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## Continuum Observations of Asteroids (2867) Steins and (21) Lutetia with the MIRO Millimeter and Submillimeter Instrument on the ESA Rosetta Spacecraft

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## **Abstract**

The Rosetta spacecraft made close flybys of asteroids (2867) Steins on September 5, 2008 and (21) Lutetia on July 10, 2010. The Rosetta orbiter spacecraft carried a microwave instrument named MIRO (Microwave Instrument for the Rosetta Orbiter) as well as 10 other scientific instruments and a comet lander payload. The MIRO instrument contains two continuum channels at 190 GHz (1.6 mm) and 562 GHz (0.5 mm) as well as a very high spectral resolution spectrometer (44 kHz) which operates near 560 GHz. This instrument was powered on for the close flybys, and signals were observed on both channels. We report a summary of the observations obtained during both encounters, and a description of the analyis performed for each asteroid.