

Cruise phase

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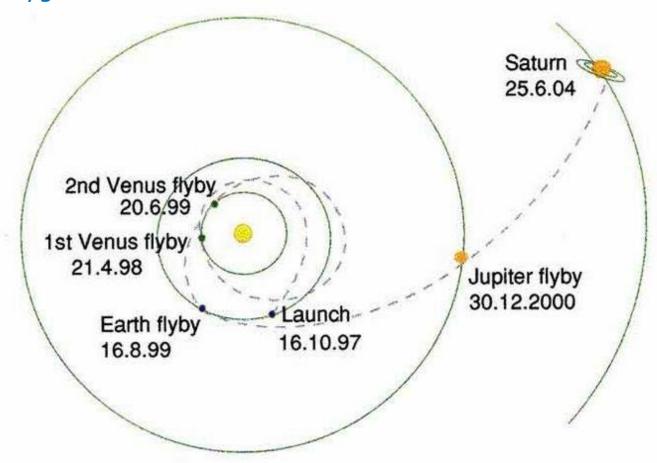




What is a cruise phase?



Example of Cassini-Huygens



Examples of cruise phase



- Cassini-Huygens: 1997-2004 (7 years)
- Mars Express: 2003 (6 months)
- Smart 1 to the Moon: 2003-2004 (16 months) electric propulsion
- Rosetta: 2004-2014 (10 years)
- Venus Express: 2005-2006 (5 months)
- ExoMars orbiter: 2016 (7 months)
- Bepi-Colombo: 2018-2025 (7 years)
- ExoMars rover: 2020-2021 (8 months)
- JUICE: 2022-2029 (7 years)
- NASA Europa Clipper 2022-2025 (3 years to be confirmed)

Cruise phase activities:

Do we quietly wait for the arrival???



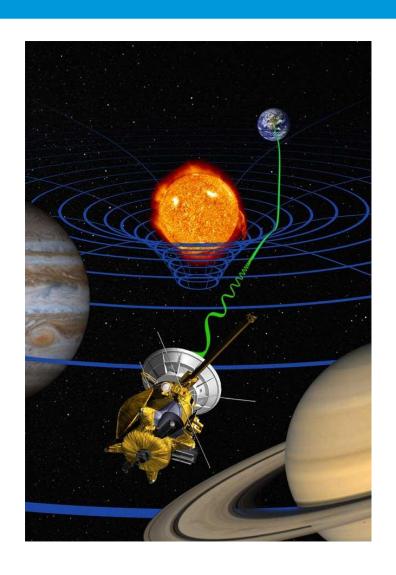
- Learn how to use the spacecraft
- Navigation activities
- Monitoring of the subsystems, inflight tests, instrument check-outs, calibration activities
- (limited) scientific measurements: flybys, gravity experiments, etc...



- Preparation of the nominal scientific mission (science planning, archive etc...)
- Build the team spirit....

An example of great science

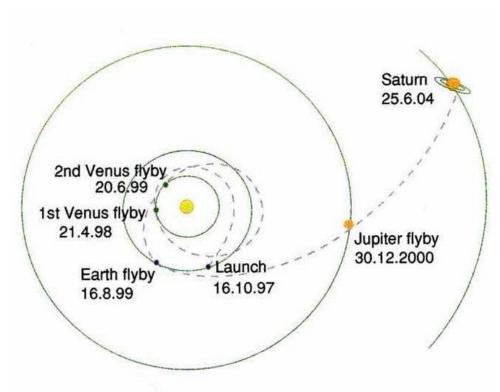




- Test done in 2002
- confirms Einstein's theory of general relativity with a precision that is 50 times greater than previous measurements.
- One of the most cited Cassini article!

An example of a useful inflight test...

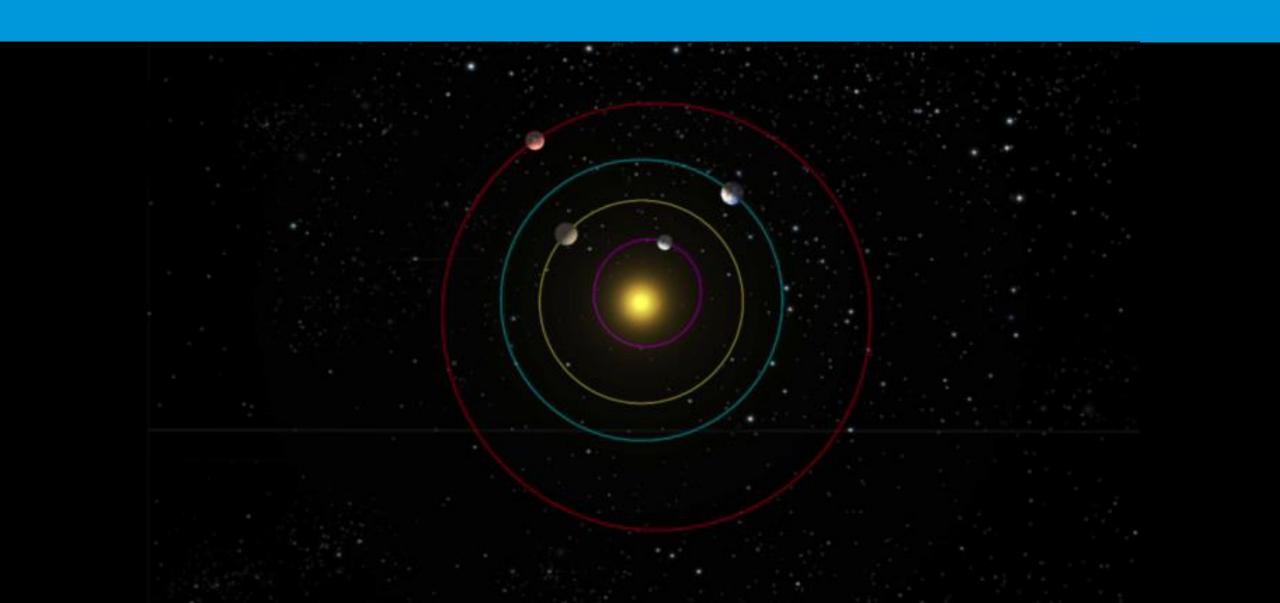




- Inflight test done in February 2000: test of the communication between the probe and the orbiter.
- The test was NOT done on ground (remember yesterday: fly as you test, test as you fly....)
- Findings: Huygens receiver onboard the Cassini orbiter has a bandwidth that is too small to accommodate the Doppler shift of the relay signal!!
- 4 years of work to redesign of the mission: redesign of the Cassini trajectory, high-altitude pass of Cassini above Huygens, pre-warming of the probe!
- Without this test, most of the data would have been lost.

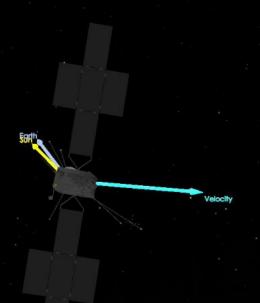
JUICE Trajectory

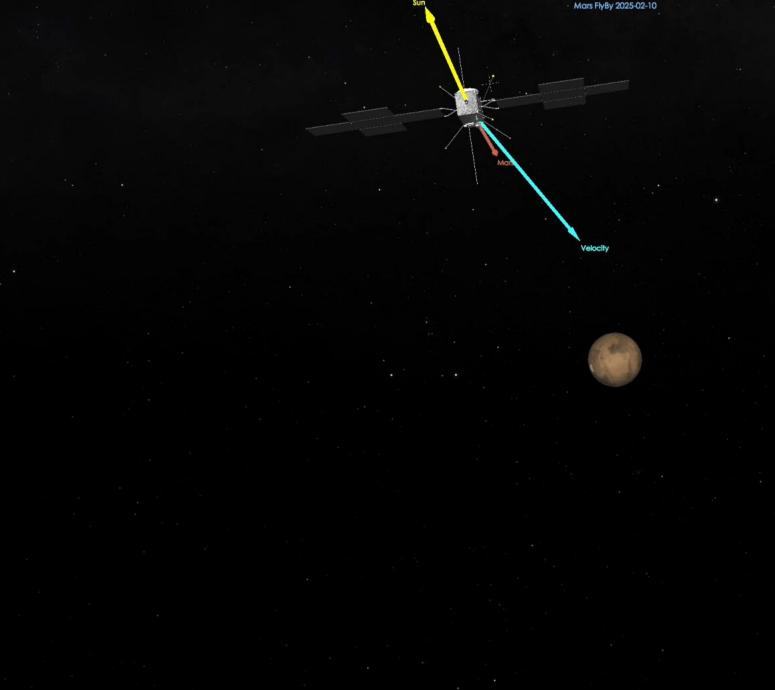






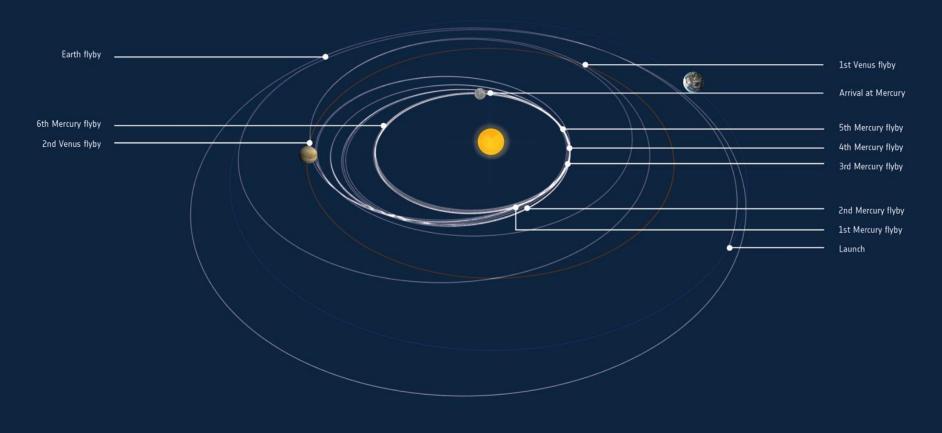






Bepi-Colombo

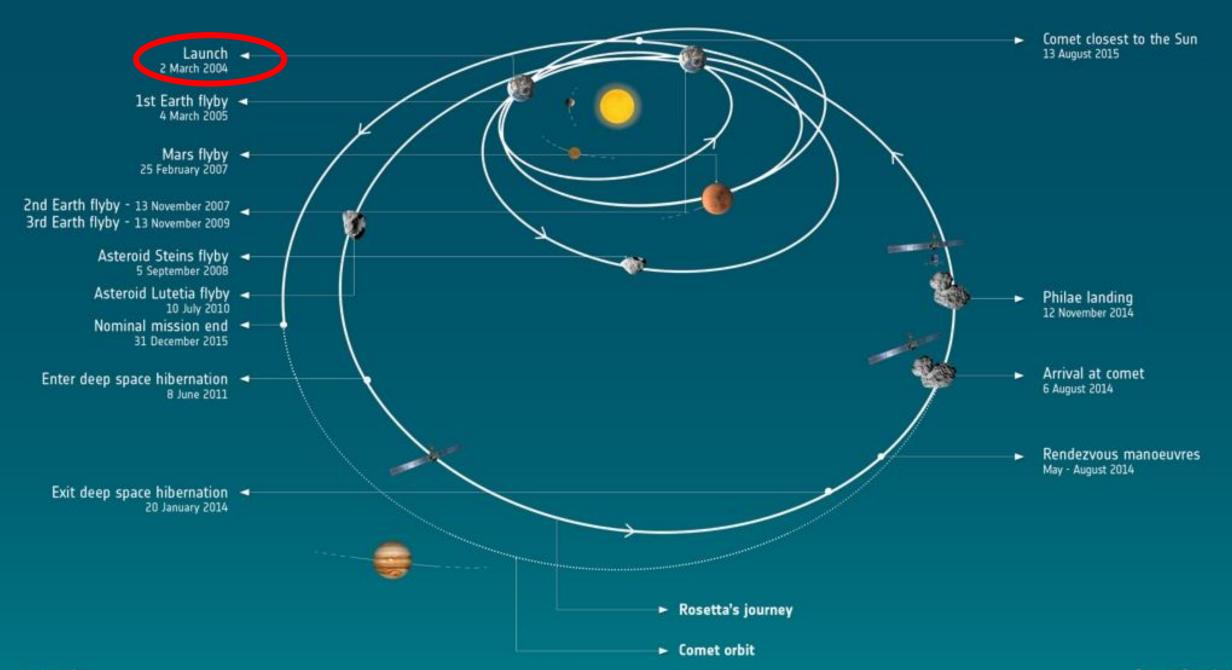


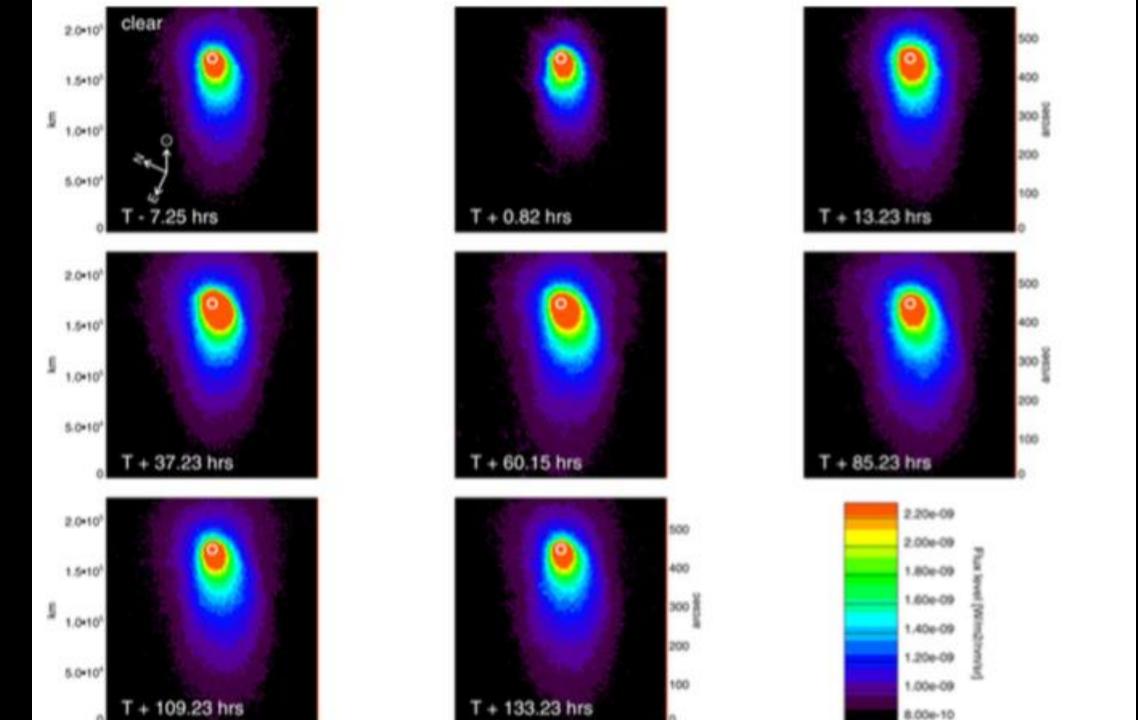




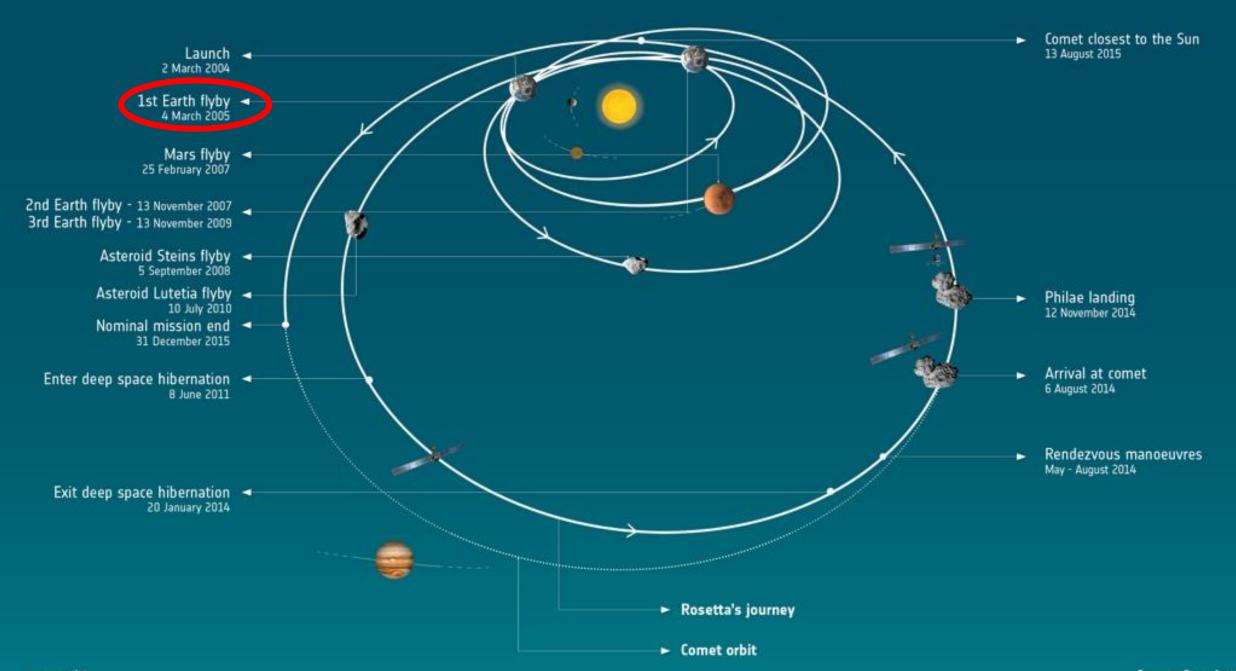


on the way there...

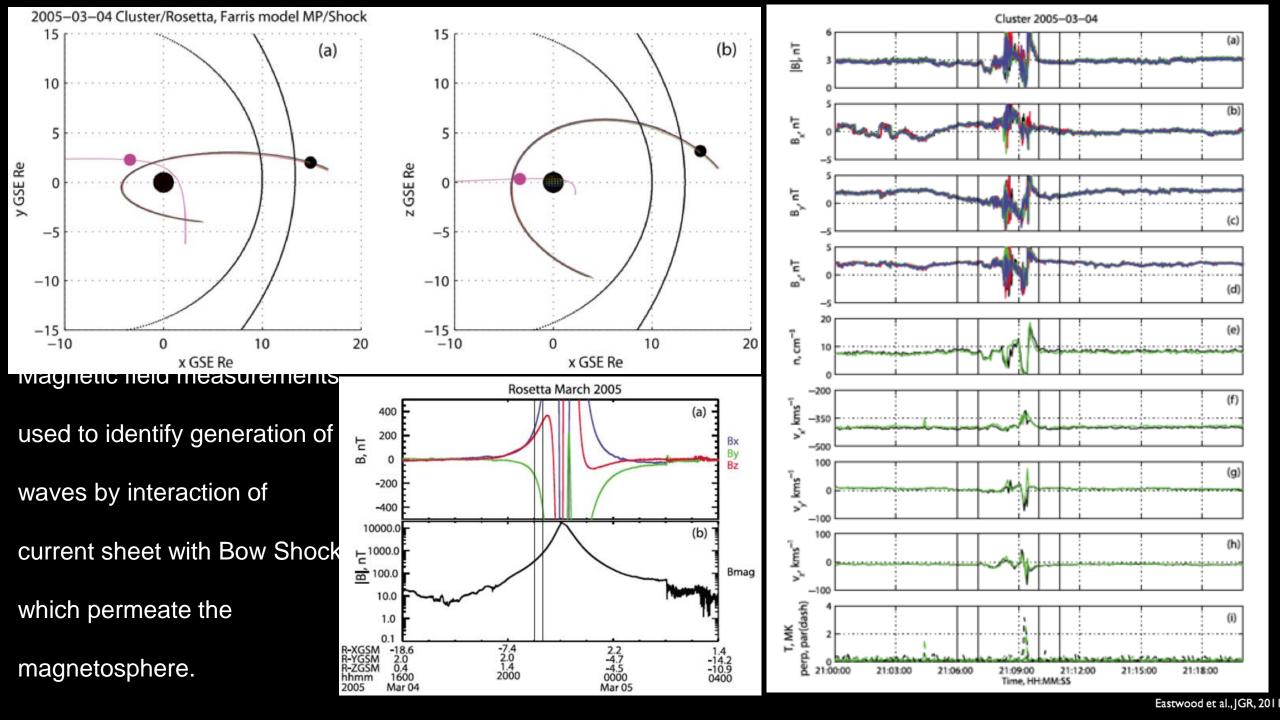


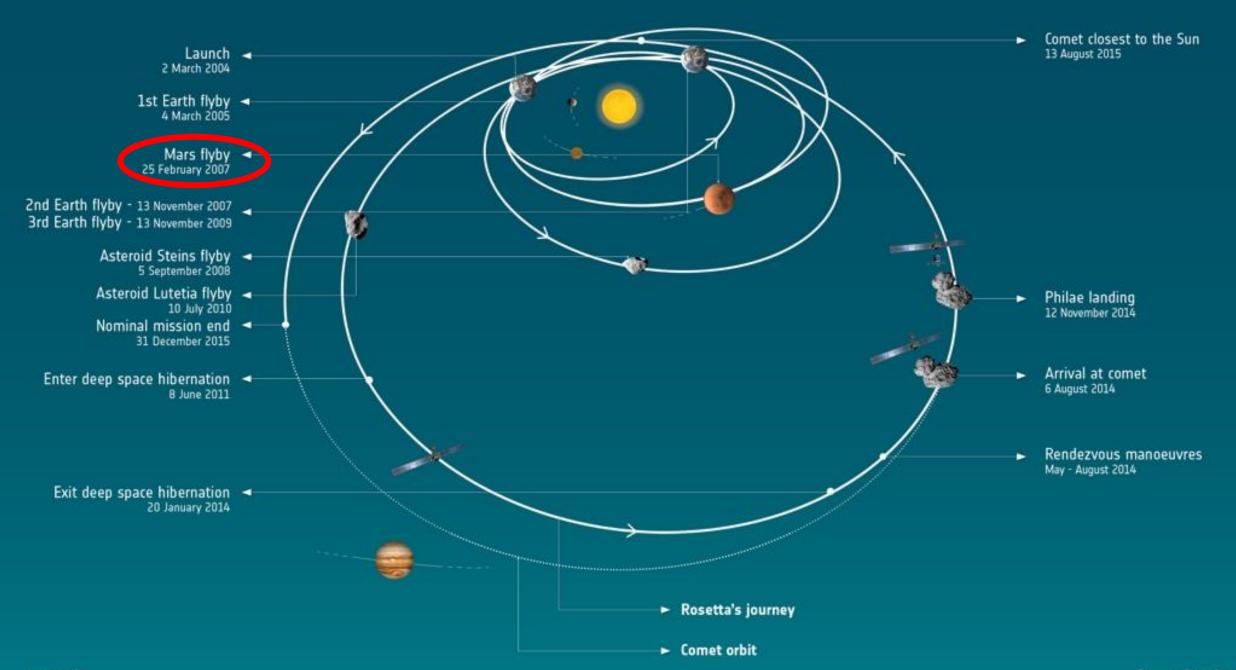


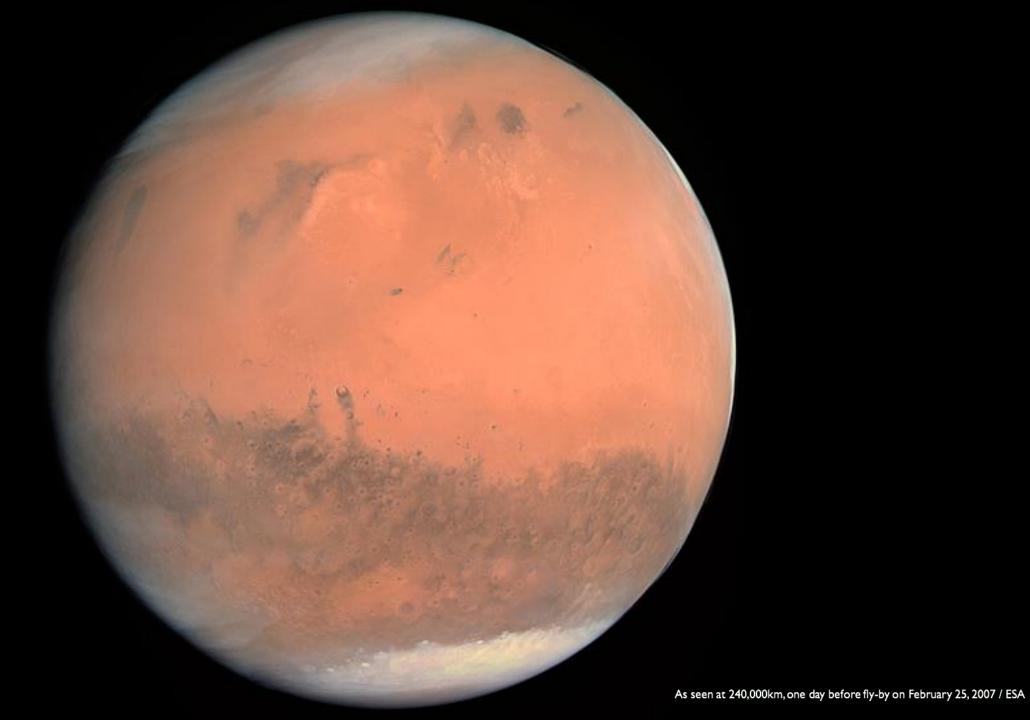
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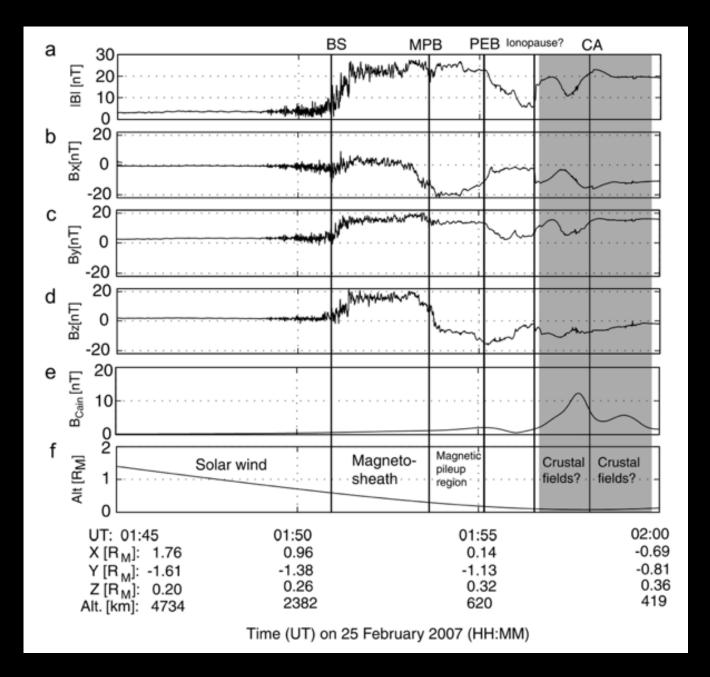


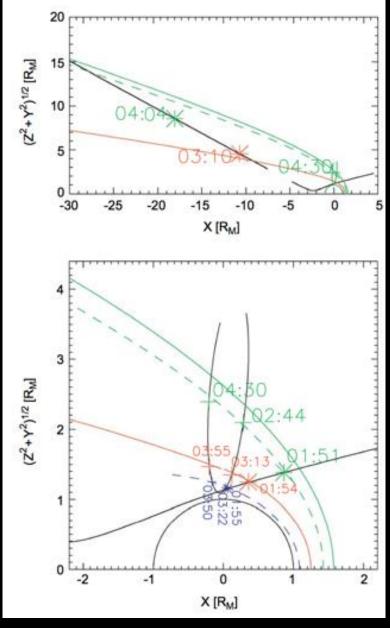




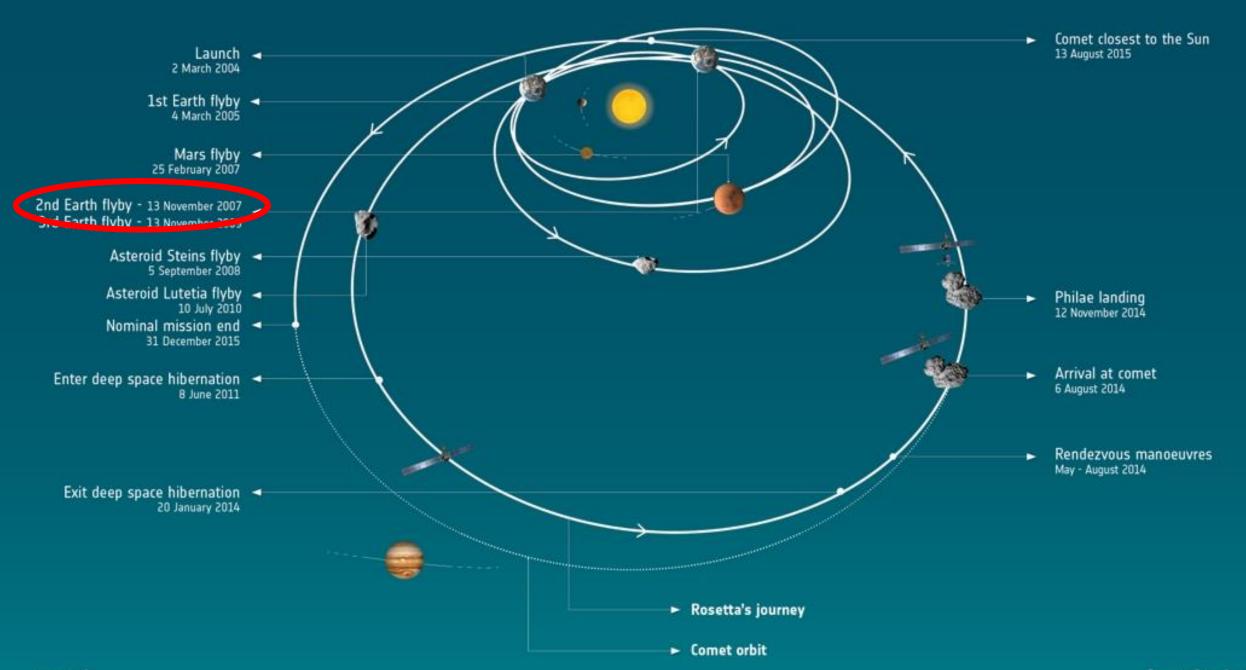


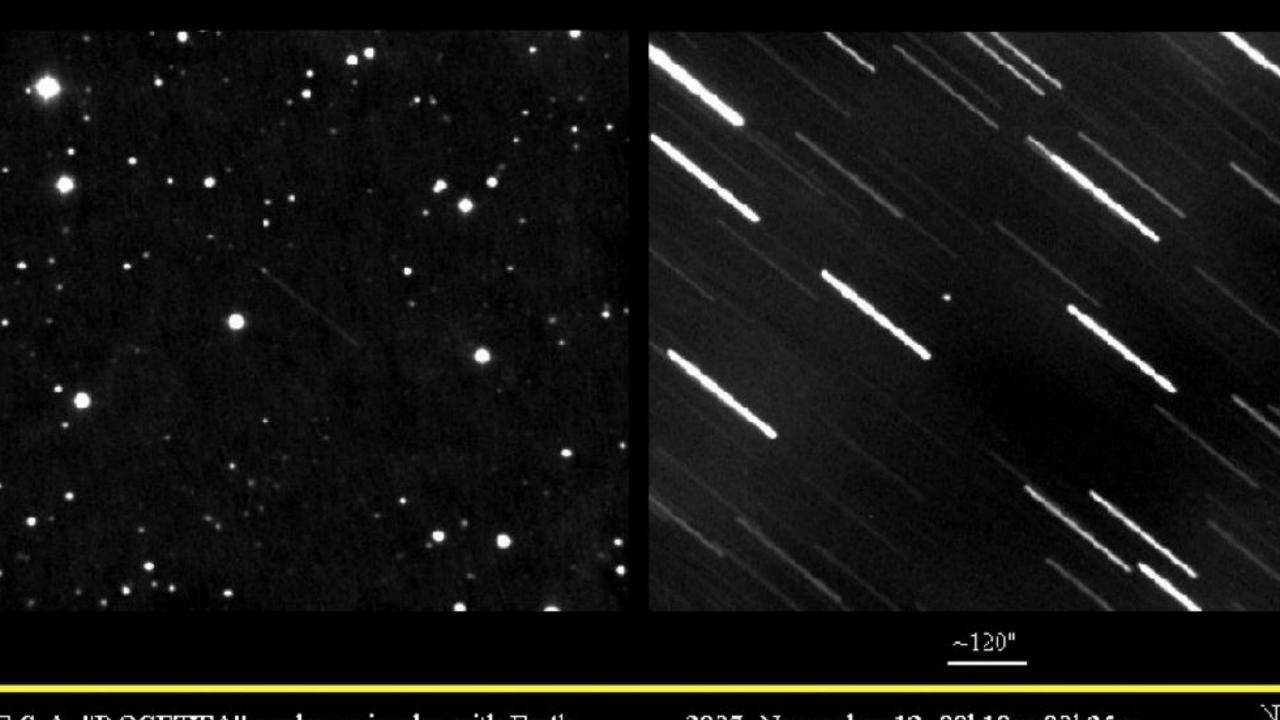


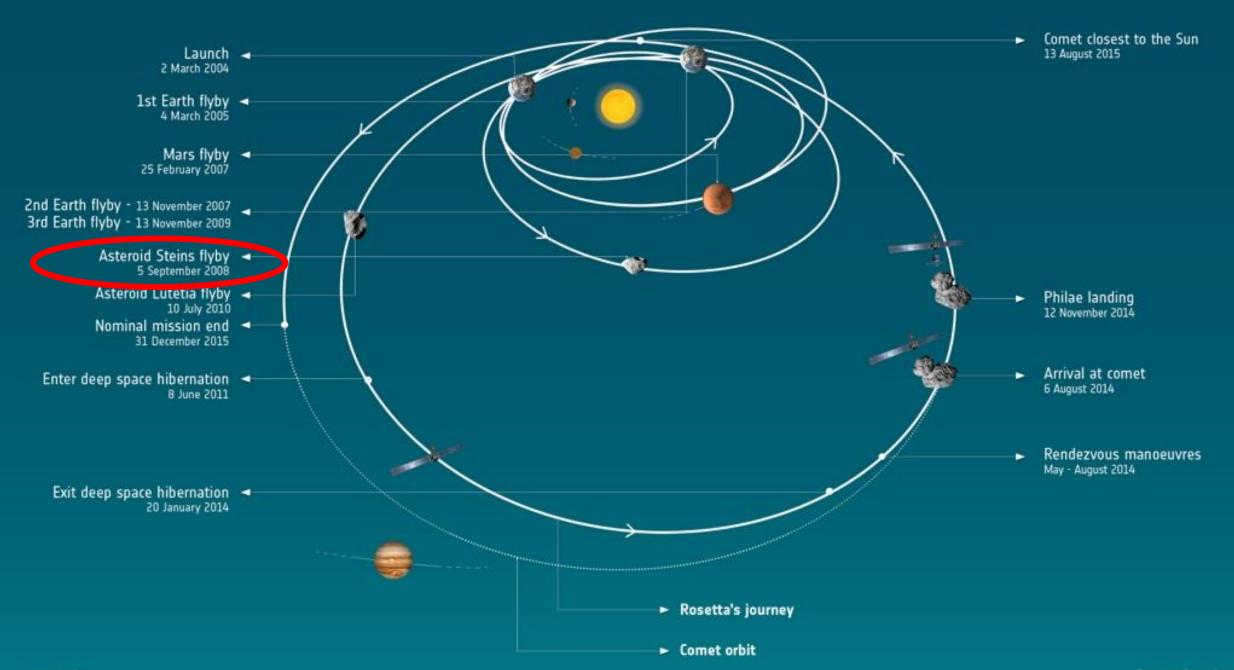




Edberg et al., 2009a+b







Asteroid 2867 Šteins

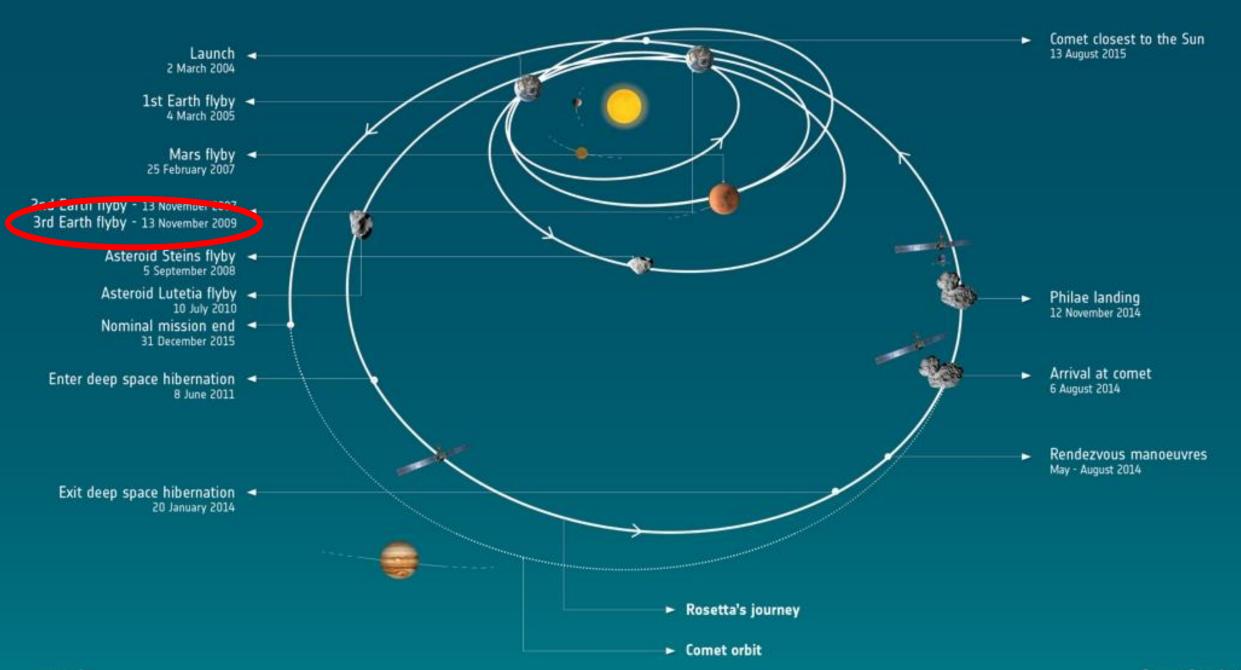
Unlocked physical properties of this main-belt asteroid.

Loosely-bound 'rubble pile' whose diamond shape has been honed by the YORP effect, the modific

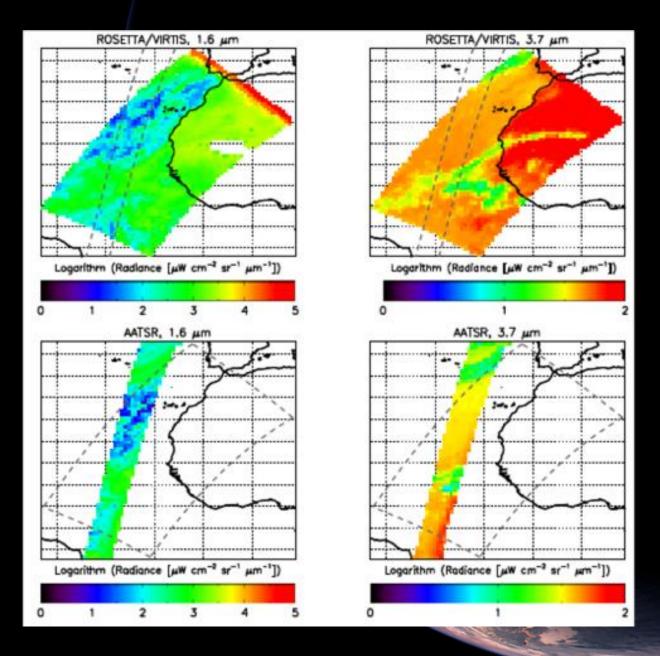
This is the first time this effect has been seen in a main-belt asteroid.



5.9 x 4 km. from 800 km at 8.6 km/s

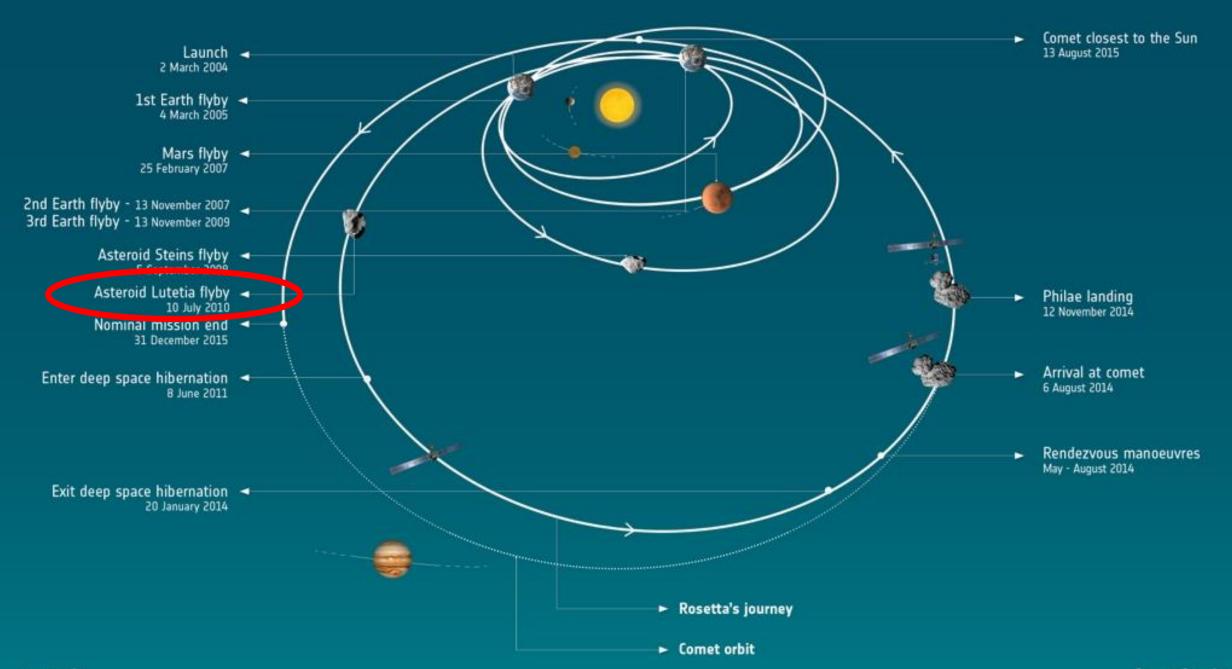








Hurley et al., 2014



Asteroid 21 Lutetia

More than 350 craters were identified with diameters between 600 metres and 55 km and depths of up to 1

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