

# Refining the Stellar and Nebular UV together with the NIR Emission in Population Synthesis Models

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# Motivation:

## Why more SPS models?

- Produce a comprehensive **library** of state of the art models to be used in the interpretation of high-redshift observations
- Implement a Bayesian analysis methods, to develop a public tool to compare with observations (**BEAGLE**)
- Derive conclusions about nature of star formation and interstellar gas in galaxies

## To accomplish these goals we need:

- SPS models with updated evolutionary tracks and as complete as possible higher resolution spectral libraries.

# Evolutionary Tracks

**PARSEC** (**PA**dova & **TR**ieste **S**tellar **E**volution **C**ode) by

- Chen et al. (2015) for massive stars up to 400-500 Mo, including WR phase
- Bressan et al. (2012) for lower masses, includes P. Marigo treatment of TP-AGB stars

# Z/Y (PARSEC tracks)

0.0000/0.230	0.0001/0.249	0.0002/0.249	0.0005/0.249	0.001/0.250
0.002/0.252	0.004/0.256	0.006/0.259	0.008/0.263	0.014/0.273
0.017/0.279	0.010/0.267	0.020/0.284	0.030/0.302	0.040/0.321

Fine grid of stellar mass from 0.10 to 400 Mo  
Usually  $> 26,000$  points in the HRD per Z

# Stellar Spectra

## In the UV:

- WM-Basic models for MS stars hotter 20,000K (Leitherer et al. 2010)
- TLUSTY models for O and B stars (Lanz & Hubeny, 2003+2007)
- Martins et al. (2005) models for A type stars
- UV-Blue models (Rodríguez-Merino et al. 2005)
- Rauch (2002) models for CSPN
- PoWR (Potsdam Wolf-Rayet) Models for WR stars (Gräfener et al. 2002, Hamman et al. 2004)

## In the visible:

- MILES (Sánchez-Blázquez et al. 2006; Falcón-Barroso et al. 2011; Prugniel et al. 2011)
- IndoUS (Wu et al. 2011)
- HNGSL (Heap & Lanz 2003)
- STELIB (Le Borgne et al. 2003)

# PoWR - The Potsdam Wolf-Rayet Models

- High resolution models

Hainich et al. (2015)

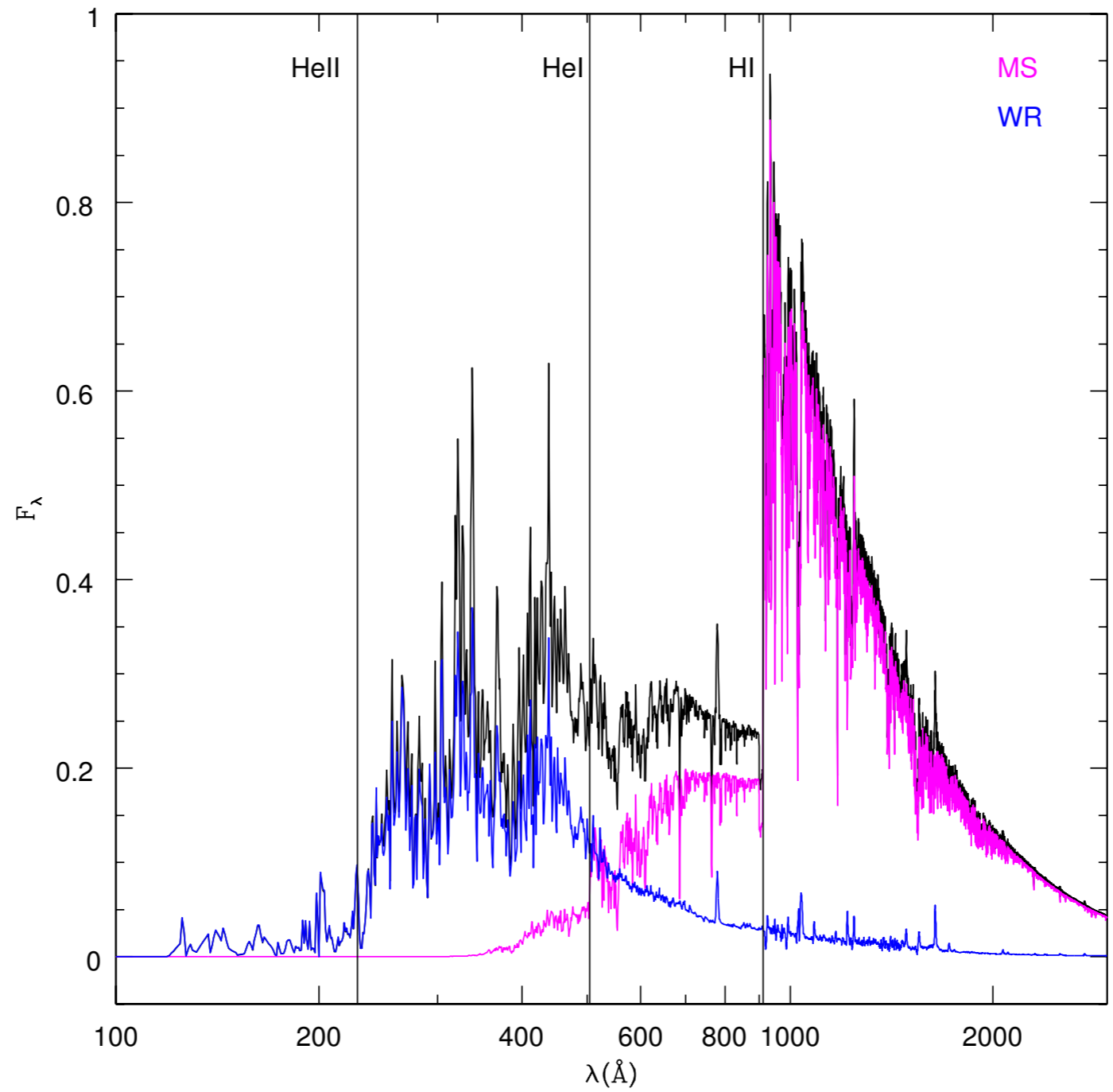
Todt et al. (2015, private communication)

- WC, WNE, WNL, WO types

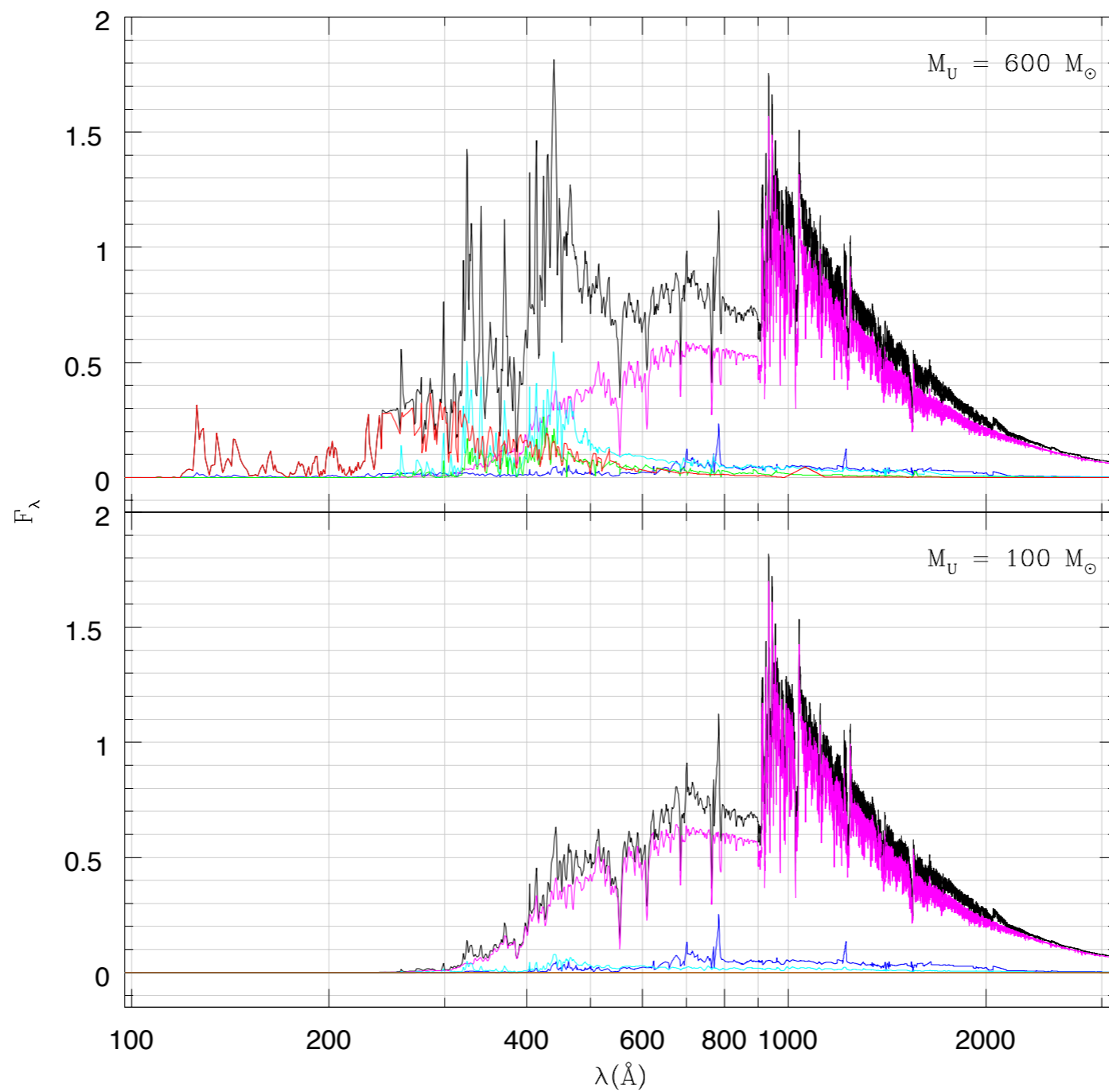
- $Z/Z_{\odot} = 1$  (MW), 0.5 (LMC), 0.2 (SMC), 0.07 (sub-SMC)

- Wavelength coverage: 200 - 80,000 Å, resolution 0.30 Å

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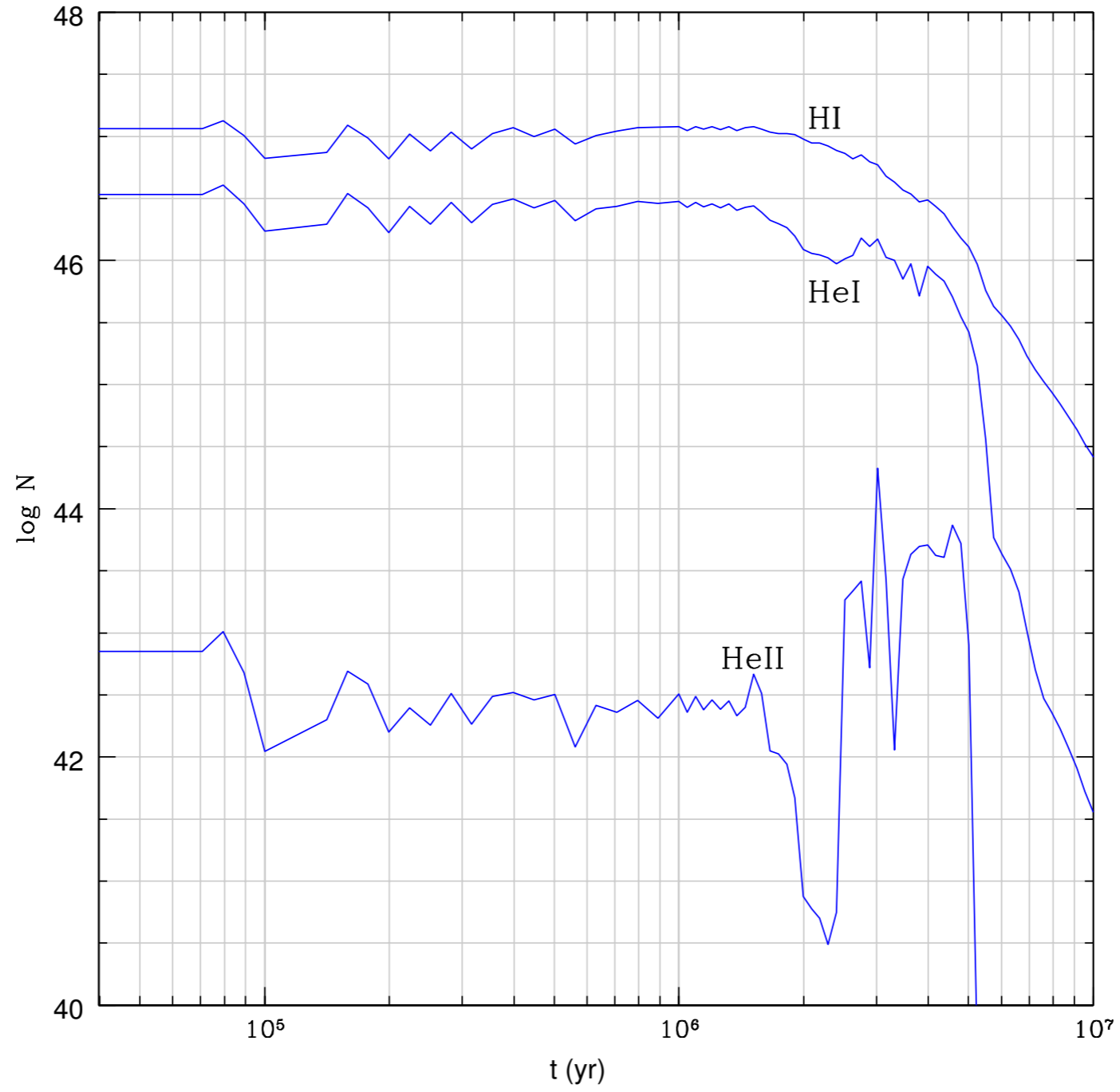
CB13, Z=0.014, SSP, 3 Myr



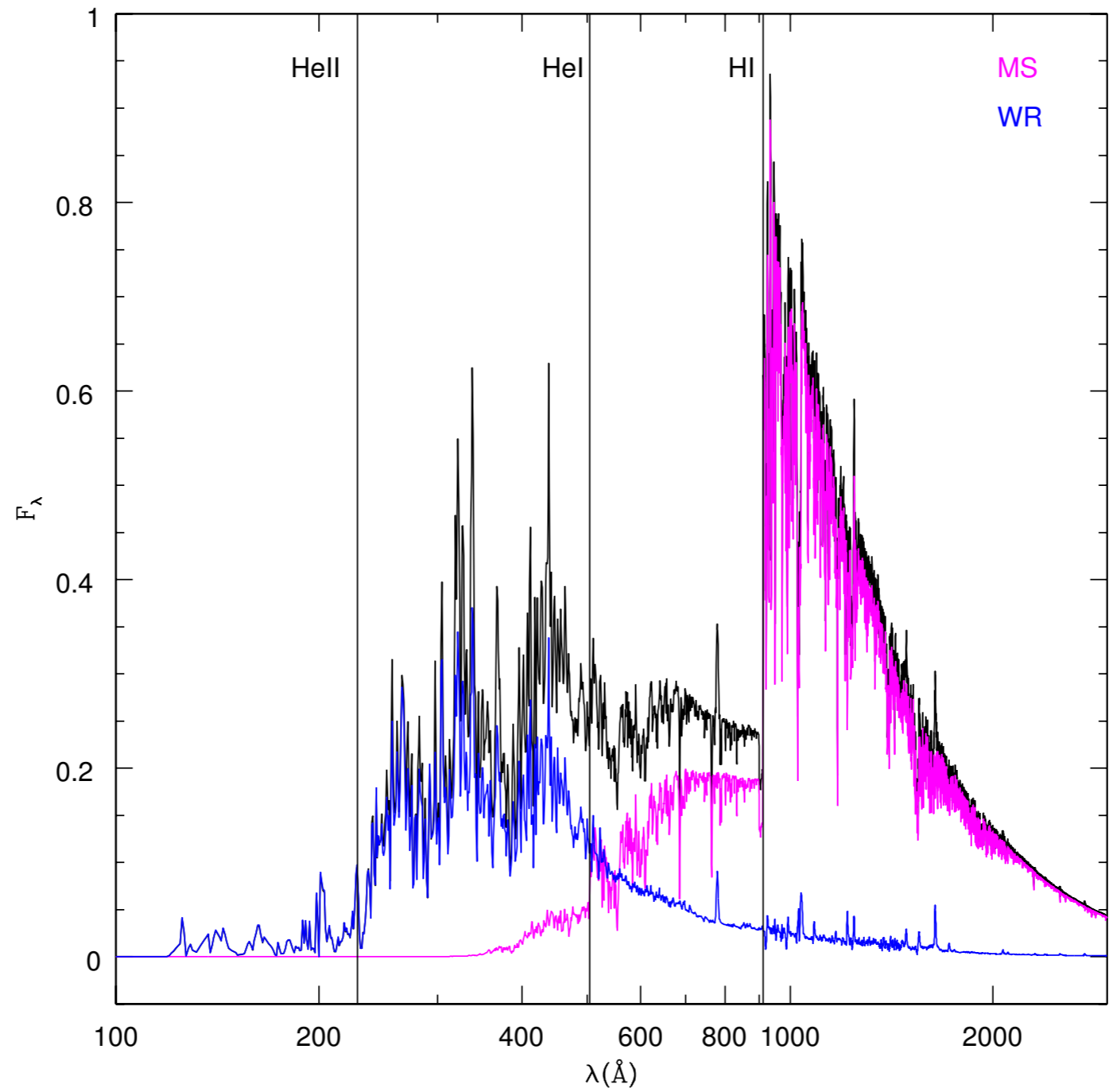
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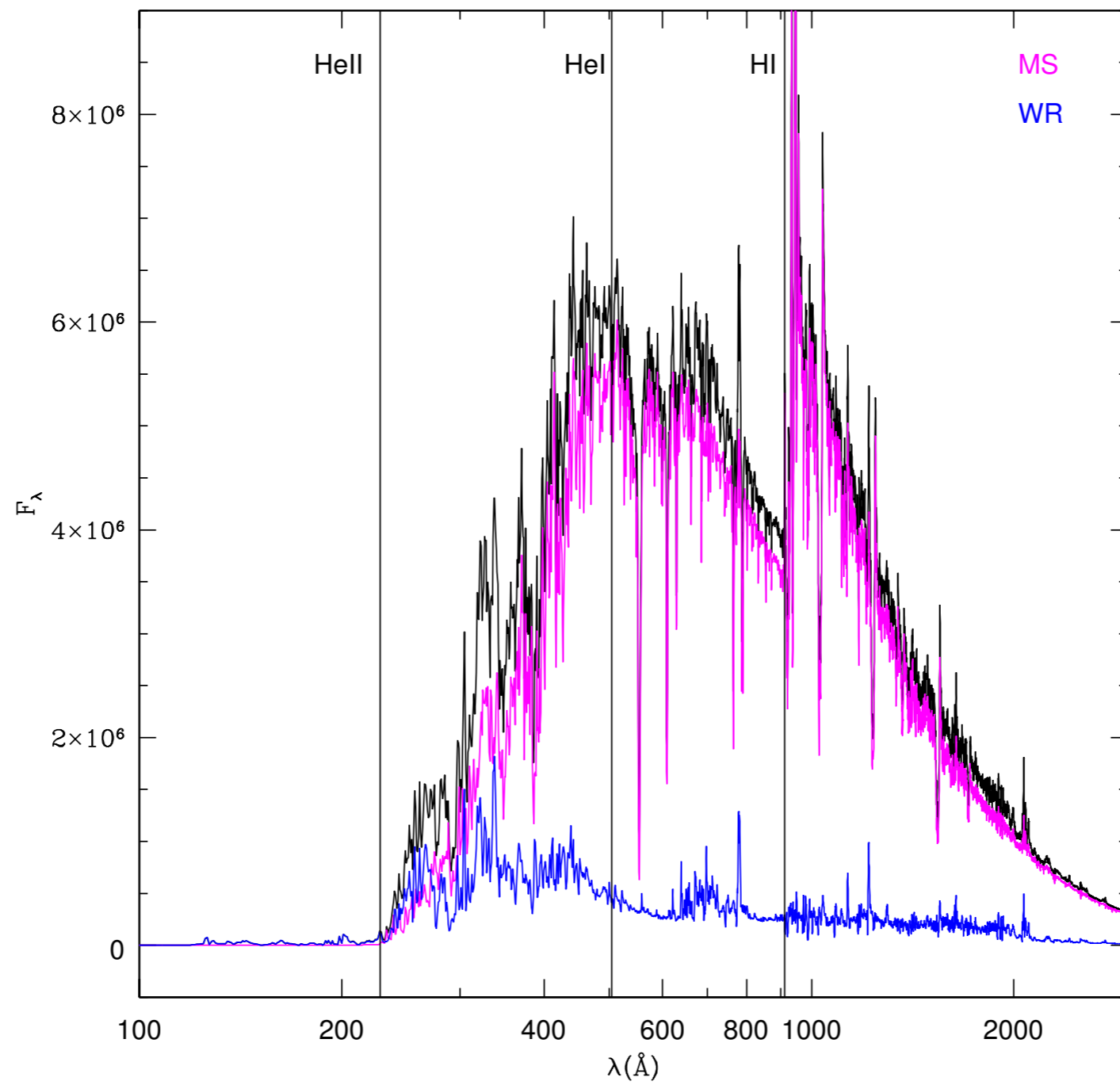
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SSP,  $Z = 0.014$ , age = 4.6 Myr, Chabrier IMF,  $M_{\text{up}} = 300 M_{\odot}$



Constant SFR,  $Z = 0.014$ , age = 4.6 Myr, Chabrier IMF,  $M_{\text{up}} = 300 M_{\odot}$



# Applications

Self-consistent modelling of the SED and nebular emission lines of star forming galaxies

## Objectives:

- model the **emission** of the gas ionized by massive stars
- constrain physical properties and early chemical enrichment of the gas in high-redshift galaxies

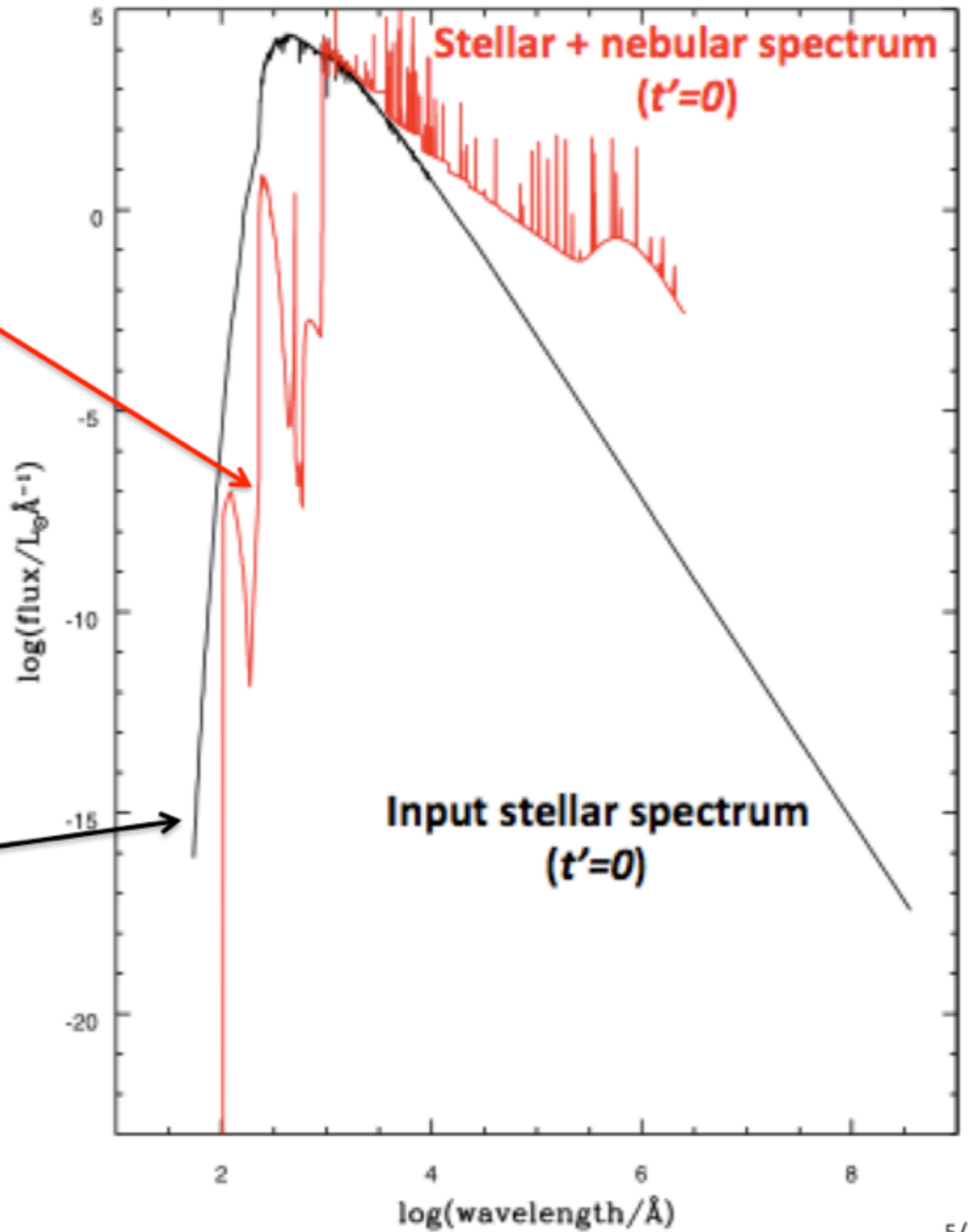
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photoionization code

ionizing spectrum



## 6 main adjustable parameters :

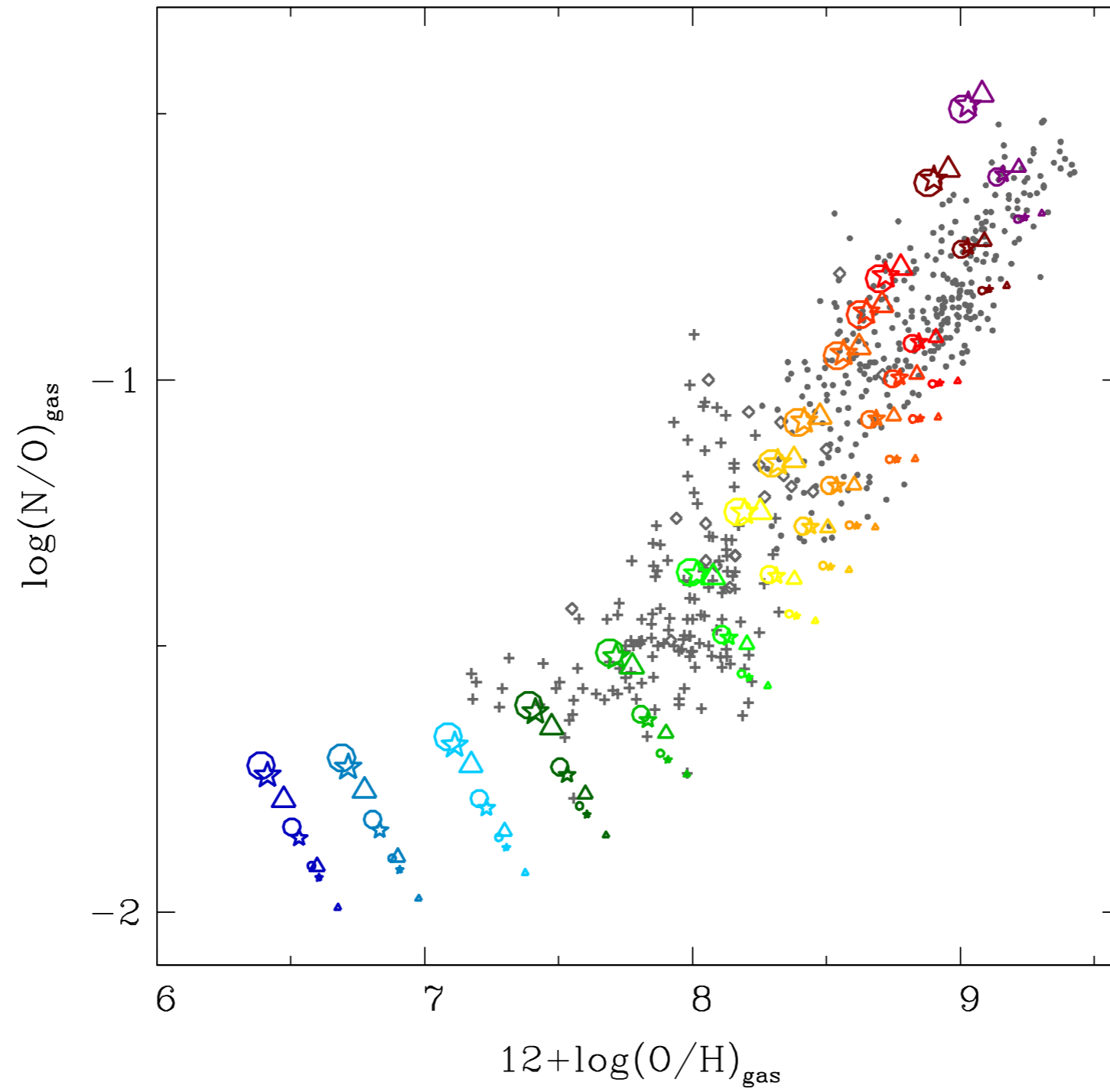
- metallicity  $Z$  (same for stars and gas)
- ionization parameter  $U$  (at the edge of the Strömgren sphere)
- dust-to-metal mass ratio  $\xi_d$
- gas density  $n_H$
- C/O abundances (in reduced factors)
- upper cut-off mass of the IMF  $M_{up}$

Comprehensive range of adjustable parameters (beyond simply  $Z$ ,  $U$ ) appropriate for high-redshift galaxies

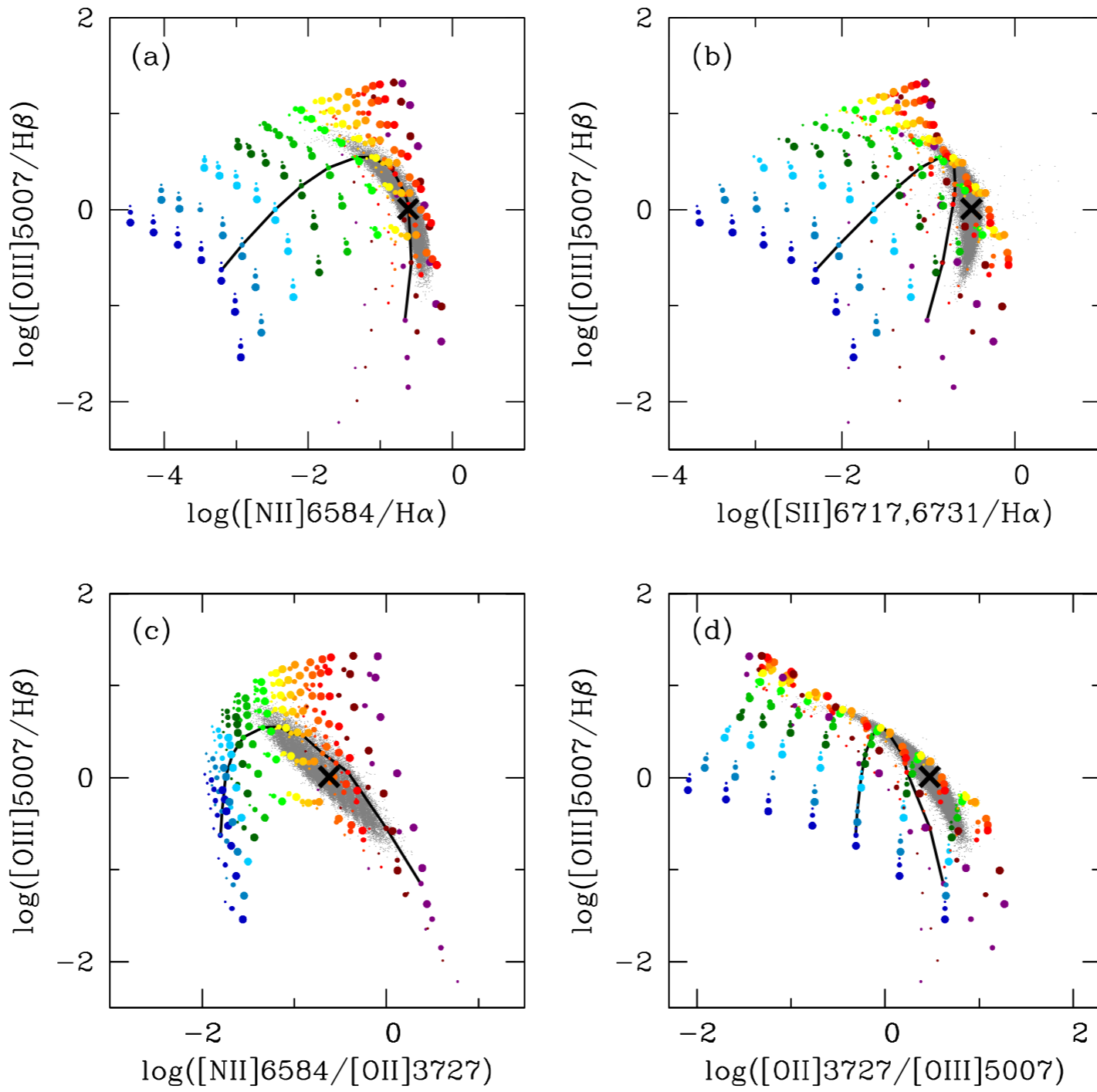
Careful treatment of individual element **abundances** and **depletion** onto dust grains in ionized gas

parameter	G15 models values
$Z$	0.0001, 0.0002, 0.0005, 0.001, 0.002, 0.004, 0.008, 0.010, 0.014, 0.017, 0.020, 0.030
$\log(U)$	-1.0, -1.5, -2.0, -2.5, -3.0, -3.5, -4.0
$\xi_d$	0.1, 0.3, 0.5
$\log(n_H) [\text{cm}^{-3}]$	2.0, 3.0, 4.0
factor of (C/O)	1, 0.72, 0.52, 0.38, 0.27, 0.20, 0.14, 0.10
$m_{up}$	$100M_{\odot}$ , $300M_{\odot}$

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Modelling the SED of stars, neutral and ionized gas in star forming galaxies

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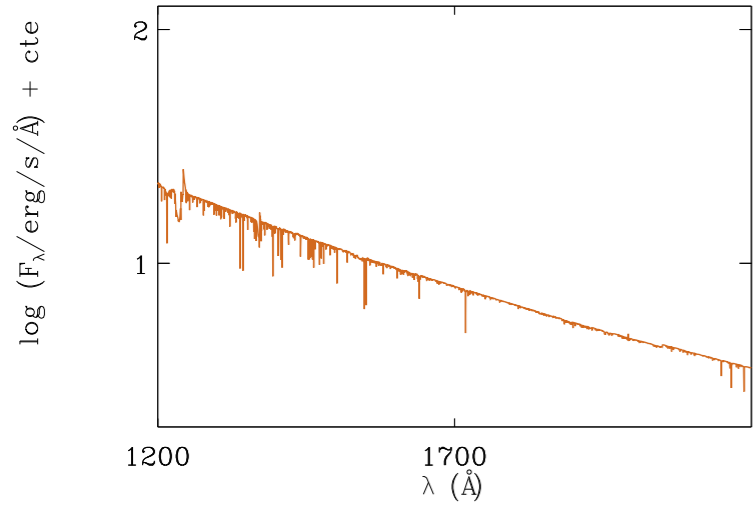
- interpret simultaneously the UV spectral signatures of stars, ionised and neutral gas in star forming galaxies

## Method:

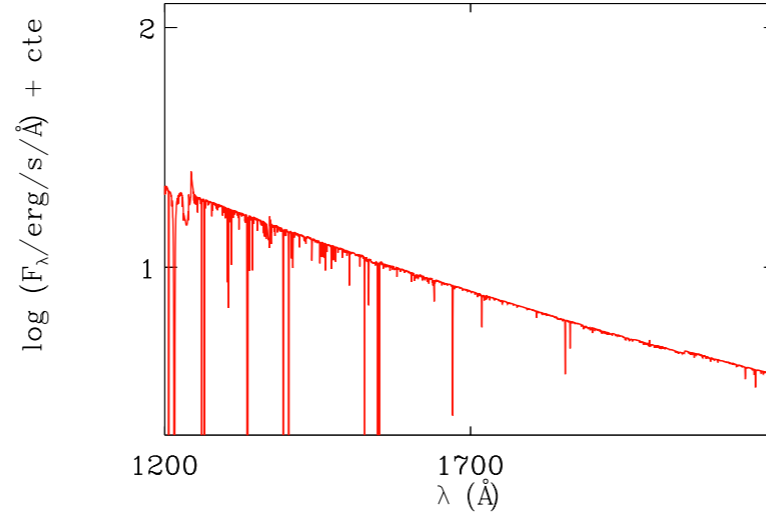
- Couple output from evolutionary population synthesis models with photoionization code Cloudy and radiative transfer through the ISM code SYNSPEC

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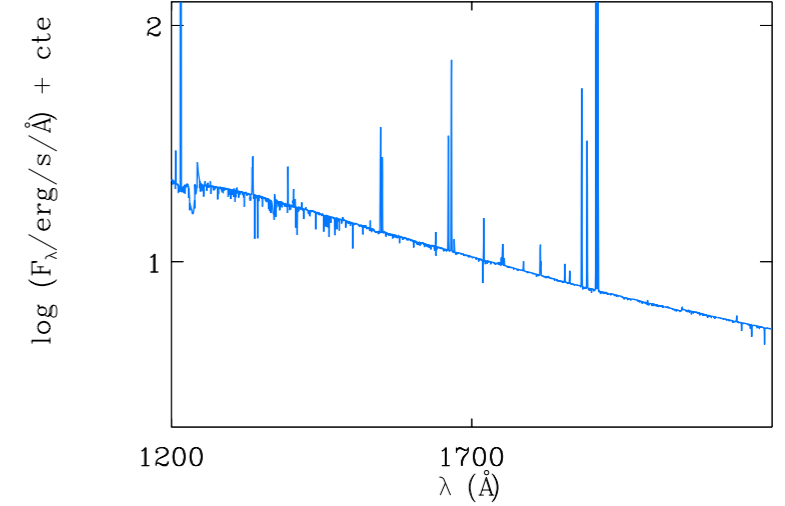
stars



+ neutral gas

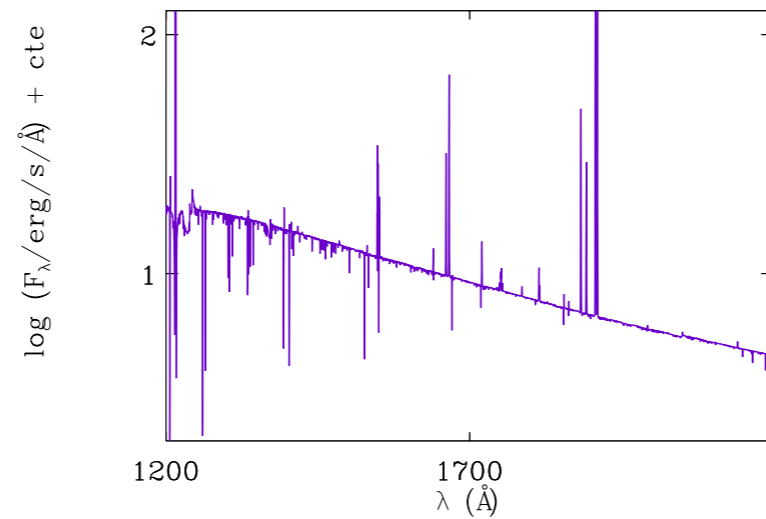


+ ionized gas



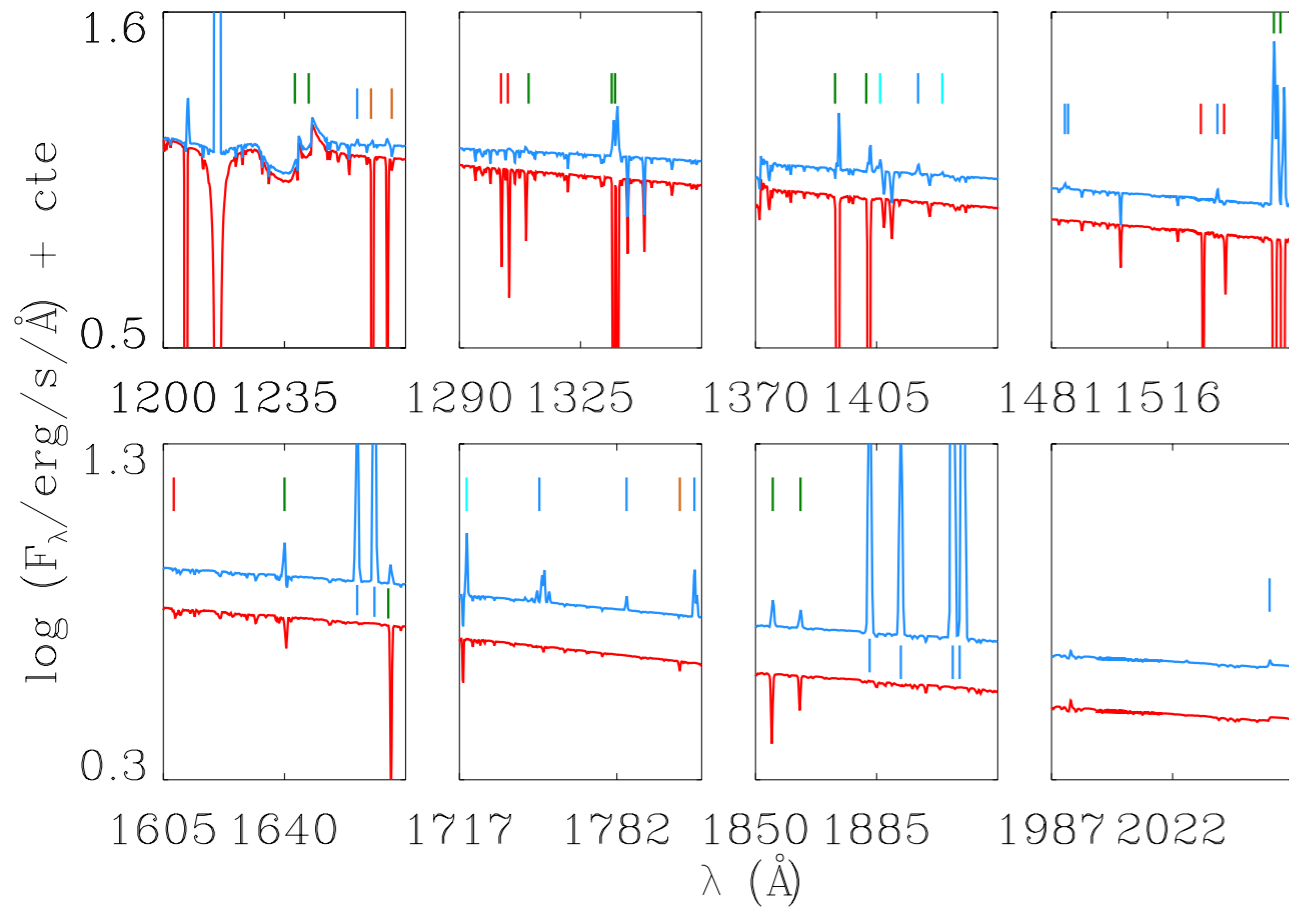
star forming galaxy model

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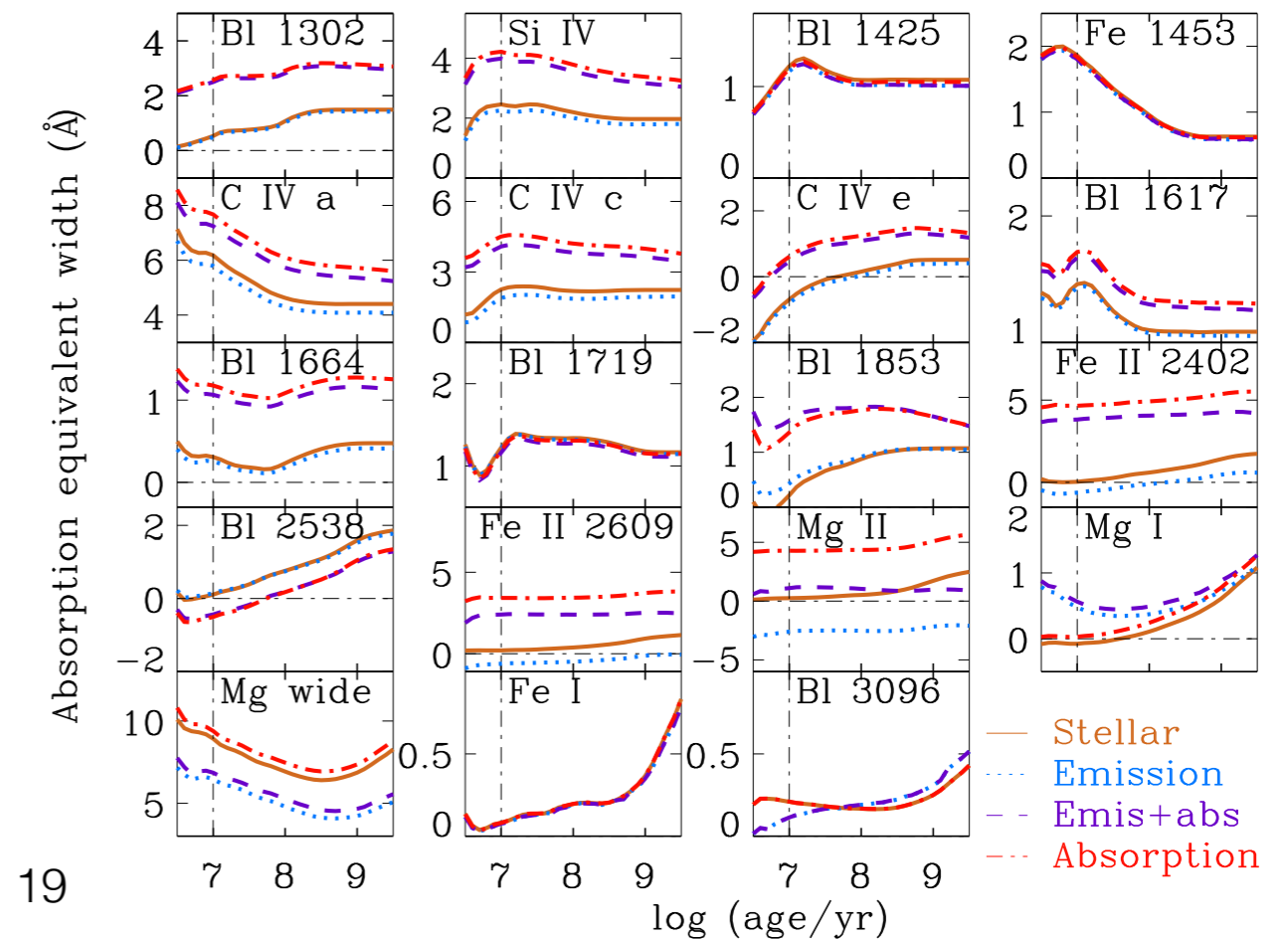
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← Details of spectral lines in SFG model

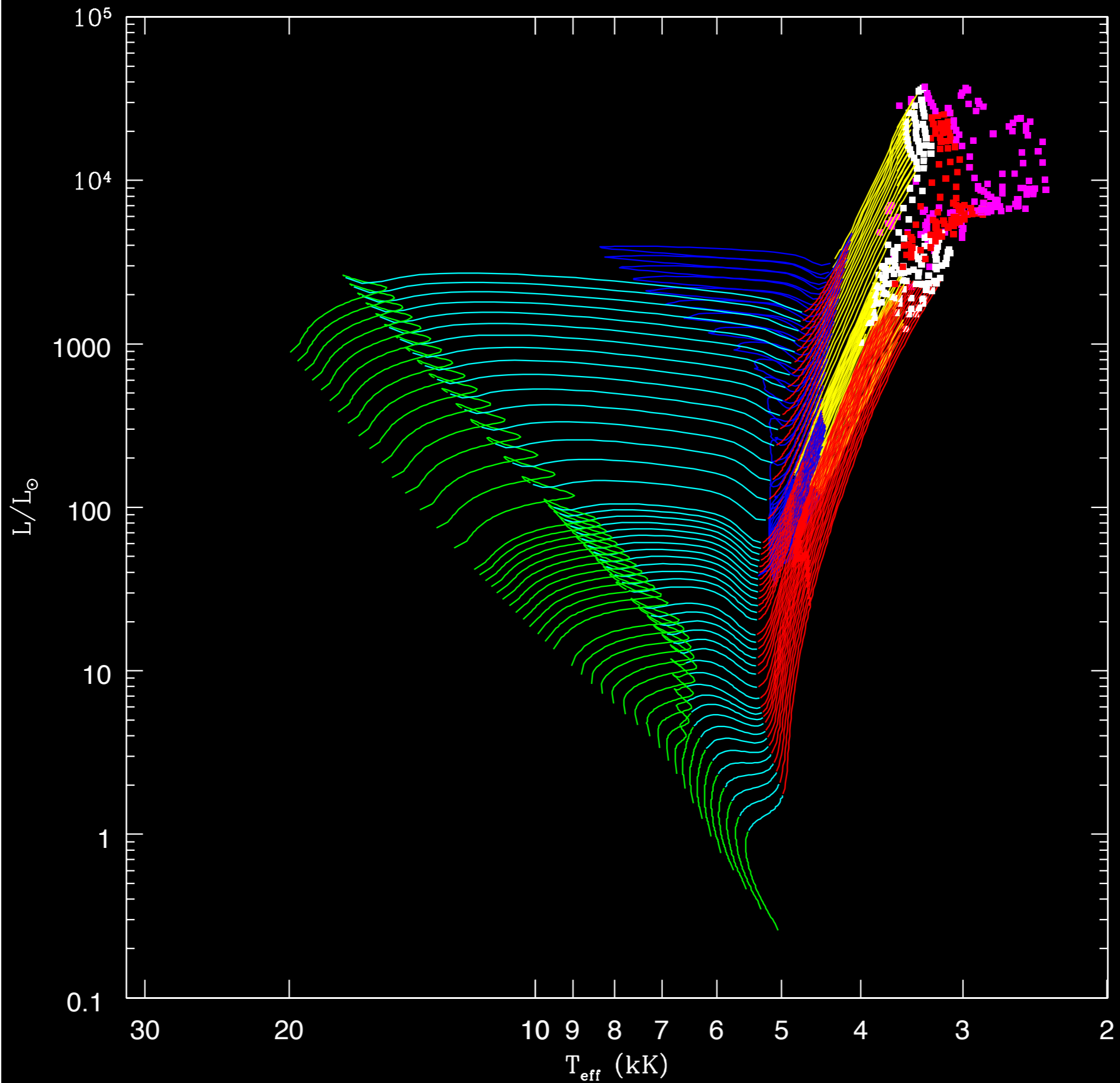
UV line strength index evolution =>

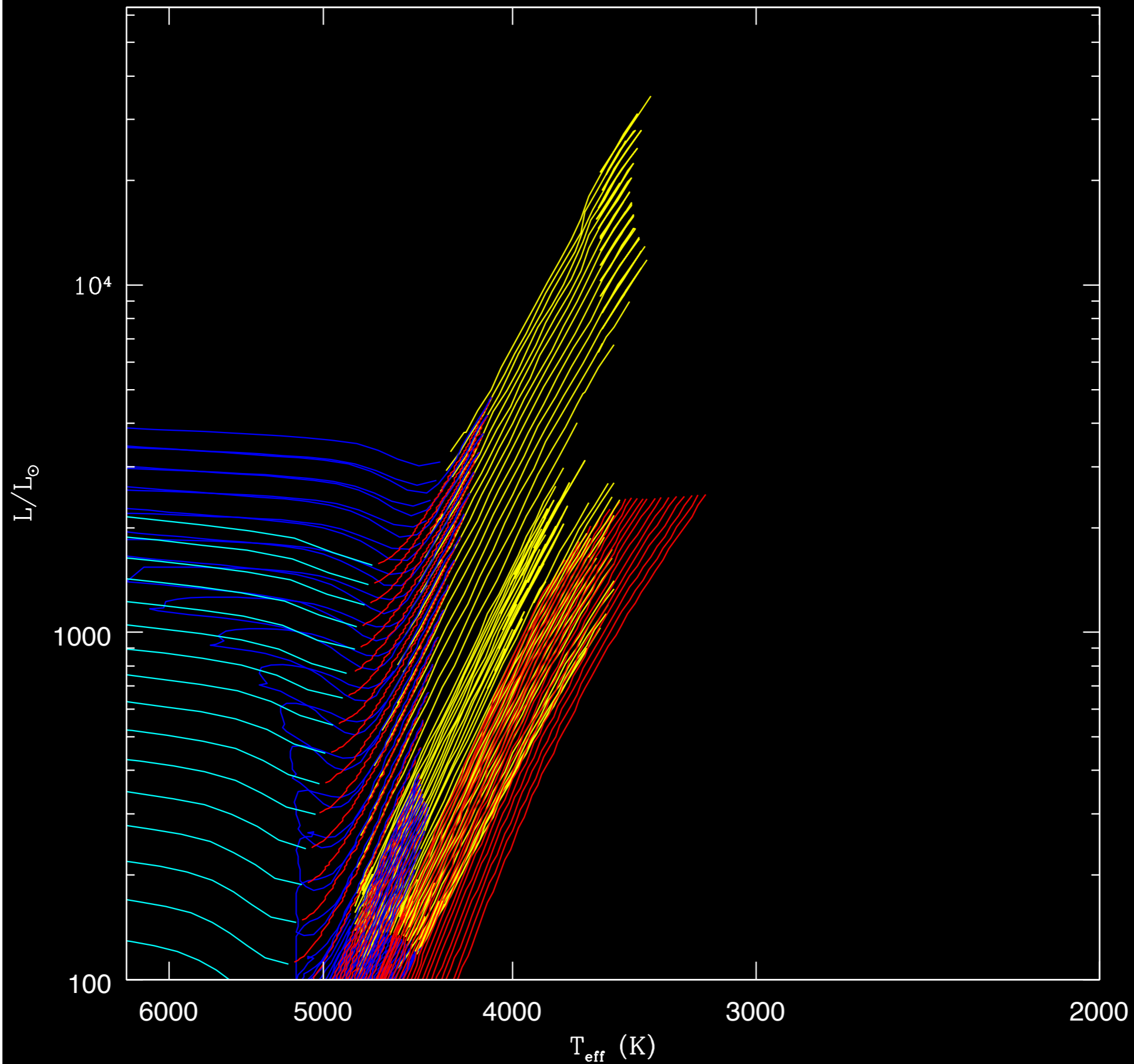


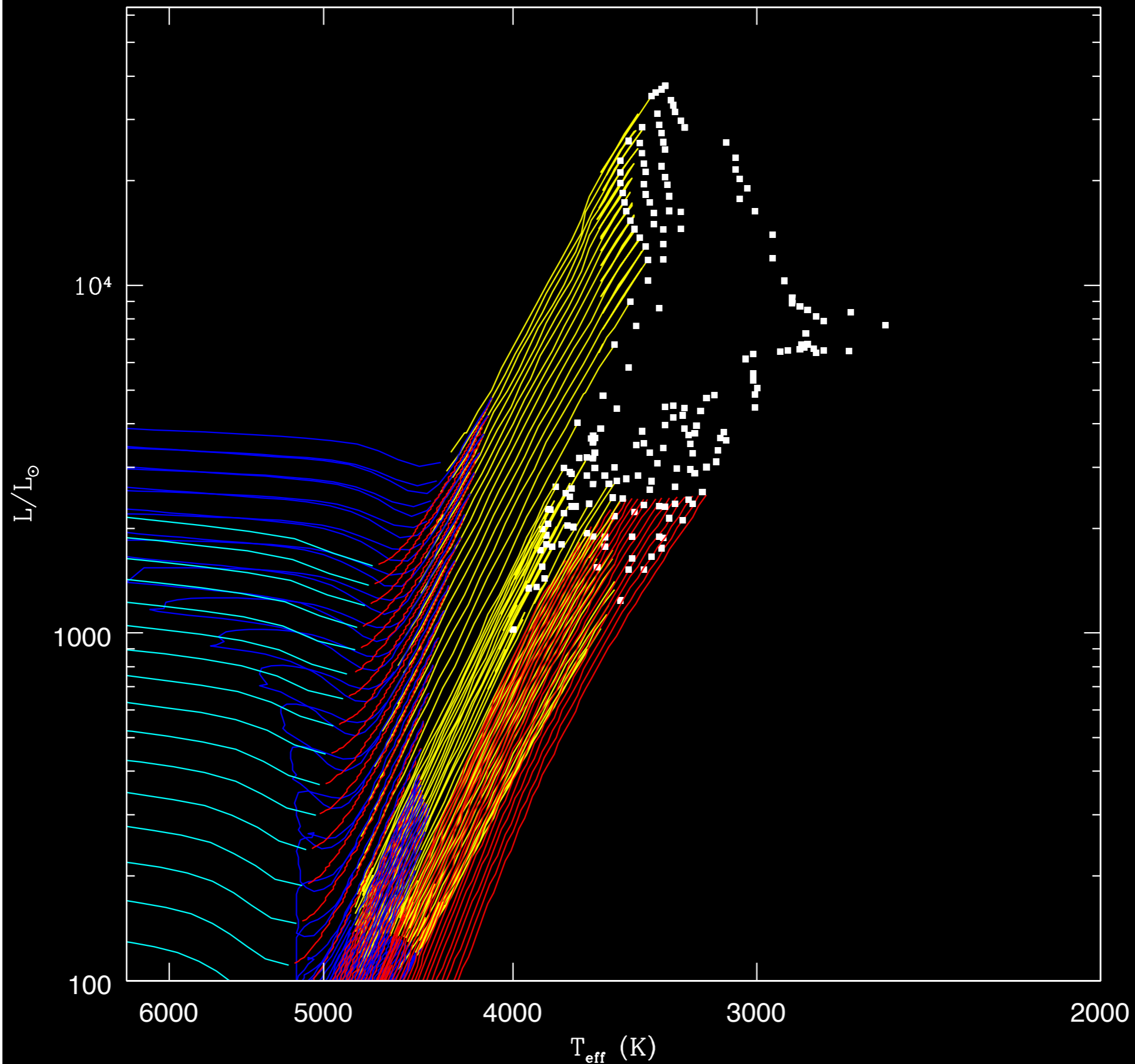
# TP-AGB Stars

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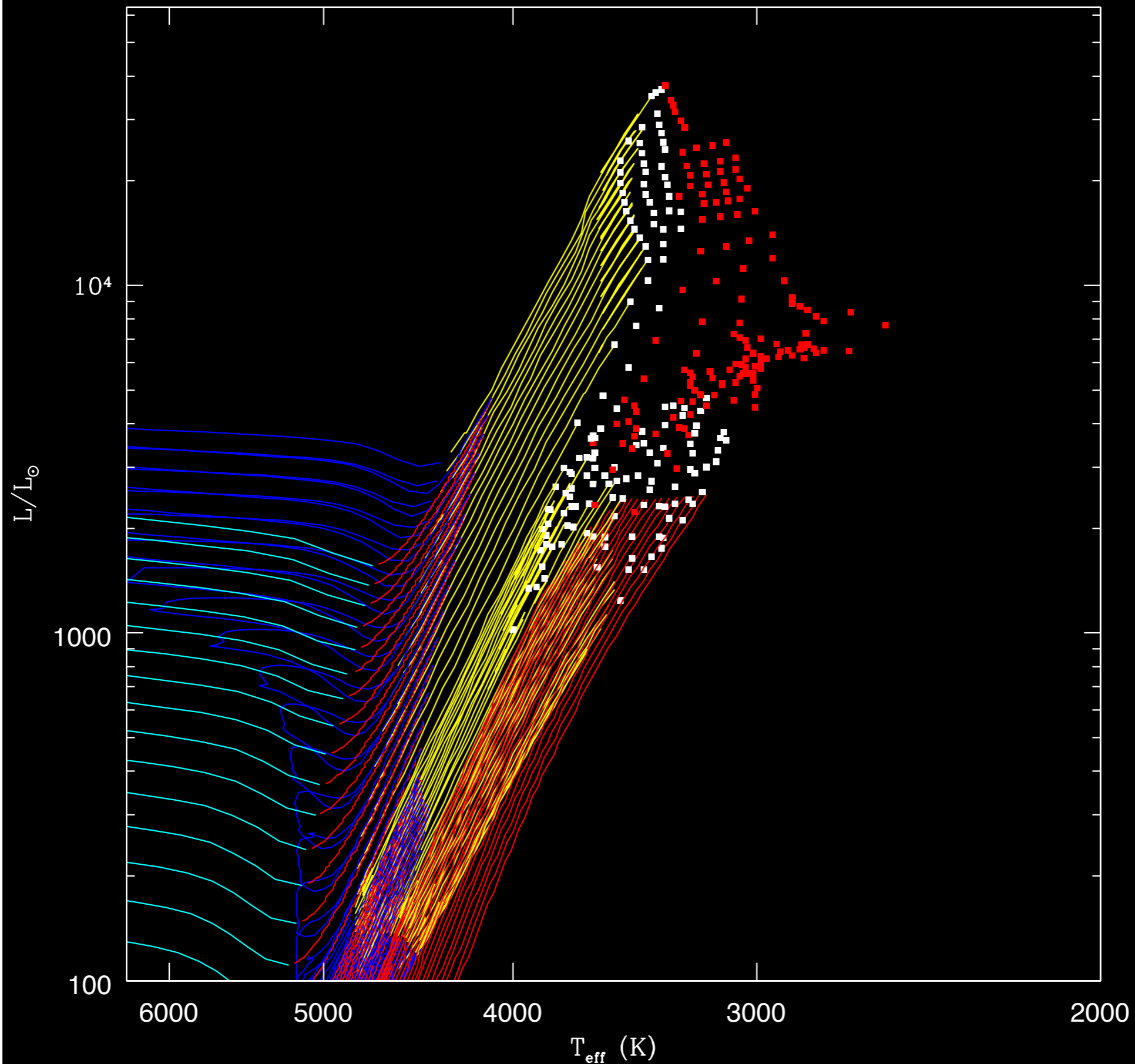
Padova 2012–2013:  $Z = 0.008$ ,  $M = 0.75 - 5.60 M_{\odot}$





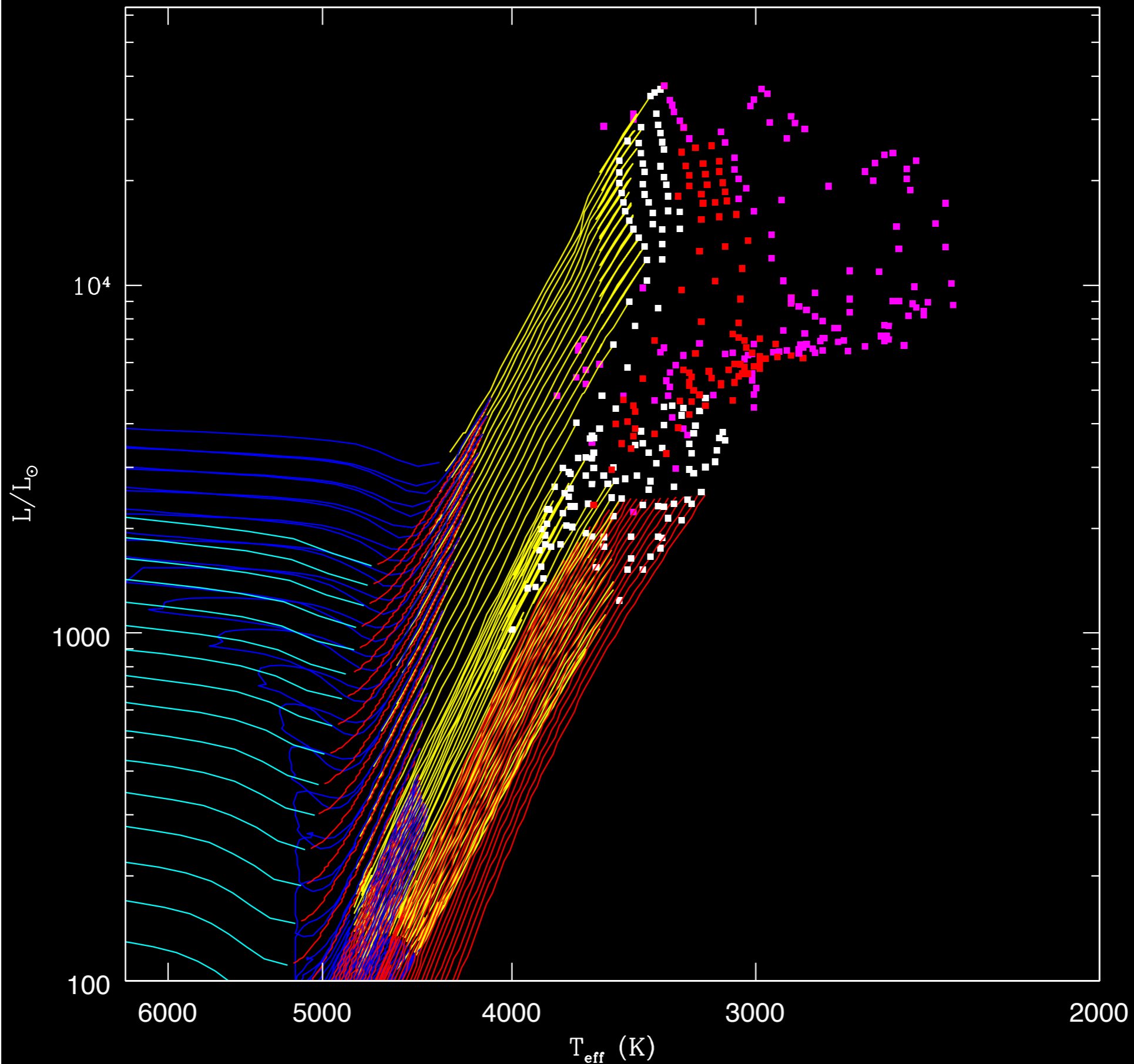


TP-AGB:  
O-Rich



TP-AGB:  
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C-Rich





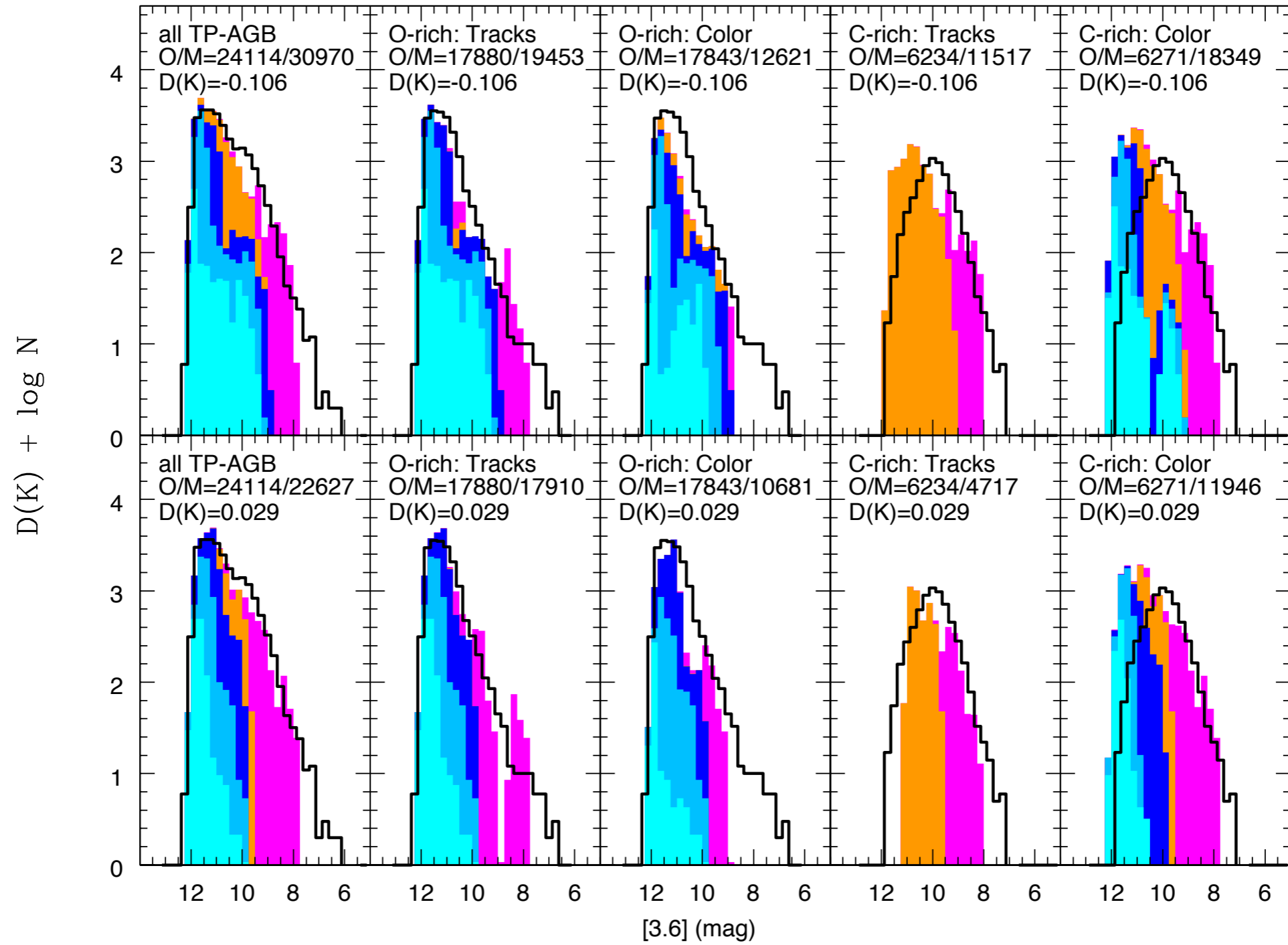
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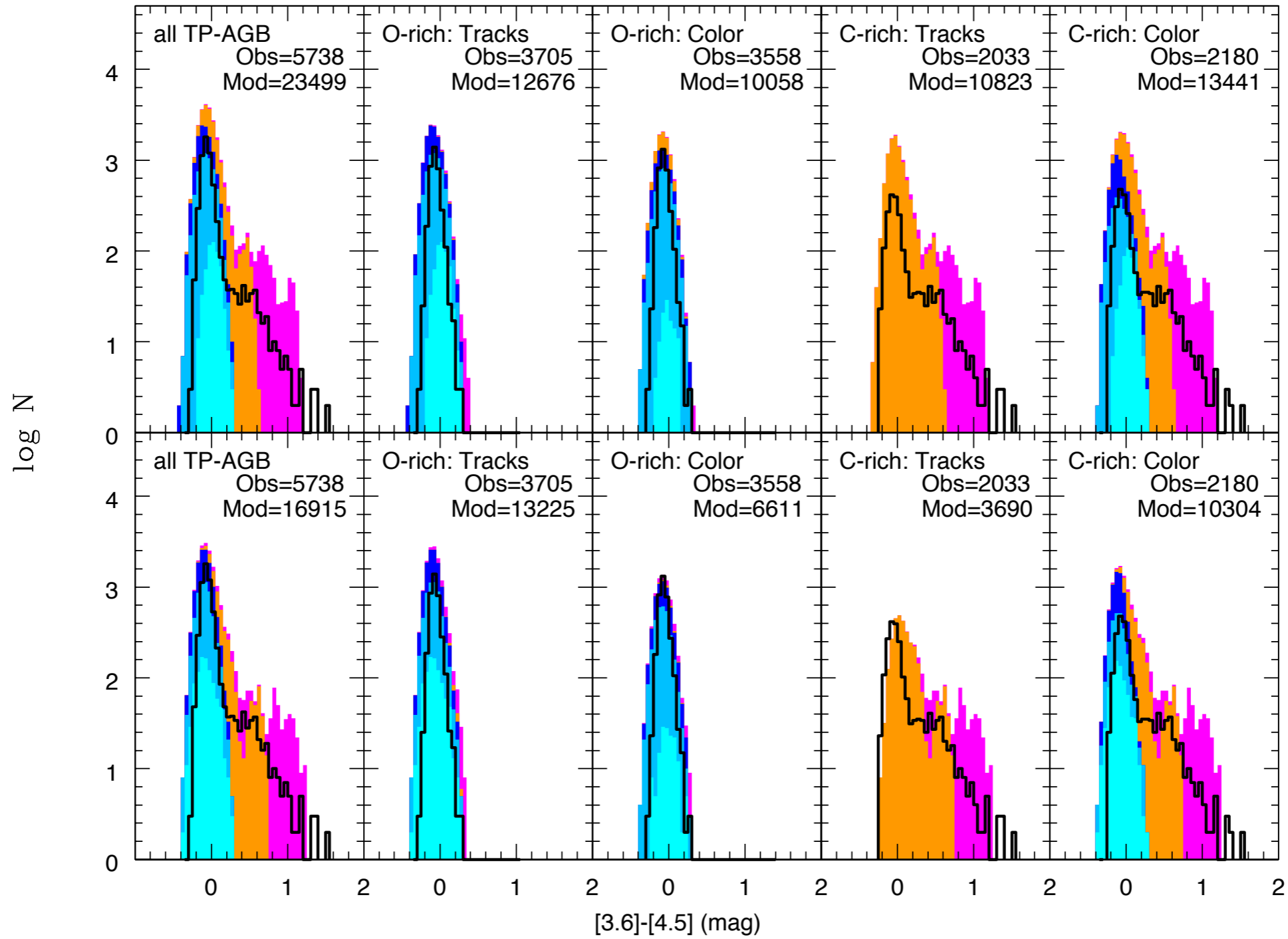
C-Rich

SW-phase

LMC TP-AGB LF, CB13,  $Z = 0.008$ , SET-1 (top) vs SET-2 (bottom), HR dusty models



SMC TP-AGB LF, CB13, Z = 0.006, SET-1 (top) vs SET-2 (bottom), HR dusty models



# Conclusions

- Prospects are good both at the UV and NIR ends
- Considerable progress in evolutionary tracks and spectral libraries
- Lots of observations have allowed to calibrate and understand better SPS models
- Bayesian techniques at work for galaxy data analysis