

# Kosmička prašina u galaksijama

A detailed image of a spiral galaxy, likely the Milky Way, showing its central core and numerous stars. The galaxy is set against a dark cosmic background with scattered stars and dust. The title "Kosmička prašina u galaksijama" is overlaid in white text at the top.

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# Cosmic dust

## Origin

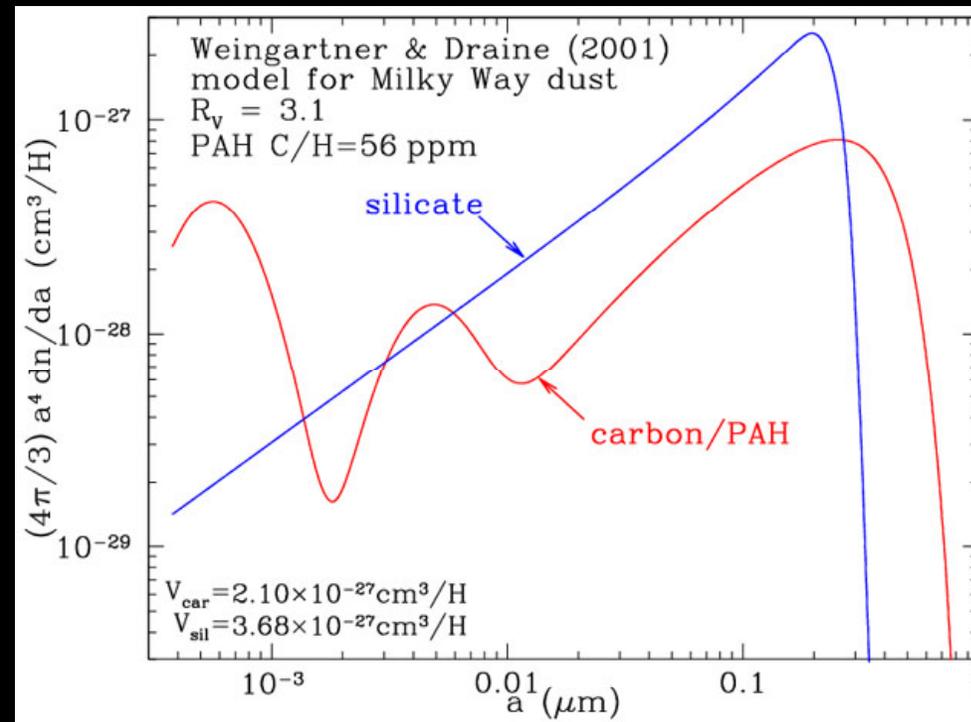
- Stellar evolution

## Evolution

- Formation and destruction
- New theoretical models

## Composition

- Grains of different sizes (~smoke)
- Silicates
- Carbonaceous
  - graphite
  - amorphous C
  - PAH (Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon)

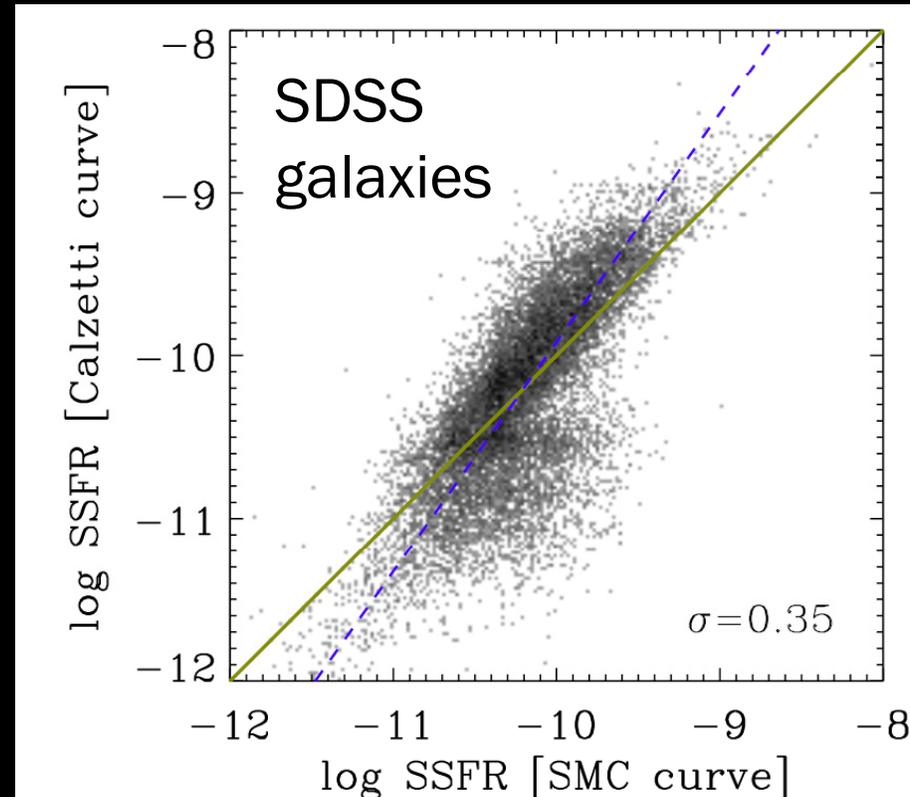


Dust grain size

# Dust in galaxies

## Why study?

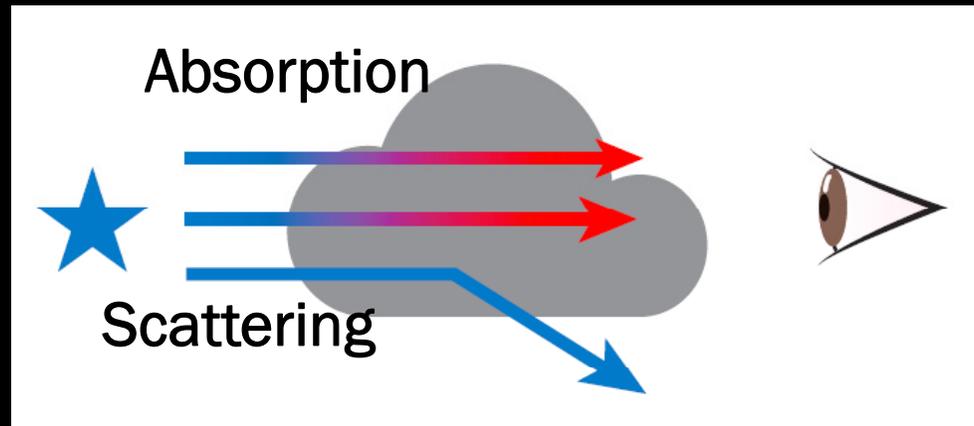
- Intrinsic nature; evolution
- Effect on UV-NIR light
  - must be corrected
  - systematics in physical parameters important for galaxy evolution
- Open Qs



# Optical effects of dust

## Extinction

- For a point source



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(2020)

$$A_{\lambda} = m_{\lambda} - m_{\lambda,0}$$

- Wavelength dependent (not gray)
  - => reddening
  - $E(B-V) = A_B - A_V$  a dust column measure
  - $A_V$  also as dust column measure



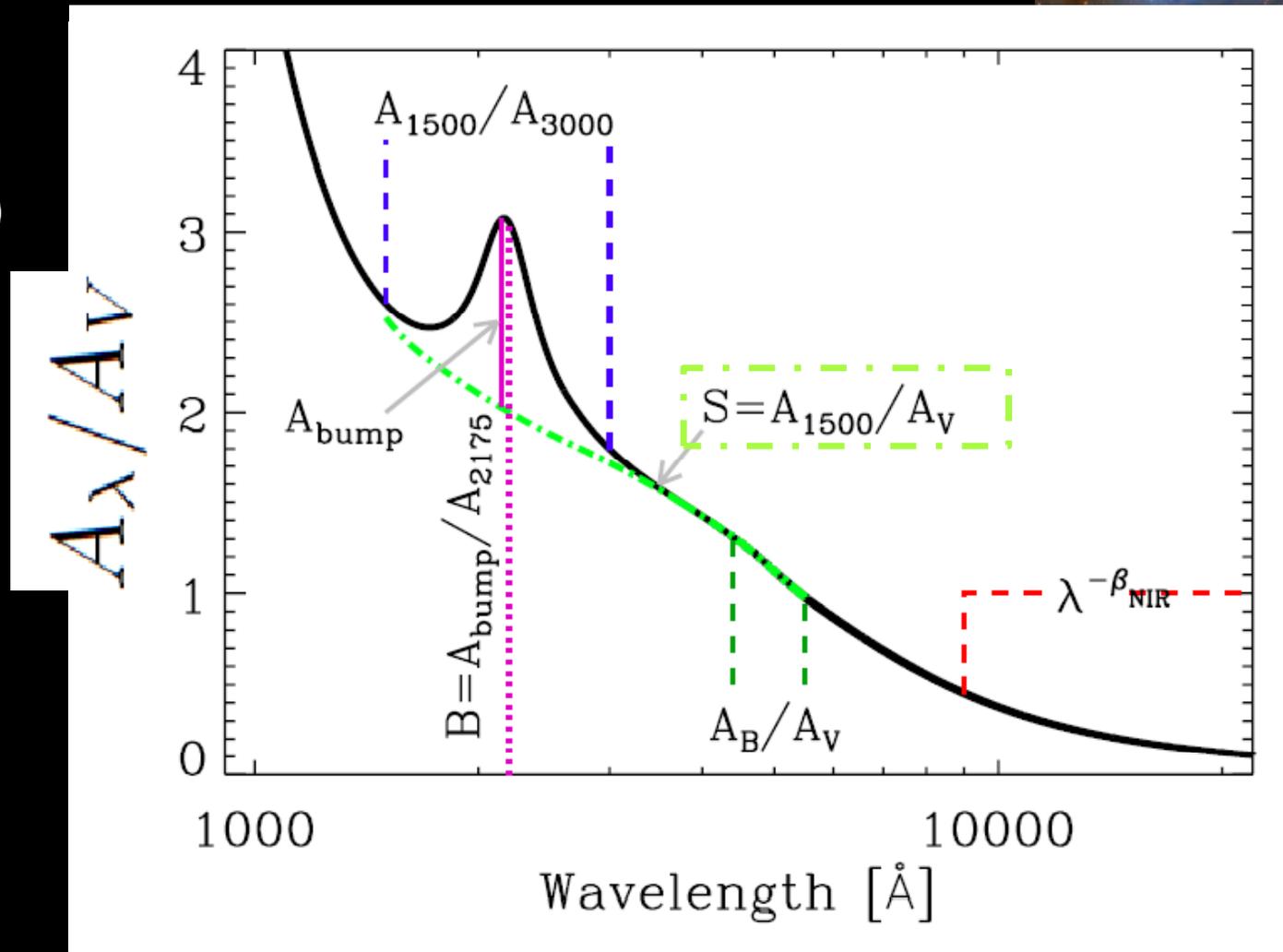
# Extinction

## Extinction curve (AKA “law”)

- Normalized
- Shape
  1. UV/optical slope (S)
  2. Bump (B)
- $R_V$  = optical slope

$$A_B/A_V = 1/R_V + 1$$

- Well measured:
  - MW, LMC, SMC

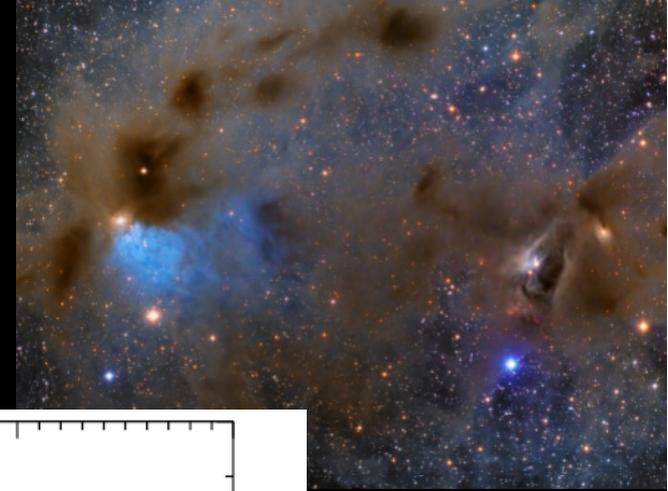
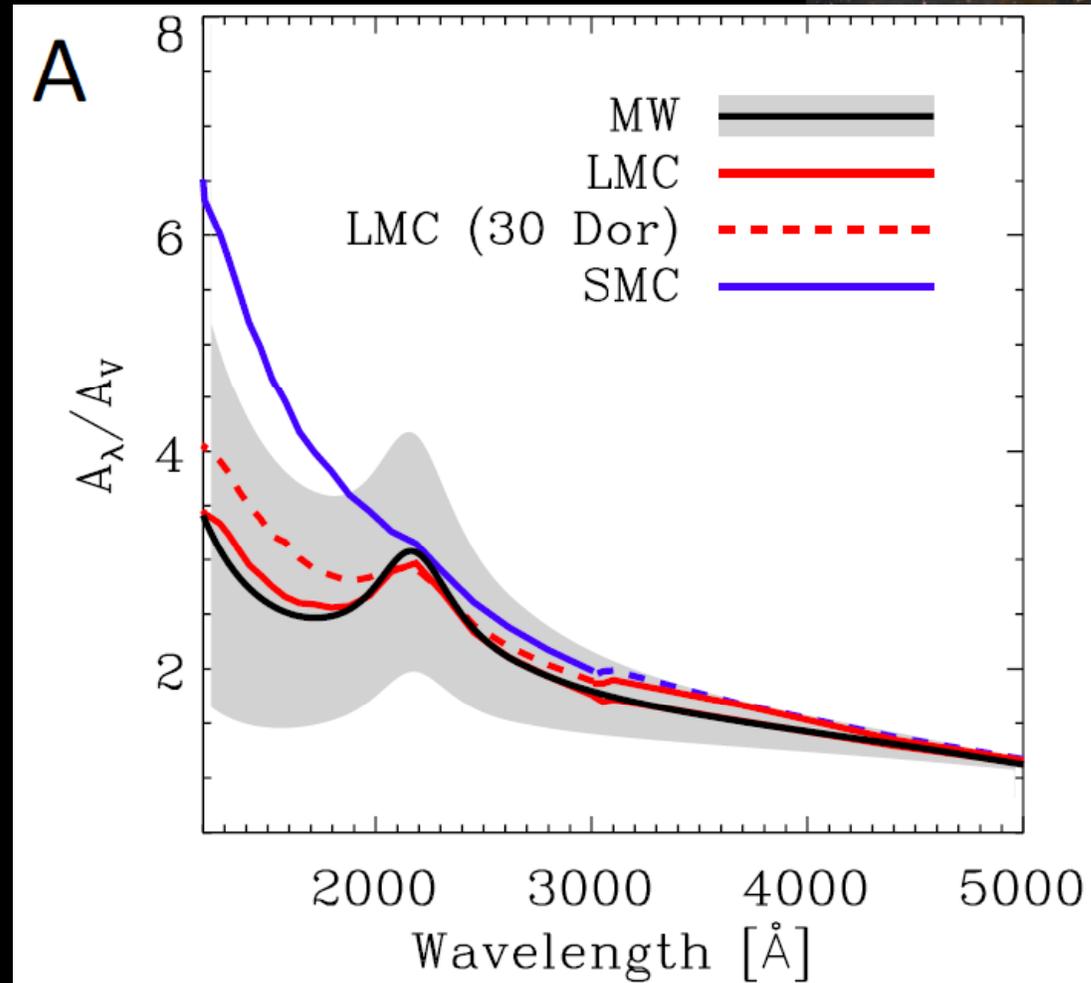


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# Extinction

## Diversity

1. Average extinction curves differ among MW, LMC, SMC
2. Individual sightlines differ
  - MW:  $1 < S < 3$  ( $2.5 < R_V < 5$ )
- Consequence:
  - $A_\lambda \neq \text{const } A_V$

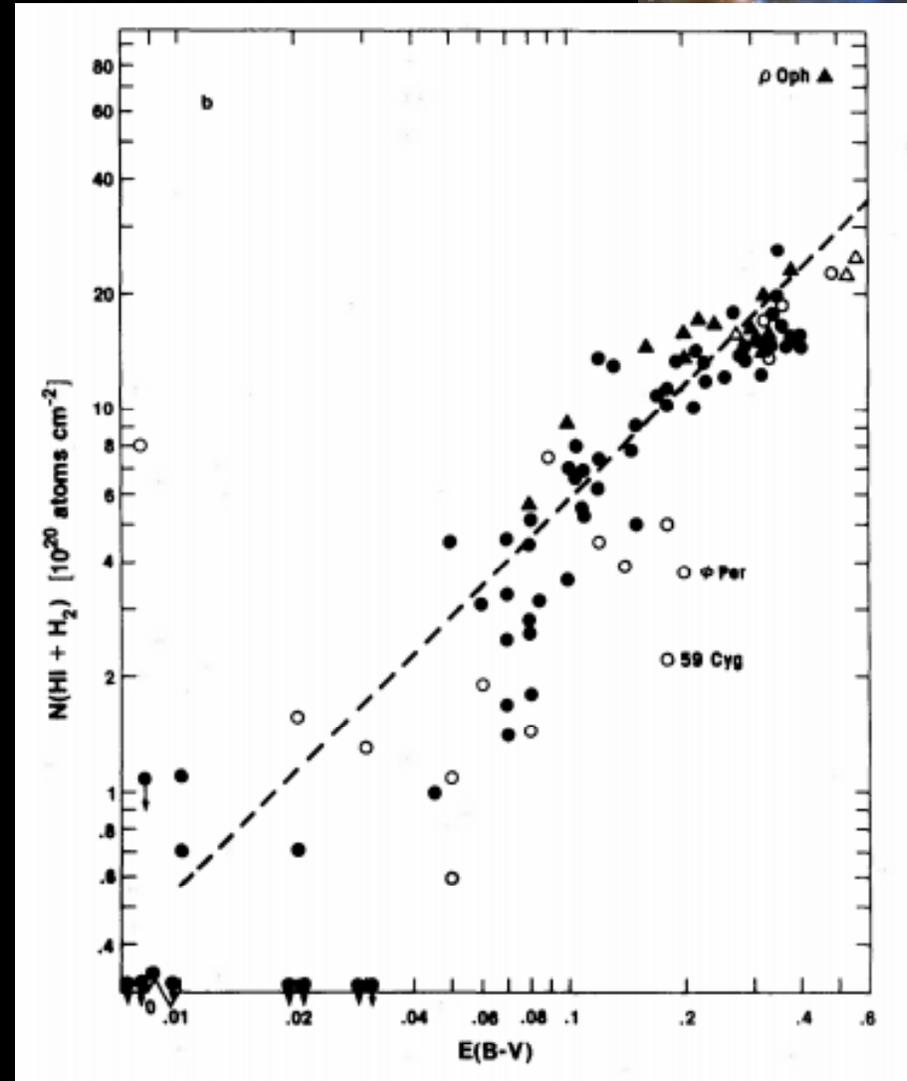


# More fundamental measure of dust?

## Extinction related to H column density

- $E(B-V)$  or  $A_v$  as a proxy for dust column density
- Fixed curve (e.g.,  $R_v = 3.1$ ):
  - $A_v = R_v E(B-V)$
  - $A_\lambda = \text{const } A_v$
- Which is the most fundamental measure of dust?
  - $A_\lambda \neq \text{const } A_v$
  - $A_v$  ?
  - $A_{\text{NIR}}$  ?
  - $E(B-V)$  ?
  - $A_\lambda$  ?

Hydrogen column density



Dust reddening

Bohlin et al.  
(1978)

# More fundamental measure of dust?

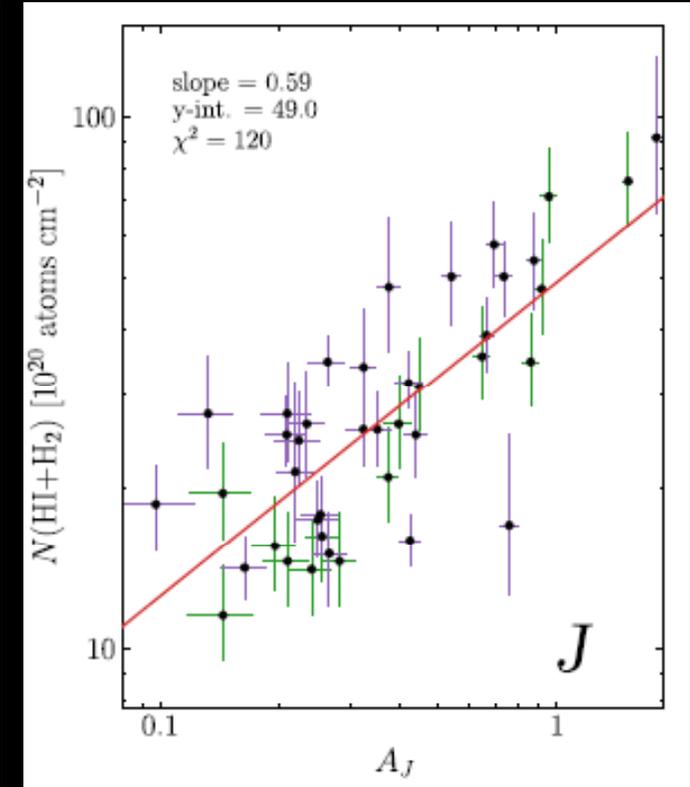
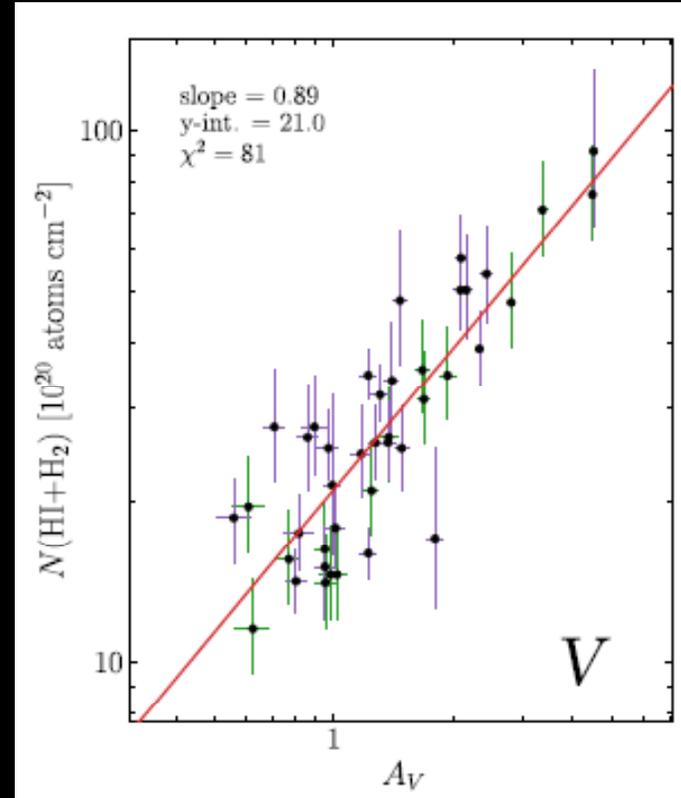
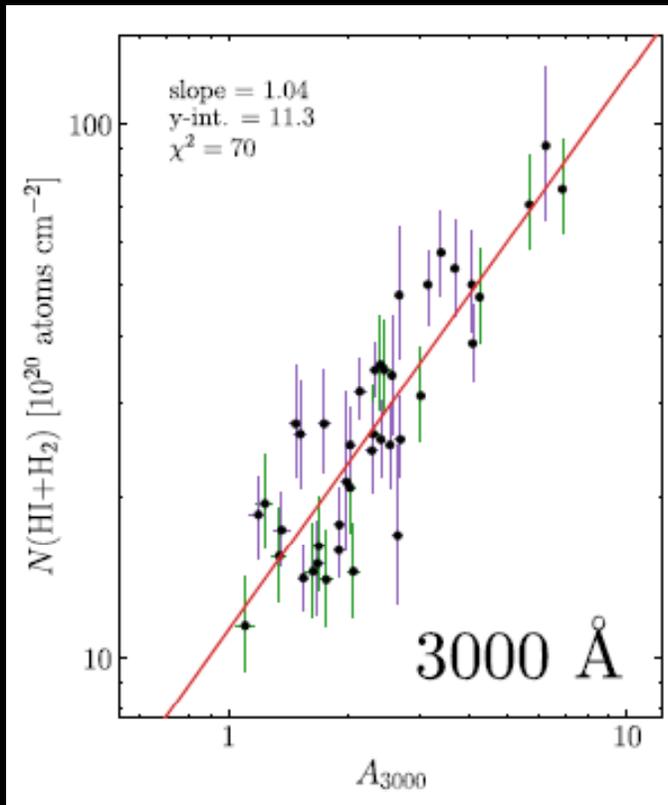
## Empirical test using MW sightlines

- Only 300 sightlines w/ full extinction curves (OB stars)
  - get continuous  $A_\lambda$
  - 50 stars with  $N(\text{H})$



Hydrogen column density

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& Salim  
(2021)



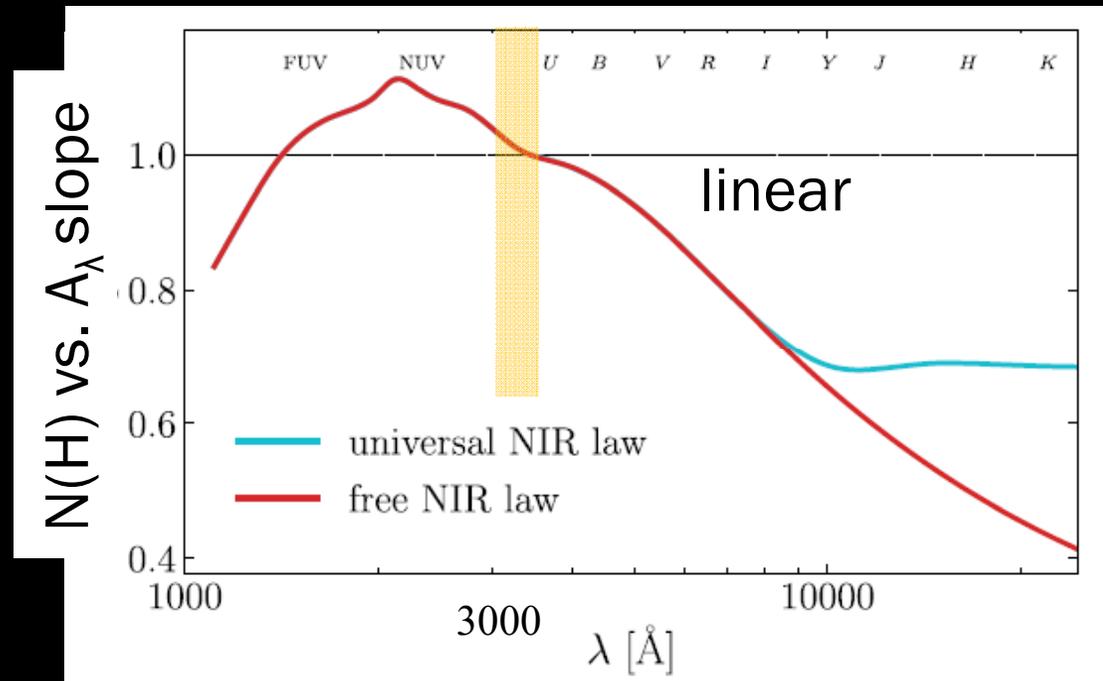
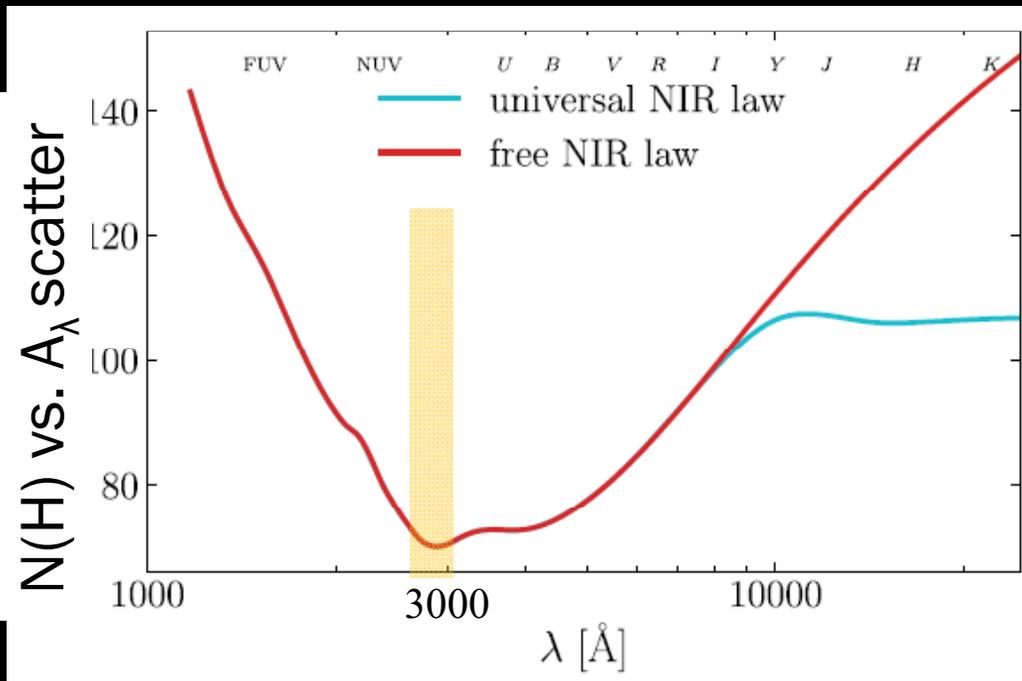
# More fundamental measure of dust?

## Empirical test

- Near-UV correlation correlates the best with  $N(H)$
- Near-UV correlation with  $N(H)$  is linear



**Takeaway: UV extinction is a more fundamental measure of dust than  $A_V$  (or  $E(B-V)$ )**

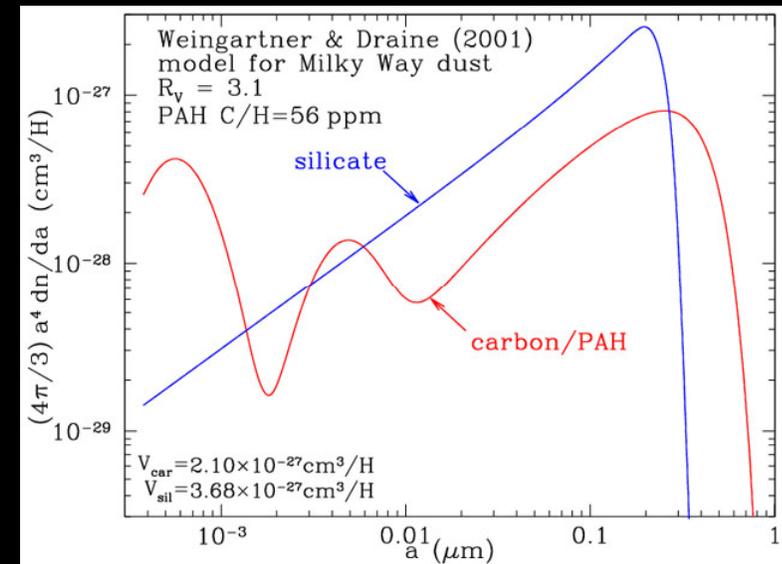
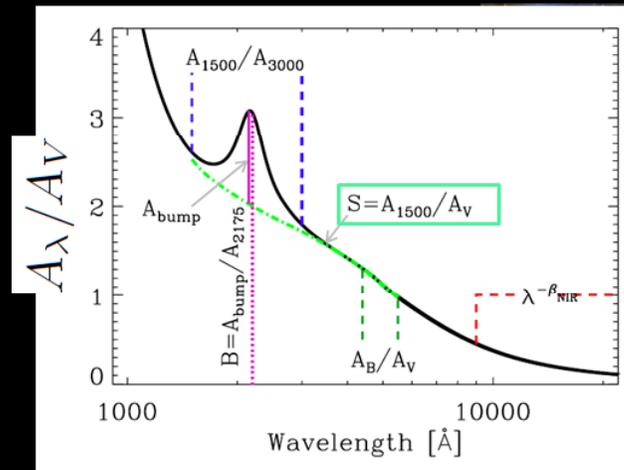


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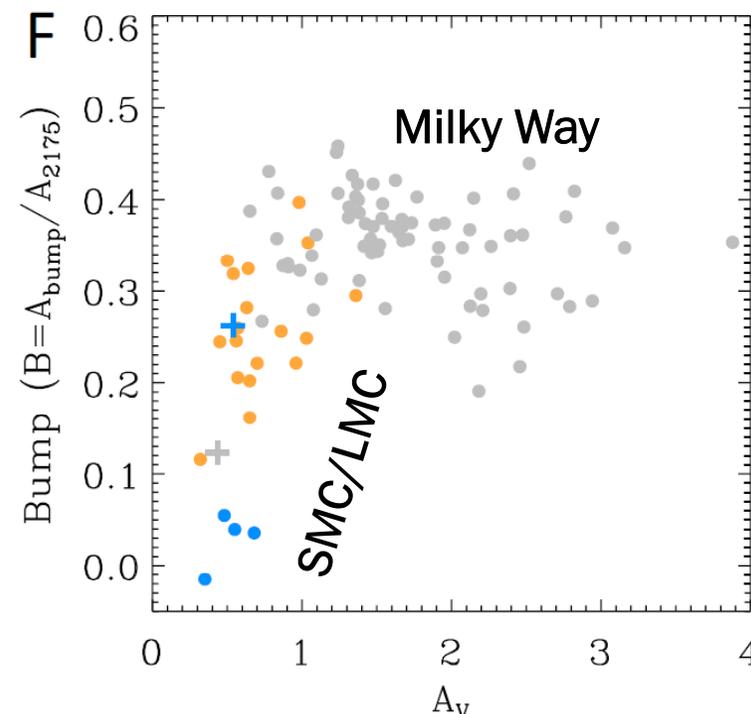
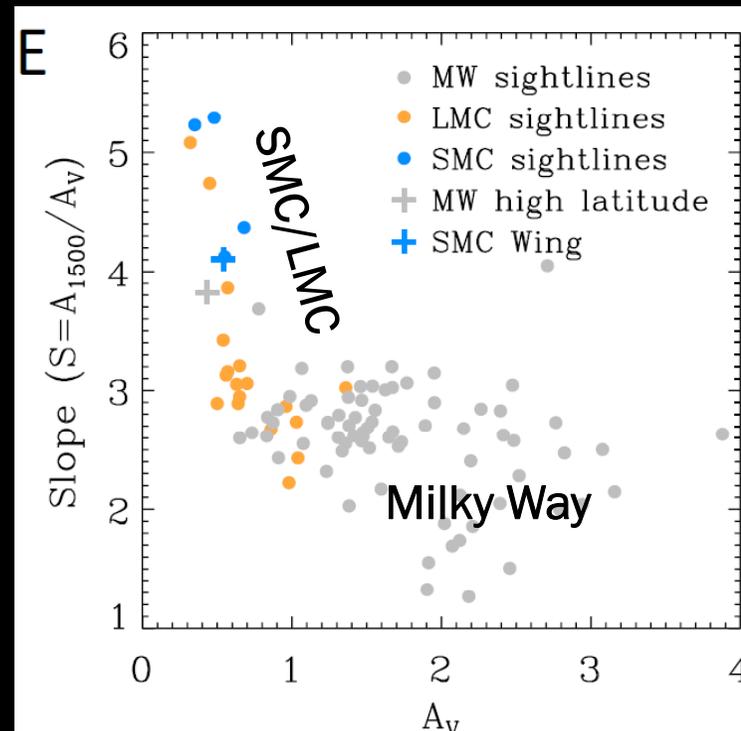
## Models

- Extinction curves slope and bump depend on:
  - composition
  - grain size distribution
  - not on dust density



## MW standard curve

- OB stars = low latitude = high extinction
- MW/MC opt curve ~
- High-latitude UV curve not well known
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Salim & Narayanan (2020)

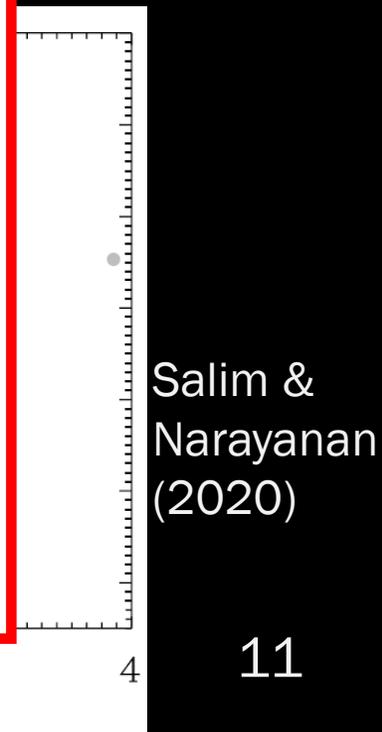
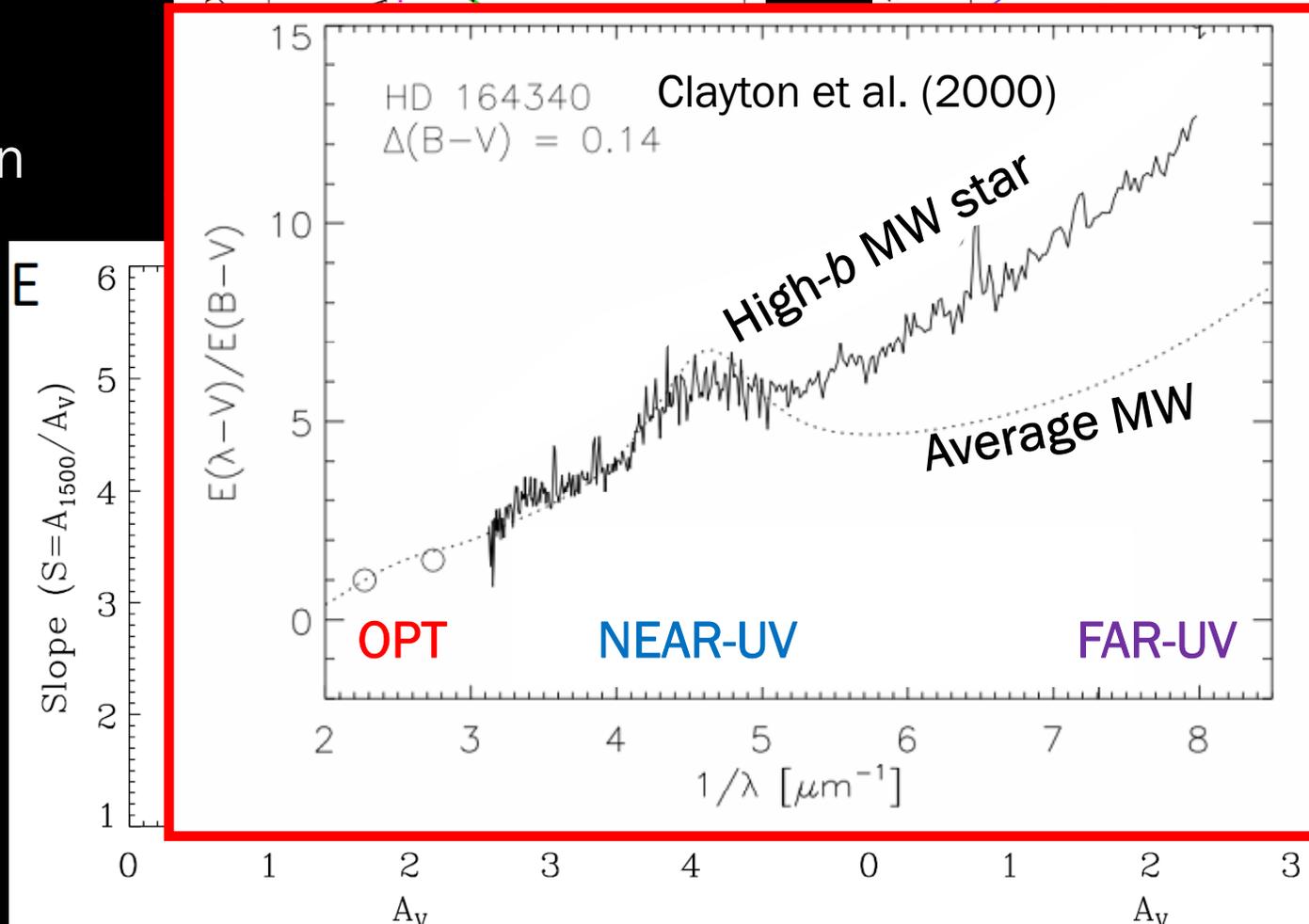
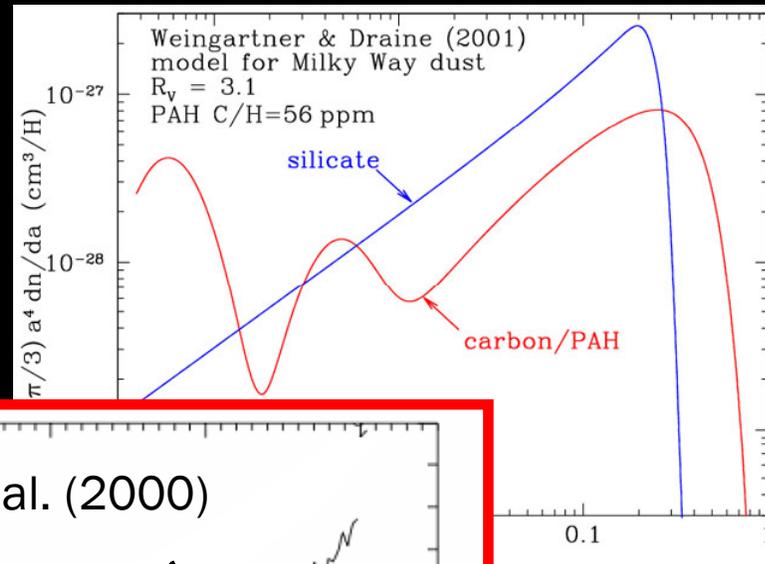
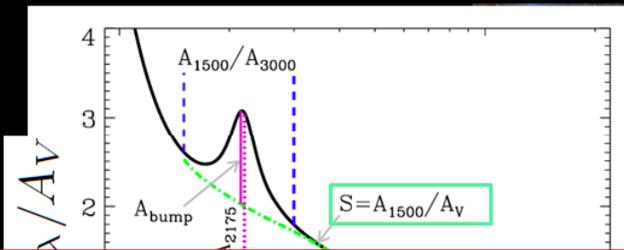
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# Diversity of extinction curves

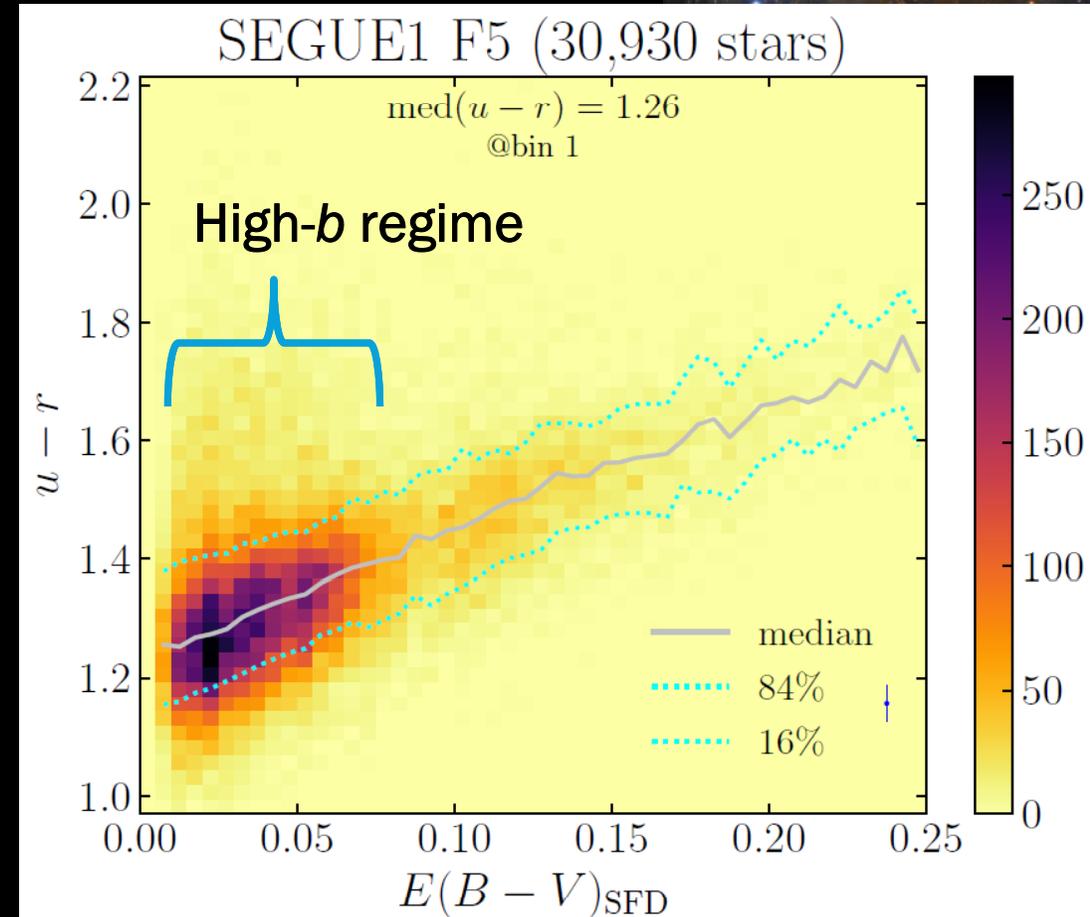
## High-latitude UV/optical curve

- Use extensive SDSS spectroscopy
  - 500,000 stars
- Spectral type + stellar par known
  - intrinsic
  - average
- + GALEX, 2MASS, WISE

## MW dust correction for external galaxies

- $E(B-V) \rightarrow A(3000\text{\AA})$
- Non-standard (low-latitude) curve

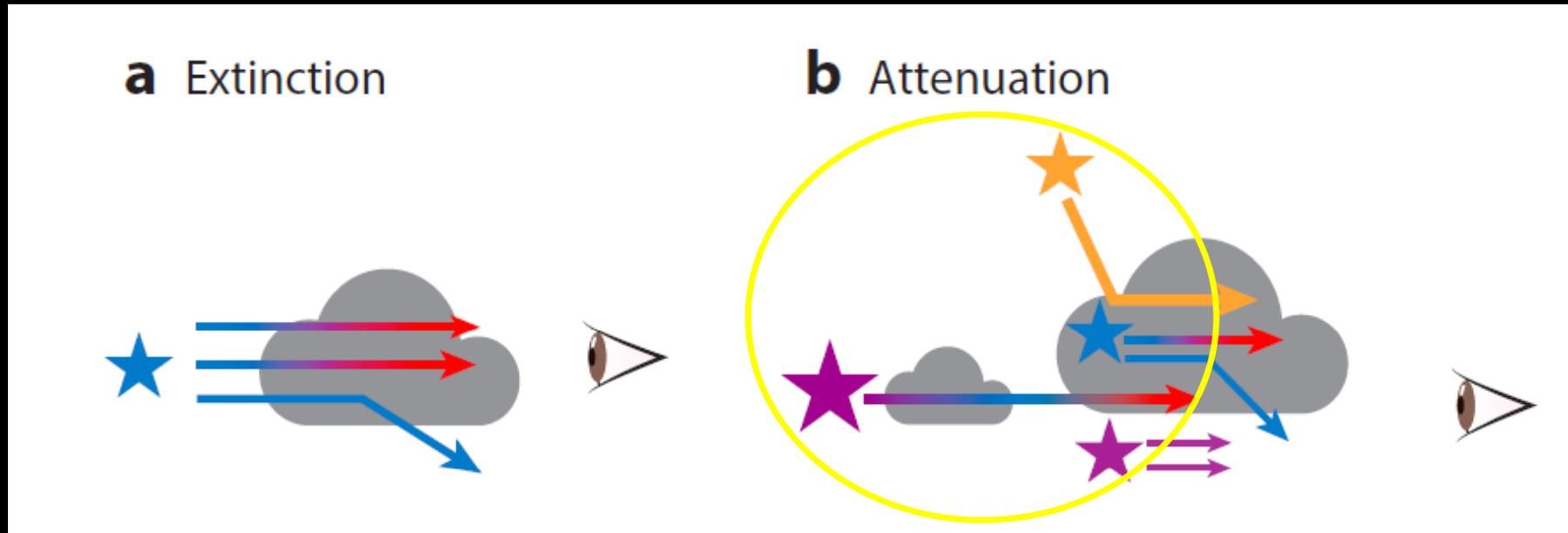
**Takeaway: Extinction curve may be more like LMC at high latitude**



# Attenuation

## Attenuation vs .extinction

- Integrated light loss for extended objects
- Extinction + scattering into line of sight
  - local geometry (dust/stars distribution)
  - global geometry (viewing angle)



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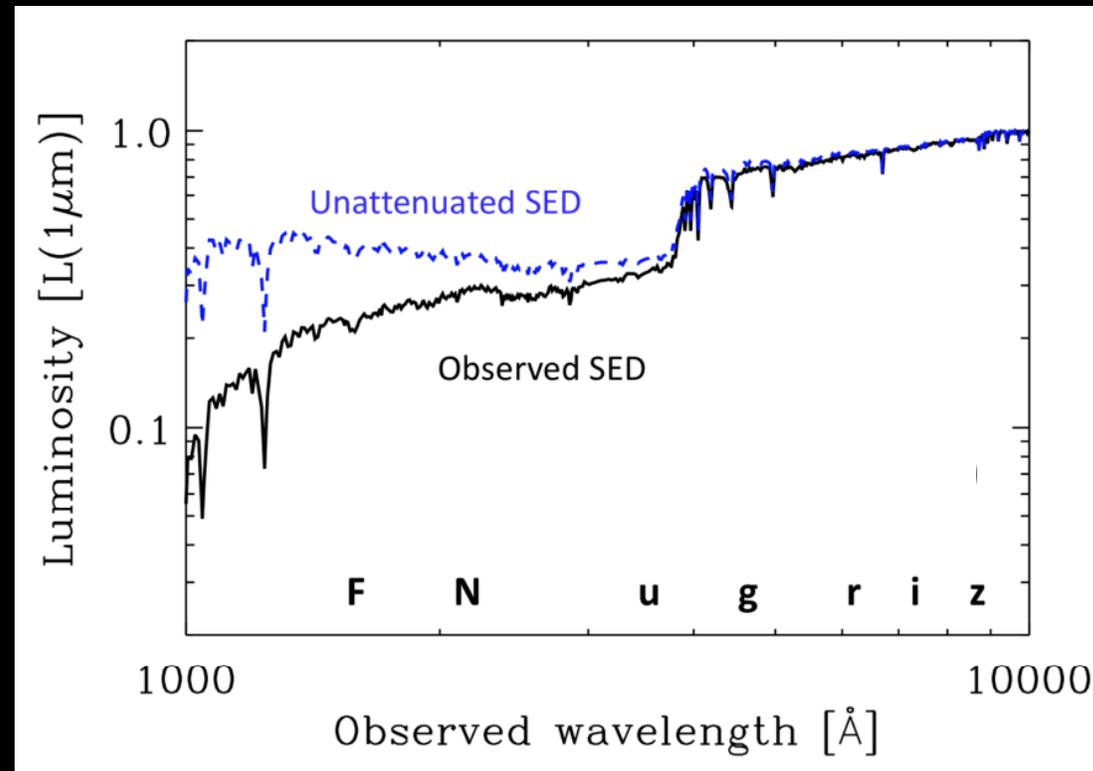
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## Dust attenuation curve

- Dust attenuation as a function of  $\lambda$  normalized to V

## Challenge

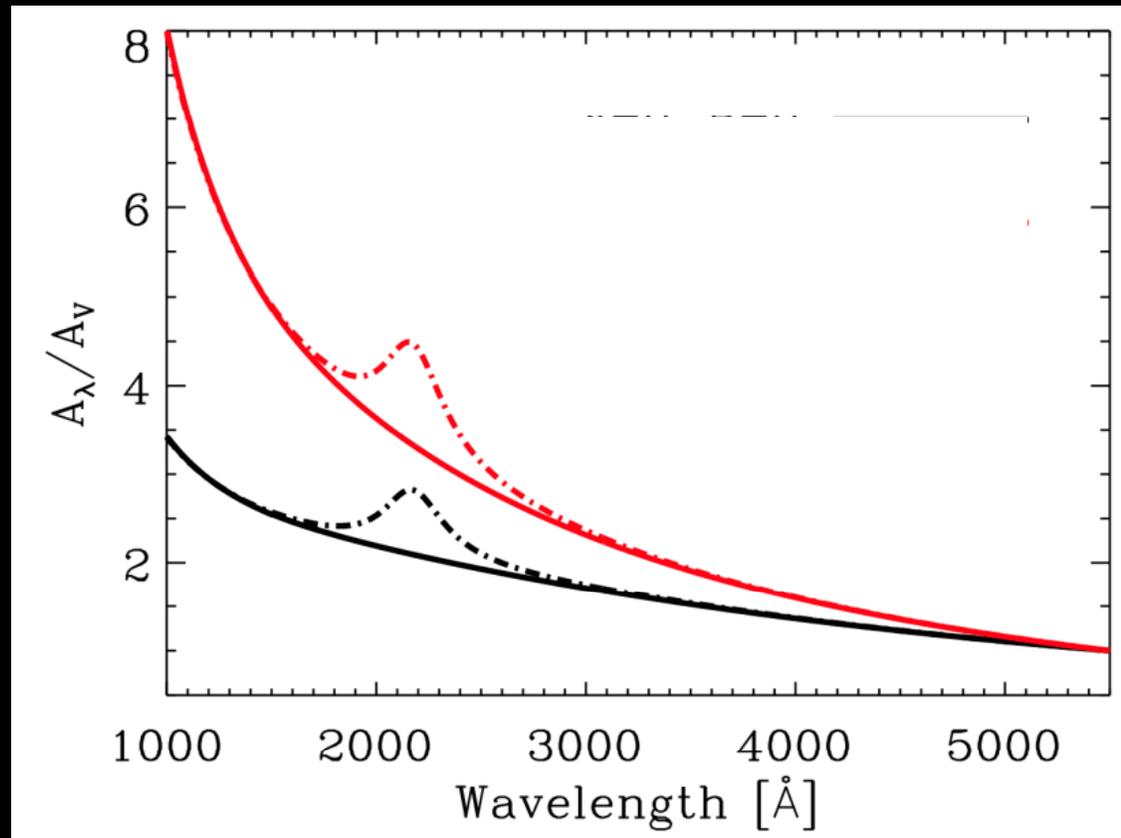
- What is the dust-free SED of a galaxy? Use models



# Dust attenuation curves

## Questions

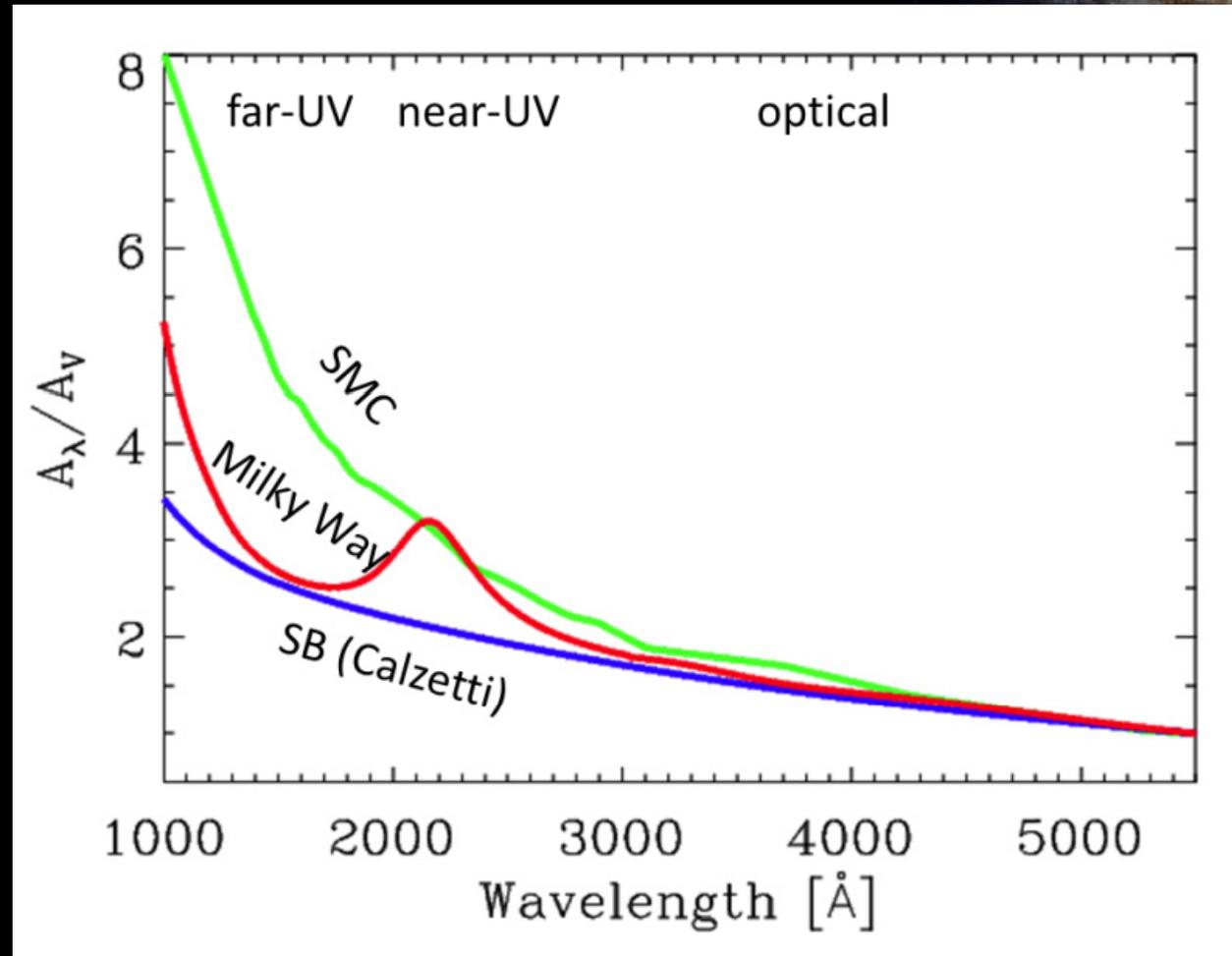
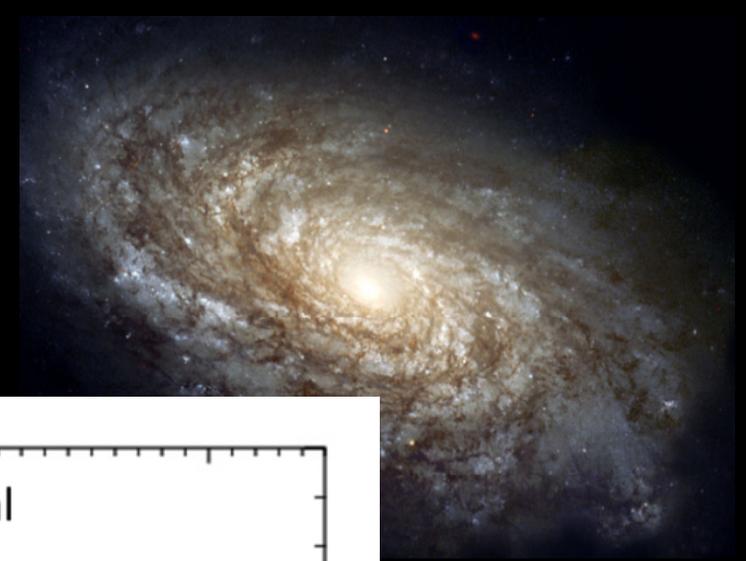
- Shape of the typical curve (“law”)
- Diversity? Dependence on xyz?
- Evolution?



# Dust attenuation curves

## Physical parameters from SED fitting

- Usual approach: assume a curve
  - Calzetti
  - MW
  - SMC
- MW, SMC are not attenuation curves
- Is Calzetti curve universal?



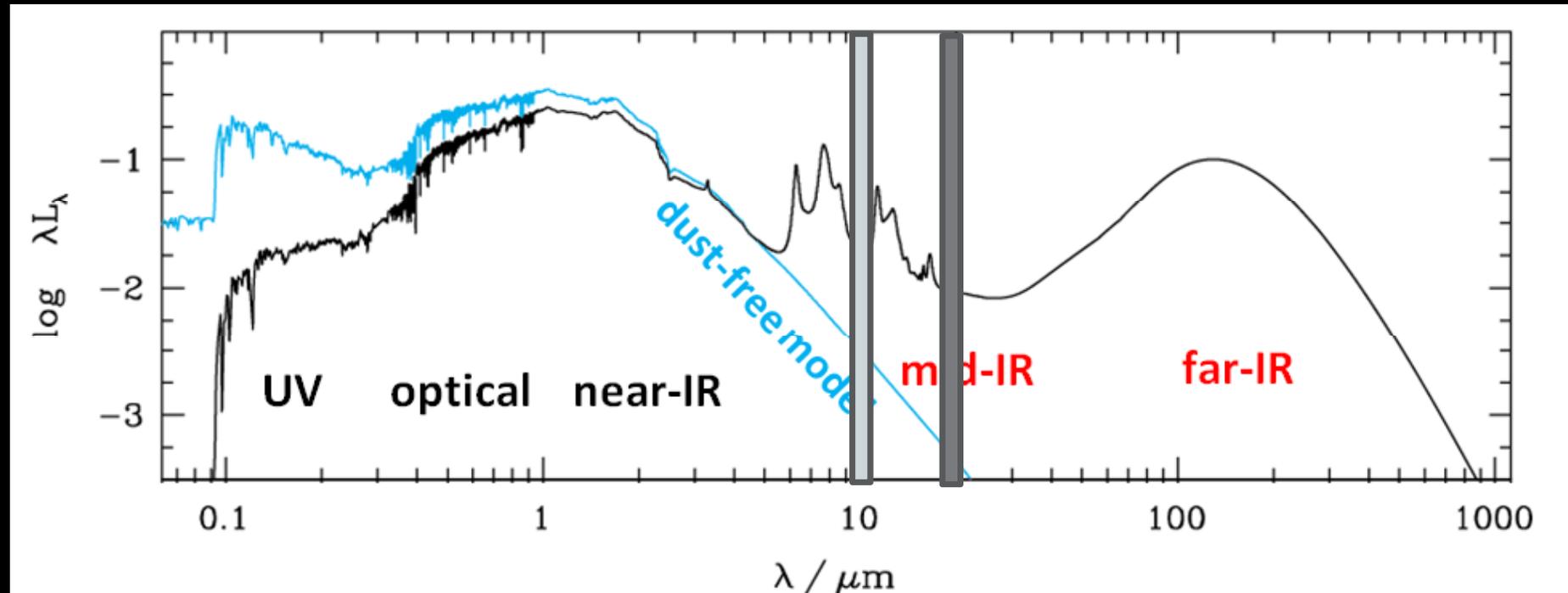
# Attenuation curve from SED fitting?

Attenuation curve can be constrained rather than assumed if IR is available

- Energy balance argument
- WISE 12 and 22  $\mu\text{m}$  converted to  $L(\text{TIR})$  using templates

SED+LIR fitting with free curve parameters

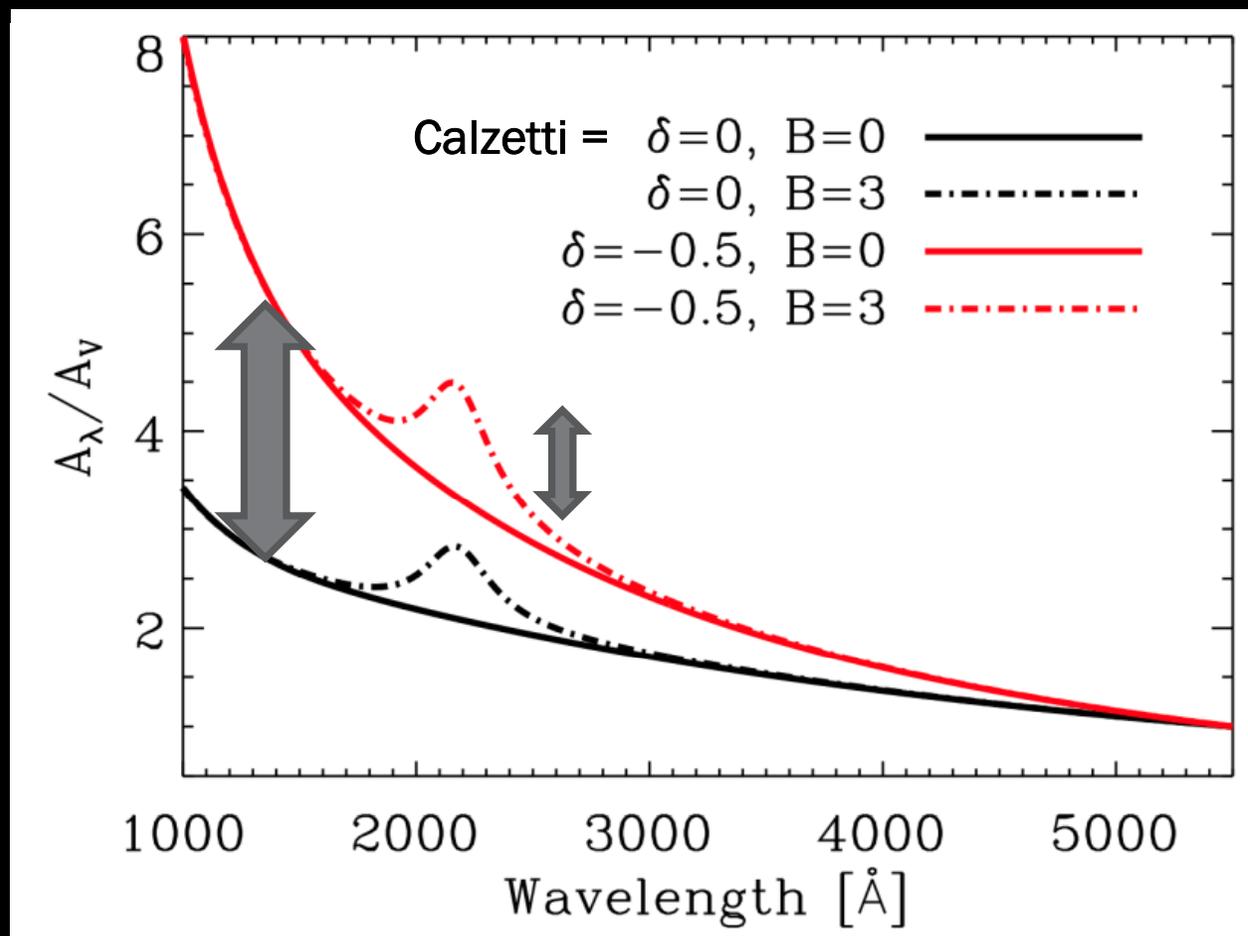
- FUV, NUV, ugriz + LIR



# Attenuation curve from SED fitting?

Leave attenuation curve free

- 2 parameters:
- slope of modified Calzetti curve
- UV bump



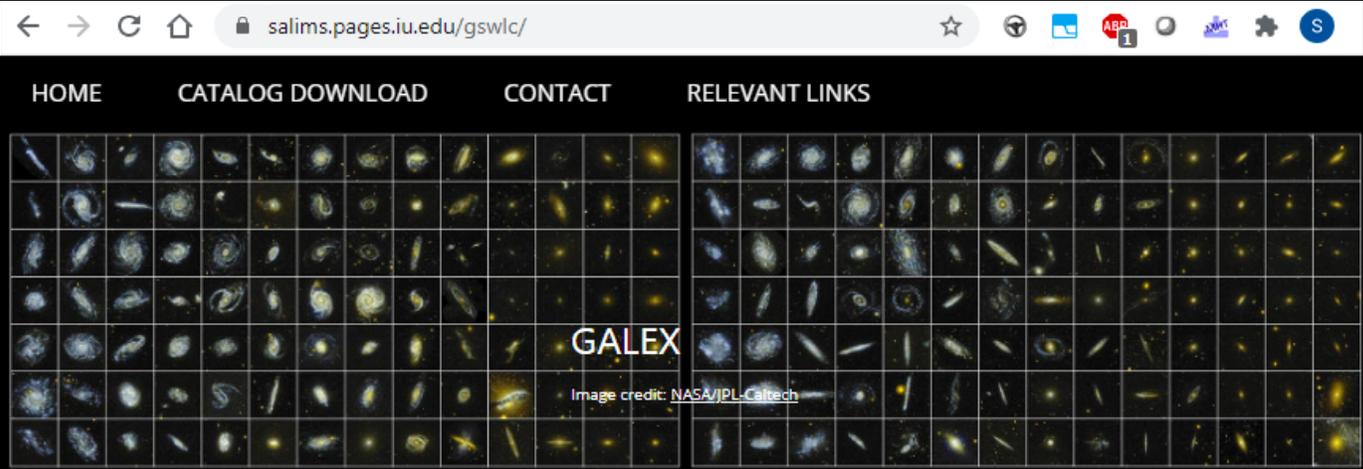
# SDSS-based sample

230,000 galaxies with WISE data

- $z < 0.3$
- GALEX UV
- SDSS
- WISE mid-IR

GALEX-SDSS-WISE Legacy Catalog  
(GSWLC; Salim+ 2016)

- 700,000 galaxies
- SED fitting  $M^*$ , SFRs, attenuations
  - SFR accuracy: up to 0.1 dex



The screenshot shows a web browser at the URL [salims.pages.iu.edu/gswlc/](http://salims.pages.iu.edu/gswlc/). The page features a navigation menu with links for HOME, CATALOG DOWNLOAD, CONTACT, and RELEVANT LINKS. Below the menu is a large grid of galaxy images, with the word "GALEX" overlaid in the center. A small credit line reads "Image credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech".

# GSWLC

GALEX-SDSS-WISE LEGACY CATALOG

*Salim, Lee, Janowiecki, da Cunha, Dickinson, Boquien, Burgarella, Salzer and Charlot*

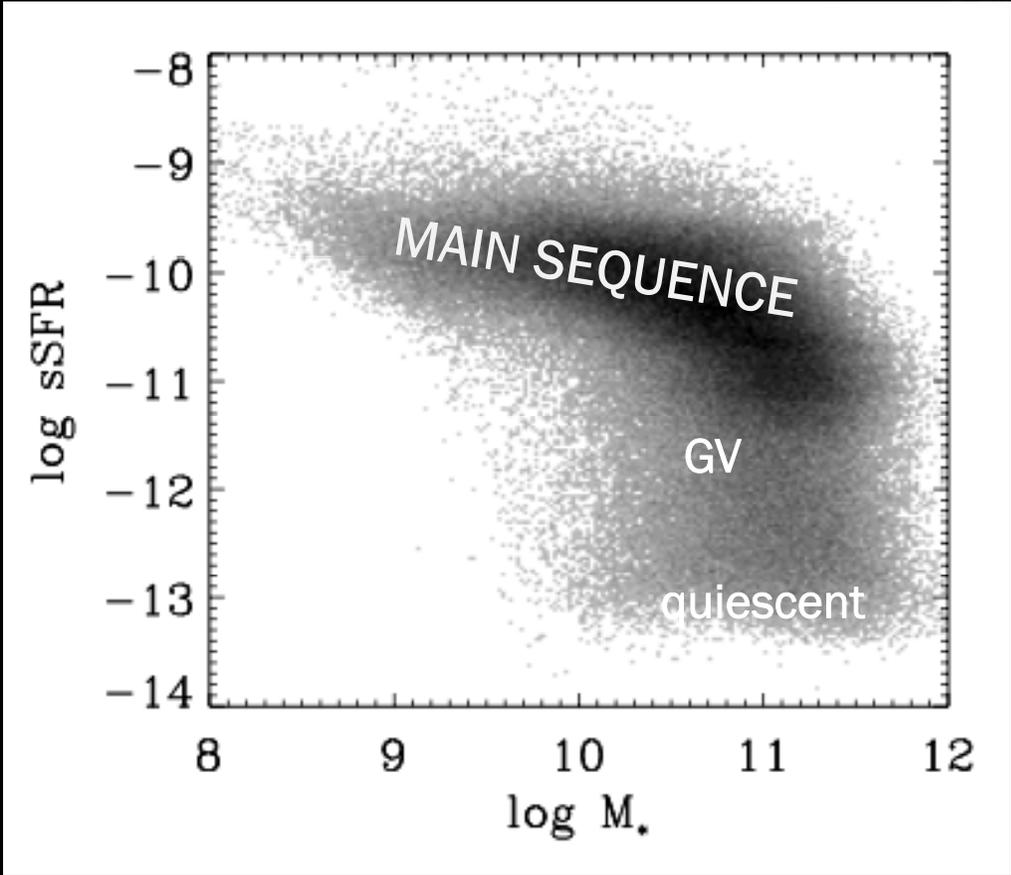
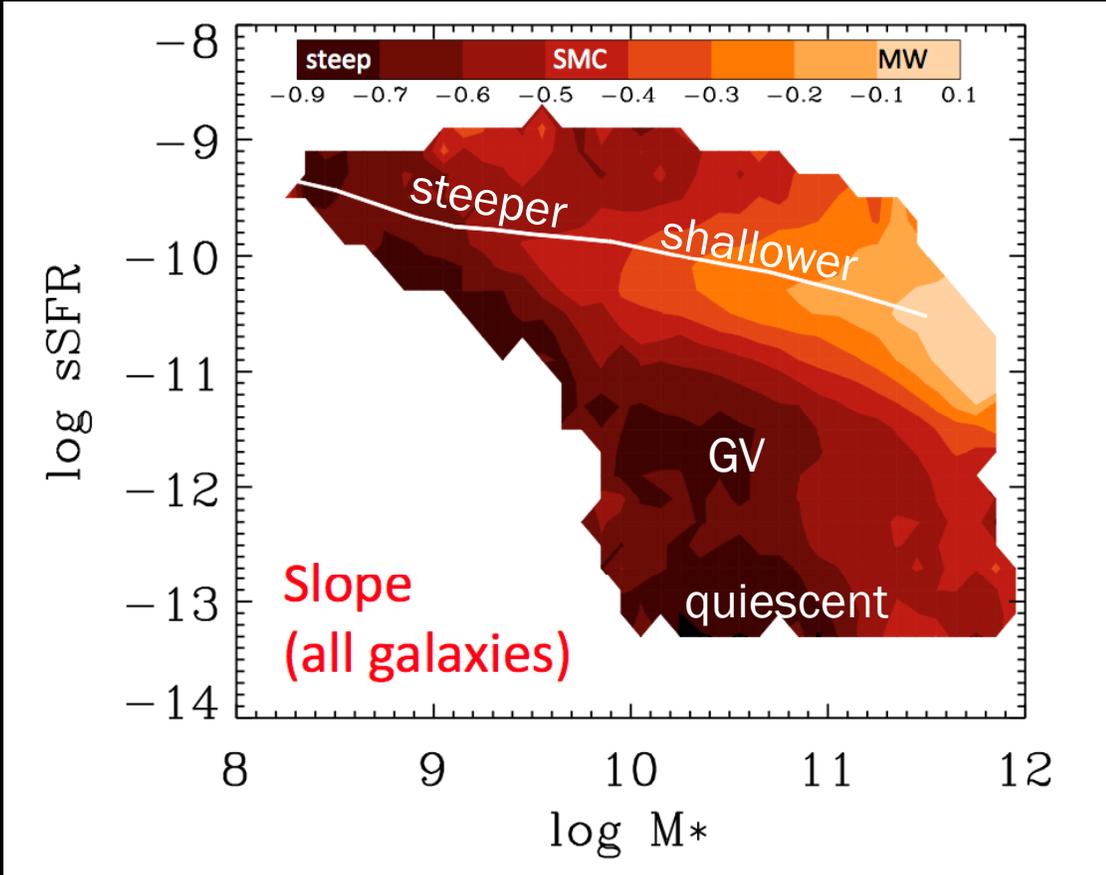
GSWLC contains physical properties of ~700,000 galaxies with SDSS redshifts below 0.3 ( $0.01 < z < 0.30$ ) and magnitude  $< 18$ .

GSWLC contains galaxies within GALEX footprint, regardless of a UV detection, altogether covering 90% of SDSS.

# Attenuation curve slopes

Maps of average slopes

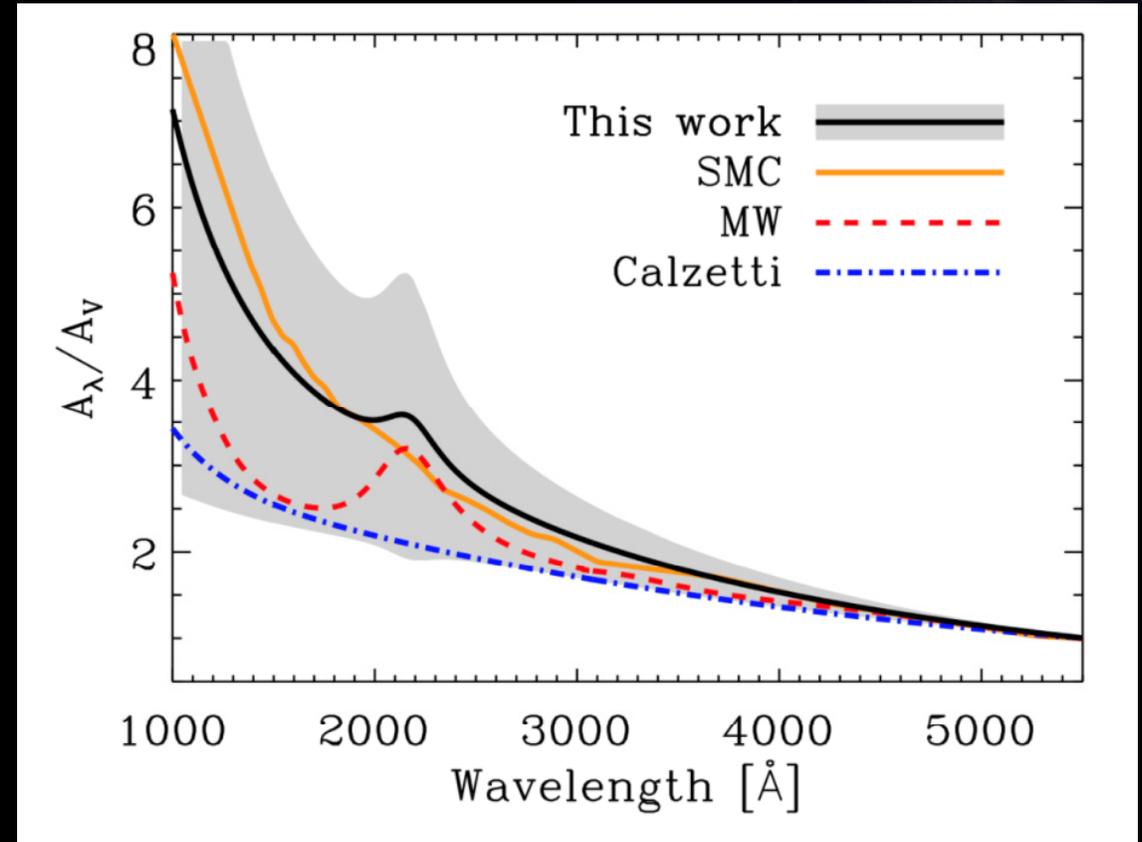
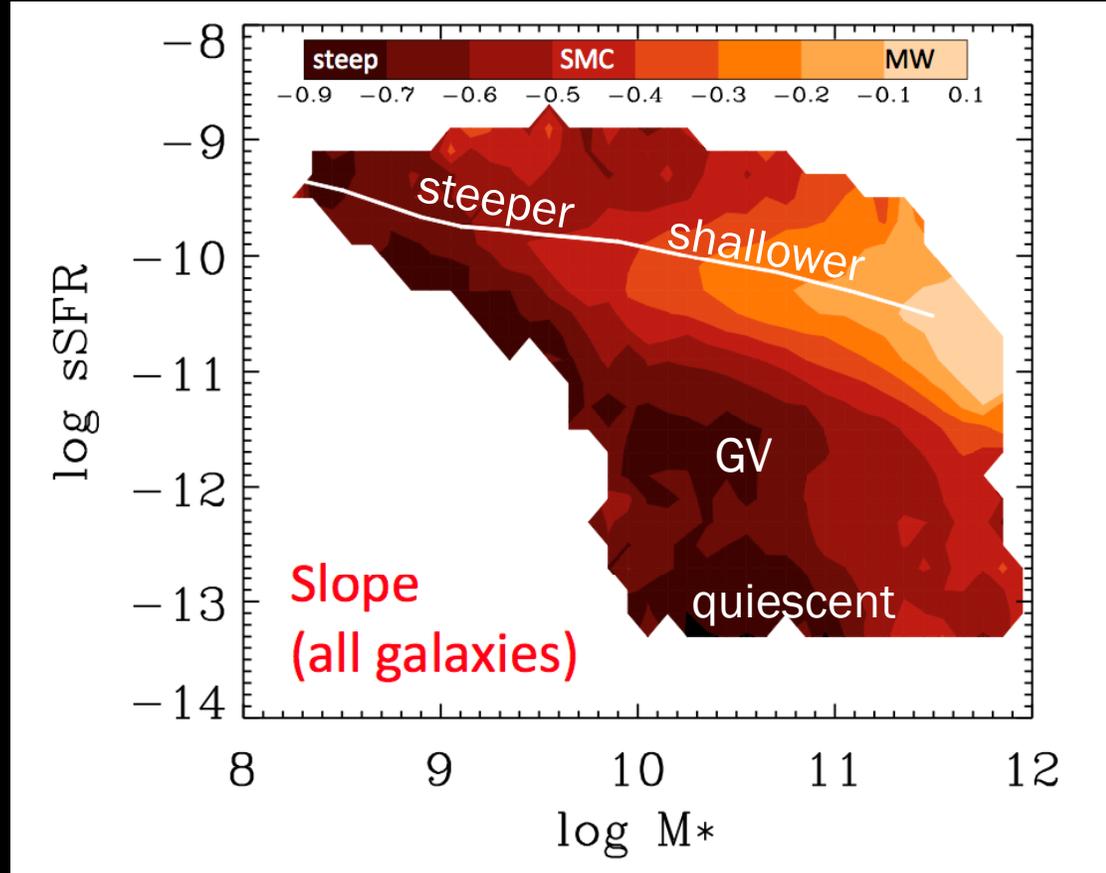
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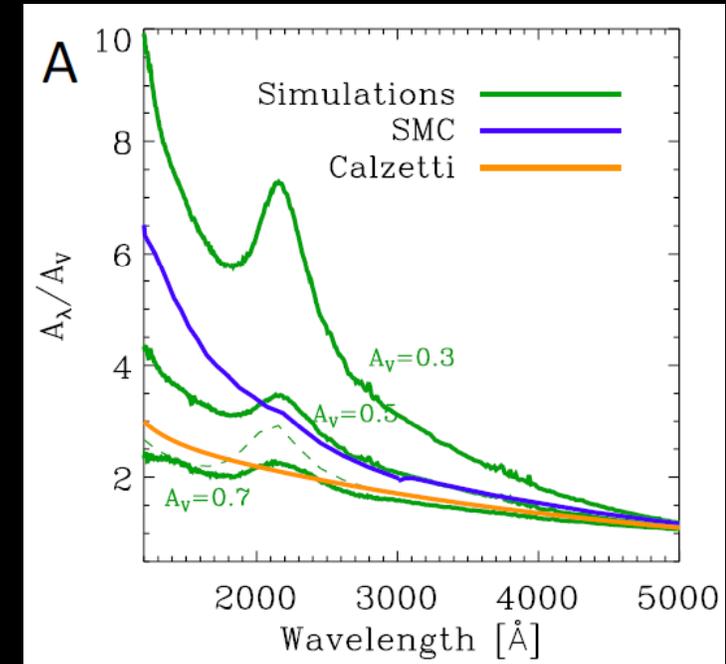
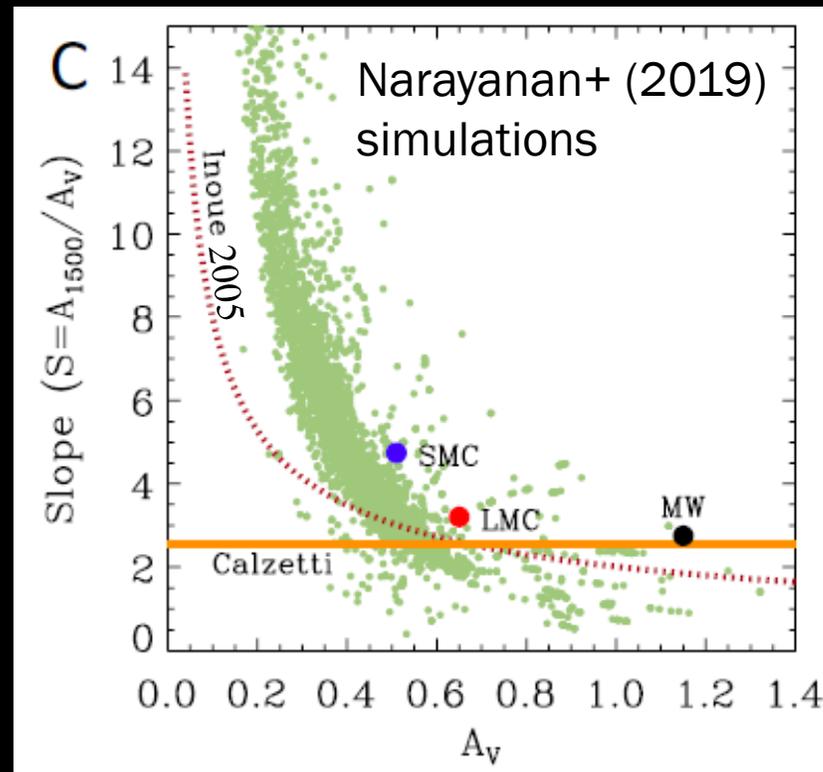
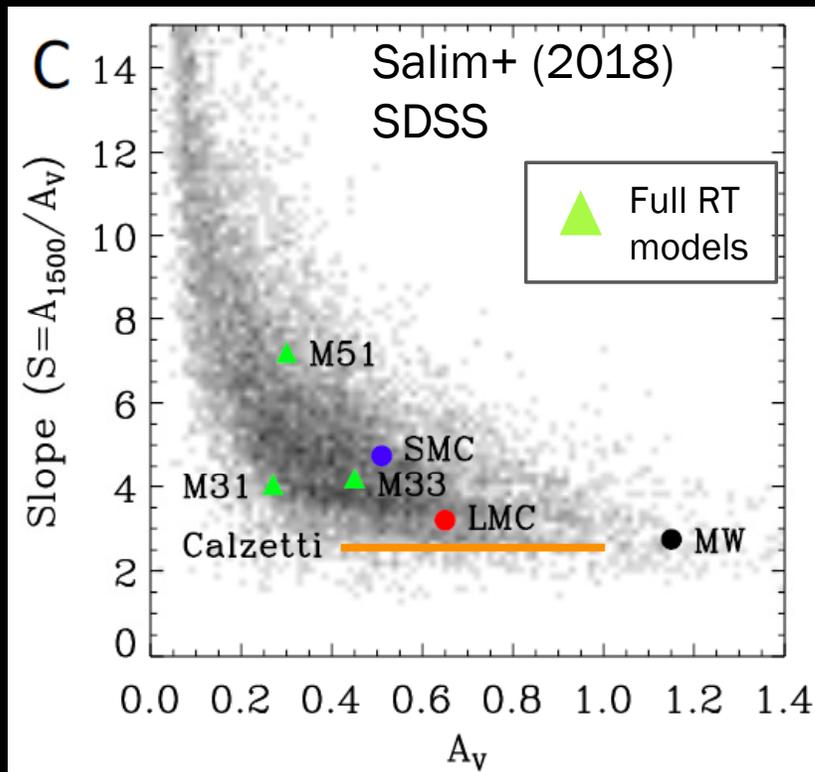
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# What drives attenuation curve slopes?

- Predicted by RT models (Pierini et al. 2004; Seon & Draine 2016)
  - Low opacity: scattering dominates (highly  $\lambda$  dependent)
  - High opacity: absorption dominates (grey)
  - **Takeaway: attenuation curve slope correlated with the amount of dust**

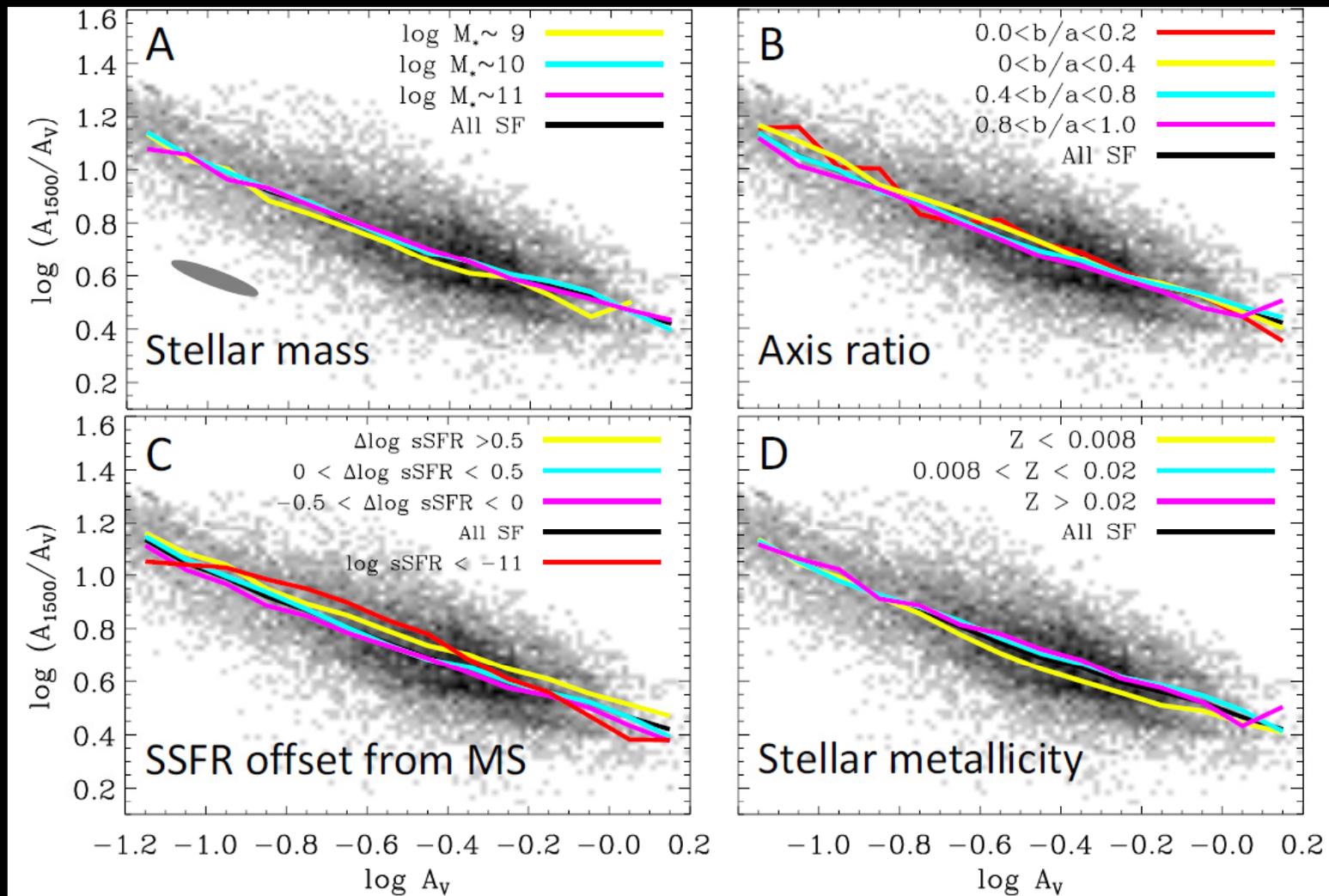


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# What drives attenuation curve slopes?

Residual dependence on other parameters

log S (slope)



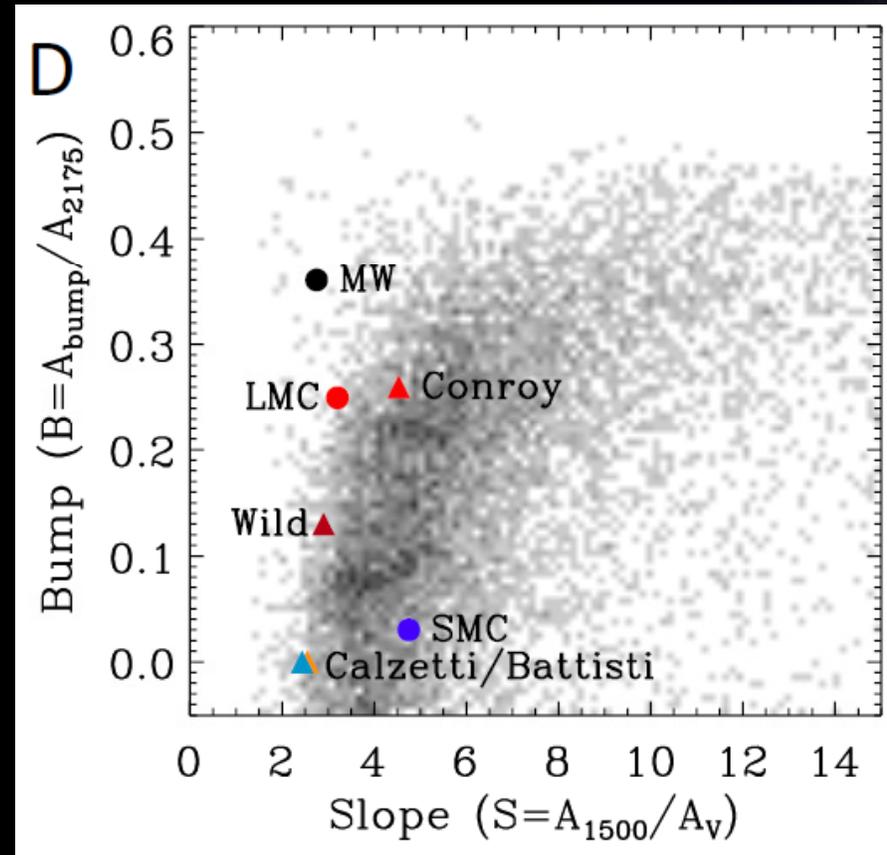
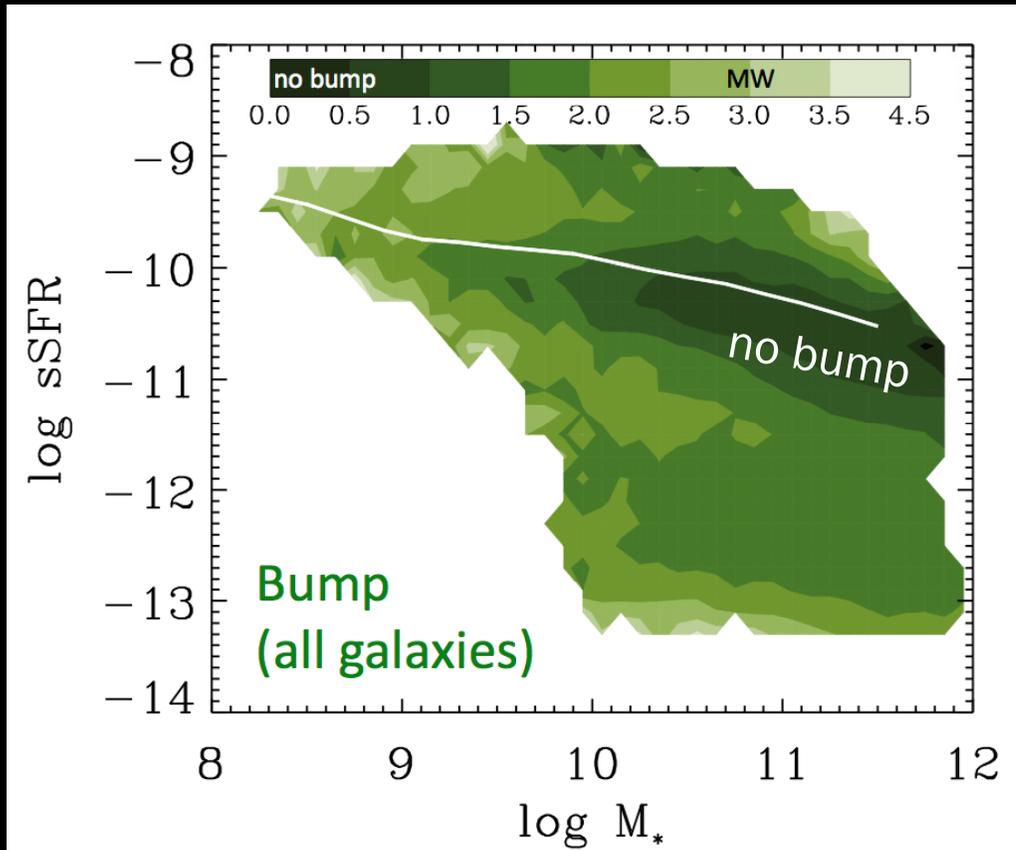
Takeaway: Slope does not depend directly on SFH, global geometry; only through dust column density

Residual scatter – different dust compositions?

# Attenuation curve UV bump

Wide range of UV bump strengths

- Stronger bump in steeper curves (also Kriek and Conroy 2013)
  - opposite from the MW-SMC “trend” for extinction curves



Salim, Boquien  
& Lee (2018)

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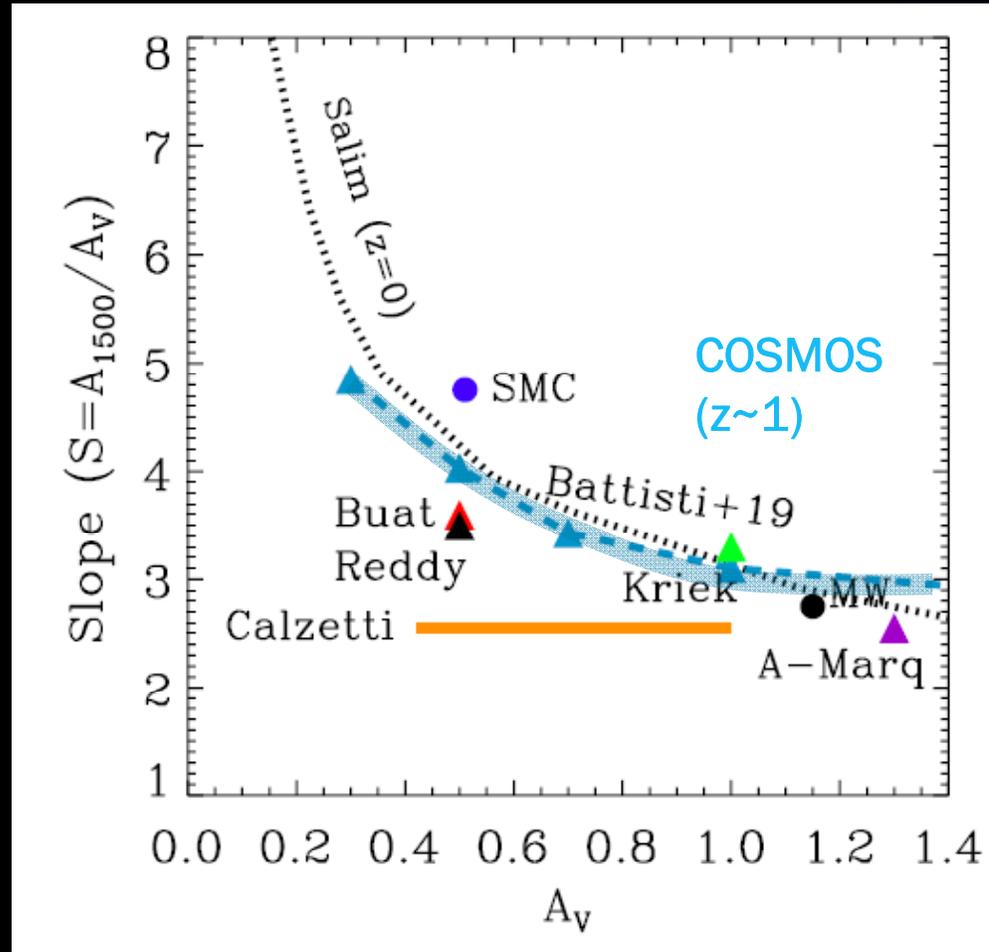
# Evolution of the attenuation curve?

High-z results often inconsistent

- Important: compare all studies at the same  $A_V$

**Takeaway: At a given  $A_V$  attenuation curve (slope) may not evolve much**

Comparing LBGs, DSFGs,  $z > 6$ , etc requires caution



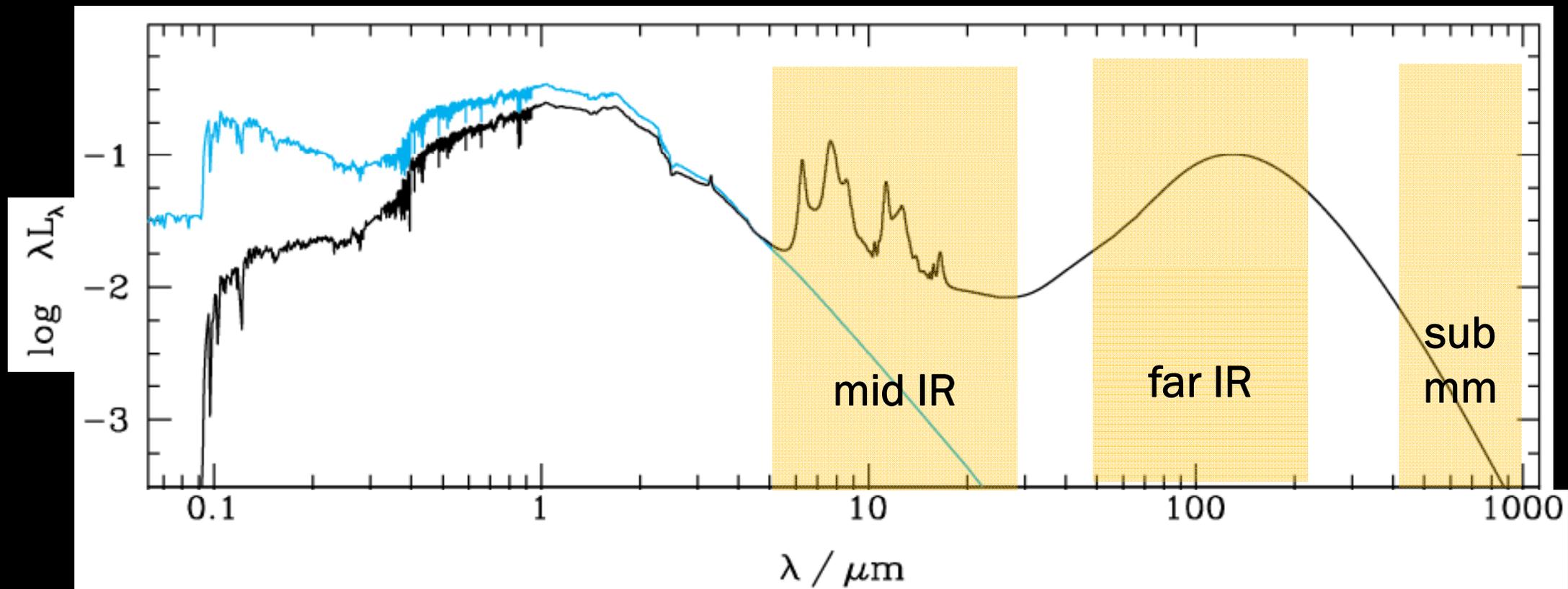
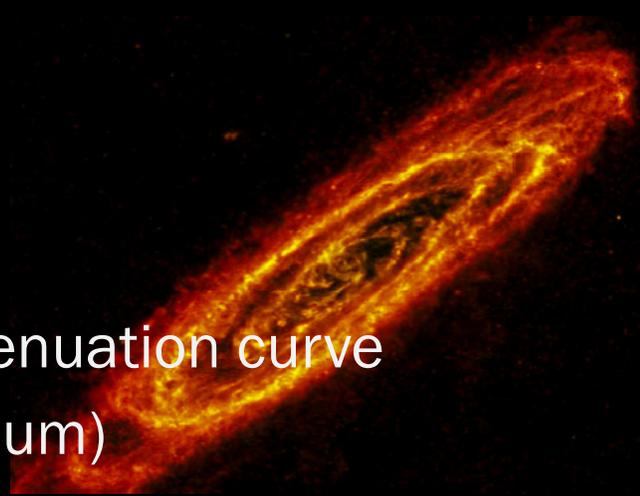
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# Dust emission in IR

## Total IR luminosities and SFR from IR

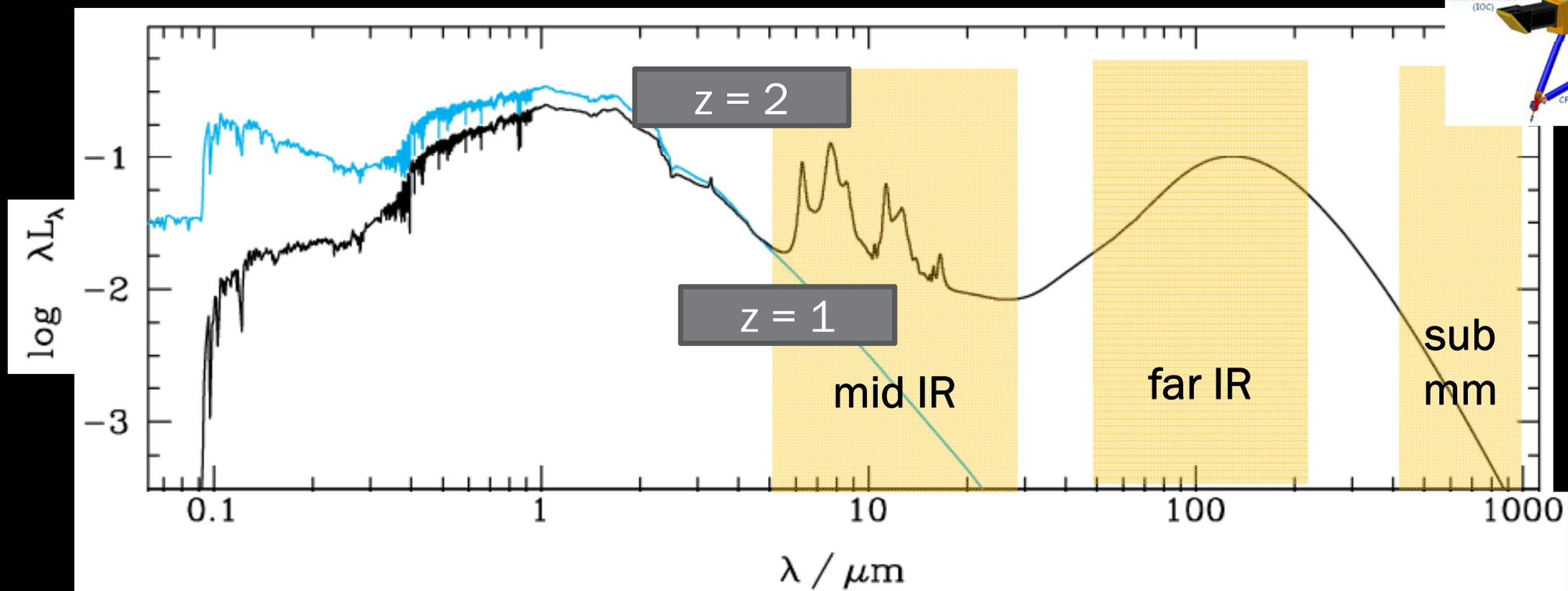
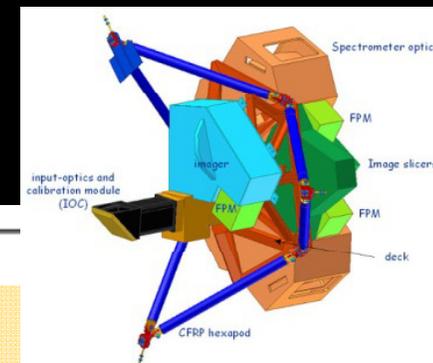
- Total IR luminosity ( $L(\text{TIR})$ ) circumvents the need to know the attenuation curve
  - $\text{SFR} = \text{Unobscured SFR (}=\text{UV lum)} + \text{Obscured SFR (}=\text{total IR lum)}$
- $L(\text{TIR})$  – need wavelength sampling in mid-IR, far IR and sub-mm



# Dust emission in IR

JWST MIRI = mid IR

- Extrapolation to get L(TIR) requires templates
- Templates (dust spectra) reduce range of possible shapes

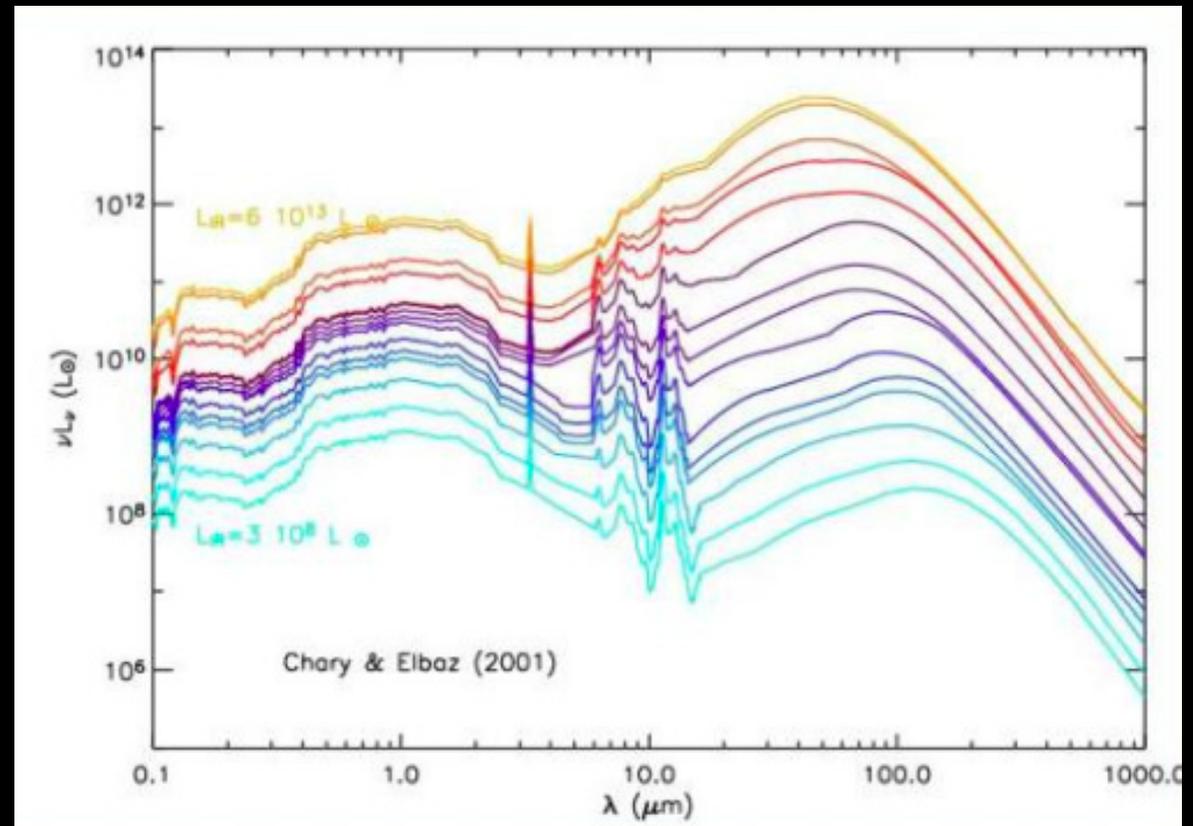


# Dust emission in IR

## Existing templates

- Local templates
  - small samples ( $\sim 100$ )
  - parameterized on  $L(\text{TIR})$
  - IRAS selected
  - not appropriate for normal SF galaxies of same  $L(\text{TIR})$
- High- $z$  templates
  - require stacking
  - AGN removal difficult
  - redshift parameterized

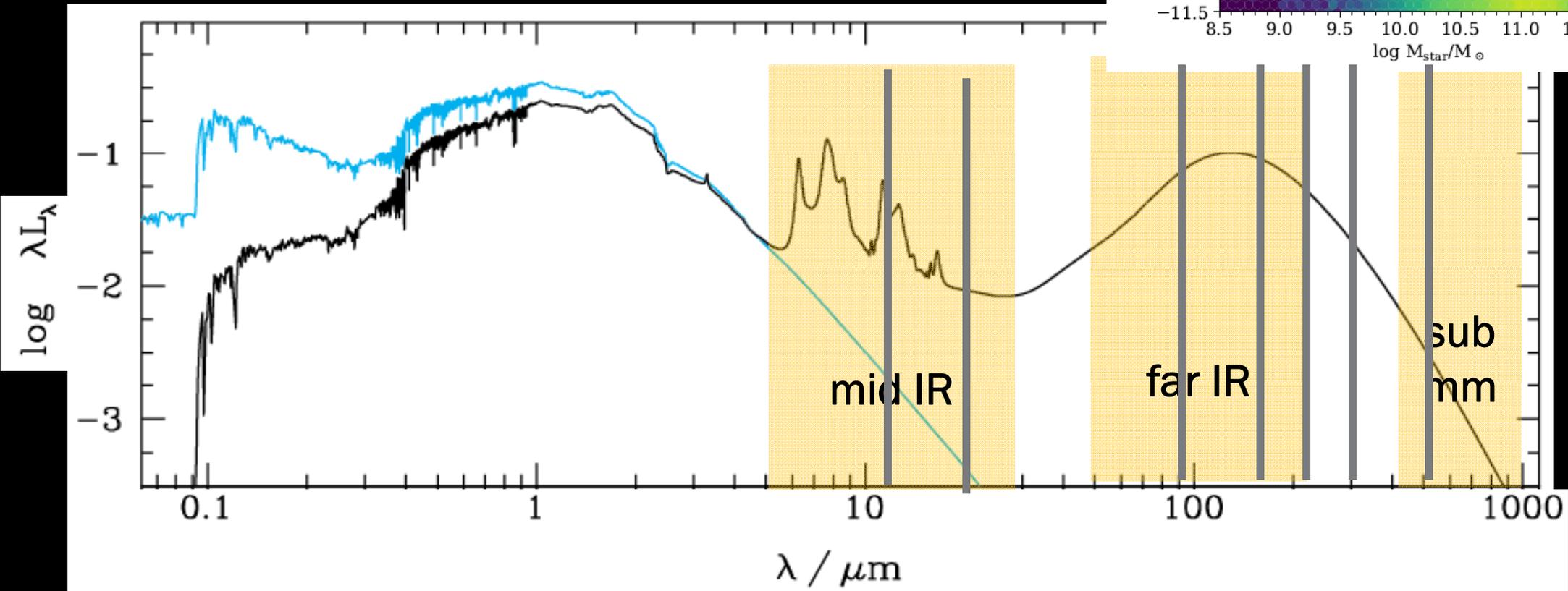
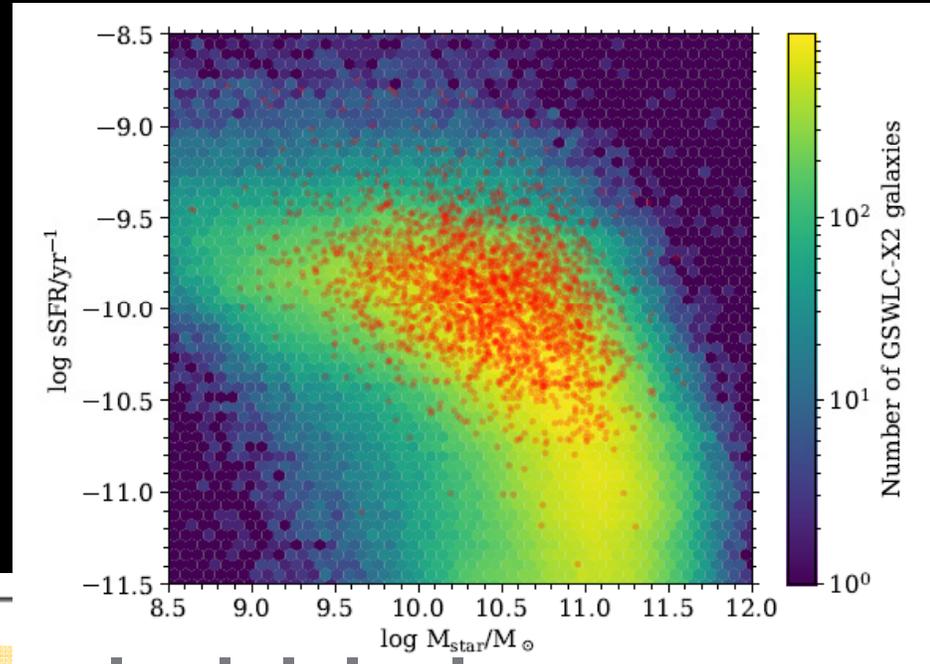
Templates for wide range of  $z$  and gal types?



# Dust emission in IR

WISE + Herschel –ATLAS (400 sq deg)

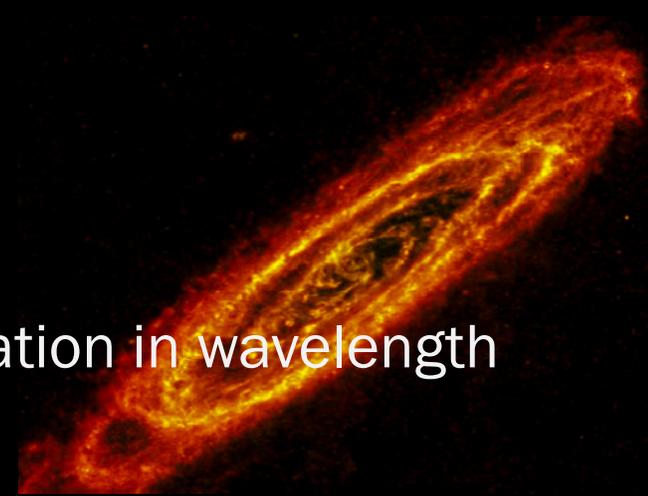
- 2500 non-AGN galaxies
- Low-z, but with wide range of sSFR
  - high-z “analogs”



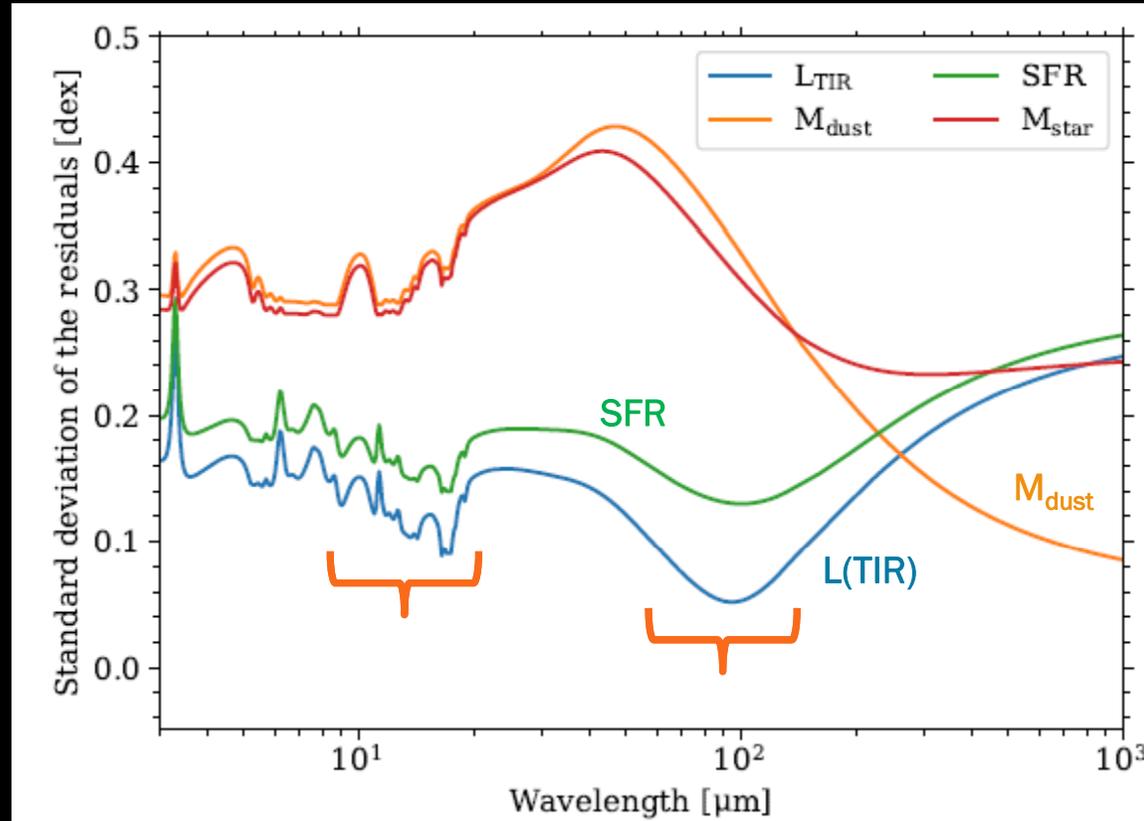
# Dust emission in IR

## Approach

- Fit flexible models Draine & Li models to 7 IR points => interpolation in wavelength
- SED+LIR fitting to get  $M^*$ , total SFR
- What IR range best constrains  $L(\text{TIR})$



**Takeway: Best monochromatic tracer of  $L(\text{TIR})$  or total SFR is mid-IR and  $\sim$ peak**

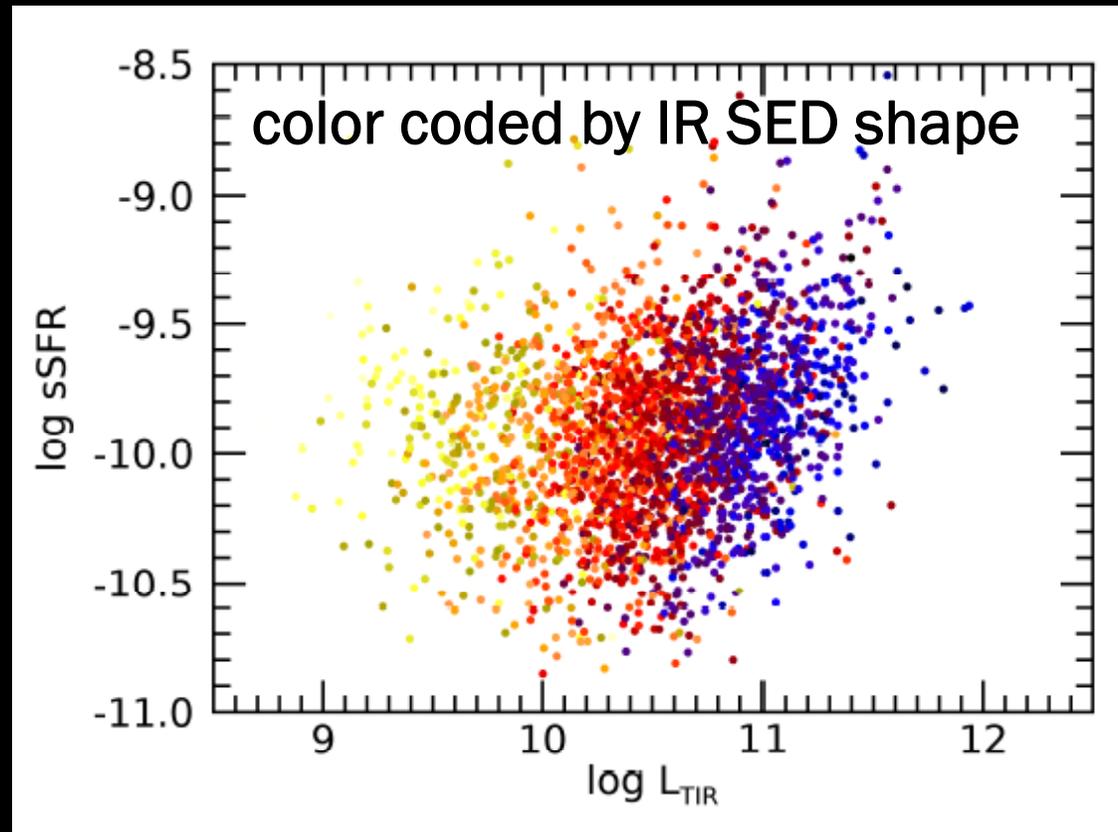


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# Dust emission in IR

## Parameterization

- Dependence both on  $L(\text{TIR})$  and  $s\text{SFR}$
- Important for monochromatic estimates

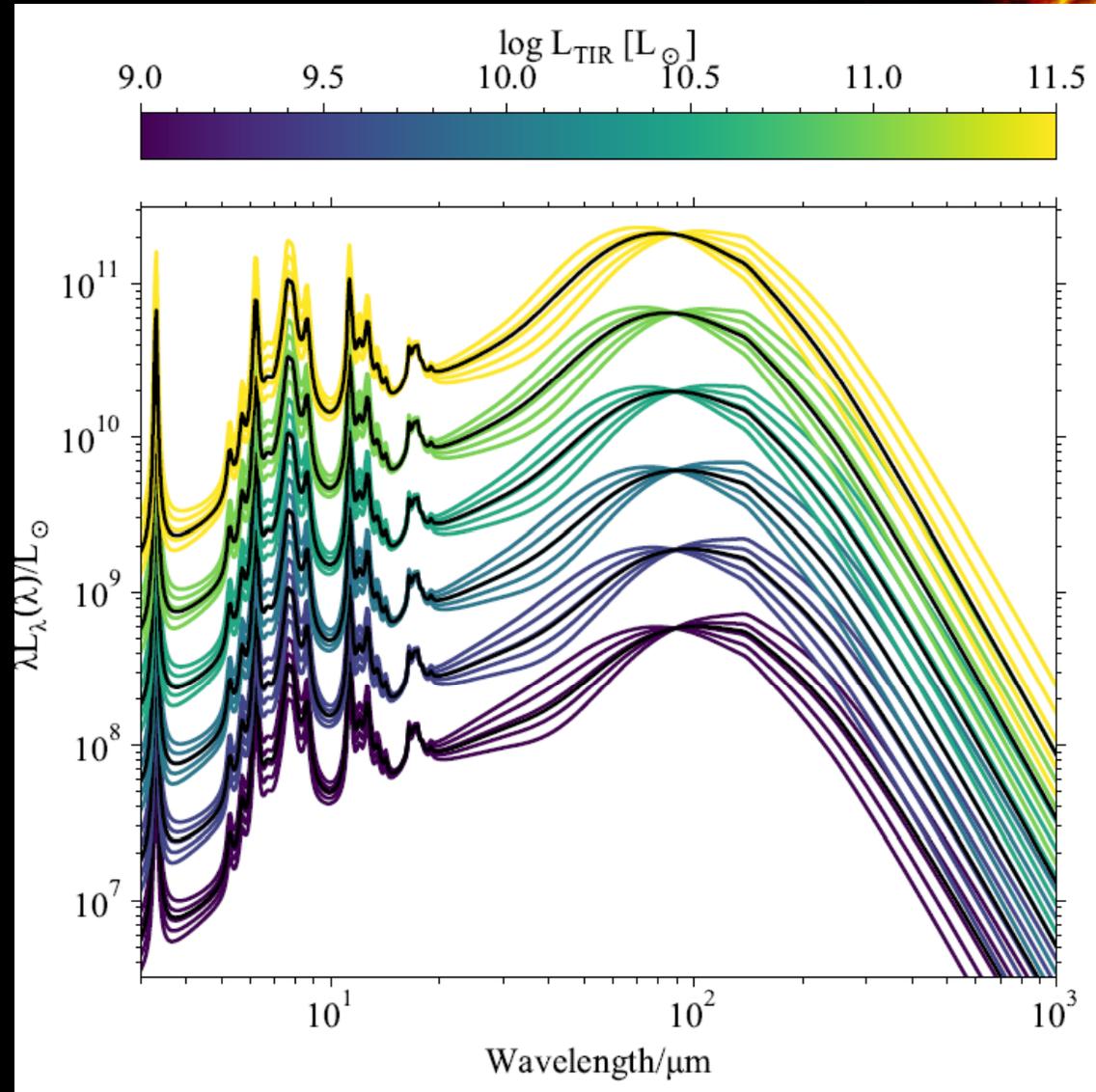


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# Dust emission in IR

## New templates

- Redder peak than existing local templates
- + sSFR dependence

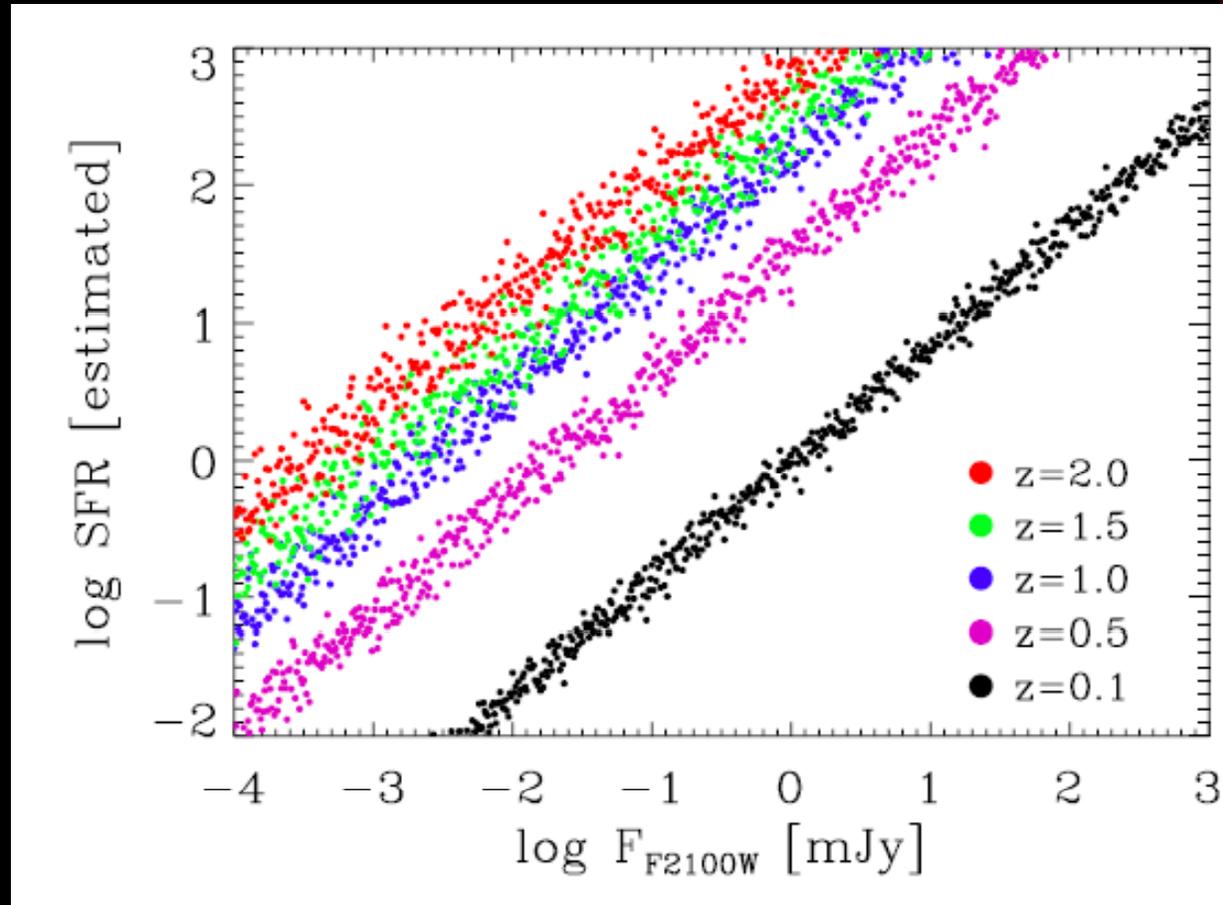
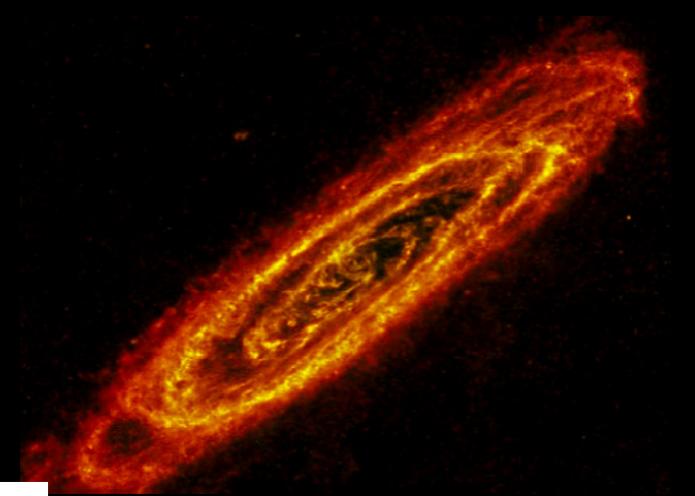


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## New templates

- Estimating L(TIR) or SFR from JWST 21  $\mu\text{m}$
- Software tools for fitting 1-4 IR bands  $\rightarrow$  L(TIR) and total SFR



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# Summary

## Dust extinction

- What is the most fundamental measure of dust?
- How well do we know the MW extinction curve?

## Dust attenuation

- Is there a diversity of attenuation curves?
- What is the average curve?
- What does the slope depend on?
- What does it not depend on?
- What is the meaning of IRX- $\beta$  relation?

## Emission

- What IR range best constrains IR luminosity (SFR)?
- Do we need new templates?

