INTERSTELLAR DUST PROPERTIES Part 1

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- Gas and dust represent less than 10% of the Milky Way mass
- Dust represents ~ 1% of this mass

BUT dust

- is everywhere
- is well coupled to the gas
- is a good tracer of matter
- has a fundamental role in the evolution of astrophysical environments and of galaxies

Dust is everywhere







Dust and the ISM cycle

- The life cycle of the ISM, of stars and dust are intimately related
- Dust is a probe of the physical and chemical conditions of astronomical environments
- Dust is one of the drivers of ISM evolution and hence of galactic evolution
- Dust is key to promote chemical complexity





How can we determine and study dust properties ?



Experimental data :

Synthesis of dust analogues **Spectroscopic characterisation** Simulation of chemical and physical processes **Astrophysical conditions**



Observational constraints :

Extinction Emission **Polarization** Depletion **Presolar grains**

Modelling :

Cosmic dust models **Radiative transfer codes Chemical models** MHD simulations

Interstellar dust physics

Oservational constraints on dust

- 1930: Trumpler proposes that matter attenuates the visible light from stars depending on their distance
- 1934 : Stebbins makes the first measures of extinction in the UBV bands
- 1940-50: Stellar reddening by comparison of stars of the same spectral type

Extinction

$$I_{\lambda} = I_{\lambda 0} e^{-\tau_{\lambda}}$$

 I_{λ} : Specific intensity (W.m⁻².sr⁻¹) k_{ext} : Extinction coefficient (m⁻¹)

$$\tau(\lambda) = \int k_{ext}(\lambda) dl$$

τ: optical depth

$$A_{\lambda} = -2.5 \log_{10} \left(\frac{I_{\lambda}}{I_{\lambda 0}}\right) = 1.086\tau_{\lambda}$$

The extinction curve

The extinction curve gives information on the size and composition of grains:

- UV rise \Rightarrow grains with radius a $\ll \lambda$ ie. a < 10 nm
- 2175 Å bump \Rightarrow carbonaceous grains (electronic transition)
- U, B, V bands \Rightarrow extinction in $\lambda^{-1} \Rightarrow$ grains with radius a $\sim \lambda$ ie. a ~ 0.1 µm

 $E(B - V) = A_B - A_V$ Color excess:

Total-to-selective visual extinction ratio:

R_v characterise the extinction curve

Extinction in the mid infrared

• MIR domain : vibrational transitions \Rightarrow grain composition

Scattering

- Scattering depends on the size, shape and composition of the grains
- Grains of radius a $\sim 0.1 \,\mu m$ scatter light in the visible
- Larger grains scatter light at longer wavelengths, in the NIR
- Scattering depends on the albedo ω and the phase function g

$$\omega = Q_{sca}/Q_{ext}$$
$$g = \langle \cos(\theta) \rangle = \frac{\int_0^{\pi} I(\theta) \cos(\theta) d\Omega}{I(\theta) d\Omega}$$

Rayleigh and Mie scattering phase function

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"Coreshine" in the L183 Dark Cloud

On a given line of sight, dust emission depends on:

$$I_{\nu} \propto \int_{LOS} \epsilon \times N_H \times X_d \times ISRF$$

 N_{H} (cm⁻²) : gas column density X_d : dust abundance Intensity of the ISRF ϵ (erg.s⁻¹.sr⁻¹.cm⁻¹.g⁻¹) : dust emissivity

• Kirchoff law \Rightarrow at thermal equilibrium, emitted

power = absorbed power $\iff \kappa_{abs} \propto \epsilon$

Different emission mechanisms depending on the grain size and nature

Emission

PAHs

VSG 5-10 nm

SILICATES 10-300 nm

Amorphous carbon

• Due to the presence of non-spherical and partially aligned grains containing paramagnetic inclusions

• In absorption starlight is polarised // to the B field lines

$$p_{\lambda} = p_{max} e^{-k_p (ln(\lambda_{max}/\lambda))^2}$$
 [Serkowski 1975]

- $\lambda_{max} \sim 0.55 \ \mu m \Rightarrow grain radius \sim 0.1 \ \mu m$
- The peak position is sensitive to grain size
- p_{max} ~ a few %
- Correlated to extinction
- The 10 µm feature is polarised

Polarization

- Polarized emission is \perp to B field lines
- P/I = polarisation fraction in the FIR/submm
- Observed by ARCHEOPS, WMAP, Planck

Polarization

- Electronic absorption lines of atoms or ions
- In the UV spectra of O and B stars
- Copernicus (1972), HST (90's), FUSE (1999)
- Depletion factor: $D(X) = \left[\frac{X_{gas}}{H}\right] = log\left(\frac{N(X)}{N(H)}\right)_{obs} log\left(\frac{X}{H}\right)_{ref}$
- Depletion varies from one element to the other
- Depletion increases with condensation temperature of the elements

Depletion

Table 2. Adopted Gas and Solid Phase Abundances of Selected Elements

Х	$(X/II)_{ISM}$	$(X/II)_{gas}$	$(X/II)_{dust}$		
	[ppm]	[ppm]	[ppm]		
\mathbf{C}	324	198	126 ± 56		
0	682	434	249 ± 94		
Mg	52.9	7.1	45.8 ± 4.9		
Al	3.5	0.1	3.4 ± 0.3		
Si	44.6	6.6	38.0 ± 3.1		
\mathbf{S}	17.2	9.6	7.6 ± 2.0 3.2 ± 0.2		
Ca	3.2	0.1			
Fe	43.7	0.88	42.8 ± 4.0		
Ni	2.1	0.04	2.0 ± 0.2		
	[Hensley&Draine+20				

- Photo-electric absorption edges
- Gas and dust simultaneously
- Mg, Fe, Si, Ca, Ti ...
- Chandra, XMM-Newton
- More data to come with Athena and XRISM

X-ray observations

Pre-solar grains

- Micro-meteorites

stars, SN

• Sample return missions : STARDUST, HAYABUSA, OSIRIS-Rex • Interplanetary grains (MIR stations, stratospheric flights) Inclusions in meteorites

Samples brought back from Ryugu

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Dust properties: size distribution

- Constrained by the extinction curve and depletion measurements
- The most used is the MRN size distribution (for spherical grains silicate and graphite grains): [Mathis, Rumpl, Nordsieck, 1977]

$$N(a) \propto a^{-\beta_s}$$
 with $a_{\min} = 5 \text{ nm}, \beta_s \sim 3.3 - 3.6$

- Many updated versions of the MRN size distribution exist, in particular to include the PAH grain population [see dust models from Complegne+2011, Weingartner] & Draine 2001].
- Log-normal grain size distributions are also proposed for large grains [see the THEMIS 1 & 2 dust models from Jones+2013, Ysard+2024]
- grain destruction \Rightarrow power-law size distribution
- grain coagulation \Rightarrow log-normal size distribution

a_{max} ~ 250 nm

 \Rightarrow the dust mass is in big grains \Rightarrow the dust surface is provided by small grains

Grain charge

Modelling the dust extinction and emission

ii C_{ext}, Q_{ext}, \mathcal{K}_{ext} refer to an individual grain !!

Modelling the extinction

$$I(\lambda) = I_0(\lambda) \times e^{-\tau(\lambda)}$$

$$\tau(\lambda) = \int k_{ext}(\lambda) dl$$
Extinction coefficient (cm)
$$\tau(\lambda) = \frac{C_{ext}}{\sigma_{gr}} = \frac{(C_{abs} + C_{sca})}{\sigma_{gr}}$$

$$\kappa_{ext} = \frac{C_{ext}}{V_{gr}\rho_{gr}}$$
Ciency
Opacity or mass extinction coefficient (cm². g⁻¹)

$$NC_{ext} = \sigma_{gr} NQ_{ext} = Nm_{gr} \kappa_{ext}$$

C_{ext} , Q_{ext} , \mathcal{K}_{ext} contains the information on the dust properties

Modelling the dust extinction

- To calculate the absorption, scattering, emission and polarisation cross section of the grains, one needs to understand the interaction of small particles with the electromagnetic radiation
- This interaction is specified by the dielectric function ε or optical constants m of the grain material:

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_1 + i\varepsilon_2$$
 $m = n + ik = \sqrt{\varepsilon}$

refraction absorption (sometimes called index index extinction coefficient!)

- or Van de Hulst (1958)]
- For a spherical grain small compared to the wavelength :

Reasonably simple expression also exists for spheroids

Solution first formulated by Mie in 1908 for spherical grains [See books from Bohren & Huffman (1988)

$$C_{abs} = \frac{18\pi V}{\lambda} \frac{\varepsilon_2}{(\varepsilon_1 + 2)^2 + \varepsilon_2^2} \qquad C_{sca} = \frac{24\pi^3 V^2}{\lambda^4} \left| \frac{\varepsilon - 1}{\varepsilon + 2} \right|^2$$

Extinction as a function of size: spherical grains

- When the particle size $a \approx \lambda$, one has to use different methods to calculate C_{abs} and C_{sca}
- If the particles are spherical one can use Mie Theory (many public codes exist)

- for a $\approx \lambda$ the absorption and scattering properties depend on the grain size

• for a $\ll \lambda$, the absorption and scattering properties do not depend on the dust size K. Demyk, The physics of star formation, 12-23, February, 2024

Extinction cross section of complex grains

- If the particles are not spherical or spheroidal
- If grains are aggregated
- If grains are complex in term of composition and structure :
 - core-mantle grains
 - composite grains with inclusions
 - aggregates of grains of different compositions
 - Different methods are used (some codes are public):
 - DDA [Draine & Flatau 2010]
 - T-Matrix [Mischenko+1996]

➡ Effective medium theories (EMTs) [see eg. Min+2008]

• Each theory has its own limitations

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Dust temperature (1/2)

• Grains are heated by:

- absorption of a photon from the radiation field
- collision with atoms, electrons, cosmic rays, grains
- energy delivered by chemical reactions at grains surface
- Radiative heating is the most important in the ISM

Dust temperature (2/2)

- Big grains have a constant temperature
- Small grains :
 - absorb fewer photons than larger particles
 - reach higher temperature than larger ones (small heat capacity : $C(T) \approx 3N_{at}k_B$
 - exhibit higher temperature fluctuations than larger ones

$$T \approx \frac{h\nu}{C(T)} \approx \frac{h\nu}{3N_{at}k_B}$$

• 30 atoms (~0.5 nm) + $\langle h\nu \rangle = 8 \text{ eV} \Rightarrow T \sim 1000 \text{ K}$ (eg PAHs)

Modelling grains emission: the big grains

- Medium is optically thin
- Grains in thermal equilibrium
- No temperature gradient on the line of sight

- ISM big grains have T \leq 20-30 K \Rightarrow emit in the FIR/mm domain
- In the FIR/mm, semi-classical physical models assume an asymptotic behaviours : $\kappa_{\lambda} = \kappa_{\lambda_0} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda_0}\right)^{-\beta}$ with :
 - $\beta = 2$ from Lorentz model
 - $\beta = 1-2$ for phonons model

Modified Black Body model:

$$I_{\nu} = B_{\nu}(T_d)(1 - e^{-\tau_{\nu}}) \approx B_{\nu}(T_d) \times \tau_{\nu}$$

 $\tau(\lambda) = Nm_{gr}\kappa_{ext}$ with :

$$I_{\nu} \approx \tau B_{\nu}(T) = \frac{M_{dust}B_{\nu}(T)}{d^{2}\Omega}\kappa_{0}\left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_{0}}\right)$$

In the Rayleigh-Jeans limit : $I_{\nu} \approx \frac{M_{dust} 2kT_{dust}}{d^2 \Omega c^2} \left(\frac{\kappa_0}{r^{\beta}}\right) \nu^{2+\beta}$ $d^2\Omega c^2$

Modelling dust emission : small grains

- Strong temperature fluctuation if $h\nu_m > \int_0^{T_{eq}} C(T) dT$

Modelling dust polarisation

Polarisation requires alignment of dust grains with the magnetic field

- Magnetic dissipation
- Radiative torque alignment (RAT)

Polarised intensity depends on

- Grain alignement
- Polarisation properties of the grains (composition, shape)

From Guillet+2017, used in DustEm :

 $f(a) = \frac{1}{2} f_{\rm max}$ Fraction of align dust (in mass) :

 $\sigma_{\rm pol}(\lambda) = \sum_{i\,i} n_j(\lambda)$ Polarisation cross section :

Total polarised intensity : $P_{\nu}(\lambda) = \sum_{i,i} n_j(a_i) f_j(a_i) \left(\right)$ See also Hoang & Lazarian 2016 Siebenmorgen+2014 Voshchinnikov+2016

$$\max \left(1 + \tanh\left(\frac{\ln\left(a/a_{\text{alig}}\right)}{p_{\text{stiff}}}\right)\right)$$

$$a_i) f_j(a_i) \left(\frac{C_{2,\text{ext}} - C_{1,\text{ext}}}{2}\right)(j,i) \qquad \begin{array}{l} C_{1,\text{abs}}, C_{1,\text{sca}}, C_{1,\text{ext}} \colon \mathbb{E} // B_{\mu} \\ C_{2,\text{abs}}, C_{2,\text{sca}}, C_{2,\text{ext}} \colon \mathbb{E} \perp \text{to} \end{array}$$

$$\left(\frac{C_{2,\text{abs}} - C_{1,\text{abs}}}{2}\right)(j,i) B_{\nu}(\lambda, T_j(a_i))$$

OOS Bno

- Observational constraints : depletion, extinction, emission, scattered light, polarisation from X-ray to mm
- Spectroscopic observations provide information on the dust composition and structure Analysis of presolar grains provide information on dust composition and formation site
- Several components of dust exist: silicates, carbonaceous grains, ices, PAHs • Distribution of size: from ~ 0.5 nm to up to ~ 0.5 μ m in the ISM • Grains are not spherical and are partially aligned

- Silicates represent ~70% in mass

Main dust constituents and cosmic dust models

Silicates : the 9.7 & 18 µm features

- Main dust component : ~ 70 % in mass
- Mainly amorphous
- Crystalline and amorphous in circumstellar environments
- Mostly Mg-rich silicates such as amorphous enstatite (MgSiO₃) and forsterite (Mg₂SiO₄)

Silicates : composition and structure

Olivine

1 cm

MgSiO₃ glass

Mg₂SiO₄ glass

~400 nm

- SiC
- Oxides : Al₂O₃, TiO₂, Mg_xFe_{1-x}O
- MgS ?
- TiC?
- The most refractory could be nucleation seeds
- Difficult to observe because of spectral blending
- Broad band at 90-100 μ m :
 - Hydrated silicates?
 - Carbonates?

Other large grains

Aromatic dust: the Aromatic Infrared Bands

- Observed in photo-dominated regions, circumstellar shells and disks around evolved and young stars
- ~10-20 % of cosmic carbon
- ~ 5 % of the dust mass
- Heated stochastically
- Band strengths and band ratios vary with the environments
 - $I_{7.7\mu m}/I_{11.3\mu m}$ / with charge
 - I_{3.3µm} stronger for small particles and.or strong radiation field

Aromatic dust: Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons

- 7.62

• Hydrogenated amorphous carbon (HAC or a-C:H) :

- In absorption in sightlines with sufficient N_H
- 3.38, 3.42, 6.85 et 7.25 µm features : stretching and bending of C-H bonds in CH₂ and CH₃ groups
- ratio aliphatic/ aromatic variable:
 - < 15 % aromatic in Dartois+2004
- ~ 85 % aromatic in Pendelton+2002

Hydrogenated amorphous carbon

Volatile dust : ices

- Ices mantles form at $A_v \cong 2\text{-}3$
- Dense clouds
- Protostars of all masses
- Circumstellar shells of OH/IR stars and some AGB
- Elemental budget => grain mantle of 5-10 nm
- Main species: H₂O, CO, CO₂, CH₃OH, NH₃, CH₄
- Others likely species: H₂CO, OCN-, OCS, HCOOH, CH₃CH₂OH, HCOO-, CH₃CHO, NH₄+,SO₂, PAH

H ₂ O	100		
CO	7-25		
CO ₂	15-28		
CH ₃ OH	6-9		
NH ₃	3-10		
CH ₄	1-11		

[See review from Boogert+2015]

Cosmic dust models

- Based on the physical characteristics of the dust : • dielectric constants
 - heat capacity for emission modelling
 - photo absorption cross-section
- These data come from laboratory astrophysics studies of dust analogues
- Consider various dust populations, shape and size distributions
- Constrained on a set of observations and cosmic abundances

Some dust models for the DISM

Constraints from extinction & emission (old models):

- graphite & PAHs
- Compiègne et al. 2011: astrosilicates & amorphous carbon & PAHs & PAHs+
- refractory
- Jones et al. 2013, 2017, Koehler et al. 2015: THEMIS model : lab silicates (MIR) & a-C(:H)

Constraints from extinction, emission & polarisation (new models):

- Siebenmorgen et al. 2014, 2017: astrosilicates & amorphous carbon & PAHs polarised extinction
- Guillet et al. 2018: astrosilicates & amorphous carbon & PAHs polarised extinction and emission
- Draine & Hensley (2021): Astrodust + PAHs polarised extinction
- extinction and emission

• Draine & Lee (1984) and later versions [eg. Weingartner & Draine 2001, Draine & Fraisse 2009]: astrosilicates &

• Zubko et al. 2004: astrosilicates & graphite or amorphous carbon & PAHs & H₂O ice and organic

• Ysard et al. 2024 : The THEMIS II model: lab silicates (MIR/FIR) at low T & a-C(:H) - polarised

Astrodust & THEMIS models for the DISM

Astrodust

- Reproduces grain evolution in the DISM: destruction and re-condensation
- Two dust components:
 - astrodust: porous mixture of silicates & carbonaceous matter on grain surface
 - PAHs
- Spheroidal grains

Assumption about composition:

amorphous silicate hydrocarbon material other materials (e.g. Fe oxides, Al₂O₃, CaCO₃)

Hensley & Draine 2020, 2023 Draine & Hensley 2021

https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataverse/ astrodust;jsessionid=6ad4b0855ffdf13379ecb46eb838

- Reproduces grain evolution in the DISM: mantle accretion and processing
- Core/mantle grain model
- Aromatic carbon (a-C), hydrogenated hydrocarbons (a-C:H) and silicates (low temperature experimental data) with Fe inclusions

Some dust models for dense environments

- Pollack (1994) model: lab silicates, Fe, organic C molecular clouds and transition disks • Ossenkopf et al (1994): lab silicate and amorphous carbon grains, ices - dense protostellar
- cores
- Zubko et al. 2004: astrosilicates & graphite or amorphous carbon & PAHs & H₂O ice and organic refractory
- Jones et al. 2013, 2017, Koehler et al. 2015: THEMIS model : core-mantle aggregates with lab silicates (MIR), a-C(:H) & H₂O ice
- Under progress: THEMIS 2 model : core-mantle aggregates with lab silicates (MIR), a-C(:H) & H_2O ice

Some dust models used in disk models

Table 1. Assumptions about disk shape, grain size, opacities, dust settling and PAHs in different thermo-chemical disk models. [Woitke+2015]

li.	reference	model setup & disk shape	radial range	grain size	dust opacities	dust settling	PAHs
	Semenov & Wiebe (2011), see Semenov et al. (2006)	adopted from D'Alessio et al. (1998), $T_{gas} = T_{dust}$	(10 – 700) AU	uniform 0.1 μm	n.a.	well-mixed	n.a.
	Gorti & Hollenbach (2008)	powerlaw $\Sigma(r)$, modified CG97	(0.5 – 200) AU	powerlaw, (0.005 – 50)μm	n.a.	well-mixed	reduced ISM abun- dance, PAHs in heat- ing and chemistry
	Dutrey et al. (2011), see	series of 1D vertical slabs,	(40 – 300) AU	uniform 0.1μ m	n.a.	well-mixed	n.a.
	also Semenov et al. (2010)	(2009), $T_{\text{gas}} = T_{\text{dust}}$					 Graphite is a wrong assumption use
	Walsh et al. (2014), based on Nomura & Millar (2005)	$\Sigma(r)$ from α -model, vertical hydrostatic equilibrium	(1 – 300) AU	MRN, details see (Nomura & Millar 2005)	mix of AS, graphite and water ice	well-mixed	amorphous carbon instead
	Du & Bergin (2014), based on Bethell & Bergin (2011)	powerlaw $\Sigma(r)$ with self- similar tapered outer edge, parametric	(1 – 140) AU	2 powerlaws: $C_1: (0.01 - 1) \mu m$, $C_2: (1 - 100) \mu m$	7:3 mixture of AS and graphite	C_1 well-mixed, C_2 reduced H	 AS (astrosilicates) are obsolete => consider rather THEMIS 2 silicates.
	Mathews et al. (2013), based on Qi et al. (2011)	powerlaw $\Sigma(r)$ with self- similar tapered outer edge, modified parametric	complete disk	2 powerlaws: C_1 : (0.005-0.25) μ m C_2 : 0.005 μ m - 1 mm	3:2 mixture of AS and graphite	C_1 well-mixed, C_2 reduced H	astrodust, labdata
	Akimkin et al. (2013)	viscous disk evolution, verti- cal hydrostatic equilibrium	(10 – 550) AU	dust evolution from initial MRN dist., (0.003 – 200)μm	AS	included in dust evolution	 Add ice mantles
	Bruderer (2013)	powerlaw $\Sigma(r)$ with self- similar tapered outer edge, parametric	complete disk	2 powerlaws: $C_1: (0.005-1) \mu m$ $C_2: 0.005 \mu m - 1 mm$	mixture of AS and graphite	C_1 well-mixed, C_2 reduced H	reduced ISM abun- dance, in heating,
	Woitke et al. (2009)	powerlaw $\Sigma(r)$, vertical hy- drostatic equilibrium	(0.5 – 500) AU	powerlaw (0.1 – 10) <i>µ</i> m	AS	well-mixed	 Check how the extinction efficiencies are calculated for grains > 1 µm : Mie
	this work (more details in Sect. 3)	two zones, powerlaw $\Sigma(r)$ with tapered outer edge, parametric	complete disk	powerlaw, 0.05 μm – 3 mm	lab. silicates mixed with AC, DHS	Dubrulle et al. (1995), about 100 size bins	theory, aggregates?

- There are many cosmic dust models
- Their differences are sometimes subtle because many models use the same or partly the same observational constraints and dust components.
- Some criteria to classify dust models:
 - The environment they are supposed to represent: diffuse vs dense medium
 - The observational constraints they consider
 - The adopted description of the dust: empirical (observational) vs experimental (measurement on cosmic dust analogues)
- No dust model is unique or perfect
- are obtained on dust analogues

• But they improve little by little as new observational constraints are available and as new results