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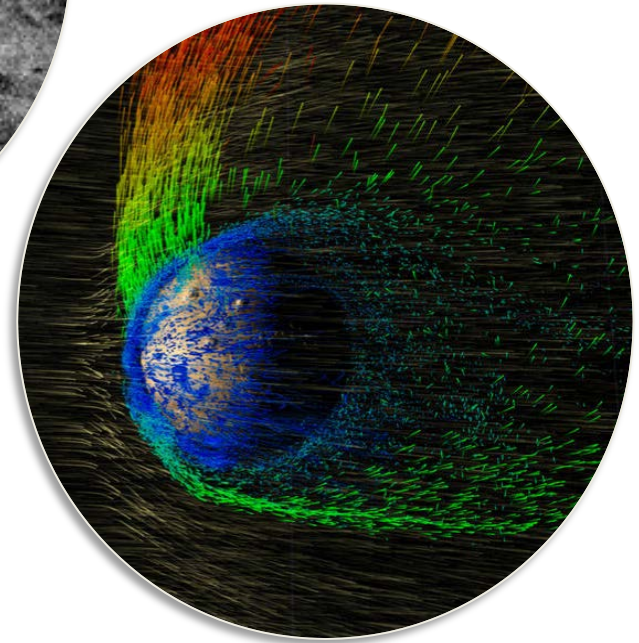
Our Human Journey to Mars – The Next Steps

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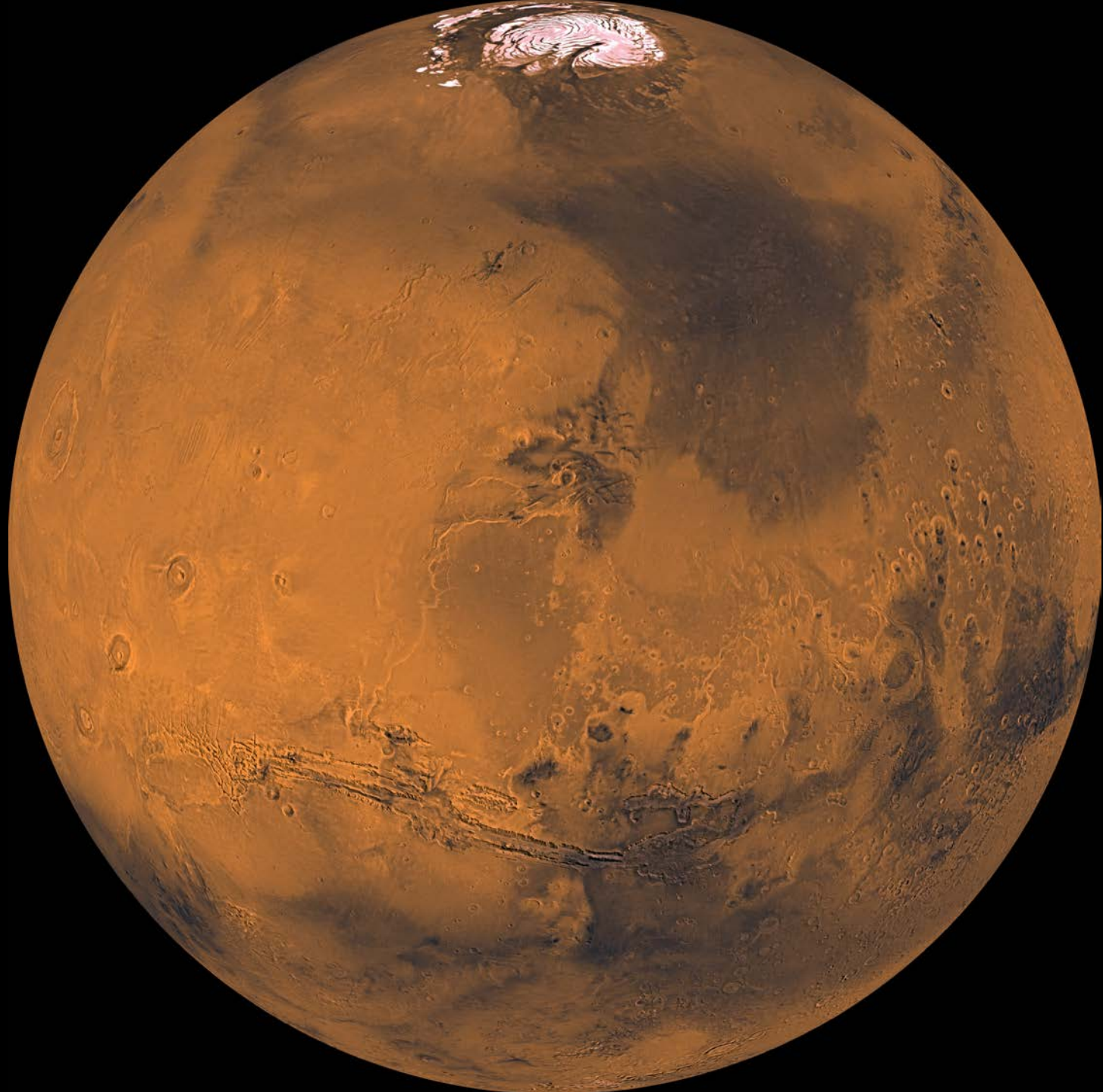
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Exploring Mars



Space Launch System

The **only** vehicle capable of sending humans to deep space **and** the large systems necessary for human exploration



Solid Rocket Boosters



RS-25 Core Engines





Core Stage

Orion Spacecraft



Launch Abort
System

Crew Module

Service Module

Spacecraft
Adapter Jettison
Panels

Ground Systems Development and Operations





- Initial demonstration of SLS and Orion capabilities
- Launch uncrewed Orion into distant retrograde orbit around the moon

Exploration Mission-1

SUN

- **CuSP** – Southwest Research Institute, Texas

ASTEROID

- **NEA Scout** – Marshall Space Flight Center, Alabama

MOON

- **Lunar Flashlight** – Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California
- **Lunar IceCube** – Morehead State University, Kentucky
- **LunaH-Map** – Arizona State University, Arizona
- **OMOTENASHI** – JAXA/University of Tokyo
- **SkyFire** – Lockheed Martin, Colorado

EARTH

- **EQUULEUS** – JAXA, University of Tokyo

OTHER MISSIONS

- **BioSentinel** – Ames Research Center, California
- **ArgoMoon** – European Space Agency/ASI, ArgoTec, Italy

CENTENNIAL CHALLENGES

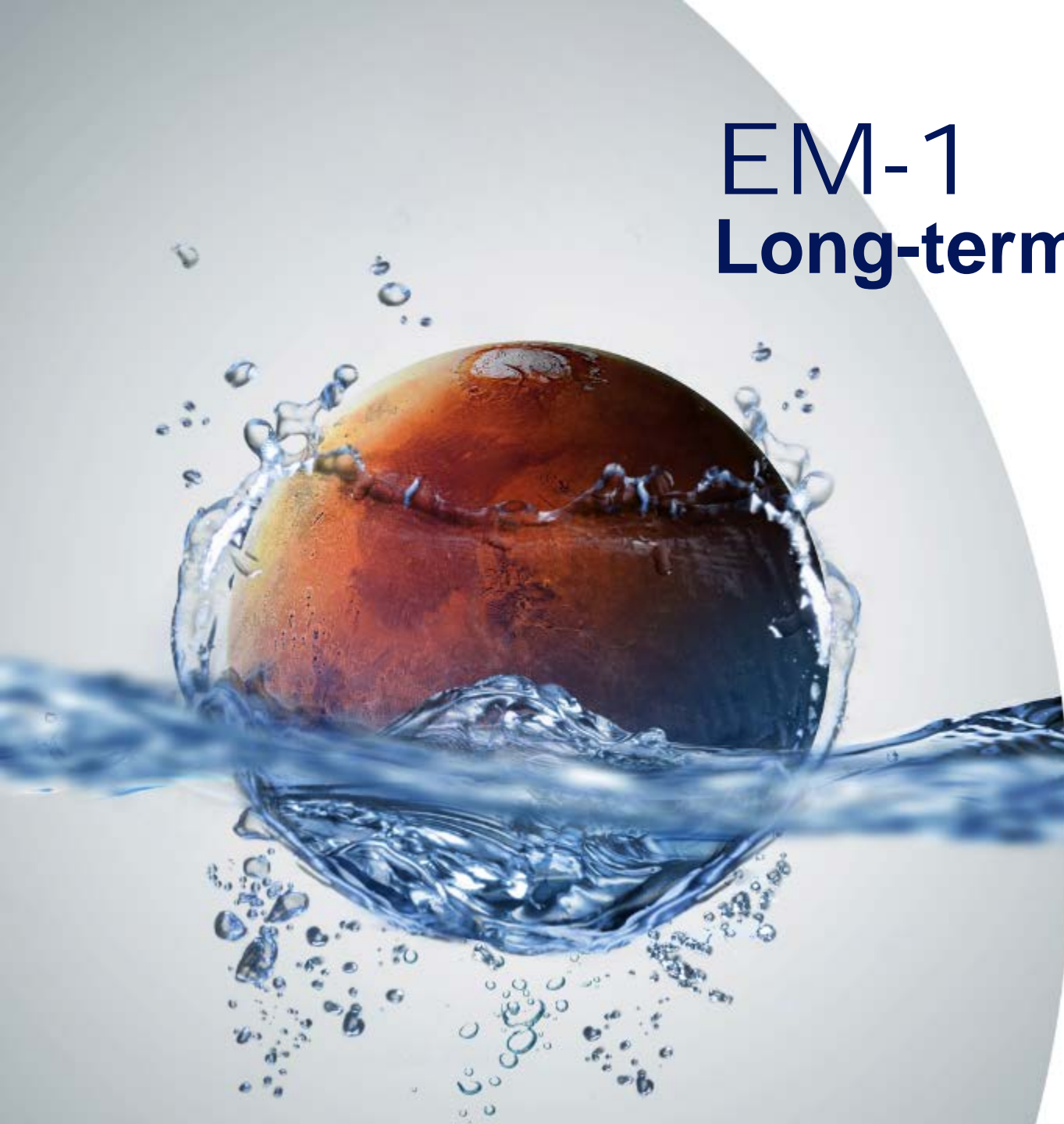
- **Three CubeQuest Winners**



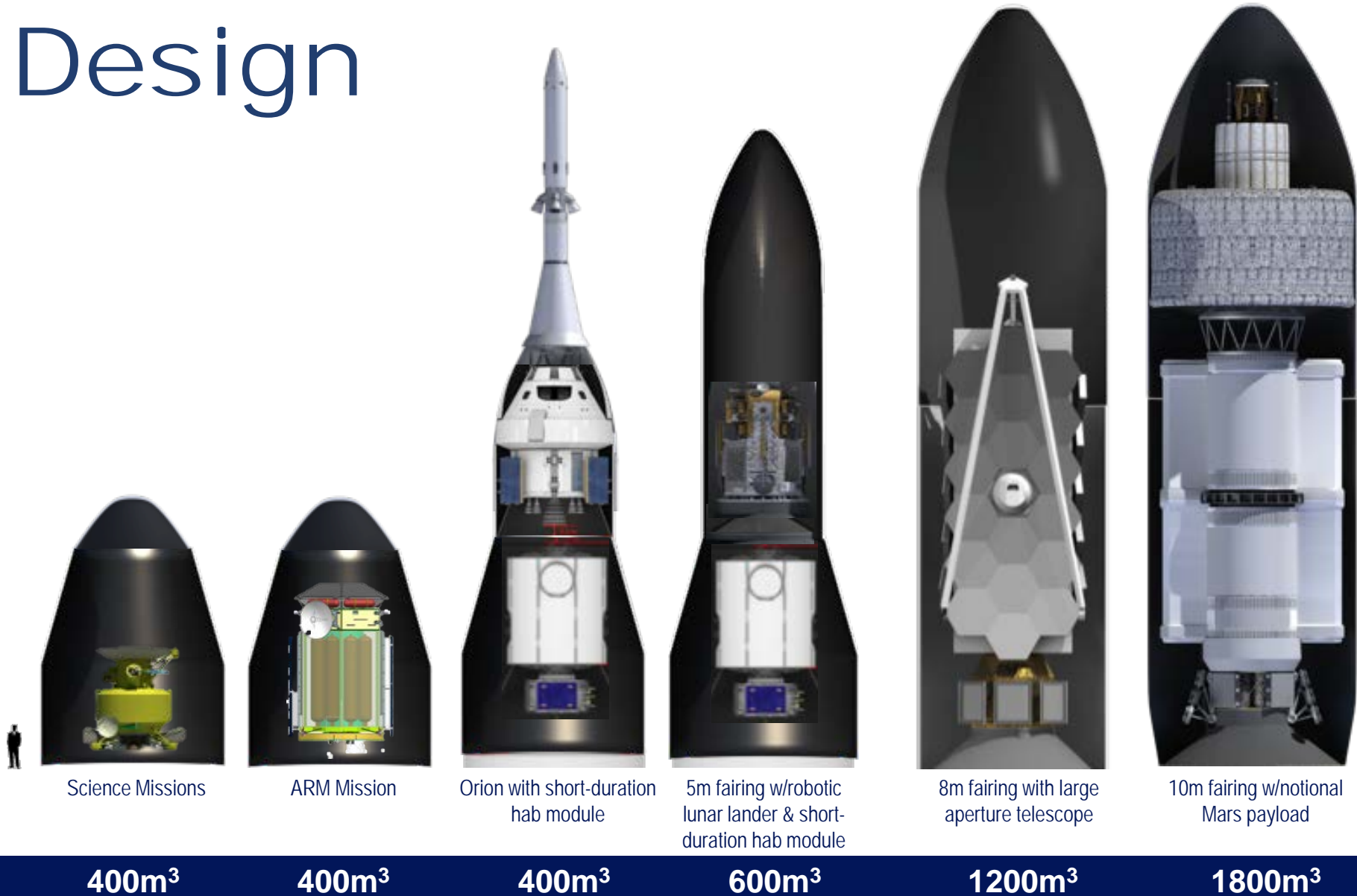
EM-1 Payload Mission Focus



EM-1 Long-term Benefits



Evolvable Design



JOURNEY TO MARS



All elements needed for a human Mars mission are in development now.



EARTH RELIANT

NOW - MID-2020s

- International Space Station operation through commercial development of low-Earth orbit
- Development of deep space systems life support and human health

PROVING GROUND

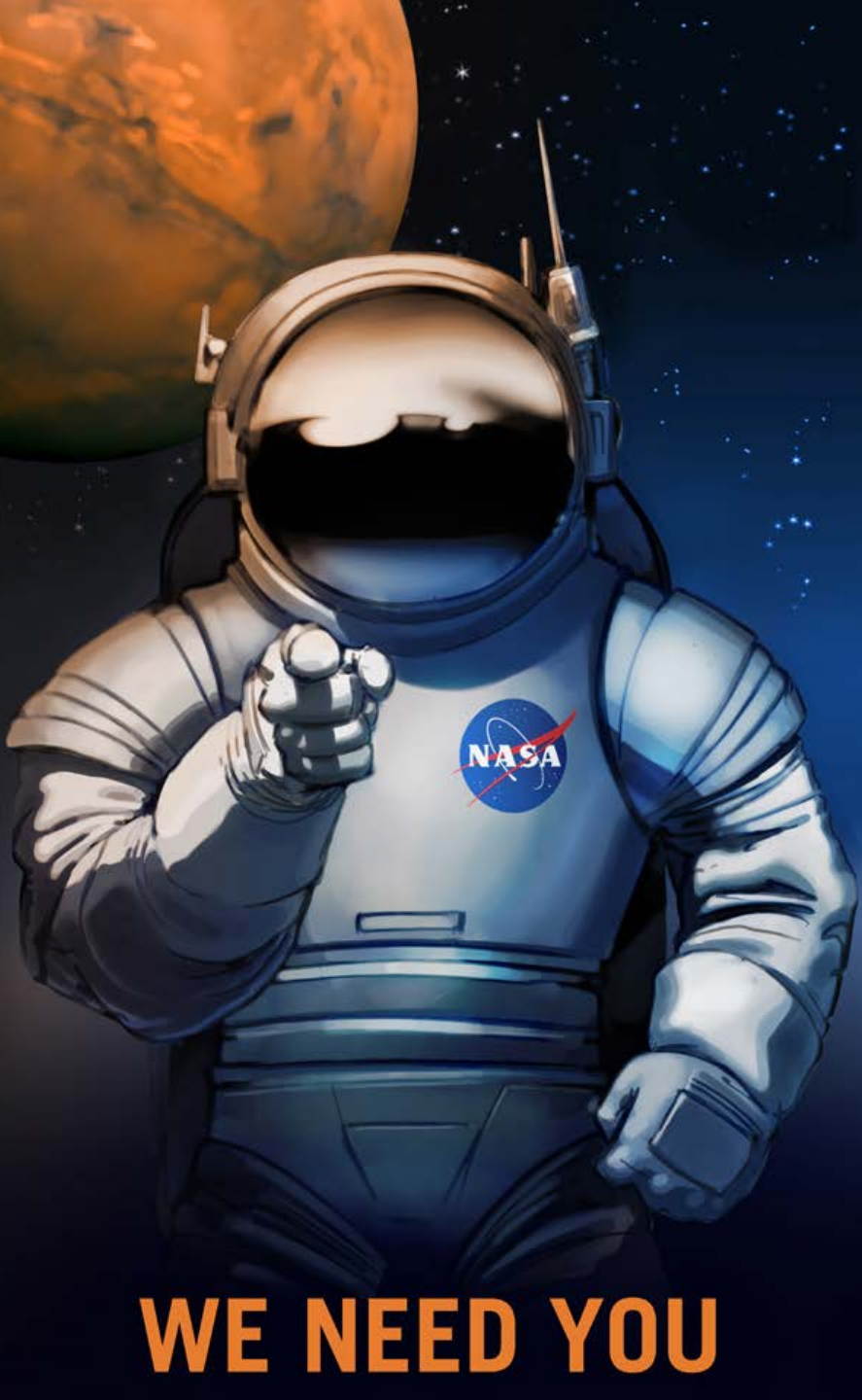
2018-2030

- Regular crewed missions and spacewalks in cislunar space
 - Verify deep space habitation and conduct a yearlong mission to validate readiness for Mars
- Demonstrate integrated human and robotic operations by redirecting and sampling an asteroid boulder

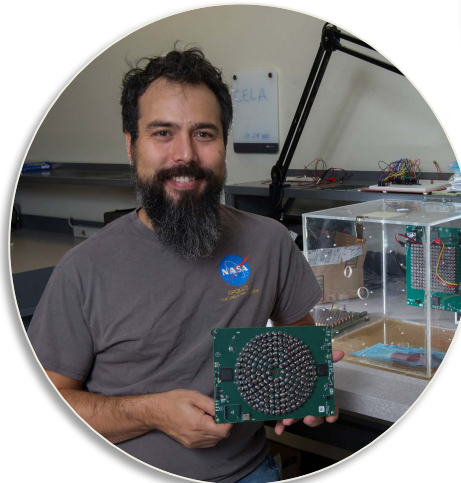
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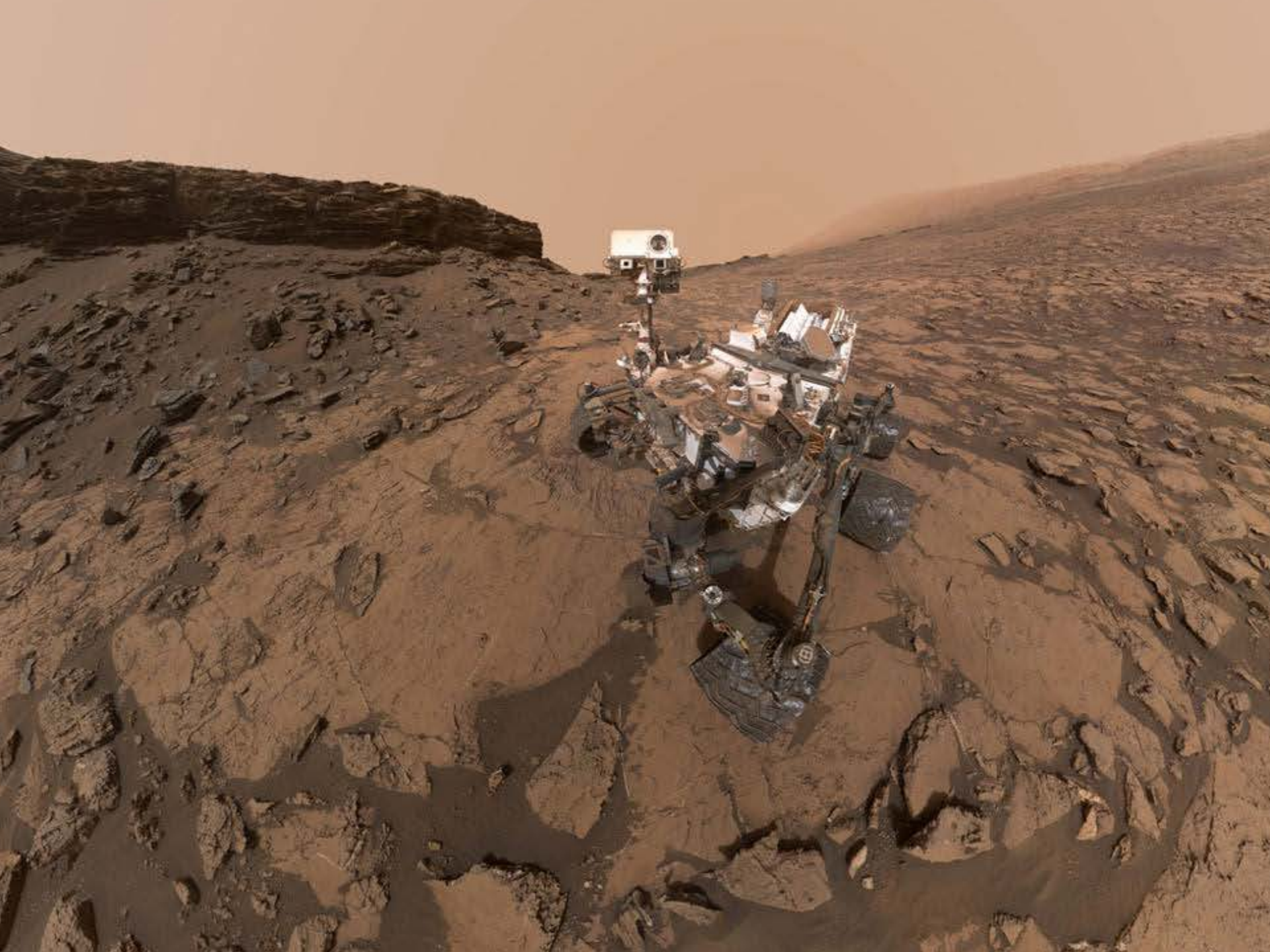
NOW – 2030s and beyond

- Science missions pave the way to Mars
 - Demonstrate entry, descent, and landing and in-situ resource use
- Conduct robotic roundtrip demonstration with sample return in the late 2020s
- Send humans to orbit Mars in the early 2030s



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