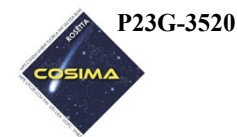


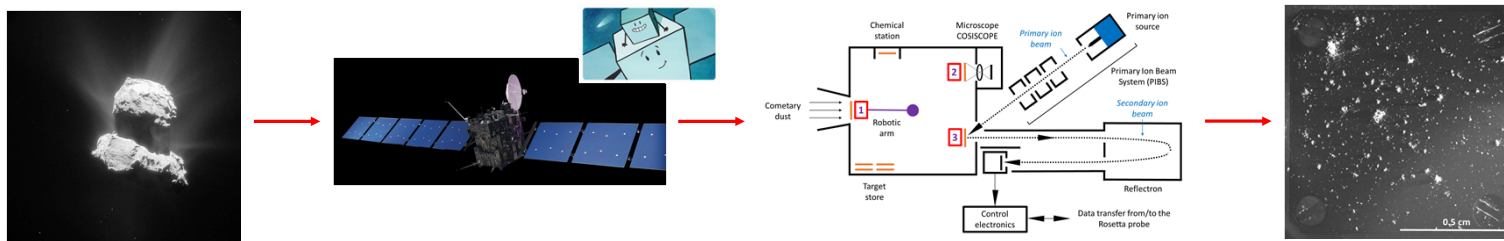
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1. The Rosetta Mission: Comet 67P



Comet 67P

- Dimensions: ~ 4 km x 3 km x 2 km
- Orbital period: 6.44 yr
- Perihelion: 1.24 AU

The Rosetta Mission

- Journey to the comet: 10 years
- At the comet: Aug. 2014 to Sept. 2016
- Rosetta orbiter (11 instruments)
- Philae lander (10 instruments)

The COSIMA instrument

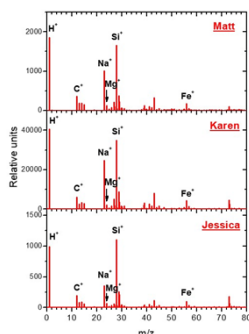
- Time-of-flight mass spectrometer [1]
- On board the Rosetta orbiter
- Aim: Analysis of the chemical composition of 67P's dust
- Collect (1), Image (2) and Analyze (3)

COSIMA target

- 21 targets exposed
- > 35,000 particles [2]
- Size: ~10 to 1000 μm
- ~250 particles analyzed

COSIMA: COmetary Secondary Ion Mass Analyzer

2. COSIMA analysis



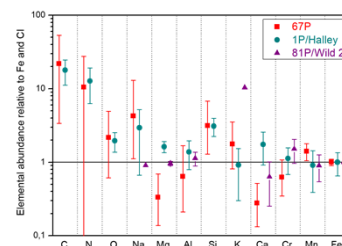
- Similar mass spectra signatures [3]
- Always a mixture of carbonaceous matter and mineral phases (ion beam size: 30 x 50 μm²)

Positive ion mass spectra

contribution from background has been removed



3. Global composition

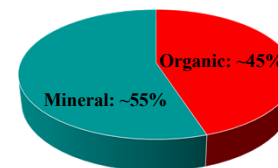


67P's dust compared to comets Halley and Wild 2

for references see Figure 6 in [3].

- 67P's dust is chondritic within a factor of 3, C excepted
- Consistent with the composition of Halley and Wild 2

Mass ratio of organic to mineral matter in 67P's dust



- Based on the elements quantified in [3, 4] and H/C = 1.04 ± 0.16 [5]
- Assumptions:
 - S/Fe = 0.5 (chondritic)
 - C, H and N in organic
 - O/Si = 4 in mineral (SiO₄) and the remaining O in the organic phase

4. Summary

- Dust particles are carbon-rich: ~45% organic matter in mass
- Macromolecular carbonaceous matter [6] is a major non-volatile component of 67P dust

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