

# Modeling the Evolution of PAH abundance in galaxies

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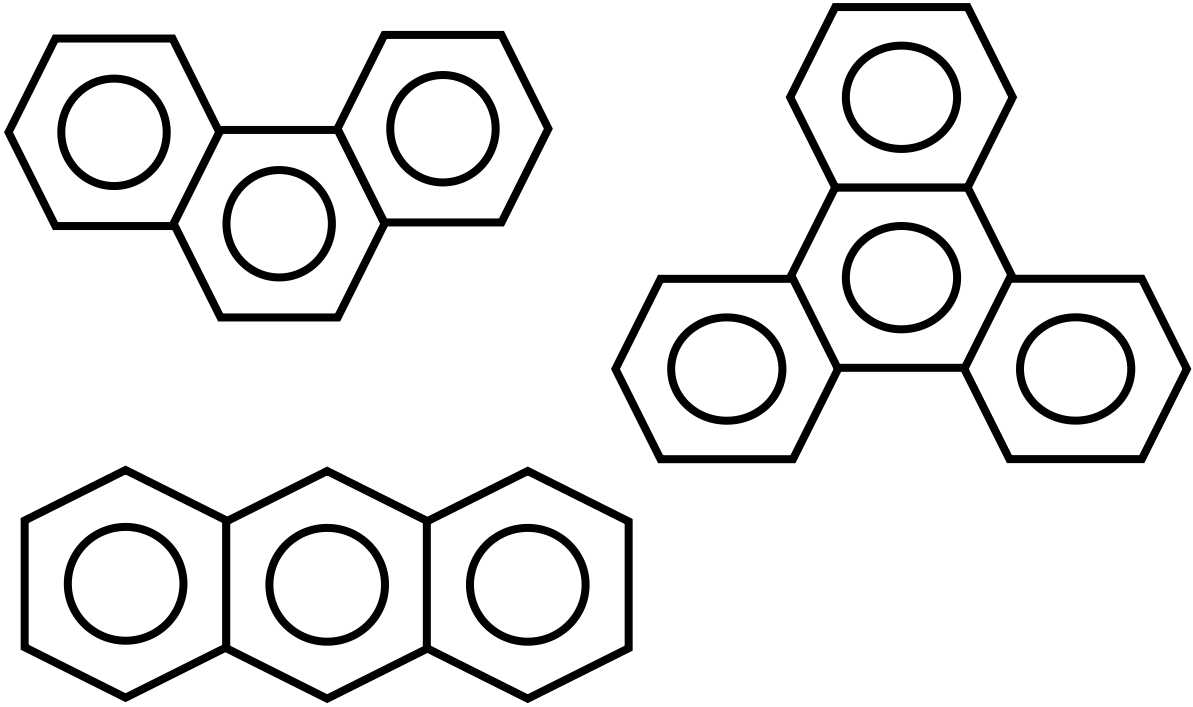
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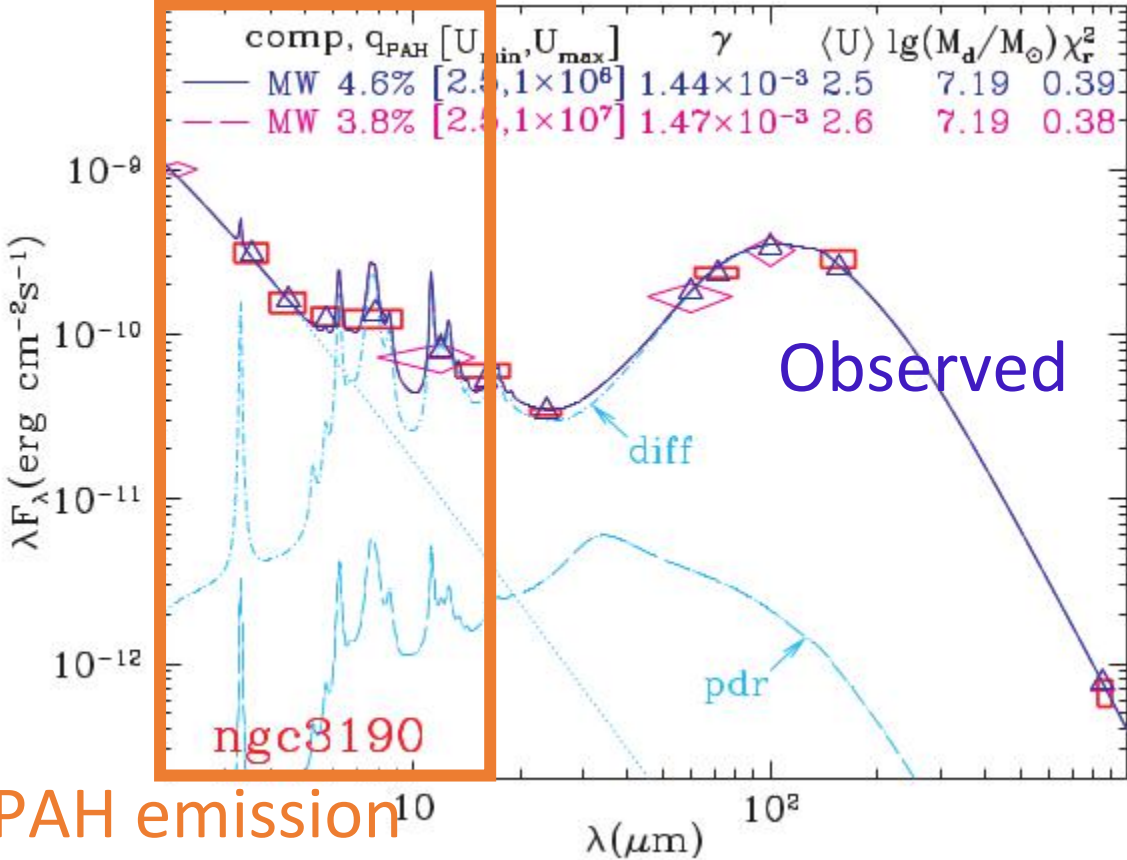
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# PAH

## Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons



Size range: 0.0003  $\mu\text{m}$  ~ 0.002  $\mu\text{m}$



PAH emission  
(5~15  $\mu\text{m}$ )

Draine et al. 2007

- The PAH spectrum intensity has a strong correlation with metallicity. (Engelbracht et al. 2005)
- This correlation was explained by assuming that PAHs are formed by shattering of large carbonaceous grains. (Seok et al. 2014)

We want to consider grain size evolution in a self-consistent model.

(Metallicity)

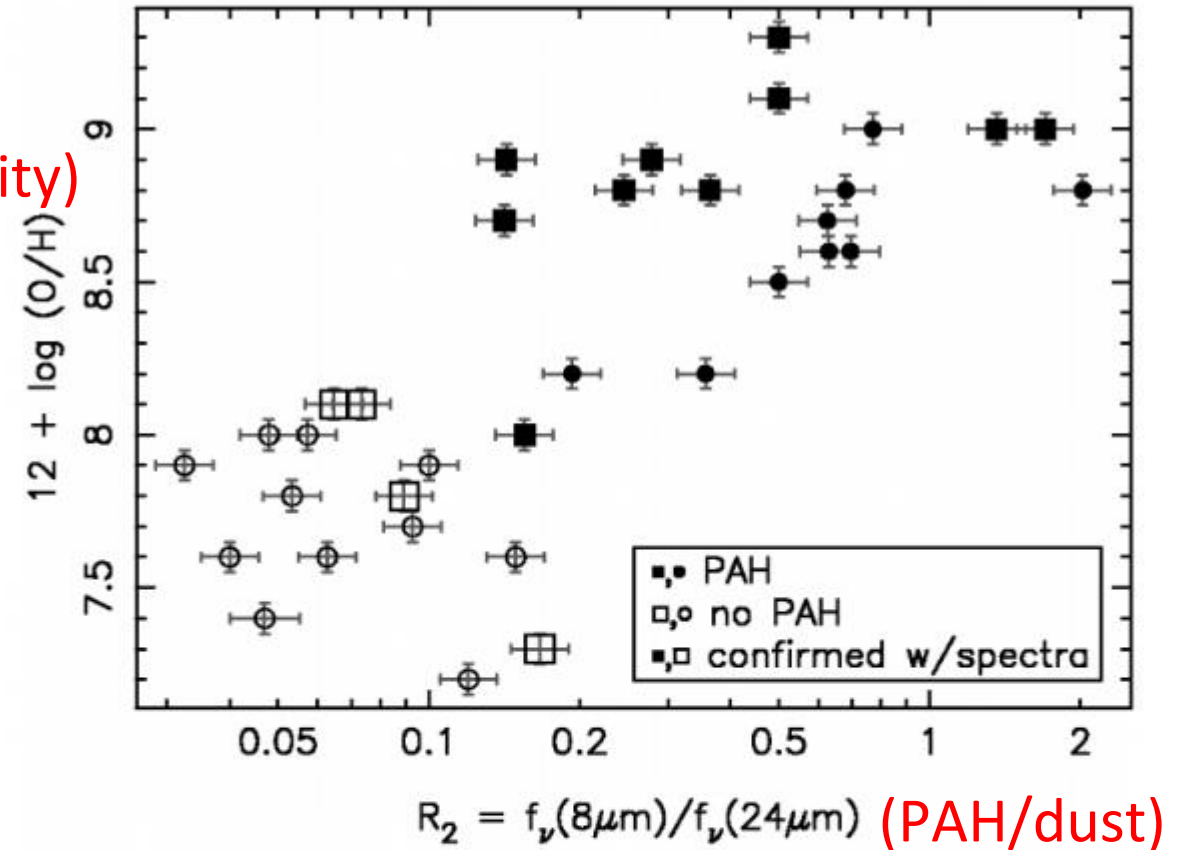


FIG. 2.—Galaxy metallicity as a function of the 8-to-24  $\mu\text{m}$  color. Galaxies with colors or spectra that indicate that they have 8  $\mu\text{m}$  PAH features are displayed as filled symbols, while galaxies that lack the 8  $\mu\text{m}$  PAH feature are shown as open symbols. Squares and circles denote measurements with and without spectroscopic confirmation, respectively. The error bars on the 8-to-24  $\mu\text{m}$  ratio are the same as in Fig. 1, while the error bars on the metallicity are typically 0.05 or less (cf. Kobulnicky & Skillman 1996) and were all assigned an uncertainty of 0.05. Note that this figure does not require IRAC data (some of the 8  $\mu\text{m}$  measurements were made by *MSX*) and thus contains more points than Fig. 1.

# Theoretical Model Included

- Post-processed Hydrodynamics Simulation
- Grain Size Distribution (Dust Evolution Process)
- Aromatization

# Post-Processed Hydrodynamics Simulation

- GADGET-3-osaka N-body/smoothed particle hydrodynamics (SPH) simulation for an isolated galaxy
- Post-processing 149 SPH particles based on metallicity, temperature, and density evolution

We can consider different evolutionary path!!!

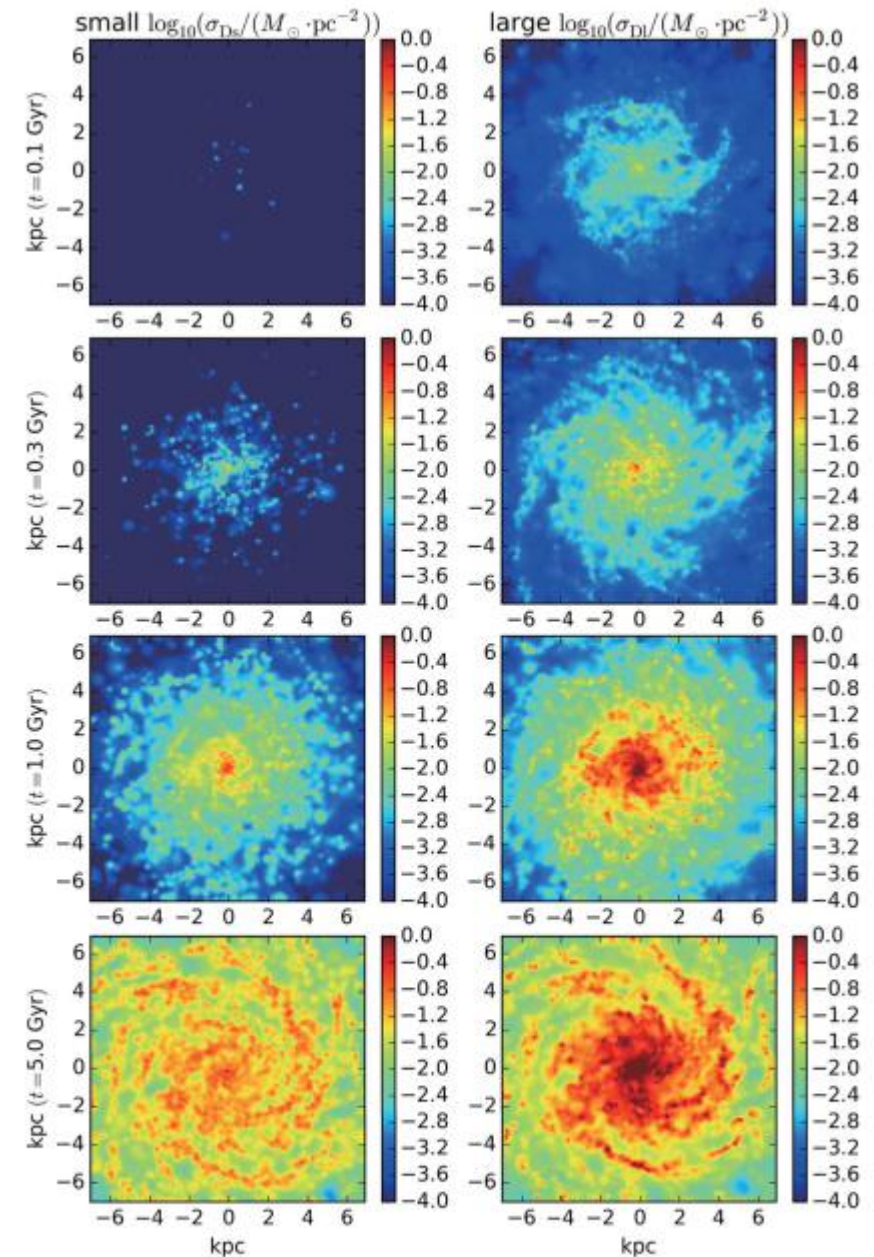


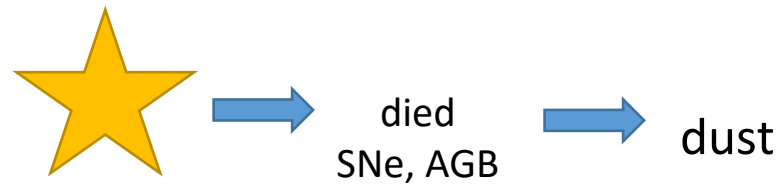
Figure 3. Face-on view of the surface densities of small grains (left-hand column) and large grains (right-hand column) at  $t = 0.1, 0.3, 1$  and  $5$  Gyr (top to bottom).

# Grain Size Distribution (Dust evolution Processes)

Hirashita et al. 2019

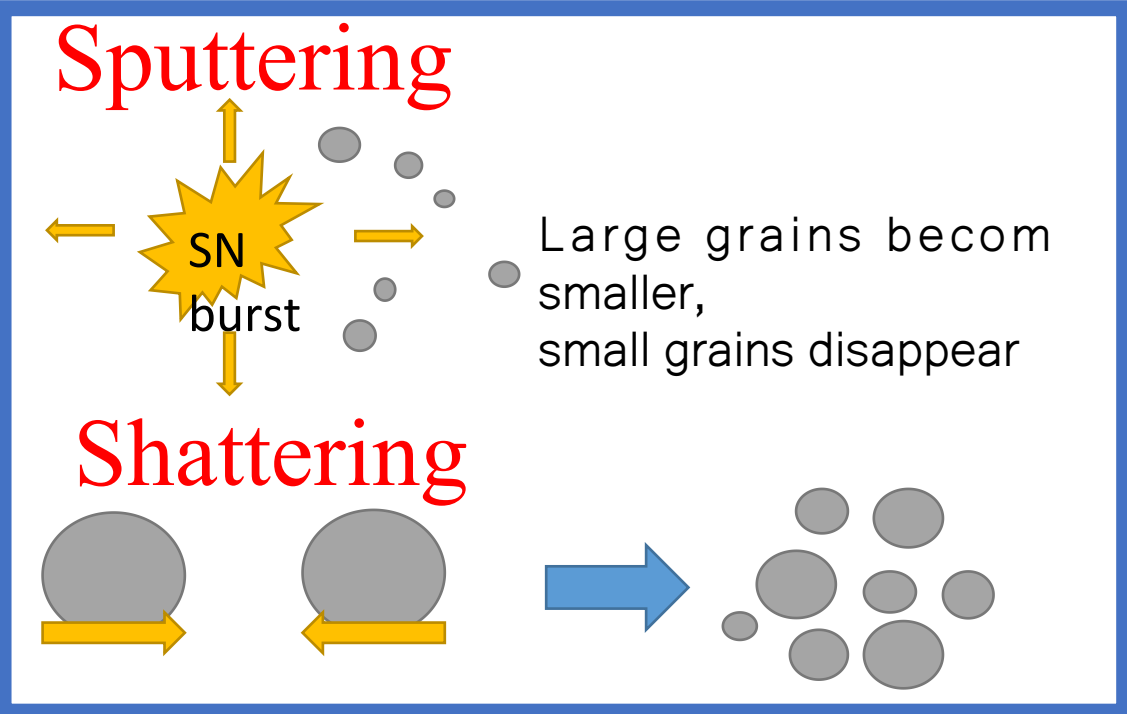
→ Solved on each SPH particle

## Stellar Dust Production

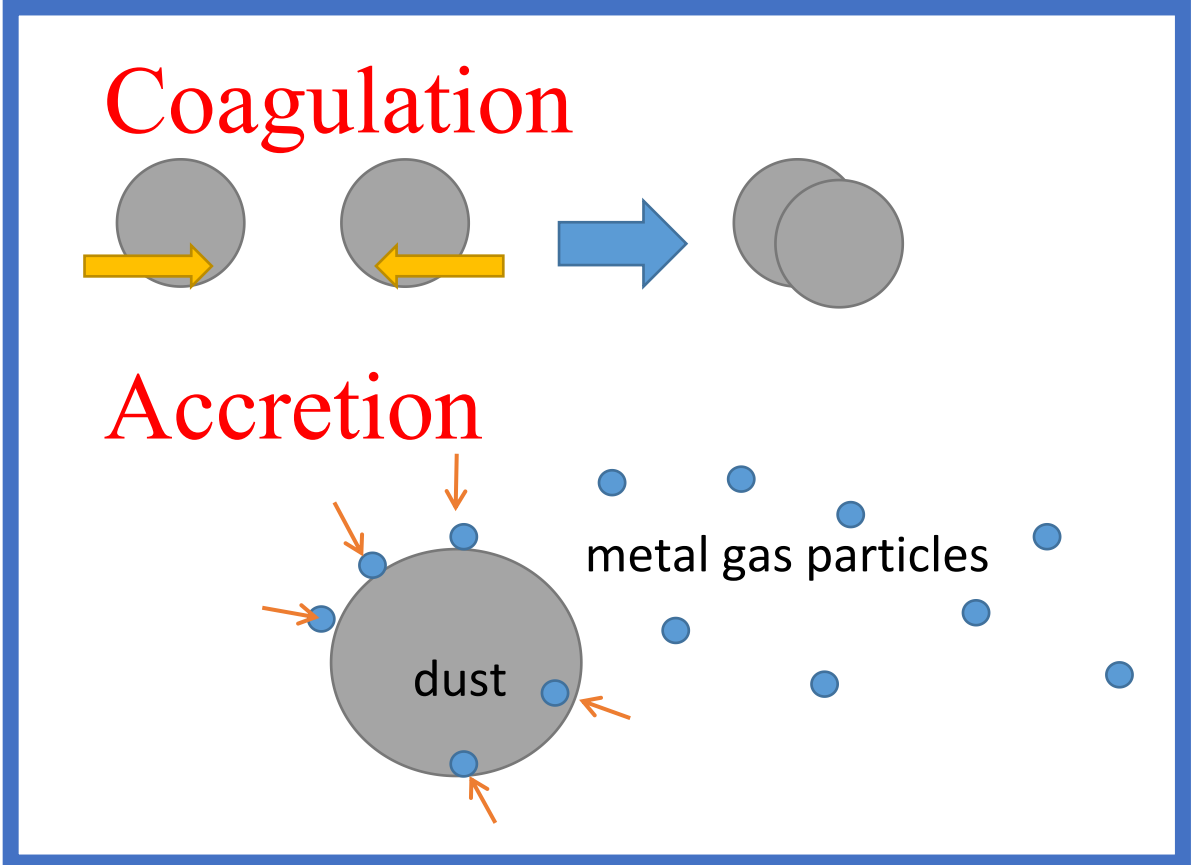


### Diffuse

$$1.0 \text{ cm}^{-3} > n_{\text{H}} > 0.1 \text{ cm}^{-3}, 10^4 \text{ K} > T_{\text{gas}} > 10^3 \text{ K}$$



### Dense $n_{\text{H}} > 10 \text{ cm}^{-3}, T_{\text{gas}} < 10^3 \text{ K}$



# Simulation Process

(Only carbonaceous grains are considered for simplicity)

## Non-aromatic carbon dust

1. stellar dust production
2. shattering
3. coagulation
4. accretion
5. sputtering

$$\frac{\tau_{\text{ar}}}{\text{yr}} = 3 \left( \frac{a}{\mu\text{m}} \right)^{-2} + 6.6 \times 10^7 \left( \frac{a}{\mu\text{m}} \right)$$

aromatization

Derived by aromatization caused by UV irradiation reaction

Hydrogen density:  $0.1 \text{ cm}^{-3} < n_{\text{H}} < 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

## Aromatic carbon dust

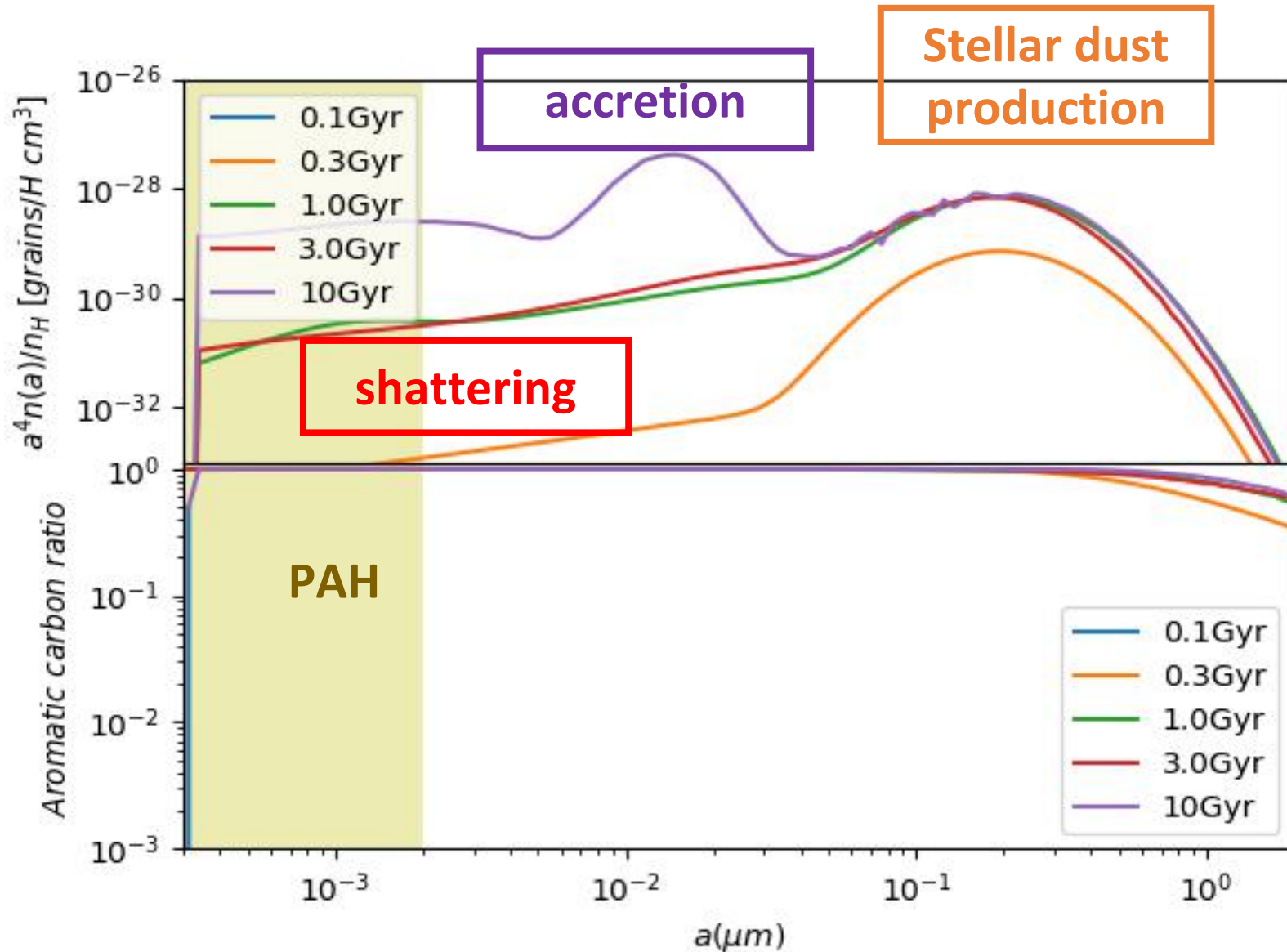
1. shattering
2. coagulation
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PAH size range:

$0.0003 \mu\text{m} \sim 0.002 \mu\text{m}$

PAH

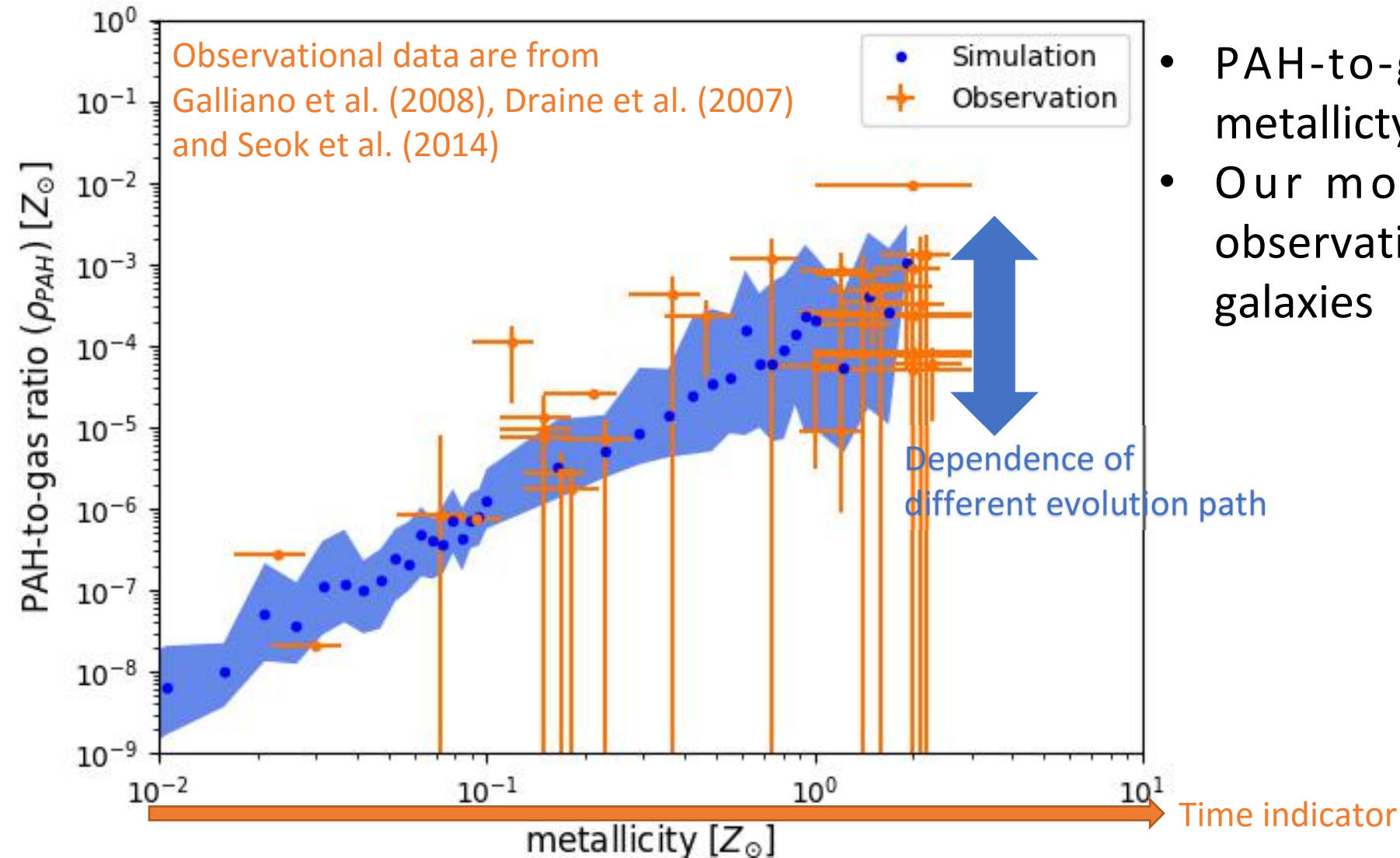
# Grain Size Distribution



- Small grains are aromatized
- Shattering and accretion are important for PAH abundance



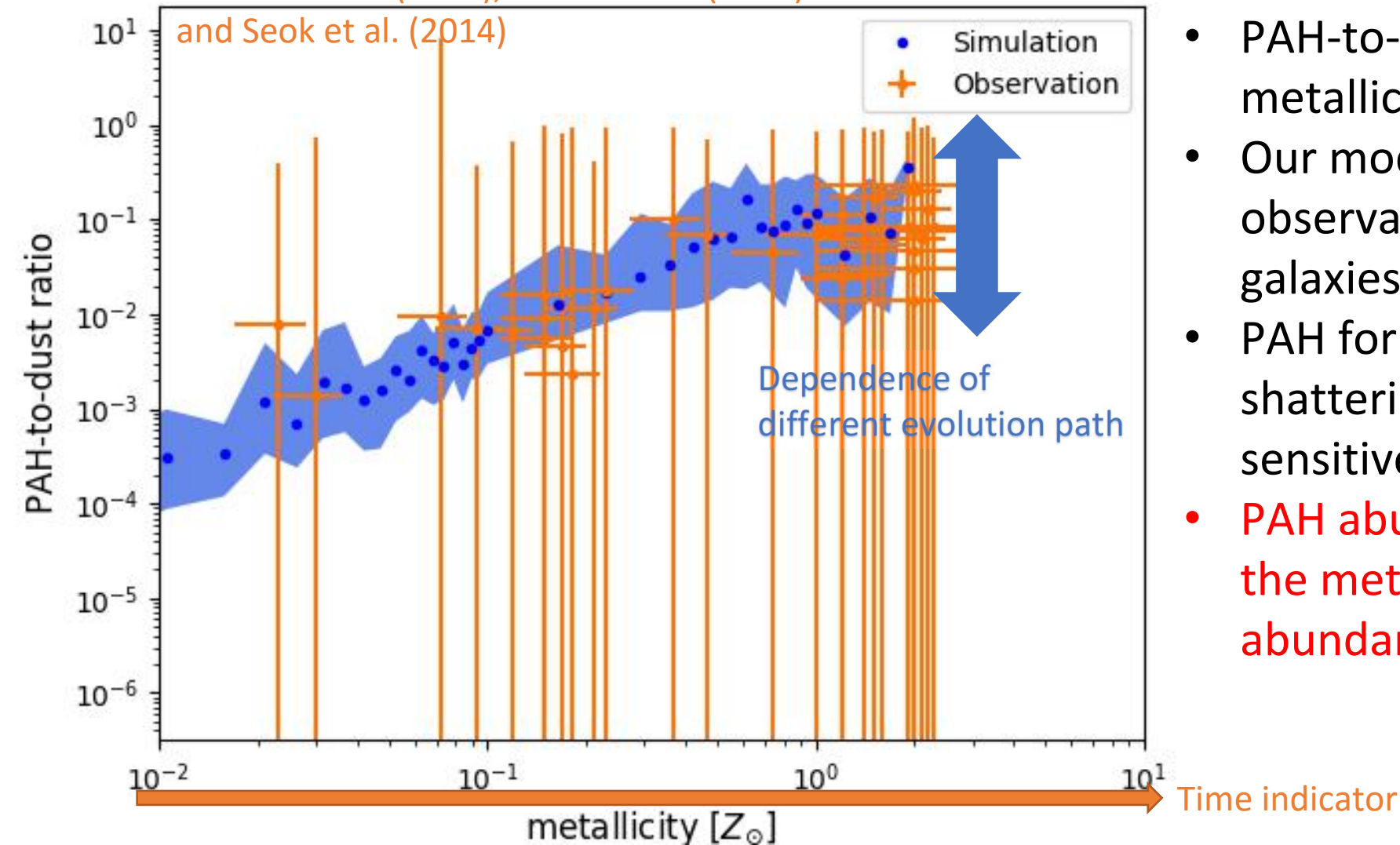
# PAH abundance vs. metallicity



- PAH-to-gas ratio increases with metallicity
- Our model is consistent with observational data points of nearby galaxies

# PAH-to-dust mass ratio v.s metallicity

Observational data are from  
Galliano et al. (2008), Draine et al. (2007)  
and Seok et al. (2014)



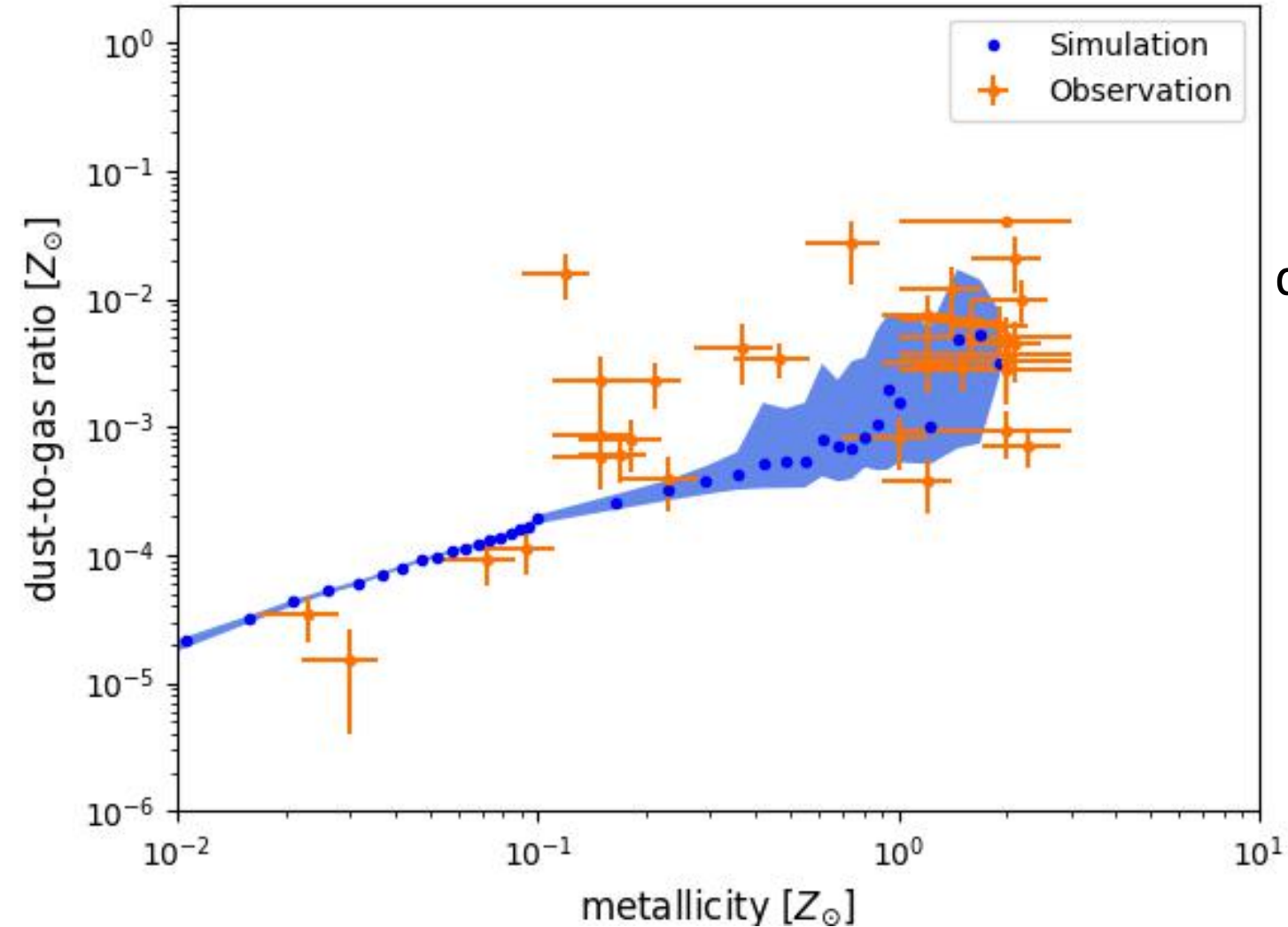
- PAH-to-dust ratio increases with metallicity
- Our model is consistent with observational data points of nearby galaxies
- PAH formation is dominated by shattering and accretion, which are sensitive to metallicity
- PAH abundance is more sensitive to the metallicity than the total dust abundance is.

# Conclusion

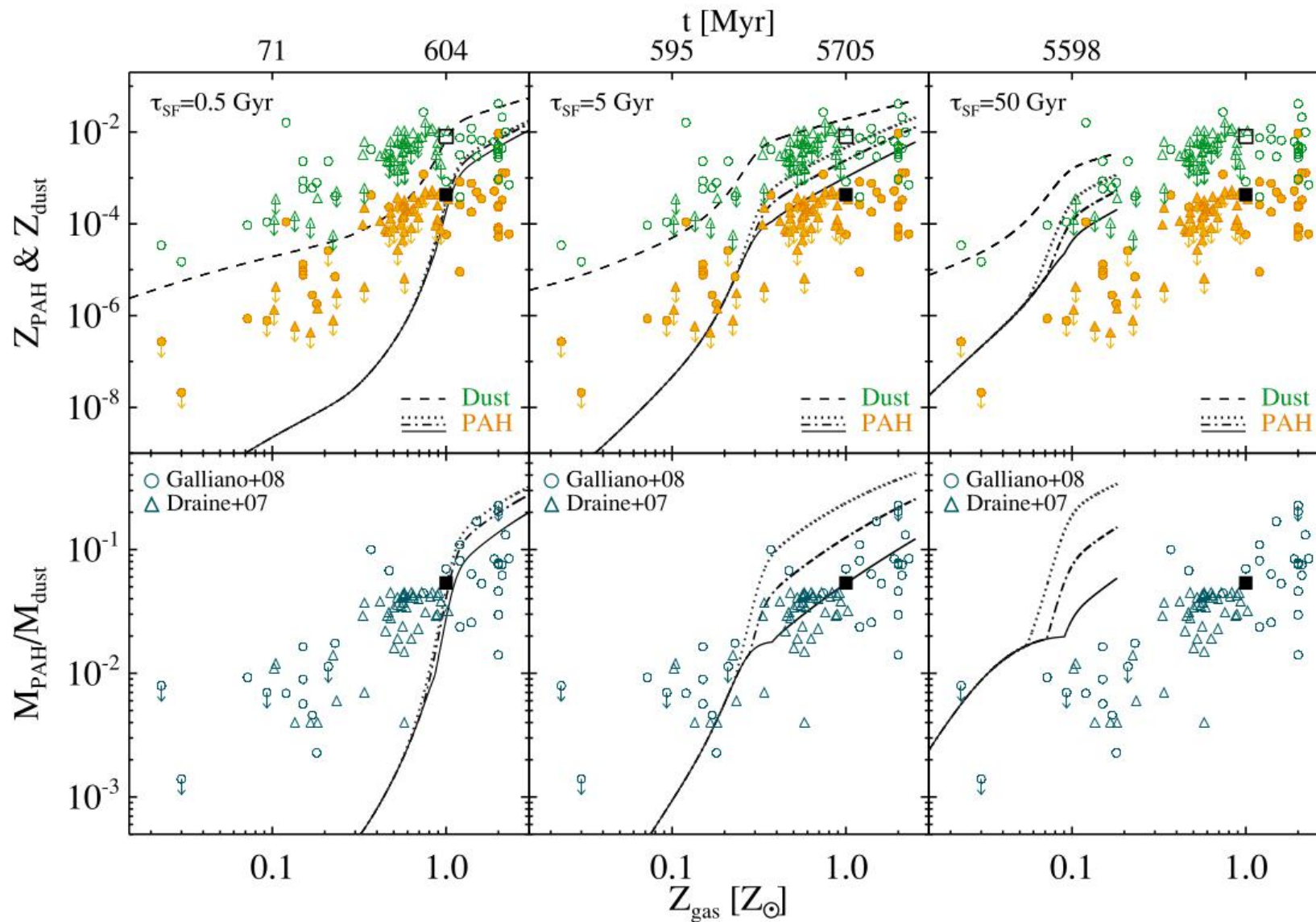
- PAH abundance evolution is formulated taking grain size distribution and aromatization into account.
- By post-processing a hydrodynamical simulation of an isolated galaxy, we succeed in explaining the relation between PAH abundance and metallicity
- PAH abundance is more sensitive to the metallicity than the total dust abundance

Thank you

# Dust-to-gas ratio vs. metallicity



dust-to-gas ratio increases with metallicity



**Figure 5.** Top: calculated PAH-to-gas mass ratio ( $Z_{\text{PAH}}$ ) and dust-to-gas ratio ( $Z_{\text{dust}}$ , dashed line) as a function of metallicity ( $Z_{\text{gas}}$ ) for  $\tau_{\text{SF}} = 0.5, 5,$  and  $50$  Gyr. As for  $Z_{\text{PAH}}$ , the cases for  $\tau_{\text{DC}} = 1, 3,$  and  $10$  Myr are overlaid in each panel with solid, dash-dotted, and dotted lines, respectively. Observational data from Galliano et al. (2008) and Draine et al. (2007) are overlaid for comparison (circles and triangles, respectively).  $Z_{\text{dust}}$  and  $Z_{\text{PAH}}$  are distinguished with open and filled symbols. Also,  $Z_{\text{PAH}}$  and  $Z_{\text{dust}}$  of the diffuse Galactic ISM are denoted with filled and open squares, respectively (Zubko et al. 2004). The time corresponding to the metallicity are indicated on the top axis. As the model calculation terminates at 10 Gyr, the time at  $Z_{\text{gas}} = 1$  cannot be marked in the case of  $\tau_{\text{SF}} = 50$  Gyr. Bottom: total mass ratio of PAH to dust ( $Z_{\text{PAH}}/Z_{\text{dust}}$ ) for  $\tau_{\text{SF}} = 0.5, 5,$  and  $50$  Gyr.

# Stellar dust production

total mass density  
(including gas and dust)

$$\frac{\partial \rho_{dust}}{\partial t} = f_{in} \dot{\rho}_z m \tilde{\varphi}(m)$$

condensation  
efficiency for metals  
(= 0.1)

mass distribution function  
(lognormal distribution  
centre at  $a = 0.1 \mu\text{m}$ )

$m$ : single dust particle mass,  $m = m(a)$

# Sputtering (Super nova destruction)

$$\tau_{\text{dest}}(m) = \frac{M_{\text{gas}}}{\epsilon_{\text{dest}}(m) M_s \gamma}$$

destruction efficiency

$$\epsilon_{\text{dest}}(a) = 1 - \exp \left[ -0.1 \left( \frac{a}{0.1 \mu\text{m}} \right) \right]$$



# Accretion

$$\tau'_{\text{acc}}(a) = \tau'_{0,\text{acc}} \left( \frac{a}{0.1 \mu\text{m}} \right) \left( \frac{Z}{Z_{\odot}} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{n_{\text{H}}}{10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}} \right)^{-1} \\ \times \left( \frac{T_{\text{gas}}}{10 \text{ K}} \right)^{-1/2} \left( \frac{S}{0.3} \right)^{-1}$$

Sticking probability:  $S = 0.3$

# Shattering

$$\left[ \frac{\partial \rho_d(m, t)}{\partial t} \right]_{\text{shat}} = -m \rho_d(m, t) \int_0^\infty \underbrace{\alpha(m_1, m)}_{\text{probability to collision}} \underbrace{\rho_d(m_1, t)}_{\text{proportional to metallicity}} dm_1$$
$$+ \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \underbrace{\alpha(m_1, m_2)}_{\text{probability to collision}} \underbrace{\rho_d(m_1, t) \rho_d(m_2, t)}_{\text{proportional to metallicity}}$$
$$\times \mu_{\text{frag}}(m; m_1, m_2) dm_1 dm_2,$$

probability to collision

proportional to metallicity

# Coagulation

probability to collision

$$\left[ \frac{\partial \rho_d(m, t)}{\partial t} \right]_{\text{coag}} = -m \rho_d(m, t) \int_0^\infty \alpha(m_1, m) \rho_d(m_1, t) dm_1$$
$$+ \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \alpha(m_1, m_2) \rho_d(m_1, t) \rho_d(m_2, t)$$
$$\times m_1 \delta(m - m_1 - m_2) dm_1 dm_2.$$

proportional to metallicity