

# Robust estimation of angular diameters of interferometric calibrators

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# The need for calibrator

"true" visibility

$$V_{\text{sci,true}} = \frac{V_{\text{sci,raw}}}{R_V}$$

where

system response

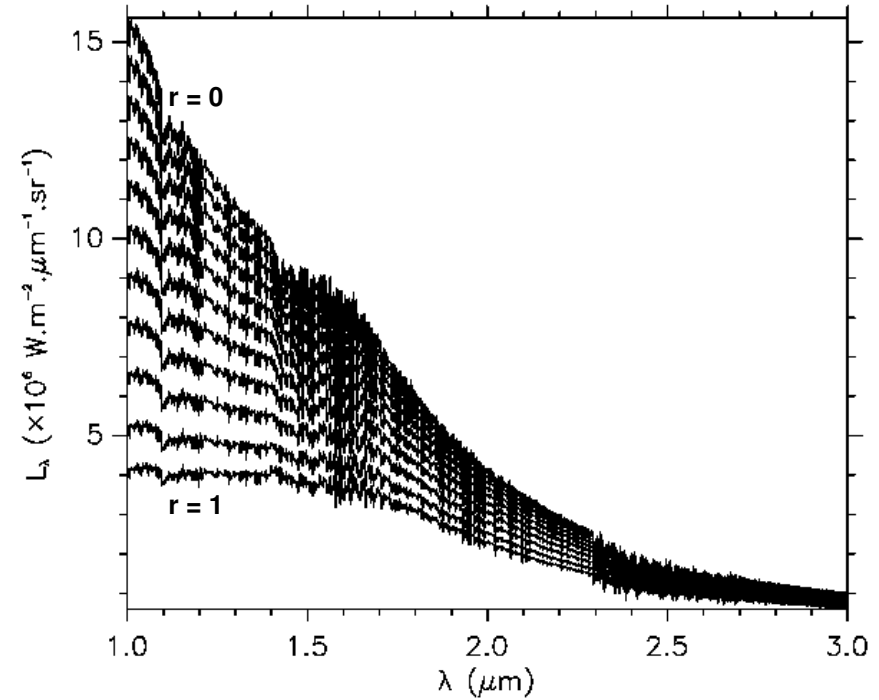
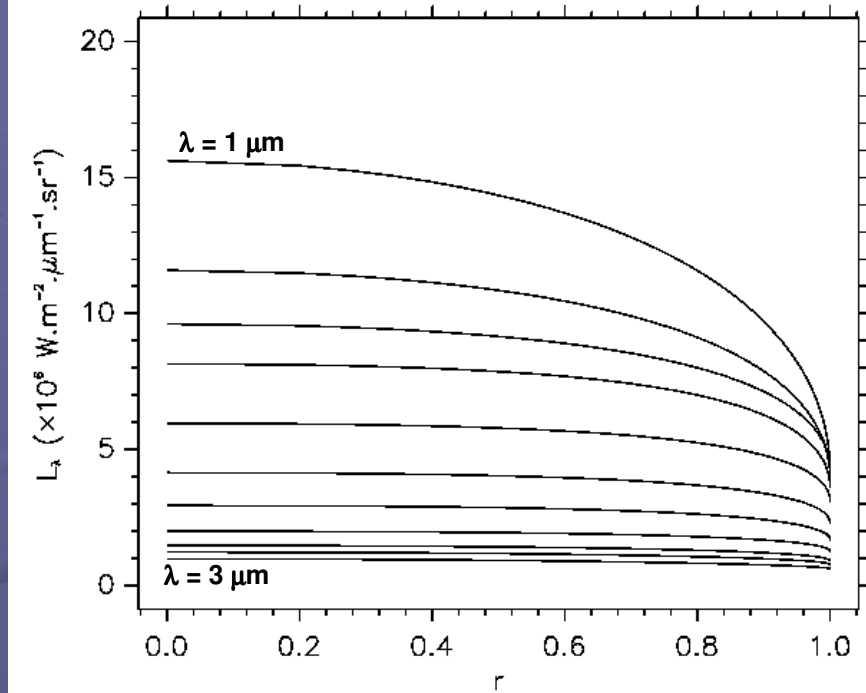
$$R_V = \frac{V_{\text{cal,raw}}}{V_{\text{cal,model}}}$$

circularly symmetric calibrator model :

$$V_{\text{model}}(f = B/\lambda) = \frac{\int_0^1 L_\lambda(r) J_0(\pi r \phi f) r dr}{\int_0^1 L_\lambda(r) r dr}$$

$L_\lambda$  = model spectral radiance (emission intensity)

# Example of model radiance



MARCS photospheric model :

$$T_{\text{eff}} = 4250 \text{ K}$$

$$\log(g) = 2.0$$

$$[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = 0.0$$

$$\xi = 2 \text{ km/s}$$

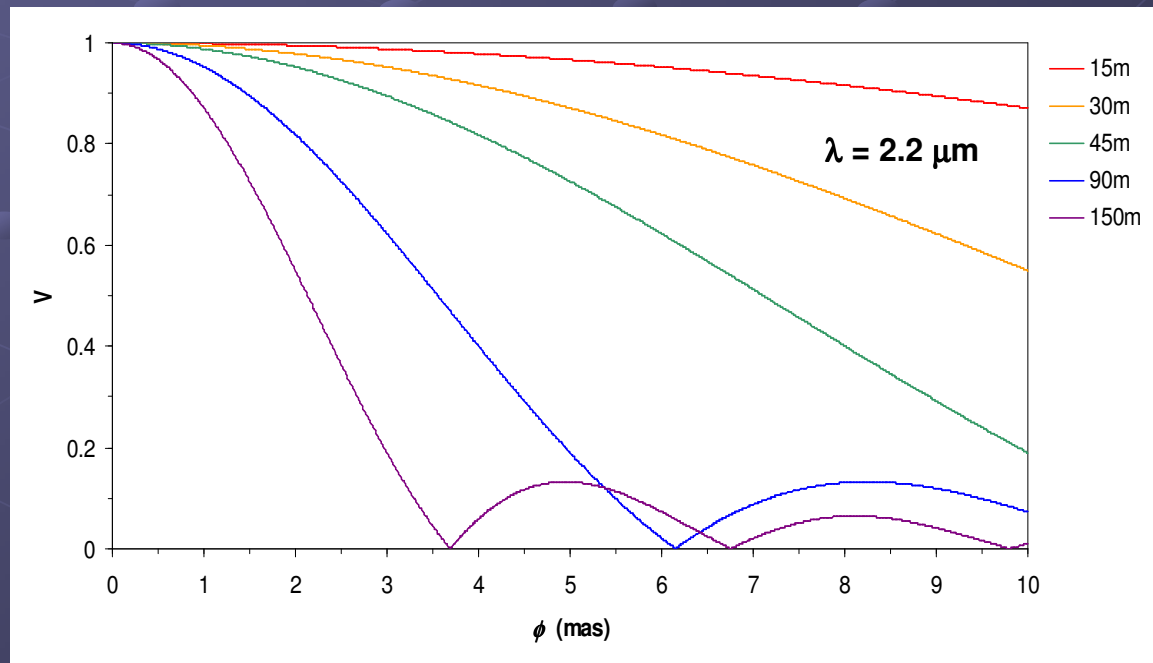
$$M = 1.0 M_{\text{Sun}}$$

# Effect of calibrator diameter error

$$\Delta V_{\text{model}} = \left| \frac{\partial V_{\text{model}}}{\partial \phi} \right| \Delta \phi$$

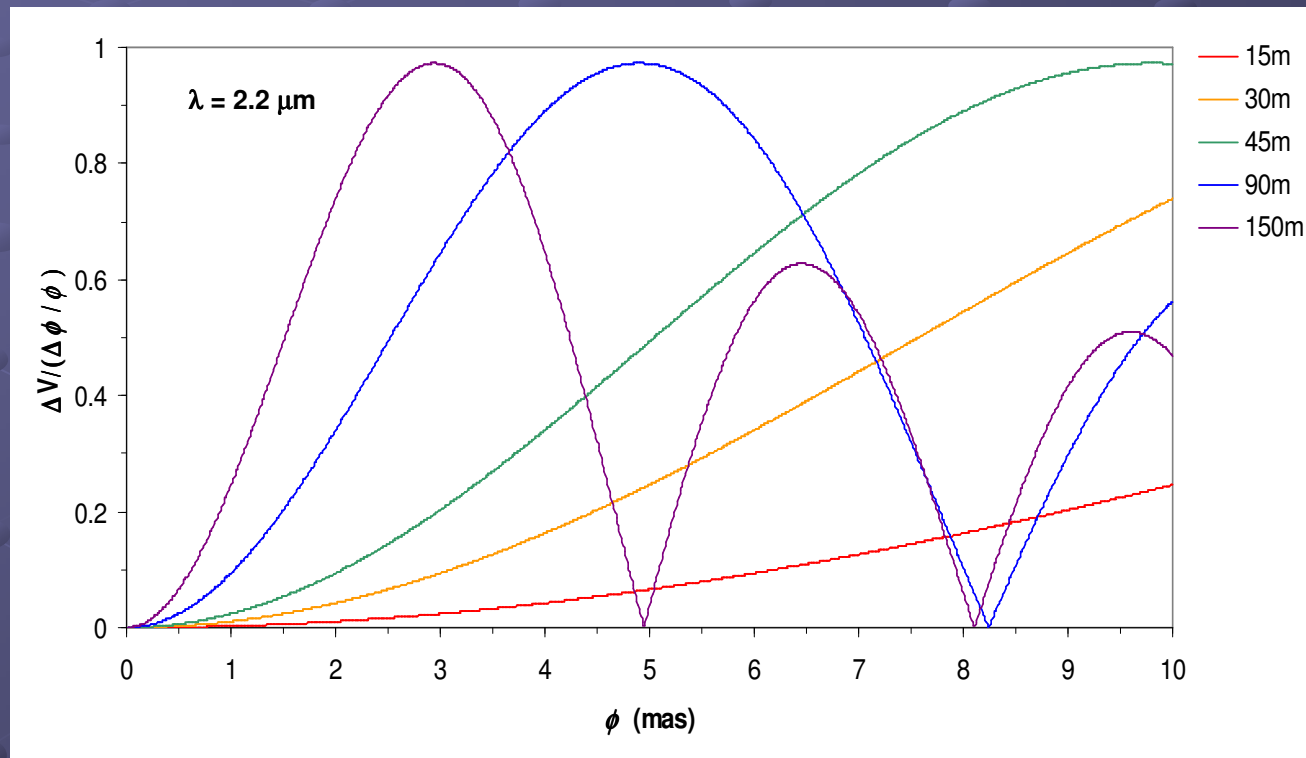
uniform disk  
model :

$$V_{UD} = \left| \frac{2J_1(q = \pi\phi_{UD}f)}{q} \right|$$



# Error on visibility

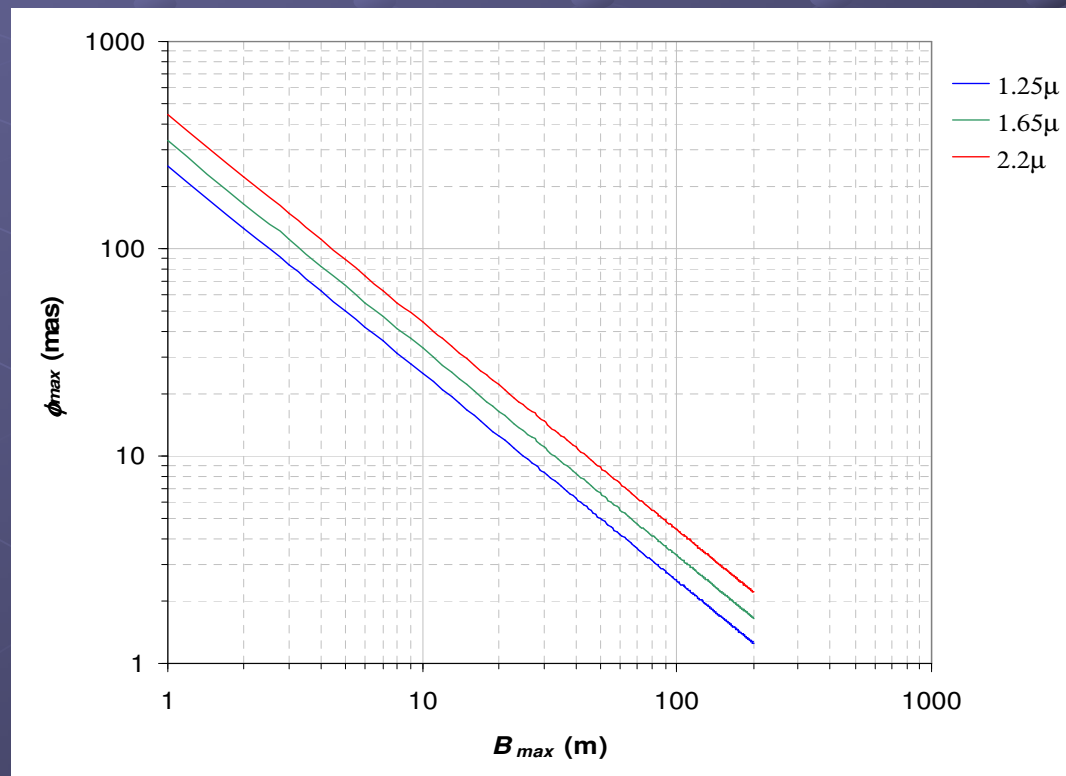
$$\Delta V_{\text{model}} = 2 \left| V_{UD} - \text{sgn}(J_1(q)) J_0(q) \right| \frac{\Delta \phi_{UD}}{\phi_{UD}} \leq 0.973 \frac{\Delta \phi_{UD}}{\phi_{UD}}$$



# Maximum calibrator diameter allowable

if  $\phi < \phi_{\max} \text{ (mas)} \approx 200.527 \frac{\lambda \text{ (}\mu\text{m)}}{B_{\max} \text{ (m)}}$  then

$$\Delta V_{\text{model}} = J_2(q) \frac{\Delta \phi_{UD}}{\phi_{UD}} < 0.973 \frac{\Delta \phi_{UD}}{\phi_{UD}} \quad \text{for each spatial frequency}$$



# Diameter from color index

## ☞ *Van Belle et al. (1999, PTI)*

113 stars  
spectral types G to M  
luminosity class III  
 $1.75 < V-K < 9.0$

$$T_{eff} \text{ (in Kelvins)} \approx 3030 + 4750 \times 10^{-0.187(V-K)}$$

$$\frac{\phi}{p} \approx 1.64 \times 10^{-2} (V-K)^{2.36}$$

where  $p$  = parallax angle

## ☞ *Bonneau et al. (2006, JMMC)*

171 stars  
spectral types O to M  
luminosity classes I to V  
 $-0.4 < B-V < 1.3$   
 $-0.25 < V-R < 2.8$   
 $-1.1 < V-K < 7.0$

$$\phi(\text{mas}) \approx 9.306 \times 10^{-(m_V/5)} \sum_k a_k CI^k$$

# Diameter from magnitudes

$$\frac{\phi^2}{4\Delta\lambda} \int_{\lambda_0 - (\Delta\lambda/2)}^{\lambda_0 + (\Delta\lambda/2)} M_\lambda d\lambda = F_0 \times 10^{-(m_0/2.5)}$$

$m_0$  = dereddened magnitude

$\lambda_0$  = effective wavelength

$\Delta\lambda$  = total spectral bandwidth

$F_0$  = zero-mag flux

$M_\lambda$  = model spectral irradiance (emission flux)

circularly symmetric model :

$$M_\lambda = 2\pi \int_0^1 L_\lambda(r) r dr$$



# Stellar photospheric model irradiance

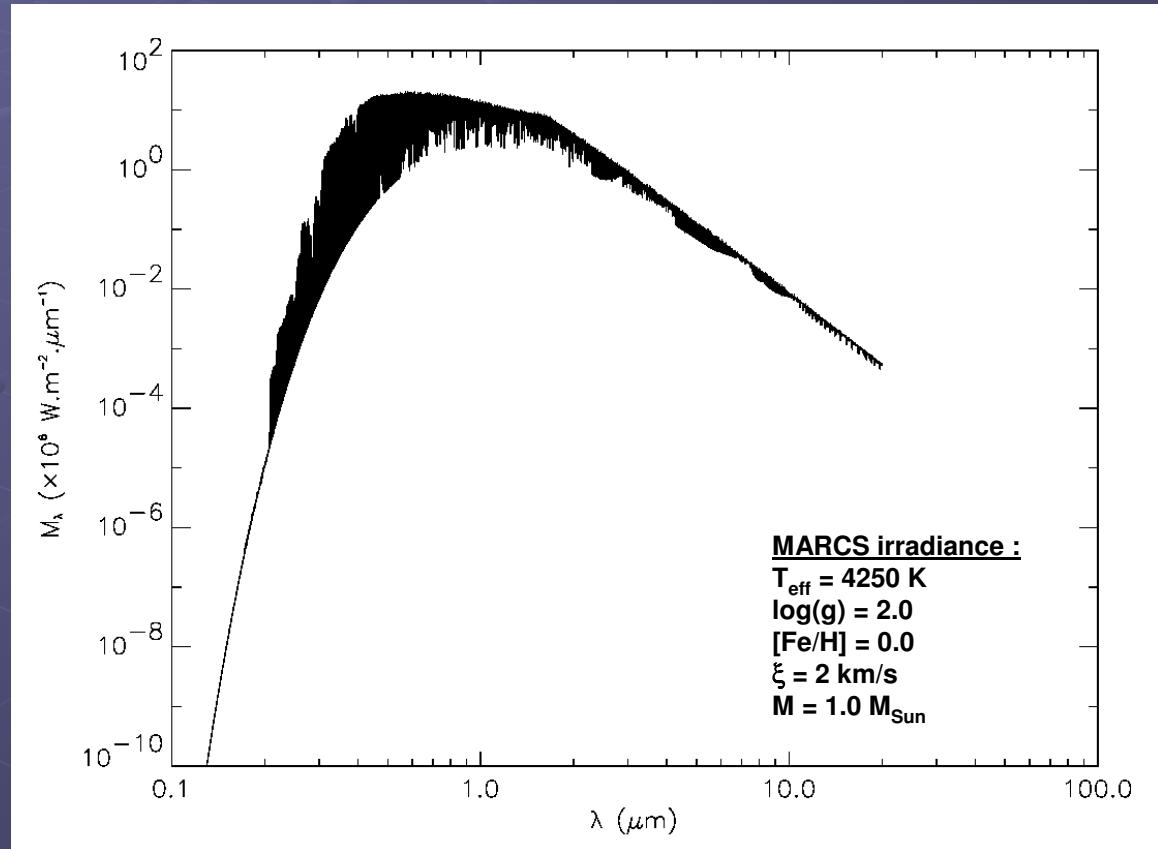
→ *High resolution sampled energy fluxes*

☞ *MARCS library*  
(Gustaffson et al., 2008)  
2 500 to 8 000 K

<http://marcs.astro.uu.se/>

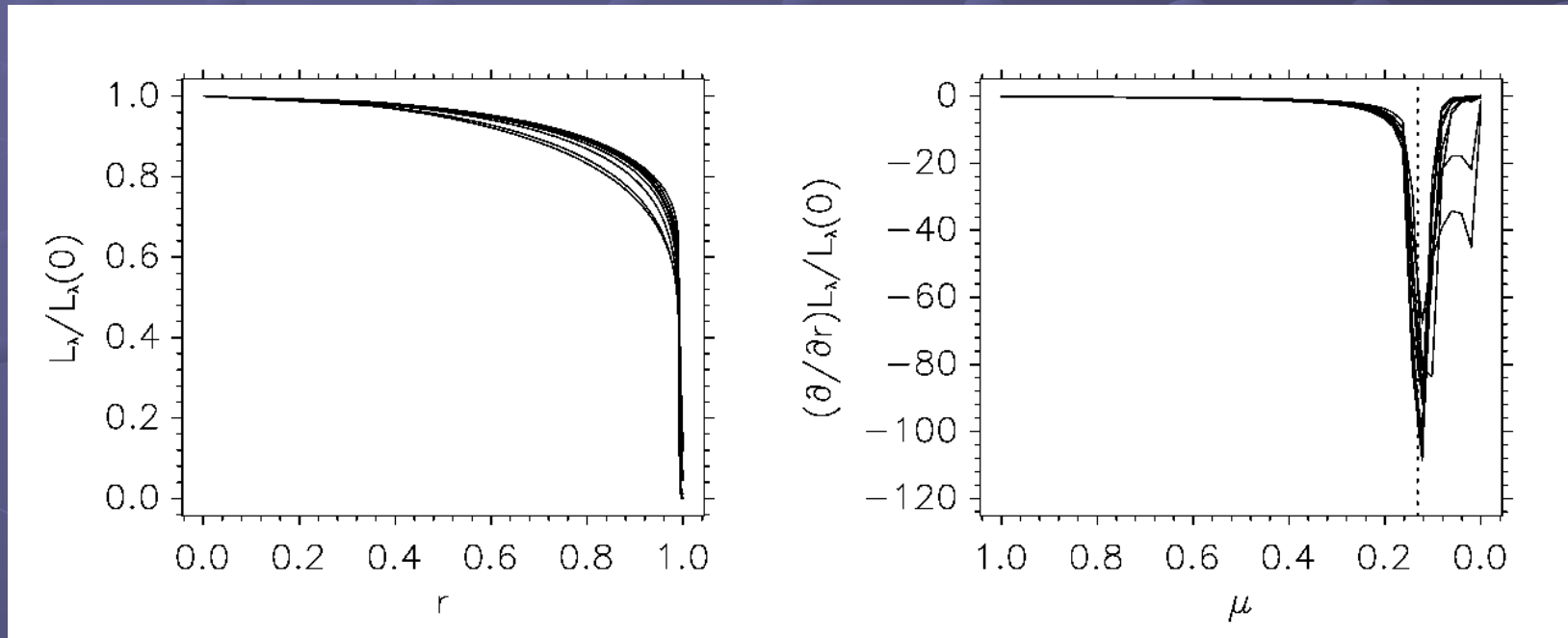
☞ *KURUCZ atlas (1993)*  
3 000 to 50 000 K

<http://www.stsci.edu/hst/observatory/cdbs/k93models.html>



# Rosseland diameter

Rosseland to true diameter conversion factor (wavelength-independent) given by shape of radial distribution of photospheric model spectral radiance



**MARCS model :**

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 $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = 0.0$

$\xi = 2 \text{ km/s}$   
 $M = 1.0 M_{\text{Sun}}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\phi_{\text{Ross}}}{\phi_{\text{true}}} \approx 0.991$$

# Diameter from SED fit

N values of measured fluxes  $F_i \pm \sigma_i$   
with spectral resolutions  $R_i = \lambda_i/\delta_i$

$\phi_{best}$  given by minimization of merit function  $\chi^2(\phi)$   
(Levenberg-Marquardt)

$$\chi^2(\phi) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \left[ \frac{F_i - \hat{F}_i(\phi)}{\sigma_i} \right]^2 \quad \text{where } \hat{F}_i(\phi) = \frac{\phi^2}{4\delta_i} \int_{\lambda_i - (\delta_i/2)}^{\lambda_i + (\delta_i/2)} M_\lambda d\lambda$$

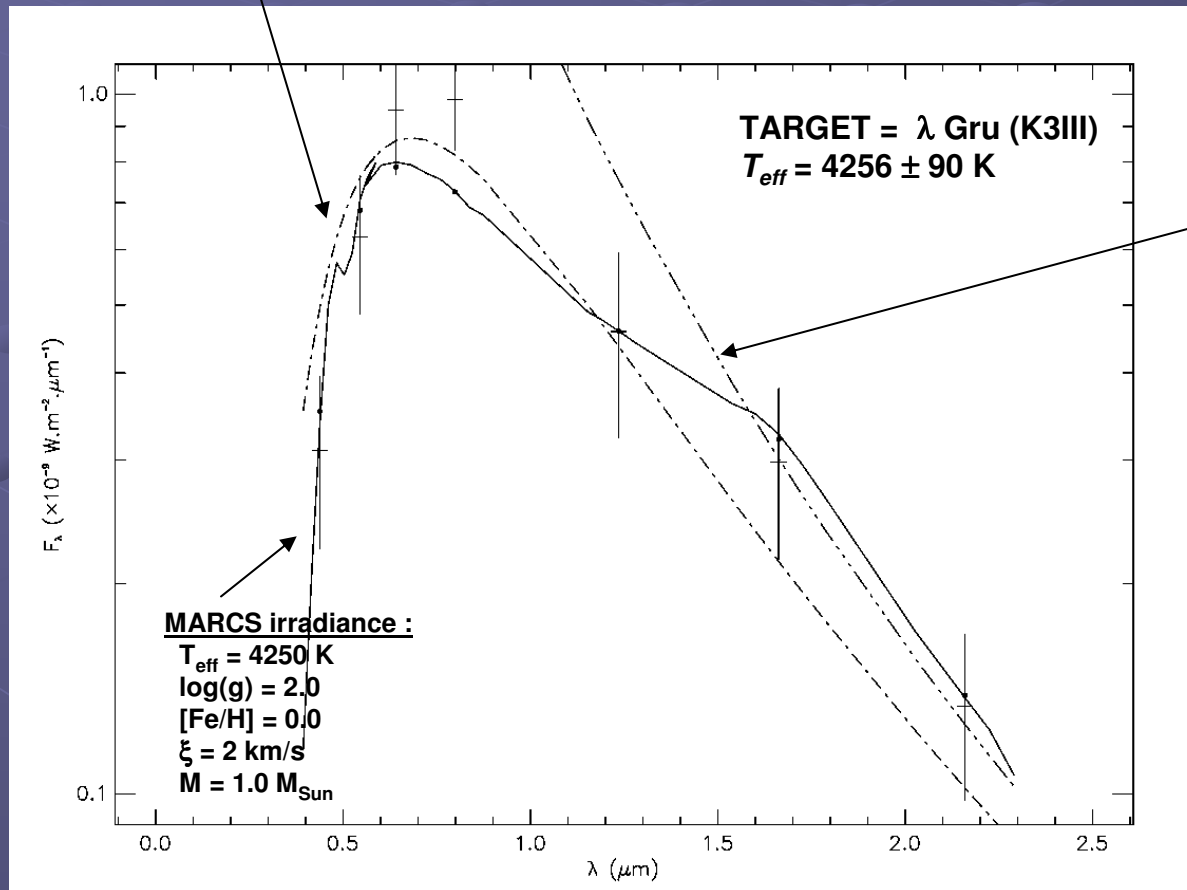
goodness-of-fit parameter :  $F2 = \sqrt{\frac{9\nu}{2}} \left( \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{\chi^2}{\nu}\right)} + \frac{2}{9\nu} - 1 \right)$

where  $\nu =$  number of degrees of freedom

# Fit on photometry

blackbody irradiance  
(Planck's law) :

$$M_{\lambda} = B_{\lambda}(T) = \frac{\pi C_1}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{e^{(C_2/\lambda T)} - 1}$$



Engelke irradiance (based on  
IR continua of G, K, M giants) :

$$M_{\lambda} = B_{\lambda} \left\{ C_3 T_{\text{eff}} \left( 1 + C_4 / \lambda T_{\text{eff}} \right)^{C_5} \right\}$$

Fit outputs :

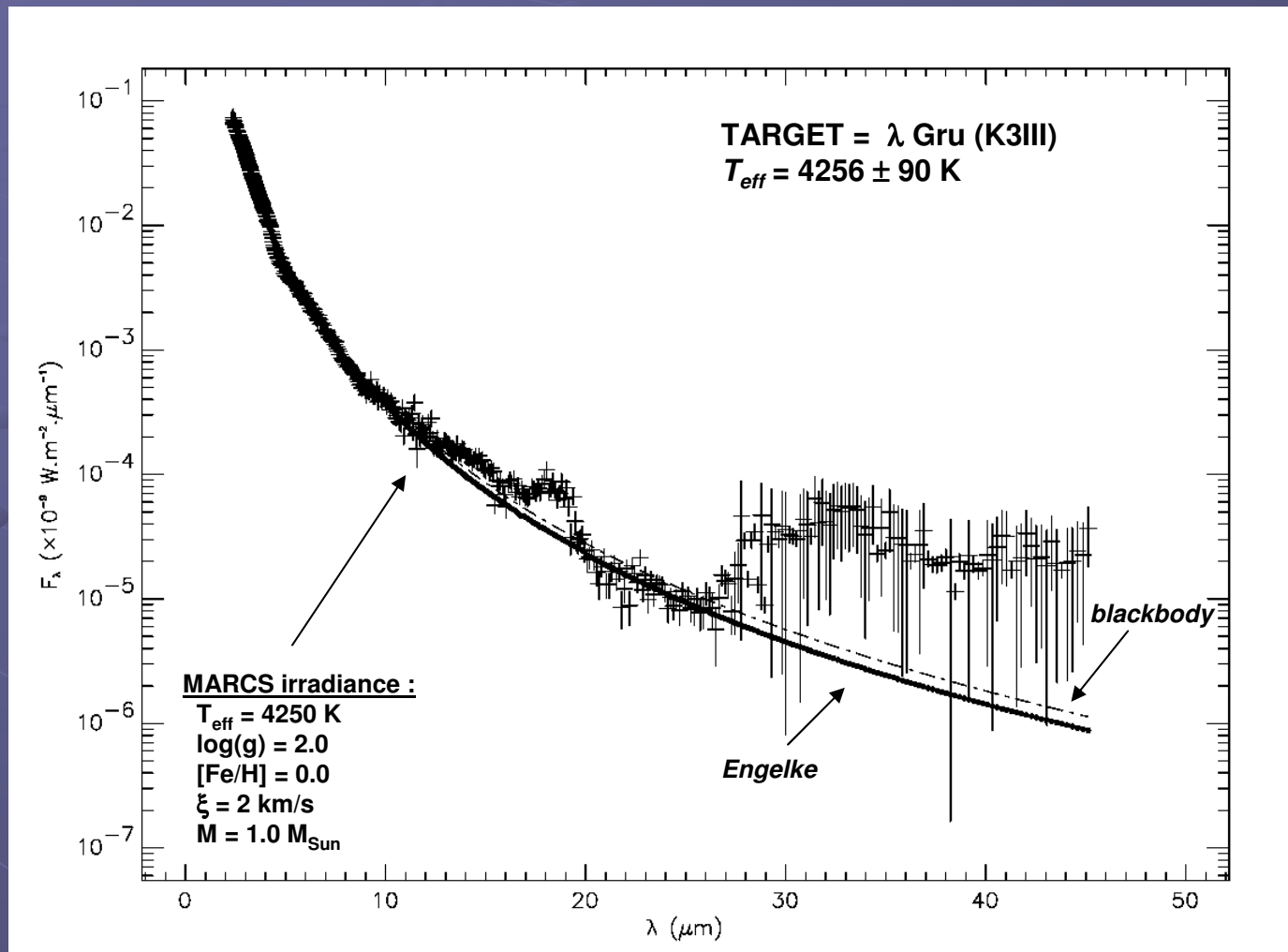
$$\phi_{\text{best}} = 2.90 \text{ mas}$$

$$\text{fit formal error} = 4.4\%$$

$$\chi_R^2 = 0.67$$

$$F2 = -0.47$$

# Fit on ISO-SWS SED



## Fit outputs :

$\phi_{\text{best}} = 2.717$  mas

fit formal error =

0.02%

$\chi_R^2 = 12.9$

$F2 = 63.7$

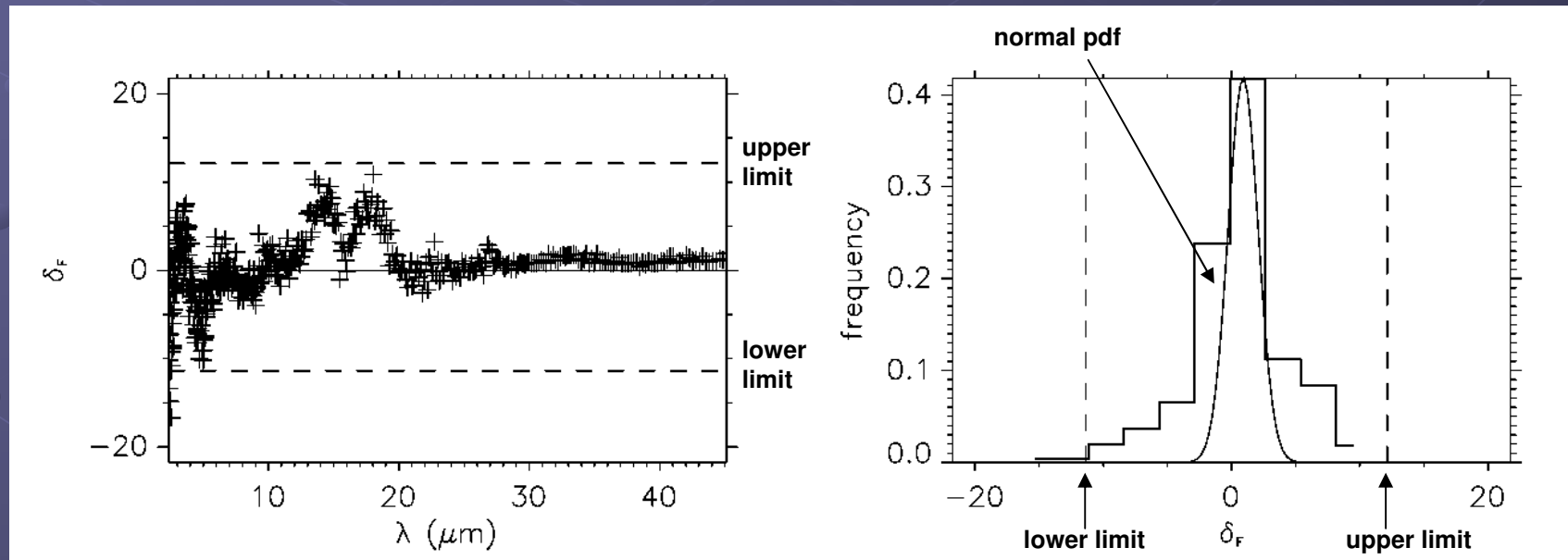
# Outlier detection

Extreme outliers identified in tails of distribution of fit-residuals :

$$Q_1 - 3 \times IQR < \delta_F < Q_3 + 3 \times IQR$$

$Q_1$  = lower quartile  
 $Q_3$  = upper quartile  
IQR = interquartile range

centered residuals :  $\delta_F = e_i - \bar{e}$  with  $e_i = \frac{F_i - \hat{F}_i(\phi_{best})}{\sigma_i}$



# Uncertainty of best-fit diameter

nonparametric residual bootstrap :

→ fabrication of many ( $M > 1000$ ) "new" data sets by random resampling of fit-residuals

$$F_i \rightarrow (F_i^*)_k = \hat{F}_i + (\delta_F)_k \sigma_i \quad k = 0 \dots M - 1$$

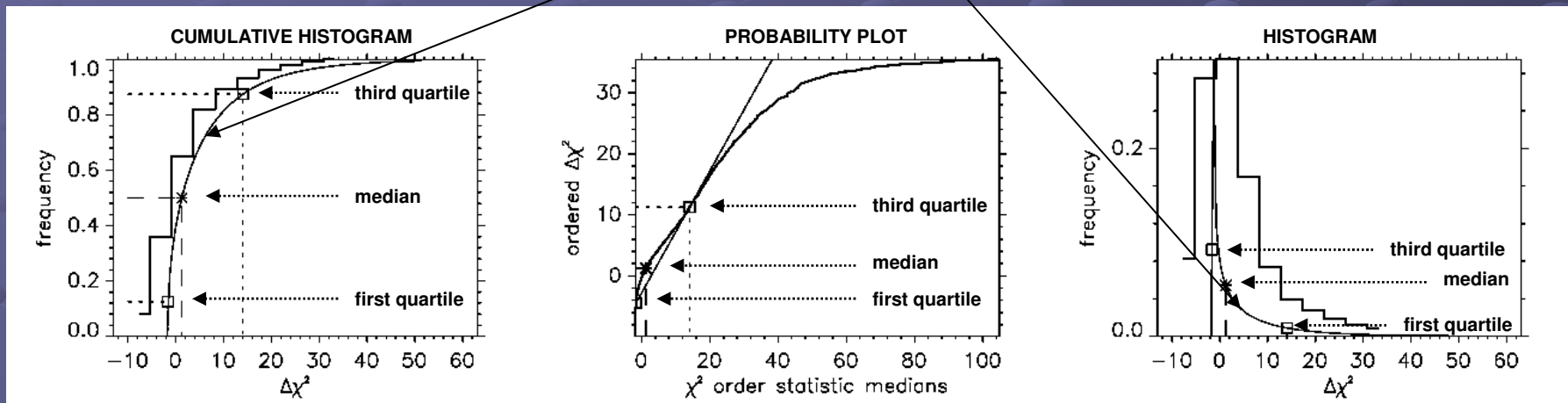
→  $M$  bootstrapped estimates  $[\phi_{best}]_k$  given by  $\chi^2$ -minimizations

→ confidence interval given by  $\chi^2$ -distribution with  $\nu = 1$  degree of freedom (1 free parameter)

# Bootstrap outputs

$$(\Delta\chi^2)_k = \chi^2\{(F^*)_k; (\phi_{best})_k\} - \chi^2\{F; \phi_{best}\}$$

follows chi-square distribution with  $\nu = 1$  DOF



if  $\alpha =$  confidence level (e.g. 95%  $\Leftrightarrow \pm 2\sigma$  for normal distribution) :

$$(\phi_{best})_{inf(sup)} = \min(\max)\{(\phi_{best})_k \text{ for } (1-\alpha)/2 < pdf(\Delta\chi^2) < (1+\alpha)/2\}$$

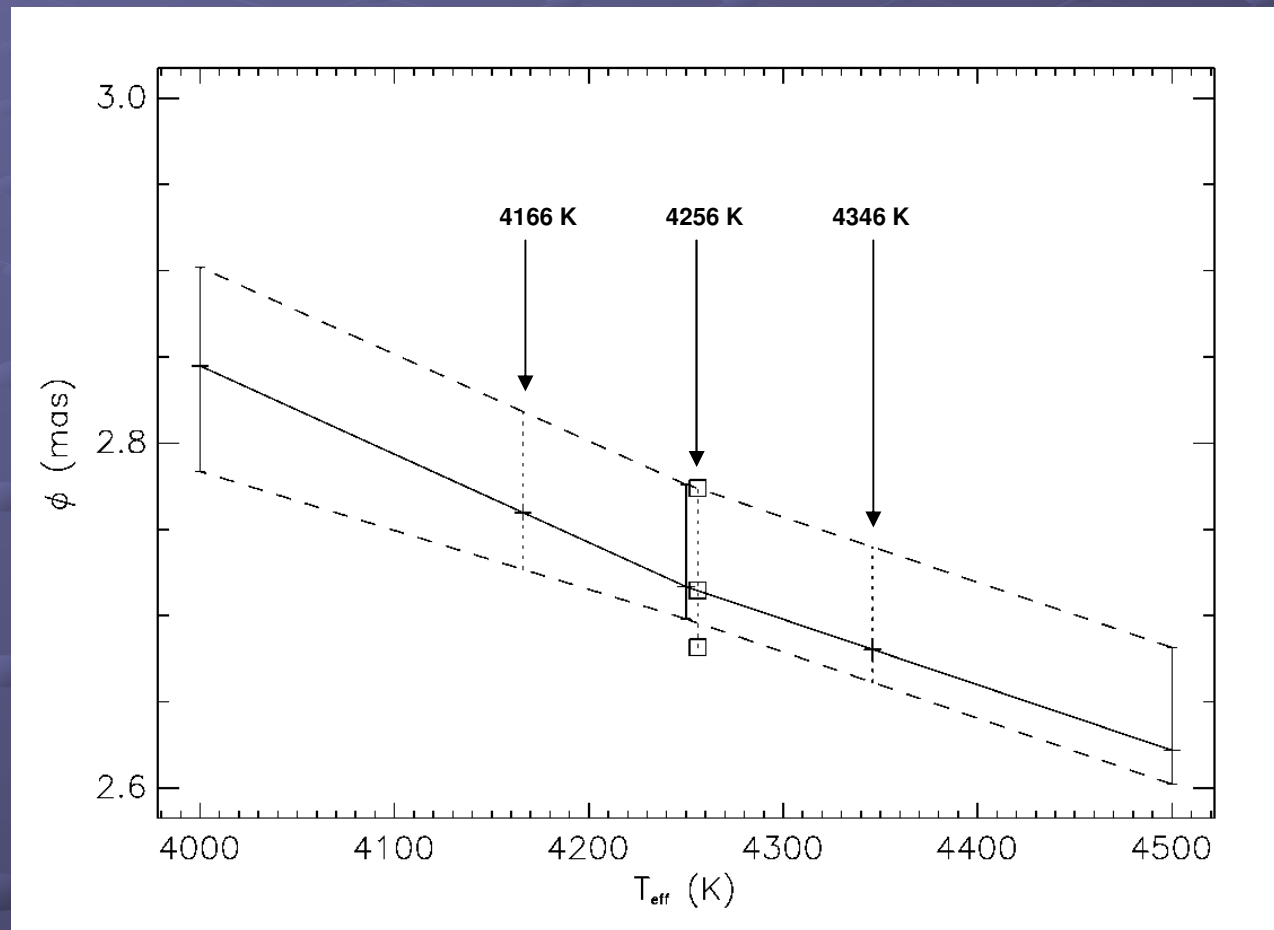
$\Rightarrow$

$$\phi = [\phi_{best}]_{- \{ \phi_{best} - (\phi_{best})_{inf} \}}^{+ \{ (\phi_{best})_{sup} - \phi_{best} \}}$$

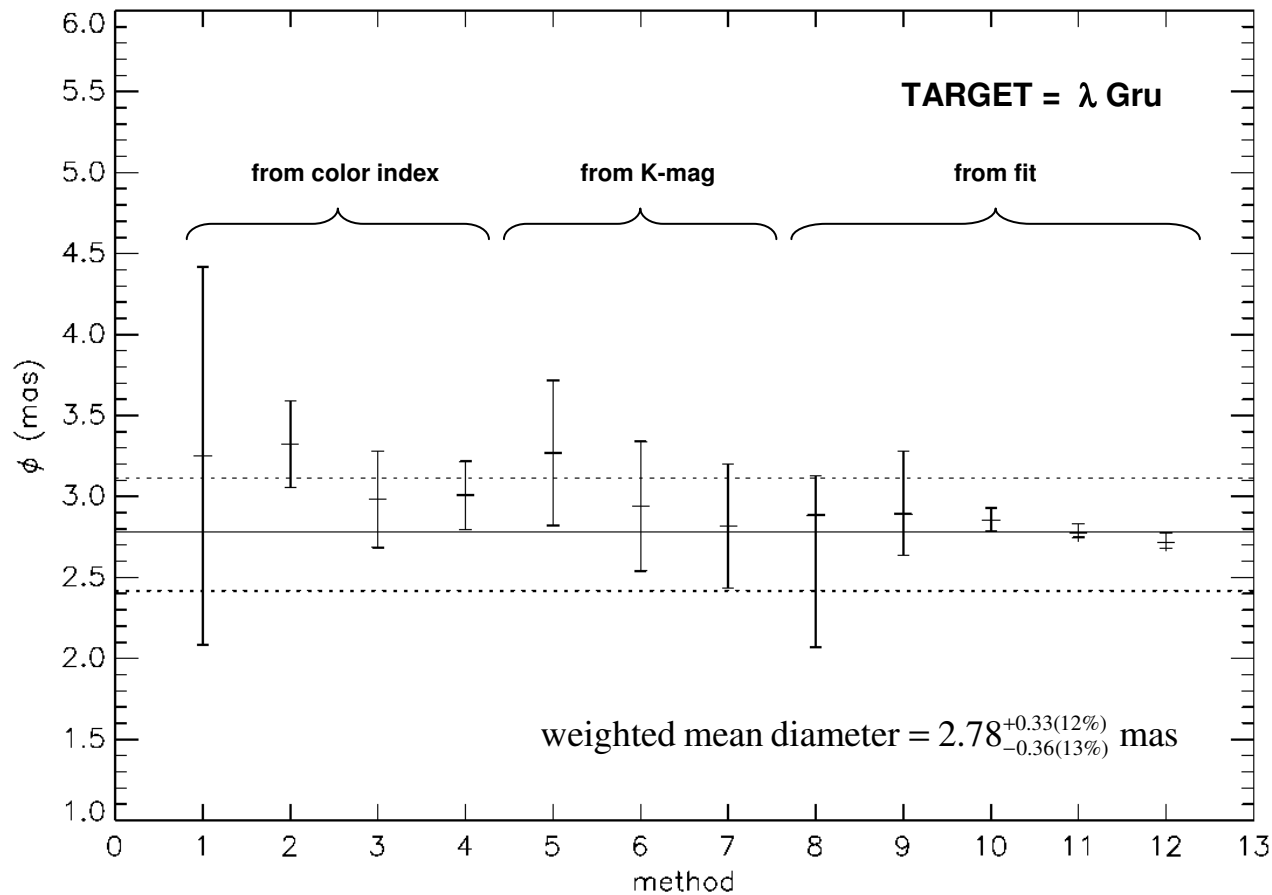


# True temperature

Linear interpolation of best-fit diameter estimates on "true" ( $= 4\,256 \pm 90$  K) effective temperature



# Diameter estimates



1.  $\phi_{V-K}$  (Van Belle)
2.  $\phi_{B-V}$  (Bonneau)
3.  $\phi_{V-R}$  (Bonneau)
4.  $\phi_{V-K}$  (Bonneau)
5.  $\phi_K$  with Planck model
6.  $\phi_K$  with Engelke model
7.  $\phi_K$  with MARCS model
8.  $\phi_{\text{best}}$  with Planck fitted on B,V,R,I,J,H,K
9.  $\phi_{\text{best}}$  with MARCS fitted on B,V,R,I,J,H,K
10.  $\phi_{\text{best}}$  with Planck fitted on ISO-SWS SED
11.  $\phi_{\text{best}}$  with Engelke fitted on ISO-SWS SED
12.  $\phi_{\text{best}}$  with MARCS fitted on ISO-SWS SED

# Comparison with previous works

$\lambda$  Gru = HD 209688  
K3III Spec. Type,  $T_{\text{eff}} = 4256 \pm 90$  K

☞ This work : fit of MARCS spectral irradiance photospheric models on ISO-SWS flux measurements, nonparametric bootstrap of fit residuals, and angular diameter interpolation on true effective temperature

$$\phi(4256K) = 2.71^{+0.06(2\%)}_{-0.03(1\%)} \text{ mas}$$

after 10000 bootstrap loops with 95% confidence level

remark : with 68% confidence level  $\Rightarrow \phi(4250K) = 2.72^{+0.05(1.7\%)}_{-0.02(0.7\%)} \text{ mas}$

☞ Cohen (99) & Bordé (2002) : fit of KURUCZ spectral irradiance photospheric model on calibrated "spectral templates" obtained from ground-taken spectral fragments, Kuiper Airborne Observatory, and IRAS-LRS

$$\phi = 2.71 \pm 0.03 \text{ mas}$$

diameter uncertainty directly given by fit error = 1%

# Calibrator model visibility

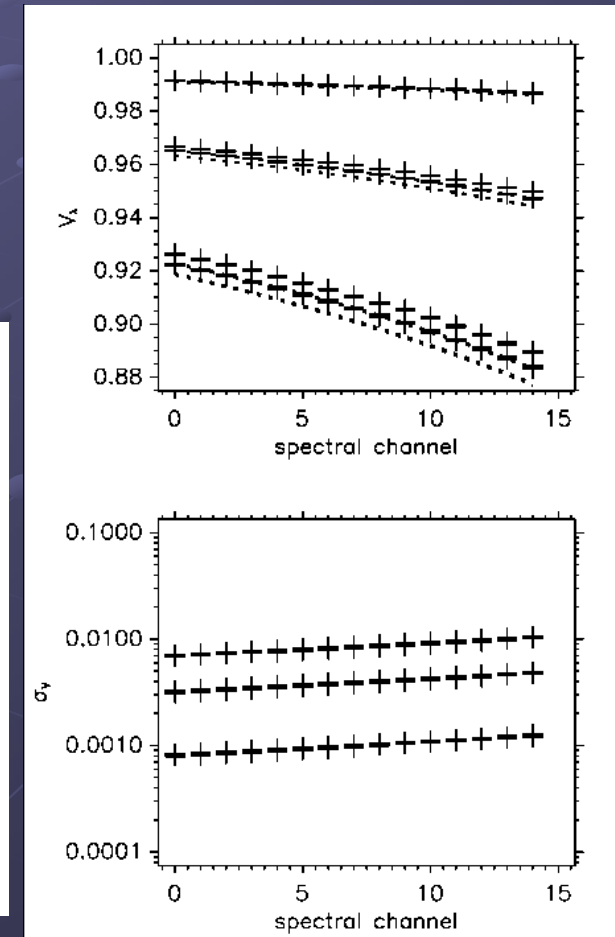
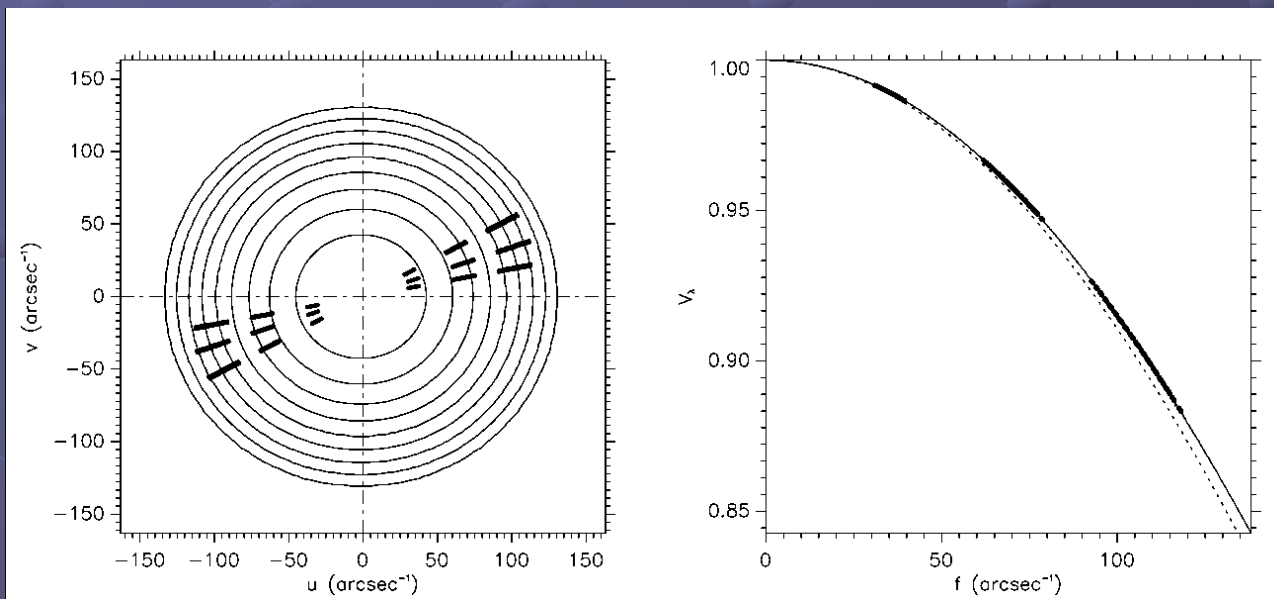
$$V_{\text{model}}(f) = \frac{2\pi}{M_\lambda} \left| \int_0^1 L_\lambda(r) J_0(\pi r \phi f) r dr \right|$$

projection on each instrumental spectral channel defined by  $\lambda_i \pm (\delta_i/2)$  ( $\delta_i = \lambda_i/R$ ), and on each baseline  $B_j \in [(B_{\min})_j; (B_{\max})_j]$  for each calibrator observing file

$$V_{\text{model}}(B_j/\lambda_i) = \int_{\lambda_i - (\delta_i/2)}^{\lambda_i + (\delta_i/2)} \left[ \int_{(B_{\min})_j}^{(B_{\max})_j} V_{\text{model}}(B/\lambda) dB \right] d\lambda$$

# Example : AMBER JHK-LR

K-band calibrator visibility for VLTI configuration E0-G0-H0 (16-32-48m)



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# The SPIDAST<sup>©</sup> software tool

interferometric data = visibility, spectrum, coherent spectrum, complex bispectrum (including closure phase)

