Laboratory investigations on the chemical and optical properties of interstellar ice analogs

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#### SOLID CARBONYL SULFIDE (OCS) IN DENSE MOLECULAR CLOUDS

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#### Solid OCS in icy grain mantles



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## IR spectra of solid OCS



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NASA/Ames Research Center (e.g. Hudgins et al. 1993)

Catania Laboratory (e.g. Palumbo 1997)









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#### Infrared spectra at oblique incidence



The LO-TO splitting is usually observed in strong bands (i.e. fundamental modes).

At oblique incidence a band due to the LO mode CANNOT be present in the spectra taken when you select the S component with the polarizer while it can be observed when you select the P component.





### LO-TO splitting

#### solid CO







The wave numbers of the LO and TO modes can be approximated either by the minimum and maximum of  $|\varepsilon|$  respectively (solid lines in Fig. 3), or by the maximum of the energy-loss function given by Im(1/ $\varepsilon$ ) and maximum of  $\varepsilon$ " respectively (dashed lines in Fig. 3).

### Particle size and shape effects

✓ In the laboratory we take spectra of thin films

✓ In space we observe ice grain mantles

Is it possible to compare the profile of absorption bands of thin films (bulk) to the band's profiles in astronomical spectra?

## SOMETIMES!

## Particle size and shape effects

Particle size and shape can have very important effects on the profile of absorption features. For strong transitions in small particles, this class of electromagnetic modes is referred to as "surface modes" (van de Hulst 1957; Bohren and Huffman 1983).

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#### Comparison between different sets of optical constants

Ehrenfreund et al. 1997



**Fig. 17.** The optical constants for the fundamental mode of pure CO ice, derived in different studies (see text for abbreviations): this work (thin solid line), B97 (dash), E97 (dash-dot), T96 (dash-triple dots), and T91 (dots). The thick solid line are the constants calculated from our transmission spectrum, assuming a two times larger sample thickness.



Fig. 19. The optical constants for the stretch (left) and bend (right) of pure  $CO_2$  ice, derived in different studies: this work (thin solid line), B97 (dash), T96 (dash-triple dots), and H93 (dots). The thick solid line are the constants calculated from our transmission spectrum, assuming a 2.7 times larger sample thickness.



**Fig. 18.** Absorption cross sections for the pure solid CO fundamental mode for different dust models, using the optical constants shown in Fig. 17. Models in the small particle limit were calculated for pure ice spheres, silicate spheres with an ice mantle of equal volume, a continuous distribution of ellipsoids (CDE) and an MRN size distribution with 0.01  $\mu$ m thick ice mantles and silicate cores. The cross sections have been scaled by the number given in the right-lower corner of each panel.

#### Solid CO

Different band's profiles result from different sets of optical constants

Ehrenfreund et al. 1997



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If the profile does not depend on the position of the polarizer (P or S) then laboratory spectra of thin films can safely be compared directly to astronomical observations

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# **Icy grain mantles**



 Freeze out of gas phase species (CO)

 Grain surface reactions (H<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>3</sub>OH, CH<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>S)

 Energetic processing of icy mantles (CO<sub>2</sub>, OCS)

### S-bearing species in icy grain mantles

Source	Abundances			
	$N(OCS)/N(H_2O)$	$N(SO_2)/N(H_2O)$	N(OCS)/N(H) <sup>a</sup>	$N(SO_2)/N(H)^a$
Mon R2 IRS 2	$5.5 \times 10^{-4b}$		$3.2 \times 10^{-8b}$	
AFGL 989	$1.0 \times 10^{-3b}$		$2.3 \times 10^{-8b}$	
W33A	$4.0 \times 10^{-4b}$	$(3.1 \pm 1.6) \times 10^{-3c}$	$7.0  imes 10^{-8b}$	$(6.2 \pm 3.2) \times 10^{-7c}$
NGC 7538 IRS 1	$< 5.0 \times 10^{-4d}$	$(8.0 \pm 2.0) \times 10^{-3c}$	$<7.6 \times 10^{-9d}$	$(1.2 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-7c}$
NGC 7538 IRS 9	$5.0 \times 10^{-4e}$	$< 5.0 \times 10^{-3c}$	$3.4 \times 10^{-8e}$	$<3.4 \times 10^{-7c}$



S-bearing species towards highmass YSOs (Palumbo et al. 1995, 1997; Boogert et al. 1997; Gibb et al. 2004)

H<sub>2</sub>S upper limits (Smith 1991)

SO<sub>2</sub> upper limits towards lowmass YSOs (Oberg et al. 2008)

# **Open questions**

Theoretical gas-phase chemistry models require very low elemental S abundances in order to explain the observations of S-bearing molecules in molecular clouds.

• abundance of S in the diffuse ISM about 10<sup>-6</sup>-10<sup>-5</sup> w.r.t. H (van Steenbergen & Shull 1988; Sofia et al. 1994; Lodders 2003)

• abundance of S in gas-grain models of dense molecular clouds, 10<sup>-9</sup>-10<sup>-8</sup> w.r.t. H (e.g. Doty et al. 2002; Garrod et al. 2007; Aikawa et al. 2008)

> Models predict large quantities of  $H_2S$  on grains after hydrogenation of S atoms.

✓ Why is H<sub>2</sub>S not detected?
 ✓ Where is the missing sulfur?
 ✓ What is the origin of OCS and SO<sub>2</sub>?



### CO:H<sub>2</sub>S=10:1 +200 keV H<sup>+</sup>

Ferrante et al. 2008, ApJ 684, 1210 Garozzo et al. 2010, A&A 509, A67



### **Comparison with observations**



Ferrante et al. 2008, ApJ 684, 1210 Garozzo et al. 2010, A&A 509, A67 Evidence of temperature gradient along the line of sight

### CS<sub>2</sub> in icy grain mantles? main band at 1515 cm<sup>-1</sup> (6.60 μm)



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#### **IceAge: Chemical evolution of ices during star formation**

- ✓ Prestellar core
- ✓ Class 0 protostar
- ✓ Class I protostar
- ✓ Protoplanetary disk

- NIRSpec and MIRI
- ≻ R = 1500 3000
- ≻ S/N = 100 300

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### H<sub>2</sub>S and CO destruction





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