

Meteoritter



-Og hvad deraf følger

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Simon fikk nesten meteoritt i hodet



Image is of the Time-Life meteorite woman, Ann Hodges from Alabama. She was struck by a 4 kg meteorite (chondrite) one evening in 1954, while lounging on her couch listening to the radio.

- 1. Hvad er en meteorit?**
- 2. Hvad består de af?**
- 3. Hvor kommer de fra?**
- 4. Hvad sker ved et meteoritnedslag**
- 5. Eksempler**

En meteorit er et naturligt objekt fra det ydre rum, der overlever turen gennem Jordens (eller et andet himmellegemes) atmosfære og rammer overfladen.

På vej gennem atmosfæren kaldes fænomenet for et stjernes kud eller en meteor.

Meteorider: Klippe/jern, <50m

Asteroider: Klippe/jern, >50m

Kometer: Is, støv, klippe

Hvordan genkender man en meteorit?

Sort smelteskorpe

Afrundede former

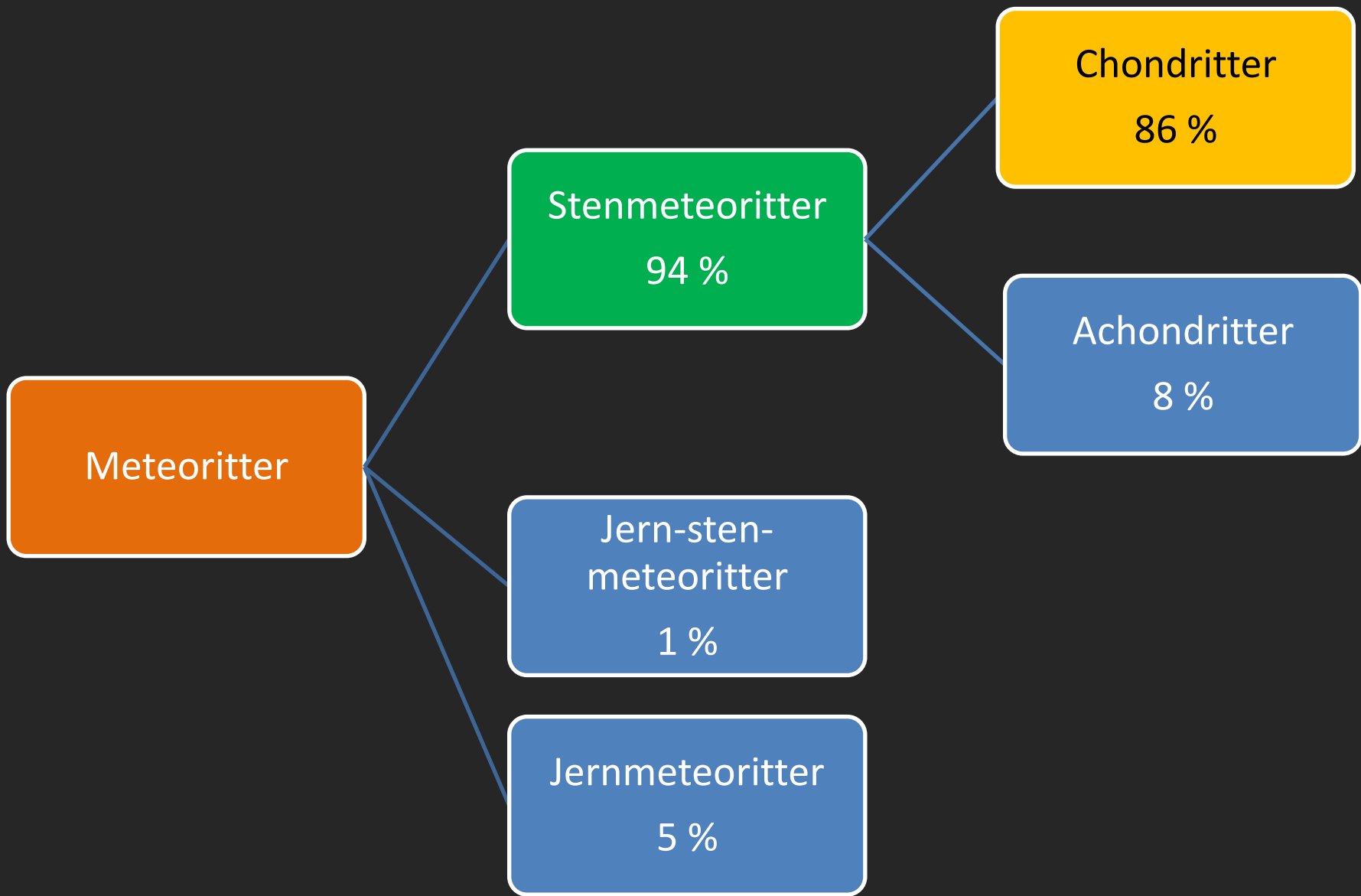
Tiltrækkes af magnet (langt de fleste)

Høj vægtylde

Ingen bobler eller gasblærer

> 30.000

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Chondritter

Består af klumper af det første faste stof, der dannedes i vores solsystem for 4567 millioner år siden.

Ved at studere dem kan vi lære om de første 5-10 millioner år efter solsystemet blev skabt.

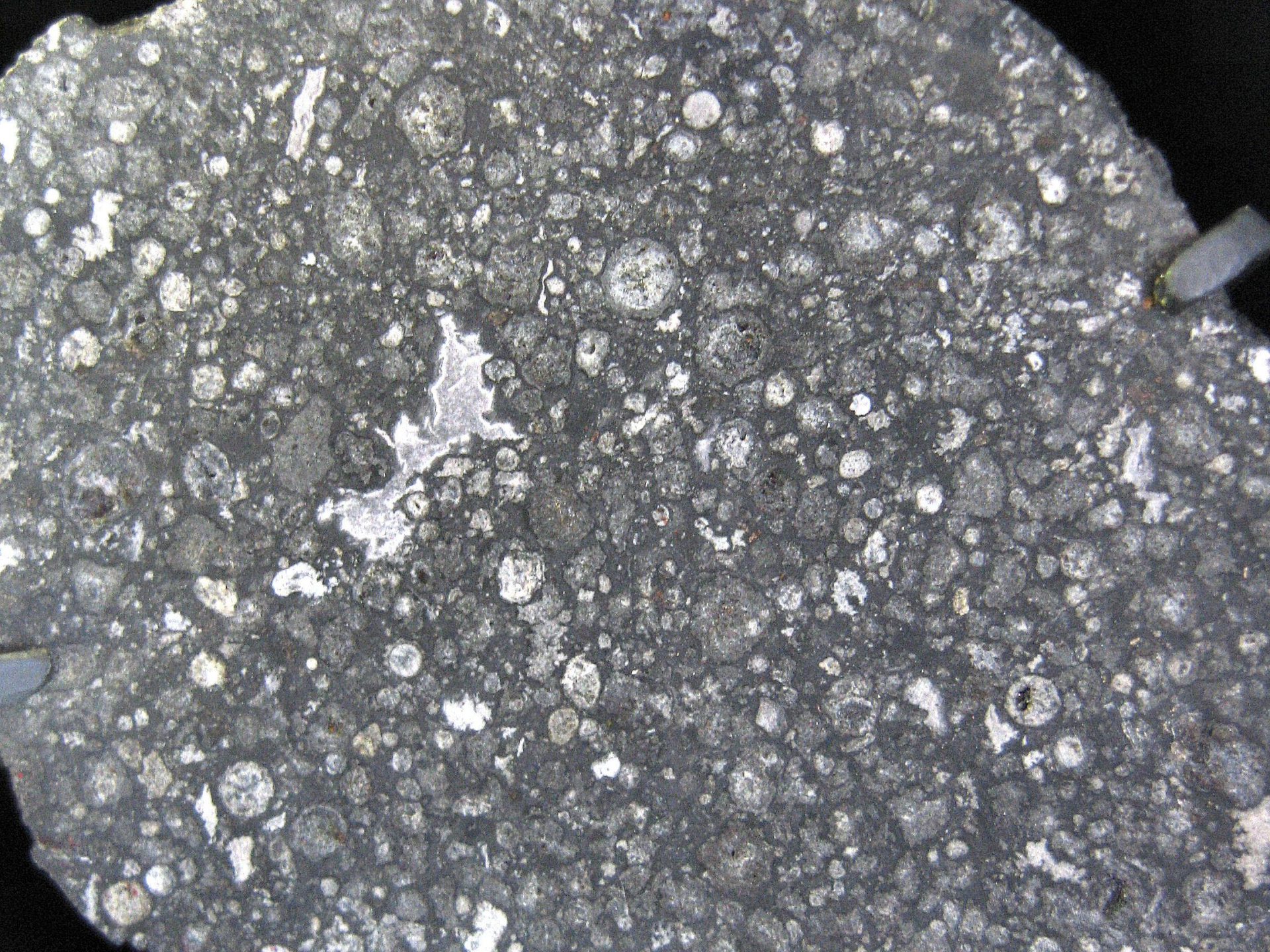


Allende-meteoritten

8. Februar 1969 – Mexico – 250 km²

2 tons indsamlet - Dette fragment 520 g

Kulchondrit - aminosyrer





AM5-73

Weight: 5.7 gm

Features: Slice

Price: \$100

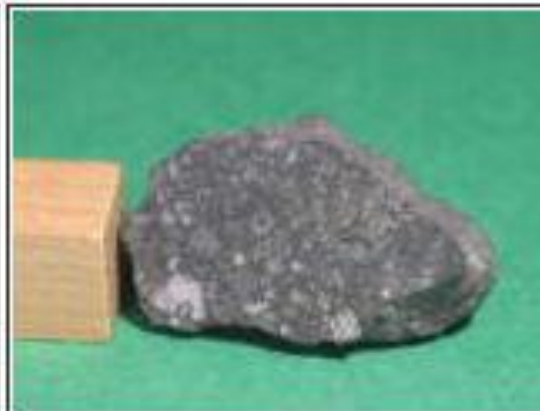


AM5-83

Weight: 5.8 gm

Features: Cut fragment,
no crust

Price: sold



AM5-84

Weight: 5.8 gm

Features: Cut fragment,
no crust

Price: \$102

Ikke-chondritter

Stammer fra himmellegemer, som under dannelsen har været så varme, at de har dannet en kerne af jern/nikkel.

Ved kollisioner med hinanden sprænges de i mindre stumper, som bliver til **jernmeteoritter**, hvis materialet stammer fra kærnen, **sten-jernmeteoritter**, hvis det er fra overgangszonen og **achondritiske stenmeteoritter**, hvis det stammer fra den ydre del.



Piece of the moon from the Sahara Desert - Found in Algeria 2005

Achondrite (Lunar Feldspatic breccia) - 538 g

Fully crusted and minimally weathered stone. In addition, the assemblage appears to be characterized by large amounts of breccias within breccias: at least 4 generations of brecciation were observed in one cm-sized breccia clast.

0.350 mm sized grain of meteoritic Ni, Fe metal (Ni = 6.3 Co = 1.0, both wt %)

Jernmeteoritter





Består af en jern-nikkel-legering (FeNi) med små koncentrationer af andre grundstoffer. Selve FeNi-legeringen forekommer i to faser, kamacit ($\text{Ni} < 7,5\%$) og tænit ($\text{Ni} > 30\%$). I visse typer af jernmeteoritter er kamacit og tænit blandet i et oktaederlignende Widmanstättenmønster, der fremtræder, når man ætser en poleret jernmeteorit med svag syre.

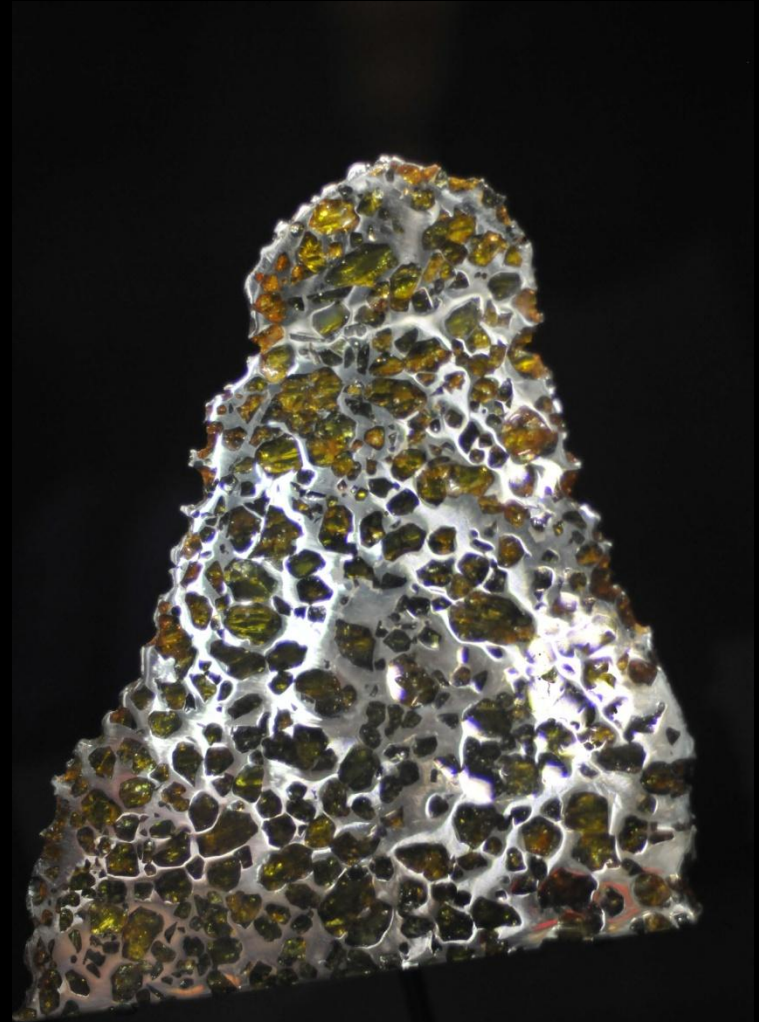
		
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sold	\$56	\$76

Jern-sten-meteoritter

Jern-sten-meteoritter omfatter grupperne mesosideritter og pallasitter. Begge grupper består af relativt store mængder metal fordelt i en silikatmatrix. Oprindelsen af jern-sten-meteoritterne er stadig uklar.

Pallasites consists of cm-sized olivine crystals of peridot quality in an iron-nickel matrix. Coarser metal areas develop Widmanstätten patterns upon etching.

Mesosiderites are a class of stony-iron meteorites consisting of about equal parts of metallic nickel-iron and silicate. They are breccias with an irregular texture; silicates and metal occur often in lumps or pebbles as well as in fine-grained intergrowths. The silicate part contains olivine, pyroxenes, and Ca-rich feldspar and is similar in composition to eucrites and diogenites



Krasnojarsk Meteorite



Krasnojarsk Meteorite *found 1749, Russia.* A mass of material of about 700 kg was discovered in 1749 on the side of Mount Bolshoi Imir, about 235 km (145 miles) south of Krasnojarsk

Krasnojarsk Meteorite
Large end cut with typical
"iron sponge" shape

Weight: 73.30 g

Size: 65 x 40 x 25 mm

[More details](#)

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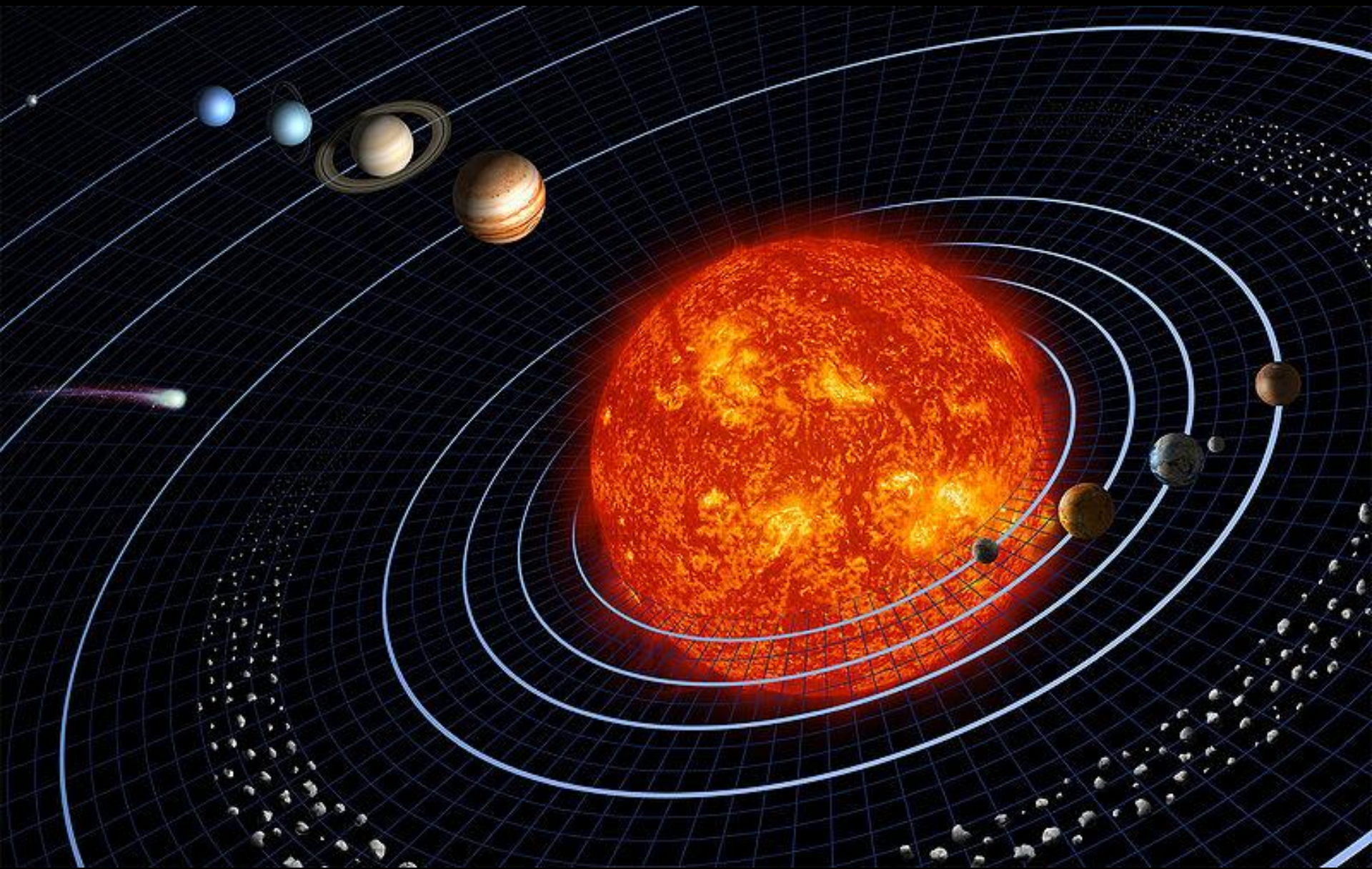
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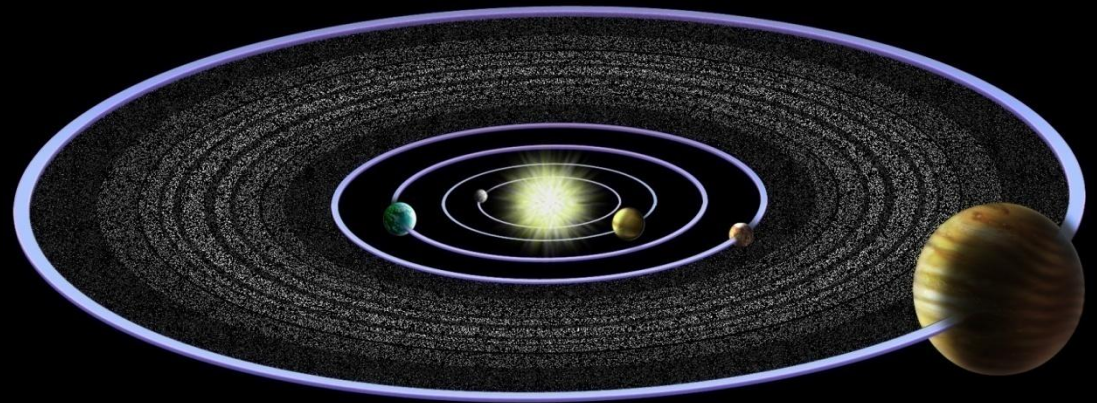
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Asteroidbæltet





Kirkwood gaps

Oort cloud:

- Extends out to about 50,000 AU.
- Contains a trillion comets
- Comets formed near jovian planets but were flung into large, random orbits by gravitational encounters

Neptune's orbit

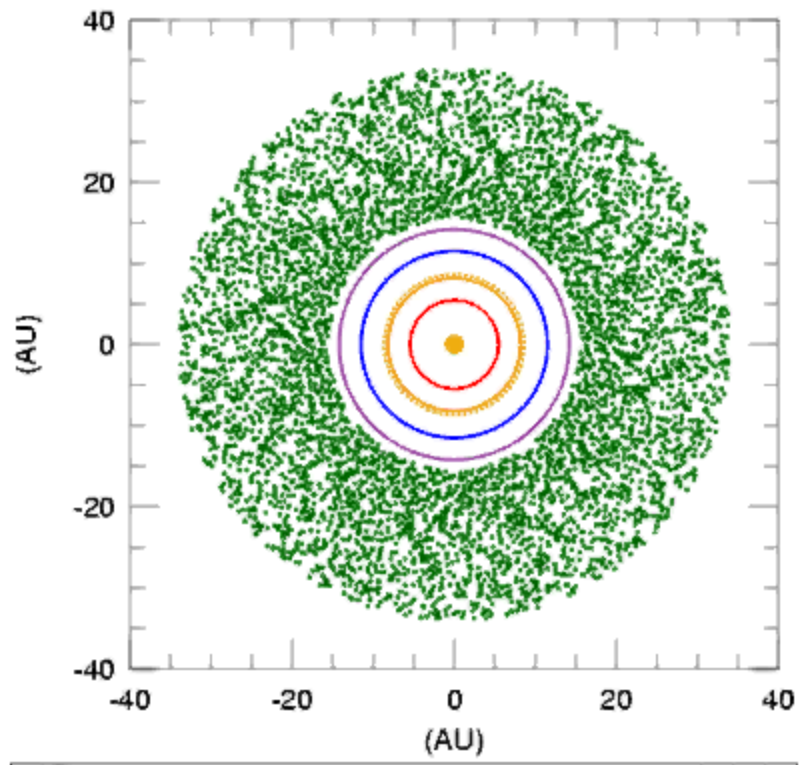
Kuiper belt:

- About 30–100 AU
- 100,000 comets more than 100 km across
- Comets orbit in the same plane and direction as planets
- Comets still in the region in which they formed
- Comets covered with dark carbon-rich compounds
- Many comets in orbital resonances with Neptune
- Pluto largest member of the group?

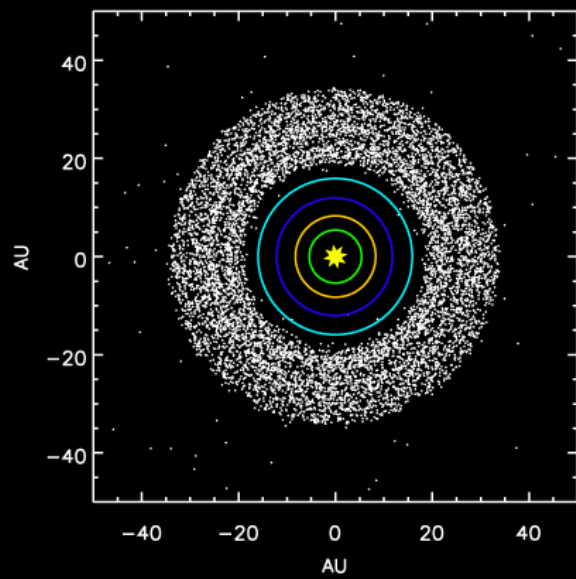


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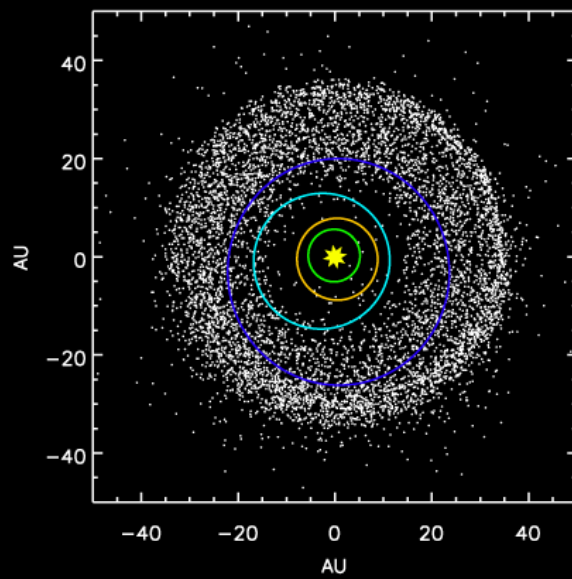
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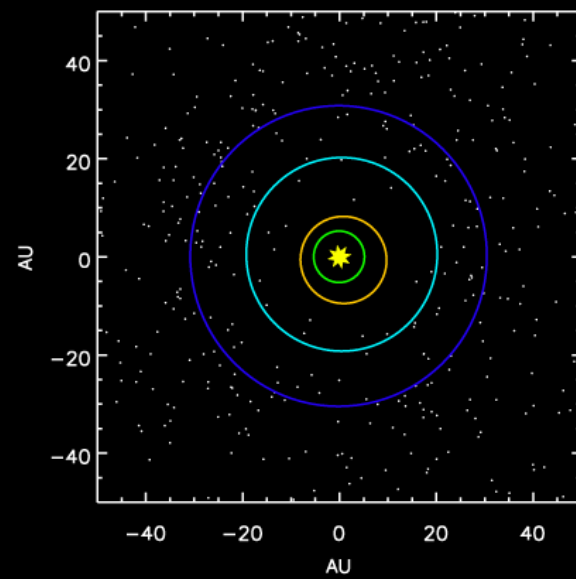
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b)



c)






Late Heavy Bombardment

4,0 – 3,8 mia år siden

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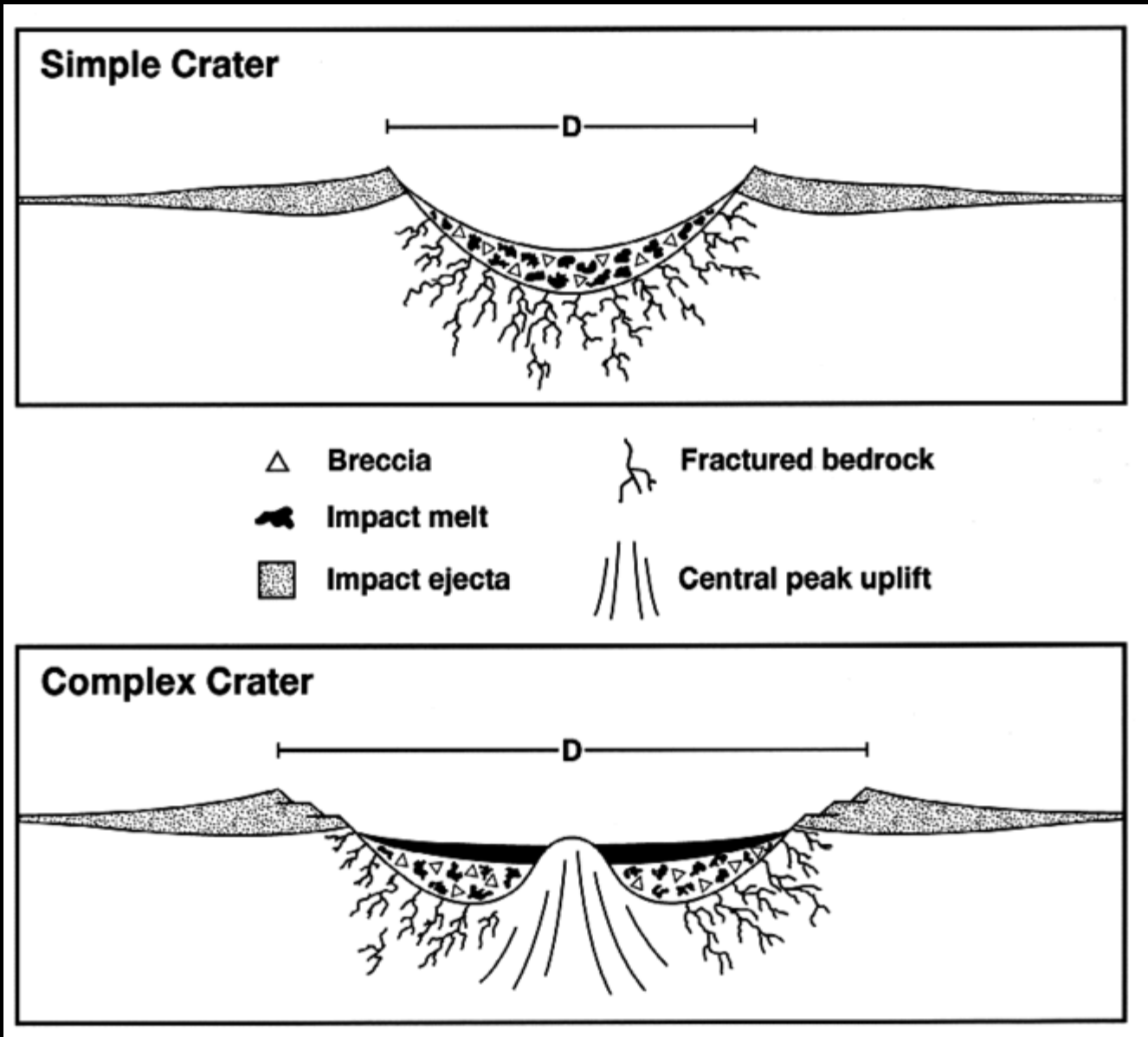
A night sky with several bright meteor streaks. One meteor is a long, thin line of light in the upper left. Two others are shorter and more clustered in the center. The sky is dark with some faint clouds. In the bottom left corner, there is a dark silhouette of a plant with leaves and small flowers.

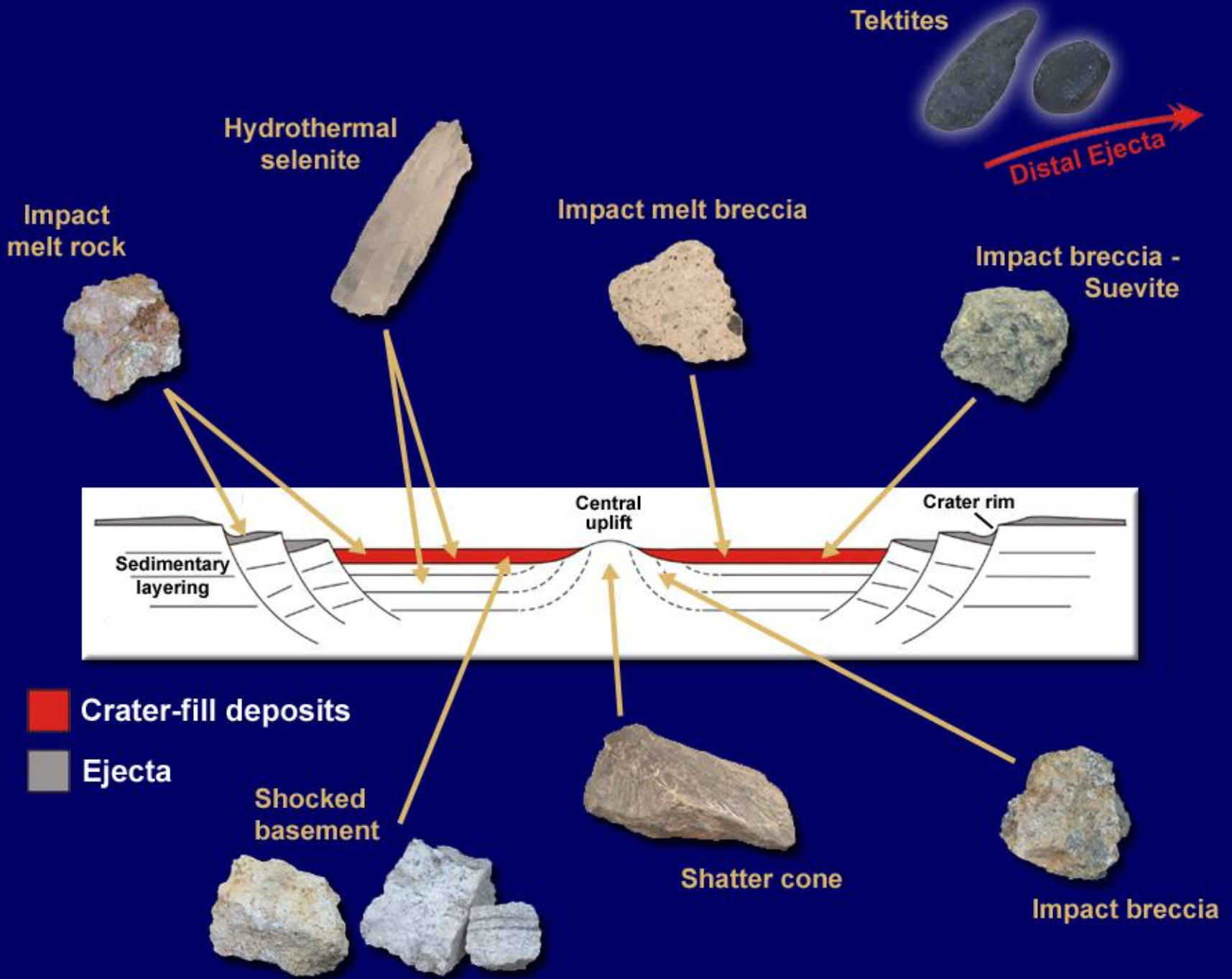
**Små objekter bremses og
fordamper evt. helt**

**Større objekter (op til 50 m for
stenmeteoritter) eksploderer i
atmosfæren. Afhængigt af
højden kan det medføre store
skader.**

**Hvis objektet ikke bremses eller
eksploderer i atmosfæren får vi
et meteornedslag: impact.**

1. Kontakt
kompression
2. Excavation
3. Modifikation





Shatter cones = “slagkegler” are distinctive cone or fan-shaped features in rocks, with radiating **fracture** lines that resemble a horsetail. They are found in only two places on Earth, 1) in nuclear test sites and 2) **meteorite** impact structures. They are formed as a result of the high pressure, high velocity shock wave produced by a large impacting object or a large explosion. They range in size from less than 1 centimeter to more than 5 meters across and indicate that the original rock was shattered – somewhat like a car's windshield hit by a stone. Shatter cones are the only shock indicators that can be seen with the naked eye. Shatter cones can be found within the central uplifts of large impact structures and occasionally within the crater-fill deposits.



IMPACT BRECCIAs are extremely common in **meteorite** impact craters and attest to the destructive power of the impact event. **Impact melt breccias** and **suevites** both contain melt derived from the melting of target rocks, however, not all breccias contain melt. The breccia shown in the photo below (right) contains no melt and is simply termed an **impact breccia**. It contains fragments of **gneiss** and **granite** surrounded by a fine-grained matrix of pulverized grains from the same rocks. Impact breccias can be found in many different settings within impact structures; for example, in the central uplift, in crater-fill deposits, and in the **ejecta** blanket.



impact melt breccia is similar to a breccia, but slightly different in that the matrix cementing the fragments is from crystallized impact melt. The melt is the primary evidence for a cataclysmic impact event, where the heat generated from the impact shatters and melts the target rock.



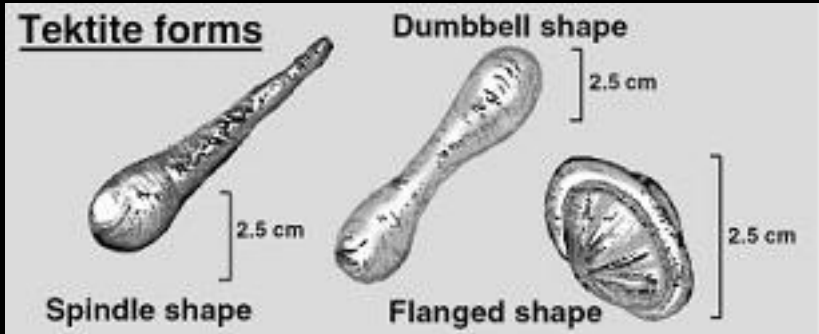
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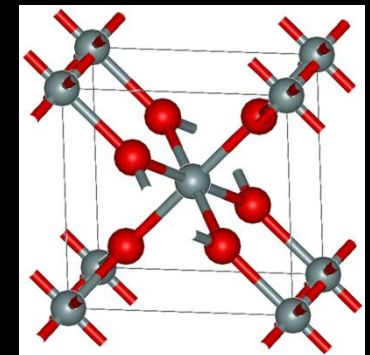
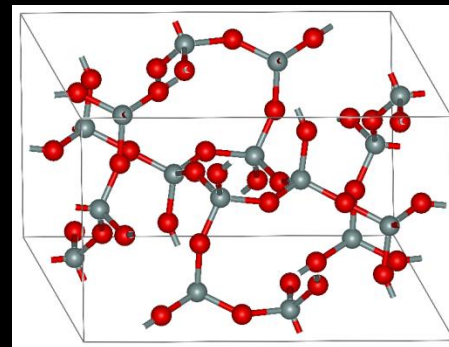
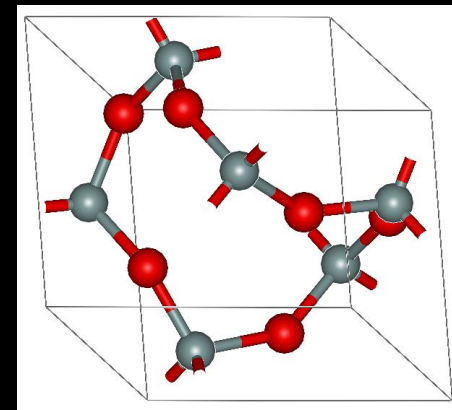
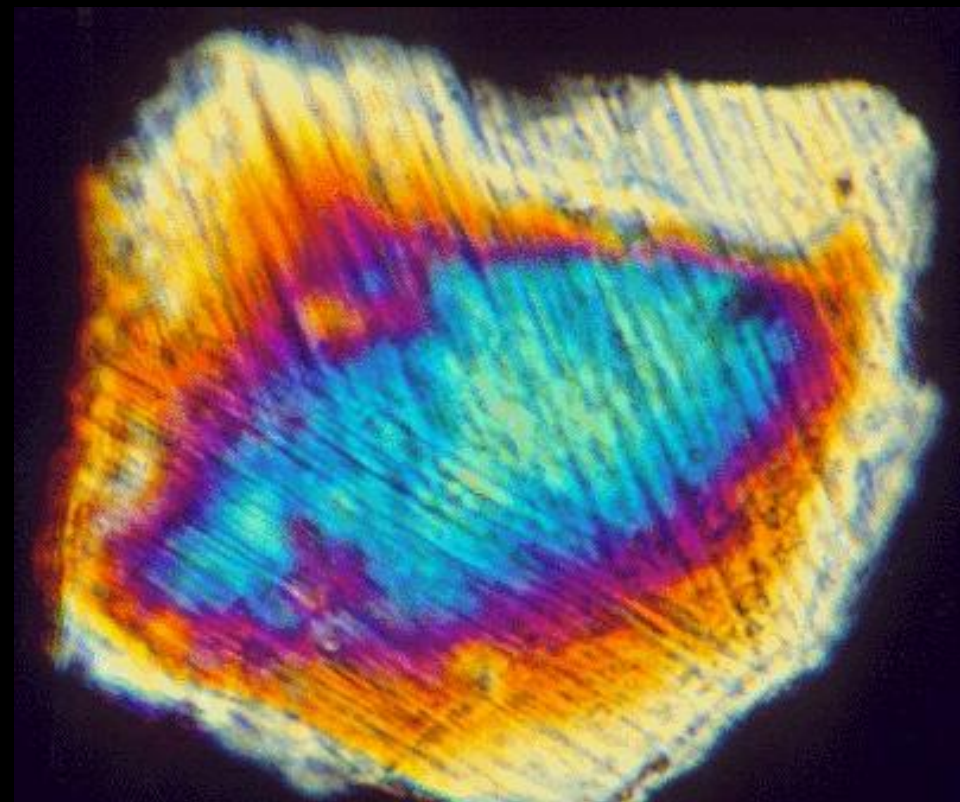
Suevite is an **impact breccia** composed of angular fragments of different rock types as well as glass inclusions, set in a fine-grained **matrix**. In the suevite photos below, you can see lots of black glassy fragments (generally smoother than typical rock fragments) and white speckled crystalline fragments. The glasses are derived from rocks that were heated to such high temperatures during the impact event that they melted and then cooled very rapidly (quenched) to form **glass**. If a melt cools slowly, it can form an impact melt rock. Suevites at the Ries impact structure form the crater-fill deposits and are also found in the **ejectablanket**.



Tektites are small, glassy pebble-like objects that form during a **meteorite** impact. Their name comes from the Greek word "tektos", meaning molten. They represent droplets of molten target rock that are ejected up into the Earth's atmosphere and then fall back to the surface several hundred kilometers away from where the impact took place. They often acquire aerodynamic shapes flying through the atmosphere (left).



Shocked quartz is a form of quartz that has a microscopic structure that is different from normal quartz. Under intense pressure (but limited temperature), the crystalline structure of quartz will be deformed along planes inside the crystal. These planes, which show up as lines under a microscope, are called planar deformation features (PDFs), or shock lamellae. Shocked quartz is associated with two high pressure polymorphs of silicon dioxide: coesite and stishovite. These polymorphs have a different crystal structure than standard quartz. Again, this structure can only be formed by intense pressure, but moderate temperatures. High temperatures would anneal the quartz back to its standard form. **Coesite** and **stishovite** are also indicative of impact.



Pseudotachylit

Pseudotachylite is a fault rock that has the appearance of the basaltic glass, tachylyte. It is dark in color and has a glassy appearance. However, the glass has normally been completely devitrified into very fine-grained material with radial and concentric clusters of crystals. It may contain clasts of the country rock and occasionally crystals with quench textures that began to crystallize from the melt.

Pseudotachylite is also associated with impact structures such as that which formed the Vredefort crater, South Africa. In an impact event, the melting forms part of the shock metamorphic effects.^[5] The pseudotachylite veins associated with impacts are much larger than those associated with faults and are thought to have formed by frictional effects within the crater floor and below the crater during the initial compression phase of the impact and the subsequent formation of the central uplift.^[6] The most extensive examples of impact related pseudotachylites come from impact structures that have been deeply eroded to expose the floor of the crater, such as Vredefort crater, South Africa and the Sudbury Basin, Canada.



Pseudotachylit



Erich Spicar

1. Primary impactites (melts formed during the impact of the impacting body and/or from local bedrock)

- 1.1 Impact>melt breccias
- 1.2 Suevites
- 1.3 Pseudotachylites
- 1.4 Reconstructed granite with bulbs of glass or melt.

2. Secondary impactites (these are formed after the impact)

- 2.1 Quartzcured original crushed rock
- 2.2 New rock, mainly consisting of coloured quartz.
- 2.3 In water settled material, possibly sub aquatic slumps, which has been metamorphosed
- 2.4 Hardened slurry of mainly carbonate dust, converted to carbonate siliceous rock
- 2.5 Mylonites, similar to red>brown porphyries, consisting of potassium feldspar, free from the glass phase of a porphyry. The “best” samples consist of intergrown microcline crystals, without any free quartz (=syenites), see 7.8.

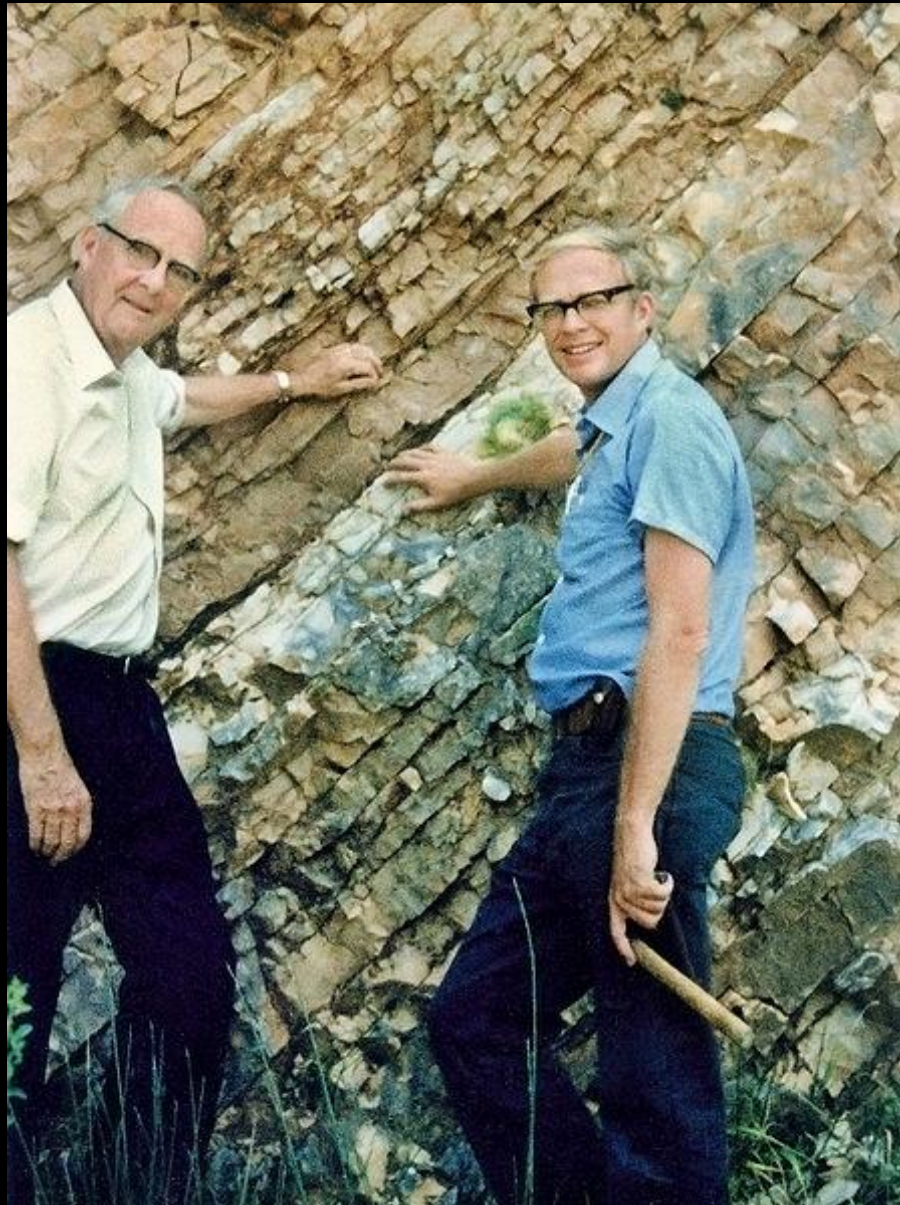
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Earth Impact Database: 178 craters

<i>diameter</i>	<i>navn</i>
300	Vredefort
250	Sudbury
170	Chicxulub
100	Popigai
100	Manicouagan
90	Chesapeake Bay
90	Acraman
80	Puchezh-Katunki
70	Morokweng
65	Kara
60	Beaverhead
55	Tookoonooka
54	Charlevoix
52	Siljan
52	Kara-Kul
45	Montagnais
40	Woodleigh
40	Saint Martin
40	Mjølner
40	Araquainha
39	Carswell
36	Clearwater West
35	Manson
30	Keuruselkä
30	Yarrabubba

<i>diameter</i>	<i>navn</i>
30	Slate Islands
30	Shoemaker (formerly Teague)
28	Mistastin
26	Clearwater East
25	Kamensk
25	Strangways
25	Steen River
24	Boltysk
24	Ries
24	Presqu'île
23	Rochechouart
23	Lappajärvi
23	Houghton
22	Gosses Bluff
20	Amelia Creek
20	Obolon'
20	Logancha
19	Glikson
19	Dellen
18	Oasis
18	Lawn Hill
18	El'qvqvqv
16	Suavjärvi
16	Ames
15	Logoisk





Alvarez impact hypothesis

In 1980, a team of researchers consisting of Nobel prize-winning physicist Luiz Alvarez, his son, geologist Walter Alvarez, and chemists Frank Asaro and Helen Michels discovered that sedimentary layers found all over the world at the Cretaceous–Tertiary boundary contain a concentration of iridium many times greater than normal (30 times background in Italy and 160 times at Stevns).



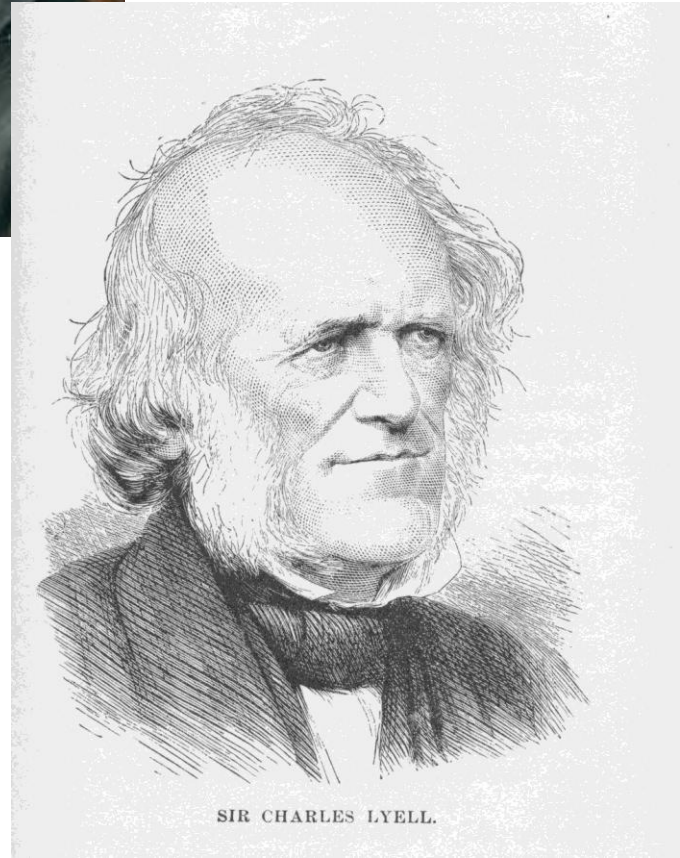
James Hutton



1726-1797



Uniformitarianism
Gradualism

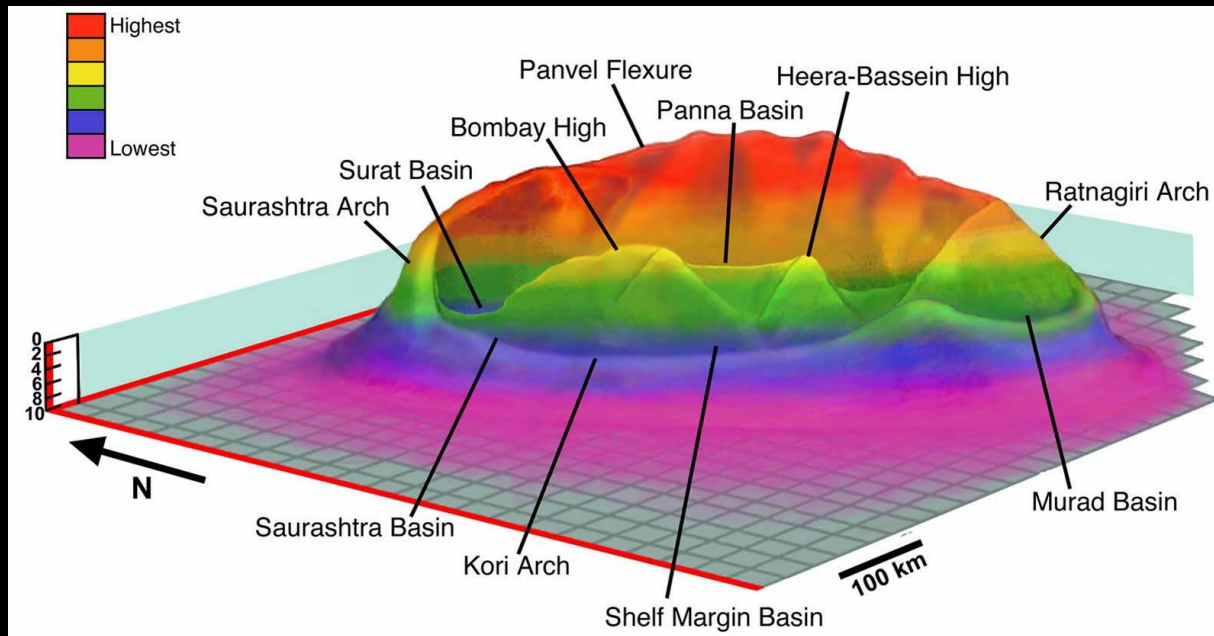


SIR CHARLES LYELL.

1797-1875

Multiple impact event

Several other craters also appear to have been formed about the time of the K–T boundary. This suggests the possibility of near simultaneous multiple impacts, perhaps from a fragmented asteroidal object, similar to the Shoemaker-Levy 9 cometary impact with Jupiter. In addition to the 180 km Chicxulub Crater, there is the 24 kilometers Boltysh crater in Ukraine (65.17 ± 0.64 Ma), the 20 kilometers Silverpit crater, a suspected impact crater in the North Sea (60–65 Ma), and the controversial and much larger 600 kilometers **Shiva crater**. Any other craters that might have formed in the Tethys Ocean would have been obscured by tectonic events like the relentless northward drift of Africa and India.



“If we are right, this is the largest crater known on our planet,” Chatterjee said. **“A bolide of this size, perhaps 40 kilometers in diameter creates its own tectonics.”**

Barringer Crater, Arizona

The crater was created about 50,000 years ago during the Pleistocene

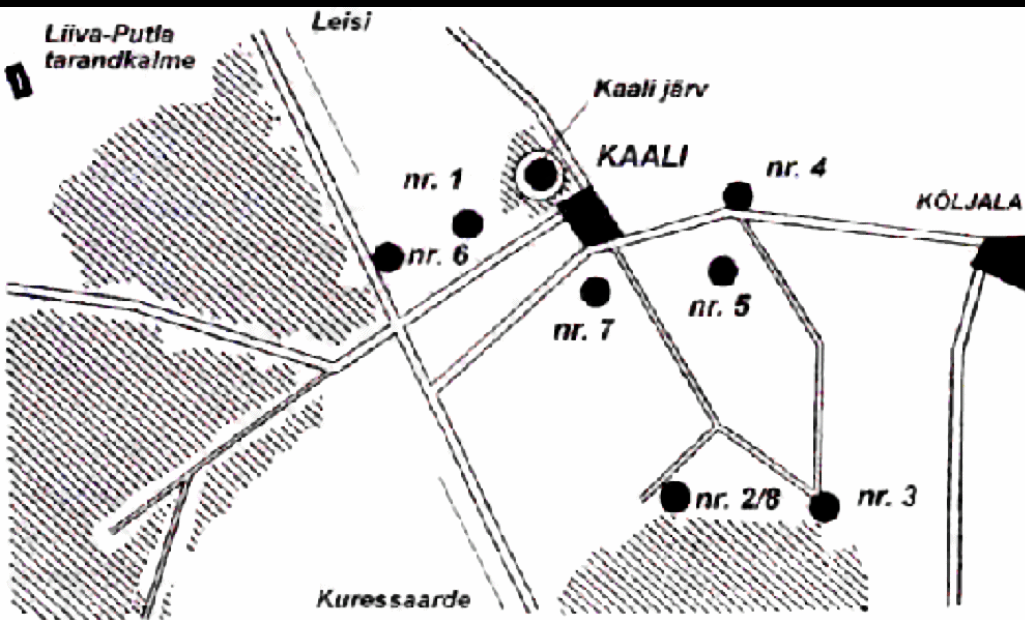
The object that excavated the crater was a nickel-iron meteorite about 50 m
1.200 m in diameter, some 170 m deep

Surrounded by a rim that rises 45 m above the surrounding plains.



Kaali is a group of 9 meteorite craters located on the Estonian island of Saaremaa. Formed in the 7th century BC or about 4000 years ago, it is one of the most recent craters created by an impact event and the only known major impact event that has occurred in a populated area. The craters were formed by an incoming meteor with an estimated impact velocity of between 10 and 20 km/s with a total mass of between 20 and 80 tons. At an altitude of 5–10 km, the meteorite broke into pieces and fell to the Earth in fragments, the greatest of which produced a crater with a diameter of 110 m and a depth of 22 m. Kaali Lake (Estonian: Kaali järv) exists in the bottom of this crater. Eight smaller craters are also associated with this bombardment. Their diameters range from 12 to 40 meters and their respective depths vary from one to four meters. They are all within one kilometer of the main crater. At the time of the impact, Estonia was in the Nordic Bronze Age and the site was forested with a small human population. The impact energy of about 80 TJ (20 kilotons of TNT) is comparable with that of the Hiroshima bomb blast. It incinerated forests within a 6 km radius.





Crater nr. 1 is approximately 300 meters northwest from the main crater and is the largest aside from the main crater. Today it is a brush-filled depression four meters in depth and 39 meters in diameter.

Craters nr. 2/8 are twin craters. They are located about 600 meters south from the main crater, on a flat hillock. Nr. 2 crater's north diameter is 25 meters and southside diameter 76 meters, its depth is 3.5 meters (the depression is clean of brush and can be easily observed). This is the crater from which I. Reinwald found the first pieces of meteor in 1937.

Crater nr. 3 is 250 meters east from the previous one. This is the best preserved of the dry depressions. Its diameter is 33 meters and its depth is 3.5 meters.

Crater nr. 4 is on the north side of the Kaali to Kõljala road, 300 meters east of the main crater. Its diameter is 20 meters and the depth is 1.25 meters. This crater is almost no longer discernible.

Crater nr. 5 is 170 meters south from the previous one. Its original diameter was 13 meters and its depth .9 meters. This crater has yielded the largest number of meteorite pieces, including the largest one found, which weighed almost 40 grams.

Crater nr. 6 is 450 meters northwest from the main crater. This is a barely discernible depression, by the side of the road. Its diameter is 26 meters and its depth is .6 meters.

Crater nr. 7 is located opposite the Kaali store. That this is a meteorite crater was only discovered in 1965. Its measurements are 15 meters diameter and one meter in depth.

Crater nr. 9 is 100 meters northwest from crater nr. 6. Its diameter is 12 meters and its depth is almost one meter.



One of the best preserved craters yet found on Earth, the **Kamil crater** was initially discovered in February during a survey of satellite images on Google Earth. Estimated less than 5,000 years old.

The Italian-Egyptian team that found the crater in pictures recently visited and studied the 45-meter-wide, 16-meter-deep hole. The team also collected thousands of pieces of the space rock that littered the surrounding desert.

Based on their calculations, the team thinks that a 1.3-meter-wide solid iron meteor weighing 5,000 to 10,000 kilograms smashed into the desert—nearly intact—at speeds exceeding 2.1 miles (3.5 kilometers) a second.



The **Tunguska** event was an enormously powerful explosion that occurred near the Podkamennaya Tunguska River in what is now Krasnojarsk, Russia, at about 7:14 a.m. on June 30, 1908.



The explosion is believed to have been caused by the air burst of a large meteoroid or comet fragment at an altitude of 5–10 kilometres above the Earth's surface. There is general agreement that it was a few tens of metres across.

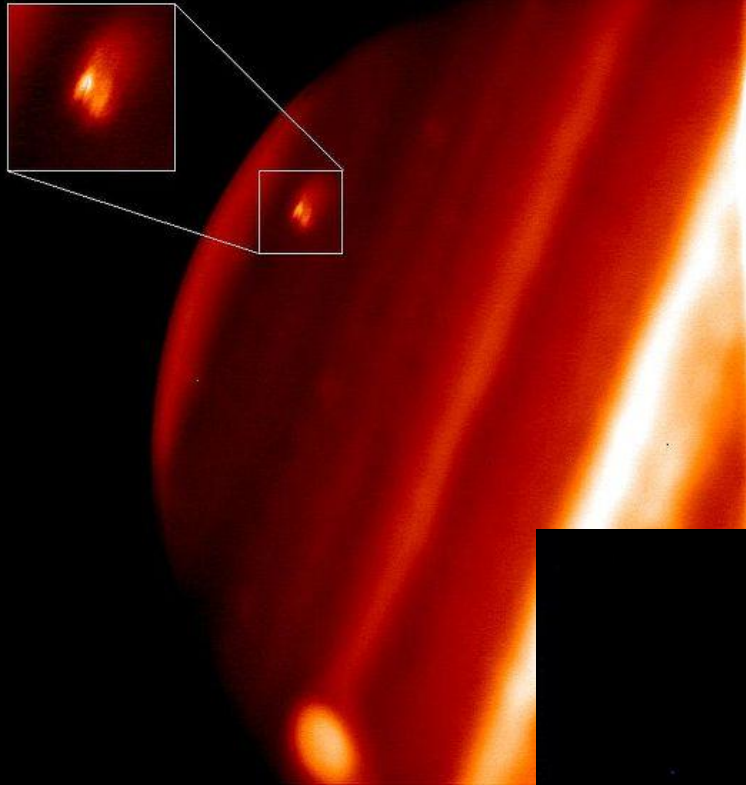
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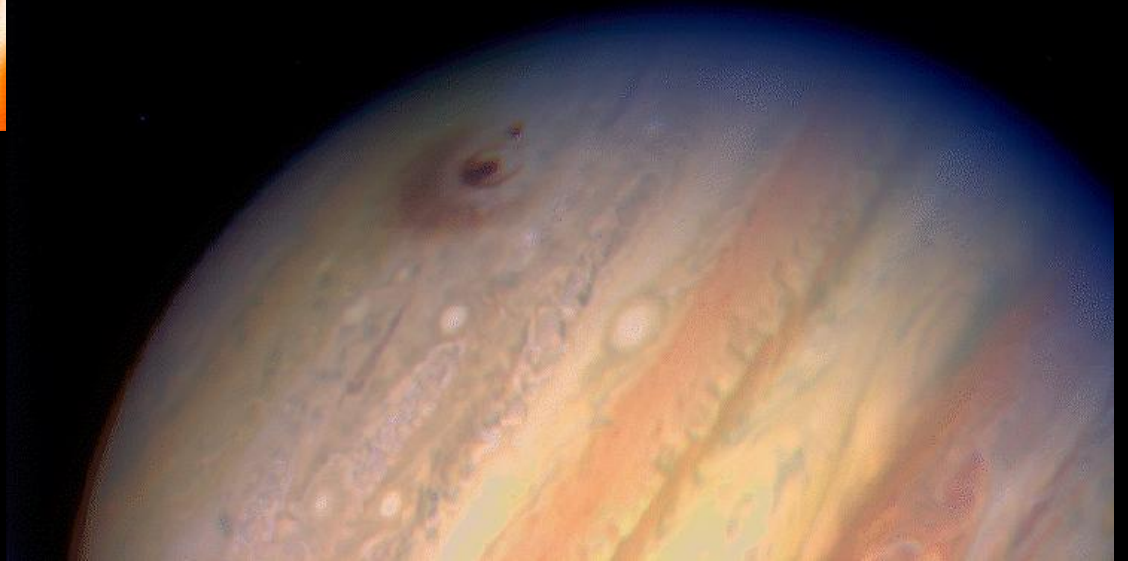
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Keck II telescope infrared images of recent Jupiter impact



Comet Shoemaker–Levy 9 July 1994



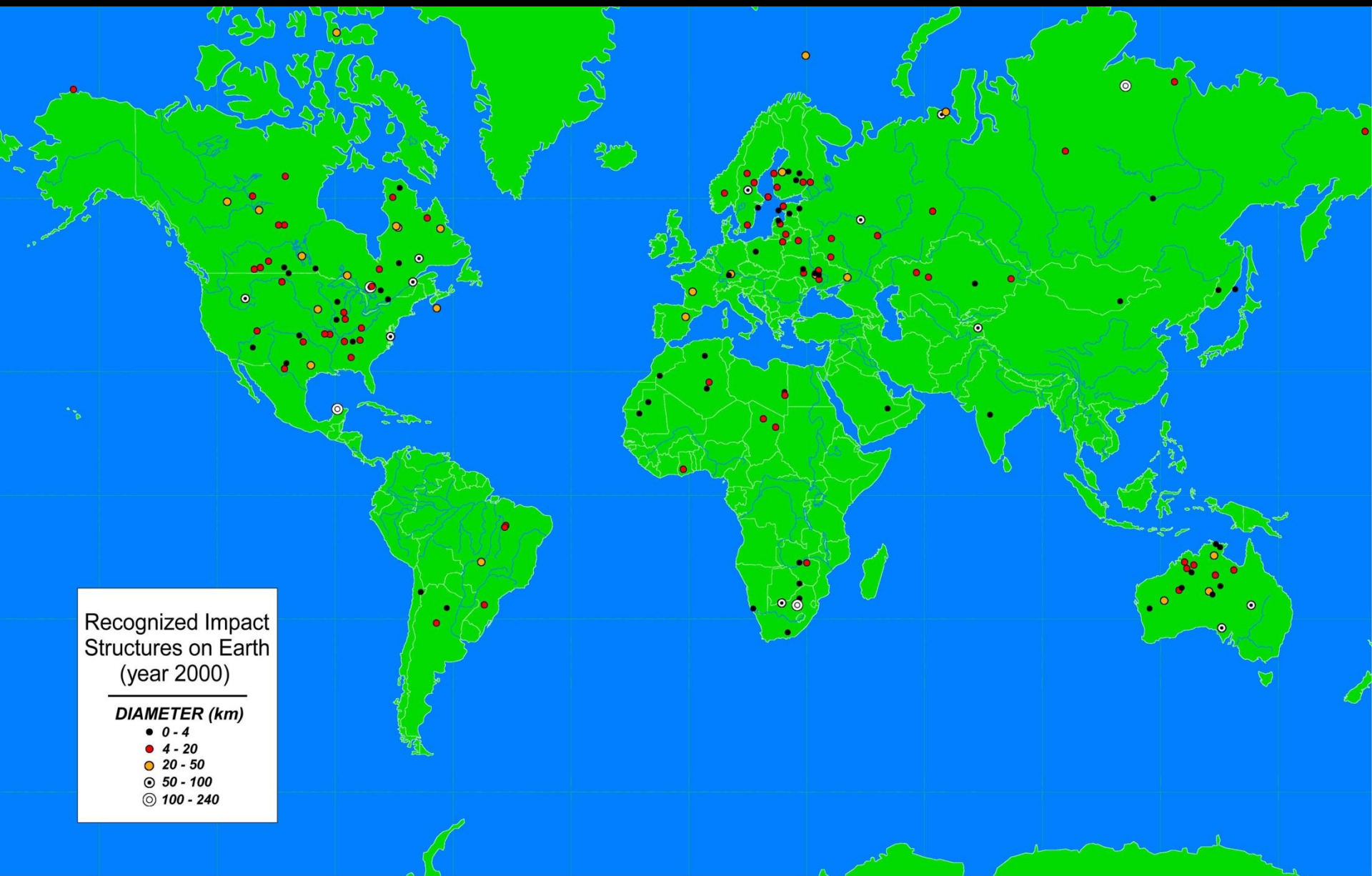
September 15, 2007, a chondritic meteorite crashed near the village of **Carancas** in the Puno Region, Peru, near the Bolivian border and Lake Titicaca. The impact created a crater larger than 4.5 m (15 ft) deep, 13 m (43 ft) wide, with visibly scorched earth around the impact site. The researchers found that the fragments from the crater zone had a chondritic texture.



Recognized Impact
Structures on Earth
(year 2000)

DIAMETER (km)

- 0 - 4
- 4 - 20
- 20 - 50
- ⊙ 50 - 100
- ⊙ 100 - 240



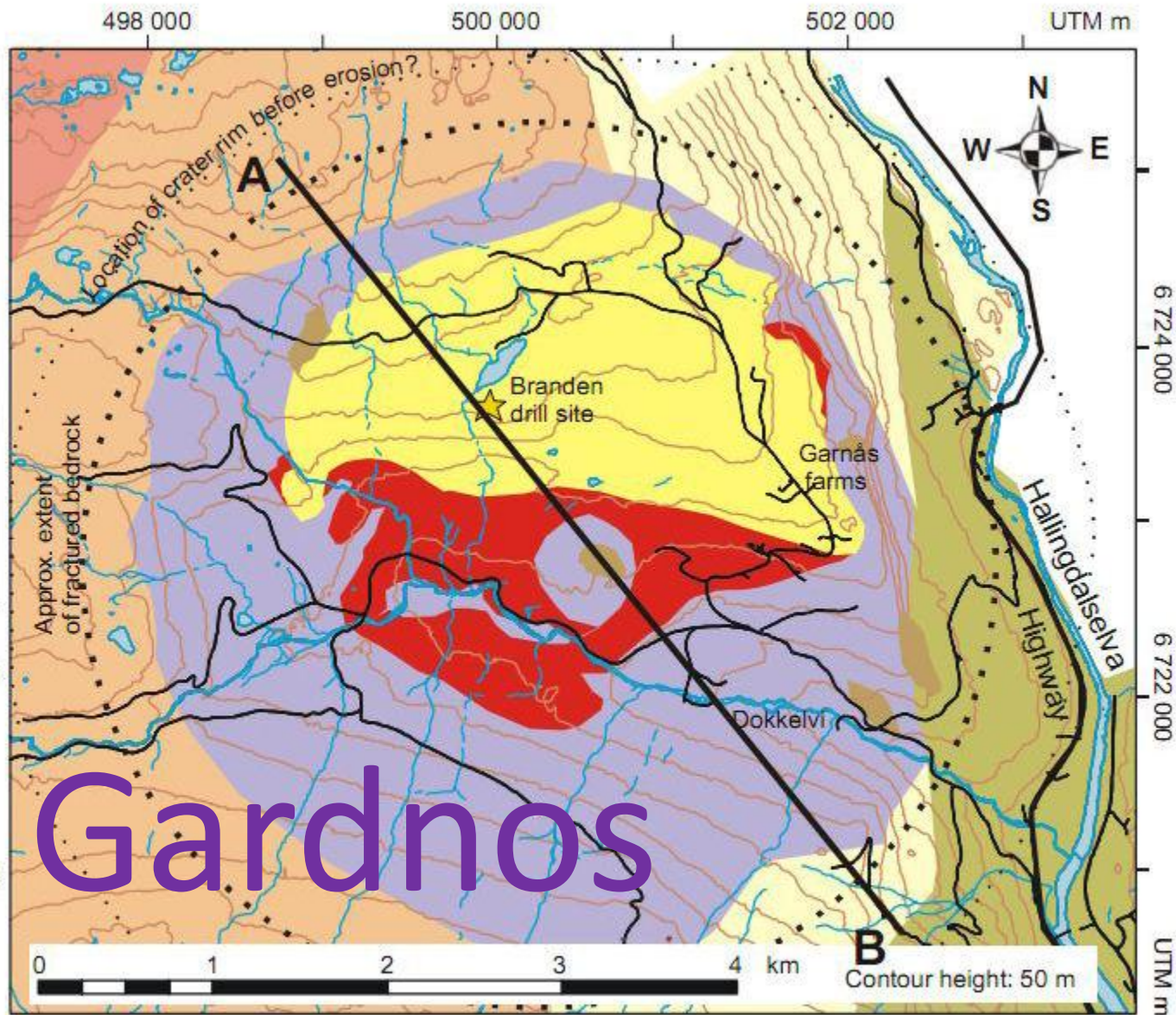


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Legend

- Impactites and crater fill sediments
 - Sediments
 - Suevite
 - Gardnos breccia
- Bedrock
 - Quartzite and gneiss
 - Quartzite and quartzitic gneiss
 - Granitic gneiss
 - Granite and granitic gneiss
 - Amphibolite



Gardnos

Figure 2: Geological map of the Gardnos impact structure. Line from A to B shows the position of cross section in later figures.

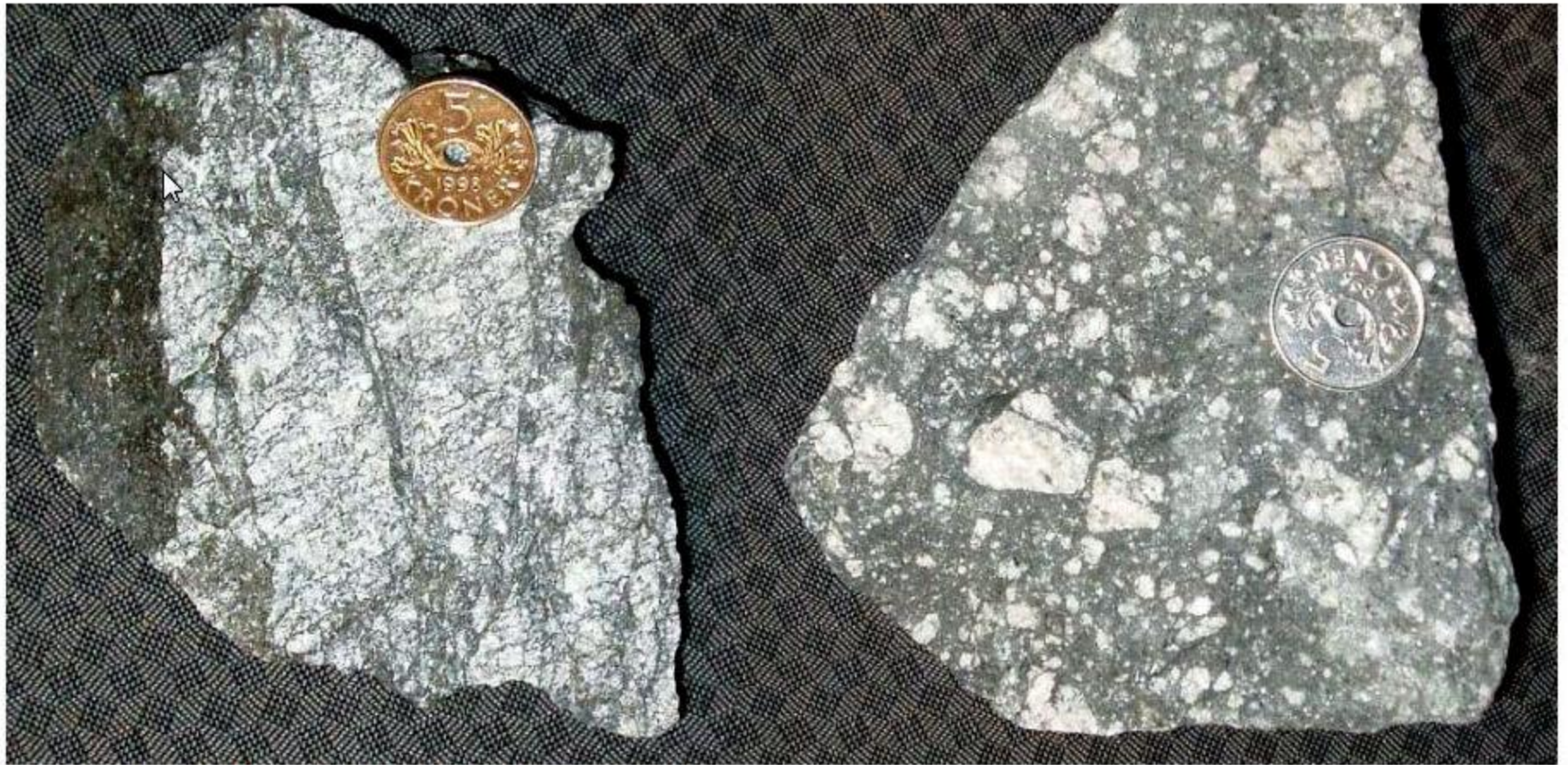
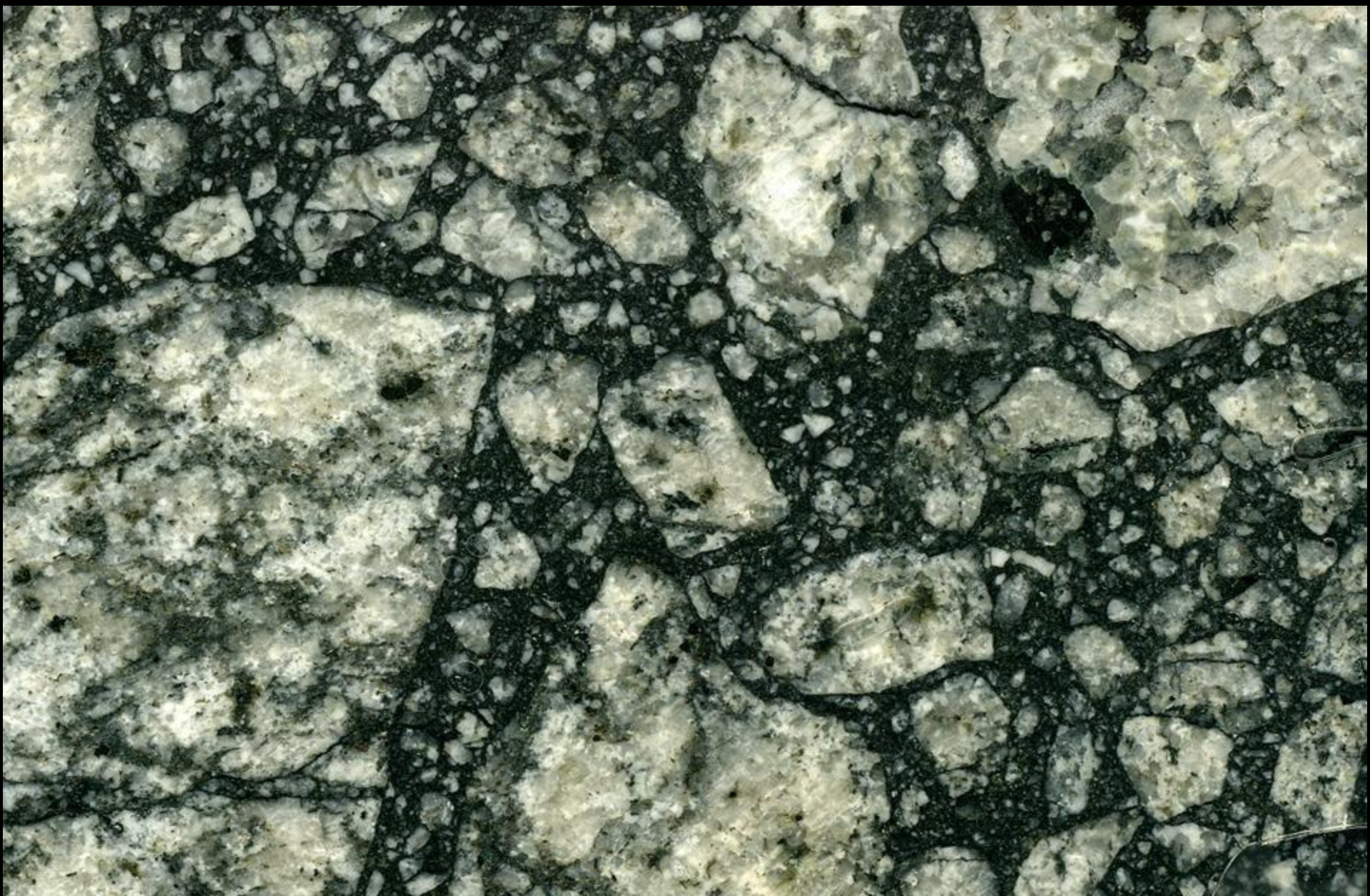


Figure E3: Patterns of the Gardnos breccia:

– from large breccia clasts but still largely in place, to matrix-dominated breccia with minor, shortly transported fragments.



The Suevite

The suevite is most easily recognized on slightly weathered surfaces, as on the boulders below the wooden bridge at locality E. Figure E4 shows grey, solidified, molten, twisted rock fragments in a red-weathering matrix. In the suevite you may spot melted or half-melted fragments.

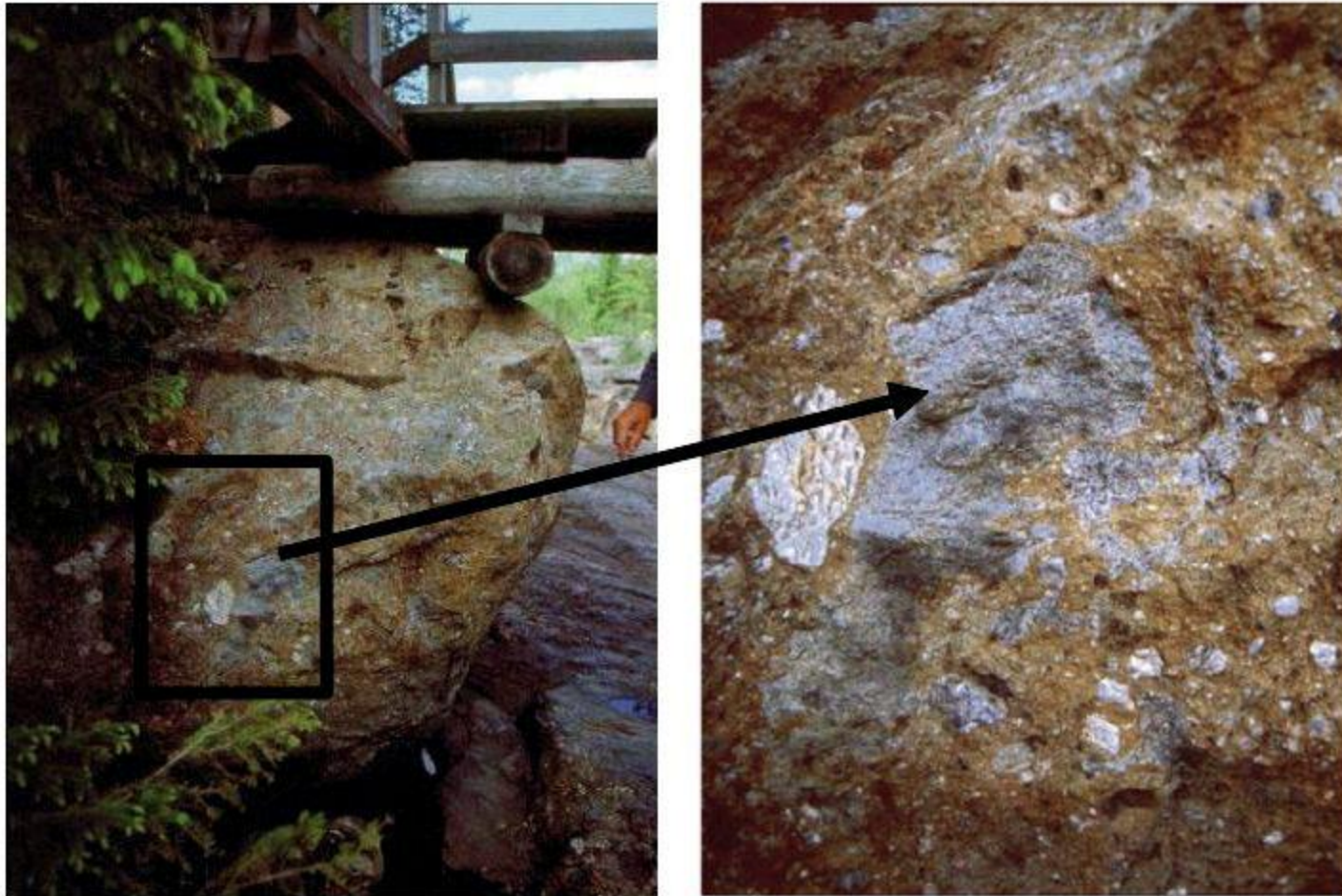


Figure E4: Details in the suevite composition are often most easily seen on weathered surfaces.

Lineal ✕

Linje Sti

Mål afstanden mellem to punkter på jorden

Længde: 15,01 Kilometer ▼

Overskrift: 180,22 grader

Musenavigation

Södra Dellen, Hudiksvall, Sverige +

Dellen

Dellenit är Hälsinglands landskapssten. Det är en bergart som hittats vid Dellensjöarna och brukar i övrigt oftast benämnas som andesit???. Det finns två olika sorters dellenit, den svarta som kommer från Norrdellen och den bruna från Sördellen.

The vaguely circular lake system was formed by an impact crater 89.0 ± 2.7 million years ago, placing the impact in the Upper Cretaceous. The resulting impact crater measures about 19 kilometres in diameter. It has resulted in the area containing the rock Dellenite





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Granby

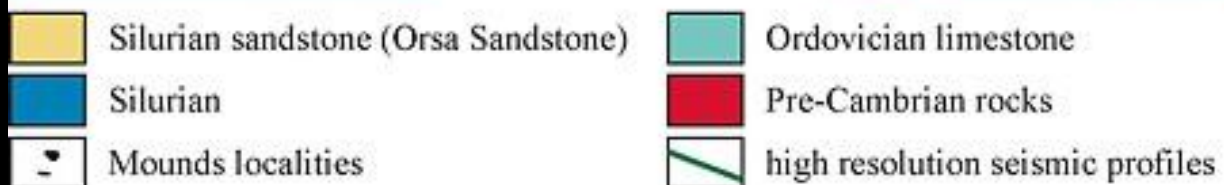
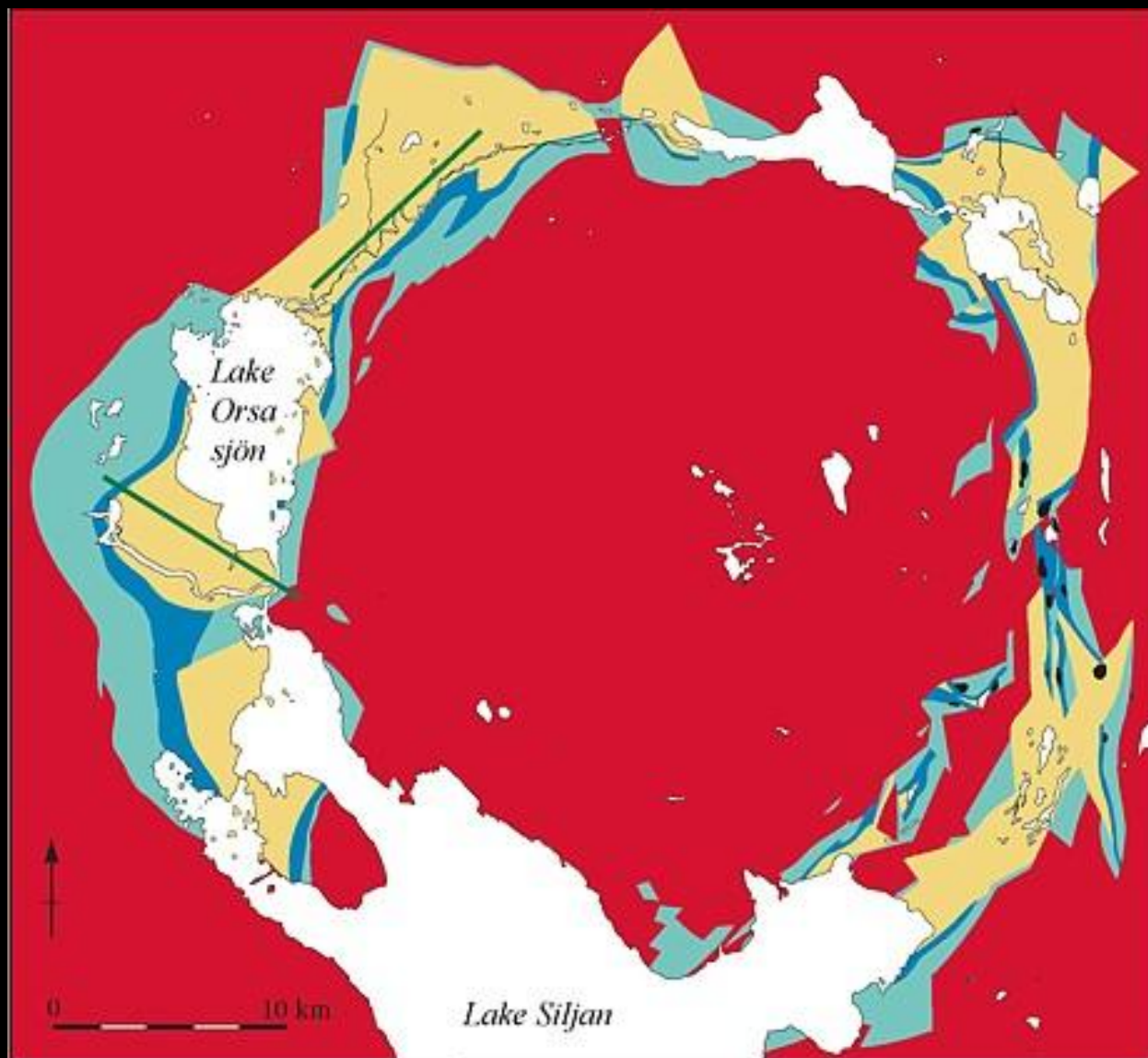
- **Granby** is an impact crater in Sweden. It is estimated to have formed about 470 million years ago (Middle Ordovician). The crater is 3 km in diameter and is not exposed at the surface.
- The Granby structure represents an almost completely preserved impact crater within a Paleozoic sedimentary rock sequence — only the uppermost part of the raised crater rim might be eroded and was subsequently covered by Quaternary sediments.



Siljan



The lake is located around the southwestern perimeter of the Siljansringen (Siljan Ring), a circular geological formation which was formed 377 million years ago in the Devonian by a major meteorite impact. The original crater, now mostly eroded, is estimated to have been about 52 km (32 mi) in diameter and is the largest known impact crater in Europe (excluding Russia). The Cambrian, Ordovician and Silurian sedimentary rocks deformed by the impact are rich in fossils.

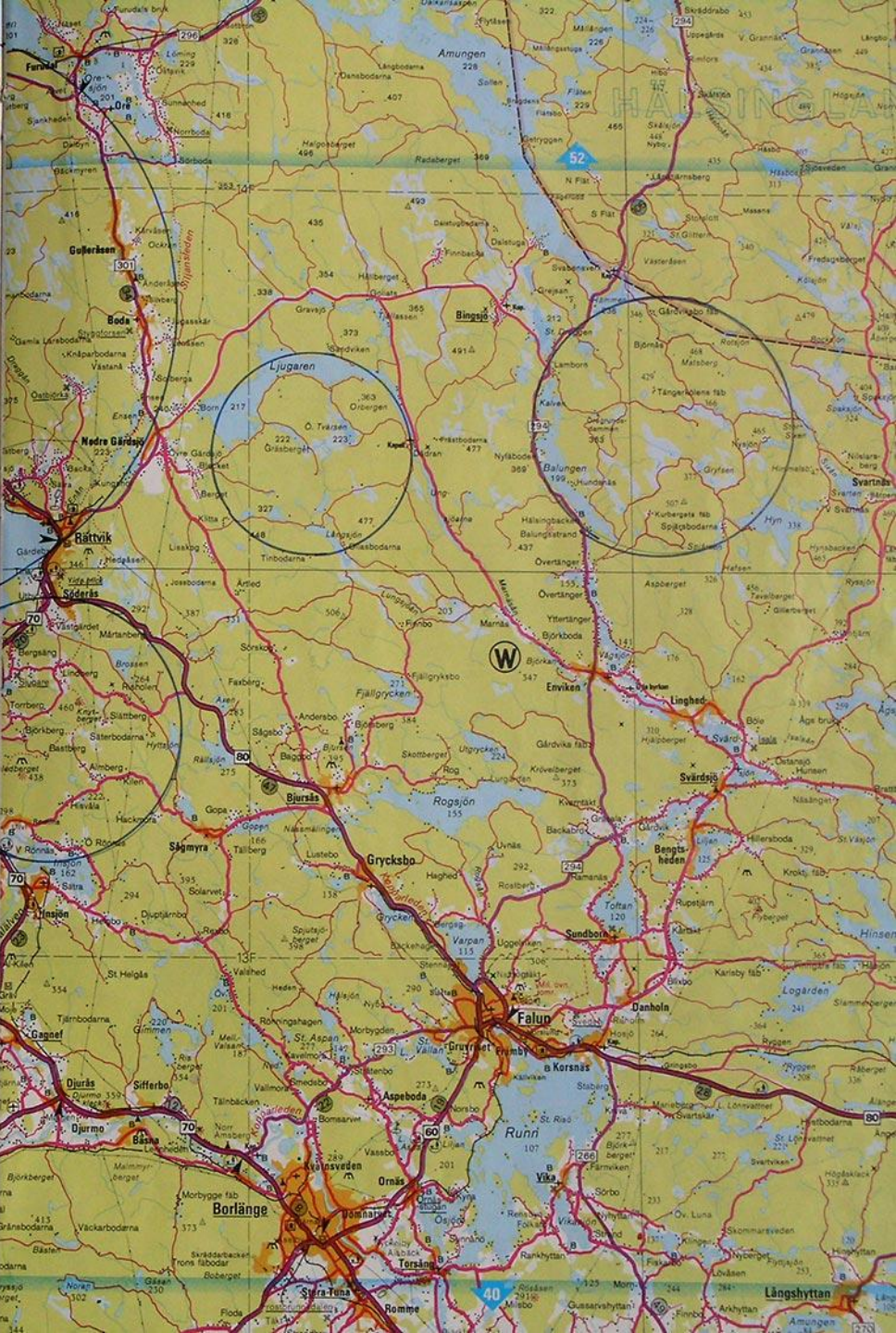
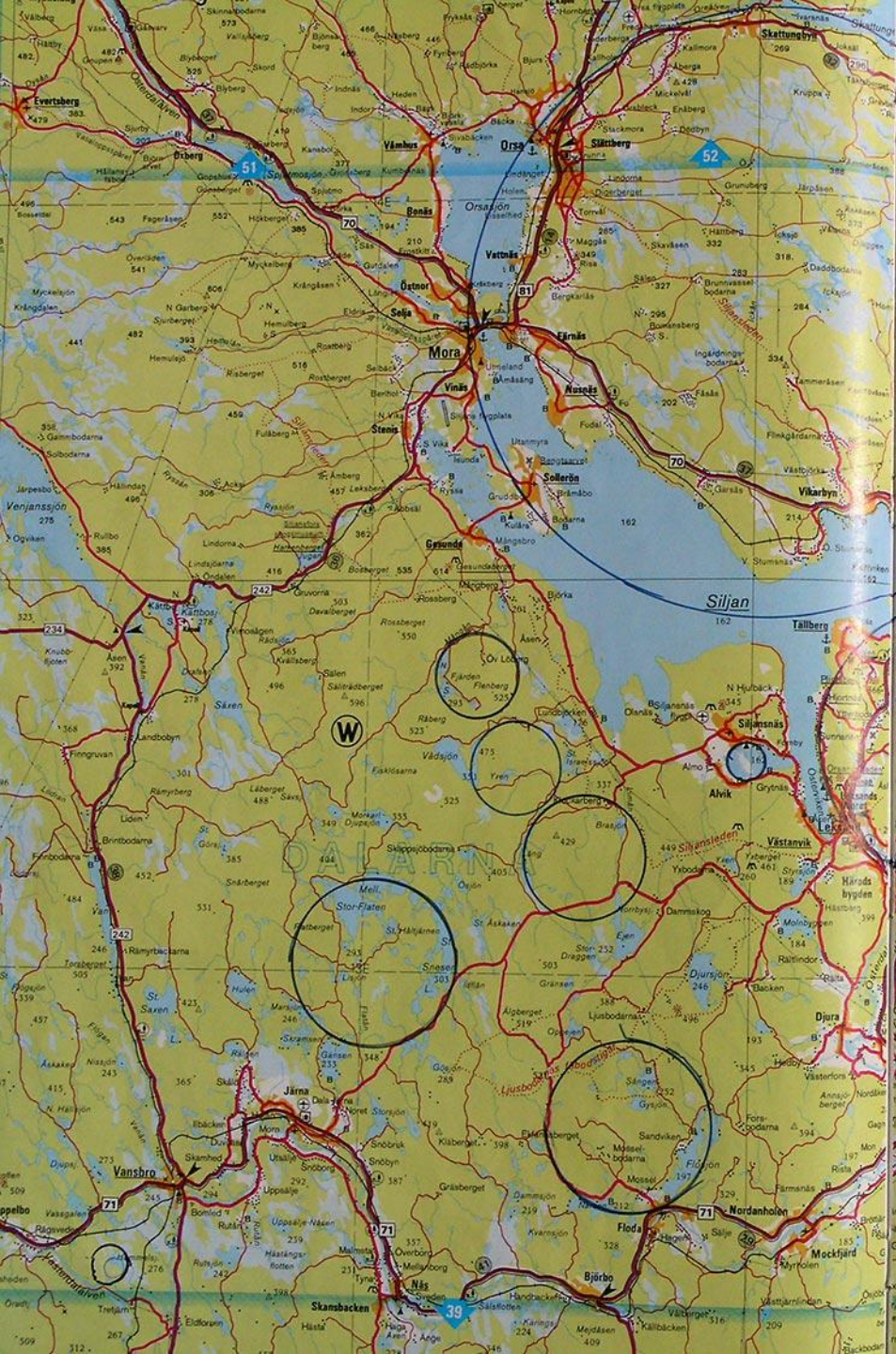




Suevite(?) breccia, Siljan
(Sweden) impact structure.

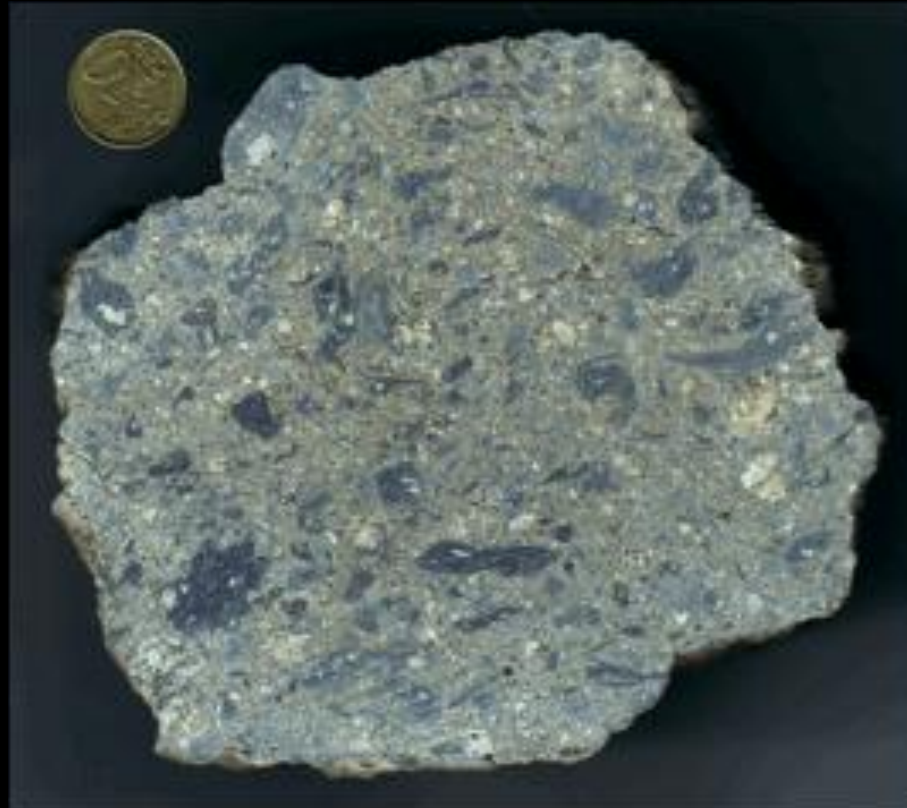


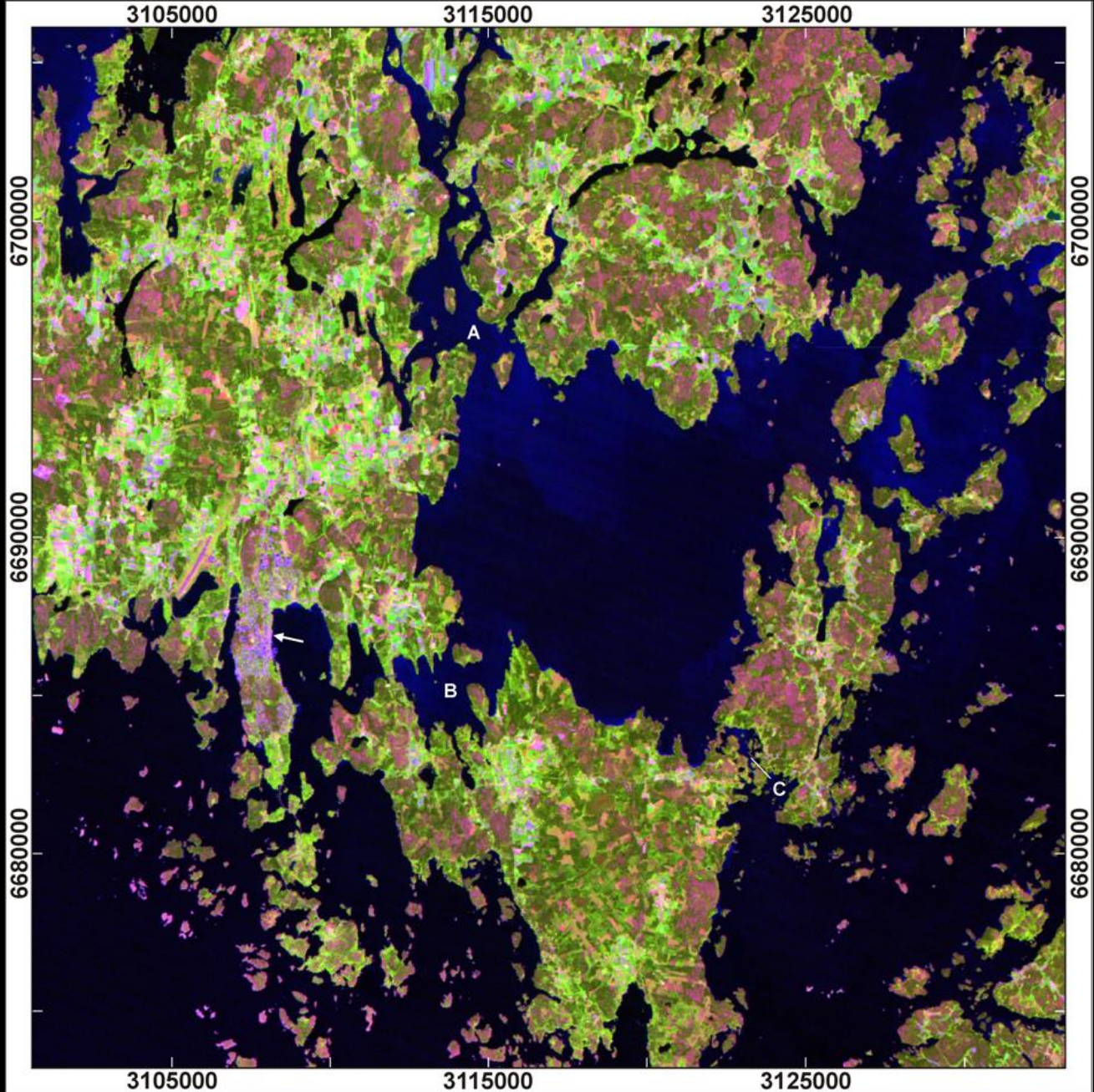
Granit med slagkegler



Mien

Lake Mien suevites, like the Wanapitei suevites, are occurring in the form of glacial erratic blocks only.

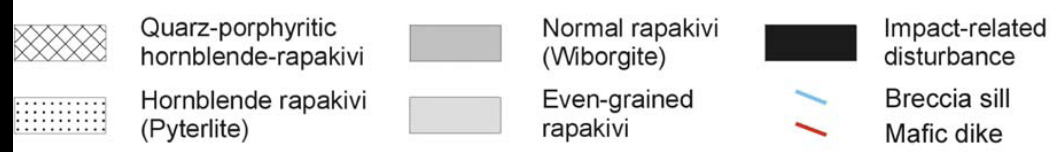
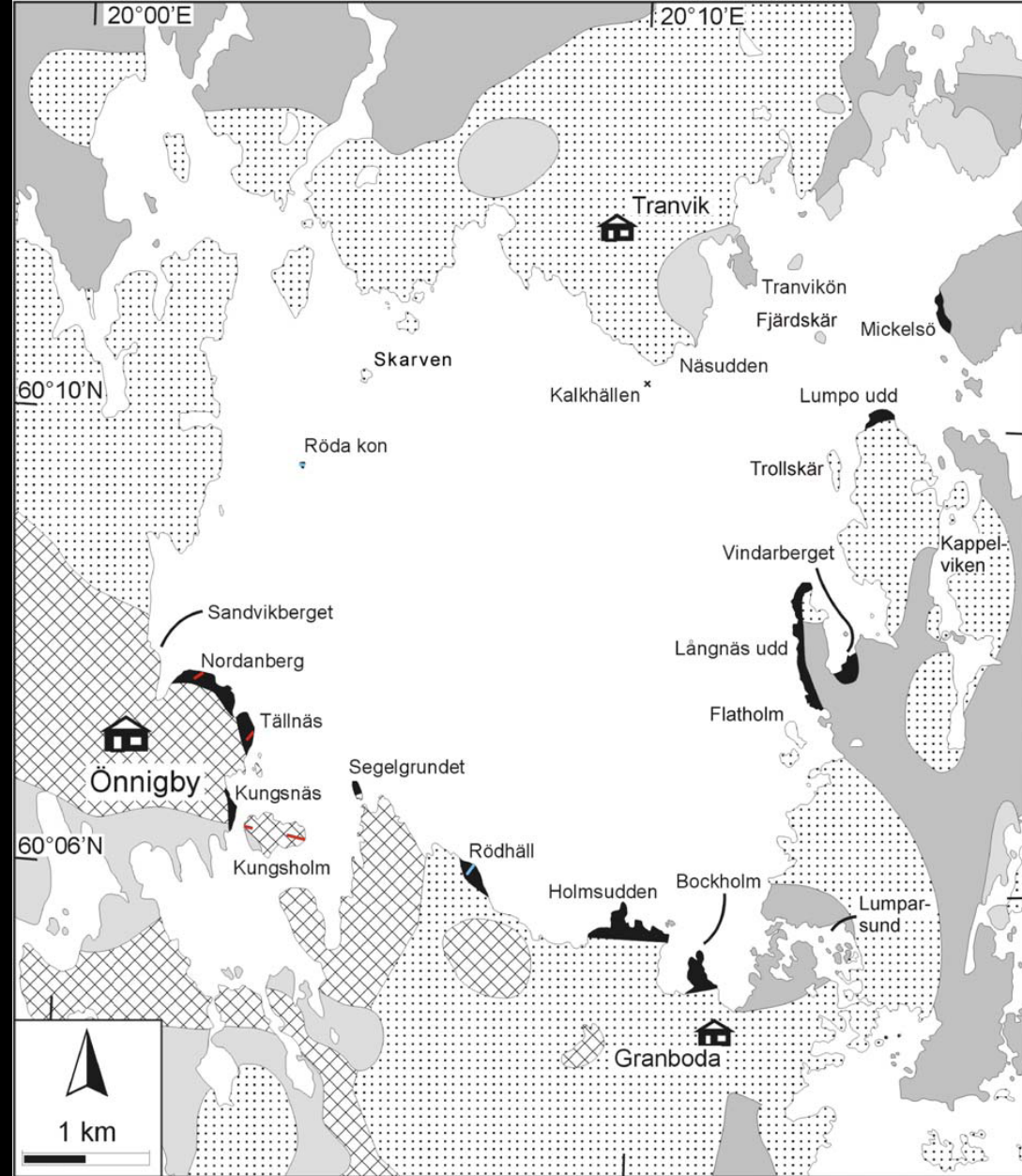


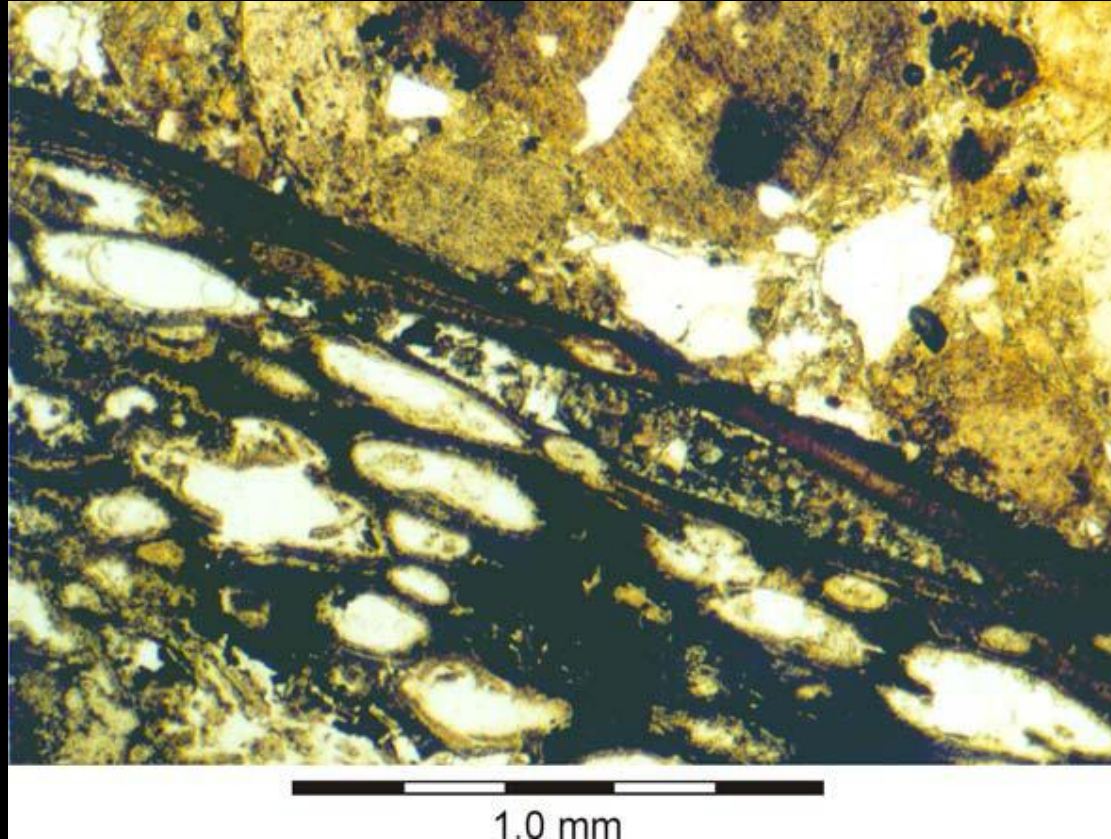


Lumparn



Geology around Lumparn Bay

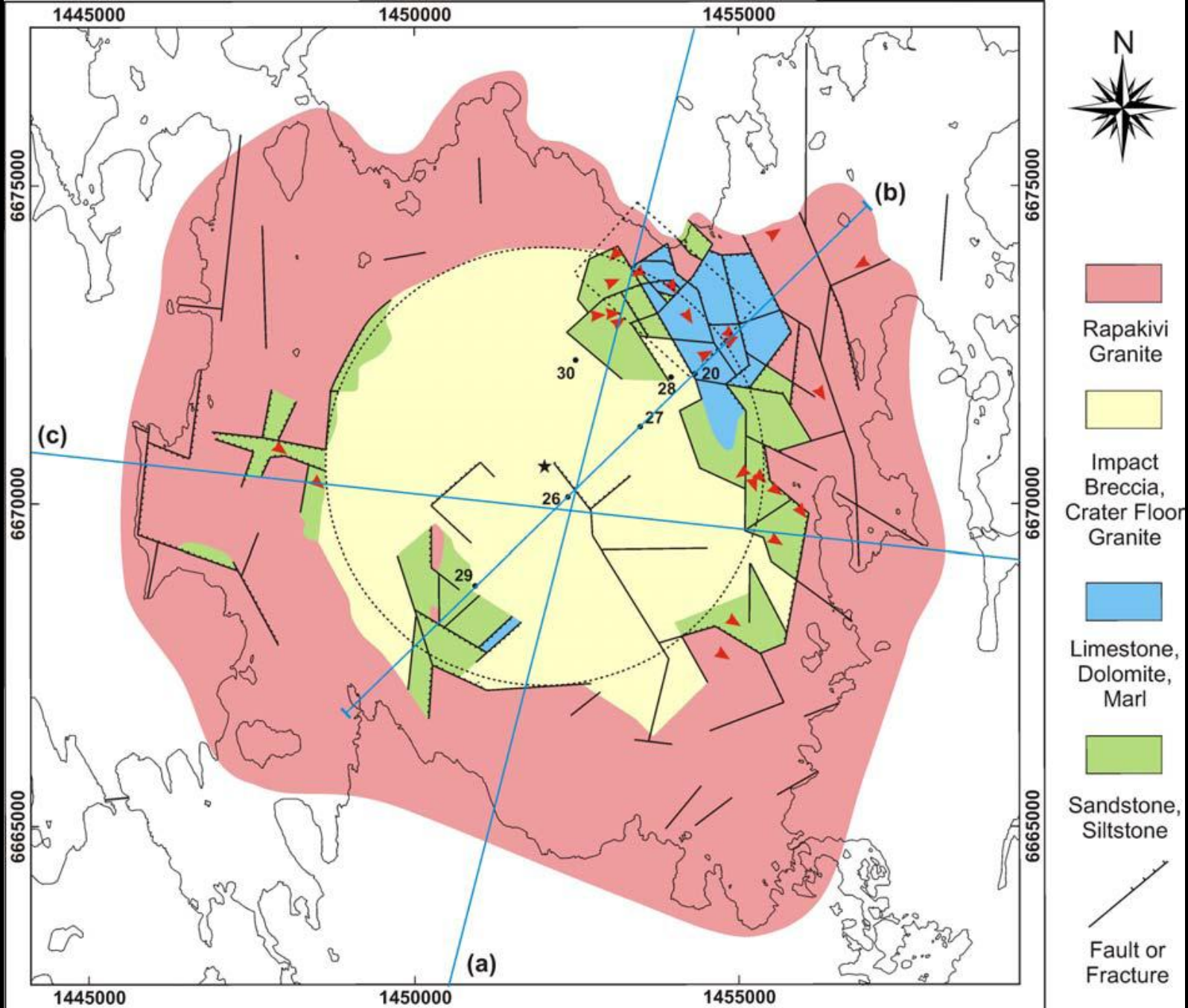




Photomicrograph of suevite. Recrystallized glassy fragment with fluidal texture and elongated gas bubbles, and breccia consisting of fragments of rapakivi granite. Plane polarized light.



Steeply dipping, dark veins (pseudotachylite) in coherent rapakivi granite.

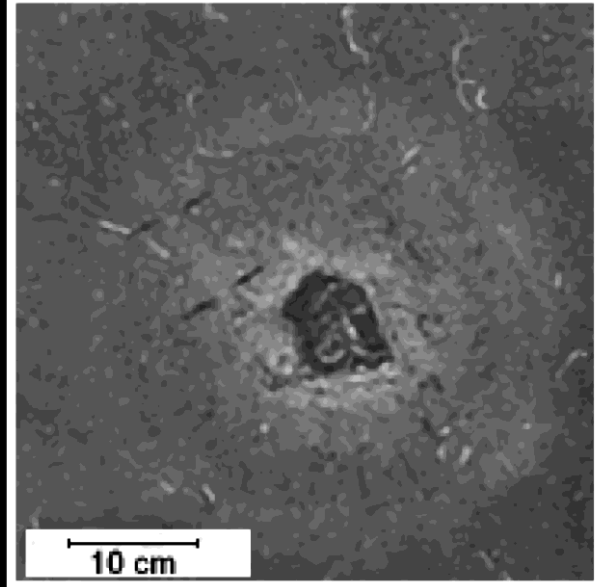


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FOSSILE METEORITTER!



Brunflo fossil meteorite



Prof. Per Thorslund

1952: Kraftigt metamorfoseret ultramafisk bjergart. Formentlig transporteret 14 km til havs i det ordoviciske Japetusocæn på en klump tang.

1979: Chondritiske strukturer. Verdens første fossile meteorit.



Birger Schmitz
>90 fossile meteoritter

Thorsberg limestone quarry



(from Schmitz et al., 2001, *EPSL*, v. 194, p.2)

Fossil meteorite and nautiloid shell in Ordovician limestone

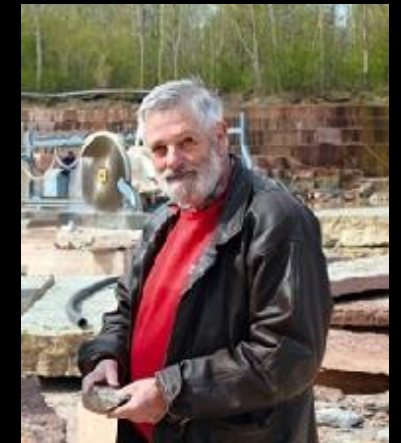


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Hvor er vi?



Verdens ældste
meteorit

480 mill år



1,5 mill år

468 Ma

100-150 gange
normalt influks

Lockne

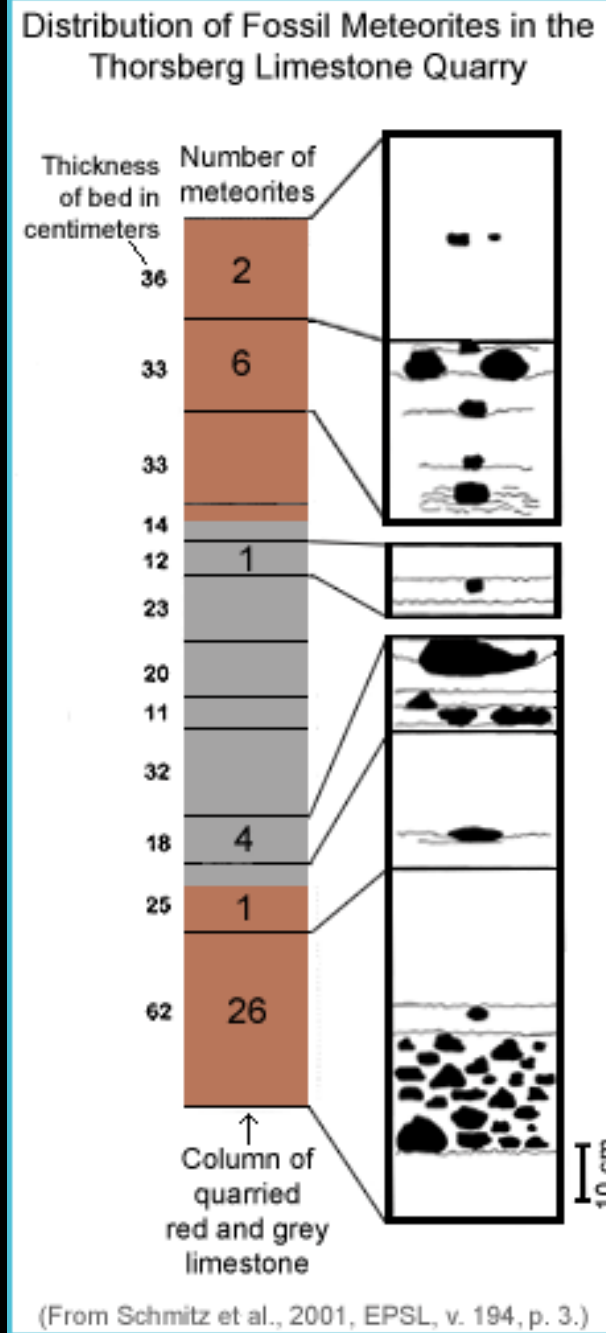
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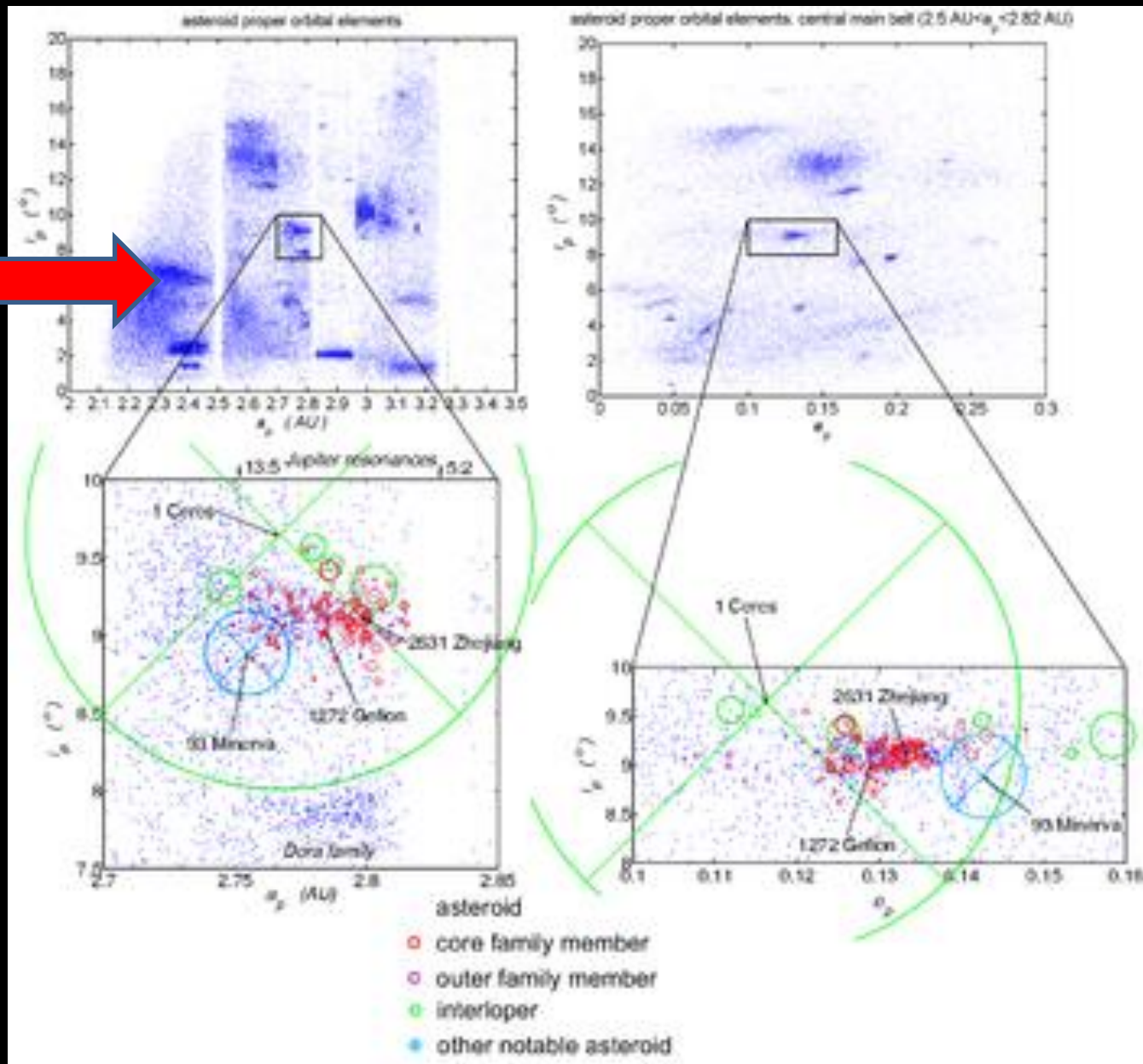
Granby

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Kina



Flora
familien



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In the film
The Green Slime fra
1968 the asteroid Flora
falls out of orbit and is
on a collision course
with Earth.

