

Questions: Evolution of Disks

What fraction of young stars *may* form planets?

⇒ measure distribution of disk masses

⇒ $f(M_*, \textit{environment})$

What fraction of stars form planetary systems?

⇒ radial velocity, astrometric, photometric surveys

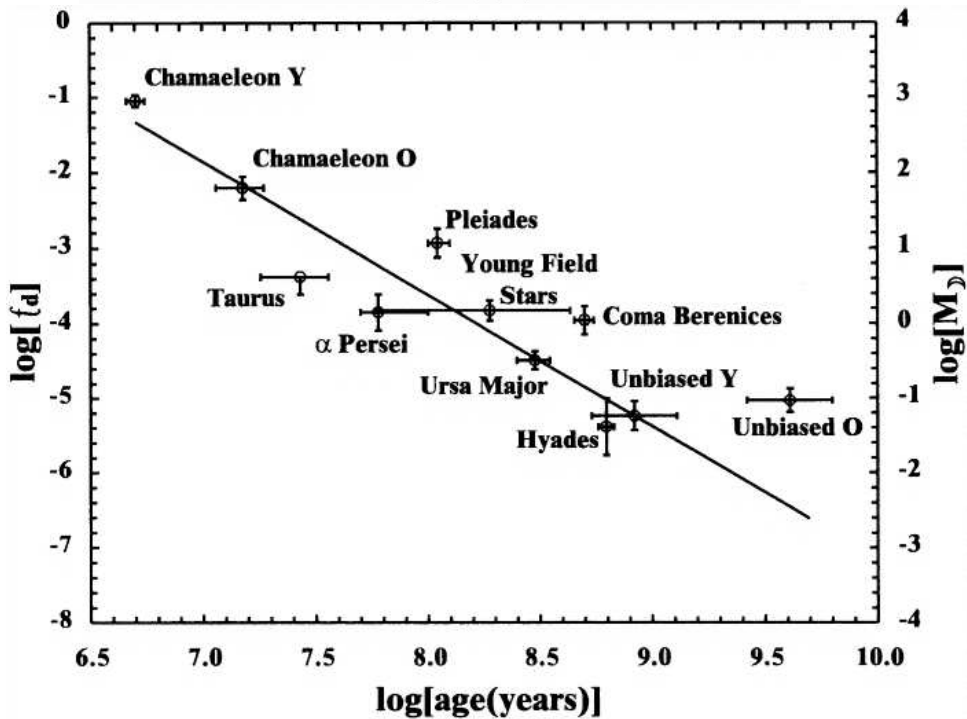
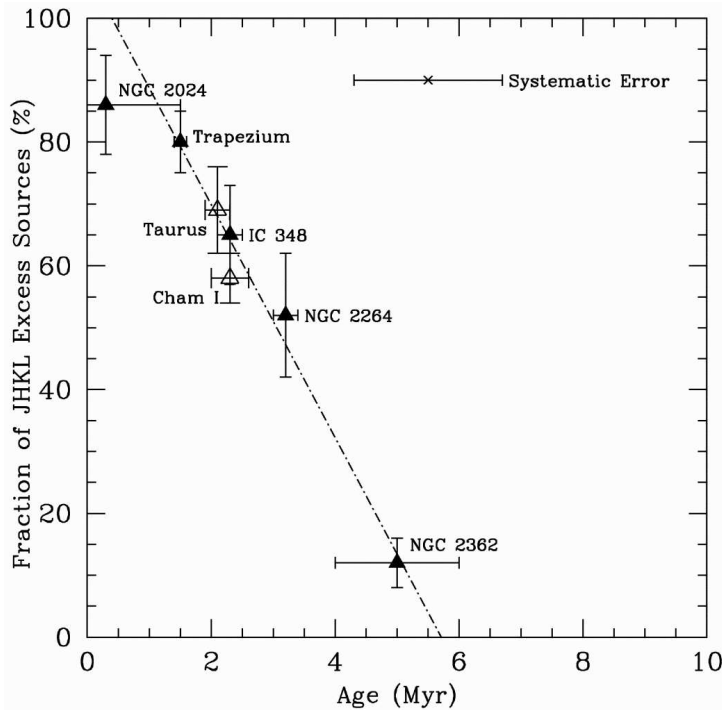
⇒ debris disks (indirectly)

What are the timescales for disk evolution?

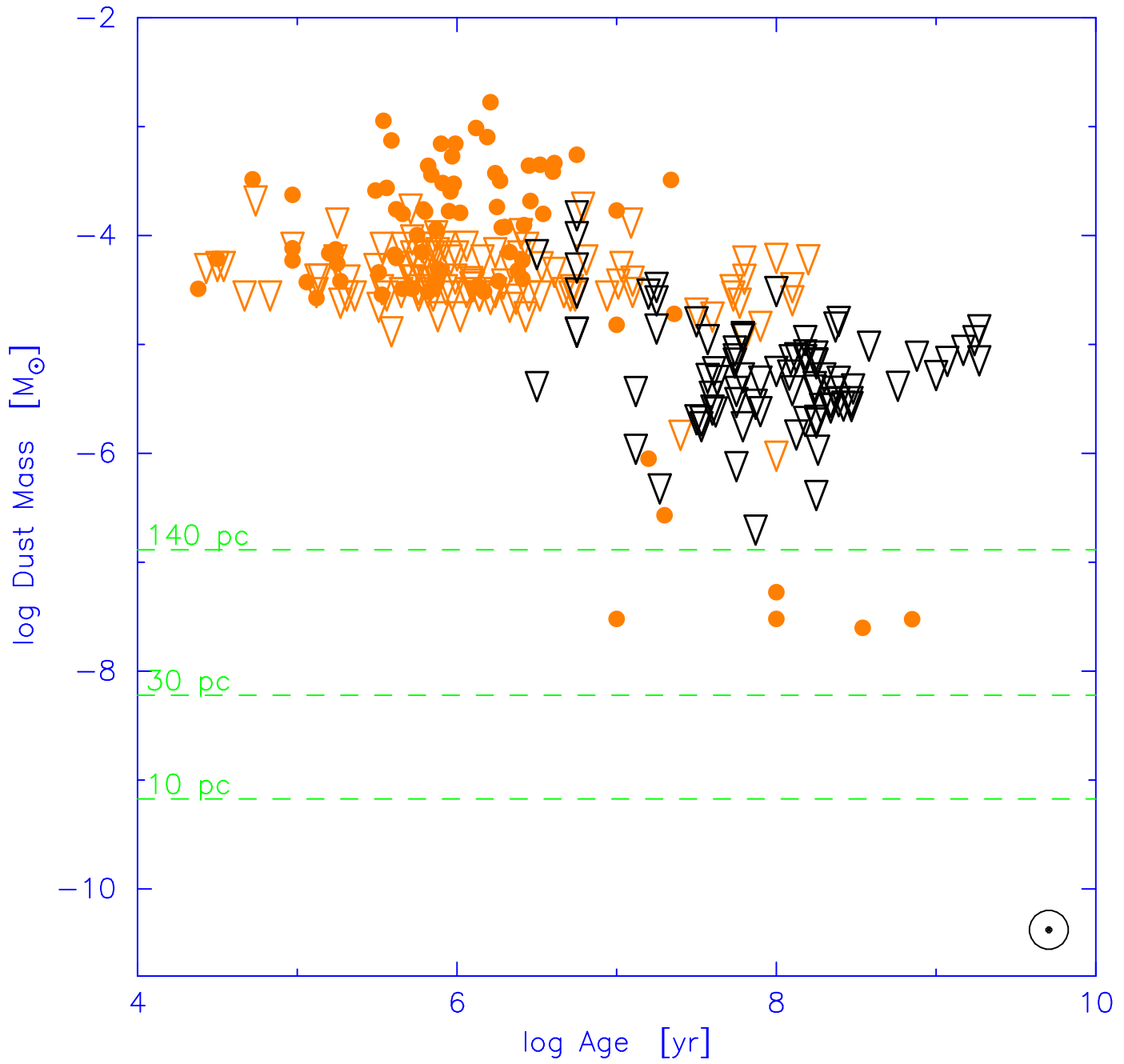
⇒ disk masses as a function of time

⇒ distinguish between dust and gas masses

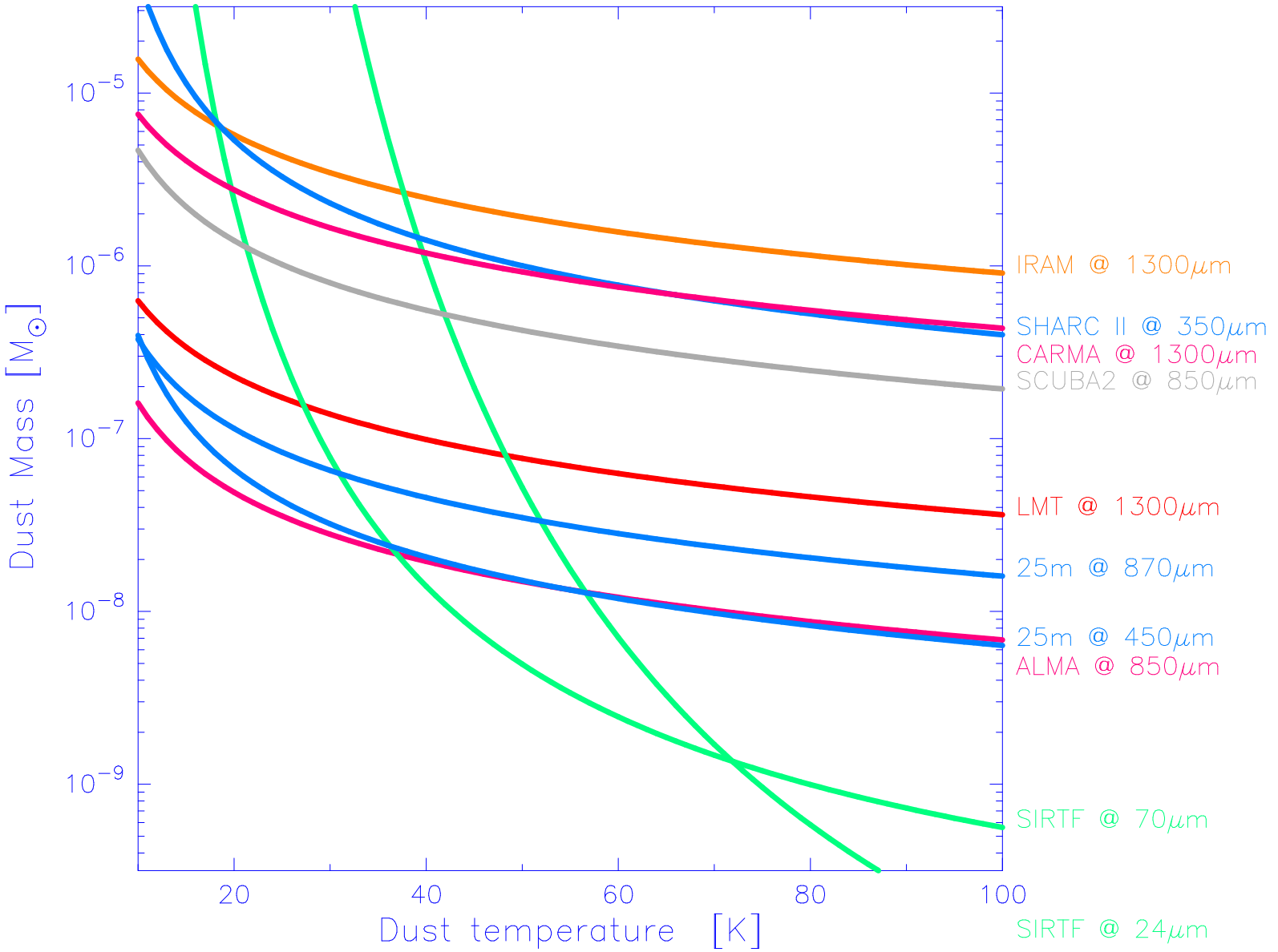
Evolution of Dust Mass: Infrared



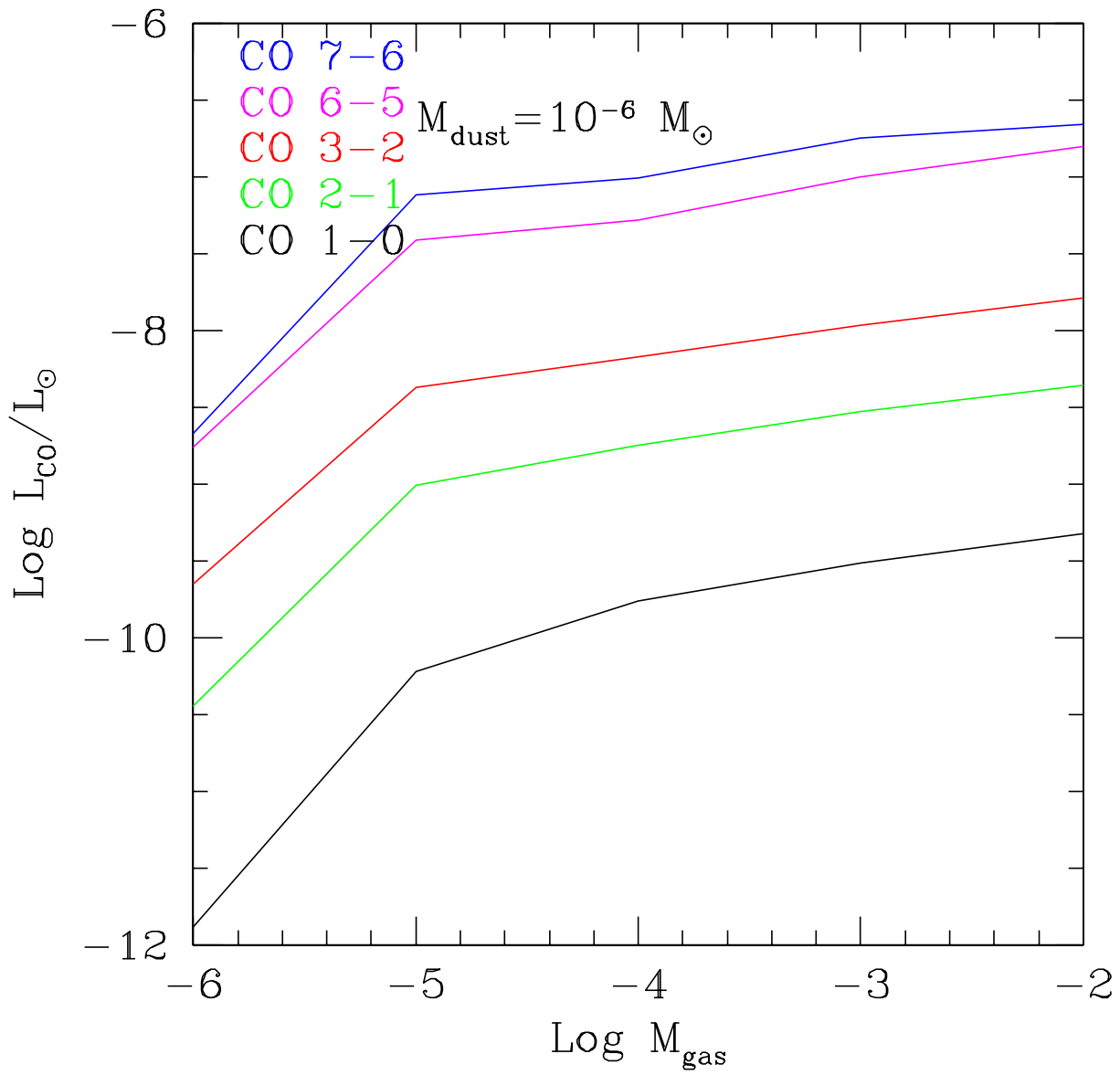
Evolution of Dust Mass : Millimeter



5 σ Point Source Sensitivity @ d=100 pc



Gaseous Disks



Surveys with the 25m

Protostars and Accretion Disks

- Multiwavelength continuum surveys of molecular clouds
 - Establish relative number of prestellar cores/protostars/disks
 - ⇒ establish timescales of various phases
 - ⇒ establish dispersion in masses
- mapping-speed/resolution are critical*

Post-Accretion Phase (3-10 Myr)

- Survey for gas and dust
- Clusters and field stars

Debris disks

- Survey for gas and dust
 - Mainly field stars
- mapping speed is not critical,
but resolution needed to resolve disks*

