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ROSETTA INCONTRA STEINS & LUTETIA

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Why asteroids?





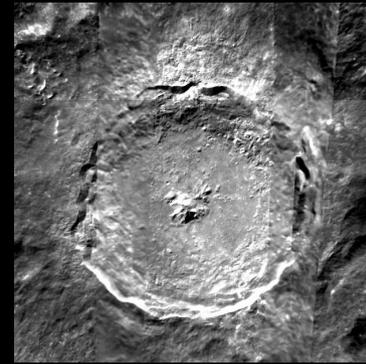
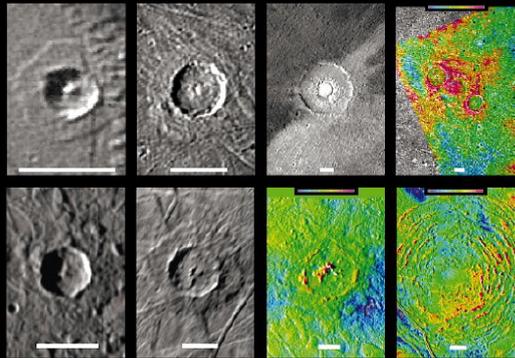
Observations 1

radar techniques can be used to image the asteroid, and allow to infer properties like rotational period, size, shape, albedo and composition of asteroids

Radar Movie Highlights Asteroid 2006 DP14



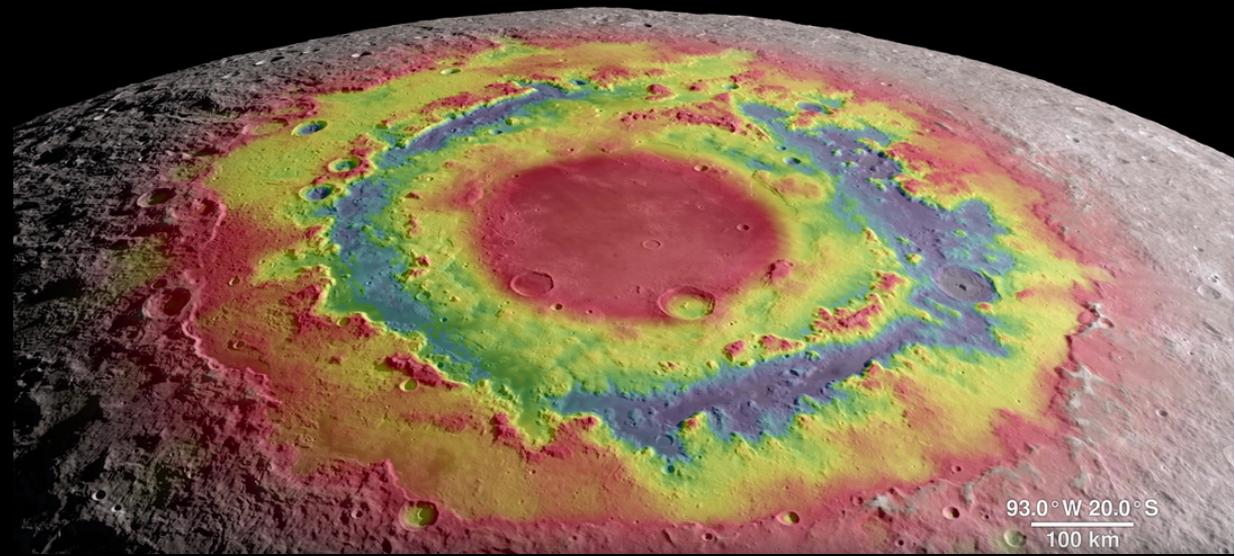
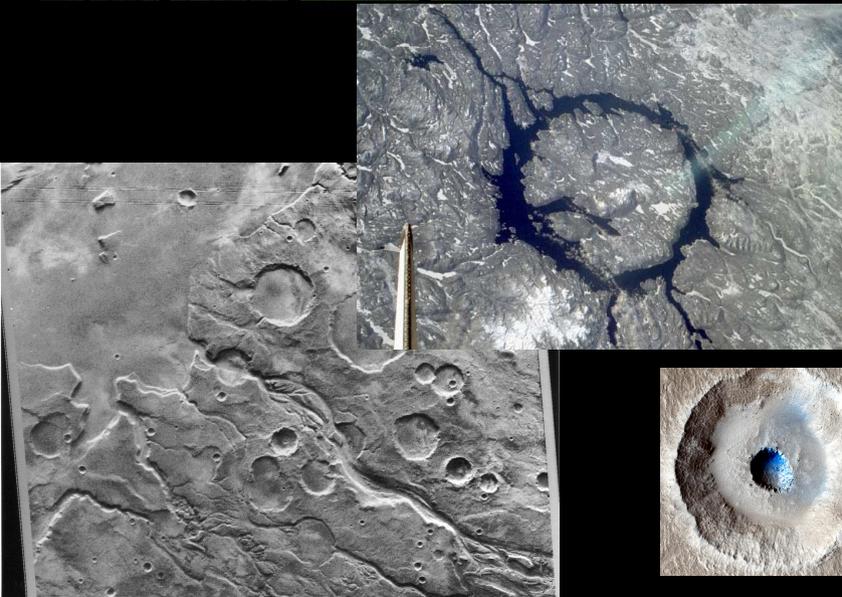
Impact Craters



Oriente Basin

Gravity (*Science*, 28 Oct 2016, 438-441)

-700 Free-Air Gravity (mGal) 800



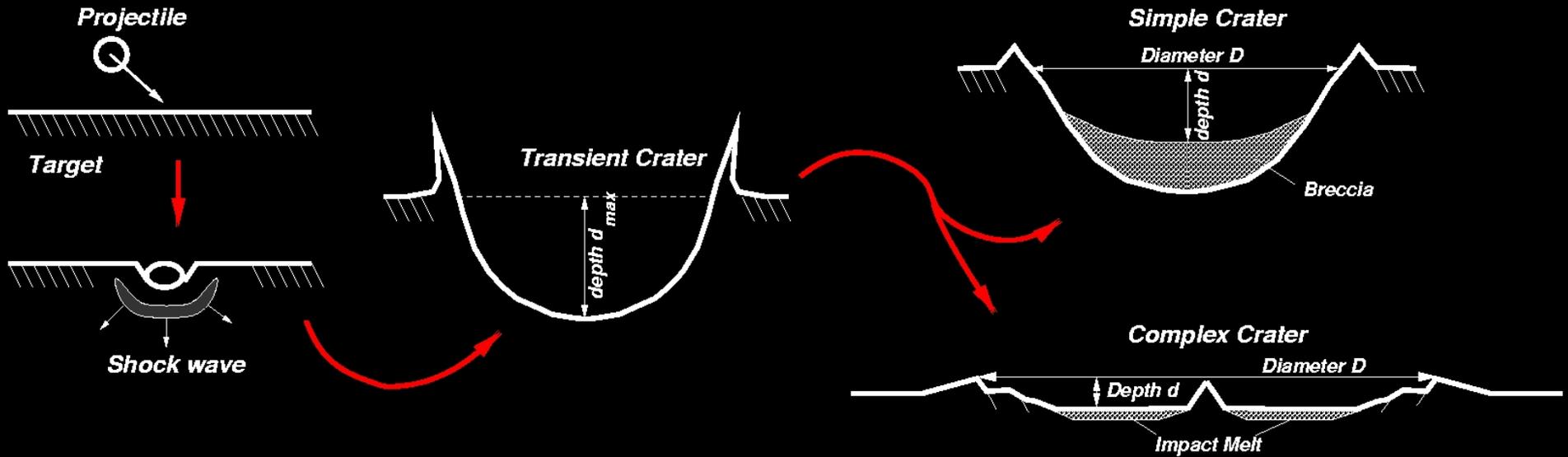
Impact Process: Meteor Crater example



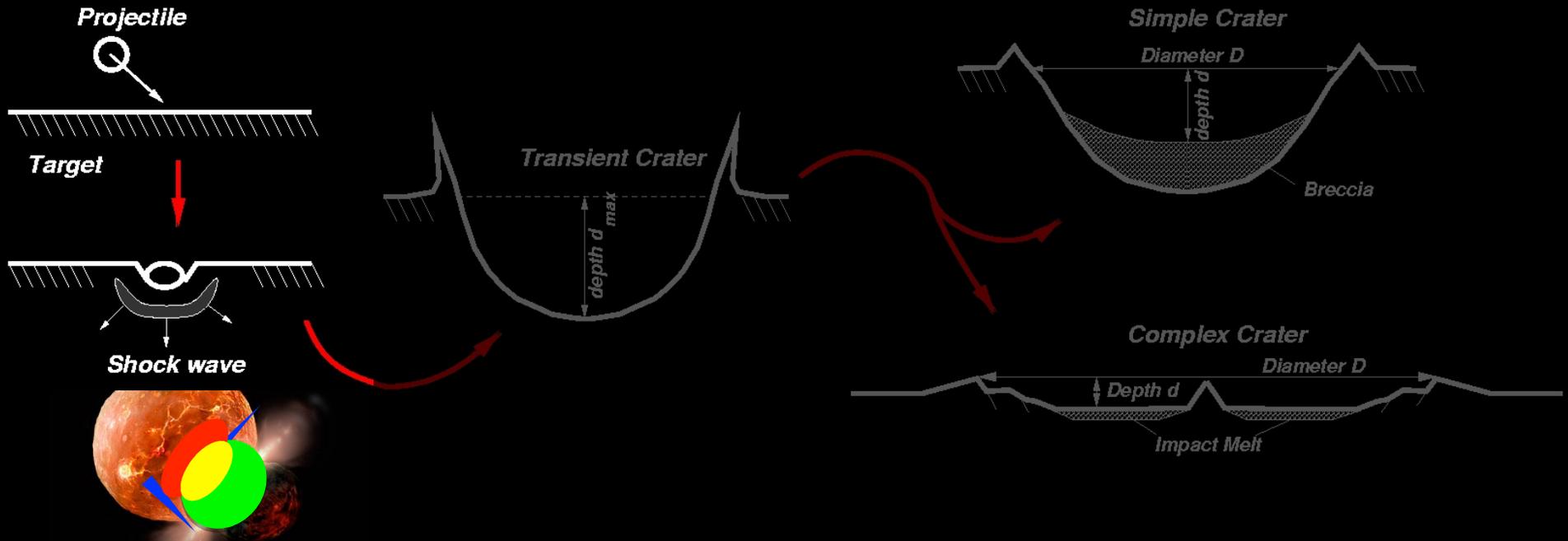
Meteor Crater, AZ
D=1.2 km

Credits: Barringer website

The Impact Process: general overview



The Impact Process: contact & compression



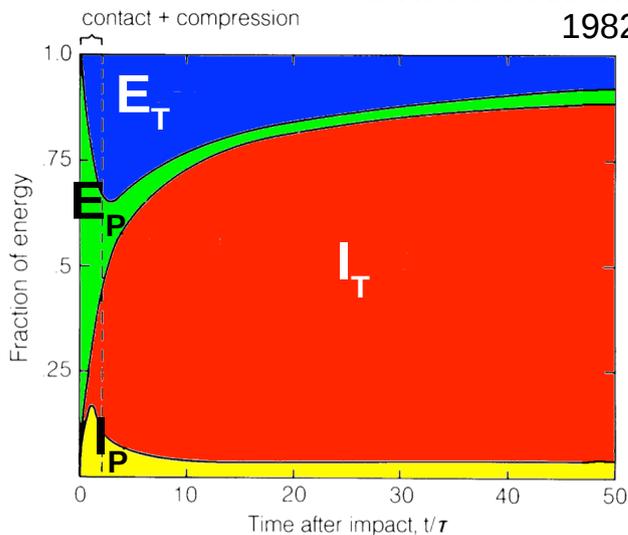
Artwork courtesy of James Garry, Fastlight

Partitioning of the kinetic energy

Vast majority of E_P is turned into internal energy of the target I_T by **SHOCK WAVES**

Partitioning & distribution of I_T
material properties
impact velocity and angle

O'Keefe & Ahrens
1982



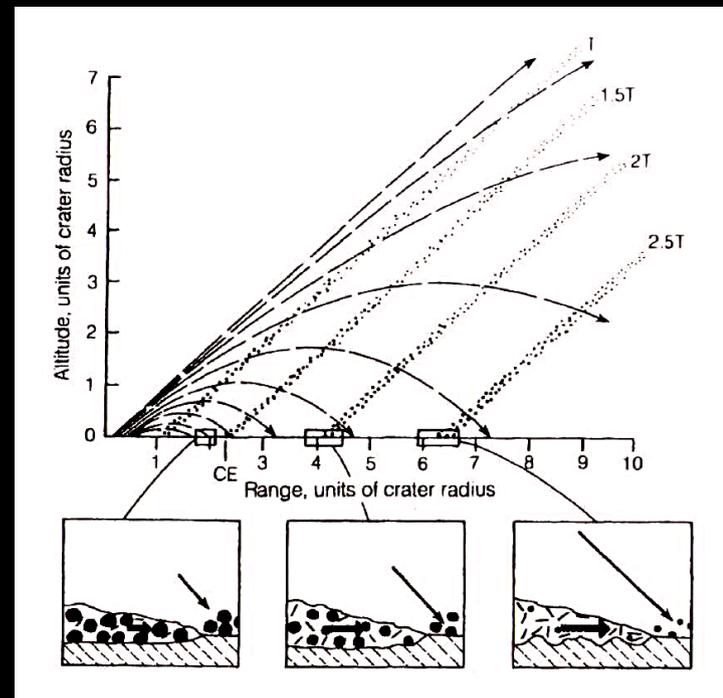
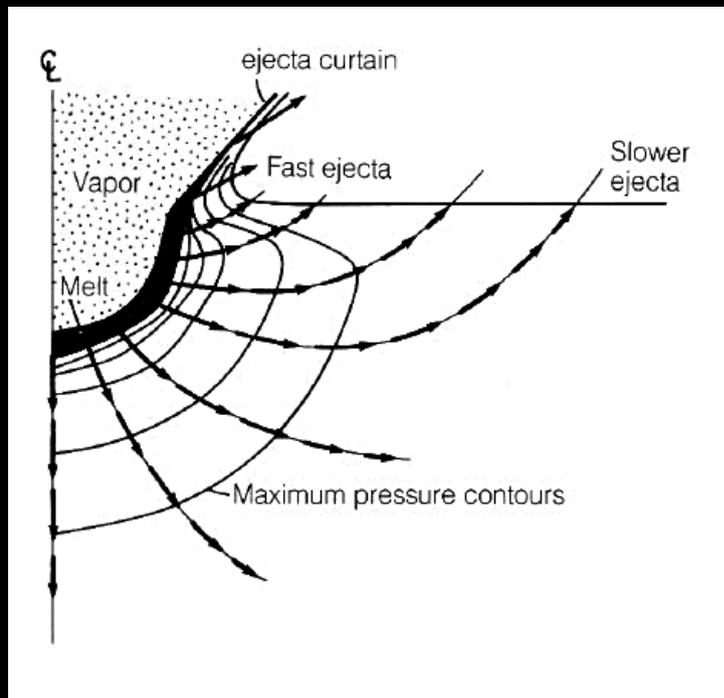
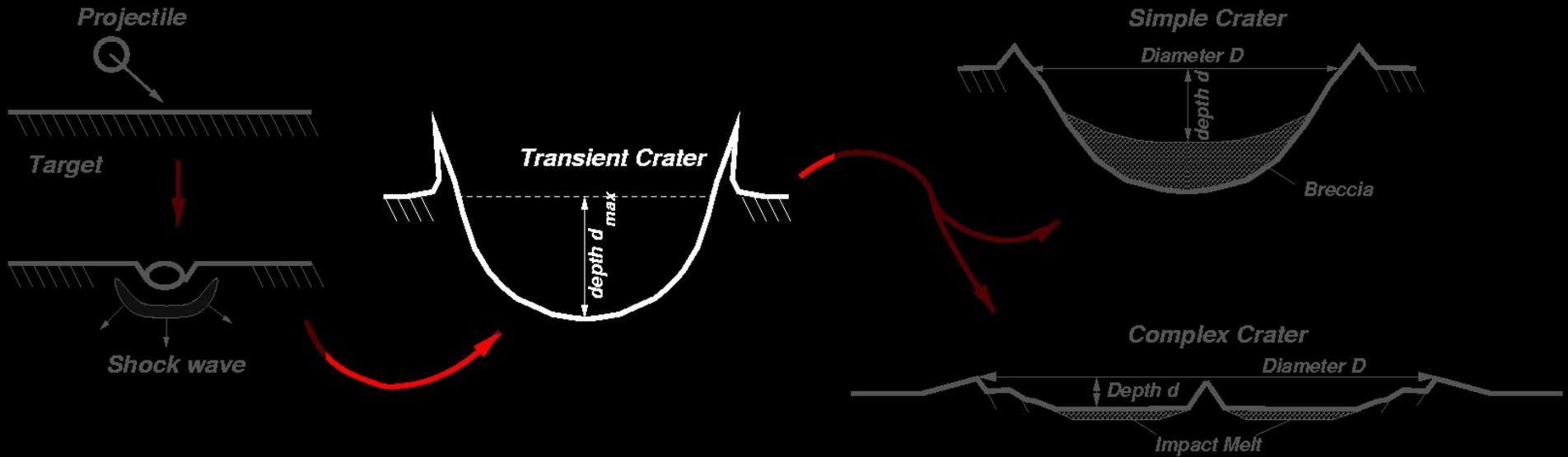
E_T Kinetic Energy target

E_P Kinetic Energy projectile

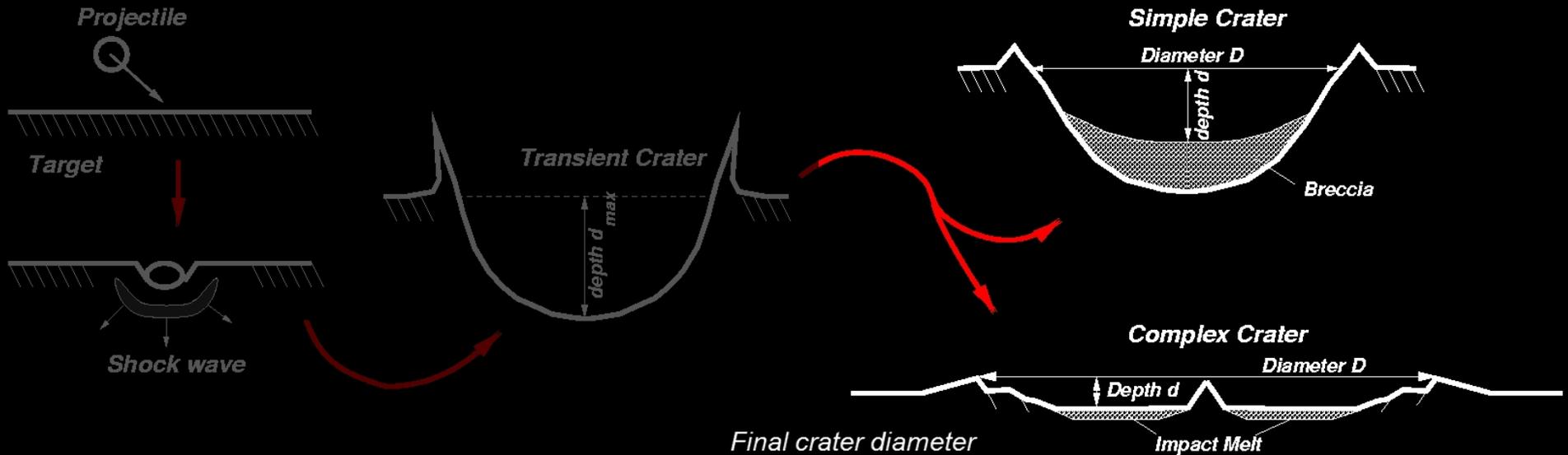
I_T Internal Energy target

I_P Internal Energy projectile

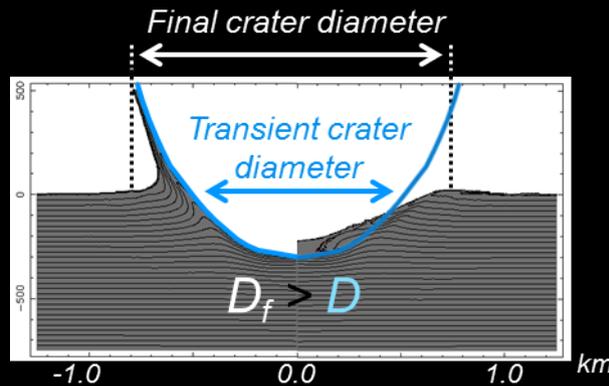
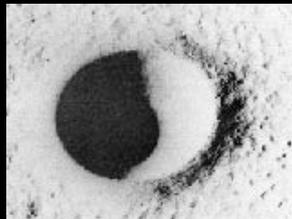
The Impact Process: excavation



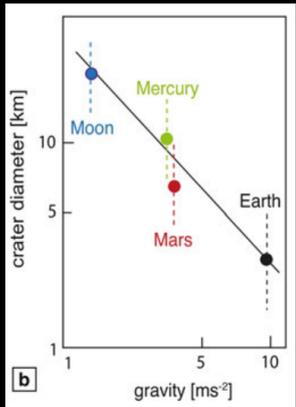
The Impact Process: collapse



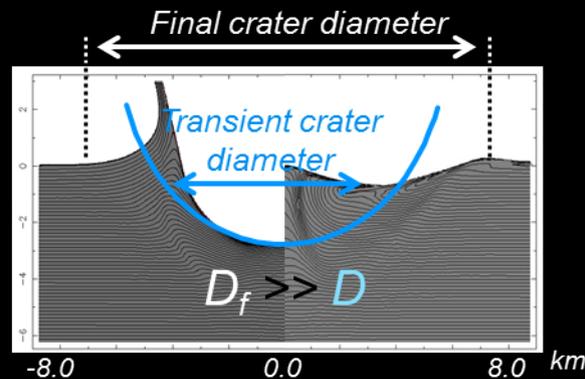
Simple craters



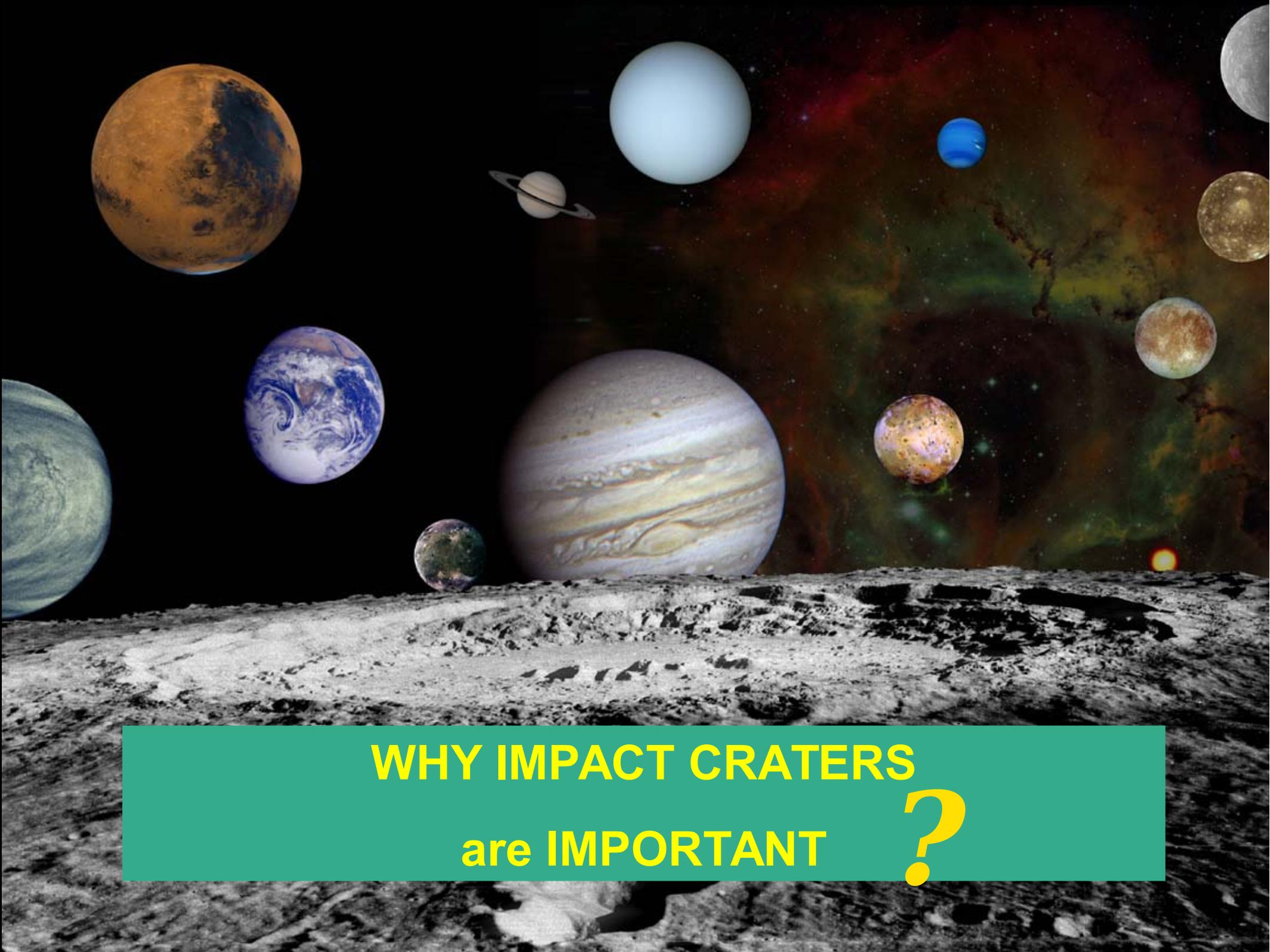
$$D_f = 1.25 D$$



Complex craters



$$D_f = 1.17 \frac{D^{1.13}}{D_{s-c}^{0.13}}$$



**WHY IMPACT CRATERS
are IMPORTANT ?**

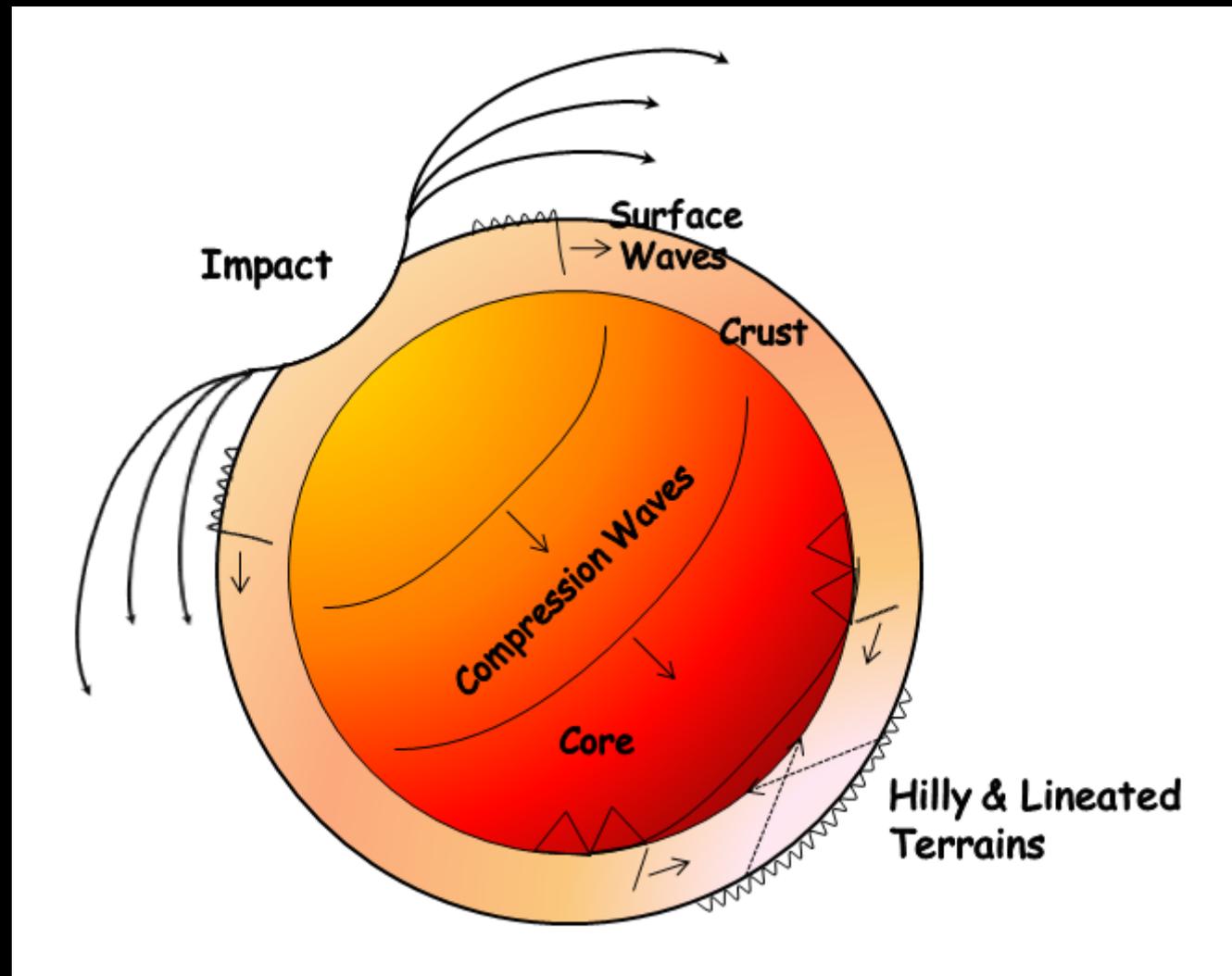
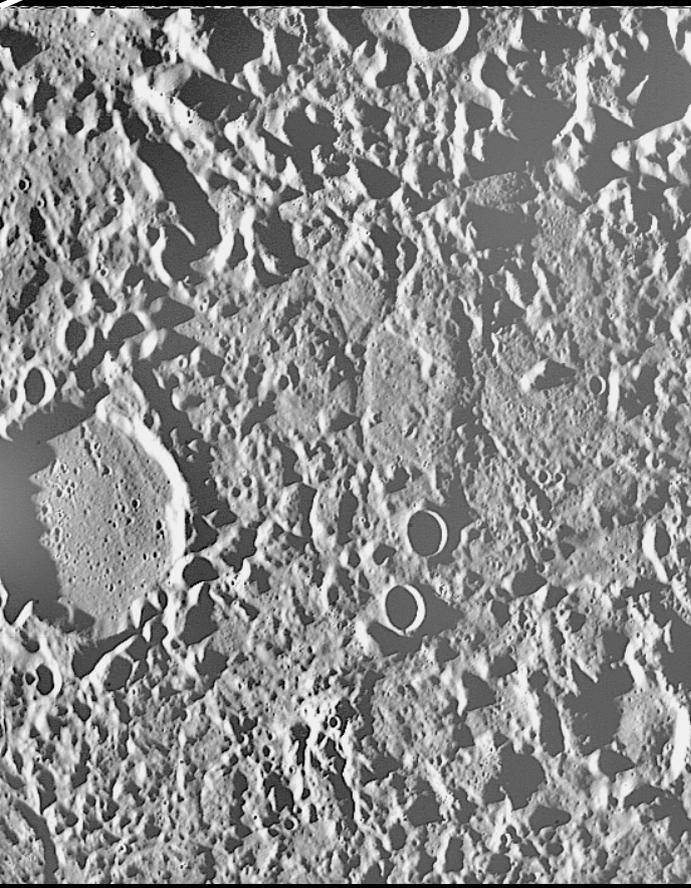
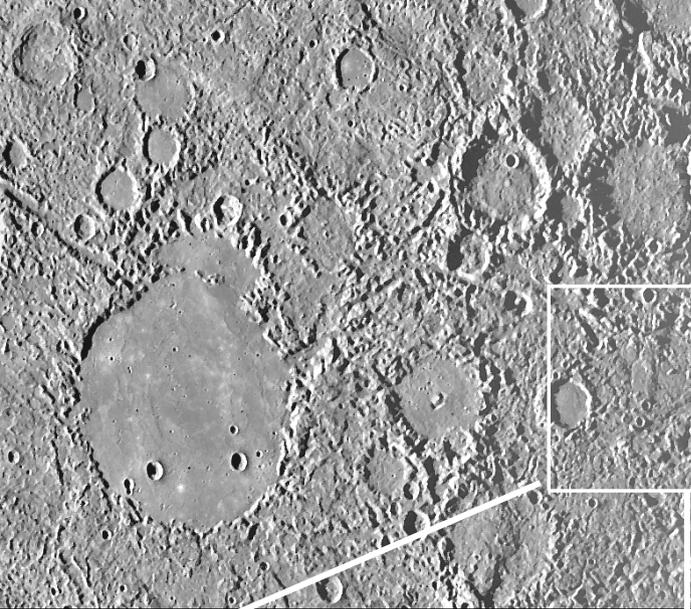
Planet Formation



Image credit: NASA / JPL-Caltech

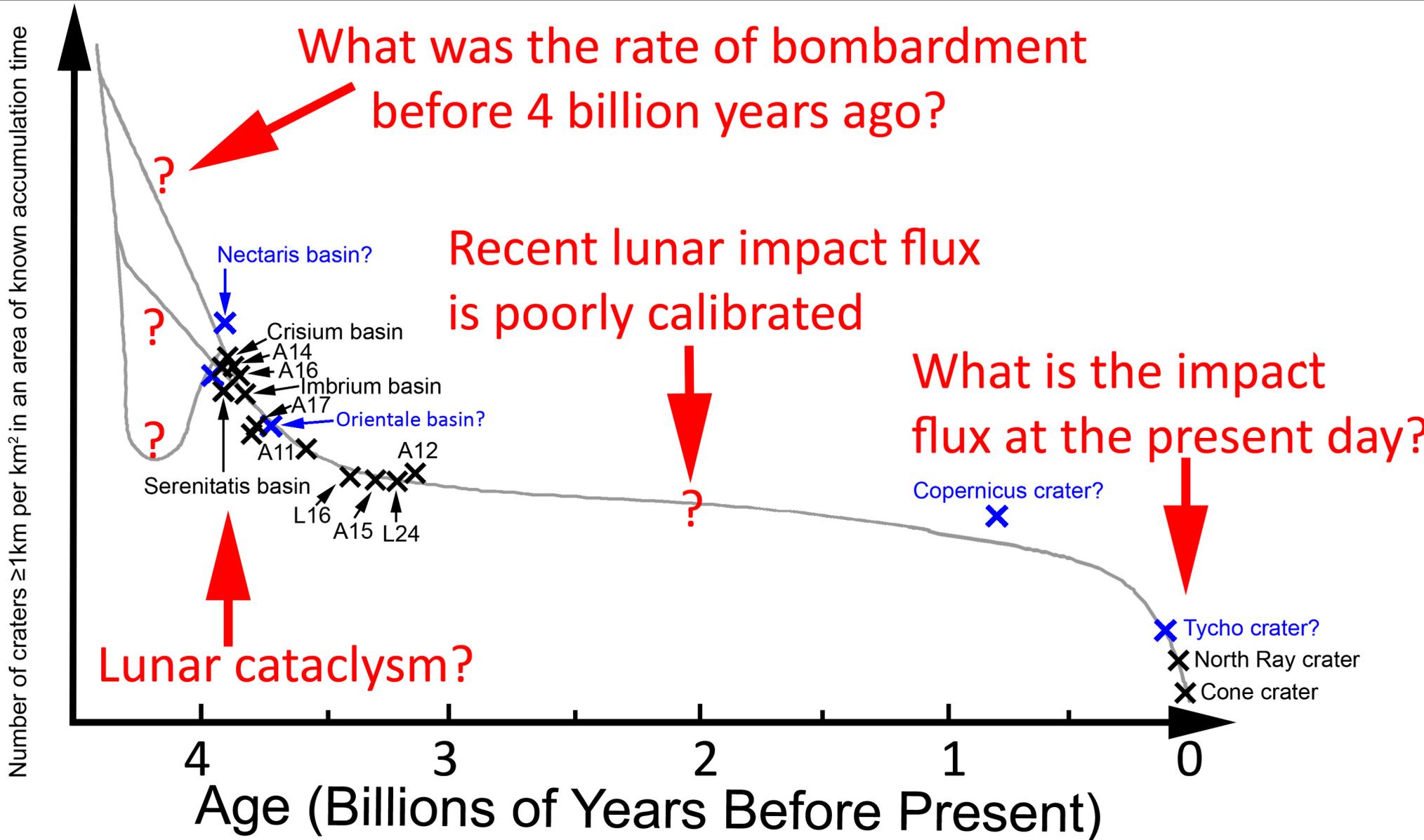
Planetary Geology

Modified after Strom & Sprague (2003)



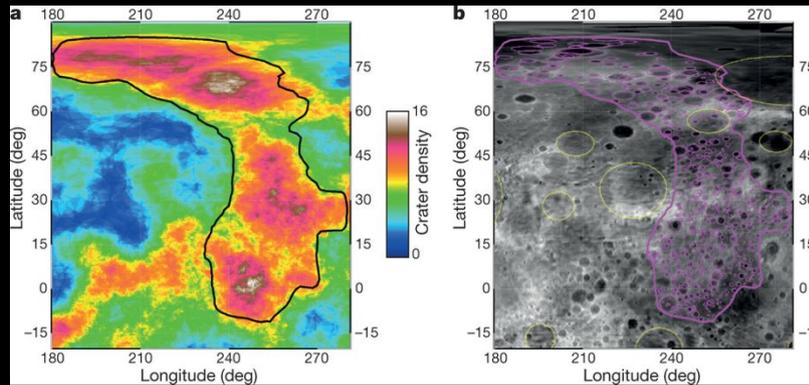
Impactor Flux Estimation

Lunar cratering chronology



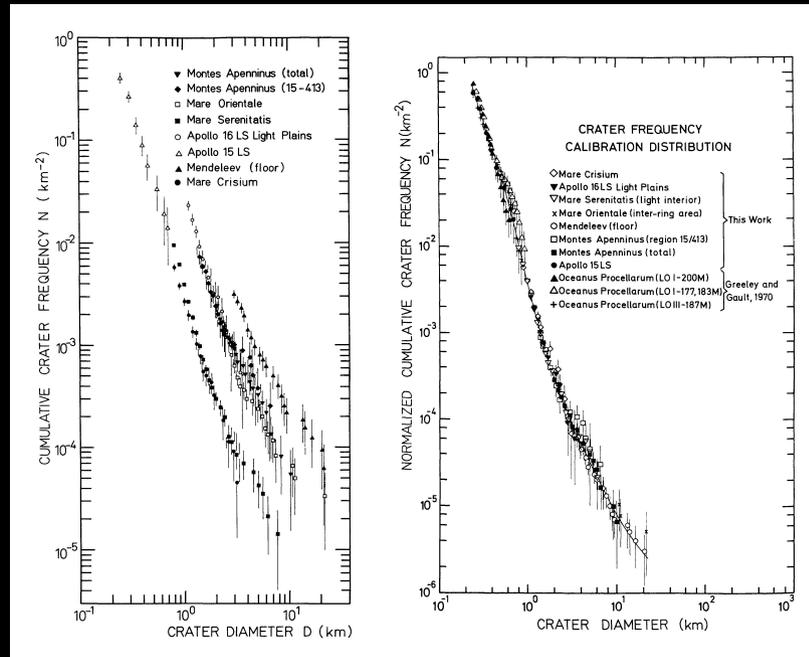
Planetary Age Determination

Relative Age

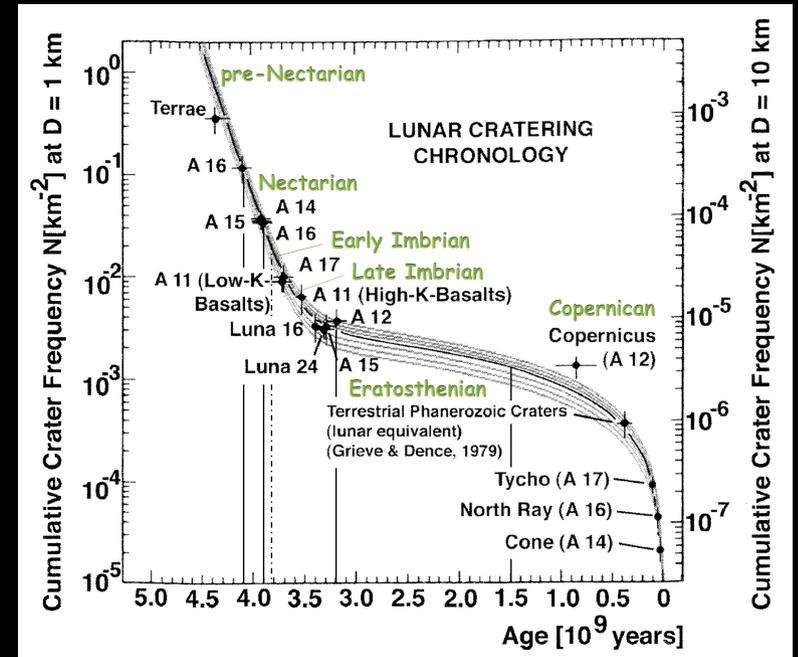


Marchi et al.
(2013)

Absolute Age

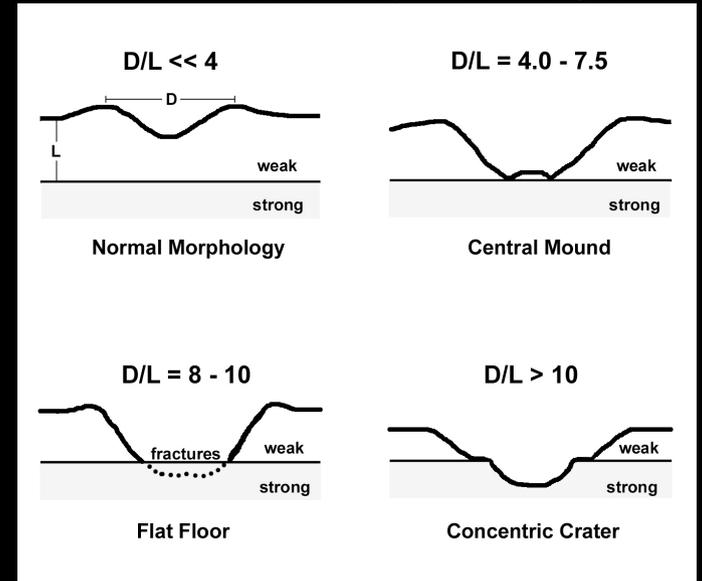


Neukum et al. (1975)



Modified after Hiesinger et al.
(2000)

Surface Layering 1

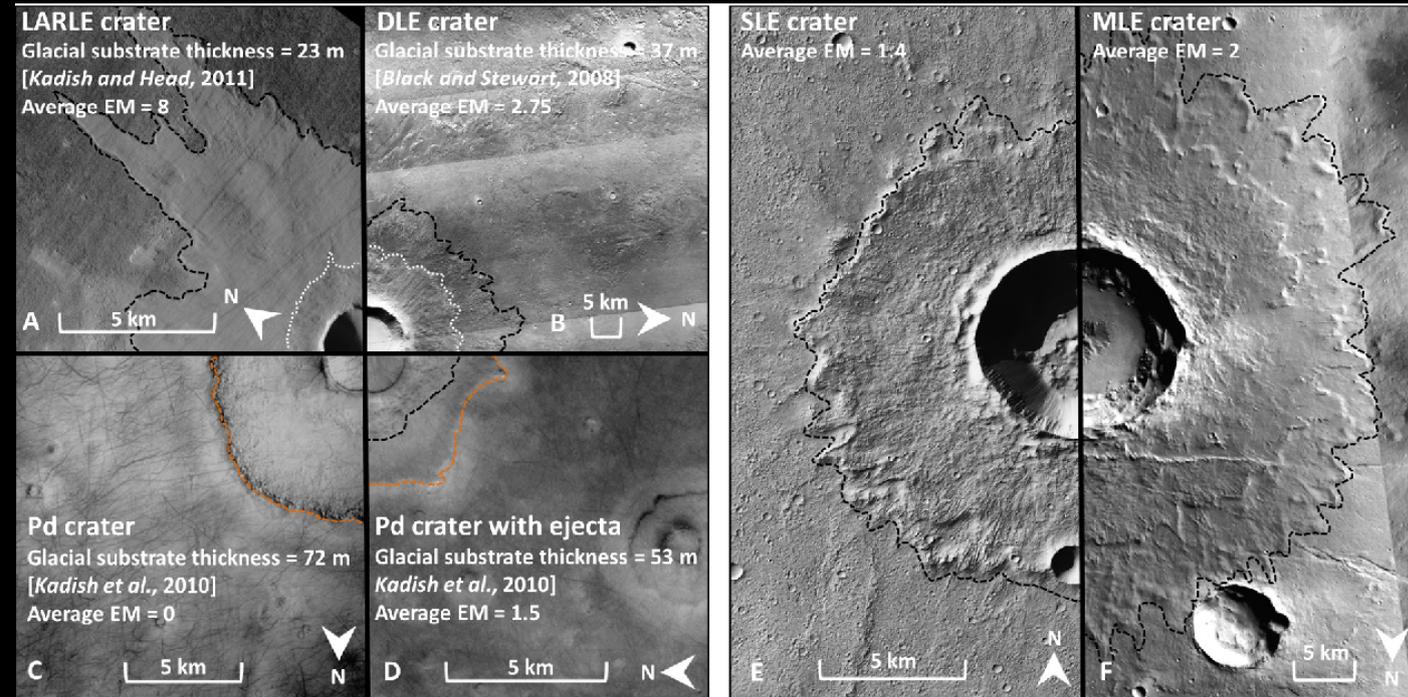


Quaide & Oberbeck (1968)

D = 11.5 km
Unnamed crater
in Apollo Basin

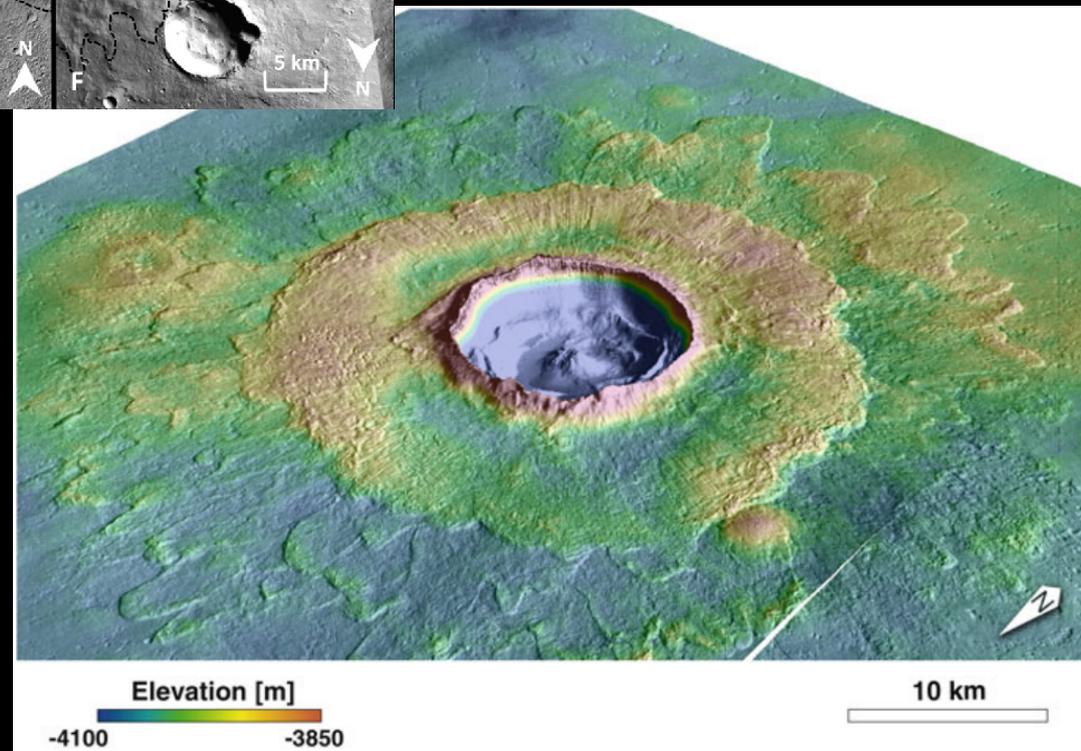
Credits: LROC/NAC
NASA/GSFC/Arizona State
University

Surface Layering 2

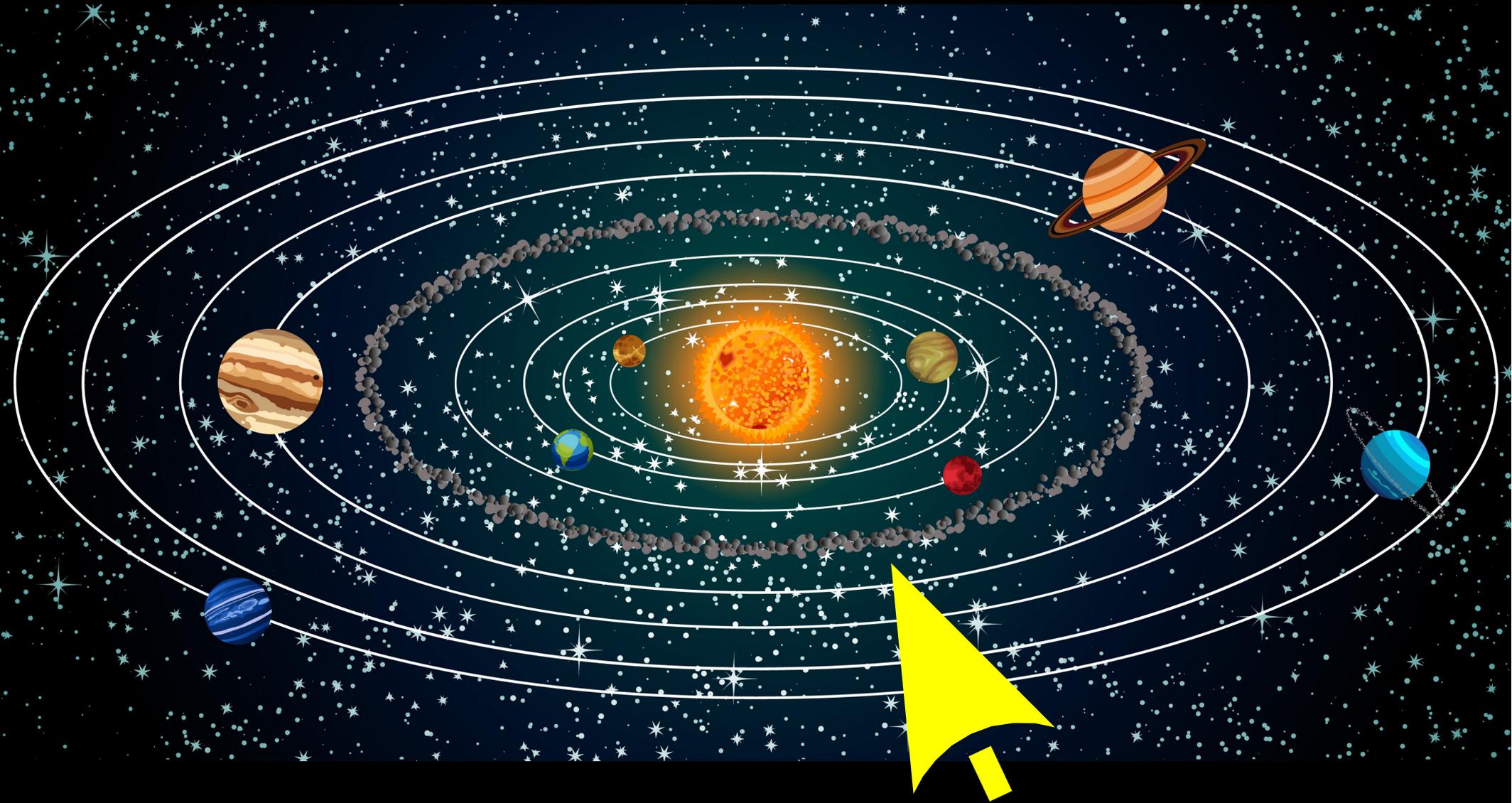


Kenkmann & Wulf (2018)

Weiss & Head (2014)



2 case studies



Mission Scenario

Rosetta Mission

LAUNCH DATE Mar 2004

Earth (Mar 2005)

Mars (Feb 2007)

FLYBYS

Earth (Nov 2007)

Steins (Sep 2008)

Earth (Nov 2009)

Lutetia (Jul 2010)

ENTER COMET
ORBIT

May 2014

MISSION END

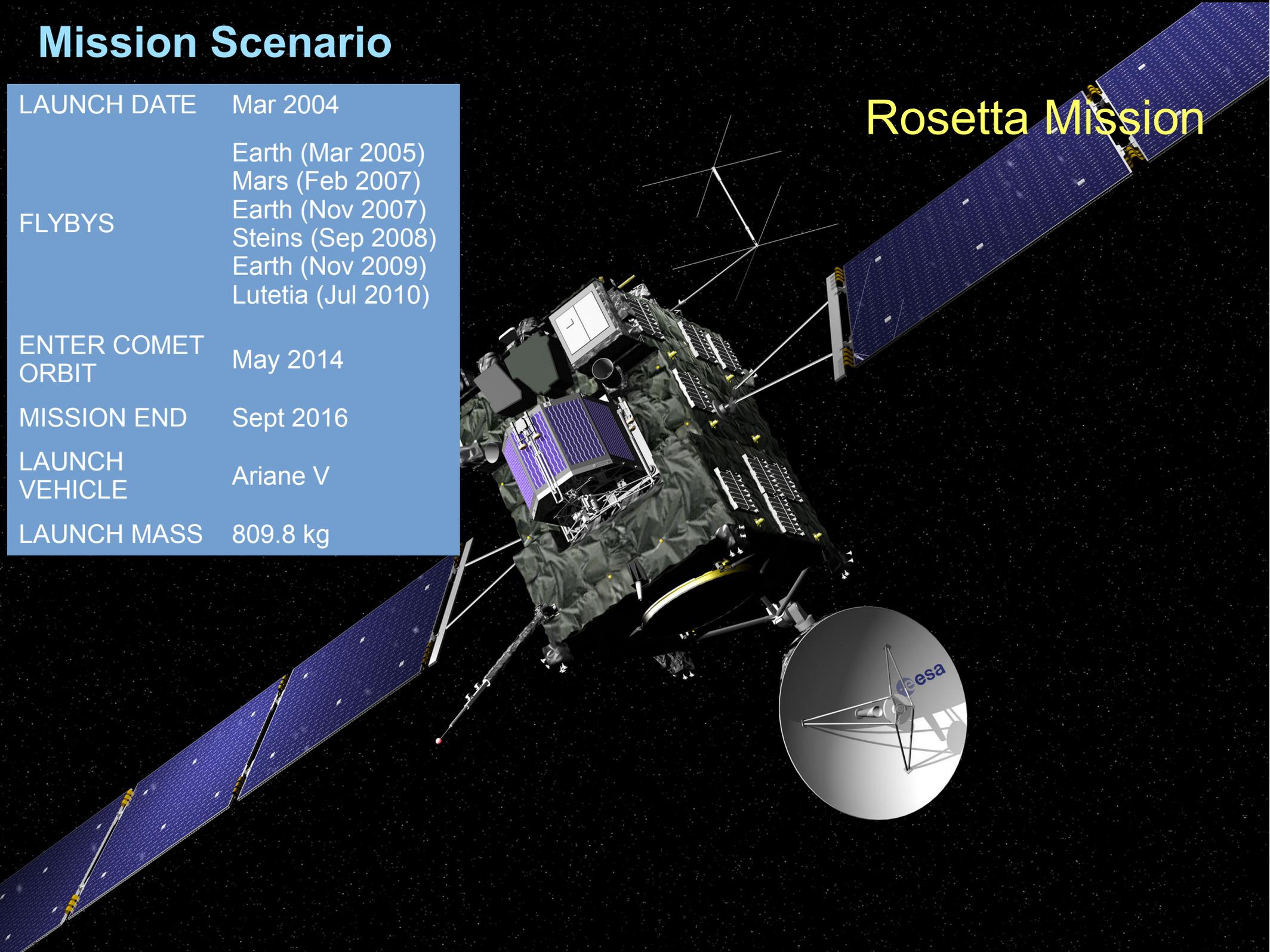
Sept 2016

LAUNCH
VEHICLE

Ariane V

LAUNCH MASS

809.8 kg

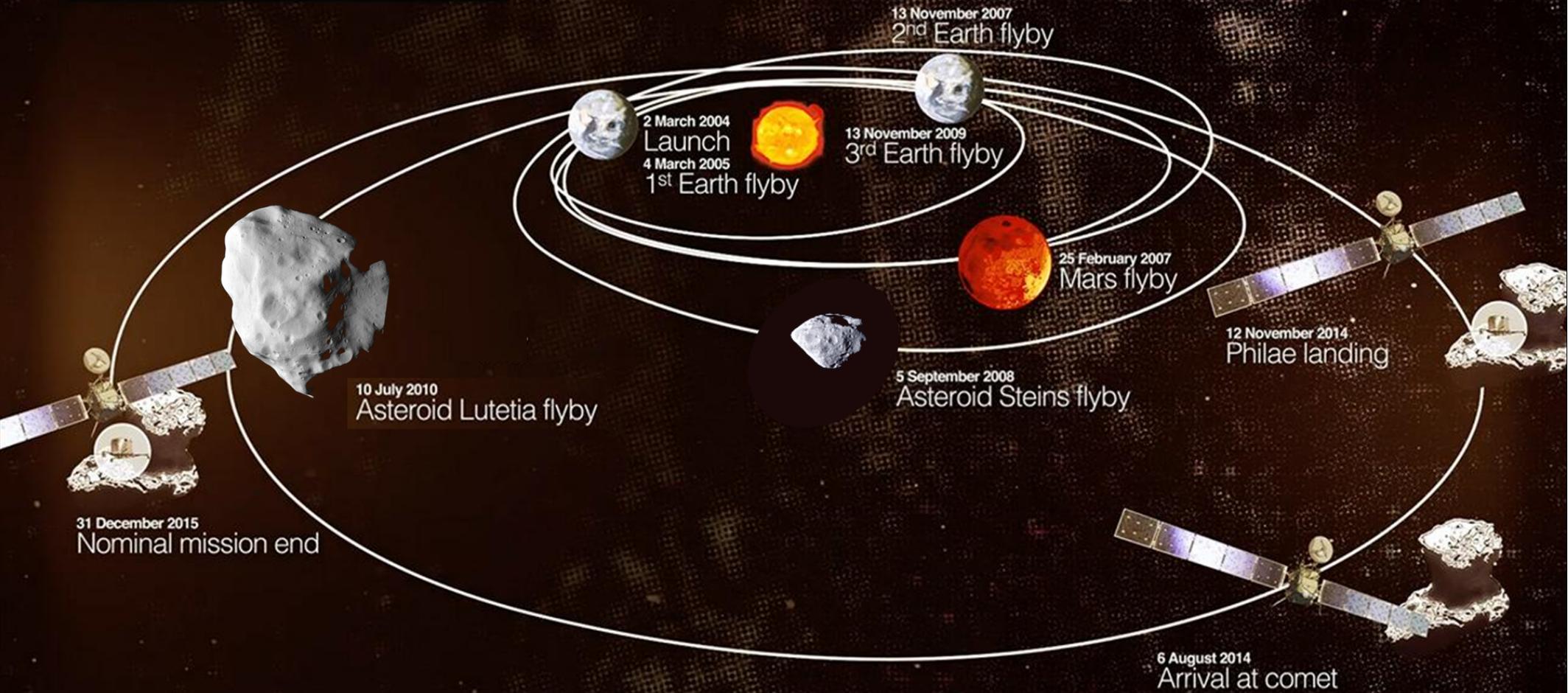


OSIRIS: Optical Spectroscopic and Infrared Remote Sensing Imaging System



	NAC	WAC
OPTICAL DESIGN	3-mirror off-axis	2-mirror off-axis
DETECTOR TYPE	2k × 2k CCD	2k × 2k CCD
ANGULAR RESOLUTION ($\mu\text{rad px}^{-1}$)	18.6	101
FOCAL LENGTH(mm)	717.4	140(sag)/ 131(tan)
MASS	13.2 kg	9.48 kg
FoV	1.20° × 2.22°	11.35° × 12.11°
WAVELENGTH RANGE	250-1000 nm	240-720 nm
No. of FILTERS	12	14
ESTIMATED DETECTION THRESHOLD (m_v)	21-22	18

ROSETTA'S JOURNEY

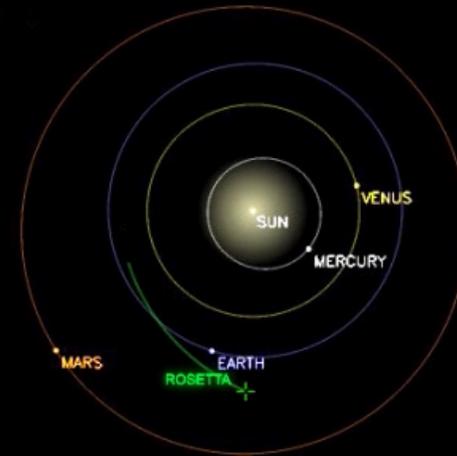


2867 Steins: 5th September 2008

- $D = 4.6$ km
- E-type asteroid
- Characteristic feature: a 2-km crater
- Numerical models suggest Steins is either a monolithic, and then transformed in a rubble pile structure as a result of the crater formation, allowing it to be reshaped in its current shape by the YORP spin-up thermal effect
- The chain may indicate partial drainage of loose surface material into a fracture within stronger, deeper material, possibly marking pre-existing physical inhomogeneities

Distance Rosetta - Steins: 1.317 AU

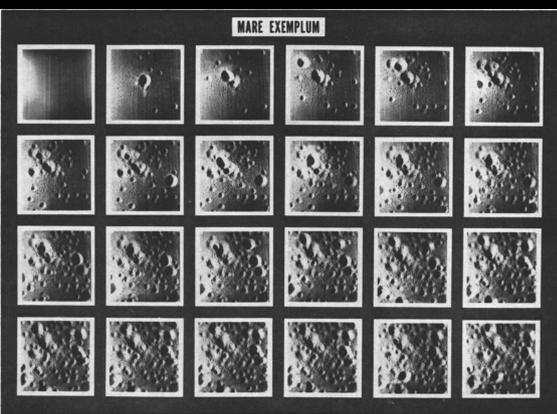
4 mar 2008



Jutzi et al. (2010)
Keller et al. (2010)

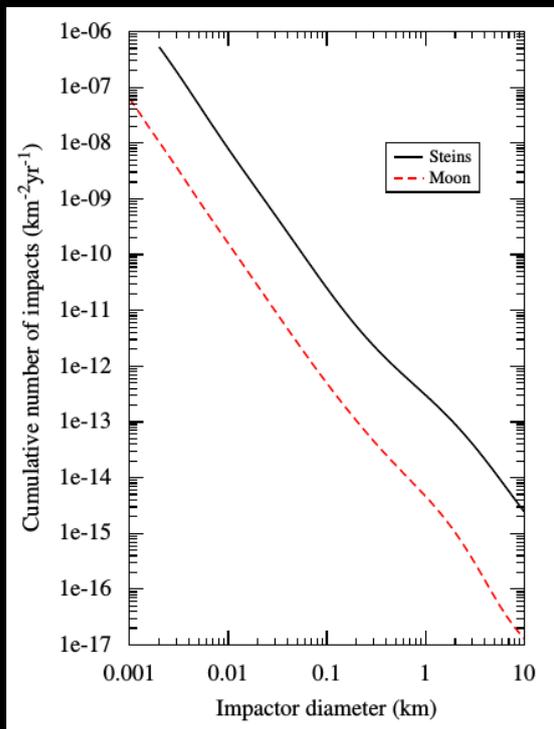
AGE:

Crater-counting based Chronology

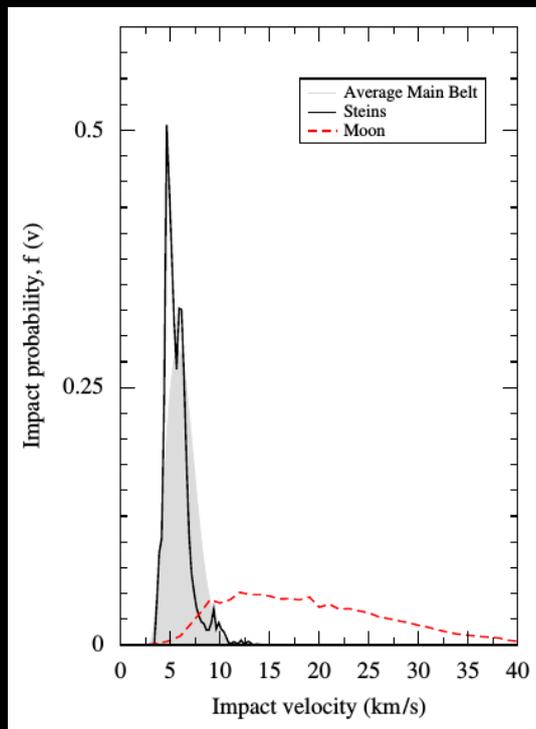


From Gault (1970)

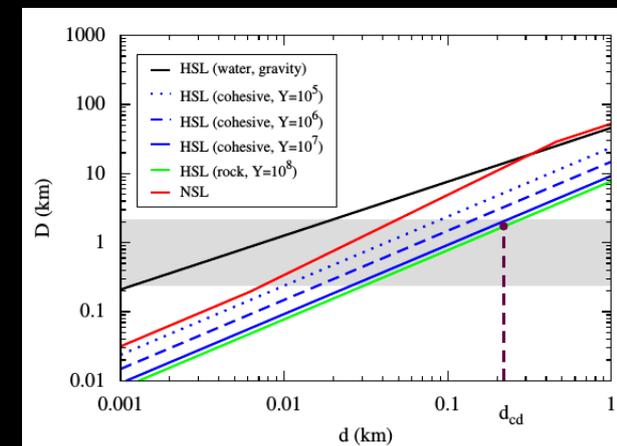
MBA size-distribution



intrinsic probability of collision with Steins

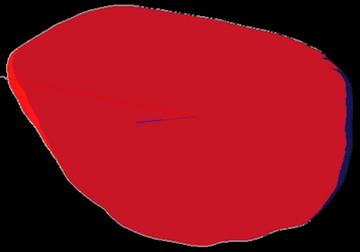


scaling laws



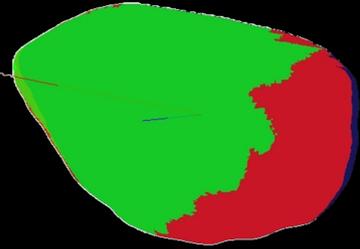
Crater Statistics

A



define region of interest by selecting the normal faces in relation to the direction of both the light and the spacecraft

B



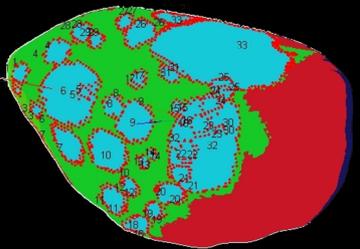
define their terminator by using the projected images

C



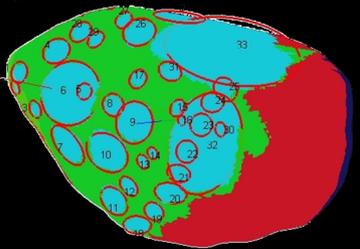
define 3D craters by projecting the ArcGIS masks

D

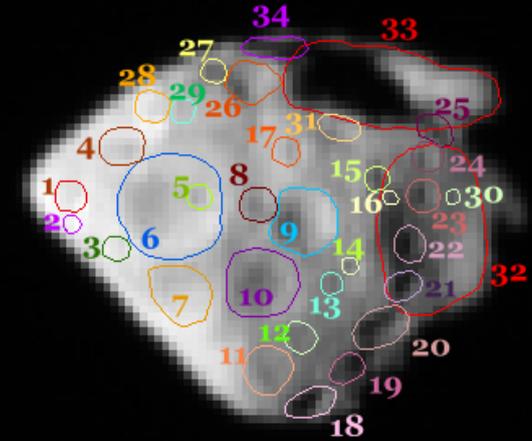


detect border vertices

E



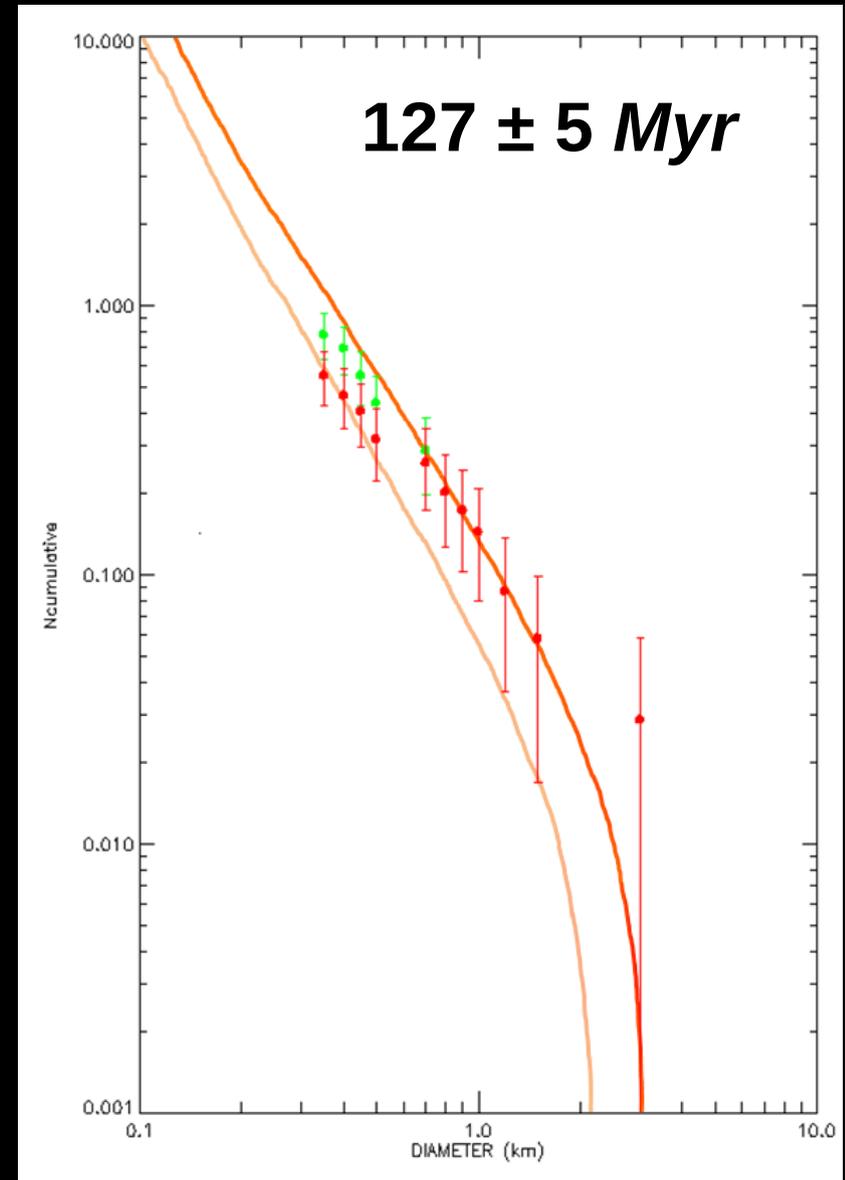
elliptical fit (LMS) and mean diameter estimation



UT = 18:38:02.520. The area is 34.5254 km^2 , computed removing the shaded areas near the terminator seen by OSIRIS, since no crater is detected on them

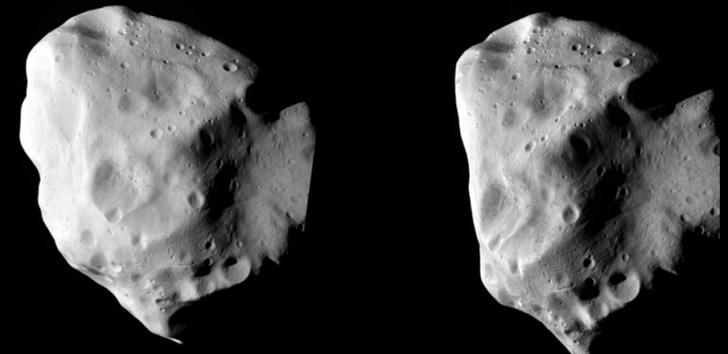
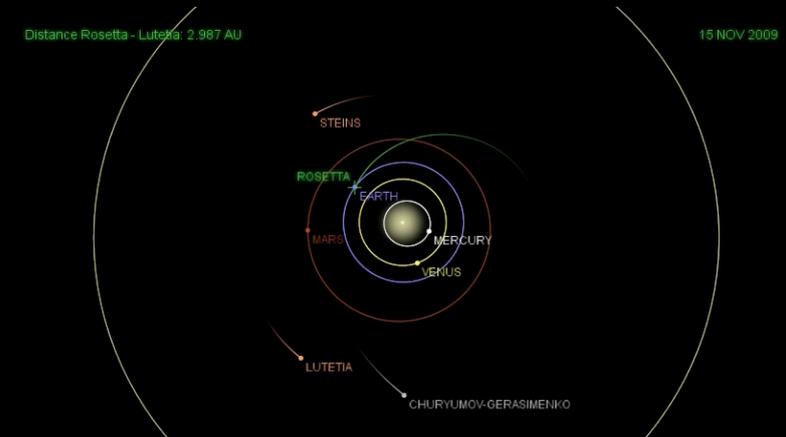
Age Determination

No	Type	2D SHAPE		3D SHAPE		Mean Diameter (km)
		Mean Diameter (km)	Semi major axis (km)	Semi minor axis (km)	Semi minor axis (km)	
1	PRIMARY	0.22	0.22	0.18	0.40	
2	?	0.53	0.13	0.14	0.27	
3	PRIMARY	0.62	0.23	0.16	0.40	
4	PRIMARY	0.94	0.30	0.26	0.56	
5	PRIMARY	0.33	0.16	0.15	0.30	
6	DEGRADED	1.20	0.65	0.59	1.24	
7	ELLIPTIC	0.48	0.56	0.39	0.96	
8	PRIMARY	0.29	0.24	0.20	0.44	
9	DEGRADED	0.80	0.41	0.38	0.79	
10	DEGRADED	0.78	0.59	0.41	1.01	
11	PRIMARY	0.75	0.49	0.28	0.77	
12	PRIMARY	0.72	0.31	0.19	0.50	
13	PRIMARY	0.41	0.20	0.13	0.33	
14	PRIMARY	0.34	0.13	0.11	0.25	
15	PRIMARY	0.38	0.18	0.15	0.34	
16	PRIMARY	0.80	0.10	0.08	0.17	
17	PRIMARY	0.33	0.21	0.17	0.38	
18	CHAIN	0.65	0.37	0.19	0.55	
19	CHAIN	0.70	0.33	0.19	0.52	
20	CHAIN	0.86	0.49	0.28	0.78	
21	CHAIN	0.41	0.27	0.21	0.48	
22	CHAIN	0.56	0.22	0.19	0.40	
23	CHAIN	0.43	0.21	0.20	0.41	
24	CHAIN	0.41	0.24	0.19	0.42	
25	CHAIN	0.85	0.30	0.23	0.53	
26	PRIMARY	0.52	0.50	0.30	0.80	
27	PRIMARY	0.54	0.31	0.15	0.46	
28	PRIMARY	0.27	0.27	0.20	0.47	
29	PRIMARY	0.75	0.21	0.15	0.36	
30	PRIMARY	0.40	0.11	0.13	0.24	
31	ELLIPTIC	0.97	0.30	0.18	0.48	
32	?	1.76	0.97	0.66	1.64	
33	?	2.19	2.16	1.10	3.26	
34	?	0.78	0.72	0.30	1.02	



21 Lutetia: 10th July 2010

- $D = 100 \text{ km}$
- composition: carbonaceous or enstatite chondrite
- density = 3.4 g/cm^3
- 5 major units
- heavily cratered
- surface covered by regolith

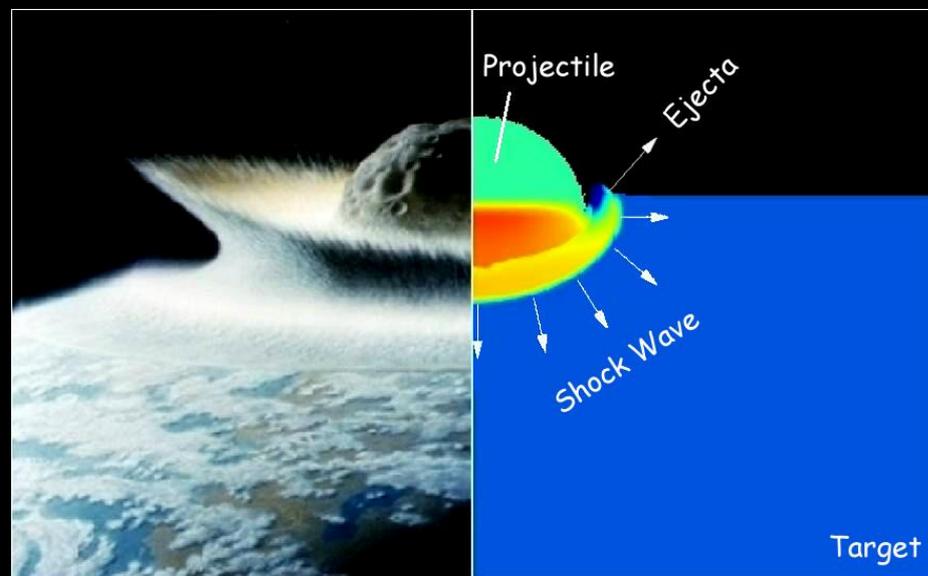


Sierks et al. (2011)

INTERNAL STRUCTURE: Numerical Modelling

Scientific Motivations

- determination of the projectile size
- hints on the asteroid composition and structure
- outline crater morphology
- boulders formation and ejection
- estimate of secondary formation
- fraction of escaping material



- ✓ Expand size scale from experimentally feasible studies
- ✓ Study conditions beyond the reach of experiments (eg., velocity, size)
- ✓ Verify the physics of the process

impact - Simplified Arbitrary Lagrangian Eulerian

Conservation Laws:

Momentum

$$\frac{Dv_i}{Dt} = f_i + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \sigma_{ji}}{\partial x_j}$$

Mass

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} + \rho \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_i} = 0$$

Energy

$$\frac{DI}{Dt} = - \frac{p}{\rho} \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_i} + \frac{1}{\rho} \Pi_{ij} \dot{\epsilon}_{ij}$$

Constitutive
Material
Models



Equation of State

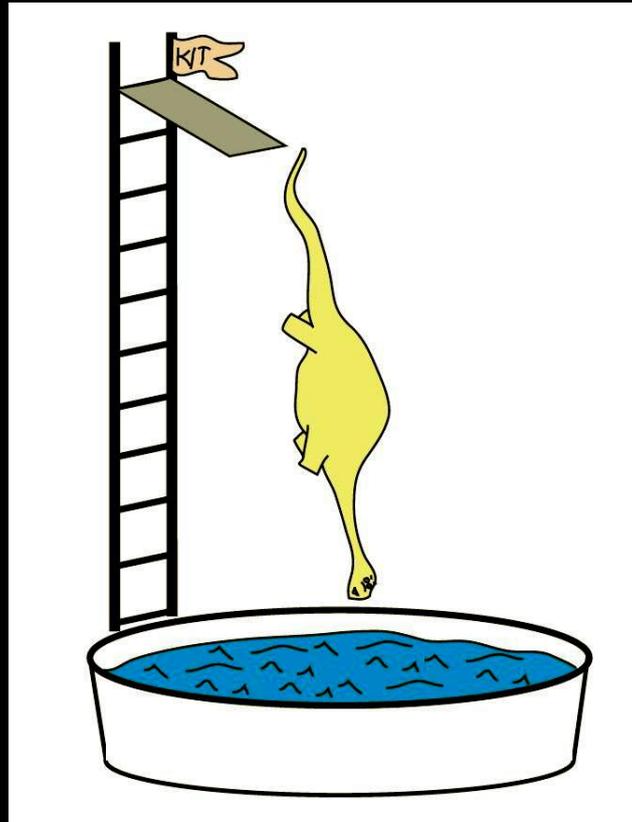
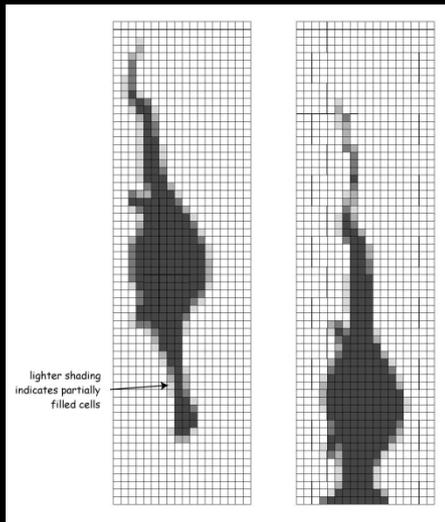
$$p = p(\rho, I)$$

Strength Model

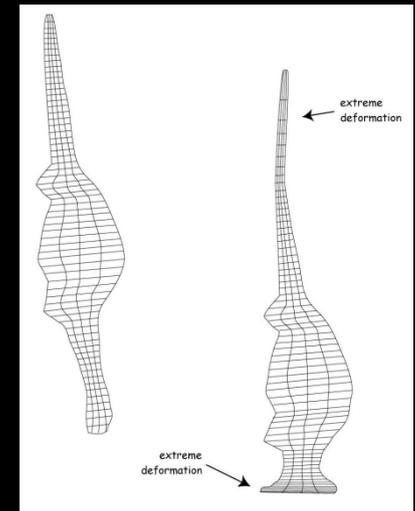
$$\sigma_{ij} = g(\epsilon_{ij}, \dot{\epsilon}_{ij}, I, D)$$

The implementation of the continuum dynamics
occurs through
DISCRETIZATION

Eulerian



Lagrangian



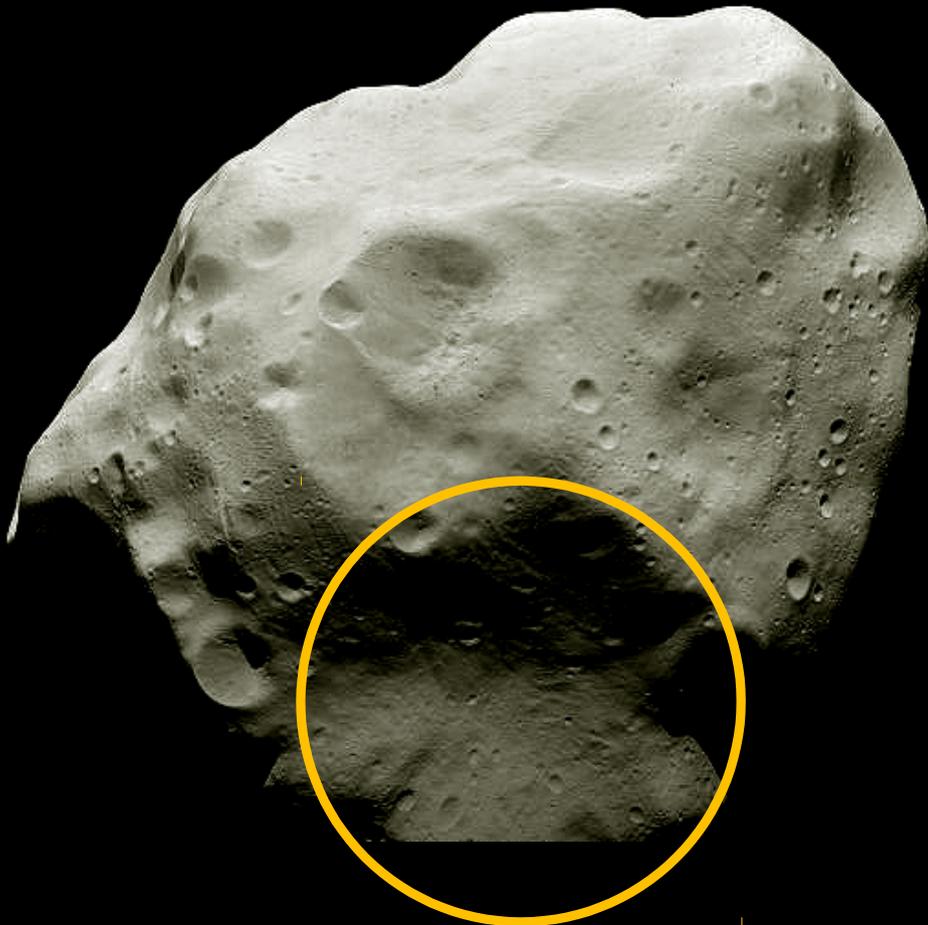
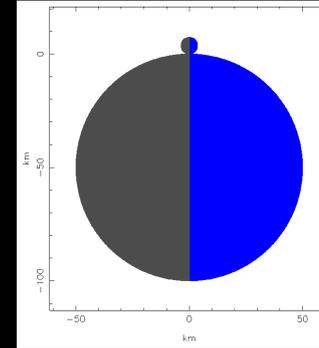
material flows through a static mesh

- ❑ cell volume is constant
- ❑ cell mass changes with time
- ⌚ time evolution limited only by total mesh size
- ❌ material interfaces are blurred

cells & mesh move with material

- ❑ cell volume changes
- ❑ cell mass is constant
- ⌚ free surfaces and interfaces well defined
- ❌ mesh distortion can end the simulation very early

MASSILIA, D=55 km



Impactor

Diameter : 7.5 km

Impact velocity : 4.3 km s⁻¹

Material : Dunite

☐ porosity = 30%

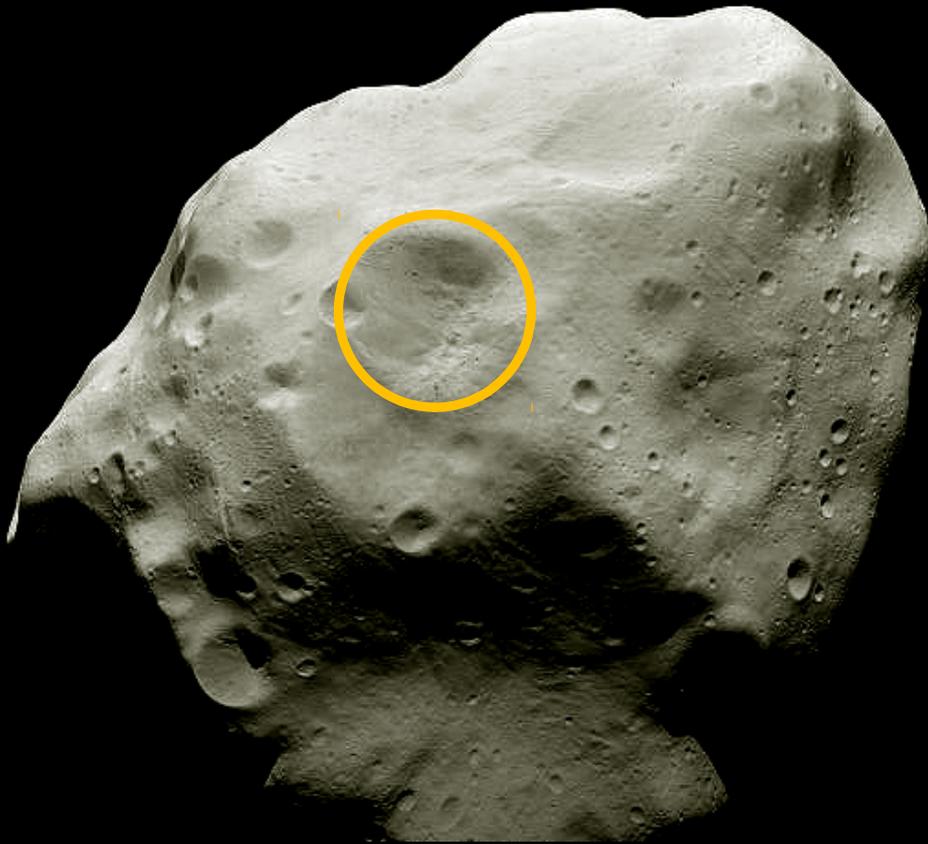
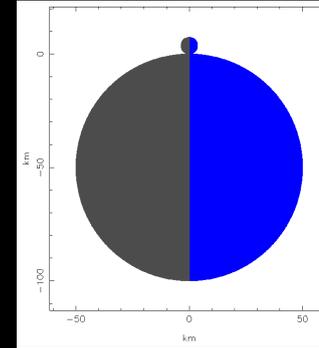
Target

Diameter : 100 km

Material : Dunite

☐ porosity = 0%

NPCC-d, $D=21$ km



Impactor

Diameter : 3.8 km

Impact velocity : 4.3 km s^{-1}

Material : Dunite

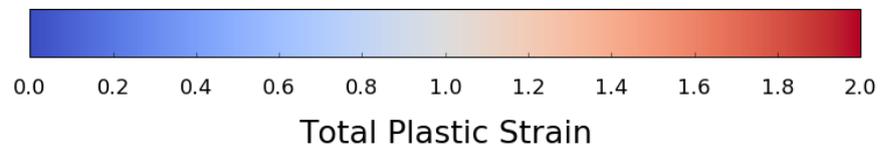
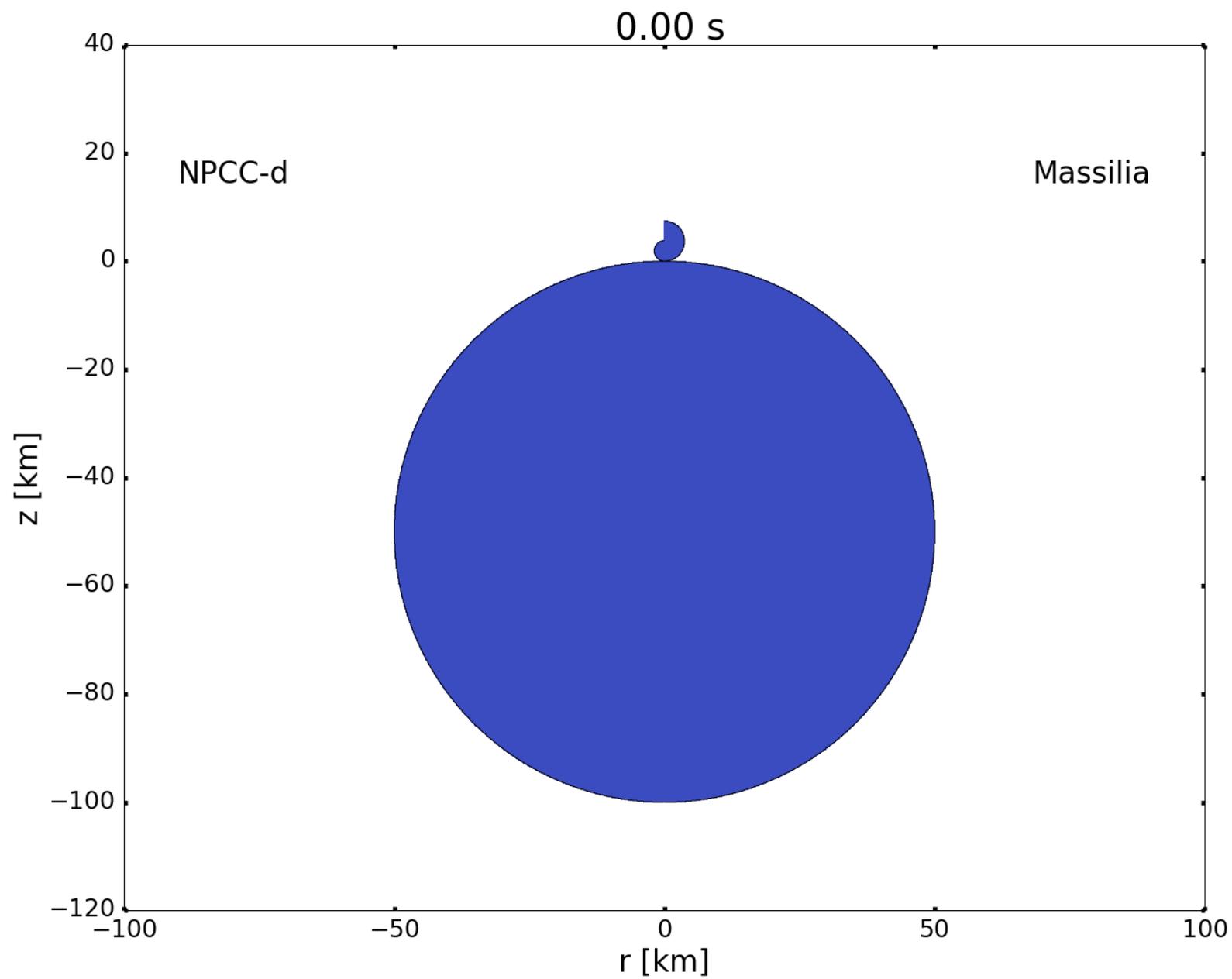
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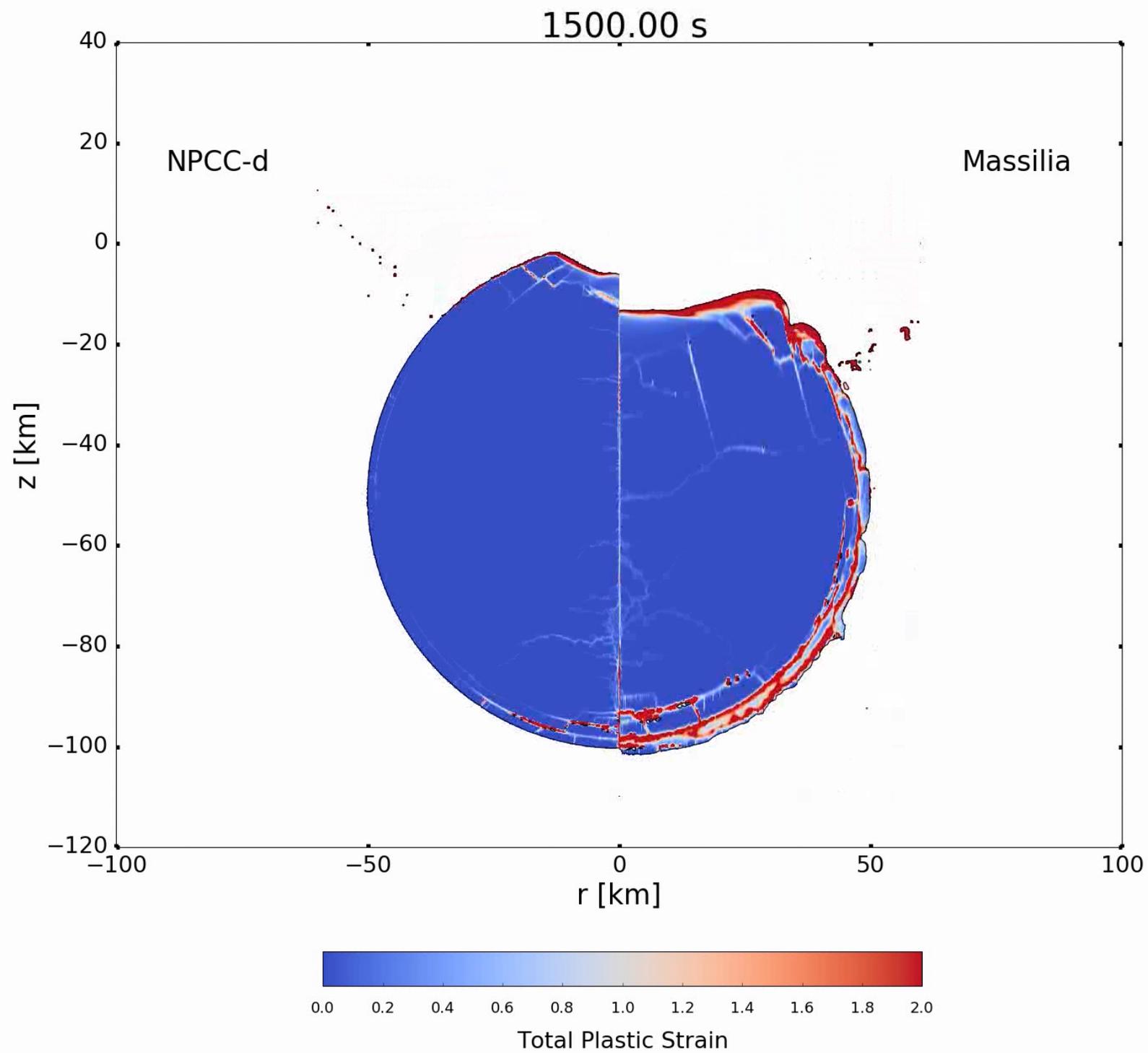
Target

Diameter : 100 km

Material : Dunite

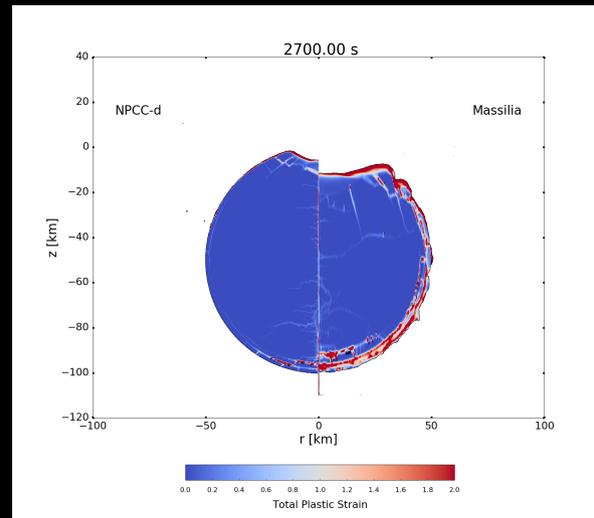
☐ porosity = 0%





NPCC-d

- $d/D = 0.15$
 - Collisional age = 2.1 Gyr
- end of Late Heavy Bombardment: typical outcome of the present belt collisional evolution



MASSILIA

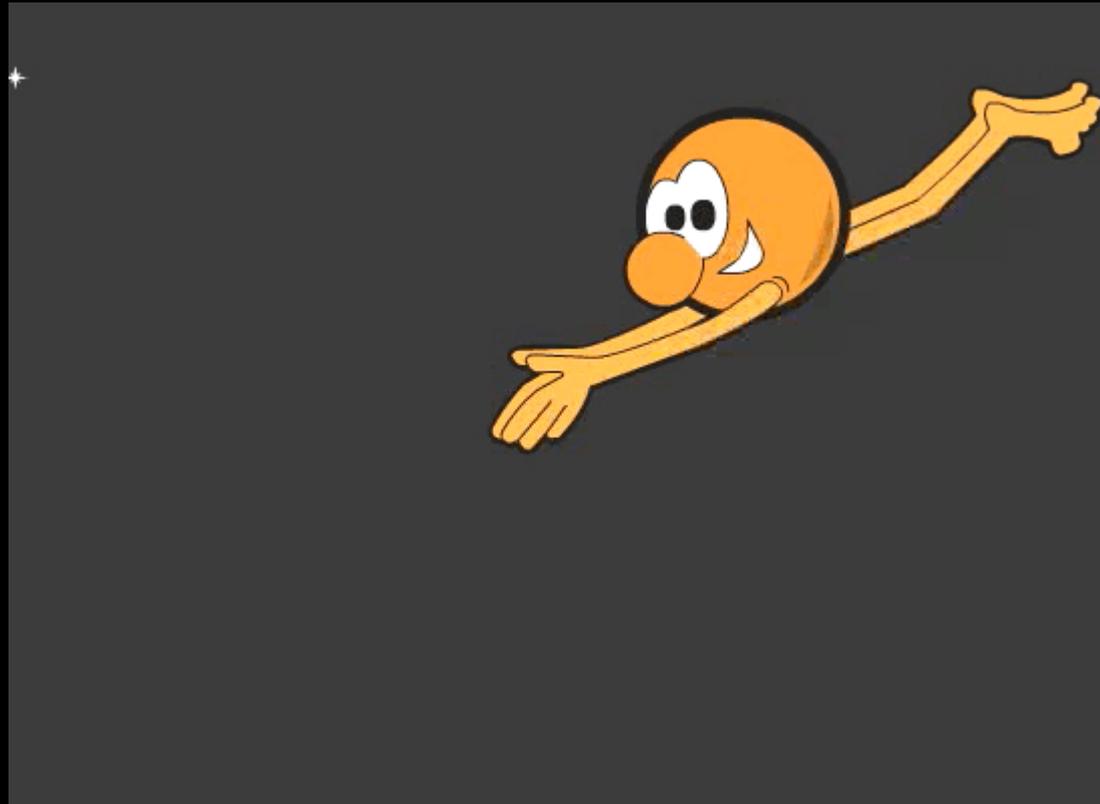
- Lutetia is a *monolithic body*, and survived *intact* to the subsequent collisional evolution
 - creation of a *layer of damaged material* at the surface following the propagation of the compression wave within the body
 - poor of craters in the size range 5-8 km: damaged material influenced small craters and/or reset from the large impact
 - Impact Frequency: $1/9 \text{ Gyr}^{-1}$
- collisional event possibly occurred during the *Late Heavy Bombardment*

Take-Home Message

- ✓ Impact craters are the most widespread landform in the Solar System
 - impact cratering is a fundamental process that both form planetary bodies and then shape their surface
- ✓ The impact process is subdivided into 3 stages:
 - contact & compression
 - excavation
 - modification

each of these phases is governed by physical processes that cause different material flow fields
- ✓ Impact craters are tools to:
 - derive age of planetary body surfaces
 - probe planetary body interiors

Thank you !



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Questions ?

