

# The submm properties of dust in the detached shells around carbon AGB stars

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timescales mass-loss rates dust properties

IMF

reverse shock dust yields dust properties

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#### **Dust production in the LMC**



----- AGB stars only Data points show observed dust masses (Schneider et al. 2014, MNRAS)

#### Dust production in high-z galaxies

- In 3 out of 6 z>4 galaxies, AGB stars can explain observed dust mass
- Requires a dust production of approx. 0.03-0.07 M $_{\odot}$  per star (2.5 M $_{\odot}$  < M < 8 M $_{\odot}$ )
- At the upper limit of what is estimated for AGB stars today
- Depends on mass-loss mechanism and evolution, and dust properties

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(Michalowski et al. 2010, ApJ)

## Dust in AGB stars



## Detached shells and thermal pulses

#### Geometrically thin shells of dust and gas around carbon AGB stars

- Created during recent thermal pulses
- Observed around 7 carbon AGB stars
- Polarised, dust-scattered stellar light images reveal spatially well constrained shells

Spatial constraints fix the distance to the central stars

#### Grain temperature depends on grain properties!



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Brunner et al. 2018, A&A

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#### Radiative transfer models to constrain the dust properties in the detached shell

- Best-fit model gives  $M_{sh}$ =3.1x10^-5 +/- 0.5  $M_{\odot},$  solid, spherical grains with radius 0.1  $\mu m$
- Strongest effect on total estimated mass through assumed hollow vs. solid and fluffiness
- No straight-forward explanation of the submm excess
  - SED shape in submm can not be reproduced
- Spatial constraints from the LABOCA observations show that excess originates in the shell
- Cold component explanation requires blackbody of 5 K!





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## SED models of shells around U Ant, V644 Sco, DR Ser

- Spatially constrained LABOCA observations
- As for R Scl, SED at FIR and submm wavelengths not affected much by opacities, geometry, composition
- Fixed distance from the star grain temperature most strongly affected by grain size
- FIR points missing for DR Ser and V644 Sco
- Indication of large grains in all sources
- Submm excess in all sources

Maercker et al. 2018, in prep.



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- Observations will probe shape of submm excess at 850µm, 1300µm, and 3000µm

# Submm excess from dust grains

Dehaes et al. 2007

- Dust models of 32 AGB stars (M+C-type)
- Submm excess in 5 sources
- FIR + submm region not well sampled
- possible PAH emission?
- Spatial constraints in submm essential!



Gordon et al. 2014

- Herschel observations of the LMC and SMC
- 5 bands from 100 to 500 µm
  - Single-T BB with modified power-law emissivity
  - BB with broken power-law emissivity
  - Two-T BB with same power-law emissivity
- Best-fit given by BB with broken power-law emissivity
  - unknown dust properties in the submm
  - Not "simply" population of cold dust grains



## Conclusions

- Improved dust models of detached-shell sources R Scl, U Ant, V644 Sco, and DR Ser
- Uncertainty in dust mass one order of magnitude lower than previous estimates
- Indication of larger grains in detached shells than generally assumed in AGB stars
- Unexplained submm excess indicates unknown dust properties

Spatially resolved observations in FIR and submm essential to constrain dust properties!

- similar excess observed around "normal" AGB stars, and in the LMC and SMC
- unknown origin of the submm excess
- simple cold component does not seem to explain the observations
- unknown dust properties and/or PAH emission?

Need to know dust properties to understand

origin and evolution of dust in galaxies!