

Supporting Information for

## Size distribution of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in space: an old new light on the 11.2/3.3 $\mu\text{m}$ intensity ratio

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Table S1: Fit parameters ( $y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/t1) + y0$ ) corresponding to figure 4.

6.5 eV scaled before model		scaled after model		8 eV scaled before model		scaled after model	
y0	-4.97 ± 0.44	y0	-5.25 ± 0.52	y0	-3.91 ± 0.40	y0	-4.15 ± 0.48
A1	4.20 ± 0.33	A1	4.37 ± 0.41	A1	3.50 ± 0.33	A1	3.66 ± 0.40
t1	76.14 ± 2.68	t1	78.47 ± 3.29	t1	92.29 ± 4.34	t1	95.57 ± 5.30

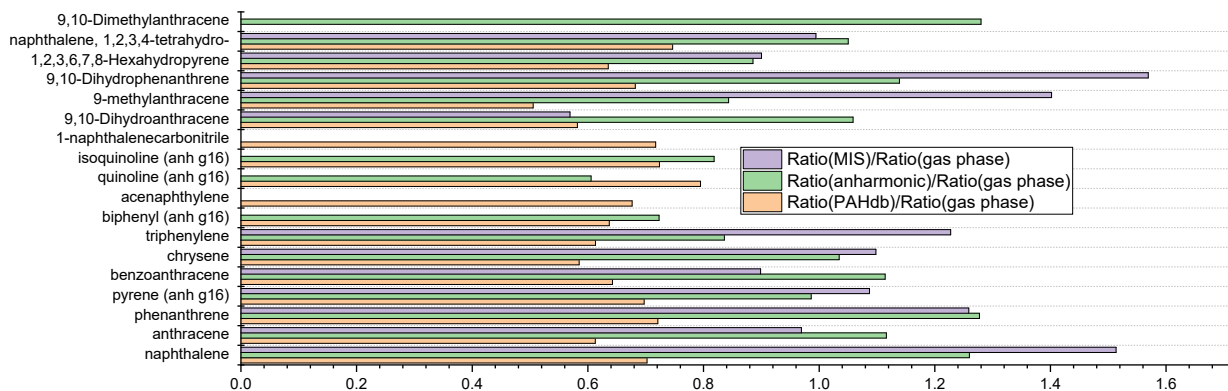


Figure S1: The 11.2/3.3  $\mu\text{m}$  intensity ratio for different PAH species determined using various theoretical and experimental methods divided by the gas-phase direct absorption measurements. The intensities were integrated between 15.4-10.5  $\mu\text{m}$  ( $650\text{-}950\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and 3.6-3.1  $\mu\text{m}$  ( $2750\text{-}3250\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).

Table S2: The 11.2/3.3  $\mu\text{m}$  intensity ratio for different species of the coronene family determined using various basis sets. The intensities were integrated between 15.4-10.5  $\mu\text{m}$  ( $650\text{-}950\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and 3.6-3.1  $\mu\text{m}$  ( $2750\text{-}3250\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). Calculations have been performed using Gaussian16 employing the B3LYP functional. For some of the reported calculations, in particular for larger species with larger basis sets, imaginary frequencies are observed. These imaginary modes correspond to out-of-plane vibrational modes and are indicated with an asterisk.

species\basis set	4-31G	6-31G(d,p)	6-311+G**	N07D
coronene (C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>12</sub> )	0.63	0.65	0.90	0.97
circumcoronene (C <sub>54</sub> H <sub>18</sub> )	0.53	0.52	0.65	0.80*
circumcircumcoronene (C <sub>96</sub> H <sub>24</sub> )	0.44	0.44	0.53	0.68*
circumcircumcircumcoronene (C <sub>150</sub> H <sub>30</sub> )	0.40	0.42*	0.48*	
circumcircumcircumcircumcoronene (C <sub>216</sub> H <sub>36</sub> )	0.37	0.38*		

