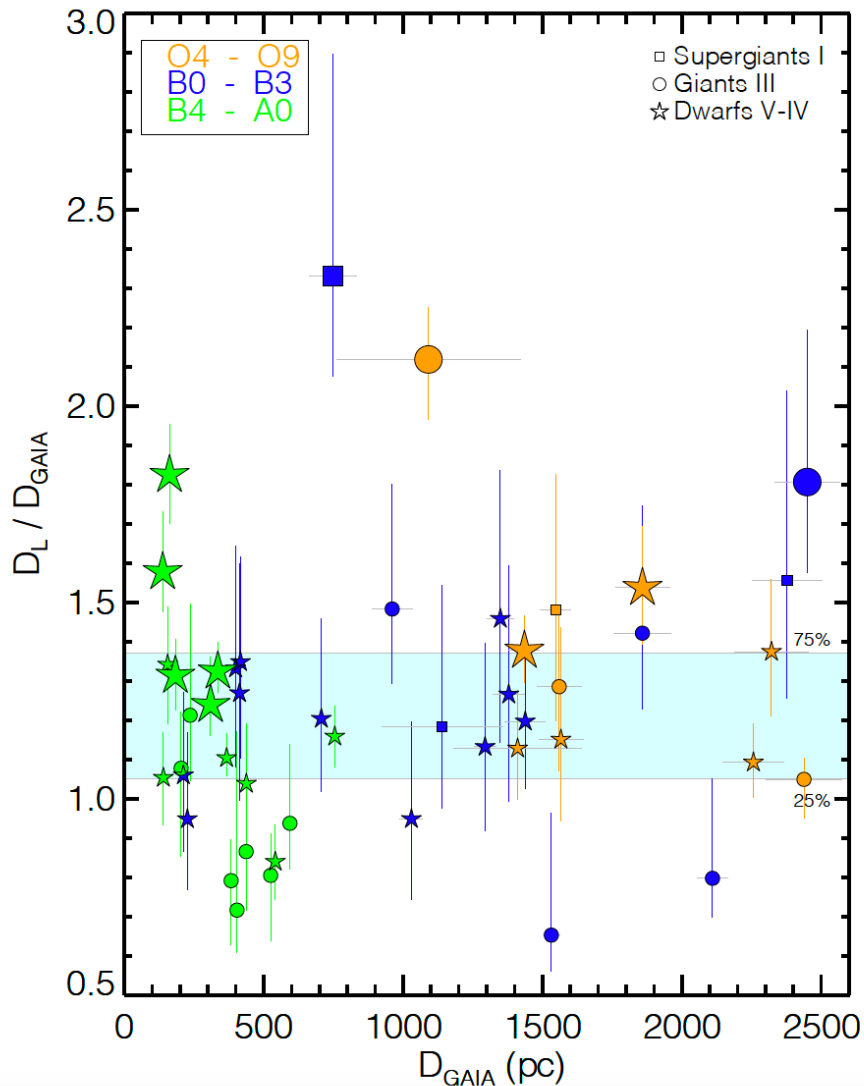


# The distance to the stars

- The distance puzzle and very cold dust (Dark Dust IV)
- Dust model vs. observational constraints (Dark Dust II)
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# The distance puzzle



$$D_L > D_{\text{GAIA}} \Rightarrow$$

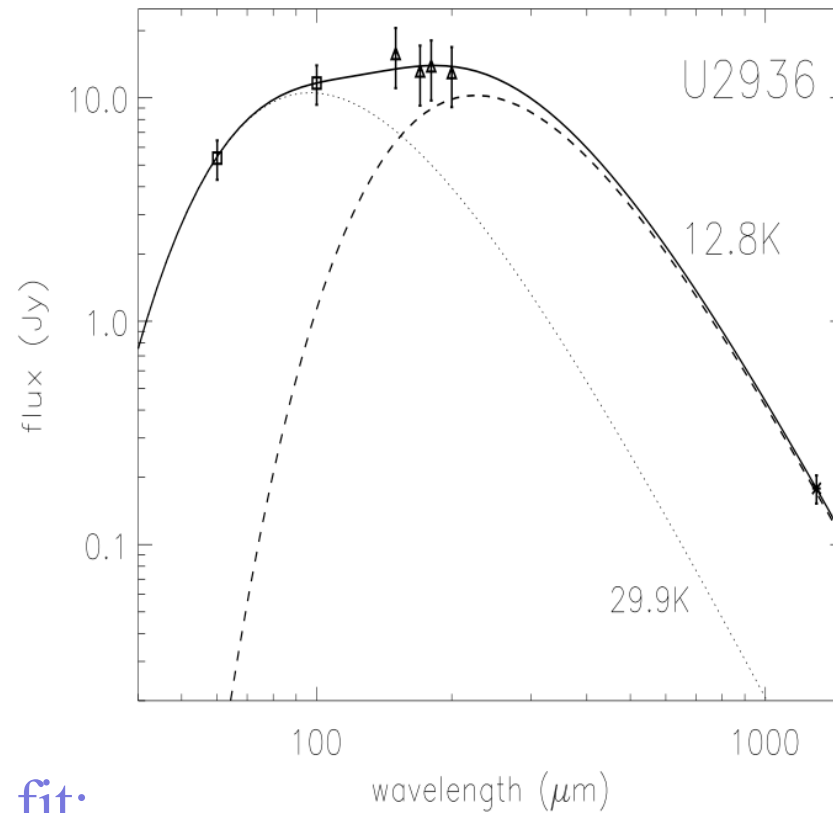
Compensate overestimate  
of luminosity viz. GAIA distance  
by extra dimming of the light.

$$5 \log(D_L) = V - M_V - A_V + 5$$

$A_V$  : Valencic+04, Fitzpartick&Massa07, Gordon+09

$M_V$  : Bowen+08, Wegner+07

# The distance puzzle and very cold dust emission



Submm excess:

- ISO (S+99)
- Herschel
- ALMA

Degeneracy in SED fit:

- Chance of slope  $\beta$  (commonly applied)
- Dark Dust

## **Observational constraints of dust models** (Hensley & Draine 21)

- a) Solid phase element abundances
- b) Wavelength dependant reddening
- c) Star-light polarization
- d) Dust emission of polarized + unpolarised light,
- e) Account for increased (sub)mm emission in the MW by Planck

# The Dark Dust model

## Dust populations:

- 1) Nano-particles  $< 6\text{nm}$  of vSi, vGr, and PAH
- 2) Submicron spheroids  $6\text{nm} < a < 300\text{nm}$  of amorphous Si, C
- 3) Micrometer sized dark dust as fluffy Si+C conglomerates

## Model parameters (11):

- dust abundances (specific mass) of 6-1 components
- size parameters: exponent  $q$ , upper radii:  $r_{\text{Si}}^+$ ,  $r_{\text{C}}^+$ ,  $r_{\mu}^+$
- polarization alignment radii  $r_{\text{Si}}^p$ ,  $r_{\text{C}}^p$

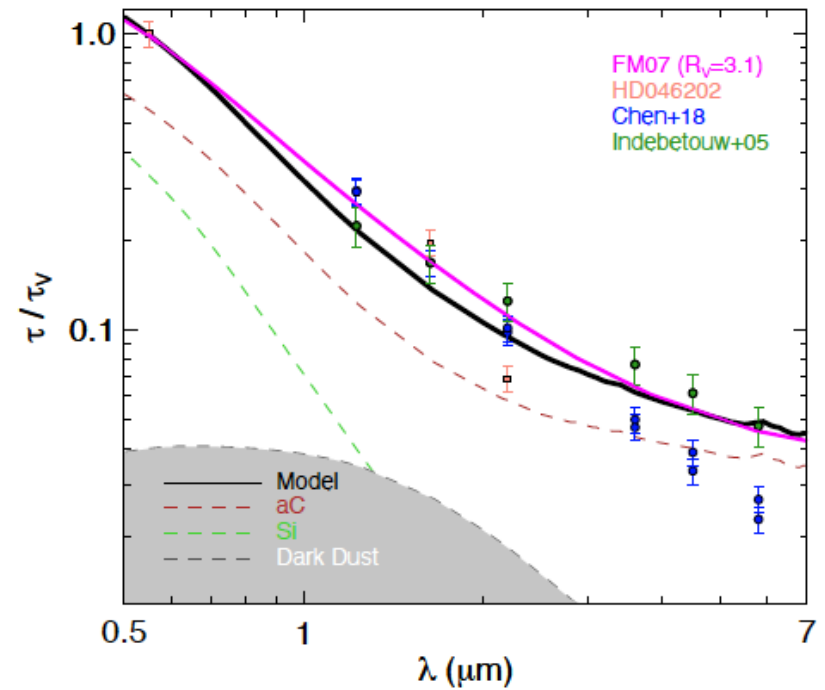
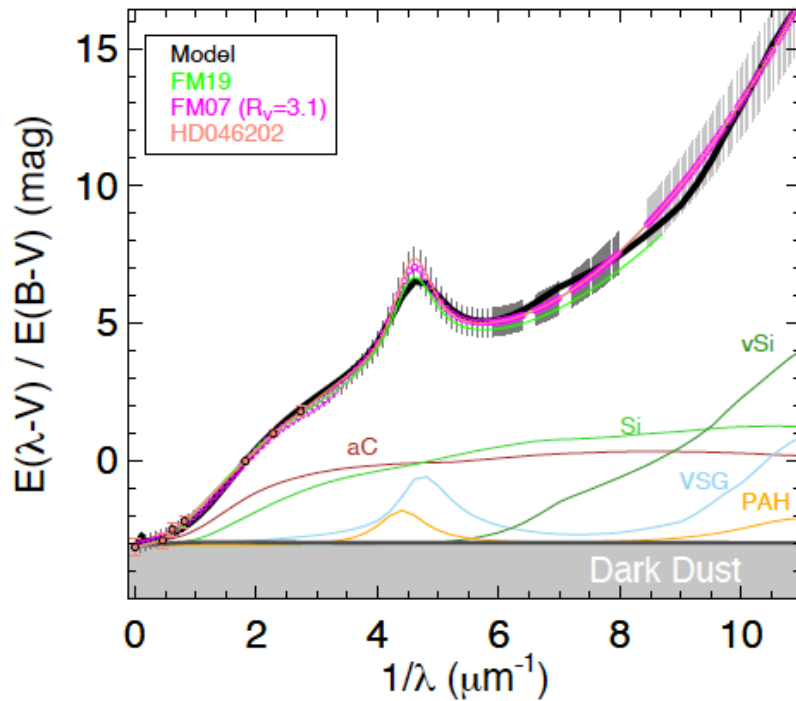
# Dark Dust in the general field of the diffuse ISM

## a) Solid phase element abundances

All models respect:  $[C] / [Si] < 5.2$

# Dark Dust in the general field of the diffuse ISM

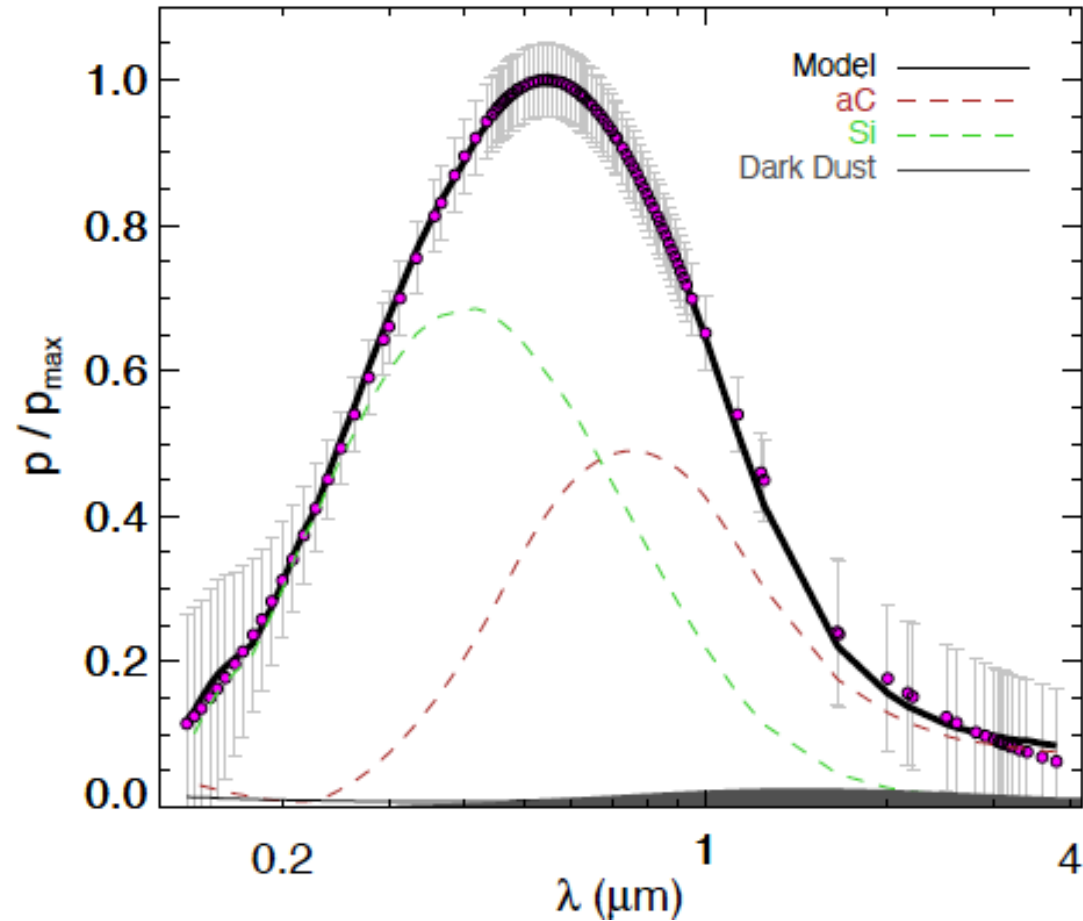
## b) Reddening



Dark dust reddening at  $\lambda \leq 1 \mu\text{m}$  is flat, non-selective, gray

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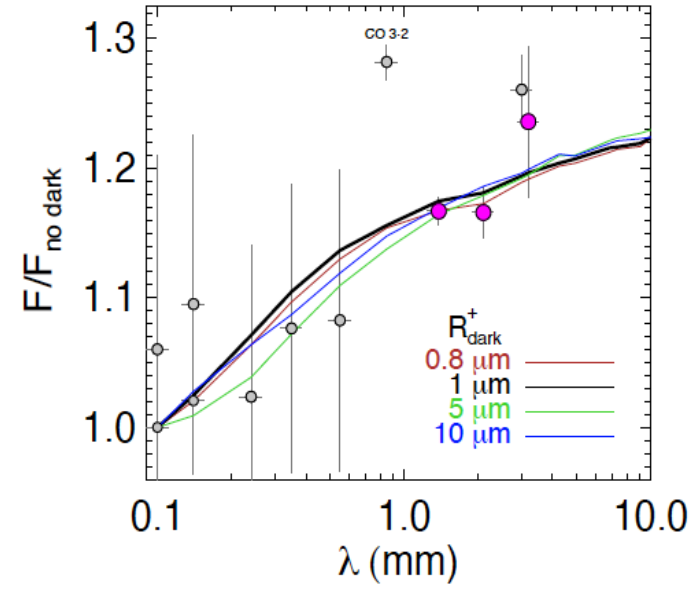
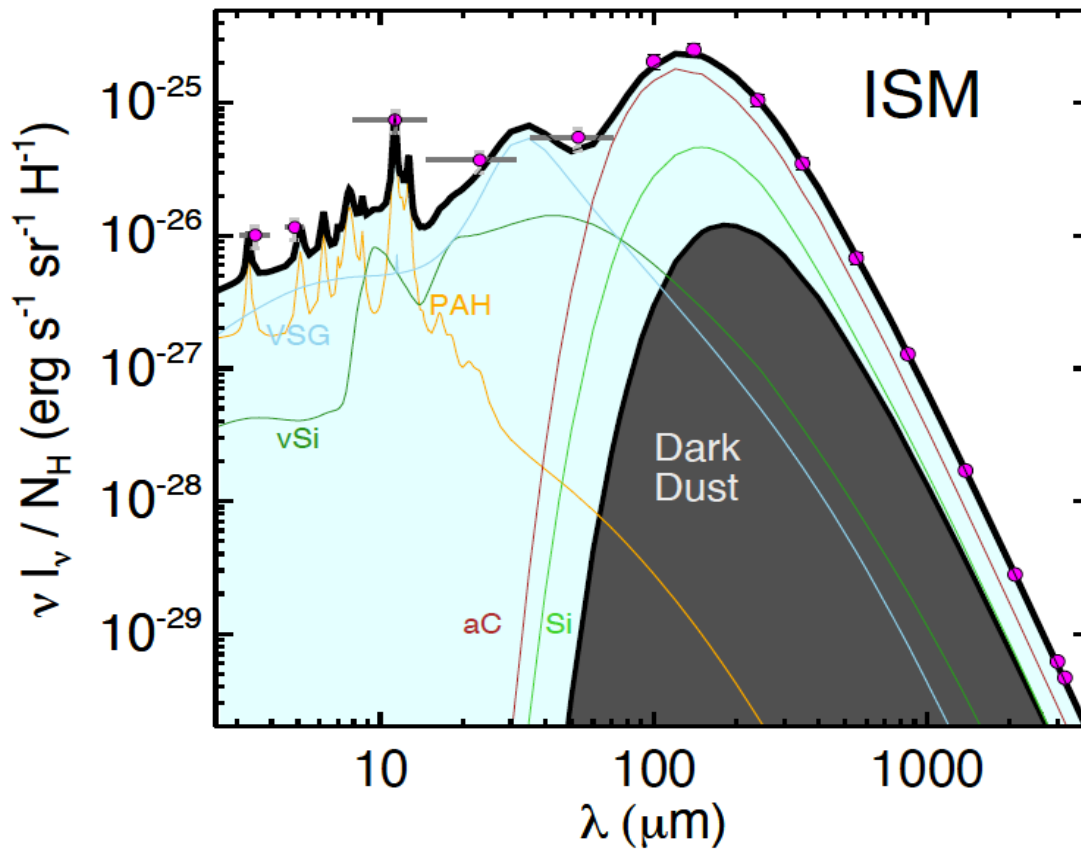
## c) Starlight polarisation





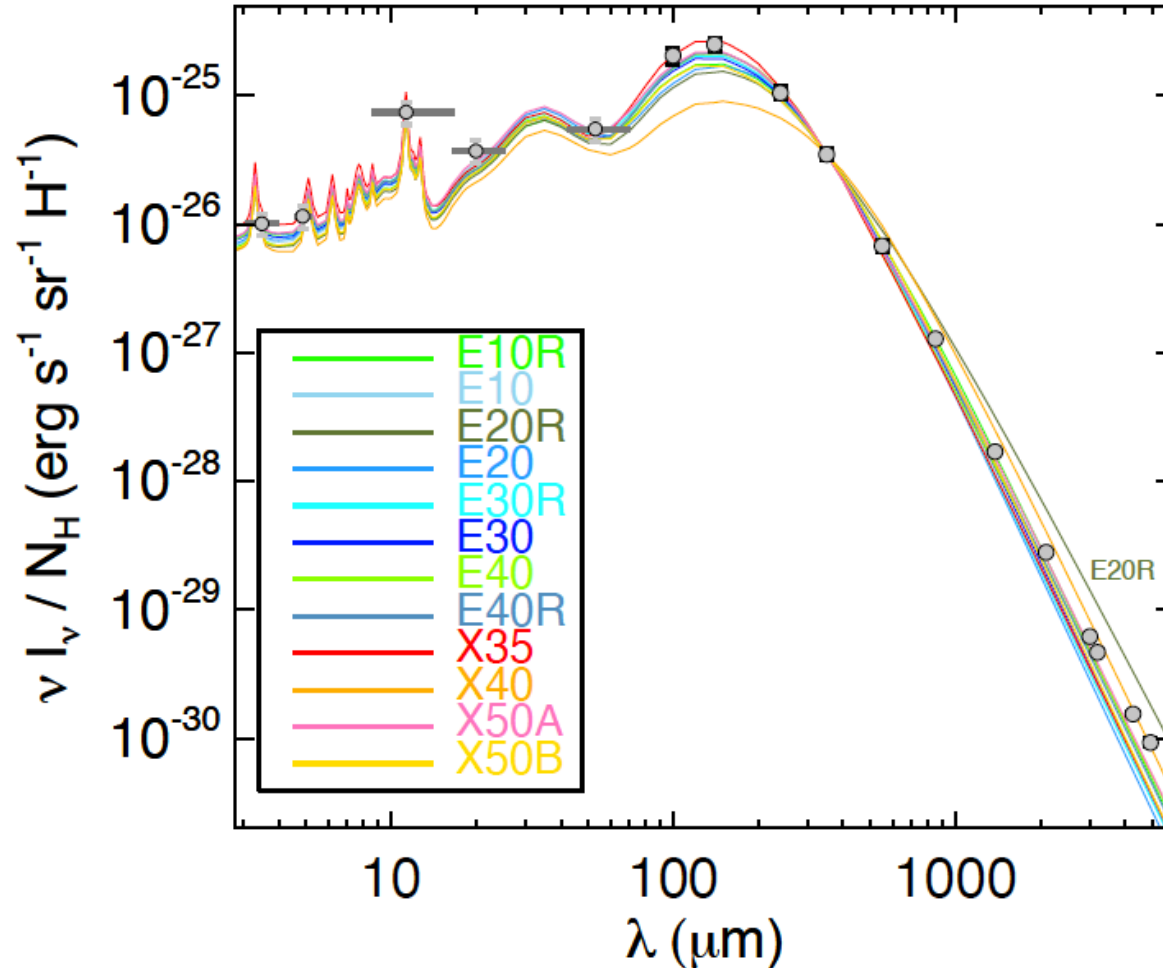
# Dark Dust in the general field of the diffuse ISM

## d) Emission + mm excess



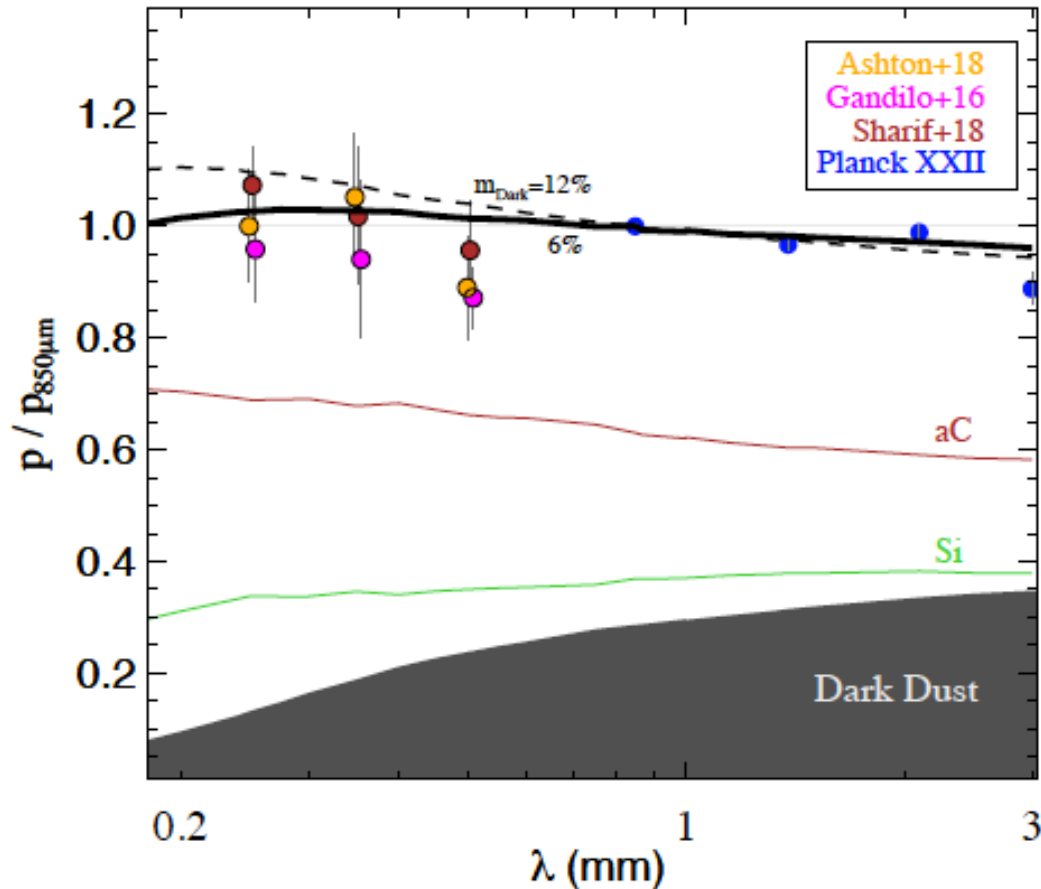
# Dark Dust in the general field of the diffuse ISM

Mix of new (n,k) of amorphous Si (Karine Demyk+22)



# Dark Dust in the general field of the diffuse ISM

## d) Polarised emission

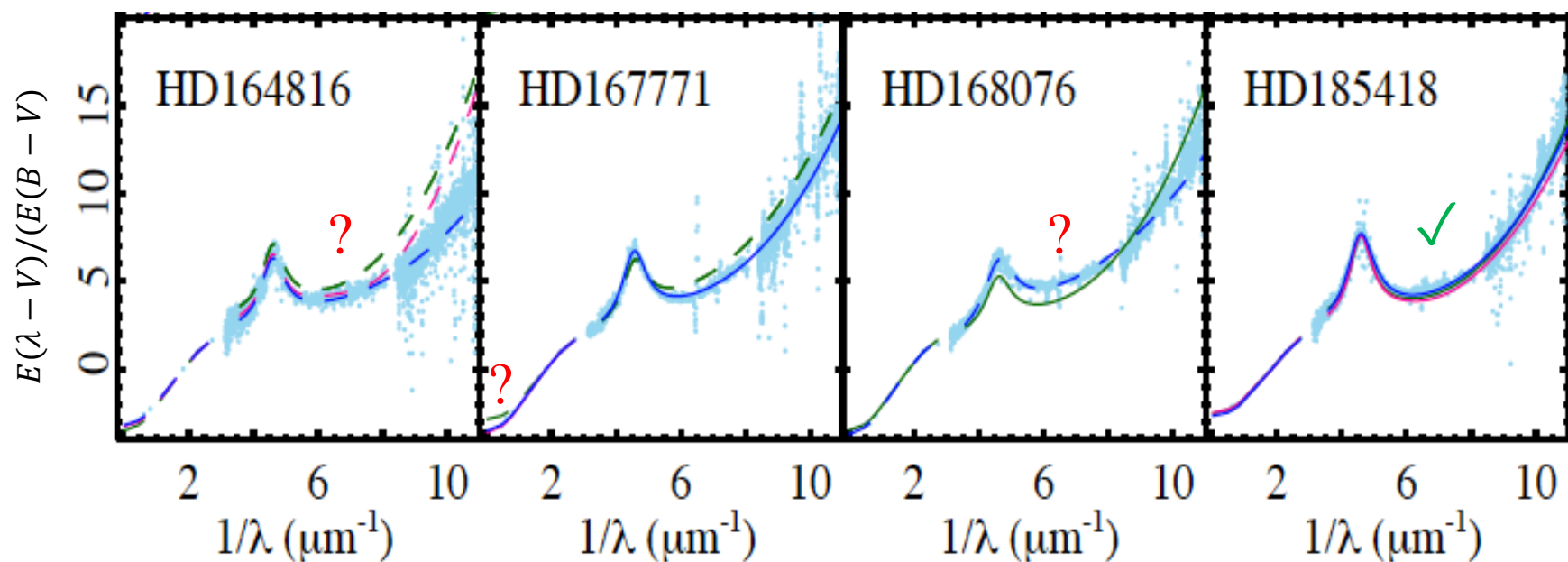


Submm/optical polarisation:

$$p_{850\mu\text{m}} / (p_V / \tau_V) = 4.3 \text{ (Planck: Guillet+16)}$$

# Dark Dust. III. The high-quality single-cloud reddening curve sample. Scrutinizing extinction curves in the Milky Way.

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## Legacy of reddening curves

544 stars IUE, FUSE

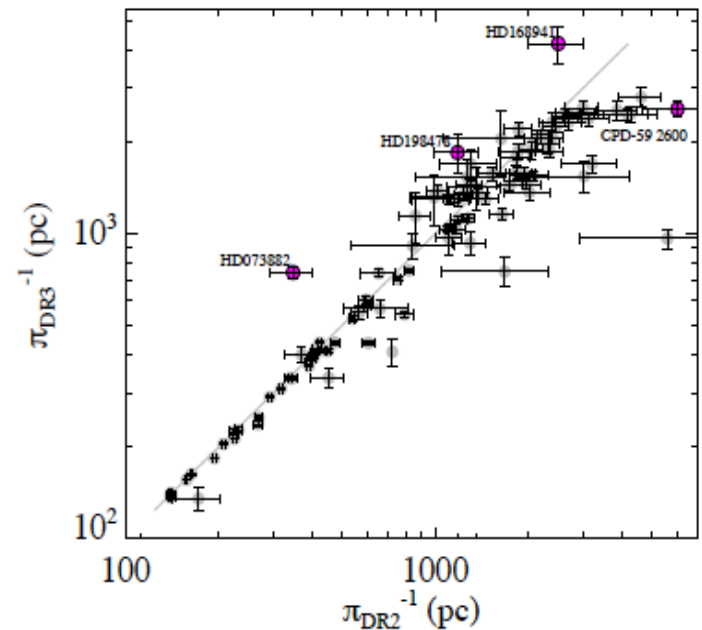
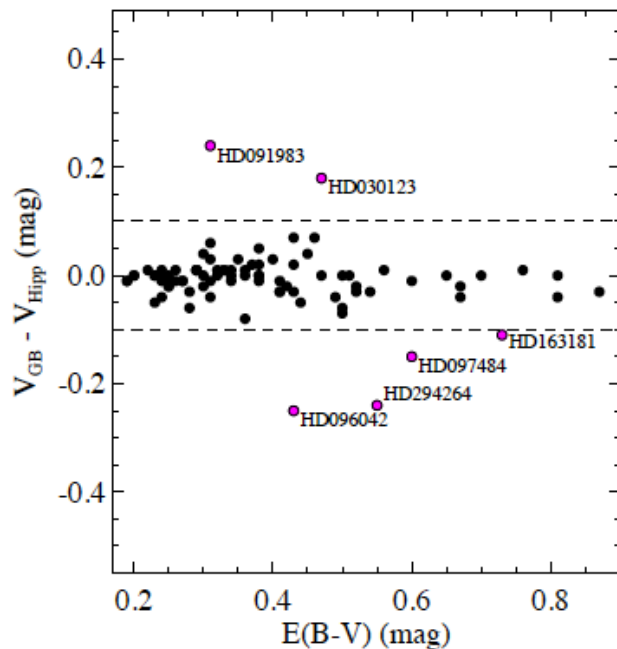
186 " UVES spectroscopy

110 " Large IS Polarisation Survey

=> **50 stars in high-quality sample**

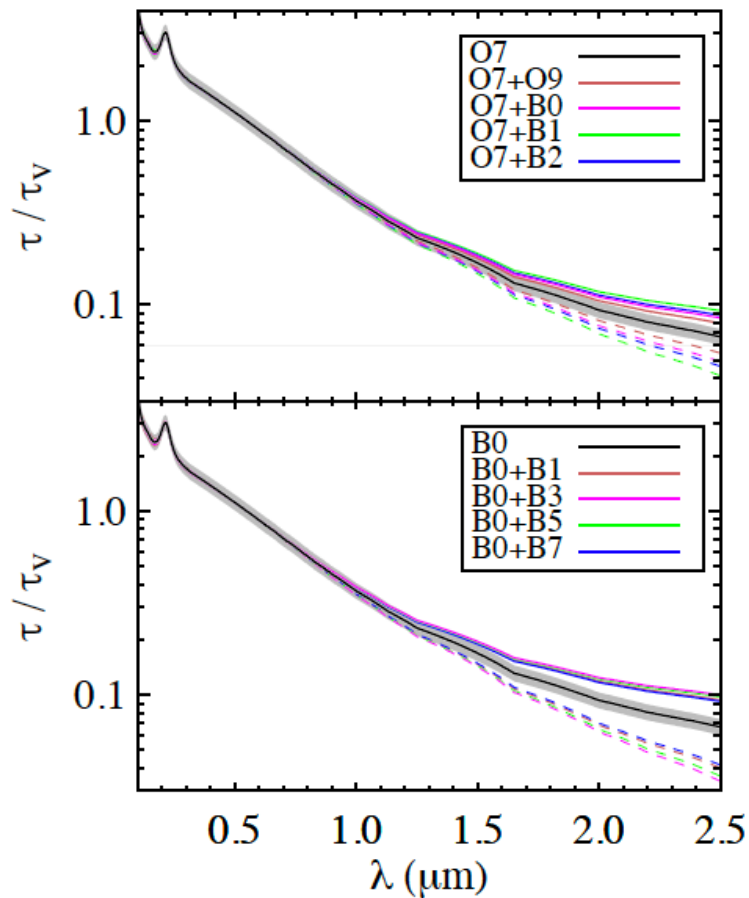
# Dark dust III - High quality sample of reddening curves

1. No multiple bright sources within  $10''$   $\sim$ IUE apertures
2. No variability in photometry
3. No variability in *GAIA* parallax
4. IR reddening: no emission components
5. Spec type + lum class of reddened +unreddened stars agree

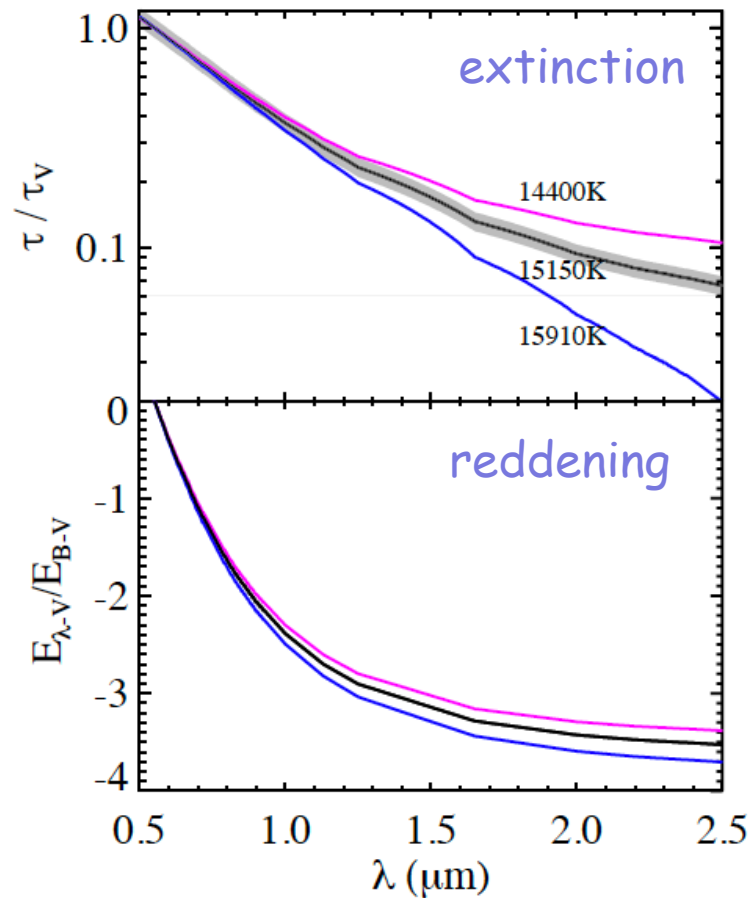


# Scrutinizing extinction curves

## Impact of binaries



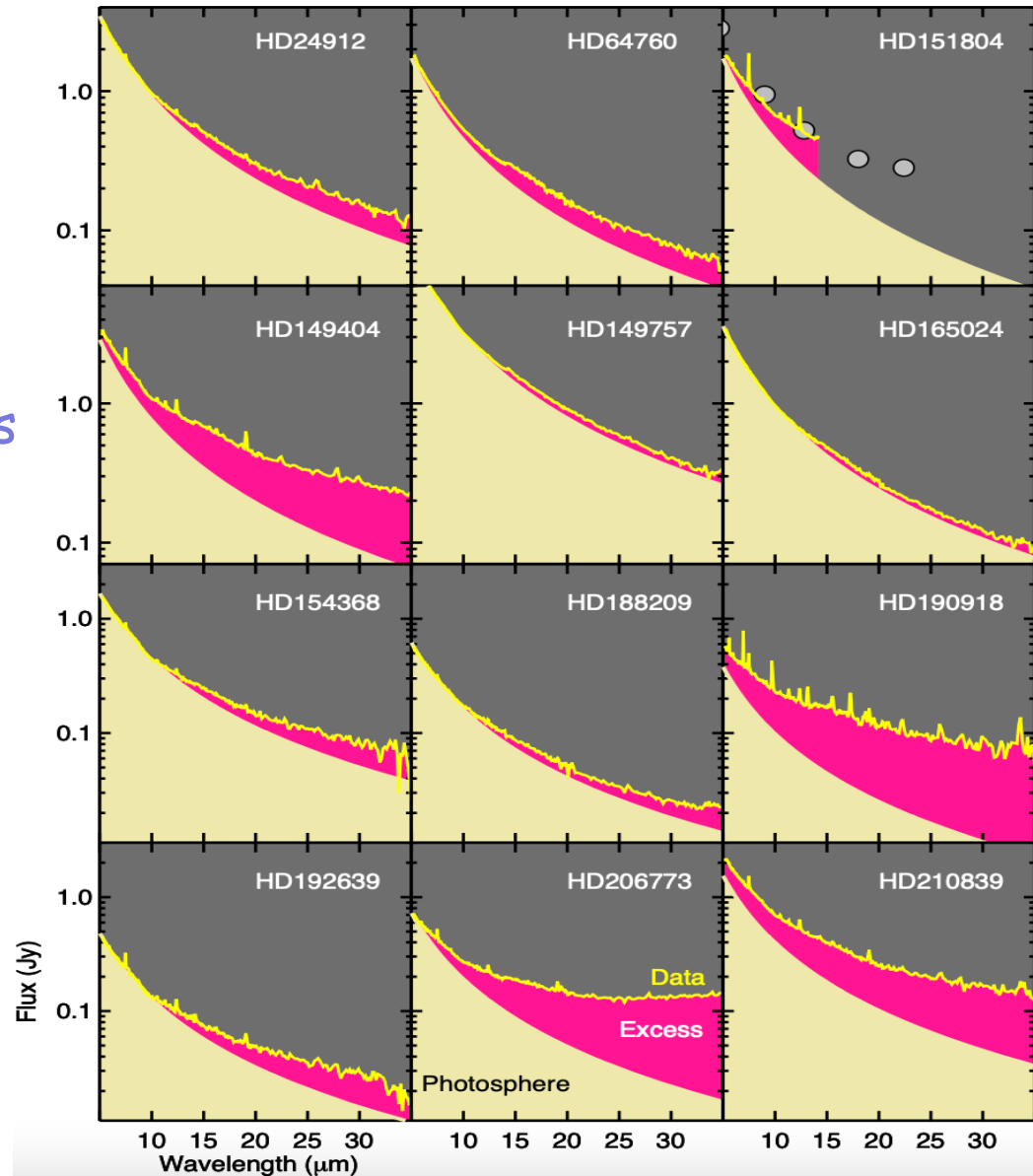
## SpL of $F_{\text{obs}}$ and $F_{\text{nd}}$ differ



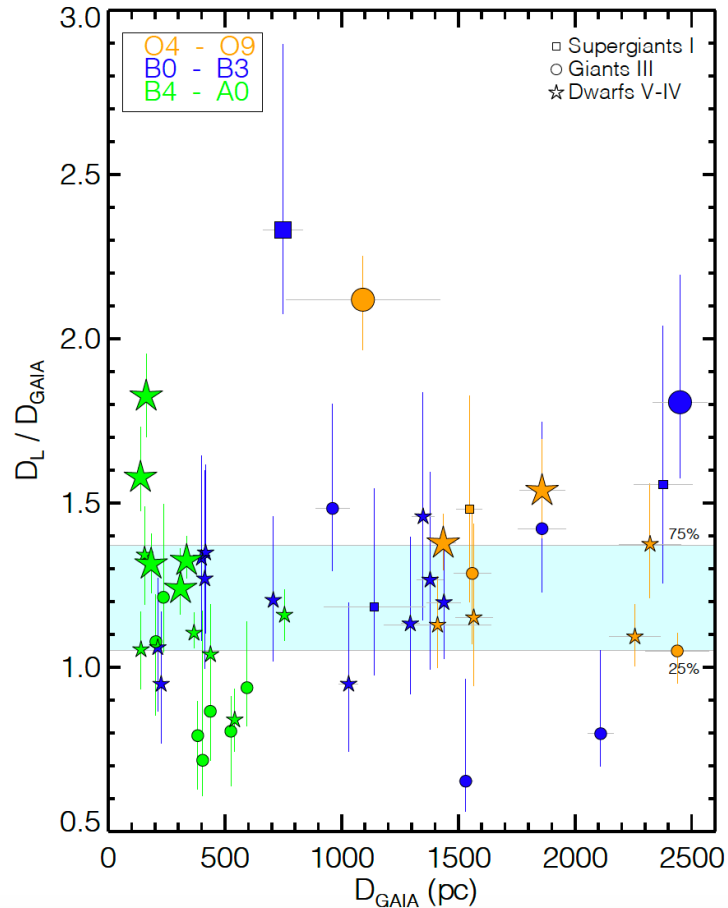
Impact on reddening in the NIR is large

# Scrutinizing MIR reddening curves

~50% of OB stars  
show MIR/FIR  
excess emission



# Distance unification



Dimming by :

- ‘meteoritic bodies’ (Trumpler, 1930)
- $\mu\text{m}$  –sized grains (Dark Dust II, 2023)



# Distance unification by dark dust

1) Estimate  $A_V$  by inserting  $D_{\text{GAIA}}$  in photometric equation:

$$A_V = V - M_V - 5 \log D_{\text{GAIA}} + 5.$$

$\tau_V = N^n K^n_V + N^\mu K^\mu_V$  Dark Dust model with extinction cross section  $K$

$\tau_V < E(H)/1.086$  reddening at infinite is smaller than in H-band

2) Normalize  $N^{n,\mu}$  by observed  $E(B-V)$

$$E(B-V) = 1.086 (\tau_B - \tau_V)$$

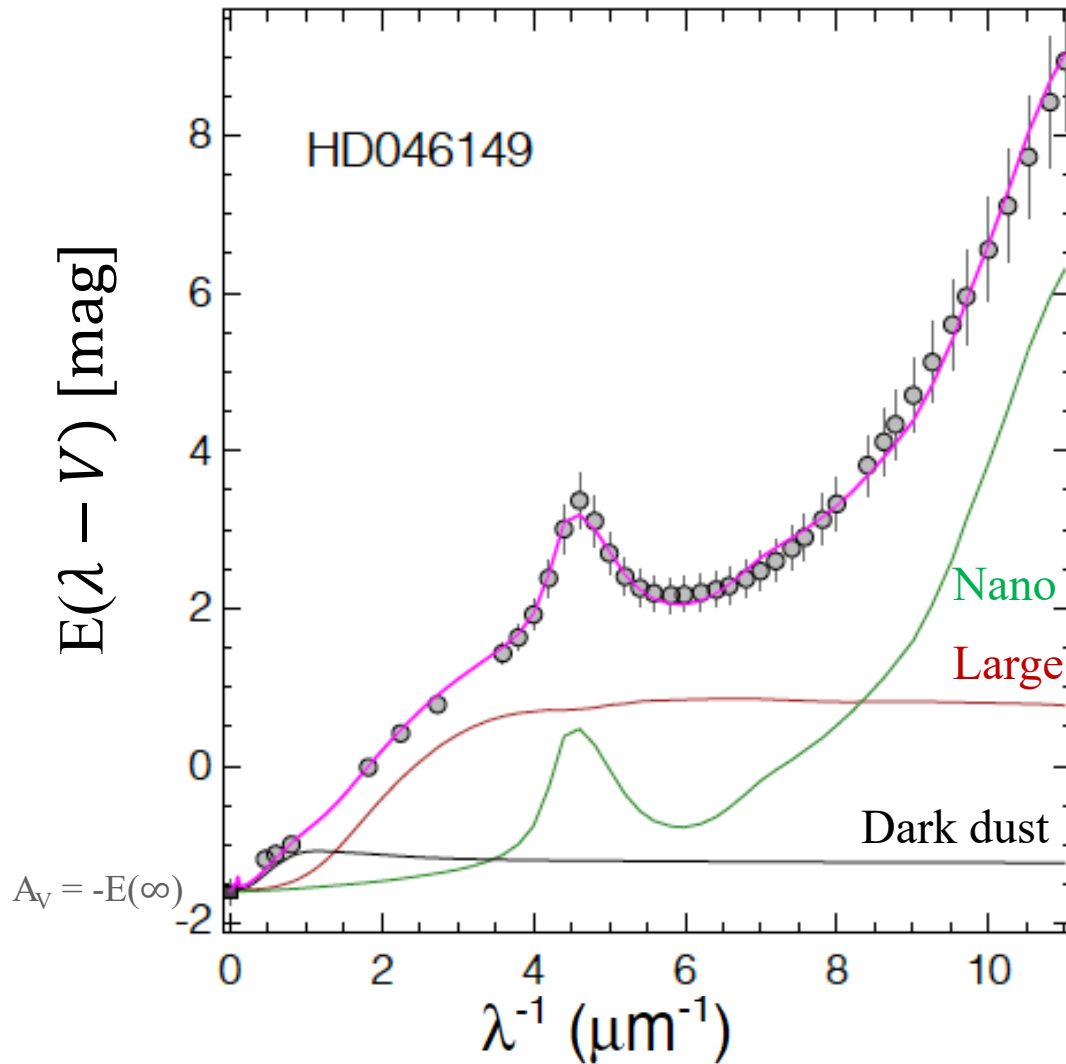
$$(\tau_B - \tau_V) = N^n (K^n_B - K^n_V) + N^\mu (K^\mu_B - K^\mu_V)$$

=>

- Model of the absolute reddening
- $D_L = D_{\text{GAIA}}$

# Model of the absolute reddening

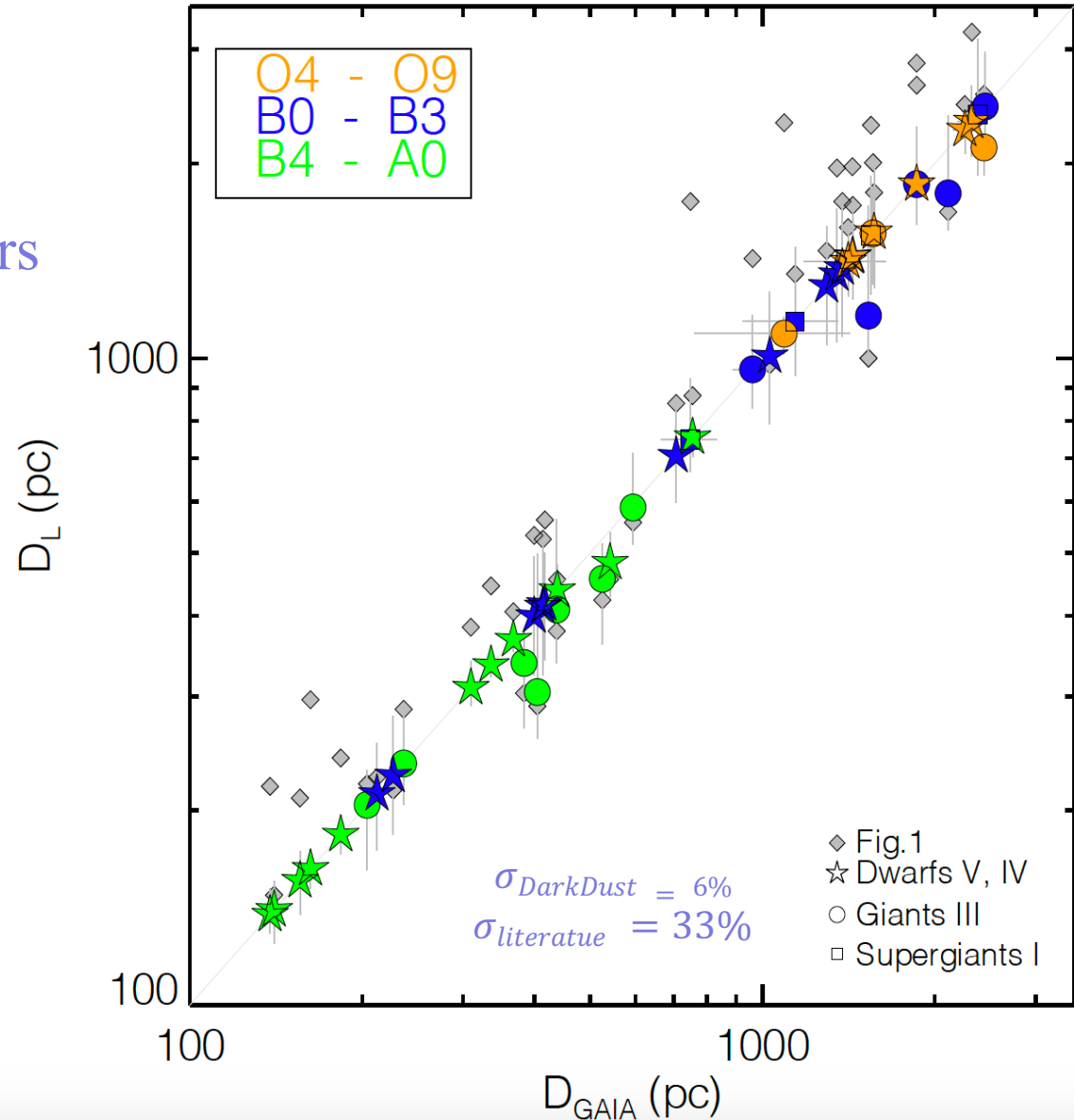
Fit all 47 stars



# Distance unification

$$D_L = D_{\text{GAIA}}$$

for 40 out of 47 stars

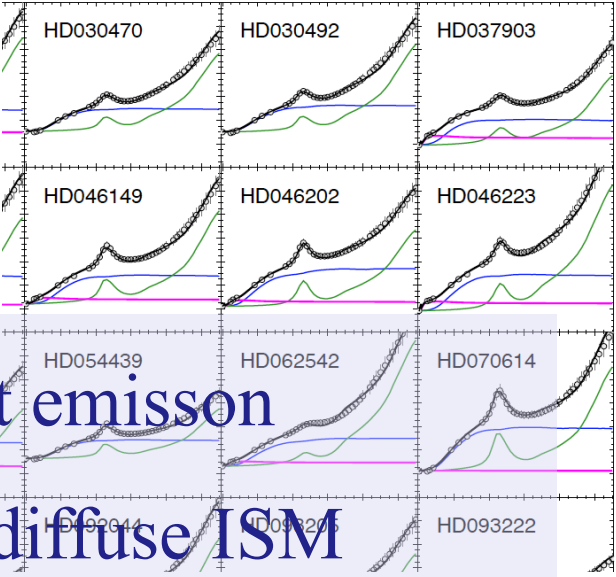
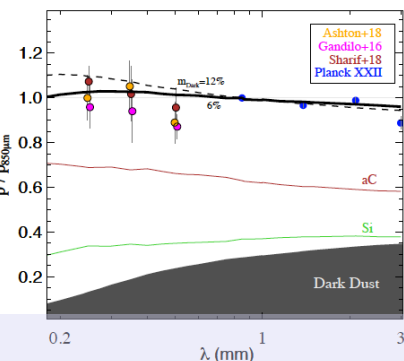
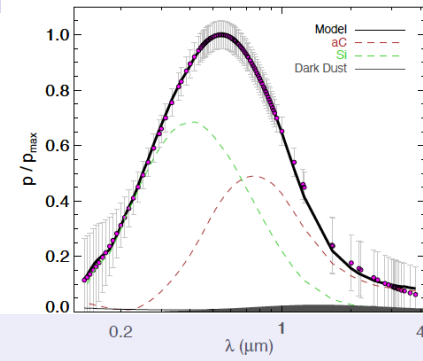
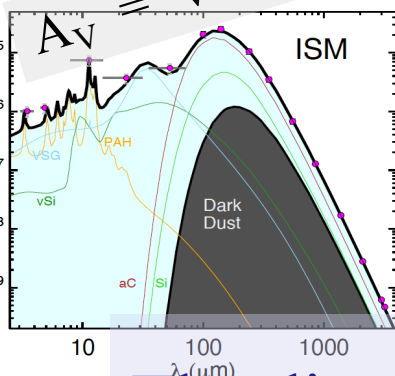


# Dark Dust and the unification of distances to the stars

- The distance puzzle and very cold dust emission
- Dark dust a new component of the ISM
- Reddening of stars: NIR be careful,  $R_V$  be very careful
- Model of the absolute reddening towards stars
- Unification of distances:  $D_L = D_{\text{GAIA}}$

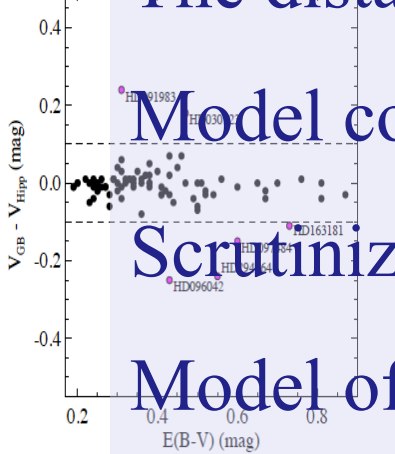
# $A_V = V - M_V - 5 \log D_{\text{GAIA}} + 5$ . Dark Dust IV

## The distance to the stars



The distance puzzle and very cold dust emission

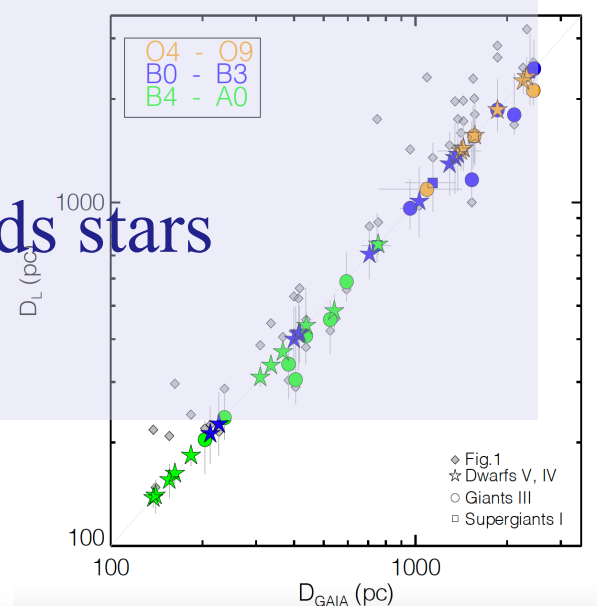
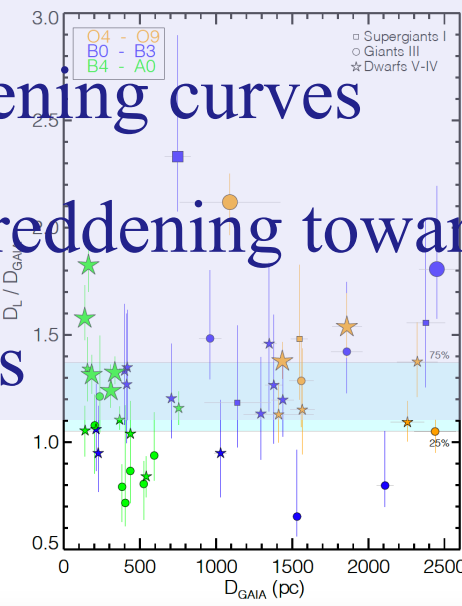
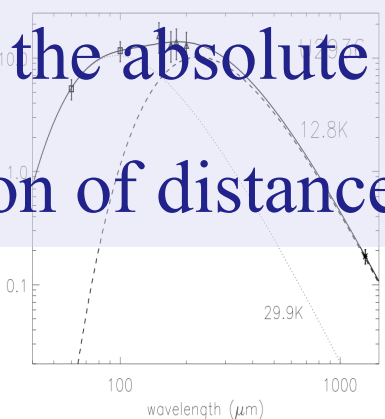
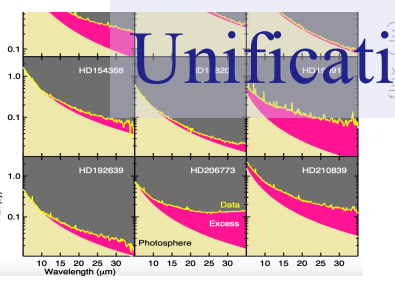
Model constraints of Dark dust in the diffuse ISM



Scrutinizing MW reddening curves

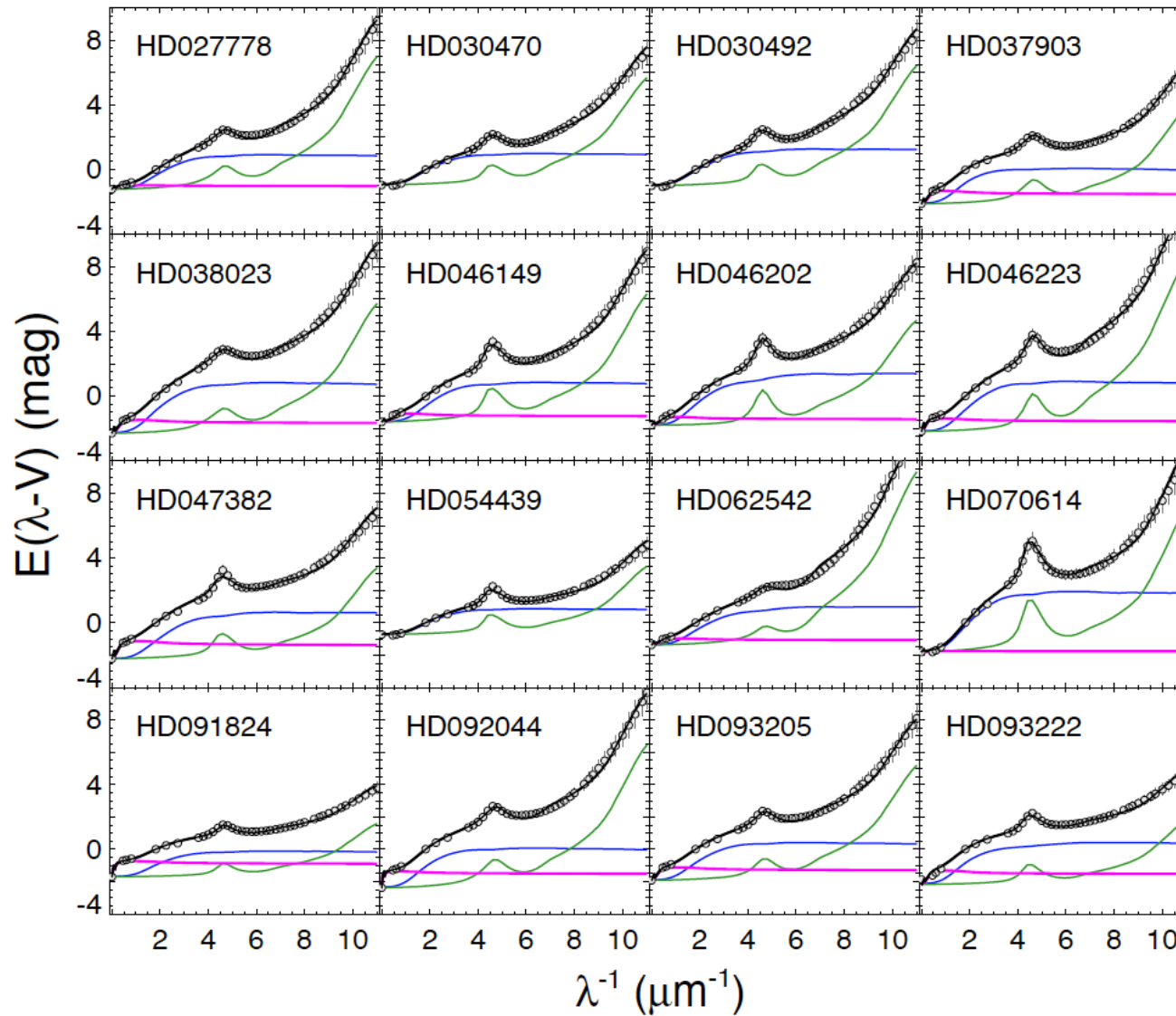
Model of the absolute reddening towards stars

Unification of distances



# Distance unification

## Model of the absolute reddening



Fit all 47 star

# Extinction fit

$$\left(\frac{\tau(\nu)}{\tau_V}\right)_{\text{obs}} \sim \left(\frac{K_{\text{ext}}(\nu)}{K_{\text{ext},V}}\right)_{\text{model}}$$

Dust attenuation  $A(\nu) = 1.086 \tau_{\text{ext}}(\nu)$

$$K_{\text{ext}} = \sum_i \int_{r_-}^{r_+} K_{\text{ext},i}(r) dr$$

Dust extinction cross section

$$K_{\text{ext},i}(r) = \frac{w_i}{\frac{4\pi}{3} \rho_i} \frac{r^{-q}}{\int_{r_-}^{r_+} r^{3-q} dr} C_{\text{ext},i}(r)$$

..of particle of population  
 $i \in \{\text{Si}, \text{aC}, \text{sSi}, \text{gr}\}$ , of radius  $r$  and density  $\rho_i$

$$w_{\text{aC}} = \frac{\Upsilon_{\text{aC}} \mu_{\text{C}}}{(\Upsilon_{\text{aC}} + \Upsilon_{\text{gr}} + \Upsilon_{\text{PAH}})\mu_{\text{C}} + (\Upsilon_{\text{Si}} + \Upsilon_{\text{sSi}})\mu_{\text{Si}}}$$

Specific mass requires relative dust abundances