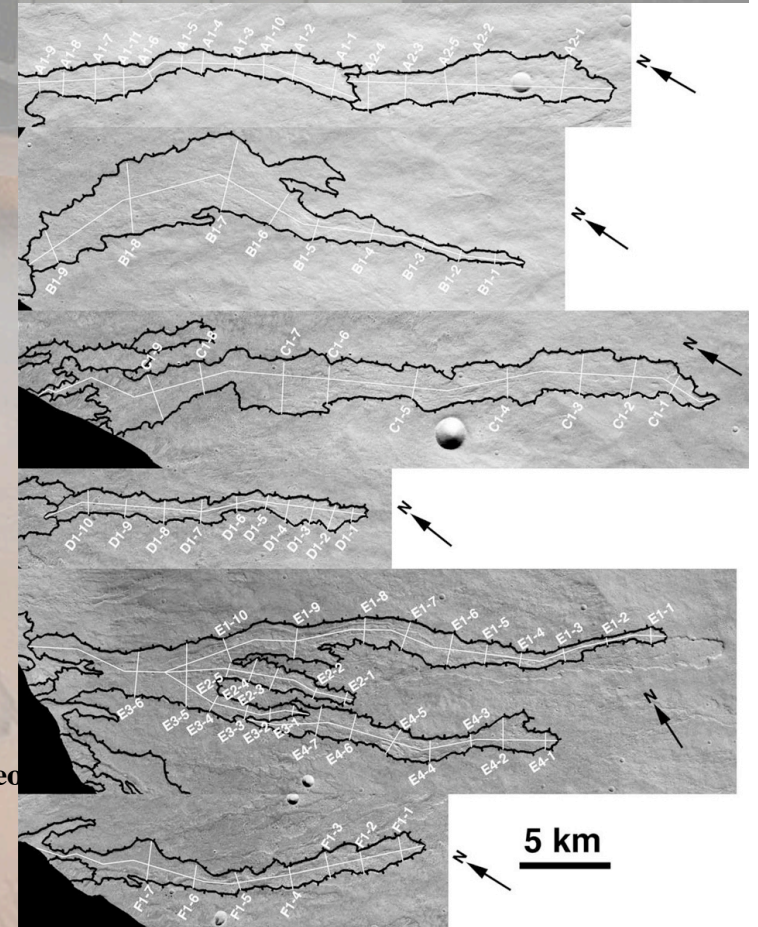
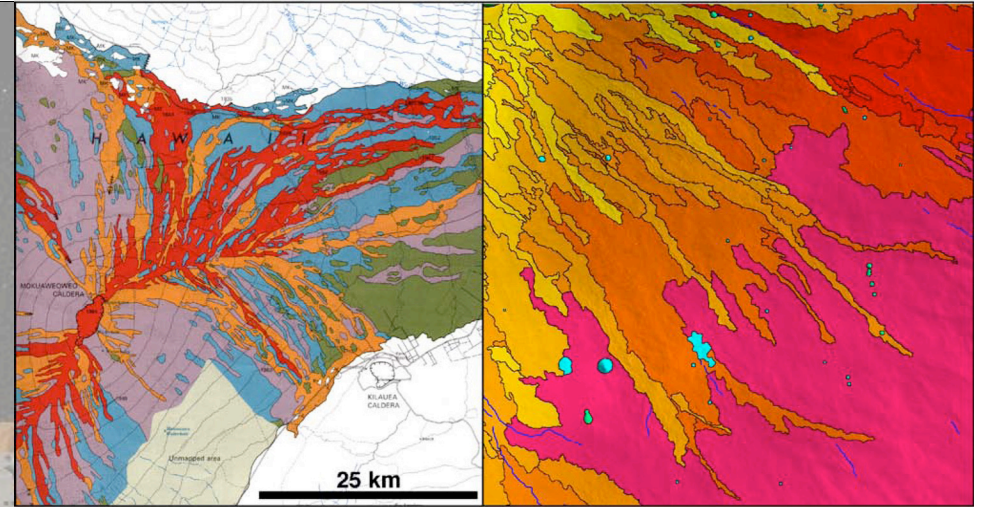
Tharsis Province Development



Ascræus Mons Flows

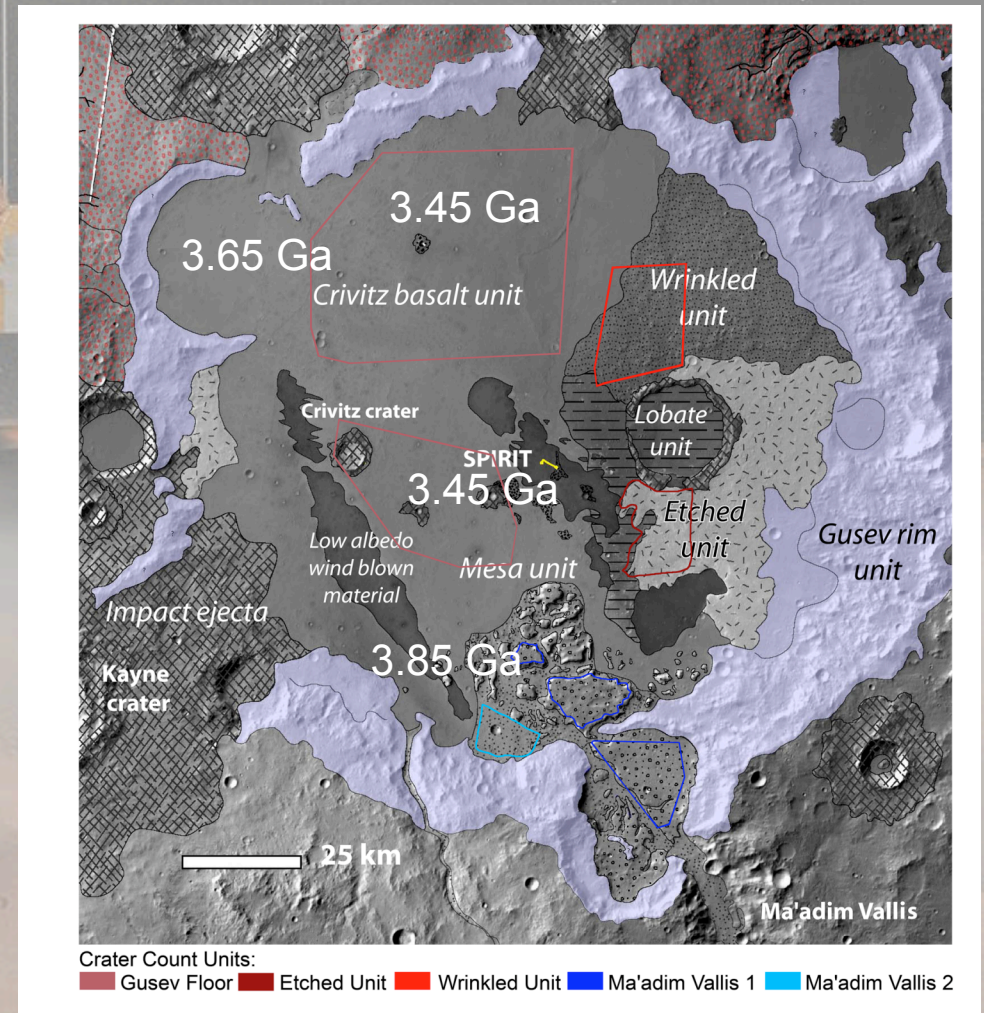
- Objective: Assess rheological properties of AM flows using models for viscosity, yield strength, effusion rate as function of flow dimensions
- Mapped 25 late-stage flows
- Lengths ~4-38 km, widths ~0.5-2 km, depths ~5-24 m, slopes ~1.5-6.7°
- Yield strengths $\sim 2.1 \times 10^4$ Pa, similar to terrestrial basaltic flows
- Effusion rates 23-400 m³/s, similar to those of Kilauea and Mauna Loa
- Average time to emplace flows ~26 days
- Viscosities $\sim 1.8 \times 10^4$ - 4.2×10^7 Pa s, similar to terrestrial basaltic/andesitic flows

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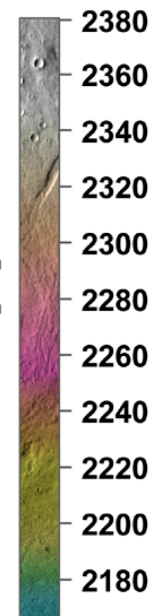
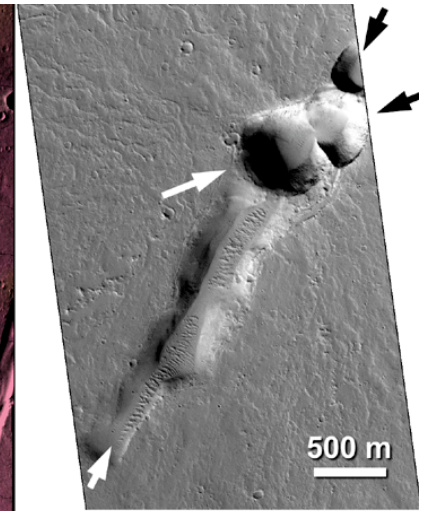
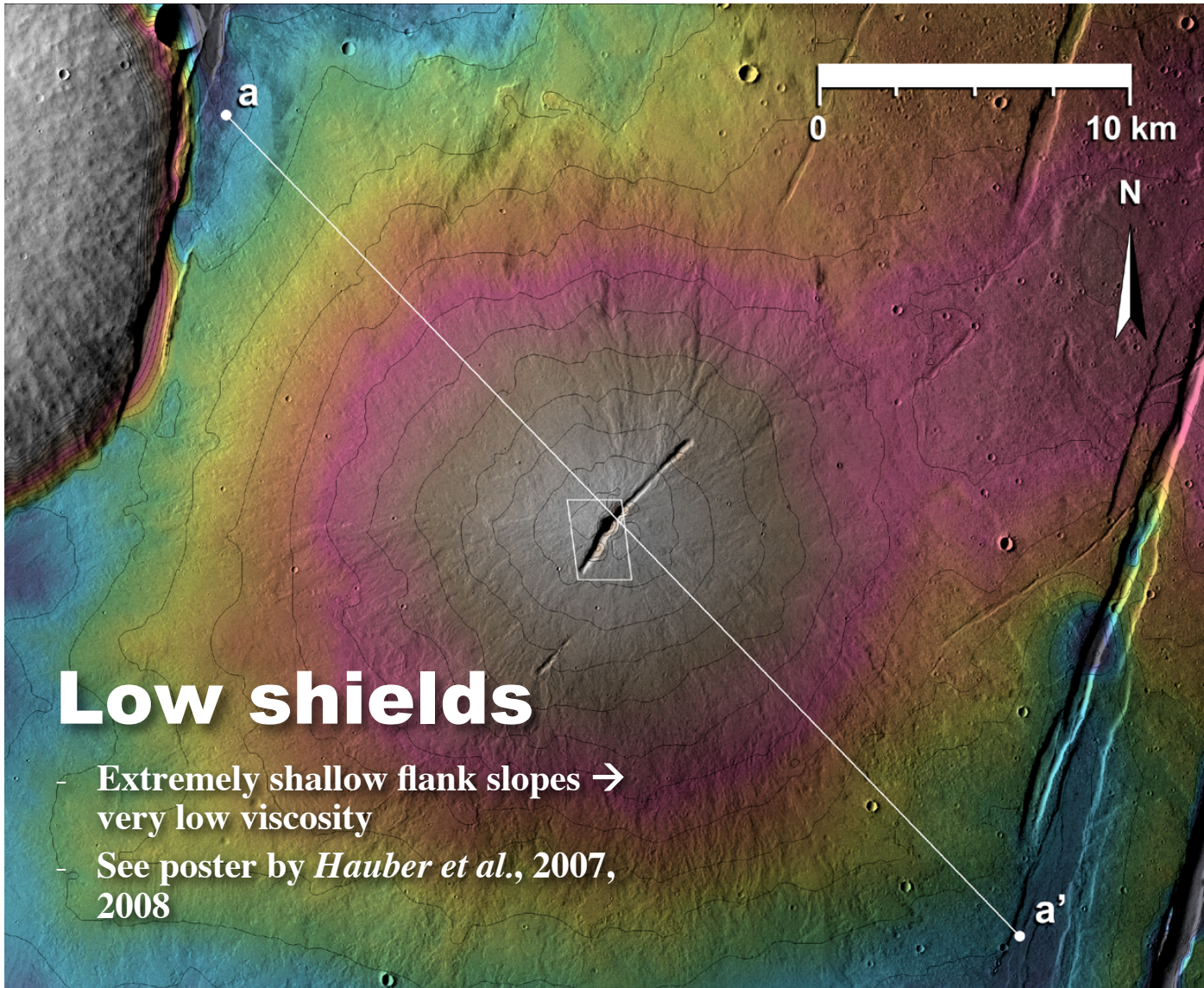


Gusev Crater Basalts

- Objective: Assess geologic history of Gusev crater
- Evaluate lava flows using compositions from *MER-Spirit*
- Unlike Tharsis flows, Gusev flows have compositions and viscosities more like terrestrial high-Mg basalts
- Likely emplaced as very fluid lavas
- Gusev formed ~4 Ga
- Ancient fluvial activity in Ma'adim Vallis ended between 3.85-3.65 Ga
- Volcanic resurfacing after Ma'adim flooding ~3.45 Ga

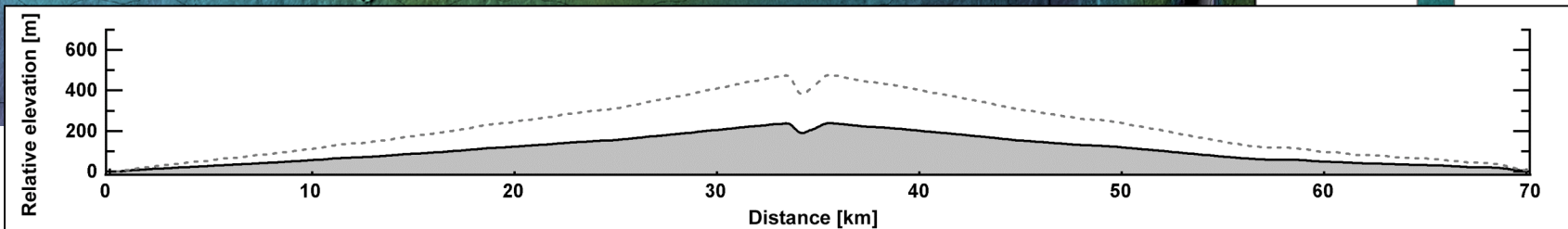


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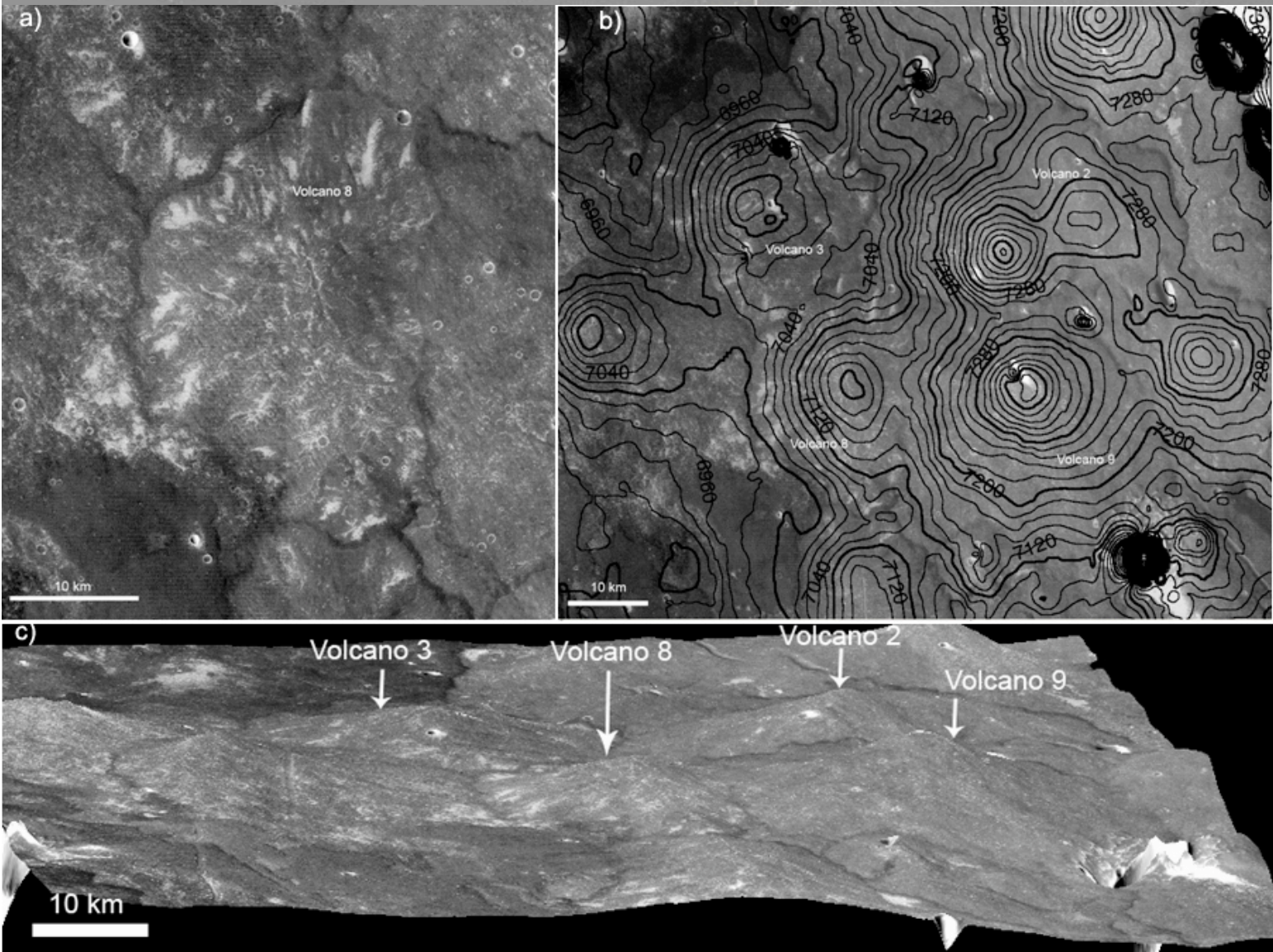


Low shields

- Extremely shallow flank slopes → very low viscosity
- See poster by *Hauber et al., 2007, 2008*



Results: Syria Planum



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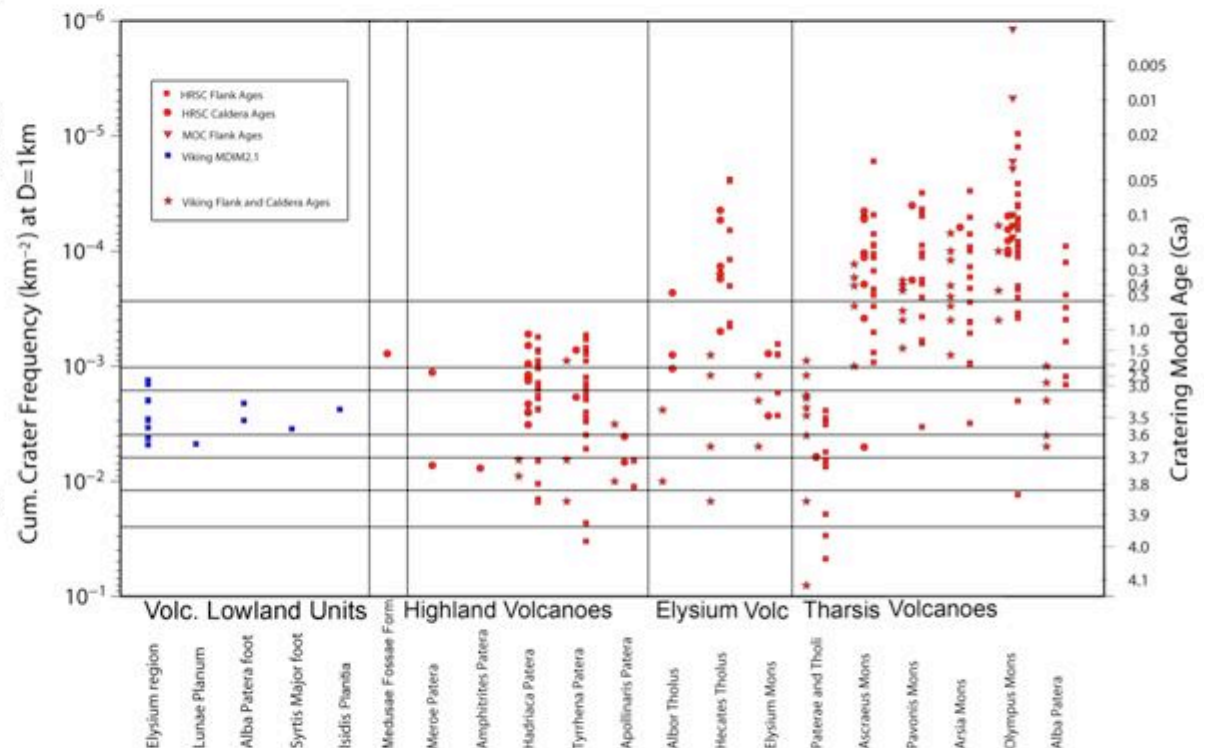
Detail of some
coalesced
shield
volcanoes

3D
representation

Baptista, A., N. Mangold, V. Ansan, P. Lognonne, D. Williams, J. Bleacher, P. Masson, G. Neukum, 2007, A swarm of small shield volcanoes on Syria Planum, Mars, analyzed using *Mars Express* HRSC data, *J. Geophys. Res.*, in press.

Ages of Volcanic Constructs and Related Landforms

- Highland volcanoes formed before 4.0 – 3.7 Ga ago and latest activity ended ~1.5 Ga ago
- Hadriaca and Tyrrhena Paterae show effusive later phases ~1.5 Ga ago correlated with fluvial activity
- Elysium volcanoes formed before 3.6 Ga ago, Elysium Mons activity ended 1.5 Ga ago; subsequent activity over the past 2 Ga, Hecates Tholus even past 1 Ga until ~100 Ma ago
- Tharsis Paterae and Tholi formed before 4 Ga ago in major parts, activity ended 3.7 Ga ago
- Tharsis Montes, Alba Patera and Olympus Mons formed before 3.5 Ga ago, have been episodically active until very recently (2 Ma, Olympus Mons)
- Possible correlation with SNC ages (Nyquist et al. (2001) SSR): ~1.5 Ga and 150-200 Ma ages in volcanic activity
- Medusae Fossae deposits formed ~1.6 Ga ago, when most highland volcanoes were active last (~1.5 Ga ago)



Neukum & Hiller (1981) JGR; Neukum et al. (2004) Nature; Werner (2005) Dissertation; Werner et al. (2005) LPSC, EGU; Zuschneid (2005) Diploma thesis

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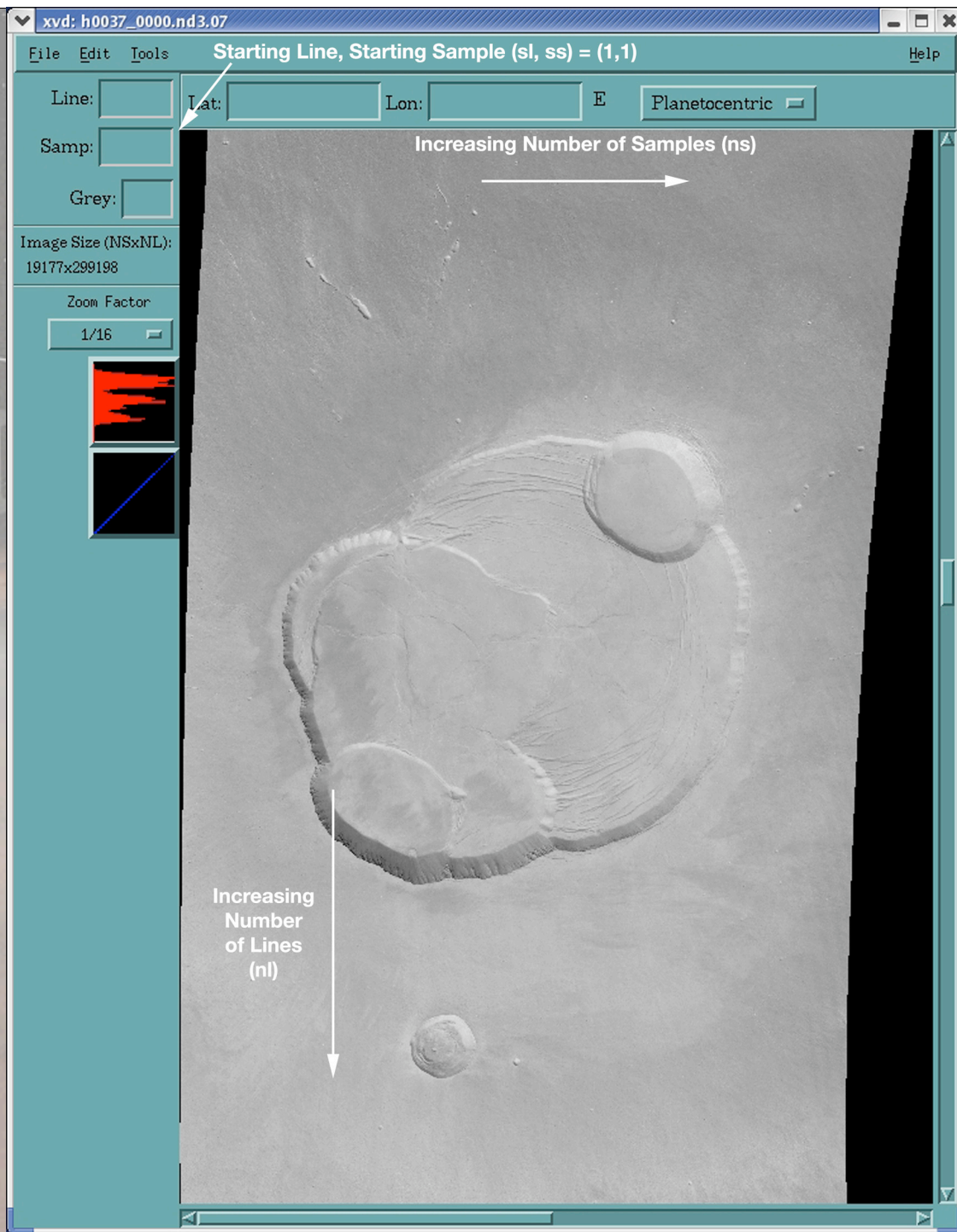
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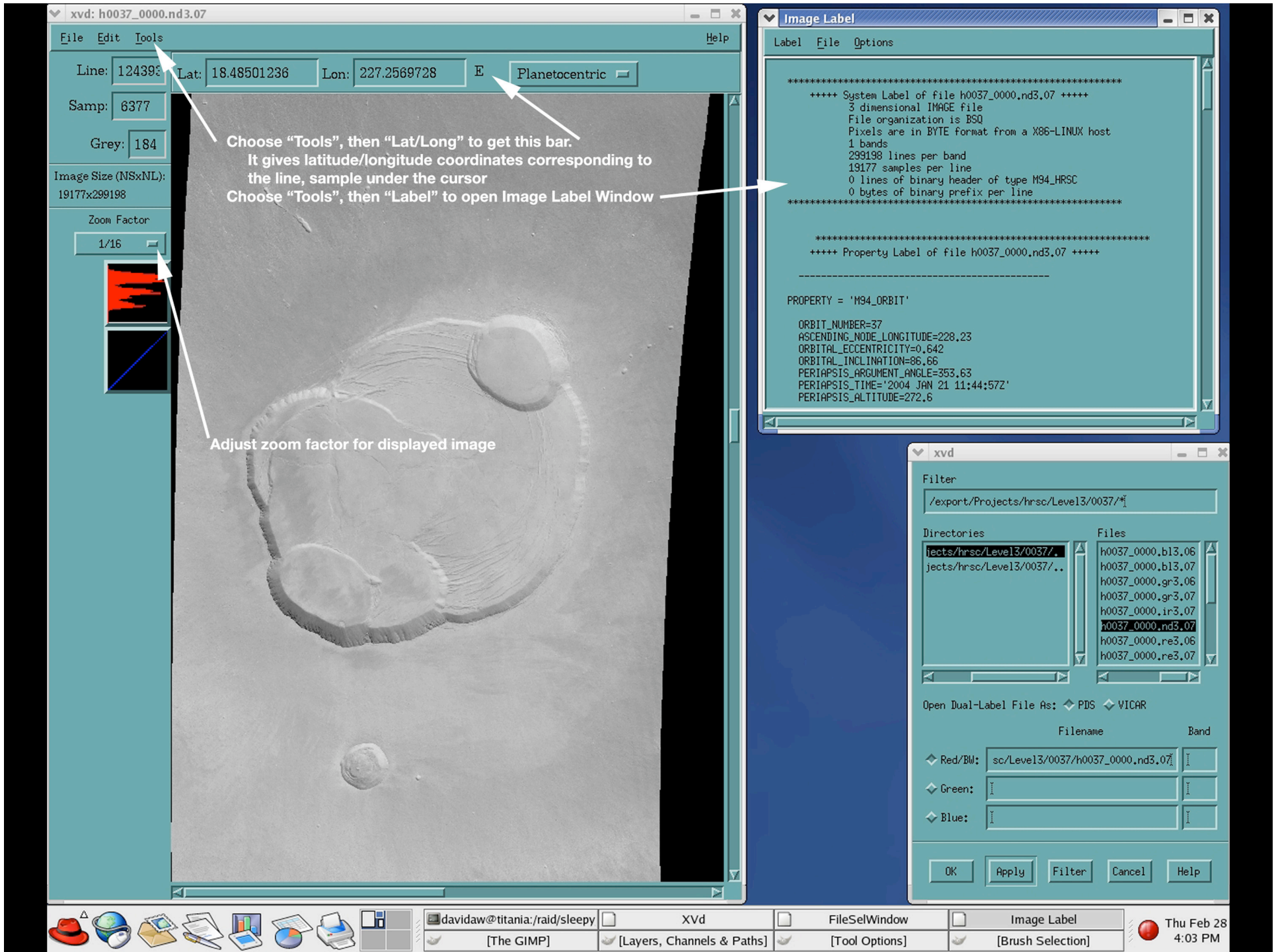
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