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STELLAR POPULATION
MODELS BASED ON 60,000
EMPIRICAL STELLAR SPECTRA

A tribute to Olivier, July 2022

Outline

- ◎ **Stellar population models overview**

New: Models based on the SDSS stellar library

- **Carbon star spectra for the TP-AGB phase**

- ◎ **Applications**

Because Olivier loved spectra (Mark and Bianca's talks) and was keen in learning about models



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Re: Thanks.

1 message

Olivier LE FEVRE <olivier.lefevre@oamp.fr>

12 December 2011 at 19:06

Reply-To: olivier.lefevre@oamp.fr

To: Claudia Maraston <Claudia.Maraston@port.ac.uk>

Cc: Olivier Le Fevre <olivier.lefevre@oamp.fr>

Dear Claudia,

Many thanks for your message.
People here really enjoyed your visit, thanks for taking the time to come over.

I'm looking forward to further changes on ages issues, and to a possible visit in Portsmouth.

Happy holiday season!

Olivier

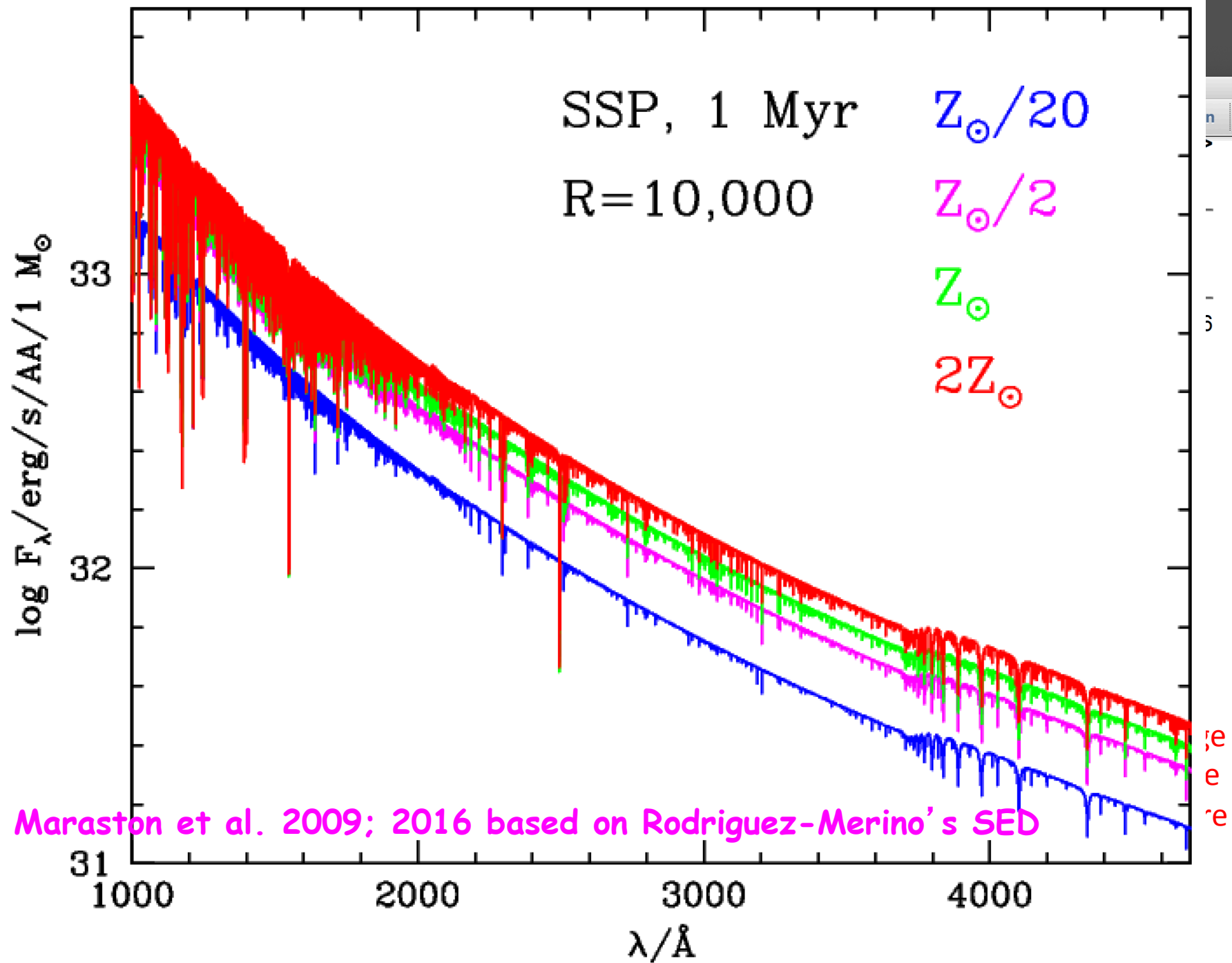
Le 11/12/2011 14:00, Claudia Maraston a écrit :

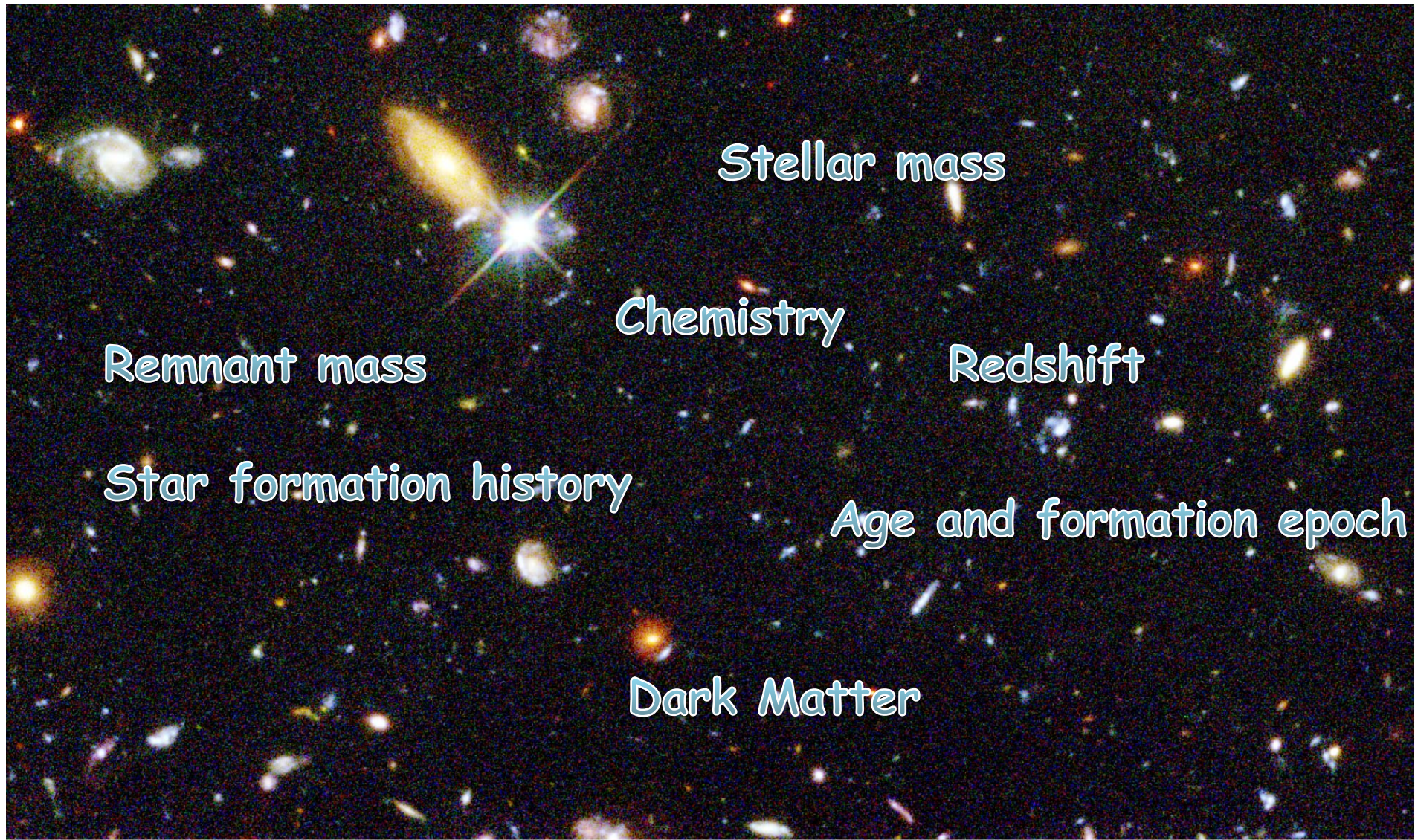
Dear Olivier,

thank you so much for the splendid visit!

“The extended epoch of galaxy formation: Age dating of ~3600 galaxies with $2 < z < 6.5$ in the VIMOS Ultra-Deep Survey★”, Thomas, Le Fevre et al. 2017

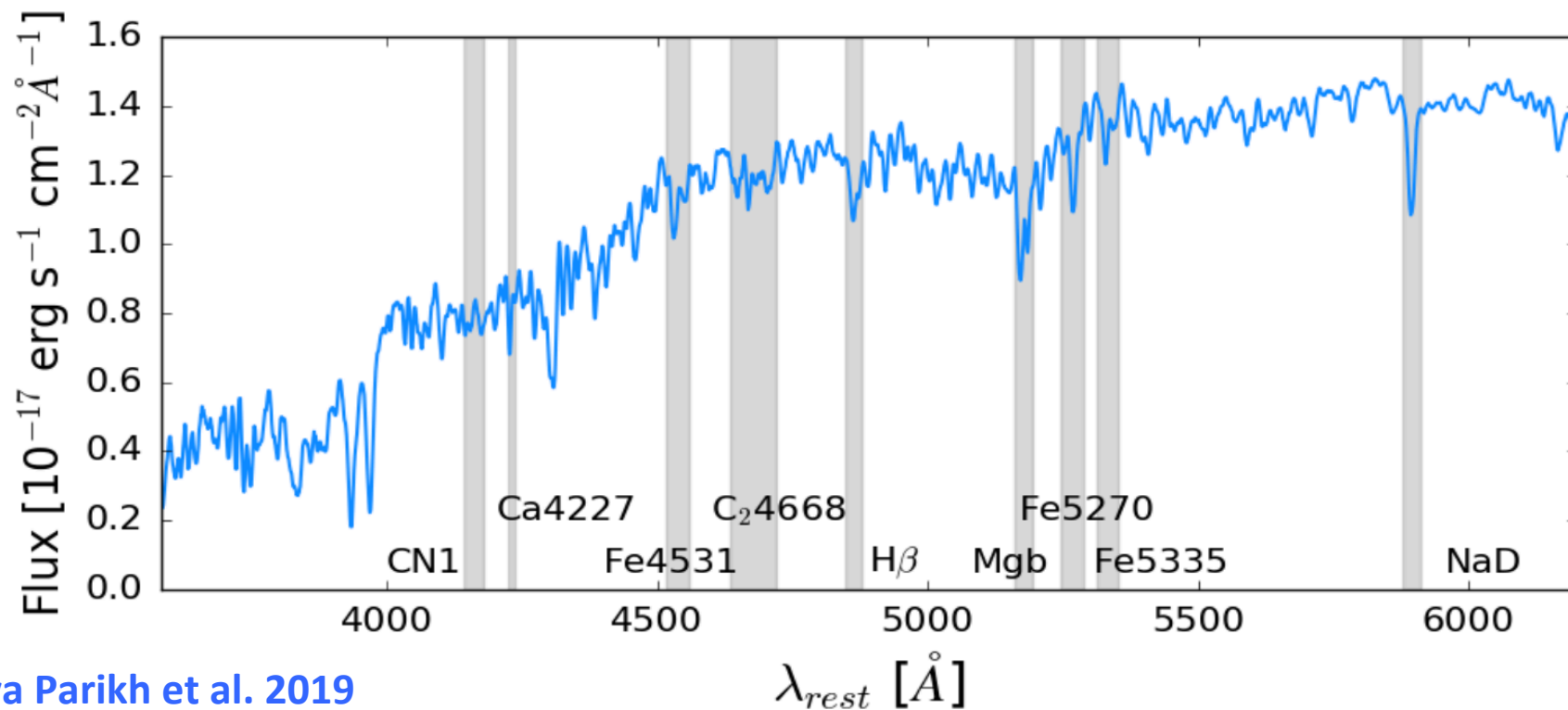
I really enjoyed to be in such a vibrant, joyful observatory where so





Hubble Deep Field

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aniya Parikh et al. 2019

DARK MATTER

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Evolutionary Population Synthesis

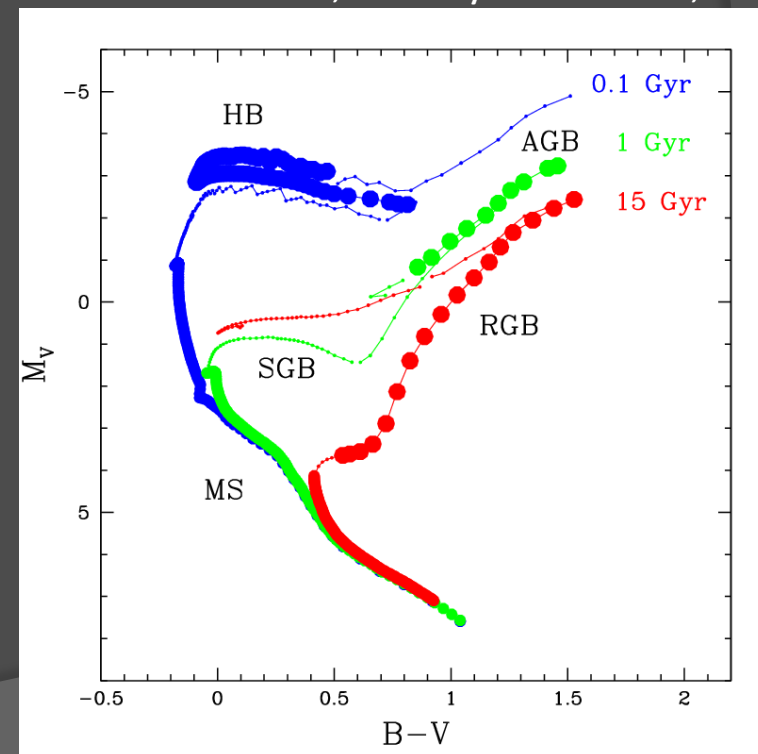


Tinsley 1972;Renzini 1981;Bruzual 83; Maraston 1998; 2005; Thomas, Maraston Bender 2003; Vazdekis et al. 1996; Fioc & Rocca-Volmerange 1997; Leitherer et al. 1999; Conroy et al. 2009; Eldridge et al. 2017

The contribution by stars on different phases weighted by energy and timescales according to stellar evolution theory

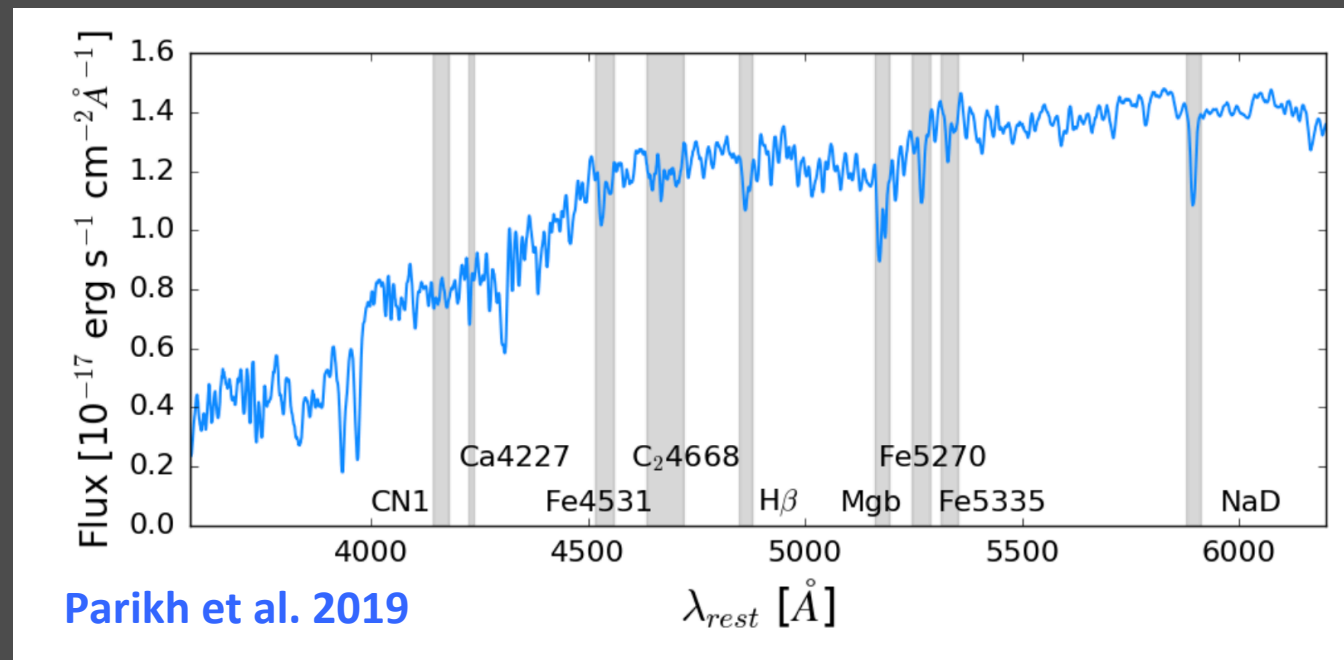
The Fuel Consumption Theorem

Renzini 81; Buzzoni 89; Maraston98;05



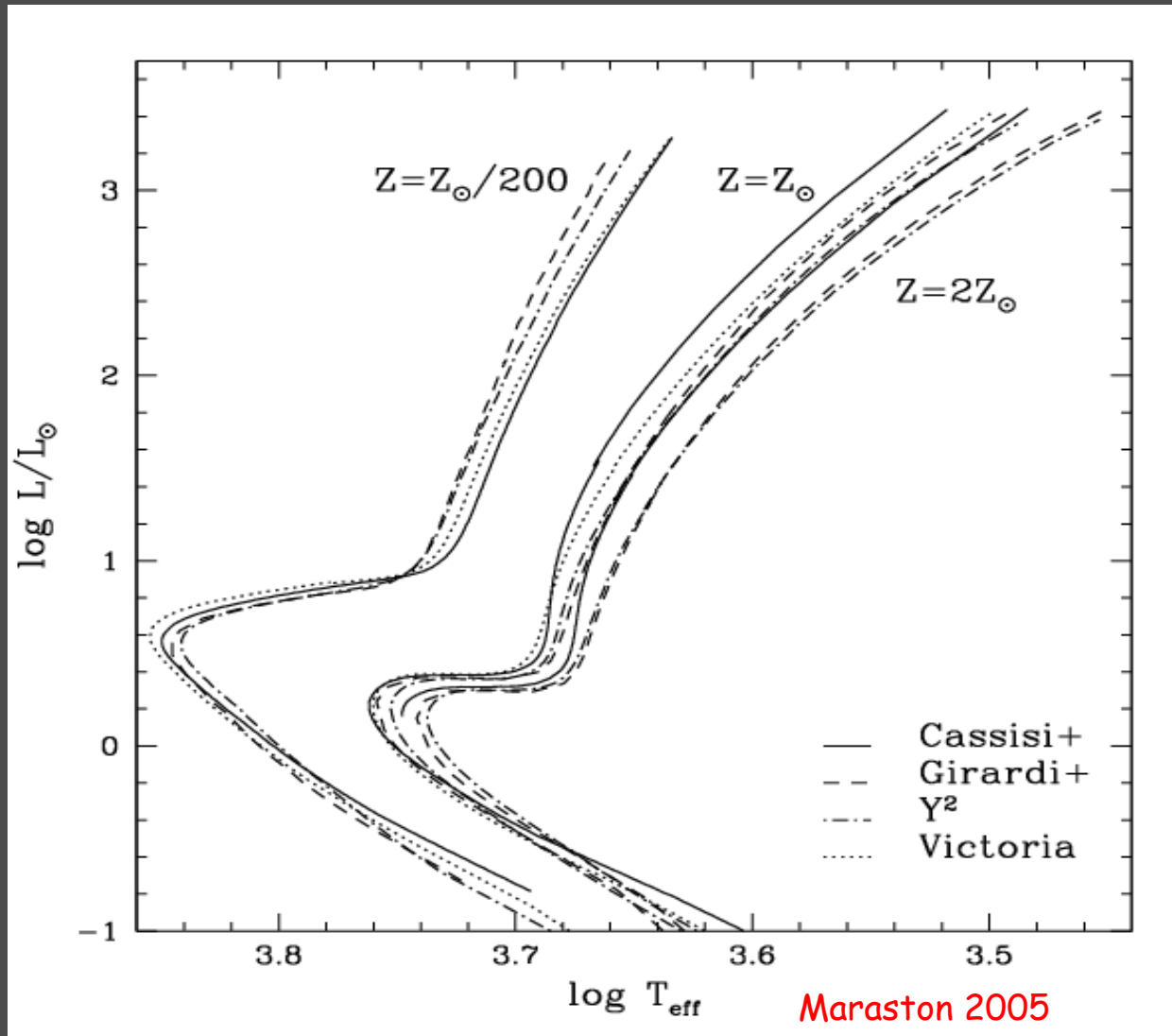
Model input physics

- ENERGY emission per star mass E /erg
- TIMESCALE: How long energy is emitted t
- SPECTRA distribution function of E per wavelenght $F\lambda d\lambda$
- MASS DISTRIBUTION: # stars per mass bin $N(M)dM$
- Remnant Mass Distribution: mass and type of remnant



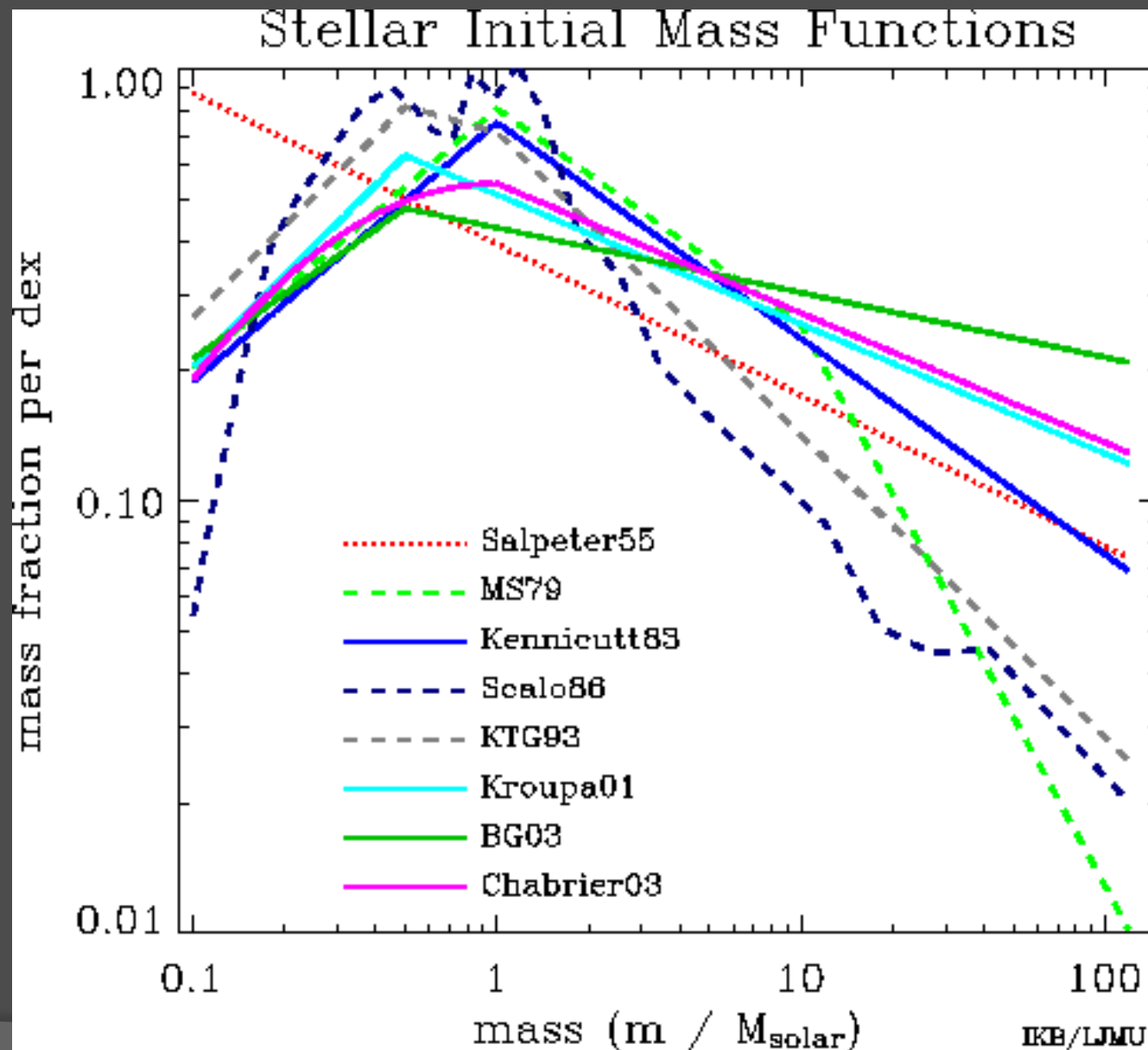
Extras: binaries, emission-lines/nebular continuum

Energy and timescales: Stellar Models



- Core convective overshooting - AGE
- Mixing-length - - METALLICITY
- Equation of state

Stellar Mass distribution



Based on star counts in the solar neighborhood (Salpeter 55, Kroupa 01, Chabrier 03)

Bottom-heavy in massive galaxies
Conroy & van Dokkum 2010

Top-heavy in starbursts

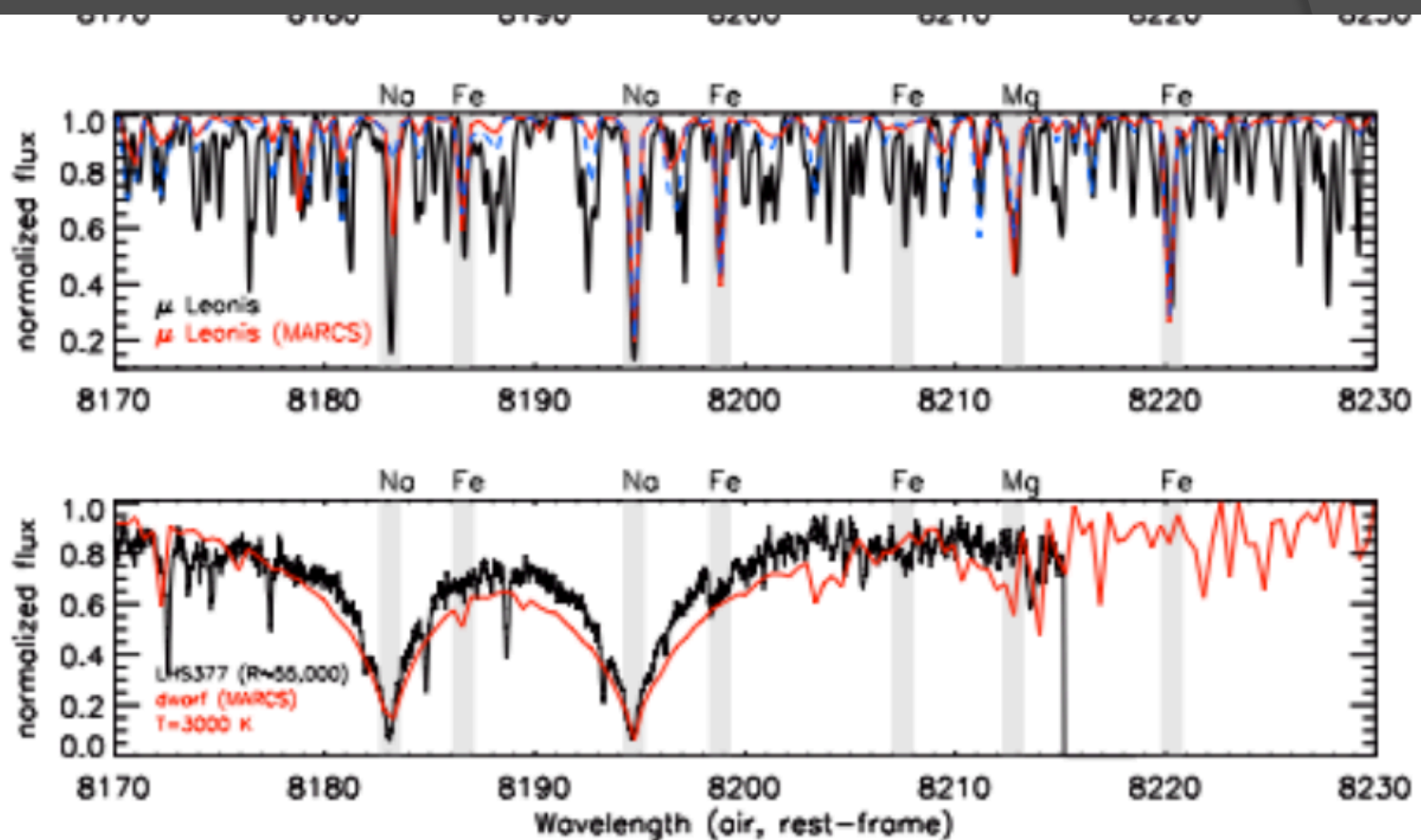
Lacey et al. 2013
Kauffmann et al. 2020; her talk.

Stellar Spectra atmosphere models

Kurucz 1979

Gustaffson et al. 2008

- arbitrary resolution and wavelength extension ✓
- wide coverage of stellar parameters ✓
- inaccuracies in line-lists ✗



Data from Manuela Zoccali

Stellar Spectra empirical libraries

MaStar – the SDSS
stellar library
Yan et al. 2019; 22

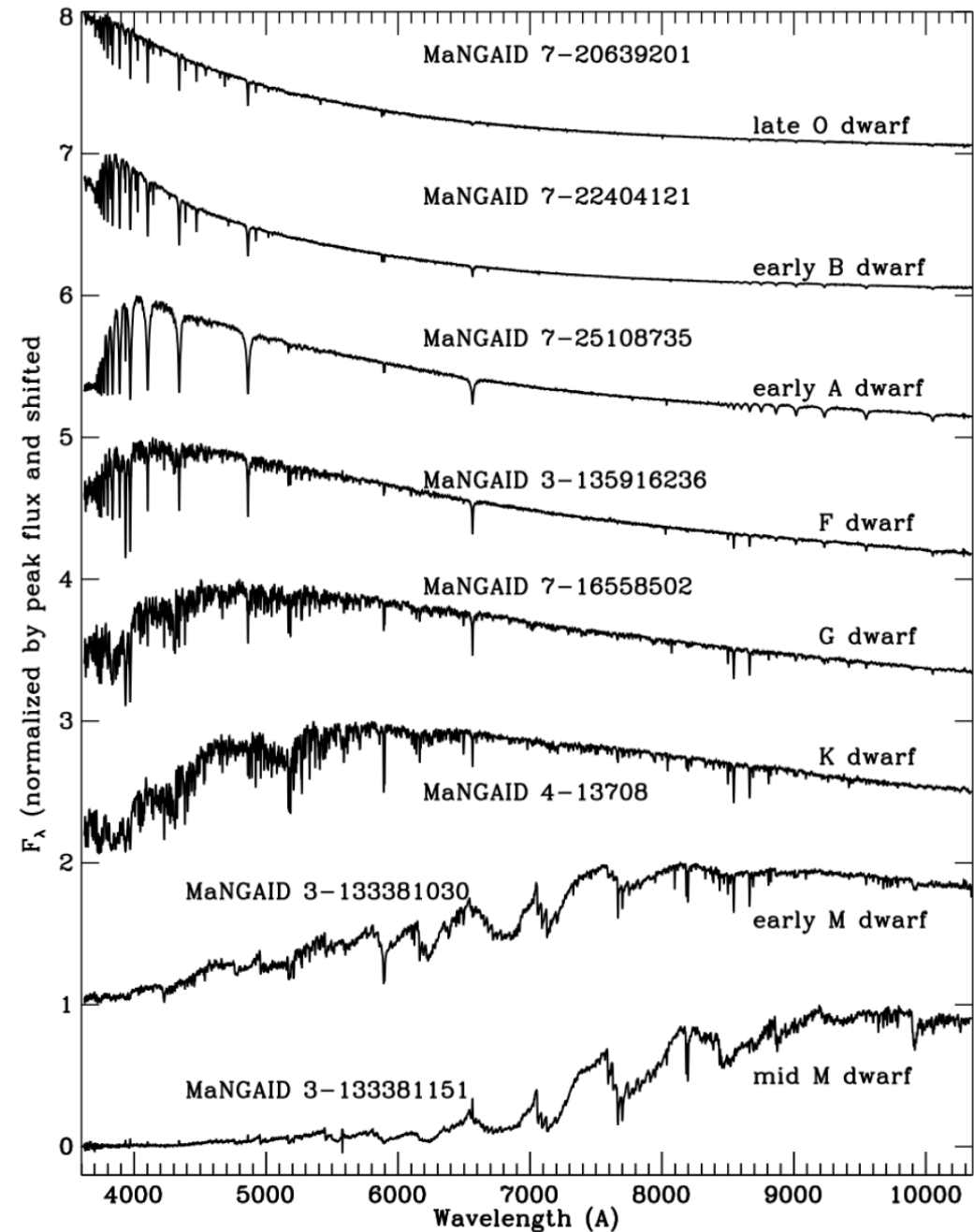
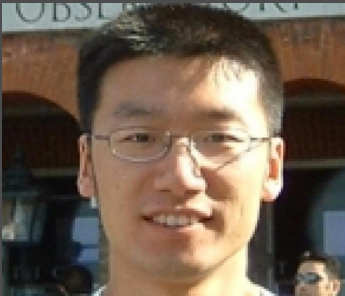
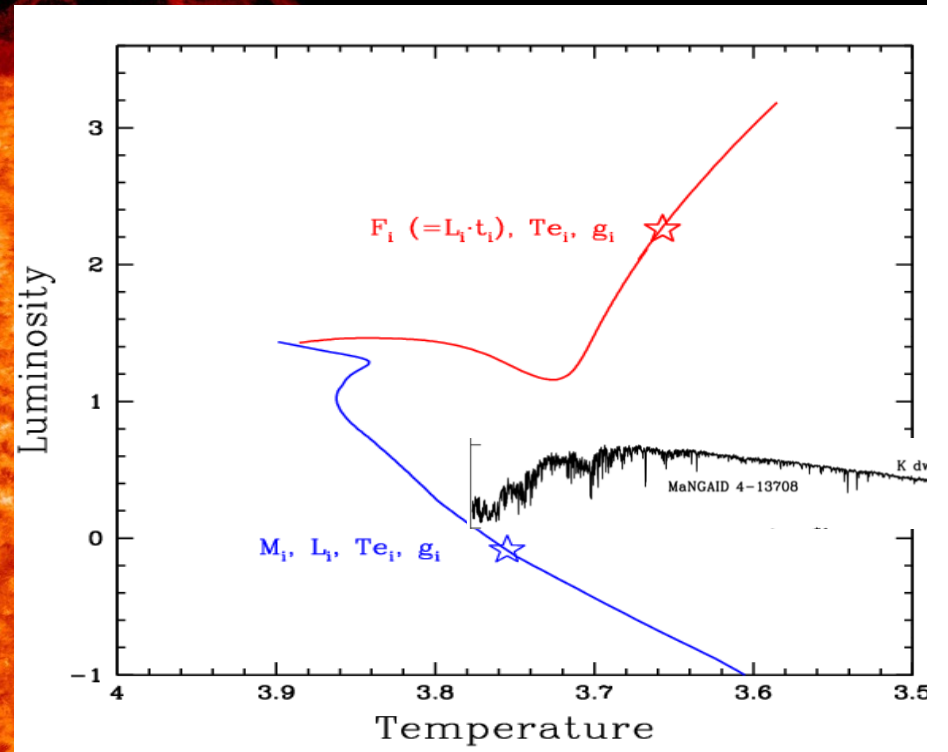


Figure 3. Example per-visit spectra for some main sequence stars in the MaStar Library.

The virtues of MaStar (much to Olivier's liking)

- 60,000 spectra for 25,000 stars (previously 900 spectra, MILES)
- $R=1800$, $S/N>50$ (~ 150)
- wide wavelength range - $0.36-1.03 \mu$ - Na@8200
- same instrumental effects as for galaxy spectra
- wider coverage of stellar parameters, including the bottom Main Sequence, Carbon stars and hot spectra - a range in $[\alpha/Fe]$



Effective temperature

Surface gravity

Chemical composition

Portsmouth calculation of Stellar Parameters



Individual full spectral fits with grids of *theoretical spectra* (from MARCS, Kurucz) + constraints from GAIA to break degeneracies

Hill et al. 2022, MNRAS, 509, 4308

Lewis Hill, PhD student, **Theoretical parameters - Th**
University of Portsmouth

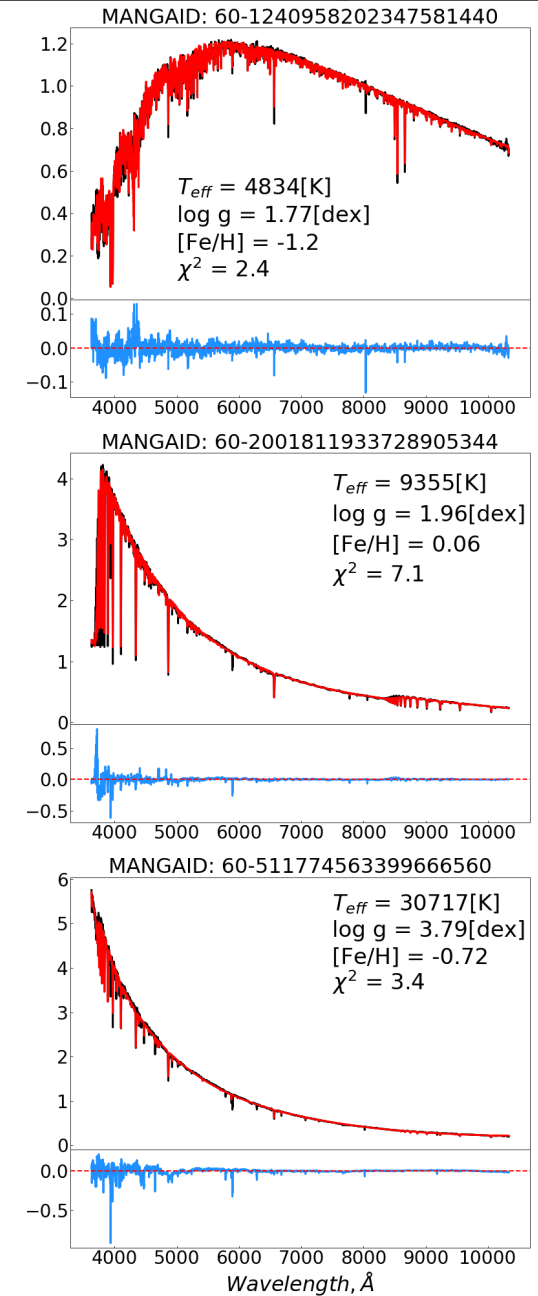
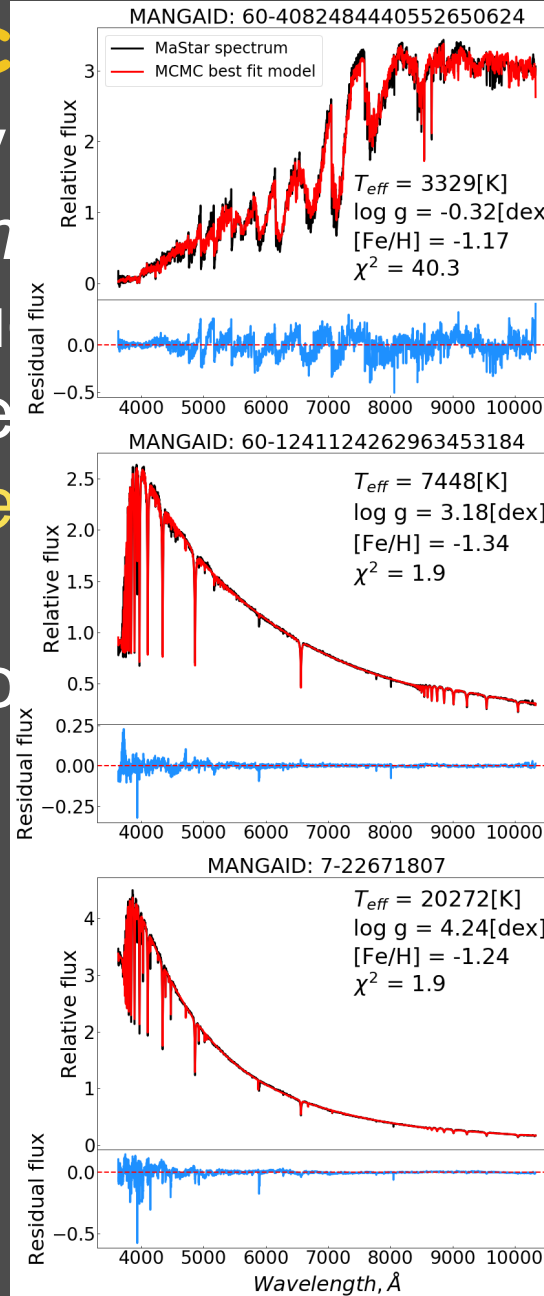
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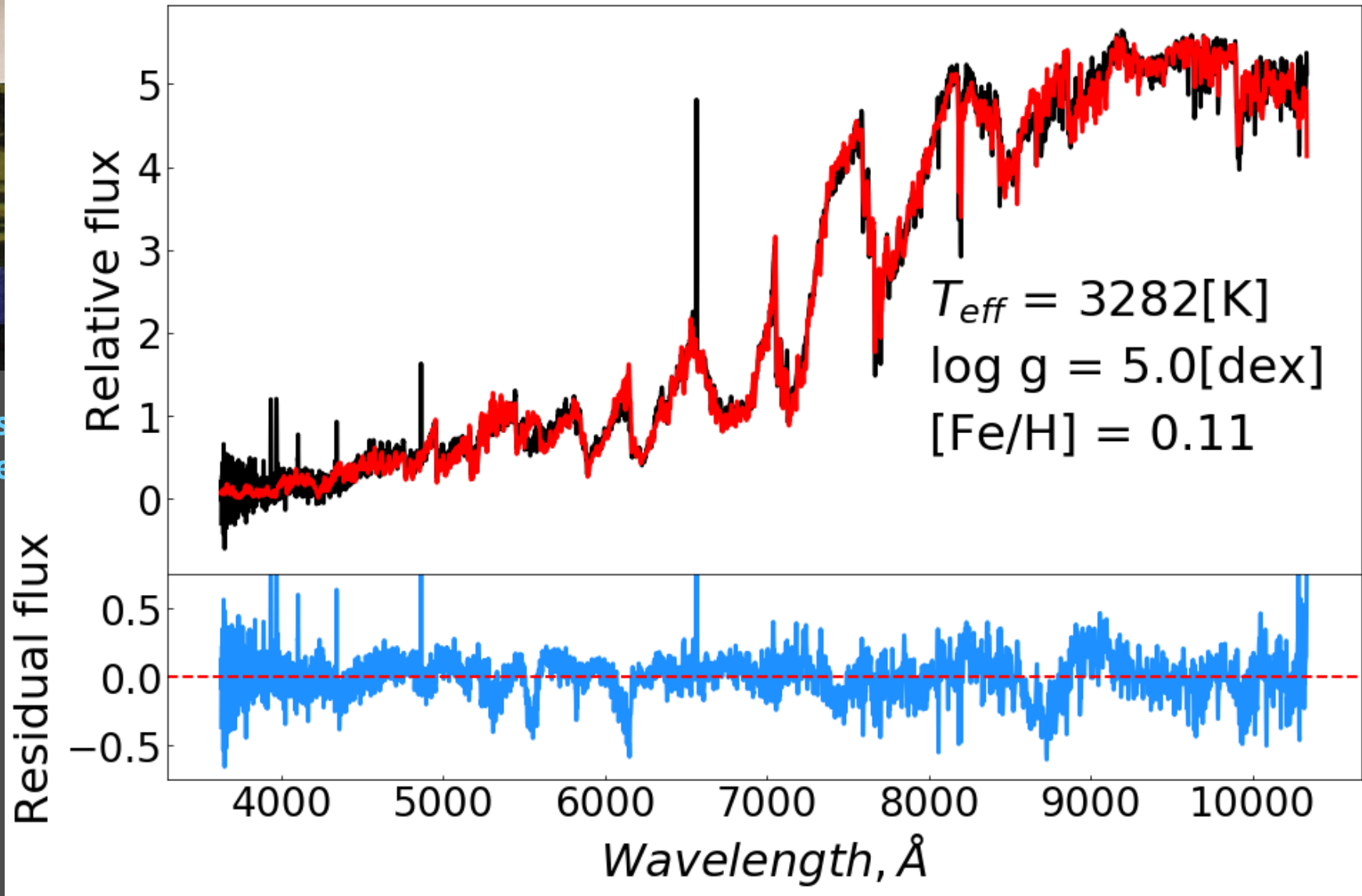


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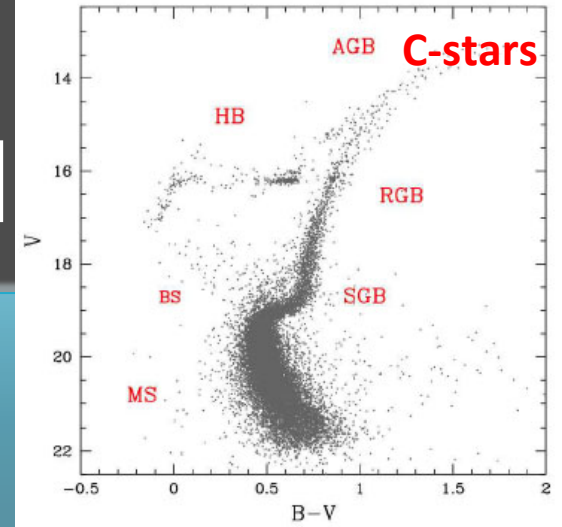
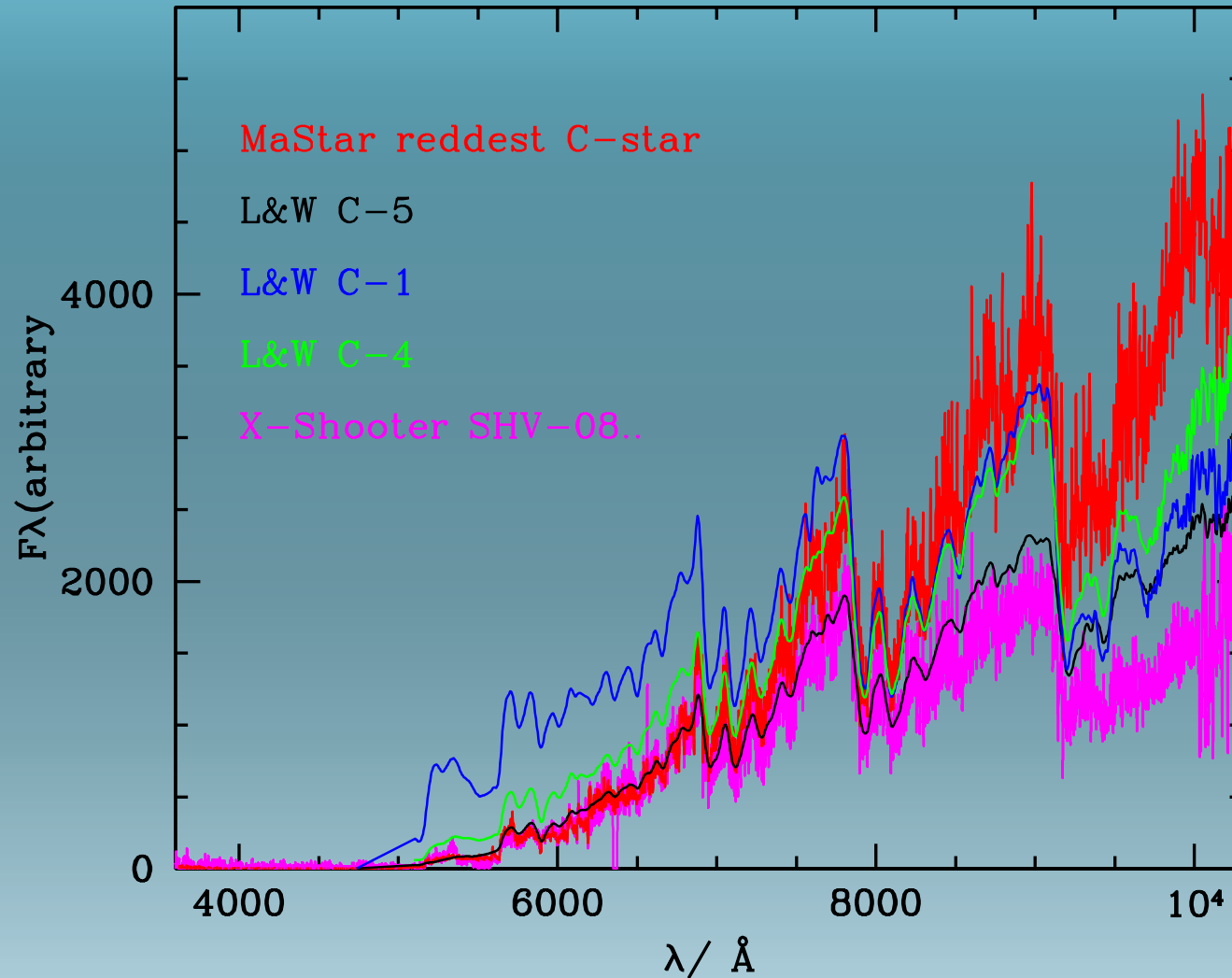
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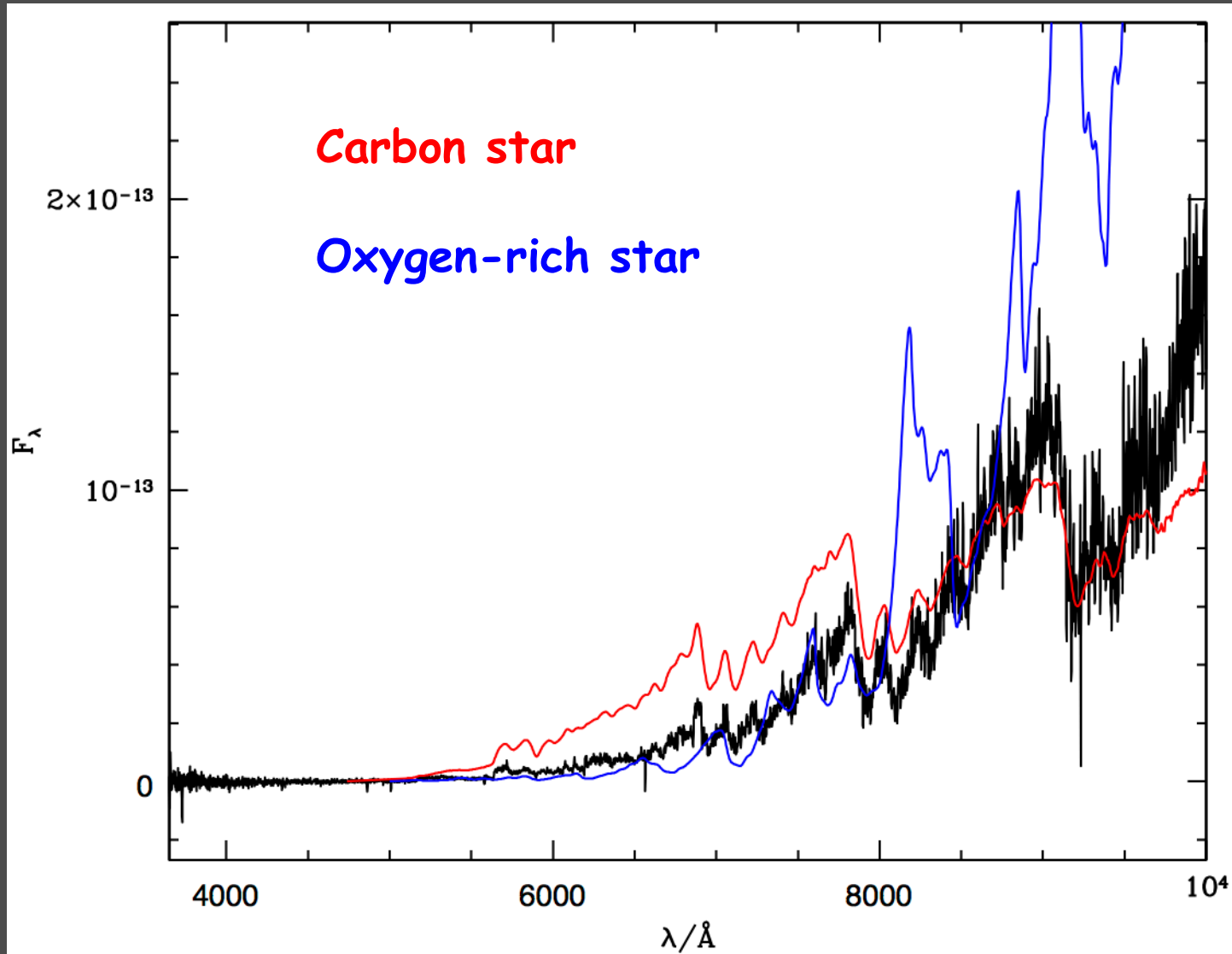
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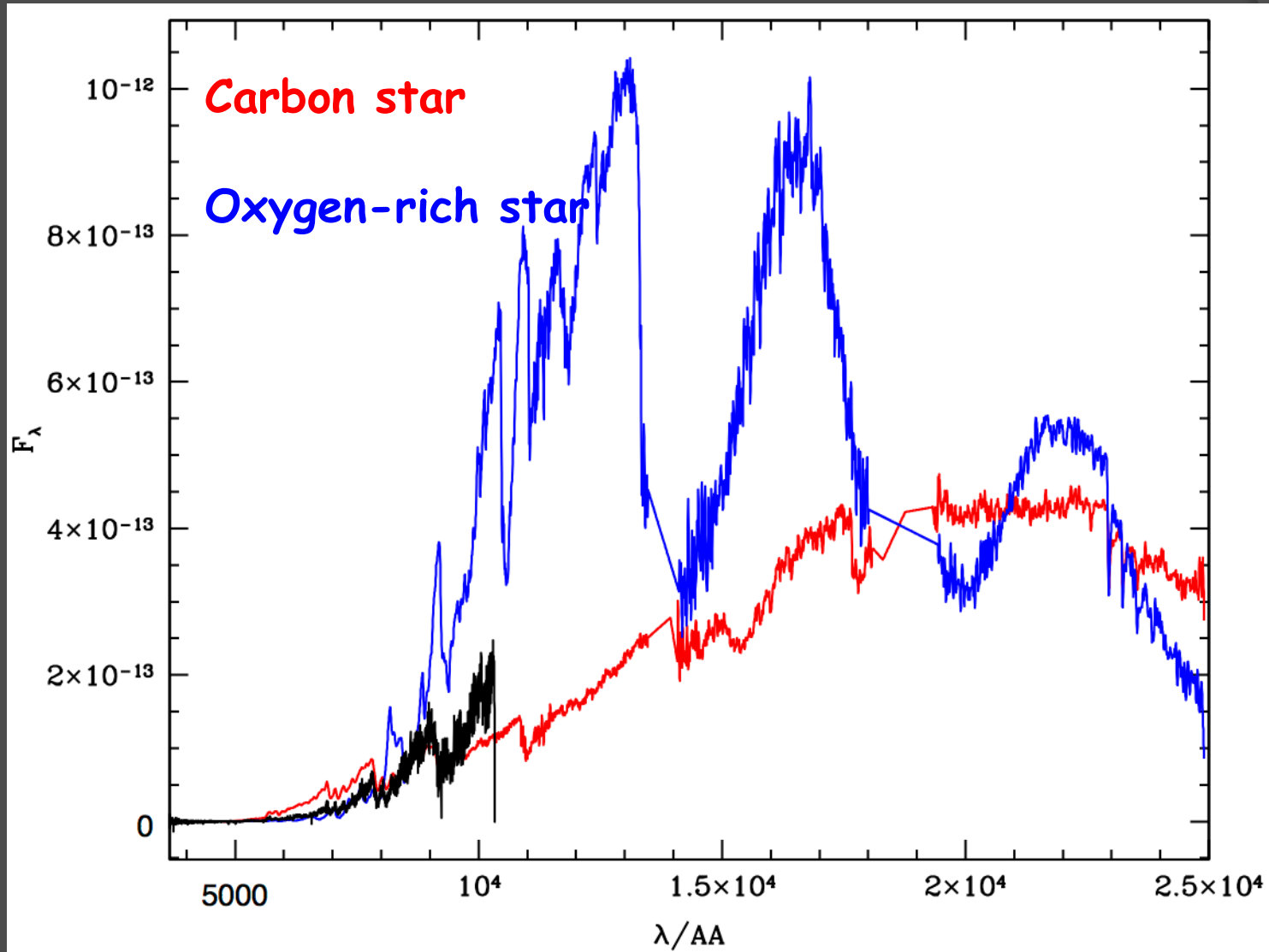
Carbon stars are included



MaStar vs near-IR spectra

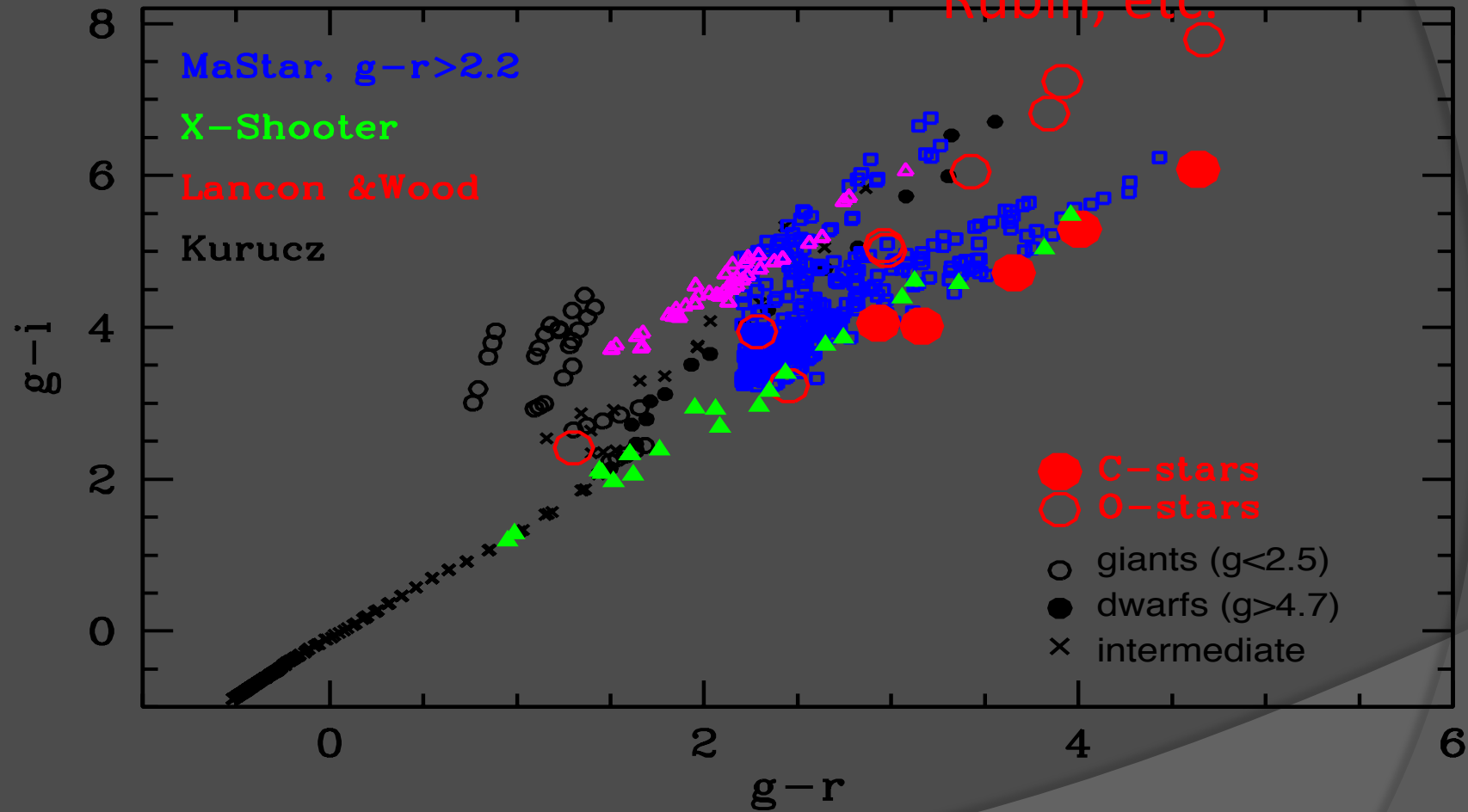


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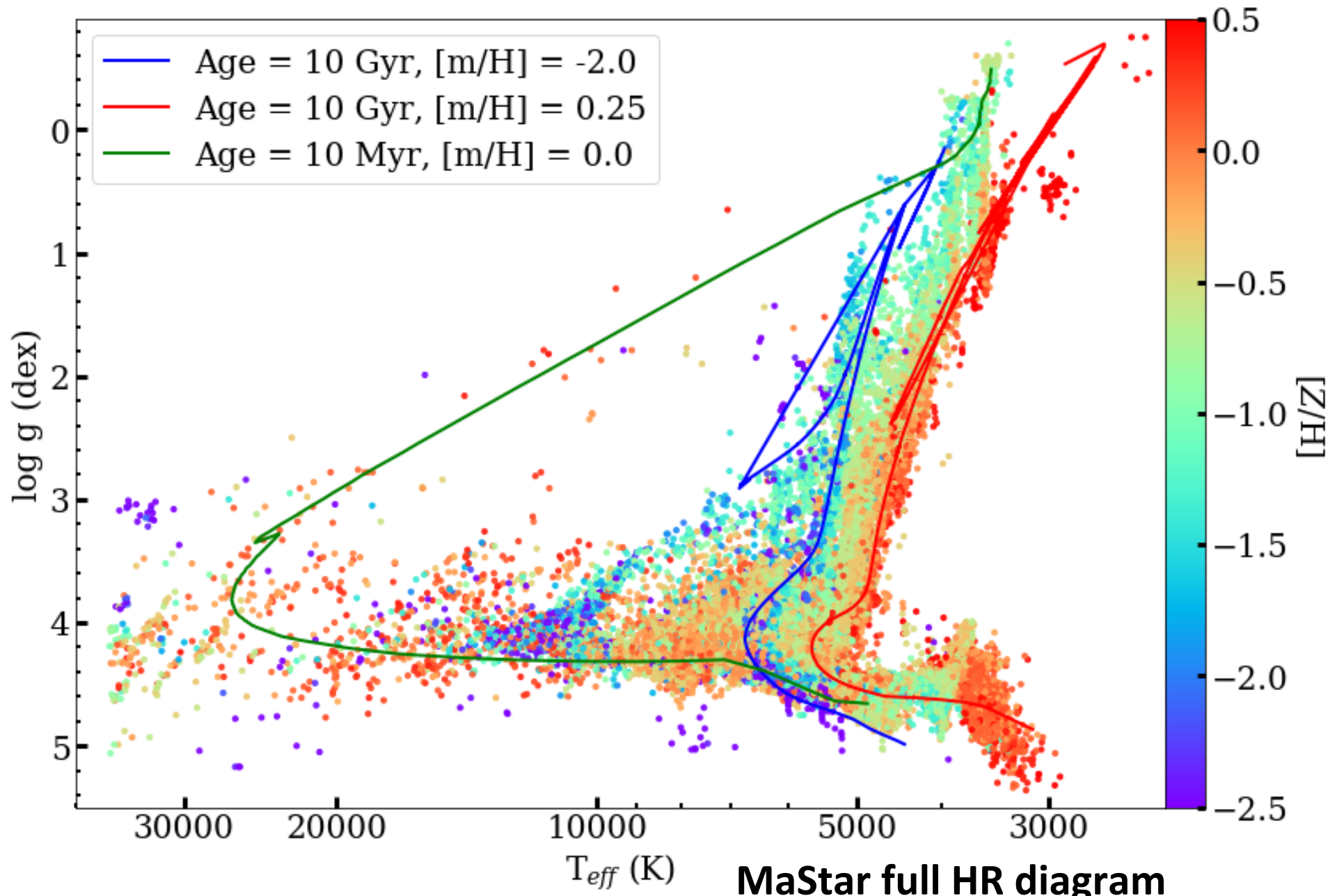
Over 200 C/O spectra

Simple colour selection
highly effective
applicable to Euclid,
Rubin, etc.

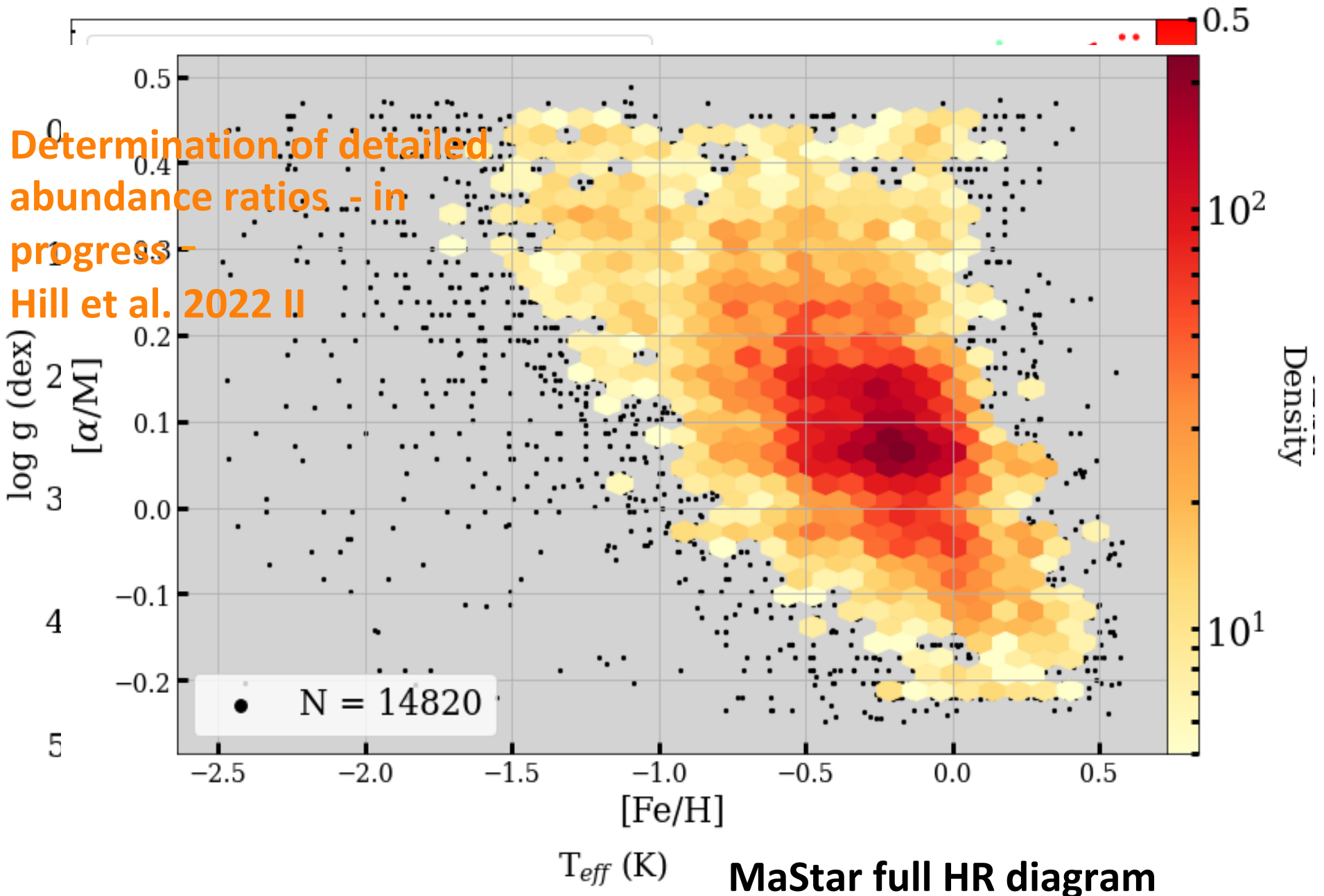


Hill et al. 2022c, in prep.

The HR diagram of 60,000 spectra - Hill et al. 2022a

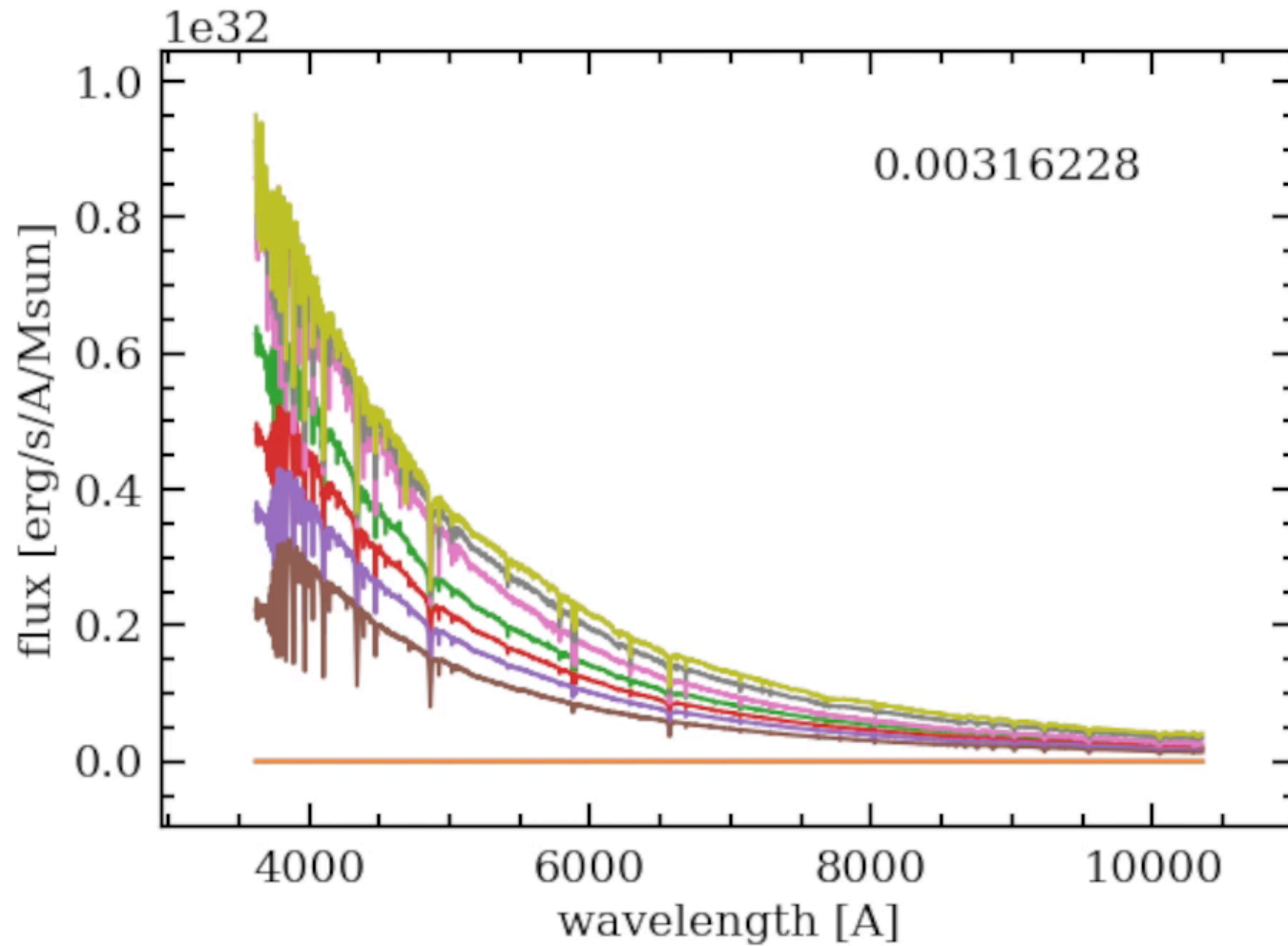


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Results - MaStar Stellar Population Models

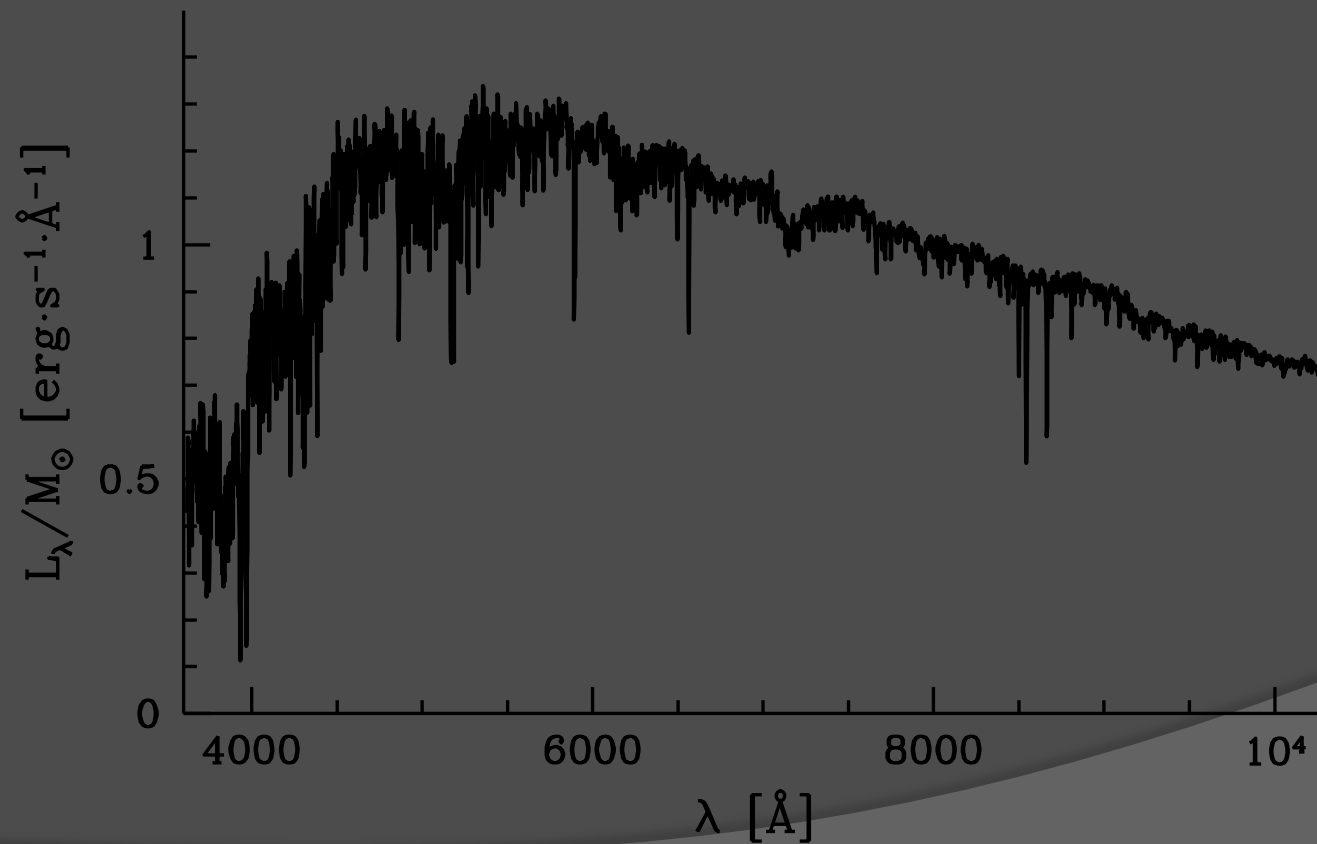
Maraston et al. 2020;22, MNRAS <http://www.icg.port.ac.uk/MaStar/>



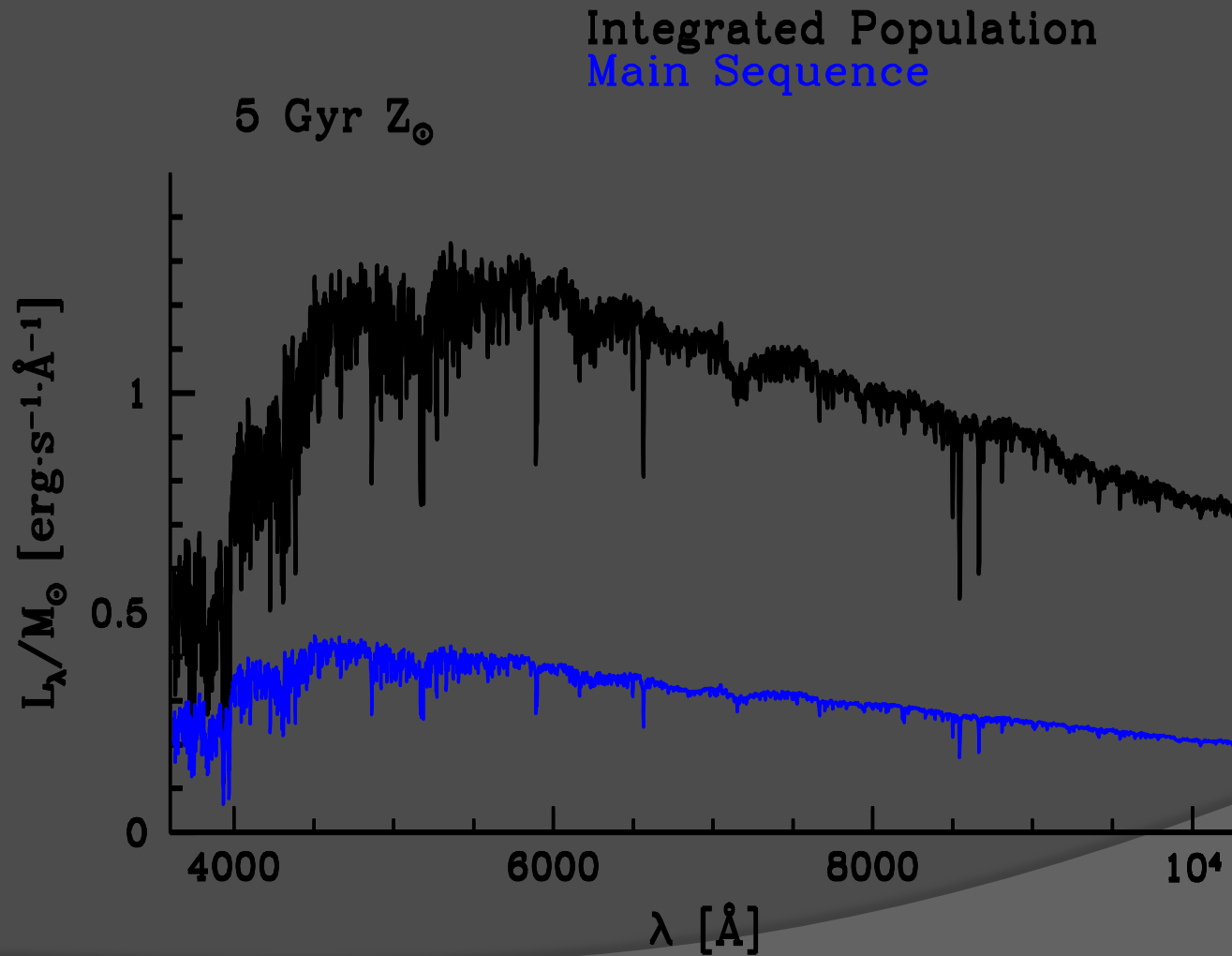
Ages from integrated light

Integrated Population

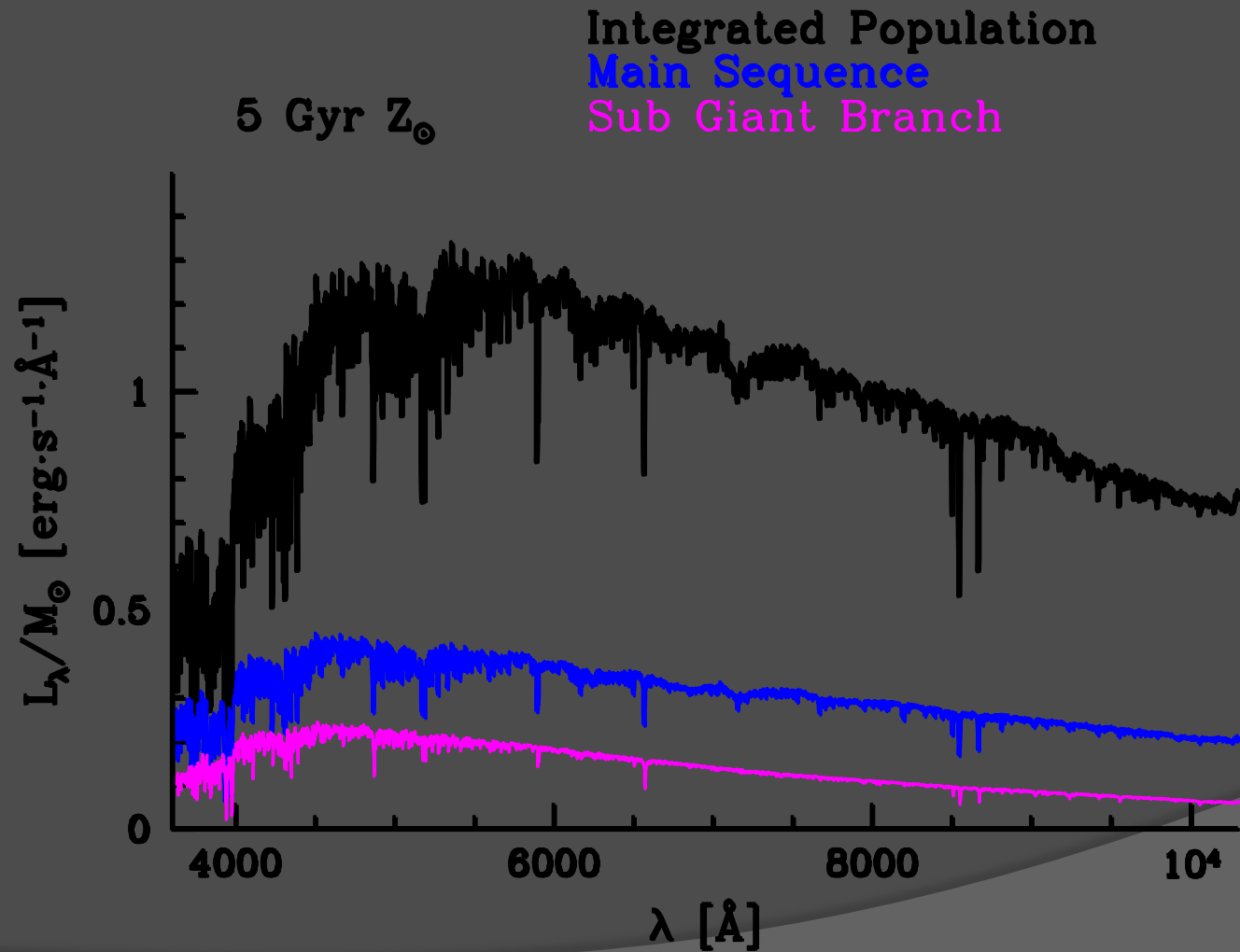
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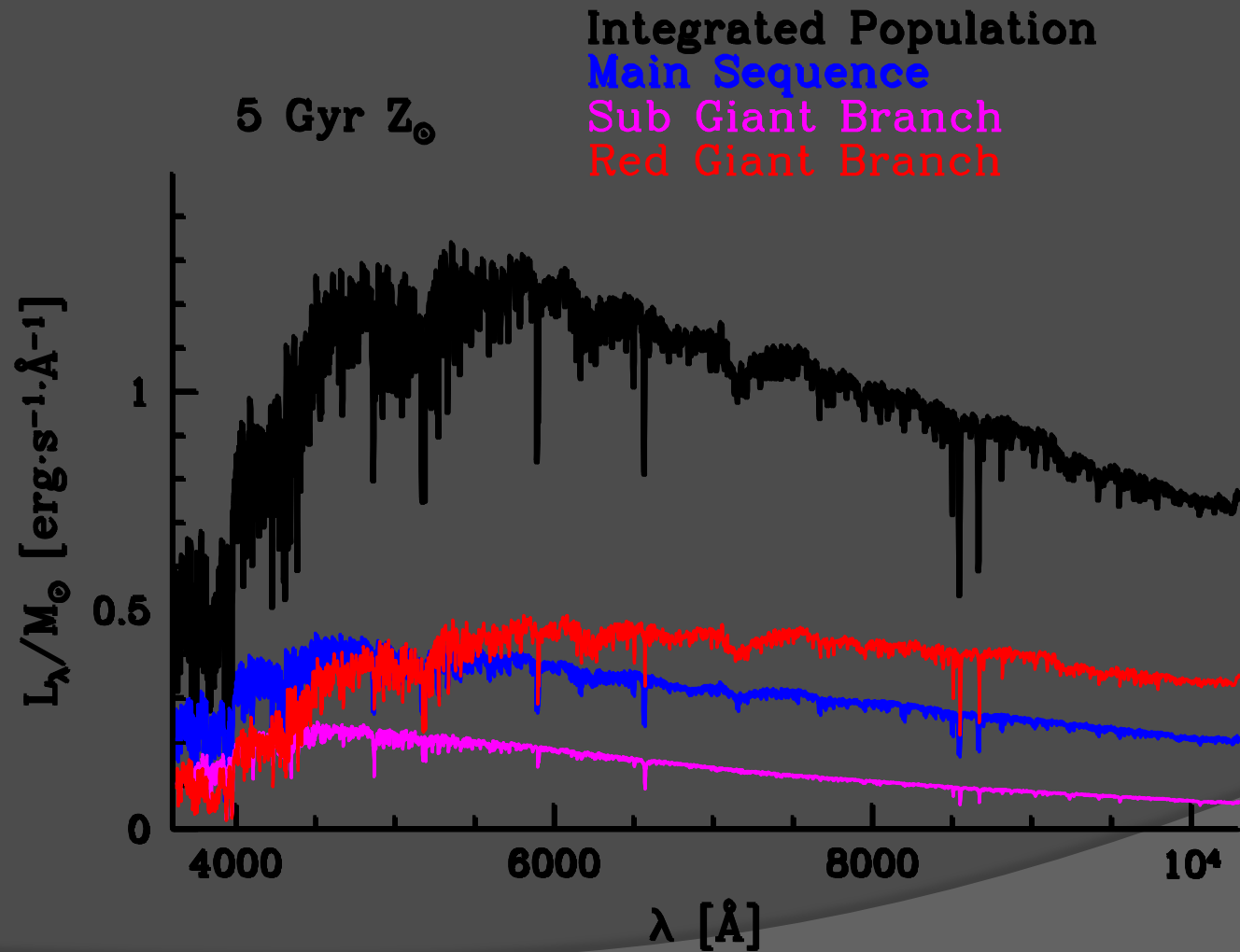
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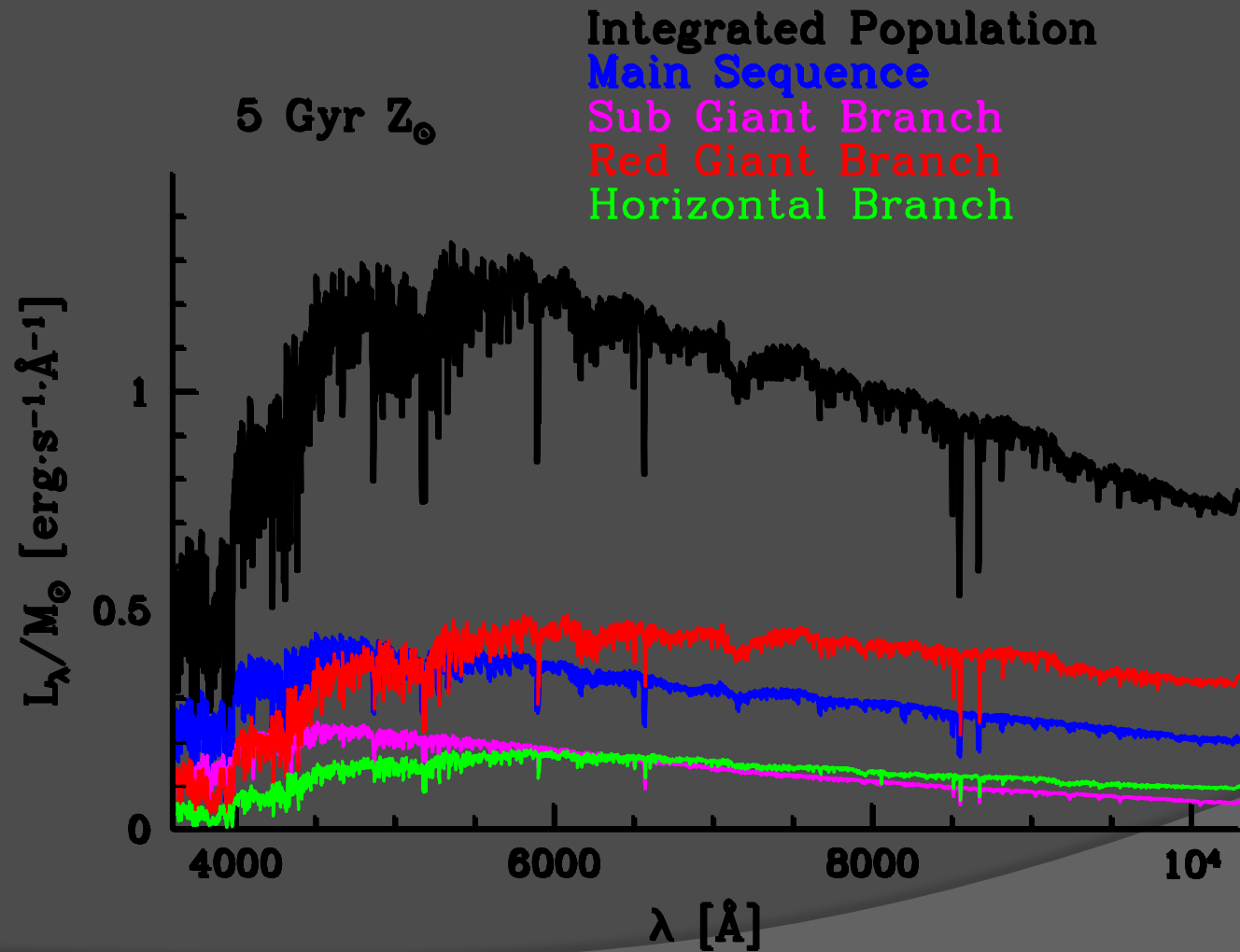
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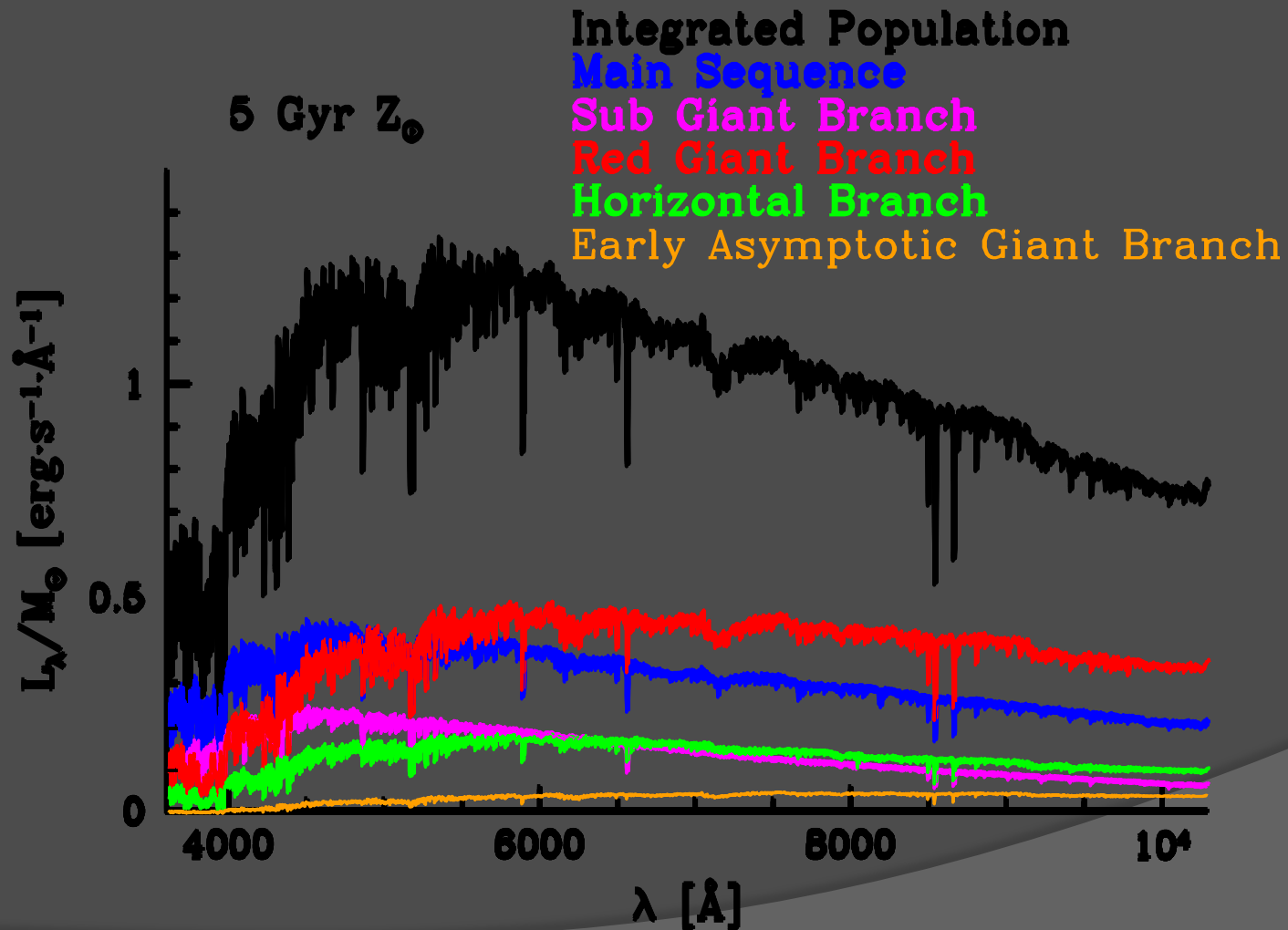
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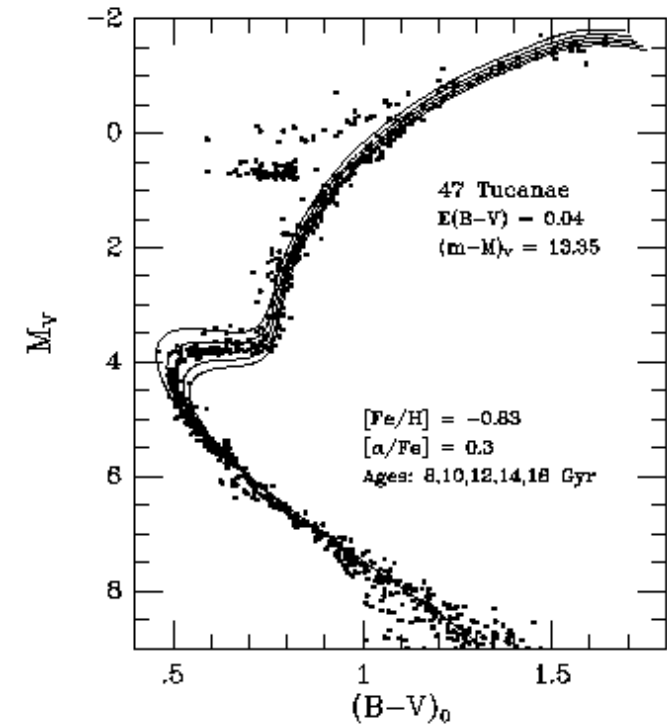
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Testing models with nearby Globular Clusters



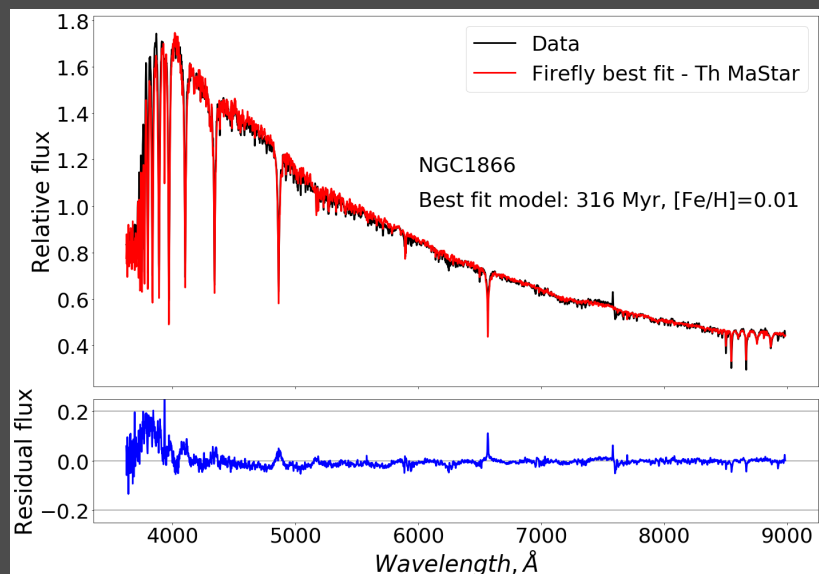
Renzini & Fusi Pecci ARAA 1988
Maraston 1998; 2005; 2011; 2020
Thomas, Maraston, Bender 2003

Full spectral fitting of GC spectra

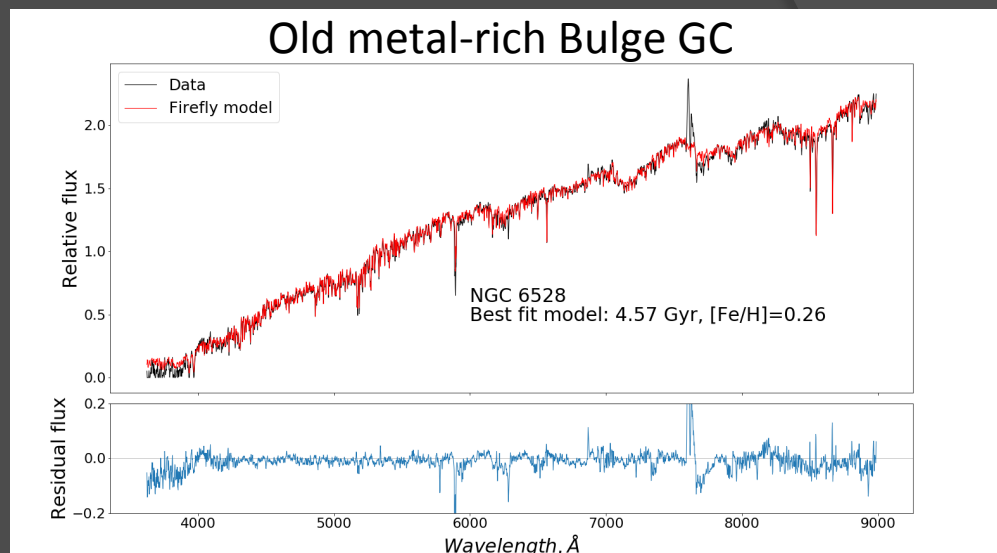
Fitting code: **Firefly**,
Wilkinson et al. 2017

GC Data: Usher et al. 2017

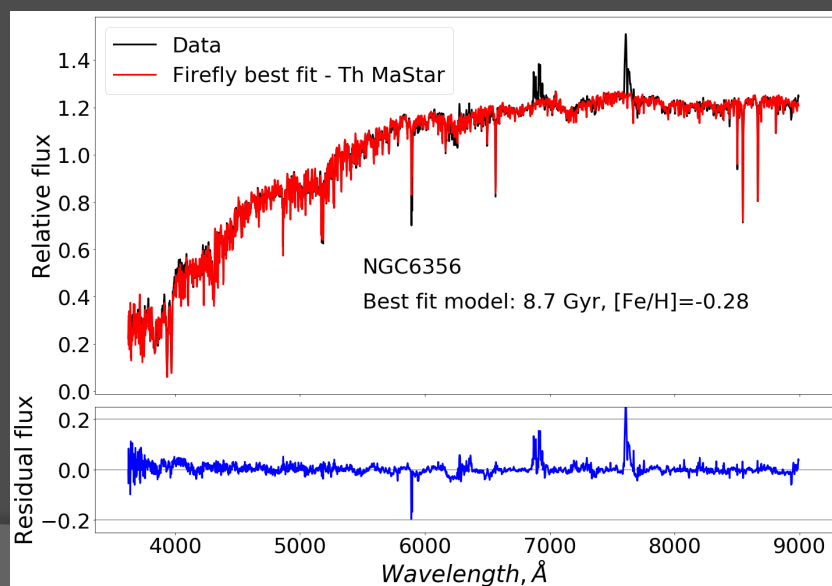
Young LMC GC



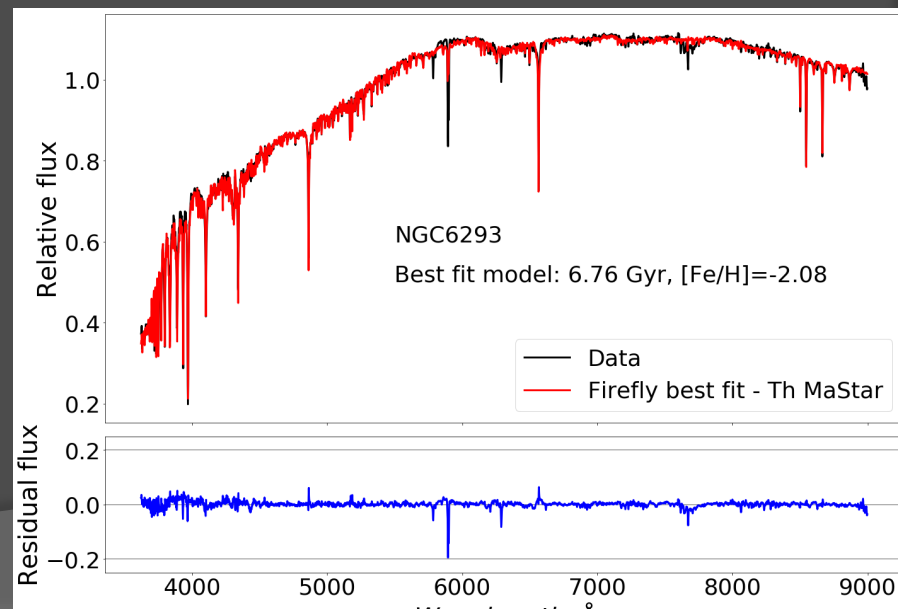
Old metal-rich Bulge GC



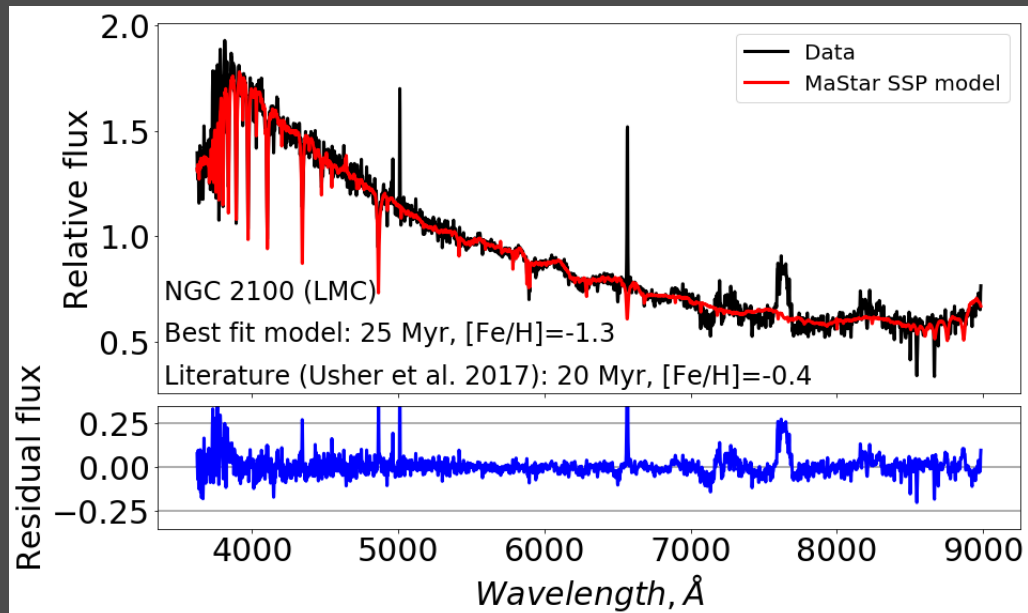
Old intermediate Z, MW GC



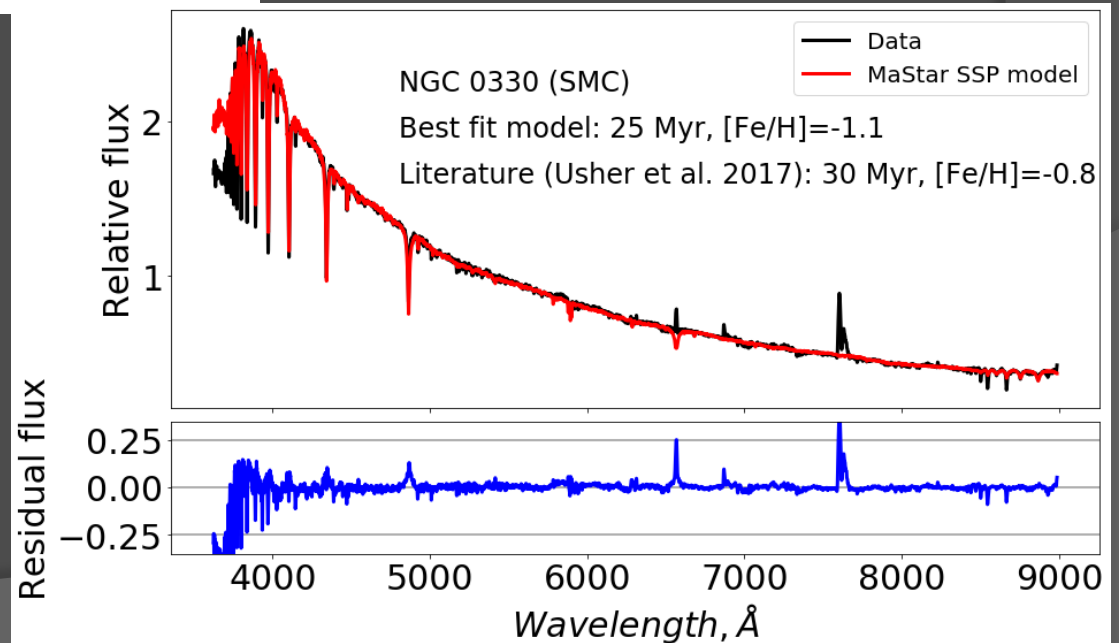
Old metal-poor MW GC



Testing down to very young ages



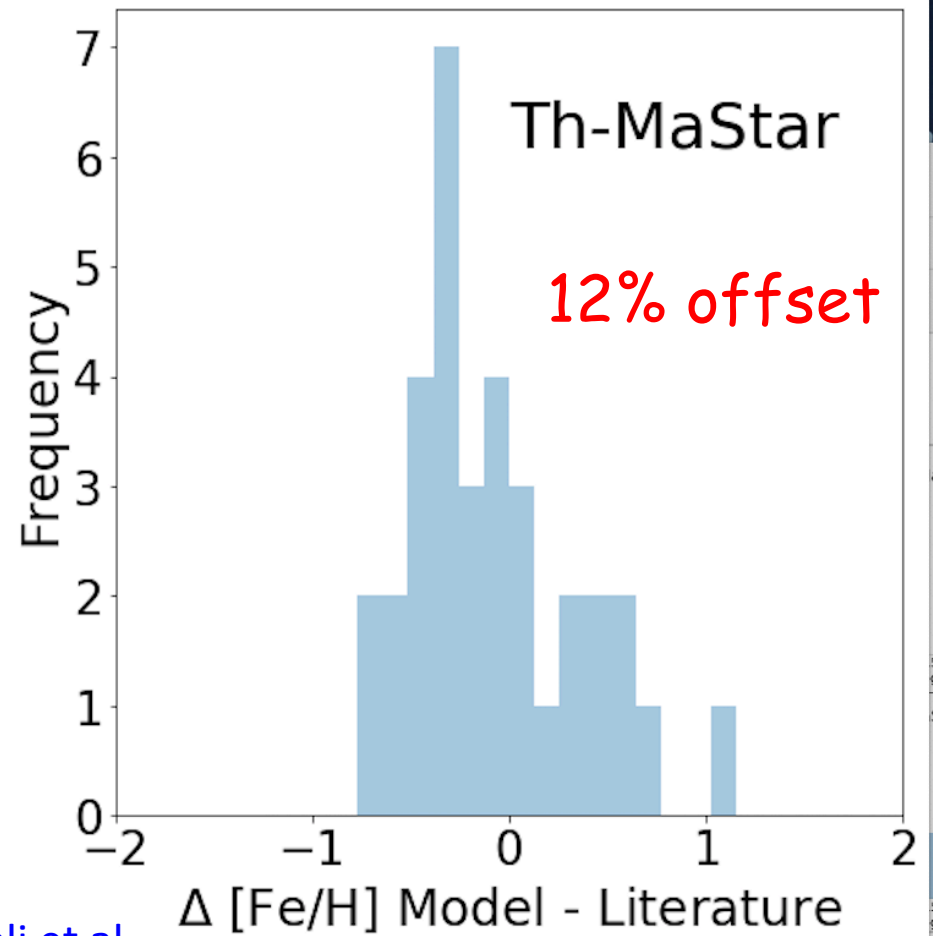
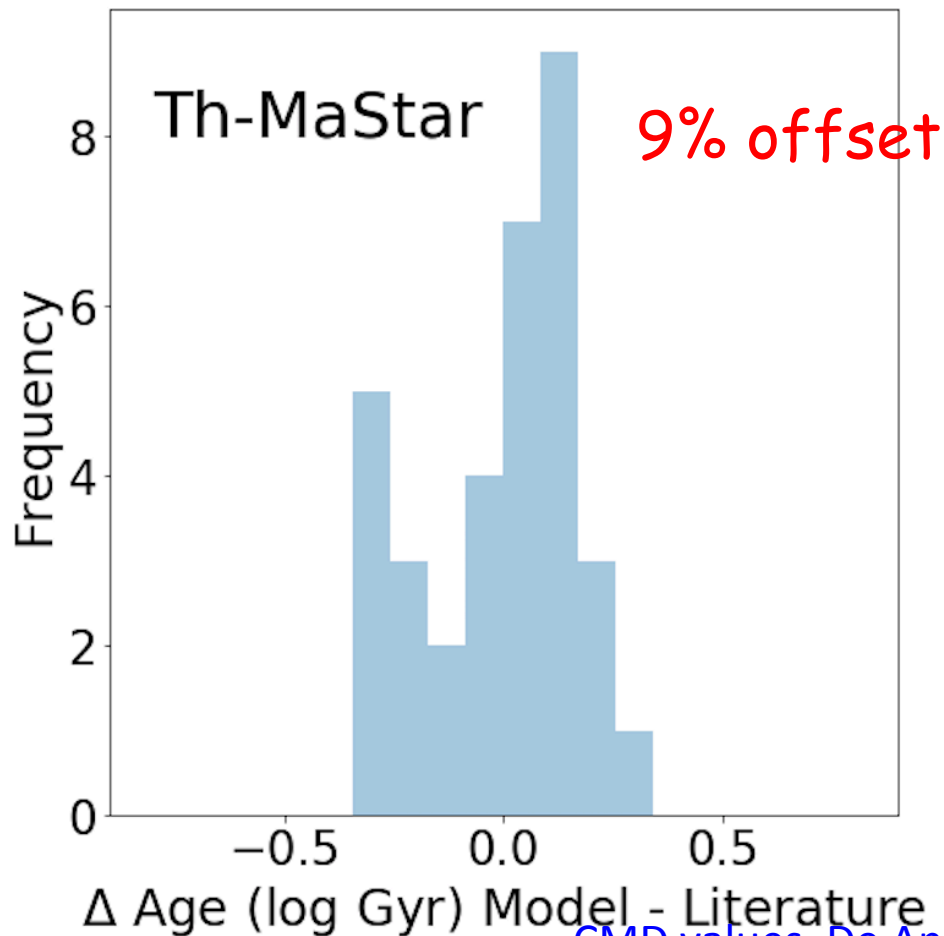
Spectroscopic ages at high-redshift was a scope for Olivier



How well can we recover the properties of the simplest stellar systems?

Age

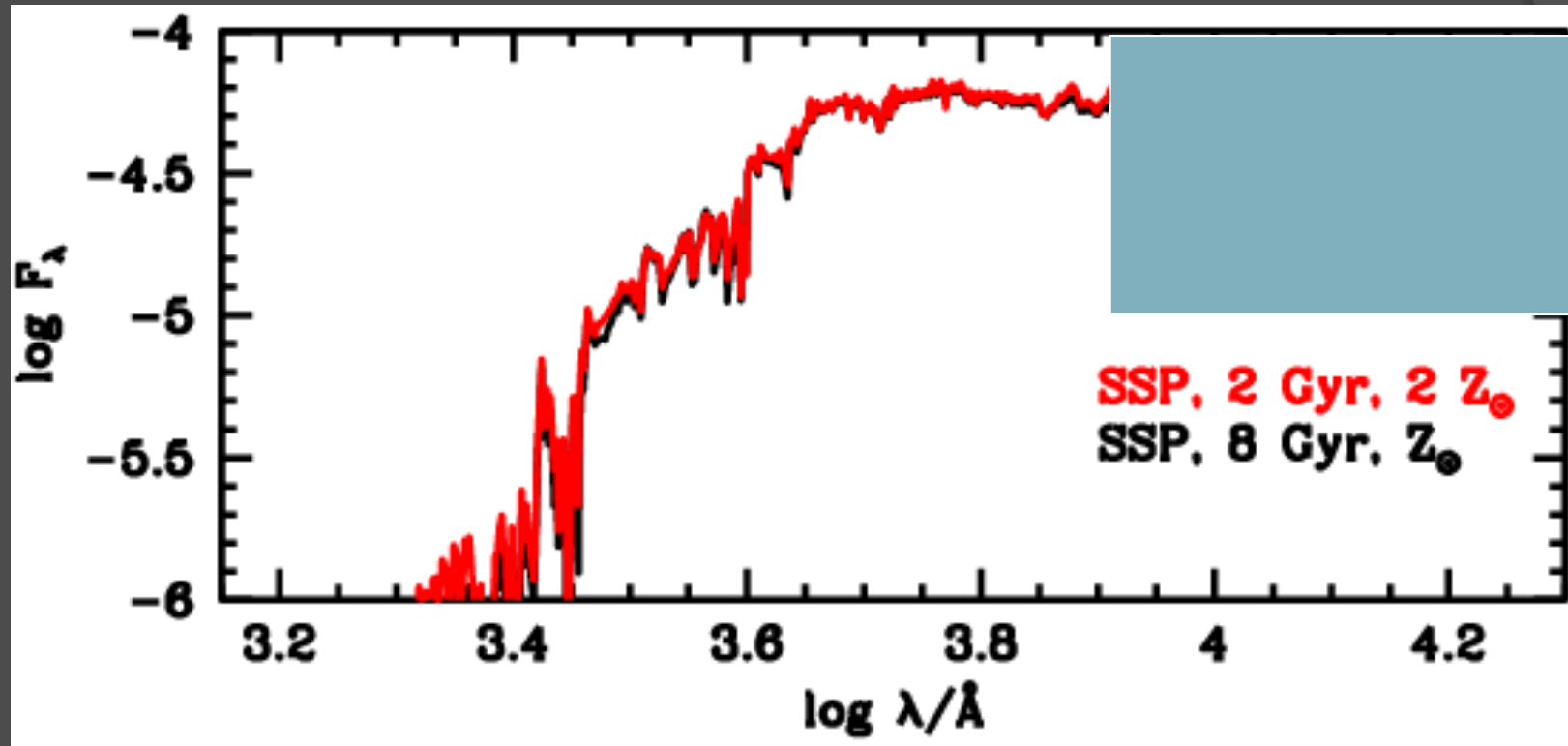
Metallicity



CMD values, De Angeli et al.

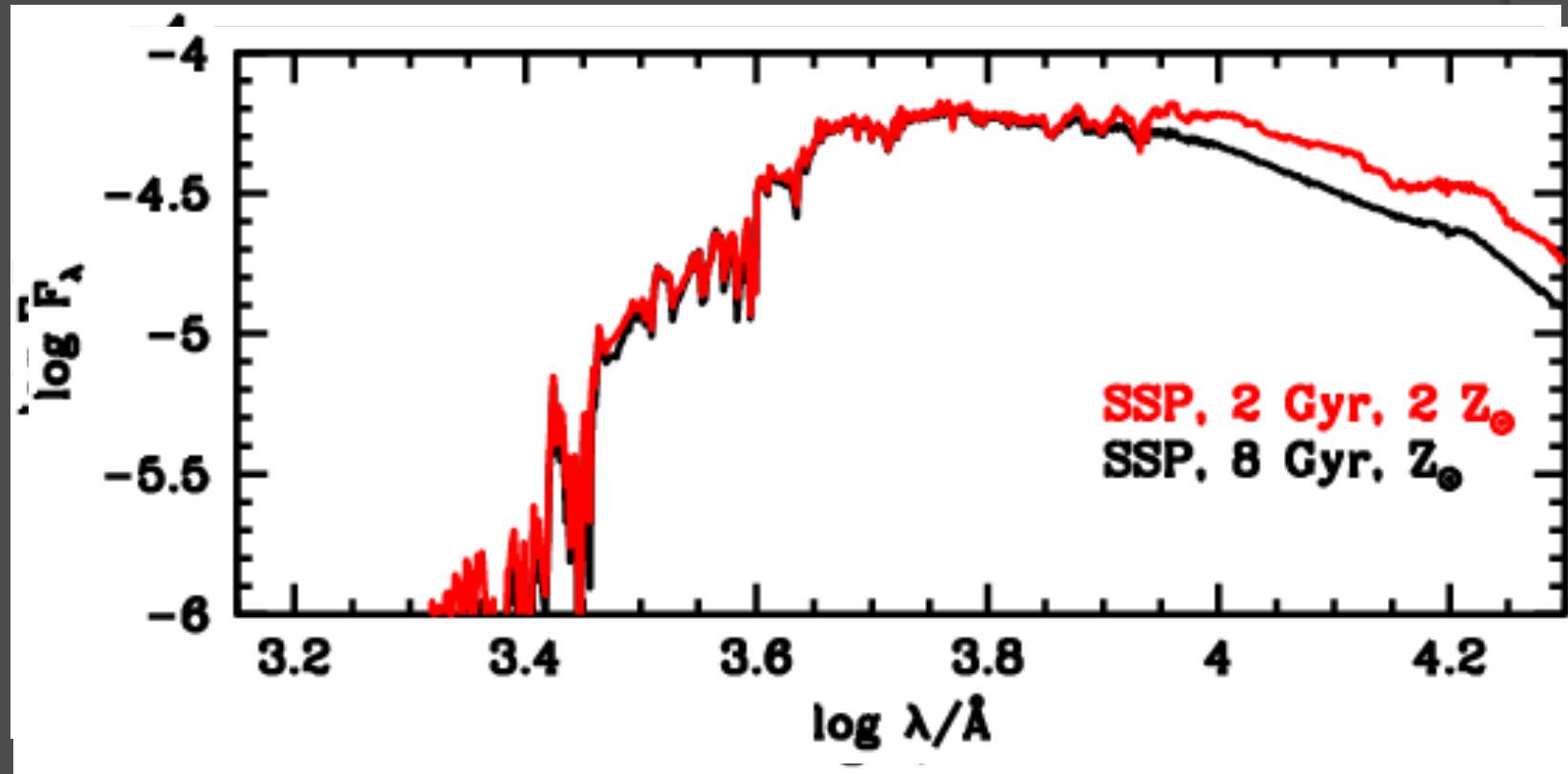
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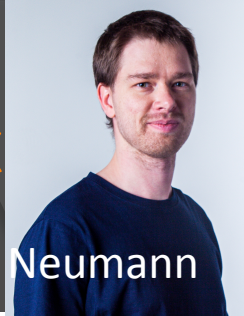
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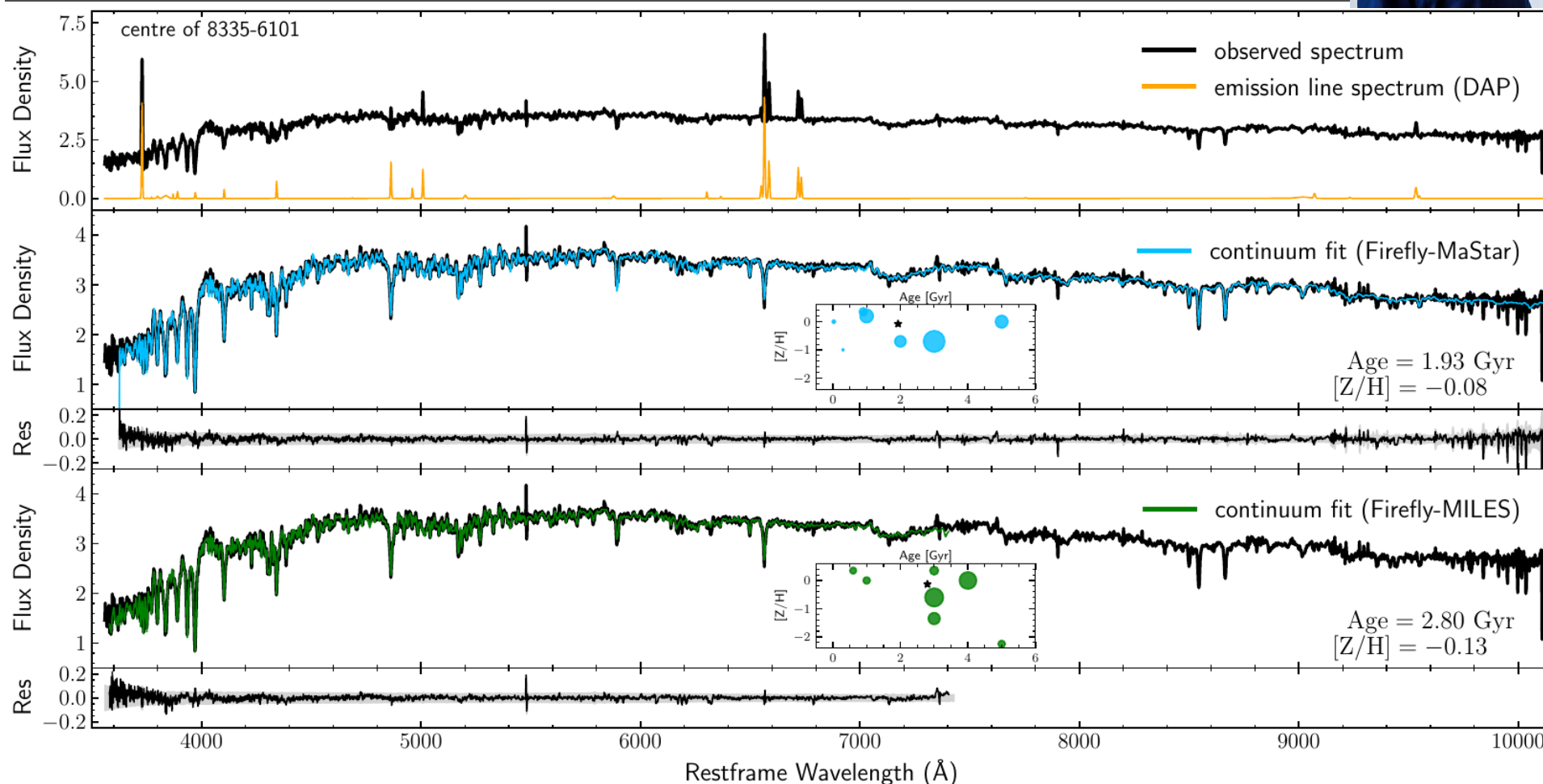


Revised (Maraston05; 06): adding the **near-IR** helps breaking the degeneracy

Portsmouth Value Added Catalogue - VAC Miles and MaStar model fit to SDSS-IV IFU galaxy spectra - Neumann et al. 2022, MNRAS



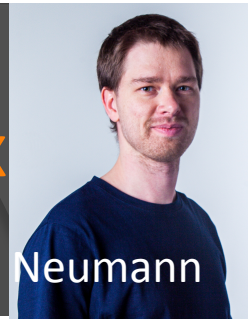
Dr. Justus Neumann



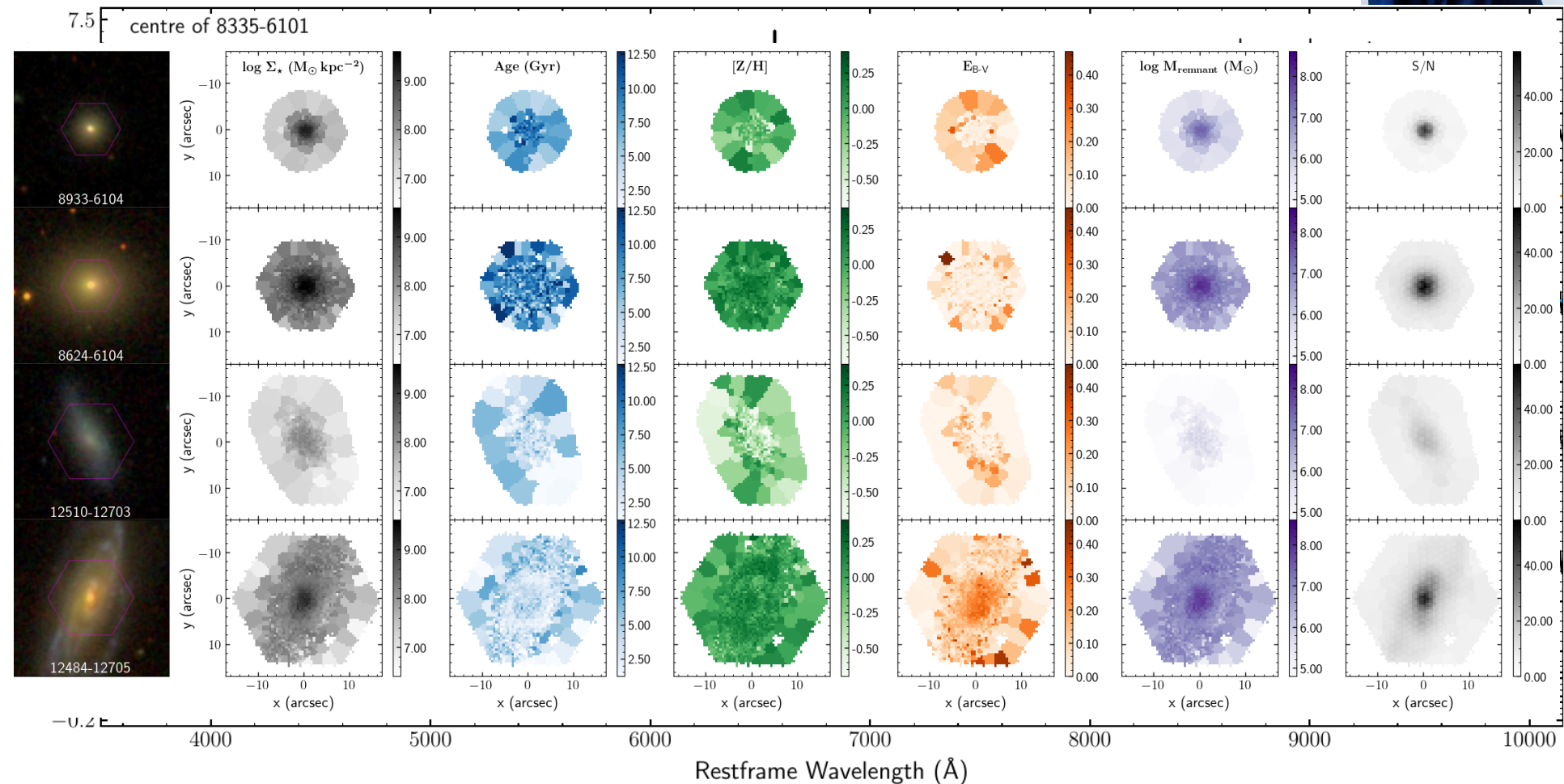
Full spectral fitting code Firefly, www.icg.port.ac.uk/firefly/
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Summary

- Improved Spectra of stellar population models with the largest stellar spectral library to date
- Calibration of ages from integrated light down to low ages
- Help constraining age/metallicity (dust) degeneracy

Too bad Olivier is no longer with us!

