

AKARI/AcuA Physical Studies of the Cybele Asteroid Family

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We present a study of 107 Cybele asteroids based on the archival data base “Asteroid Catalog Using *AKARI* (AcuA)” taken by the infrared astronomical satellite. The data base provides diameters $D > 10$ km, geometric albedos and taxonomic informations (75 %) of the Cybeles. We find taxonomic diversity (mainly C-, D- and P-type) in the population of seventy-eight small Cybeles with diameters $10 \text{ km} < D < 80$ km. Their cumulative power-law size distribution index shows a shallow value of 0.86 ± 0.03 . By contrast, twenty-nine large Cybeles with $D > 80$ km are mostly classified as C- or P- types (90 %), having a power-law index of 2.39 ± 0.18 . The total mass of Cybele asteroids is estimated to be $\sim 10^{-5} M_{\text{Earth}}$. We also discuss the origin and formation process of Cybele asteroid family. See [1] for more details.

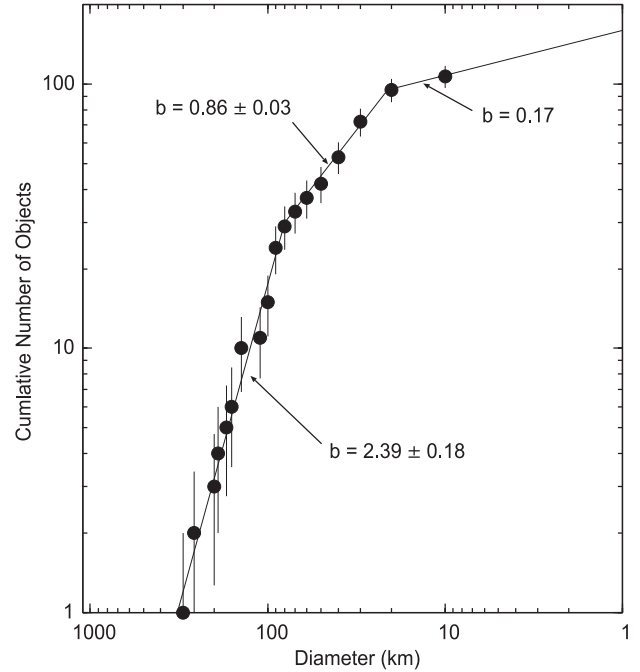


Figure 1: Cumulative size distribution of 107 Cybele asteroids. The derived power-law indexes are $b = 0.17$ ($10 \text{ km} < D < 20 \text{ km}$), 0.86 ± 0.03 ($20 \text{ km} < D < 80 \text{ km}$) and 2.39 ± 0.18 ($D > 80 \text{ km}$).

Reference

[1] Kasuga, T., et al.: 2012, *AJ*, **143**, 141.