

# Analysis of Crater Diameter and Age

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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose for our research is to determine whether the size of rogue objects in the solar system has changed over time. The importance of our examination is that learning the rogue objects' size and how it has changed over time can further enhance our knowledge of the formation of the universe. Our group hypothesizes that if there were a greater number of large rogue objects in the early stages of the solar system, then the larger craters on Mars' surface would be older.

## BACKGROUND

Craters form when meteorites collide with a surface and leave a bowl-shaped depression in the area where the meteorite has struck. Over time, erosion causes the depression to accumulate debris and slowly modifies the crater. Eventually, the crater is filled by debris, such as sand and dust, and can barely be seen.

Past studies have shown that the average depth of a simple crater is one fifth of its diameter when it is first formed. As it fills in, the crater's depth lessens (Robbins, Hynek). Research by Richard Cowen supports the idea of a period early in our solar system where there were larger objects hitting planets more often (Berkley). Research done through the University of Northern Iowa also agrees that there was an era of early bombardment (UNI).



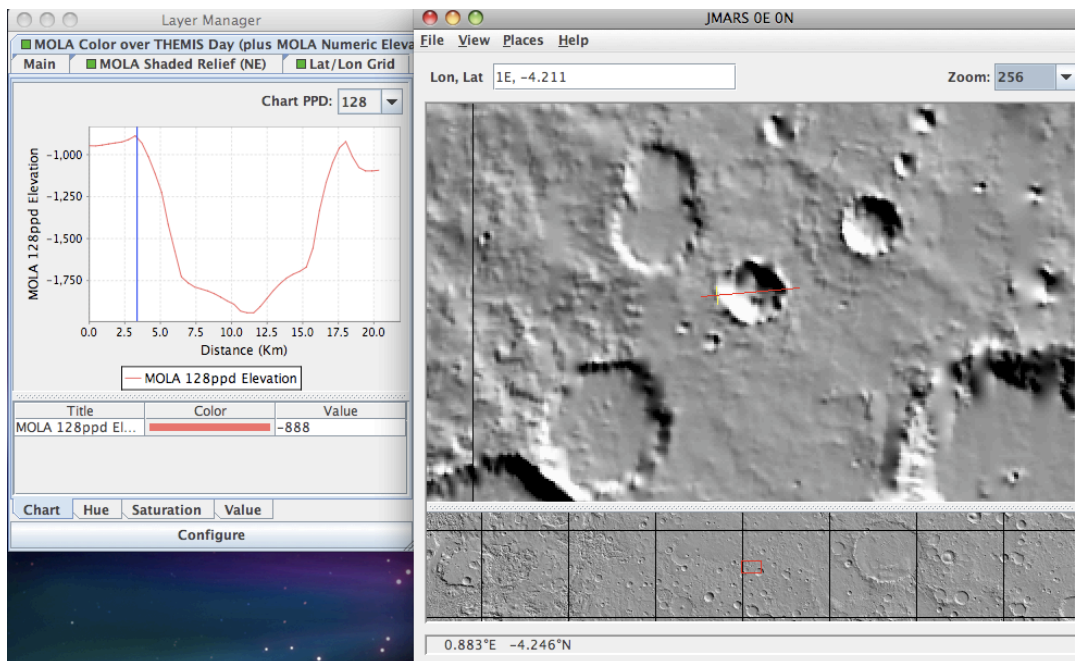
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The image above displays what craters typical craters on Mars. The small crater in the middle appears to be more preserved than the two larger craters. The larger craters appear to be eroded, and therefore signify their older age than that of the smaller crater.

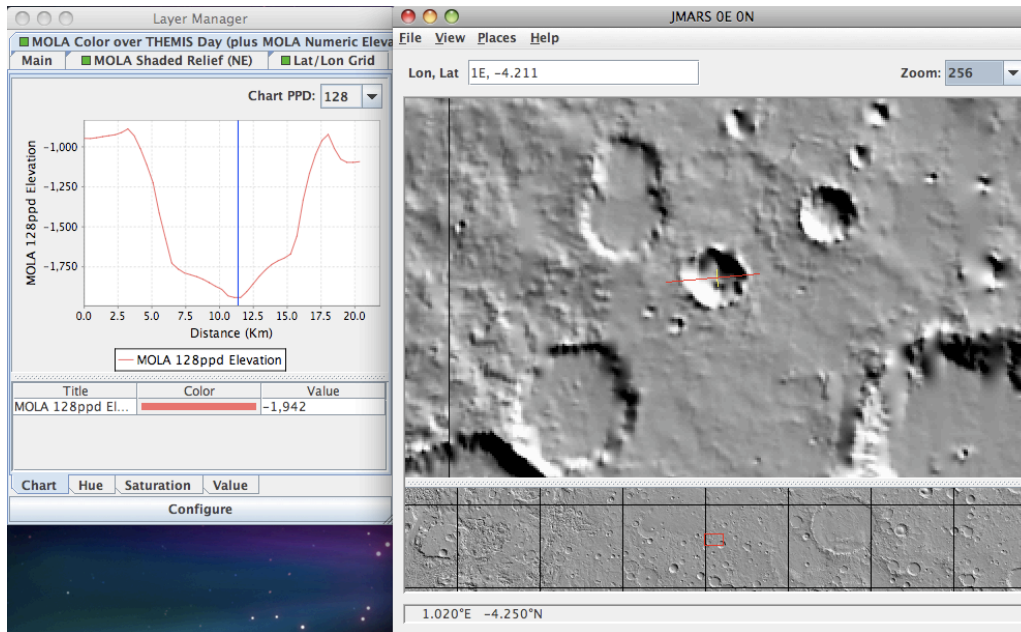
## METHODS

To prove our hypothesis, we needed to collect data using the JMARS software. Our group used the MOLA color over THEMIS day elevation map. During our process of collecting data, we focused on the region 0 to (-5) degrees latitude. This restriction was chosen to eliminate the possible effects of wind patterns on Mars. As Mars is very large, we divided the responsibility of measuring craters into 20 degrees per person. We focused on craters between 5000 and 15000 meters in diameter. Craters smaller than 5000 meters do not provide an accurate reading and craters larger than 15000 meters were excluded to avoid complex craters. Complex craters have central uplifts, which cause inaccuracies with our equation and are outside of the category of craters we are studying.

We used the crater counting layer to make sure that the crater was not larger than 15000 meters. The ruler tool helped us find the exact diameter. In order to find a current depth, a profile line (Figure 2,3) was used to determine the rim elevation and low elevation of the crater using the MOLA Colorized over THEMIS IR map to find the value.

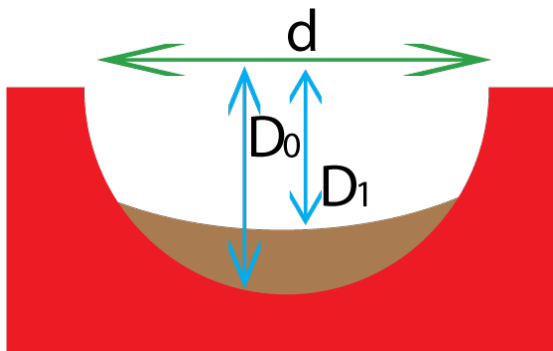


(Figure 2) Profile line to find rim elevation



(Figure 3) – Profile line to find low elevation

The internet sources used on our project were: researchgate.net, psi.edu, and msss.com. Our research team planned to record specific information using our resources. The location of the crater needed to be discovered, along with its current diameter and depth. To find the depth, we subtracted the low elevation (see Figure 3) from the rim elevation (see Figure 2). Our group used the diameter and divided it by 5, using the formula from the website, to calculate what the original depth of the crater was. Then, we found the percent filled over time by subtracting the current depth from the original depth, divided by the original depth and multiplying by 100. We chose to round to 2 decimal places. With this information, we were able to observe crater change over time.



(Figure 4) Diagram to show labels of d: diameter,  $D_0$ : original depth and  $D_1$ : current depth.

$$\text{Original Depth} = D_0 = d/5$$

$$\text{Percent Filled} = \frac{D_0 - D_1}{D_0} * 100$$



## DATA

Longitude	Latitude	Diameter (km)	Rim Elevation (m)	Low Elevation (m)	Depth (m)	Original Depth (m)	Percent Filled
39.4	-3.6	5	1660	889	771	1000	22.9
20.7	-4	5	787	42	745	1000	25.5
38	-3.6	5	1799	1189	610	1000	39.0
28	-3.4	5	1480	891	589	1000	41.1
26.6	-4.7	5	2170	1585	585	1000	41.5
32	-0.4	5	1894	1317	577	1000	42.3
39.2	-4.4	5	2163	1592	571	1000	42.9
31.3	-3.2	5	1268	720	548	1000	45.2
30.1	-2.1	5	1637	1092	545	1000	45.5
20	-3	5	-309	-810	501	1000	49.9
37.2	-4.8	5	1948	1488	460	1000	54.0
206.945	-4.836	5	-1169	-1627	458	1000	54.2
34.5	-0.8	5	1566	1136	430	1000	57.0
28.4	-1.4	5	1508	1135	373	1000	62.7
37.3	-0.1	5	1061	736	325	1000	67.5
31.6	-4.5	5	1933	1637	296	1000	70.4
261.07	-1.578	5.1	5946	5148	798	1020	21.8
316.195	-2.164	5.1	942	271	671	1020	34.2
80.539	-2.469	5.1	1450	805	645	1020	36.8
316.43	-0.586	5.1	204	-372	576	1020	43.5
353.992	-4.906	5.1	-1041	-1599	558	1020	45.3
321.547	-3.695	5.1	-394	-945	551	1020	46.0
340.836	-3.422	5.1	-1863	-2317	454	1020	55.5
42.047	-2.586	5.1	1247	1017	230	1020	77.5
208.055	-3.656	5.2	-1826	-2405	579	1040	44.3
196.38	-3.95	5.21	-2865	-3379	514	1042	50.7
347.336	-4.172	5.3	-1554	-2221	667	1060	37.1
207.398	-4.641	5.3	-1375	-2027	652	1060	38.5
357.766	-1.156	5.3	-1182	-1708	526	1060	50.4
349.172	-0.883	5.3	-1835	-2285	450	1060	57.5
141.094	-5.223	5.3	-1277	-1702	425	1060	59.9
141.824	-5.008	5.4	-2310	-3103	793	1080	26.6
338.586	-4.695	5.4	-1344	-2039	695	1080	35.6
359.047	-1.875	5.4	-1143	-1552	409	1080	62.1
196.09	-4.89	5.4	-2448	-2833	385	1080	64.4
38.133	-3.625	5.5	1806	1125	681	1100	38.1
319.07	-1.742	5.6	-439	-1173	734	1120	34.5
339.578	-3.508	5.6	-1406	-2125	719	1120	35.8
315.906	-1.68	5.6	540	-143	683	1120	39.0
16.19	1.84	5.6	364	-311	675	1120	39.7
208.688	-4.906	5.6	-1654	-2110	456	1120	59.3
355.203	-0.789	5.6	-1427	-1727	300	1120	73.2
320.945	-2.719	5.6	-584	-843	259	1120	76.9
311.219	-1.523	5.6	735	486	249	1120	77.8
300.148	-2.156	5.6	1906	1723	183	1120	83.7
207.008	-4.406	5.7	-1162	-1850	688	1140	39.6
307.578	-1.727	5.7	1526	936	590	1140	48.2

349.219	-1.156	5.7	-1921	-2378	457	1140	59.9
328.164	-3.273	5.7	-1213	-1659	446	1140	60.9
208.078	-1.141	5.8	-2836	-3715	879	1160	24.2
350.867	-3.898	5.8	-1697	-2262	565	1160	51.3
108.47	-0.5	5.9	0.45	-800	800.45	1180	32.2
149.17	-0.31	5.9	-2612	-3286	674	1180	42.9
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194.25	-3.42	5.9	-2719	-3114	395	1180	66.5
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30.7	-2.9	6	2146	1369	777	1200	35.3
271.992	-1266	6	3195	2446	749	1200	37.6
32.1	-0.2	6	2224	1483	741	1200	38.3
22	-0.5	6	817	108	709	1200	40.9
276.039	-3.703	6	4124	3422	702	1200	41.5
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35.1	-2.9	6	1468	902	566	1200	52.8
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23	-1.7	6	1250	823	427	1200	64.4
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274.703	-2.461	6.2	3557	2690	867	1240	30.1
338.203	-1.305	6.2	-1683	-2509	826	1240	33.4
347.086	-1.852	6.2	-1663	-2340	677	1240	45.4
78.328	-1.258	6.2	1343	765	578	1240	53.4
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75.414	-4.25	6.3	1577	1014	563	1260	55.3
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347.797	-0.609	6.3	-2053	-2587	534	1260	57.6
76.813	-0.648	6.3	41	-212	253	1260	79.9
304.07	-0.852	6.4	2323	1499	824	1280	35.6
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314.203	-3.906	7.4	1036	303	733	1480	50.5
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310.625	-1.422	7.9	864	478	386	1580	75.6
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273.789	-3.656	8.2	3871	3398	473	1640	71.2
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66.59	-2.02	8.3	2001	1118	883	1660	46.8
58.82	-2.242	8.3	2443	1586	857	1660	48.4
311.516	-1.094	8.3	826	56	770	1660	53.6



338.883	-3.703	8.3	-1256	-1950	694	1660	58.2
311.125	-4.773	8.3	1838	1206	632	1660	61.9
304.508	-1.641	8.3	1231	648	583	1660	64.9
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312.578	-2.836	8.3	1120	883	237	1660	85.7
301.969	-2.547	8.4	1682	1094	588	1680	65.0
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84.016	-1.508	8.5	2250	1590	660	1700	61.2
202.43	-2.273	8.6	-346	-1333	987	1720	42.6
105.57	-1.734	8.6	540	-32	572	1720	66.7
84.961	-3.461	8.6	1645	1505	140	1720	91.9
131.637	-5.695	8.7	1124	271	853	1740	51.0
89.227	-0.57	8.7	450	-400	850	1740	51.1
116.062	-4.016	8.7	1288	448	840	1740	51.7
270.453	-0.914	8.7	3238	2406	832	1740	52.2
37.242	-2.5	8.8	1749	929	820	1760	53.4
312.203	-0.805	8.8	775	-33	808	1760	54.1
315.305	-4.461	8.8	1597	793	804	1760	54.3
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284.367	-3.805	8.8	4606	4008	598	1760	66.0
354.461	-4.648	8.8	-1209	-1436	227	1760	87.1
120.297	-5.504	8.8	1750	1541	209	1760	88.1
327.508	-3.242	8.8	-1060	-1268	208	1760	88.2
52.695	-2.484	8.9	2665	1946	719	1780	59.6
354.445	-4.633	8.9	-1204	-1436	232	1780	87.0
86.219	-0.445	8.9	1150	980	170	1780	90.4
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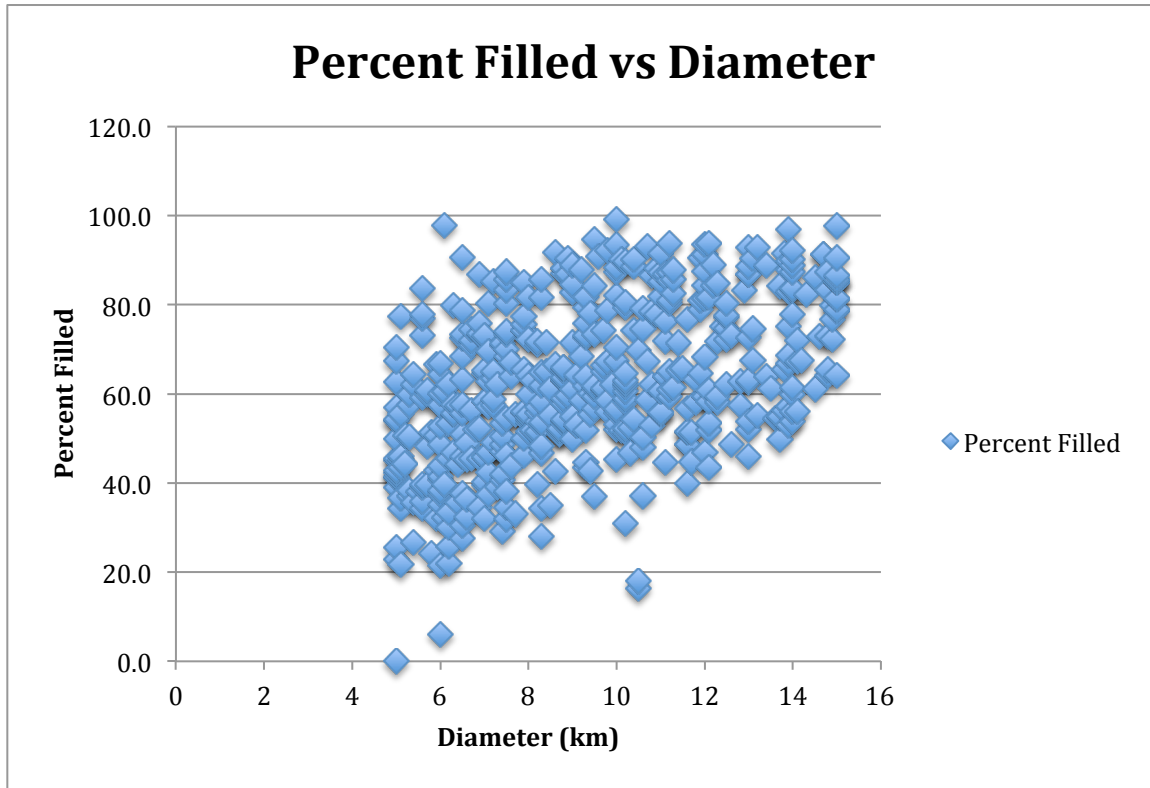
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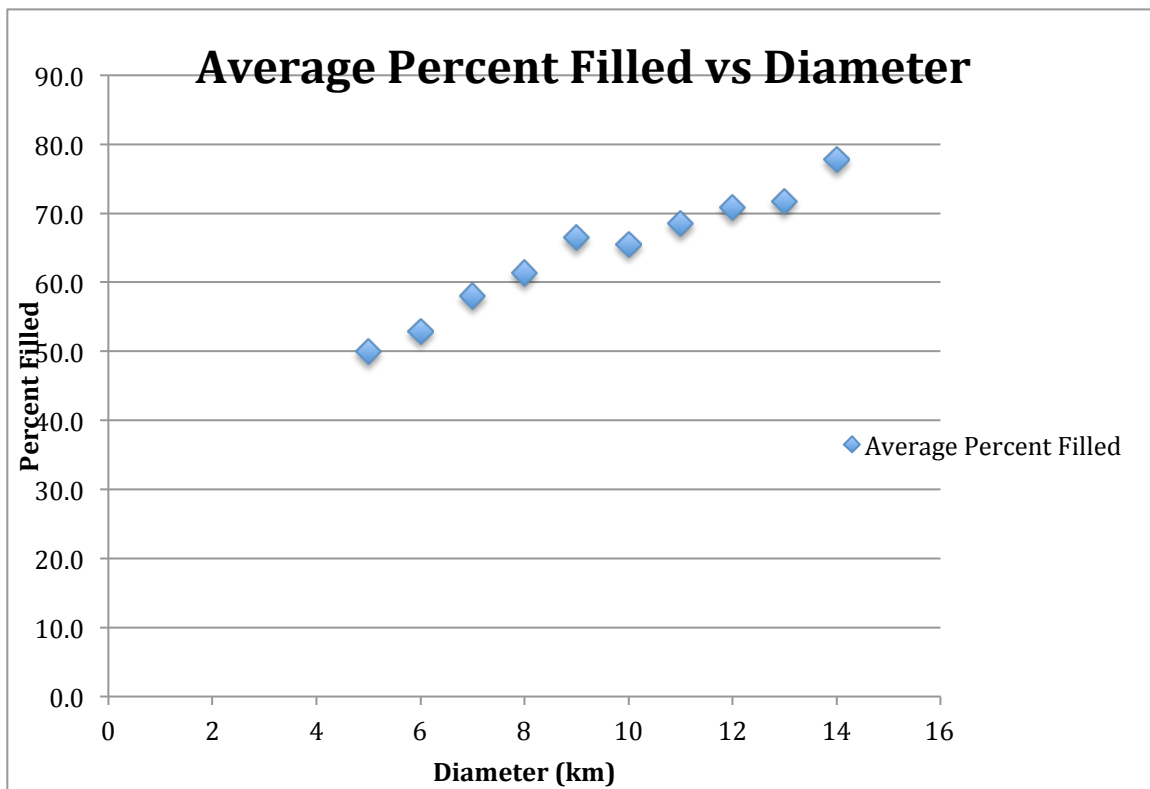
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26.7	-1	15	1660	1378	282	3000	90.6
25.8	-1.4	15	1159	1091	68	3000	97.7



We collected data on just under 500 craters. Based on our assumption that craters that are filled to a greater percentage are older, our oldest crater is 99.2% filled and has a diameter of 10 km. Our youngest crater is 6.2% filled and has a diameter of 6 km.

## DATA

Diameter (km)	Average Percent Filled
5 - 5.9	49.9
6 - 6.9	52.9
7 - 7.9	58.0
8 - 8.9	61.3
9 - 9.9	66.4
10 - 10.9	65.5
11 - 11.9	68.5
12 - 12.9	70.8
13 - 13.9	71.7
14 - 15	77.7





## DISCUSSION

Our graph shows a positive correlation between a crater's diameter and the percent filled. Using our data, we saw that craters with a larger diameter had a greater percent filled, and craters with smaller diameters had a lower percent filled value. Since we believe that we can find relative age using percent filled this shows that craters with larger diameter are older than craters with smaller diameters. Therefore, we can observe that larger craters hit Mars earlier in its existence than smaller ones. This supports our hypothesis that larger rogue objects existed in the creation of the solar system.

Our measurements may include inaccuracies due to the number of students collecting data. There are possibilities of differences between peoples' perspectives of location of rims and measurements. Misinterpretations of the highest or lowest points of the craters or diameter size would have led to these possible inaccurate measurements.

Craters with a diameter greater than 12 km may have a central uplift and depth data would be inaccurate. Also, the equation used to find the original depth using one-fifth, does not provide an accurate measurement for every crater because it is an average equation.

Another possible source of error is using percent filled to determine relative age. Craters located in an area which experiences heavy winds may appear older than they actually are. They would fill in more quickly than those in an area with low winds and this would give a false age.

## CONCLUSION

Our group chose to study how the size of rogue objects in our solar system has changed over time. Based on the data and our interpretation of it, we have concluded that the size of rogue objects has decreased. This supports our hypothesis that if there were more large rogue objects earlier in our solar system, then the larger craters on Mars' surface would be older. This is proven by our graph, which showed a weak positive correlation between crater diameter and the percent of the depth filled in over time. The larger craters have a greater percentage of their original depths filled than the smaller craters.

Expansions on our research could include analysis of other celestial bodies that have craters. The Moon itself could present an interesting prospect for examination. The Moon, since it has no wind and little gravitational hold, would have craters in near pristine preserved condition. We would use crater density, instead of a percentage of original depth filled, to determine a relative age for those craters. If the same correlation as our data on Mars were shown, we may be correct in our observations. If dates could be associated with a craters' size, we may be able to find a rate of change and be able to predict what types of craters will affect our solar system in the future.

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