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Motivation Cosmic Dust Studies



- Dust extinction, polarization, spectroscopy, continuum emission as diagnostic tools (Optical depth, magnetic fields, temperature, chemistry, growth processes, mixing, ...)
- Dust: Thermal, dynamical, and chemical structure
- Interesting structural and optical behaviour (Tunneling processes at low temperatures)

Example: Spectrum of forsterite particles at different temperatures



Photoelectric heating



Bakes and Tielens (1994)





DUSTY DIMENSIONS



Learning about Dust in Space

Direct analysis

- Instruments on spacecraft
- Sample return (Stardust)
- Dust collection in upper atmosphere
- Dust in the museum (meteorites)

Dust properties ?

- Structure & shape
- Chemical composition, mineralogy
- Size distribution



Remote sensingAstronomical observations

Nature of Cosmic Dust

- Fractional abundance of elements and abundance pattern (Chemical composition)
- Extinction and polarization curves (UV, VIS, NIR) (Chemical composition, size)
- Scattered stellar light
- Infrared resonances (Chemical composition, size)
- IR/millimetre dust continuum emission (Size)
- Stardust in meteorites
- Analysis of cometary material and IDPs (?)



Basic Types of Dust Mixtures Stardust Original dust formation Interstellar Dust UV/cosmic ray processing; Modification by shocks Molecular Cloud Dust Surface chemistry; Ice mantles, Coagulation Protostellar Dust Interplanetary Dust

Some facts at the beginning

- Silicates and other oxides (IR features), carbonaceous dust (UV bump, 3.4 µm feature)
- Additional materials (carbides, nanodiamonds)
- Molecular ices in cold clouds
- Broad size distribution (VSGs, PAHs)
- Grain growth in disks



Extinction Curves



Diffuse ISM dust (Whittet et al. 1997)



No evidence for crystalline silicates in the diffuse ISM (<2%, Li & Draine 2001, Jäger et al. 2003, Kemper et al. 2004)

Amorphization by cosmic rays/shock processing in ISM/recondensation of am. silicates in the ISM (Jäger et al. 2003)

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Amorphization easier for Fe-rich silicates henning; 10-08-2005



Carbonaceous dust material is poor in oxygen!

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Dust emission spectrum



Fig. 4. Dust emission spectrum. Observations (crosses) pertain to the "cirrus" interstellar diffuse medium (see Table 1 and text). The horizontal bars represent the filter width used in the observations (given in Table 1). The model resulting spectrum (continuous line) is the sum of the three components that are PAHs, VSGs, and BGs.

Desert, Boulanger & Puget (1990)

Infrared spectroscopy -The infrared fingerprint region



Adapted from Allamondola (1984)

- Silicates: 10 and 18 μm
- Oxides: 12 to 30 μm
- Carbonaceous material: (aliphatic): 3.4 μm
- PAHs (3.28, 6.1, 7.7, 8.6 and 11.3 μm + other bands)
- Molecular Ices
 (e.g. H₂O: 3.08, 6.0 and 42 μm)

Emission spectrum





(After S. Sandford)

Infrared absorption spectroscopy



Infrared absorption spectroscopy of molecular ices in cold regions



Data from the Infrared Space Observatory – Gibb (2000)

Grain Model for Molecular Cloud Material



What did we learn so far?

- Main dust components: Silicates (10 and 18 μm features), Carbonaceous dust (217.5 nm feature, 3.4 μm absorption feature)
- Other dust components exist (SiC, oxides, nitrides)
 Detected in envelopes around AGB stars
- Molecular ices (H₂O, CO, CO₂, HCOOH, CH₃OH, CH4, NH₃)
- Emission features due to PAHs
- Very Small grains vs. "classical grains"

Grain Models for the diffuse ISM

Draine & Lee (1984): Mixture of (bulk) graphite and silicate grains, Power law size distribution after Mathis et al. (1977, MRN): $dN(a)/da \sim a^{-3.5}$ (10 nm to 300 nm)

Hong & Greenberg (1980): Silicate spheres (0.01 µm), graphite spheres (0.018 µm), **Core-mantle grains**

Mathis & Whiffen (1989): Composite grains (fvac=0.8, power law size distribution with exponent 3.7 (30 to 900 nm) **Free graphite particles**



Interaction of light with small particles

Dust and Radiation



Incoming radiation

- plane waves
- polarised somehow
- some spectrum

Absorption

- Transformation of energy to some other form
- Re-emission at different wavelengths

Scattering (elastic)

- Change in direction
- Change in polarization
- No change in wavelength

Reddening of stellar light



Light Scattering by ParticlesImportant quantity: Poynting vector (all in SI units) $S = E \times H$ Energy per unit time and area carried by the EM field;
E and H – Electric and magnetic field vectorsLet us chose an area with unit normal vector n
(outward normal chosen, see Bohren & Huffman 1983)Rate W at which EM energy crosses the boundary A is:
 $W = \int_A S n dA$ (W>0 net transfer into volume = absorpt.)

Light Scattering by Small Particles

Time-averaged Poynting vector for time-harmonic field is: \rightarrow

$$\langle \vec{S} \rangle = \{ \vec{E} \times \vec{H} \}$$

Complex refractive index: m = n + ik; $m^2 = \varepsilon$

Plane harmonic wave:

 $E_{C} = E_{0} \exp(-2\pi k z/\lambda) \exp(i 2\pi n z/\lambda - i\omega t)$ Attenuation (*k*) Phase velocity (c/n)

Dielectric Function



Light Scattering by Particles



Time-averaged Poynting vector for plane and homogeneous wave:

 $\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}(\operatorname{sqrt}(\epsilon/\mu) \operatorname{E}_0^2 \exp(-4 \pi k z/\lambda) \mathbf{e}$ which means in

Vacuum:

 $\frac{1}{2}E_0^2 = F$ (magnitude of Poynting vector, flux)

also called irradiance I (energy per unit area and time)

Light Scattering by Particles

Cross sections for scattering and absorption:

 $C_{sca} F_{incident} = W_{sca}$ (Rate at which energy is scattered)

 C_{abs} $F_{incident} = W_{abs}$ (Rate at which energy is absorbed)

 $C_{ext} = C_{abs} + C_{sca}$ Extinction cross section

 $A = C_{sca}/C_{ext}$ Albedo

Angular dependence of scattering expressed by phase function $p(\theta, \Phi)$ with $\int p(\theta, \Phi) d \Omega = 1$

Light Scattering by Particles

 $F(\theta, \Phi) = F_{incident}/r^2 p(\theta, \Phi) C_{sca}$

Asymmetry parameter:

 $g = \int p(\theta, \Phi) d\Omega$

g= 0 (isotropic scattering), g=1 (pure forward scattering), g=-1 (pure backscattering)

Radiation pressure cross section: $C_{pr} = C_{ext} - g C_{sca}$: Transmitted momentum F C_{pr}/c

Light Scattering by Particles

Other quantities: Efficiencies $Q=C/\sigma_{geom}$

Mass absorption coefficient κ_m : Cross section per unit mass $C_{abs}/\delta V$ (Sphere $- \frac{3}{4} Q/a\delta$)



Important cases: Wavelength versus particle size

λ « a: Geometrical Optics Propagation of light described by rays For absorbing media: Light can penetrate only within the skin depth (scattering is surface effect) C/V ∞ 1/a Very large particles: Q_{ext} = 2 (Babinet's theorem)
λ ~ a: Wave Optics (Spherical particles: G. Mie 1908) C dominated by interferences and resonances
λ » a: Rayleigh limit/Quasistatic limit |m|x«1 Incident and internal fields can be considered to be static fields; only dipole electric mode needs to be considered

Mie Theory – Results - Spectrum



Grain growth: Change of MAC



(Wavelength)





Light Scattering - Spheres

Mie theory (G. Mie 1908)

Scattering problem for spheres (scattered and internal field determined by expanding both fields into an Infinite series of independent solutions to the wave equation):

Very small particles in the Rayleigh limit: $x=2\pi a/\lambda \ll 1$ and $|m|x\ll 1$

Non-magnetic material: Q_{ext} = 4 x Im{(m²-1)/(m²+2)}

 $Q_{sca} = 8/3 x^4 |(m^2-1)/(m^2+2)|^2$

Light Scattering by Small Particles - Shapes

 $C_{abs} = k Im(\alpha)$ with α – polarizability

Ellipsoids (averaged over all orientations)

$$C_{abs} = k Im (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3)$$

$$C_{sca} = k^4 / 2\pi \left[|\alpha_1|^2 + |\alpha_2|^2 + |\alpha_3|^3 \right]$$

With $\alpha_i = V (\epsilon - \epsilon_m)/3(\epsilon_m + L_i (\epsilon - \epsilon_m))$

Sphere: $L_i = 1/3$ (geometry factors, between 0 and 1) $C_{abs} = k \ 3 \ V \ Im[(\epsilon - \epsilon_m)/(\epsilon + 2 \ \epsilon_m)$

Light Scattering by Small Particles - Shapes

$$C_{abs} = k \ 3 \ V \ Im[(\epsilon - \epsilon_m)/(\epsilon + 2 \ \epsilon_m)]$$

Surface resonances when imaginary part close to 0 and real part $\varepsilon_1 = -2 \varepsilon_m$

For a continuous distribution of ellipsoids:

 $C_{abs} = k V Im[2 \epsilon/(\epsilon - 1) log\epsilon]$

Log z denotes the principal logarithm of a complex number









Optical properties of aggregates



Modelling composite and fluffy grains: Average extinction < C_{ext} > of a large number of clusters (ensemble average)

(a) "Deterministic" approach

DDA, DMM



Calculate the extinction of individual clusters and average results. Criticism: Very complicated, no systemetries, too much information needed.

(b) "Statistical" approach

Derive equations for the average electric field and calculate average extinction.

Advantages: Method uses only "relevant" information and exploits symmetries to facilitate calculations.



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Silicate and carbonaceous aggregates



Fig. 5. C_{ext}/V for the silicate PCA clusters. The thick lines denote the lower (DMM, solid line) and the upper (MSF, dashed line) limit for the extinction of the clusters. For comparison C_{ext}/V for a compact sphere (Mie) are plotted





Fig. 7. Same as Fig. 5 except that the mixture of silicate and carbon is the refractory component in the clusters. The Mie curve, the DMM curve and the curve for the upper limit are the volume averages of the silicate and carbon PCA clusters



Stognienko, Henning & Ossenkopf (1995)

Optical behaviour of small particles



After Krügel (2003, p.235) – Absorption (dots), extinction (solid line)

Dust models for Accretion Disks

Pollack et al: 1994, ApJ 421, 615

- Olivine ([Fe, Mg]₂SiO₄), orthopyroxene ([Fe, Mg]SiO₃), volatile and refractory organics, water ice, troilite (FeS), and metallic iron
- $\kappa (1 \text{ mm}) = 5 \text{ x } 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^2 \text{g}^{-1} (\text{gas} + \text{dust})$

Krügel & Siebenmorgen: 1994, AA 288, 929

- Fluffy grains composed of subparticles of astronomical silicate and amorphous carbon with an admixture of frozen ice
- $\kappa (1.3 \text{ mm}) = 2 \text{ x } 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^2 \text{g}^{-1} (\text{gas} + \text{dust})$

Henning & Stognienko: 1996, AA 311, 291 (Semenov et al. 2003)

- Improved optical data and agglomeration models, Role of Fe
- κ (1.3 mm) = 10⁻² cm²g⁻¹ (gas + dust, Fe-rich silicates)



The Role of Iron



Comparison of different Planck means







- 1. Assume chemical composition, shape, size, internal structure distribution
- 2. Select the relevant laboratory data for n, k (material structure?, temperature?)
- 3. Calculate the cross sections (scattering codes)
- 4. Construct appropriate mean values
- 5. Apply these data in your radiative transfer calculation

The Inverse Problem



- Solve the forward problem
- Check, if the guess was correct
- If not, make a different guess ...

Back to Astrophysics ...

Dust and Stars

- Without stars no dust (production of metals)
- Without dust no stars (dust surface H₂ formation)
- Interaction of dust with radiation field (e.g. massive star formation)

Dust and Gas

- Formation of particles from the gas phase
- "Sink" for gas phase atoms and molecules
- Formation of molecules
- Heating of the gas (photoelectric effect)
- Ionization degree



"Sure it's beautiful, but I can't help thinking about all that interstellar dust out there."

Even more material to read...

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