

# Dust Evolution across the Horsehead Nebula (T. Schirmer et al.)

## Abstract

**Context.** Micro-physical processes on interstellar dust surfaces are tightly connected to dust properties (i.e. dust composition, size and shape) and play a key role in numerous phenomena in the interstellar medium (ISM). The large disparity in physical conditions (i.e. density, gas temperature) in the ISM triggers an evolution of dust properties. The analysis of how dust evolves with the physical conditions is a stepping-stone towards a more thorough understanding of interstellar dust.

**Aims.** The aim of this paper is to highlight dust evolution in the Horsehead Nebula PDR region.

**Methods.** We use *Spitzer*/IRAC (3.6, 4.5, 5.8 and 8  $\mu\text{m}$ ), *Spitzer*/MIPS (24  $\mu\text{m}$ ) together with *Herschel*/PACS (70 and 160  $\mu\text{m}$ ) and *Herschel*/SPIRE (250, 350 and 500  $\mu\text{m}$ ) to map the spatial distribution of dust in the Horsehead over the entire emission spectral range. We model dust emission and scattering using the THEMIS interstellar dust model together with the 3D radiative transfer code SOC.

**Results.** We find that the nano-grains dust-to-gas ratio in the irradiated outer part of the Horsehead is 6 to 10 times lower than in the diffuse ISM. Their minimum size is 2 to 2.25 times larger than in the diffuse ISM and the power-law exponent of their size distribution, 1.1 to 1.4 times lower than in the diffuse ISM. Regarding the denser part of the Horsehead, it is necessary to use evolved grains (i.e. aggregates, with or without an ice mantle).

**Conclusions.** It is not possible to explain the observations using grains from the diffuse medium. We therefore propose the following scenario to explain our results. In the outer part of the Horsehead, all the nano-grains have not yet had time to re-form completely through photo-fragmentation of aggregates and the smallest of the nano-grains that are sensitive to the radiation field are photo-destroyed. In the inner part of the Horsehead, grains most likely consist of multi-compositional, mantled aggregates.

**Key words.** ISM: individual objects: Horsehead Nebula – ISM: photon-dominated regions (PDR) – dust, extinction – evolution

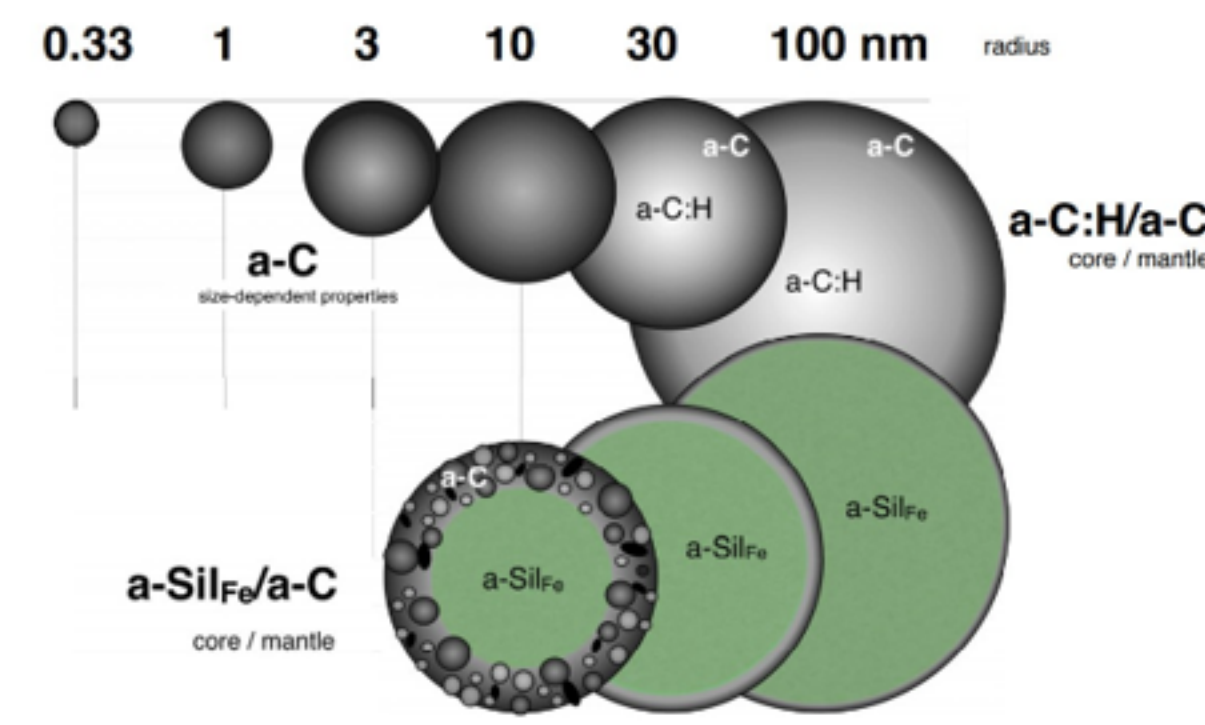


Fig. 1. Model dust populations, as seen in cross-section. In the upper part the a-C/H/a-C grains are shown, where black represents aromatic-rich material and white aliphatic-rich material. In the lower part amorphous silicate grains (green) are shown with a 5 nm thick coagulated/accreted a-C mantle. The particle radii are indicated on a logarithmic scale.

THEMIS モデルの概念図 (A. Jones+, 2013) (N. Ysard+, 2016)

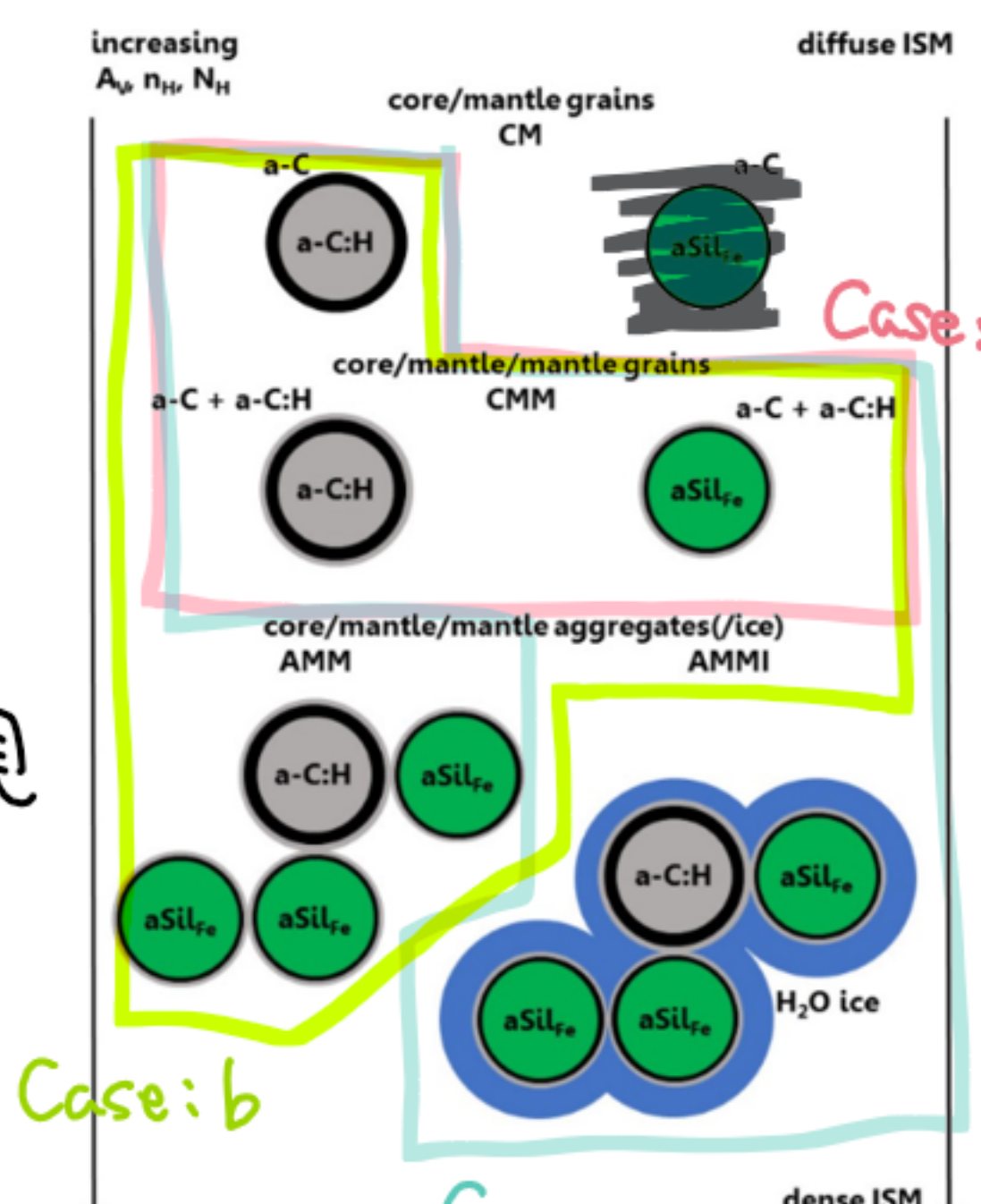


Fig. 1. Schematic view of the dust composition and stratification from the diffuse ISM to dense molecular clouds. The gas density increases from the top to the bottom of the figure.

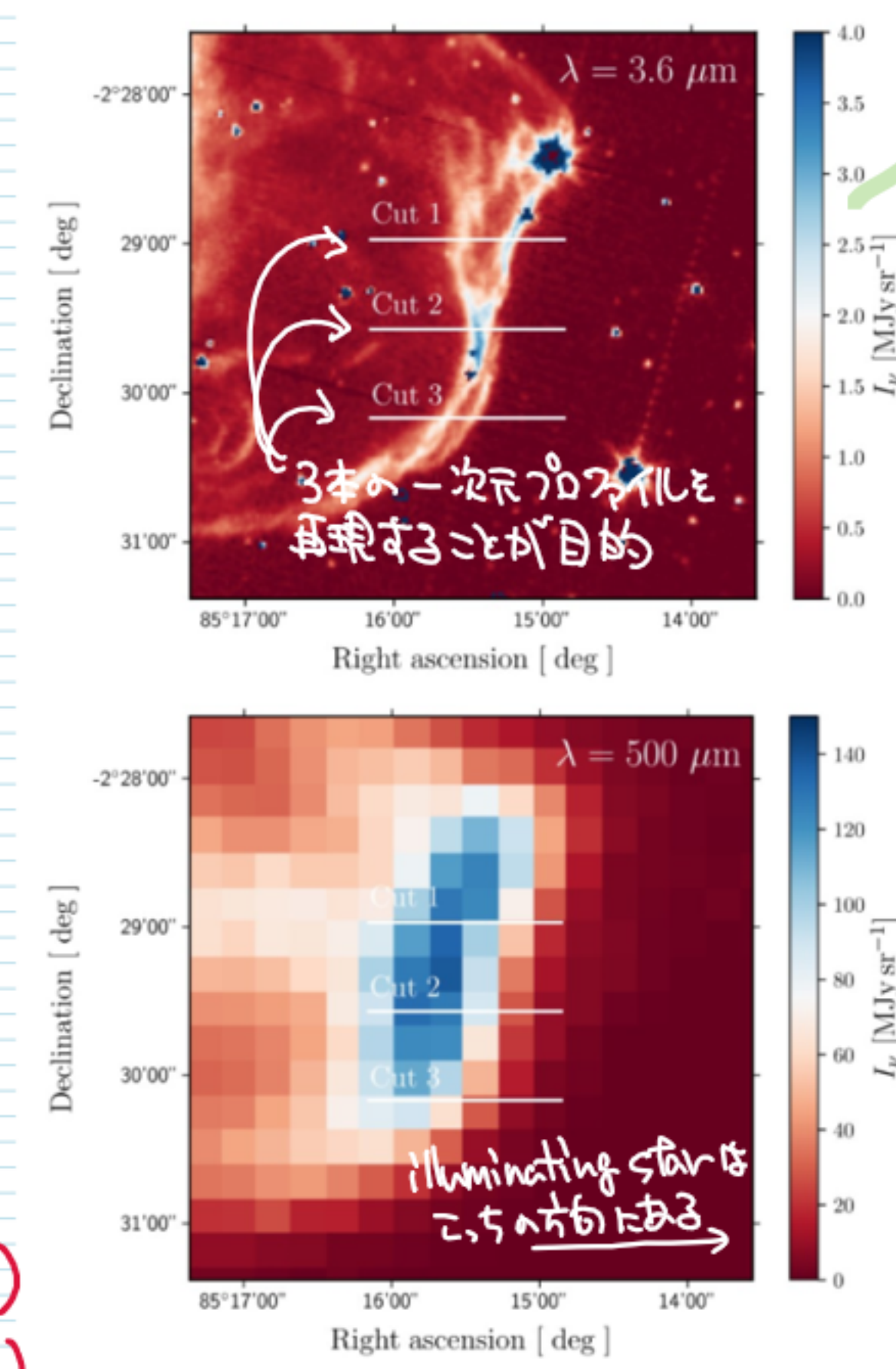


Fig. 1: Top: the Horsehead seen with IRAC at 3.6  $\mu\text{m}$ . The three white solid lines correspond to the three cuts we use in our study. Bottom: the Horsehead seen with SPIRE at 500  $\mu\text{m}$ .

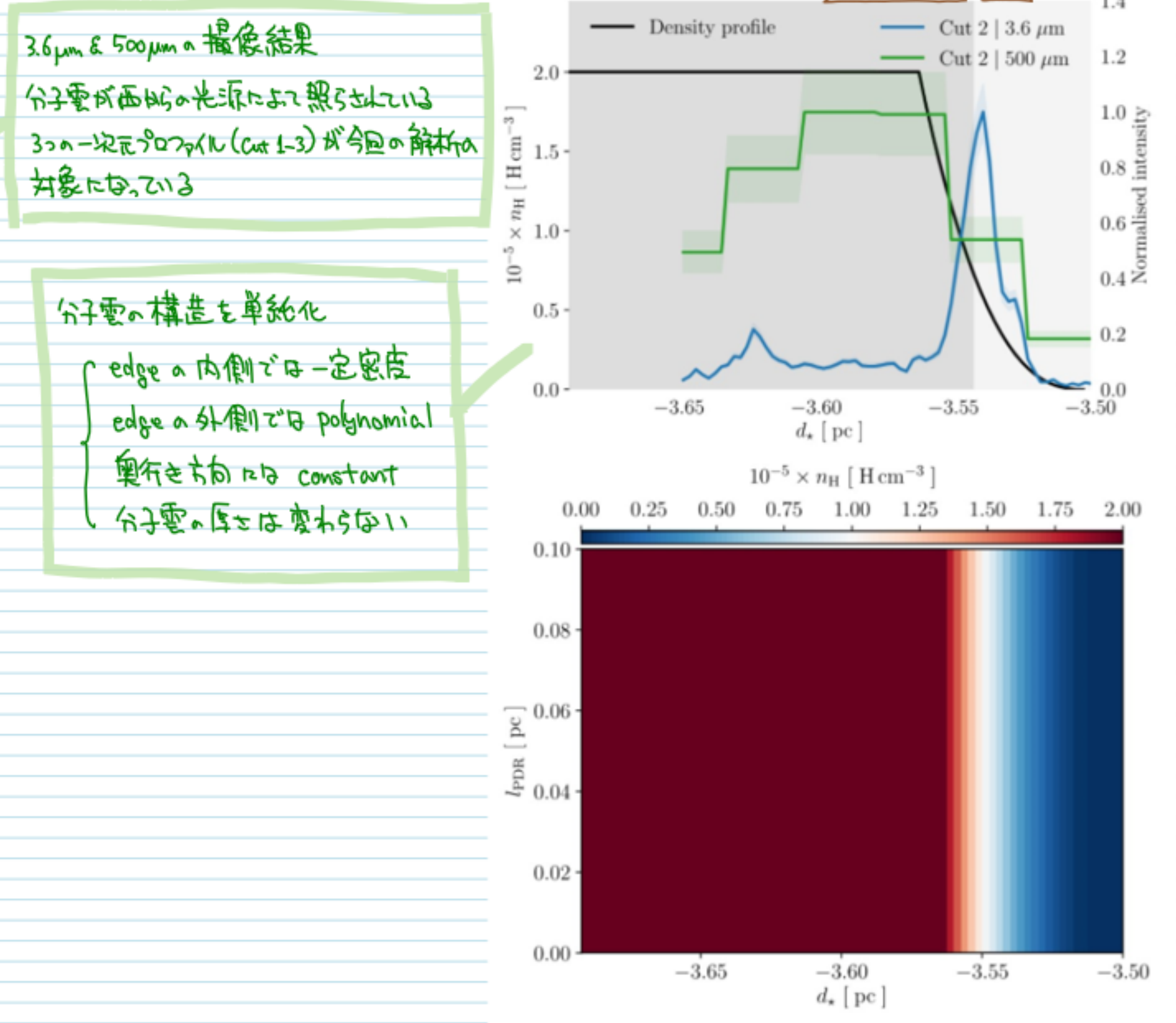


Fig. 2: Top: assumed density profile across the Horsehead (black line, see Sect. 2.3). Normalised observed dust emission (blue line) in IRAC<sub>3.6</sub> (see Fig. 1). Normalised dust emission (green line) in SPIRE<sub>500</sub>. The grey part corresponds to the inner part of the Horsehead, defined in Sect. 4.4. Bottom: density profile in the 2D-space defined by the distance to the star,  $d_*$ , and the length of the Horsehead along the line of sight,  $l_{\text{PDR}}$ .

## Background

星間空間に存在するダストの概念的なモデル

1. (power-law) silicate & graphite + PAH
2. コア-マントル構造を持ったダスト
3. アグリゲイト構造を持ったダスト

MRN ダスト (Draine & Lee 1984 to 2000)  
著者らはこのタイプのダストモデルを研究している中心的なモデル

## Overview

Horsehead Nebula の 赤外線強度プロファイルに PDR code で再現  
3.6-500  $\mu\text{m}$  (Spitzer/IRAC & MIPS, Herschel/PACS & SPIRE)

PDR code に入れるダストとして 3つの Cases を比較した

- Case: a シンプルな コア-マントル モデル
- Case: b 高密度環境でダストアグリゲイトが形成
- Case: c 高密度環境で氷をまとったダストアグリゲイトが形成

## Result

ISM のダストに比べて a-C の量が少なく、最小ダストサイズが大きい、サイズ分布が steep  
遠赤外線のプロファイルは Case c により最も良く再現された  
分子雲内で icy ダストアグリゲイトの形成

## Discussion

- 2つの dust photo-processing mechanisms が重要を示唆
- (i) ダストアグリゲイトの部分的な破壊 → ダストサイズの再分配
  - (ii) 小さな a-C ダストの破壊 (蒸発)

タイムスケールの観点でも大きな矛盾はない

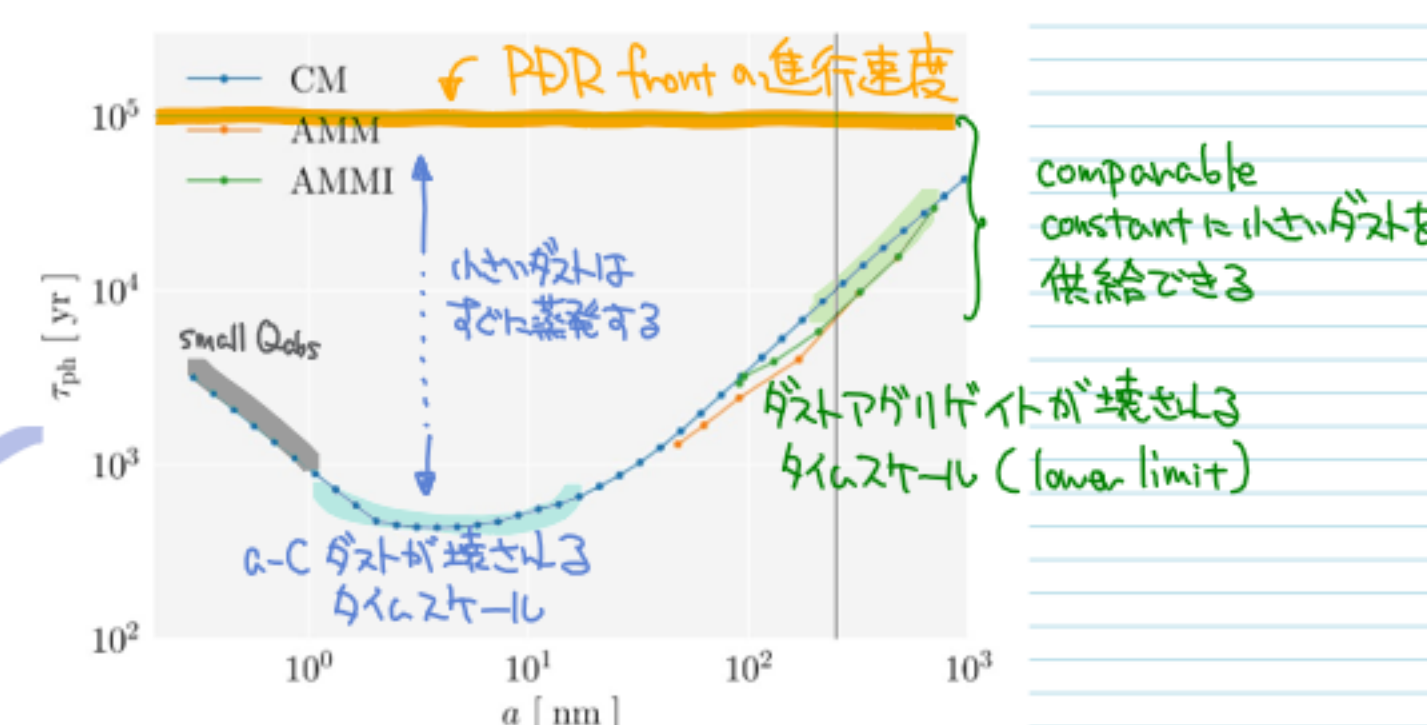


Fig. 12: Photo-fragmentation time-scale at the Horsehead edge as a function of the grain radius,  $a$ . Blue line refers to CM grains, orange line to AMM and green line to AMMI. The horizontal black line corresponds to the advection time-scale  $\tau_a \sim 10^5$  years in the outer part of the Horsehead. The vertical black line corresponds to the limit at 250 nm beyond which more than 50 % of the AMM(I) dust mass is contained (Ysard et al., 2016).

4.5  $\mu\text{m}$ , 70  $\mu\text{m}$  などの Cases も fit せず  
使っているダストの光学特性のせい?

Name	size	$\alpha$	$a_{\text{min}}$ [nm]	$a_{\text{max}}$ [nm]	$a_c$ [nm]	$a_l$ [nm]	$a_0$ [nm]
Core Mantle grains (CM)							
a-C	p-law	5	0.4	4900	10	50	-
a-C/H/a-C	log-n	-	0.5	4900	-	-	7
a-Sil/a-C	log-n	-	1	4900	-	-	8
Aggregated Mantle grains (AMM)							
AMM	log-n	-	47.9	700	-	-	479
Aggregated Mantle Ice grains (AMMI)							
AMMI	log-n	-	91.2	700	-	-	610

どの Case でも 2.5 以下に説明できる結果を得た  
Cut 1-3 のプロファイルにおいても Case c の アイスアグリゲイトが最も良い fit 結果

	Case a			Case b			Case c		
	cut 1	cut 2	cut 3	cut 1	cut 2	cut 3	cut 1	cut 2	cut 3
$10^2 \times M_{a-c}/M_H$	0.009	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.017	0.013	0.013	0.021	0.017
$a_{\text{min}, a-c}$ [nm]	0.825	0.825	0.925	0.825	0.8	0.925	0.825	0.8	0.9
$\alpha$	-7.0	-6.0	-7.5	-6.5	-5.5	-7.5	-6.5	-5.5	-6.5
$l_{\text{PDR}}$ [pc]	0.283	0.297	0.273	0.290	0.267	0.282	0.275	0.254	0.265
$\chi^2_{\text{min}}$	49.6	45.1	36.0	51.0	33.9	36.9	41.3	30.5	30.7

Table 1: Best set of parameters ( $M_{a-c}/M_H$ ,  $a_{\text{min}, a-c}$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $l_{\text{PDR}}$ ) and the  $\chi^2_{\text{min}}$  associated with all cuts and cases.

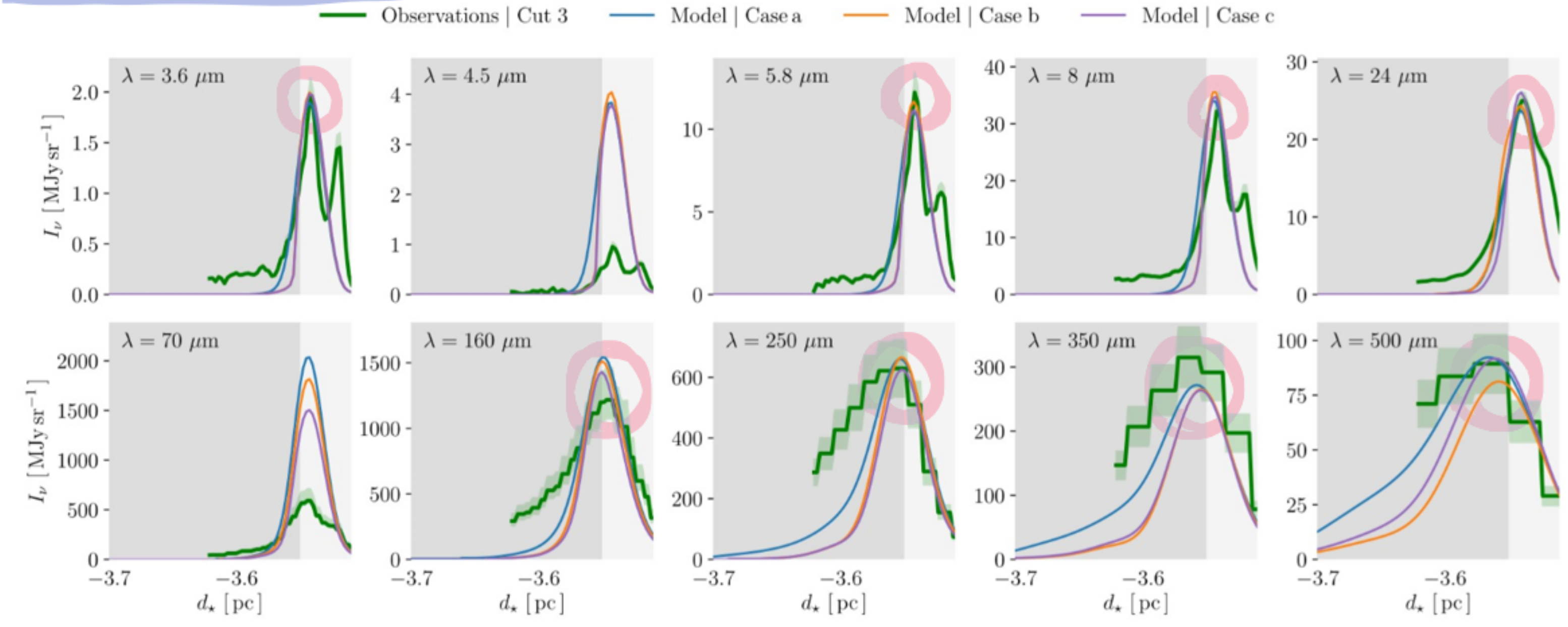


Fig. 10: Top: Comparison between observed emission profiles for cut 1 (green line) with modeled emission profiles obtained with the best set of parameters (see Tab. I) for case a (blue line), case b (orange line), case c (purple line). Middle: same for cut 2. Bottom: same for cut 3. The grey parts correspond to the inner Horsehead where AMM and AMMI are used in case b and case c, respectively.

THEMIS モデルを用いることで Horsehead nebula におけるダストの進化を議論することができた

分子雲内でのアイス+ダストアグリゲイトの形成  
photo-processing による small a-C の破壊 / ダストアグリゲイトからの small dust 供給