

Concept of dust depletion

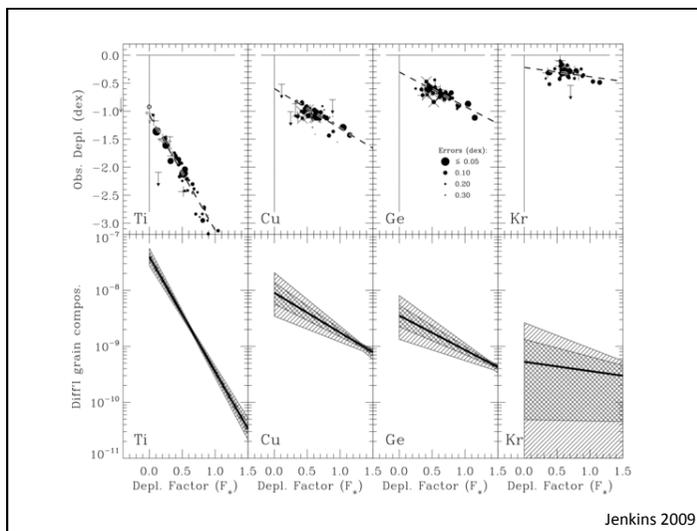
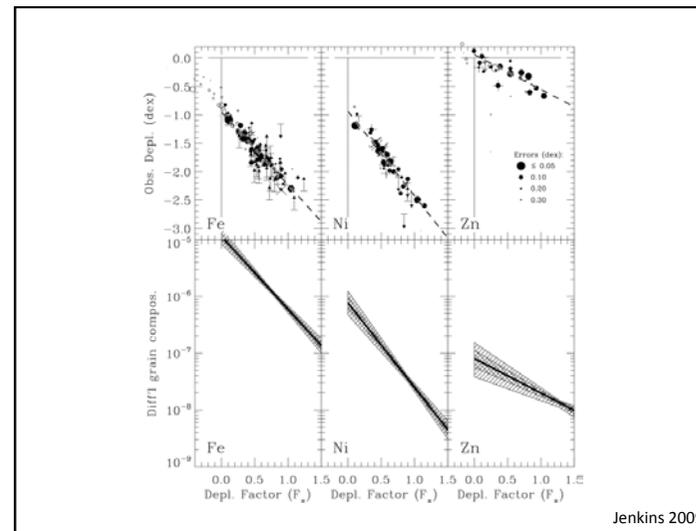
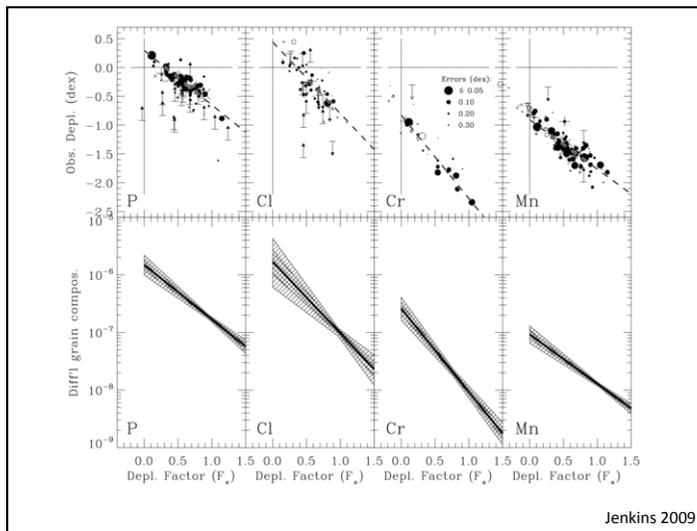
The depletion of an element X in the ISM is defined in terms of (a logarithm of) its reduction factor below the expected abundance relative to that of hydrogen if all of the atoms were in the gas phase,

$$[X_{\text{gas}}/H] = \log\{N(X)/N(H)\} - \log(X/H)_{\odot}$$

which is based on the assumption that solar abundances $(X/H)_{\odot}$ are good reference values that truly reflect the underlying total abundances. In this formula, $N(X)$ is the column density of element X and $N(H)$ represents the column density of hydrogen in both atomic and molecular form, i.e., $N(H) + 2N(H_2)$. The missing atoms of element X are presumed to be locked up in solids within dust grains or large molecules that are difficult to identify spectroscopically, with fractional amounts (again relative to H) given by

$$(X_{\text{dust}}/H) = (X/H)_{\odot}(1 - 10^{[X_{\text{gas}}/H]}).$$

Jenkins 2009



The Galactic Extinction Curve

Extinction curves measure the difference in emitted and observed light. Traditionally measured by comparing two stars of the same spectral type.

Galactic Extinction - empirically determined:
 $\langle A(\lambda)/A(V) \rangle = a(\lambda^{-1}) + b(\lambda^{-1})/R_V$ (Cardelli et al. 1999)

- Bump at 2175 Å ($4.6 \mu\text{m}^{-1}$)
- R_V : Ratio of total to selective extinction in the V band
- Mean value is $R_V = 3.1$ (blue)
- Low value: $R_V = 1.8$ (green) (Udalski 2003)
- High value: $R_V = 5.6-5.8$ (red) (Cardelli et al. 1989; Fitzpatrick et al. 1999)

Graph from Eliasdottir et al. (2006)

Extinction

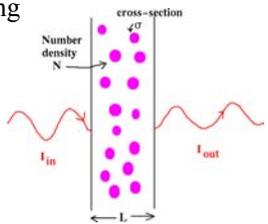
Extinction = Absorption + Scattering

$$I_{\text{in}} = I_{\text{out}} e^{-\tau}$$

$$\tau = N\sigma L$$

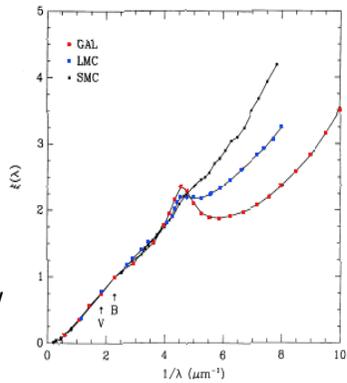
Q_{ext} = extinction efficiency factor
= cross section per unit area = σ/A

$Q_{\text{ext}}(\text{atoms}) < Q_{\text{ext}}(\text{molecules}) < Q_{\text{ext}}(\text{dust})$



Other nearby galaxies

- **LMC**: Smaller bump and steeper rise into the UV (Nandy et al. 1981)
- **SMC**: No bump, well fitted by $A(\lambda) \propto 1/\lambda$ (Prevôt et al. 1984)
- **M31**: Average Galactic extinction law (Bianchi et al. 1996)



Graph from Pei (1992)

Cosmic Dust - "basic facts"

- 1/5 of the part of the Milky Way consisting of stars, planets and other "baryonic matter" is present as gas and dust. Of this 1/5 then 99% is gas and 1% is dust.
- Smoke particles consisting of C, O, Si, Mg, Al, Fe.



General dust facts

- Nucleation – requires supersaturation pressure

$$S = \frac{P_{\text{mon}}}{P_{\text{sat}}(T_d)}$$

- Change of dust mass:
 - Growth – when smaller dust particle increase its size
 - Destruction – when dust grain evaporates into gas phase
- No change of dust mass:
 - Shattering – when larger grain is spilt into smaller dust grains
 - Coagulation – smaller grains form larger grains
- Elements available for dust: C, O, Mg, Si, S and Fe

Dust effects

- Dust drives the mass loss of AGB stars.
- Dust is an important coolant during star formation, possibly essential for low mass star formation.
- Dust plays a crucial role for molecule formation in the ISM.
- Dust is an ingredient of planet formation.
- Dust determine “the weather” of BDs.
- Dust can be really irritating for certain observations!

History of the Universe

- Big Bang formed H (75%), He (25%), (Li, B, Be) → No dust!
- Heavier elements are produced in stars.
- The abundance (by mass) today is H (74%), He (25%), all the rest ~ 1%

Relative abundance of the elements today

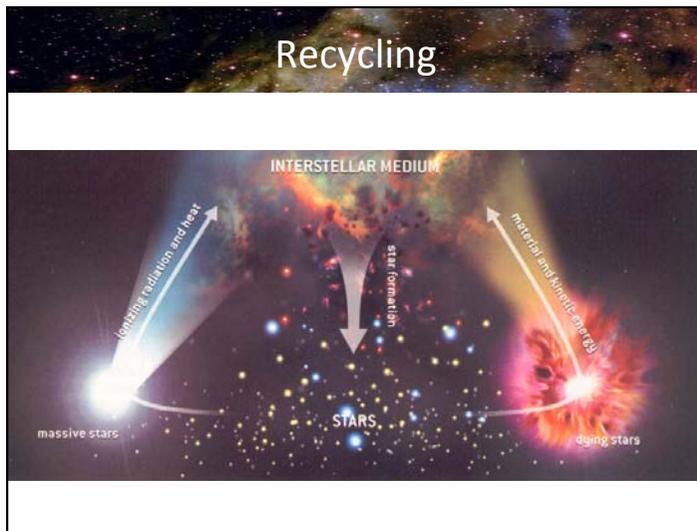
For each Au atom
 ~ 1 million Fe
 ~ 30 million C

Stellar evolution

Gas and radiation pressure vs. gravity

Processed elements are blown away

Degenerate e- or n pressure vs. gravity



Extraterrestrial samples

- Meteorites (from asteroids, Mars and the Moon).
- Lunar samples (returned by Apollo and Luna)
- Micrometeorites.
- Interplanetary dust particles (IDPs)
- Samples returned from comets (STARDUST)
- Samples from the Sun (Genesis)



Meteorites

Meteorites have proven difficult to classify, but the three broadest groupings are stony, stony iron, and iron

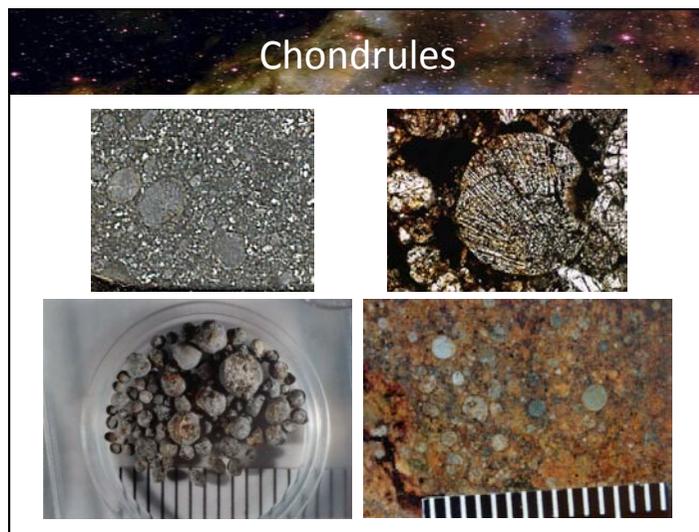


Chondrites



Chondrites – 85.7% of falls – age 4.55 billion years – pristine samples of early solar system although in many cases their properties have been modified by thermal metamorphism or icy alteration.

Subgroups: **Enstatites** contain the most refractory elements and are believed to have formed in the inner solar system. **Ordinary chondrites**, being the most common type containing both volatile and oxidized elements, are thought to have formed in the inner asteroid belt. **Carbonaceous chondrites**, which have the highest proportions of volatile elements and are the most oxidized, are thought to have originated in even greater solar distances.



Achondrites

Achondrites – 7.1% of falls - are also stony meteorites, but they are considered differentiated or reprocessed matter. They are formed by melting and recrystallization on or within meteorite parent bodies; as a result, achondrites have distinct textures and mineralogies indicative of igneous processes.

Subgroups: [HED group](#) thought to originate from asteroid Vesta. [SNC group](#) thought to originate from Mars. [Aubrites](#) which maybe originates from asteroid Nysa. [Ureilites](#) which maybe represents a c-type astroide.

Stony iron meteorites

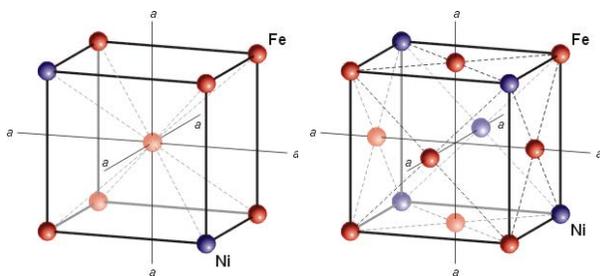
Stony iron meteorites – 1.5% of falls.

Subgroups: [Pallasites](#) composed of olivine enclosed in metal. [Mesosiderites](#) appear to be a surface regolith that has been stirred up and fused by repeated impacts.

Iron meteorites

Iron meteorites – 5.7% of falls - are classified into thirteen major groups and consist primarily of iron-nickel alloys with minor amounts of carbon, sulfur, and phosphorus. These meteorites formed when molten metal segregated from less dense silicate material and cooled.

Kamacite and teanite



Iron and nickel form homogeneous alloys at temperatures below the melting point, these alloys are taenite. At temperatures below 900 to 600°C (depending on the Ni content), two alloys with different nickel content are stable: kamacite with lower Ni-content (5 to 15% Ni) and taenite with high Ni (up to 50%).

Widmanstätten pattern in iron meteorites

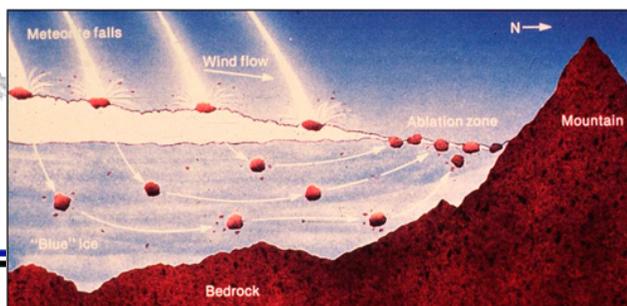


Henbury meteorite

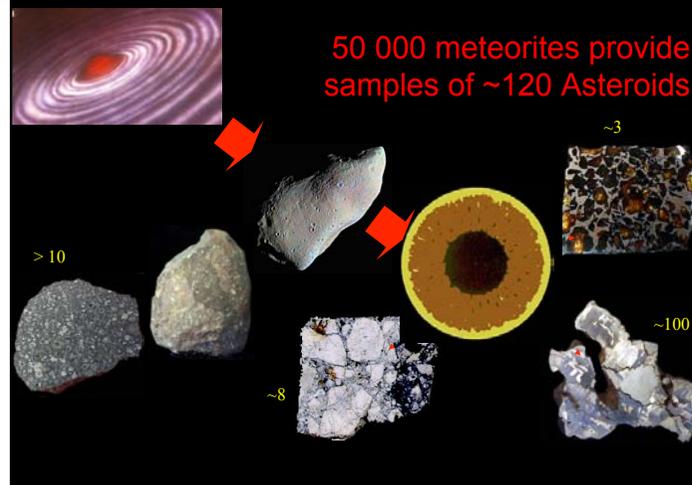


Campo meteorite

Antarctica meteorites



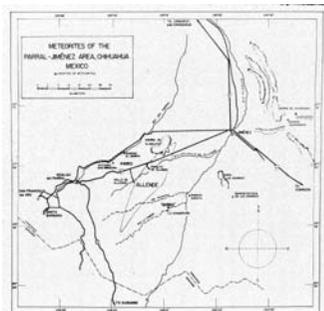
50 000 meteorites provide samples of ~120 Asteroids



Allende meteorite



Fell in 1969 in Mexico



Allende



Carbonaceous chondrites



Allende

Yukon

Murchison

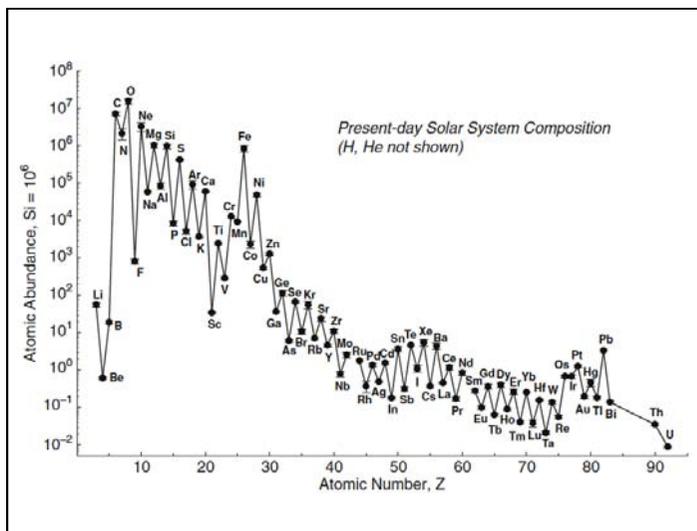
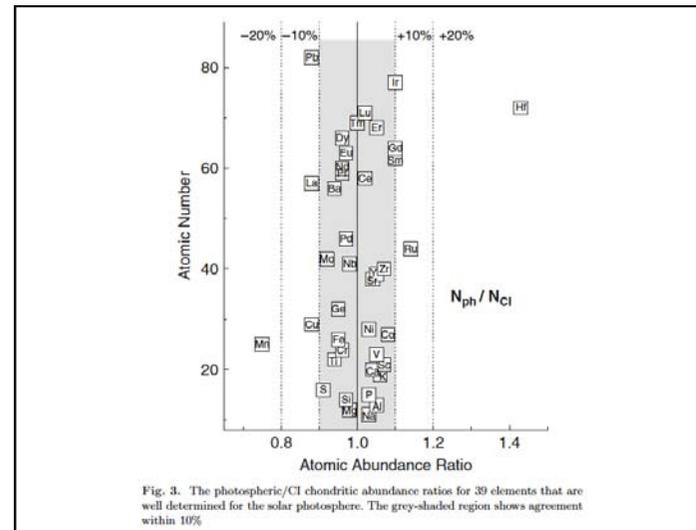
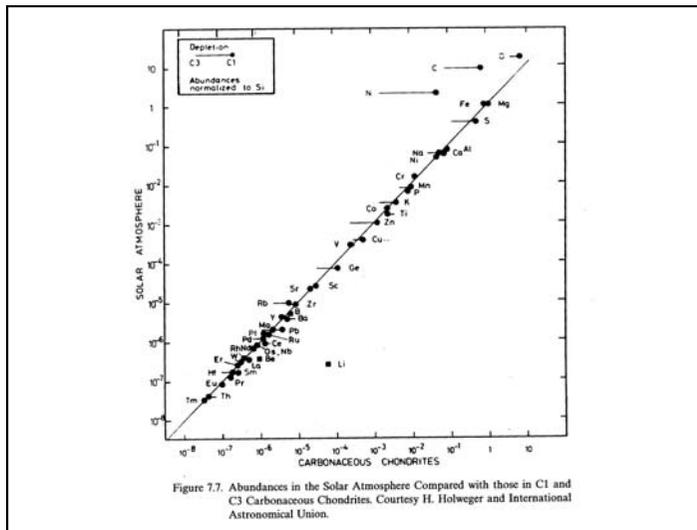
CI chondrites

CI chondrites are very rare. Out of the ~ 1000 recorded observed meteorite falls from which material is preserved, only 5 CI chondrites are known. Among the 40,000 or so meteorites collected in Antarctica, only a few are CI chondrites.

The meteorites are very fragile and decompose easily, for example, if placed in water, CI chondrites immediately begin to disintegrate. Hence, CI chondrites that are found a long time after their fall are not useful for abundance studies, as chemical information is easily altered or lost.

Table 1. Observed CI chondrite meteorite falls

Meteorite	Date of Fall	Country	Preserved Mass
Alais	15 March 1806	France	6 kg
Orgueil	14 May 1868	France	14 kg
Tonk	22 January 1911	India	10 g
Ivuna	16 December 1938	Tanzania	0.7 kg
Revelstoke	31 March 1965	Canada	≤1g



Presolar grains

In 1987 it was discovered that primitive meteorites contain small quantities of presolar grains.

Diamond

SiC

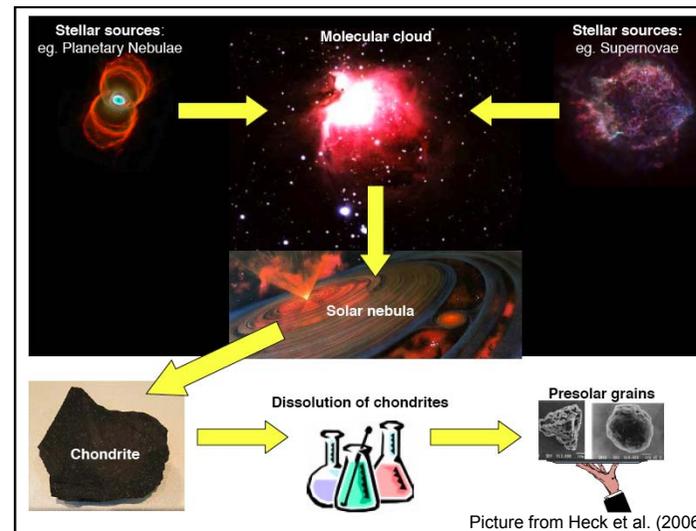
Graphite

Al₂O₃

Allende

Atomic lattice distance and bonds

Graphite = carbon atoms Diamond = carbon atoms



Types of presolar grains extracted from meteorites by acid dissolution

Type	Abundance (parts per million)	Size
Nanodiamond (C)	1400	2 nanometers
Silicon carbide (SiC)	14	0.1-20 micrometers
Graphite (C)	10	1-20 micrometers
Carbides of titanium, zirconium, molybdenum, ruthenium, and iron, and iron-nickel metal	Small grains inside presolar graphite	5-220 nanometers
Silicon nitride (Si ₃ N ₄)	>0.002	About 1 micrometer
Corundum (Al ₂ O ₃)	About 0.05	0.5-3 micrometers
Spinel (MgAl ₂ O ₄)	<0.05	0.1-3 micrometers
Hibonite (CaAl ₁₂ O ₁₉)	0.002	2 micrometers
Titanium dioxide (TiO ₂)	One grain	About 1 micrometer

Nittler 2003

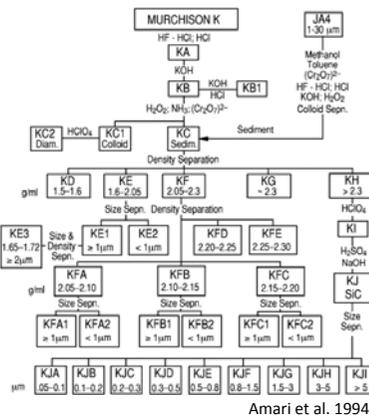
Nano-diamonds

Nano-diamonds precipitate as a cloudy white gel from acidic solution but they completely “dissolve” in basic solution.

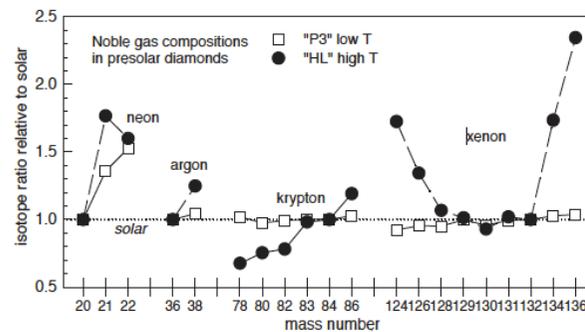
Photo courtesy of Roy S. Lewis

Extracting of presolar grains

The steps of the chemical isolation procedure and the resulting presolar grain size- and density-fractions from the Murchison meteorite.



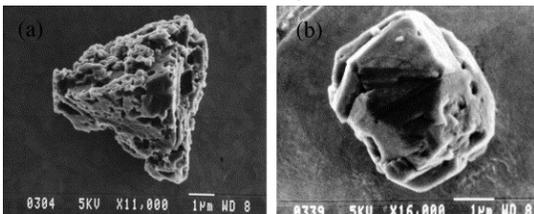
Nobel gas in presolar diamond



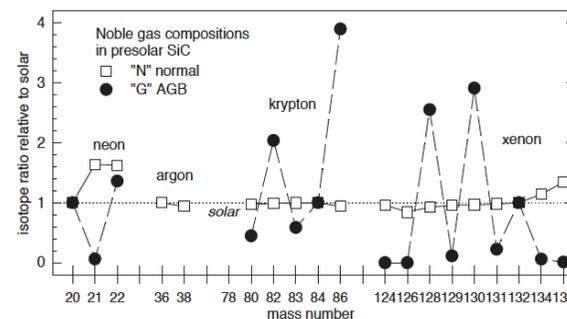
Lodders & Amari 2005

Presolar SiC

Secondary electron images of SiC grains from the Murchison meteorite. Larger grains such as these shown are relatively rare. The pitted surface structure is common for SiC grains, and most likely due to the harsh chemical treatments during the extraction from meteorites. The $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ ratio of the left grain is 55 (cf. solar=89). Right a SiC grain with a smooth surface. The $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ ratio of this grain is 39.

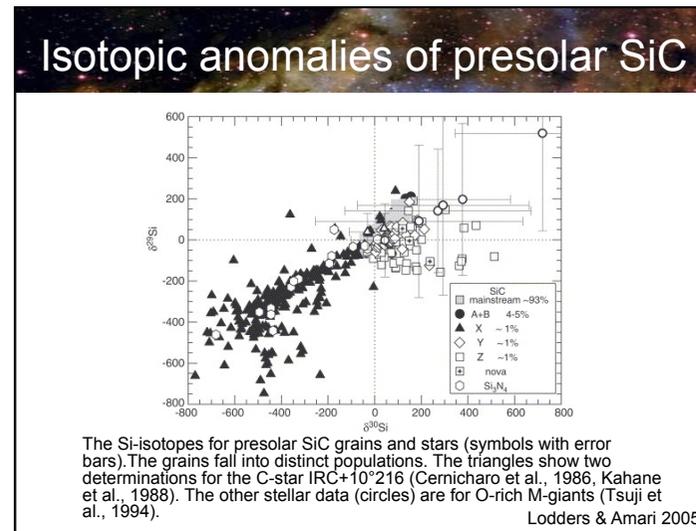
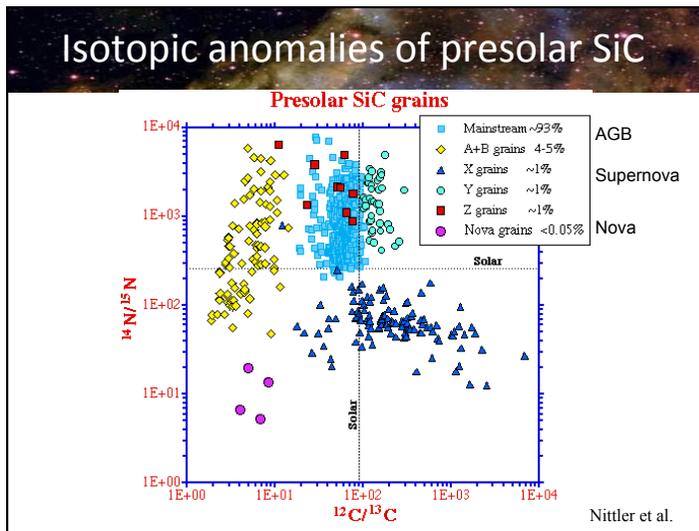


Noble gas components in SiC grains



Noble gas components in aggregates of SiC grains normalized to solar isotopic composition. Isotope ratios are further normalized to ^{20}Ne , ^{36}Ar , ^{84}Kr , and ^{132}Xe , respectively. The dotted line shows solar composition.

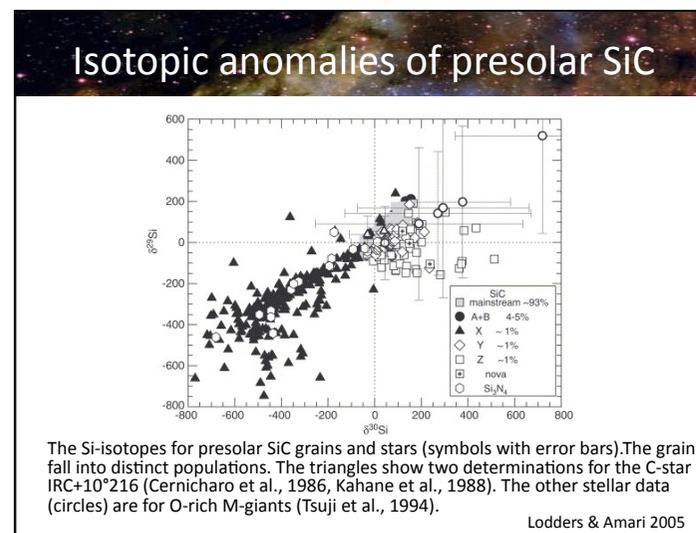
Lodders & Amari 2005



The Si-isotopes for presolar SiC grains and stars (symbols with error bars). The grains fall into distinct populations. The triangles show two determinations for the C-star IRC+10°216 (Cernicharo et al., 1986, Kahane et al., 1988). The other stellar data (circles) are for O-rich M-giants (Tsuji et al., 1994).

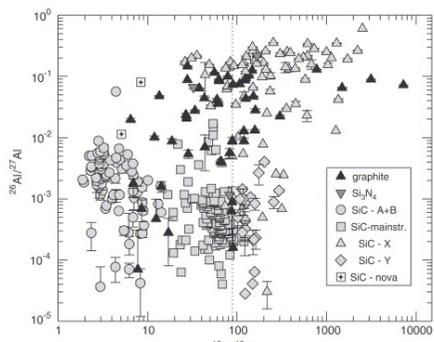
The δ -notation

Describes the deviation of an isotope ratio (iN/jN) of a sample from the (terrestrial) standard ratio in per-mil:

$$\delta^iN(\text{‰}) = \left[\frac{(iN/jN)_{\text{sample}}}{(iN/jN)_{\text{standard}}} - 1 \right] \times 1000.$$


The Si-isotopes for presolar SiC grains and stars (symbols with error bars). The grains fall into distinct populations. The triangles show two determinations for the C-star IRC+10°216 (Cernicharo et al., 1986, Kahane et al., 1988). The other stellar data (circles) are for O-rich M-giants (Tsuji et al., 1994).

Isotopic anomalies of presolar SiC

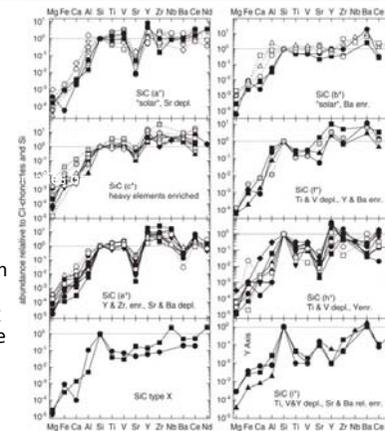


Inferred $^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al}$ ratios versus $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ ratios in SiC and low-density graphite grains. The SiC type X and graphite grains have the largest $^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al}$.

Lodders & Amari 2005

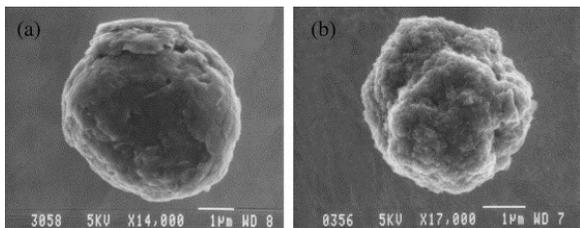
Isotopic anomalies of presolar SiC

Trace element abundances in individual SiC grains normalized to solar abundances and Si. Relative depletions or enrichments in Sr and Ba are most notable. Mainstream grains are shown by black symbols, open symbols are for A+B grains, and type Y grains are shown in gray. Abundances in two X-type SiC grains are shown in a separate panel.



Lodders & Amari 2005

Presolar graphite

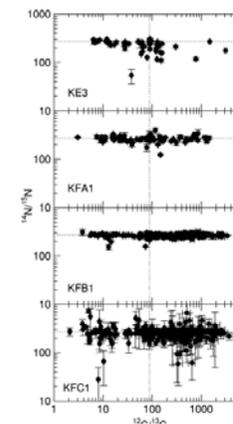


Presolar graphite grains show two morphologies: (a) a graphite grain of the "onion" type, with a layered surface structure; and (b) a graphite grain of the "cauliflower" type, which appears as aggregates of small grains.

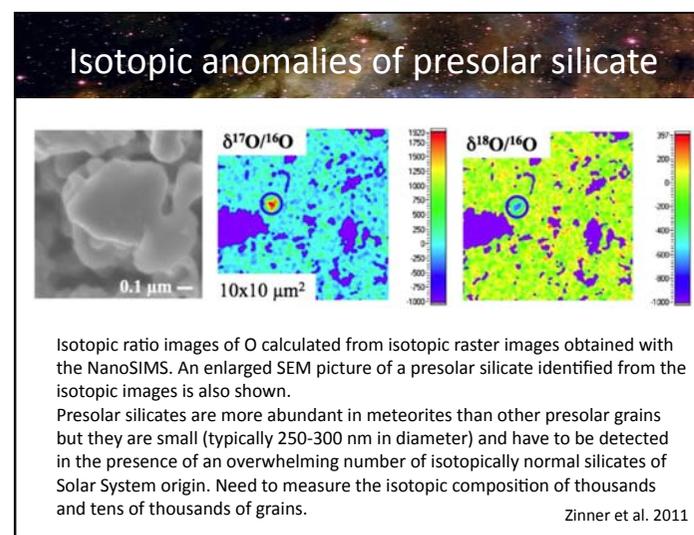
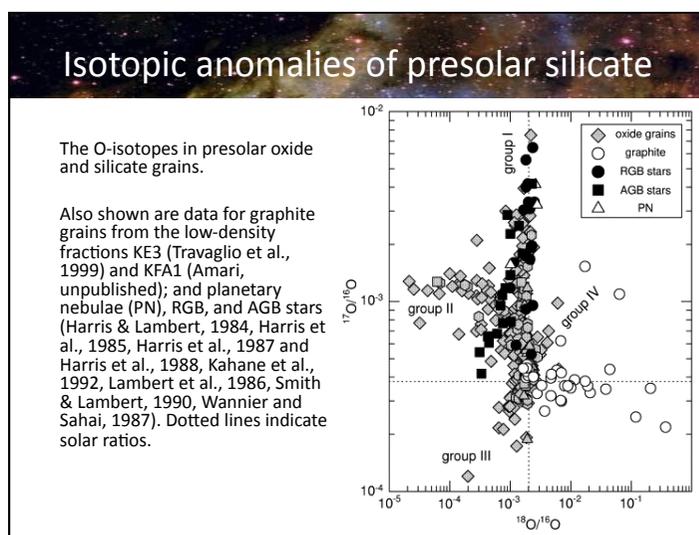
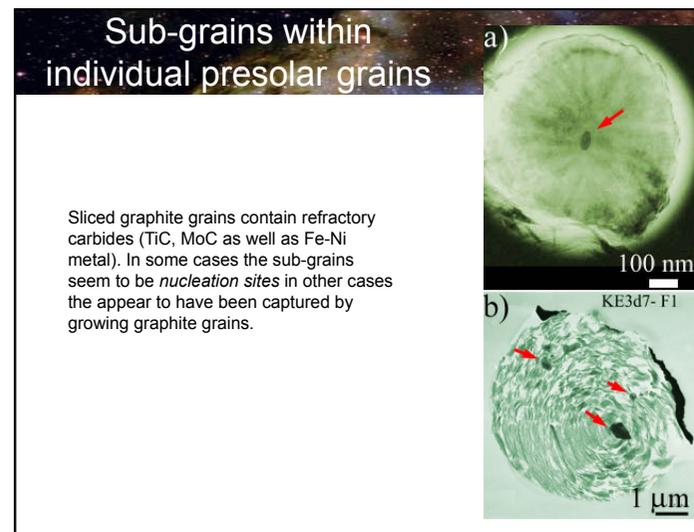
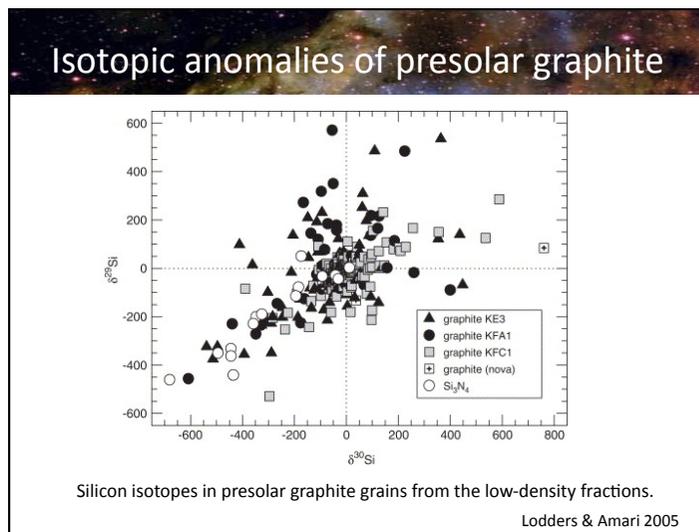
Lodders & Amari 2005

Isotopic anomalies of presolar graphite

Carbon and N isotopes in individual graphite grains from four density fractions. Density increases in alphabetical order (E < FA < FB < FC).



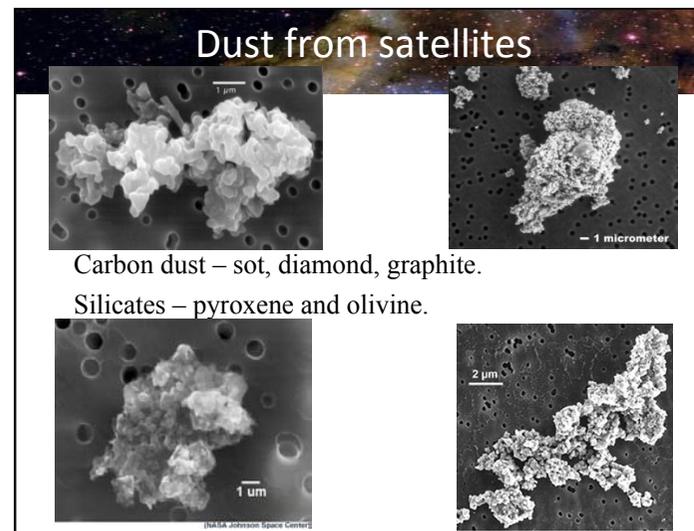
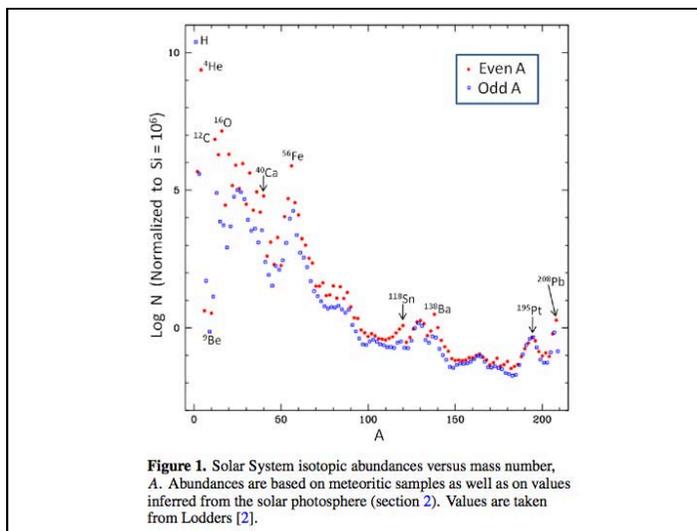
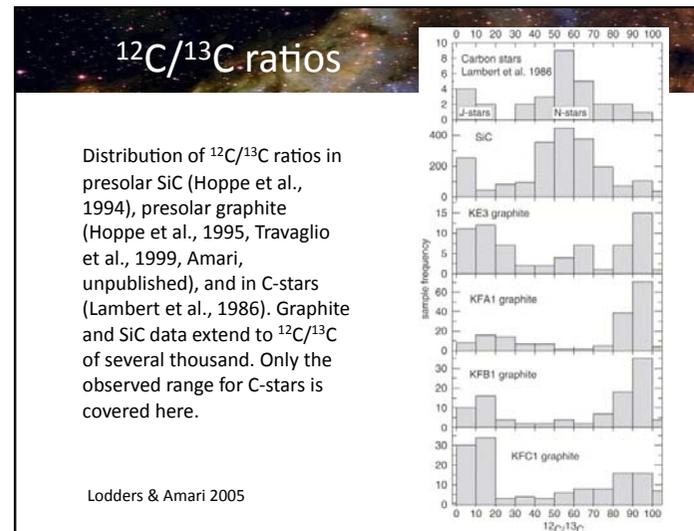
Lodders & Amari 2005



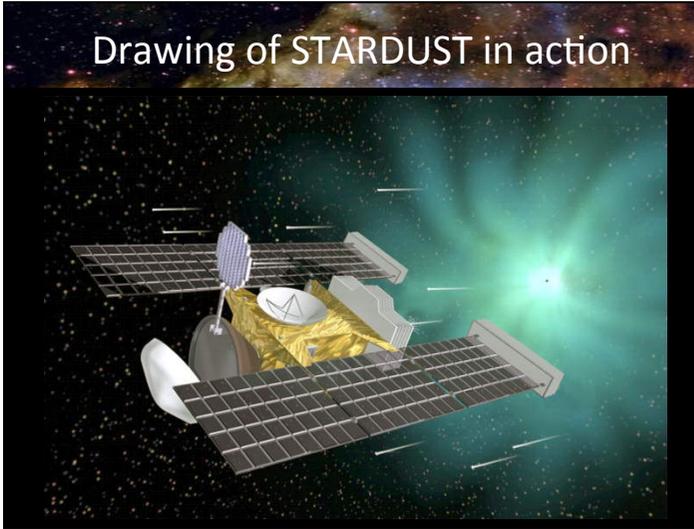
Mineral	Abundance (~ ppm)	Typical Size Range (μm)	Stellar Sources
Diamond	1500	0.002-0.003	SN ?
SiC	30	0.1-10	AGB (>90%) SN (1%) Novae (0.1%)
Graphite	1	0.1-10	SN (80%) AGB (<20%) Novae (2%)
Al ₂ O ₃	0.2	0.1-5	RGB (>70%) AGB (20%) SN (<1%)
Spinel MgAl ₂ O ₄	50	0.1-5	RGB (>70%) AGB (20%)
Silicates in IDPs	1000	0.1-1	RGB and AGB (>80%)
Silicates in Meteorites	100	0.1-1	RGB (>80%) AGB (10%)
Nitrides Si ₃ N ₄	0.002	1	SN (100%)

AGB stars are the source of almost all of SiC, Al₂O₃, spinel and silicates.

Source: Ott & Hoppe (2005)



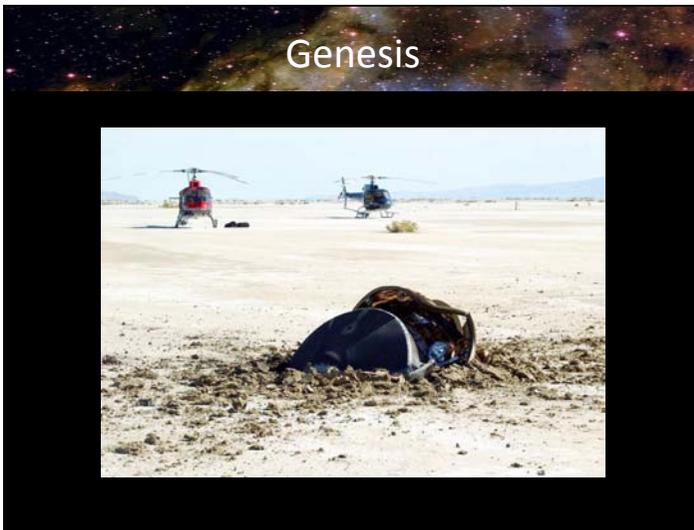
Drawing of STARDUST in action



STARDUST januar 15 2006 at 2:10 am



Genesis



Genesis



Left: Genesis staff sorting through the debris from the sample canister.
Right: a closeup of the type of accelerometer that was installed backwards, with a pencil shown for scale.

Genesis

Genesis was a NASA sample return probe which collected a sample of solar wind and returned it to Earth for analysis.

It was the first NASA sample return mission to return material since the Apollo Program, and the first to return material from beyond the orbit of the Moon.

Genesis was launched on August 8, 2001, and crash-landed in Utah on September 8, 2004, after a design flaw prevented the deployment of its drogue parachute.

The crash contaminated many of the sample collectors, and although most were damaged, many of the collectors were successfully recovered.



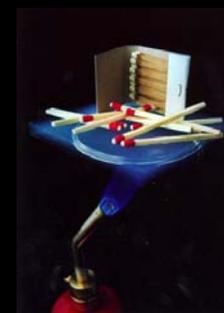
Clean room



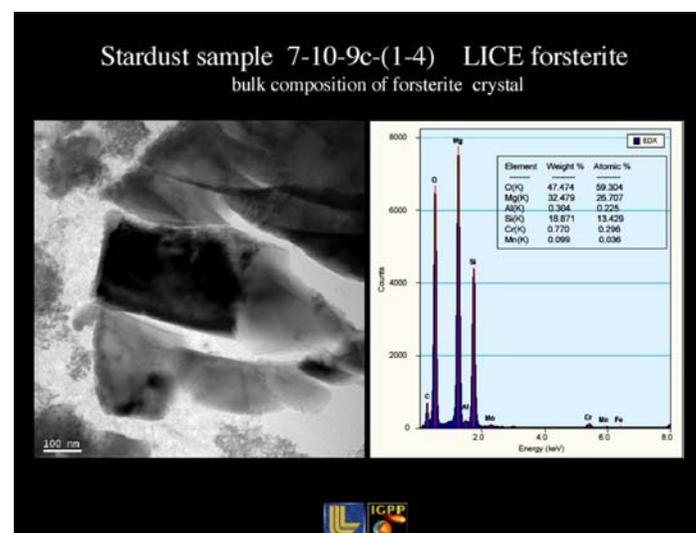
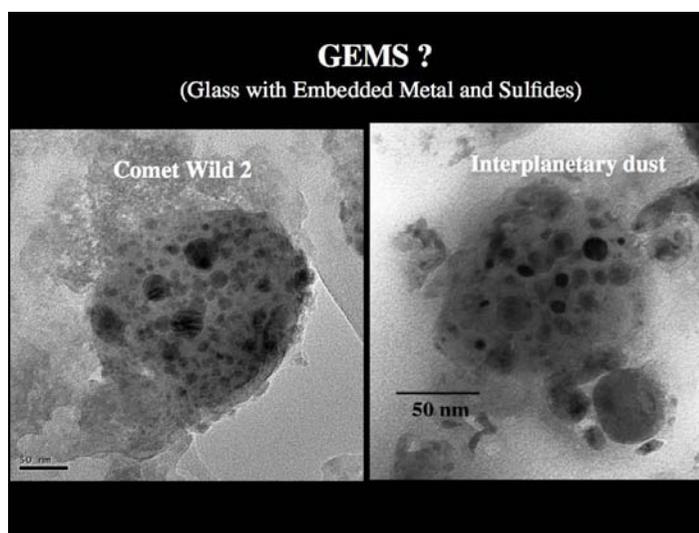
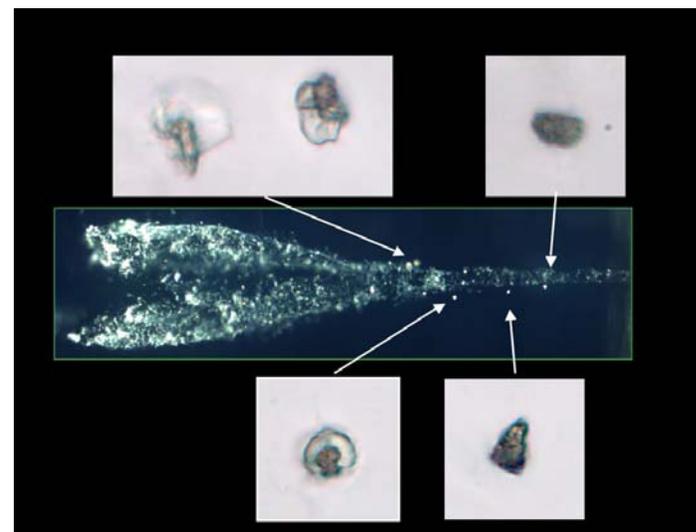
The sample holder

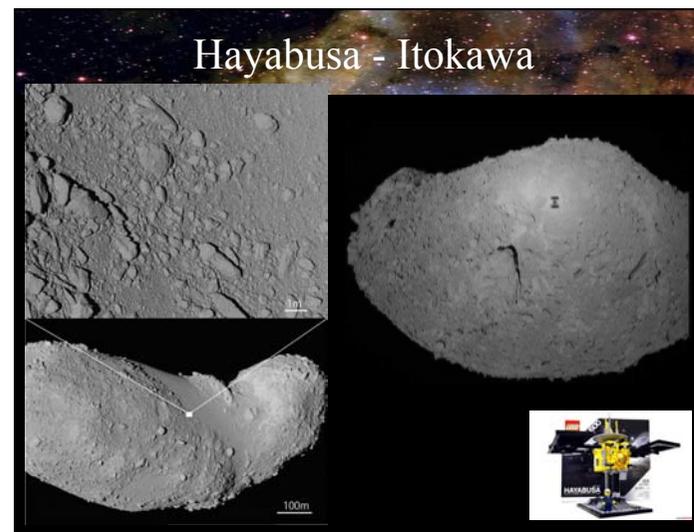
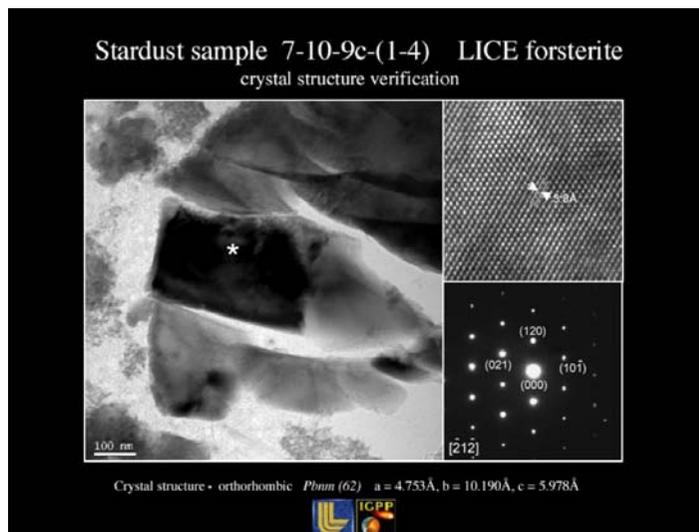


Aerogel



2.5 kg brig on 2 gram of aerogel





<http://curator.jsc.nasa.gov/>

SAMPLE COLLECTIONS SAMPLE REQUEST DEADLINES CURATION NEWS EDUCATION SAMPLES PERSONNEL ABOUT CURATION ARES

The Astromaterials Acquisition and Curation Office is responsible for the curation of extraterrestrial samples from NASA's past and future sample return missions. Our mission includes the documentation, preservation, preparation, and distribution of samples from the Moon, asteroids, comets, the solar wind, and the planet Mars.

New! Cosmic Dust Samples Available
Curator announces availability of samples from dry atmospheric collectors.
% Read More...

Astromaterials Acquisition & Curation Office

[Lunar](#)
[Mars](#)
[Stardust](#)
[Genesis](#)
[Cosmic Dust](#)
[Space Hardware](#)
[Hayabusa](#)

• Freedom of Information Act
 • NASA Privacy Policy, Accessibility and Important Notices
 • Information Dissemination Priorities and Inventories
 • Equal Employment Opportunity Data Posted Pursuant to the EEO Paper Act
 • Budgets, Strategic Plans and Accountability Reports
 • USA.gov

Responsible NASA Officials: Dr. Carlson Allen
 Website Curator: Nancy S. Todd
 Last Updated: Feb. 8, 2013
 Site Map

Recommended reading

- **Books:**
 - C.R. Cowley, *An Introduction to Cosmochemistry*, Cambridge University Press, 1995
 - H.Y. McSween Jr & G.R. Huss, *Cosmochemistry*, Cambridge University Press, 2010.
- **Articles:**
 - G.J. MacPherson & M.H. Thiemens, 2011, *Cosmochemistry: Understanding the Solar System through analysis of extraterrestrial materials*, PNAS 108, pp. 19130-19134.
 - E.K. Zinner, F. Moynier & R.M. Stroud, 2011, *Laboratory technology and cosmochemistry*, PNAS 108, pp. 19135-19141.
 - A.M. Davis, 2011, *Stardust in meteorites*, PNAS 108, pp. 19142-19146.
 - D.S. Burnett and Genesis Science Team, 2011, *Solar composition from the Genesis Discovery Mission*, PNAS 108, pp. 19147-19151.
 - G.J. MacPherson & A. Boss, 2011, *Cosmochemical evidence for astrophysical processes during the formation of our solar system*, PNAS 108, pp. 19152-19158.
 - T.J. McCoy, C.M. Corrigan & C.D.K. Herd, 2011, *Combining meteorites and missions to explore Mars*, PNAS 108, pp. 19159-19164.
 - K. Righter & D.P. O'Brien, 2011, *Terrestrial planet formation*, PNAS 108, 19165-19170.
 - G.D. Cody, E. Heying, C.M.O. Alexander, L.R. Nittler, A.L.D. Kilcoyne, S.A. Sanford & R.M. Stroud, 2011, *Establishing a molecular relationship between chondritic and cometary organic solids*, PNAS 108, pp. 19171-19176.
 - H.Y. McSween Jr, R.L. McNutt Jr & T.H. Prettyman, 2011, *Spacecraft instrument technology and cosmochemistry*, PNAS 108, 19177-19182.



DAWN space craft details

- Dawn is a NASA space probe tasked with the exploration and study of Vesta and Ceres, the two most massive objects of the asteroid belt. Launched on September 27, 2007, the probe entered orbit around Vesta on July 16, 2011. [5][6] Dawn left Vesta on September 5, 2012, on a course for Ceres, which it is scheduled to reach in February 2015. Key Spacecraft Characteristics:
- Extensive redundancy using flight-proven assemblies from other Orbital and JPL spacecraft
- Ion propulsion system, based on the design validated on Deep Space 1
- Two 100 W (RF) traveling wave tube amplifiers, fixed 1.5 m high-gain antenna, 3 low-gain antennas, two small deep space transponders
- Solar array capable of producing more than 10 kW at Earth's distance from the Sun and more than 1 kW at Ceres's maximum distance
- Flight proven attitude control system used on Orview, TOPEX/Posidon ocean topography mission, and Far Ultraviolet Spectroscopic Explorer
- Simple hydrazine reaction control subsystem with two sets of six 0.9 N engines used on the Indostar spacecraft
- Command and data handling uses off the shelf components as used on the Orview program
- Modular flight software based on design used on Orview
- Core structure is graphite composite. Panels are aluminum core, some with aluminum facesheets and others with composite facesheets.

