

# Astrophysical modeling of Spinning dust emission

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# Outline

Spinning dust for the AME:

- Small grains: Why ? What ? Where ?
- Testing the spinning dust origin of AME
- Spinning dust modeling of AME: how ? What can we learn ?

# Small grains are important for the ISM

0.1% of mass

**BUT**

✓ **Heat** the gas

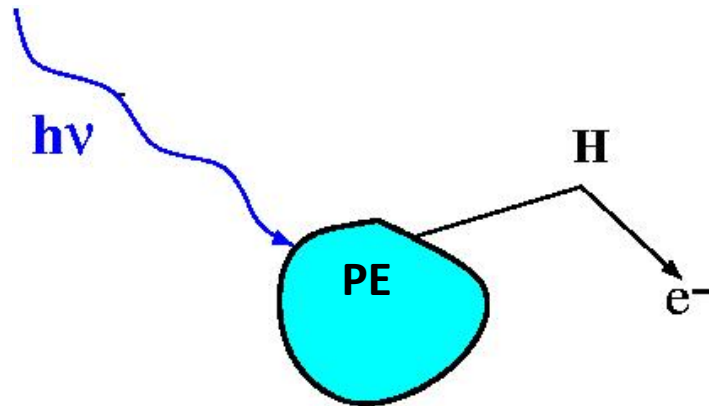
✓ Form  $H_2$ , **chemistry**

✓ control **transfer**

✓ bound to B

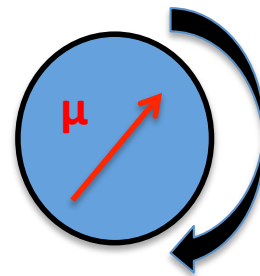
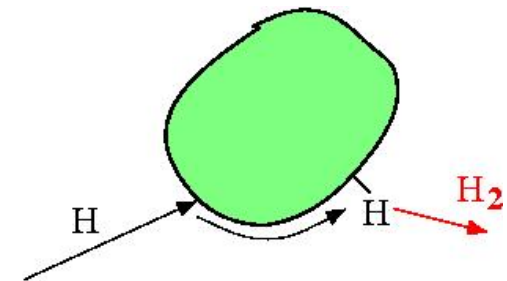
✓ **AME carriers ?**

→ Star formation, Galactic Evolution



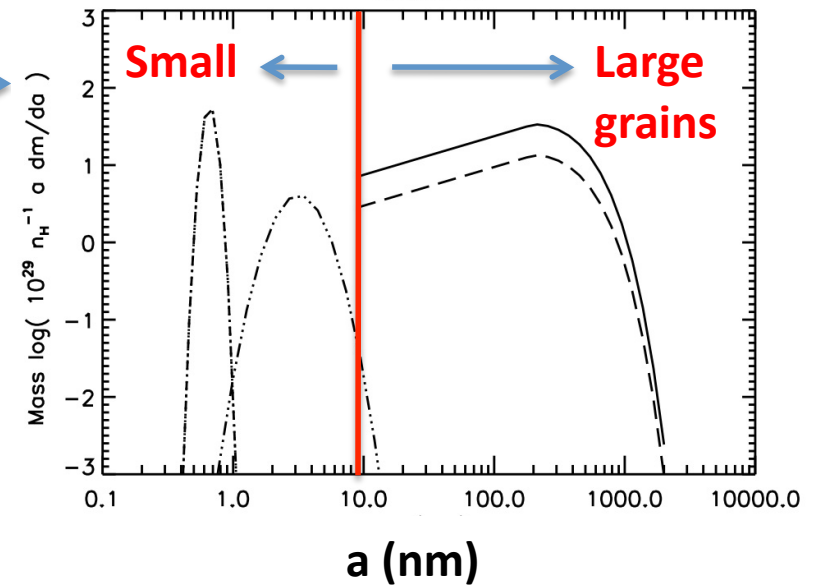
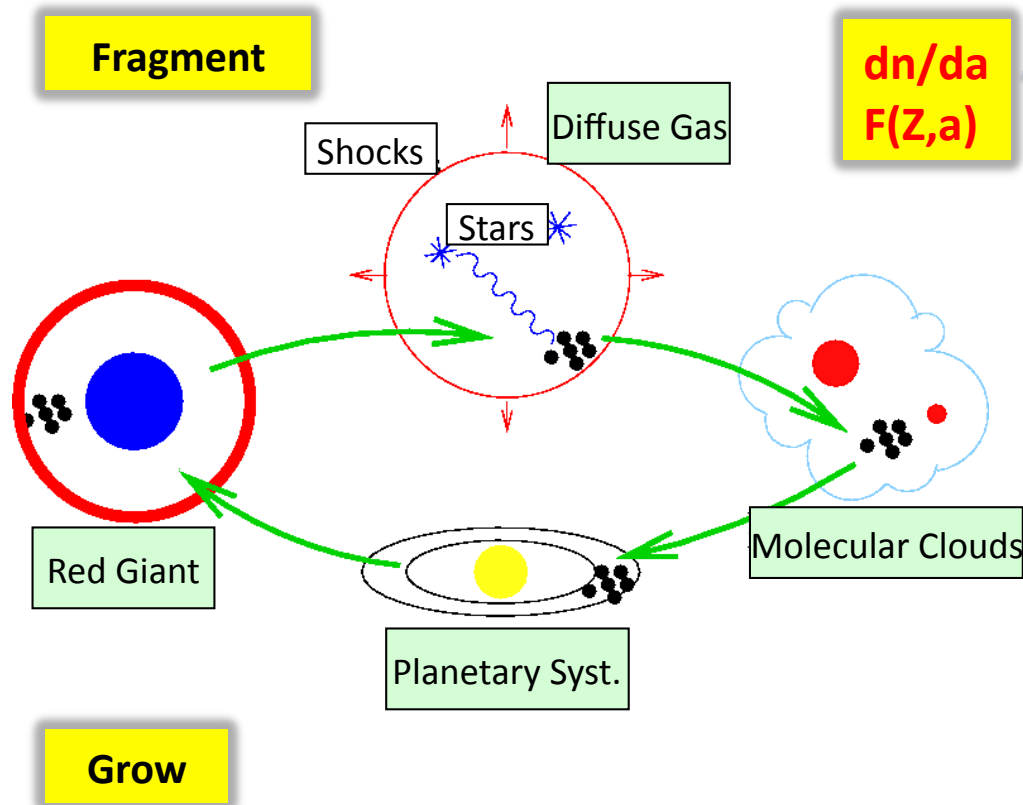
Size  $dn/da$  and charge  $f(Z,a)$  dist.

Small Grains  
 $a \sim 1-10$  nm



# *Small grains participate to galactic Lifecycle*

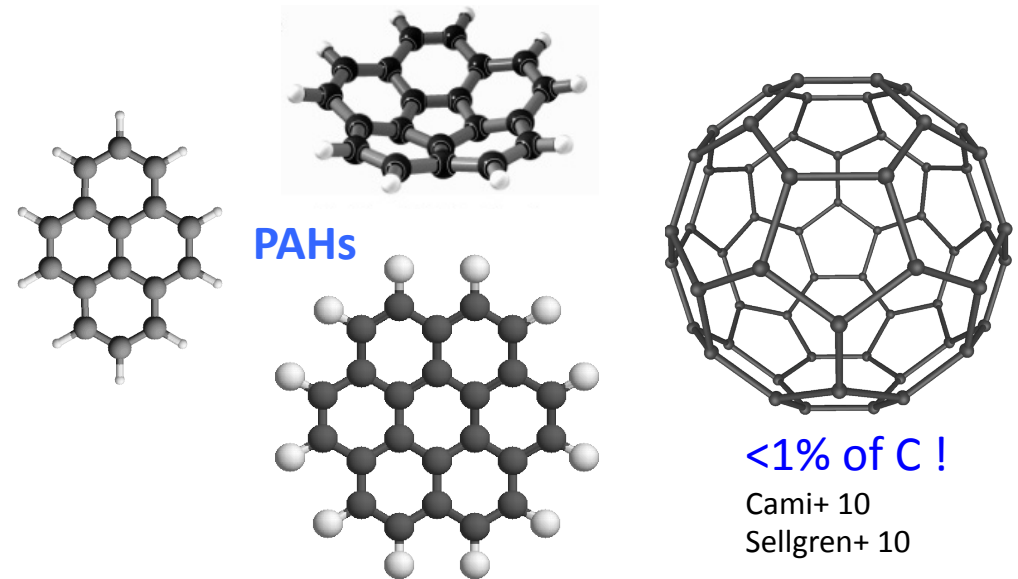
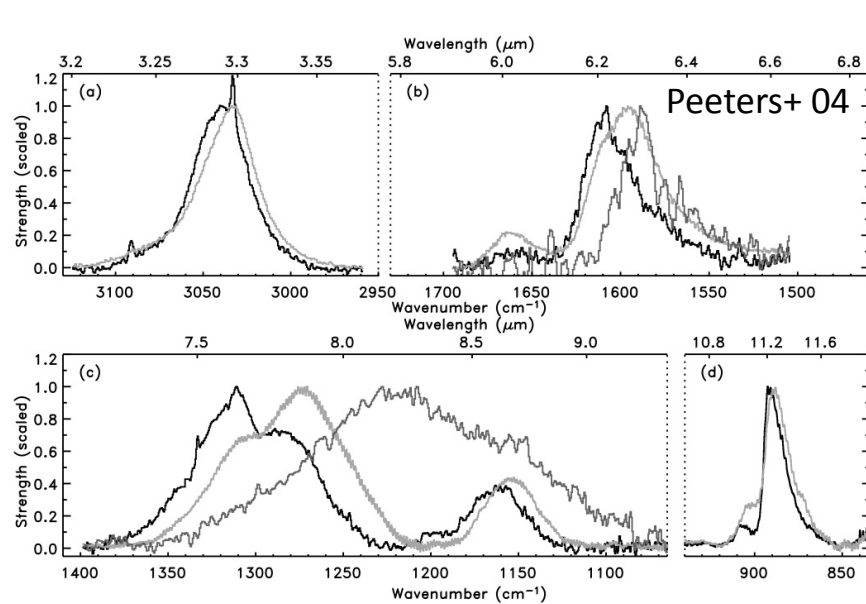
- ✓ Dust plays an important role in the interstellar lifecycle
- ✓ Along this lifecycle dust evolves through fragmentation or growth episodes



Traced by dust emission:  
Planck-Herschel

# Small grains: what are they ?

**IR bands:** 3 to 20  $\mu\text{m}$ , CC and CH vibration modes from aromatic rings in small grains (1 nm)



Formed in atmospheres of evolved stars or in situ

Despite  $\frac{1}{4}$  century efforts (theory, lab), IR band carriers not definitely identified...

➔ Shape and electric dipole moment little known

Significant dipole in radical or charged species

# Small grains: where are they ?

Variations of PAH abundance are observed throughout the ISM, in our Galaxy and in external galaxies

✓ tend to disappear by **photo-fragmentation** in high/hard radiation fields e.g.

Proto-stars & disks:	Geers+ 06, 09; Acke, Siebenmorgen PAH symp
HII regions, WIM:	Peeters+ 05; Le Bouteiller+ 07; Salgado+ 12; Dobler+ 09
LMC, SMC and nearby gal.:	Galliano, Hony, Sandstrom PAH symp.
Starburst and AGNs:	Peeters+ 04

✓ or appear by **photo-evaporation** of larger grains ( $\sim 10\text{nm}$  VSG) e.g.

Diffuse ISM:	Boulanger+ 90, Bernard+ 94
RN and PDRs:	Rapacioli+ 05, Compiègne+ 07, Berné+ 08
Star cluster:	Velusamy & Langer 10

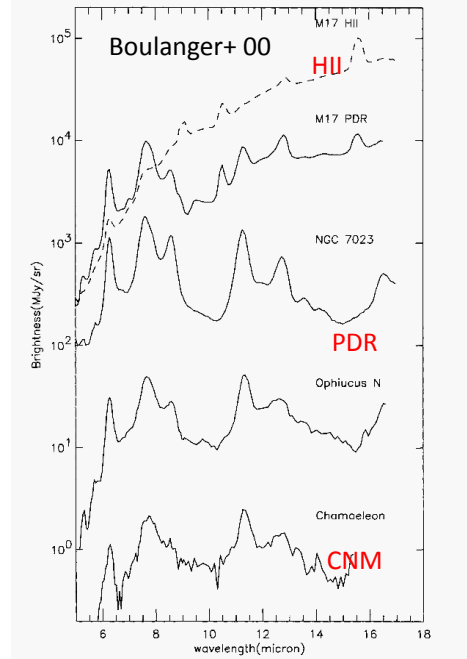
Limb brightening effect

✓ Conversely PAH may **condense to form clusters** in shielded regions

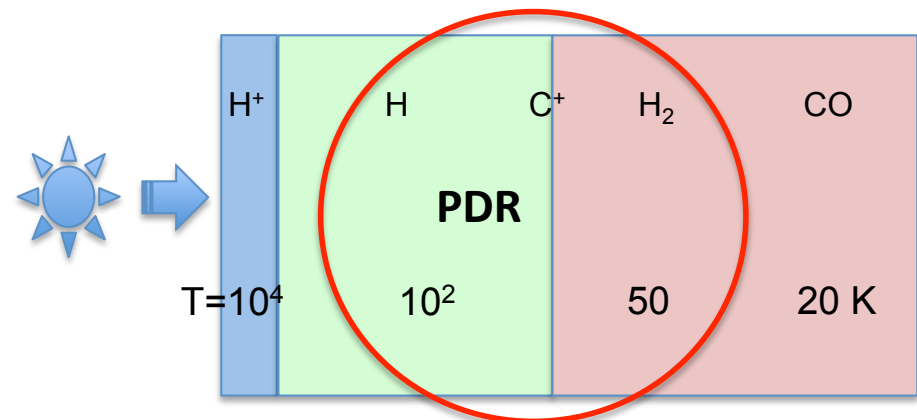
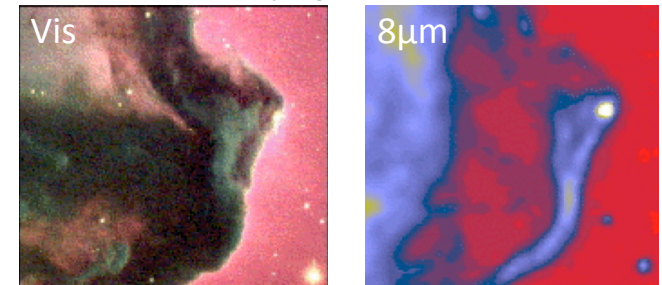
Compiègne+ 08, Pilleri+ 12, Arab+ 12

➔ PAHs found in neutral, diffuse gas and in transition regions or PDRs

➔ Link to star formation



Horsehead: Compiègne+ 07



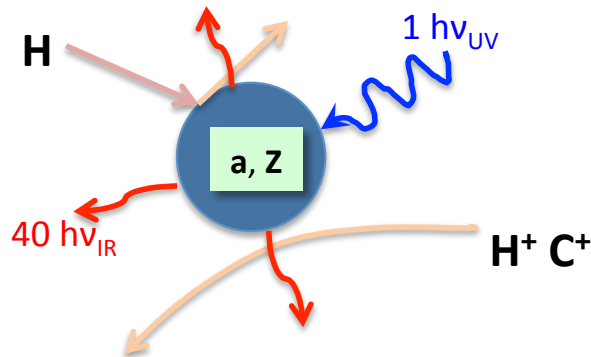
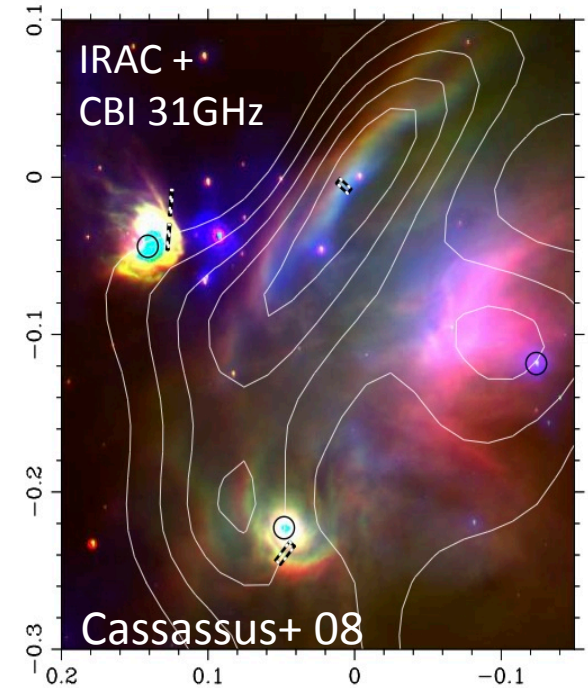
# Is AME due to spinning PAHs ?

- AME correlated to dust emission and in particular to mid-IR
- AME is little polarized, linear  $P < 3\%$ , is  $\ll$  thermal dust emission
- models can explain both AME and mid-IR bands (Ysard+ 2010)

Further **specific tests**: behaviour with physical parameters

$n_H$   $G_0$

Spin by collisions and radiation



**Collisions:** rates  $\sim n_H^2$

**Radiation:**

In cold diffuse gas collisions and radiation have comparable influence  $\tau_{\text{abs}} \leq \tau_{\text{coll}} \sim 0.3 \text{ yr}$

➔ Test the influence of  $G_0$  in diffuse gas

# The $G_0$ test in diffuse gas

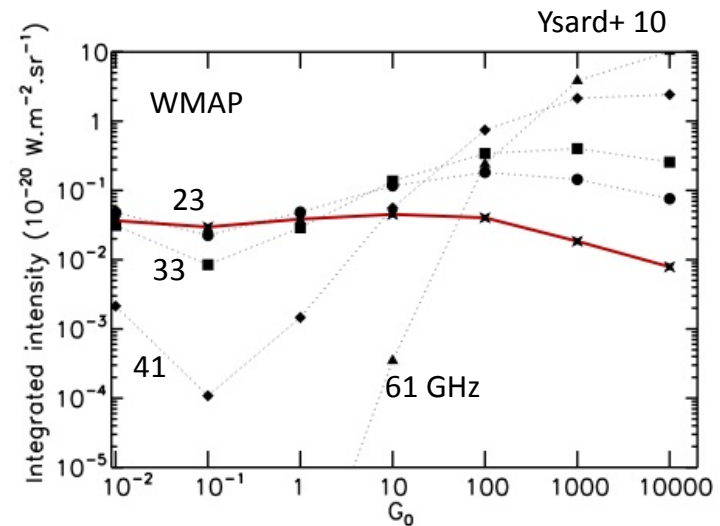
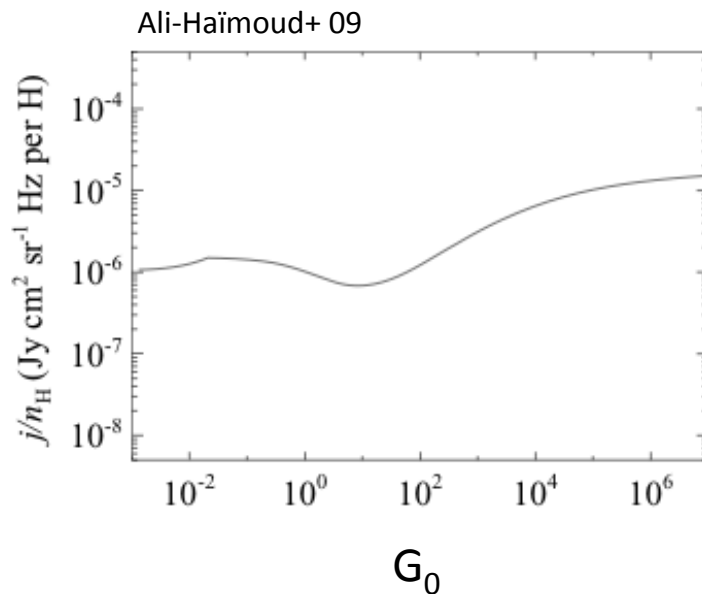
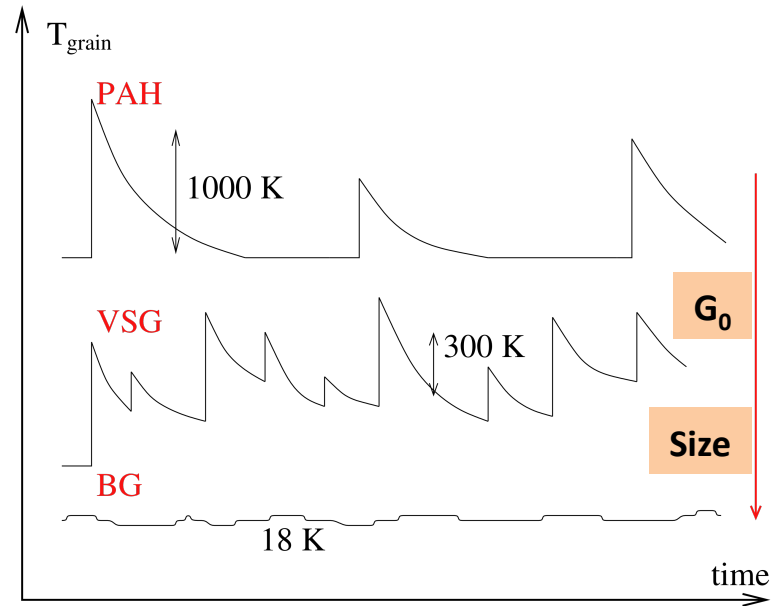
Radiation: Emission by thermal fluctuations



$I_{\text{vib}}$  (IR) linear with  $G_0$

$I_{\text{rot}}$  (AME) independent of  $G_0$

As long as fluctuations do not overlap  
i.e.  $G_0 < 100$  in diffuse gas (CNM)

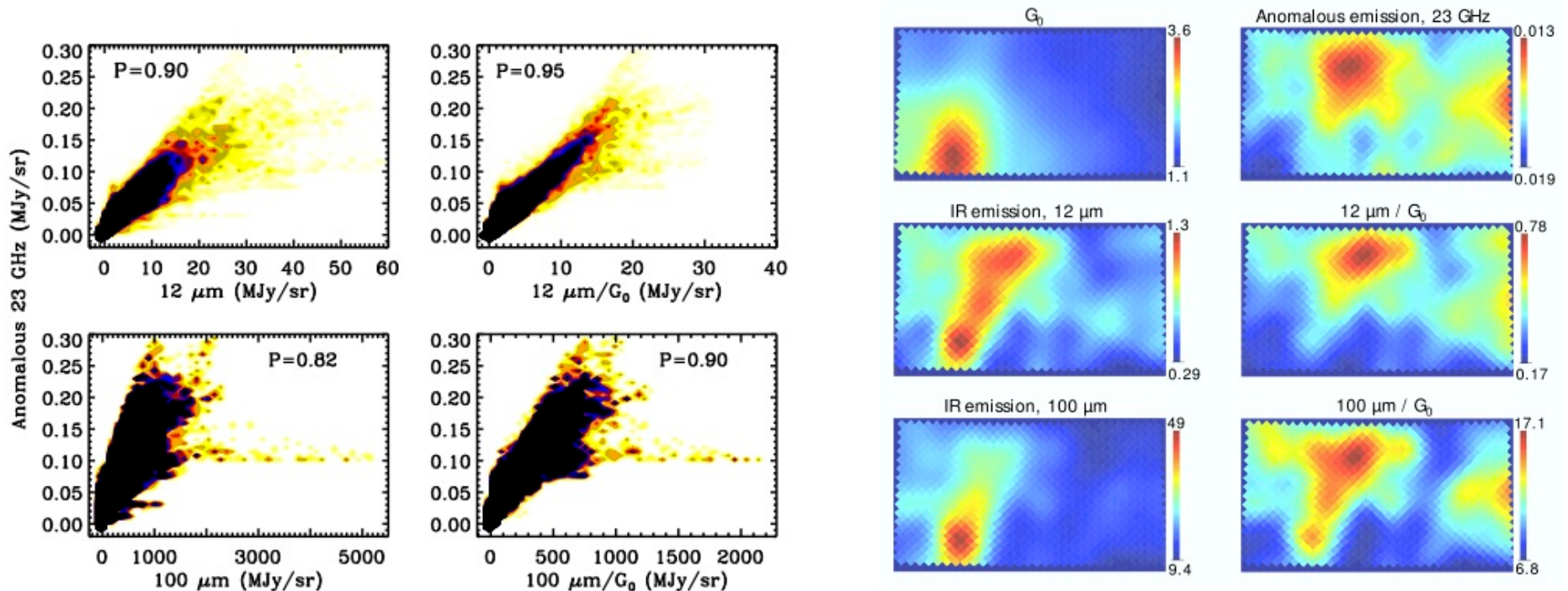




# The $G_0$ test in diffuse gas ...

From the all-sky AME map at 1deg scale of Miville-Deschênes+ 2008

Ysard+ 10: correlate the 23 GHz anomalous to IRAS data



AME 23 GHz independent of  $G_0$  whereas IRAS 12  $\sim G_0$

➔ IR/ $G_0$  better correlated to AME as expected

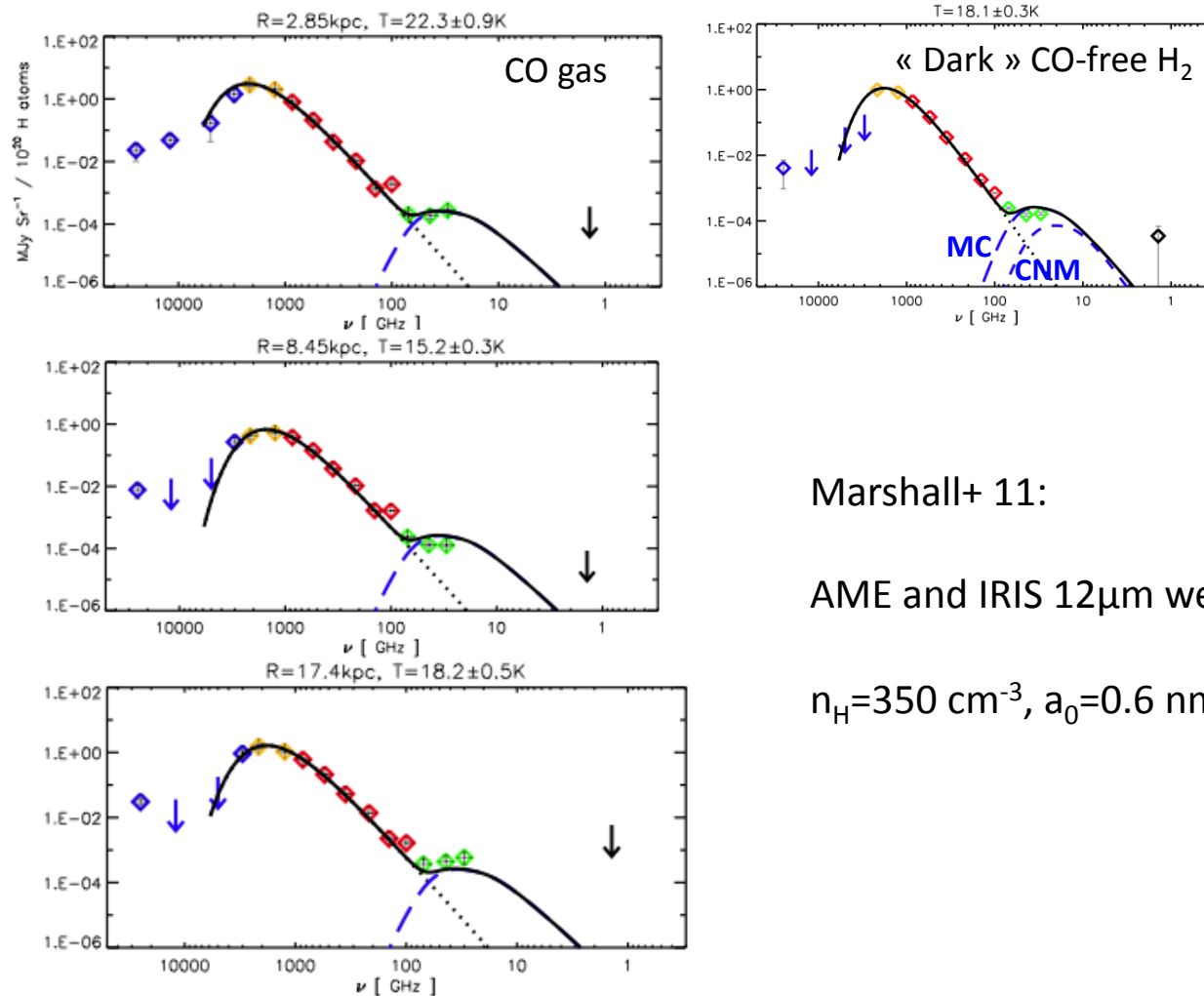
Model consistently explain IRAS 12 and WMAP 23 GHz fluxes with standard  $\mu$  and  $[C]_{\text{PAH}}=50$  ppm

Should be more conspicuous at smaller scales because of higher  $G_0$  and PAH abundance contrasts

# AME in dense gas

Planck early results in the 3D Galaxy: separate the observed Galactic emission into the different gaseous components and into Galactocentric rings

AME everywhere in the Galaxy, best detected in the dense molecular phase (MC)



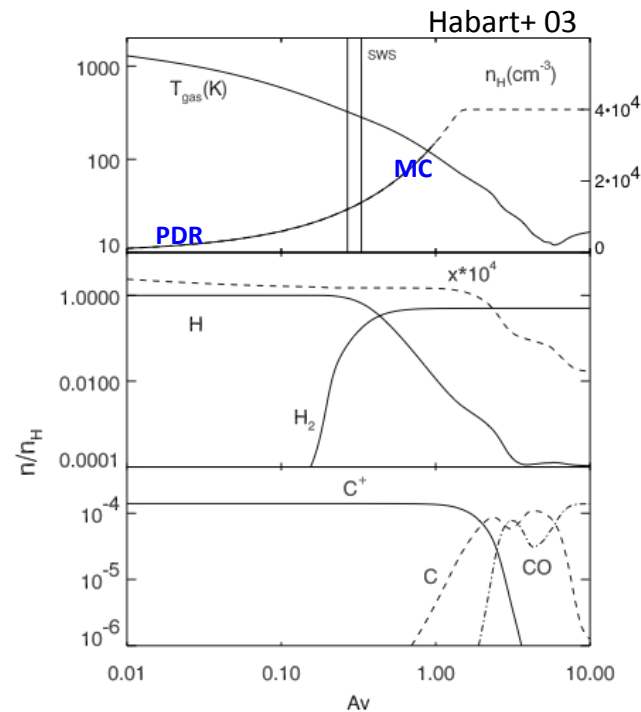
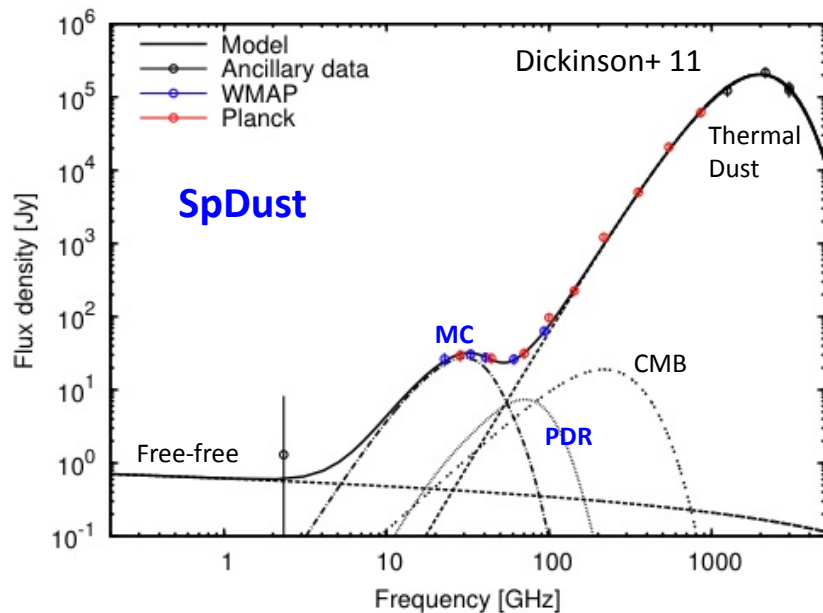
Marshall+ 11:

AME and IRIS 12 $\mu\text{m}$  well explained by PAH emission

$n_{\text{H}}=350\text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $a_0=0.6\text{ nm}$ ,  $\sigma = 0.4$  and standard  $\mu$

# AME from PDRs: gas-grain interactions

AME also found in dense gas where gas-grain interactions, density gradients and transfer are more important

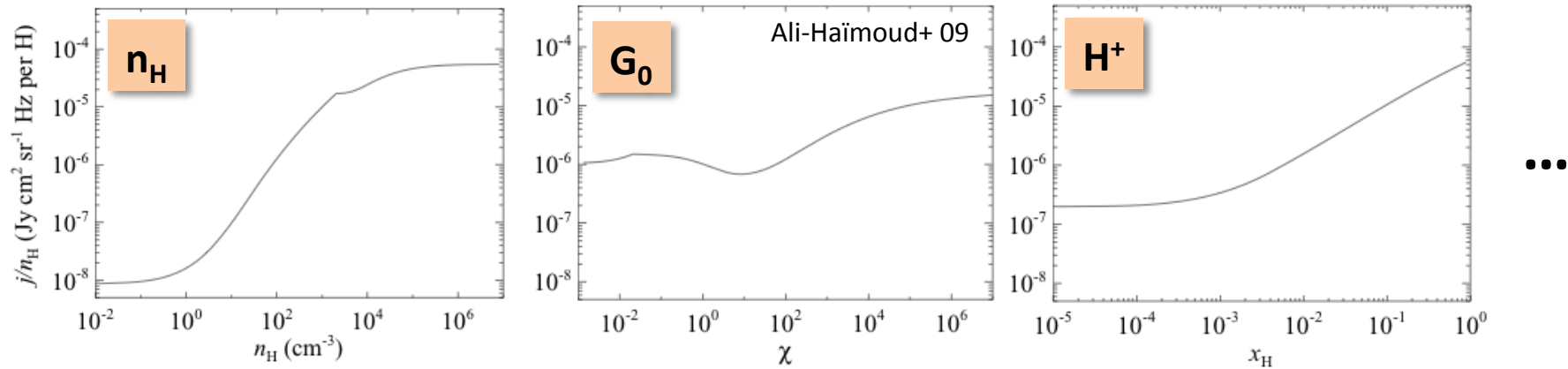


Gas state	Molecular	Atomic	Ionised
	$\rho$ Ophiuchi		
$N_H$ [ $10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ ]	18.2	0.4	0.4
$n_H$ [ $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ]	$2 \times 10^4$	200	0.5
$z$ [pc]	0.3	0.6	...
$G_0$	0.4	400	...
$T$ [K]	20	$10^3$	$8 \times 10^3$
$x_H$ [ppm]	9.2	373	$10^6$
$x_C$ [ppm]	<1	100	...
$y$	1	0.1	...
$a_0$ [nm]	0.60	0.38	...
$b_C$ [ppm]	65	50	...
$\beta$	...	1.75	...
$T_d$ [K]	...	20.7	...
$\tau_{250}$	...	$3.2 \times 10^{-3}$	...

But many parameters and degeneracies !

# Spinning dust parameters

A handful of parameters have similar influence on spinning dust emission:  $I_{\text{peak}}$ ,  $f_{\text{peak}}$



Also mean size  $a_0$ ,  $\sigma$ , [PAH] and electric dipole factor  $\mu$

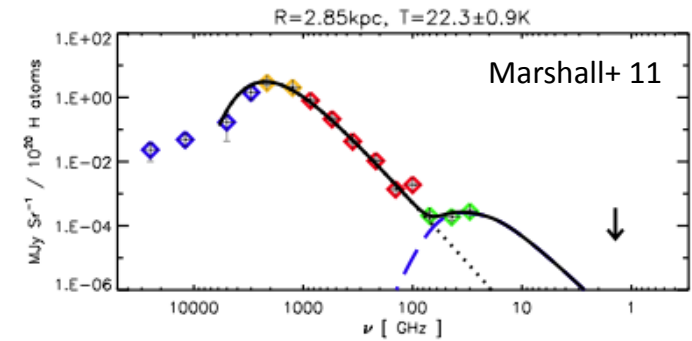
Some can be constrained from dust IR emission (3 to 20  $\mu\text{m}$ ):  $a_0$ ,  $\sigma$ , [PAH]

Others by gas line emission ( $\text{H}_2$ ,  $\text{C}^+$ ):  $n_H$ ,  $G_0$

Relate several parameters from ionization balance:  $n_e$ ,  $n(\text{H}^+)$ ,  $n(\text{C}^+)$ , ...,  $n_H$ ,  $T$ ,  $\zeta_{\text{CR}}$

# Modeling with SpDust

- ✓ PAH:  $[C]_{\text{PAH}}$ ,  $a_0$  from mid-IR emission  
dn/da: log-normal  $a_0$ ,  $\sigma=0.4$ , standard  $\mu(a)=0.4 N^{1/2}$
- ✓ Average  $N_{\text{H}}$  and  $G_0$  from dust thermal emission,  $n_{\text{H}}$  first guess. Possibly find constraints from gas lines and PDR modeling
- ✓ Gas T estimate (PDR, Cloudy) ( $n(\text{H}_2)/n_{\text{H}}$  less important)
- ✓ Tie  $n_e$ ,  $n(\text{H}^+)$  and  $n(\text{C}^+)$  from ionization balance:  $(\text{H}, \text{H}_2) + \text{CR} \rightarrow (\text{H}^+, \text{H}_2) + e^-$   
with  $\zeta_{\text{CR}} = 5 \cdot 10^{-17} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ H}^{-1}$



Probably ok for neutral, diffuse gas ( $<100 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ) but not for denser regions

Shortcomings in dense regions:

T and  $n_{\text{H}}$  mixture along the line of sight, gas state and radiative transfer, PAH abundance variations

# Features of PDR physics and chemistry

Primarily depends on  $n_{\text{H}}$  and  $G_0$

Major ingredients: H,  $\text{C}^+$ ,  $\text{H}_2$ , PAHs and larger grains (opacity)

**PAHs** heat the gas, may form  $\text{H}_2$  and **may react with  $\text{C}^+$**

$\text{C}^+$  traces PDRs and possibly the so-called « dark gas » (CO free  $\text{H}_2$  gas): Velusamy+ 10

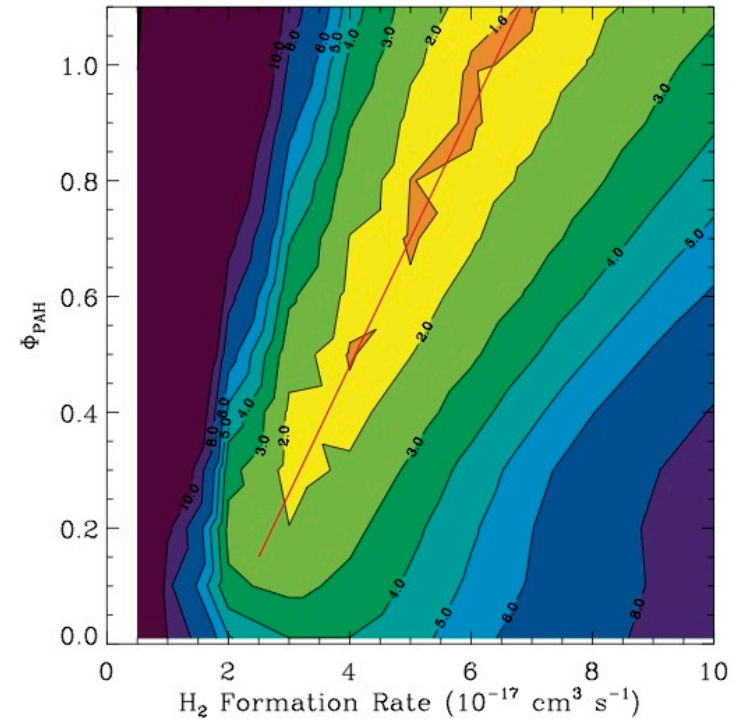
Wolfire+ 08: FUSE+COPERNICUS data on ~50 sightlines in diffuse clouds

Study  $\text{C}/\text{C}^+$  and  $\text{HI}/\text{H}_2$  transitions with PAH assisted recombination of  $\text{C}^+$

$\text{C}^+ + \text{PAH}^{0,-} \rightarrow \text{PAH}^{+,0} + \text{C}$  with PDR models (thermal balance)

Parameterize PAH rates with common factor  $\Phi_{\text{PAH}}$  (size, abundance) and find a coherent solution for

$\text{H}_2$  formation rate, thermal balance,  $\text{C}^+$  abundance

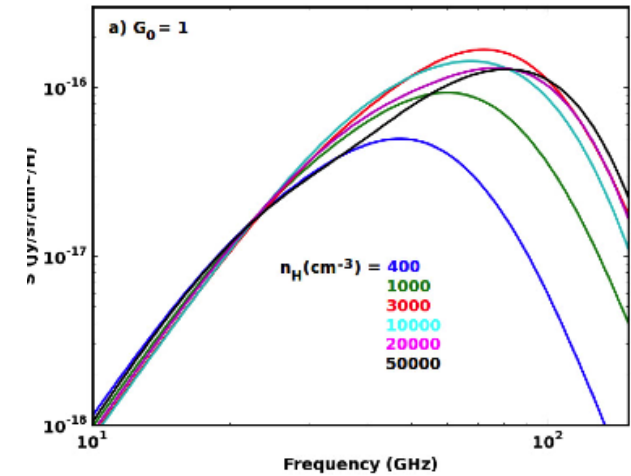
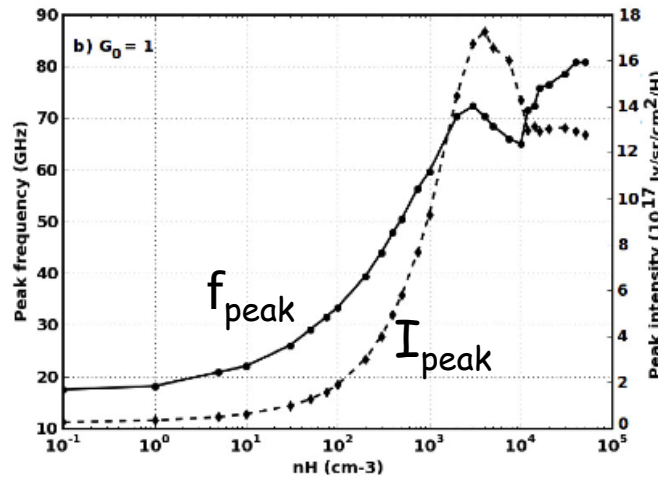
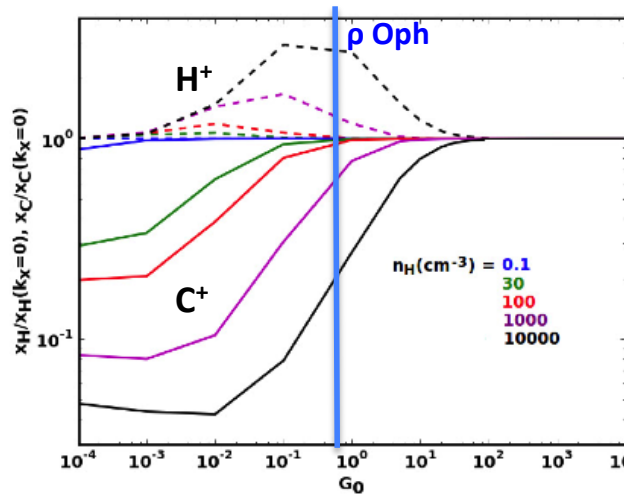


# Gas state for spinning dust

First step:

Ysard+ 11

couple  $n_e$ ,  $n(\text{H}^+)$ ,  $n(\text{C}^+)$ , PAH and  $\zeta_{\text{CR}}$



Also important influence of  $\zeta_{\text{CR}}$  which may be underestimated ( $\zeta_{\text{CR}} = 5 \cdot 10^{-17} \text{ s}^{-1}$  standard)  
Le Petit+ 06

**More detailed:** use **PDR+DustEM**, PDR code includes detailed physics and chemistry. Requires high resolution (few  $1'$ ) radio and **IR** data to constrain  $n_{\text{H}}$ ,  $G_0$ , PAH abundance,...

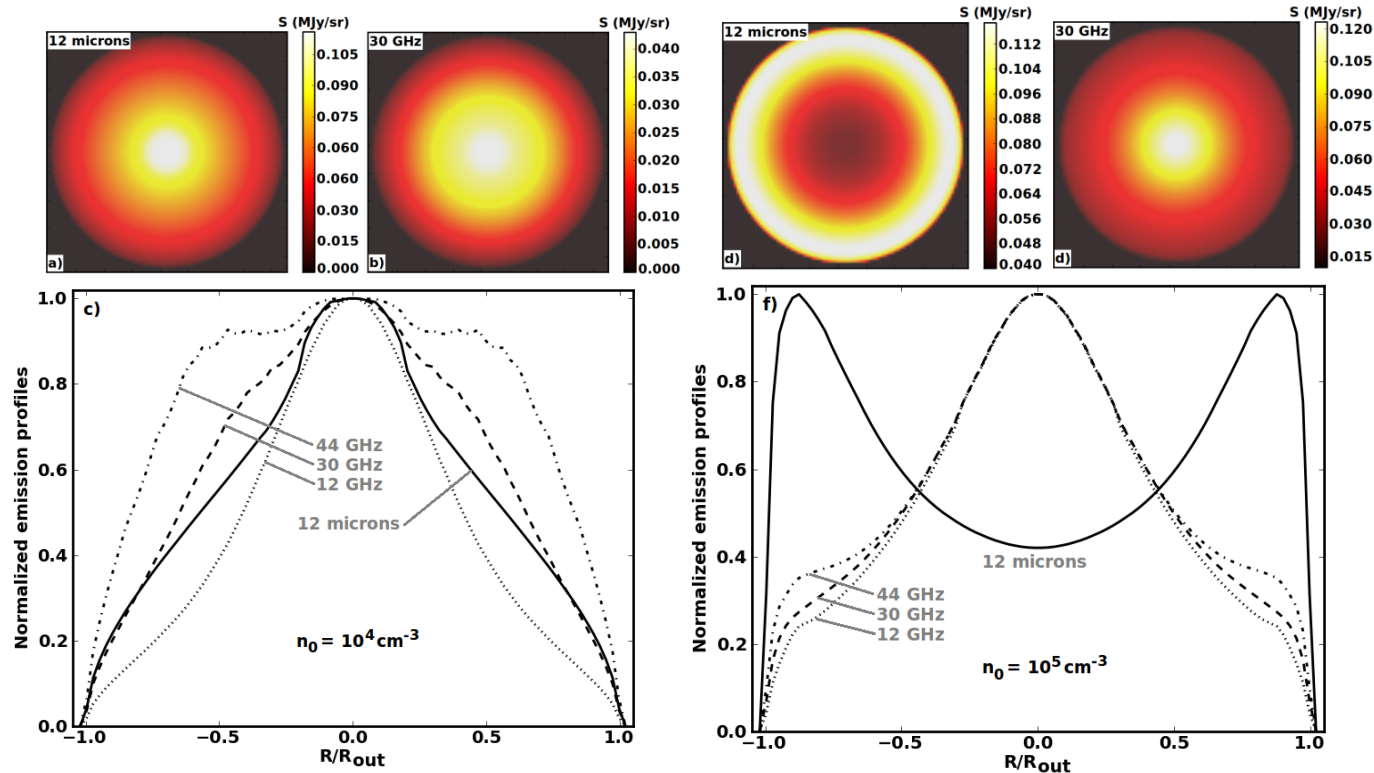
# AME from PDRs: radiative transfer

For  $n_H > 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  ( $A_V=1$  in 1pc) radio is optically thin and probes full sightline where radiation field strongly varies → must perform radiative transfer

Ysard+ 2011: CRT+DustEM+gas phase

IR to AME correlation

Direct at  $n_H \leq 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$   
Inverse at higher  $n_H$



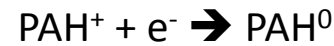
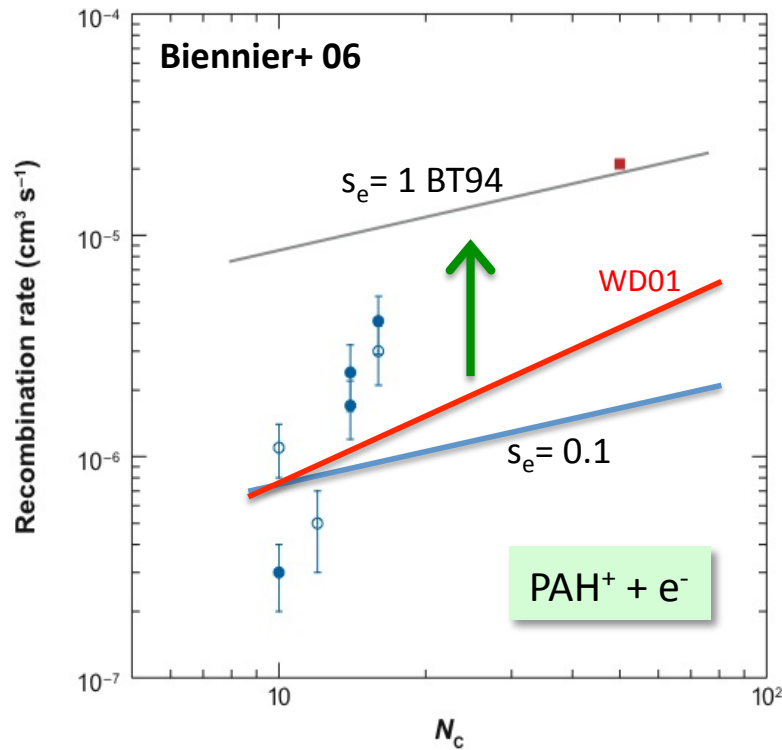
→ AME as a potential tool to trace PAH abundance gradients



## Uncertainties from the charge model

Rates coefficients (cm<sup>3</sup>/s) are estimated classically with a sticking coefficient  $s_i$

$$\text{PAH}(Z) + i(q_i) \quad J_i(Z) = n_i s_i \left( \frac{8kT}{\pi m_i} \right)^{1/2} \pi a^2 \tilde{J} \left( \tau = \frac{akT}{q_i^2}, \nu = \frac{Ze}{q_i} \right) \quad i = e^-, H^+ \text{ and } C^+ \quad (\text{Draine \& Sutin 1987})$$



Recombination measurements on small species fall in between models

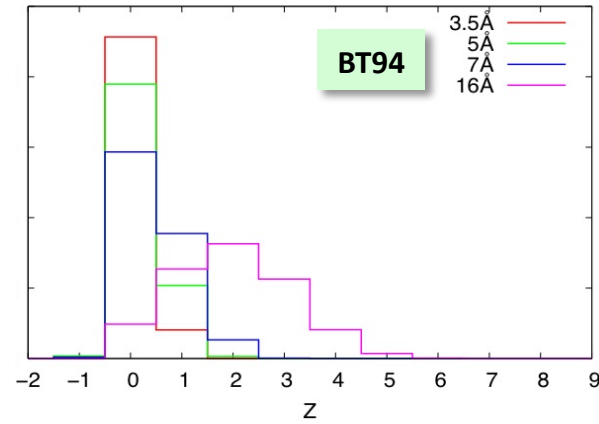
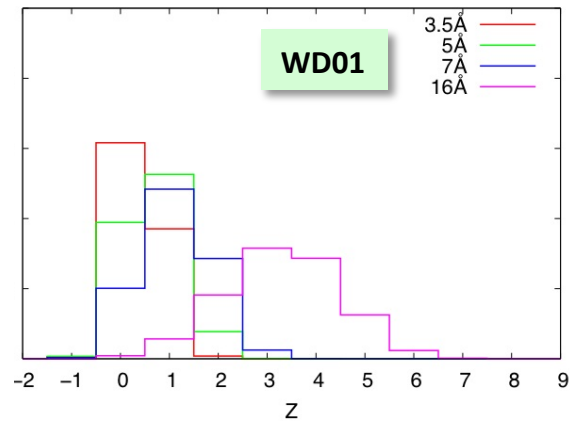
BT94: Bakes & Tielens 94

W01: Weingartner & Draine 01 (SpDust)

Experiments also show a steeper T-behaviour

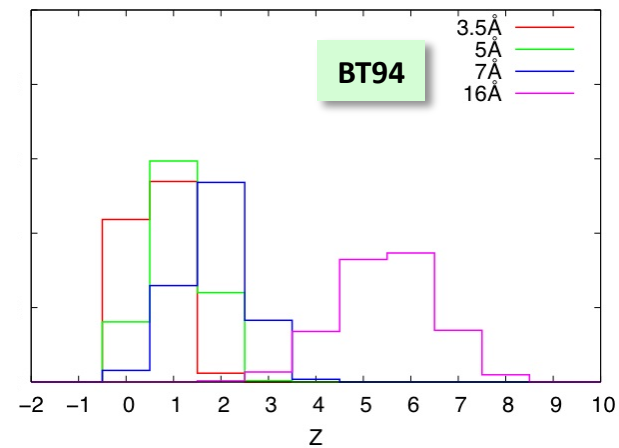
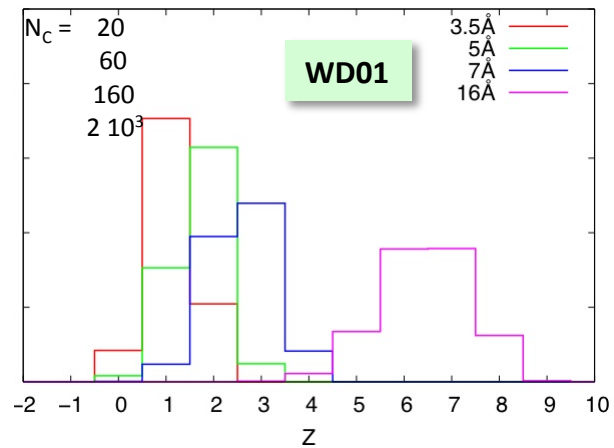
$$J_e \sim T^{-3/2} \quad (T \geq 80 \text{ K})$$

# Charge distributions



CNM

$$G_0 T^{1/2} / n_e = 5 \cdot 10^3$$



PDR

$$G_0 T^{1/2} / n_e = 10^5$$

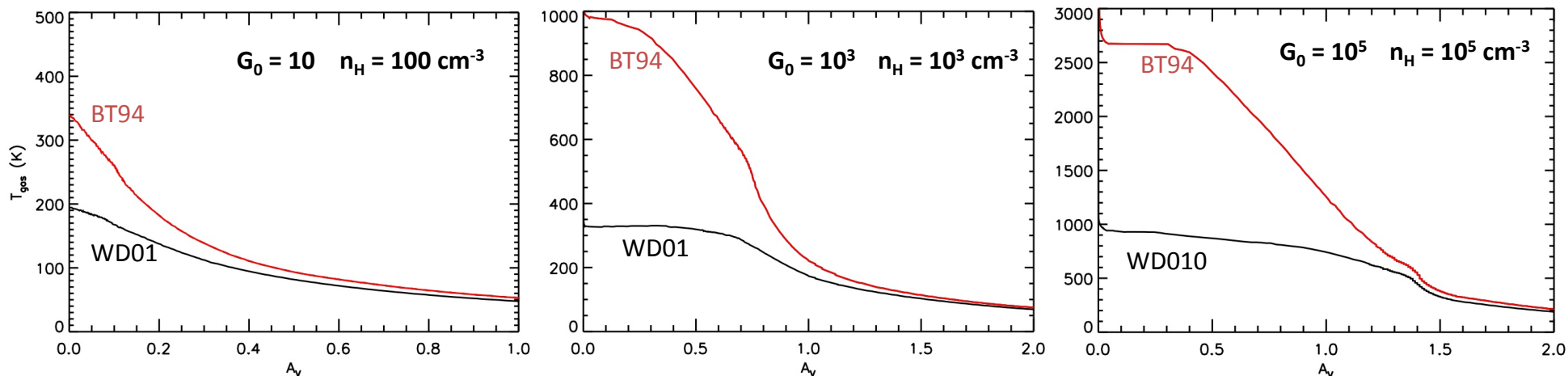
→ For small PAHs (<60C), the difference between models gets larger as  $G_0$  rises and

$$\langle Z \rangle_{\text{BT94}} = -1; 0 \text{ whereas } \langle Z \rangle_{\text{WD01}} = 0; +1.$$

# Implications for the gas state

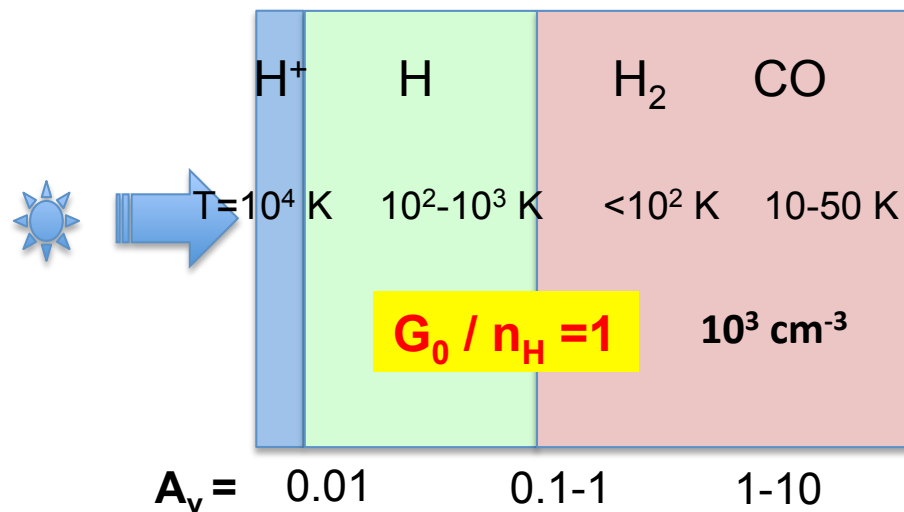
## PDR modeling with Meudon Code

Gas phase in ppm: [C]=130, [O]=320, [N]=75, [Mg]=35, [Fe]=28, [Si]=1  
 Diffuse Dust model: [C]<sub>PAH</sub> = 40 ppm

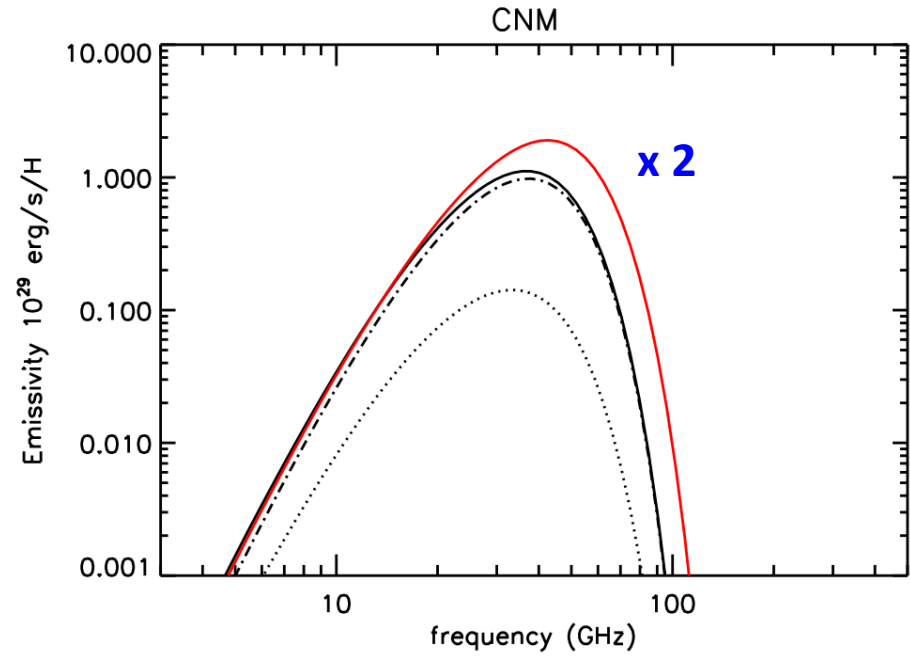
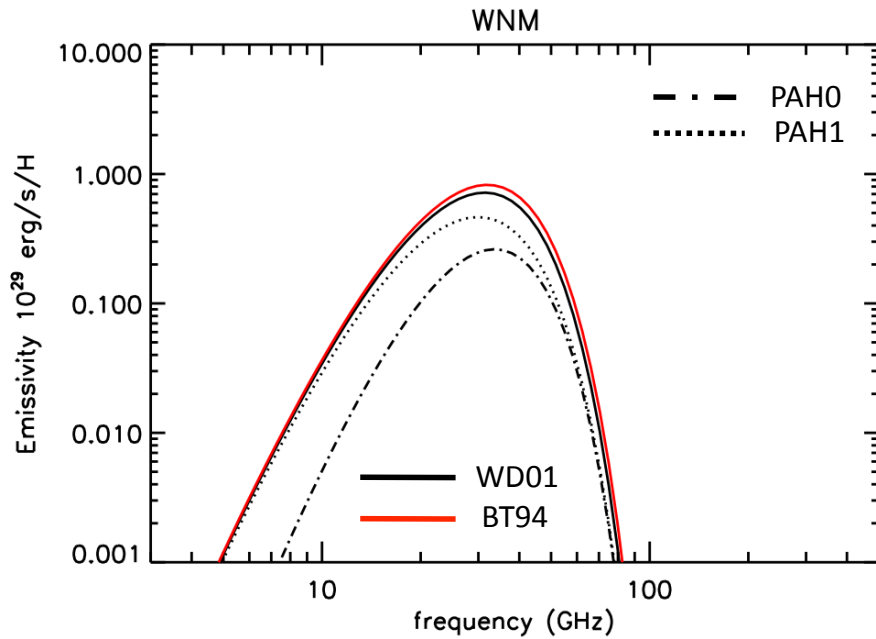


✓ Face-on Line flux ratio:  $R = I(\text{BT94}) / I(\text{WD01})$   
 up to 30% deviations for  $\text{C}^+$ ,  $\text{O}^0$  or  $\text{H}_2$ -rot

✓ much more dramatic deviations for edge-on fluxes



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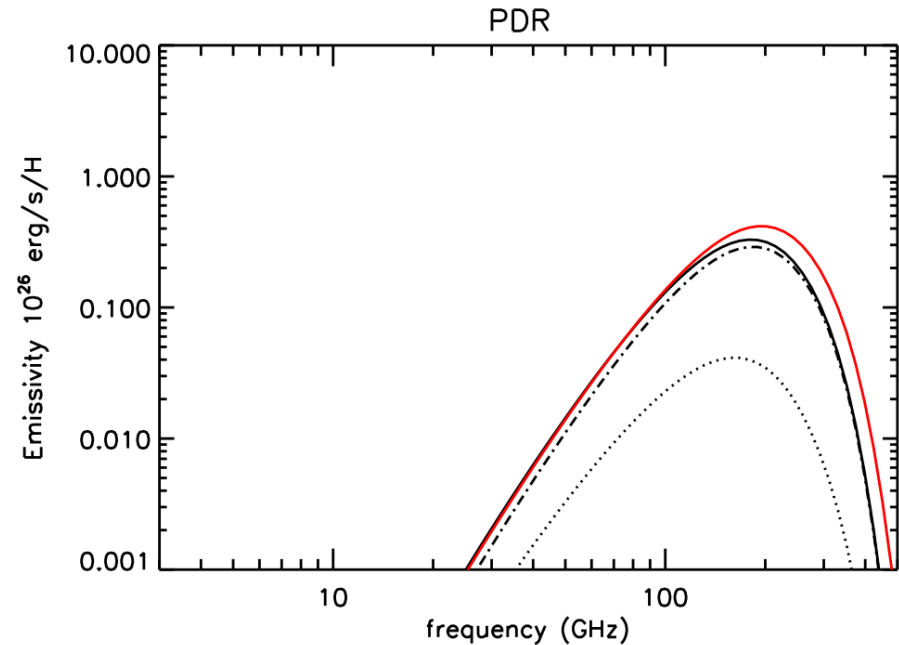


Atomic gas from Wolfire+ 95

<b>WNM:</b> $G_0=1$	<b>CNM:</b> $G_0=1$	<b>PDR:</b> $G_0=100$
8000 K, $0.4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$	100 K, $30 \text{ cm}^{-3}$	500 K, $10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
$x = 1.8 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$x = 4 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$x = 4 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$\text{H}^+ = 1.77 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\text{H}^+ = 1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$\text{H}^+ = 0$
$\text{C}^+ = 3 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$\text{C}^+ = 3 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$\text{C}^+ = 3 \cdot 10^{-4}$

(PAH<sup>-</sup>, PAH<sup>0</sup>, PAH<sup>+</sup>) in %, WD01 - BT94

WNM:	(1, 35, 59) - (13, 67, 19)
CNM:	(3, 86, 11) - (18, 79, 2)
PDR:	(9, 82, 9) - (38, 60, 2)



## Summary

The emission of spinning small grains is a complete interstellar problem (as e.g. H<sub>2</sub> formation) that involves the properties of small grains, the gas state and, for dense gas, radiative transfer.

Given our knowledge of small grains and of the regions observed, the physics in SpDust is accurate enough.

For given (standard) dust properties and using a simplified gas state, average physical parameters ( $n_H$ ,  $G_0$ ) may be derived from the emitting regions .

AME **spectra** of neutral diffuse gas ( $\sim 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ ) where the gas state is well known, may constrain the dipole moment of PAHs.

High resolution (1') AME observations are needed and are coming to further test the spinning dust scenario. Analysis of such data should make use of detailed models (PDR+DustEM, CRT+DustEM).