

## EGY Plasma

# **Dusty Plasma**

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#### Outline

- Types of plasma
- Occurance of dusty plasma
- Properties of dusty plasma
- Dusty plasma terminology

#### Types of plasma

• (I) Classical plasma (electron-ion plasma)

+ve ions / electrons / -ve ions / positrons

• (II) Dusty (complex) plasma

+ve dust / -ve dust / +ve ions / electrons / -ve ions

• (III) Quantum (Dense) plasma

Electrons / positrons / holes / +ve ions

#### **Natural**

- Solar nebula
- Planetary rings
- Interstellar medium
- Comet tails
- Noctilucent clouds
- Lightning

#### Man-made

- Microelectronic processing
- Rocket exhaust
- Fusion devices



Our solar system accumulated out of a dense cloud of gas and dust, forming everything that is now part of our world.

Rosette Nebula



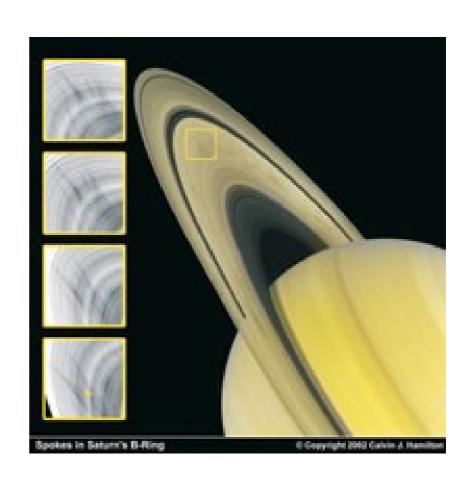


Hyakutake

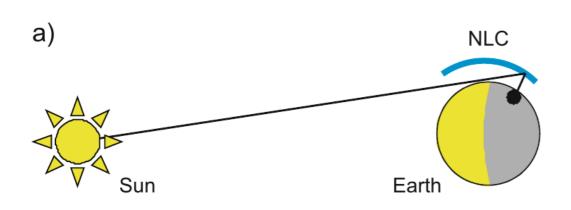
Hale-Bopp



Eagle Nebula



Saturn Rings





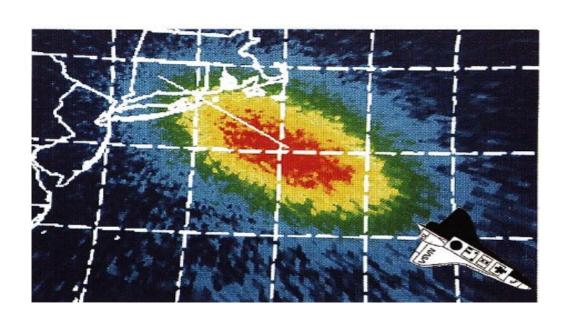


Noctilucent clouds formed in the summer mesosphere at 75-80 km altitude range; 100 nm water ice, charged

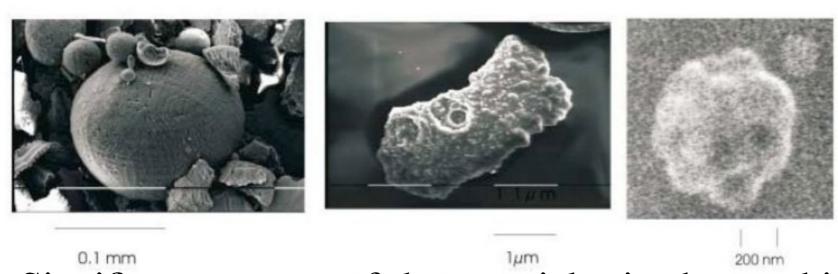
A flame is a very weakly ionized plasma that contains soot particles



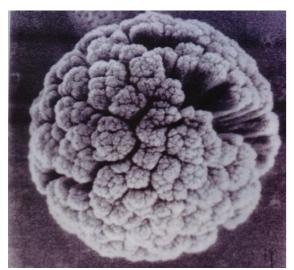
An early temperature measurement in a dusty plasma



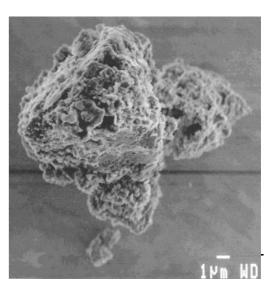
Dusty plasma of charged ice caused by the Space Shuttle engine exhaust



Significant amount of dust particles is observed in the chambers of fusion devices



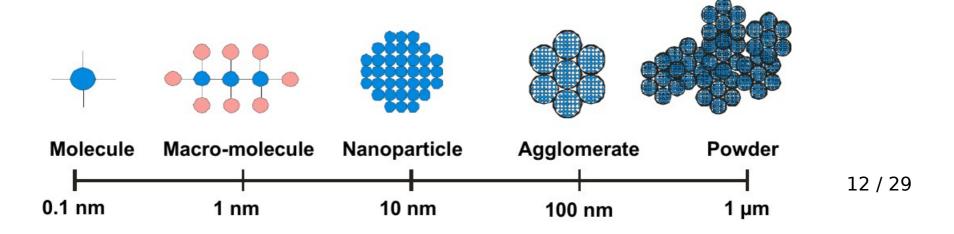




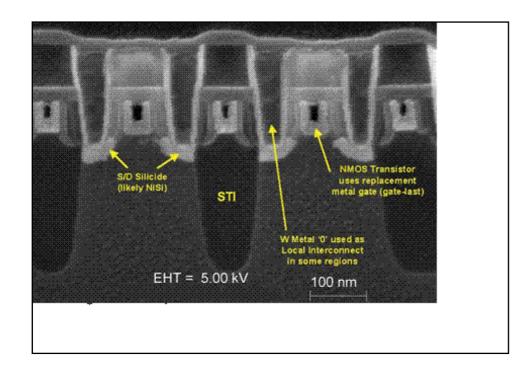
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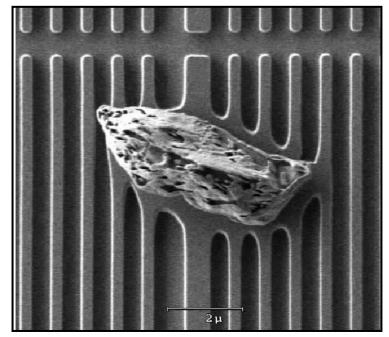
- The "dust" is a result of the strong interaction between the material walls and energetic plasma.
- Studies indicate that dust can be transported deep into the plasma, causing a serious contamination problem.

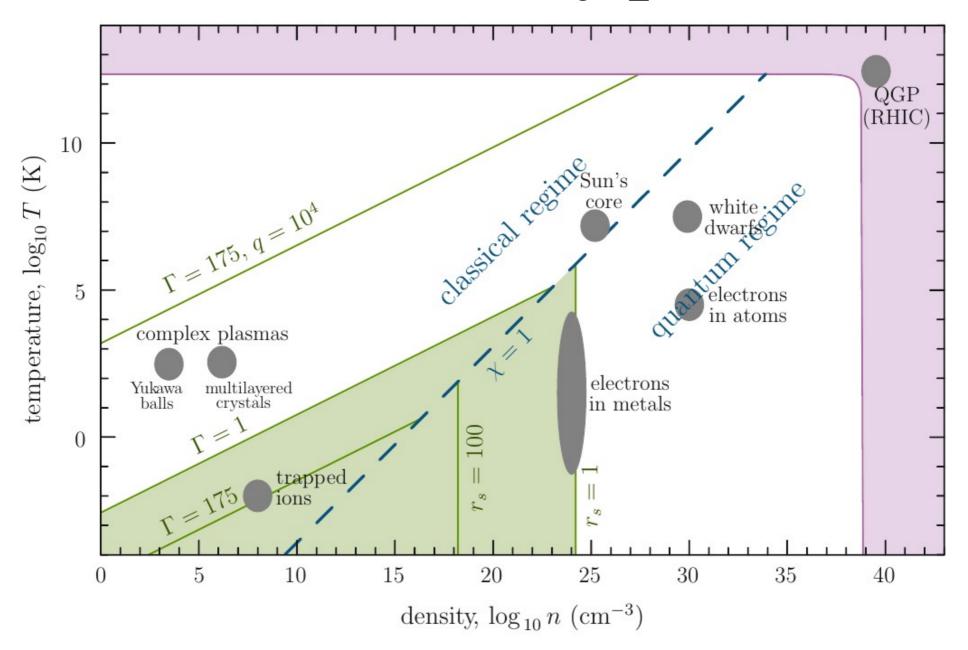
#### Movies



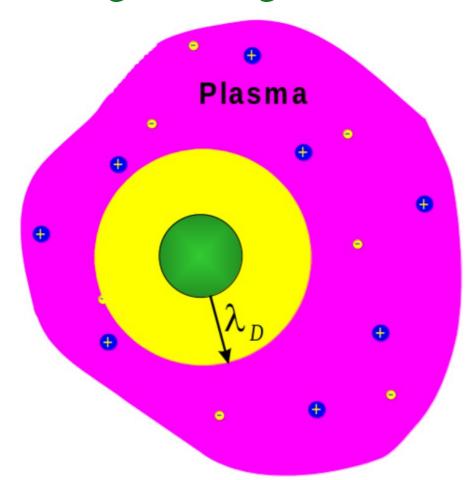
- Microelectronic processing
- Plasma chemistry and nanotechnology → coagulation of macroparticles



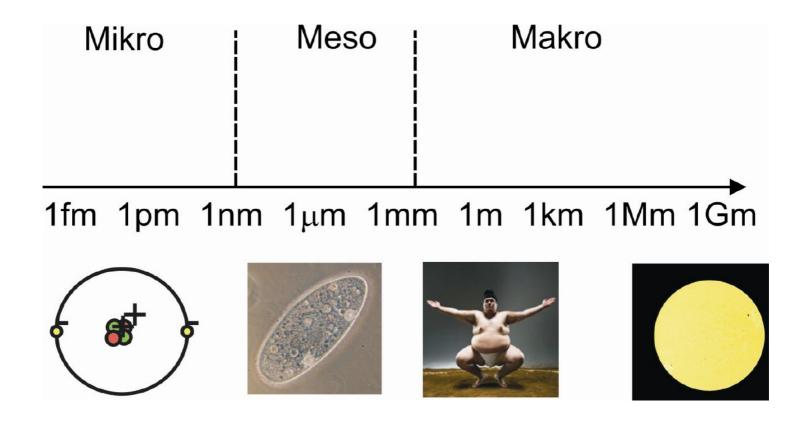




- Dusty plasma is a multi-component plasma
- It contains electrons, ions, neutral atoms/molecules, and micro-particles/charged dust grains

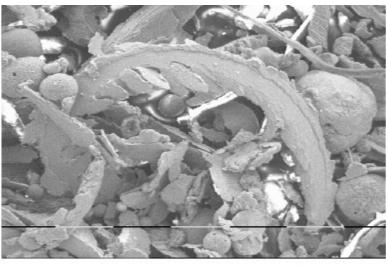


Range size

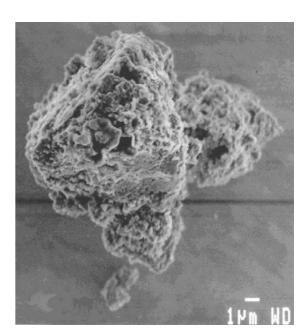


Dust size distributions

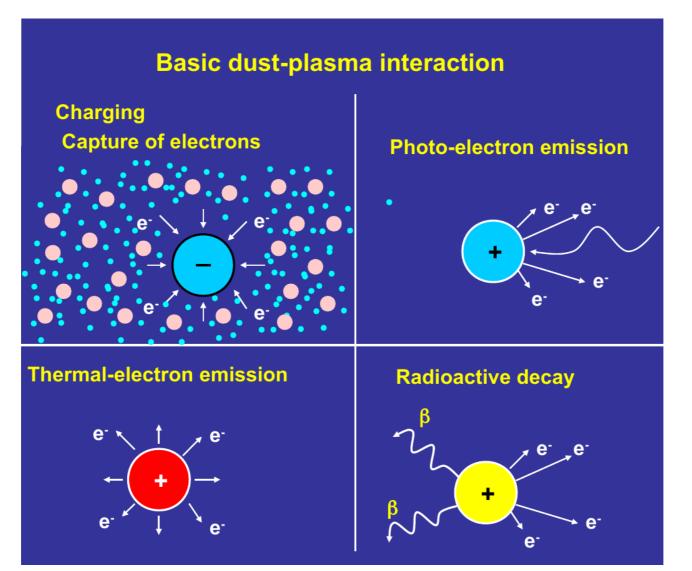




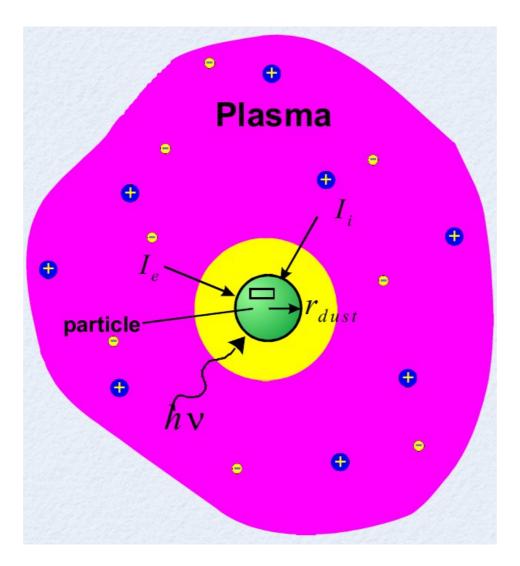




Dynamic dust charging



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Debye shielding

$$\lambda_{D} = \frac{\lambda_{De} \lambda_{Di}}{\sqrt{\lambda_{De}^{2} + \lambda_{Di}^{2}}}$$

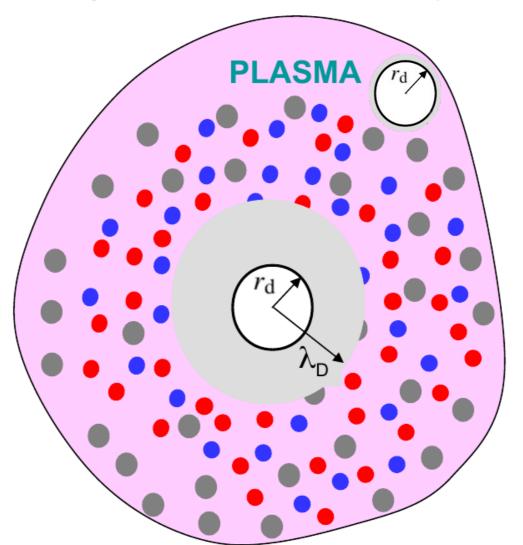
$$\lambda_{\rm De} = (k_{\rm B}T_{\rm e}/4\pi n_{\rm e0}e^2)^{1/2}$$
 and  $\lambda_{\rm Di} = (k_{\rm B}T_{\rm i}/4\pi n_{\rm i0}e^2)^{1/2}$ 

- -ve dust  $\rightarrow$  what happen?
- +ve dust  $\rightarrow$  what happen?

Dusty plasma frequency

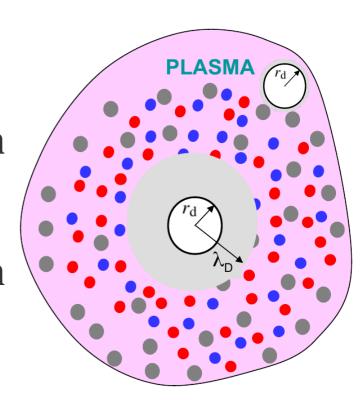
$$\omega_{\rm pd} = (4\pi n_{\rm d0} Z_{\rm d}^2 e^2/m_{\rm d})^{1/2}$$

**Dust radius & Intergrain distance & Debye length (shielding)** 

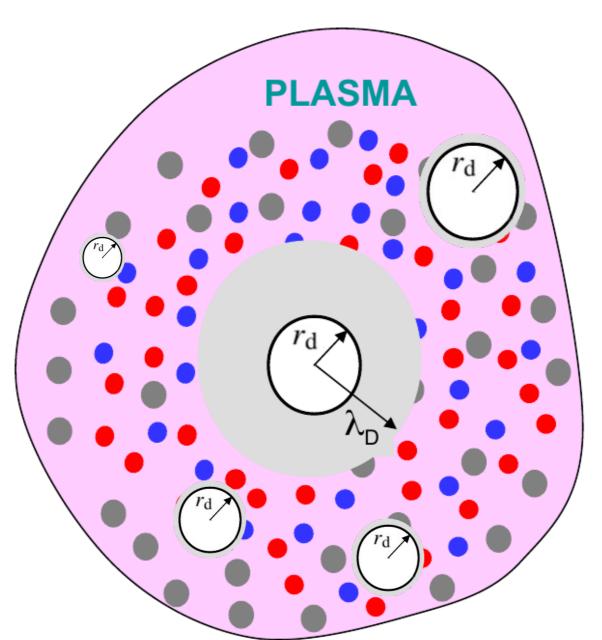


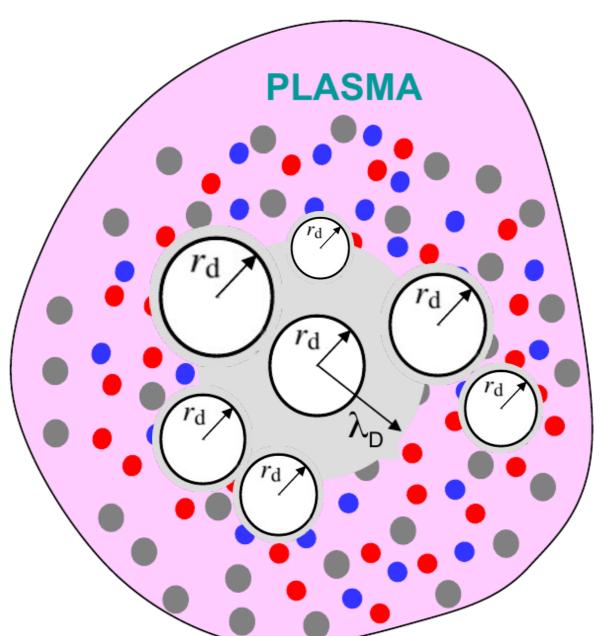
Intergrain distance > Debye length

Intergrain distance < Debye length</li>



- Intergrain distance > Debye length  $\rightarrow$  Dust-in-a plasma  $r_{\rm d} \ll \lambda_{\rm D} < a$
- Intergrain distance < Debye length  $\rightarrow$  Dusty plasma  $r_{\rm d} \ll a < \lambda_{\rm D}$  (collective behavior)





Coupling (correlation) parameter

$$\Gamma \ll 1$$
 ideal gas-  
like behavior (waves)

$$\Gamma = \frac{|E_{\rm int}|}{E_{\rm therm}}$$

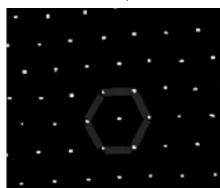
$$\Gamma \gtrsim 1$$
 Strongly coupled (liquid-like) systems

 $E_{int}$  is the interaction energy  $\Gamma \geq \Gamma_{\rm cr} \approx 100$ 

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crystalline long-range order,

 $E_{therm}$  is the average thermal energy



# Summary

Electron-ion plasma	Dusty plasma
$n_{e0} = \sum_{i} Z_i n_{i0}$	$Q_d n_{d0} + e n_{e0} = e \sum_i Z_i n_{i0}$
$Q_i = Z_i e$	$Q_d = Z_d e \gg Q_i$
$Z_i = \text{const.}$	$dQ_d/dt = I_e + I_i + I_s + \dots$
$m_i$	$m_d \sim 10^{12} m_i$
$\lambda_{De}$	$\lambda_D \sim \lambda_{Di}$
Uniform particle sizes	Size distributions
IAW, EIC, $f\sim$ 1 kHz	DAW, DLW, $f\sim$ 10 Hz,

#### Summary

#### **Terminology**

- Dusty plasma (collective behavior)
- Dust-in-a plasma
- Dust size distribution
- Multicomponent plasma
- Dynamic dust charging
- +ve & -ve dust
- Dusty plasma frequency
- Dust radius & Intergrain distance
- Coupling (correlation) parameter

#### Concept

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$$Z_d \approx 10^3$$
,  $m_d \approx 2 \times 10^{-12}$  g,  $n_{d0} \approx 10^{-9}$ cm<sup>-3</sup>

$$T_e \approx 5 - 22 \text{ eV}, T_i \approx 60 - 120 \text{ eV}, n_{e0} \approx 1 - 23 \times 10^3 \text{cm}^{-3}$$

#### **Calculate**

- Debye length (shielding)
- Dust frequency
- Intergrain distance
- Type of plasma (dust-in- a plasma or dusty plasma)<sub>29/29</sub>

