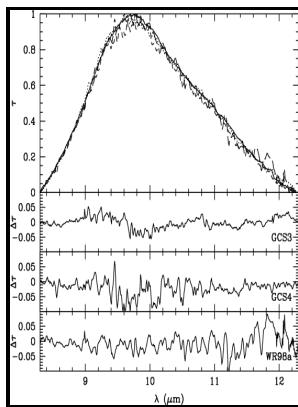


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Particles can be of silicate or carbonaceous materials. Observational data for HD 147933.

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Fortunately, for X-ray energies, the energy-dependent extinction, as well as scattering halos, can readily be calculated accurately using ADT. The full source code and documentation both pdf and html are available at.

Composite interstellar grains

ADT van de Hulst is applicable to grains of arbitrary geometry that are large compared to the incident wavelength. Moreover, in situ observations by spacecraft Gruen et al.

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. It works to advance physics research, application and education; and engages with policy makers and the public to develop awareness and understanding of physics. We tried three values of 10, 20, and 30 eV to investigate how the results might depend upon the energy range used for the fit.

Interstellar extinction and polarization

At these large scattering angles, is determined by the high-spatial frequency portion of the shadow function see Equation , and this comes from the spherical monomers. The Rayleigh—Gans approximation assumes that each infinitesimal volume element of the grain responds only to the incident electric field. GGADT: General Geometry Anomalous Diffraction Theory The authors have written a Fortran 95 program GGADT that uses ADT

to calculate 1 the energy-dependent scattering and absorption cross sections, and 2 the differential scattering cross section for grains of arbitrary geometry and composition.

Composite interstellar grains

Left: the magnitude of the shadow function for a single orientation and keV. It is suggested that carbonaceous grains must be a separate component and these grains should be not aligned Chiar et al. Interstellar dust models are usually built based on observational constraints such as starlight extinction and polarization, but dynamical constraints such as grain rotation are not considered.

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