

Dust Detection and Analysis

A long, glowing comet tail, likely the tail of comet NEOWISE, stretches across the frame from the bottom left towards the top right. The tail is bright white and yellow at the base, fading into a deep blue and purple at the tip. The background is a dark, starry field of numerous small, bright stars.

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Picture: MPIA

Outline

- **Dust in the solar system**
- **How do we measure cosmic dust?**
- **Impact Detectors (e.g. Cassini/CDA)**
- **Dust Collectors (e.g. Rosetta/Cosima)**

Cosmic Dust

A night sky filled with stars, with a comet streaking across the upper right. The bottom of the image shows a bright, colorful horizon, likely a sunset or sunrise, with a gradient from orange to yellow to blue.

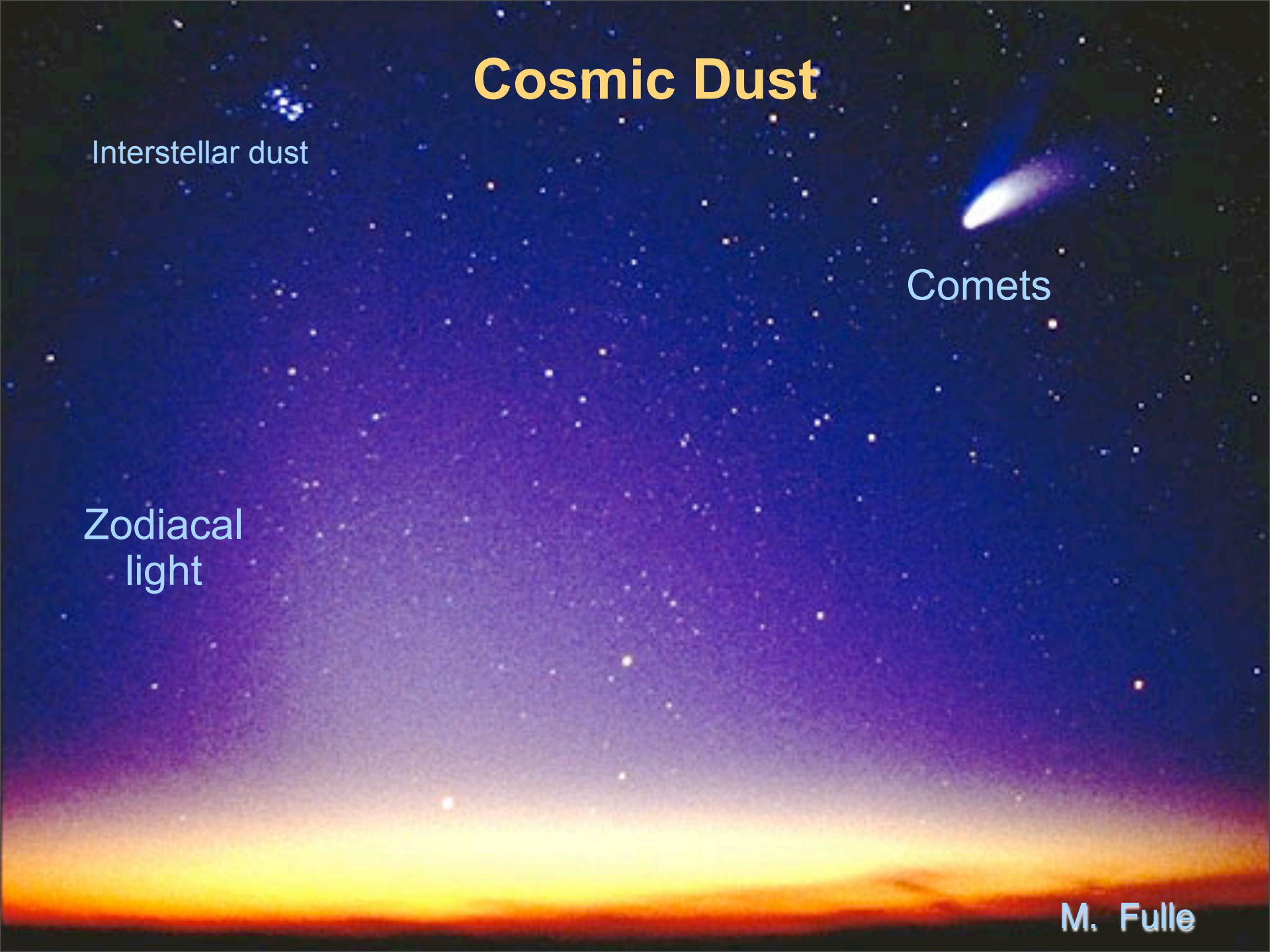
Cosmic Dust

Interstellar dust

Comets

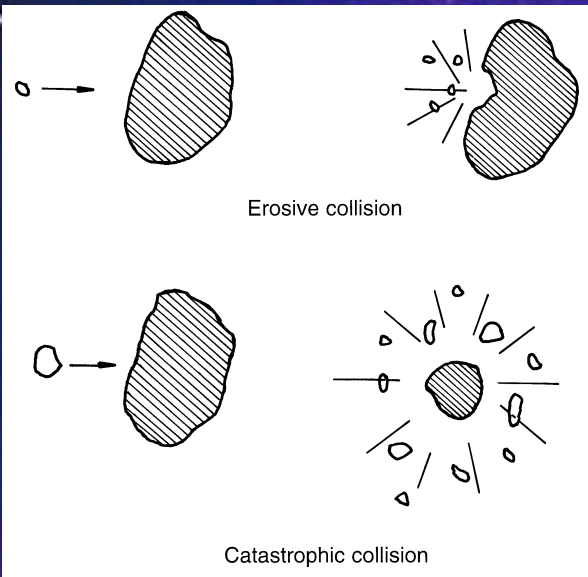
Zodiacal
light

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Dust Sources in the Solar System

Collisions: asteroids,
meteorites

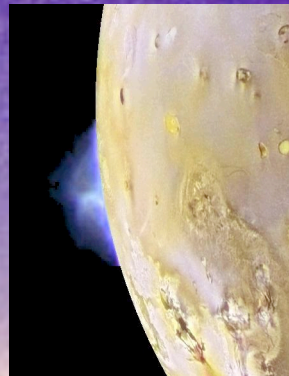


Comets

Halley
Giotto HMC

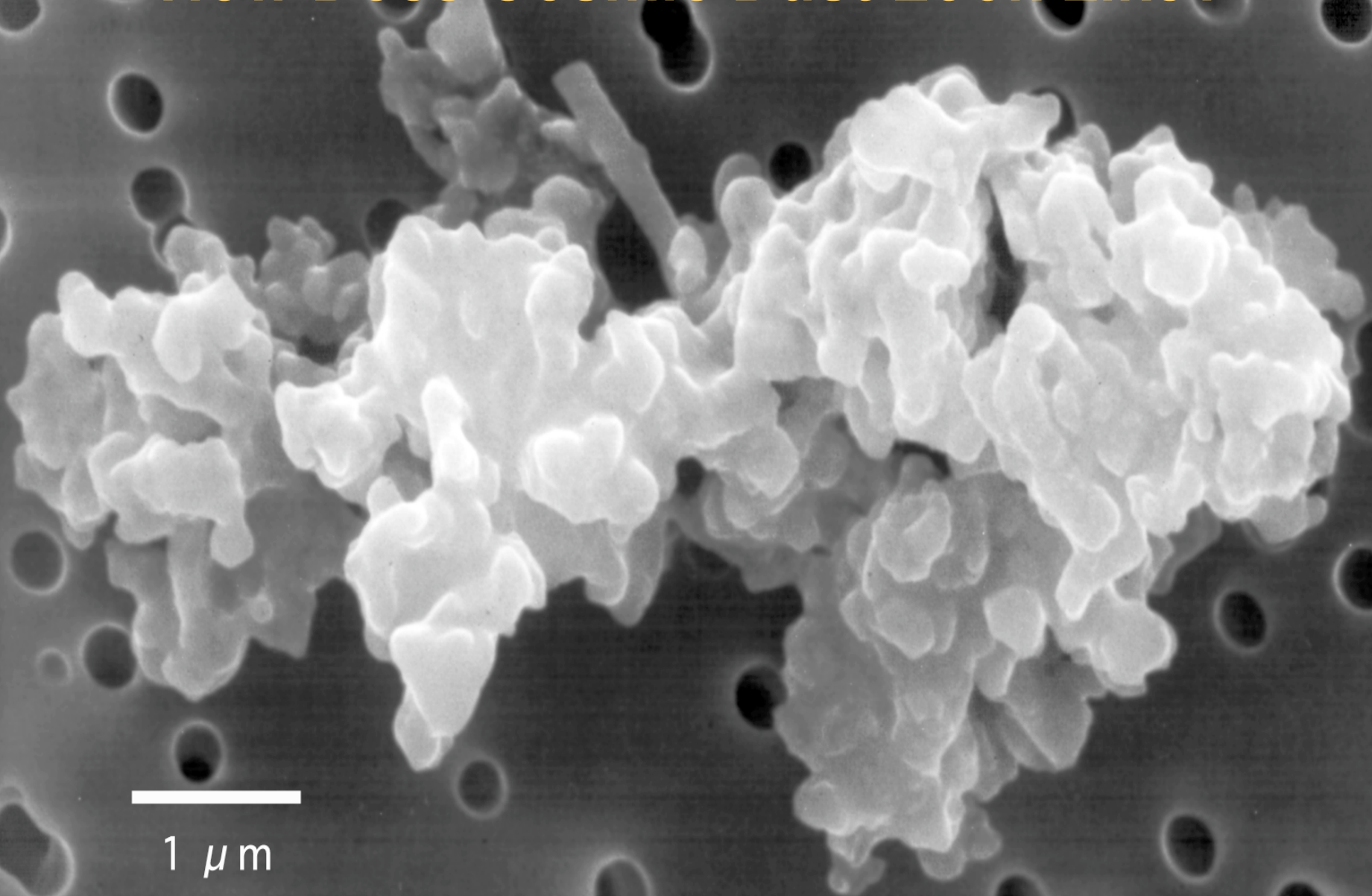


Volcanoes



Io
Galileo

How Does Cosmic Dust Look Like?



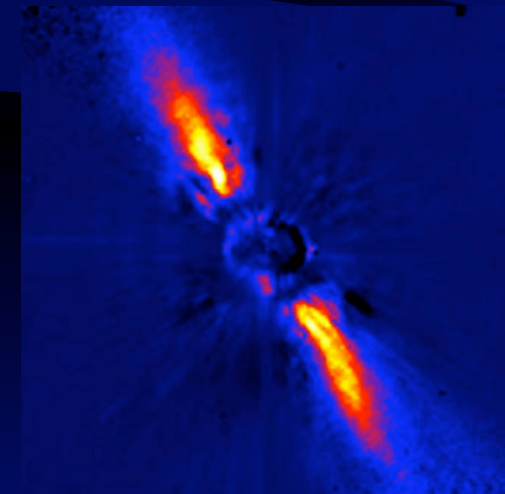
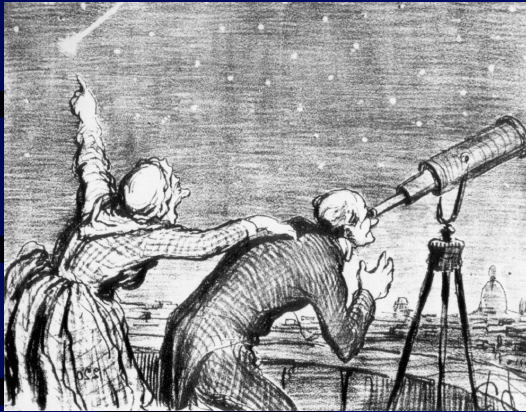
How Do We Measure Space Dust?



Investigation Techniques for Space Dust

Astronomical Observations

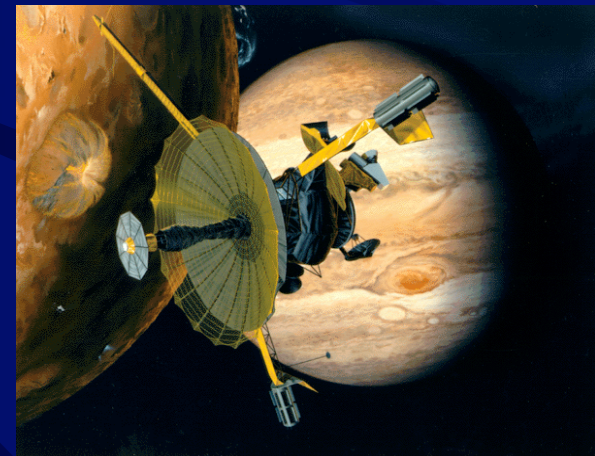
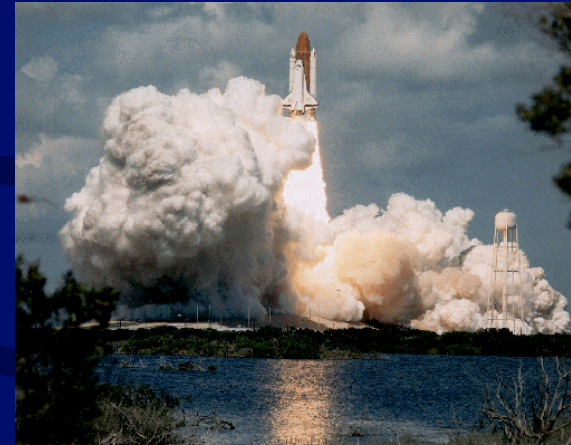
(Collective particle properties)



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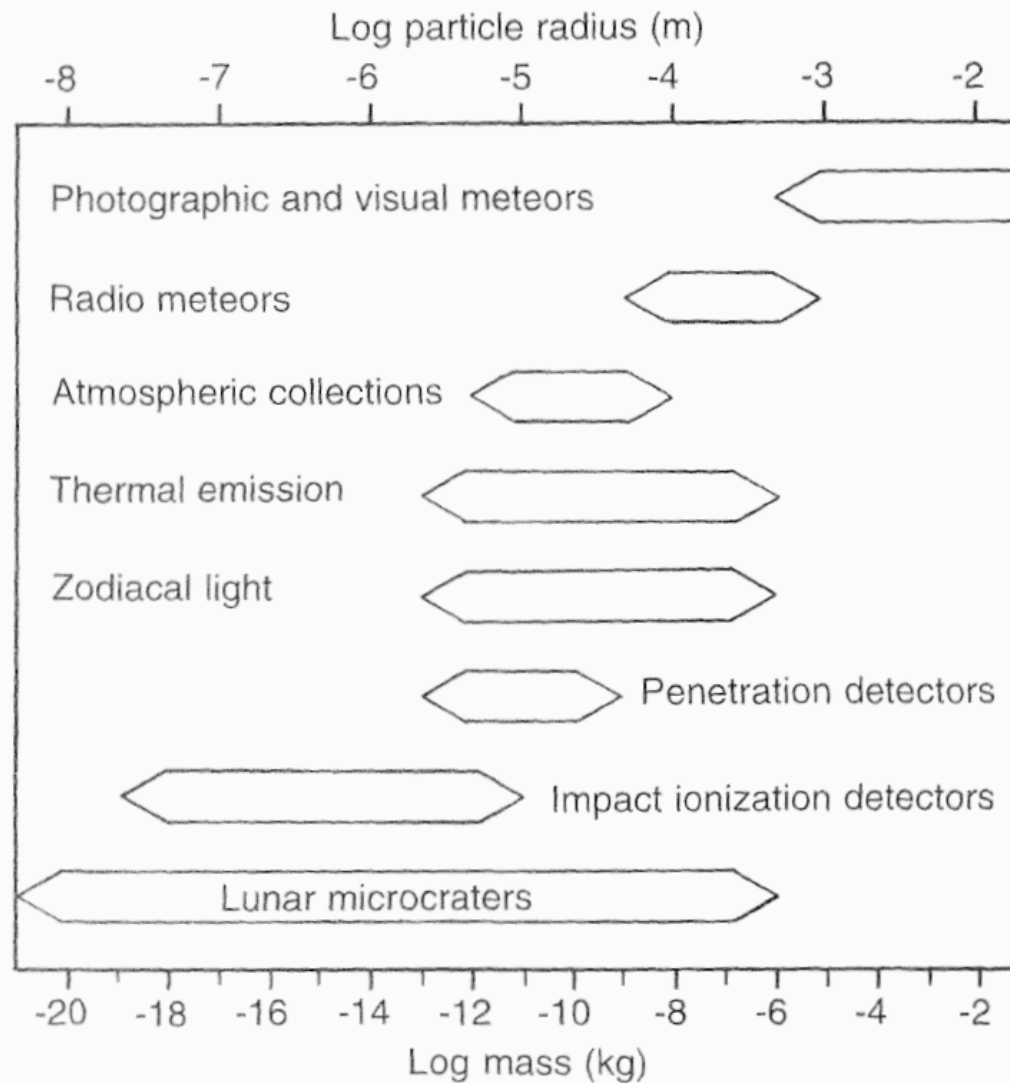
In-Situ Investigations

(Measurement of individual grains)



Galileo at Jupiter

Investigation Techniques for Space Dust



In-Situ Dust Detection Techniques

Impact speed: $v > 1 \text{ km/sec}$

Impact speed: $v < 1 \text{ km/sec}$

Impact Ionisation Detection

e.g. Galileo, Ulysses, Cassini,
Giotto, VeGa 1/2,
Stardust (CIDA)

Each dust impact counted!

Dust Flux, impact direction, speed,
mass, composition ($m/\Delta m \sim 100$)

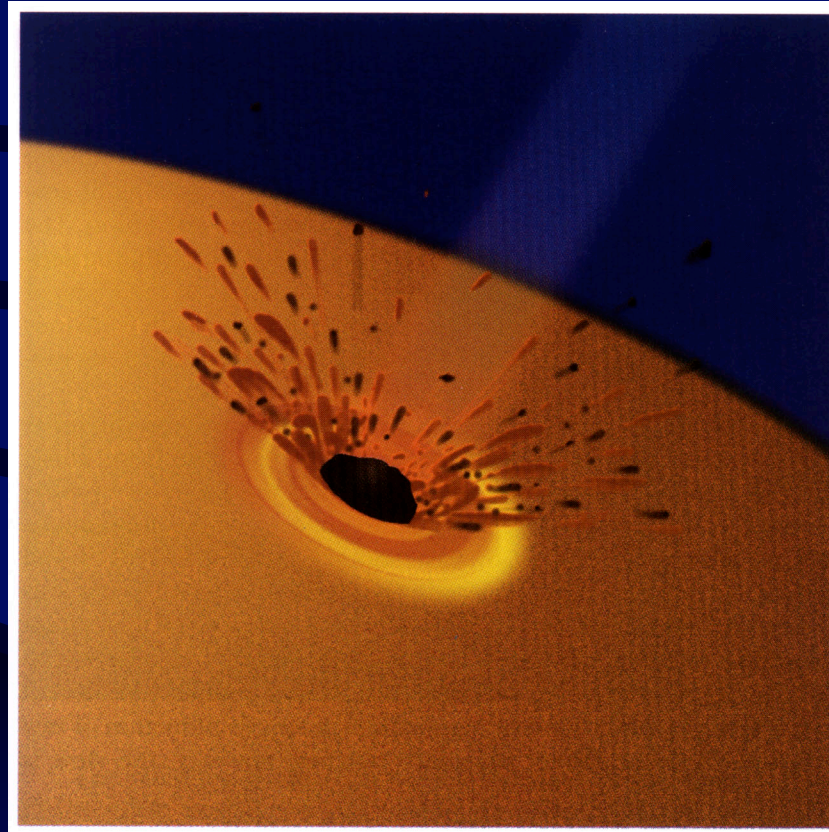
Dust Collection

e.g. Stardust (Aerogel collector),
Rosetta/Cosima

Grains are collected and identified!

Dust composition ($m/\Delta m$ up to 2000
in case of Cosima).
Grain extraction and analysis in the
laboratory (Stardust)

Dust Impact Detection



Cassini Cosmic Dust Analyser



Cassini/CDA
MPIK Heidelberg

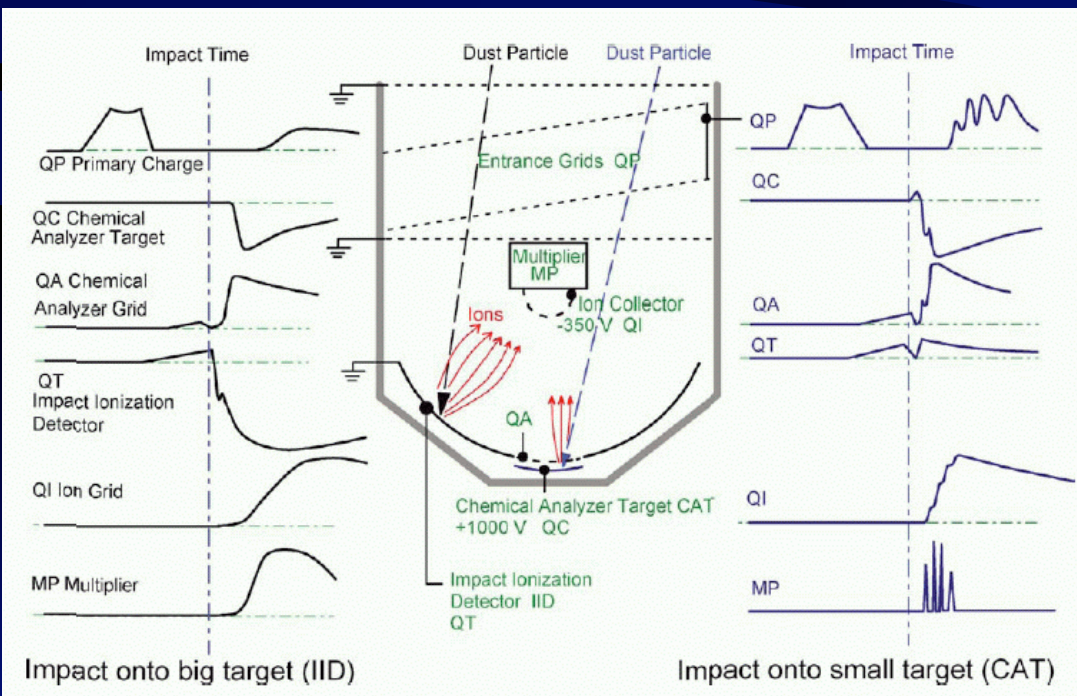
Cassini Cosmic Dust Analyser

- Impact Ionisation Detector
- Sensor area 0.1 m^2
- Mass, speed, impact direction, charge, composition
- Calibrated speed: 2 – 100 km/sec
- Grain sizes: $\sim 0.1 - 10 \mu\text{m}$

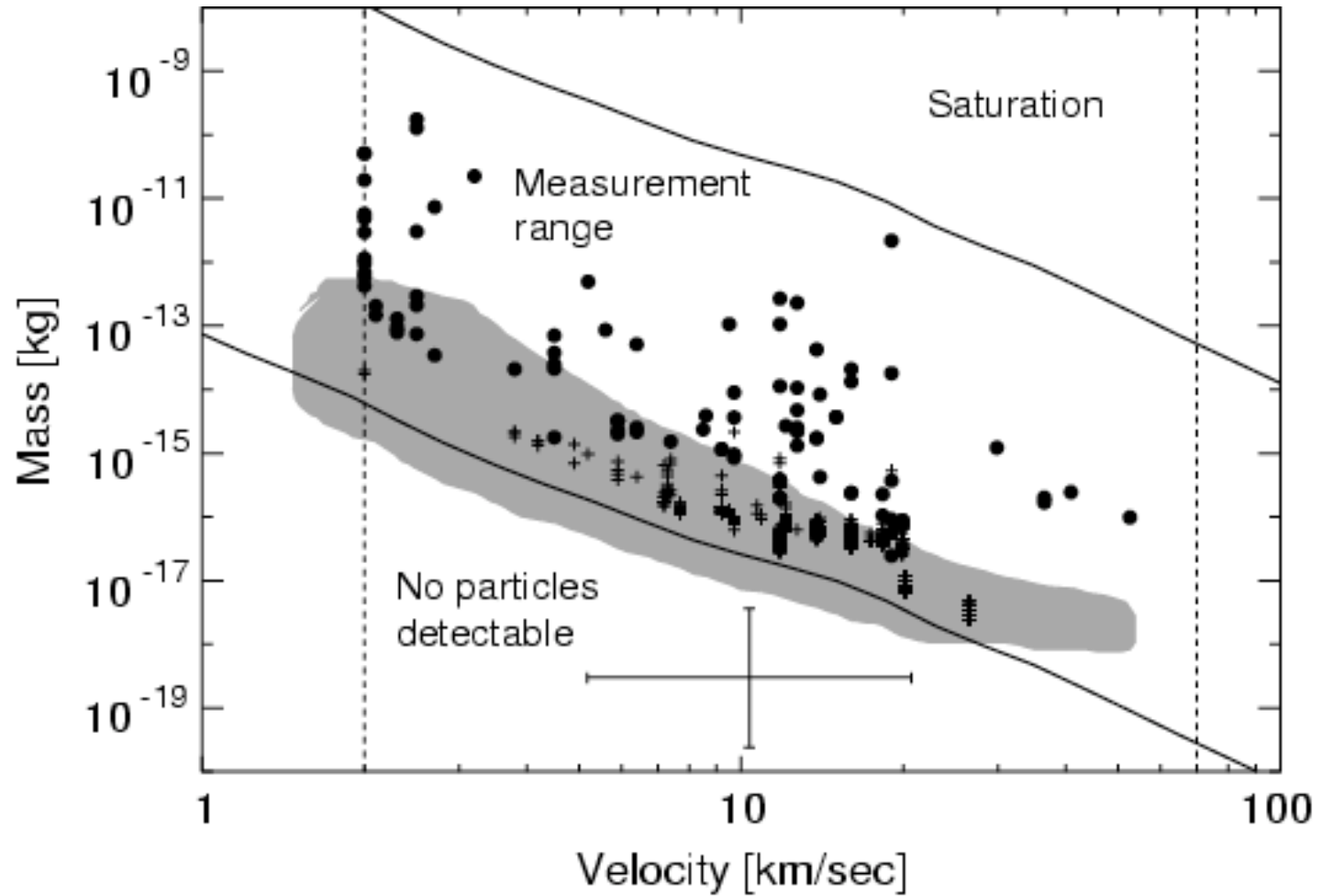
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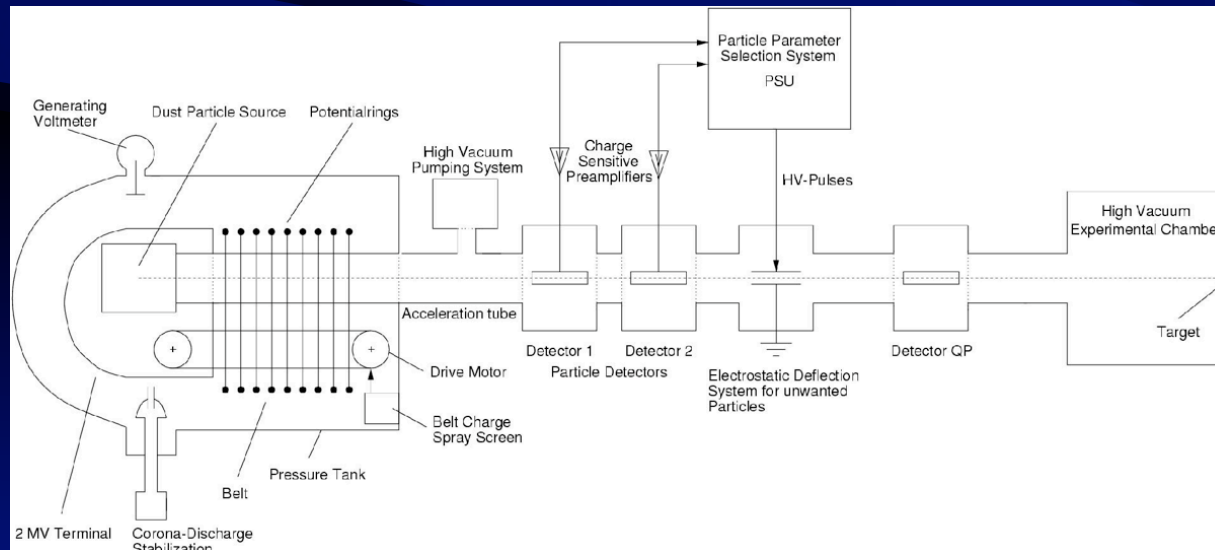
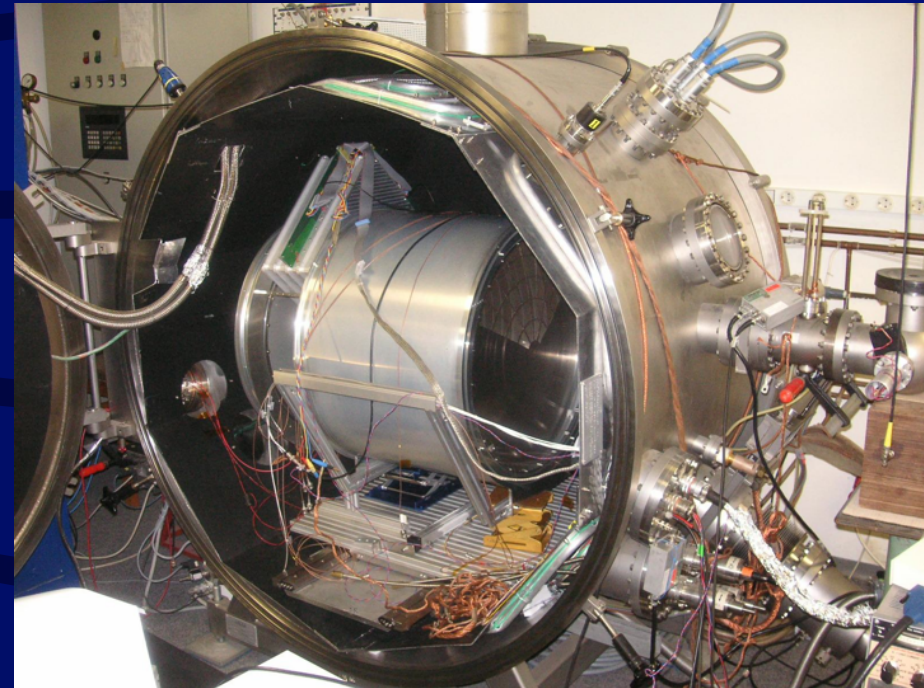
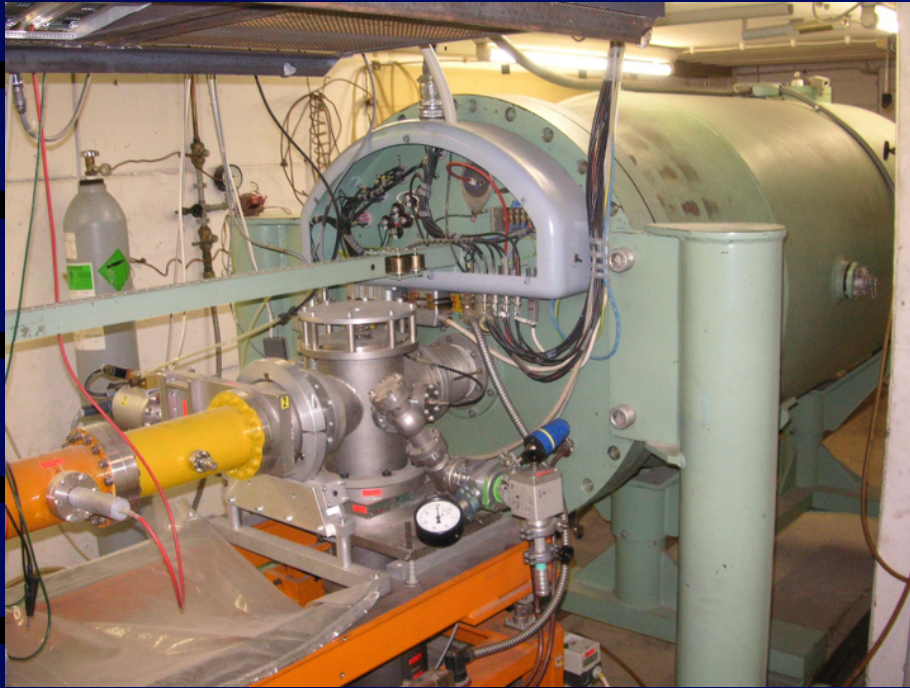
Cassini



Instrument Calibration



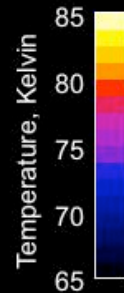
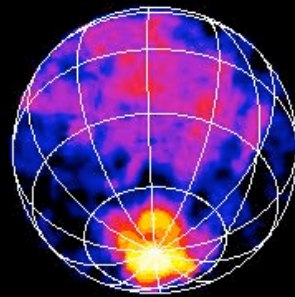
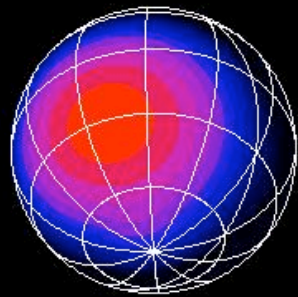
Instrument Calibration: Dust Accelerator



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Dust Ejection from Enceladus

Enceladus Temperature Map

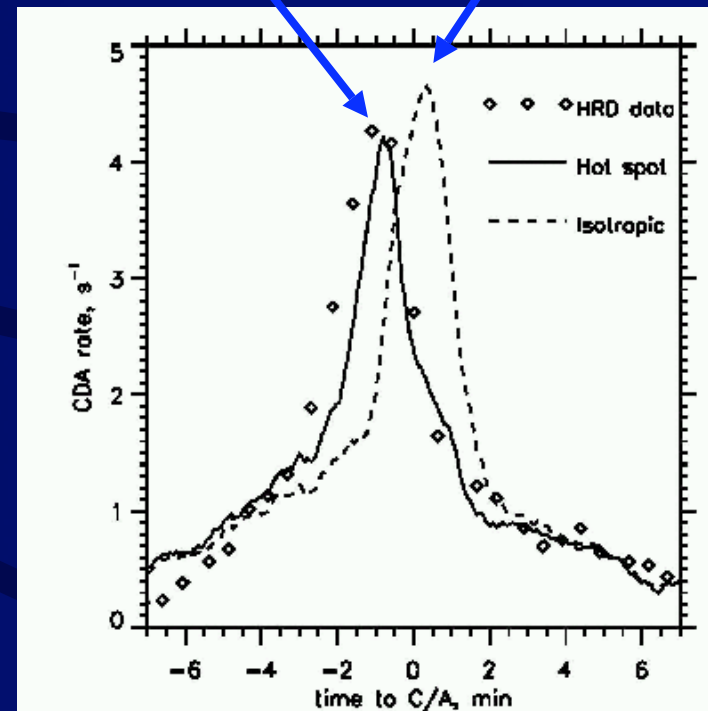


NASA/JPL

Hot spot at south pole

Measured

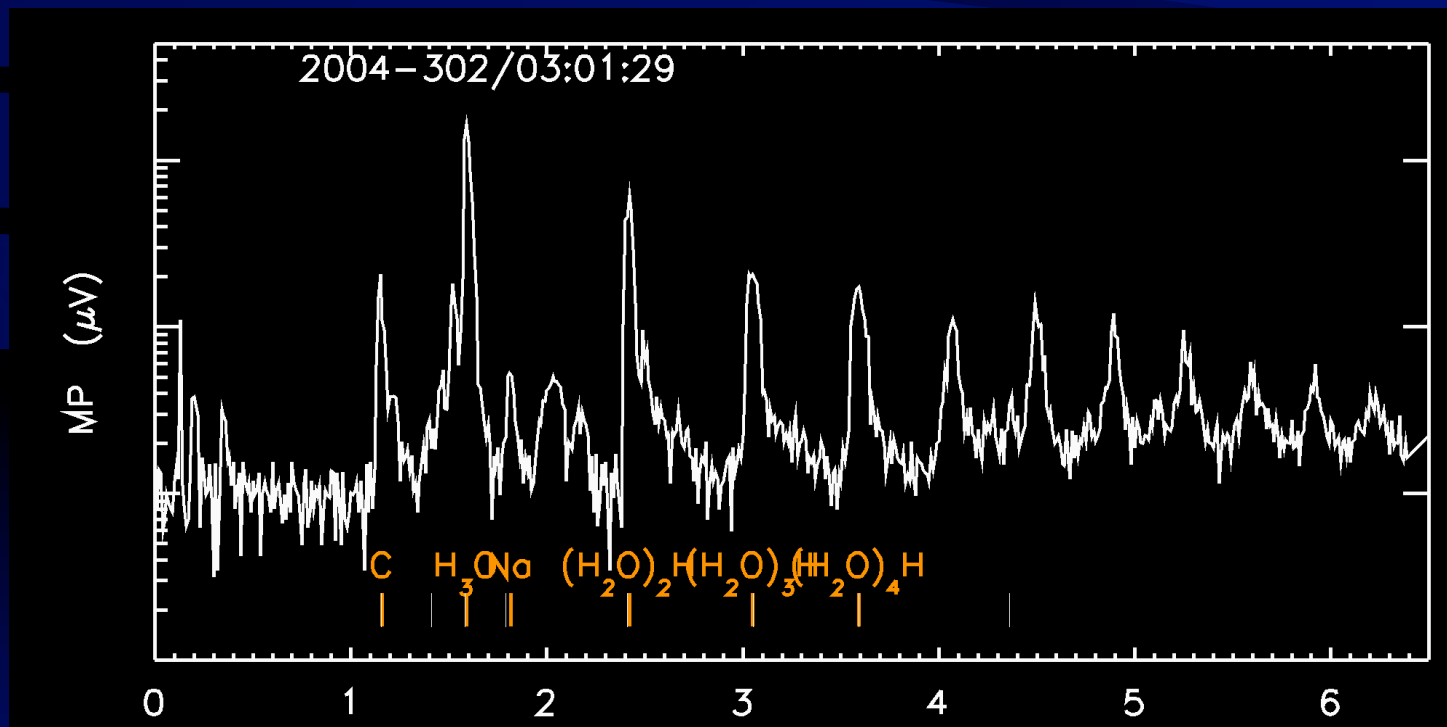
Expected



Spahn et al., 2006

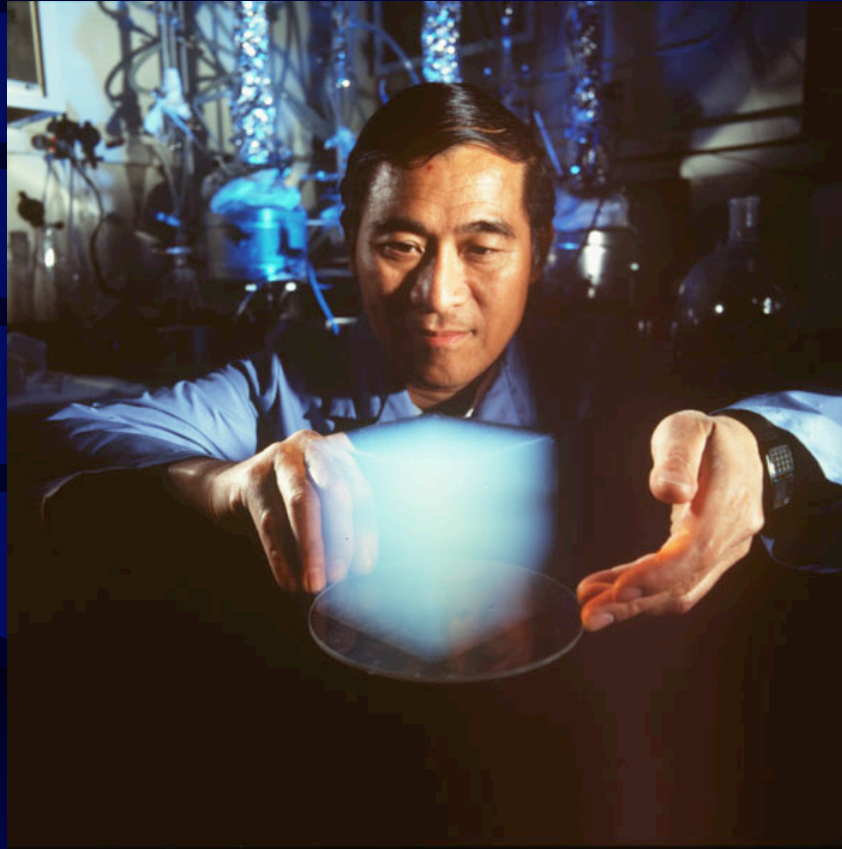
Water Ice in Saturn's E Ring

- First in-situ detection of water ice in Saturn's dust ring
- Peak at H_3O^+ and following $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+(\text{H}_2\text{O})_x$ lines (hydronium ion)



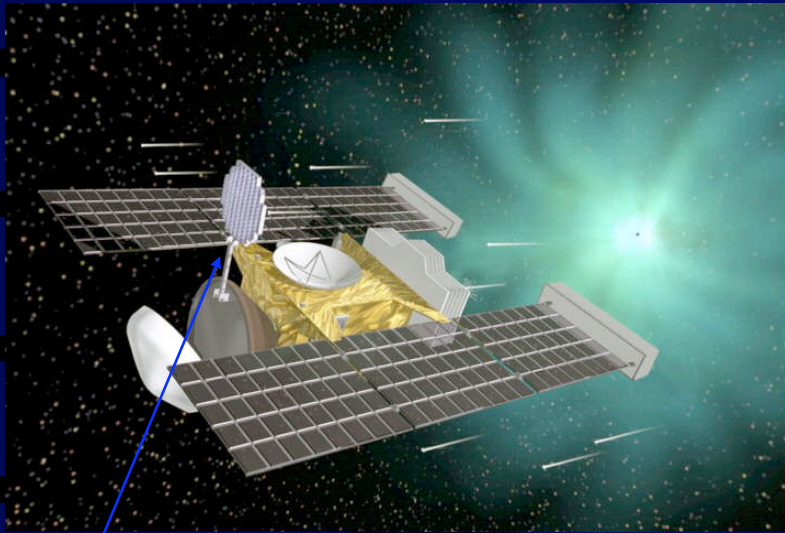
Srama, 2004

Dust Collection

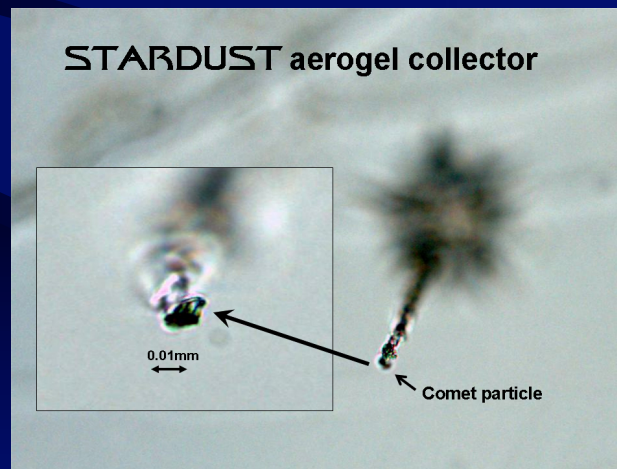
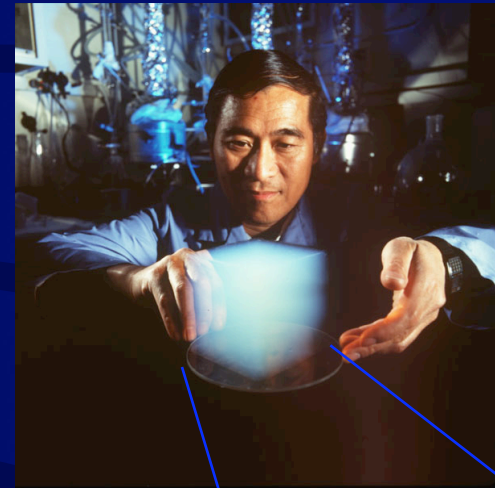


Stardust

Sample Return of Cometary Particles

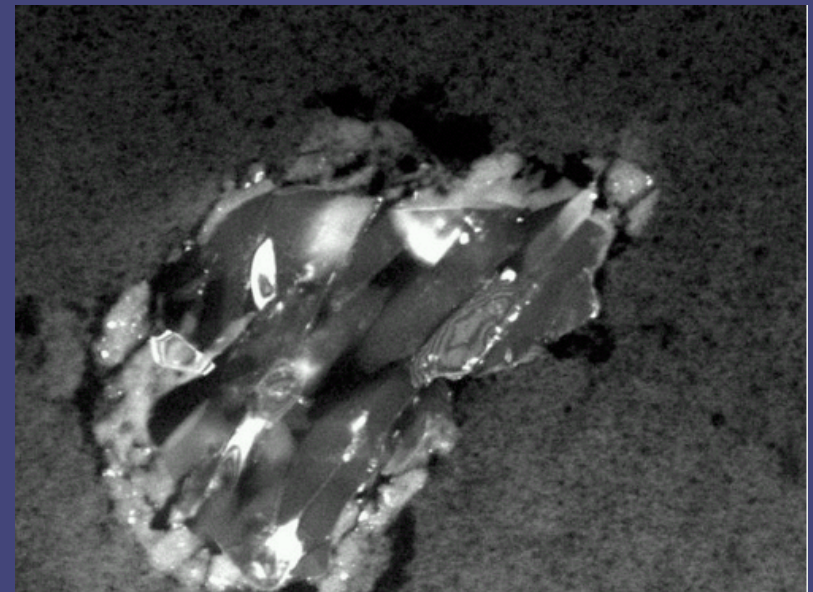
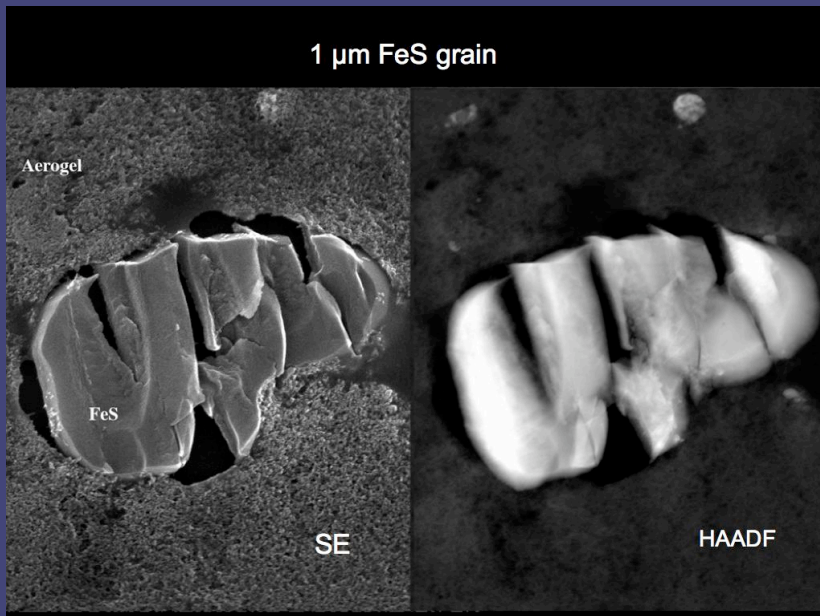


Aerogel collector



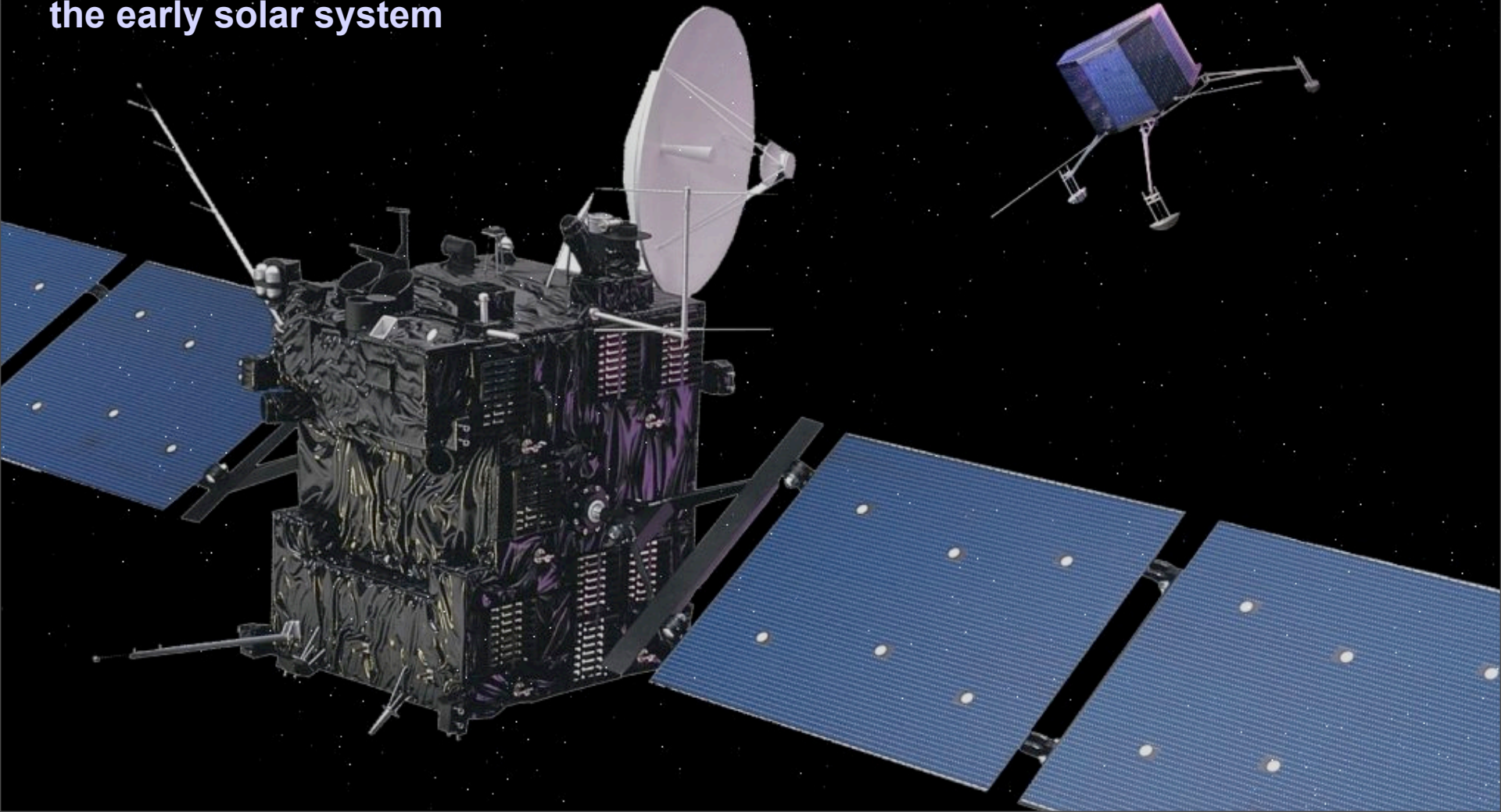
Stardust Return Capsule

- Mg-rich silicates (olivine, pyroxene), Ca-Al-rich minerals (diopside, anorthite, spinel), grains must have been formed at $T > 1400$ K.
- Sulfides (e.g. FeS) very common.
- No hydrated minerals, carbonates?, magnetite?
- High temperature phases similar to CAIs.
- Crystalline and amorphous silicates found.
- X wind model (Shu et al. 1996).



Rosetta: Voyage to Comet Churyumov-Gerasimenkov

In-Situ analysis of material from the early solar system

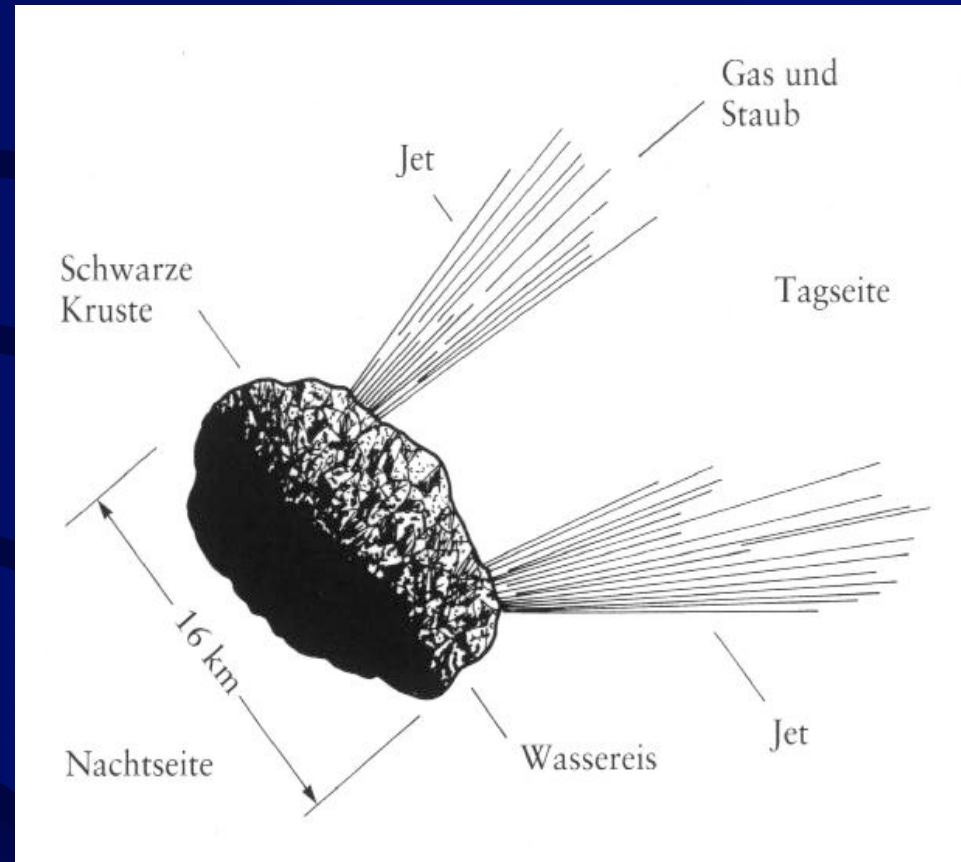


Comets: Remnants from the Formation of the Solar System

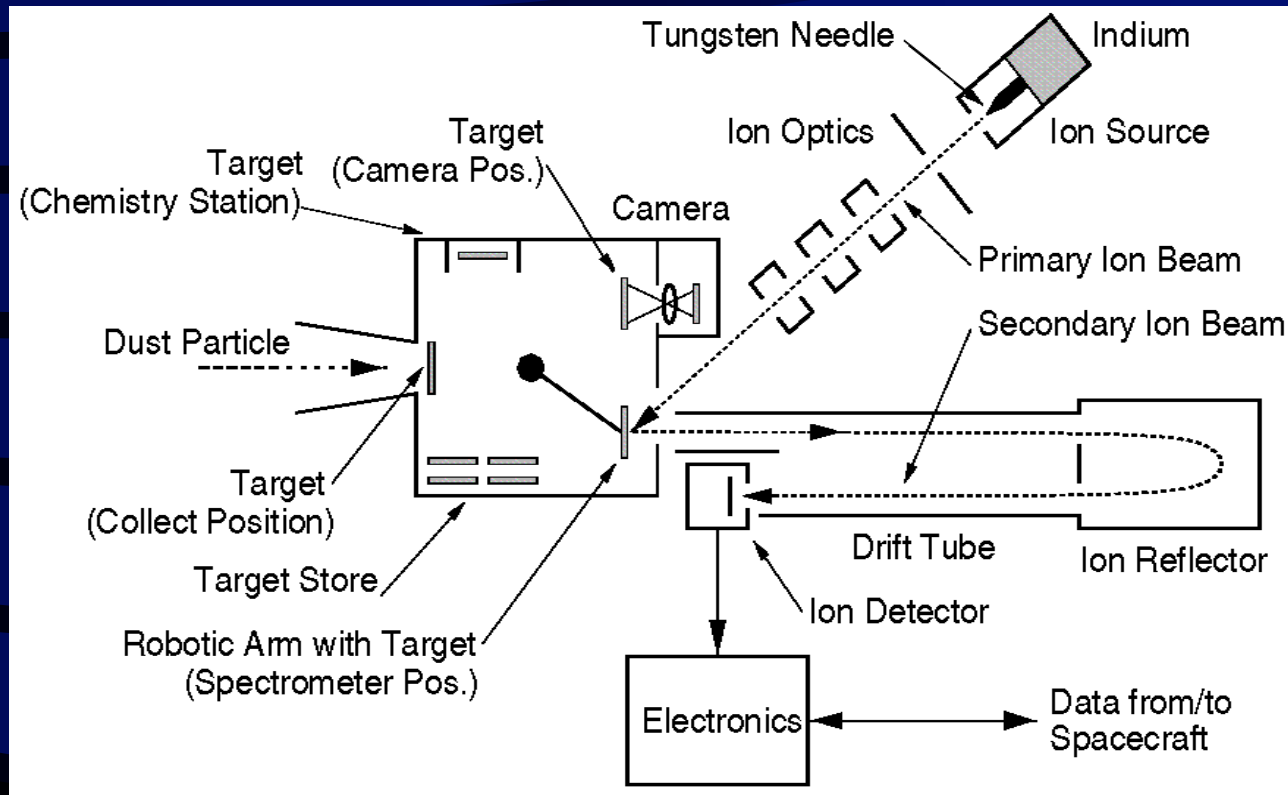
Nucleus of Halley's comet



Giotto, HMC



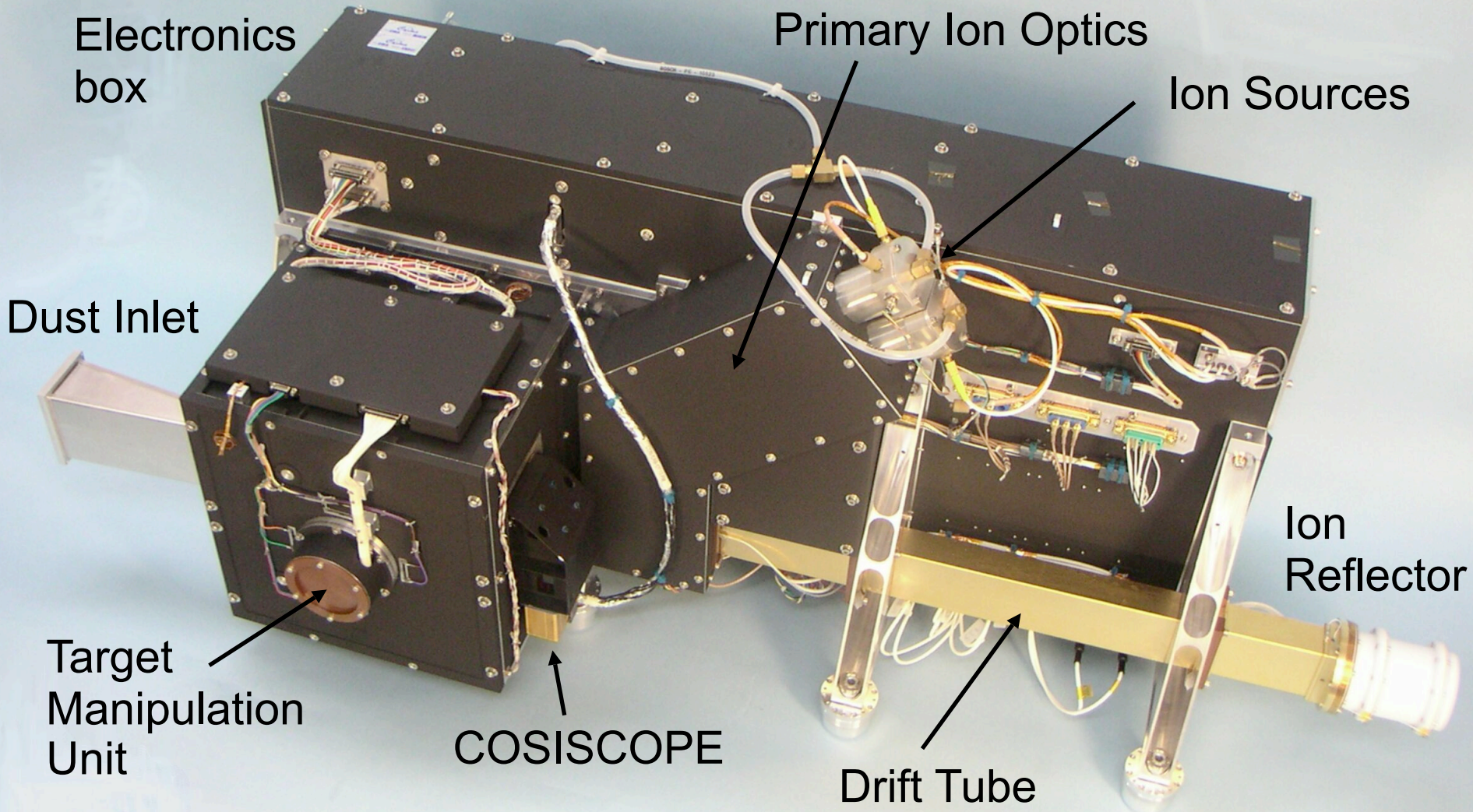
COSIMA Functional Principle

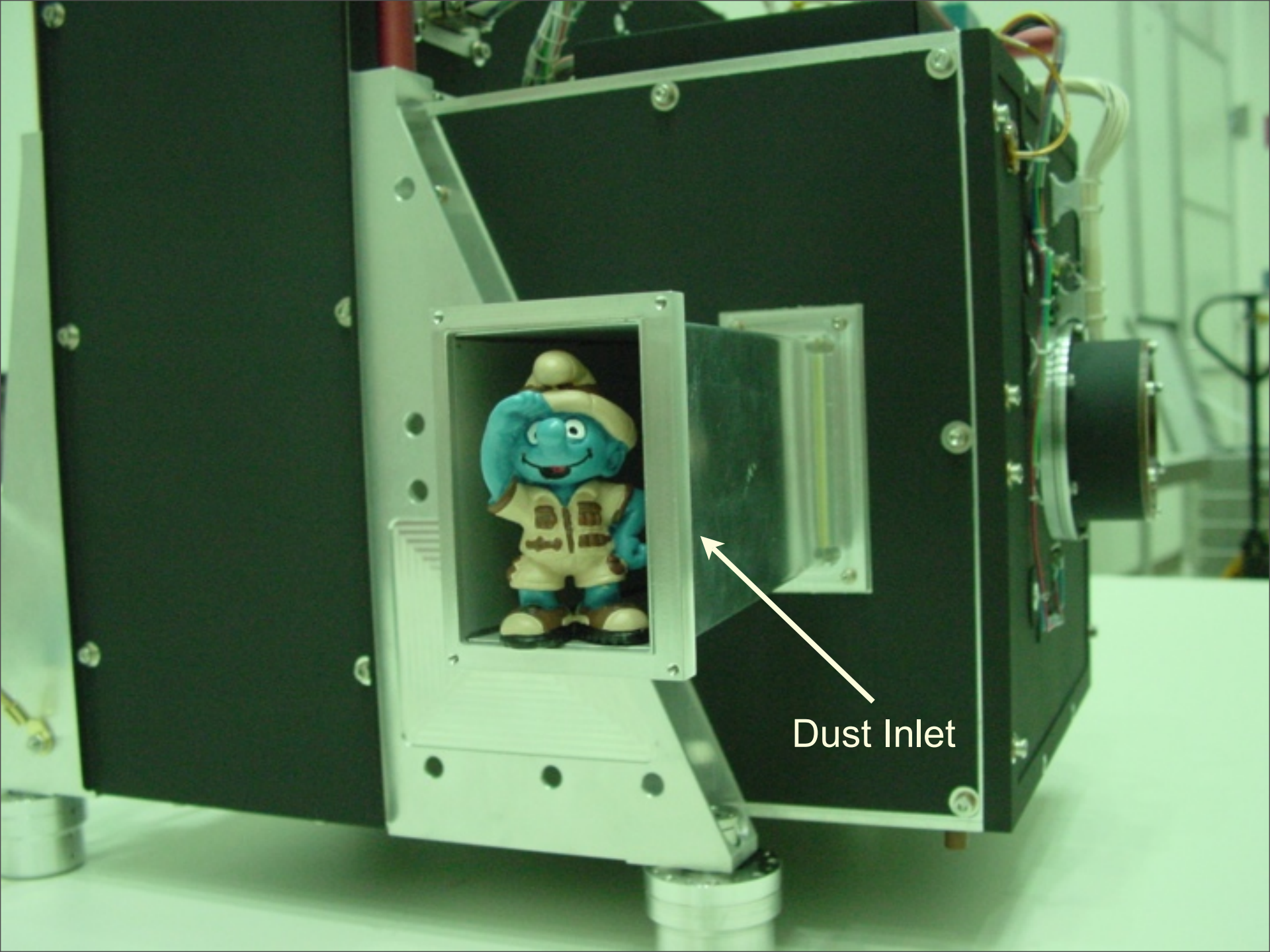


- Dust is collected on metal black targets which are stored in Target Manipulation Unit
- Dust grains are located by microscopic camera COSISCOPE
- A pulsed Indium ion beam partially ionizes the dust grains
- Secondary ions are accelerated by electric field and travel through drift tube with ion reflector
- Ions are detected by ion detector; flight times are recorded by T/D converter
- Mass spectra calculated from the time- of- flight spectra

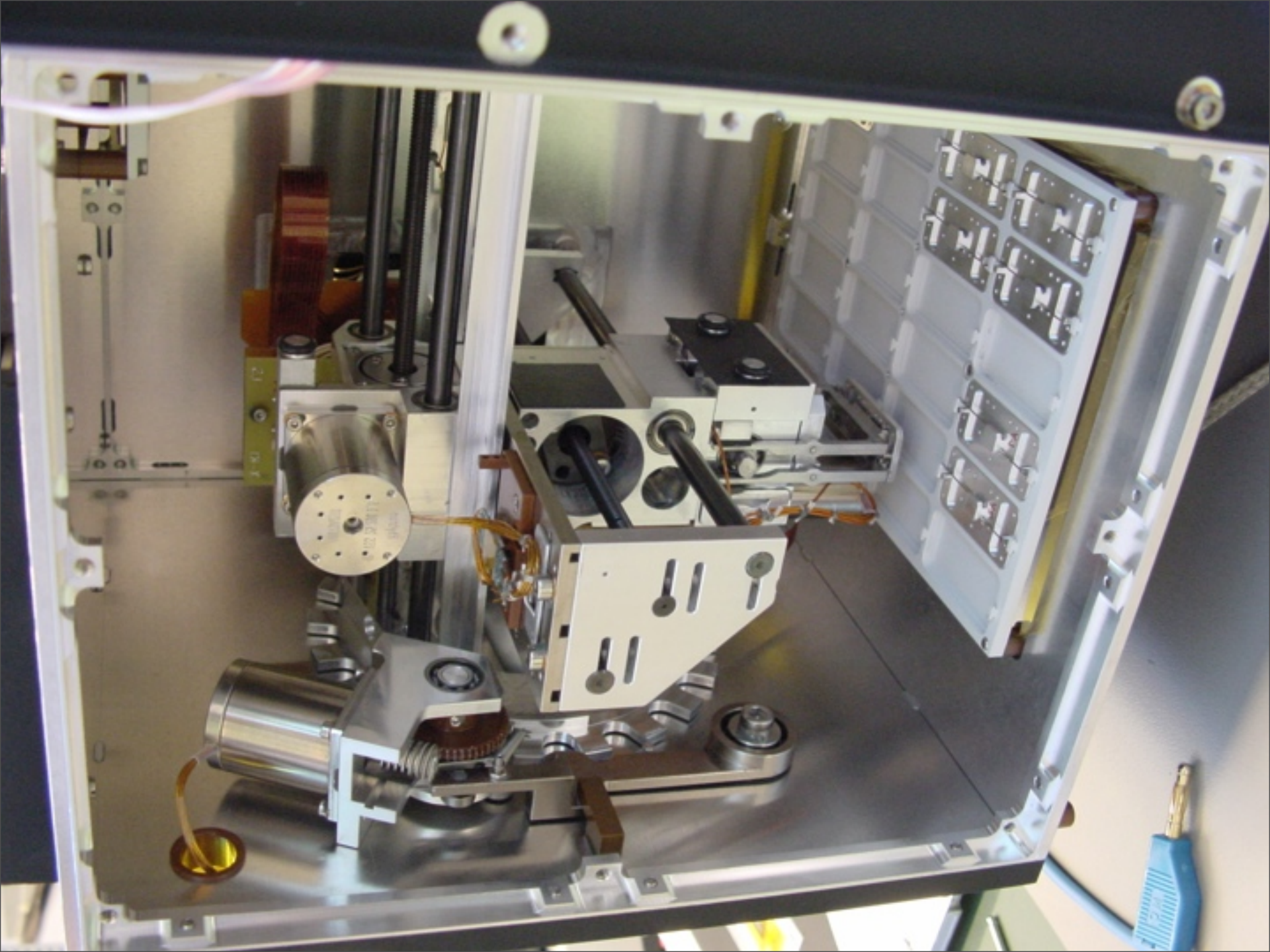
Rosetta/COSIMA

COmetary Secondary Ion Mass Analyser





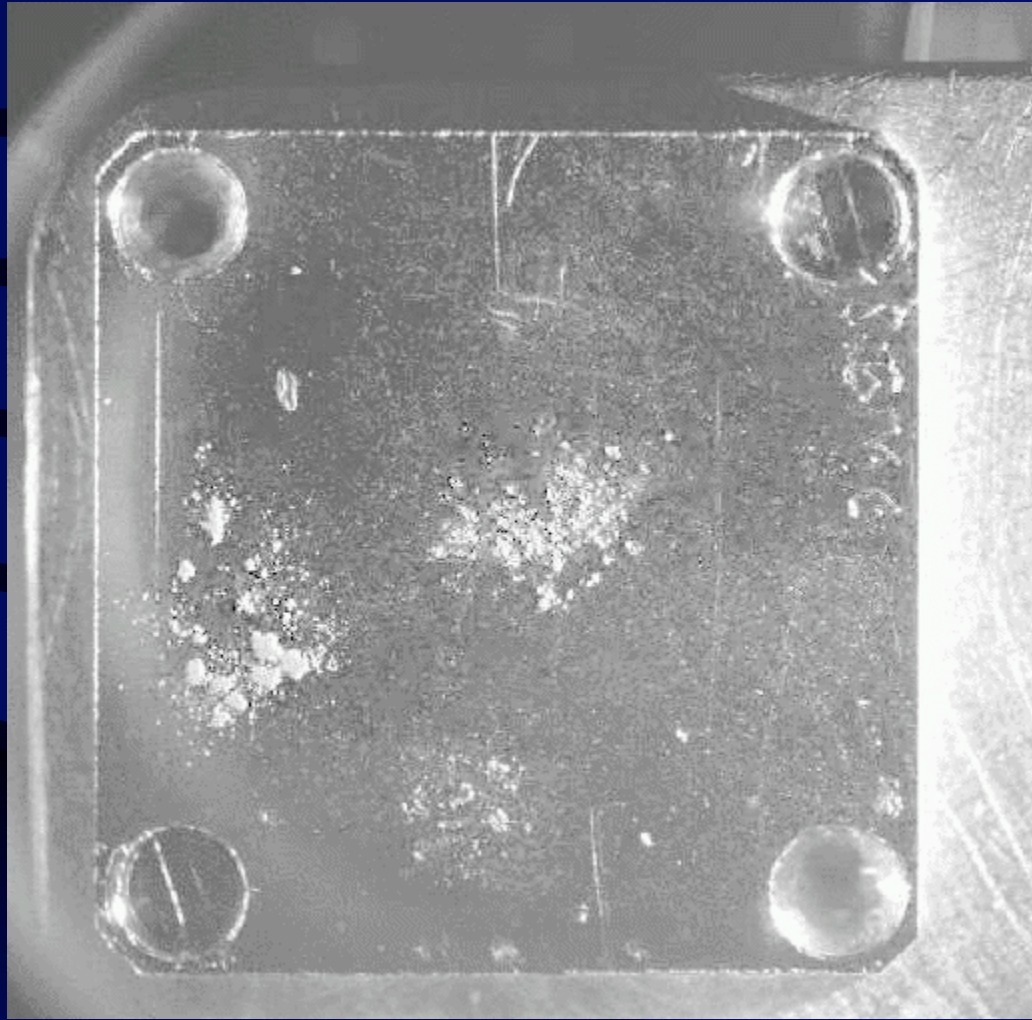
Dust Inlet



COSIMA Specifications

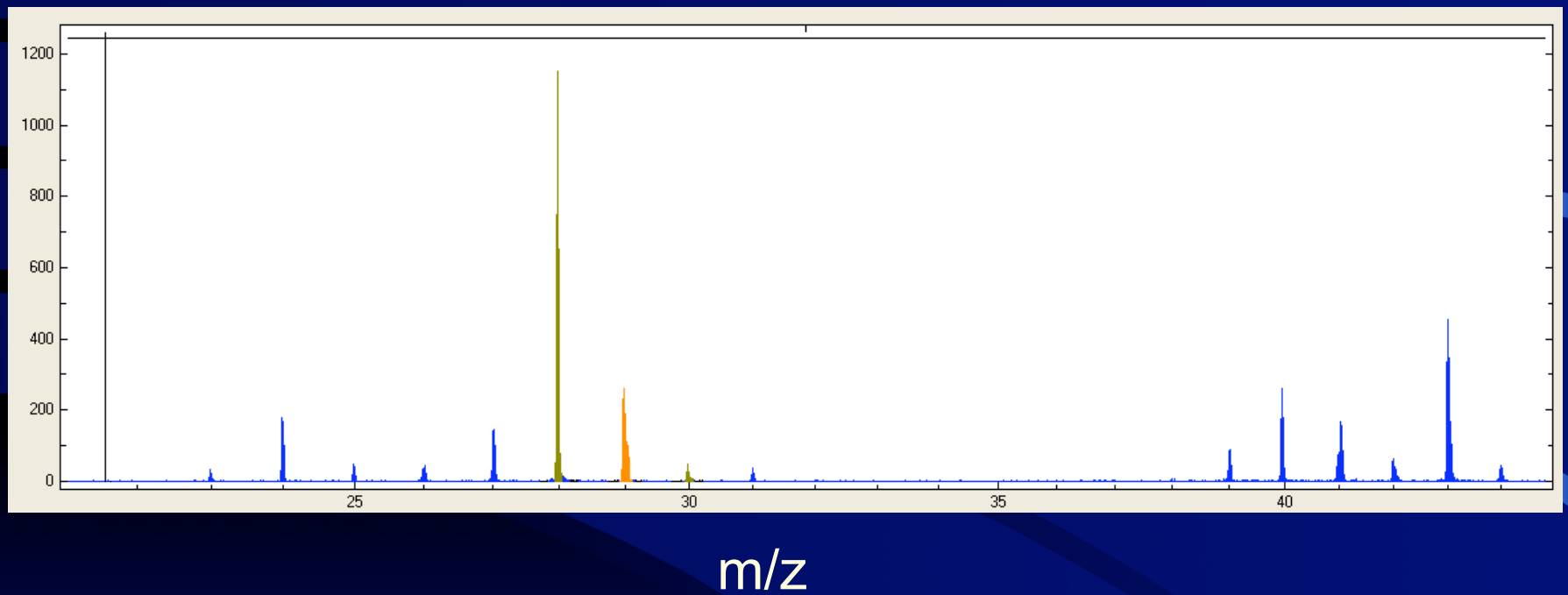
Atomic mass range	1...4000 Da
Rel. Atomic mass resolution $m/\Delta m$ at $m=100$	~ 2000
Mass	19.8 kg
Indium ion pulse duration	~ 5 ns
Indium ion energy	8 keV
Power consumption from 28 V DC	20.4 W

COSIMA Target

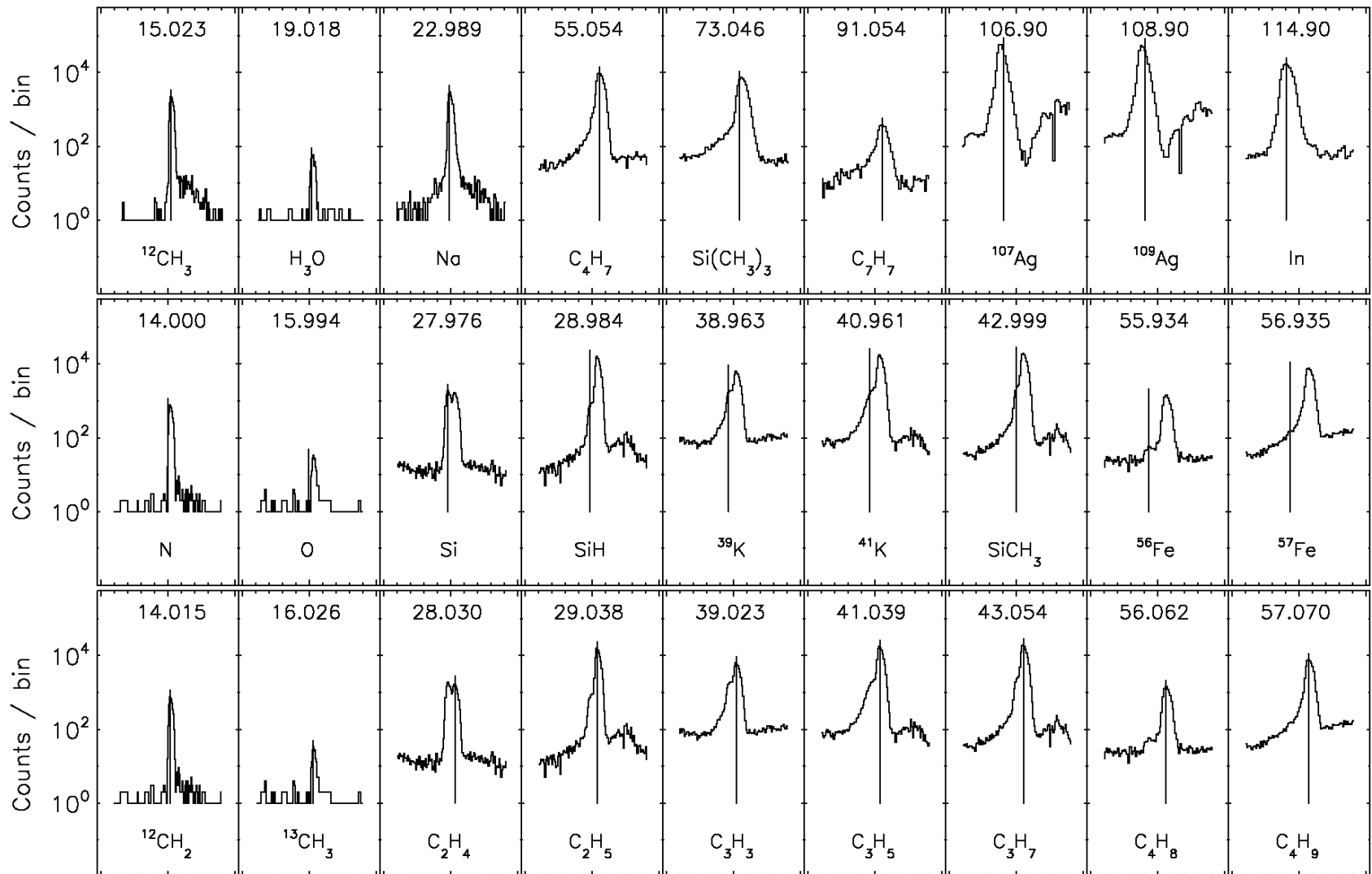


Cosima target (1x1 cm²) prepared with clinopyroxene powder

COSIMA Spectrum



COSIMA Spectrum



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