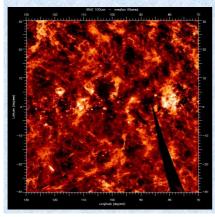
# V. Interstellar Dust

Dust becomes detectable as:

- > Extinction (+ reddening in stellar spectra)
- > Reflexion
- > IR emission







## 1. Interstellar Extinction and Reddening

R. J. Trumpler (1886-1956): studied a sample of open clusters and determined the distances to them in two ways:

- by measuring their angular diameter, and assuming that they all have the same physical size.
- from photometric distances (known sp. type and apparent magnitude).

Photometric distances were systematically larger than the angular-diameter distances. O

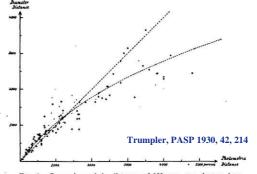


Fig. 1.—Comparison of the distances of 100 open star clusters determined from apparent magnitudes and spectral types (abscissae) with those determined from angular diameters (ordinates). The large dots refer to clusters with well-determined photometric distances, the small dots to clusters with well-determined photometric distances, the small dots to clusters with less certain data (half weight). The asterisks and crosses represent group means. If no general space absorption were present, the clusters should fall along the dotted straight line; the dotted curve gives the relation between the two distance measures for a general absorption of 0°77 per 1000 parsecs.

angular-diameter distances. Or, <u>magnitudes were systematically fainter</u> than those given by angular-diameter distances.

#### **Dust Effects on Starlight:**

- 1) Extinction (dimming of the light from stars)
- Scatters photons out of the line of sight from the star to the sun.
- Absorbs photons, converting their energy into heat (re-radiated in IR); the absorption is effective at wavelengths comparable to the size of the dust grains which have  $\sim 100$  nm. So dust absorbs UV radiation most effectively.

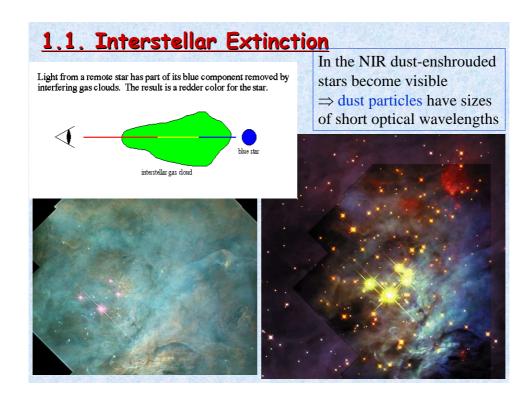
For dust grains ~100 nm or larger: Mie scattering which has a weak dependence on wavelength  $(\lambda^{-1})$ ; the smallest particles produce Rayleigh scattering,  $(\lambda^{-4})$ .

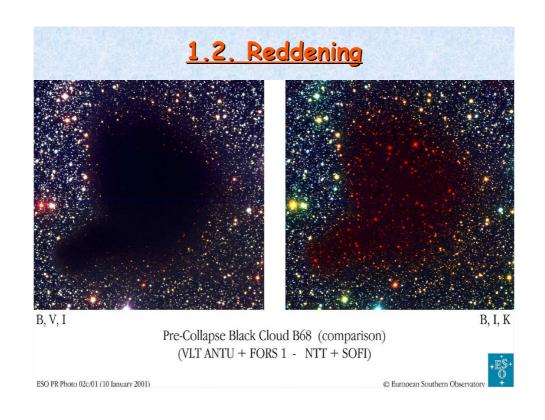
#### 2) Reddening

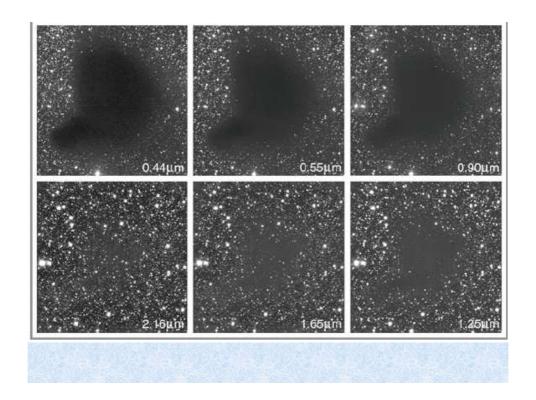
- Broadband colors are affected because the extinction is higher at short wavelengths than at long wavelengths.

Note1: the interstellar dust does not affect (significantly) the spectra of stars; thus the spectral classification can be used to measure the amount of reddening and extinction.

Note2: the ISM is made of gas and dust; dust represents 1% of the ISM (by mass).







### Measuring the Reddening E(B-V)

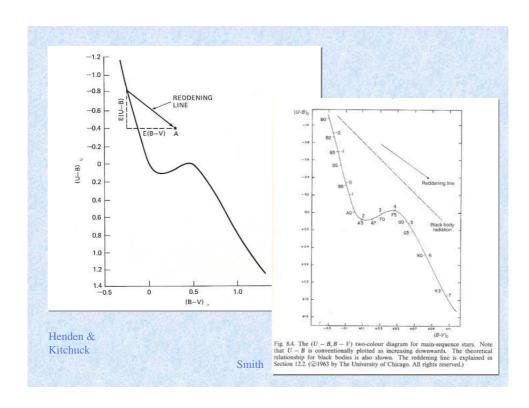
- 1) From stars
- a) individual stars, b) star clusters

If the intrinsic color of a star is known from the spectral type, then this can be compared to the measured color, and therefore the reddening determined. The best stars for this job are O and B types because:

- 1) they are highly luminous and can thus be seen at large distances over which reddening can accumulate to large values
- 2) they are intrinsically blue and thus susceptible to reddening
- 3) they have distinctive spectra that can be classified with high precision

From measurements of O,B stars it was found that in the two-color diagram, reddening moves stars along a line with a measurable slope. This line, aka the reddening vector, has a slope:

E(U-B)/E(B-V) = 0.72.



#### Reddening-free indices

Based on the slope E(U-B)/E(B-V), it is possible to define a parameter that depends only on the spectral type of the star and it is independent of the reddening. This parameter is:

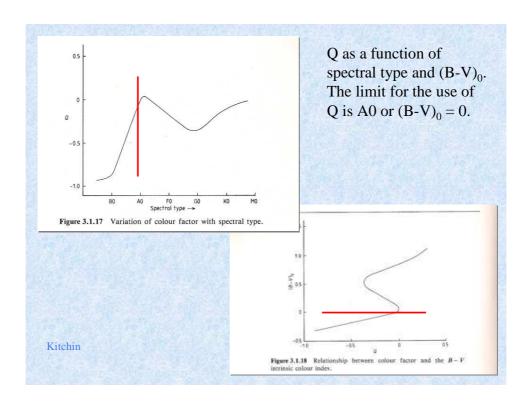
$$Q = (U-B) - E(U-B)/E(B-V)$$
  $(B-V) = (U-B) - 0.72$   $(B-V) = (U-B)_0 - 0.72$   $(B-V)_0$ 

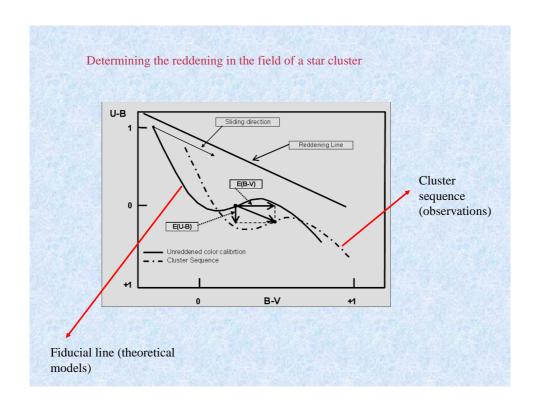
For stars with known MK spectral types, Q is calculated, to obtain a calibrating curve. Then, for stars with unknown spectral types (faint stars, distant stars), just by measuring their UBV, (i.e. Q), we can determine the spectral type, and intrinsic colors  $(B-V)_0$  for instance. Once the intrinsic color index is known, the reddening E(B-V) can be determined. Thus, it can be shown:

$$(B-V)_0 = 0.332 Q$$
 and  $E(B-V) = (B-V) - 0.332 Q$ 

This method is applicable only for *spectral types earlier than A0* ( because of the shape of the two color curve; Q is no longer a unique function of sp. type).

Reddening-free indices can be defined in other photometric systems (e.g. Stromgren).





## 1.3. Definitions:

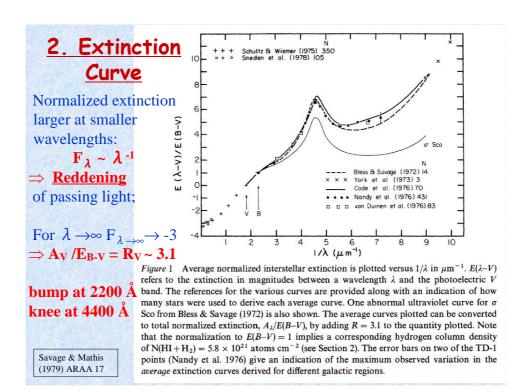
Extinction:  $A_{\lambda} = m_{\lambda} - m_{\lambda,0}$ 

Colour Excess: 
$$\begin{aligned} E_{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} &= (m_{\lambda_1} - m_{\lambda_2}) - (m_{\lambda_1} - m_{\lambda_2})_0 \\ &= (m_{\lambda_1} - m_{\lambda_{1,0}}) - (m_{\lambda_2} - m_{\lambda_{2,0}}) \\ &= A_{\lambda_1} - A_{\lambda_2} \end{aligned}$$
in particular: 
$$\begin{aligned} E_{B-V} &= (B - V) - (B - V)_0 \\ &= (B - B_0) - (V - V_0) \end{aligned}$$

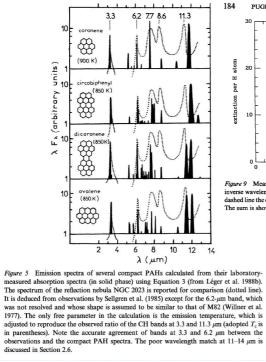
 $= (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{B}_0) - (\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{V}_0)$  $= \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{B}} - \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{V}}$ 

Determination of discoloration  $A_{\lambda_1} - A_{\lambda_2}$  with help of 2 stars of same SpT and Lum. Class but different distances to different directions are only to a constant factor of the **mass absorption coefficient**  $k_{\lambda}$  possible. Thus,

normalized extinction: 
$$\frac{\mathbf{E}_{\lambda-\mathbf{V}}}{\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{V}}} = \frac{\mathbf{A}_{\lambda} - \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{V}}}{\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{B}} - \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{V}}} = \mathbf{F}_{\lambda} = \frac{\mathbf{\Delta} \mathbf{m}_{\lambda} - \mathbf{\Delta} \mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{V}}}{\mathbf{\Delta} \mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{B}} - \mathbf{\Delta} \mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{V}}} = \frac{k_{\lambda} - k_{\mathbf{V}}}{k_{\mathbf{B}} - k_{\mathbf{V}}}$$



$\lambda(\mu m)$	$\lambda^{-1}(\mu m^{-1})$	$E(\lambda - V)/E(B-V)$	$A_{\lambda}/E(B-V)$
∞	0	-3.10	0.00
L 3.4	0.29	-2.94	0.16
C 2.2	0.45	-2.72	0.38
1.25	0.80	-2.23	0.87
0.90	1.11	-1.60	1.50
R 0.70	1.43	-0.78	2.32
0.55	1.82	0	3.10
B 0.44	2.27	1.00	4.10
0.40	2.50	1.30	4.40
U 0.344	2.91	1.80	4.90
0.274	3.65	3.10	6.20
0.250	4.00	4.19	7.29
0.240	4.17	4.90	8.00
0.230	4.35	5.77	8.87
0.219	4.57	6.57	9.67
0.210	4.76	6.23	9.33
0.200	5.00	5.52	8.62
0.190	5.26	4.90	8.00
0.180	5.56	4.65	7.75
0.170	5.88	4.77	7.87
0.160	6.25	5.02	8.12
0.149	6.71	5.05	8.15
0.139	7.18	5.39	8.49
0.125	8.00	6.55	9.65
0.118	8.50	7.45	10.55
0.111	9.00	8.45	11.55
0.105	9.50	9.80	12.90
0.100	10.00	11.30	14.40



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Figure 9 Measured average extinction curve (crosses), expressed as  $\sigma_{\rm H}$ , as a function of the inverse wavelength (in microns). The dotted line shows the standard grain contribution, the dashed line the carbonaceous VSG contribution, and the dot-dash line the PAH contribution. The sum is shown as the solid line. The unit for the cross section in  $10^{-22}$  cm<sup>-2</sup>.

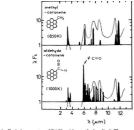


Figure  $\delta$  Emission spectra of PAHs with attached radical. The presence of methyl groups in the interstellar mixture appears possible, but that of abundant aldehyde groups is excluded.

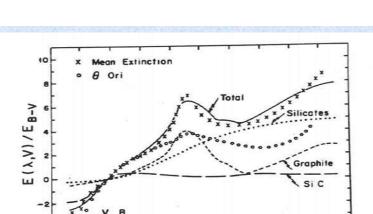
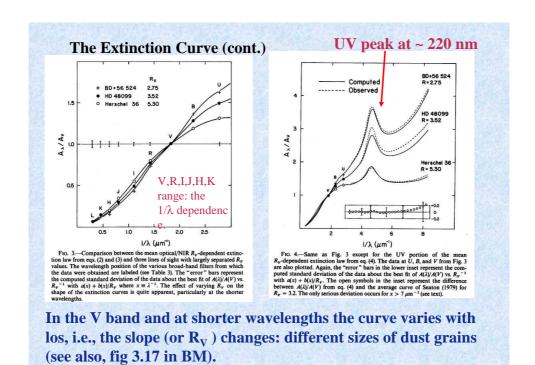
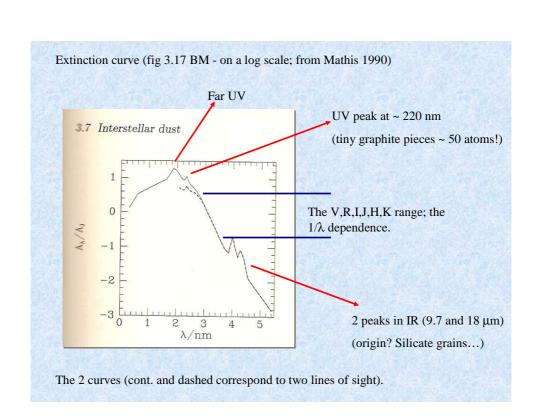


Figure 7.2 Dependence of selective extinction on wavelength. The ratio of  $E(\lambda, V)$  to  $E_{\beta-V}$  is plotted against the reciprocal wavelength in microns. The crosses give the mean observed extinction for normal stars [2]; in the ultraviolet these are based on 14 observed stars, excluding 3 abnormal ones; the circles give observed values for  $\theta^1 + \theta^2$  Ori, showing abnormal extinction. The other curves are computed theoretically [16] for grains of three different types (see text), with the sum of the three shown by the solid line.

1/x(µ)



Cardelli, Clayton, Mathis 1989



#### Measuring the Reddening E(B-V): HI and IR emission

But, the ISM is clumpy and the column density varies with l.o.s. Therefore maps of E(B-V) have been determined from

- H I distribution (and column density) + galaxy counts Burstein & Heiles (1982) for |b| > 10 deg. (outside of the zone of avoidance); the 21 cm emission line of H I AND the distribution of galaxies (assumes they have a uniform distribution; no clusters).
- 2) IR emission (COBE and IRAS) + maps of H I emission; Schlegel et al. (1998) (<a href="https://www.astro.princeton.edu/~schlegel/dust">www.astro.princeton.edu/~schlegel/dust</a>); has a resolution of 6.1 arcmin; it is meant to supersede the BH (1982) maps in accuracy and spatial resolution.
  - -found to overestimate visual extinction by a factor of 1.16 (Chen et al. 1999), or more in region with high extinction (Arce & Goodman 1999, Amores & Lepine 2007),

#### 1) Extinction A<sub>V</sub>

In a given waveband (for example V band):

$$A_V = m_V - m_{V,0}$$

m<sub>V</sub> - apparent V-band magnitude

m<sub>V,0</sub> - apparent magnitude in the absence of dust

And:

$$m_V = M_V + A_V + 5 \log d - 5$$

 $m_{V,0} = M_V + 5 \, log \, d$  -  $5 \,$  --->  $\, m_{V,0}$  -  $M_V = \, 5 \, log \, d$  - 5 aka the distance modulus

If the MK type of the star is known, as well as the distance,  $A_{V\square\square}$  can be determined. In practice, d is not known.

#### 2) Reddening (or color excess) - E(B-V)

For a given color:

$$E(B-V) = A_B - A_V = (B-V) - (B-V)_0$$

E(B-V) - reddening

A<sub>B</sub>, A<sub>V</sub> - extinction in B and V bands

(B-V) - reddened color

(B-V)<sub>0</sub> - dereddened color (or unreddened color, or intrinsic color).

3) The ratio of extinction to reddening (or total to selective absorption): R<sub>V</sub>

$$R_V = \frac{A_V}{A_B - A_V} = \frac{A_V}{E(B - V)}$$

This ratio is usually known to be approximately constant with the line of sight ( $\sim$  3). Adopting this  $R_V$  and a known E(B-V), the absorption can be determined.

The reddening E(B-V) can be determined:

- a) By comparing observed colors with colors derived from the spectral type
- b) From multicolor photometry
- c) From reddening maps derived for the entire Galaxy (not very accurate)

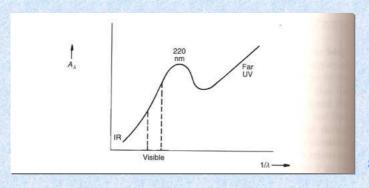
### What Determines the Amount of Extinction and Reddening?

- 1) Extinction and reddening depend on wavelength. This dependence is known as the <u>extinction curve</u>.
- 2) The amount of extinction and reddening along a line of sight depends on
- a) the amount of dust along it (that is, the distance to a star)
- b) the dust properties e.g., size of dust grains.

If the *type of dust* were everywhere the same, the extinction curve would be everywhere the same. This appears to be the case in most regions in our Galaxy; there are however regions where the extinction curve changes from the standard one (e.g., within molecular clouds).

### The Extinction Curve:

represents the variation of the extinction A (mags) as a function of wavelength  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ 



Smith

- -In V and redward of V the dependence is nearly linear ( $\sim 1/\lambda$ )
- -Blueward of V, the extinction varies, with a peak in the UV at 220 nm.
- -In the far UV, extinction decreases more steeply with  $\lambda$  than  $1/\lambda.$

#### The Extinction Curve (cont.)

Other representations of the extinction curve:

$$- A_{\lambda}/A_{J} = f(\lambda)$$

$$- A_{\lambda} / E(B-V) = f(\lambda)$$

- 
$$E(\lambda - V)/E(B-V) = f(\lambda)$$
.

-Cardelli, Clayton and Mathis (1989) have shown that:

$$\frac{A_{\lambda}}{A_{I}} = a(\lambda) + \frac{b(\lambda)}{R_{V}}$$

a,b - are polynomials

- It can be shown that the slope of the extinction curve near V is  $A_V/(A_J\,R_V)$ ; where  $R_V=A_V/E(B-V)$ . Thus  $R_V$  quantifies whether the curve is rising steeply into UV or not: 3 is for a steeply rising curve, 5 is for a slowly rising curve. Classical studies of extinction give  $R_V=3.1$ -3.2.

### The extinction curve expressed per waveband

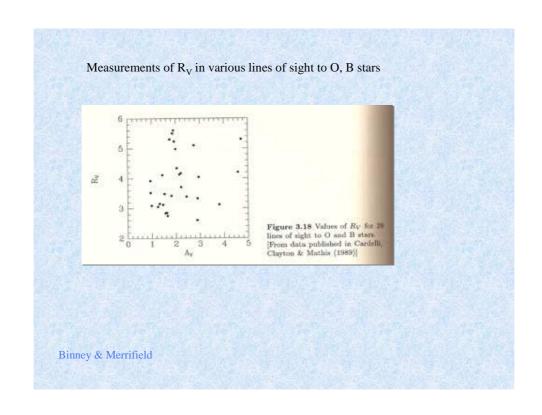
Table 3.21 The standard interstellar extinction law

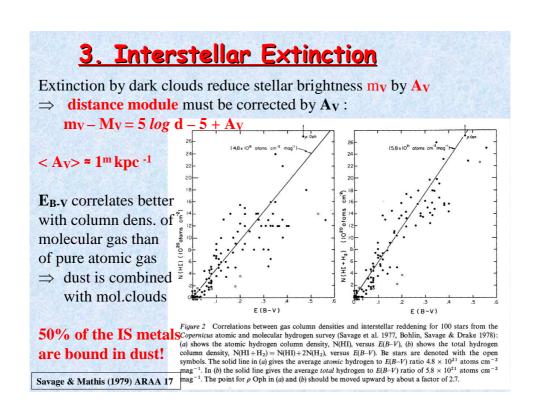
Band X	E(X-V)	$A_X$
Danu A	E(B-V)	$A_V$
U	1.64	1.531
B	1.00	1.324
V	0.00	1.000
R	-0.78	0.748
I	-1.60	0.482
J	-2.22	0.282
H	-2.55	0.175
K	-2.74	0.112
L	-2.91	0.058
M	-3.02	0.023
N	-2.93	0.052
N		0.

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tinction in Dif	ferent Bar	ndpasses	
by the value in passband. The	the final	column toptical-IR	ve, the dust maps should be multiplied o determine the extinction in a given bandpasses are represented by the CTIO or further details, see Appendix 8 of
Filter name	LamEff	A/A(V)	A/E(8-V)
Landolt U	3372	1.664	5,434
Landolt B	4484		4.315
Landolt V	5428	1.015	3.315
Landolt R	6509	0.819	
Landolt I	8090	0.594	1.940
CTIO U	3683	1.521	4,968
CTIO B	4393	1.324	4.325
CTIO B	5519		4.325 3.240
CTIO R	6602	0.992	2.634
CTIO I	8846	0.601	1.962
JKIRT J	12660	0.276	0.902
JKIRT H	16732	0.176	0.576
JKIRT K	22152	0.112	0.367
JKIRT L'	38079	0.112	0.153
Junn a	5244	1.065	3,476
Gunn g	6707	0.793	2,590
Sunn i	7985	0.610	1.991
Gunn z	9855	0.472	1.540
Spinrad R	6993	0.755	2.467
APM b J	4690	1.236	4.035
Stromgren u	3502	1.602	5.231
Stromgren u Stromgren b	4676	1.240	4.049
	4127	1.394	4.552
Stromgren v Stromgren beta	4861		3.858
Stromgren y Sloan u'	5479 3546	1.004	3.277 5.155
Sloan g' Sloan r'	4925 6335	1.161 0.843	3.793 2.751
Sloan i'	7799	0.639	2.751
Sloan z'	9294	0.453	1.479
WFPC2 F300W	3047	1.791	5.849
WFPC2 F45@W	4711	1.229	4.015
WFPCZ FSSSW	5498	0.996	3.252
WFPC2 F606W	6042	0.885	2.889
WFPC2 F702W	7068	0.746	2.435
WFPC2 F814W	8066	0.597	1.948
DSS-II g	4814	1.197	3.907
DSS-II r DSS-II i	6571 8183	0.811 0.580	2.649 1.893

Schlegel 1998: to be used in home works, etc.





### Measuring the Reddening E(B-V)

### 2) From HI and IR emission

It was found that approximately along any l.o.s. E(B-V) is *proportional* to the column density  $N_H$  of interstellar hydrogen atoms, irrespective of whether the hydrogen atoms are in atomic H I, or molecular form  $H_2$  (Bohlin et al. 1978, Fig. 8.14 BM). Specifically,

$$E(B-V) = \frac{N_H}{5.8 \times 10^{25} m^{-2}}$$

The density of H near the Sun is  $n_H$ =10<sup>6</sup> m<sup>-3</sup>. To first approximation in the solar neighborhood, the column density can be expressed:

$$N_H(m^{-2}) \cong 3.1 \times 10^{25} d(kpc)$$

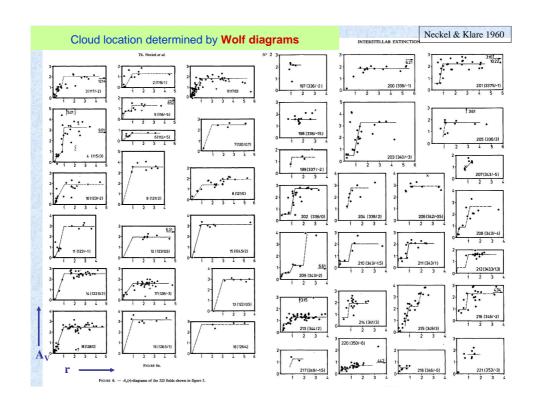
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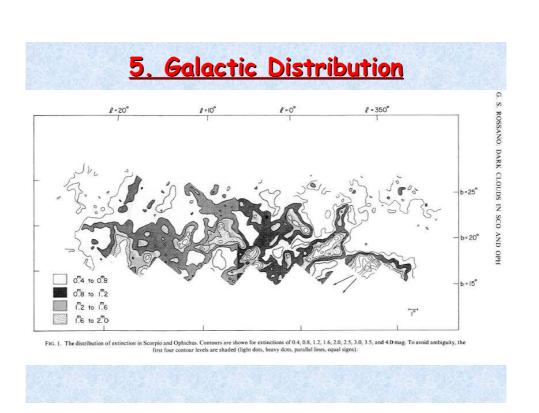
$$E(B-V) \cong 0.53d(kpc)$$

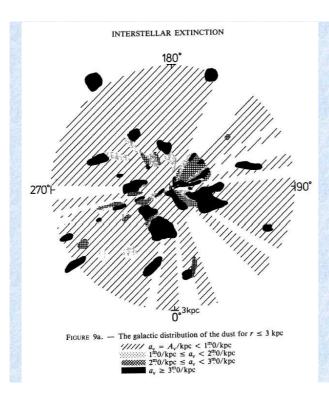
 $A_V \cong 1.6d(kpc)$ 

Other approximations:  $A_V = 0.7 - 1.0 \text{ mag/kpc}$ 





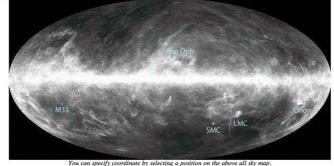




Applying Wolf's diagrams one can derive the distribution of dust concentrations in the solar vicinity (see Part II).

Neckel & Klare 1980





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SFD (1998) - IRAS + COBE

#### Models of the Extinction as a Function of Distance from the Sun

The reddening maps give the reddening at "infinity", i.e., all the reddening along the line of sight; this is ok for distant objects such as globular clusters. However, for more nearby stars, reddening models are used.

$$\begin{split} &\frac{E(B-V)(r,l,b)}{E(B-V)(\infty,l,b)} \\ &= 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{r\sin b}{h_{\rm red}}\right) \quad \text{if} \quad b \geq 0^{\circ} \\ &\frac{1 - \exp\left(-\frac{r\sin b}{h_{\rm red}}\right)}{1 - 2\exp\left(\frac{Z_{\rm Sun}}{h_{\rm red}}\right)} \quad \text{if} \quad b < 0^{\circ} \quad \text{and} \quad r|\sin b| \leq Z_{\rm Sun} \\ &\frac{1 - 2\exp\left(\frac{Z_{\rm Sun}}{h_{\rm red}}\right) + \exp\left(\frac{2Z_{\rm Sun} + r\sin b}{h_{\rm red}}\right)}{1 - 2\exp\left(\frac{Z_{\rm Sun}}{h_{\rm red}}\right)} \\ &\frac{1 - 2\exp\left(\frac{Z_{\rm Sun}}{h_{\rm red}}\right) + \exp\left(\frac{2Z_{\rm Sun}}{h_{\rm red}}\right)}{1 - 2\exp\left(\frac{Z_{\rm Sun}}{h_{\rm red}}\right)} \\ &\text{if} \quad b < 0^{\circ} \quad \& \quad r|\sin b| > Z_{\rm Sun} \end{split}$$

 $E(B-V)(\infty,l,b)$  is the reddening at " $r=\infty$ ", which is obtained directly from SFD map. These equations were derived by assuming the Sun is above the galactic plane, but similar equations can be obtained if the Sun is below it.

r - distance from the Sun to the target object

 $h_{red} = 100$  pc (scale height of the absorbing material; from HI)

 $Z_{sun} \sim 20 \text{ pc}$ 

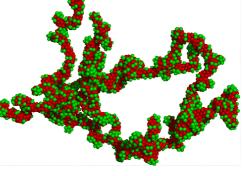
Chen et al. 1999 A&A, 352, 459

# 6. Dust Particles

Dust can be in situ studied within our Solar System;

almost identical with IS dust: irregular fractal structure, grain sizes different depending on location and composition:

- > Silicates,
- > Graphite,
- > SiC, and
- > PAHs (polycyclic aromatic Hydrogenes)



# 6.1. Dust Formation

Like molecules, dust is formed in dense cool metal-rich regions

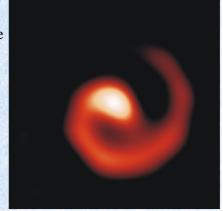
cool: red giant atmospheres and winds

MC cores

dense: interstellar shocks

(+metalshock fronts of Supernovae

rich) Wolf-Rayet winds



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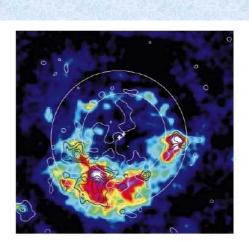
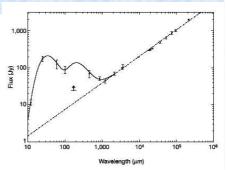


Figure 4 The  $850\,\mu\text{m}$  emission once the synchrotron has been subtracted using an 83-GHz image<sup>19</sup>. The box is 8.4 arcmin by 7.8 arcmin, north is up and east is left. Colours represent the 850  $\mu$ m intensity, contours are the 450  $\mu$ m emission with the synchrotron subtracted, starting at  $3\sigma$  with increments of  $+1\sigma$ . The rings and crosses indicate the location (and centroids) of the forward and reverse shocks as determined from Chandra X-ray data18. The forward shock is at a mean radius of 153 ± 12" and the reverse shock is at a mean radius of 95 ± 10". The bulk of the dust emission appears to be bounded by the shocks, where the gas density is highest. There is a noticeable asymmetry in the dust emission.

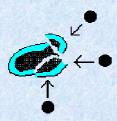


**Figure 2** The SED of Cas A from the mid-infrared to the radio. All fluxes are integrated. The radio spectrum is fitted with a power-law slope with spectral index  $\alpha=-0.72$ . The radio data<sup>19,20-28</sup> have been scaled to the epoch of our Cas A observation (1998.4) using a recent study<sup>23</sup> which found that the flux decrease of Cas A was independent of frequency at about 0.6–0.7% yr<sup>-1</sup>. The IRAS points are the averages of the literature values<sup>13,29</sup> with the error bars indicating the range of fluxes. SCUBA fluxes are 50.8  $\pm$  5.6 Jy at 850  $\mu m$  and 69.8  $\pm$  16.1 Jy at 450  $\mu m$ . The synchrotron contribution is 34.9 Jy at 850  $\mu m$ and 22.1 Jy at 450 um. The fit to the far-infrared/submm points is for a two-temperature grey body with  $\beta=0.9$ ,  $T_w=112$  K,  $T_c=18$  K and for 700 times more mass in the cold component than in the hot. We have fitted five parameters to six data points and therefore synchrotron spectrum. The point at 1.2 mm (ref. 28) is not of sufficient accuracy to determine an excess, but is consistent with our higher frequency measurements. Longer wavelength ISO measurements  $^{\rm N}$  of Cas A at 170  $\mu m$  suggested that dust at  $\sim \! 30$  K may have been present (implying of order  $0.15M_{\odot}$  of dust), however, the poor angular resolution of ISO at these wavelengths made a separation of the remnant and background emission impossible. The ISO flux is therefore a lower limit (R. J. Tuffs, personal communication).

# 6.2. Dust Destruction

### Sputtering

Collisions with gas atoms, photons and other dust grains causes interstellar dust to breakdown and dissolve. This is called sputtering.

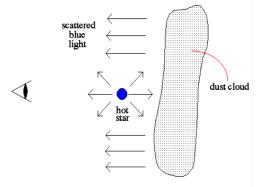


Because of sputtering, dust grains only survive in the cores of cold, dense molecular clouds.



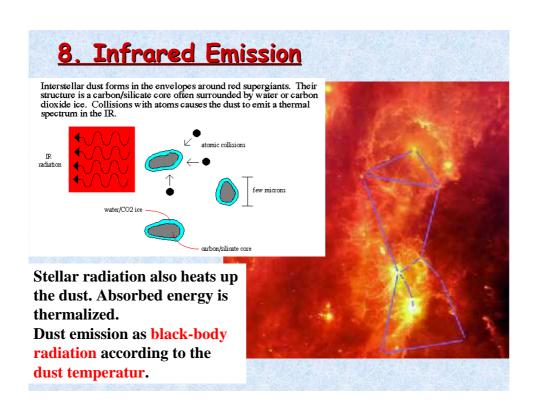
Reflection nebula are caused by the forward scattering of light from a nearby hot star by a dust cloud.

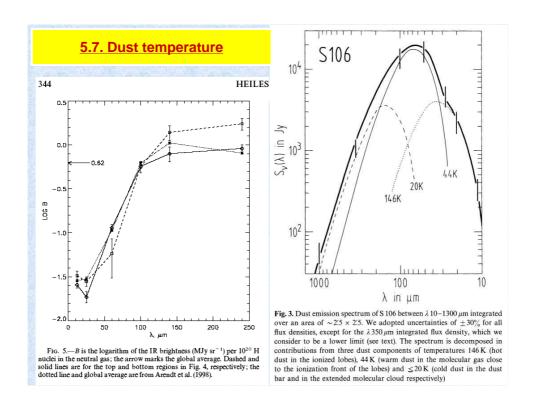




Complementary to extinction the reflected starlight is bluished because the scattering is larger at small  $\lambda$ .

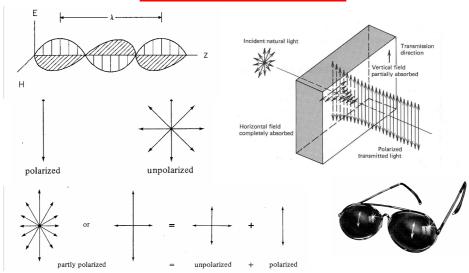


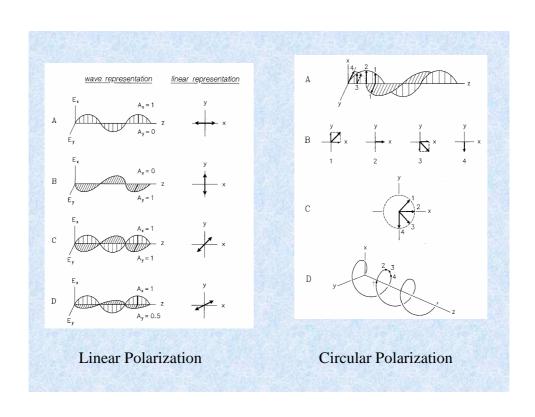


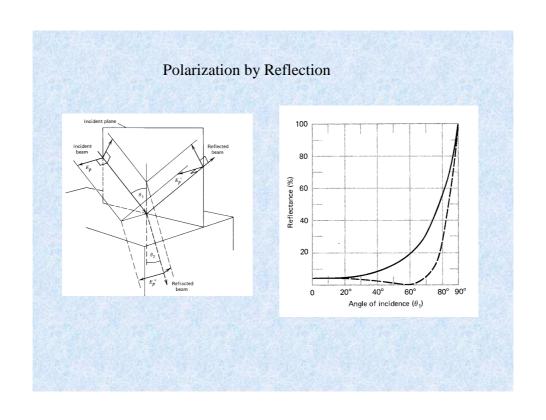


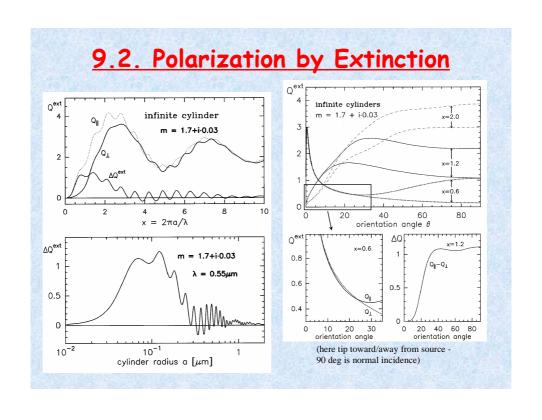


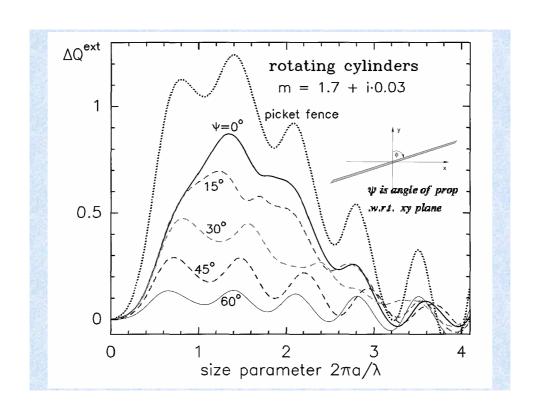
# 9.1. Preliminaries

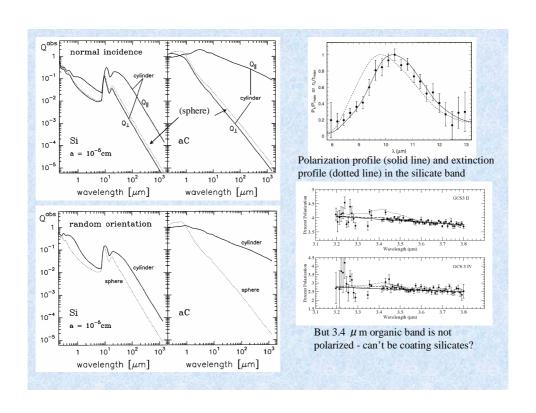


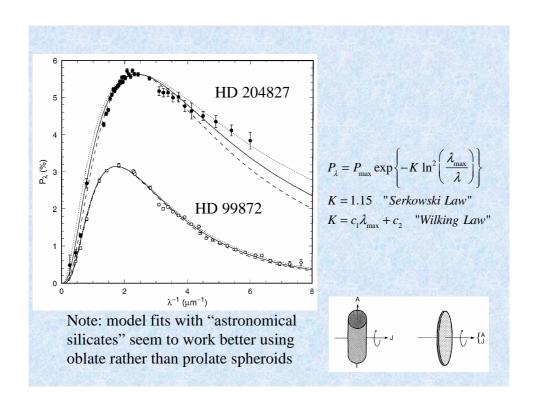


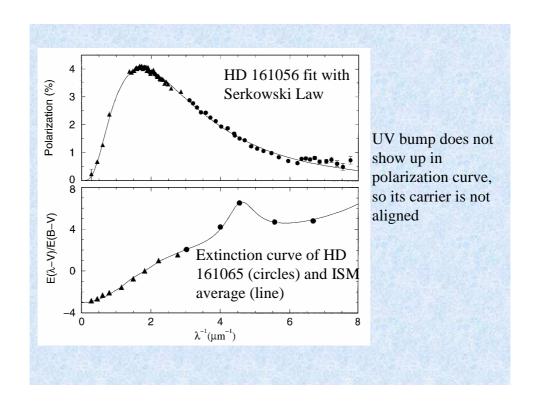


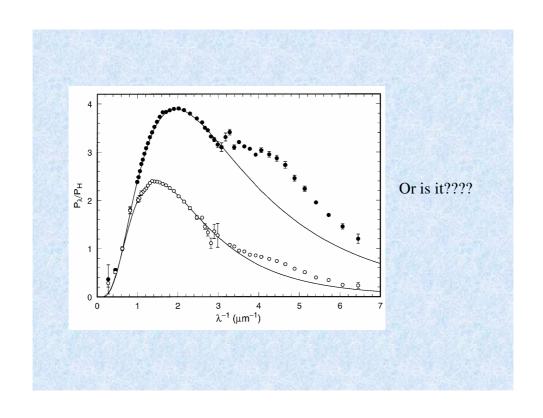


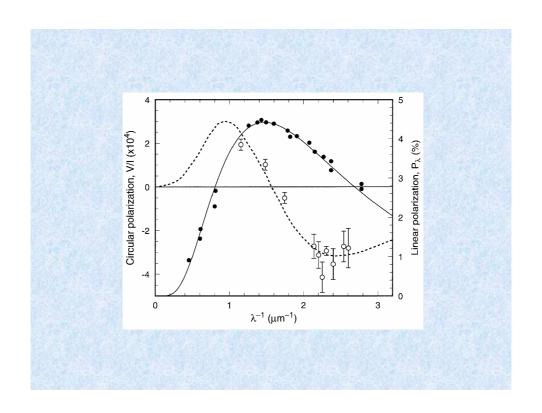












# 9.3. Alignment Mechanisms

- •Magnetic Needles? NO. Inconsistent with polarization maps
- •Paramagnetic Relaxation (Davis-Greenstein) Induced B-field in kT-spinning grain lags alignment dissipative torque aligns grain. Not efficient enough?
- •Superparamagnetic like DG except uses ferromagnetic inclusions
- ulletSuprathermal Spin (Purcell) rocket effect via  $H_2$  formation can achieve rotational energies greater than kT
- •Radiative Torques anisotropic radiation field overwhelmed by collisions
- •Streaming Flows (Gold) requires unlikely organized gas flow perpendicular to galactic disk

