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# Formation of cosmic crystals by eccentric planetesimals

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## COSMIC CRYSTALS



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## Introduction: Morphodrom (snowflake)



Snowfrake changes its shape depending on temperature (undercooling) and supersaturation (density of water vapor) (Nakaya diagram)

![](_page_2_Picture_3.jpeg)

From Prof. Furukawa, Hokkaido Univ. http://www.lowtem.hokudai.ac.jp/ptdice/

Morphologies of crystals reflect their formation condition

> relationship morphologies v.s. formation condition ↓ "morphodrom"

#### Introduction: Evaporation + condensation experiments

![](_page_3_Figure_1.jpeg)

## Introduction: Morphodrom (forsterite)

![](_page_4_Figure_1.jpeg)

### Introduction: Condensation in non-equilibrium

![](_page_5_Figure_1.jpeg)

## Introduction: Candidate of cosmic crystal formation

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## I. Dust evaporation

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## I. Dust evaporation Shock-wave heating

![](_page_8_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### How strong is the gas frictional heating?

![](_page_8_Figure_3.jpeg)

## I. Dust evaporation **Dust in hot gas**

![](_page_9_Figure_1.jpeg)

input parameters:

planetesimal radius	$R_{\rm p}=100~{\rm km}$
gas number density (pre-shock)	$n_0 = 10^{15} { m ~cm^{-3}}$
shock velocity	$v_{\rm s}=8~{\rm km~s^{-1}}$
gas/dust mass ratio	$\xi=0.01$
dust radius	$a_{ m d}=1~\mu{ m m}$

post-shock gas (far from shock front):

- temp. ~ 1700 K
- density ~  $4 \times 10^{-8}$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>
- no relative velocity to dust

dust temperature > 1500 K

• evaporate significantly (90% in mass evaporates away, in this case)

## I. Dust evaporation **Evaporation**

![](_page_10_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### input parameters:

planetesimal radius	$R_{\rm p}=1-1000~\rm km$
gas number density (pre-shock)	$n_0 = 10^{13} - 10^{15} \ {\rm cm}^{-3}$
shock velocity	$v_{\rm s} = 5-60~{\rm km~s^{-1}}$
gas/dust mass ratio	$\eta=0.01-0.1$
dust radius	$a_{ m d}=1~\mu{ m m}$

"significant vapor generation by planetesimal bow shock"

## 2. Rapid cooling of silicate vapor

![](_page_11_Figure_1.jpeg)

## 2. Rapid cooling of silicate vapor Expansion of shocked gas

![](_page_12_Figure_1.jpeg)

### 2. Rapid cooling of silicate vapor One-zone model

![](_page_13_Figure_1.jpeg)

Eq. of motion for vertical direction:

$$\frac{dv_r}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho}\frac{\partial p}{\partial r},$$

One-zone approximation:

$$v_r \sim \frac{dR}{dt}, \quad \frac{\partial p}{\partial r} \sim -\frac{p}{R},$$

Eq. of expansion:

$$\frac{d^2\tilde{R}}{d\tilde{t}^2} = \frac{1}{2}\tilde{R}^{-2\gamma+1},$$

with normalization as

- radius:  ${ ilde R}=R/R_{
  m p}$

• velocity: 
$$ilde{v}_r = v_r/c_{
m c0}$$

solution:

• expansion velocity

$$\tilde{v}_r = \frac{d\tilde{R}}{d\tilde{t}} = \left[\frac{1 - \tilde{R}^{-2(\gamma-1)}}{\gamma(\gamma-1)}\right]^{1/2}$$

• radius of shocked gas

$$\frac{\tilde{t}}{\sqrt{\gamma(\gamma-1)}} = \int_1^{\tilde{R}} \frac{dy}{\sqrt{1-y^{-2(\gamma-1)}}}$$

### 2. Rapid cooling of silicate vapor Analytic solution

![](_page_14_Figure_1.jpeg)

cooling rate of silicate vapor:

$$\begin{split} -\left(\frac{dT}{dt}\right) &\simeq (0.25 - 0.35) \times T_0/t_{\rm s0} \\ &\simeq 2000 \left(\frac{R_{\rm p}}{1~{\rm km}}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{T_0}{2000~{\rm K}}\right) \\ &\times \left(\frac{c_{\rm s0}}{3.7~{\rm km~s^{-1}}}\right)~{\rm K~s^{-1}} \end{split}$$

small planetesimal → rapid cooling
large planetesimal → slower cooling

#### "rapid cooling of silicate vapor"

## **3.** Condensation of cosmic crystals

![](_page_15_Figure_1.jpeg)

## 3. Condensation of cosmic crystals Homogeneous nucleation

![](_page_16_Figure_1.jpeg)

Dillmann and Meier 1991, J. Chem. Phys. 94, 3872

"delay of nucleation by surface free energy"

## 3. Condensation of cosmic crystals Cooling parameter $\Lambda$

nucleation and growth in monotonically cooling gas (Yamamoto and Hasegawa 1977, Prog. Theo. Phys. 58, 816)

![](_page_17_Figure_2.jpeg)

Only two non-dimensional parameters determine

- (actual) condensation temperature,
- size distribution of condensed grains.

#### **Cooling timescale:**

 $\Lambda = \tau_{\rm sat} / \tau_{\rm coll}$ 

collision interval of vapor molecules

#### Surface energy of a vapor molecule:

monomer radius  $=rac{4\pi a_0^2 \gamma_{
m s}}{k_{
m B}T_{
m e}}$ 

## 3. Condensation of cosmic crystals Diagram of condensed particles

![](_page_18_Figure_1.jpeg)

## **3.** Condensation of cosmic crystals

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## Conclusions

- Dust evaporation and condensation experiments showed that cosmic crystals with various morphologies were formed from highly-supercooled (supersaturated) silicate vapor. The morphology depends on temperature and supercooling (morphodrom).
- Planetesimal bow shock is one of the candidates for the cosmic crystal formation. It evaporates um-sized fine silicate particles behind the shock front. The silicate vapor cools rapidly due to the adiabatic expansion.
- Depending on the shock conditions (planetesimal radius, shock velocity, gas number density, and dust-to-gas mass ratio), variety of cosmic crystals in sizes (nm-size to um-size) and morphology (bulky, platy, whisker, and so forth) was produced.