Stardust Cratering Subgroup Foil report. 28 June 2006

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(1) General Information

General appearance: Short foil, 12 x 1.5 mm

- This foil has relatively minor damage although there is a noticeable horizontal grooving fabric.
- Iron-rich patches are ubiquitous across the foil. In addition Fe-rich grains a few microns in diameter are present within pits. They appear to be part of the foils which were exposed by the milling process.

Sample mounting: Held by two Sn-coated restraining wires on custom Al holder.

Foil Coordinates: Fiducial marks, size 5µm, milled in foil with ion beam near corners of long side:



Blue spot on reverse is at this end of foil

All measured coordinates transformed to Coordinate system (X, Y) with origin at fiducial mark 'X' and X axis towards fiducial mark 'X2' Units of mm.

Crater surveys:

Quanta 200D Dual Beam FIB-SEM. D_c measurement accuracy checked with etched quartz graticule.

• Manual survey image mosaic of entire foil (LOWRES): 15kV, 0.5 nA, x135 magnification, x1024 pixel resolution.

Area = 18 mm². Estimated complete to $D_c = 2 \ \mu m$.

• Automated surveys of smaller areas (2 mm² and 3 mm²). 20 kV, 0.6 nA, x1000 magnification, secondary electrons, 2048 x 1792 pixel resolution, Kalman frame (3) averaging. Working distance 7 mm. Resolution limited by flatness of foil over sub-area.

SA1: Nominal 3 mm². Actual area = 3.25 mm^2 . Estimated complete to $D_c = 0.8 \mu m$. Corners (7.46, 1.52) (10.55, 1.60) (10.58, 0.55) (7.49, 0.46)

SA2: Nominal 2 mm². Actual area 2.17 mm². Estimated complete to $Dc = 0.8 \mu m$. Corners (4.51, 1.40) (6.54, 1.46) (6.57, 0.40) (4.51, 0.35).

EDX measurements:

15 KV, 75s acquisition times.

(2) Crater Location

SA1

D_c

(µm)

0.7 0.6 0.6

LOWRES manual survey of entire foil. Target completeness limit $D_c=5\mu m$. Estimated complete to $D_c=2\mu m$. Coordinates reproducible to ~0.1mm due to flexure of foil. Randomly selected areas SA1 and SA2 to obtain completeness to $D_c\sim1\mu m$. Craters that also appear in LOWRES survey are cross-referenced.

9 craters found.

LOWRES survey

Χ

(mm)

9.42

Y

(mm)

0.06

Crater

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D _c	Crater	X	Y
(µm)		(mm)	(mm)
9.0	101	7.93	1.5
	104	10.47	0.68
	108	10.44	1.6

Crater	X	Y	D _c
	(mm)	(mm)	(µm)
102	4.76	1.13	0.9
103	5.79	1.32	0.6
105	4.57	0.96	0.8
106	5.27	0.42	1.0
107	6.44	1.04	0.5

SA2



(3) Size distribution

Crater sizes are listed in crater location tables. Size distributions for SA1 and SA2 plotted together. Error bars reflect counting statistics only.



(4) Images



A. Crater 1 showing ridge bisecting the crater floor. B. Fe-rich grain within foil exposed by milling of the foil. Fe-rich grains are spread across the foils. Secondary electron images.

(5) Composition

NB. A summary is given here. Quantitative analysis will be reported to the Min & Pet Sub-Group.

Crater	Elements detected	Interpretation
1	Mg, Fe, S, Si	Mix of Mg-Fe silicate and Fe-S