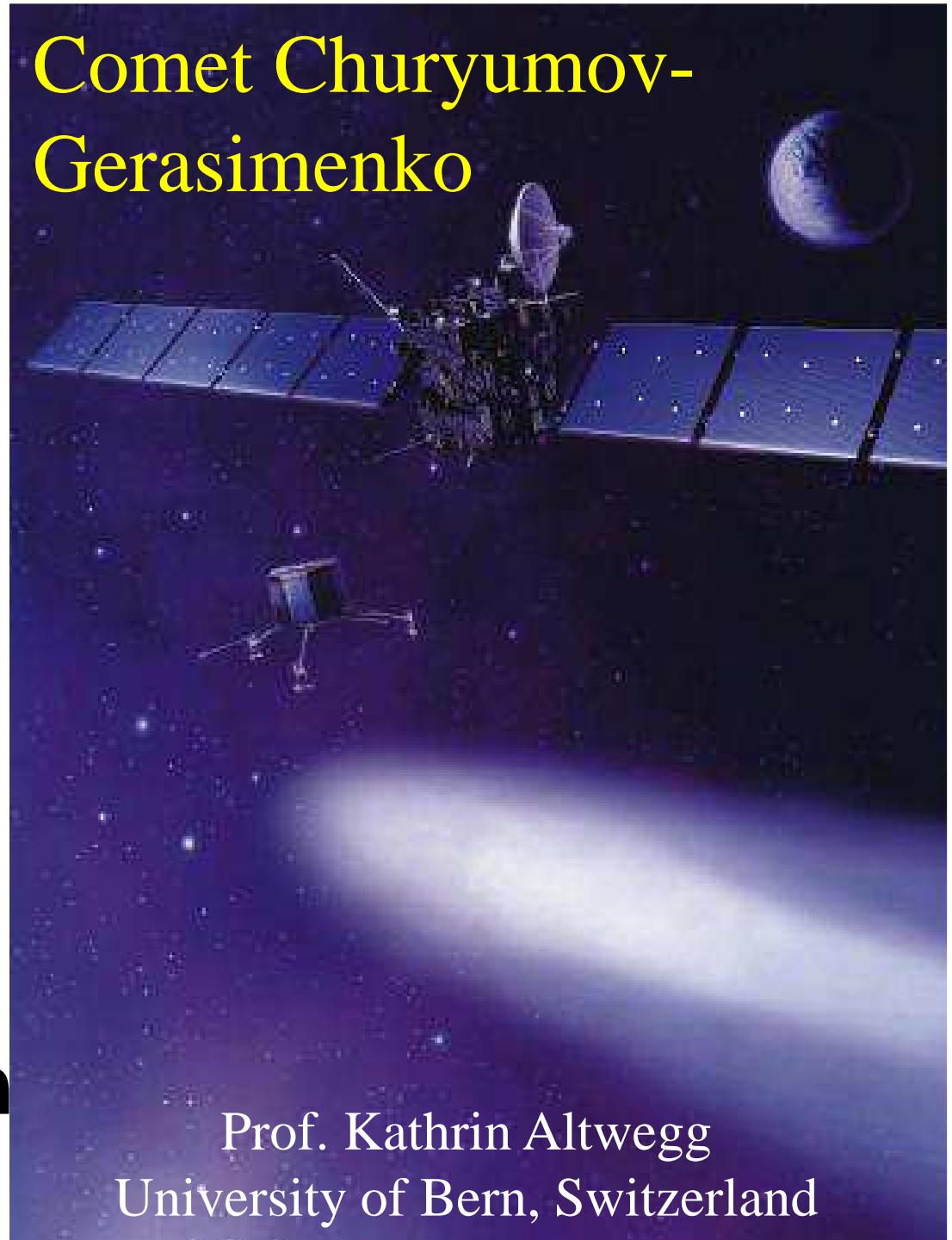




**A long voyage  
back to our origin**

# Comet Churyumov- Gerasimenko

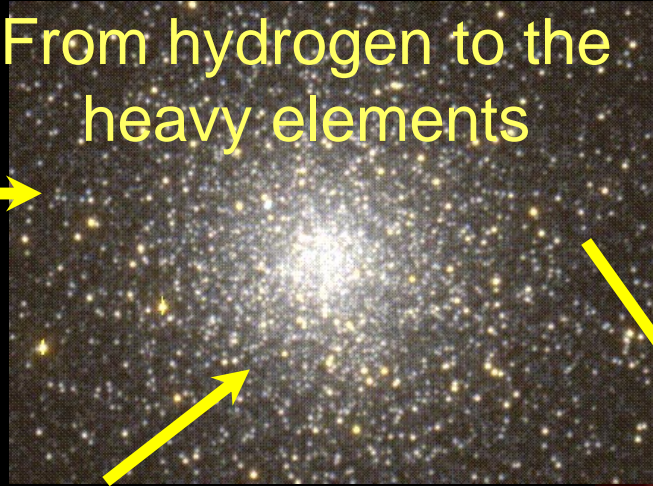


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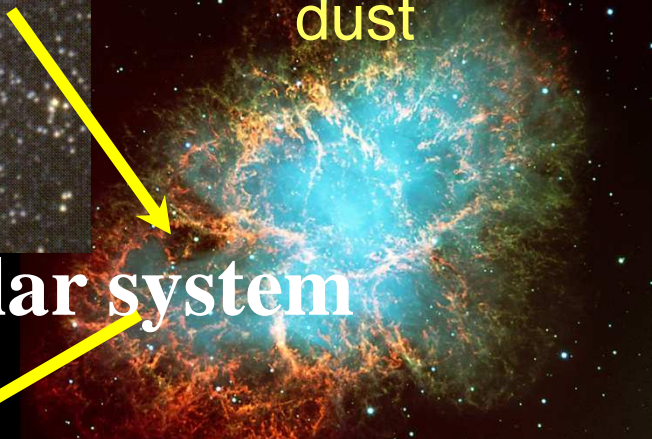
Big Bang, 13 Billion years,  
Hydrogen and Helium



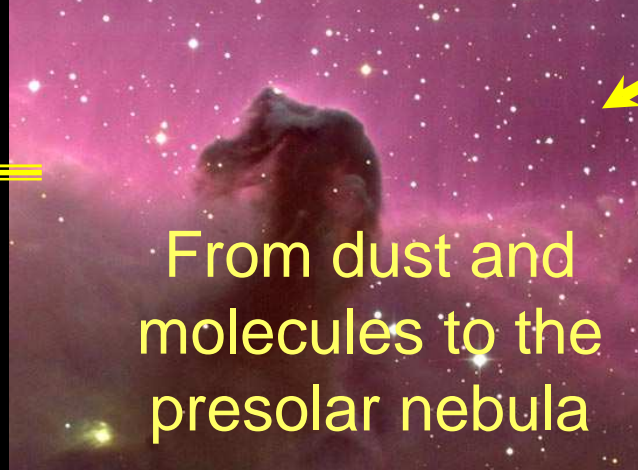
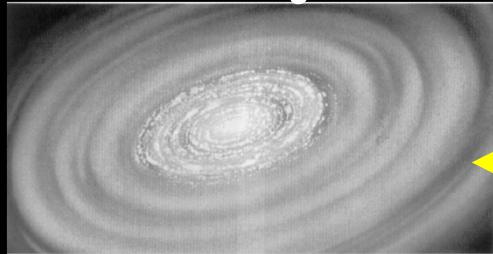
From hydrogen to the  
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From the elements  
to molecules and  
dust



# History of the material in the solar system

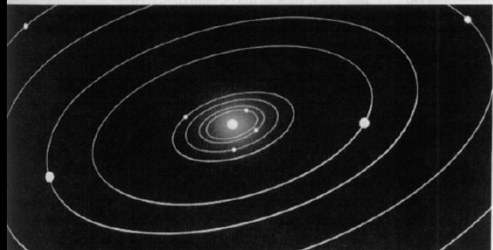
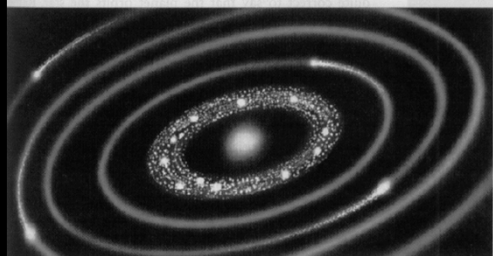


Krebs Nebula

From dust and  
molecules to the  
presolar nebula



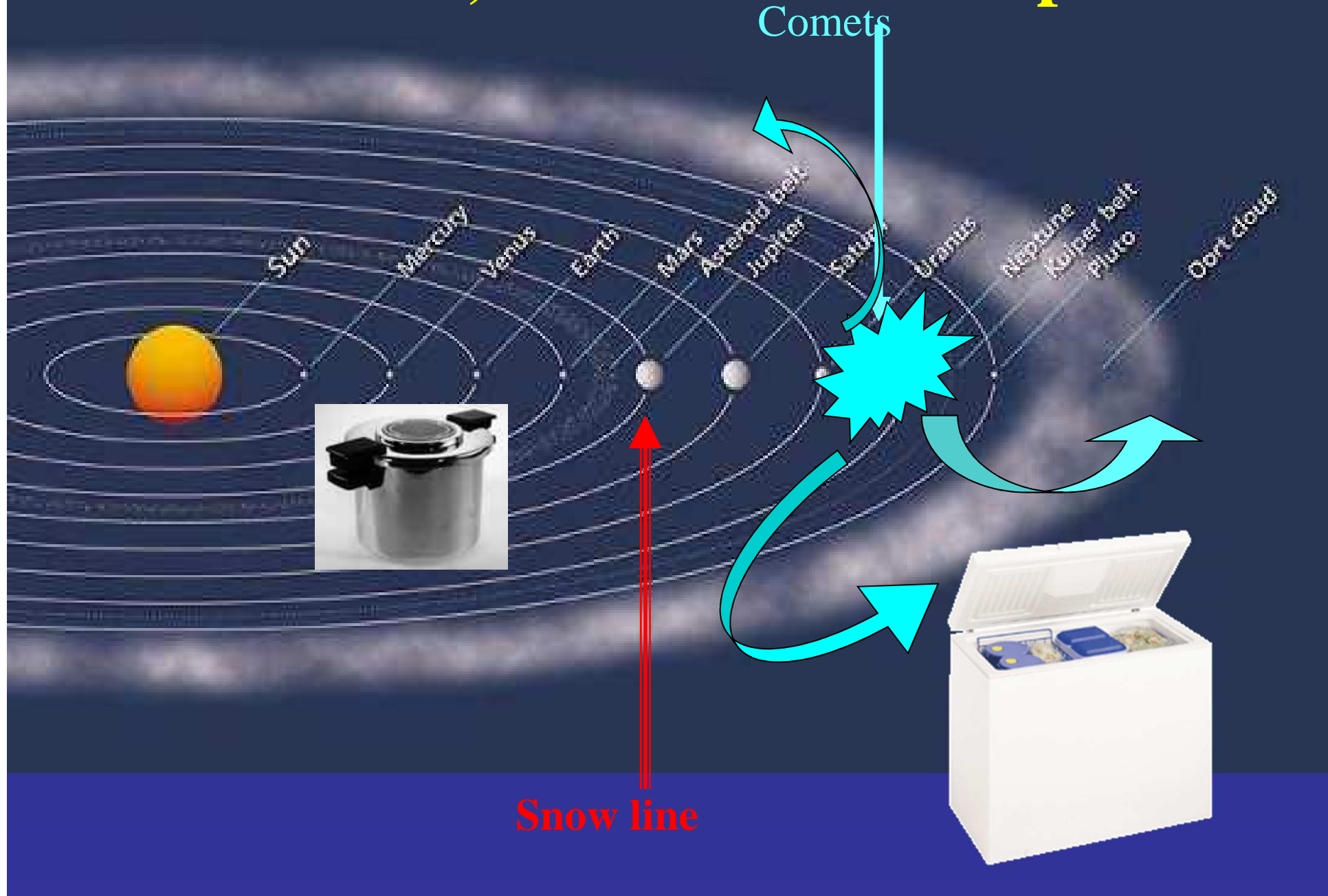
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From the presolar  
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# Comets, Witnesses of our past



Comets



Snow line



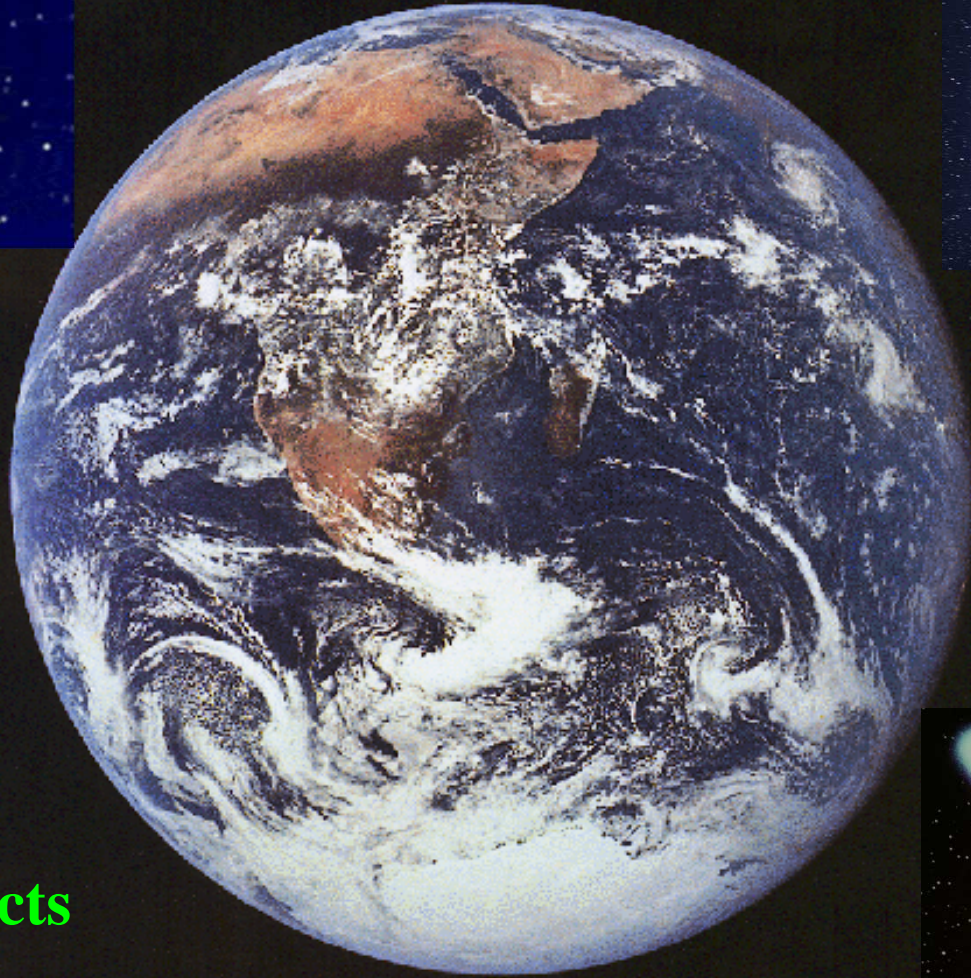


The Earth 4-4.5  
billion years ago



4.6 billion years ago:  $T > 200\text{ C}$

# Did comets bring terrestrial water?



**Mass Earth:  $10^{24}$  kg**

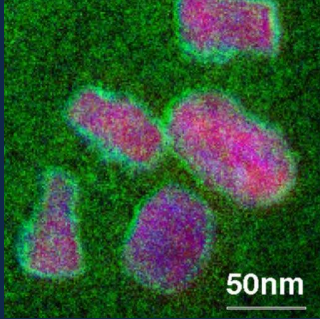
water thereof: 1‰

**Mass comet:  $10^{14}$  kg**



**$10^7$  Comet impacts**





# Did comets bring the building blocks of life, the organic material?



- ✓ In space, there exists organic chemistry
- ✓ Molecules up to amino-acids exist outside of our Earth and of the solar system
- ✓ Comets preserve organic material
- ✓ Comets can serve as carrier for water and organic material





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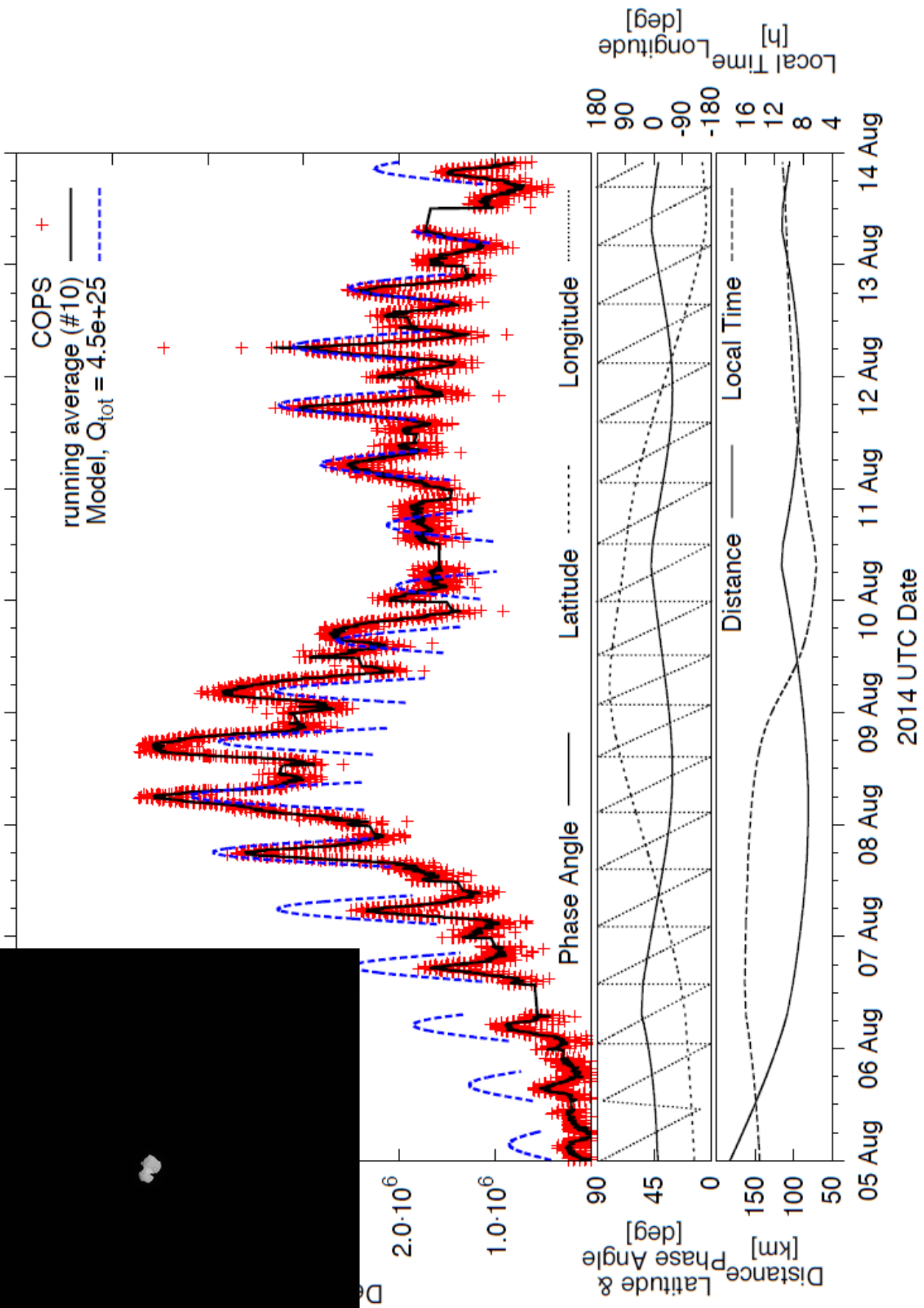
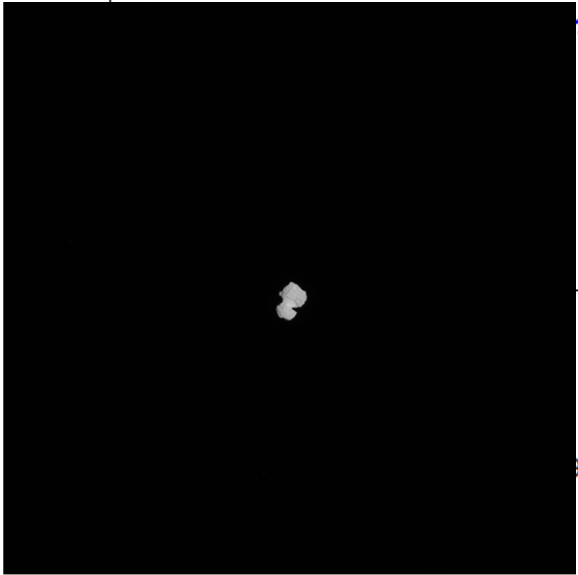
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Contraves  
Space

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Chury – the rubber duck



“The perfume of 67P/C-G is quite strong, with the odour of rotten eggs (hydrogen sulphide), horse stable (ammonia), and the pungent, suffocating odour of formaldehyde. This is mixed with the faint, bitter, almond-like aroma of hydrogen cyanide. Add some whiff of alcohol (methanol) to this mixture, paired with the vinegar-like aroma of sulphur dioxide and a hint of the sweet aromatic scent of carbon disulphide, and you arrive at the ‘perfume’ of our comet.”

methanol

methane

hydrogen sulphide

water

carbon disulfide

carbon monoxide

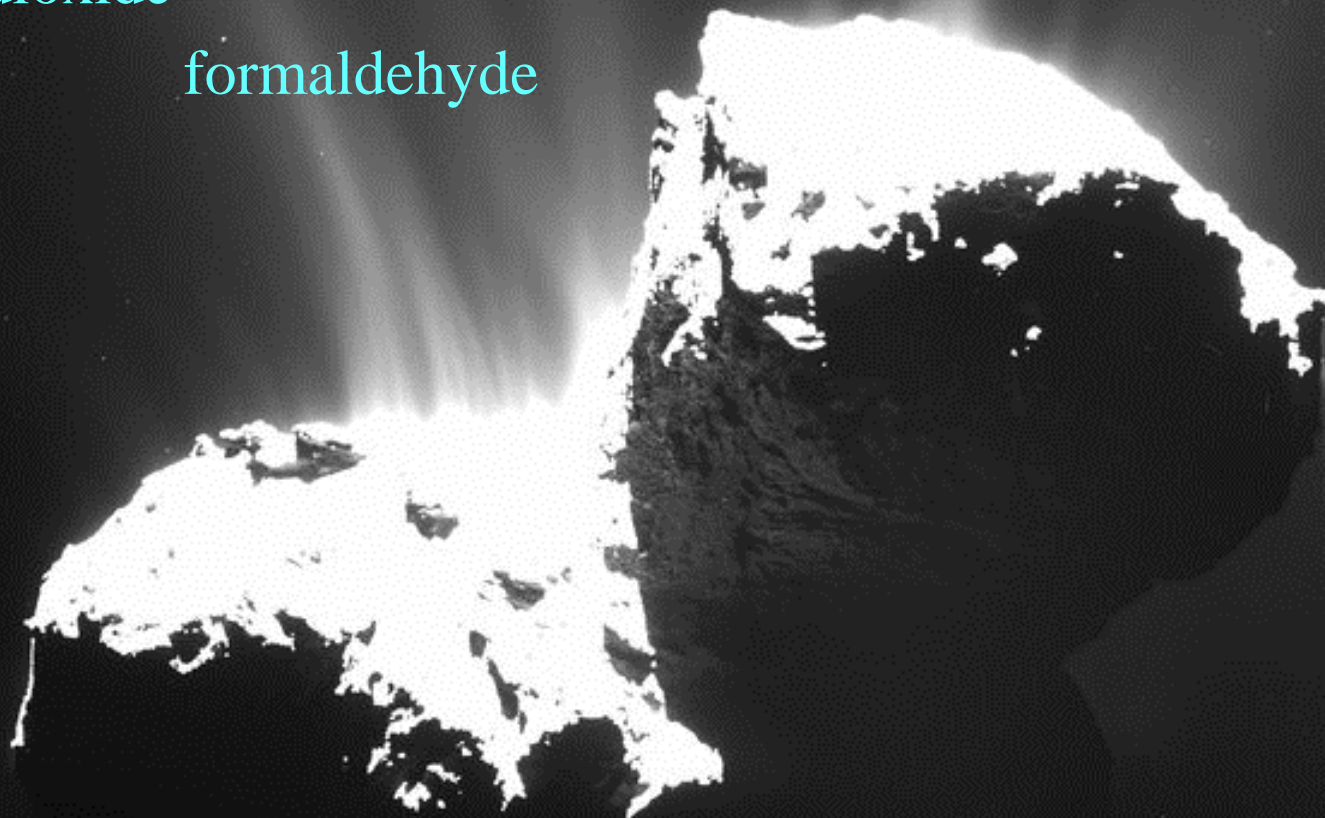
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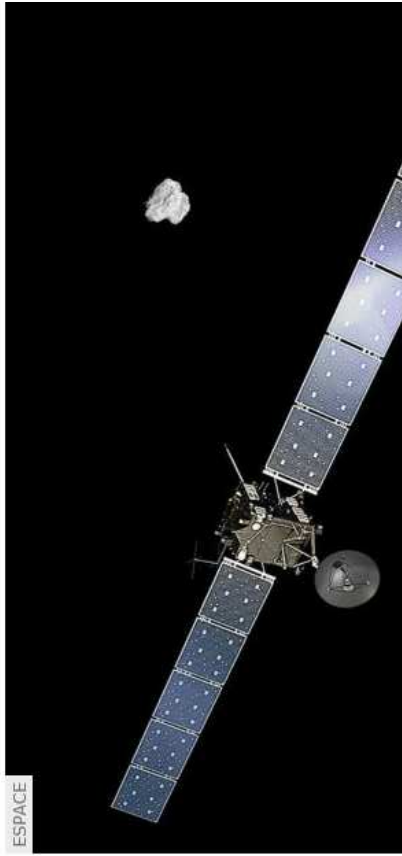


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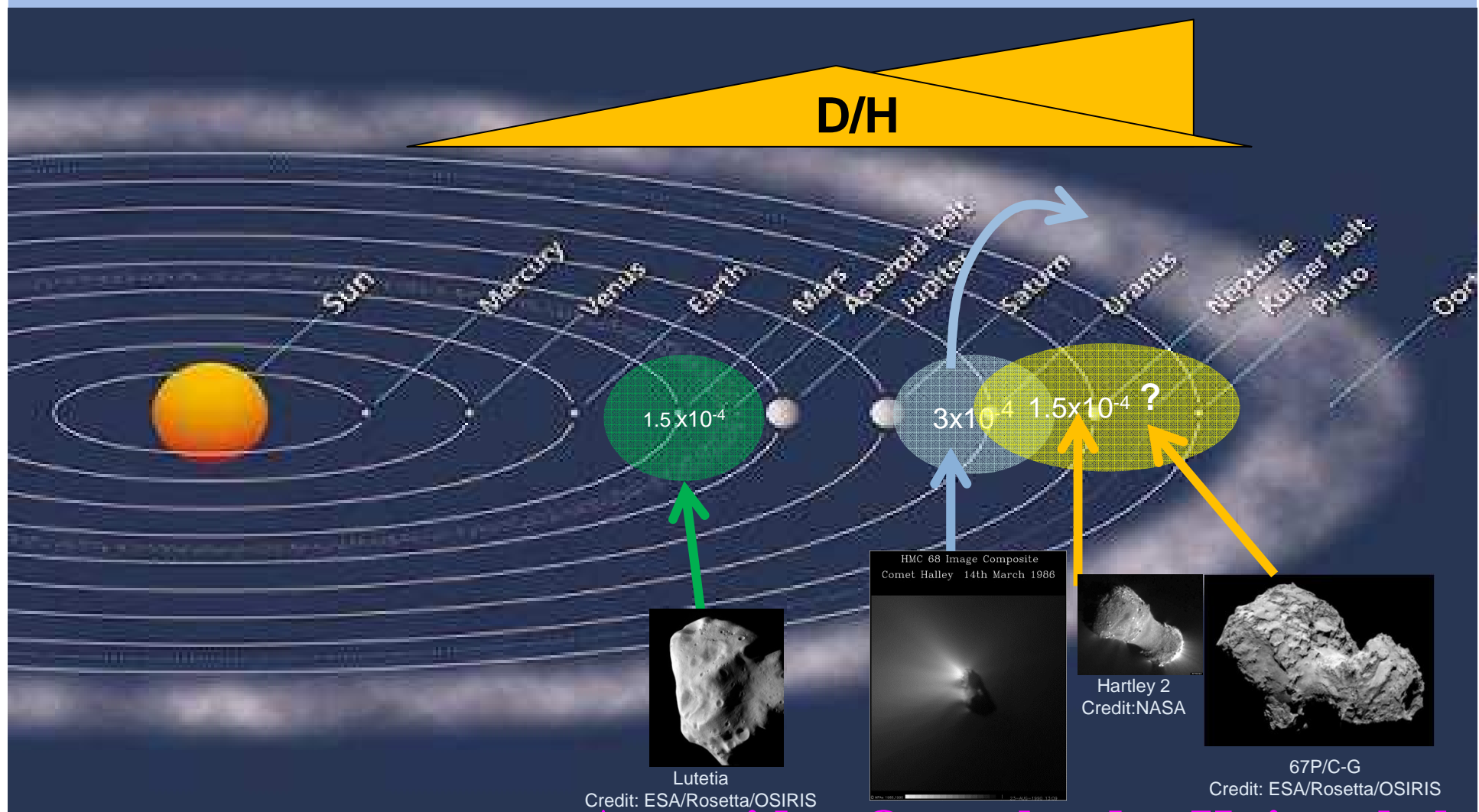
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## Rotten eggs, horse pee, alcohol and bitter almonds: Astronomers reveal what the comet Rosetta is set to land on smells like

- The bouquet of unique smells was sniffed out by the Rosetta probe
- It identified ingredients after analysing chemicals in comet's coma
- The aroma will get stronger as comet 67P/C-G gets closer to the sun
- Esa has confirmed Rosetta will attempt to land on a comet on 12 November
- The daring descent of its Philae probe will take seven hours from separation
- The region, named Site J, is around 2.4 miles (4km) at its widest point
- **However Esa says the Philae mission is still 'high-risk' and should be seen as a bonus to the overall Rosetta mission**
- Scientists hope the spider-like probe will send back data that could answer questions on the origin of Earth's water and perhaps even life

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# Which small bodies brought the terrestrial water?

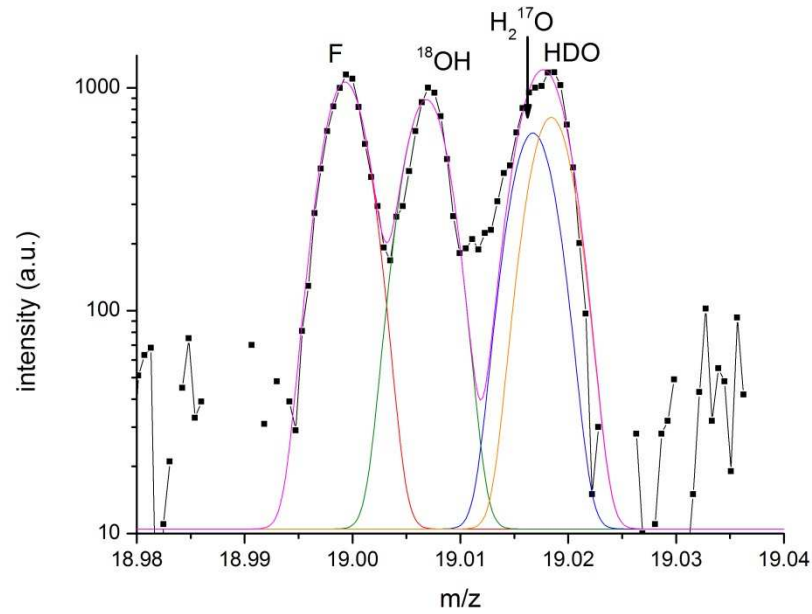


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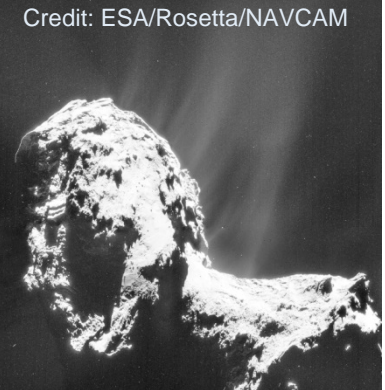
Oort cloud

Kuiper belt

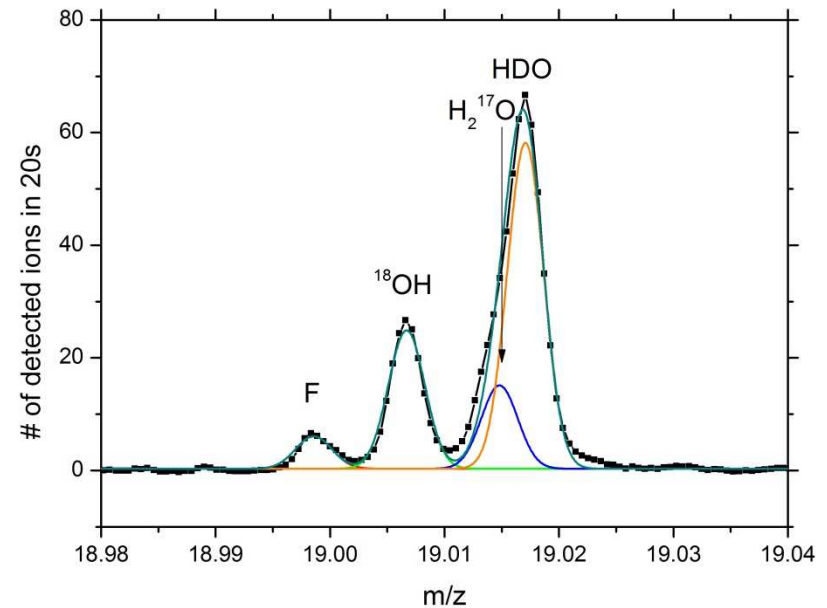
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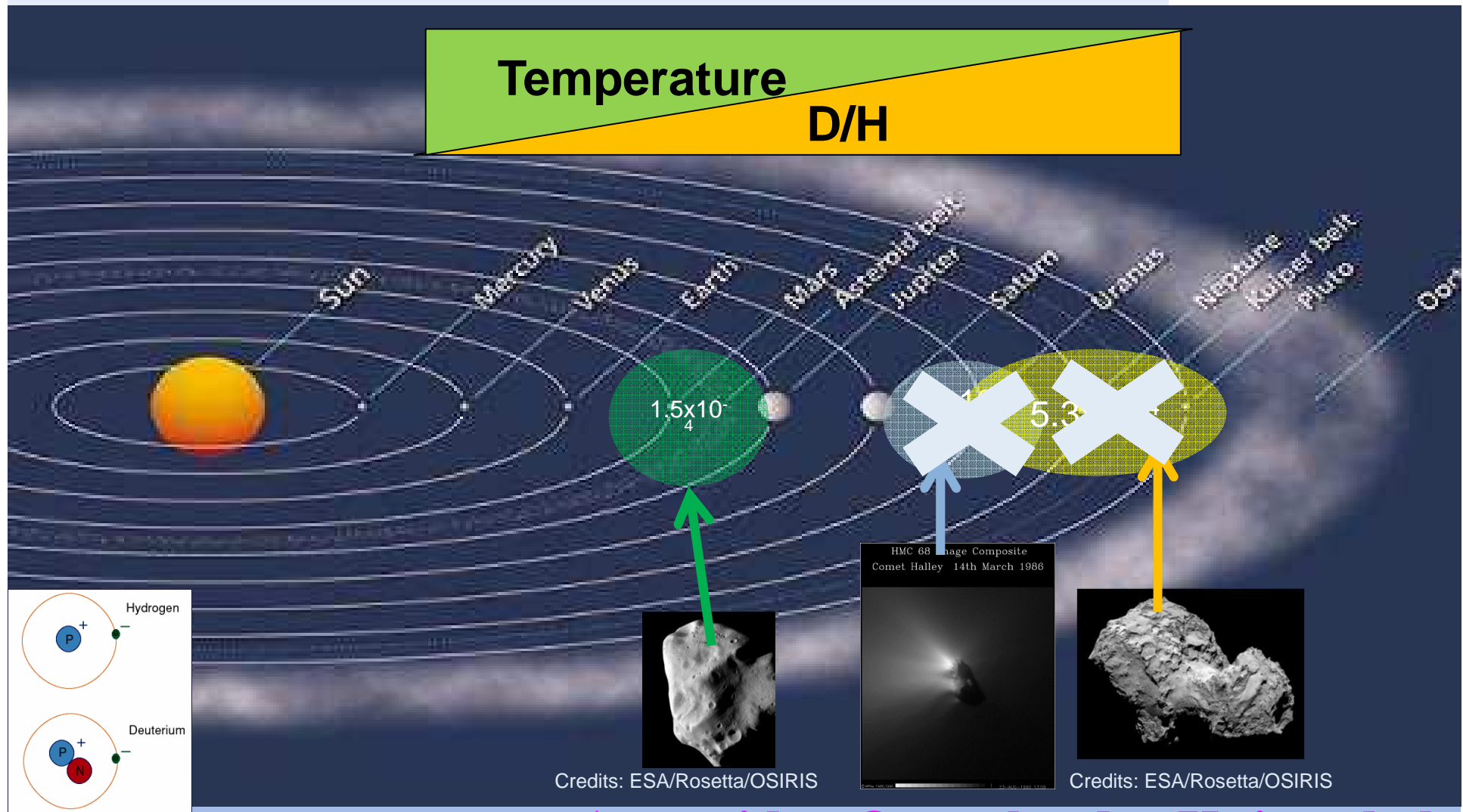
Water from the comet



Water from Rosetta background



# Asteroids, Oort comets, Kuiper belt comets: which small bodies brought terrestrial water?

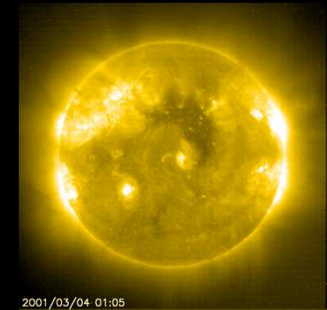


**Asteroids**   **Oort cloud**   **Kuiper belt**

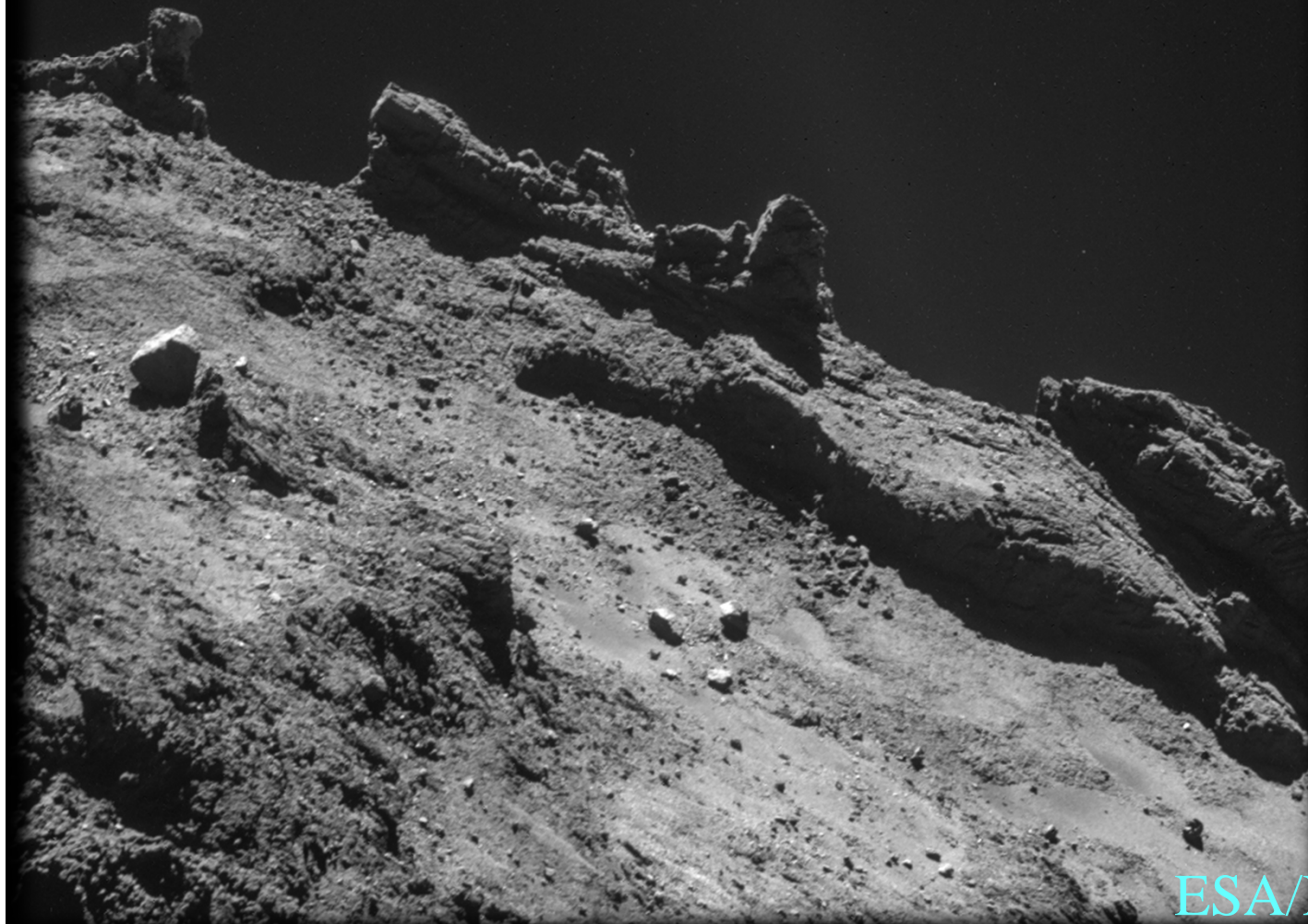


# Atoms: Sodium, Magnesium, Silicon und Calcium

Sputtering by solar wind particles



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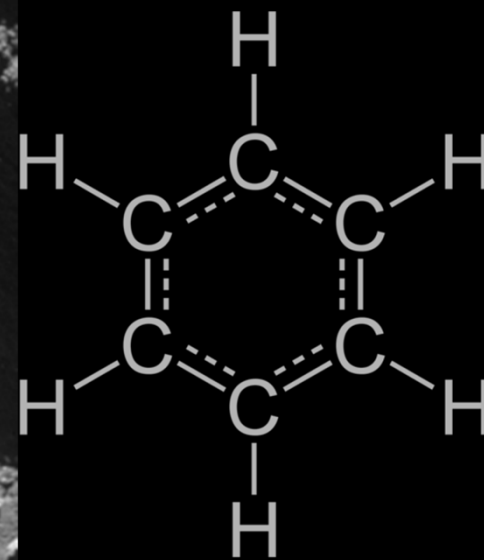


# Noble gases $^{36}\text{Ar}$ & $^{38}\text{Ar}$

Indicators for a very low formation temperature

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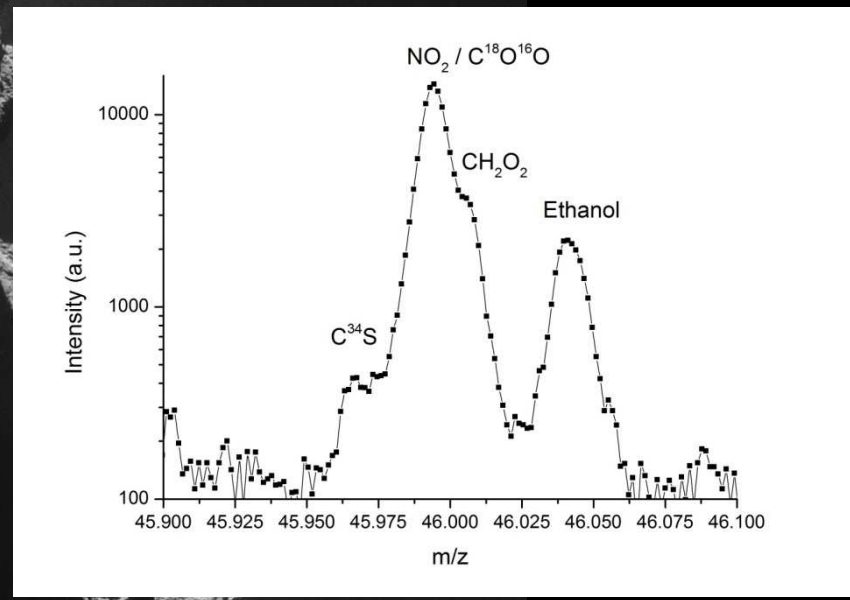
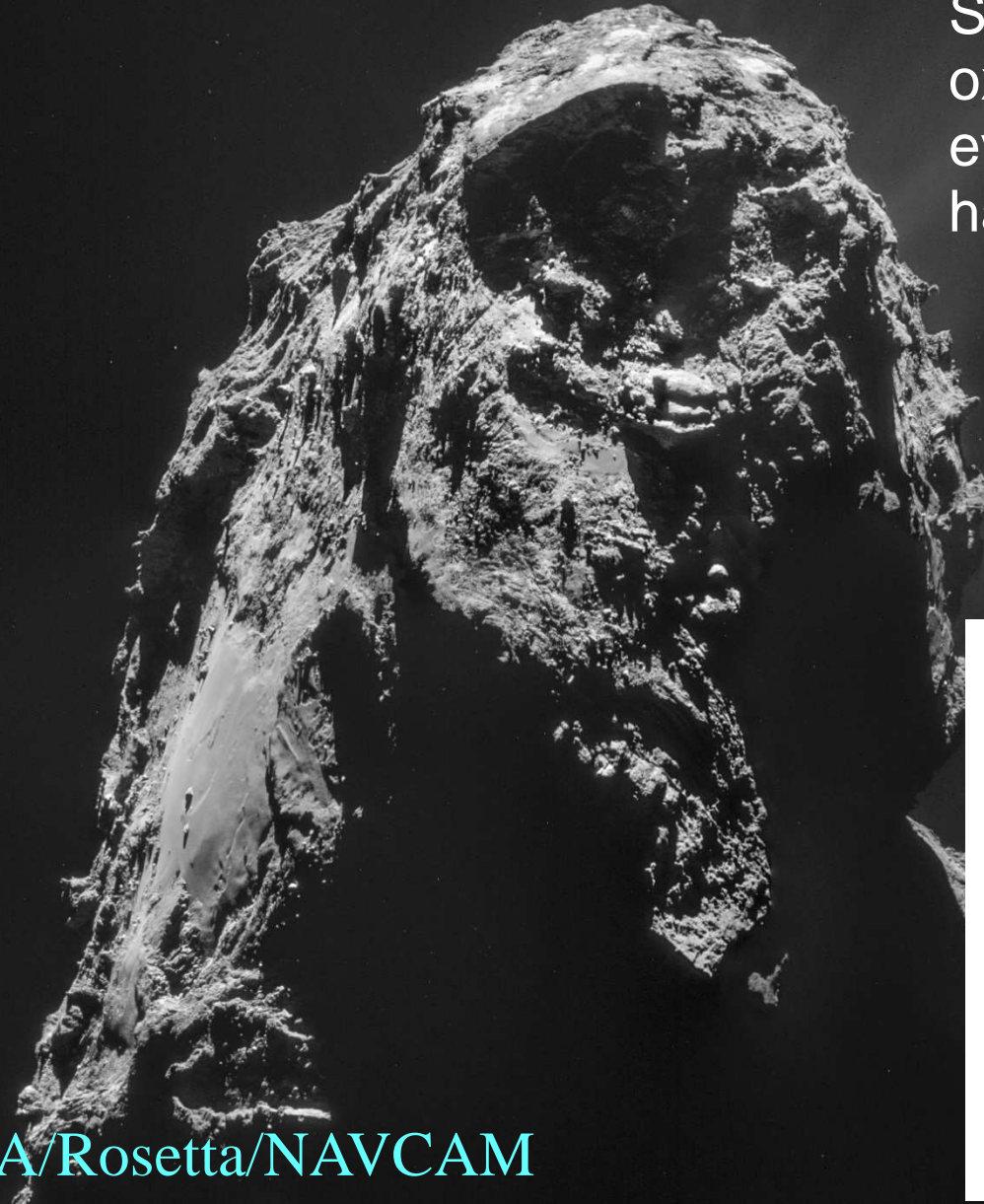
# Benzene



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# Conclusion on habitability

- > The comet stinks due to a lot of Sulfur, but there is molecular oxygen and water and there is even alcohol to drink -> it is habitable!



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