



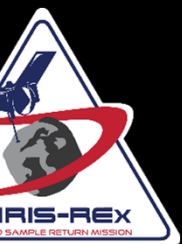
OSIRIS-REx

ASTEROID SAMPLE RETURN MISSION

OSIRIS-REx and Near-Earth Asteroid Bennu – Returning a Sample of the Early Solar System

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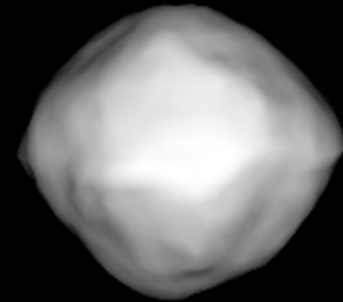
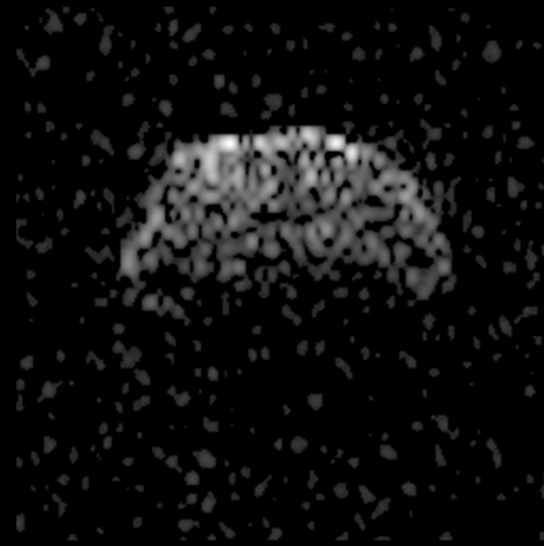
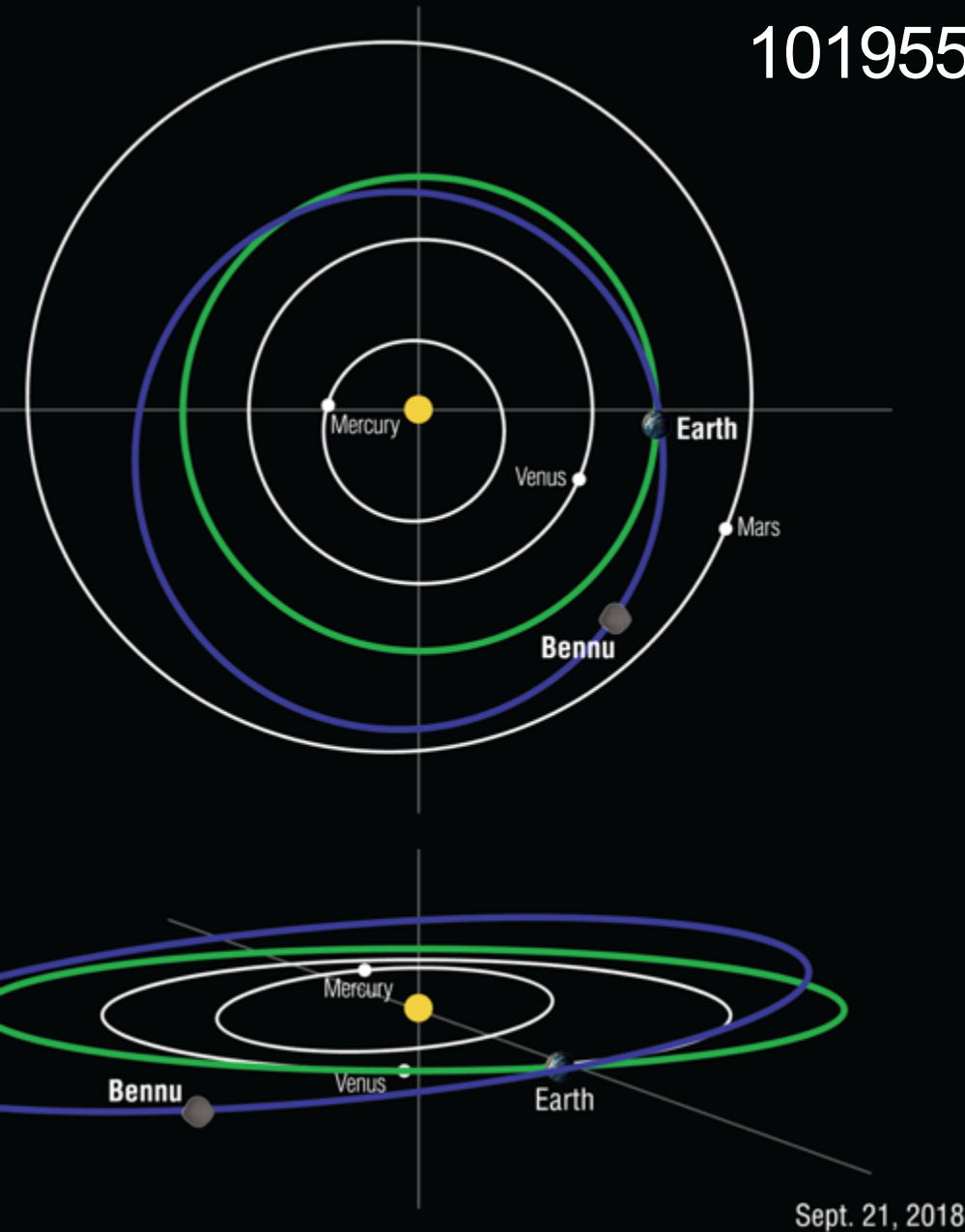


OSIRIS-REx DEFINED



- **Origins**
 - Return and analyze a sample of pristine carbonaceous asteroid regolith
- **Spectral Interpretation**
 - Provide ground truth for telescopic data of the entire asteroid population
- **Resource Identification**
 - Map the chemistry and mineralogy of a primitive carbonaceous asteroid
- **Security**
 - Measure the Yarkovsky effect on a potentially hazardous asteroid
- **Regolith Explorer**
 - Document the regolith at the sampling site at scales down to the sub-cm

101955 BENNU PRE-ENCOUNTER KNOWLEDGE



- **Size** = 492-m (± 20 m, mean diameter)
- **Shape** = spheroidal “spinning top”
- **Rotation state** = 4.3 hr period, $180 \pm 5^\circ$ obliquity
- **Bulk Density** = 1260 ± 60 kg/m³
- **Geometric Albedo** = 4.5 ± 0.5
- **Spectral Type** = B (Carbonaceous chondrite)

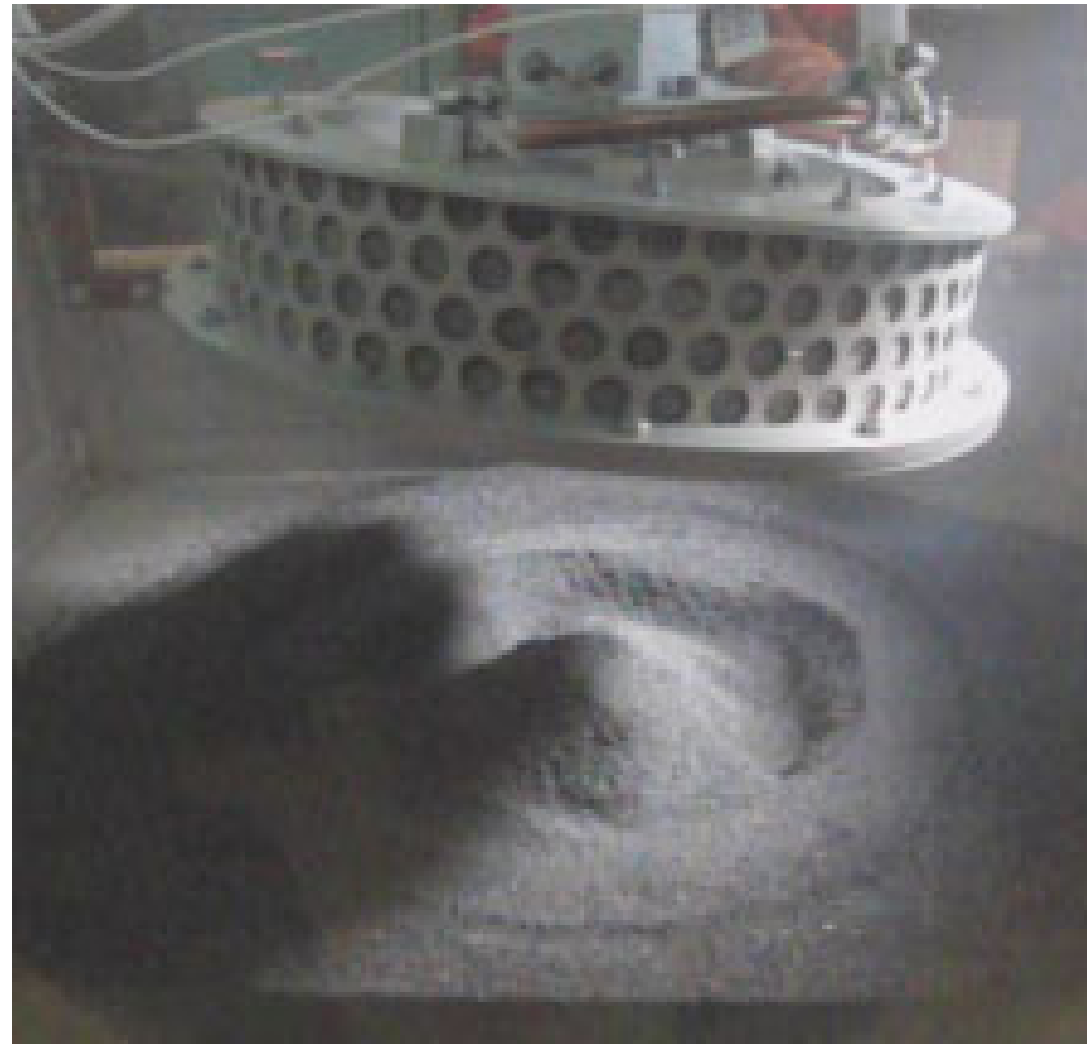


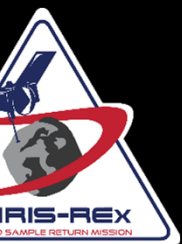
Sample Return is the Primary Objective of the Mission

Key Requirements

Return **≥ 60 g of pristine bulk sample** from Bennu

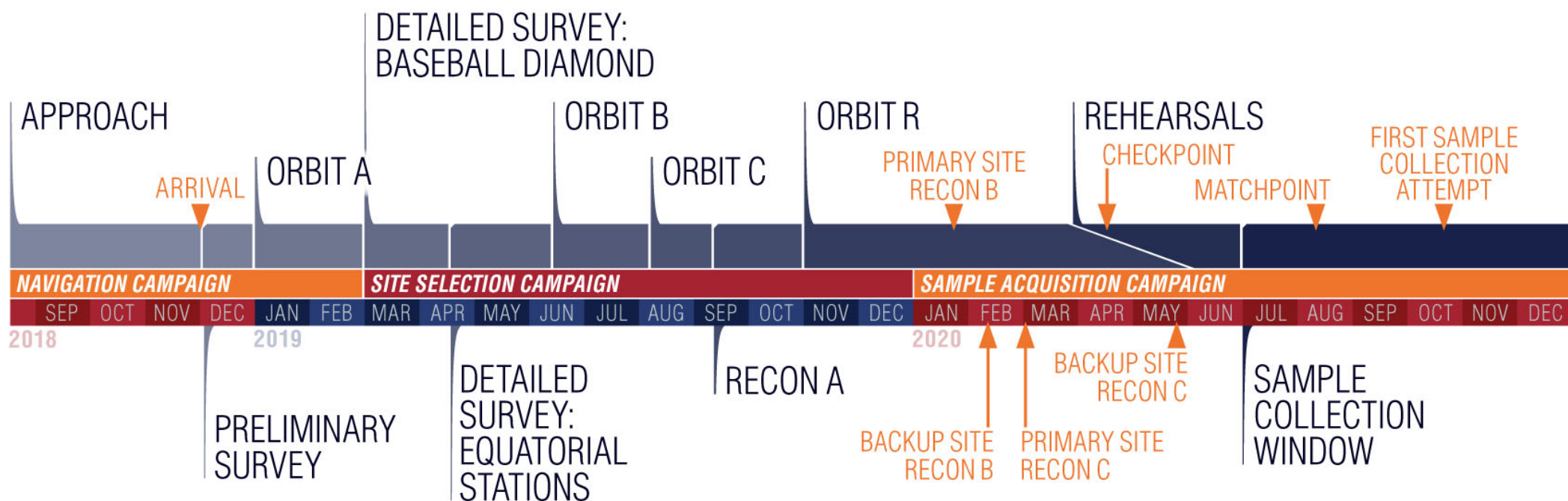
Contact **≥ 26 cm² of surface material** from Bennu and return the TAGSAM contact surface





OSIRIS-REx at Asteroid (101955) Bennu

extensive campaign to characterize Bennu and select sample site culminate in sample acquisition on October 20, 2020





PolyCam Image Mosaics

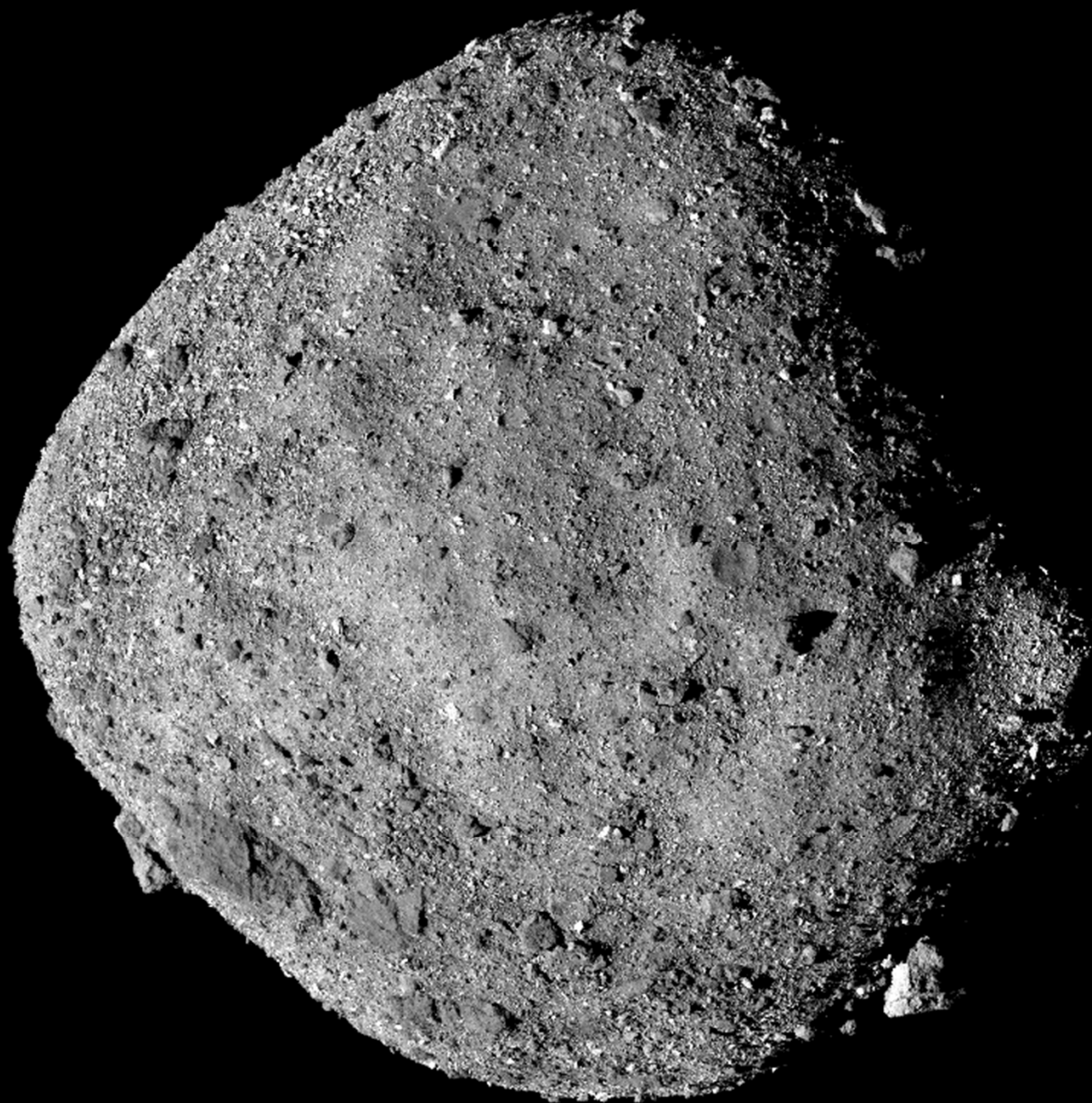
December 2, 2018

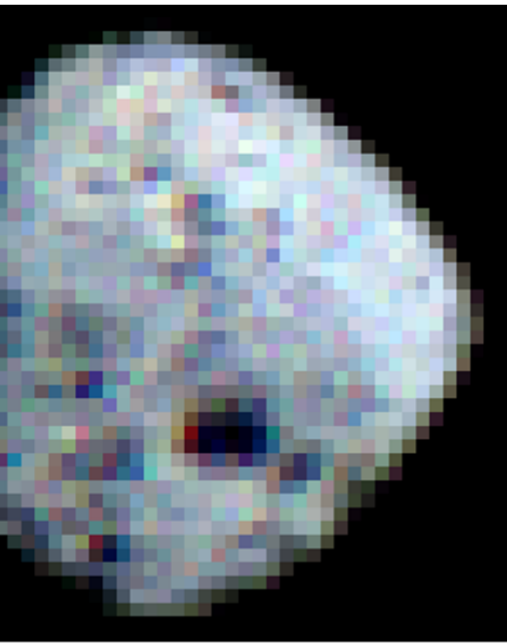
33 centimeters/pixel

4.3 hr rotation period

Phase angle $\sim 48^\circ$

Emphasizes terrain/relief



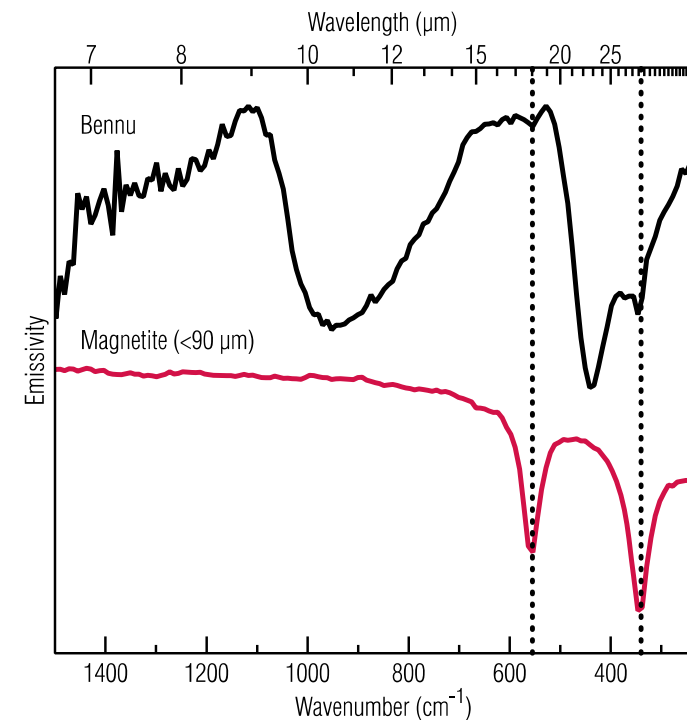
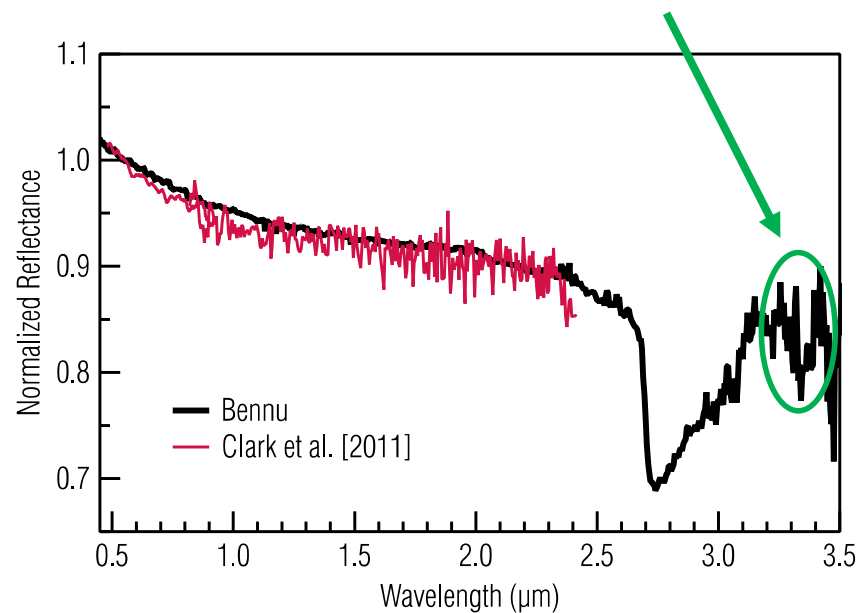
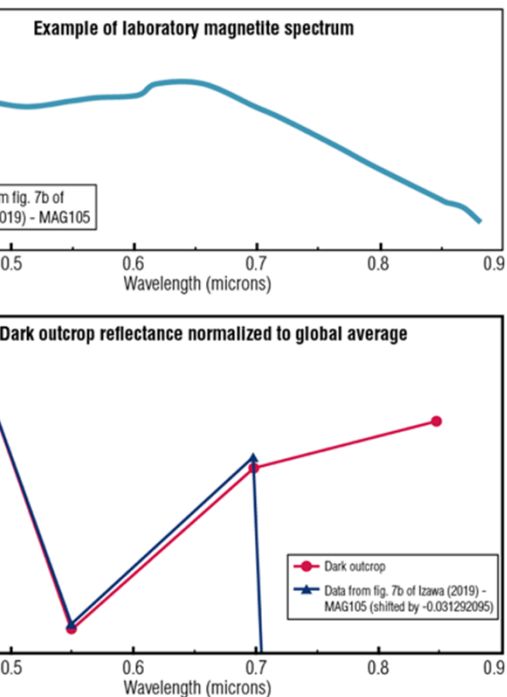


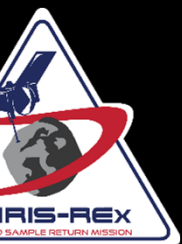
Abundant Hydrated Minerals and Magnetite

- The VIS-NIR spectrum has a blue (negative) slope, confirming the B-type taxonomy. A 2.7- μ m spectral absorption band is present, consistent with the hydrated phyllosilicates
- Thermal emission spectra contain a spectral feature at 23 μ m, also consistent with phyllosilicates and CM1 chondrites
- The darkest material show a spectral absorption at 0.55 μ m, suggestive of magnetite (Fe_3O_4)
- This interpretation is consistent with OTEIS spectra, which show features at 18 μ m and 29 μ m may be due to magnetite

Lauretta et al. 2019a – Nature; Hamilton et al. 2019 - Nature

Organics/Carbonates!





Mass, Shape, and Density – A Rubble Pile with Macroporos

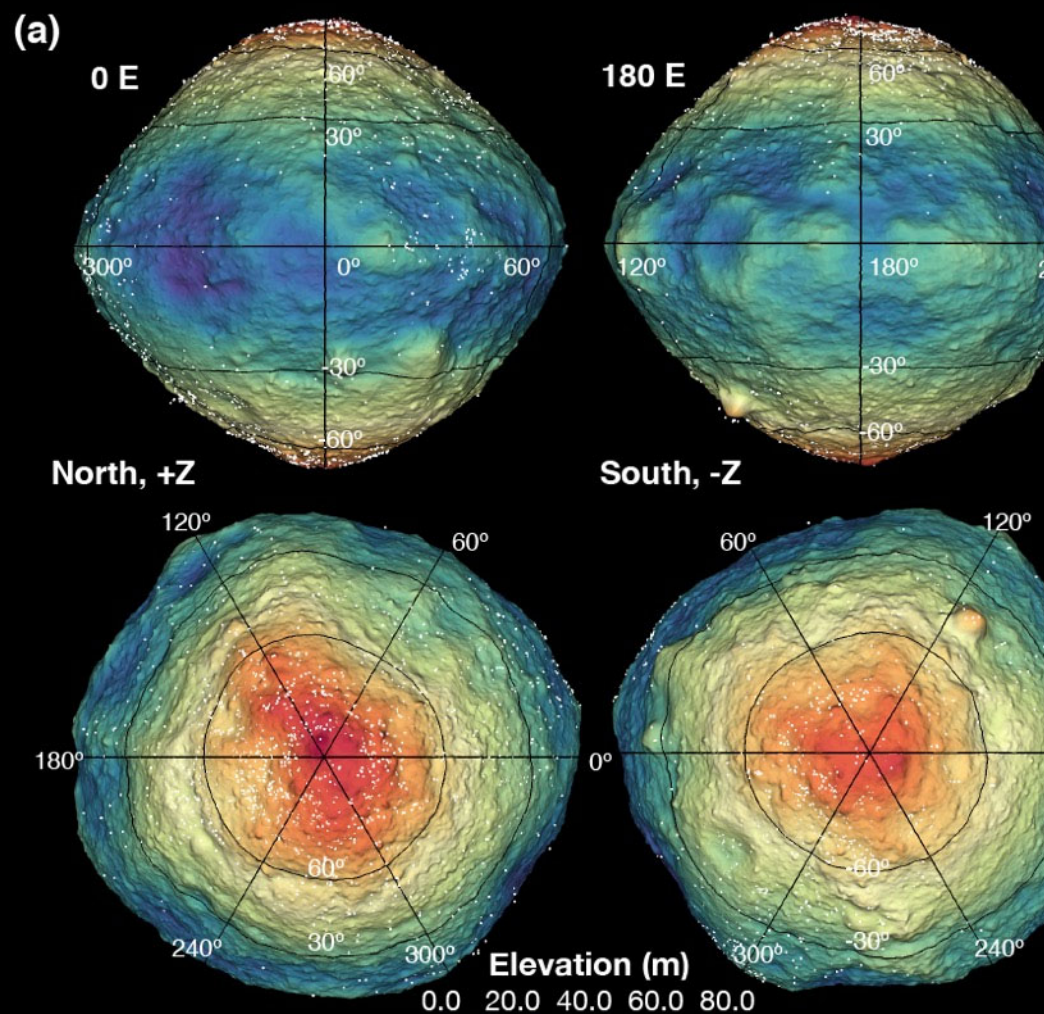
Bennu exhibits the expected spinning-top shape

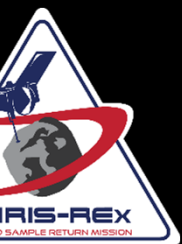
The shape and topography indicate low levels of internal shear strength or cohesion (Barnouin et al. 2019 – Nature Geosciences)

Mass determination from radio science yields a density of $1190 \pm 13 \text{ kg/m}^3$ (Scheeres et al. 2019 – Nature Astronomy)

The low density of Bennu is consistent with a rubble-pile structure containing 10% macroporosity

Assuming a particle density characteristic of the CM chondrites





Low Thermal Inertia \neq Fine Particulate Regolith

Thermal inertia (TI) of asteroid surfaces is often translated into a characteristic particle size using models that assume uniform particulates

Before launch, we acquired disk-integrated and spatially resolved measurements of Bennu's thermal radiance

For Bennu, we predicted a surface dominated by 5- to 5-cm-diameter particles

We confirm a global average TI of $350 \pm 20 \text{ J m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1/2}$

Spatially resolved images of the asteroid's surface show that it is dominated by $>1\text{-m}$ boulders

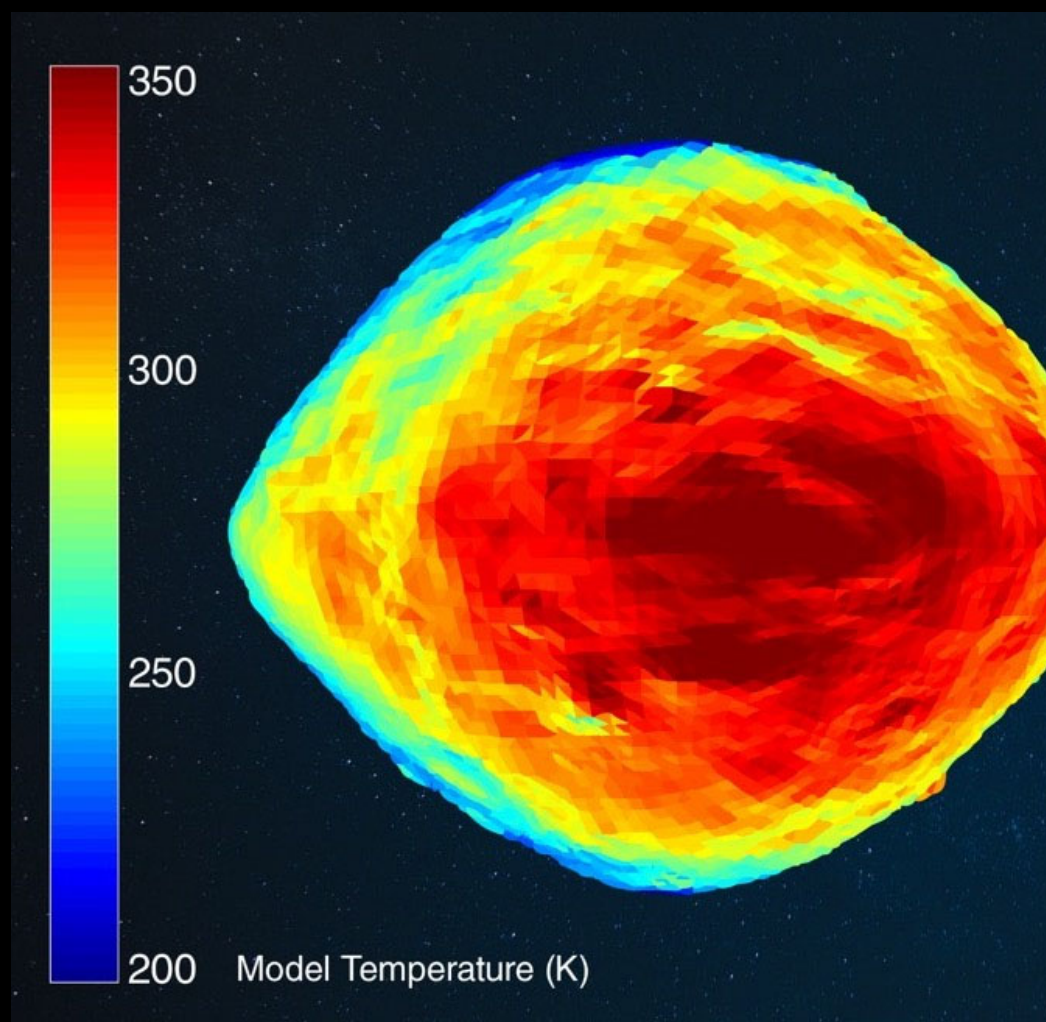
Bennu's TI may result from

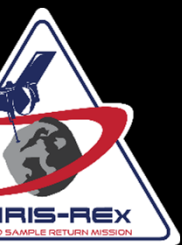
- Low thermal inertia of boulders

- Dust cover on boulders

- Mixture of particulate regolith and boulders

- Combination of these effects





Resolved images of the
asteroid's surface show that it
is dominated by >1 -m boulders
with two distinct reflectance values

Yennu's TI may result from

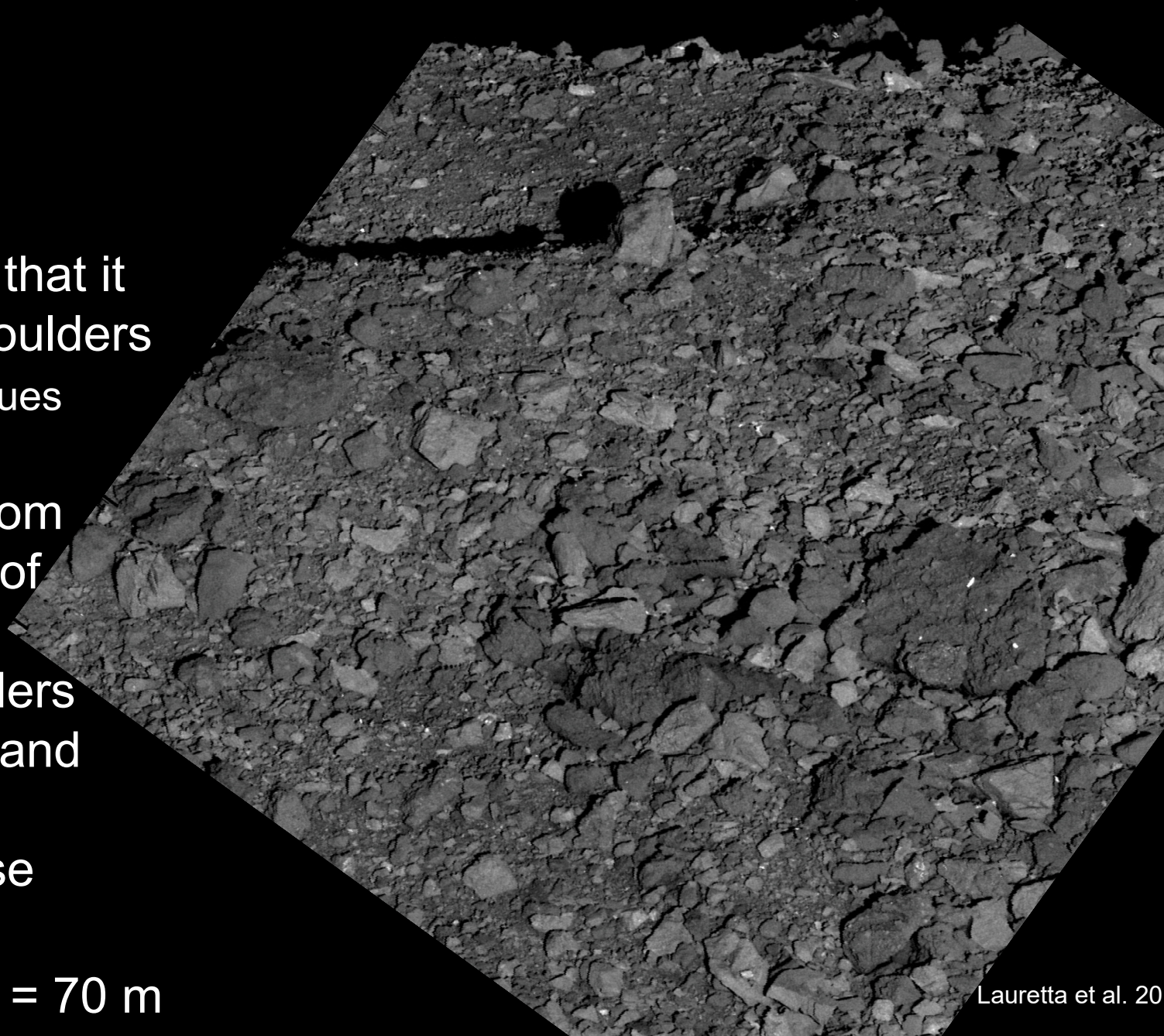
- Low thermal inertia of
boulders

- Dust cover on boulders

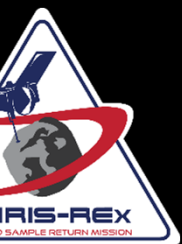
- Mixtures of regolith and
boulders

- Combination of these
effects

FOV = 70 m

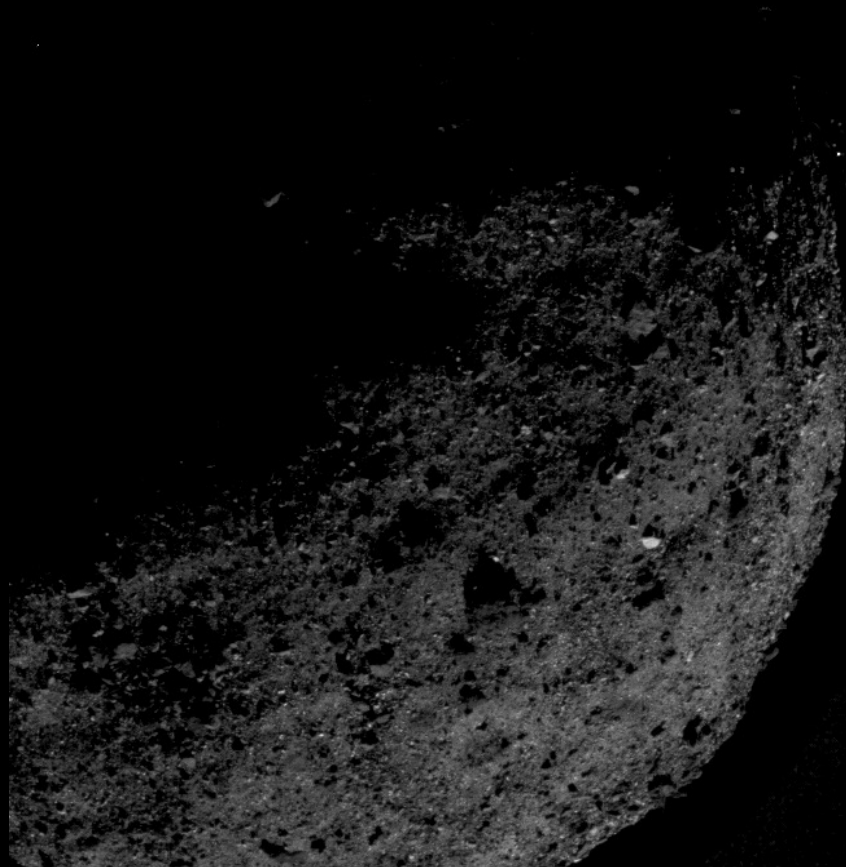


Lauretta et al. 20



The Biggest Surprise – Bennu is an Active Asteroid!

NavCam1 images
(combined long and
short exposures)
January 19, 2019

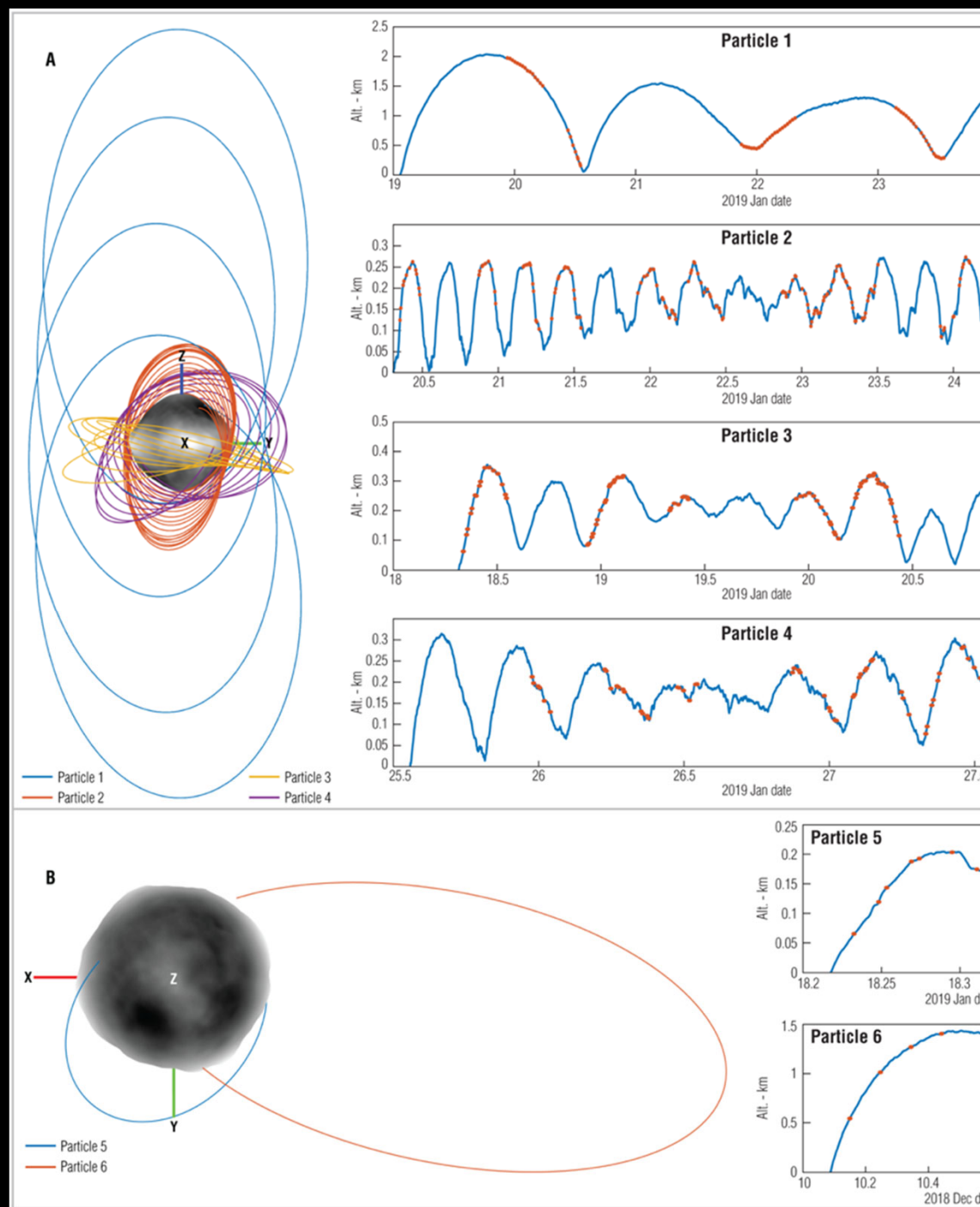


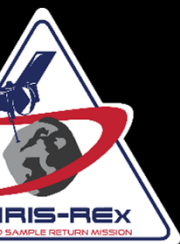
Lauretta et al. 2019b – Science



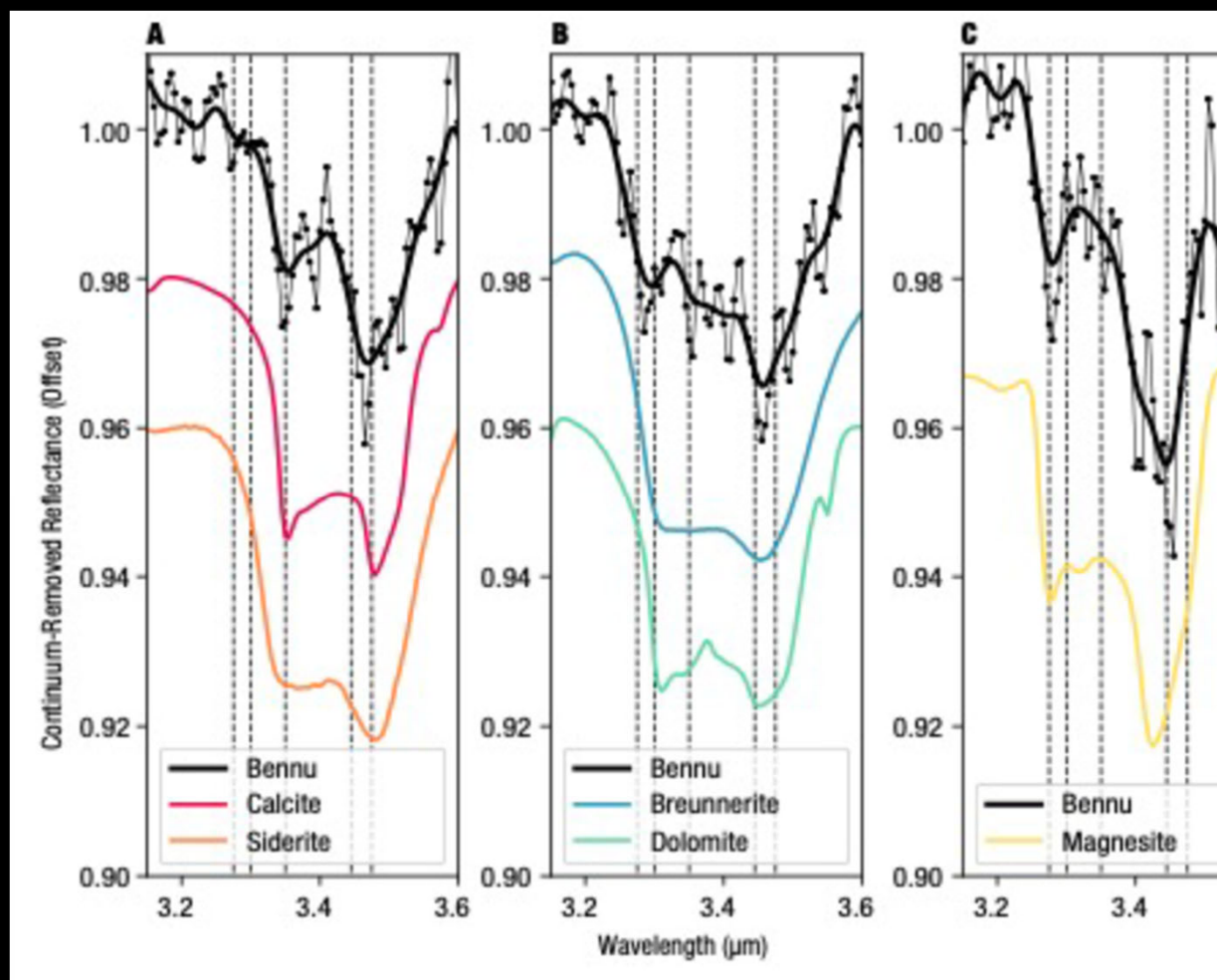
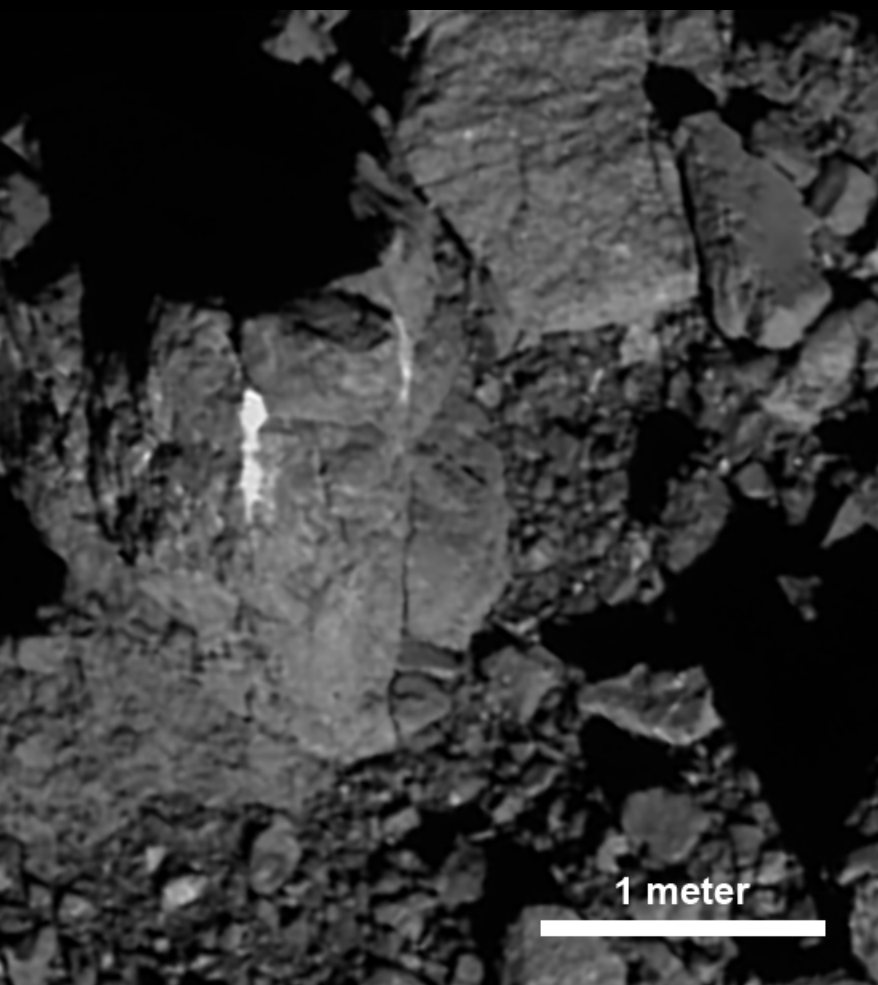
Individual particle detections linked to determine orbital trajectories

Lauretta et al. 2019b – Science





Images of boulders show centimeters-thick, roughly meter-long bright veins suggesting that fluid flow and hydrothermal deposition on Bennu's parent body occurred on km scales for thousands to millions of years.



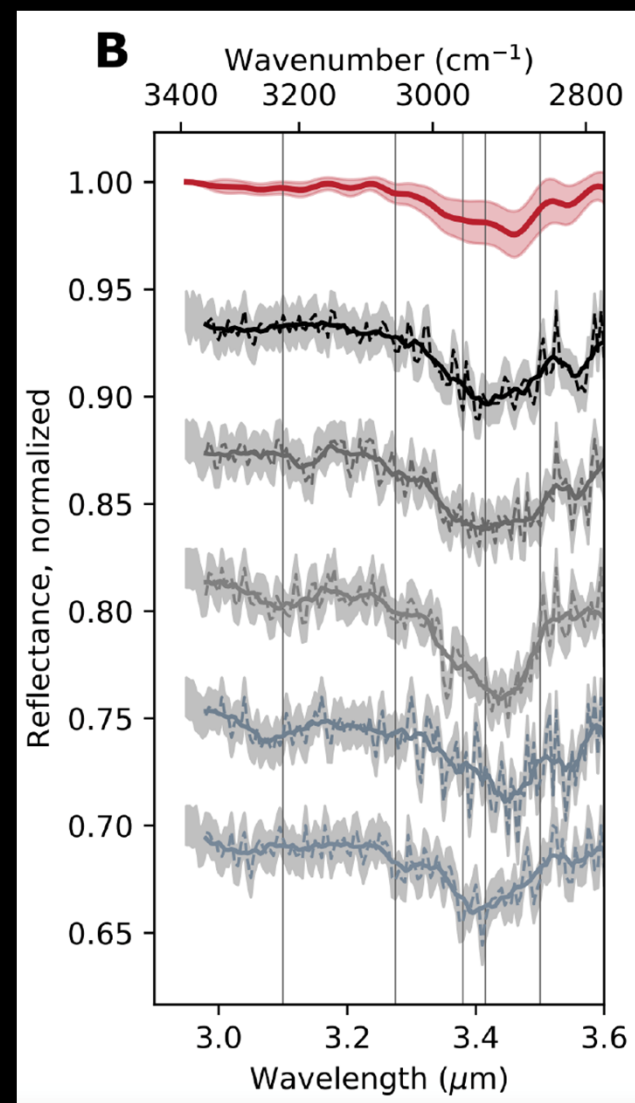


Organics on Bennu

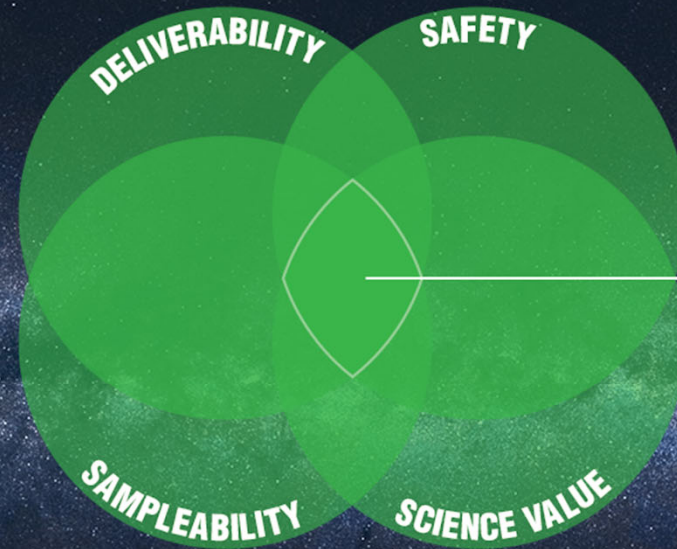
We find spectral evidence of aromatic and aliphatic CH bonds.

The absorptions are broadly consistent in shape and depth with those associated with insoluble organic matter in meteorites.

Given the thermal and space weathering environments on Bennu, it is likely that the organics have not been exposed for long enough to substantially decrease the H/C and destroy all aliphatic molecules.



Site Selection Requirements

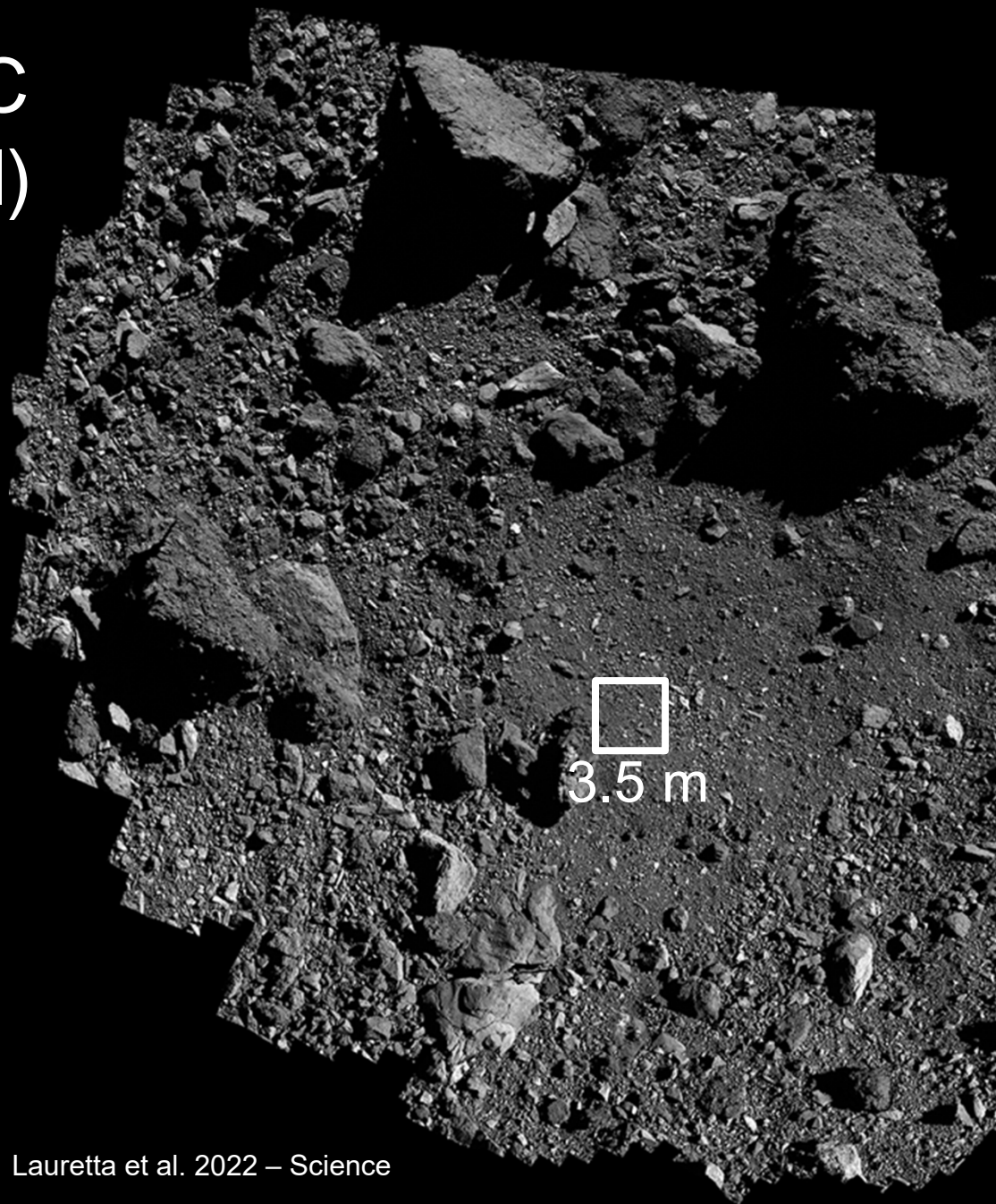


Completed Sample
Site Selection Map

SAMPLE SITE SELECTION



Nightingale – Recon C images (0.35 cm/pixel)



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Contact Location

contacted at 55.8993°, 41.8412°

downward velocity of 10.05 cm/s

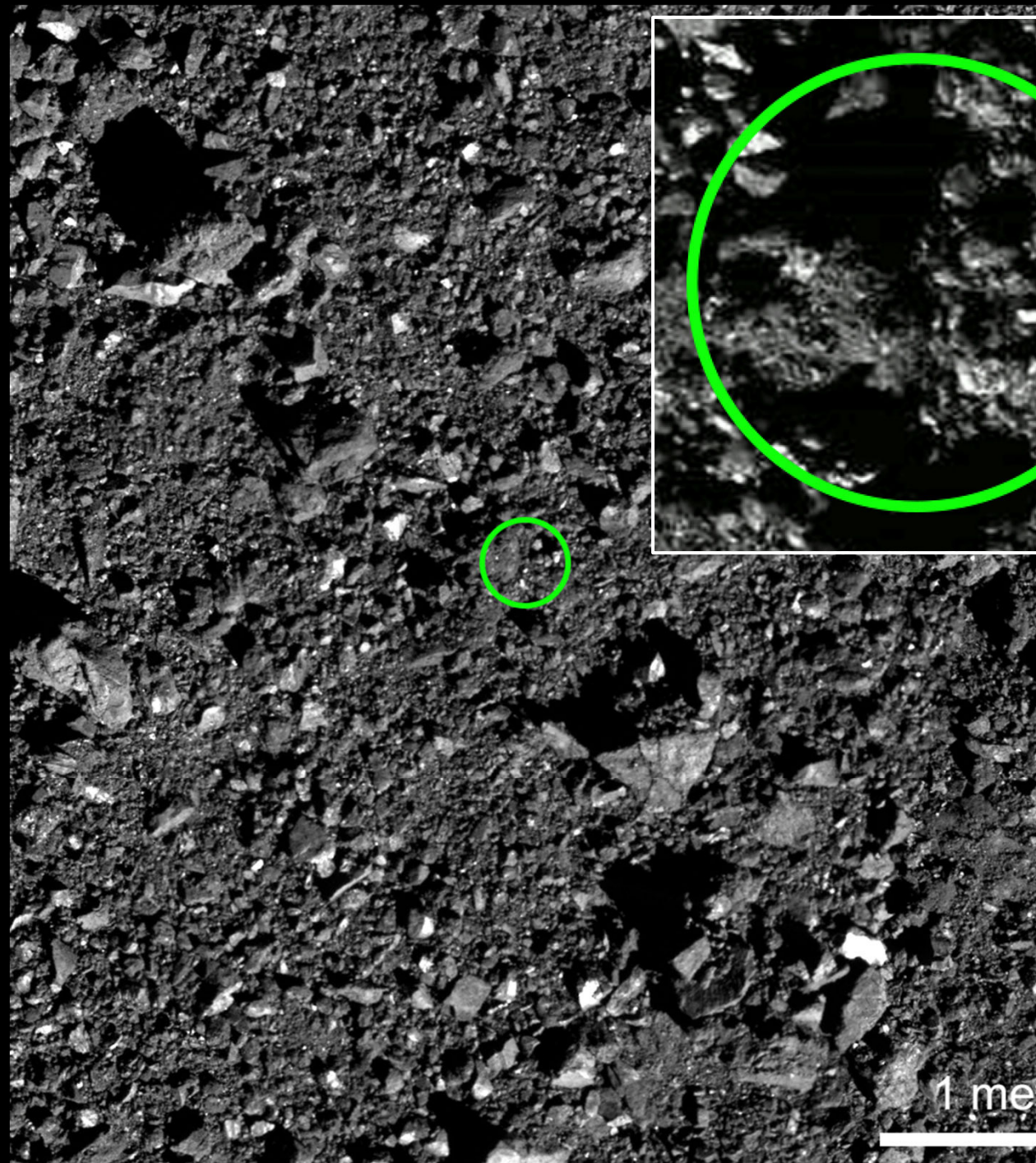
within 73 cm of the targeted location

st-and-pepper appearance indicates
Mars's two primary lithologies might
have been sampled

dark with low thermal inertia
brighter with higher thermal inertia

high abundance of surface particles <2
mm in diameter

Size class ingestible by TAGSAM



Contact Dynamics

Camera and IMU data indicate an initial surface contact force of between 10 and 15 N

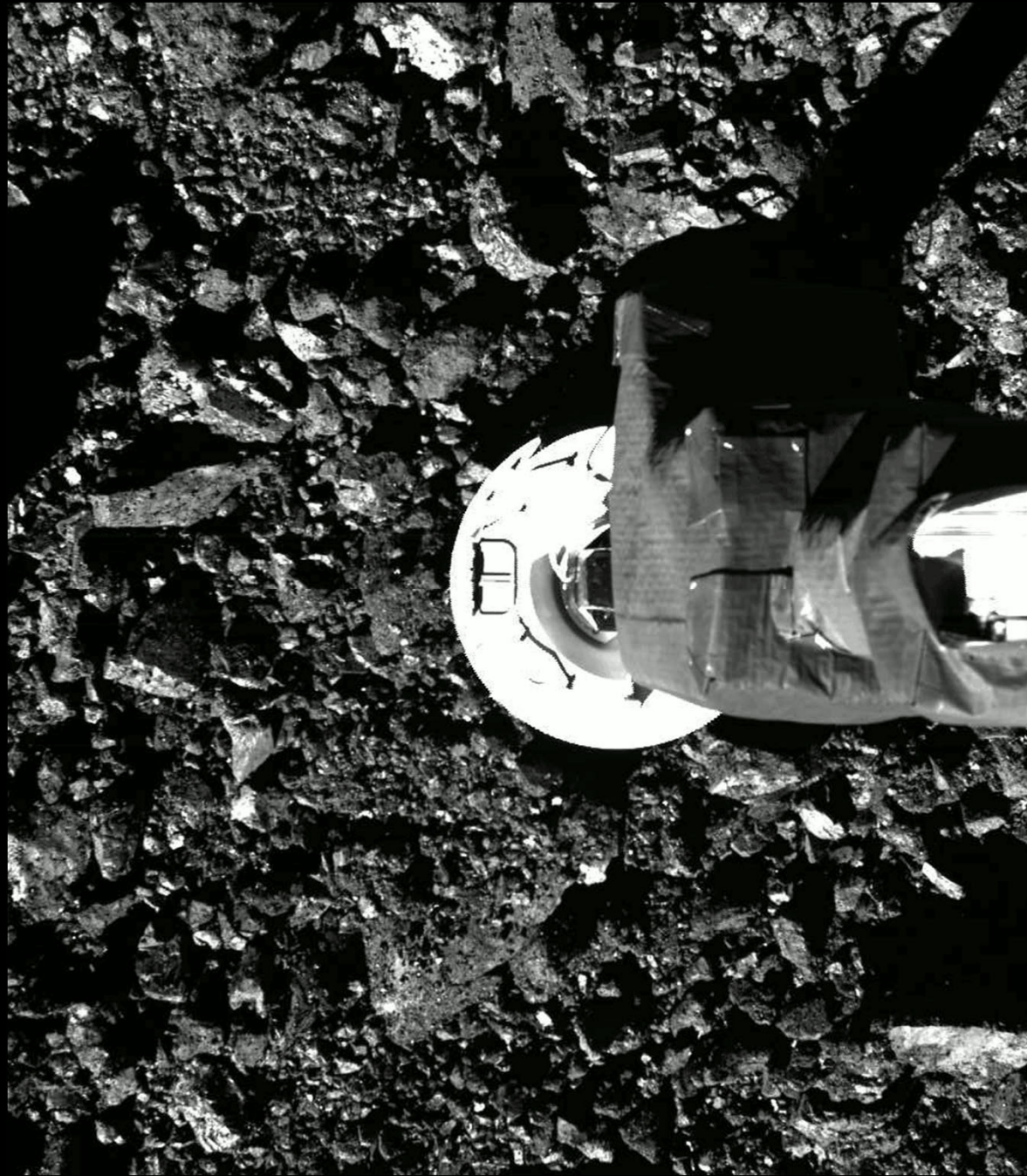
Evidence of surface disturbance in all directions around TAGSAM

TAGSAM partially disrupted a ~20-cm-long boulder near the eastern edge of contact point

Another boulder, 40 cm long responded like a rigid plate, tilting up and launching small particles

Supports the conclusion that Bennu's boulders have a range of strengths

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Gas Firing

the second after contact, TAGSAM released a jet of nitrogen gas to fluidize consolidated surface material and send it into the collection chamber.

About 6 s after contact, the spacecraft attained a downward velocity of ~ 4 m/s.

The velocity change of 6 cm/s is attributable to TAGSAM gas release.

The spacecraft then fired eight of its 400-N thrusters, initiating the back-away maneuver.



Backaway

seconds of thruster firing arrested
residual downward velocity

GSAM penetrated 48.8 cm

thrusters fired for a total of 25.7 s

GSAM rose above the original
surface height 16.6 s after contact

high-opacity debris plume with vertical
and lateral velocity relative to surface

crater morphology due to a combination of
GSAM gas and thruster pressure



Final Flyby

turned to Bennu on 7 April 2021 for
final flyby at 3.7 km to characterize
newly exposed subsurface

removed the edge of a pre-existing
apron at the base of the Hokioi
ter wall and replaced it with a small
ter (centered at 55.997° , 44.971°)
n several boulders at its bottom

rounded by decimeter-scale rocks
nsported by the sampling event into
arc

.25-m boulder, which was directly
der one set of thrusters, was
nsported 12 m





TAG Crater

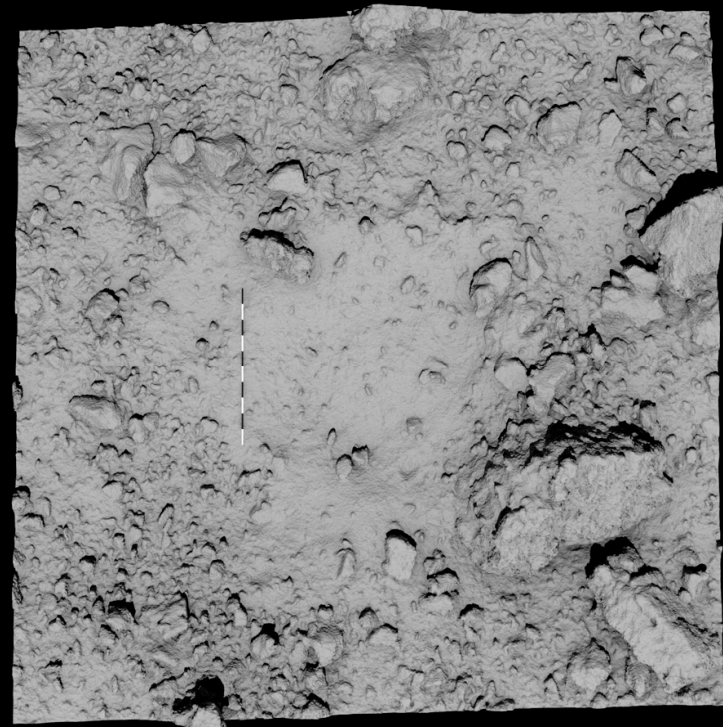
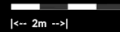
applied stereophotoclinometry to
construct a 5-cm GSD DTM

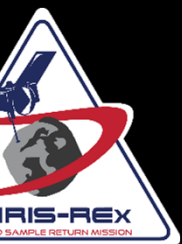
excavated crater is elliptical ($9.0 \times$
m), with its long-axis oriented
north to south

average lateral dimension is $7.8 \pm$
m, and its depth is 0.68 ± 0.1 m

displaced volume is 12.2 ± 0.9 m³

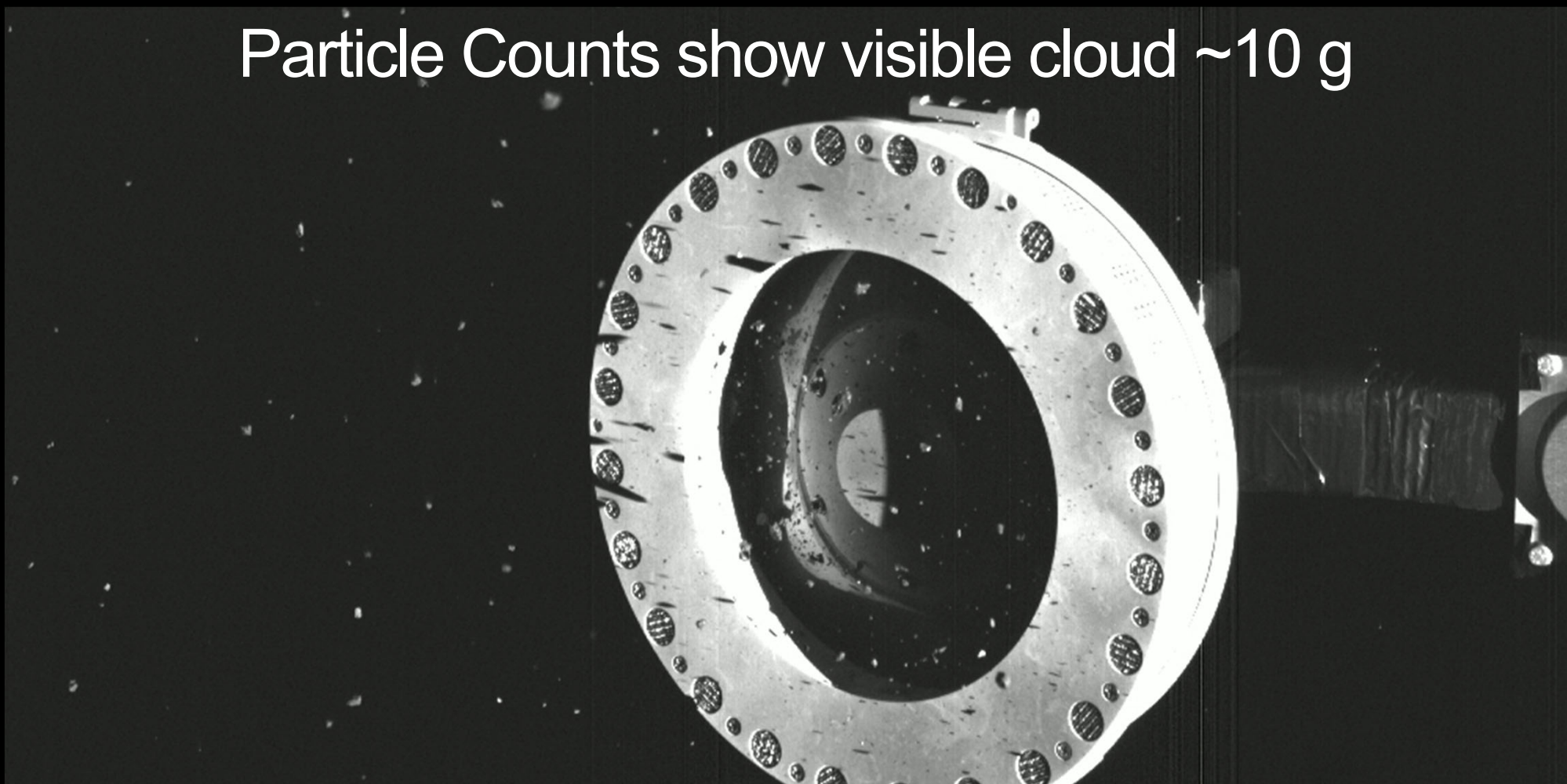
applied crater scaling
relationships and energy of the gas
release to assess physical properties
Bulk density of 500 to 700 kg/m³
Nearly cohesionless (<0.001 Pa)
granular material





Contingency identified – mass loss during TAGSAM imaging

Particle Counts show visible cloud ~10 g



Sample Stowed

Size range from sub-micron to 3 cm

Expected Mineralogy, :

- Hydrated silicates

- Organic compounds

- Carbonates

- Magnetite

- Sulfides (not spectrally active – but inferred from analog meteorites)

The sample will contain multiple
geologies

- Similar to type-1 CI and CM chondrites

- Non-chondritic and igneous in nature, like HED meteorites

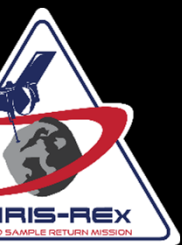
- Some with properties distinct from known meteorites

- Monomineralic cm-scale carbonates

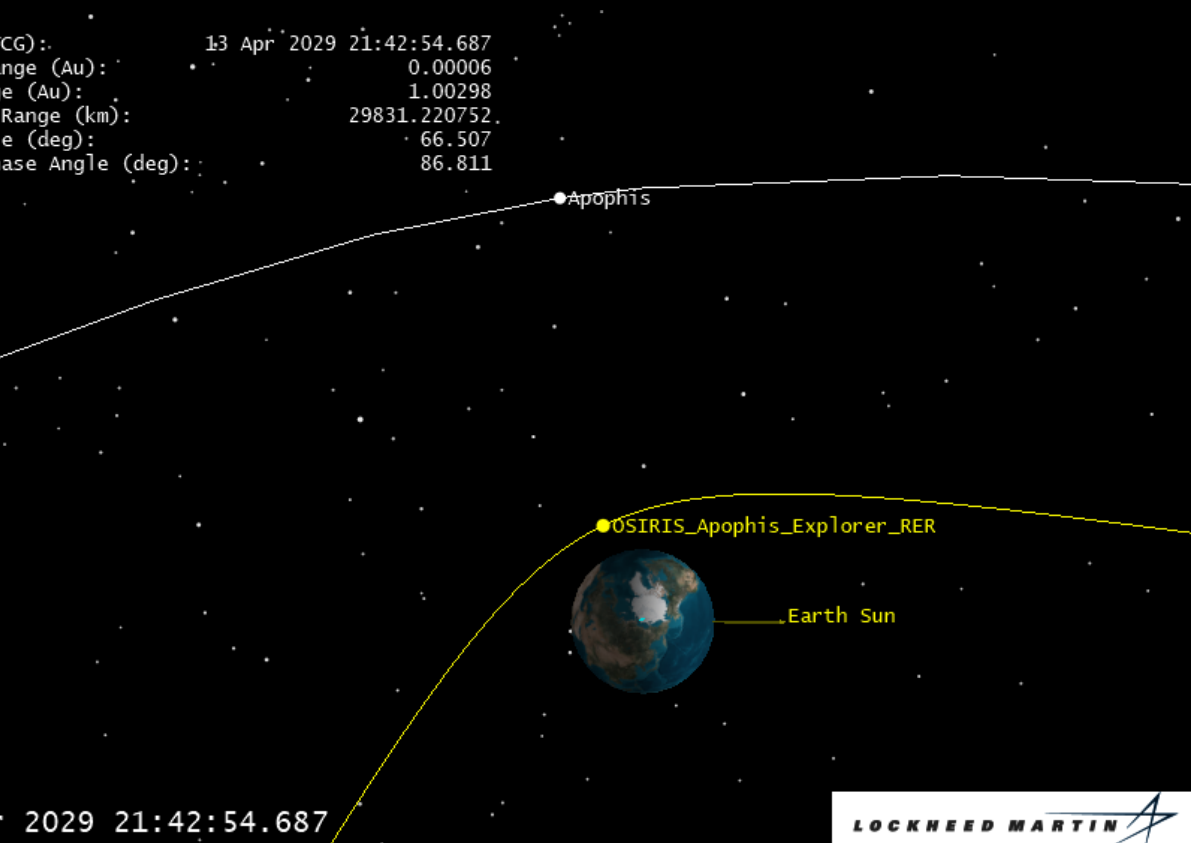
- Ejected cm-scale platy particles







Extended Mission – Apophis Explorer (OSIRIS-APEX)



- EGA concurrent with Apophis close approach on April 13, 2029
- Acquisition with PolyCam April 2029, prior to Apophis close approach
- Daily science and OpNav observations of Apophis until arrival later in April
- Global and regional characterization from orbit and hyperbolic flybys
- Focus on personnel development and early career opportunities

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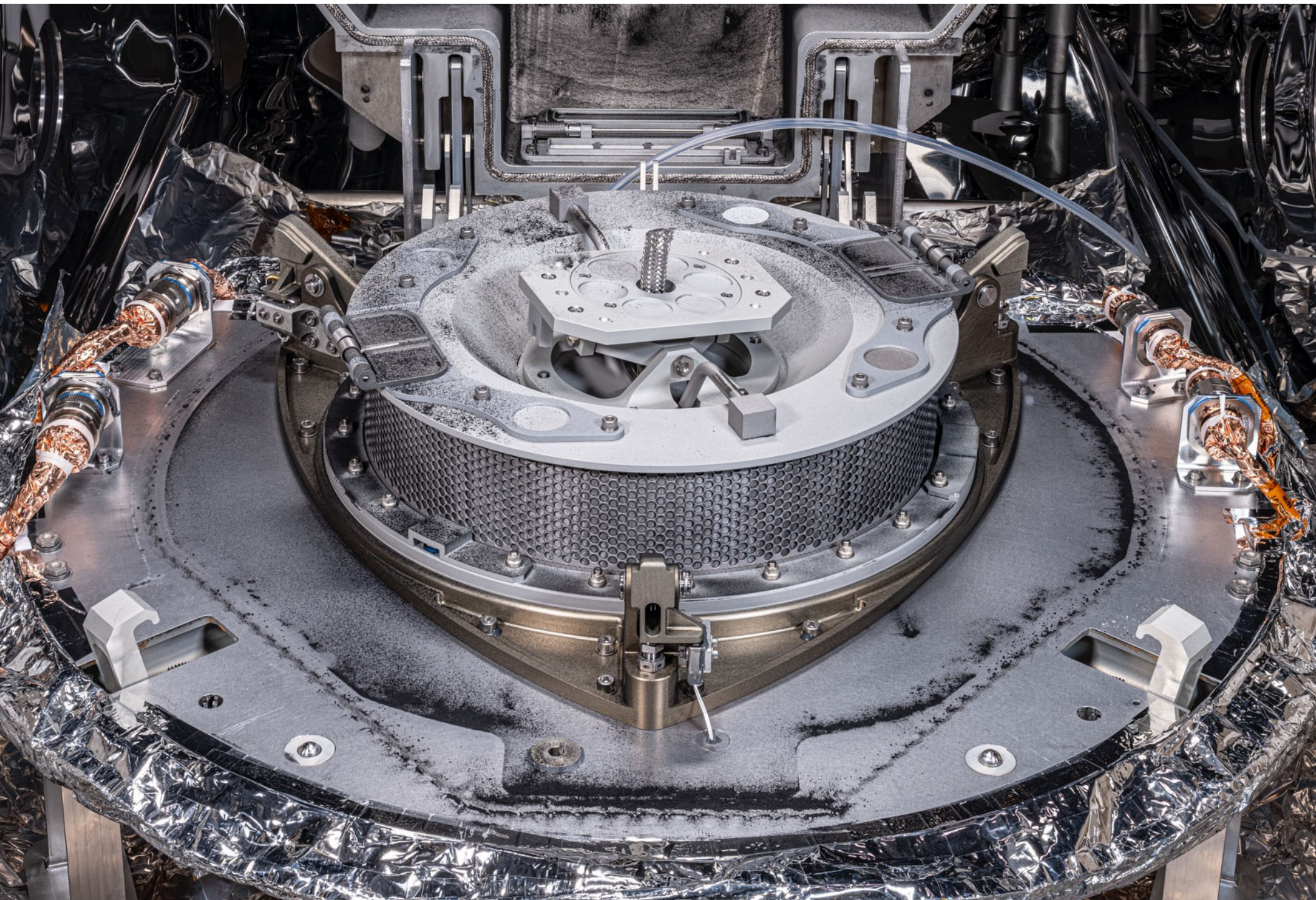








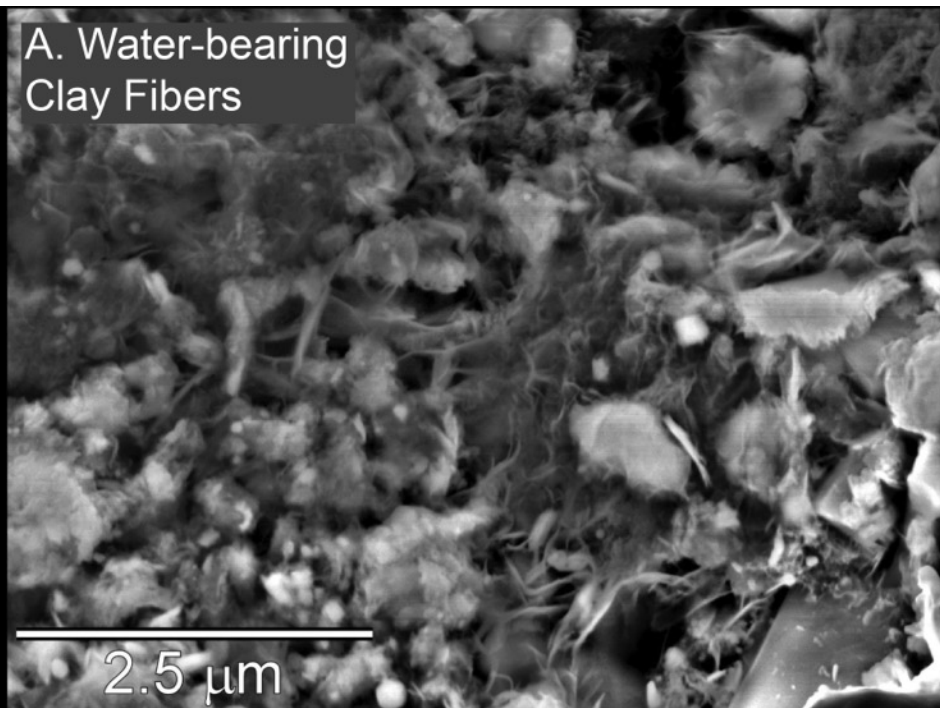




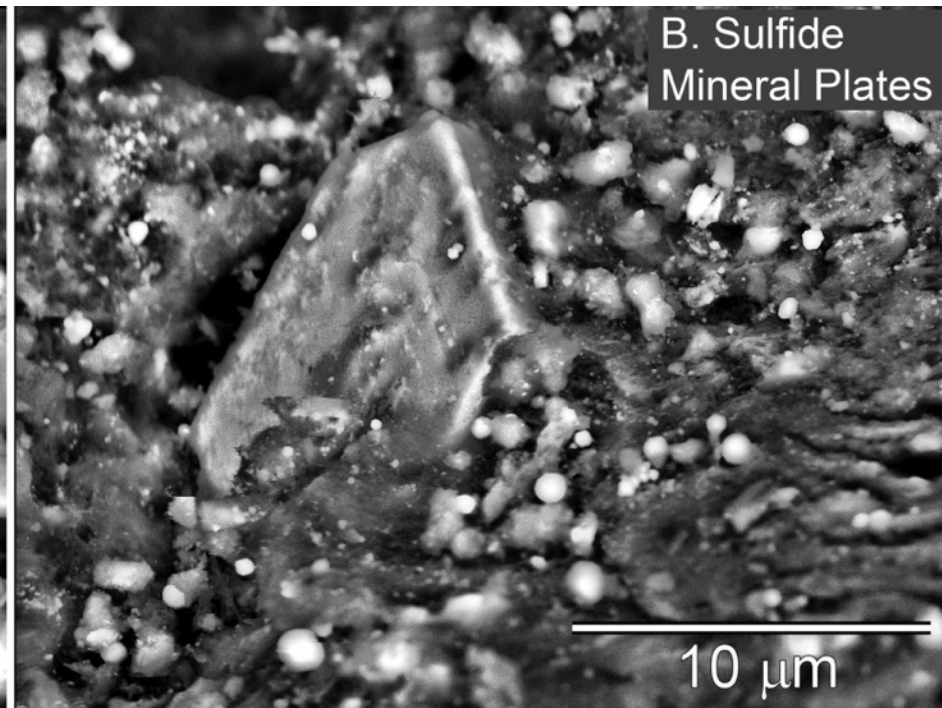




A. Water-bearing
Clay Fibers



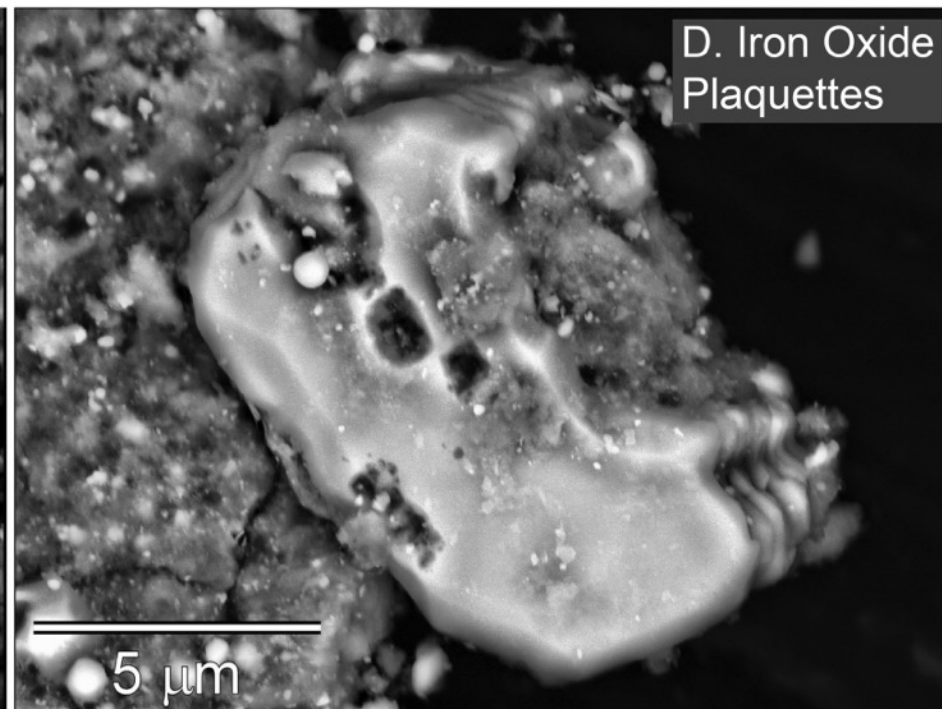
B. Sulfide
Mineral Plates

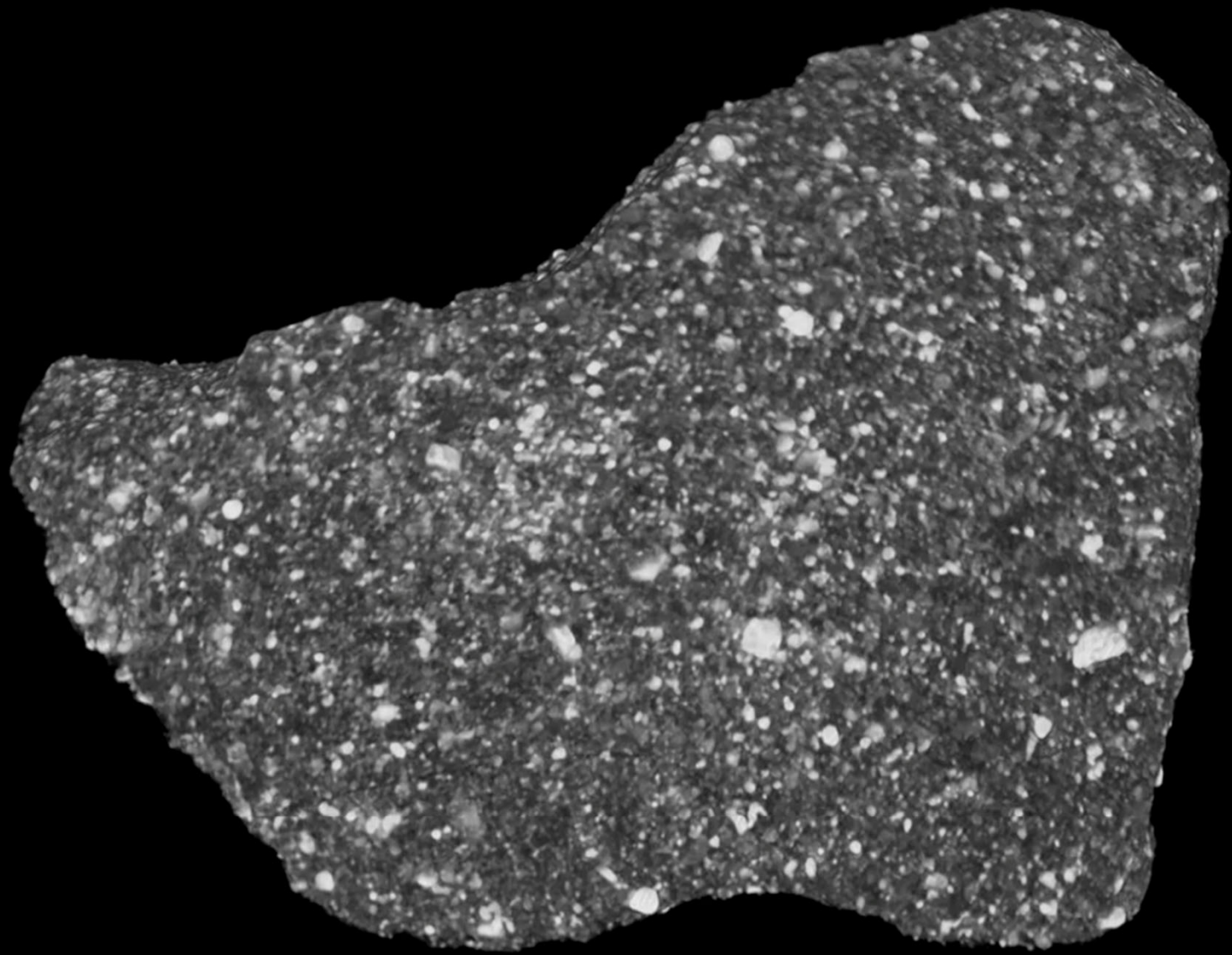


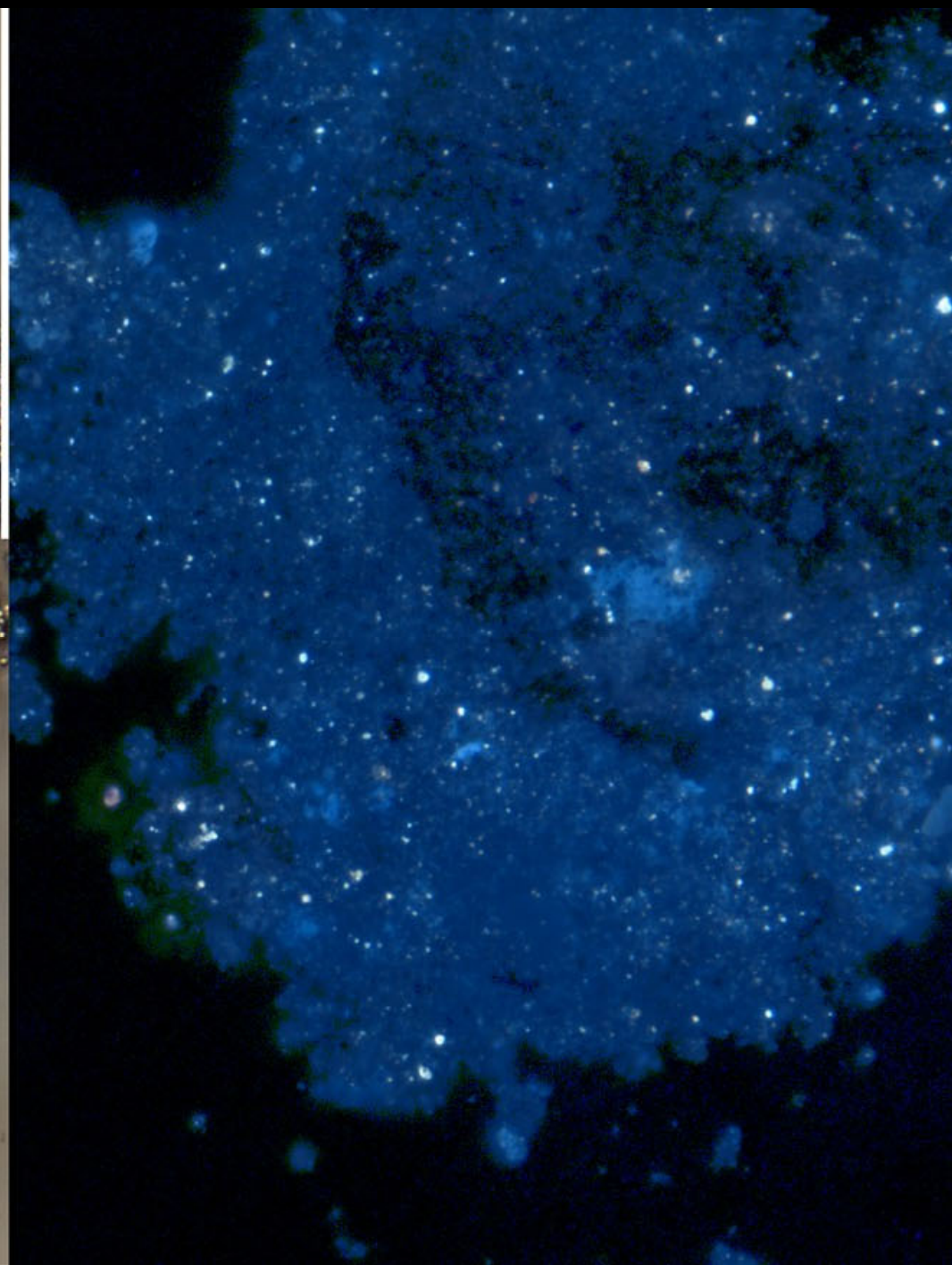
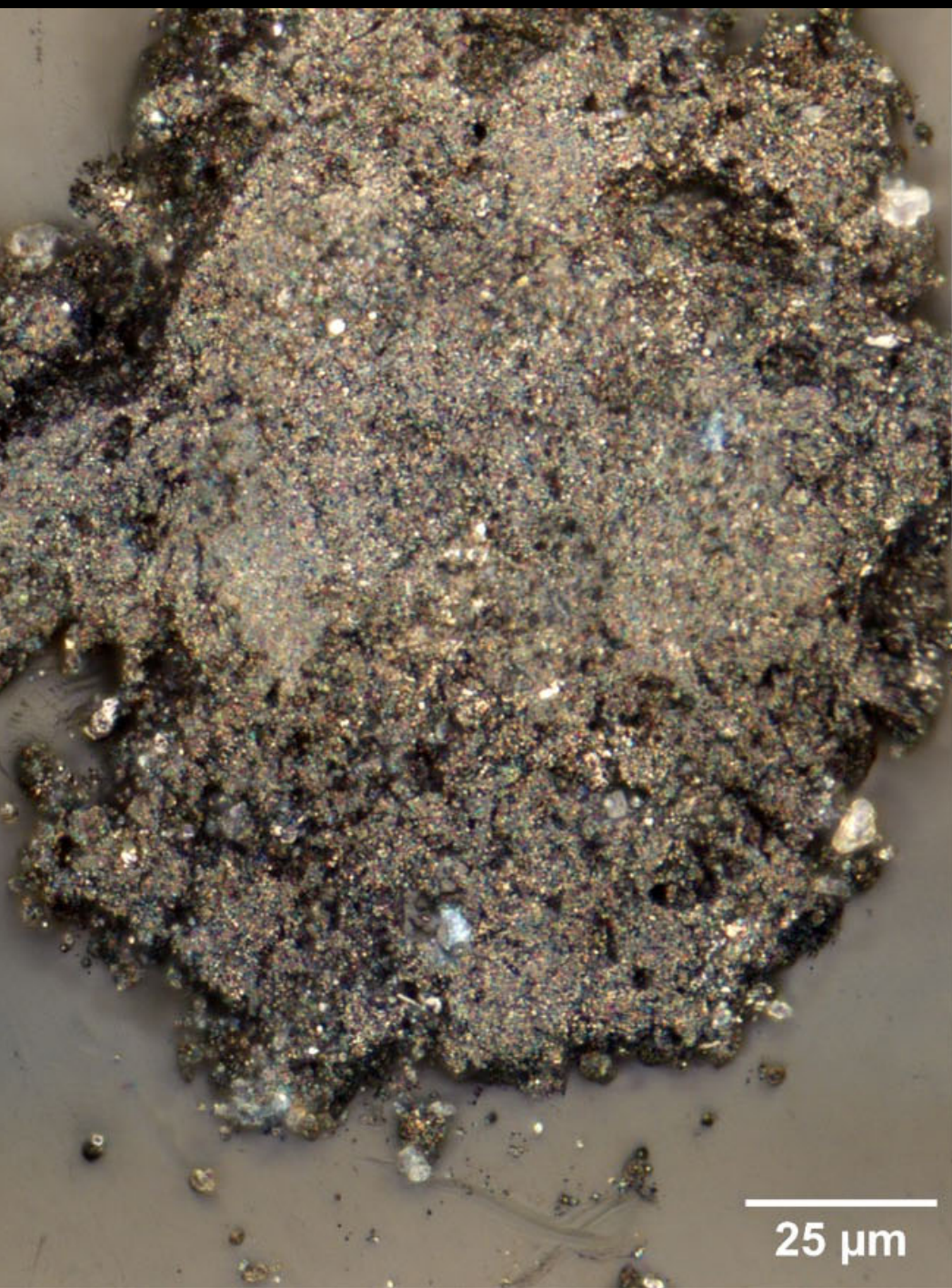
C. Iron Oxide
Framboids



D. Iron Oxide
Plaquettes









Risk Areas – What Keeps the PI Up-At-Night?

Risk Area	Mitigations
Unique Aspects of a Sample Return Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Established World Class Navigation Team• Developed detailed Design Reference Mission which guides the execution of careful & methodical asteroid operations and sample collection• Earth-return enveloped by Stardust Capsule and Entry
Preventing Mission Requirements Creep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detailed Phase A study completed• Well understood and stable requirements• Thorough cost estimate developed and independently validated• Incorporating lessons learned into baseline plan• Established PI Support Office• Established detailed SOW's for Science Team• PI & Management team are committed to deliver
Long-Term Continuity of Expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organization is optimized for success• Partner organizations are assigned responsibilities aligned with corporate strengths• Development of a multi-generational team• Phase A team provides continuity into Phase B



OSIRIS-REx Overall Costing Strategy

Demonstrate Robust & Credible Cost Plan

Clear understanding of the scope of work

Work Breakdown Structure

Methods & Rationale used for cost estimates

- Basis of Estimates
- List of quotes received
- List and description of analogs
 - Quantify cost savings from heritage
- Model assumptions & results

Clear link to the project schedule

- Identify interdependence
- Identify margins

Clearly identify Cost Risks & Mitigations

Adequate reserves

- Identify areas not adequate and associated risk

		CSR - April 2011	Departure - March 2021	
WBS #	Title	Total	Total	Delta
1	PM	\$ 35,353,804	\$ 46,097,900	\$ 10,744,096
2	PSE	\$ 17,933,242	\$ 29,242,700	\$ 11,309,458
3	SMA	\$ 11,764,035	\$ 10,469,927	\$ (1,294,108)
4	Science	\$ 65,022,833	\$ 106,298,021	\$ 41,275,188
5	Payload	\$ 67,362,595	\$ 85,181,126	\$ 17,818,531
6	Spacecraft	\$ 252,458,896	\$ 307,541,000	\$ 55,082,104
7.3	MSA	\$ 31,971,823	\$ 72,082,800	\$ 40,110,977
7.4	SPOC	\$ 34,753,662	\$ 25,164,100	\$ (9,589,562)
7.5	FDS	\$ 12,323,972	\$ 32,553,400	\$ 20,229,428
7.6	EDL/Recovery	\$ 8,041,249	\$ 8,569,100	\$ 527,851
7.7	DSN	\$ 19,882,728	\$ 5,014,400	\$ (14,868,328)
7.8	Curation	\$ 8,988,014	\$ 10,184,000	\$ 1,195,986
9.3	MSA-Ops	\$ 9,327,464	\$ 10,072,000	\$ 744,536
9.4	SPOC-Ops	\$ 25,860,567	\$ 25,243,000	\$ (617,567)
9.5	FDS-Ops	\$ 5,875,339	\$ 16,827,900	\$ 10,952,561
9.6	EDL/Recovery	\$ 1,982,868	\$ 1,169,000	\$ (813,868)
9.7	DSN-Ops	\$ 2,471,508	\$ 1,839,300	\$ (632,208)
9.8	Curation	\$ 142,064	\$ 893,900	\$ 751,836
10	ATLO	\$ 25,581,950	\$ 25,745,400	\$ 163,450
11	EPO	\$ 10,519,409	\$ 743,000	\$ (9,776,409)
Total		\$ 647,618,022	\$ 820,931,974	\$ 173,313,952
1.9	Reserves	\$ 163,601,770	\$ 7,863,000	\$ (155,738,770)
HQ	UFE	\$ 70,000,000	\$ 52,424,818	\$ (17,575,182)
Total		\$ 811,219,792	\$ 828,794,974	\$ 17,575,182