

Observing Targets: Asteroids



Discovery of Asteroids



Johann Titius (1729-1796)

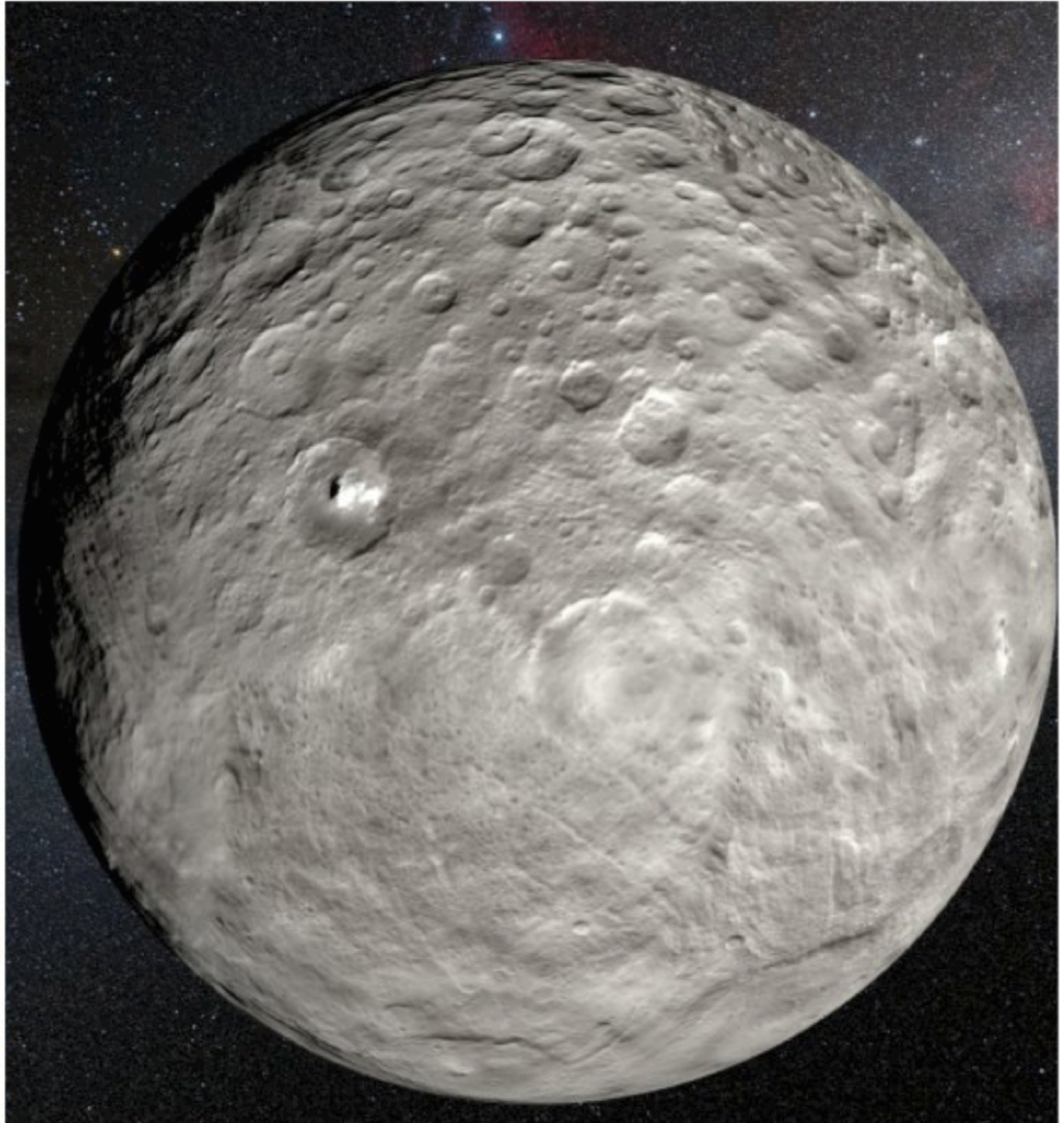


Johann Bode (1747-1846)

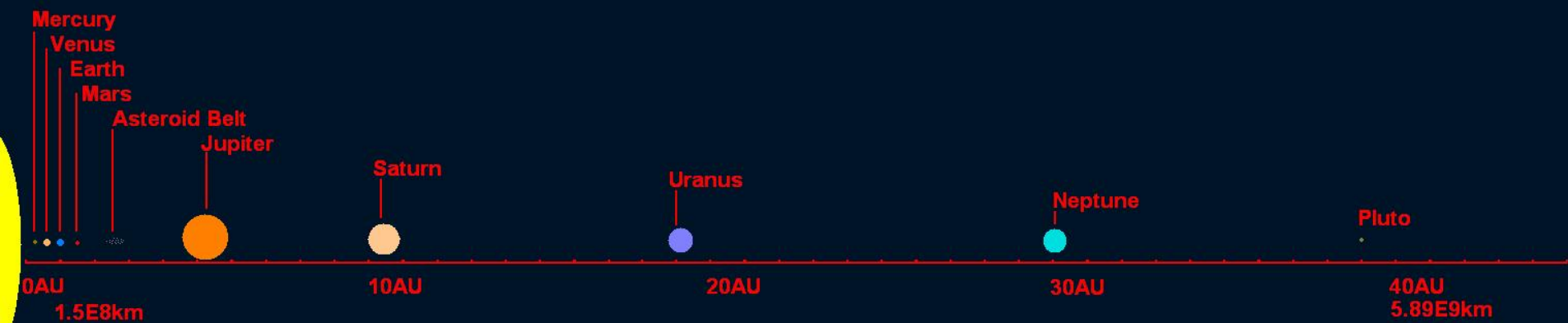
Giuseppe Piazzi discovered Ceres in 1801



Giuseppe Piazzi (1746-1826)



Scale of Solar System



The sem-major axis of the orbit of the Earth about the Sun is one Astronomical Unit, (A.U.), 1 A.U. = 149,597,870.700 km.

Scale of Solar System

Planet	Semi-major axis, a
Mercury	0.387 Astronomical Units
Venus	0.723 Astronomical Units
Earth	1.000 Astronomical Units
Mars	1.524 Astronomical Units
Jupiter	5.204 Astronomical Units
Saturn	9.583 Astronomical Units

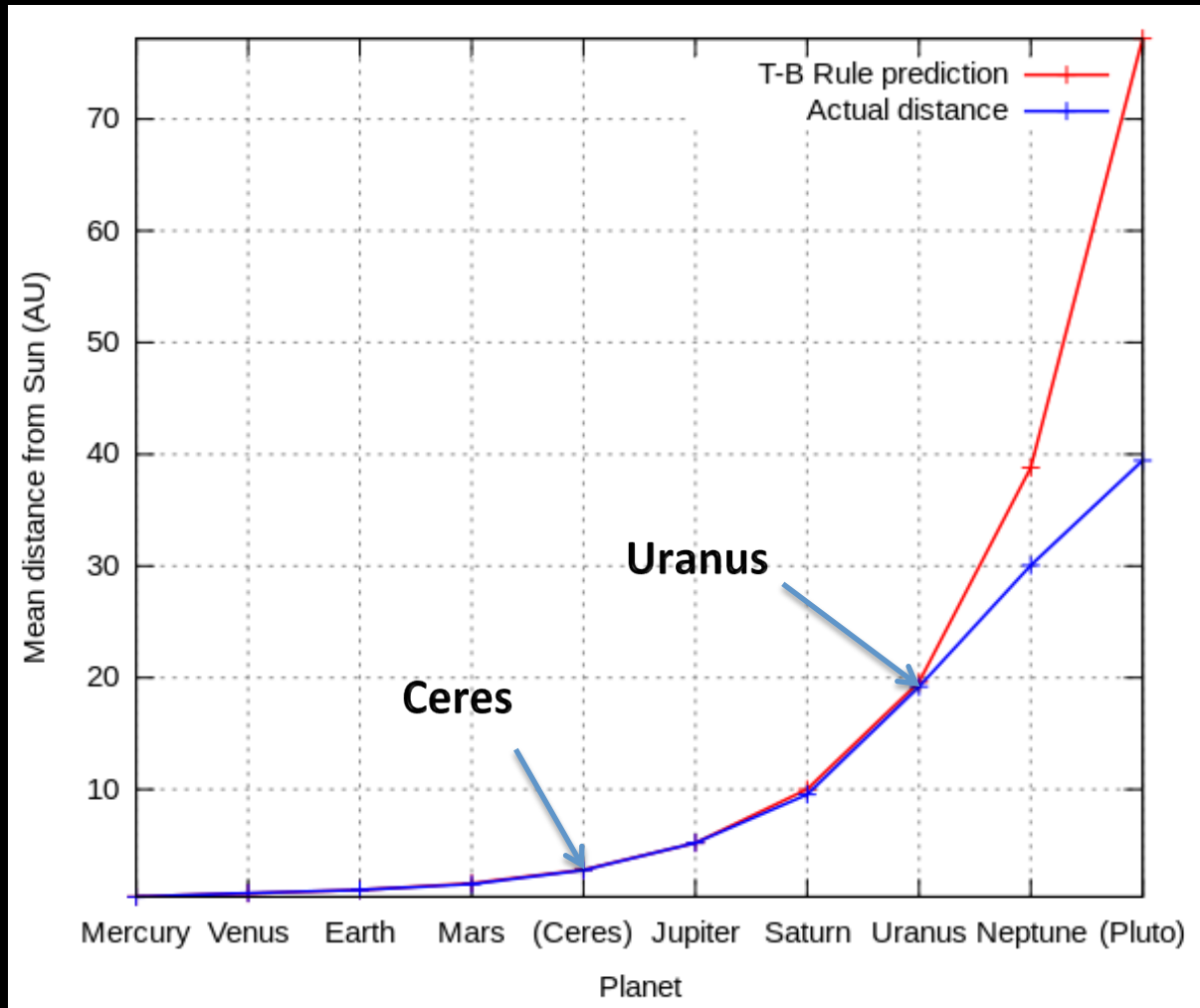
Titius-Bode Law

It was noticed that the planet's orbital sizes (a , semi-major axis) could be fit by a simple numerical series,

$$a = 0.1 \times (4 + 3n) \text{ A.U.}$$

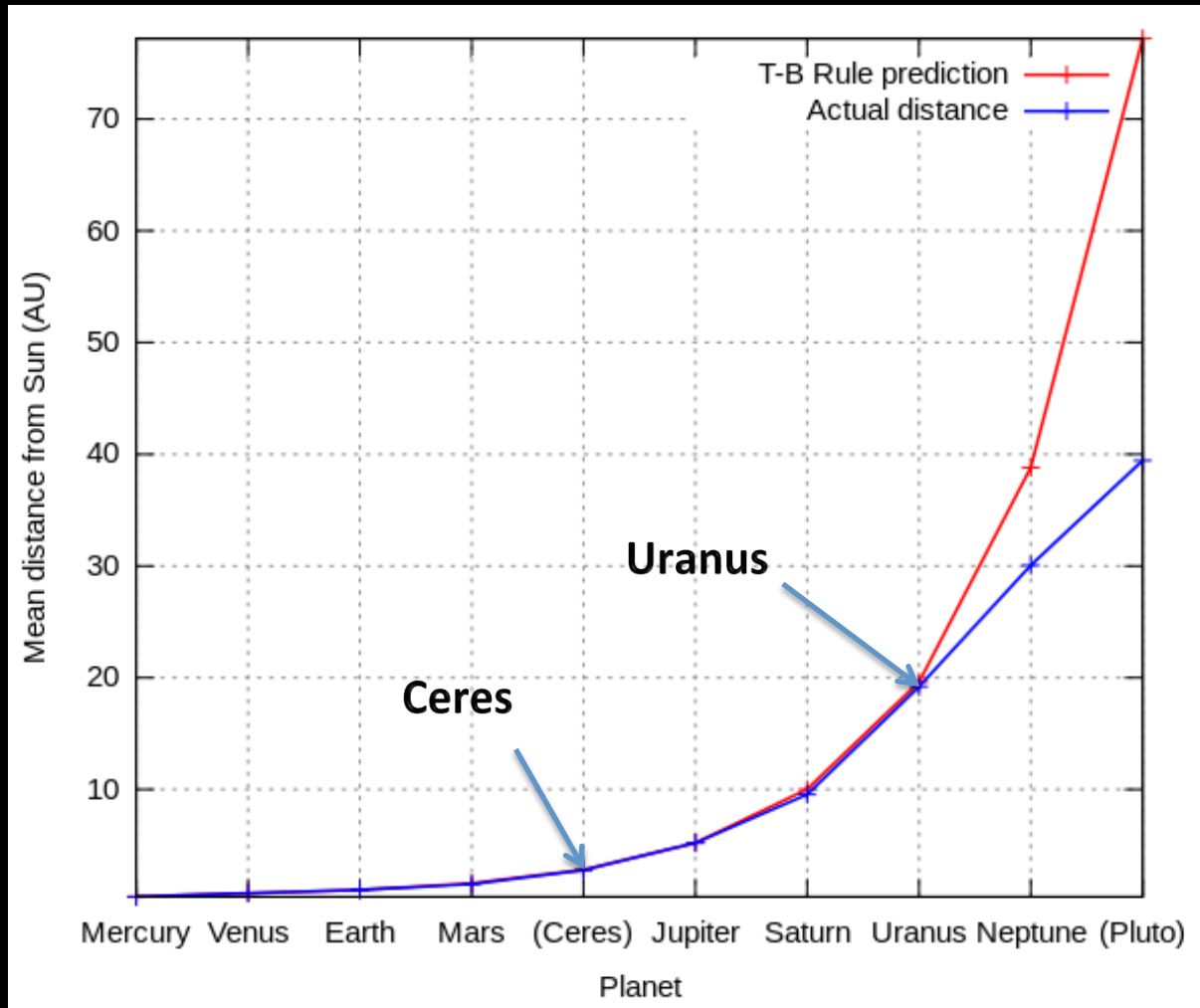
Here $n = 0, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, \dots$

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The result preceded the discovery of Uranus (1781) and the asteroids (Ceres, 1801), and the outer planets, Neptune and Pluto and the Kuiper belt objects.

Titius-Bode Law



**INTERESTING, BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR IF THERE IS PHYSICAL CONTENT
IN THE TITIUS-BODE LAW**

Many asteroids are left-overs from the planet formation process, large chunks of rock ranging in size from less than a meter to nearly 1,000 kilometers. Asteroids offer clues to the environment in which Terrestrial planets formed and help to elucidate how and where Earth-like planets formed in the protoplanetary nebula.

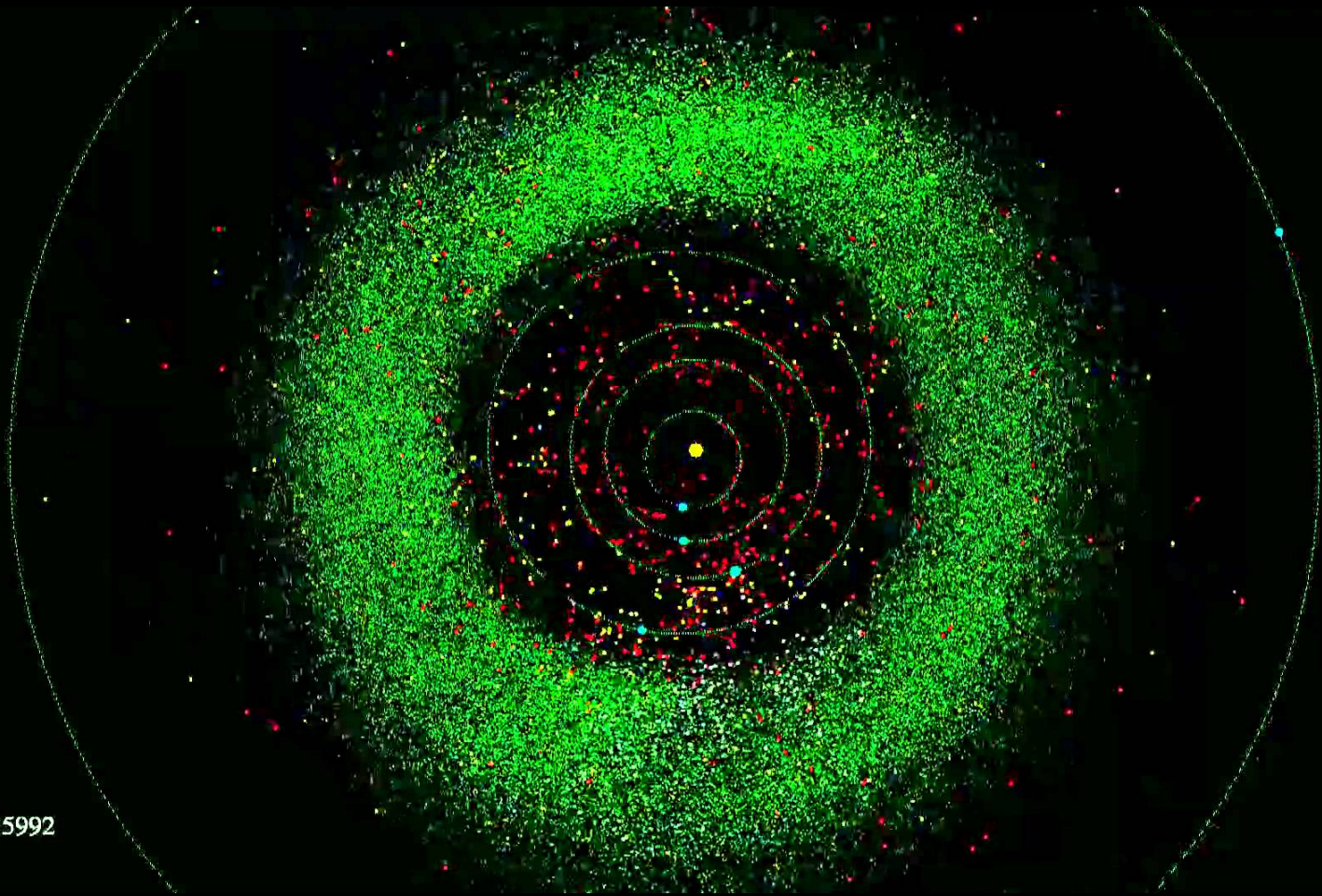


Itokawa from Hyabusa

Classes of Asteroids

- The main belt asteroids are found between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. The bulk of the asteroids fall between 2.06 A.U. and 3.28 A.U., the radii of the 4:1 and 2:1 Kirkwood gaps. Using Kepler's 3rd Law of Planetary Motion, $P(\text{yr}) = a(\text{A.U.})^{1.5}$, the orbital periods of the main belt asteroids range from 3 yr to 6 yr.

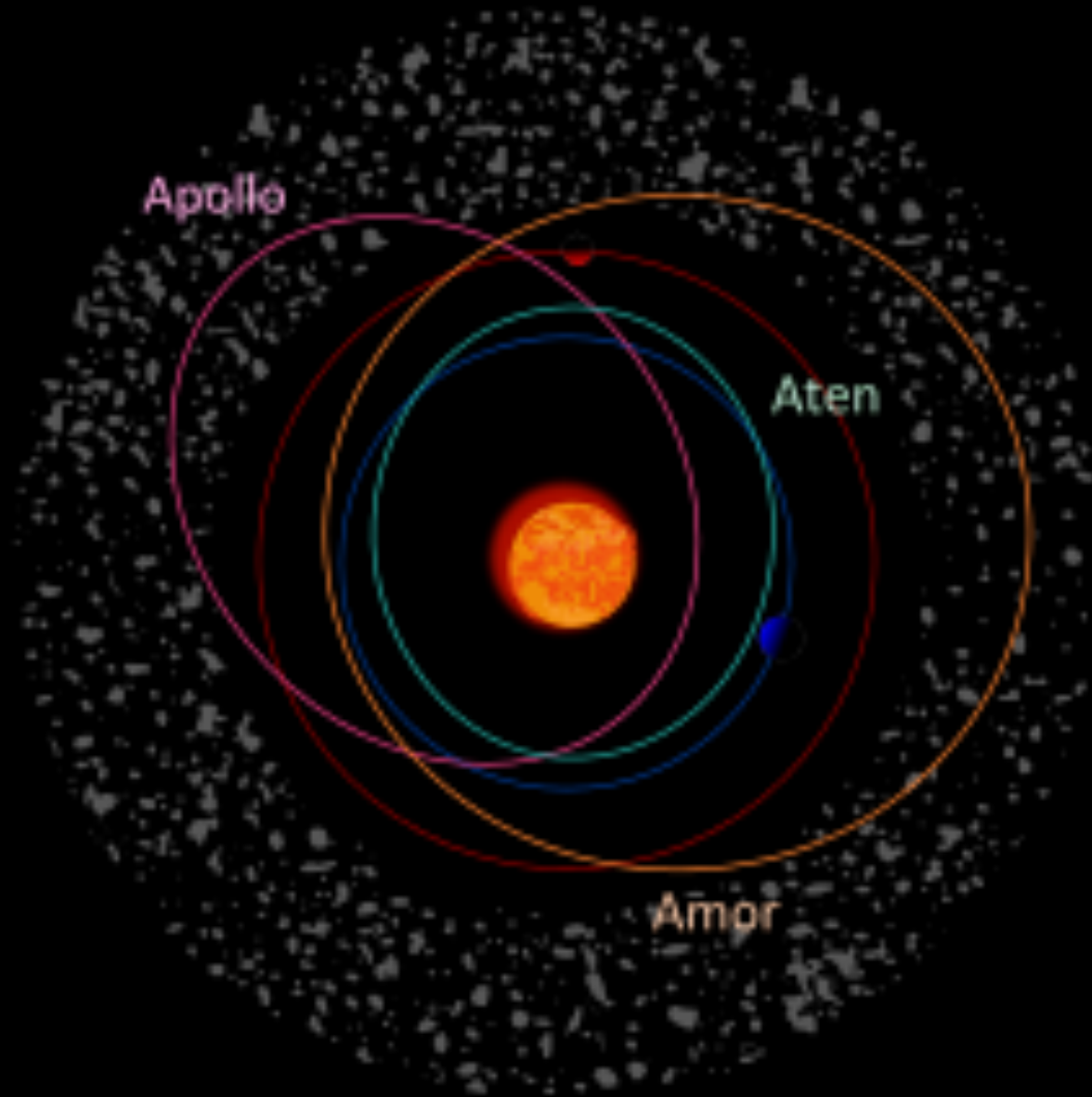
Main Belt Asteroids



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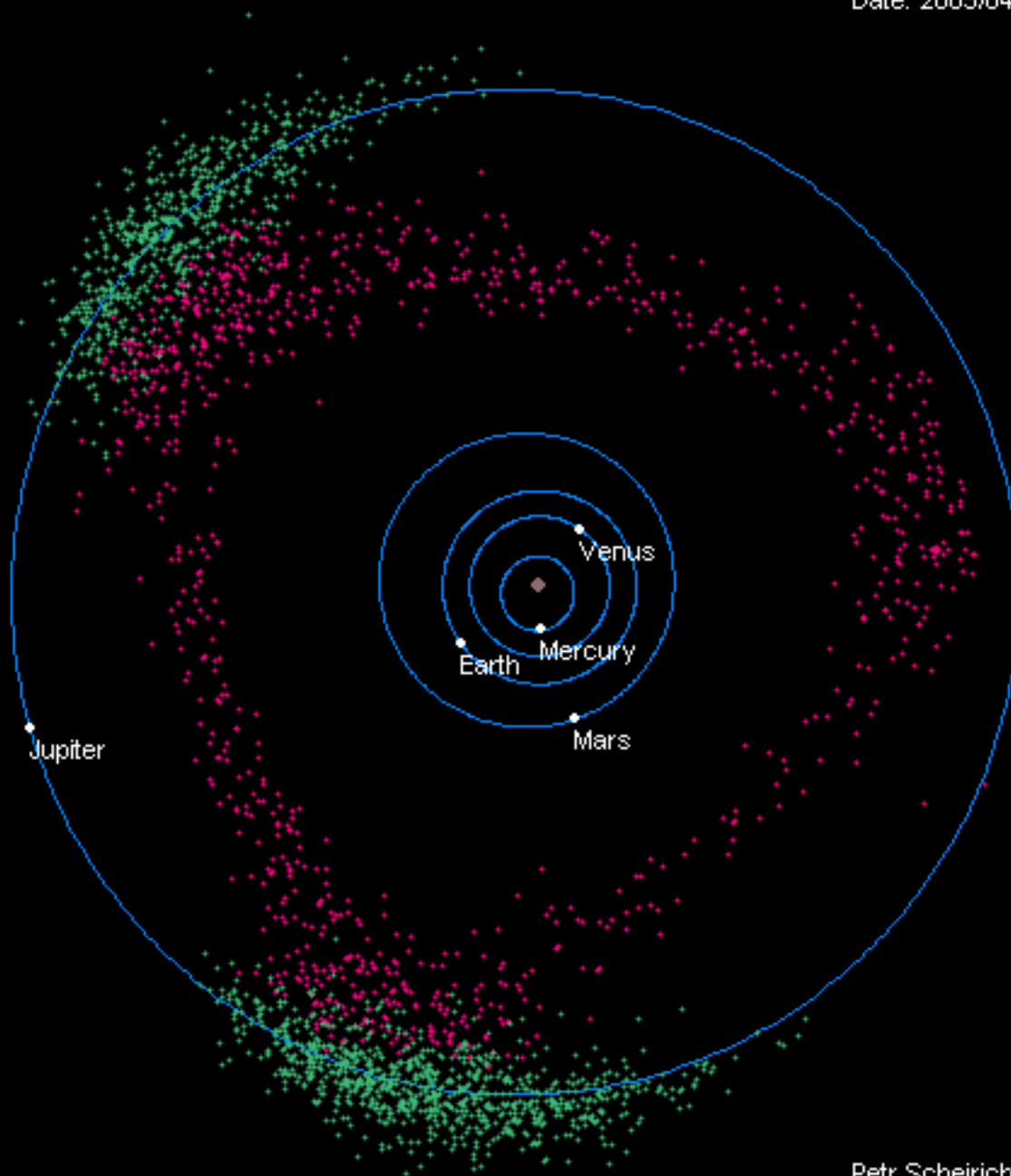
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Near Earth Asteroids

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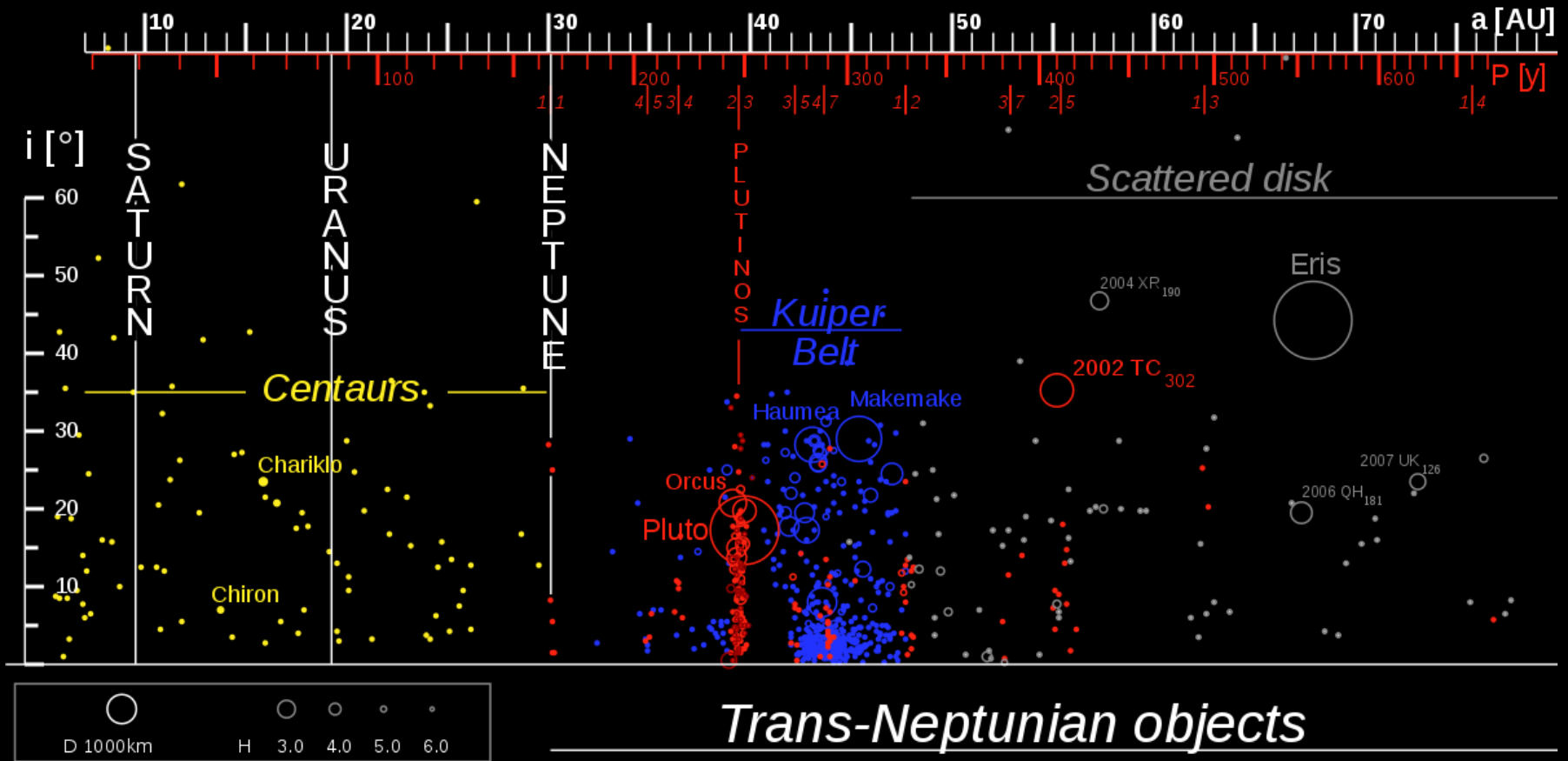
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Trojan Asteroids and Hildas

Other Asteroids

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- **Centaurs** and Trans-Neptunian Objects

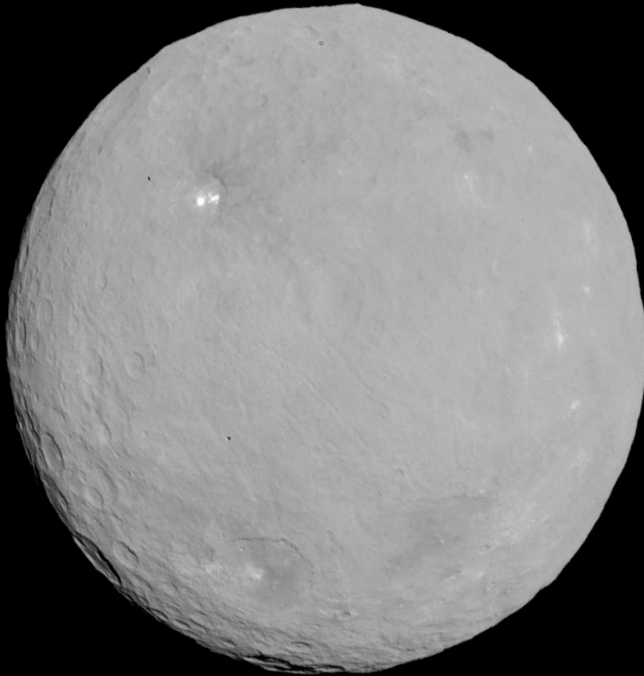


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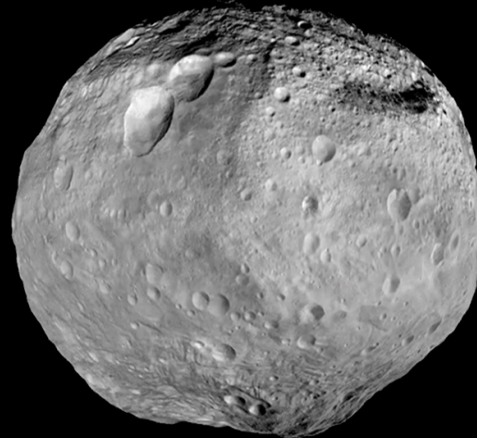
General Properties of Asteroids

- The largest object in the asteroid belt is the dwarf planet Ceres (946 km) with the smallest objects having radii $<$ meters.
- Asteroids fall into three main groups defined by their chemical compositions, carbonaceous (C-type, 75 %), silicate (S-type, 17 %), and metal-rich (M-type, 7 %)
- The total mass of the bodies in the asteroid belt is only $(12.25 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{-10} M_{\text{Sun}} \approx 2.5 M_{\text{Ceres}}$ much less than the mass of Pluto and, in fact, only 2 times the mass of Pluto's moon Charon

The Four Largest Asteroids



Ceres
946 km



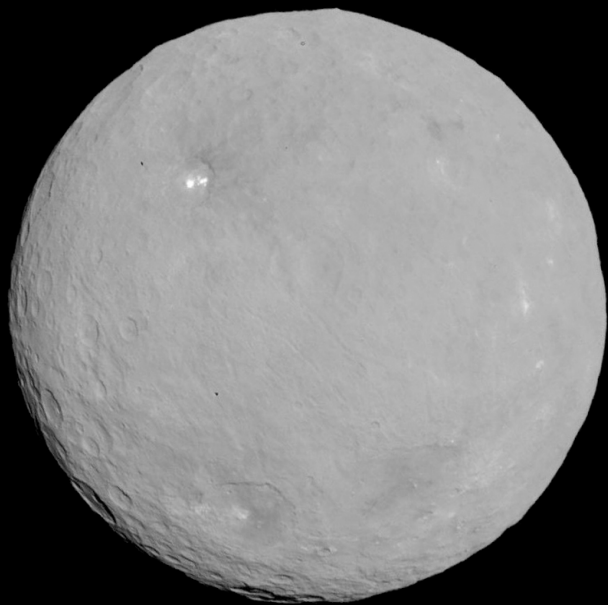
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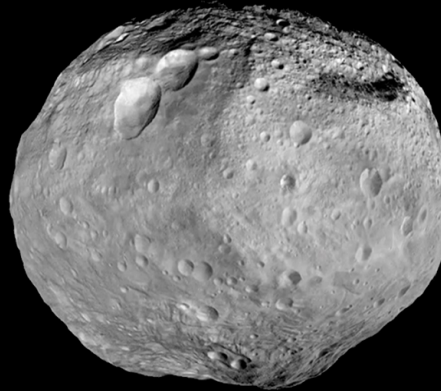
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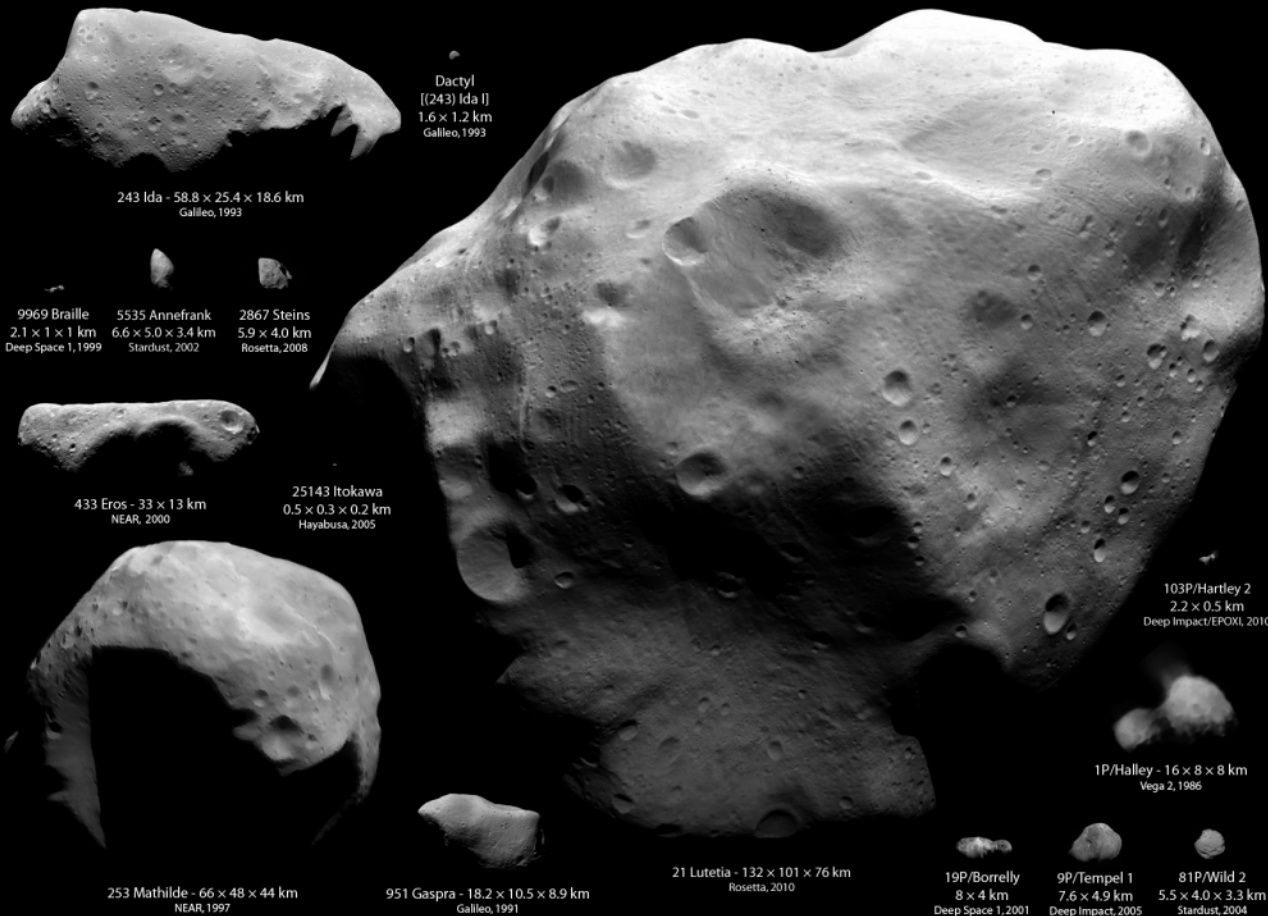
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The largest asteroids are held together by gravity. Because gravity is isotropic in nature and acts nonlocally and the supporting pressure is also nearly isotropic, large asteroids also tend to be isotropic, that is, spherical in shape.

Small Asteroids

Small asteroids are not spherical in shape; Forces other than gravity affect their shapes.

Small asteroids are strongly affected by the electrical interaction between the rocks out of which they are made. Because the electrical interaction is between individual rocks (and so local), asteroids can assume nonspherical shapes.





253 Mathilde - $66 \times 48 \times 44$ km
NEAR, 1997



243 Ida - $58.8 \times 25.4 \times 18.6$ km
Galileo, 1993



433 Eros - 33×13 km
NEAR, 2000



951 Gaspra
 $18.2 \times 10.5 \times 8.9$ km
Galileo, 1991



5535 Annefrank
 $6.6 \times 5.0 \times 3.4$ km
Stardust, 2002



2867 Steins
 5.9×4.0 km
Rosetta, 2008



Dactyl
[(243) Ida I]
 1.6×1.2 km
Galileo, 1993

25143 Itokawa
 $0.5 \times 0.3 \times 0.2$ km
Hayabusa, 2005

9969 Braille
 $2.1 \times 1 \times 1$ km
Deep Space 1, 1999



1P/Halley - $16 \times 8 \times 8$ km
Vega 2, 1986



9P/Tempel 1
 7.6×4.9 km
Deep Impact, 2005

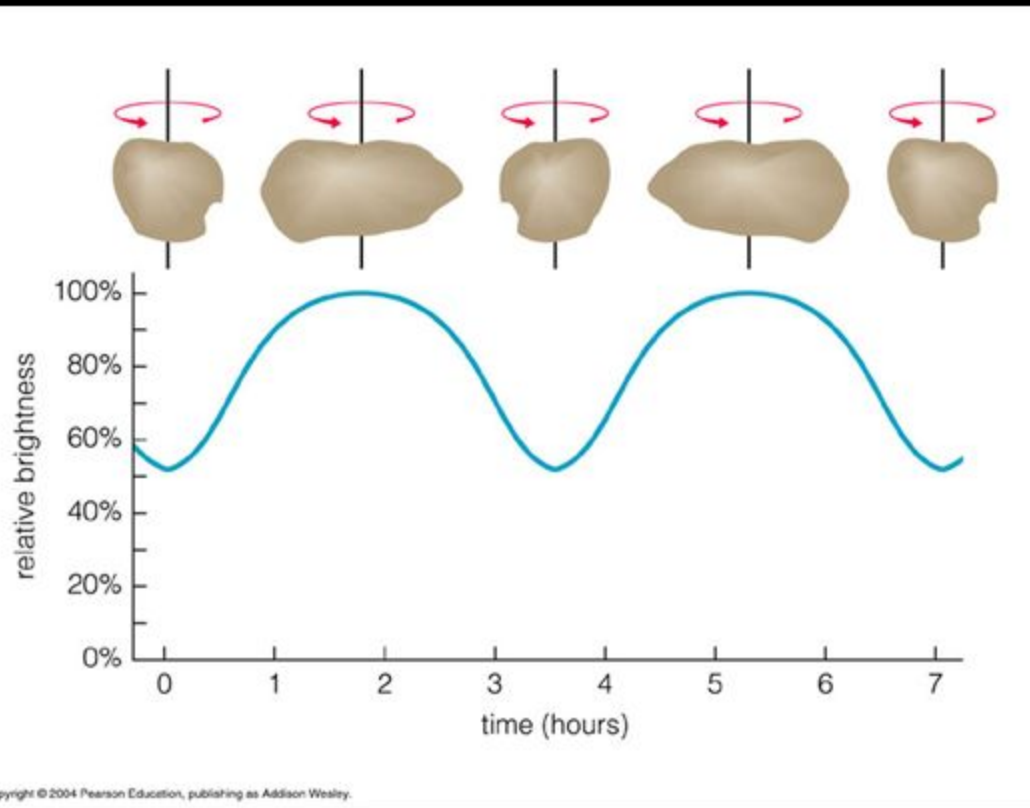


19P/Borrelly
 8×4 km
Deep Space 1, 2001

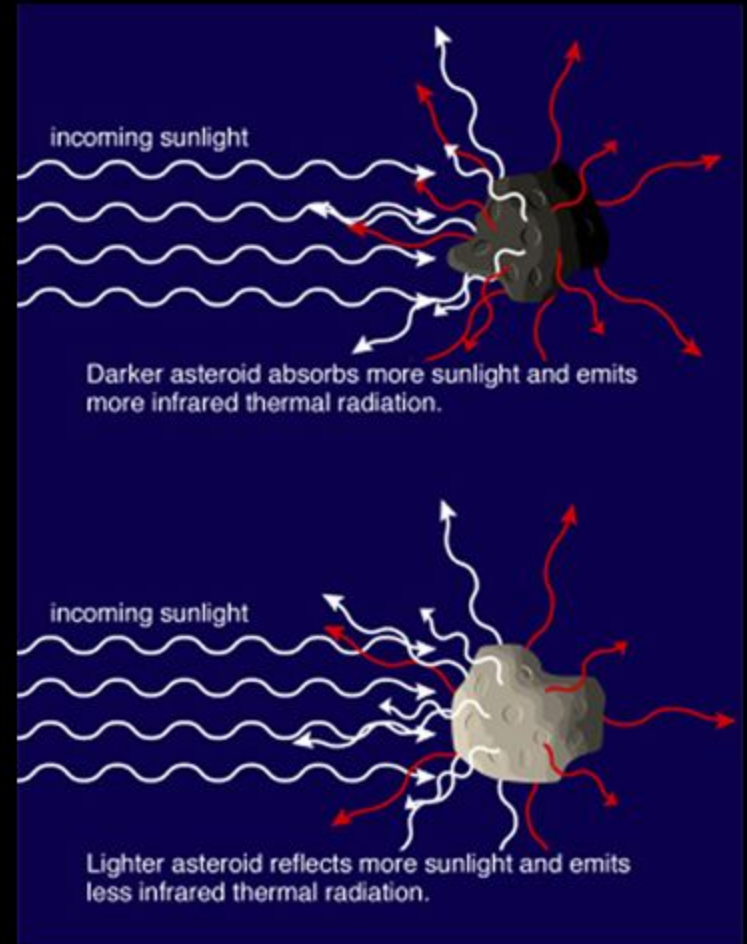


81P/Wild 2
 $5.5 \times 4.0 \times 3.3$ km
Stardust, 2004

Asteroid Light Curves: Effects of shape and surface patchiness



SHAPE EFFECT



MATERIAL EFFECT

Asteroid Vesta Rotates

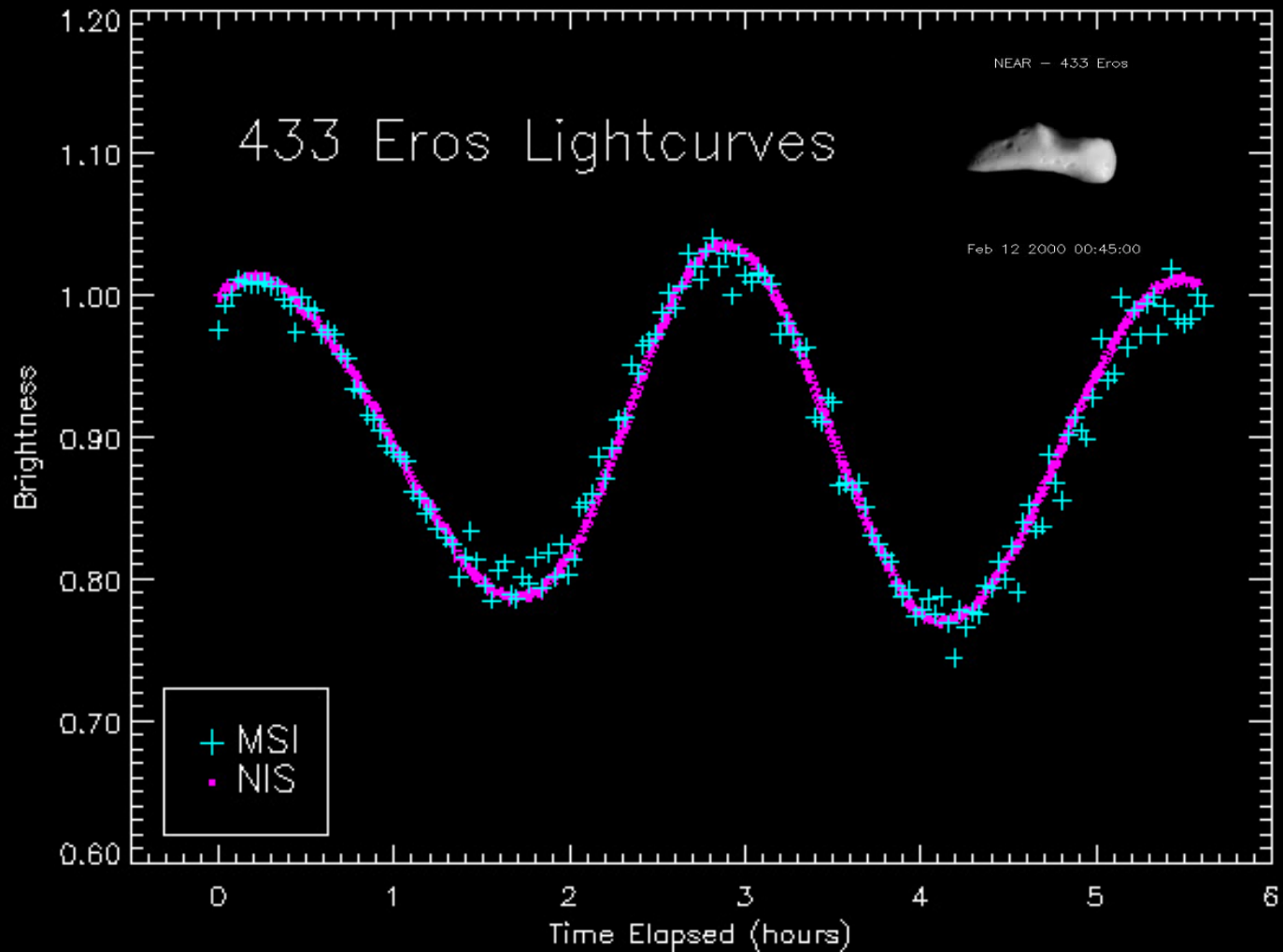


NEAR - 433 Eros

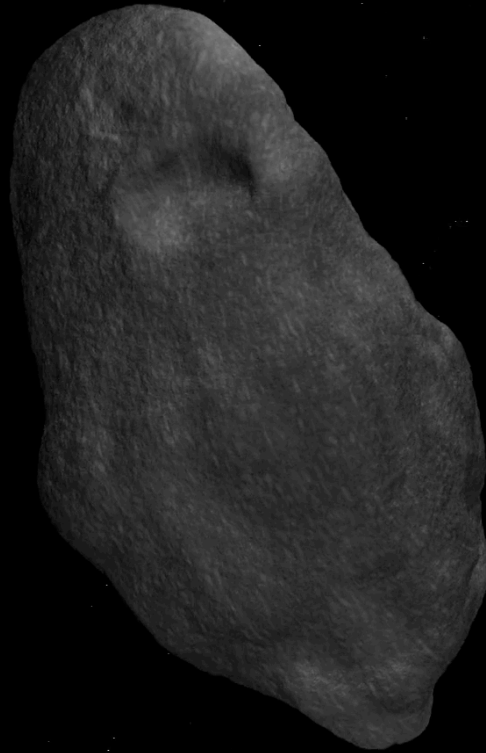


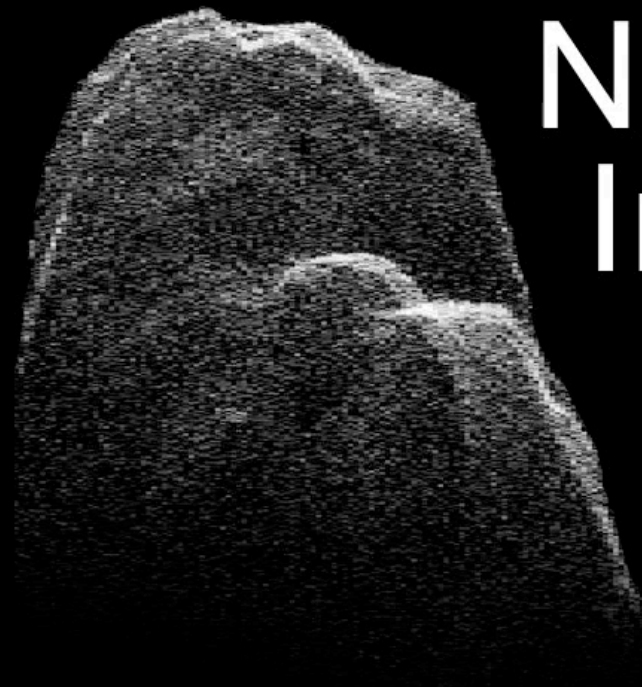
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433 Eros Rotational Lightcurve

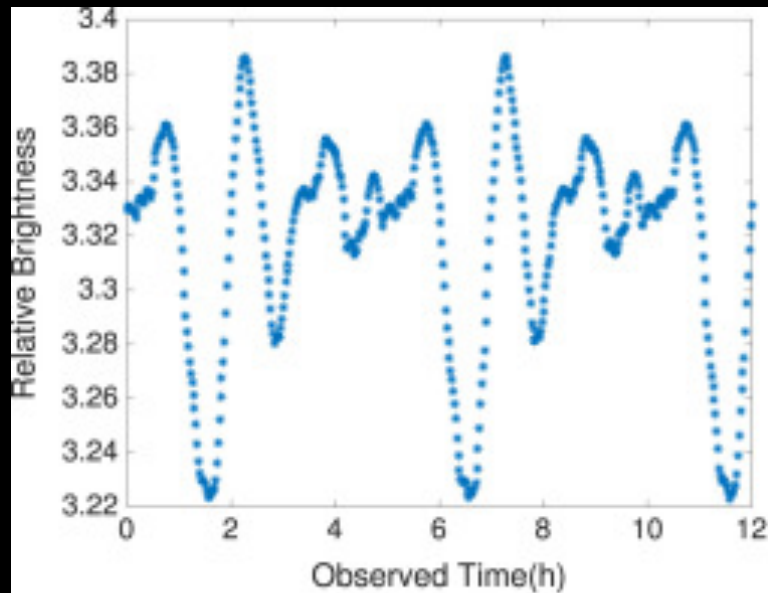


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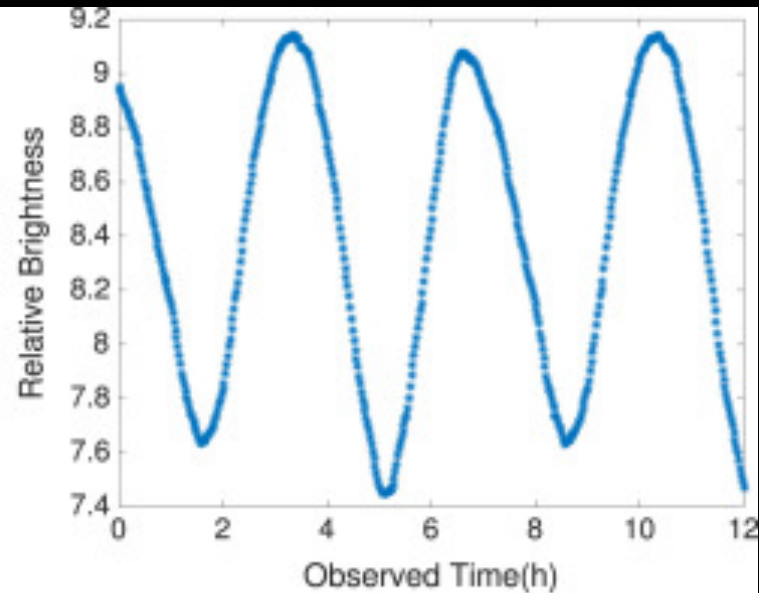




NASA Radar
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Asteroid
Toutatis



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SAMPLE LIGHTCURVE:
Radar images of the
Tumbler Toutatis

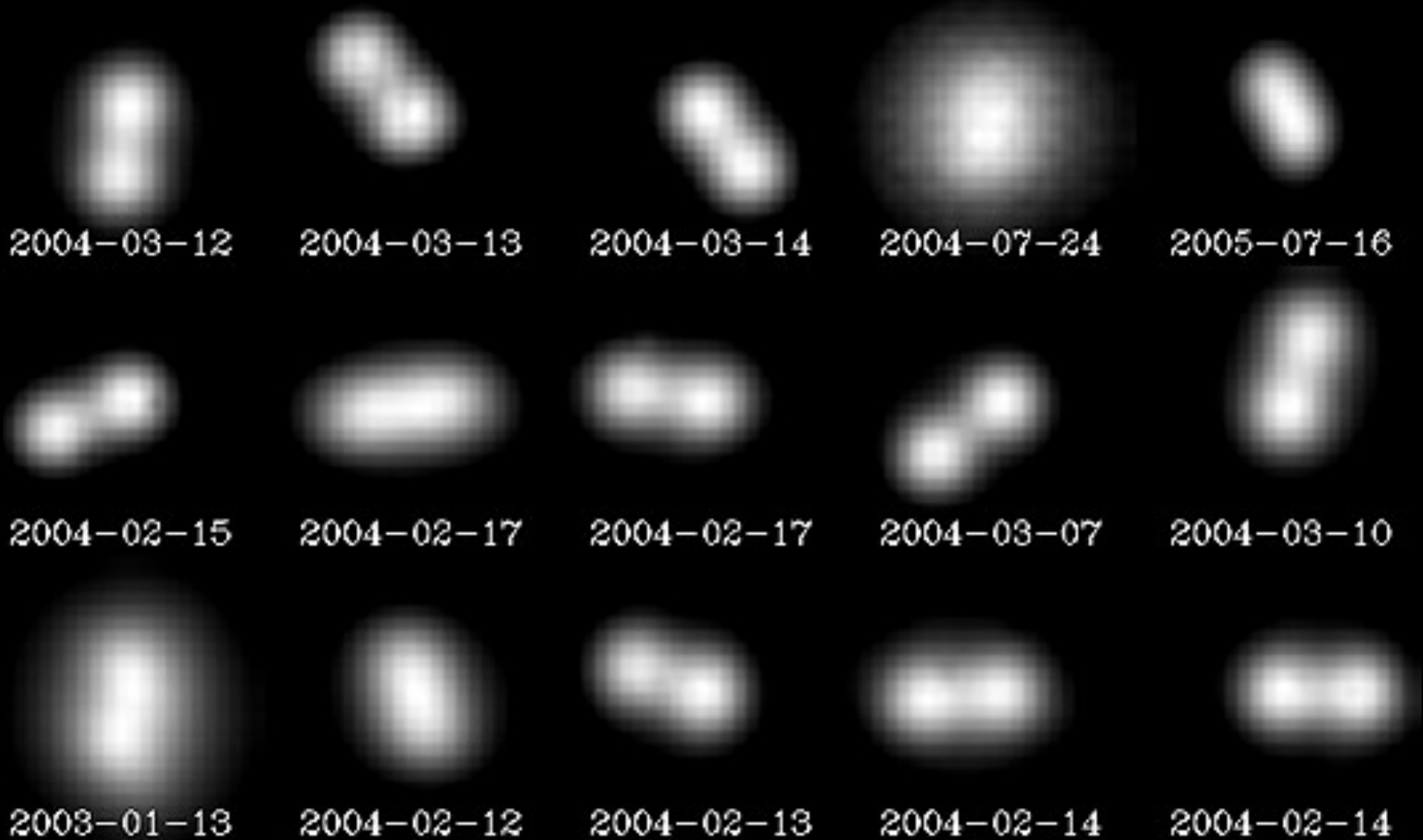


Binary Asteroids (main belt comet)

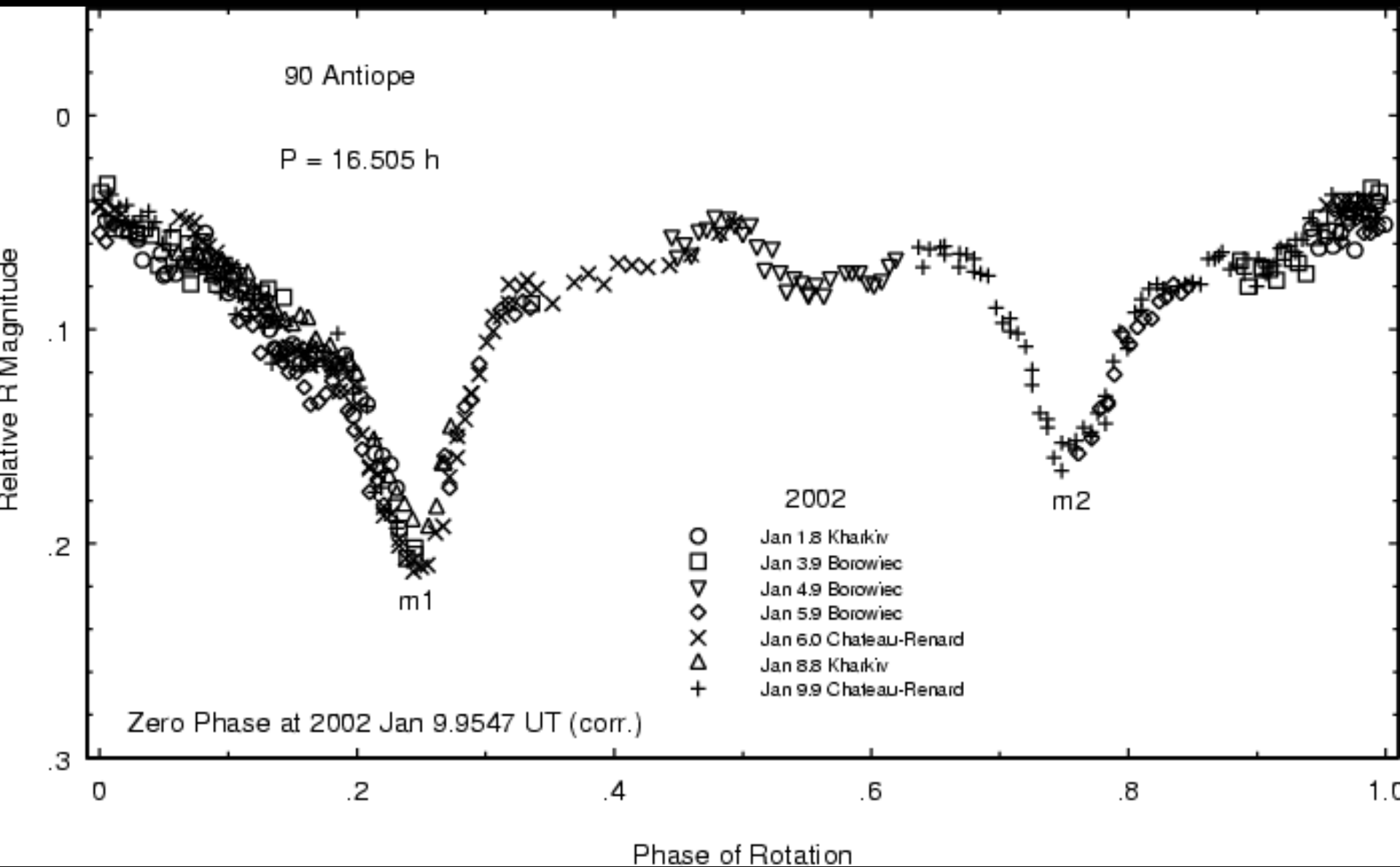


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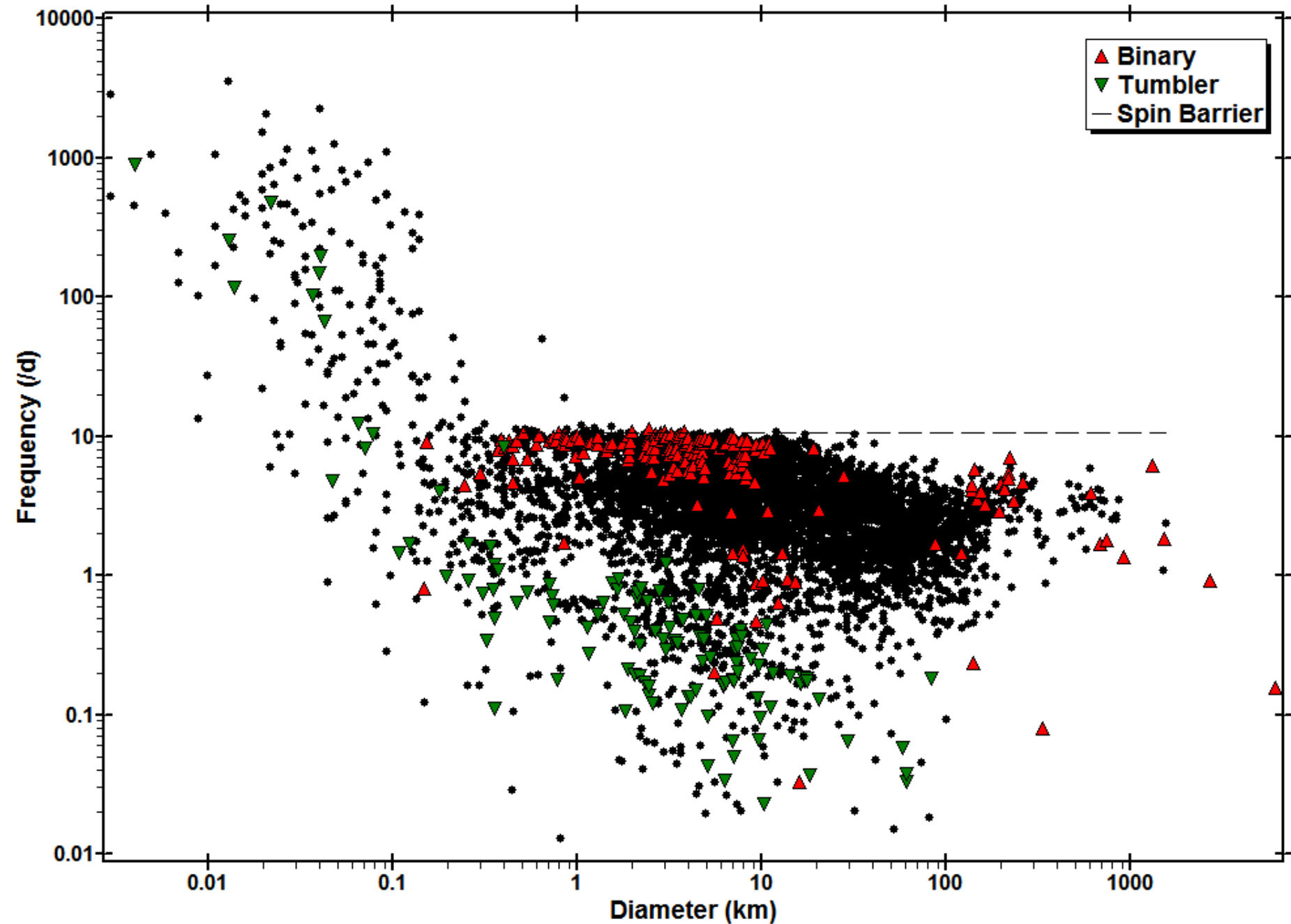
Images of 90 Antiope



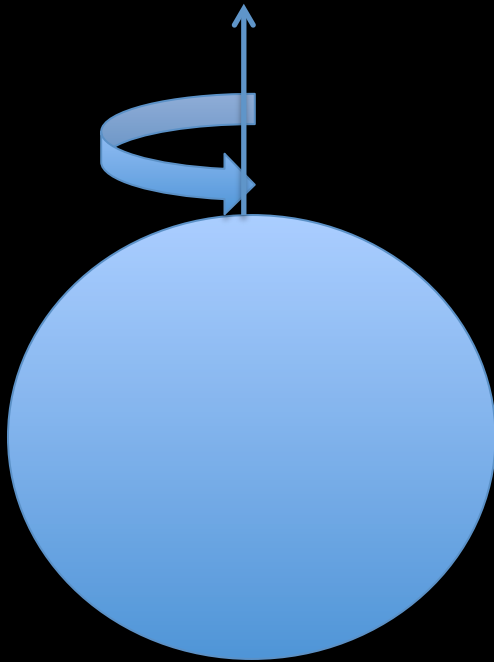
90 Antiope Orbital Lightcurve



Frequency-Diameter



Spin Barrier



FORCE BALANCE

$$-mg + ma_c > 0$$

For $a_c > g$ or when

$$P < 1.9 h,$$

the object is disrupted



TARGETS

	Diameter(km)	a (A.U.)	H Mag	P _{orb} (hours)	P _{rot} (hours)
Mathilde	52.8	2.649	10.3	417.7
Minerva	3.2,3.6	2.76	7.9	26.75,57.74	5.98
Amalthea	50.14	2.38	8.7	?	9.95
Thyra	75	2.38	7.51	?	7.24
Tokai	8.1	2.226	12.1	25.896	25.885
Bascom	5.96	2.3	12.5	43.512	2.745
Summerfield	6.25	2.6	13.0	?	2.59
Elektra	215	3.13	7.12	26.4,126.2	5.225



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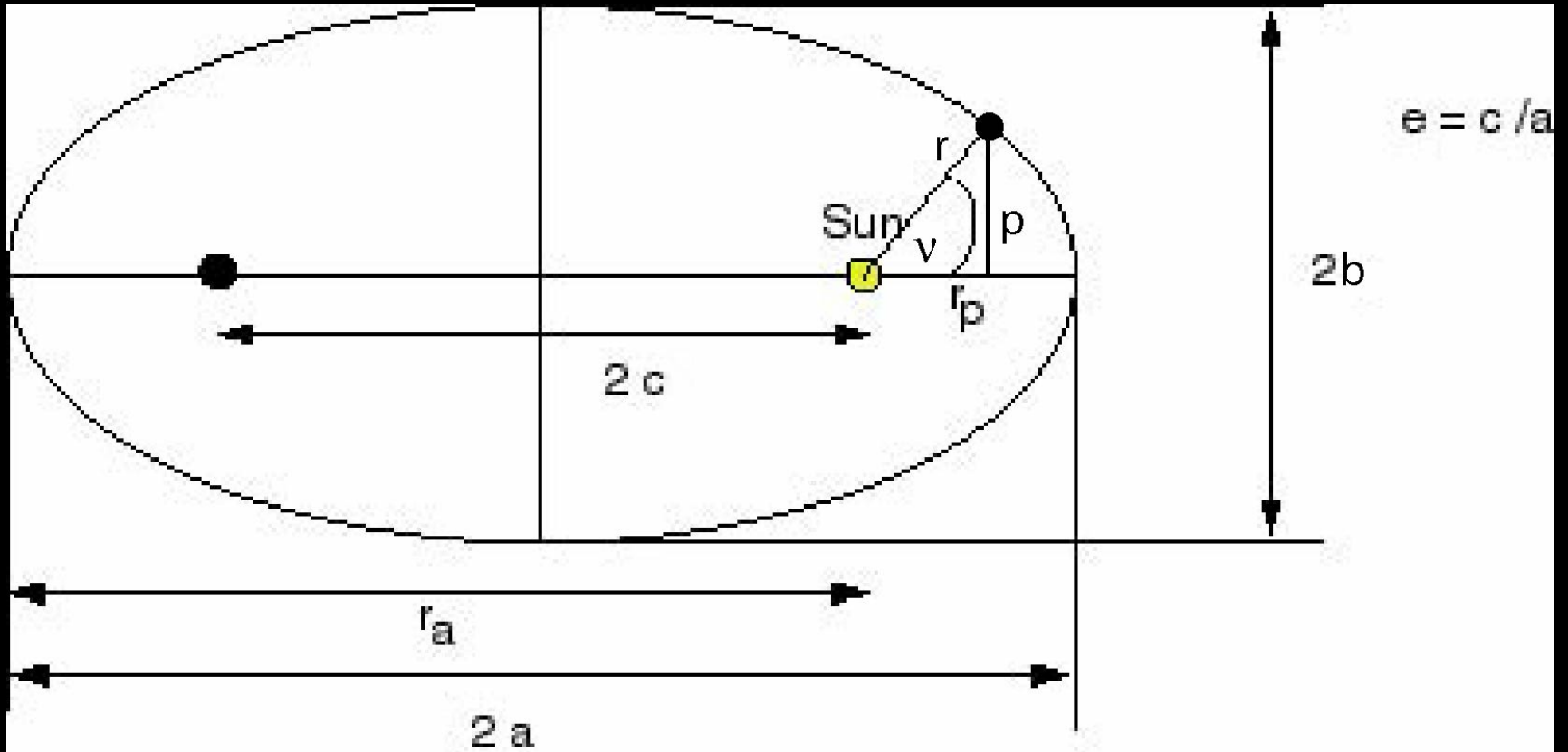
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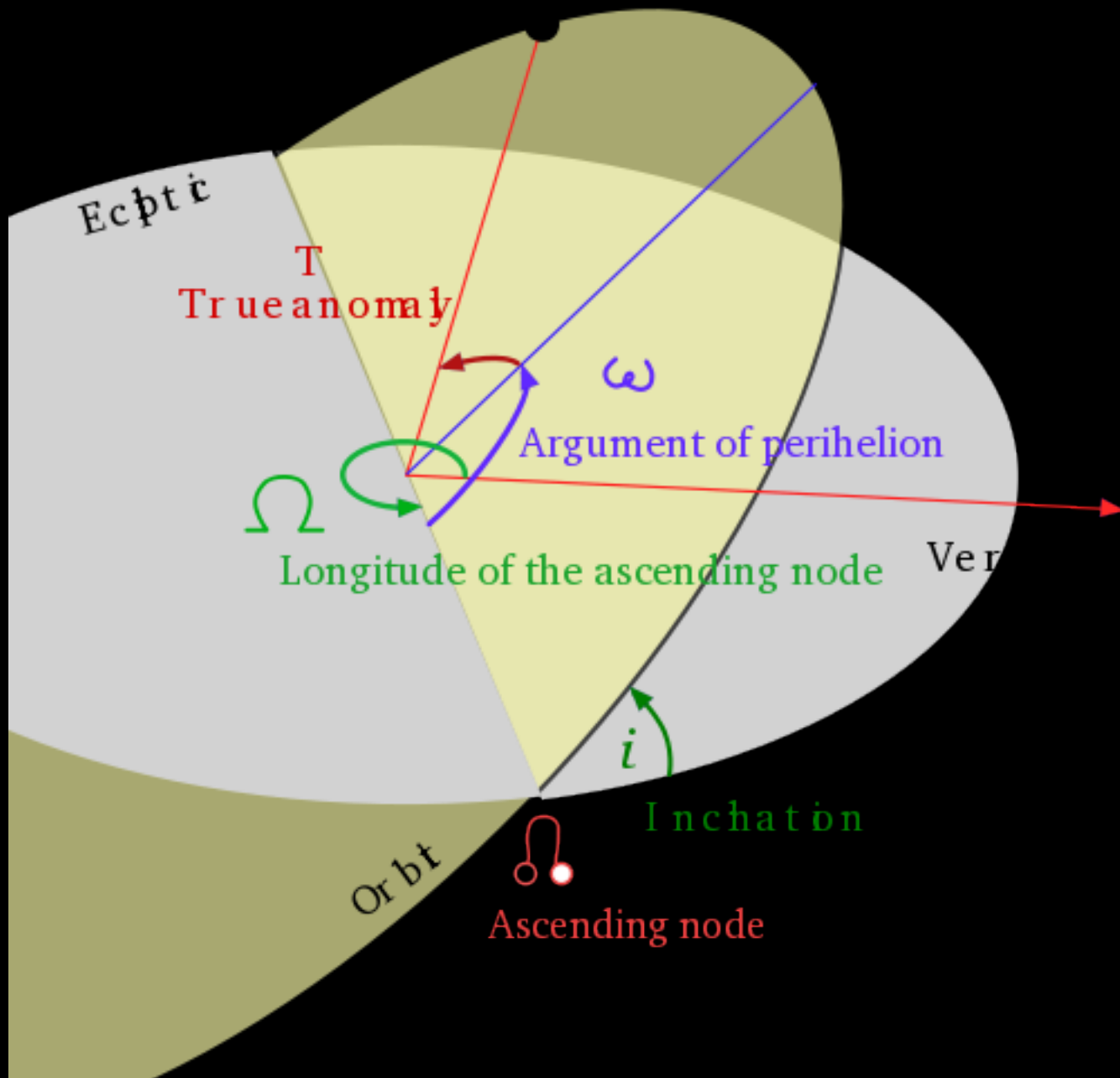
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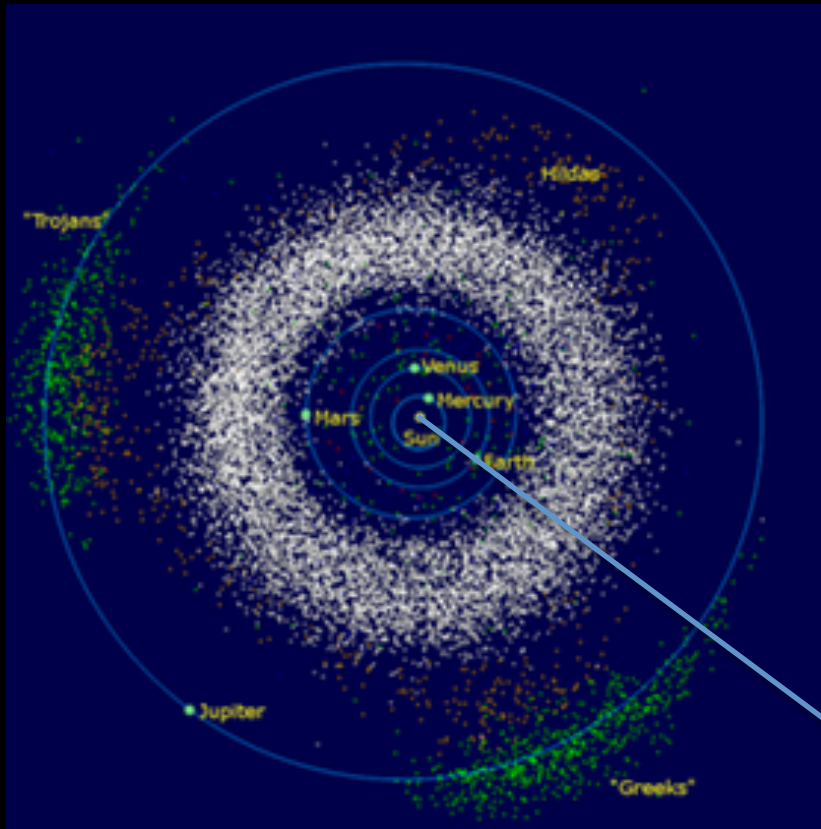
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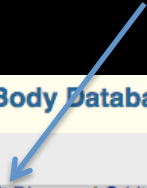


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- At opposition, main belt asteroids (MBAs) are closest to the Earth and so are the brightest and thus at the best positions in which to make observations.

Asteroids at opposition fall along this line

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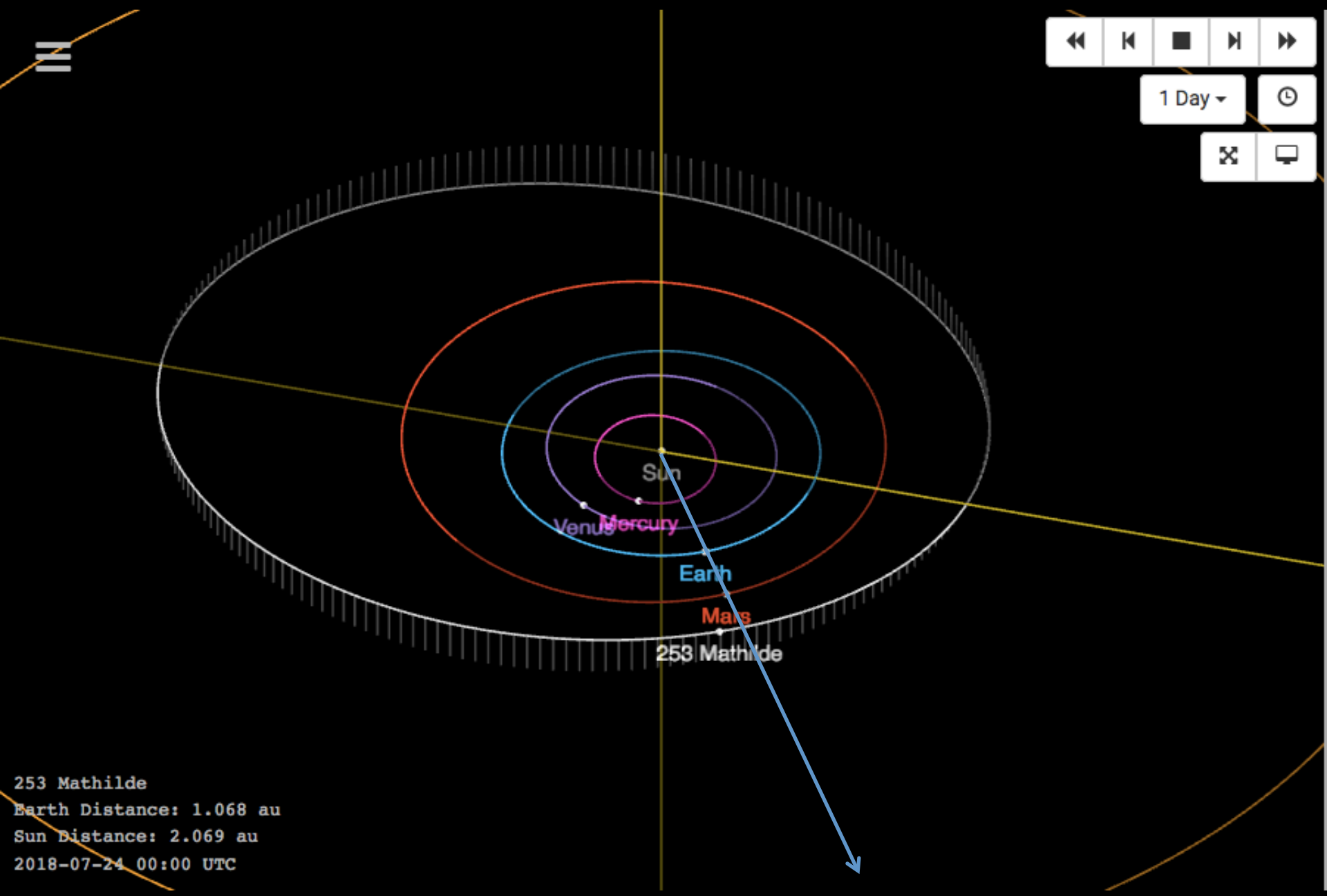
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absolute magnitude	H	10.3	mag	n/a	MPO267706	
diameter	diameter	52.8	km	n/a	n/a	Yeomans E-mail 2001-Apr-04
GM	GM	0.00689	km ³ /s ²	0.00030	Yeomans et al. (1997) Science v.278, pp.2106-2109	
bulk density	density	1.3	g/cm ³	0.2	Yeomans et al. (1997) Science v.278, pp.2106-2109	based on a nominal volume of 78000 km ³ (with lower/upper limits of 67000/90000 km ³)
rotation period	rot_per	417.7	h	n/a	LCDB (Rev. 2018-June); Warner et al., 2009	Published Reference List: [Mottola, S.; Sears, W.D.; Erikson, A.; Harris, A.W.; et al. (1995) Planet. Space Sci. 43, 1609-1613.] [Pravec, P.; et al. (2005) Icarus 173, 108-131.]
geometric albedo	albedo	0.0436		0.004	IRAS-A-FPA-3-RDR-IMPS-V6.0	IRAS observations used: 20
SMASII spectral type	spec_B	Cb		n/a	EAR-A-5-DDR-TAXONOMY-V4.0	based on a high-resolution spectrum by Xu et al. (1995) or Bus and Binzel (2002)

253 Mathilde Discovered 1885-Nov-12 by Palisa, J. at Vienna

sa.gov/sbdb.cgi?sstr=Mathilde;old=0;orb=0;cov=0;log=0;cad=0#phys_par 2003-08-29



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Current Settings

Target Body [change]: **253 Mathilde**
 Observer Location [change]: **Geocentric [500]**
 Time Span [change]: **Start=2018-07-24, Stop=2018-08-23, Step=1 d**
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253 MATHILDE
 2018-JUL-24 23:09:31
 Rec # : 253 (+COV) Soln.date: 2018-May-31 11:49:38 # obs: 3284 (1885-2018)

IAU76/J2000 helio. ecliptic osc. elements (au, days, deg., period-Julian yrs):

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 Target body name: 253 Mathilde {source: JPL#203}
 Center body name: Earth (399) {source: DE431}
 Center-site name: GEOCENTRIC

 Start time : A.D. 2018-Jul-24 00:00:00.0000 UT
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 Units conversion: 1 au = 149597870.700 km, c = 299792.458 km/s, 1 day = 86

Results

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Target body name: 253 Mathilde {source: JPL#203}
Center body name: Earth (399) {source: DE431}
Center-site name: GEOCENTRIC

Start time : A.D. 2018-Jul-24 00:00:00.0000 UT
Stop time : A.D. 2018-Aug-23 00:00:00.0000 UT
Step-size : 1440 minutes

Target pole/equ : No model available
Target radii : 26.4 km
Center geodetic : 0.00000000,0.00000000,0.00000000 {E-lon(deg),Lat(deg),Alt(km)}

Rel. light bend : Sun, EARTH {source: DE431}
Rel. light bnd GM: 1.3271E+11, 3.9860E+05 km^3/s^2
Small-body perts: Yes {source: SB431-N16}

RA format : HMS
Time format : CAL
EOP file : eop.180724.p181015
EOP coverage : DATA-BASED 1962-JAN-20 TO 2018-JUL-24. PREDICTS-> 2018-OCT-14

Units conversion: 1 au = 149597870.700 km, c = 299792.458 km/s, 1 day = 86400.0 s
Table cut-offs 1: Elevation (-90.0deg=NO), Airmass (>38.000=NO), Daylight (NO)
Table cut-offs 2: Solar elongation (0.0,180.0=NO), Local Hour Angle(0.0=NO)
Table cut-offs 3: RA/DEC angular rate (0.0=NO)

Initial IAU76/J2000 heliocentric ecliptic osculating elements (au, days, deg.):
EPOCH = 2453555.5 ! 2005-Jul-04.00 (TDB) Residual RMS = .2568
EC = .2658566142843402 QR = 1.942823468367326 TP = 2453711.3545907466

Equivalent ICRF heliocentric equatorial cartesian coordinates (au, au/d):
X = 2.989197025371950E-01 Y = -2.053370950554895E+00 Z = -6.163059071153861E-01
VX = 1.199738755818687E-02 VY = 4.027042284952806E-03 VZ = 1.199060002382162E-03

Asteroid physical parameters (km, seconds, rotational period in hours):
GM = .00689 RAD = 26.4 ROTPER = 417.7
H = 10.3 G = .150 B-V = n.a.
ALBEDO = .0436 STYP = Cb

Date_(UT)_HR:MN R.A._(ICRF/J2000)_DEC APmag S-brt delta deldot S-O-T /r S-T-O

Table with columns: Date_(UT)_HR:MN, R.A._(ICRF/J2000)_DEC, APmag, S-brt, delta, deldot, S-O-T /r, S-T-O. Rows include dates from 2018-Jul-24 to 2018-Aug-10.



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Object Data Page
253 MATHILDE 191 M01104 19100-00-00
Name: 253 MATHILDE (19100-00-00) # 253 (19100-00-00)

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Coordinates

delta = Δ / r =

Range ("delta") and range-rate ("delta-dot") of target center with respect to the observer at the instant light seen by the observer at print-time would have left the target center (print-time minus down-leg light-time); the distance traveled by a light ray emanating from the center of the target and recorded by the observer at print-time. "deldot" is a projection of the velocity vector along this ray, the light-time-corrected line-of-sight from the coordinate center, and indicates relative motion. A positive "deldot" means the target center is moving away from the observer (coordinate center). A negative "deldot" means the target center is moving toward the observer.

Units: AU and KM/S

S-O-T / r =

Sun-Observer-Target angle; target's apparent SOLAR ELONGATION seen from the observer location at print-time. Angular units: DEGREES

The '/r' column indicates the target's apparent position relative to the Sun in the observer's sky, as described below:

For an observing location on the surface of a rotating body (considering its rotational sense):

/T indicates target TRAILS Sun (evening sky; rises and sets AFTER Sun)
/L indicates target LEADS Sun (morning sky; rises and sets BEFORE Sun)

For an observing point NOT on a rotating body (such as a spacecraft), the "leading" and "trailing" condition is defined by the observer's heliocentric orbital motion: if continuing in the observer's current direction of heliocentric motion would encounter the target's apparent longitude first, followed by the Sun's, the target LEADS the Sun as seen by the observer. If the Sun's apparent longitude would be encountered first, followed by the target's, the target TRAILS the Sun.

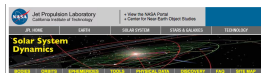
NOTE: The S-O-T solar elongation angle is numerically the minimum separation angle of the Sun and target in the sky in any direction. It does NOT indicate the amount of separation in the leading or trailing directions, which are defined in the equator of a spherical coordinate system.

S-T-O =

"S-T-O" is the Sun->Target->Observer angle; the interior vertex angle at target center formed by a vector to the apparent center of the Sun at reflection time on the target and the apparent vector to the observer at print-time. Slightly different from true PHASE ANGLE (requestable separately) at the few arcsecond level in that it includes stellar aberration on the down-leg from target to observer. Units: DEGREES

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Current Settings
Object Name: 2003FV10
Type: Asteroid
Date Range: 2003-01-01 to 2003-01-01
Time Range: 00:00:00 to 00:00:00
Observer: Earth

Object Data Page
2003FV10
JPL Horizons System
Object Name: 2003FV10
Type: Asteroid
Date Range: 2003-01-01 to 2003-01-01
Time Range: 00:00:00 to 00:00:00
Observer: Earth

Table with columns: Time, RA, Dec, S-O-T, Delta, Delta-Dot, etc. showing ephemeris data for object 2003FV10.

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