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Abstract

COSIMA (COmetary Secondary Ion Mass Analyser) is a time-of-flight secondary ion mass spectrometer (TOF-SIMS) on board the Rosetta space mission. COSIMA has been designed to measure the composition of cometary dust grains. It has a mass resolution $m/\Delta m$ of 1400 at mass 100 u, thus enabling the discrimination of inorganic mass peaks from organic ones in the mass spectra. We have evaluated the identification capabilities of the reference model of COSIMA for inorganic compounds using a suite of terrestrial minerals that are relevant for cometary science. Ground calibration demonstrated that the performances of the flight model were similar to that of the reference model. The list of minerals used in this study was chosen based on the mineralogy of meteorites, interplanetary dust particles and Stardust samples. It contains anhydrous and hydrous ferromagnesian silicates, refractory silicates and oxides (present in meteoritic Ca-Al-rich inclusions), carbonates, and Fe-Ni sulfides. From the analyses of these minerals, we have calculated relative sensitivity factors for a suite of major and minor elements in order to provide a basis for element quantification for the possible identification of major mineral classes present in the cometary grains.

Keywords

Rosetta, cometary dust, interplanetary dust, micrometeorite, comet, time-of-flight secondary ion mass spectrometry (TOF-SIMS).

1 Introduction

Comets spend most of their lifetime far away from the sun and are therefore only little affected by solar radiation. In addition, as they are small bodies, they are very likely not altered by internal differentiation. Therefore, comets are considered to be among the most primitive objects in the Solar System and might even still contain residual material of the solar nebula. In other words, comets may have preserved refractory and/or volatile interstellar material left over from Solar System formation and can provide key information on the origin of our Solar System.

While remote observations allow measurements of collective properties of cometary dust, mass spectrometers flown on spacecraft allow the compositional analysis of individual particles. The latter technique was first introduced on the Giotto and Vega 1/2 missions to comet 1P/Halley (Kissel et al., 1986a; Kissel et al., 1986b). The measurements showed that in comet Halley's dust, a mineral component is mixed with organic matter in individual grains (Lawler and Brownlee, 1992).

Remote observations of comet C/1995 O1 (Hale-Bopp) and other bright comets, as well as laboratory analyses of cosmic dust of inferred cometary origin, showed that cometary dust is an unequilibrated, heterogeneous mixture of crystalline and glassy

silicate minerals, organic refractory material, and other constituents such as iron sulfide and possibly minor amounts of iron oxides (Bradley, 2005; Crovisier et al., 1997; Dobrică et al., 2012; Hanner and Bradley, 2004, and references therein). The silicates are mostly Mg-rich, while Fe is distributed in silicates, sulfides, and Fe-Ni metal. Remote infrared spectra of silicate emission features in comet Hale-Bopp have led to identification of the minerals forsterite and enstatite in both amorphous and crystalline form. This mineralogy is consistent with the composition of chondritic porous anhydrous interplanetary dust particles (CP-IDPs) (e.g., Brunetto et al., 2011) and of UltraCarbonaceous Antarctic MicroMeteorites (UCAMMs) (Dobrică et al., 2012). The high D/H ratios of the organic refractory material in these IDPs (Messenger, 2002) and in UCAMMs (Duprat et al., 2010), as well as the physical and chemical structure of glassy silicate grains, suggest a primitive origin of cometary dust. Although primitive cosmic dust contains a fraction of presolar dust (e.g., Zinner, 2014), the origin of deuterium anomalies in the organic matter is still a matter of debate. *In situ* measurements of particles from comet Halley have also shown that carbon is enriched in cometary particles relative to CI chondrites; some of the C is in an organic phase (Jessberger et al., 1988).

“Ground truth” was provided by the Stardust mission, which in 2006 successfully returned samples of dust collected in the coma of comet 81P/Wild 2 (Brownlee, 2014; Brownlee et al., 2006). The bulk of the Stardust samples appear to be weakly constructed mixtures of nanometer-sized grains, interspersed with much larger ($>1 \mu\text{m}$) crystalline and amorphous ferromagnesian silicates, Fe-Ni sulfides, Fe-Ni metal, and other phases (Zolensky et al., 2006). The very wide variety of olivine and low-Ca pyroxene compositions in comet Wild 2 requires a wide range of formation conditions, probably reflecting very different formation locations in the protoplanetary disk (e.g., Frank et al., 2014). The restricted compositional ranges of Fe-Ni sulfides, the wide range for silicates, and the absence of hydrous phases indicate that comet Wild 2 likely experienced little or no aqueous alteration. Less abundant Wild 2 materials include refractory grains such as calcium-aluminum-rich inclusions (CAIs), high-temperature phases (Brownlee, 2014, and references therein), whose presence appears to require radial transport in the early protoplanetary disk.

Spitzer Space Telescope observations of comet 9P/Tempel 1 during the Deep Impact encounter revealed emission signatures that were assigned to amorphous and crystalline silicates, amorphous carbon, carbonates, phyllosilicates, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, water gas and ice, and sulfides (Lisse et al., 2006). Good agreement is seen between the Tempel 1 ejecta spectra, the material emitted from comet Hale-Bopp, and the circumstellar material around the young stellar object HD100546 (Malfait et al., 1998). The atomic abundance of the observed material is consistent with solar and CI chondritic abundances. The presence of the observed mix of materials requires direct condensation from the gas and/or efficient methods of annealing amorphous silicates and mixing of high- and low-temperature phases over large distances in the early protosolar nebula.

In August 2014, the European Space Agency’s spacecraft Rosetta arrived at Jupiter-family comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko (hereafter 67P/C-G). The Rosetta spacecraft carries eleven scientific instruments to study the nucleus of the comet as well as the gas, plasma, and particle environment in the inner coma as a function of heliocentric distance. On November 12, 2014, the lander spacecraft Philae has performed the first ever landing on a comet nucleus and provided *in situ* analysis of its

physical and compositional properties (Gibney, 2014; Glassmeier et al., 2007, and references therein; Hand, 2014).

One of the core instruments of the Rosetta payload is the COmetary Secondary Ion Mass Analyser (COSIMA) that presently collects and analyzes the composition of dust grains in the coma of 67P/C-G (Kissel et al., 2009; Kissel et al., 2007). COSIMA is a high-resolution time-of-flight secondary ion mass spectrometry (TOF-SIMS) instrument (Vickerman et al., 2013), which uses an indium primary ion beam to analyze the chemical composition of collected cometary grains. The size of the primary beam is about 50 μm in diameter, and the mass resolution is $m/\Delta m \sim 1400$ at 50% peak height (FWHM) at $m/z=100$ u. The bombardment of indium ions onto the sample produces secondary ions that are subsequently accelerated into a time-of-flight mass spectrometer, generating a secondary ion mass spectrum. By switching polarity of the mass spectrometer potentials, COSIMA is able to collect either positive or negative secondary ions, to allow a complete analysis of the samples, since atoms or molecules are ionized either as positive or negative ions according to their first ionization potential and their electron affinity, respectively. The goal of the COSIMA investigation is the *in situ* characterization of the elemental, molecular, mineralogical, and possibly isotopic composition of dust in the coma of comet 67P/C-G.

A twin of the COSIMA instrument flying on board Rosetta is located at the Max-Planck-Institut für Sonnensystemforschung (hereafter MPS) in Göttingen. This instrument serves as a reference instrument (Reference Model, RM) for the COSIMA flight instrument (named COSIMA XM). Pre-launch tests have shown that the performances of the RM and the XM are similar. Since the launch of Rosetta in 2004, the RM has been extensively used for laboratory calibration measurements. We have obtained a “library” of COSIMA mass spectra of well prepared and specially selected reference samples. Our reference samples are, among others, pure minerals expected to be present at the comet. These reference spectra will facilitate interpretation of the mass spectra expected from the comet with the COSIMA XM.

In this paper, we describe calibration measurements with the COSIMA RM that we performed with a set of mineral samples during recent years. A similar calibration campaign with samples of organic compounds is described in Le Roy et al., (2015).

2 Samples and methods

2.1 Sample selection and determination of compositions.

For our COSIMA reference measurements, we selected minerals that have either been detected in comets or that were identified in other primitive Solar System materials, namely meteorites (in particular carbonaceous chondrites) or interplanetary dust particles (IDPs) and Antarctic micrometeorites. The selected mineral groups include anhydrous silicates (in particular olivines, pyroxenes, and feldspars of different compositions), hydrated silicates, oxides and hydroxides, carbonates, sulfides, pure elements and alloys (Table 1). For the abundant minerals in comets, in particular anhydrous silicates, more than one sample was measured from the same mineral class (e.g., olivine). The samples were either purchased from a commercial provider (MPS samples - Krantz Mineral Shop in Bonn, Germany) or obtained from collections of the natural history museums in Los Angeles, London, Paris, and Vienna. A few samples were also provided through personal collaborations. The compositions of the mineral samples were either obtained from the literature, or were measured by electron microprobe at

Univ. Paris VI, CAMPARIS. Major and minor elements were measured at 15 keV, 10 nA. Oxygen, carbon, and hydrogen were not measured but calculated by stoichiometry (for oxygen) or by difference (for carbon and hydrogen). The corresponding formula were calculated and compared to the theoretical values (Tables 1 and 2).

Table 1. Minerals analyzed with COSIMA RM including target types and numbers, and the sample preparation technique.

Mineral family	Mineral Name	General Formula	Measured Formula	Provider (Origin) [‡]	Target Type	Cosima Target Label	Preparation Technique
Ca-poor Px	Orthopyroxene	(Mg,Fe)SiO ₃	(Mg _{0.9} Fe _{0.1})Si _{0.9} O ₃	MPS – From M. Trieloff (Z31 Zabargad Island Kurat et al., 1993; Trieloff et al., 1997)	Au blank	41E	Pressing
Ca-poor Px	Enstatite	(Mg,Fe)SiO ₃	Mg _{0.9} SiO ₃	CSNSM (MM, R2958, Bamle, Norway)	Ag blank	49C (111)	Suspension
Ca-poor Px	Hypersthene	(Mg,Fe)SiO ₃	(Mg _{0.7} Fe _{0.3})SiO ₃	CSNSM - Los Angeles Museum	Ag blank	496 (150)	Suspension
Ca-rich Px	Clinopyroxene	CaMgSi ₂ O ₆	Ca _{0.7} Al _{0.1} Mg _{0.9} Fe _{0.1} Si _{1.8} O ₆	MSP – From M. Trieloff (DW918 Witt-Eickschen et al., 2003))	Au blank	41D	Pressing
Ca-rich Px	Diopside	CaMgSi ₂ O ₆	CaAl _{0.1} Mg _{0.9} Fe _{0.1} Si ₂ O ₆	CSNSM-NHM Vienna (Madagascar)	Ag blank	49C (111)	Suspension
Ca-rich Px	Diopside	CaMgSi ₂ O ₆	(Ca _{0.6} Na _{0.4})(Mg _{0.6} Al _{0.4})Si ₂ O ₆	CSNSM-NHM London, BM 1906,382 (Italy)	Ag blank	49D (114)	Suspension
Ca-rich Px	Augite	(Ca,Na)(Mg,Fe,Al,Ti)(Si,Al) ₂ O ₆	(Ca _{0.9})(Mg _{0.8} Fe _{0.2})(Si _{1.8} Al _{0.2})O ₆	CSNSM-NHM London (Daun tuff quarry, Germany)	Ag blank	496 (150)	Suspension
Ca-rich Px	Hedenbergite	CaFeSi ₂ O ₆	(Ca _{1.1})(Mg _{0.3} Fe _{0.5} Mn _{0.1})Si ₂ O ₆	LPC2E-ISTO 90407	Ag blank	497 (136)	Suspension
Olivine	Forsterite	Mg ₂ SiO ₄	Mg ₂ SiO ₄	CSNSM – From A. Revcolevskii (Synthetic mineral)	Ag blank	496 (150)	Suspension
Olivine	Forsterite	Mg ₂ SiO ₄	Mg ₂ SiO ₄	CSNSM – From A. Revcolevskii (Synthetic)	Au blank	420	Pressing

Olivine	Olivine Zabargad	$(\text{Mg,Fe})_2\text{SiO}_4$	$(\text{Mg}_{1.8}\text{Fe}_{0.2})\text{SiO}_4$	mineral) MPS – From M.Trielloff (Z104 Zabargad Island Kurat et al., 1993; Trielloff et al., 1997)	Au blank	48C	Pressing
Olivine	Fayalite	Fe_2SiO_4	$\text{Fe}_{1.9}\text{SiO}_4$	CSNSM – From J. Borg	Ag blank	496 (150)	Suspension
Feldspar	Albite	$\text{NaAlSi}_3\text{O}_8$	$\text{NaAlSi}_3\text{O}_8$	CSNSM (MM 118082, Ramona San Diego)	Ag blank	496 (150)	Suspension
Feldspar	Anorthite	$\text{CaAl}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_8$	$\text{CaAl}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_8$	CSNSM- NHM Vienna, (T. de la Foya, Austria)	Ag blank	497 (136)	Suspension
Feldspar	Plagioclase	$(\text{Na,Ca})(\text{Si,Al})_4\text{O}_8$	$(\text{Na}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5})(\text{Si}_{2.5}\text{Al}_{1.5})\text{O}_8$	CSNSM- NHM Vienna (Tanzmeister, Austria)	Ag blank	497 (136)	Suspension
Feldspar	Plagioclase	$(\text{Na,Ca})(\text{Si,Al})_4\text{O}_8$	$(\text{Na}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5})(\text{Si}_{2.5}\text{Al}_{1.5})\text{O}_8$	CSNSM- NHM Vienna (Tanzmeister, Austria)	Ag blank	48B (AG57)	Pressing
Feldspar	Orthoclase	KAlSi_3O_8	$(\text{Na}_{0.3}\text{K}_{0.6})\text{AlSi}_3\text{O}_8$	CSNSM- NHM London (Moon Stone, Sri Lanka)	Ag blank	496 (150)	Suspension
Feldspathoid	Nepheline	$(\text{Na,K})\text{AlSiO}_4$	$(\text{Na}_{0.6}\text{Ca}_{0.3})\text{AlSiO}_4$	CSNSM- NHM London (York River, Ontario CA)	Ag blank	497 (136)	Suspension
Hydr. silicate	Fuchsite	$\text{KAl}_2(\text{Si}_3\text{Al})\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH,F})_2$	$\text{Na}_{0.1}\text{K}_{0.5}\text{Si}_{3.2}\text{Al}_{2.8}\text{Fe}_{0.1}\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_{1.8}^*$	CSNSM	Ag blank	49D (114)	Suspension
Hydr. silicate	Richterite	$\text{Na}(\text{CaNa})(\text{Mg,Fe})_5[\text{Si}_8\text{O}_{22}](\text{OH})_2$	$\text{Na}_{0.9}\text{Al}_{0.3}\text{K}_{0.2}\text{Ca}_{1.6}(\text{Mg}_{4.6}\text{Fe}_{0.4})[\text{Si}_8\text{O}_{21.2}(\text{OH})_{4.8}^*$	MPS (Bancroft Ontario, Canada)	Ag blank	4B0 (147)	Suspension
Hydr. silicate	Smectite	$\text{Ca}_{0.25}(\text{Mg,Fe})_3((\text{Si,Al})_4\text{O}_{10})(\text{OH})_2 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{Ca}_{0.2}(\text{Mg}_{0.1}\text{Fe}_{2.5})((\text{Si}_4\text{Al}_{0.1})\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}^*$	CSNSM (Bowling, Le Lamentin, Martinique)	Au blank	422	Pressing
Hydr. silicate	Talc	$\text{Mg}_3\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_2$	$\text{Mg}_{3.4}\text{Si}_{3.8}\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}^*$	CSNSM- Museum Lauzenac Ariege	Ag blank	49C (111)	Suspension
Carbonate	Dolomite	$\text{CaMg}(\text{CO}_3)_2$	$\text{Ca}(\text{Mg}_{0.8}\text{Fe}_{0.2})(\text{CO}_3)_2^\#$	MPS (Vegarshei en, Norway)	Ag blank	4AF (142)	Suspension
Carbonate	Calcite	CaCO_3	$\text{Ca}_{1.1}\text{CO}_3^\#$	MPS (Creel Chihuahua, Mexico)	Ag blank	4AF (142)	Suspension
Melilite	Melilite	$(\text{Ca,Na})_2(\text{Al,Mg,Fe})(\text{Si,Al})_2\text{O}_7$	$(\text{Ca}_{1.8}\text{Na}_{0.1})(\text{Al}_{0.6}\text{Mg}_{0.3}\text{Fe}_{0.1})(\text{Si}_{1.6}\text{Al}_{0.4})\text{O}_7$	CSNSM- MNHN Paris (Vesuvius)	Ag blank	498 (143)	Suspension
Melilite	Åkermanite	$\text{Ca}_2\text{Mg}[\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7]$	$\text{Ca}_2\text{Mg}[\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7]$	CSNSM-	Ag	496	Suspension

															Dr.Morioka Japan (Synthetic mineral)	blank	(150)	n
Oxide	Ilmenite	FeTiO ₃								(Fe _{0.8} Mg _{0.2})TiO ₃					MPS (Flekkefjord, Norway)	Ag blank	4B0 (147)	Suspension
Oxide	Magnetite	Fe ₃ O ₄								Fe _{2.5} O ₄ (O measured as FeO)					MPS (Minas Gerais, Brasil)	Ag blank	4B0 (147)	Suspension
Oxide	Corundum	Al ₂ O ₃								Al ₂ O ₃					CSNSM- NHM Vienna (Ceylon)	Ag blank	4B0 (147)	Suspension
Sulfide	Sphalerite	[(Zn, Fe)S]								ZnS					CSNSM (Picos de Europa, Spain)	Ag blank	4AF (142)	Suspension
Sulfide	Pyrite	FeS ₂								FeS _{2.0}					CSNSM- CRPG	Au blank	421	Pressing
Sulfide	Pentlandite	(Fe,Ni) ₉ S ₈								(Fe _{4.4} Ni _{4.8} Co _{0.1})S ₈					CSNSM- CRPG	Ag blank	49D (114)	Suspension
Sulfide	Pyrrhotite	Fe _(1-x) S (x = 0 - 0.17)								FeS					CSNSM- CRPG	Ag blank	49D (114)	Suspension
---	Substrate gold	-----								-----					-----	Au blank	41D/4 1E	No sample
---	Substrate silver	-----								-----					-----	Ag blank	49C (111)	No sample

*H calculated by difference

#C calculated by difference

‡Provider of the minerals, and sampling location, when available. MPS : Max Planck Institut für Sonnensystemforschung (Göttingen, Germany). CSNSM : Centre de Sciences Nucléaires et de Sciences de la Matière (Orsay France). LPC2E : Laboratoire de Physique et Chimie de l'Environnement et de l'Espace (Orléans France). ISTO : Institut des Sciences de la Terre d'Orléans (France). NHM : Natural History Museum (Vienna Austria, or London UK), MNHN : Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle (Paris France). CRPG : Centre de Recherches Pétrographiques et Géochimiques (Nancy France).

Table 2. Composition of the minerals measured by electron microprobe (atomic percent).

Mineral Family	Mineral Name	O	N	M	Al	Si	P	S	K	Ca	Ti	V	C	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	H*	C#	Total
Ca-poor Px	Orthopyroxene	60.7	b.d.	17.4	0.80	19.0	-	-	-	0.14	b.d.	-	0.0	0.0	1.75	-	0.04	-	-			10.0
Ca-poor Px	Enstatite	60.1	b.d.	18.9	0.07	20.1	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	-	b.d.	b.d.	0.71	-	b.d.	-	-			10.0
Ca-poor Px	Hypersthene	59.9	b.d.	13.6	0.90	19.3	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	0.56	0.05	-	0.0	0.1	5.36	-	b.d.	-	-			10.0
Ca-rich Px	Clinopyroxene	61.9	0.3	9.24	0.08	18.6	-	b.d.	-	7.20	0.16	-	0.0	0.0	1.35	-	0.03	-	-			10.0
Ca-rich Px	Diopside (Madagascar)	60.0	0.2	9.05	0.01	19.5	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	9.55	b.d.	-	b.d.	0.0	0.63	-	b.d.	-	-			10.0
Ca-rich Px	Diopside (Italy)	59.9	4.0	5.90	3.66	19.9	0.0	b.d.	b.d.	5.95	0.03	-	b.d.	0.3	0.11	-	b.d.	-	-			10.0
Ca-rich Px	Augite	59.8	3.0	7.58	2.36	18.2	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	9.12	0.41	-	0.0	0.0	1.88	-	b.d.	-	-			10.0
Ca-rich Px	Hedenbergite	60.0	-	3.21	-	20.1	-	-	-	10.7	-	-	-	0.5	5.30	-	-	-	-			10.0
Olivine	Synthetic Forsterite	57.2	b.d.	28.3	b.d.	14.4	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	-	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	-	b.d.	-	-			10.0

Olivine	rite Olivine	56	-	25	-	14	-	-	-	b.	-	-	b.	-	2.	-	0.	-	-	10	
	Zeabargad (Z104)	.5		.8		.8				d.			d.		73		10			0.0	
	Fayalite	4		2		1														0	
Olivine	Fayalite	57	0.	0.	0.	14	b.	b.	b.	b.	b.	-	b.	b.	27	-	b.	-	-	10	
		.2	0	18	12	.4	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.		d.	d.	.8		d.			0.0	
		8	7			6									9					0	
Feldspar	Albite	61	7.	b.	7.	22	b.	b.	0.	0.	b.	-	b.	b.	b.	-	b.	-	-	10	
		.5	5	d.	85	.9	d.	d.	0	05	d.		d.	d.	d.		d.			0.0	
		4	7			5			4											0	
Feldspar	Anorthite	61	b.	b.	15	15	b.	b.	b.	7.	b.	-	b.	b.	b.	-	b.	-	-	10	
		.5	d.	d.	.2	.4	d.	d.	d.	76	d.		d.	d.	d.		d.			0.0	
		5			9	0														0	
Feldspar	Plagioclase	61	3.	b.	11	19	b.	b.	0.	4.	b.	-	b.	b.	0.	-	b.	-	-	10	
		.4	5	d.	.6	.0	d.	d.	2	03	d.		d.	d.	07		d.			0.0	
		9	6		4	2			0											0	
Feldspar	Orthoclase	61	2.	b.	7.	23	b.	b.	4.	0.	b.	-	b.	b.	b.	-	b.	-	-	10	
		.6	6	d.	82	.0	d.	d.	8	09	d.		d.	d.	d.		d.			0.0	
		2	7			1			0											0	
Feldspathoid	Nepheline	58	9.	b.	14	14	b.	b.	b.	3.	b.	-	b.	b.	b.	-	b.	-	-	10	
		.4	1	d.	.3	.3	d.	d.	d.	78	d.		d.	d.	d.		d.			0.0	
		5	3		3	1														0	
Hydrated silicate	Fuchsite	58	0.	0.	13	15	b.	b.	2.	b.	0.	-	0.	b.	0.	-	b.	-	-	10	
		.5	3	20	.8	.4	d.	d.	2	d.	32		0	d.	39		d.		8.	0.0	
		1	2		2	0			5				5							0	
Hydrated silicate	Richterite	55	1.	9.	0.	17	b.	b.	0.	3.	b.	-	b.	0.	0.	-	b.	-	-	10	
		.6	9	90	58	.1	d.	d.	3	37	d.		d.	0	82		d.		1	0.0	
		4	0		7				8					3					0.	0	
Hydrated silicate	Smectite	52	0.	0.	0.	14	b.	b.	0.	0.	b.	-	b.	b.	9.	-	0.	-	-	10	
		.1	0	43	55	.9	d.	d.	1	64	d.		d.	d.	34		03		2	0.0	
		3	7		2				5										1.	0	
Hydrated silicate	Talc	48	b.	10	b.	11	b.	b.	b.	b.	b.	-	b.	b.	0.	-	b.	-	-	10	
		.1	d.	.2	d.	.3	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.		d.	d.	09		d.		3	0.0	
		1		7		2													0.	0	
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Carbonate	Dolomite	59	b.	8.	b.	b.	b.	b.	b.	10	b.	b.	b.	0.	1.	-	-	-	-	2	10
		.9	d.	37	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	.0	d.	d.	d.	0	61					0.	0.0
		9							1				5						0#	0	
Carbonate	Calcite	59	b.	b.	b.	b.	b.	b.	b.	21	b.	-	b.	b.	b.	b.	b.	-	-	1	10
		.5	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	.3	d.		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.			9.	0.0
		6							4										1#	0	
Melilite	Melilite	58	1.	2.	8.	13	b.	b.	0.	15	b.	-	b.	b.	0.	-	b.	-	-	10	
		.3	0	80	12	.2	d.	d.	1	.4	d.		d.	d.	85		d.			0.0	
		9	3			8			1											0	
Melilite	Åkermanite	58	b.	8.	b.	16	b.	b.	b.	16	b.	-	b.	b.	b.	-	b.	-	-	10	
		.3	d.	28	d.	.7	d.	d.	d.	.5	d.		d.	d.	d.		d.			0.0	
		9				9			4											0	
Oxide	Ilmenite	59	b.	4.	b.	b.	b.	b.	b.	19	-	0.	0.	16	-	0.	-	-	-	10	
		.6	d.	05	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	.2		0	1	.8		04				0.0	
		6								8		5	1	1						0	
Oxide	Magnetite	61	b.	0.	0.	0.	b.	b.	b.	b.	b.	-	b.	0.	38	-	b.	-	-	10	
		.2	d.	08	23	05	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.		d.	0	.3		d.			0.0	
		9												2	3					0	
Oxide	Corundum	60	-	-	39	b.	b.	b.	b.	b.	-	b.	b.	b.	-	b.	-	-	-	10	
		.0			.9	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.		d.	d.	d.	d.		d.			0.0	
		1			9															0	
Sulfide	Sphalerite	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	-	-	-	-	-	0.	-	-	-	-	49	10	
								.7						05				.2		0.0	
								1										4		0	
Sulfide	Pyrite	-	-	-	-	-	-	65	-	-	-	-	b.	0.	33	b.	b.	b.	-	10	
								.9					d.	0	.9	d.	d.	.		0.0	
								9						5	7			d		0	
Sulfide	Pentlandite	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	-	-	-	-	b.	b.	25	0.	27	b.	b.	10	
								.3					d.	d.	.7	3	.6	.	d.	0.0	
								0							0	5	5	d		0	
Sulfide	Pyrrhotite	-	-	-	-	-	-	49	-	-	-	0.	b.	b.	50	b.	0.	b.	-	10	
								.6					1	d.	.2	d.	03	.		0.0	

*H calculated by difference

#C calculated by difference

b.d. : below detection limit

2.2 COSIMA substrates and sample preparation

The COSIMA XM is equipped with a set of 72 substrates of different types to collect dust grains in the cometary coma (Genzer and Rynö, 2011):

- _ 34x Gold black
- _ 12x Silver black
- _ 16x Platinum black
- _ 3x Palladium black
- _ 7x Silver blank

The metallic black were obtained by deposition of nanometer-sized grains, formed by condensation from the vapor phase in the case of Au and Ag, or by an electrochemical procedure in the case of Pt and Pd (Hornung et al., 2014). For the laboratory calibration campaign, we selected blank silver substrates in most cases and in a few cases blank gold substrates (Table 1). Blank targets are the primary choice for getting meaningful compositional data of analyzed standard samples, as they minimize second order effects like geometric effects and possible contamination. In contrast, metallic black targets were designed to have a large specific area for a better sticking efficiency for impinging dust particles (e.g., Hornung et al., 2014).

The blank silver targets were cleaned in an ultrasonic bath for 15 min, first in isopropanol and then in distilled water. The gold blank targets were cleaned with acetone, and heated to 900°C for 5 min. The heating of the target removes any organics from the target and softens the gold.

The samples procured by MPS (see Table 1) were crushed to pieces of several millimeters to one centimeter in size with a jaw crusher. They were then cleaned for 10 min in ethanol followed by 10 min in deionized water using an ultrasonic bath. After inspection by eye and optical microscope to identify pure and clean specimens of the respective mineral, a few selected specimens were then ground in an electrical ball mill down to a smallest grain size of approximately 25 μm . The powder obtained was then sieved with a set of stainless steel sieves with mesh sizes between 25 μm and 200 μm . The fraction with grain size between 25 μm and 50 μm was usually selected for COSIMA measurements. Samples from MPS (Zabargad olivine and clino- and orthopyroxene; Kurat et al., 1993; Tieloff et al., 1997; Witt-Eickschen et al., 2003) were prepared by standard mineral separation techniques, i.e., several cycles of hand-picking of coarse grained material, crushing, sieving, washing, and occasionally magnetic separation. Samples from CSNSM were washed in acetone, then crushed in an agate mortar and visually examined in order to pick a fragment relevant to the mineral type.

Two different types of sample preparation were used (Table 1): suspension (at MPS) or pressing in gold foil (at CSNSM). In the first case, the sieved minerals was suspended in water and applied to the metal target with a pipette in the field of view of a laboratory microscope. Approximately 1 μl was deposited onto the substrate with a pipette, creating a 1 mm droplet on the surface of the target. After evaporation of the solvent, a homogeneous surface coverage was usually visible on the substrate. For the pressing method, small fragments ($\sim 50 \mu\text{m}$) of the minerals were selected using a

binocular microscope and pressed into the blank gold substrates using a microcrusher at CSNSM, which is usually used to press micrometeorites or IDPs into gold foils. In the microcrusher, the sample was crushed into the foil with a disk of fused silica previously cleaned for 10 min with ethanol followed by 10 min in deionized water using an ultrasonic bath.

2.3 Measurement strategy with the COSIMA RM and selection of best mass spectra

Positive and negative secondary ion mass spectra were obtained for the 31 selected minerals with the COSIMA RM at MPS. Each sample was measured at least at two locations as a matrix of 4x4 or 5x5 measurement points separated by 50 μm each. The measurement time per spectrum was typically 5 min. Background spectra were systematically acquired outside of the sample (see below).

In order to establish the intensities and intensity ratios for several relevant elements for each mineral analyzed, three to six positive mass spectra were selected for evaluation. The same coordinates on the target were used for selection of positive as well as negative spectra. The mass spectra were selected based on the following criteria: the spectra had to be on the mineral grains and the level of contamination in the spectra had to be as low as possible. Common contaminants found in TOF-SIMS analyses include (i) organic compounds such as polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS - a silicone oil that is present in particular in surfactants and lubricants) and phthalates, and (ii) ions such as Na^+ , K^+ , Cl^- , SO_2^- , SO_3^- , and HSO_4^- . Mass spectra measured outside of the minerals on the substrate were used as contamination control. Features related to common contaminants for these analyses will be described in Hilchenbach et al. (in prep.), therefore this topic will not be discussed further. Last but not least, particular attention was paid to the characteristic peaks of each mineral: presence of individual elements and correlated elements, as well as their corresponding intensities.

2.4 Raman measurements

Raman spectra of all mineral samples were measured using a laboratory Raman spectrometer (model alpha300 R, WITec, Ulm, Germany) in order to verify the mineral identification. The confocal Raman spectrometer is equipped with a polarized fiber optic coupled 532 nm laser. Raman scattered light and fluorescence emission is transmitted through a beamsplitter, a laser notch filter, a long wavelength filter, and a 50 μm optical fiber to a spectrometer with a Peltier-cooled CCD detector. The wavenumber range of the spectrometer is 150 cm^{-1} to 3800 cm^{-1} with 5 cm^{-1} spectral resolution. The microscopic system accommodates three objectives with increasing magnifying power and numeric aperture (10x, 50x, and 100x). Metal targets with mineral grains were placed on the piezo-driven x-y scan table beneath the objective coupled to the z-axis focusing unit. The coarse sample grain surfaces were monitored with a CCD video camera prior to and following the Raman scans with diffraction limited optics. The excitation intensity of the laser system was adjusted prior to the depth scan with a variable slit between the laser and the transmitting optical fiber to maximize the recorded Raman and fluorescence emission while keeping sample alterations due to heating at a minimum. Since the sample composition and therefore absorption and refractive index were not spatially uniform, sample spot deterioration could not be ruled out prior to matrix scans for the whole area. The excitation intensity varies from 0.4 mW to 5 mW for samples with high and low absorption. The effective measurement time interval and laser illumination was 0.2 s for each scan matrix point. For each sample, the

spectral data was obtained from two areas $80 \times 80 \mu\text{m}^2$ that had been previously analyzed by COSIMA. Two kinds of Raman analyses were made: first a slice cutting through a selected area was scanned in depth mode along a line parallel to the x-axis in the x-z-plane, and then, an image mode scan was made parallel to the focal plane in an x-y plane encompassing the sample surface. In the latter case, fractions of the rectangular scan matrix were in or out of focus due to the surface roughness of the mineral grain samples. The recorded fluorescence and Raman emission spectra were corrected for cosmic ray particle events. Spectra were summed up and averaged for selected adjoining measurement points within each scan to improve the signal-to-noise ratio. False color images for both scan modes were plotted for selected spectral bandwidth, resulting in depth and image scans each representing other spectral features and thereby allowing the spatial identification and feasible separation of the emission sources. The minerals were identified by comparison of the observed Raman scattered lines with a database of Raman spectra of minerals accessible via the RRUFF Project webpage (RRUFF Project).

2.5 Sputtering

Being a TOF-SIMS, COSIMA used a pulsed primary ion beam for the analyses. To clean the mineral surface before analysis, sputtering with a continuous current or using long pulses of the primary ion beam is often used in SIMS (Stephan, 2001). During sputtering, the mineral surface is exposed to a much higher ion dose than during analysis when short pulses are used. This increased ion dose efficiently removes any organic molecules and other undesired components covering the mineral surface, thus increasing the ion signals obtained from the mineral. In addition to removing any contaminants, the sputtering also makes the mineral matrix more homogenous and causes amorphization (e.g., Stephan, 2001), which means a more stable ion signal can be obtained during subsequent analyses. The sputtering time needed to obtain these effects depends on the ion beam and current used, and the size of area sputtered; however, a couple of minutes of sputtering is usually sufficient (Siljeström et al., 2010; Stephan, 2001). Most studies of sputtering of minerals have been done on flat mineral surfaces with either Ga^+ , Ar^+ , C_{60}^+ , Bi^+ , Cs^+ , and $\text{O}^{+/-}$, which are the sputter ion beams most frequently found on commercial TOF-SIMS instruments (Henkel et al., 2009; King et al., 2012; Siljeström et al., 2011; Stephan, 2001). So far, no studies on the sputtering of mineral grains with an indium primary beam have been performed. Therefore, studies on the effects of sputtering of mineral grains had first to be performed in the RM before it can be used on samples collected in space. The sputtering experiments were executed according to the following protocol: 5 min sputtering followed by analysis during 5 min, and this sequence was repeated up to 10 times. The primary emission current for sputtering was $10 \mu\text{A}$ (continuous beam), and $5 \mu\text{A}$. In analysis mode (pulsed beam), the primary ion current intensity reaching the sample is a few pA. for the analysis beam (pulsed beam). We will not further discuss the sputtering experiments on mineral grains performed in the RM, as no significant effect on the stability of the secondary ion beam was demonstrated. Sputtering was, however, useful for cleaning the sample surface from PDMS contamination.

3 Results and discussion

Measurements of all mineral samples listed in Tables 1 and 2 were acquired with the COSIMA RM instrument at MPS. Representative spectra of a selection of minerals are displayed in Figure 1. Most minerals have a signature in positive secondary ions (Fig. 1a

to 1e), and Fe-sulfides show the sulfur signature in negative secondary ion spectra (Fig. 1f). Figure 2 shows details of some elemental peaks presenting the discrimination between the inorganic peak and the organic peak present at each nominal mass.

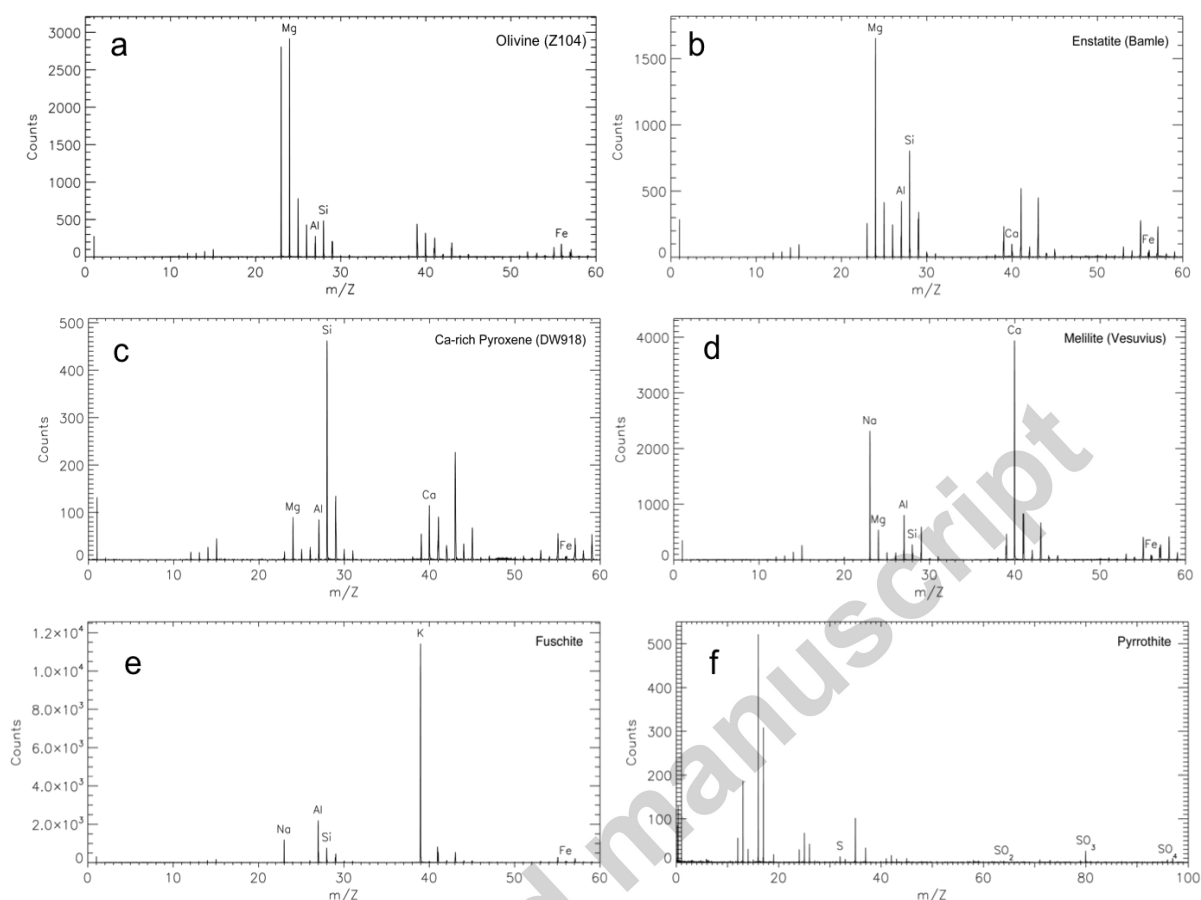


Figure 1 : Representative spectra of some minerals analyzed in this study (a-e: positive secondary ions, f: negative secondary ions). a) Mg-rich olivine (Z104); b) Mg-rich Ca-poor pyroxene (Enstatite Bamle); c) Ca-rich pyroxene (DW918); d) Melilite (Vesuvius); e) Hydrated mineral fuschite; f) Fe-sulfide pyrrhotite. See Tables 1 and 2 for description and compositions of the minerals.

3.1 Relative sensitivity factors

In order to quantify SIMS results, to calculate element ratios from secondary ion ratios, relative sensitivity factors (RSFs) are needed. Positive spectra were used for the quantification of the RSFs. Negative spectra are used to demonstrate the presence of S-rich compounds, especially in the case of Fe-sulfides. As no normalizing element is present in negative spectra for Fe sulfides, no RSF could be calculated for sulfur.

For a known element atomic ratio E/E_0 , the RSF can be calculated from the secondary ion intensities SI :

$$RSF(E, E_0) = \frac{SI(E)/SI(E_0)}{E/E_0}$$

The elemental E/E_0 ratio is known from the composition of the mineral, and the normalizing element E_0 is usually one of the most abundant species (i.e., Si, Mg, or Fe).

For silicate minerals, such RSFs are usually reported relative to Si since it is the only element besides O being present in all silicates. Oxygen, on the other hand, has a very low ionization probability for positive secondary ions, which makes it not suitable as a reference element. RSFs are obtained by analyzing standard materials with known elemental composition under the same conditions as the samples to be analyzed (i.e., cometary grains in this case). Following data evaluation steps as described by Stephan (2001), secondary ion ratios for numerous elements relative to Si were obtained. As described in by Stephan (2001), in the case of isobaric interferences at the mass resolution considered here (e.g., CaO vs. Si₂ or ⁵⁶Fe; ⁵⁸Fe vs. ⁵⁸Ni, ⁵⁹Co vs. ⁵⁸FeH...), the isotopic abundances (considered as normal) of interfering isotopes or hydrides were used to make the adequate corrections in order to assess the true abundance of the elements. The data evaluation was done using TSTSpec, a software developed by T. Stephan following the principles as laid out in Stephan (2001). For some mineral samples, either no statistically significant Si element data were available or the Si peaks were compromised by silicone oil contamination. In such cases, we used Mg as a reference element and renormalized the result to Si using an RSF(Mg/Si) of 3.71 (geometric mean of RSF(Mg/Si) values calculated for minerals with reliable Si data). If Si and Mg normalization failed, Fe was used as a reference element, and an RSF(Fe/Si) of 1.81 (geometric mean of RSF(Fe/Si) values calculated for minerals with reliable Si data) was applied. Table 3 shows all results that were used to calculate (geometric) mean values for the RSFs. Figure 3 shows a comparison between RSFs calculated in this study with data from Stephan (2001) for a commercial TOF-SIMS instrument that uses a 25 keV ⁶⁹Ga⁺ primary ion beam. The general trend for both primary ion species is the same, and ionization probability mainly depends on the ionization energy of a given element. For some elements, only limited data are available, e.g., V, Co, and Ni were only measured reliably in one mineral each. This might explain why the RSFs for Co and Ni do not seem to follow the general trend. Therefore, we recommend for these elements, RSFs that have been calculated from Fe-normalized values from Stephan (2001). Table 4 presents mean RSFs normalized to Si, Mg, and Fe.

Table 3. Relative sensitivity factors for positive secondary ions normalized to Si obtained with the COSIMA RM instrument at MPS.

Sample	O	Na	Mg	Al	Si	K	Ca	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni
Enstatite Bamle	0.00060(16)	—	2.56(3)	—	≡ 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.05(18)	—	—
Hypersthene	0.0010(3)	—	2.01(5)	—	≡ 1	—	12.3(4)	4.6(9)	—	—	3.6(5)	1.67(5)	—	—
Clinopyroxene	0.0027(8)	24.2(10)	≡3.71	—	—	—	5.24(13)	1.7(8)	—	1.8(6)	—	1.74(13)	—	—
Diopside Madagascar	0.0009(3)	—	3.06(5)	—	≡ 1	—	7.84(11)	—	—	—	—	3.3(3)	—	—
Diopside San Marcel	0.0025(5)	171(6)	6.3(2)	9.0(7)	≡ 1	—	15.3(6)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Augite	0.00061(19)	50.1(9)	3.77(7)	—	≡ 1	—	5.60(9)	4.8(2)	—	—	—	1.8(5)	—	—
Hedenbergite	0.00057(17)	—	3.46(8)	—	≡ 1	—	—	—	—	—	3.0(2)	1.87(4)	—	—
Olivine Zabargad	0.00039(11)	—	3.49(3)	—	≡ 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.17(3)	—	—
Fayalite	0.0011(3)	—	6.3(4)	—	≡ 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.07(3)	—	—
Albite	0.00039(13)	18.6(3)	—	4.25(15)	≡ 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Anorthite	0.00042(—)	—	—	3.27(8)	≡ —	—	5.49(1—)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	18))	1	1)															
Plagioclase (497)	0.0008(2)	8.28(12)	—	1.45(6)	≡	62(2)	4.69(8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Plagioclase (48B)	0.00083(14)	18.3(2)	—	4.08(1)	≡	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Orthoclase	0.0009(4)	10.9(4)	—	3.4(3)	≡	17.6(7)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Nepheline	0.0008(2)	10.42(15)	—	2.07(5)	≡	—	5.13(9)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Fuchsite	0.0010(2)	71.7(14)	4.8(2)	3.03(9)	≡	96.8(19)	—	2.38(14)	—	3.9(4)	—	1.9(3)	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Richterite	0.0012(3)	57.7(9)	3.61(6)	—	≡	75.0(15)	13.9(2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.34(13)	
Smectite (422)	0.00030(5)	127.0(11)	3.37(6)	4.9(5)	≡	—	9.72(10)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.932(9)
Smectite (49C)	0.00033(8)	—	5.32(11)	9.4(4)	≡	75.7(18)	9.14(14)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.57(2)
Talc	0.00067(11)	—	1.806(19)	—	≡	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dolomite	0.0010(3)	—	≡3.71	—	—	—	7.59(11)	—	—	—	—	2.3(7)	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.0(3)
Melilite	0.0013(3)	115(2)	9.5(2)	1.14(13)	≡	118(5)	10.9(2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.04(18)
Akermanite	0.00085(14)	—	2.29(4)	—	≡	—	3.51(5)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ilmenite	0.0012(5)	—	≡3.71	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.88(5)
Pentlandite	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	≡1.81
Pyrrhotite	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.73(8)
																			3.5(5)
																			≡1.81

Errors referring to the last significant digits are given in parentheses (i.e., RSF(Fe/Si) for Enstatite Bamle = 1.05 ± 0.18). *n* gives the number of samples measured to calculate the geometric mean values. Two samples on different substrates were analyzed for plagioclase and smectite, respectively. Numbers for O are calculated from positive spectra, hence the low values, comparable to those of Stephan (2001).

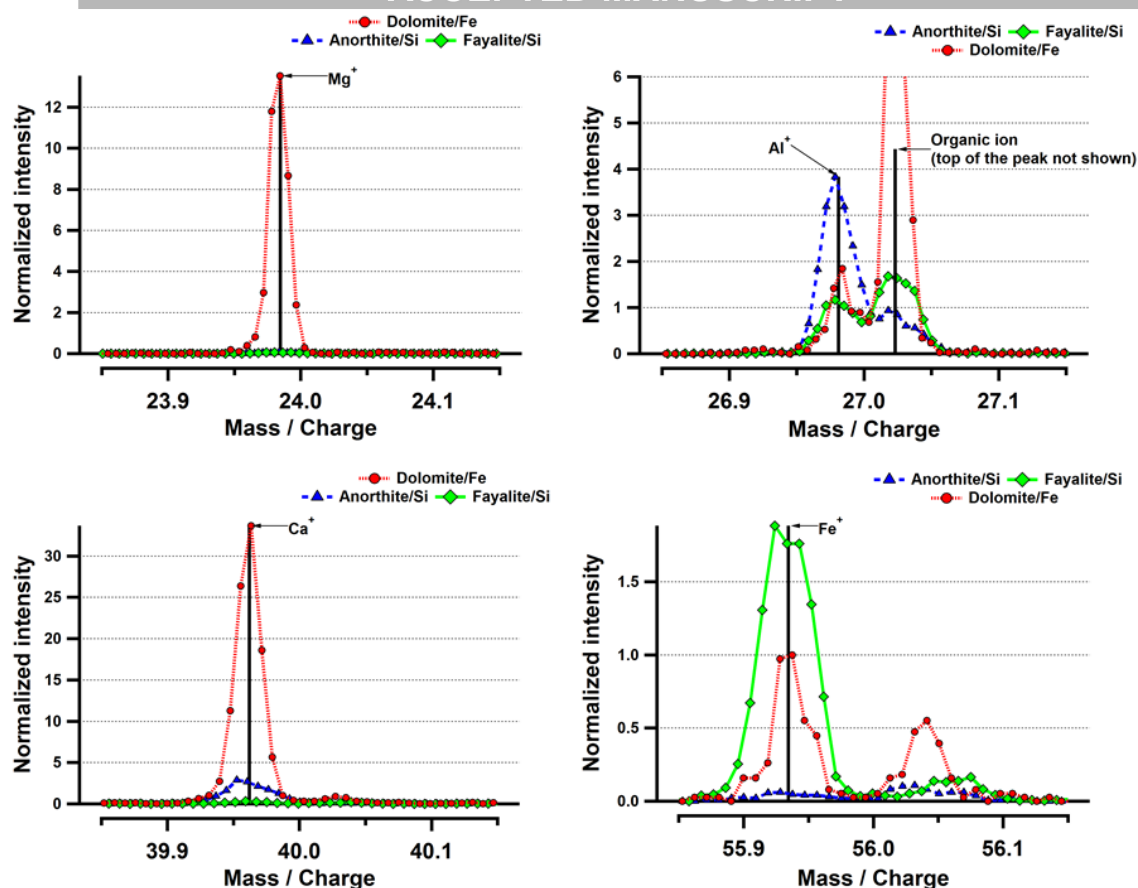


Figure 2: Details of Mg⁺, Al⁺, Ca⁺, and Fe⁺ peaks showing the discrimination between the inorganic (to the left of the integer mass/charge) and organic peaks (to the right of the integer mass/charge), thus allowing the quantification of relative sensitivity factors, normalized to Si, Mg, or Fe. In the case of Fayalite, the width of the Fe peak shows unresolved interference with Si₂ that is corrected for using the ⁵⁴Fe isotope following the procedure described in the text and in Stephan (2001).

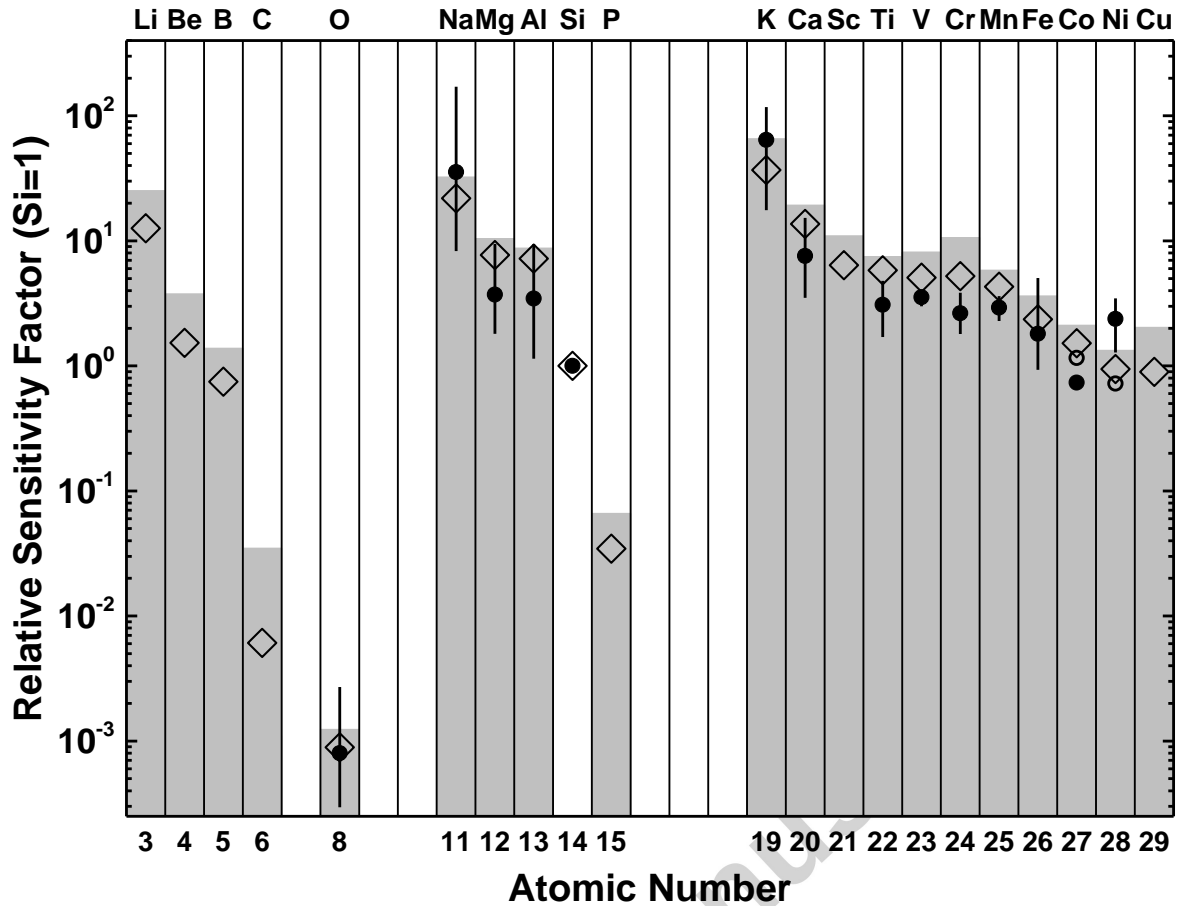


Figure 3: Mean RSFs normalized to Si for major and minor elements versus atomic number obtained from positive ion spectra of various mineral samples. Filled circles are geometric mean values from Table 3. The vertical bars show the range of individual values obtained for different minerals, except for V, Co, and Ni for which they represent statistical errors. Open circles for Ca and Ni are derived from literature values (Stephan, 2001). For comparison, RSFs from Stephan (2001) for a commercial TOF-SIMS instrument with a 25 keV $^{69}\text{Ga}^+$ primary ion beam and that were obtained from a suite of glass standards are shown as open diamonds. For these, the variation range is shown in gray.

Table 4. Recommended COSIMA relative sensitivity factors for positive secondary ions normalized to Si, Mg, and Fe.

Element	RSF (Si=1)	n	RSF (Mg=1)	n	RSF (Fe=1)	n
O	$0.00080^{+0.00060}_{-0.00034}$	24	$0.00022^{+0.00017}_{-0.00010}$	24	$0.00044^{+0.00035}_{-0.00019}$	24
Na	35^{+67}_{-23}	12	$8.3^{+12.7}_{-5.0}$	12	18^{+35}_{-12}	12
Mg	$3.7^{+2.2}_{-1.4}$	15	$\equiv 1$	18	$2.0^{+1.4}_{-0.8}$	18
Al	$3.5^{+3.2}_{-1.7}$	11	$0.78^{+0.89}_{-0.42}$	11	$1.8^{+2.8}_{-1.1}$	11
Si	$\equiv 1$	21	$0.27^{+0.16}_{-0.10}$	15	$0.53^{+0.35}_{-0.21}$	12
K	64^{+62}_{-31}	6	13^{+10}_{-6}	6	27^{+24}_{-13}	6
Ca	$7.6^{+4.3}_{-2.7}$	14	$2.0^{+1.2}_{-0.8}$	14	$3.9^{+3.0}_{-1.7}$	14
Ti	$3.1^{+2.0}_{-1.2}$	4	$0.90^{+1.06}_{-0.49}$	4	$1.7^{+1.2}_{-0.7}$	4

V	3.5±0.5	1	0.87±0.13	1	1.9±0.3	1
Cr	2.6 ^{+1.9} _{-1.1}	2	0.62 ^{+0.26} _{-0.18}	2	1.5 ^{+0.9} _{-0.6}	2
Mn	2.9 ^{+0.8} _{-0.6}	3	0.99 ^{+0.72} _{-0.42}	3	2.0 ^{+0.4} _{-0.3}	3
Fe	1.8 ^{+1.1} _{-0.7}	15	0.47 ^{+0.30} _{-0.18}	15	≡1	17
Co	<i>1.2</i>	1	<i>0.30</i>	1	<i>0.64</i>	1
Ni	<i>0.72</i>	1	<i>0.19</i>	1	<i>0.40</i>	1

Sensitivity factors relative to Si were calculated from geometric mean values for data shown in Table 3. For Mg and Fe normalized RSF, individual mineral data were first normalized to these elements, and then geometric mean values were calculated. *n* gives the number of samples measured to calculate the geometric mean values. For Co and Ni, recommended values given in italics are derived from Fe-normalized literature values (Stephan, 2001).

3.2 On the mineralogical compositions

One of the main objectives of the Rosetta mission is to characterize the elemental and the mineral compositions of the cometary material. Assessing the mineralogical composition of cometary grains is also an important but challenging objective for COSIMA. As many of the minerals identified in cometary material (such as pyroxene and olivine minerals) carry the same elemental signal, it will be challenging to differentiate between these classes of minerals. In addition, since the individual mineral grain sizes of cometary material (sub μm) are smaller than the size of the primary ion beam ($\sim 50 \mu\text{m}$), mixtures of phases are measured. Statistical methods like PCA, Corico, KNN, RP, Unscrambler, etc. can be applied to further differentiate between minerals (Engrand et al., 2006; Krüger et al., 2011; Varmuza et al., 2011; Varmuza et al., 2014), but the discussion of these methods is beyond the scope of this paper. This article however presents the calculation of RSFs on a large variety of minerals that are relevant for the analysis of cometary dust particles, and constitutes a first step in attempting at deciphering the mineralogical compositions of the cometary dust particles.

5 Summary

COSIMA is a high mass resolution dust analyzer that is able to discriminate the mineral and the organic compounds in the mass spectra of dust particles from comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko (67P/C-G). To prepare for the scientific return of the COSIMA analyses, we have characterized a series of minerals relevant to cometary matter with the reference model of COSIMA on ground. Relative sensitivity factors of elements have been derived from these analyses, expressed as ratios normalized to Si, Mg, and Fe. Using COSIMA, we will thus be able to quantify the major element composition of 67P/C-G cometary grains, normalized to Si, Mg, or Fe. This constitutes a crucial step in determining the composition of dust particles from comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko, and this data constitutes a databank of mineral spectra that can be used to attempt deciphering the mineralogy of the cometary dust particles.

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Highlights

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