

Properties of Unidentified Infrared Bands Around the Herbig Ae/Be System MWC1080

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We present mid-infrared spectroscopic observations of the Herbig Ae/Be system MWC1080 using the Cooled Mid-Infrared Camera and Spectrometer (COMICS) with the Subaru Telescope. The MWC1080 has a geometry that diffuse nebulous structures extend around the central Herbig B0 type star and a companion, which gives us an ideal opportunity to investigate how the interstellar dust be chemically processed in an early stage of star-forming environments. We particularly focus on the properties of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and PAH-like atomic groups in such environments. A series of the unidentified infrared (UIR) band at 8.6, 11.0, 11.2, 12.0, and 12.7 μ m are recognized in the nebulous structures and we investigate their characteristics along the distance from the central B0 type star. We have found a clear shift in the peak position of 11.2 μ m feature such that it appears around 11.24-11.26 μ m at distant regions from the heating source while it comes up to around 11.28 μ m in the vicinity of the central star. Additionally we have found a clear enhancement of the 11.0/11.2 μ m ratio in the vicinity of central star. Since the 11.0 μ m feature is attributed to a solo-CH out-of-plane wagging mode of cationic PAHs, the larger 11.0/11.2 μ m ratio indicates the higher ionization degree of PAHs. Moreover we have found that the behavior of the 11.0/11.2 μ m ratio and the peak position of 11.2 μ m feature are closely synchronized with each other. In this presentaion, we discuss the use of the UIR 11.0 μ m and 11.2 μ m features as effective indicators of the ratio of the incident radiation field strength G_0 to the electron density n_e , G_0/n_e , which is supposed to control the ionization degree of PAHs (Bakes, Tielens, & Bauschlicher 2001).