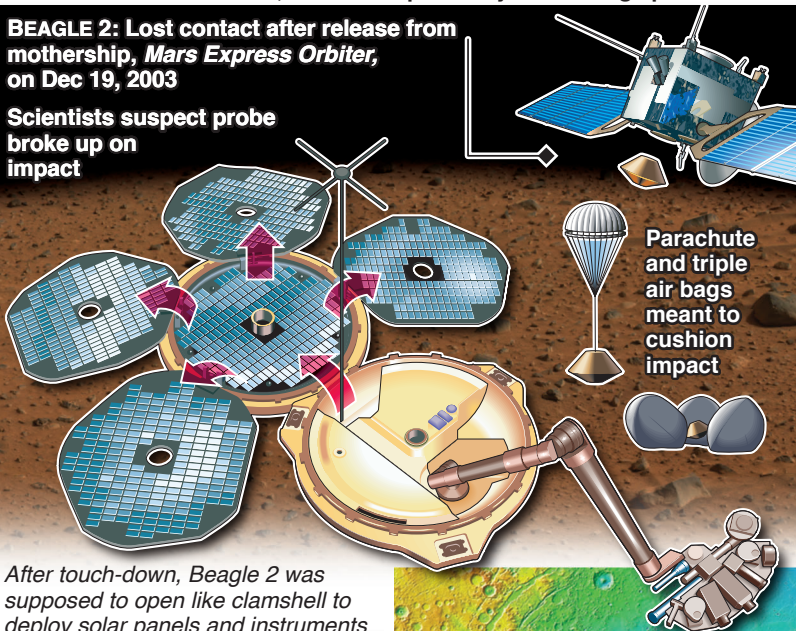


Long-lost Mars probe might have been found

The UK Space Agency is expected to announce that the Mars lander *Beagle 2*, which vanished while attempting a Christmas Day landing on the Red Planet in 2003, has been spotted by an orbiting spacecraft

BEAGLE 2: Lost contact after release from mothership, *Mars Express Orbiter*, on Dec 19, 2003

Scientists suspect probe broke up on impact



After touch-down, *Beagle 2* was supposed to open like clamshell to deploy solar panels and instruments designed to look for signs of life on Mars

Object thought to be remains of lander spotted with *HiRise* camera on NASA's *Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter* in Isidis basin, where *Beagle 2* was due to land

