

Cosmic Crystals: Studies in Astromineralogy

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I. What is Astromineralogy? Historical Background II. Motivation & Context III. Methods IV. Selected Results V. Future Work

I. What is astromineralogy

A short historical introduction

Presolar SiC tetrahedron from the Murchison meteorite © P. Hoppe, Max-Planck-Institute for Chem



Beauty

Wonder



Beauty

Wonder

Rationality



What is Astromineralogy? Does it exist?



Gustav Tschermak (1836-1927), a renowned Austrian mineralogist, wrote:

Es werden "…nicht alle anorganischen Körper als Minerale betrachtet, sondern bloß diejenigen, welche ihrer Entstehung nach der Erdrinde zugehören."^(I)



A striking consequence of this definition: "Die Gemengteile, welche die Meteoriten zusammensetzen, sind keine Minerale."⁽²⁾

Wolf von Engelhardt similarly stated in 1963:

"...daß die Wortbildung 'kosmische Mineralogie' der ursprünglichen Bedeutung des Wortes Mineralogie widerspricht.

Mineralogia ist ursprünglich die Wissenschaft von den festen Bestandteilen der Erdrinde"⁽³⁾

G. Tschermak, Lehrbuch der Mineralogie, 8th edition, Vienna 1921, ^(I) p. 1, ⁽²⁾ p. 717. ⁽³⁾ W.v.Engelhardt, Probleme der kosmischen Mineralogie, Tübingen 1963, p. 5-6.

Astromineralogy does exist - since about 50 years



But: W. von Engelhardt continues:

"Kosmische Mineralogie als allgemein anerkannte Wissenschaft, die sich mit den festen Bestandteilen des ganzen Kosmos beschäftigt, gibt es erst, seitdem die IMA 1962 in Washington eine Kommission für kosmische Mineralogie [...] gegründet hat."⁽⁴⁾

Today, the <u>definition of minerals</u> clearly <u>does include extraterrestrial solids</u>:

"Minerale sind natürliche Festkörper der Erde, des Monds und anderer Himmelskörper.

Von wenigen Ausnahmen abgesehen, sind Minerale anorganisch und kristallisiert."⁽⁵⁾

Mineralogy has extended its scope from terrestrial to cosmic minerals.

Astromineralogy is the science of gathering mineralogical information on asteroids, comets and circumstellar/interstellar as well as extragalactic dust .⁽⁶⁾

- ⁽⁴⁾ W.v.Engelhardt, Probleme der kosmischen Mineralogie, Tübingen 1963, p.5-6.
- ⁽⁵⁾S. Matthes, Mineralogie, 6th edition, Berlin-Heidelberg 2000, p. 1.
- ⁽⁶⁾ Th. Henning (ed.), Astromineralogy, 2nd ed., Berlin-Heidelberg 2010, cover text



Astromineralogy's receding horizons









Quasar PG 2112+059 z~0.5 d~5 billion light-years

Marwick-Kemper et al. 2007, ApJ 668, L107

Objects and questions of astromineralogy



II. Motivation & Context



α Piscis AustriniDistance: 40 light-yearsPicture credit:

Why to study dust and minerals in space? – (1)



The short answer : Dust and minerals in space are an essential agent in the cosmic circuit of matter.

Without dust, no terrestrial planets.

Without astromineralogy, no full understanding of cosmic dust.

Picture credit: A. Tielens (2011)

Why to study dust and minerals in space? – (2)



Picture credits:

J. Bradley; F. Kerschbaum; J. Hron

(1) The formation of condensed matter (dust, ices, minerals) creates2-dimensional surfaces

(2) Dust grains can efficiently redistribute energy (short \rightarrow long λ) due to their lattice structures, due to their internal degrees of freedom

(3) Dust grains can

take up momentum from radiation fields

(4) Dust grains serve as catalysts for chemical reactions

Which "astrominerals" do we know so far?

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 $\sqrt{}$: indicates an insecure or dubious detection.

ISM = interstellar medium; PS = proto stars; TT = T-Tauri stars; Her = Herbig Ae/Be stars; SS = solar system material, IDPs and meteorities; (p)AGB = (post) asymptotic giant branch star; PNe = planetary nebulae; O = O-rich; C = C-rich; WD = White dwarf; Mass stars = massive stars (e.g. Luminous Blue Variables, Wolf Rayet stars); EG = Extra Galactic detections.

F.J. Moster et al.: The Mineralogy of Interstellar and Circumstellar Dust in Galaxies, in: Th. Henning (ed.), Astromineralogy, 2nd ed., Berlin-Heidelberg 2010, p. 150 **Underlined in green: Minerals studied within the present habilitation thesis**

Some of the examined "astrominerals"

Oxides: Corundum α-Al₂O₃ Hibonite CaAl₁₂O₁₉ Spinel MgAl₂O₄ Perovskite CaTiO₃ Rutile TiO₂

Anatase TiO₂



Carbonates:

Dolomite CaMg[CO₃]₂

Calcite Ca[CO₃]



Various Phyllosilicates:

e.g. Talc Mg[CO₃]₂ Montmorillonite

Jena database of optical constants

This is were most of our results went to:

http://www.astro.uni-jena.de/Laboratory/Database/databases.html

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III. Methods

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Methods & instruments applied in the course of my habilitation thesis



Fourier Transform Spectrometer



Analytical balance / weighing Cr₂O₃



Electric arc furnace producing "spinels"





Mutschke, Zeidler, Posch et al., A&A 492 (2008), 117

Comparing Lab Spectra to astronomical IR data

Herschel IR Space Observatory

Methods, #1: IR astronomy (mostly from space)



IR spectroscopy is crucial for studies of cosmic dust



Example of an IR-spectrum of a Planetary Nebula (Posch et al. 2007)

- IR satellites used:
- ISO, Spitzer & Herschel
- Ground-based:
- ESO's 3.6m telescope

After an idea by E.E.Becklin

Methods, #2: Laboratory spectroscopy (mostly MIR)



Spectroscopy modes:

- Powder transmission spectroscopy
- Reflectance spectroscopy of polished surfaces

Most extensively used spectrometer (AIU Jena): Bruker FTIR 113v. λ -range: 1.6µm to >200µm

Samples: grains extracted from meteorites, synthetic solids, natural minerals, nanoparticles from the gas phase

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Reflectance spectroscopy is 1st choice! (but not always possible)

Synthetic Spinel

Methods, #3: Calculations

C1: <u>From</u> $R(\lambda) / T(\lambda)$ spectroscopy <u>to</u> optical constants $n(\lambda)$, $k(\lambda)$



Summary of methods

Theoretical approaches:

Experimental methods:

Classical theory of optical constants of solids (Lorentz oscillators, KKR)

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{0} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{j} \, \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{j}^{2} \, / \, (\boldsymbol{\omega}_{j}^{2} - \boldsymbol{\omega}^{2} - \boldsymbol{i} \, \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{j} \, \boldsymbol{\omega})$$

Mie theory

Radiative transfer calculations

Astronomical IR spectroscopy

Laboratory (UV to IR) spectroscopy

Common goal: Insight into the composition & structural properties of cosmic dust



IV. Selected Results



Questions examined

- What is the 'cosmic' role of oxide (as opposed to silicate) dust?
- What is the mineralogy of (meteoritic) CAIs?
- Why to care about near-infrared properties of stardust?
- Can we find carbonates in space, and if so where?
- What can we learn from the far-infrared spectra of hydrous silicates?
- How to calculate the infrared extinction by stardust grains with complex shapes? (Calc.)
- What can we learn from the stardust formed in 47 Tucanae?
- How did Herschel change our views on the mass loss of AGB stars?



(Lab.)

(Ast. Obs.)

Astromineralogy of CAIs

Calcium-Aluminum-rich Inclusions (CAIs) mainly occur in carbonaceous chondrites.

They were formed 4567 million years ago.

CAIs are supposed to be the oldest known solar system objects.

Studying CAIs yields information on very early stages of planetary systems.





<< *Spitzer* spectra of protoplanetary disks (Sargent et al. 2009)



Type B CAIs (bright inclusions) in the chondrites Leoville and Allende



→ Paper: Posch, Th., Mutschke, H., Trieloff, M., & Henning, Th., 2007, ApJ, 656, 615

Main Minerals of CAIs

Mineralogically, CAIs are divided into three groups:

- Type A CAIs primarily consist of melilite Ca₂(AI,Mg)[(Si,AI)₂O₇]
- Type B CAIs additionally contain fassaite (Ca,Na)(Mg,Fe,AI,Ti)[(Si,AI)₂O₆]
- Type C CAIs are rich in the feldspar plagioclase (Na,Ca)(Si,AI)₄O₈



Melilite

Fassaite (var. of diopside)

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Plagioclase

Mid-IR to Far-IR spectra of type B CAIs

CAI Leoville: Chemical analysis and IR bands show composition 70% melilite 15% spinel MgAl₂O₄ 15% diopside CaMgSi₂O₆ (\rightarrow 60µm band)

CAI Allende: Spectroscopy indicates 80% diopside CaMgSi₂O₆ 20% nepheline (Na,K)AlSiO₄ EDX analysis furthermore points to spinel, sodalite, melilite, anorthite





(General) importance of the NIR range

Region around 1µm: k (λ) lacking for many minerals. Strongly dependent on "impurities" BUT: Without k NIR, no calculation of dust grain energy balance!



→ Paper: Zeidler, D., Posch, Th., Mutschke, H., et al., 2011, A&A 526, A68

(Low-T) FIR spectra of hydrous silicates

- Phyllosilicates are of interest due to their OH / H₂O content
- We studied several phyllosilicates mentioned in the astronomical literature

Phyllosilicate	Formula	Group
Chamosite	Fe _{3,55} Al _{1,88} [(Al,Si ₃)O ₁₀ (OH) ₈]	Chlorite
Talc	$Mg_{3,33}Fe_{0,1}[Si_4O_{10}(OH)_2]$	Talc-Pyrophyllite
Montmorillonite	$\begin{array}{l} AI_{1,5}Mg_{0,25}Fe_{0,17}[Si_4O_{10}(OH)_2](Na,K)\cdot 1,2\\ H_2O\end{array}$	Clay
Picrolite	$Mg_{5,84}Fe_{0,17}[Si_4O_{10}(OH)_8]$	Serpentine



Comparison to astronomical FIR spectra



Paper: Mutschke, Zeidler, Posch et al., A&A 492 (2008), p. 117

Talc:

- Formed from enstatite by weathering
- Chemical composition Mg₃[Si₄O₁₀(OH)₂]
- Feature discovered: 98.5µm
- Search for "astronomical counterpart" still ongoing

Dust properties of AGB stars in 47 Tuc

- Imagine studying mineral formation at d = 13.400 light-years outside our galaxy!
- This became possible due to the high sensitivity (down to milliJanskys) of Spitzer
- Lebzelter et al.: > 12 hours of Spitzer observing time



AGB stars in the globular cluster 47 Tuc

Why 47 Tuc? Because we have a <u>wealth of information</u> on stellar properties:

- Metallicity [Fe/H] = -0.7 (only 1/5 solar)
- Age: 11.2 (± 1.1) × 10⁹ years (only 1/5 less than the age of the universe)
- Turnoff mass: 0.9 M_{\odot}



V1-47Tuc:

Mira-like pulsation – strong silicate emission



 Baier et al. 2011
 Lebzelter, Posch et al. 2005

 (ASPC 445, p. 313)
 (ApJ 653, L145)



Modeling the MIR spectrum of V1-47 Tuc:

- Using optical constants from the Jena database
- Best results achieved with a combination of amorphous Mg₂SiO₄ and amorphous MgSiO₃
- Dust Temperature at inner shell boundary: ~700K
- Grain sizes from r = 0.005µm to r = 0.25µm

So far confirmed by this study: Mira-like pulsators (fund. mode), e.g. V1 dominated by amorphous silicate dust, Semiregular pulsators (overtone), e.g. V21 additional crystalline oxide bands

V13-47Tuc Double-period (40d + 2nd) & 'only' oxide dust features?



Lebzelter, Posch et al. 2005 (ApJ 653, L145-L148)

Baier et al. 2011 (ASPC 445, p. 313-314)

Sloan et al. 2010 (ApJ 719, 1274: >40% of GC AGB stars show 13µm band, only 20% of galactic ones)

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T _D	1200K	1210K	
τ	0.007	0.007	
Al ₂ O ₃	76 %	82 %	
Mg _{0.1} Fe _{0.9} C	20 %	14 %	
MgAl ₂ O ₄	4 %	4 %	

Modeling the MIR spectrum of V13-47 Tuc:

- Oxide features dominating
- Broad 10µm silicate feature missing
- Dust components: amorphous alumina, spinel, possibly Mg_{0.1}Fe_{0.9}O (see grey bars above)
- Unusual dust composition related to unusual pulsation behaviour?

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Turning back to our galaxy!



Herschel's new view on stellar mass loss



New detections of detached shells

 Probing mass loss history by analysing radial intensity profiles
 → Clear sign of multiple shells due to times of increased stellar winds AQ And: every 2000-5000yrs?

TT Cyg:
Peaks in intensity profiles at r = 7", 14", 26", 33"
→ enhanced mass loss every 1500y?
→ related to thermal pulses?



V. Future Work

Future Work

Laboratory Work (Jena)

High-temperature measurements: corundum, spinel, SiO₂

Laboratory Work: Herschel-PACS-observations of 69 μ m forsterite band \rightarrow need for more precise data on forsterite's FIR properties

IR spectra of clusters: Will they lead to identifications of astronomical IR bands?

Analyze astromineralogically relevant existing IR spectra Rich data sets from MESS and DIGIT projects (Kerschbaum, Güdel)

Future astromineralogical IR spectroscopy / radio imaging with SOFIA, ALMA, E-ELT, JWST Follow-up studies on identified / unidentified dust bands

Laboratory studies: high temperature measurements





Zeidler, Mutschke, Posch, 2011, in prep.

At high-temperatures, minerals may have distinctly other IR properties than at room temperature:

- band broadening
- band peak shifts to larger wavelengths

Circumstellar dust forms at several 100K $\rightarrow n(\lambda), k(\lambda), Q_{abs}(\lambda), Q_{sca}(\lambda)$ are needed for T = n × 100K

→High temperature measurements for SiO₂, α -Al₂O₃ and MgAl₂O₄

Cluster physics meets astromineralogy



J. Cami et al. 2010: C_{60} (+ C_{70}) fullerenes found in PN Tc1 (Science, Vol. 329, 2010) Are O-rich clusters detectable as well? I'd think so BUCKMINSTER FIL USA 37

Stratospheric IR astronomy: SOFIA



- SOFIA: working at 12-14km altitude since 2011
- "FORCAST" grism (5-8µm, 25-37µm) expected to be operative in 2012



Psst ... R Scl

Ready for new discoveries: ALMA

Final slide Do studies on absorption + scattering by small grains help to understanding the growing city light domes?



© G. Zotti in Posch et al. (2010), "Das Ende der Nacht"

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Motto

"Two things fill the mind with ever-increasing wonder and awe, the more often and the more intensely the mind is drawn to them:

The starry heavens above me and ...

the minerals from the depths of the Earth."

After a dictum by Immanuel Kant (1788)

Backup slides



Information aus Element-Abreicherungsraten

Interstellares Gas: Einige Elemente stark unterhäufig (im Verhältnis zu solaren Werten) Um Faktoren > 100 unterhäufig: Ca, Ti, Al, Co, Ni, Cr, Fe





Abreicherungsrate als f(Z) (nach Salpeter 1977)

Warum die Unterhäufigkeit? Phasenübergang <u>gasförmig → fest</u> (besonders für Ca, Ti, Al, Fe, ... ⇒ Spektroskopiere deren Verbindungen!)

Abreicherungsrate als Funktion der Kondensationstemperatur (Palme & Jones 2004)

Beobachtungen & Modellrechnungen



^ SV Peg ISO-SWS-Spektrum & STR-Modell (DUSTY) ISO-Beobachtungen: durchgehende λ-Abdeckung von 2 bis 45 (200) µm
Beobachtete SED rekonstruierbar mit STR-Rechnungen
Benötige: Datenbank optischer Konstanten von Staubspezies Modellspektren f. Photosphäre
Limitationen: Unvollständigkeit der Datenbanken; S/N beobachteter Spektren



Results of condensation experiments

Idee: Statt Berechnung von C_{abs} aus den makroskopischen optischen Konstanten: Messung der Absorptivität von frisch kondensierten Partikeln. Partikelgrößen im Sub-µm-Bereich.







^ IR-Spectra of Al-, Ti-, Fe-, Mg-oxides produced by laser ablation

Methods: Lab spectroscopy

Bsp. eines gemessenen Reflexionsspektrums eines Mg-Al-Spinells:



Hitzebehandlung (1h @ 1223K) verändert das Kristallgitter von Spinell (partieller Platztausch Al ↔ Mg)



R = [(n-1)²+k²] / [(n+1)²+k²] (n +i k)² = ε



$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 + \Sigma_j \,\Omega_j^2 \,/\,(\omega_j^2 - \omega^2 - \mathbf{i} \,\gamma_j \,\omega)$$

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	J	ω _j [1/cm]	Ω _j [1/cm]	γ _j [1/cm]
~~~	1	803.6	159.7	82.5
	2	666.6	522.9	31.9
	3	577.3	132.1	11.5
	4	492.4	660.2	30.8
	5	478.6	655.5	14.0
	6	308.1	151.0	6.9

#### **Methods: Mie theory**

Maß für WW kleiner Teilchen mit el.-mag. Strahlung  $Q_{abs}(\lambda)$ ,  $Q_{streu}(\lambda)$ 

- folgen aus <u>Mie-Theorie</u> (unendliche Reihen für  $Q_{abs}(\lambda)$  und  $Q_{streu}(\lambda)$  für  $a \cong \lambda$ )
- entscheidend abhängig von Partikelform und Partikelgröße
- $Q_{abs}(\lambda)/a = 8 \pi / \lambda * 6 nk / [(n^2-k^2+2)^2 + 4n^2k^2]$  für <u>sphärische</u> Partikel mit a <<  $\lambda$
- Kugelresonanzen (Fröhlich-Moden) zentriert um  $k^2 = 2$  (und  $n \rightarrow 0$ )
- (NB: keine notwendige Bedingung, aber, wenn erfüllt, starke Resonanz)



#### **Backup slide on methods**

Labor-Messungen und Rechnungen: 1a) Messe Reflektivität R(n,k, $\lambda$ )  $\Rightarrow$  n + i k( $\lambda$ ) 1b) Messe Transmission T(n,k, $\lambda$ ,F)  $\Rightarrow$  k( $\lambda$ ) 2) Berechne Q_{abs}(n,k,a,F, $\lambda$ )

a ... Teilchenhalbmesser



Fig. 3. Erste elektrische Partialschwingung. Voraussetzungen:
✓ Laboranaloga präpariert
✓ Analytik durchgeführt

Comparison

Astronomische Beobachtungen liefern im einfachsten Falle:  $\Sigma_j \mathbf{Q'}_{abs, j}(\mathbf{n'}, \mathbf{k'}, \mathbf{a'}, \mathbf{F'}, \lambda) * \mathbf{B}_{\lambda}(<\mathbf{T}_d>)$ [genauer: Resultat von STR, in welche  $\mathbf{Q}_{abs, i}$  eingehen]  $\Rightarrow$  ermittle  $\mathbf{Q'}_{abs, j}$  (n', k', a', F',  $\lambda$ )

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### **Backup slide on methods**

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Fig. 3. Different approaches for determining the optical properties of cosmic dust. After [22]

### **Backup slide on results**



32µm 1.0 spinel feature 0.8 د. سا 28µm normalized red len 0.6 0.4 0.2 28 30 32 34 36 26 38 λ [µm]

Leitfrage: ∃ Korrelation: Im Labor gemessesene Oxidbanden ↔ Staub-Banden in ISO-Spektren ? Bsp.1: Emissionbanden bei 13, 17 & 32µm: Wahrscheinlichster Urheber: Spinell (MgAl₂O₄)

13µm-Bande: lange Zeit α-Al₂O₃ zugeschrieben (links oben Linie "…") Sekundärbanden bei 21 und 26µm nicht detektiert

#### Another backup slide on results



^ ISO-SWS-Staubresiduum von g Her u.
 V1943 Sgr;
 Staubemission von Mg_{0.1}Fe_{0.9}O

#### Die 19.5µm-Emissionsbande:

- Erste Hinweise durch IRAS
- Hinreichend aufgelöst erst mit ISO (Posch et al. 2002)
  - Beobachtet v.a. in Spektren semiregulärer Veränderlicher
- Kondensationstheorie unterstützt spektroskopische Evidenz für
   Mg_xFe_{1-x}O (mit x ≅ 0.1)

# O-rich dust species: results of a stationary wind model



### **Future Work**

![](_page_56_Picture_1.jpeg)

### + NanoSIMS

Philips CM200 electron microscope at the University of Vienna

### Mount? Mont...? what?

![](_page_57_Figure_1.jpeg)

Paper: Mutschke, Zeidler, Posch et al., A&A 492 (2008), p. 117

#### Montmorillonite (MM)

- Cold" (down to 10K) FIR measurements using liquid He:
- Weak bands of MM become stronger and sharper
- MM does <u>not</u> only show a broad, 85-125µm band