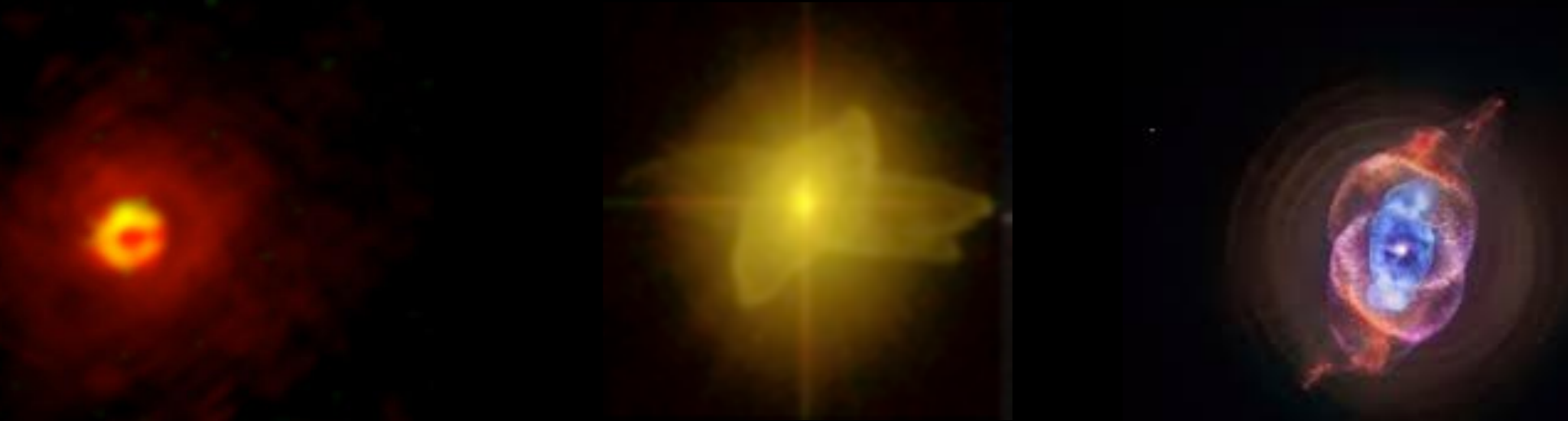


# POST-AGB STARS AS TRACERS OF THE ORIGIN OF ELEMENTS AND ISOTOPES IN THE UNIVERSE



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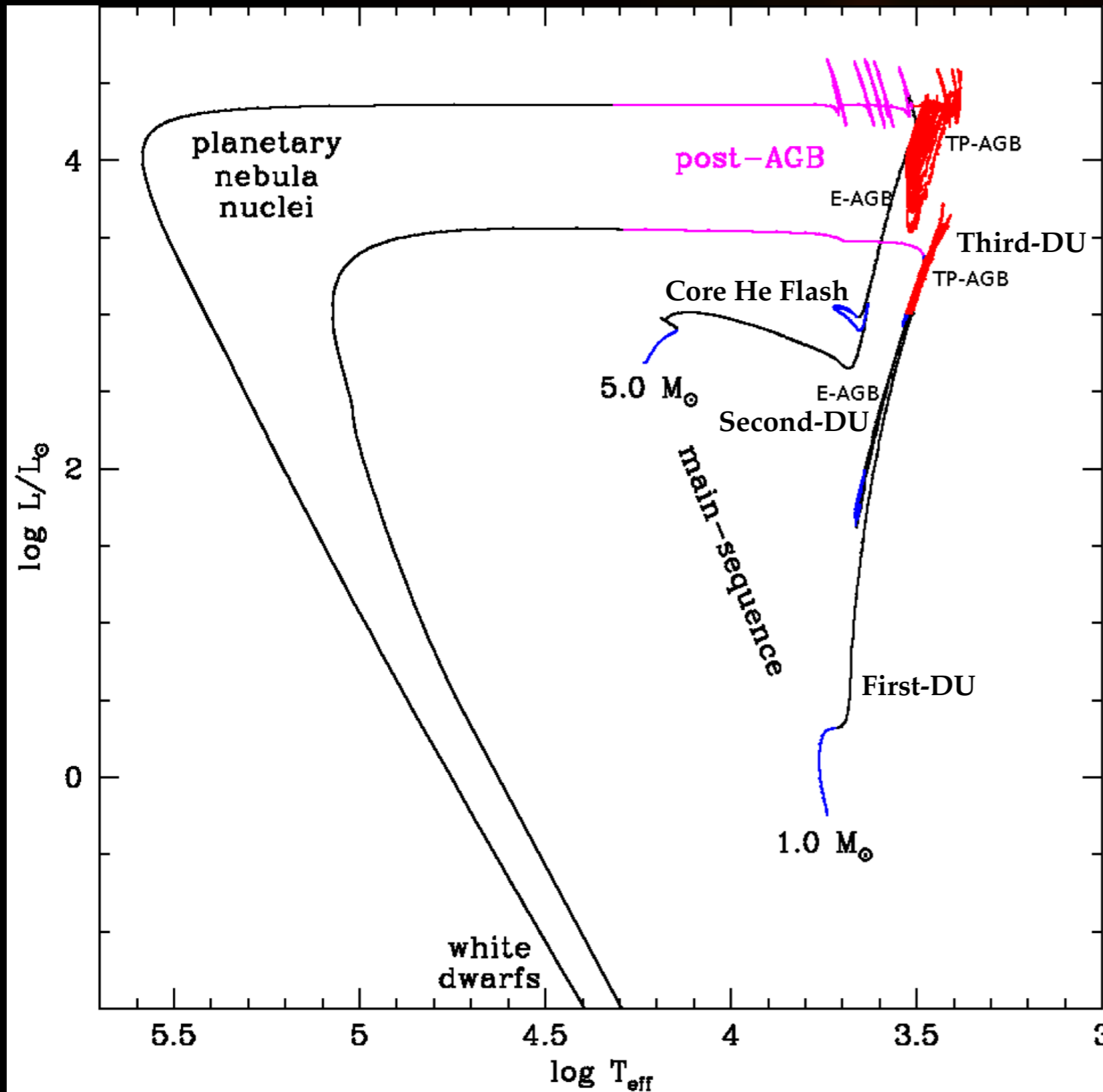
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# AGB NUCLEOSYNTHESIS



## Hot Bottom Burning

(in  $M > \sim 3 M_{\text{sun}}$ )

decrease in  $^{12}\text{C}$

increase in  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^{14}\text{N}$

$^7\text{Li}$ ,  $\text{Na}$ ,  $\text{Al}$

## Second-DU (in $M > \sim 3 M_{\text{sun}}$ )

increase in  $^4\text{He}$  and  $^{14}\text{N}$

## Third-DU

increase in  $^{12}\text{C}$ , some  $^{16}\text{O}$  and heavy elements (s-process elements)

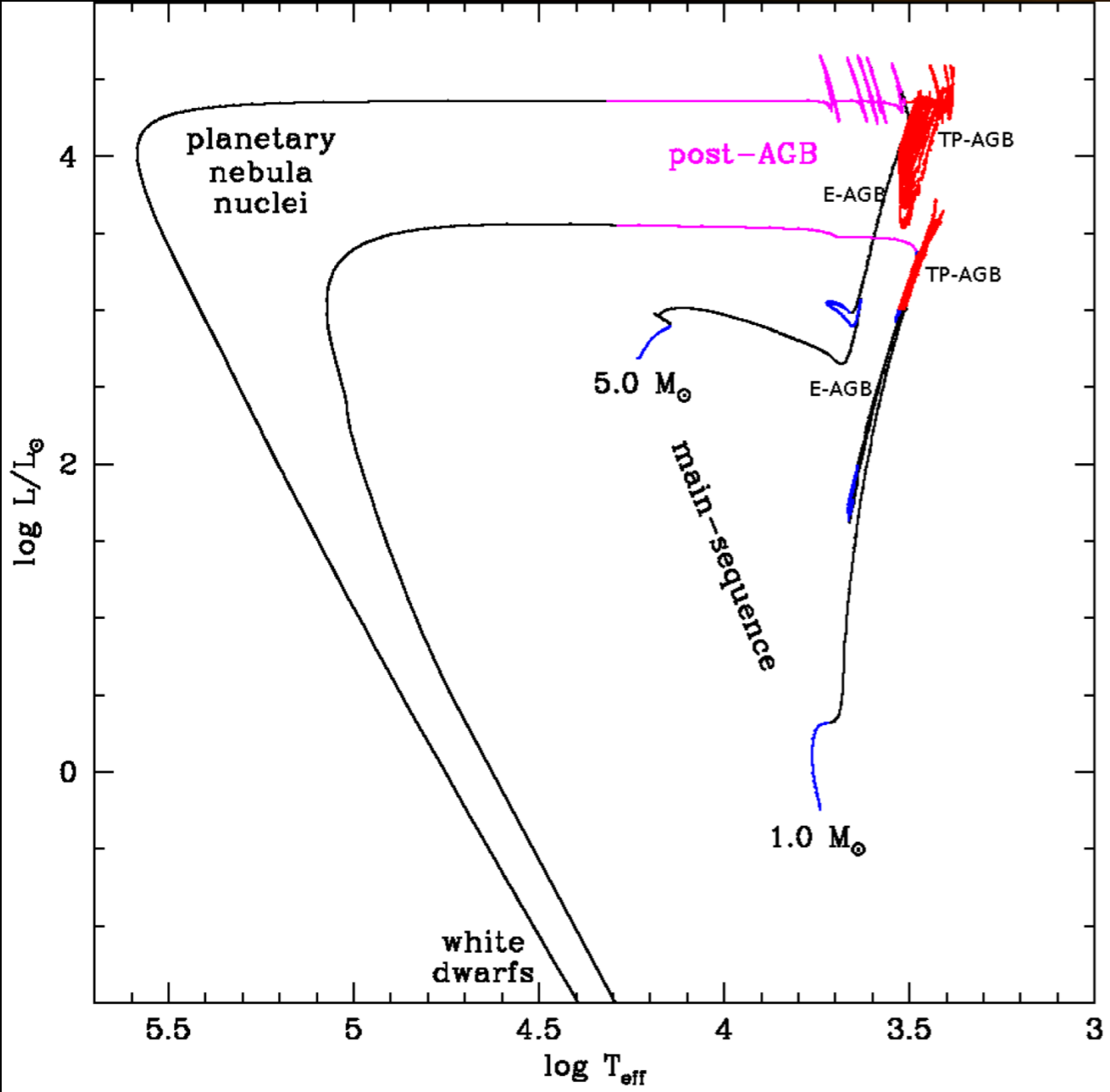
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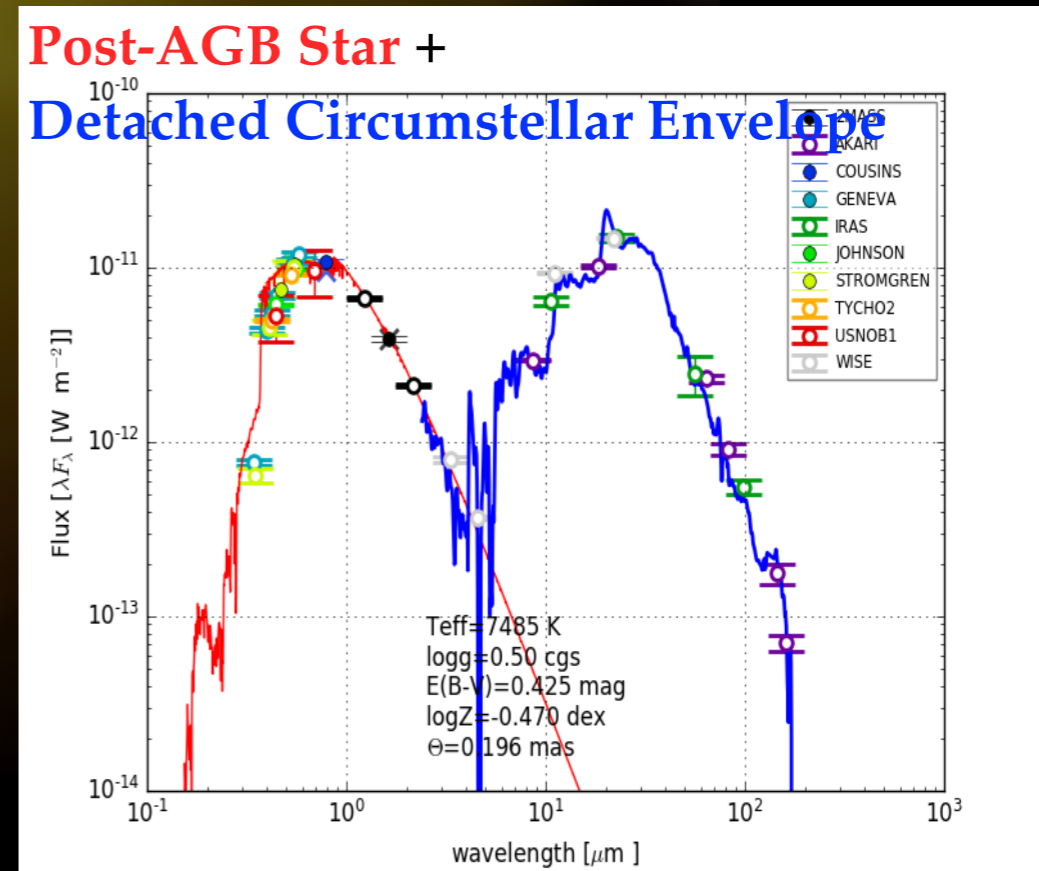
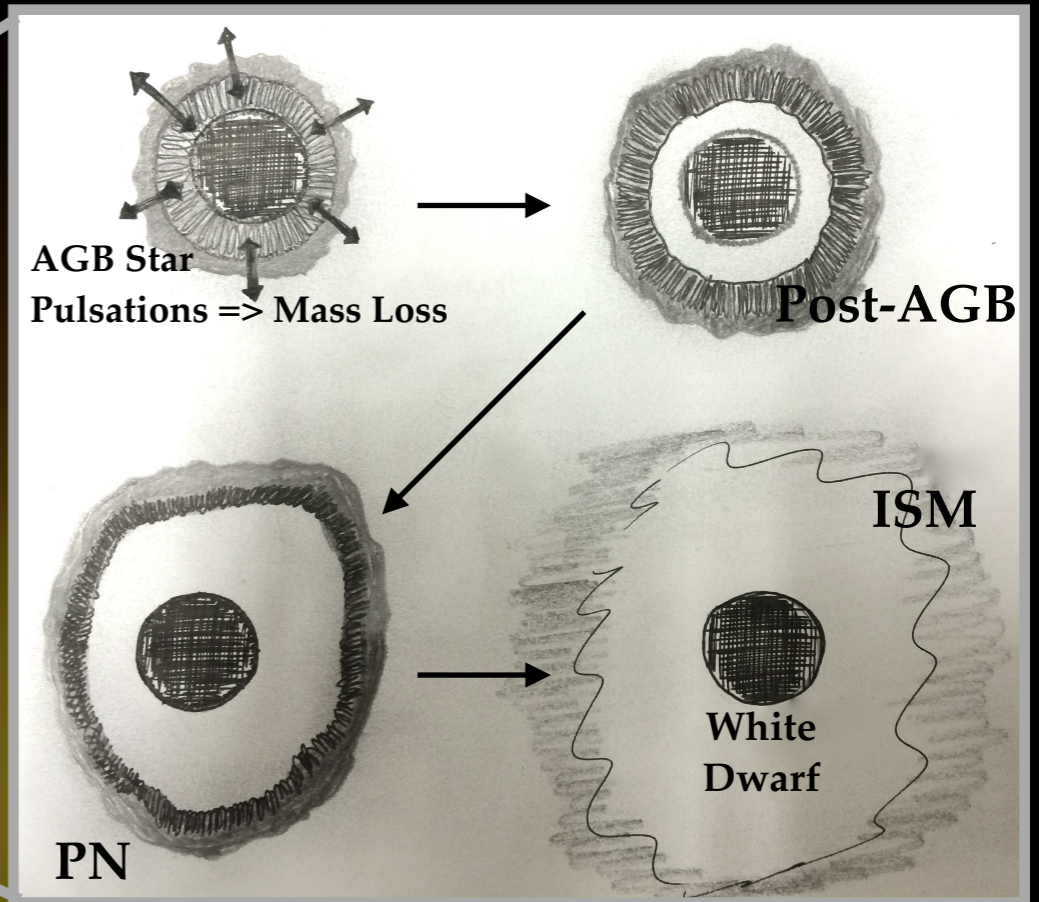
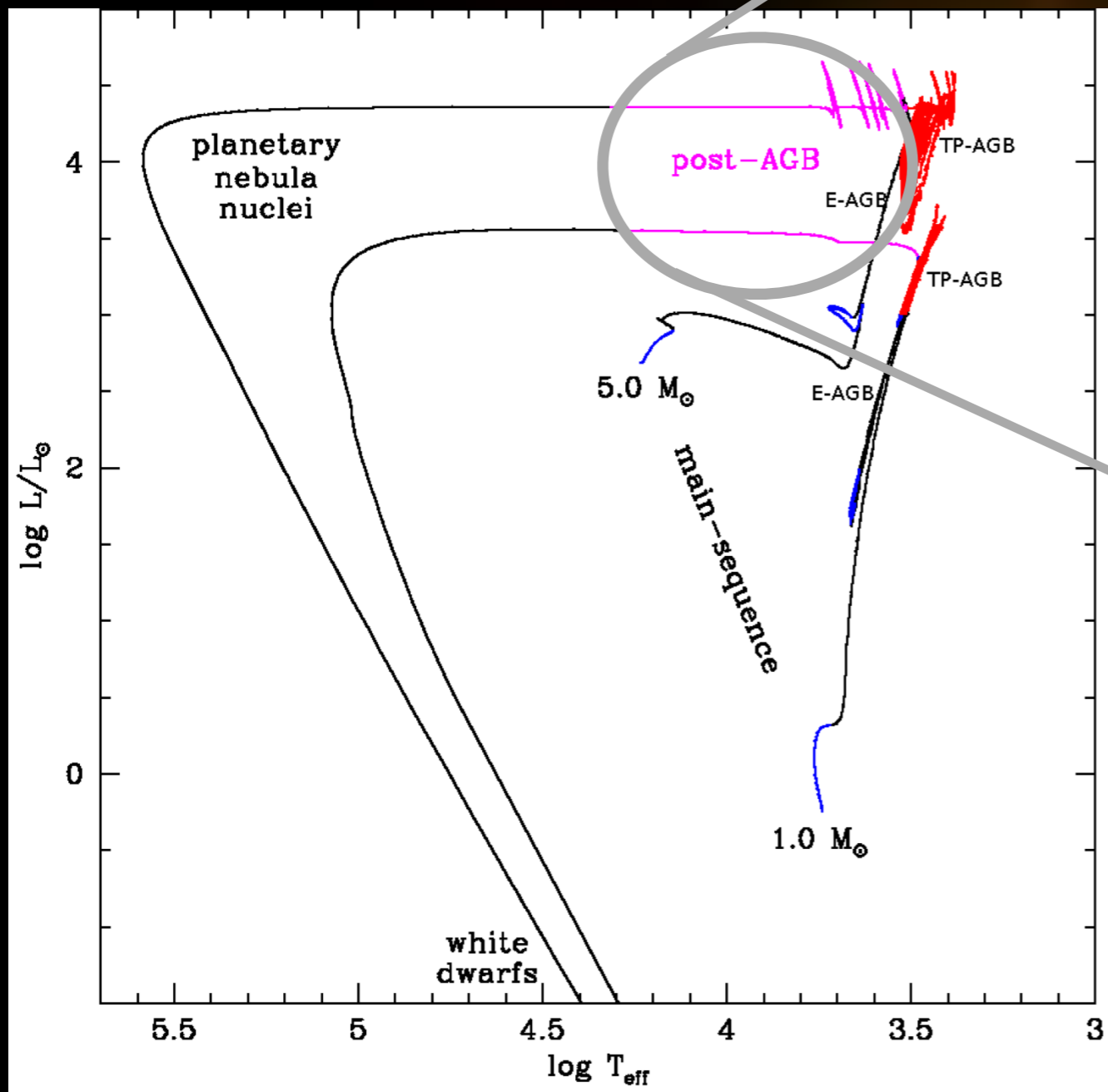




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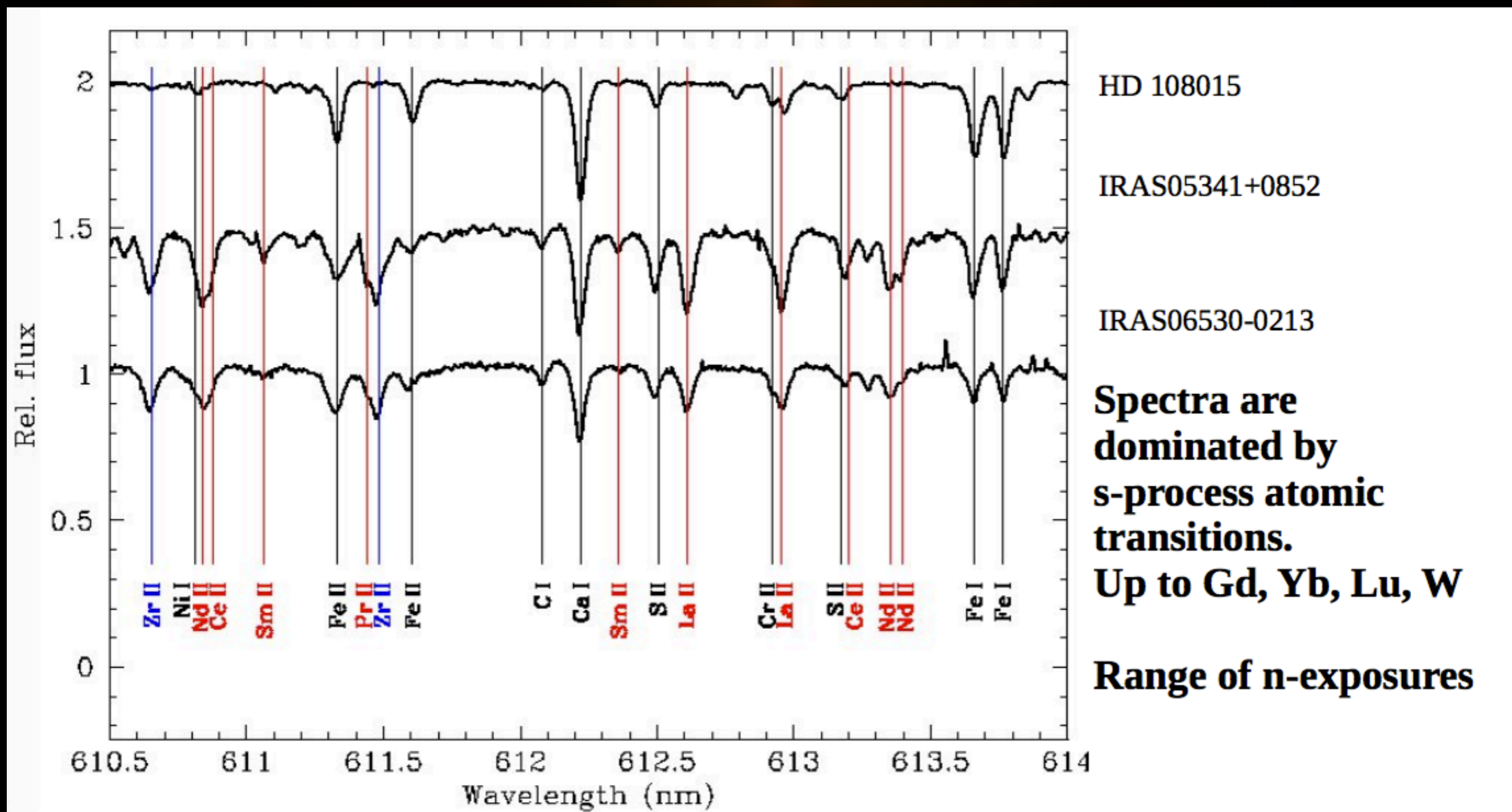


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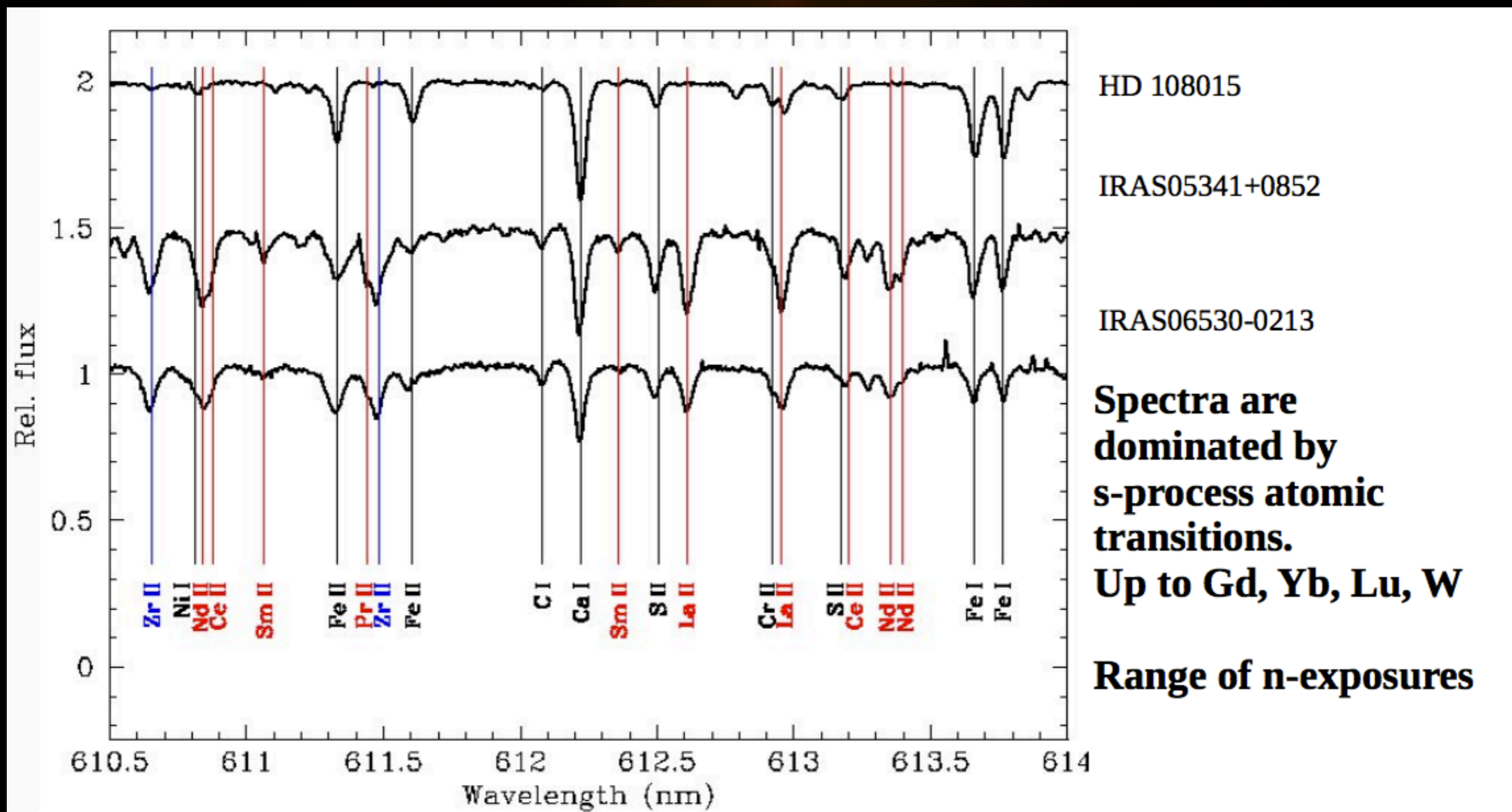


- **A-K Spectral Types**
- **Low Log g (0 to ~1.5 dex)**
- **Low Metallicity**

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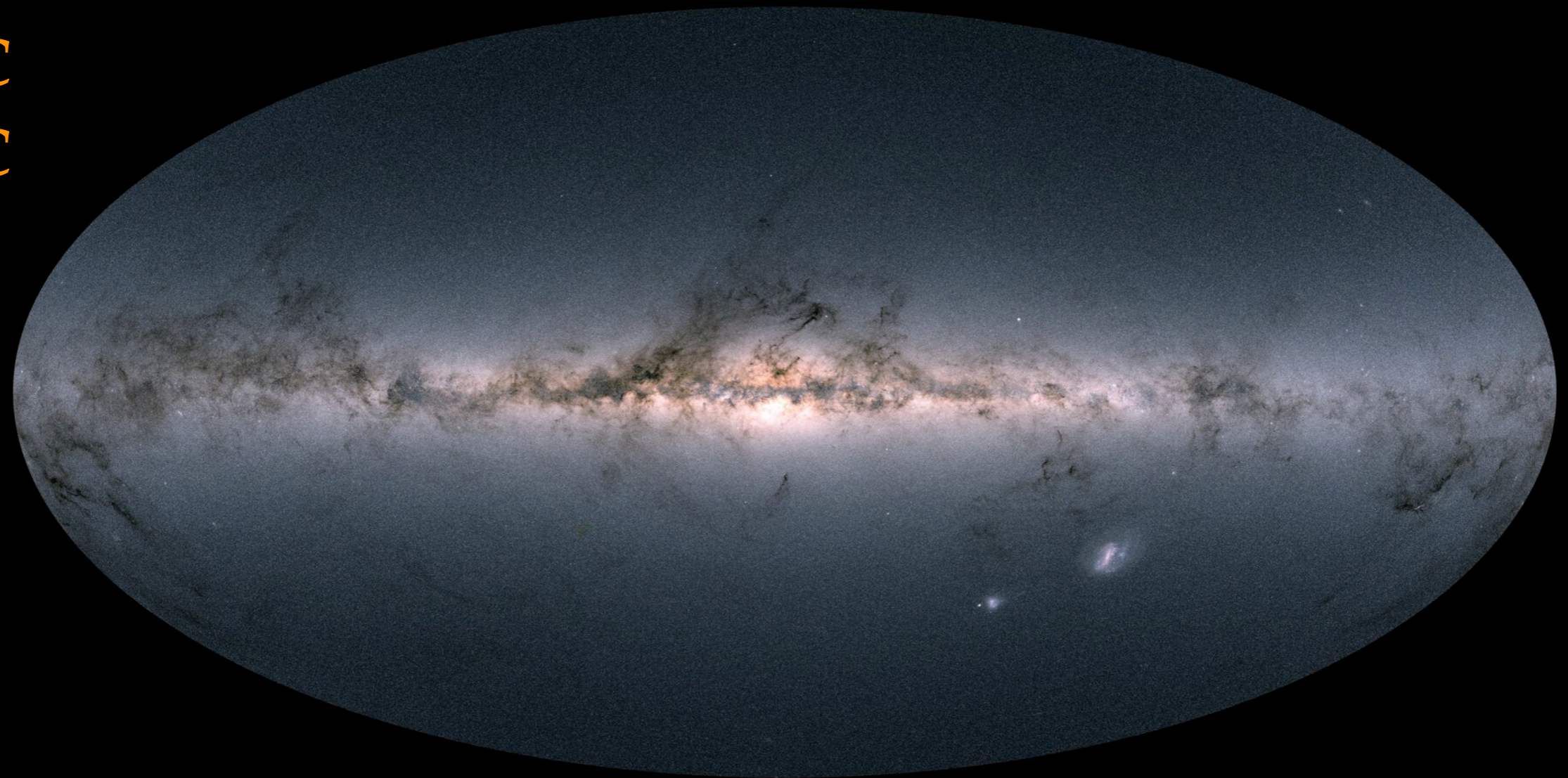
+ LUMINOSITY (PROGENITOR MASS)

# THE HUNT FOR POST-AGB STARS:

**MILKYWAY**

**LMC**

**SMC**

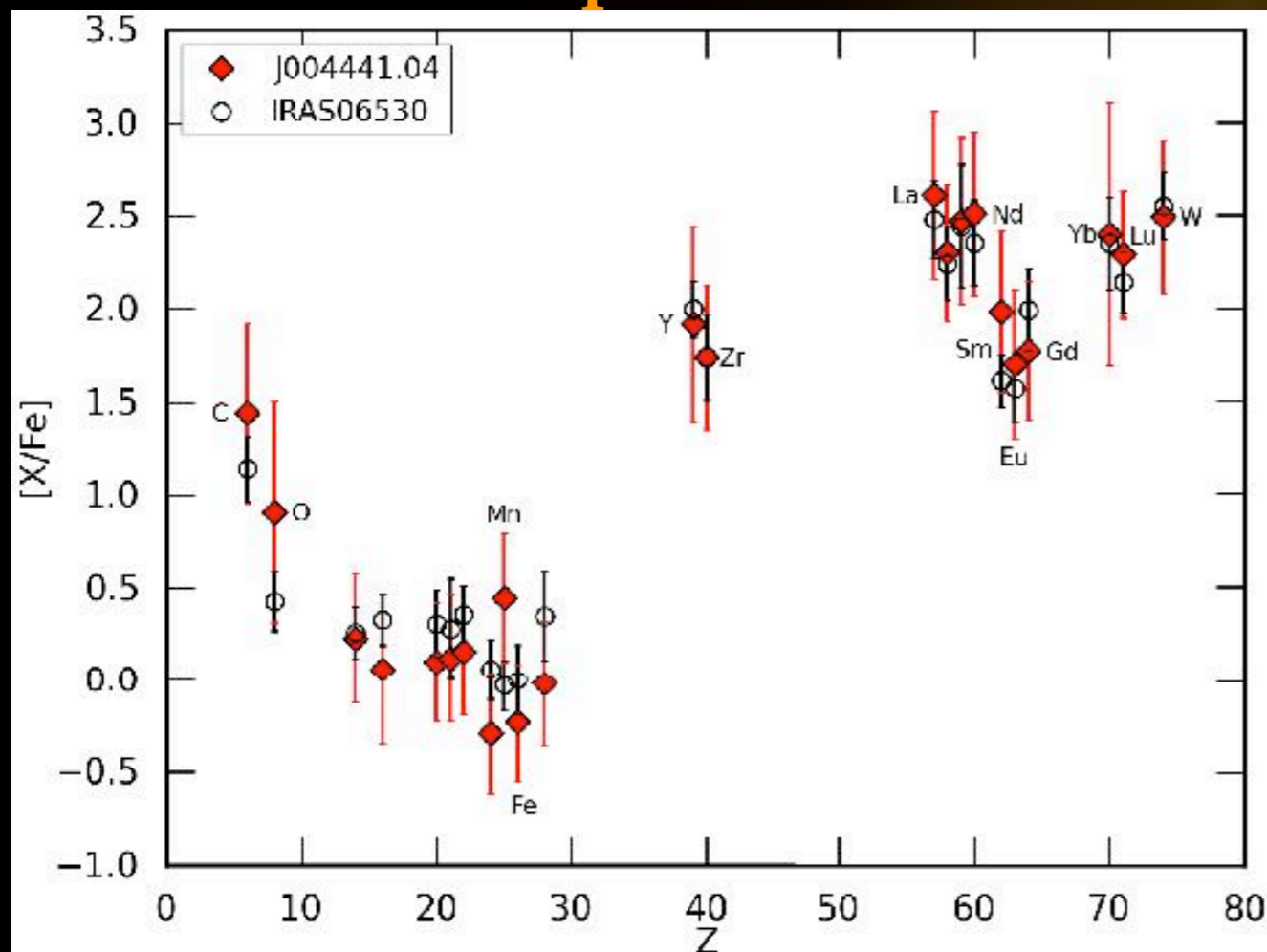


**Galaxy:** Van Winckel 2003; Szczerba et al., 2007; Oomen et al., 2018; Kamath et al., 2022; Kluska et al., 2022

**LMC/SMC:** Van Aarle et al., 2011; Kamath et al., 2014, 2015

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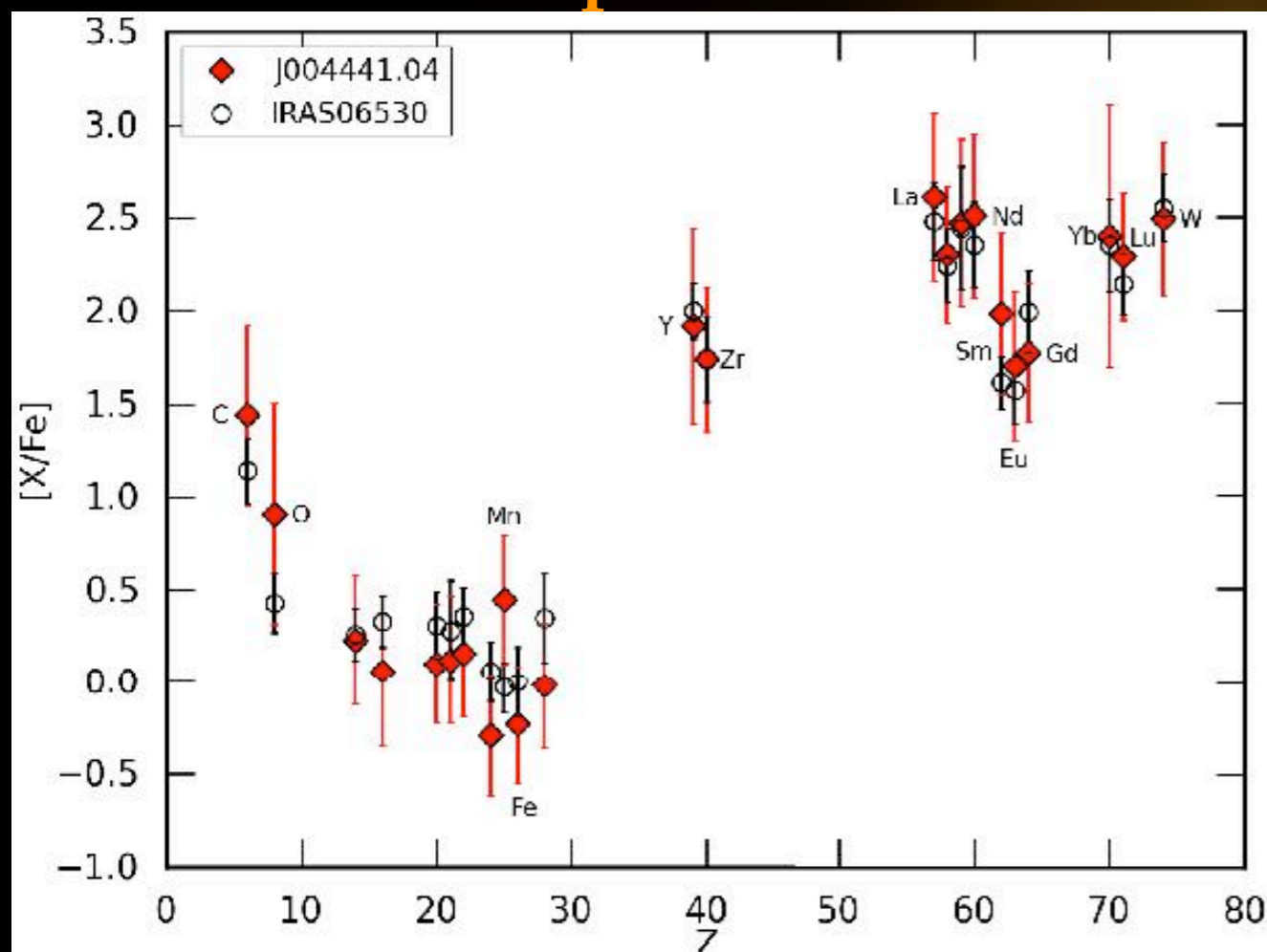
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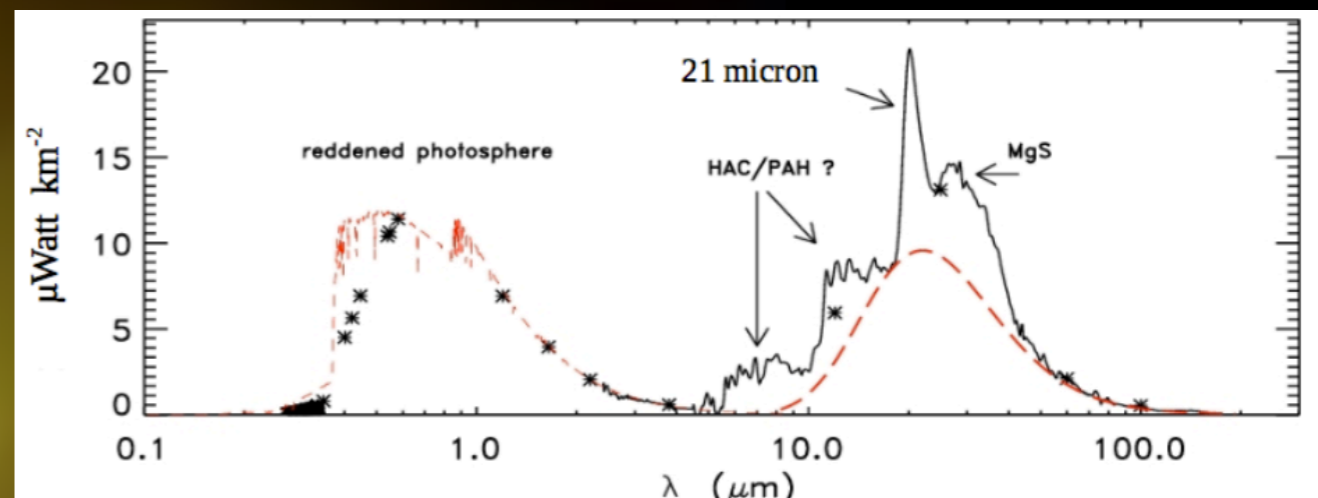
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Van Winckel 2003

All C-rich and s-process rich post-AGB stars show the 21-micron feature

- The revelation of chemical diversities in AGB nucleosynthesis



# COMPLEXITIES IN SINGLE STAR AGB NUCLEOSYNTHESIS

## Failed third dredge-up

- ★ Lack of carbon production during the AGB phase for stars that are predicted to have efficient TDU  
Kamath et al., 2017

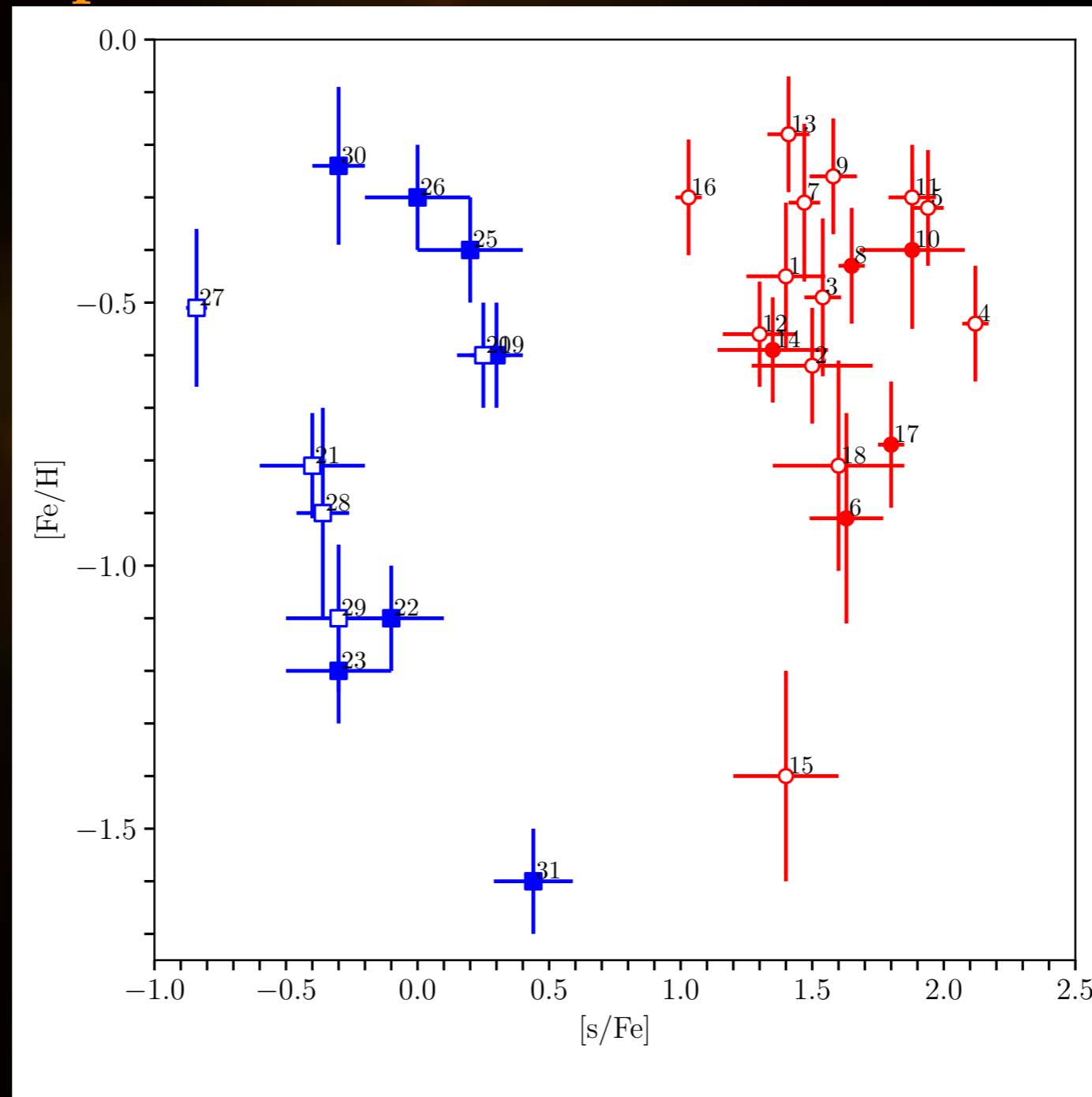
## Diverse AGB nucleosynthesis

- ★ Non-uniform s-process production  
Van Winckel 2003; Kamath et al., 2022a; Kamath et al., 2022b to-be-submitted

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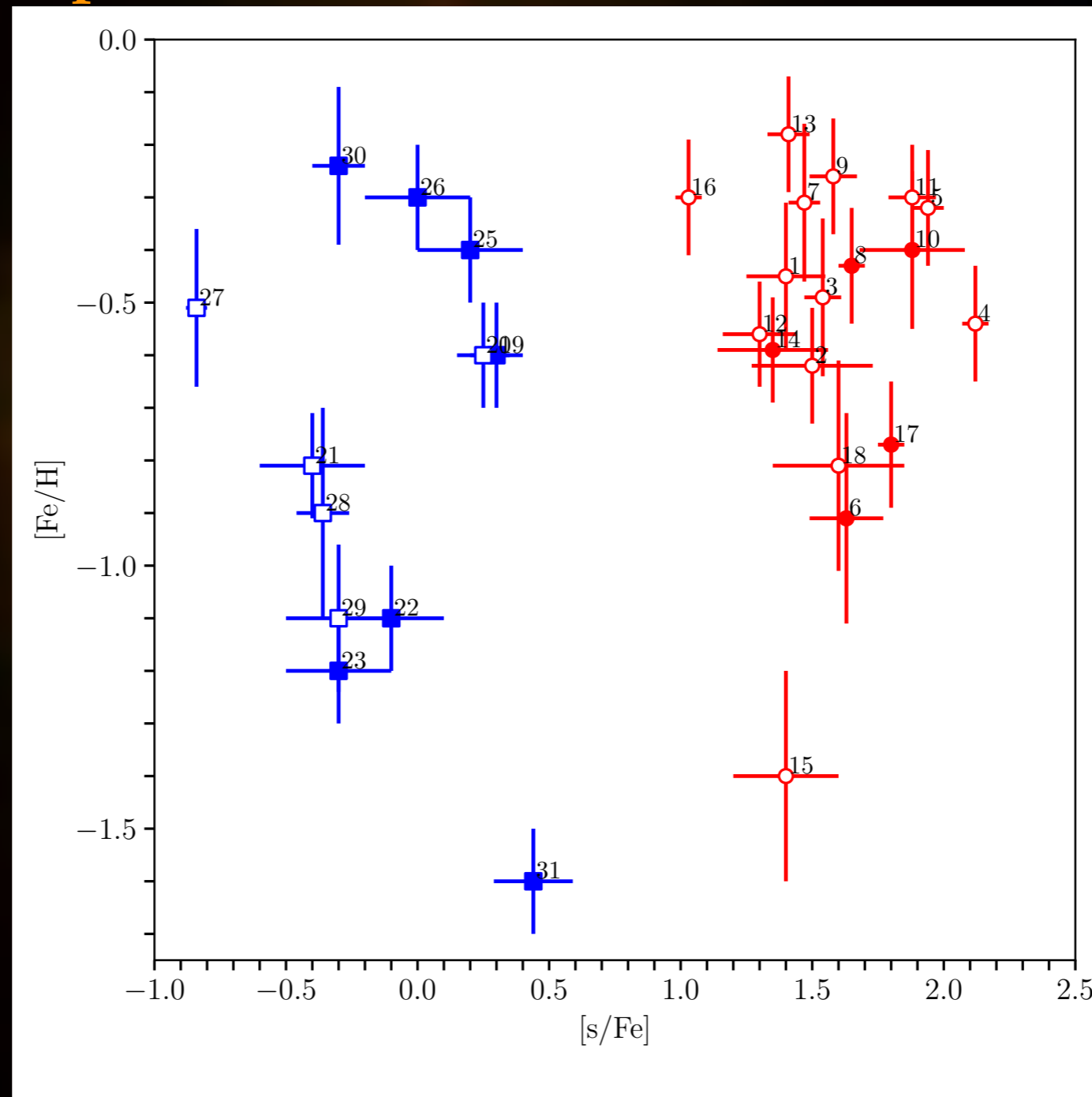
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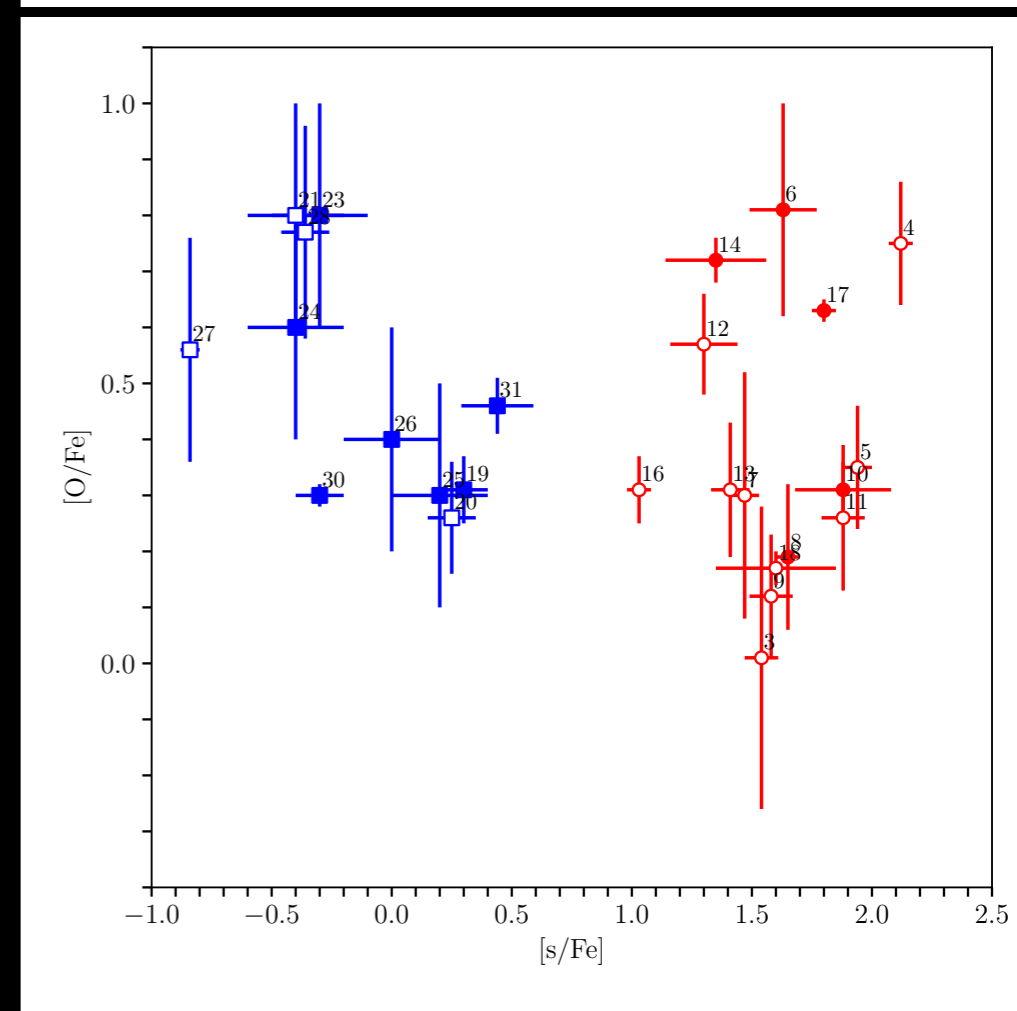
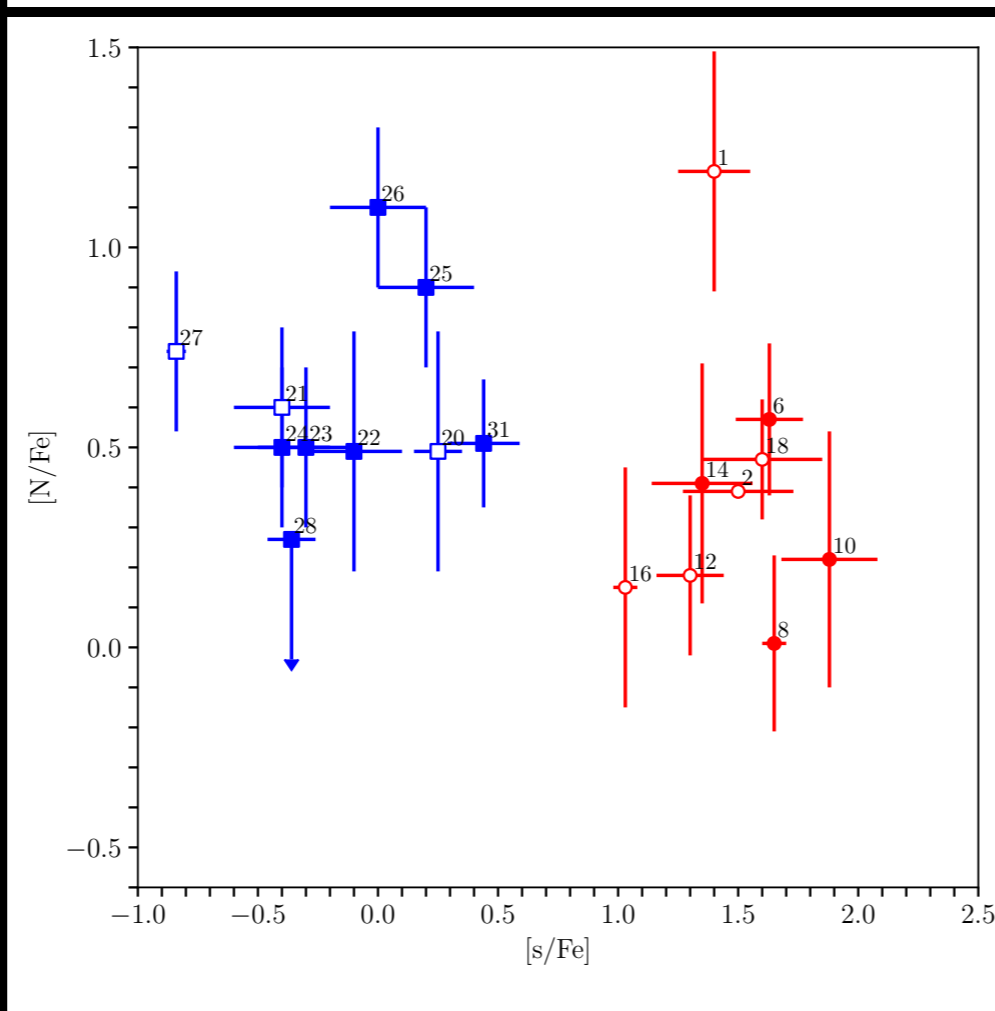
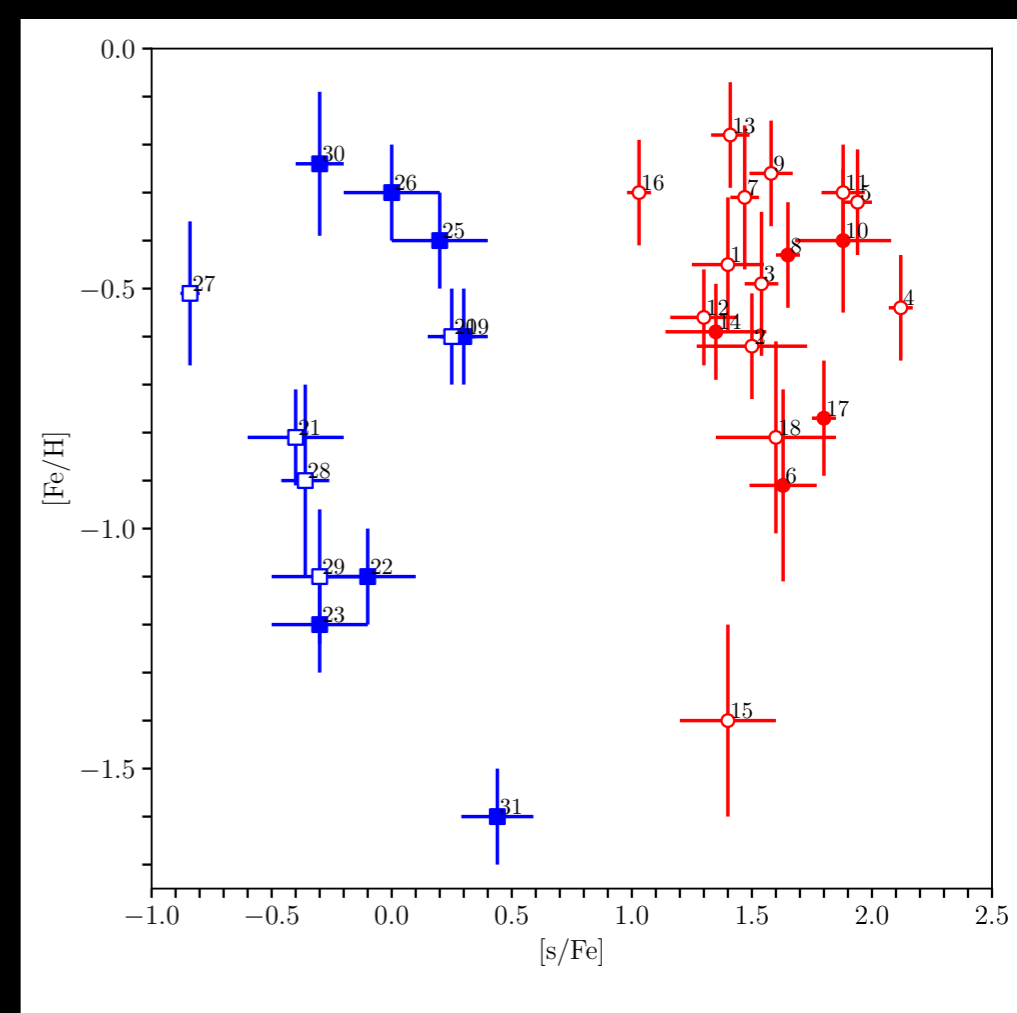
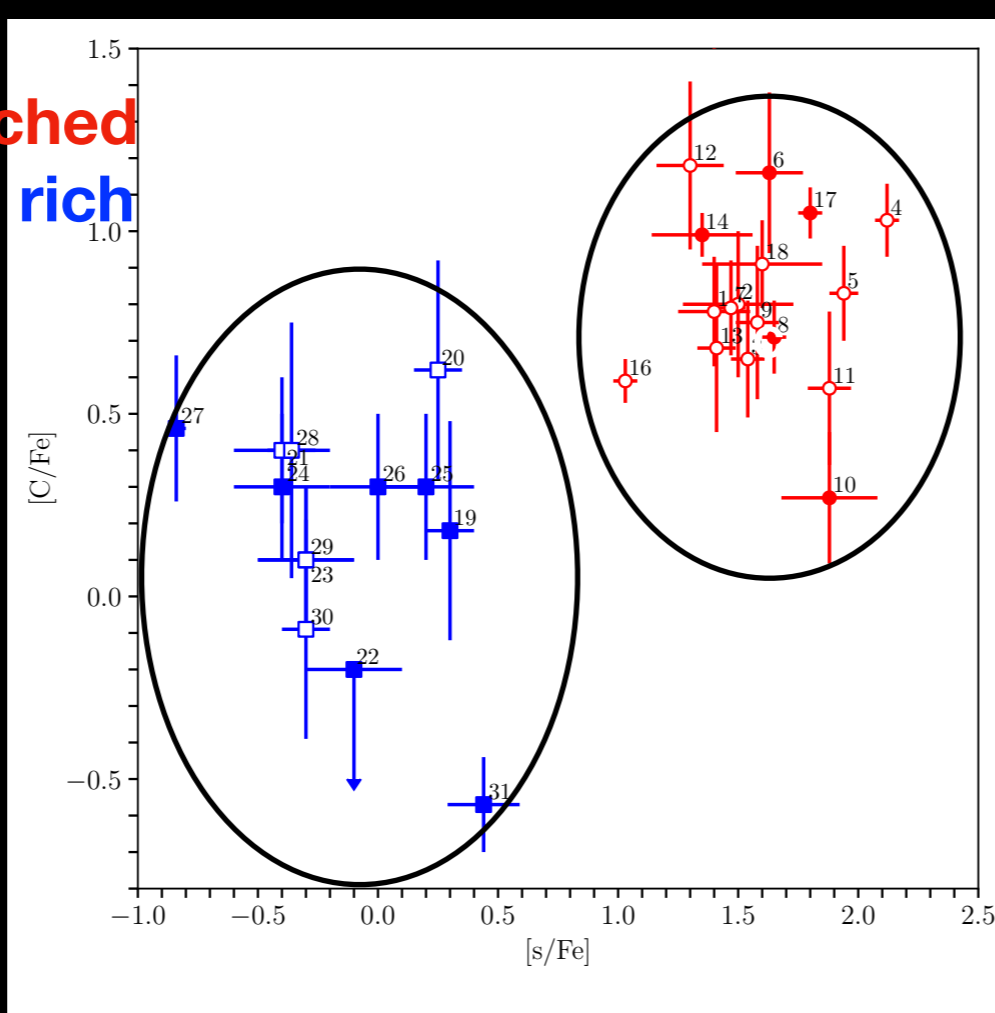


**AGB Nucleosynthesis is NOT homogenous!**

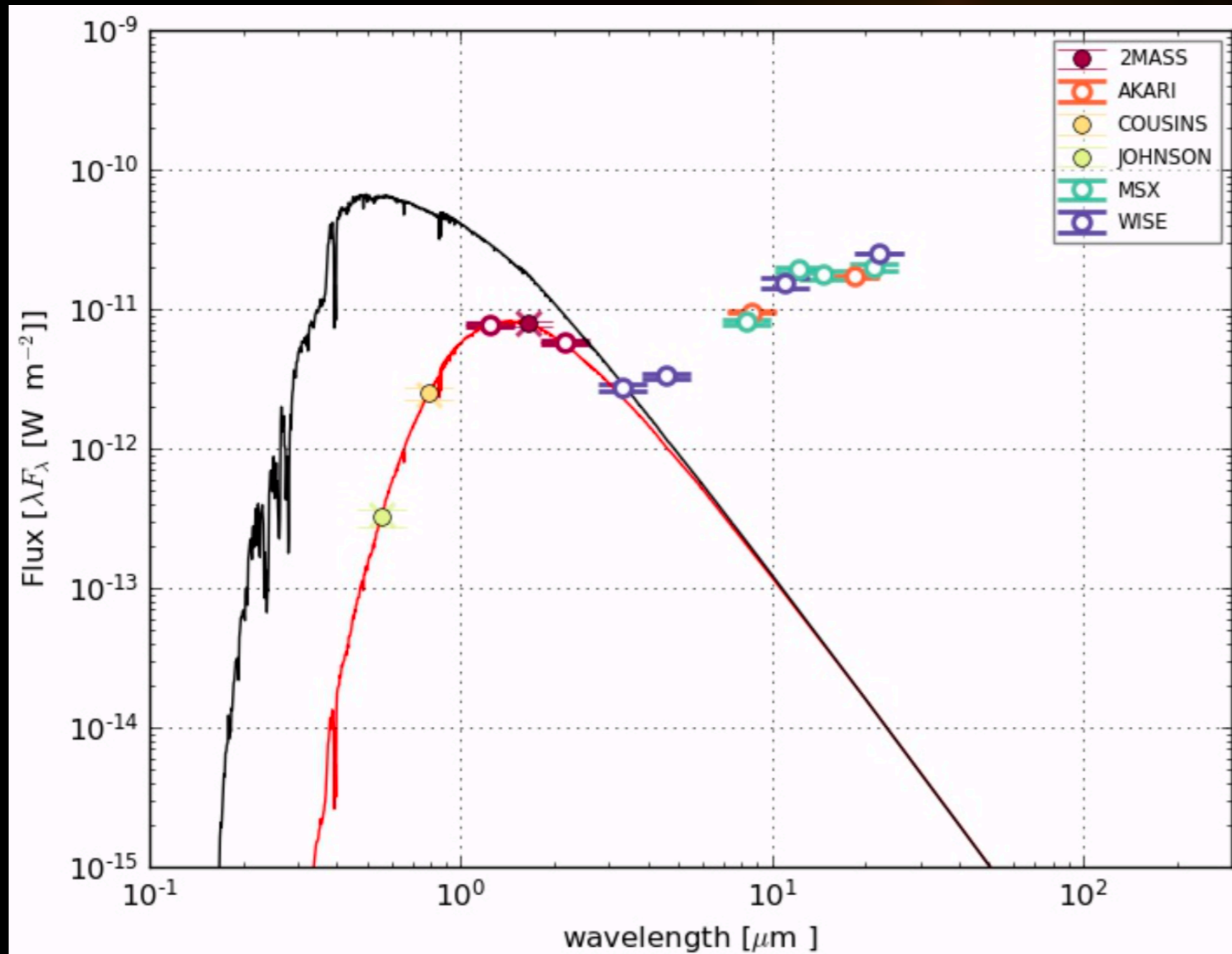
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★ A chemical dichotomy in the C and s-process abundances: enriched and non-enriched (in disagreement with models!)

★ No obvious trends in O and N

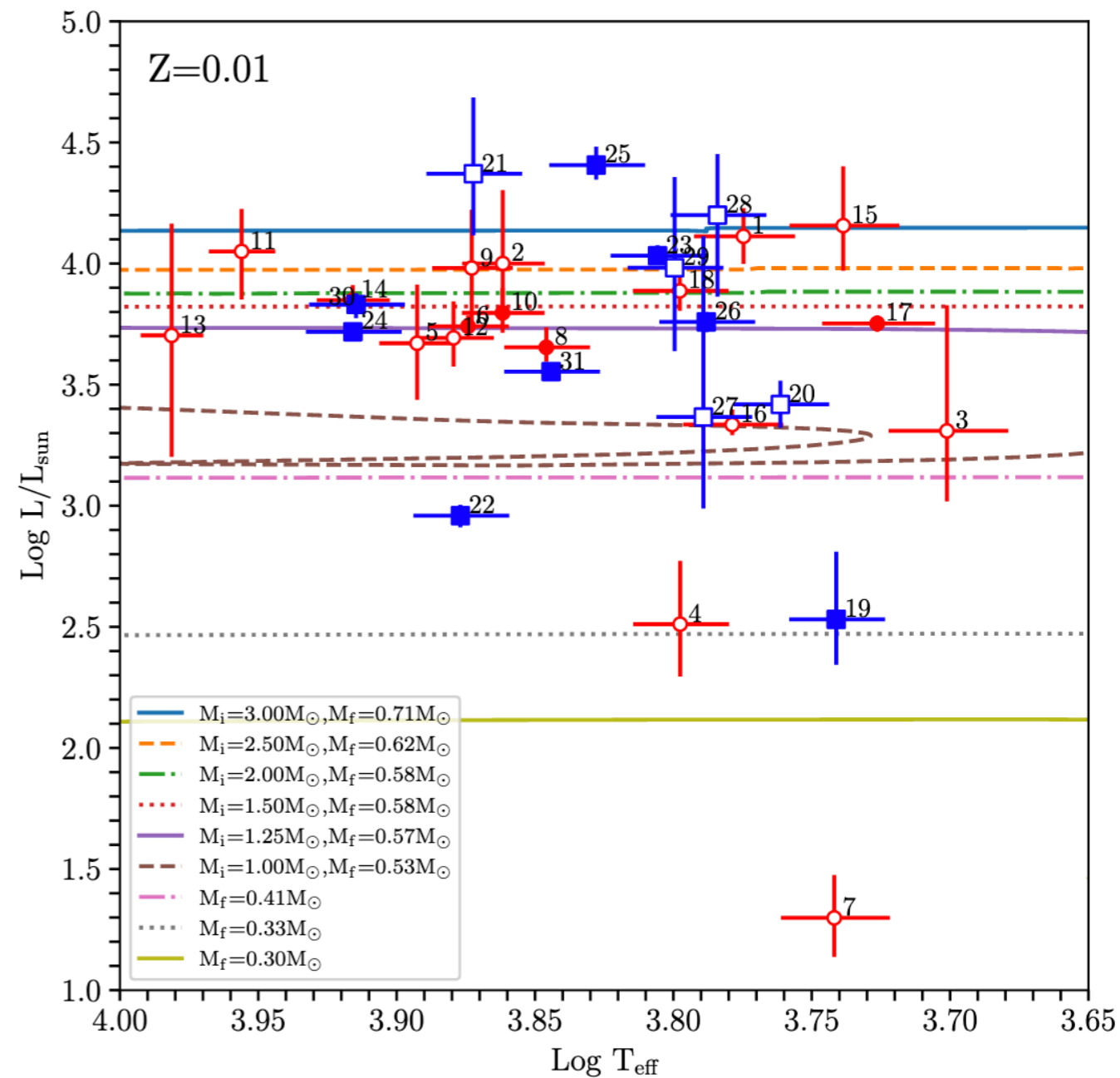
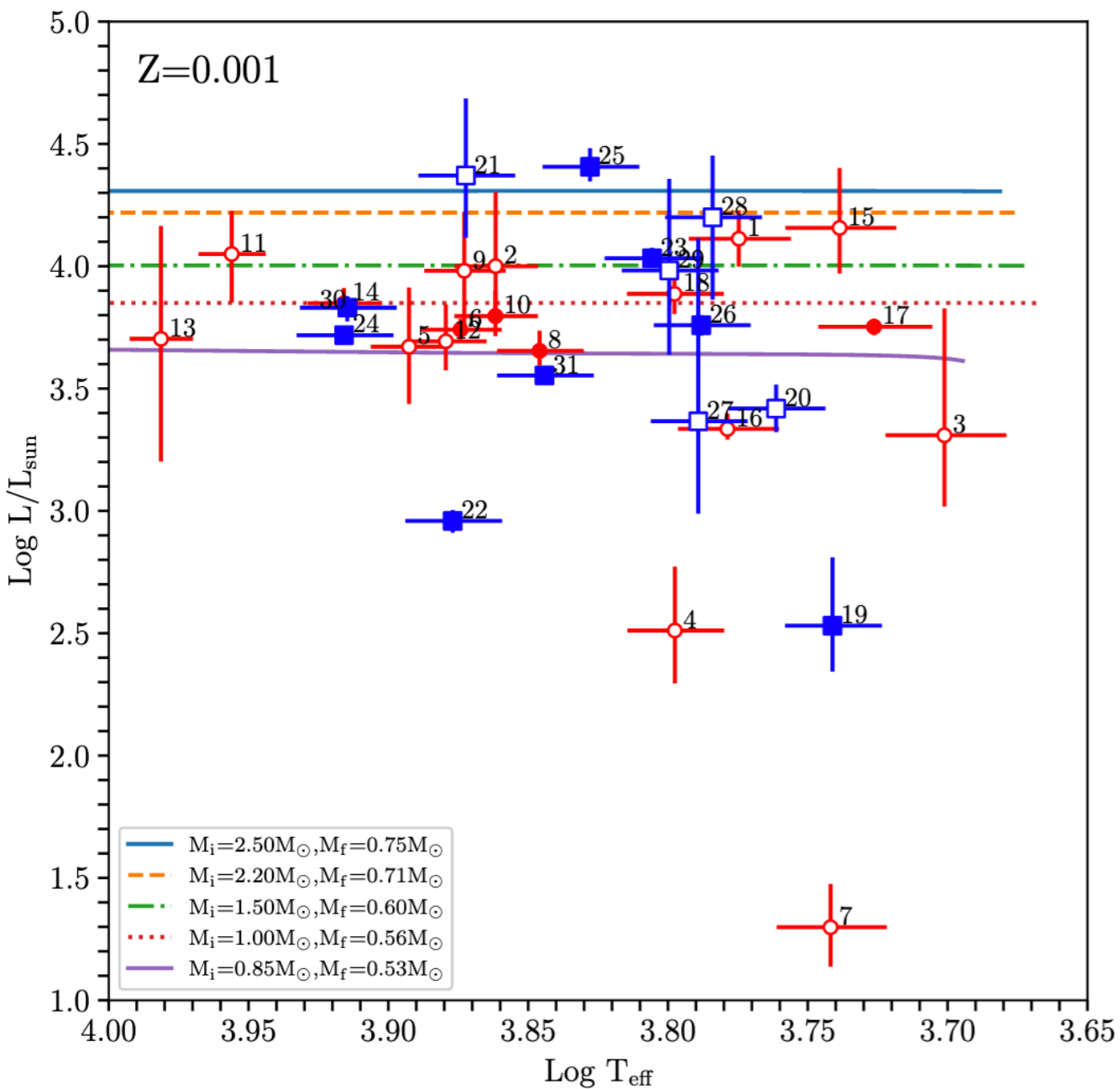


# LUMINOSITIES FOR SINGLE GALACTIC POST-AGBs FROM GAIA DR3



- ★ Parallaxes from Gaia EDR3
- ★ Geometric distances from Bailer Jones et al., 2021
- ★ SED Fitting:
  - ★  $E(B-V)$
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  - ★ Luminosity

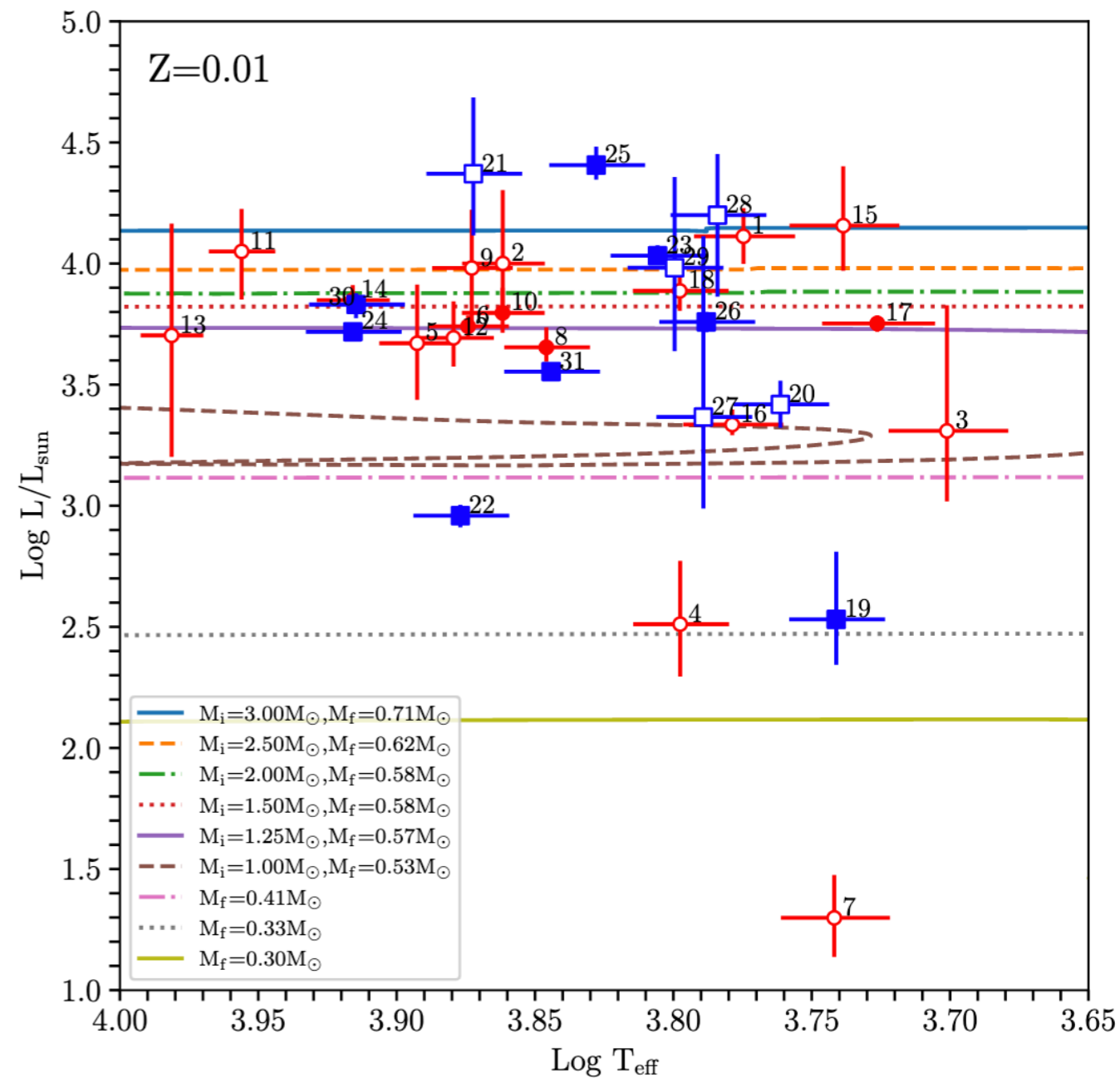
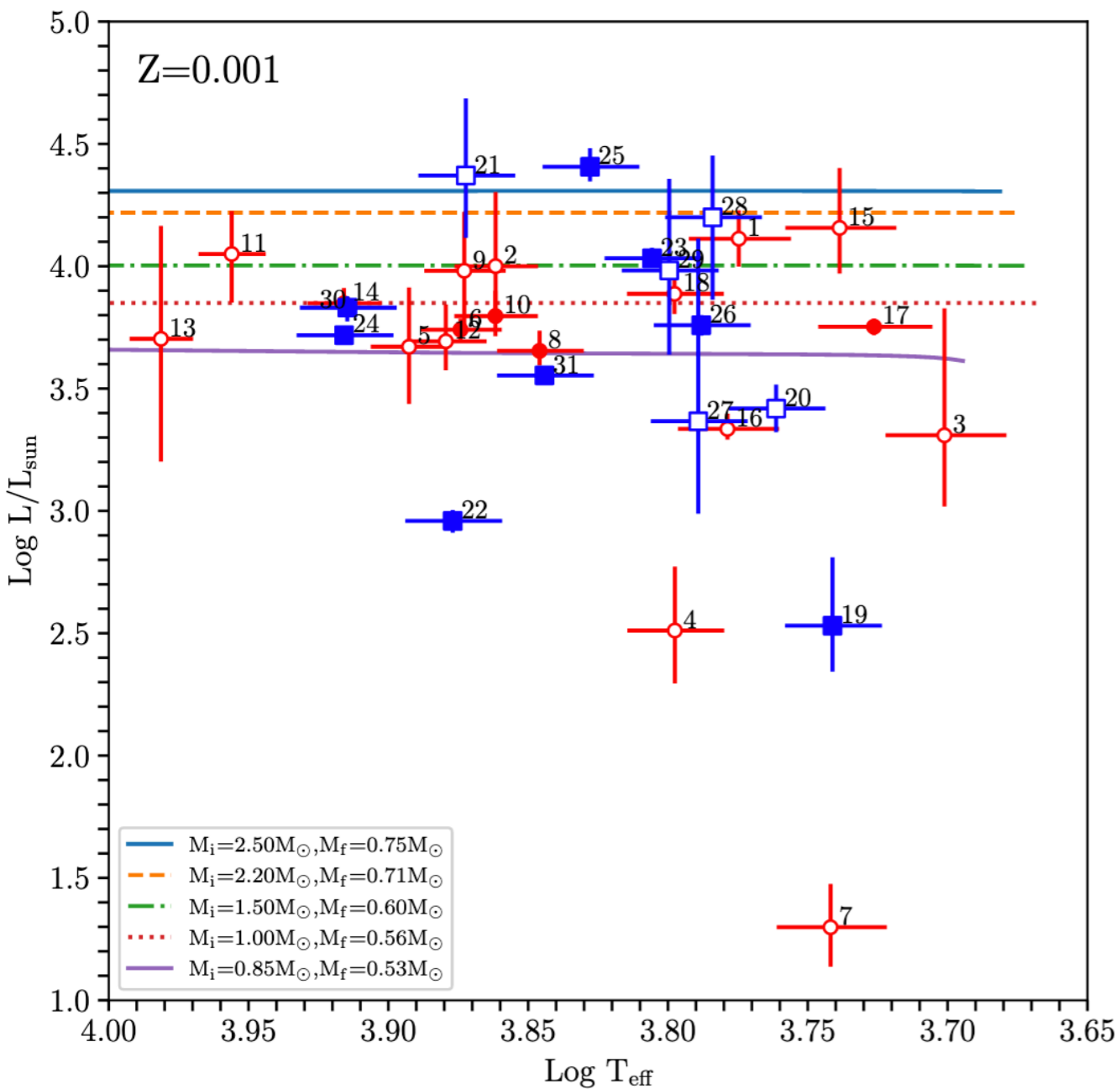
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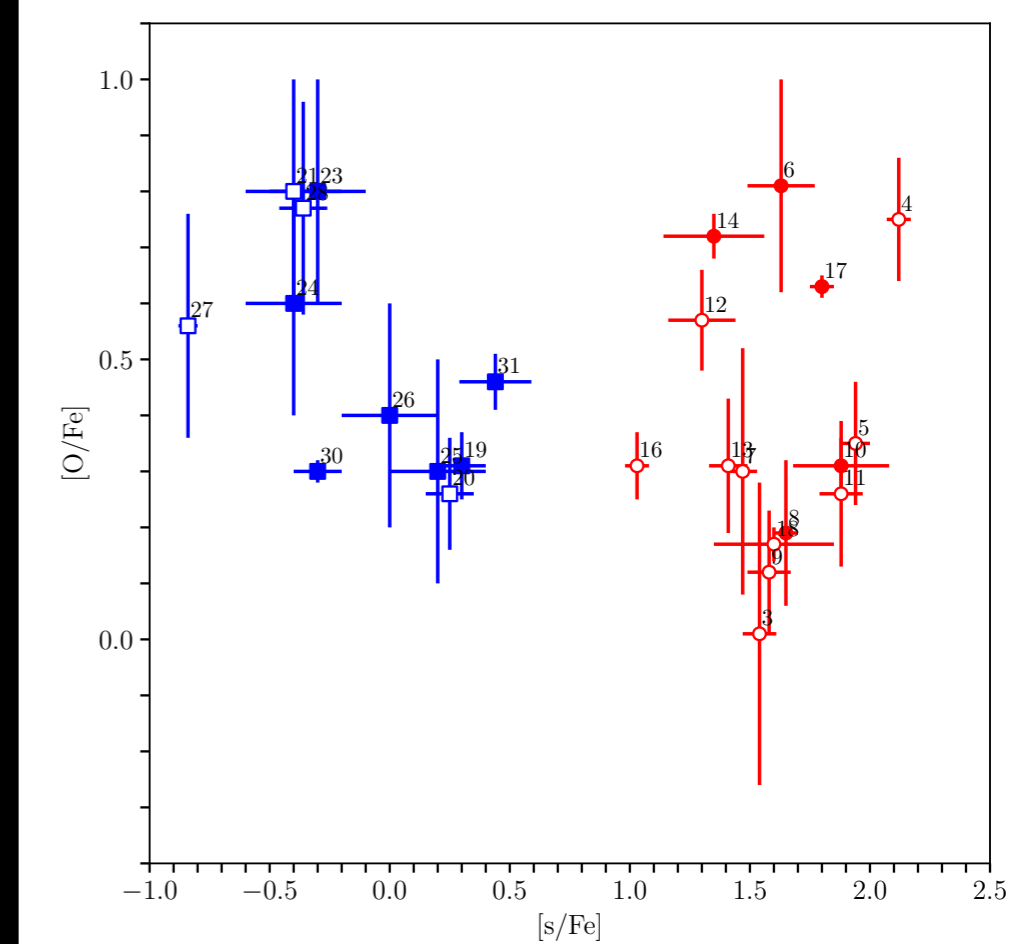
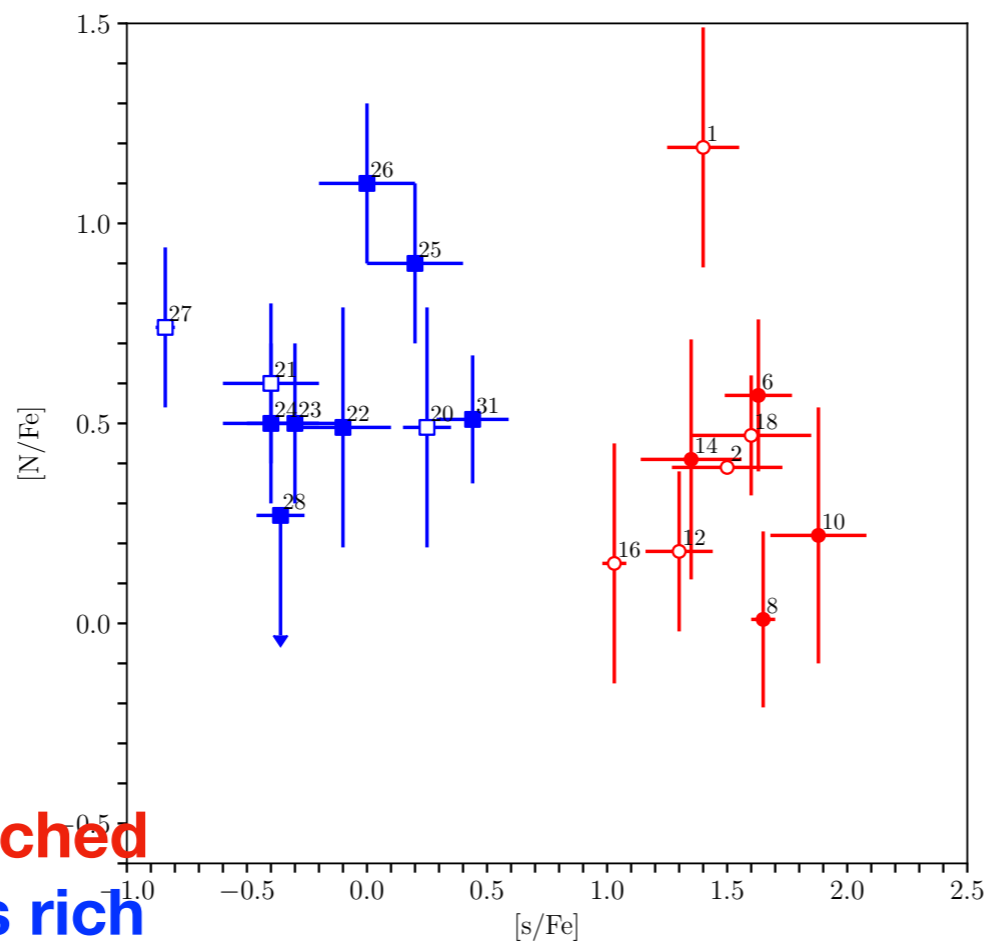
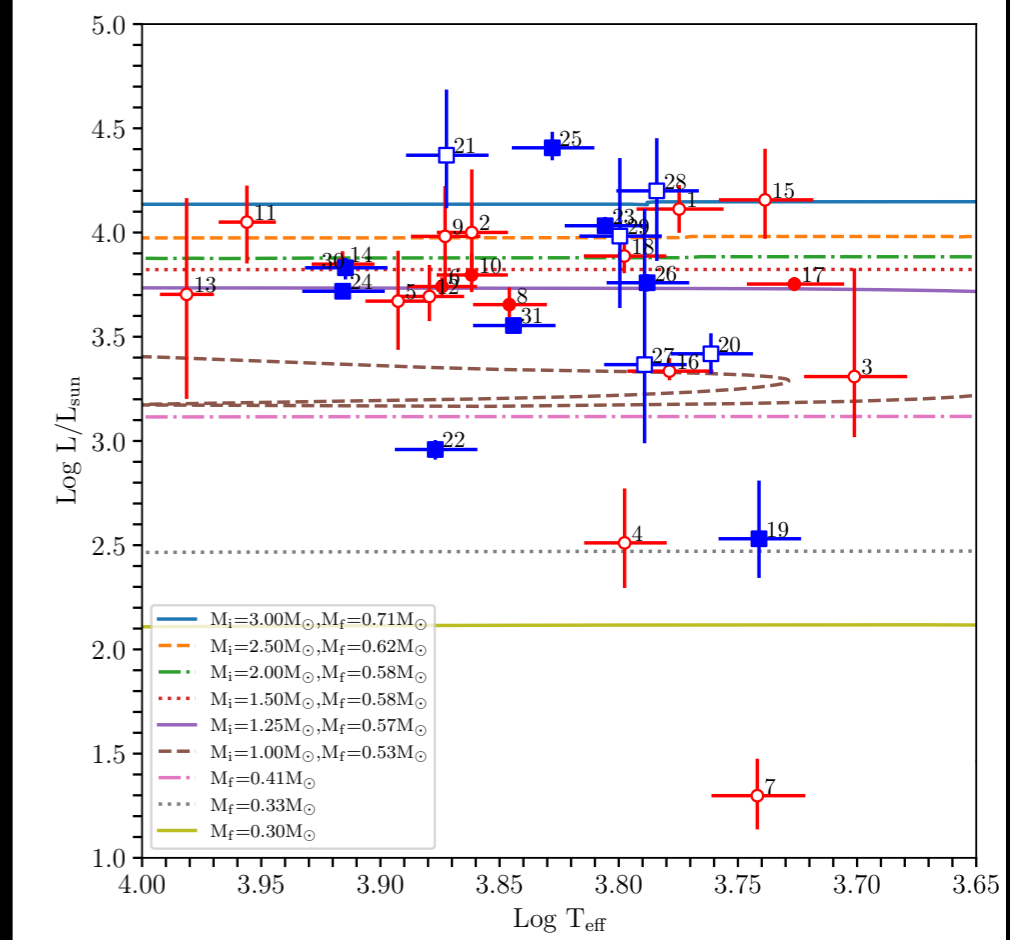
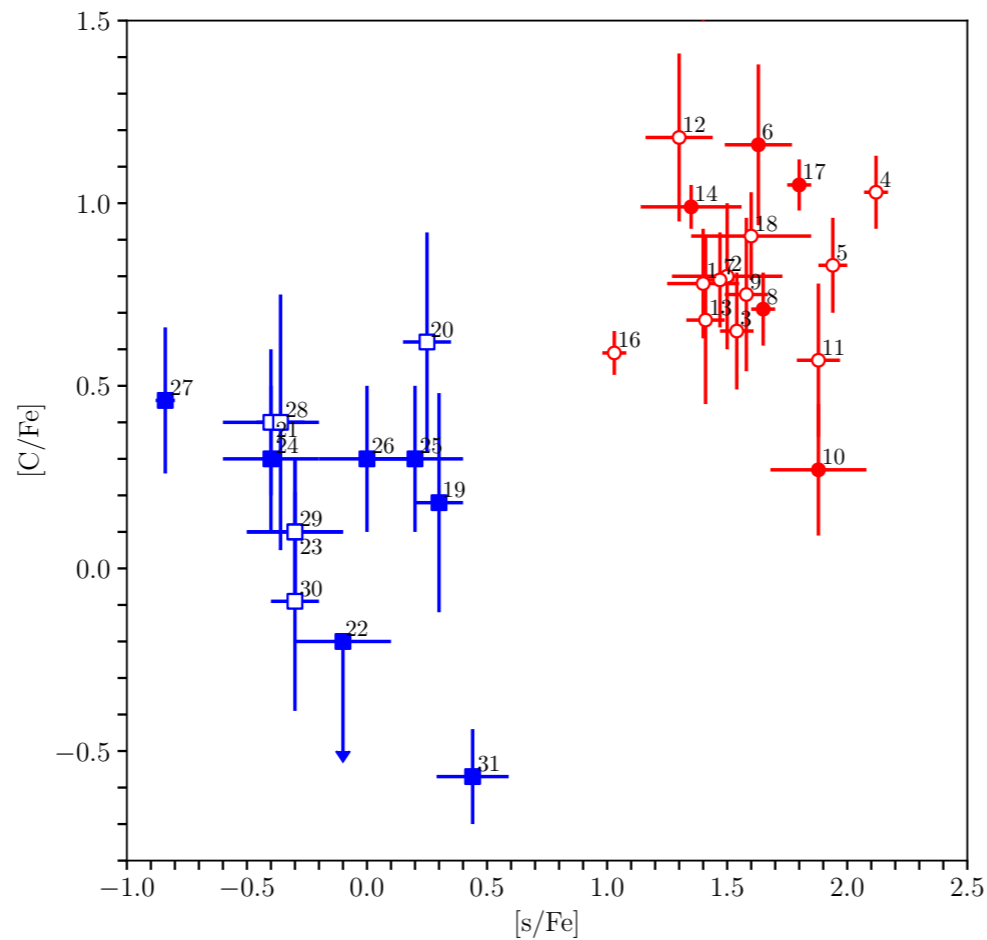
# NEW POST-AGB STAR MODELS AS TOOLS TO UNDERSTAND THE OBSERVED COMPLEXITIES

*Kamath et al., 2022b to-be-submitted*

M/M <sub>⊙</sub>	L/L <sub>⊙</sub>	M <sub>core</sub> /M <sub>⊙</sub>	[C/Fe]	[N/Fe]	[O/Fe]
$Z=8 \times 10^{-3}$					
0.75	4000	0.55	0.0	0.30	0.20
0.80	4200	0.557	0.0	0.30	0.20
0.85	5100	0.564	0.0	0.30	0.20
0.90	5550	0.574	0.0	0.30	0.20
0.95	5500	0.571	0.58	0.30	0.20
1.00	6200	0.584	0.44	0.32	0.22
1.25	6500	0.59	0.60	0.30	0.23
1.50	7450	0.602	0.59	0.36	0.24
1.75	8300	0.632	0.69	0.39	0.20
2.0	8200	0.617	0.80	0.44	0.20
2.5	8600	0.606	1.12	0.55	0.26
3.0	9300	0.66	1.14	0.57	0.50
3.5	21500	0.79	0.35	1.55	0.36
4.0	23000	0.87	0.22		

- ★ ATON stellar evolutionary code (Ventura et al., 2018)
- ★ Metallicities  $10^{-3} < Z < 0.014$
- ★ AGB computations extended until the very end of the post-AGB phase
- ★ For  $M \leq 2 M_{\text{sun}}$ ,  $M / M_{\text{sun}}$  is the mass of the stars at the start of the AGB phase

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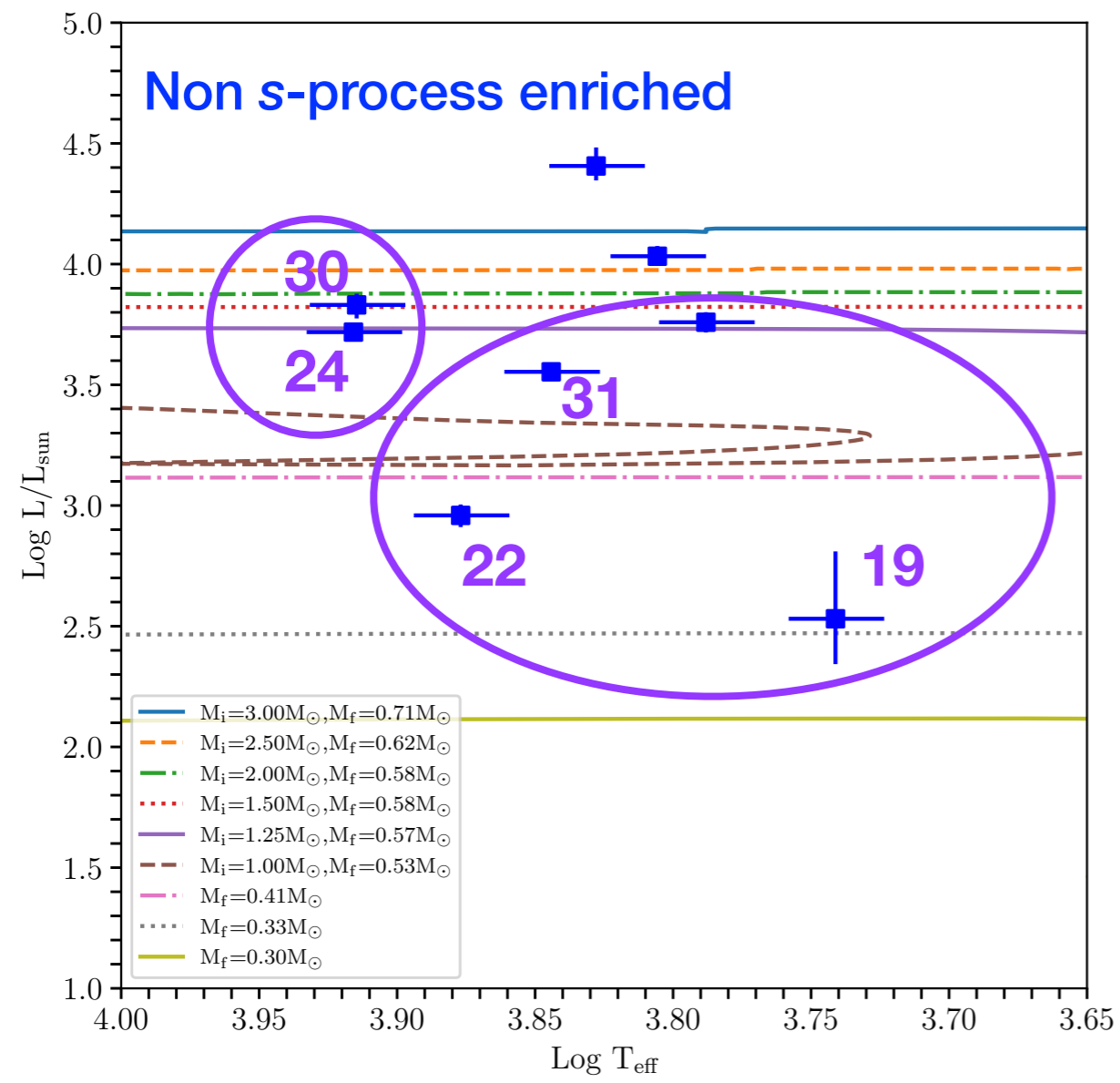
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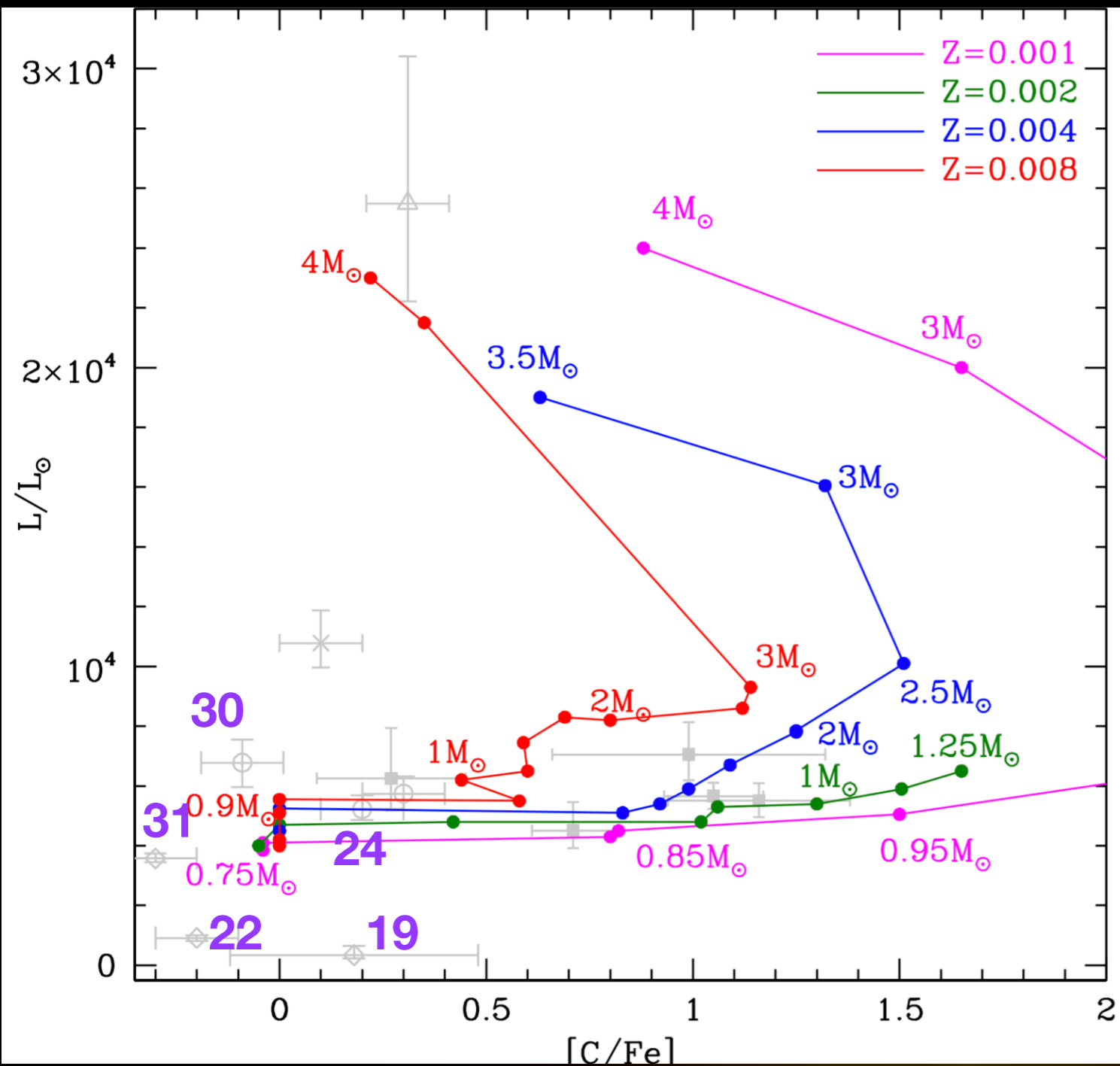


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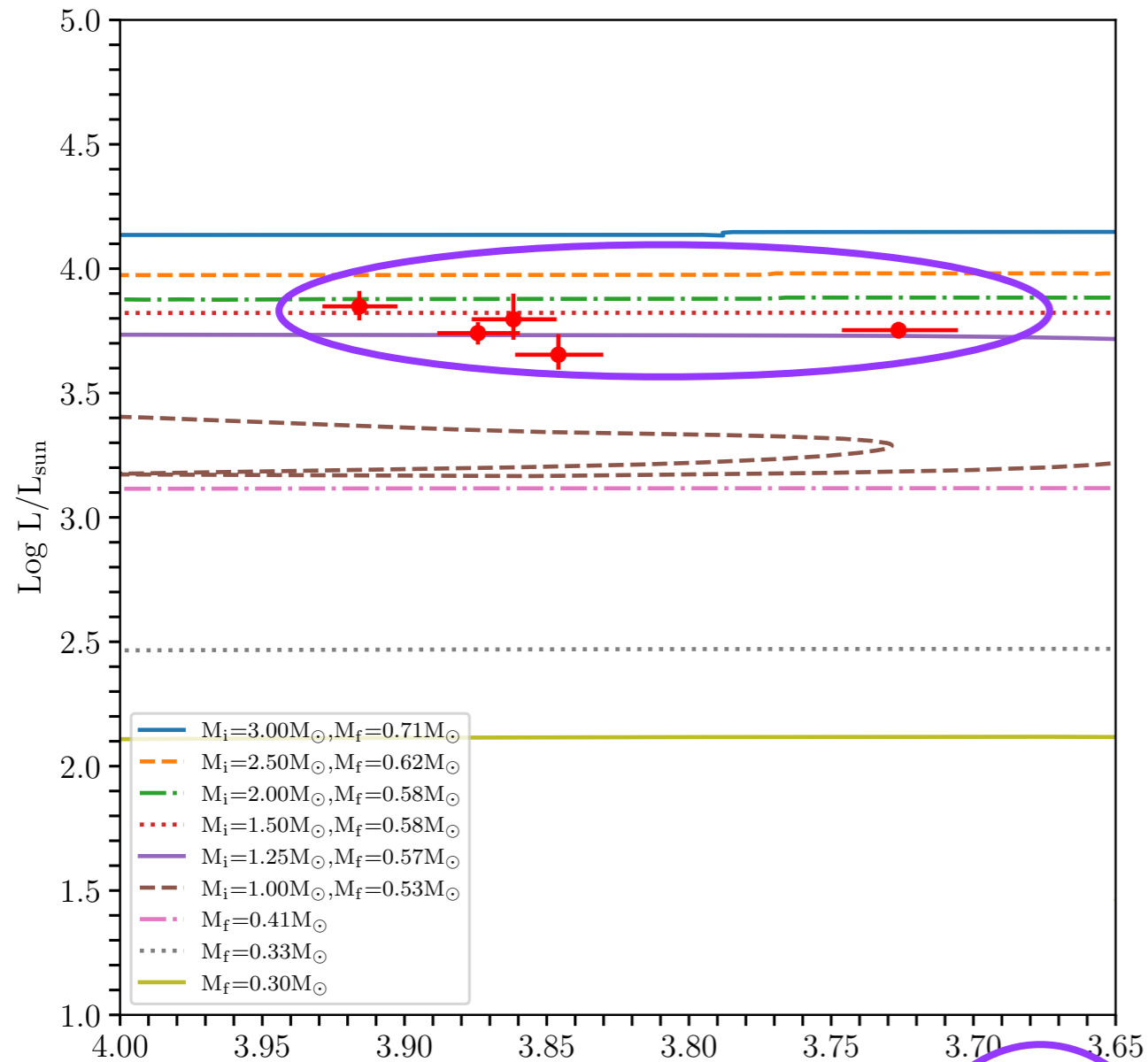


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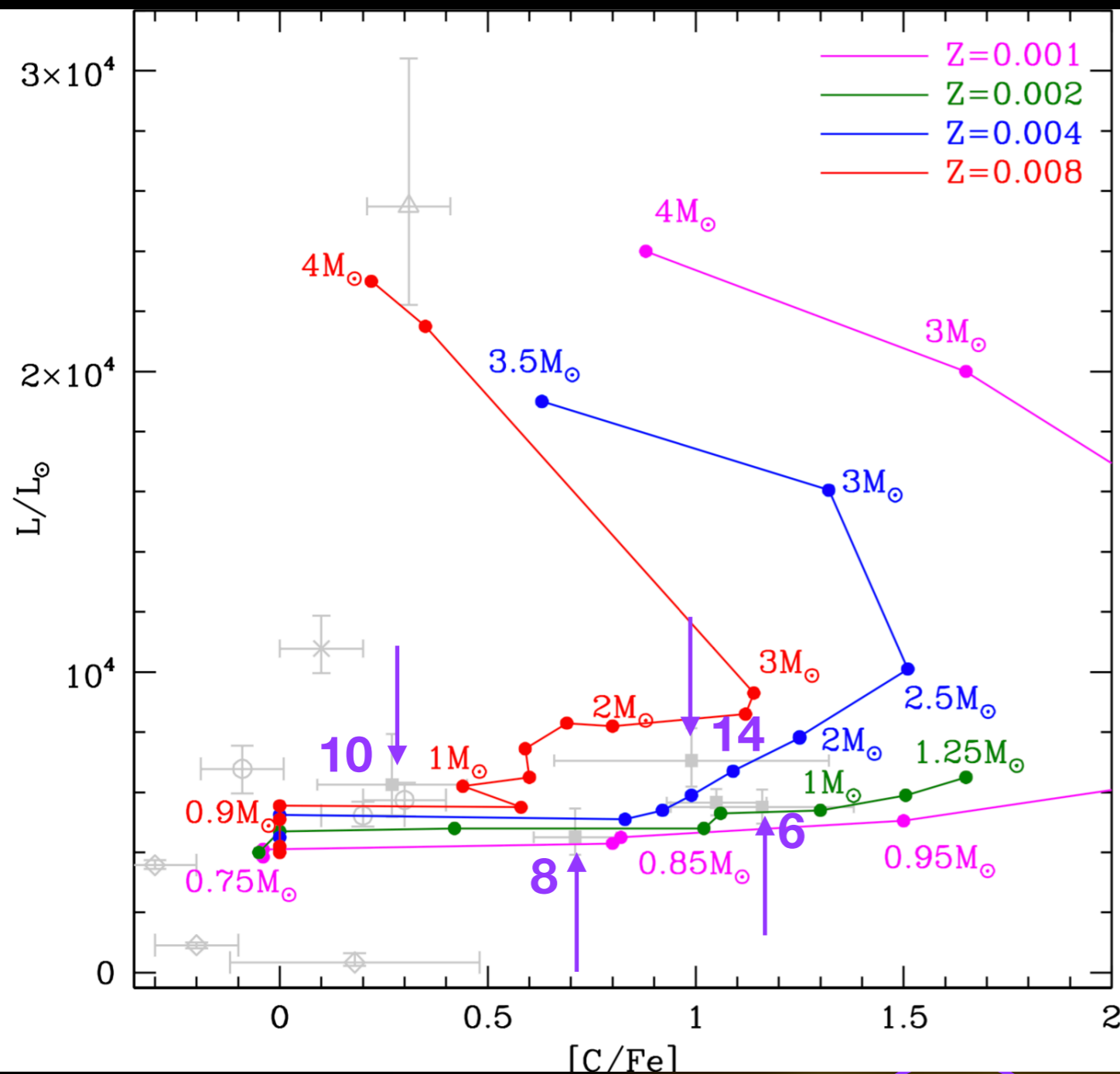


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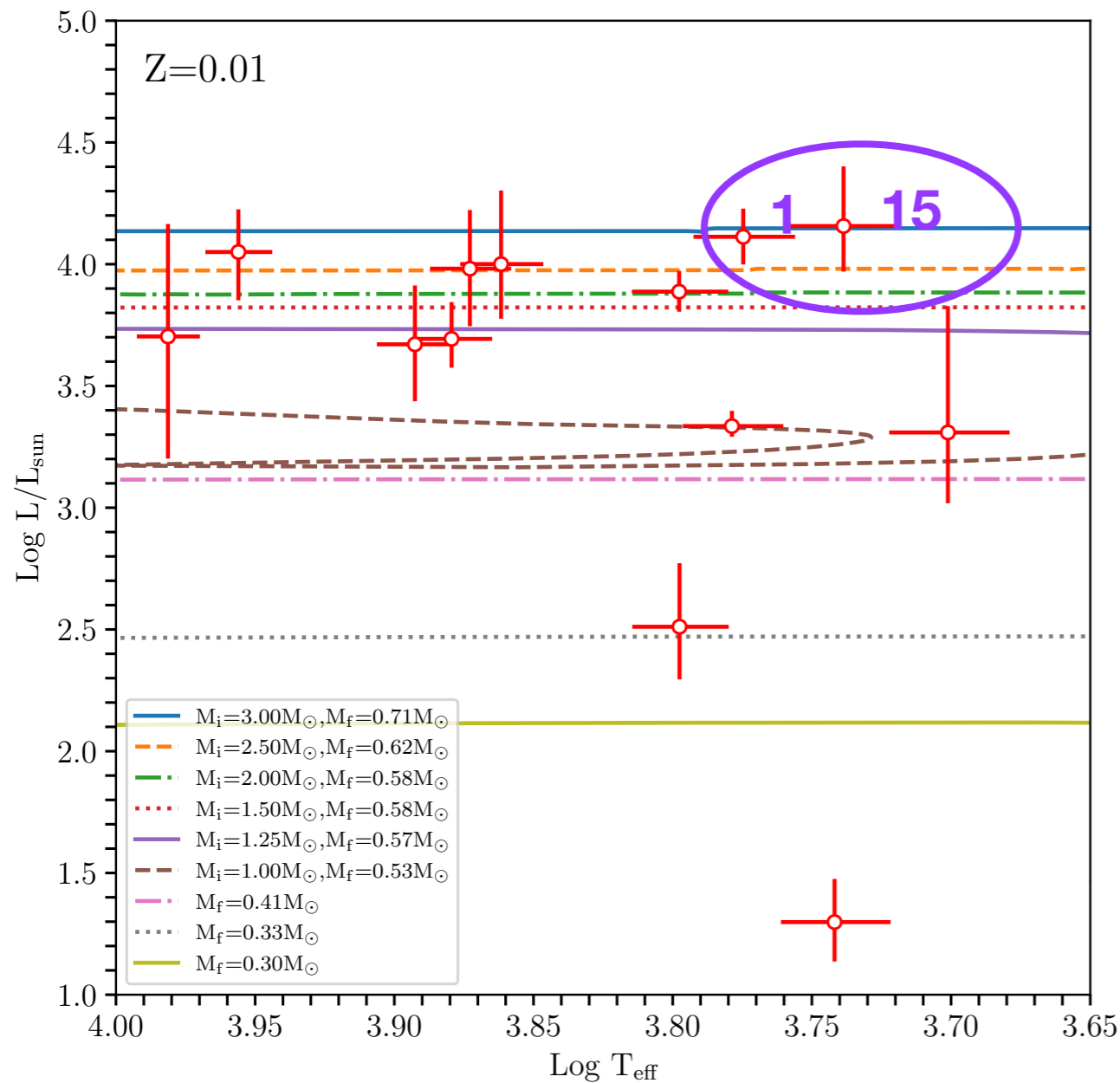


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9	IRAS 08281-4850	$7462 \pm 250$	9584	$0.75 \pm 0.21$	...	$0.12 \pm 0.11$	Q2	$1.5 - 2 M_{\odot}$	TDU
10	IRAS 12360-5740	$7273 \pm 250$	6258	$0.27 \pm 0.18$	$0.22 \pm 0.32$	$0.31 \pm 0.05$	Q1	$1 - 1.5 M_{\odot}$	TDU
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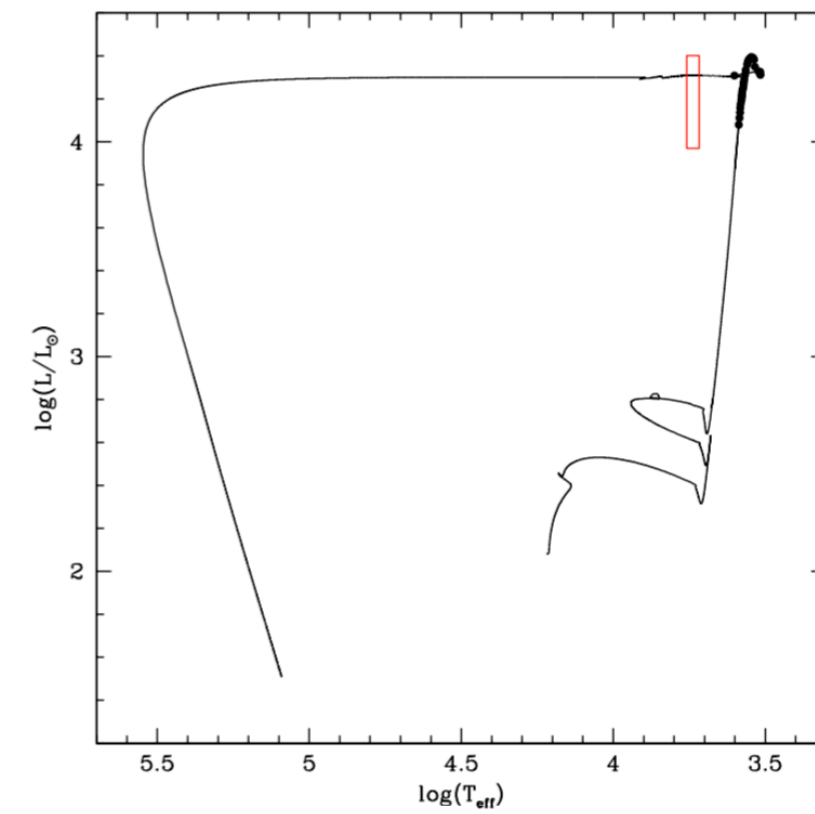
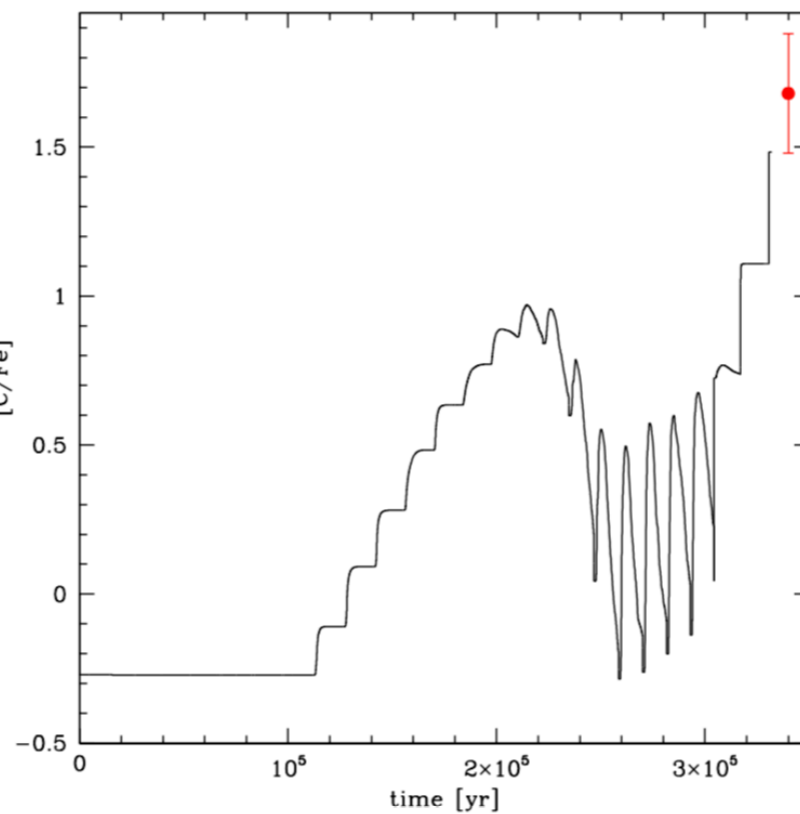
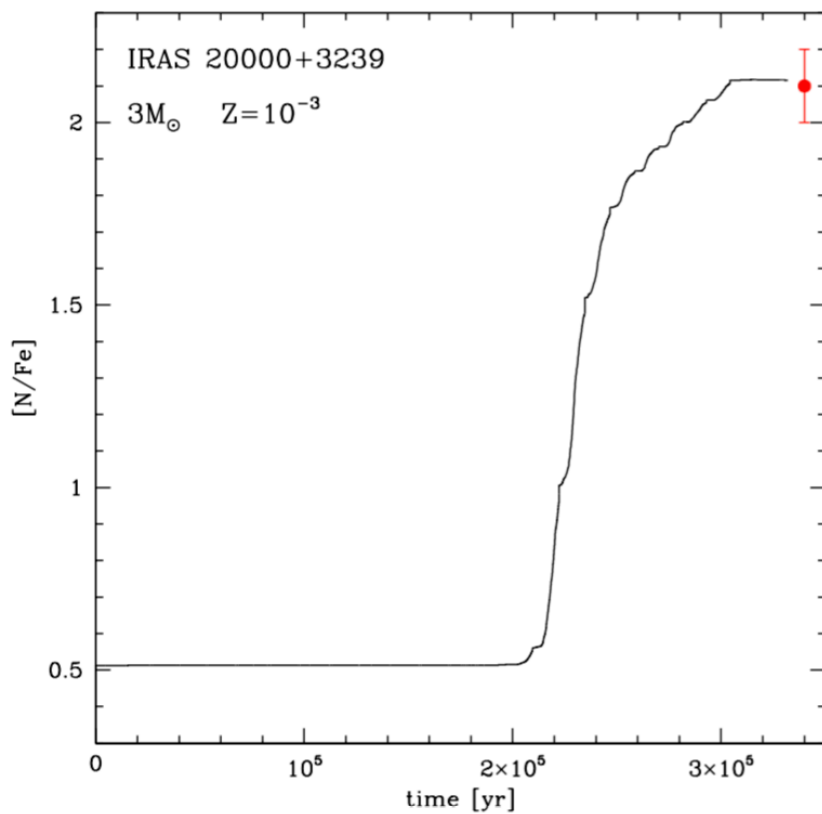
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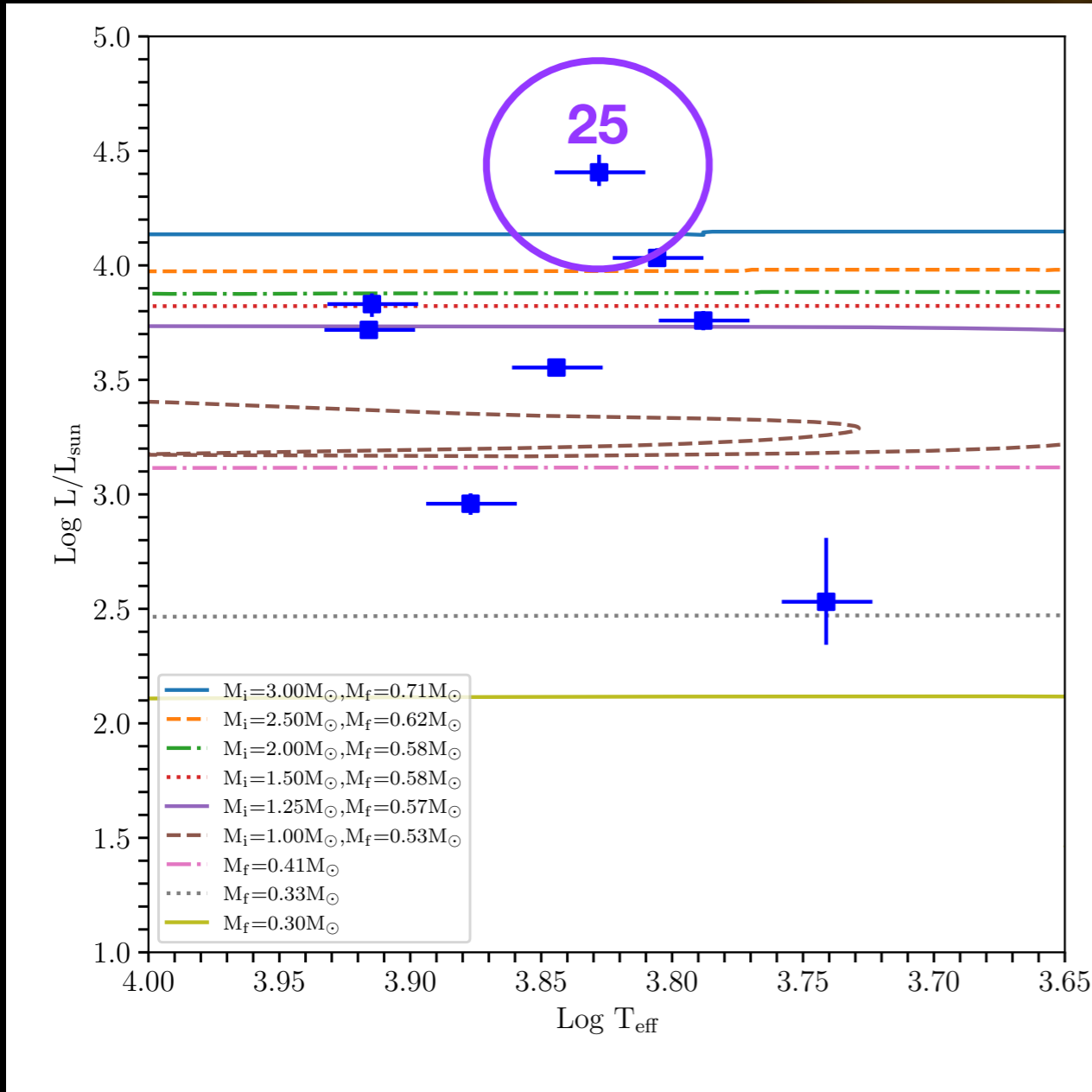
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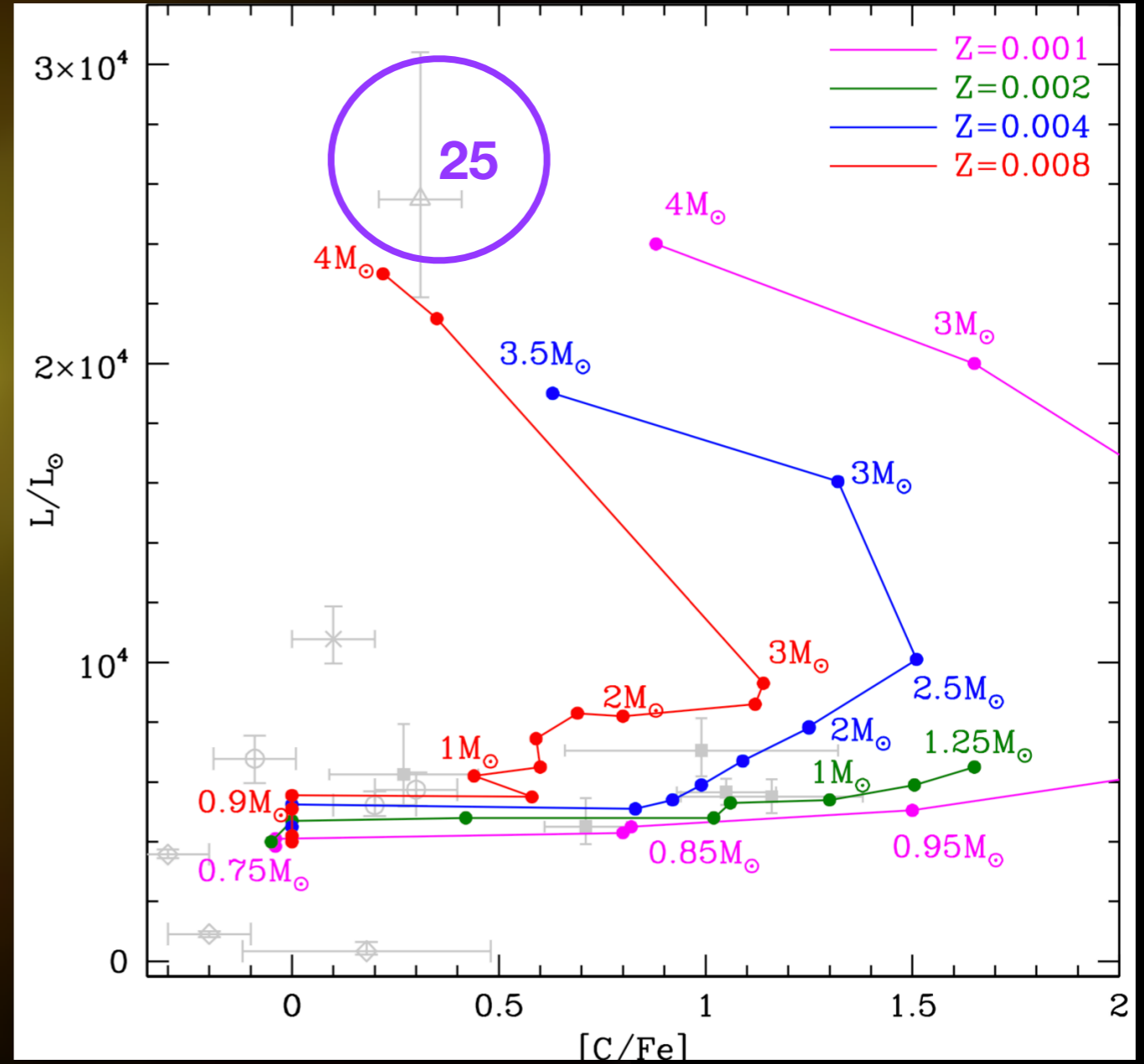
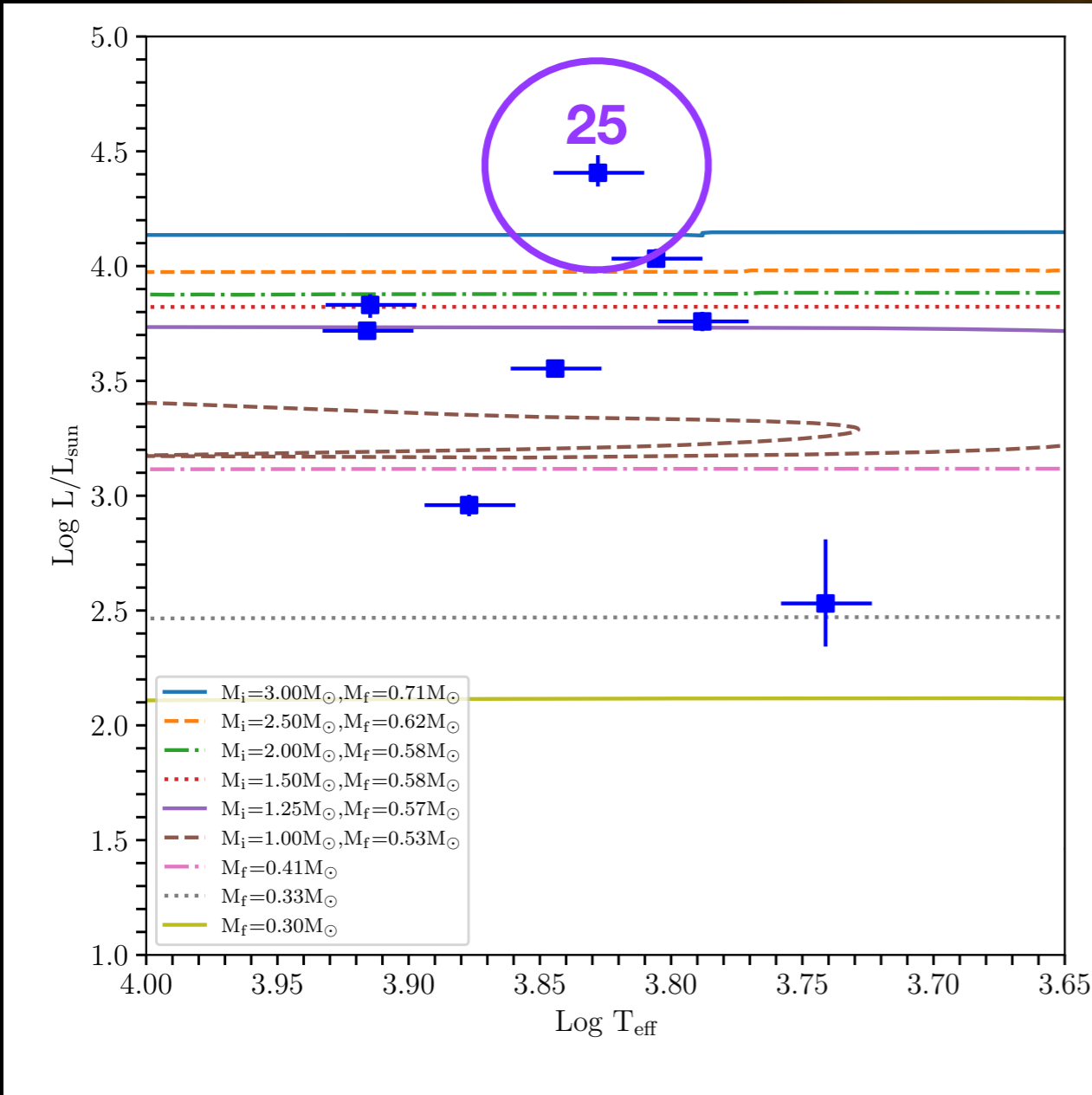
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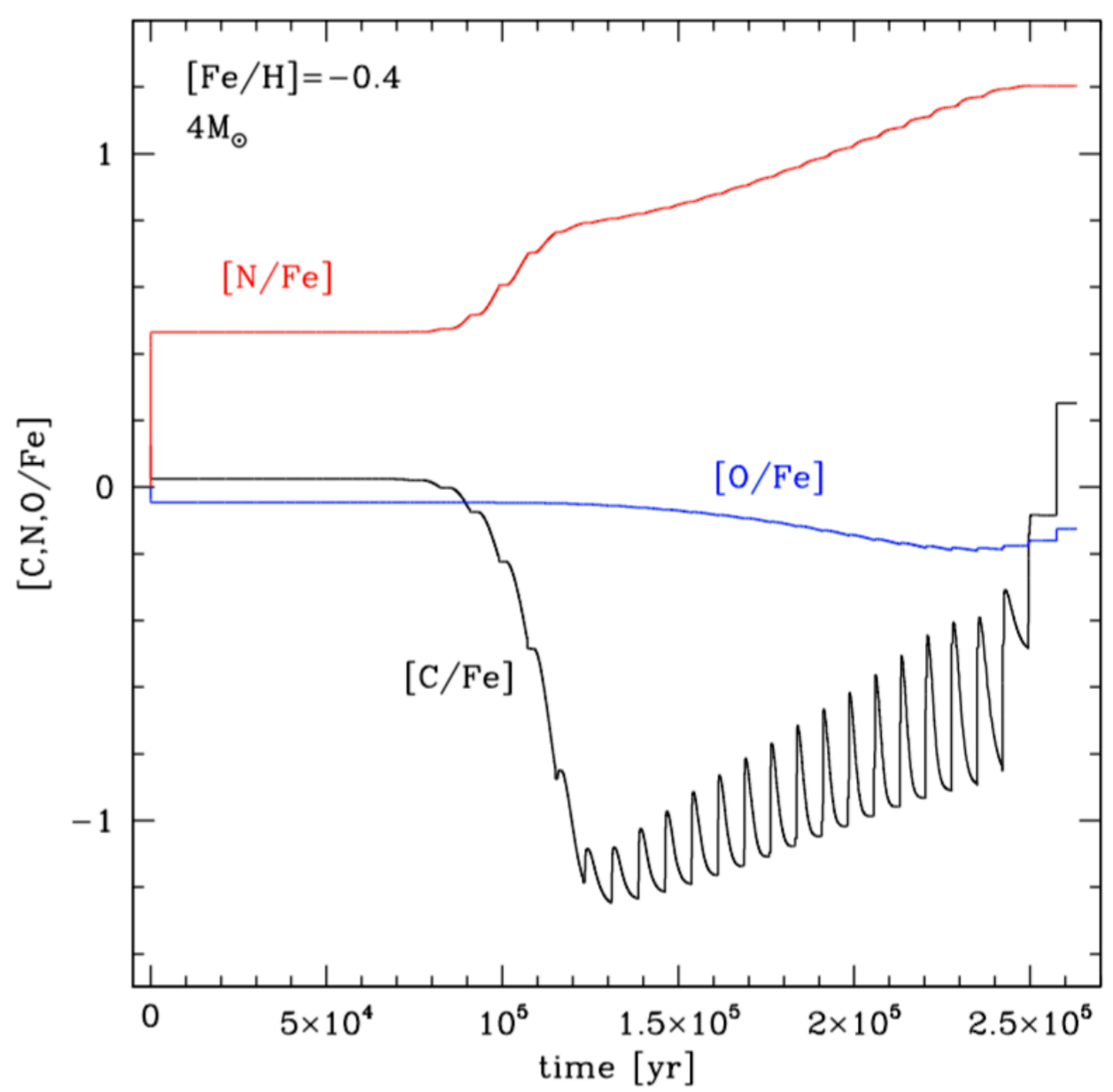
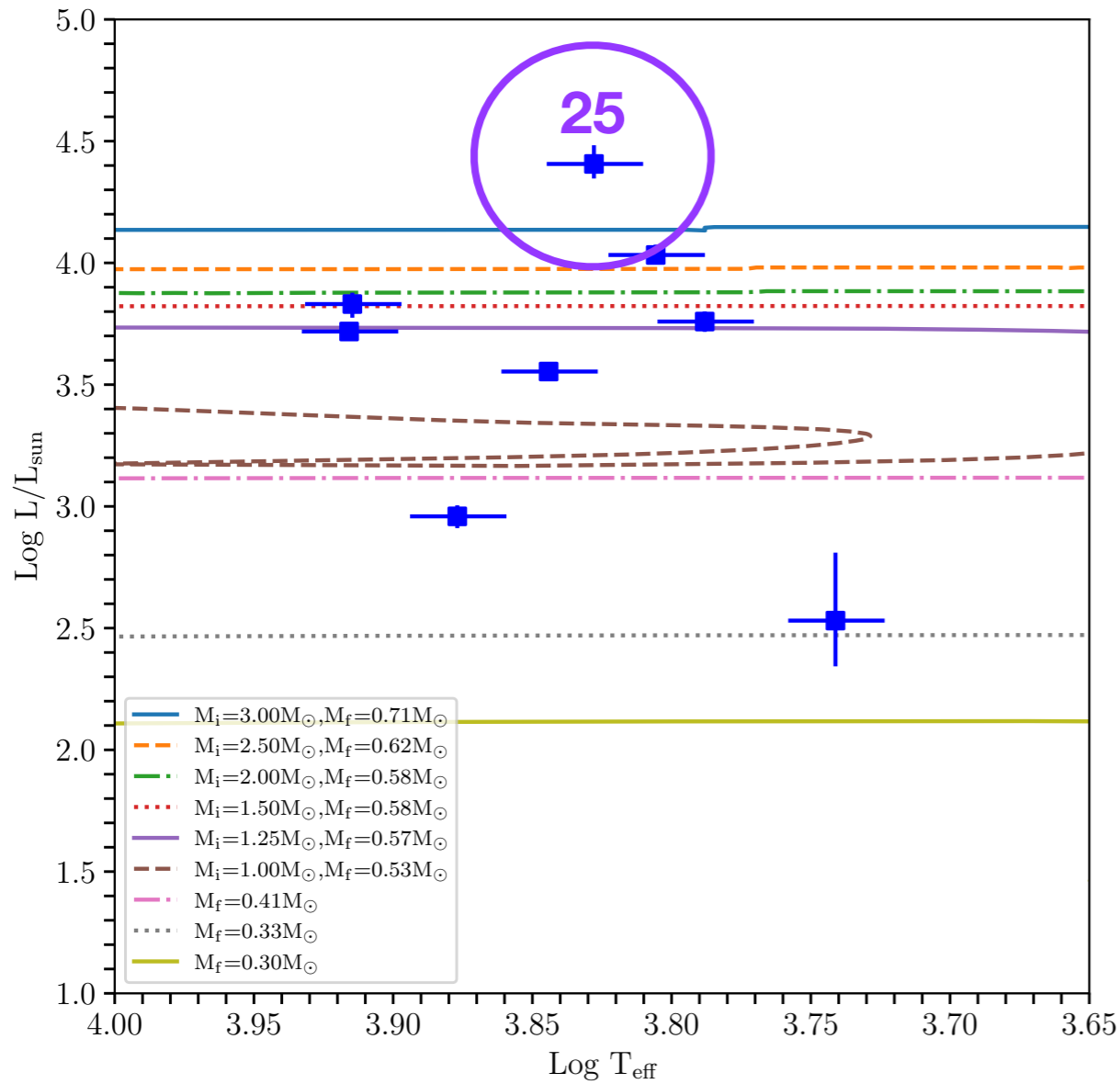


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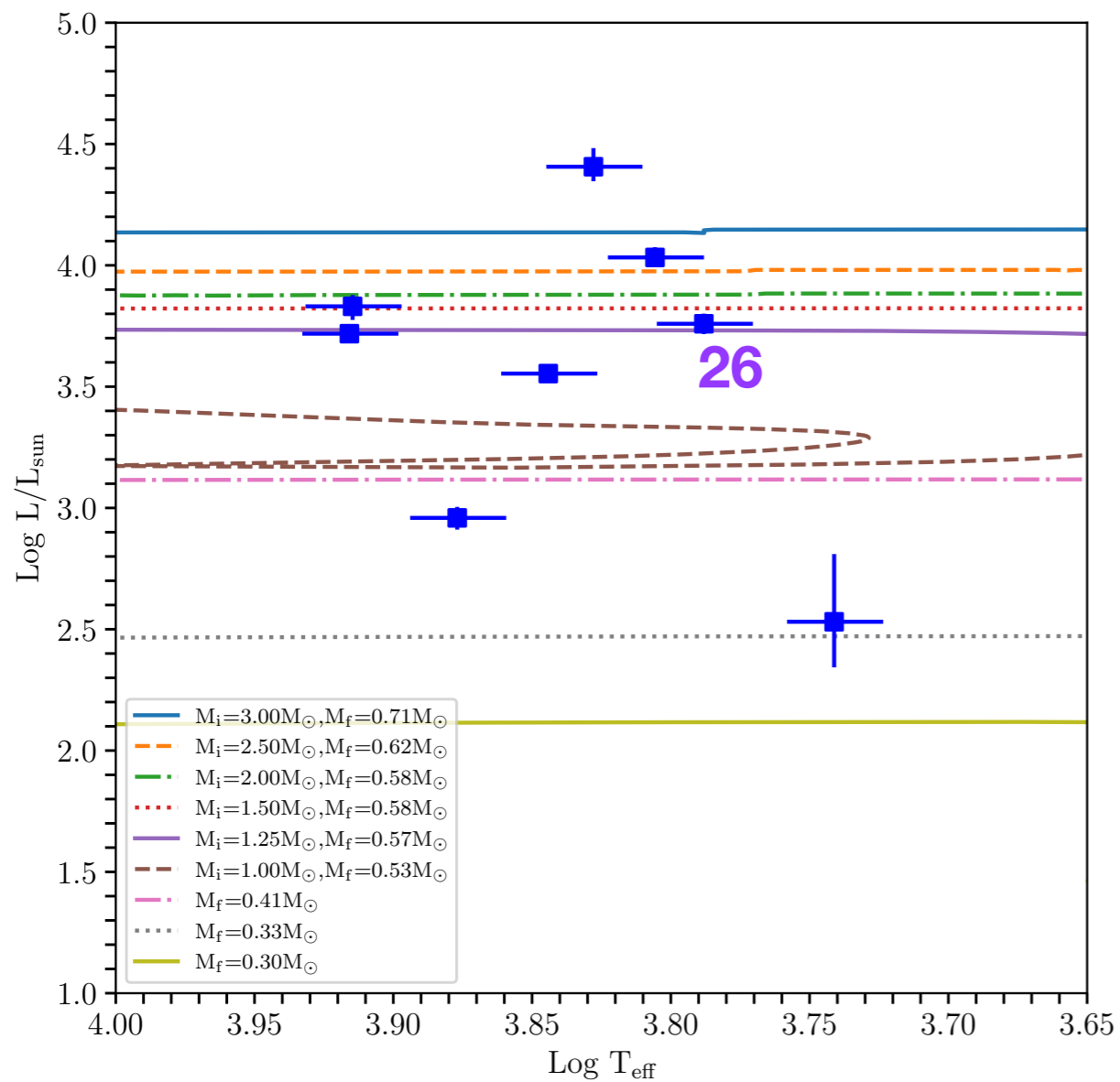
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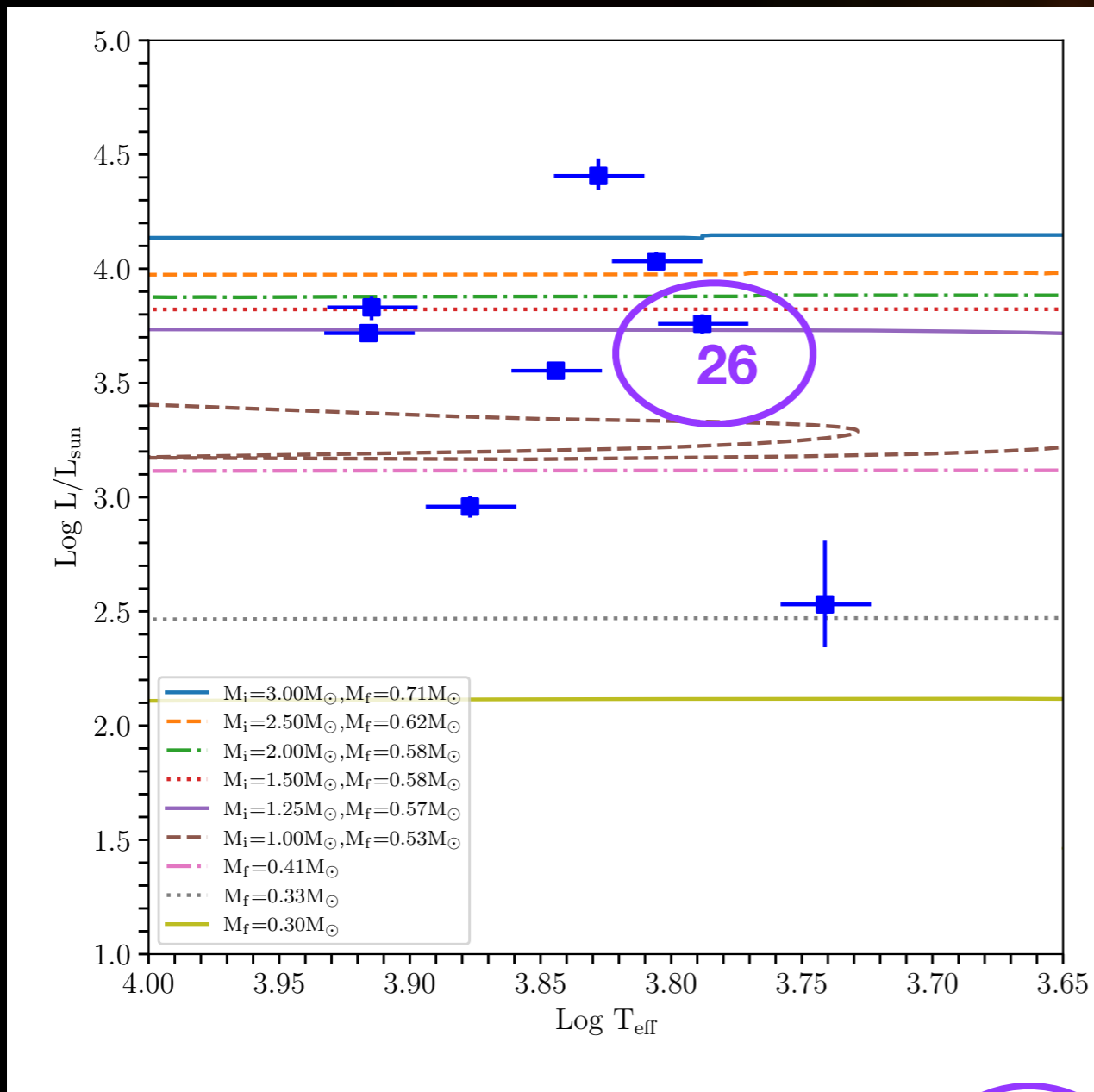
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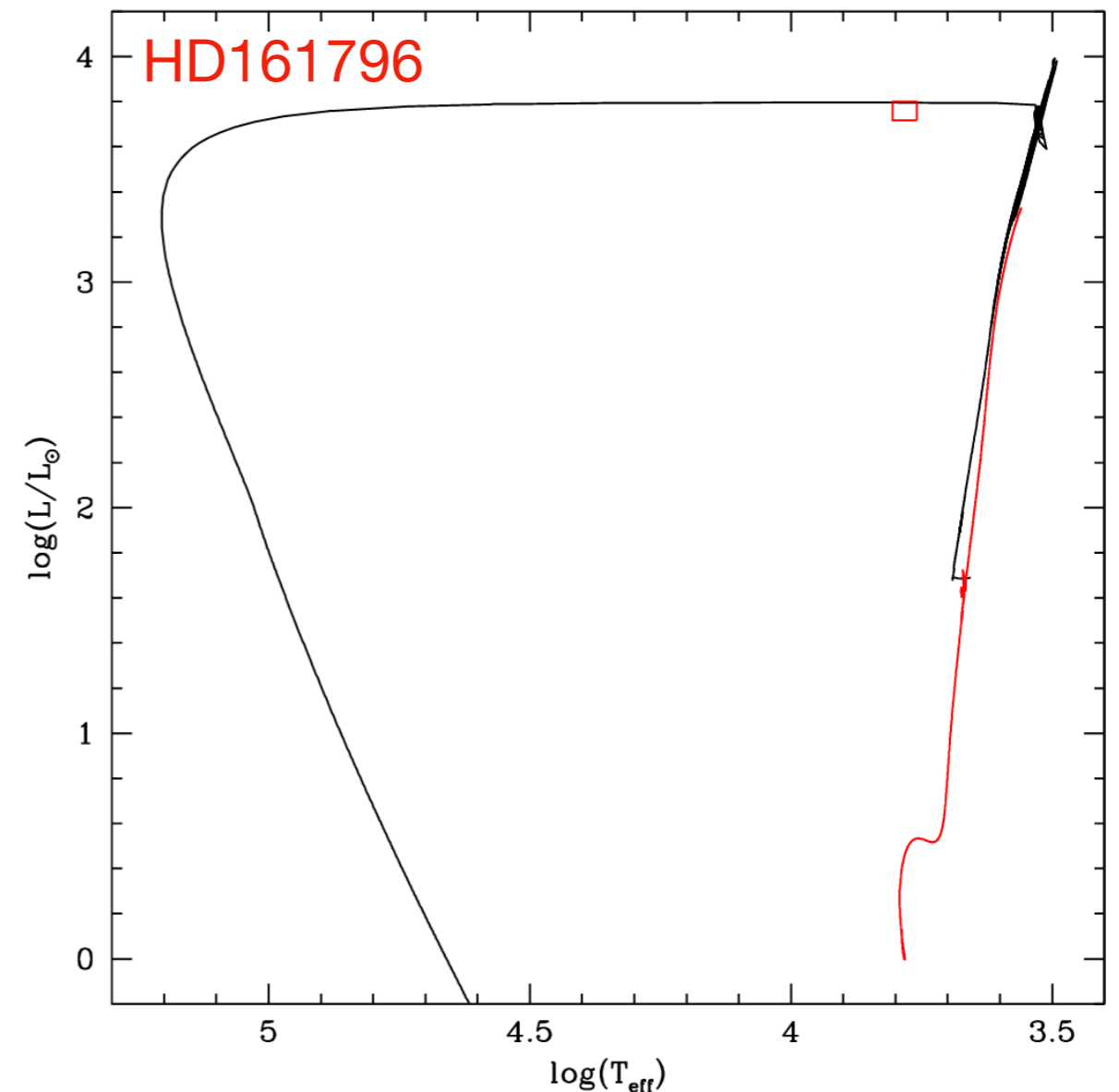
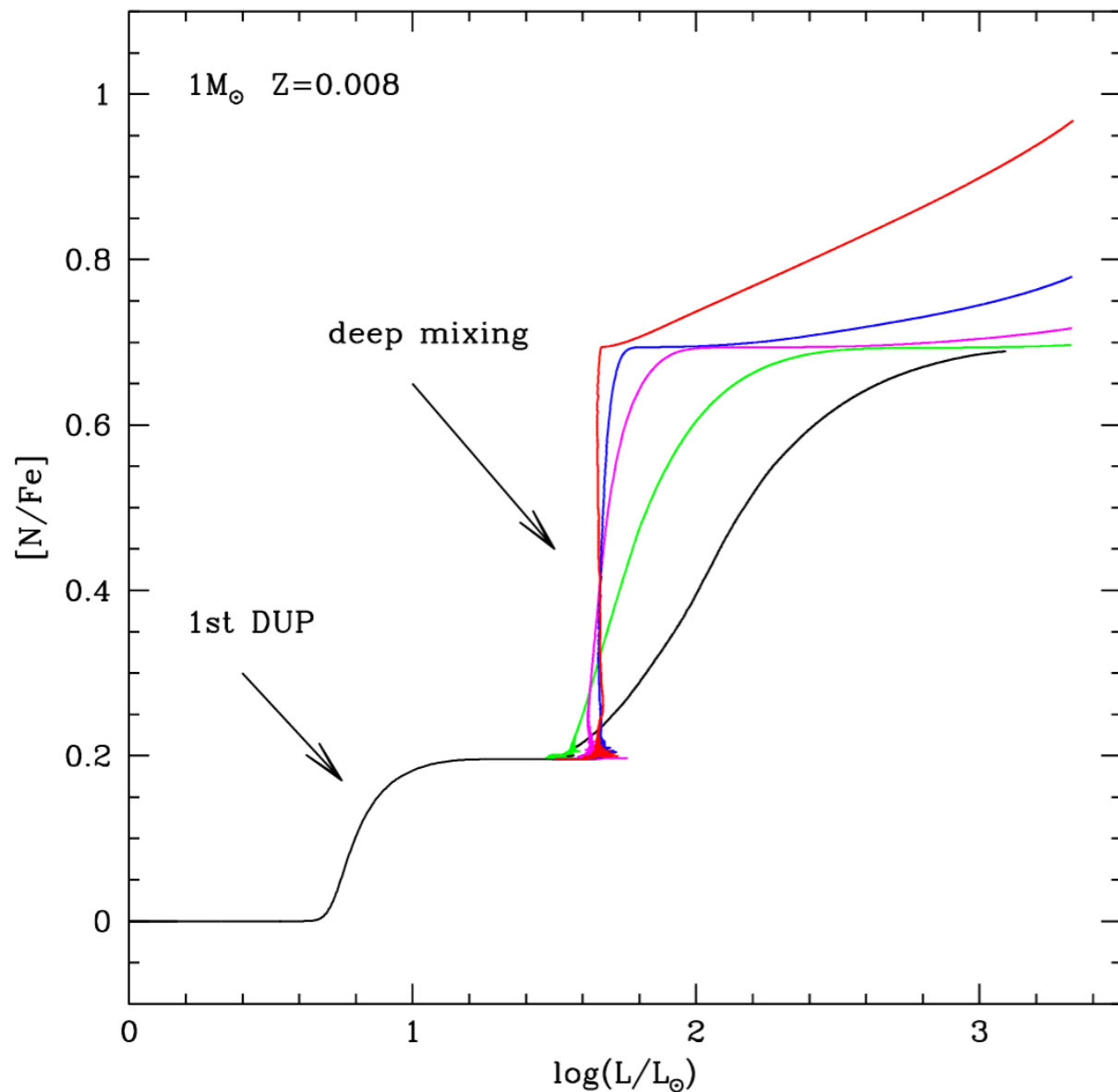
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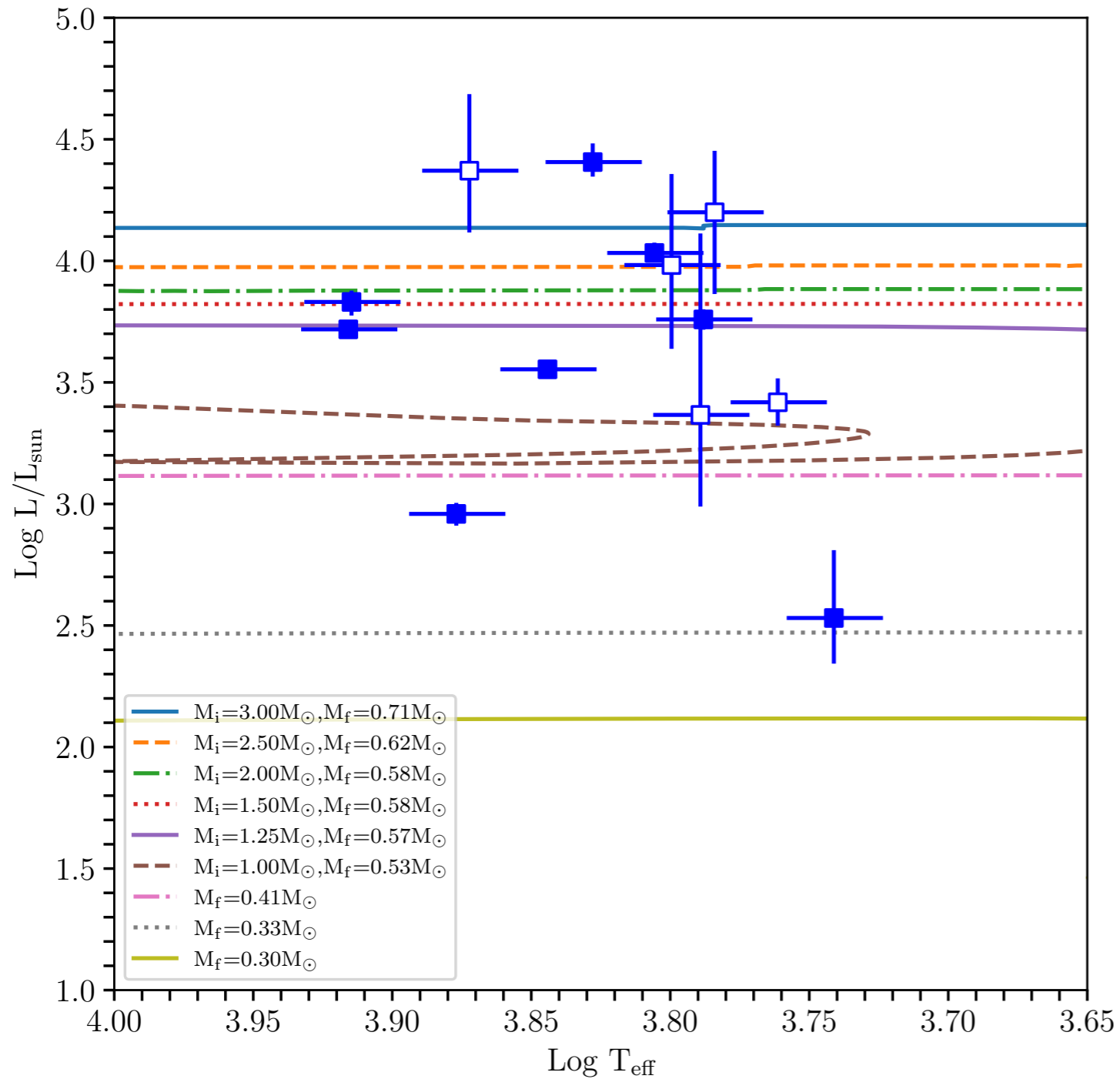
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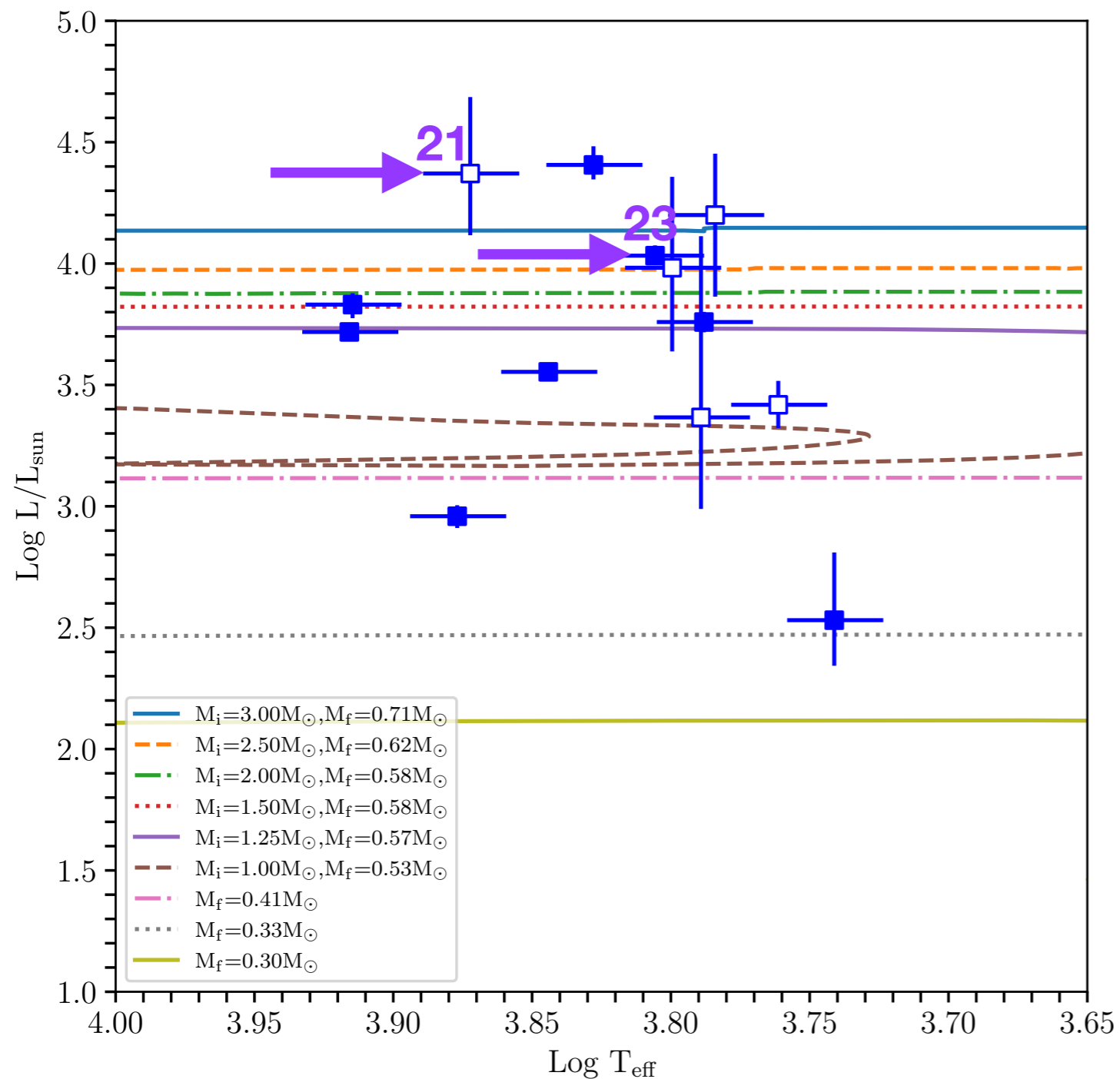
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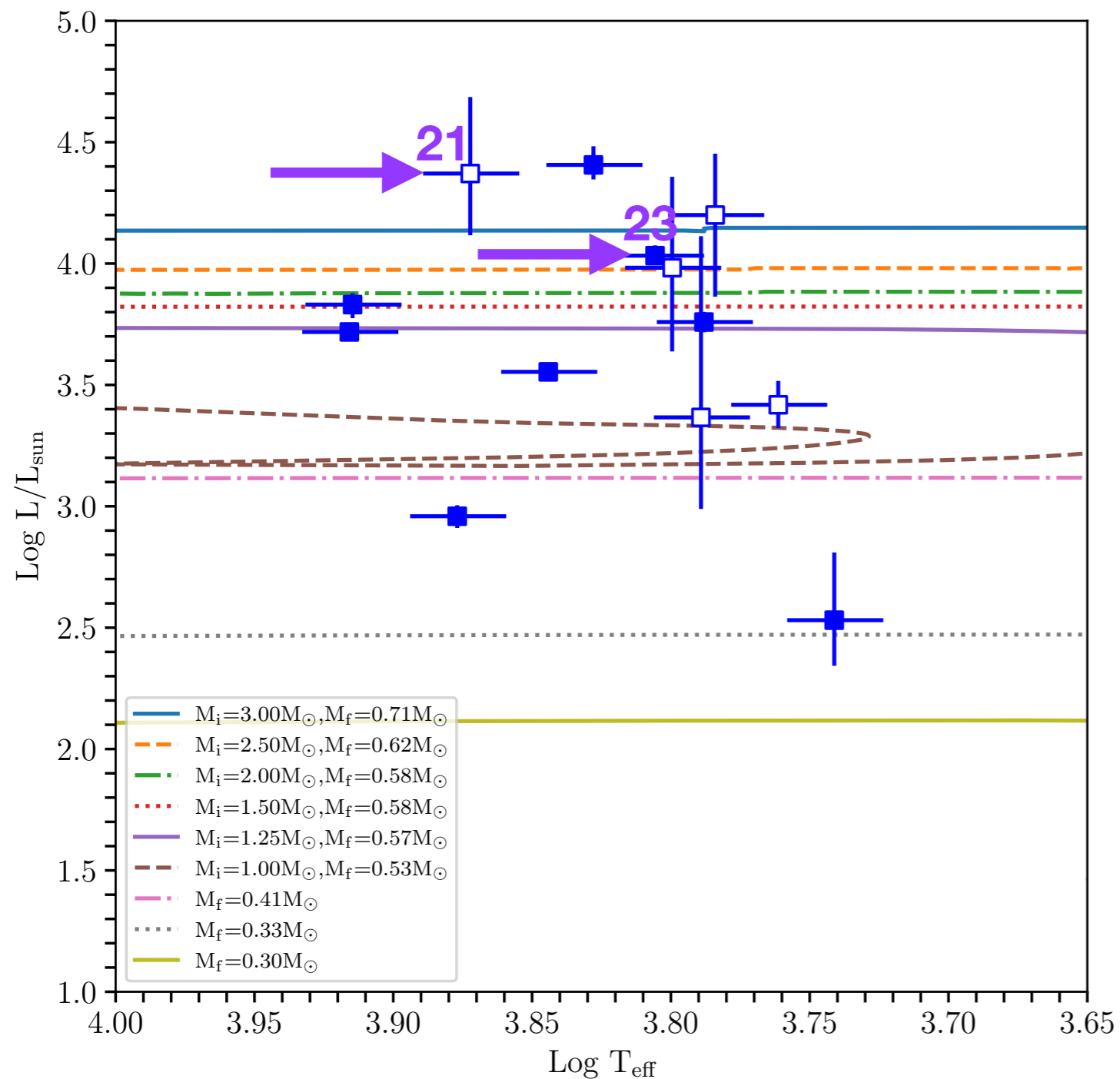


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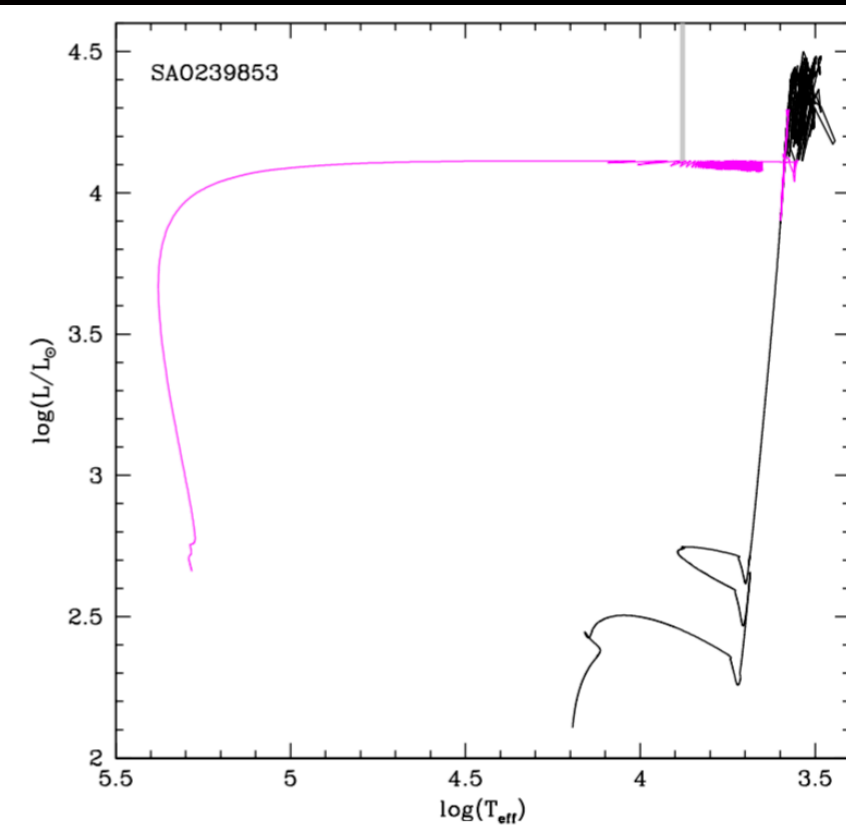
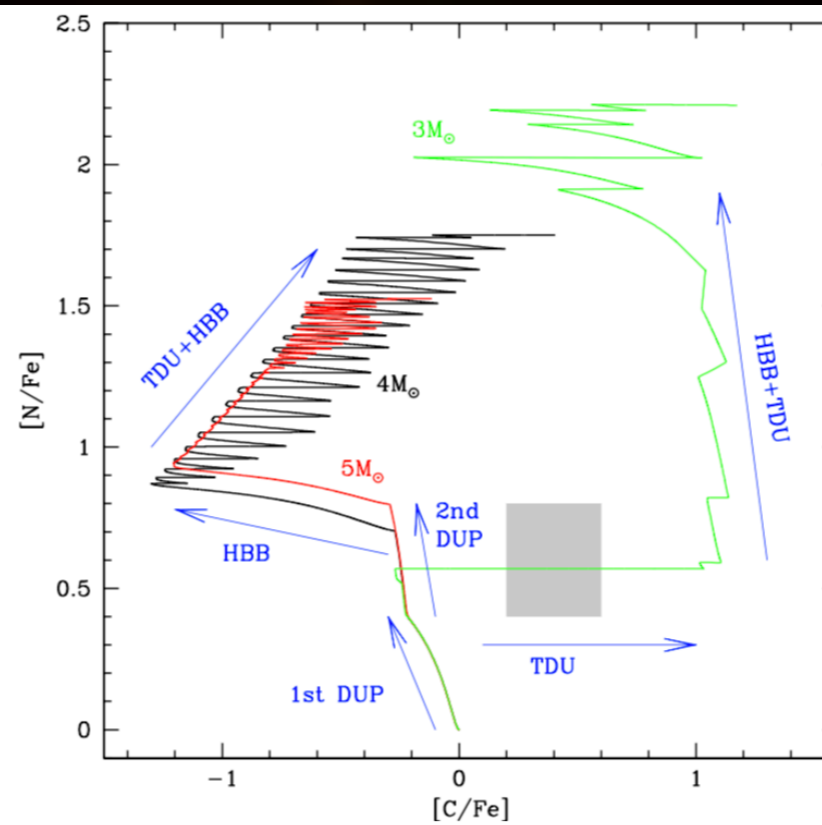
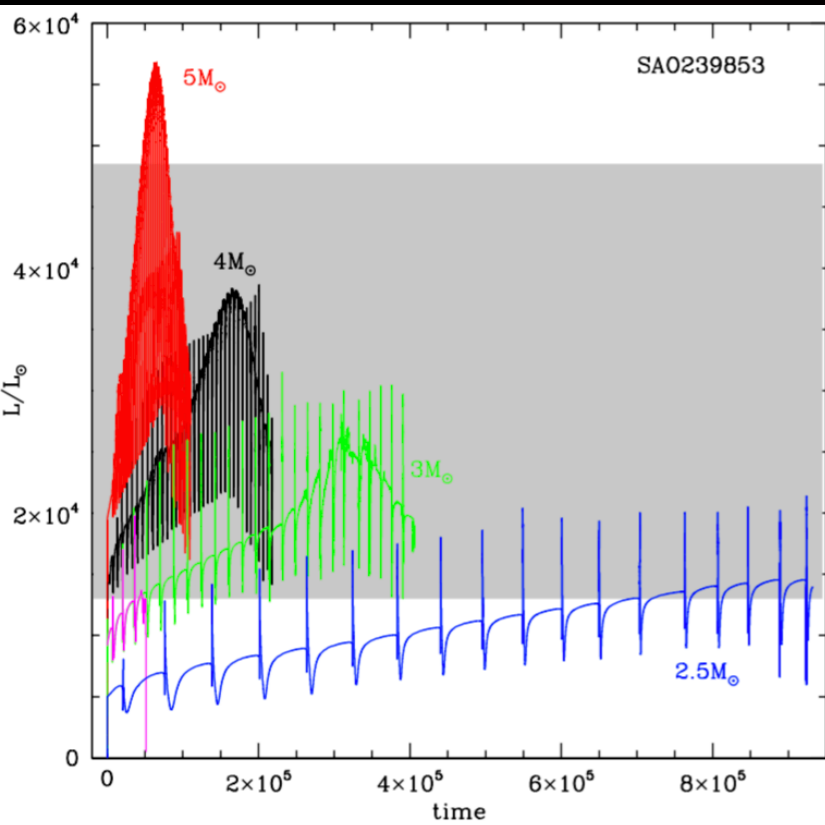
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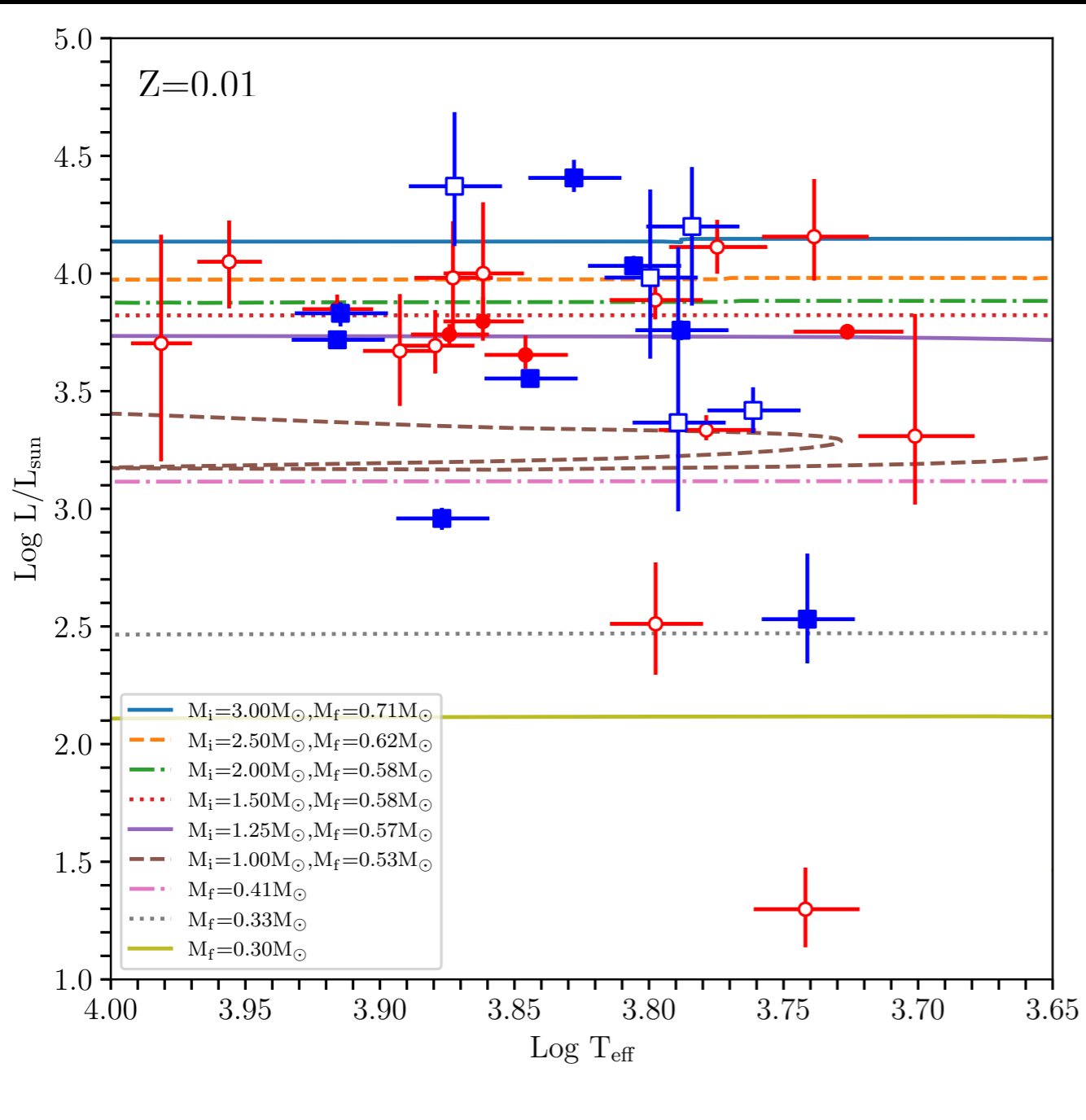
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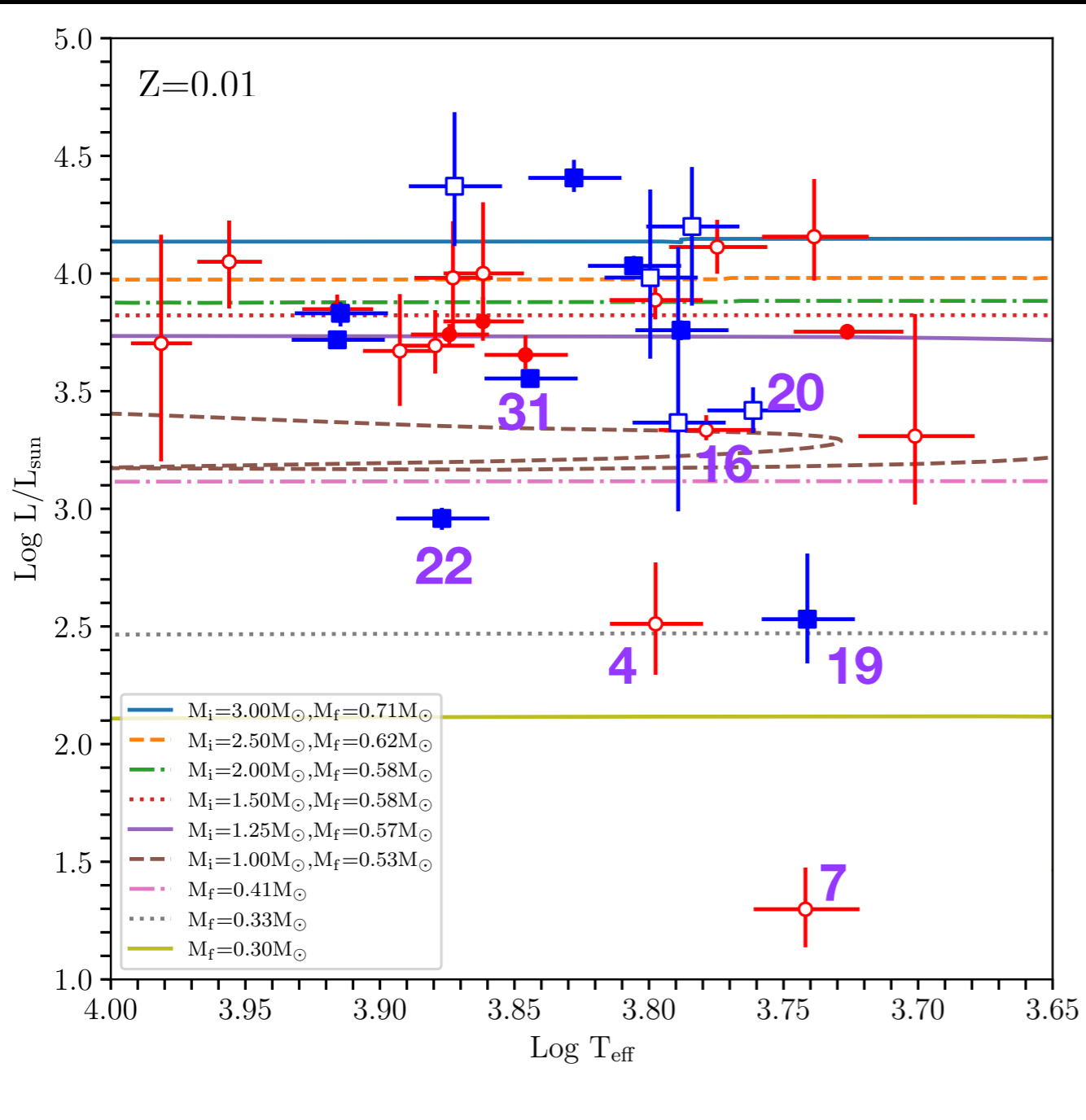
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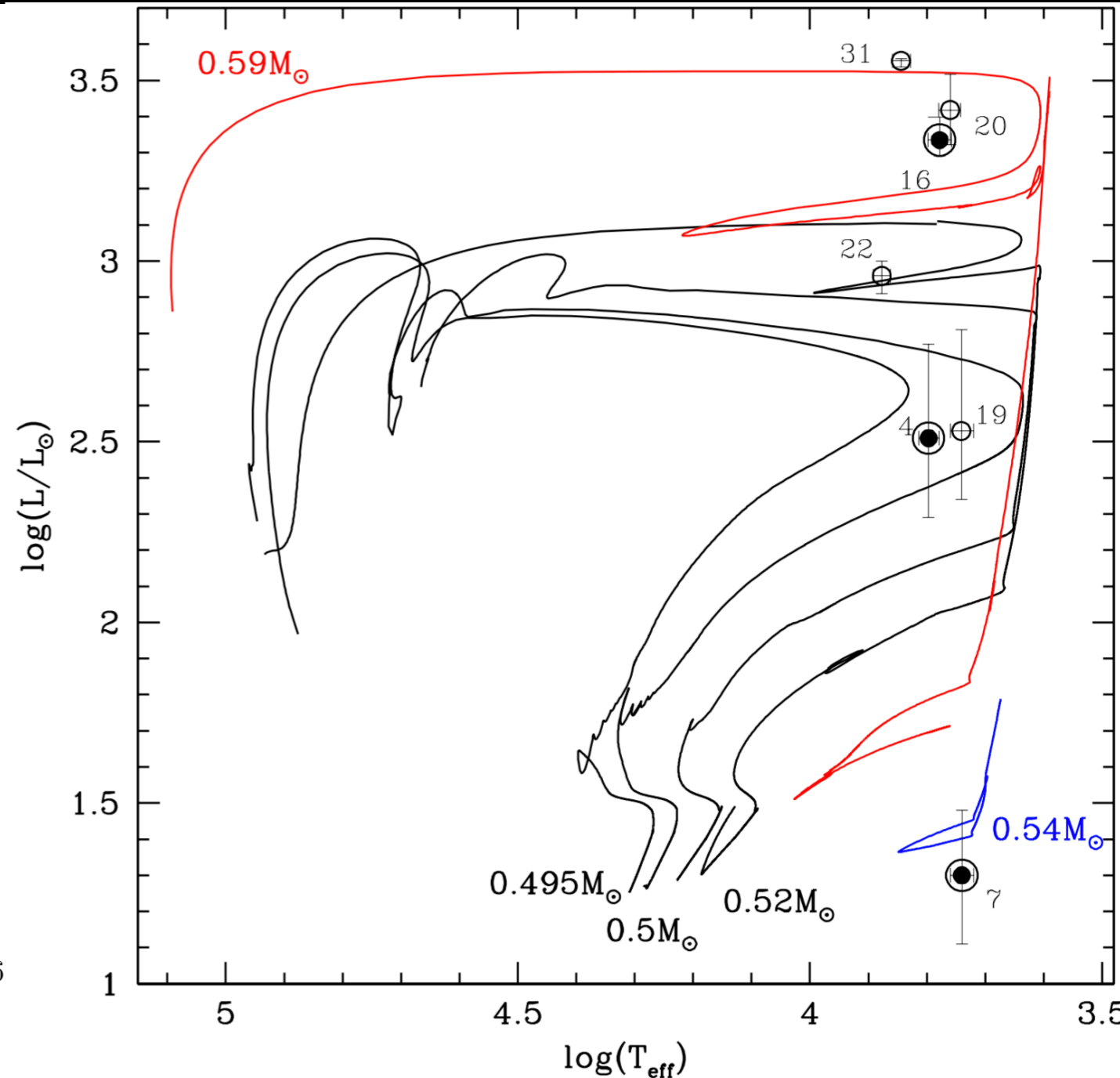
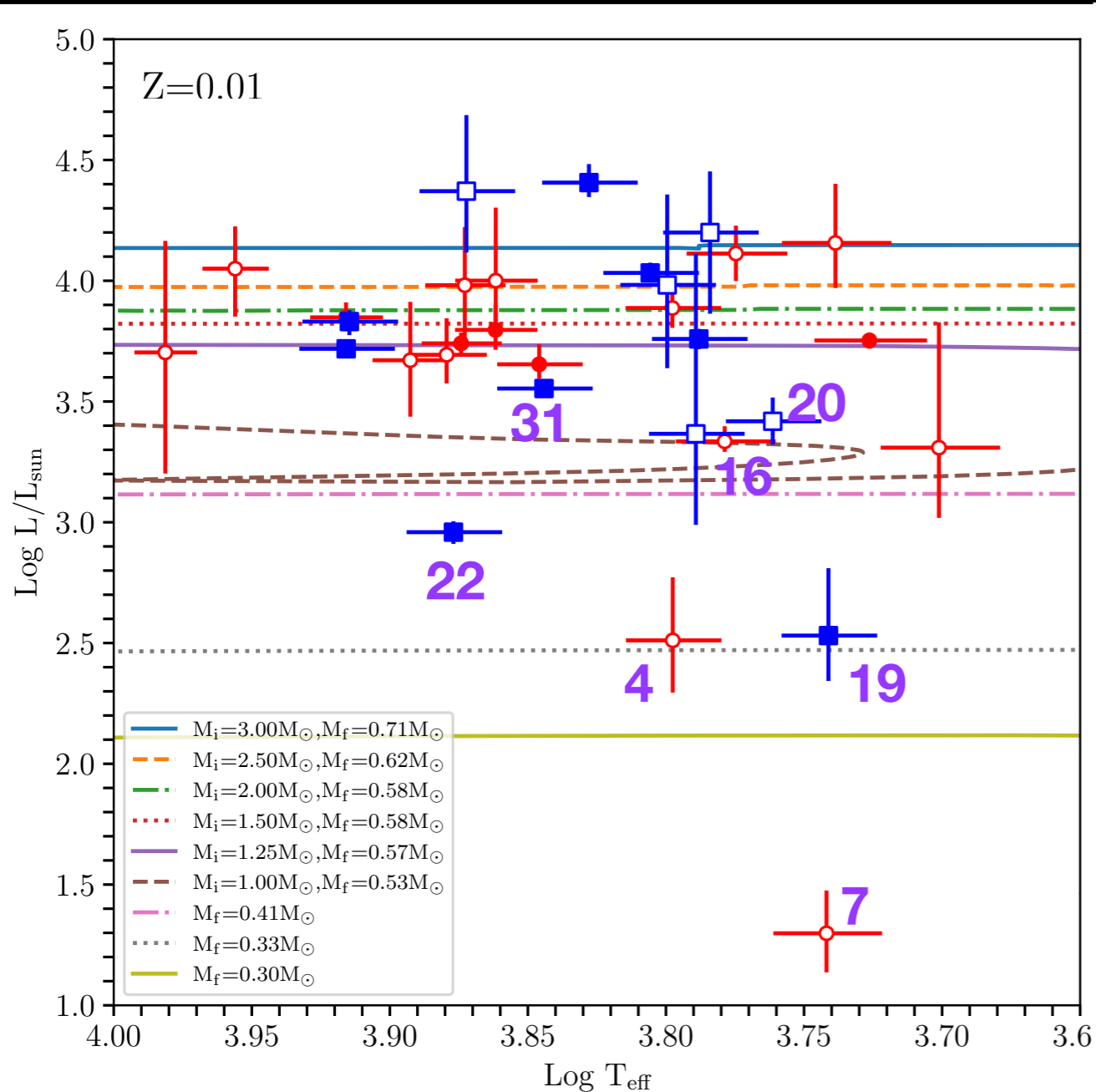
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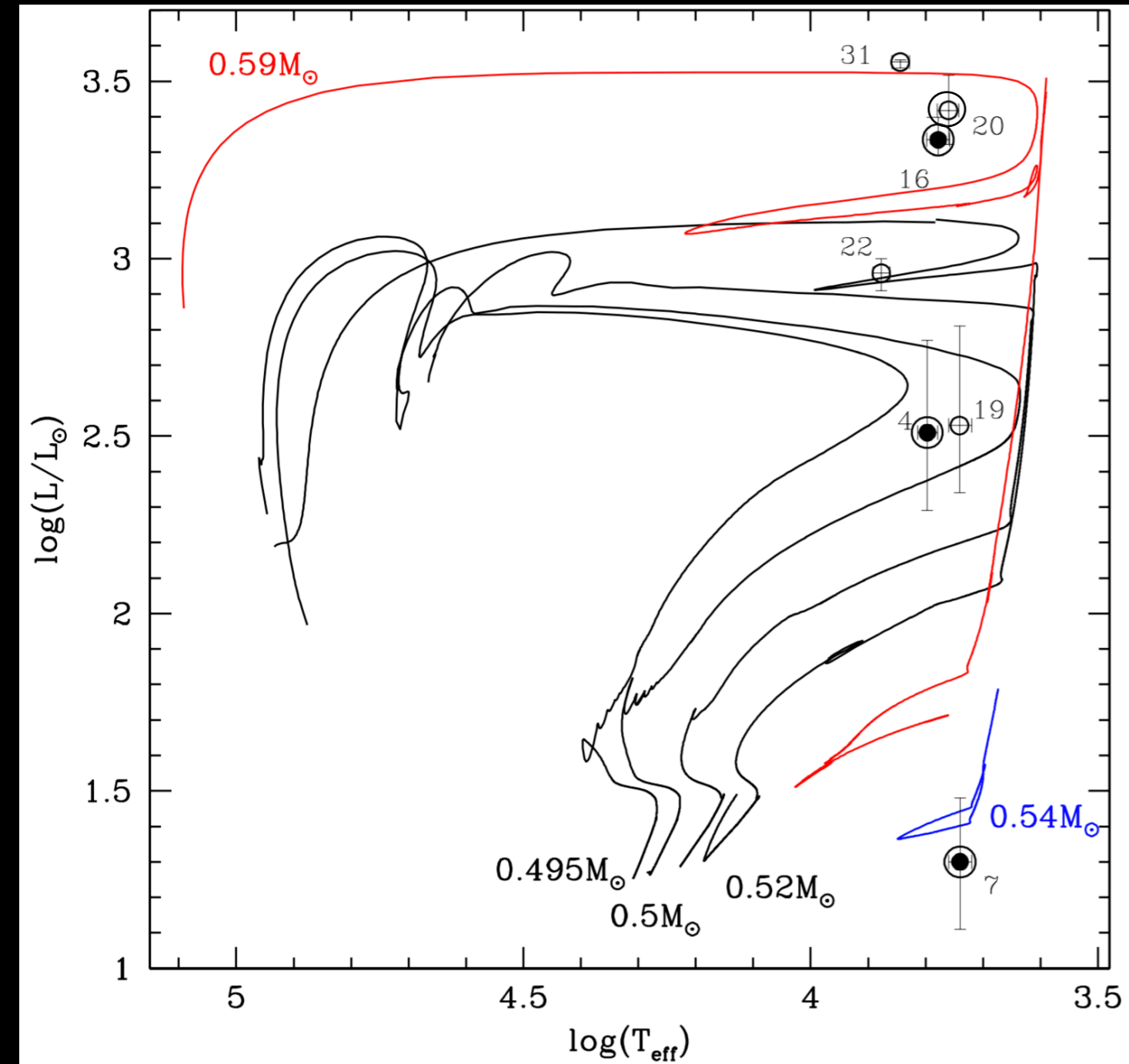
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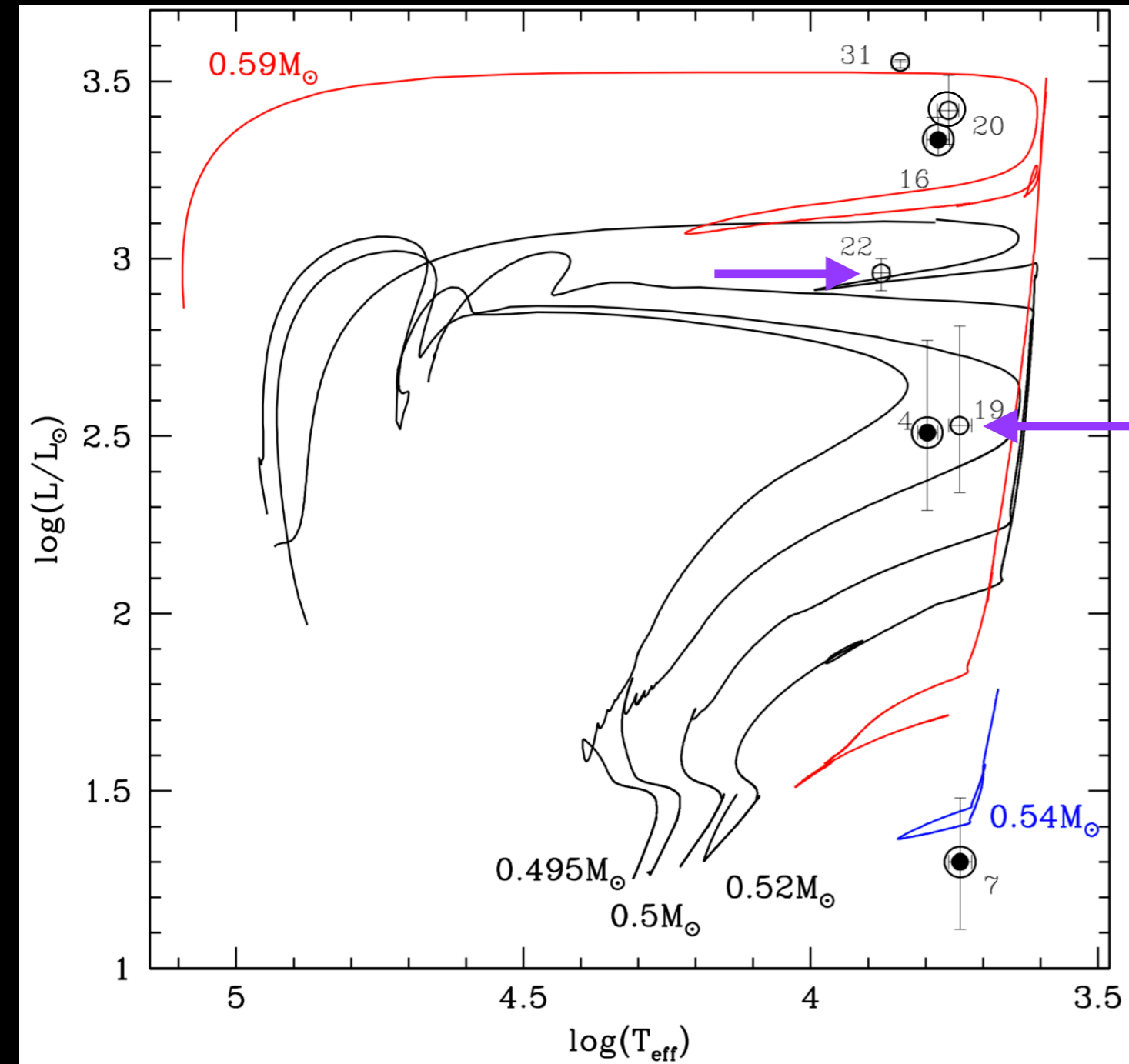
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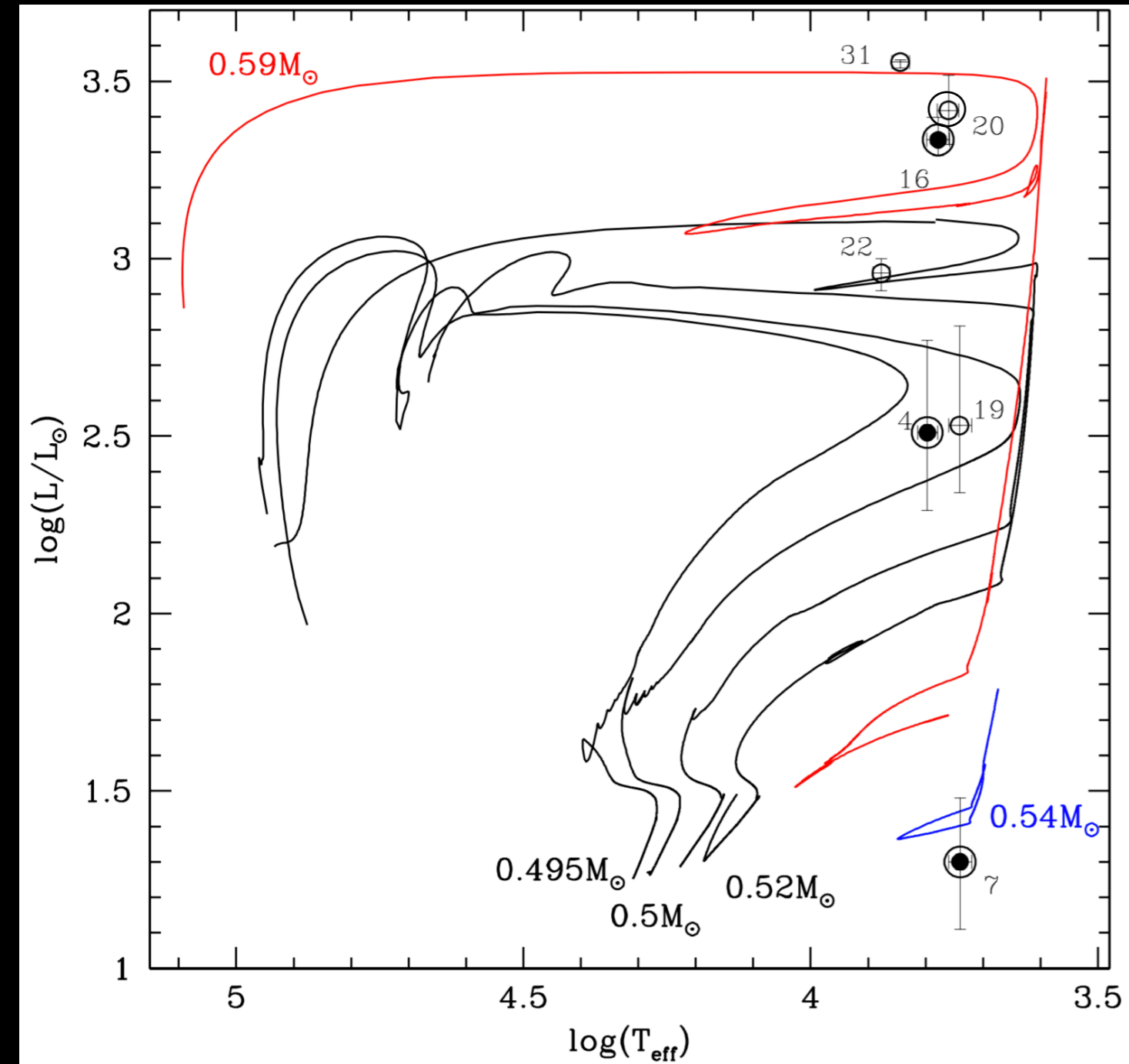
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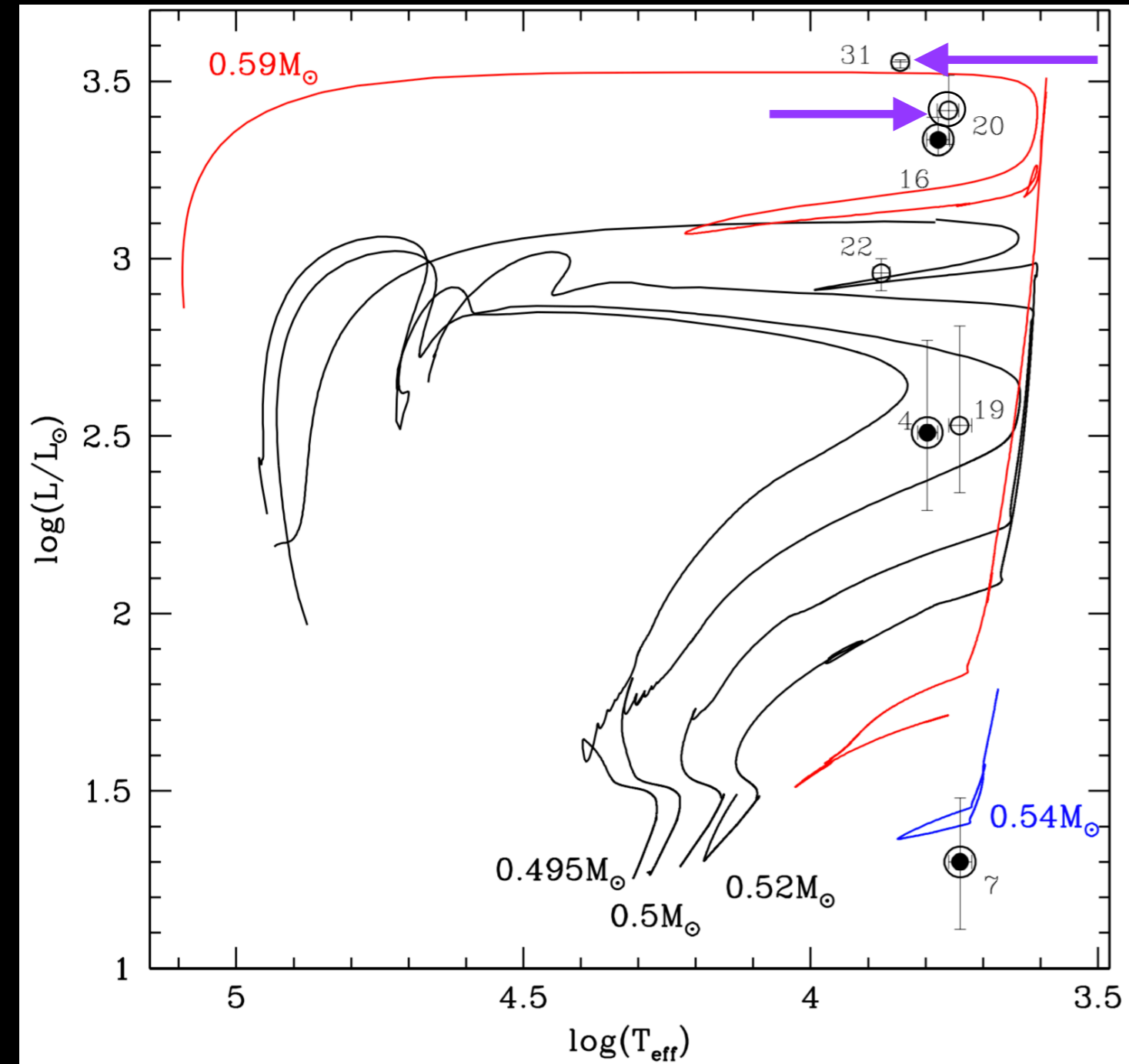
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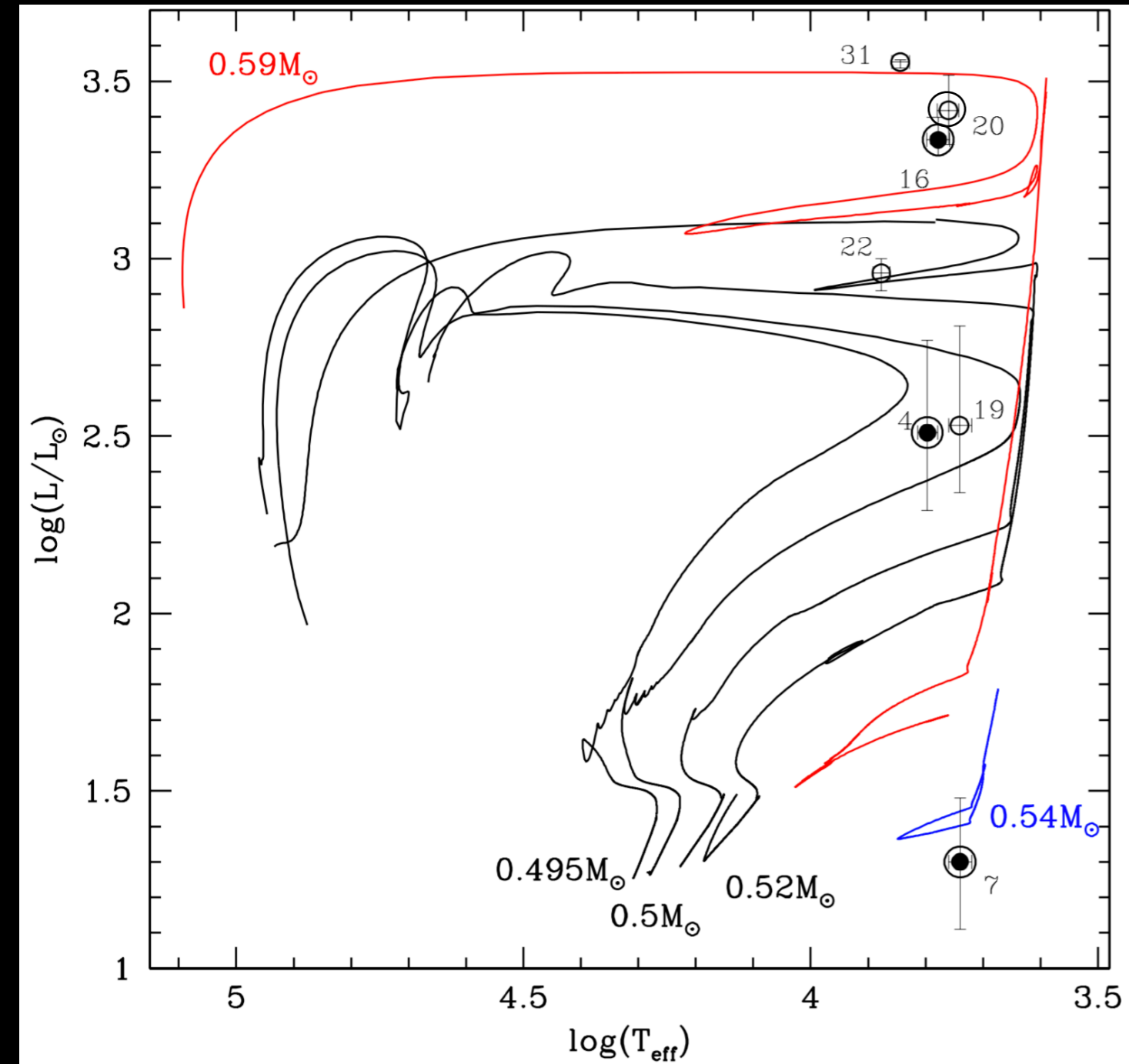
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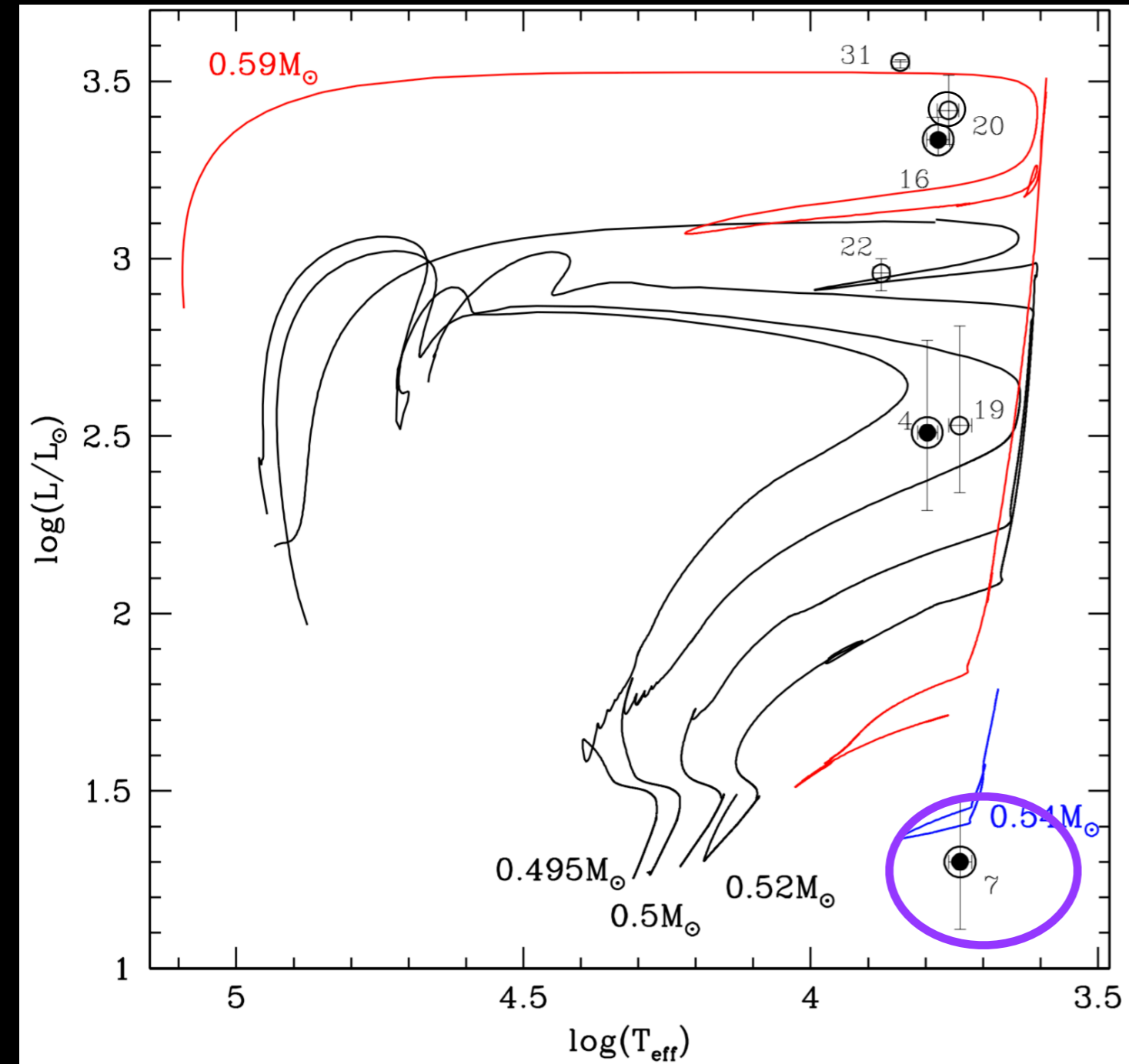
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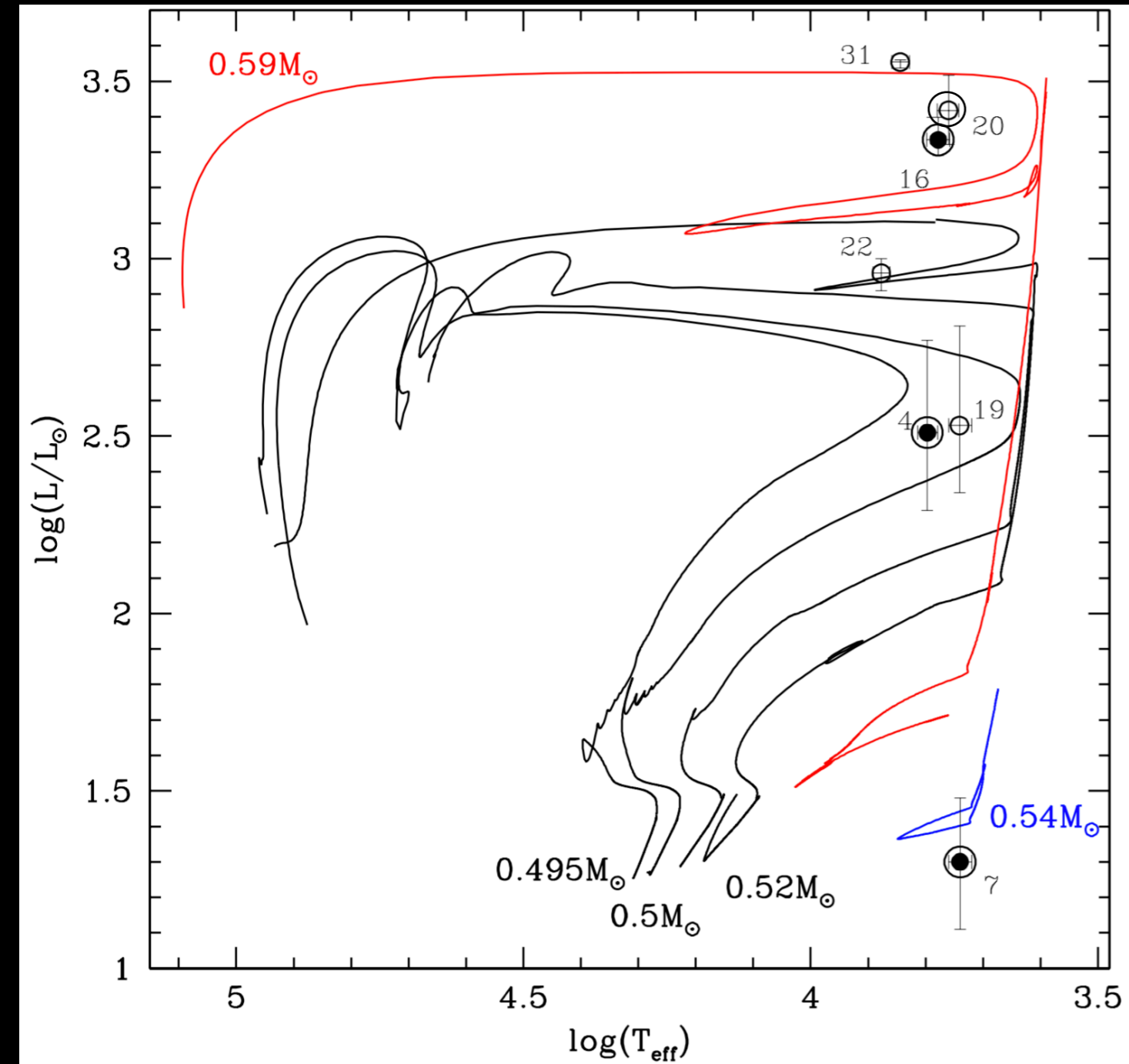
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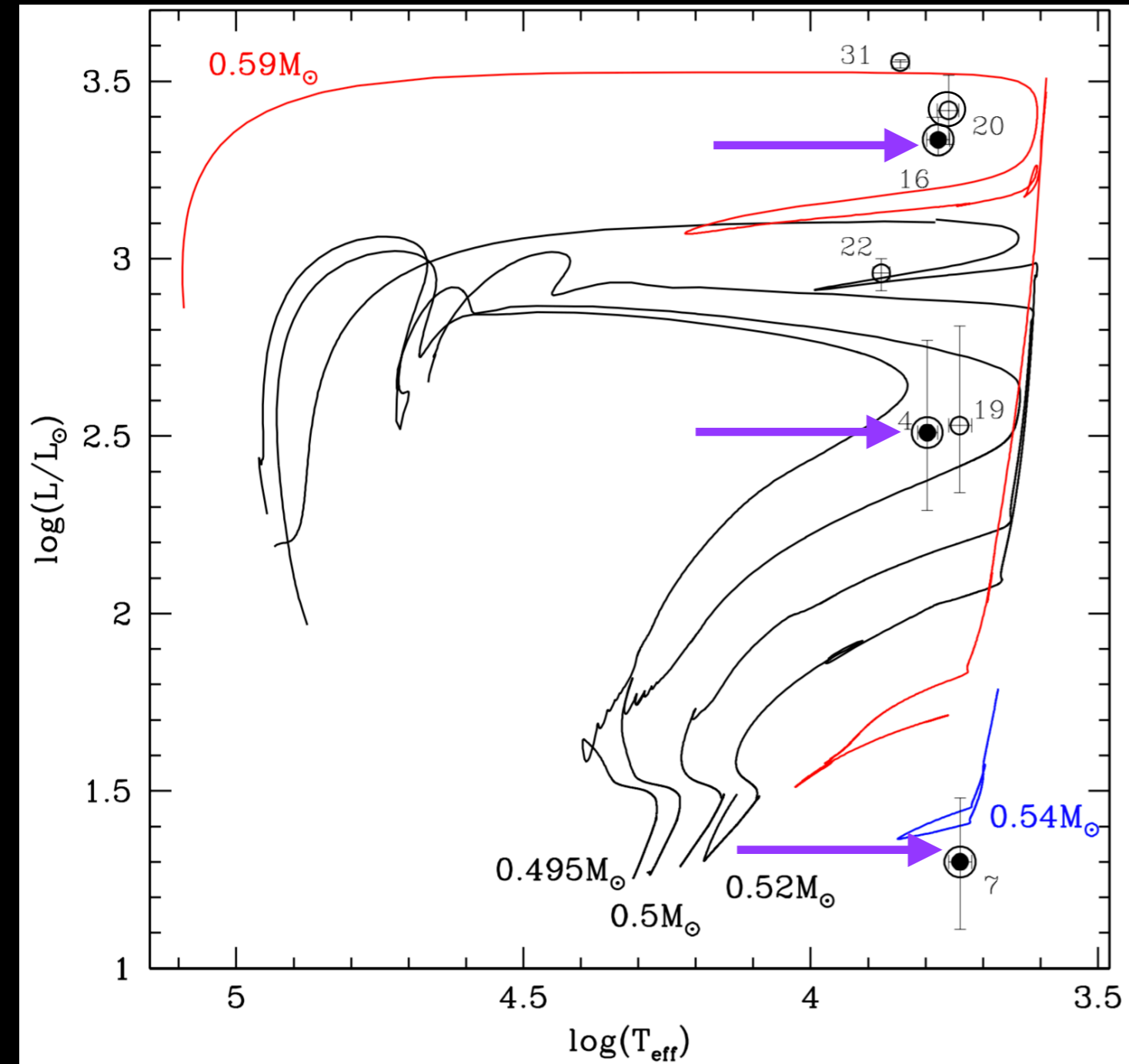
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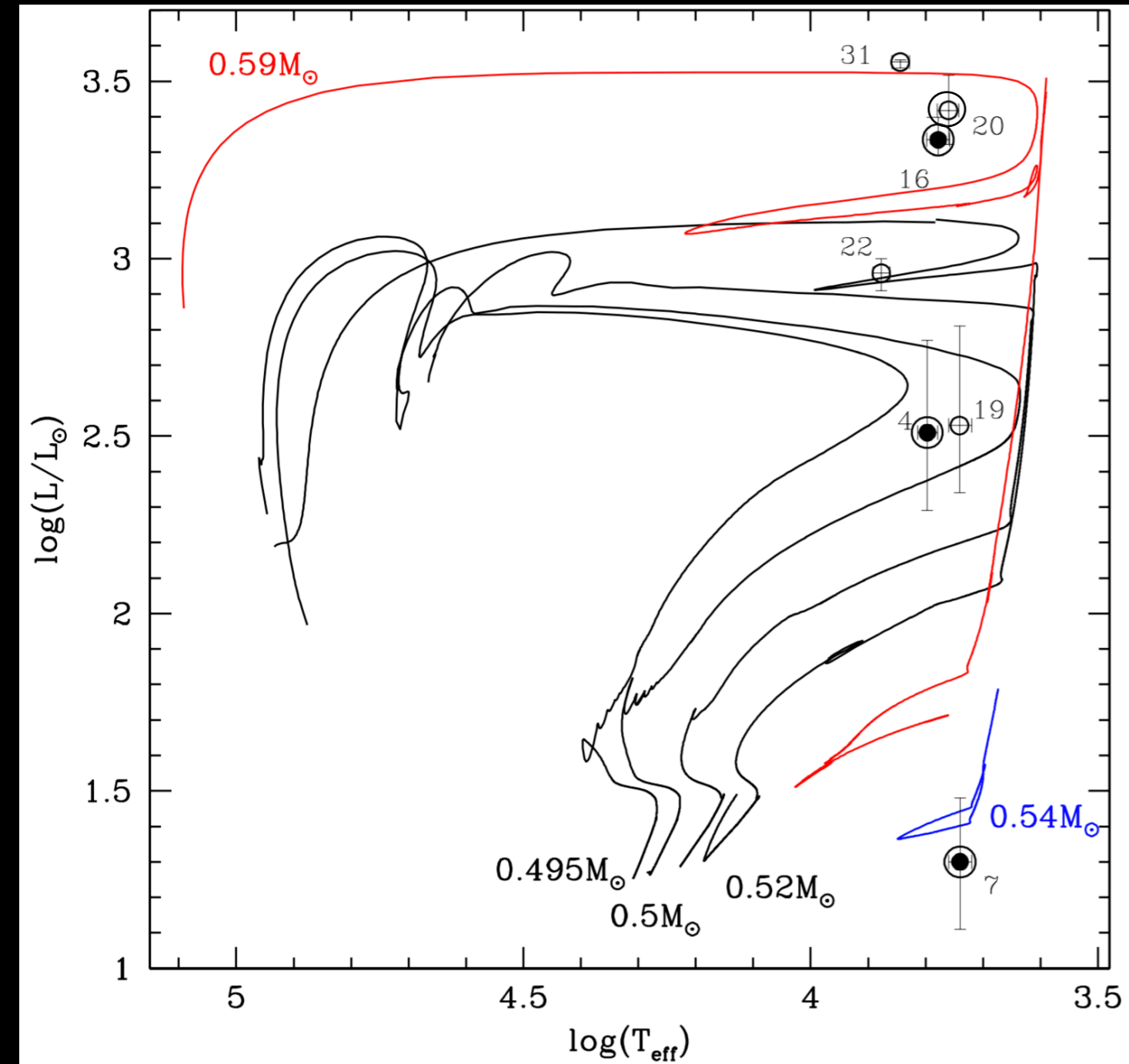
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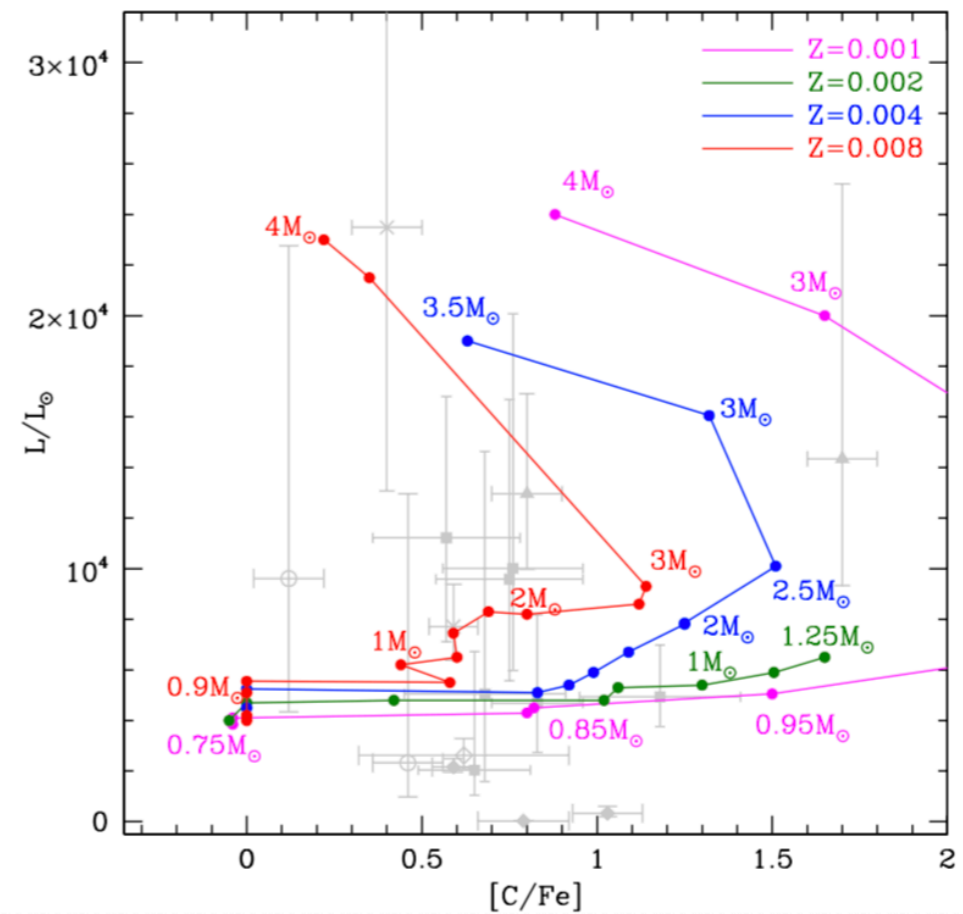
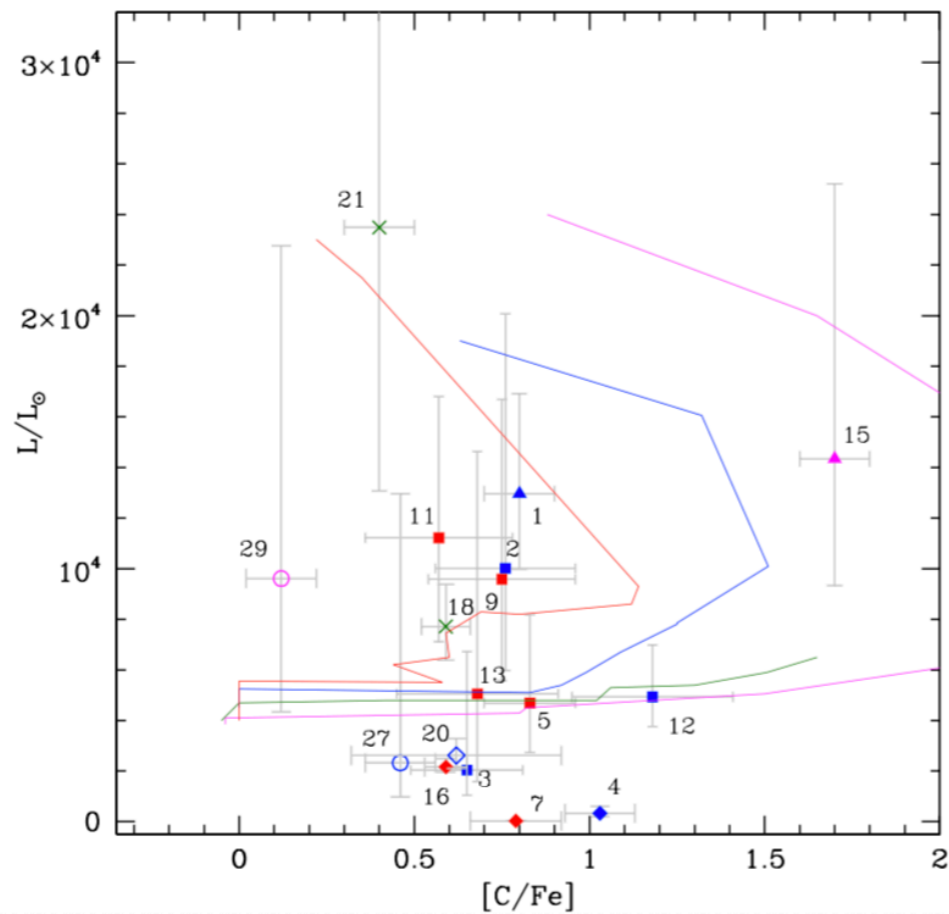
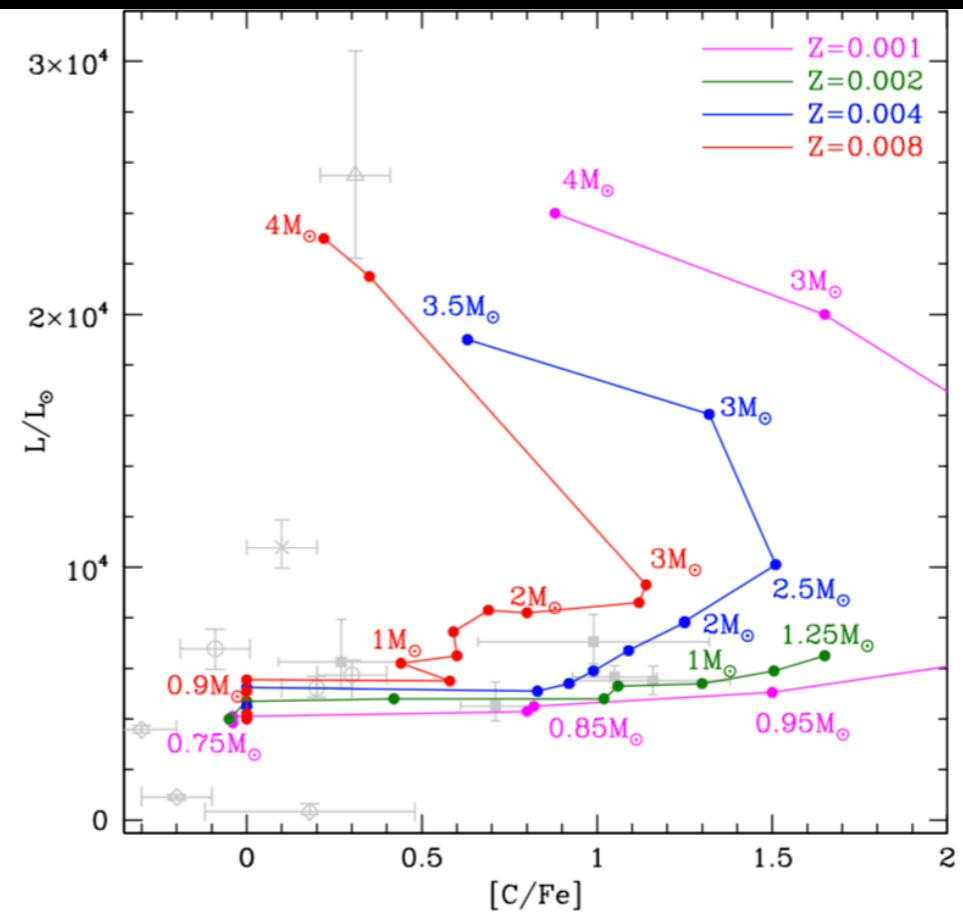
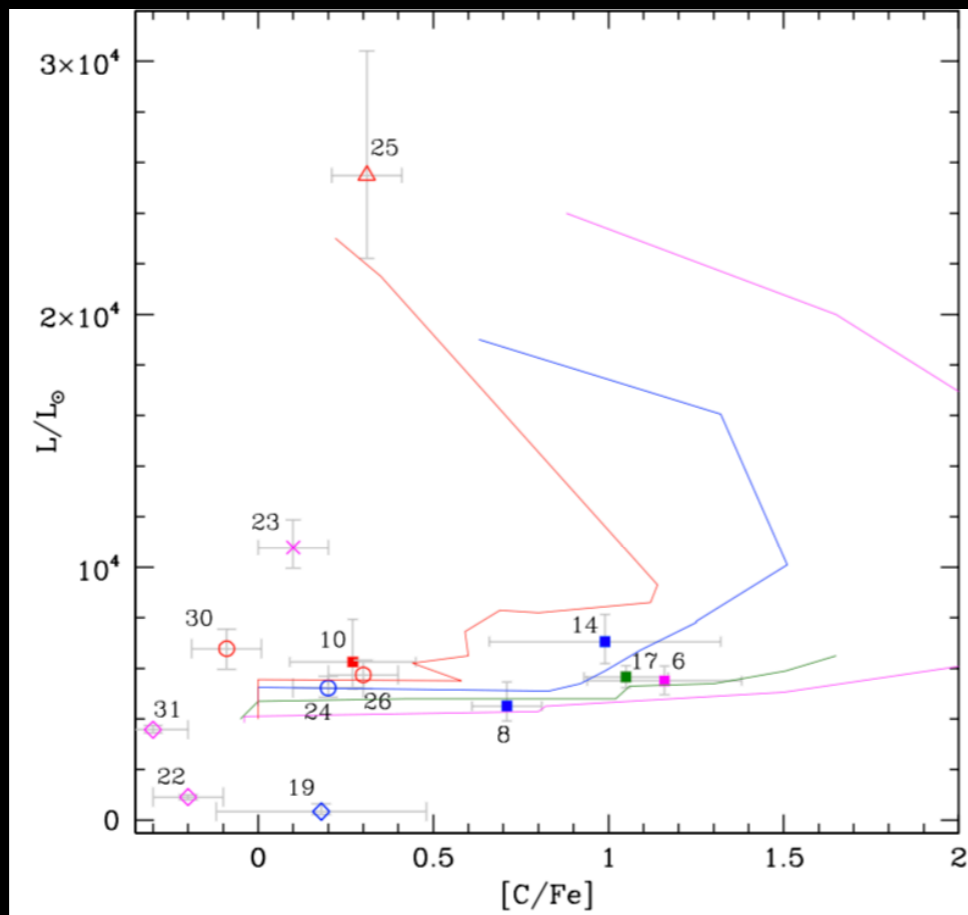
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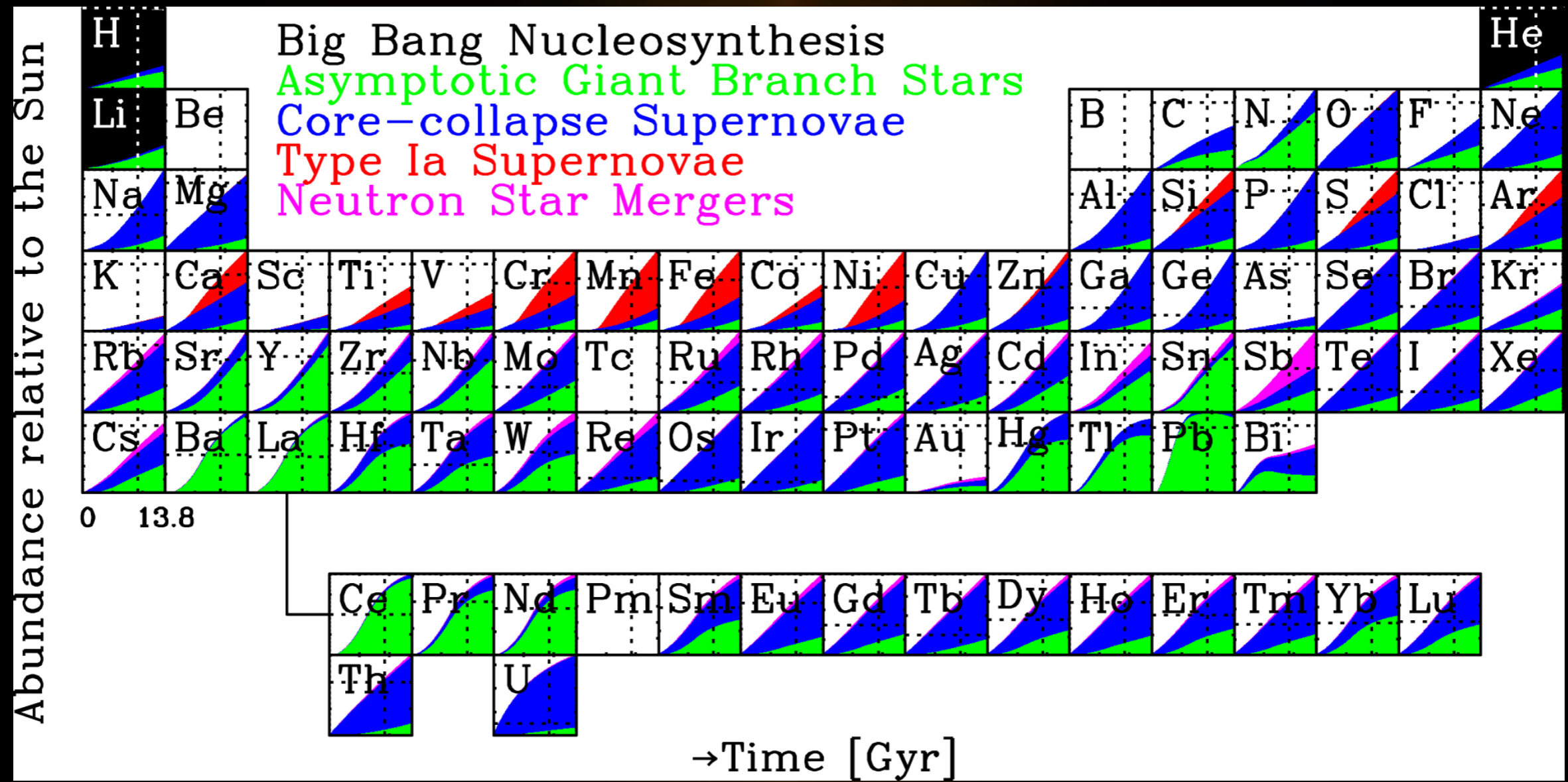


# CONCLUSIONS

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- ★ **The three brightest stars**, whose surface chemical composition shows up the signature of proton-capture processing, are identified as the youngest stars in the sample, **descending from 3 – 4  $M_{\odot}$  progenitors** that experienced both third dredge-up and hot bottom burning
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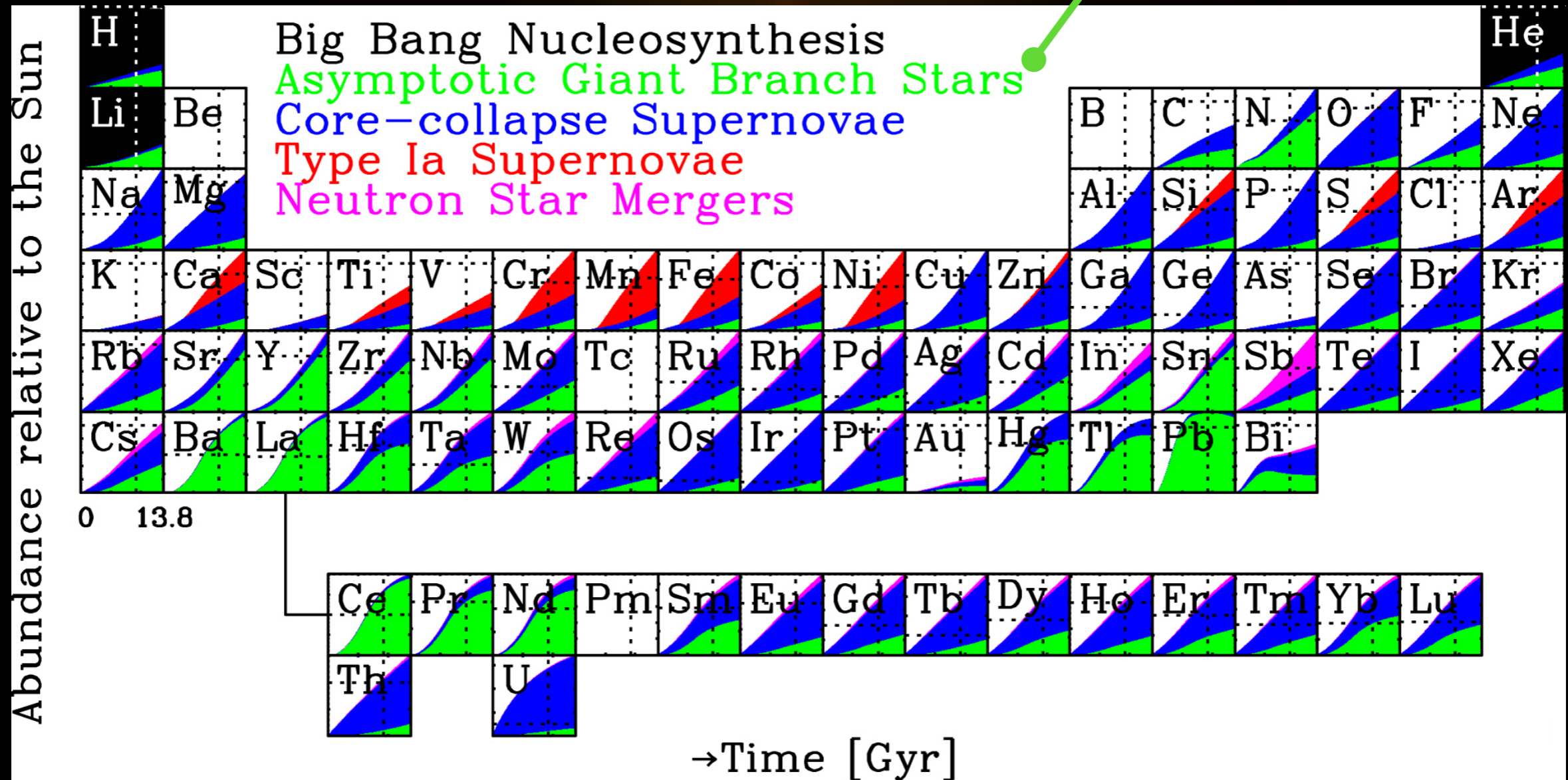
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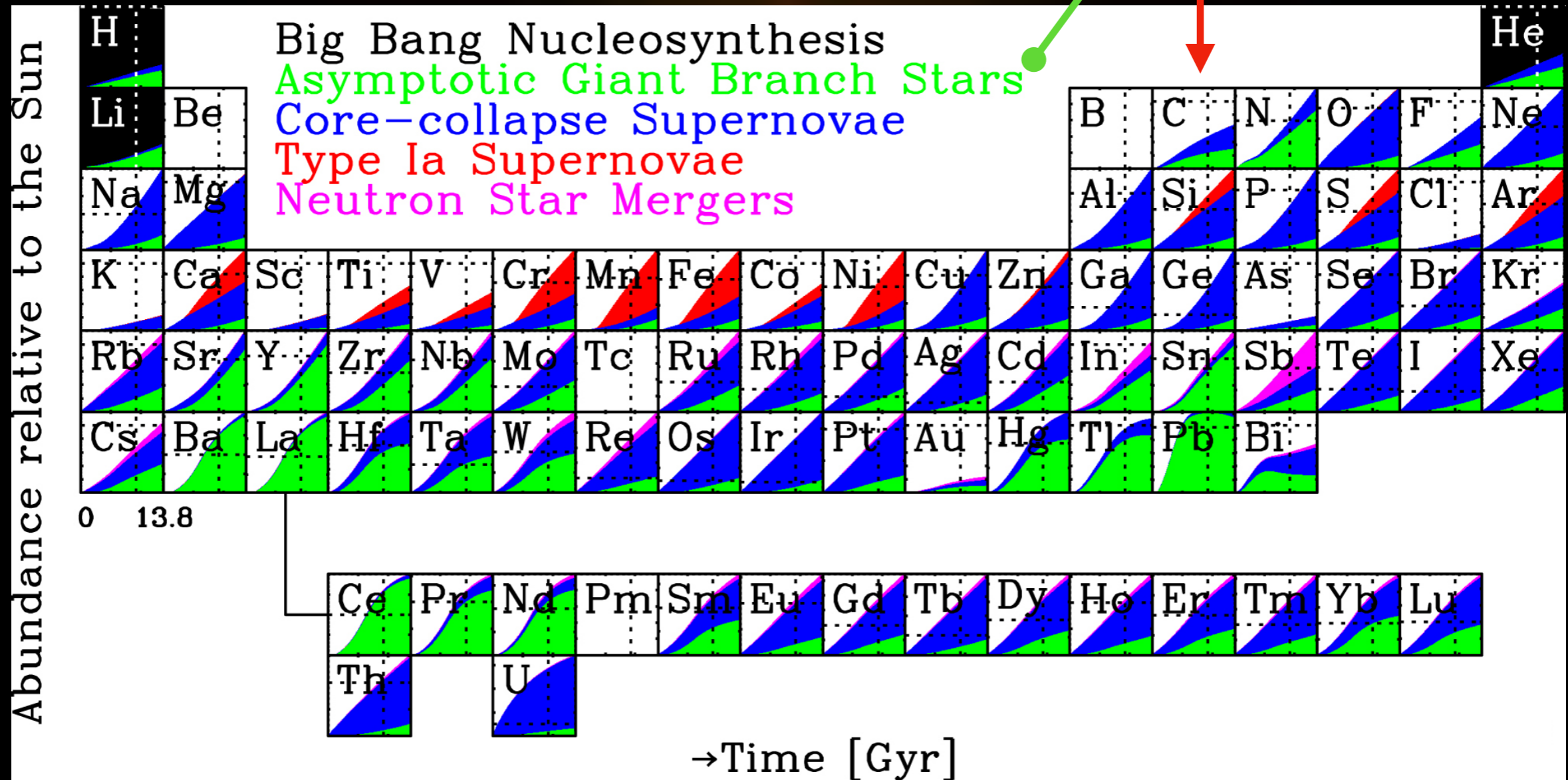
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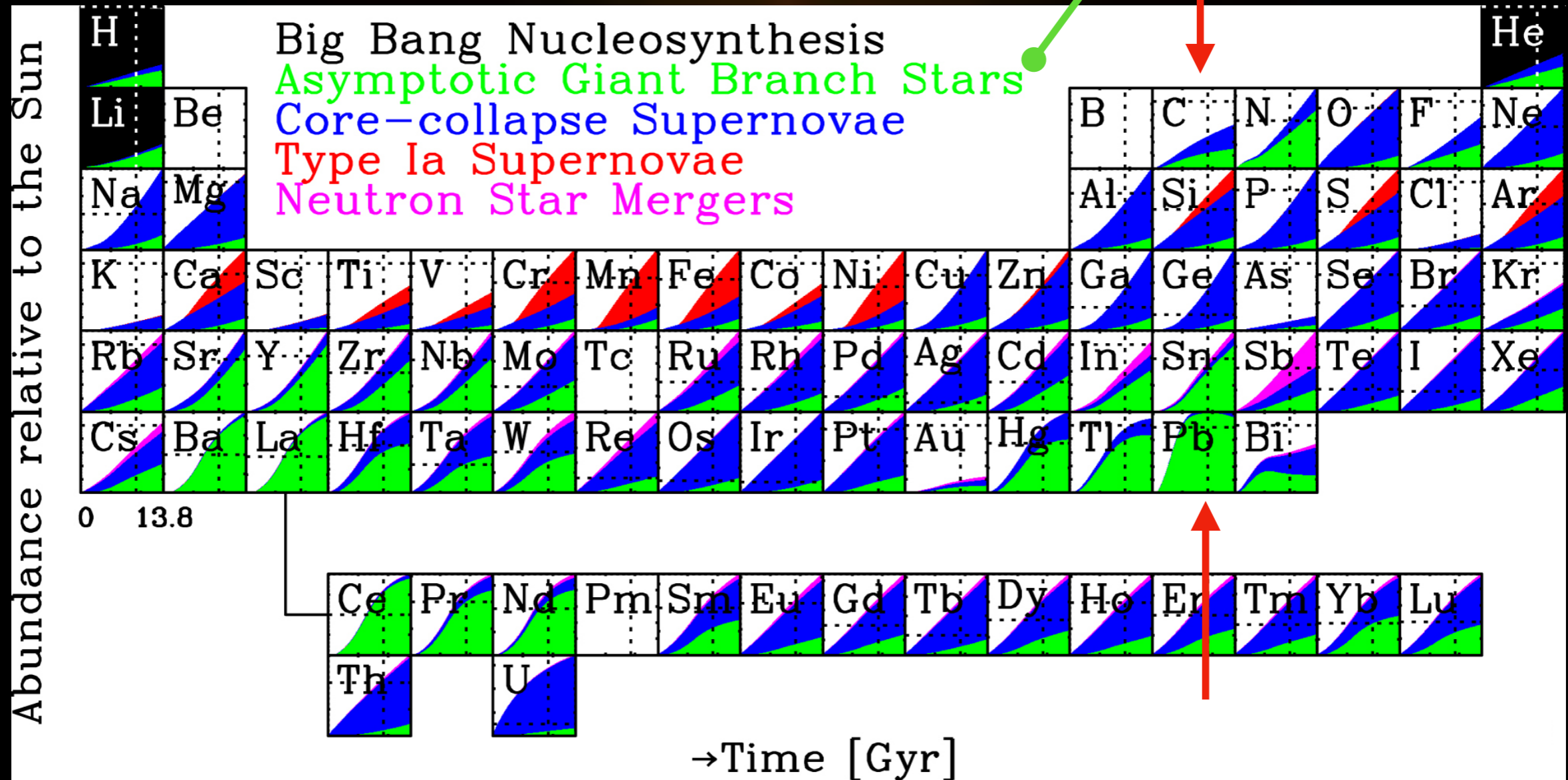
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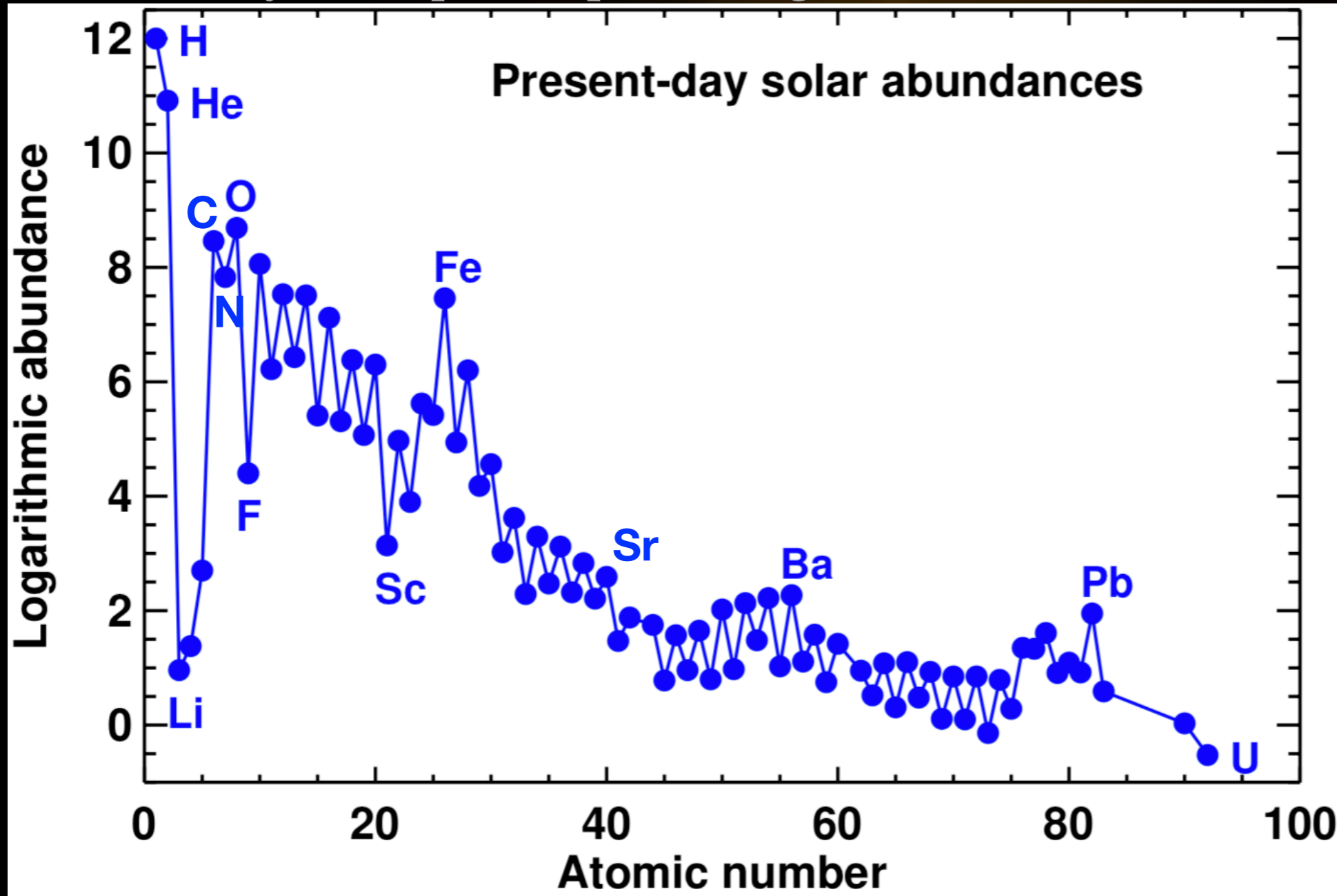
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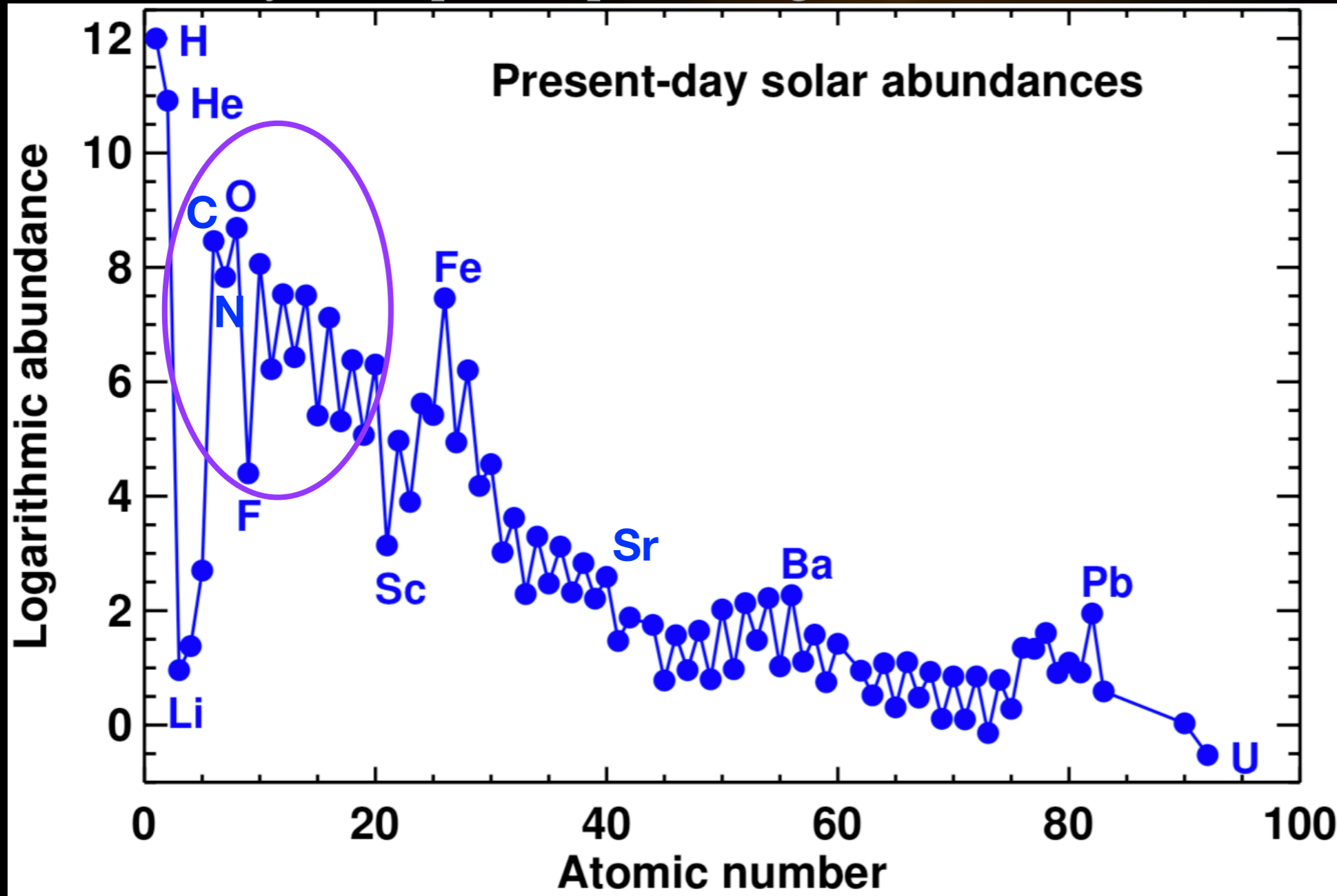
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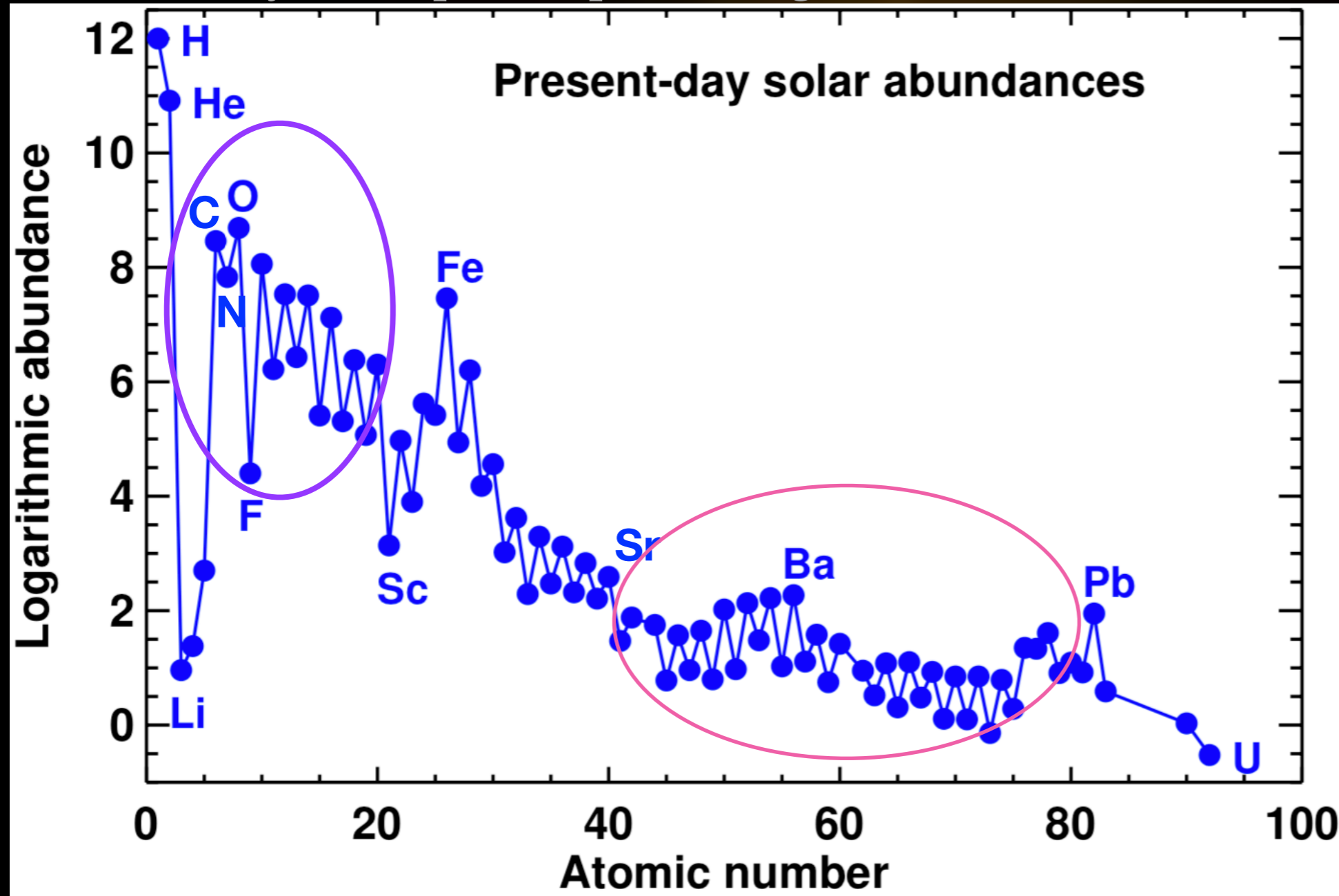


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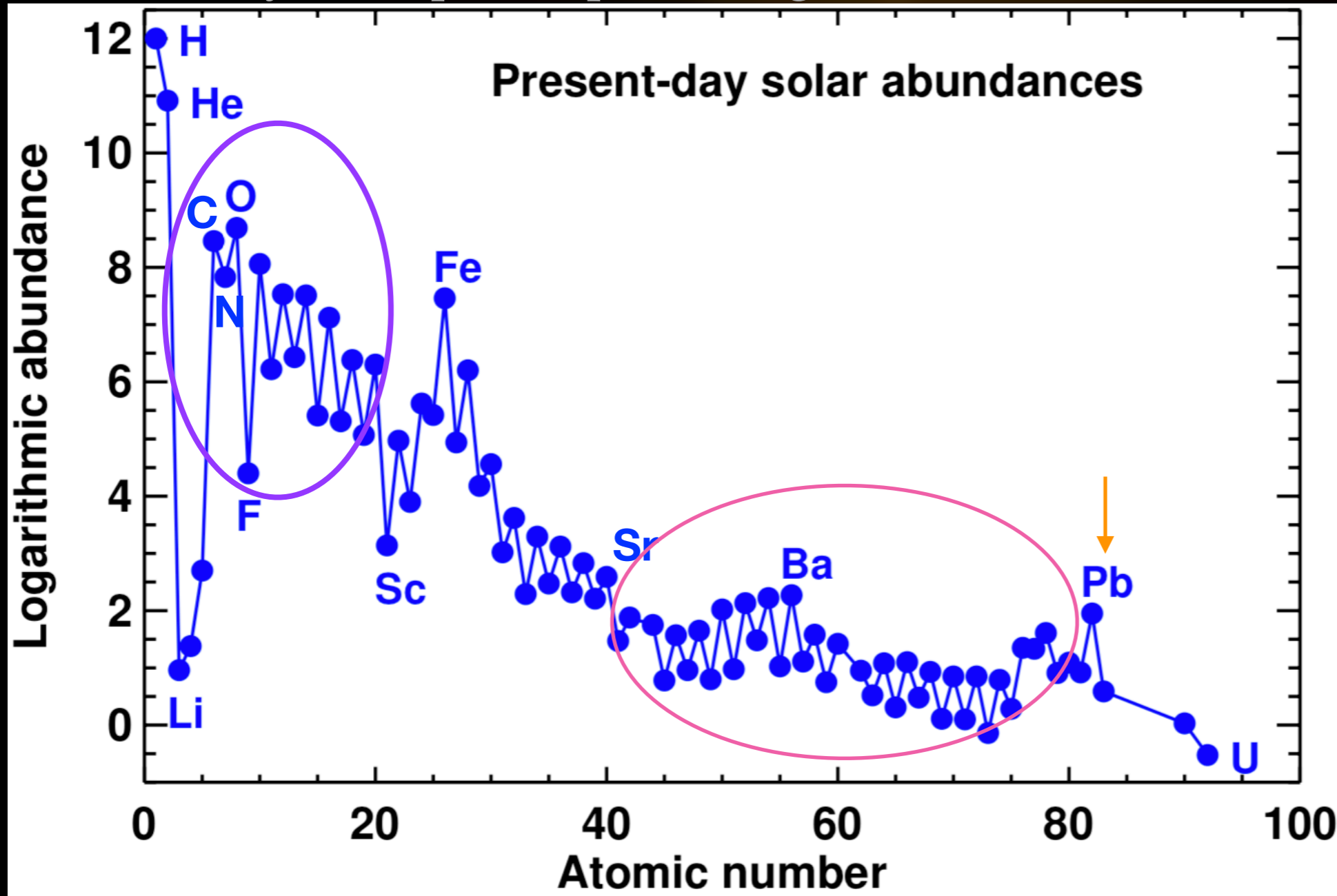
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# AGB NUCLEOSYNTHESIS - OBSERVATIONAL CONSTRAINTS

Over a wide range of initial masses and metallicities!

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- **Neutron Capture Nucleosynthesis:**

s-process elements (light-s elements, heavy-s elements, Pb)

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Post-AGB stars with <i>s</i> -process enrichment															
1	IRAS Z02229+6208	0.38	0.06	2.5	2627.53	2352.18	2063.48	2687.03	$5952 \pm 250$	0.00	$1.90^{+0.08}_{-0.42}$	12959	9973	16911	Q2
2	IRAS 04296+3429	-0.38	0.17	5.8	-2635.11	5048.41	3899.38	7150.92	$7272 \pm 250$	0.73	$2.03^{+0.06}_{-0.19}$	10009	5971	20082	Q2
3	IRAS 05113+1347	-0.01	0.15	6.7	-108371.7	4629.82	3312.65	8416.2	$5025 \pm 250$	0.01	$0.75^{+0.35}_{-0.09}$	2037	1043	6731	Q2
4	IRAS 05341+0852	0.51	0.19	13.0	1960.07	2057.38	1603.89	2778.95	$6274 \pm 250$	0.84	$1.18^{+0.19}_{-0.06}$	324	197	592	Q2
5	IRAS 06530-0213	0.24	0.07	3.7	4145.93	3777.67	2886.46	4990.04	$7809 \pm 250$	1.70	$1.85^{+0.02}_{-0.18}$	4687	2736	8178	Q2
6	IRAS 07134+1005	0.45	0.02	0.9	2203.76	2099.09	1991.41	2209.25	$7485 \pm 250$	0.50	$0.43^{+0.10}_{-0.22}$	5505	4955	6098	Q1
7	IRAS 07430+1115	3.06	0.5	21.8	327.04	360.93	299.59	442.65	$5519 \pm 250$	1.43	$1.04^{+0.38}_{-0.12}$	20	14	30	Q2
8	IRAS 08143-4406	0.24	0.02	1.4	4198.54	4154.69	3877.12	4568.46	$7013 \pm 250$	1.31	$1.53^{+0.95}_{-0.95}$	4509	3927	5452	Q1
9	IRAS 08281-4850	-0.14	0.07	6.0	-7300.68	11452.58	8728.27	15113.73	$7462 \pm 250$	1.04	$1.23^{+0.11}_{-0.04}$	9584	5567	16692	Q2
10	IRAS 12360-5740	0.09	0.01	1.1	10970.73	9082.07	8261.41	10230.48	$7273 \pm 250$	1.59	$1.01^{+0.35}_{-0.35}$	6258	5178	7940	Q1
11	IRAS 13245-5036	0.01	0.02	1.6	85919.8	14207.28	11305.73	17383.96	$9037 \pm 250$	3.20	$0.64^{+0.14}_{-0.09}$	11221	7106	16800	Q2
12	IRAS 14325-6428	0.19	0.04	2.2	5220.46	4883.39	4261.63	5811.07	$7256 \pm 250$	1.00	$1.07^{+0.22}_{-0.17}$	4935	3758	6988	Q2
13	IRAS 14429-4539	-0.11	0.51	2.8	-9372.15	3847.71	2160.1	6548.2	$9579 \pm 250$	2.48	$2.63^{+0.36}_{-0.31}$	5049	1591	14624	Q2
14	IRAS 19500-1709	0.4	0.03	1.0	2504.9	2310.24	2164.96	2481.49	$8239 \pm 250$	1.08	$0.56^{+0.03}_{-0.07}$	7053	6194	8138	Q1
15	IRAS 20000+3239	0.2	0.05	2.2	4880.07	4581.29	3695.53	6075.01	$5478 \pm 250$	0.13	$1.76^{+0.09}_{-0.46}$	14342	9332	25218	Q2
16	IRAS 22223+4327	0.33	0.03	1.7	3007.27	2678.03	2546.9	2878.56	$6008 \pm 250$	1.05	$0.43^{+0.28}_{-0.06}$	2163	1956	2499	Q2
17	IRAS 22272+5435	0.69	0.03	1.2	1457.75	1409.84	1355.87	1464.67	$5325 \pm 250$	0.77	$0.88^{+0.34}_{-0.08}$	5659	5234	6108	Q1
18	IRAS 23304+6147	0.24	0.03	1.6	4226.42	3979.67	3620.05	4390.37	$6276 \pm 250$	0.78	$1.83^{+0.17}_{-0.20}$	7712	6381	9386	Q2
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19	IRAS 01259+6823	0.62	0.14	1.3	1624.61	1781.38	1434.96	2456.33	$5510 \pm 250$	2.50	$1.02^{+0.24}_{-0.07}$	340	220	646	Q1
20	IRAS 08187-1905	0.29	0.03	1.7	3473.16	3258.96	2917.24	3649.91	$5772 \pm 250$	0.98	$0.07^{+0.31}_{-0.02}$	2619	2099	3286	Q2
21	SAO 239853	-0.01	0.07	3.7	-117255.41	8691.08	6485.52	12490.93	$7452 \pm 250$	1.49	$0.30^{+0.08}_{-0.08}$	23490	13080	48520	Q2
22	HD 107369	0.37	0.02	1.1	2725.26	2568.38	2429.15	2705.92	$7533 \pm 250$	2.45	$0.07^{+0.13}_{-0.05}$	910	814	1010	Q1
23	HD 112374	0.57	0.02	1.0	1763.78	1684.48	1619.4	1768.68	$6393 \pm 250$	0.80	$0.30^{+0.10}_{-0.28}$	10777	9961	11882	Q1
24	HD 133656	0.56	0.03	0.9	1776.54	1707.63	1646.84	1781.63	$8238 \pm 250$	1.38	$0.29^{+0.01}_{-0.08}$	5227	4861	5690	Q1
25	HR 6144	0.28	0.03	1.2	3561.19	3101.16	2894.87	3387.69	$6728 \pm 250$	0.93	$0.11^{+0.15}_{-0.01}$	25491	22212	30419	Q1
26	HD 161796	0.5	0.02	1.2	1991.19	1920.96	1829.56	2015.66	$6139 \pm 250$	0.99	$0.13^{+0.45}_{-0.13}$	5742	5209	6322	Q1
27	IRAS 18025-3906	0.54	0.19	8.6	1865.62	3046.67	1973.6	7194.98	$6154 \pm 250$	1.18	$0.96^{+0.35}_{-0.17}$	2324	975	12963	Q2
28	HD 335675	0.03	0.18	13.7	30507.45	4888.53	3319.14	6540.55	$6082 \pm 250$	1.58	$0.85^{+0.20}_{-0.04}$	15843	7303	28359	Q2
29	IRAS 19386+0155	0.32	0.16	11.6	3088.79	3631.35	2441.76	5588.81	$6303 \pm 250$	1.00	$1.23^{+0.35}_{-0.14}$	9611	4345	22765	Q2
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Note. See Section 3 for more details.

**Table 3**  
Chemical Abundances of the *s*-process Enriched and Non-*s*-process Enriched Single Galactic Post-AGB stars

Index	Object Name	[Fe/H]	[C/O]	[O/Fe]	[C/Fe]	[N/Fe]	[Zr/Fe]	[s/Fe]	[ls/Fe]	[hs/Fe]	[hs/ls]	Reference
Post-AGB stars with <i>s</i> -process enrichment												
1	IRAS Z02229+6208	$-0.45 \pm 0.14$	...	...	$0.78 \pm 0.15$	$1.19 \pm 0.30$	$2.22 \pm 0.13$	$1.4 \pm 0.15$	$2.03 \pm 0.12$	$1.12 \pm 0.03$	$-0.91 \pm 0.12$	1
2	IRAS 04296+3429	$-0.62 \pm 0.11$	...	...	$0.8 \pm 0.2$	$0.39 \pm 0.01$	$1.34 \pm 0.23$	$1.5 \pm 0.23$	$1.7 \pm 0.23$	$1.5 \pm 0.17$	$-0.2 \pm 0.23$	2
3	IRAS 05113+1347	$-0.49 \pm 0.15$	$2.42 \pm 0.40$	$0.01 \pm 0.27$	$0.65 \pm 0.16$	...	$1.36 \pm 0.15$	$1.54 \pm 0.07$	$1.33 \pm 0.13$	$1.65 \pm 0.07$	$0.32 \pm 0.15$	3
4	IRAS 05341+0852	$-0.54 \pm 0.11$	$1.06 \pm 0.30$	$0.75 \pm 0.11$	$1.03 \pm 0.10$	...	$1.76 \pm 0.10$	$2.12 \pm 0.05$	$1.87 \pm 0.08$	$2.24 \pm 0.06$	$0.37 \pm 0.10$	3
5	IRAS 06530-0213	$-0.32 \pm 0.11$	$1.66 \pm 0.39$	$0.35 \pm 0.11$	$0.83 \pm 0.13$	...	$1.60 \pm 0.10$	$1.94 \pm 0.06$	$1.75 \pm 0.09$	$2.04 \pm 0.08$	$0.29 \pm 0.13$	3
6	IRAS 07134+1005	$-0.91 \pm 0.20$	$1.24 \pm 0.29$	$0.81 \pm 0.19$	$1.16 \pm 0.22$	$0.57 \pm 0.19$	$1.61 \pm 0.09$	$1.63 \pm 0.14$	$1.64 \pm 0.13$	$1.63 \pm 0.20$	$-0.01 \pm 0.24$	3
7	IRAS 07430+1115	$-0.31 \pm 0.15$	$1.71 \pm 0.30$	$0.30 \pm 0.22$	$0.79 \pm 0.13$	...	$1.22 \pm 0.15$	$1.47 \pm 0.06$	$1.30 \pm 0.14$	$1.55 \pm 0.06$	$0.25 \pm 0.15$	3
8	IRAS 08143-4406	$-0.43 \pm 0.11$	$1.66 \pm 0.39$	$0.19 \pm 0.13$	$0.71 \pm 0.10$	$0.01 \pm 0.22$	$1.63 \pm 0.11$	$1.65 \pm 0.05$	$1.77 \pm 0.08$	$1.58 \pm 0.06$	$-0.19 \pm 0.11$	3
9	IRAS 08281-4850	$-0.26 \pm 0.11$	$2.34 \pm 0.42$	$0.12 \pm 0.11$	$0.75 \pm 0.21$	...	$1.42 \pm 0.11$	$1.58 \pm 0.09$	$1.57 \pm 0.11$	$1.58 \pm 0.12$	$0.01 \pm 0.17$	3
10	IRAS 12360-5740	$-0.40 \pm 0.15$	$0.45 \pm 0.20$	$0.31 \pm 0.05$	$0.27 \pm 0.18$	$0.22 \pm 0.32$	$1.70 \pm 0.17$	$1.88 \pm 0.20$	$1.73 \pm 0.20$	$2.02 \pm 0.20$	$0.29 \pm 0.20$	4
11	IRAS 13245-5036	$-0.30 \pm 0.10$	$1.11 \pm 0.30$	$0.26 \pm 0.13$	$0.57 \pm 0.21$	...	$1.72 \pm 0.15$	$1.88 \pm 0.09$	$1.56 \pm 0.14$	$2.03 \pm 0.11$	$0.47 \pm 0.18$	3
12	IRAS 14325-6428	$-0.56 \pm 0.10$	$2.27 \pm 0.40$	$0.57 \pm 0.09$	$1.18 \pm 0.23$	$0.18 \pm 0.20$	$1.16 \pm 0.16$	$1.30 \pm 0.14$	$1.25 \pm 0.15$	$1.33 \pm 0.19$	$0.08 \pm 0.24$	3
13	IRAS 14429-4539	$-0.18 \pm 0.11$	$1.29 \pm 0.26$	$0.31 \pm 0.12$	$0.68 \pm 0.23$	...	$1.46 \pm 0.17$	$1.41 \pm 0.08$	$1.29 \pm 0.15$	$1.47 \pm 0.10$	$0.18 \pm 0.08$	3
14	IRAS 19500-1709	$-0.59 \pm 0.10$	$1.02 \pm 0.17$	$0.72 \pm 0.04$	$0.99 \pm 0.06$	$0.41 \pm 0.30$	$1.34 \pm 0.10$	$1.35 \pm 0.21$	$1.37 \pm 0.29$	$1.34 \pm 0.30$	$-0.03 \pm 0.41$	3
15	IRAS 20000+3239	$-1.4 \pm 0.2$	...	...	$1.7 \pm 0.2$	$2.1 \pm 0.2$	$1 \pm 0.2$	$1.4 \pm 0.2$	$1.1 \pm 0.2$	$1.47 \pm 0.10$	$0.34 \pm 0.2$	5
16	IRAS 22223+4327	$-0.30 \pm 0.11$	$1.04 \pm 0.22$	$0.31 \pm 0.06$	$0.59 \pm 0.06$	$0.15 \pm 0.30$	$1.35 \pm 0.06$	$1.03 \pm 0.05$	$1.34 \pm 0.07$	$0.88 \pm 0.07$	$-0.46 \pm 0.10$	3
17	IRAS 22272+5435	$-0.77 \pm 0.12$	$1.46 \pm 0.26$	$0.63 \pm 0.02$	$1.05 \pm 0.07$	...	$1.54 \pm 0.08$	$1.80 \pm 0.05$	$1.61 \pm 0.08$	$1.90 \pm 0.07$	$0.28 \pm 0.11$	3
18	IRAS 23304+6147	$-0.81 \pm 0.2$	$2.8 \pm 0.2$	$0.17 \pm 0.03$	$0.91 \pm 0.12$	$0.47 \pm 0.15$	$1.26 \pm 0.23$	$1.60 \pm 0.25$	$1.55 \pm 0.23$	$1.63 \pm 0.21$	$0.09 \pm 0.24$	6
Post-AGB stars without <i>s</i> -process enrichment												
19	IRAS 01259+6823	$-0.60 \pm 0.1$	$0.4 \pm 0.3$	$0.31 \pm 0.06$	$0.18 \pm 0.3$	...	$0.12 \pm 0.1$	$0.3 \pm 0.1$	...	...	...	7
20	IRAS 08187-1905	$-0.60 \pm 0.1$	...	$0.26 \pm 0.1$	$0.62 \pm 0.3$	$0.49 \pm 0.3$	$0.25 \pm 0.1$	...	...	...	...	7
21	SAO 239853	$-0.81 \pm 0.1$	...	$0.8 \pm 0.2$	$0.4 \pm 0.2$	$0.6 \pm 0.2$	...	$-0.4 \pm 0.2$	...	...	...	8
22	HD 107369	$-1.1 \pm 0.1$	...	$0 \pm 0.2$	$< -0.2$	$0.49 \pm 0.3$	...	$-0.1 \pm 0.2$	...	...	...	8
23	HD 112374	$-1.2 \pm 0.1$	...	$0.8 \pm 0.2$	$0.1 \pm 0.2$	$0.5 \pm 0.2$	...	$-0.3 \pm 0.2$	...	...	...	8
24	HD 133656	$-0.7 \pm 0.1$	...	$0.6 \pm 0.2$	$0.3 \pm 0.2$	$0.5 \pm 0.2$	...	$-0.4 \pm 0.2$	...	...	...	8
25	HR 6144	$-0.4 \pm 0.1$	...	$0.3 \pm 0.2$	$0.3 \pm 0.2$	$0.9 \pm 0.2$	...	$0.2 \pm 0.2$	...	...	...	8
26	HD 161796	$-0.3 \pm 0.1$	...	$0.4 \pm 0.2$	$0.3 \pm 0.2$	$1.1 \pm 0.2$	...	$0 \pm 0.2$	...	...	...	8
27	IRAS 18025-3906	$-0.51 \pm 0.15$	0.43	$0.56 \pm 0.2$	$0.46 \pm 0.2$	$0.74 \pm 0.2$	$-0.84 \pm 0.04$	...	...	...	...	9
28	HD 335675	$-0.9 \pm 0.2$	0.25	$0.77-0.19$	$0.4-0.35$	$< 0.27$	$-0.36 \pm 0.1$	...	...	...	...	10
29	IRAS 19386+0155	$-1.1 \pm 0.14$	...	...	$0.1 \pm 0.2$	...	...	$-0.3 \pm 0.2$	...	...	...	11
30	IRAS 19475+3119	$-0.24 \pm 0.15$	0.19	$0.30 \pm 0.02$	$-0.09 \pm 0.30$	...	...	$-0.30 \pm 0.1$	...	...	...	12
31	HR 7671	$-1.6 \pm 0.1$	0.05	$0.46 \pm 0.05$	$-0.57 \pm 0.13$	$0.51 \pm 0.16$	$0.44 \pm 0.15$	...	...	...	...	13

**Note.** The index [s/Fe] is the mean of the relative abundances of the elements for the “ls” and “hs” indices. Typically, ‘ls’ refers to the light *s*-process elements, which in this case is represented by the relative abundances of Y and Zr, and ‘hs’ refers to the heavy *s*-process elements, which in this case is represented by the relative abundances of La, Ce, Nd, and Sm.  $[hs/ls] = [hs/Fe] - [ls/Fe]$ . More details on the derived abundances and abundance ratios can be found in the individual studies mentioned in column “Ref”. The column “Ref.” indicates the individual chemical abundance study: (1) Reddy et al. (1999), (2) Van Winckel & Reyniers (2000), (3) De Smedt et al. (2016), (4) Pereira et al. (2011), (5) Klochkova & Kipper (2006), (6) Reyniers (2000), (7) Rao et al. (2012), (8) Van Winckel (1997), (9) Molina et al. (2019), (10) Şahin et al. (2011), (11) Pereira et al. (2004), (12) Arellano Ferro et al. (2001), (13) Reyniers & Cuypers (2005).

Index	Object	$T_{\text{eff}}$	$L/L_{\odot}$	[C/Fe]	[N/Fe]	[O/Fe]	Flag	$M_{\text{init}}$	chemistry
s-process enriched stars									
1	IRAS Z02229+6208	$5952 \pm 250$	12959	$0.78 \pm 0.15$	$1.19 \pm 0.15$	...	Q2	$3 - 3.5 M_{\odot}$	TDU+HBB
2	IRAS 04296+3429	$7252 \pm 250$	10009	$0.8 \pm 0.2$	$0.39 \pm 0.2$	...	Q2	$1 - 1.5 M_{\odot}$	TDU
3	IRAS 05113+1347	$5025 \pm 250$	2037	$0.65 \pm 0.16$	...	$0.01 \pm 0.27$	Q2	$1 - 1.3 M_{\odot}$	TDU
4	IRAS 05341+0852	$6274 \pm 250$	324	$1.03 \pm 0.10$	...	$0.75 \pm 0.11$	Q2	$0.5 - 0.6 M_{\odot}$	FLASH
5	IRAS 06530-0213	$7809 \pm 250$	4687	$0.83 \pm 0.13$	...	$0.35 \pm 0.11$	Q2	$1.5 - 2 M_{\odot}$	TDU
6	IRAS 07134+1005	$7485 \pm 250$	5505	$1.16 \pm 0.22$	$0.57 \pm 0.19$	$0.81 \pm 0.19$	Q1	$0.9 - 1.2 M_{\odot}$	TDU
7	IRAS 07430+1115	$5519 \pm 250$	20	$0.79 \pm 0.13$	...	$0.30 \pm 0.22$	Q2	$0.5 - 0.6 M_{\odot}$	FLASH
8	IRAS 08143-4406	$7013 \pm 250$	4509	$0.71 \pm 0.10$	$0.01 \pm 0.22$	$0.19 \pm 0.13$	Q1	$1 - 1.5 M_{\odot}$	TDU
9	IRAS 08281-4850	$7462 \pm 250$	9584	$0.75 \pm 0.21$	...	$0.12 \pm 0.11$	Q2	$1.5 - 2 M_{\odot}$	TDU
10	IRAS 12360-5740	$7273 \pm 250$	6258	$0.27 \pm 0.18$	$0.22 \pm 0.32$	$0.31 \pm 0.05$	Q1	$1 - 1.5 M_{\odot}$	TDU
11	IRAS 13245-5036	$9037 \pm 250$	11221	$0.57 \pm 0.21$	...	$0.26 \pm 0.13$	Q2	$1.5 - 2 M_{\odot}$	TDU
12	IRAS 14325-6428	$7256 \pm 250$	4935	$1.18 \pm 0.23$	$0.18 \pm 0.20$	$0.57 \pm 0.09$	Q2	$1.5 - 2 M_{\odot}$	TDU
13	IRAS 14429-4539	$9579 \pm 250$	5049	$0.68 \pm 0.23$	...	$0.31 \pm 0.12$	Q2	$1.5 - 2 M_{\odot}$	TDU
14	IRAS 19500-1709	$8239 \pm 250$	7053	$0.99 \pm 0.06$	$0.41 \pm 0.30$	$0.72 \pm 0.04$	Q1	$1.5 - 2 M_{\odot}$	TDU
15	IRAS 20000+3239	$5478 \pm 250$	14342	$1.7 \pm 0.2$	$2.1 \pm 0.2$	...	Q2	$3 - 3.5 M_{\odot}$	TDU+HBB
16	IRAS 22223+4327	$6008 \pm 250$	2163	$0.59 \pm 0.06$	$0.15 \pm 0.30$	$0.31 \pm 0.06$	Q2	$0.5 - 0.6 M_{\odot}$	FLASH
17	IRAS 22272+5435	$5325 \pm 250$	5659	$1.05 \pm 0.07$	...	$0.63 \pm 0.02$	Q1	$1 - 1.3 M_{\odot}$	TDU
18	IRAS 23304+6147	$6276 \pm 250$	7712	$0.91 \pm 0.47$	$0.15 \pm 0.12$	$0.17 \pm 0.03$	Q2	$2 - 2.5 M_{\odot}$	TDU
non s-process enriched stars									
19	IRAS 01259+6823	$5510 \pm 250$	340	$0.18 \pm 0.15$	...	$0.31 \pm 0.06$	Q1	$0.5 - 0.6 M_{\odot}$	FDU
20	IRAS 08187-1905	$5772 \pm 250$	2619	$0.62 \pm 0.15$	$0.49 \pm 0.3$	$0.26 \pm 0.1$	Q2	$0.5 - 0.6 M_{\odot}$	FLASH
21	SAO 239853	$7452 \pm 250$	23490	$0.4 \pm 0.15$	$0.6 \pm 0.2$	$0.8 \pm 0.2$	Q2	$\sim 3 M_{\odot}$	TDU
22	HD 107369	$7533 \pm 250$	910	$< -0.2$	$0.49 \pm 0.3$	$0 \pm 0.2$	Q1	$0.5 - 0.6 M_{\odot}$	FDU
23	HD 112374	$6393 \pm 250$	10777	$0.1 \pm 0.2$	$0.5 \pm 0.2$	$0.8 \pm 0.2$	Q1	$2.5 - 3 M_{\odot}$	TDU
24	HD 133656	$8238 \pm 250$	5227	$0.3 \pm 0.2$	$0.5 \pm 0.2$	$0.6 \pm 0.2$	Q1	$0.8 - 1 M_{\odot}$	FDU
25	HR 6144	$6728 \pm 250$	25491	$0.3 \pm 0.2$	$0.9 \pm 0.2$	$0.3 \pm 0.2$	Q1	$4 - 5 M_{\odot}$	HBB
26	HD 161796	$6139 \pm 250$	5742	$0.3 \pm 0.2$	$1.1 \pm 0.2$	$0.4 \pm 0.2$	Q1	$1 - 1.2 M_{\odot}$	FDU
27	IRAS 18025-3906	$6154 \pm 250$	2324	$0.46 \pm 0.2$	$0.74 \pm 0.2$	$0.56 \pm 0.2$	Q2	$0.8 - 1 M_{\odot}$	FDU, TDU
28	HD 335675	$6082 \pm 250$	15843	$0.4 \pm 0.35$	$< 0.27$	$0.77 \pm 0.19$	Q2		
29	IRAS 19386+0155	$6303 \pm 250$	9611	$0.1 \pm 0.2$	...	...	Q2	$0.7 - 0.8 M_{\odot}$	FDU
30	IRAS 19475+3119	$8216 \pm 250$	6775	$-0.09 \pm 0.30$	...	$0.30 \pm 0.02$	Q1	$0.8 - 1 M_{\odot}$	FDU
31	HR 7671	$6985 \pm 250$	3579	$-0.57 \pm 0.13$	$0.51 \pm 0.16$	$0.46 \pm 0.05$	Q1	$0.5 - 0.6 M_{\odot}$	FDU

# Post-AGB stars as tracers of the origin of elements and isotopes in the Universe

Luminosities and masses of single Galactic Post-Asymptotic Giant Branch (Post-AGB) stars with distances from *Gaia* EDR3: The revelation of an *s*-process diversity

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## New Post-AGB star models as tools to understand AGB evolution and nucleosynthesis.

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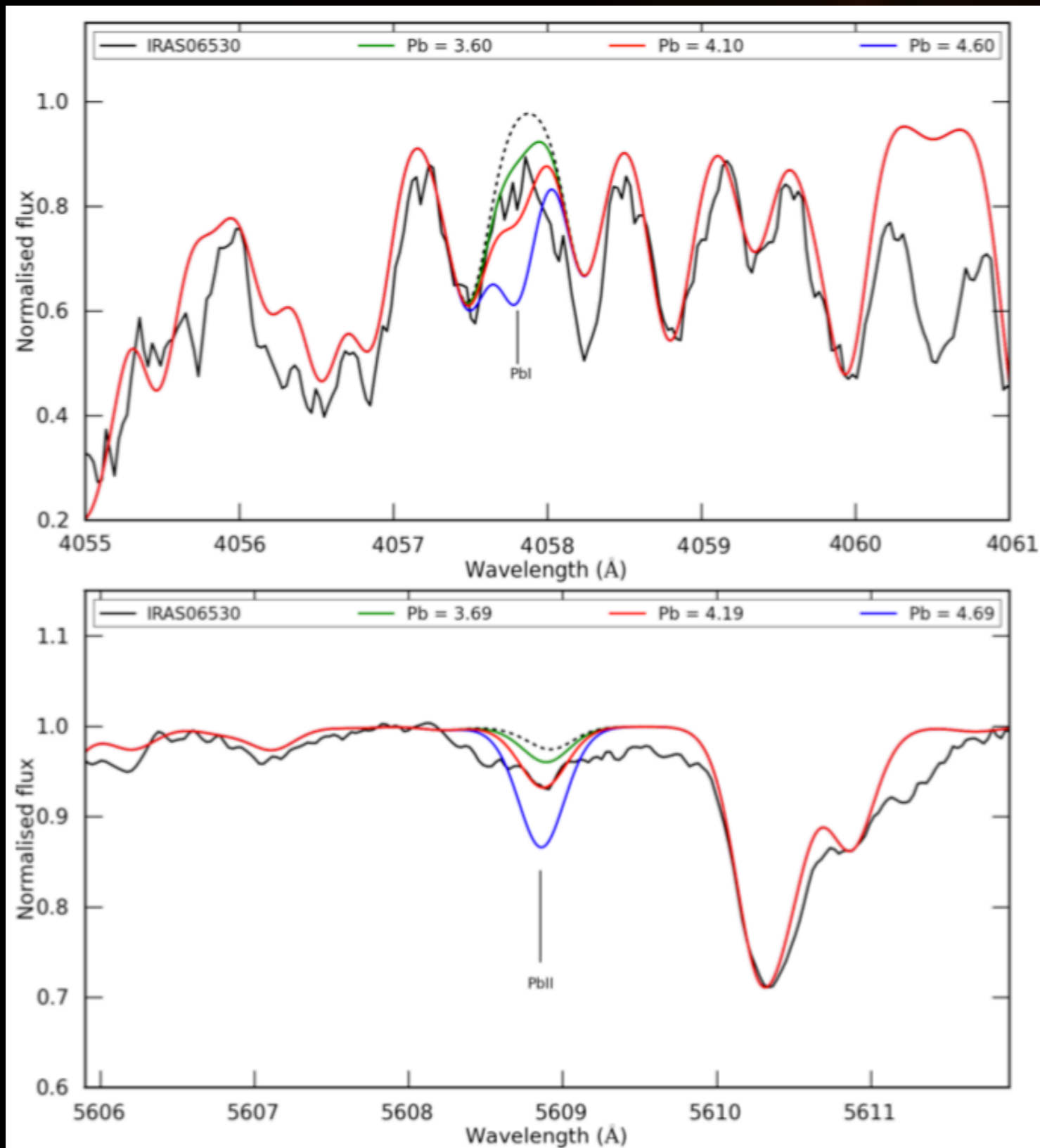
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# COMPLEXITIES IN SINGLE STAR AGB NUCLEOSYNTHESIS

- ★ Under-abundance of lead (Pb)  
De Smedt et al., 2014, 2015; Kamath et al., 2021  
**s-process nucleosynthesis**



# LEAD (Pb): A TRACER OF S-PROCESS AND I-PROCESS IN AGB STARS



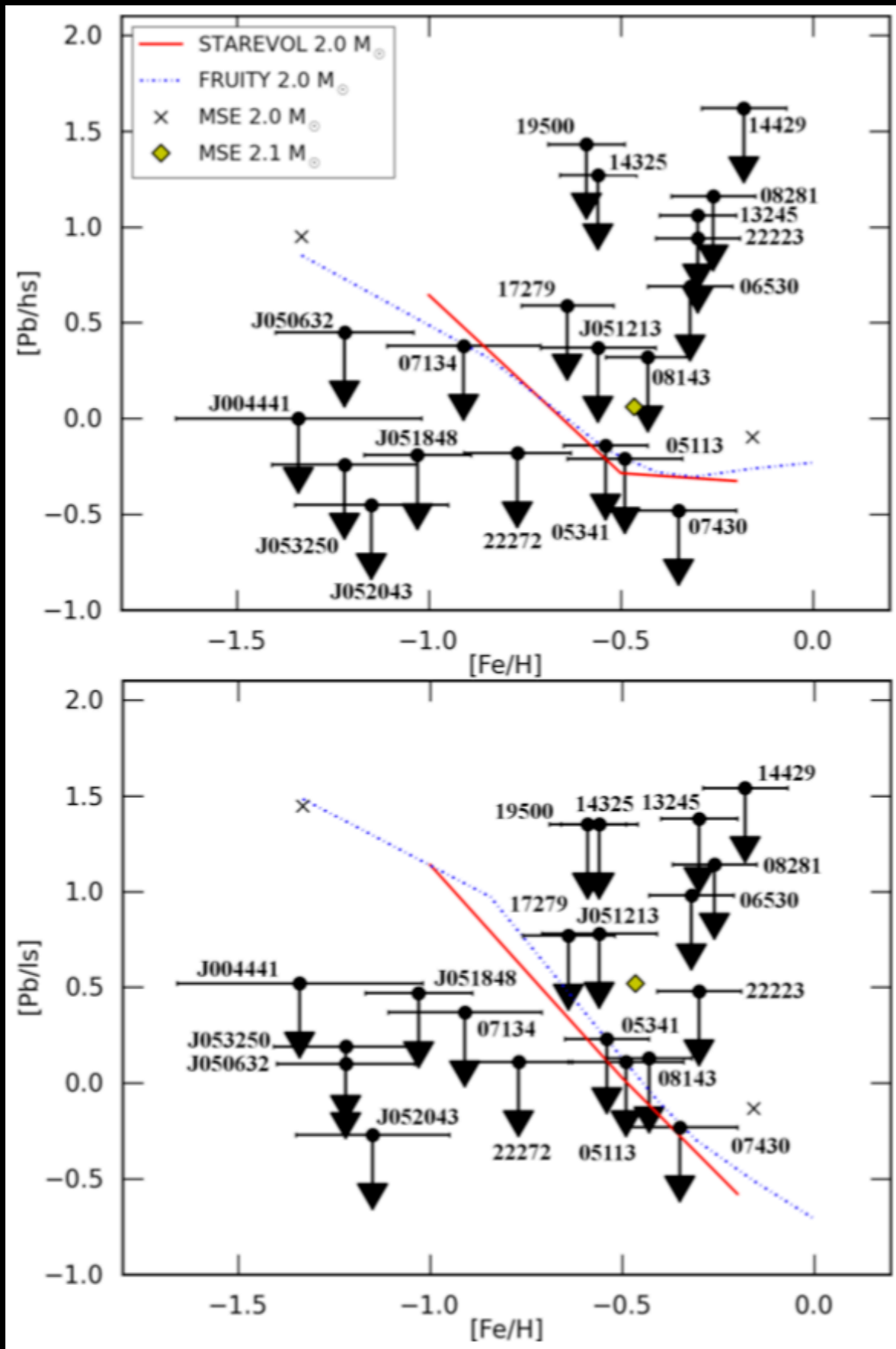
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Low-mass, Low-metallicity AGBs

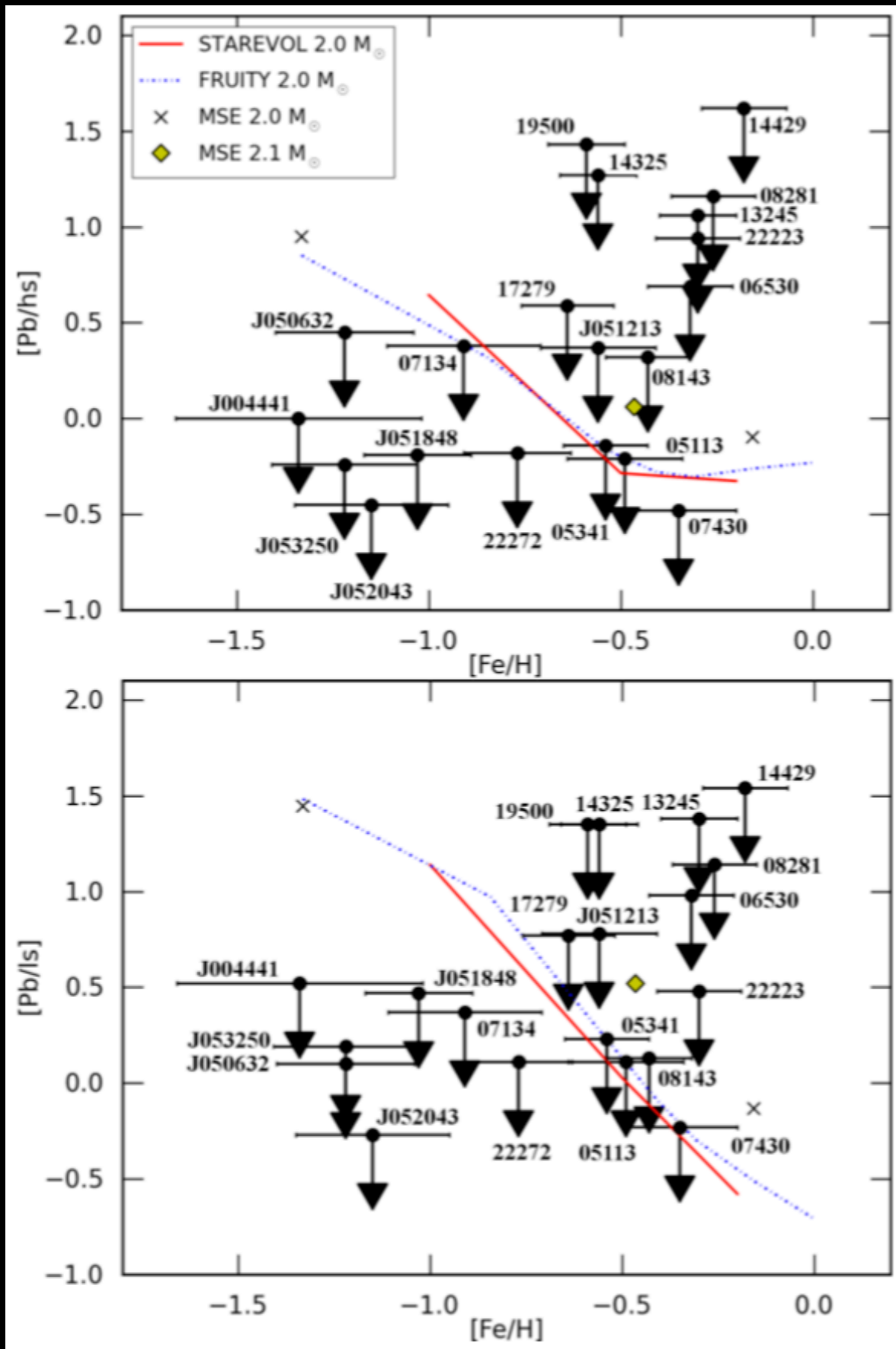
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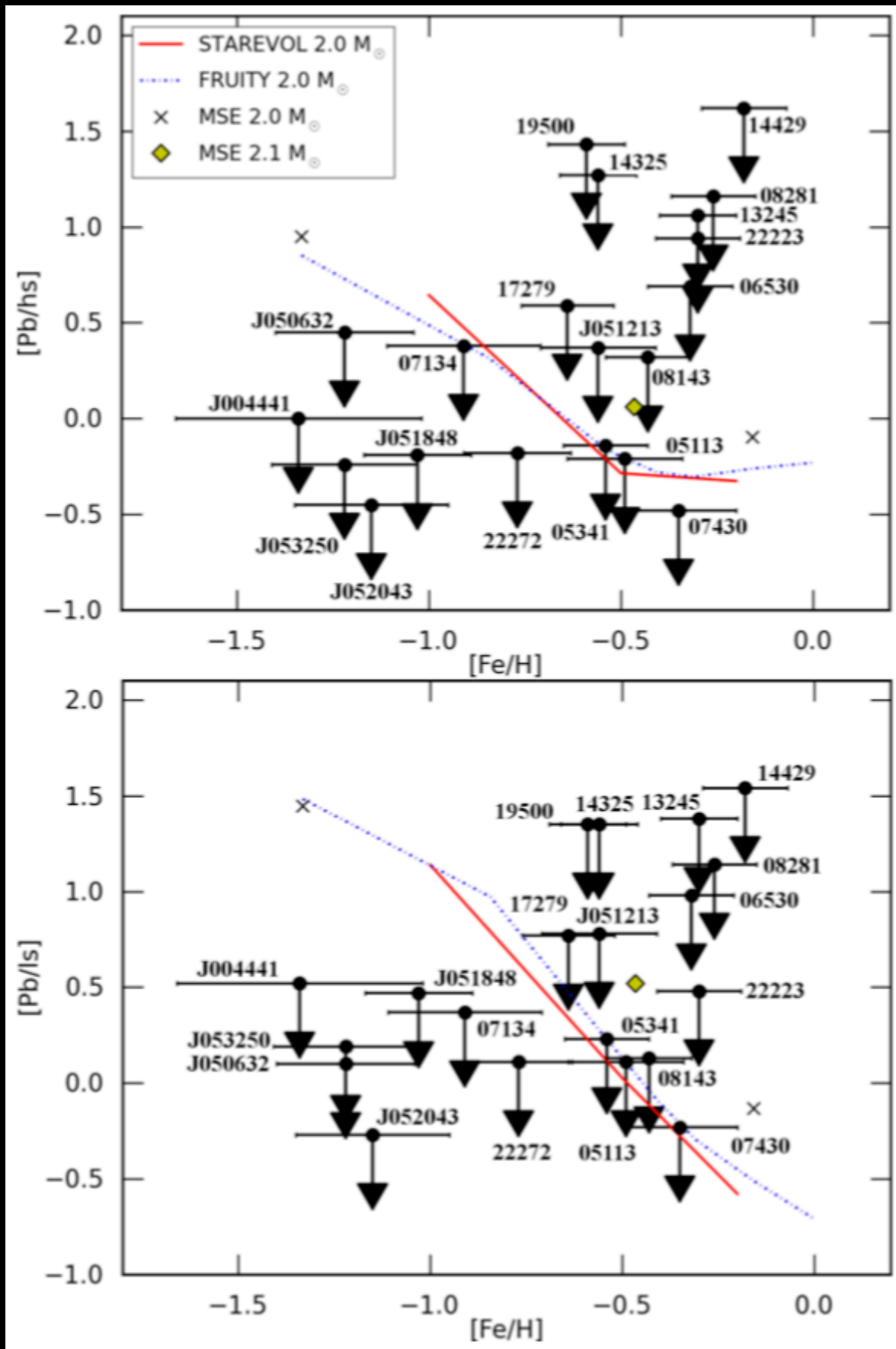
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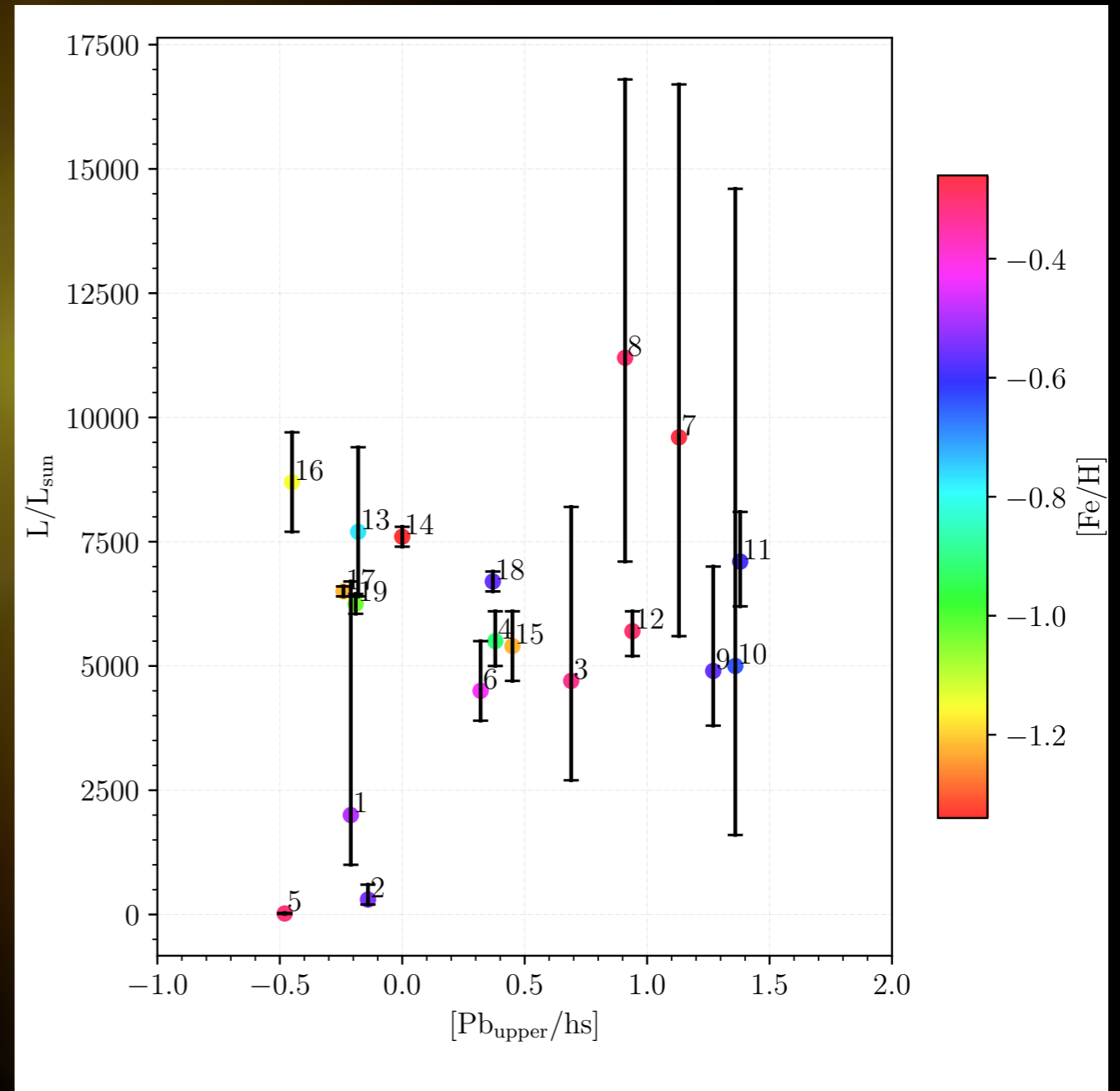


Discrepancy between the observed and predicted Pb over-abundances in single, low-metallicity ( $[Fe/H] < -0.7$  dex) post-AGBs

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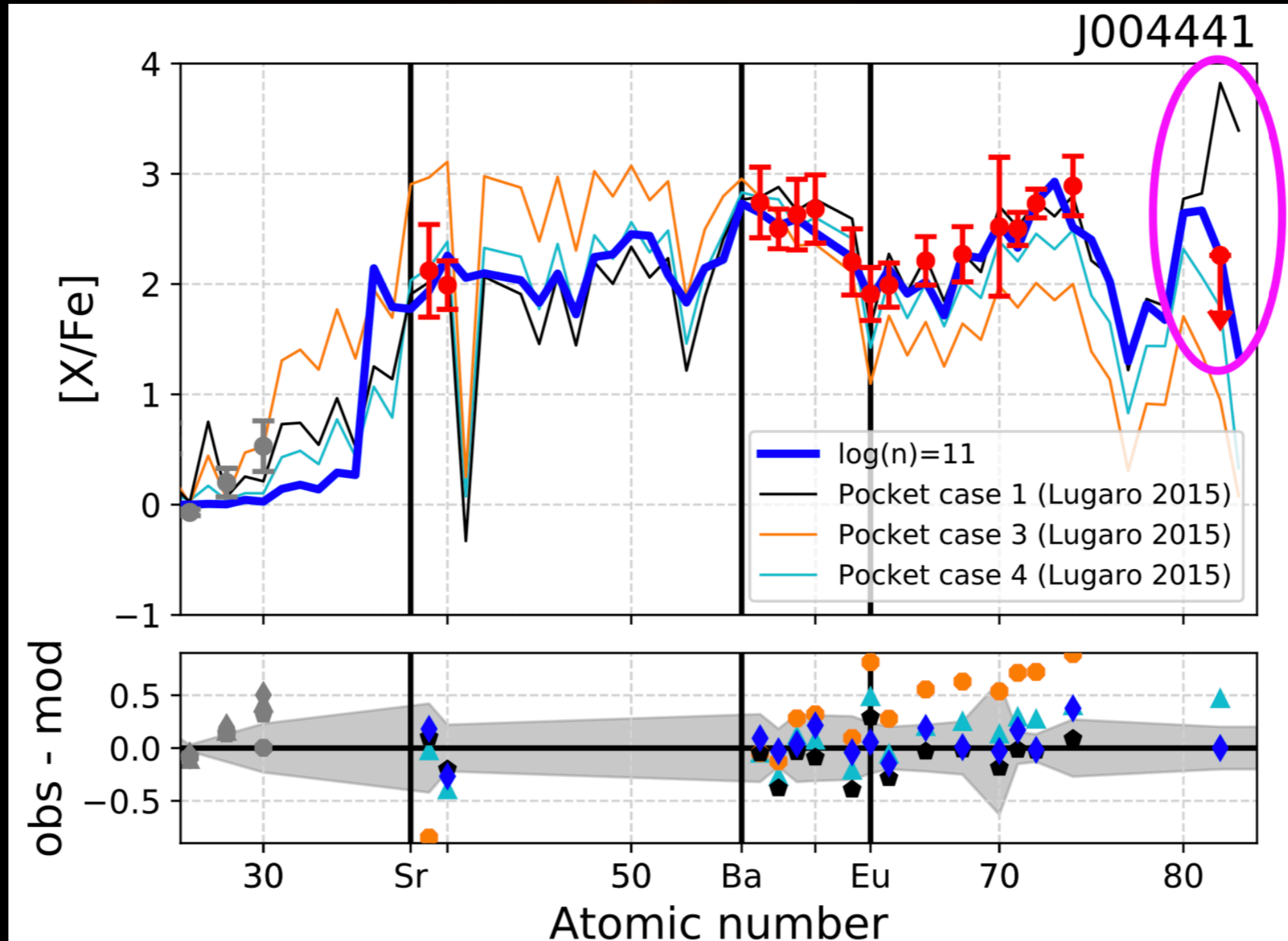


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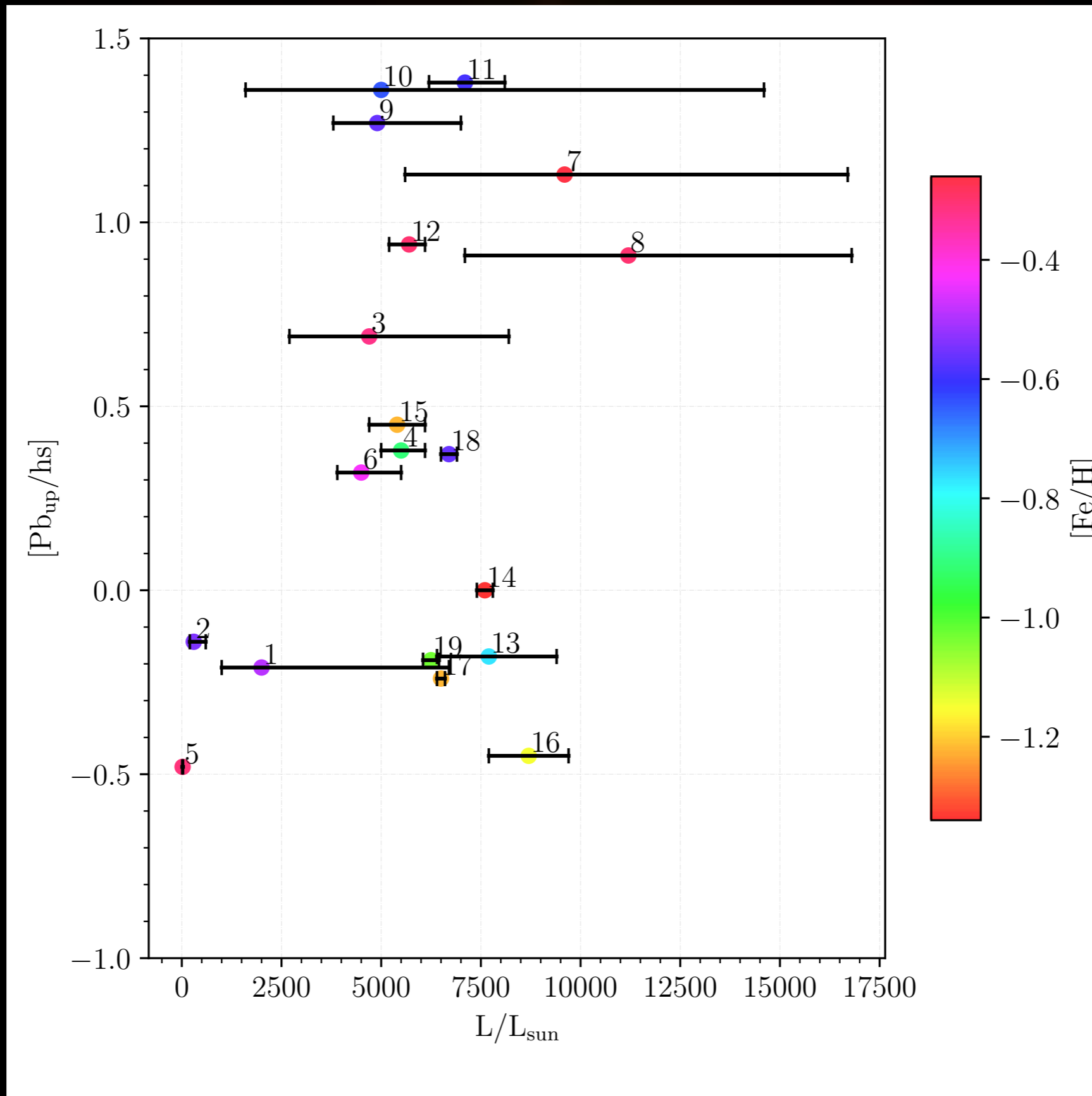
# THE ADVENT OF THE *i*-PROCESS:



Hampel et al., 2019

A neutron density of  $\sim 10^{11}$  n/cm<sup>3</sup> could produce a pattern that matches...

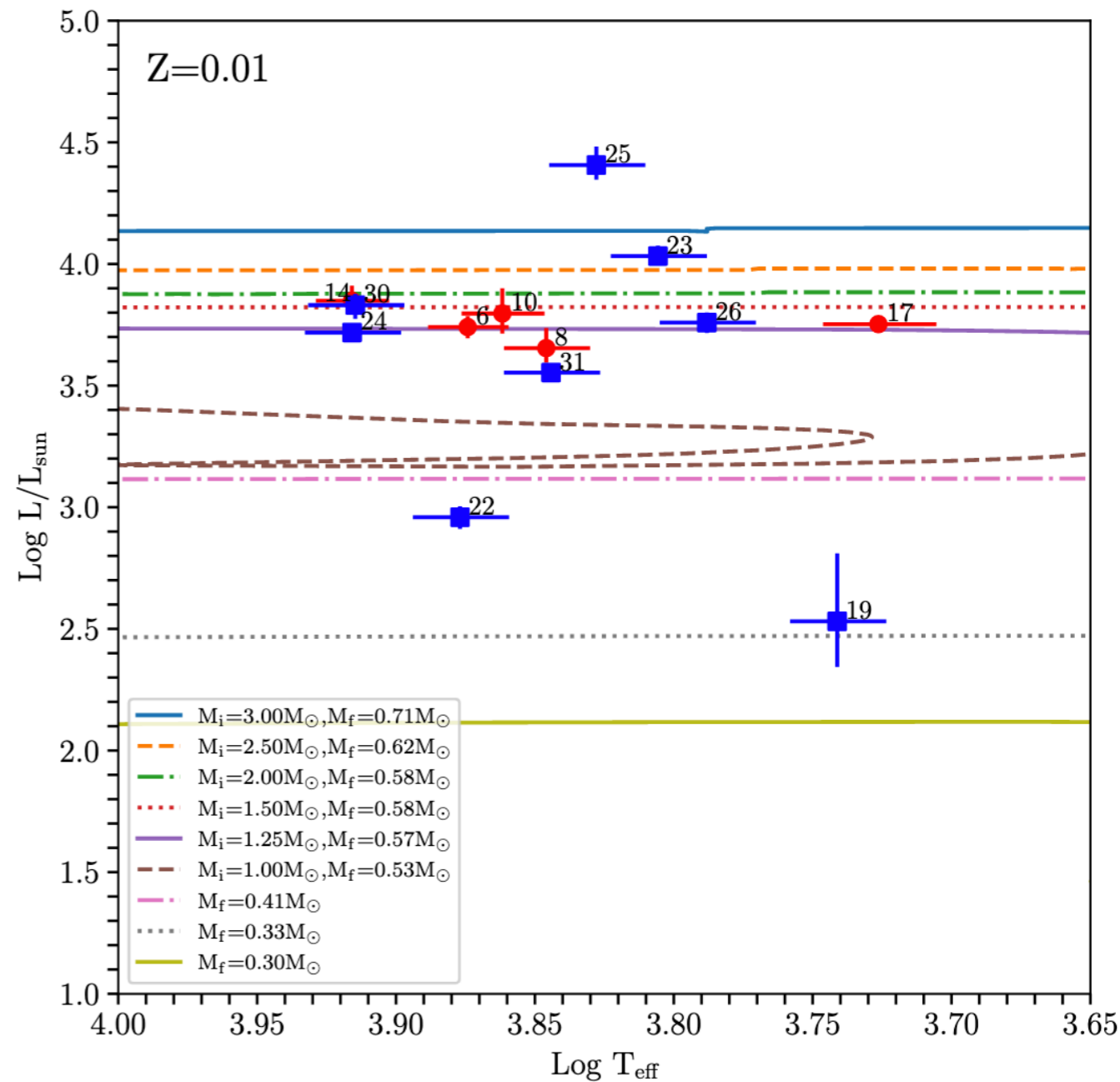
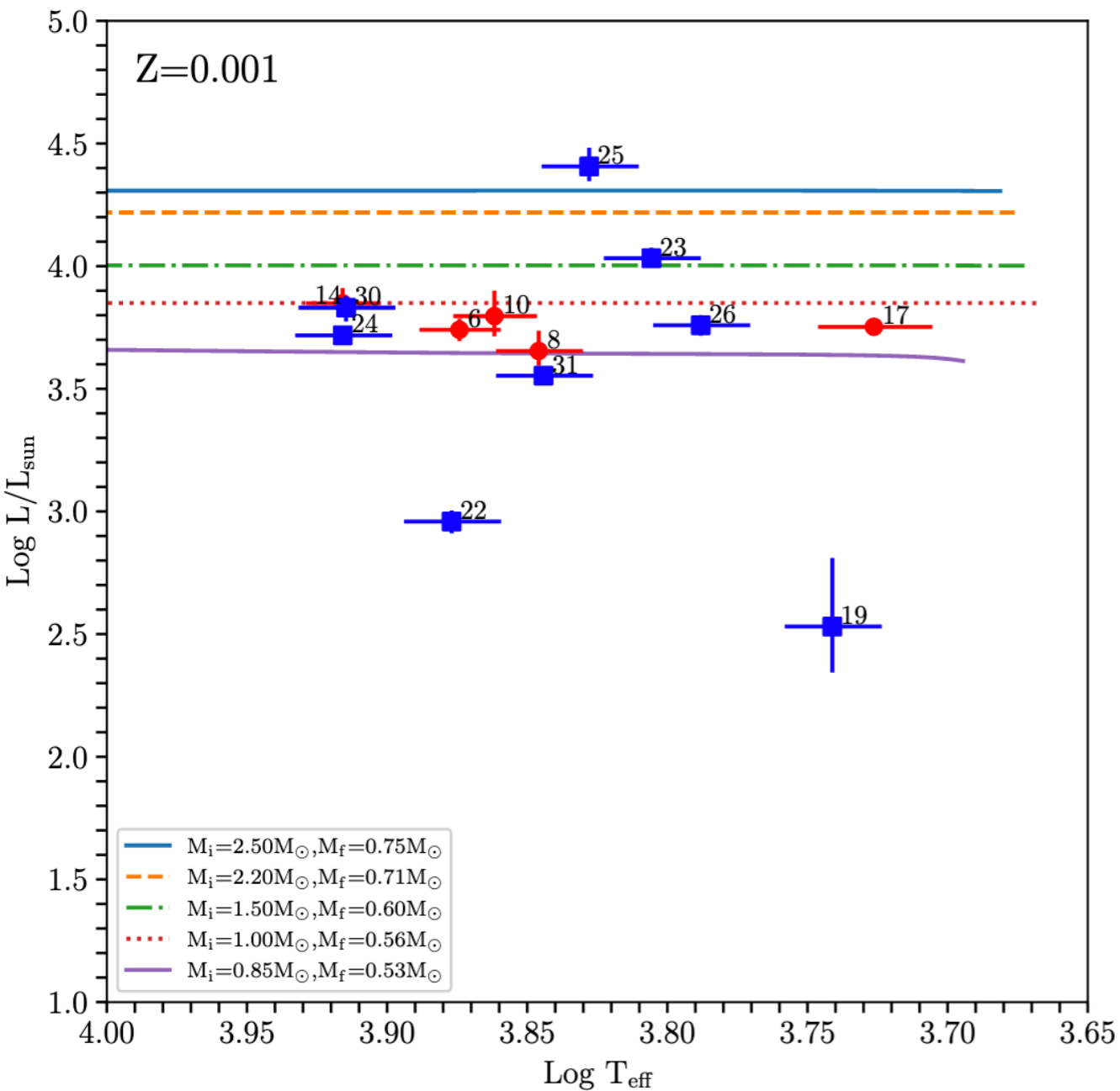
# LEAD (Pb): A TRACER OF S-PROCESS AND I-PROCESS IN AGB STARS



# THE STATE-OF-THE-ART: SINGLE STAR AGB NUCLEOSYNTHESIS

- ★ A subset of post-AGB stars reflect a lack of carbon production during the AGB phase  
*Kamath et al., 2018*  
**efficiency of the third dredge-up**
- ★ **Non-uniform s-process production**  
*Van Winckel 2003; Kamath et al., 2022; Kamath et al., 2022b to-be-submitted*  
**AGB nucleosynthesis**
- ★ Under-abundance of lead (b)  
*De Smedt et al., 2014, 2015; Kamath et al., 2021*  
**s-process nucleosynthesis**
- ★ Observed C/O and  $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$  ratios significantly lower than predictions  
*De Smedt et al., 2012; Van Aarle et al., 2014; Kamath et al., 2014; 2015*  
**convection, mixing, and mass-loss**

# POSITION OF THE GALACTIC POST-AGBs IN THE HR-DIAGRAM



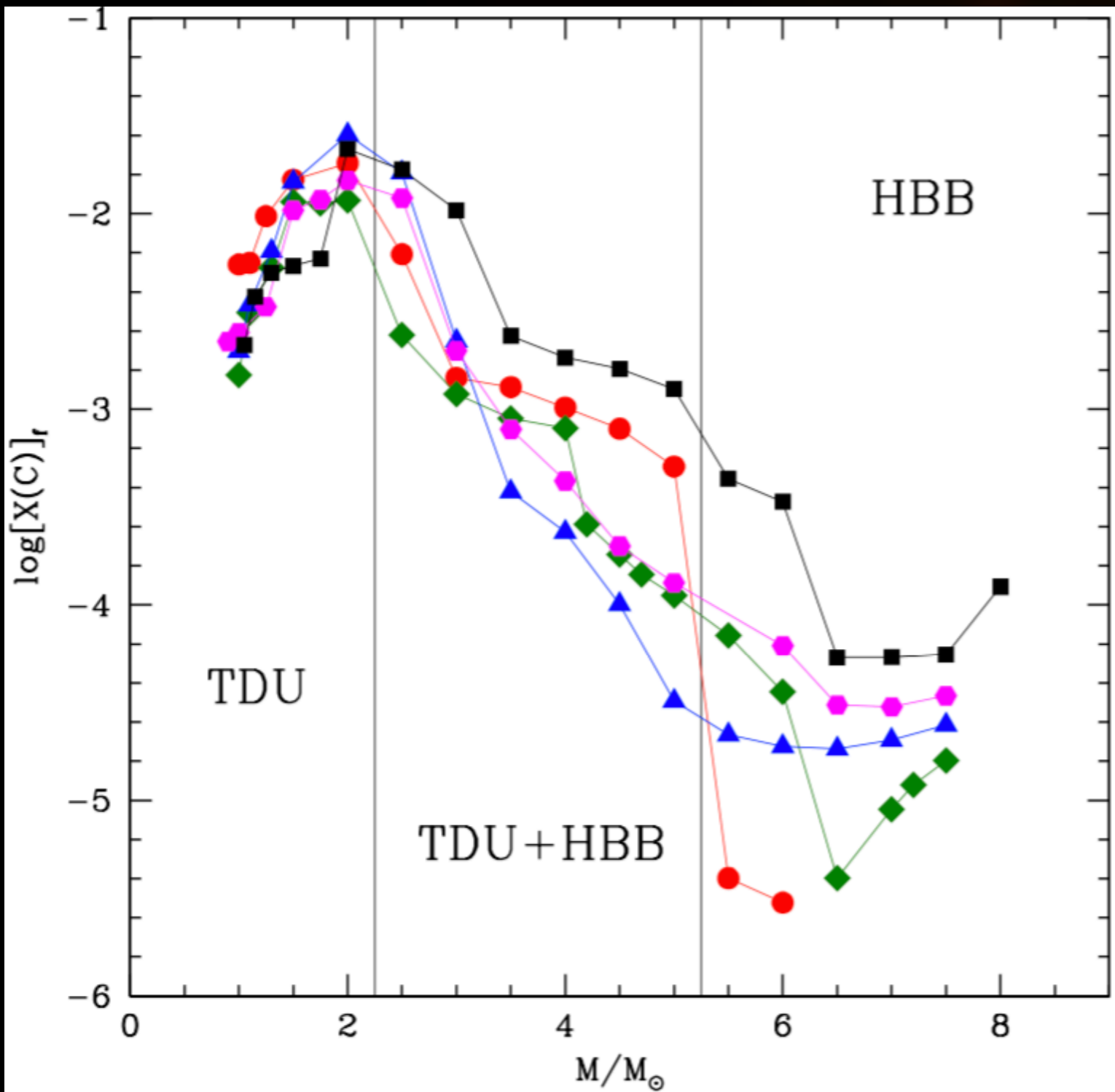
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**Red circles: s-process enriched Blue squares: non s-process rich**

**Chemical diversity NOT entirely a mass or initial metallicity effect!**



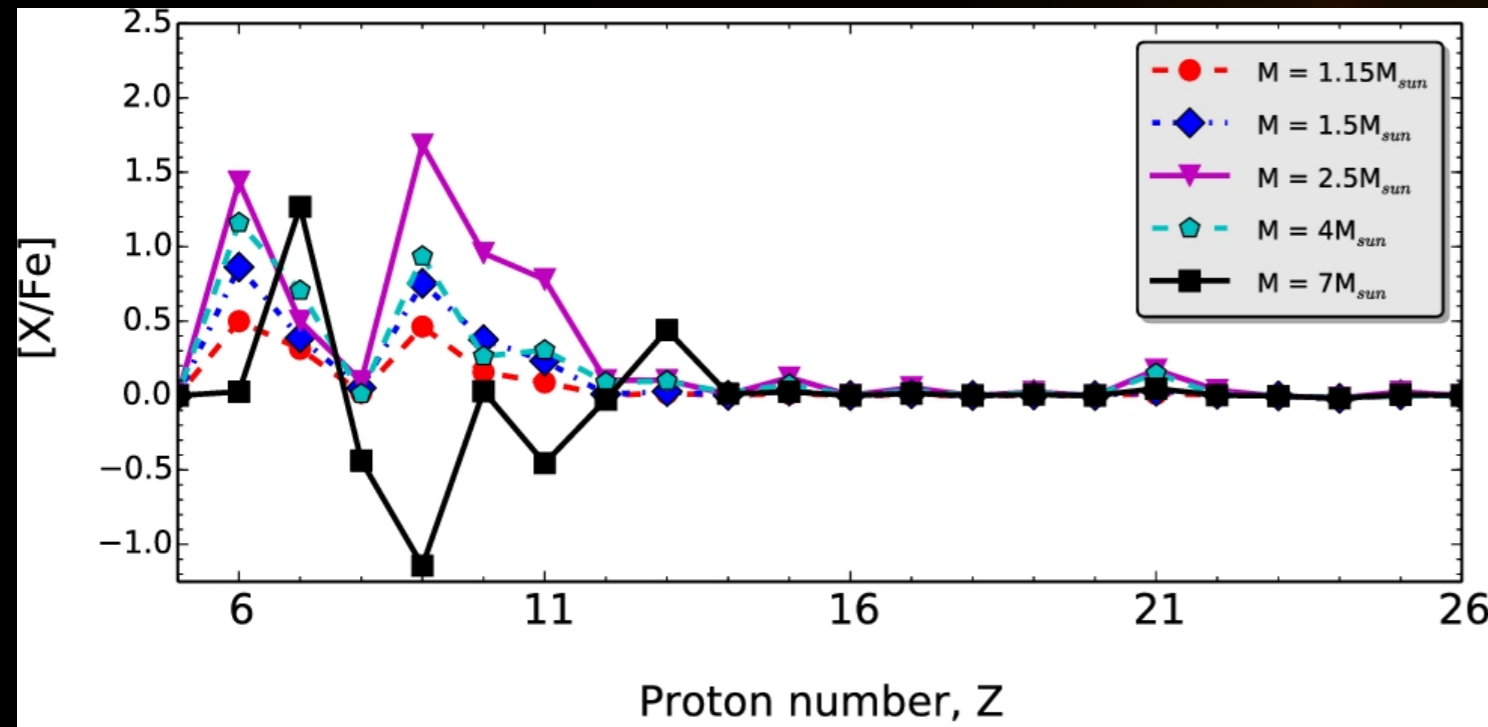
# THEORETICAL PREDICTIONS FOR TDU AND HBB FOR A RANGE OF METALLICITIES



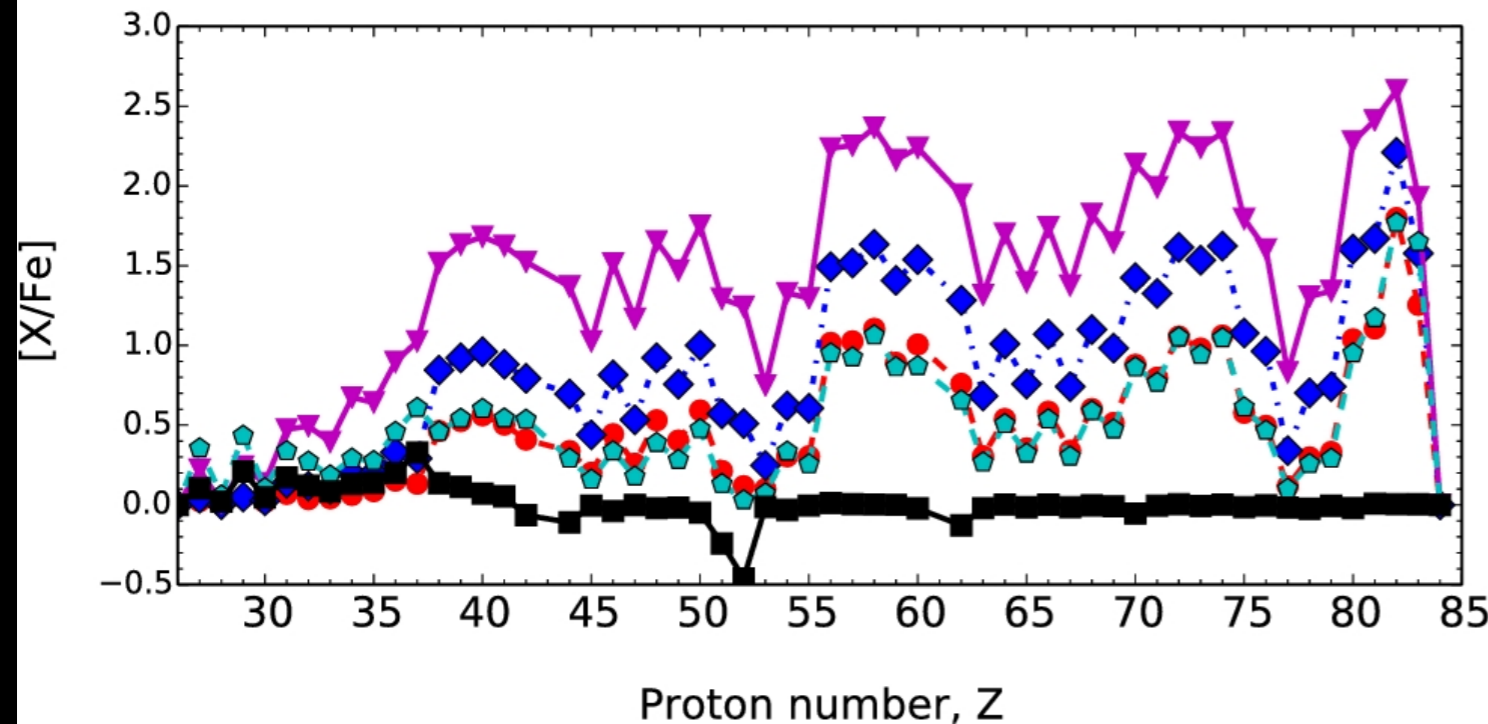
- Models with  $M_{\text{initial}} = 1.5$  to  $2.5 M_{\text{sun}}$  show strong C-enhancement
- Onset of HBB roughly at  $2.5$  to  $3M_{\text{sun}}$  (depending on metallicity)

# HEAVY-ELEMENT YIELDS AND ABUNDANCES OF AGB STARS

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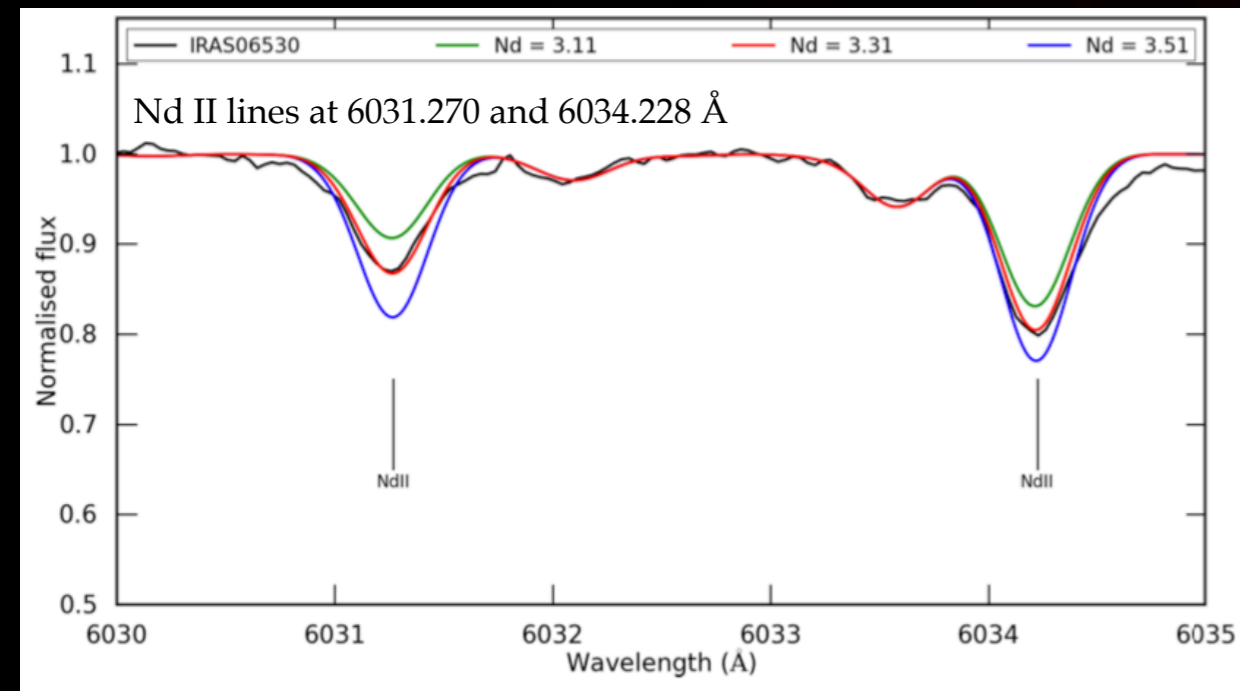


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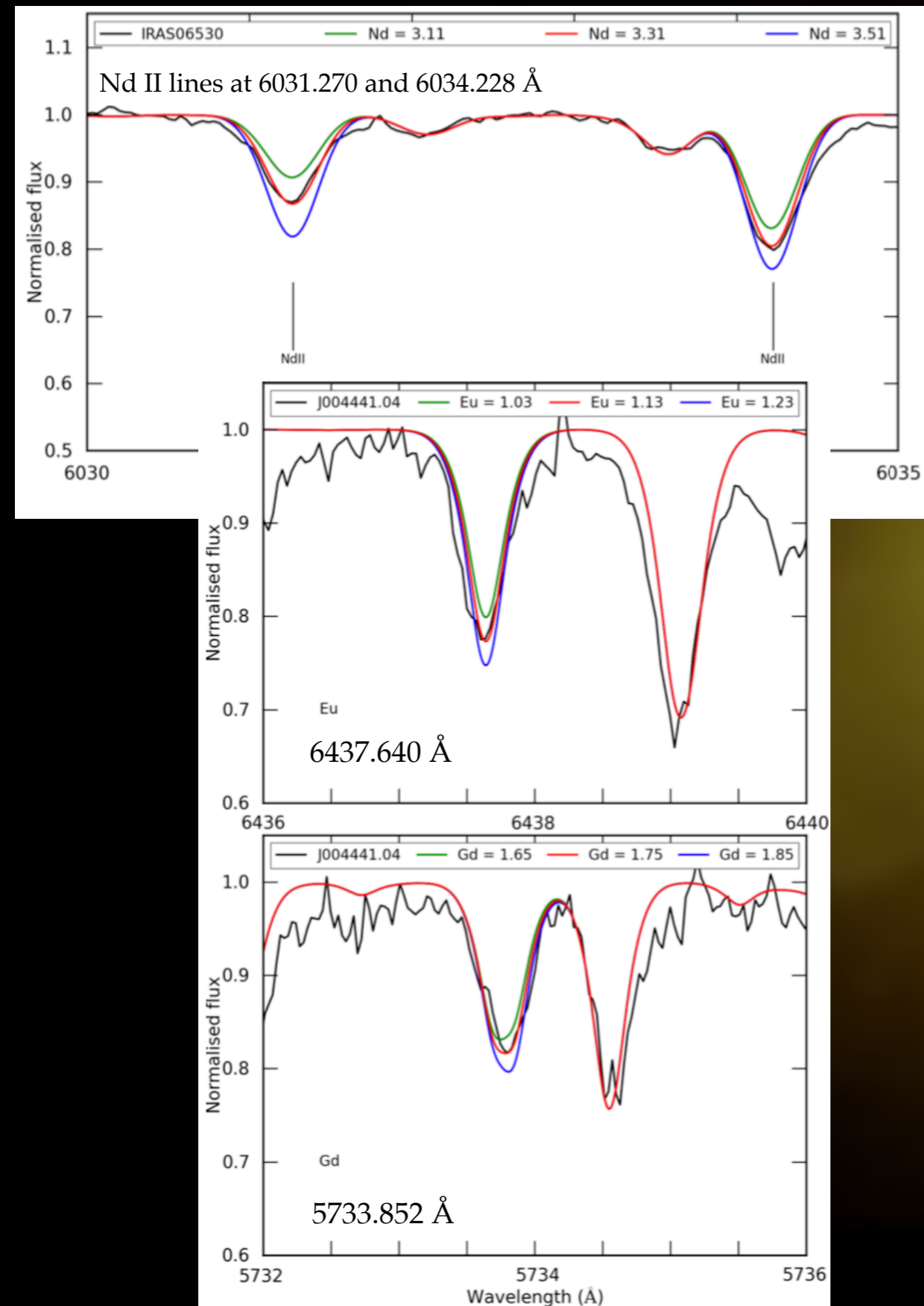


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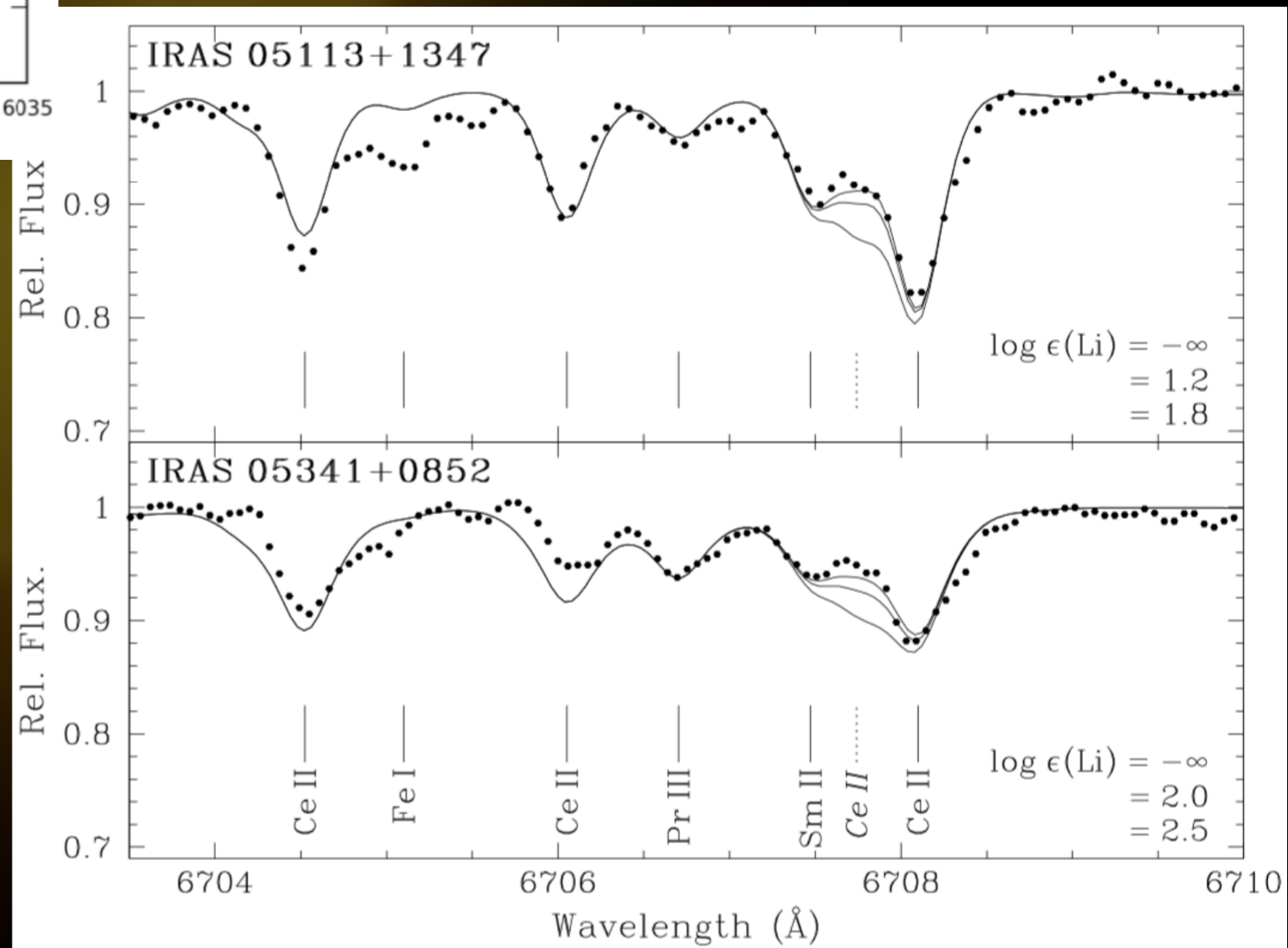
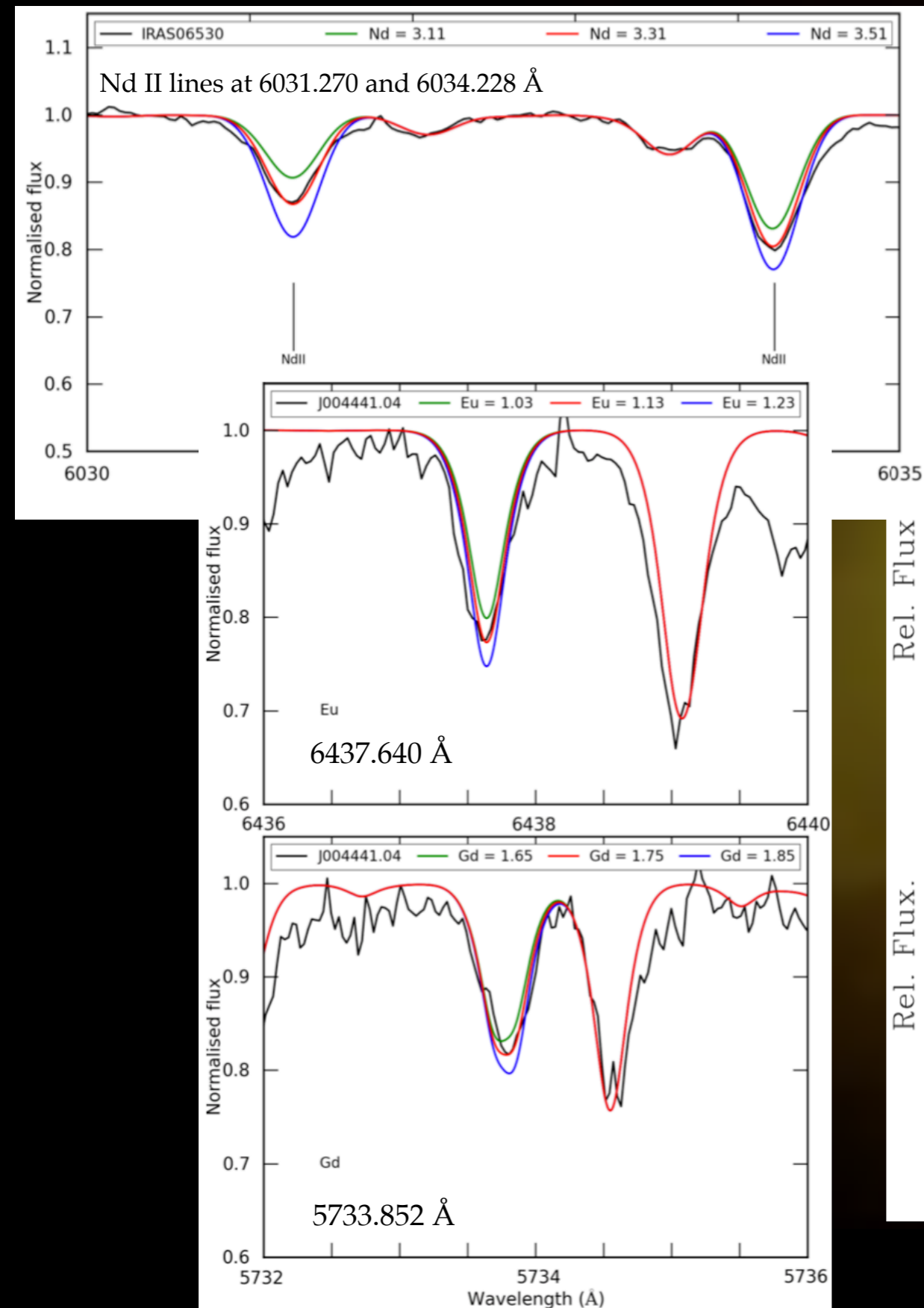
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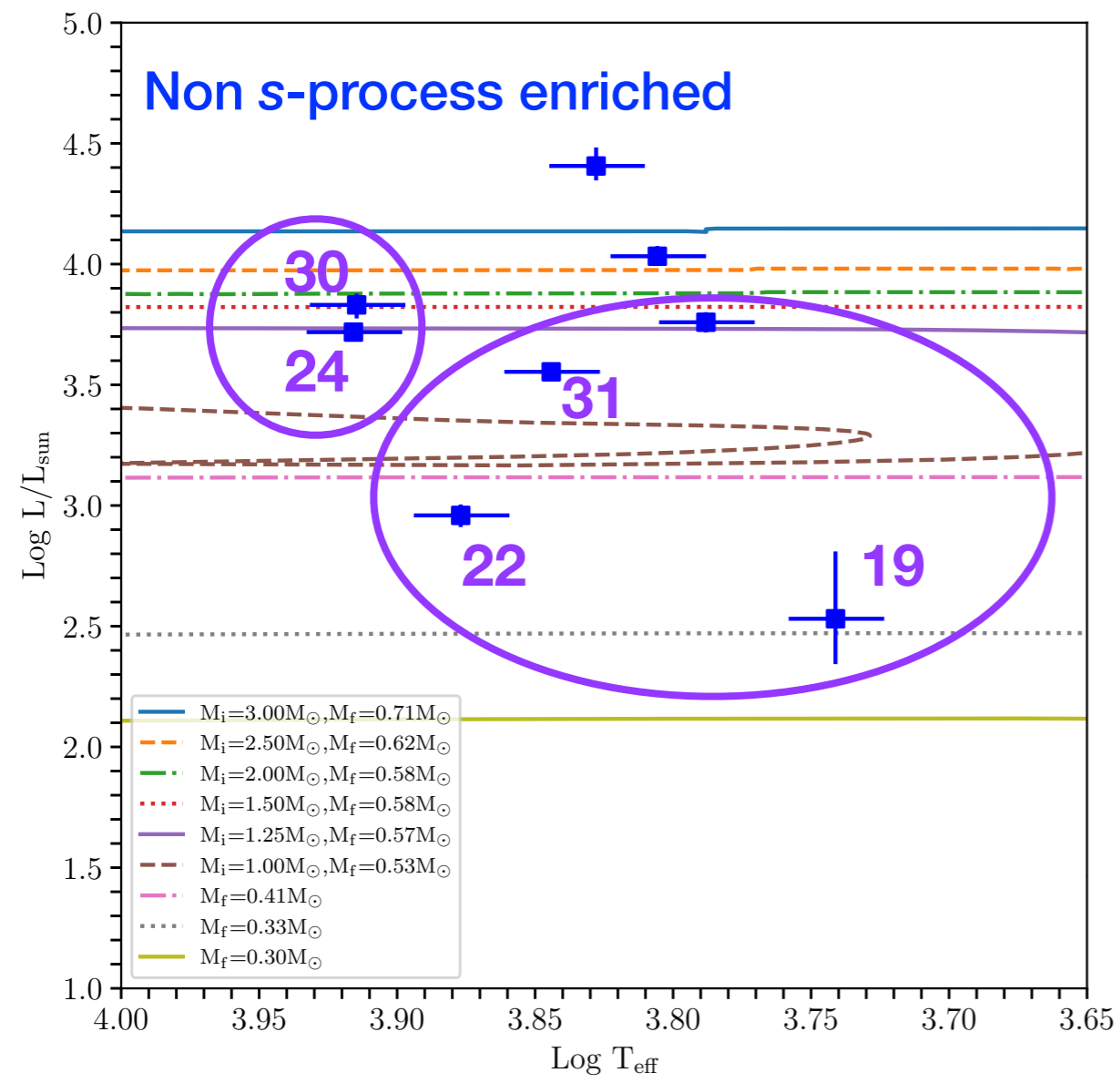
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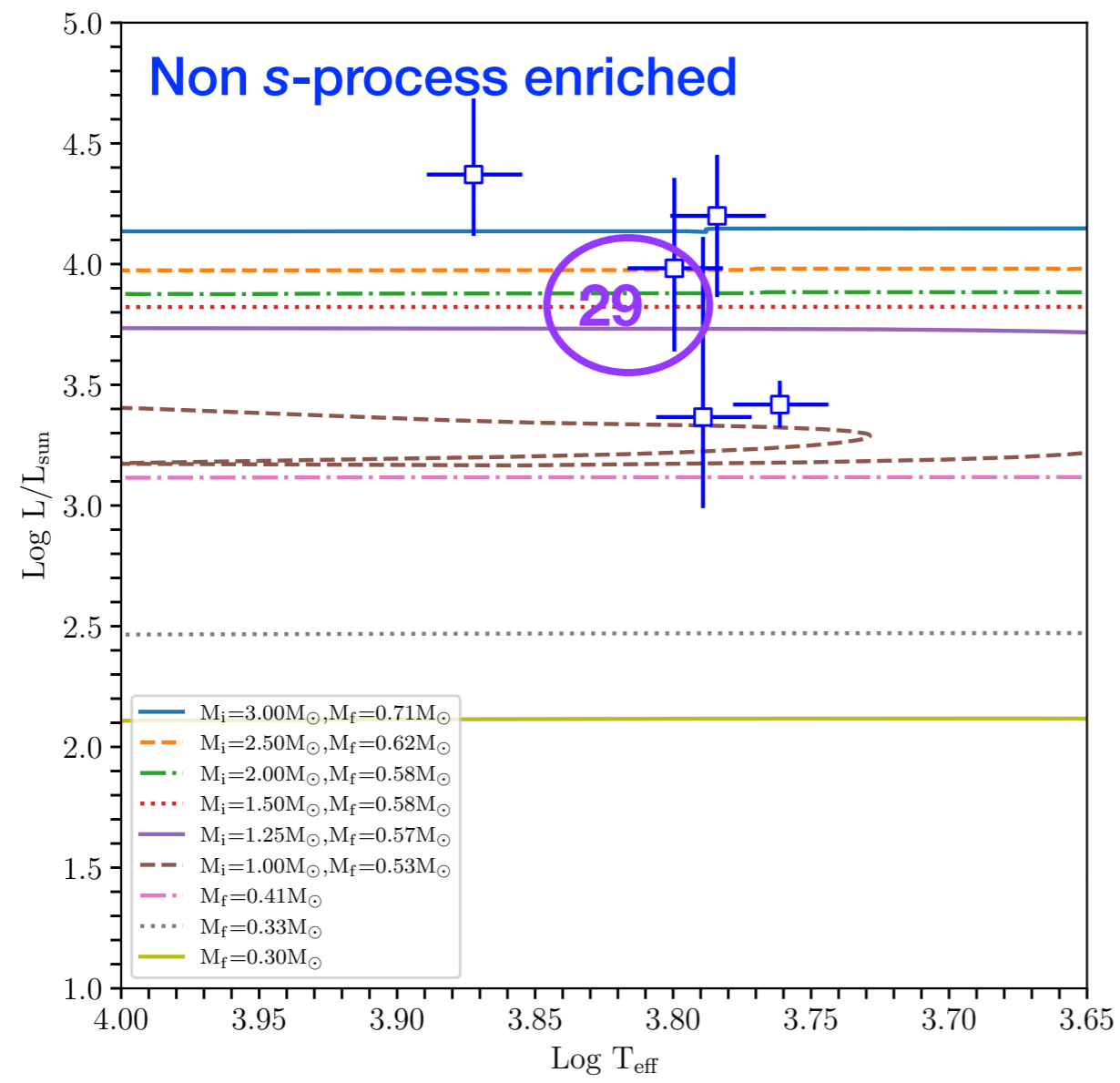


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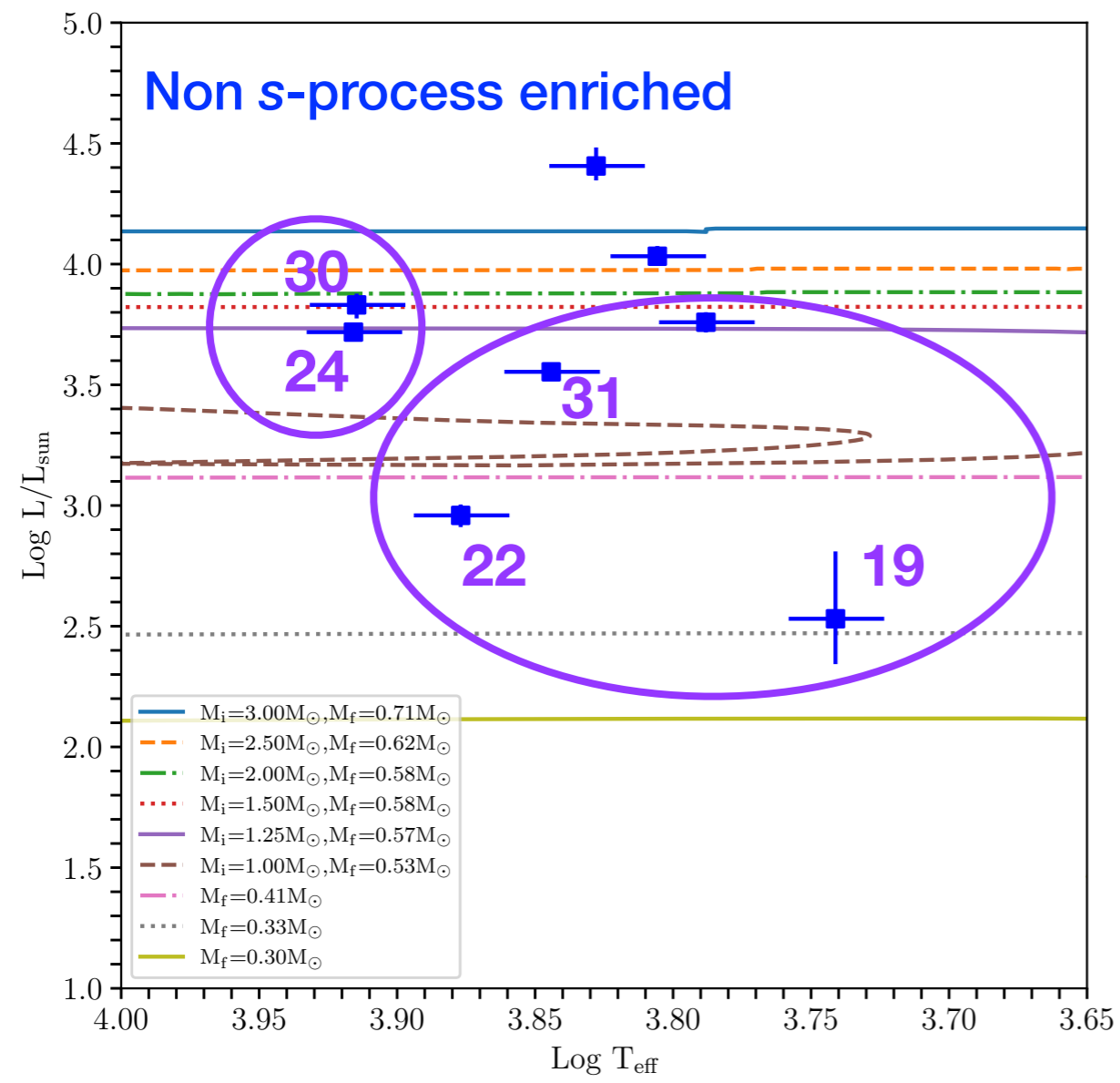
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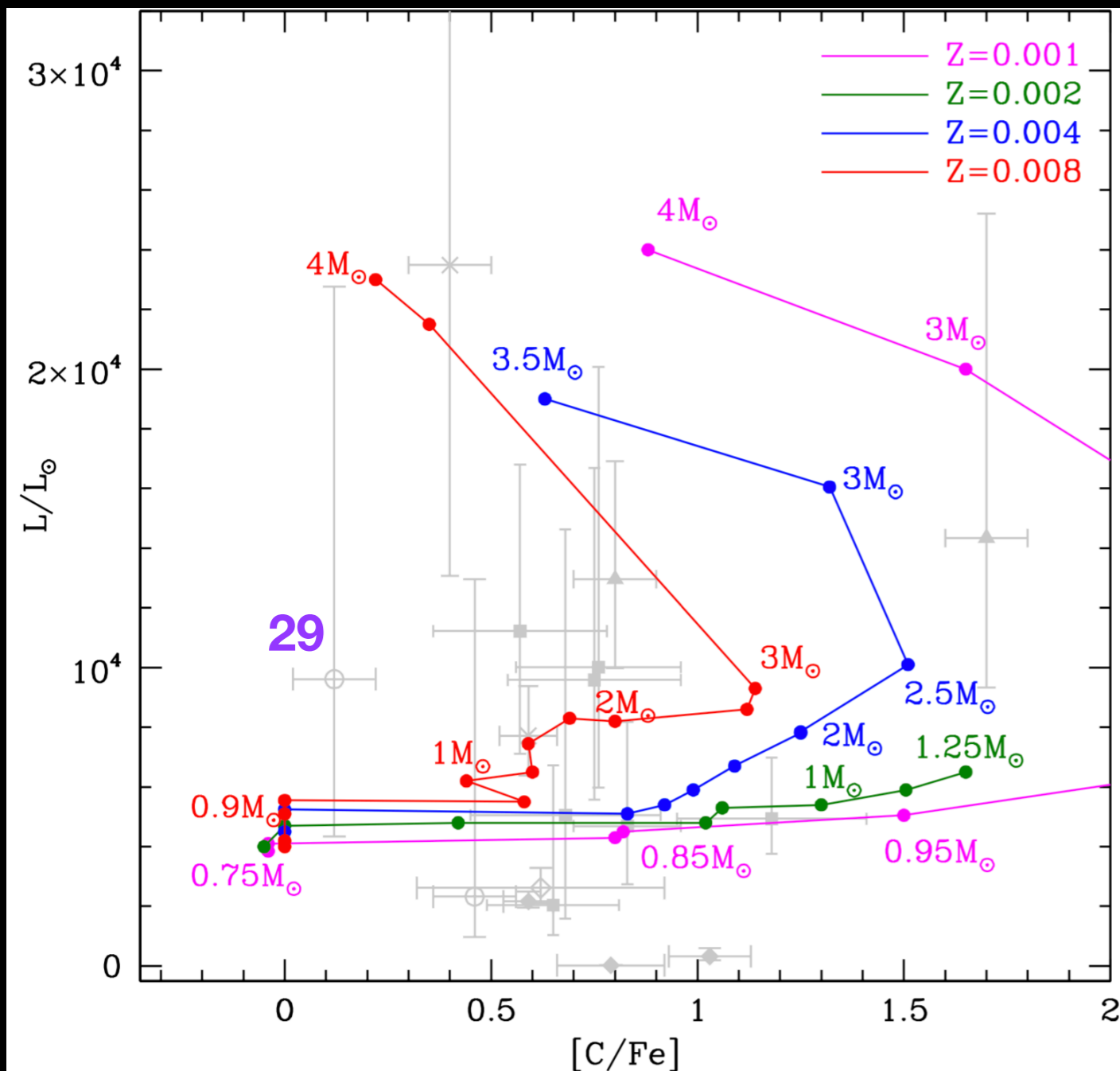


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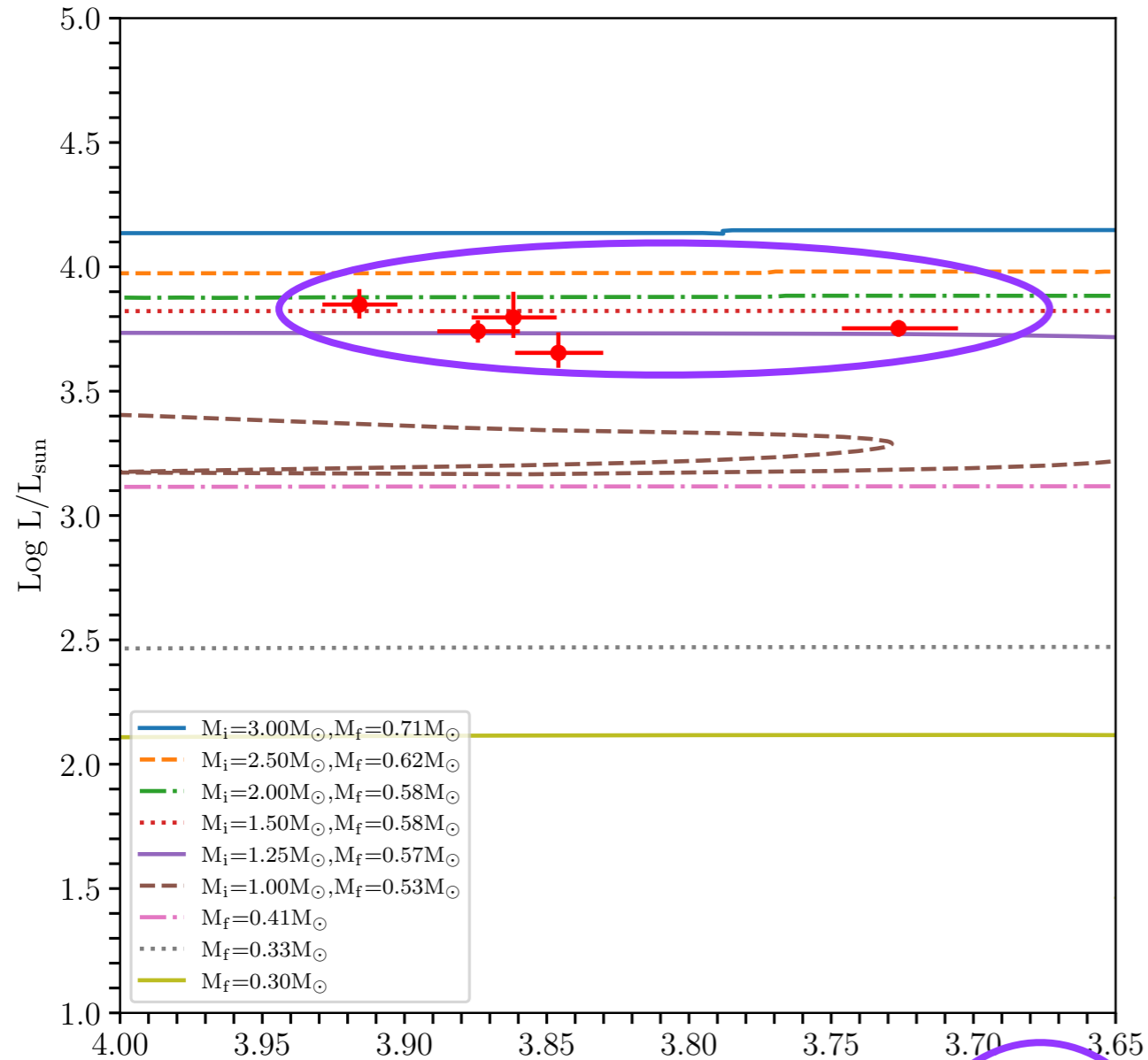


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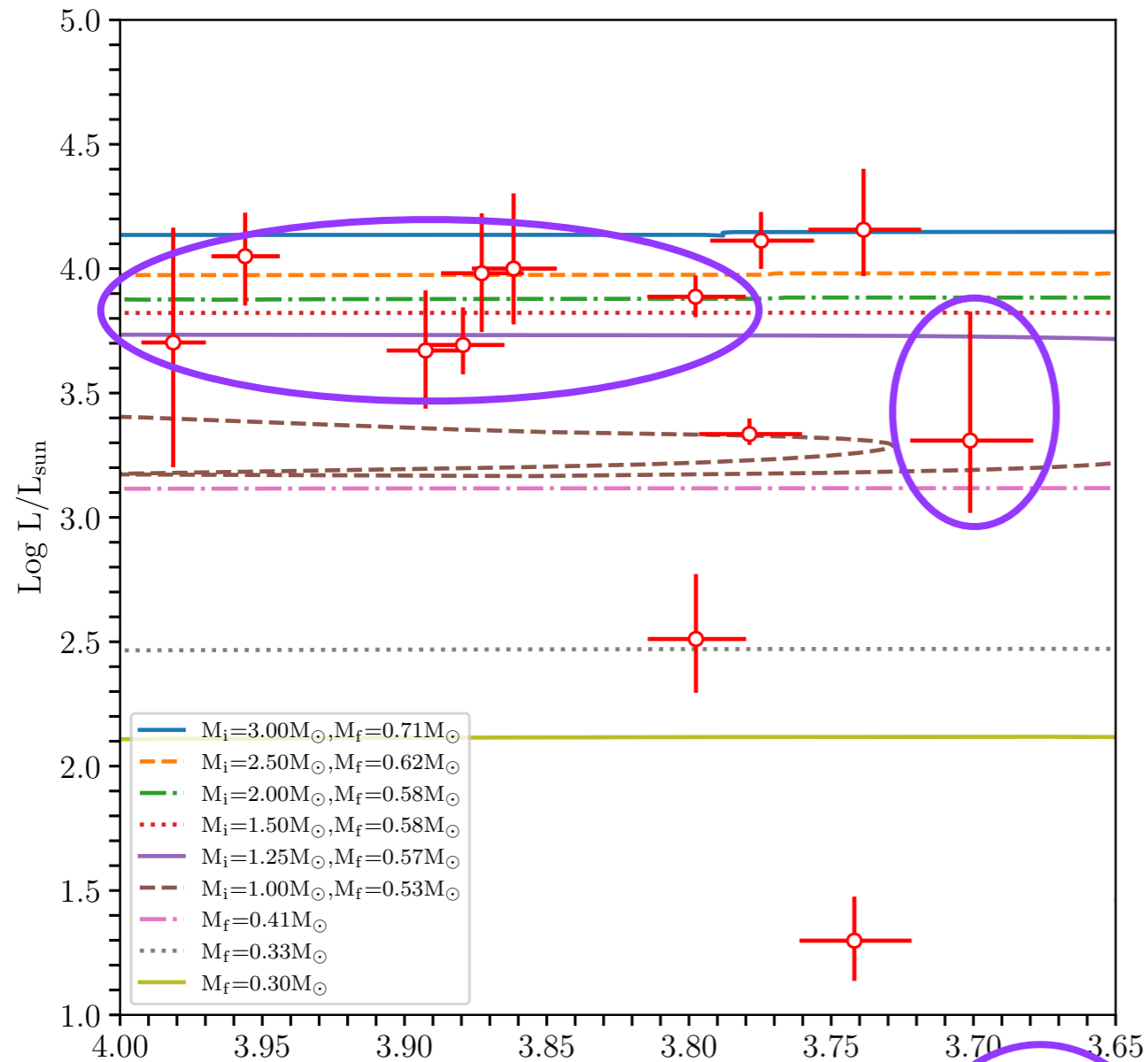


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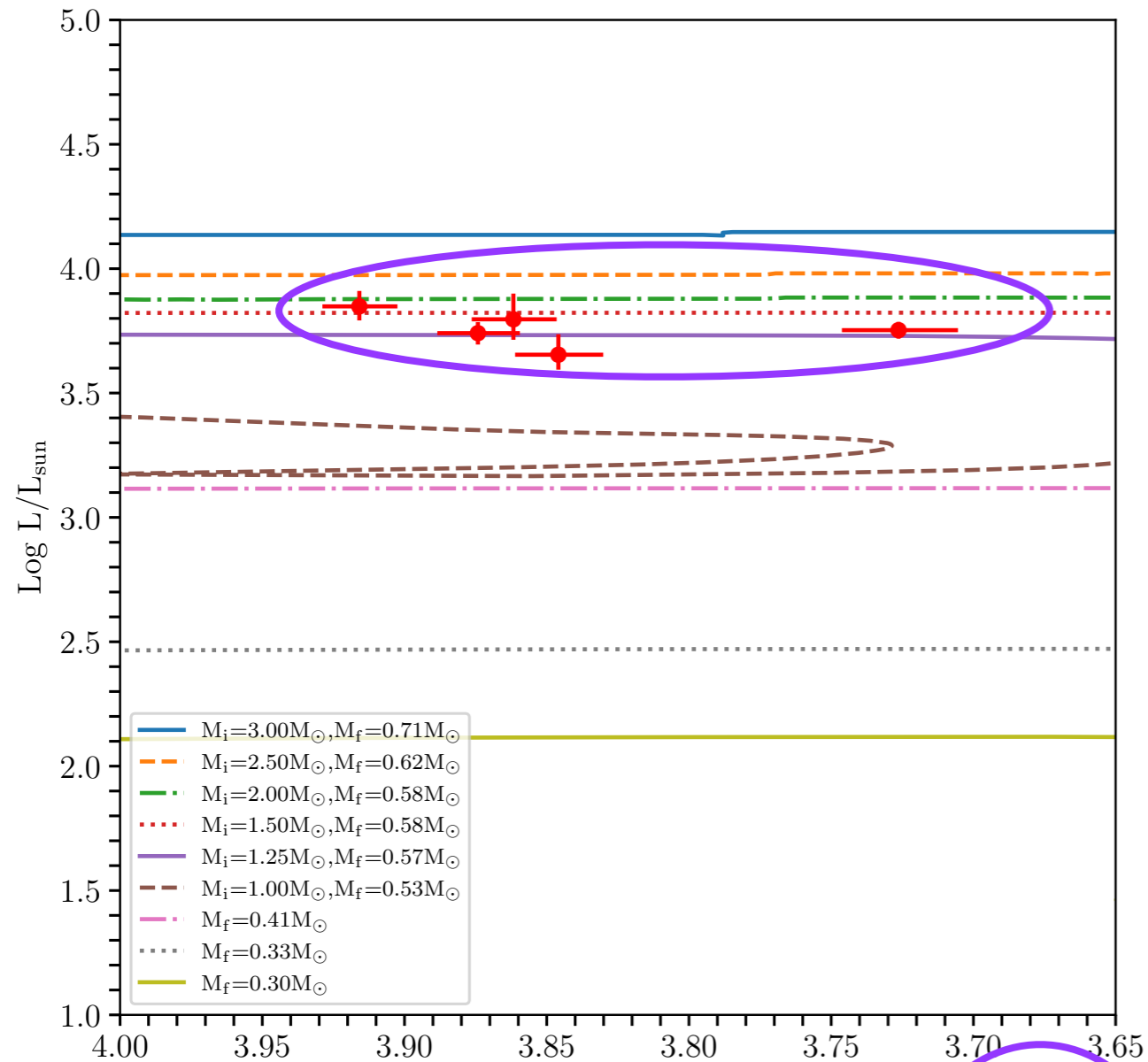


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