

Are the extremely red AGB stars hiding a close companion?

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Studying the AGB dust production

Why carbon stars?

C-stars provides the most relevant contribution to the present-day dust enrichment in sub-solar metallicity environments

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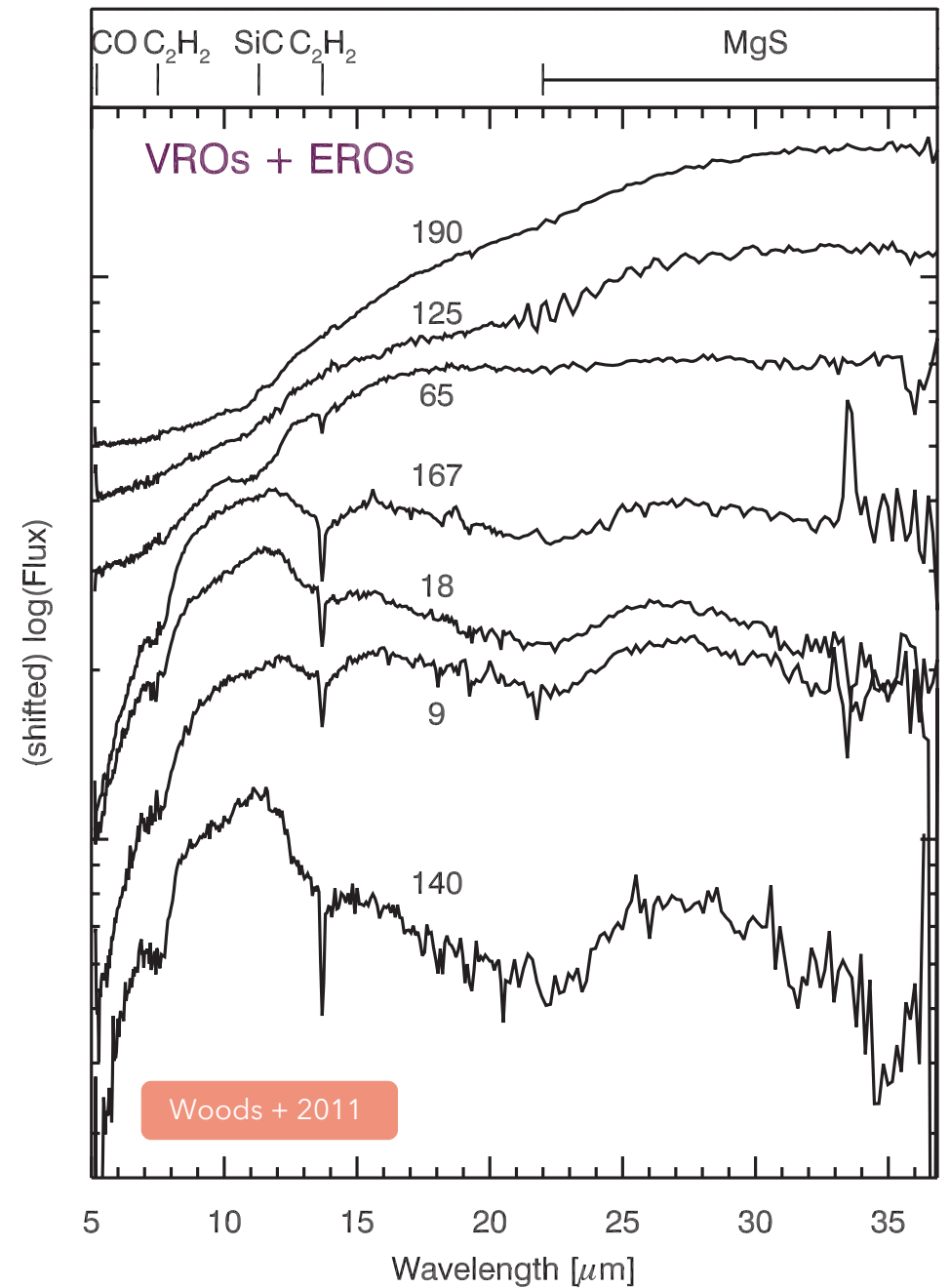


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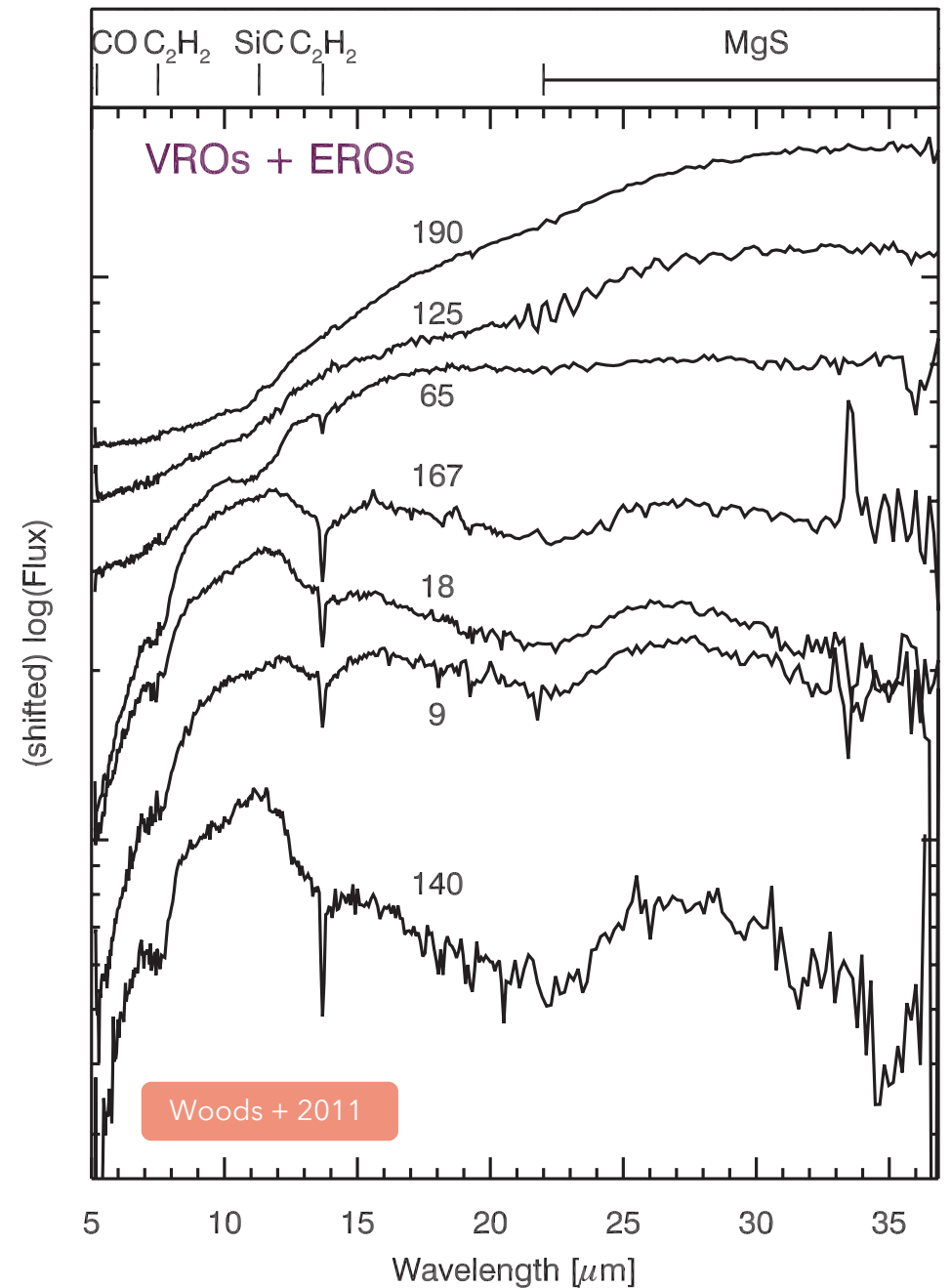


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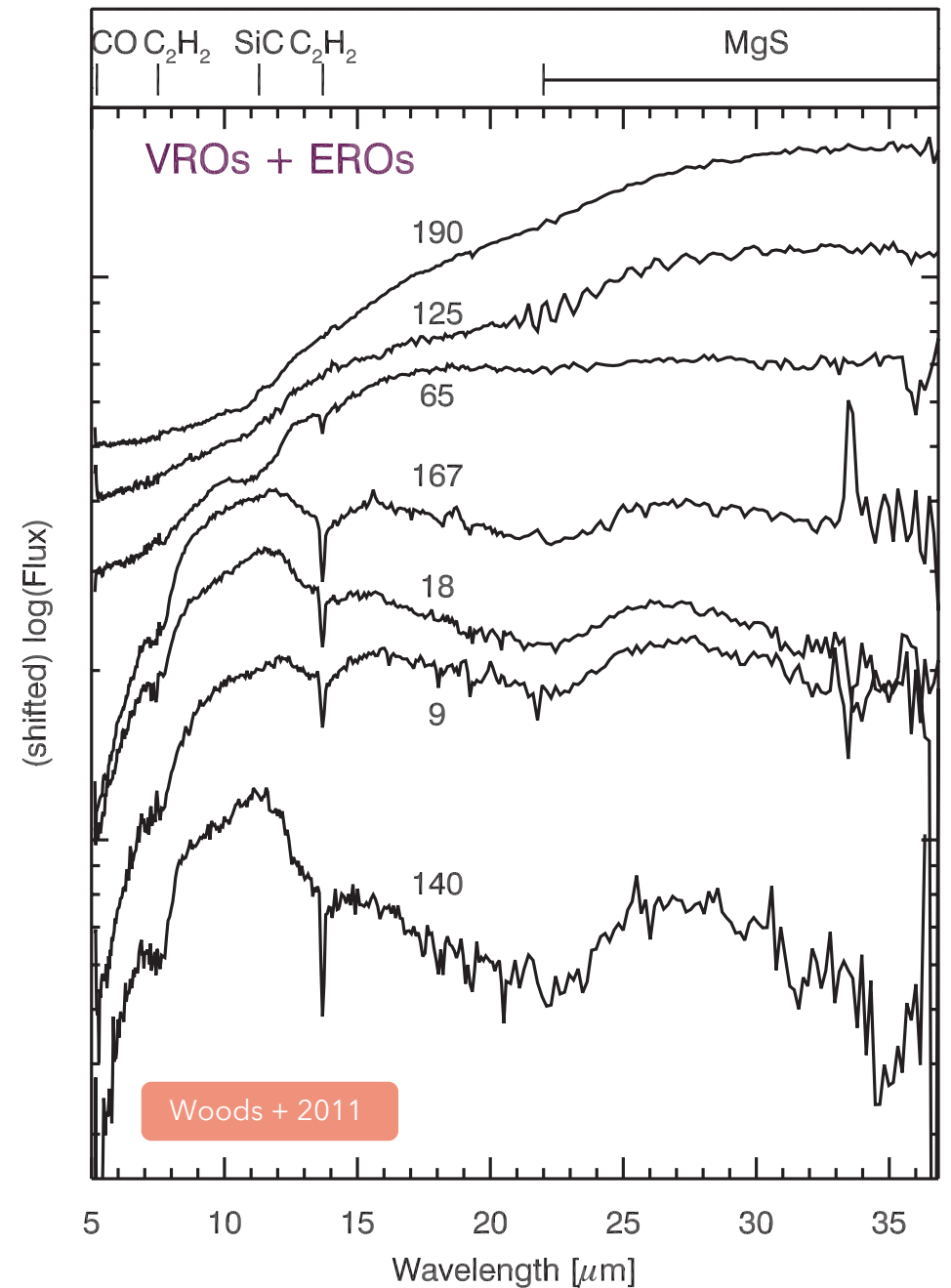
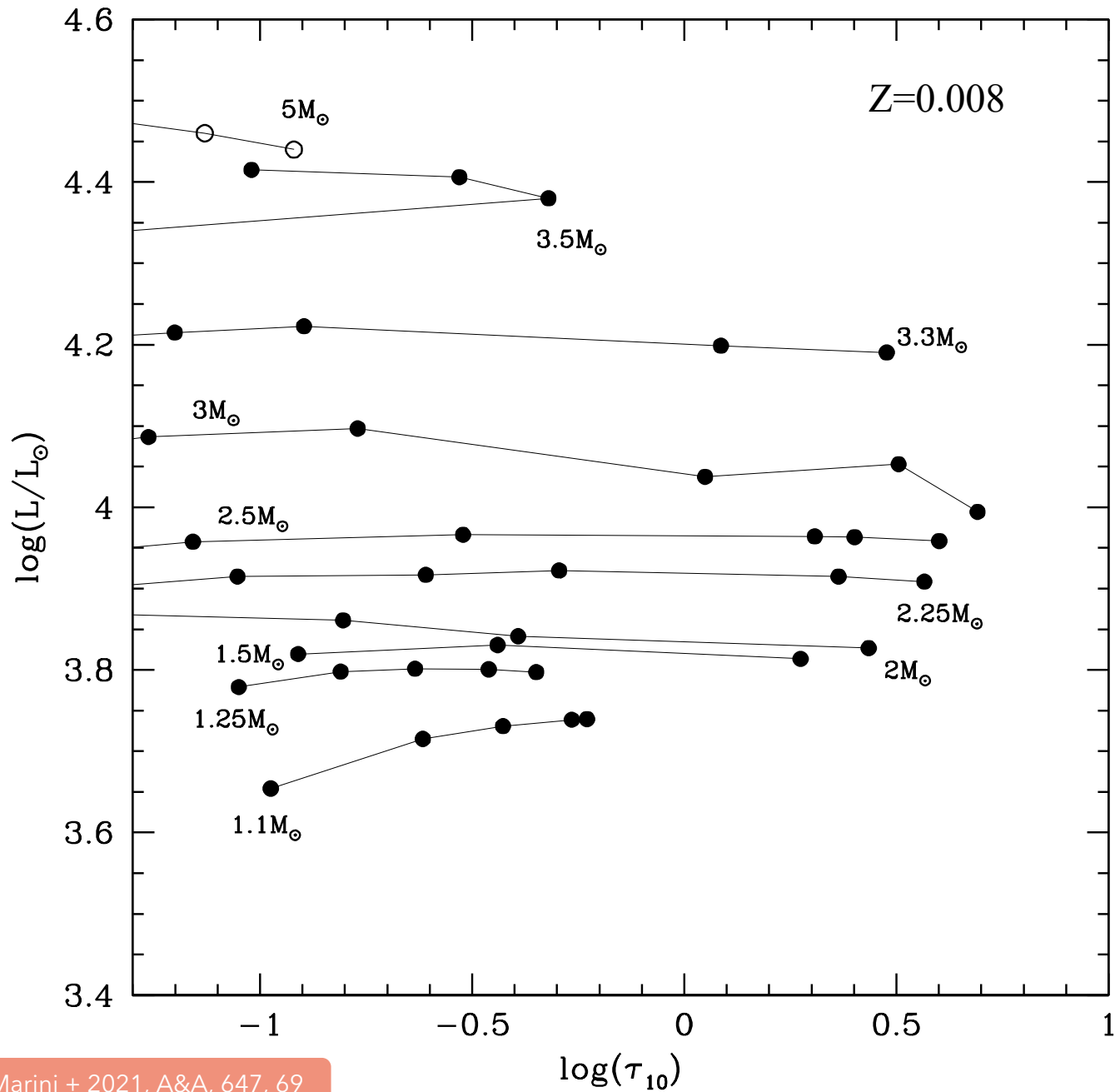
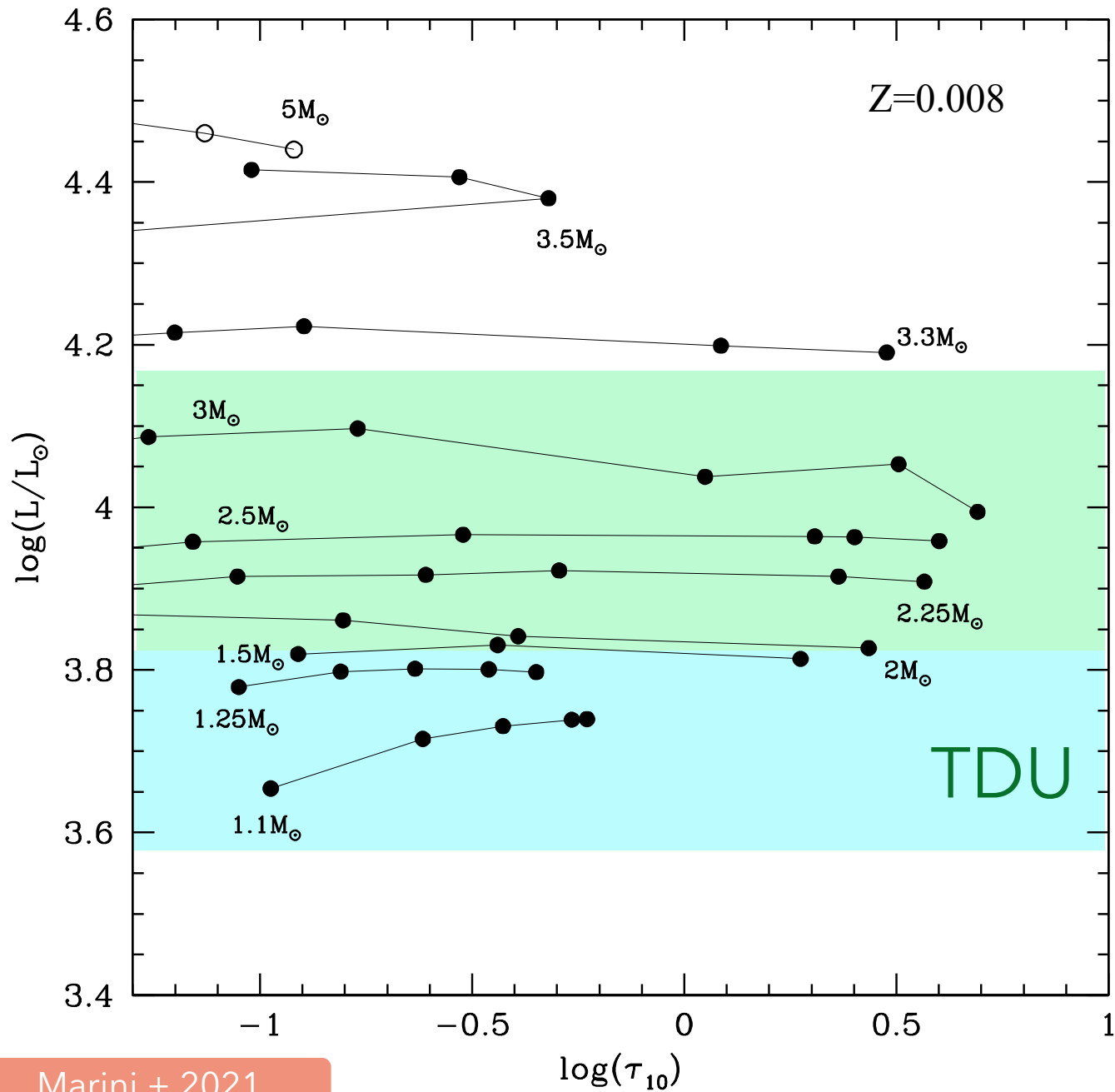


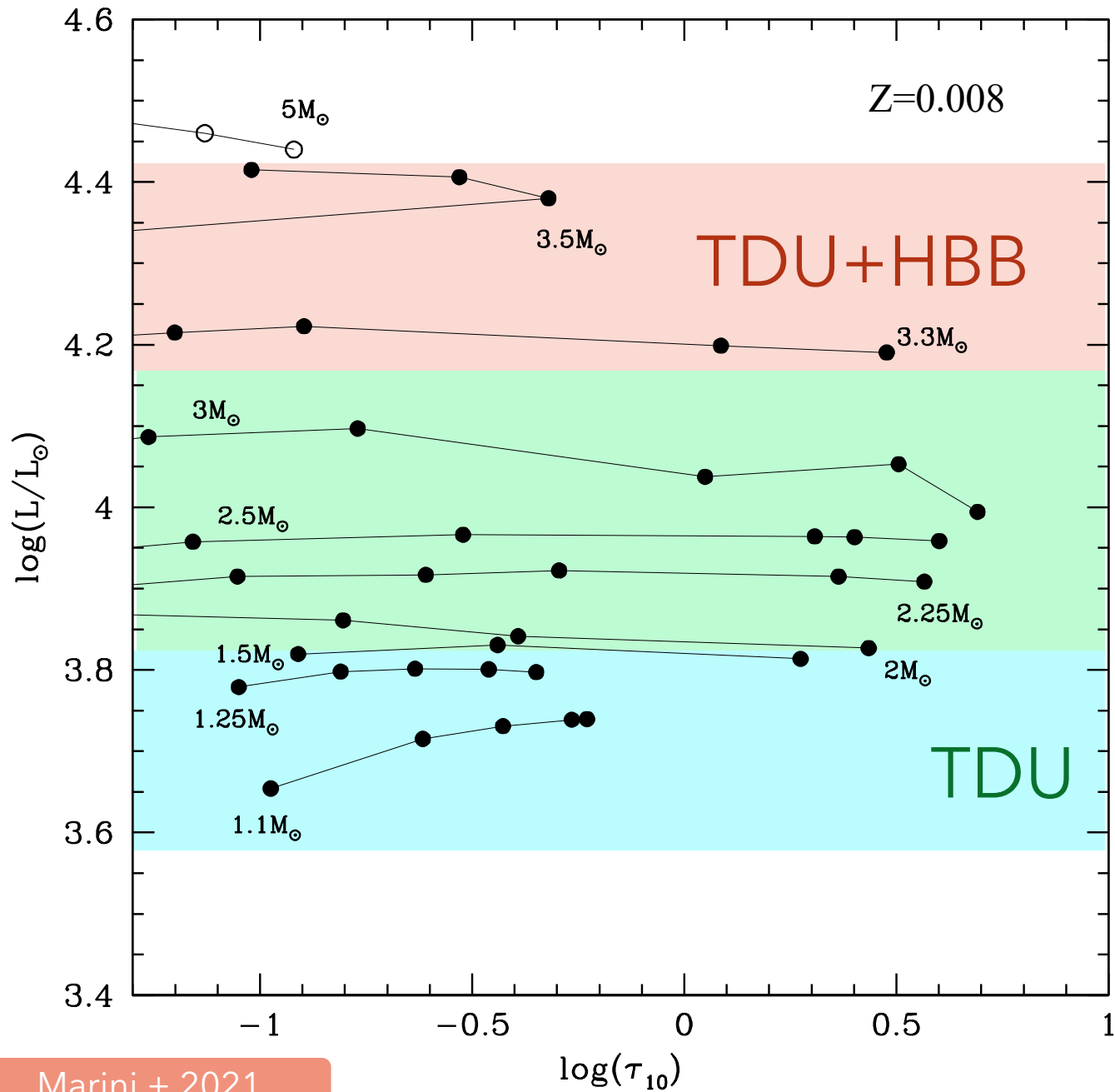
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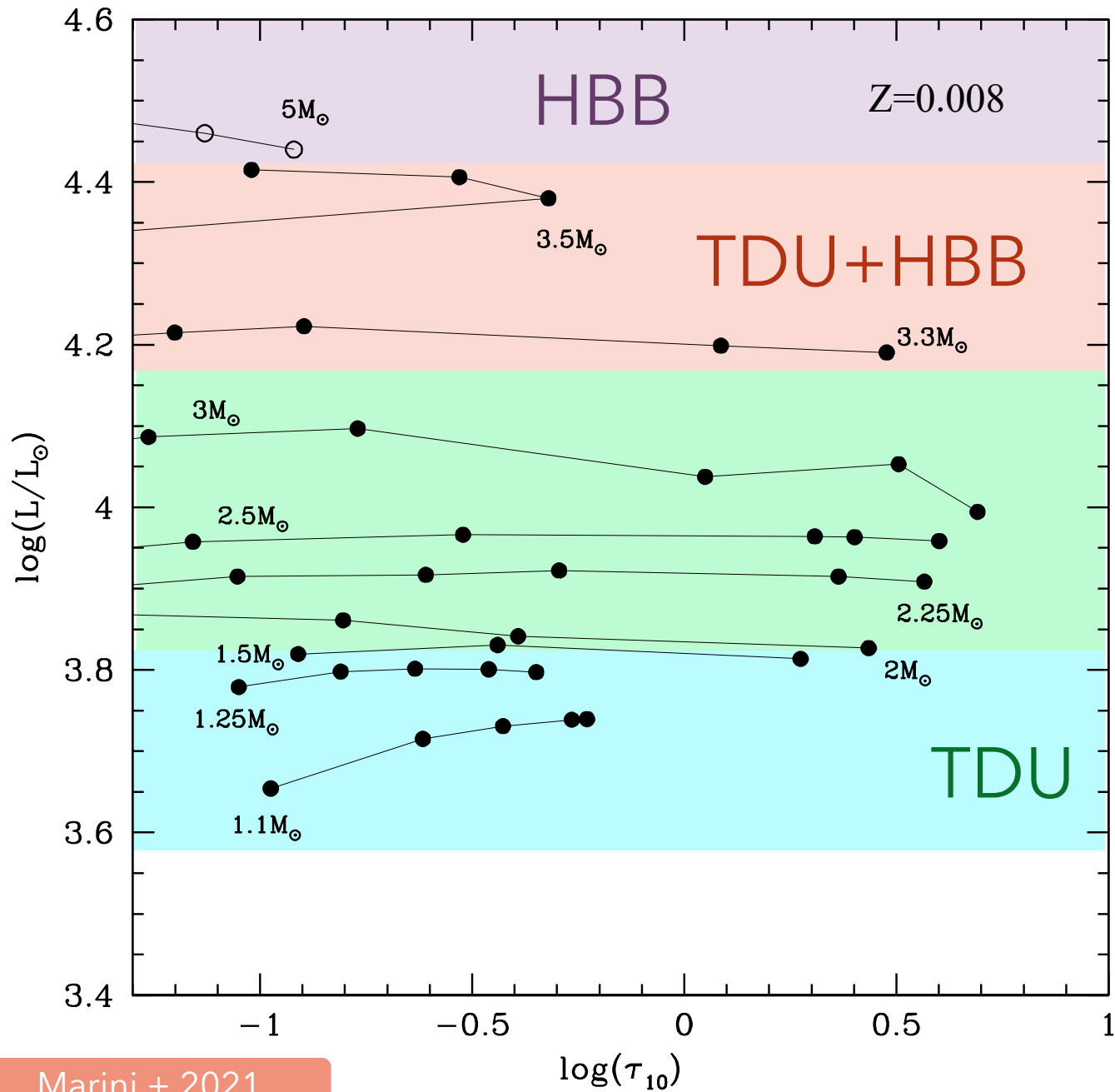
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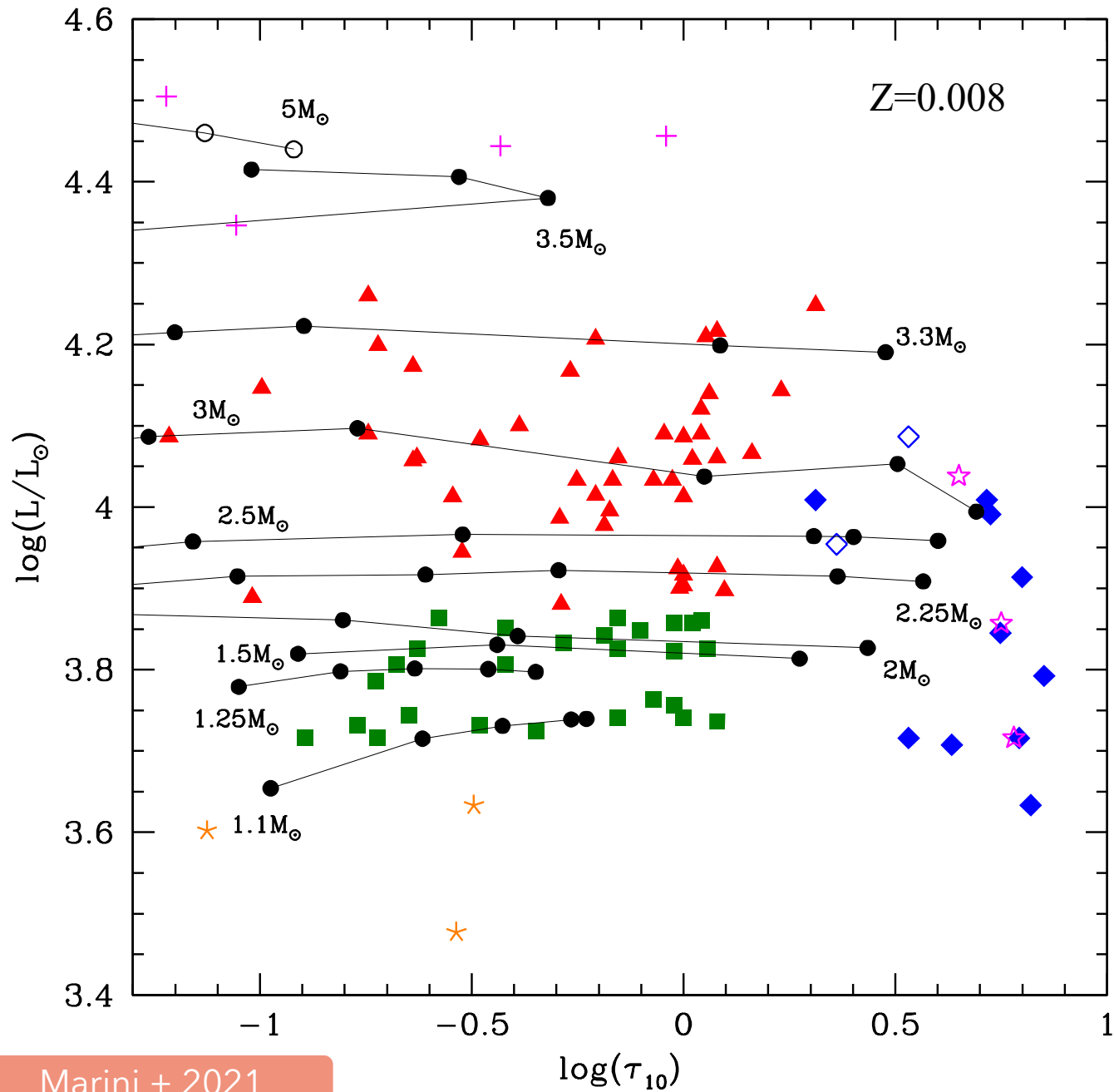
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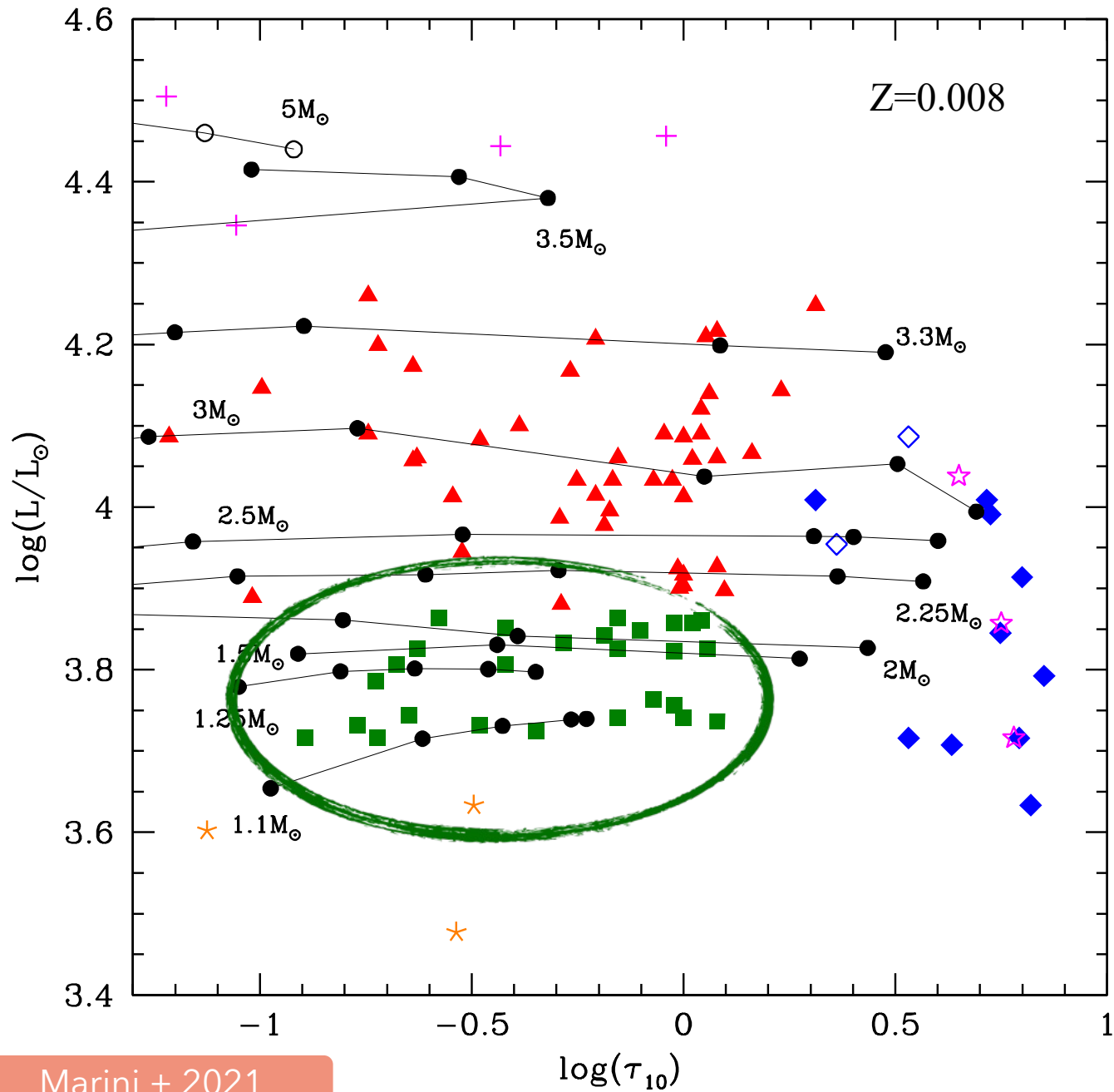
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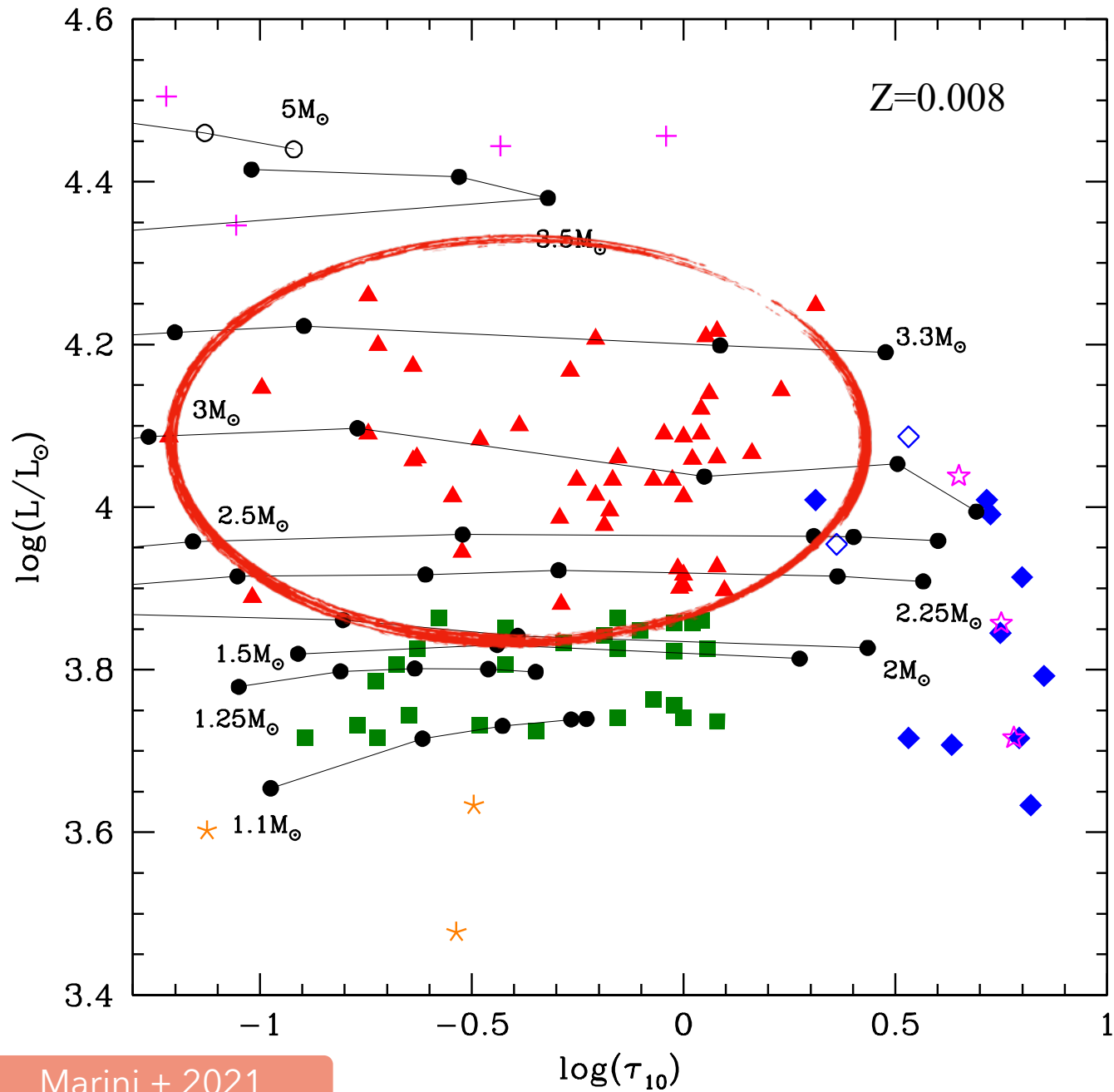


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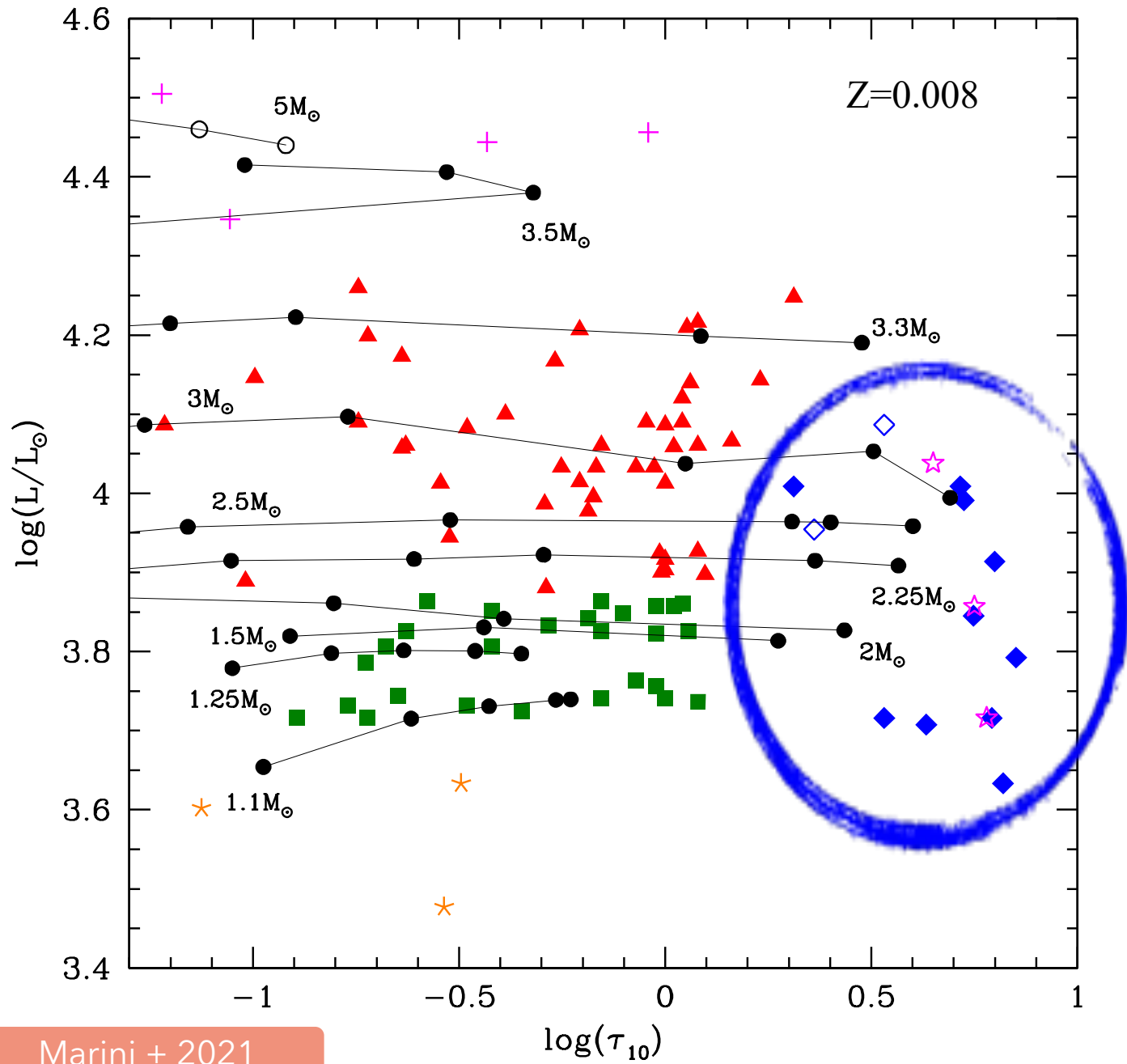
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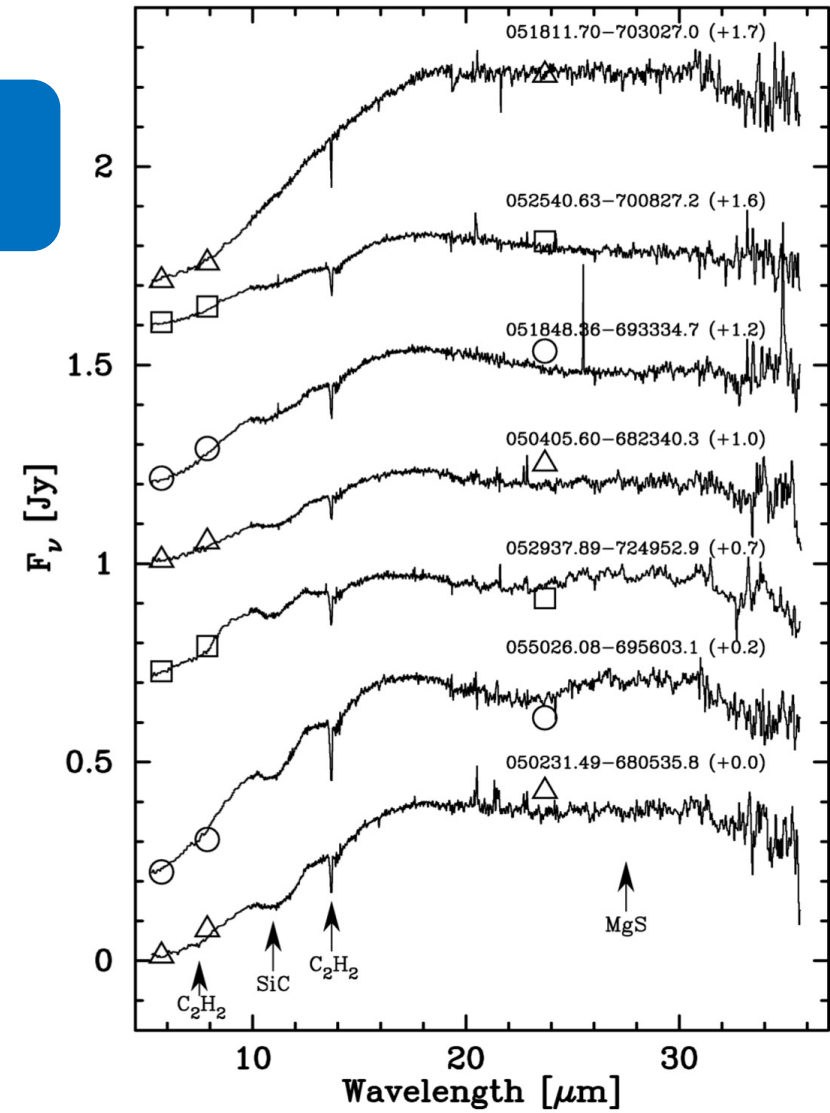
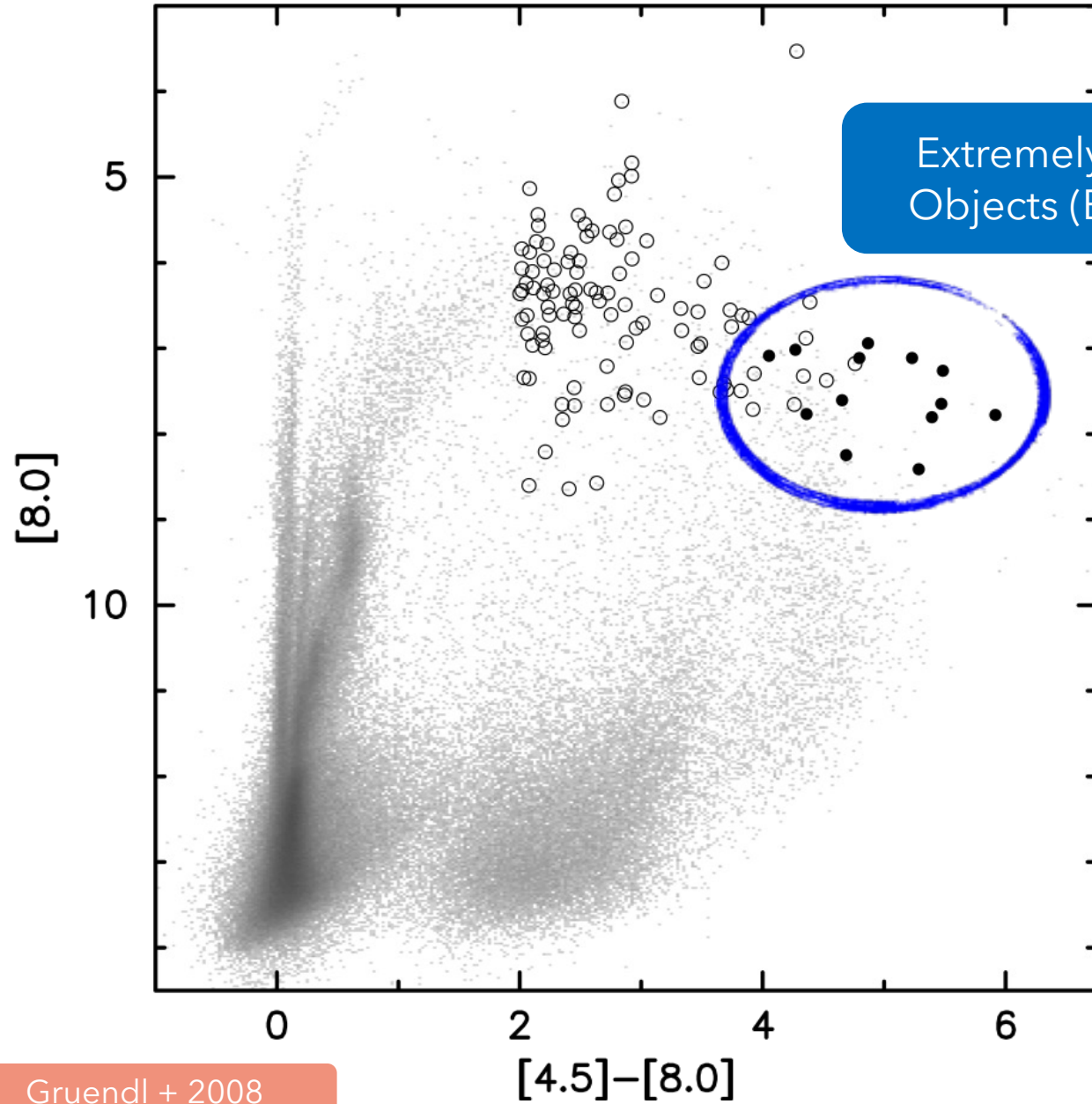


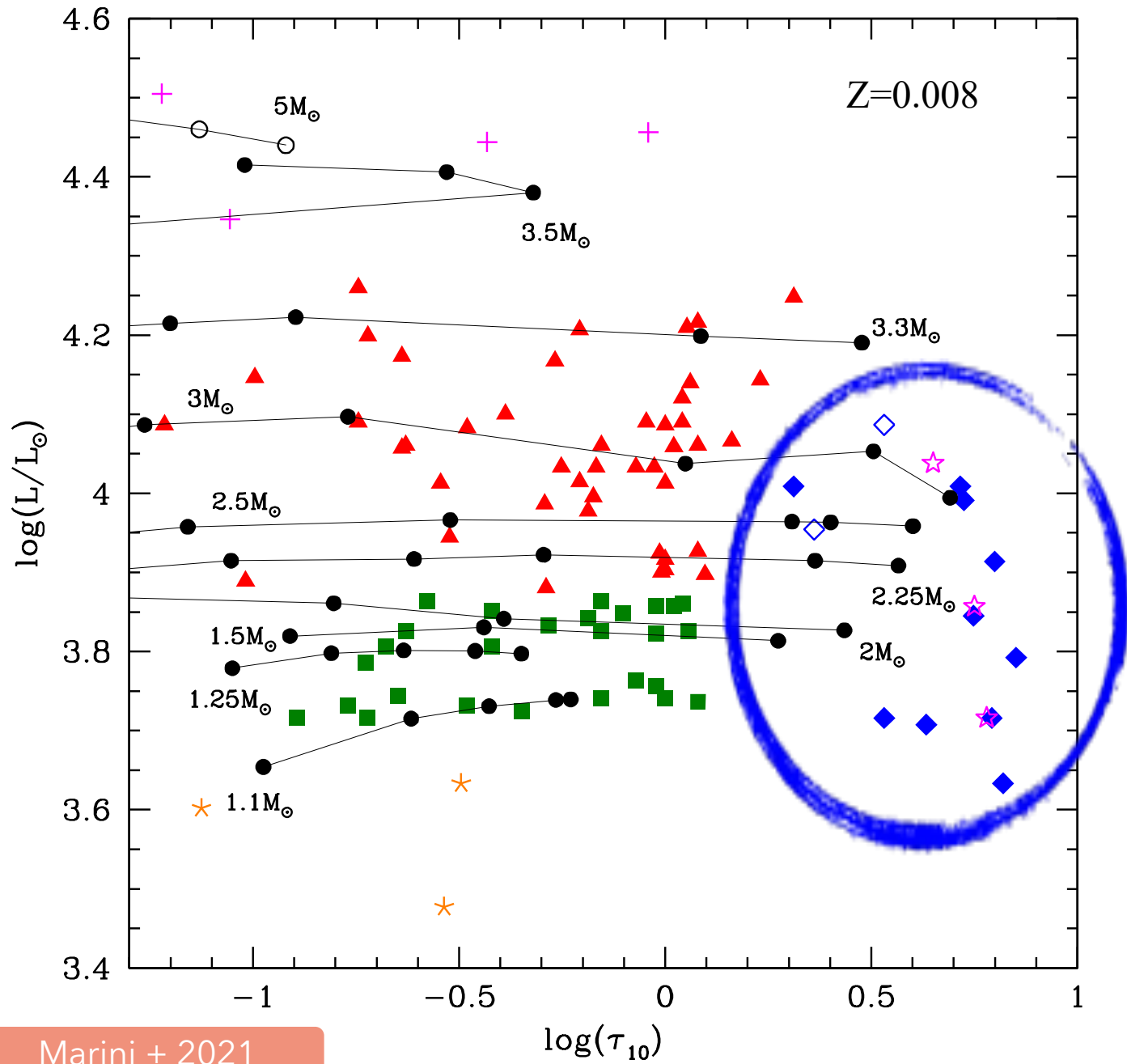
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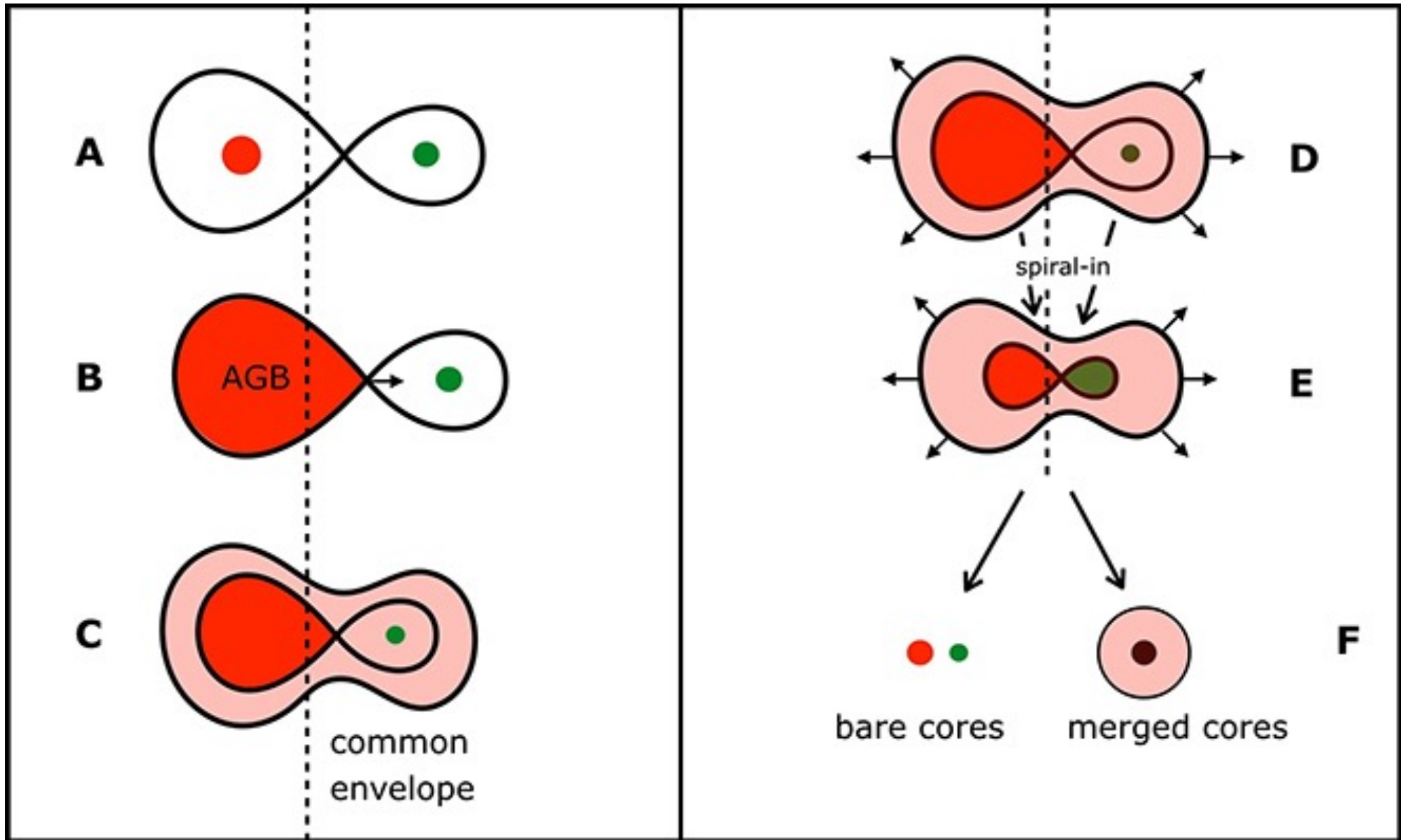
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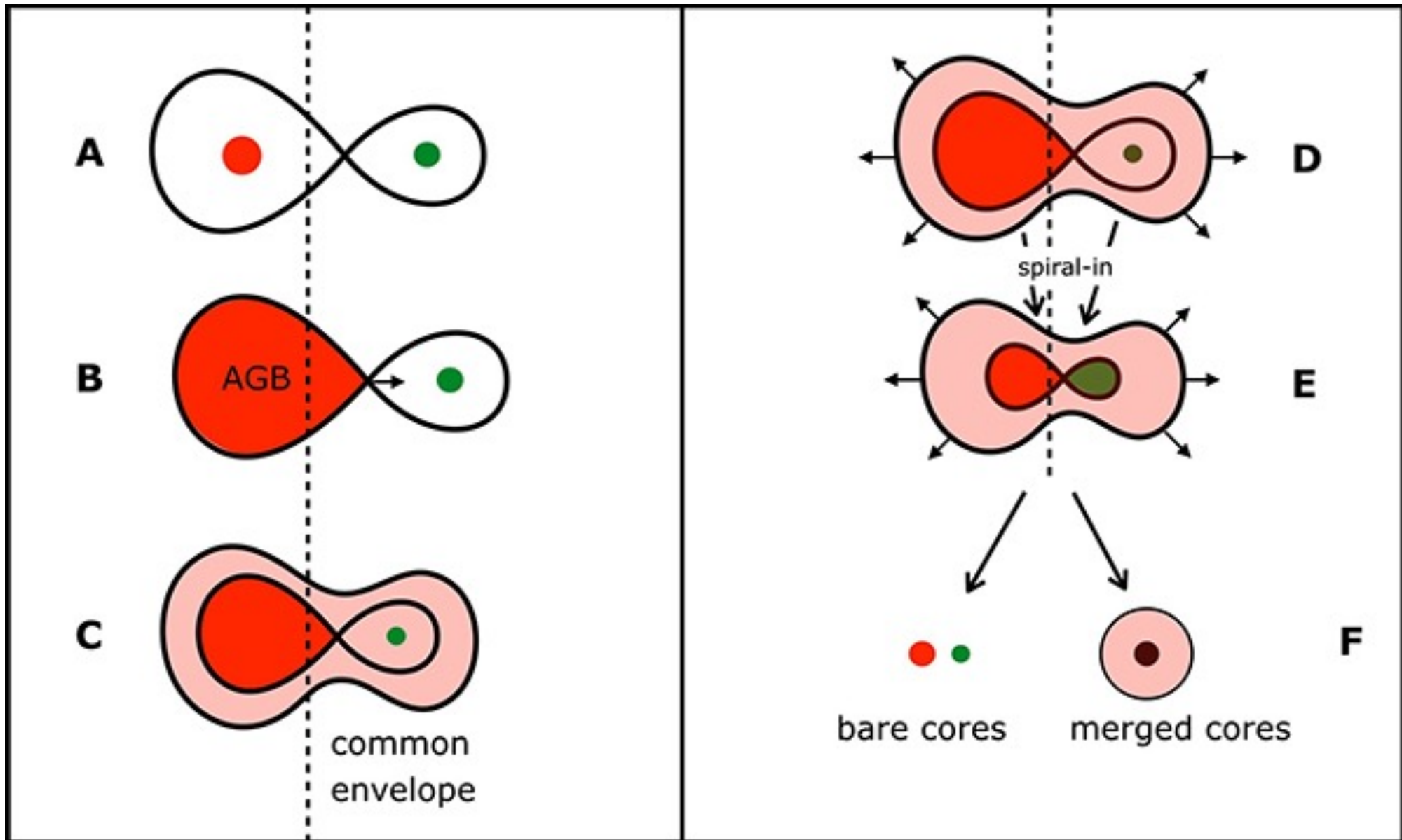
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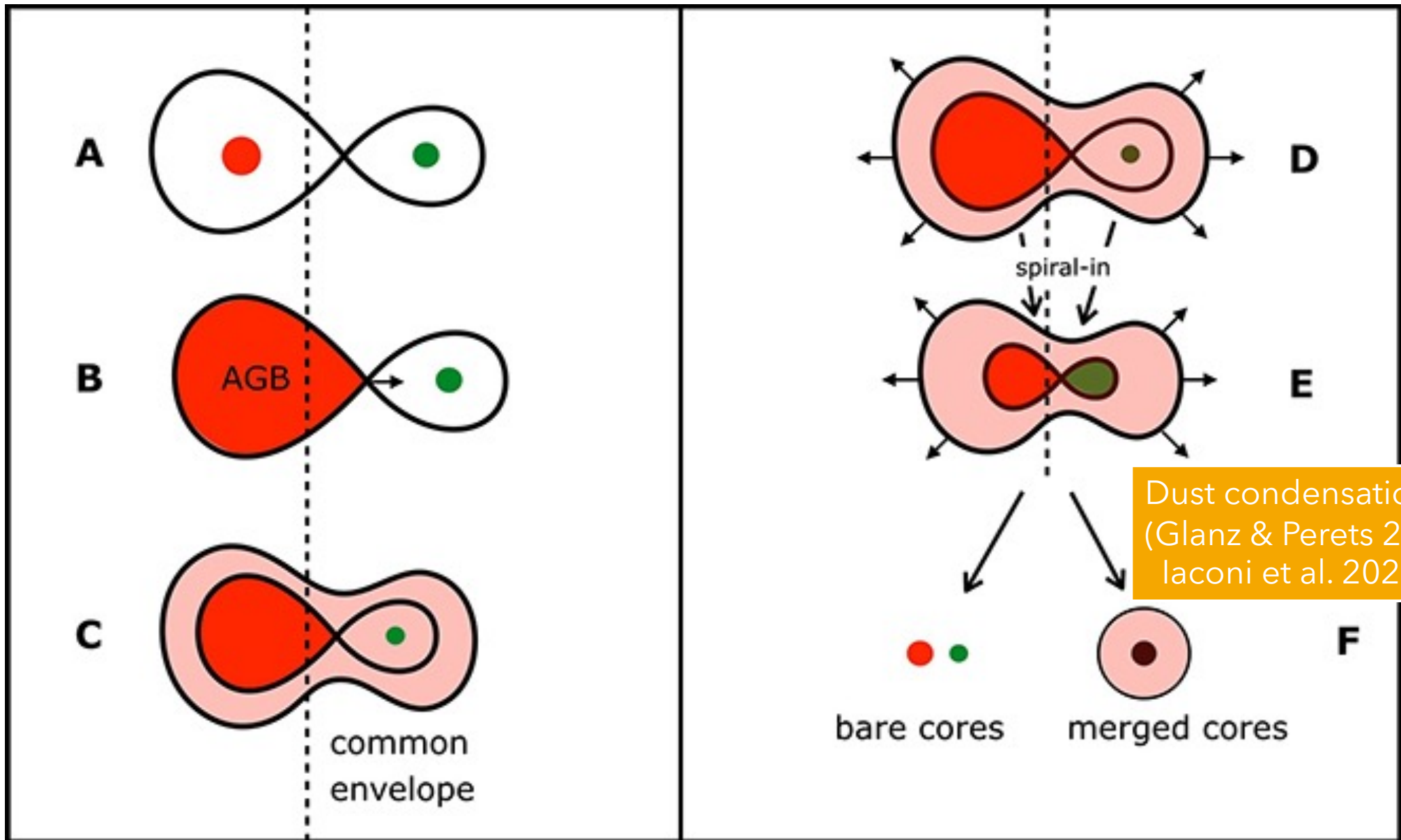












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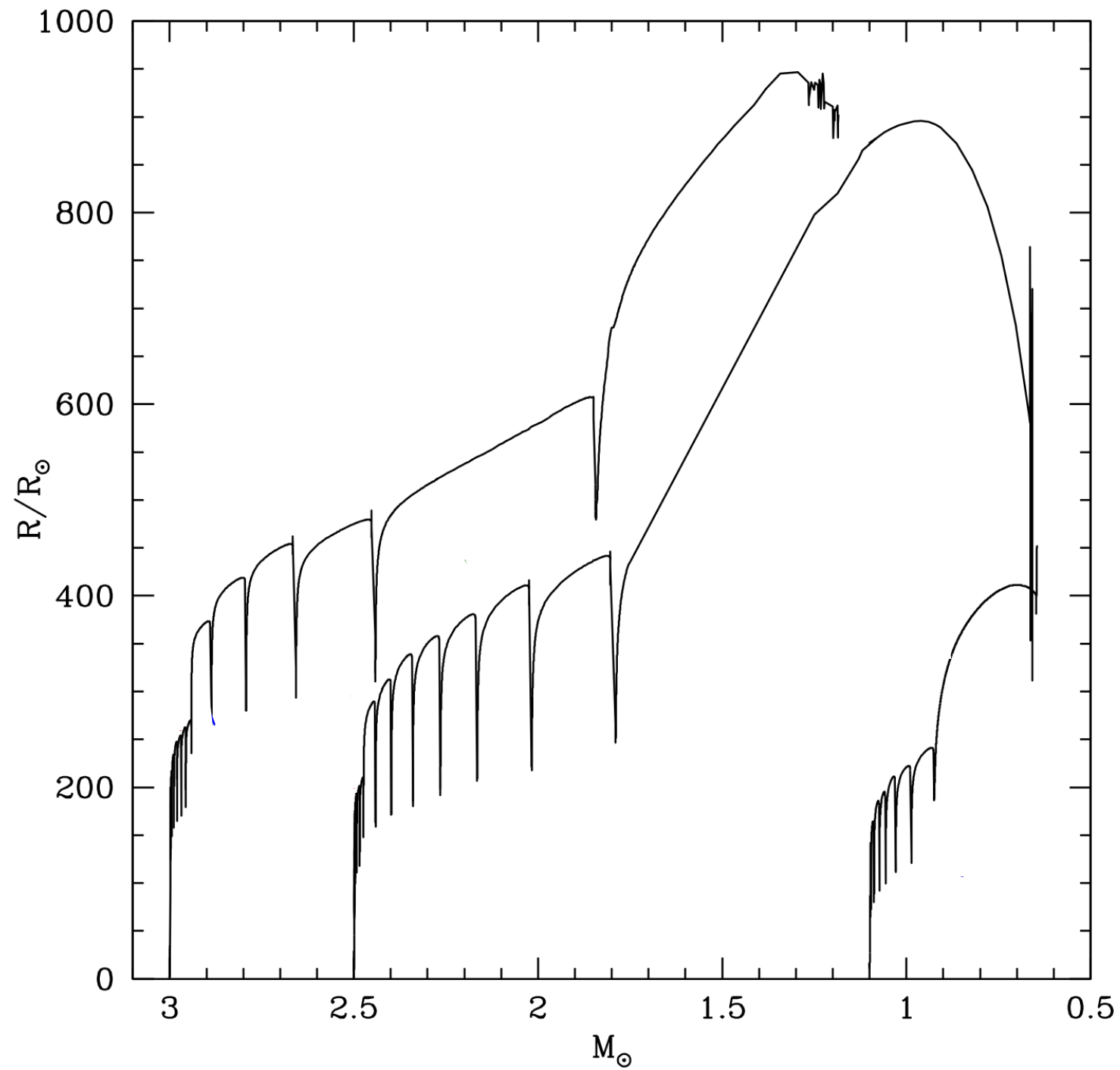
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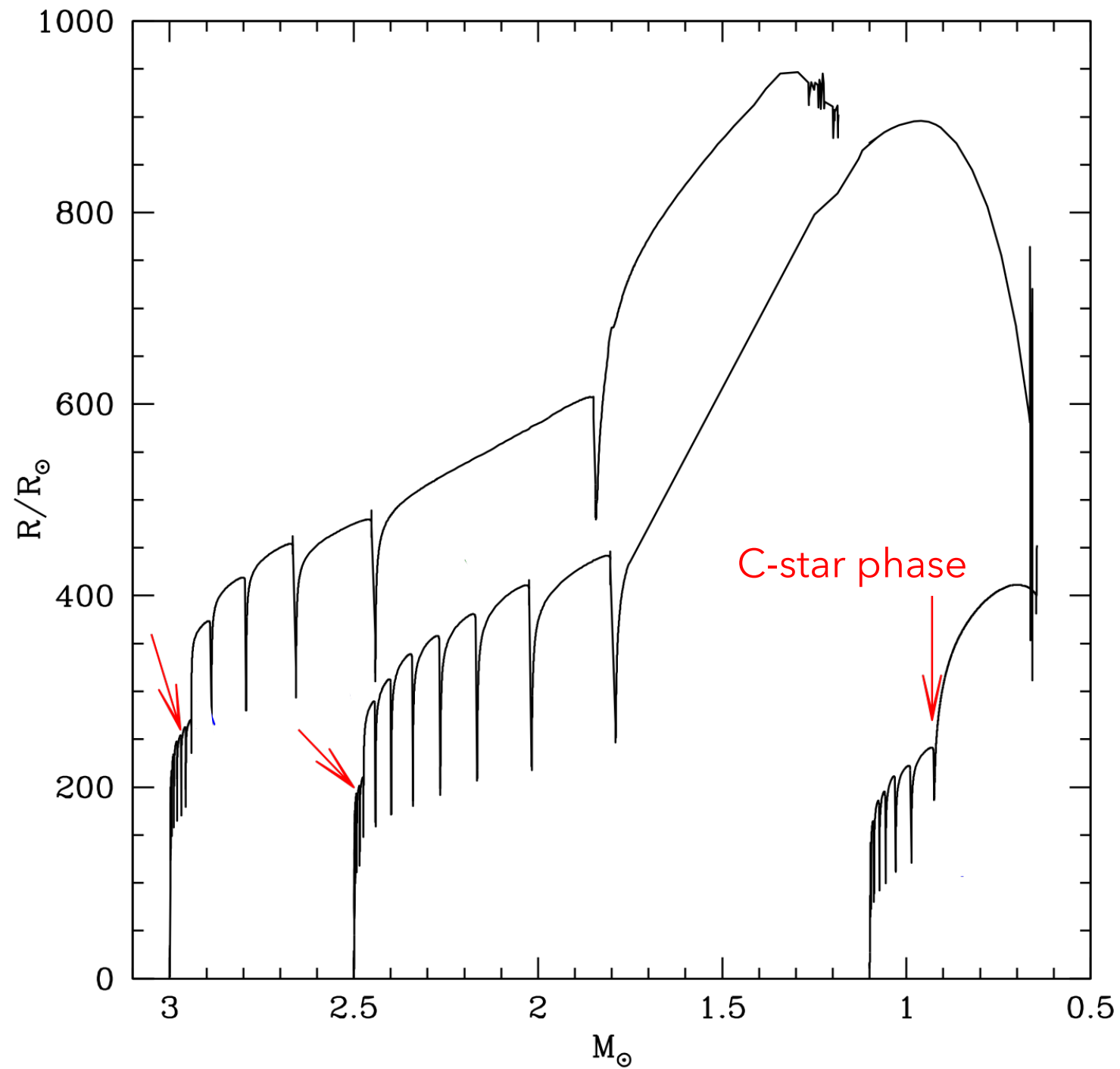
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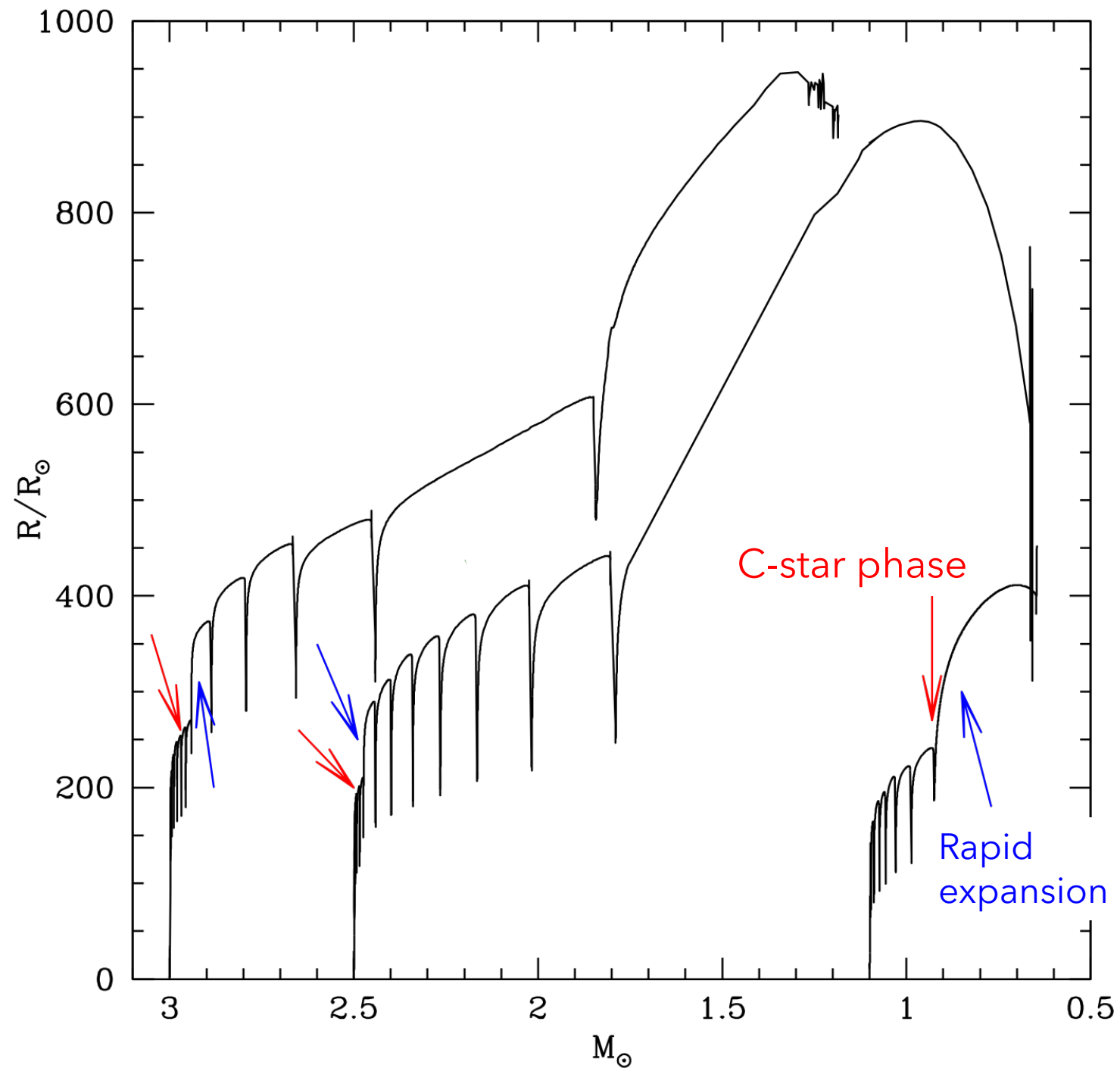
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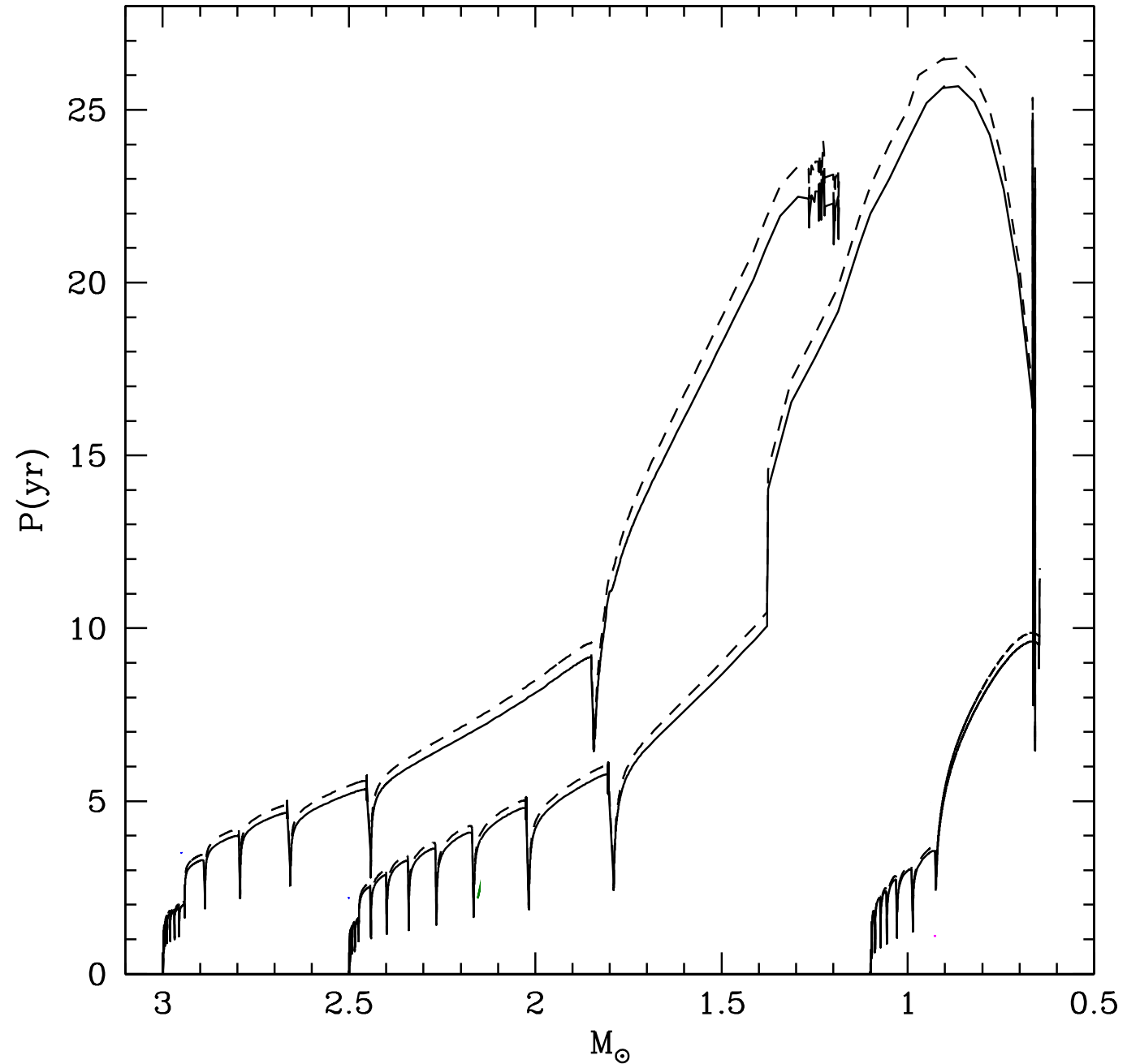
- a system of $M_1=1.1, 2.5, 3.0$ Msun with a companion $M_2=0.6, 0.8$ Msun
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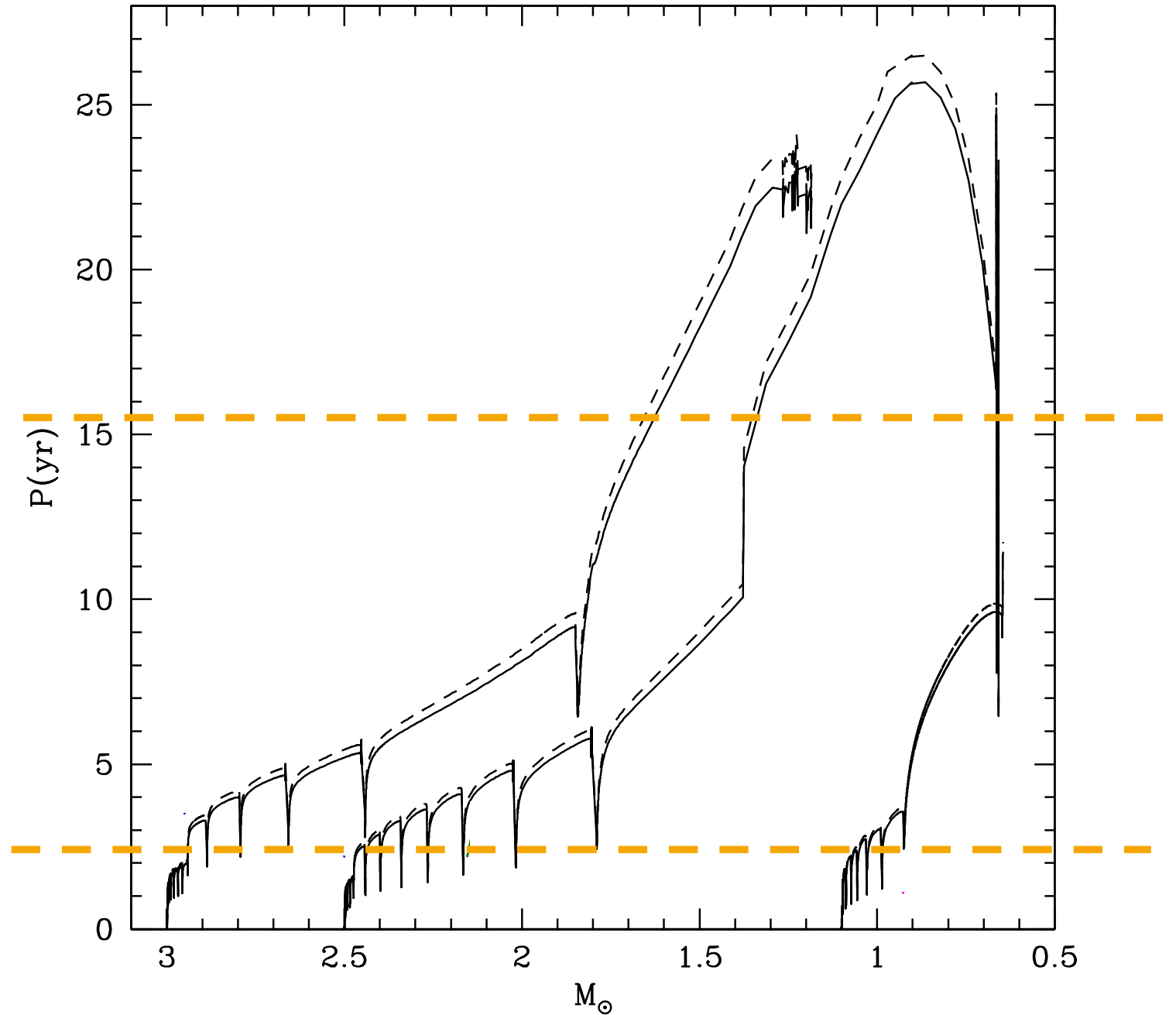


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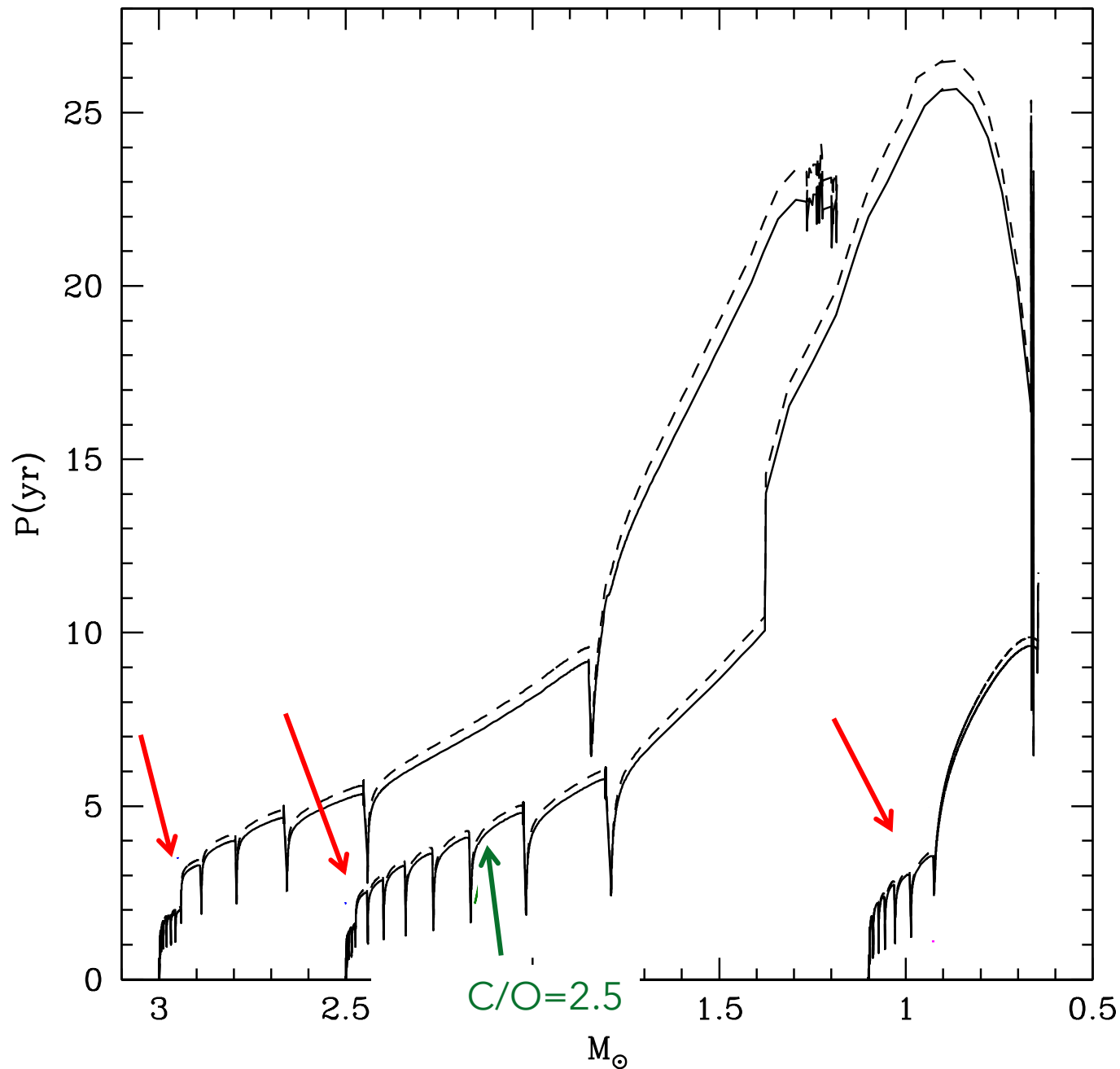
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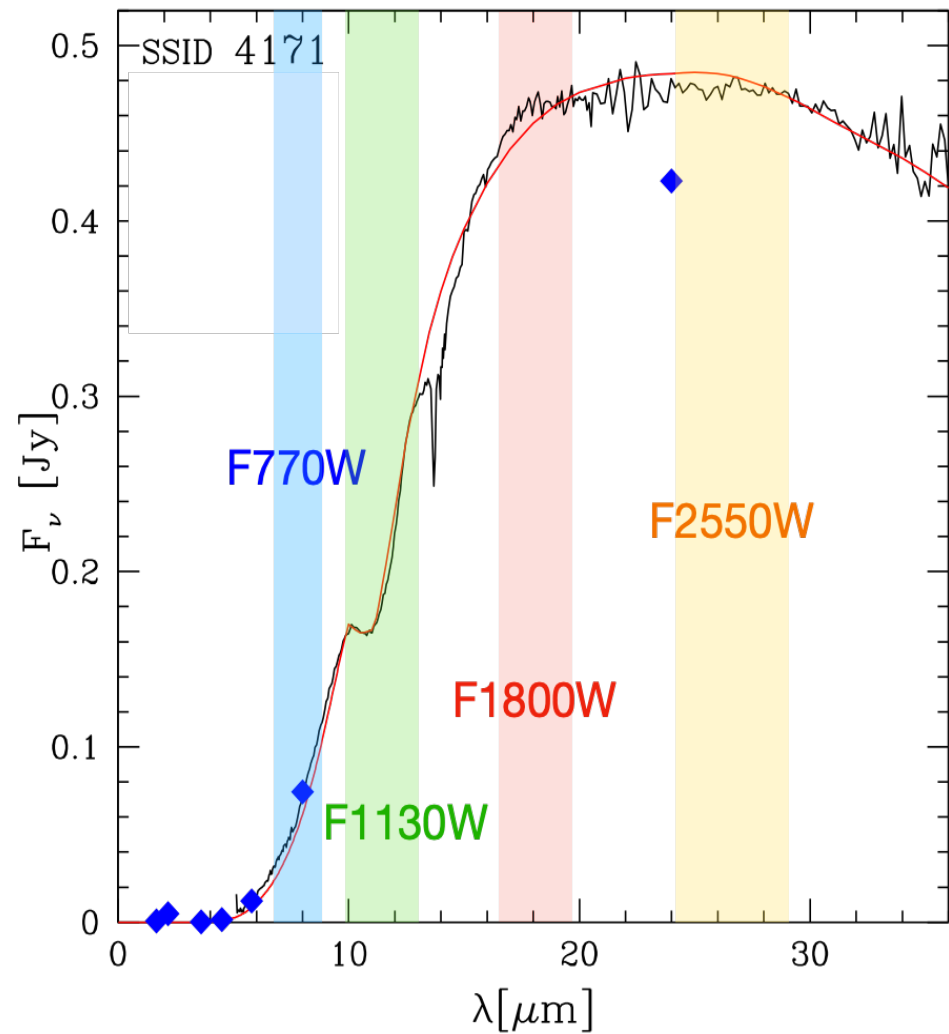
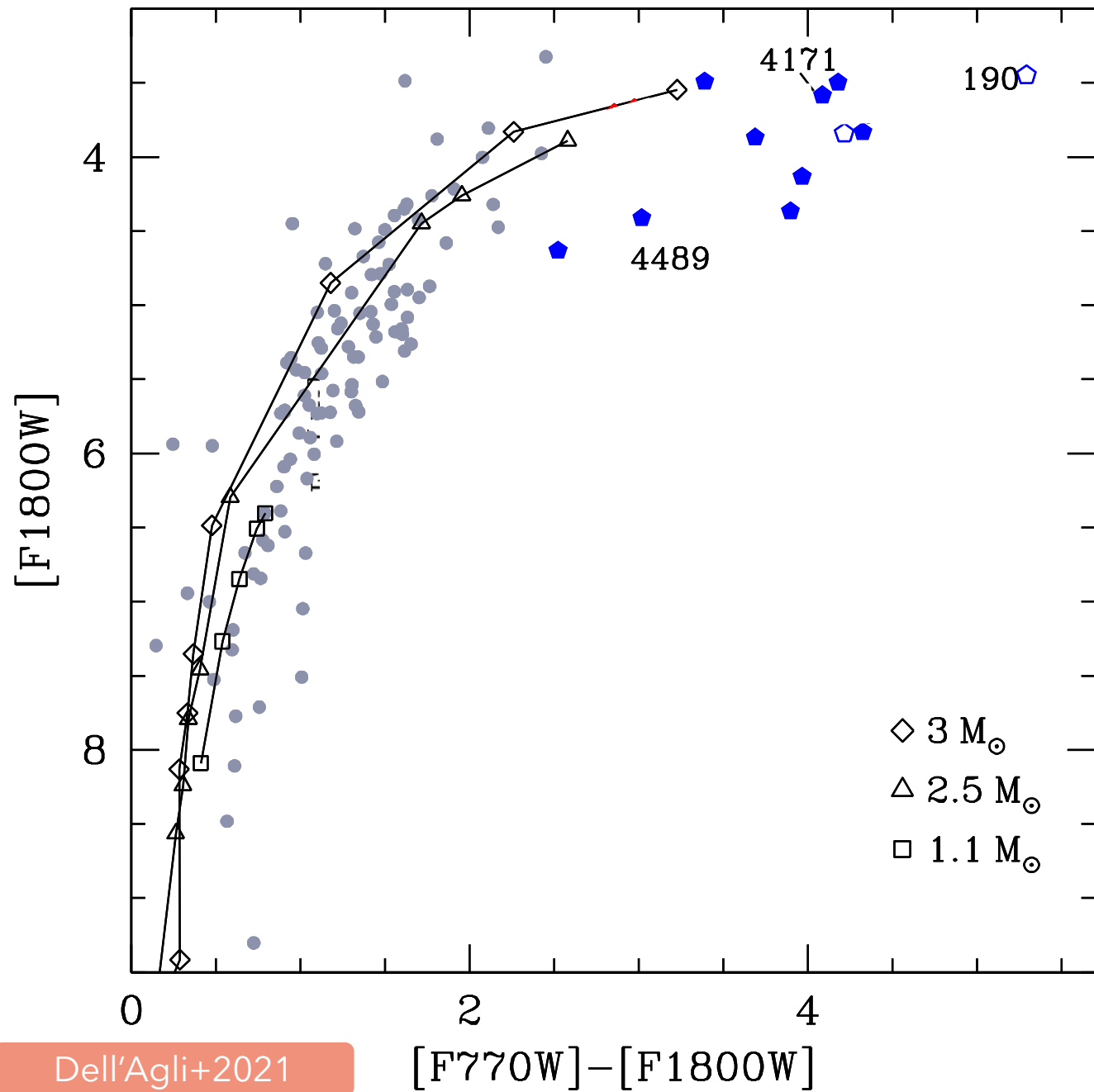
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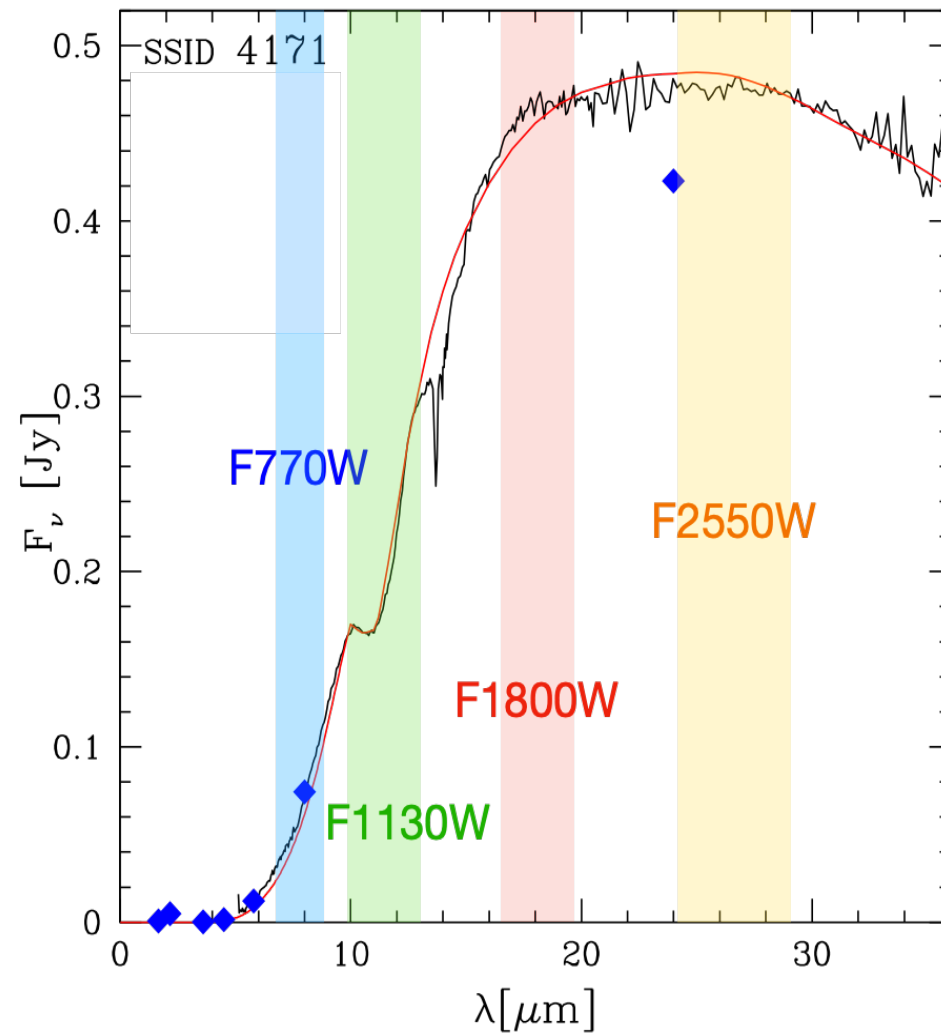
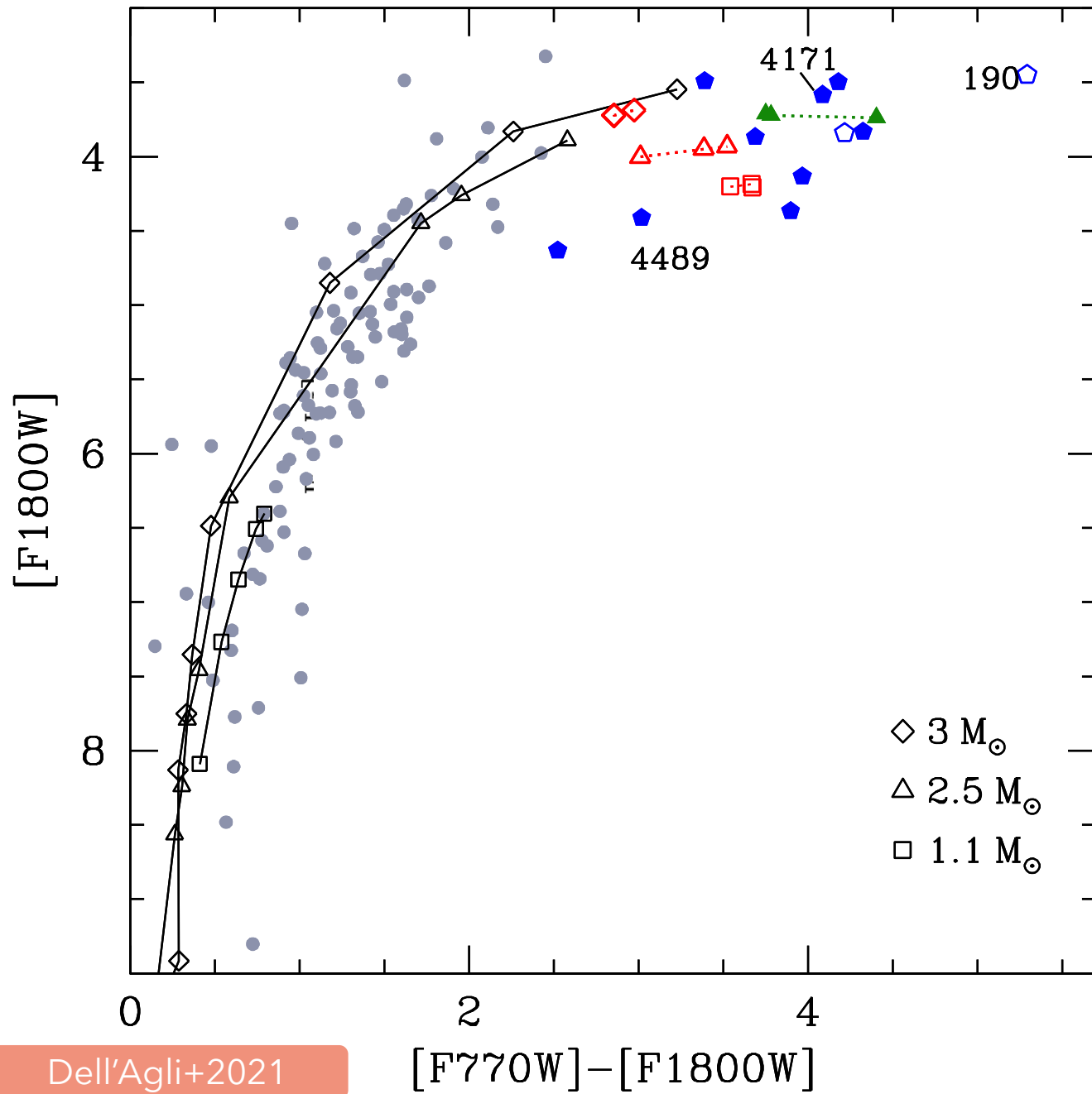


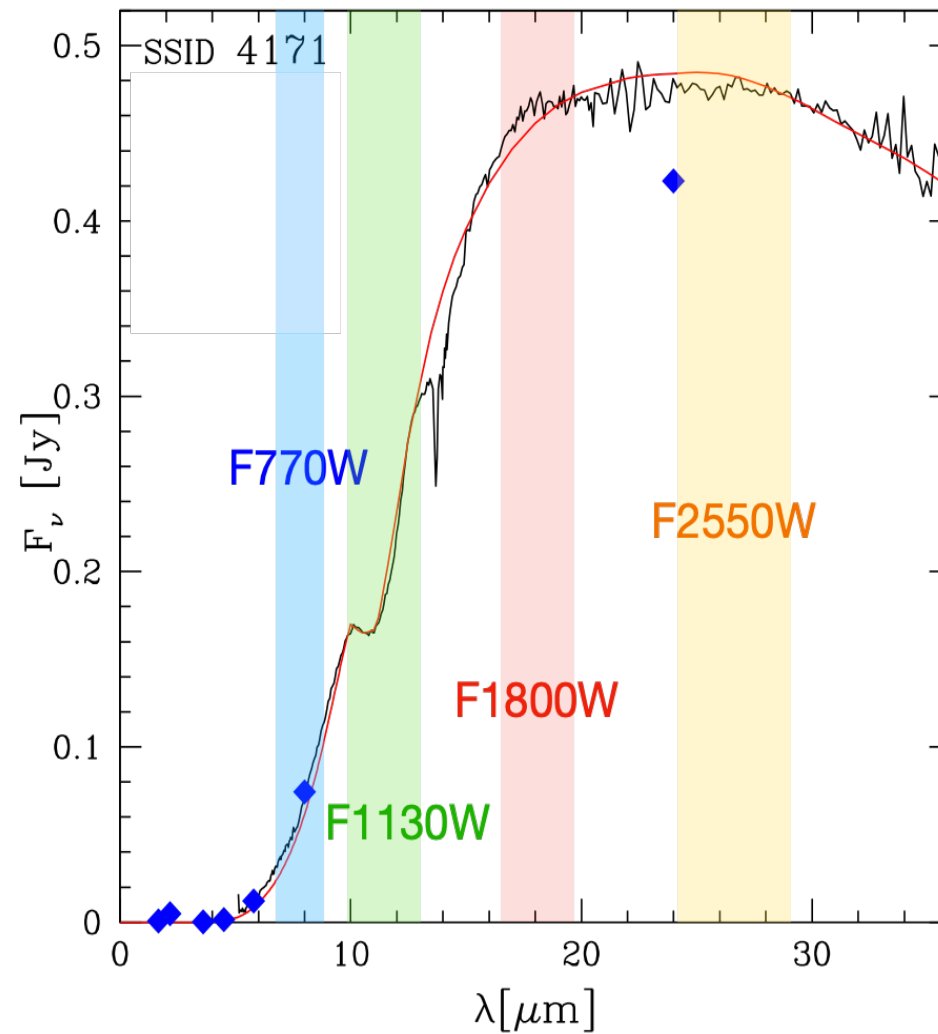
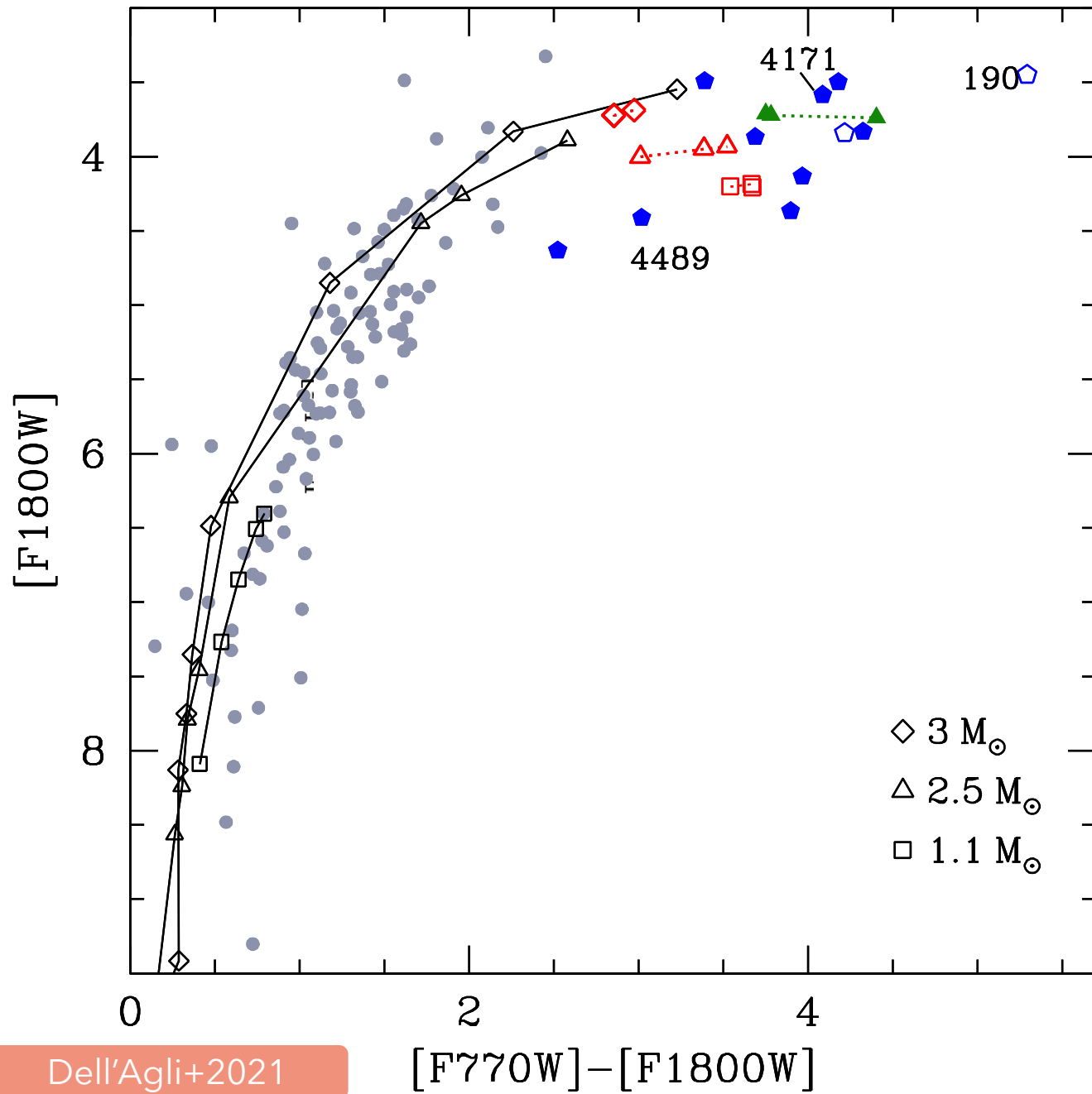
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CONCLUSIONS

EROs could be interpreted as:

- the result of the evolution of binaries of periods $\sim 2.5\text{--}15$ yrs
- the primary: an AGB star of mass $1.1\text{--}3.0 M$ evolving through the C-star phase
- the companion: a star of mass low enough that the mass transfer is unstable.

More observational constrains are needed (see e.g. Sloan et al. 2016, Groenewegen 2021)

TAKE HOME MESSAGE

Proof of concept for the hypothesis that the parameters of the CE evolution are not particularly tight and that the resulting dust is indeed of a density high enough to produce the colours of the EROs.



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Thank you!



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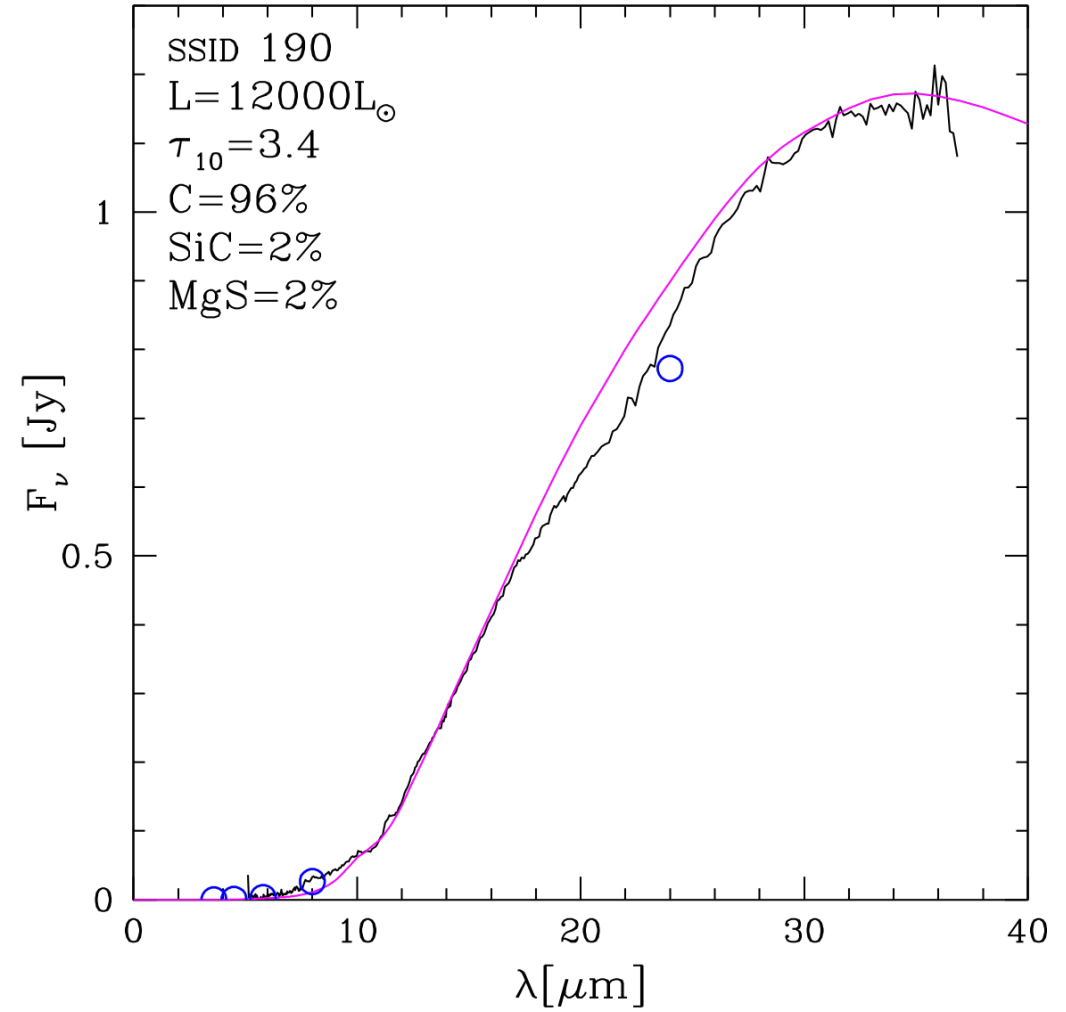
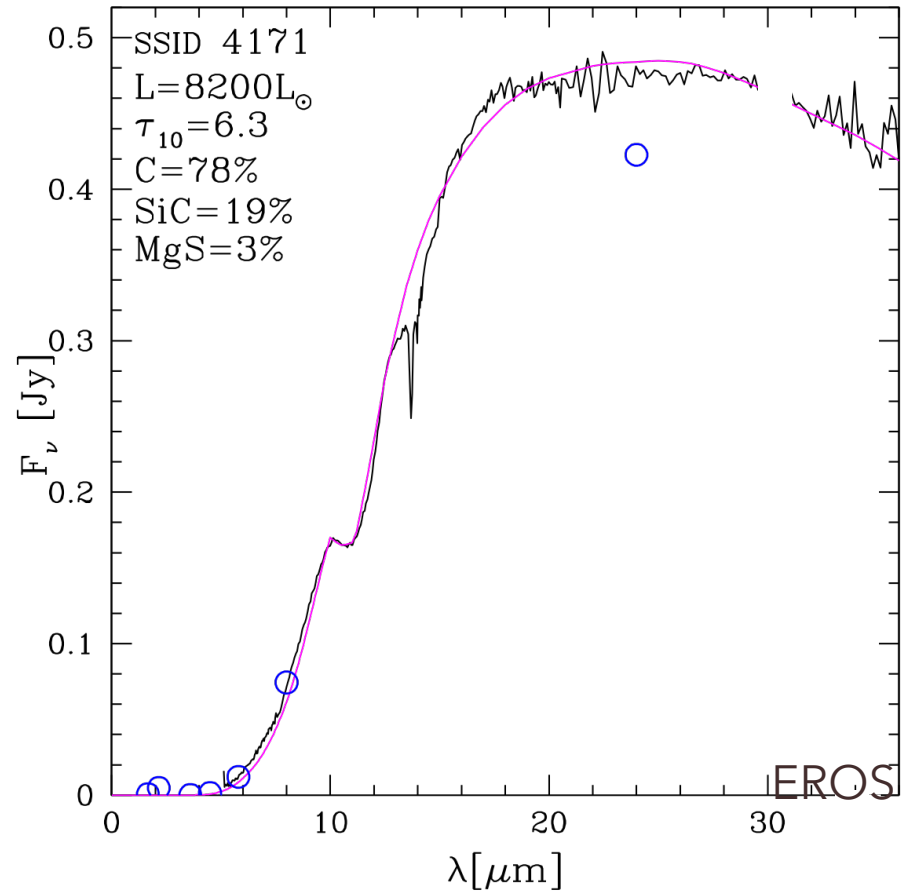


Table 1. Summary of the interpretation of the stars discussed in this work: *Spitzer* and IRAC/ERO name, coordinates, luminosity, optical depth, percentages of the different dust species (in order: solid carbon, silicon carbide, magnesium sulphide, graphite), initial mass and age.

SSID	IRAS/ERO name	RA (deg)	Dec. (deg)	L/L_{\odot}	τ_{10}	%(C)	%(SiC)	%(MgS)	%(graph)	$M_{\text{init}}/M_{\odot}$	Age (Gyr)
4185	IRAS 05042–6827	76.0233	–68.3945	5200	6.2	67	25	2	6	1.1–1.2	5.0–7.0
4299	IRAS 05187–7033	79.5488	–70.5075	9800	5.3	79	0	0	21	2.5–3.0	0.4–0.6
4308	IRAS 05191–6936	79.7016	–69.5596	7000	5.6	64	22	2	12	2.0–2.5	0.6–1.0
4415	IRAS 05260–7010	81.4193	–70.1409	4700	6.6	68	18	2	12	1.1–1.2	5.0–7.0
4171	ERO 0502315	75.6312	–68.0934	8200	6.3	68	19	3	10	2.0–2.5	0.6–1.0
4489	IRAS 05305–7251	82.4079	–72.8314	5100	4.3	53	40	3	4	1.1–1.2	5.0–7.0
4781	IRAS 05509–6956	87.6091	–69.9342	10 200	5.2	68	27	3	2	2.5–3.0	0.4–0.6
9	IRAS 04518–6852	72.9192	–68.7930	5200	3.4	75	14	5	6	1.1–1.2	5.0–7.0
65	IRAS 05133–6937	78.2576	–69.5642	6200	7.1	76	20	2	2	1.5–2.0	1.0–2.0
125	IRAS 05315–7145	82.6853	–71.7167	9000	2.3	62	14	2	24	2.0–2.5	0.6–1.0
190	IRAS 05495–7034	87.2504	–70.5562	12 200	3.4	83	2	2	15	3.0–3.5	0.3–0.4