

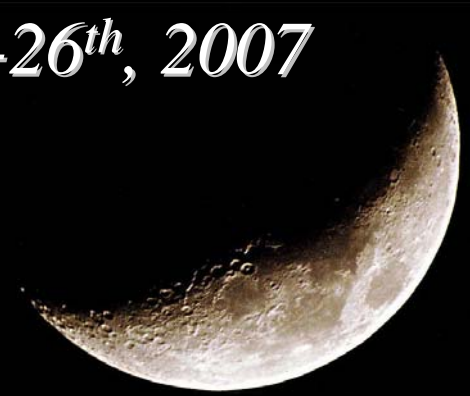
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PROTECTED ANTIPODE CIRCLE

AT THE MOON FAR SIDE CENTER

FOR THE BENEFIT OF HUMANKIND

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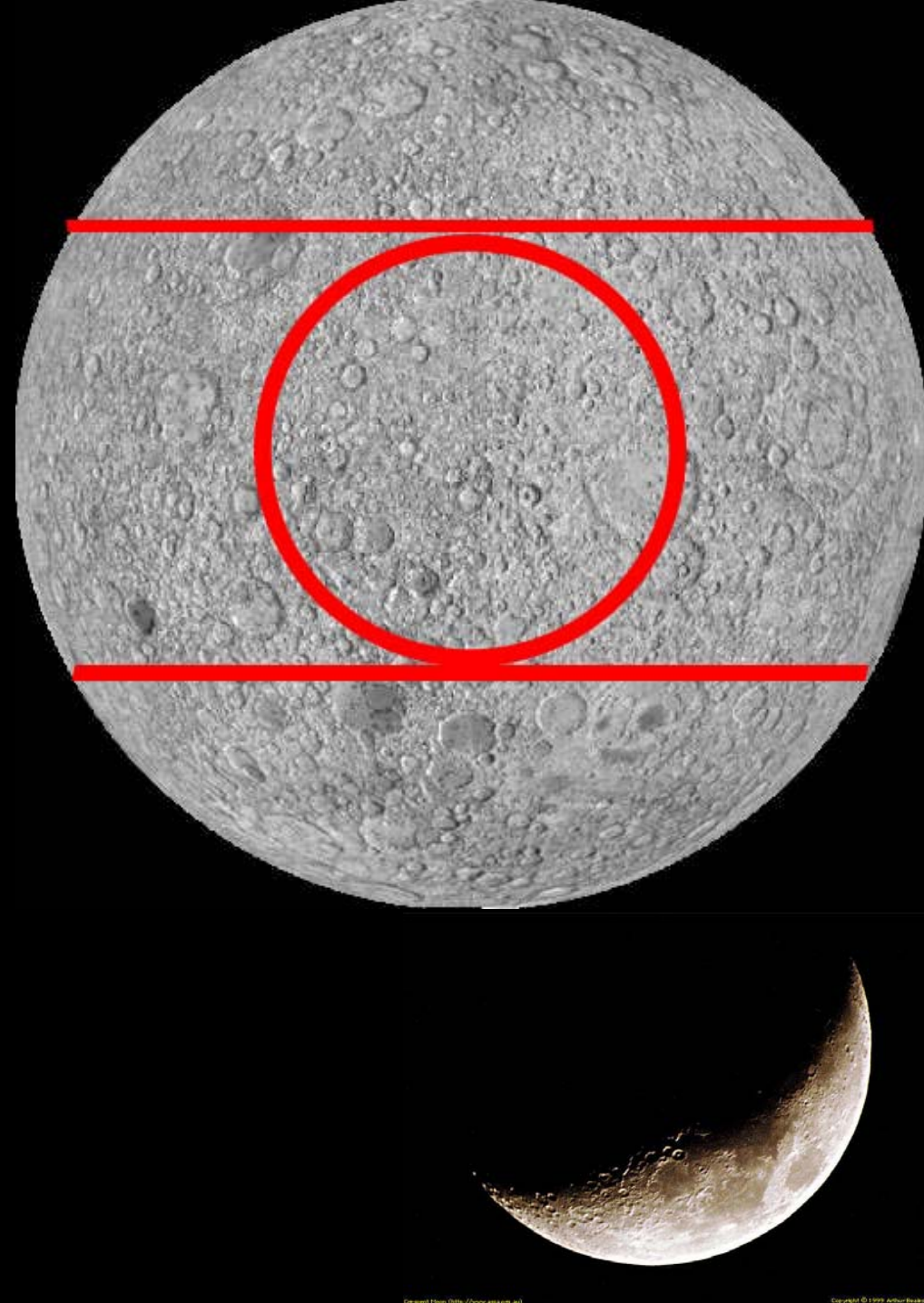
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PAC is a consequence of the
Lunar Farside Radio Lab

“Cosmic Study” of the
International Academy of
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That IAA “Cosmic Study” was
started by the late French
radioastronomer
Jean Heidmann (1920-2000)

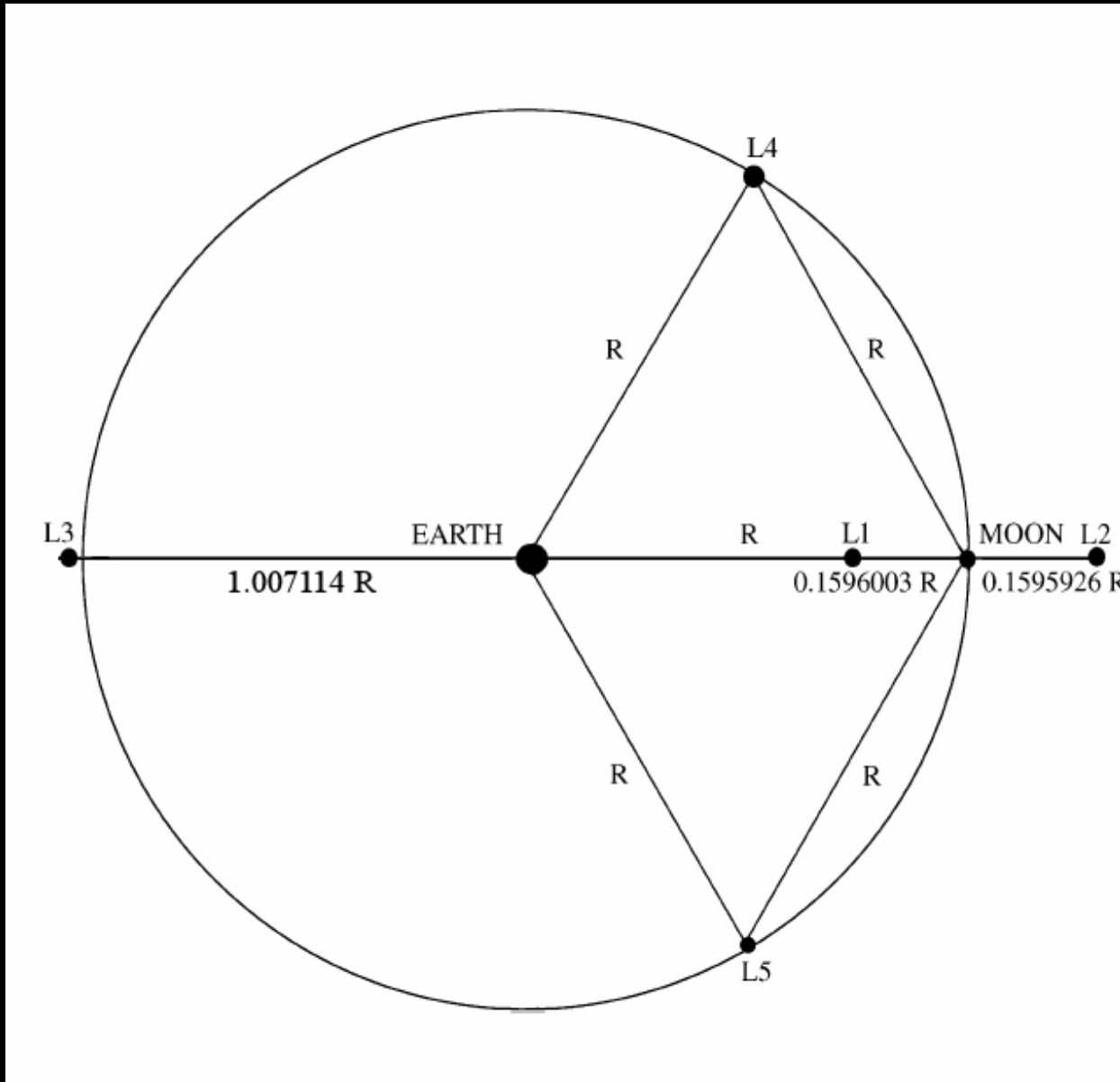


Timeline For That “Cosmic Study”

- 1994 – Jean Heidmann proposes SETI observatory in farside Saha Crater with link to nearside Mare Smythii plain and then to Earth
- 1994 Lunar Farside Study Sub-committee established within IAA SETI Committee
- 1996 – IAA approves Cosmic Study concept
- 1998 – COSPAR meeting to solicit ideas
- 2000 – Heidmann dies, Maccone takes over
- 2001 – Meeting at JPL
- 2003 – Cosmic Study presented to IAA
- 2005 – Publication of the Cosmic Study in:
Acta Astronautica, Vol. 56, pp. 629-639.



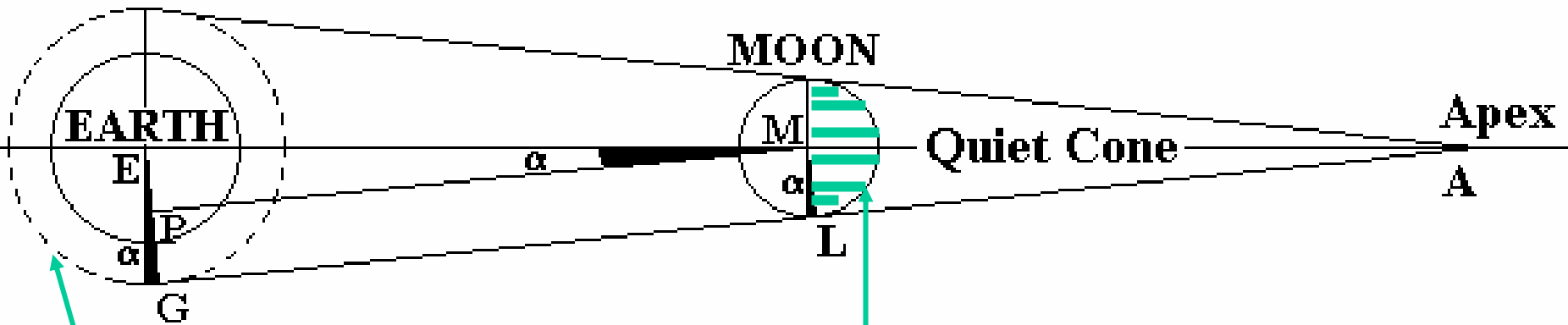
Earth-Moon Lagrangian Points



Shielded Zone of the Moon

ITU Radio Regulations Article S22

Telecom Satellite Orbit



If this is 100,000 Km orbit

Then this is the ITU Shielded Zone of the Moon



Space Services ⁽¹⁾

Section I. Cessation of Emissions

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Section III. Station Keeping of Space Stations

Section IV. Pointing Accuracy of Antennae on Geostationary Satellites

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§ 8. (1) In the shielded zone of the Moon ⁽⁹⁾ emissions causing harmful interference to radio astronomy observations ⁽¹⁰⁾ and to other users of passive services shall be prohibited in the entire frequency spectrum except in the following bands:

S22.23

a) the frequency bands allocated to the space research service using active sensors;

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b) the frequency bands allocated to the space operation service, the earth exploration-satellite service using active sensors, and the radiolocation service using stations on spaceborne platforms, which are required for the support of space research, as well as for radiocommunications and space research transmissions within the lunar shielded zone.

S22.25

(2) In frequency bands in which emissions are not prohibited by Nos. [S22.22](#) to [S22.24](#), radio astronomy observations and passive space research in the shielded zone of the Moon may be protected from harmful interference by agreement between administrations concerned.

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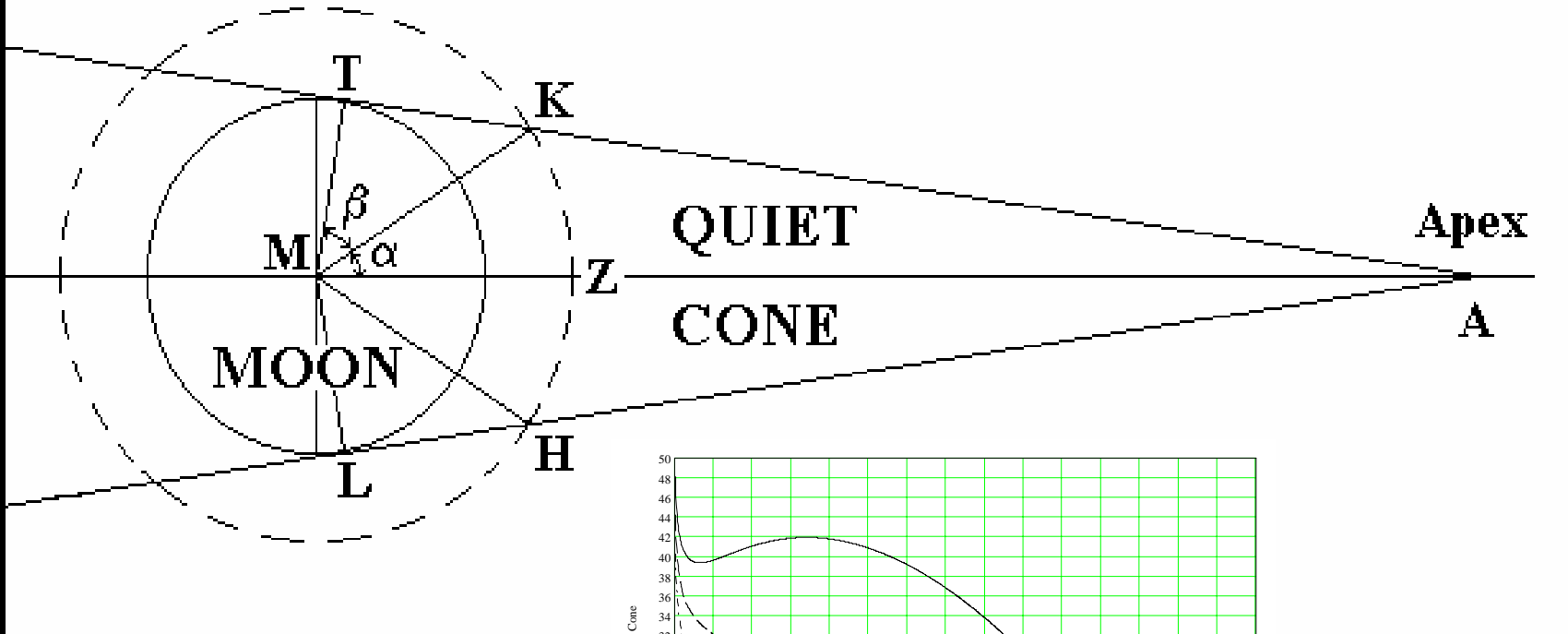
9 - The shielded zone of the Moon comprises the area of the Moon's surface and an adjacent volume of space which are shielded from emissions originating within a distance of 100 000 km from the centre of the Earth.

S22.22.2

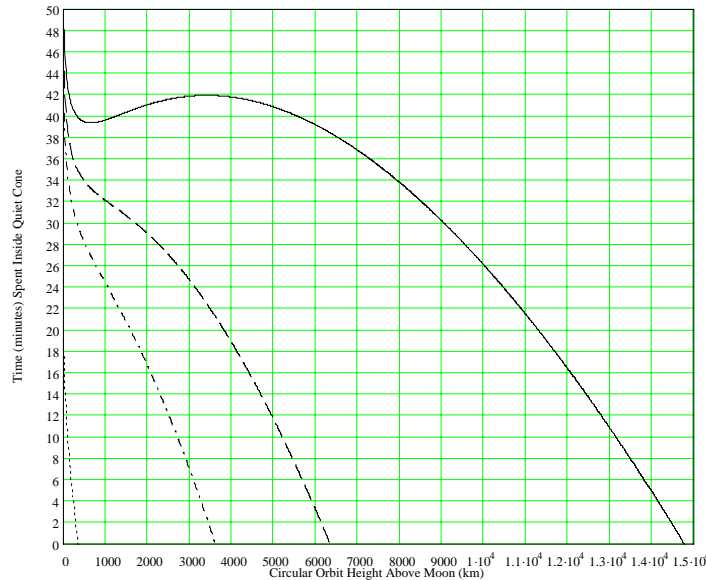
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Satellites In Orbit Around Moon

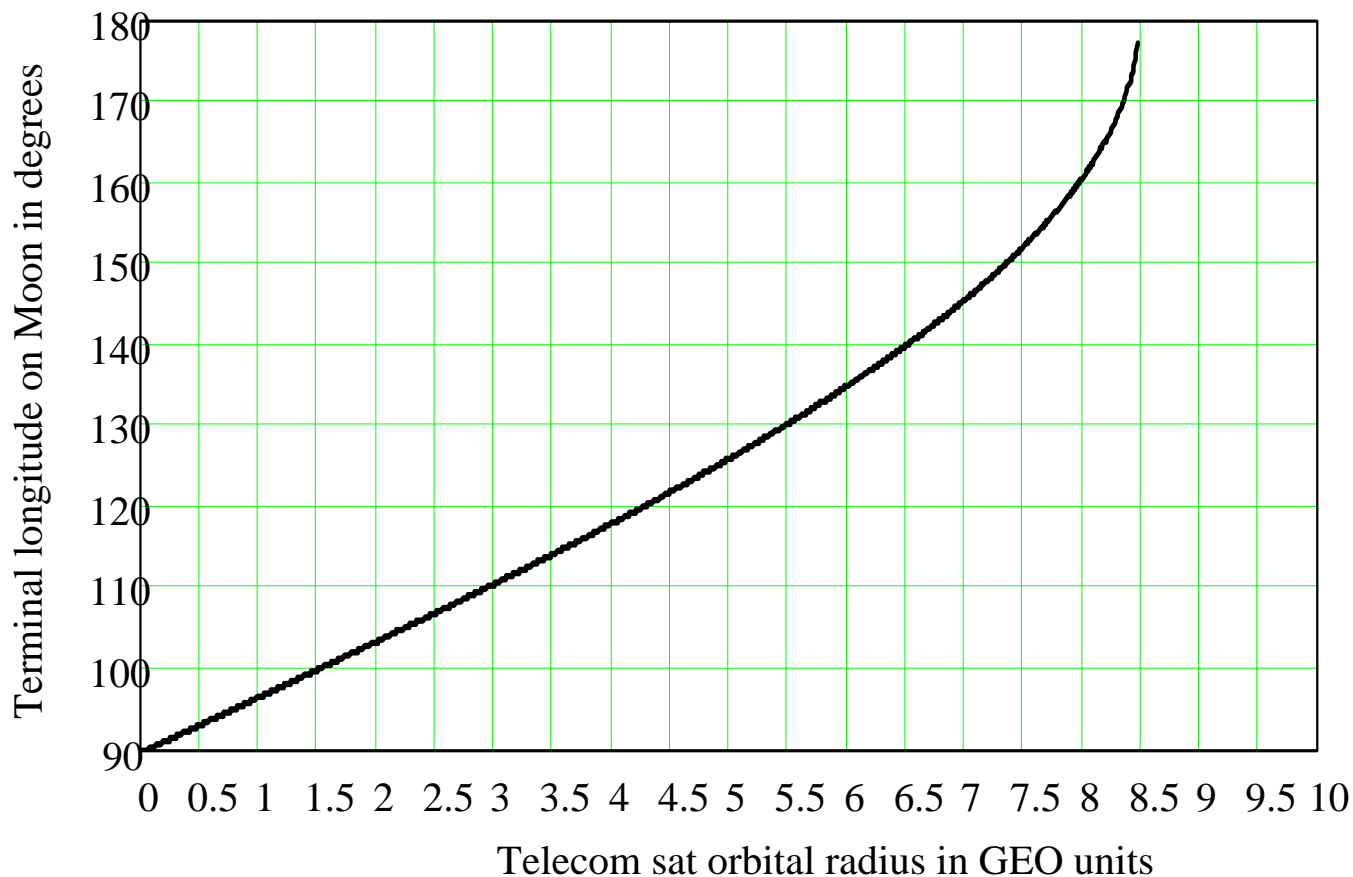
RadioMoon Orbit



Depends on height of communication satellites around Earth



Orbits Higher Than Geostationary Move Shielded Zone Back



Daedulus Crater Is Proposed

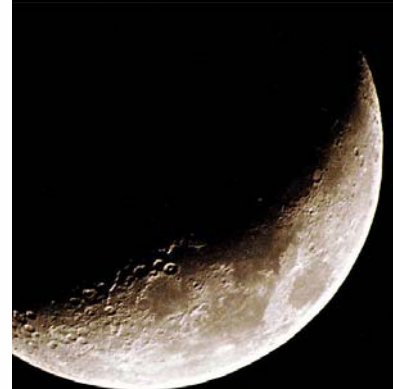
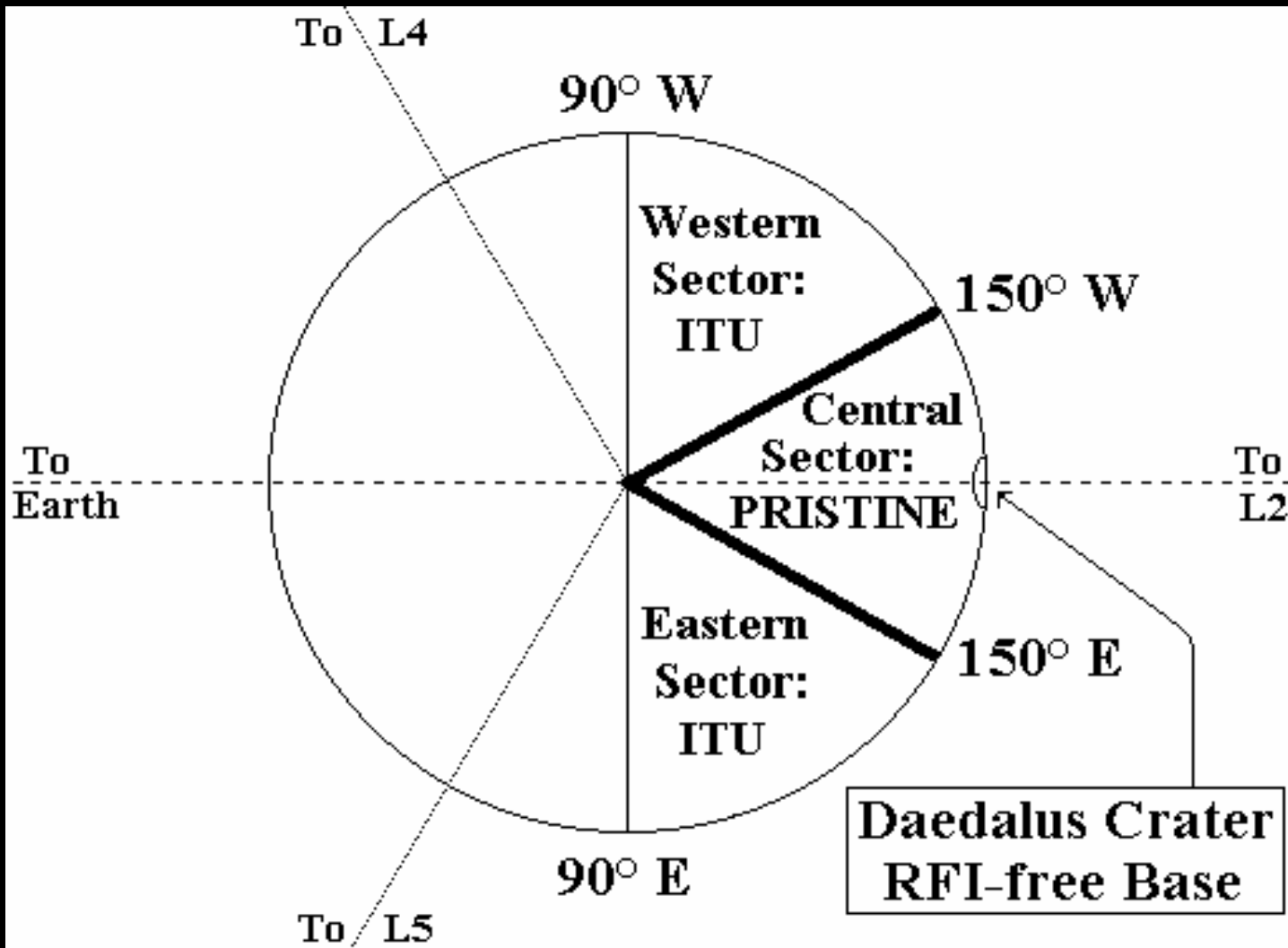


- Formerly I.A.U. Crater No. 308
- 179 degrees east longitude
- 5.5 degrees south latitude
- 80 km diameter



Three Zones On Farside

“Sharing The Moon By Thirds”



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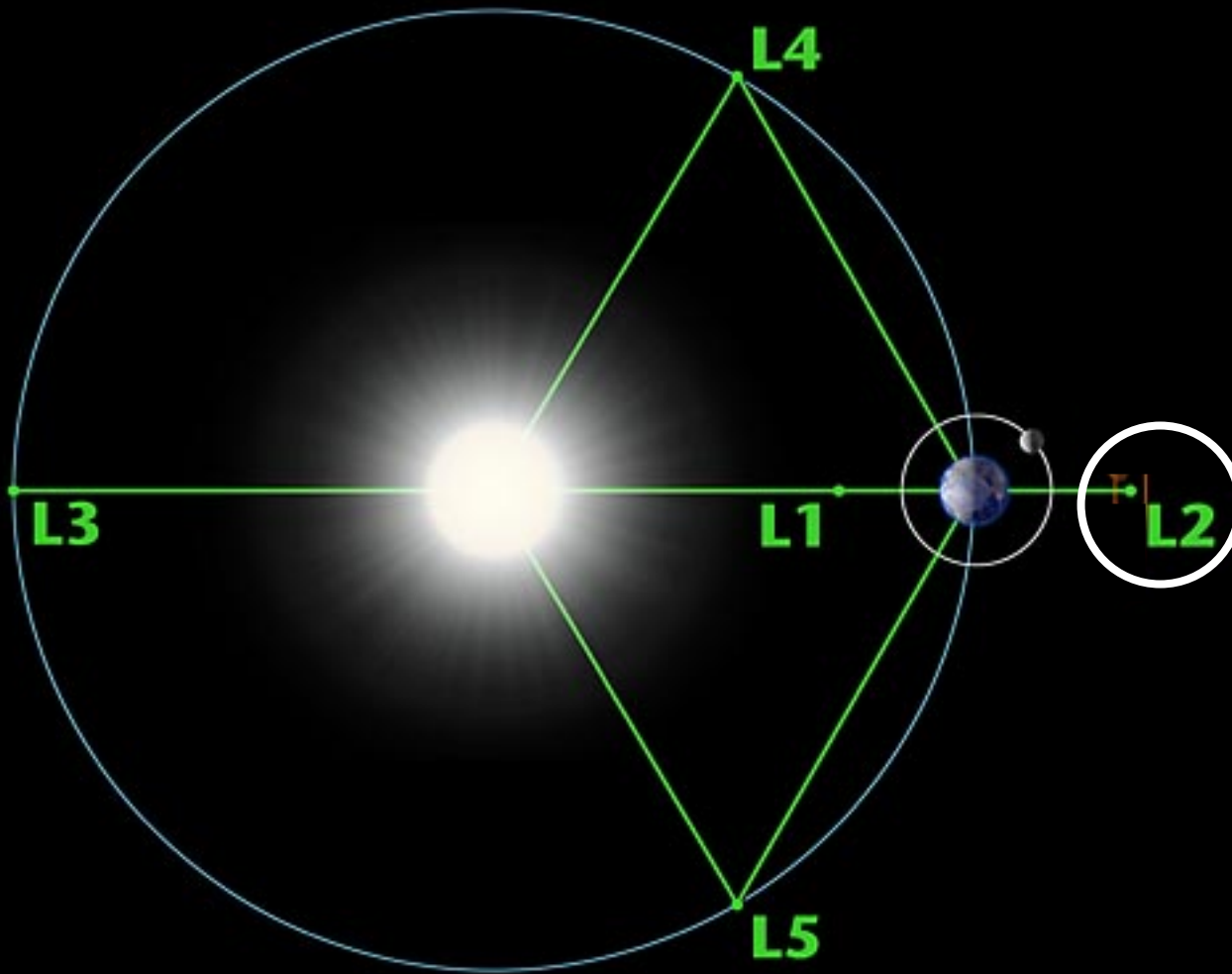


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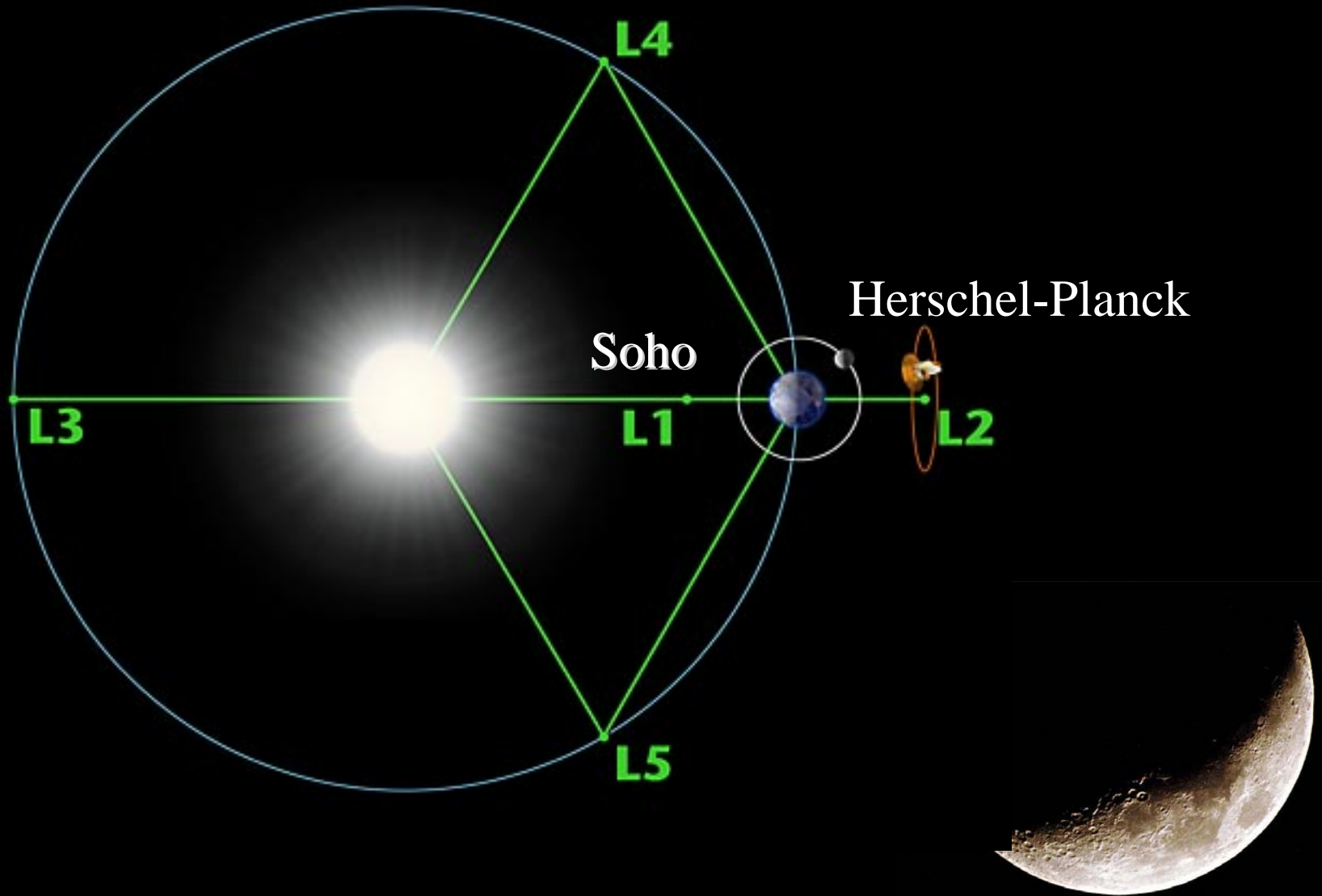
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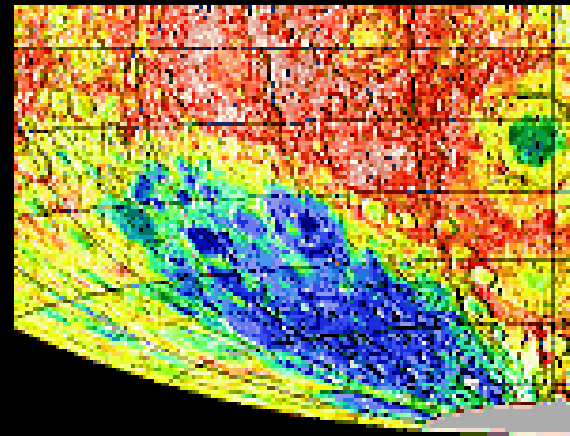
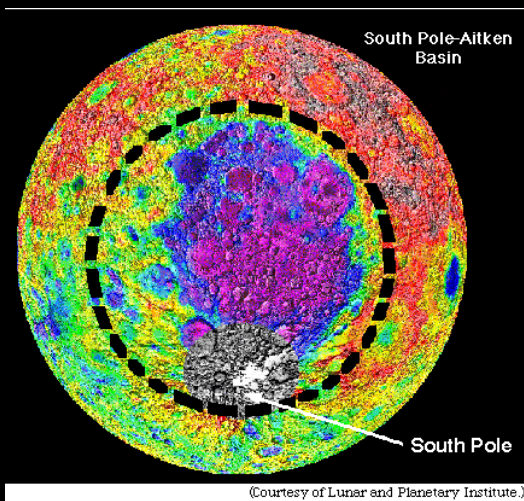
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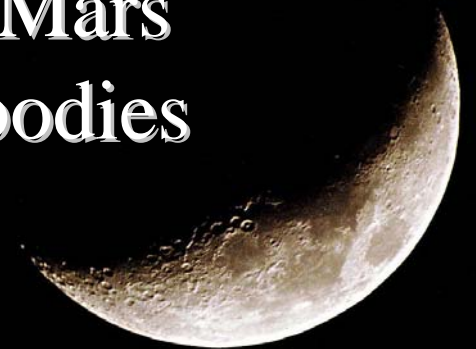


South Pole Aitken Basin

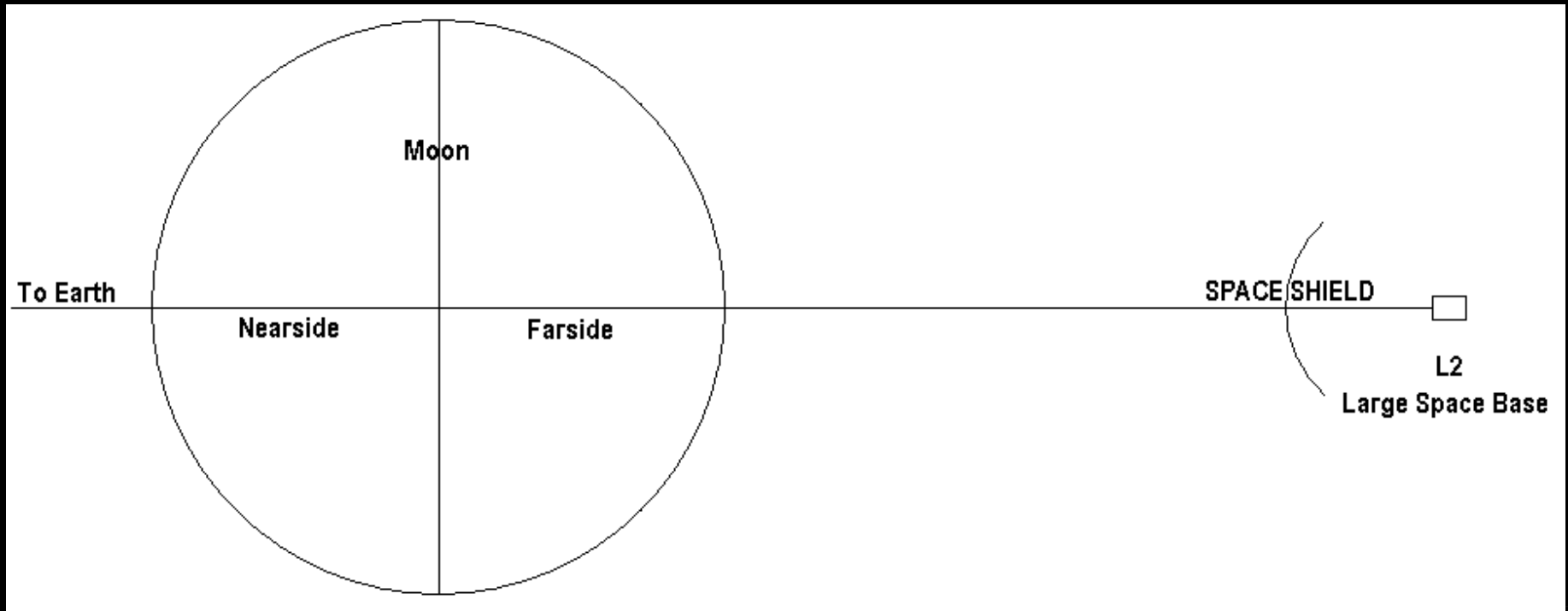


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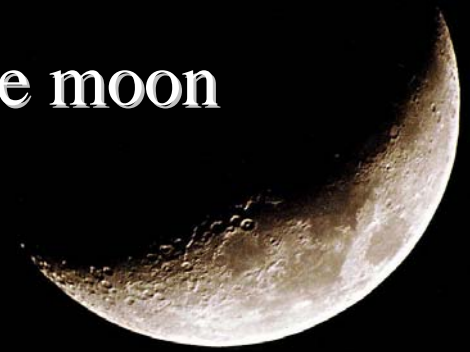
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- IAA Cosmic Study S 1.1 “The Next Steps in Exploring Deep Space”
 - Use Earth-Moon L2 for servicing station for satellites
 - Low-gravity launching platform for large spacecraft to the Asteroids, Mars and the outer solar system bodies



Peaceful Co-existence At A Price



A permanent shield between L2 and the moon



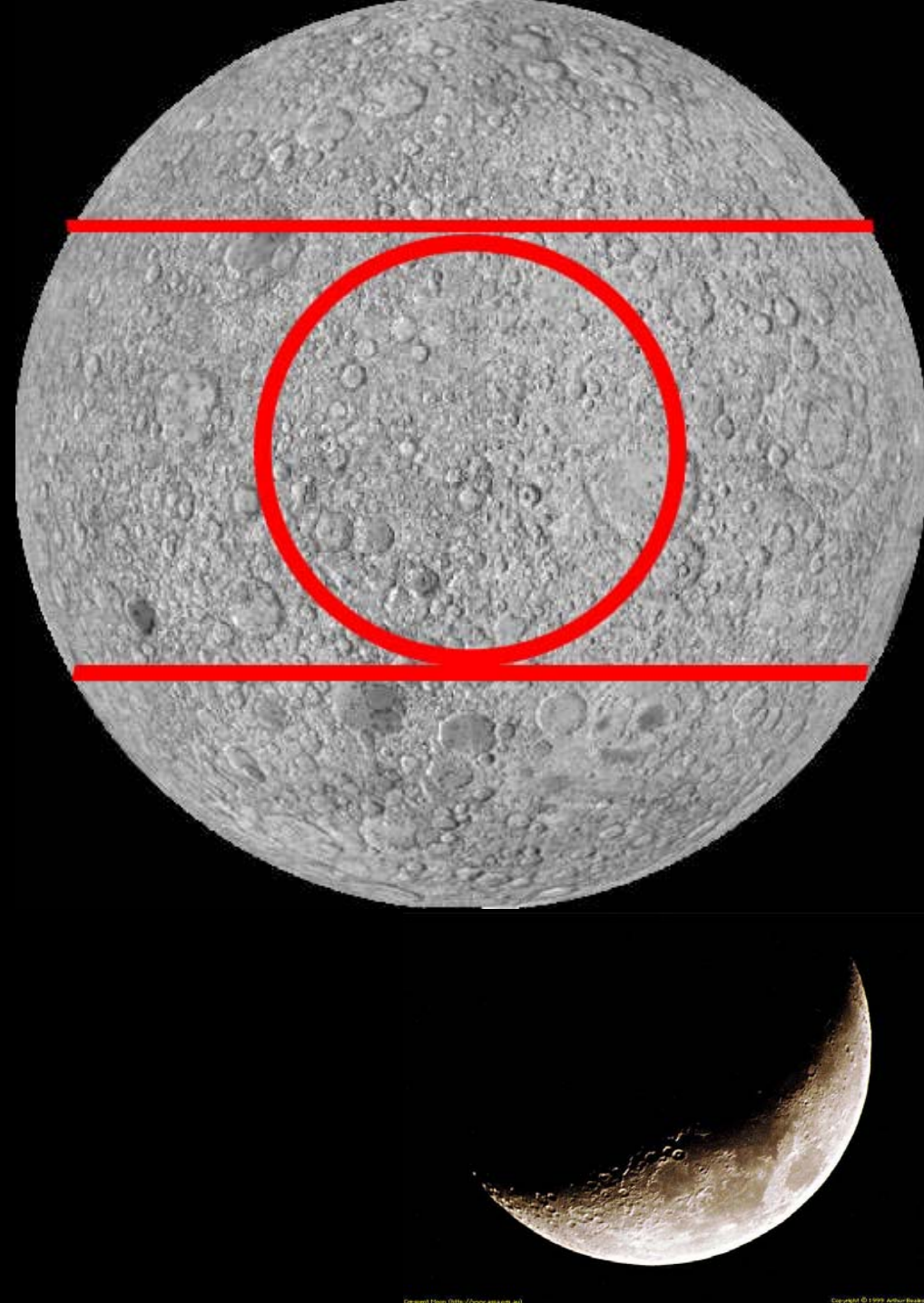
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