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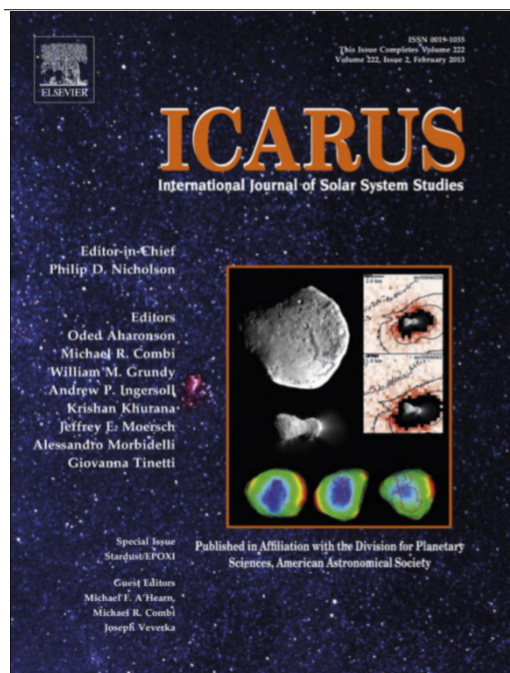


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Nell'ambito del [Progetto CARA](#) [1] due nostri soci (Giannantonio Milani e Carlo Vinante) sono coinvolti in progetti di ricerca internazionali, sulle comete.

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## abstract

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The Af? quantity showed a progressively rising ascending branch, followed by an apparent flat maximum

that lasted for 2 months, from about -10 to +50 days from perihelion. In this period, Afq peaked at around 100 cm in R band with strong short term fluctuations between 70 and 140 cm. Early signs of activity were detectable well before perihelion (about 80?90 days before) and a random variability is also present in the descending branch after perihelion. Three post perihelion data points (between +55 and +61 days) from the 1997?1998 apparition show a bit higher Af? value of our observation and a similar fast variation.

The average Af? behavior, corrected for the solar phase effect, is strongly asymmetric and shows a more steeper ascending branch, approaching to perihelion.

Morphology and coma asymmetry, as well as the sunward and tailward profiles are examined. An average gradient indicatively between  $\sim 0.7$  and  $1$  is observed in the inner coma ( $r < 2000$  km). Ten small amplitude outbursts have been detected and two ones were suspected.

### [Osservazione e Ricerca](#) <sup>[3]</sup>

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