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About Me

- Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin
- Lived in Seattle, Bay Area, and Chicago
- Moved to Southern California to join the startup tech community
- Landed at my dream job with NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology

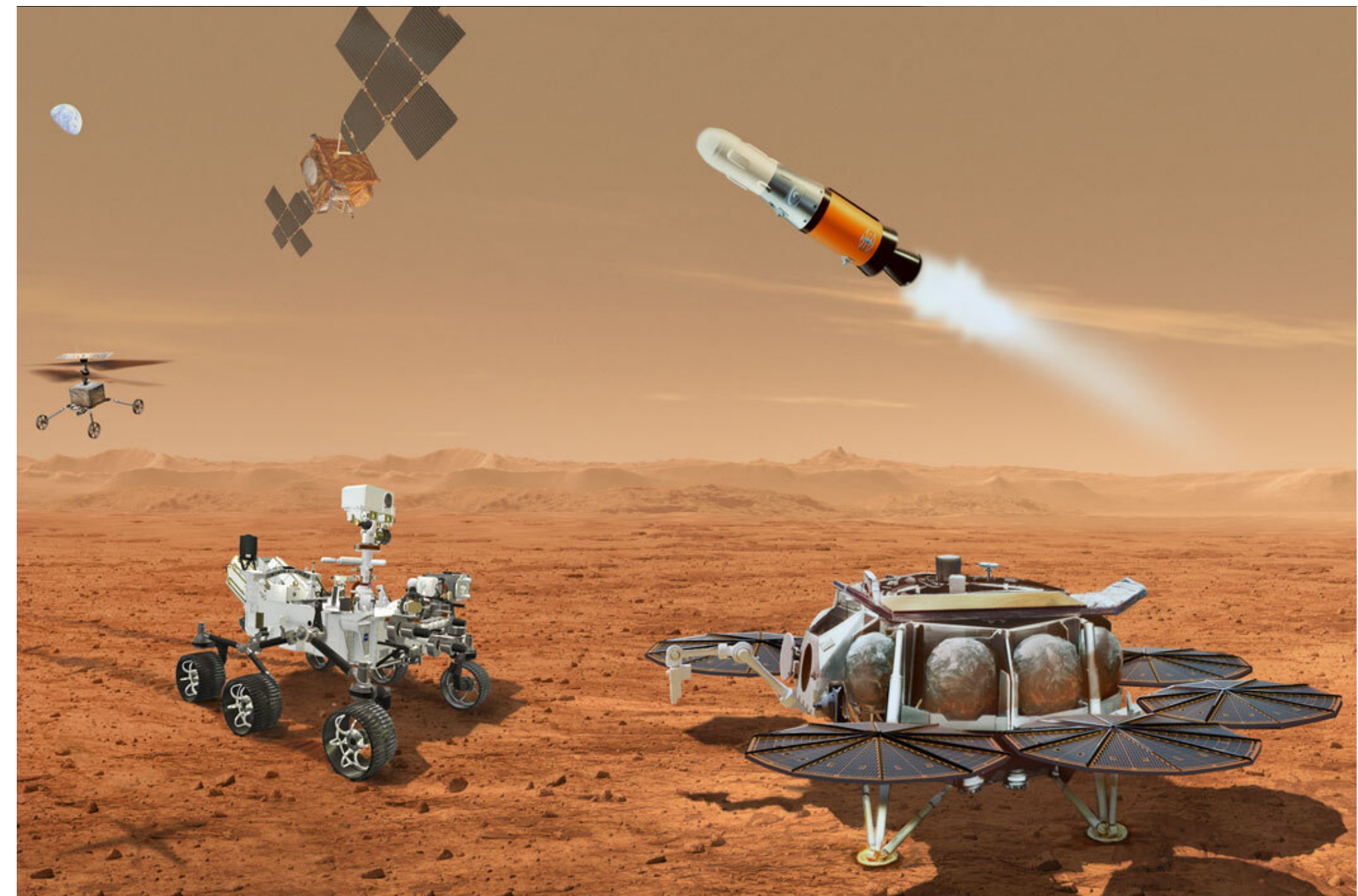




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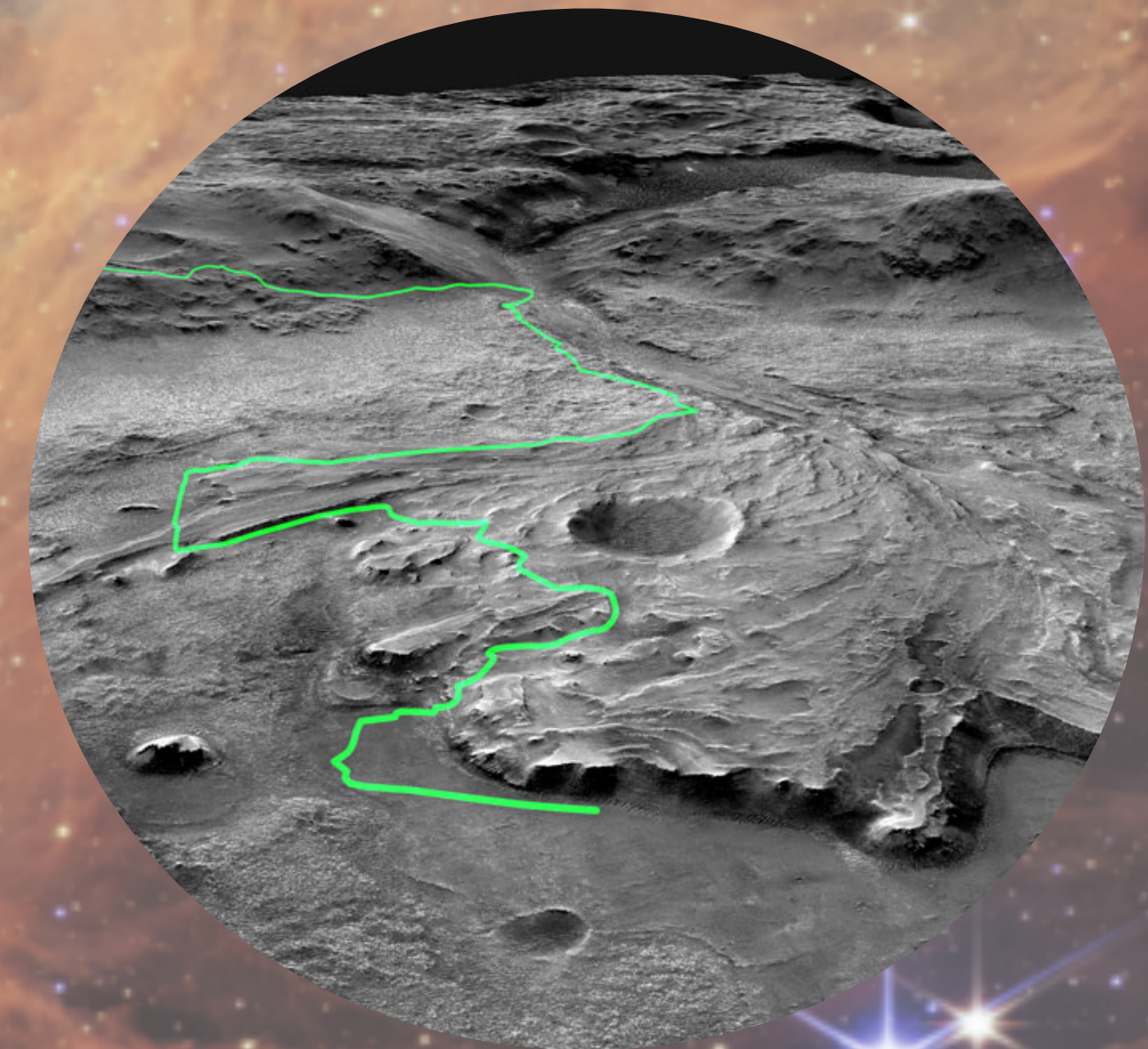
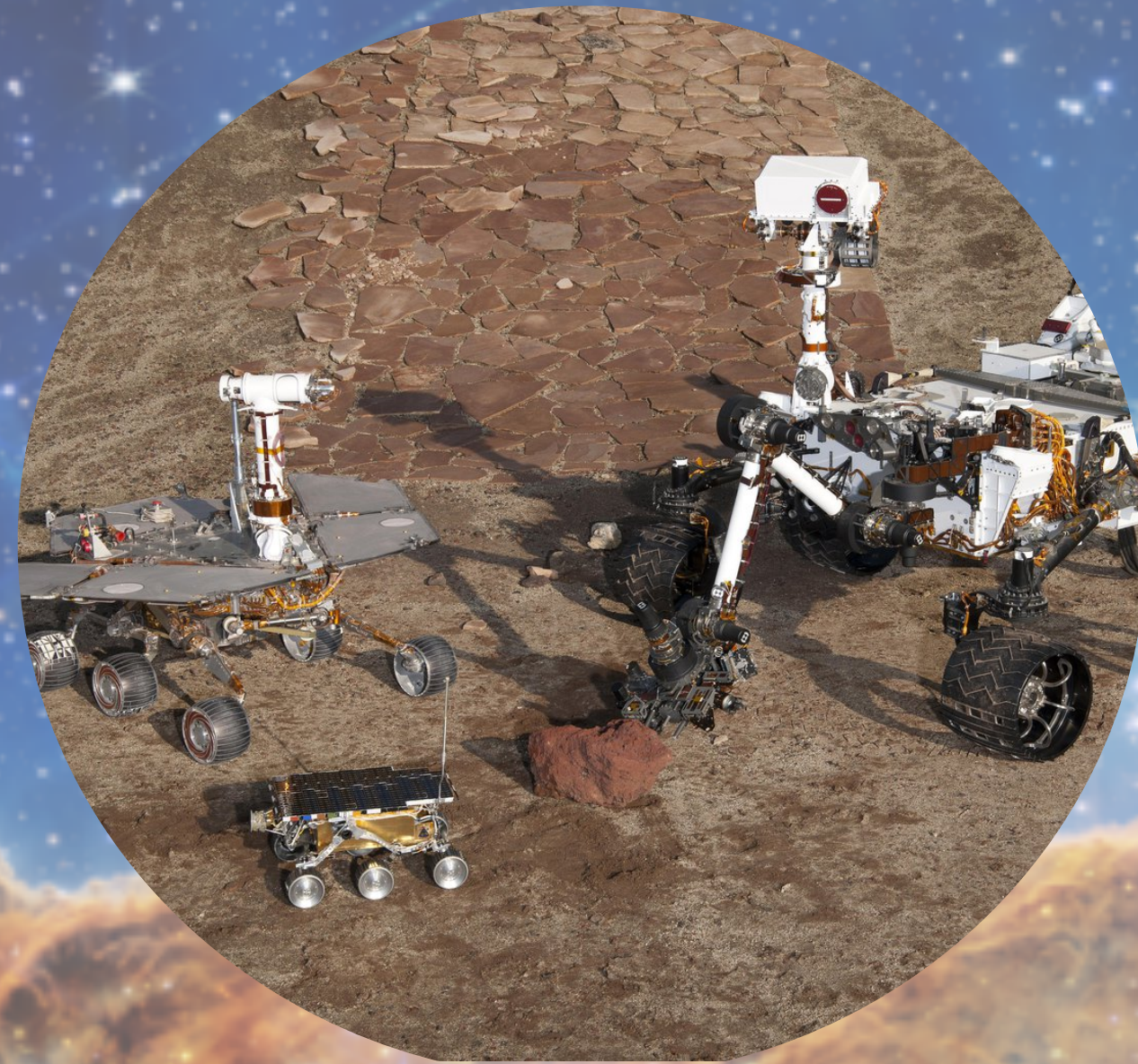
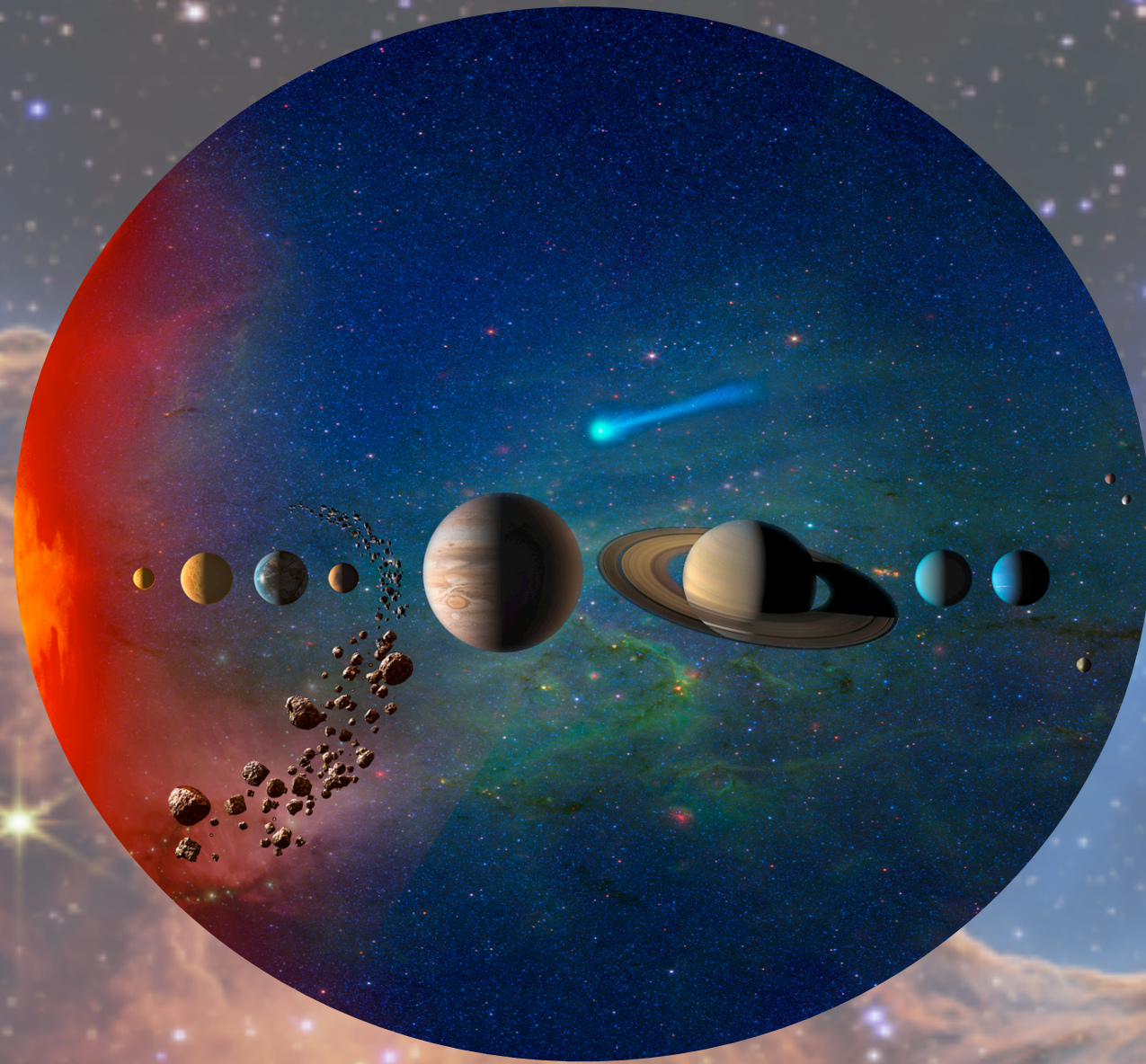
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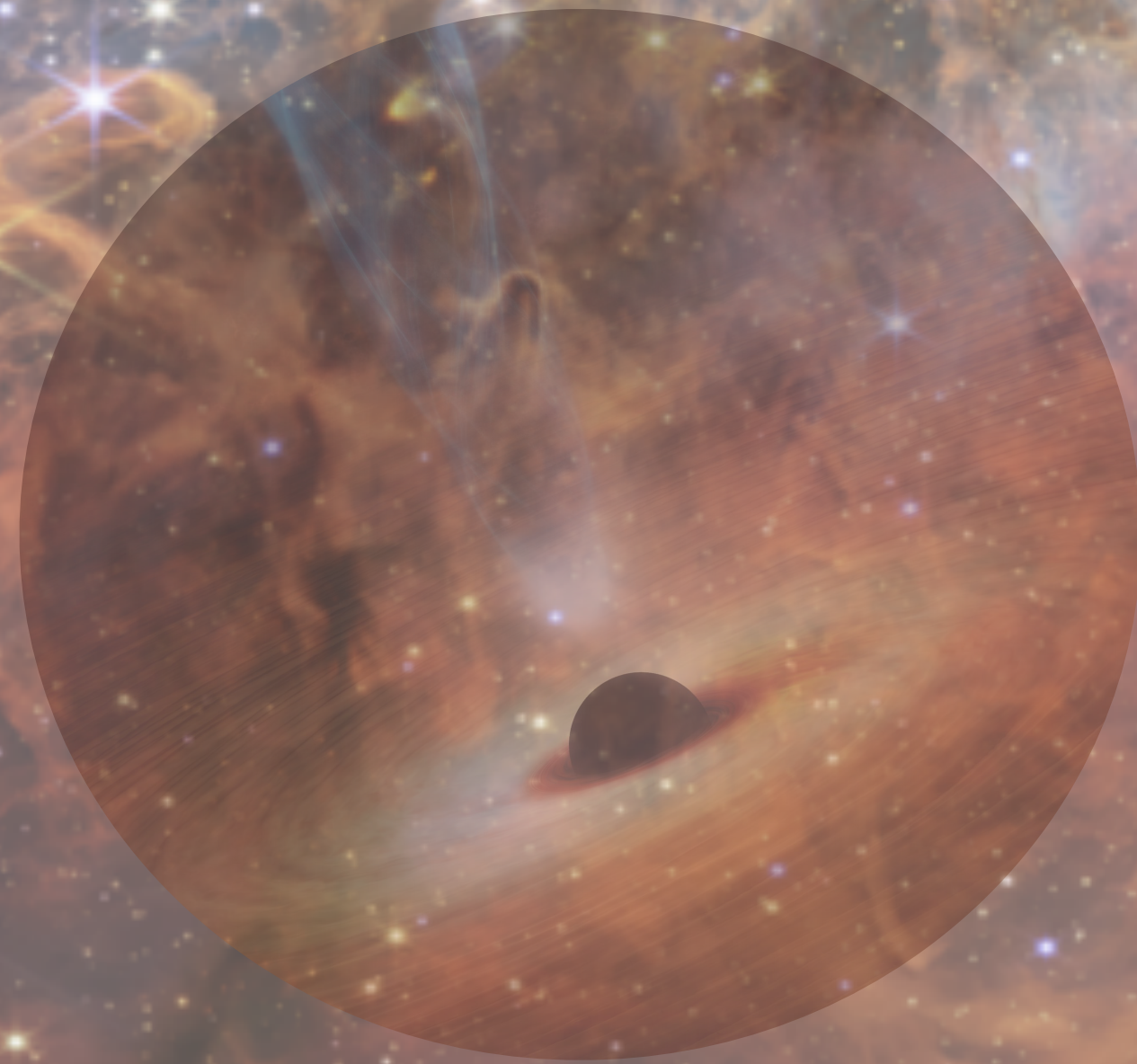
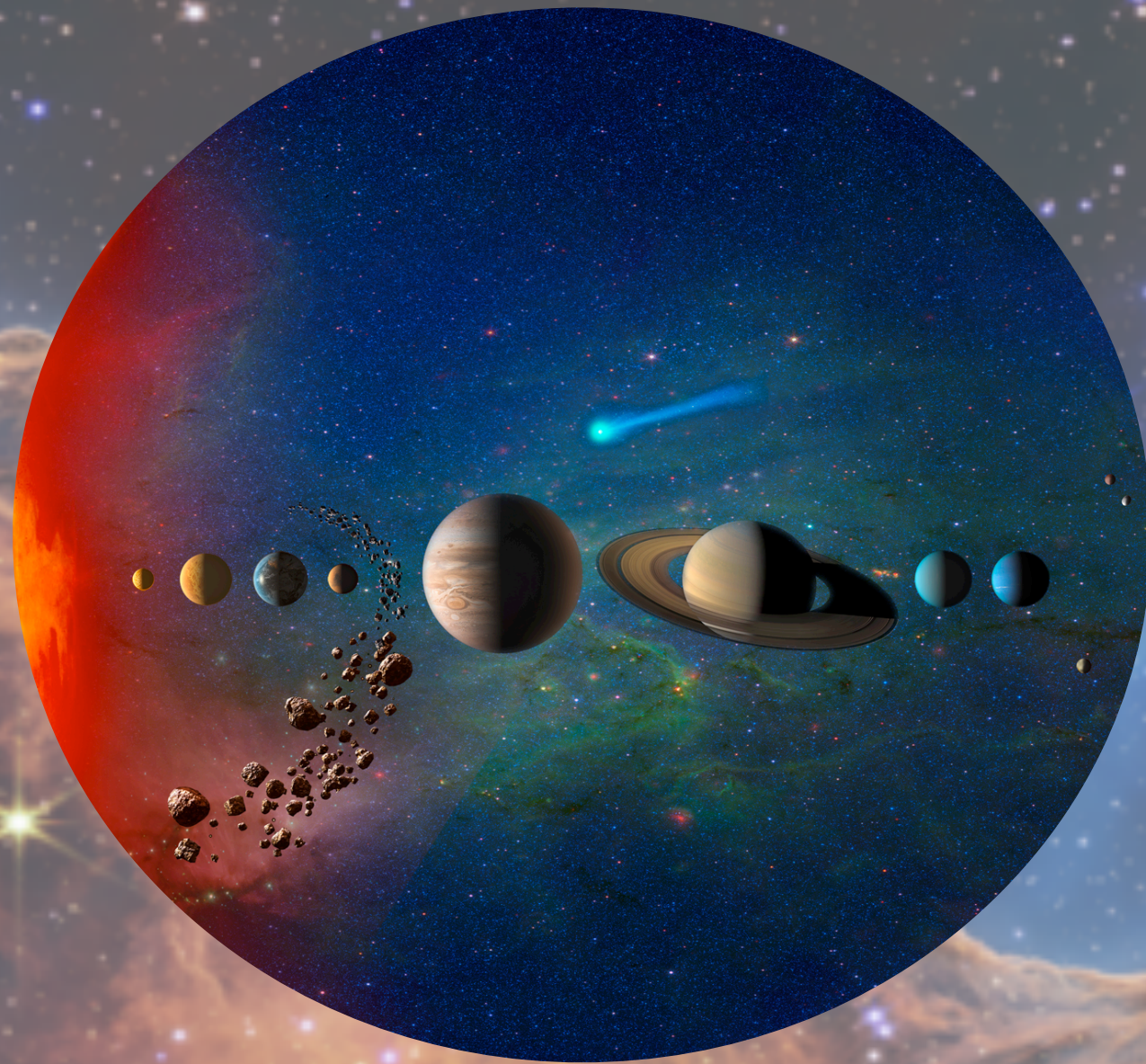
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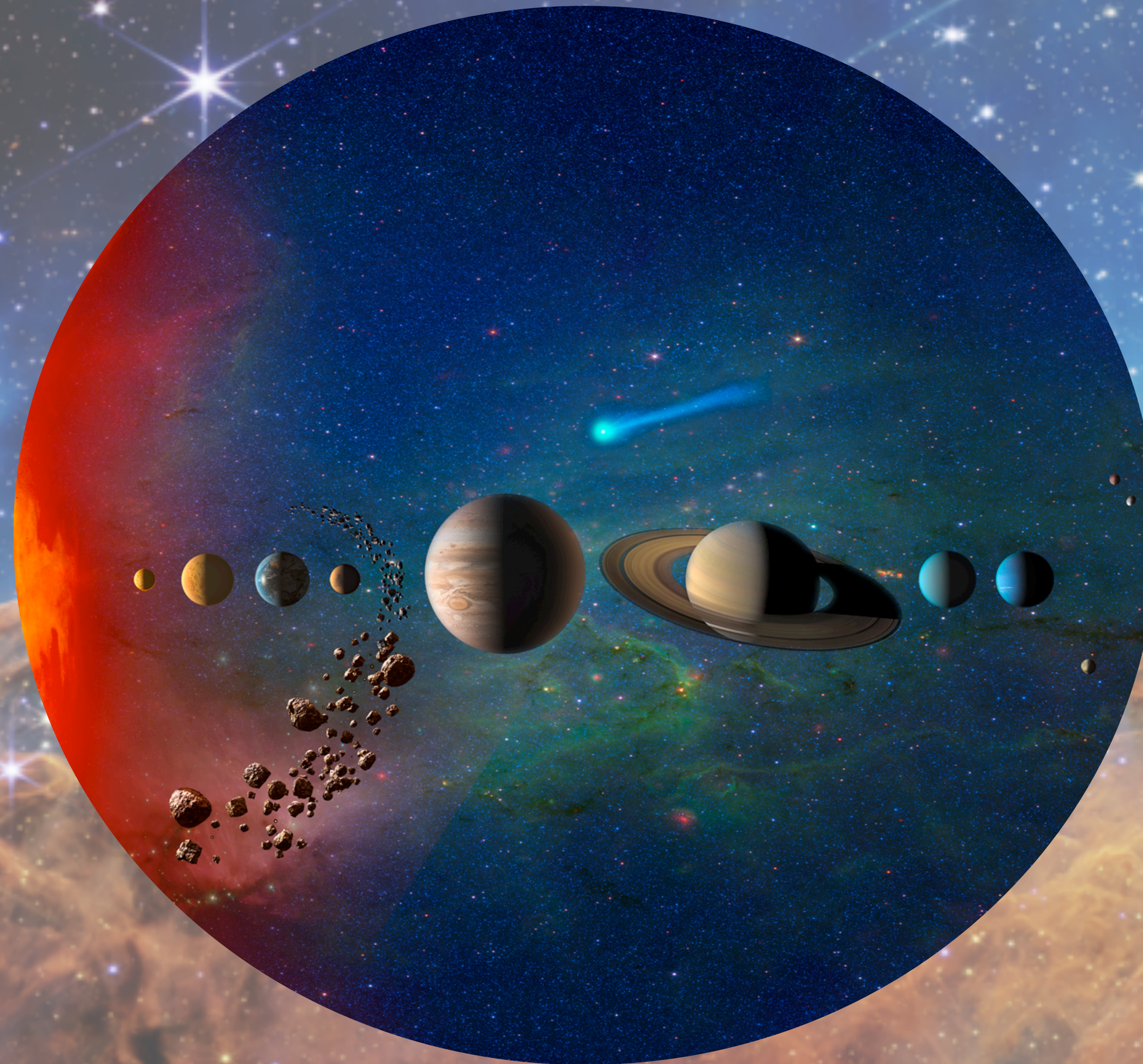
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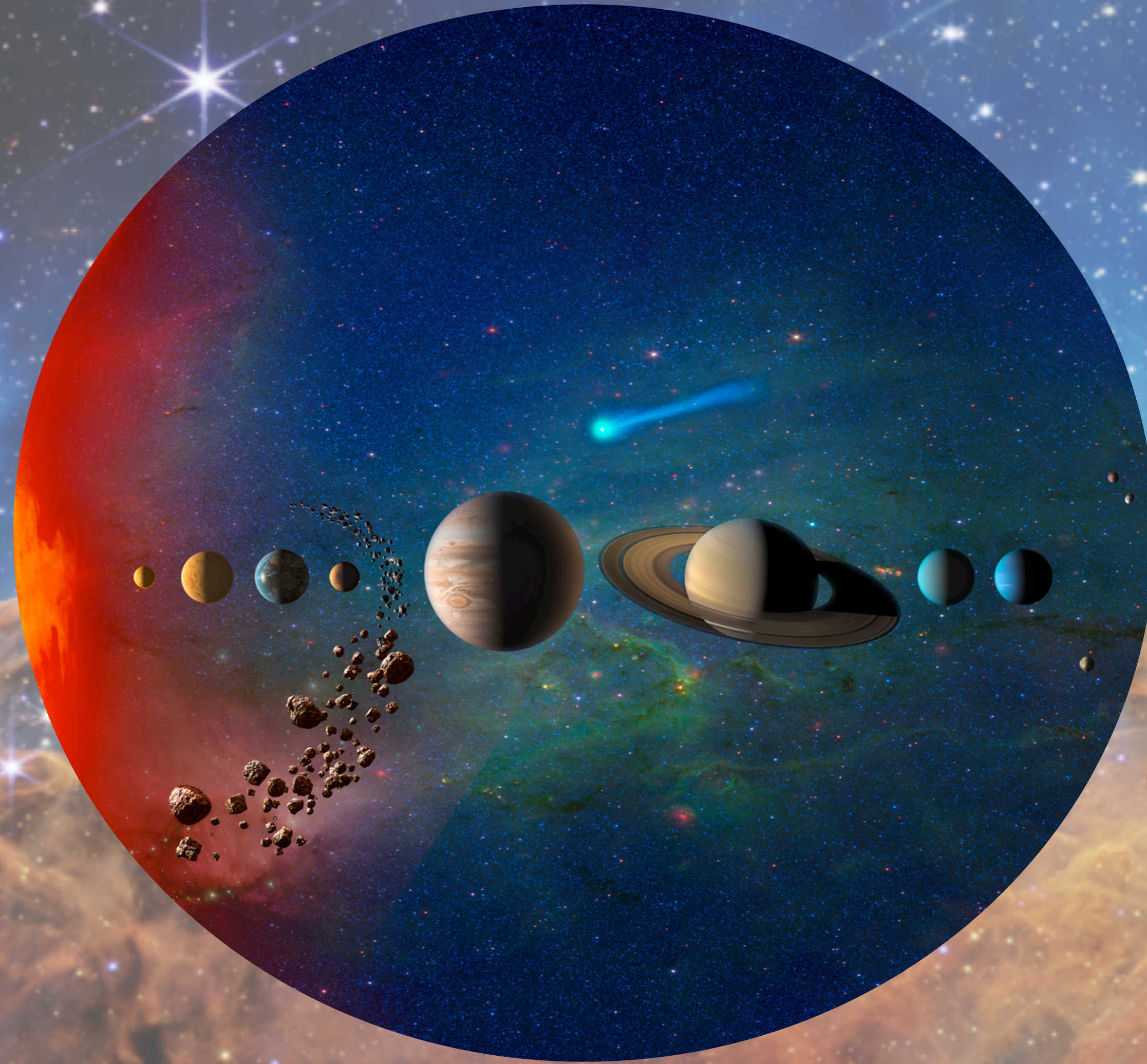
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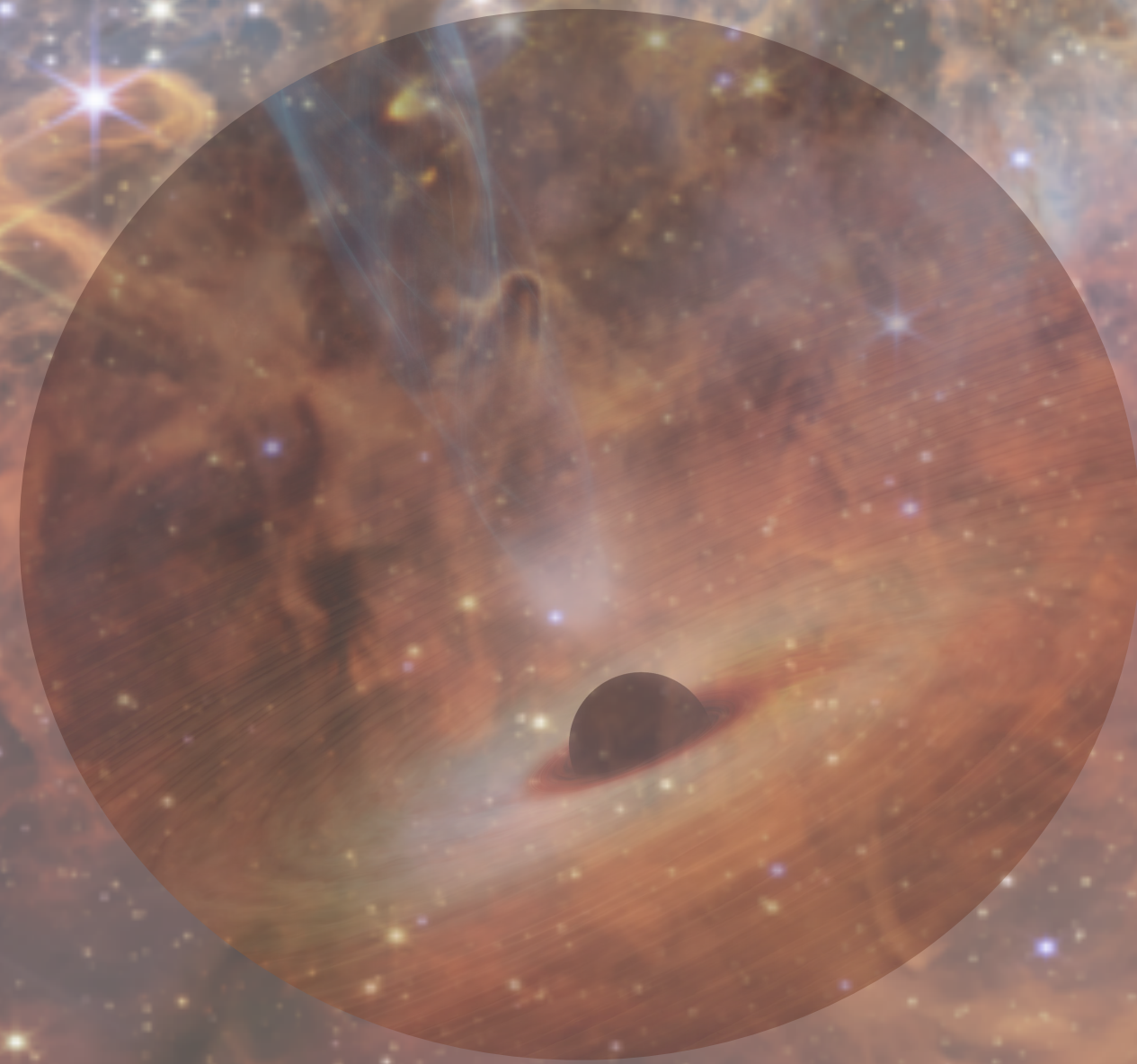
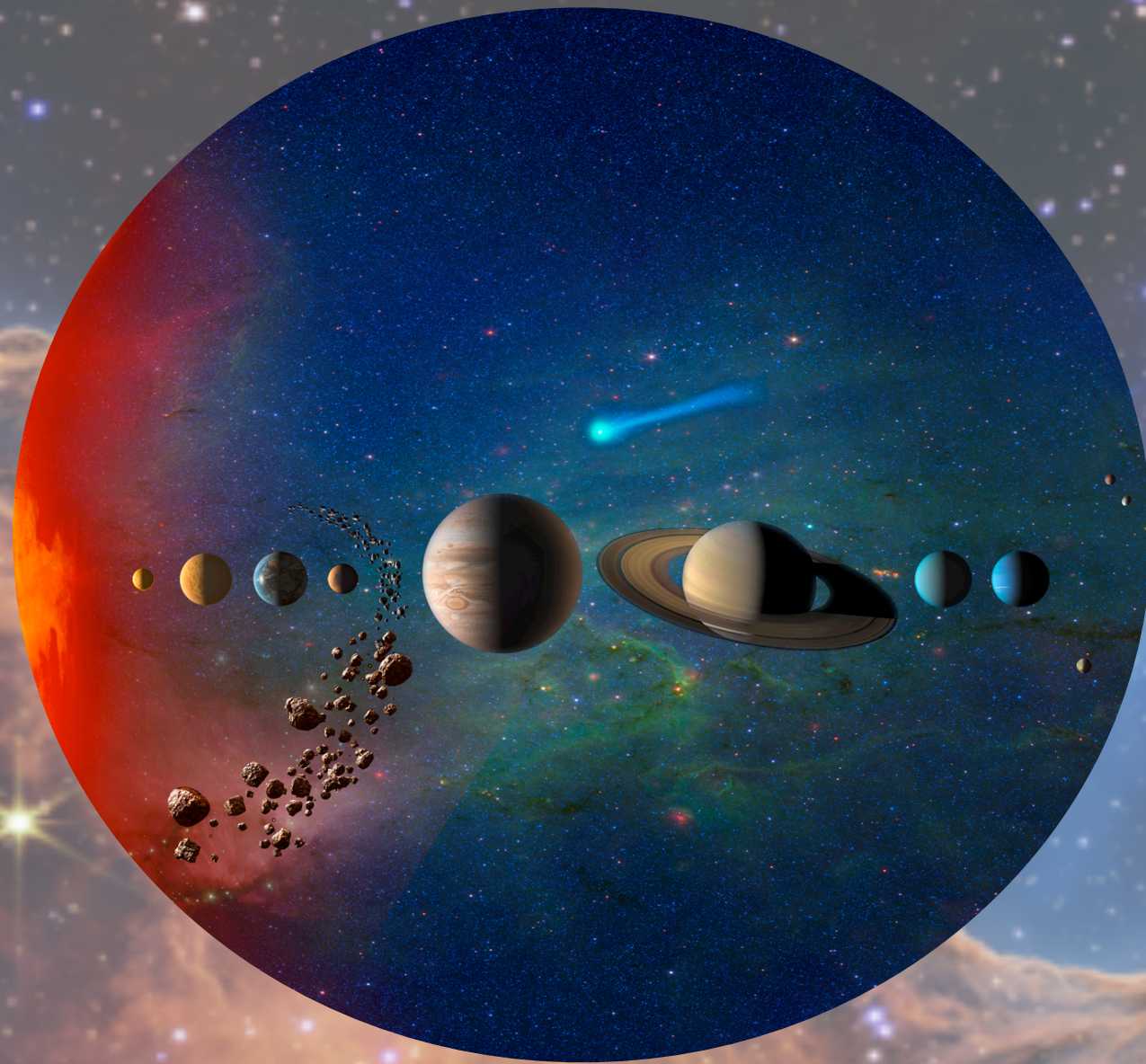
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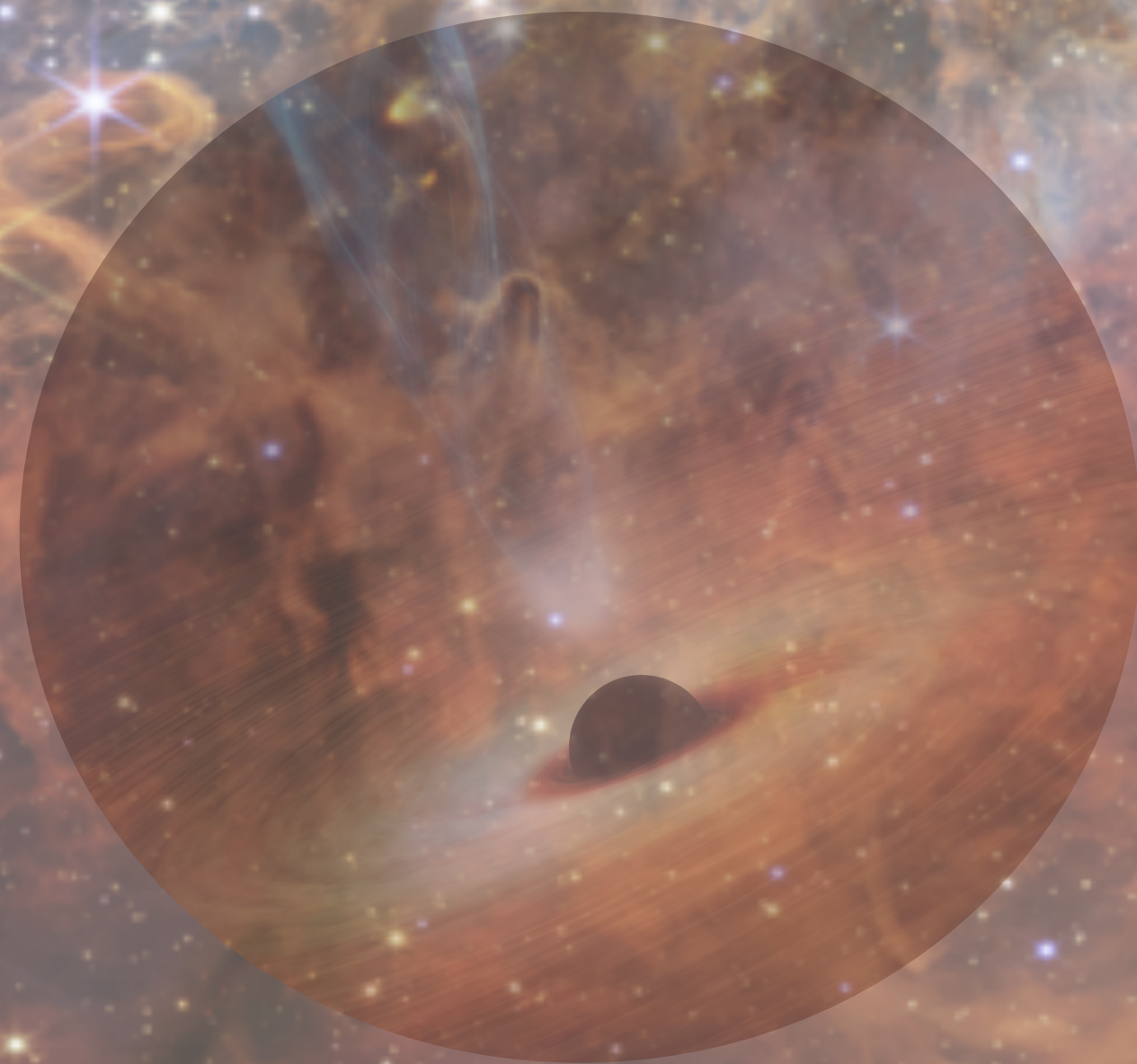


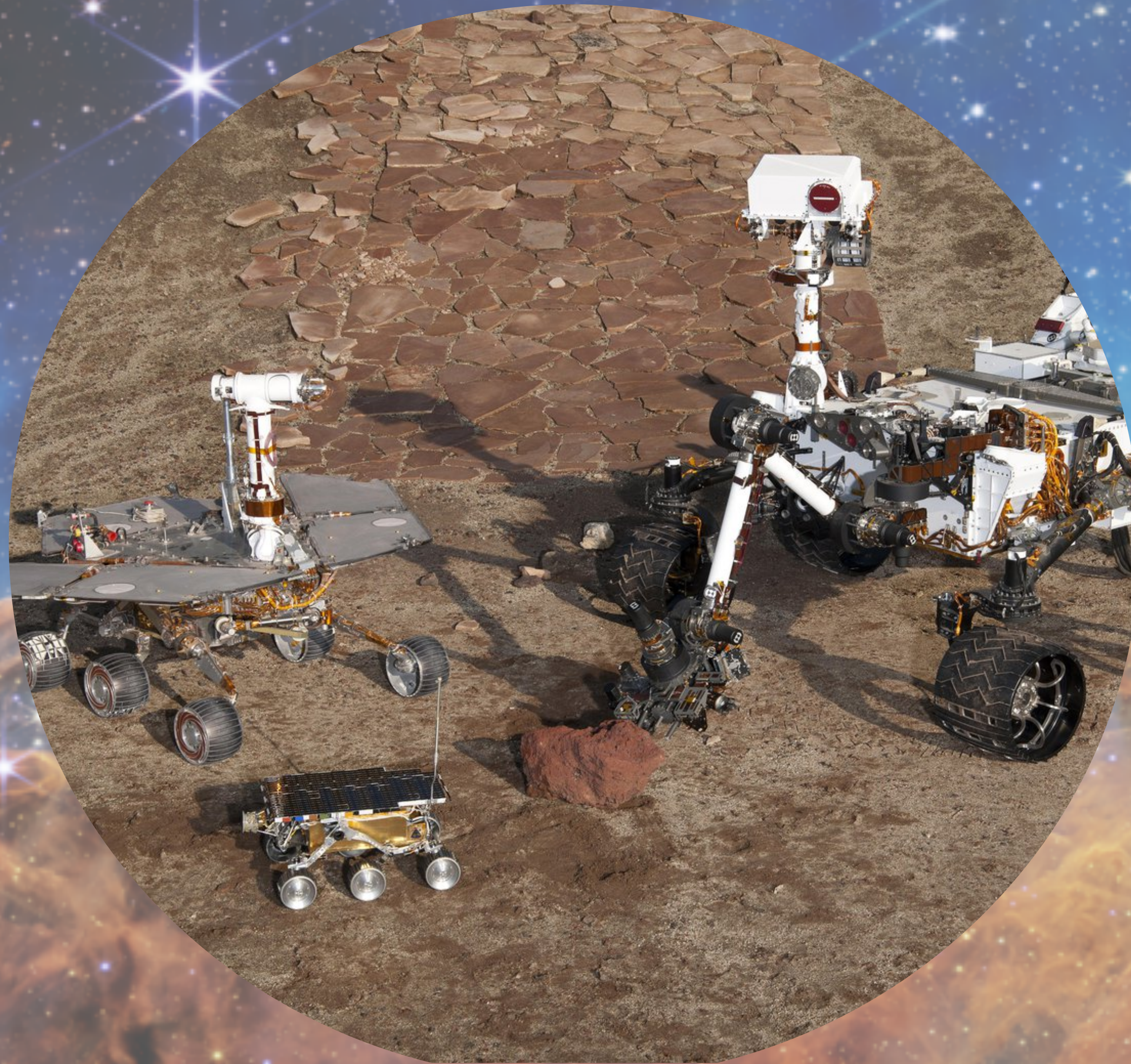
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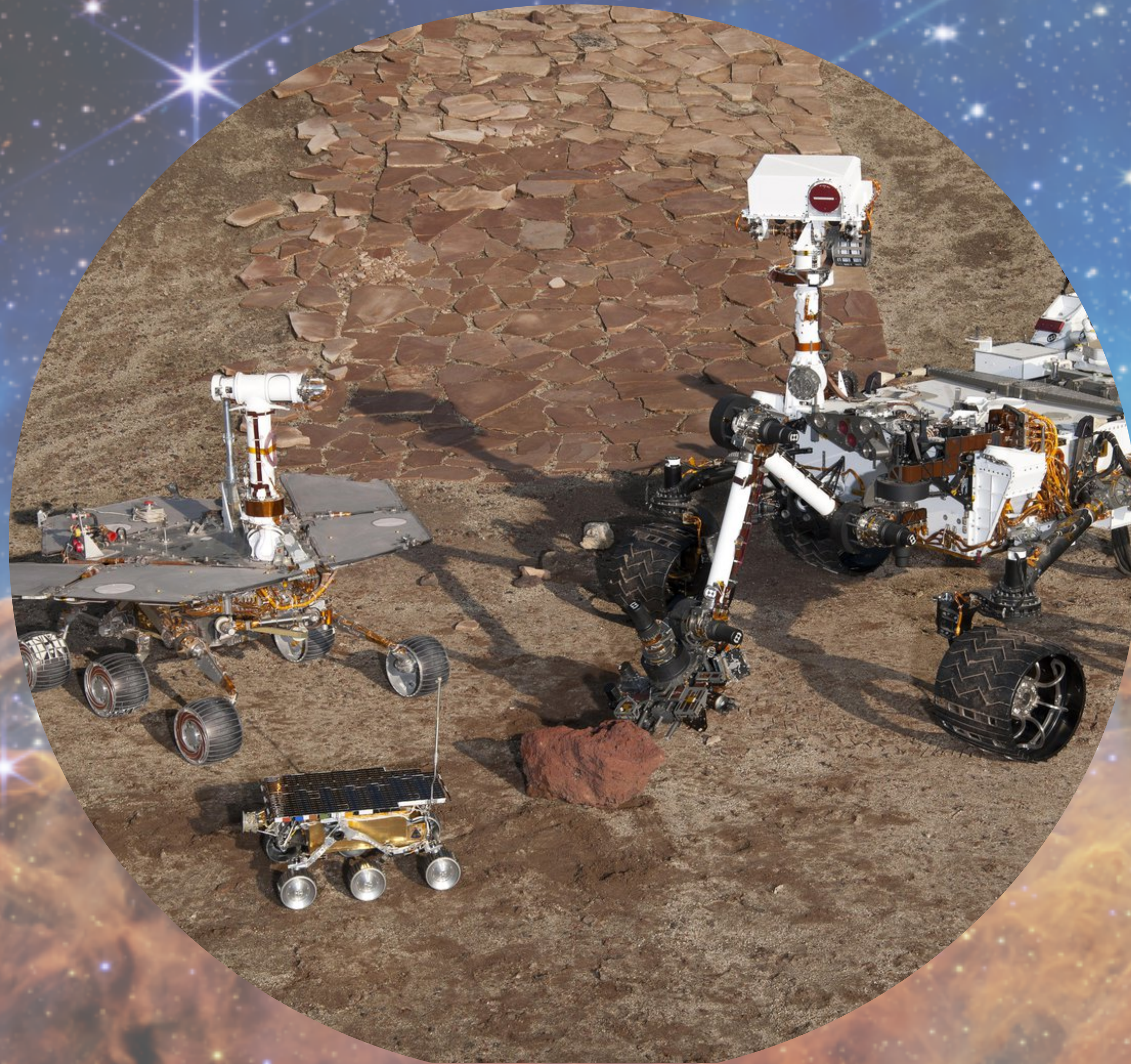
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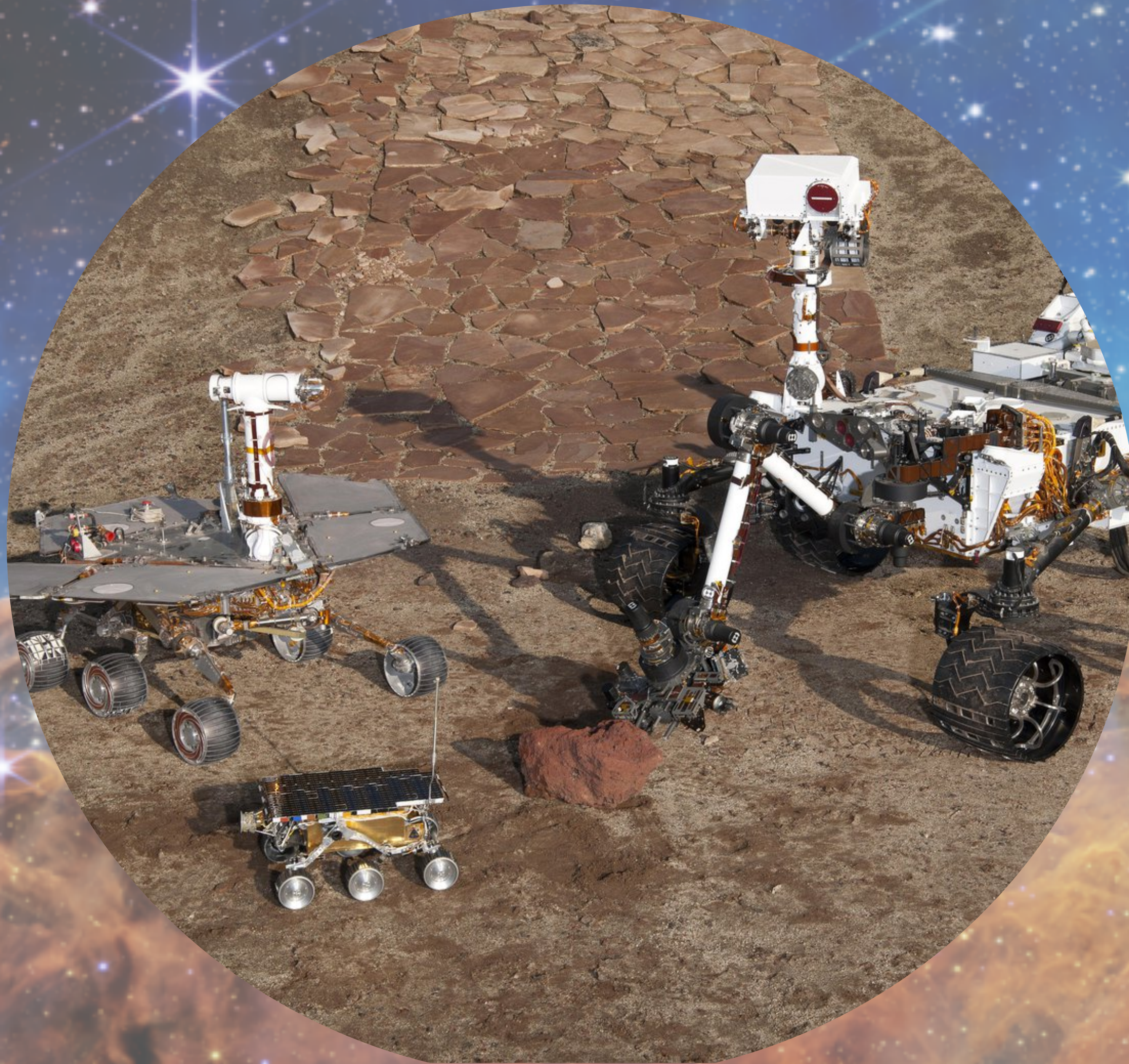
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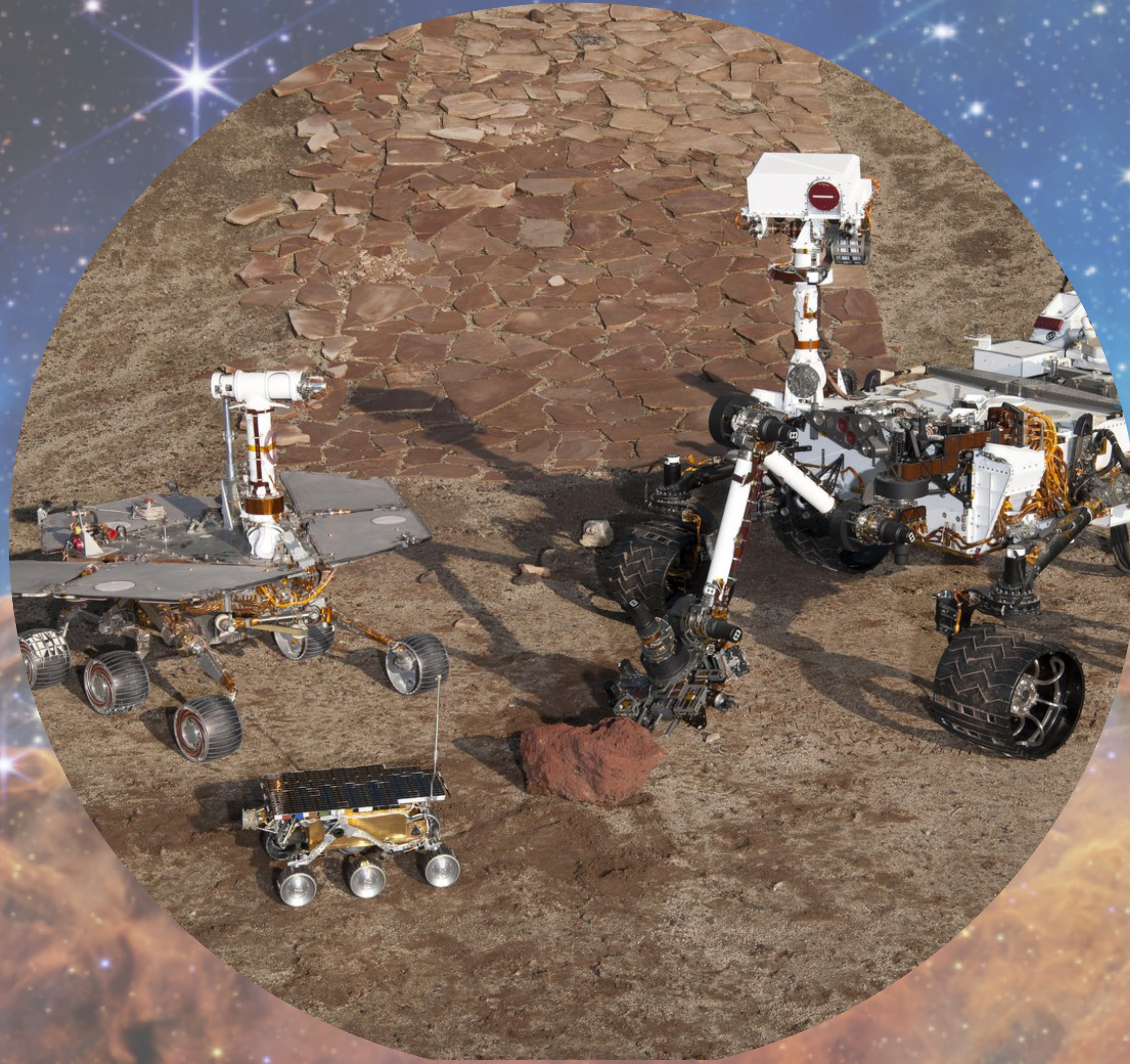
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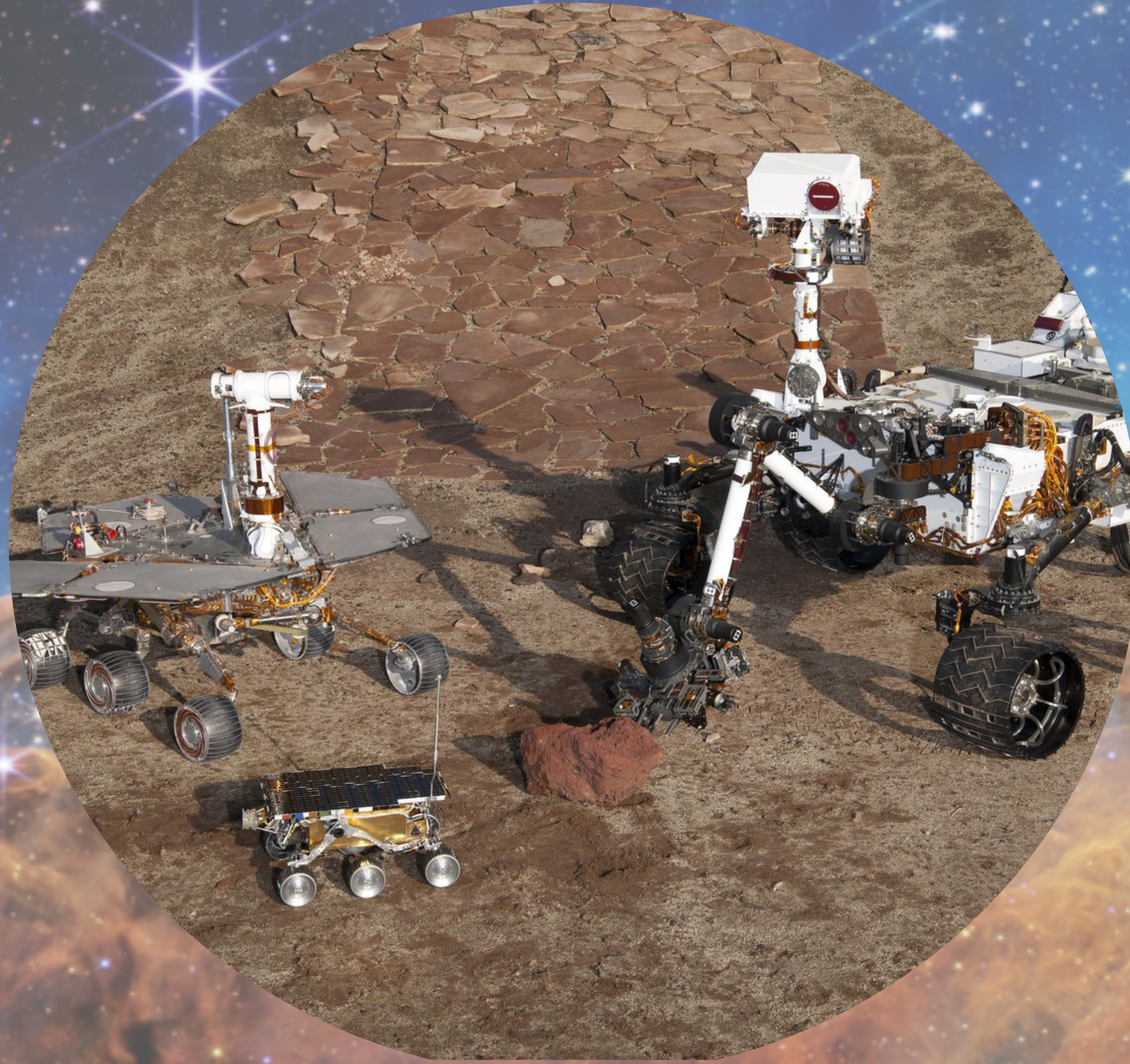
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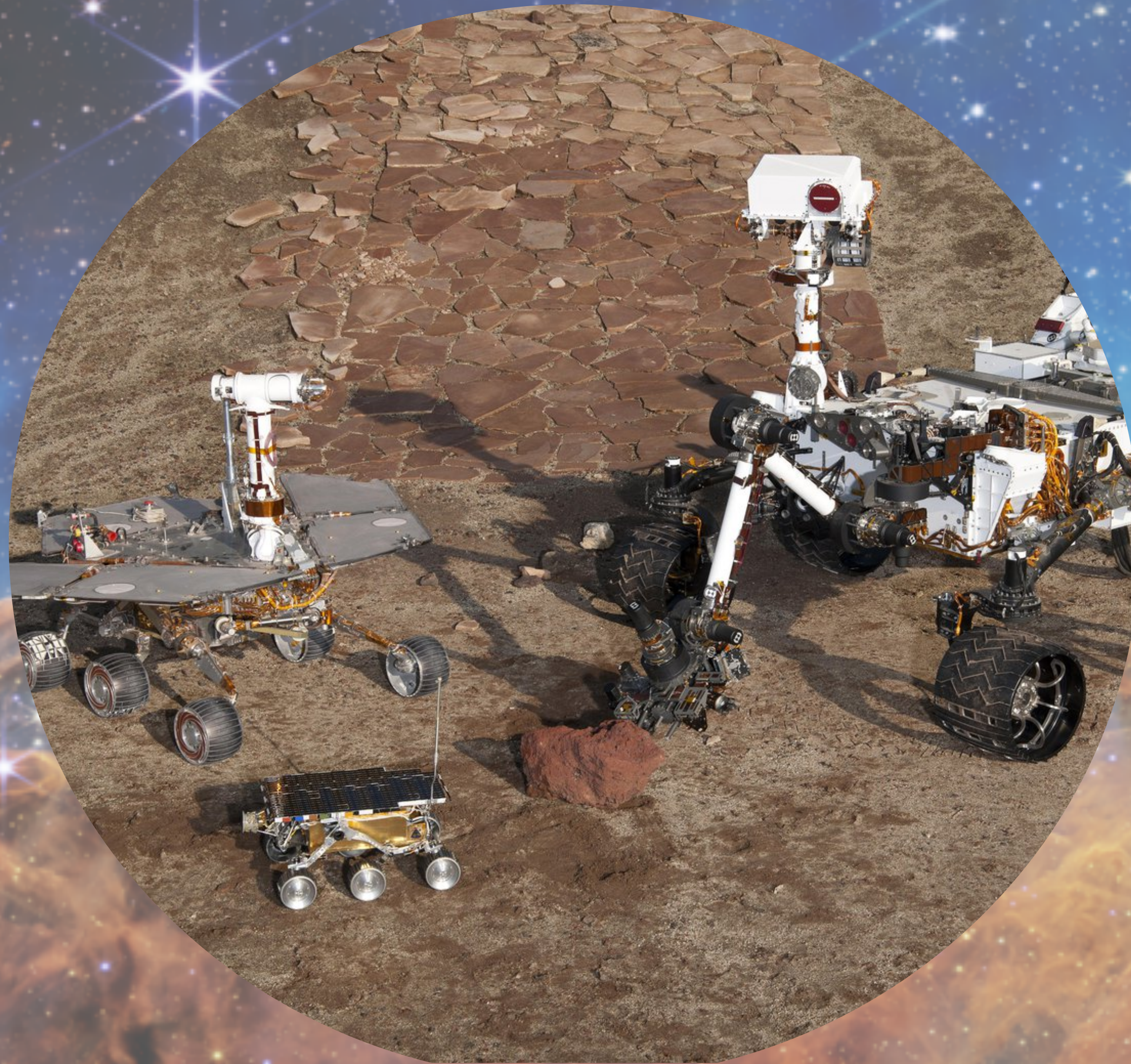
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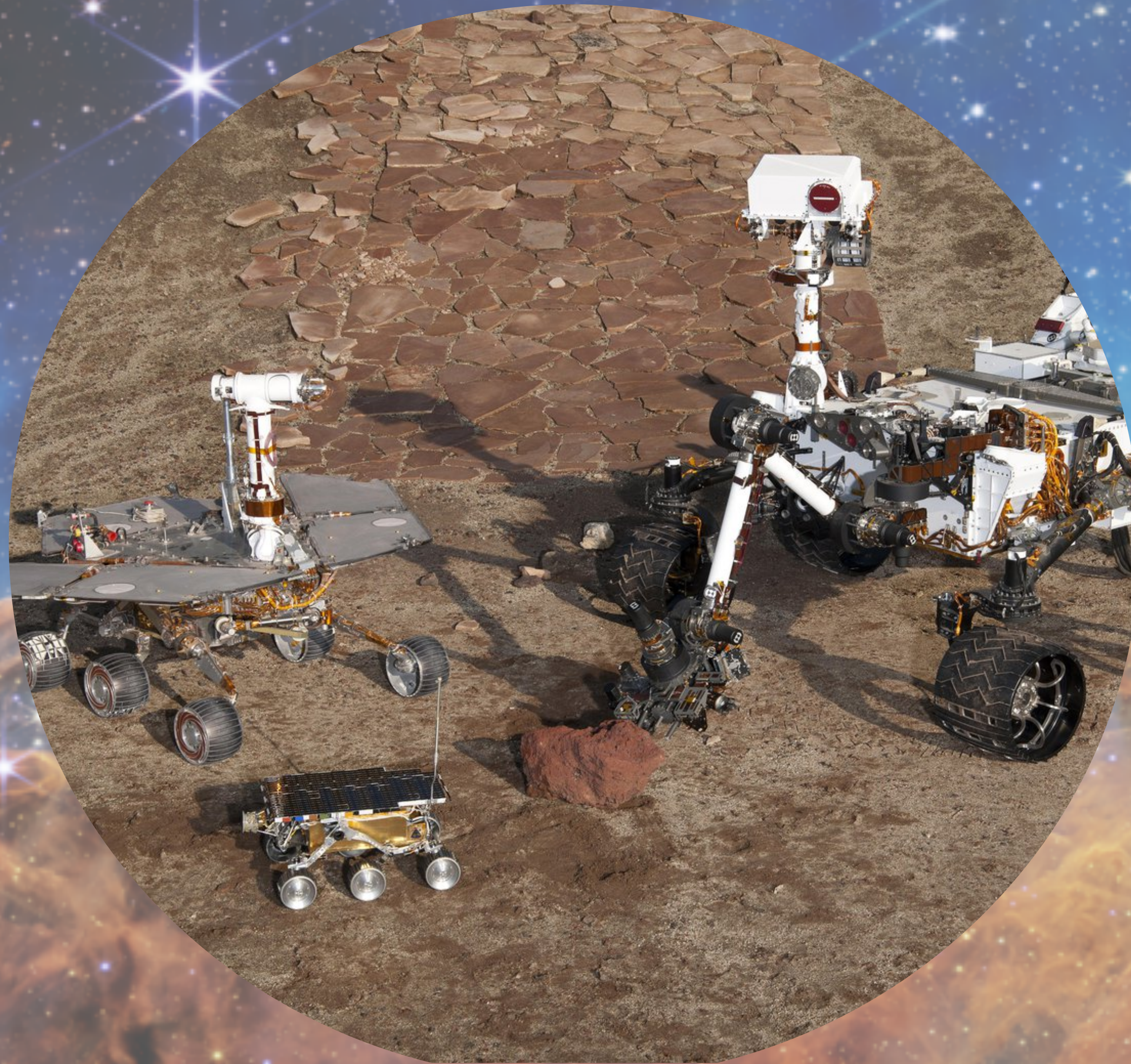
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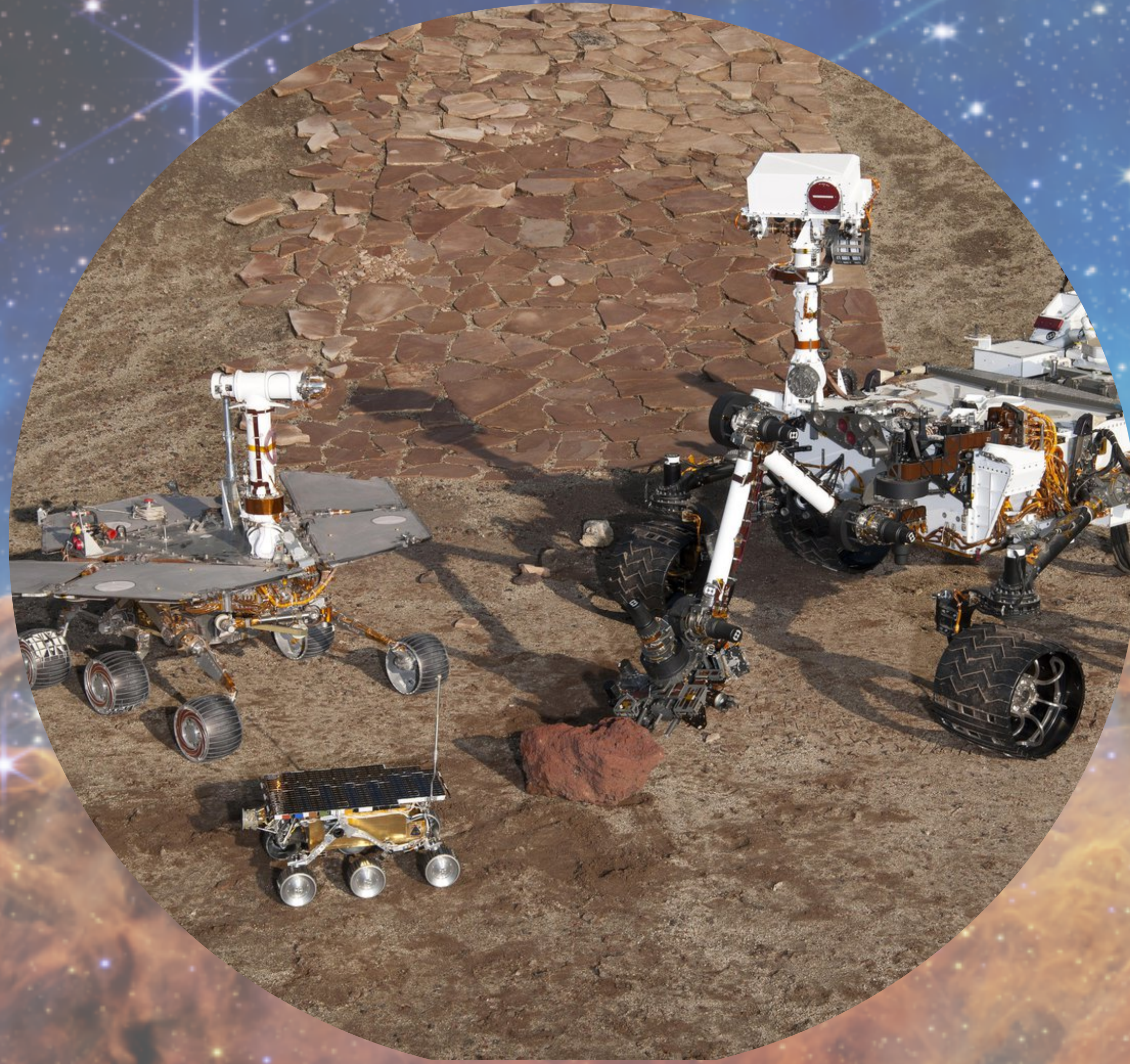
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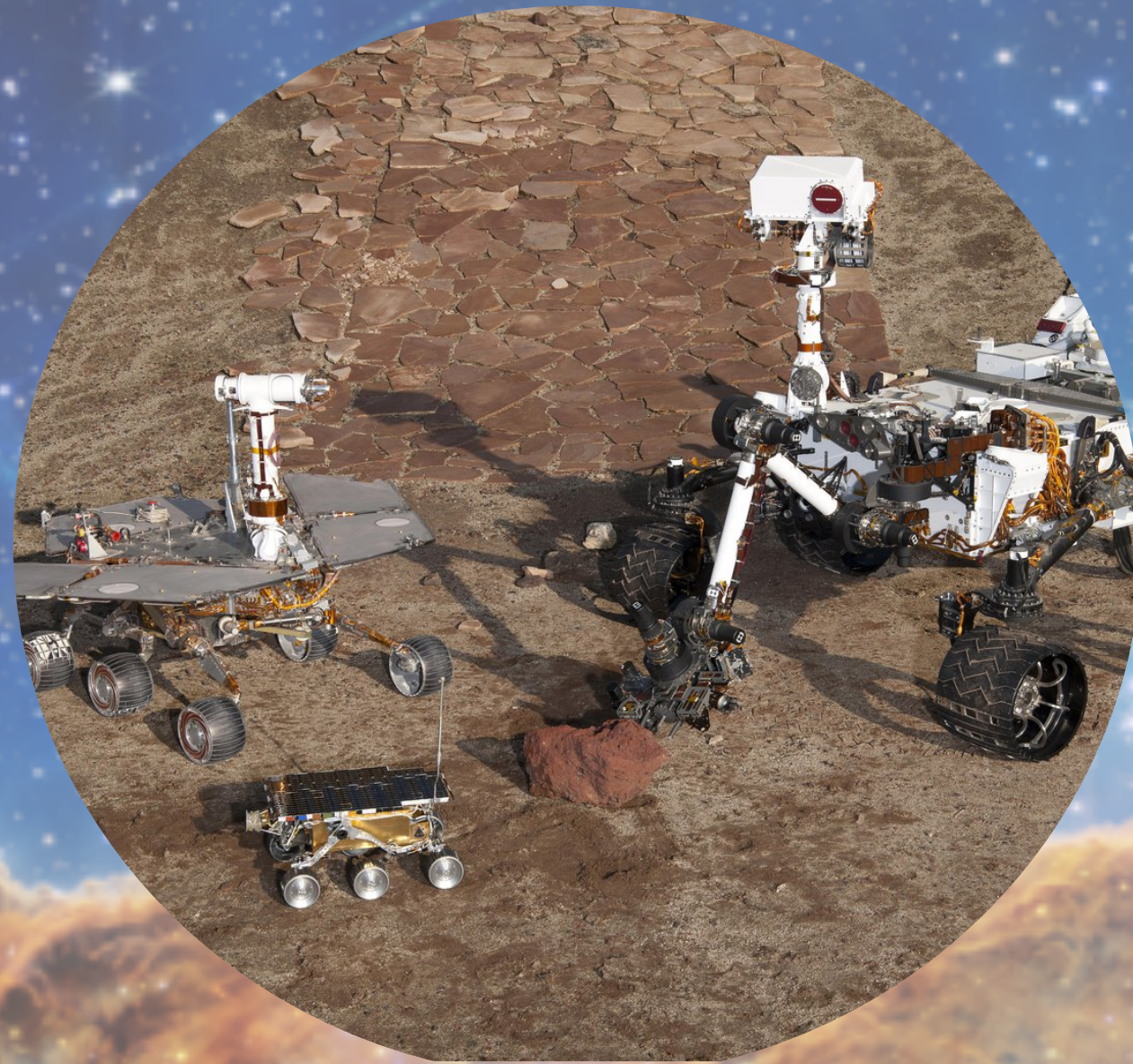
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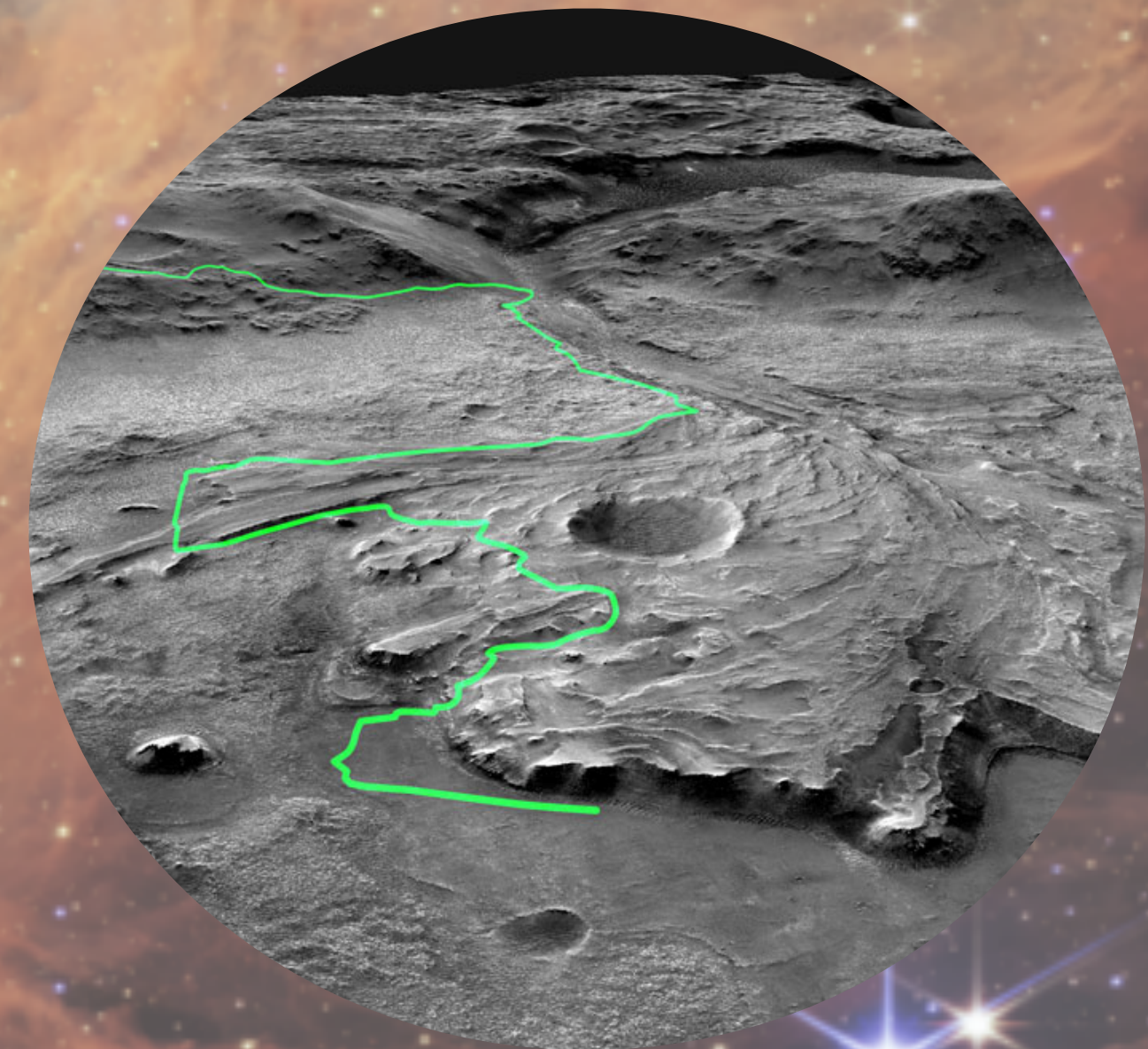
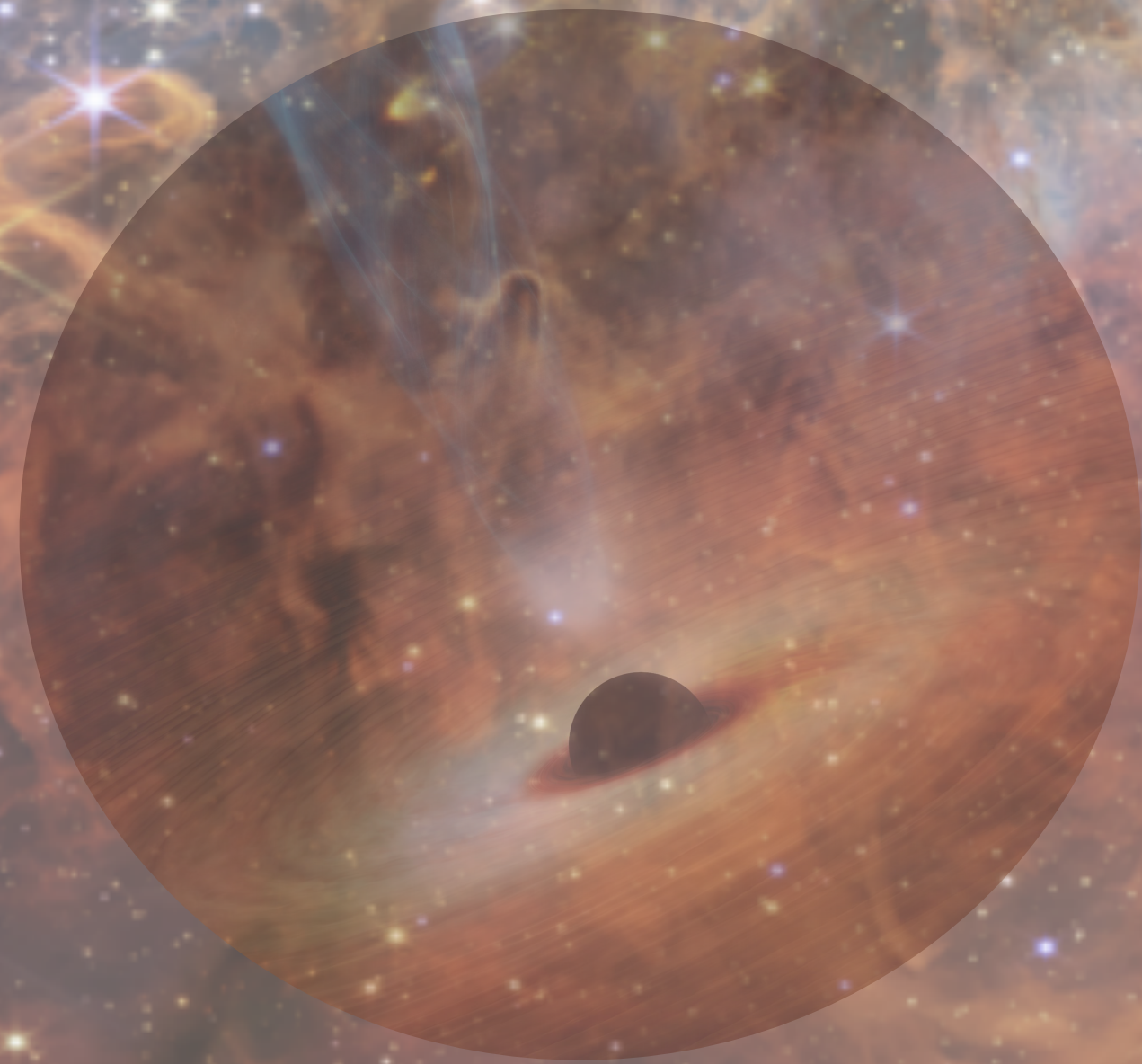


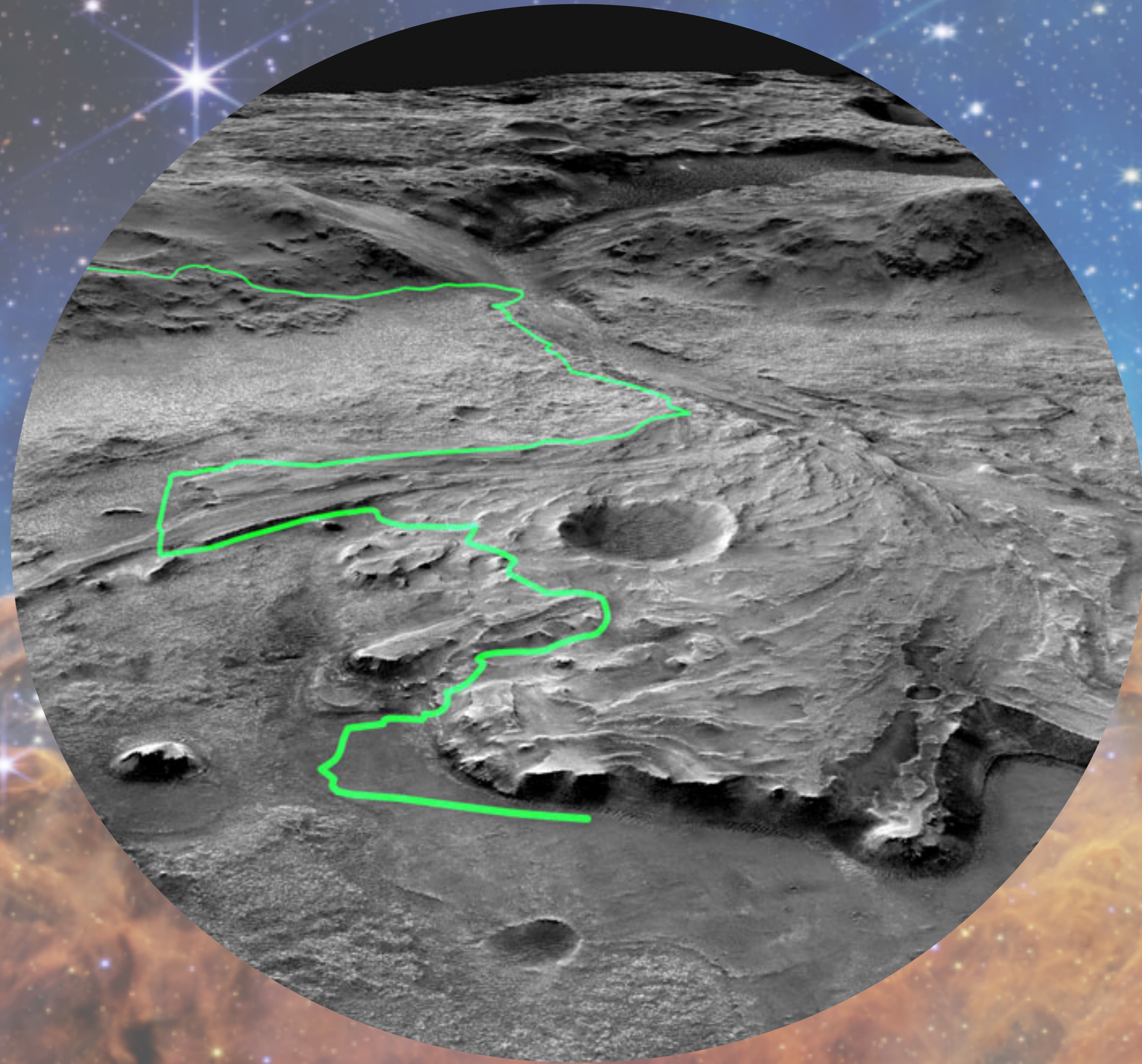
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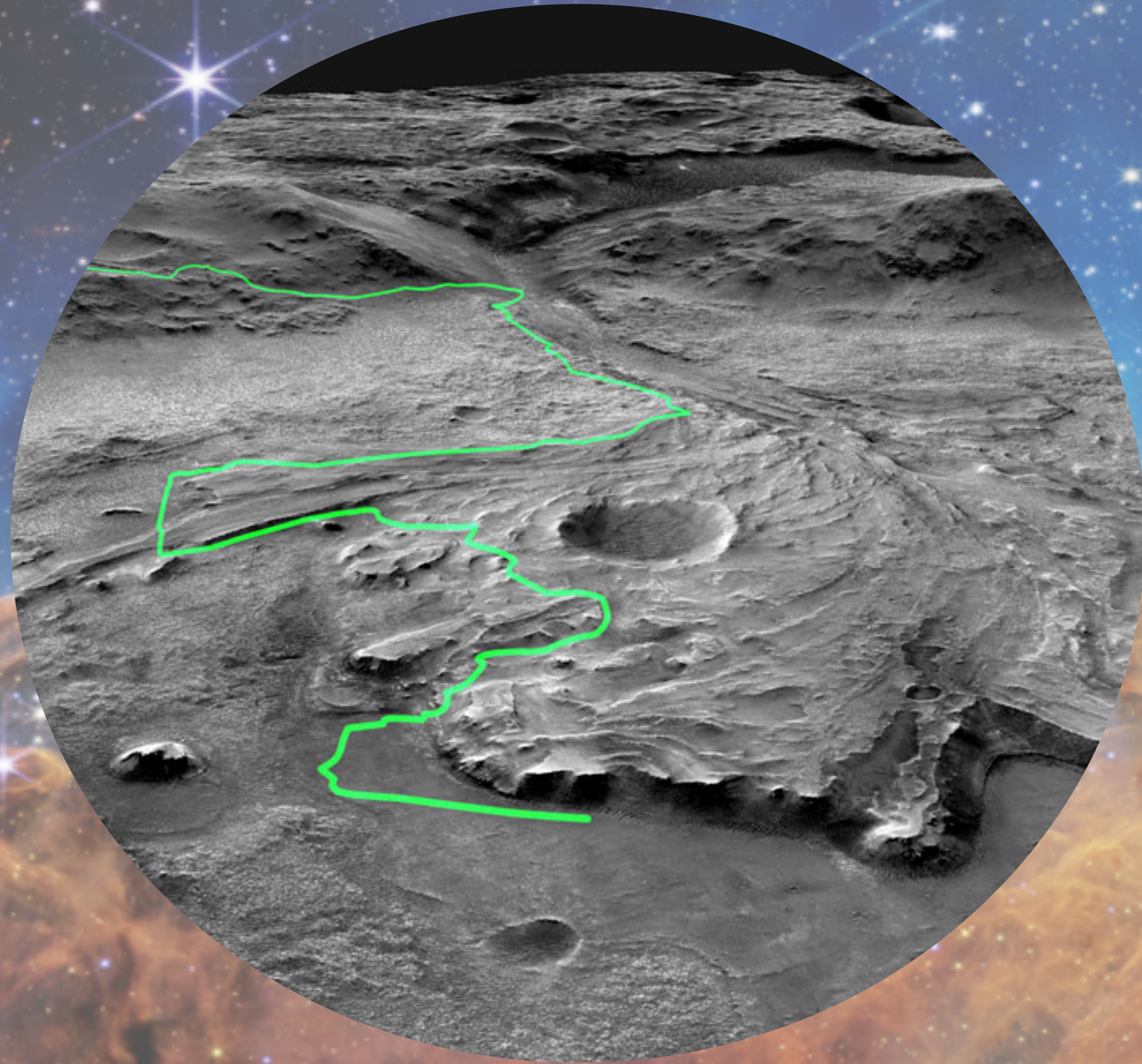
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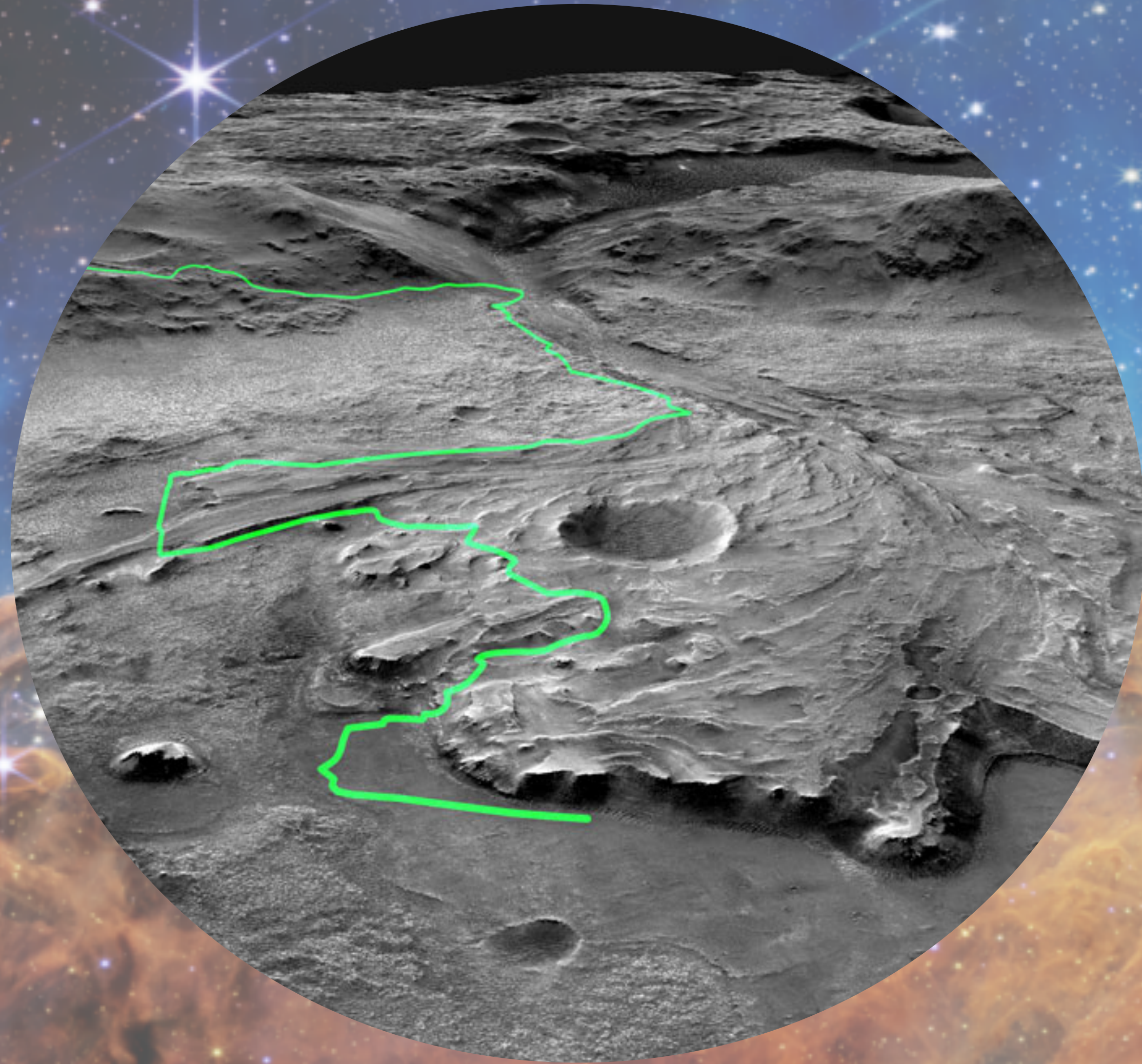




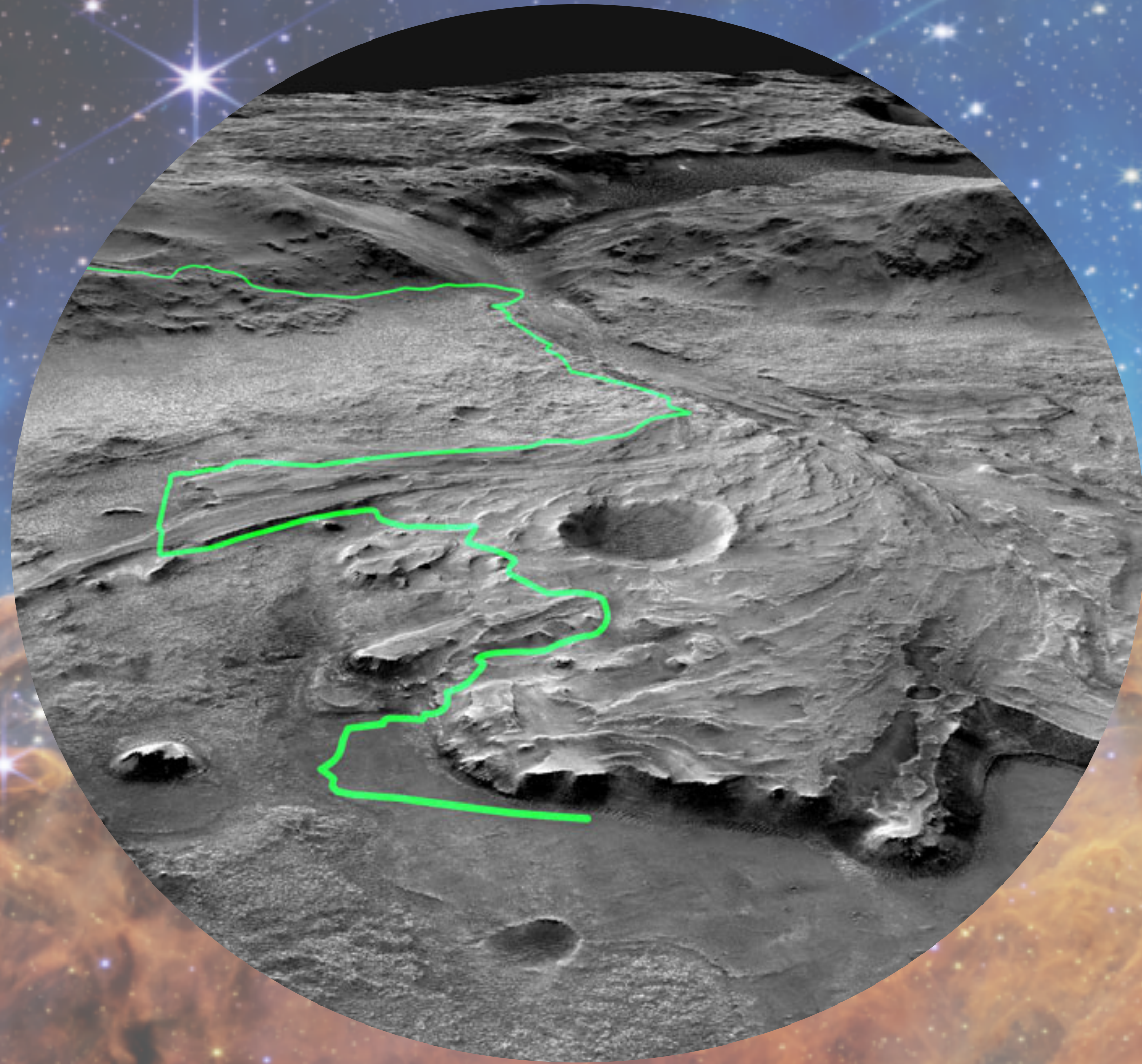
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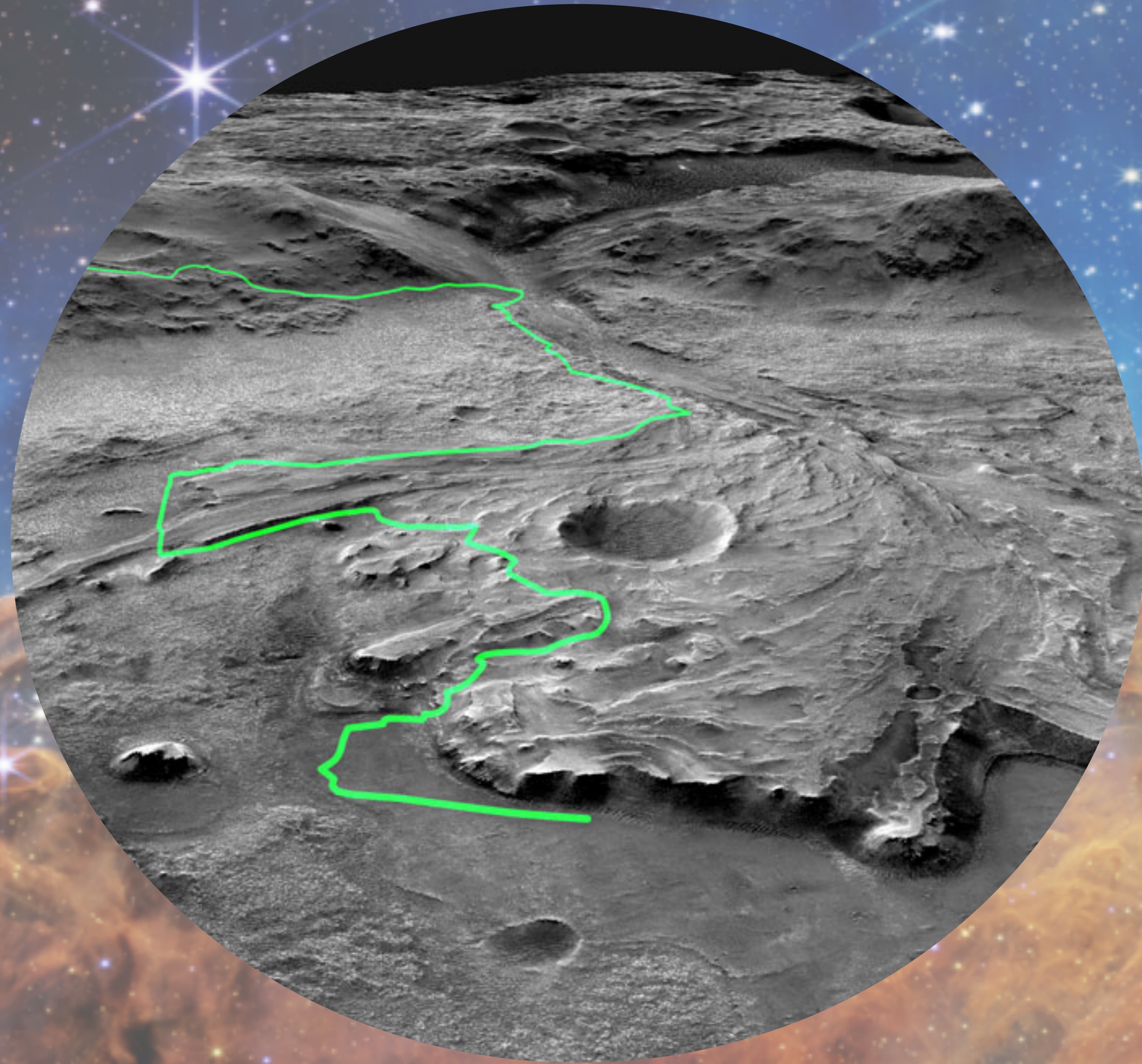
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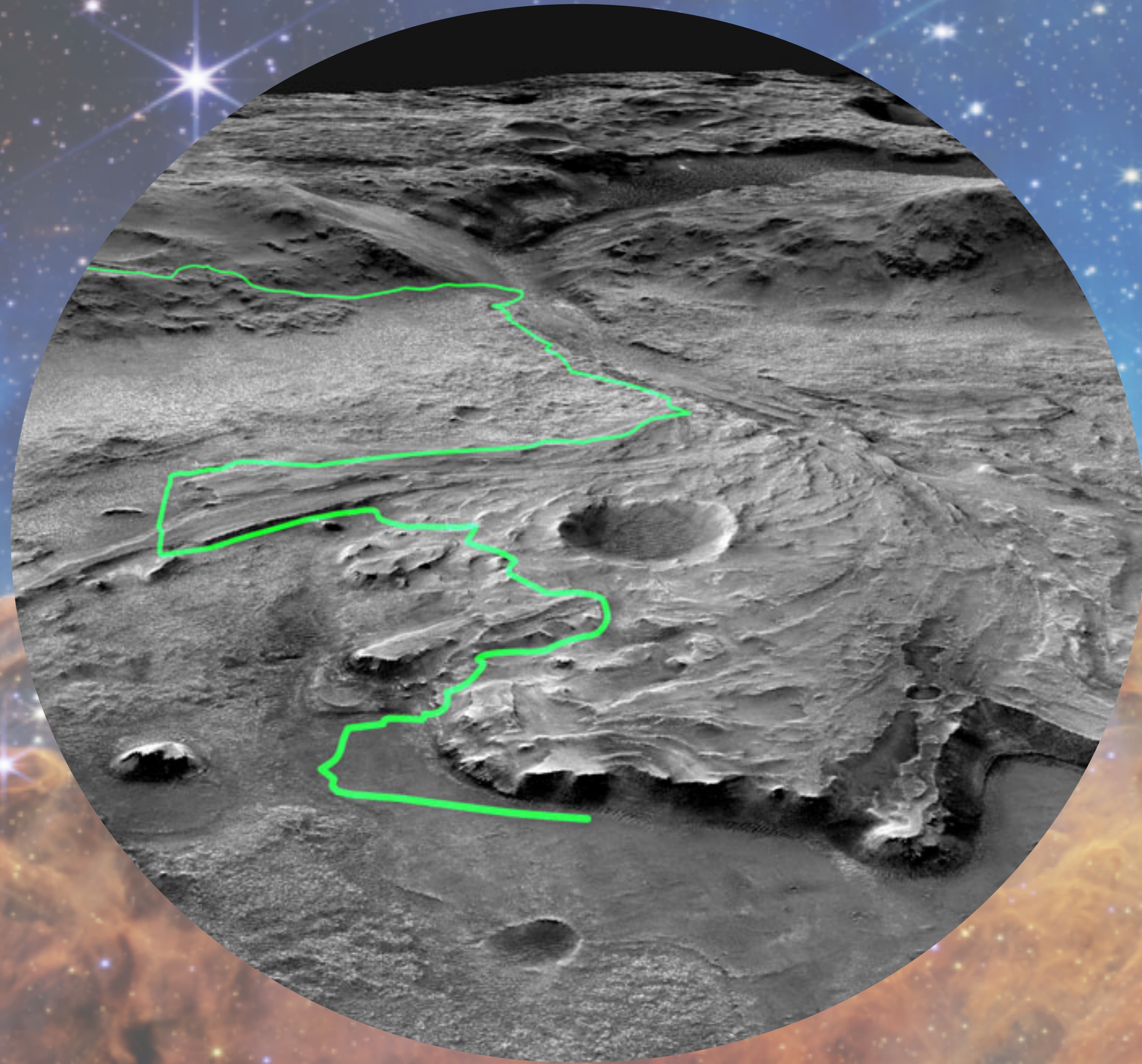
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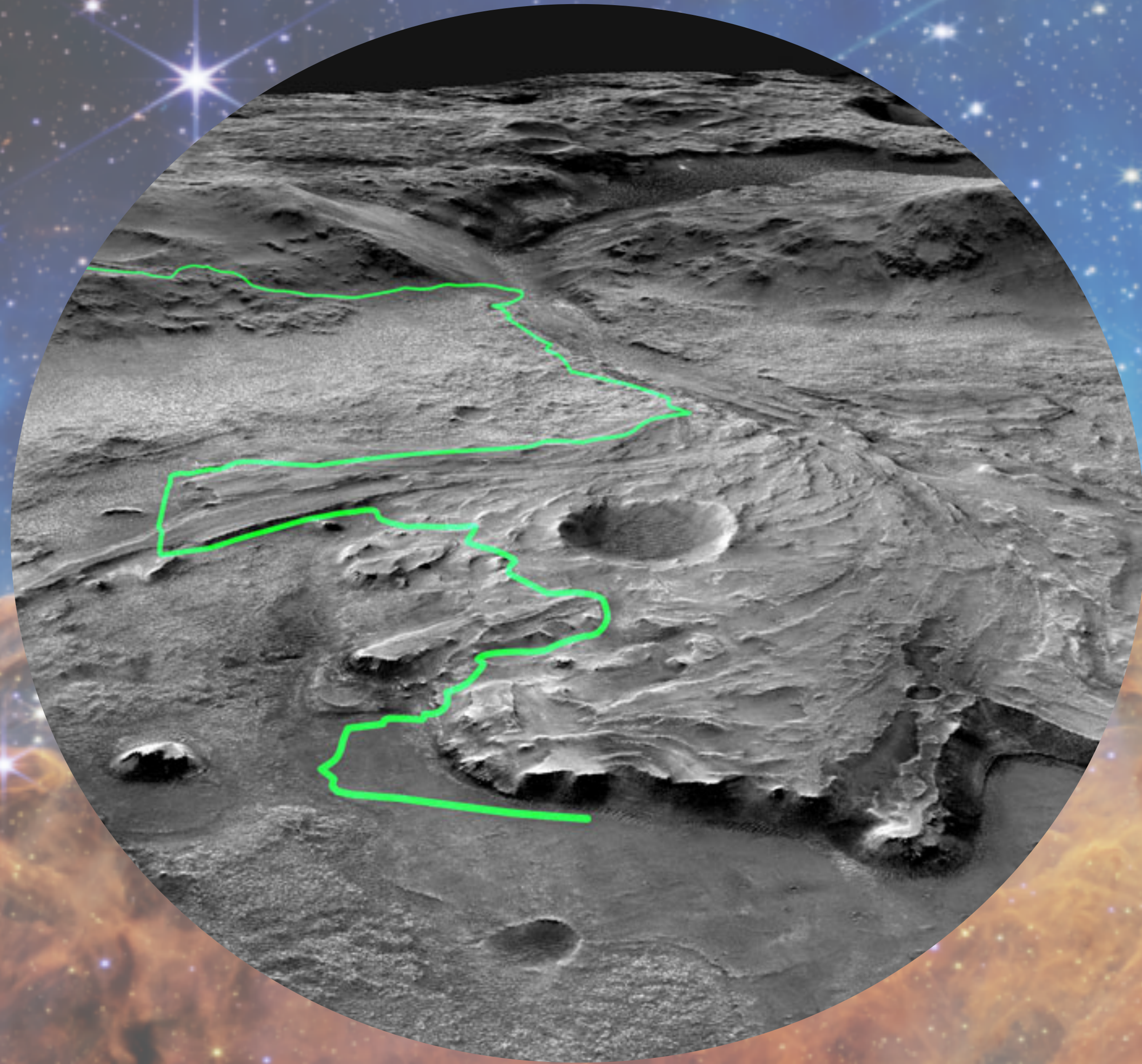
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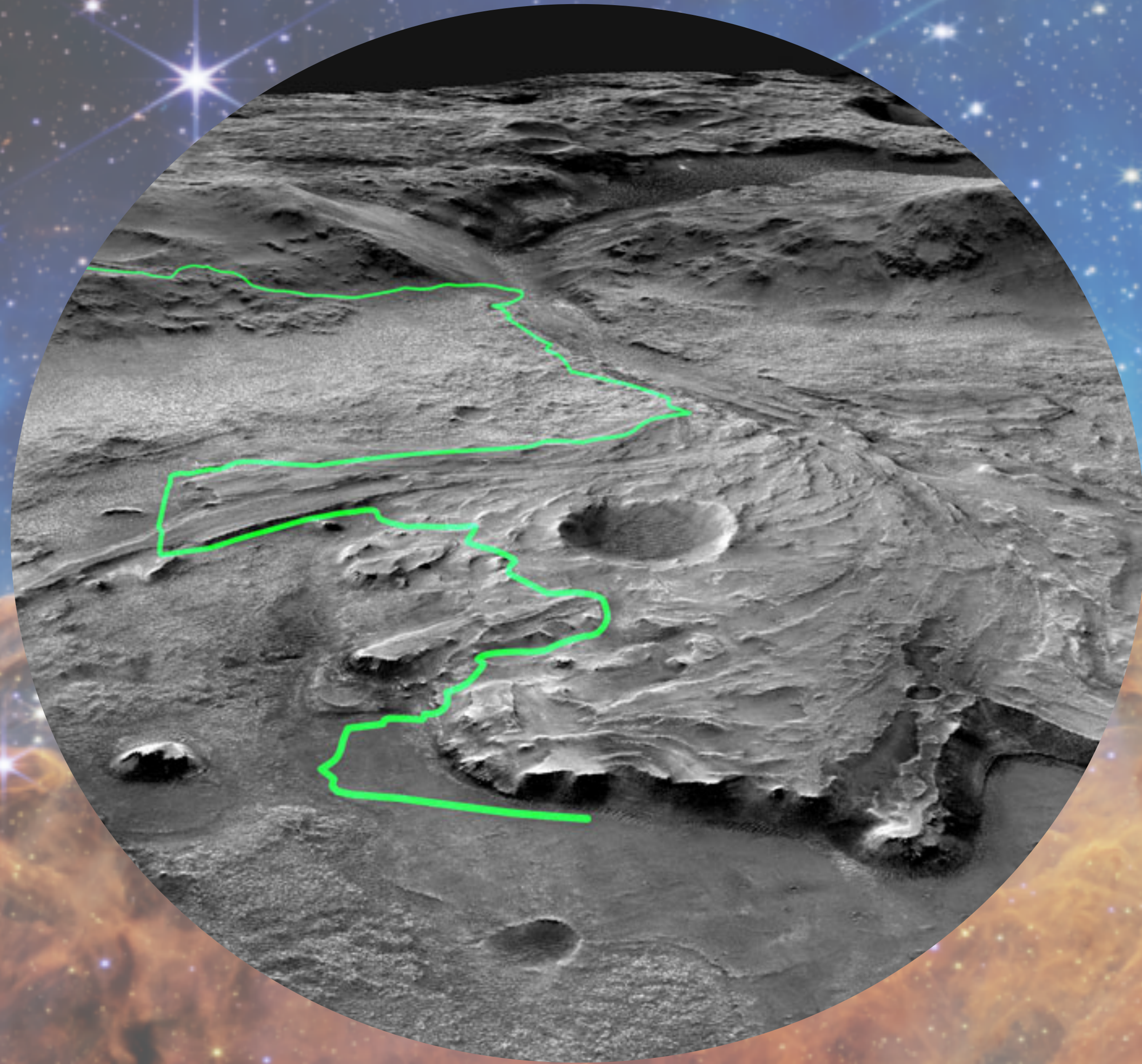
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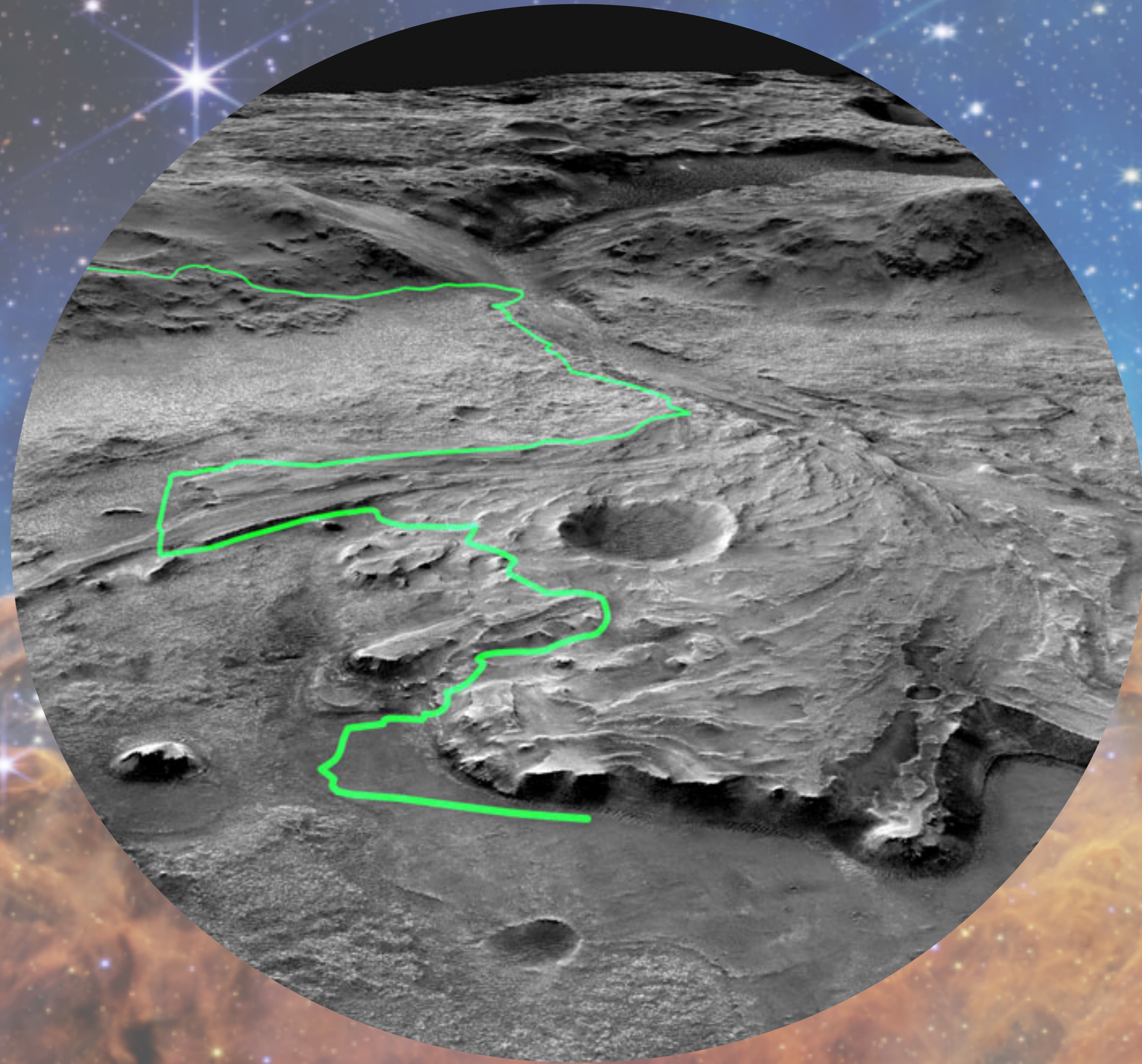
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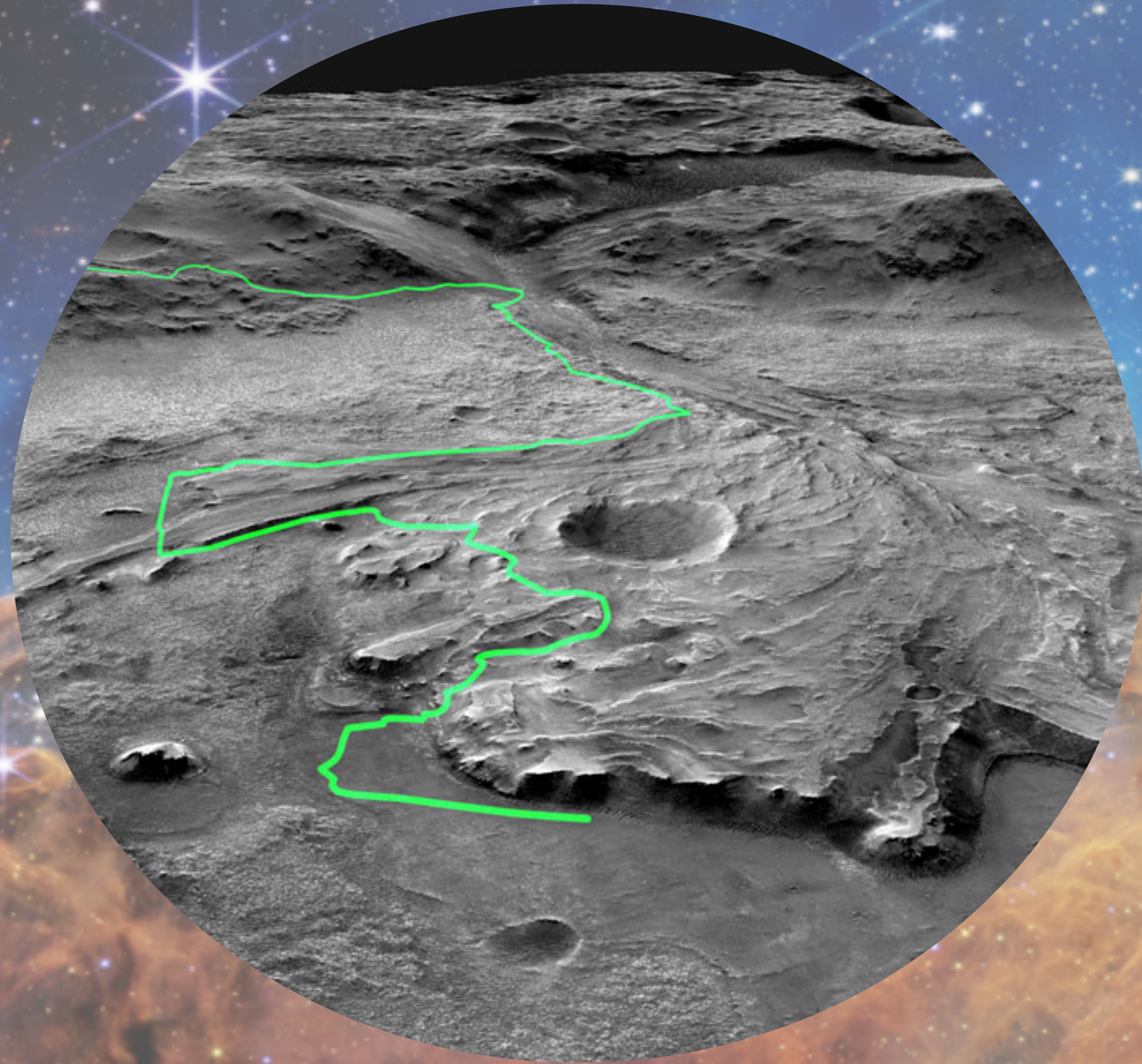
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