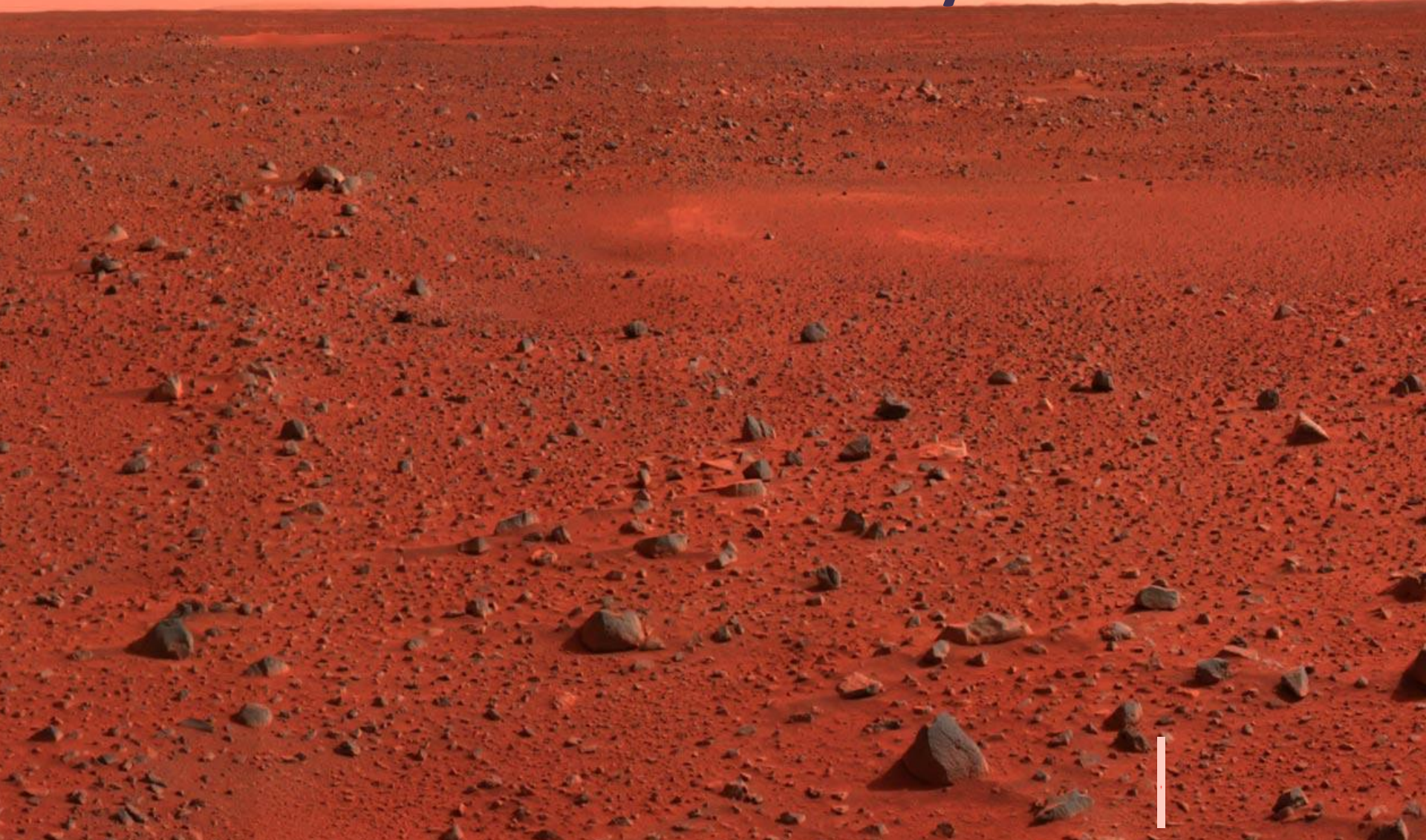
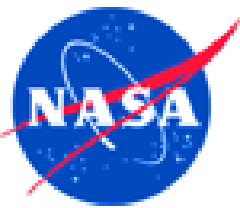


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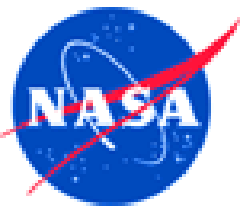




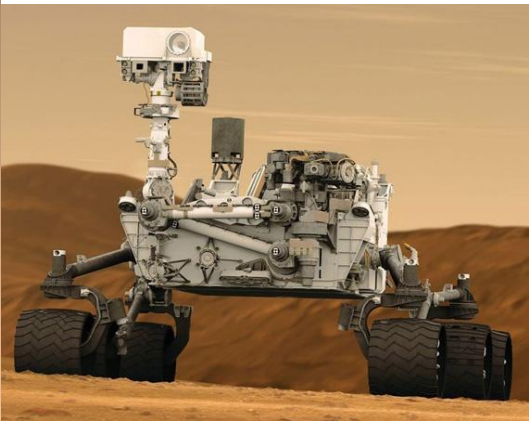
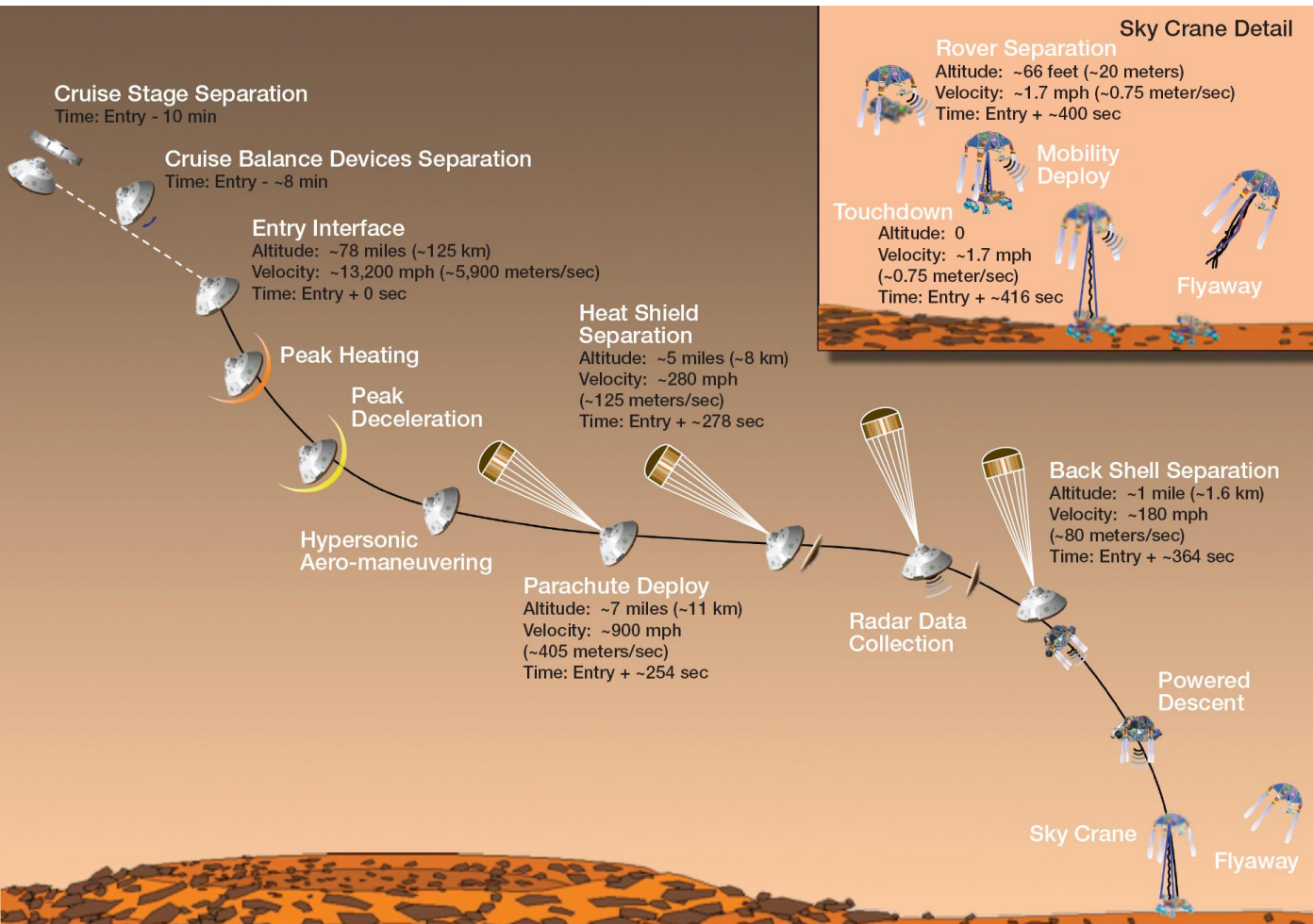
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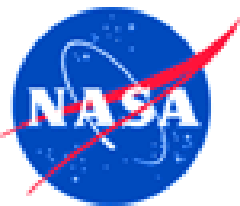


The “*Curiosity*” rover in clean room at JPL

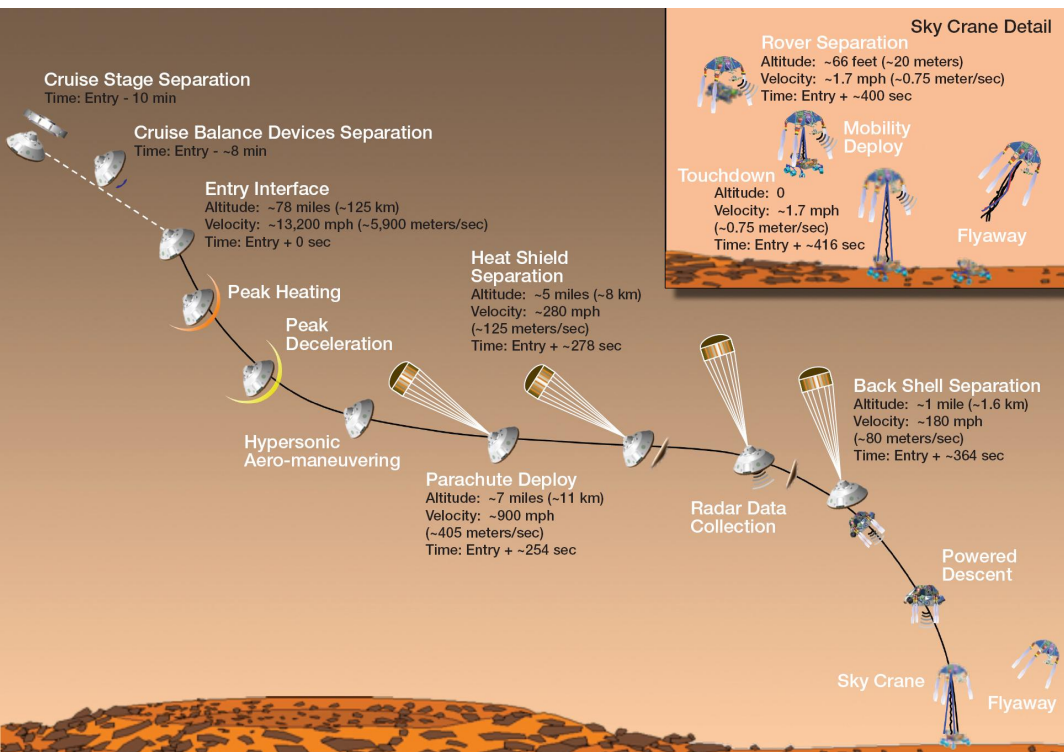


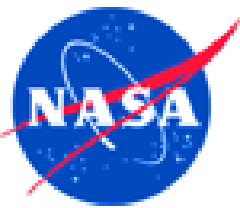
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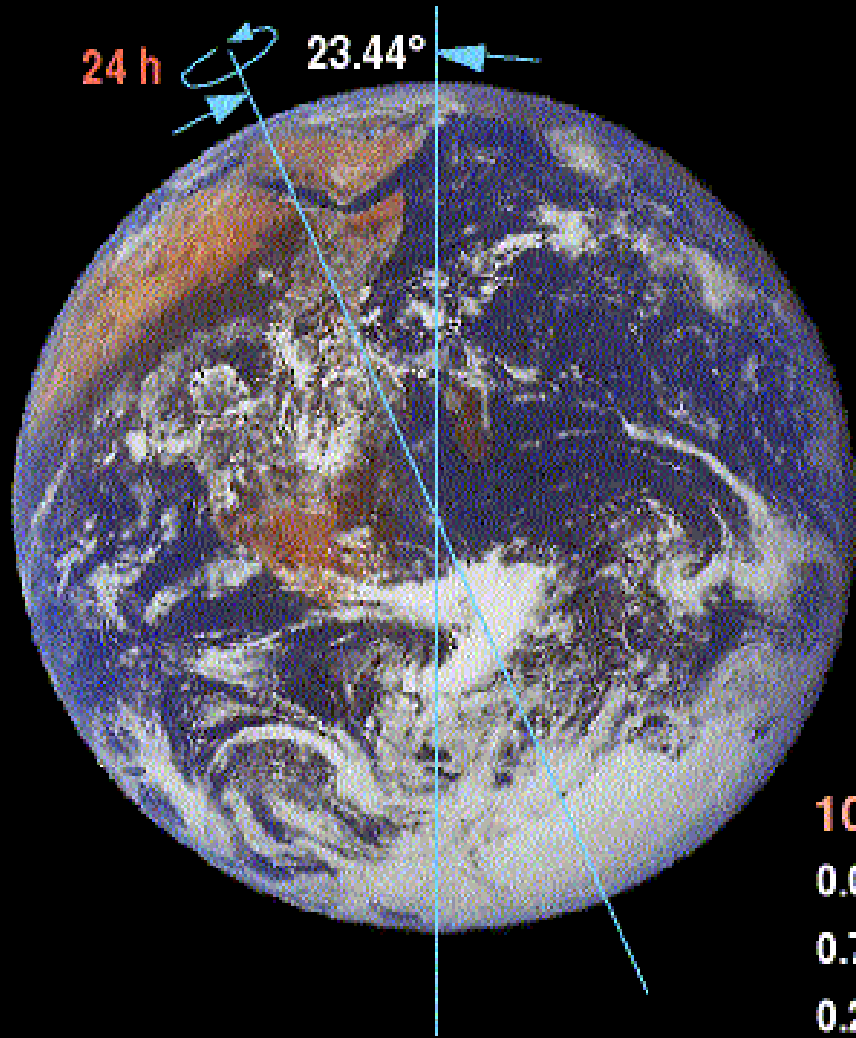
Outline

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- History of Mars planetary missions 1962-today
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- **I am curious about *Curiosity!***

EARTH

COMPARISON

MARS



YEAR

365 Days 686 Days
(667 Sols)

GRAVITY

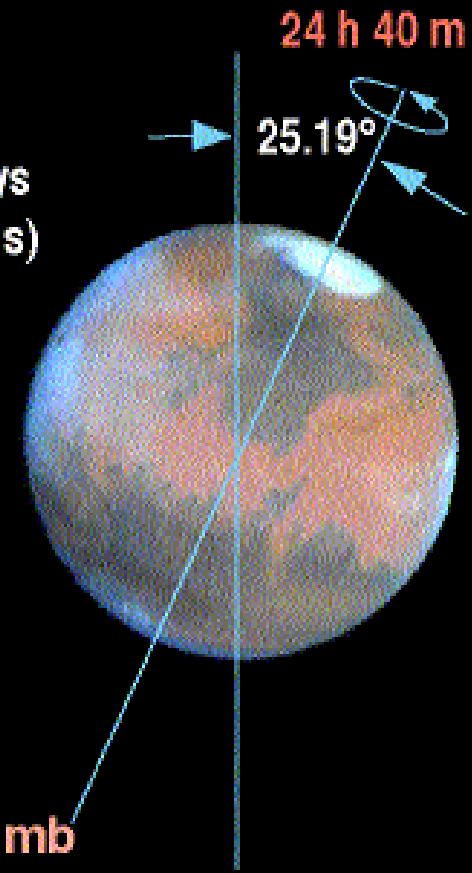
38% of earth

SUNLIGHT

44% of earth

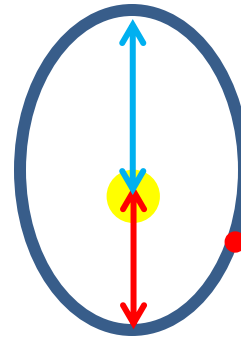
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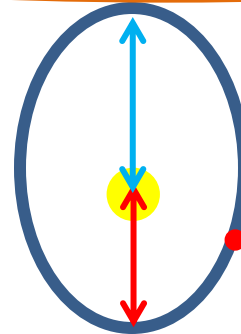


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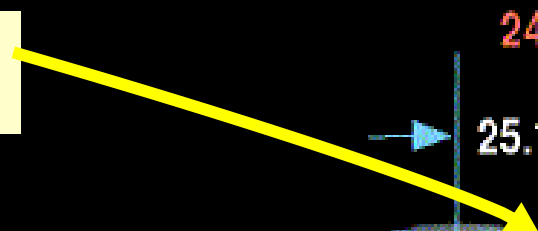
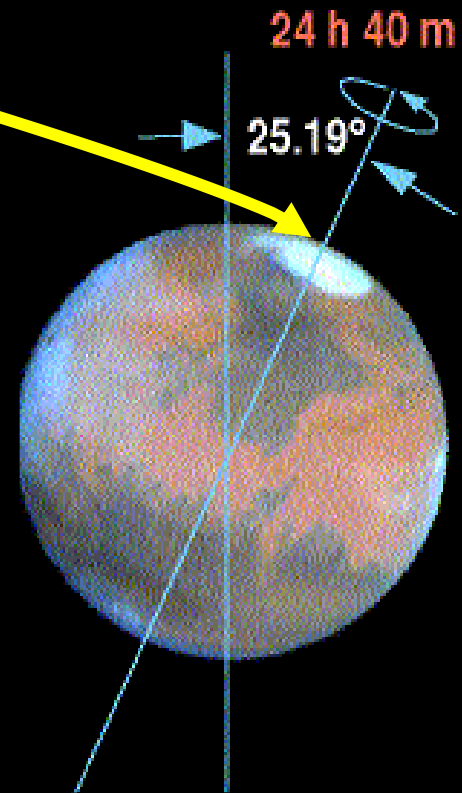
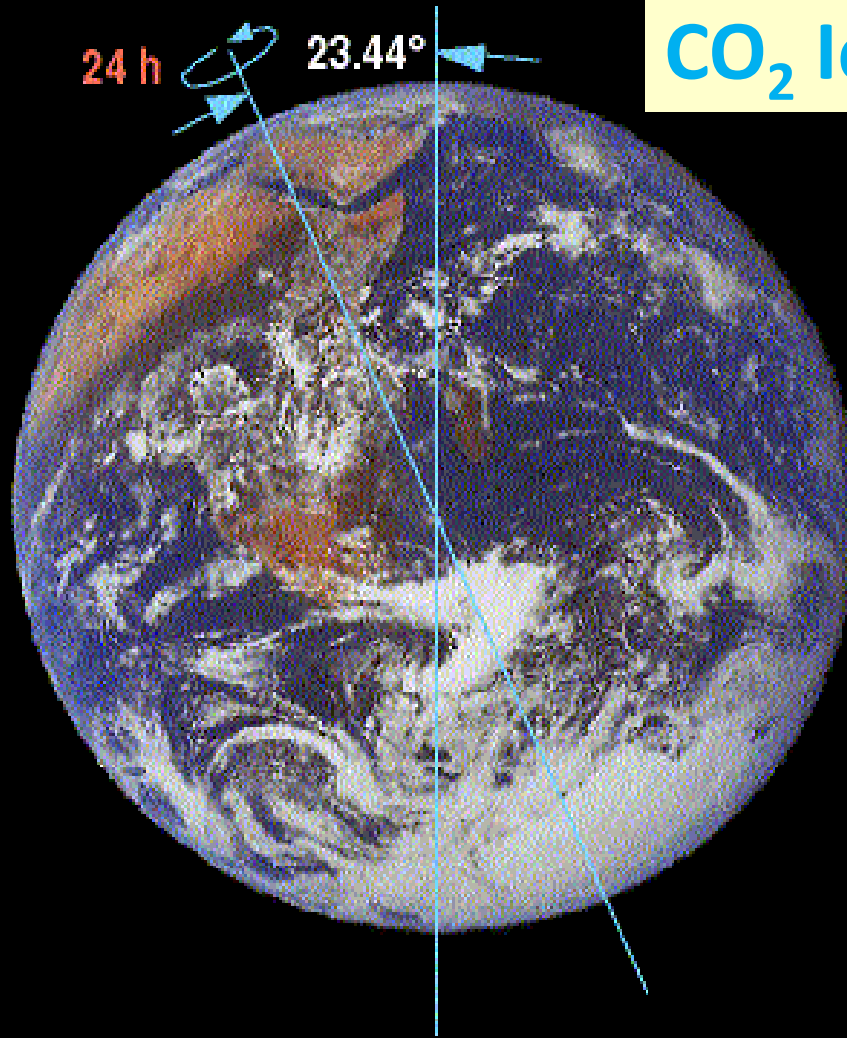
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23.44°

CO₂ Ice Cap

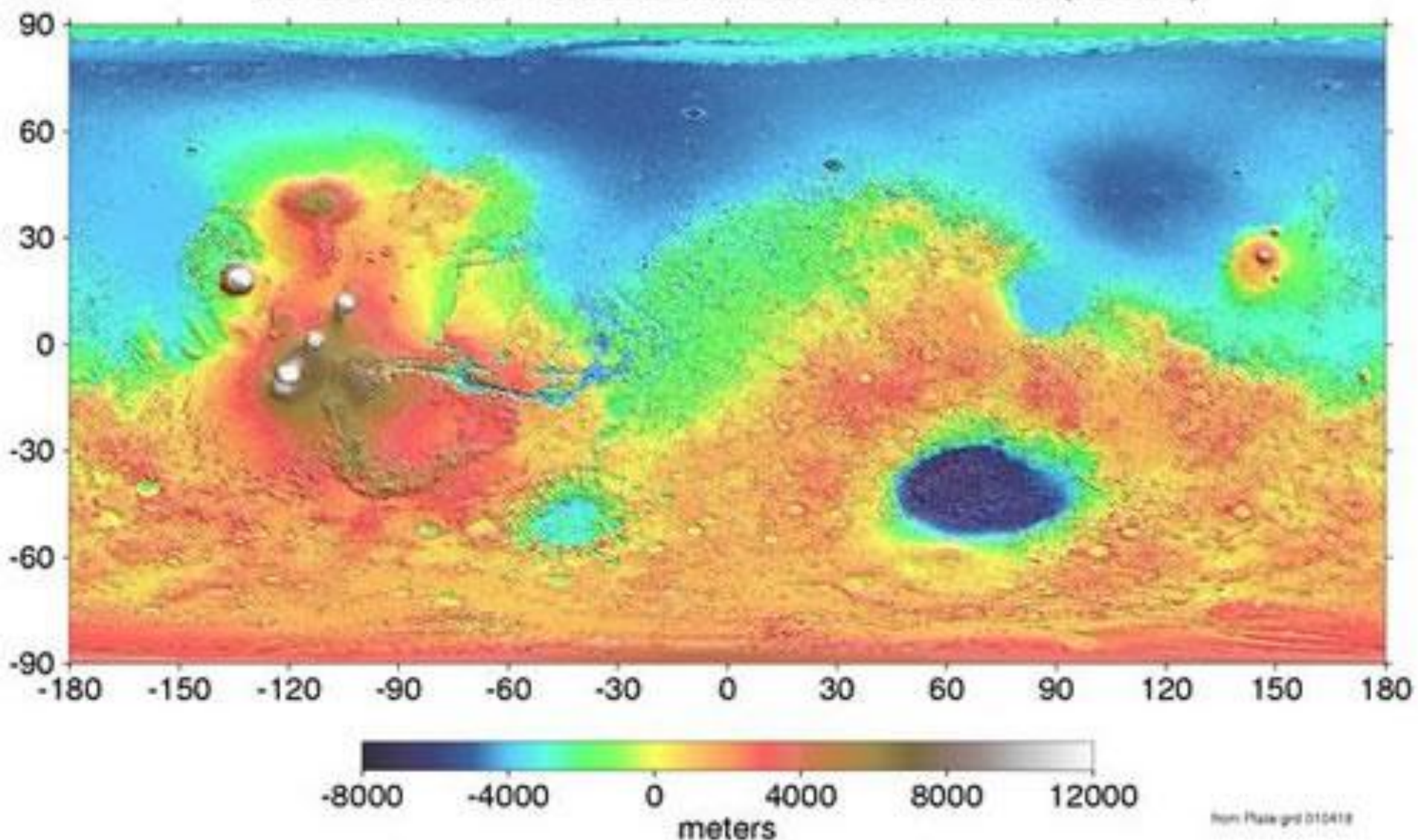
24 h 40 m

25.19°

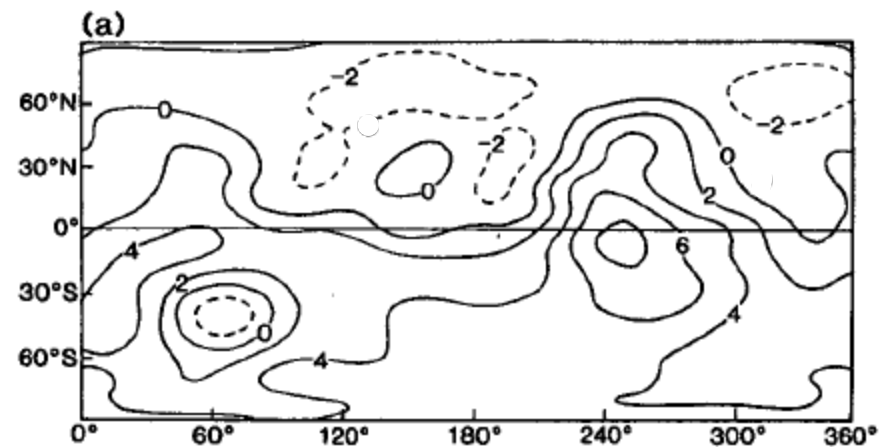
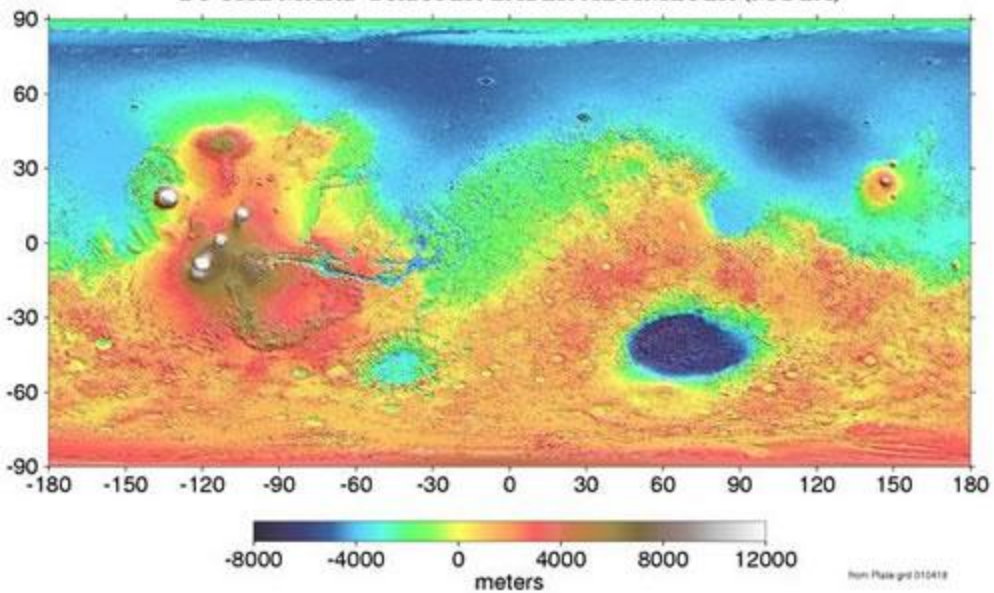


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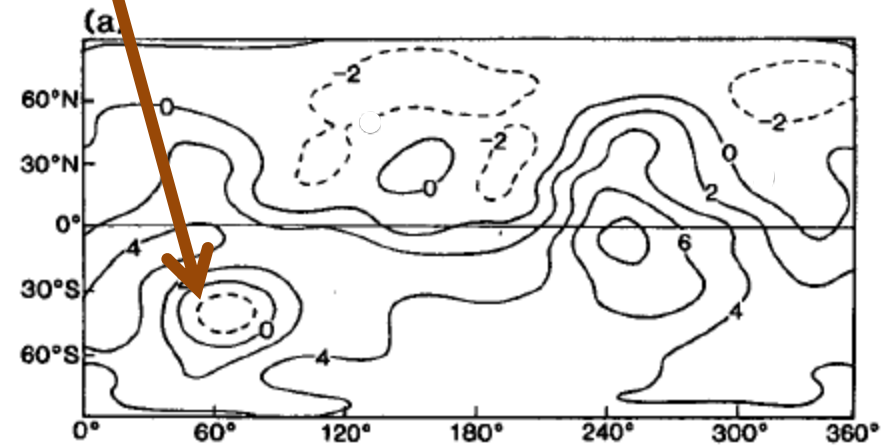
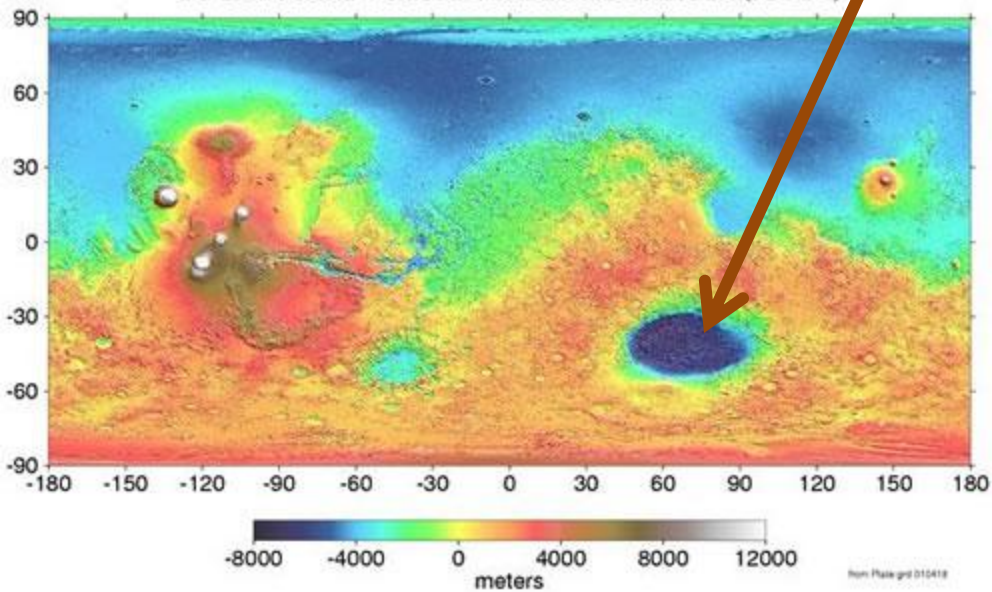


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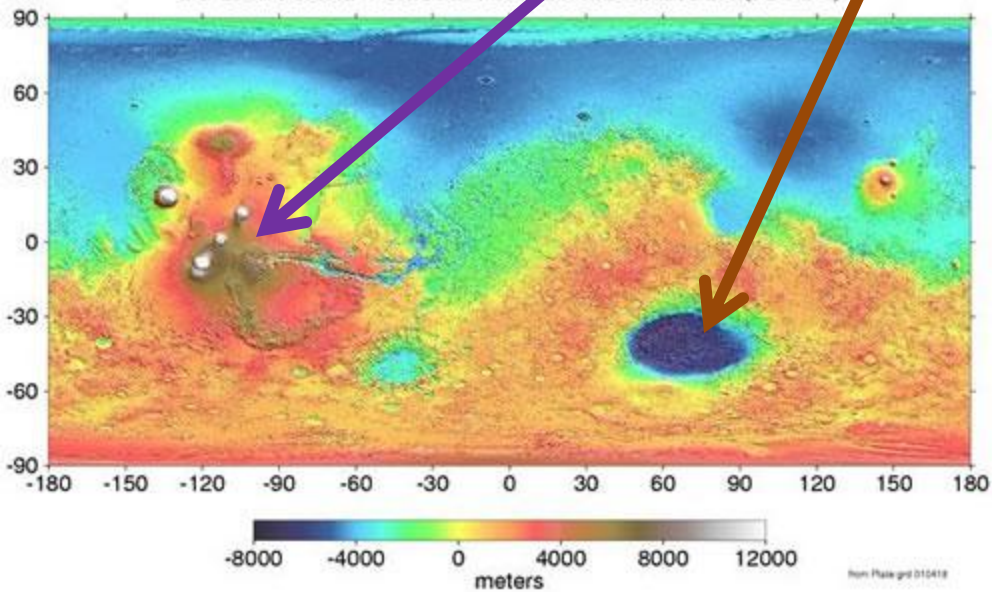


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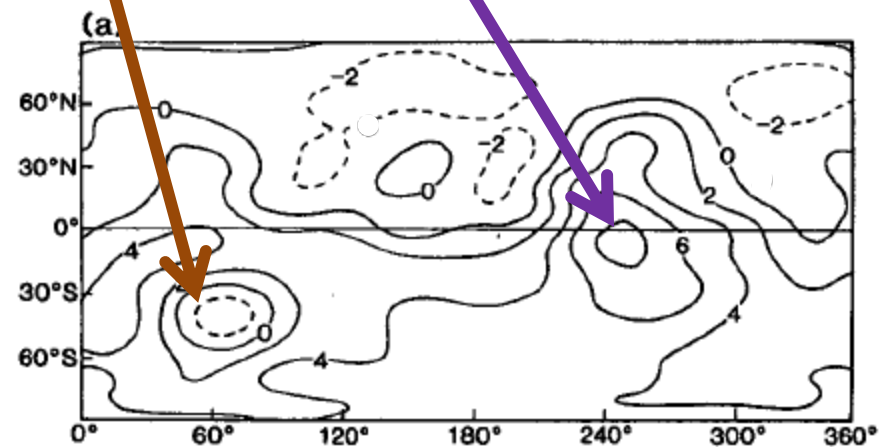


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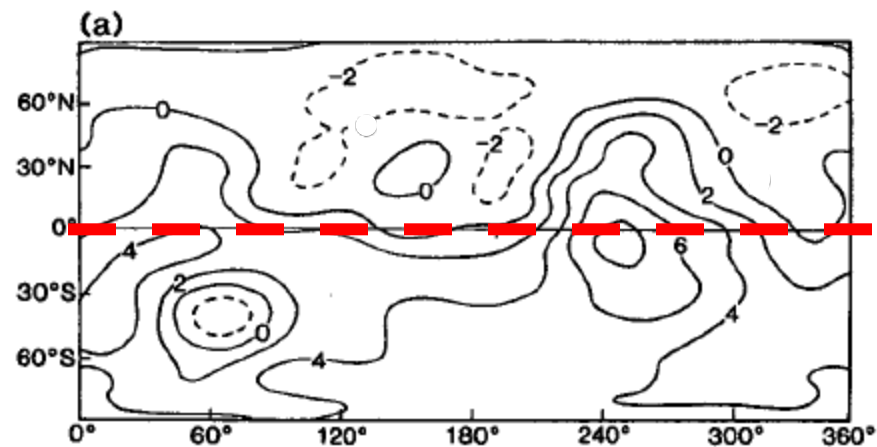
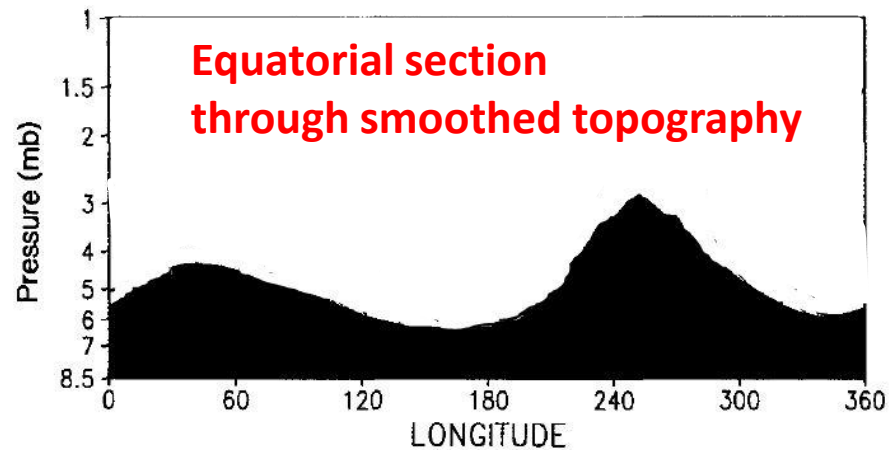
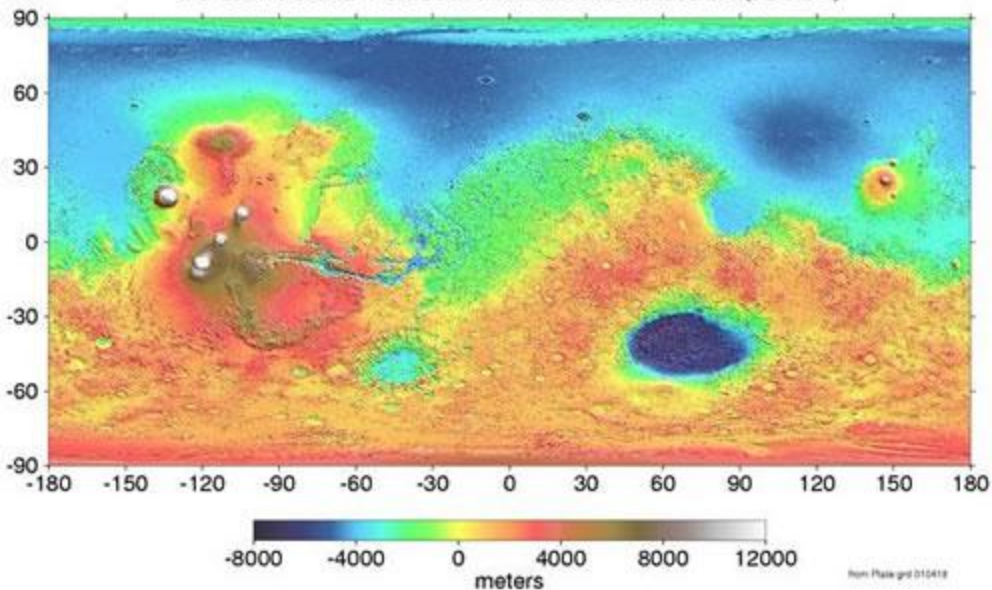


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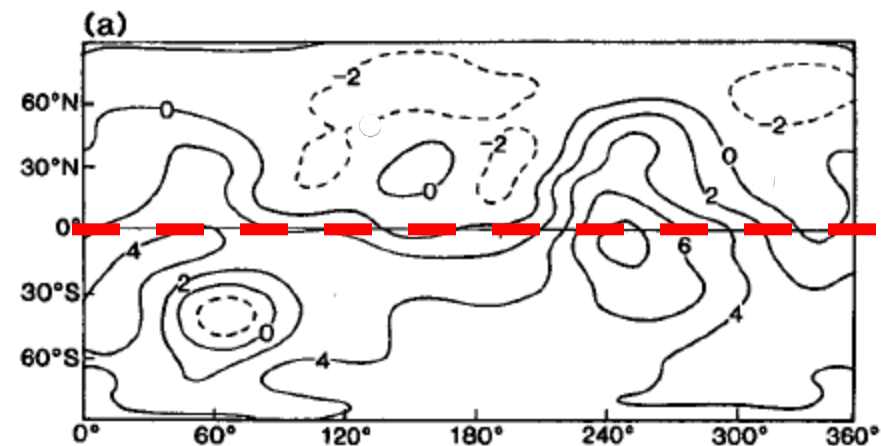
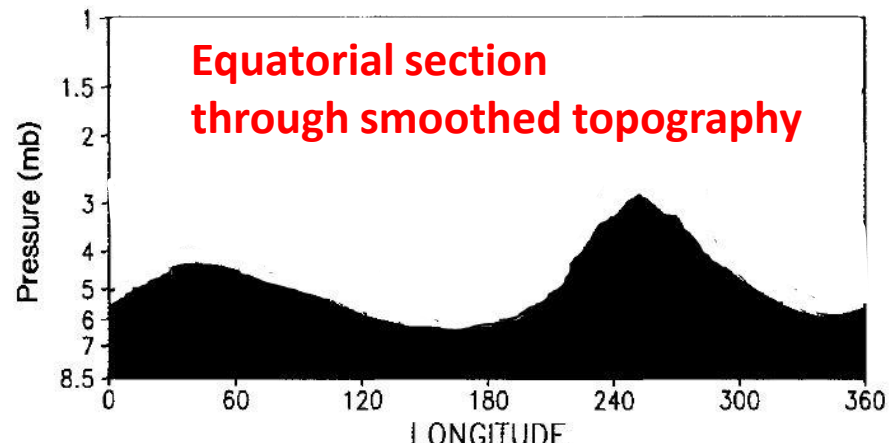
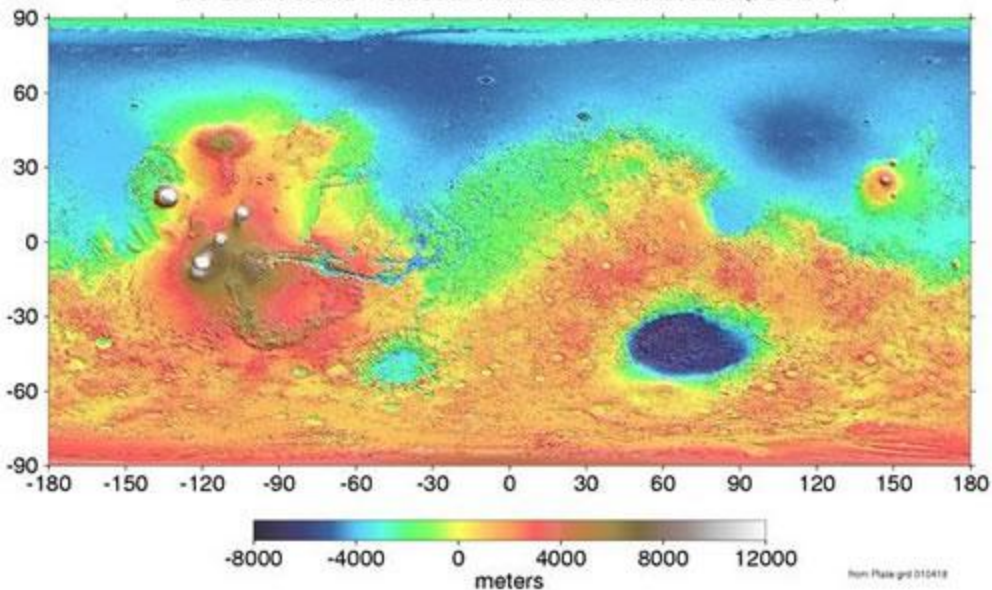
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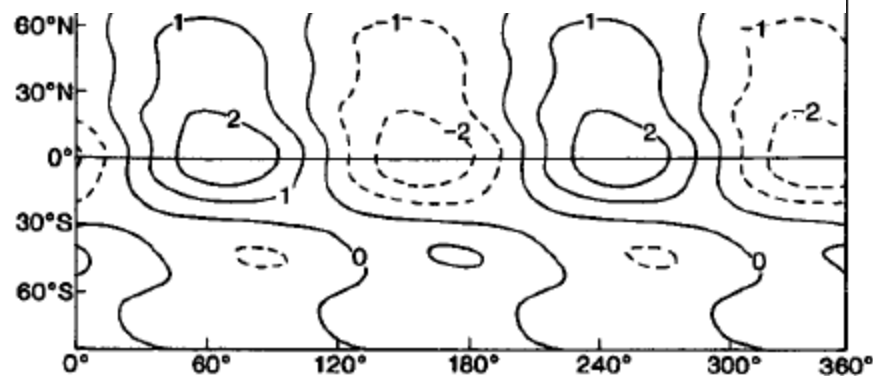
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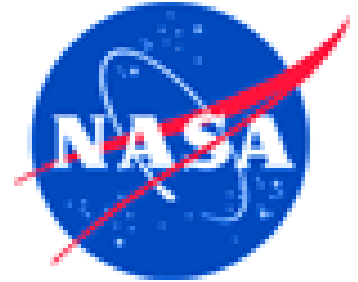
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- **1973 *Mars 6* Lander**
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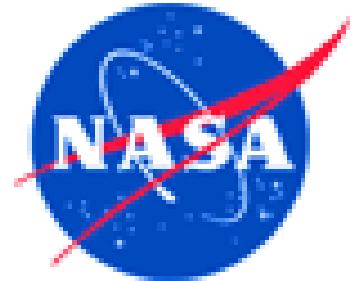


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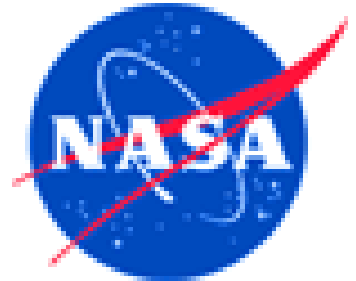


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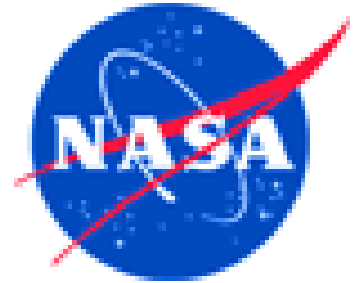
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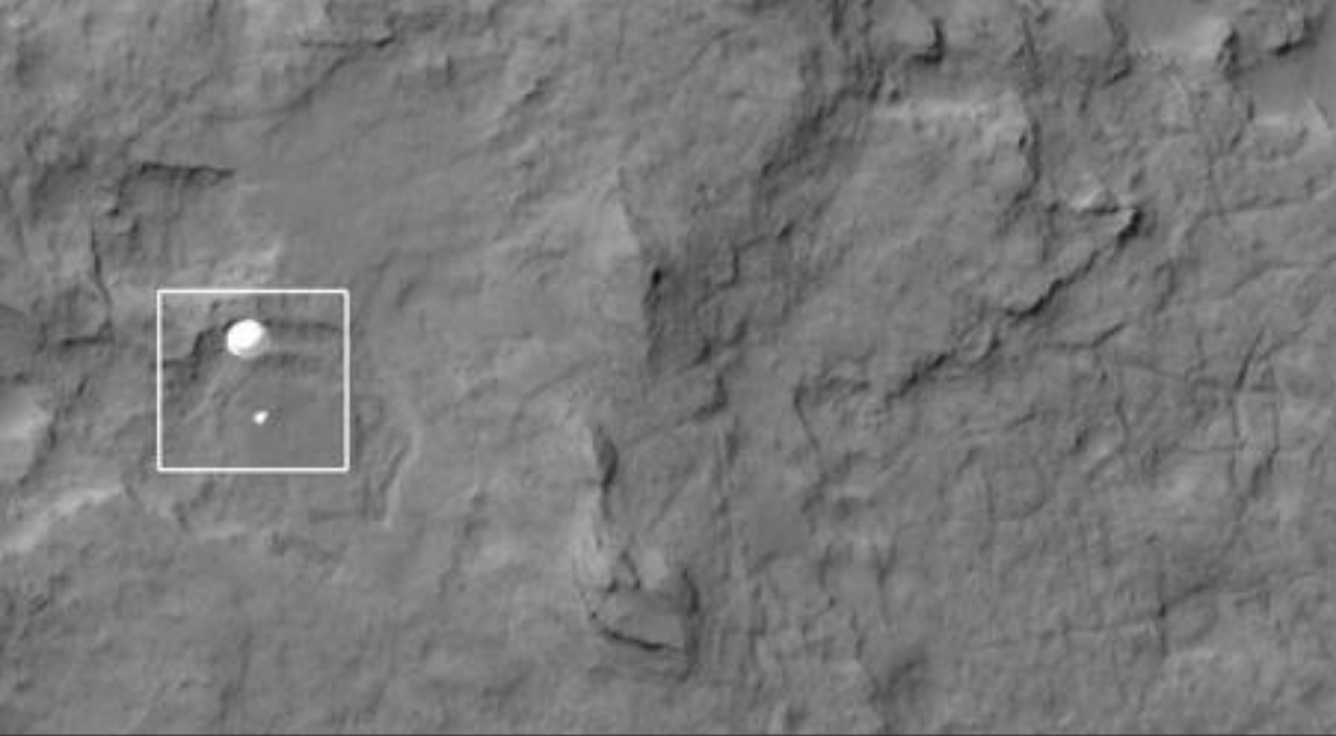
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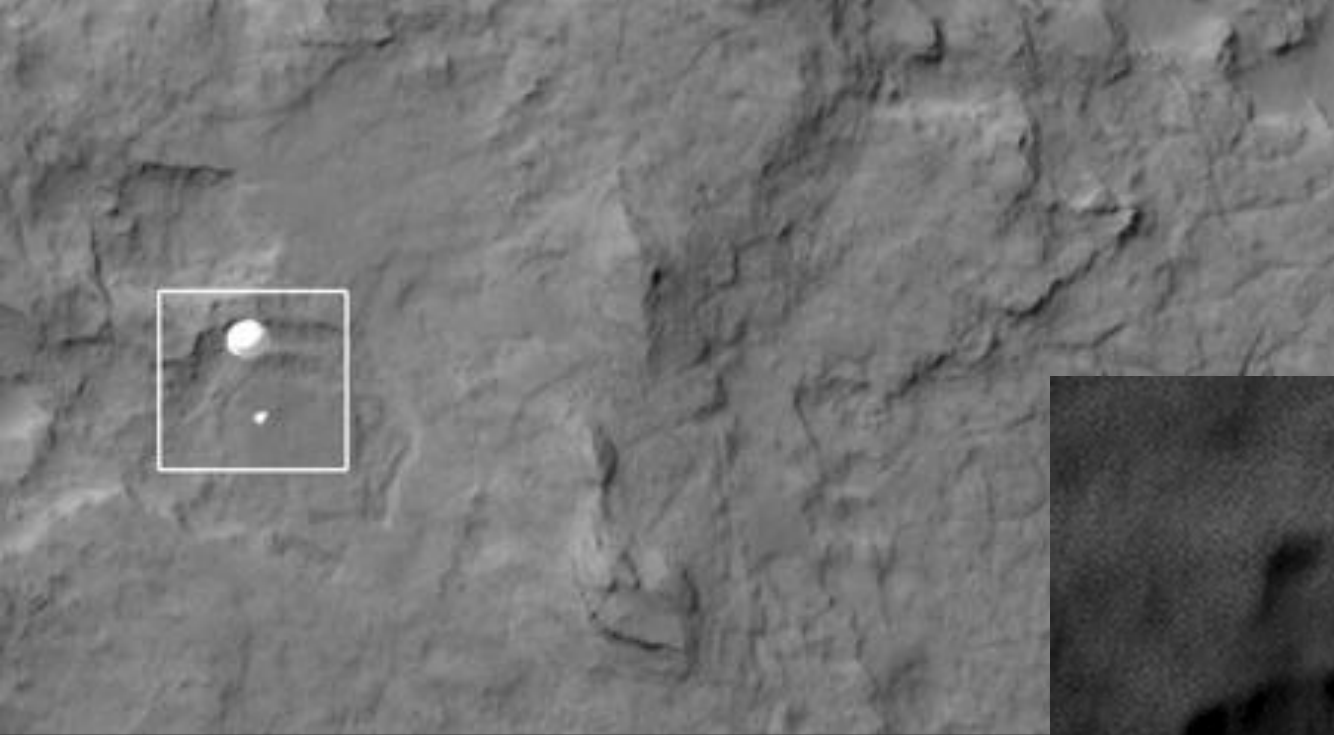


NASA's **Mars Phoenix Lander** can be seen parachuting down to Mars, in this image captured by the High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment (HiRISE) camera on NASA's **Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter**. This is the first time that a spacecraft has imaged the final descent of another spacecraft onto a planetary body.



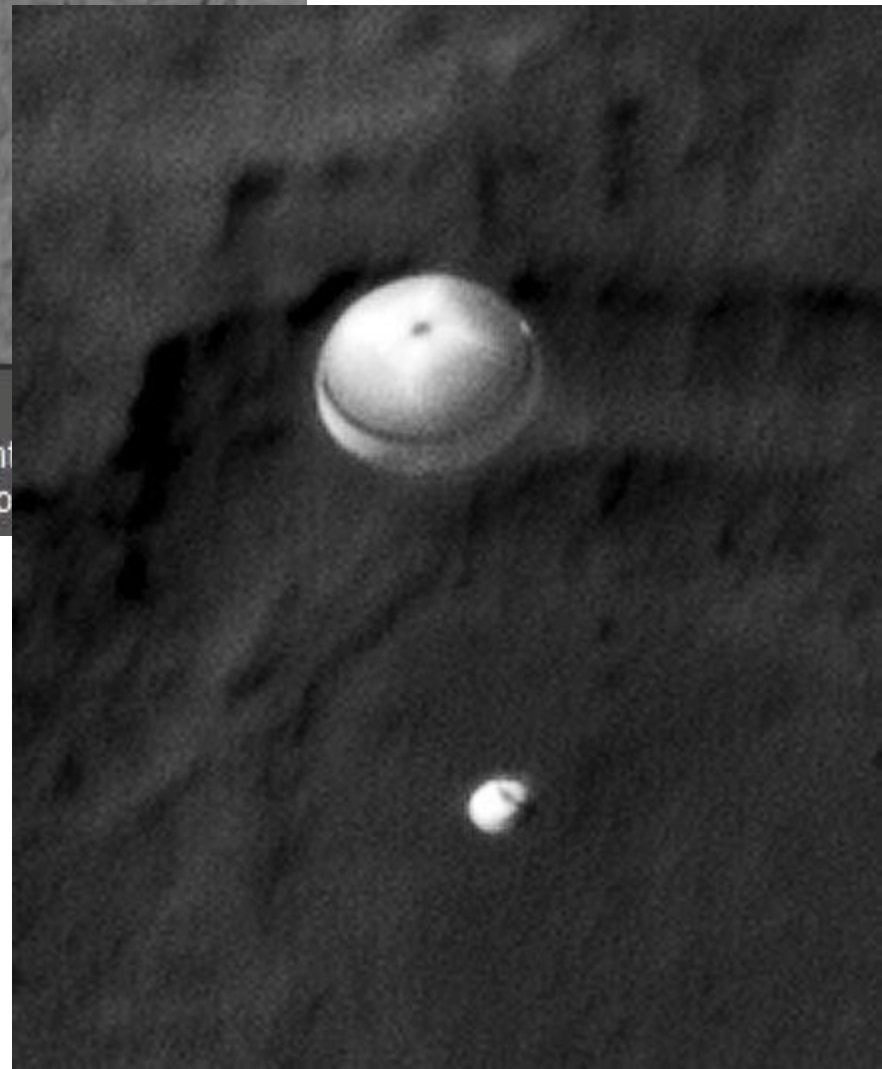
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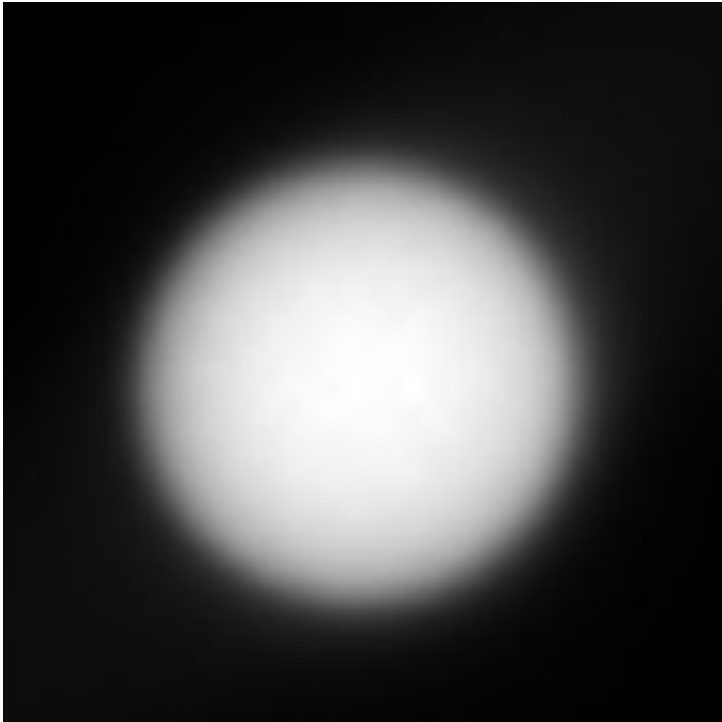
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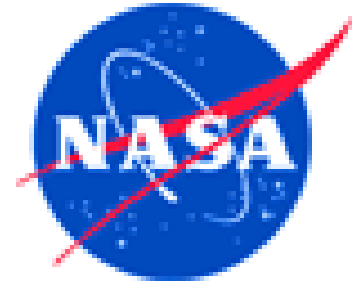
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Phobos eclipses the Sun, imaged by the *Opportunity* rover



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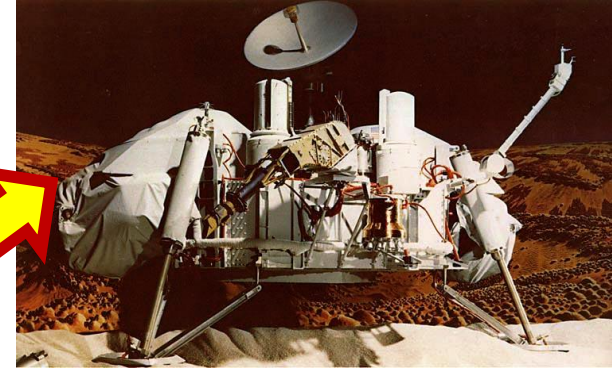
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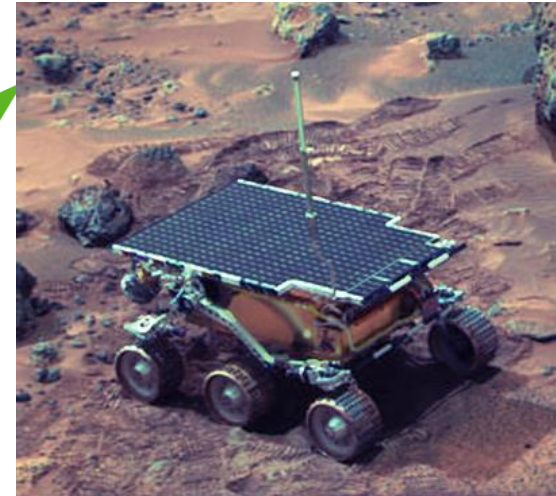
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Surface Meteorological Data

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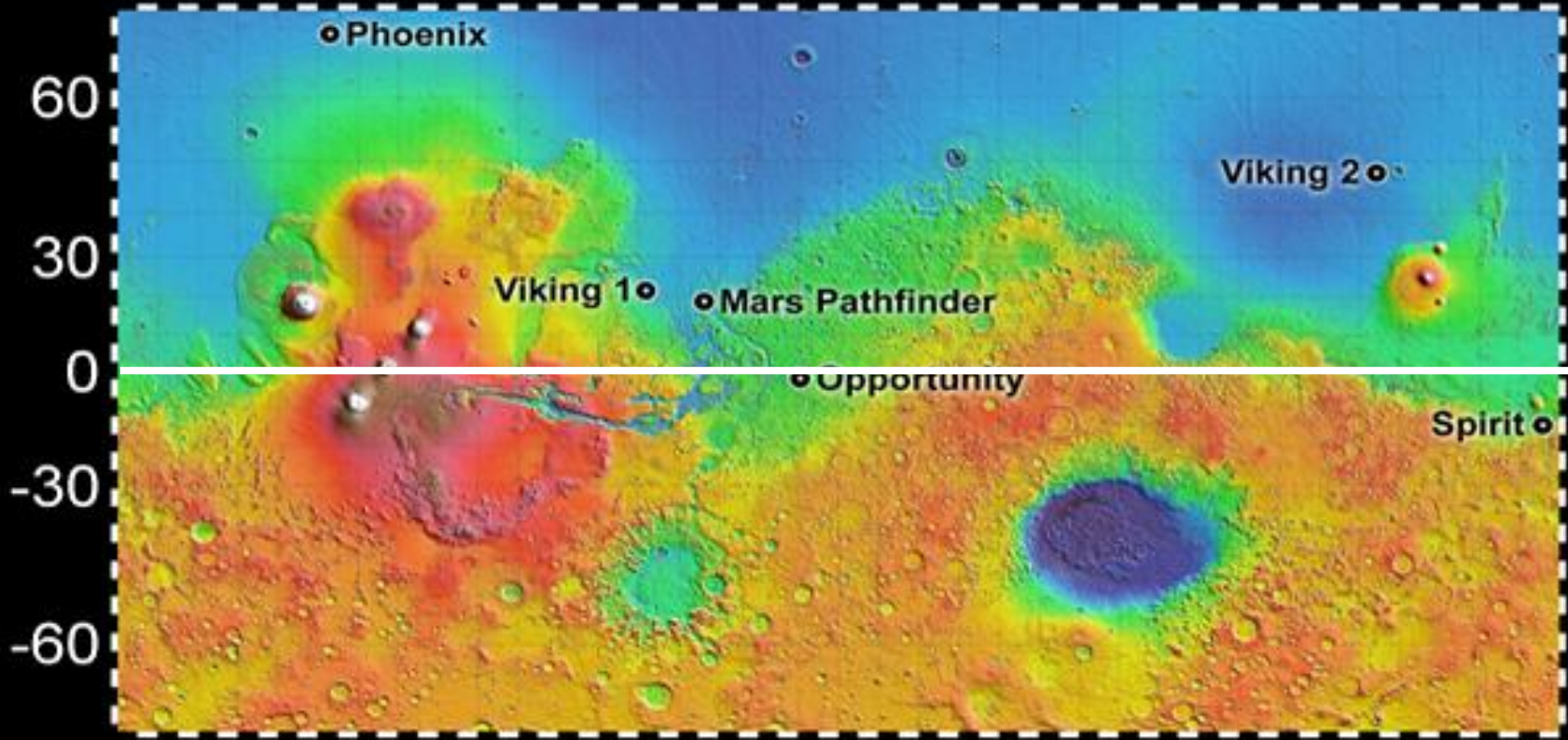
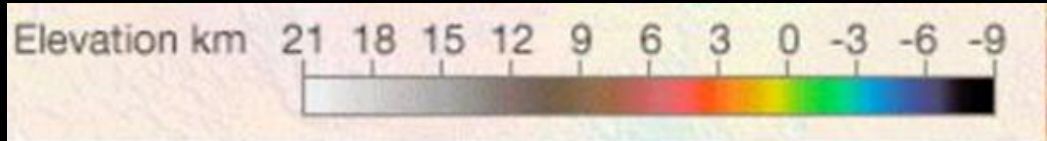
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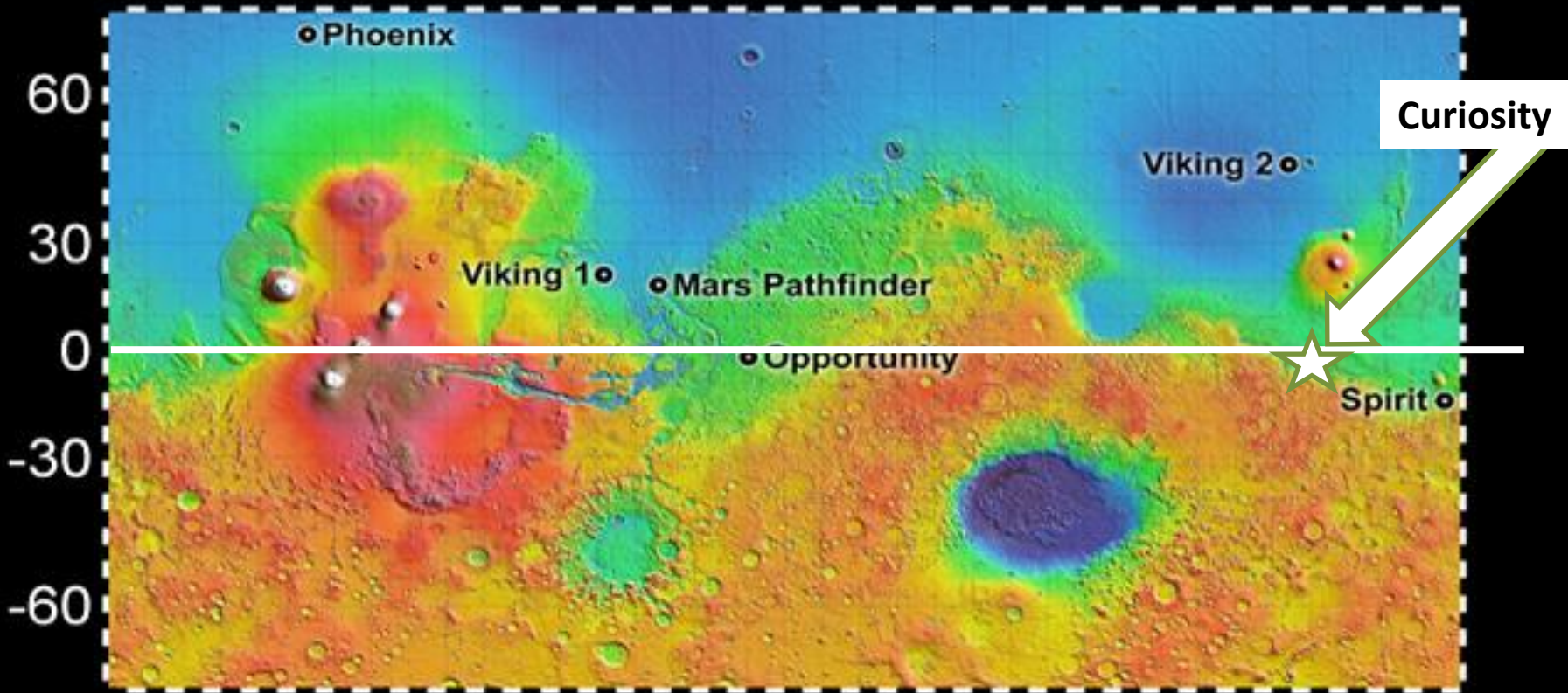


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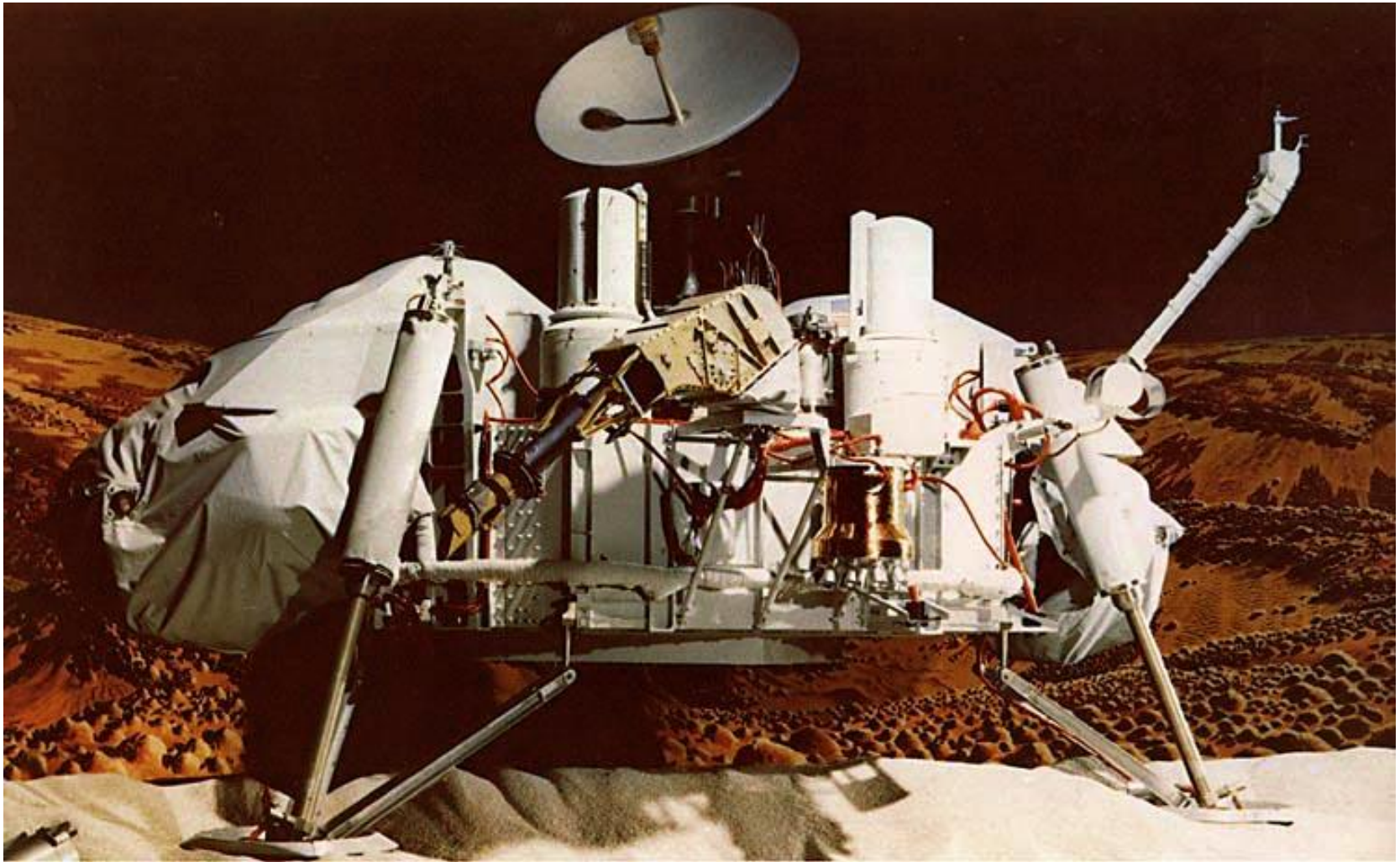
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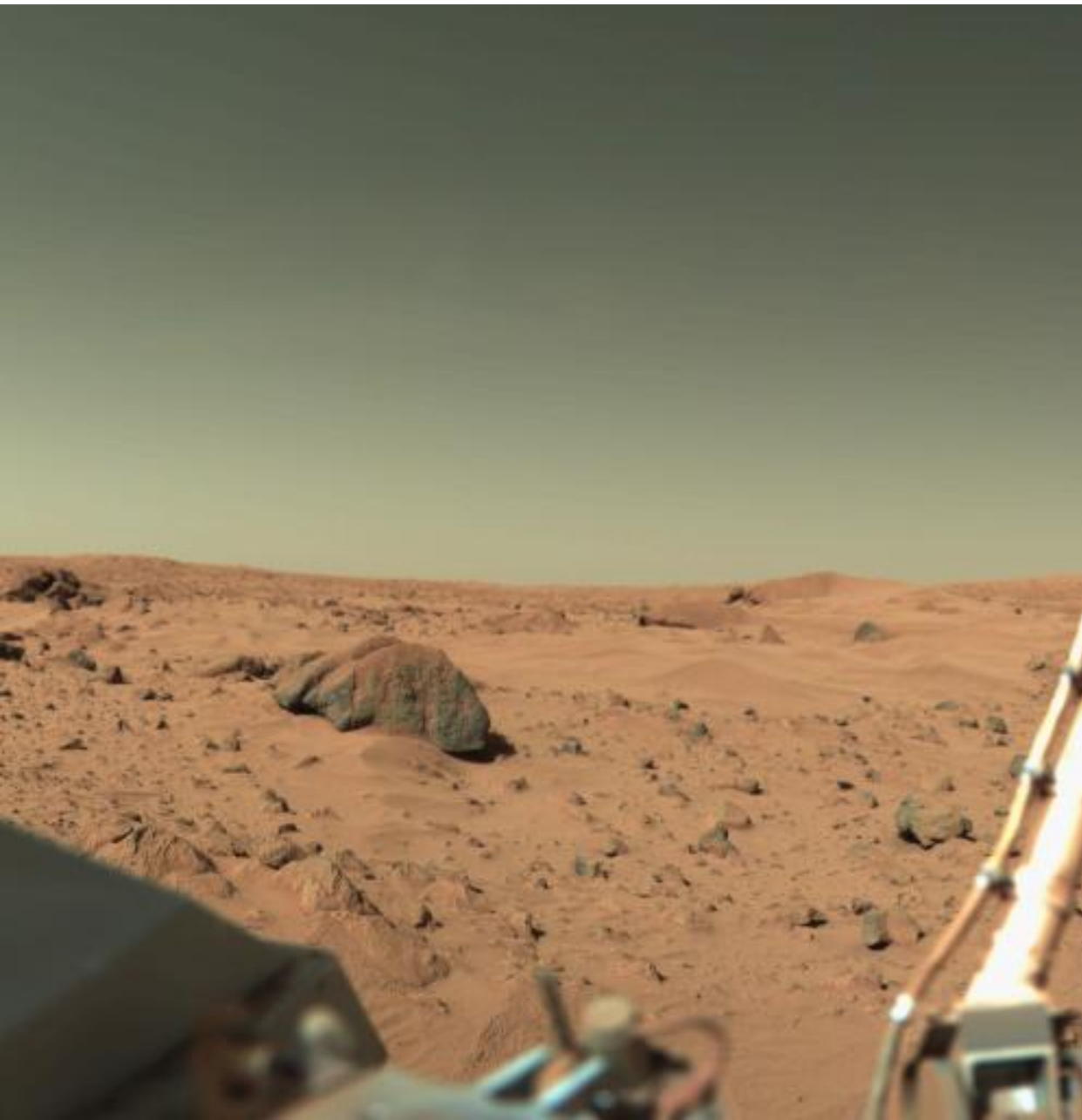


Viking 1 and Viking 2 Landers
Landed July 20 and September 3, 1976

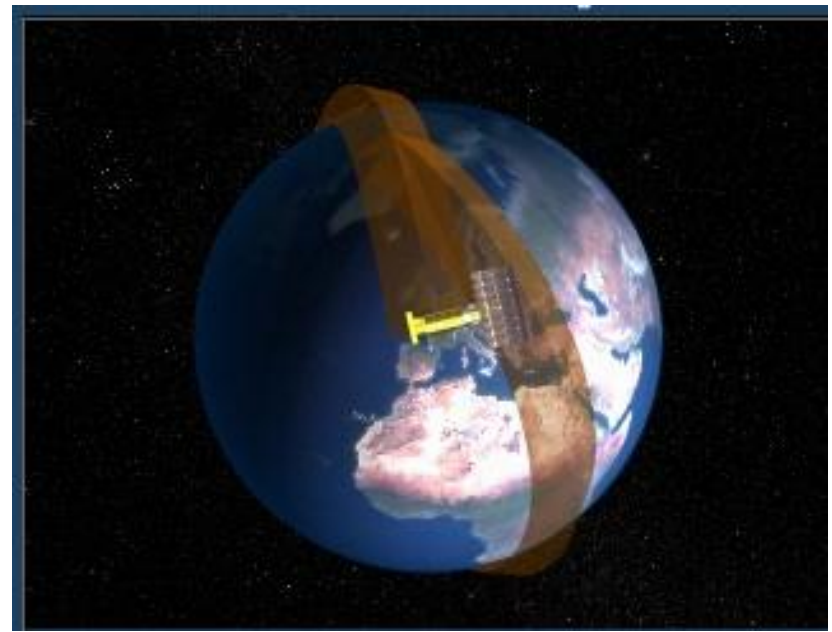
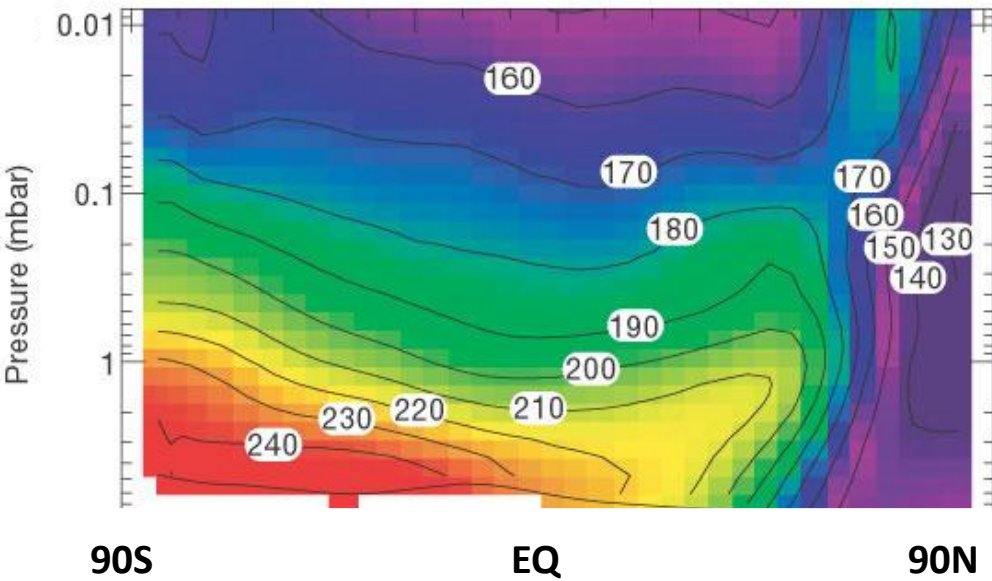


Viking Landers (VL1 & VL2)

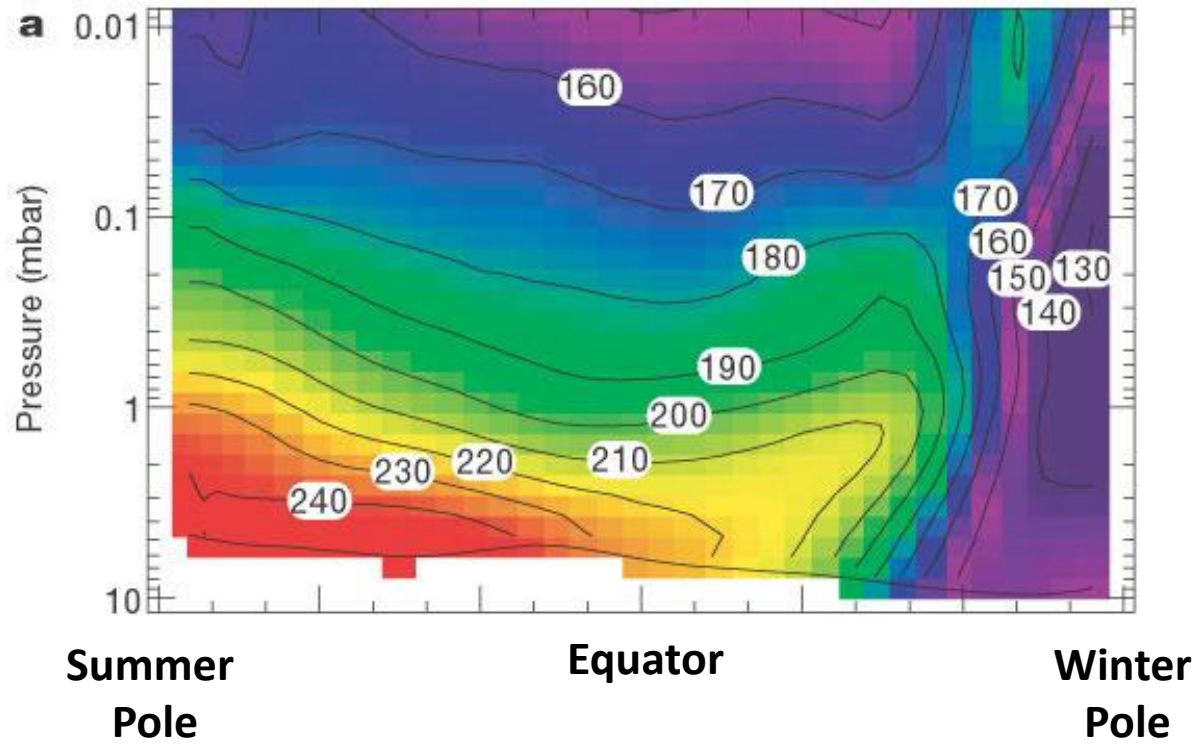
- **VL1 22°N**
- **Start Time : 1976-07-20**
- **Stop Time : 1982-11-13**
- **VL2 48°N**
- **Start Time : 1976-09-03**
- **Stop Time : 1980-04-11**

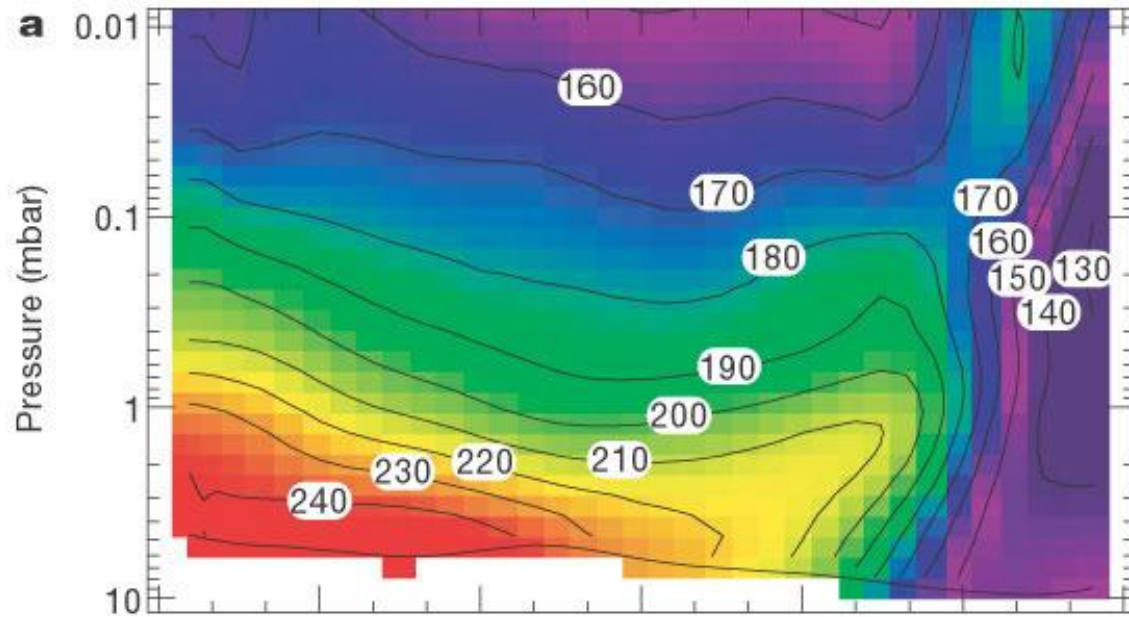


This picture was taken by the Viking Lander 1 on February 11, 1978 on Sol 556. The large rock just left of the center is about two meters wide. The top of the rock is covered with red soil. Those portions of the rock not covered are similar in color to basaltic rocks on Earth. Therefore, this may be a fragment of a lava flow that was ejected by an impact crater.

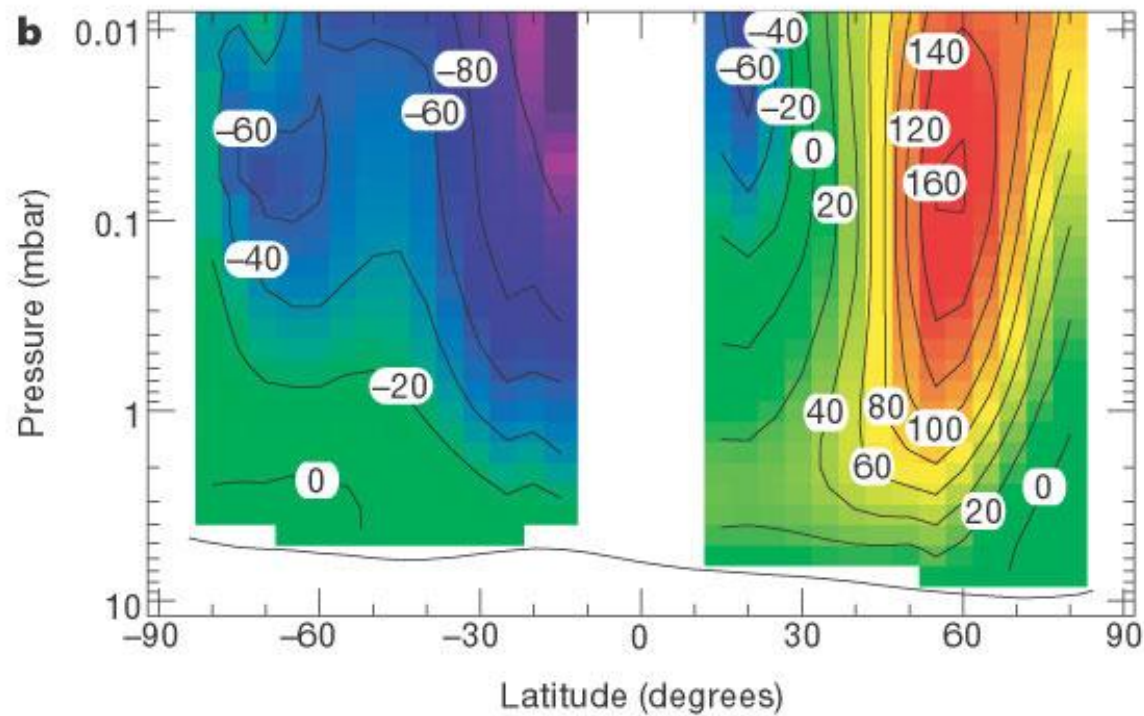


Mars Global Surveyor – Thermal Emission Spectrometer Data





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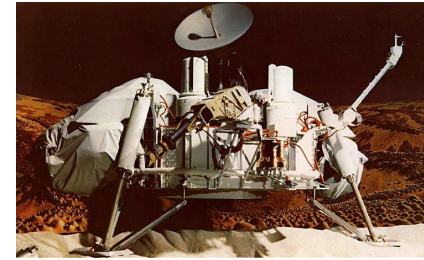
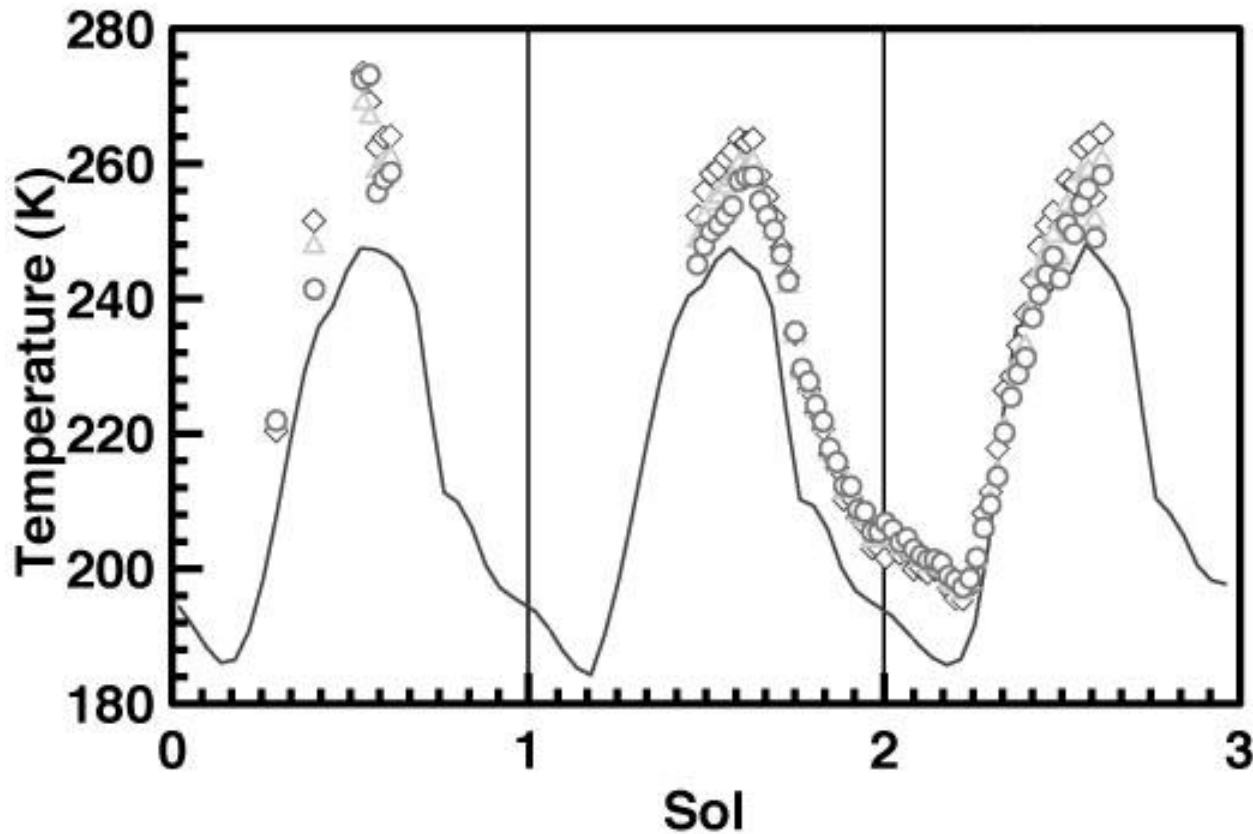


Geostrophic

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~60K diurnal range of surface air temperature at ~20N

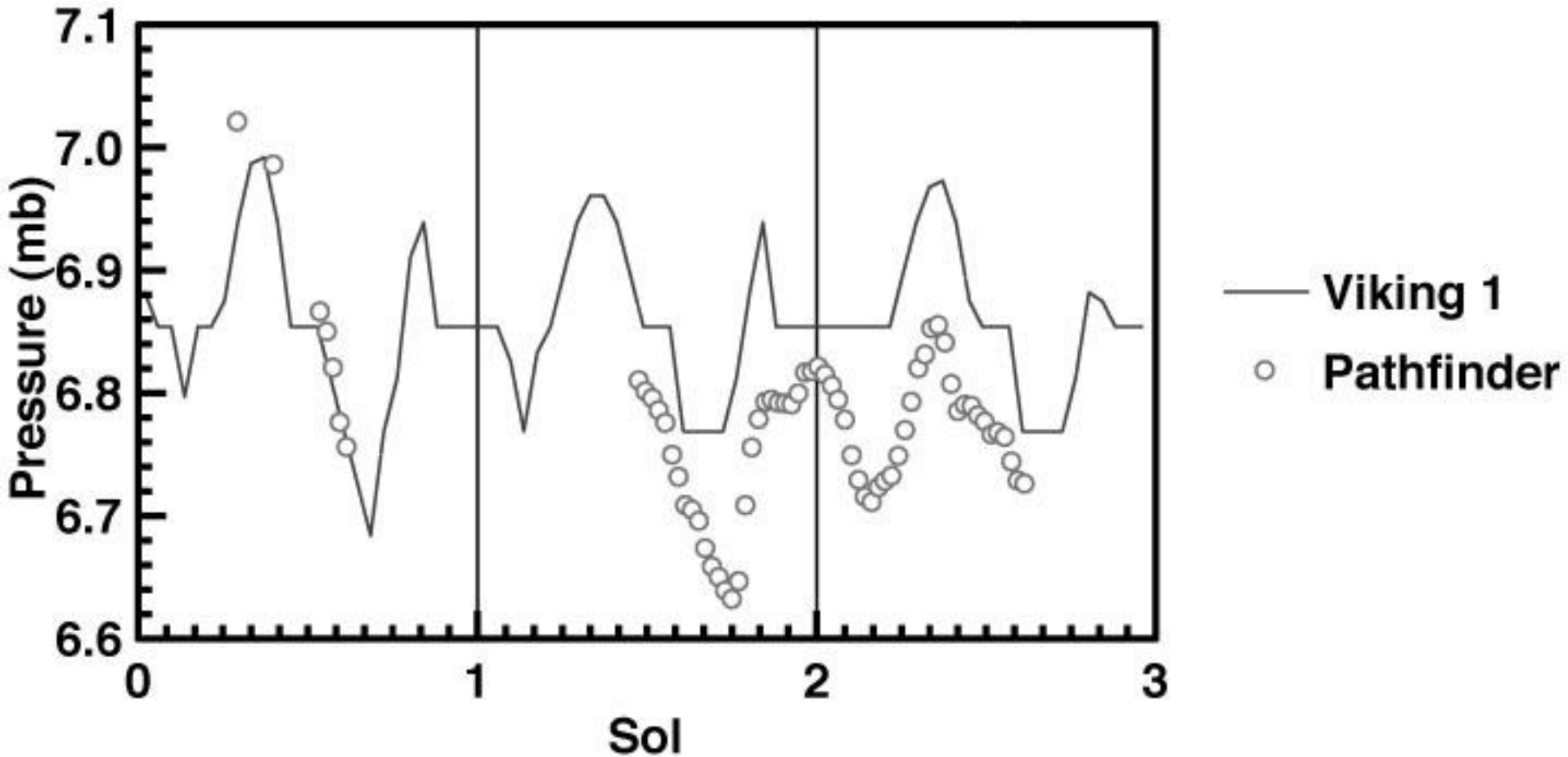
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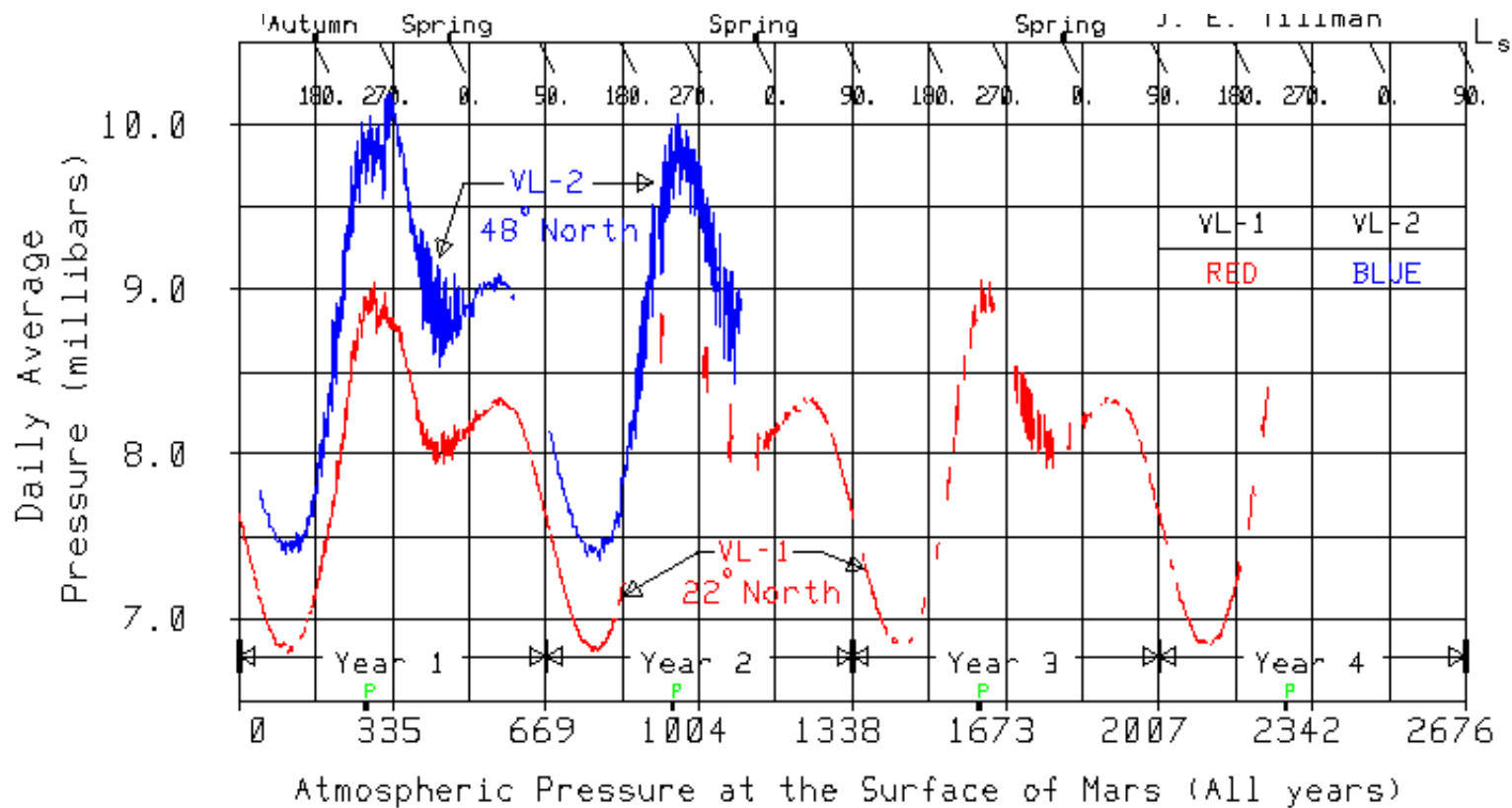


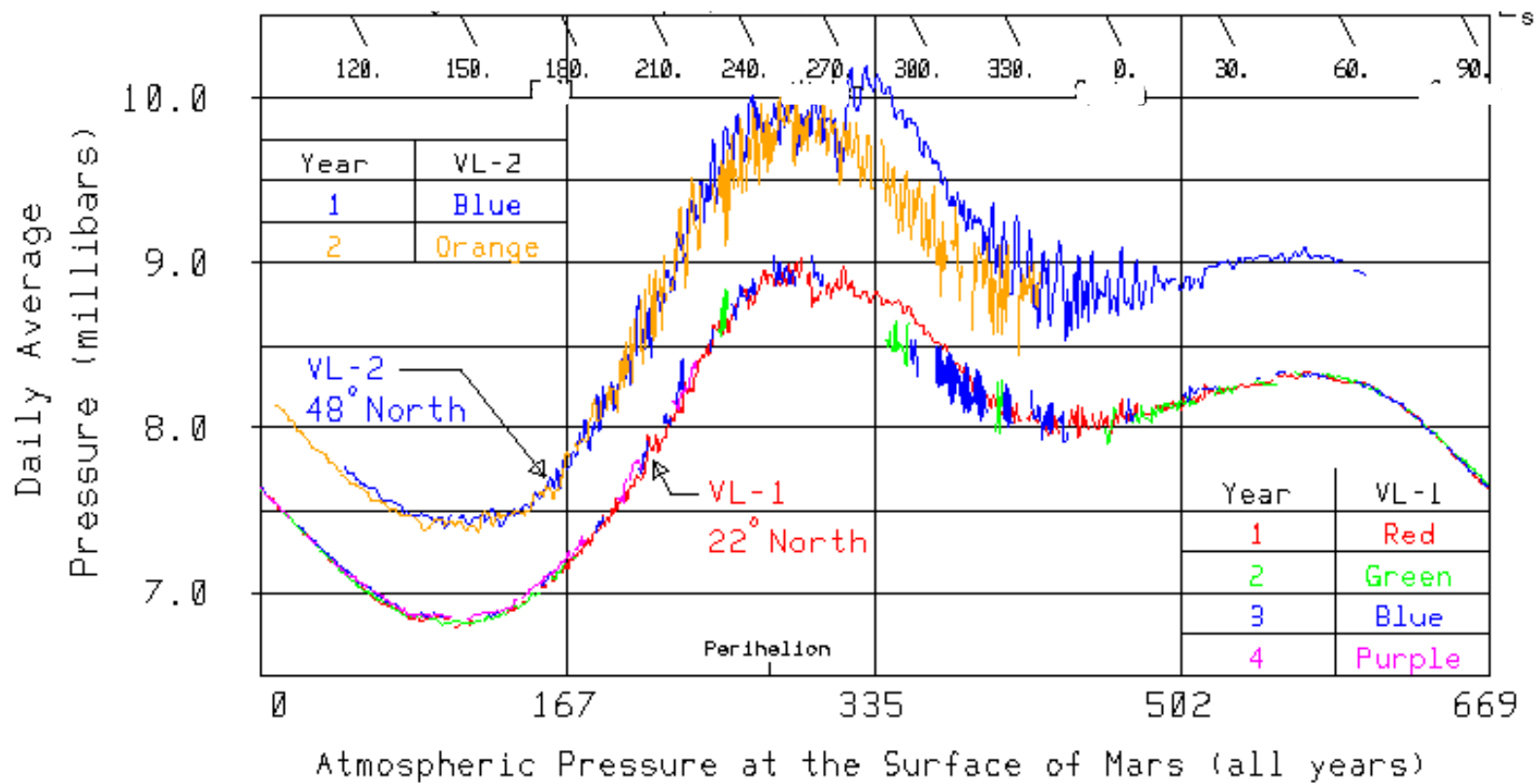
- Viking 1
- MPF 1.0 m
- △ MPF 0.5 m
- ◇ MPF 0.25 m

~30 Pa diurnal range of surface pressure at ~20N

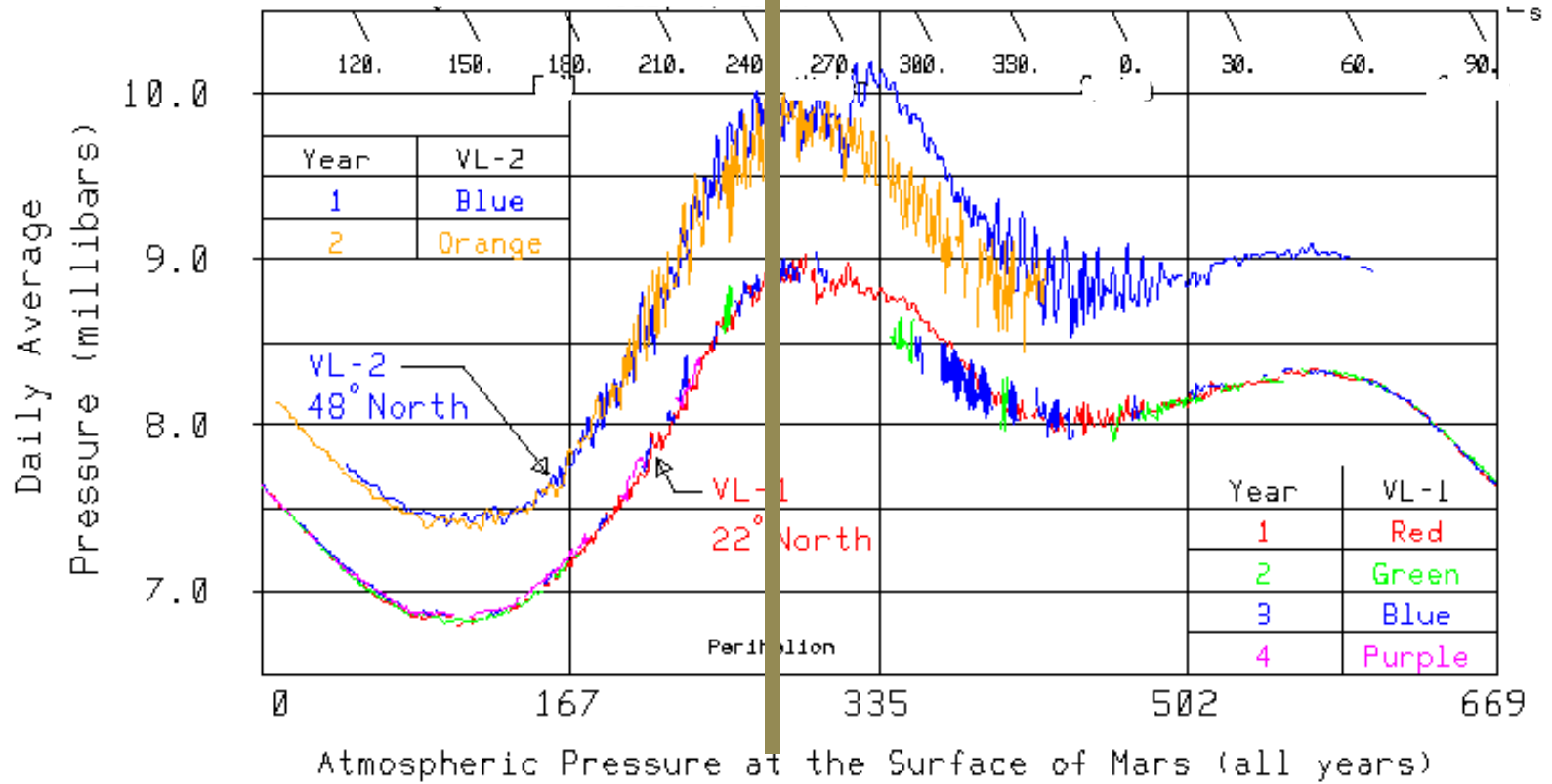
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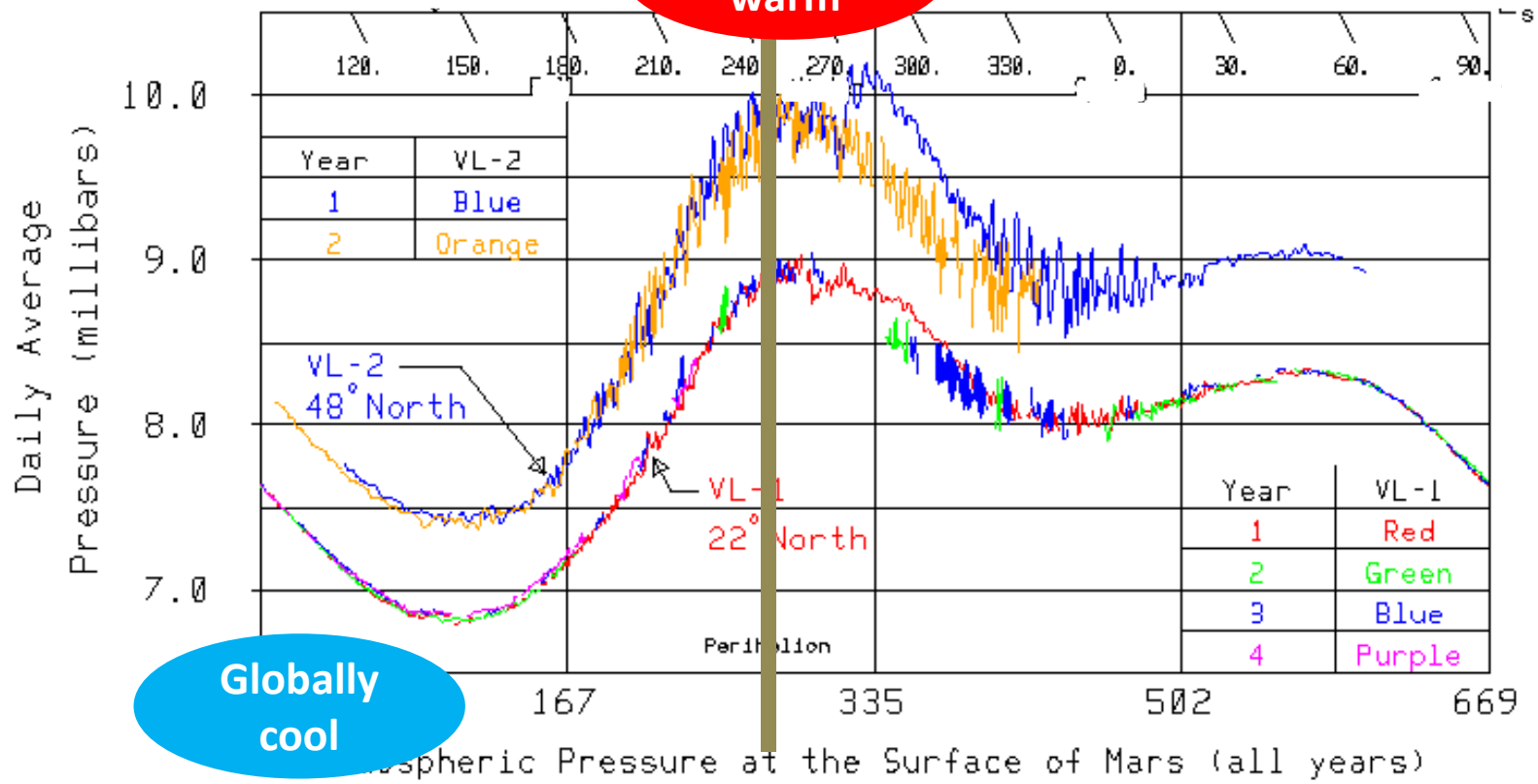






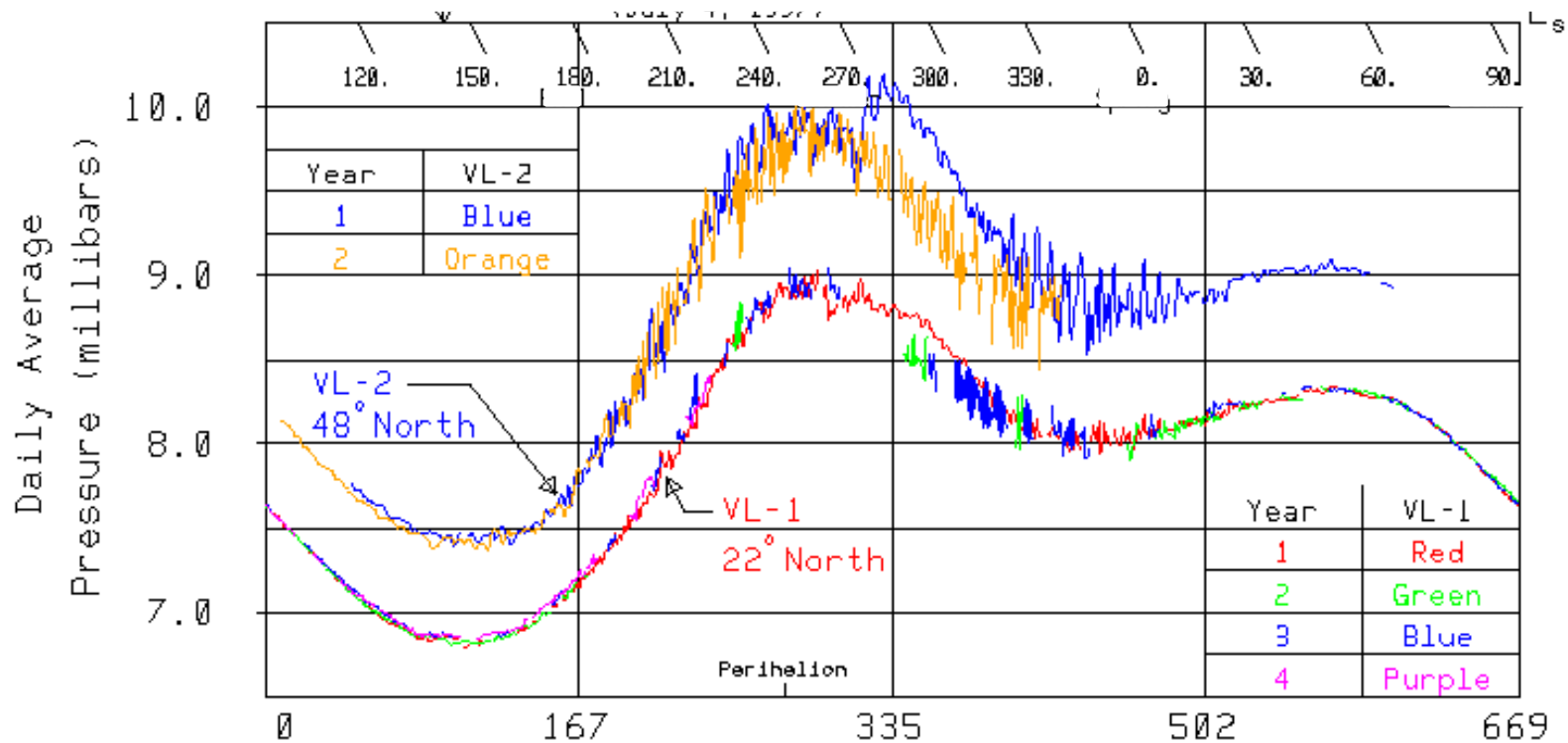
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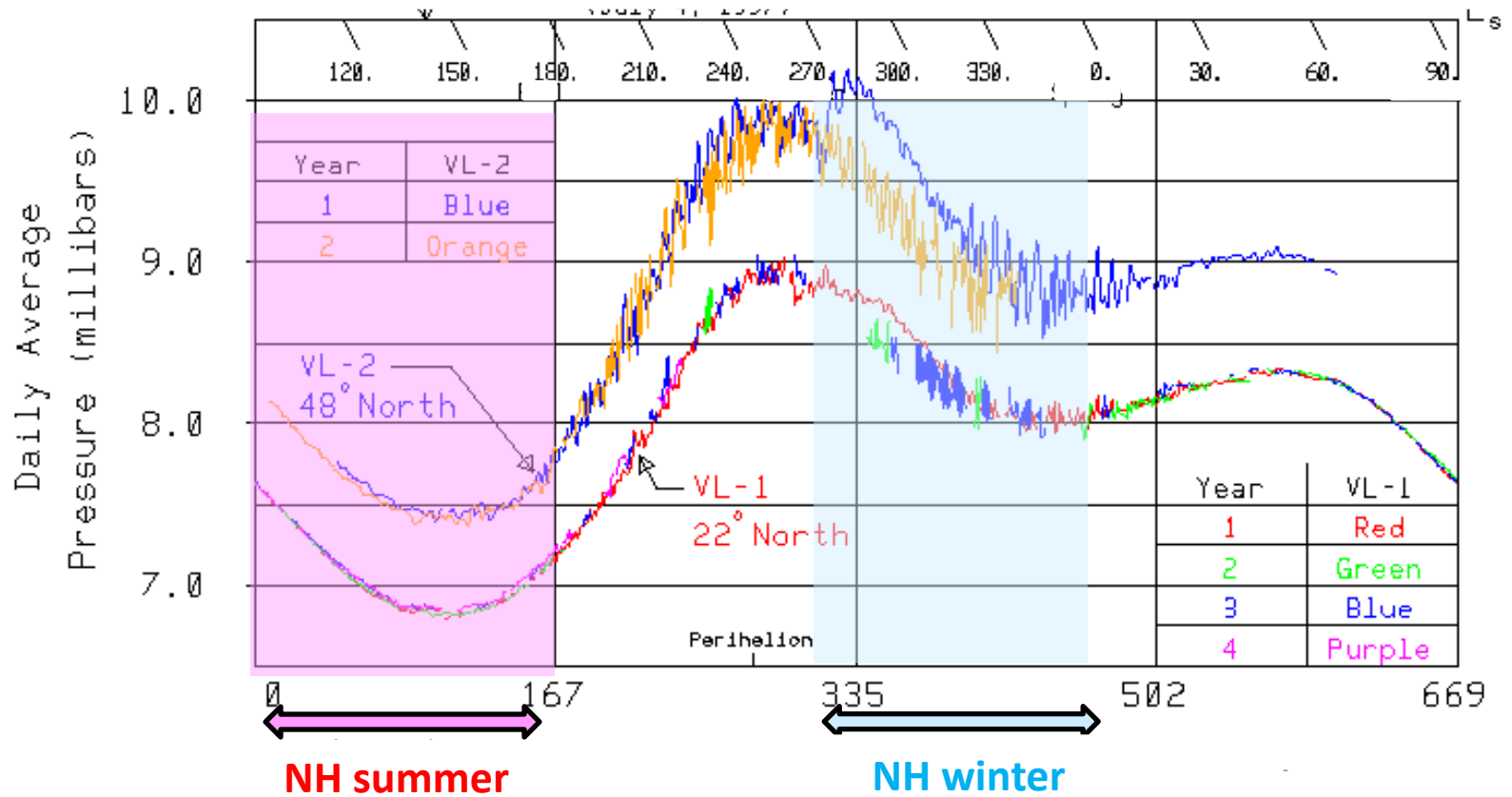


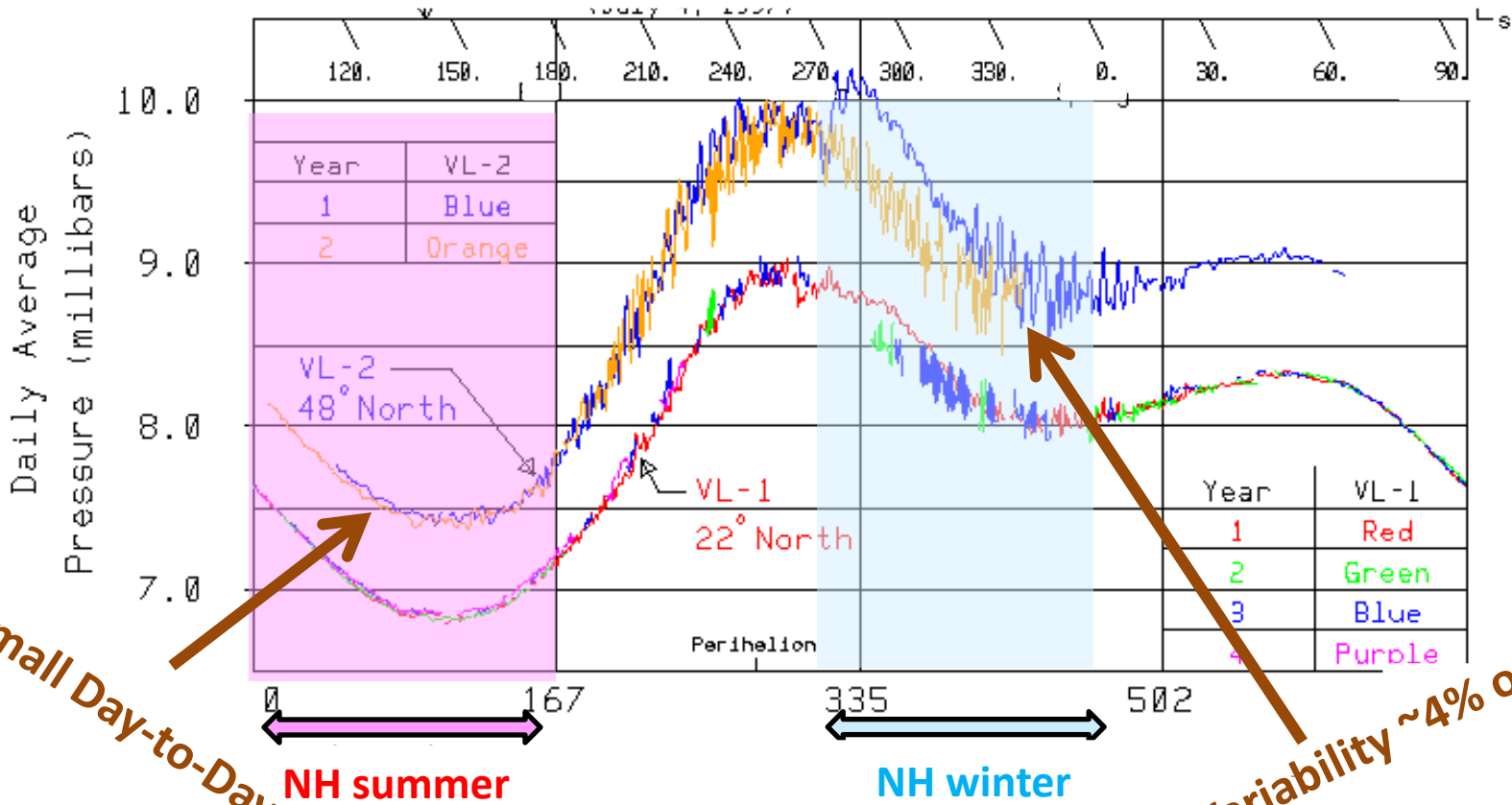
Annual Cycle of Surface Pressure

- The surface pressure **everywhere** is ~30% higher near perihelion than the minimum which occurs somewhat after aphelion
- This is accompanied by a seasonal cycle in the size of the NH and SH polar “ice” caps
- We conclude that the CO₂ in the atmosphere is **sublimating from/condensing onto** the polar caps in such large amounts that the total mass of the atmosphere has a ~30% annual cycle
- The global surface pressure is largest when the global atmosphere is warmest



Atmospheric Pressure at the Surface of Mars (all years)

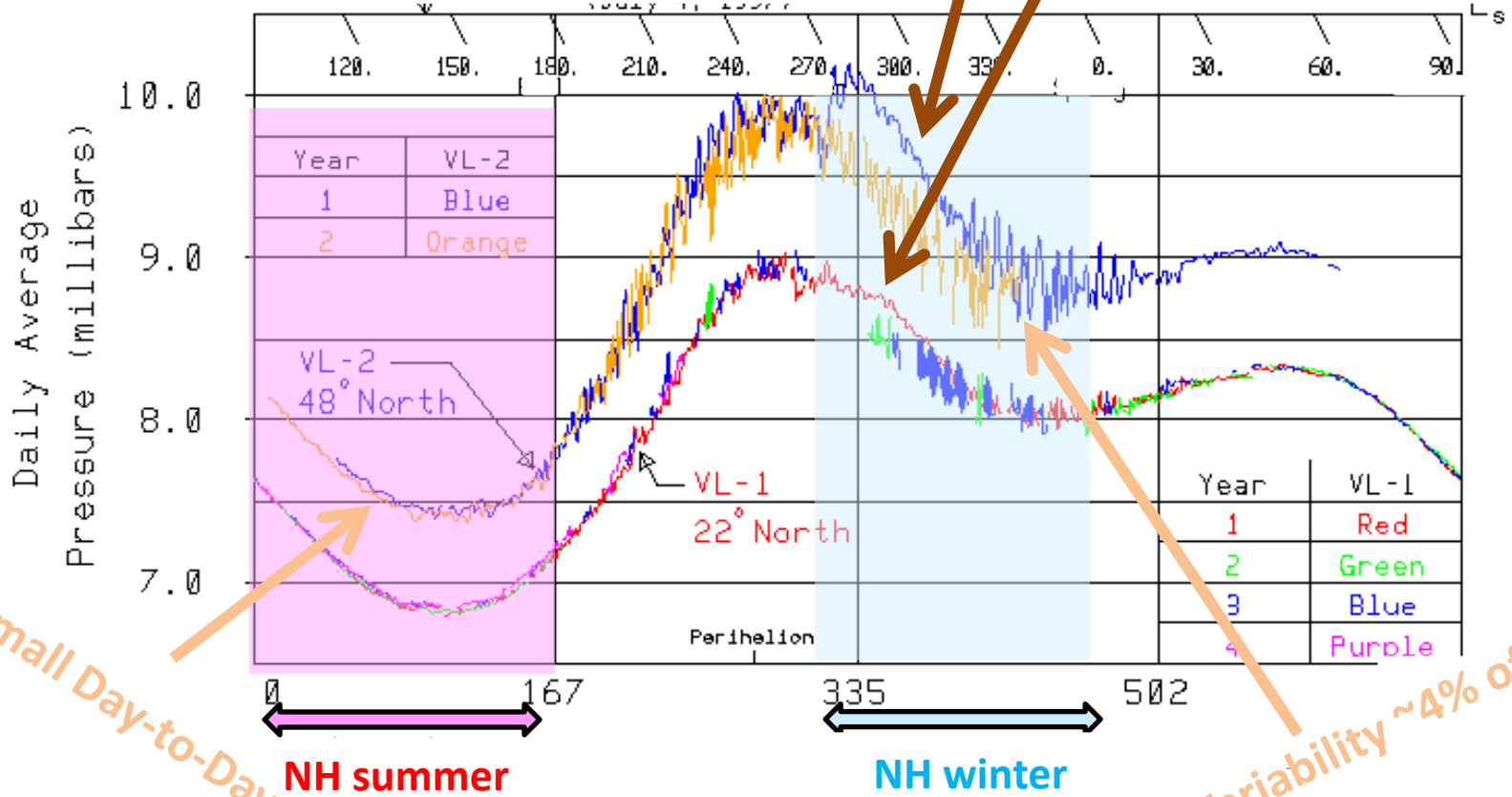




Very Small Day-to-Day Variability

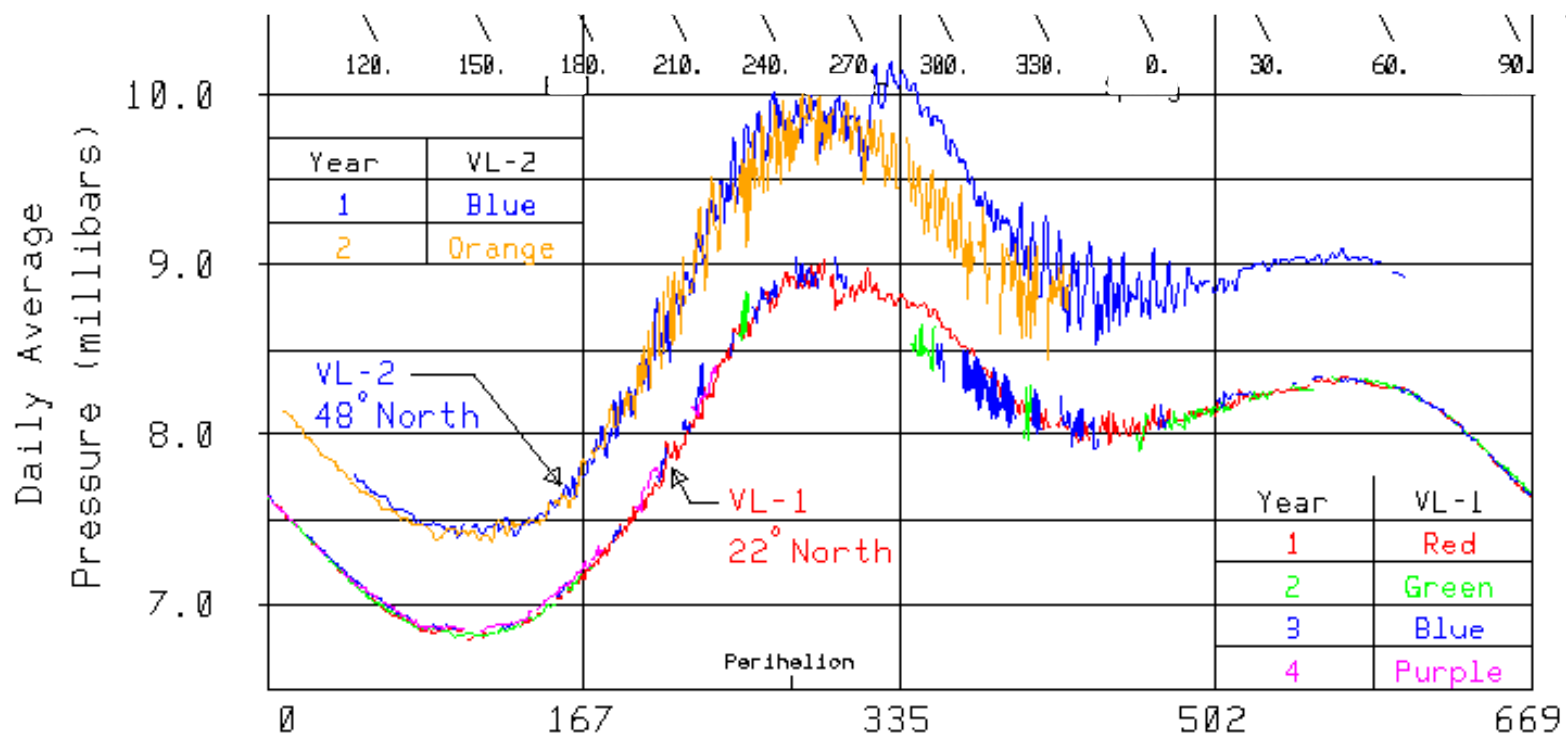
Day-to-Day Variability ~4% of Mean

Day-to-Day Variability Nearly Disappears in Global Dust Storms



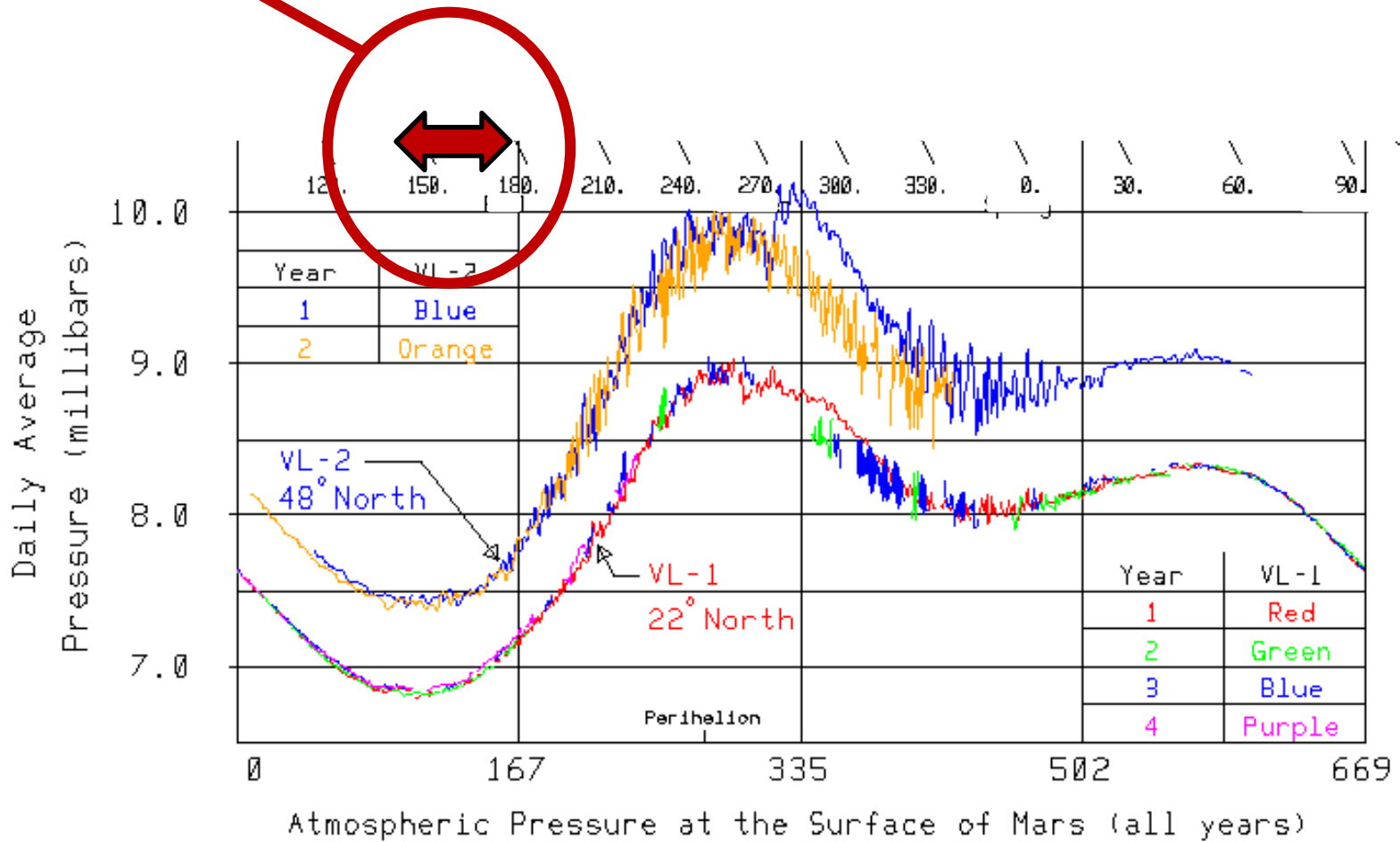
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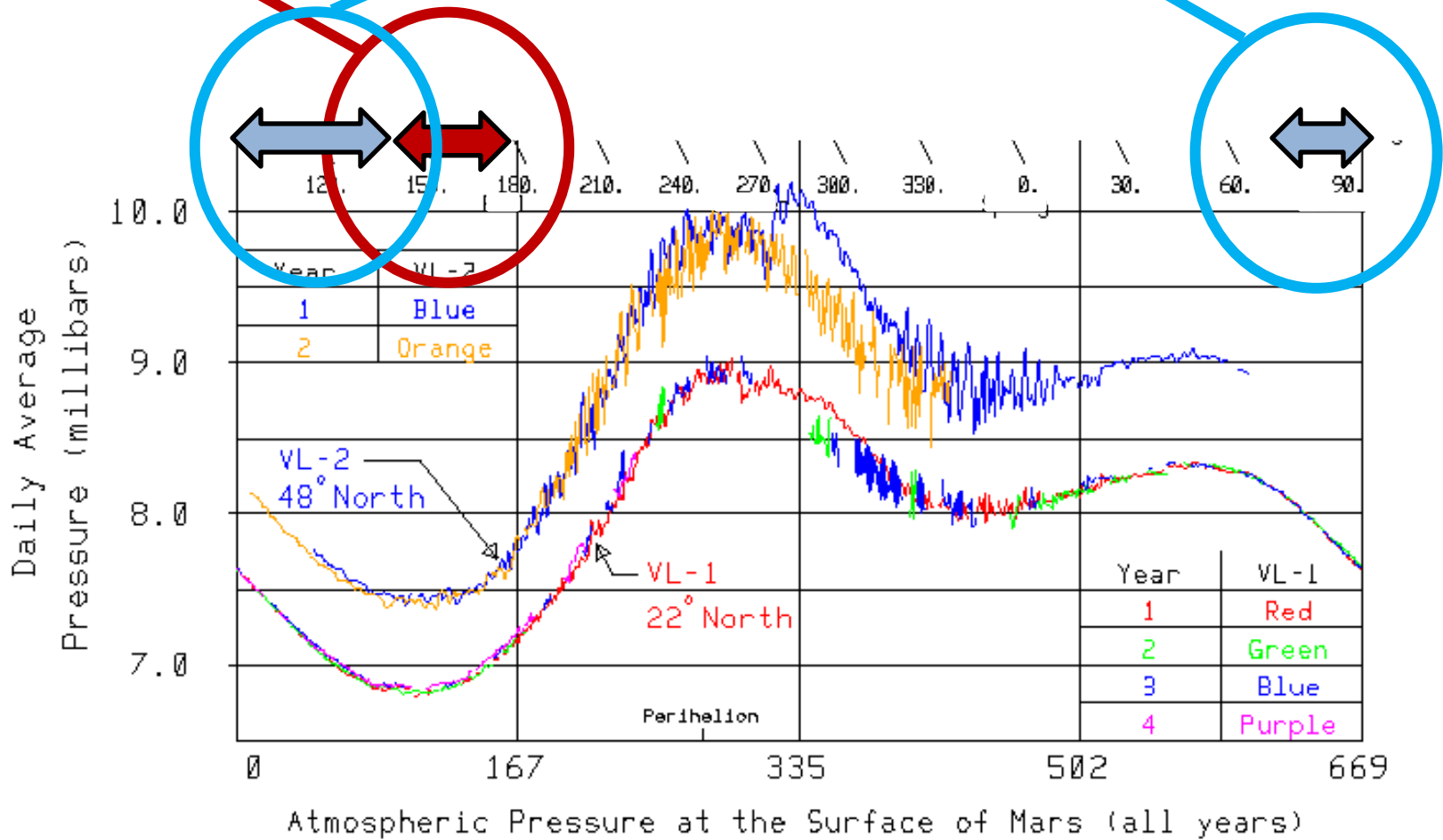
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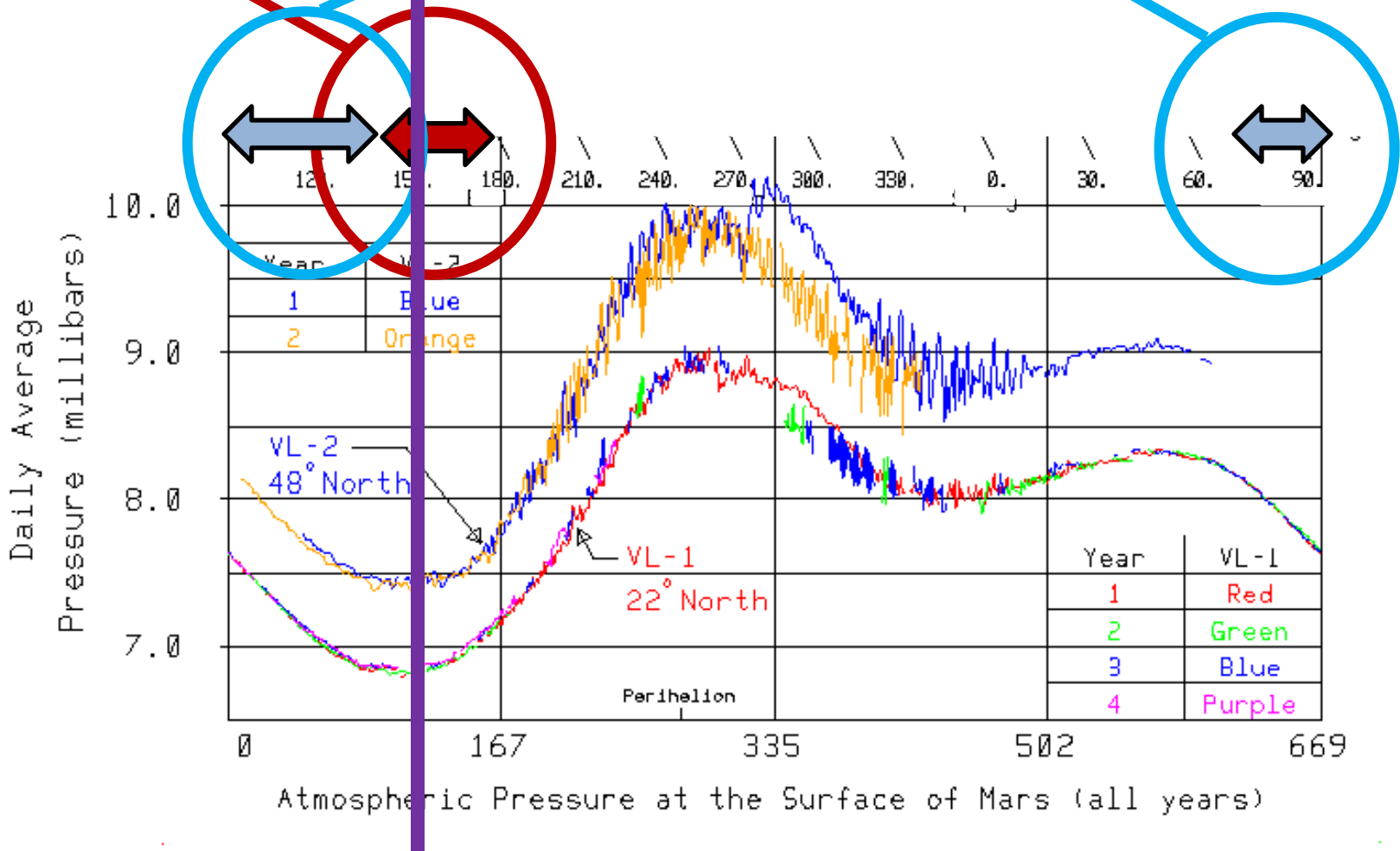
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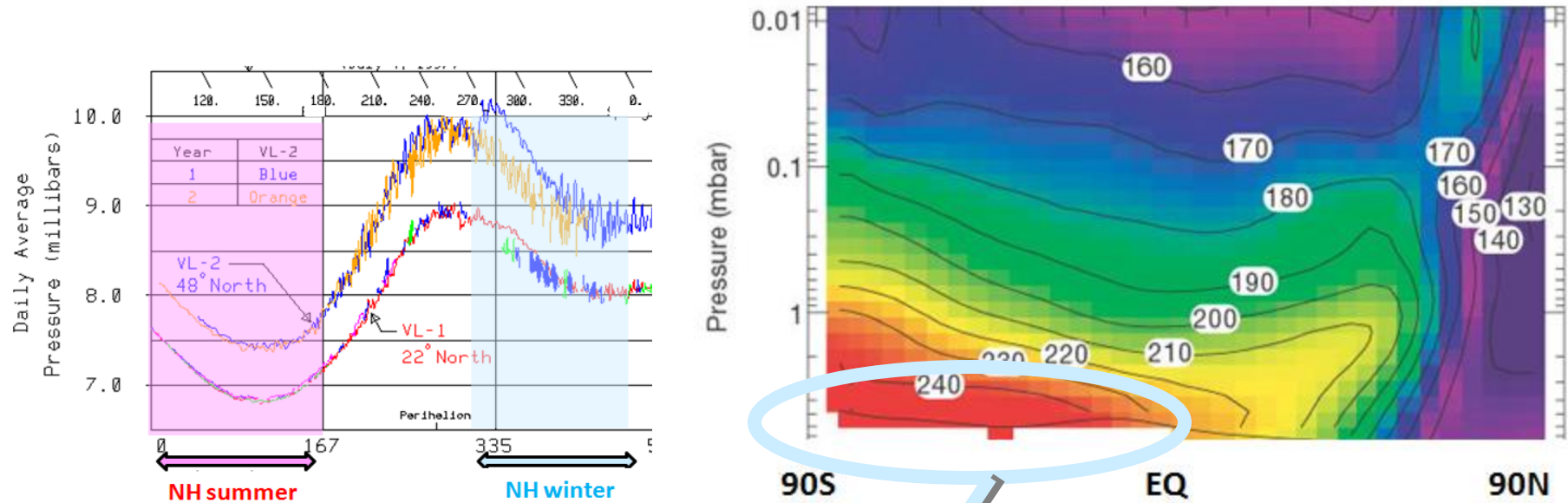
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Baroclinic Waves on Mars

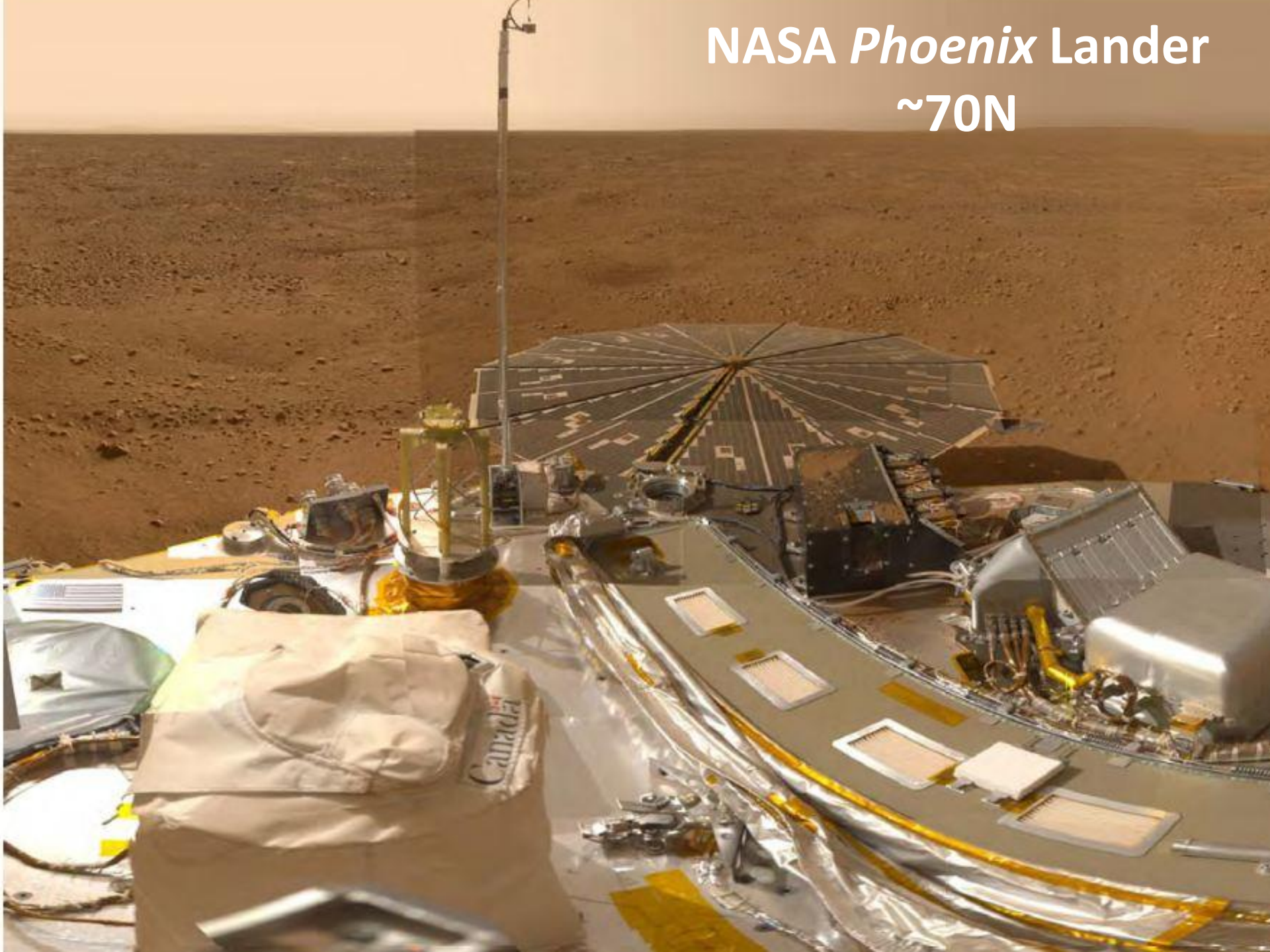


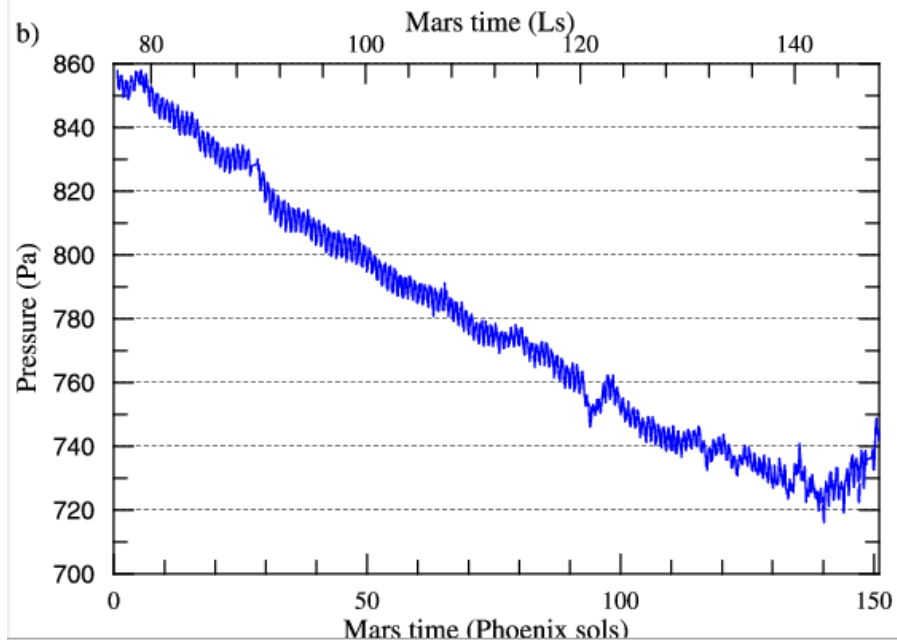
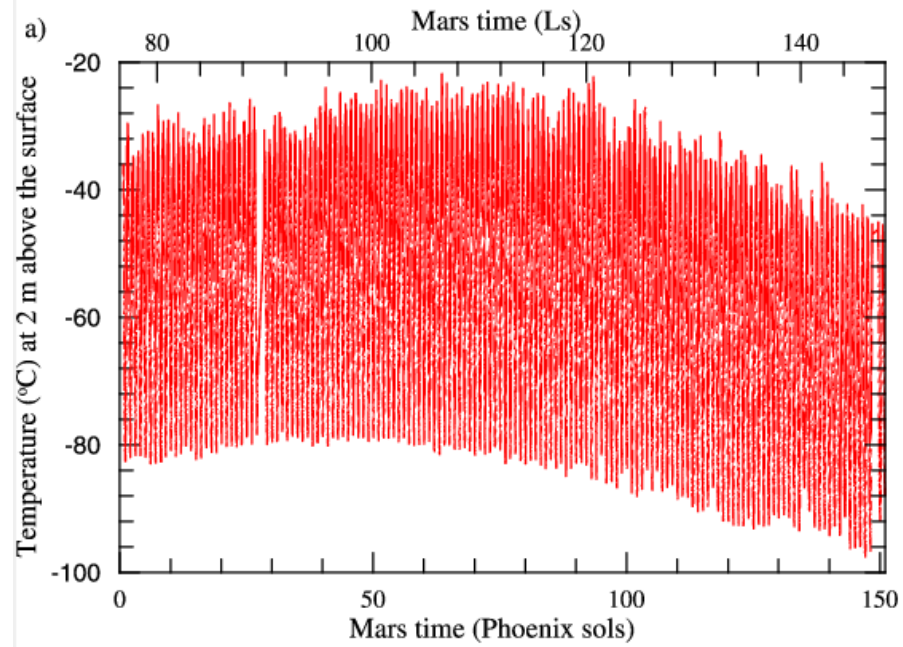
- Baroclinic waves disappear in summer (unlike Earth)

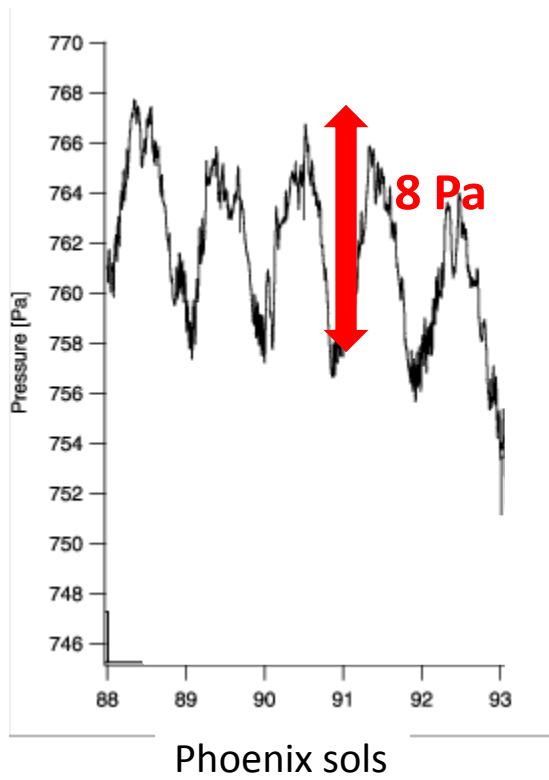
equator-pole gradient (baroclinicity) almost disappears in Martian summer

NASA *Phoenix* Lander

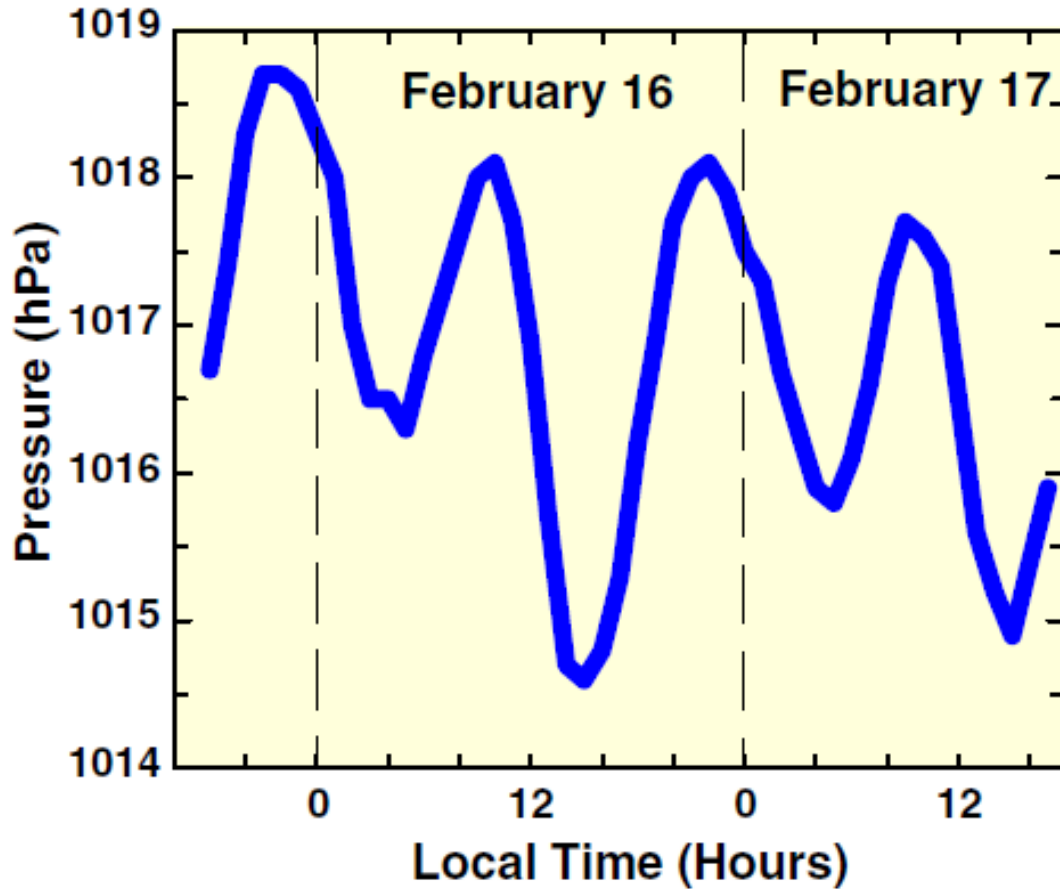
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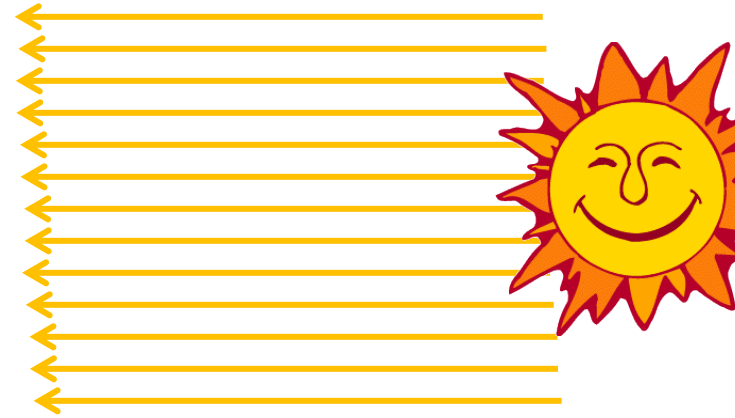
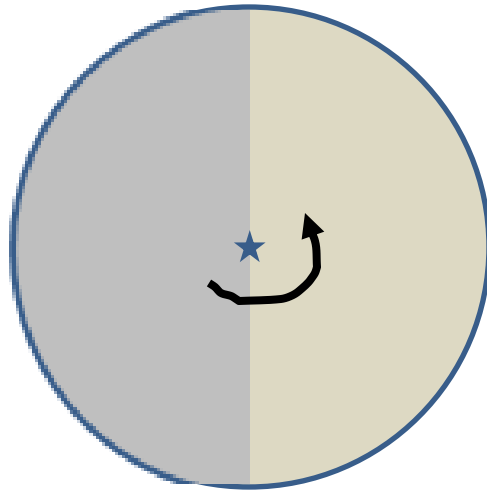




Hourly Pressure at Hilo Airport (19.7N) February 2008



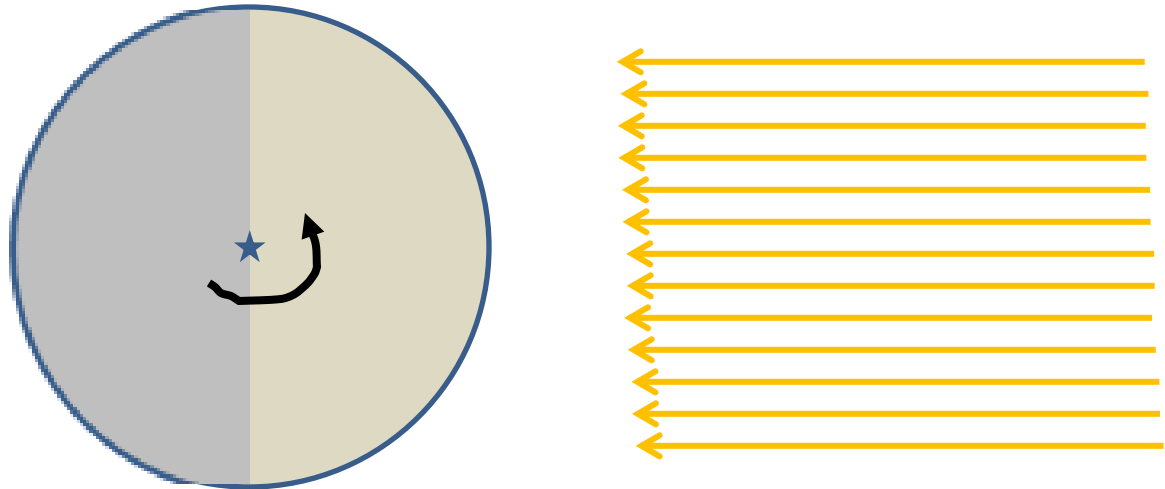
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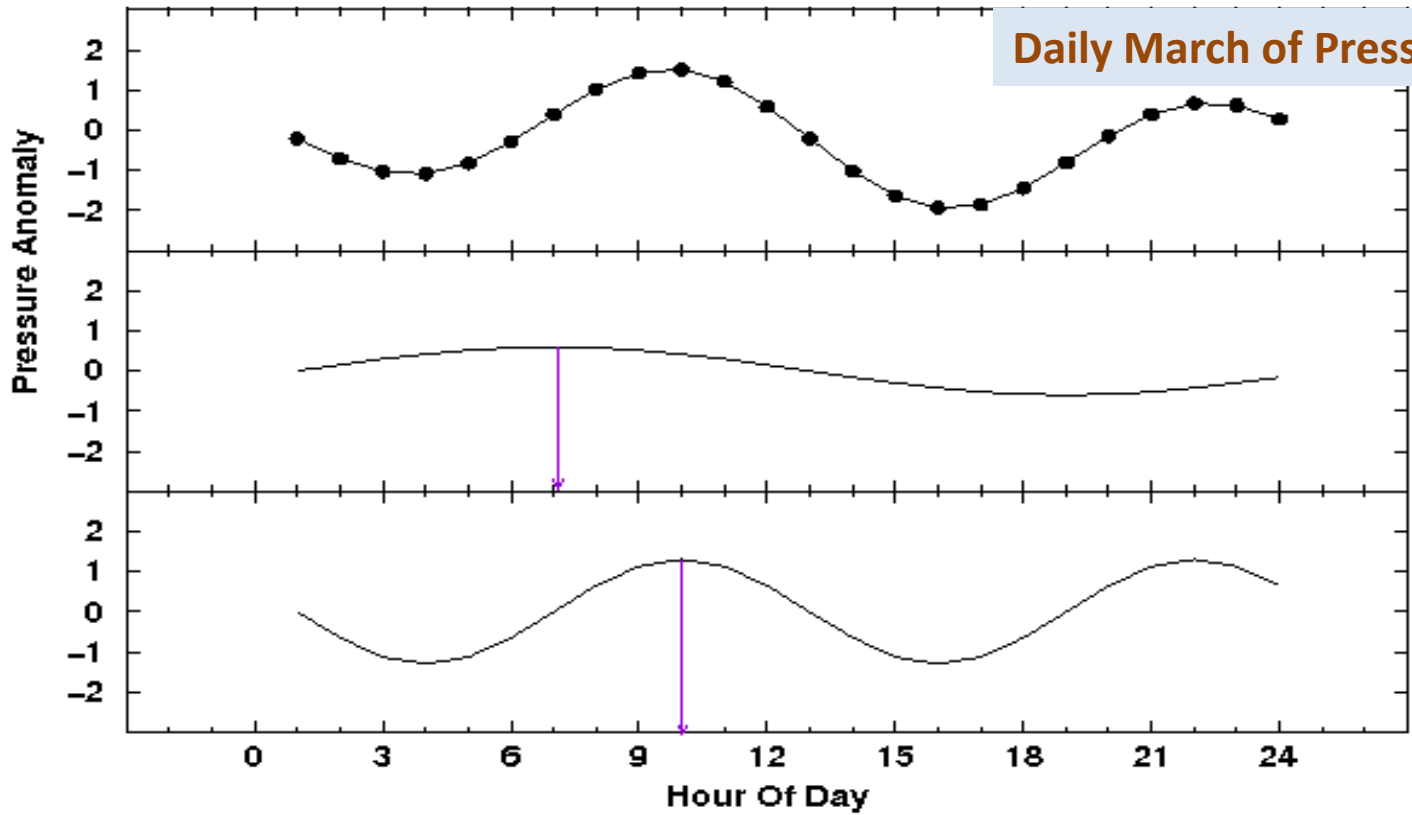
Earth thermal tides vs Mars thermal tides

Similar rotation rate

Less atmosphere mass on Mars → stronger tide in temperature or $\delta P/P$



Daily March of Pressure (or T...)



S1(p) solar diurnal (24 hour) harmonic of pressure

S2(p) solar semidiurnal (12 hour) harmonic of pressure

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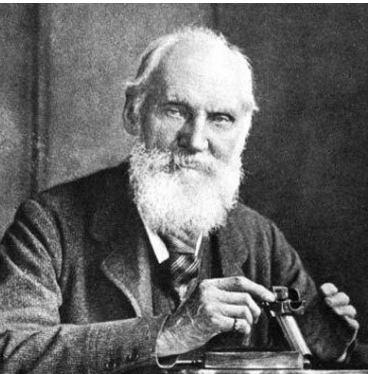
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- **S2(p) ~twice as large as S1(p) in tropics**

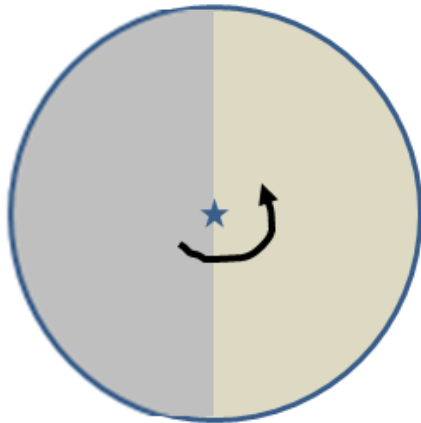


Lord Kelvin proposed global resonance --NO!

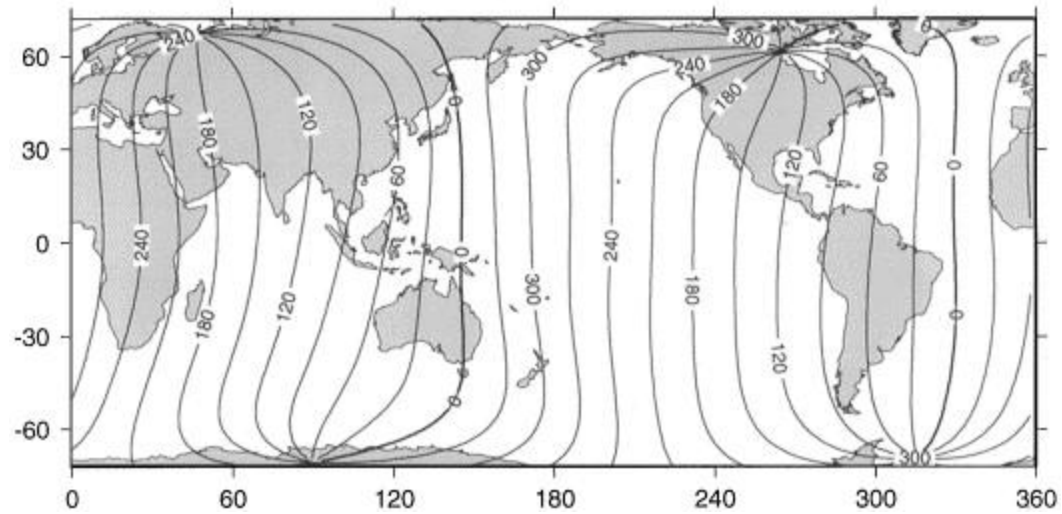
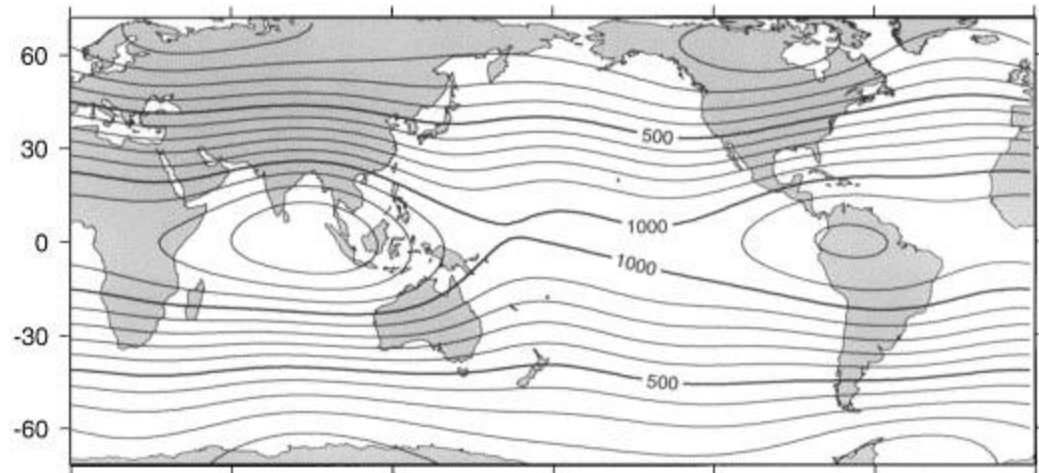
- **(although I believe that on Mars the tide is resonant - Hamilton & Garcia 1986; Wilson & Hamilton 1996)**

Sun-Synchronous Tides

- Without zonal asymmetry in forcing (absorber distributions; convective heating...), or mean state, or lower boundary (e.g. topography). Leads to a response which has amplitude only dependent on latitude and
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Observed Annual Mean Amplitude and Phase for S2(p)

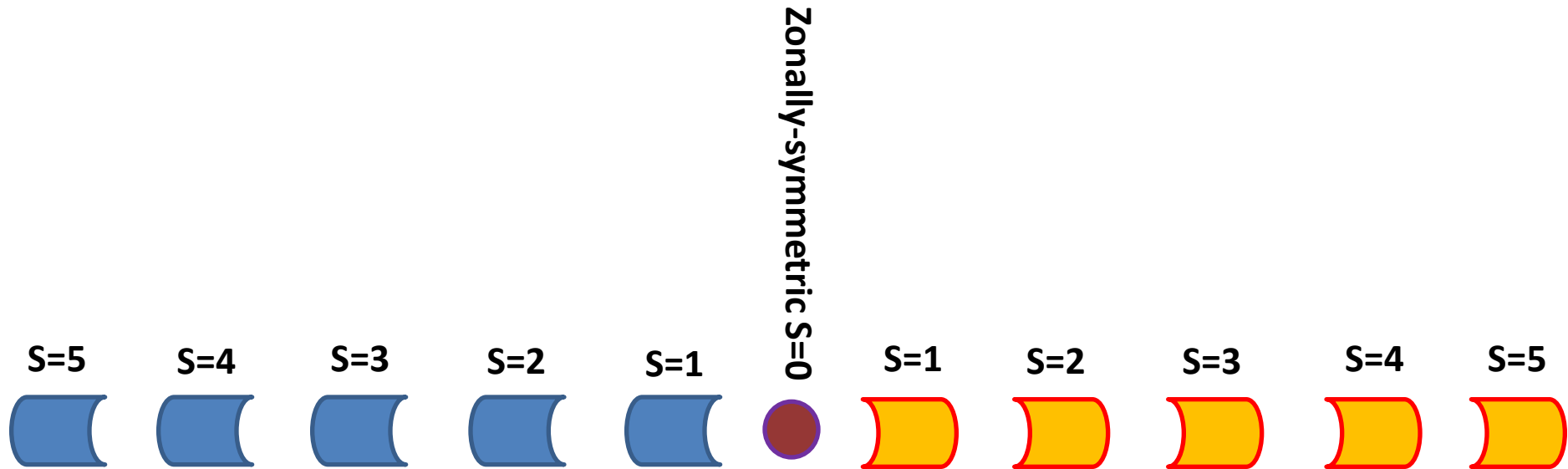


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Non-Sun-Synchronous NSS Tides

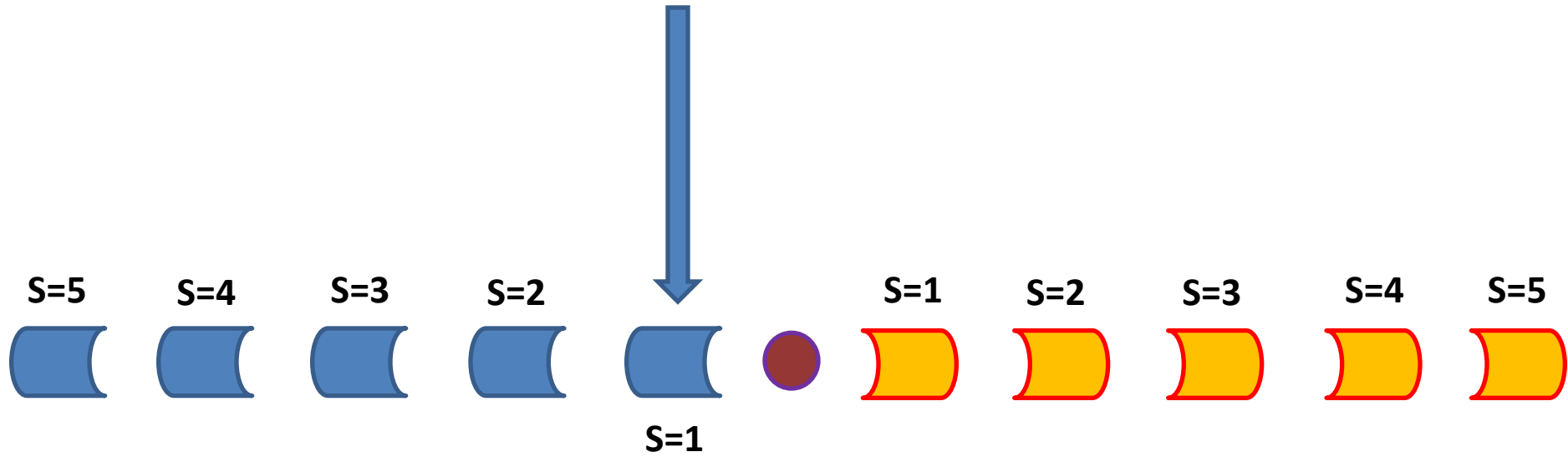
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Eastward

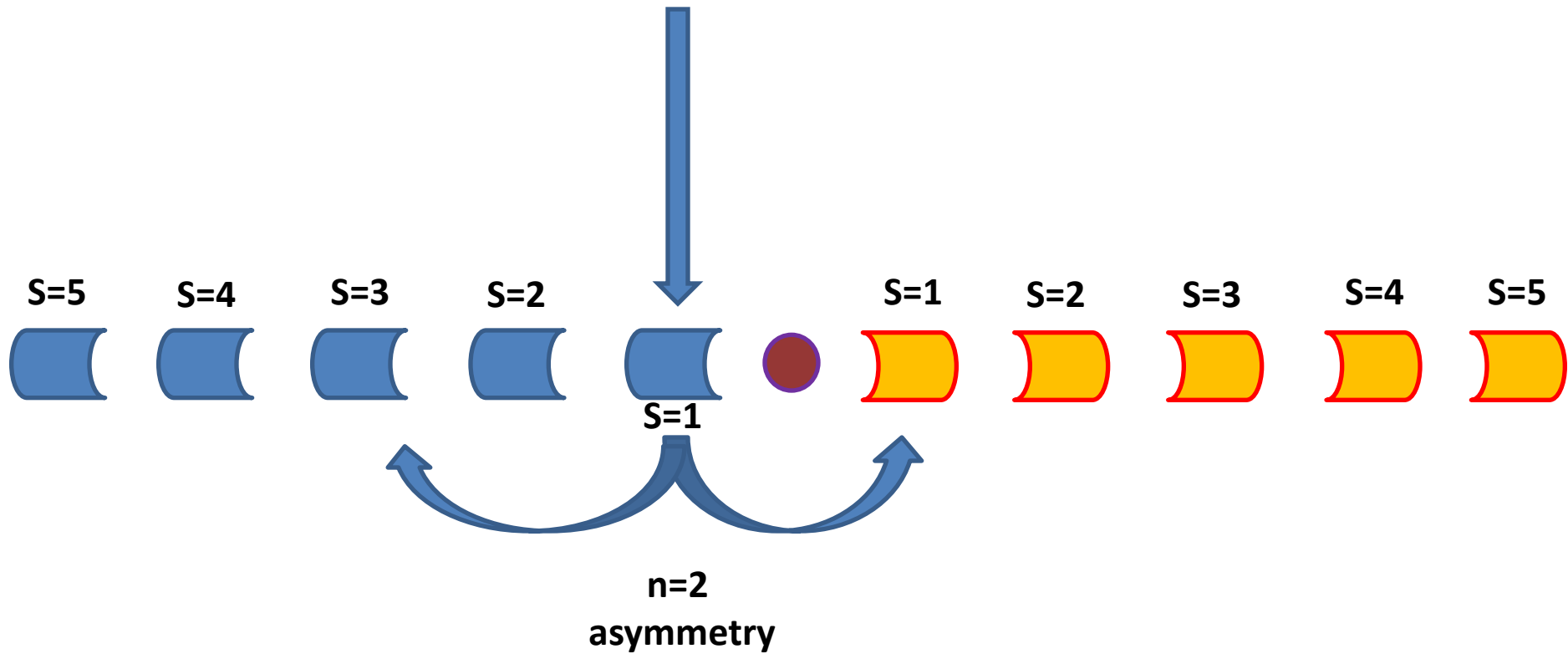
Sun-Synchronous S1 Tide



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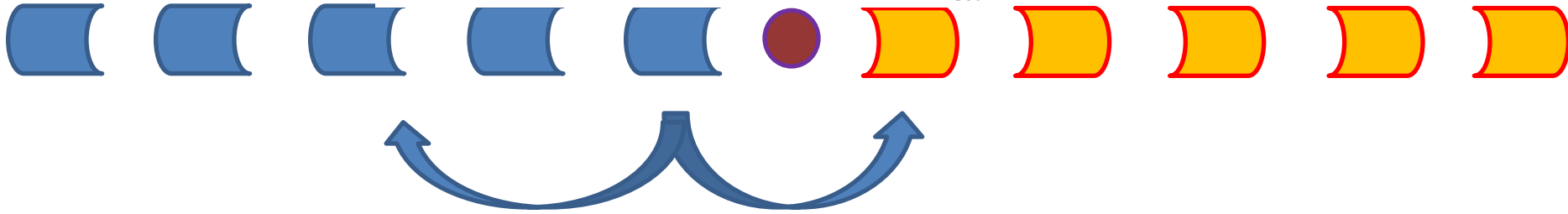
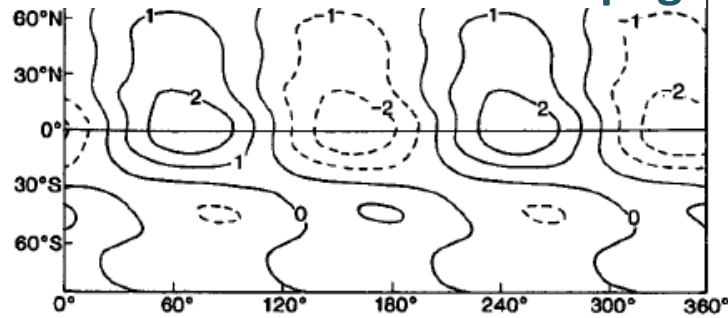
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Zonal wavenumber 2 topography

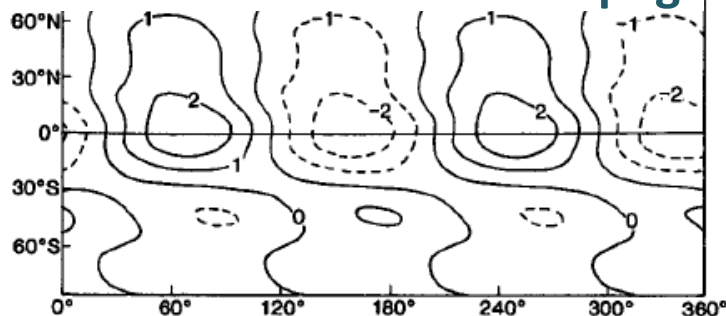


$n=2$
asymmetry

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Eastward

Zonal wavenumber 2 topography



**n=2
asymmetry**

Zonal wave one Kelvin wave has natural period close to 1 sol

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**RESONANCE
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Inviscid stratified ocean, rigid lid

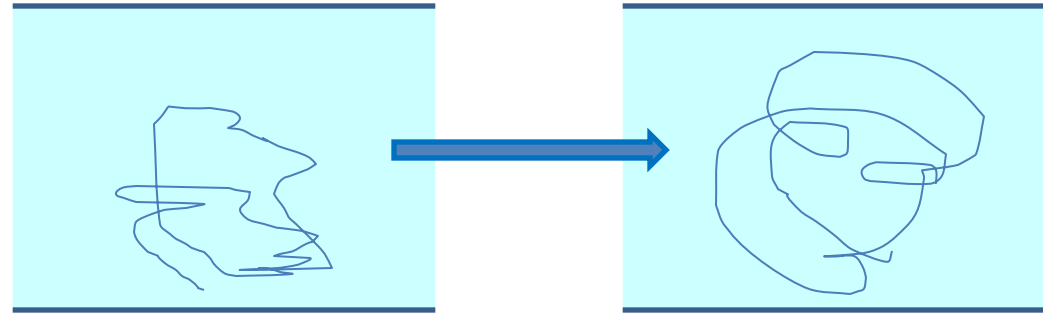


Inviscid stratified atmosphere,
radiation condition at "top"



Initially

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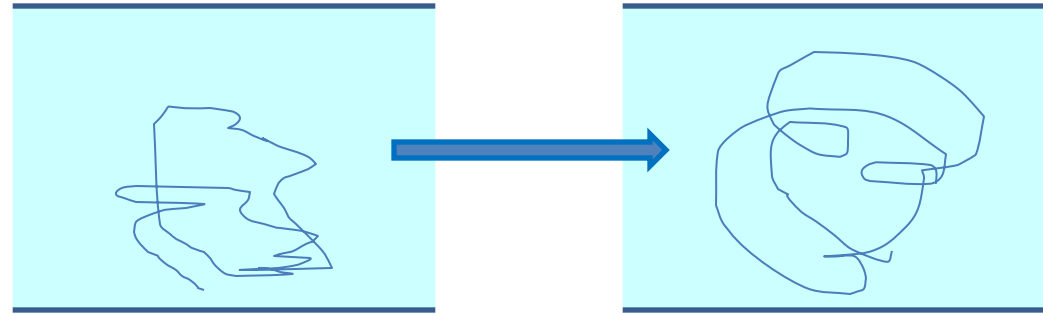
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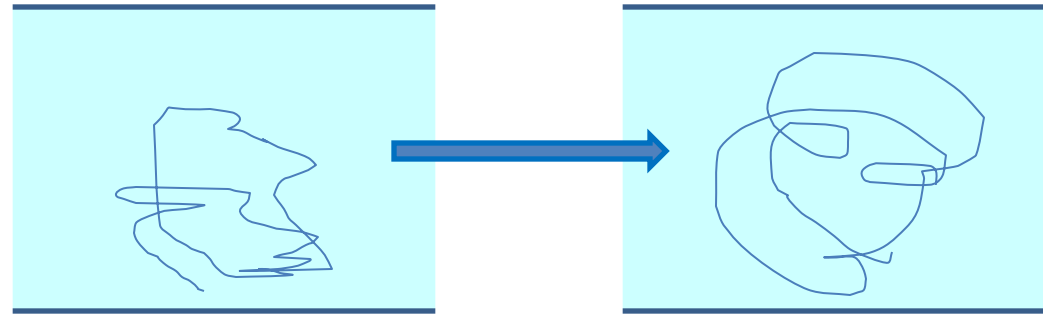
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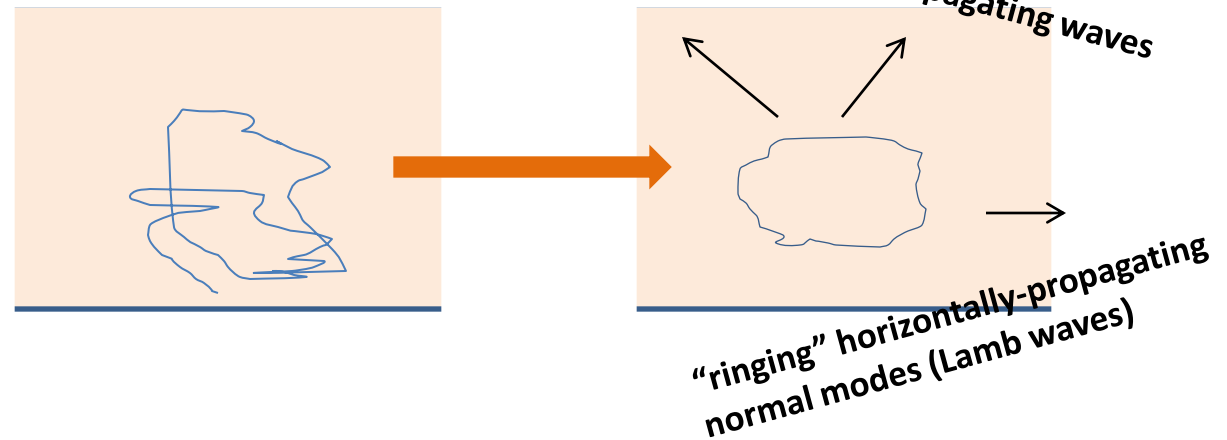


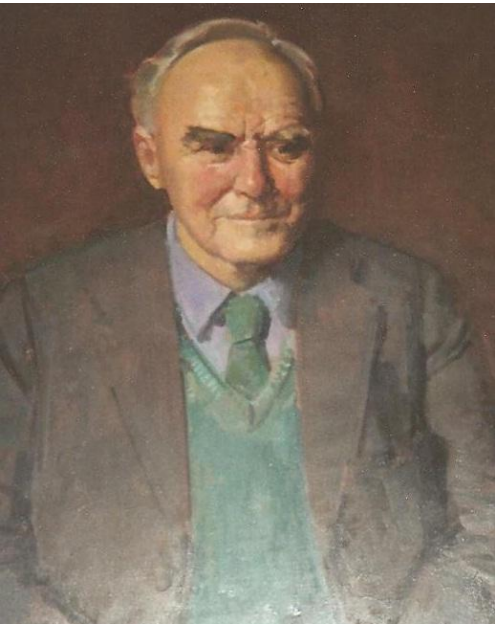
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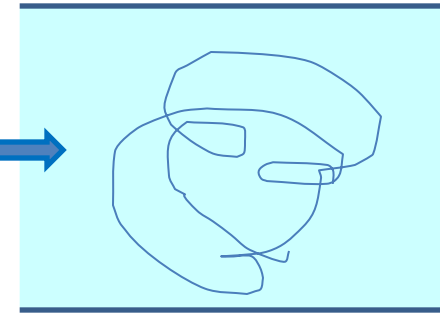


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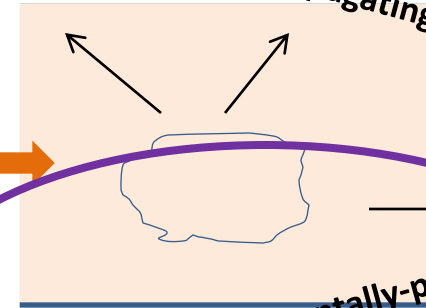


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vertically-propagating waves

"ringing" horizontally-propagating normal modes (Lamb waves)

G.I. Taylor showed that the free oscillations of the atmosphere had frequencies equal to those of a shallow water ocean of depth 10 km

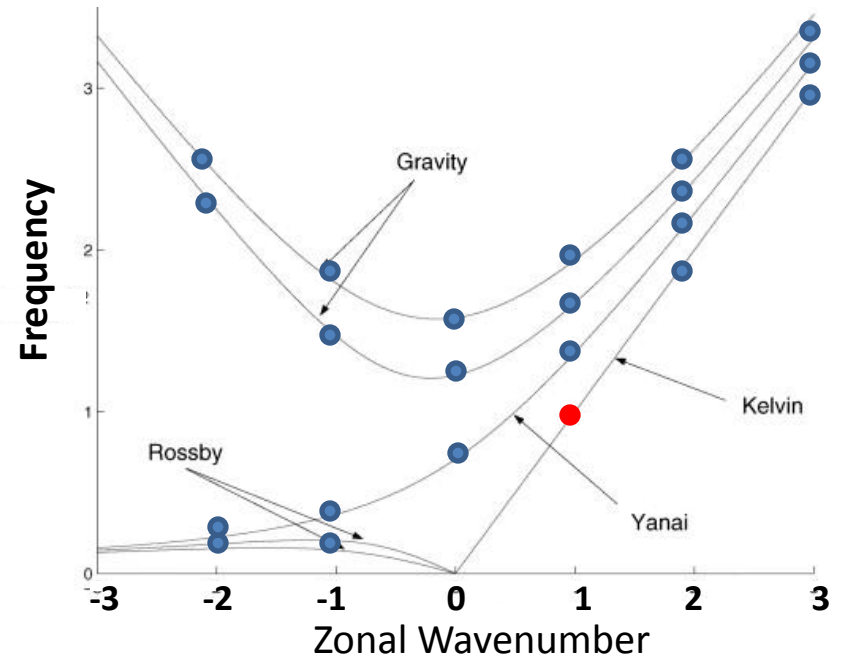




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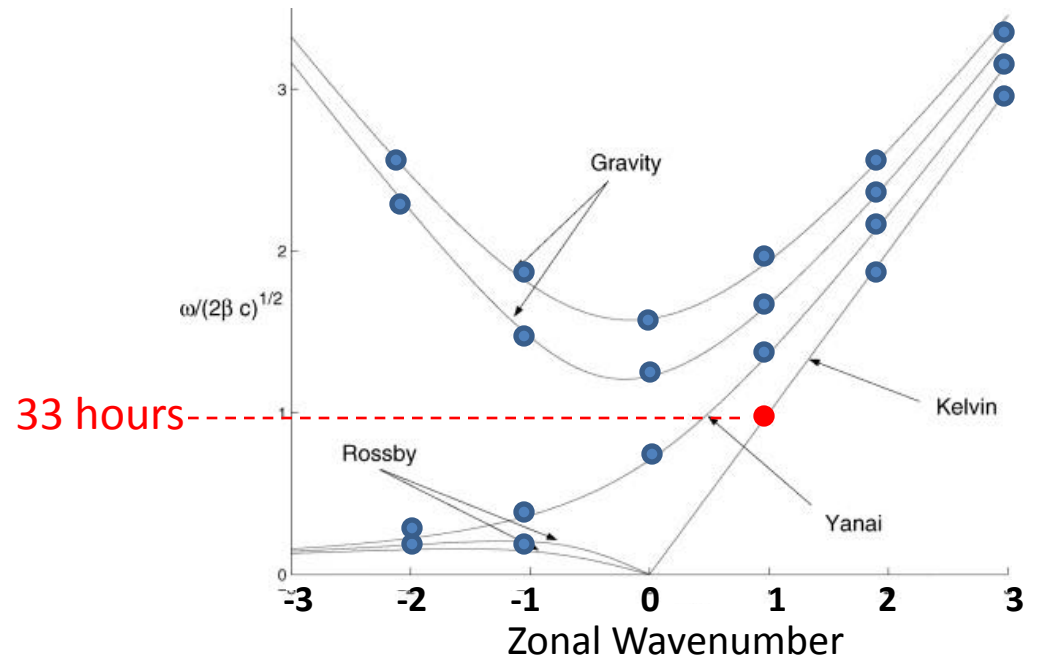


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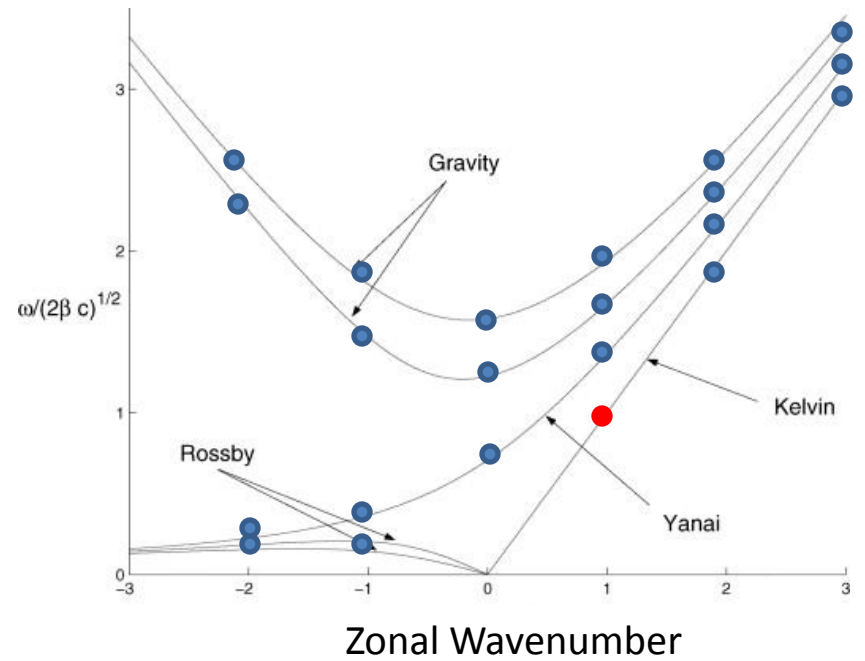
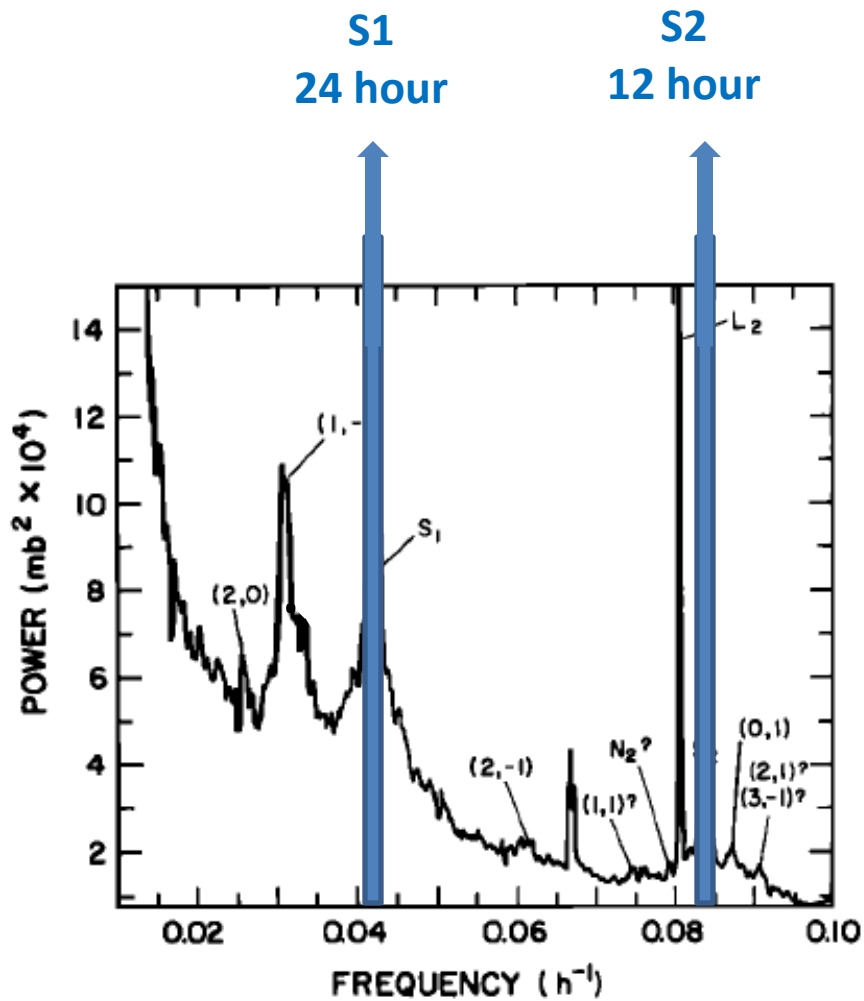


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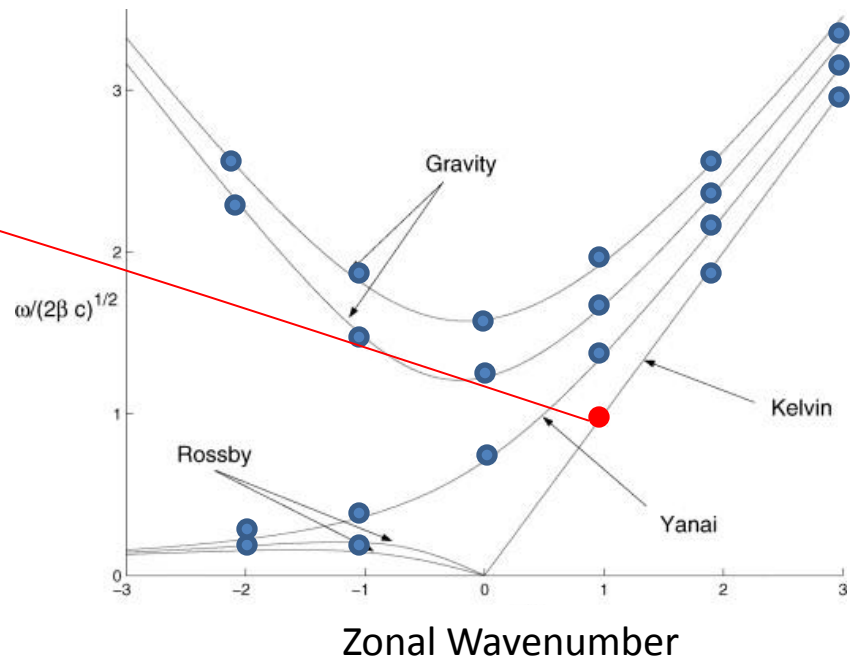
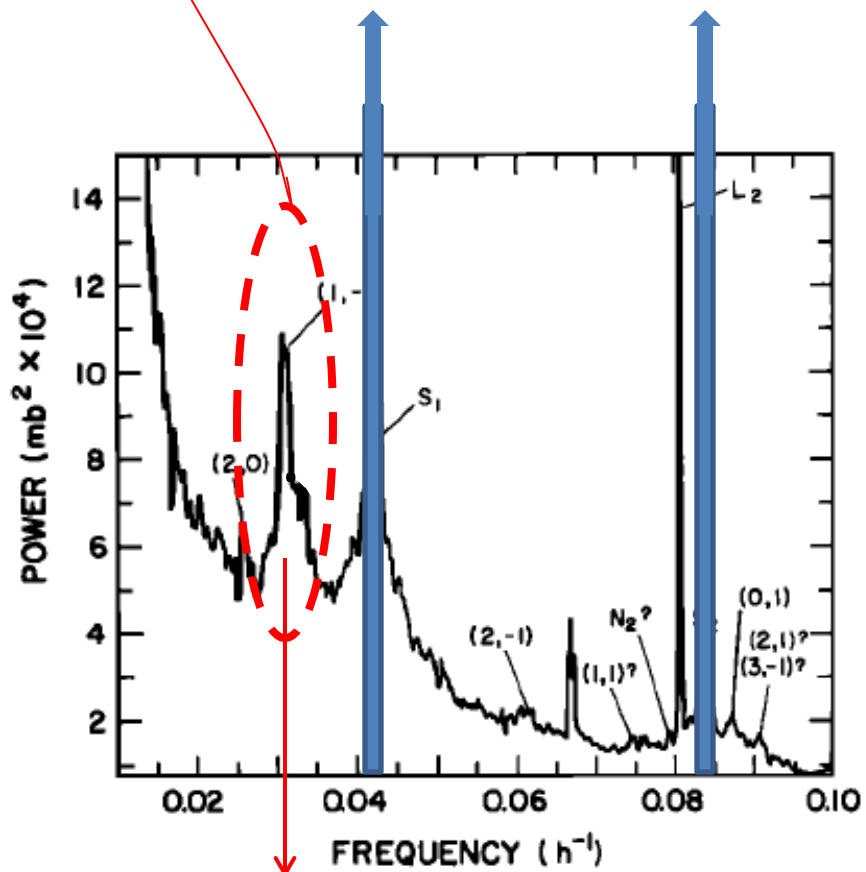


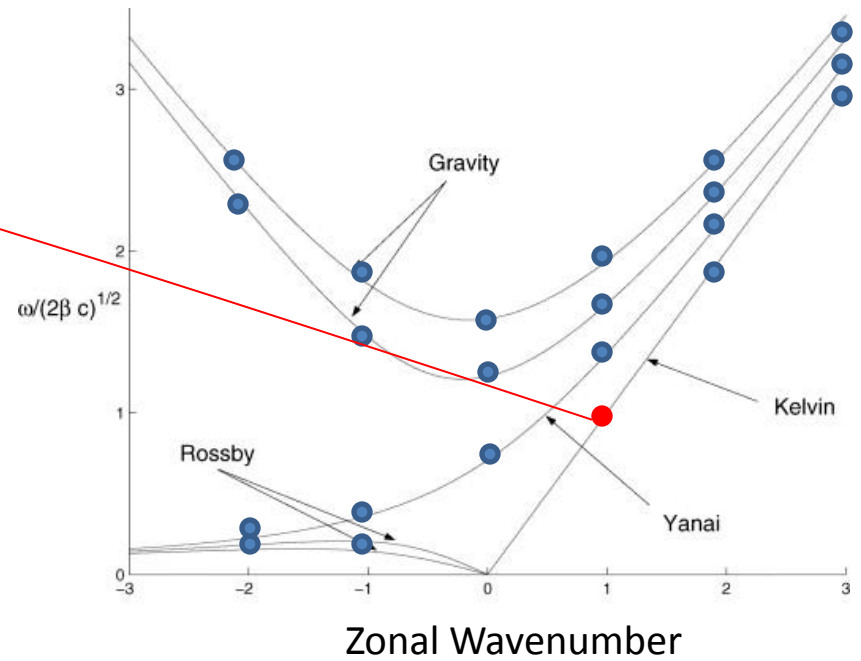
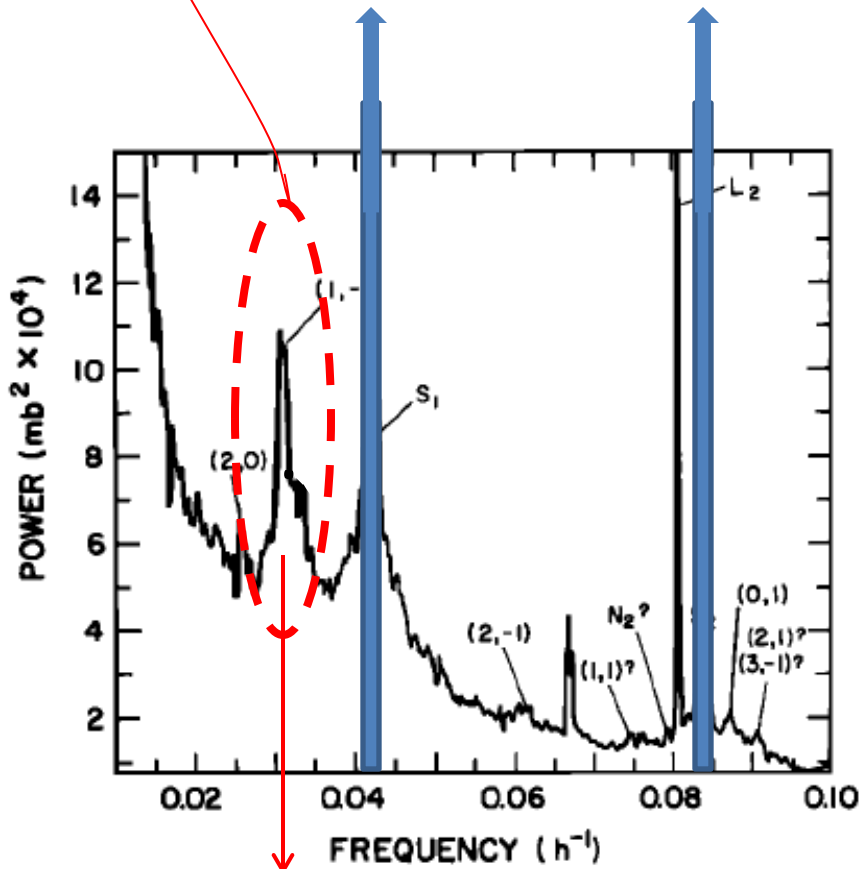
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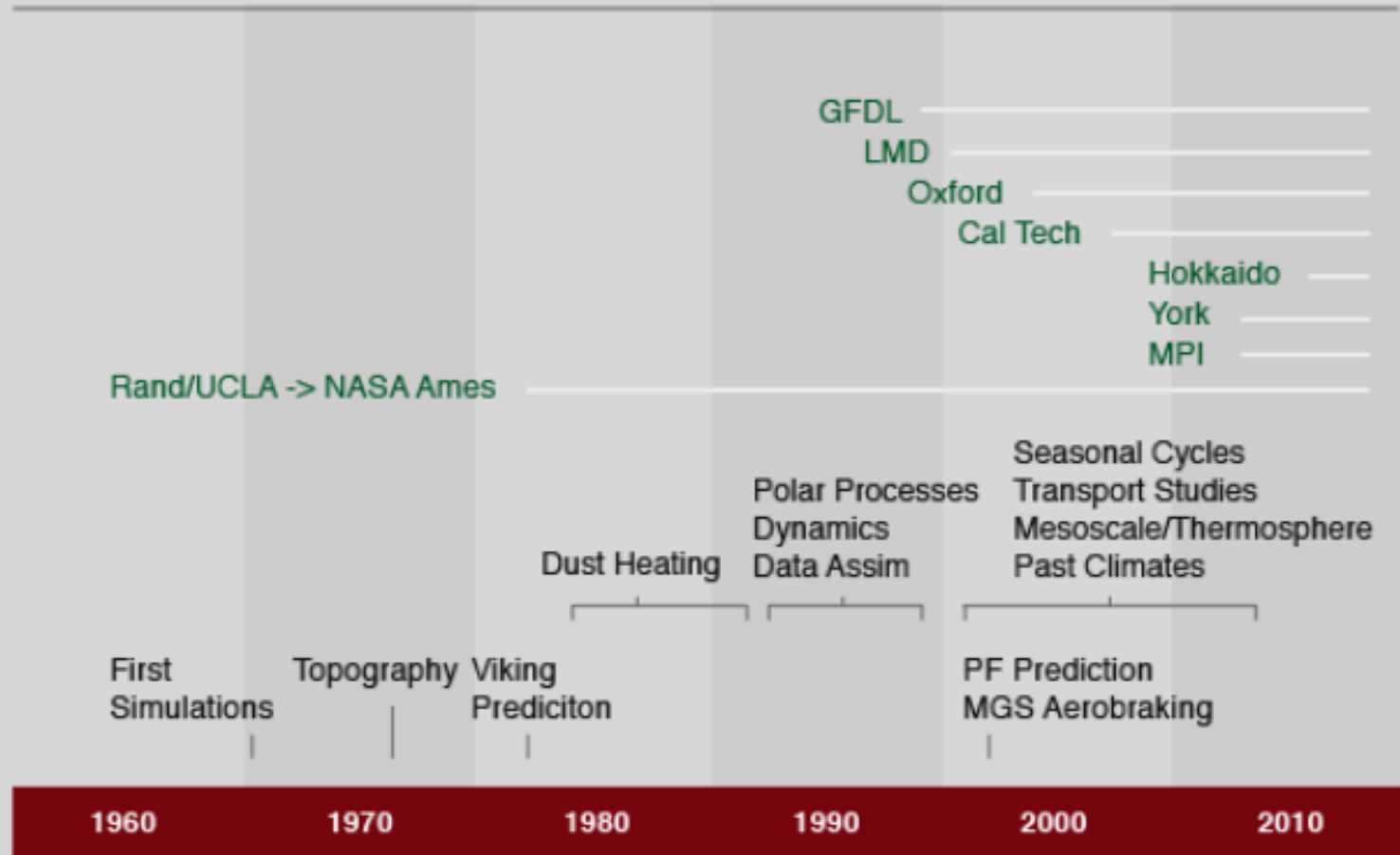




Hamilton & Garcia (1986) noted that on **Mars** the period of the wave 1 Kelvin normal mode could be close to 1 sol.

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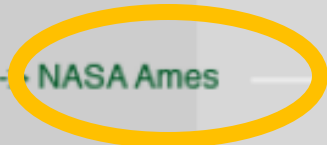
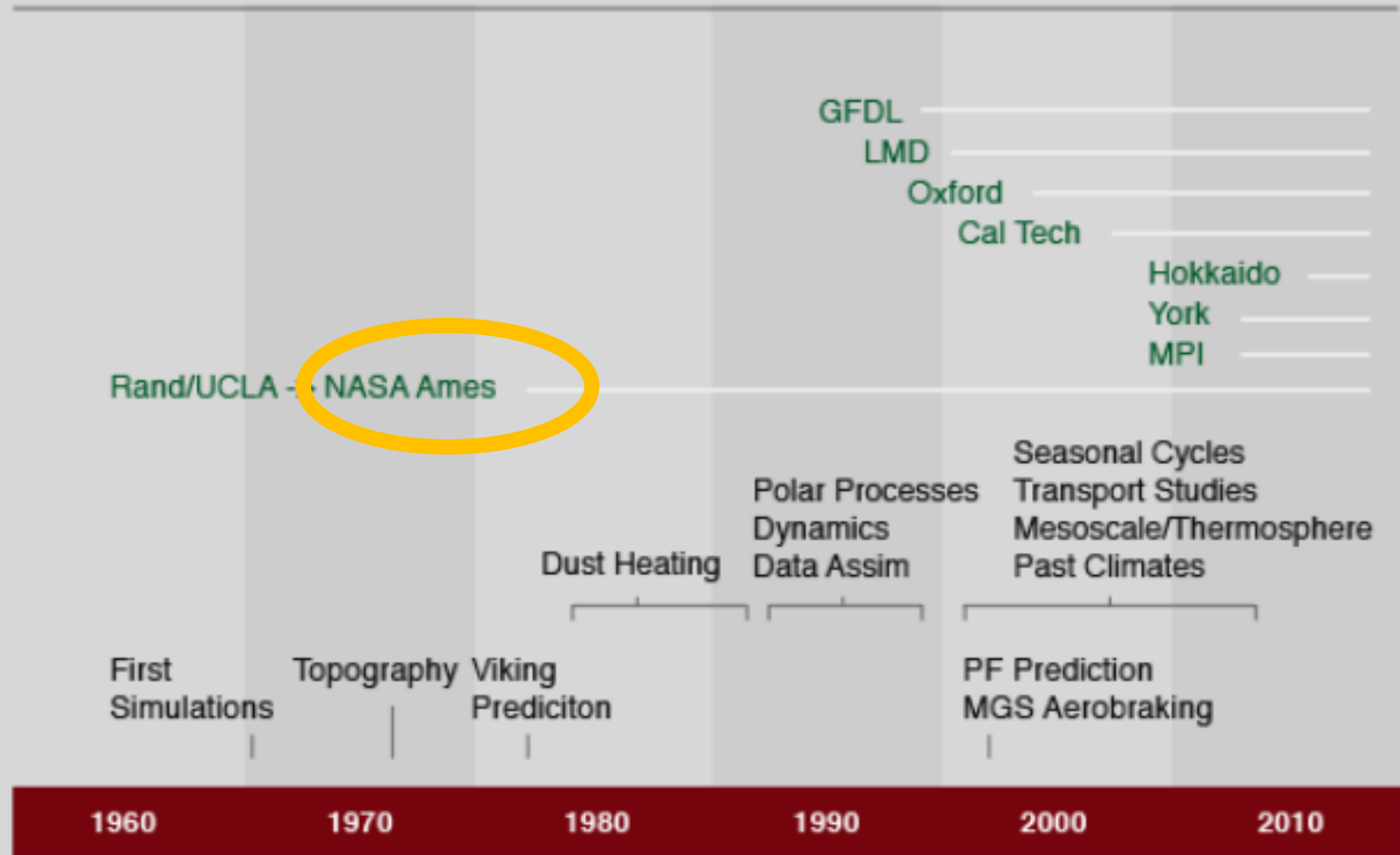
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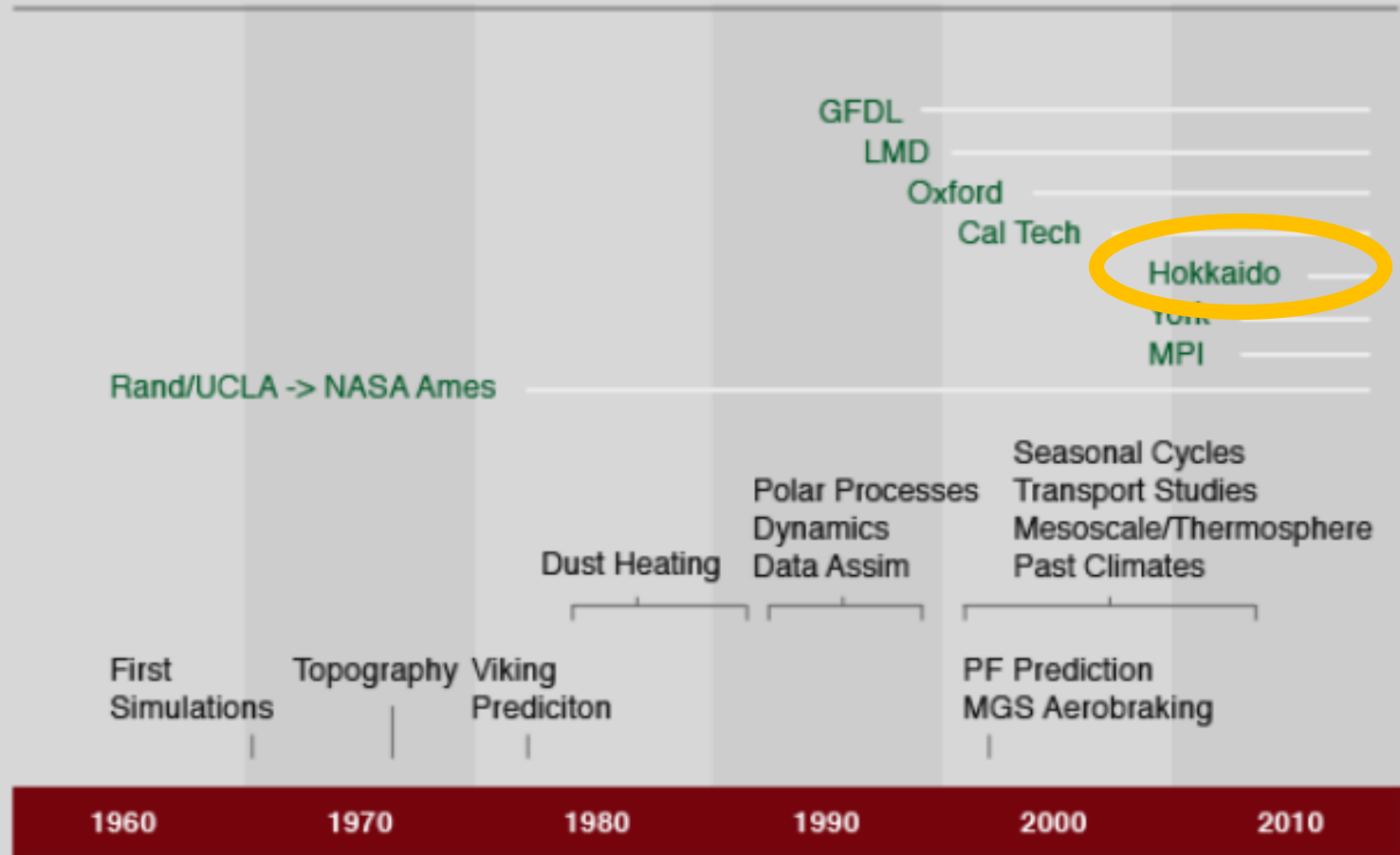
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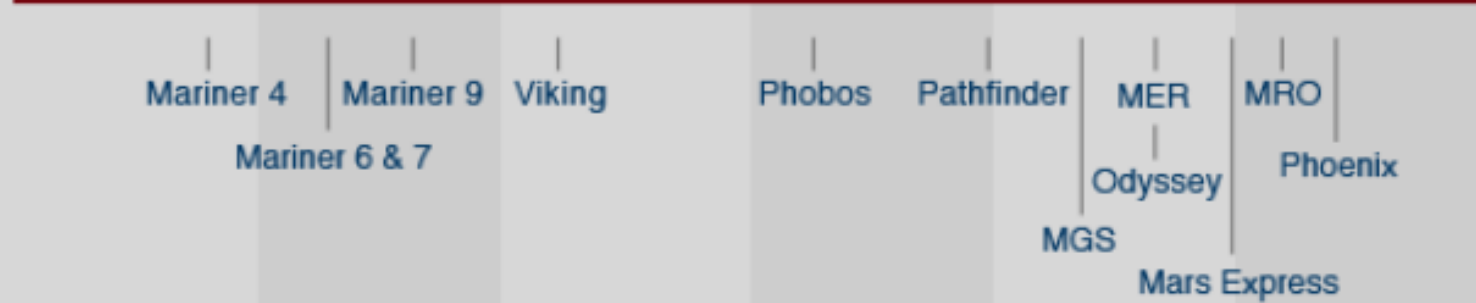


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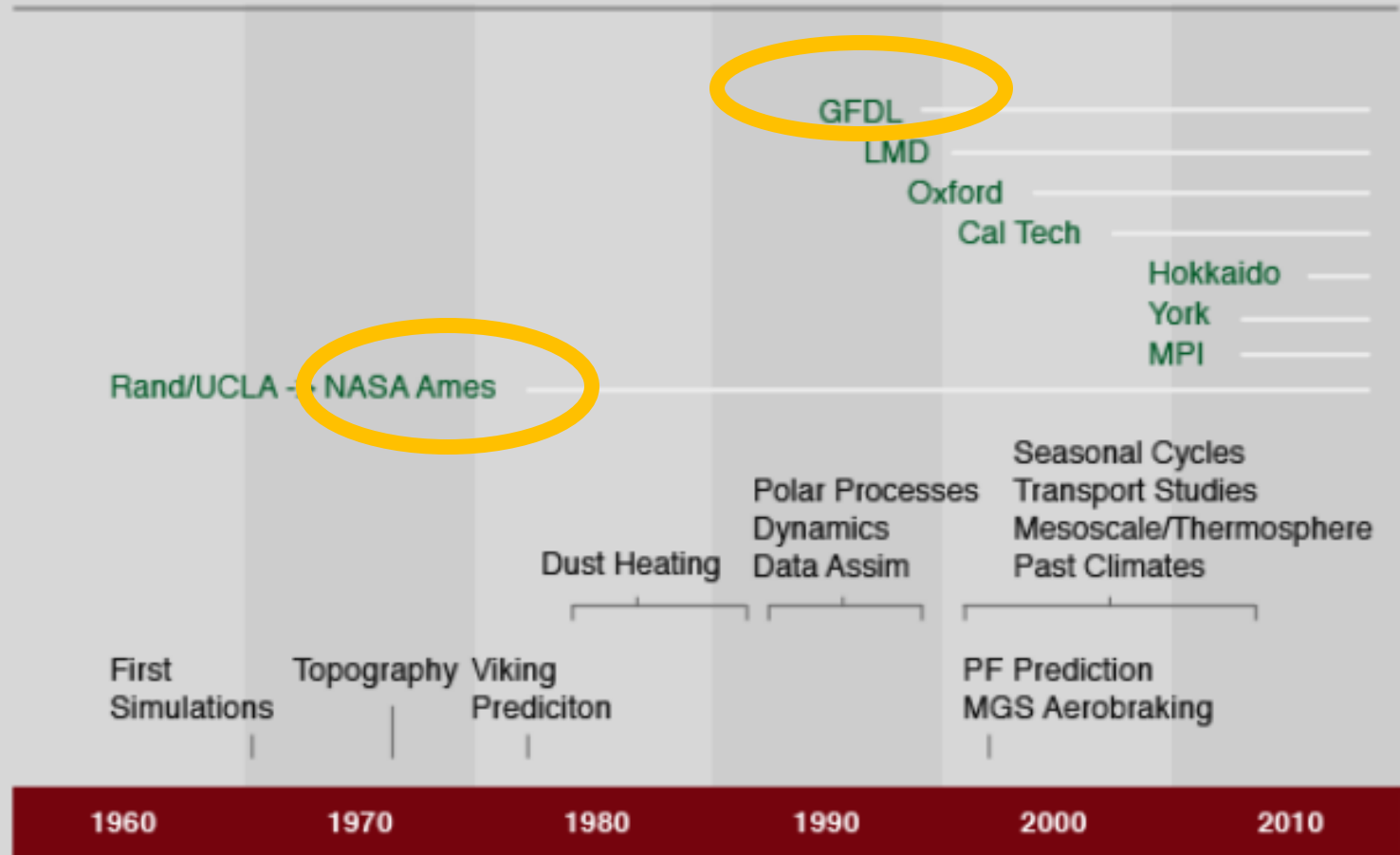
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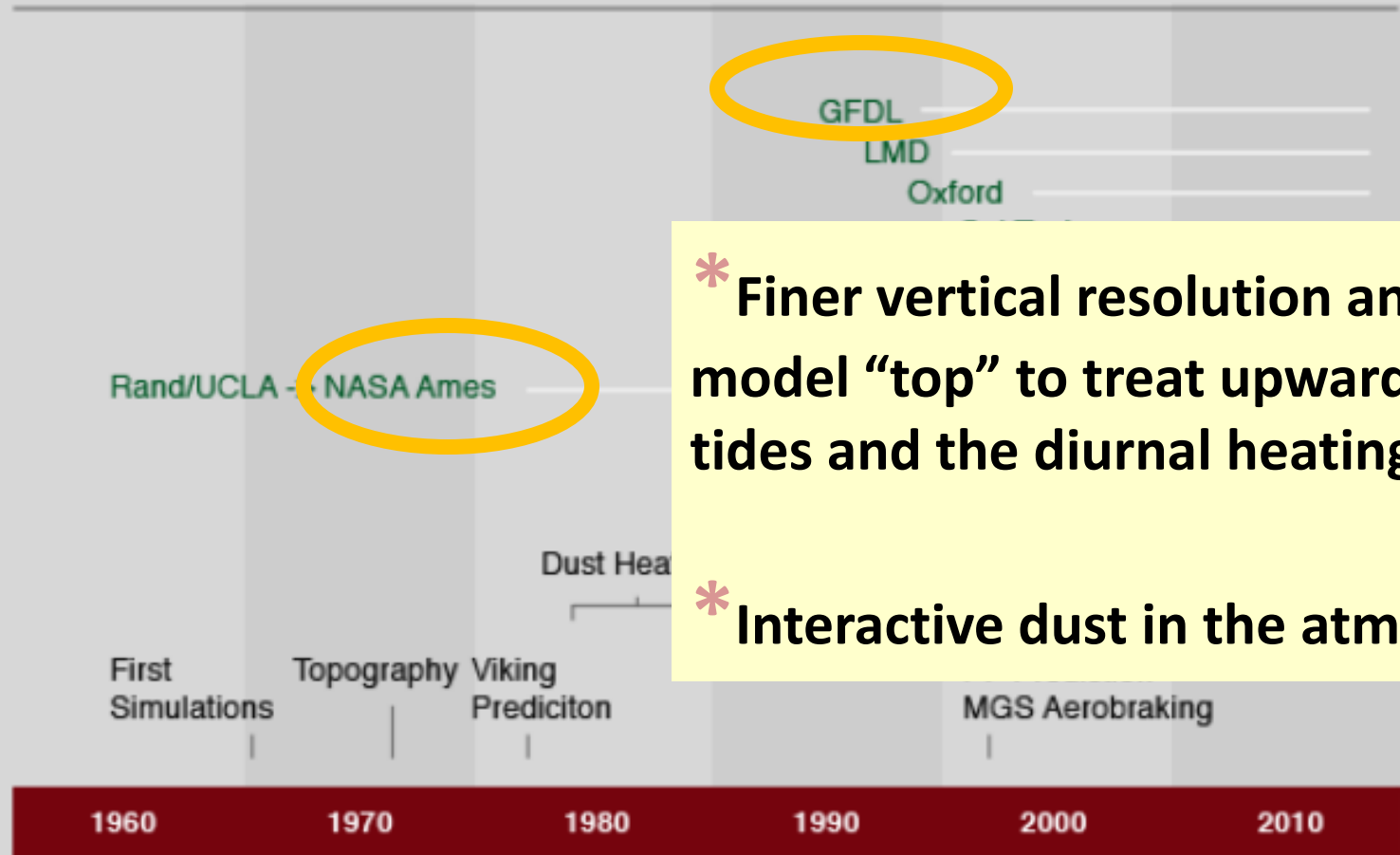
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ABSTRACT

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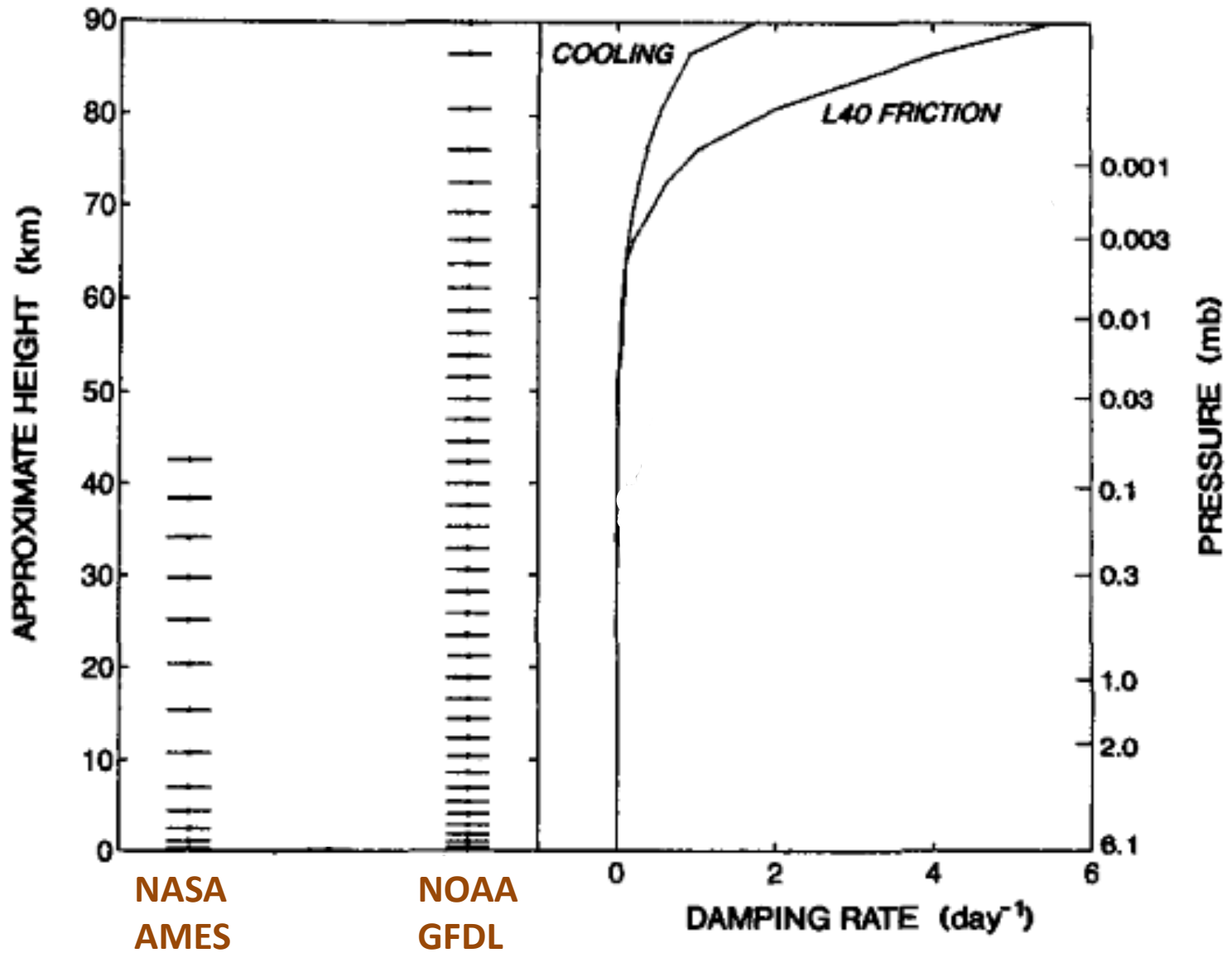
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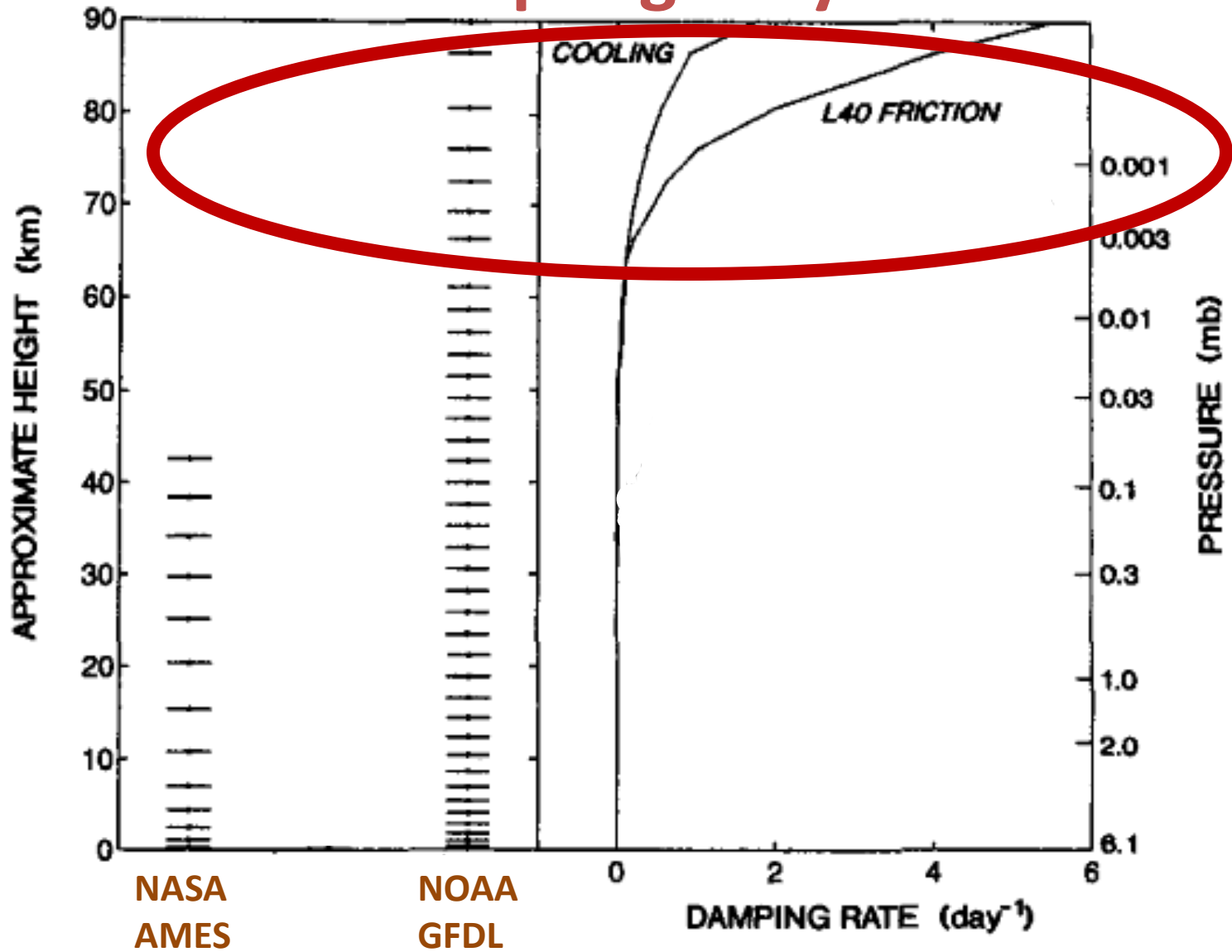


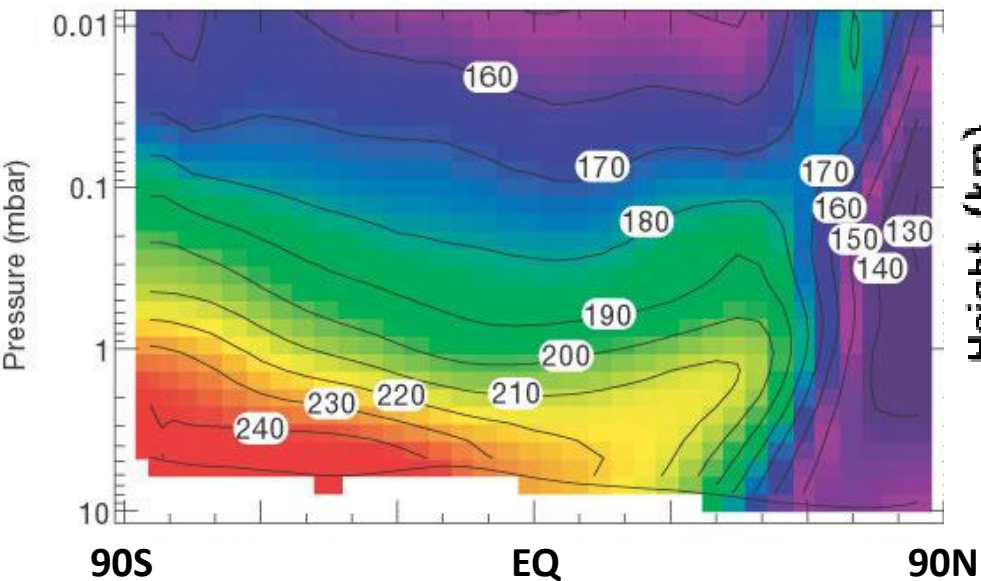
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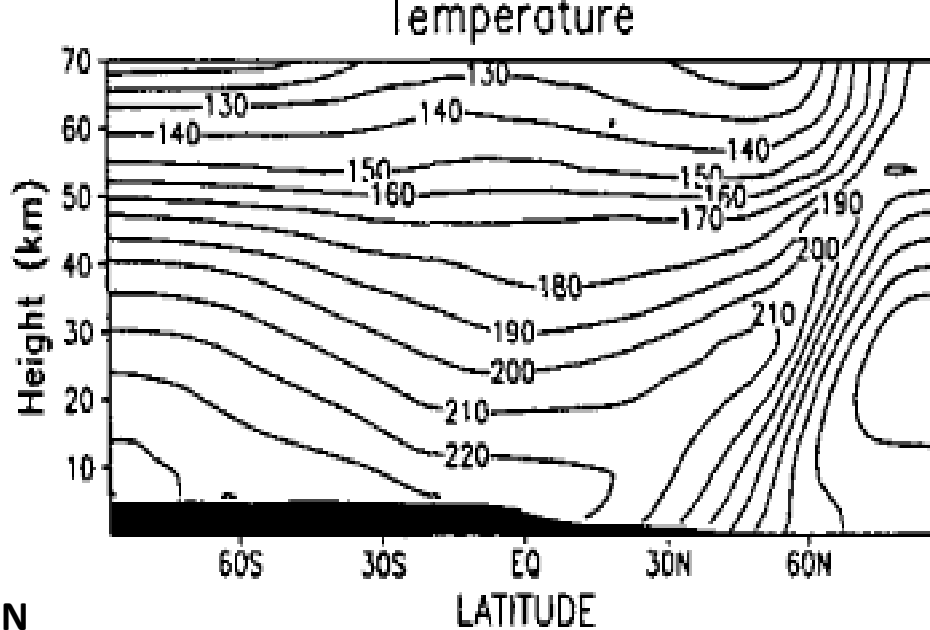


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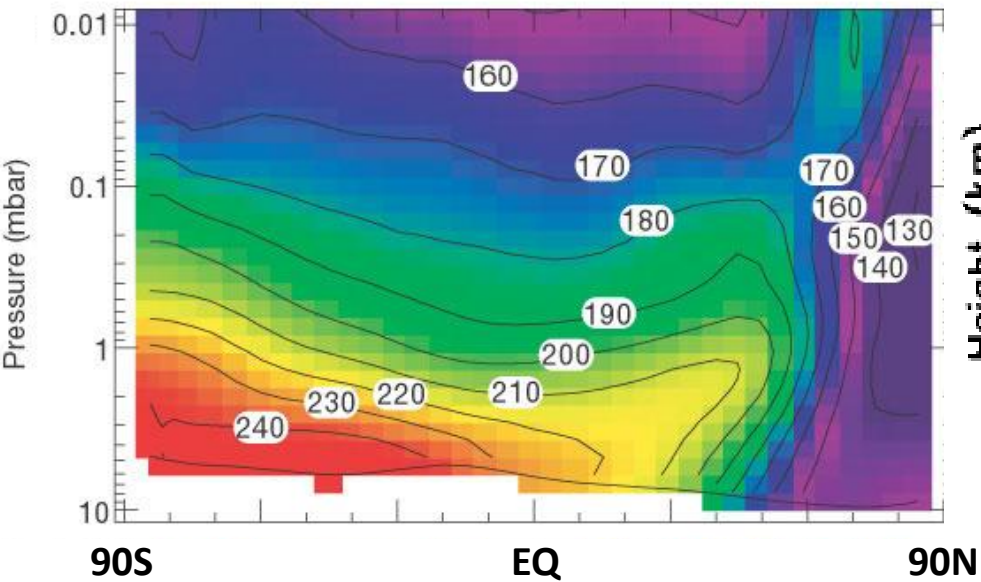




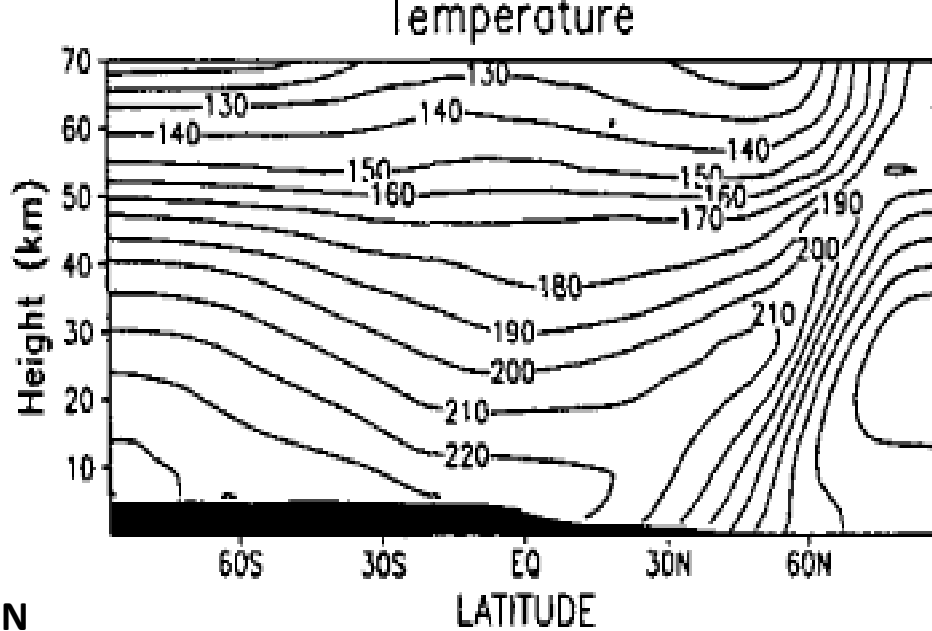
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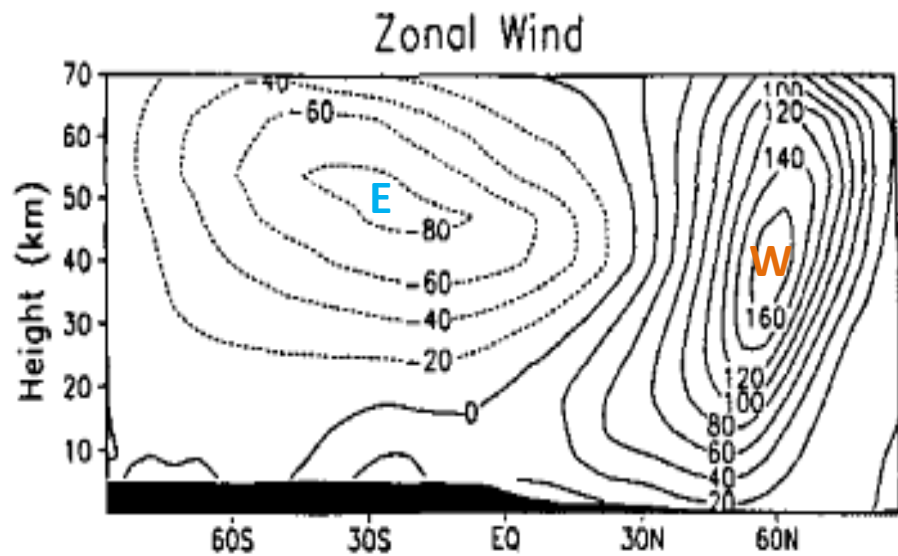
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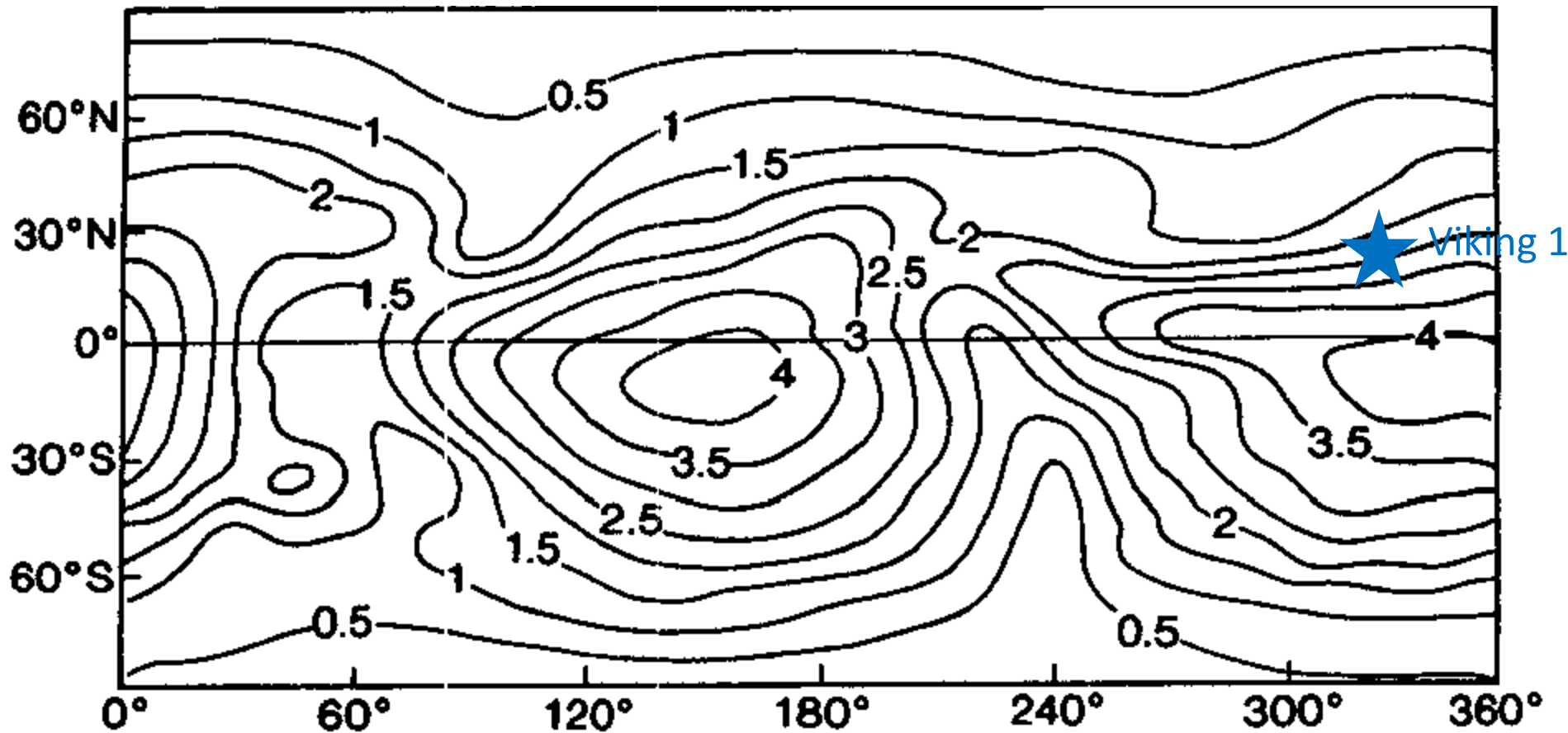
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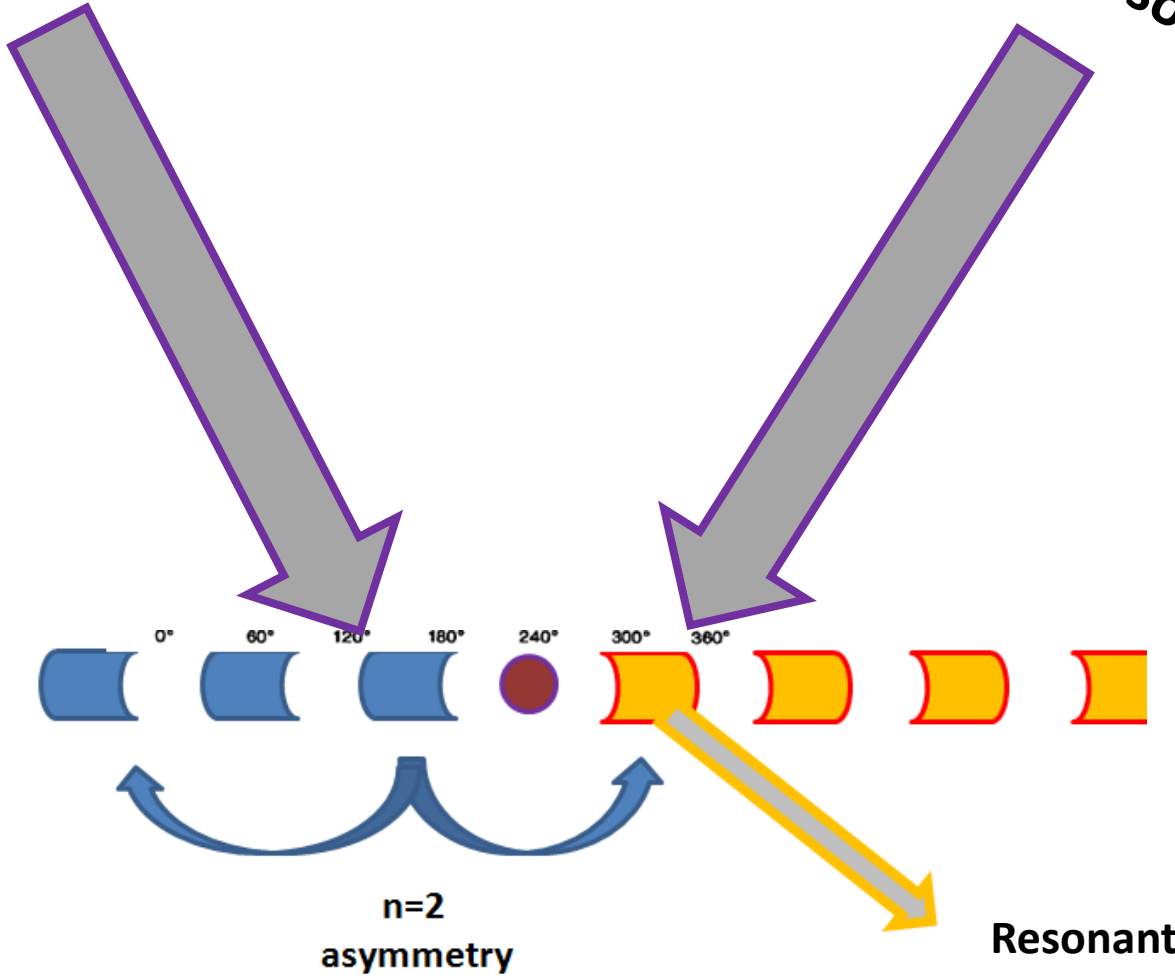
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“clear conditions”

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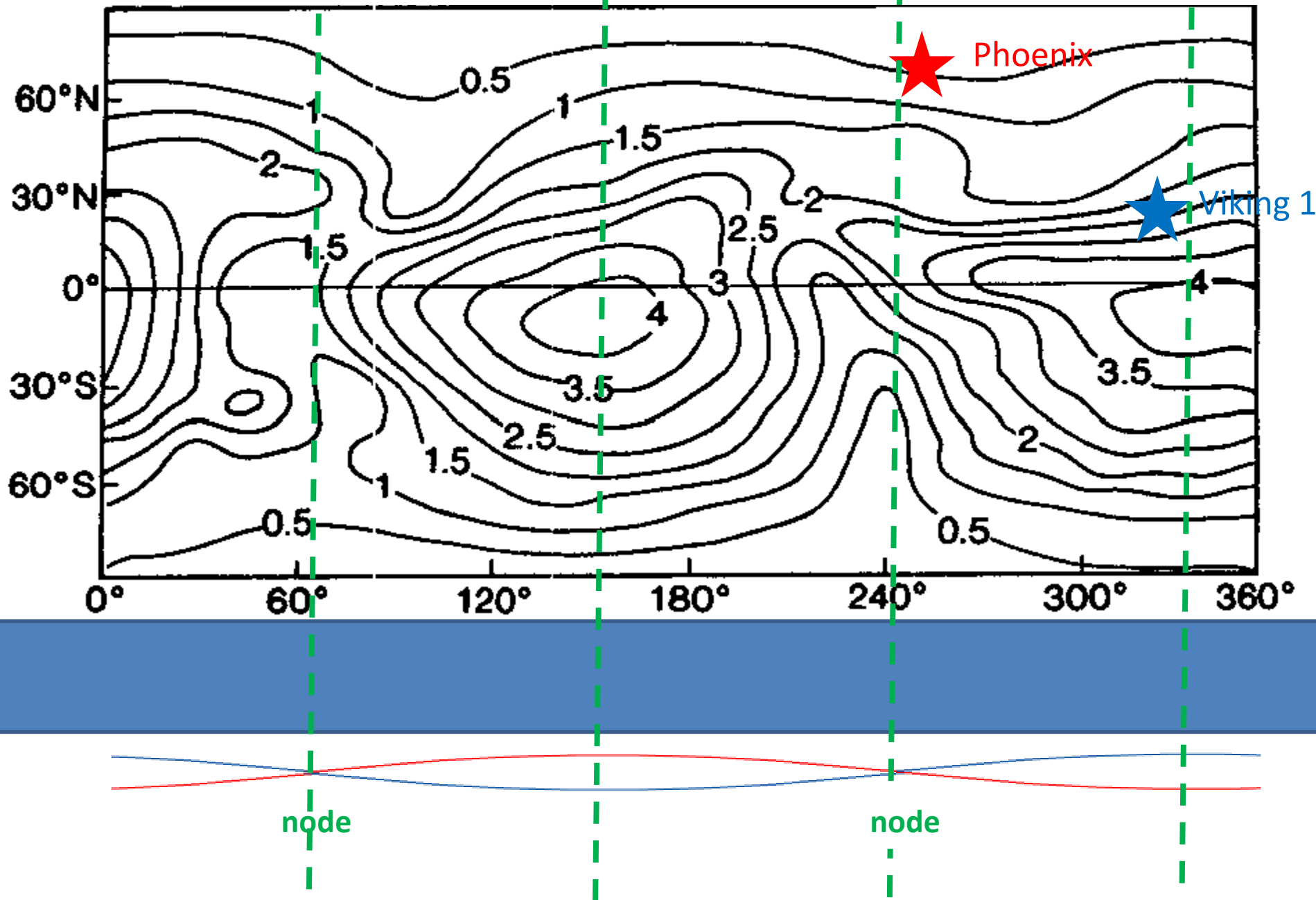
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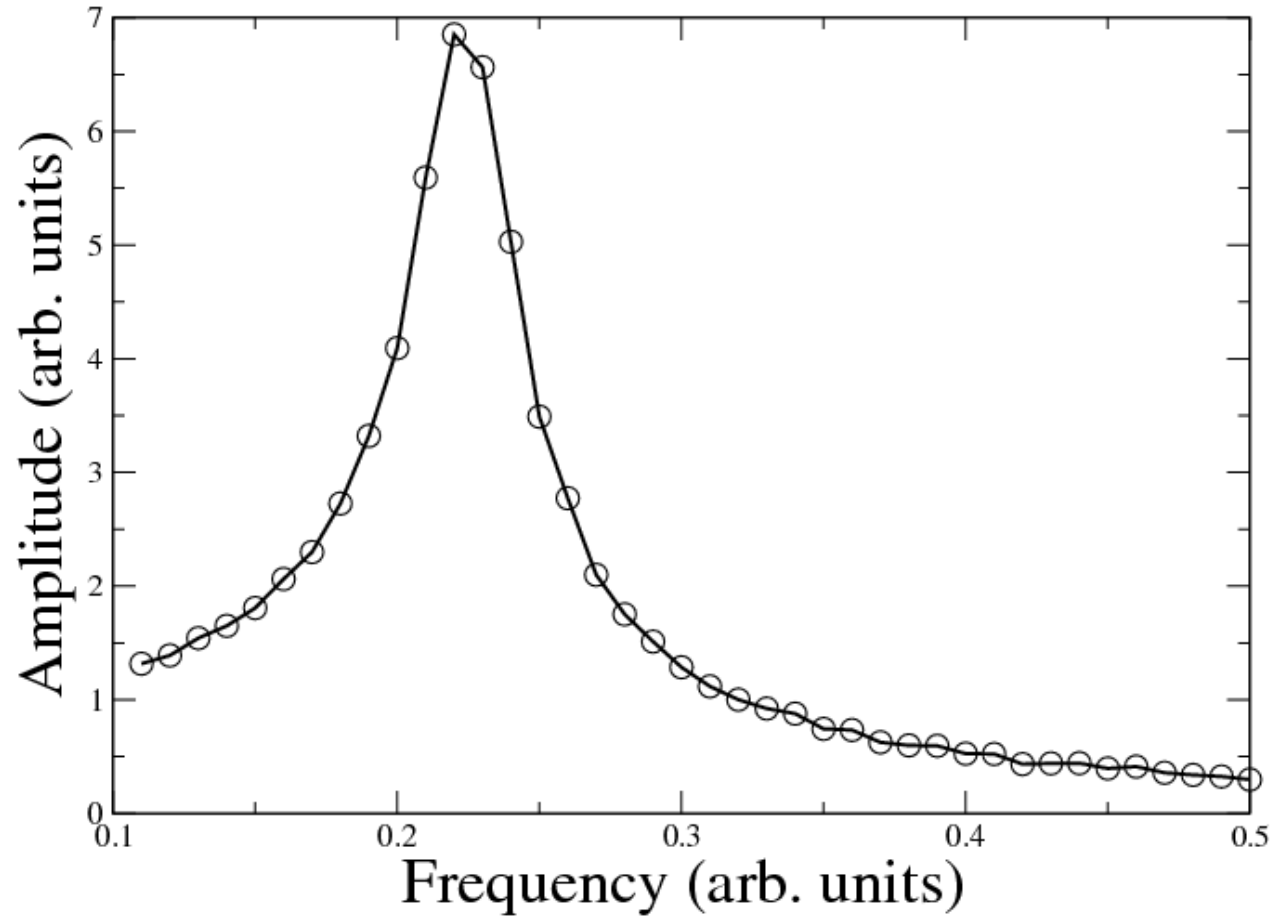
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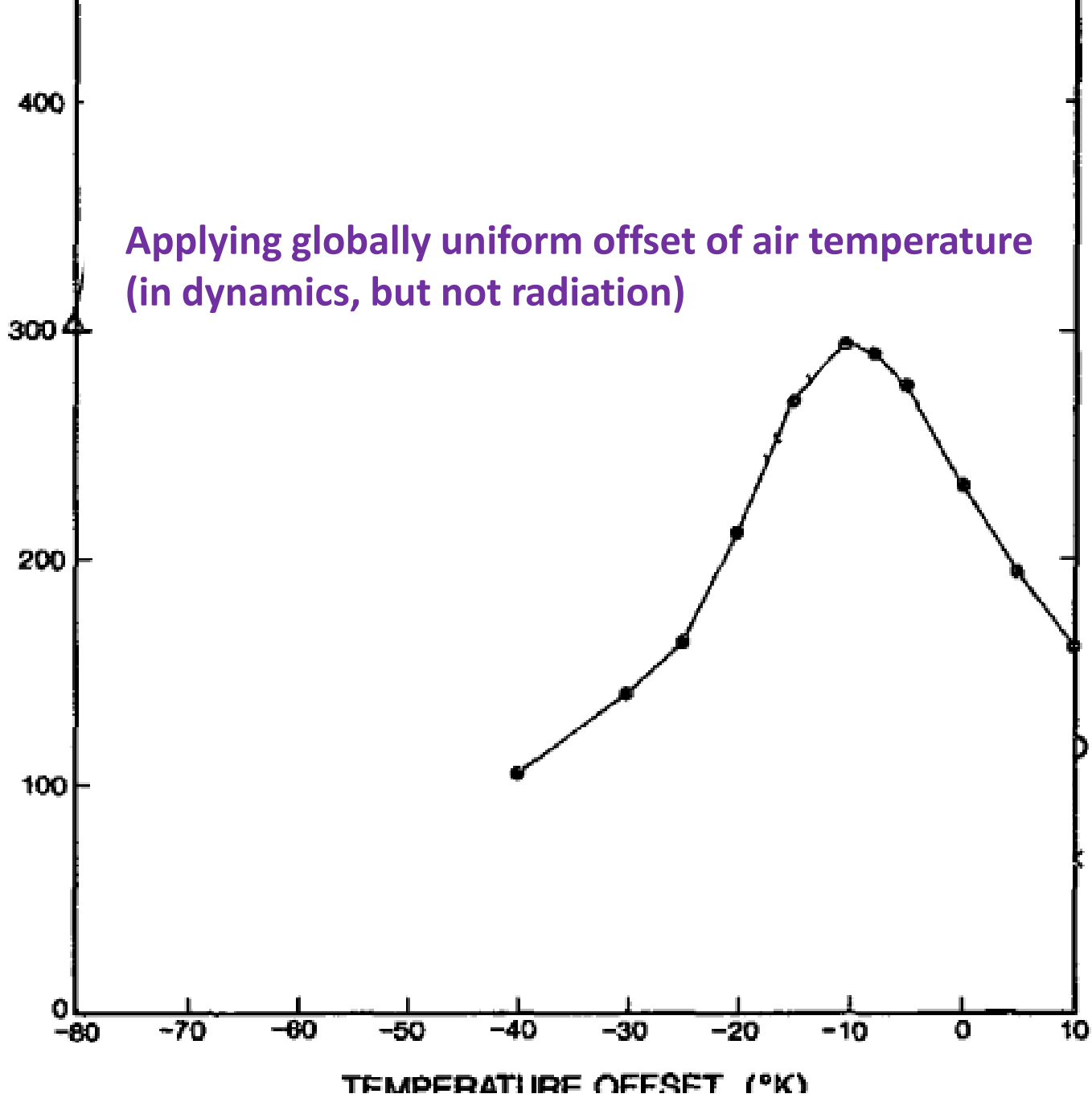
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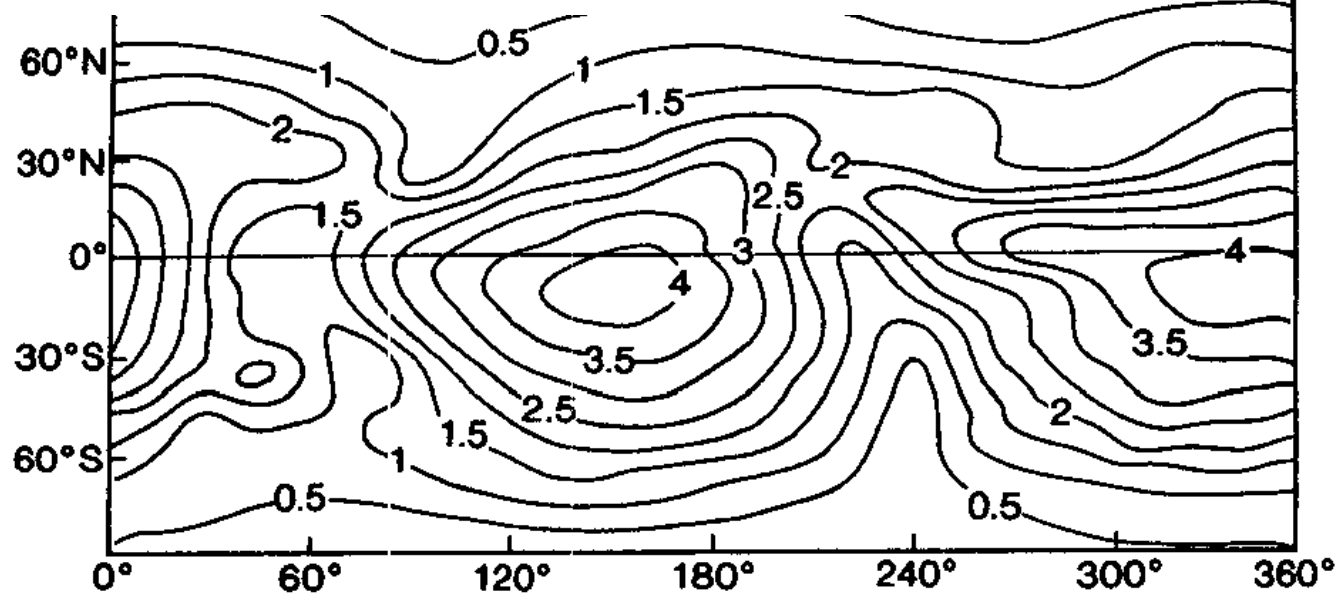
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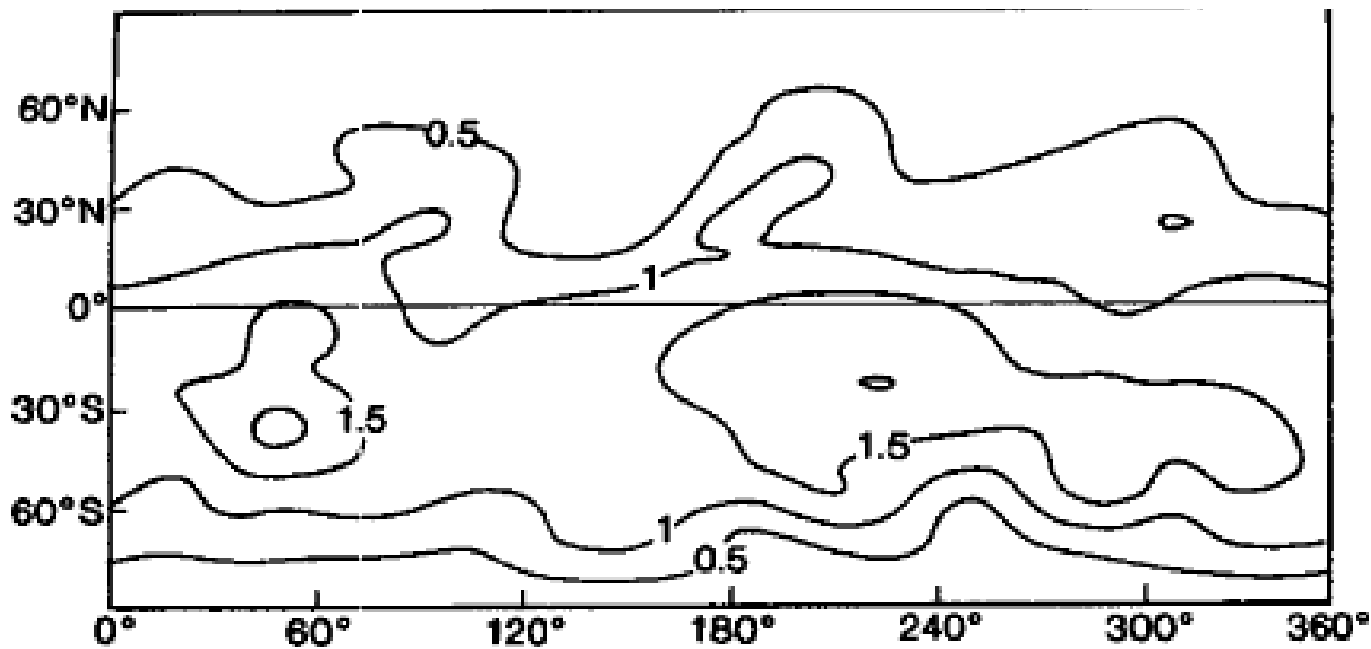
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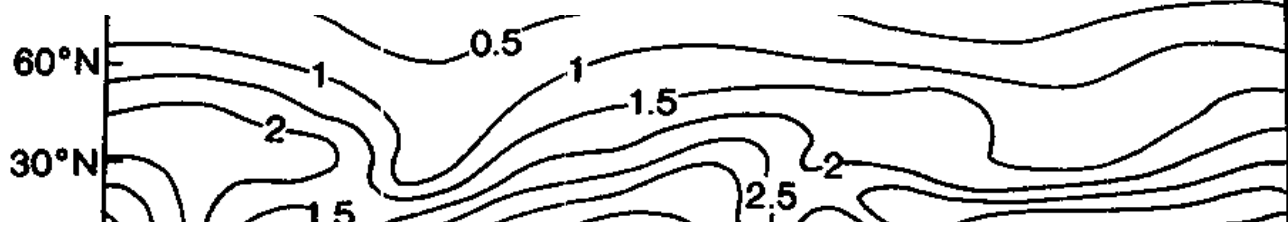


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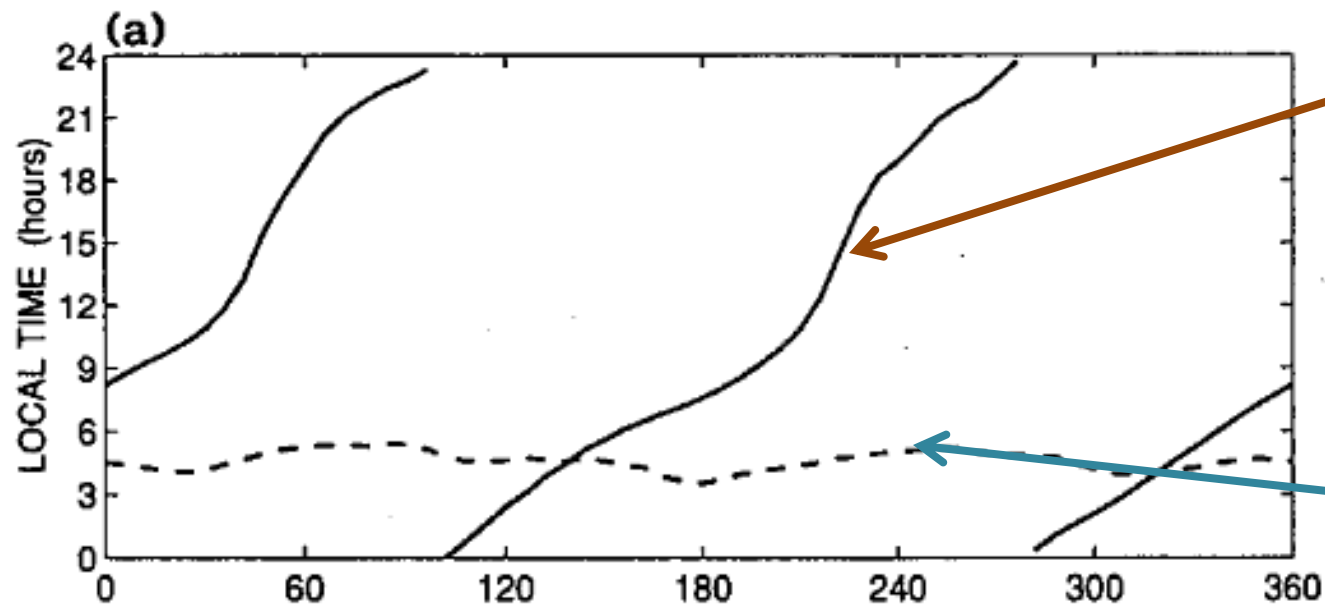


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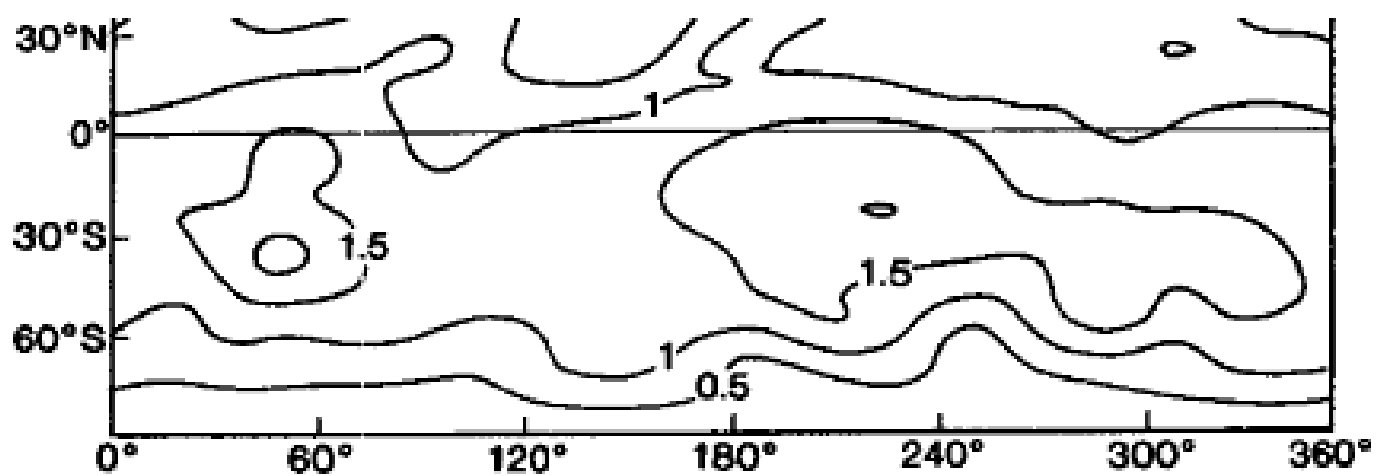
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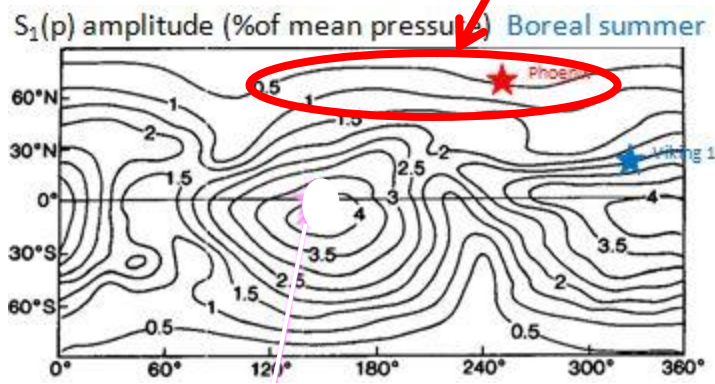


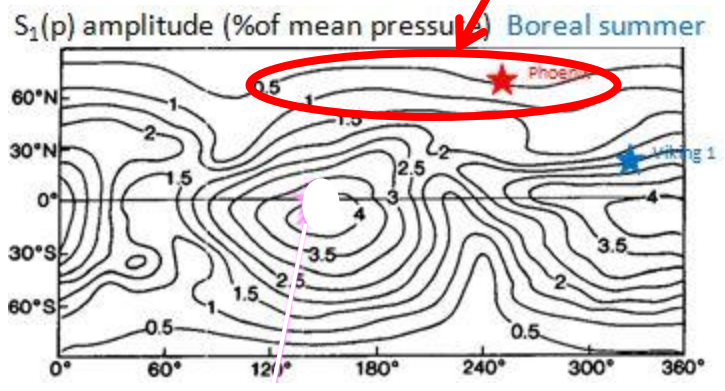
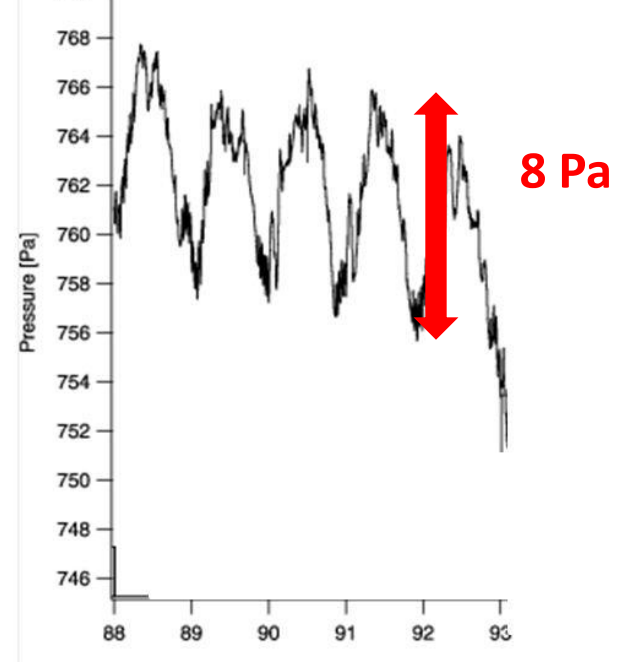
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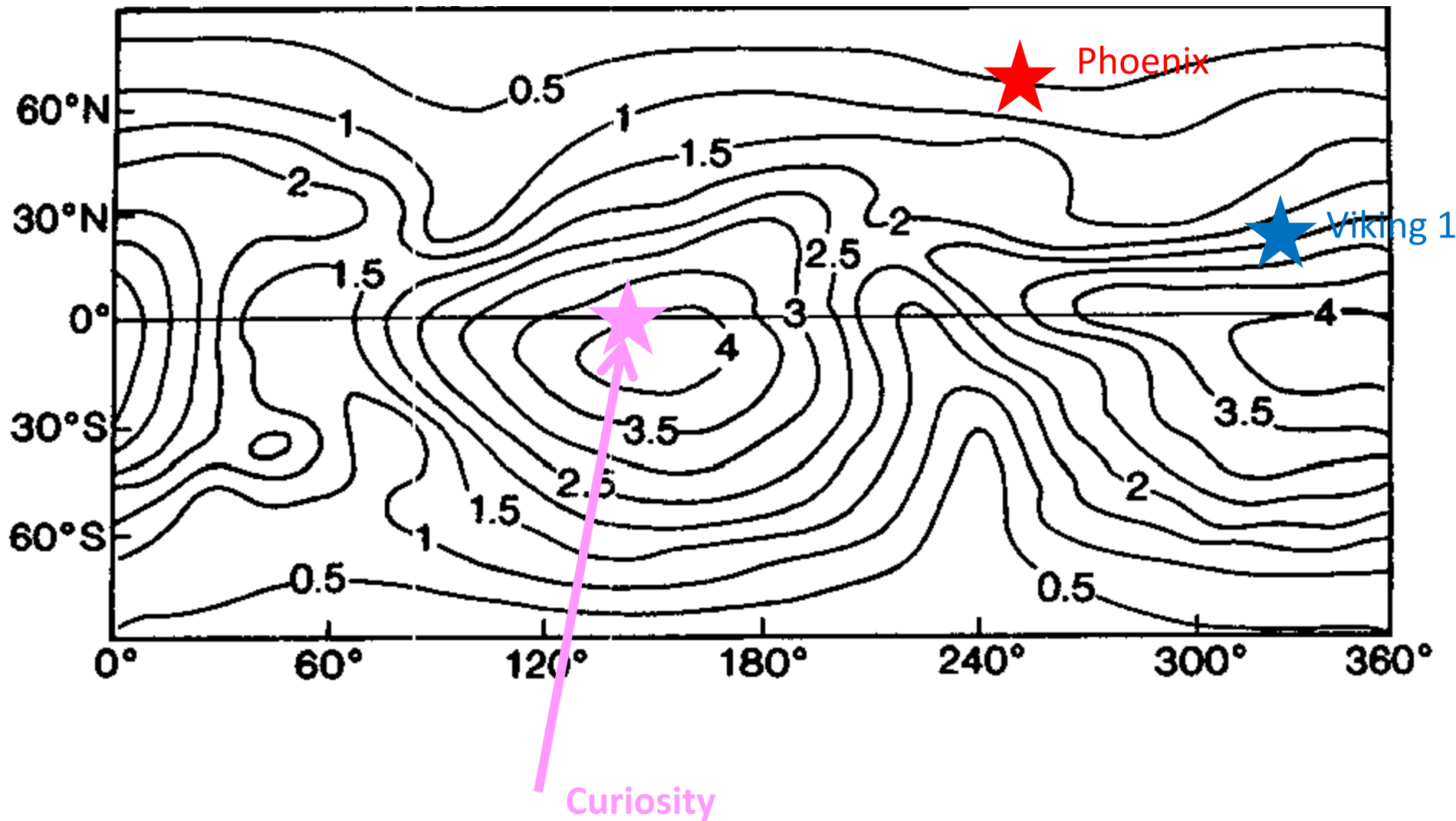
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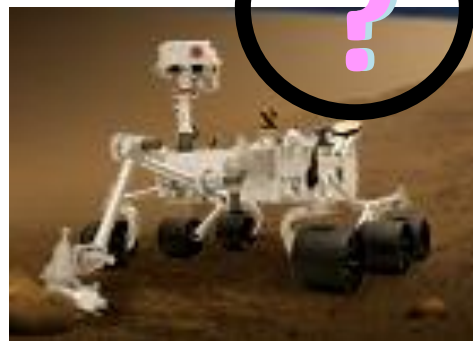
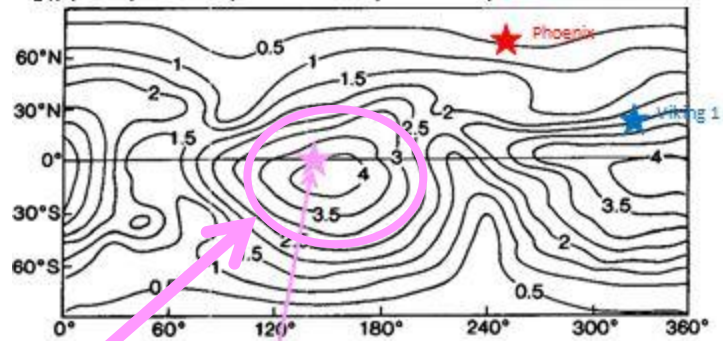




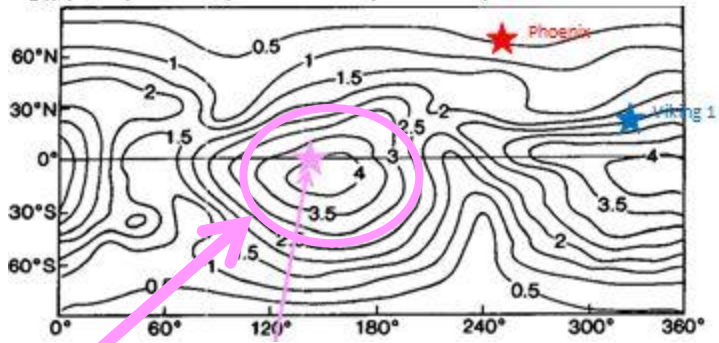
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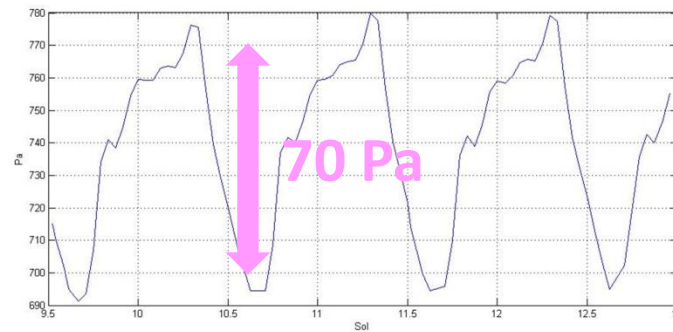
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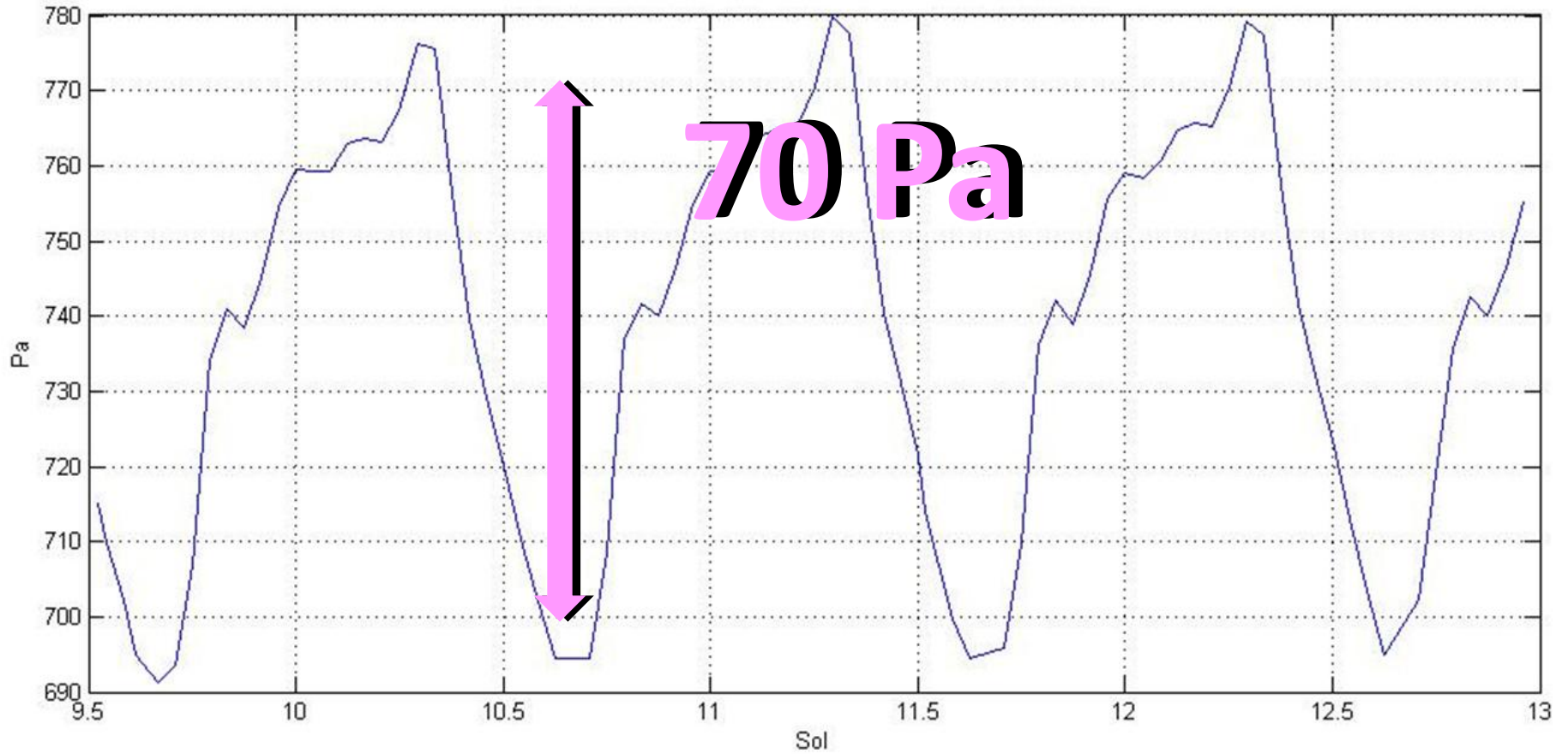
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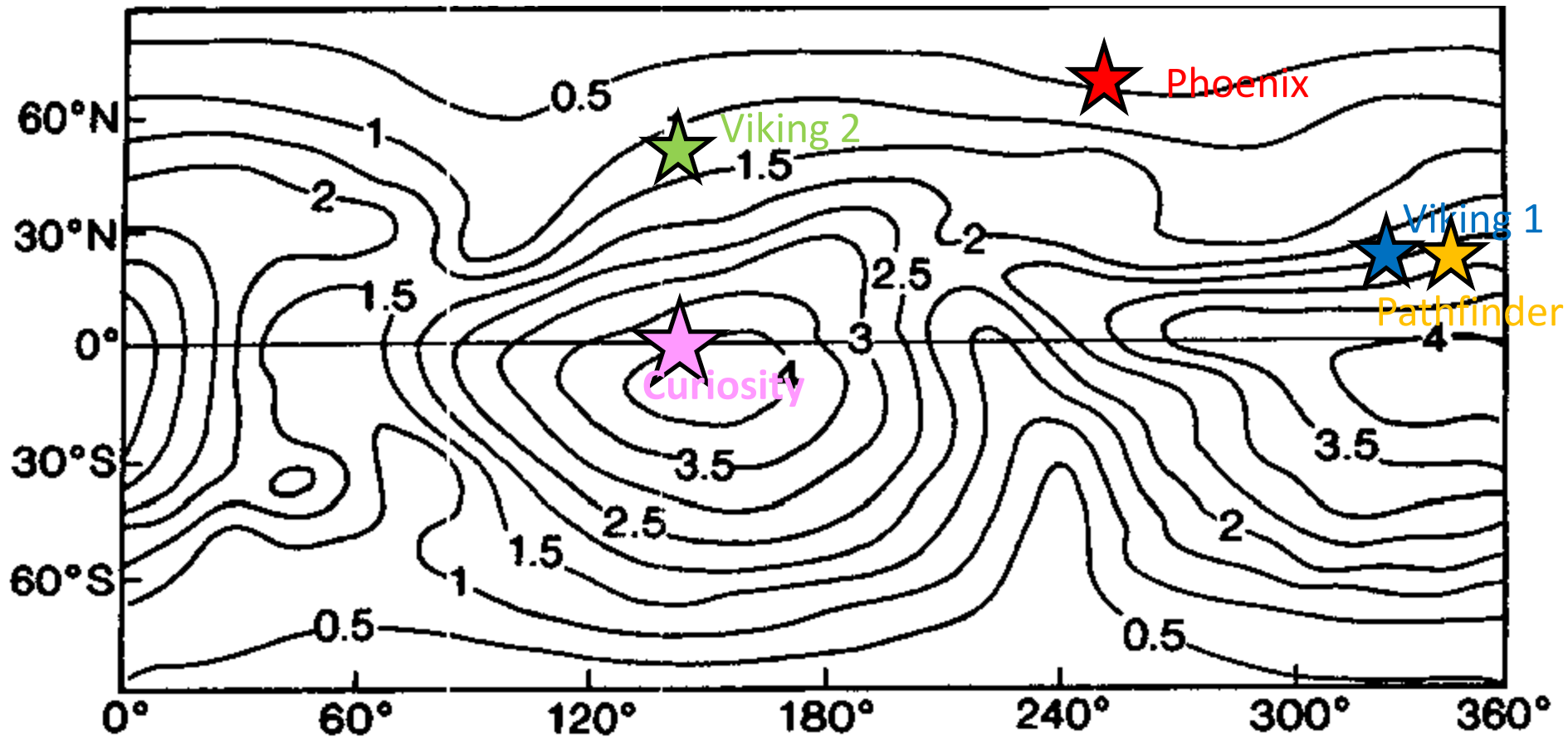
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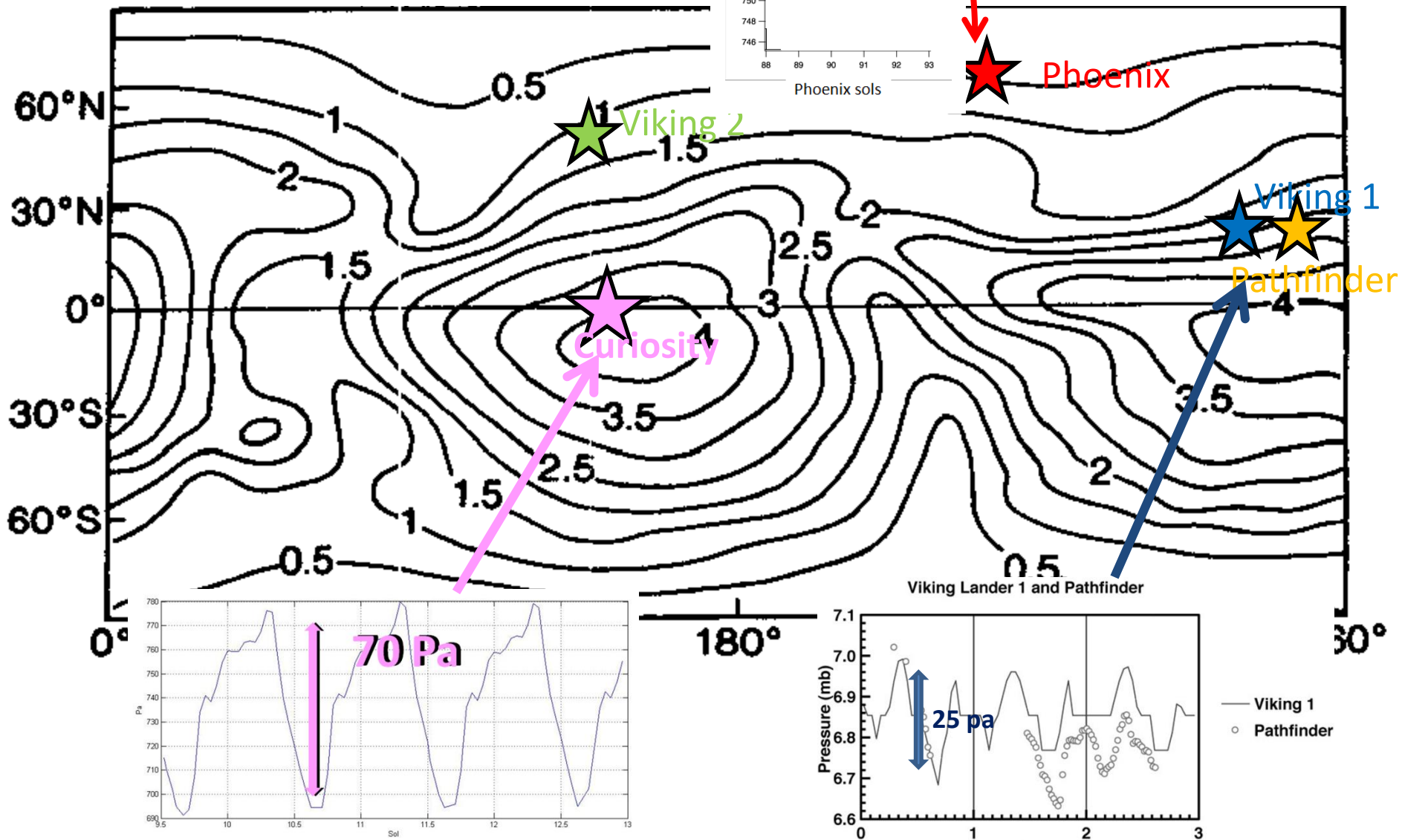
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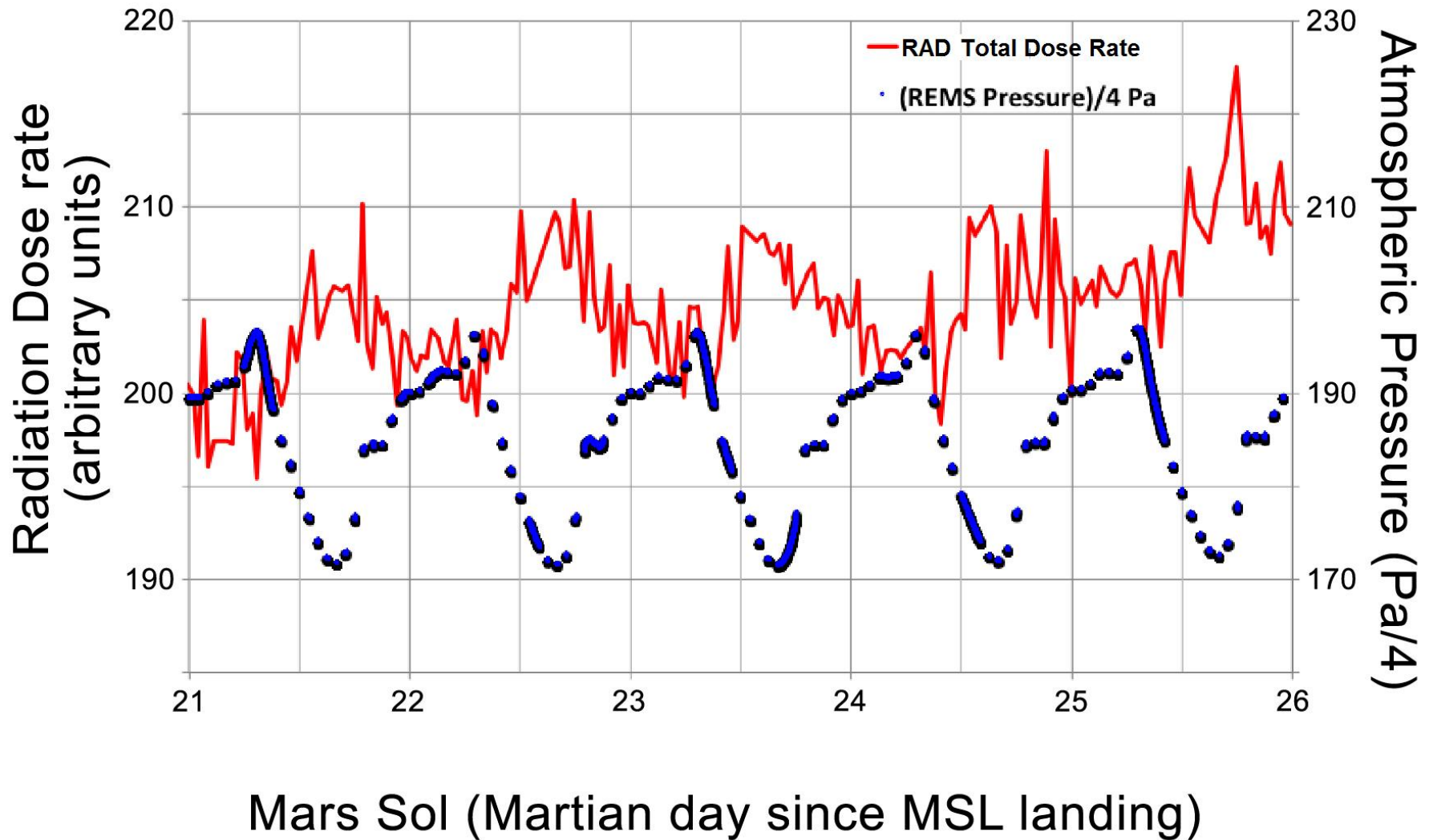
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