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# Lithium in the closest satellite of the Milky Way

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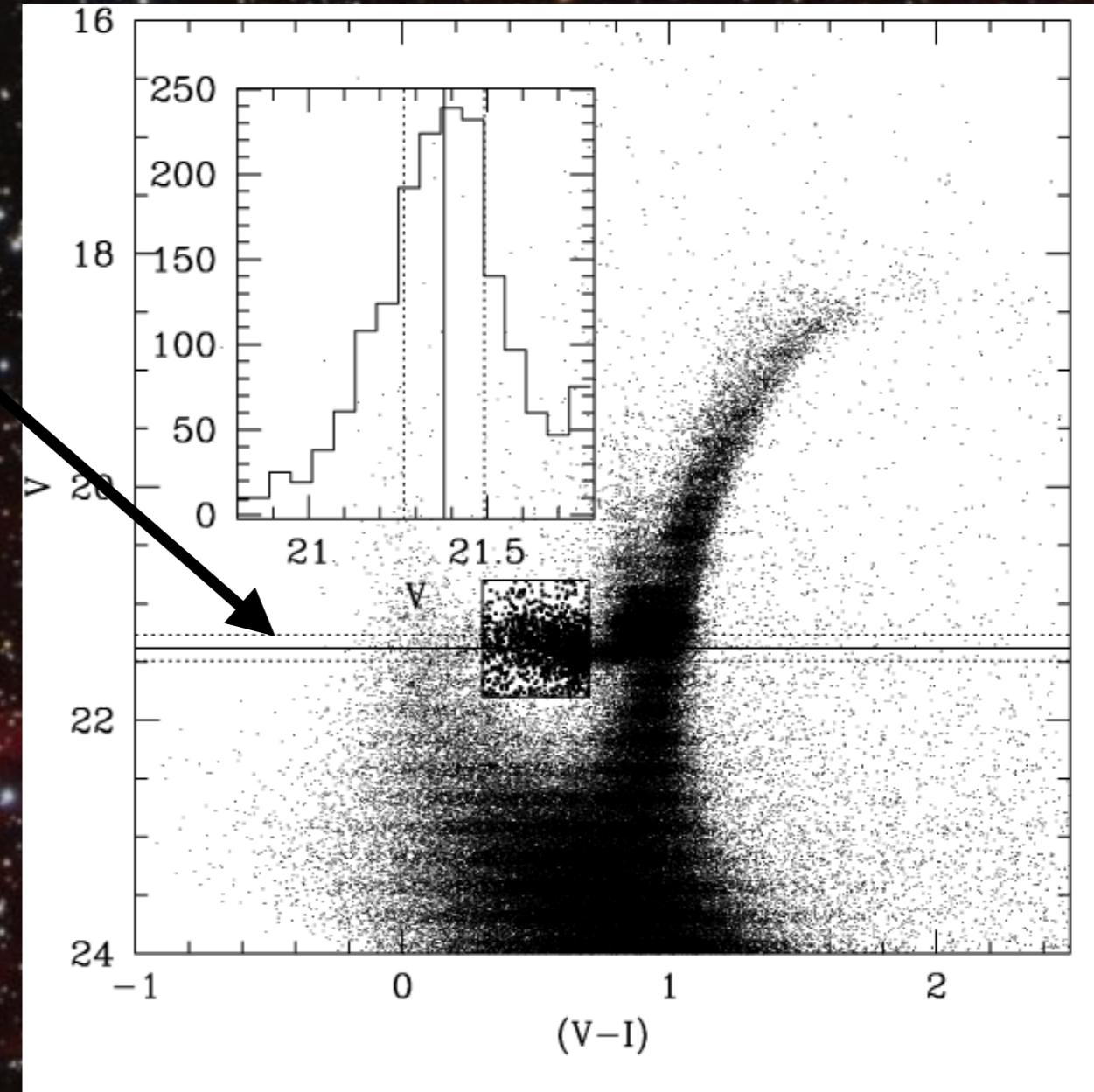


# Satellite?



## Fornax dwarf galaxy

In a satellite galaxy, dwarf stars ( $V \sim 22$ )  
are out of reach at present  
maybe with ELT?  
(at VLT  $> 100$  nights)



but see Li abundance of RGBs for the  
globular cluster M54 connected to  
Sagittarius dSph  
(Mucciarelli et al. 2014)



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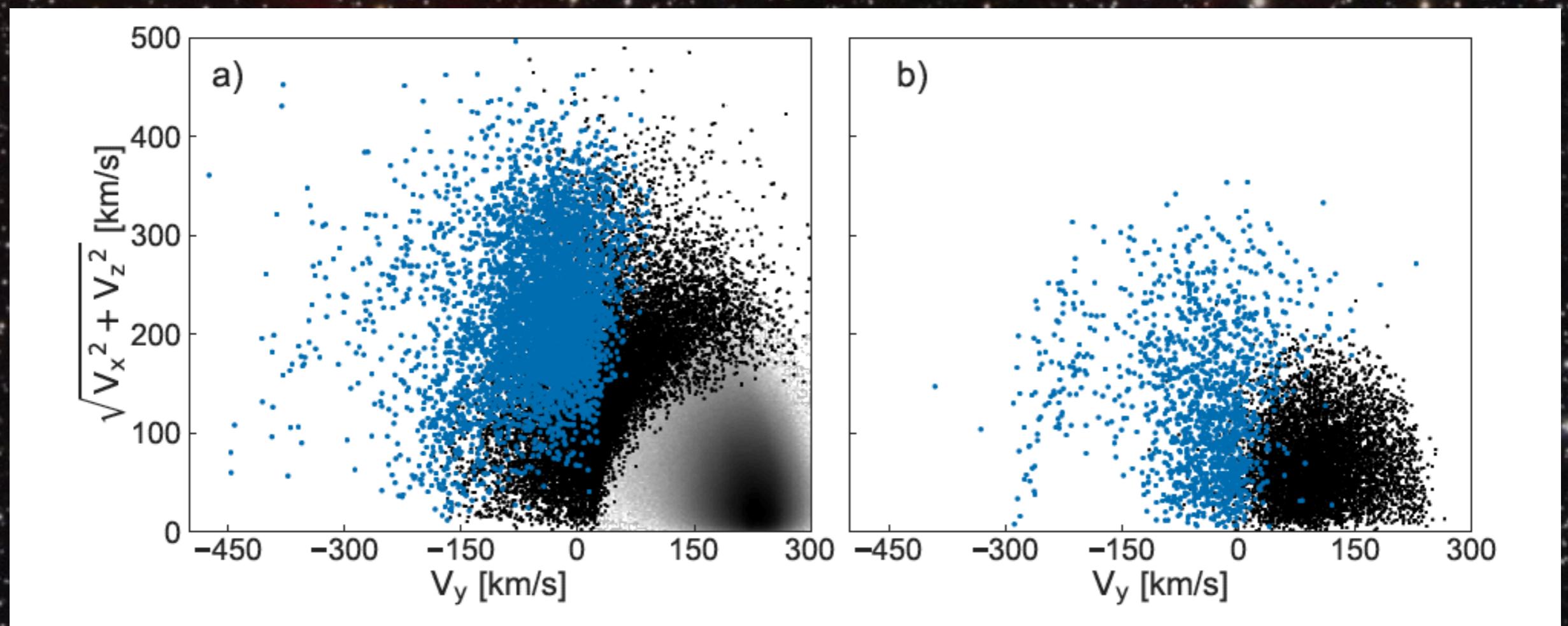


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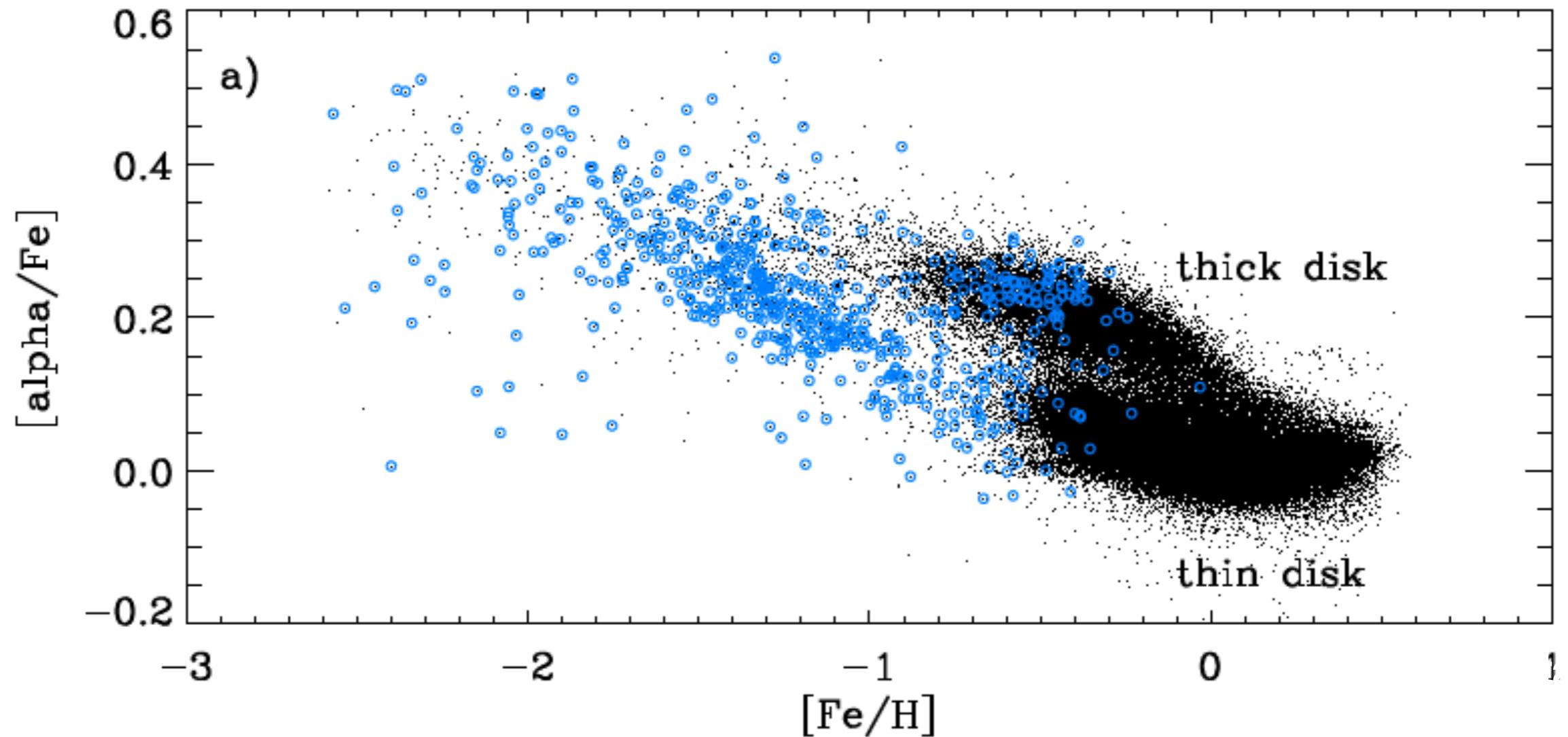
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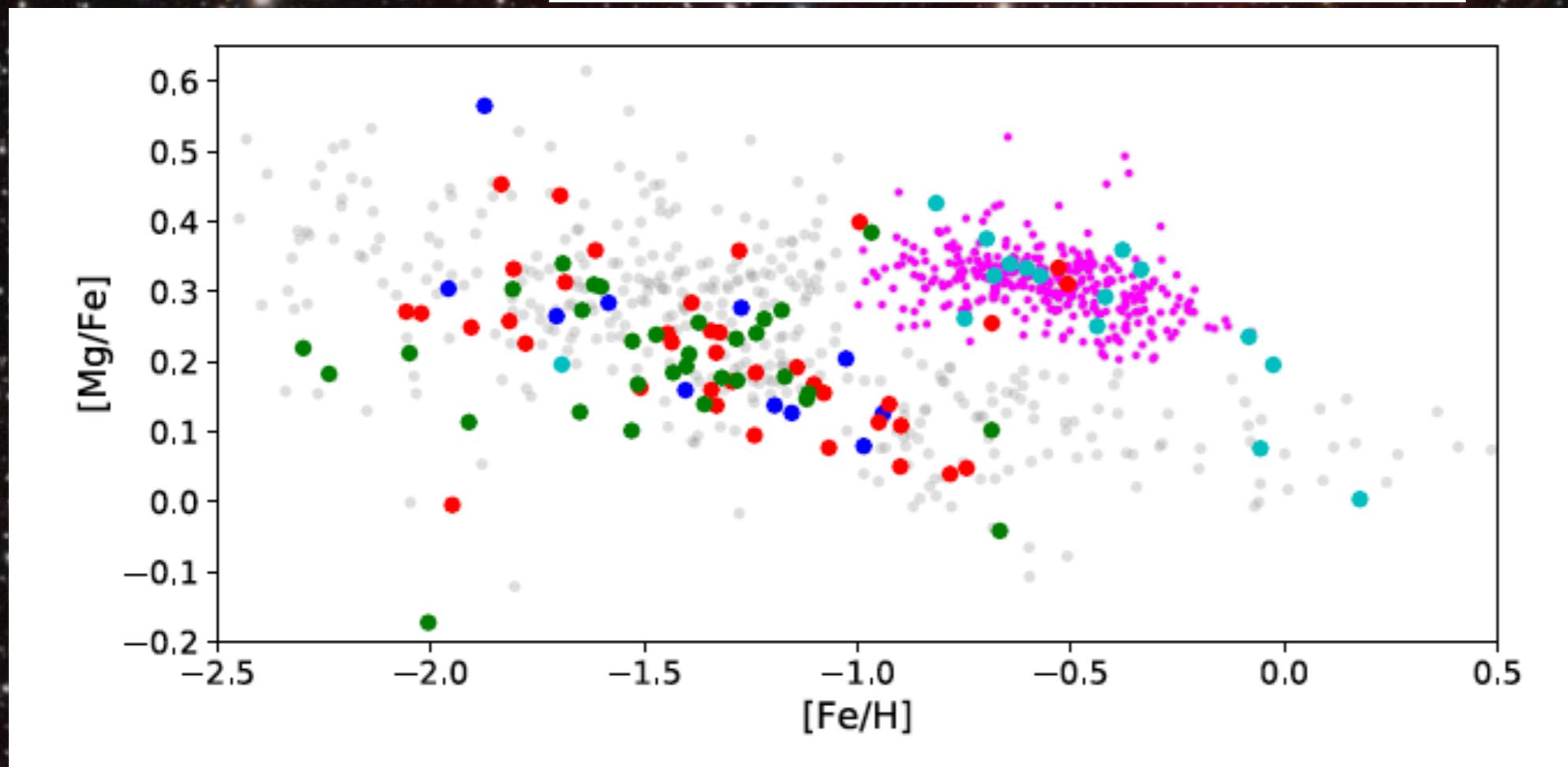
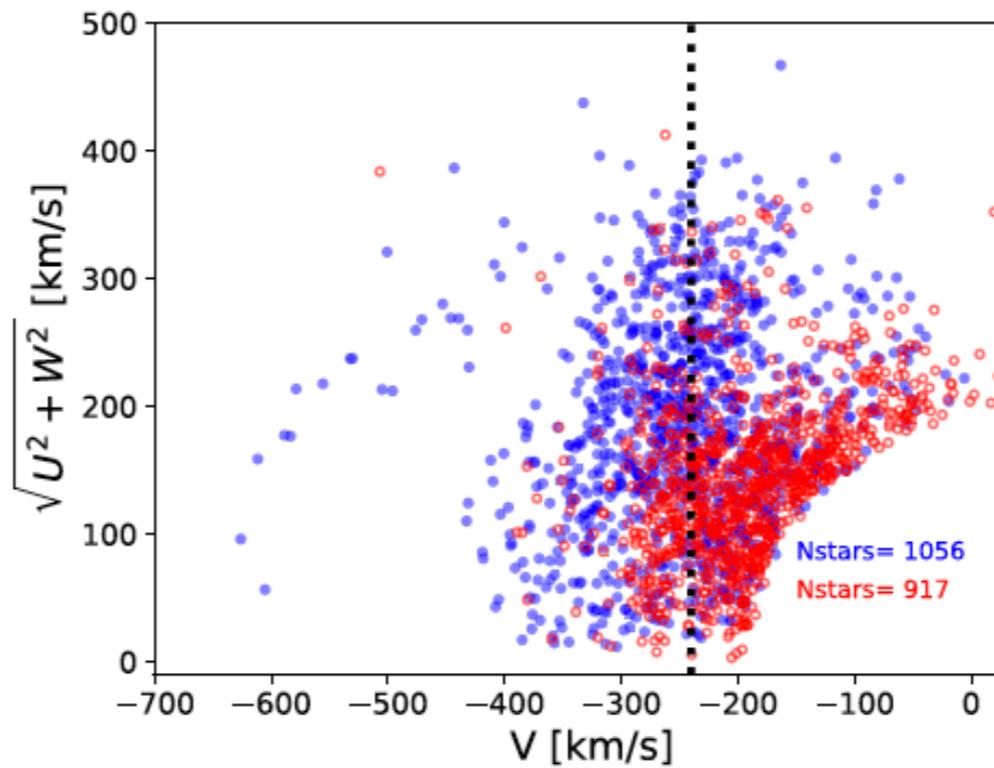
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Chemical signatures of an ancient satellite that merged with the Milky Way

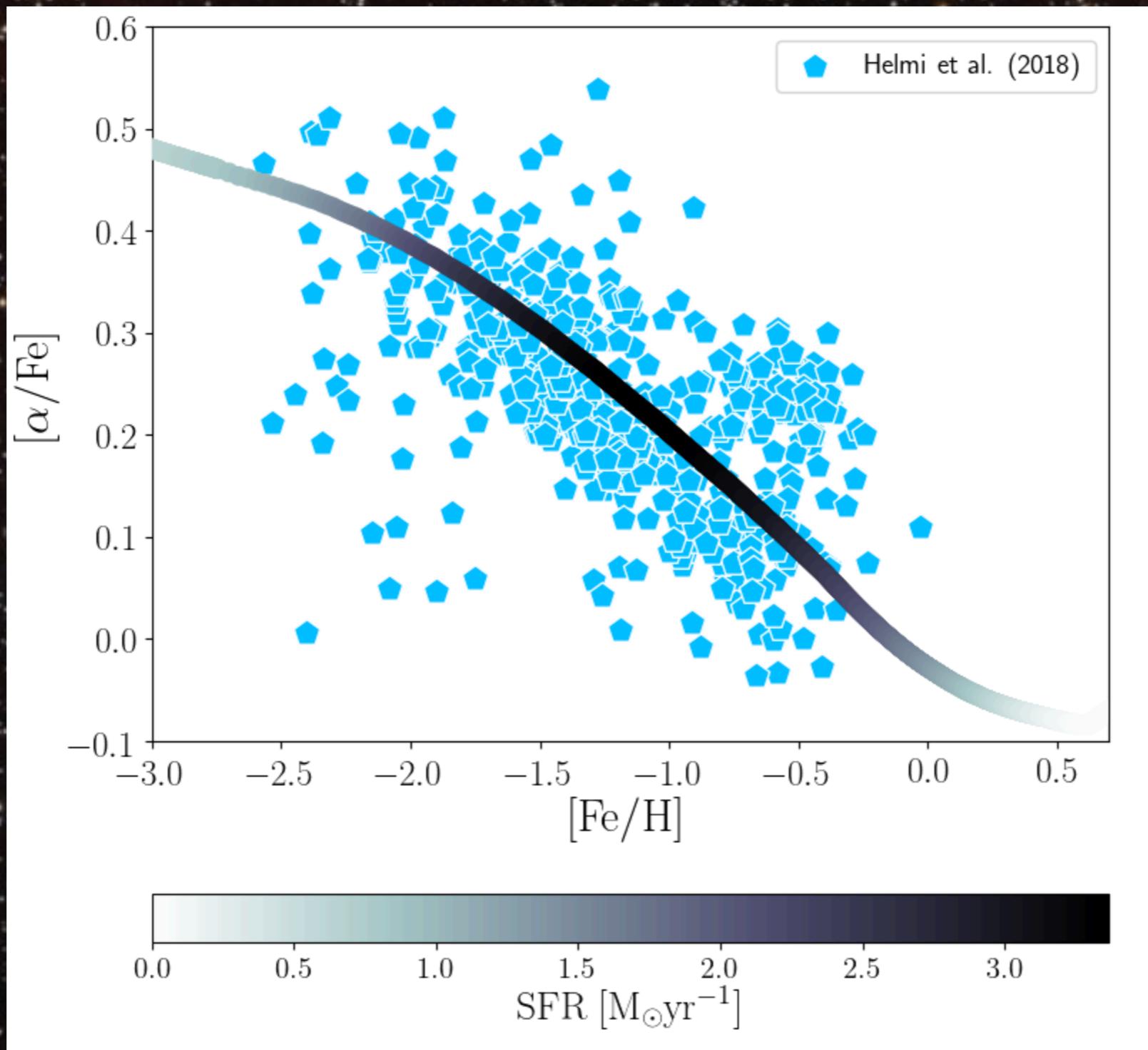
APOGEE data

# Gaia-Enceladus 2

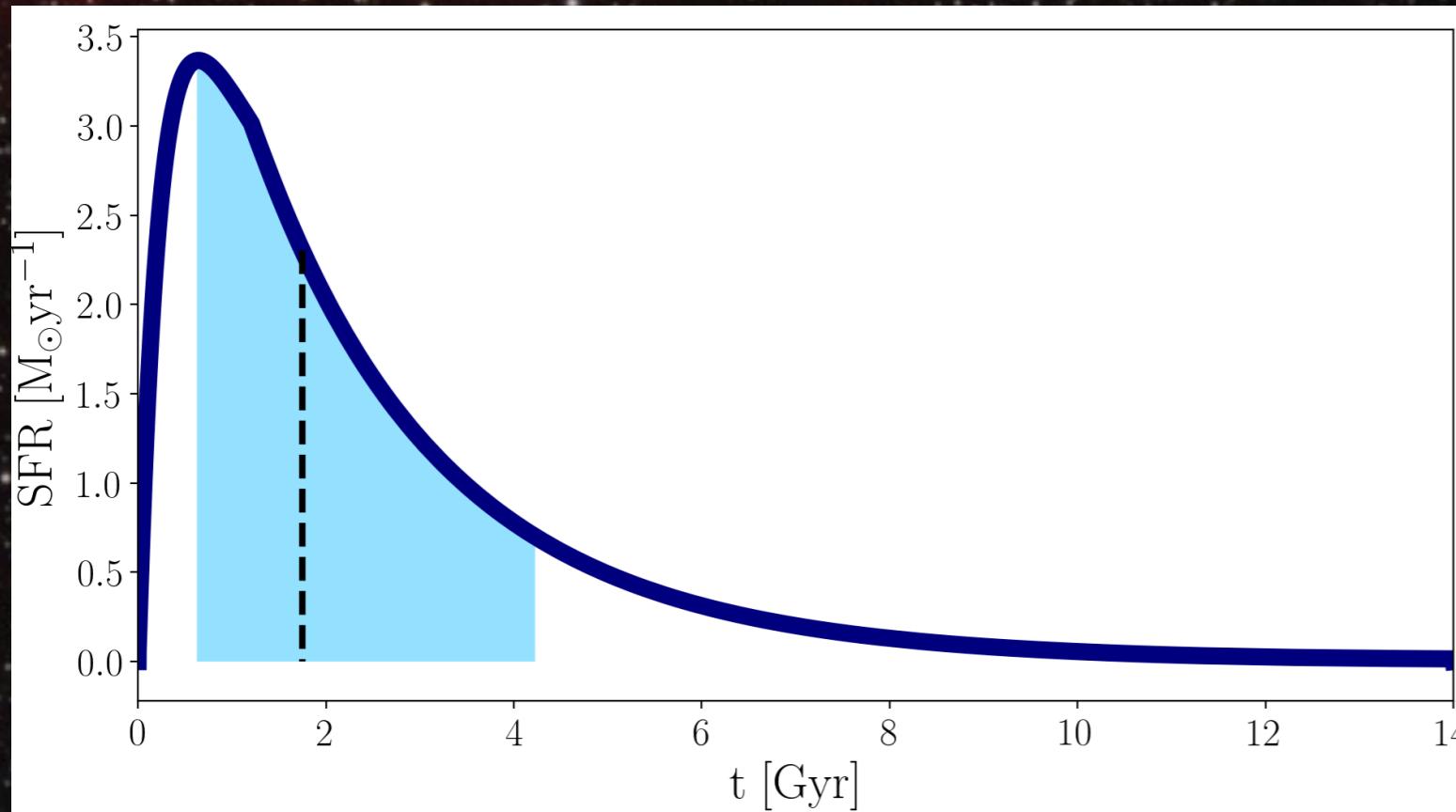


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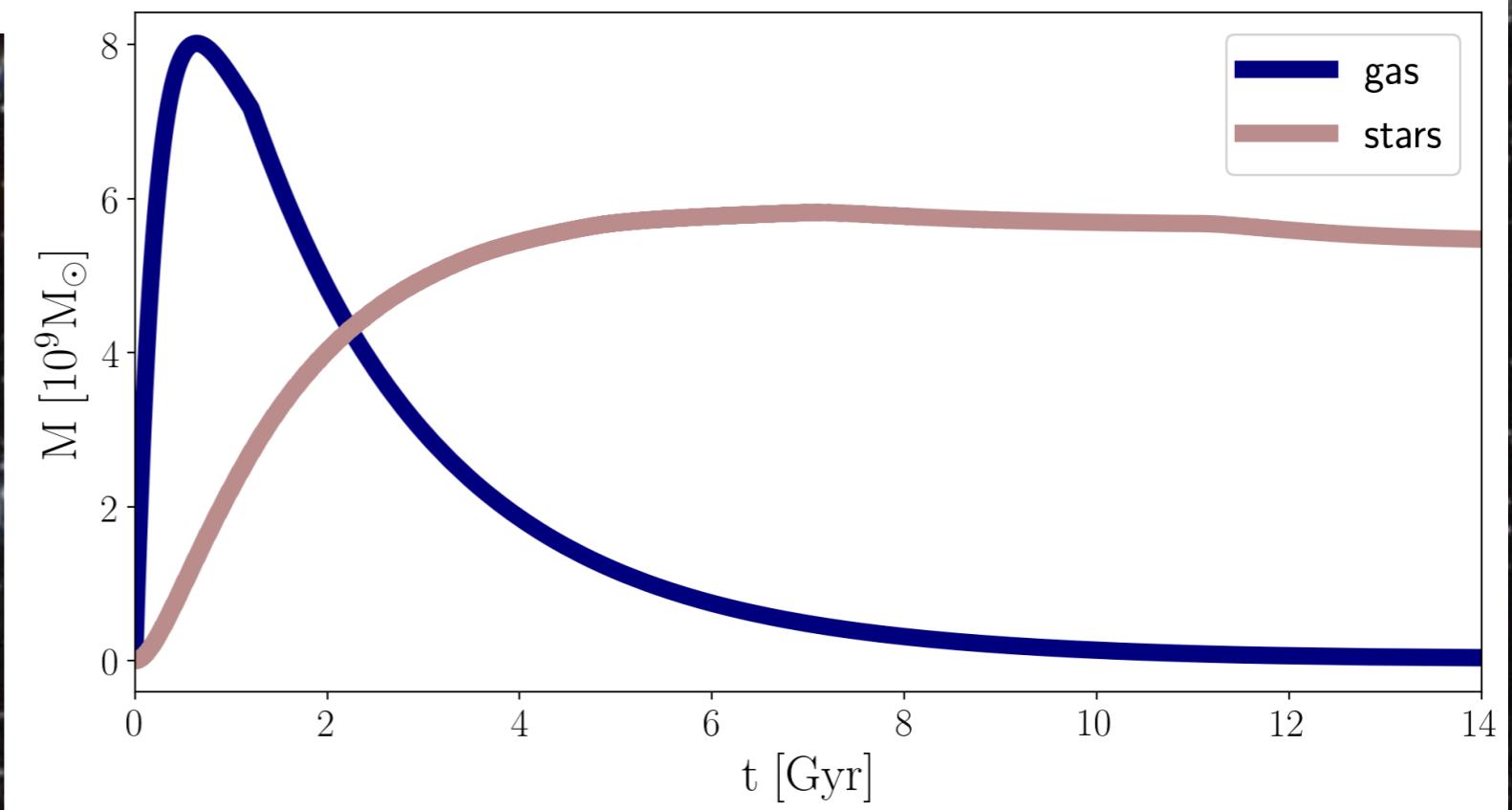
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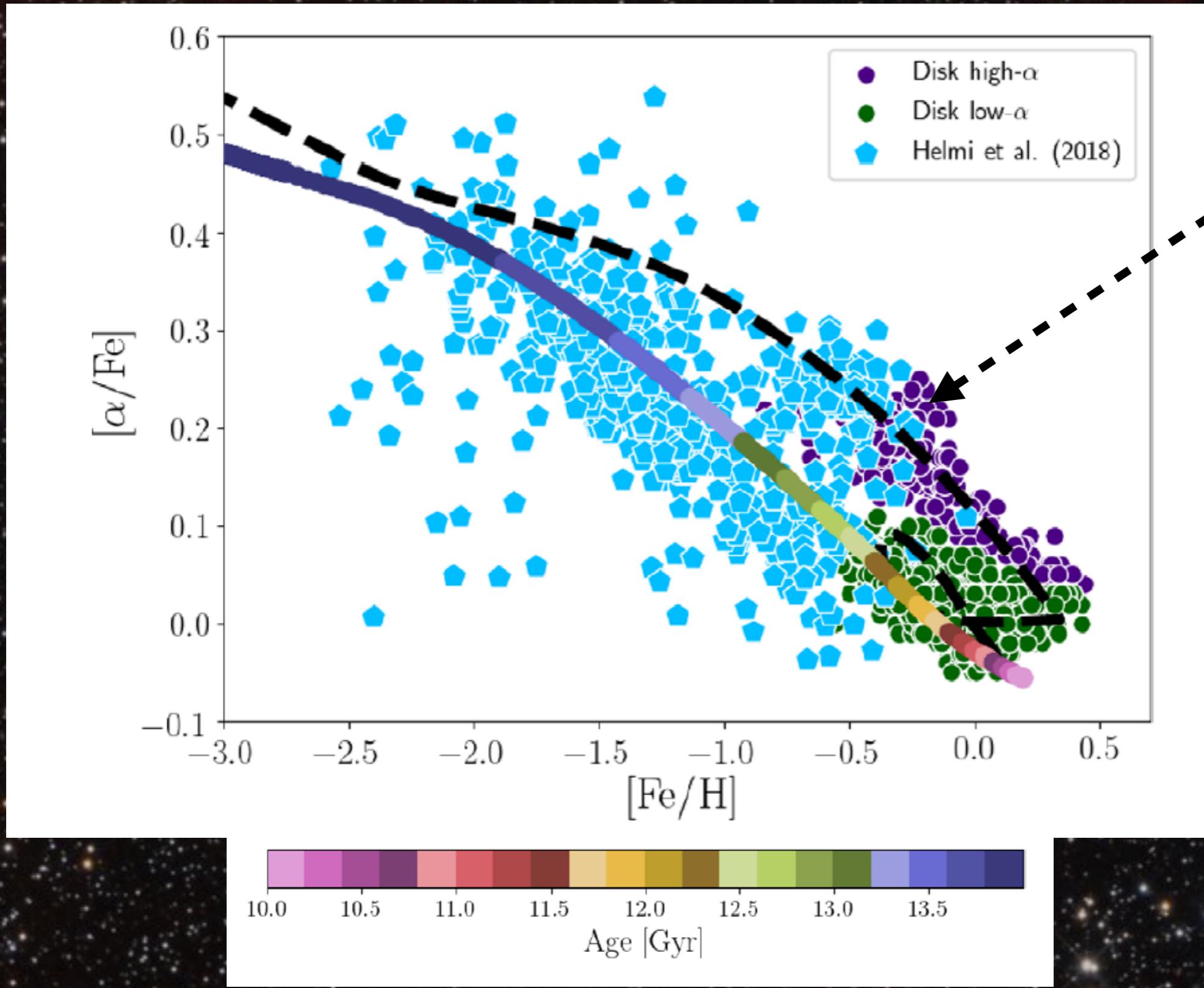
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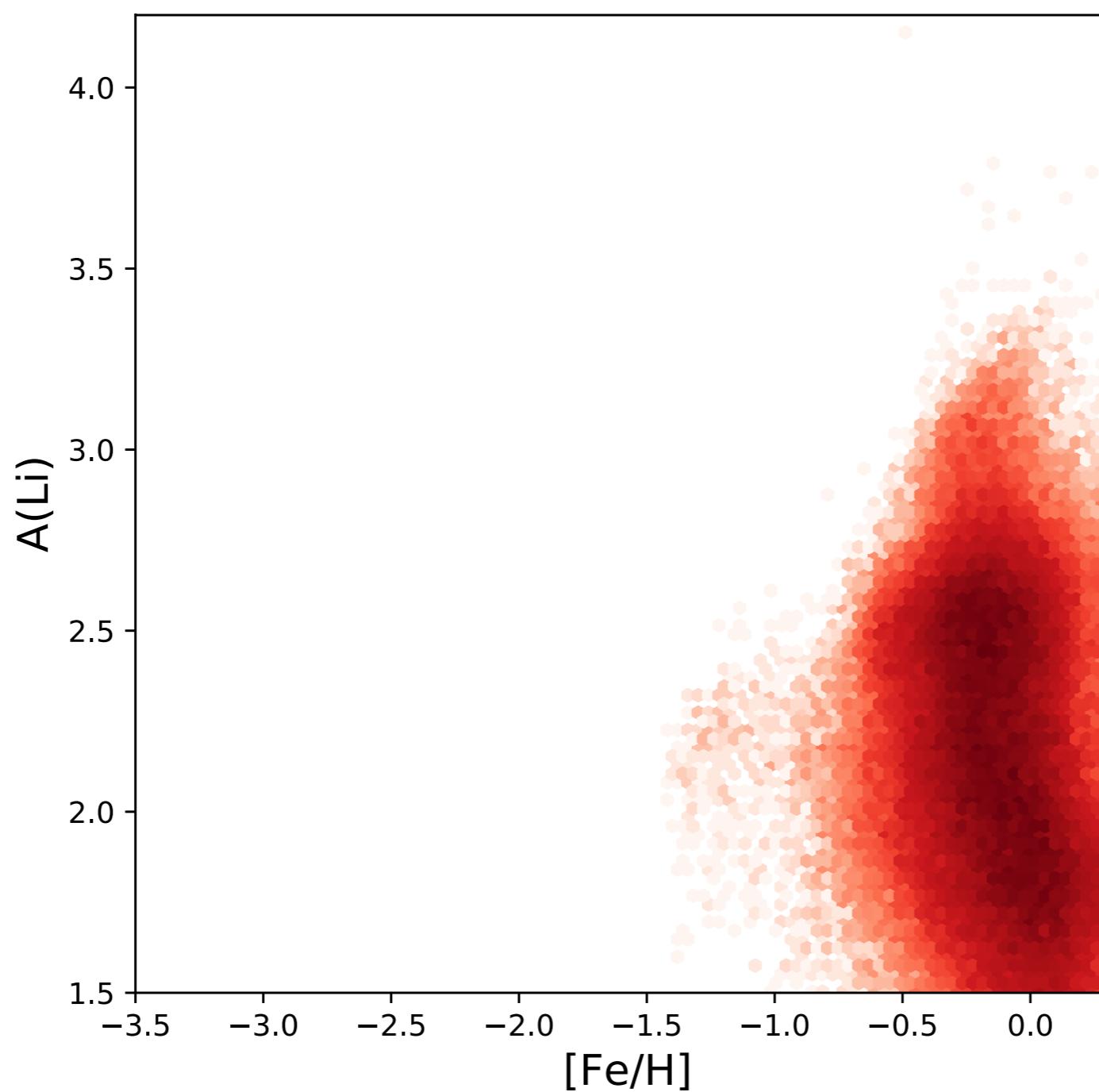
Vincenzo et al. 2019



# Comparison with the discs



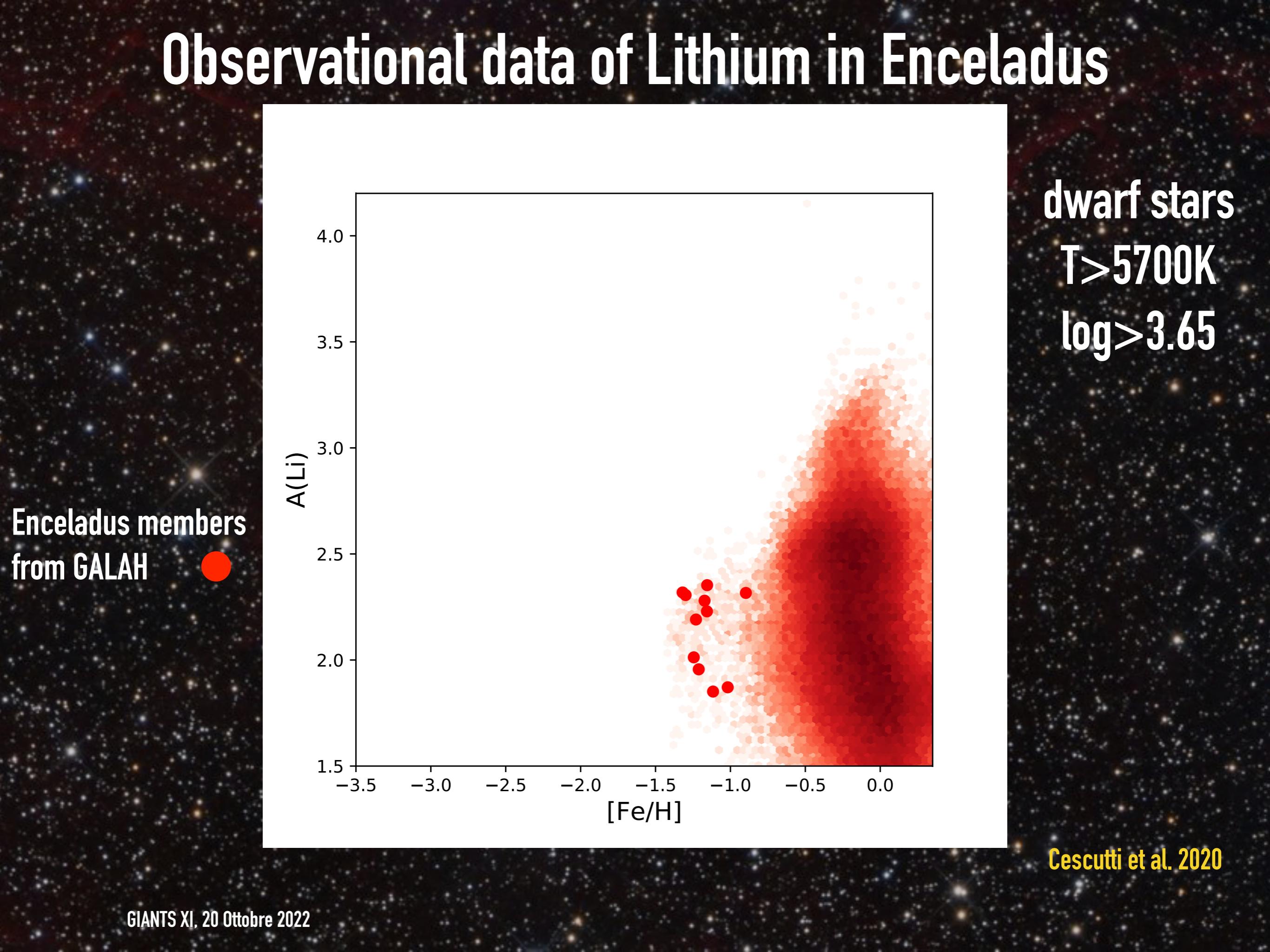
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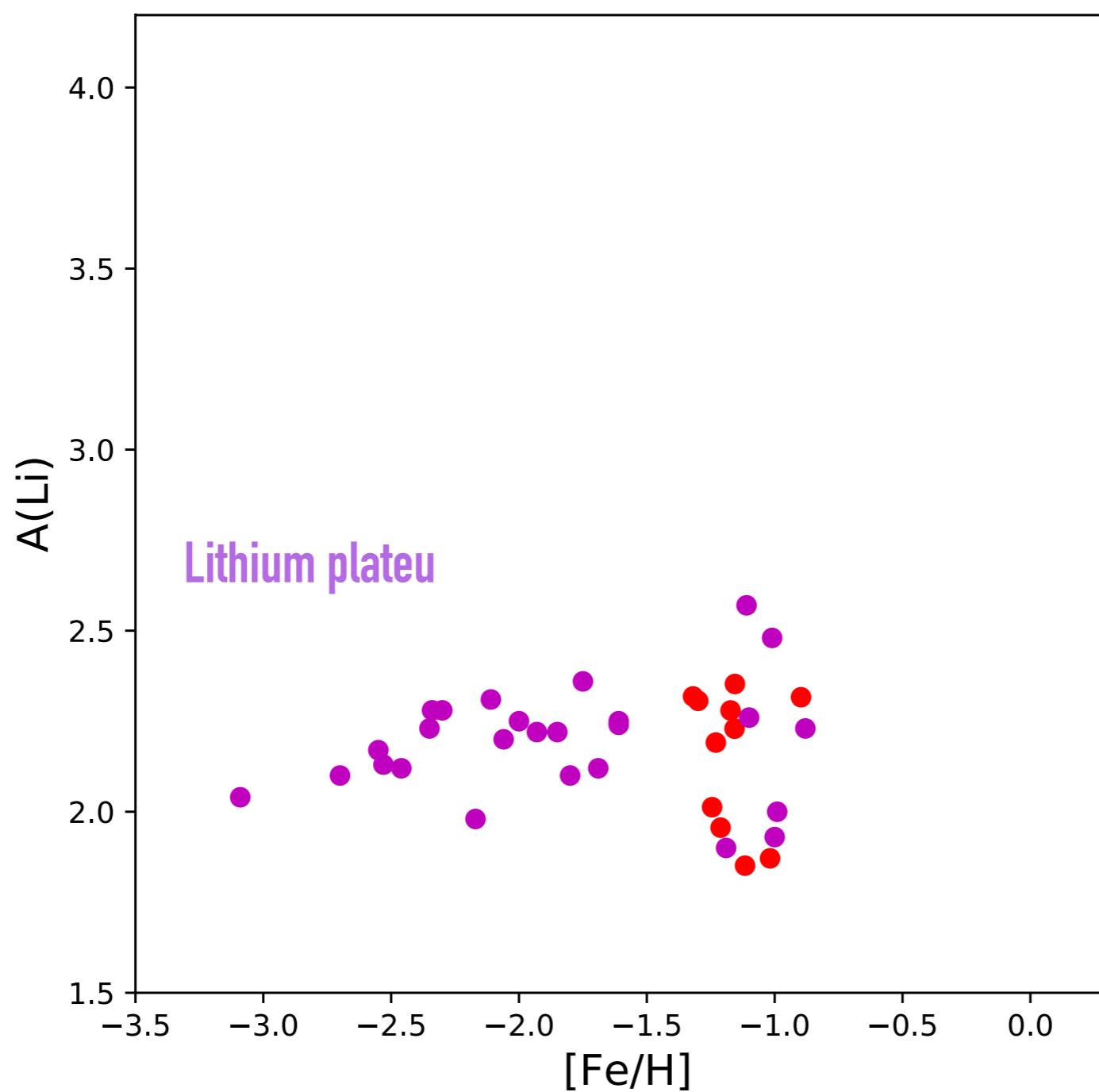
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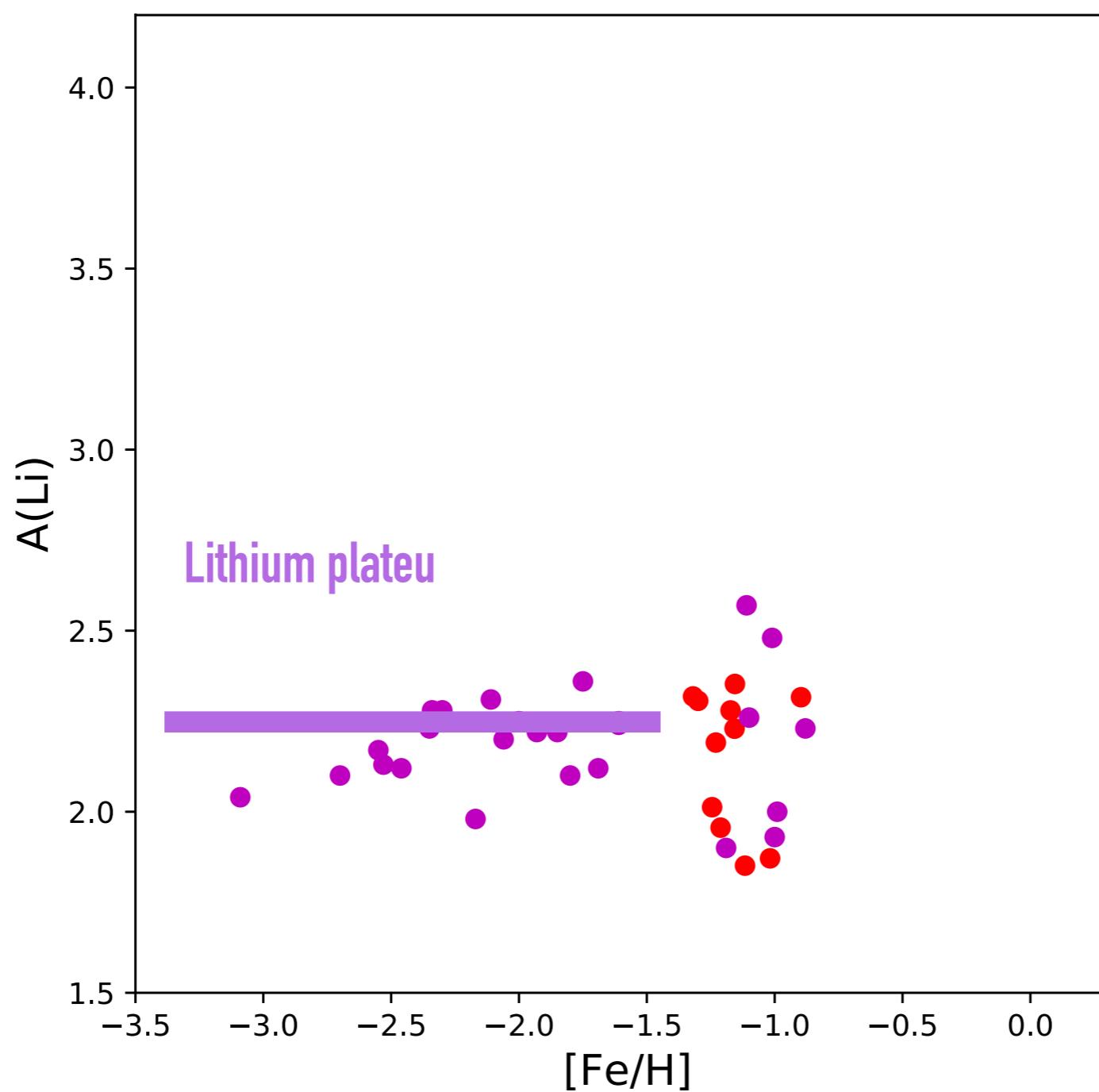
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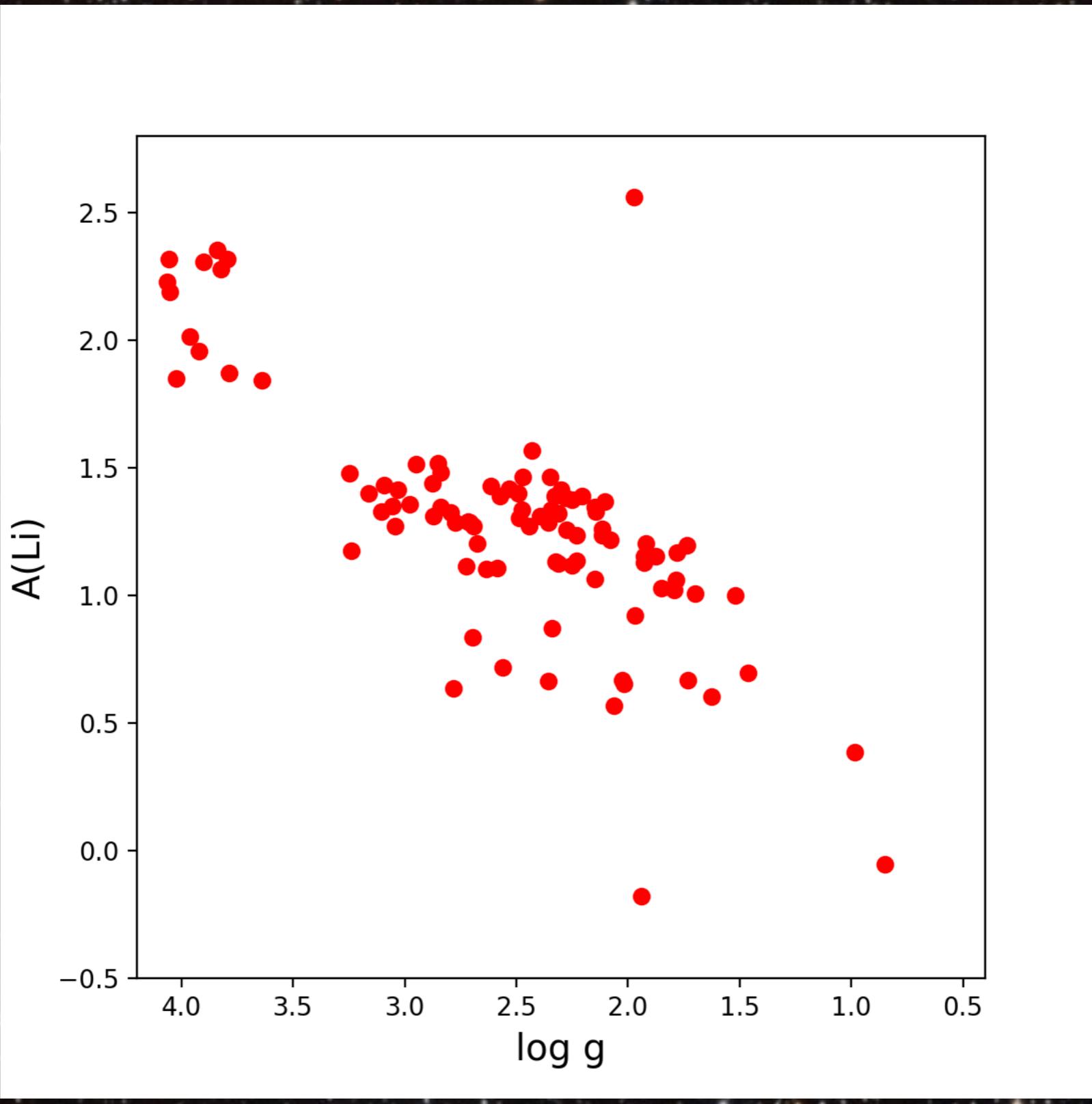
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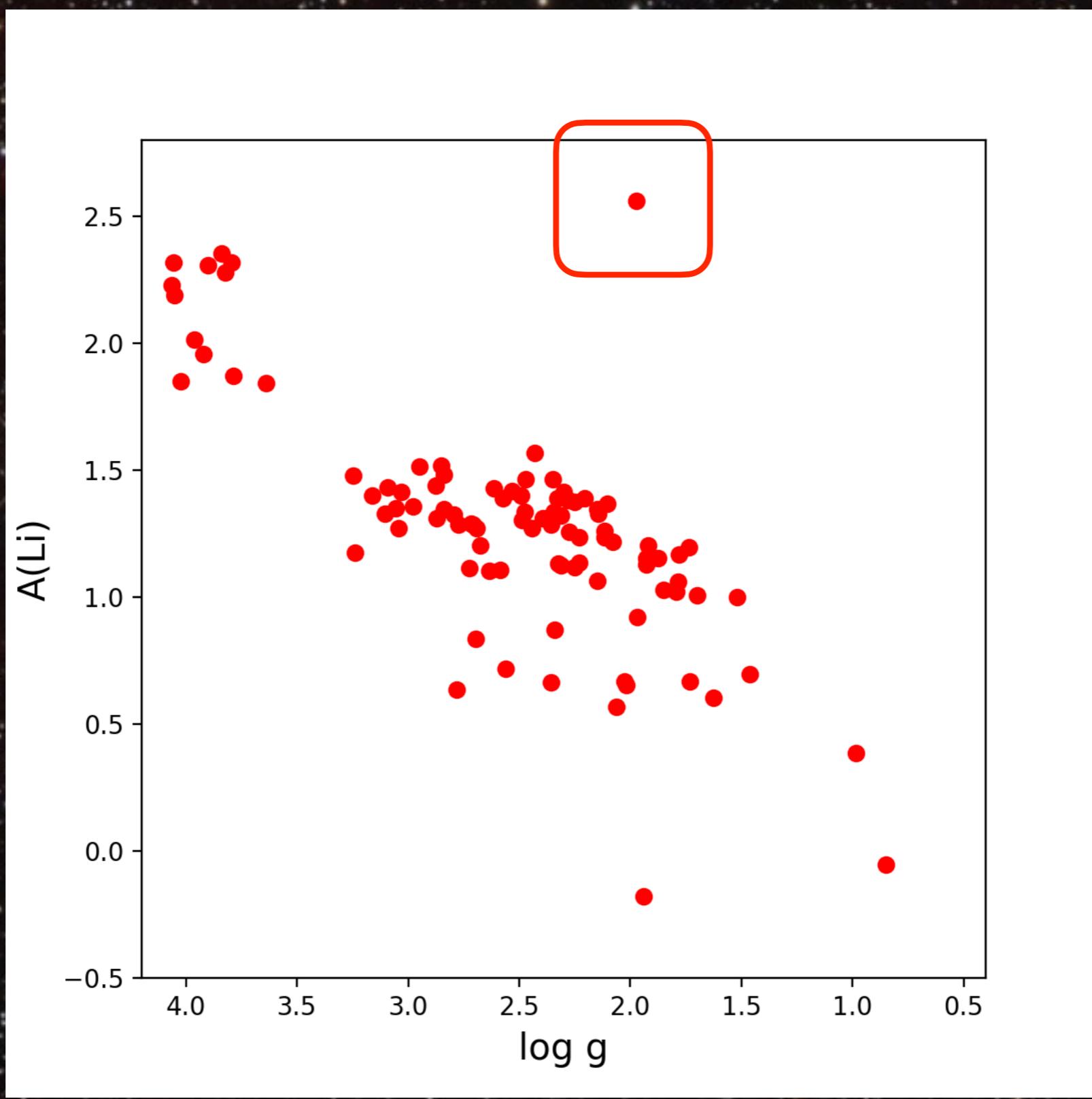


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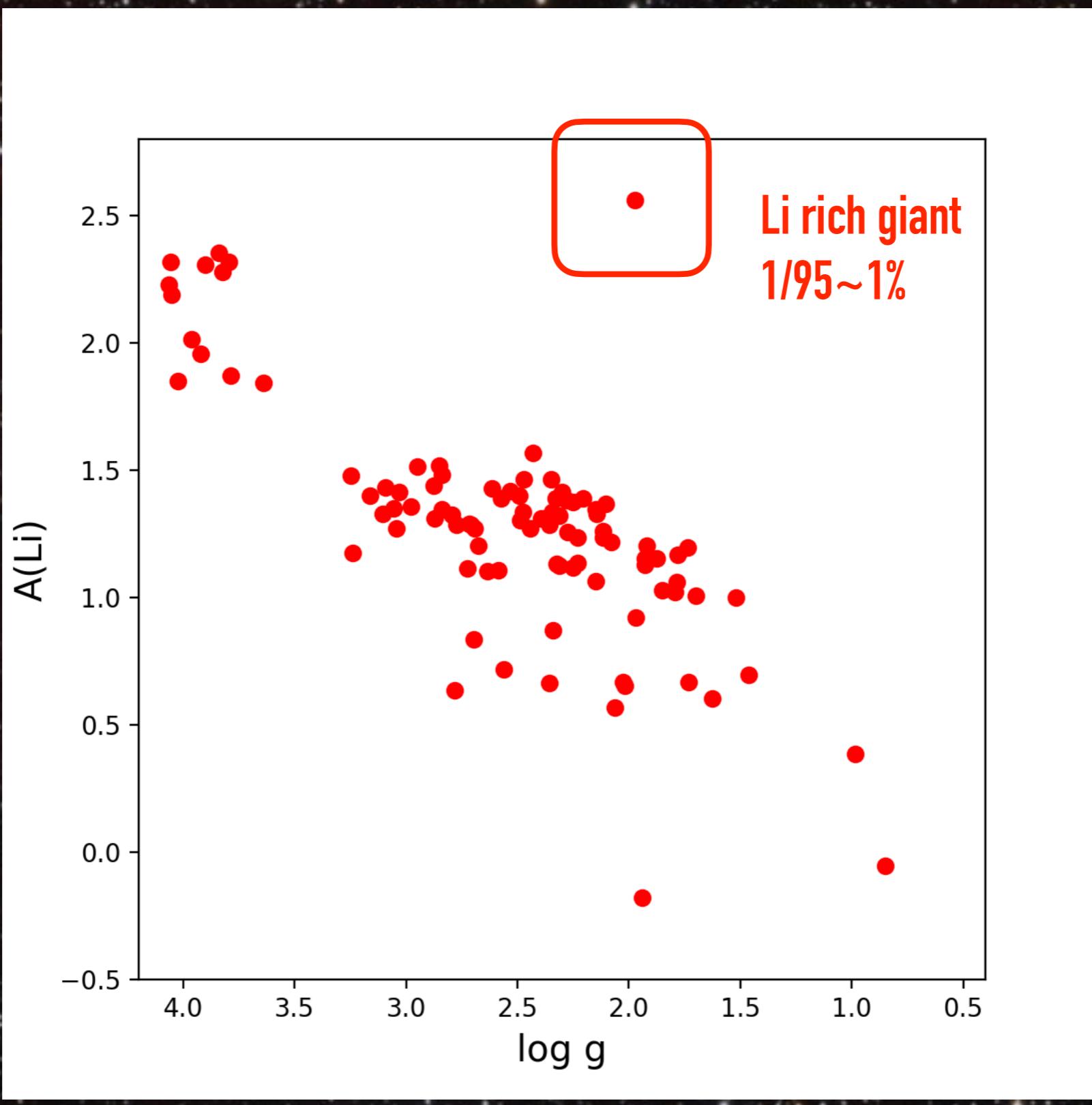
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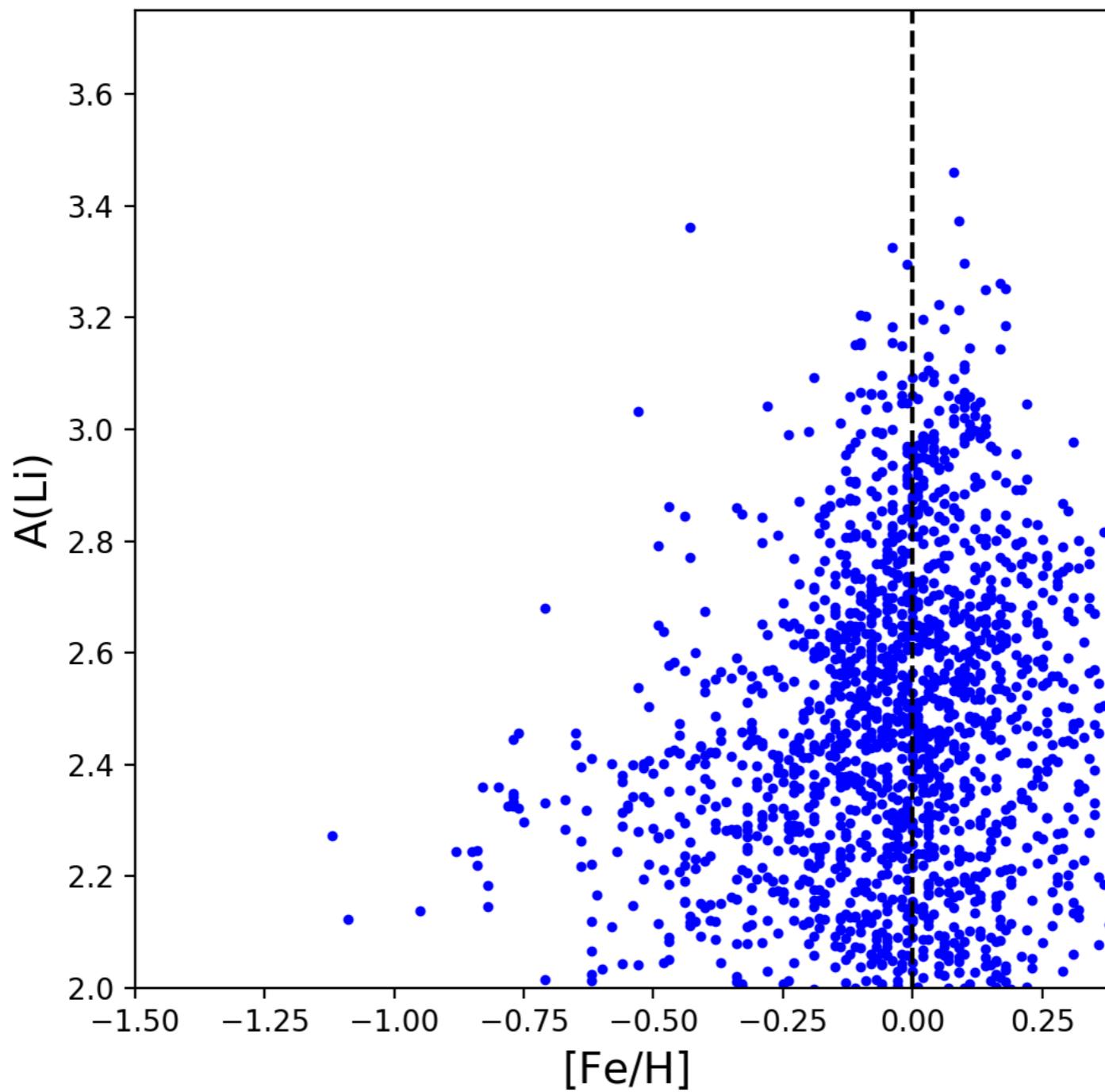
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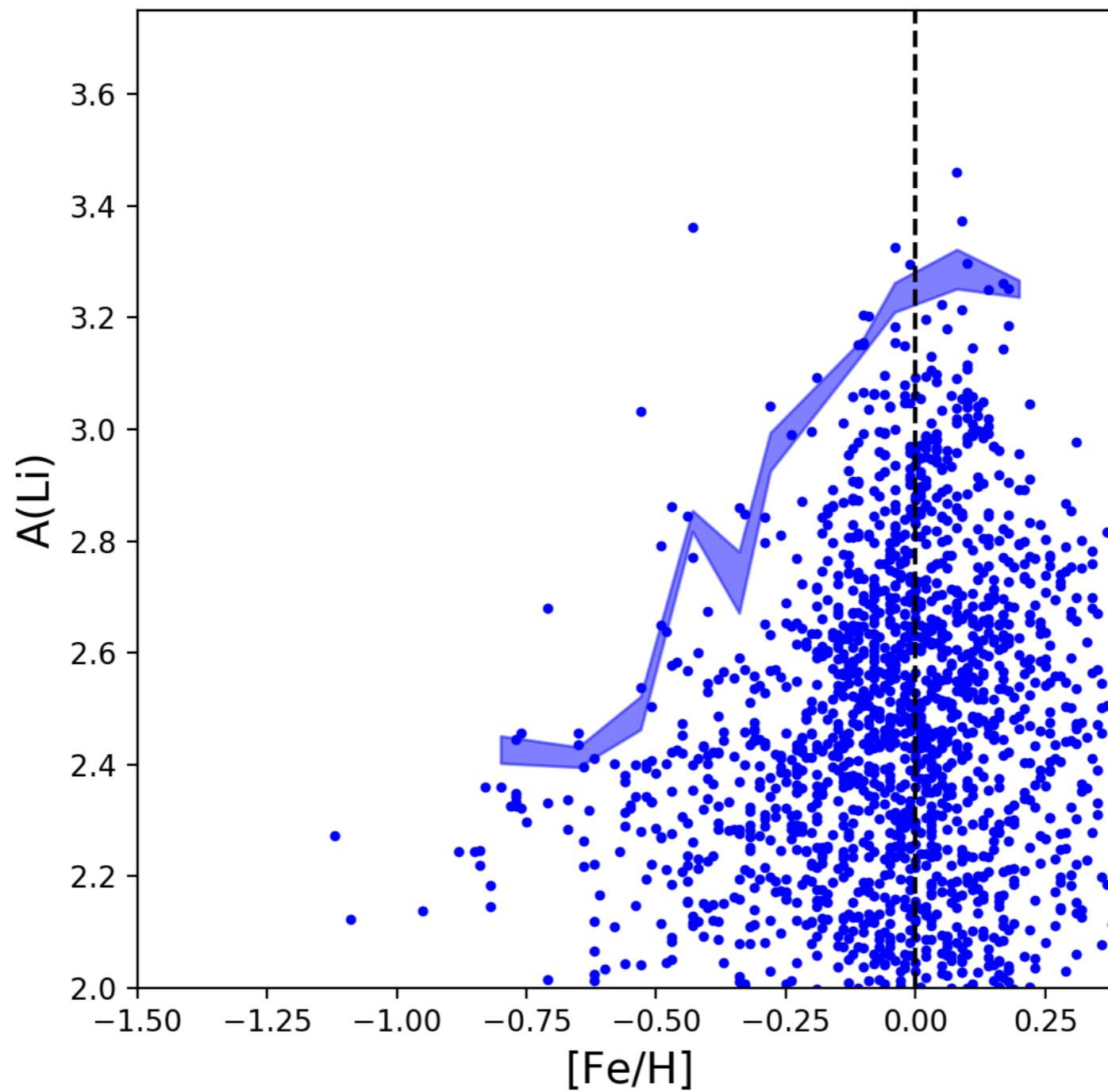
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# Main Assumptions

We consider :

- spallation (scaling Be in disc stars by Smiljanic+09)
- AGB production (Ventura+13)

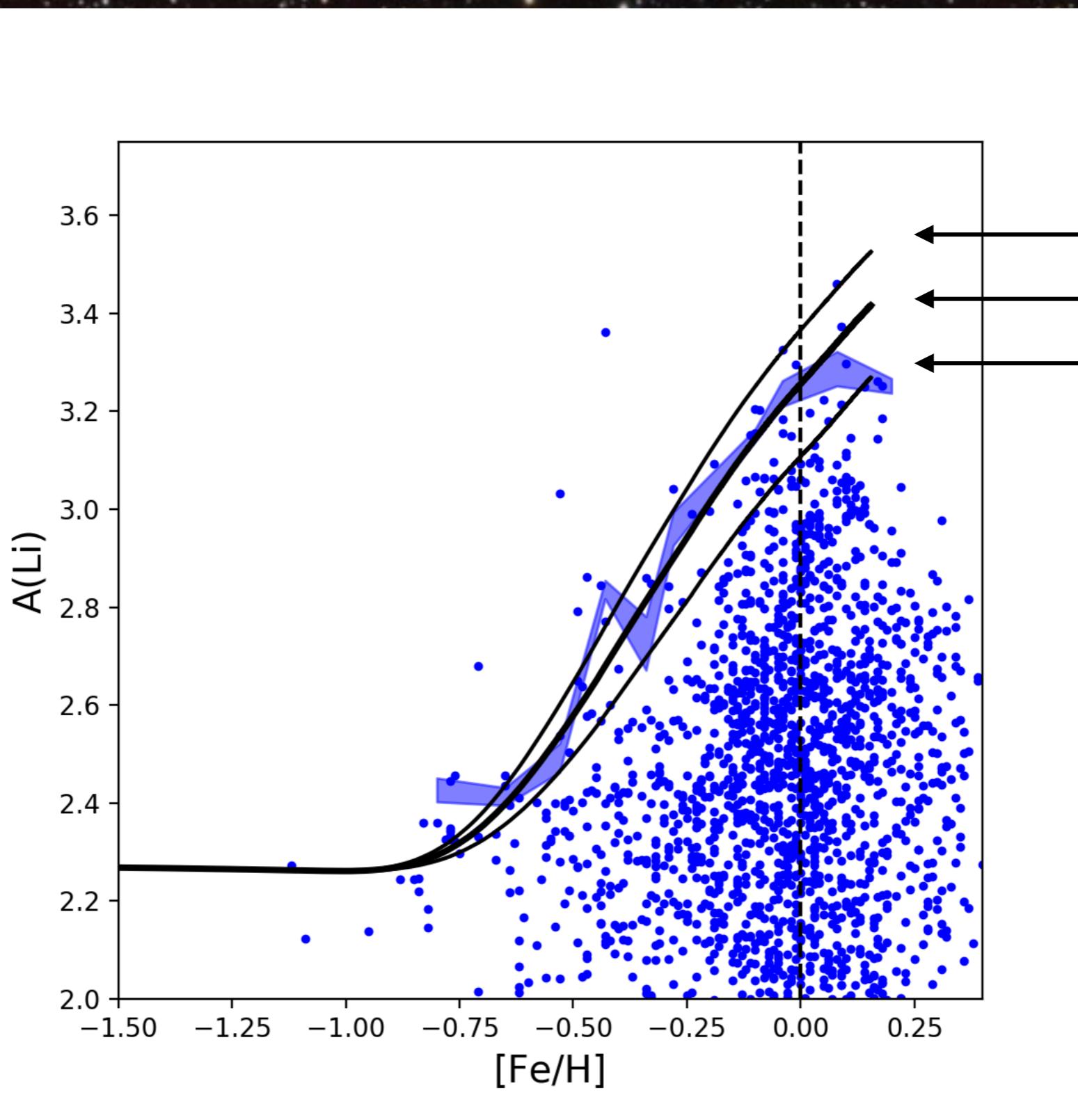
Main producers of lithium are novae:

- Effective yield of  $1.8 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ Msun}$
- Fraction of binaries = 0.03 (constrained by observed nova rate)
- Delay of 1 Gyr

see also Grisoni+19, Romano+99

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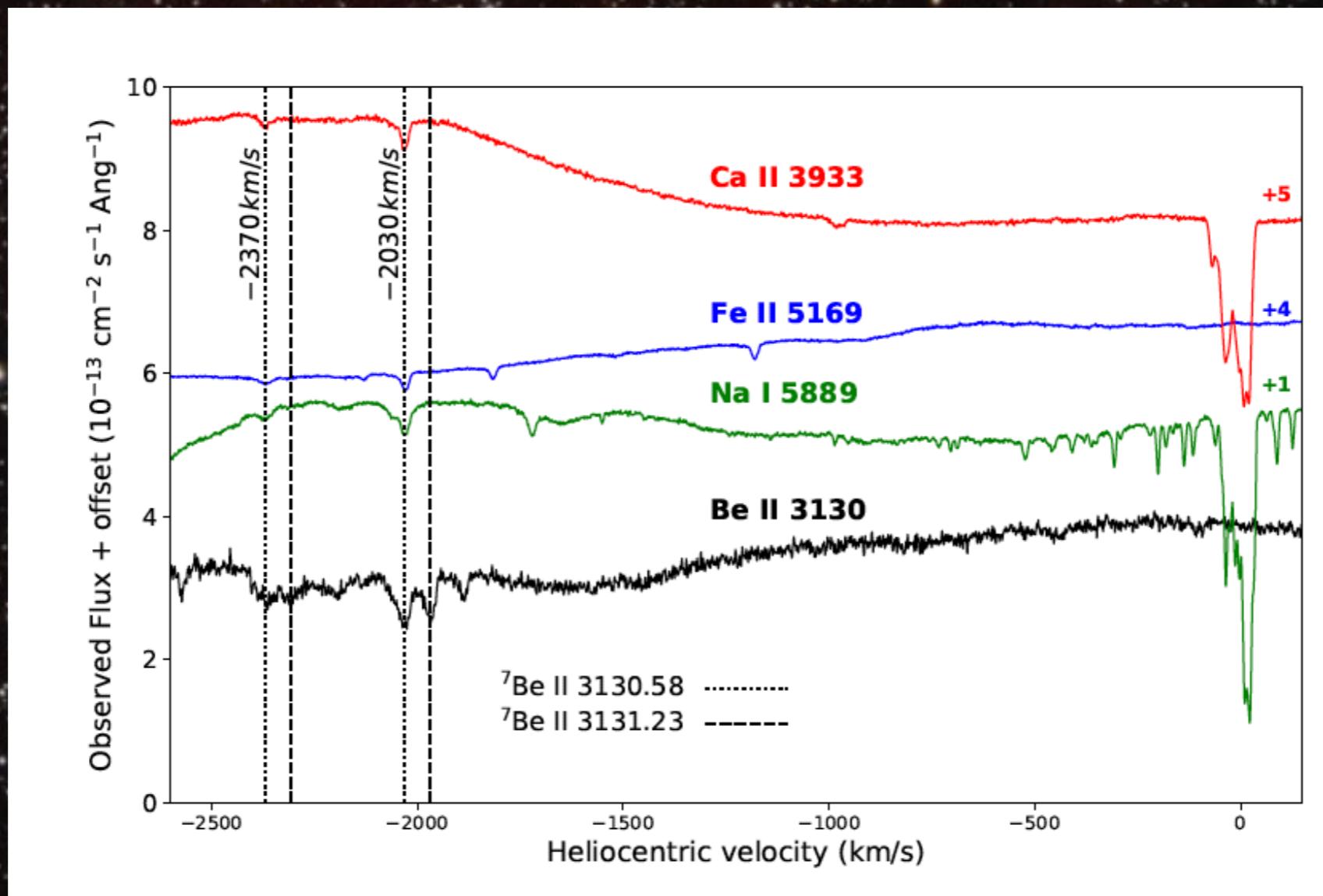


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A single burst ejects  $1.8 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ Msun}$  of lithium  
(assuming 10'000 bursts)

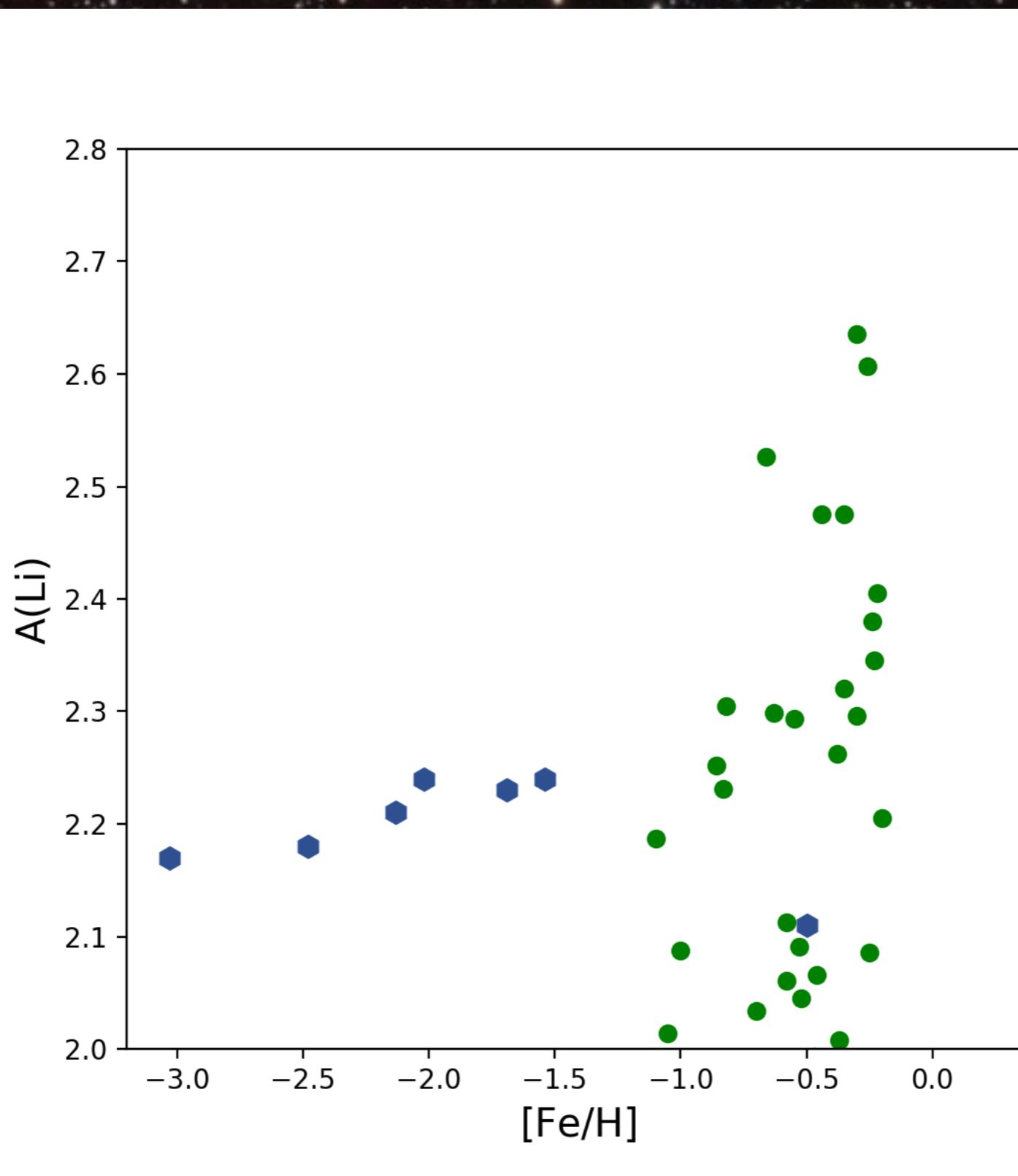
This is compatible with Be detections in nova spectra  
 $\sim 6 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ Msun}$  of Be ( $\rightarrow \text{Li}$ )

Tajitsu+15+16, Molaro+15, Izzo +18 and Selvelli+18



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# Lithium in the Thick disc

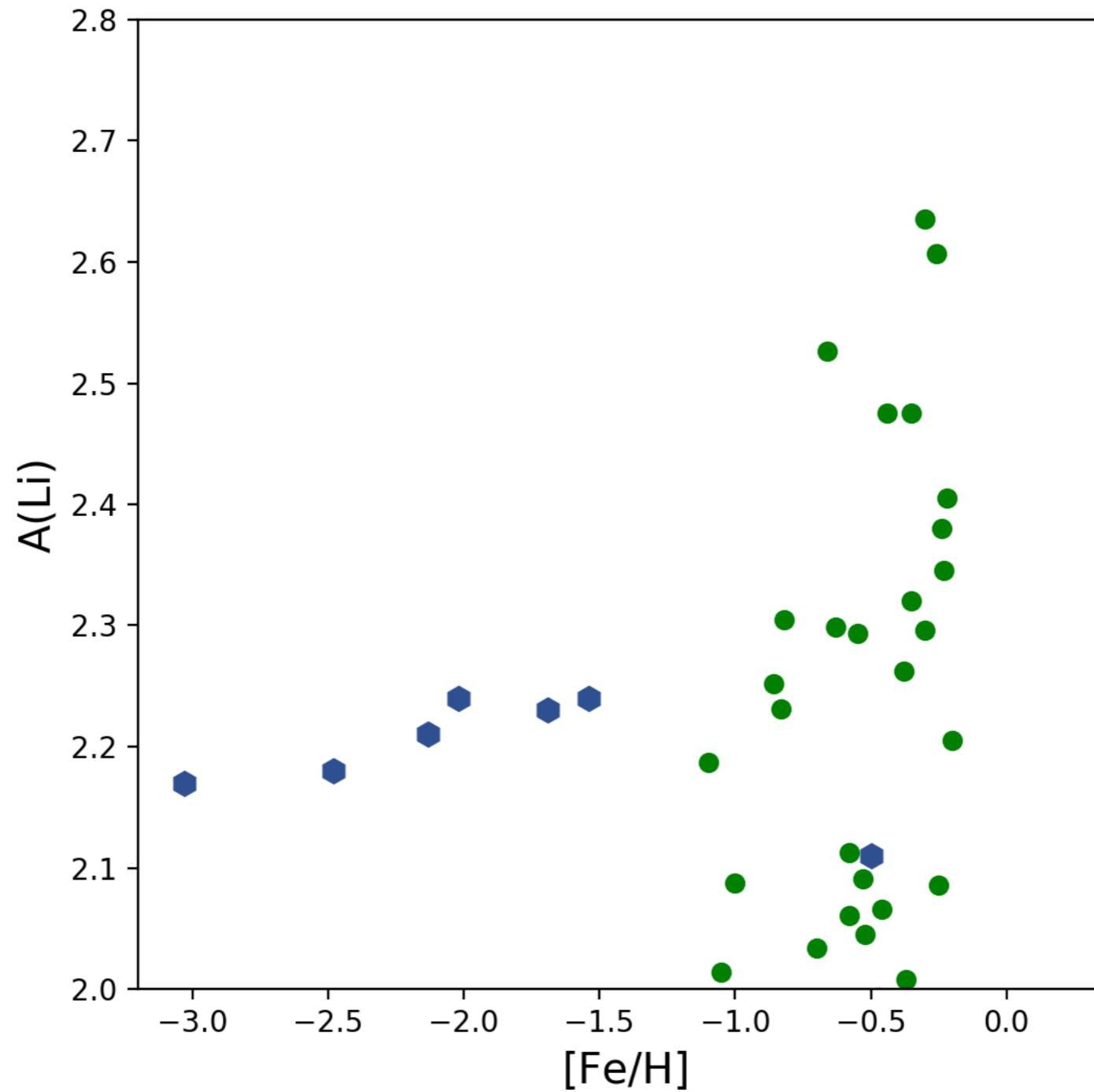


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# CEM of the Thick disc

Compared to  
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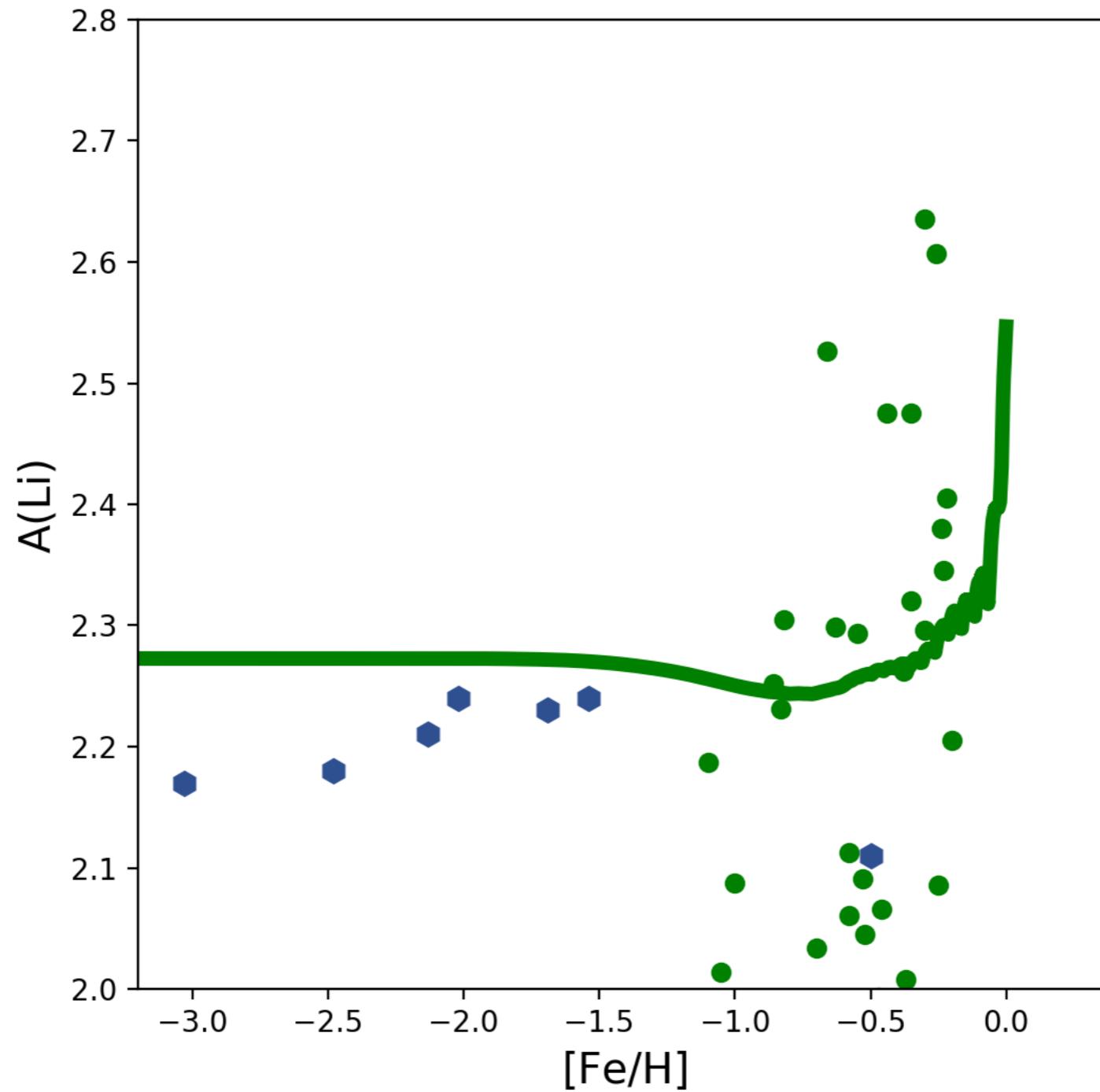
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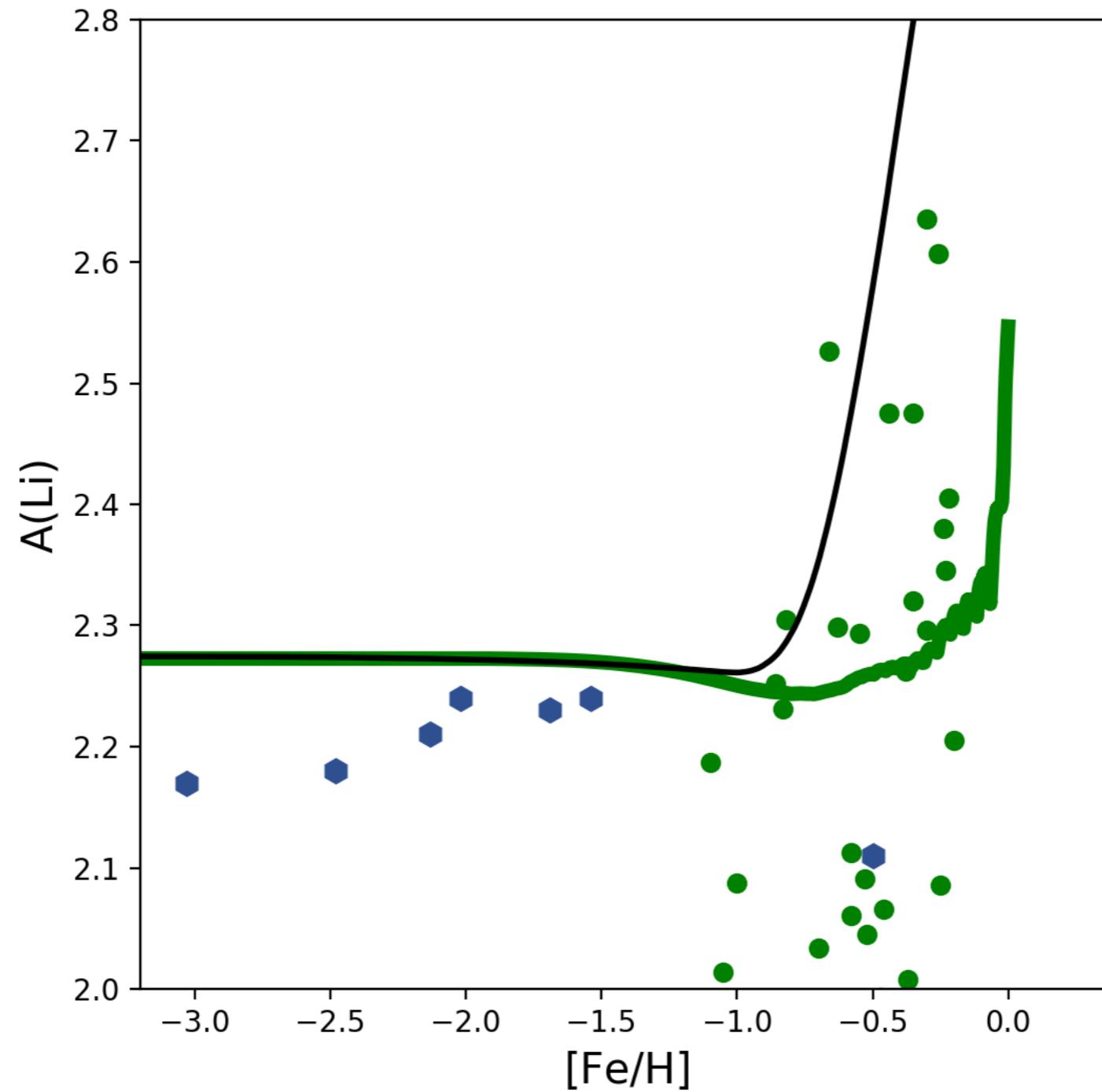
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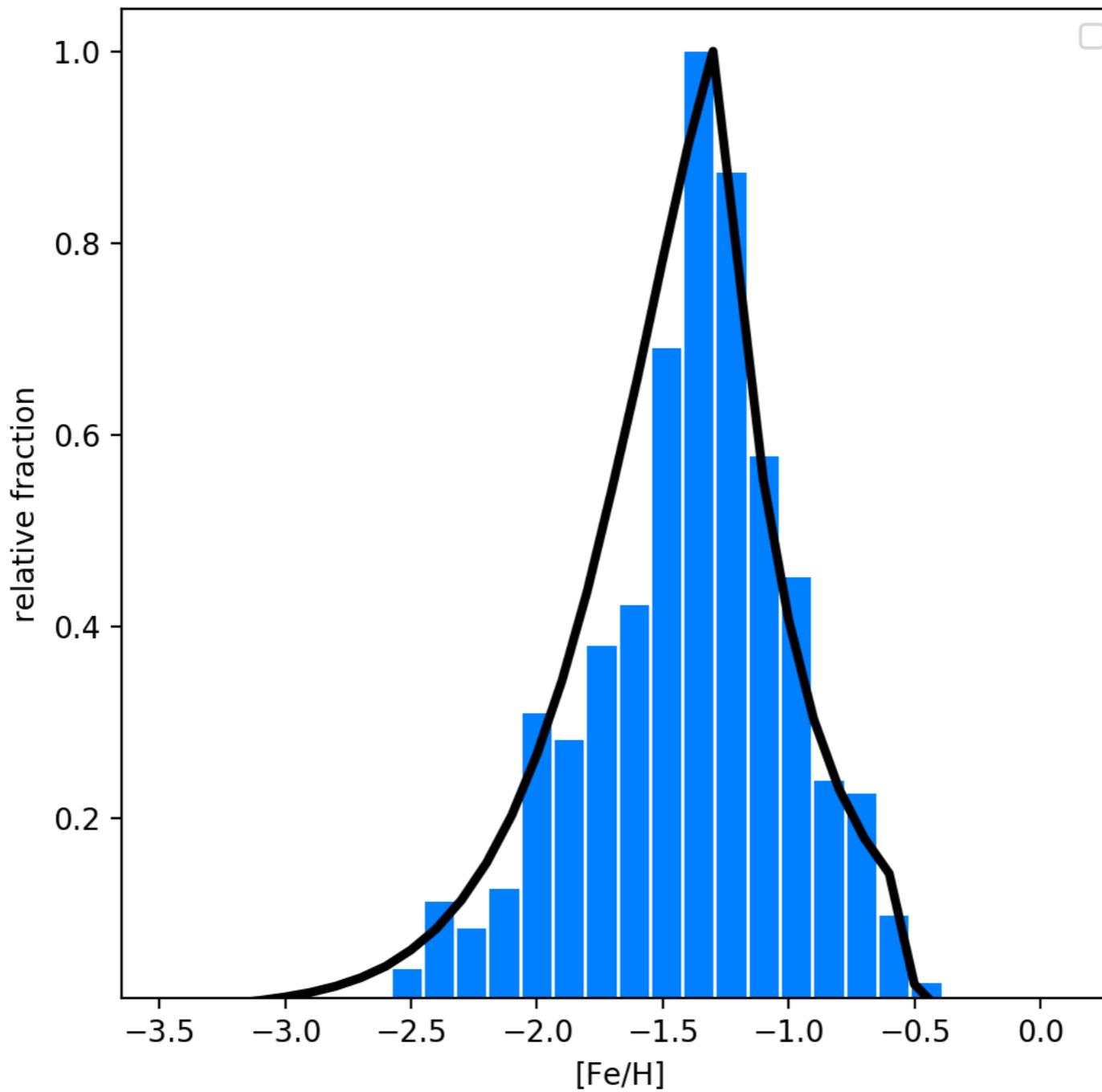
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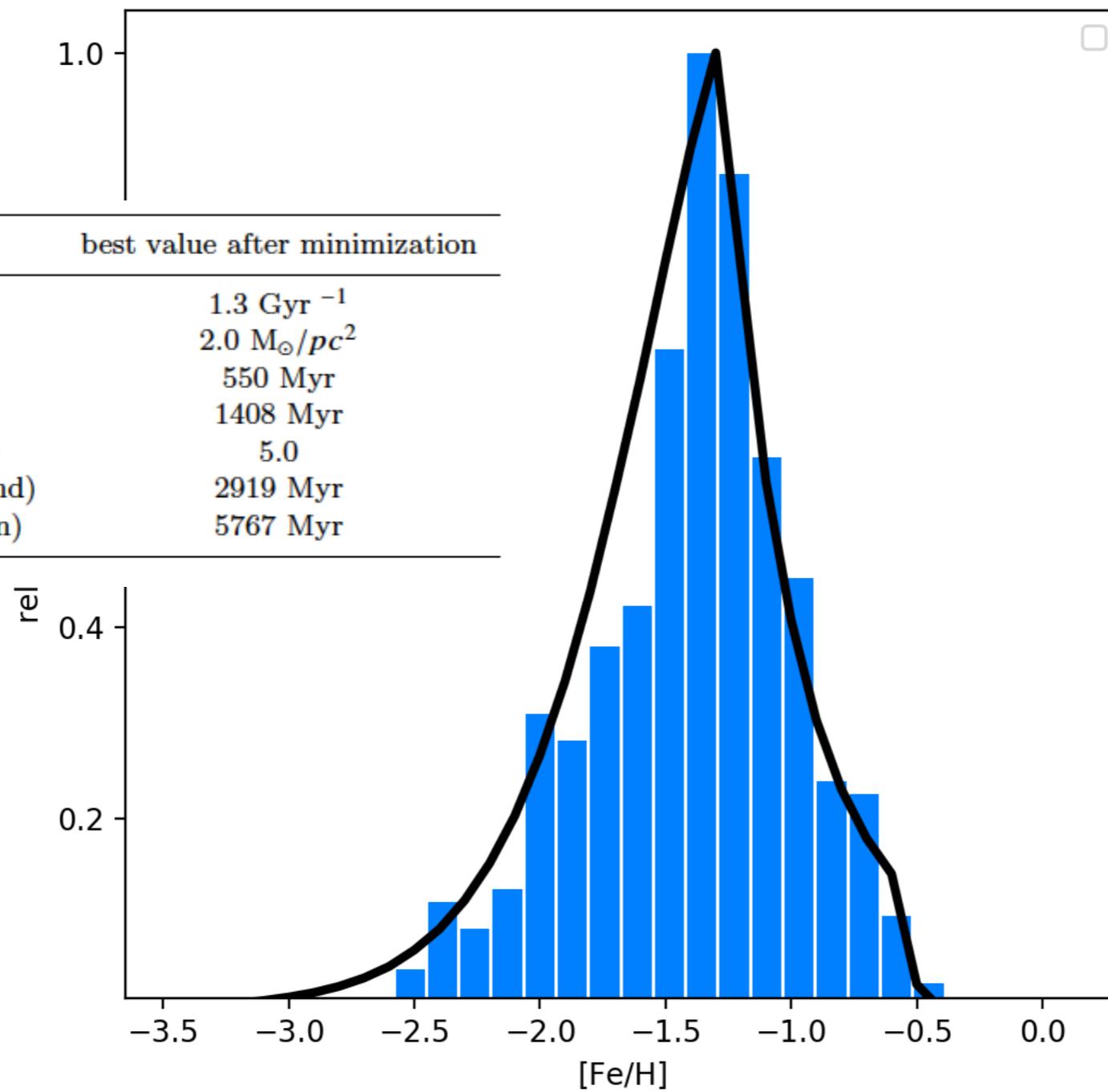
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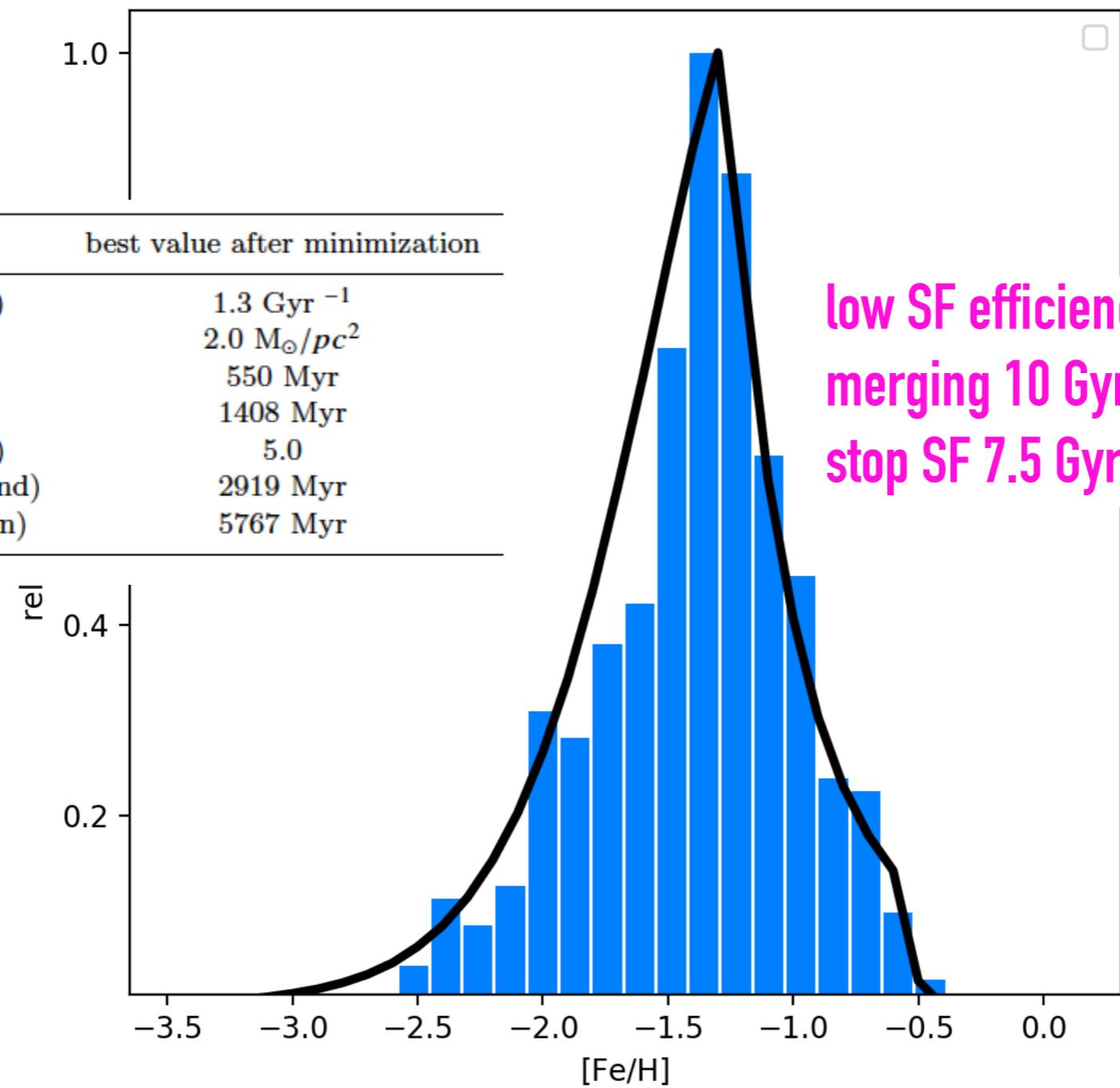
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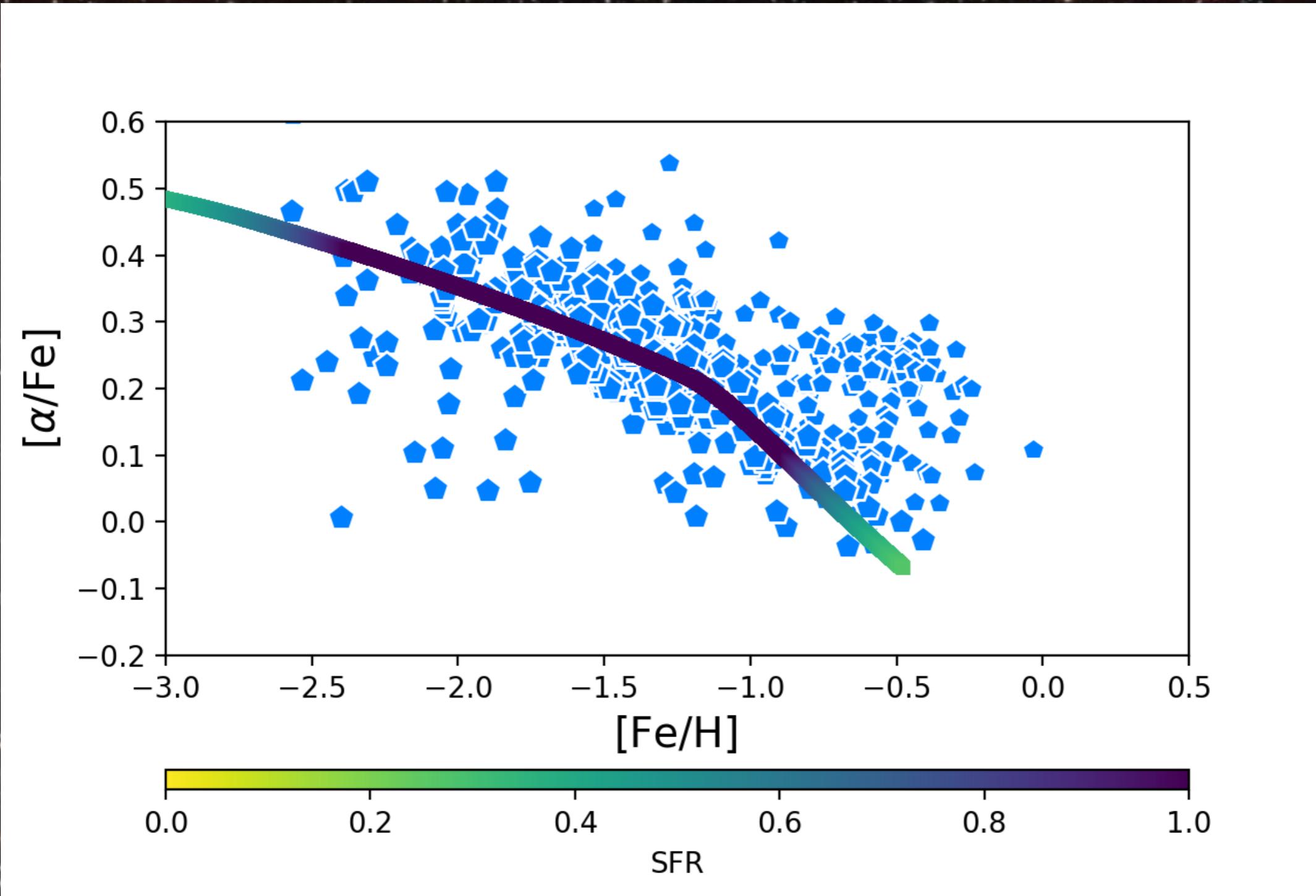


low SF efficiency  
merging 10 Gyr Ago  
stop SF 7.5 Gyr ago

Minimisation approach based on the MDF!

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# CE of $\alpha$ -elements in Enceladus



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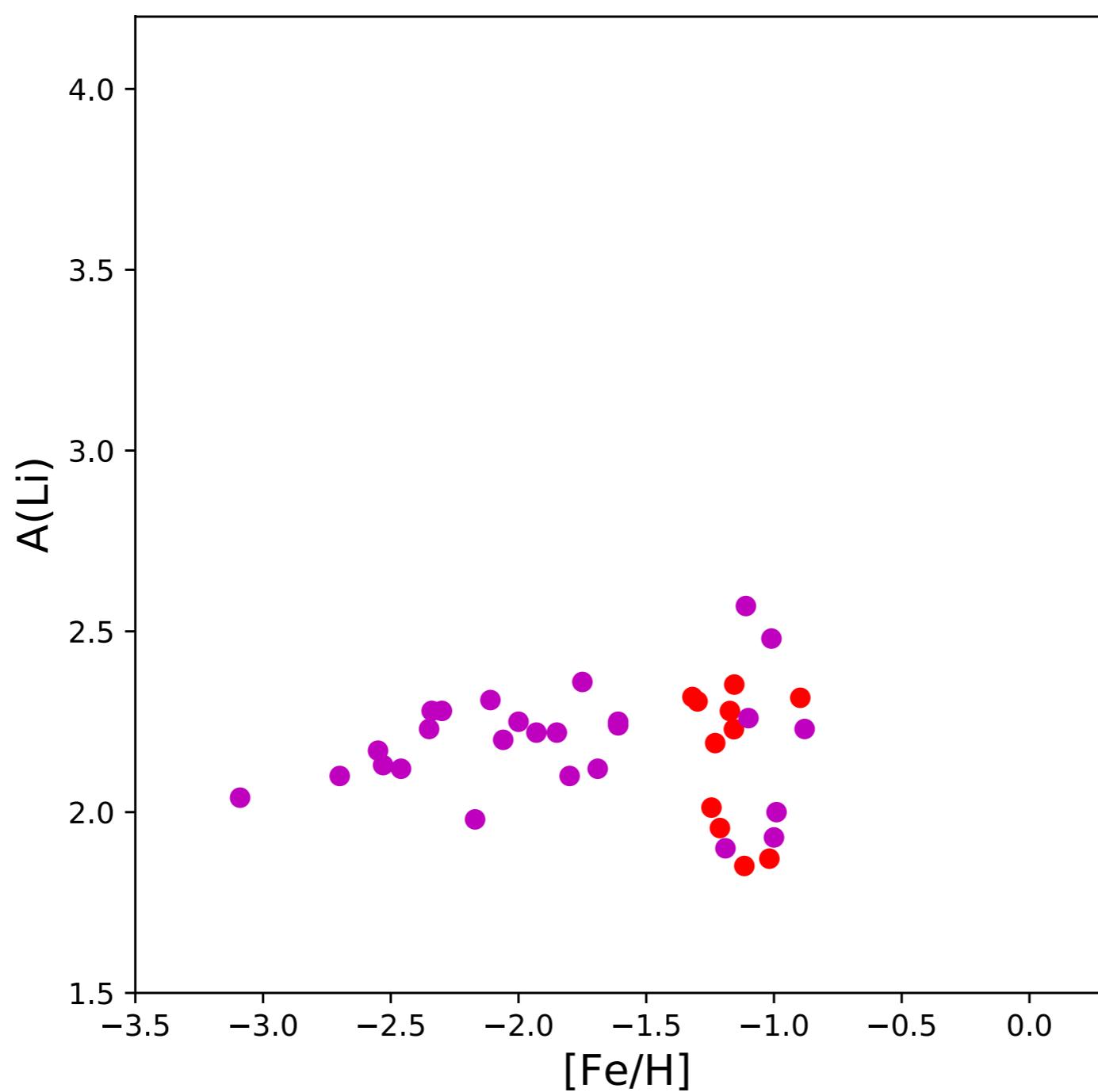
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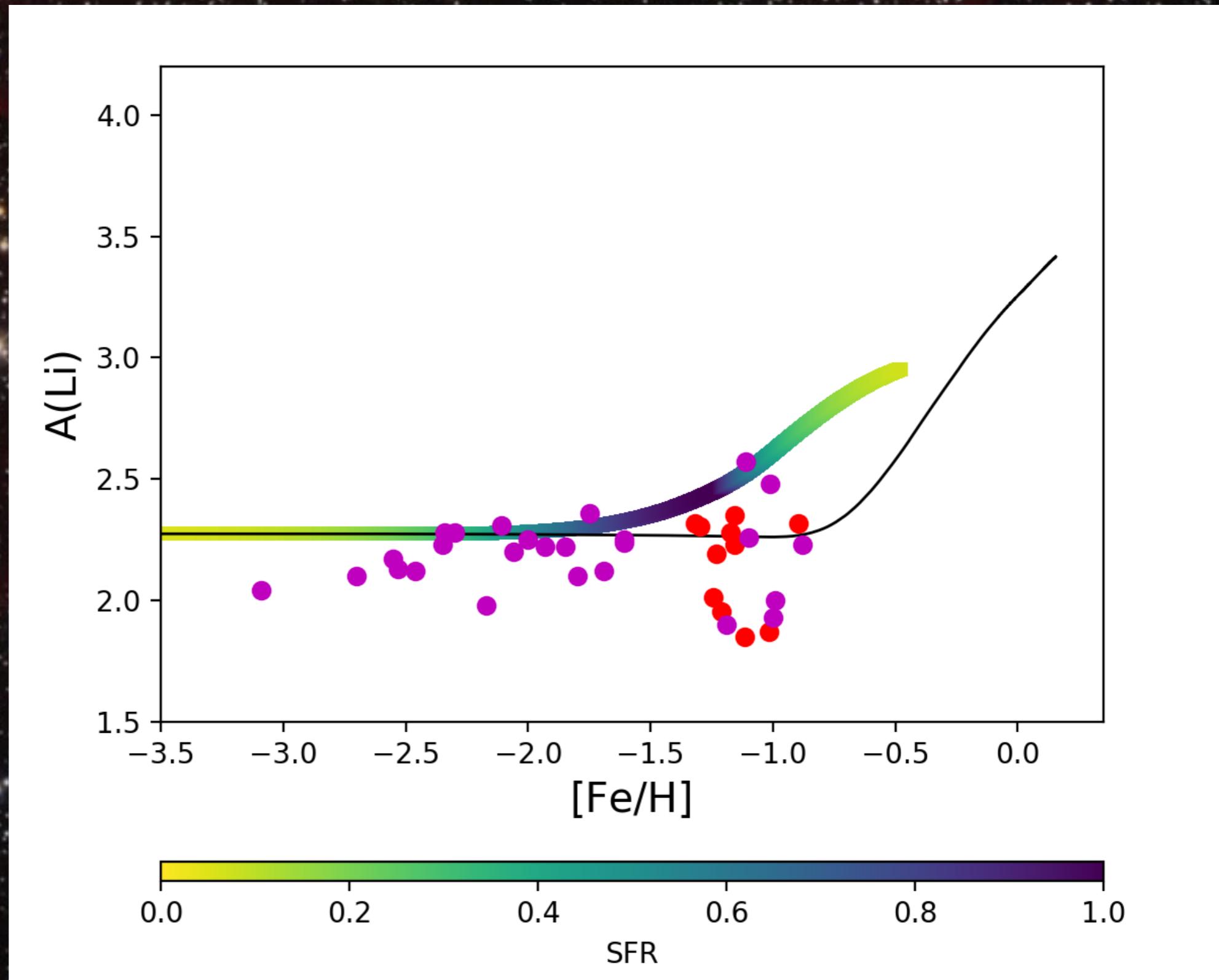
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# Conclusions for Gaia-Enceladus

The Lithium plateau is at the same level as in the Milky Way

We predict an upturn at metallicity  $[Fe/H]=-1.7$

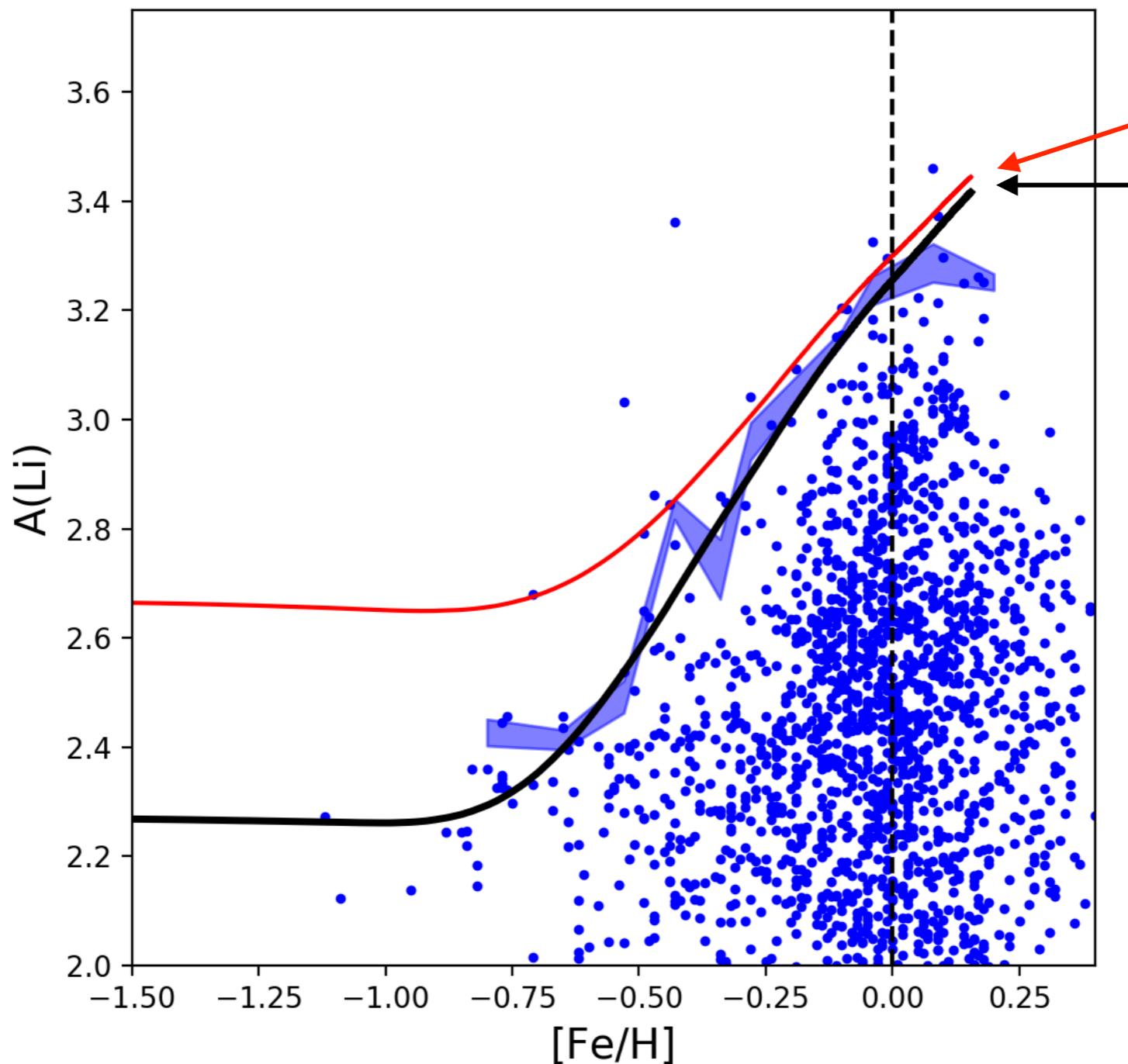
Future spectroscopical follows-up will produce a statistical sample and firmer conclusions can be drawn.



**EXTRA slides**

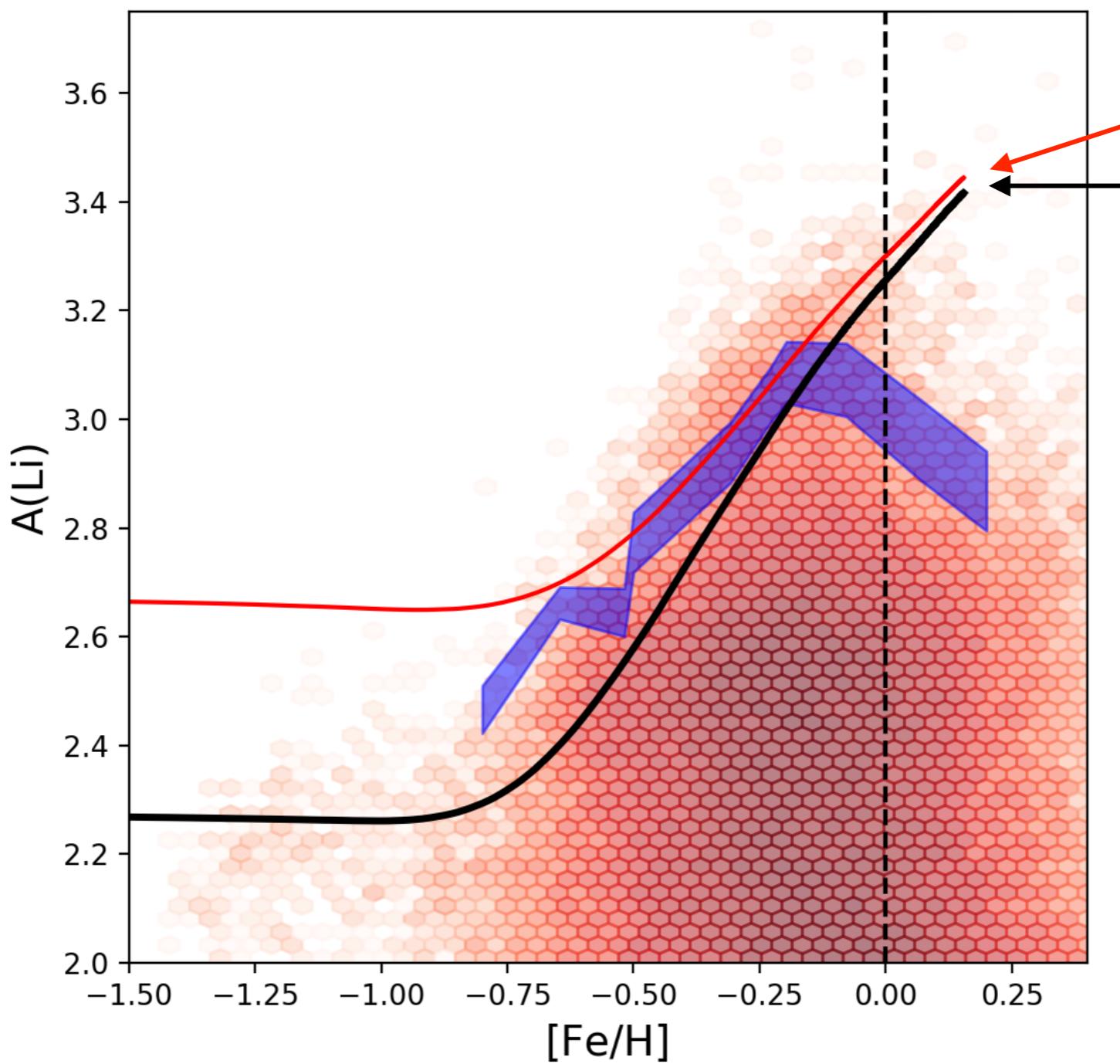
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