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Grain Growth in Protoplanetary Disks



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Motivation



- From molecular cloud dust to planetesimals
- Continuum radiation as an analytical tool (Geometry vs. dust opacity)
- Dust affecting disk structure:
 - Dust opacities (Temperature, Convection)
 - Multi-phase fluid system (shear-ind. turbulence)
 - Dust affecting disk chemistry and ionization

FEPS: Grain Sizes in Debris Disks



Road map of planet formation





Example porous grains: IDPs





From submicron particles to bigger objects



GROWTH TIME SCALE
$$t_g \sim P_K / \sigma$$
 $P_K \sim R^{3/2}$; $\sigma \sim R^{-2}$ $t_g \sim R^{7/2}$

Growth time differs from outer regions to inner regions.

SETTLING TIME

$$\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{z}} = -\mathbf{z} \, \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{\mathbf{K}}^2 \, \boldsymbol{\tau}_{\mathbf{f}}$$

$$t_{s} \sim \frac{\Sigma(r)}{\rho_{d} \cdot a} \ln \frac{z}{z_{o}}$$

Settling time depends on grain radius for compact spherical particles.

Evidence for grain growth



- Decrease in NIR and submm emission Haisch ea. 2001, Carpenter ea. 2005, ...
 Flatter SEDs at millimetre wavelengths Mannings & Emerson 1994, Koerner ea. 1995, Dutrey ea. 1996 Testi ea. 2003, Natta ea. 2004, Pietu ea. 2003, Rodmann ea. 2005
 Gray opacities in the disk region + Polariz. + RT modeling Menshchikov, Henning & Fischer 1999, Wolf ea. 2003
 Formation of (opacity) gaps
 - Koerner et al. 1998, Sicilia-Aguilar et al. (2006)
 - Geometrically flattened disks D'Alessio et al. 2001, Dullemond & Dominik 2004
- Wavelength-independent disk size ? Throop et al. 2001; Shuping et al. 2003
- Infrared spectroscopy Bouwman ea. 2001, Meeus ea. 2001, van Boekel ea. 2003, Przygodda ea. 2003, van Boekel ea. 2004, 2005, Bouwman ea. 2006





NIR Excess Fraction (< 0.1 AU) vs. Cluster Age



No detectable inner disks for ages > 10 Myr

Haisch et al. 2001; see also Carpenter et al. (2005) for millimeter emission

Time Scales For Grain Evolution

t ≤ 5 -10 × 10⁶ yrs (from infrared excess emission)

- (1) Dust grains removed from circumstellar disks
- (2) Grains have been evolved into larger bodies (reduced effective radiating surface).

(Replenishment of grains in disks around Vega-type stars (t →100Myr) by collisional shattering of lager bodies)

Images of edge-on disks at $\lambda = 0.814 \mu m$ for dust mixtures



Polarization

Grain sizes from 0.01 – 100 microns



Voshchinnikov and Krügel (1999)



Zoom-in to mid-infrared

Dust Opacity: Effects of Size and Composition shown at R=100 (Henning et al. 2000)



Grain Sizes – Crystalline vs. amorphous grains



Evidence for Grain Growth



Grains grow to micron sizes ...

v. Boekel et al. 2003

Evidence for Grain Growth -T Tauri Disks





Fig.2. Continuum normalized spectra of our sample ordered by the strength of the silicate feature. The shape of the feature is showing a correlation with the strength. Stronger features have a triangular shape with a pronounced peak near 9.8 μ m while weaker features are more plateau-like. The gap from 9.15 to 9.65 μ m in most of the spectra is caused by a broken channel of the TIMMI2 detector.

Large grains

Przygodda et al. 2003



Grain Growth and Brown Dwarfs



Apai et al. (Science, 2005)



Silicate Emission Feature for Fractal Aggregates







MM-waves interact with all atoms



Particle size << wavelength 1st order: size independent, wave sees every atom Insulators: absorption by lattice resonances

 $\kappa_v \sim v^2 \sim \lambda^{-2}$ Lorentz "tail"



Interstellar Opacities



Grain Size does alter opacity



Miyake and Nakagawa (1993)

Mm opacity as a function of size



Grain size from mm observations

- T Tauri star DO Tau Koerner et al. (1995): ß=0.6±0.3
- Low-mass star TW Hya Calvet et al. (2002) β=0.7
- Intermediate-mass stars: Testi et al. (2003) CQ Tau: ß=0.5-0.7 Natta et al. (2004): ß=0.4-1.5
- Wilner et al. (2005) cm observations TW Hya



Grain size from mm observations

- Correct for radio free-free emission
- Measure spectral slope *α* in Rayleigh-Jeans part of SED
- Two possibilities to account for shallow SED (small α):
 (i) optically thick disk & any β
 (ii) optically thin disk & low β
 Resolved (large) disks render (i) improbable/unphysical

P Opacity index $\beta \approx \alpha - 2$





VLA 7-mm observations (Rodmann, Henning, Chandler et al. 2005)

- 14 low-mass PMS stars in Taurus-Auriga region
- 7-mm observations at VLA in D configuration
 - ⊗ low spatial resolution (~1.5" beam at 7 mm)
 - ☺ high sensitivity (~0.2 mJy)
- 10 secure detections
 (σ≥5)
- Additional observations at 1.3, 2.0, and 3.6 cm



Dust opacity indices

- All detected disks spatially resolved (7 fully, 3 part.)
- Spectral indices α < 4
- Opacity indices
 β=α-2 < 2
- Small corrections: Rayleigh-Jeans & free-free emission

Rodmann et al. 2005



Grains grow to centimeter sizes ...



Effect of dust settling on SED



Dullemond & Dominik (2004), See also Miyake & Nakagawa (1995), Tanaka et al. (2005), D' Alessio et al. (2006)

Growth of grains: effect on SED



Dullemond & Dominik 2004







Evolution with Time – The Problems

- Age determination in PMS phase
- Short Transition Period
 - Environmental factors (binarity, ...)

Example: HD 100453



Chen, Henning ea. 2005 Spectrum has no feature

The 9Myr old Eta Cha cluster



Summary

- Grains in protoplanetary disks grow
- Evidence for micron-sized and millimetre- to centimeter-sized grains
- Spatially resolved data are becoming available

Reviews:

- Beckwith, S.V.M., Henning, Th., Nakagawa, Y.: PPIV. 2000.
- Henning, Th., Dullemond, C., Dominik, C., Wolf, S., In: Klahr, H., Brandner, W. (eds.): Planet Formation. 2006.
- Natta, A., Testi, L., Henning, Th. et al. PPV. 2006.

Open questions

- Gravitational instability of dust sublayer?
- What is the structure of agglomerates produced by sedimentation ?
- What happens when "particles" reach the size of about 0.1m ?
- How important are destruction processes?
- What is the relation between crystallinity and grain size?