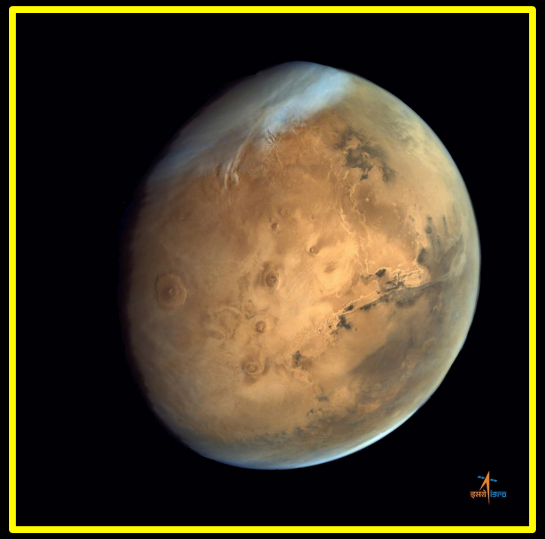
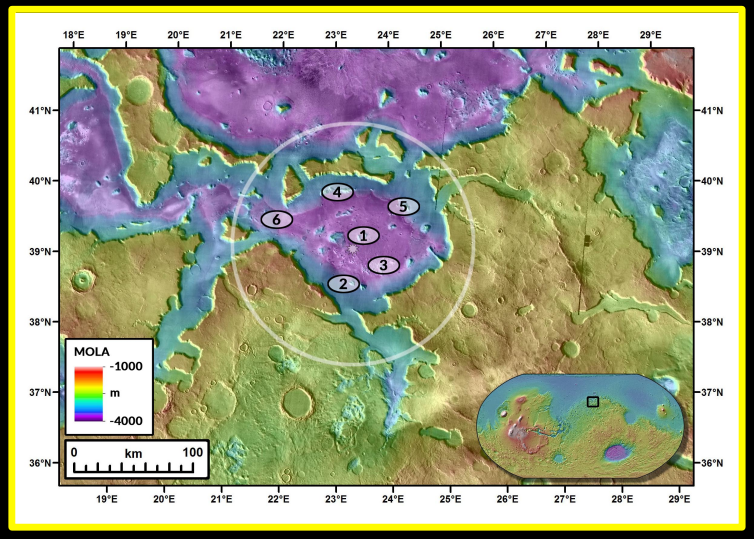
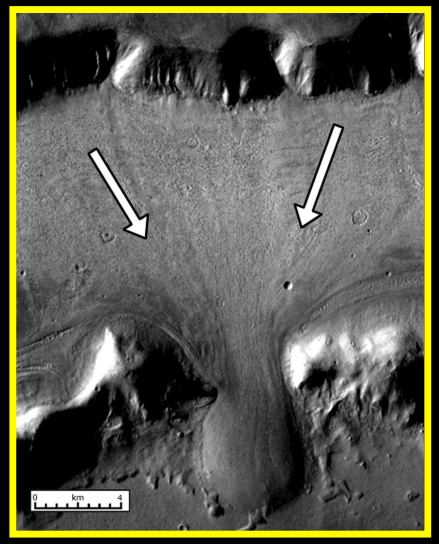
MARS HUMAN SCIENCE EXPLORATION AND RESOURCE UTILIZATION: THE DICHOTOMY BOUNDARY DEUTERONILUS MENSAE EXPLORATION ZONE







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(39.11˚ N, 23.199˚ E)
Elevation -3750

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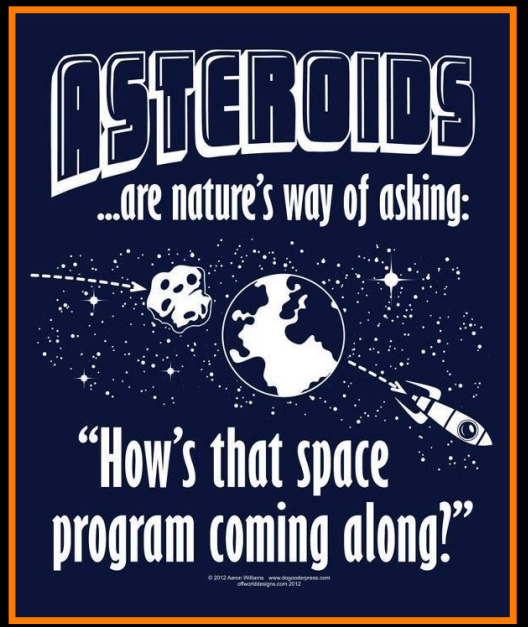
The Goal: A Philosophy and Long-Term Strategy

- Goal: Living *off of* Mars.
- We live on Earth: We are actually living *off of* Earth.
- A16 CDR John Young: "Single-planet species don't survive."
- We first need to live *off-Earth*, not *off-of-the Earth*
  - ISS is a step in that direction: 15 years on November 2.
- Mars is the most hospitable environment in this Solar System.
- Short-term Goal: Living *on* Mars.
  - 225 million km-long umbilical.
- Long-term Goal: Living *off of Mars*.
  - This requires a hugely different attitude toward planning/exploration. Cut the cord.



Objectives: (S^3) *Science, Survival, Sustainability!!*

- **Science: Why Science first!**
  - Learn to Live off of Mars. Look at "The Martian".
  - Russian colleagues: You'd be 'fooked'.
  - Need Rationale: Scientific exploration leading to sustainability!
  - Need logical reason for SES activities: Science is the driver.
  - Need Legacy: It is not just "flags and footprints".

- **Survival: (ISRU) In-situ resource utilization experimentation.**
  - The umbilical is very thin!!!
  - Water resources and mineral extraction.
  - Civil Engineering experimentation.
  - Synthetic biology: Biobricks.

- **Sustainability: Living off of Mars!**
  - The umbilical is cut. (ISRU) In-situ resource utilization required. Very abundant water resources. Civil Engineering dominates.

The Team: Expertise in Key Areas

- **Mars Geology, Mineralogy, Glaciation, Hydrology, Cratering:**
  - James Head[1], John Mustard[1], Ralph Milliken[1], Brandon Johnson[1].
- **Antarctic Dry Valley Glacial Geology and Operations:**
  - David Marchant[2], Joseph Levy[3], James Dickson[1], Jill Mikucki[7].
- **Earth Climate History and Arctic Ice Sheet Operations:**
  - Christine Hvidberg[4], Kjartan Kinch[4],
- **Mars Meteorology, Climate History, Glacial Flow Modeling:**
  - Francois Forget[5], James Fastook[8].
- **ISRU, Civil Engineering and Industry Experience:**
  - Dale Boucher[6], Kurt Klaus[9].
- **Human Off-Earth Surface Exploration Planning, Operations:**
  - Apollo 15 Commander David Scott[1], James Head[1].

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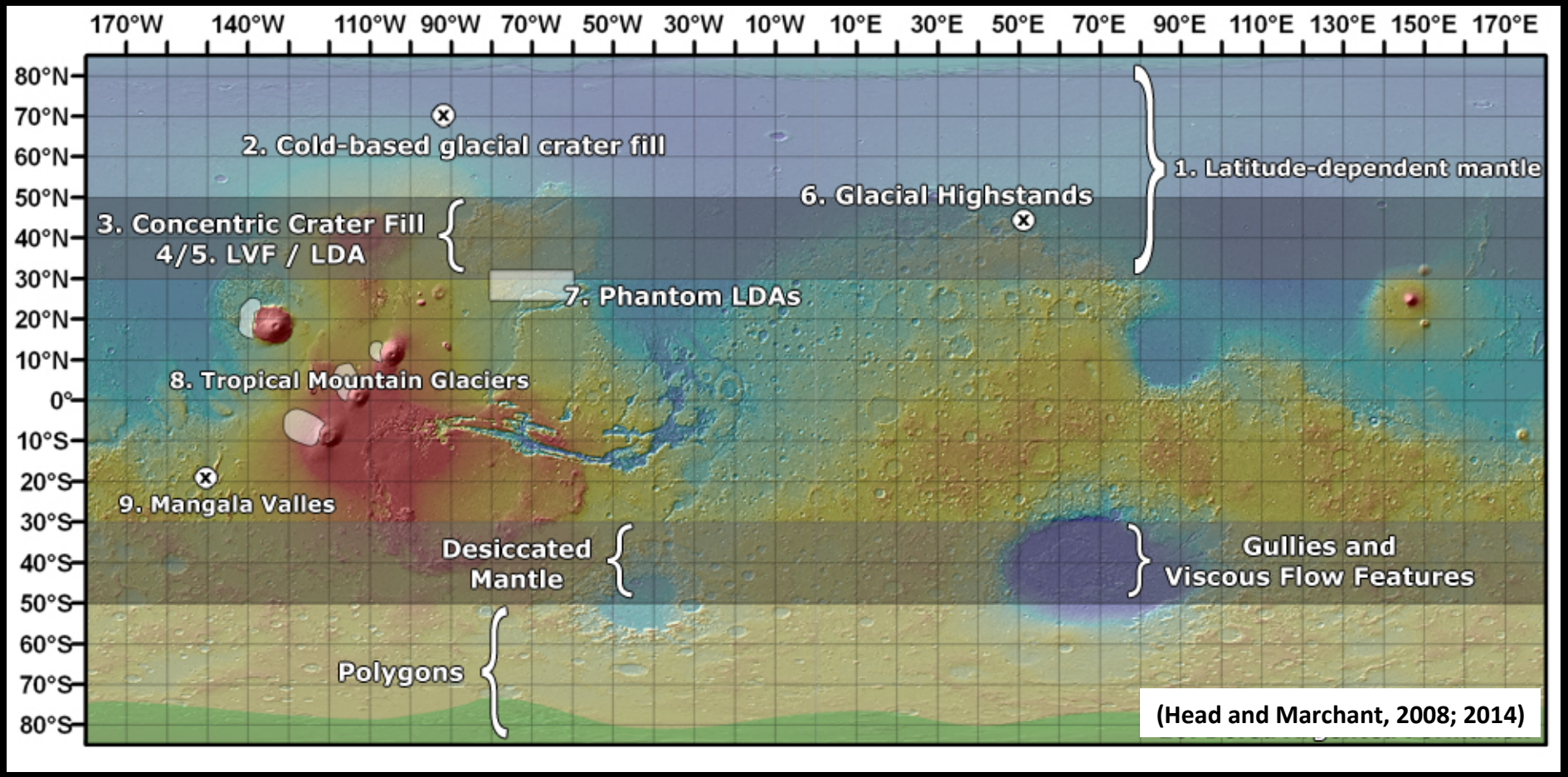
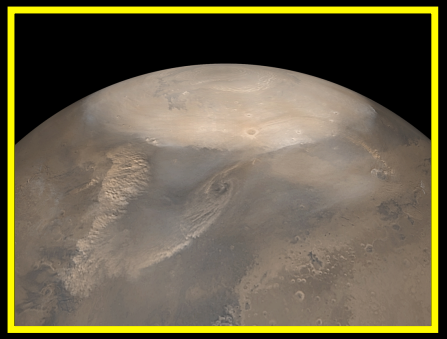
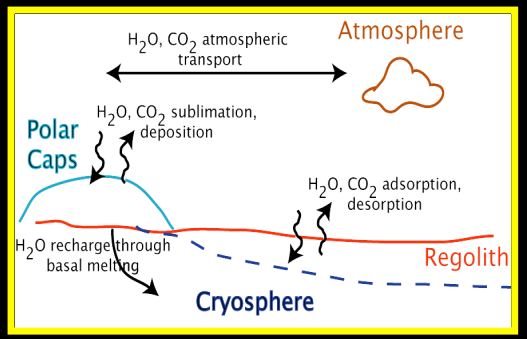
The Optimal Exploration Zone (EZ)

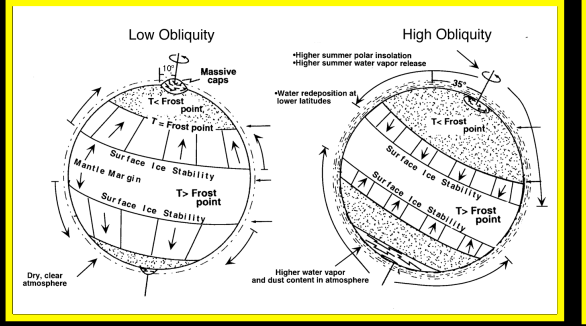
- Identify Candidate EZs as part of the process of determining *where and how we would like to explore Mars with humans*.
- Near-term this process includes:
  - (a) identifying locations that would *maximize the potential science return from future human exploration missions*,
  - (b) identifying locations with the *potential for resources required to support humans*,
  - (c) *developing concepts and engineering systems* needed by future human crews to conduct operations within an EZ, and
  - (d) identifying key characteristics of the proposed candidate EZs that cannot be evaluated using existing data sets, thus helping to define precursor measurements needed in advance of human missions (*Identify SKGs to guide future robotic exploration*).
- Existing and future robotic spacecraft will be tasked to *gather data from specific Mars surface sites* within representative EZs to support these HEOMD and SMD activities.

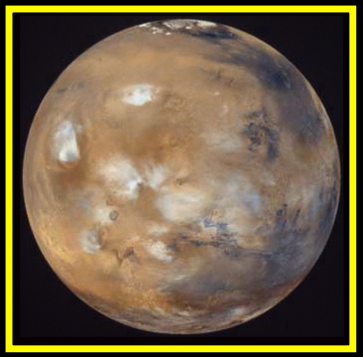
Non-Polar Latitude-Dependent Ice-Related Deposits



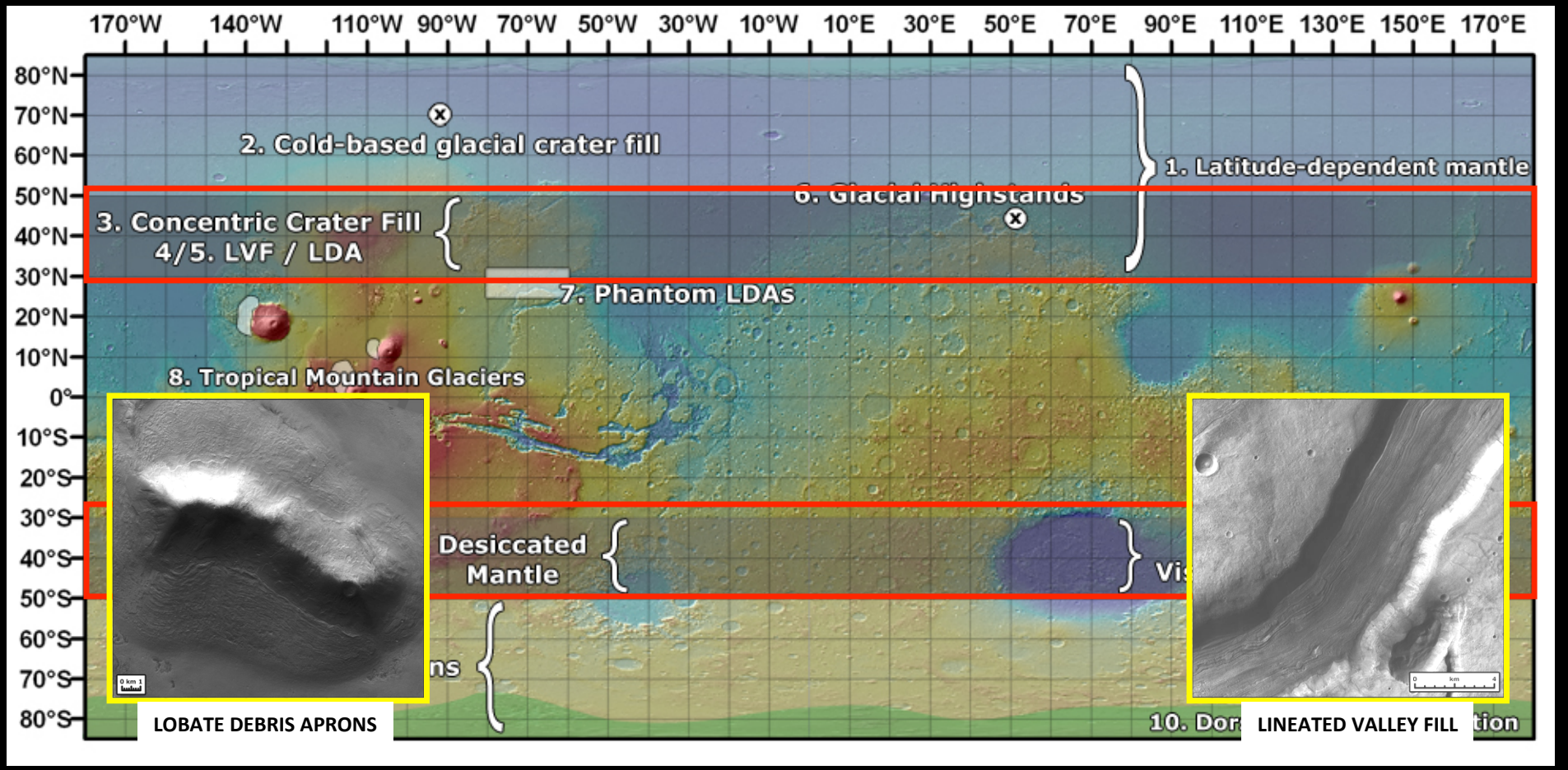






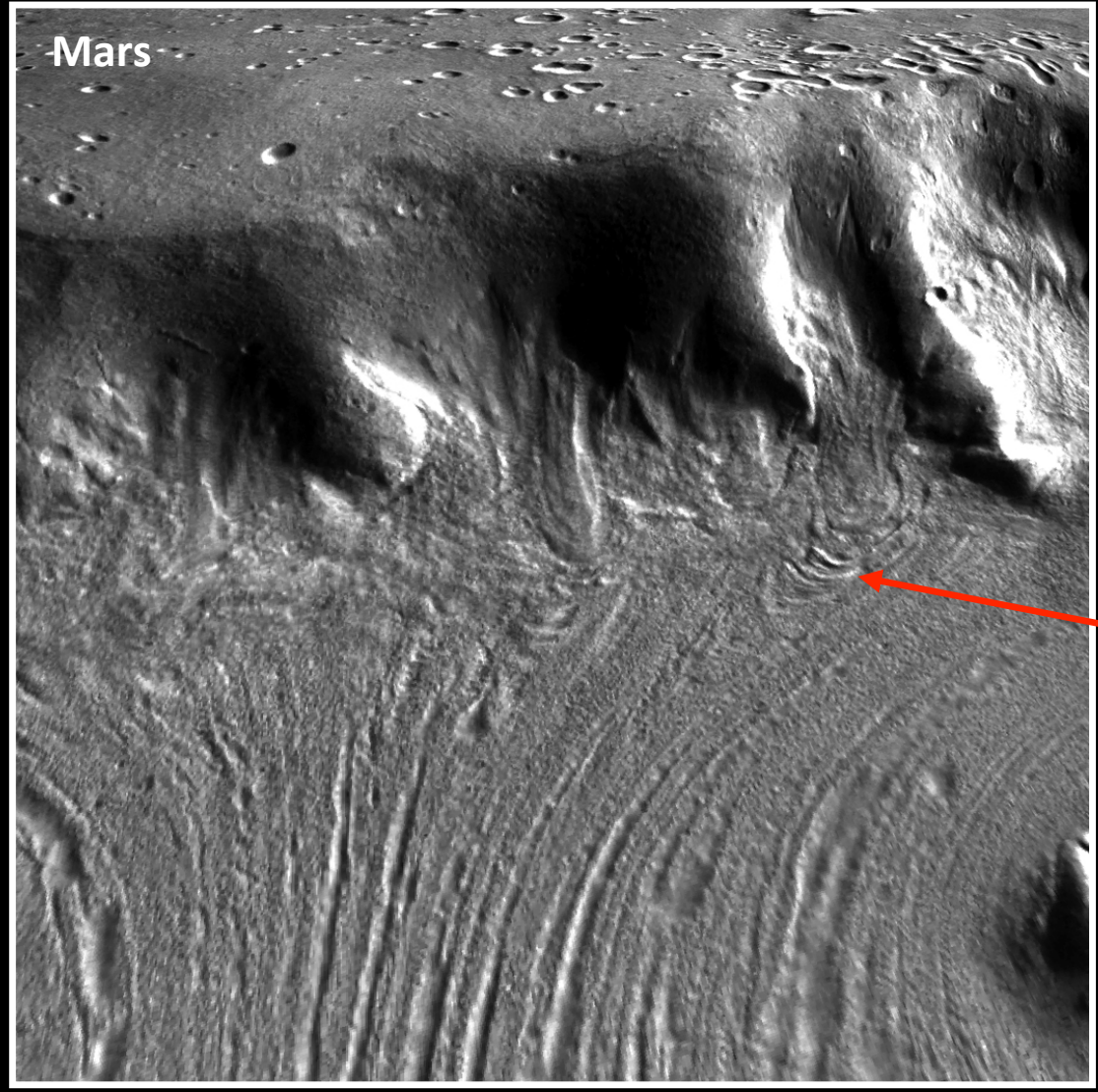


Ice Accumulation and Retention "Sweet-Spot": The Martian Mid-Latitudes

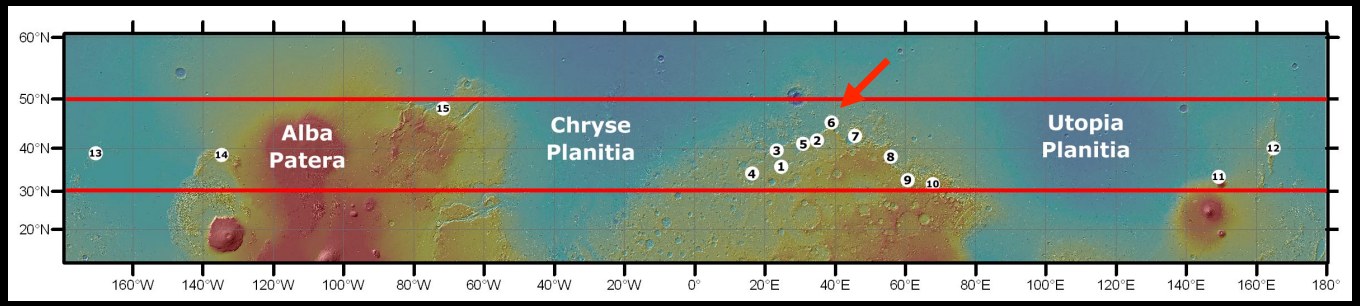


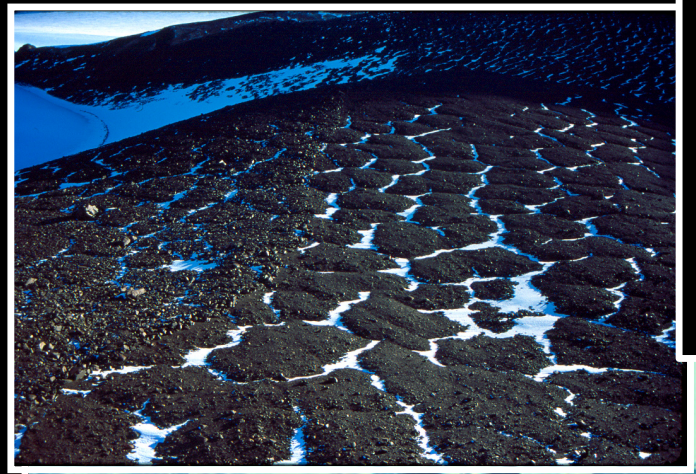
Mid-Latitude Lobate Debris Aprons and Lineated Valley Fill

(Crown & Chuang, Baker et al., Dickson et al., Morgan et al., Levy et al., Kress et al., Ostrach et al., Head et al.)

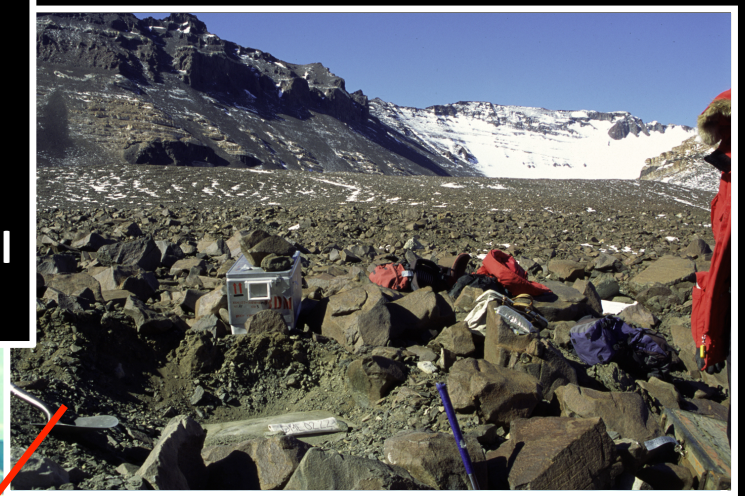


Lineated Valley Fill: Debris-Covered Valley Glacier Systems.

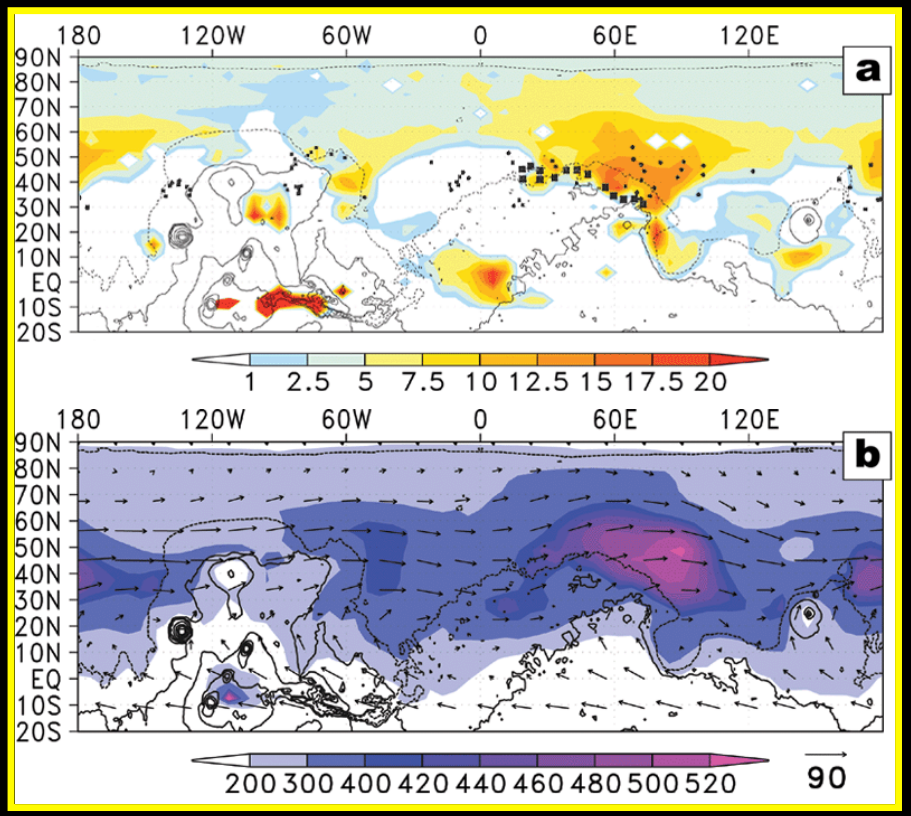




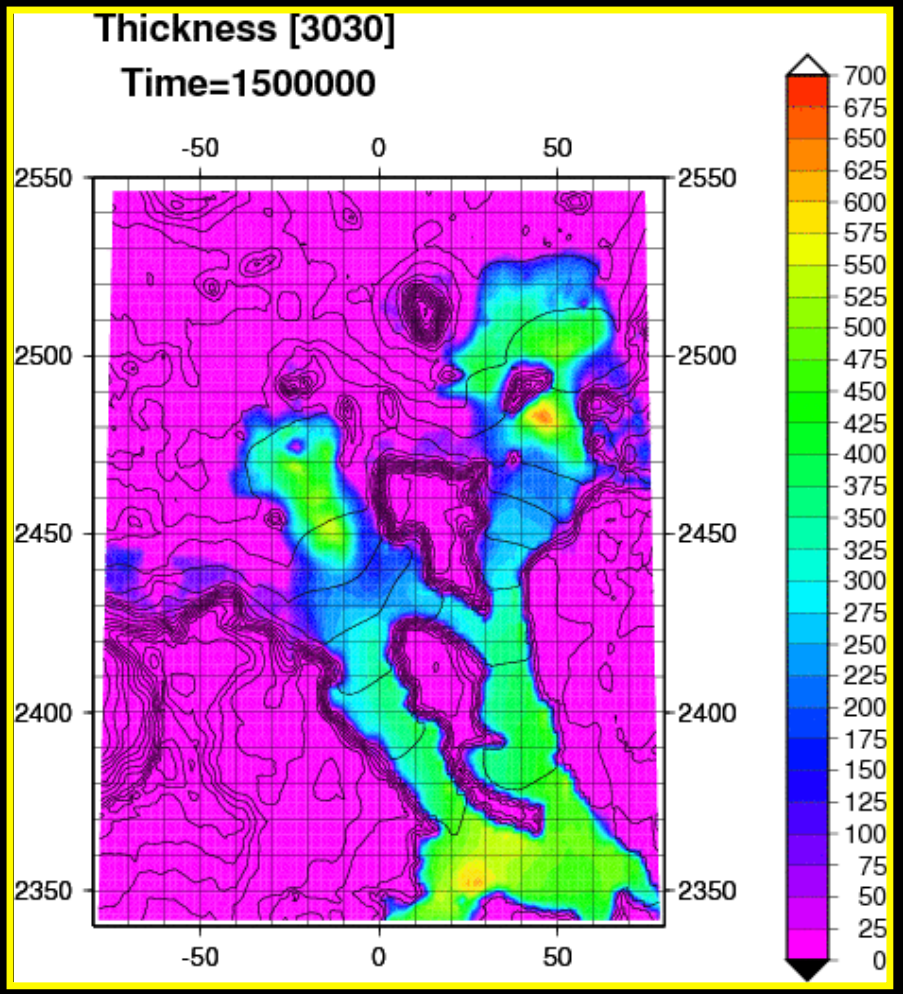
Field Research And Climate Monitoring in a Mars-Like Hyperarid-Hypothermal Environment



Cold-Based Glaciation-Beacon Valley, Antarctica (Marchant and Head, 2007; Mackay et al. , 2015)



a) Predicted ice accumulation (mm/yr).
b) Average cloud ice content (pr-µm) and 24 km winds for Ls = 270-300°.

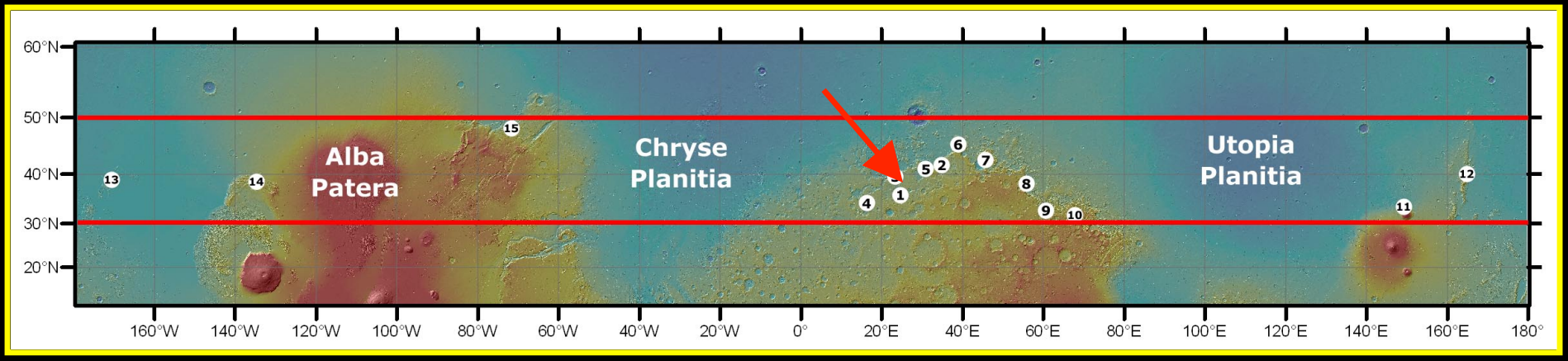


GCM Analyses:
35° obliquity with moderate dust loading.
(J.-B. Madeleine et al., 2009)

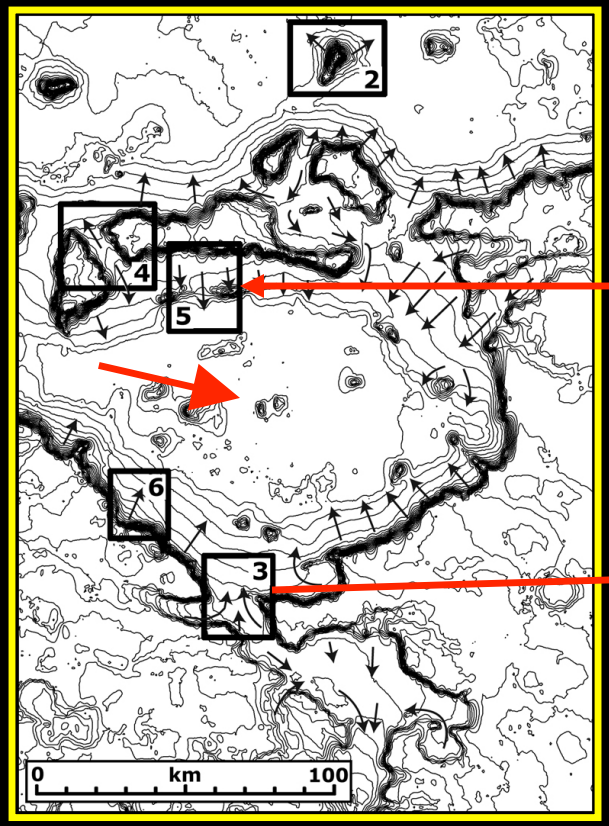
Glacial Flow Modeling:
Plateau Glaciation-Alpine Glaciers.
(J. Fastook et al., 2009; 2011)

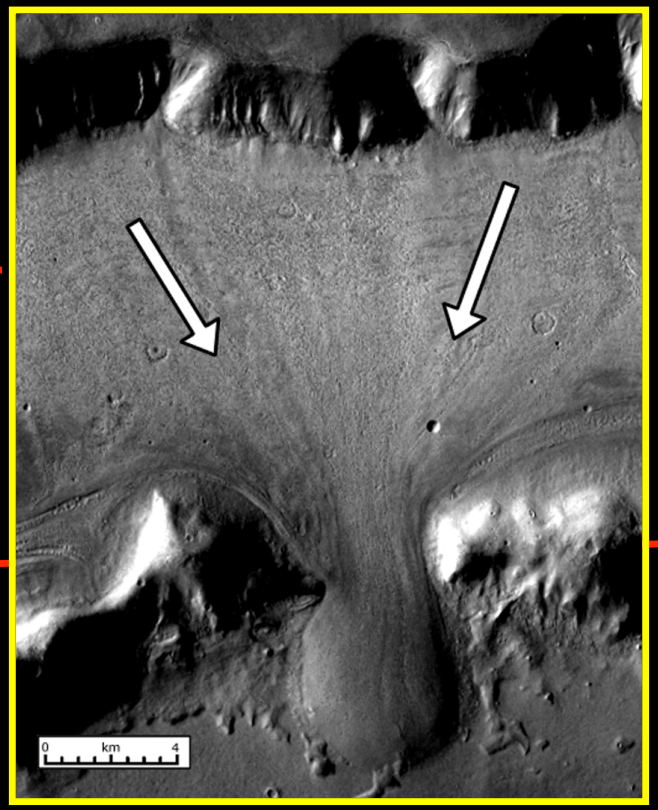
Synthesis:
Alpine valley glaciation *and* regional mid-latitude plateau glacial landsystems.

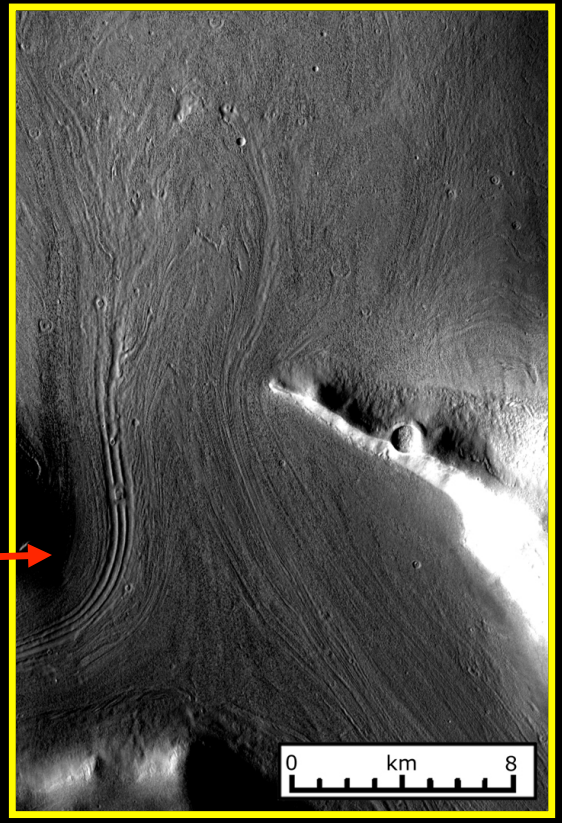
Noachian-Aged Crater at the Dichotomy Boundary



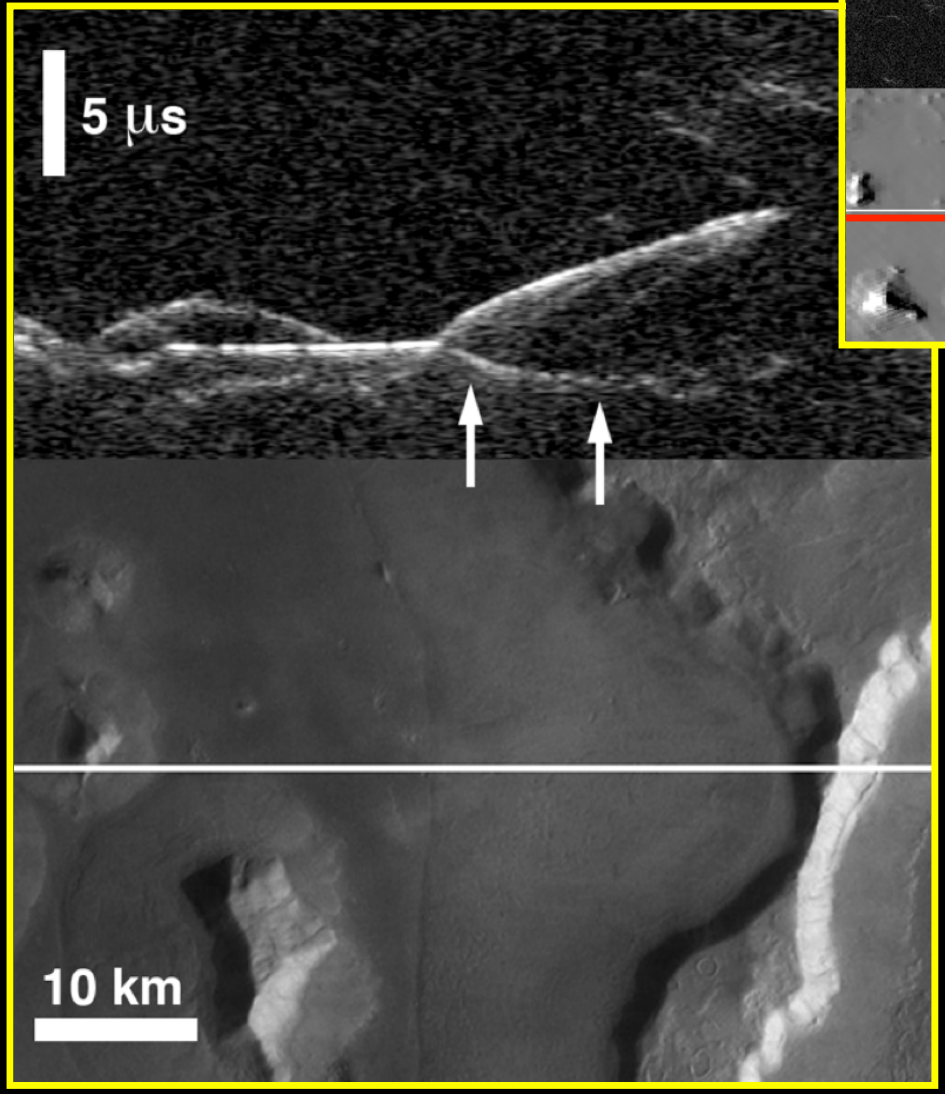
(Head and Marchant, 2006)

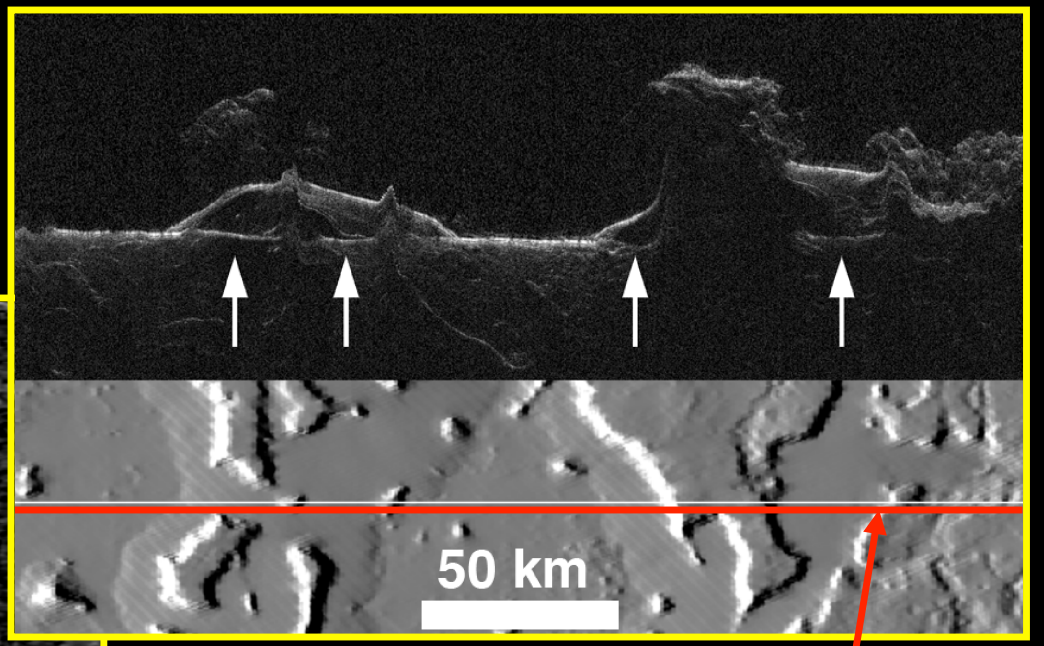


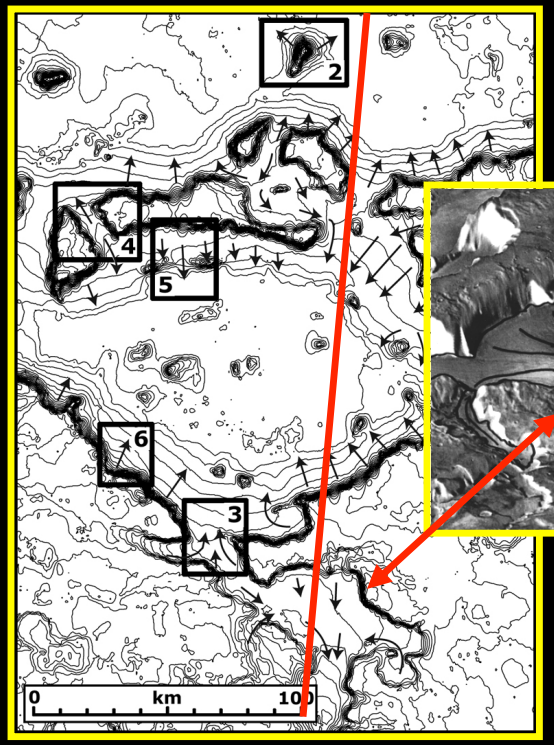


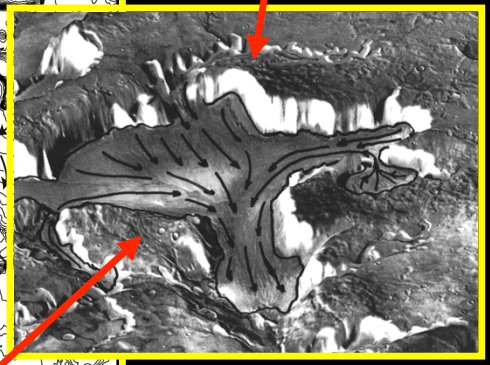


SHARAD Data on Lobate Debris Aprons / Lineated Valley Fill Show Presence of Nearly Pure Ice Buried Beneath Debris-Rich Sublimation Residue Layer.









(Plaut et al., 2008)
(Holt et al, 2007)

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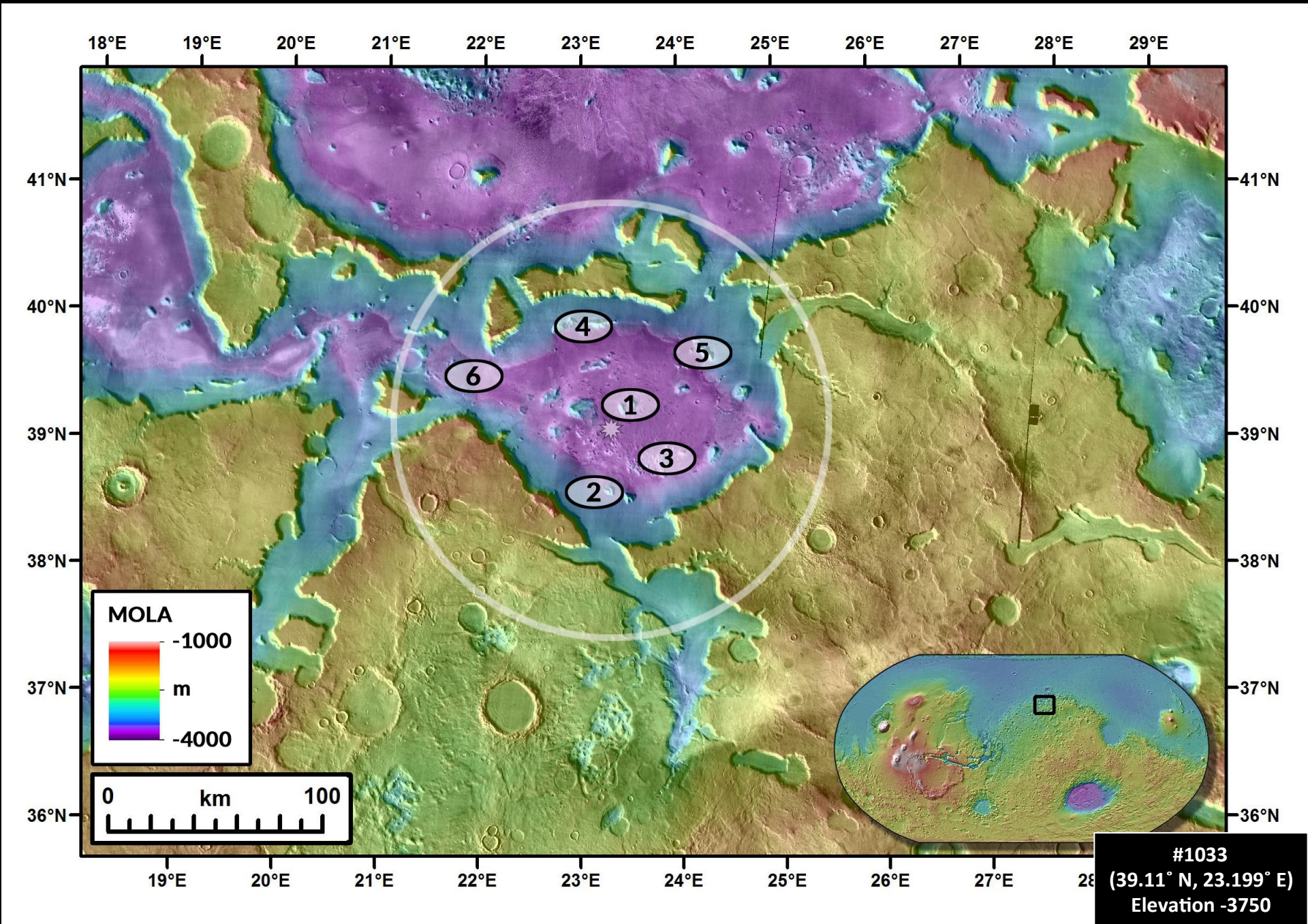
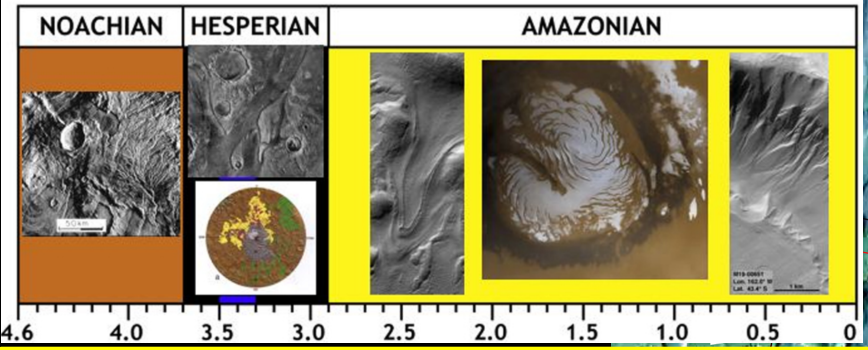
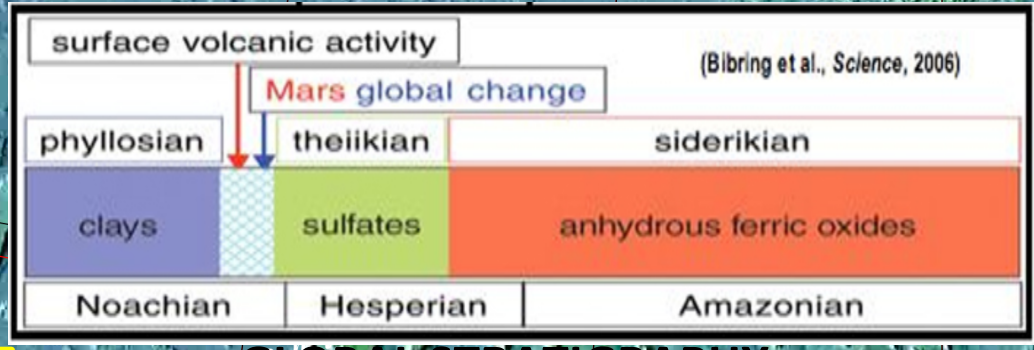
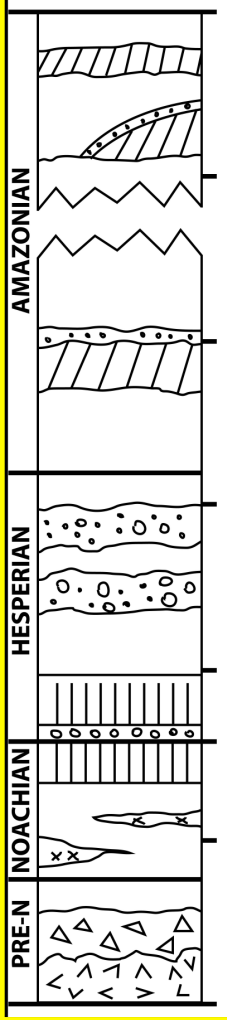






GEOLOGICAL HISTORY - DEUTERONILUS MENSAE REGION



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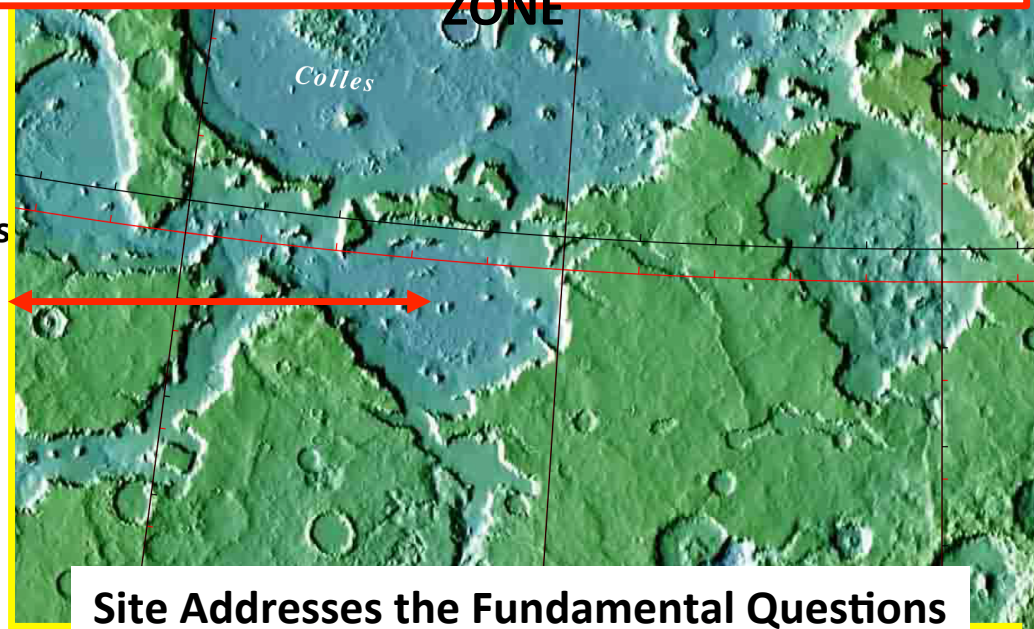
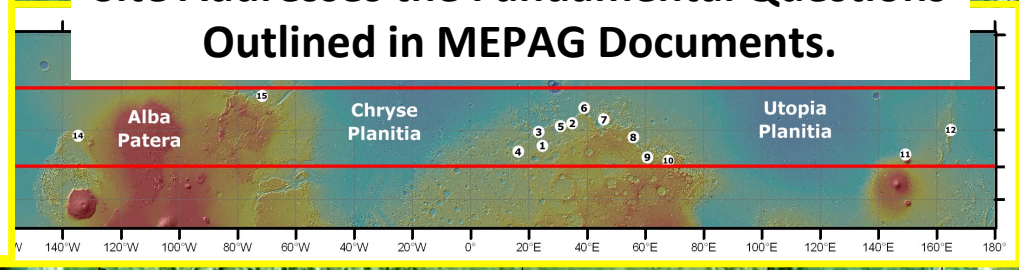
GLOBAL STRATIGRAPHY AT THE DICHOTOMY BOUNDARY DEUTERONILUS MENSAE EXPLORATION ZONE



Site Addresses the Fundamental Questions Outlined in MEPAG Documents.



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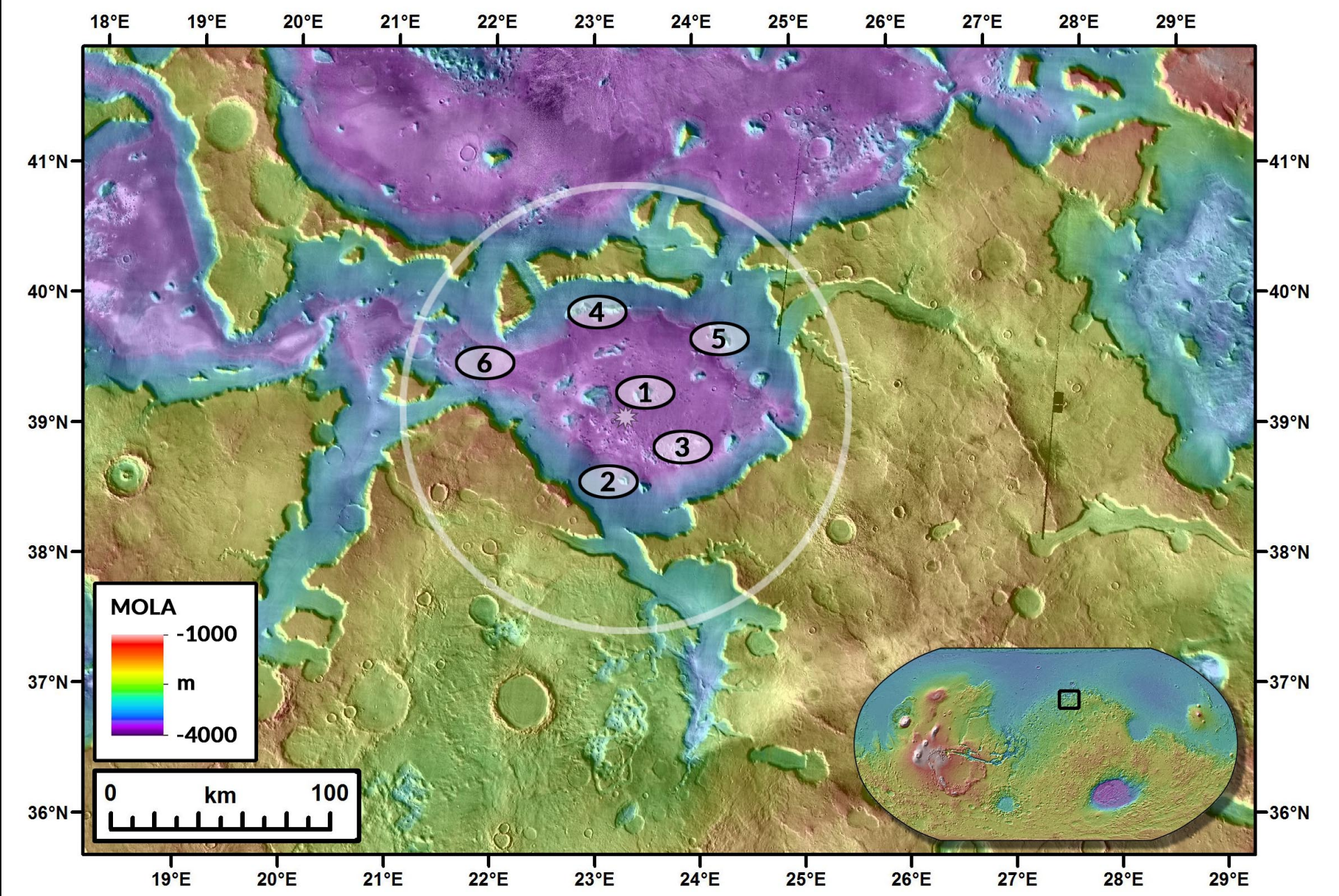

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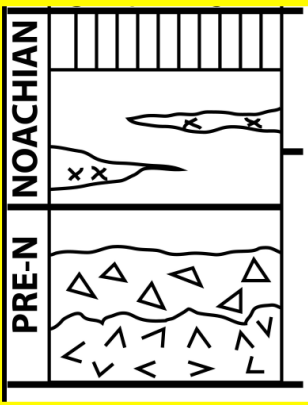

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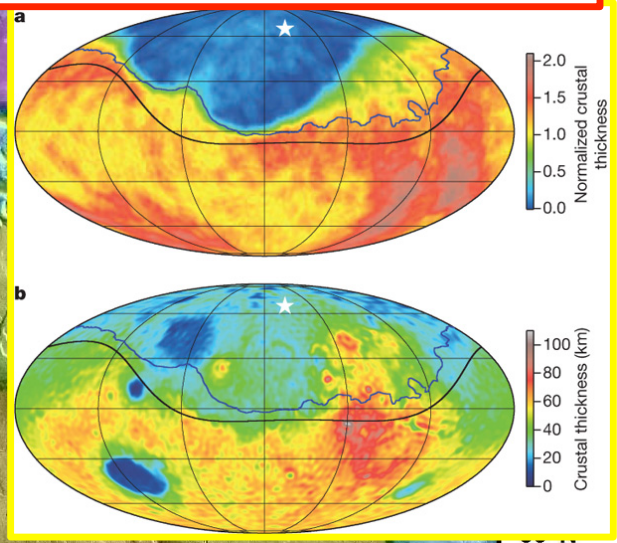
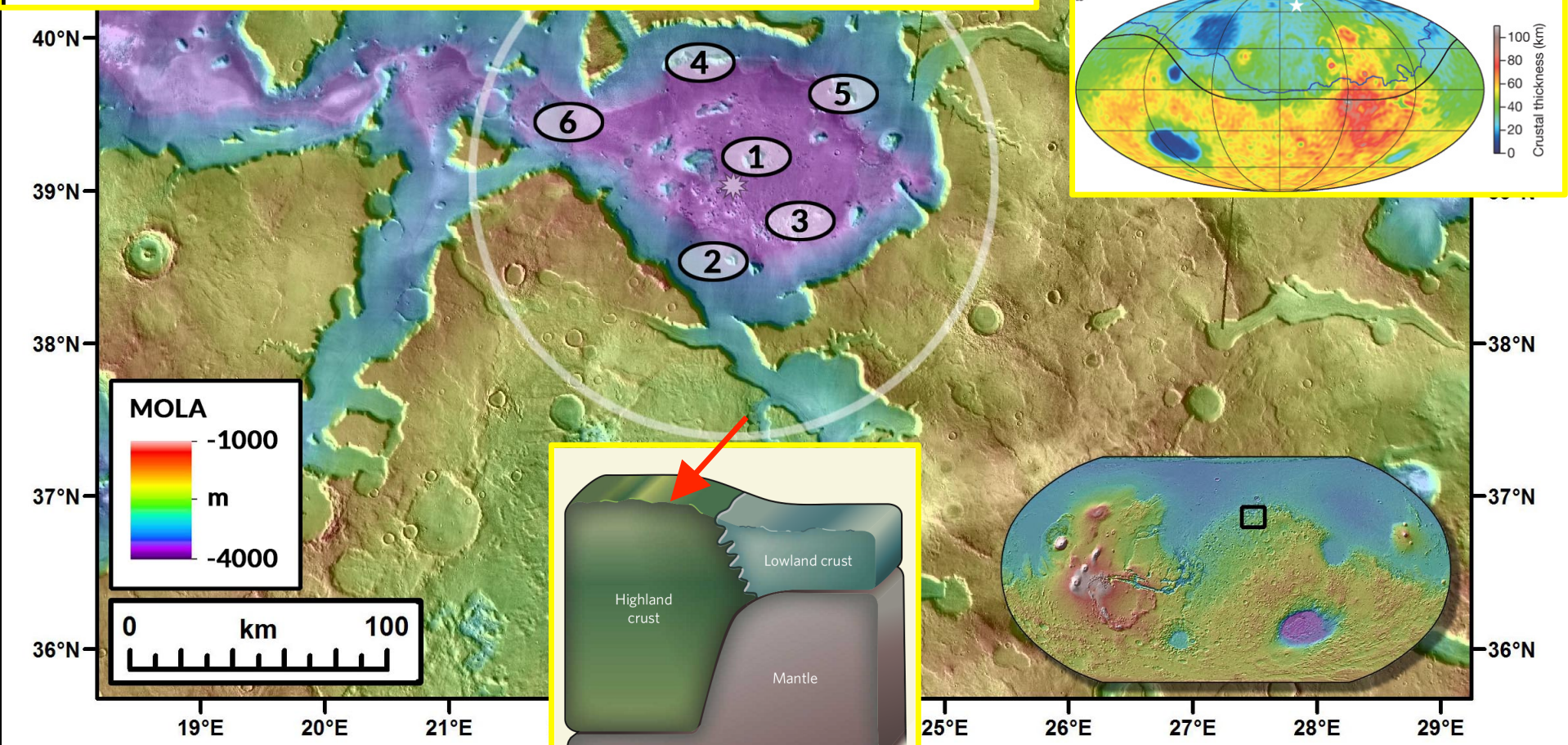
PreNoachian-Noachian Era





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4. Outflow Channels

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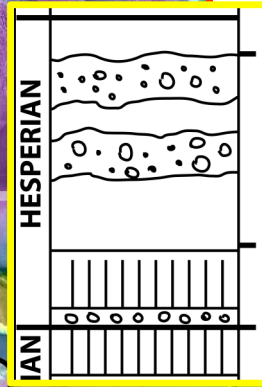
Late Noachian-Hesperian Era



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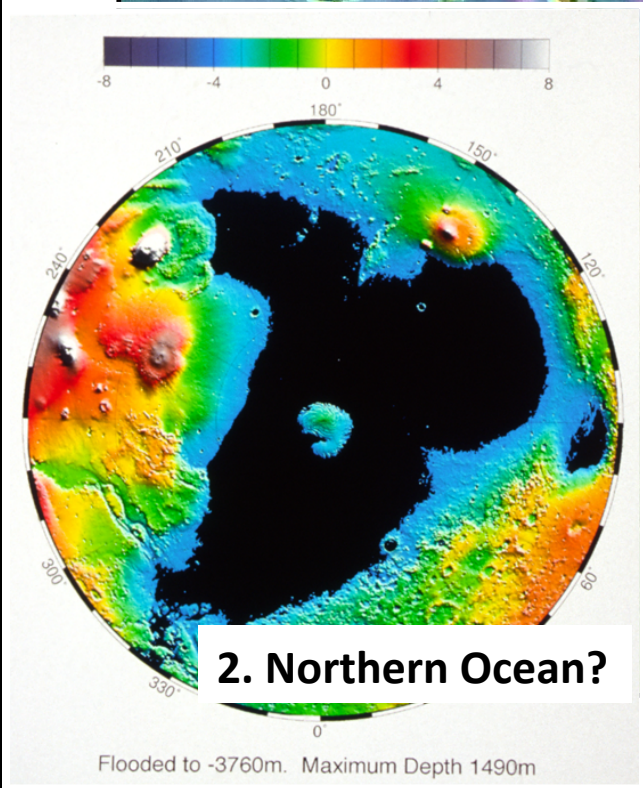

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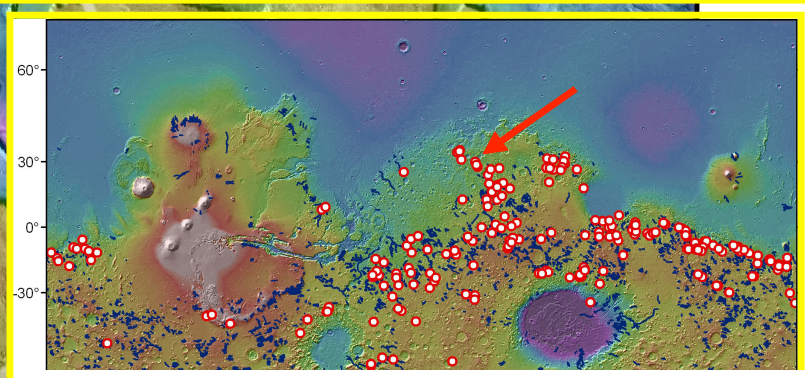

1. Valley Networks-Open Basin Lakes

3. Vast Volcanic Plains

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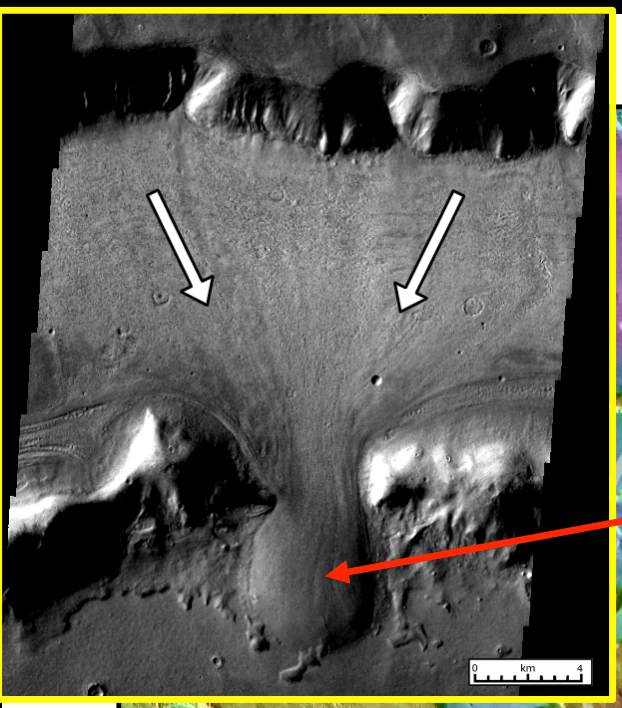

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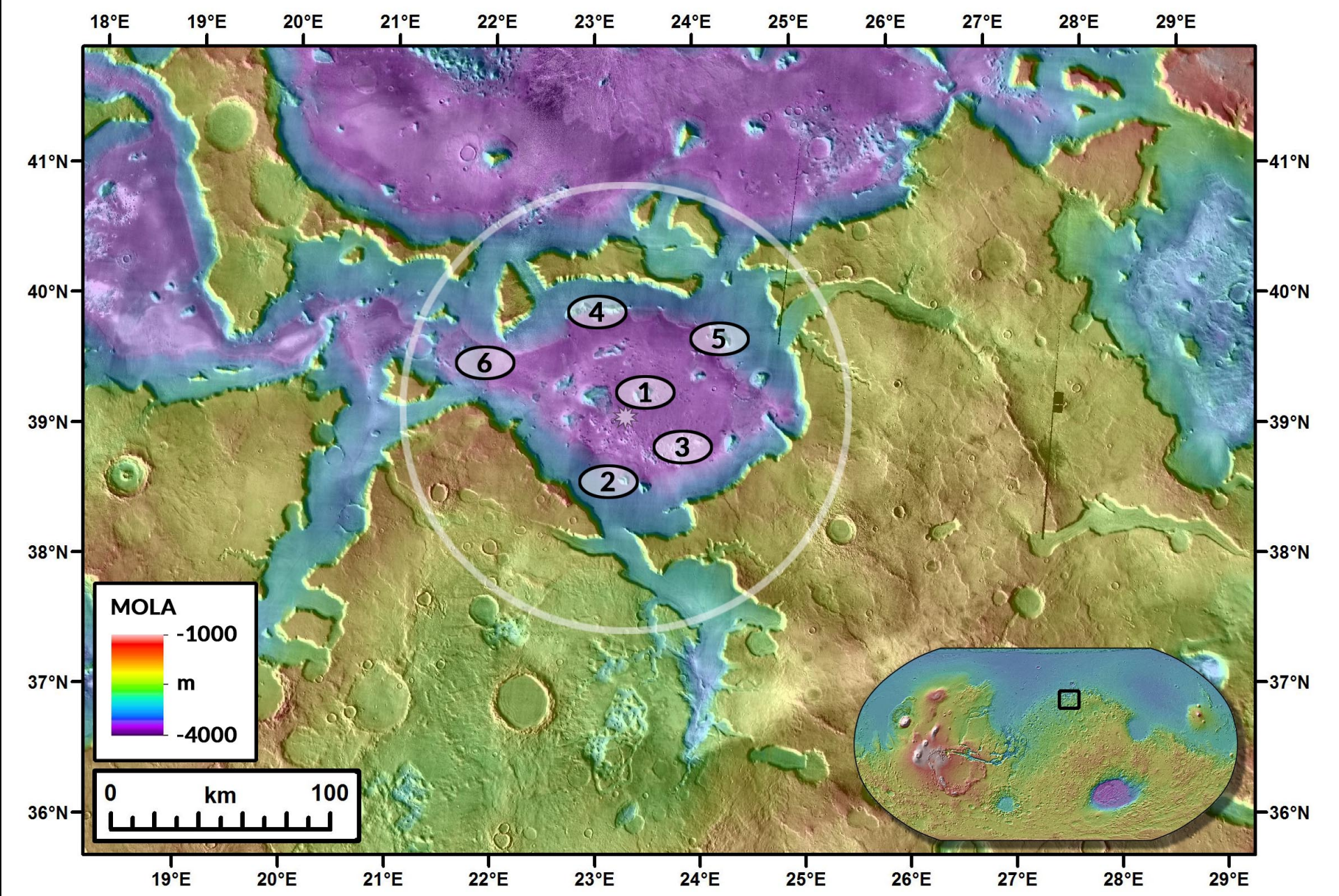
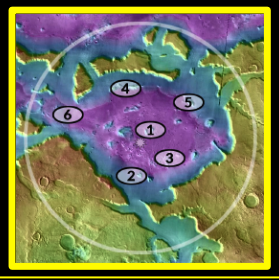
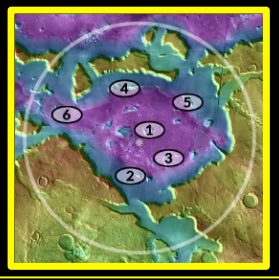




Deuteronilus Exploration Zone Science-Resource ROIs



- **Science-Resource ROI 1:** Located nearby the landing site, this ROI is represented by the Noachian-aged crater central peak, uplifting and exposing deeper crustal material, and by LDM fragments that expose the climate record and are a potential water resource.
- **Science-Resource ROI 2:** Base of the LDA with water ice resources at shallow depths and a rock material suite that will include samples brought from the broader region to the south.
- **Science-Resource ROI 3:** Extensive flat-lying LDM several tens of meters thick, containing an Amazonian climate record and nearly pure ice intercalated with ice-cemented debris.
- **Science-Resource ROI 4:** Distinctive LDA protruding through ridge representing potential peak ring of Noachian-aged crater. Access to water ice in near subsurface and suite of samples from terrain to the north.
- **Science-Resource ROI 5:** Ridge representing potential peak ring of Noachian-aged crater; LDA banked behind with LDA lobes on both sides of the outcrop of ancient crustal material.
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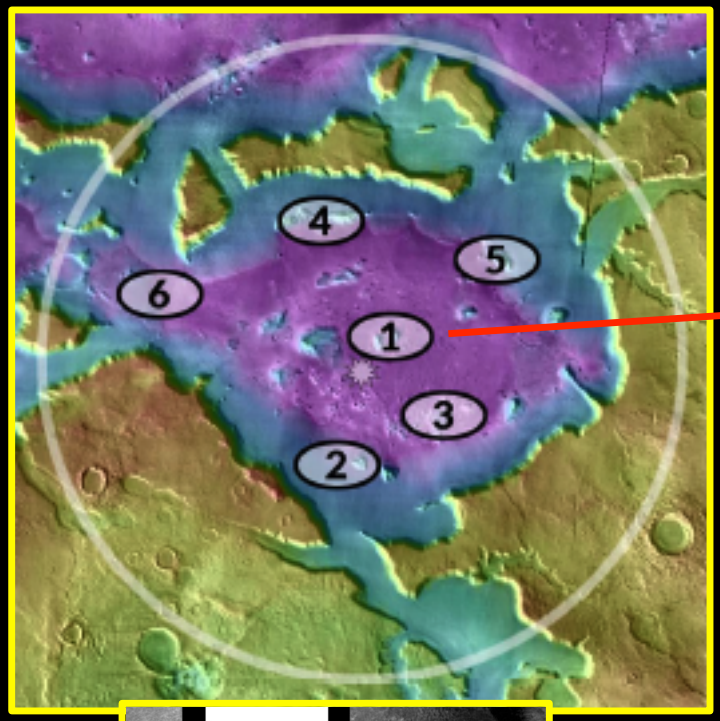

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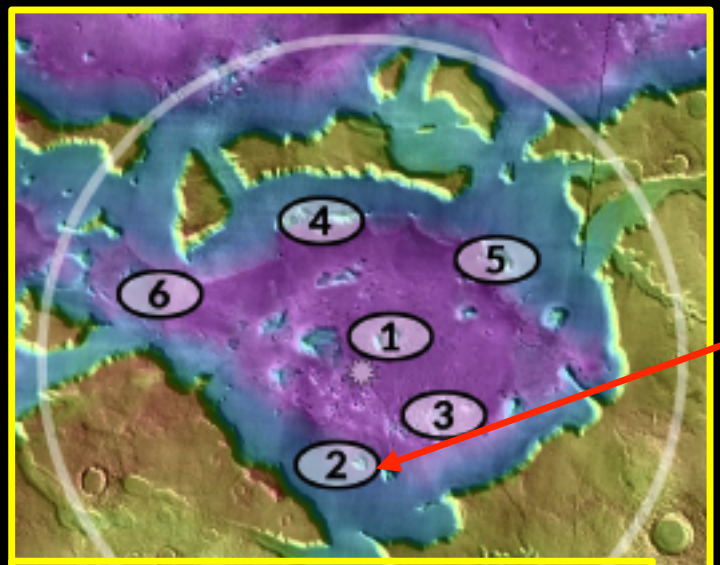

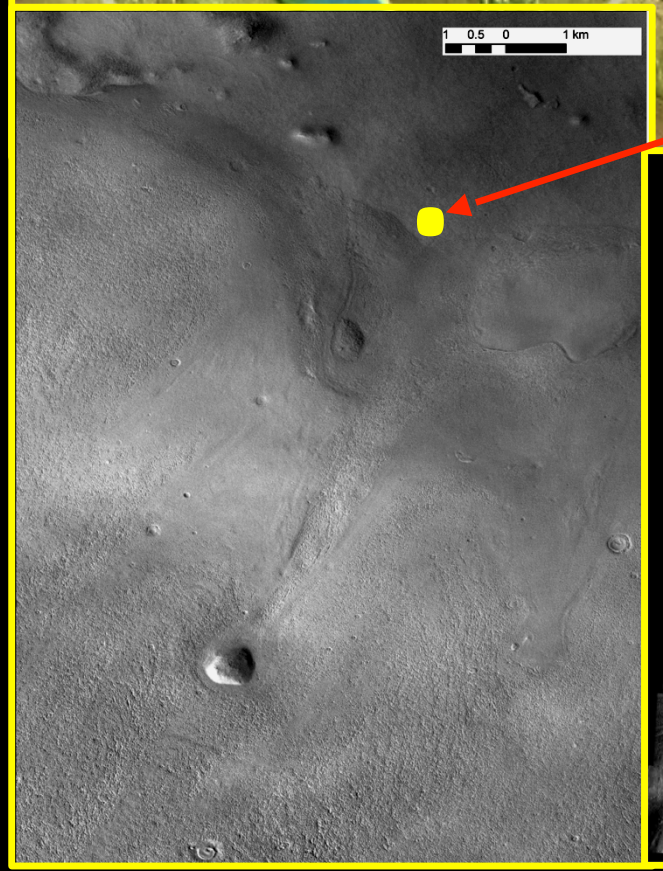

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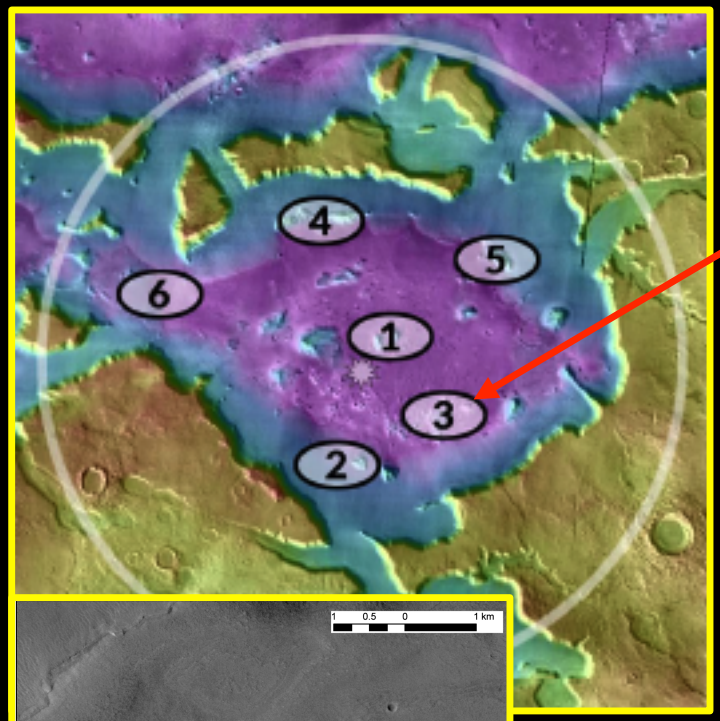

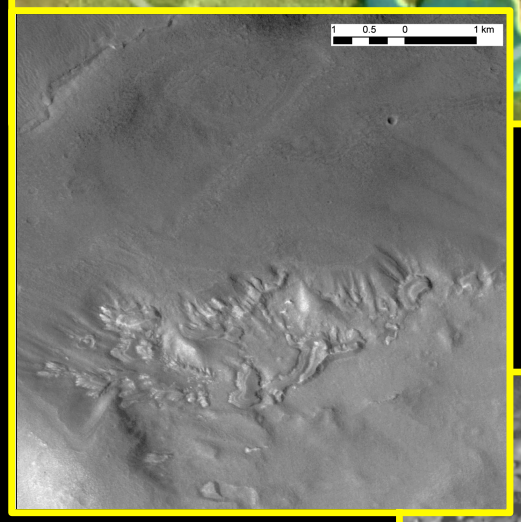

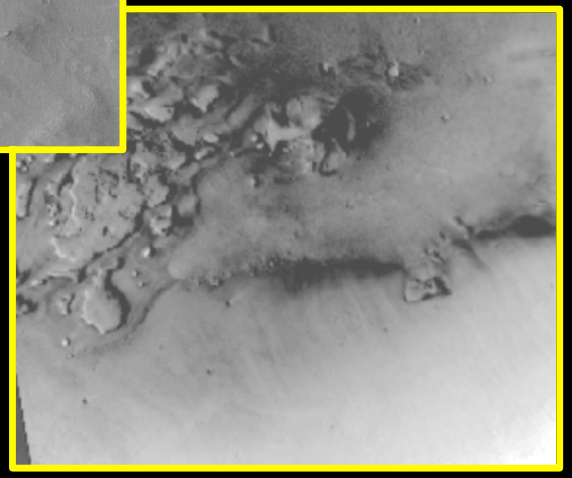

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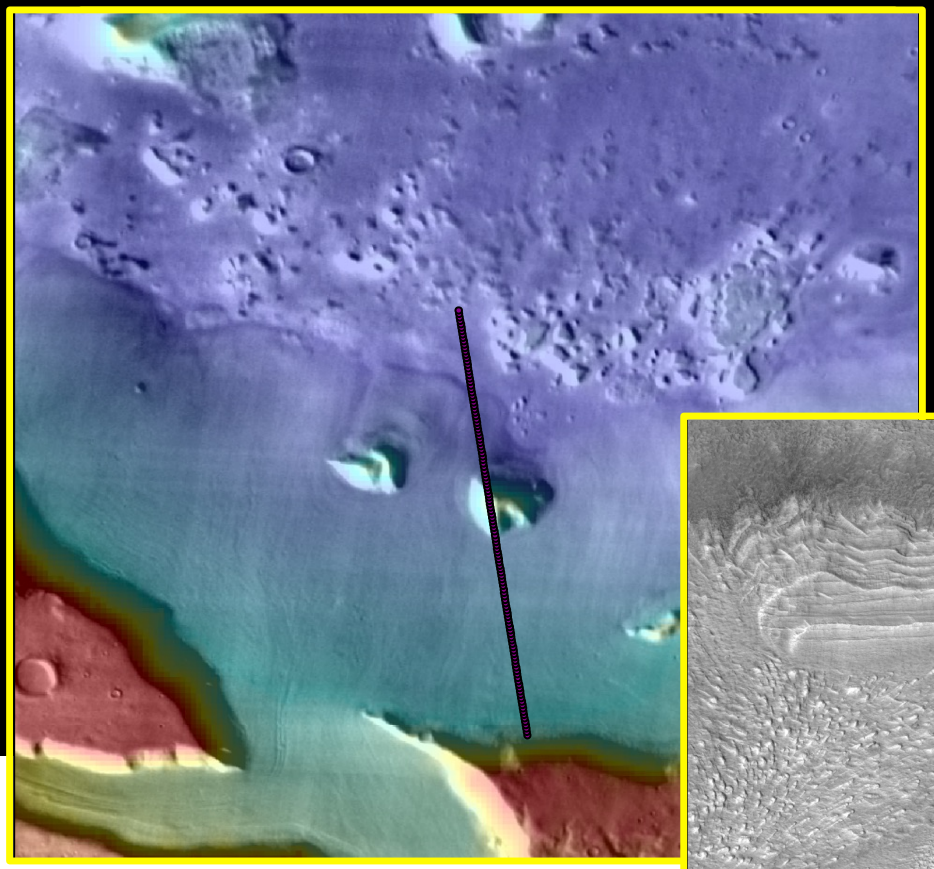

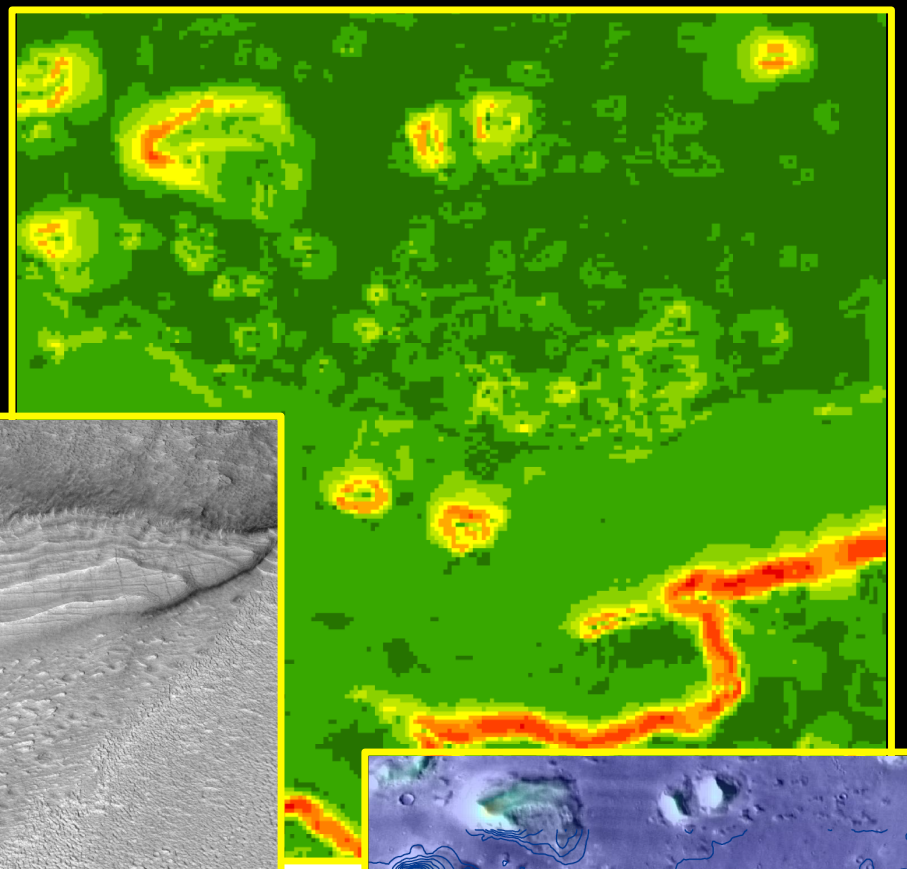


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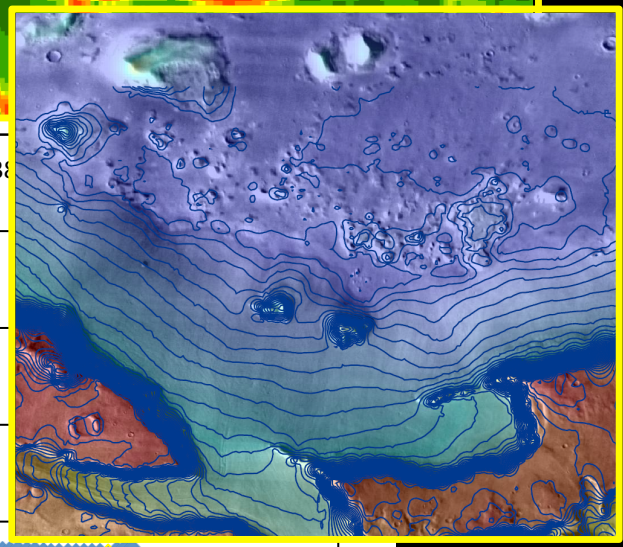

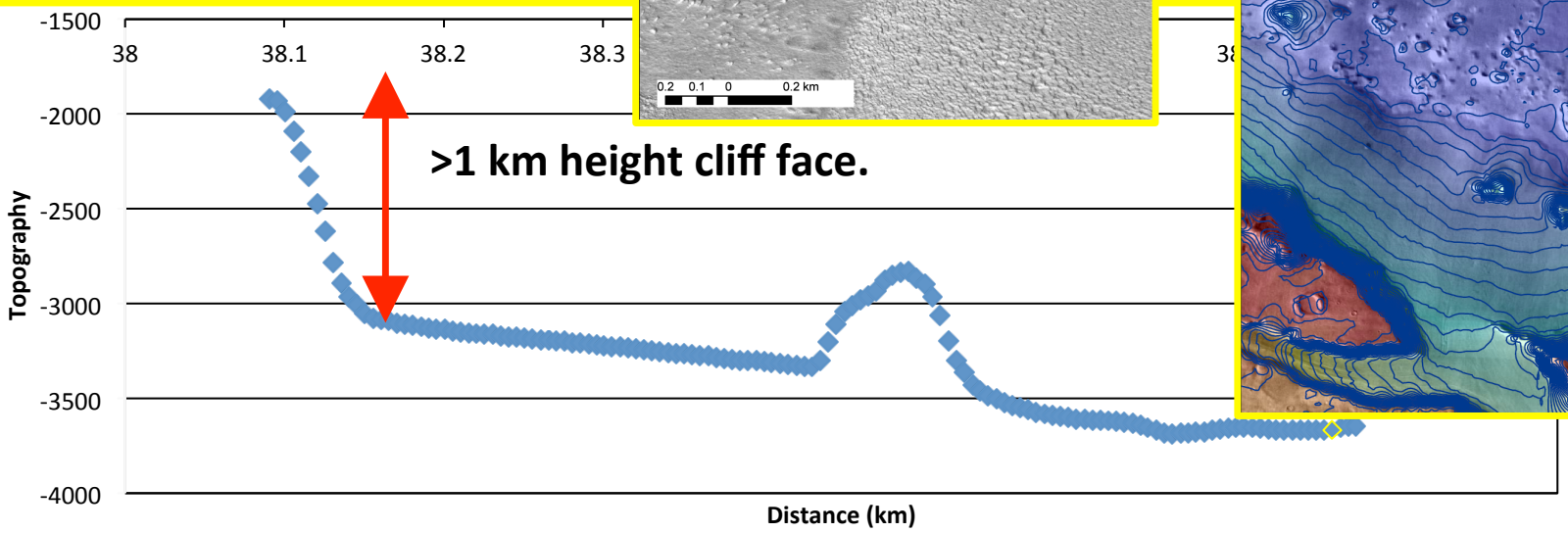
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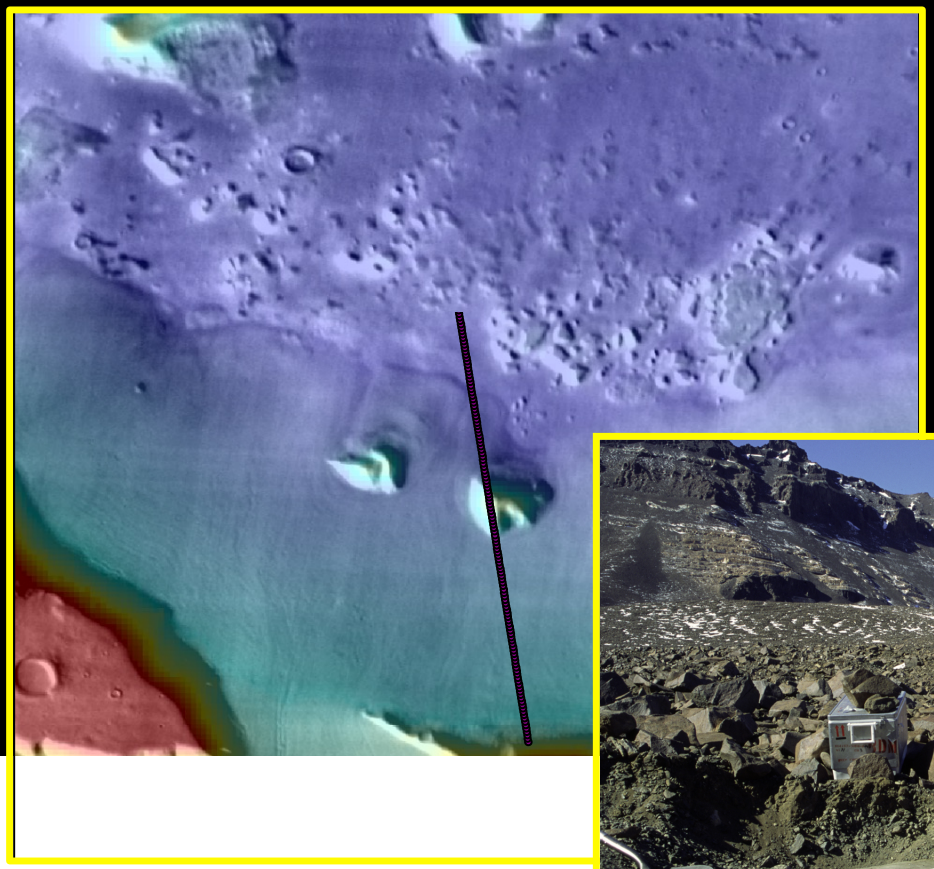

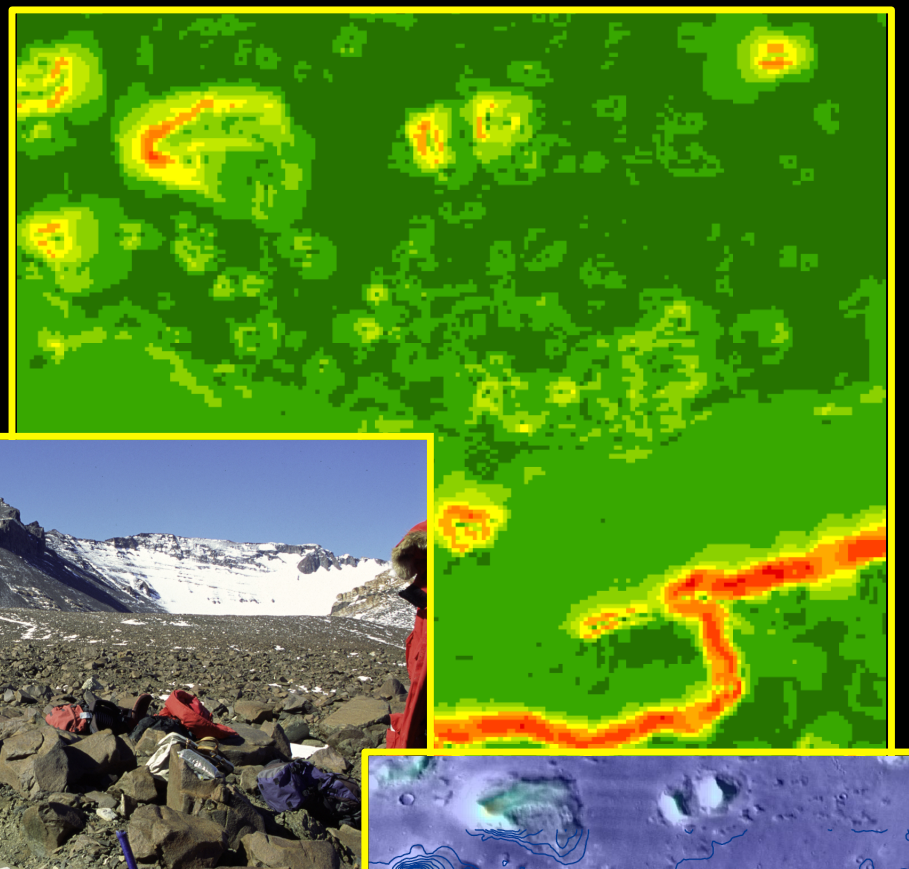

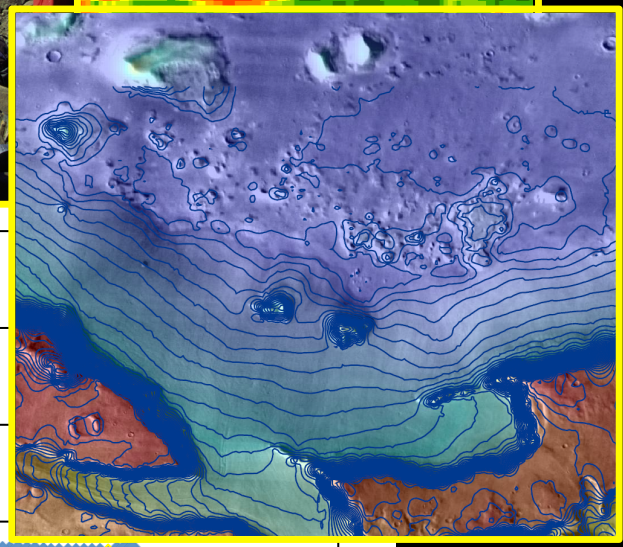

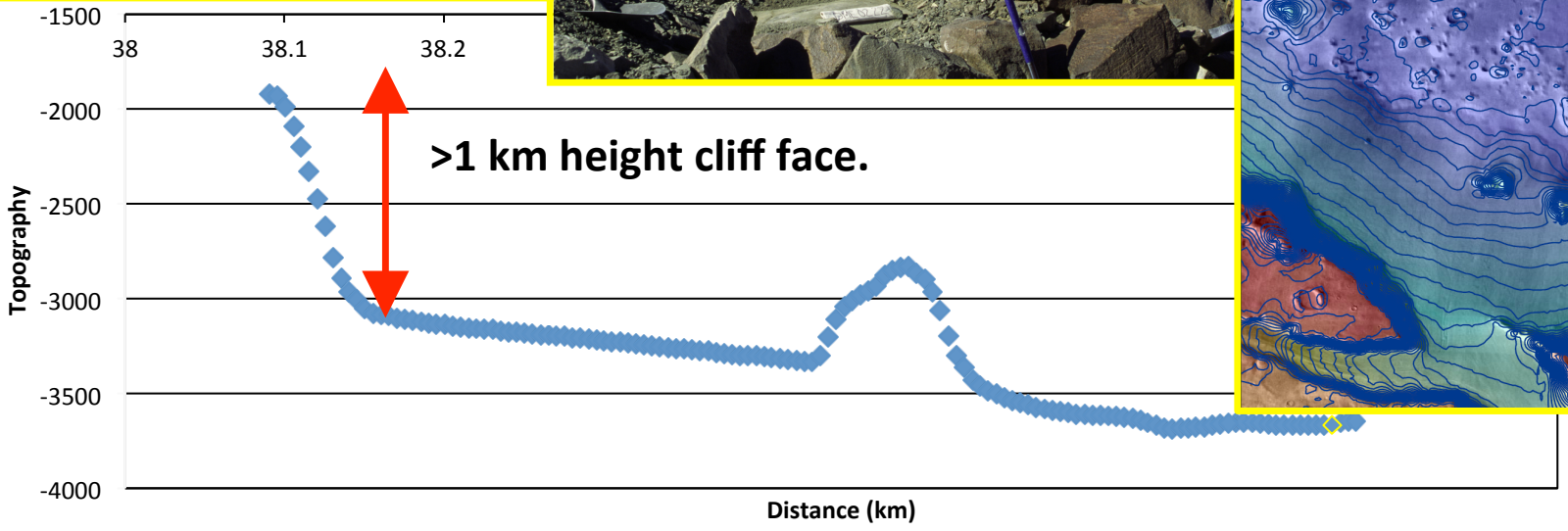
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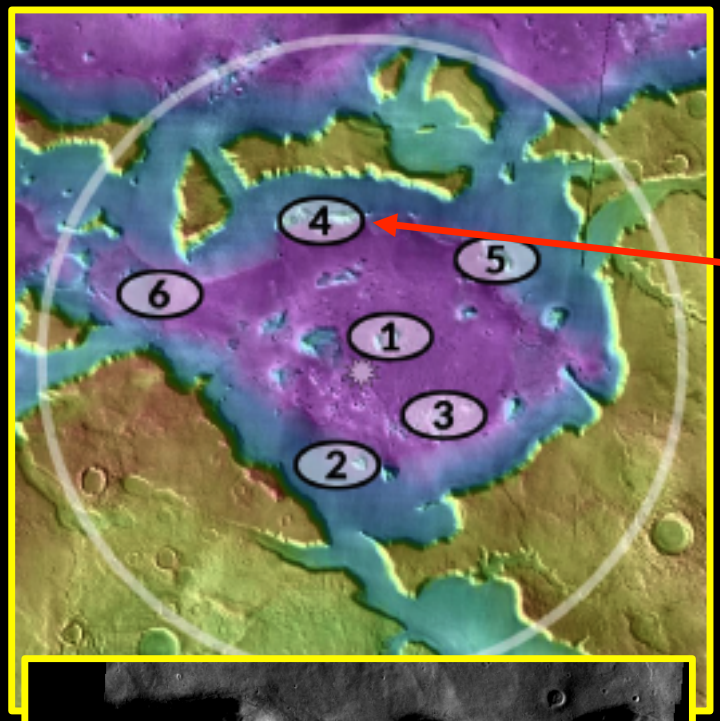

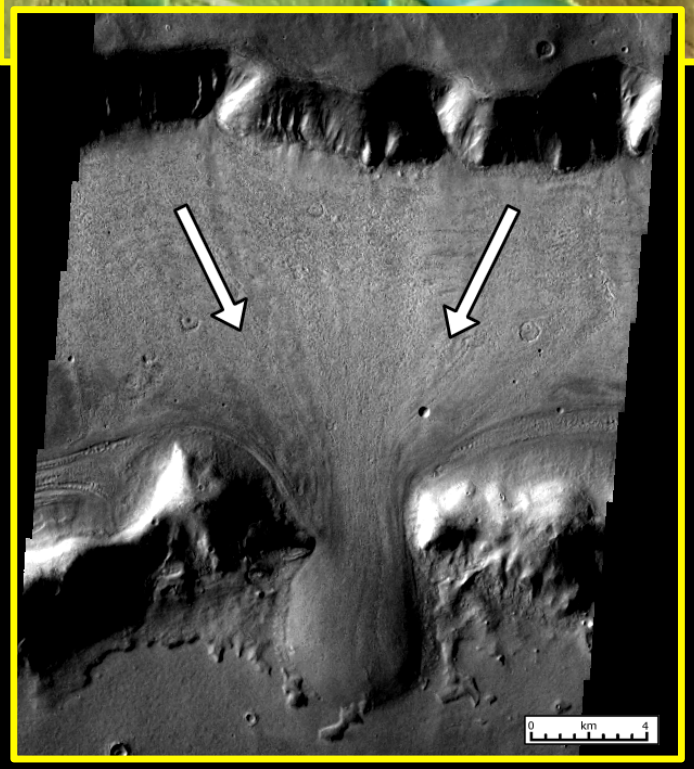

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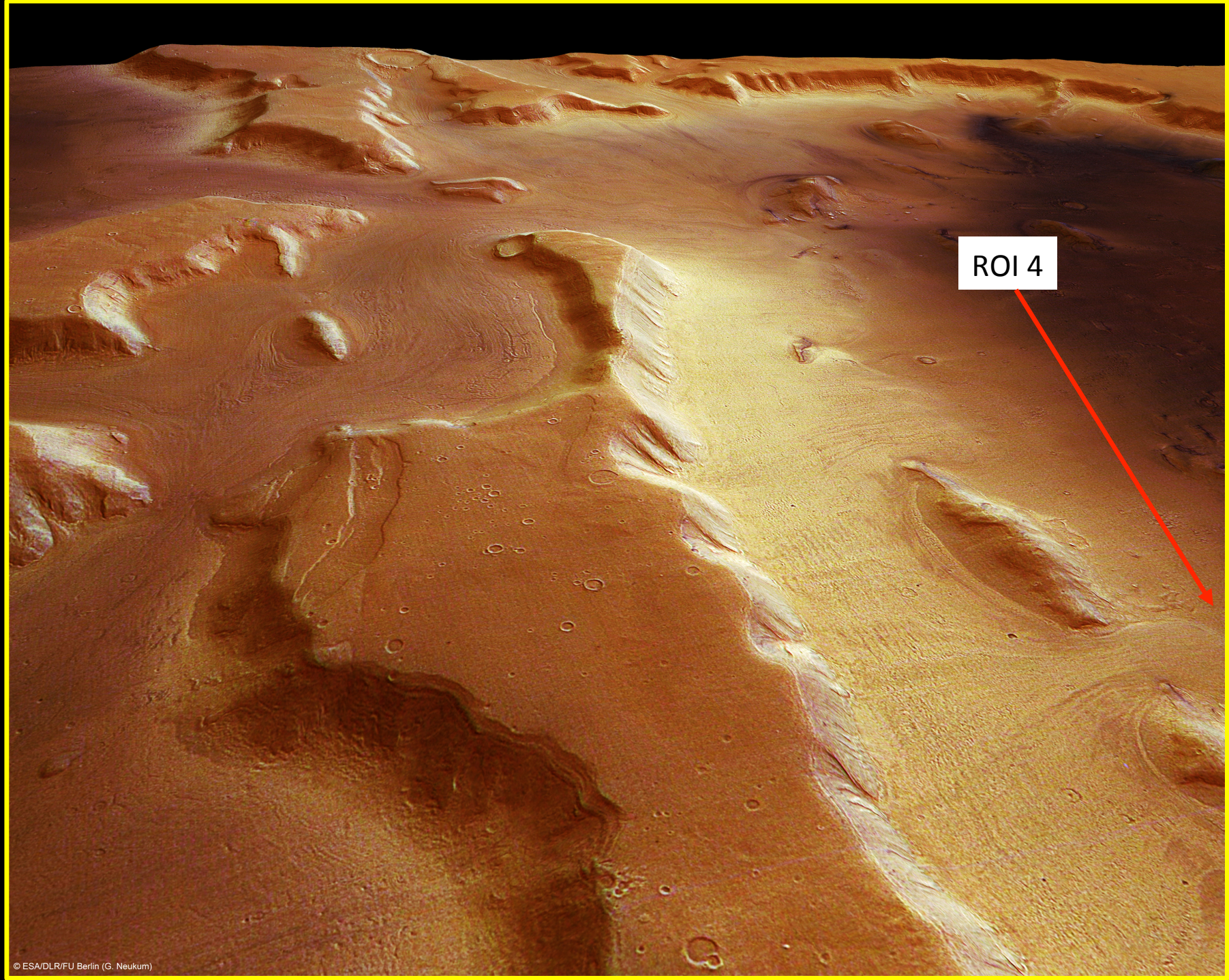

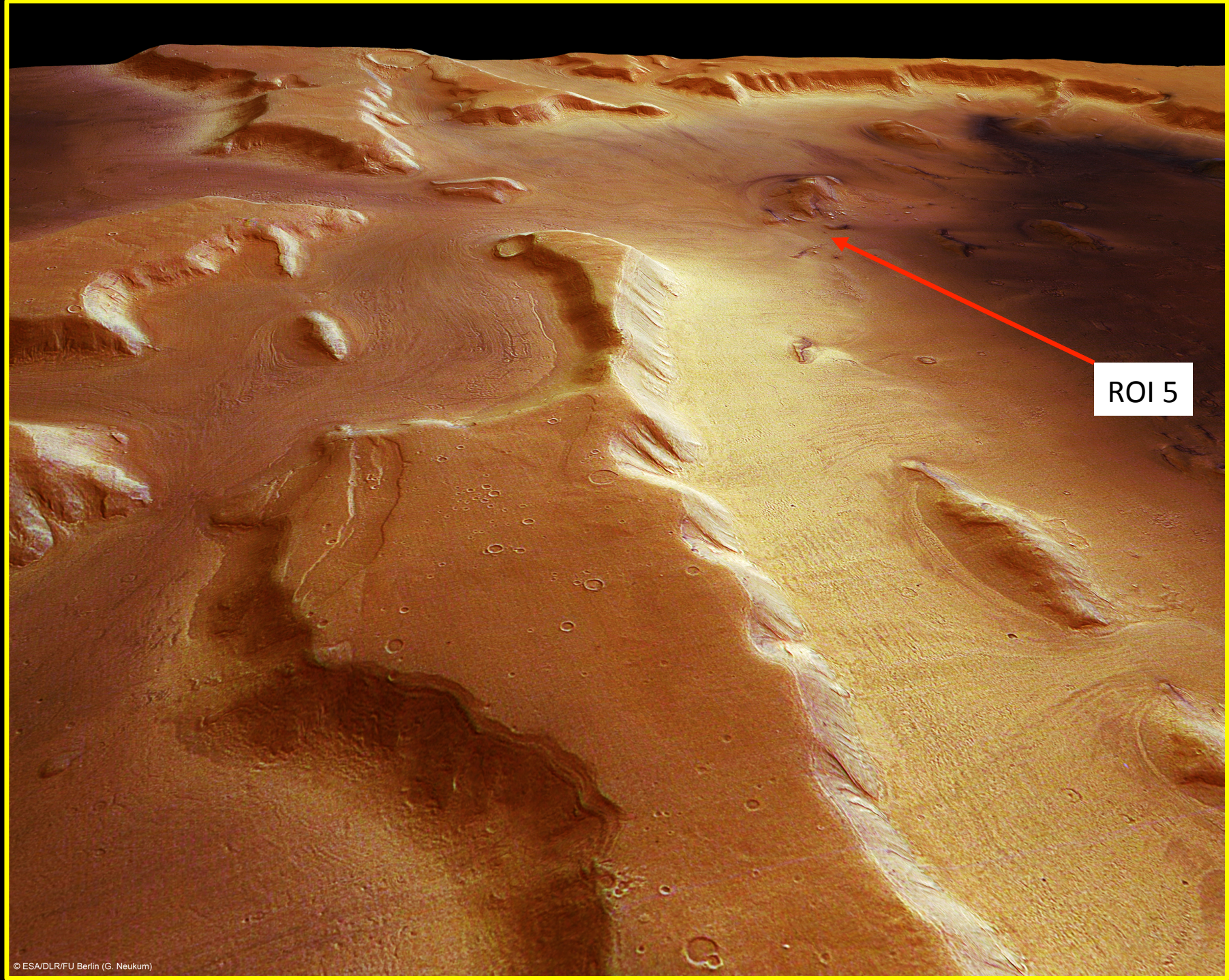

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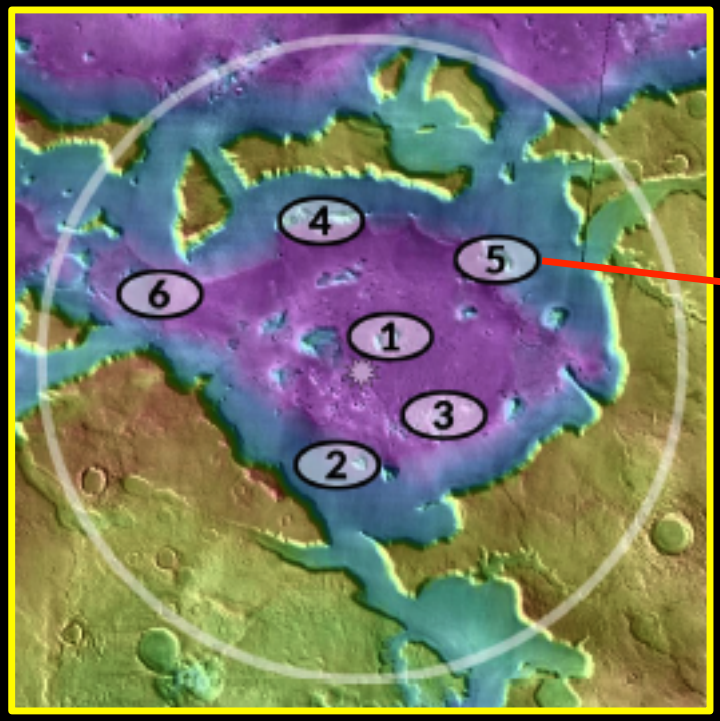

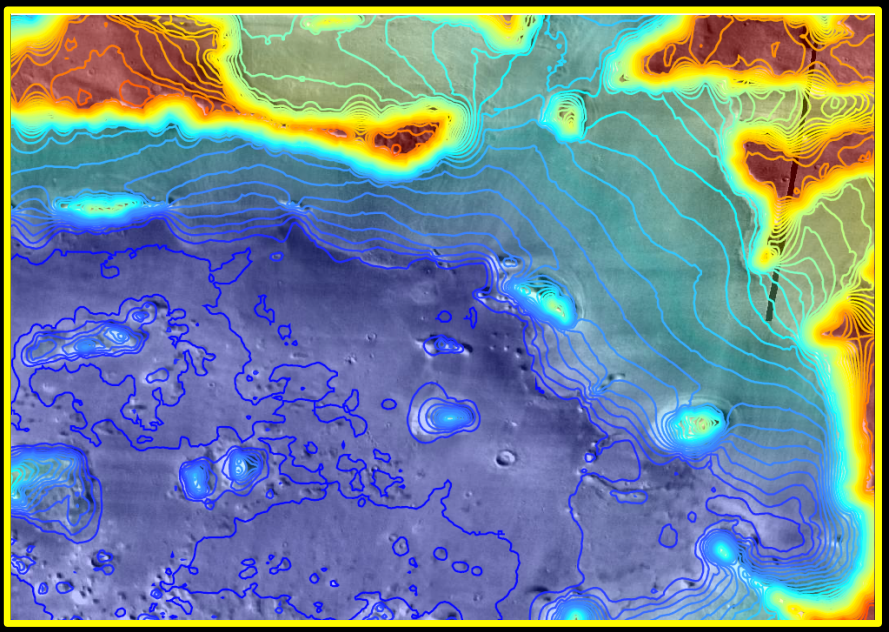

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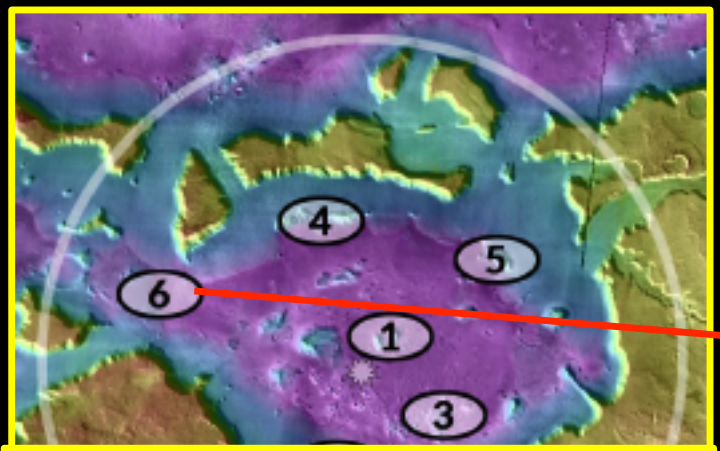

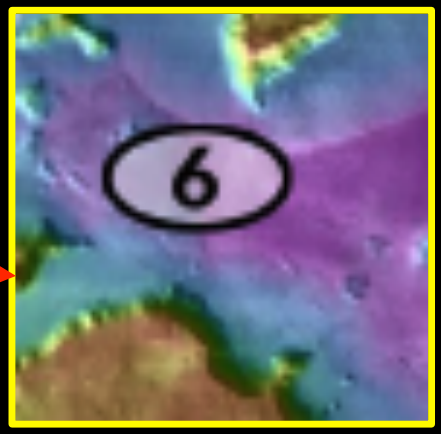

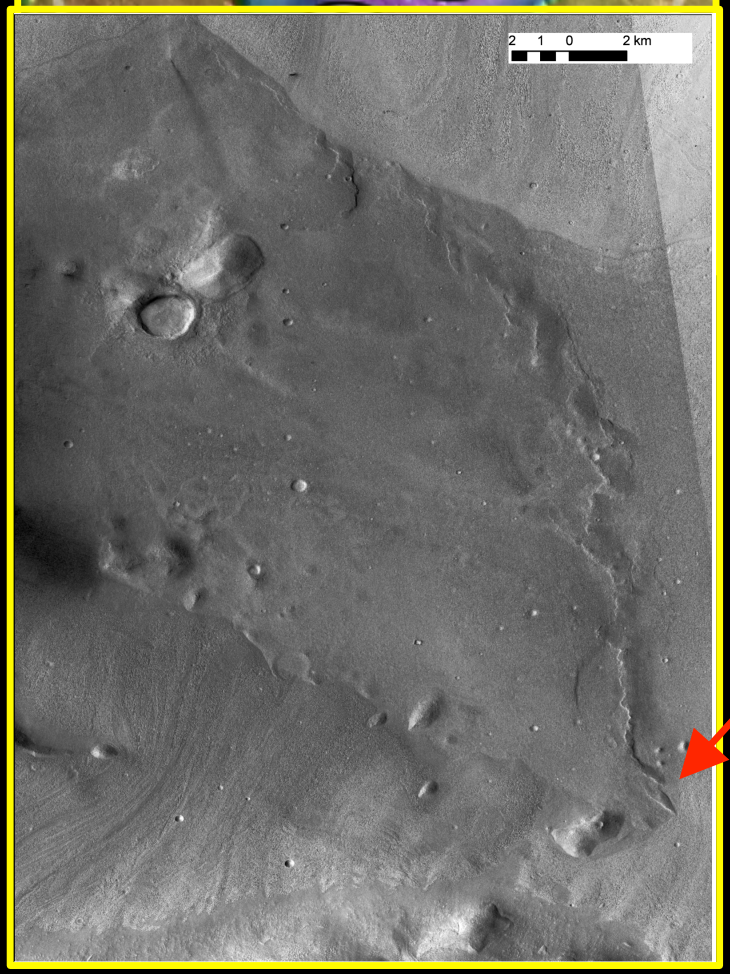

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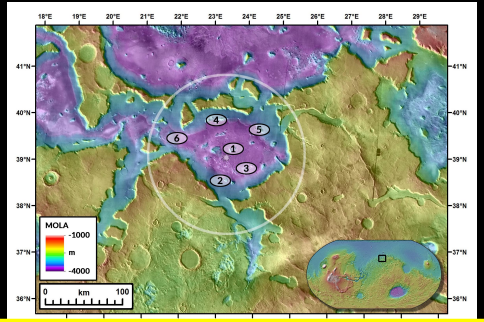

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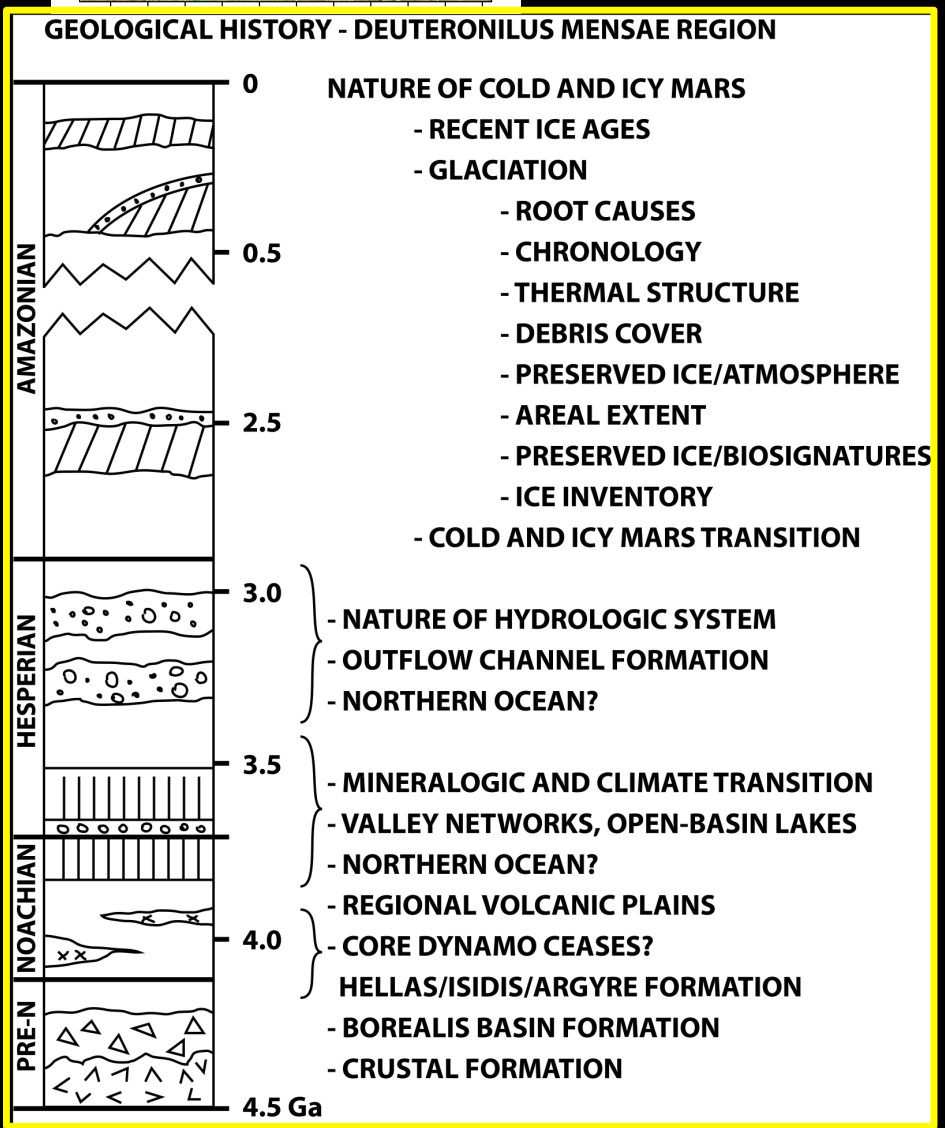

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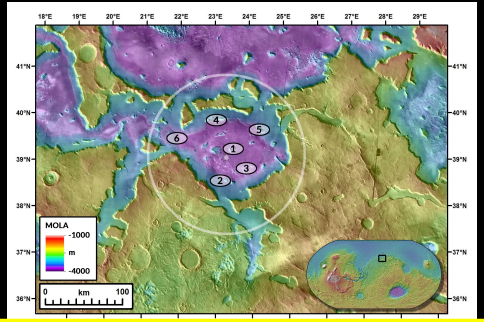

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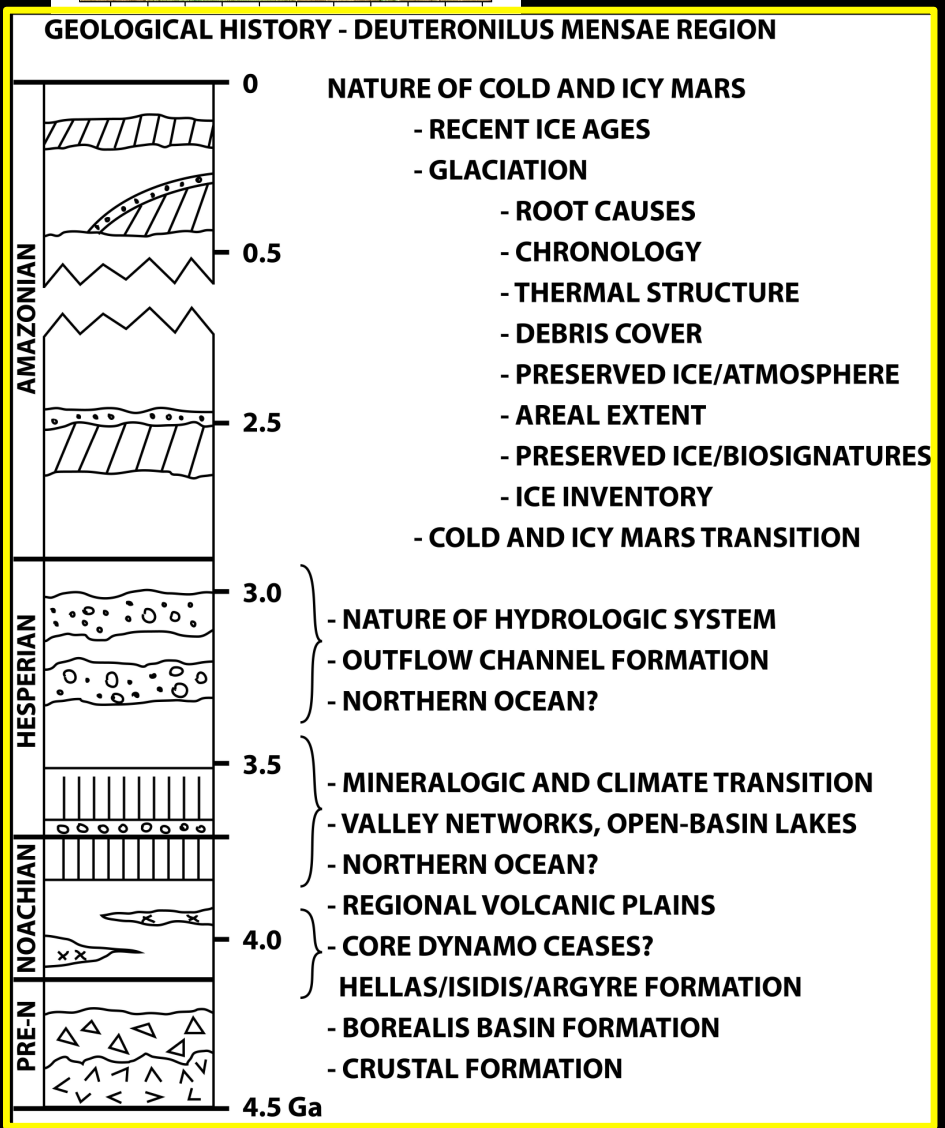

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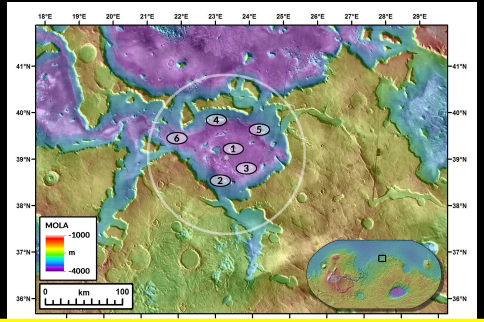

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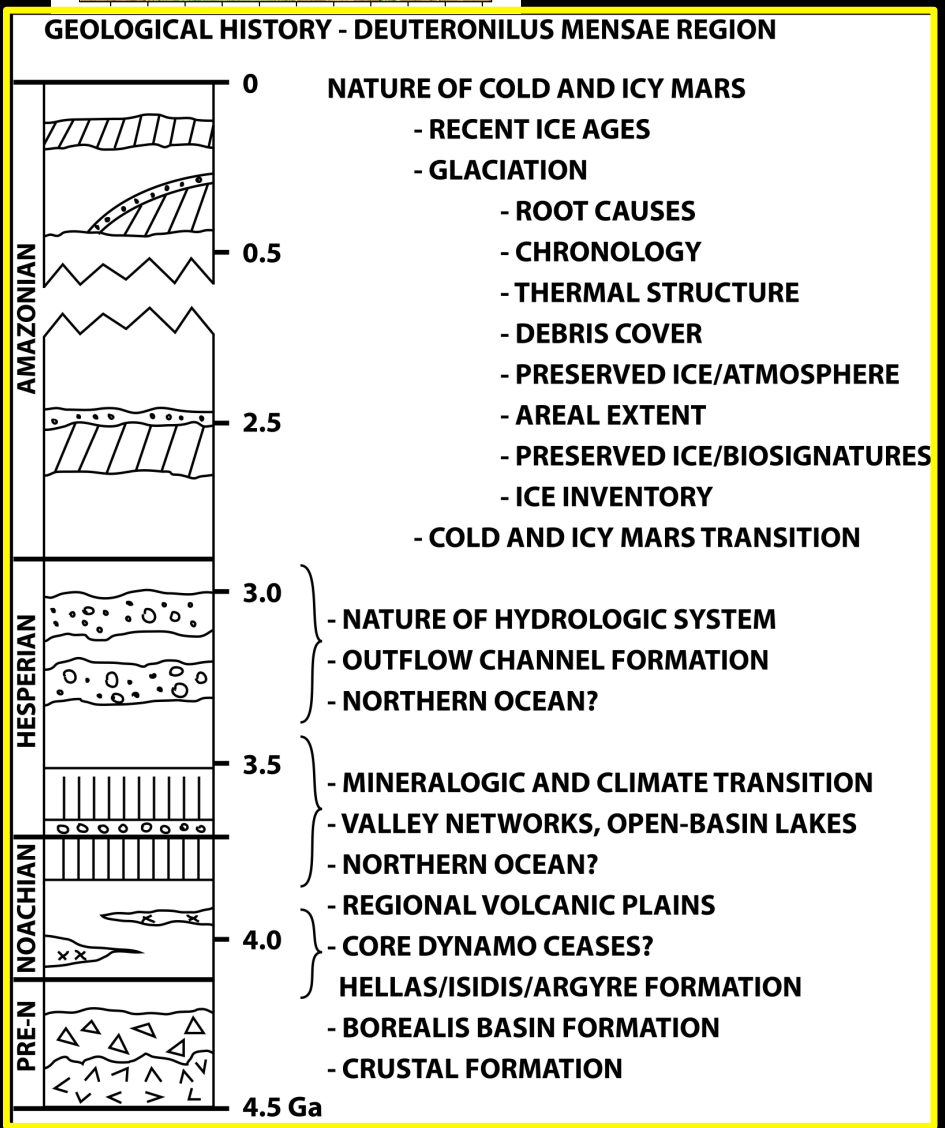

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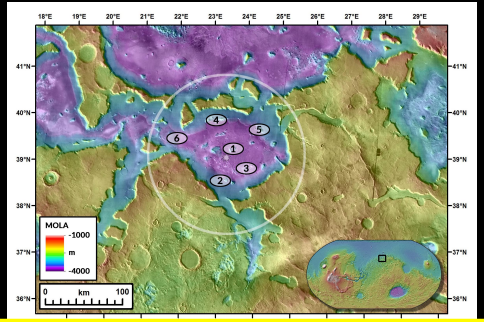

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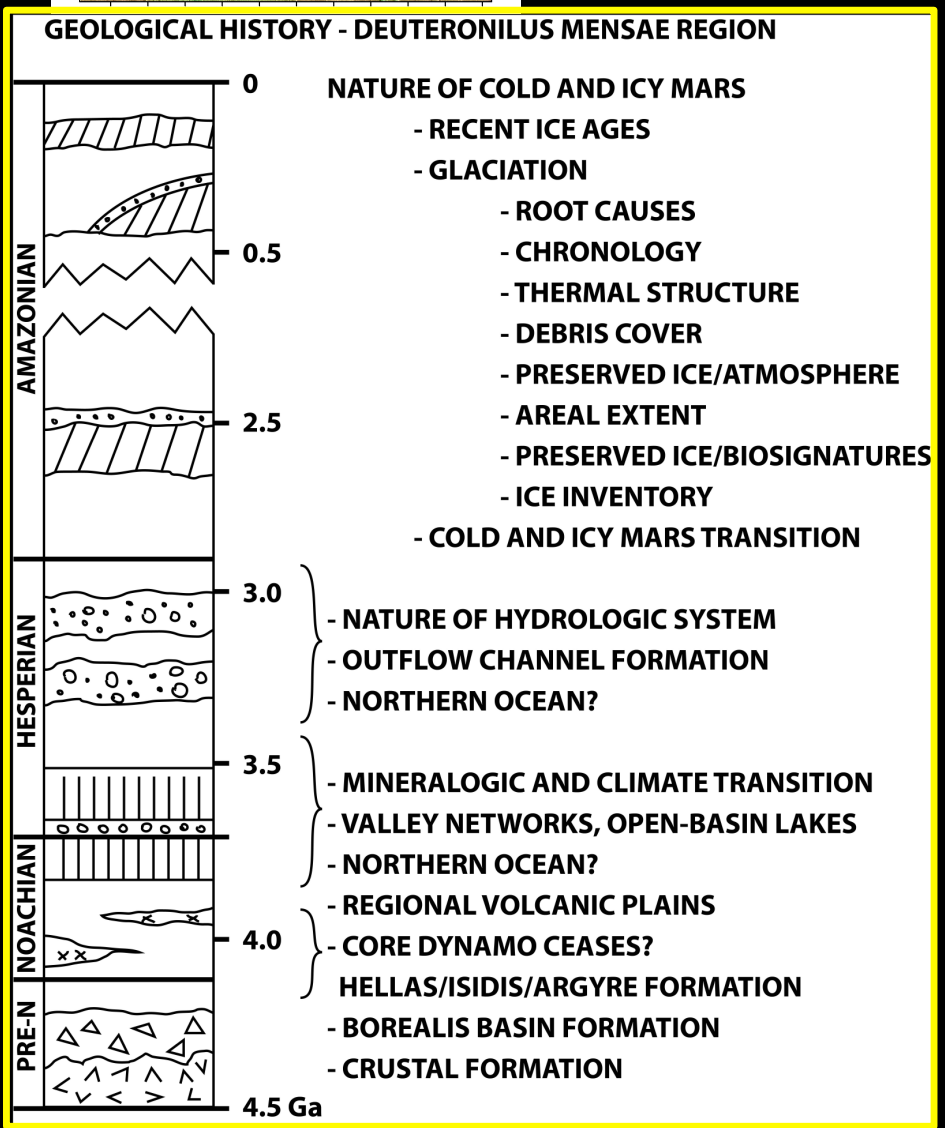

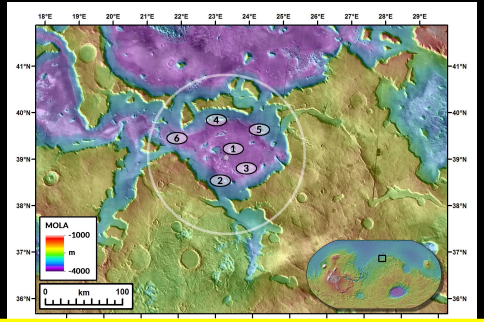

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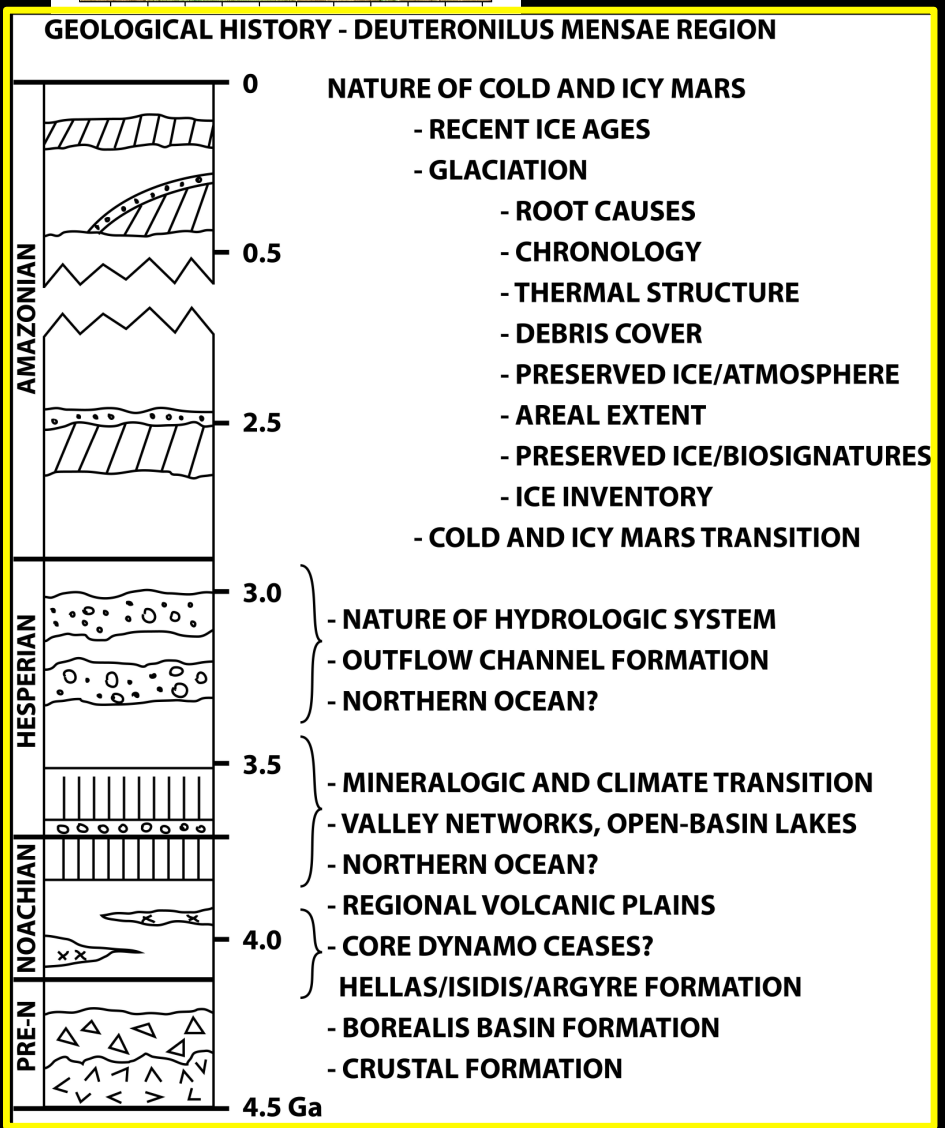

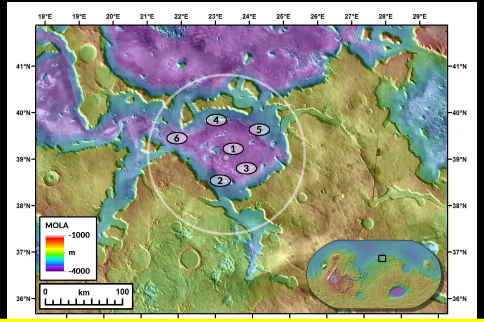

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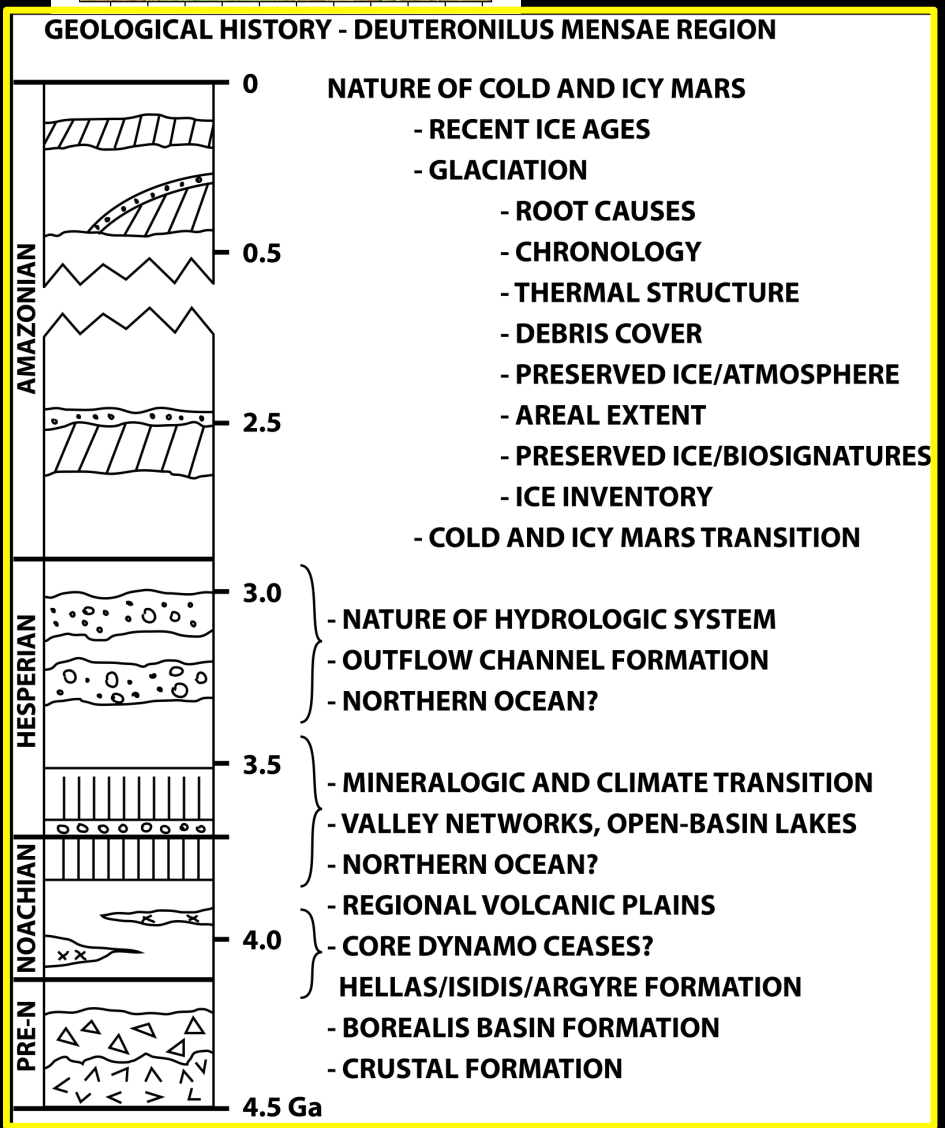

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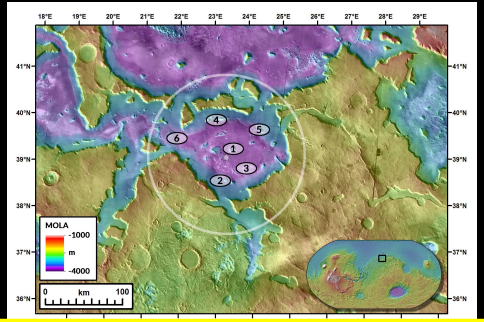

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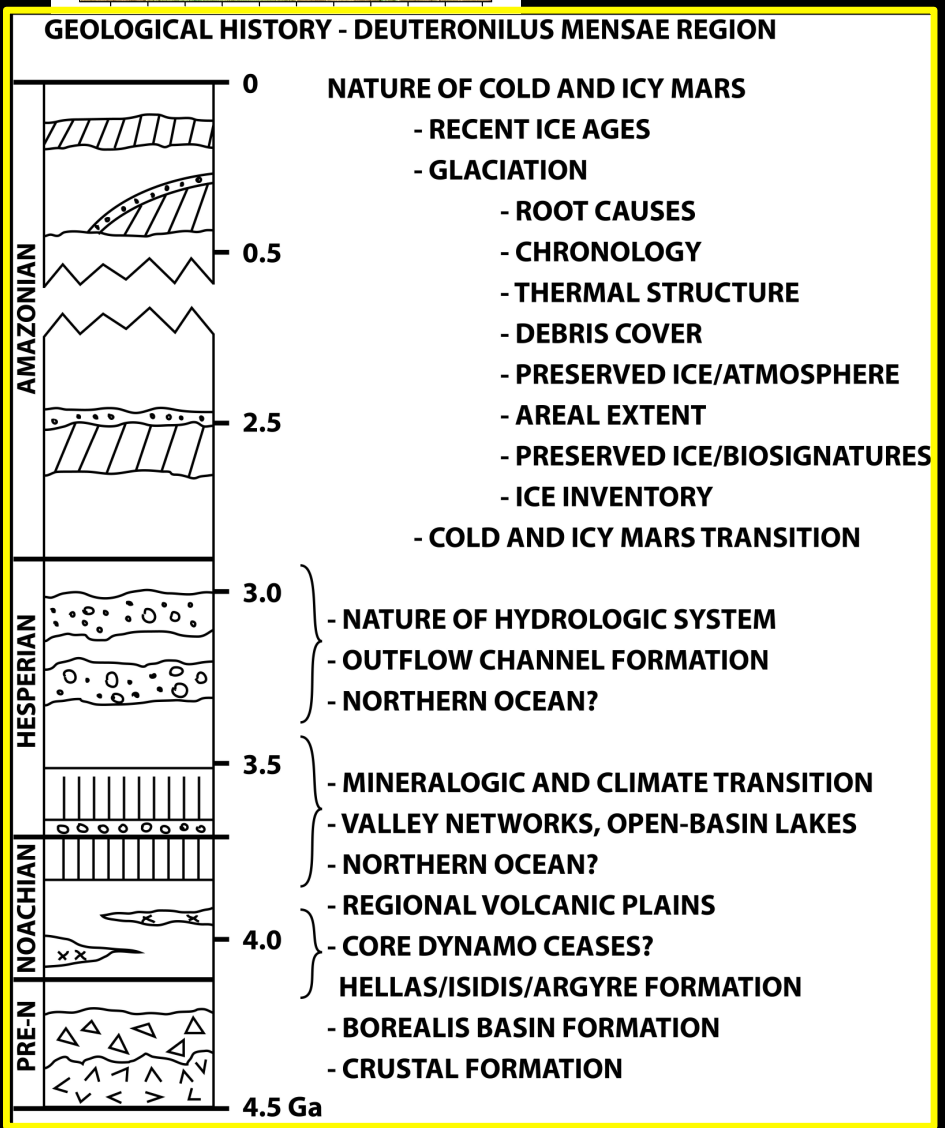

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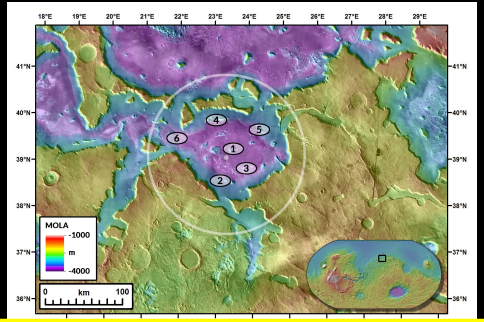

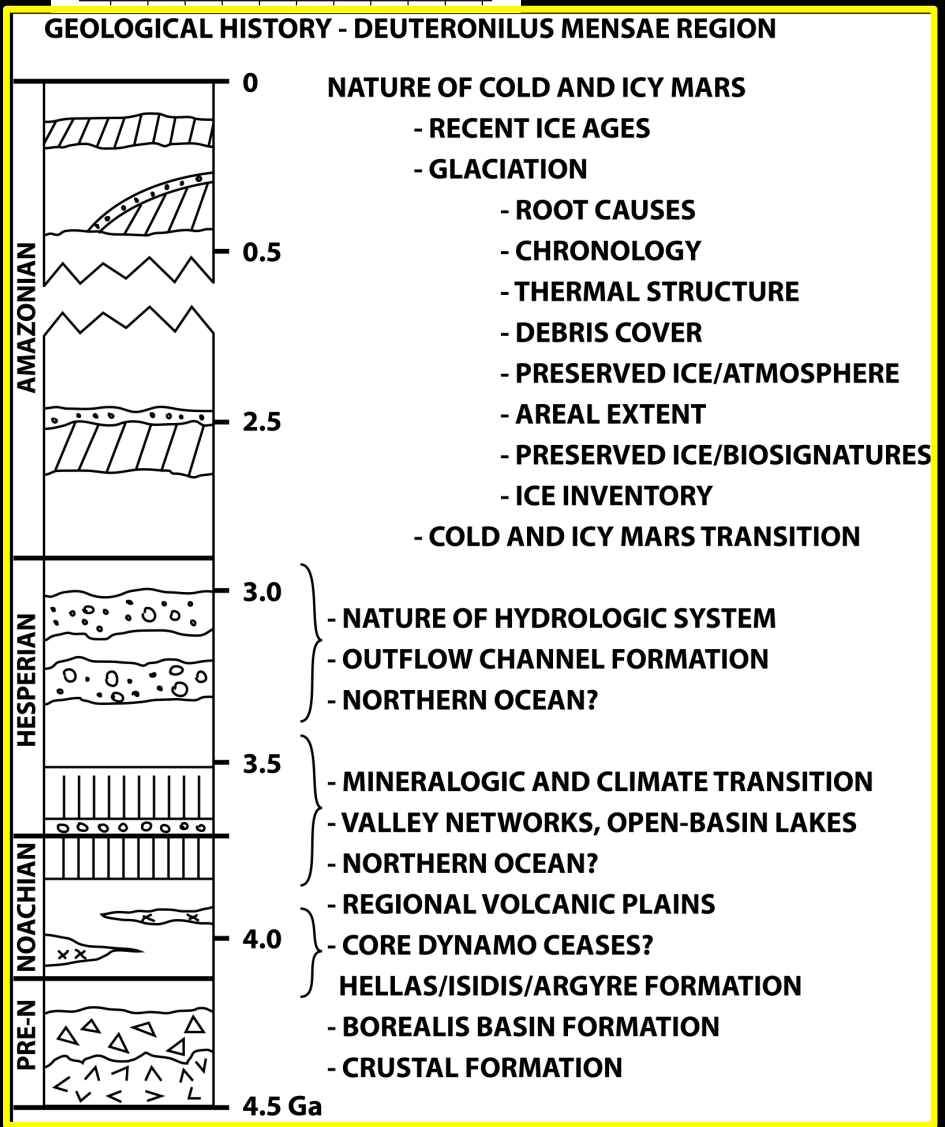

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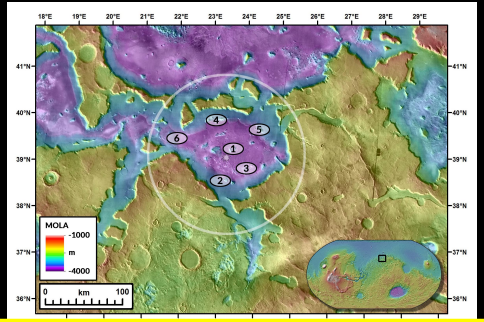

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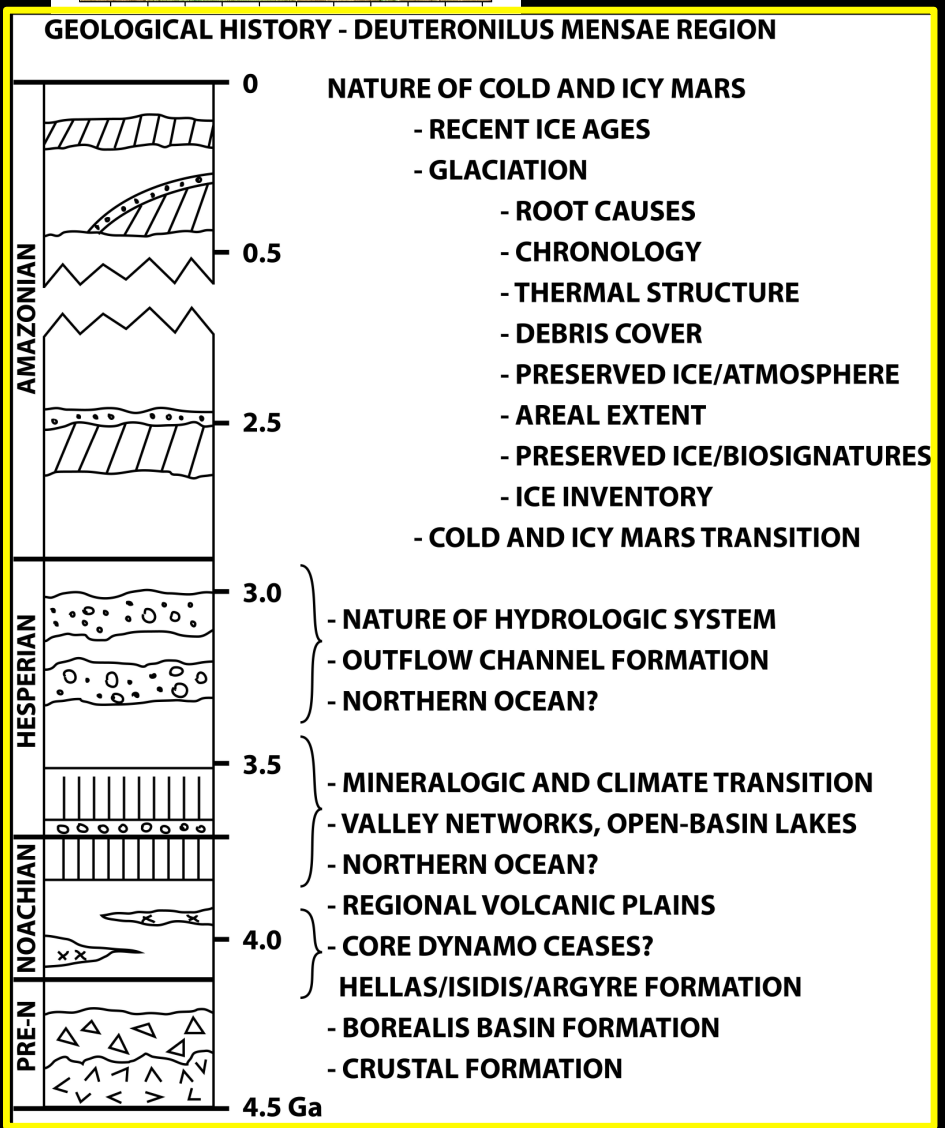

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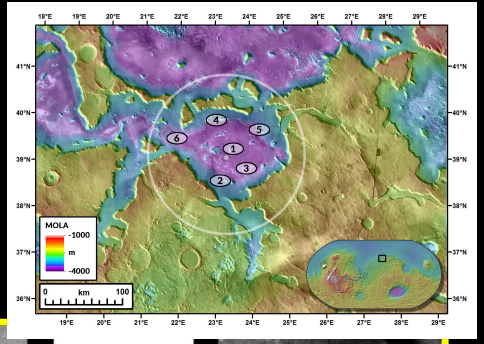

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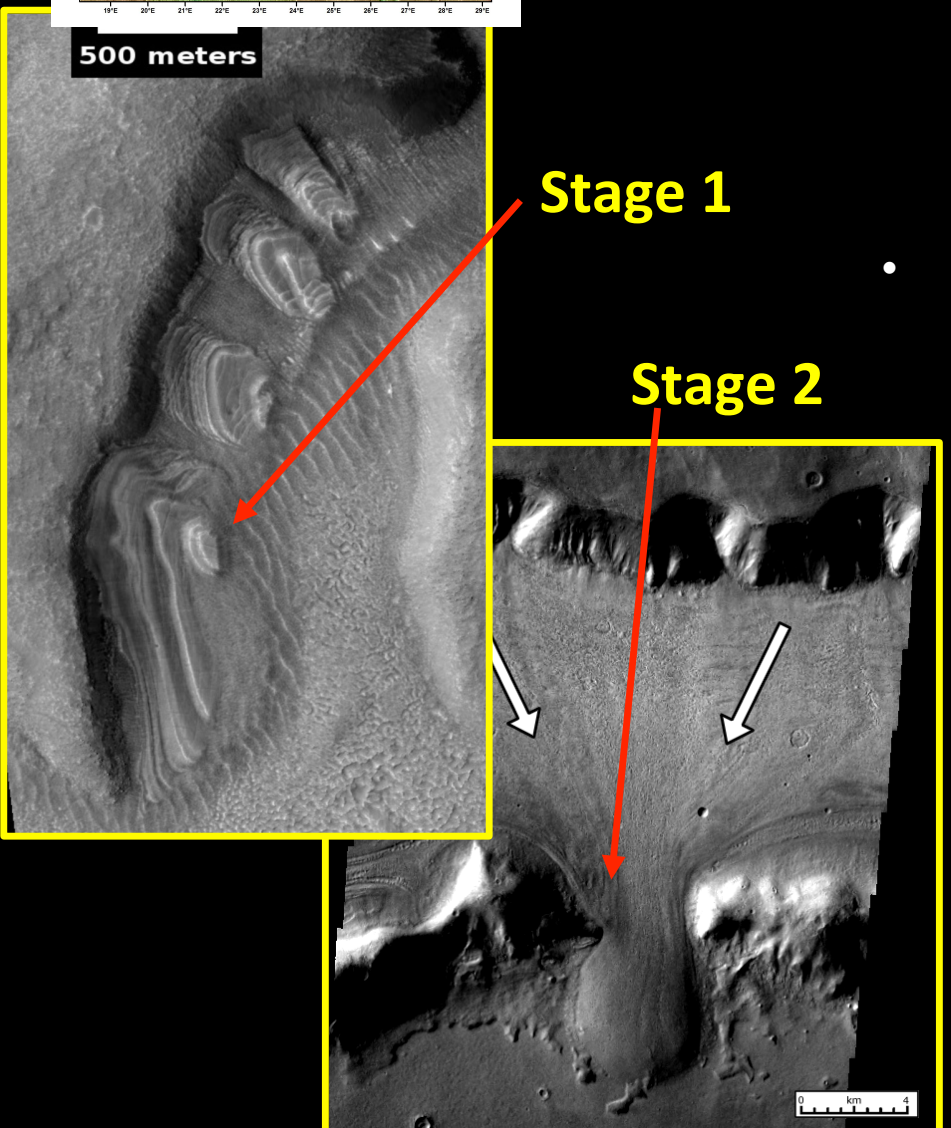

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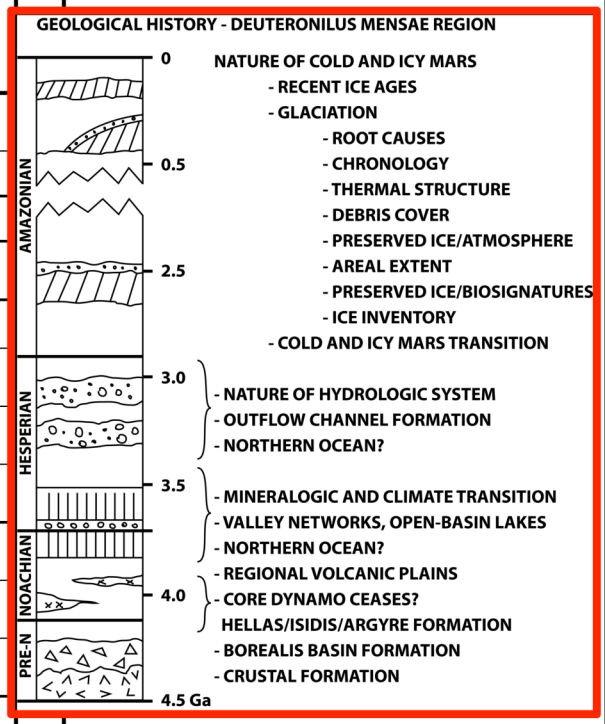
  - (a) be used as feedstock ***for water-generating In-Situ Resource Utilization (ISRU) processes*** and
  - (b) ***yield significant quantities (>100MT) of water***. Raw material can be in the form of ice, ice/regolith mix, or hydrated minerals and the top of the raw material deposit should be as close to the surface as possible'
- -Access to a region ***where infrastructure can be emplaced or constructed***:
  - Region must be less than 5 km from a central landing site and contain flat, stable terrain.
  - Region should exhibit evidence for an abundant source of cobble-sized or smaller rocks and bulk, loose regolith.
  - Natural terrain features that can be adapted for construction purposes (e.g., to enhance habitat radiation protection) are considered beneficial.

-***Access to raw material*** **that exhibits the potential** ***as metal or silicon feedstock for ISRU and construction purposes***:

- Of primary interest are iron, aluminum, and silicon; titanium and magnesium are of secondary interest.
- Raw material should be as near to the surface as possible and be in a form that can be mined by highly automated systems.

Science ROI(s) Rubric

Science Site Criteria				Site Factors	ROI1	ROI2	ROI3	ROI4	ROI5	ROI6	EZ SUM
	Astrobio	Threshold	AND/OR	**Potential for past habitability**	●	●	●	●	●	●	6,0
				Potential for present habitability/refugia	○	○	○	○	○	○	0,6
		Qualifying		Potential for organic matter, w/ surface exposure	○	○	○	○	○	○	0,6
	Atmospheric Science	Threshold		**Noachian/Hesperian rocks w/ trapped atmospheric gases**	●	●	●	●	●	●	6,0
		Qualifying		Meteorological diversity in space and time	●	●	●	●	●	●	6,0
				High likelihood of surface-atmosphere exchange	●	●	●	●	●	●	6,0
				Amazonian subsurface or high-latitude ice or sediment	●	●	●	●	●	●	6,0
				High likelihood of active trace gas sources	●	●	●	●	●	●	6,0
	Geoscience	Threshold		**Range of martian geologic time; datable surfaces**	●	●	●	●	●	●	6,0
				Evidence of aqueous processes	○	○	○	○	○	○	0,6
				Potential for interpreting relative ages	●	●	●	●	●	●	6,0
		Qualifying		Igneous Rocks tied to 1+ provinces or different times	●	●	●	●	●	●	6,0
				Near-surface ice, glacial or permafrost	●	●	●	●	●	●	6,0
				Noachian or pre-Noachian bedrock units	●	●	●	●	●	●	6,0
				Outcrops with remnant magnetization		●	●	●	●	●	5,0
				Primary, secondary, and basin-forming impact deposits	●	●	●	●	●	●	6,0
				Structural features with regional or global context						●	1,0
				Diversity of aeolian sediments and/or landforms	●	●	●	●	●	●	6,0



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●	Yes
○	Partial Support or Debated
	No
?	Indeterminate

Resource ROI(s) Rubric

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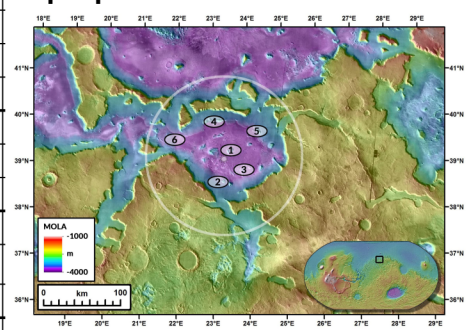
ISRU and Civil Engineering Criteria				Site Factors	ROI1	ROI2	ROI3	ROI4	ROI5	ROI6	EZ SUM
	Engineering			Meets First Order Criteria (Latitude, Elevation, Thermal Inertia)	●	●	●	●	●	●	6,0
	Water Resource	Threshold	AND/OR	**Potential for ice or ice/regolith mix**	●	●	●	●	●	●	6,0
				Potential for hydrated minerals	○	○	○	○	○	○	0.6
				Quantity for substantial production	●	●	●	●	●	●	6,0
				Potential to be minable by highly automated systems	●	●	●	●	●	●	6,0
				Located less than 3 km from processing equipment site	●		●				2,0
				Located no more than 3 meters below the surface	●		●				2,0
				Accessible by automated systems	●		●				2,0
		Qualifying		Potential for multiple sources of ice, ice/regolith mix **and** hydrated minerals	?	?	?	?	?	?	
				Distance to resource location can be >5 km		●		●	●	●	4,0
				Route to resource location must be (plausibly) traversable	●	●	●	●	●	●	6,0
	Civil Engineering	Threshold		**~50 sq km region of flat and stable terrain with sparse rock distribution**	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	6,0
				1–10 km length scale: <10°	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	6,0
				Located within 5 km of landing site location	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	6,0
		Qualifying		Located in the northern hemisphere	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	6,0
				Evidence of abundant cobble sized or smaller rocks and bulk, loose regolith	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	6,0
				Utilitarian terrain features	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	6,0
	Food Production	Qualifying		Low latitude							
				No local terrain feature(s) that could shadow light collection facilities							
				Access to water	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	6,0
				Access to dark, minimally altered basaltic sands	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	6,0
	Metal/Silicon Resource	Threshold		**Potential for metal/silicon**	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	6,0
				Potential to be minable by highly automated systems	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	6,0
				Located less than 3 km from processing equipment site	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	6,0
				Located no more than 3 meters below the surface	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	6,0
				Accessible by automated systems	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	6,0
		Qualifying		Potential for multiple sources of metals/silicon	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	6,0
				Distance to resource location can be >5 km	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	6,0
				Route to resource location must be (plausibly) traversable	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	▬	6,0



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Prioritization List of EZ Data Needs

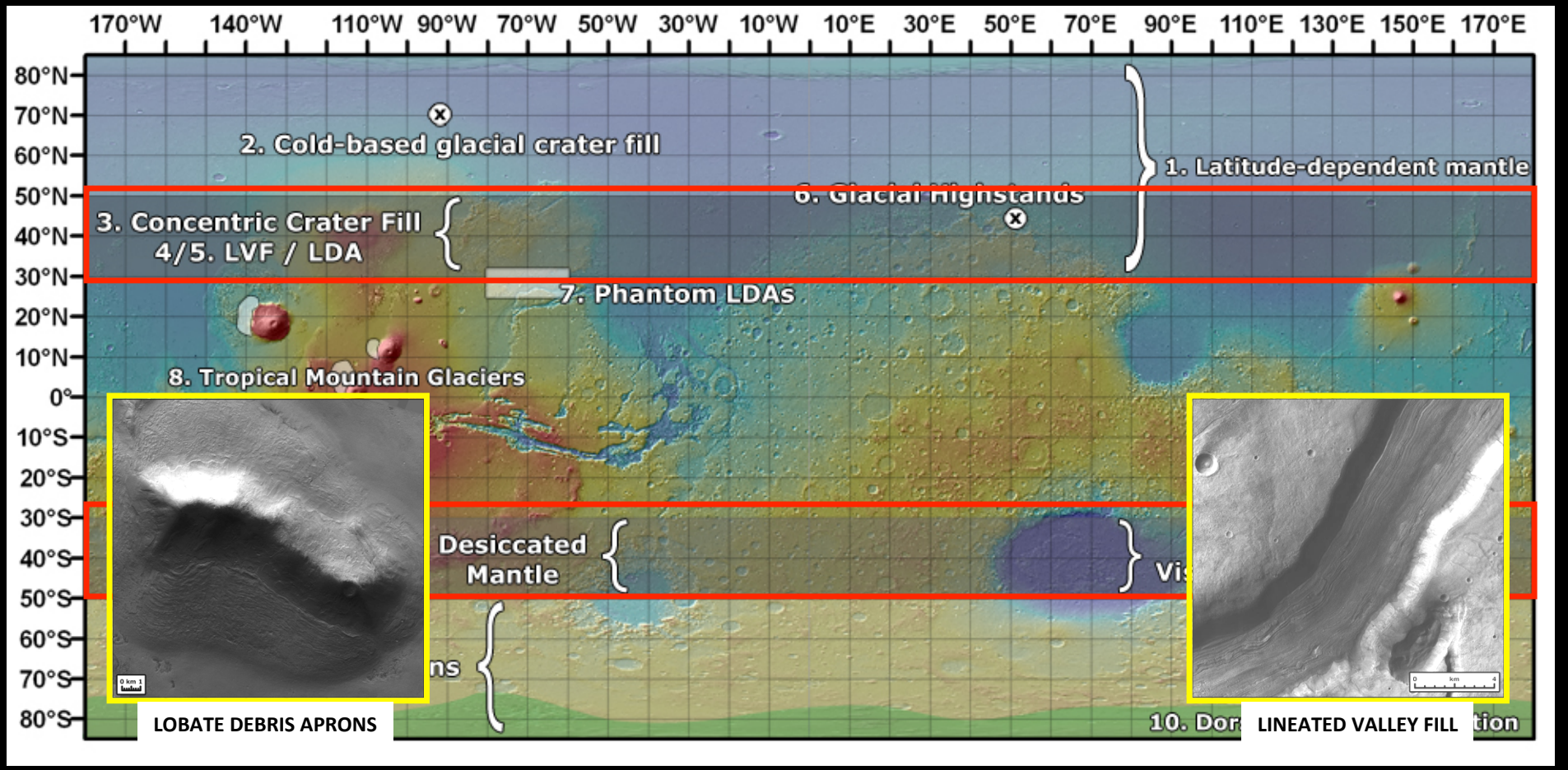
- **SCIENCE, ISRU AND CIVIL ENGINEERING DATA NEEDS**

- **ORBITER DATA:**
- HiRISE image data: Already entering targets.
- CRISM-like Imaging Spectrometer data: Very high spatial / spectral resolution.
- SHALLOW PENETRATING RADAR/NEUTRON SPECTROMETER: Map presence and geometry of shallow ice and debris cover.
- LASER ALTIMETER: Multiple-shot high spatial resolution for topography. slopes.

- **ROVER DATA:**
- *CURIOSITY*/2020-like payload.

- **PLANETARY PROTECTION: Need strategy, missions to address these issues.**

Ice Accumulation and Retention "Sweet-Spot": The Martian Mid-Latitudes



Mid-Latitude Lobate Debris Aprons and Lineated Valley Fill

(Crown & Chuang, Baker et al., Dickson et al., Morgan et al., Levy et al., Kress et al., Ostrach et al., Head et al.)