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Sintering of icy grain aggregate and multiple snowlines

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Planets are formed from dust grains in a protoplanetary nebula. The grains are composed of silicates, organics, and ices. The ice contains various species other than H_2O as revealed by observation of interstellar clouds. Dust grains covered by the ices form aggregates, and the aggregates drift to the central star due to gas drag. Sintering through sublimation+recondensation proceeds as temperature increases. The neck between grains grows by the molecular transportation. The sintering rate depends on the surface curvature of the icy grains. In this study, the growth of a neck is numerically simulated, and the timescale for the growth is determined. The ice contains various molecules such as CO_2 and NH_3 . There are regions where the nebula gas saturated by the minor components. The boundary between the saturated region and undersaturated region becomes a snowline. The timescale for the neck growth and the location of the snowlines leads to many sintering region of several AU in width.

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