

Volatile and Dusty: The NEOWISE comet survey.

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The 163 comets observed during the WISE/NEOWISE prime mission represent the largest infrared survey to date of comets, providing constraints on dust, nucleus size, and CO + CO₂ production. The sample includes 57 long-period comets, as well as over 106 short-period comets, from a variety of cometary dynamical sub-classes. We present detailed analyses of the WISE/NEOWISE comet discoveries, and discuss observations of the active comets showing 4.6 micron band excess. We determine size constraints for the majority of the comets in the sample using coma extraction techniques. We also discuss dust tail analysis determining particle size and ejection time constraints. Finally, find a possible relation between dust and CO + CO₂ production, as well as possible differences in the sizes of long and short period comet nuclei.