

# **La comète 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko à l'heure de la mission Rosetta**



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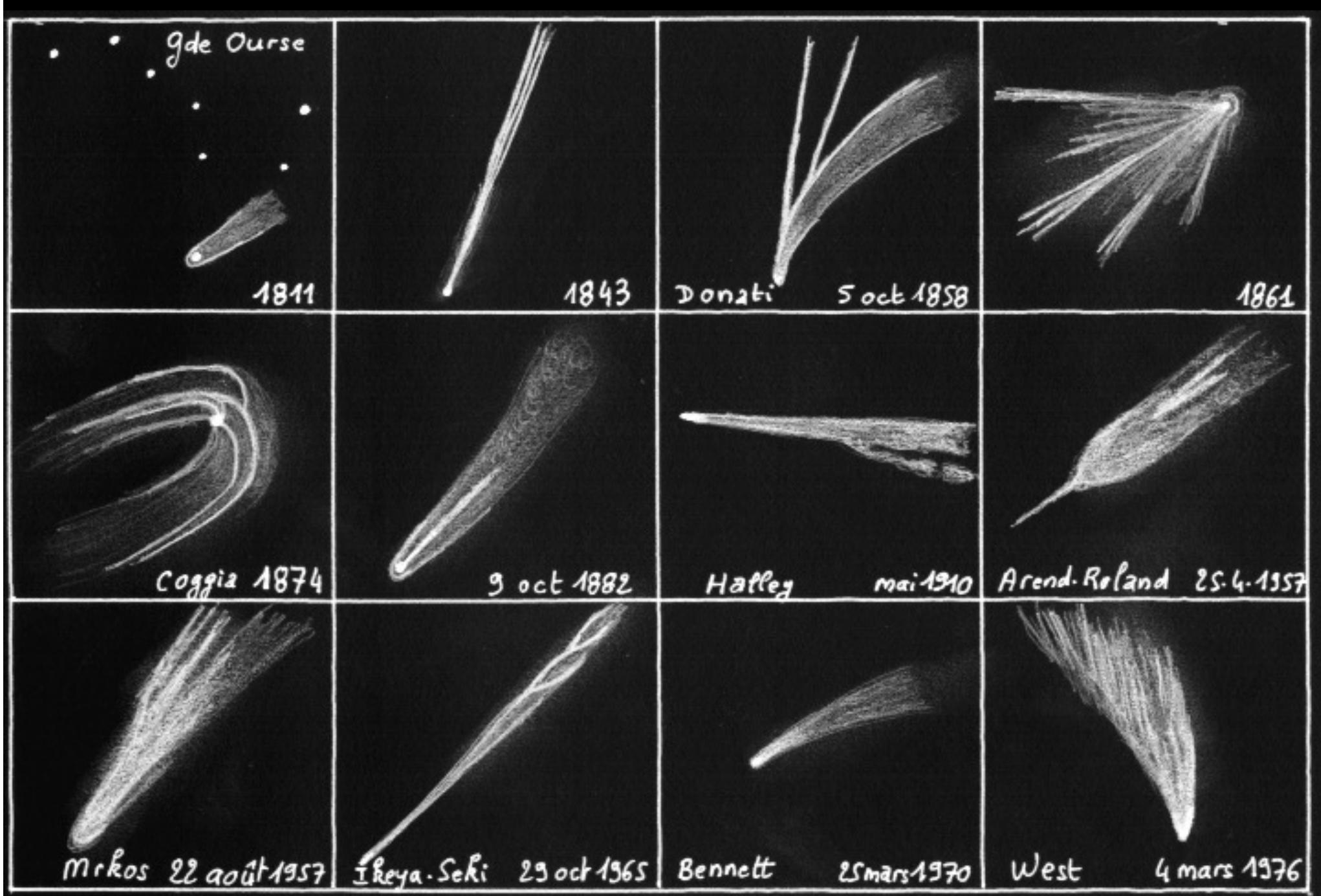
-300 av JC – Chine



1301 – Padova



1066 - Normandie



**" Les Grecs appellent "comète" et les Romains "étoiles chevelues" celles qui sont hérissées d'une touffe de poils couleur de sang, se dressant à leur sommet comme une chevelure.**

**Les Grecs nomment "Pogonias" (barbues), celles qui traînent à leur partie inférieure une crinière en forme de longue barbe.**

**Les "Acontias", présages d'événements tout à fait imminents, filent comme des javelots.**

**Les "Certias" ont la forme d'une corne.**

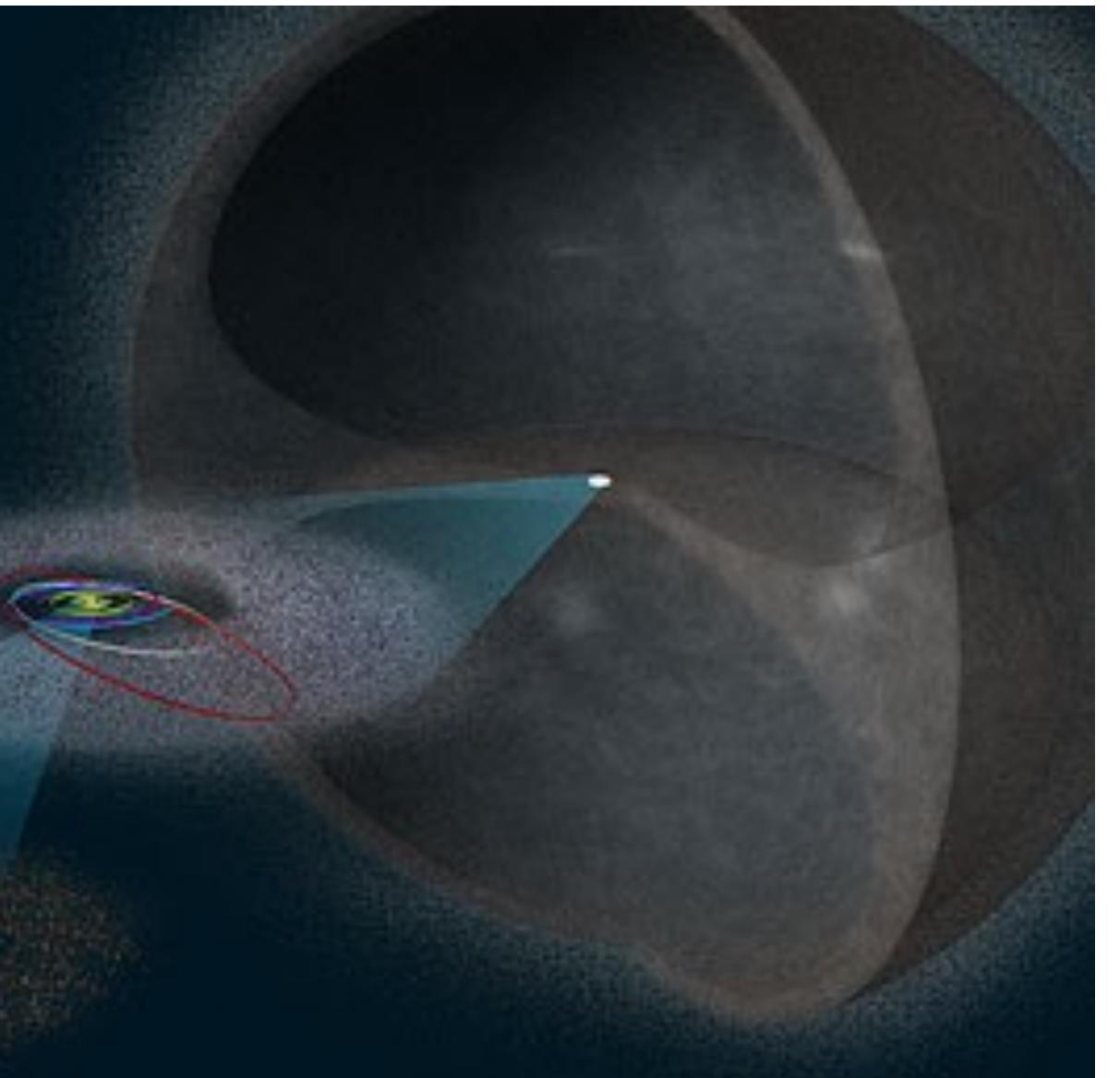
**Les "Lampadias" imitent les torches ardentes. Les "Hippias", des crinières de chevaux animées d'un mouvement très rapide et tournoyant sur elles-mêmes.**

**On rencontre aussi les comètes "Boucs" d'aspect poilu, enveloppées d'une sorte de nuage.**

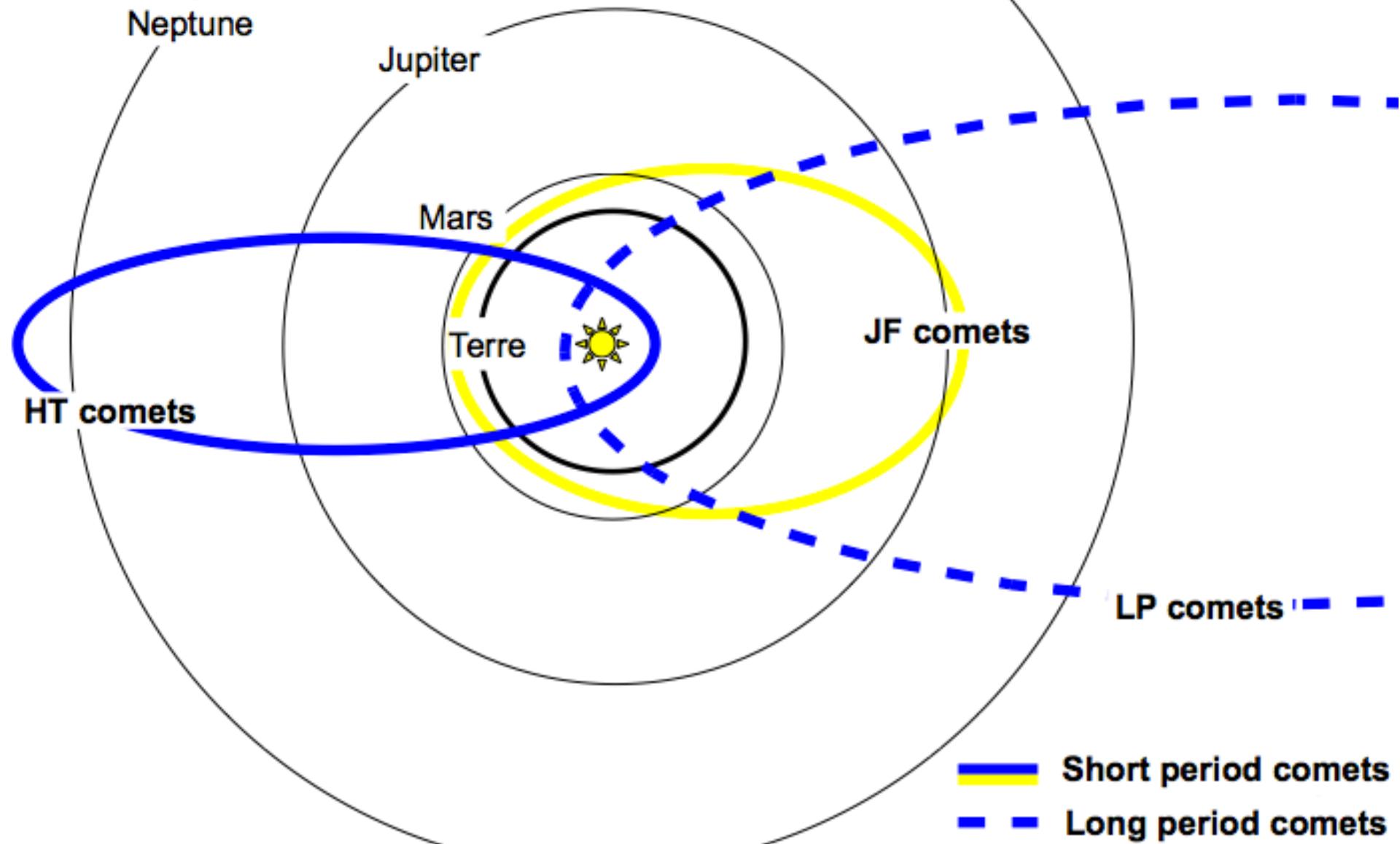
**Il est arrivé une fois qu'une crinière s'est transformée en lance...".**

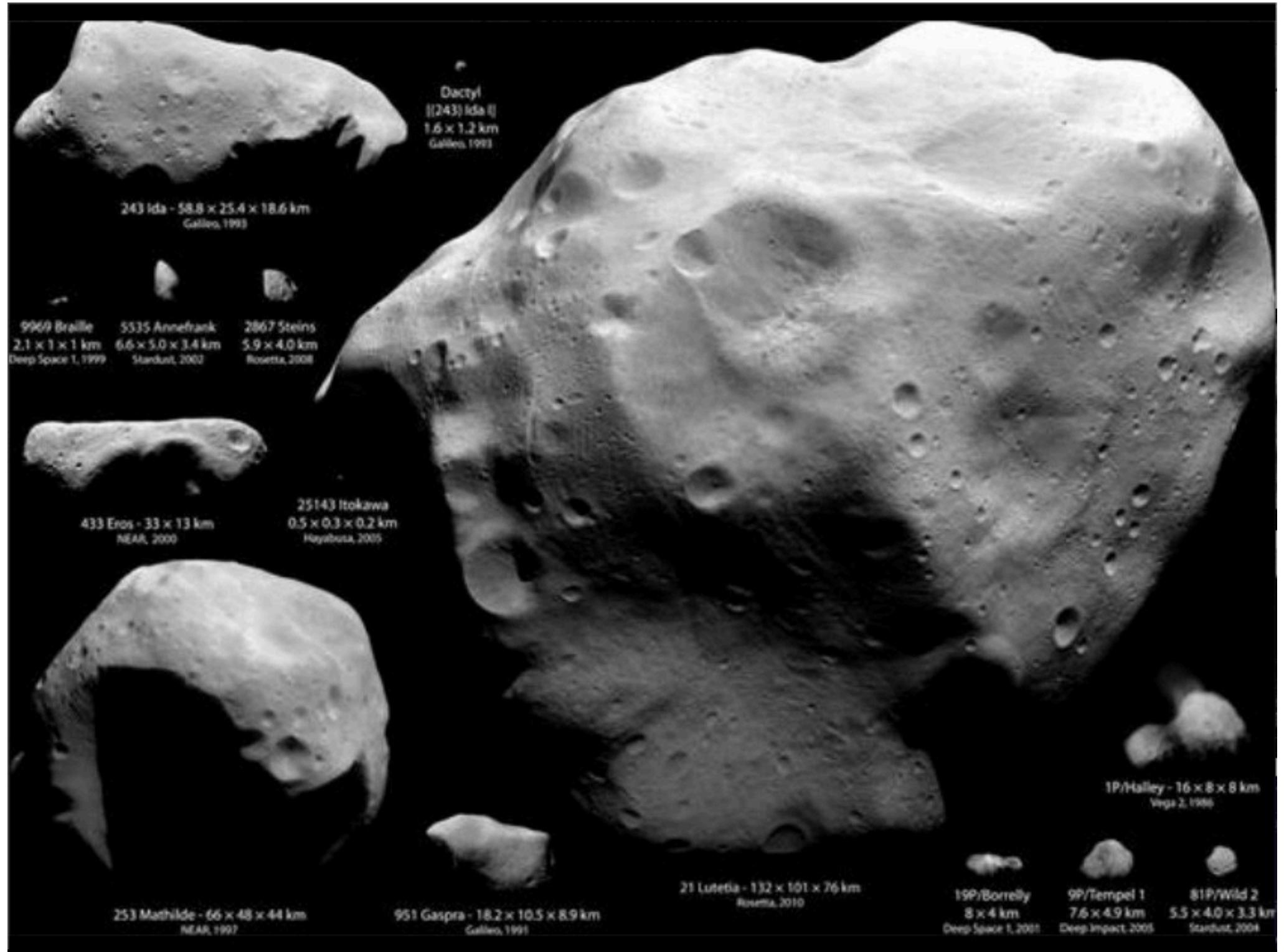
**Pline l'Ancien, 77 ap. JC**

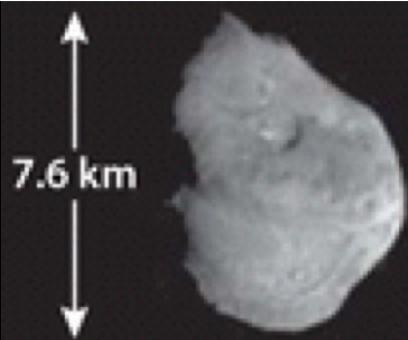




# Comets families

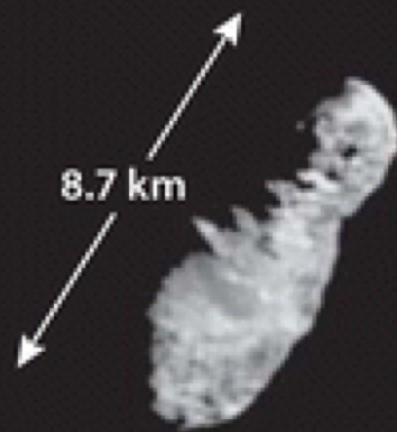






**9P/Tempel 1**  
(*Deep Impact*)

$\approx 0.6 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$



**19P/Borelly**  
(*Deep Space 1*)

$\approx 0.3 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$

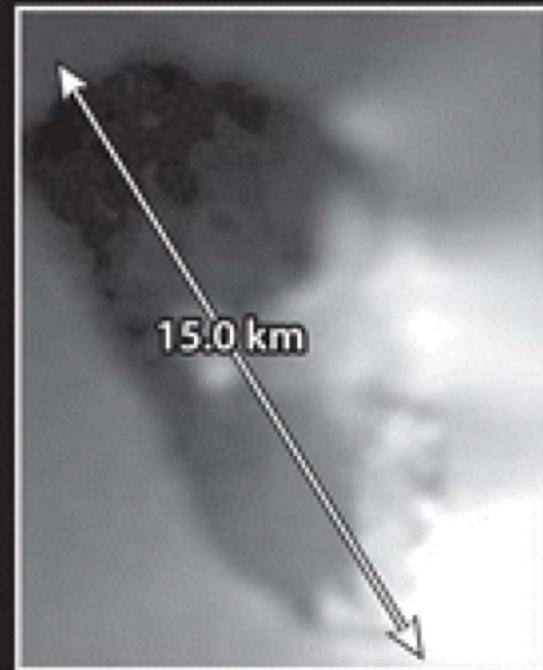


**81P/Wild 2**  
(*Stardust*)

$\approx 0.6 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$

**1P/Halley**  
(*Giotto*)

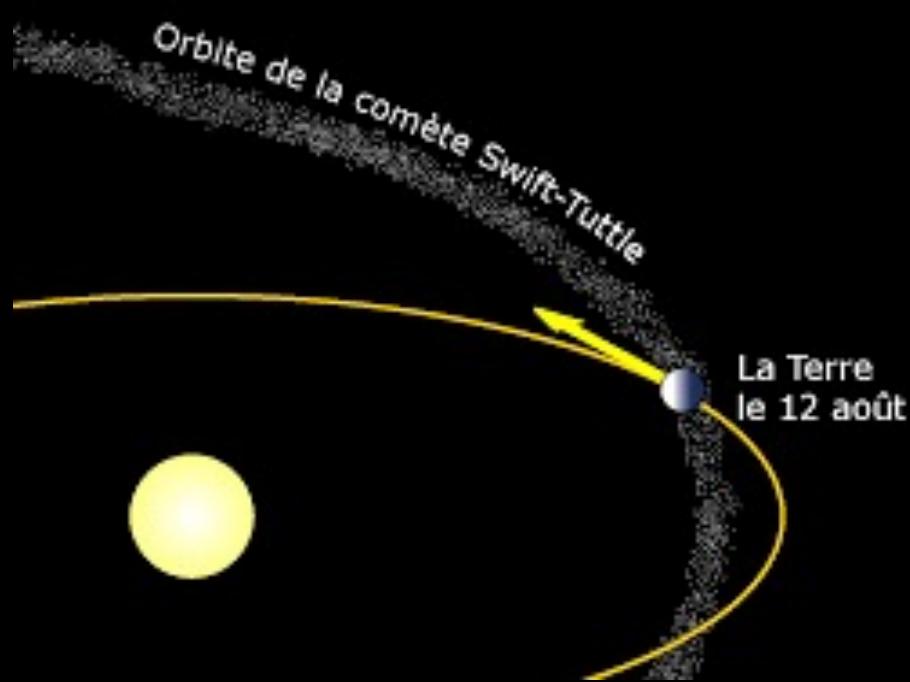
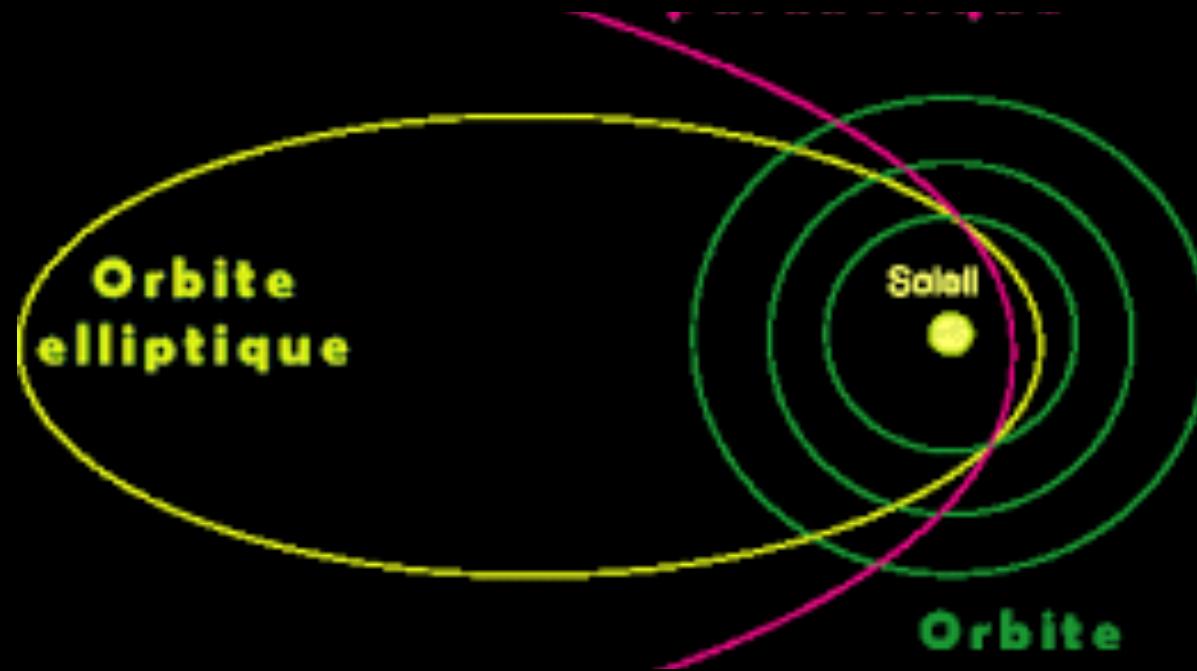
$\approx 0.6 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$



**103P/Hartley 2**  
(*EPOXI*)

$\approx 0.3 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$



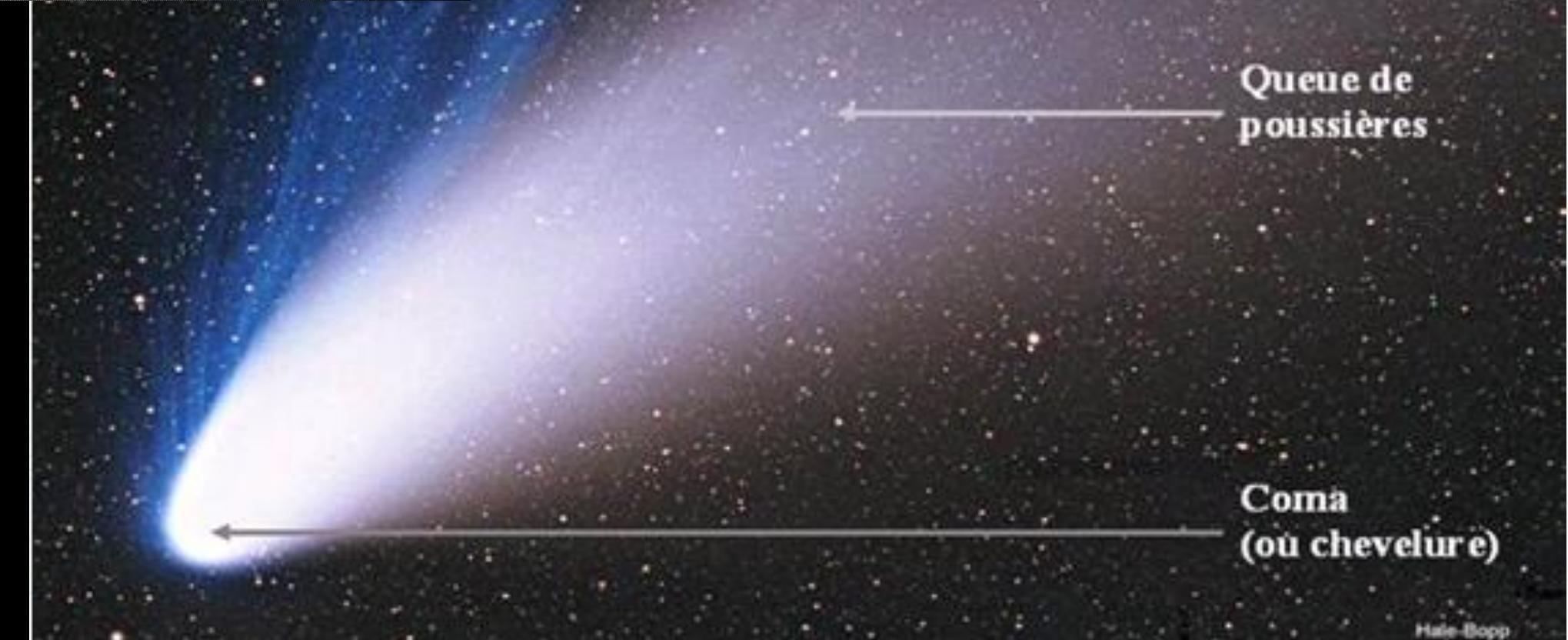
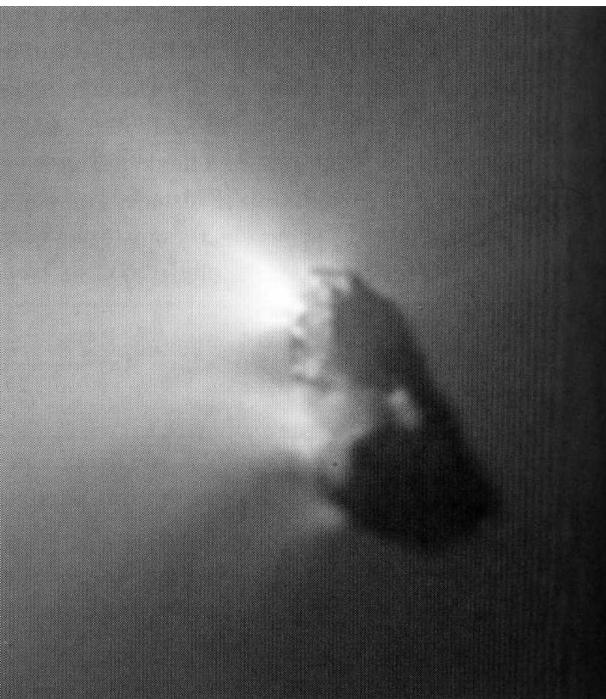


## Structure et composition

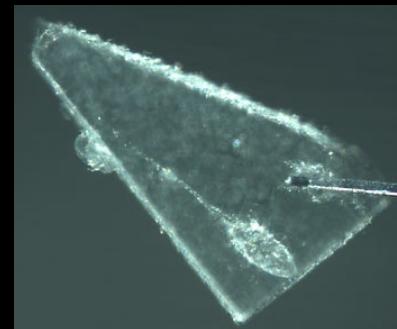
← Queue d'ions

← Queue de poussières

← Coma  
(ou chevelure)

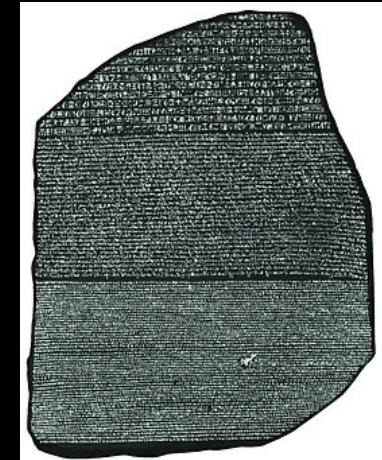
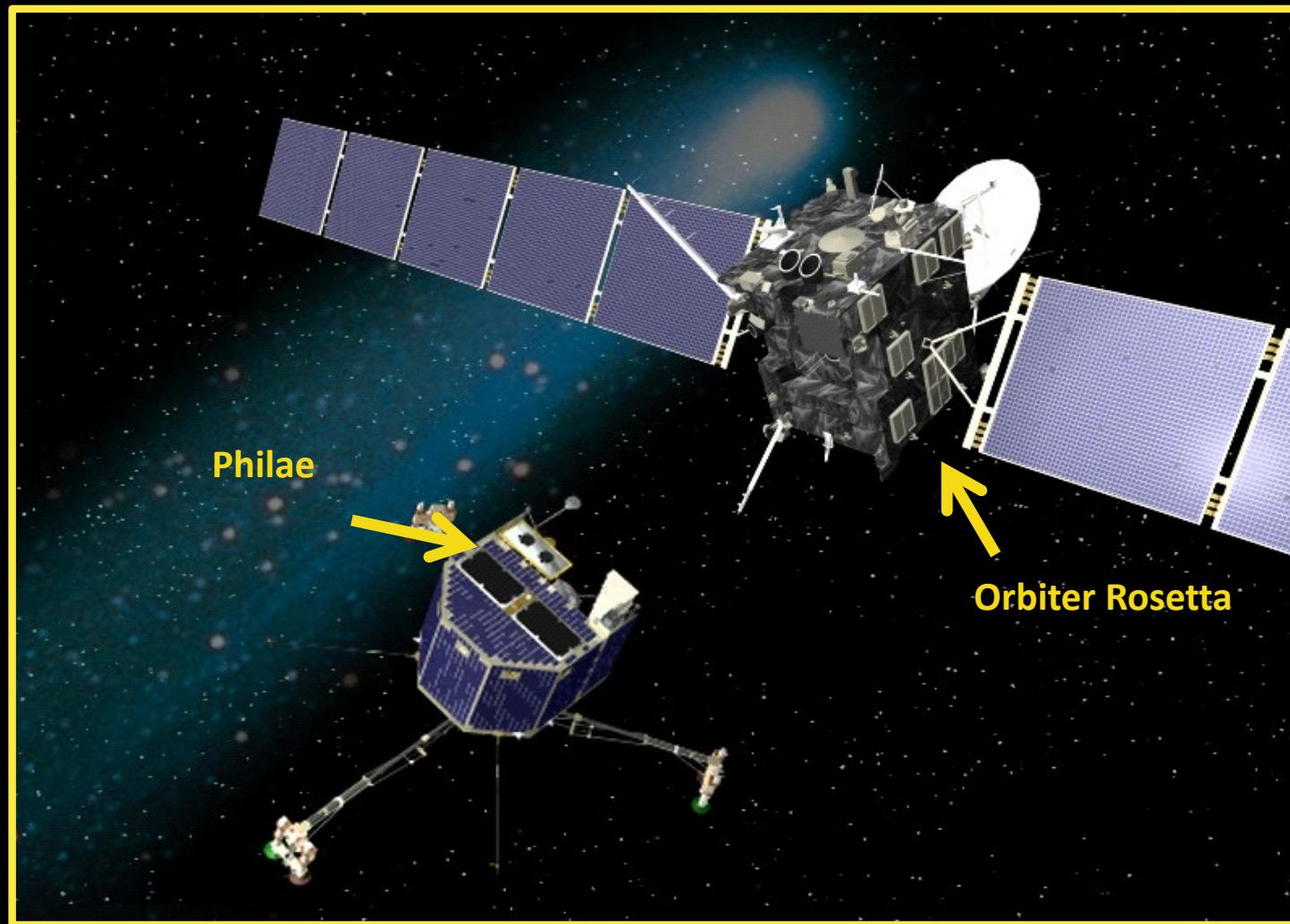


# Comment étudie-t-on les comètes ?

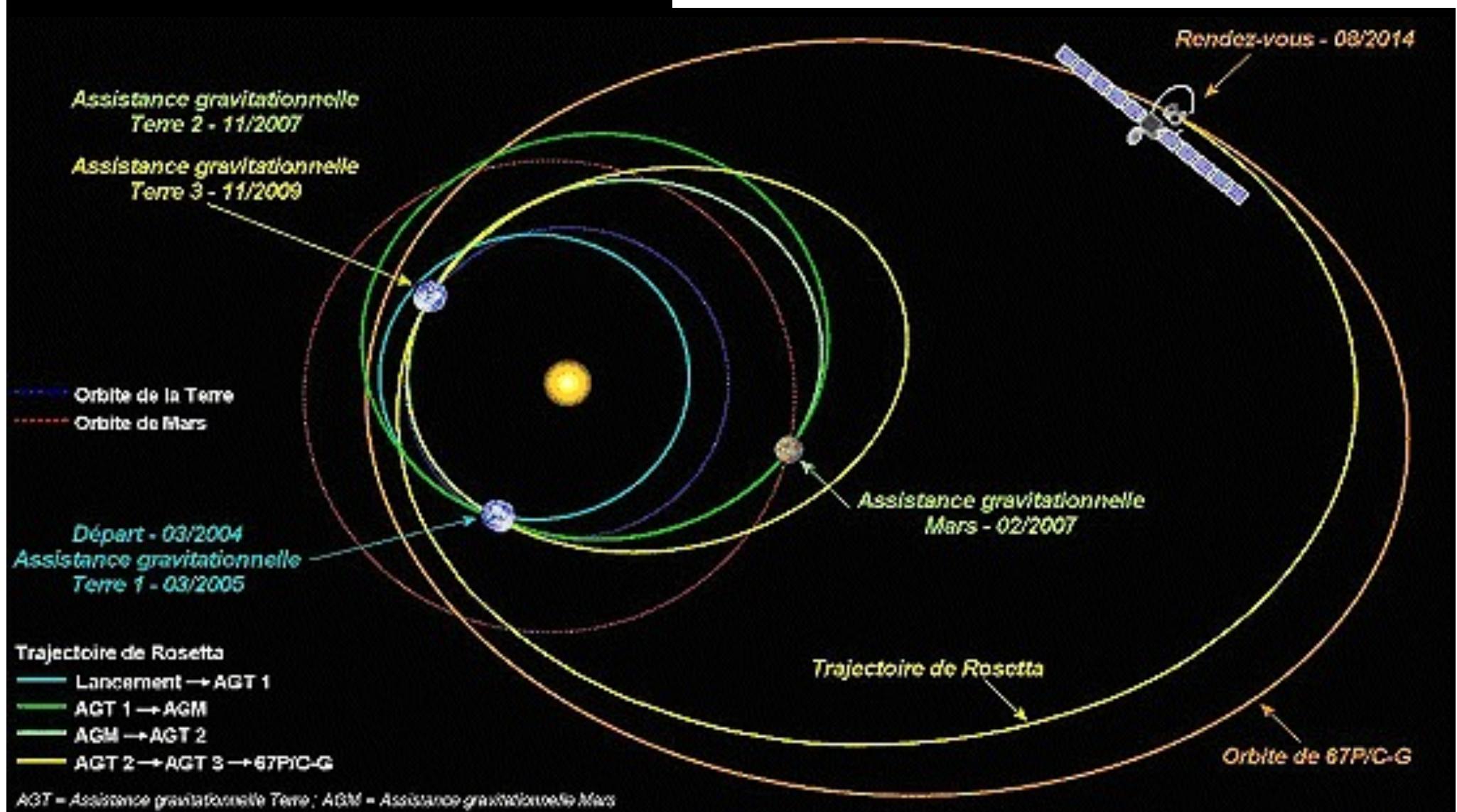
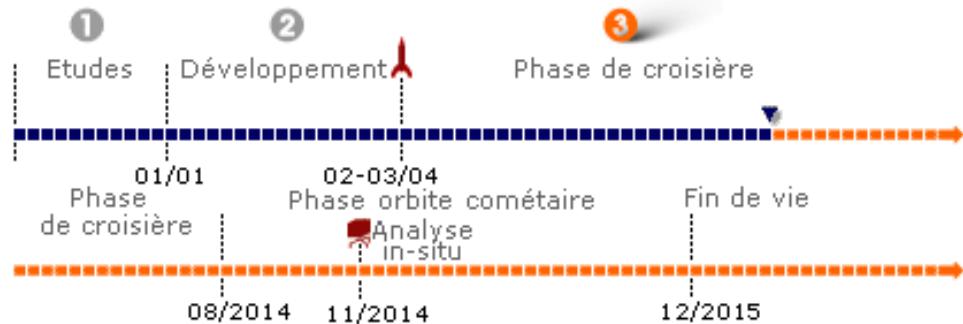


# **ROSETTA: A Comet rendezvous Mission + Philae lander for *in situ* studies**

study the origin of comets, the relationship between cometary and interstellar material and its implications with regard to the origin of the solar system.

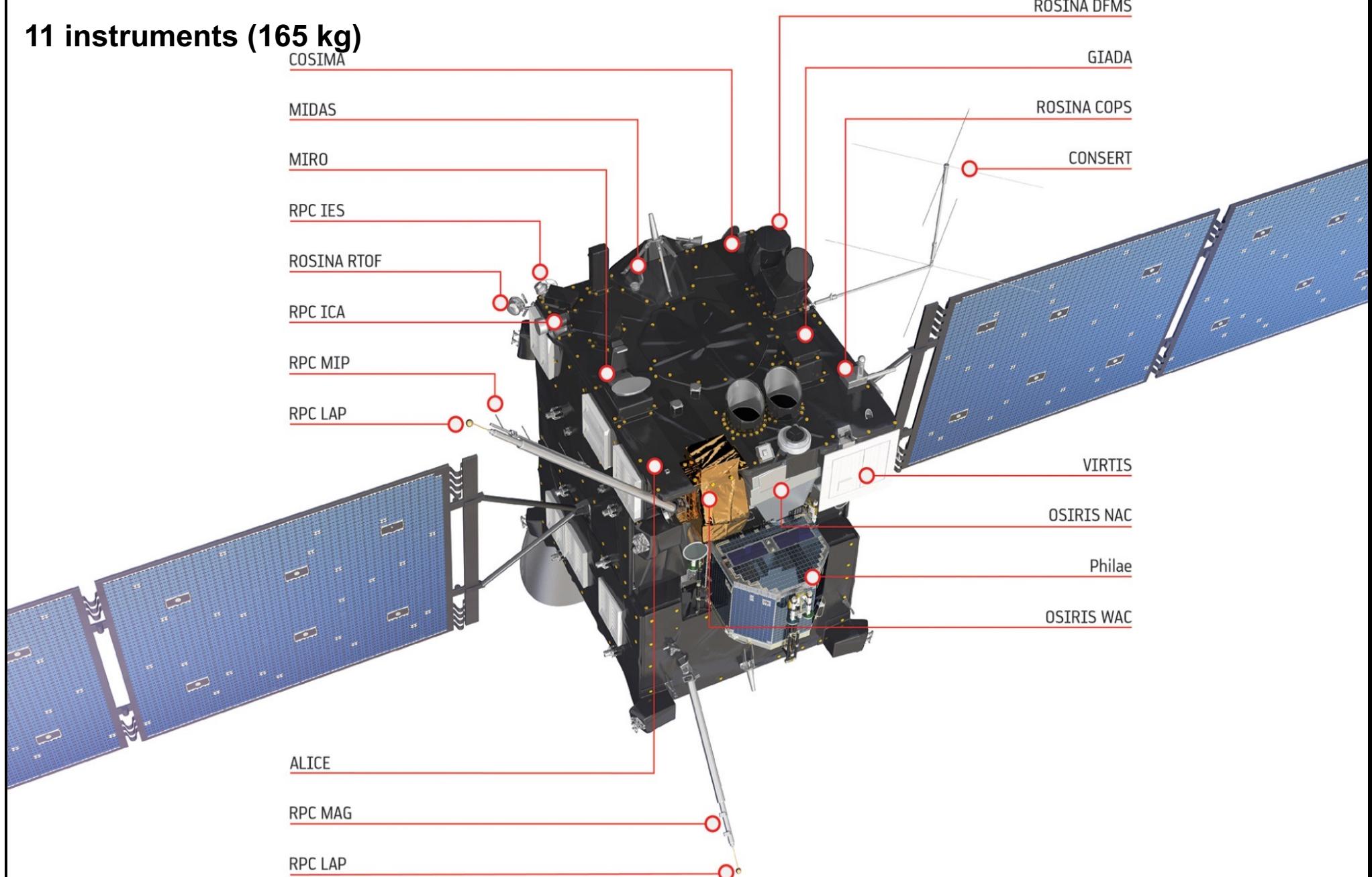


# ESA-ROSETTA



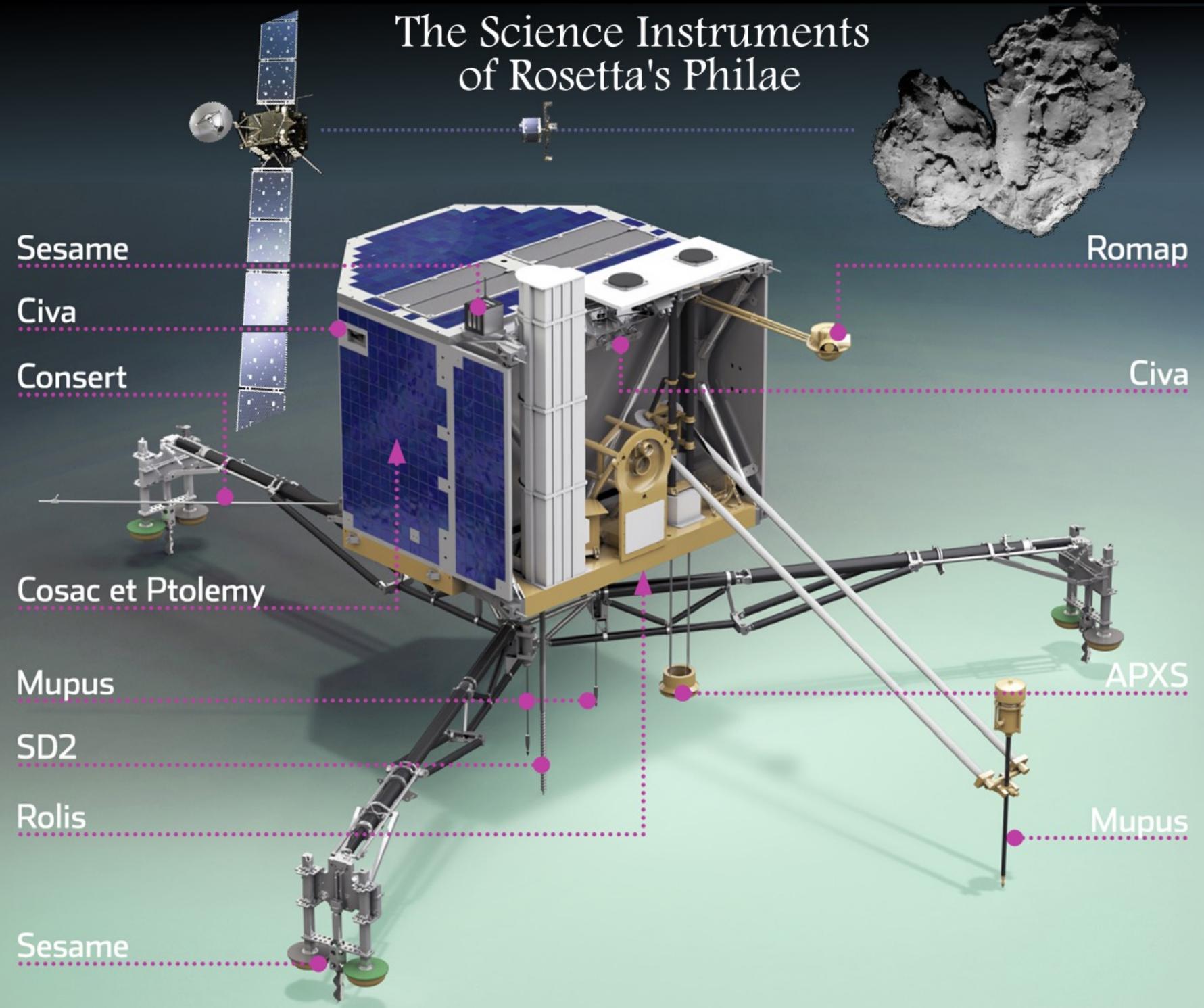
**Masse au décollage : 3.0 t dont 1.7 t de carburant (2,8m x 2,1m x 2.0 m)**

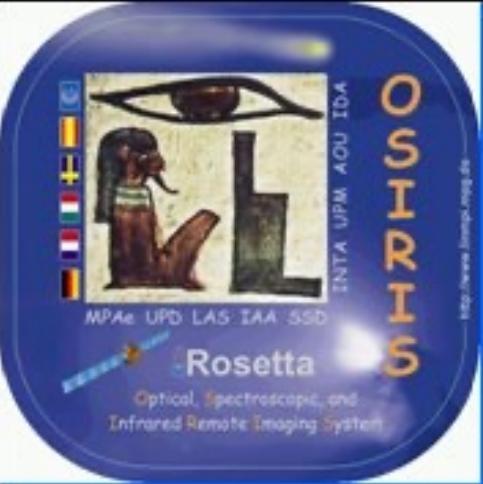
**11 instruments (165 kg)**



**Panneaux solaires: envergure : 32 m (5700 W @ 1 A.U. - 400 W @ 5.25 A.U.)**

# The Science Instruments of Rosetta's Philae



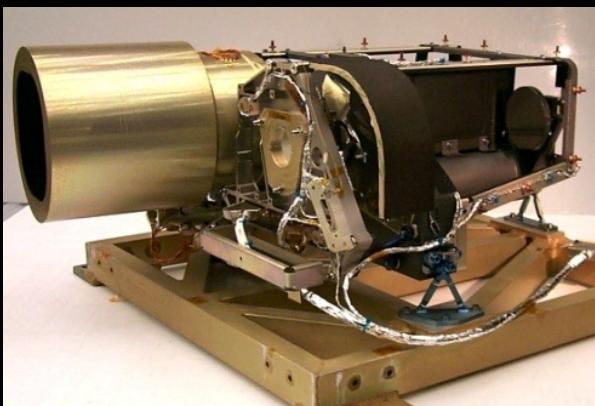


# OSIRIS

- H. Sierks (PI, Max Planck MPS, Gottingen),

## NAC

FOV 2.2x2.2 °, 3 mirrors  
4"/px, f/8



## WAC

FOV 12x12°, 2 mirrors  
21 "/px f/5.6

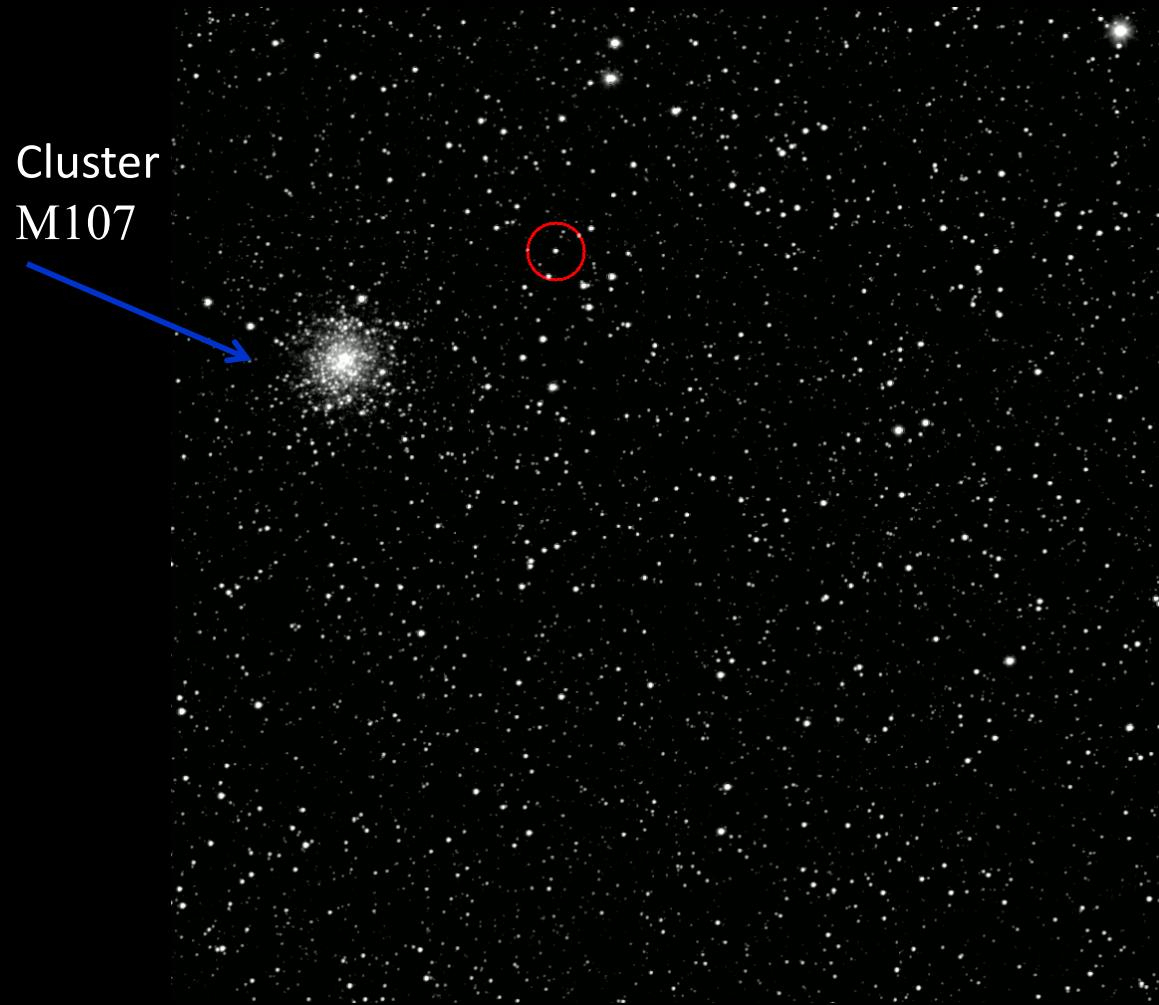


**NAC: 11 Filters [250-1000 nm] +2 ire-focussing lens**

**WAC: 14 Filters [230-750 nm]**

**CCD: 2048 x 2048 pixel ; squared pixel =13.5 μm**

# Premières images



*credits: ESA/Rosetta/MPS for OSIRIS Team  
MPS/UPD/LAM/IAA/SSO/INTA/UPM/DASP/IDA*

**OSIRIS-Caméra  
NAC  
24 Mars - 4 May**

**5 → 2 millions km  
from 67P**

**Solar dist: 4 AU**

**Outburst during  
27 -- 30 April 2014**

- Coma 1300 km wide, originated by volatils like CO and CO<sub>2</sub>**

# Juillet 2014 : première surprise...

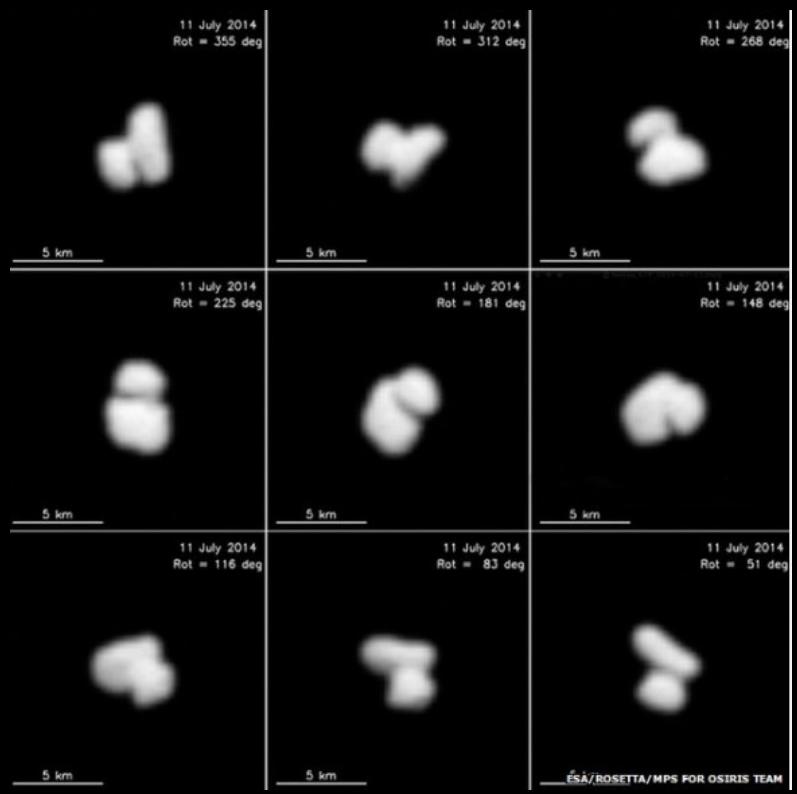


Lamy et al. (2007)  
HST observations

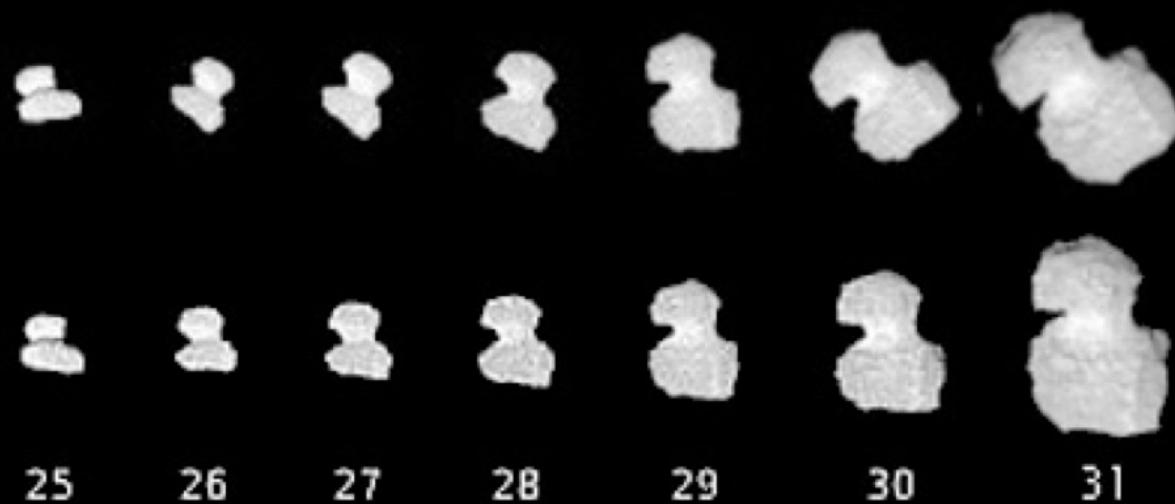
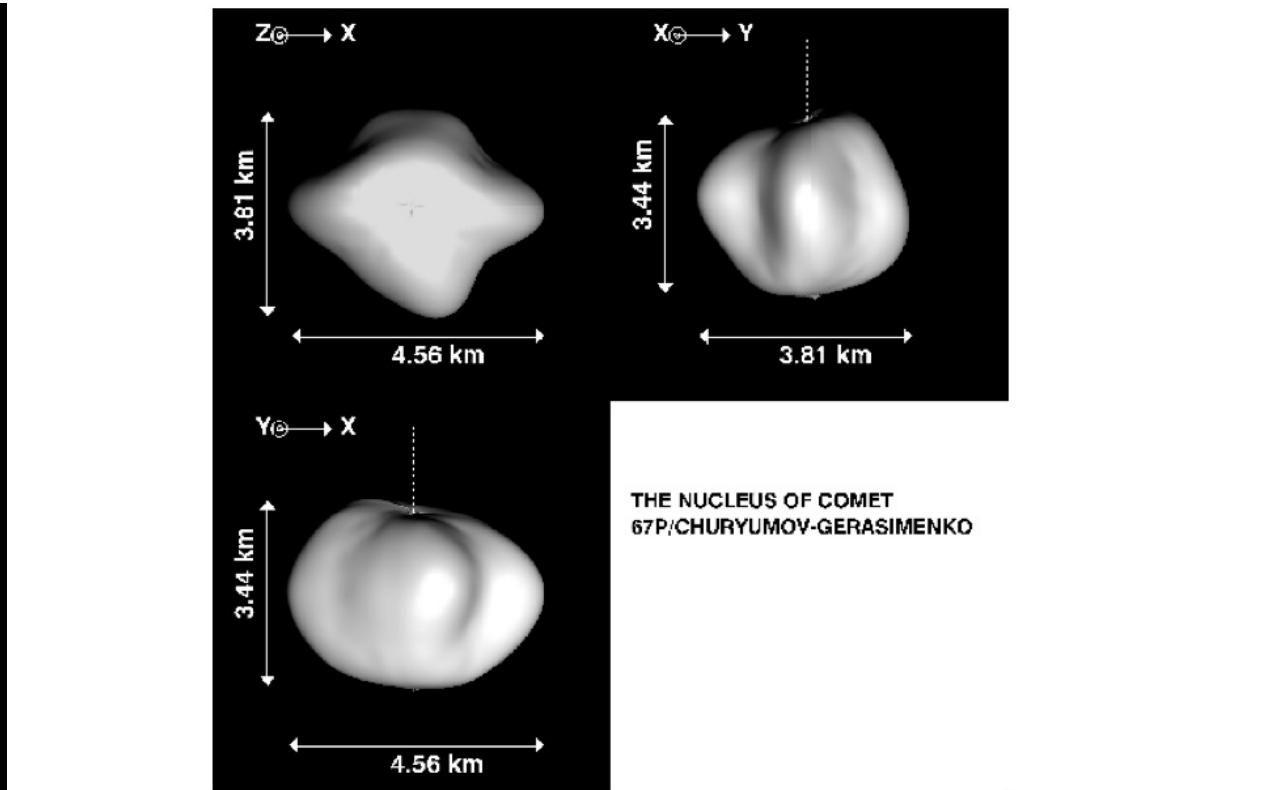
7 July 2014



11 July 2014



**Binary shape with 2 lobes!**



Rosetta Nears Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko - late July 2014

Credit: ESA/Rosetta/NAVCAM Collage/Processing: Marco Di Lorenzo/Ken Kremer

# Nucleus physical properties

70% of the surface  
observed

Sierks et al.,  
2015

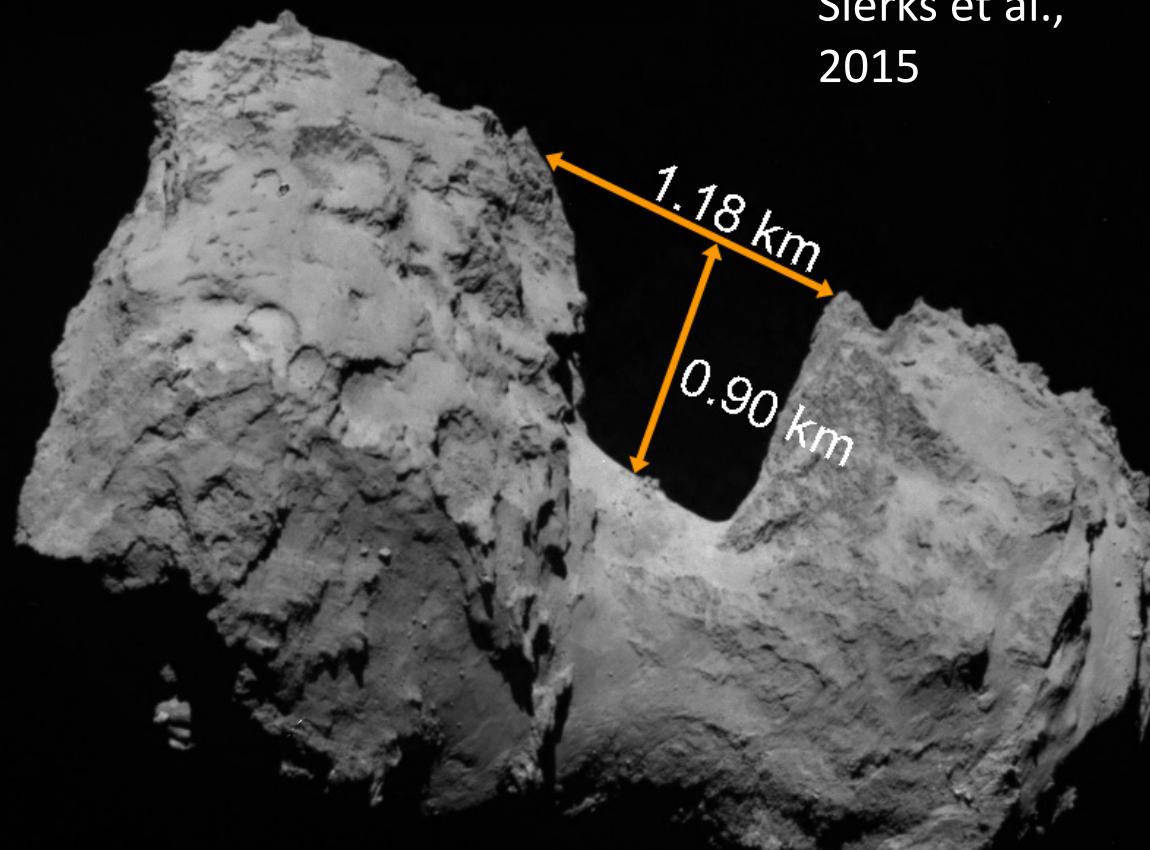
$$V=21.4 \pm 2.0 \text{ km}^3$$

$$\text{Mass} = 10^{13} \text{ kg}$$

$$\rho=470 \pm 45 \text{ kg/m}^3$$



Porosity: 70-80%

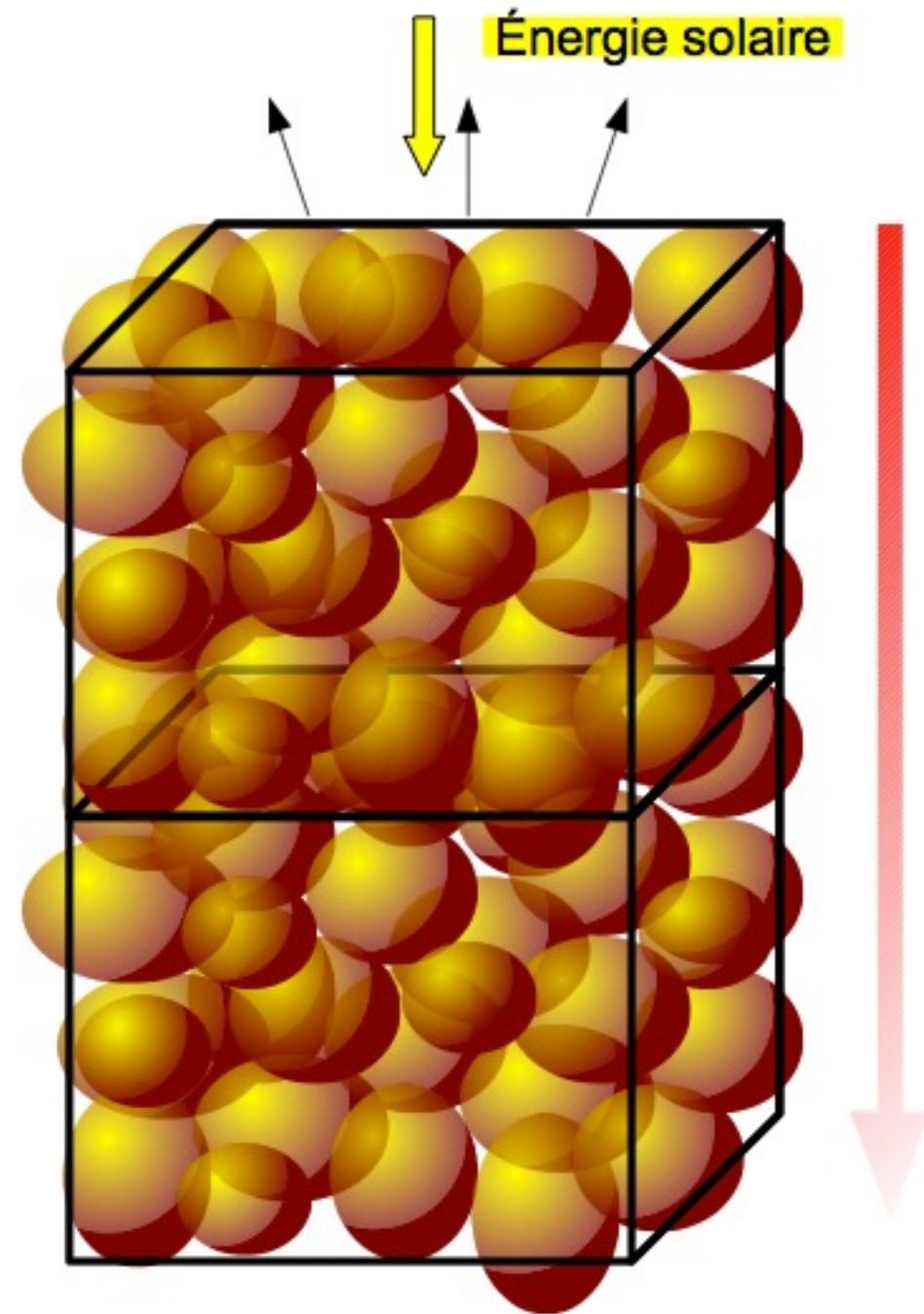
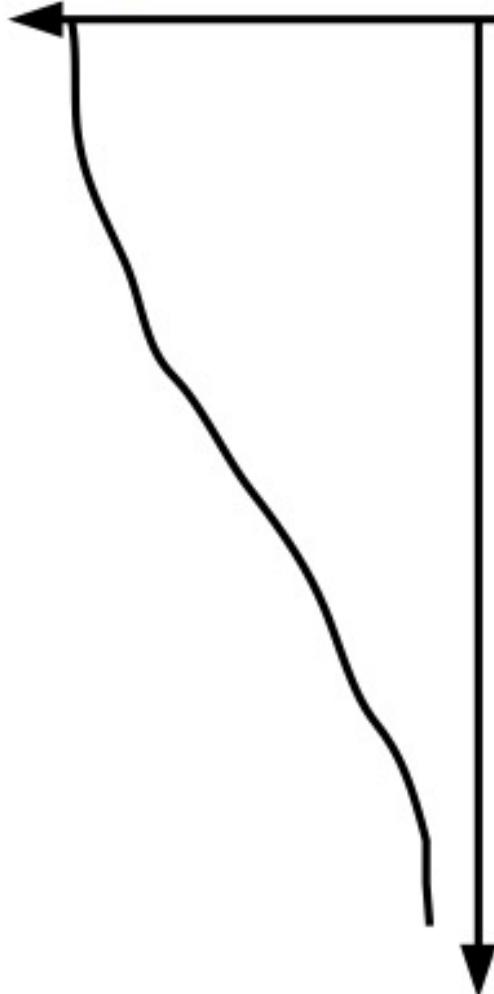


Small lobe	$2.5 \times 2.5 \times 2.0 \text{ km}$
Big lobe	$4.1 \times 3.2 \times 1.3 \text{ km}$

Nucleus structure  
- contact binary?  
- monolith?

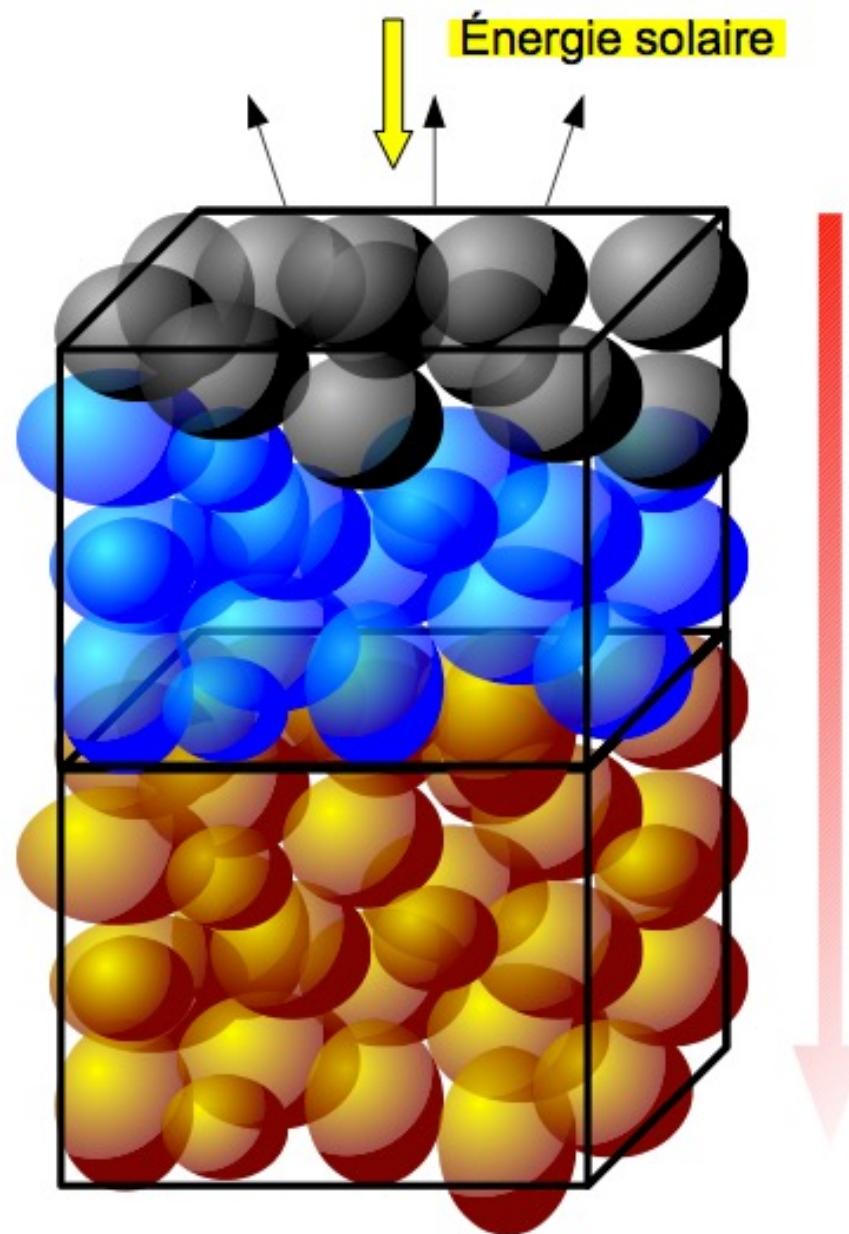
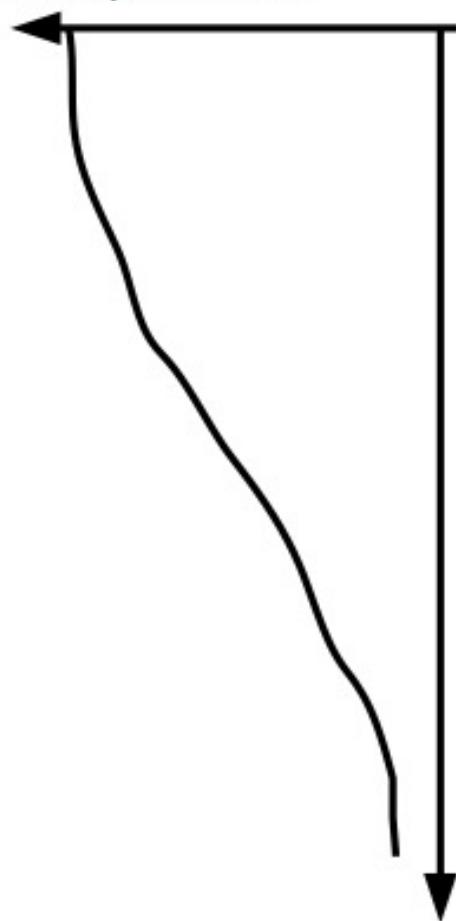
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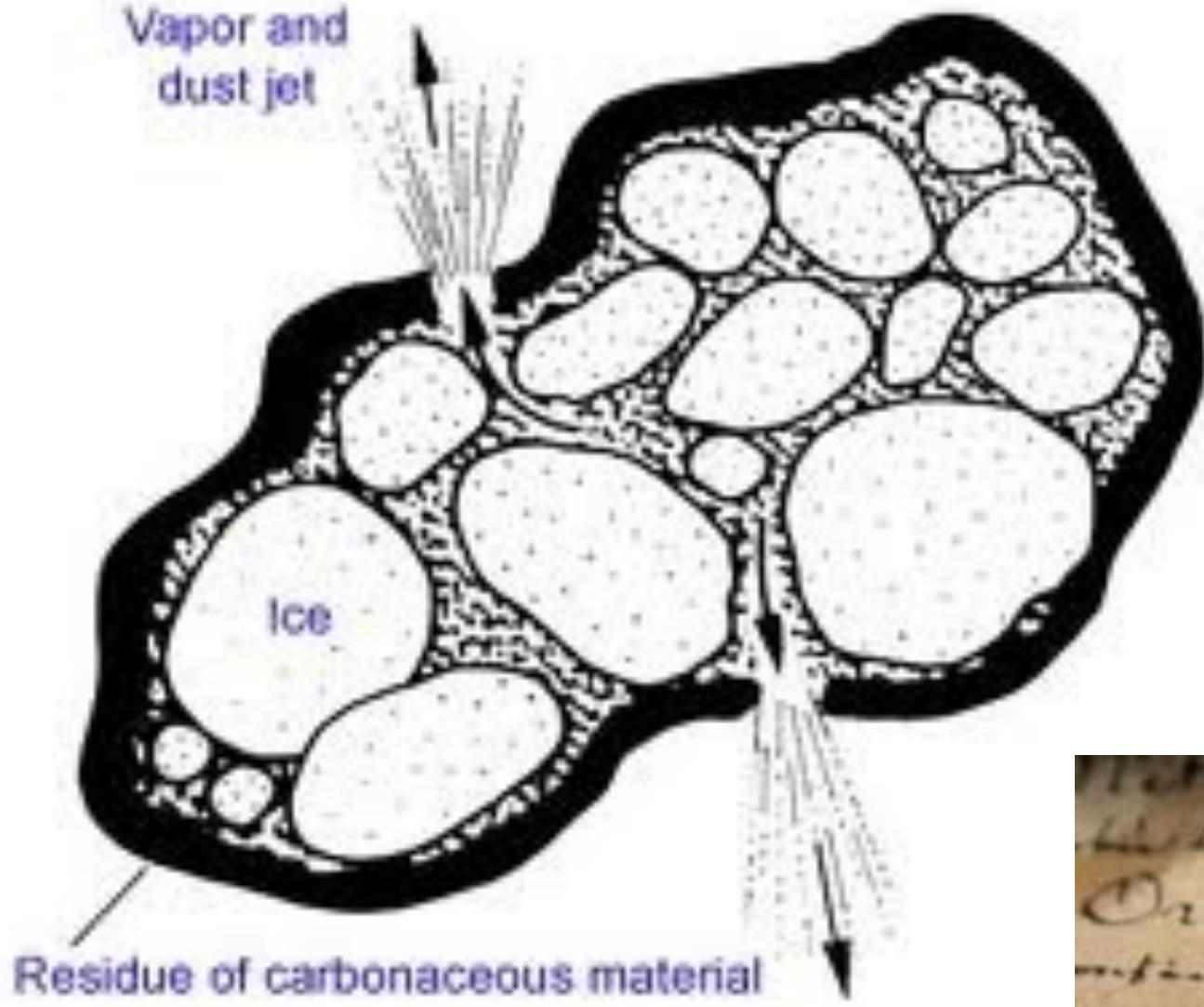
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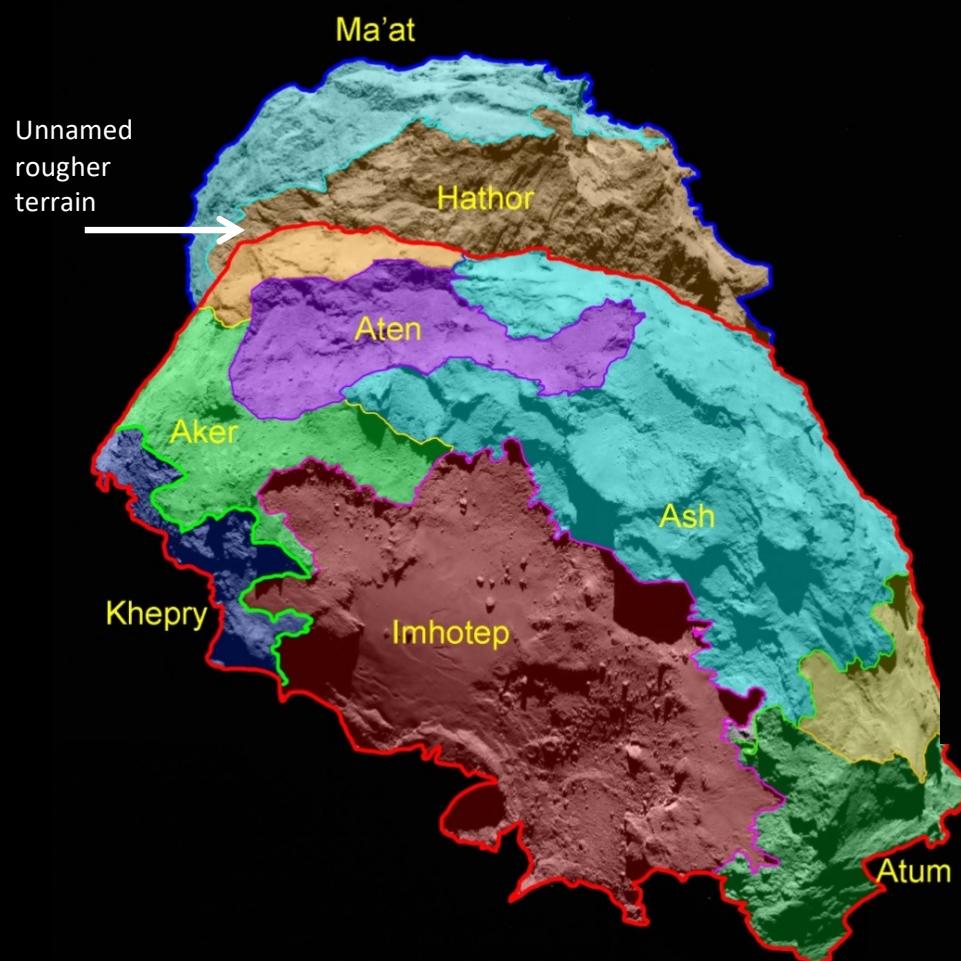
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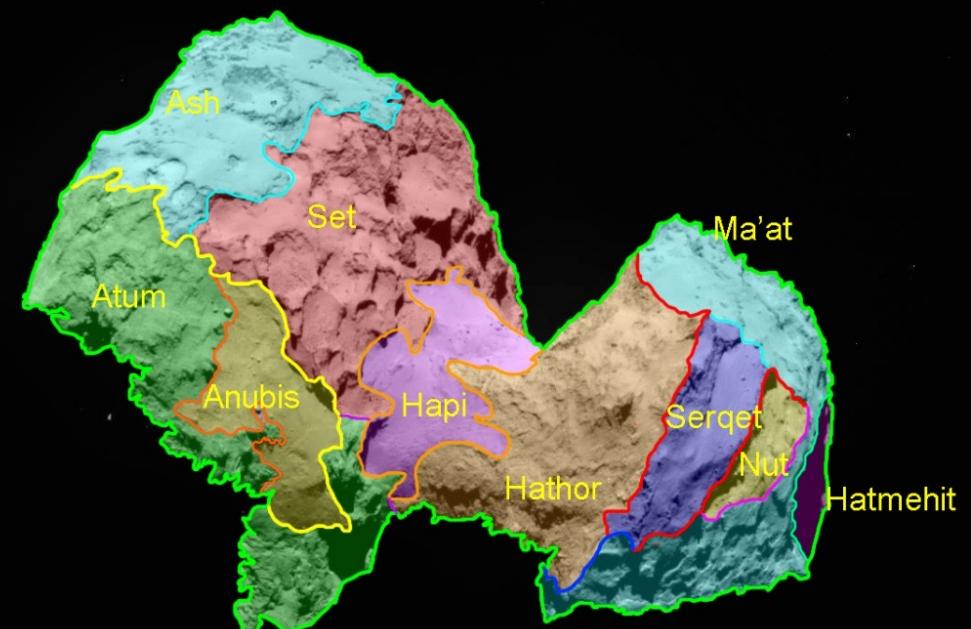
## Different geological structures indicating erosion, re-deposition of materials

Fragile terrains with pits: Seth



**Smooth terrains : Anubis, Hapi, Imhotep**

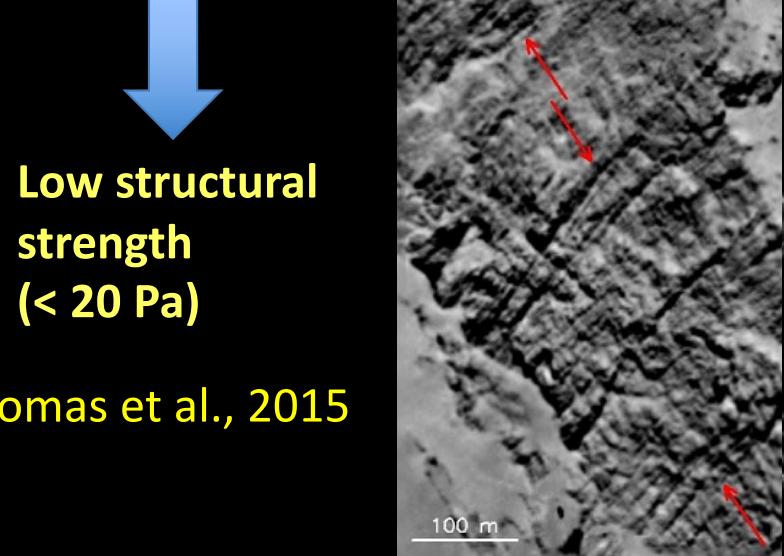
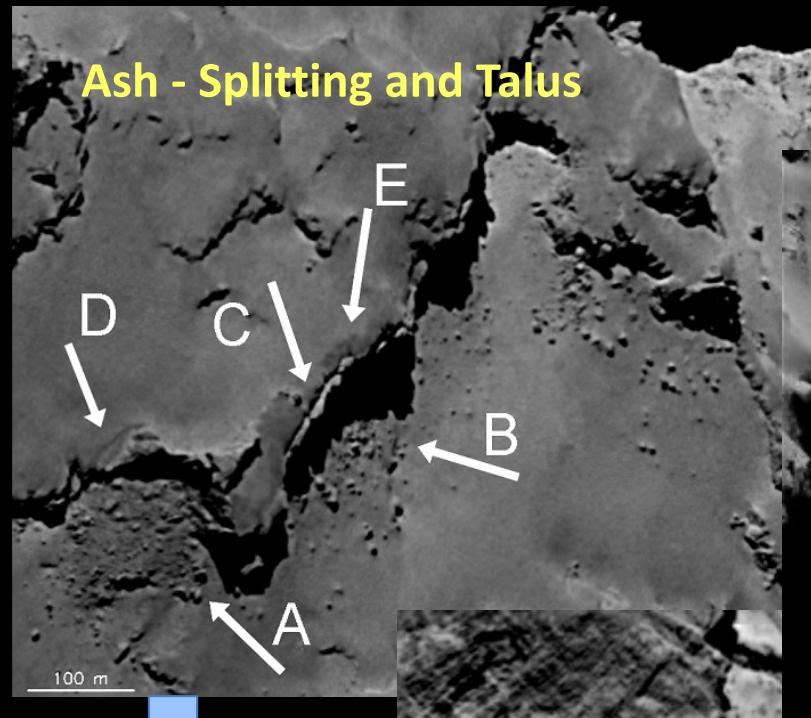
Big depressions : Aten, Hatmehit, Nut



**surfaces covered by regolith : Ash, Babi, Ma'at**

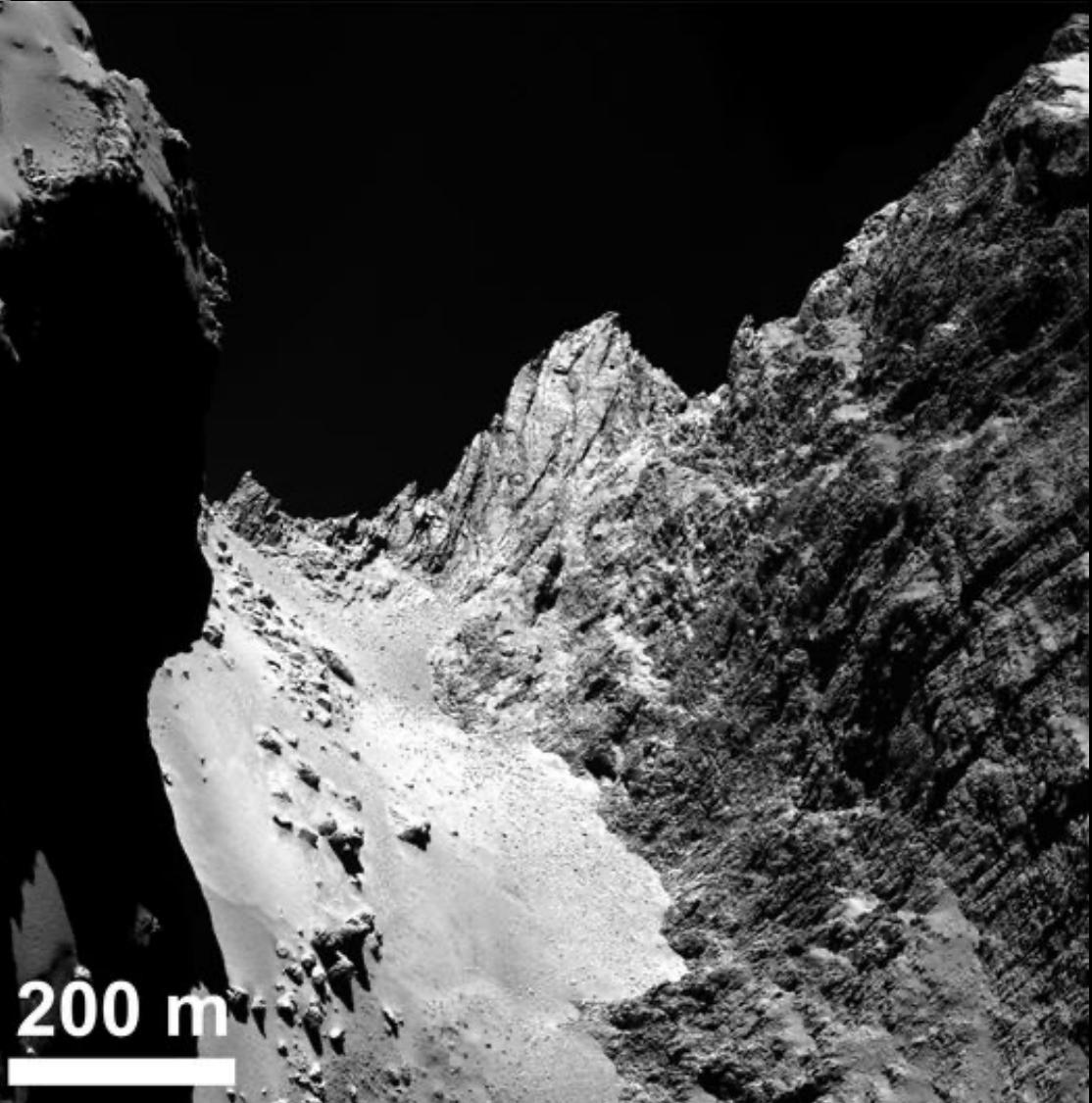
**Rocky consolidated materials surfaces:**  
Aker, Anuket, Apis, Atum, Bastet, Hathor, Khepry, Maftet, Serqet.

The nucleus is heavily fractured at several scales; fractures produced by the rapid heating–cooling cycles that are experienced cometary day and orbit

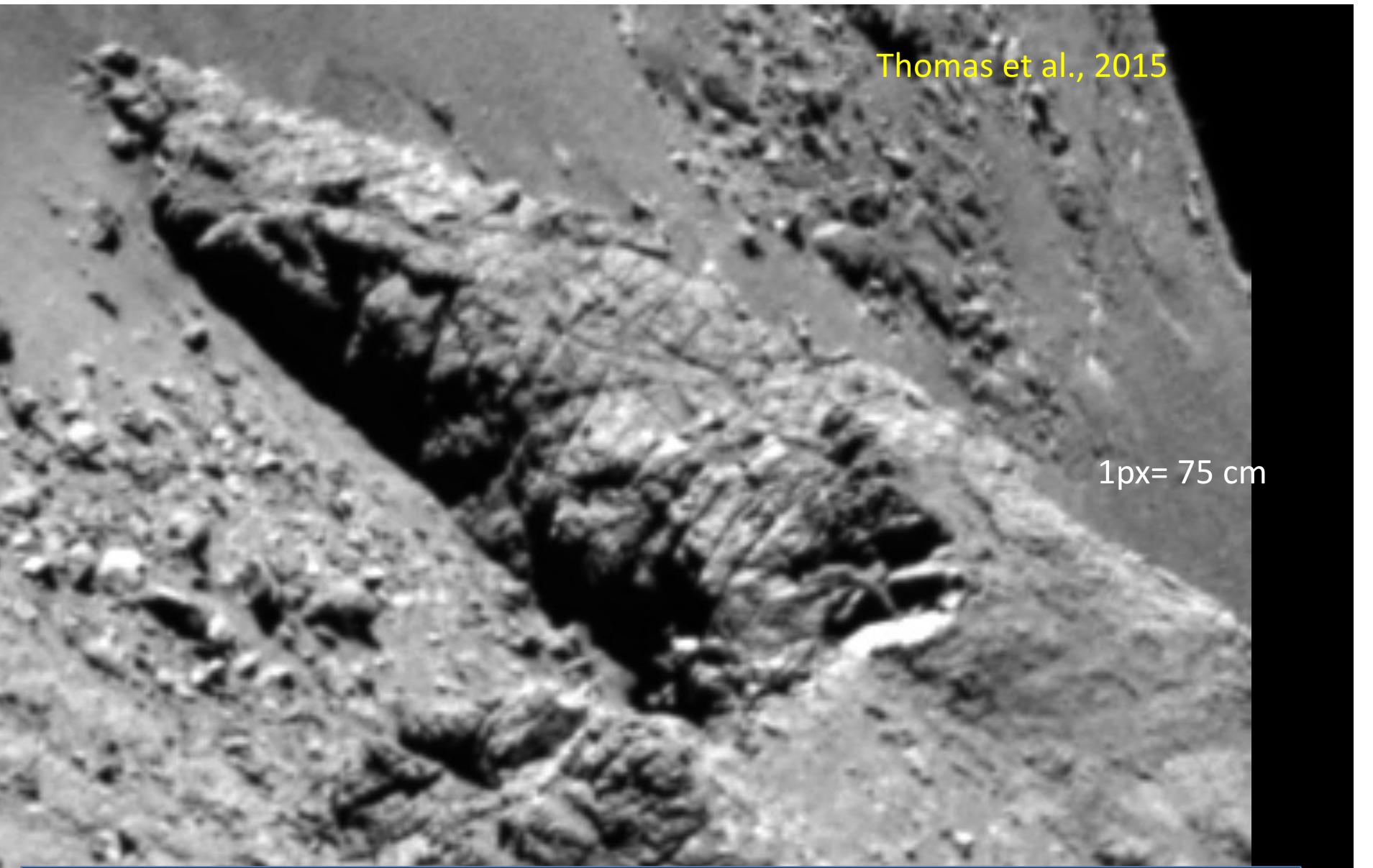


Low structural strength ( $< 20 \text{ Pa}$ )

Aker Region: 200 m long fractures in a more consolidated material.



Thomas et al., 2015

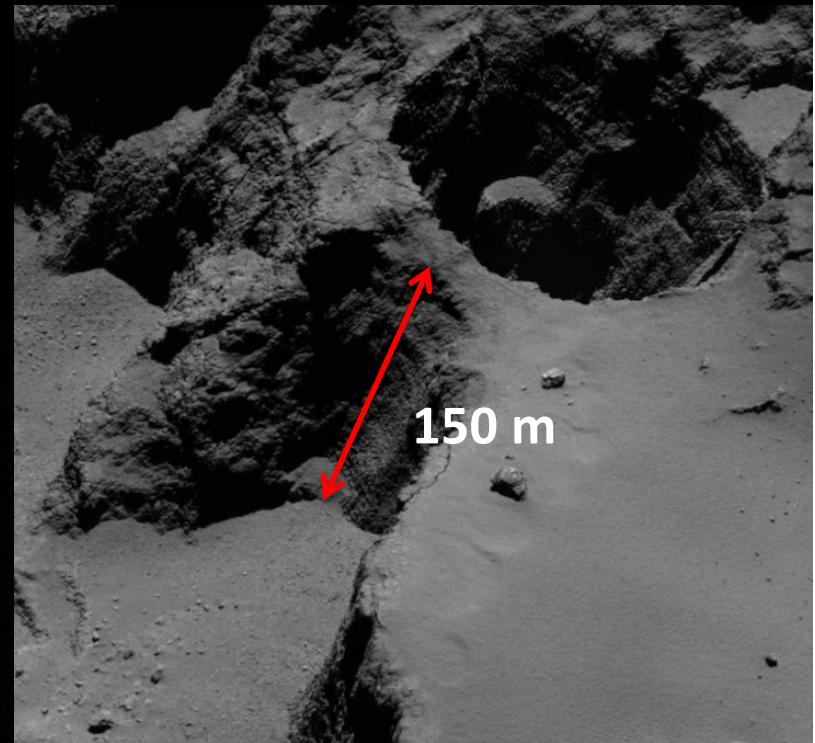
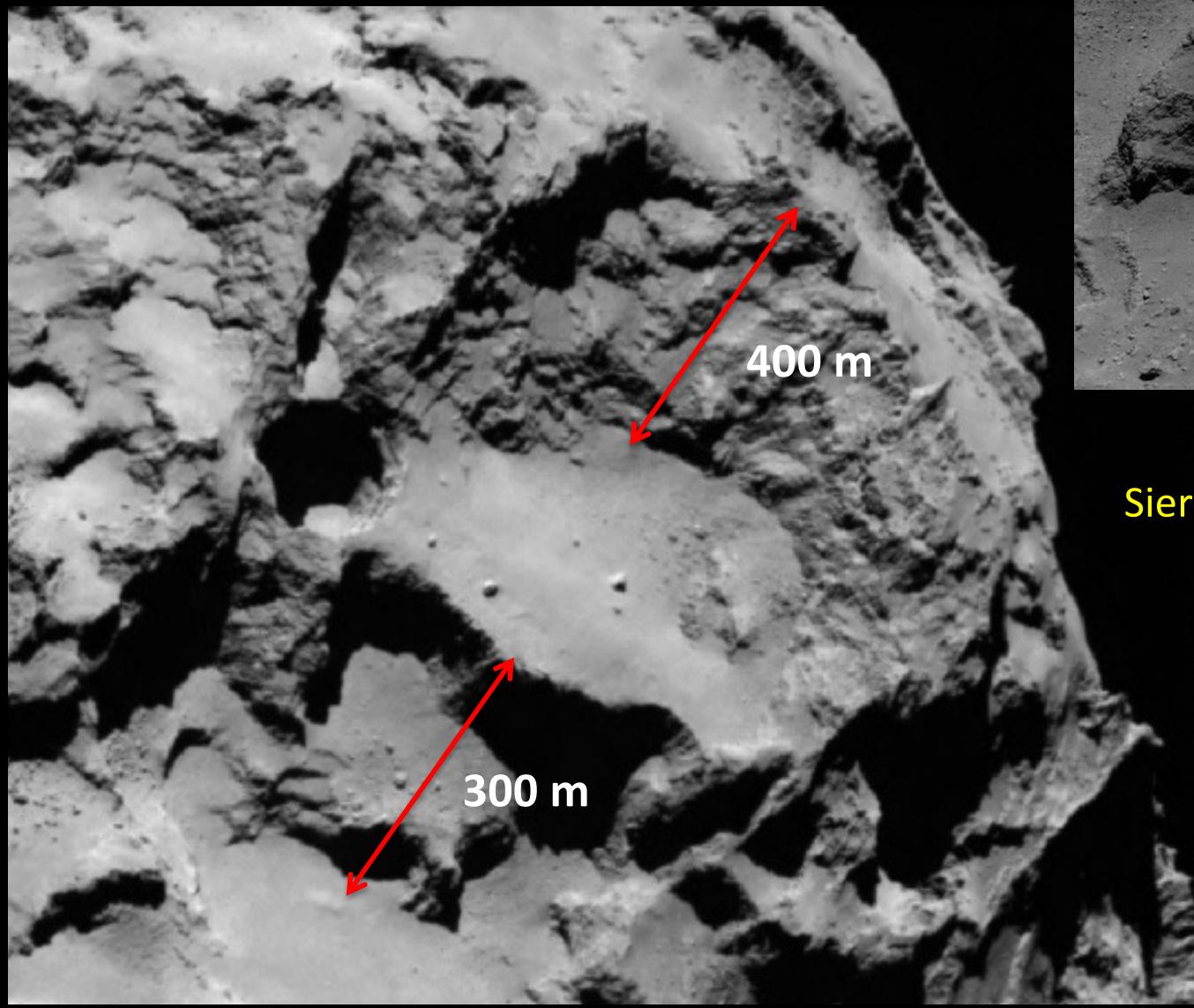


Thomas et al., 2015

1px= 75 cm

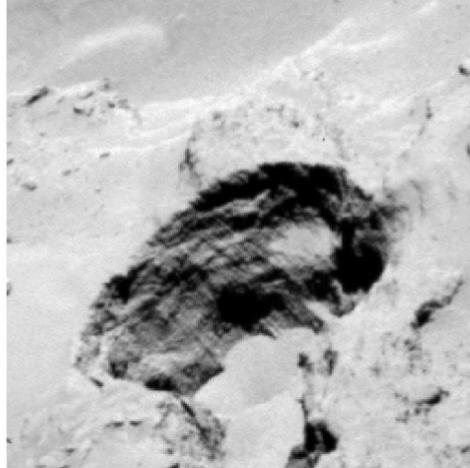
**Small-scale cracking possibly  
resulting from insolation weathering**

# Seth region: pits



Sierks et al., 2015

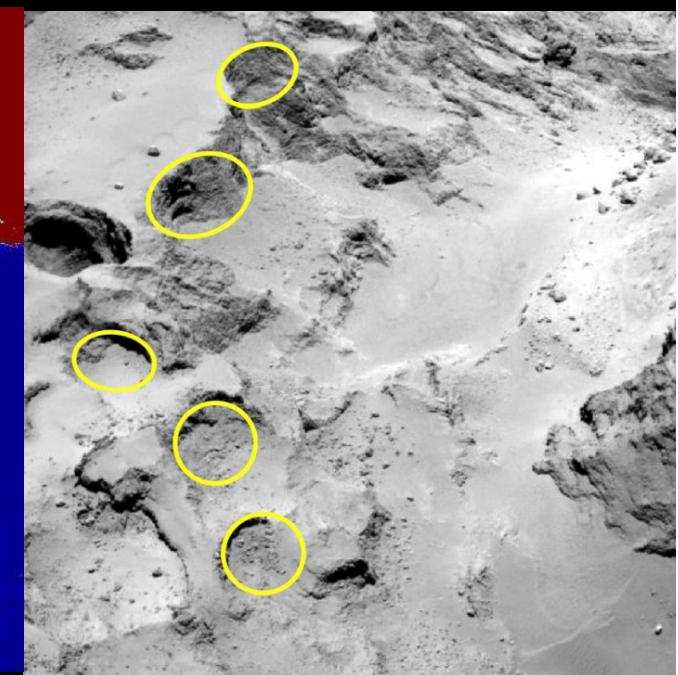
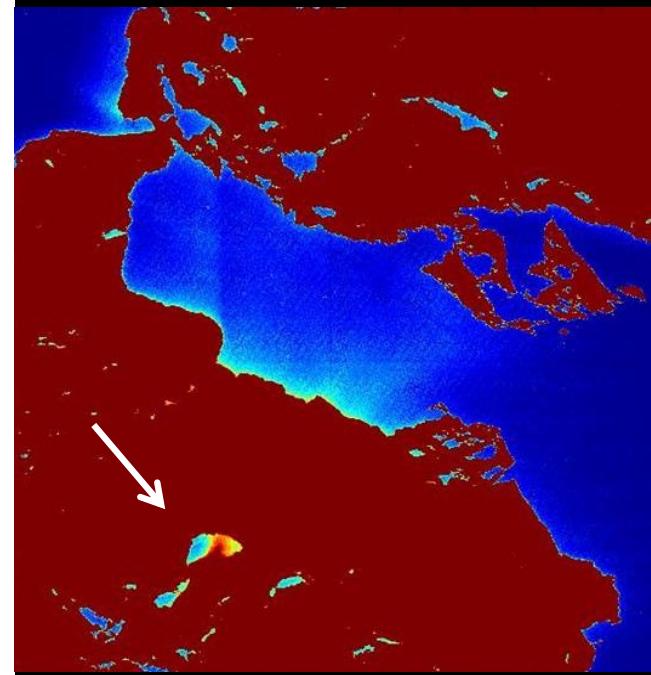
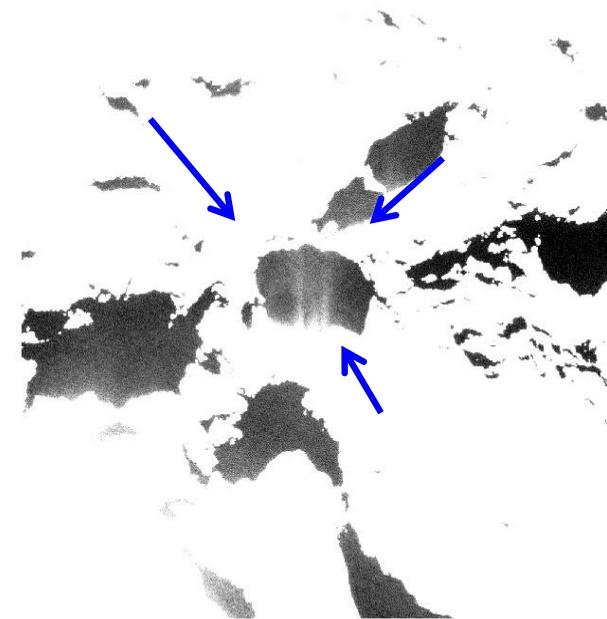
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## Puits actifs

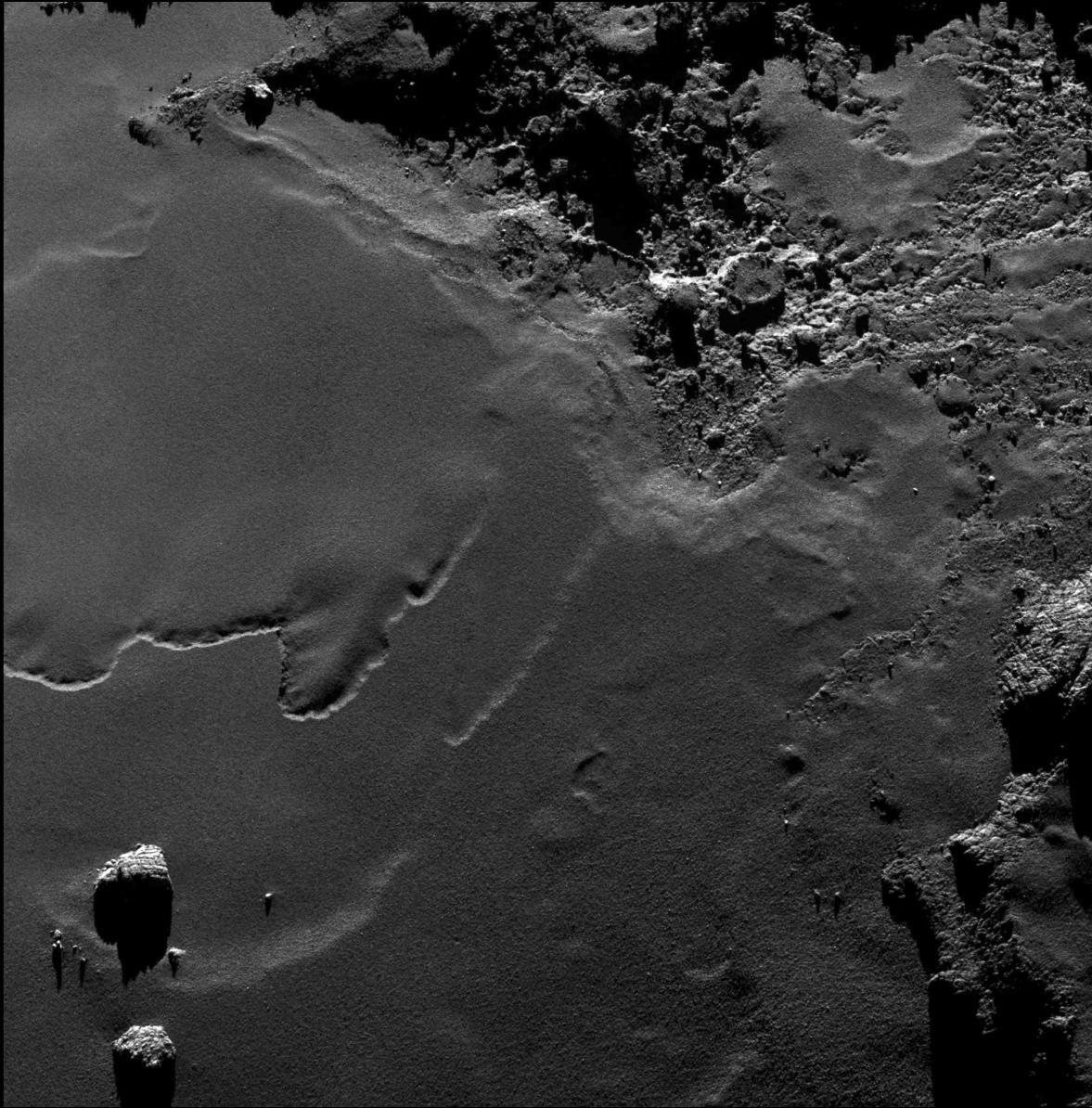
- The pit has a very peculiar morphology, with horizontal layers and vertical striations.
- Many jets can be linked to this hole, apparently starting from the bright walls on both sides.  
Diameter : 50-300 m, depth 10-200 m  
→ endogenic activity: explosive activity + collapse processes

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Vincent et al., 2015

# Imothepe: terrains lisses

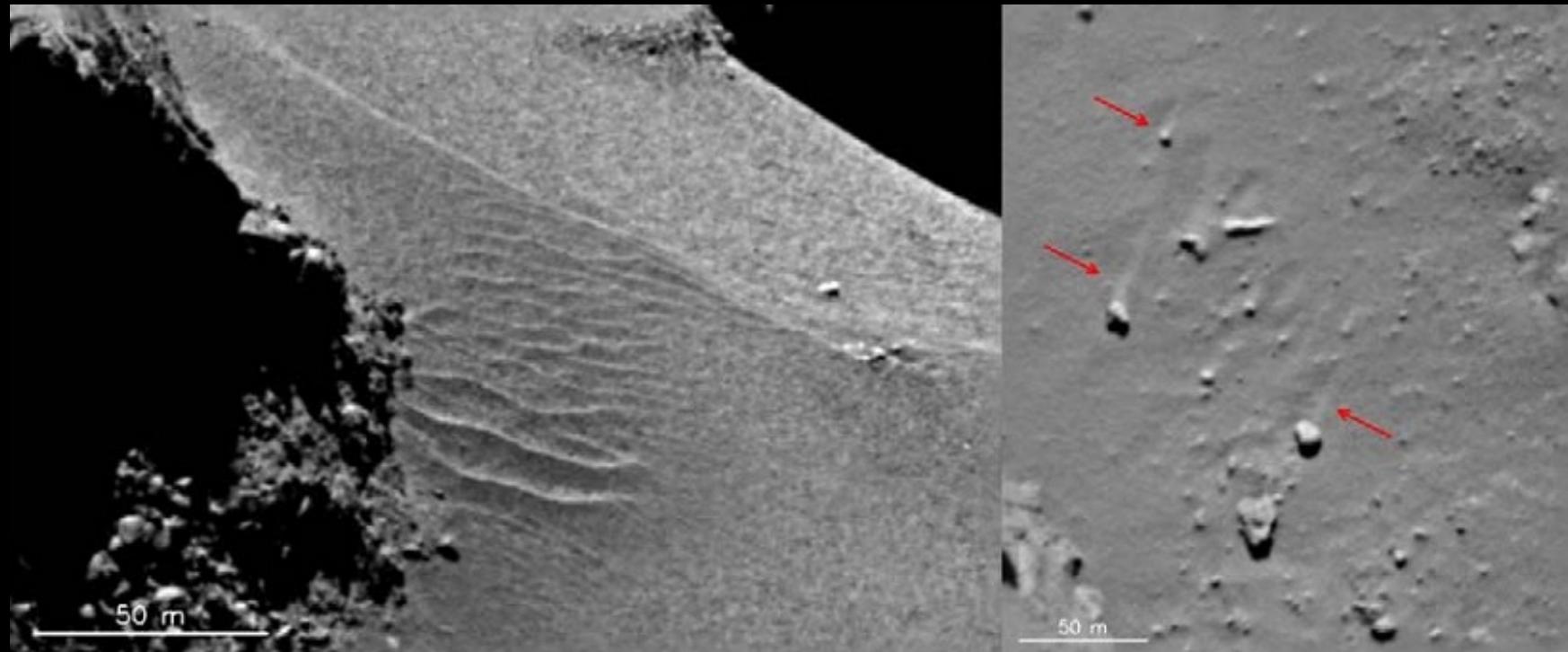


Cracks, Uniform  
Deposits,  
Material  
transport or  
Multiple Fluid  
Events?

Auger et al., 2015, A&A, in  
press

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# Dunes & wind tails in HAPI



HAPI shows aeolian ripple field, and several boulders appear to have wind tails

aeolian dust transport may be of significance

Estimated gas velocity = 335 m/s, comparable to gas flow velocities seen in most fluid dynamics calculations

Thomas et al., 2015; Sierks et al., 2015

# Activité de la comète

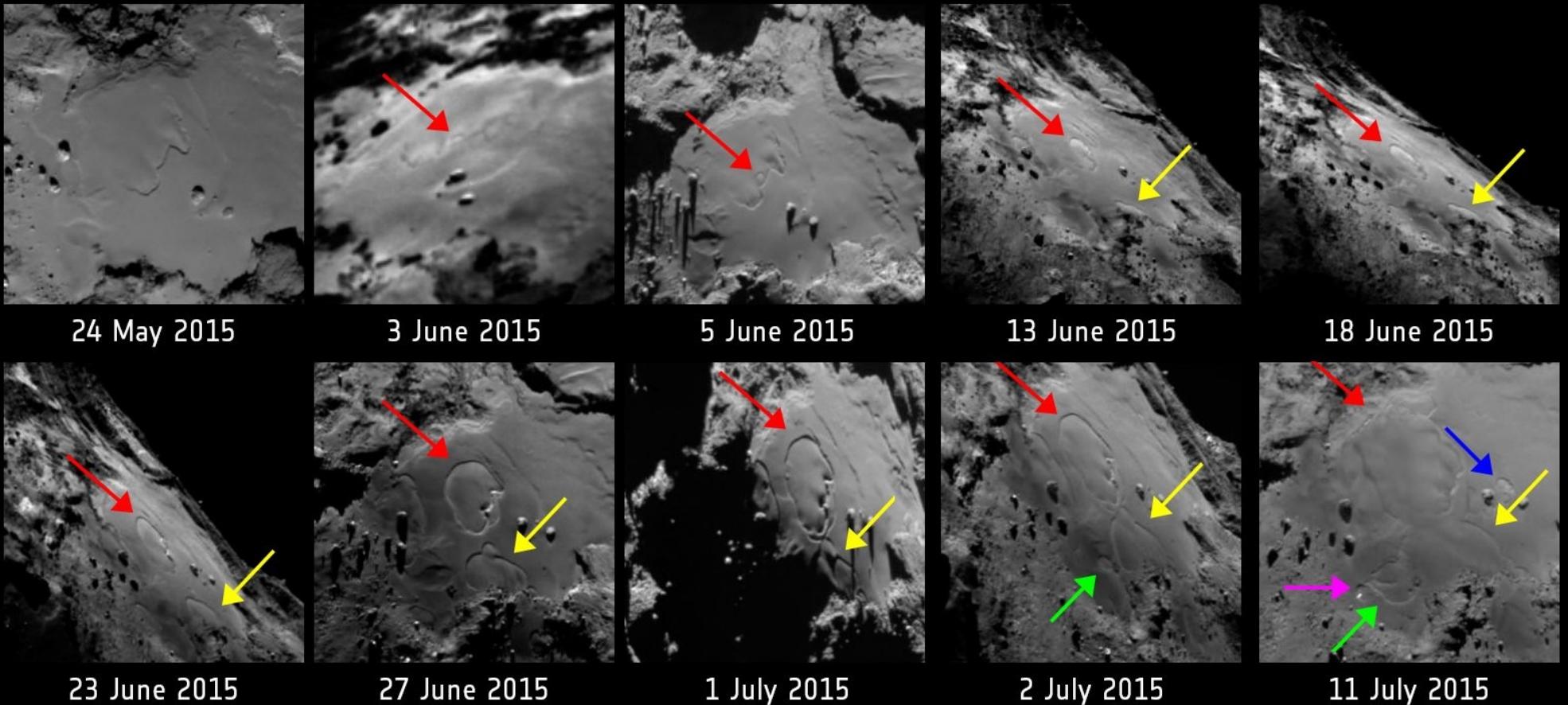
**NAC images**  
25-26 July  
12 m/px



**WAC images, filtre OI**  
9-10 September  
3.5 m/px



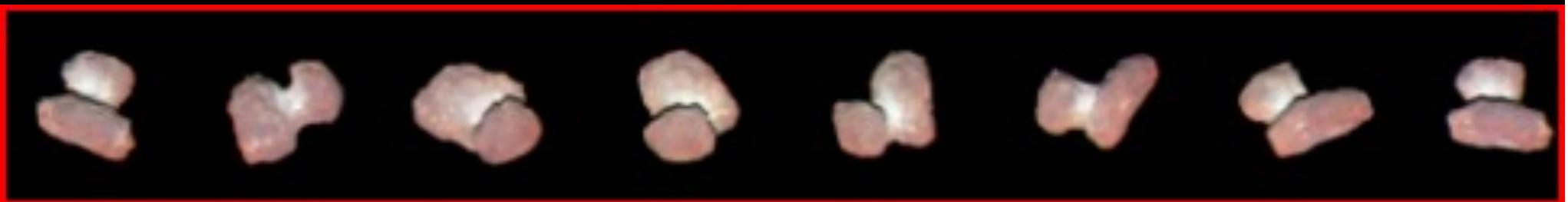
# *Rajeunissement de surface*



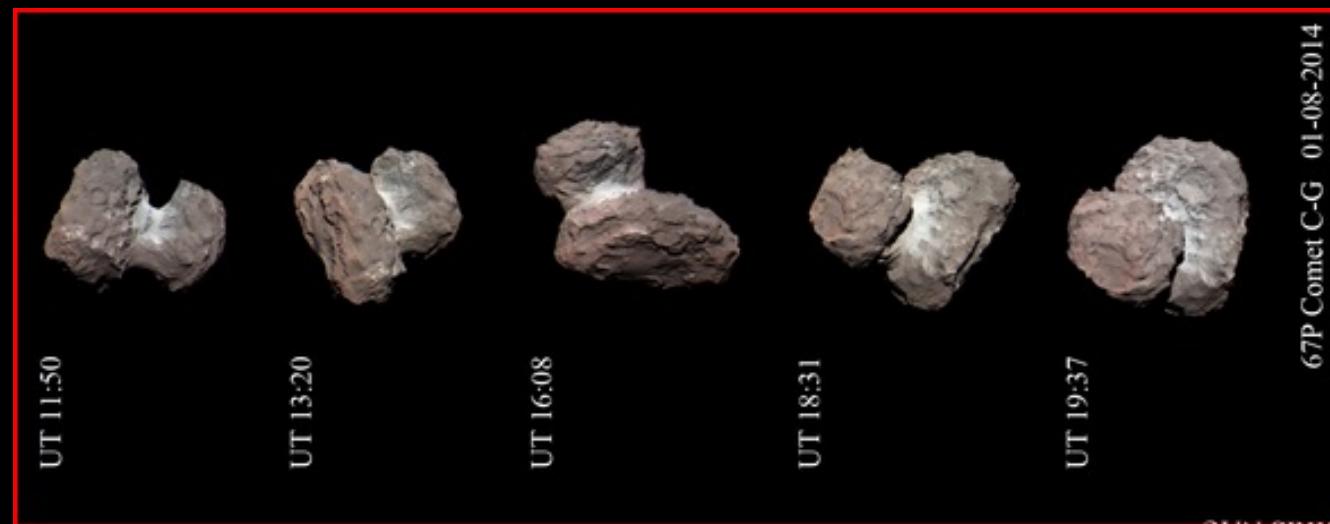
# Variations de couleur

The 67P surface is heterogeneous: the central region, which is also a clear source of activity looks brighter .

25 July data: res 56m/px, 360-535-743 color maps



1 August data: res 18.5m/px, 480-535-649 color maps



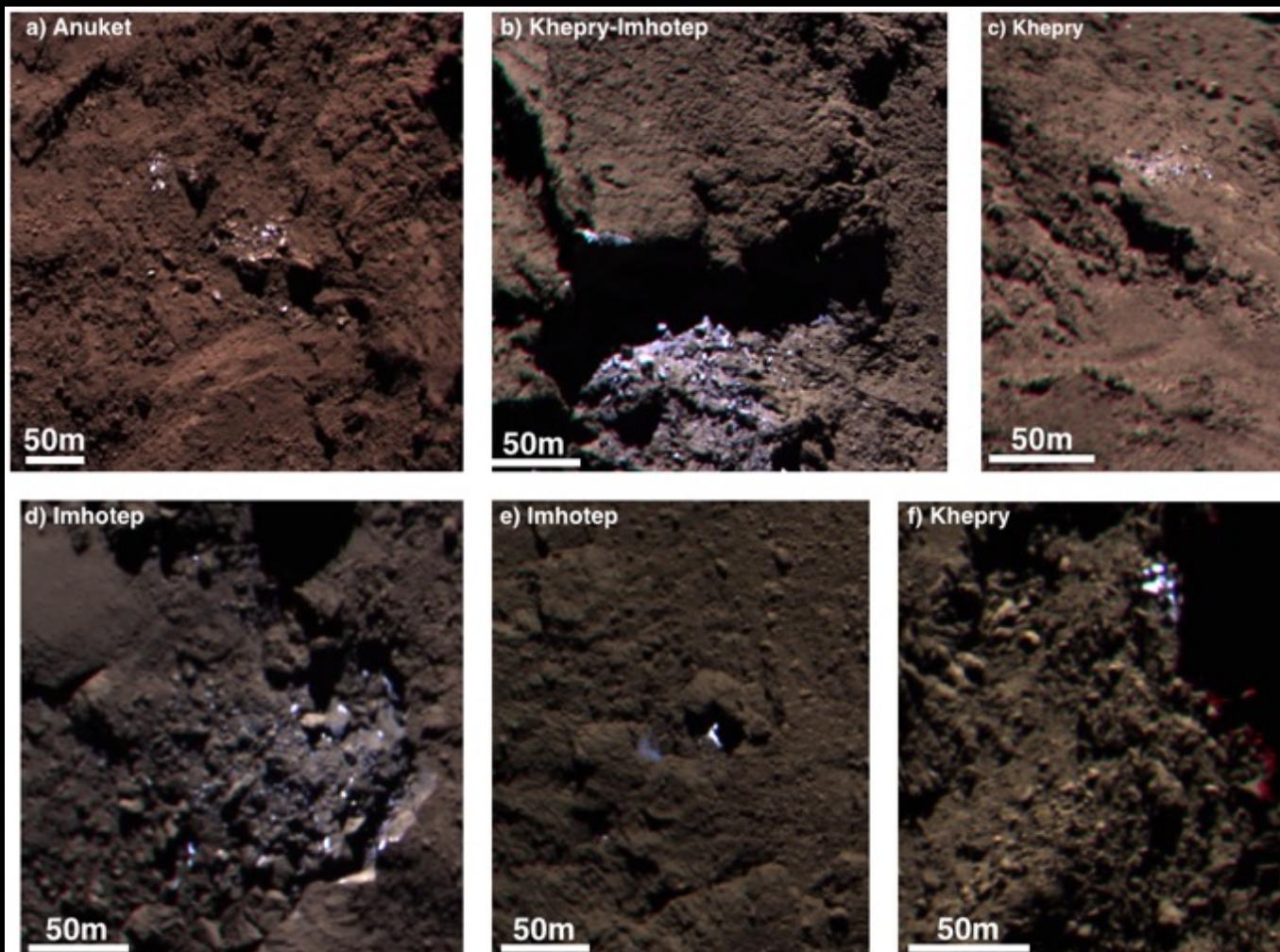


**5 Sept 08h, phase 70°**



## **Rochers clairs ~ 1 m**

- Appear in all types of morphologic regions but some regions show a much higher concentration of these features: Imhotep, Khepri...
- Concentrated in the areas that receive the lowest insolation: often surrounded by shadows.



**Variable size and shape, but in the range of metres**

**Clustered (20) or isolated**

**Ten times brigther than sourronding regions, and bluer**



**Exposed water ice!**

# CONCERT et SESAME-PP

Kofman et al. (2015) Science

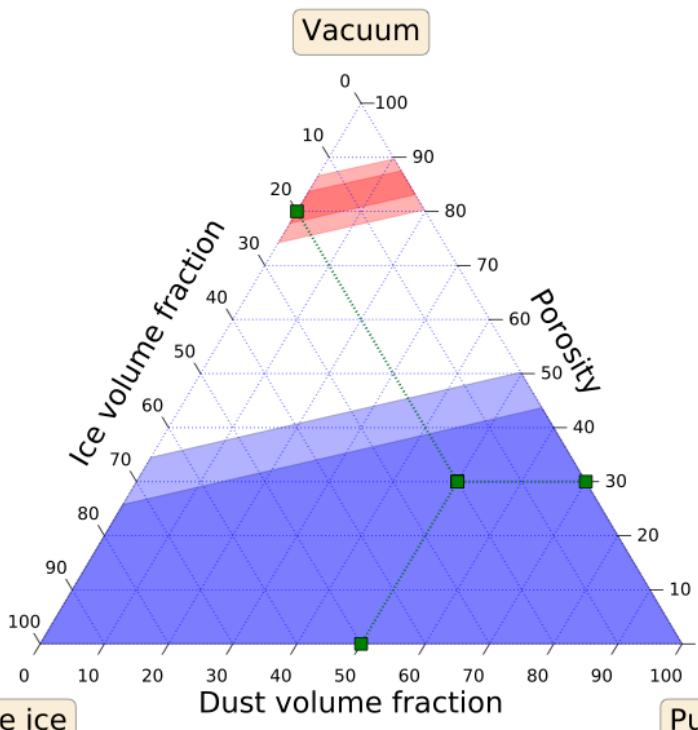
Ciarletti et al. (2015) A&A

Lethuillier et al. (2016) A&A

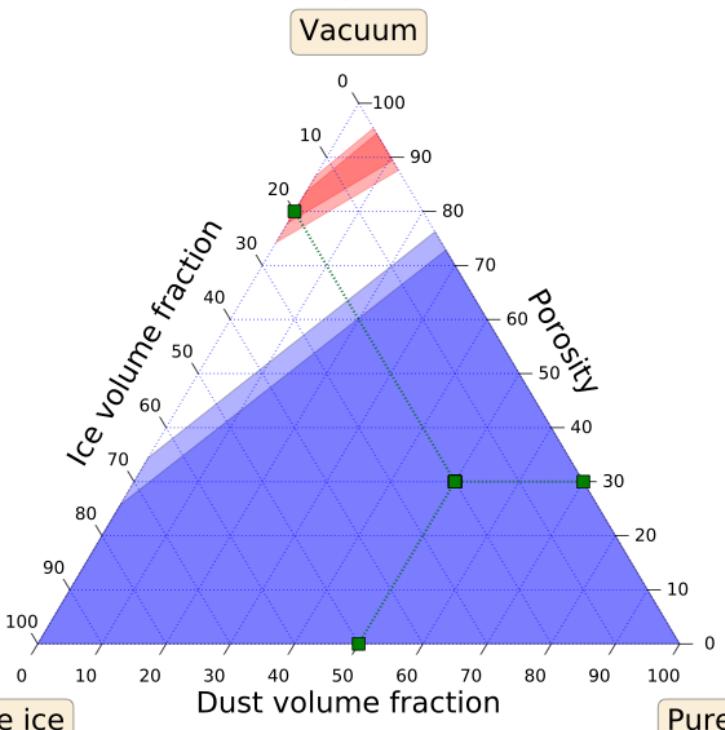
Basse porosité dans les premiers mètres



a) Carbonaceous Chondrites

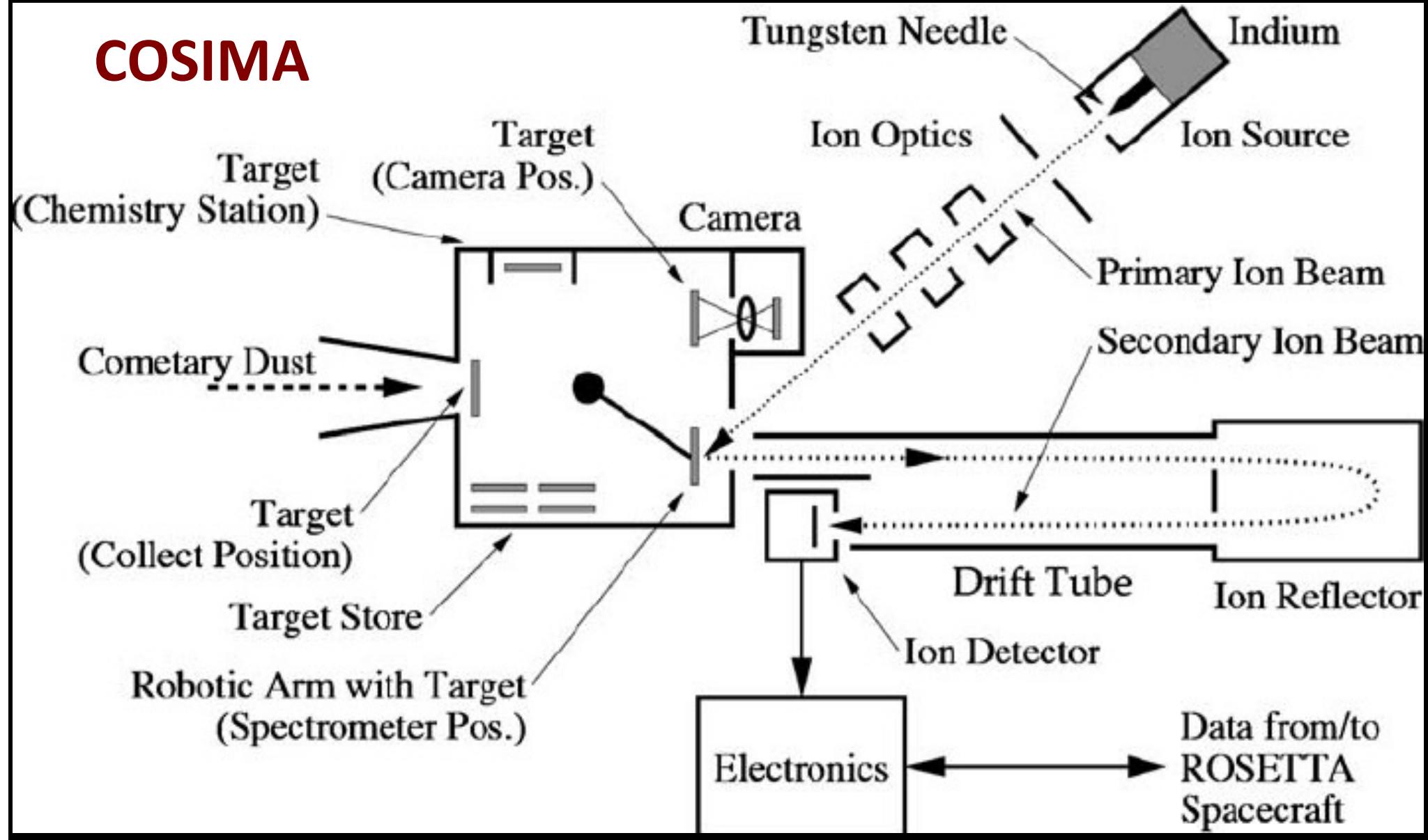


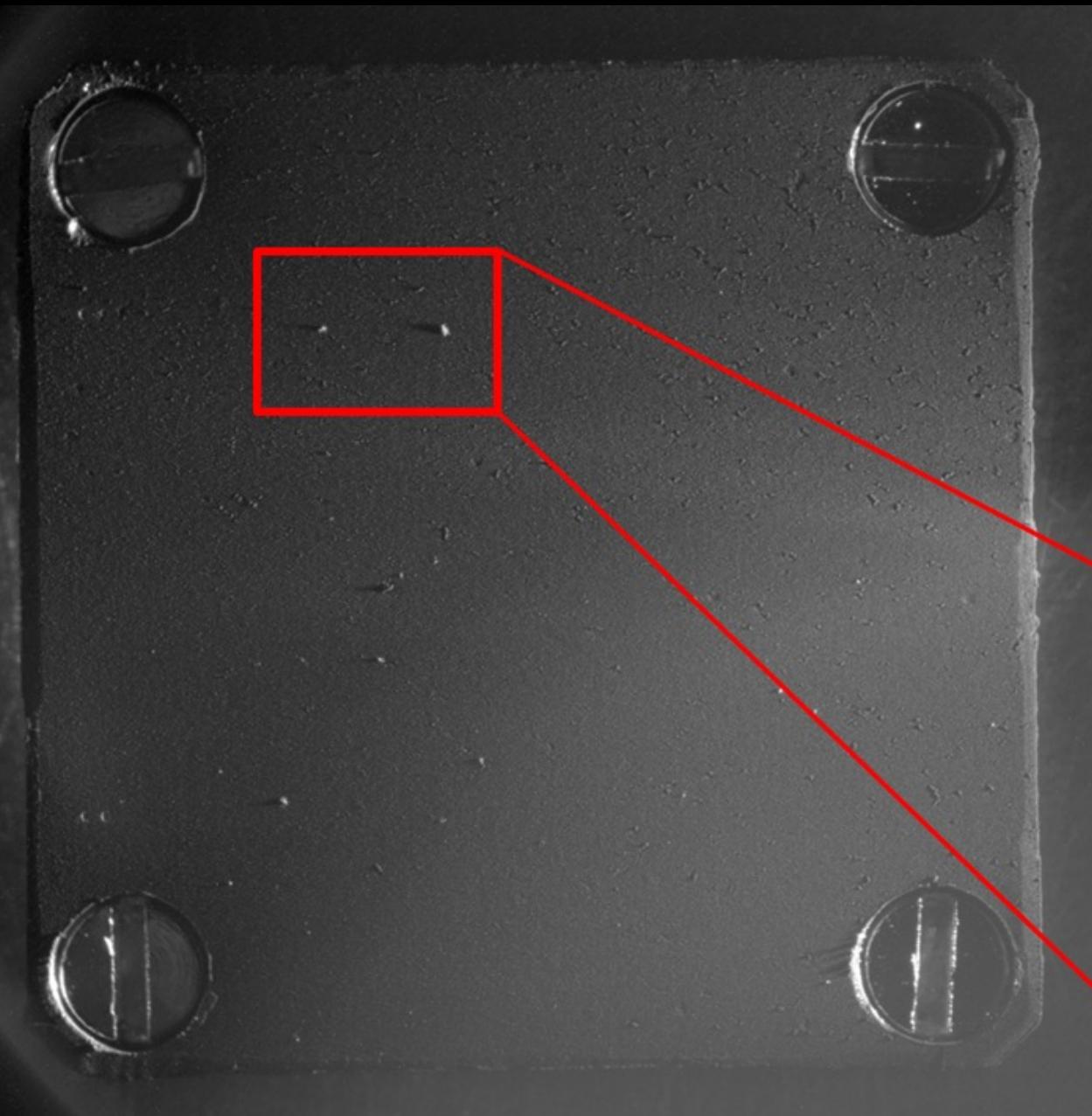
b) Ordinary Chondrites



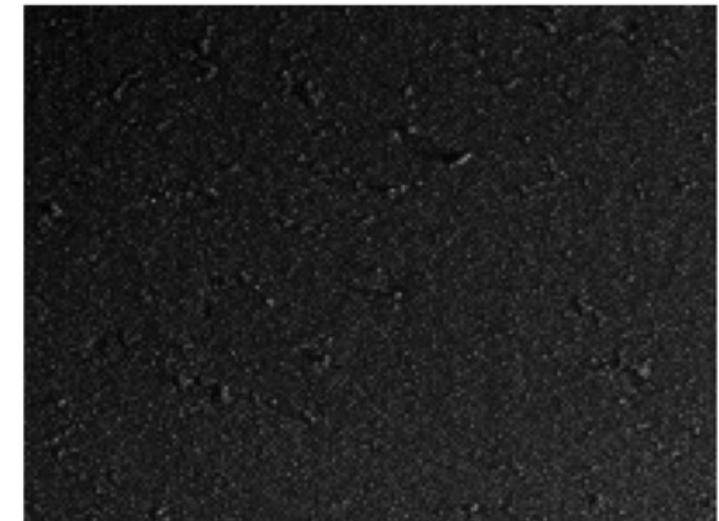
# *La poussière cométaire*

# COSIMA





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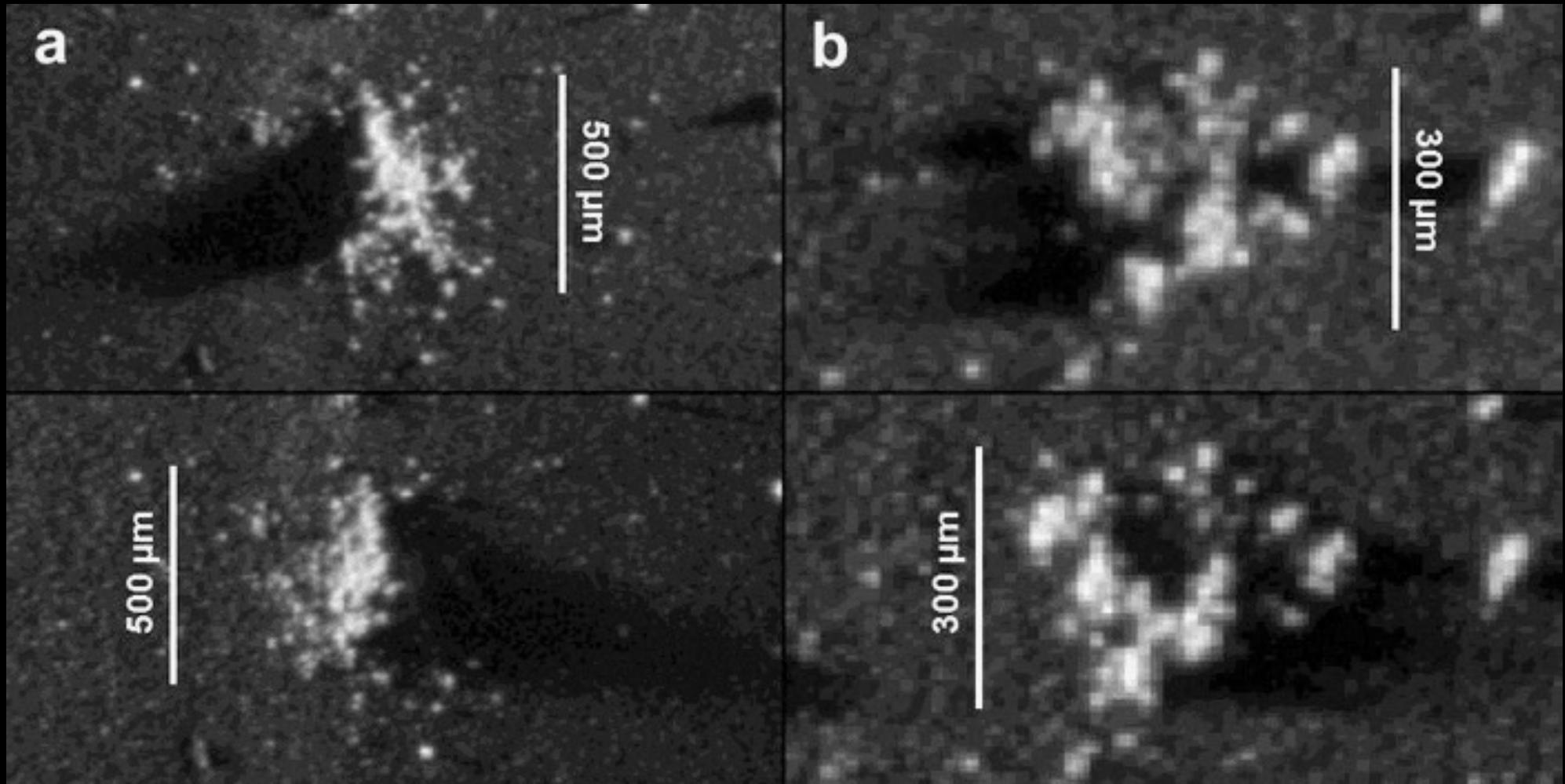


24/08/2014





# La poussière



**d**

A black and white fluorescence micrograph showing a field of small, scattered bright spots against a dark background. Four specific regions are labeled with white letters: 'd' is located in the upper right quadrant, 'a' is in the middle right, 'b' is in the lower left, and 'c' is in the middle left. A horizontal scale bar is located in the bottom right corner, consisting of a short horizontal line above the text '500 μm'.

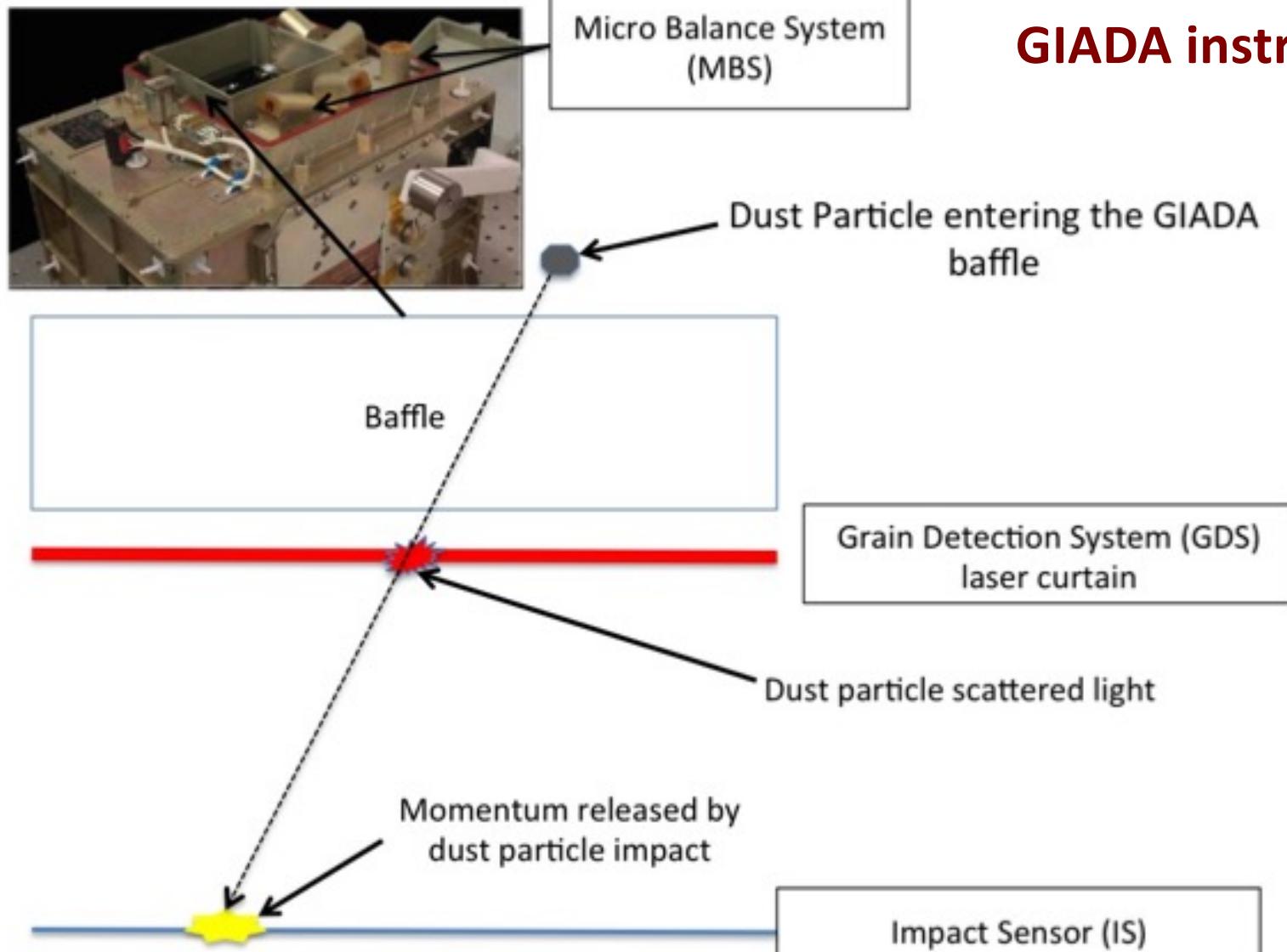
**a**

**b**

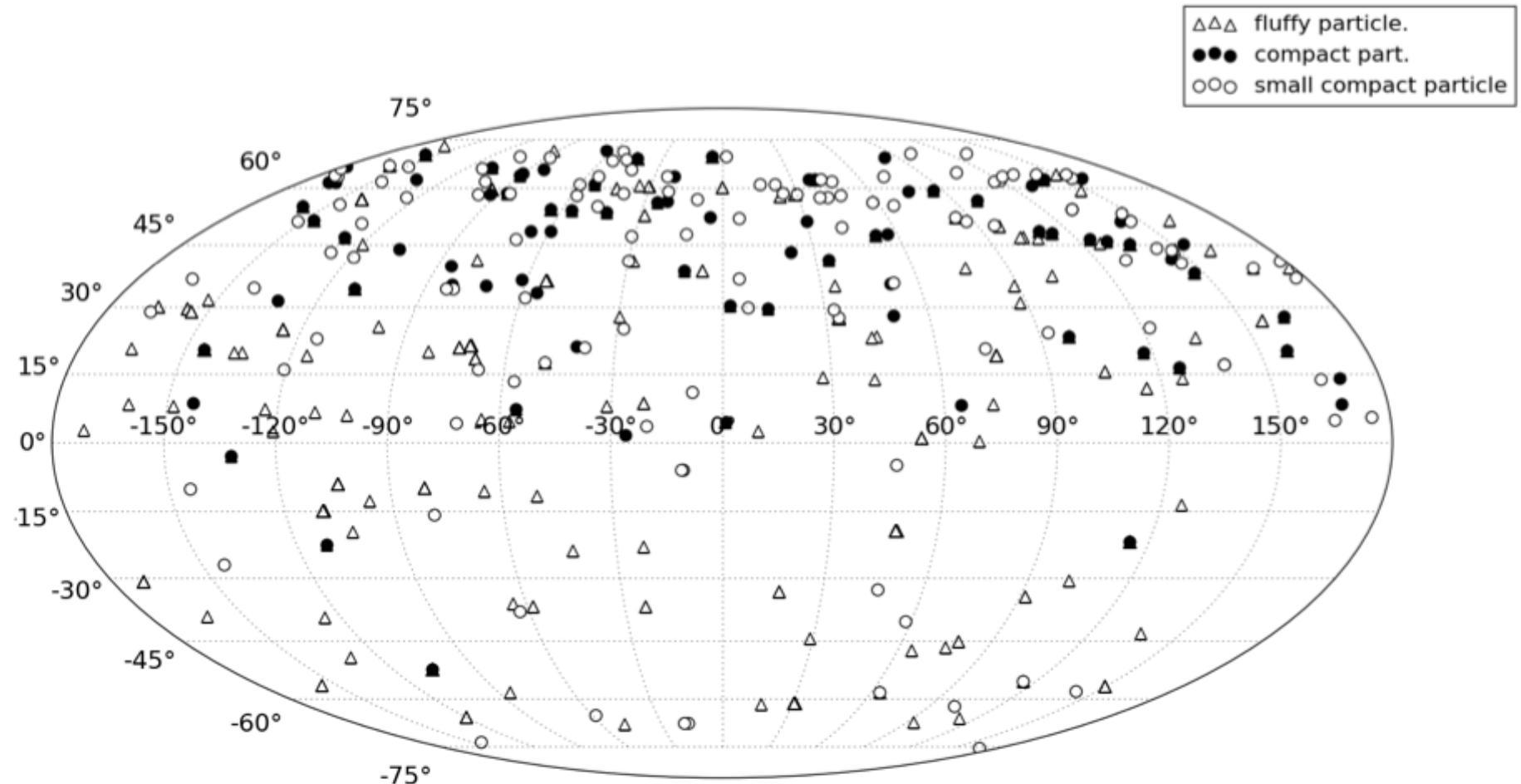
**c**

**500 μm**

## GIADA instrument

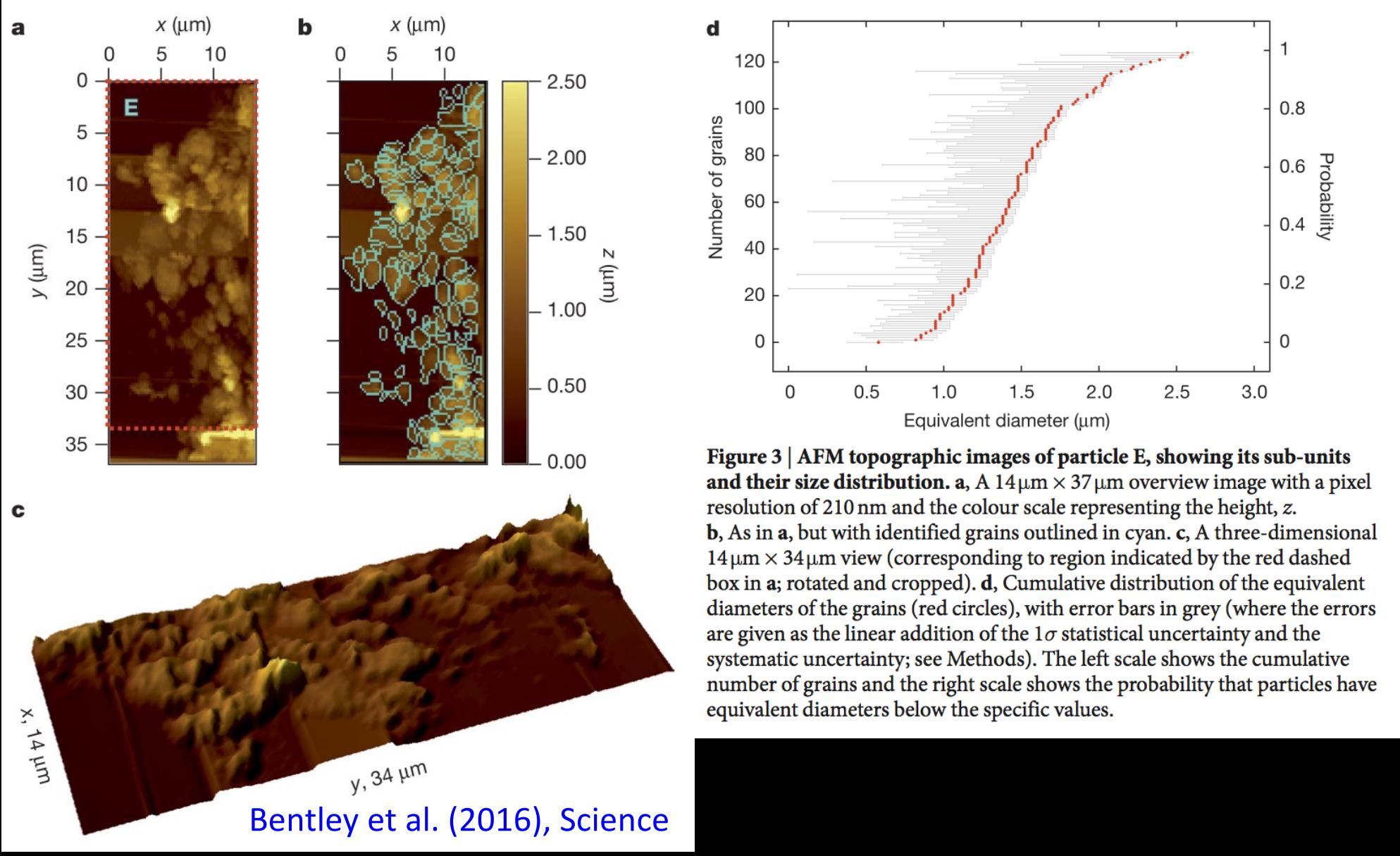


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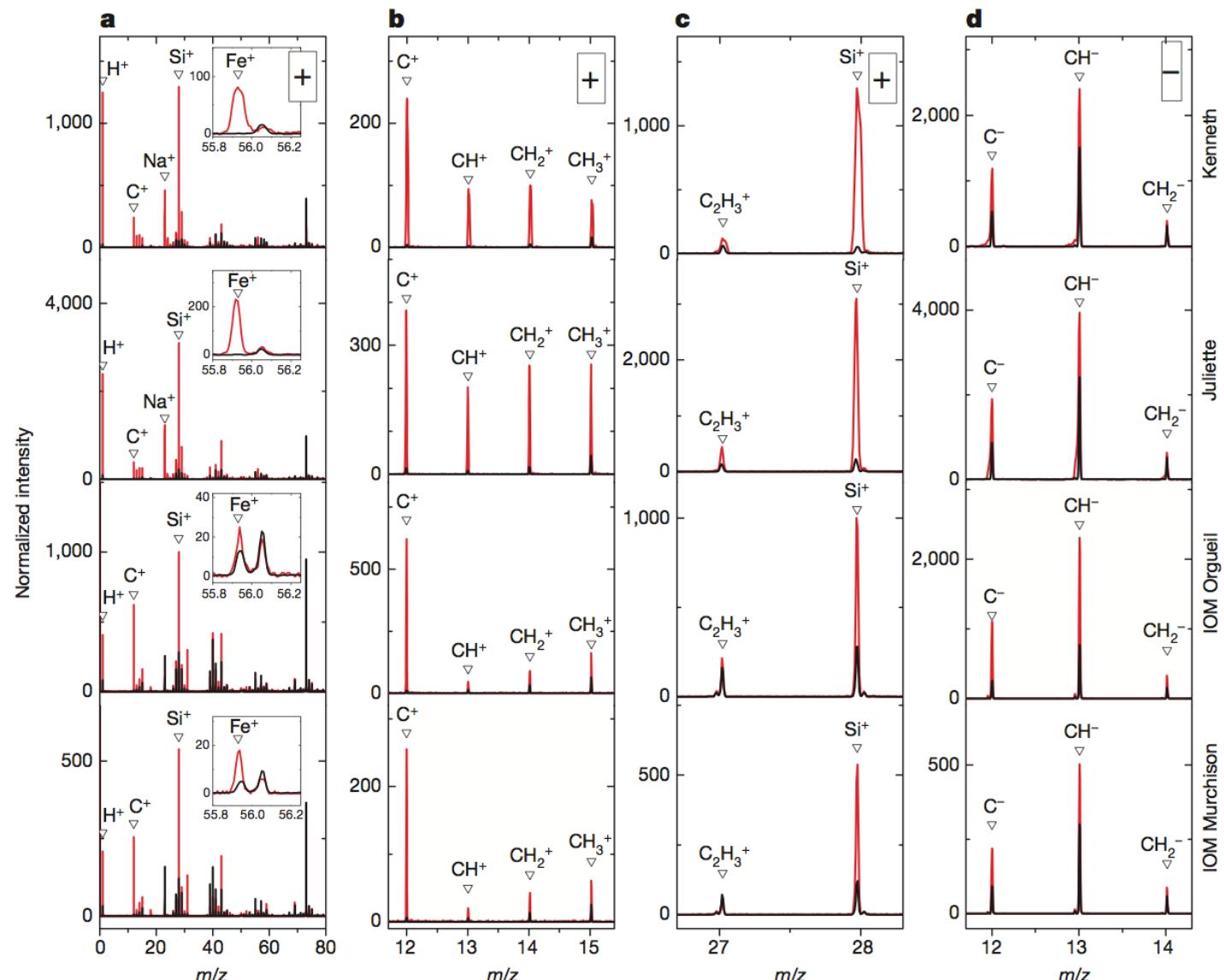
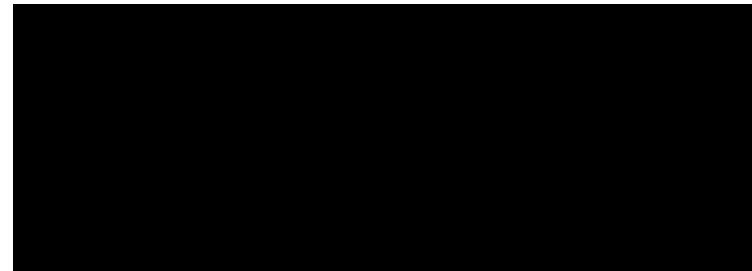
**Fig. 3.** Particle spatial distribution by type: fluffy, compact, and small compact detected during the bound-orbit phase. Fluffy particles, plotted as clusters, i.e., only the detection of each shower is reported, seem the more dispersed particles together with, although to a lesser extent, small compact particles.

# MIDAS

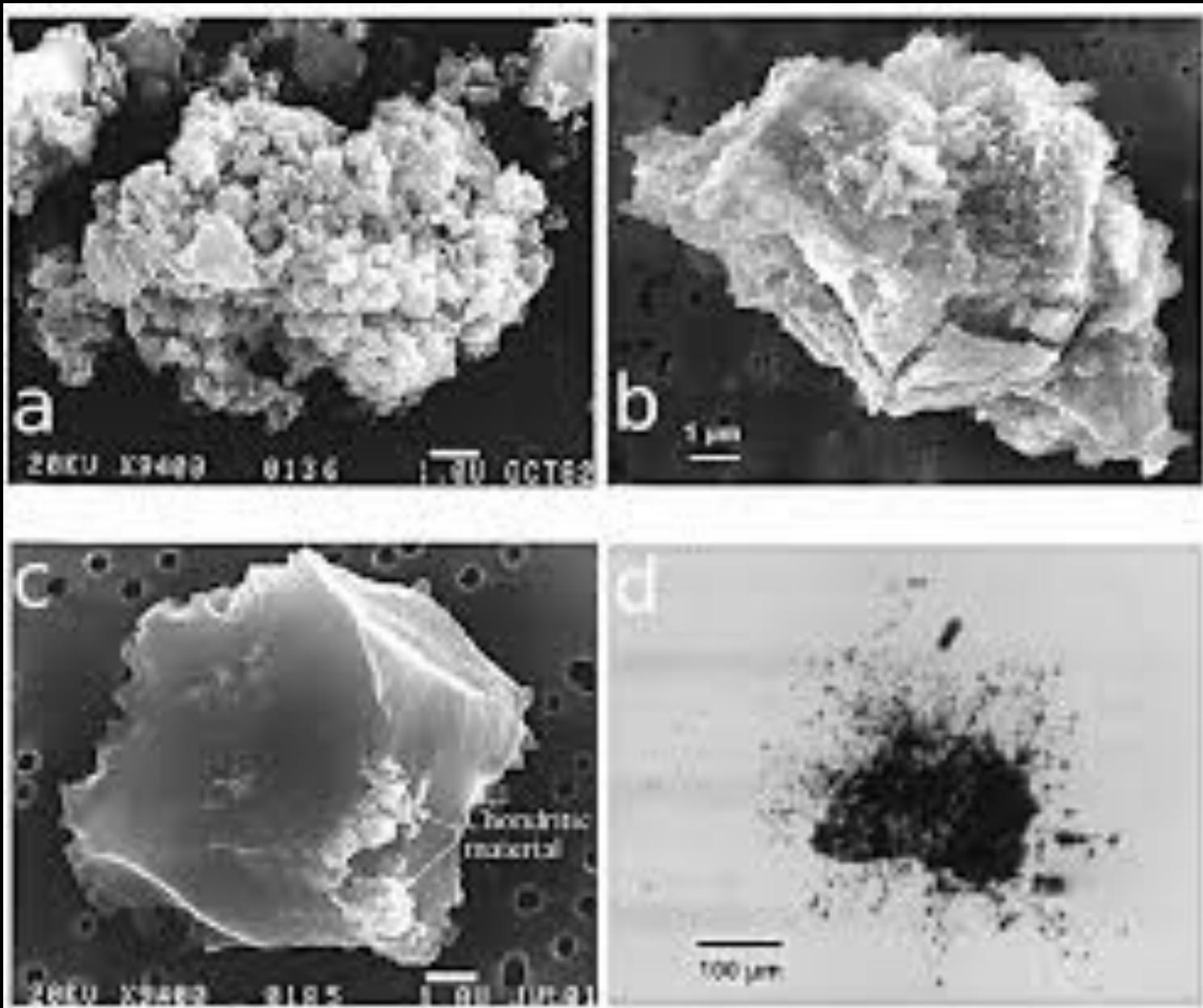


# High-molecular-weight organic matter in the particles of comet 67P/Churyumov–Gerasimenko

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# Poussières stratosphériques et Antarctiques



# ***La composition de la surface***



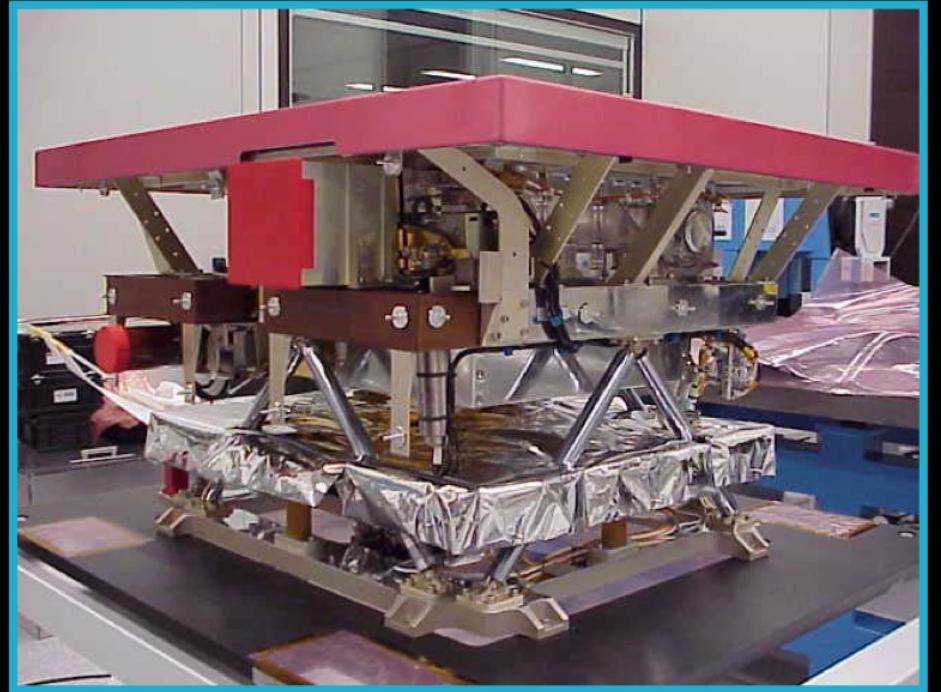
# VIRTIS

Visible, InfraRed and Thermal Imaging Spectrometer



**VIRTIS** combines an imaging spectrometer (**M**) **and** a high resolution spectrometer (**H**).

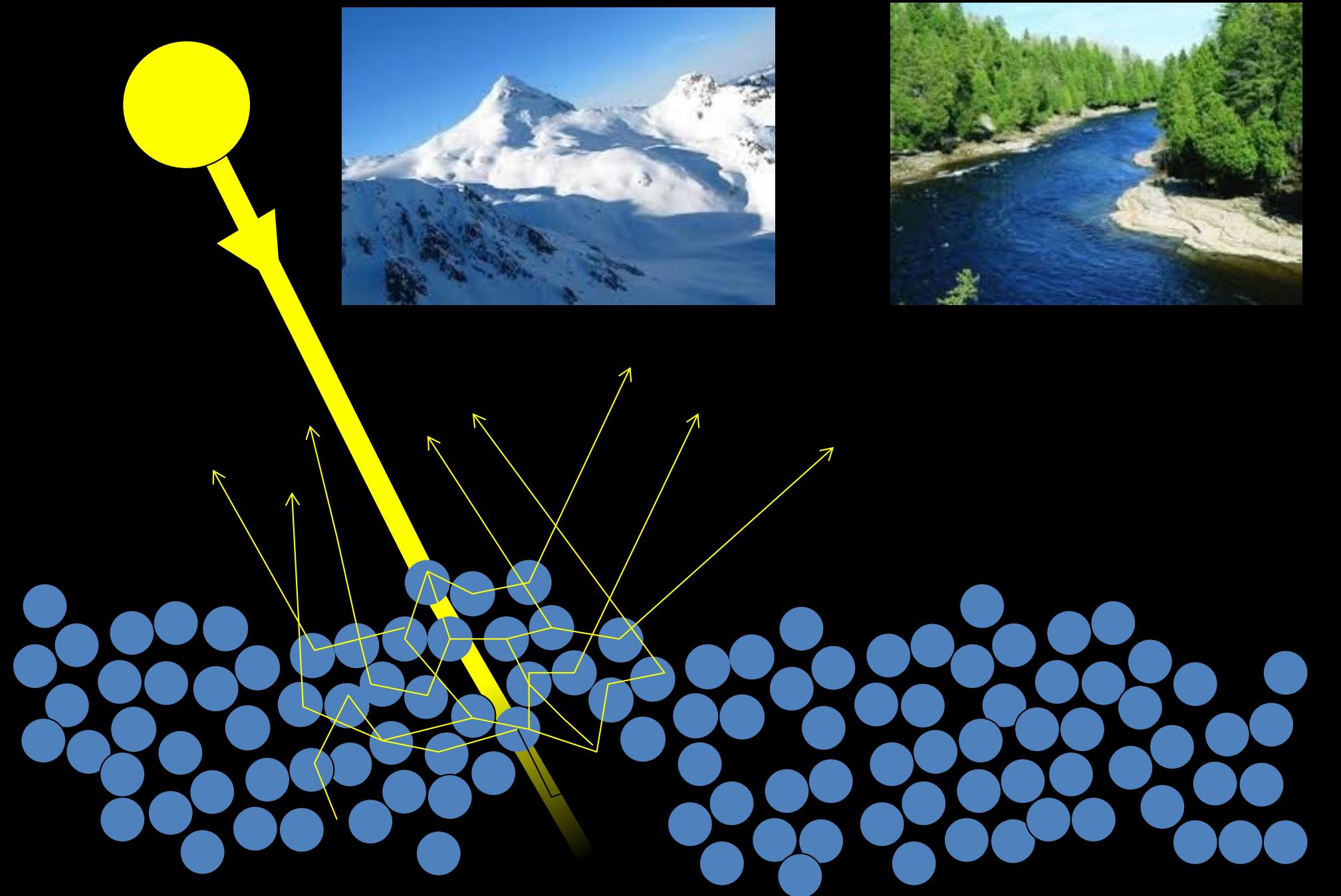
**VIRTIS –M** is a **slit spectrometer**; acquires **hyperspectral images** with a max spatial resolution of  $250\mu\text{rad}$ , using an internal scan mirror, in the spectral range  $0.25\text{-}5 \mu\text{m}$ .



**VIRTIS –H** is a high-resolution infrared spectrometer in the  $2\text{-}5 \mu\text{m}$  range. It uses a prism and a grating to achieve a **spectral resolution as high as 3000** on a matrix detector identical to the VIRTIS-M IR FPA.



# Spectroscopie de réflectance



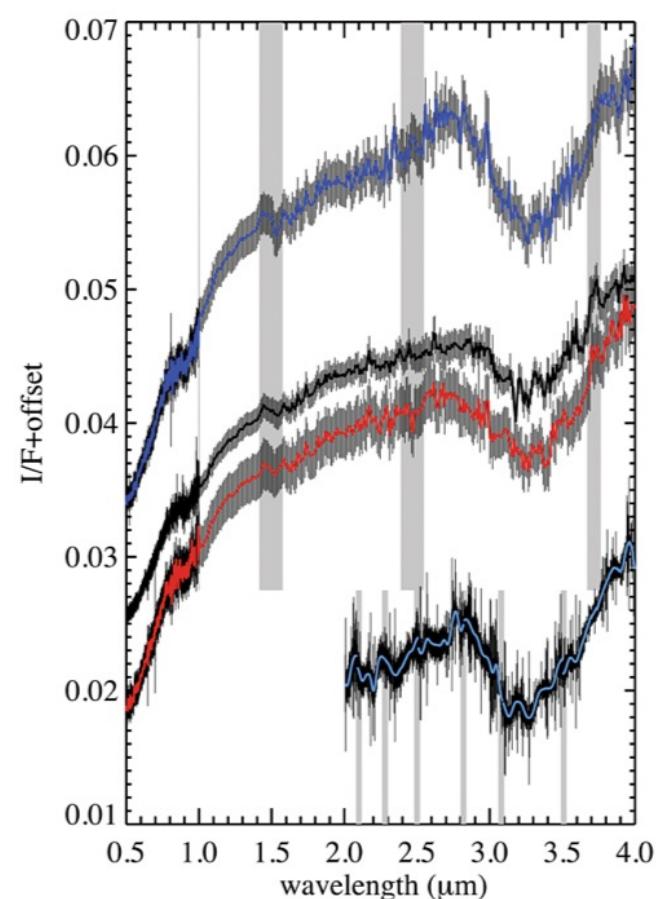
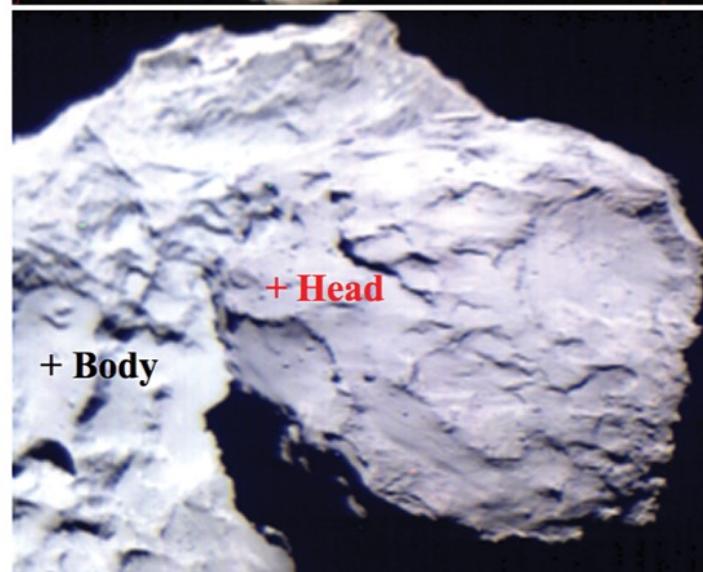
# VIRTIS-M imaged 67P/CG surface within 0.4-5 $\mu$ m

Here we focus on the chemical interpretation of the spectra of ice-free regions

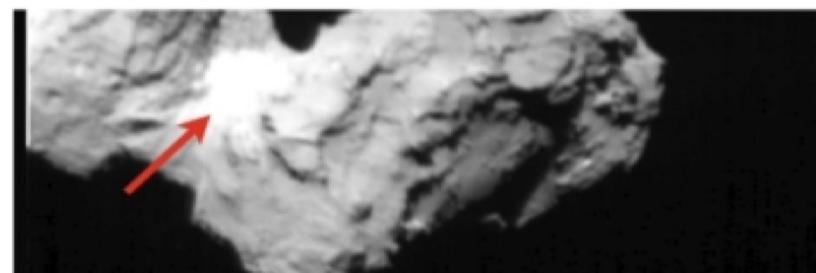
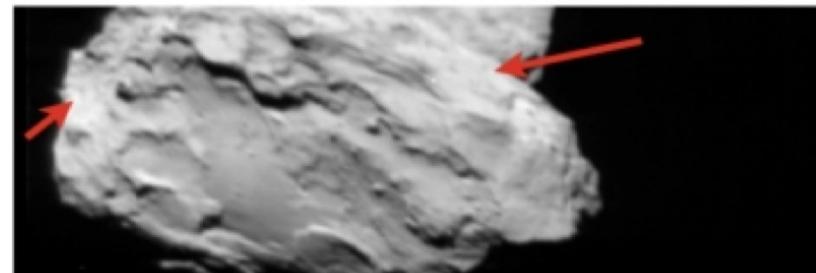
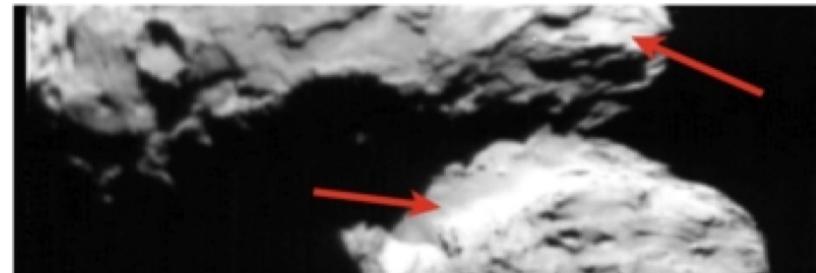
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## The organic-rich surface of comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko as seen by VIRTIS/Rosetta

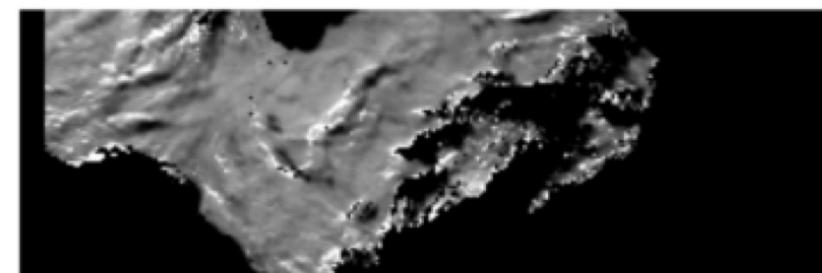
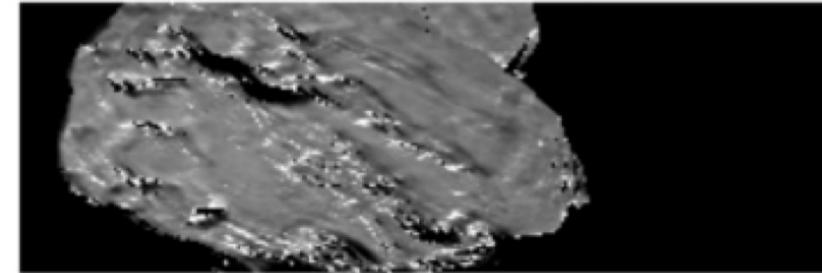
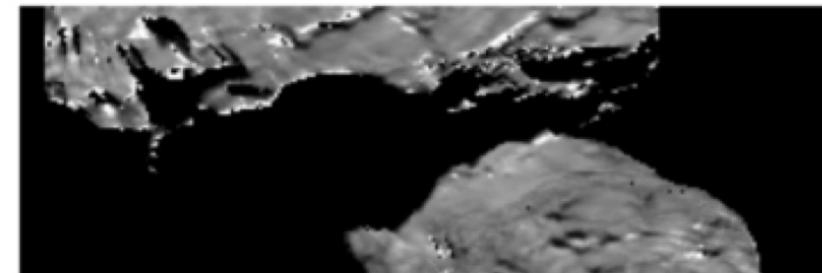
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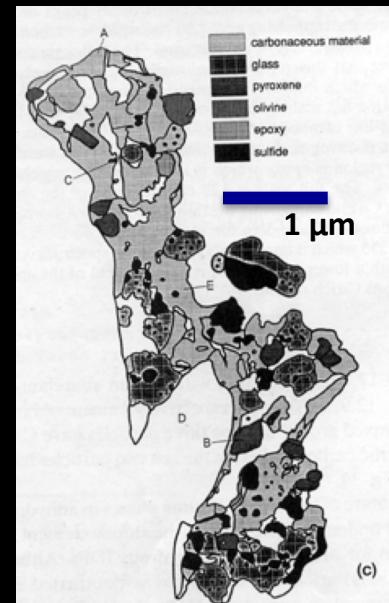
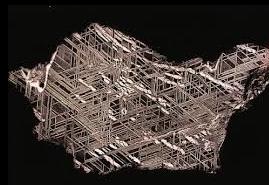
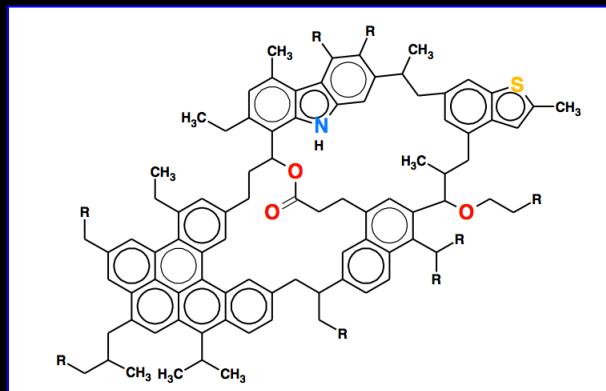


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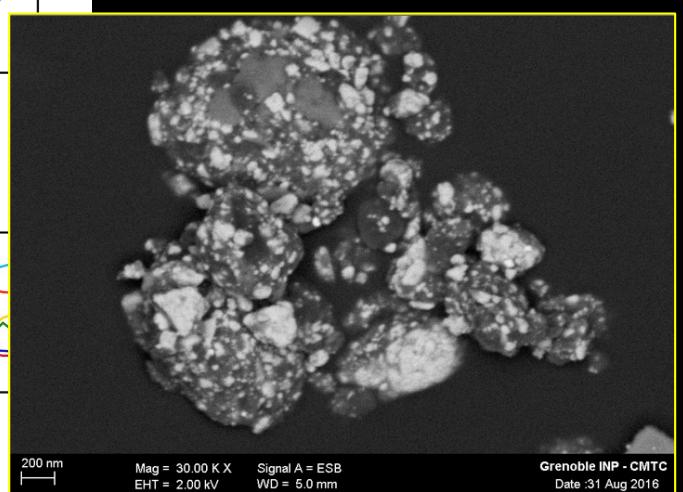
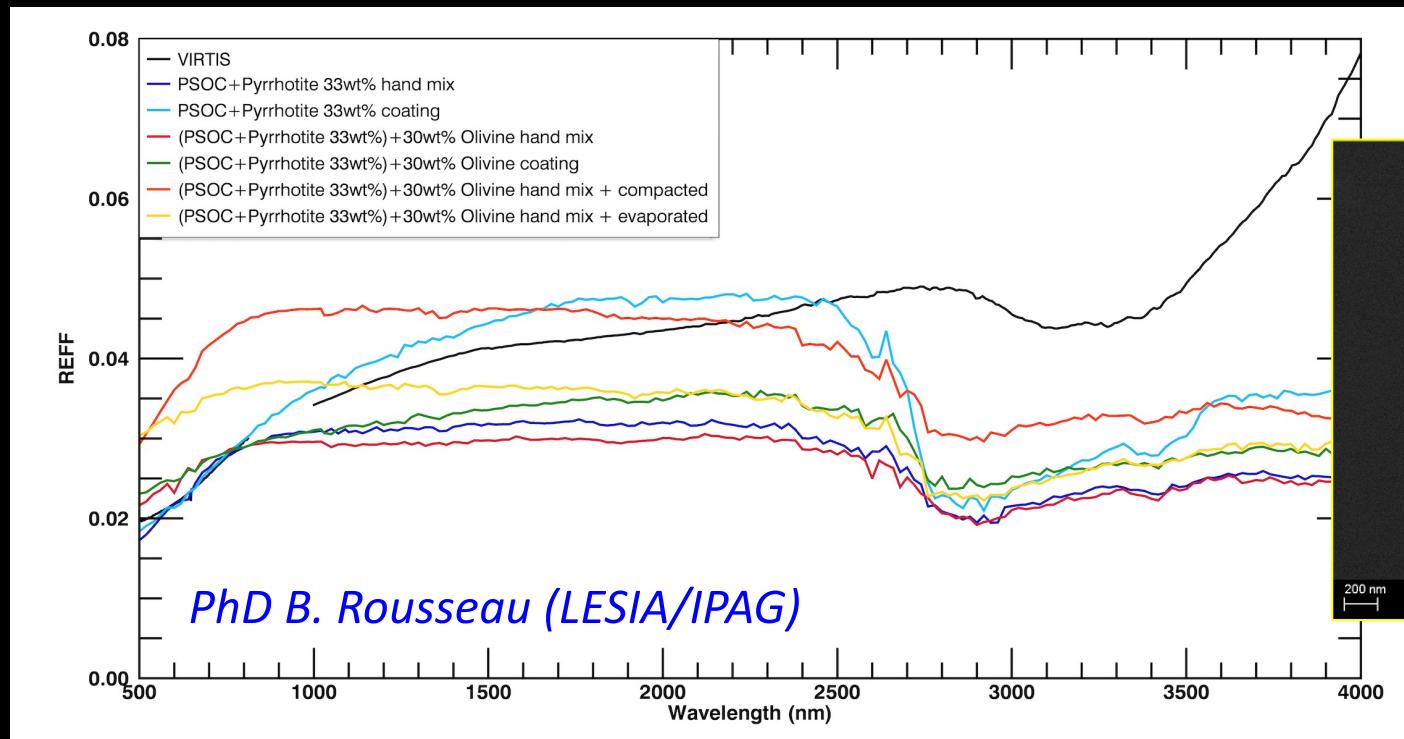
Photometric correction

# Comète sombre= Organiques + Minéraux opaques



Thomas et al. (1993) GCA

Chondritic comet ( $C/Si - S/Si - Fe/S - Mg/Si$ )



# **The 3.2 $\mu\text{m}$ band**

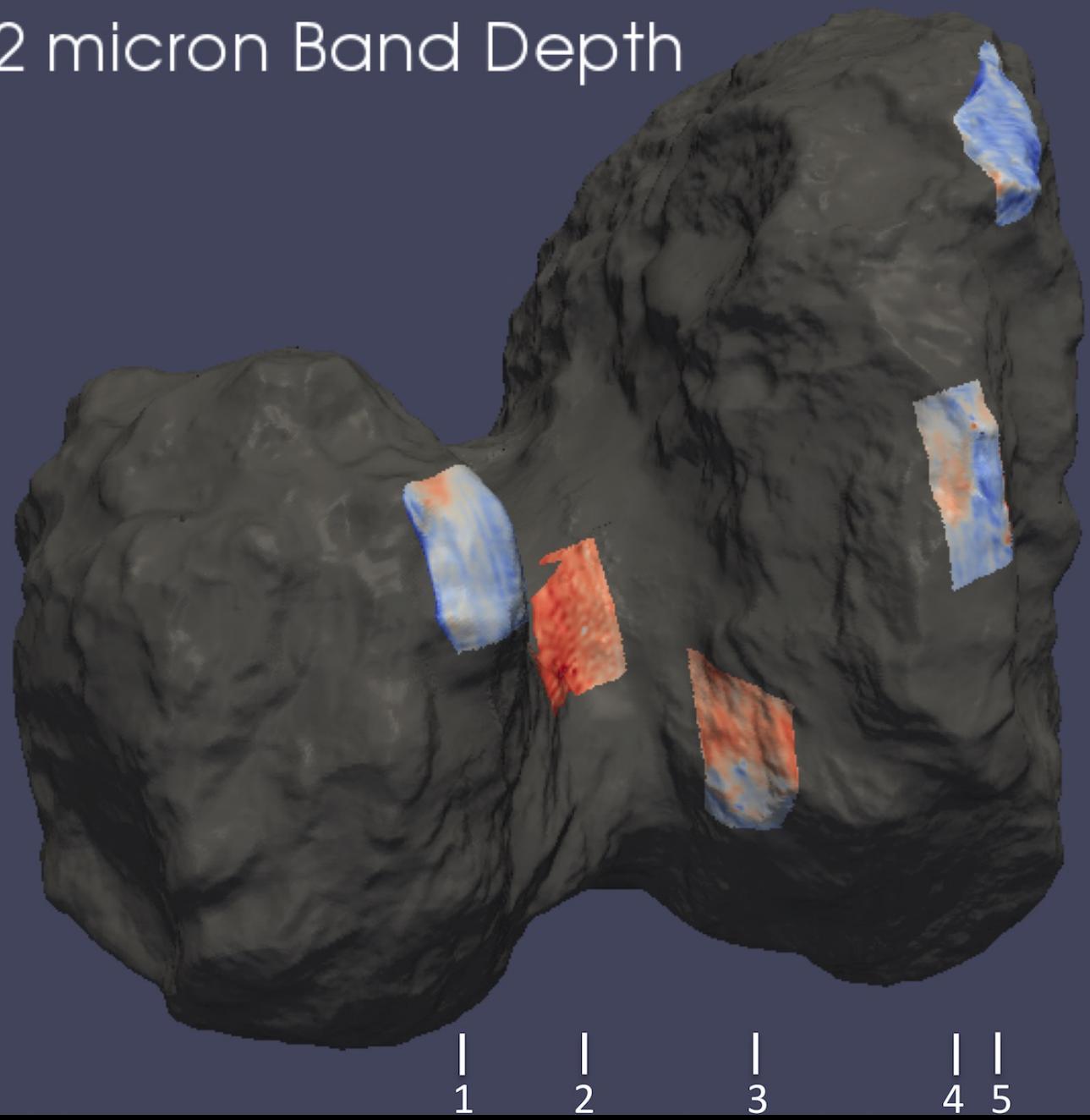
Normalized 3.2 micron Band Depth

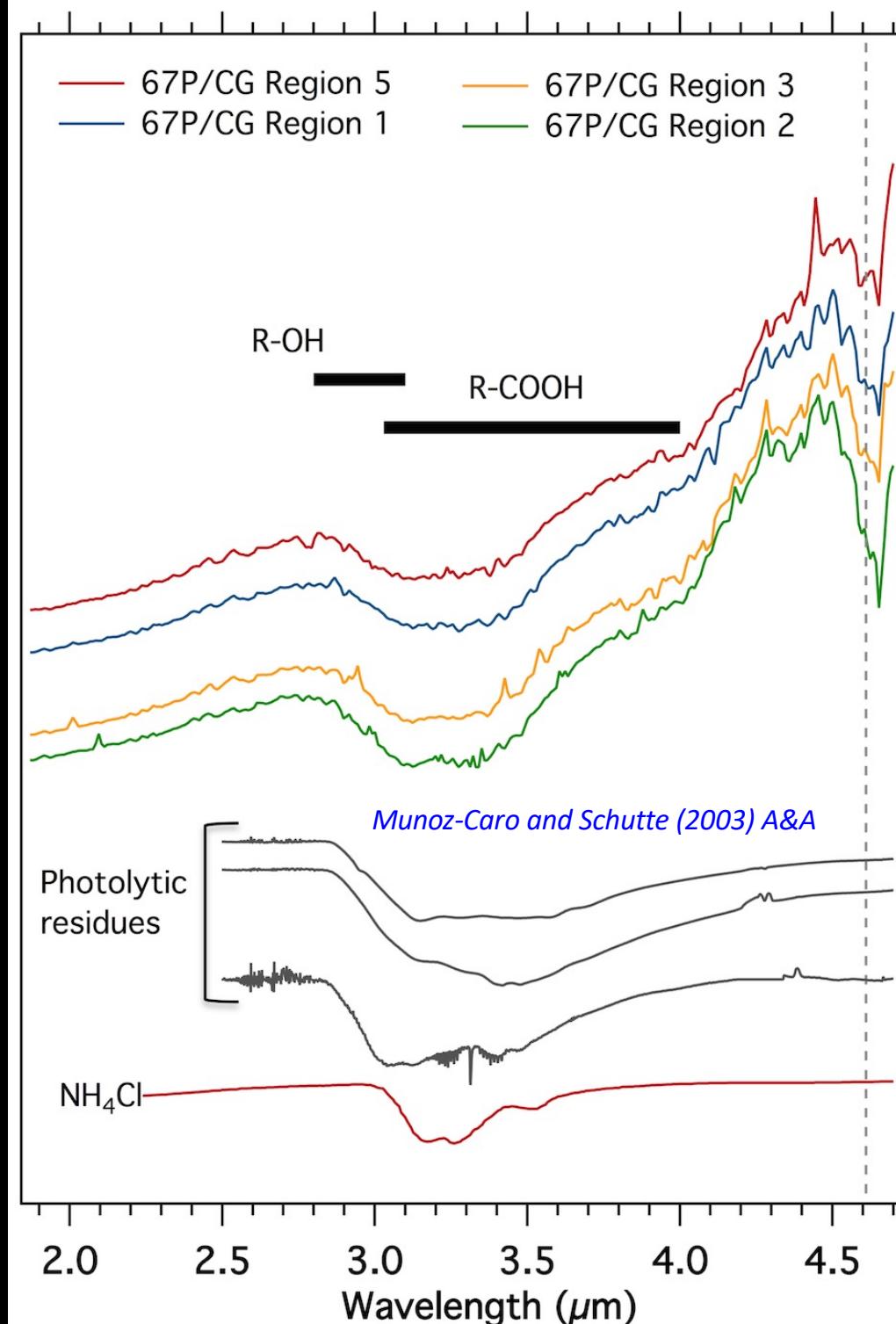
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## Other ROSETTA instruments

### Ptolemy Wright et al., 2015

- No detection of POM. May be present, but minor with respect to other species.**

### Cosac Goessman et al., 2015

- R-COOH major – no detection in Cosac**
- Amino groups minor – significant in Cosac (~50% of species)**

### Cosima Fray et al., Tuesday Talk

- Refractory N/C ~0.05 > Consistent**
- Fe,S co-detection => FeS likely**

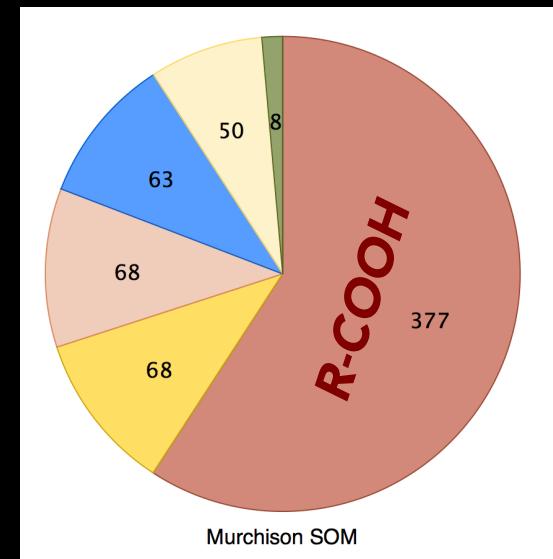
## Photolytic residues ?

- Form complex organics from simples ices**
- Large variety of « 3 μm band »**

# Un lien avec les météorites primitives ?

- $R\text{-COOH}$  highly plausible
- $\text{CH}_2/\text{CH}_3$ , aro-H plausible
- $\text{NH}_4^+$  plausible, but  $-\text{NH}_2$  weak

Compounds	Abundances		
	(%)	$\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ (ppm)	Ref.
Macromolecular material	1.45		26
Carbon dioxide		106	27
Carbon monoxide		0.06	27
Methane		0.14	27
Hydrocarbons: aliphatic		12–35	28
aromatic		15–28	29
Acids: monocarboxylic		332	27, 30
dicarboxylic		25.7	31
$\alpha$ -hydroxycarboxylic		14.6	32
Amino acids	60		4
Alcohols	11		33
Aldehydes	11		33
Ketones	16		33
Sugar-related compounds	~60		34
Ammonia	19		35
Amines	8		36
Urea	25		37
Basic N-heterocycles (pyridines, quinolines)		0.05–0.5	38
Pyridinecarboxylic acids		>7	39
Dicarboximides		>50	39
Pyrimidines (uracil and thymine)		0.06	40
Purines		1.2	41
Benzothiophenes		0.3	42
Sulfonic acids	67		43
Phosphonic acids	1.5		44



Sephton 2002 Nat. Prod. Rep.

***Merci de votre attention !***