

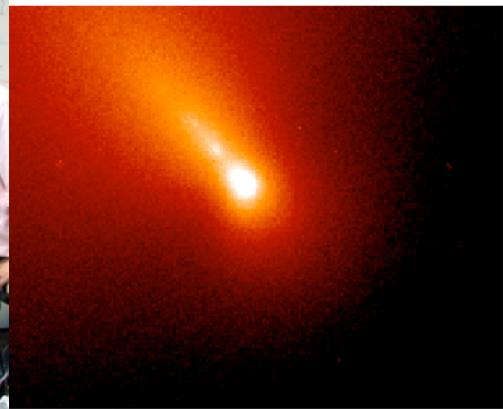
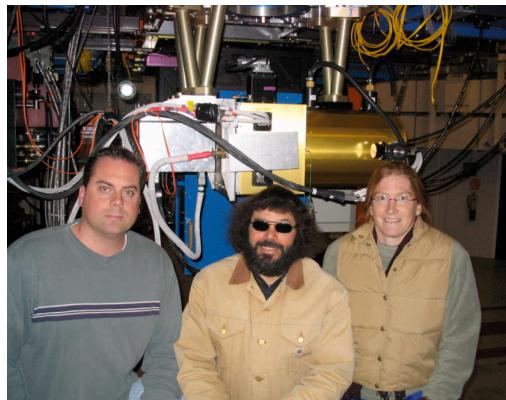
# IR Observations and Mineralogy of Comet Dust Grains

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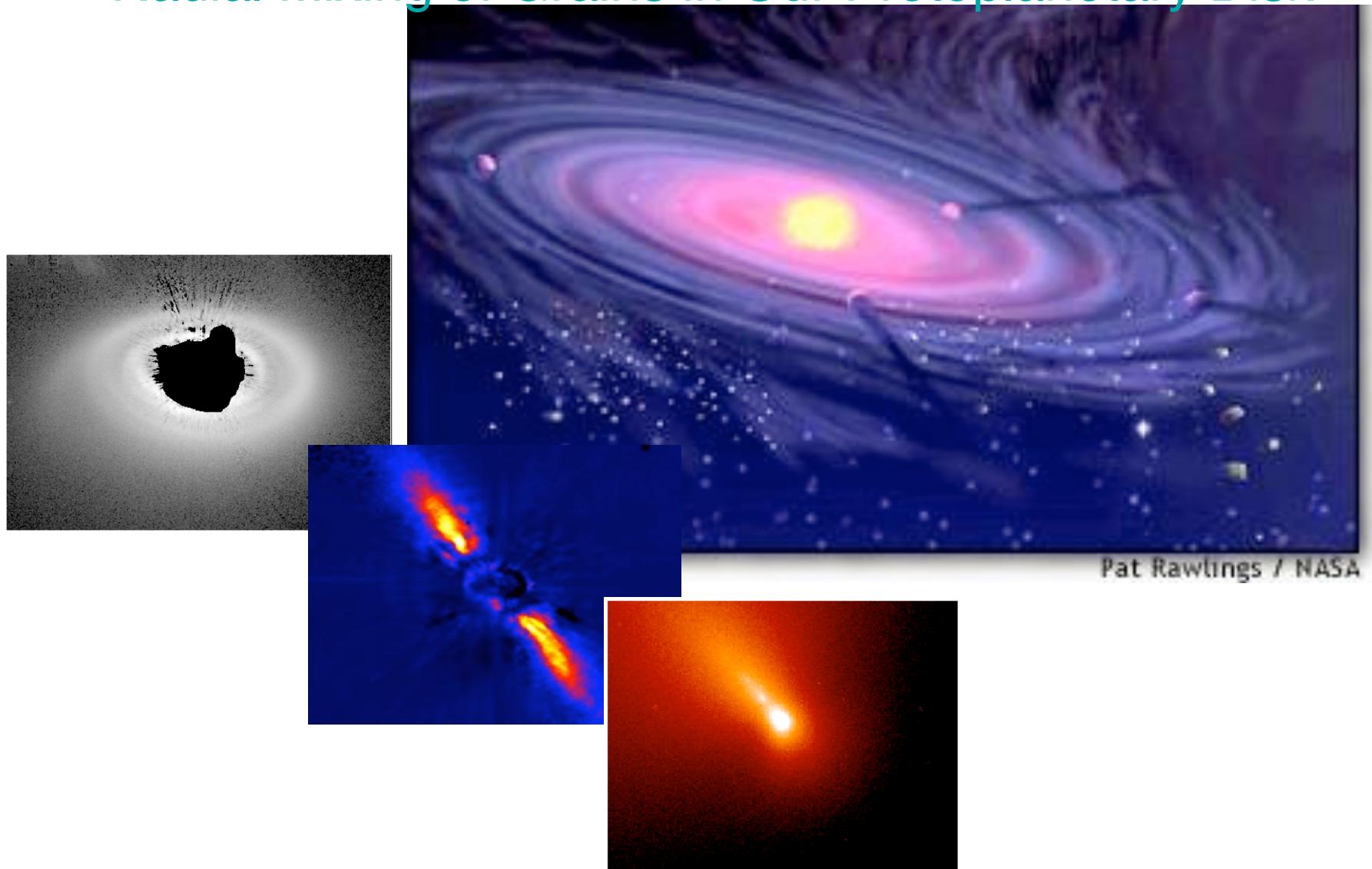
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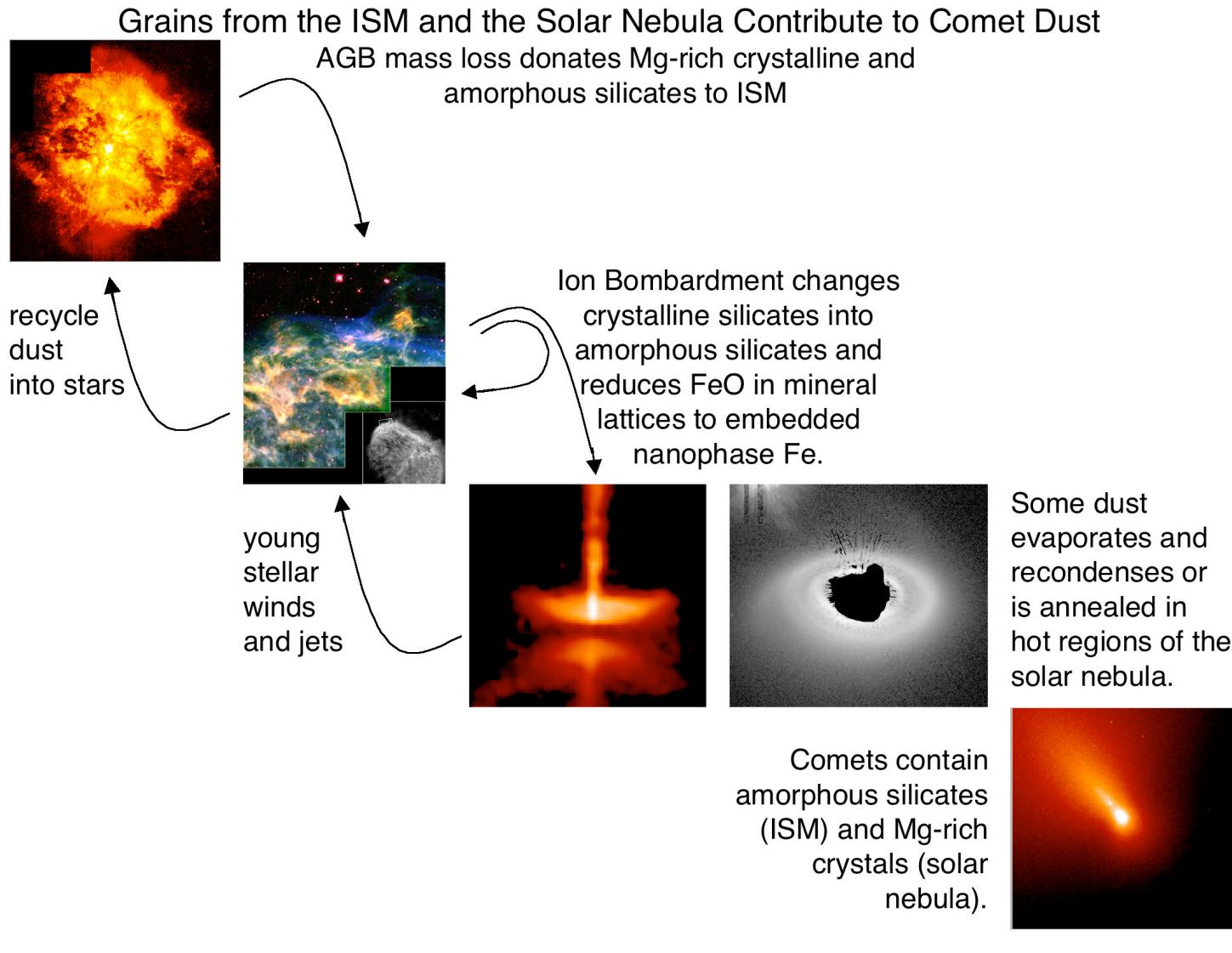
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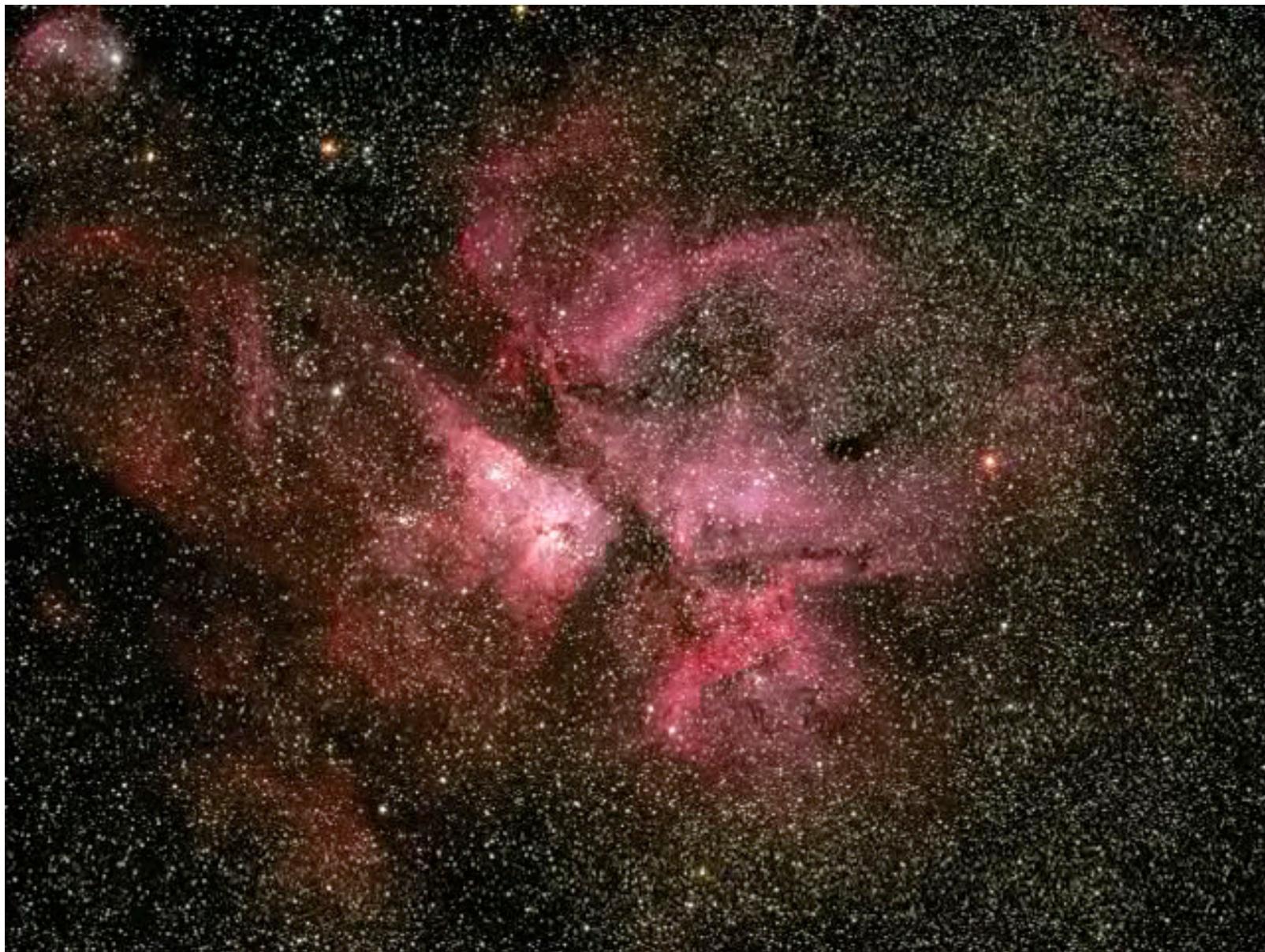


## I. Motivation: Comets Probe the Effects of Heating and Radial Mixing of Grains in Our Protoplanetary Disk



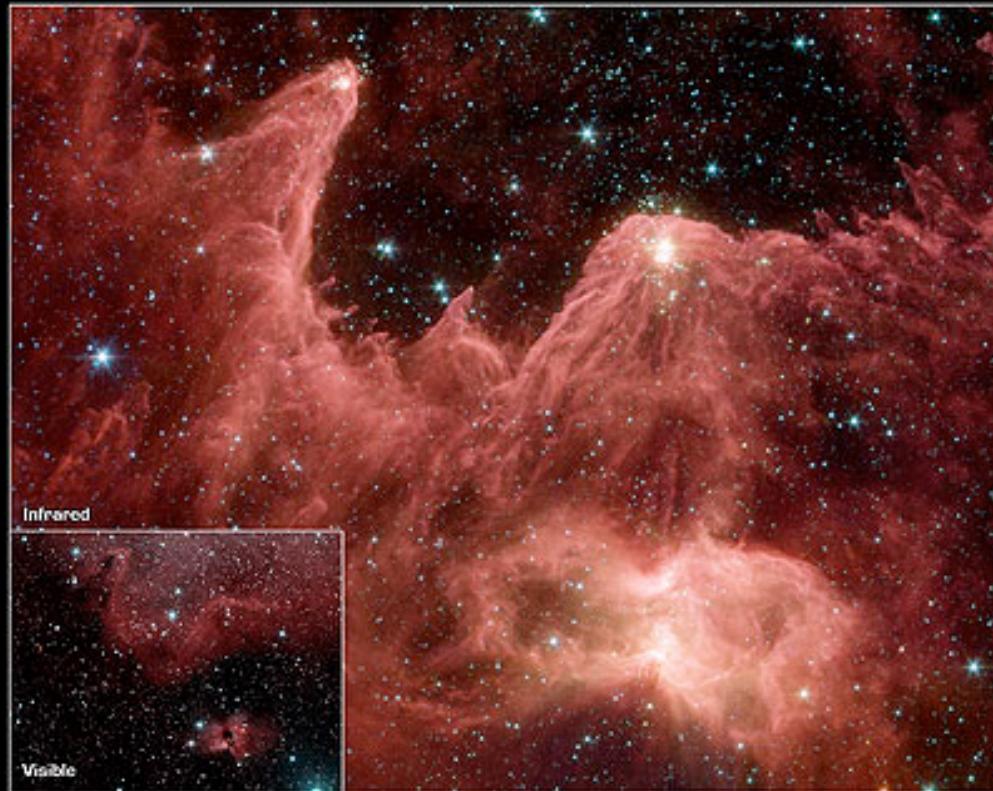
# Comet grains constrain interstellar and solar nebula processes





proto-  
stars:  
white  
yellow

$3.6 \mu\text{m}$   
 $4.5 \mu\text{m}$   
 $5.8 \mu\text{m}$   
 $8.0 \mu\text{m}$



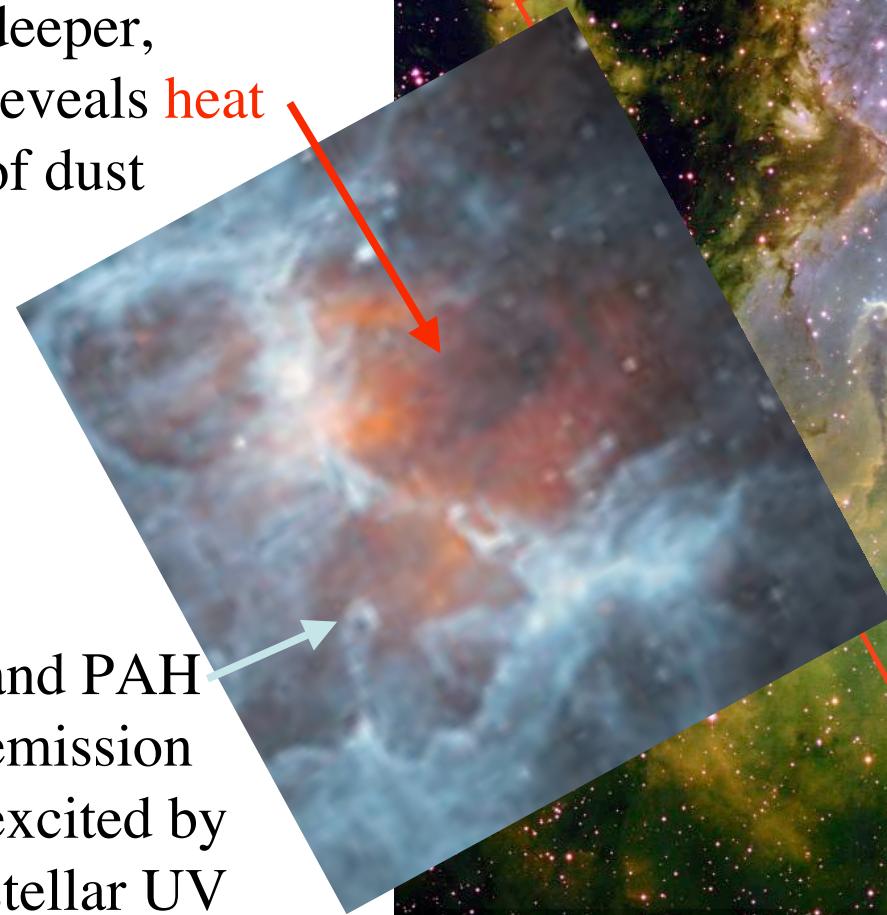
"Mountains of Creation" in W5 Star-Forming Region

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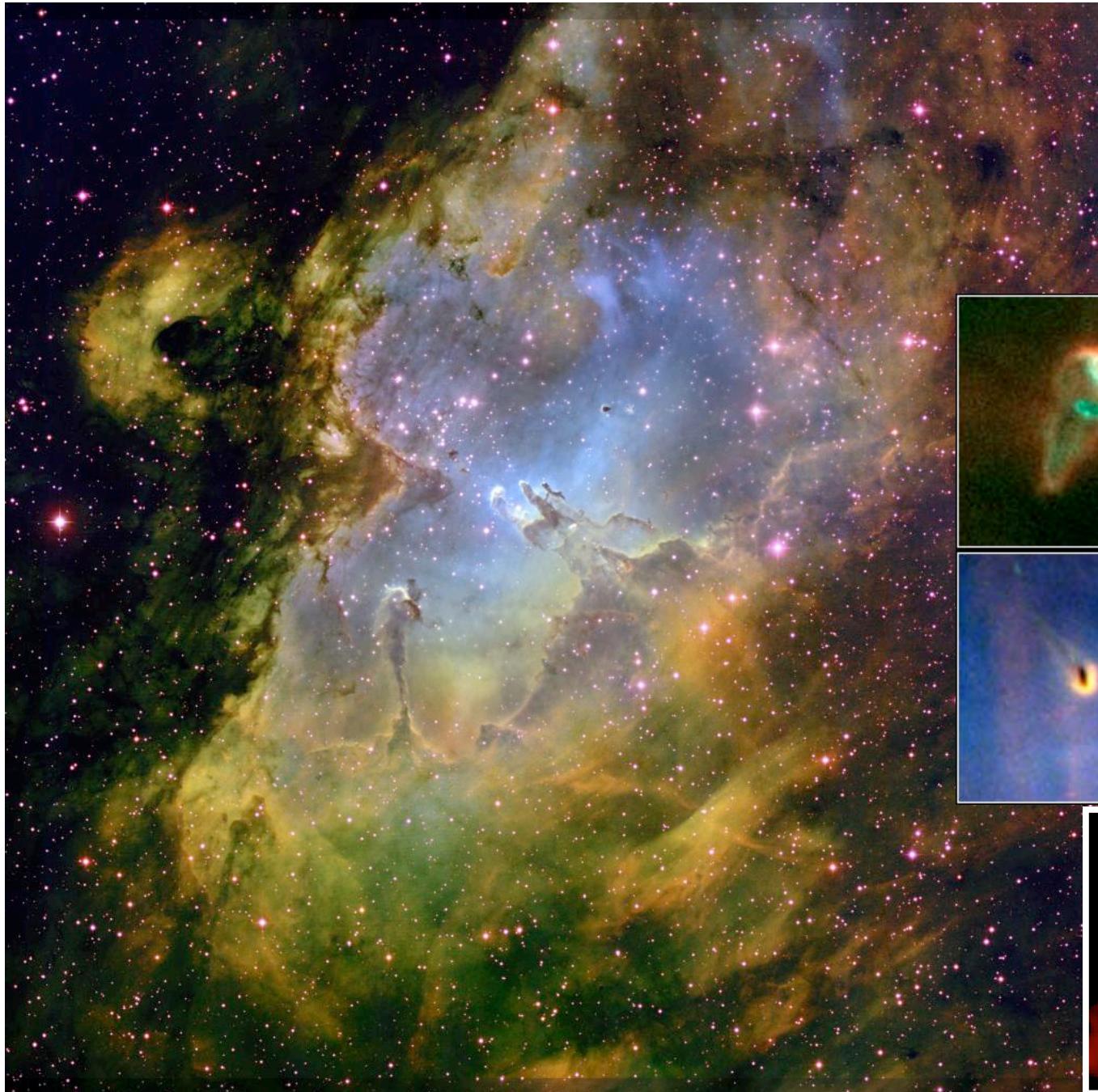
Visible: DSS  
ssc2005-23a

star forming  
disks in  
InfraRed  
light...  
IR probes  
deeper,  
reveals **heat**  
of dust



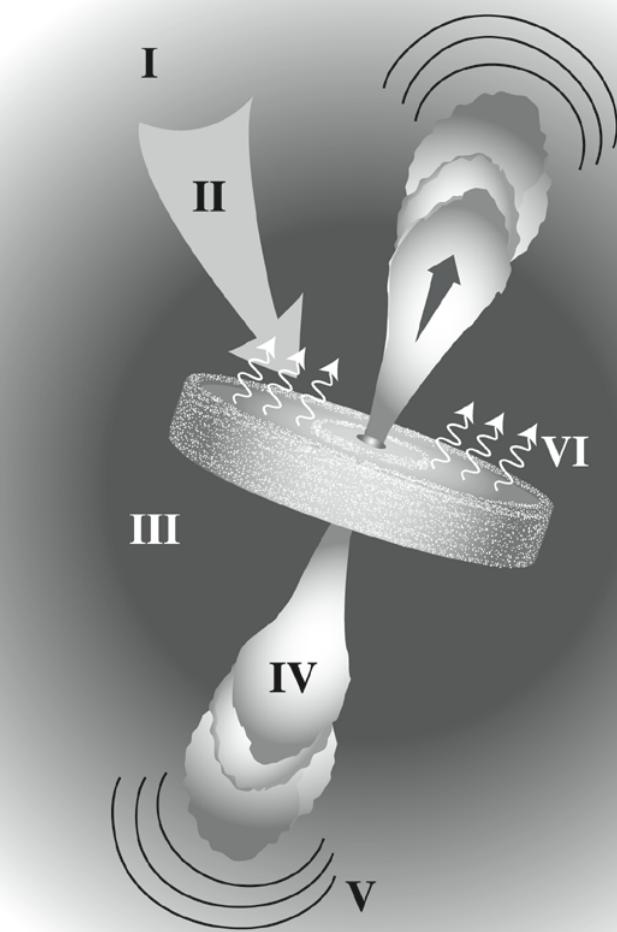
and PAH  
emission  
excited by  
stellar UV





star-forming disks  
in visible light  
-- emitted  
& scattered





## Low-mass ProtoPlanetary Disk affects its Environment

I Cold Cloud with warm Core

II Infall

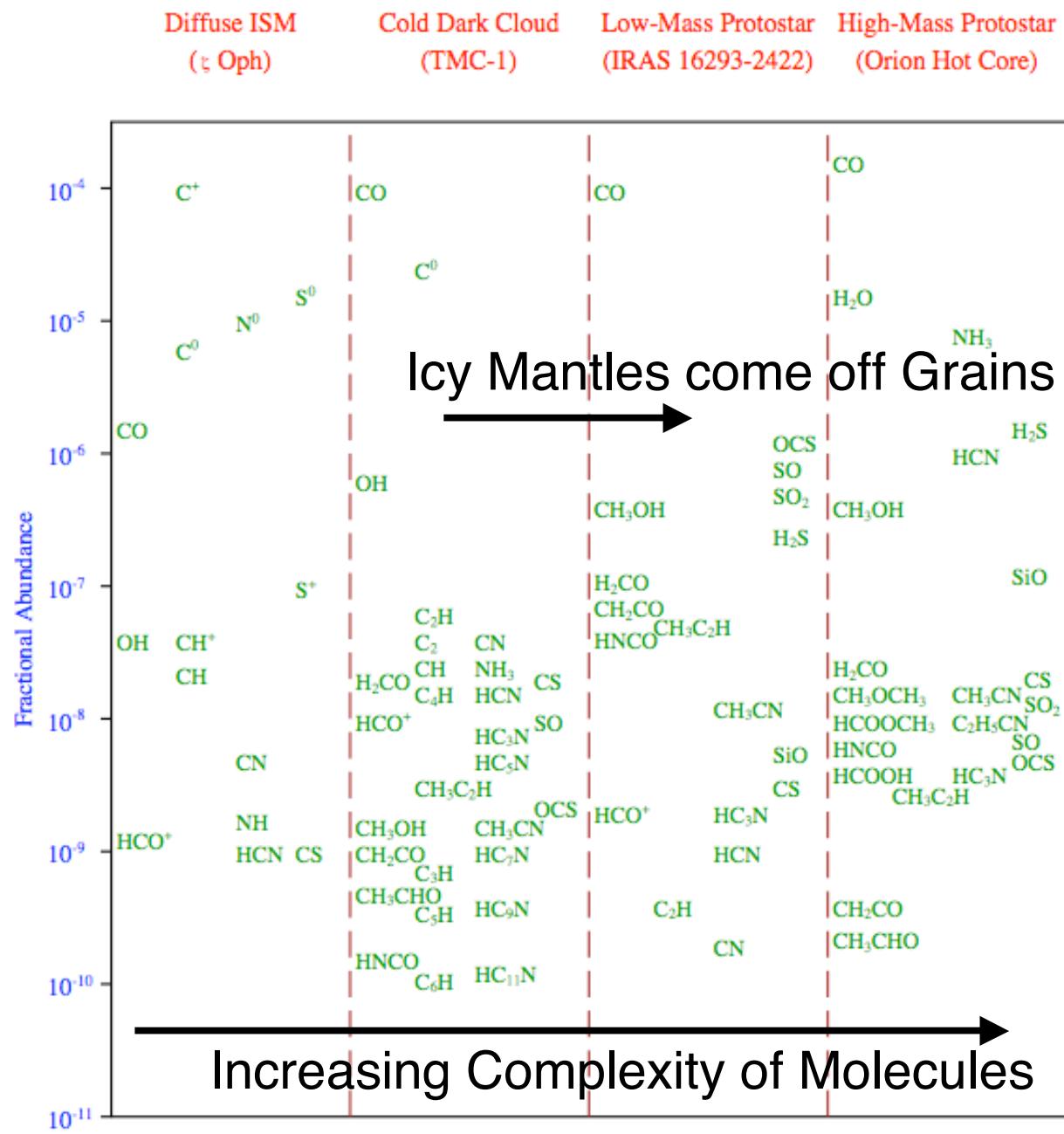
III Core warmed by star+disk

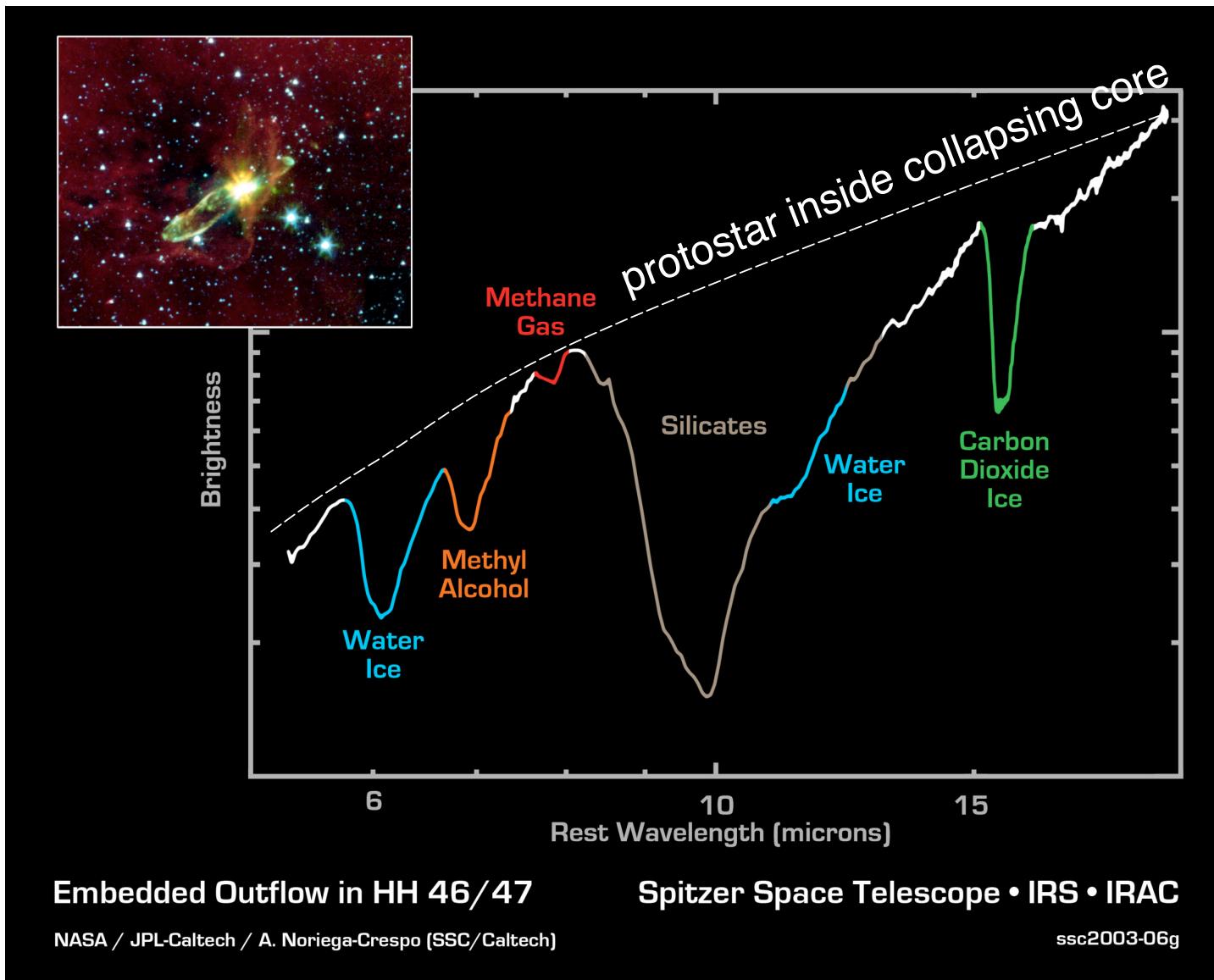
IV Bipolar Outflow

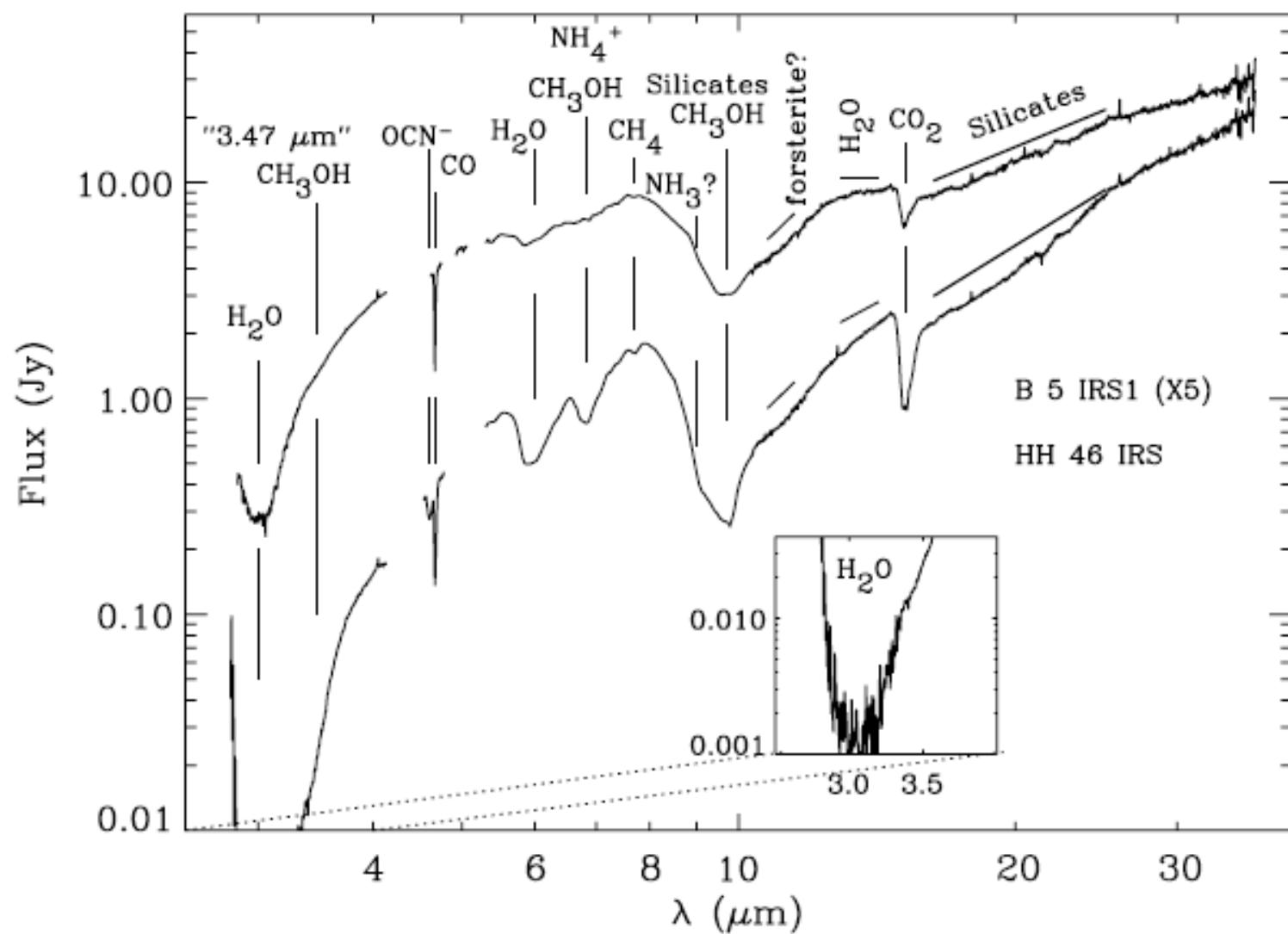
V Wind-cloud Bow Shock

VI Accretion shock at disk surface

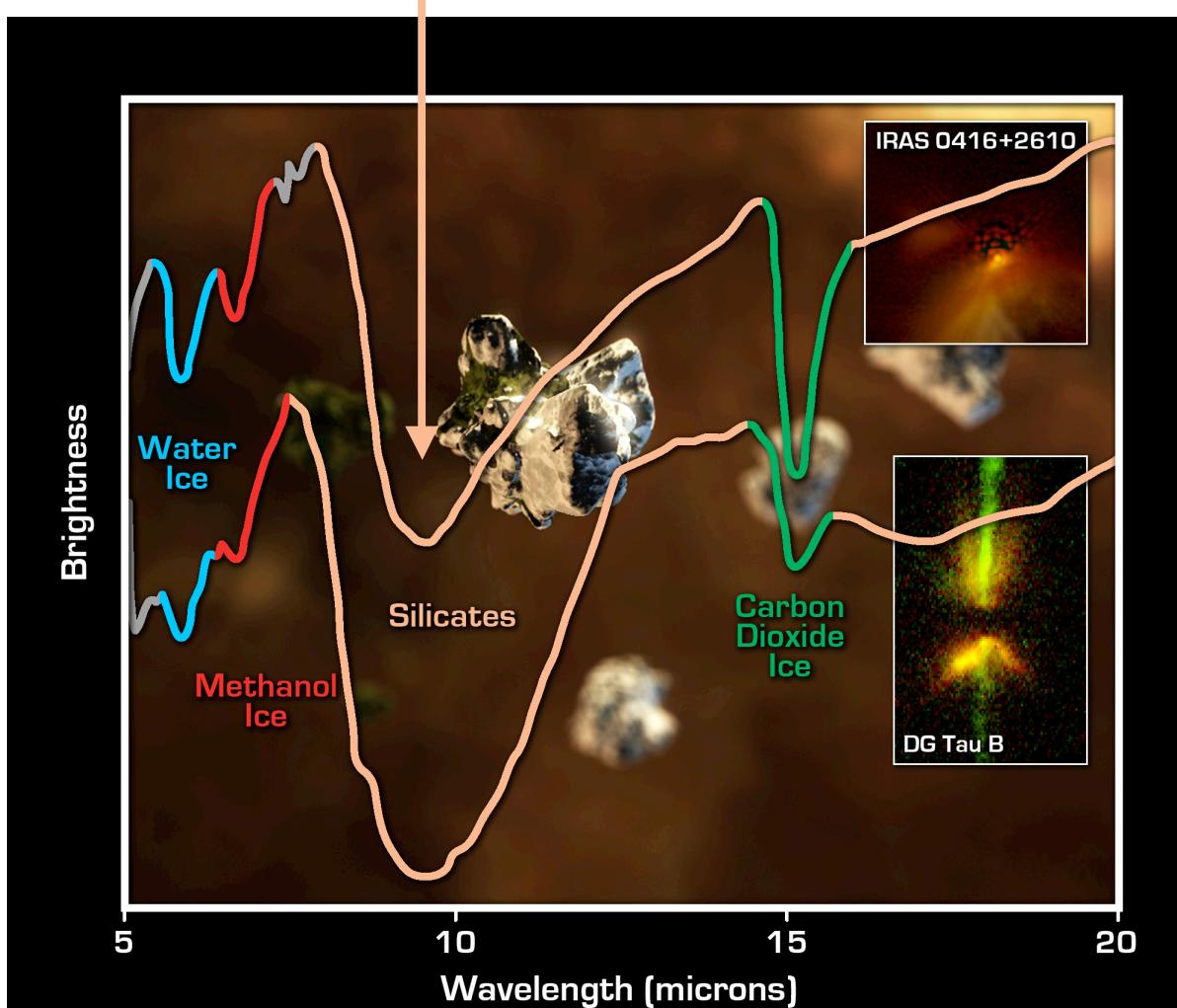
age < about 100,000 yr







## Absorption of protostellar light by Amorphous Silicates



Ices in Protoplanetary Disks

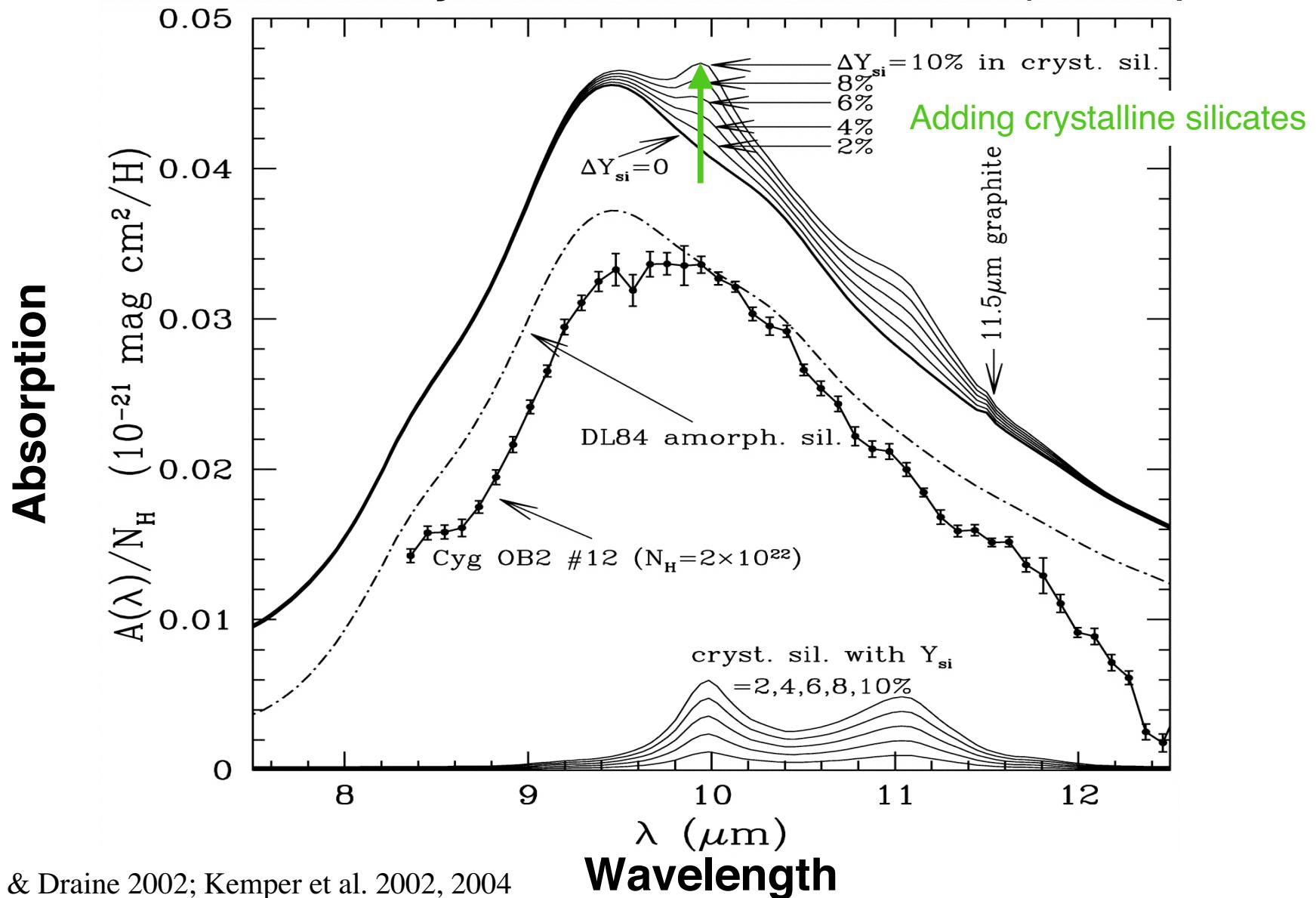
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Spitzer Space Telescope • IRS

left insets: Hubble Space Telescope; backdrop: artist's depiction

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# Absorption Spectra through ISM Lines of Sight Show ISM Crystalline Silicates are Rare (<1–5%)



**The Mineralogy of Silicate Dust Changes from Amorphous to Crystalline  
from Protostar Embedded within Core (Class 0 Young Stellar Object)  
to Exposed Protoplanetary Disk (Class 2 Young Stellar Object)**



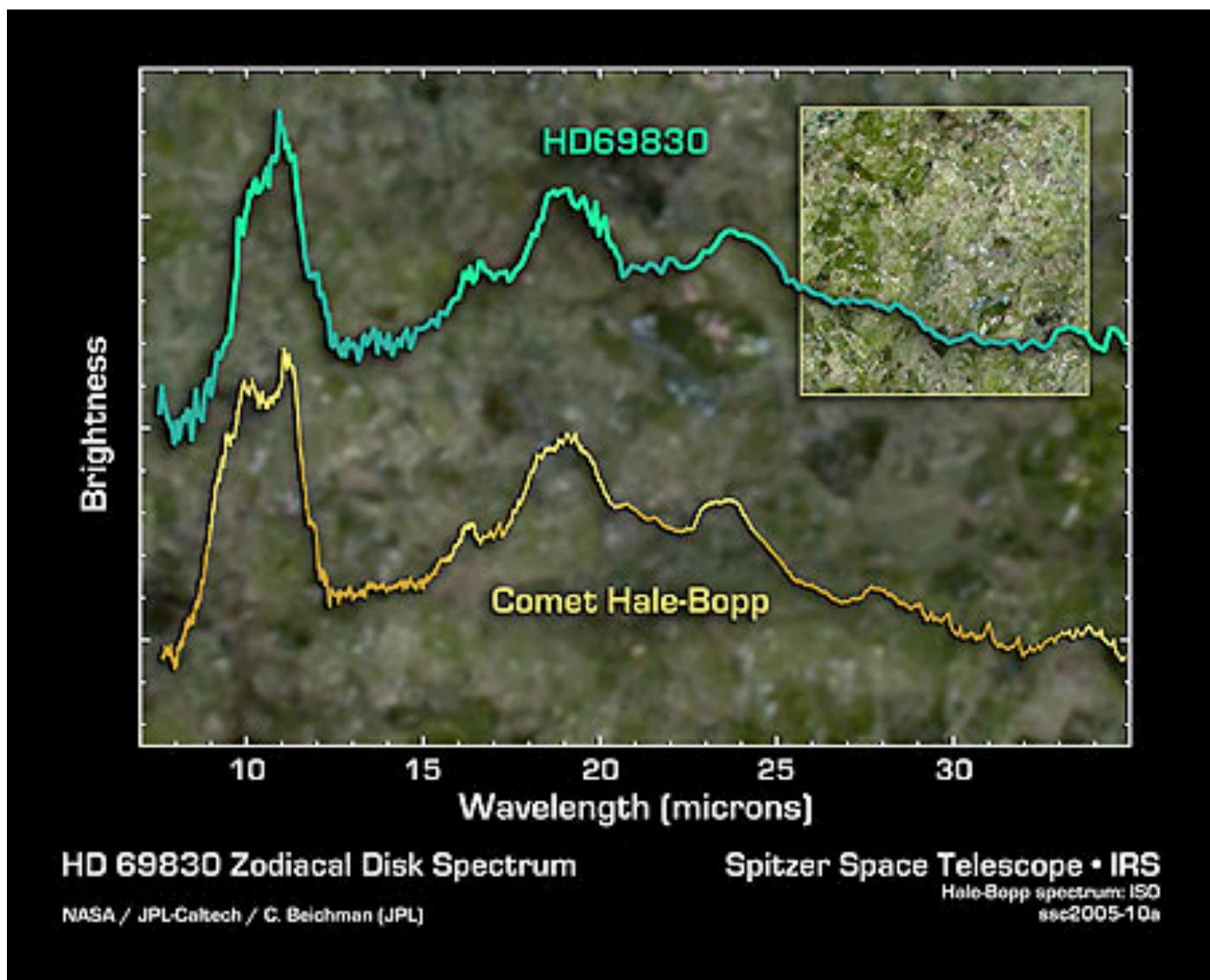
HST Image of Protoplanetary Disk  
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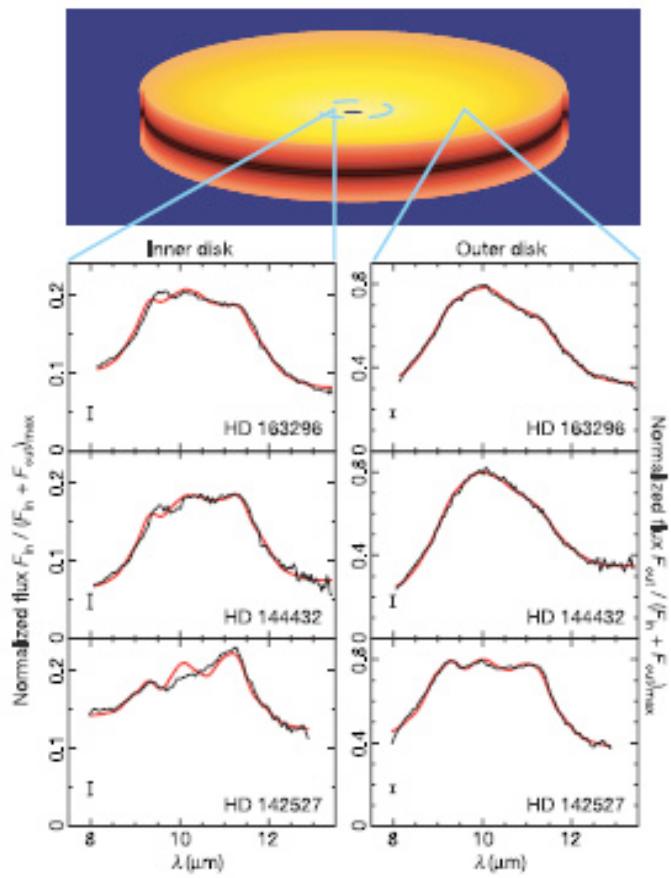
Flared Proto-Planetary Disc  
(Artist's Impression)

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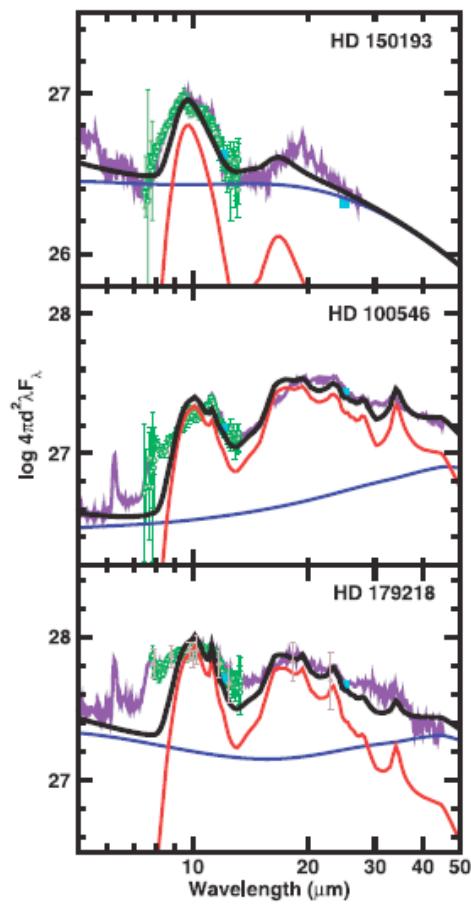
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# Crystal Enhancements in Inner Regions of PPDs



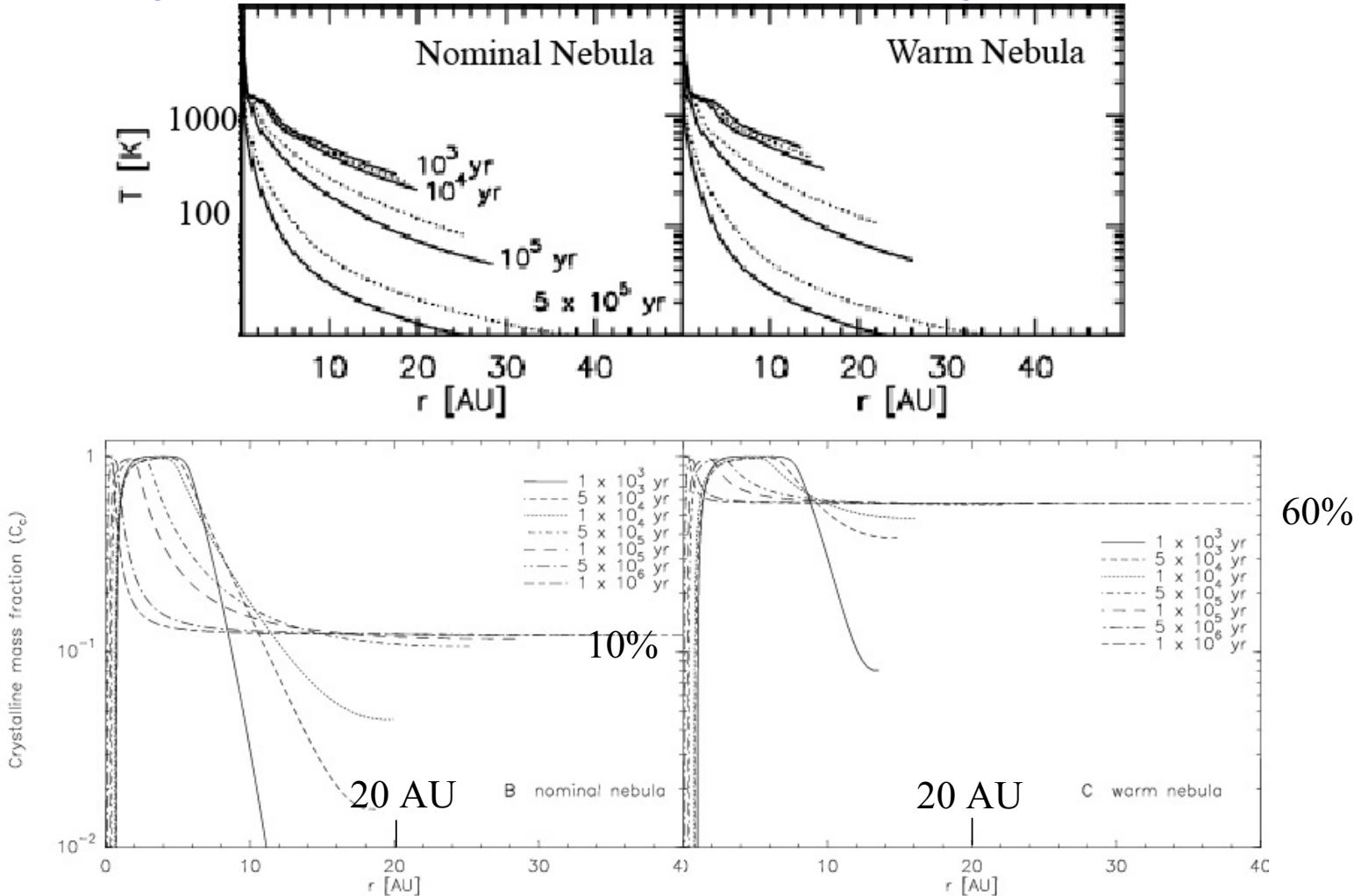
Inner Disk compared to whole disk:  
2-6 times more crystals at < 2 AU  
VLT+MIDI Interferometry  
van Boekel et al. (2004)



Inner Disk compared to outer disk:  
2-6 times more crystals at < 5 AU  
ISO+HIFOGS Spectral Energy Distr.s  
Harker, Wooden et al. (2005)

# Scenario 1: Early Delivery of Crystals to Outer Disk

Warm nebula model: Crystalline Fraction at  $r > 20$  AU at Time  $> 5 \times 10^4$  yr  
Uniform Crystalline Fraction at  $r > 2$  AU at Time  $> 5 \times 10^5$  yr



Bockelee-Morvan et al. 2002; similar concepts Dullemond et al. 2006,  $f_{crys} \sim$  ang. momentum

## Initial ProtoPlanetary Disk Composition = ISM and molecular cloud core

- **RARE Crystalline Silicates**

< 1% towards Galactic Center (Kemper et al. 2005)

< 5% line-of-sight in ISM (Li & Draine 2001)

- **Abundant Mg-Fe Amorphous Silicates**

mostly Olivine and some Pyroxene towards Galactic Center  
(Kemper et al. 2005)

ISM absorption spectrum matches comets and an ensemble of  
GEMS from anhydrous Chondritic Porous Interplanetary Dust  
Particles of probable cometary origin

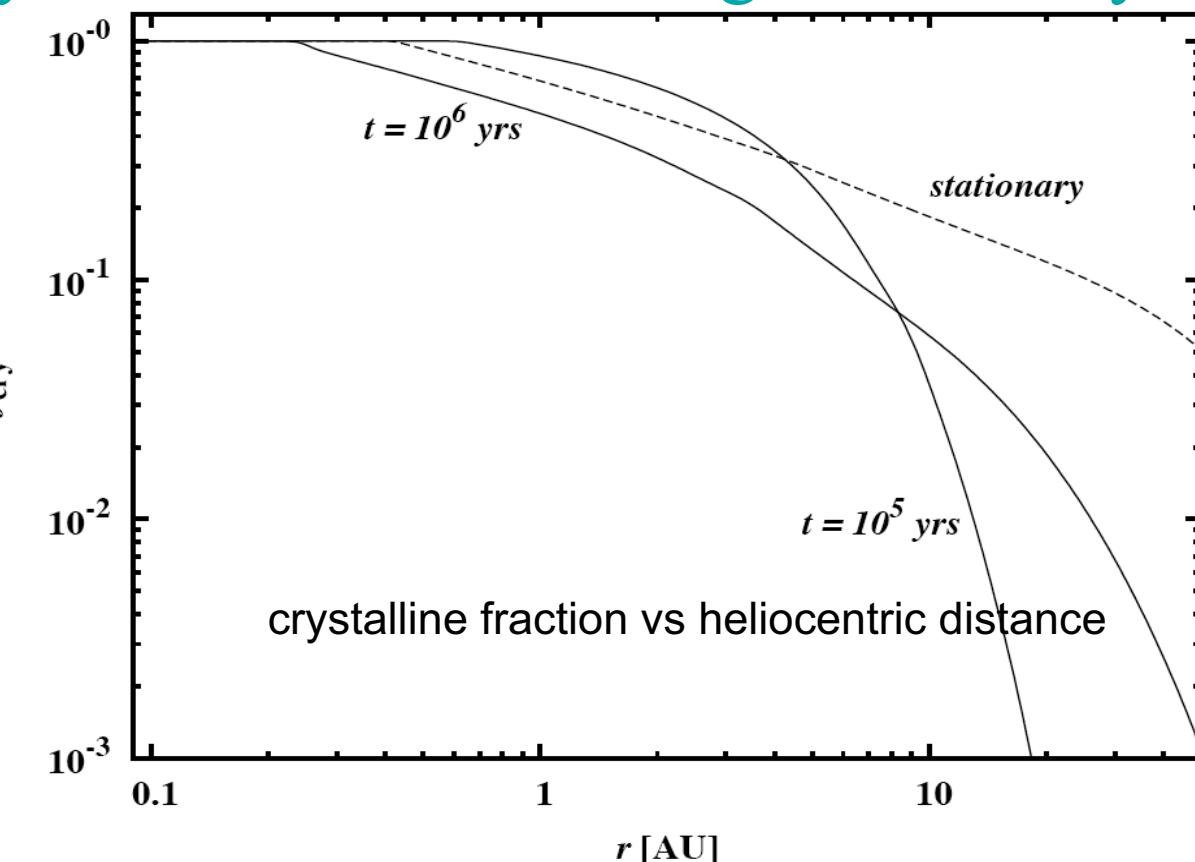
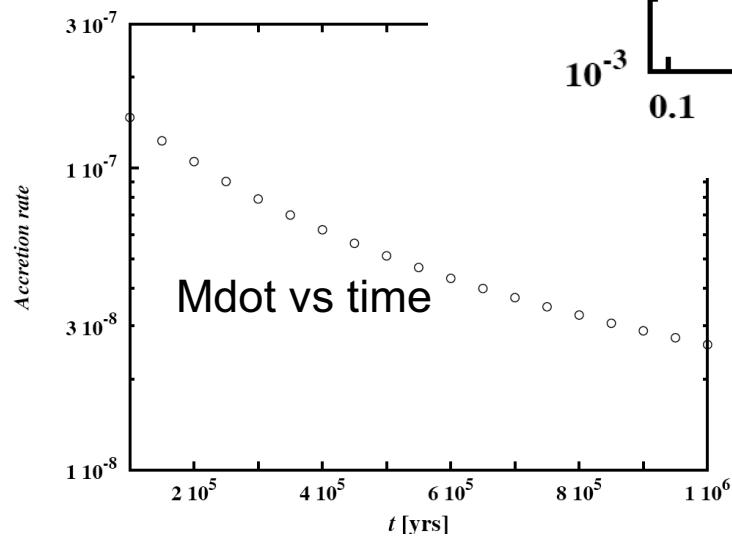
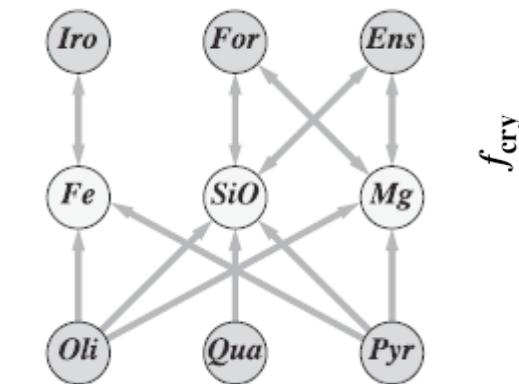
**Fe is in the Silicate Dust in Galactic-Disk Clouds, as shown by ISM  
Depletion Studies [Jones, 2000, JGR]**

- **Abundant Carbon** in aromatic, aliphatic, ‘amorphous’ carbon  
bonds, also some C in SiC made by carbon stars, 10-15% in PAHs

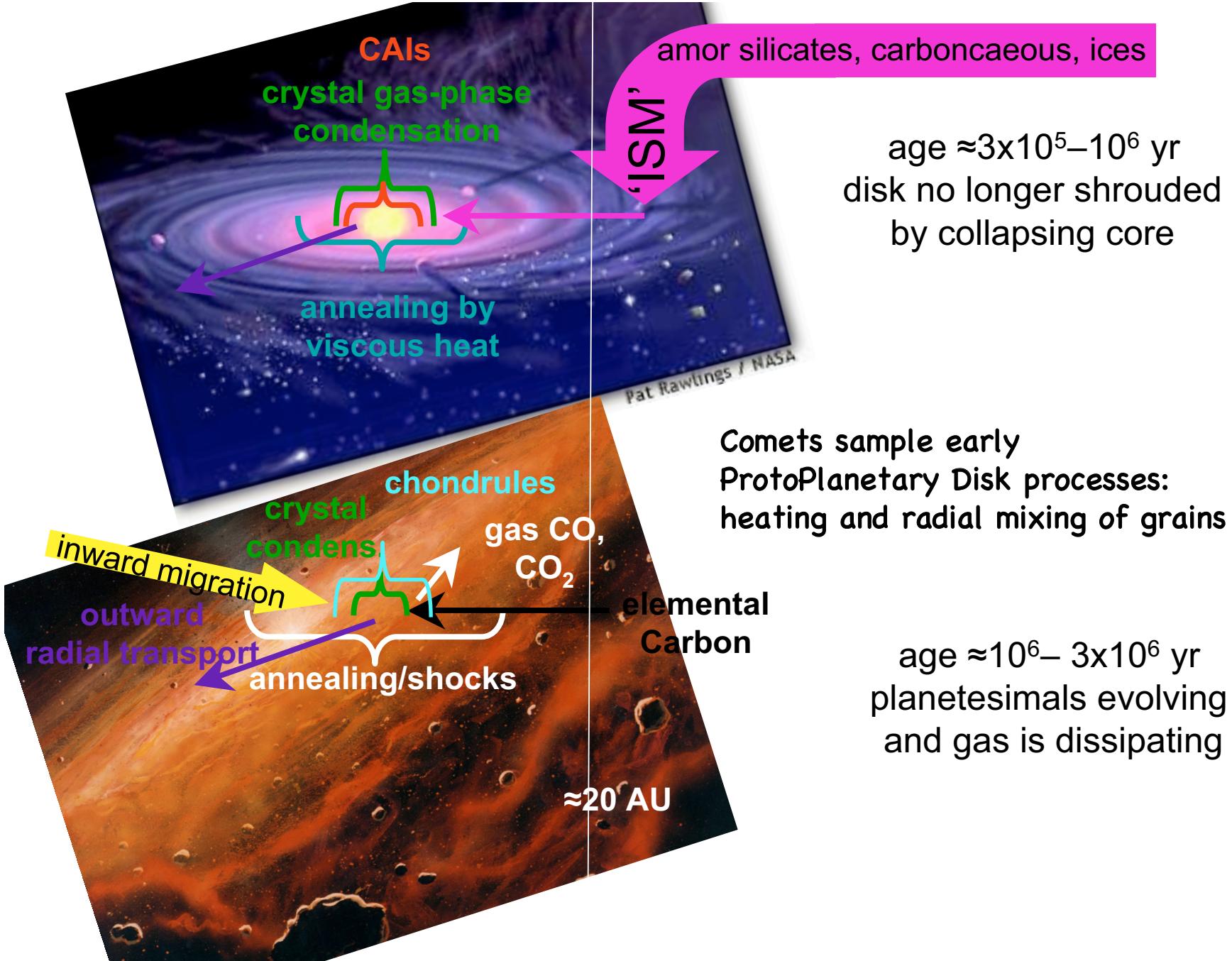
- organics & ices (often discussed by Charnley & Ehrenfreund)

## Scenario2: Crystal Gradient Evolving still at 1Myr

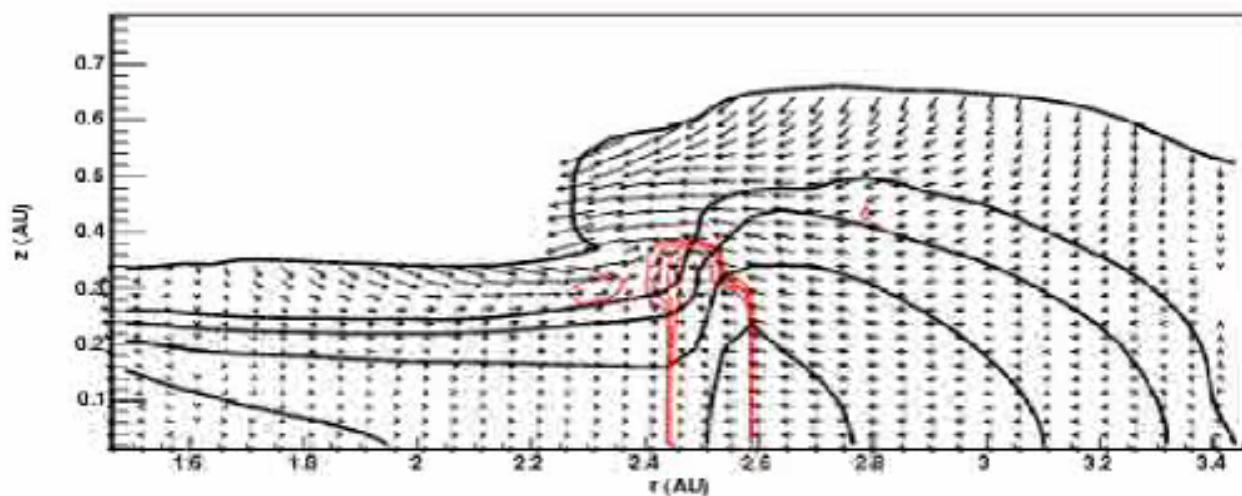
crystals condense and are annealed, includes grain-gas exchange of Fe



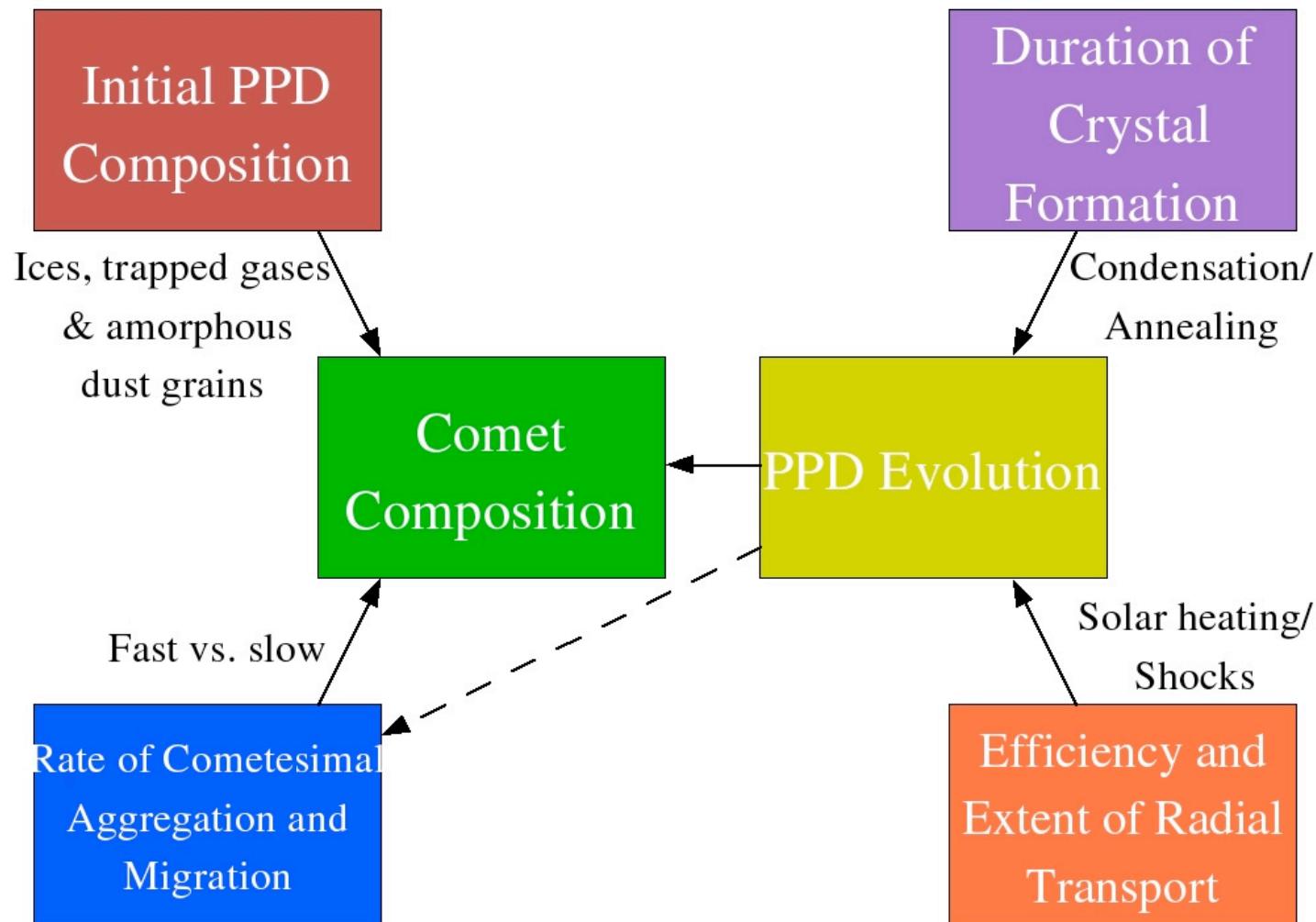
2-D, time-dependent model  
Gail 2004, Wehrstedt & Gail 2006



Durisen's crashing wave of gas in the solar nebula:  
<http://westworld.astro.indiana.edu/movies.html>



# What Determines Comet Composition?



Break after Part I

# QUESTIONS from Students at Planetary School 2006, motivated by the Part I Introduction...

In small groups, students formulated questions about comets and the implications comet dust provide for processes in the protoplanetary disk. These questions were then answered using selected slides in the rest of this powerpoint presentation.

# Silicate Mineralogy Questions

- Why does the silicate feature appear at  $10\mu\text{m}$ ?
- How can we distinguish between olivine and pyroxene in the amorphous silicate phase (in silicates that have amorphous or highly disordered structures)?
- Can we deny the existence of crystalline silicates?
- What is the difference between the constraints on the crystalline silicate fraction in the interstellar medium: “ $<2\%$  towards the Galactic Center” compared to “ $<5\%$  towards other lines-of-sight in the ISM”?

# PPDisk Radial Transport Questions

- Only tiny particles can couple with the gas and diffuse outwards. Which process is dominant: collisional growth or collisional disruption?
- If outward radial mixing of dust transports only the smallest grains and grains are efficiently aggregating to larger sizes and settling to the disk mid-plane, then does the need to radially migrate out crystals imply that dust aggregates must be actively destroyed to maintain the small grain population?
- What is the origin of shocks in disks?
- What controls the outward transport of crystalline silicates?
- What are the transport mechanisms for the crystalline silicates from the inner disk radii to the outer disk radii?
- How can we test the hypothesis of radial mixing of crystalline silicates?

# Comet Nuclei Formation Questions

- Where in the comet nucleus do we find the materials from different radial distances in the disk (cold materials, such as water with ortho/para ratios indicating  $T < 35K$  from the outer disk and crystalline silicates from the hot inner disk)? In other words, if the comets were formed at 30 AU, the core of the comet nucleus should be dominated by amorphous silicates; if comet nuclei either migrated inwards or radial mixing moved high temperature crystals outwards over time (1 Myr), then nuclear layers accumulated later might be richer in crystalline silicates. Is there evidence for this?
- Do collisions and/or space weathering play a significant role in changing primordial comet composition?
- Do we know when the comets formed? Do the materials inside comets (amorphous silicate grains compared to crystalline silicate grains) have the same formation age?

## Comets-PPDisk Questions

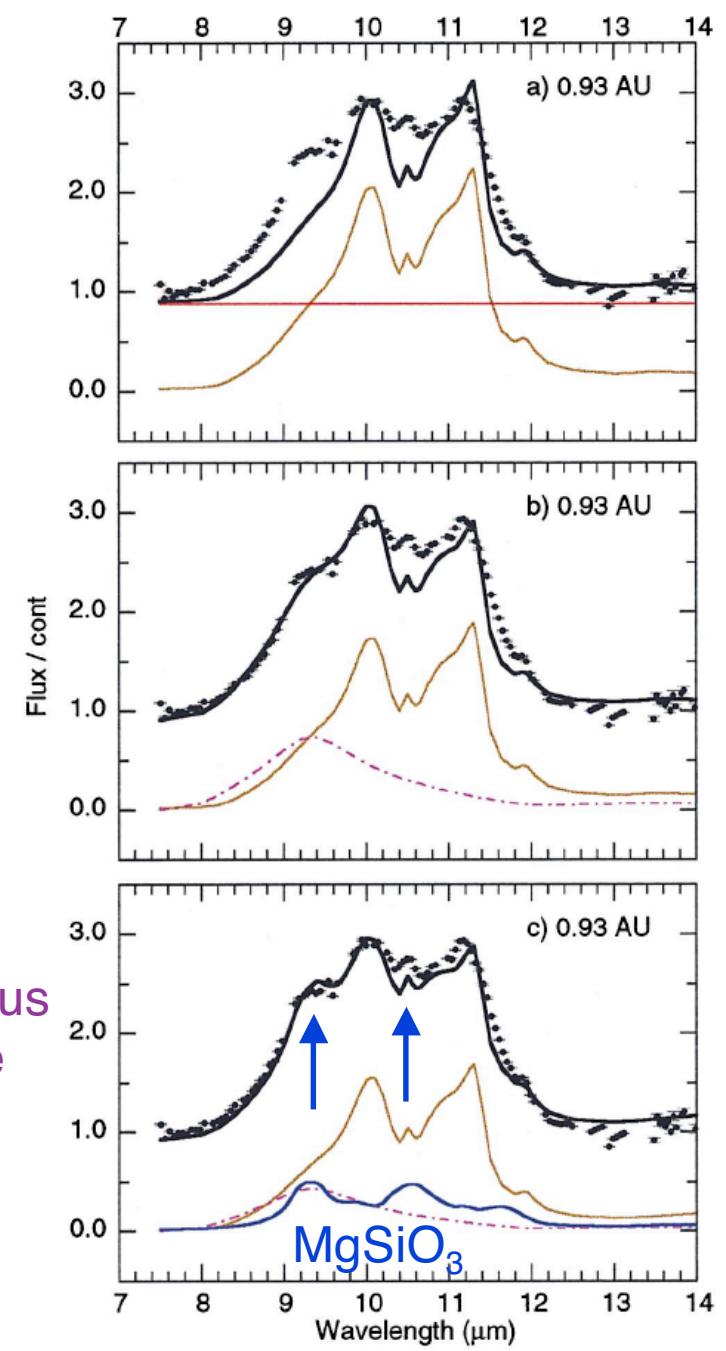
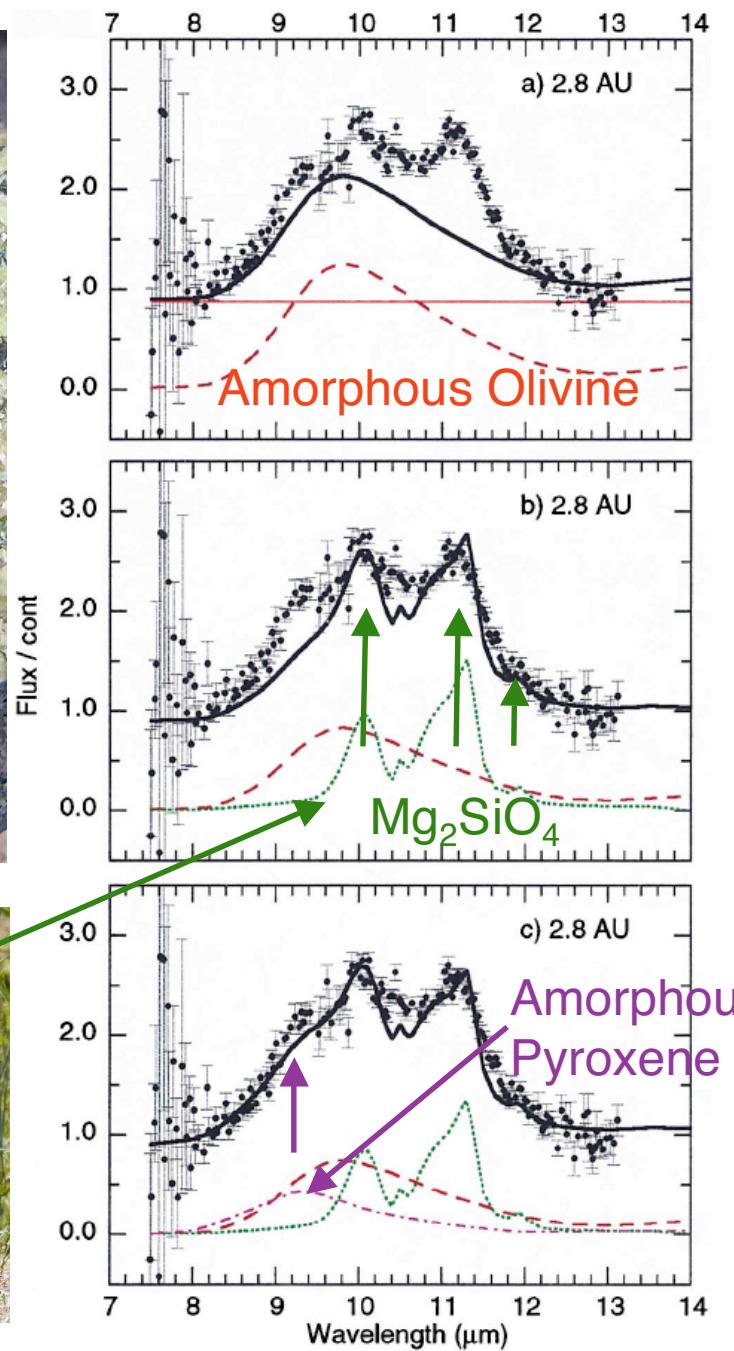
- Why do we think amorphous olivine and amorphous pyroxene constitute the initial protoplanetary disk (PPD) composition?
- Could the inner-disk silicate feature rich in crystalline silicates (MIDI observations, van Boekel) be an artifact of optical depth? If the silicates settle to the midplane, then do the observations of crystals only in inner disks imply that we can see the midplane at small disk radii ( $<1\text{--}2$  AU) but we cannot see the midplane at larger disk radii ( $>2$  AU)?
- Currently, there is a discussion about crystalline versus amorphous minerals in the rocks (refractory minerals). Can future observations lead to a discussion about crystalline versus amorphous water ice and implications for formation and transport at different disk radii? What are the difficulties?

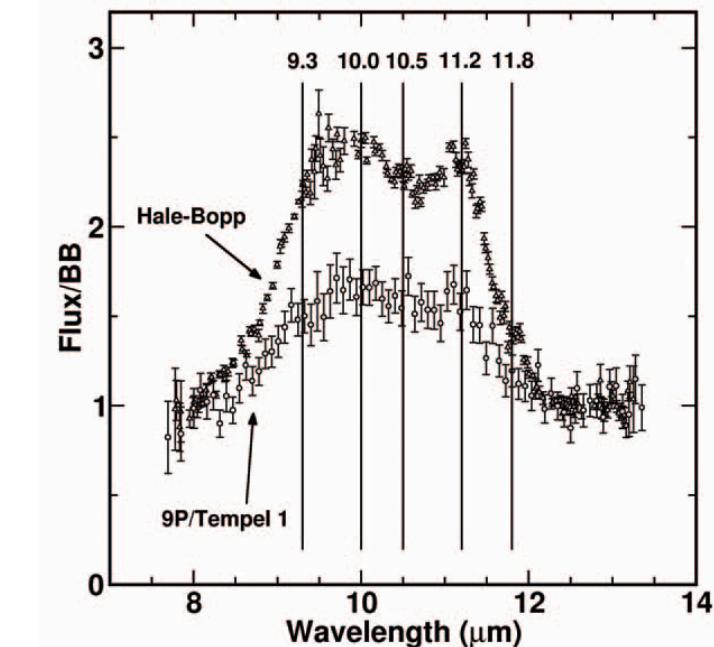
Answers to these questions  
primarily came from the  
following slides...

## Part II. Silicate Mineralogy - Feature Identifications and Comet Modeling Techniques and Results... Deriving Grain Properties from IR Observations

Chart showing the computational steps in thermal emission models.

	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>
<b>Computation Tools &amp; Techniques</b>	Mie Scattering	Radiative Equilibrium	Solve Flux Integral	Sum the Fluxes	Minimize $\chi^2$
Minerals (Abbr.)	Inputs				
	Opt.Const. & Radii $\{n, k\}, a$	Heliocentric Distance $r_h$	Size Distribution & Porosity $n(a), D$	Abundance Multipliers $N_{\text{Mineral}}$	Data SED
Outputs					
Amorphous Carbon (AC)	$Q_{\lambda, \text{AC}}(a)$	$T_{\text{AC}}(a, r_h)$	$F_{\lambda, \text{AC}}(a, r_h, n(a))$	$\Sigma \{N_{\text{Mineral}} * \lambda F_{\lambda, \text{Mineral}}\}$	Best Fit Model SED $\lambda F_{\lambda}$
Amorphous Olivine (AO)	$Q_{\lambda, \text{AO}}(a)$	$T_{\text{AO}}(a, r_h)$	$F_{\lambda, \text{AO}}(a, r_h, n(a))$		
Amorphous Pyroxene (AP)	$Q_{\lambda, \text{AP}}(a)$	$T_{\text{AP}}(a, r_h)$	$F_{\lambda, \text{AP}}(a, r_h, n(a))$		
Crystalline Olivine (O)	$Q_{\lambda, \text{O}}(a)$	$T_{\text{O}}(a, r_h)$	$F_{\lambda, \text{O}}(a, r_h, n(a))$		
Crystalline Pyroxene (P)	$Q_{\lambda, \text{P}}(a)$	$T_{\text{P}}(a, r_h)$	$F_{\lambda, \text{P}}(a, r_h, n(a))$		

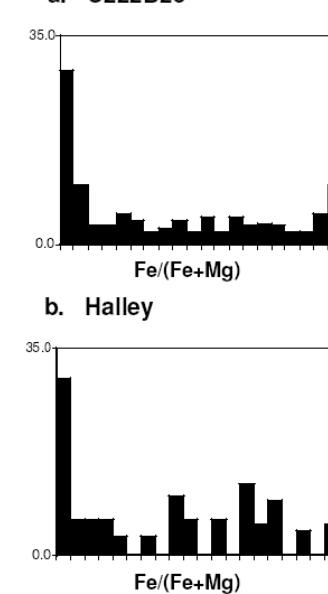
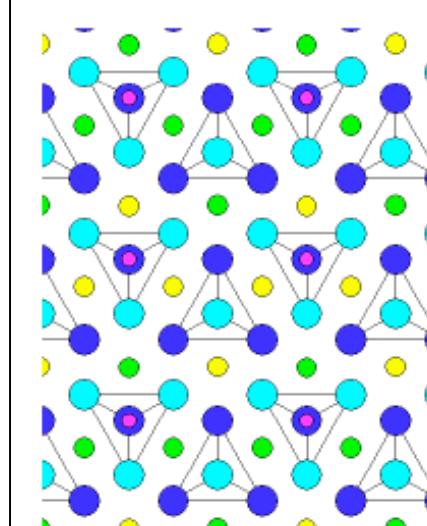
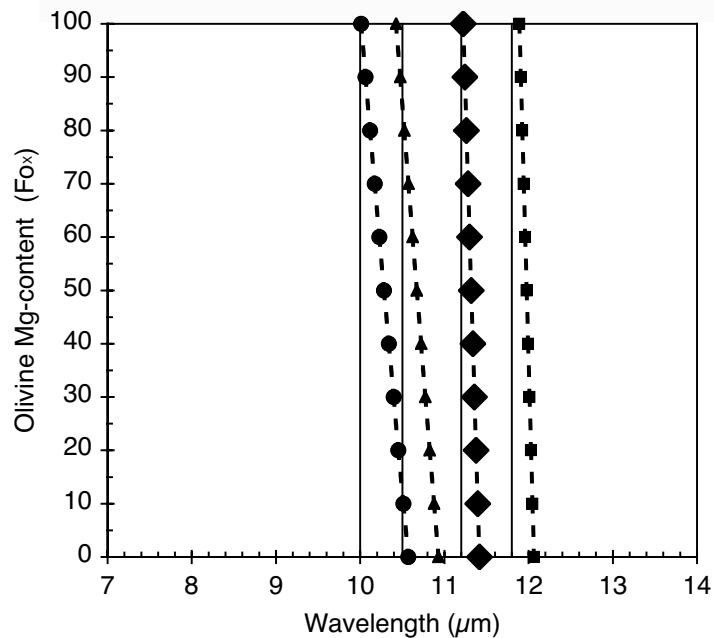




The wavelengths of the mid-IR features can show the Mg-content of mineral crystals: shorter wavelengths are Mg-rich, longer wavelengths are Fe-rich. [Chihara et al. 2003; Koike et al. 2002].

**Olivine: Mg-content is**

$$\frac{\text{Mg}}{(\text{Mg}+\text{Fe})} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{Forsterite} \\ 0 & \text{Fayalite} \\ \text{Fo 100} & \text{U222B28} \\ \text{Fo 0} & \text{Halley} \end{cases}$$



## Scattering cross sections

The cross-sections for absorption, scattering, and extinction are expressions of the effective area of the interaction zone for a photon encounter with a particle.

These are often normalized to the geometric cross-sectional area of the particle.

## Scattering Efficiencies

$$Q_{abs} = \frac{\pi a_{abs}^2}{\pi a^2} \quad Q_{sca} = \frac{\pi a_{sca}^2}{\pi a^2} \quad Q_{ext} = \frac{\pi a_{ext}^2}{\pi a^2}$$

extinction = absorption + scattering

$$\bar{Q} = \int_0^\infty \pi a^2 Q(a) N(a) da$$

For an ensemble of coma grains, the emissivity is weighted by the grain size distribution  $N(a)$ .

## Comet Comae Grains are in Radiative Equilibrium

- The IR-flux of dust particles at  $>\sim 3 \mu\text{m}$  is dominated by re-radiation of the absorbed solar energy
- The radiated flux depends on nature and composition of the dust particles.

In thermal equilibrium the grain temperature is balanced by the absorbed flux in the UV and visible and the re-radiated thermal flux in the IR:

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{L_{\odot, \lambda}}{4\pi r^2} Q_{\text{abs}}(\lambda, a) \pi a^2 d\lambda = \int_0^{\infty} \pi B[\lambda, T(a, r)] Q_{\text{abs}}(\lambda, a) 4\pi a^2 d\lambda$$

absorbed flux  
(sunlight)    thermally emitted flux

To obtain the total emitted flux integrate over the size distribution of all grains:

$$F_\lambda = \int_{a_1}^{a_2} \pi B[\lambda, T(a, r)] Q_{\text{abs}}(a, \lambda) a^2 n(a) da$$



relative number of  
grains in the size  
intervall  $a$  and  $a + da$

Warm grains: for small grains the efficiency factors at IR wavelengths are smaller than unity and:

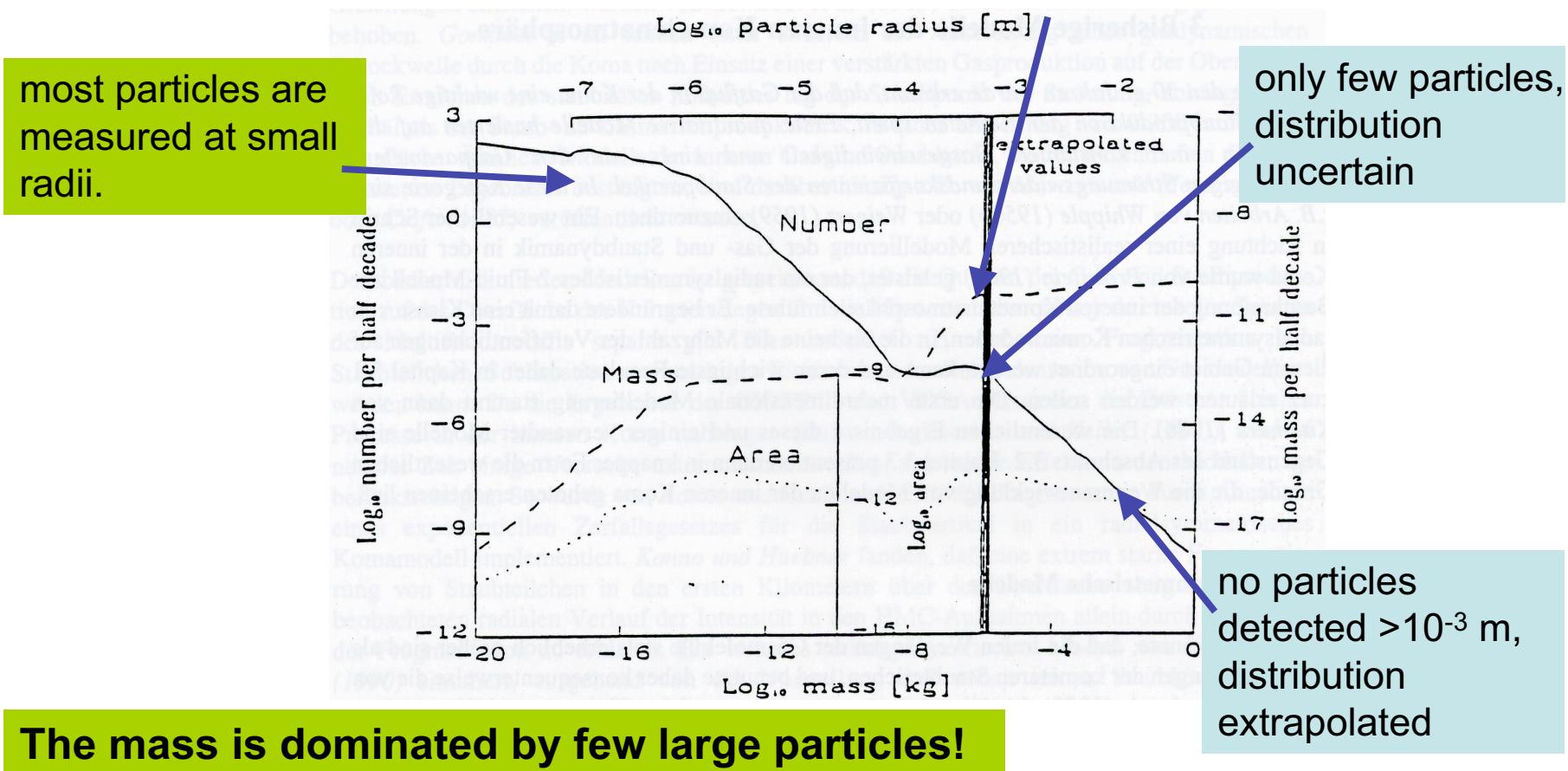
$$\cdot B[\lambda, T(a, r)] Q_{\text{abs}}(a, \lambda) \ll B[\lambda, T(a, r)]$$

The measured IR color temperature is very often higher than the black body temperature at the corresponding heliocentric distance → indication for small grains

# The dust grain size distribution

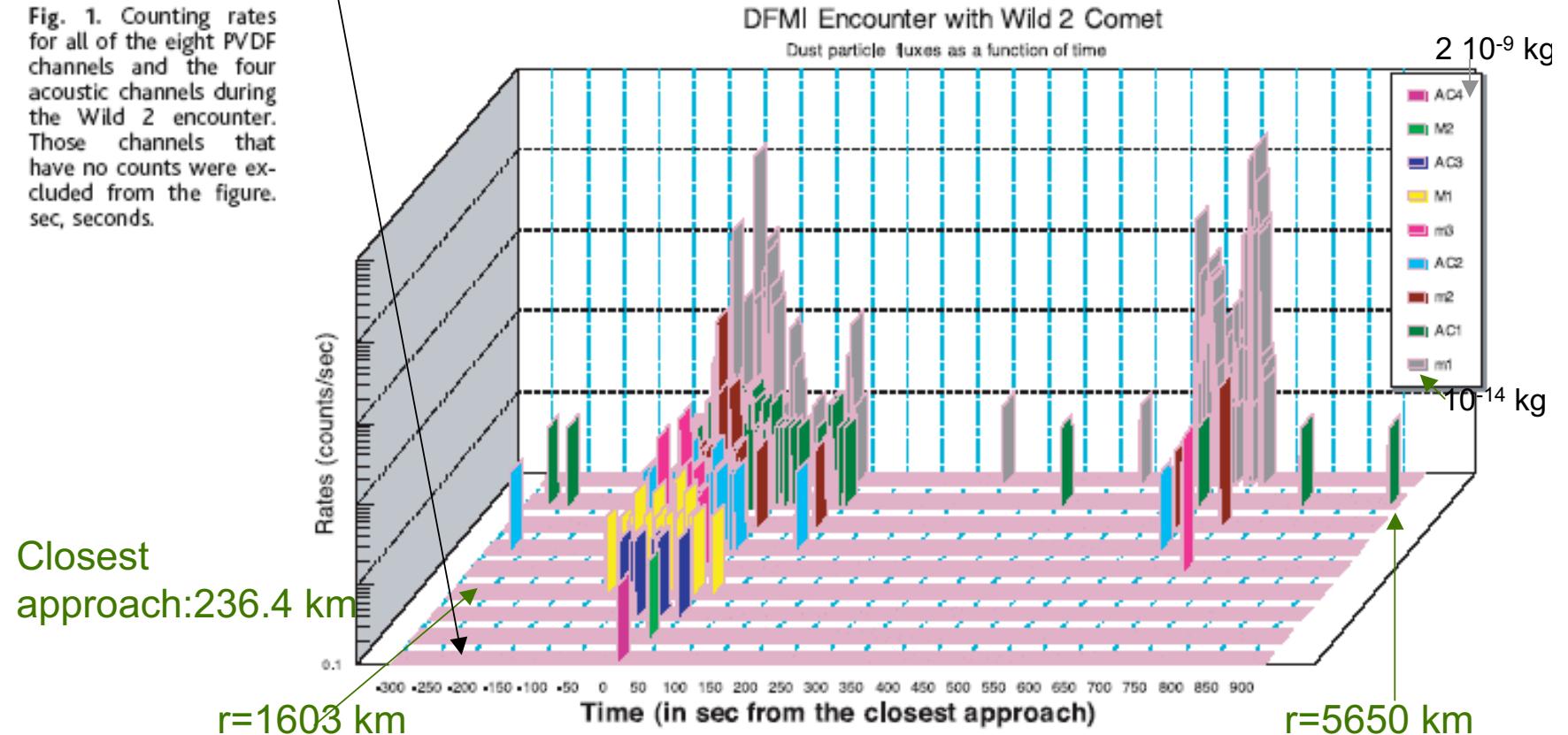
The dust size distribution has been measured insitu for comet P/Halley and 81P/Wild 2.

The dust mass is concentrated in few large particles!



## Clusters of particles seen during STARDUST fly-by Comet 81P/Wild 2 - maybe detecting a truncated size distribution?

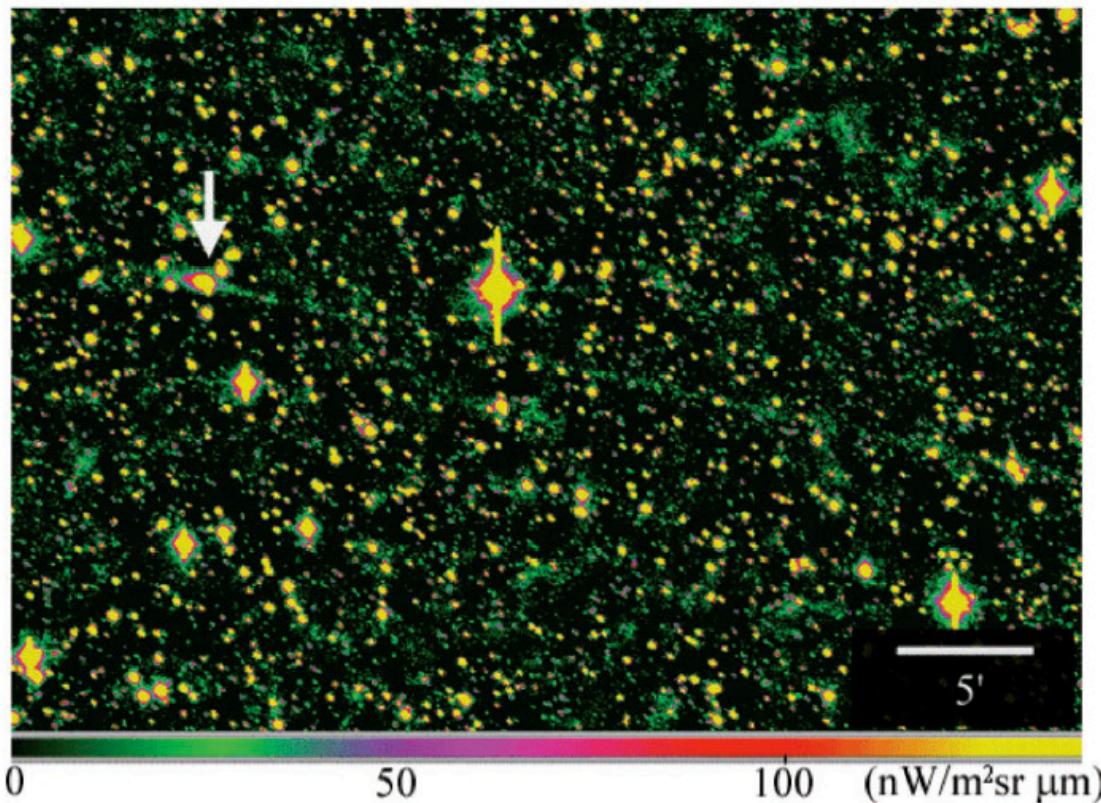
Fig. 1. Counting rates for all of the eight PVDF channels and the four acoustic channels during the Wild 2 encounter. Those channels that have no counts were excluded from the figure. sec, seconds.



- Countings were not uniform throughout the coma: two high activity periods
- during second period almost no particles in acoustic sensor

## Comet Dust trails show mm-size grain are released

- Large dust particles have small  $\beta$
- Therefore, they remain on similar orbits than the parent comet
- They form dust trails along the orbit of the comet
- They are observed mainly in the IR (large particles)



Ishiguro et al. 2003,  
ApJ 589, L101

FIG. 2.—Dust trail image of the comet 81P/Wild 2 observed 2003 February 3. The coma is located at the position indicated by the arrow. The classical dust tail composed of small grains spreads toward the upper left, and the dust trail extends toward the lower right.

Spitzer MIPS views comet trails: 24  $\mu\text{m}$  images show that a considerable mass of rocky materials are released. mm-size grains are released and are seen many months later along the comet's orbit.



# Grain Size Distribution

Typically used size distribution function:

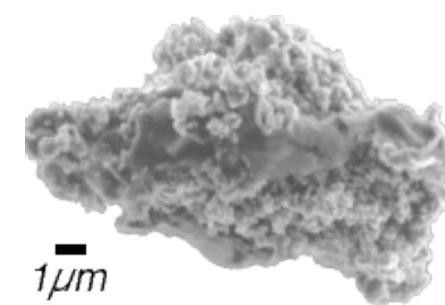
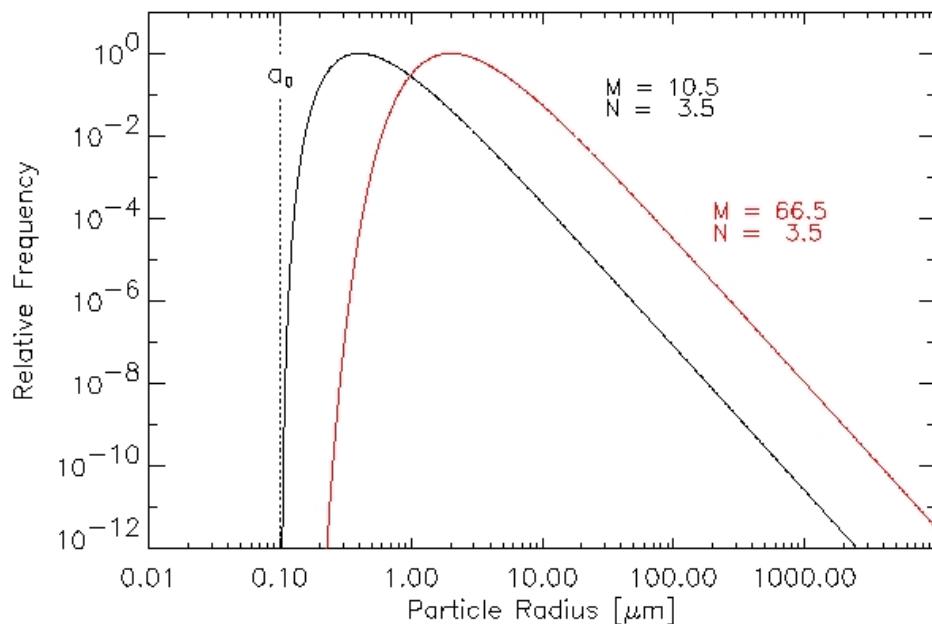
$$f(a) = \bar{N} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{a_0}{a}\right)^M \left(\frac{a_0}{a}\right)^N$$

(Hanner 1982, in *Cometary Exploration II*)

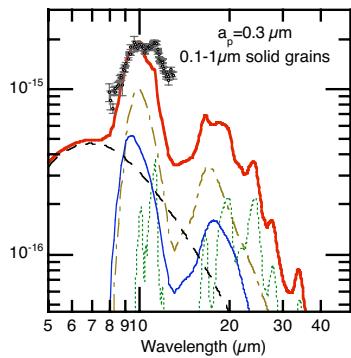
$\bar{N}$ : scaling factor,  $a$ : particle radius

$a_0$ : lower size limit

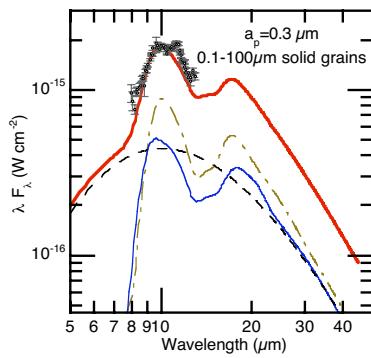
(smallest building blocks of fluffy aggregates? Typical size of IDP subgrains is  $0.1\mu\text{m}$ .)



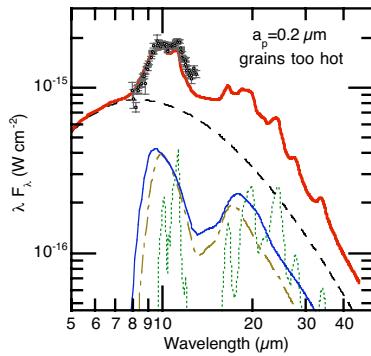
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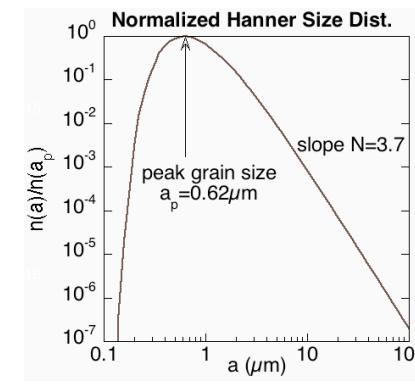
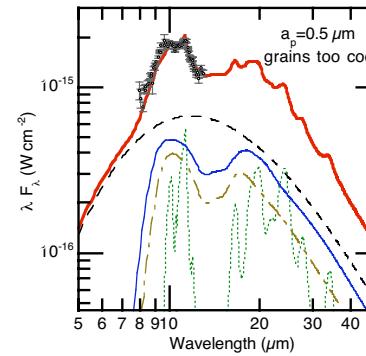
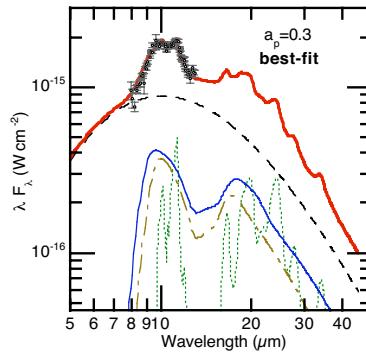
Submicron Mg-rich crystals are cooler than submicron Mg-Fe amorphous silicates, so the 11.2  $\mu\text{m}$  feature is difficult to detect if crystals are 1/4 of total mass (i.e., equal masses of Amorphous carbon, amorphous olivine & pyroxene, crystalline olivine)



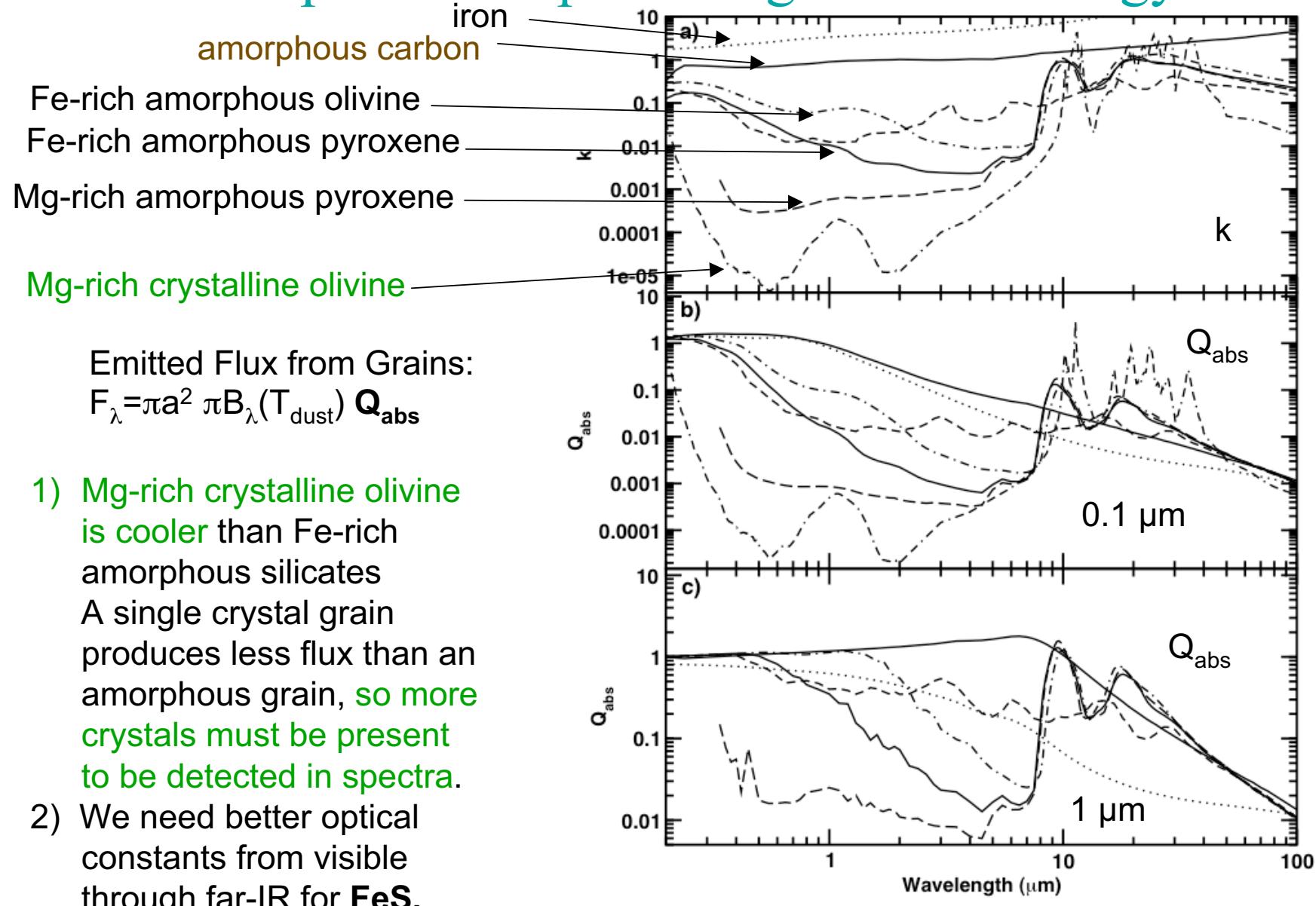
Grain size distribution extending from submicron to 100  $\mu\text{m}$  needed to longer wavelength (cooler emission) in SED



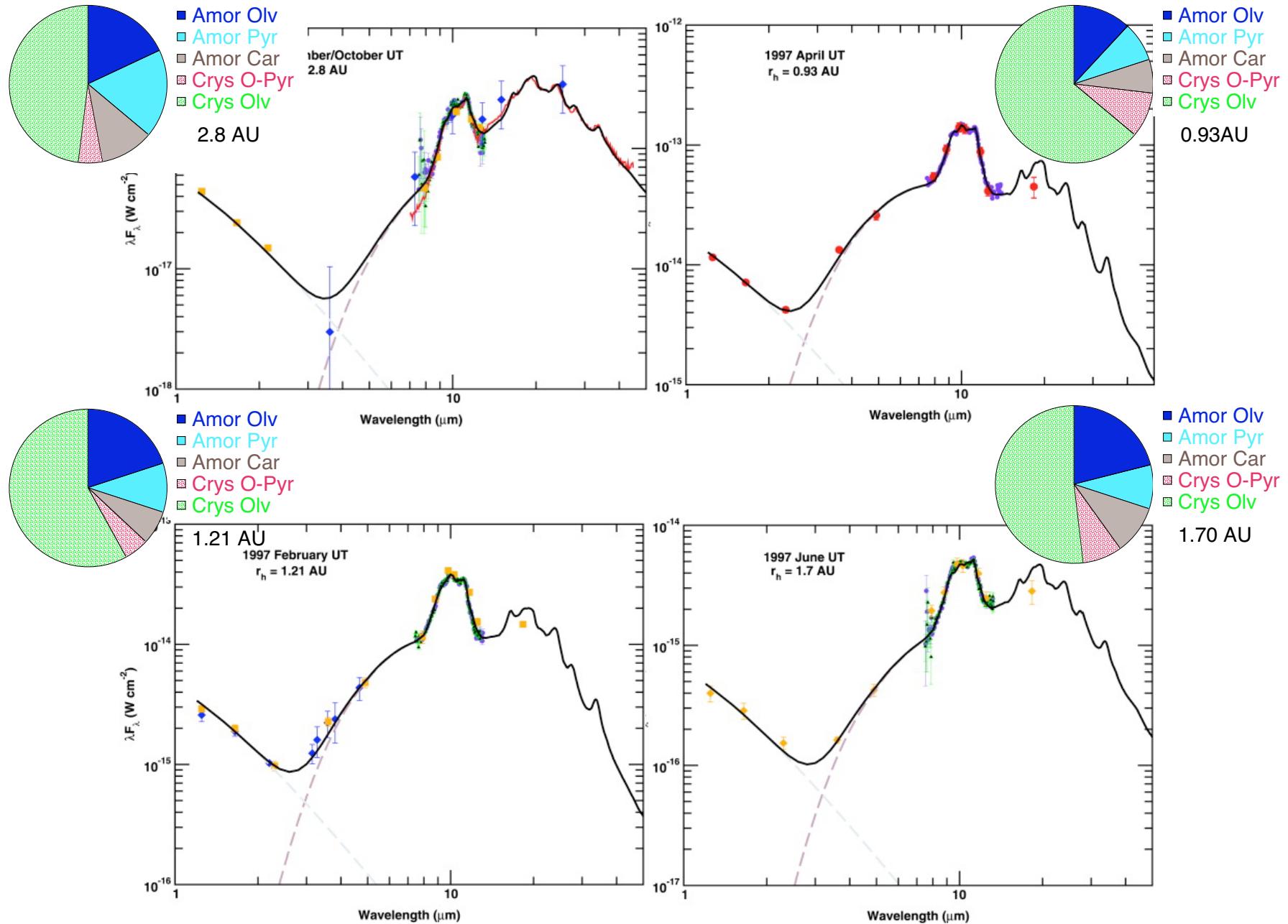
Grain size at which size distribution peaks can be constrained:



# PPD Opacities depend on grain mineralogy



## Evolution of Hale-Bopp's submicron mineralogy with heliocentric distance

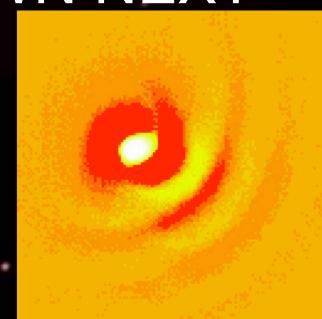


Comet Hale-Bopp: Dynamics of coma grains also tells  
grain size and composition: Comet Nuclear gravity  
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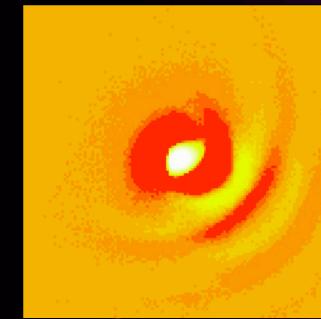
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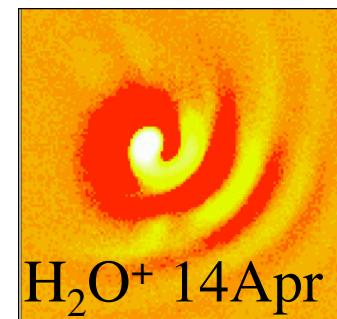
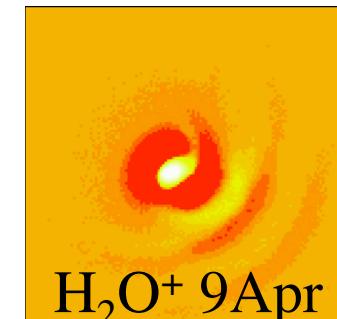
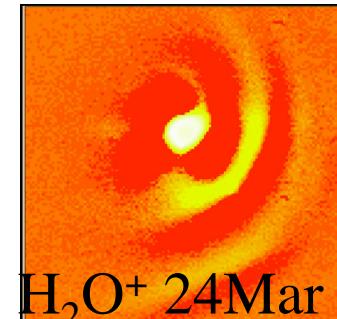
Jets produce most  
coma gases & dust  
when comet is close  
( $0.93 \leq r_h \leq 1.5$  AU) to  
perihelion 9 Apr 1997



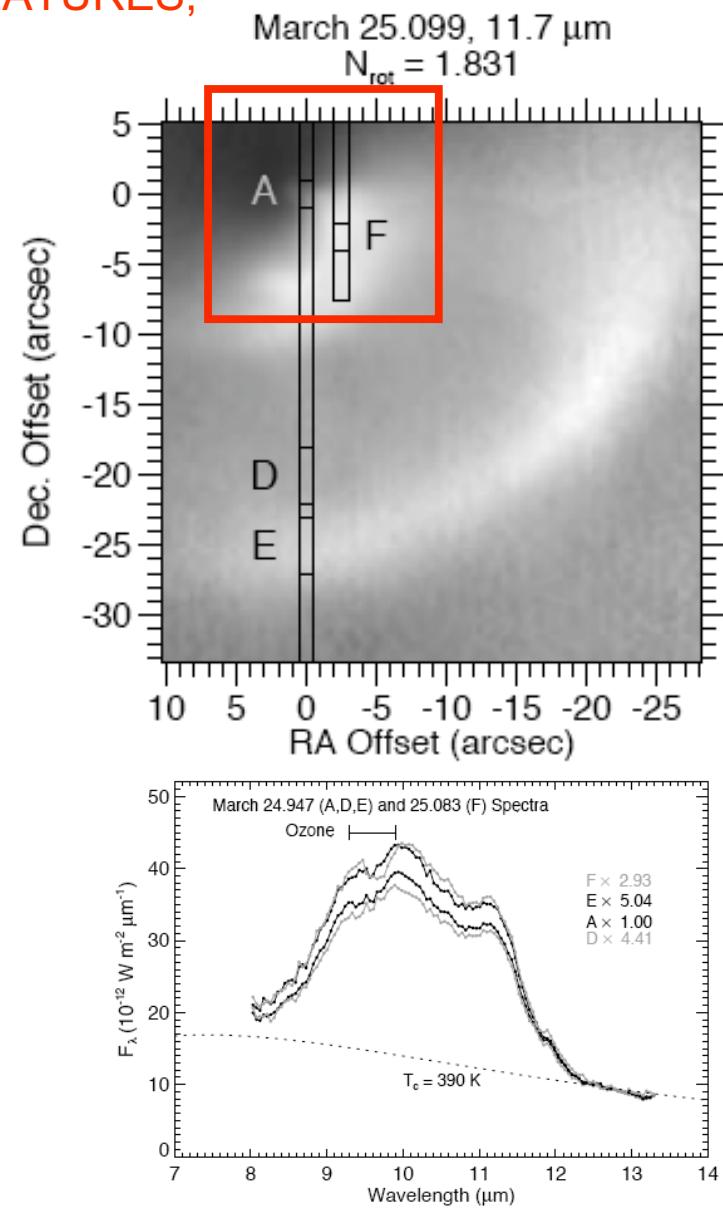
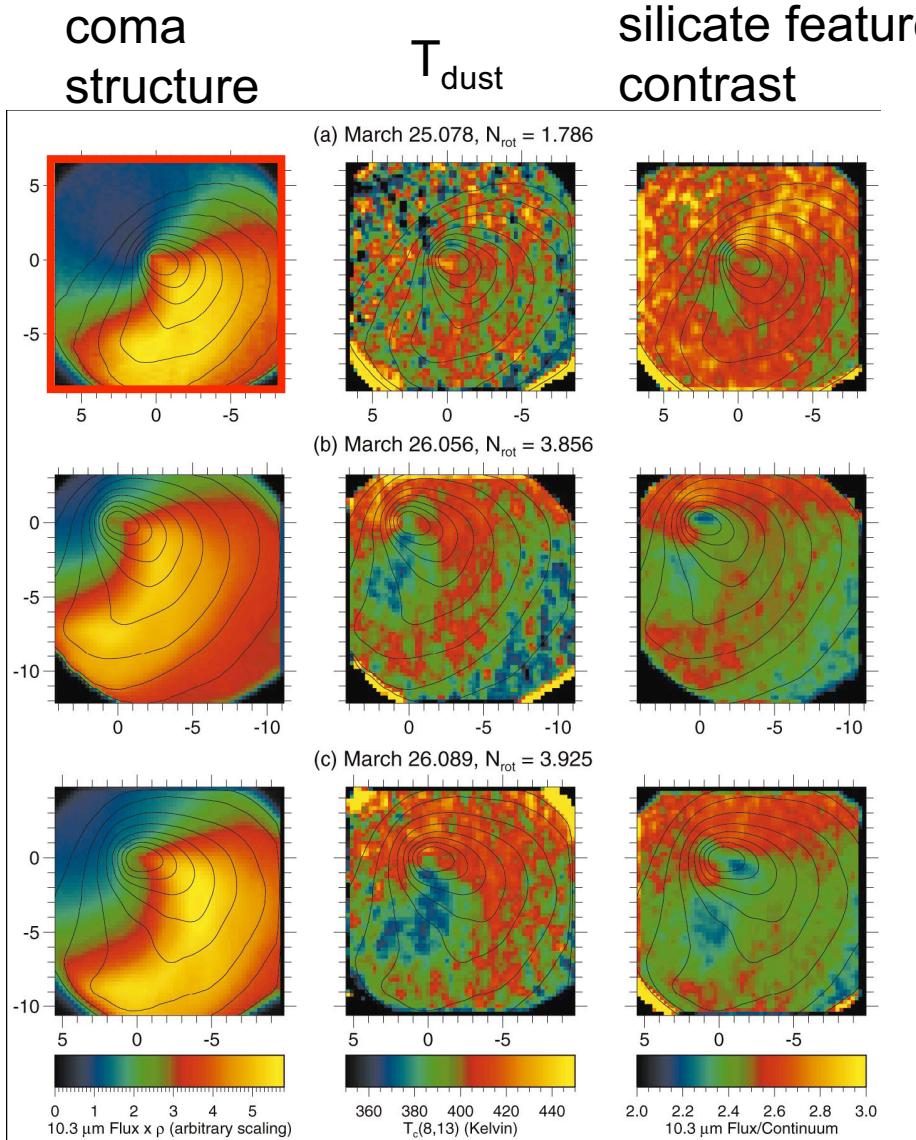
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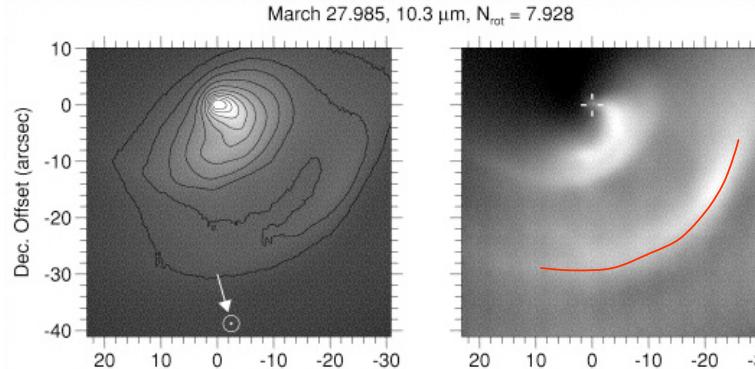


Green Dust  
Continuum



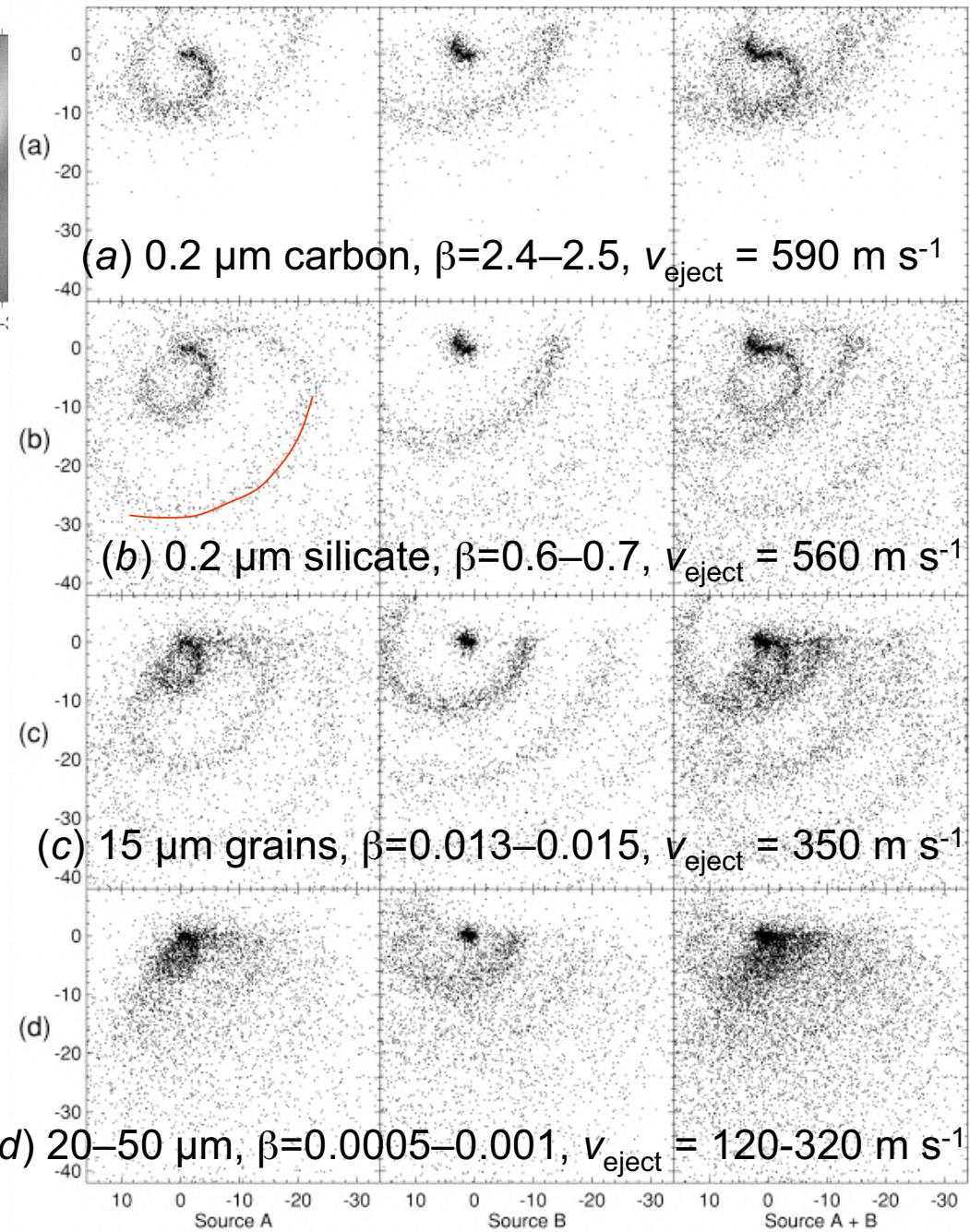
# HALE-BOPP in INFRARED: SMALLER GRAINS ARE HOTTER, SHOW STRONGER CONTRAST FEATURES, AND ARE ON LEADING EDGE OF JETS



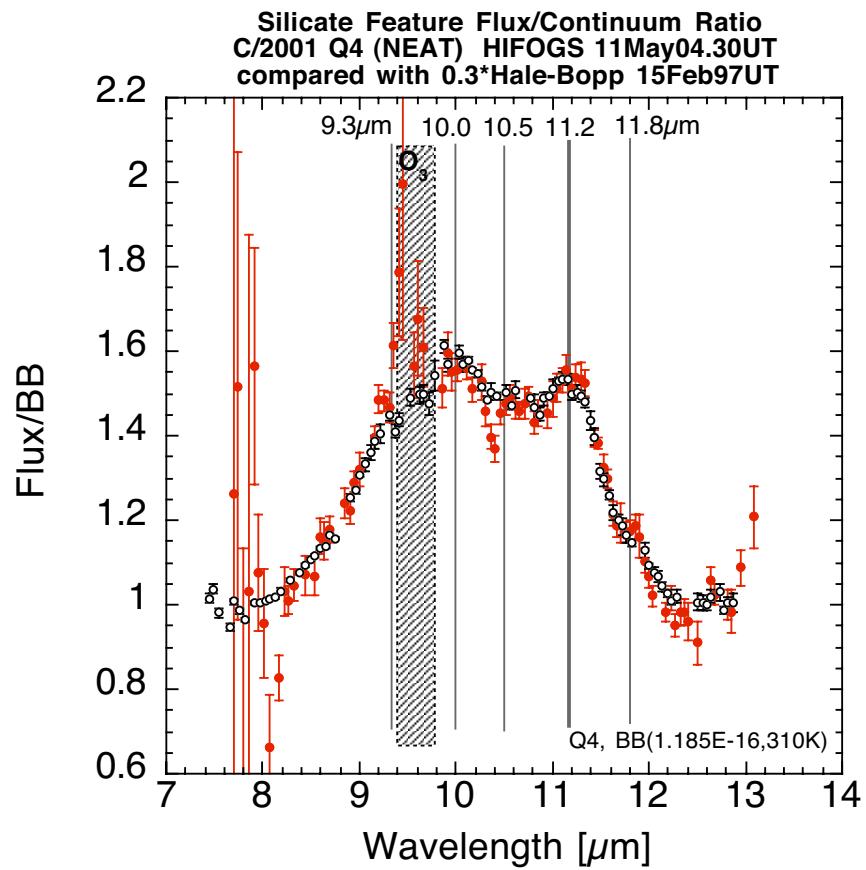
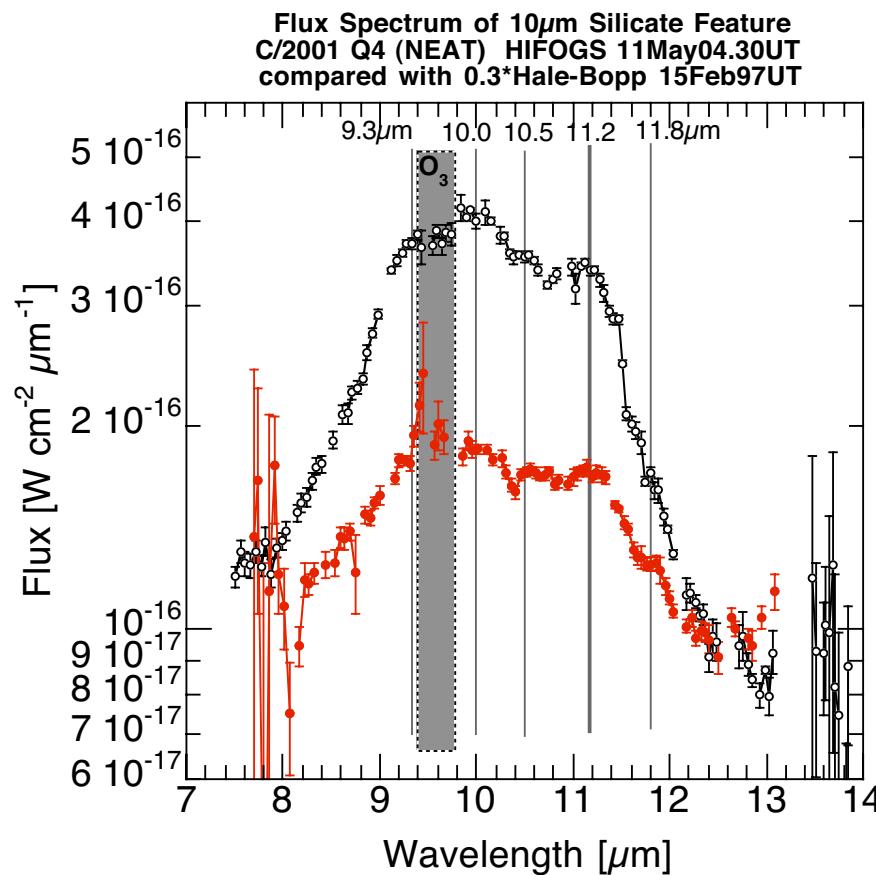


## 10 $\mu\text{m}$ INFRARED LIGHT

Grain composition and size can be investigated from the shape of the coma.  $\beta = F_{\text{radiation}} / F_{\text{solar grav}}$   
 Arcs are best-fitted by submicron grains.  
 Submicron silicate grains are less affected by radiation pressure than submicron carbon grains:  
 $\beta_{\text{silicate}} < \beta_{\text{carbon}}$

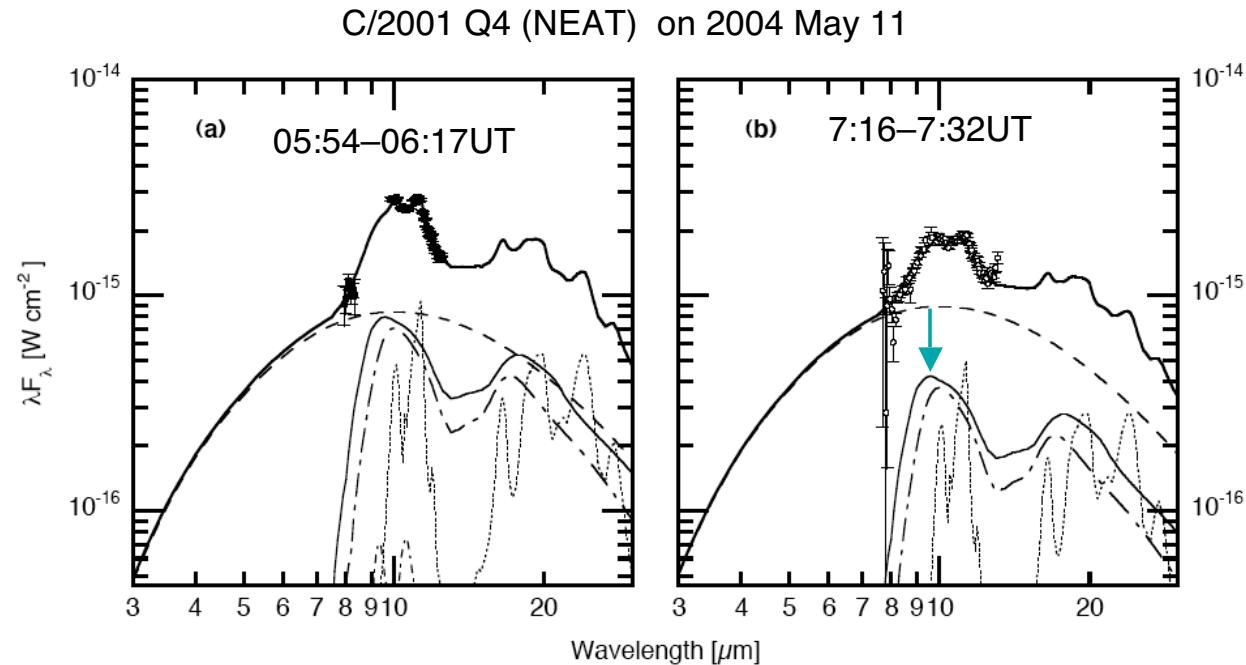


C/2001 Q4 (NEAT) & Hale-Bopp have **similar silicate mineralogy**,  
 both have strong jet activity & crystal/amorph.+cryst.  $\approx 0.7$   
 C/2001 Q4 has a smaller & **variable silicate-to-amorphous carbon ratio**,  
 which lowers the contrast (or ‘strength’) of the silicate feature.

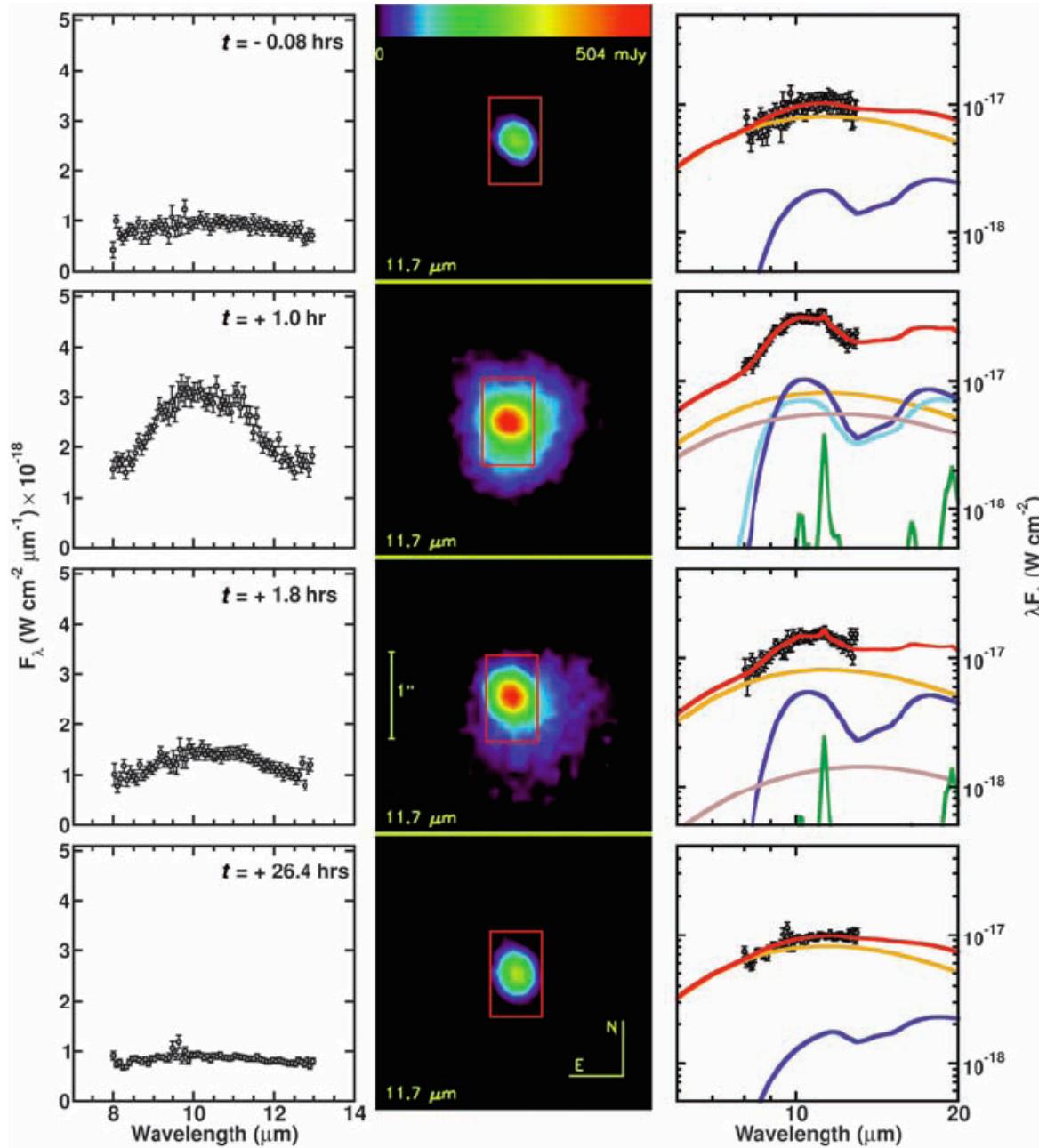


**Mineralogy is inhomogeneous: the relative abundances of Amorphous Carbon and Silicates vary in coma, assoc. with ‘jets’.**

C/2001 Q4’s silicate feature drops in contrast (height) over 1.5 hours, as jets move grains through beam and dust composition changes: there are **fewer silicate grains relative to amorphous C grains**.

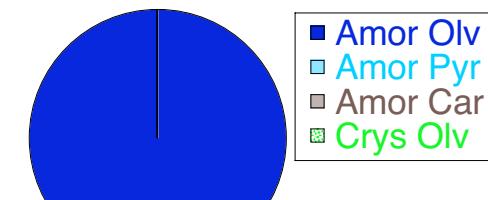




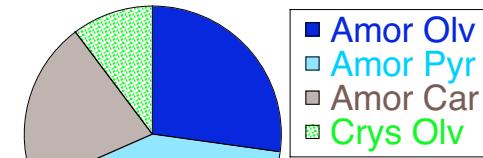


Harker et al 2005, et al 2006

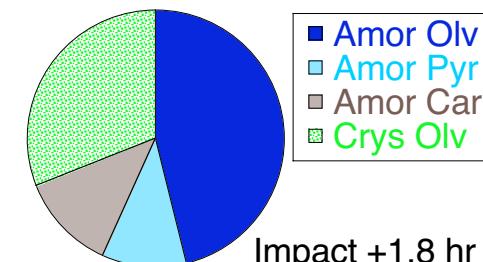
## Deep Impact released Crystals



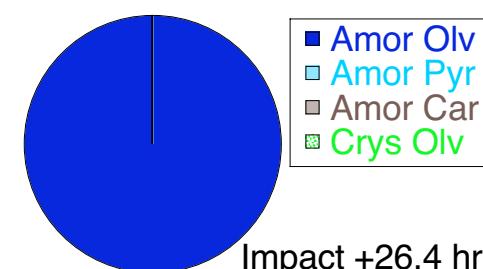
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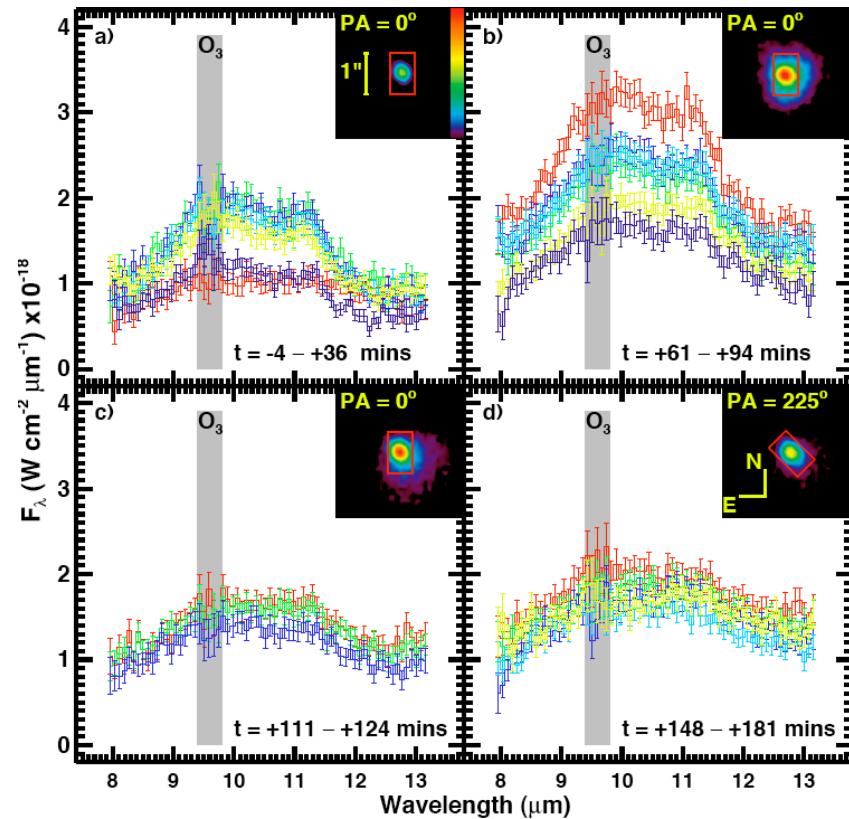
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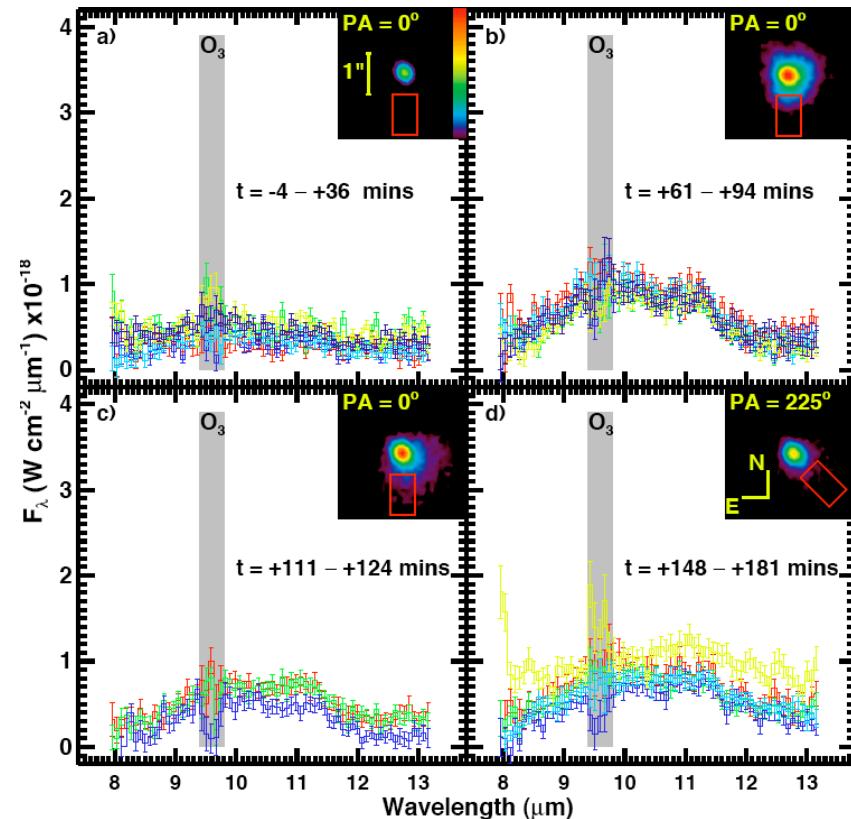
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# GEMINI+Michelle Full Data Set (every 7min)

“ON NUCLEUS”



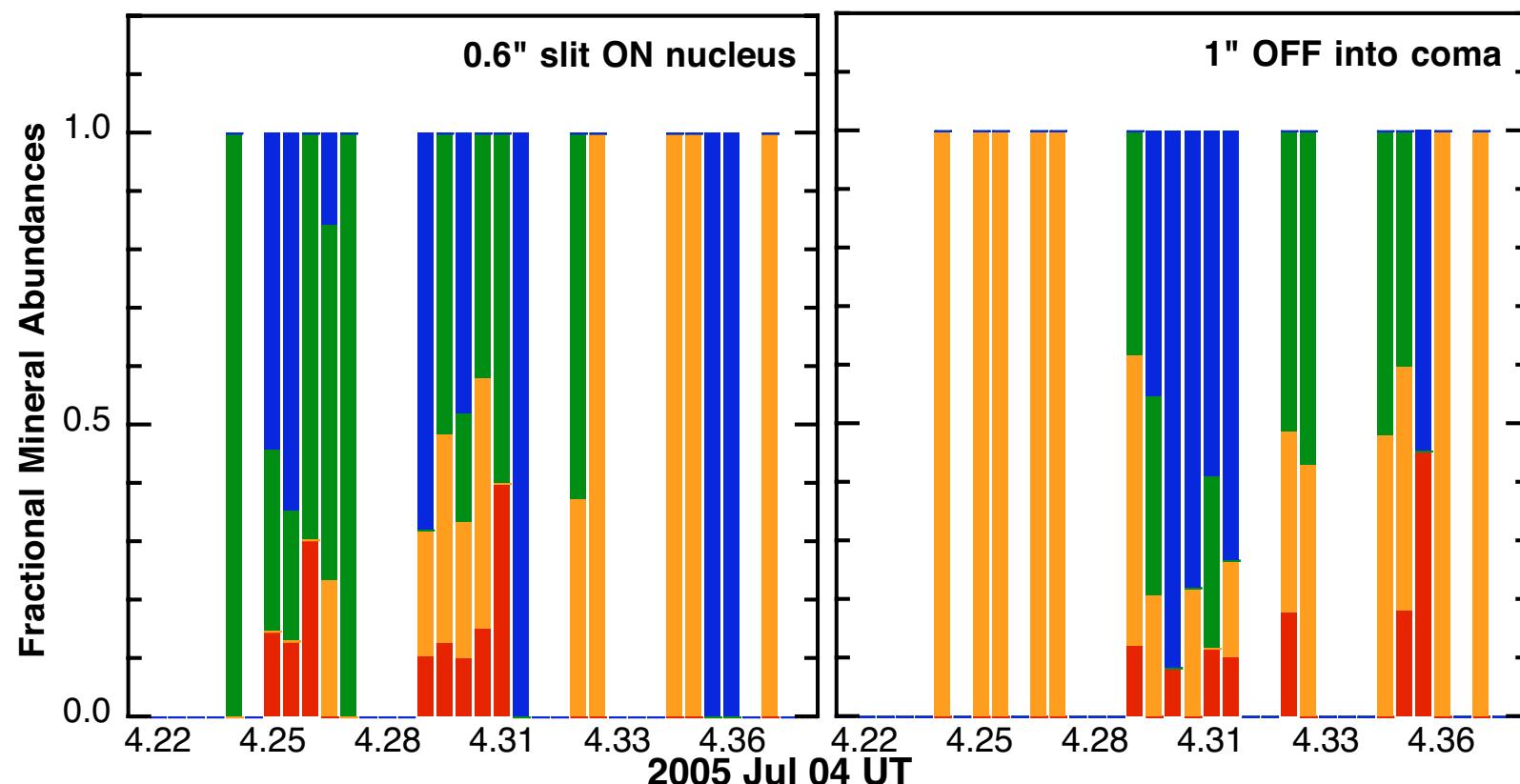
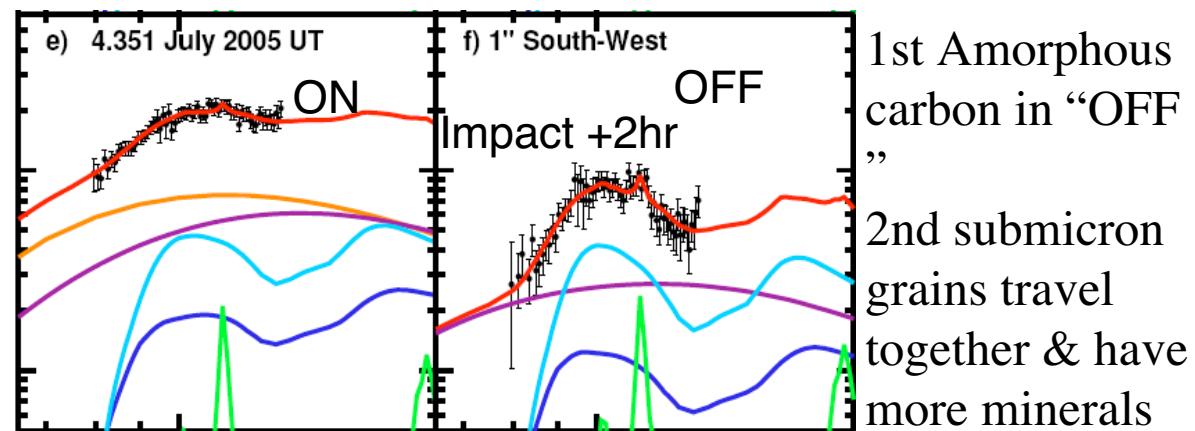
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Harker, Woodward, Wooden (2006) Icarus, accepted.

# 9P/Tempel 1 Review of Gemini results ...

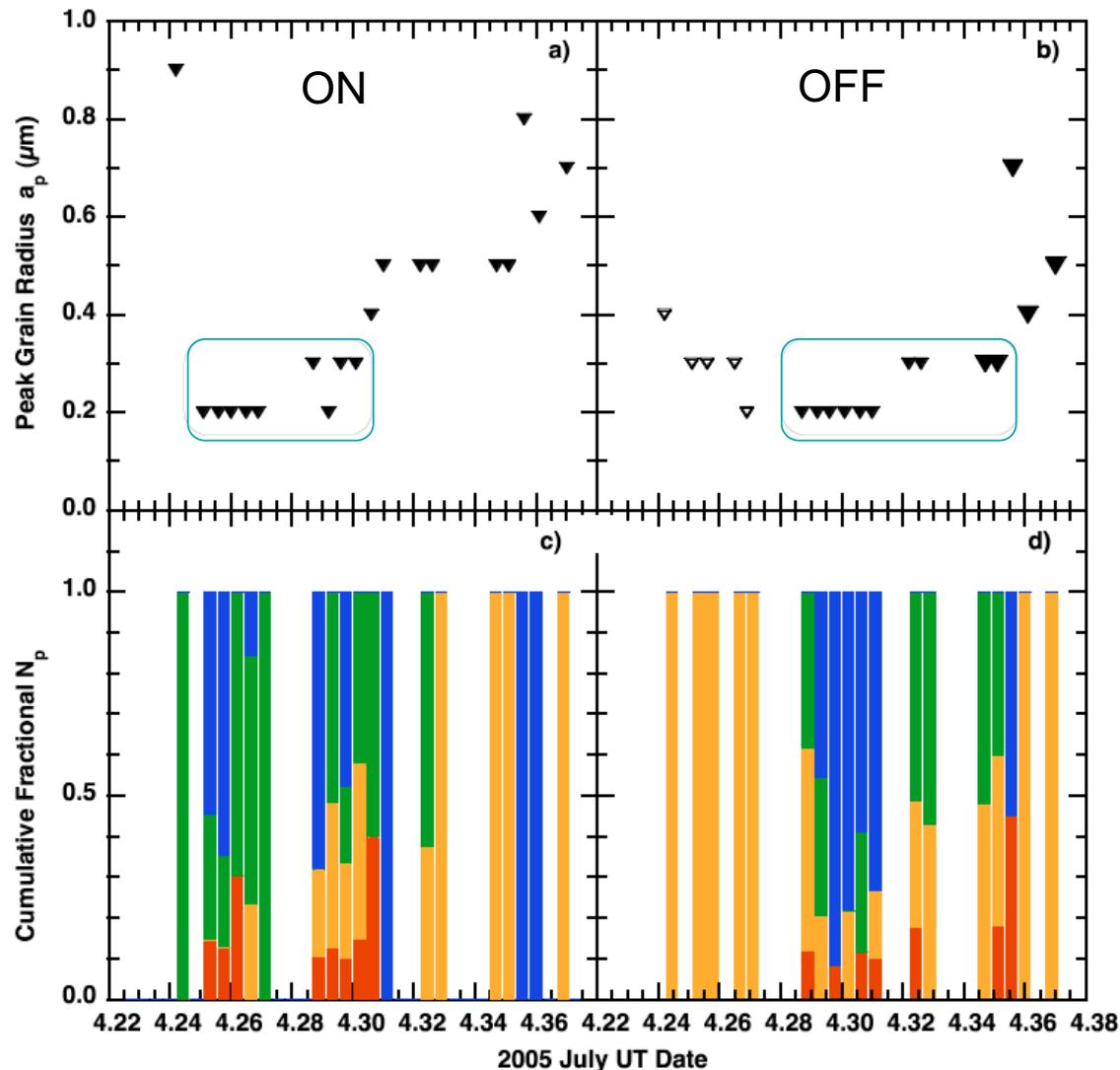
- Amorphous Pyroxene
- Amorphous Olivine
- Amorphous Carbon
- Crystalline Olivine



adapted from Harker, Woodward, Wooden (2006) Icarus, accepted.

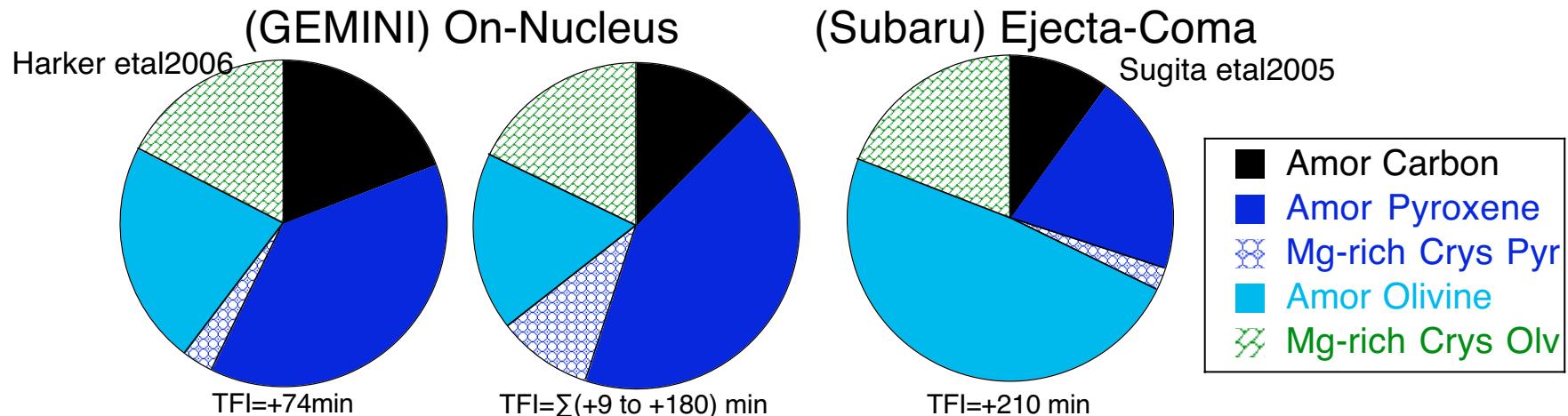
Smallest grains are ON nucleus and sustained for 30 min, but takes time (>30 min) for these smallest grains to reach maximum 1" OFF into coma

Grain size dist with smallest grains have 4 minerals or are ensembles of 4 minerals. Larger grains persist longer ON and OFF (move slower), and have 1 or 2 minerals.

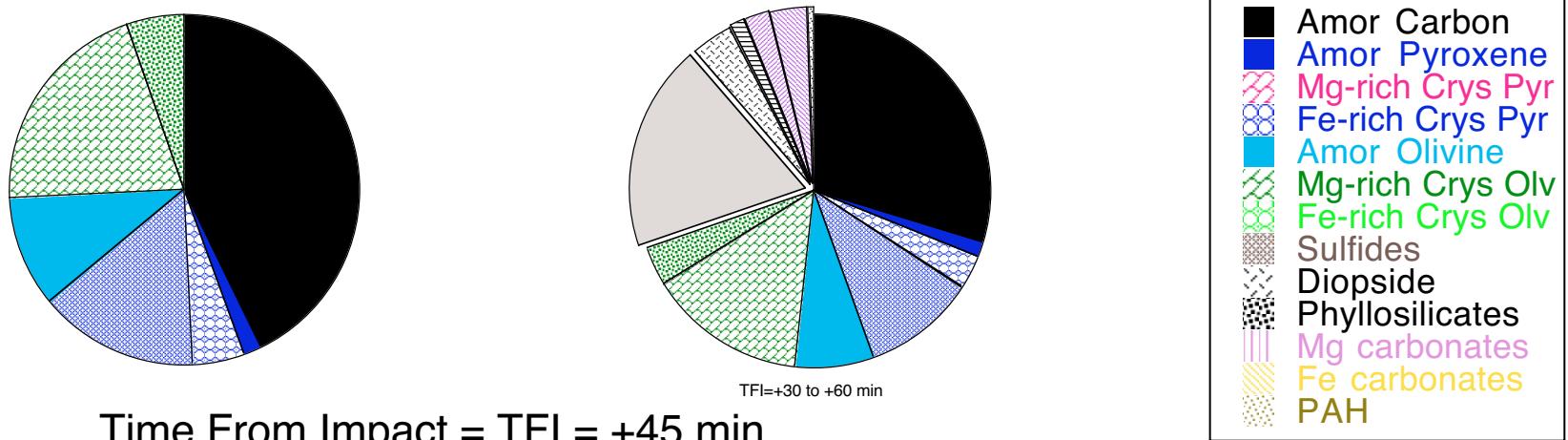


# Deep Impact Ejecta-Coma: Comparison of Observation-Modeling Results

0.1–1  $\mu\text{m}$  Portion of Grain Size Distribution Relative Mass Fraction



Grain Surface-Area Weighted Mass Fraction (Spitzer)  
Only for Minerals Constrainable with 10  $\mu\text{m}$  and with 5–37  $\mu\text{m}$



pie charts from Wooden, Woodward, Harker 2007 (DI as a world observatory event proceedings)

Where Deep Impact hit comet 9P/Tempel 1 the dominant mineral on the surface is Amorphous Carbon.

This result is not unexpected:  
Amorphous Carbon is present on the surfaces of outer icy bodies in significant quantities (~10–80%) see summary Table of near-IR reflectance spectra model fits.

Object Class	Object Name	Amorphous Carbon	Titan Tholin [a]	Tritan Tholin [b]	Ice Tholin [c]	Kerogen Type II [d]	Water Ice	Olivine	A [e]	Refs
Centaur	2001 PT <sub>13</sub>	0.7 10 $\mu\text{m}$	0.15 7 $\mu\text{m}$		0.12 10 $\mu\text{m}$			0.03	0.09	4
Centaur Epoch1,2	2001 PT <sub>13</sub>	0.7, 0.9	0.15, 0.05		0.12, 0		0, 0.05	0.03, 0	0.09 0.06	4, 13, 2
Centaur	1998 SG <sub>35</sub>					0.97	0.02	0.01		4, 13, 10
Centaur	2000 QC <sub>243</sub>					0.96	0.03	0.01	0.04	13, 11
Centaur	2001 BL <sub>41</sub>	0.73		0.17	0.10				0.08	4, 13, 14
Centaur Epoch1,2	1999 UG <sub>5</sub>	0.66, 0.41	0.14, 0	0, 0.42		CH <sub>3</sub> OH ice 0.03, 0	0.13, 0.17	0.04, 0	0.05	13, 1
Centaur	Pholus	carbon black	YES				YES +CH <sub>4</sub> ice		0.06	13, 6
Centaur	Chariklo	YES	YES	YES			~0.02			13, 12
Centaur	Asbolus	0.73		0.17	0.10				0.08	13, 19
Centaur	Chiron						YES when inactive 1996-2001			13, 16
TNO	2000 EB <sub>173</sub>	YES	YES					Jarosite? [f]		4, 9
TNO	1999 TC <sub>36</sub>	0.10	0.67		0.25		0.08			4, 11
TNO	1996 GQ <sub>21</sub>	0.50	0.15		0.35					4, 11
KBO Active	1996 TO <sub>66</sub>						YES strong			18
KBO	1999 DE <sub>9</sub>	yes		organics	yes		yes			18, 3, 14
KBO	2001 BL <sub>41</sub>	yes	yes				yes			18
Trojan Asteroid Model1	Hektor	YES; G=graphite 0.2 0.01 0.4+0.15G						pyroxene, serpentine 0.4, 0.4 0.29, 0.7 0.45, 0		8, 7
Model2										
Model3										

Notes: [a] Titan Tholin N<sub>2</sub>:CH<sub>4</sub>=0.9:0.1 [15]; [b] Tritan Tholan: N<sub>2</sub>:CH<sub>4</sub>=0.999:0.001 [17]; [c] Ice Tholin H<sub>2</sub>O:C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> [15]; [d] Kerogen Type II [ ]; [e] A means Albedo at 0.55  $\mu\text{m}$ ; [f] Jarosite KFe<sub>3</sub>(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>6</sub>

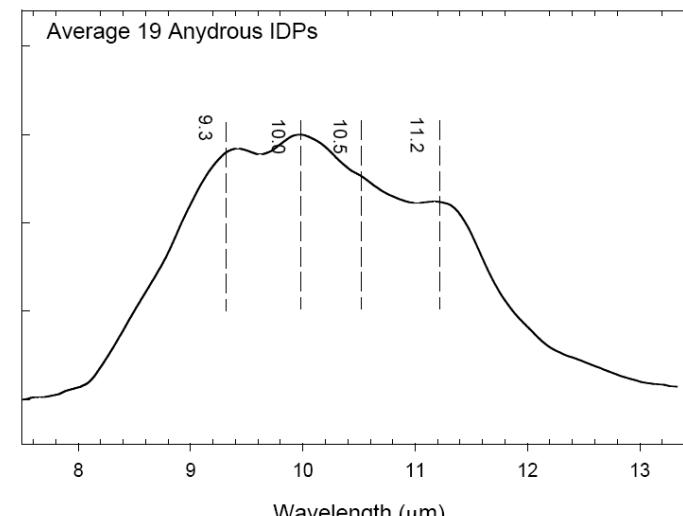
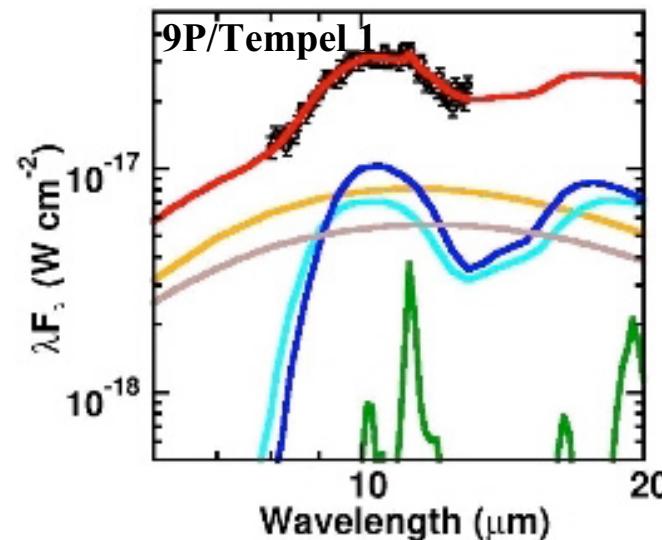
Refs: 1: Bauer et al. 2002; 2: Barucci et al. 2002; 3 Boehnhardt et al. 2002; 4: Boehnhardt et al. 2004; 5: Brown et al. 1997; 6: Cruikshank et al. 1998; 7: Cruikshank et al. 2001; 8: Cruikshank & Dalle Ore 2004; 9: de Bergh et al. 2003; 10: Dotto et al. 2002; 11: Dotto et al. 2003a; 12: Dotto et al 2003b; 13: Dotto et al. 2004; 14: Doressoundiram et al. 2003; 15: Khare et al. 1984; 16: Luu et al. 2000; 17: McDonald et al. 1994; 18: Meech et al. 2004; 19: Romon-Martin et al. 2002; 20: Sagan & Khare 1979.

# Summary of Comet Grains: Mineralogy & Structure from IR Spectral Energy Distributions and Anhydrous CP IDPs

What is comet dust made of?

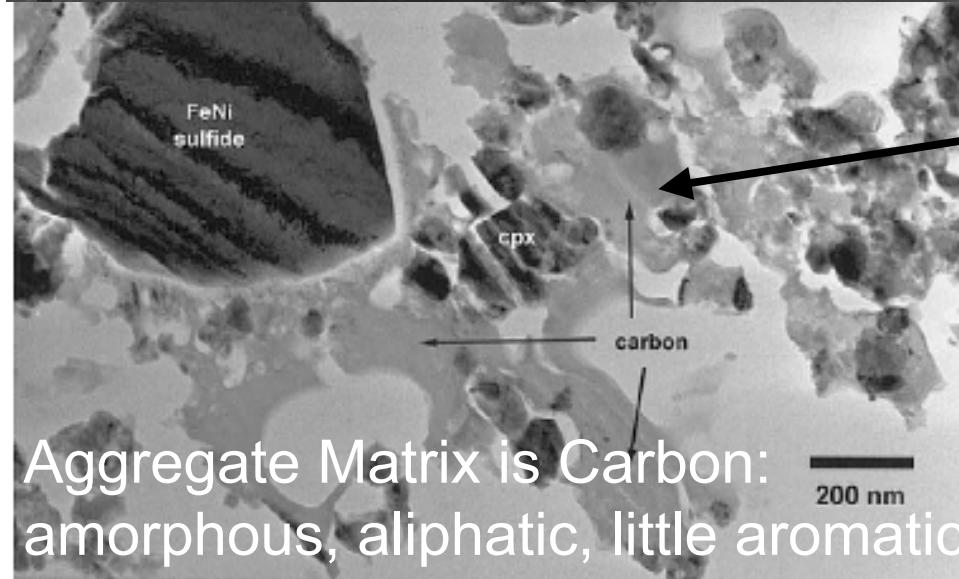
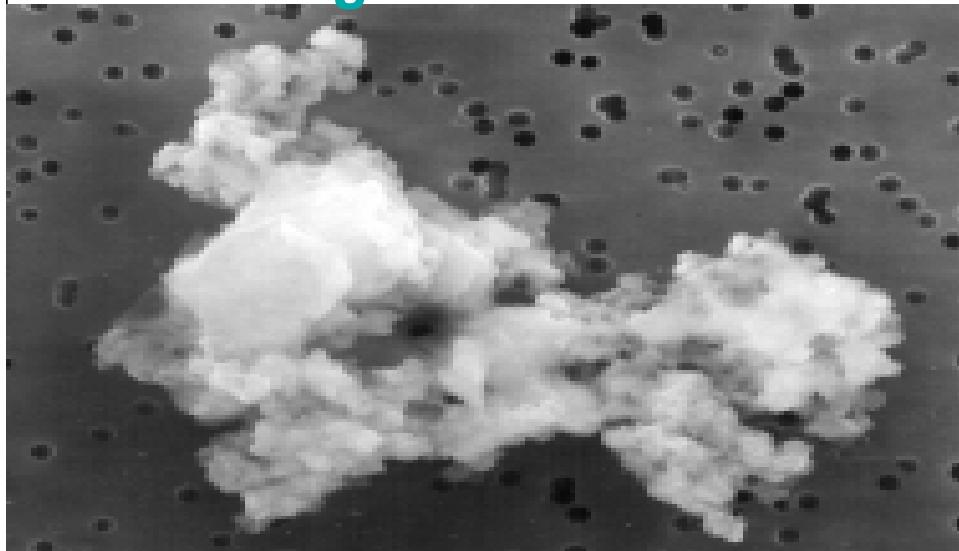
- **Amorphous Fe-bearing silicates:** olivine  $(\text{Mg},\text{Fe})_2\text{SiO}_4$ , pyroxene  $(\text{Mg},\text{Fe})\text{SiO}_3$ ; porous, aggregate
- **Abundant amorphous carbon, or highly disordered, dehydrogenated**
- **Crystalline silicates** (when detected)
  - submicron in size, not porous
  - **Mg-rich** [ $\text{Mg}/(\text{Mg}+\text{Fe}) > 0.9$ ]
  - comparatively cooler than the amorphous silicates
  - comparatively abundant

Harker, Woodward, Wooden 2005, Science, 310, 278



Keller & Flynn 2000; Wooden et al. 2006 PPV

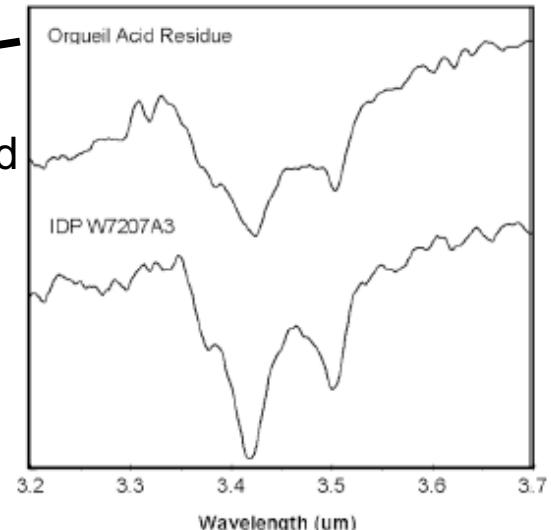
# Anhydrous CP IDPs provide information about the Composition of COMETARY GRAINS and Thermal Processing of Sub-Grains



Anhydrous Chondritic Porous Interplanetary Dust Particles are highly porous **aggregates of disequilibrated minerals**: amorphous silicate spherules (GEMS), silicate crystals, FeS crystals, “glued” together with Carbon.

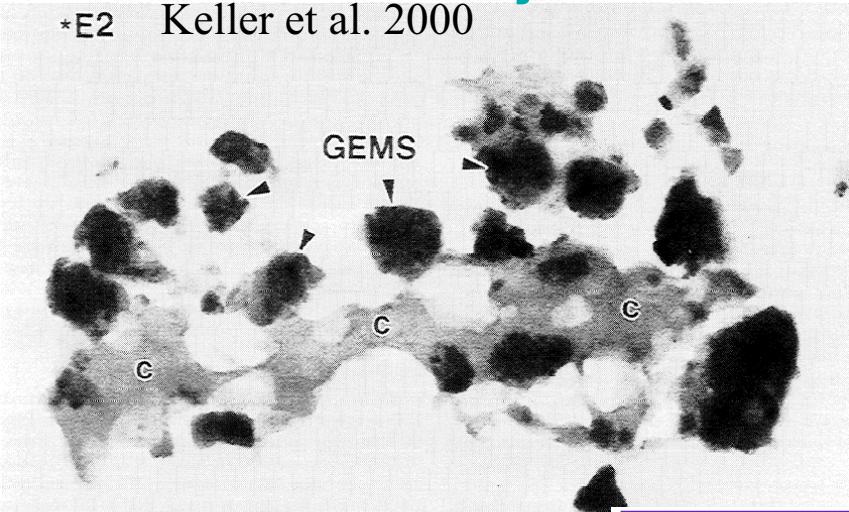
➡ **GRAINS AGGREGATED AFTER CRYSTALS FORMED**

Spectra of acid-etched IDP thin section shows aliphatic bonds

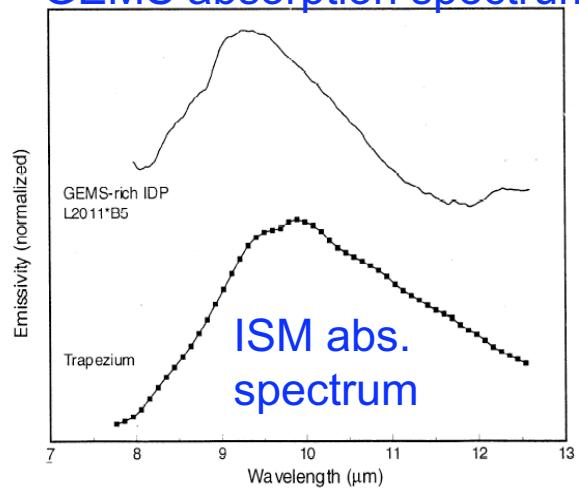


# Comet Dust Mineralogy & Structure from Anhydrous Chondritic Porous IDPs

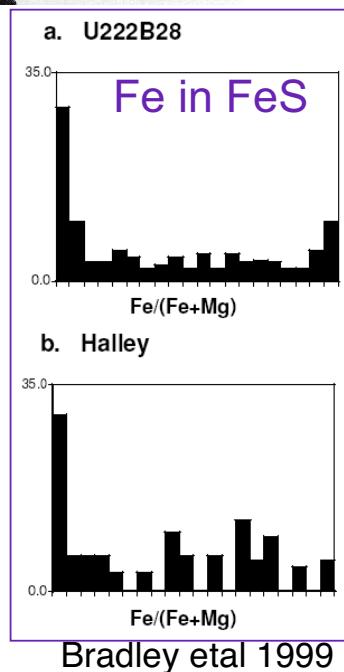
\*E2 Keller et al. 2000



GEMS absorption spectrum



Keller et al 2003 JGR



Bradley et al 1999

- average of IDPs have 12% C; individual IDPs 5-90% C
- CP IDPs are abundant in Fe-rich Amorphous Silicates: Amorphous Olivine and Pyroxene (**GEMS-like grains**)
- CP IDPs contain Mg-rich crystals ( $\text{Fe}/(\text{Fe}+\text{Mg}) < 0.05$ ), often  $>20\%$  by mass
- Most of Fe is in FeS

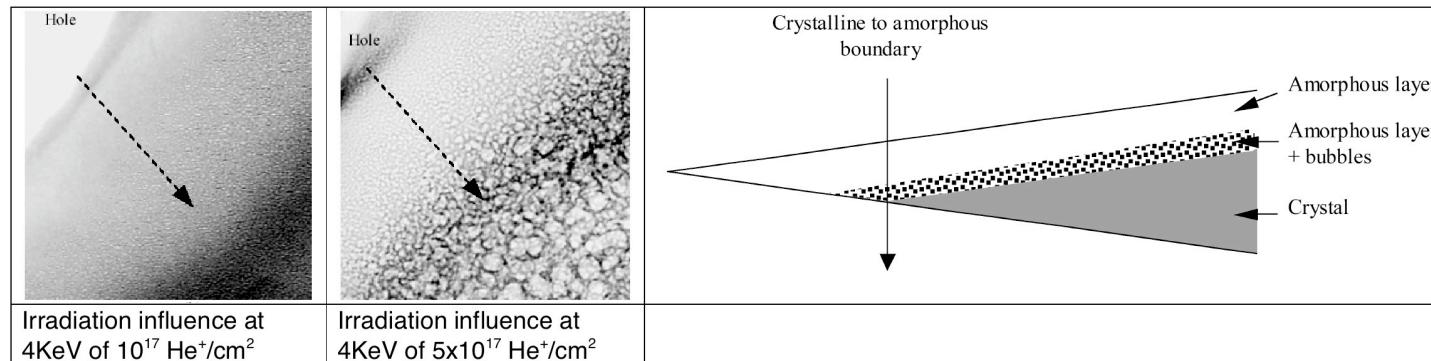
Note: Min et al. (2005) deduce FeS content in Hale-Bopp

Low energy cosmic rays (e.g., 4-50 keV He<sup>+</sup>) amorphize and reduce Fe: GEMS and Mg-Fe amorphous silicates have smooth IR spectral resonant shapes, but there are differences.

## Laboratory amorphous silicates or an ensemble of GEMS better match comet spectra.

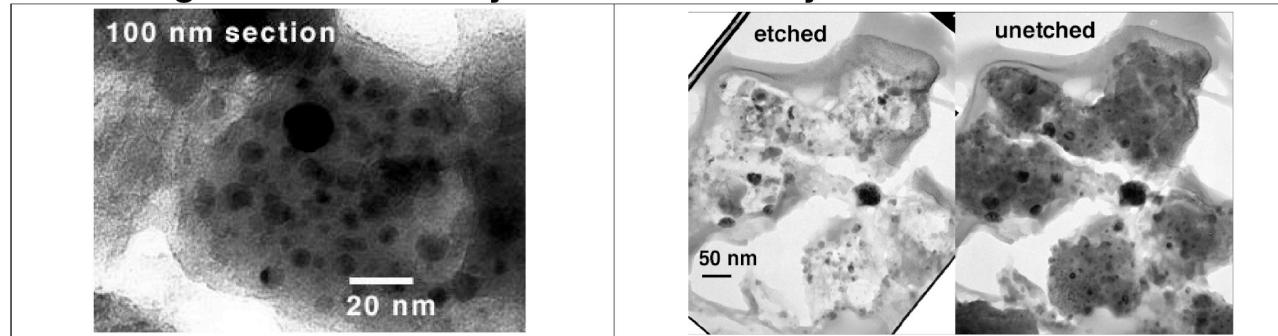
He<sup>+</sup> Ion Bombardment in ISM of Mg-rich crystalline silicates forms porous amorphous silicates and nanophase Fe

Carrez et al 2002



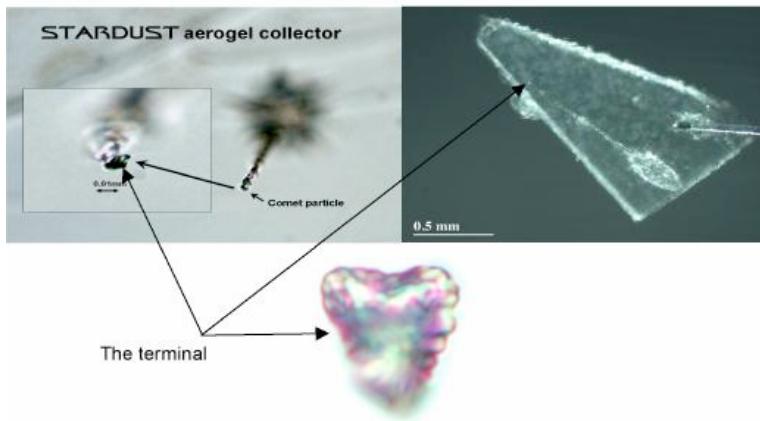
### Stardust Crystals Amorphized by Ion Bombardment in ISM

### Mg-rich Stardust Crystals Annealed by Ion Bombardment in ISM



Brownlee et al 2000 LPS

## Mineralogy and Structure from STARDUST MISSION Samples

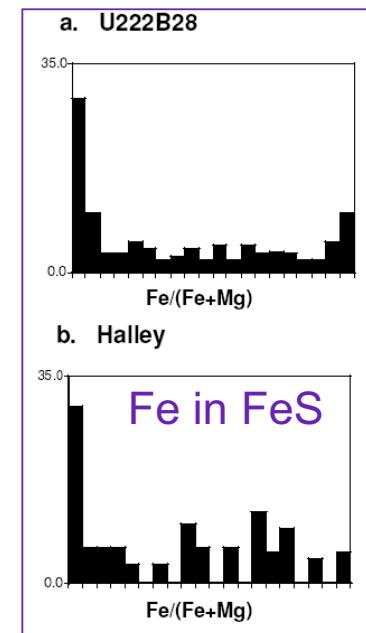


- CAI-type minerals (highest temp solar nebula condensates)
- Mg-rich silicate crystals
- more minerals to be reported...?
- difficult due to aerogel capture:  
Fe-Mg amorphous silicates  
carbonaceous/organic

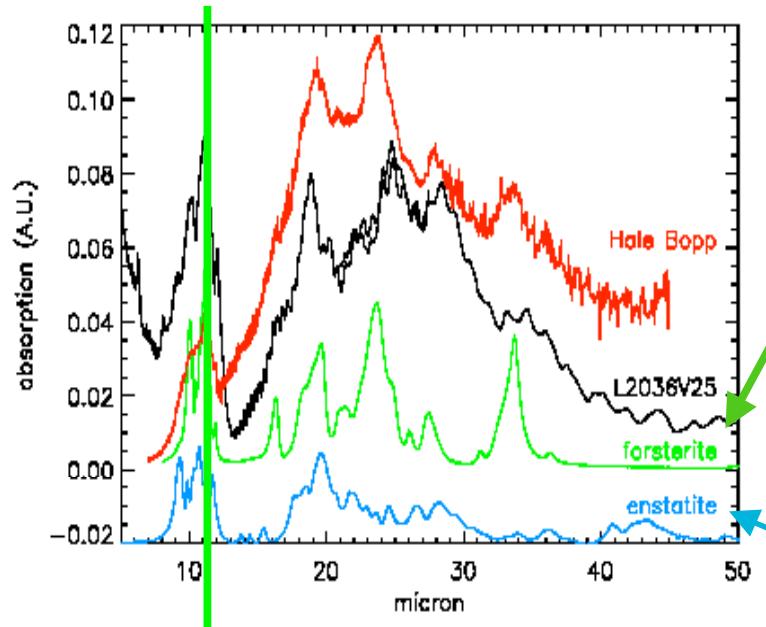
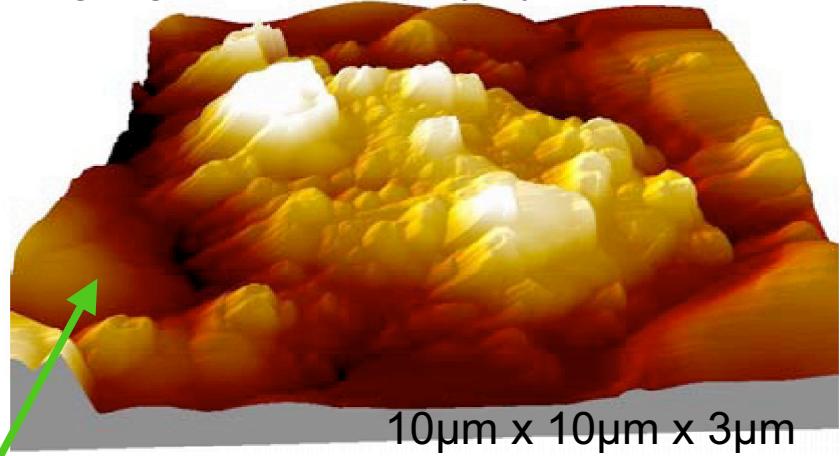
## Mineralogy and Structure from Comet Halley Time-Of-Flight Mass Spectrometer Measurements

- 50% are siliceous+CHON
- 25% are CHON: 8% of grains are C (amorphous?)
- 25% are siliceous: mostly Mg-rich pyroxene, lesser Mg-Fe olivine, silicates containing Sulphur, FeS
- **70% of Fe is in FeS grains, 30% in silicates**

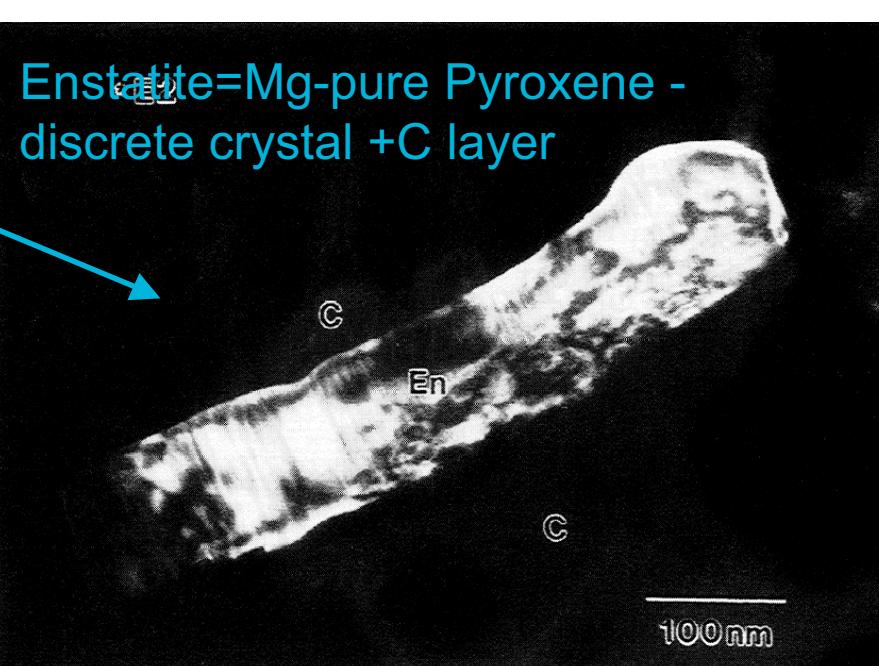
Schulze, Kissel, Jessberger 1997 in From Stardust to Planetesimals



$Mg/Mg+Fe \approx 0.75$  polycrystalline Olivine

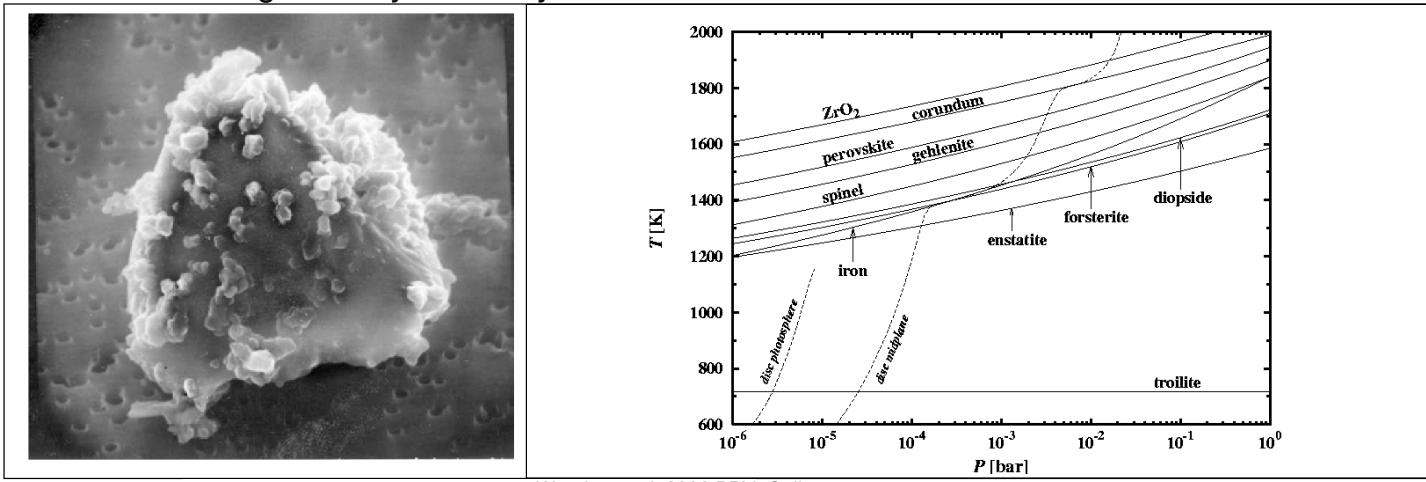


Molster et al 2003 LPS



# Formation Mechanisms for Crystalline Silicates are Gas-Phase Condensation and Annealing (Devitrification)

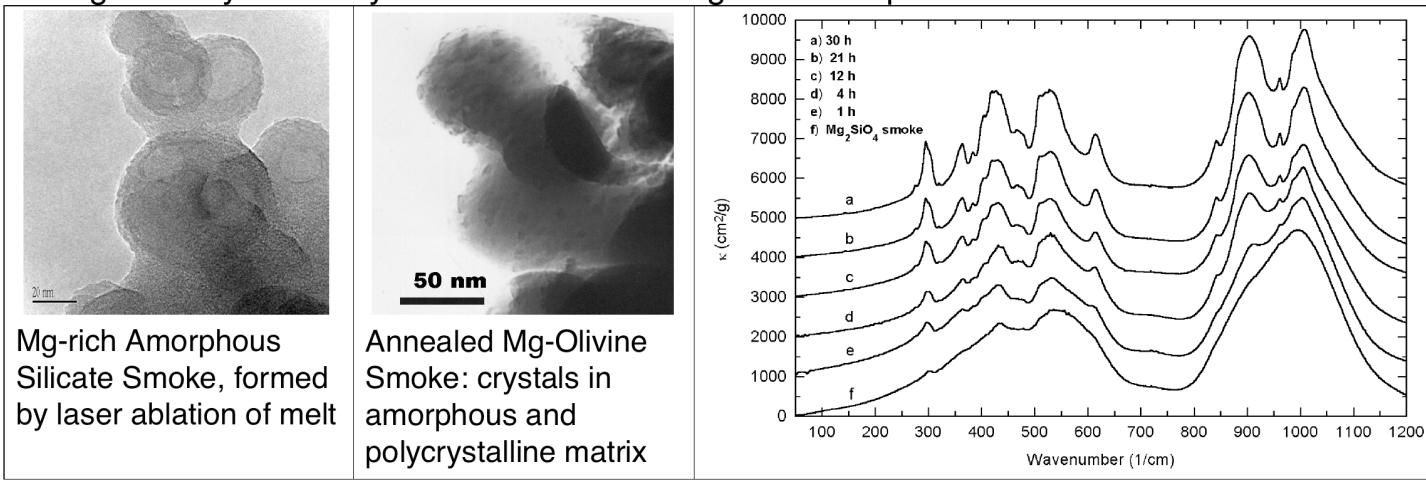
Mg-rich Crystals may Condense from Nebular Gases at ~1400 K



Bradley et al. 1999;

Wooden et al. 2006 PPV; Gail

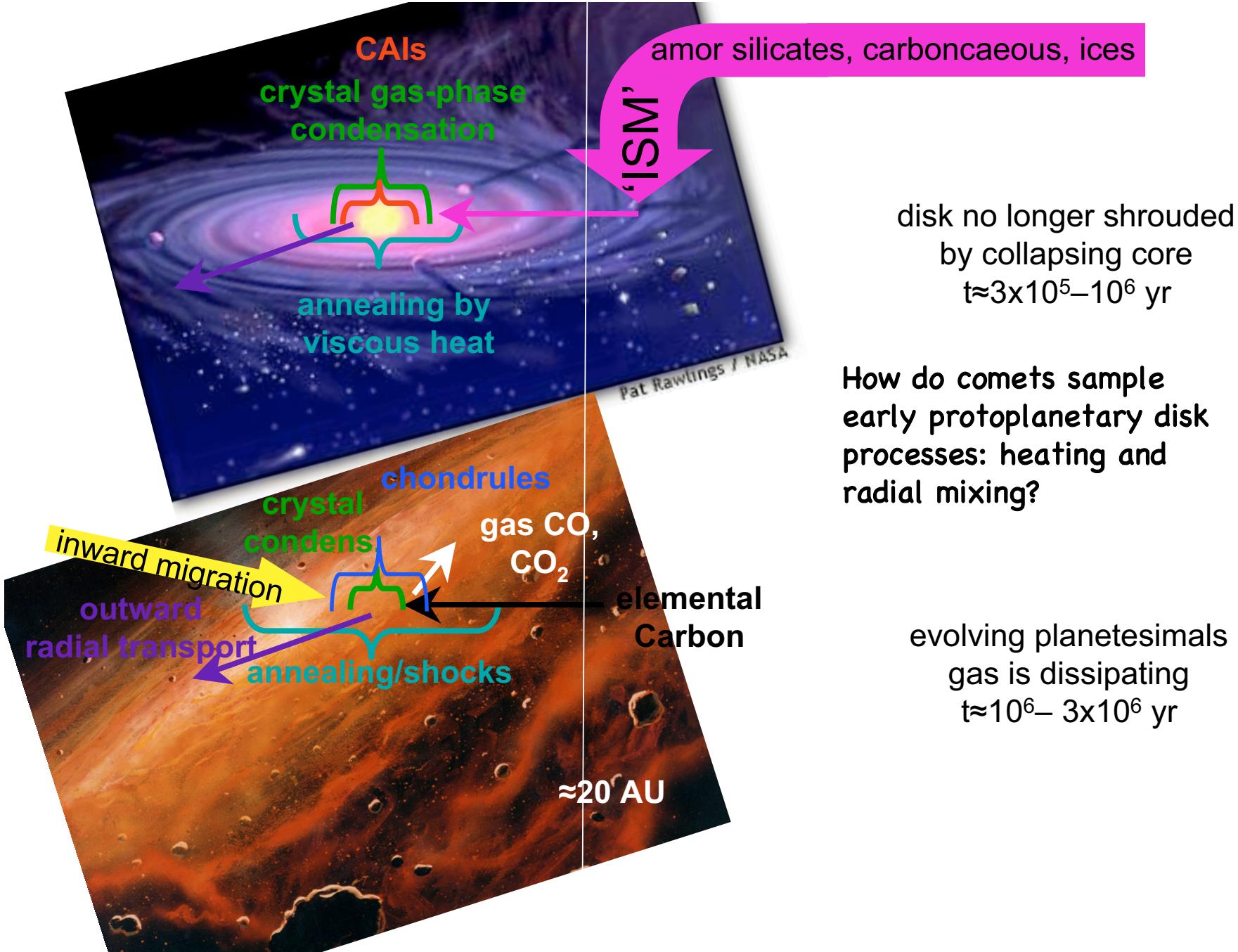
Mg-rich Crystals may be Annealed from Mg-rich Amorphous Silicates at 900K – 1200K



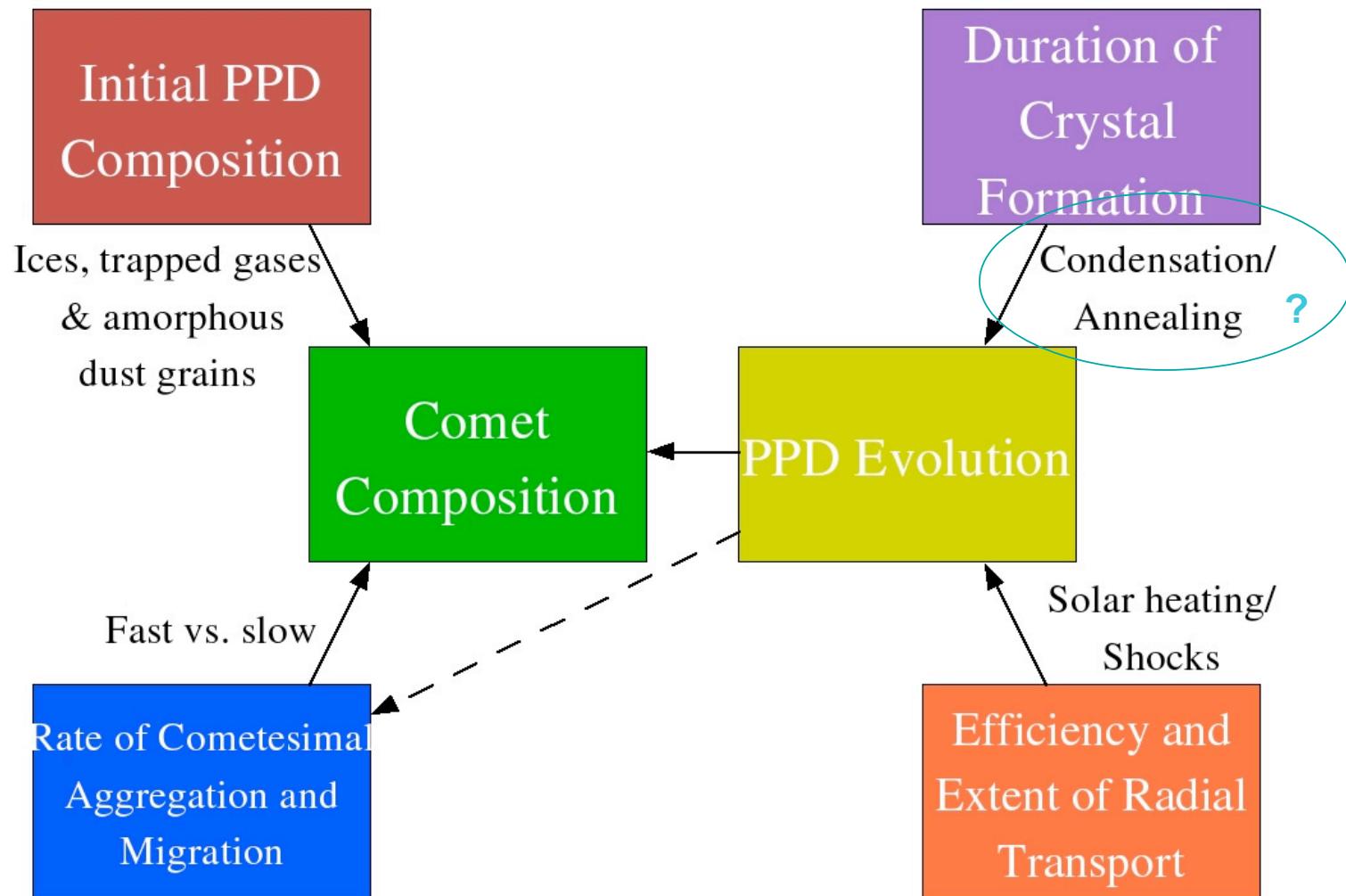
Fabian et al. 2000, A&A, 364, 282

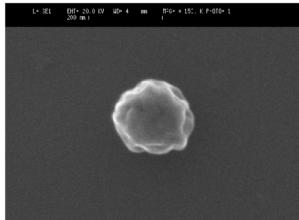
**Summary of Annealing Experiments (Wooden, Harker, Brearley in Chondrites and the PP Disk)**

Process	Material	Amorphous Properties <sup>b</sup>	T <sub>c</sub> [K] <sup>c</sup>	τ <sub>c</sub> [hr] start	τ <sub>c</sub> [hr] complete	E <sub>a</sub> /k [K] start <sup>d</sup>	E <sub>a</sub> /k [K] complete	IR crys. features <sup>e</sup>
<b>Fabian et al. (2000)</b>								
quenched melt <sup>f</sup>	MgSiO <sub>3</sub> <i>SEM</i>	ens sheet	1121	0.05	0.08	40200	40700	ens
quenched melt <sup>f</sup>	MgSiO <sub>3</sub> <i>SEM</i>	ens powder 2.5–5μm	1080 1060 1030 1000	1 2.5 12 >50	1.5 3.17 25 —	41900 42000 42500 —	42400 42400 43300 >42700	ens
laser ablation	MgSiO <sub>3</sub> <i>TEM</i>	for+silica smoke <sup>g</sup>	1000					for+SiO <sub>2</sub>
laser ablation	Mg <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>4</sub> <i>TEM</i>	for smoke <sup>g</sup>	1206 1000		1 12	46800 39200	41300	for+SiO <sub>2</sub> +MgO
laser ablation	SiO <sub>2</sub> <i>XRD</i>	silica smoke <sup>g</sup>	1220	4	5	49100	49300	SiO <sub>2</sub>
<b>Brucato et al. (2002)</b>								
laser ablation	Mg <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>4</sub> <i>FESEM</i>	for smoke <sup>g</sup>	1073 1023 973		1 >15 >144	41700 41100 41900	>42500 >42600	for
laser ablation	<b>FeSiO<sub>4</sub></b> <i>FESEM</i>	fa smoke <sup>g</sup>	1273 1073 873 773		1 315 216 —	49400 41700 34500 >34400	47800 38600 38600 fa	fa+SiO <sub>2</sub> fa, SiO <sub>2</sub> ? fa
laser ablation	MgO-SiO <sub>2</sub>	for smoke <sup>g</sup>	1273 1173 1073	1 >1		45500 >41700		for
laser ablation	MgO-SiO <sub>2</sub> -Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Fe-bearing ol smoke <sup>g</sup>	1273		1	49400		for
<b>Brucato et al. (1999)</b>								
laser ablation	MgSiO <sub>3</sub> .02–.04μm	ens smoke <sup>g</sup>	1273 1073		0.12 311	46700 45100	47800	ens
<b>Hallenbeck et al. (1998)</b>								
vapor condensation	<b>SiH<sub>4</sub>+Mg</b> +H <sub>2</sub> +O <sub>2</sub> <i>AEM</i>	MgSiO smoke <sup>h</sup>	1027 1027	6 50	stall 192	41700 44300	45300	for+SiO <sub>2</sub>
<b>Thompson et al. (2002)</b>								
gel desiccation	MgSiO <sub>3</sub> <i>XRD</i>	for gelatinous precipitate	873 933 970 1000	4 4 24 4	35100 40700 40200	37500		for for for+ens for+ens



# What Determines Comet Composition?

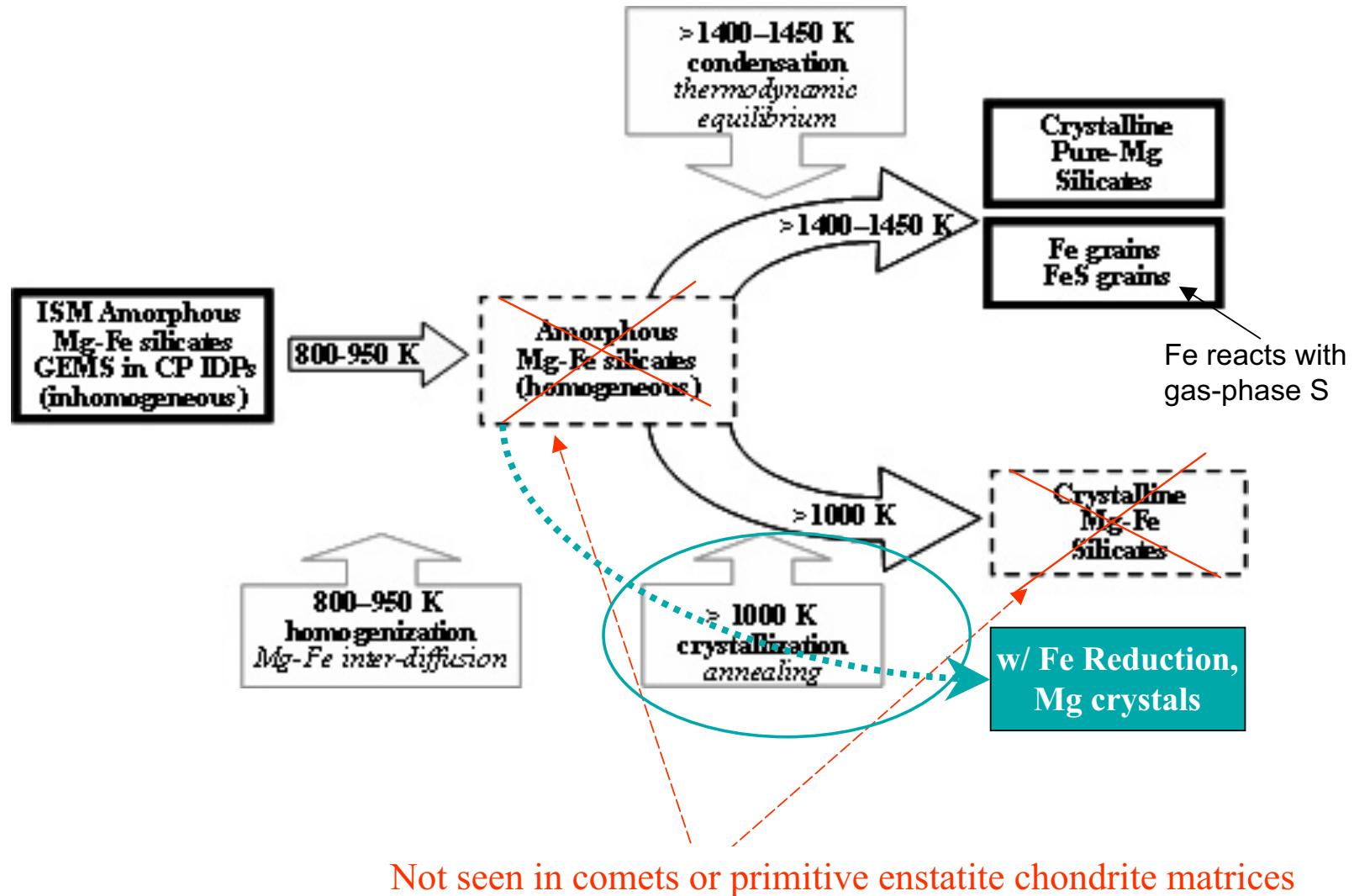




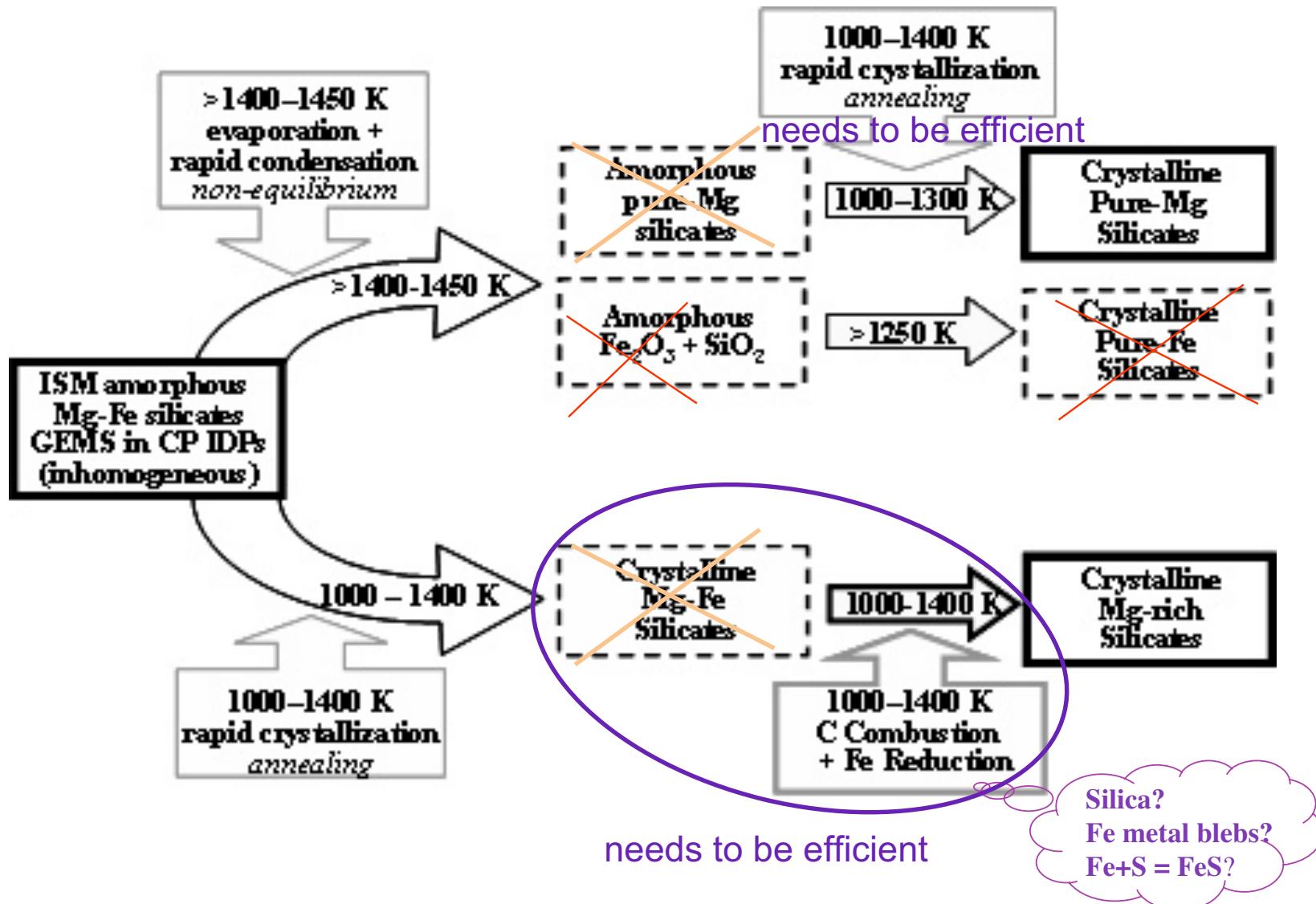
## Annealing Mechanisms

- Accretion heating (< 2 AU, mass accretion rate  $10^{-7} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ )
- **Transient mechanisms** that can act over larger disk volumes than accretion
- Shocks
  - Gravitational instabilities in ~10 AU region (Harker & Desch 2002)
  - X-Ray Flares R< 80AU (PPV poster by Nakamoto & Miura)
- Annealing of Mg-pure amorphous grains produces Mg-pure crystalline grains (Brucato et al. 2002; Fabian et al. 2000) [100% efficient]
- Annealing of Fe-containing GEMS produces moderately Fe-rich olivine crystals (Brownlee et al. 2005) [Mg-Fe-crystals rarer in CP IDPs & comets]
- Rapid annealing of Fe-pure amorphous grains produces Fe-pure crystalline grains [Fe-crystals not seen in comets & CP IDPs]  
[Caution: Nuth et al. produce  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{SiO}_2$  that don't anneal to Fe-rich crystalline olivine, but Nuth et al. calls these products crys. Fe-silicates]
- **When annealing abundant Mg-Fe amorphous silicates to Mg-rich crystals, we need a mechanism to get the Fe out amorphous silicates!**

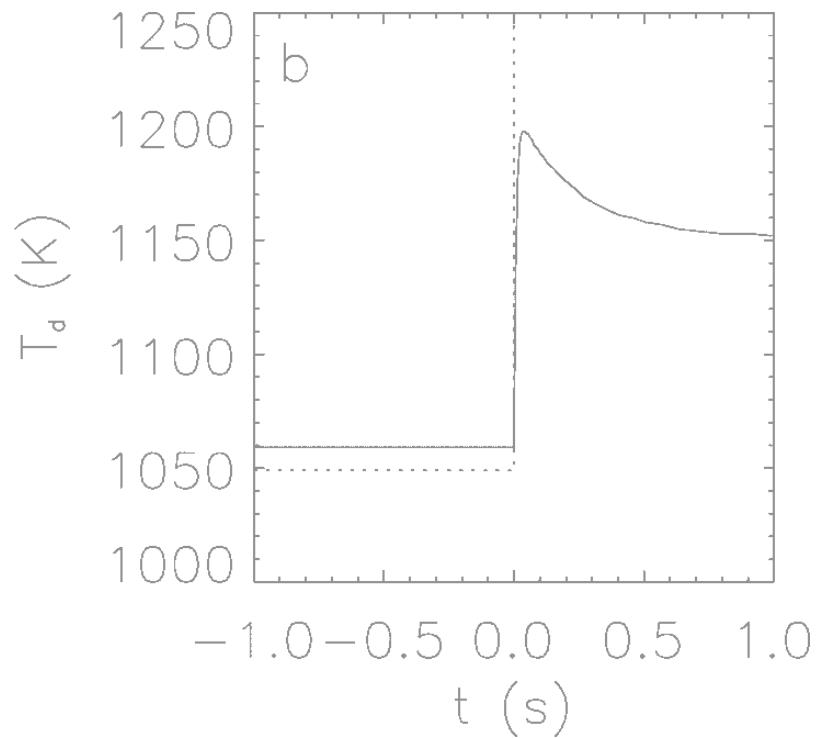
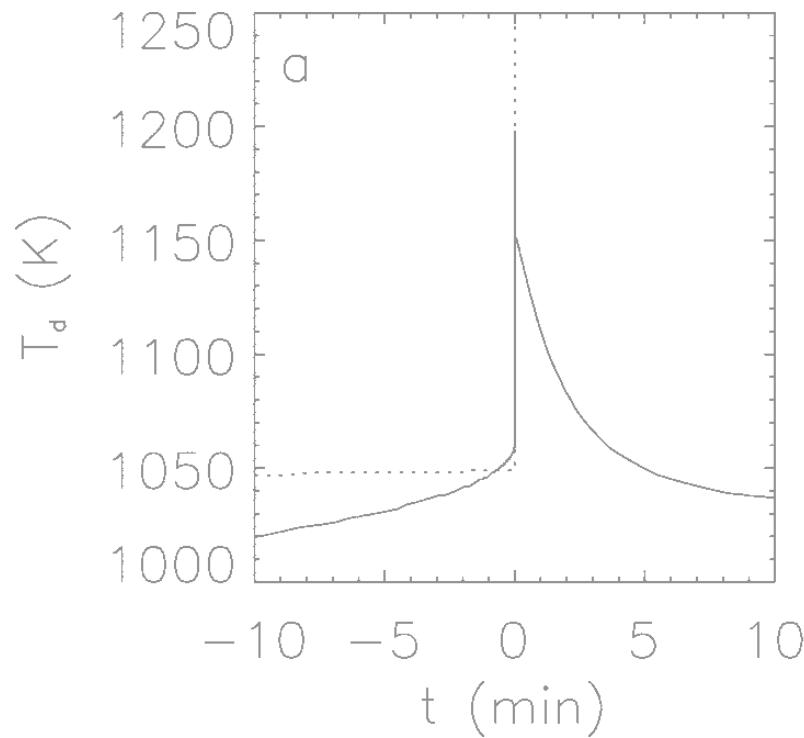
# Equilibrium (+ Radial Diffusion)



# Transient Heating



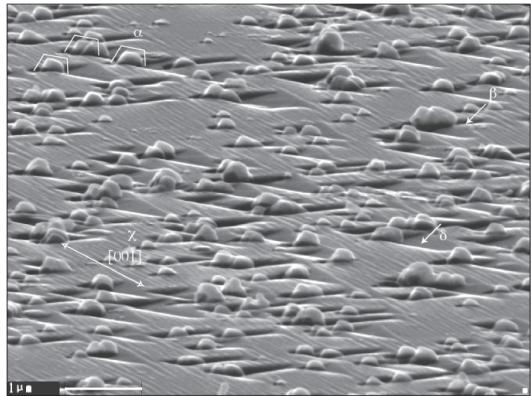
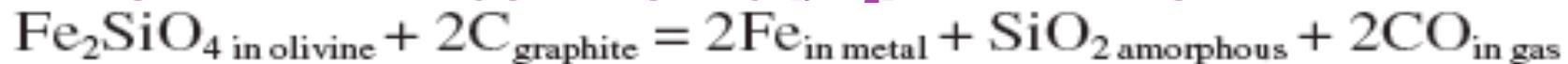
Shock speeds are sufficient in the 5-10 AU region to quickly anneal Mg-rich amorphous silicate grains



Plateau of higher temperatures (>1000K for 0.5-1 hr) may heat submicron radii grains long enough for **annealing & Fe reduction** to occur in the same shock -> ~100% efficient ? so few Mg-Fe crystals remain  
so no Mg-rich amorphous remain

shock model Harker & Desch 2002, concept discussed in Wooden et al. 2006 PPV

## Fe Reduction Experiments: Fe reduction can occur for grains in solar nebula gas because oxygen fugacity [ $f\text{O}_2$ ] is low enough



Heating Mg-rich olivine on a carbon substrate forms Fe-metal blebs on surface, increasing Mg-content and leaving silica-rich surface layer.

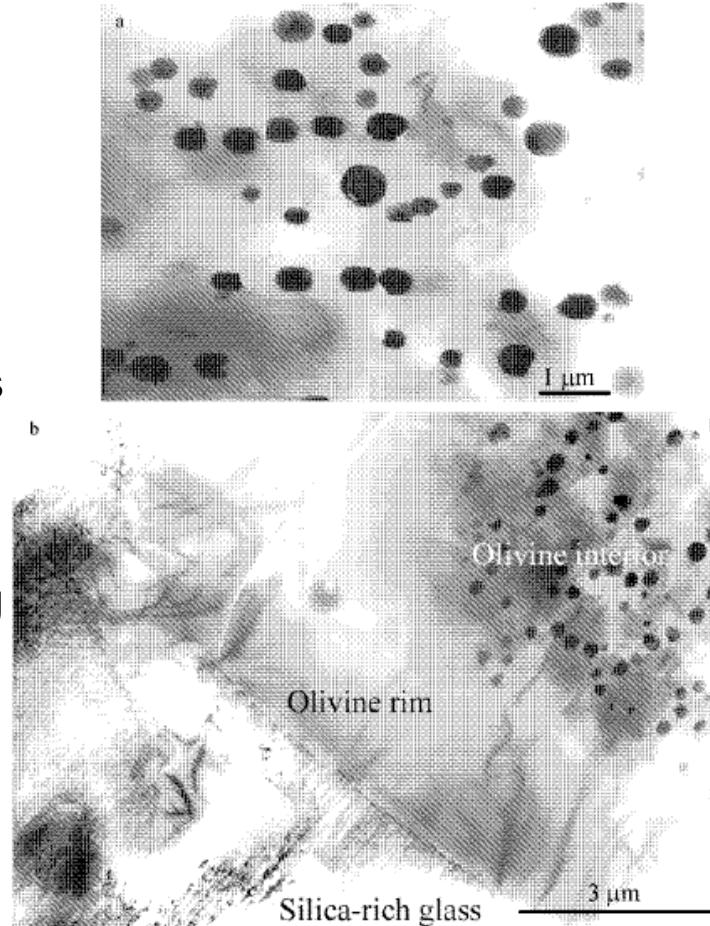
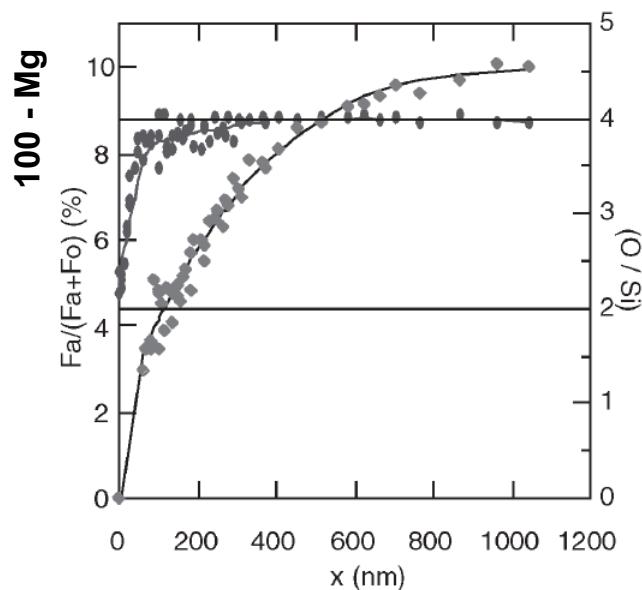
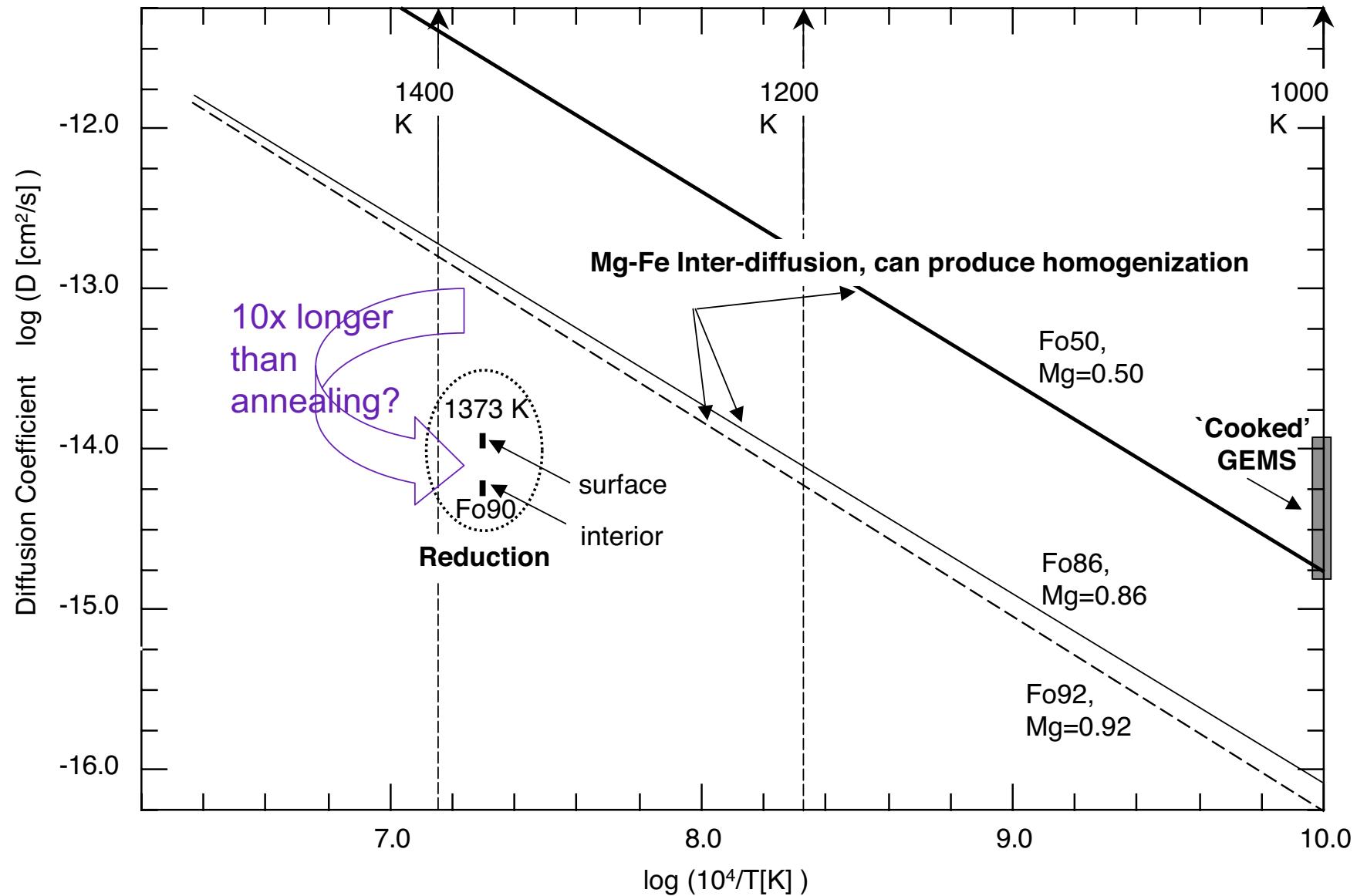


Fig. 7. TEM bright field micrographs, R100 sample: a) general view of a dusty area from an experimentally reduced San Carlos Fa16 olivine. Note the preferential orientation of the metal blebs in the olivine matrix; b) edge of an olivine grain. The rim is free of metallic precipitates. The adjacent phases to the olivine consists now of a dendrite-glass intergrowth; see text for explanation.

Reduction of Fe out of Olivine occurs at Mg-Fe Interdiffusion rates, **~10x slower** than rates for annealing of **pure-Mg** amorphous olivine to pure-Mg crystalline olivine

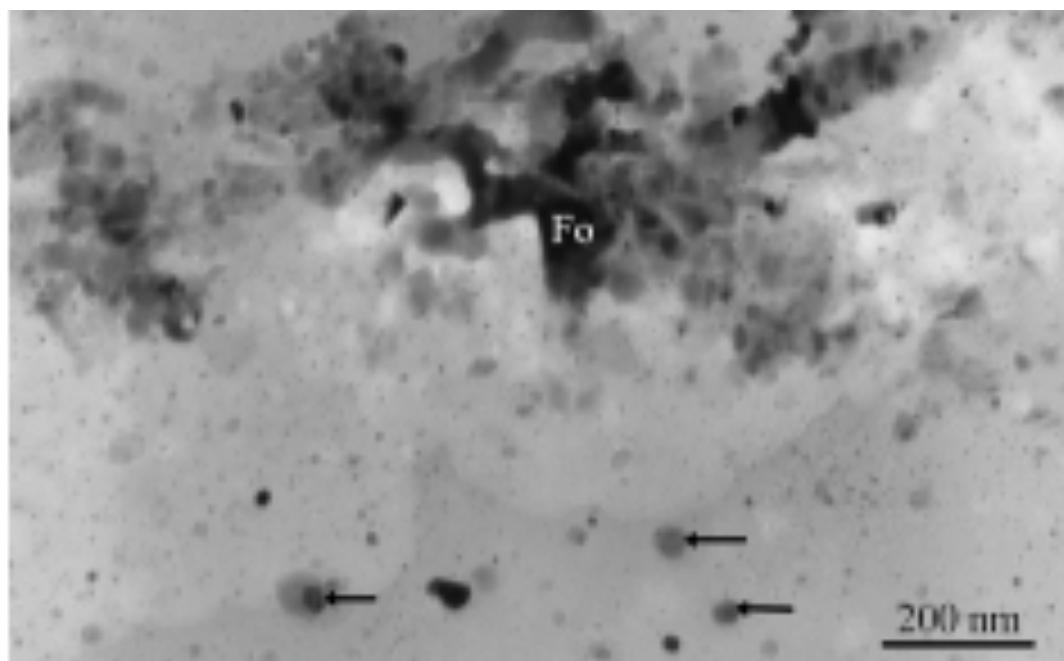


# Starting Material: $\text{Mg}_{1.8} \text{Fe}_{0.19} \text{Ni}_{0.01} \text{SiO}_4$

$\text{Mg}/(\text{Mg}+\text{Fe}) = 0.9$

The origin of GEMS in IDPs as deduced from microstructural evolution of amorphous silicates with annealing

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**Fig. 2.** TEM micrograph of sample annealed at 970 K (55 h) showing a forsterite crystal (Fo) embedded in a amorphous matrix. Note the dentritic structure at the edge of the grains. Some metal particles are also present in the amorphous phase (some of them are arrowed).

### The origin of GEMS in IDPs as deduced from microstructural evolution of amorphous silicates with annealing

ing annealing was  $10^{-10}$  bar. The very low oxygen partial pressure ( $<10^{-20}$  bar) necessary for the reduction reaction to proceed is probably due to carbon-rich contaminants coming from the pumping system, which consumes oxygen by the reaction  $C + 1/2 O_2 \leftrightarrow CO$  and thus induces metal formation

the samples before their total crystallization. The main characteristic of all the samples annealed (at  $10^{-10}$  bar and without  $O_2$  circulation) is the presence of widespread iron-nickel nano-particles (Fig. 1) randomly distributed, 2–50 nm in size, for which the compositions are highly variable, from 3 to 50% Ni. The amorphous phase which encloses the metallic globules is free of Fe. This microstructure and microanalyses clearly show that iron, initially in form of FeO, has segregated from the amorphous phase in the form of metallic precipitates. Despite the presence of metallic precipitates, the average composition (amorphous silicate + metallic nano-particles) is found strongly depleted in Fe. A moderate loss of Mg is also observed.

GEMS have silica-rich subgrains and FeS-rich subgrains: a consequence of reduction of Fe out of the grain under solar nebula (low) oxygen fugacity conditions and FeS formation??

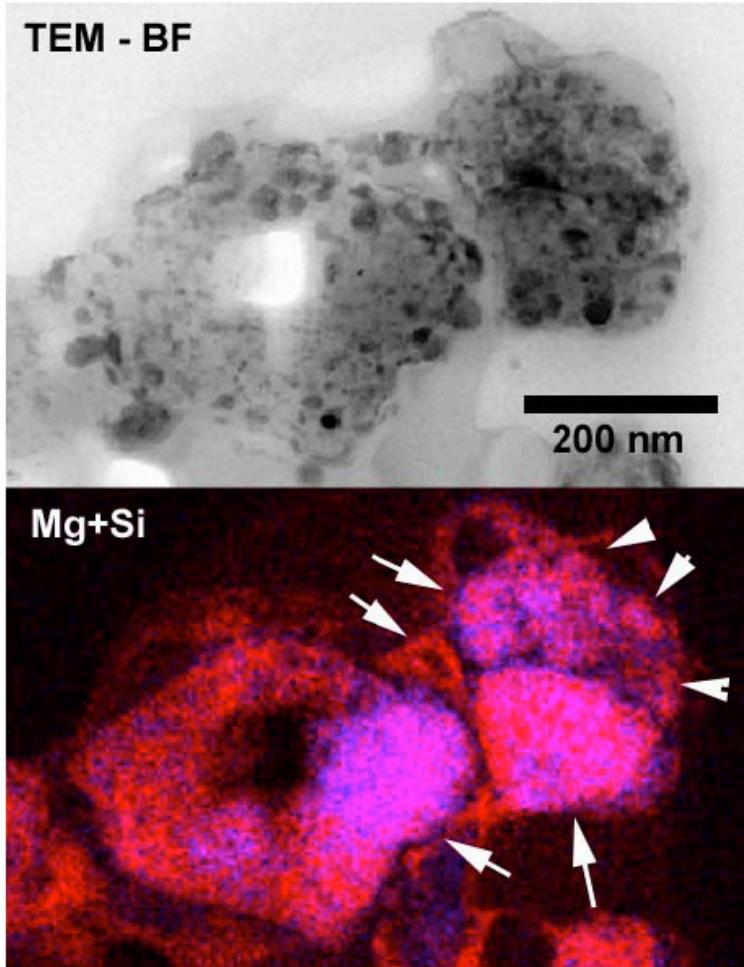


Figure 1. A brightfield STEM image of a cluster of GEMS in IDP L2011B10 (top) and the corresponding Mg+Si distribution map extracted from the EDX spectrum image (bottom). The white arrows indicate the numerous compositionally distinct subgrains that comprise the GEMS aggregate grain.

Keller, Messenger, Christoffersen 2005, LPS 36, 2088

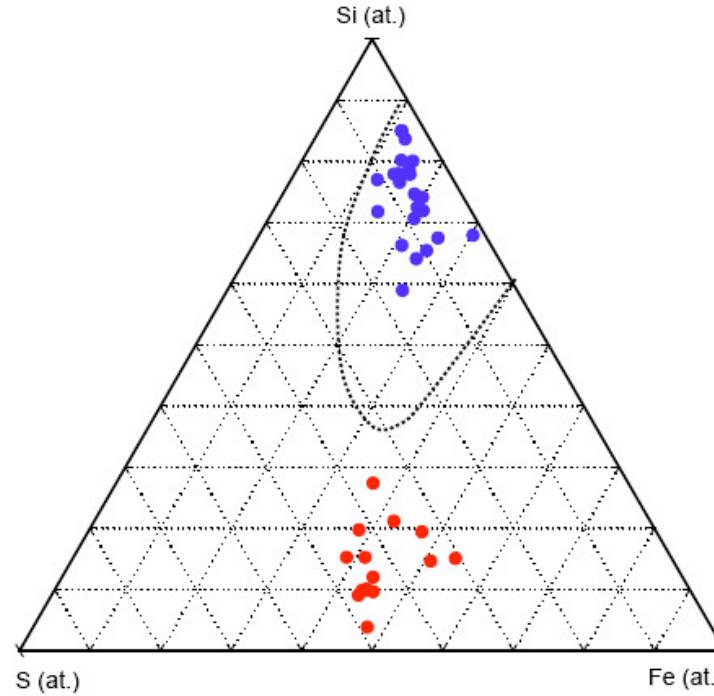


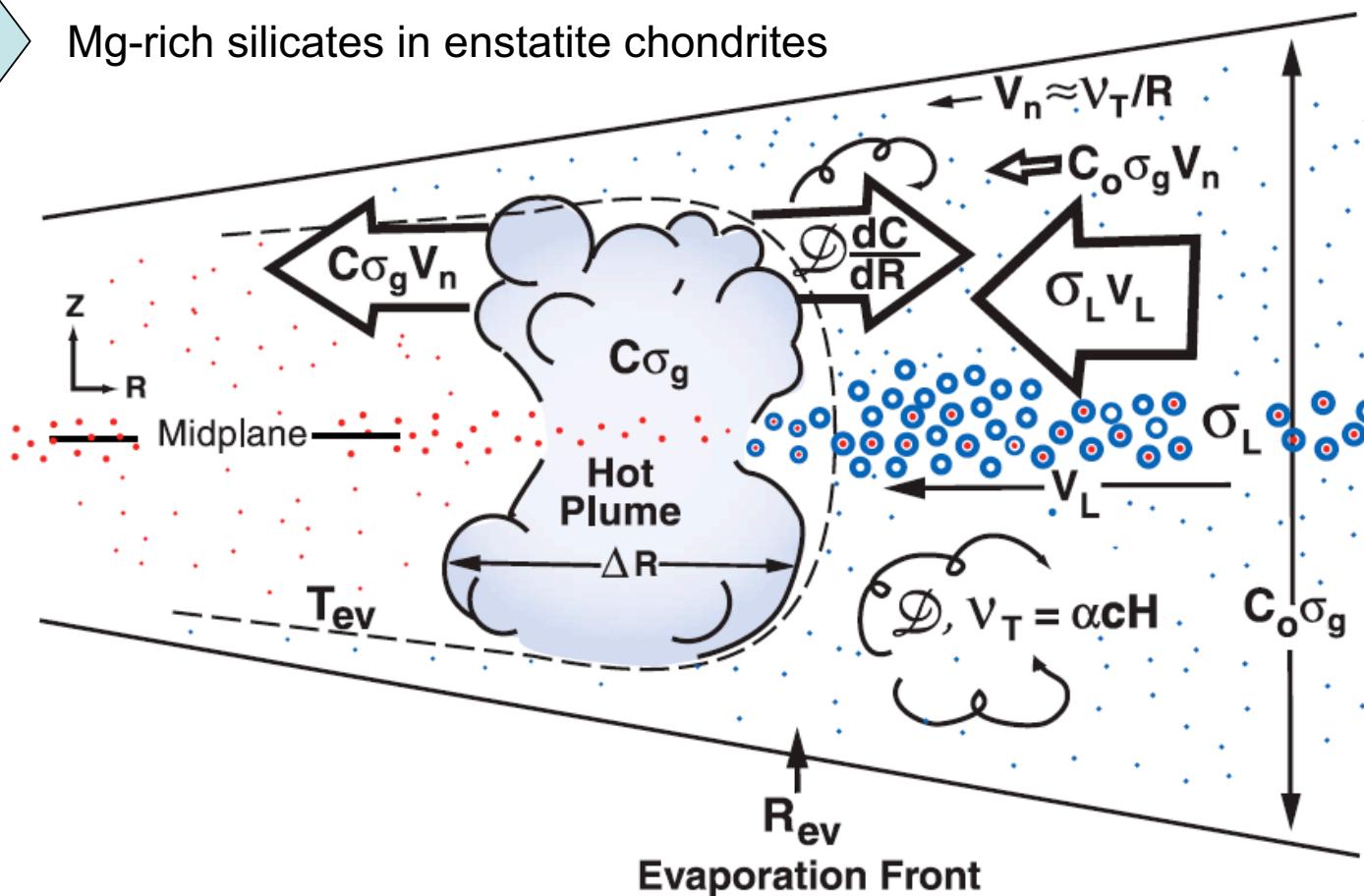
Figure 2. Ternary plot of measured Fe, Si, and S atomic abundances in GEMS subgrains showing the silica-rich (blue) and FeS-rich (red) subgrain compositions. The dashed line defines a field that encompasses previous bulk GEMS grains analyses [3, 8].

Inward Migration of Icy Cometessimals/particles can Raise Oxygen Fugacity  
by water vaporization -> water dissociation -> forms O<sub>2</sub> -> raises f[O<sub>2</sub>]

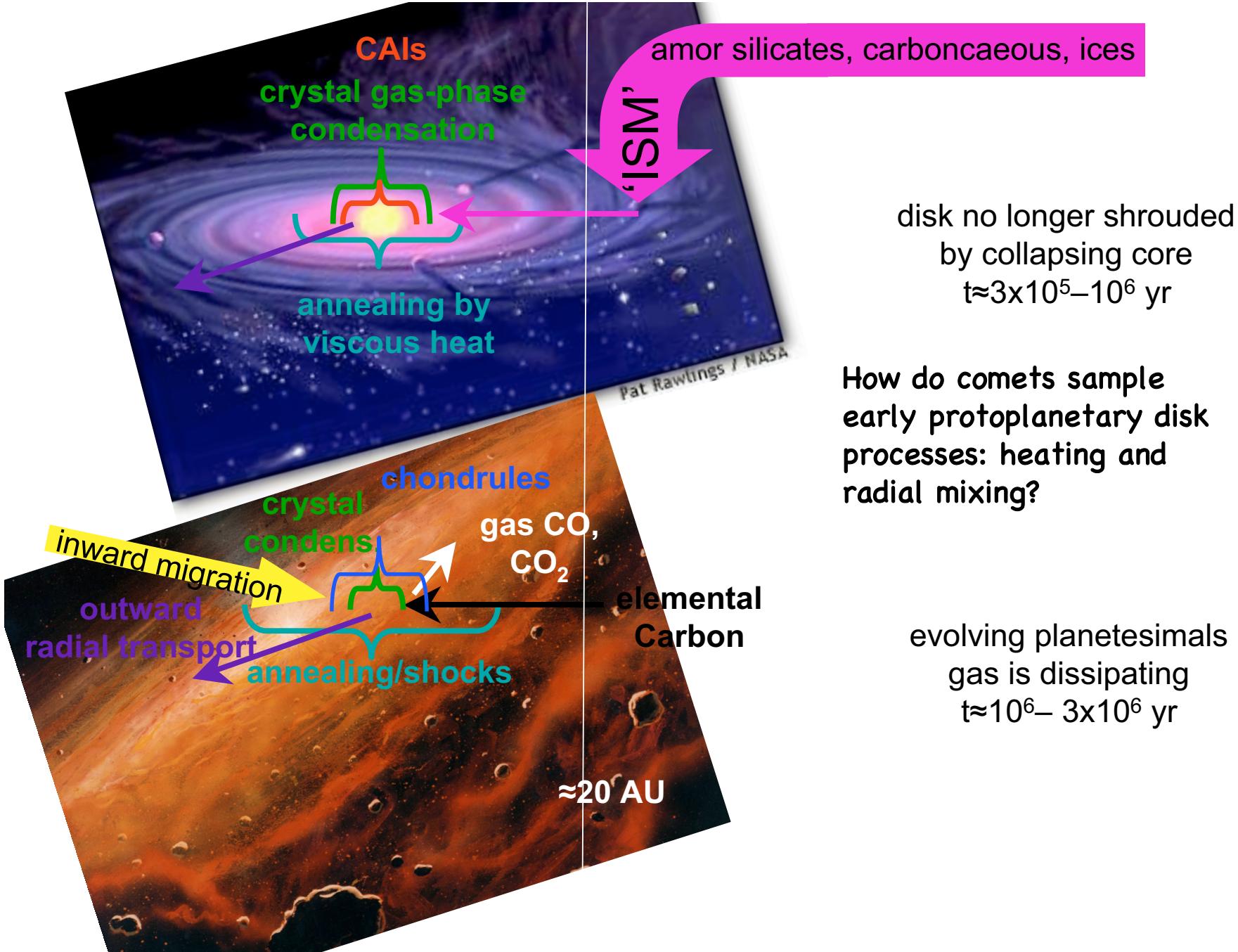
→ Fe-rich silicate chondrule rim formation (but small percentage of volume)

Inward Migration of Carbon-Rich Cometessimals/particles can Lower  
Oxygen Fugacity by C combustion to CO, CO<sub>2</sub> -> lowers f[O<sub>2</sub>]

→ Mg-rich silicates in enstatite chondrites



Cuzzi & Zahnle (2004)



Some Controversial Topics...

# New JFC Paradigm: Crystals are Skin-Deep

- Deep Impact-induced ejecta has silicate crystals (Spitzer, Gemini, Subaru).
- Post-impact (by <1 rot. period) has crystals (VLT).
- Pre- and post-impact dust has no crystals, dominated by amorphous silicate grains (Gemini).
- Dust in coma in May 2006 (activity maximum) has submicron amorphous silicate grains, no crystals (Keck).
- 73P-C/SW-3 and 73P-B/SW-3 have crystals (broken up 2 orbits ago, and breaking up April '06) (Gemini)
- TREND: JF comet materials from “below their mantles” possess silicate crystals.
- DIRECTION: community effort to study mineralogy and organic volatility versus  $r_h$  in select JF and OC comets

# New Paradigm?: ISM crystals/GEMS rare <1% How extreme/efficient is solar nebula processing?

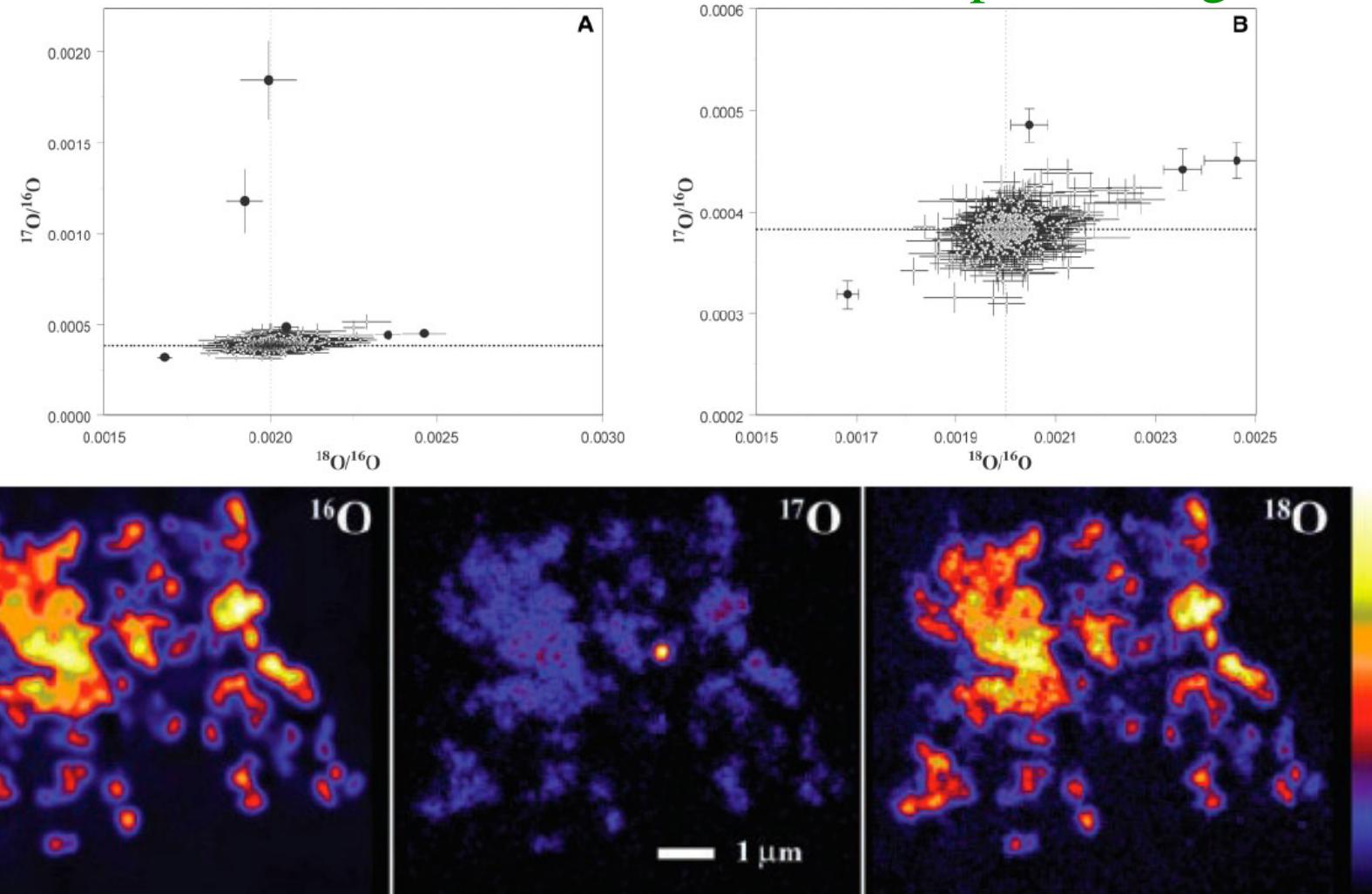
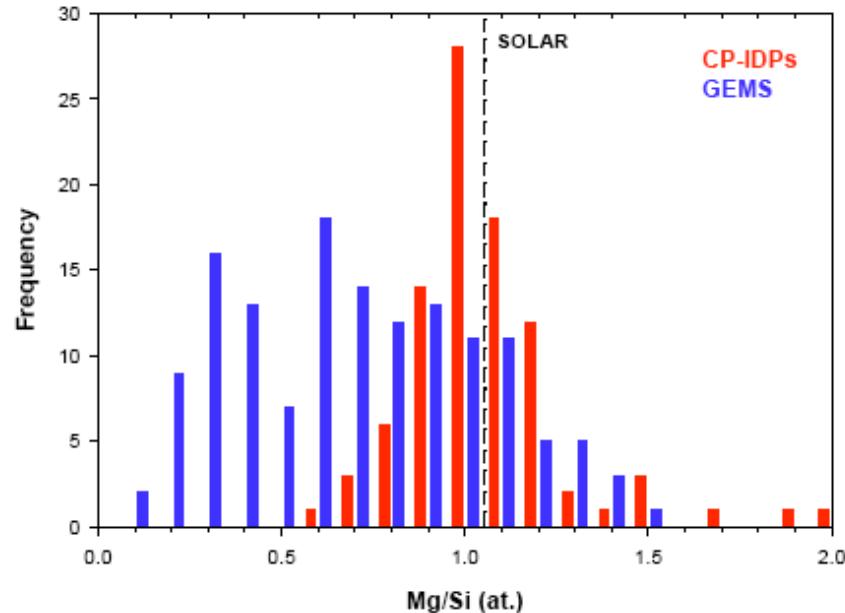
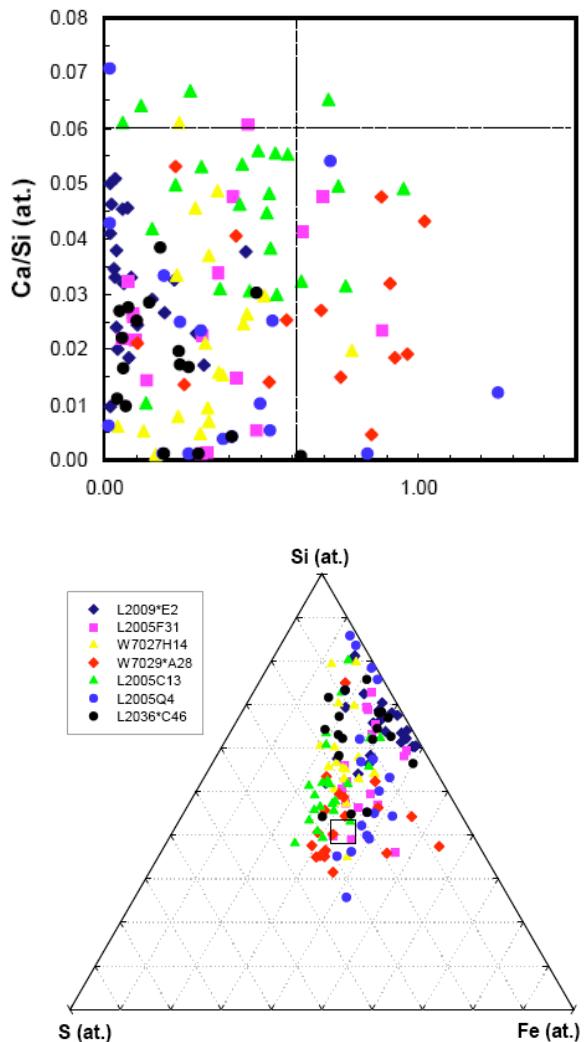


Fig. 2. Oxygen isotopic images of a slice of IDP L2005 C13. A presolar grain with a large  $^{17}\text{O}$  excess can be clearly seen in the  $^{17}\text{O}$  image.  
Messenger et al. 2003

# New Annealing Paradigm?: 60-80% of GEMS are systematically sub-chondritic in S, Mg, Ca, Fe compared to Si

Keller & Messenger (2004) LPS XXXV 1985



Diane asks: Were most (60-80%) of amorphous silicates annealed by high fluxes ( $10^4$ - $10^5 \times$  today's Sun) of low Energy solar cosmic rays? [cosmic rays-Feigelson et al.]

# Amorphous vs Crystalline Water Ice

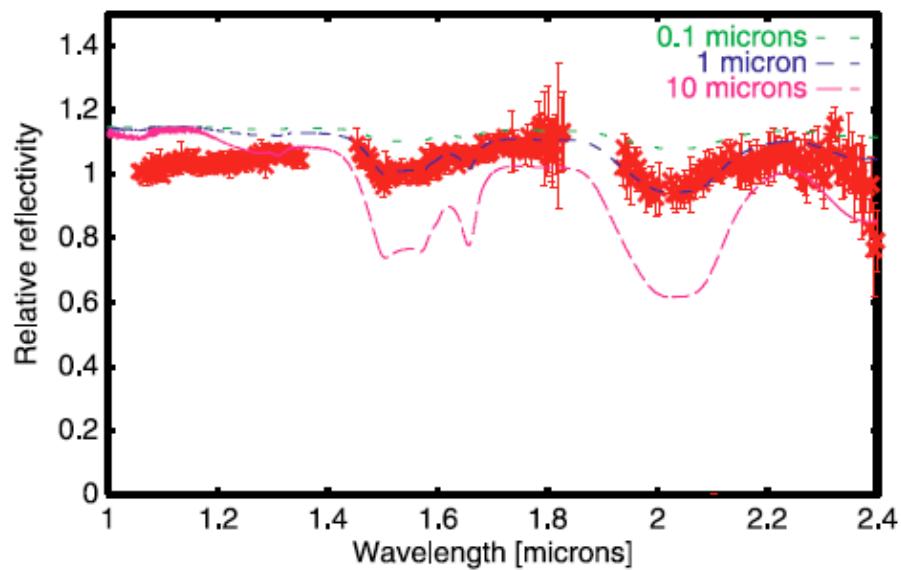


FIG. 1.—Spectrum of comet C/2002 T7 (LINEAR) along with synthesized spectra for pure H<sub>2</sub>O crystalline icy grains (0.1, 1.0, and 10.0  $\mu\text{m}$ , in diameter). The absorption by H<sub>2</sub>O ice is clearly shown in the cometary spectrum. However, the agreement between the cometary spectrum and the pure H<sub>2</sub>O spectrum is not good in the *J* band.

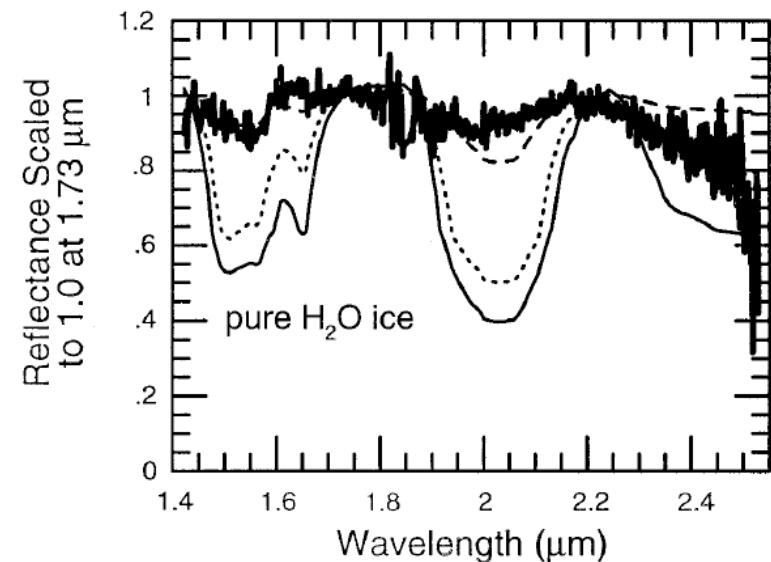
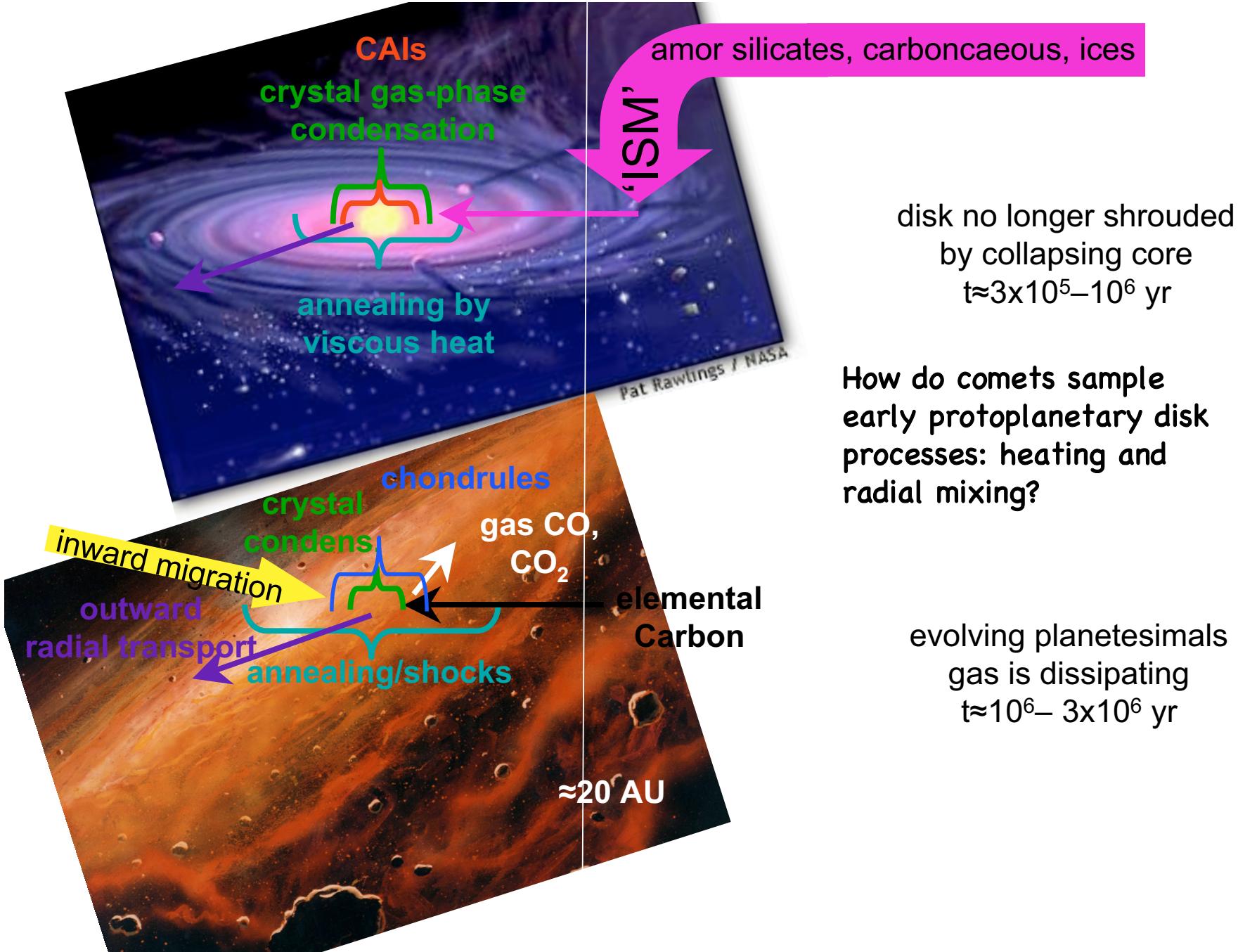


FIG. 3. Comet Hale-Bopp data (heavy solid line) compared with the reflectance calculated for water ice having grain diameters of 1  $\mu\text{m}$  (dashed line), 5  $\mu\text{m}$  (dotted line), and 10  $\mu\text{m}$  (thin solid line).

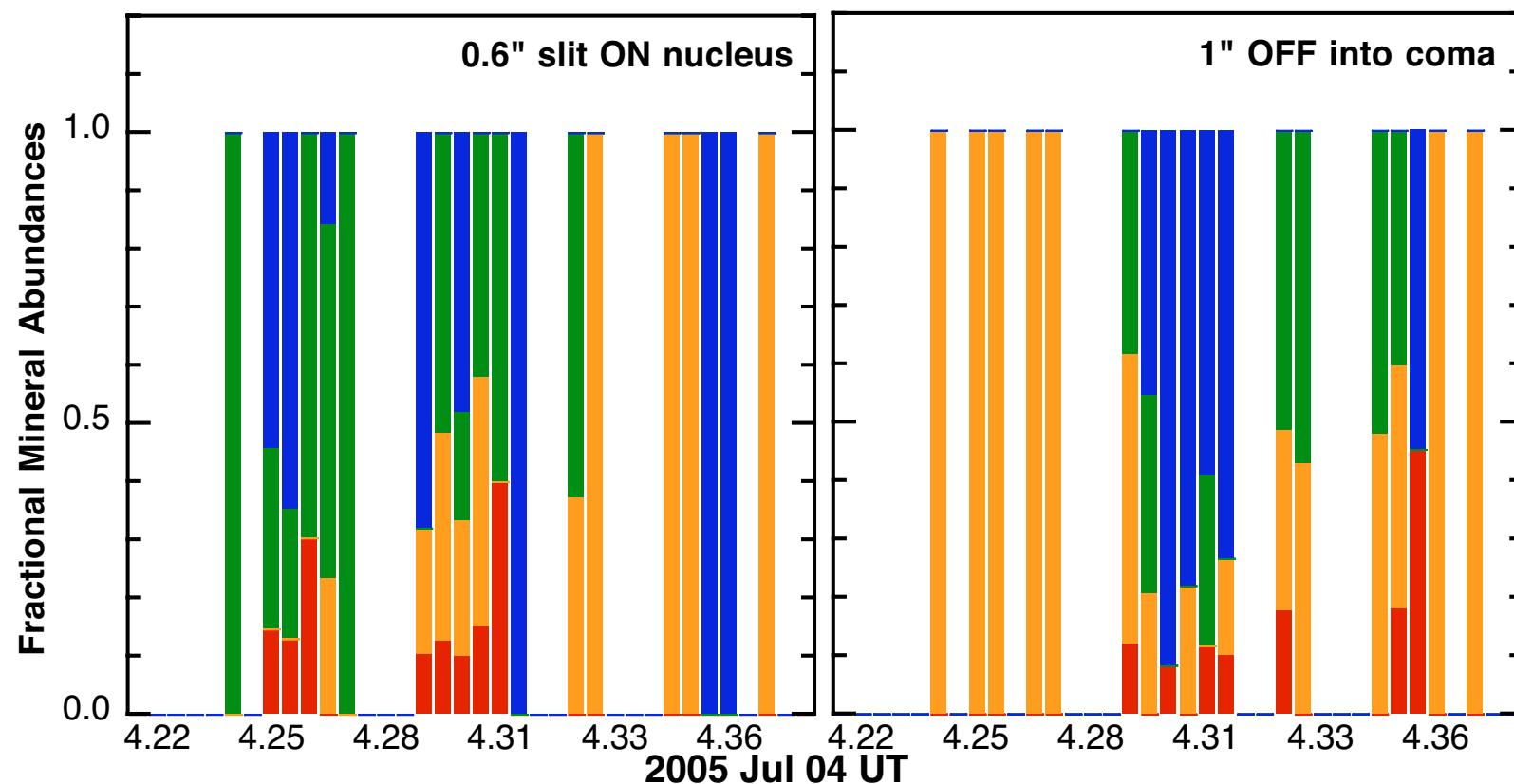
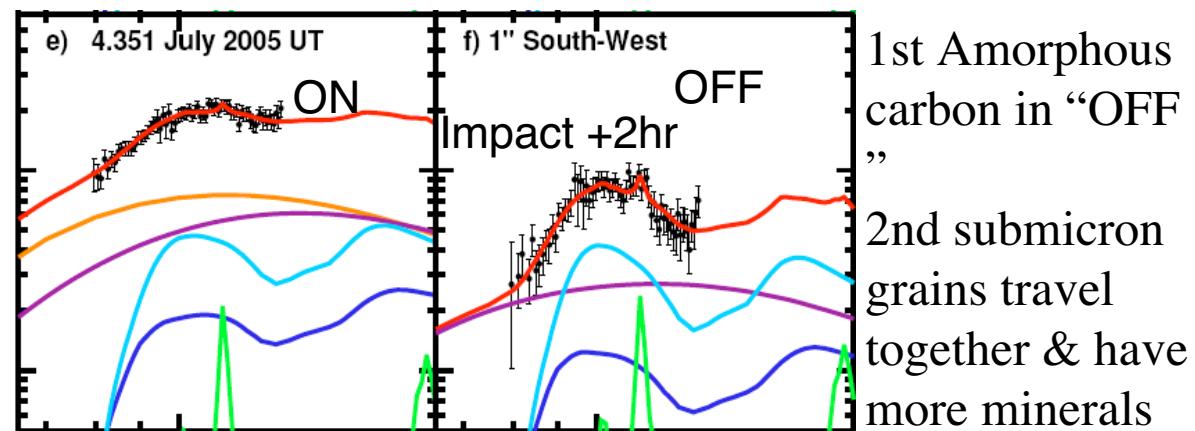


# Interpretation of DI Dust...

Wooden, Woodward, Harker 2007  
DI as a World Observatory Event  
Brussels Mtg (submitted)

# 9P/Tempel 1 Review of Gemini results ...

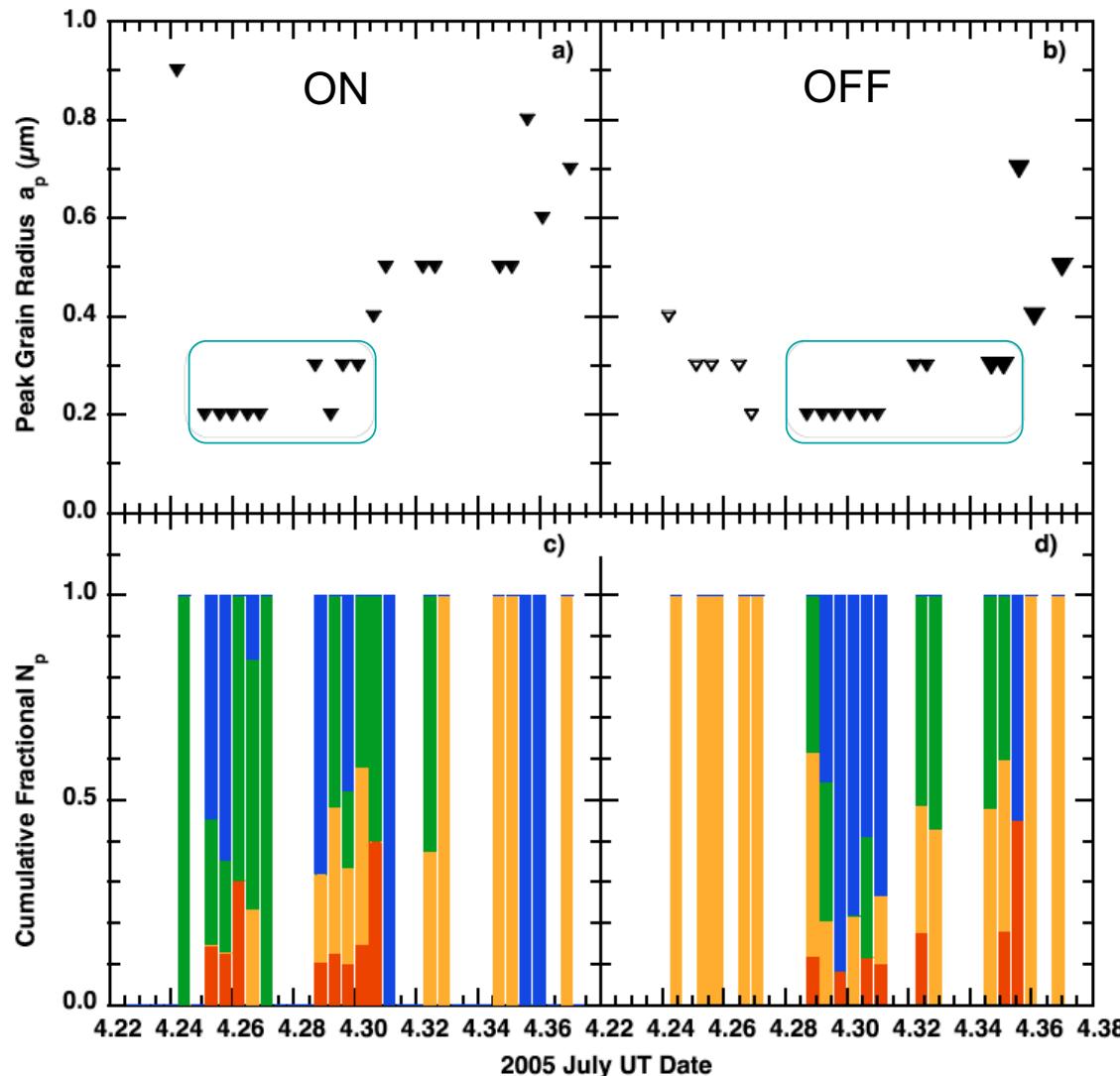
- Amorphous Pyroxene
- Amorphous Olivine
- Amorphous Carbon
- Crystalline Olivine



Harker, Woodward, Wooden (2006) Icarus, accepted.

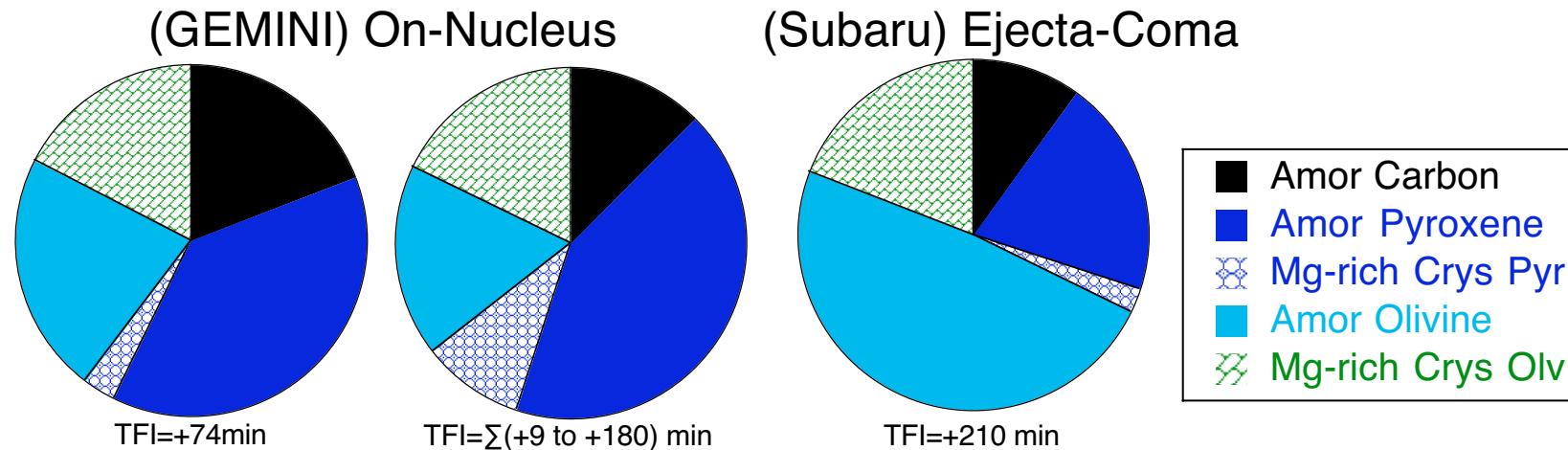
Smallest grains are ON nucleus and sustained for 30 min, but takes time (>30 min) for these smallest grains to reach maximum 1" OFF into coma

Grain size dist with smallest grains have 4 minerals or are ensembles of 4 minerals. Larger grains persist longer ON and OFF (move slower), and have 1 or 2 minerals.

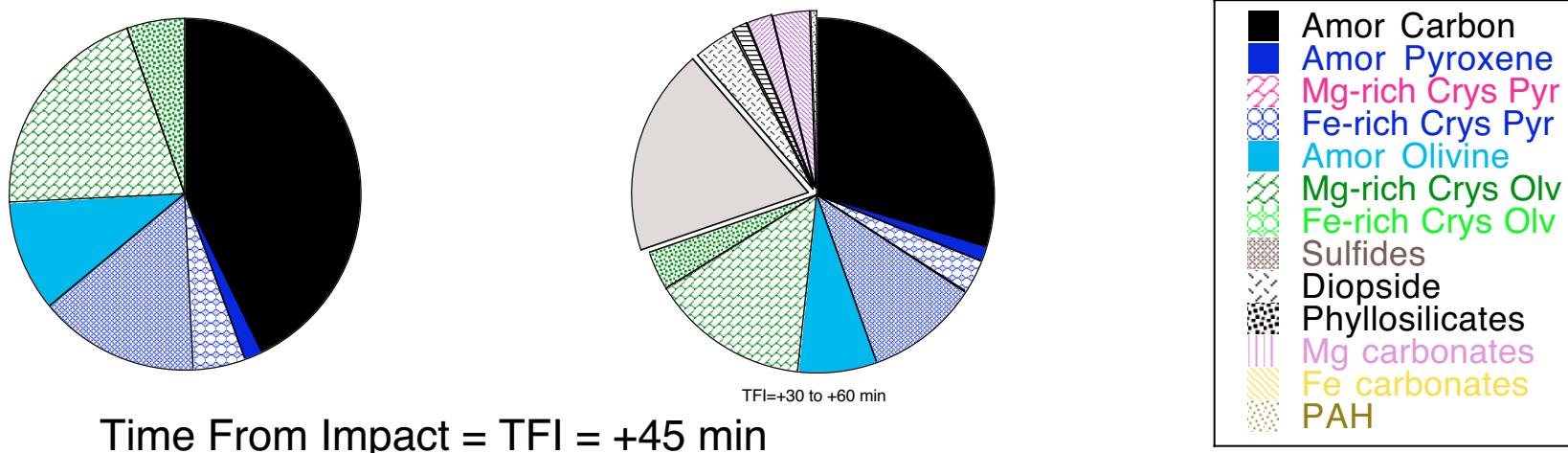


## Deep Impact Ejecta-Coma: Comparison of Observation-Modeling Results

## 0.1–1 $\mu\text{m}$ Portion of Grain Size Distribution Relative Mass Fraction



# Grain Surface-Area Weighted Mass Fraction (Spitzer) Only for Minerals Constrainable with $10\mu\text{m}$ and with $5\text{--}37\mu\text{m}$



# Deep Impact Dust Properties - Summary

- The nuclear subsurface appears to have an inhomogeneous mineralogy yet contains a volume *or pocket* of submicron grains of relatively homogeneous yet complex mineralogy. In contrast, the surface appears to be dominated by amorphous carbon.
- The effect of gas drag on the grains is to size sort the grains in the coma as a function time from impact (TFI).
- Silicate crystals travel out with the smallest grains and therefore, by velocity-association, crystals are small. However, from TFI=+0.5~hr (Gemini and Subaru) to TFI=+10~hr (Spitzer) the crystalline fraction does not change significantly as the smaller ( $0.2\text{--}1\mu\text{m}$ ) grains clear out and larger grains travel through the beam. Therefore, crystals are not necessarily only associated with the smallest grains ( $0.2\mu\text{m}$ ). Future analyses of the Spitzer spectra may yield further results on the relationship between the crystalline fraction and the grain size.

## DI V- Possible Reasons the Crystalline Silicates Not Seen in the Normal Coma (versus DI)

- Grain size Distribution does not extend to small enough grain sizes.
- Grain size Distribution slope is too shallow so smallest grains are not dominant enough.
- Crystalline resonances are diminished in contrast (to the point of non-detection) if the crystals are contained within larger aggregate grains.
- The crystals comprise only the smallest grains in the size distribution, which means crystals dominate the grains' surface area but are only a small fraction of the total mass. The mass fraction of crystals is too small for crystals to be detected in the normal coma.
- Normal activity is from mantles (outer layers a few cm to a m deep) that are devoid of crystals. So mantles have a specific composition and mantles are retained. From mantles, crystals are lost; or, in mantles crystals are destroyed.
- The nucleus is inhomogeneous on smaller scales than the DI impact-crater; where DI impacted 9P, the surface is rich in amorphous carbon and rarified in crystals and the subsurface contains zones of amorphous pyroxene and crystals, and amorphous carbon and amorphous olivine.

# Look at the Explanations for Differences - A

- Grain size Distribution does not extend to small enough grain sizes.  
NOT TRUE  $a_p=0.3\mu m$  May 25,  $0.6\mu m$  May 17
- Grain size Distribution slope is too shallow so smallest grains are not dominant enough.

Implies: The crystalline fraction  $f_{crys}$  is grain size-dependent and the size distributions for normal comae were devoid of these smallest grains. NOT TRUE for  $a_p \leq 1\mu m$  grains; [investigate for  \$a\_p > 1\mu m\$  with Spitzer](#)

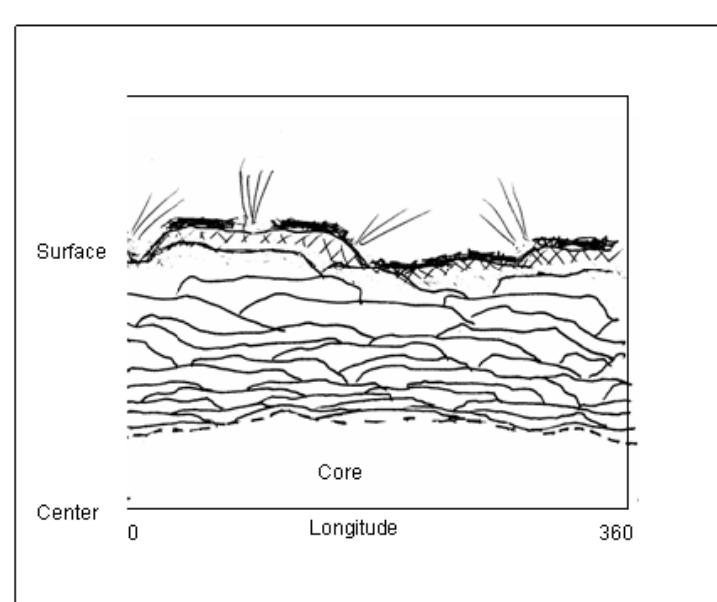
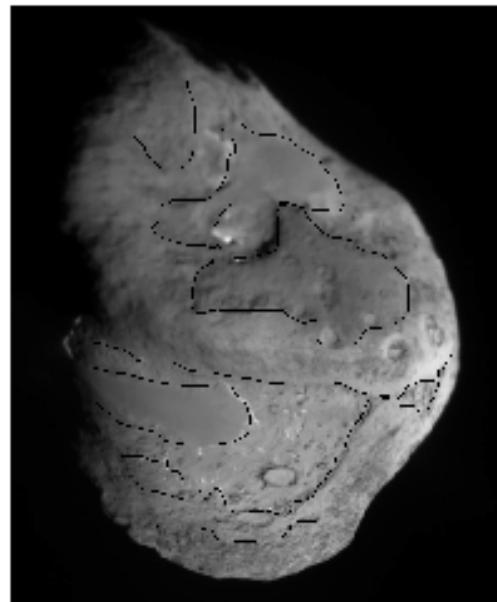
- Crystals are hidden within larger aggregates.  
lab spectra of IDPs shows  $f_{crys} < 0.17$  then crystals may be hidden  
Hale-Bopp DDA computations show  $f_{crys} = 0.55$  for  $0.1-5\mu m$  size particles  
same as for discrete mineral model
- Too Small a total Mass of dust to see Submicron Grains?  
Same Mass of dust in inner coma measured on 2 dates, so :  
 $M_{dust}(DI, +0.5 \text{ to } +3.5 \text{ hr}) \approx M_{dust}(9P \text{ on 17 May, single measurement})$

# Look at the Explanations for Differences - B

- Activity from Mantles Devoid of Crystals
  - Implies (1) in Mantles, crystals are destroyed and (2) Mantles are retained
- (1) In Mantles, Crystals are Destroyed
  - Low Energy Solar Cosmic Rays:  
For the young Sun (0– $10^6$  yr), flares probably produce  $\sim 10^5$  times more solar cosmic rays (Glassgold et al. 2005; Feigelson, Garmire, & Pravdo 2002 ApJ, 584, 911). If each cometesimal in the layered pile has an amorphous silicate skin (rime), then this implies very rapid amorphization rates at the time of accretion of the outer layers.
  - Problem: Low Energy Cosmic Rays penetrate  $< 100 \mu\text{m}$  depth
  - Need: Gardening by micrometeorite impacts or dust sputtering
- (2) Irradiation of ices creates porous organic residues that “shrink” as sublimation occurs below their surfaces
- (3) Challenge: 9P water ice subliming from 3 cm below surface
  - Qdust implies loss of 3cm/ROTATION PERIOD (41hr) over surface or 30cm in 10% of the surface

# Look at the Explanations for Differences - C

- Nuclear Inhomogeneities on Smaller Size Scales than Topography, on depth scales smaller than 10m deep and 100m wide



(Belton et al. 2006, LPS 37, #1232)

## TALPS OR LAYERED PILE MODEL

- the current surface topography is a result of the accumulation of layers of cometesimals
- the early layers are smaller because the modal size of the impacting aggregates is smaller
- the early layers are more compact because impact speeds are higher for smaller bodies
- the late-accumulation layers may be 50 m thick (390~m diameter cometesimal)
- perhaps 500 layers are on top of the nuclear 'core'
- except for the surface layers, each layer experienced a mean exposure age of 5000--50,000 yr in the protoplanetary disk, if ~25 layers cover the surface at any particular time in the accumulation process
- probably a number of surface layers are already lost due to sublimation during previous orbits in the inner solar system
- **Dust Results:** accumulating layers are themselves inhomogeneous; inhomogeneities were preserved in collisions of cometesimals during the epochs of growth of nuclei.

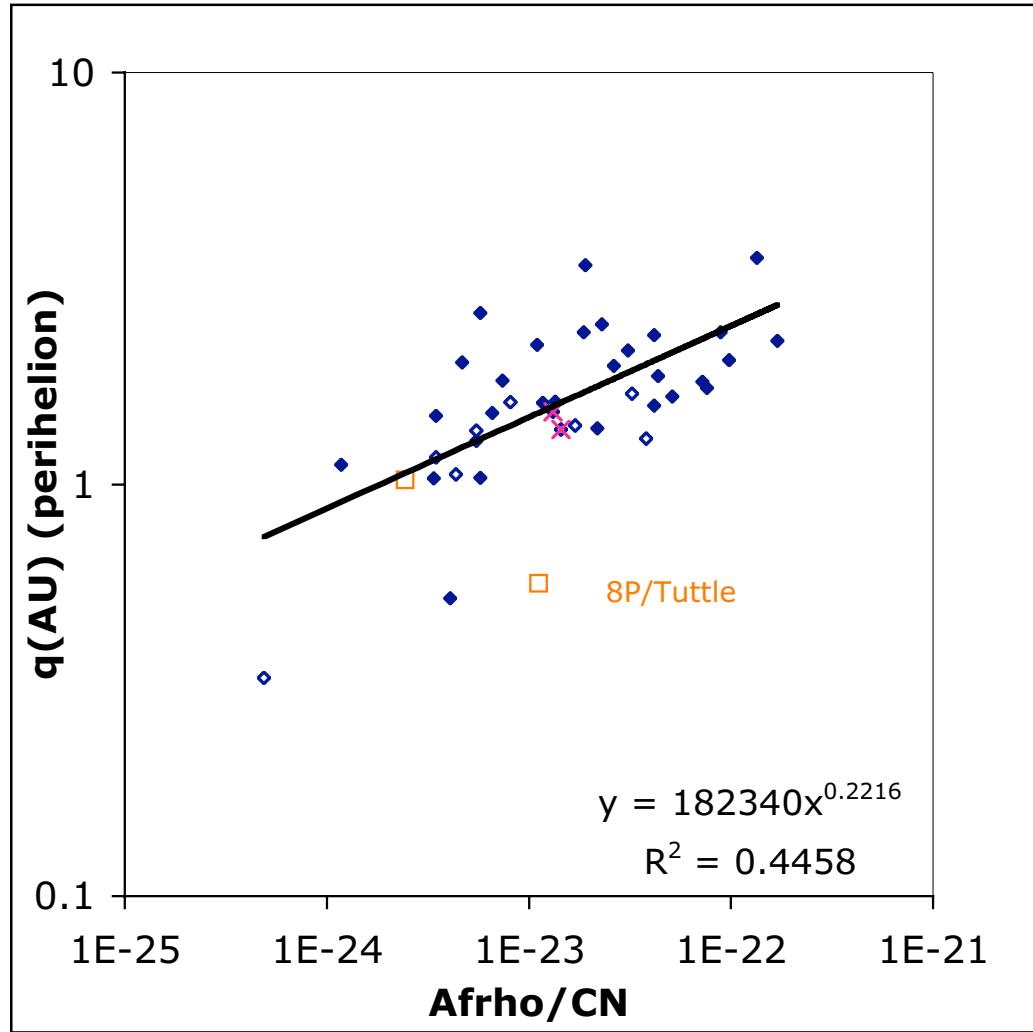
# Future Directions

Spitzer & Subaru: C/2006 Q1 (McNaught)

Subaru: Jupiter Family Comets

# Rimes (somehow) regulate coma dust properties

Perihelia Distance versus Dust to Gas Ratio



Dust/gas Ratio declines for comets that come closer to the Sun ( $q_{AU}$ )

Hypothesis: Rimes of comets that come closer to the Sun lack loose small (<few  $\mu\text{m}$ ) grains that contribute to Afrho (following A' Hearn et al. 1995).

Lower Afrho means fewer smaller grains...

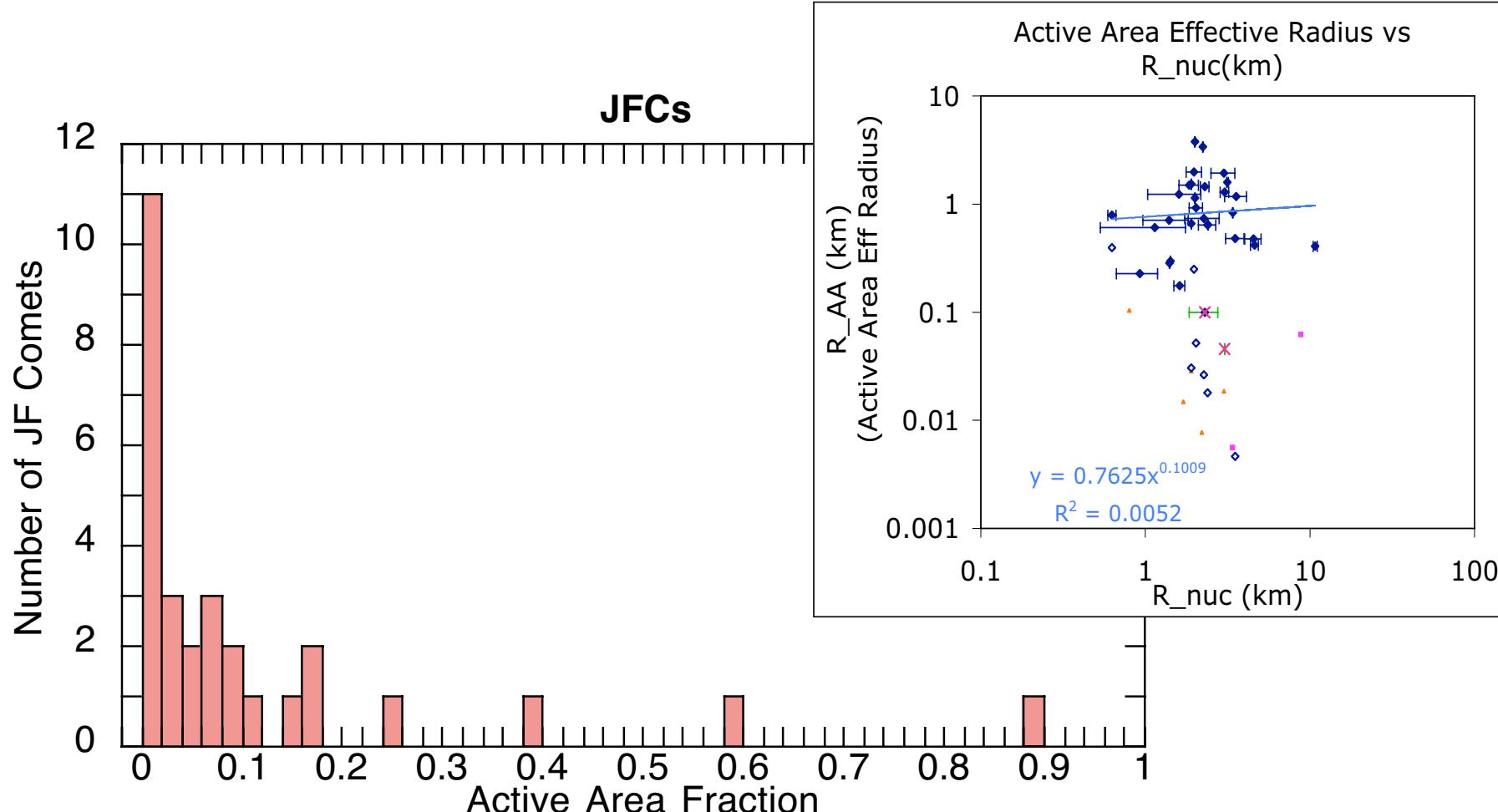
Are there fewer small grains

- due to preferential loss?
- due to preferential mantle trapping?

- due to some other mantle "mechanics"?

*Are there actually fewer small grains? (add mid-IR to Afrho)*

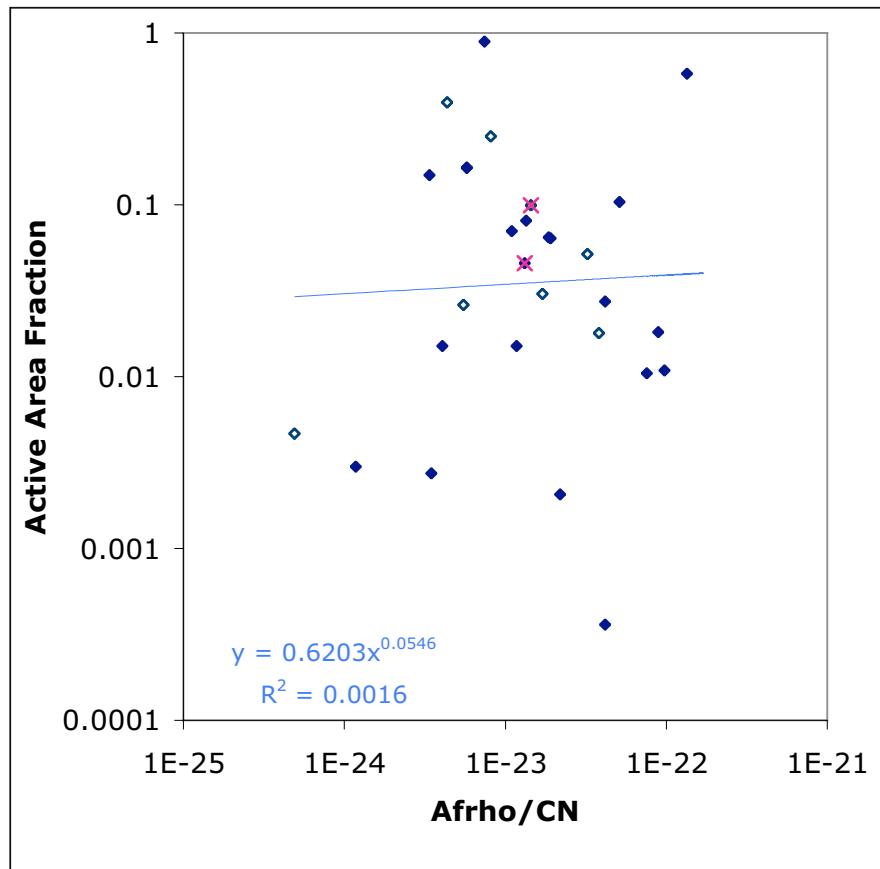
Rimes (somehow) regulate coma dust properties:  
ensemble of JFCs have small Active Area fractions



Active Areas [ $\text{km}^2$ ] A'Hearn et al. 95;  $R_{\text{nuc}}$  Lamy et al. 05 Comets II

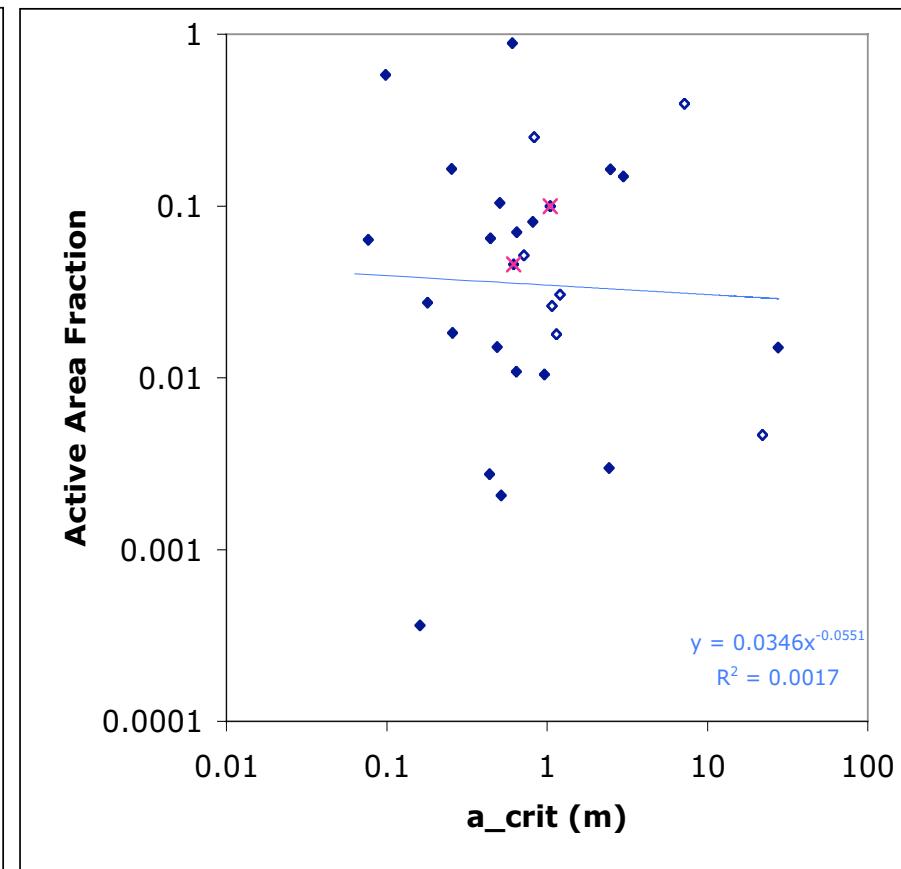
# Active Area fraction (AAf) not dependent on Dust/Gas Ratio nor critical grain radius $a_{\text{crit}}$

Active Area fraction is independent of Gas/Dust Ratio



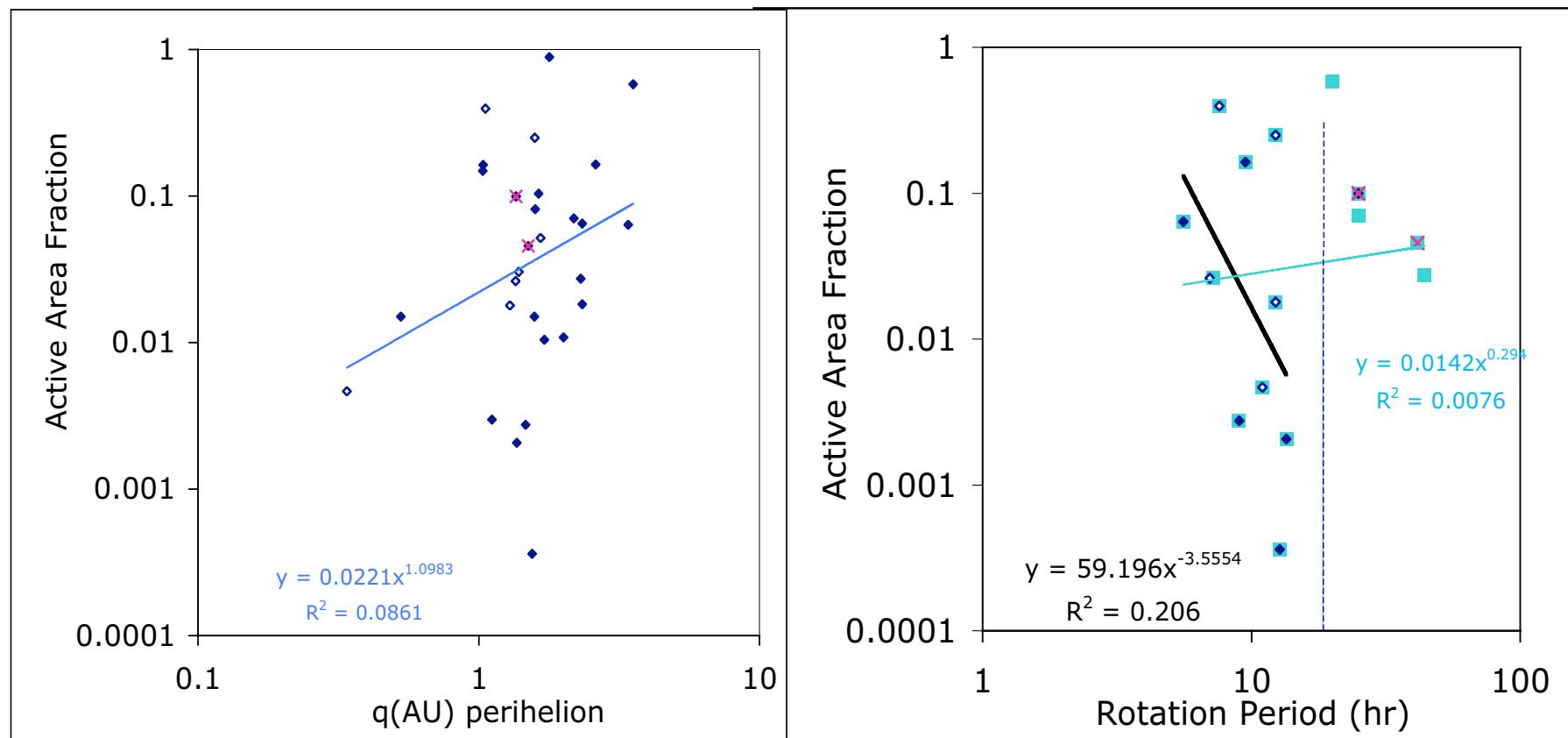
No affect on AAf if more grains entrained by escaping gases

Active Area fraction is independent of grain sizes  $>a_{\text{crit}}$  retained against  $F_{\text{drag}}$



No affect on AAf if smaller grains are retained against  $F_{\text{drag}}$  ( $a_{\text{crit}}$  smaller)

**Perhaps Active Area Fractions depend on  $P_{\text{rot}}$  for  $P_{\text{rot}} < 20$  hr.**  
 Nuclear Evolution Models predict Active Area fractions (AAf) are higher in comets that rotate more rapidly, because more uniform temperatures over  $P_{\text{rot}}$  prevent re-icing or ‘sealing’ at high latitudes (deSanctis et al. 1996). Comet 46P/Wirtanen may be an example.



the next 3 years: 2P, 4P, 6P, 8P, 19P, 26P,  
 46P, 67P, 85P, 88P, 96P  
**C/2006 Q1 (McNaught)**

Comet Name		Perihelion Date (UT)	q (AU)	Q (AU)	P (yr)	log Afp/CN	Active Area fraction	distant Rnuc (km)	Rotation period Prot (hr)	T-mag @ perih. (Vmag)
<b>2P/Encke</b>	JF	2007-Apr-19	0.34	2.21	3.30	-24.31	4.7E-3	3.5	11.1 15.1	~8
<b>4P/Faye</b>	JF	2006-Nov-15	1.67	6.03	7.55	-22.49	5.2E-2	2.0		10.0
<b>6P/d'Arrest</b>	JF	2008-Aug-14	1.35	5.63	6.53	-23.26	2.6E-2	2.3	6.7 7.2	6.4
<b>8P/Tuttle</b>	HT	2008-Jan-26	1.00	10.4	13.5	-23.61	3.8E-2	7.8		6.7
<b>19P/Borrelly</b>	JF	2008-Jul-22	1.36	5.86	6.86	-22.84	9.9E-2	3.3	25	8.2
<b>22P/Kopff</b>	JF	2009-May-15	1.58	5.35	6.46	-23.09	2.51E-1	2.0	12.3	8.4
<b>26P/Grigg-Skjellerup</b>	JF	2008-Mar-23	1.12	2.96	5.11	-23.93	3.0E-3	1.6		11.8
<b>46P/Wirtanen</b>	JF	2008-Feb-02	1.06	5.13	5.44	-23.36	4.0E-1	0.6	7.6	8.9
<b>67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko</b>	JF	2009-Feb-28	1.29	5.72	6.56	-22.42	1.8E-2	2.4	12.3	11.6
<b>85P/Boethin</b>	JF	2008-Dec-16	1.11	8.91	11.2	-23.46	---	---		7.4
<b>88P/Howell</b>	JF	2009-Oct-12	1.37	4.87	5.50	-22.77	3.04E-2	1.9		10.5
<b>96P/Machholz 1</b> daytime only	HT	2007-Feb-24	.124	5.90	5.23	---	2.0E-2	3.2	6.38	2 (aerith) 14 (JPL)

Comets are up for more than 2 hours at less than 2 Air Masses (except 96P daytime), and T-mag are  $\leq 12$ ; most have known radii  $R_{\text{nuc}}$  and  $P_{\text{rot}}$ .

## Future Observational Characterization of JF Comets and their Rimes

