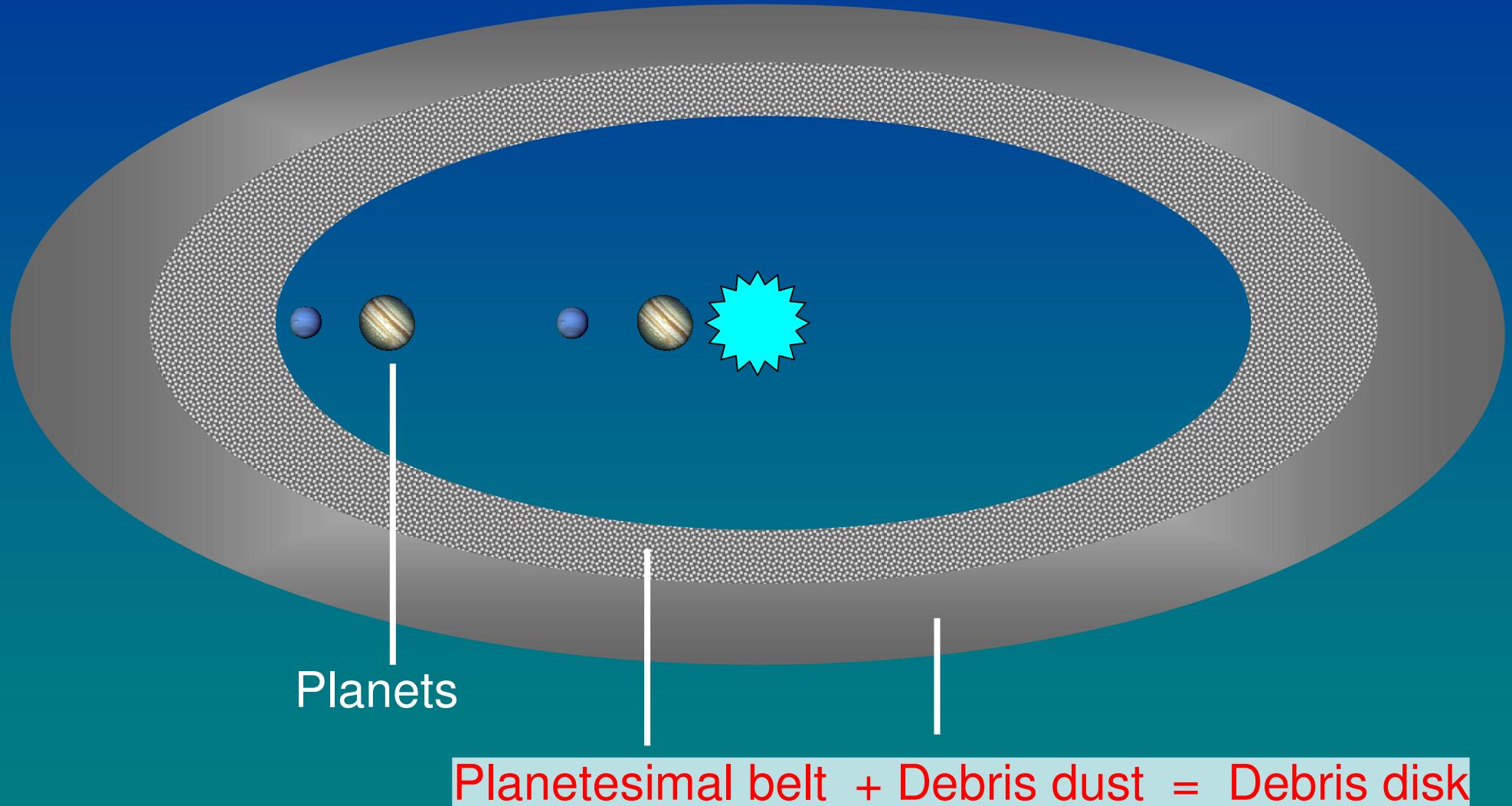


# From observations of debris dust to properties of planetesimals

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# A planetary system and its debris disk

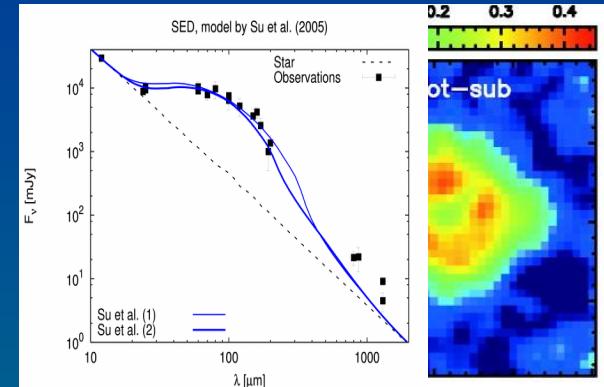
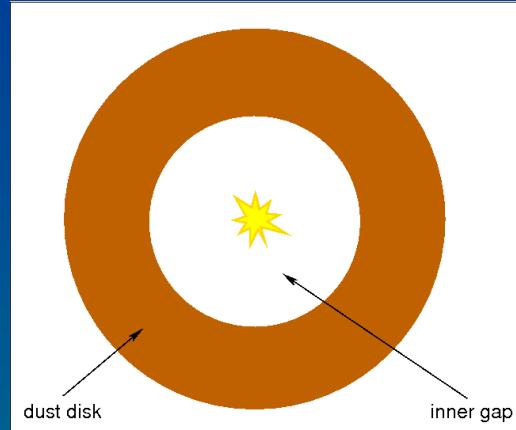
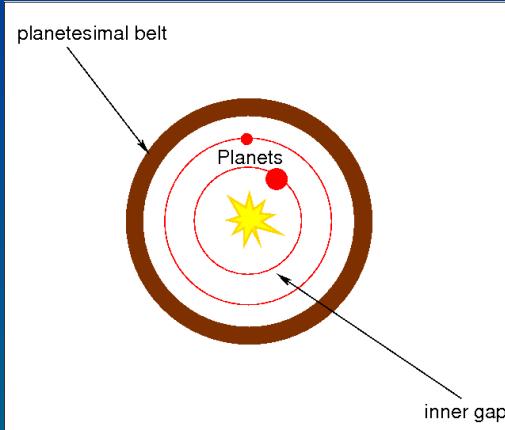


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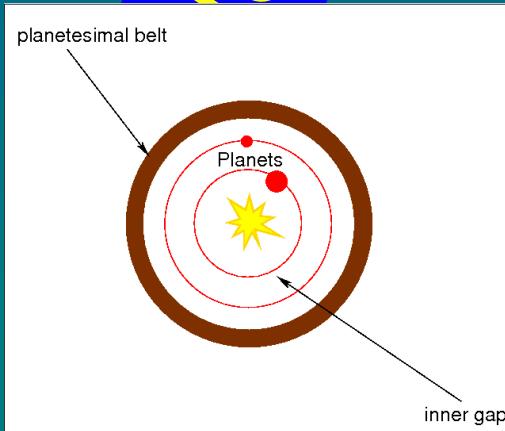
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# Idea of this work

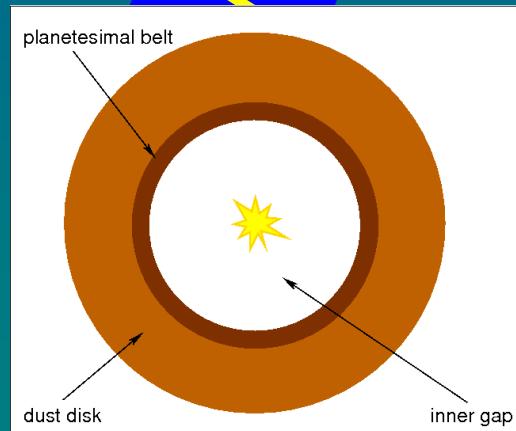
*Traditional approach*



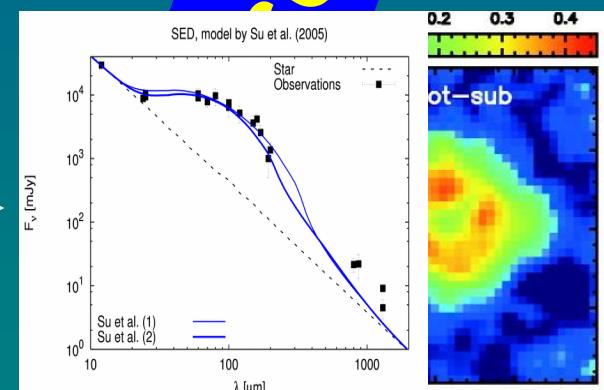
*Our approach*



**Collisional model**



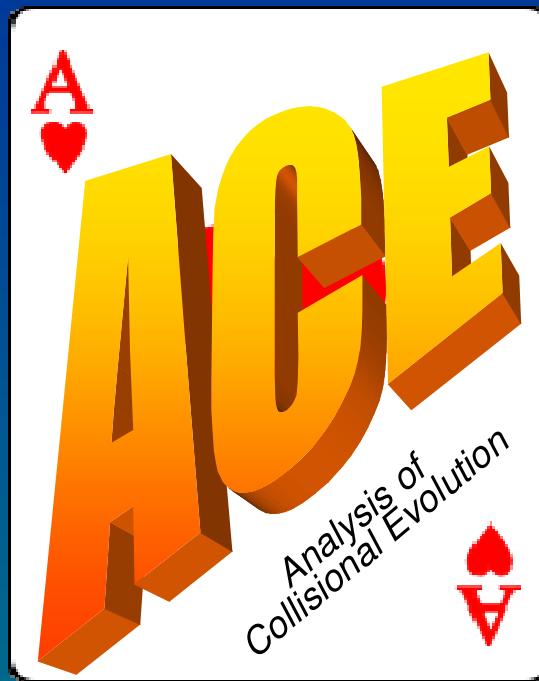
**Thermal emission model**



Krivov, Müller, Löhne, & Mutschke, ApJ 687 (2008)

# Collisional model: ACE

*Initial  
planetesimal  
belt*



*Debris disk  
at subsequent  
time instants*

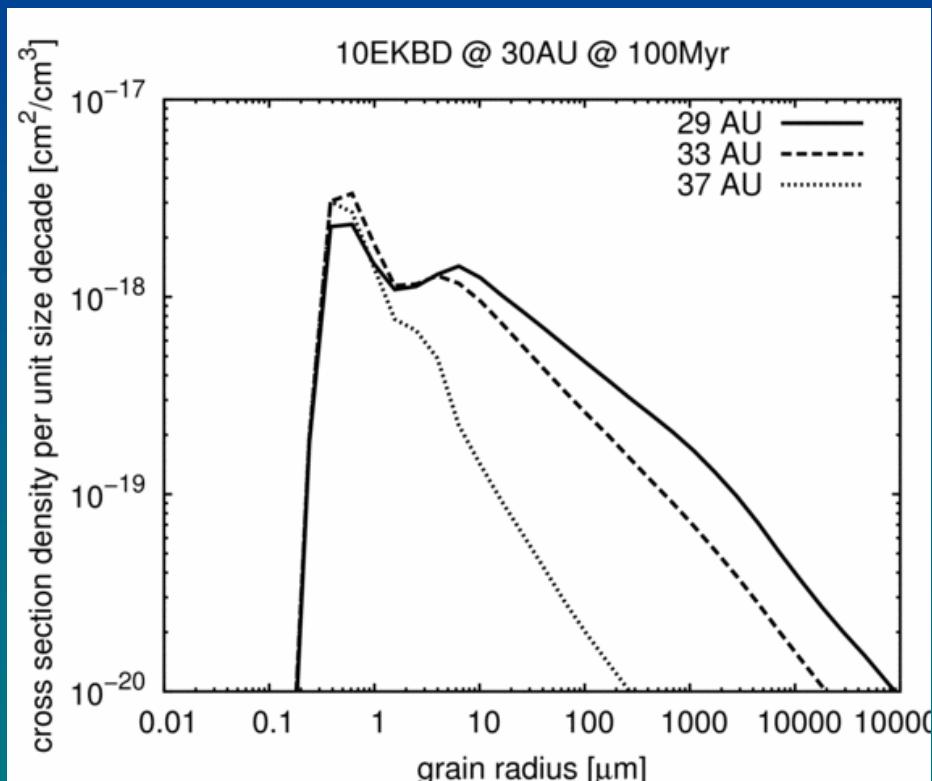
## Features:

- statistical code in an (m,a,e)-mesh
- accurate photogravitational dynamics
- collisions (mergers, cratering, disruption)
- diffusion by P-R and stellar wind
- distributed parallel computing

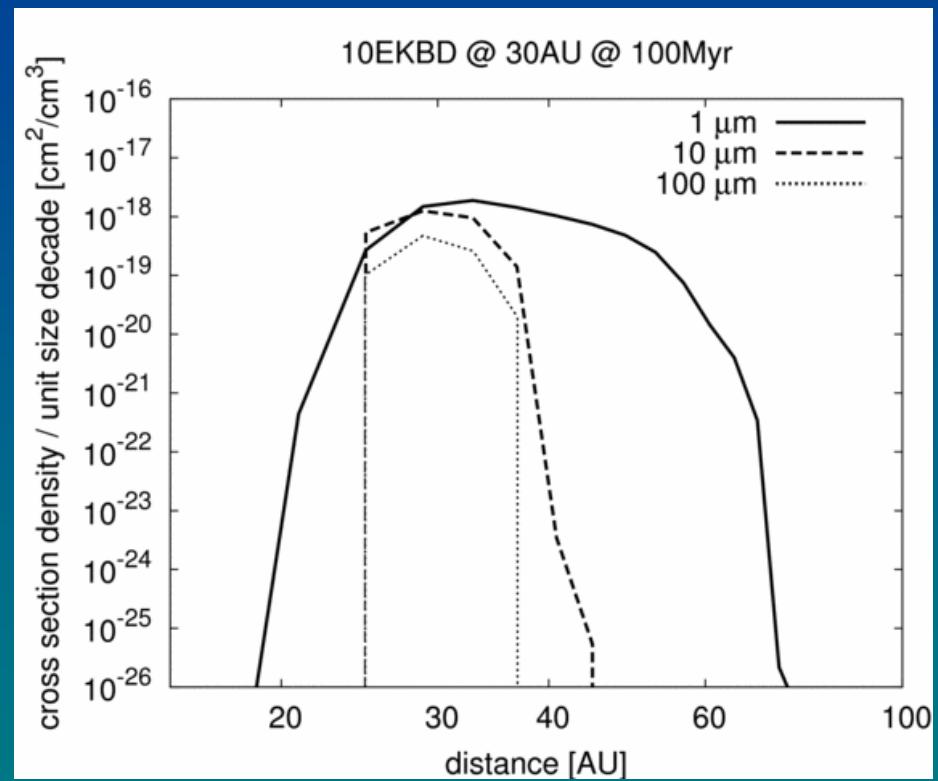
*Authors: Krivov & Sremčević (2003-2004), Löhne (2005-2009)*

# Results: dust distributions

## Distance-dependent size distribution



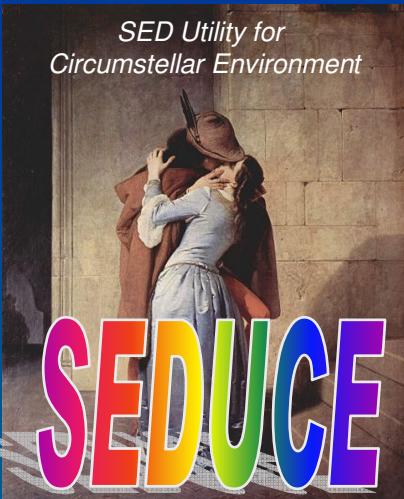
## Size-dependent radial distribution



*cf. Krivov, Löhne, & Sremčević, AAp 455 (2006)  
Thébault & Augereau, AAp 472 (2007)  
Löhne, PhD thesis (2008)*

# Thermal emission model: SEDUCE & SUBITO

*Size and  
spatial  
distribution  
of dust,  
its optical  
properties*



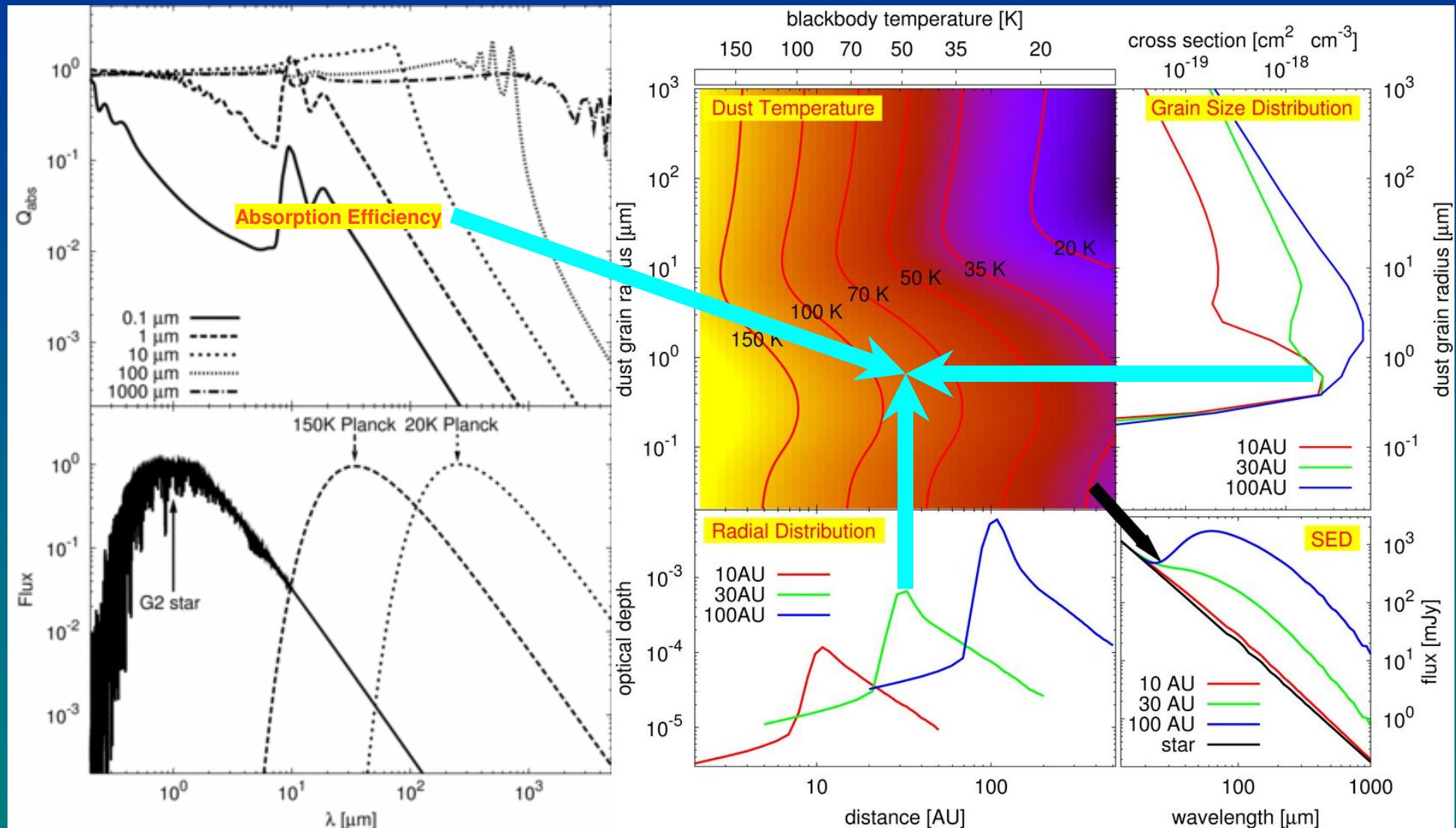
*SED  
  
radial  
brightness  
profile*

## Features:

- NextGen stellar photosphere models
- Mie calculations for arbitrary ( $n, k$ )
- Thermal emission (no scattered light)

*Author: Müller (2007-2009)*

# Results: dust temperatures



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# Input and output

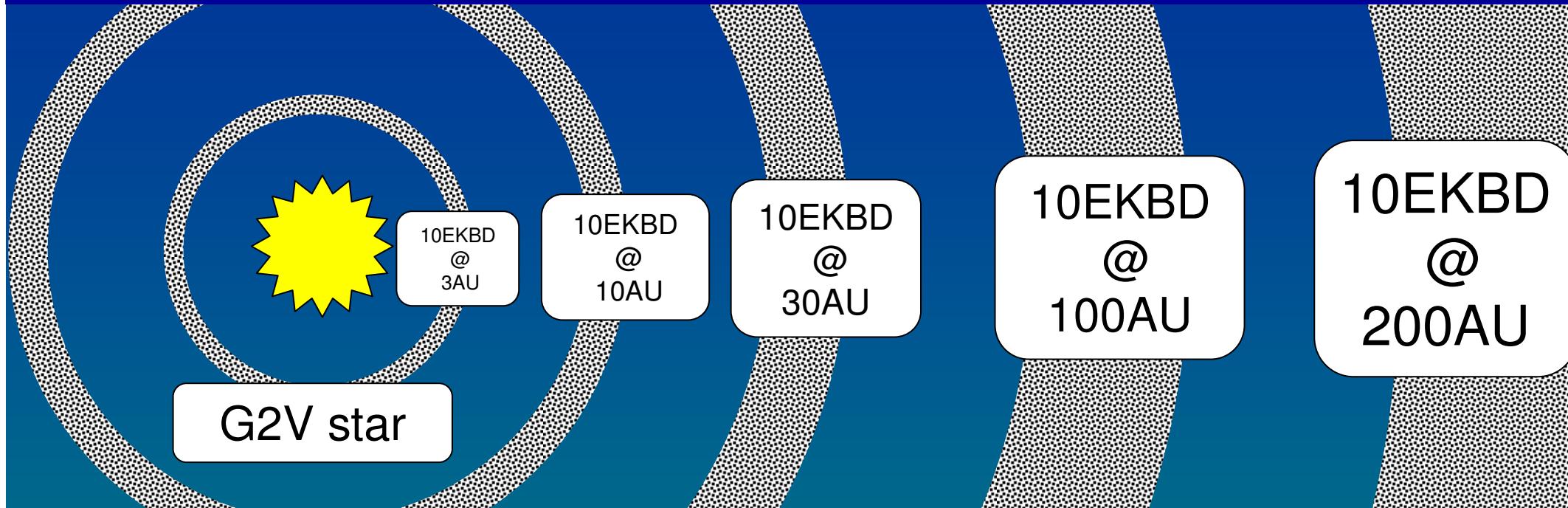
## Model parameters

Star:	stellar mass	$M_*$
	stellar luminosity	$L_*$
	stellar age	$t_*$
Planetesimal belt:	initial mass	$M_0$
	location	$r$
	width	$dr$
	excitation	$\langle e \rangle, \langle i \rangle$
All solids:	bulk density	
	mechanical properties	
	optical properties	
Collisions:	critical fragmentation energy	
	fragments' size distribution	
	cratering efficiency	

known (fixed)  
poorly known (fixed)  
unknown (free)

Observables  
SED

# Reference disks



Disk identifier	Belt location [AU]	Initial disk mass [ $M_{\oplus}$ ]	$a$ range [AU]	$r$ range [AU]
10EKBD @ 3AU	3	0.001	0.3 – 30	0.5 – 20
10EKBD @ 10AU	10	0.03	1 – 100	2 – 50
10EKBD @ 30AU	30	1	3 – 300	5 – 200
10EKBD @ 100AU	100	30	10 – 1000	20 – 500
10EKBD @ 200AU	200	200	20 – 2000	30 – 1000

# Scaling rules

$$F(M_o, r, t)$$

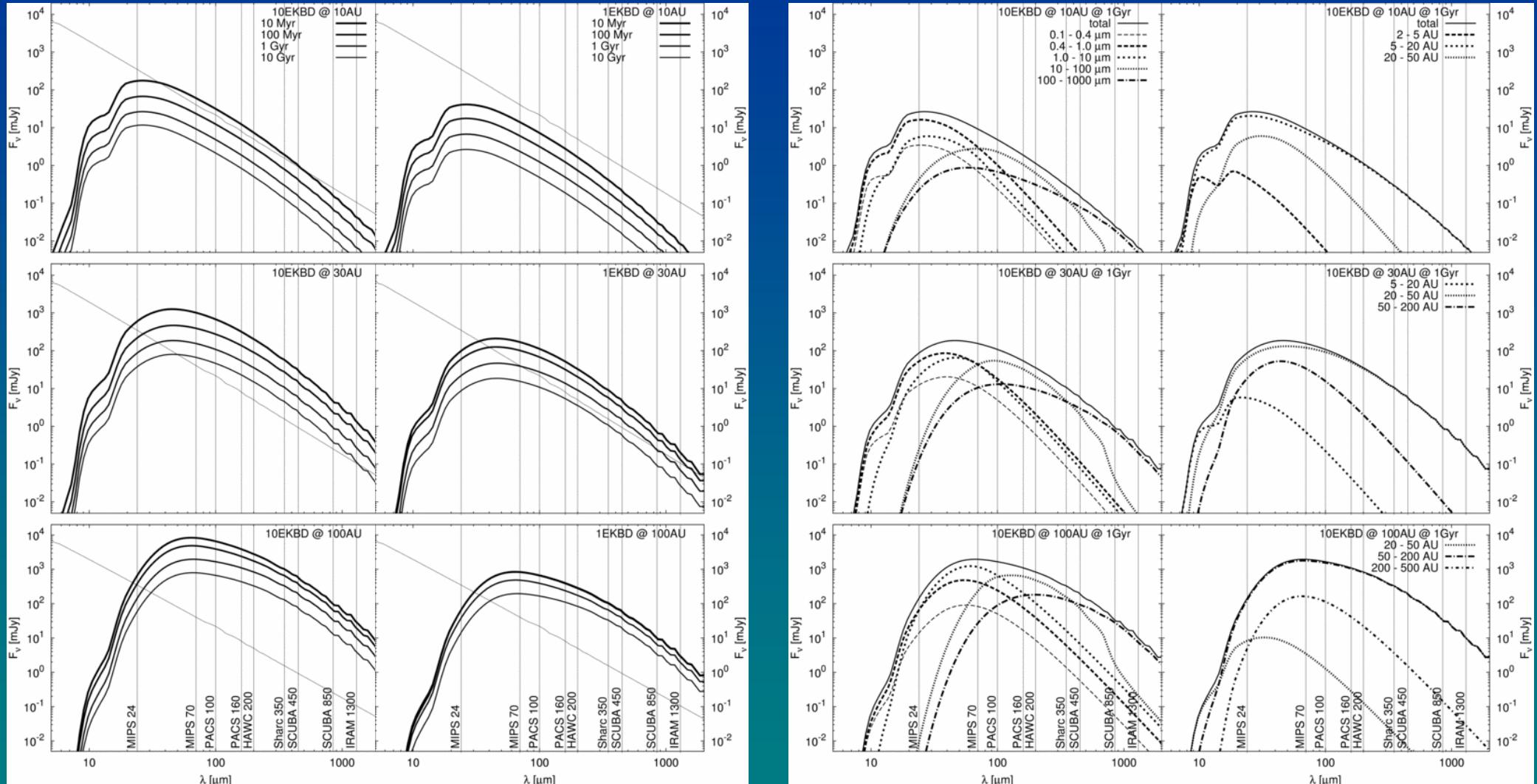
$$F(xM_o, r, t) = x F(M_o, r, xt)$$

Löhne, Krivov, & Rodmann, ApJ 673 (2008)



$$F(M_o, r, t)$$

# Results: SEDs for reference disks



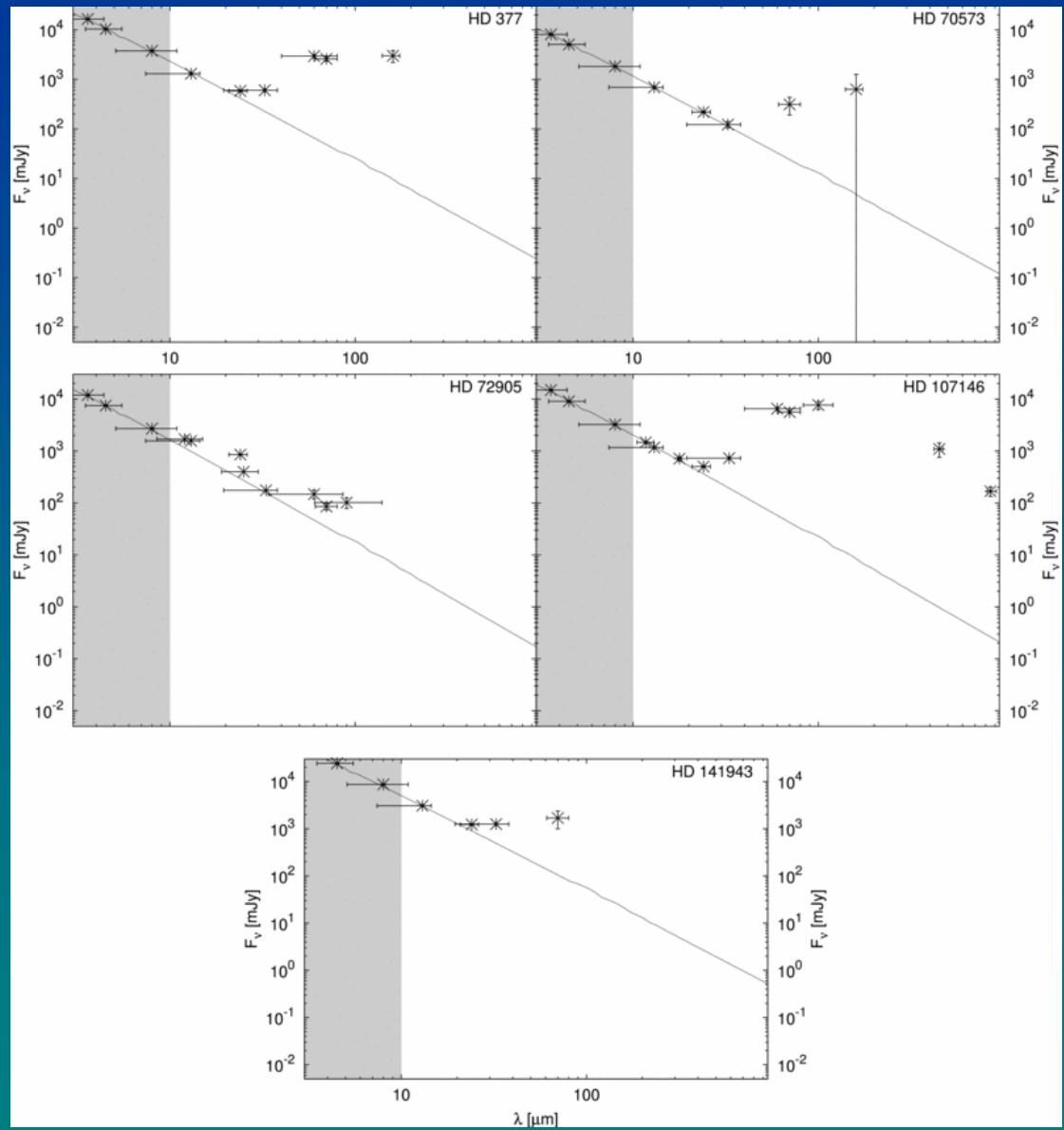
*Krivov, Müller, Löhne, & Mutschke, ApJ 687 (2008)*

# Application to selected debris disks

- Stars : G2V

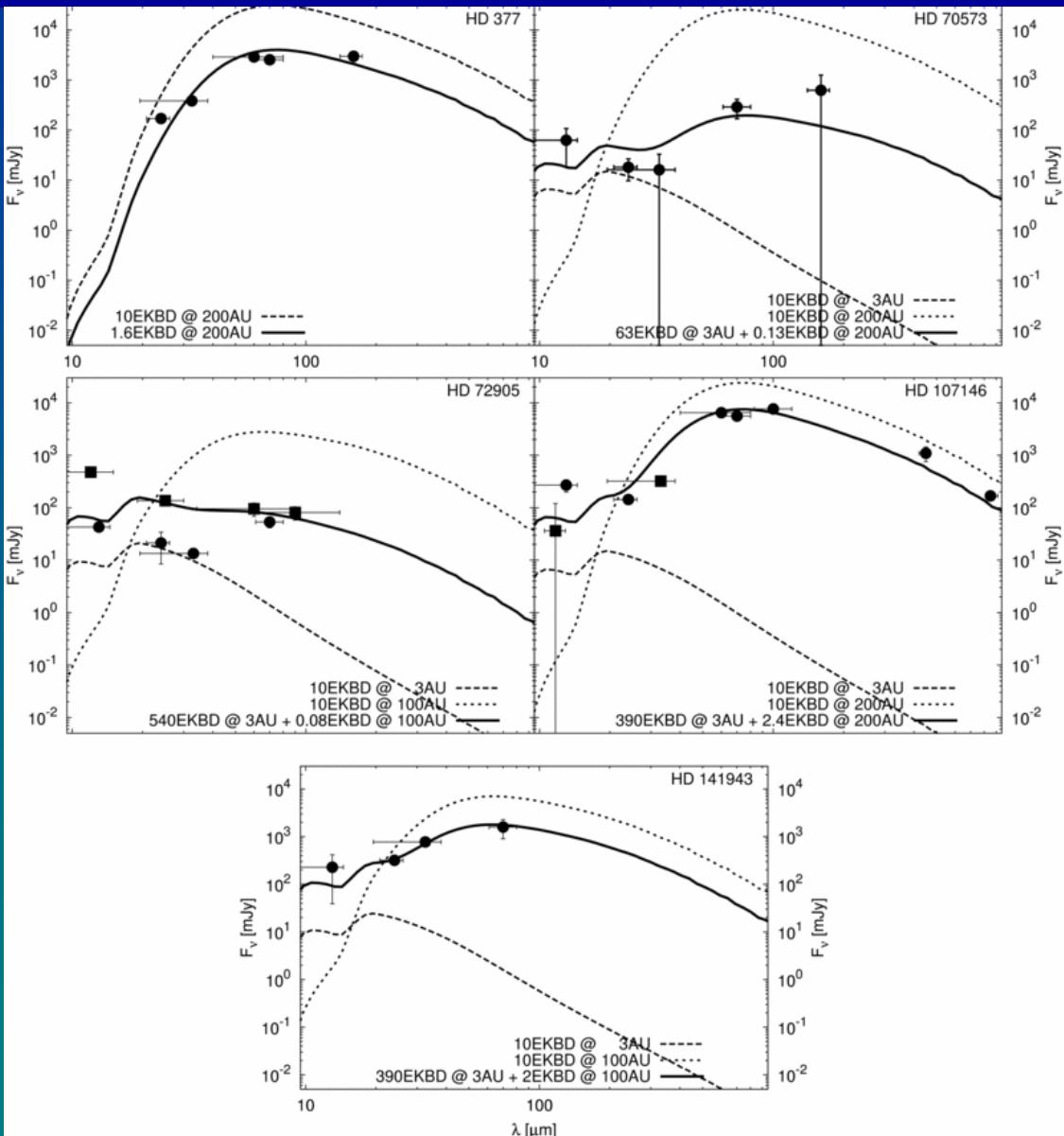
Star	$T_{\text{eff}}$ [K]	$\log L_*/L_{\odot}$	D [pc]	age [Myr]
HD 377	5852 <sup>a)</sup>	0.09 <sup>a)</sup>	40 <sup>a)</sup>	32 <sup>a)</sup>
HD 70573	5841 <sup>a)</sup>	-0.23 <sup>a)</sup>	46 <sup>a)</sup>	100 <sup>a)</sup>
HD 72905 <sup>1</sup>	5831 <sup>a)</sup>	-0.04 <sup>a)</sup>	13.85 <sup>d)</sup>	420 <sup>d)</sup>
HD 107146	5859 <sup>a)</sup>	0.04 <sup>a)</sup>	29 <sup>a)</sup>	$100^{+100}_{-20}$ <sup>c)</sup>
HD 141943	5805 <sup>a)</sup>	0.43 <sup>a)</sup>	67 <sup>a)</sup>	32 <sup>a)</sup>

- Dust data:  
from various  
surveys with  
IRAS, ISO, Spitzer,  
Keck II, JCMT



Krivov, Müller, Löhne, & Mutschke, ApJ 687 (2008)

# Comparison of observed SEDs to modeled SEDs



$$F(M_o, r, t_*)$$

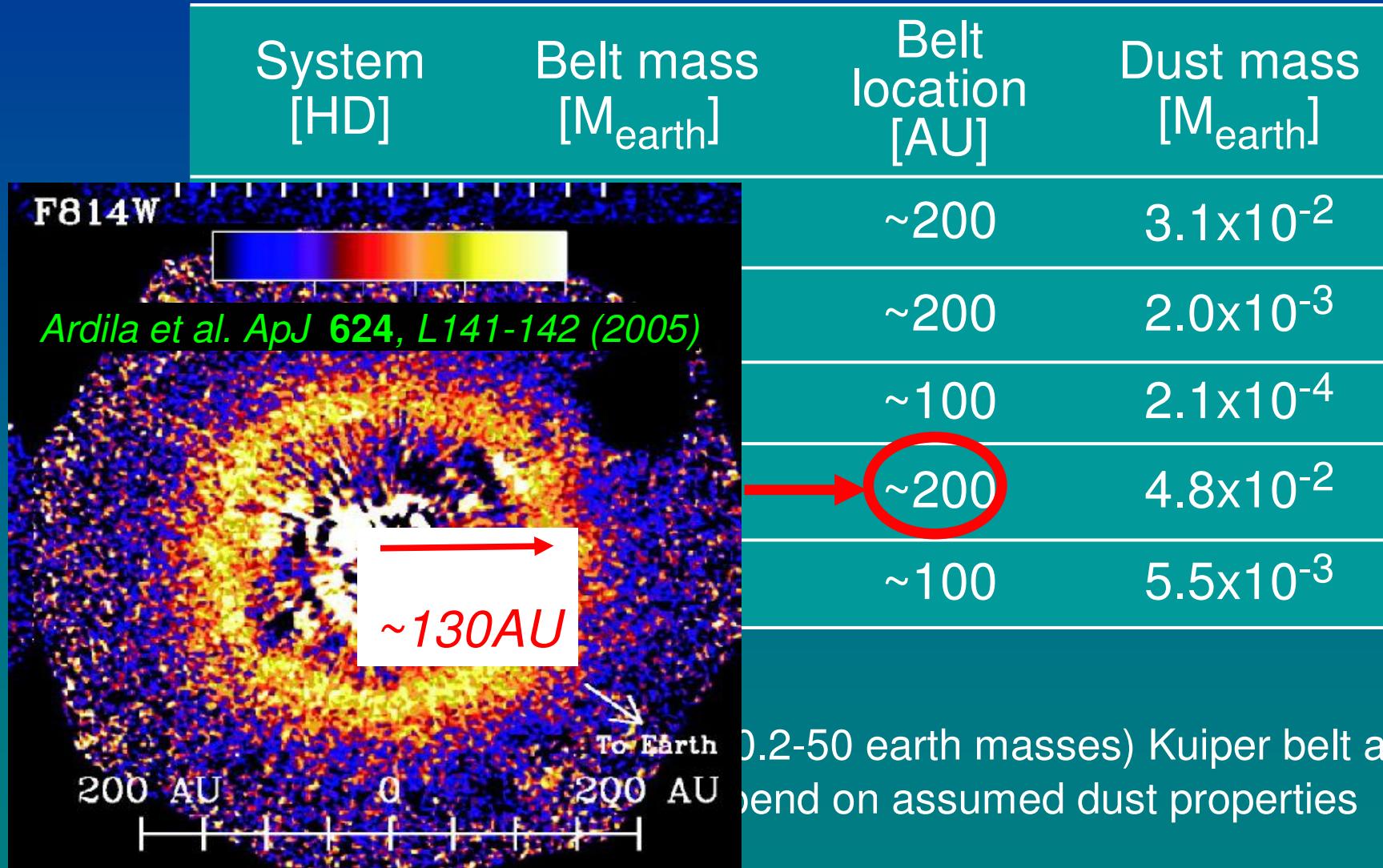
*Age,  
assumed  
known*

*Belt  
location,  
from  
SED's peak  
wavelength*

*Belt  
mass,  
from  
SED's  
height*

Krivov, Müller, Löhne, & Mutschke, ApJ 687 (2008)

# Derived masses and locations of (outer) planetesimal belts



*Krivov, Müller, Löcke, & Mutschke, ApJ 687 (2008)*

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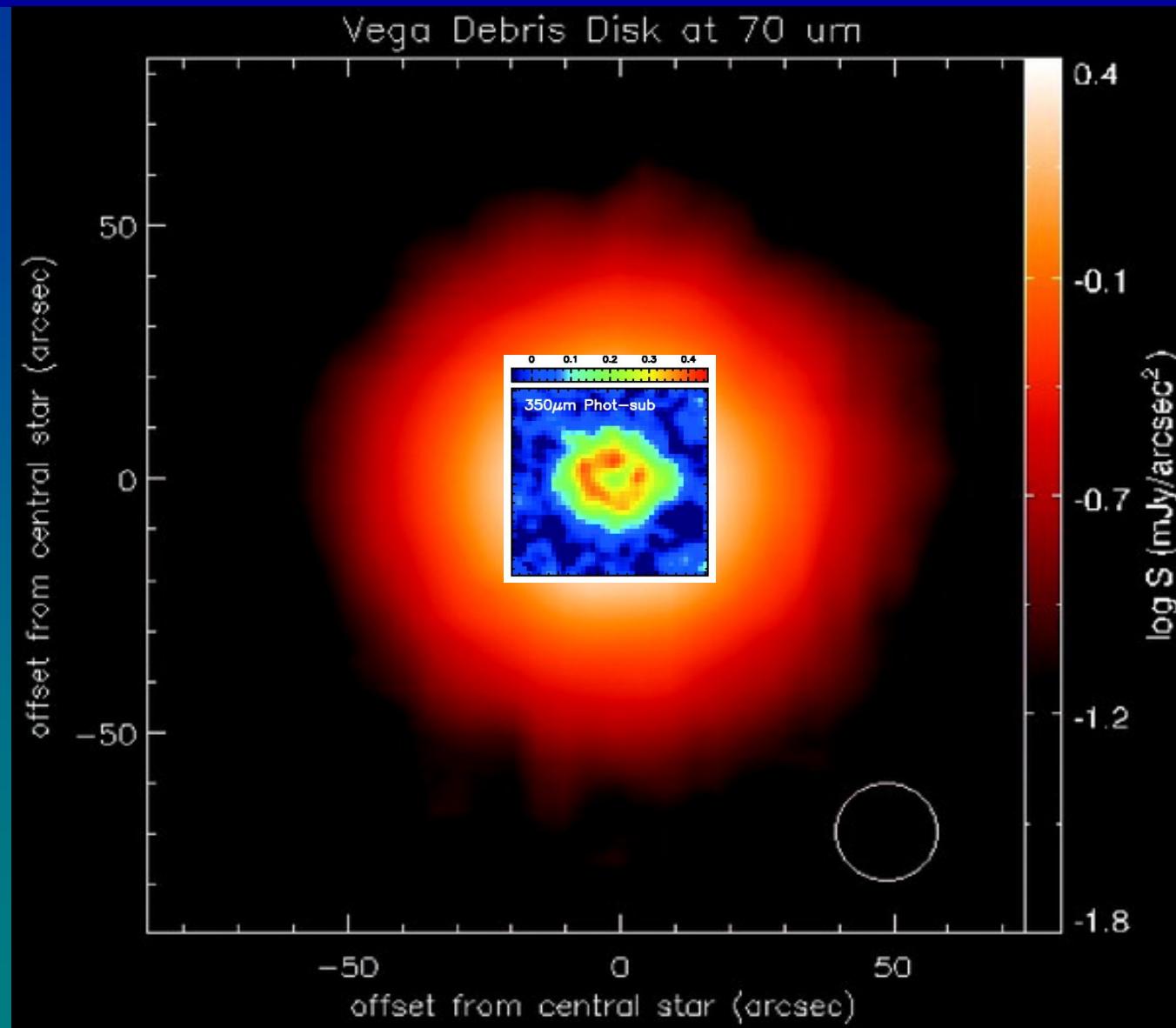
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## Observables

SED  
Brightness profiles in different colors

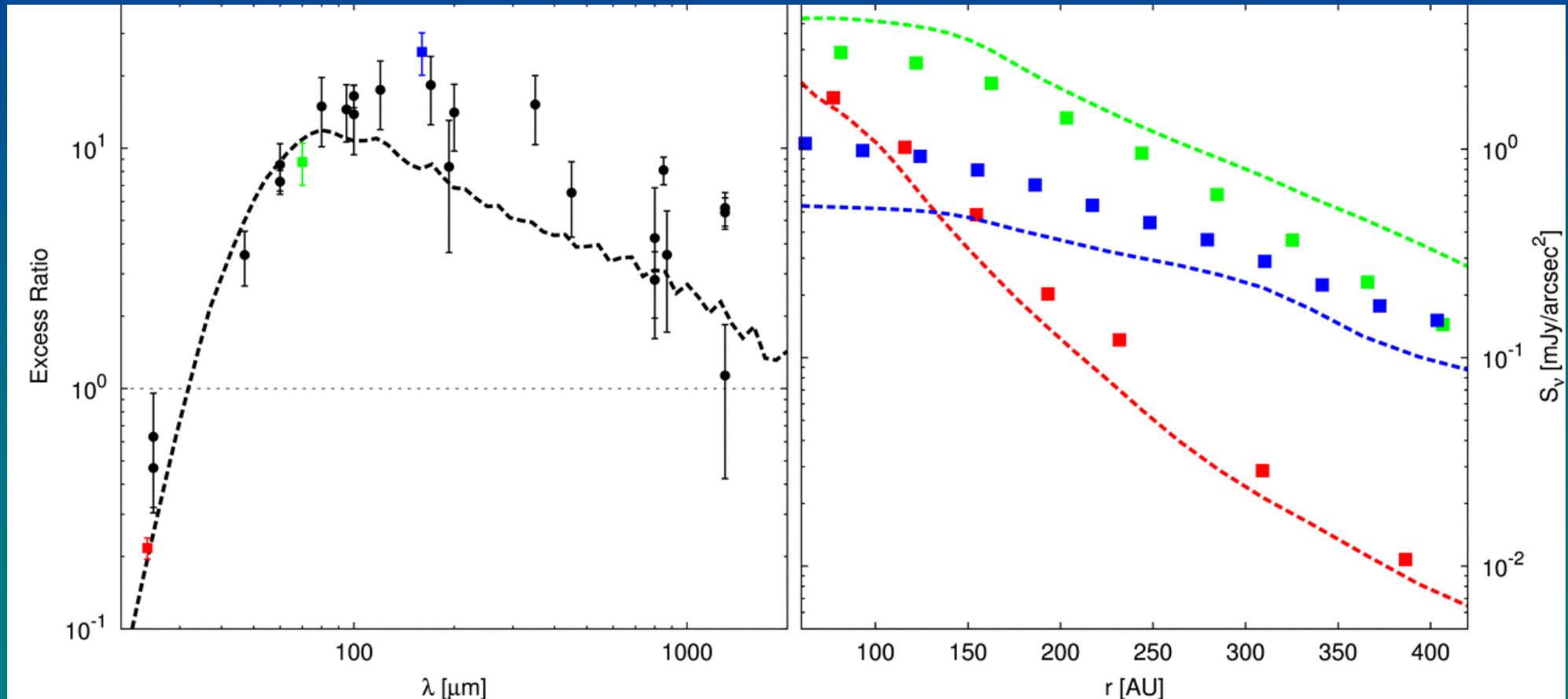
# Application to the Vega disk



*Su et al., ApJ (2005); Marsh et al., ApJ (2006)*

# The first-guess model

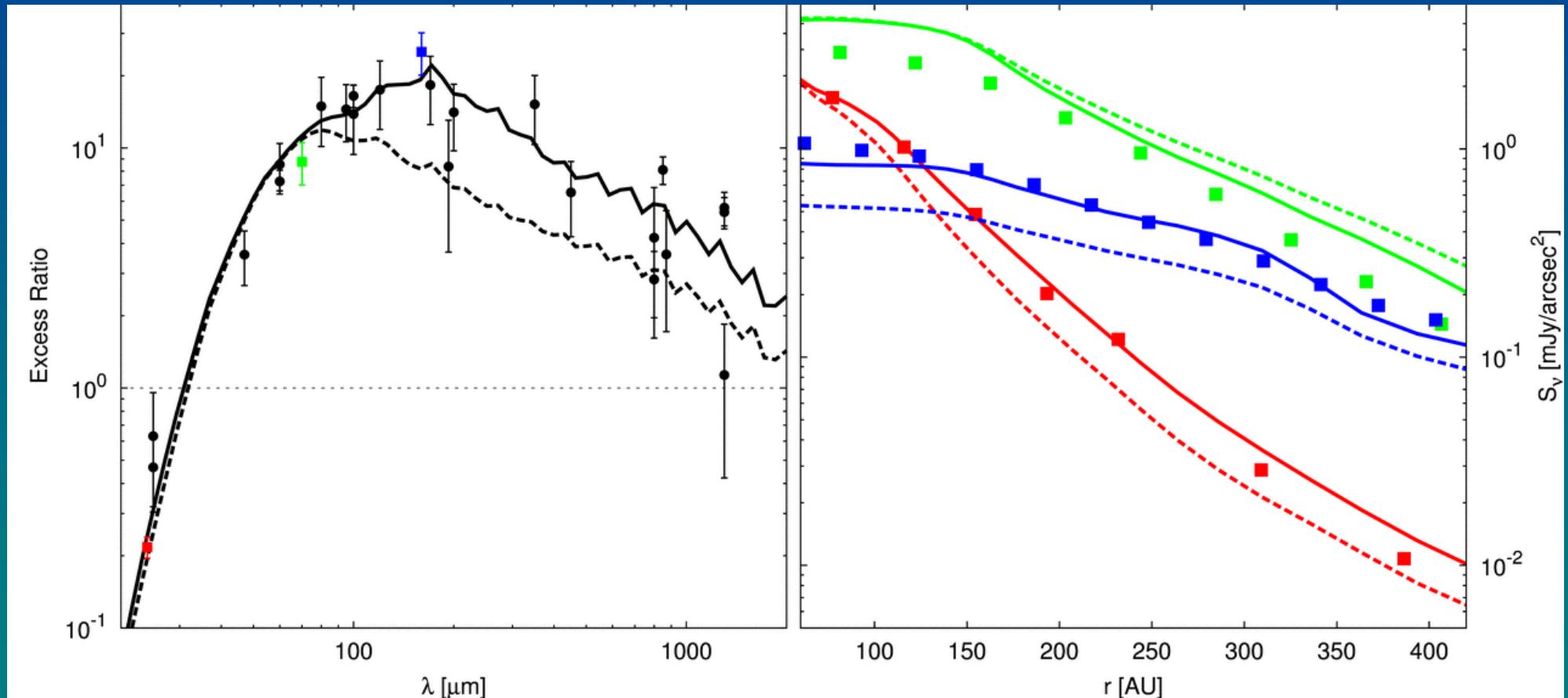
Star:  $L_*=37L_{\text{sun}}$  Belt: 70-100AU,  $\langle e \rangle = 0.1$  Material: astrosil  
Collisional outcome model: nominal



Müller, Löhne, & Krivov, in prep.

# The best model

Star:  $L_*=25L_{\text{sun}}$  Belt: 70-100AU,  $\langle e \rangle = 0.1$  Material: astrosil  
Collisional outcome model: flat size distribution of fragments



Müller, Löhne, & Krivov, in prep.

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# Summary

- We suggest a constructive way of using debris disk observations to constrain planetesimal properties
- Unresolved cases: application to five G2V excess stars revealed large (100-200AU) and massive (0.2-50 earth masses) Kuiper belt analogs
- Resolved cases: application to the Vega disk showed it to be compatible to a steady-state collisional evolution scenario, contrary to previous claims



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