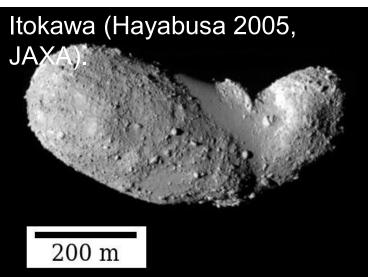
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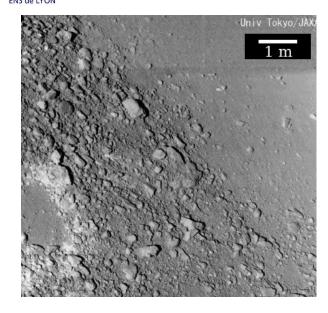
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- assembly of grains with no cohesion
- grains held together by self-gravity
- may rearrange (micro-g)

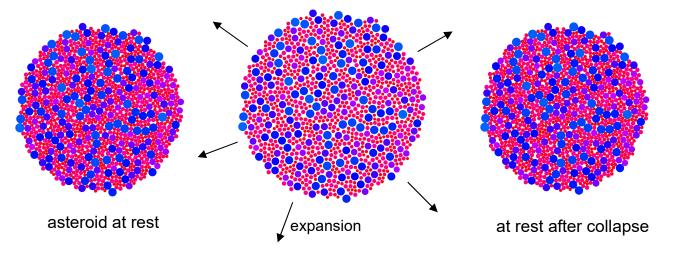


Inhomogeneities in grain size distribution: - sea of small grains (<1mm) - regions with large boulders (~1m)

Can granular segregation explain this?

Numerical methods

Gravity is reversed at regular time intervals in order to mimic shaken granular media



It works: radial segregation!

