# BUILDING A MARS HABITAT

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## FACTS ABOUT MARS





Martian surface gravity is only 37% of the Earth's

Mars has the largest dust storms in the solar system. They can last for months and cover the entire planet. The seasons are extreme because its elliptical (oval-shaped) orbital path around the Sun is more elongated than most other planets in the solar system.

On Mars the Su on Earth. At the closest point to leans towards the Su the northern hemisp point from the Sun.

High temprature 20 c Low temprature -153 c But seasons are twice as long as on the earth



### On Mars the Sun appears about half the size as it does

At the closest point to the Sun, the Martian southern hemisphere leans towards the Sun, causing a short, intensely hot summer, while the northern hemisphere endures a brief, cold winter: at its farthest

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There are signs of liquid water on Mars. For years Mars has been known to have water in the form of ice.

#### Radiations

Natural Radiation on Mars is much higher compared with Earth. The thin atmosphere provides only a small shielding effect against cosmic radiation. It provides moderate protection against solar radiation. Mars also lacks the magnetosphere that protects Earth. The average natural radiation level on Mars is 24-30 rads or 240-300 mSv per year[1][2]. This is about 40-50 times the average on Earth.

### Protection against radiations

set into cliffs or hillsides.

modules.

An effective shield will require at least several hundred grams of regolith per square centimeter, according to one study.[2] Using a regolith densi-ty estimate of 1.4 g/cm3[3], this means the regolith layer would need to be over 2 meters deep. For concrete with an average density of 2.4 g/ cm3 the required thickness should be about 40% less.



Long term habitats should be equipped with a radiation shielding, thick enough to reduce the radiation to a level equal to Earth, that is, almost zero. Best protection may be achieved with houses built in natural caves or

Any matter placed between a person (or radiation-sensitive equipment) and a radiation source reduces the amount of radiation they absorb.

Mars One's solution is a thick layer of regolith on top of the settlement





Magnetosphere Mars has no global magnetic field today, but areas of the Martian crust in the southern hemisphere are highly magnetized, indicat-ing traces of a magnetic field from 4 billion years ago.

Atmosphere of mars composition Carbon Dioxide 95.0% Nitrogen 3.0% Argon 1.6%

While on Earth Oxygen 20.9% Nitrogen 78.1%





## Design process



01. A conceptual form that can be multipled. The Rectangles are imagined as functional spaces and the traingle is a core.



02. Translational of the form into organic form while imagining the walls to be thicker





04. Arragement of internal functional spaces





05. Thicker walls to to create habituable internal spaces

#### 03. A cluster of units that can grow as a community

06. The proposal after Voronoi assimilation

























