Depressing thoughts about interstellar dust...

don't let'em bring you down!

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## Clouds are made of gas and dust

10 K 104 cm-3 He to main and radio bission Sites of star formation

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#### Tracing the cloud mass is difficult!



## What about dust? Let's try...

AbsorptionScattering

Extinction

- Emission 0

#### Is it easy? We'll find out

#### Dust in emission



# Planck, sensitive, all sky, several wavelengths but ~5' resolution

L183, seen by Herschel, SPIRE L183, seen by Planck, HFI 00'' 00'' 00'' 00'' 15<sup>h</sup>55<sup>m</sup>00<sup>s</sup>  $54^{m}40^{s}$  $54^{m}20^{s}$  $54^{m}00^{s}$  $53^{m}40^{s}$  $53^{m}20^{m}$ 



## Ground-based telescopes

15"54"00"



### Ground based telescopes

- Filtering out the large scales (2' 8')
- reconstruction : garbage in, garbage out

• interpretation not easy :

 $I_{\nu} = B_{\nu}(T) \times \tau_{\nu}$   $\tau_{\nu} = \kappa_{\nu} \mu m_{H} N(H_{2})$   $\mu = 2.33, m_{H} = 1.67 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g}, \kappa_{\nu} = ?? 0.005 - 0.01 \text{ cm}^{2}/\text{g}$ T = dust temperature = wild guess... + gradient

#### Satellites then ?





## Herschel : 70 – 500 μm! Yes, yes ? No...



15<sup>h</sup>55<sup>m</sup>00<sup>s</sup> 54<sup>m</sup>00<sup>s</sup>

- 10 K dust peaks at 300 μm
- 6 K dust peaks at 500 μm
- So SPIRE the perfect tool to characterize cold dust ? Not exactly



#### Fitting Herschel + Laboca + Mambo



## Analysis of emission alone misses the cold dust

- Single BB  $\rightarrow$  N(H<sub>2</sub>) = 4.5 x 10<sup>22</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>
- 2 BB (6 + 9.5 K) → N(H<sub>2</sub>) =  $1.35 \times 10^{23} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
- $N(H_2)_{N2H^+} = 1.0 \times 10^{23} \text{ cm}^2 + N(H_2)_{C18O} = 2 \times 10^{22} \text{ cm}^2$
- $T_{gas}(N_2H^+) = 6 \text{ K}, n(H_2) > 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- Roy+ 2014 fit L1689B : 9.8 K,  $3.5 \times 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
- $N(H_2)_{N2H^+} = 0.8 1.1 \times 10^{23} \text{ cm}^{-2}, T_{gas}(N_2H^+) = 6 8 \text{ K}$



#### Let's try absorption, then ? not $f(T_{dust})$ !!!

• Star counts ? Noisy (1 star / cell !!) but can be useful



## Reddening (Lada's NICE method)



## Less noisy... but requires huge sensitivity in H band or many stars !



### Clouds outside galactic plane and deep $L_{183, zoom}$ extinction $\rightarrow$ no stars left!

150 -2°46'00" Av -2°48'00" 100 -2°50'00" 50 -2°52'00" -2°54'00" 15<sup>n</sup>54<sup>m</sup>20 00

\* H + Ks stars
\* Ks stars only
contours : mm dust emission
red contour ≈ 40 mag (A<sub>V</sub>)
image : ISOCAM 7 µm absorption
3 hours integration

For a « survey », CFHT/WIRCAM <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hour integration / field  $A_V \le 20-25$  mag Not mind blowing...



Problem : is E(J-K) or E(H-K) independent of the dust parameters ? Most people claim they are. To make their life easier ?



#### Chiar+ 2007, Whittet+ 2013 disagree



> E(J-K) increases faster than  $\tau_{9.7\mu m}$ > If E(J-K) correct  $\rightarrow$  H<sub>2</sub>O ice threshold varies  $\succ$  if  $\tau_{9.7 \text{um}}$  correct → H<sub>2</sub>O threshold constant



Silicate optical depth at 9.7 µm

### Go to longer wavelengths ? → clouds become transparent L1544 as seen by Spitzer/IRAC





#### Reddening differential almost zero $\rightarrow$ noise!



#### Star counts OK but bright stars problematic



8  $\mu$ m absorption + star counts at 3.6  $\mu$ m

### A serendipitous discovery

#### L183, seen by Spitzer/IRAC



Scattering of light at 3.6 and 4.5  $\mu$ m ? Impossible ... except if  $a_{grains} \approx 1 \mu$ m !

#### In fact, scattering is common 1) in wavelength



L183, CFHT/MEGACAM + WIRCAM, Spitzer/IRAC

#### 2) in the sky (Pagani+, Science, 2010)

~200 cases, 50% detections, Lefèvre+ 2014, Paladini+ in prep



#### Can we trace dust from scattering?

- Juvela+ 2006 : JHK  $\rightarrow$  limited to 20 mag (A<sub>V</sub>)
- $3.6/4.5 \,\mu\text{m} \rightarrow \text{up to 60 mag}$ ? Not clear yet
- Needs a 3D difficult modeling  $\rightarrow$  ask Charlène for a talk
- Needs I<sub>background</sub>
- Needs ISRF<sub>anisotrope</sub>
- Grain size distribution
- Grain types
- Grain properties
   compact, fluffy, porous...

lsotropic+anisotropic ISRF Isotropic ISRF



## What about 8 µm absorption ?



Determination of I<sub>background</sub> ? I<sub>background</sub> constant ? Needs an external calibrator (dust emission ??? looping...) Finally, scattering is NOT negligible  $\rightarrow$  needs 3D modeling

## Conclusions

- Try to combine all wavelengths + molecular emission  $(N_2H^+ \text{ especially}) \rightarrow \text{ long, difficult, could be diverging}$
- long : it takes one PhD to model one cloud! Ask Charlène...
- difficult : many properties are degenerate, line of sight variations, ISRF unknown

## Hope

- WISH satellite :  $1-5 \mu m$  cameras, mag = 24 in 30 sec !
- spectrometer on board to measure  $H_2O$ , CO and  $CO_2$  ices
- Could cover 2000°<sup>2</sup> in one month
- Combine with 3.6 µm deep observations for reddening from Spitzer (available ?)
- still need a lot of ingredients but probably the easiest way

#### Don't let this bring you down!