Introduction: Dust particles released from comet 81P/Wild-2 were captured in silica aerogel on-board the STARDUST spacecraft and returned to Earth on January 15, 2006. STARDUST recovered thousands of particles ranging in size from 1 to 100 micrometers. During the six month Preliminary Examination period an international consortium of 180 scientists investigated their mineralogy/petrology, organic/inorganic chemistry, optical properties and isotopic compositions [1-7]. The Stardust samples are now available for research by the entire research community.

On-line Catalog available at [http://curator.jsc.nasa.gov/stardust/](http://curator.jsc.nasa.gov/stardust/) includes all curatorial information for a given particle, track, or tile, including allocation history, analytical summary, and photo documentation as well as the procedure for sample requests.

Photo Documentation:
Level 1 – provides a low resolution record of each individual aerogel cell in its most pristine, “as received” condition
Level 2 – high resolution, plan view mosaics of aerogel cells and Al mounting foils, recording their positions in a cell-specific reference frame
Level 3 – detailed documentation of individual aerogel tiles following extraction, portrays individual tracks from the side.
Level 4 – documentation of individual tracks extracted by either the keystone system [8] or ultrasonic microblades [9].