

# COBALT 27

Conducting Operations in Base  
Arrangements Labor & Technology



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# Areas of Focus



- Space Suit Design and Requirements
- Exploration and Research Focus
- Surface Mobility

# Space Suit Design and Requirements

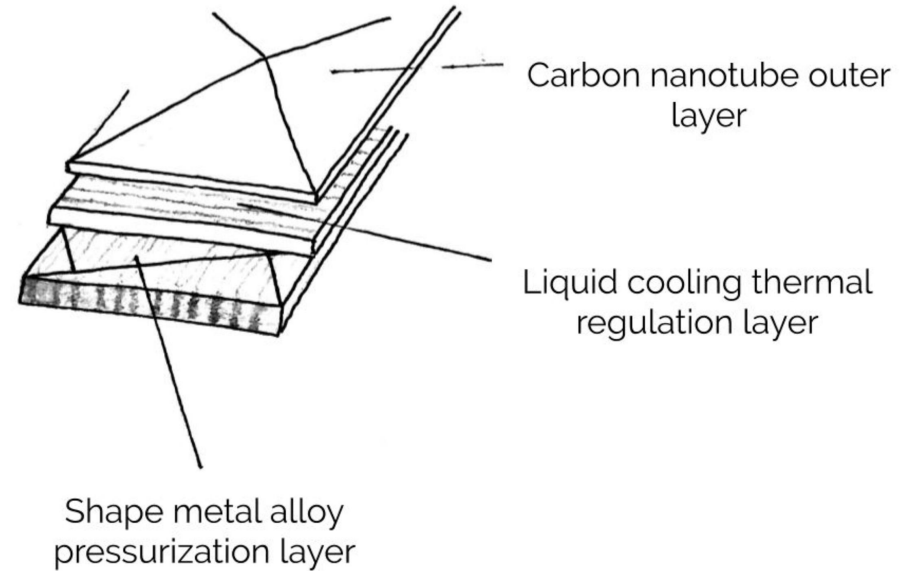


- Two kinds of suits
- Multi-layered materials
- Modular design

# Layers



- Shape-memory alloy bio-suit compression layer
- Liquid temperature regulation system
- Carbon microtubes outer layer



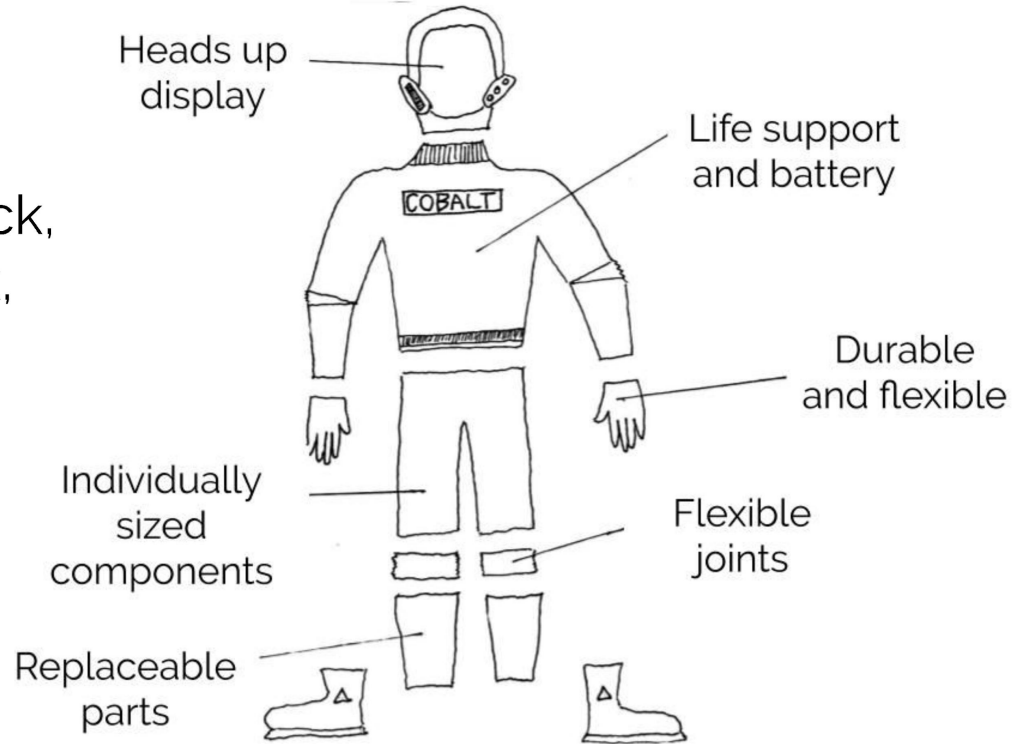


# Modular Components



## Space Suit Components

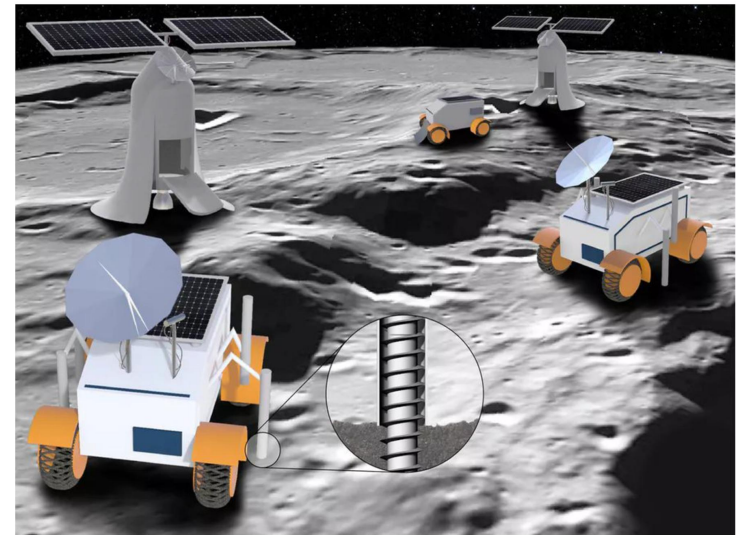
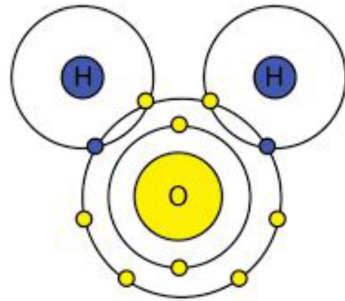
- Multiple sizes to better fit astronauts
- Arms, boots, gloves, jet pack, legs, life support backpack, torso, visor, waist
- Easily replaceable and repairable



# Exploration and Research Focus



- On-site manufacturing
  - Self-sufficiency
- Water extraction
  - Fresh water
  - Oxygen
  - Hydrogen



# Manufacturing



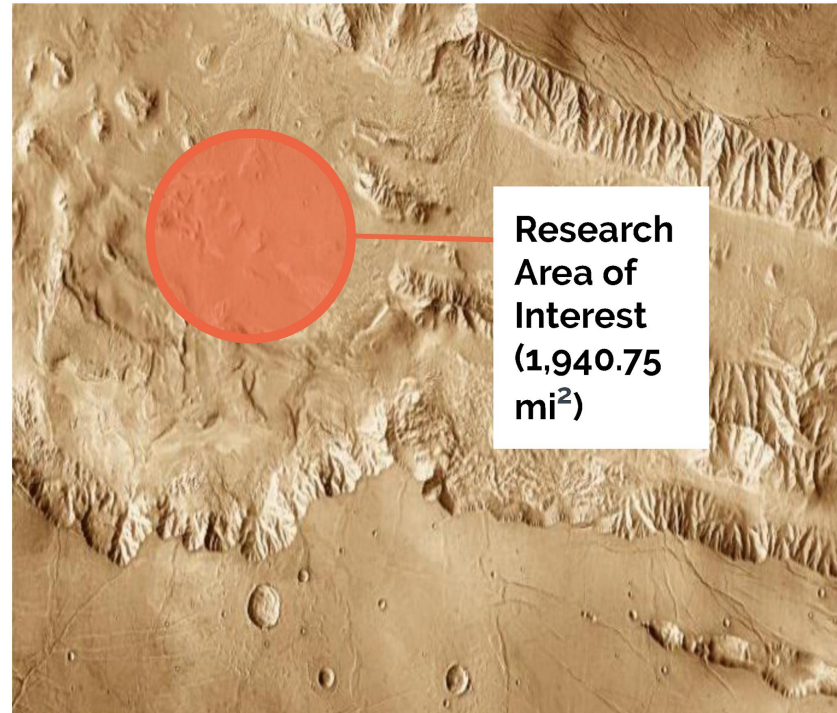
- 3D Printing
- Handheld X-ray guns
- Handheld spectrum analyzers - science data collection
- Environmental chamber - pressure and thermal testing



# Water Extraction



- 10-kilowatt microwave
- Heat subsurface poly hydrated sulfates
- Collect water vapor
- Producing 10 liters of water each work day





# Surface Mobility

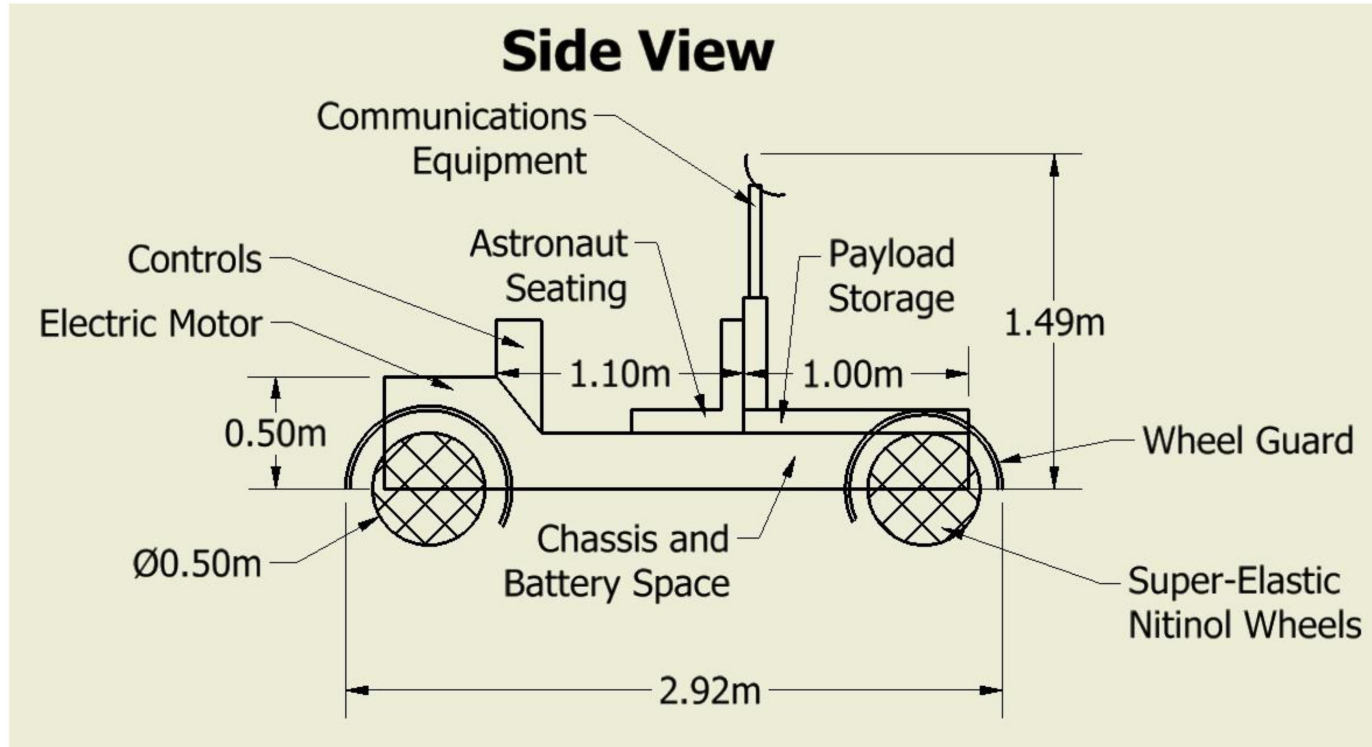


- Light Rover
- Expedition and Assembly Rover
- Quadruped Robots (Mules)

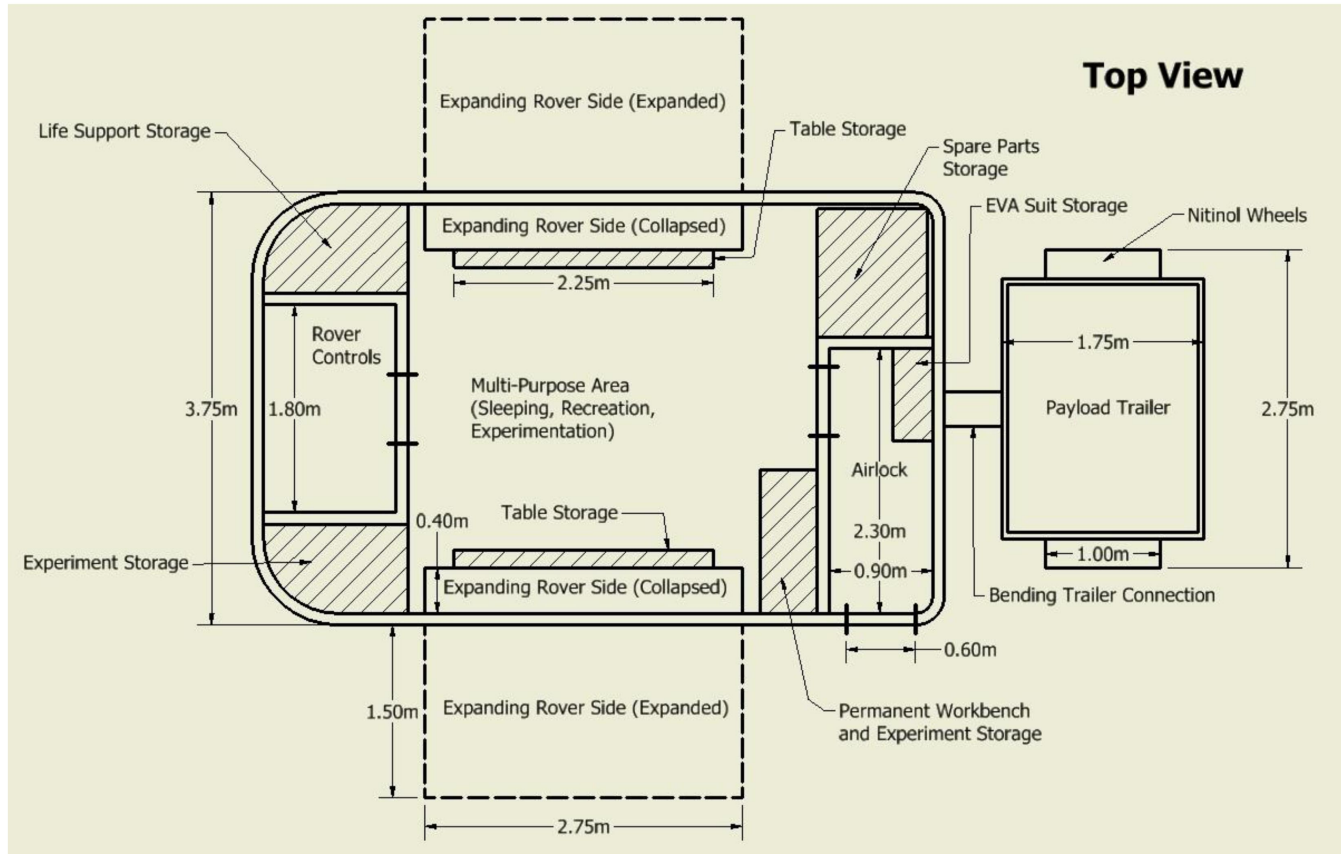




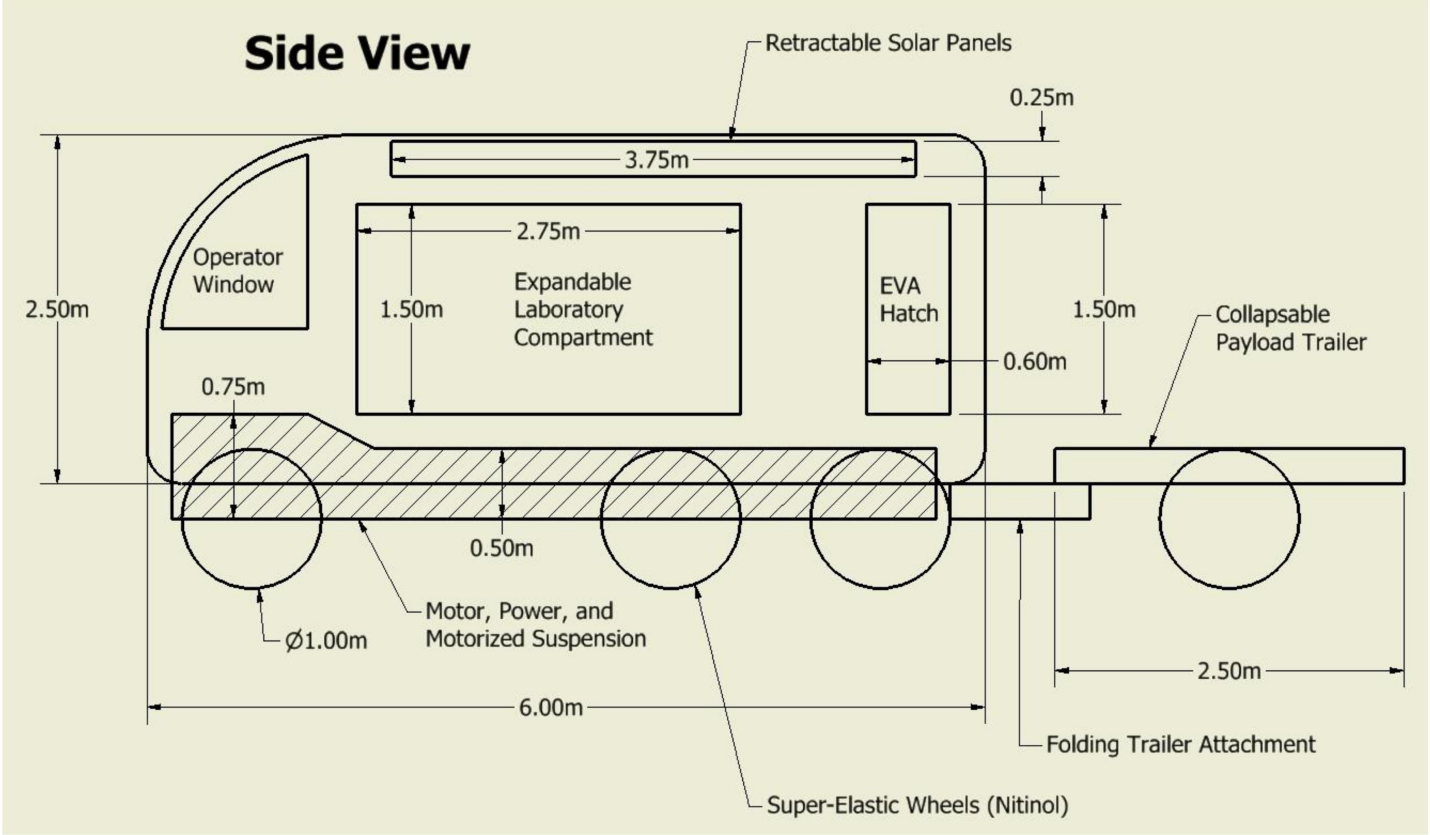
# Light Rover



# Expedition & Assembly Rover



# Expedition & Assembly Rover



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# Let's Go To Mars!

