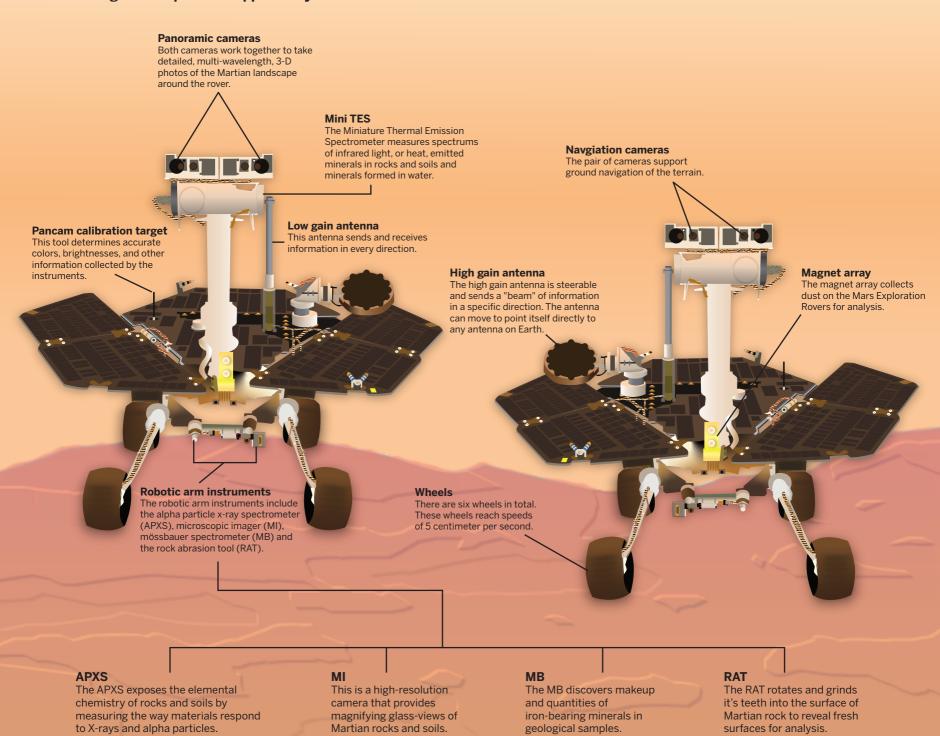
ROVERS RUN THE RED PLANET

On January 3 and January 24, NASA's Mars Exploration Rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, landed on Mars. Misson efforts included searching for rocks, soil and clues of past water on Mars. These twin geologist discovered that Mars had a much damper history, and conditions on Mars could have sustained microbial life. Both rovers had stayed on Mars longer than the outlined 90 days because they functioned so well. Spirit worked on Mars for almost 7 years, while Opportunity continued to collect data for almost 15 years.

Annotated diagram of Spirit and Opportunity



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