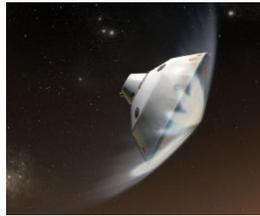


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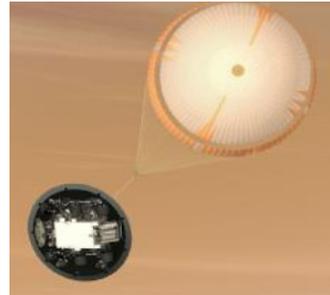
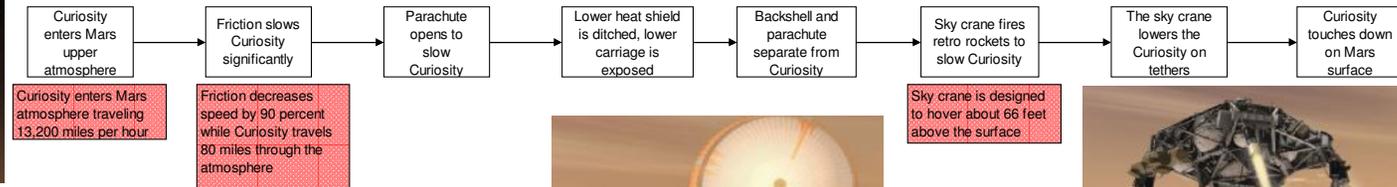
Launched November 26, 2011, Landed August 6th, 2012

""When we proposed this plan, we were almost laughed off the project. People said it couldn't possibly work."

- Adam Steltzner, NASA's chief engineer for the operation, in the new National Geographic e-book *Mars Landing 2012*.



## Process Map:



Parachute deploys to slow down Curiosity.

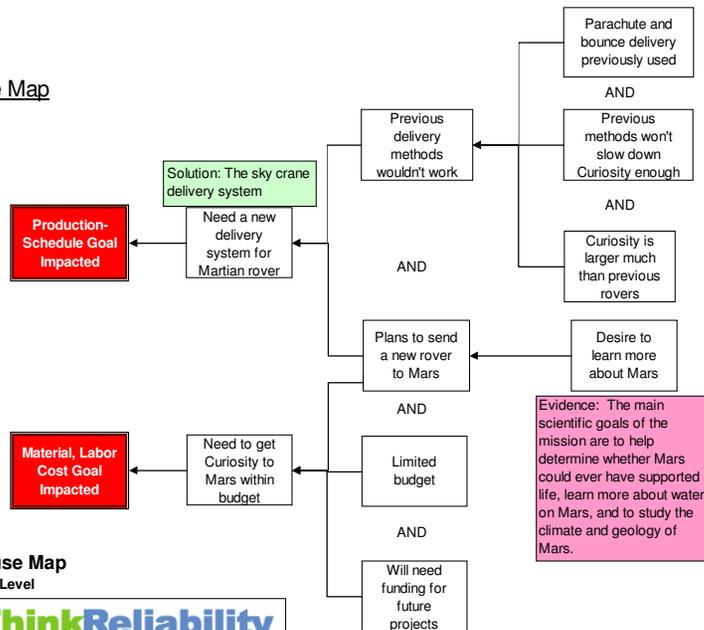


Sky crane hovers over the surface and lowers the Curiosity.



Curiosity on the surface of Mars.

## Cause Map



Evidence: The main scientific goals of the mission are to help determine whether Mars could ever have supported life, learn more about water on Mars, and to study the climate and geology of Mars.

## Cause Map High Level

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**Why?**

Effect ← Cause

NOTE: Read the Cause Map from left to right with the phrase "Was Caused By" in place of