

Approach to Nucleation in Astronomical Environments

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1-1. Introduction

Cosmic dust universally exists in space

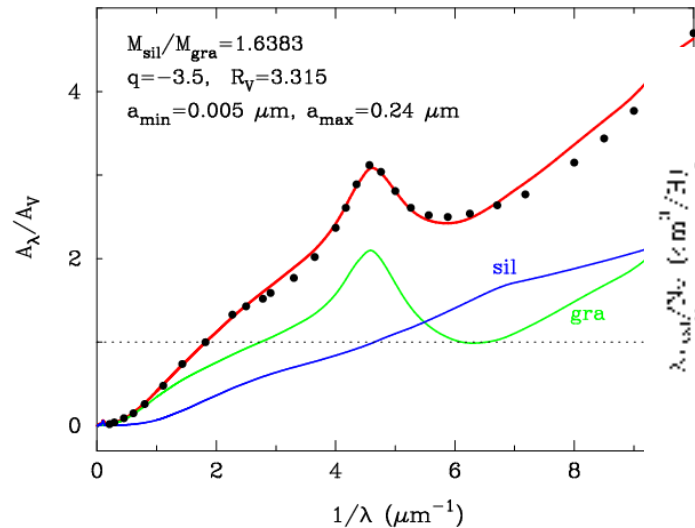


when, where, and how is dust formed?

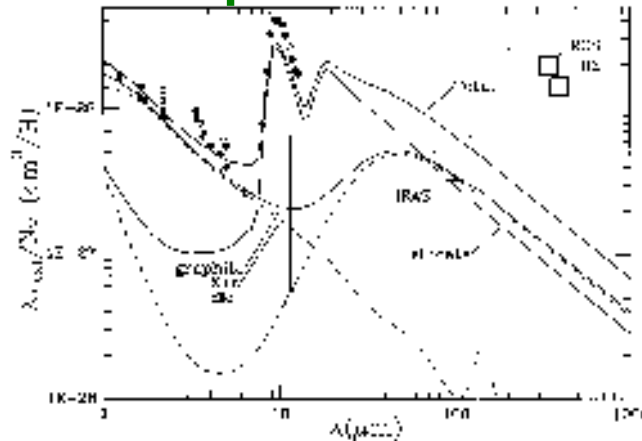
Properties of dust evolves through the processing in the ISM (sputtering, shattering, coagulation, growth ..)

composition, size, and amount of newly formed dust

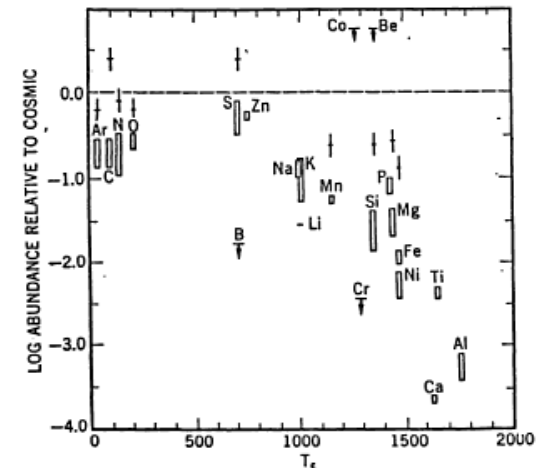
extinction curve



IR spectral feature



depletion of elements



1-2. Formation sites of dust

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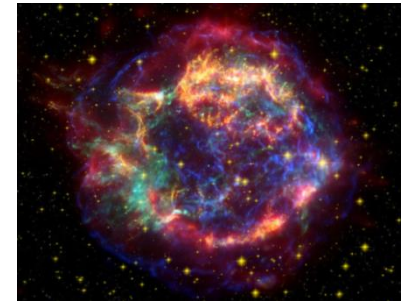
in cooling gas outflows

- abundant metals (metal: atomic number > 5)
- low gas temperature ($T < \sim 2000$ K)
- high gas density ($n > \sim 10^6$ cm $^{-3}$)

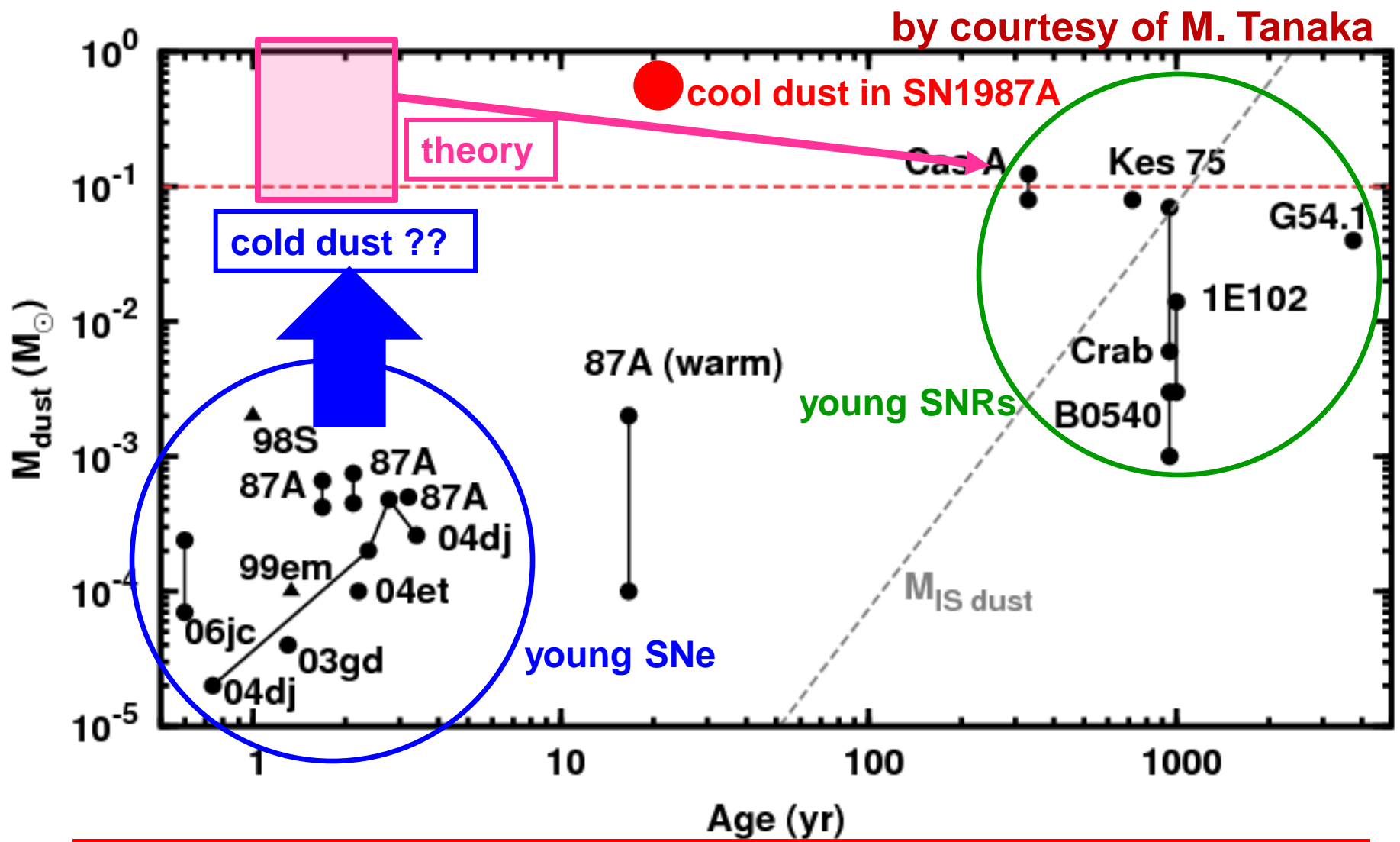
possible formation sites of dust

- expanding ejecta of supernovae
- mass-loss winds of AGB stars
- molecular clouds (grain growth only)

what kinds of, what size of, how much dust is formed



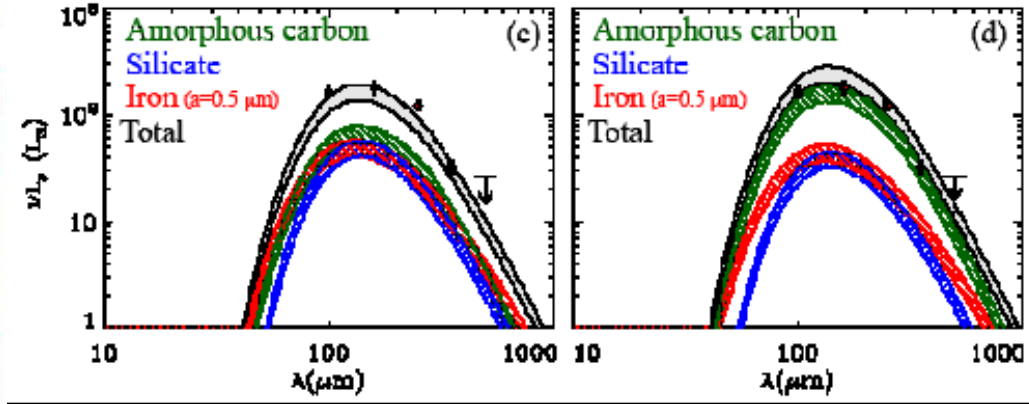
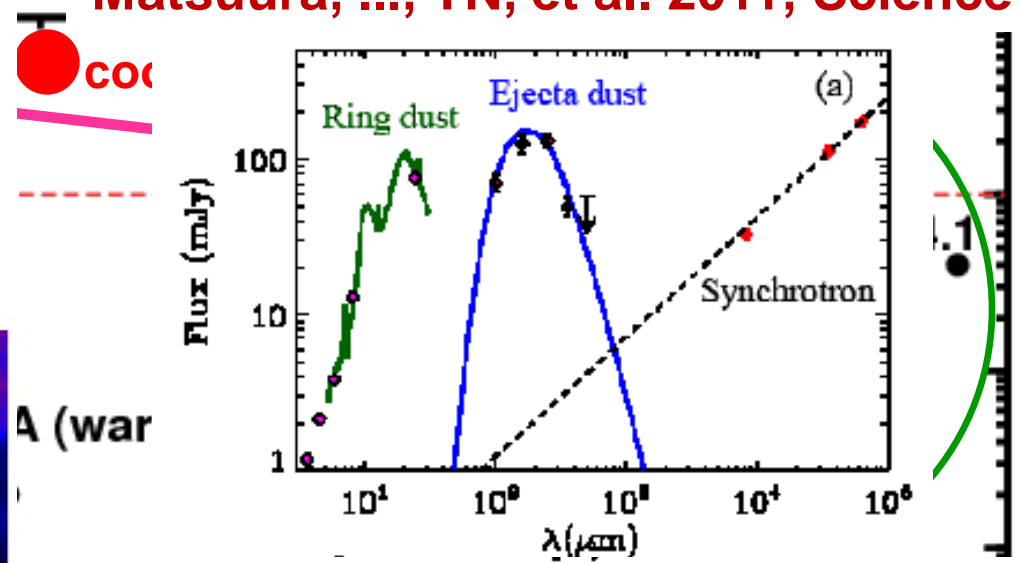
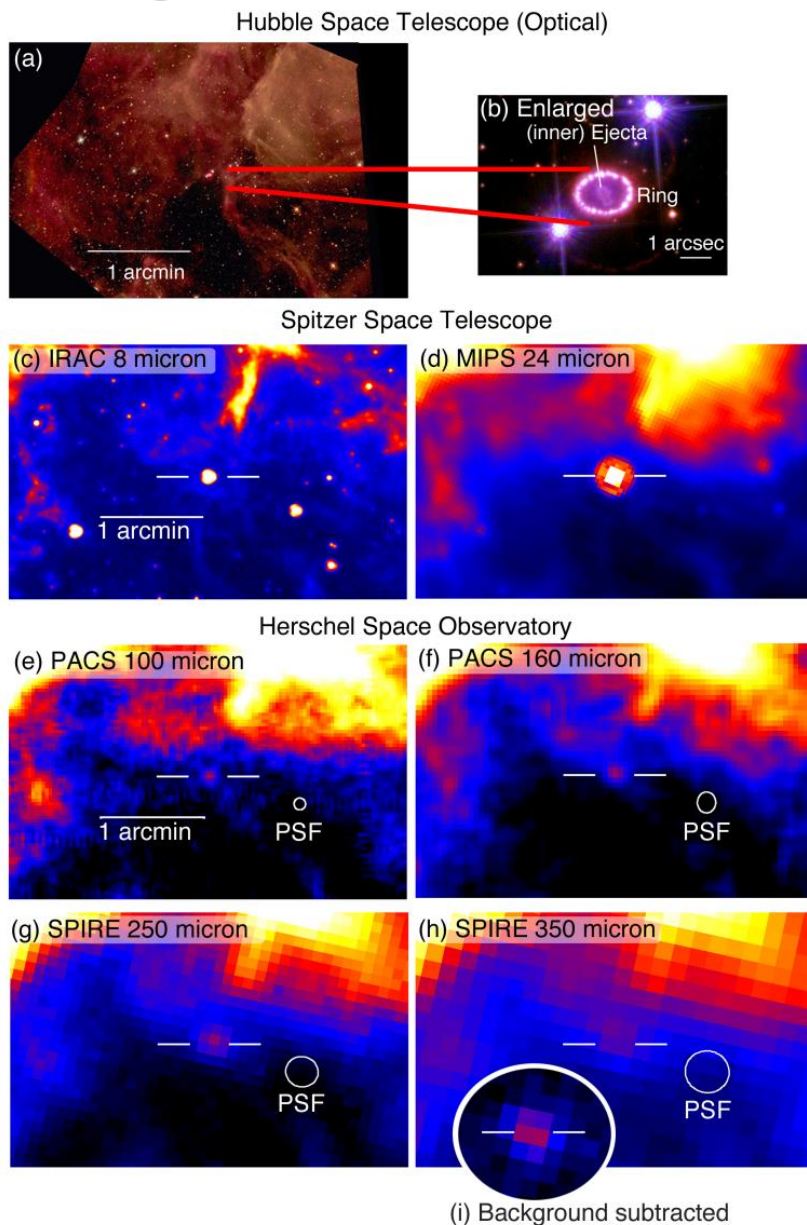
1-3. Missing-dust problem in CCSNe



There is a big difference in the mass of dust between observational estimates and theoretical predictions!!

1-3. Missing-dust problem in CCSNe

Matsuura, ..., TN, et al. 2011, Science



Herschel detects cool (20K) dust of 0.4-0.7 M_{sun} toward SN 1987A!

as and theoretical predictions!!

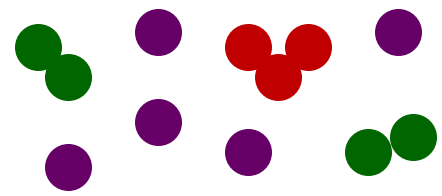
2-1. How do dust grains form?

chemical approach

gaseous atoms

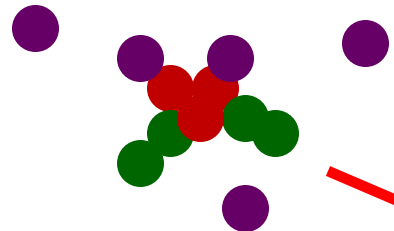
nucleation approach

molecules

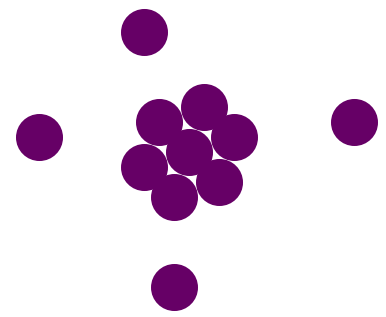


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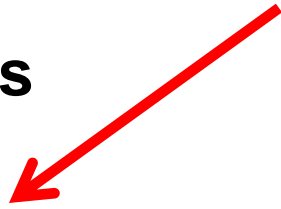
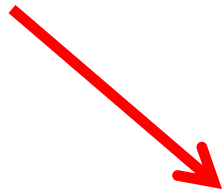
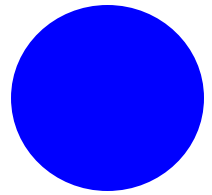
large molecules



formation of seed nuclei



dust grains



2-2. Supersaturation ratio

▪ supersaturation ratio, S

→ ratio of real partial pressure to equilibrium partial pressure

$$\ln S = \ln \frac{P_i}{P_{i,\text{eq}}} = -\frac{\Delta G^0}{kT} + \sum_i \nu_i \ln P_i$$

For condensation of dust,

$$S = P_1 / P_{e,1} > 1$$

$$\rightarrow \ln S = \ln(P_1 / P_{e,1}) > 0$$

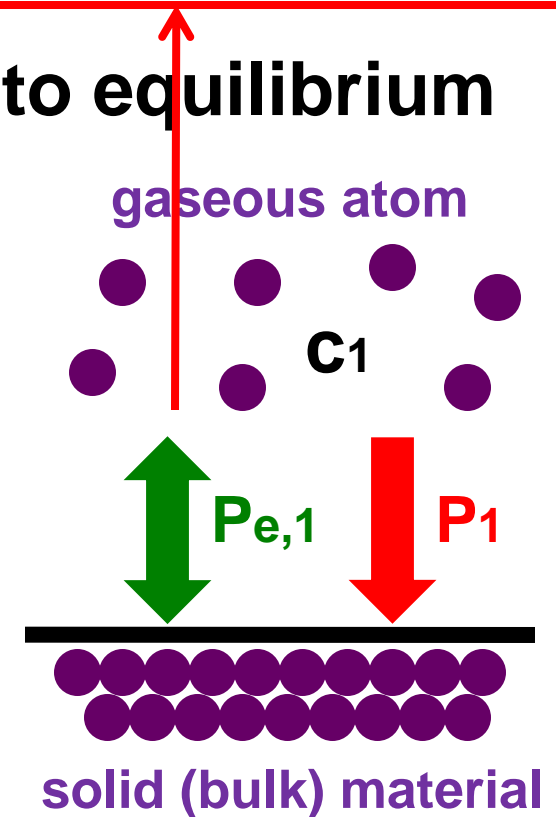
$$\ln S = A / T - B + \ln(c_1 kT / P_0)$$

where $-\Delta G^0/kT = A/T - B$ ($A=8.64 \times 10^4$, $B=19$ for C grains)

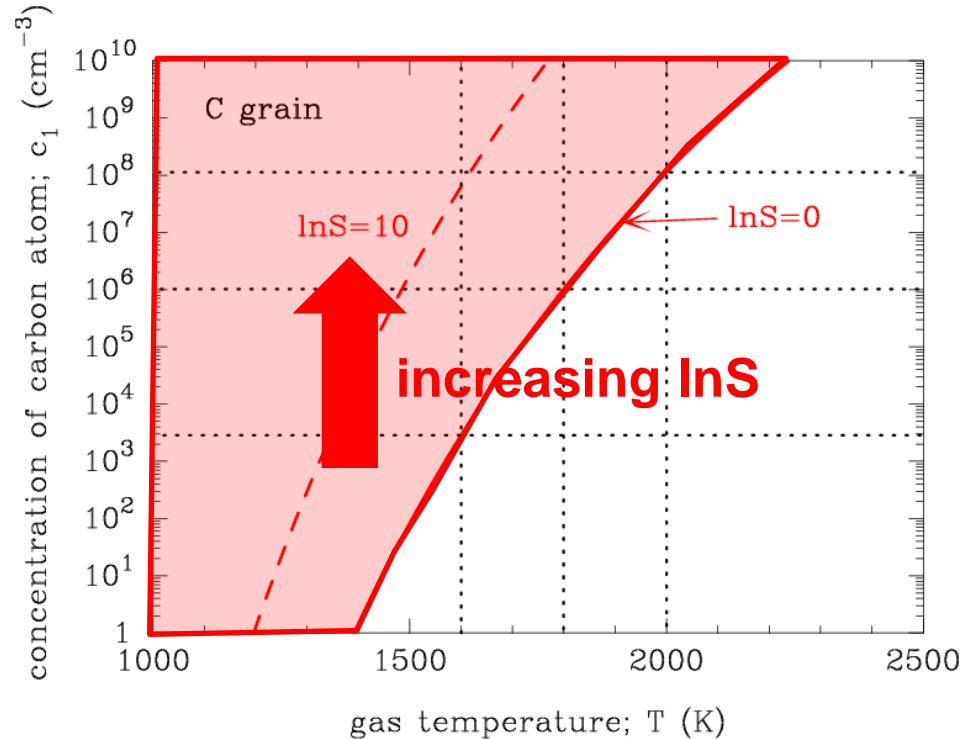
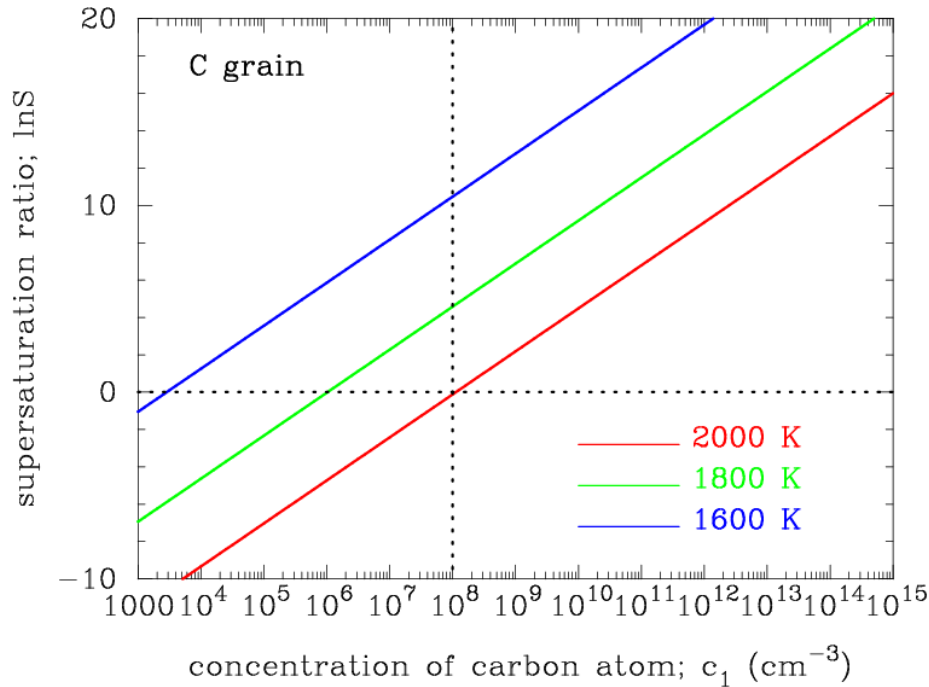
InS is higher for lower T and higher c_1

①

T_{dust} is assumed to equal to $T=T_{\text{gas}}$



2-3. Behavior of supersaturation ratio



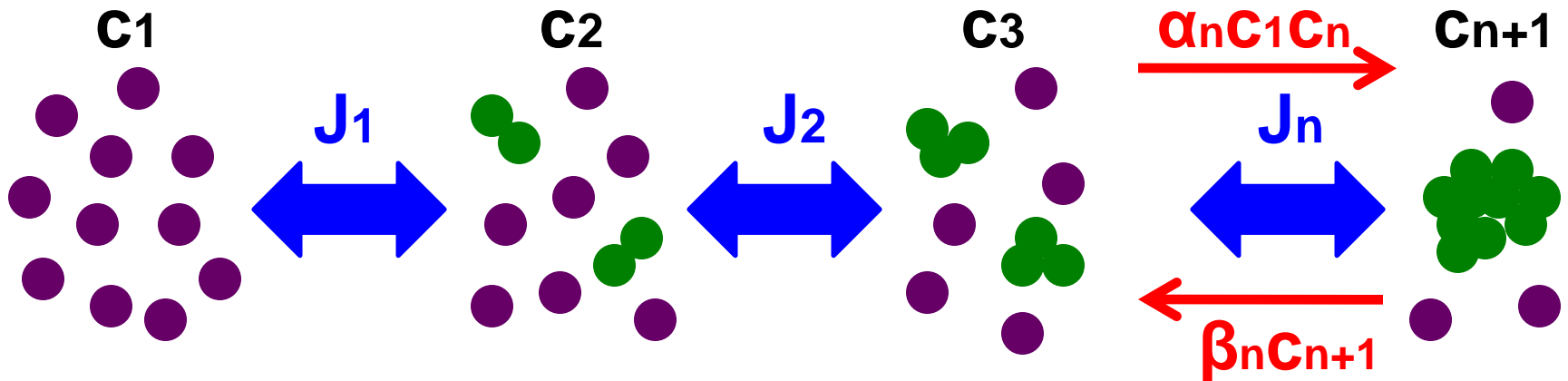
$$\ln S = A / T - B + \ln(c_1 k T / P_0)$$

$\ln S$ is higher for lower T and higher c_1

number density of carbon atom to be $\ln S > 0$

- $c_1 > \sim 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ at 2000 K
- $c_1 > \sim 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ at 1800 K
- $c_1 > \sim 3 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ at 1600 K

3-1. Concept of nucleation



Master equations

$$\frac{dc_n}{dt} = J_{n-1} - J_n \quad (n \geq 2) \quad \textcircled{3}$$

$s_n=1$ is assumed for every n

$$J_n = \alpha_n C_1 C_n - \beta_n C_{n+1} \quad (\text{unit of } J_n : \text{cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1})$$

$$\alpha_n = s_n S_n \langle v \rangle = s_n 4\pi a_0^2 n^{2/3} \langle v \rangle$$

$$\beta_n = \alpha_n C_{e,1} (C_{e,n} / C_{e,n+1})$$

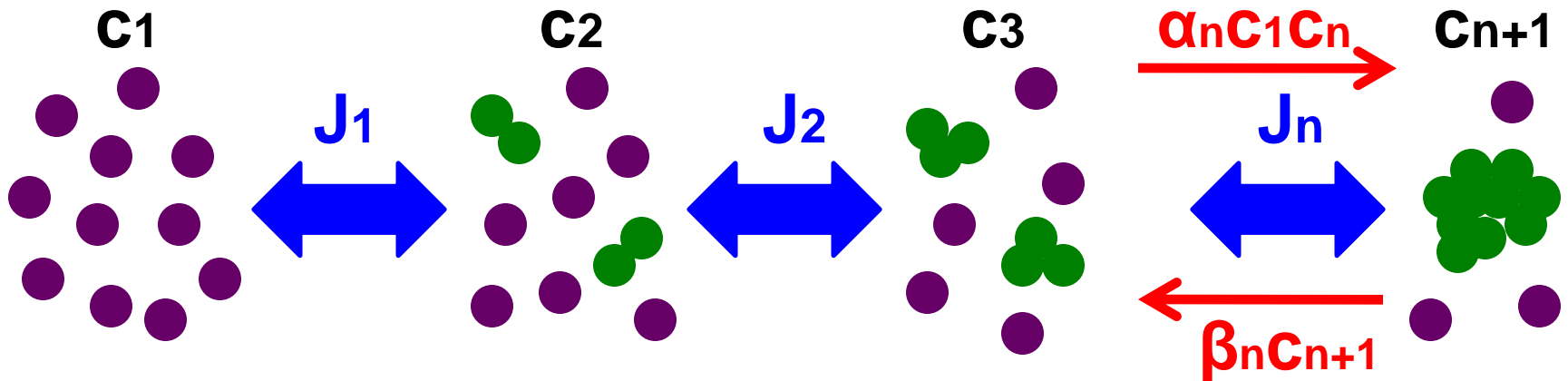
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coagulation between clusters is neglected

$\textcircled{4}$

small clusters are assumed to be spheres

3-2. Steady-state nucleation rate



$$J_n = \alpha_n C_1 C_n [1 - (c_{e,1}/C_1)(c_{e,n}/C_n)(C_{n+1}/c_{e,n+1})]$$

“steady” $\rightarrow J_s = J_1 = J_2 = \dots = J_n$ ⑤

$$J_s = \left\{ 1/(\alpha_1 C_1) + \sum (c_{e,1}/C_1)^n 1/(\alpha_n C_1 c_{e,n+1}) \right\}^{-1}$$

$$(c_{e,1}/C_1)^n (1/c_{e,n+1}) = (1/C_1) \exp [g(n)]$$

where $g(n) = \mu(n-1)^{2/3} - (n-1)\ln S$

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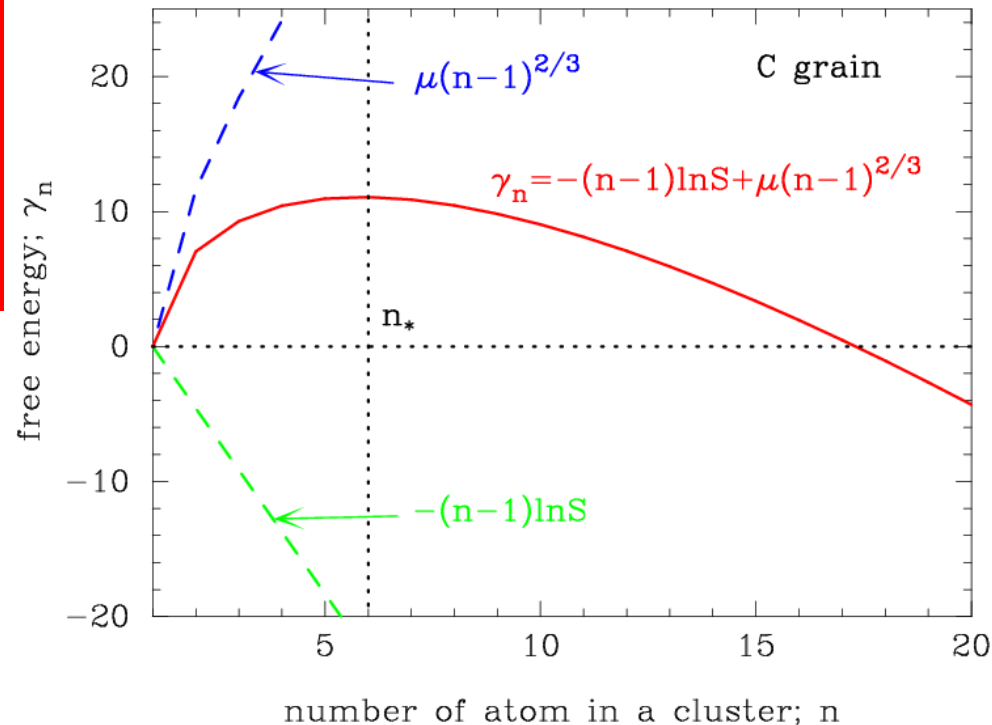
3-3. Critical radius

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$$g(n) = \mu(n-1)^{2/3} - (n-1)\ln S$$
$$\mu = 4\pi a_0^2 \sigma / kT \quad (\sigma = 1400 \text{ erg cm}^{-3} \text{ for C grains})$$

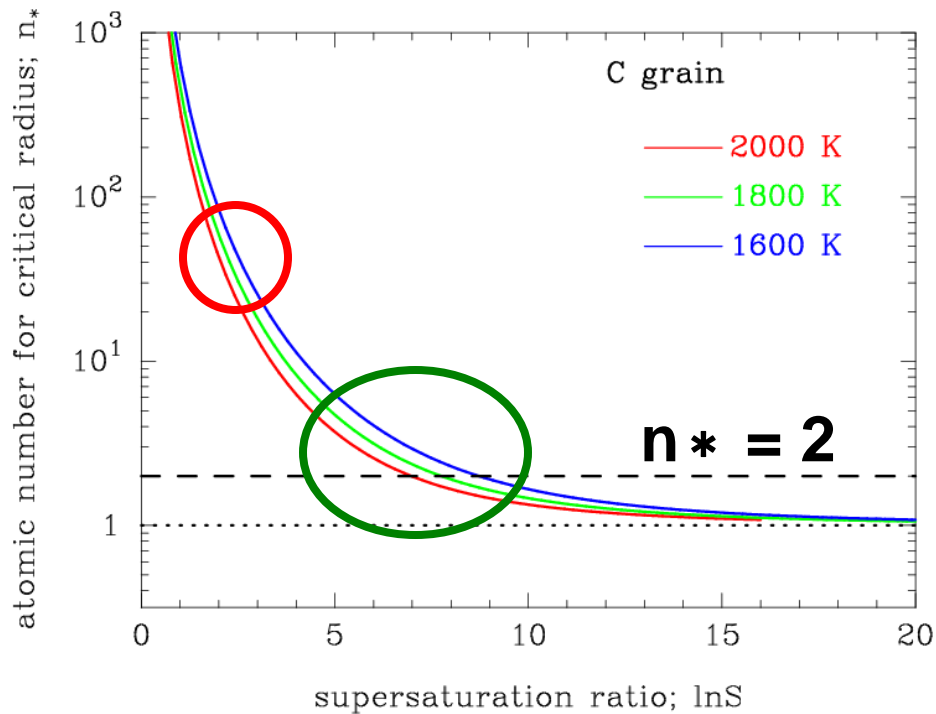
⑥ The surface energy of small clusters is assumed to be the same as that of bulk

critical radius

$$(n_* - 1)^{1/3} = \frac{2\mu}{3 \ln S}$$



3-4. Critical radius of nucleation



critical radius

$$(n^* - 1)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{2\mu}{3 \ln S}$$

⑦

$n^* = n^* - 1$
assuming $n^* \gg 1$

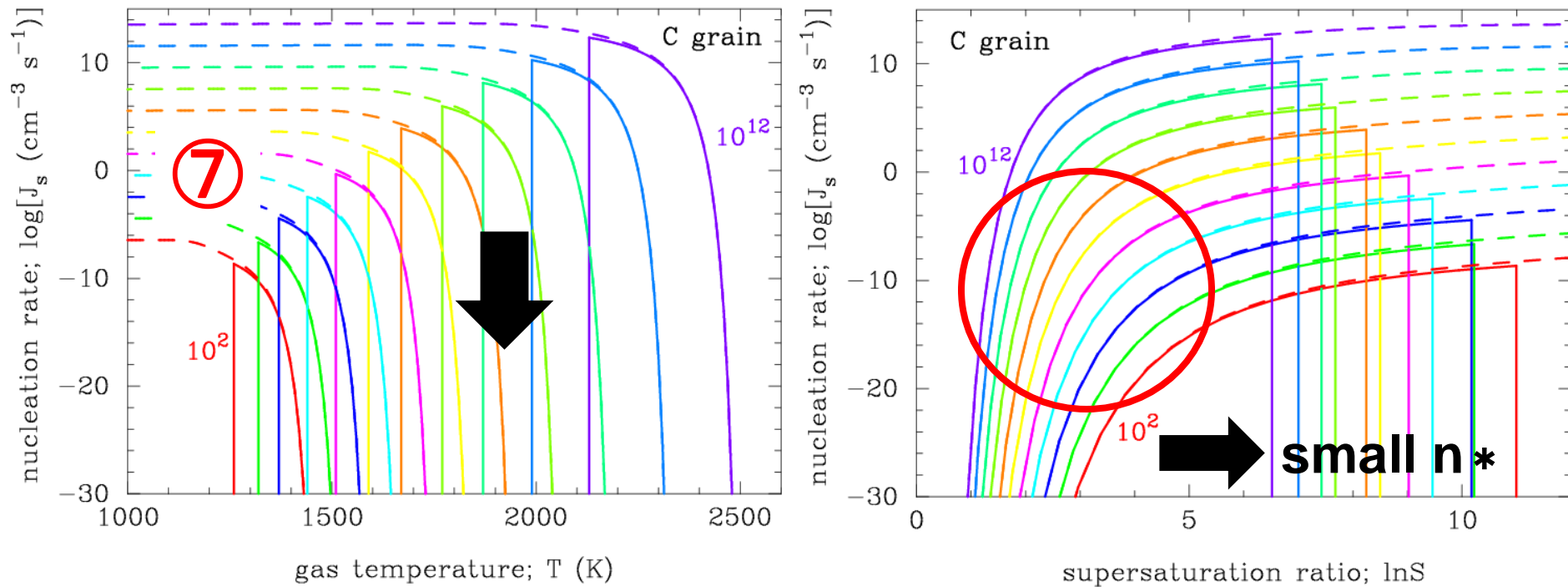
$$J_s = \left\{ \frac{1}{\alpha_1 c_1} + \sum \frac{1}{\alpha_n c_1^n} \exp[g(n)] \right\}^{-1}$$

➔

$$J_s(t) = \alpha_s \Omega \left(\frac{2\sigma}{\pi m_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Pi c_1^2(t) \exp \left[-\frac{4}{27} \frac{\mu^3}{(\ln S)^2} \right]$$

$$J_s(t) = 4\pi a_0^2 \alpha_s \left(\frac{kT}{2\pi m_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} c_1^2(t) \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{\mu}{\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left[-\frac{4}{27} \frac{\mu^3}{(\ln S)^2} \right]$$

3-5. Comparison of steady-state nucleation



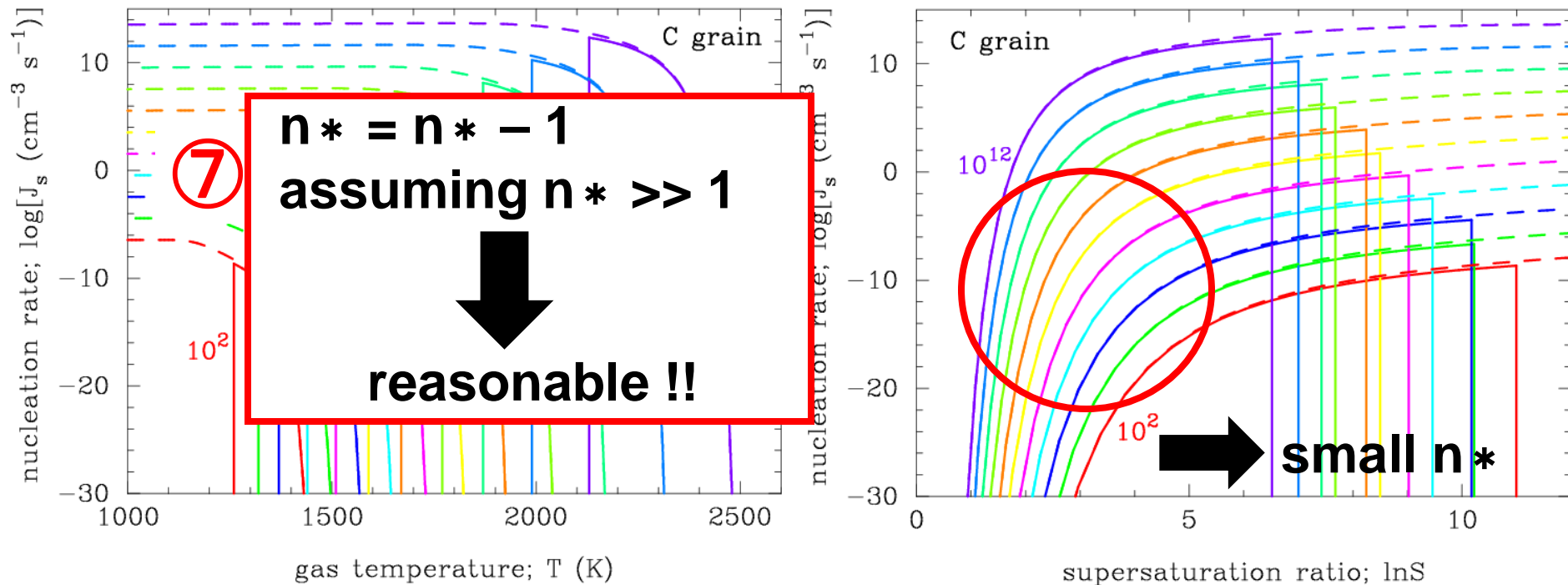
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4-1. Non-steady nucleation rate

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$$J_n = \alpha_n c_1 c_n \left[1 - (c_{e,1}/c_1)(c_{e,n}/c_n)(c_{n+1}/c_{e,n+1}) \right]$$

$$\rightarrow J_n = \alpha_n c_1 \{ c_n - c_{n+1} \exp[g'(n)] \}$$

$$g'(n) = \mu \left[(n-1)^{2/3} - (n-2)^{2/3} \right] - \ln S$$

Master equations

$$dc_n/dt = J_{n-1} - J_n \quad (2 \leq n \leq 100)$$

$$T = T_0 (t / t_0)^{-3/4} \quad (T_0 = 3000 \text{ K}, t_0 = 150 \text{ day})$$

$$c_1 = c_{10} (t / t_0)^{-3} \quad (c_{10} = 10^5 - 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-3})$$

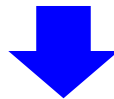
4-2. Basic equations of dust formation

Equation of conservation for atoms

$$1 - \frac{c_1(t)}{\tilde{c}_1(t)} = \int_{t_0}^t \frac{J(t')}{\tilde{c}_1(t')} \frac{4\pi}{3\Omega} r^3(t, t') dt'$$

Equation of grain growth

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial t} = \alpha_s \frac{4\pi a_0^3}{3} \left(\frac{kT}{2\pi m_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} c_1(t) = \frac{1}{3} a_0 \tau_{\text{coll}}^{-1}$$



- number density of dust grain, n_{gr}

$$\frac{n_{\text{gr}}}{\tilde{c}_1(t)} = \int_{t_0}^t \frac{J(t')}{\tilde{c}_1(t')} dt'$$

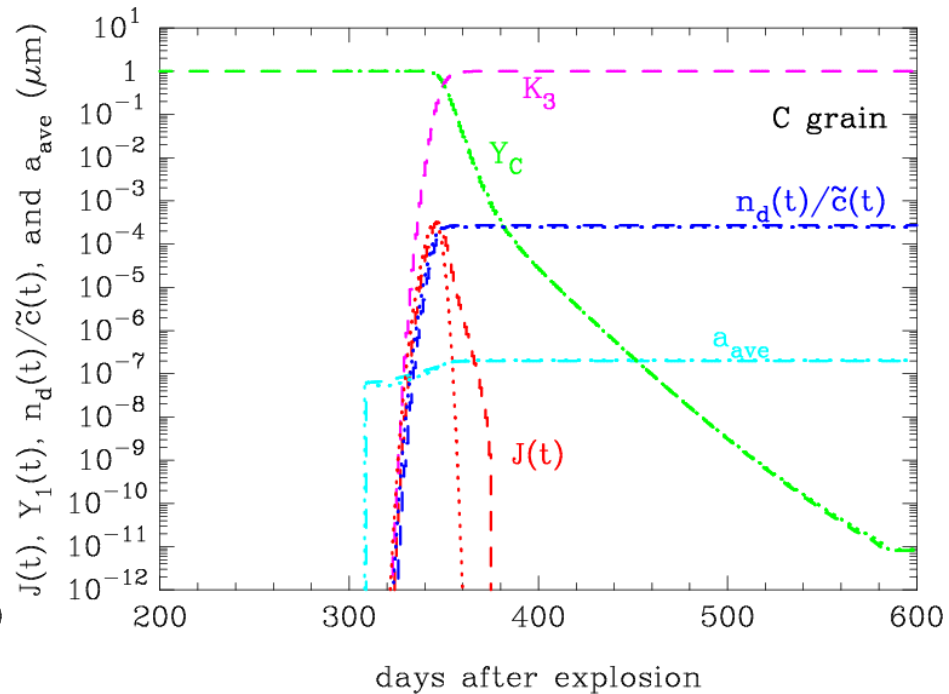
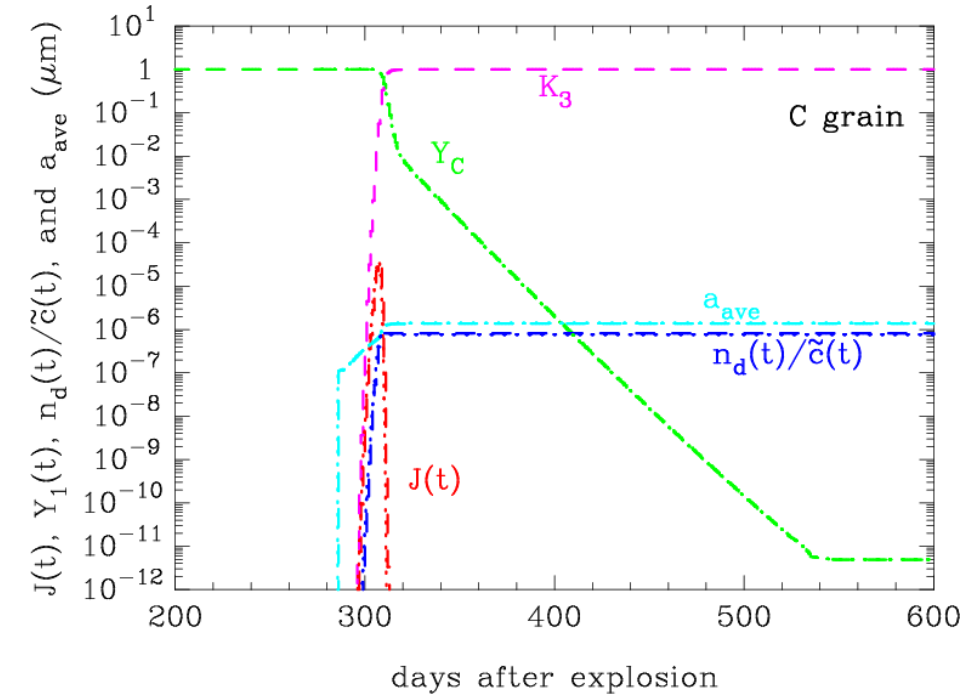
- radius of grain nucleated at t_0 and measured at t , $r(t, t_0)$

$$r(t, t_0) = r_* + \int_{t_0}^t \frac{1}{3} a_0 \tau_{\text{coll}}^{-1}(t') dt'$$

4-3. Steady vs. Non-steady (1)

$c_{10} = 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

$c_{10} = 10^7 \text{ cm}^{-3}$



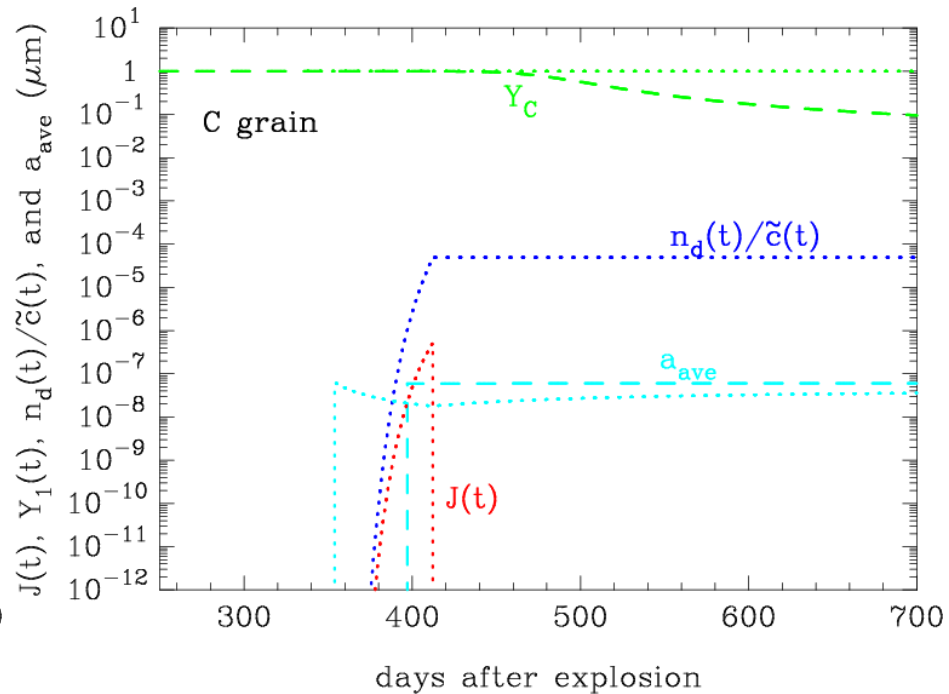
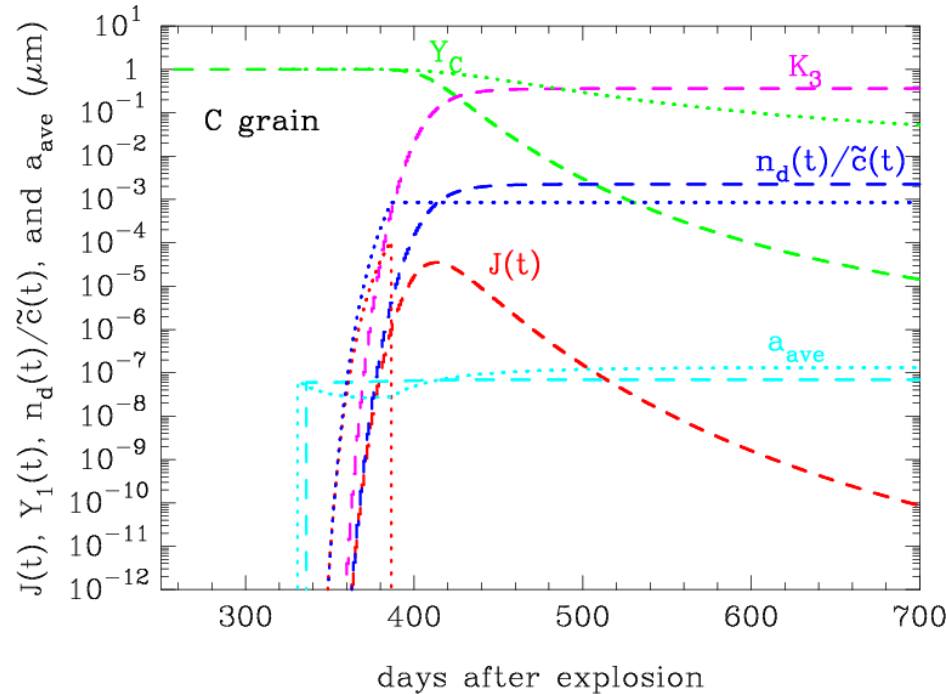
- dashed line : steady-state nucleation rate
- dotted line : non-steady-state nucleation rate

The difference between steady and non-steady nucleation is small for higher initial densities

4-4. Steady vs. Non-steady (2)

$c_{10} = 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

$c_{10} = 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$



- dotted line : steady-state nucleation rate
- dashed line : non-steady-state nucleation rate

The difference between steady and non-steady nucleation is significant for lower densities

5-1. Relaxation time

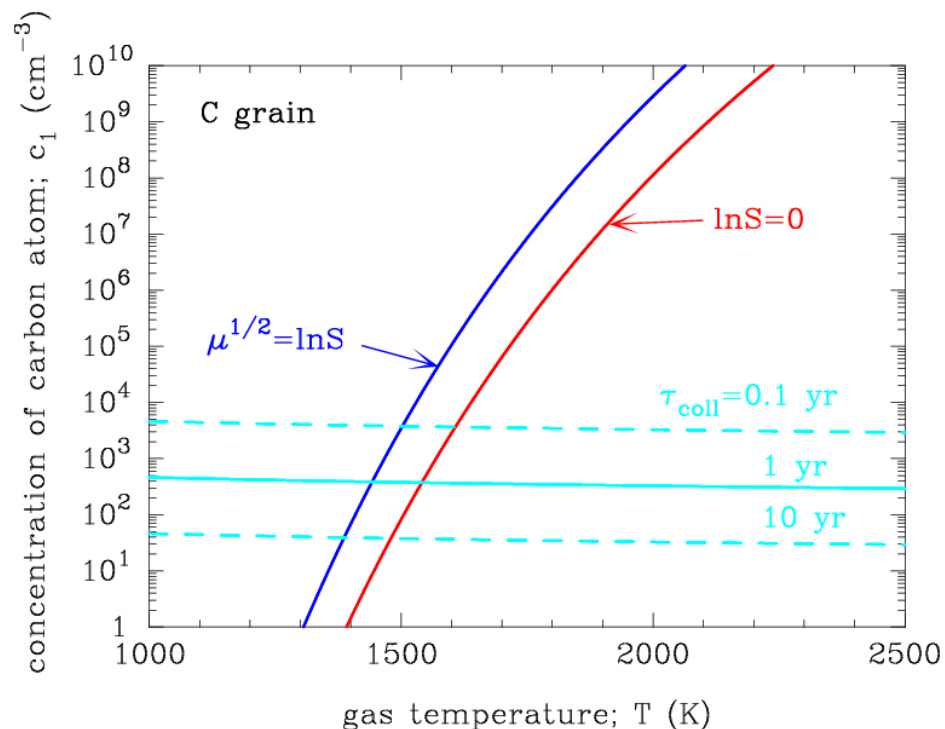
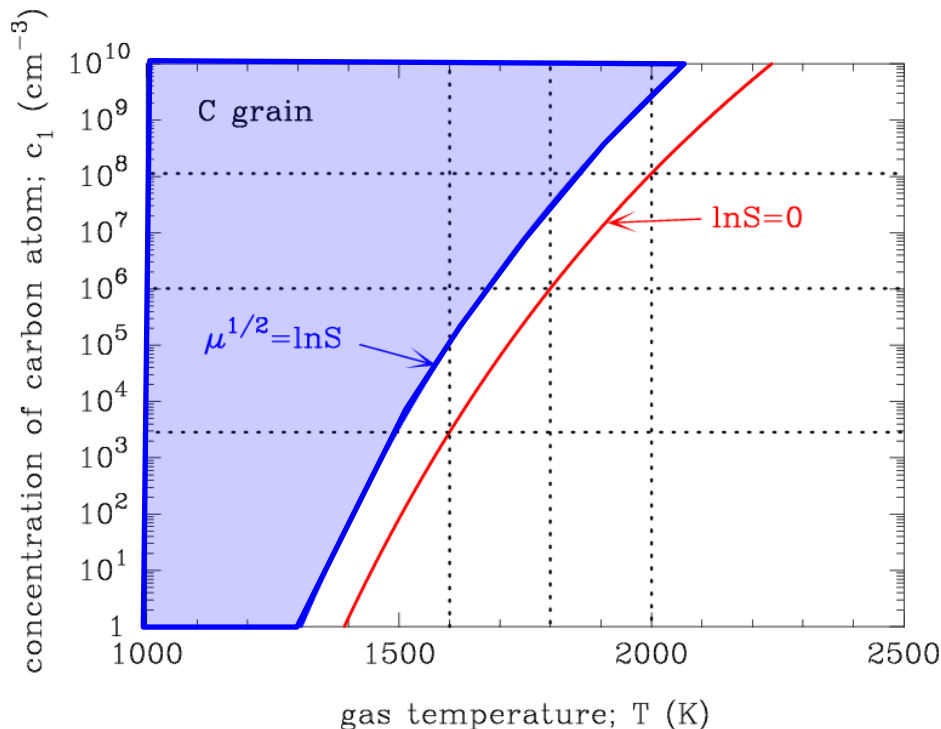
• relaxation time, T_{relax}

$$\rightarrow T_{\text{relax}} = T_{\text{coll}} \left[\frac{(\ln S)^2}{\mu} \right]$$

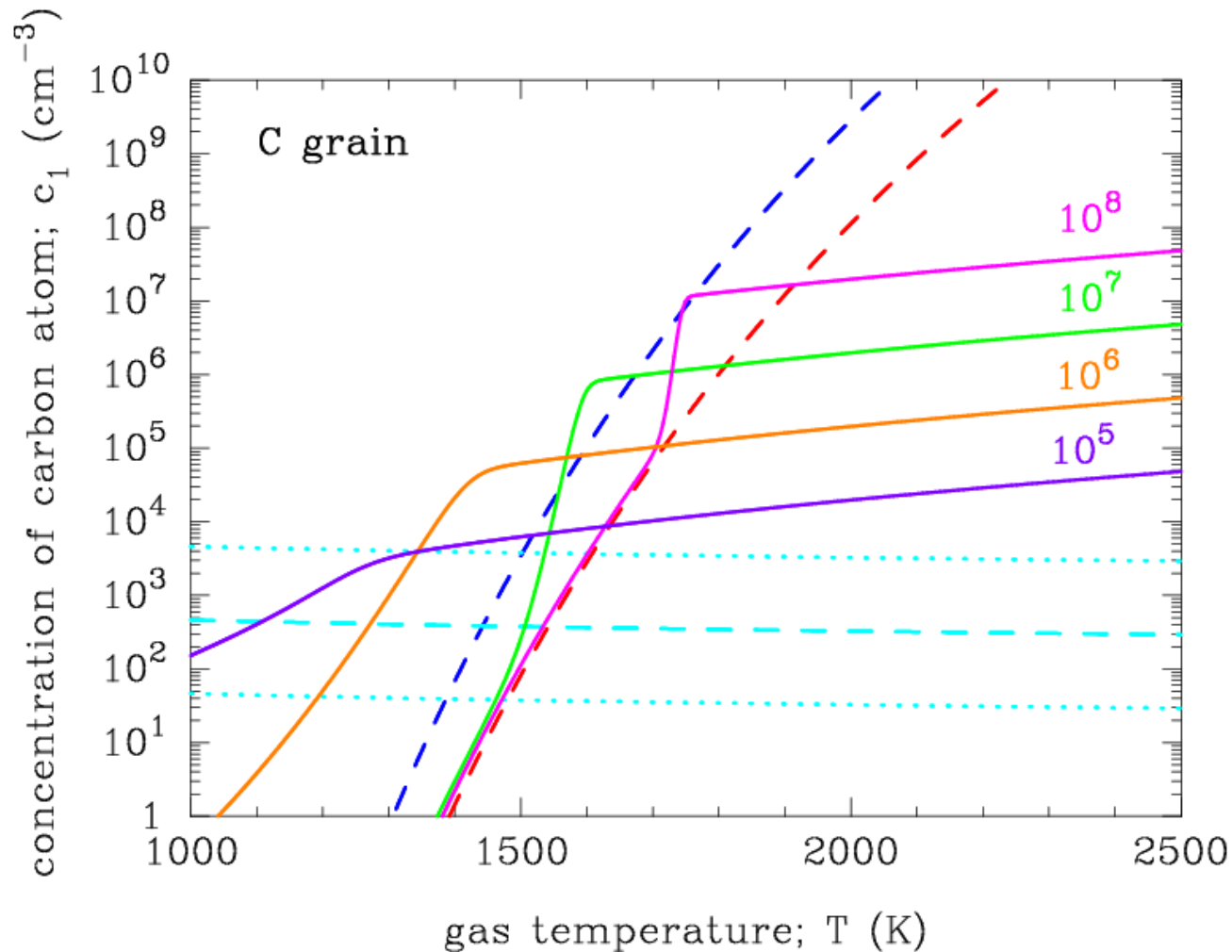
$$T_{\text{coll}} = \left[S_n 4\pi a_0^2 \langle v \rangle c_1 \right]^{-1}$$

$$T_{\text{relax}} / T_{\text{coll}} = \left[\frac{(\ln S)^2}{\mu} \right] < 1 \rightarrow \text{steady}$$

$$T_{\text{relax}} / T_{\text{coll}} = \left[\frac{(\ln S)^2}{\mu} \right] > 1 \rightarrow \text{non-steady}$$



5-2. Trajectories on T-c₁ plot for dust formation



- higher $c_1 \rightarrow$ dust condenses at lower $\ln S \rightarrow$ steady
- lower $c_1 \rightarrow$ dust condenses at higher $\ln S \rightarrow$ non-steady

6. Current problems in dust formation theory

- ① Dust temperature is assumed to be equivalent to gas temperature
- ② The coagulation between clusters is neglected
- ③ The sticking probability is assumed to be one
- ④ Small clusters are assumed to be spherical
- ⑤ $J_s = J_1 = J_2 = \dots = J_{n^*}$ for steady-state nucleation
- ⑥ The surface energy of bulk material is used as that of small clusters
- ⑦ $n^* \gg 1$ is assumed for classical nucleation rate
→ this assumption is valid