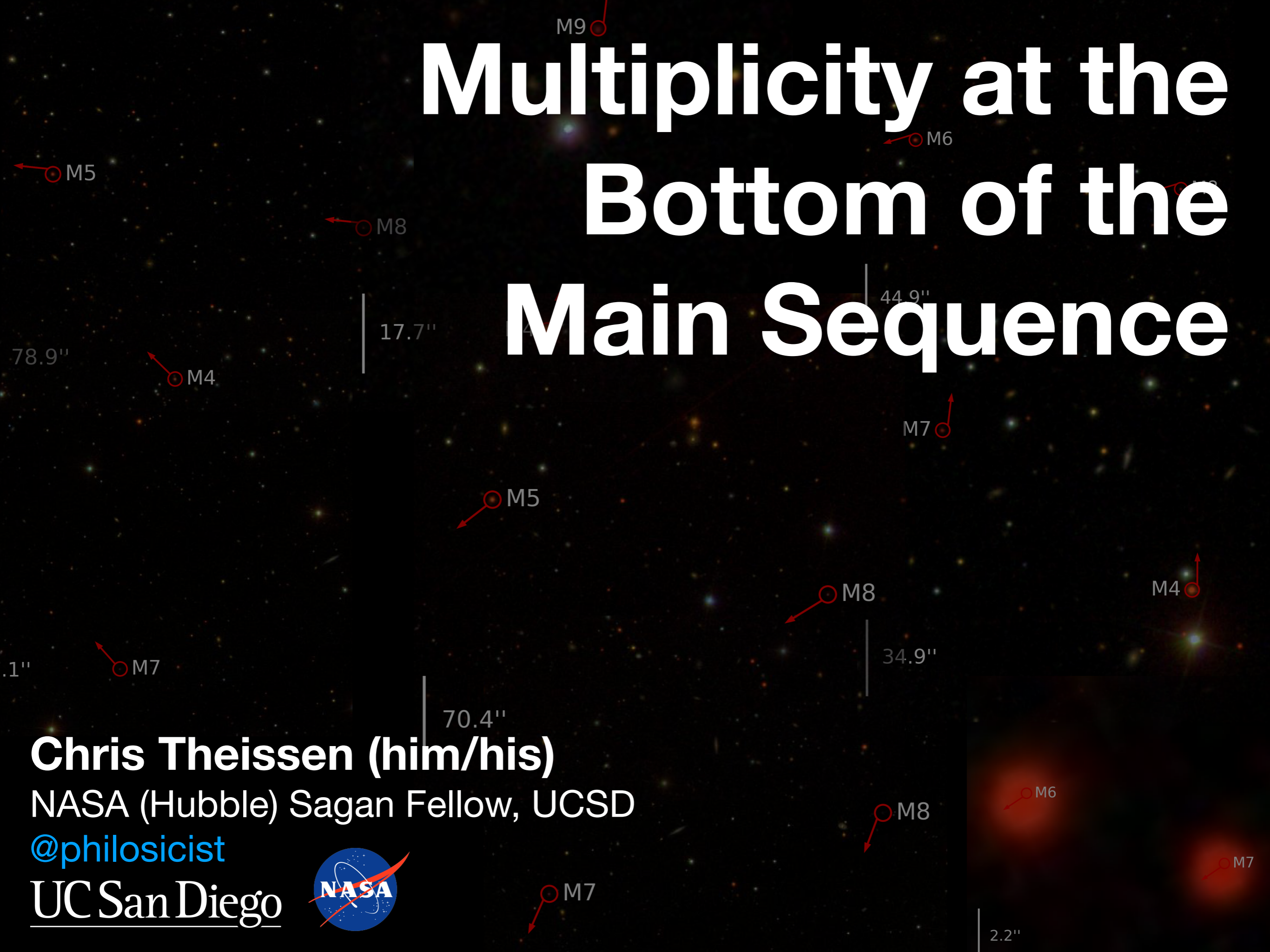


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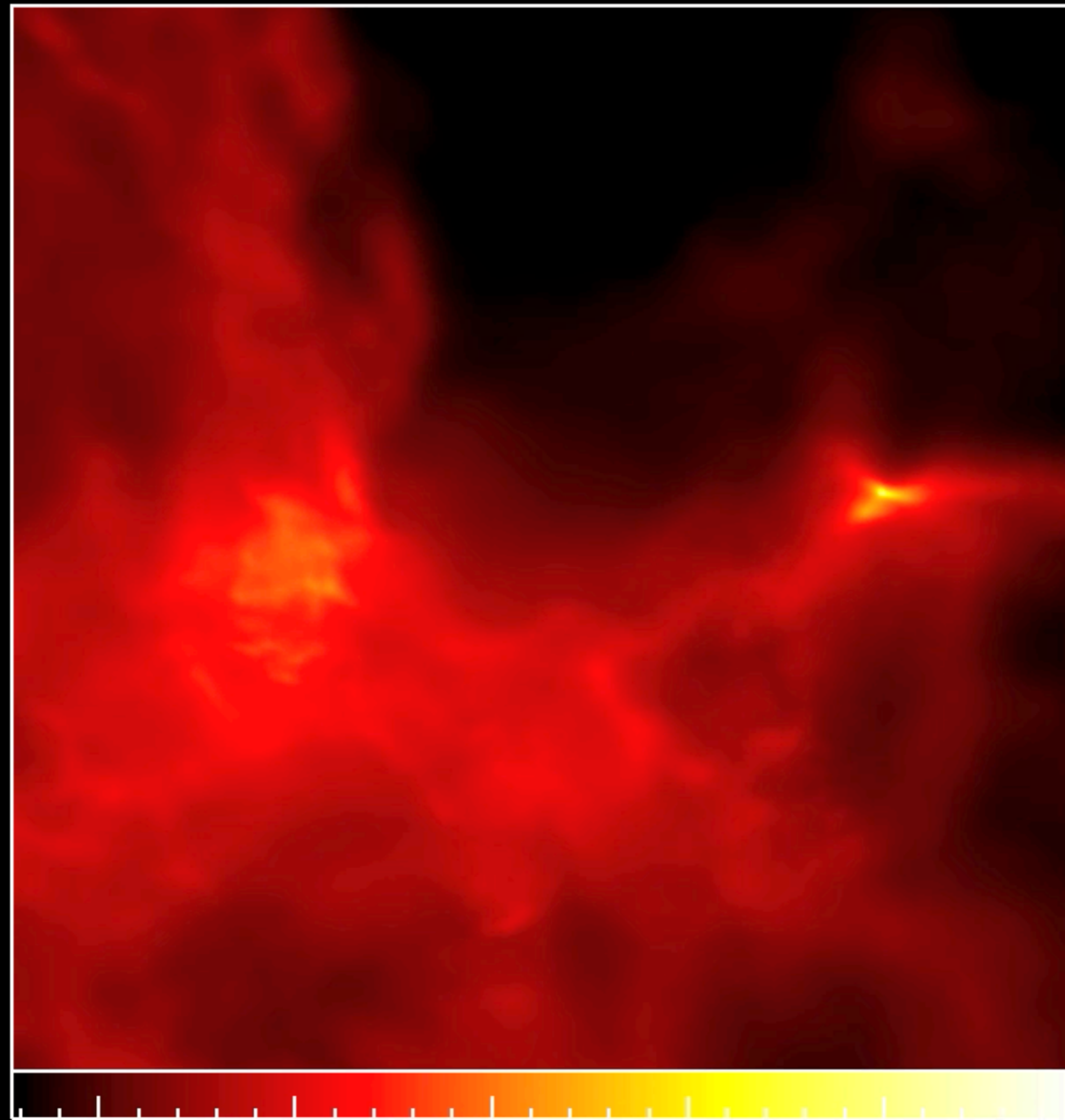
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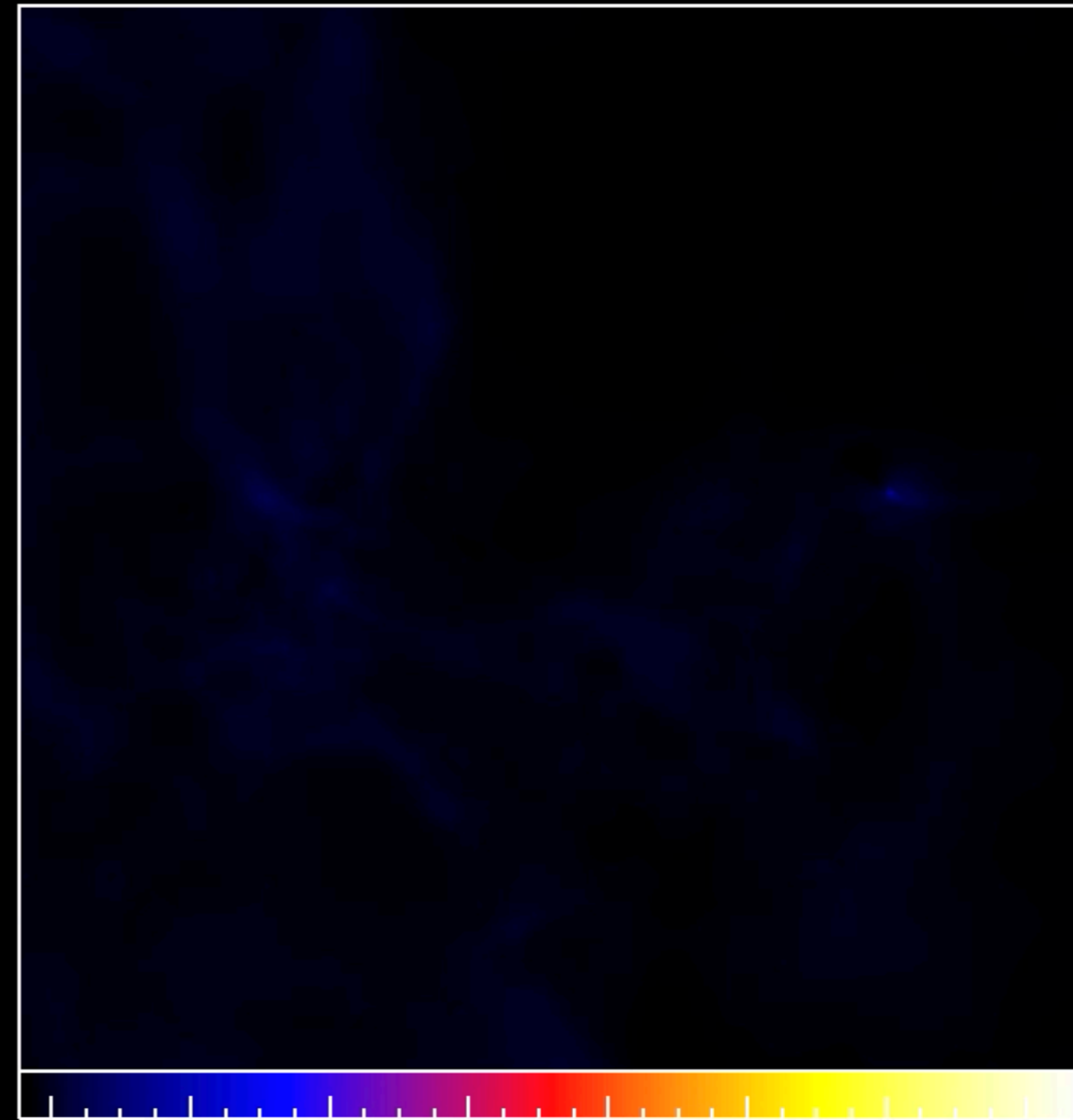


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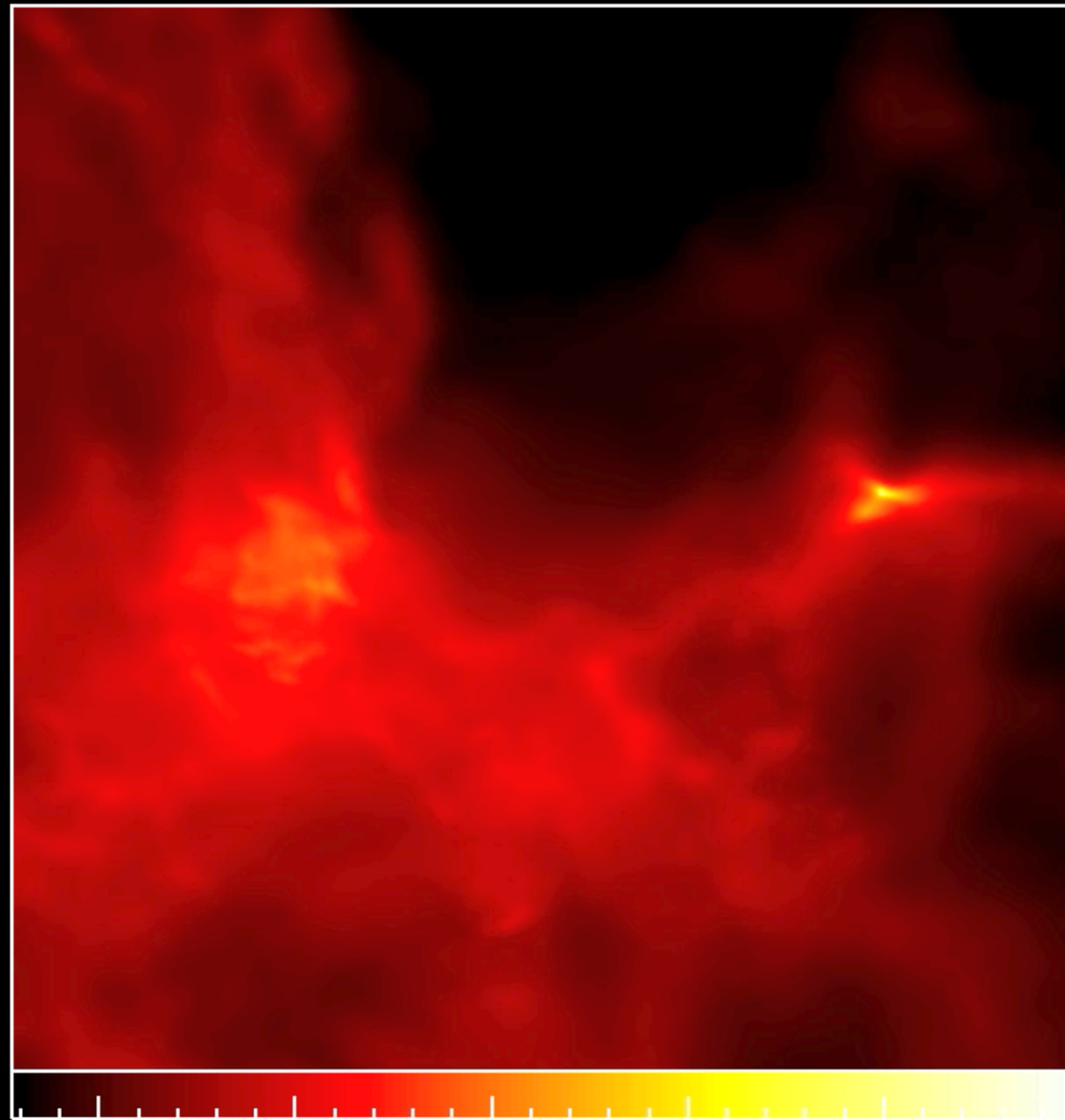
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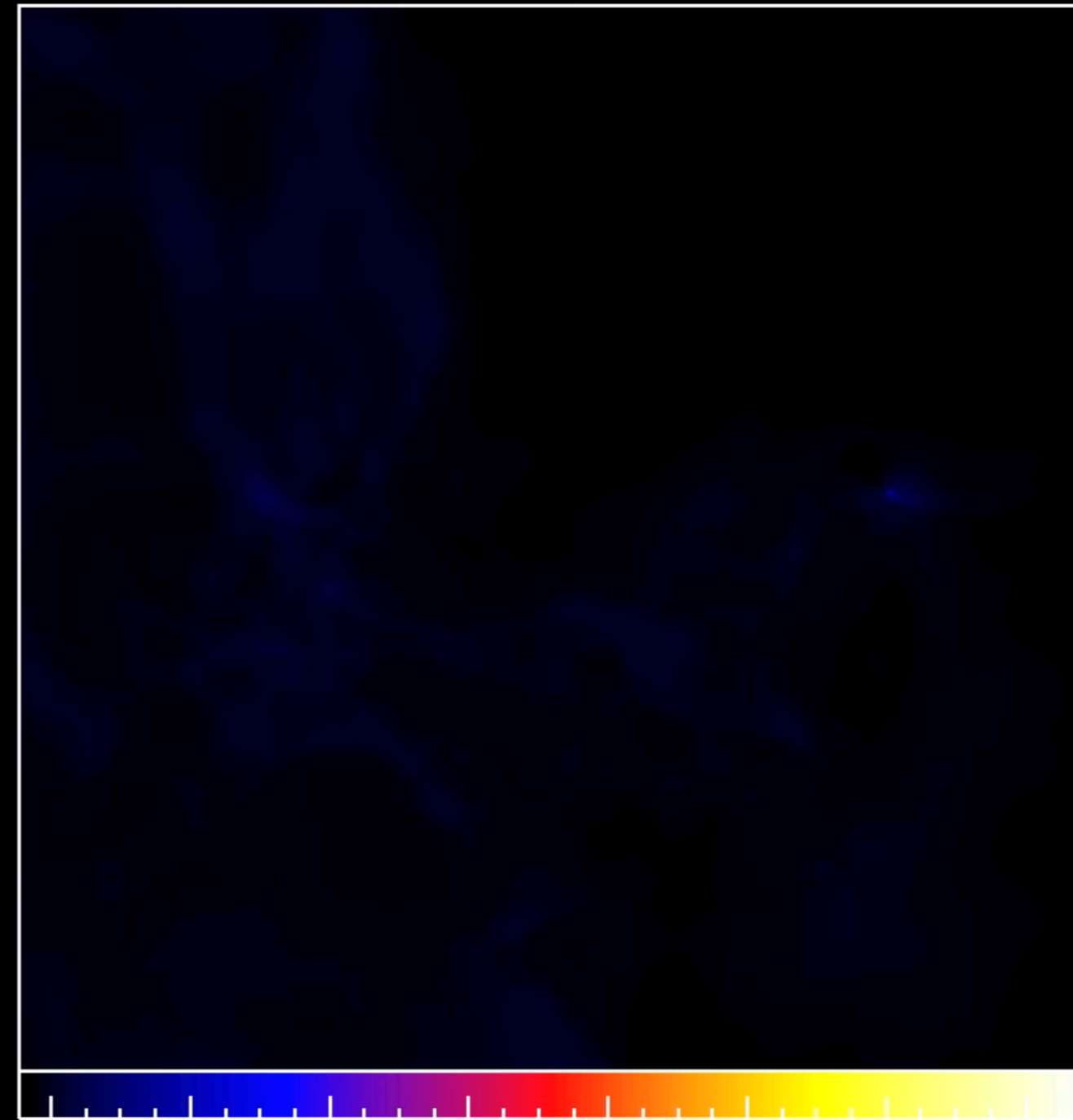


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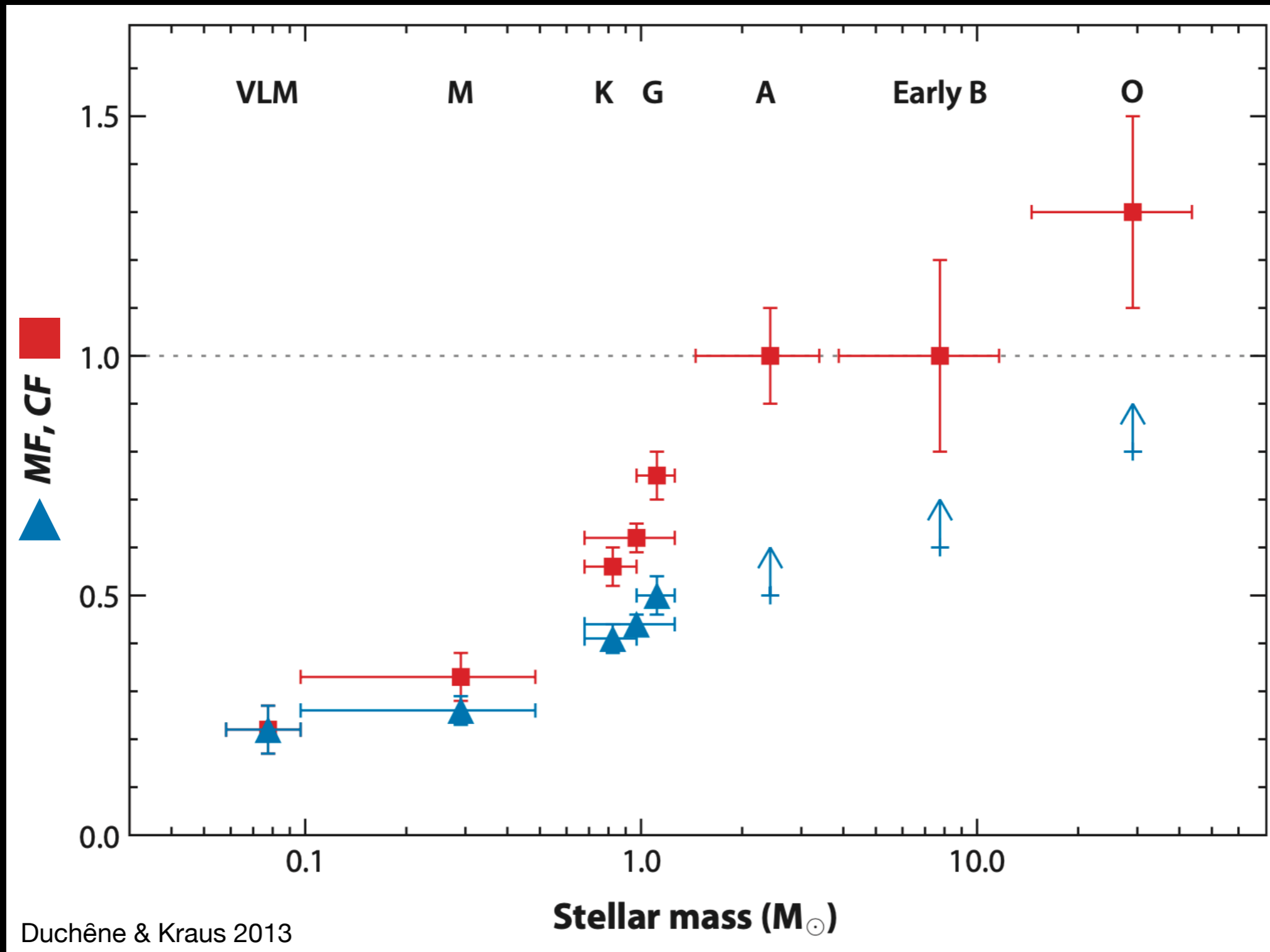


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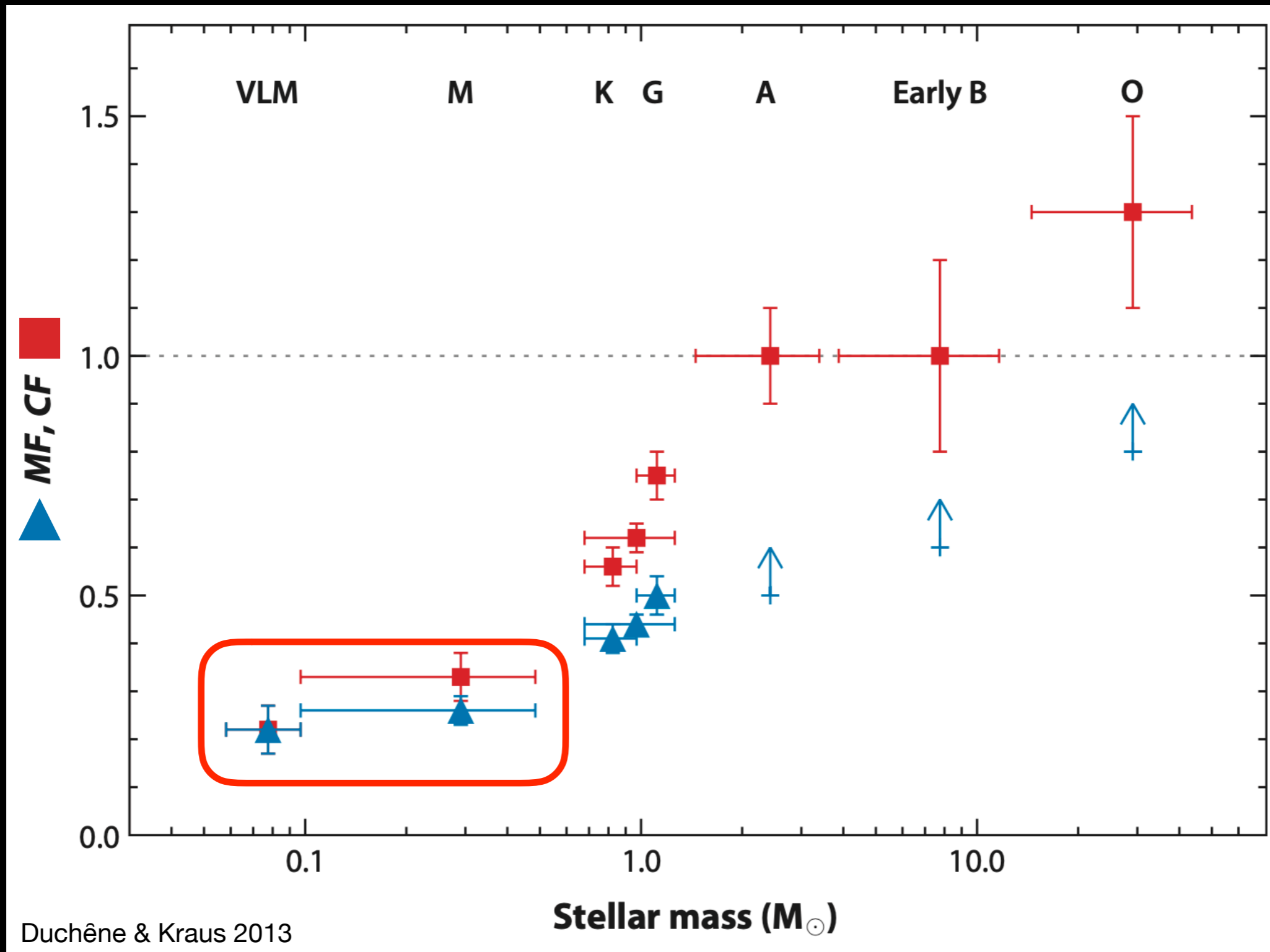
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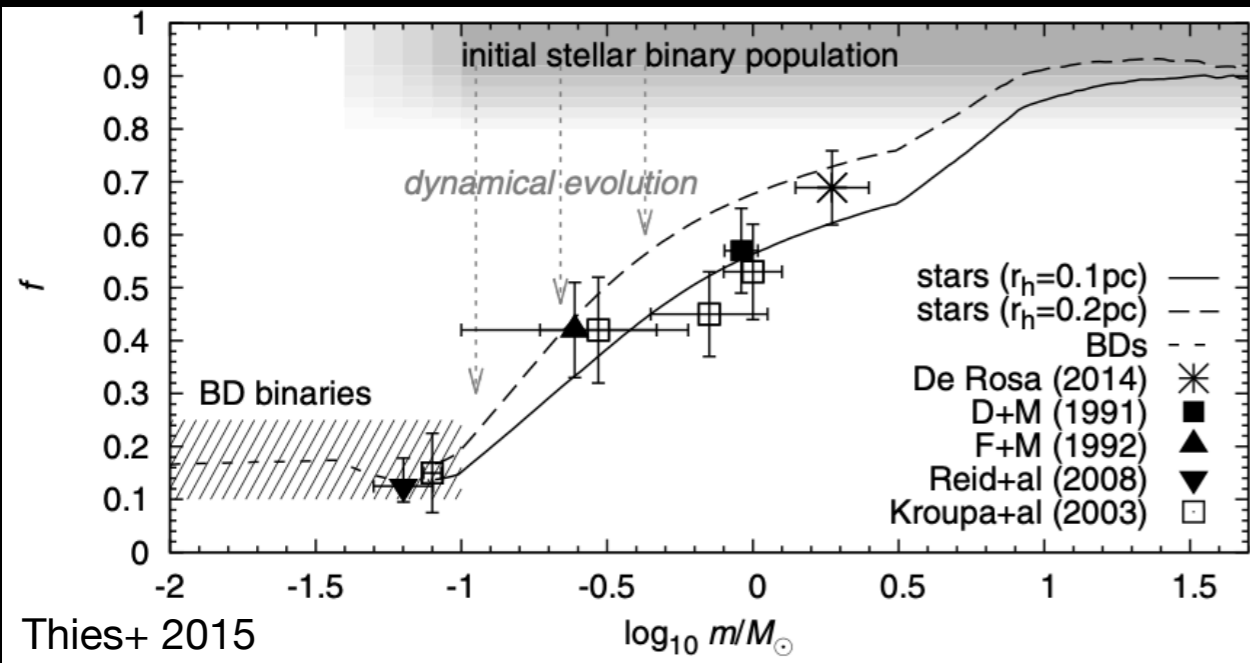
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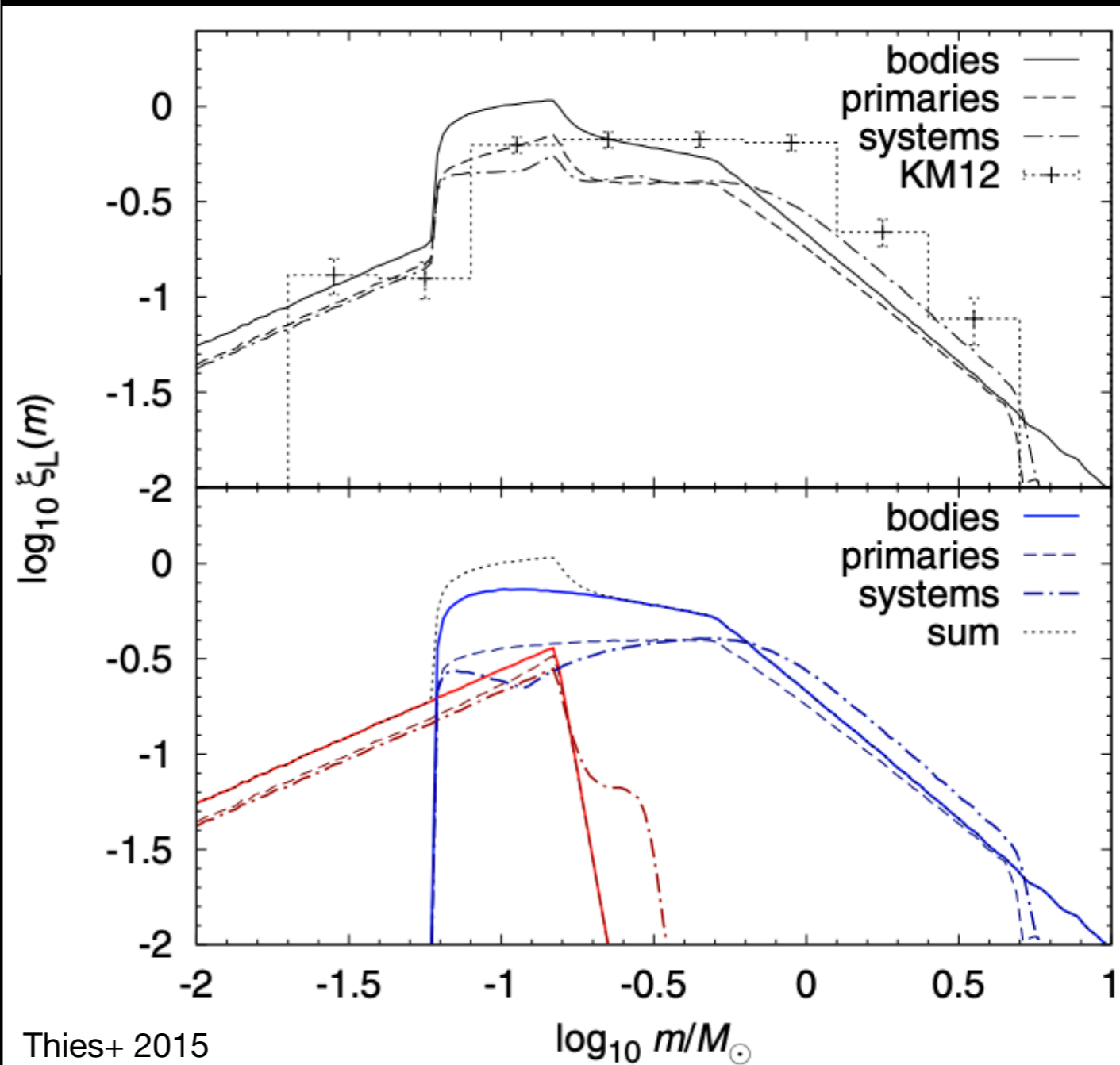
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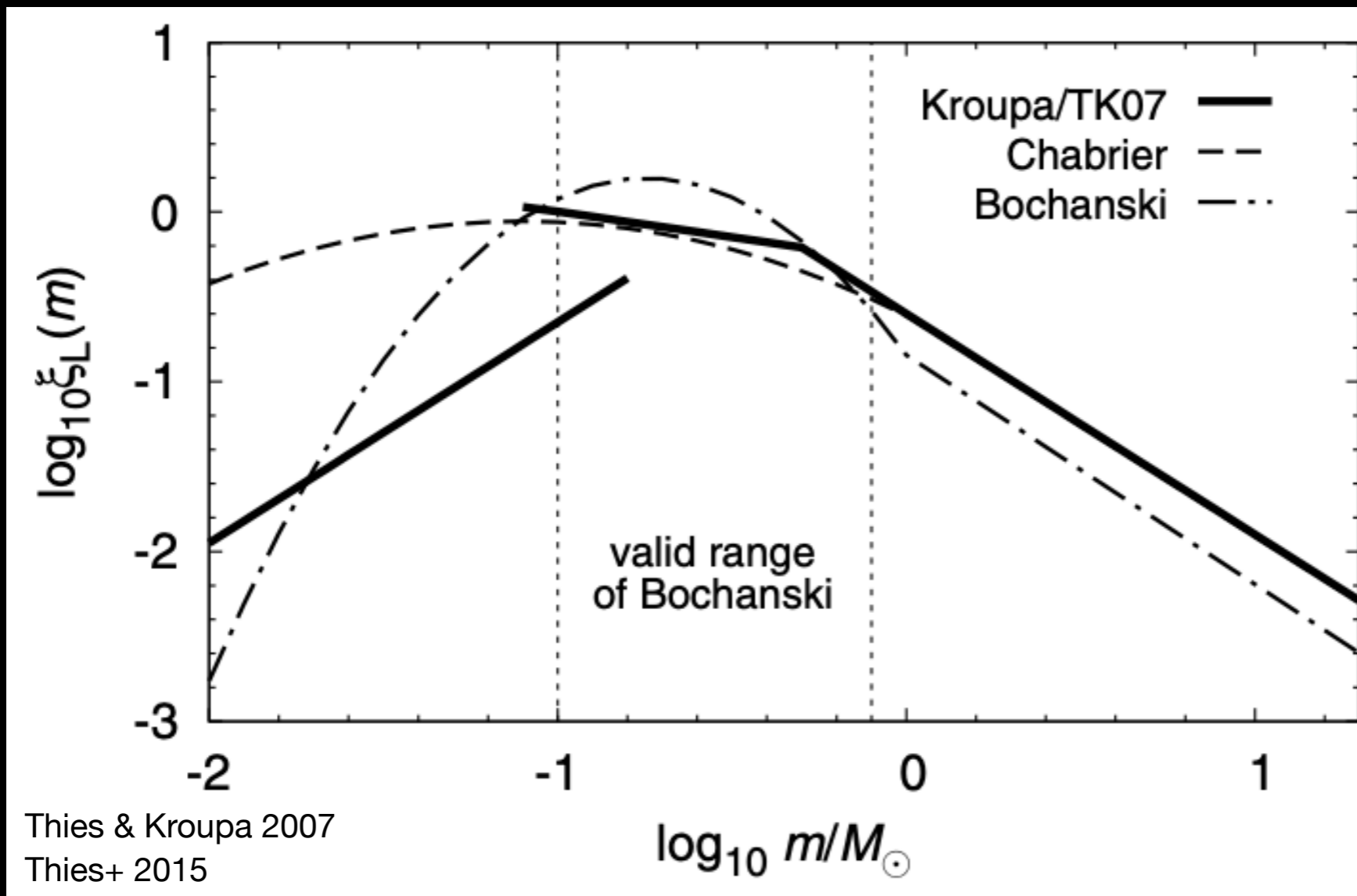
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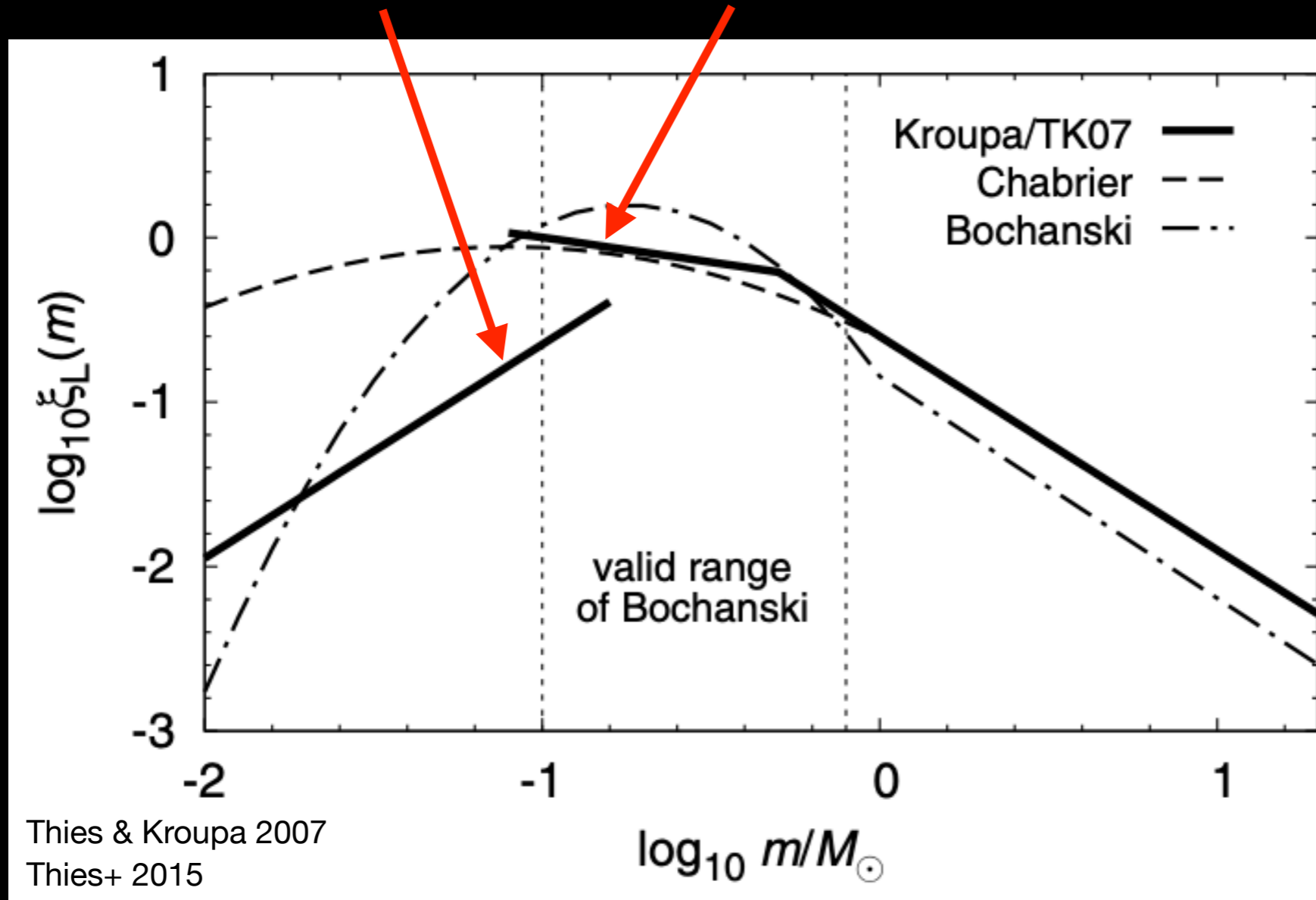
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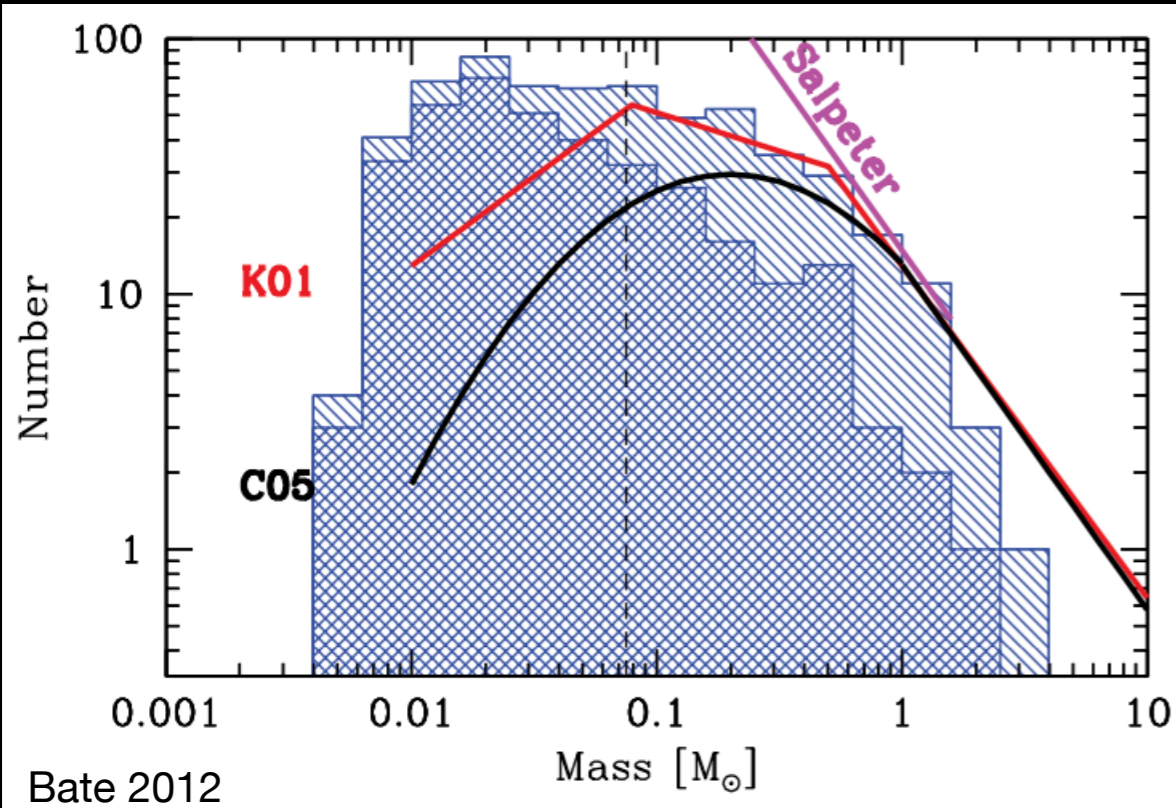
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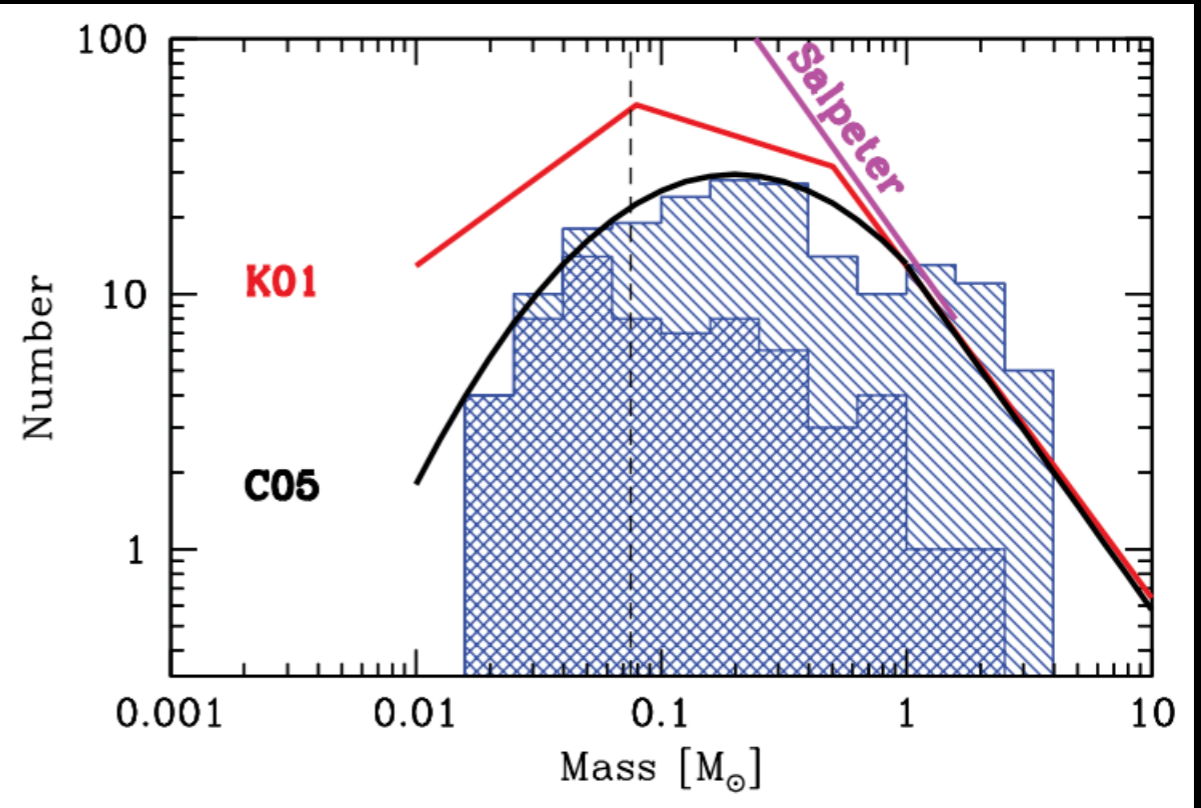
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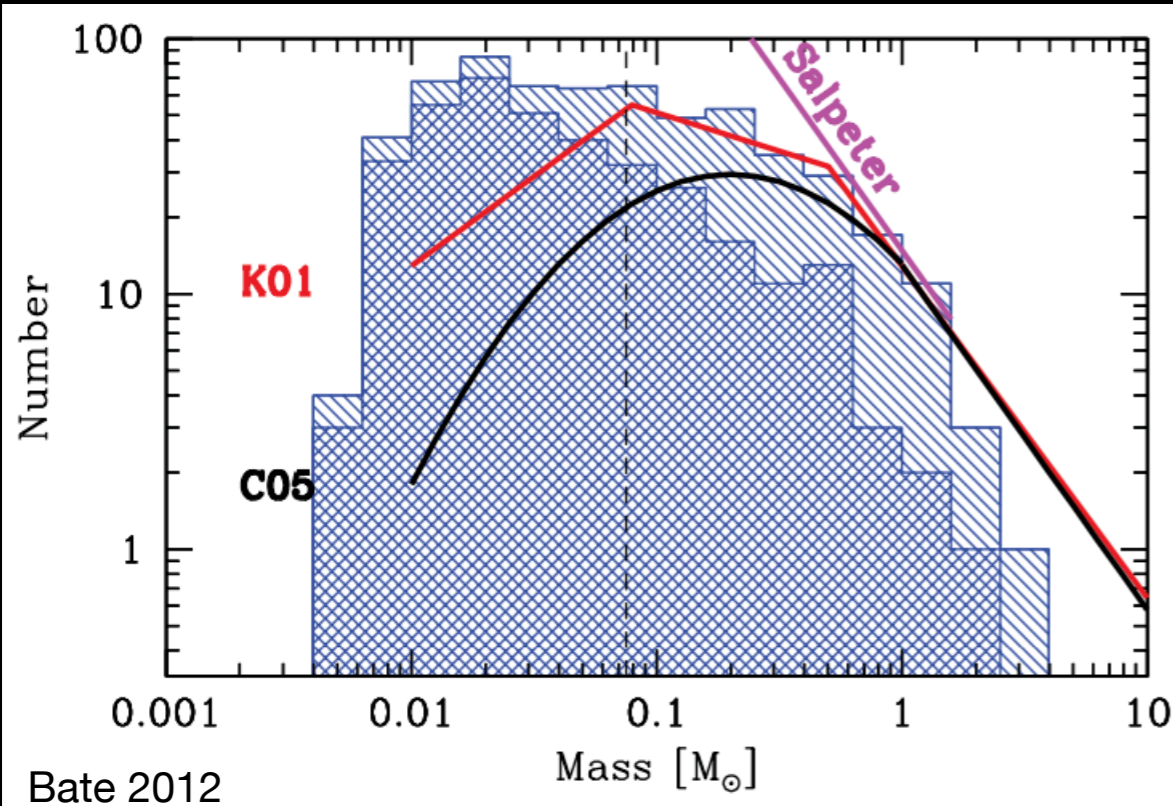


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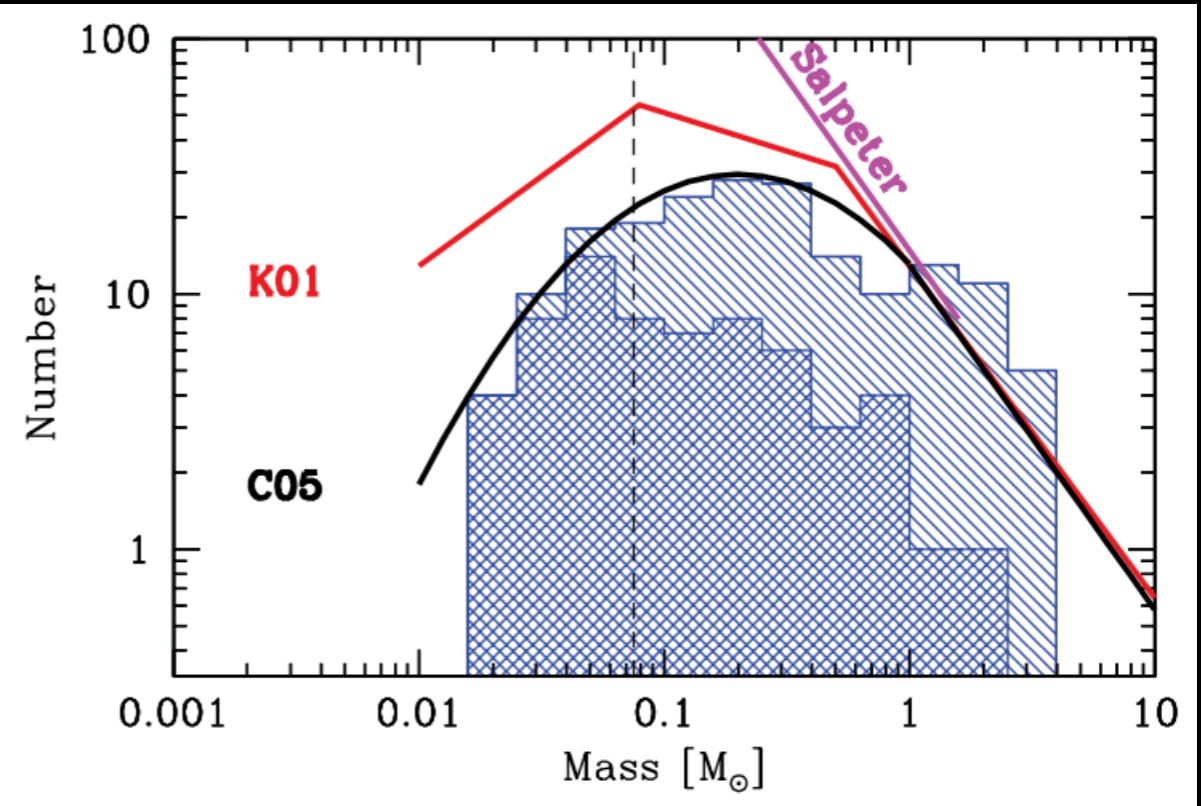


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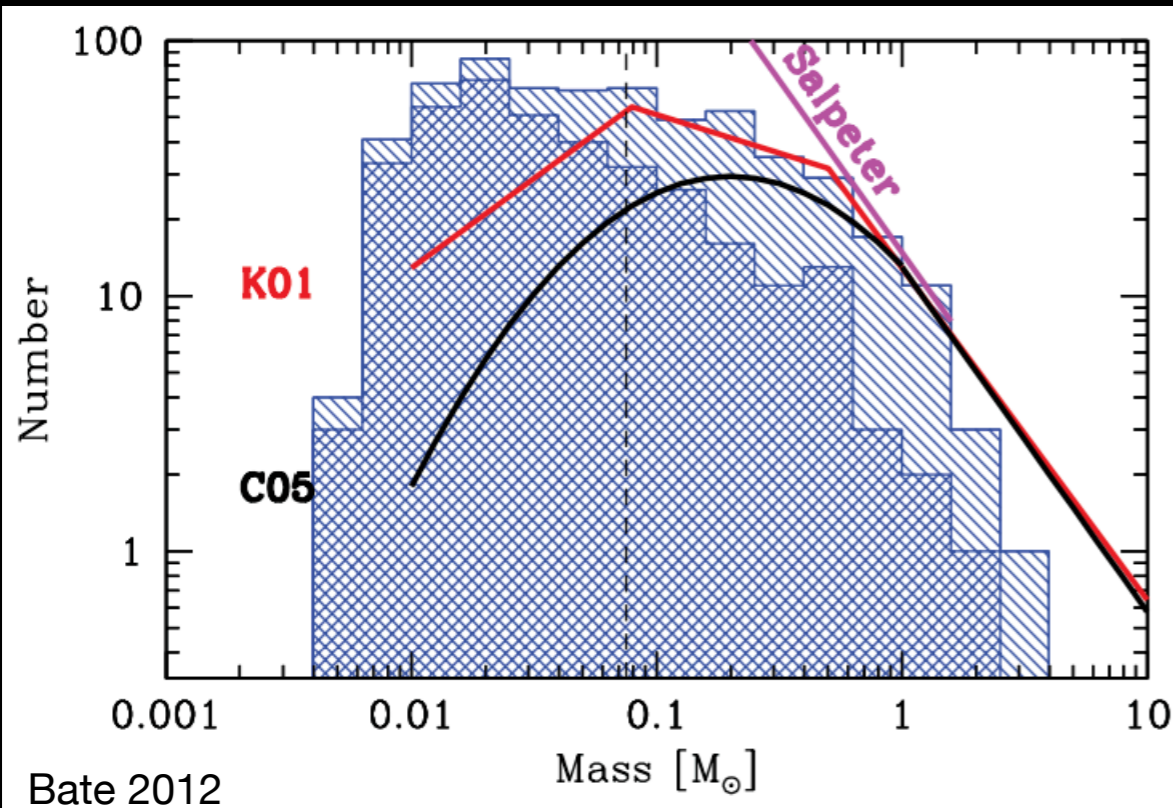
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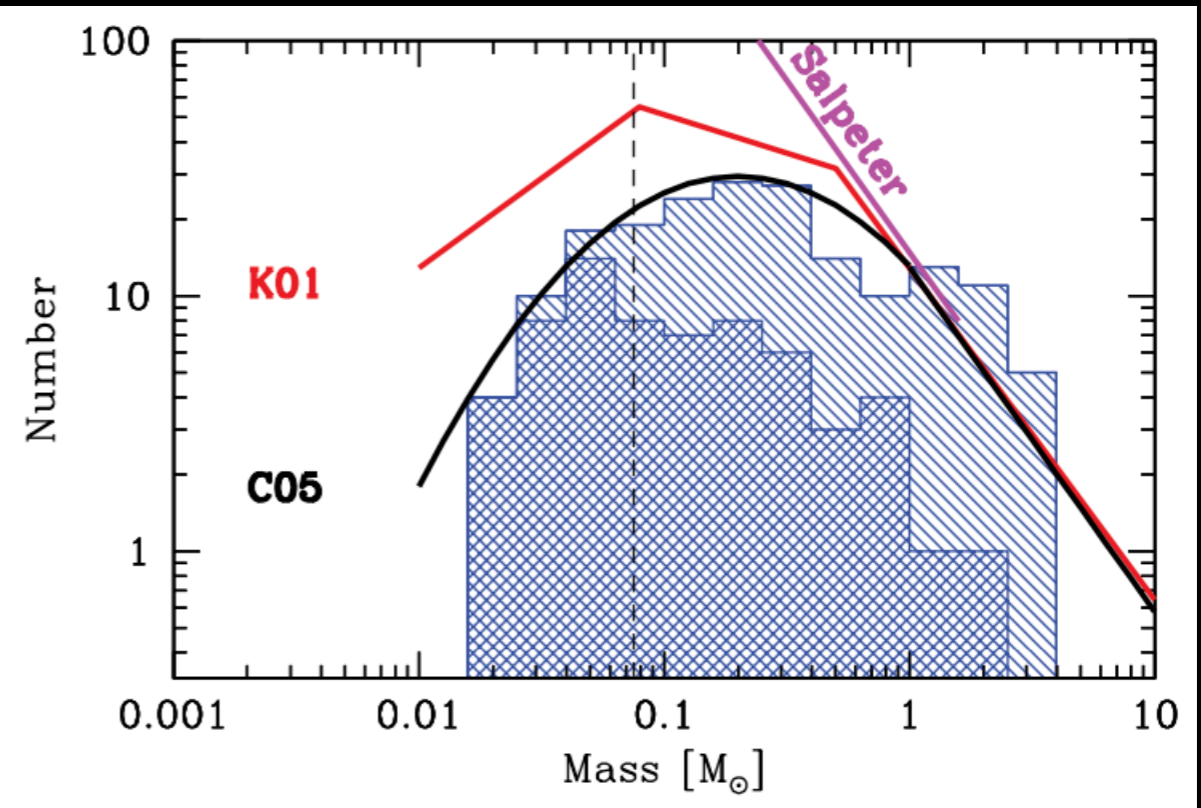
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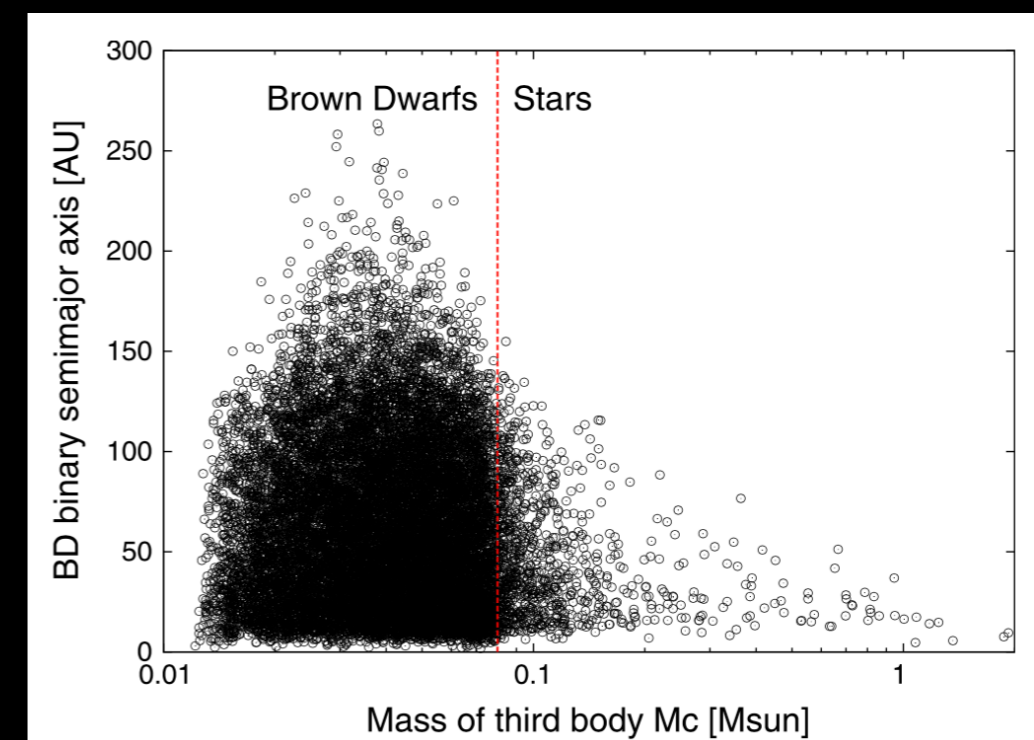
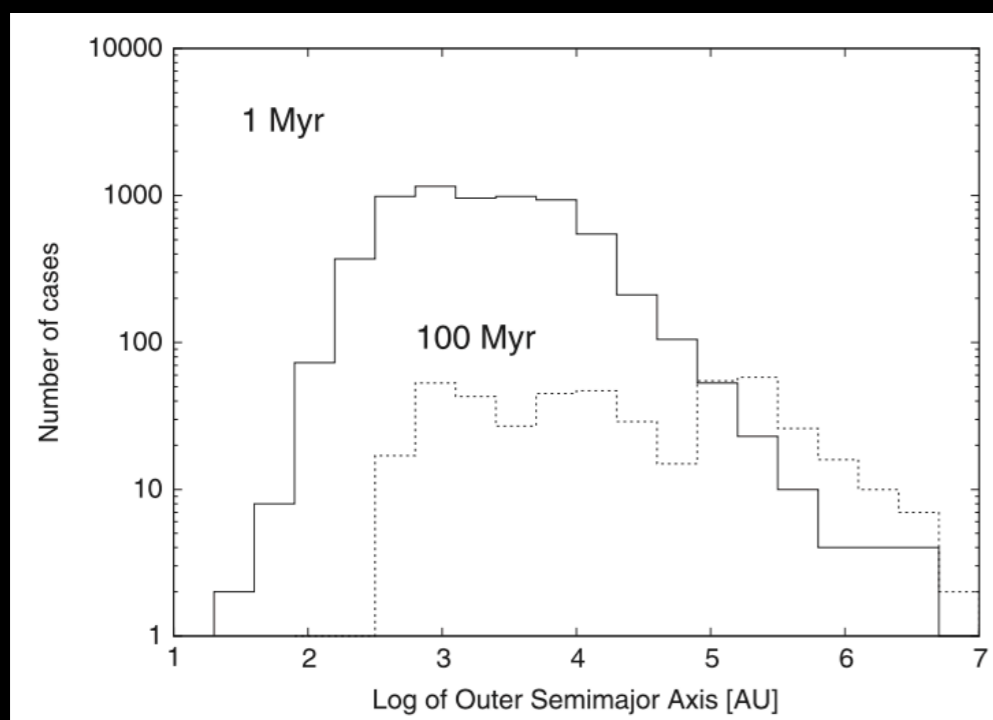
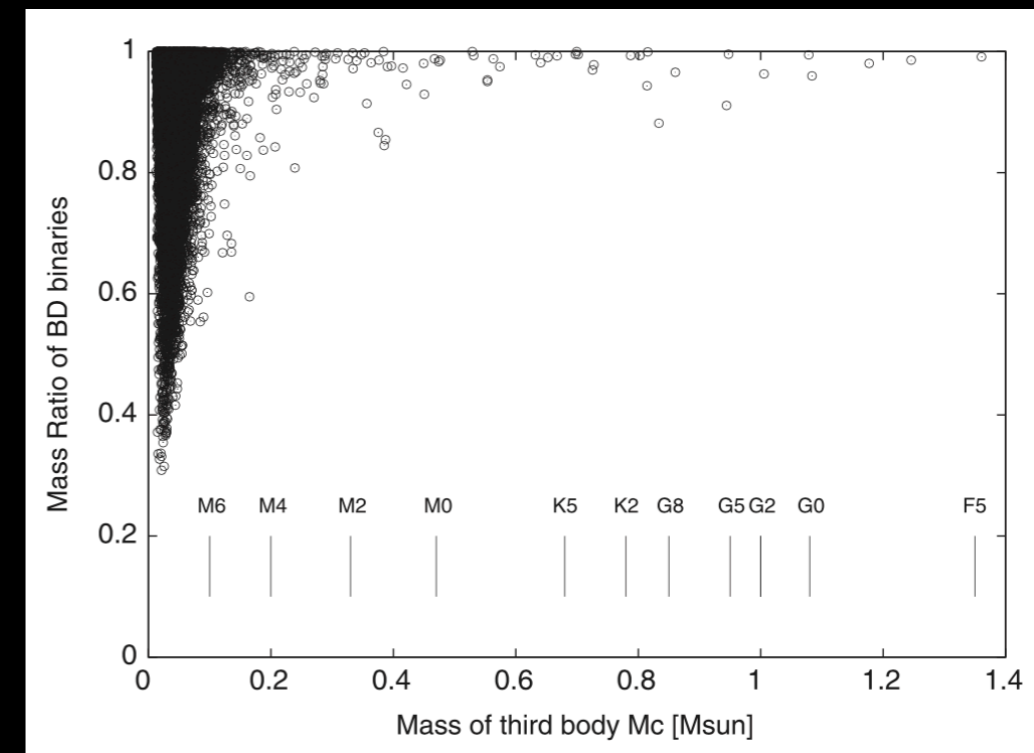
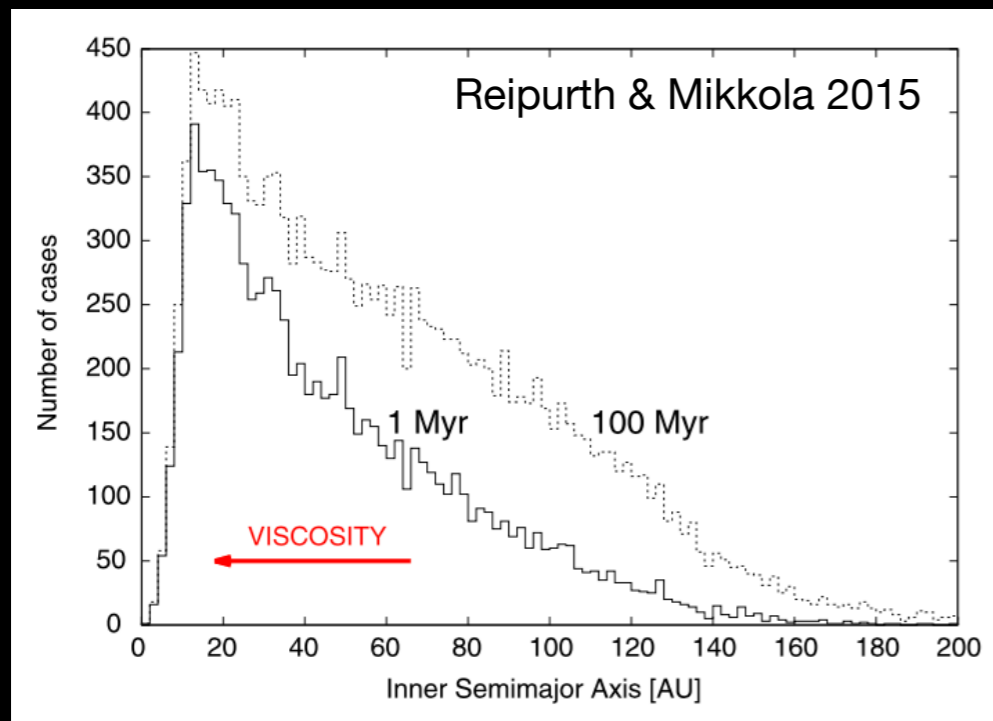
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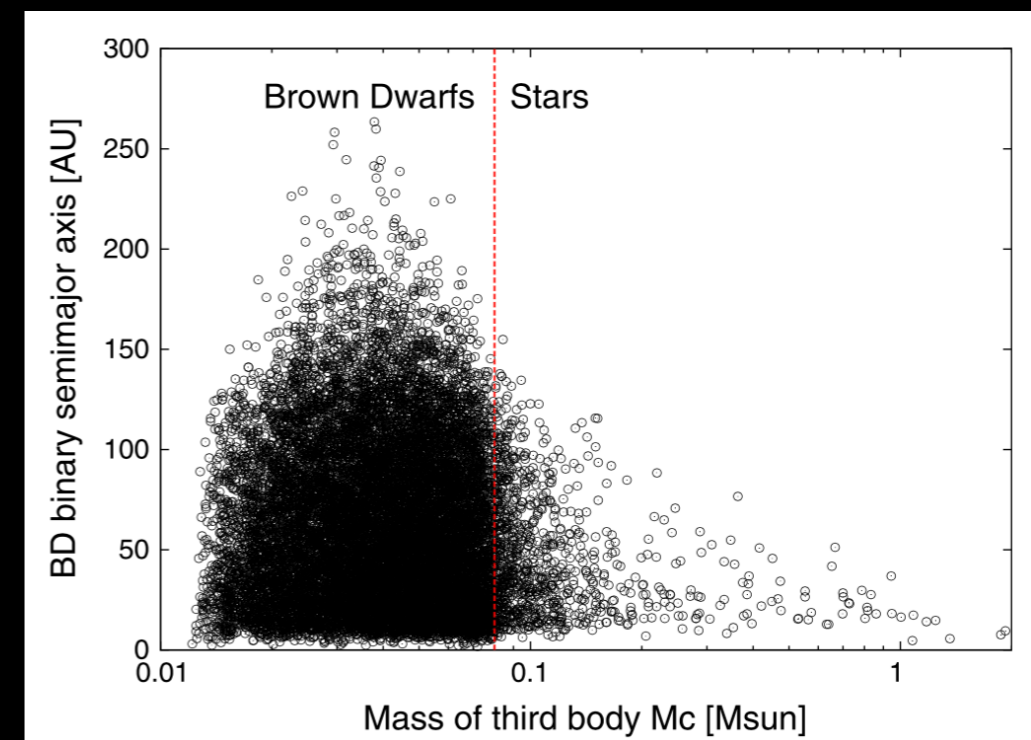
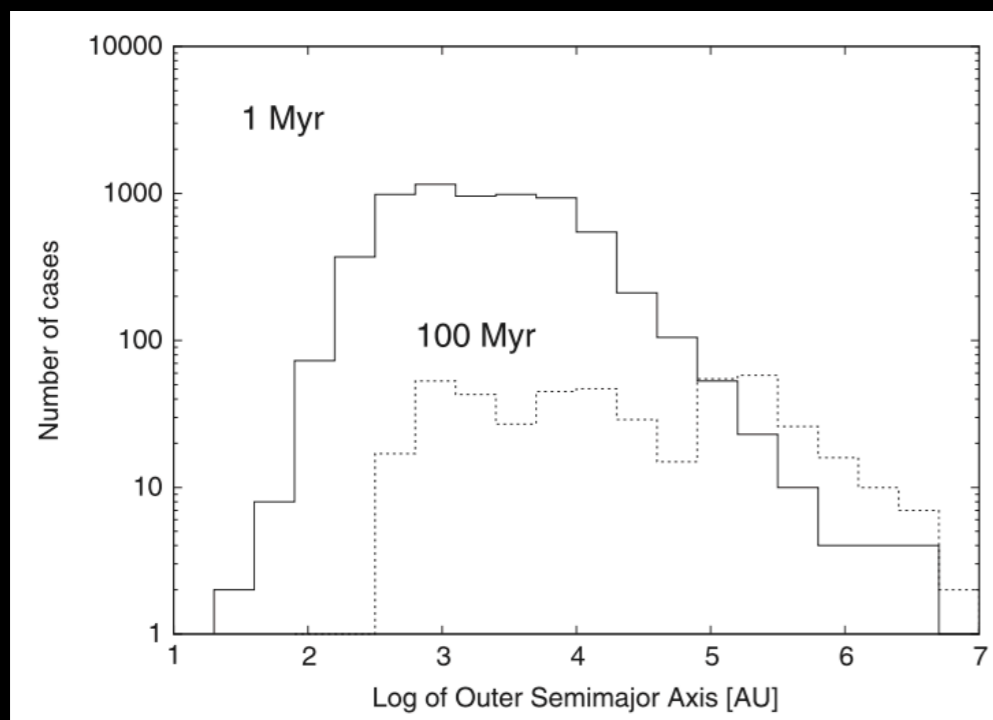
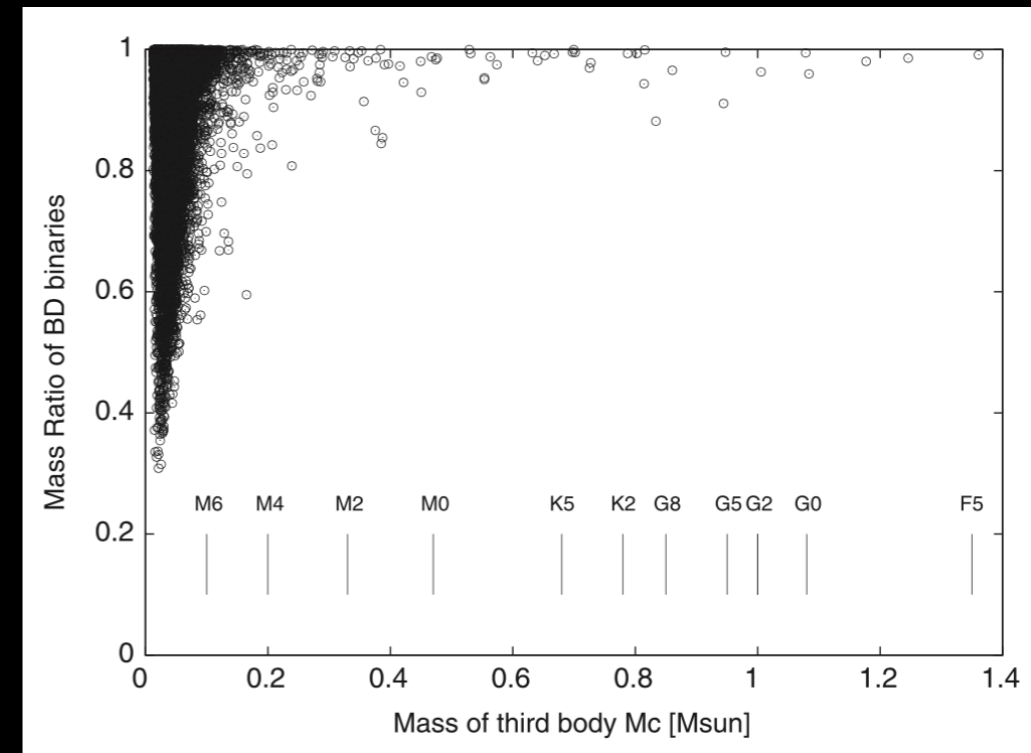
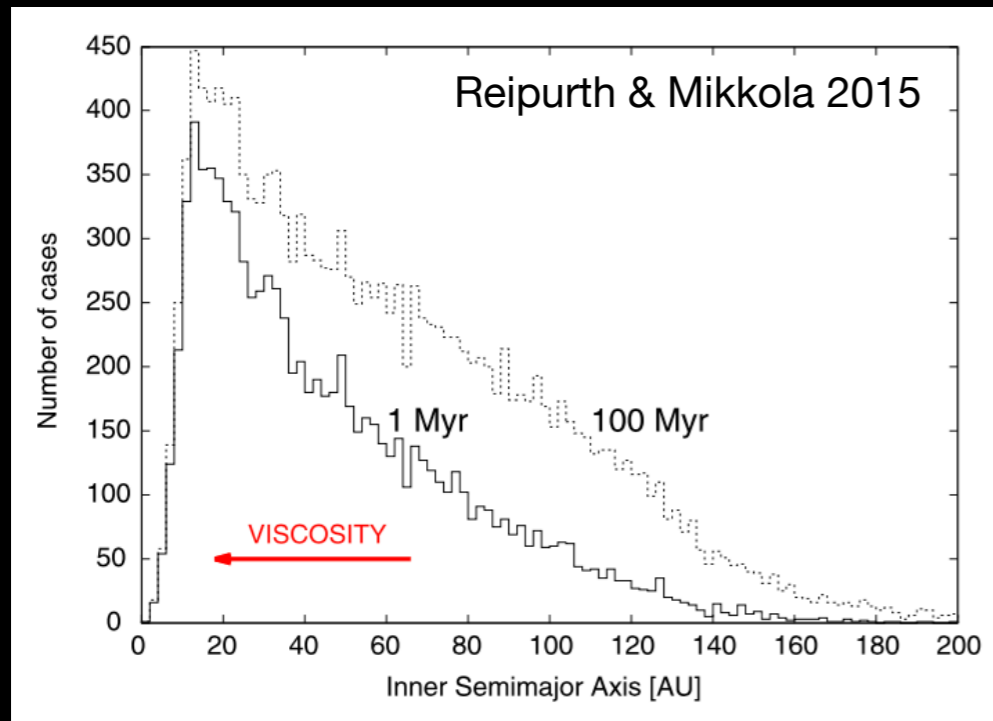
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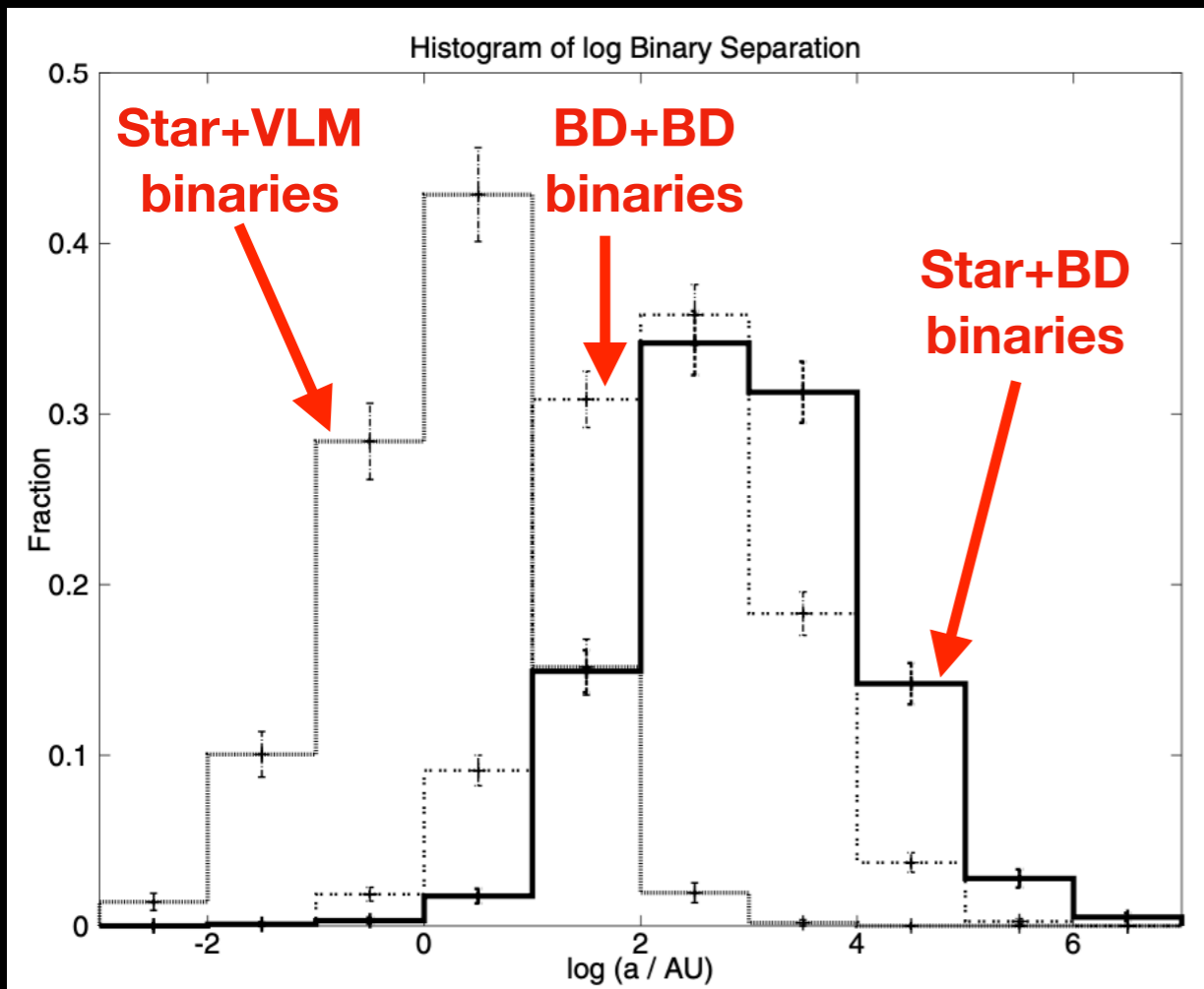
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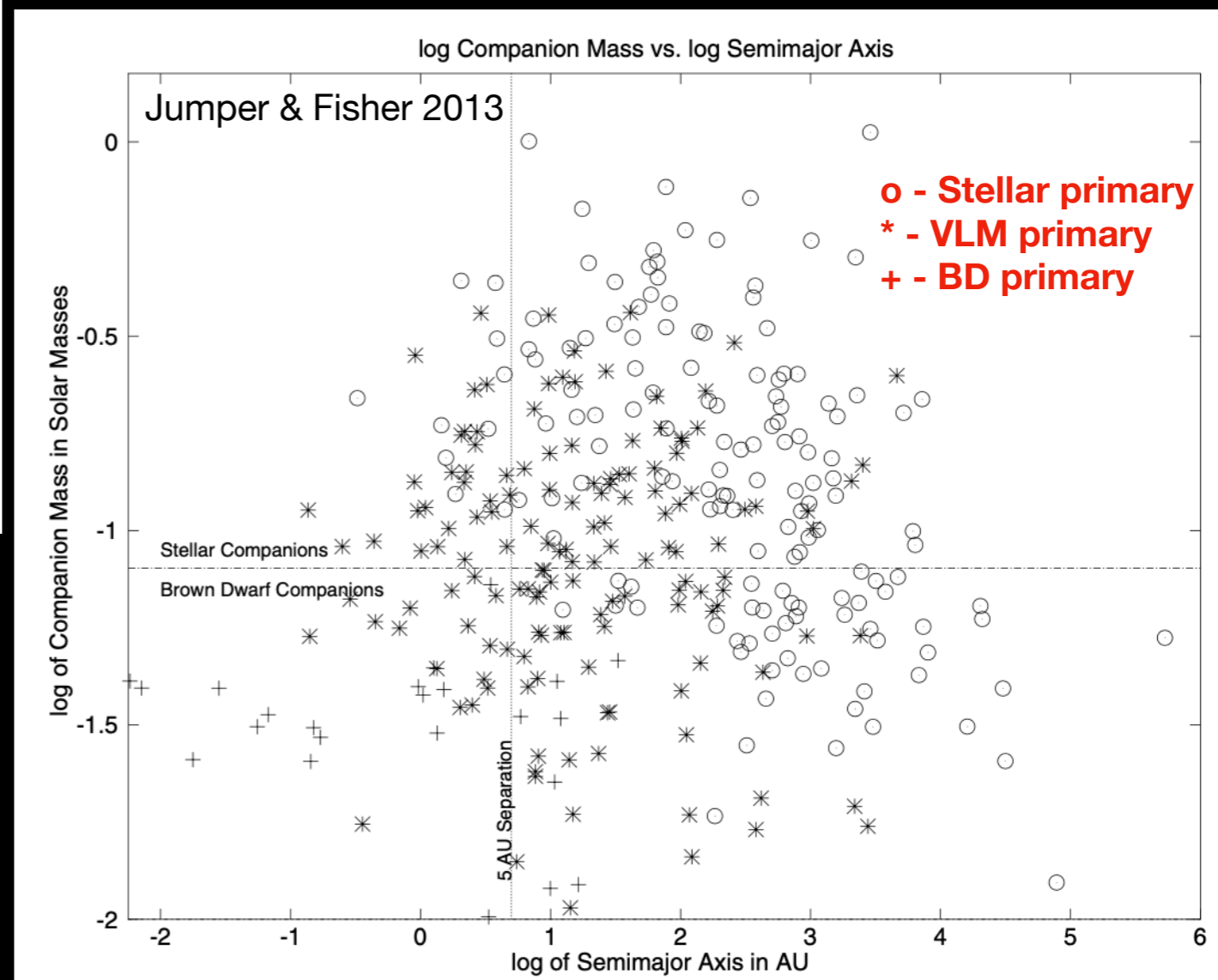


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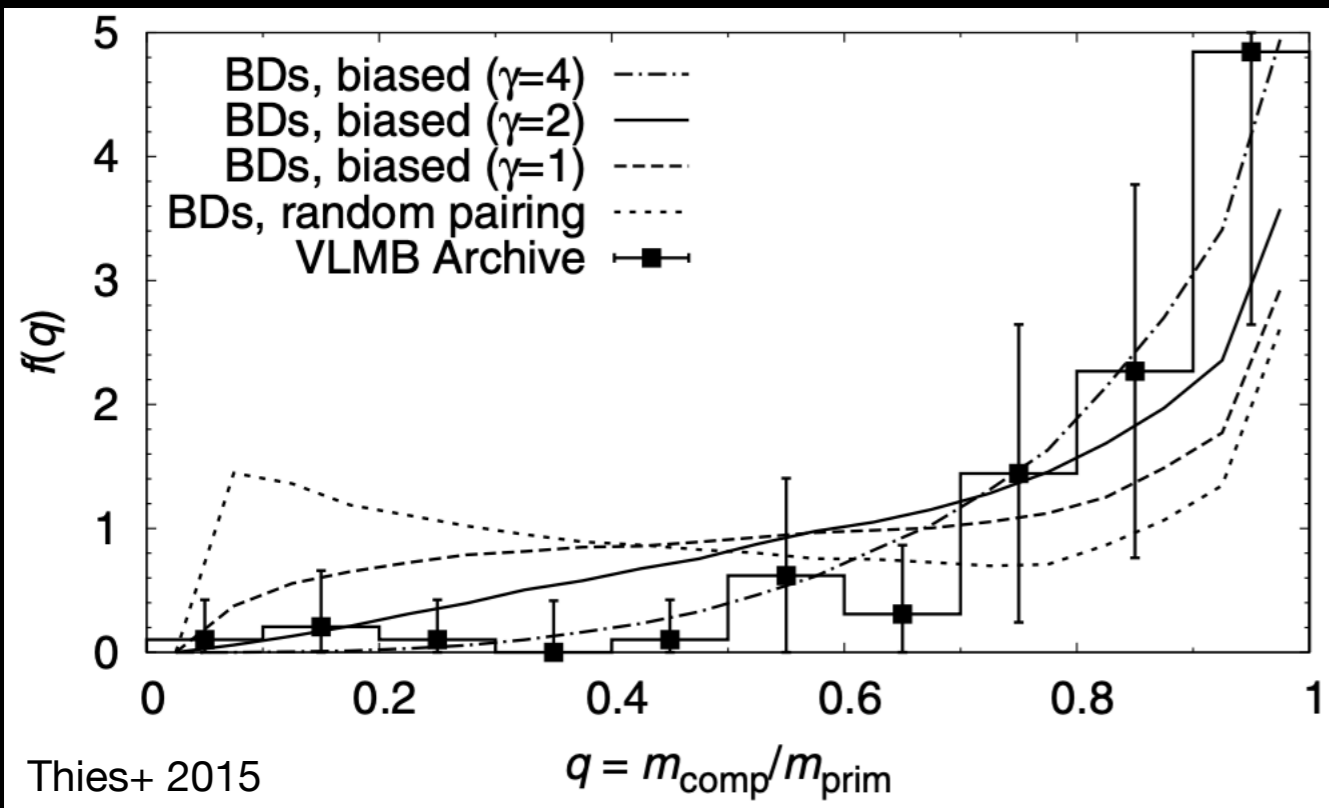
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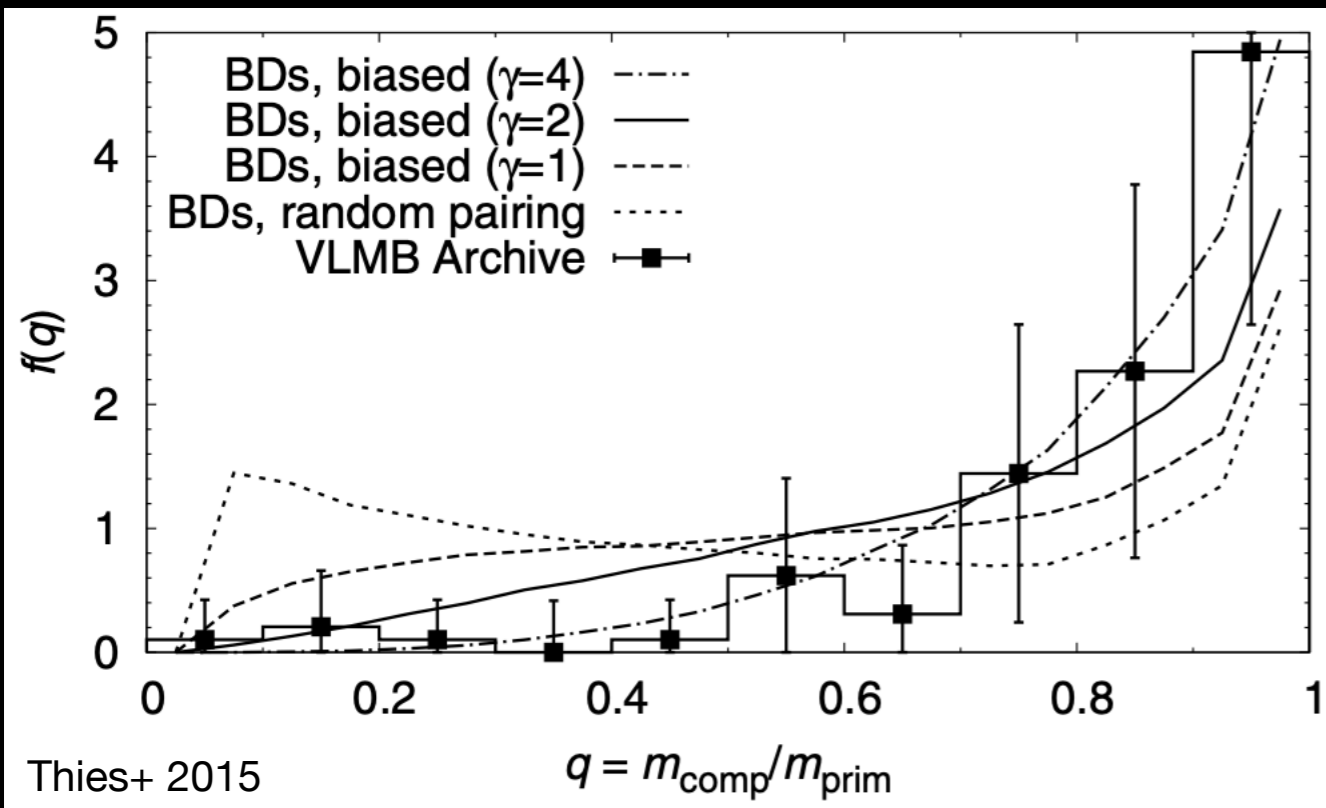
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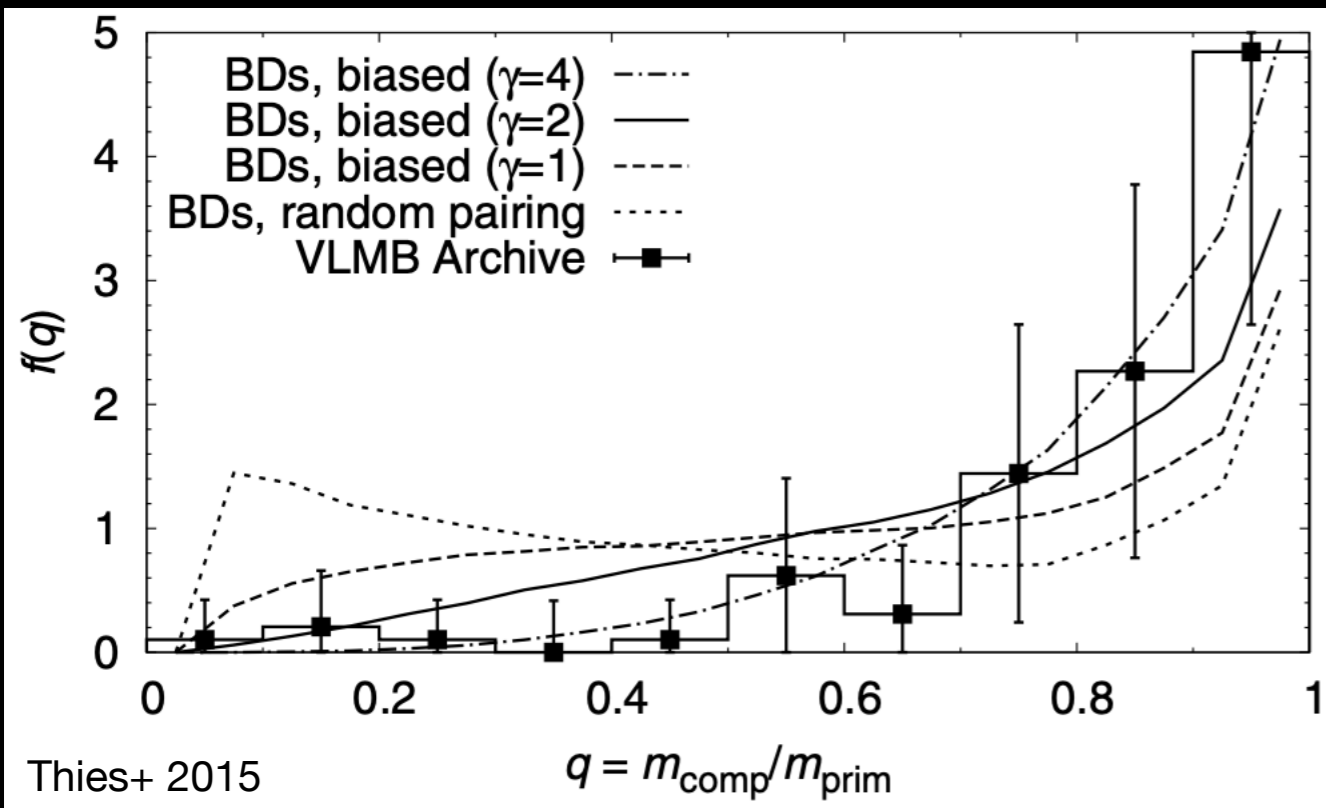
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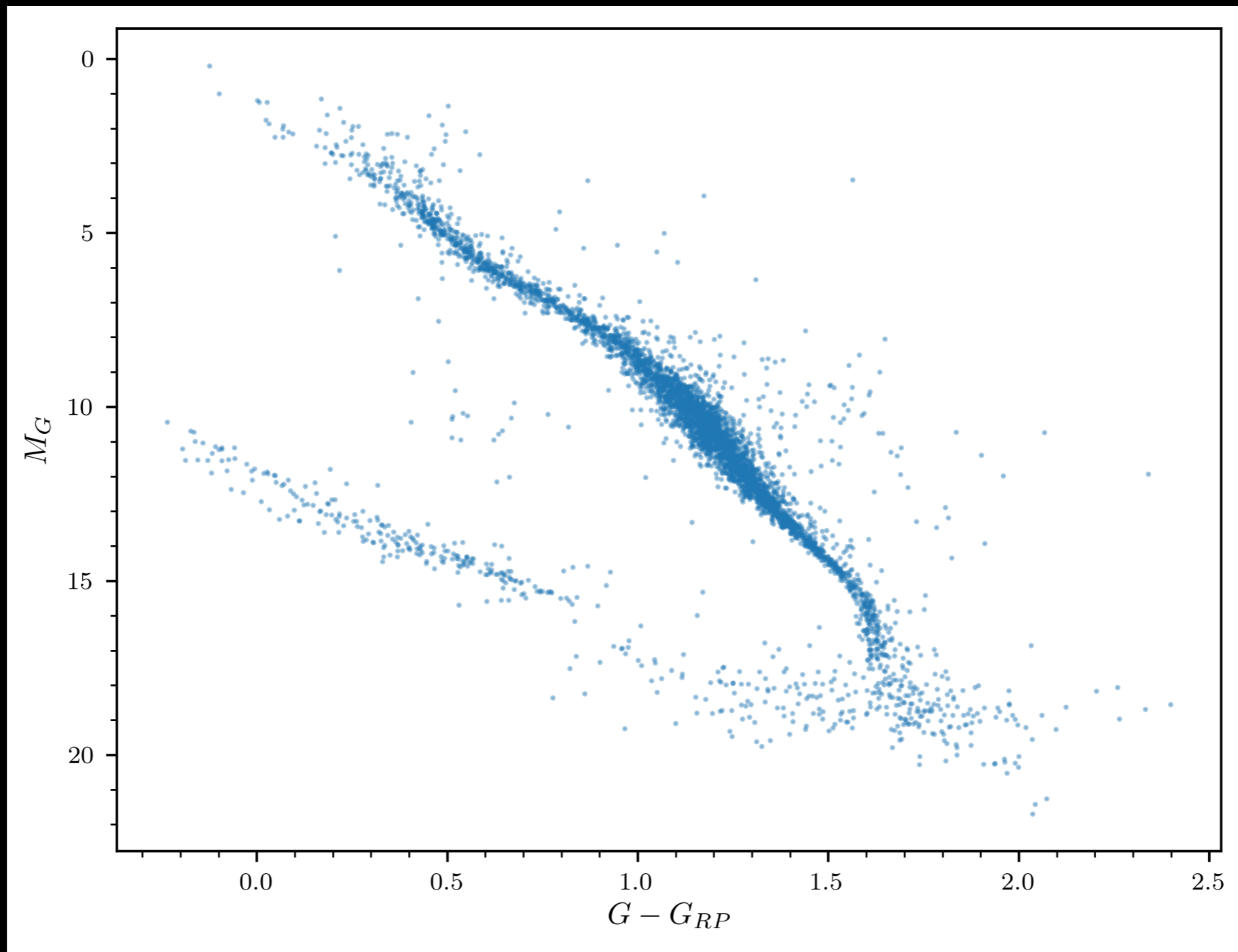
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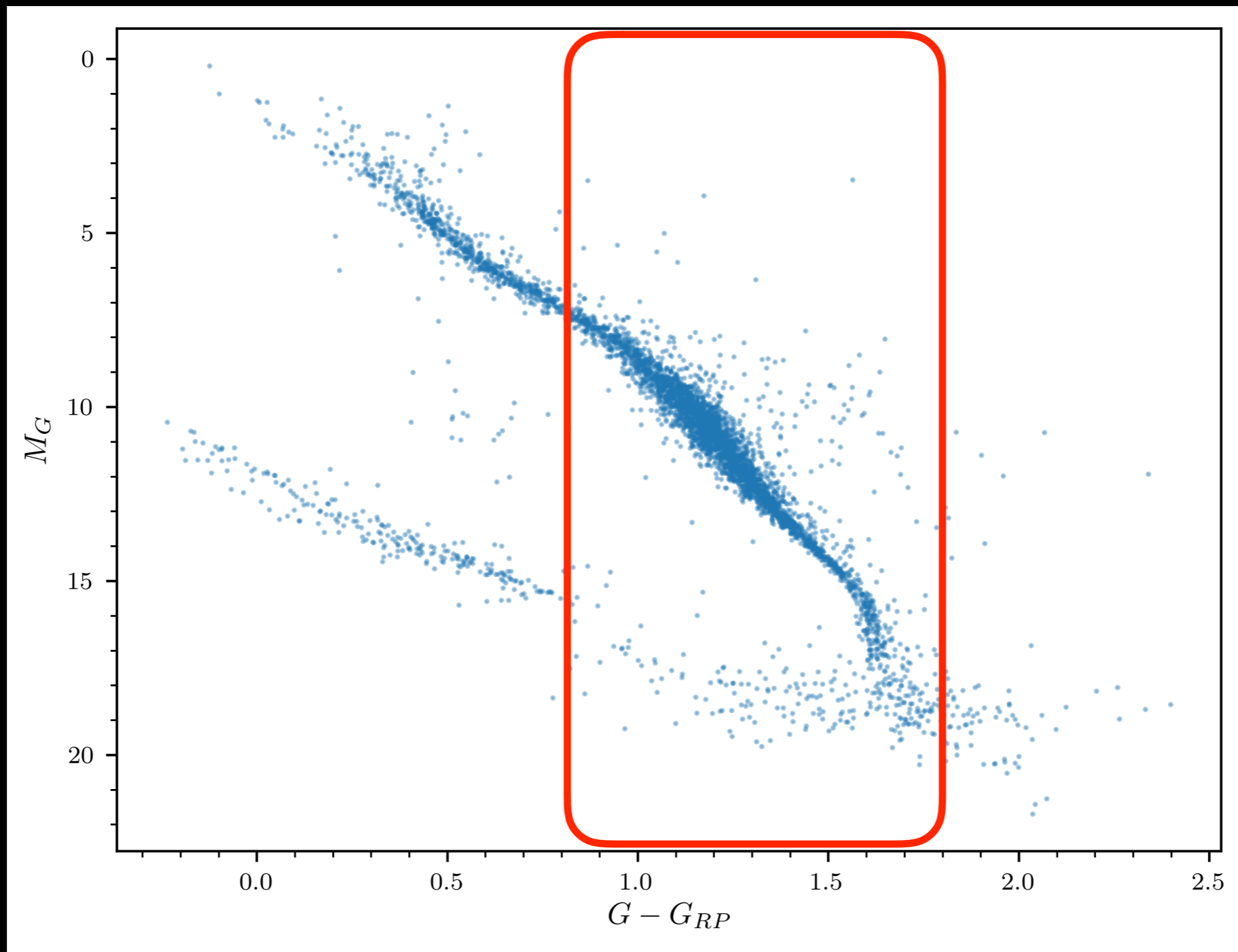
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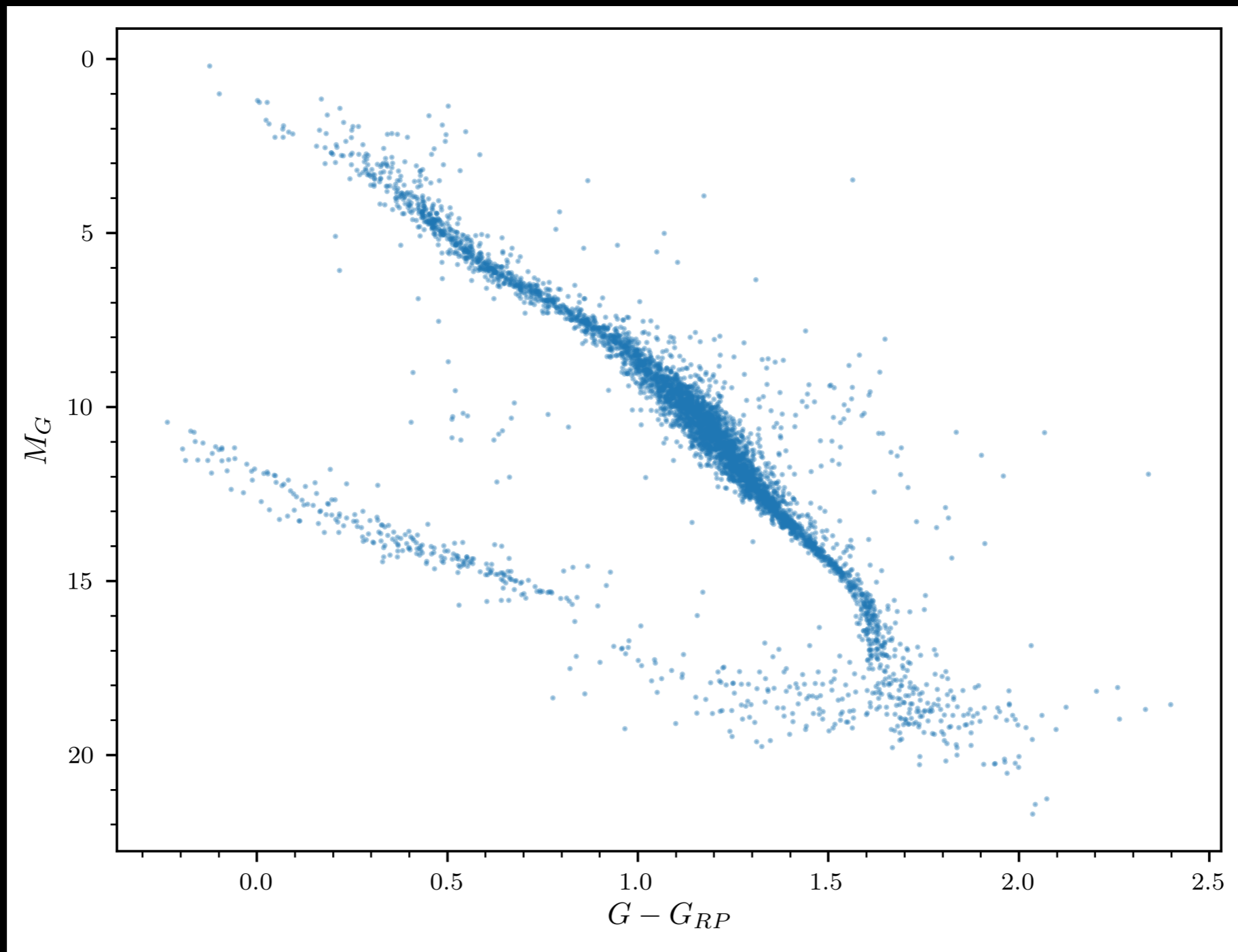
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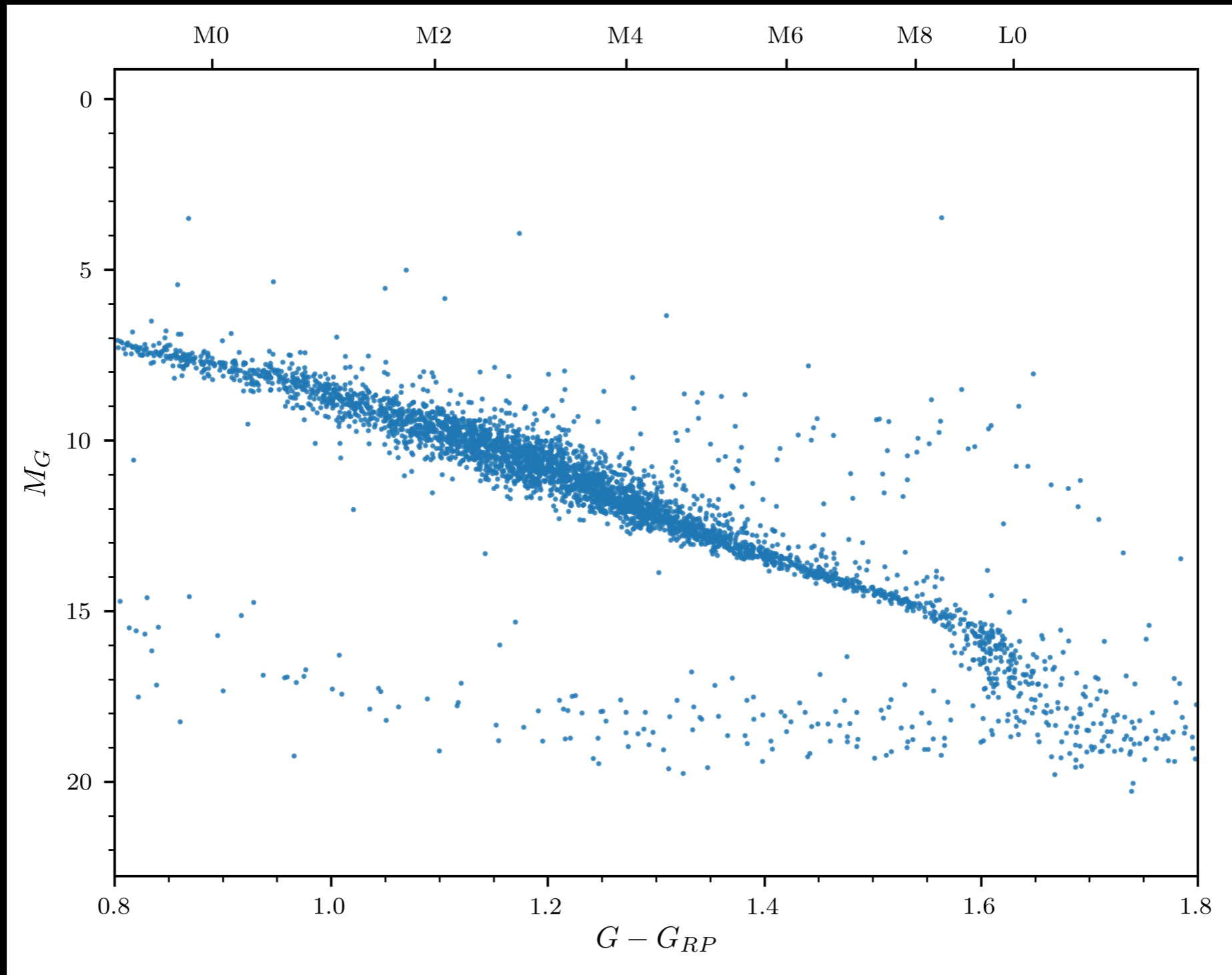
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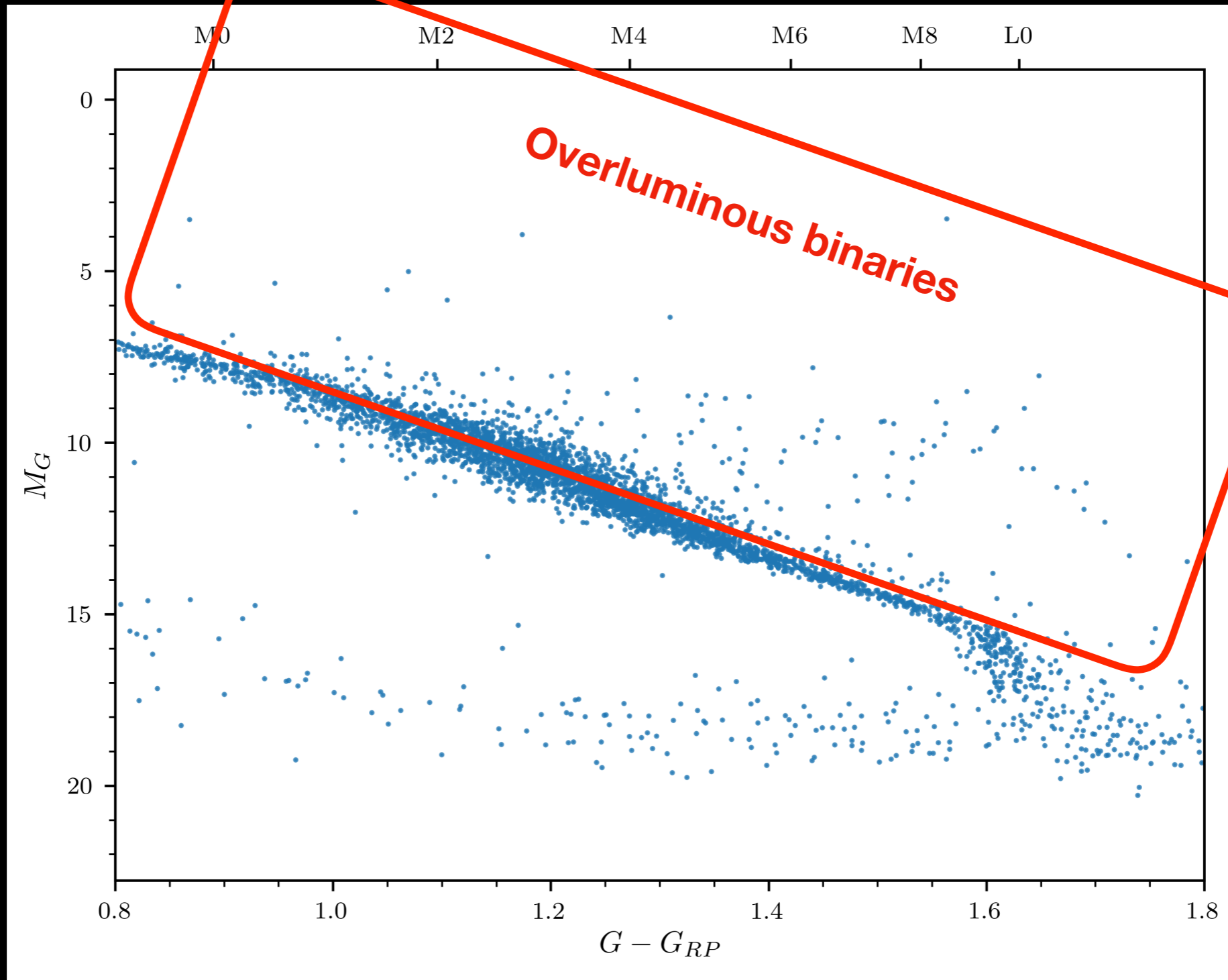
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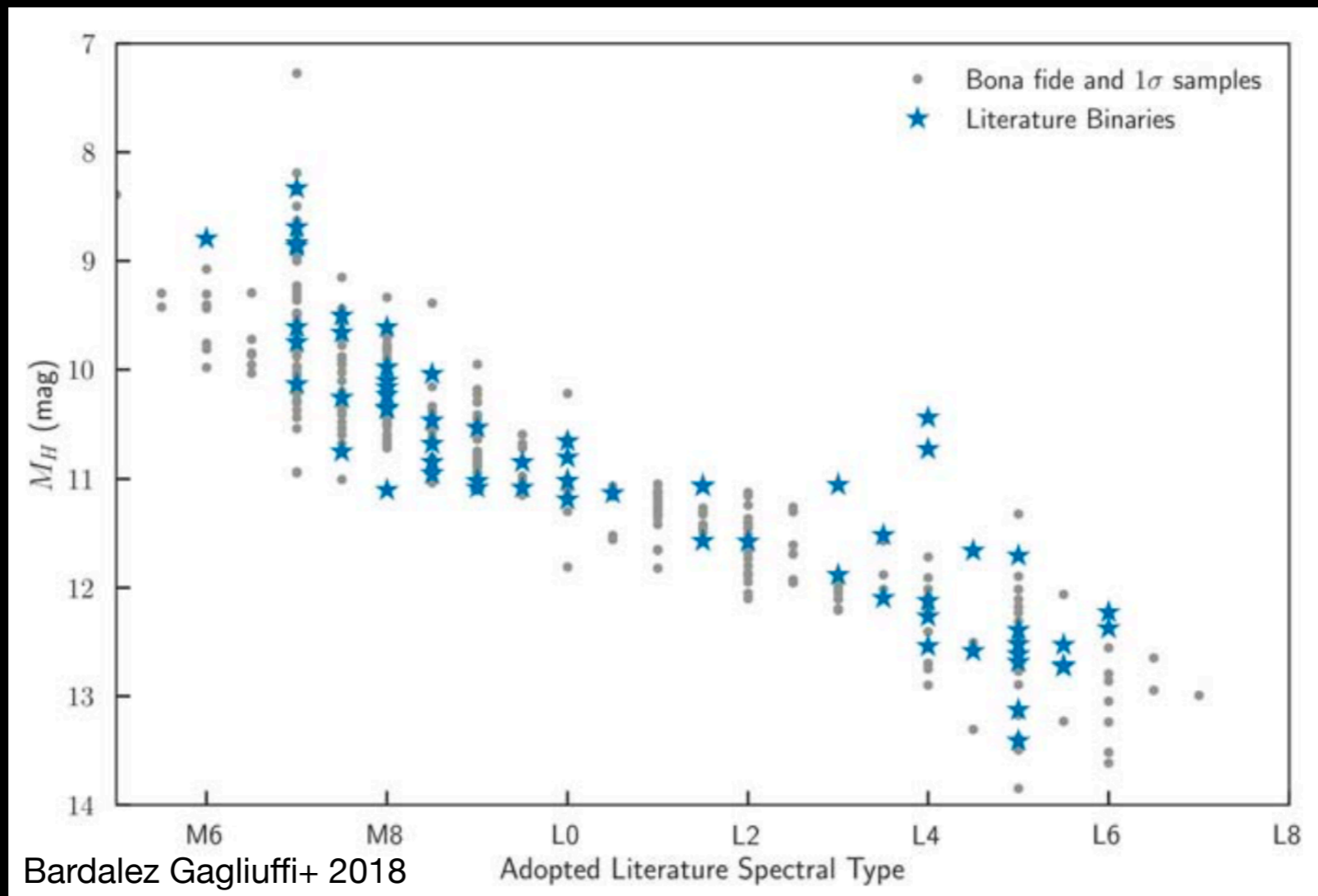
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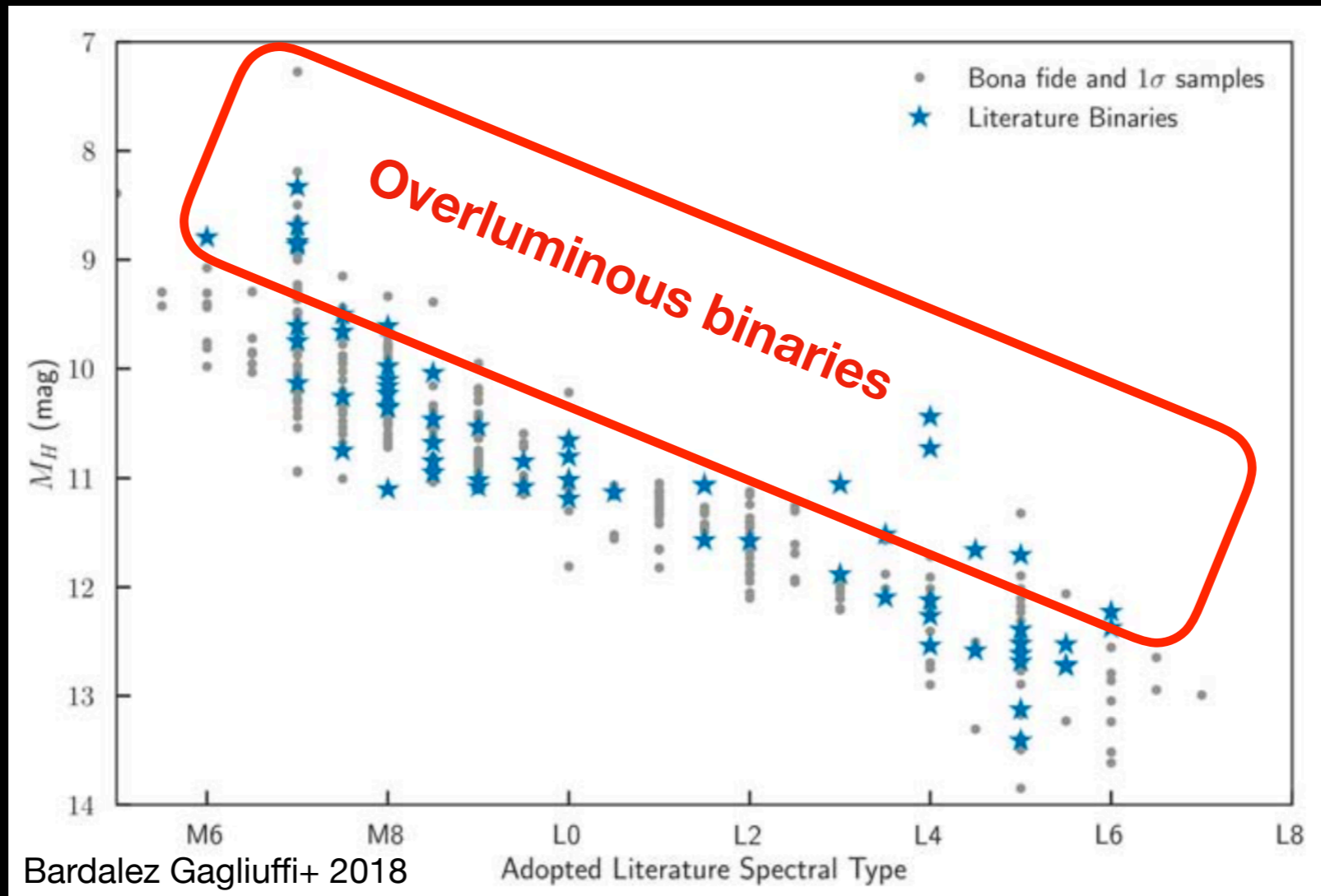
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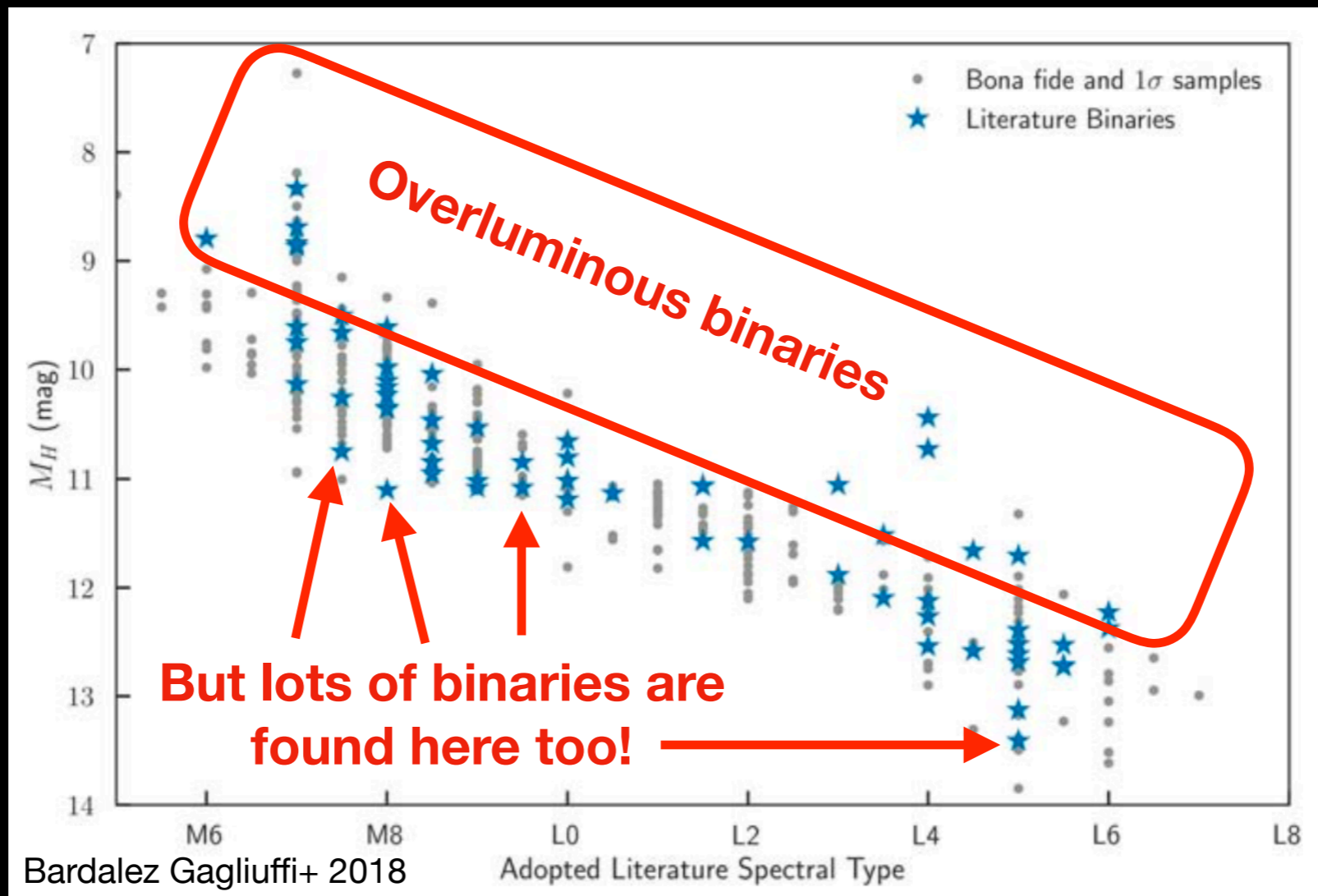
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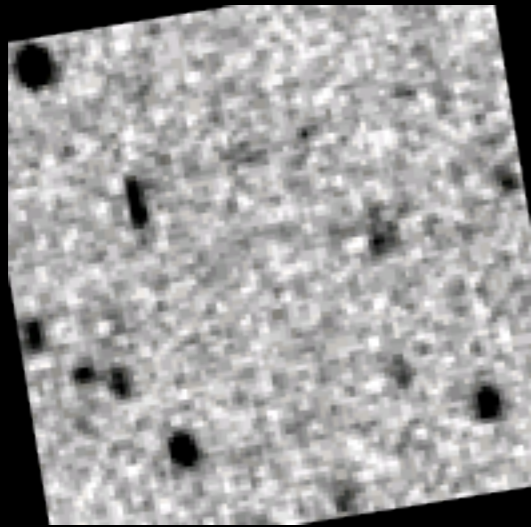
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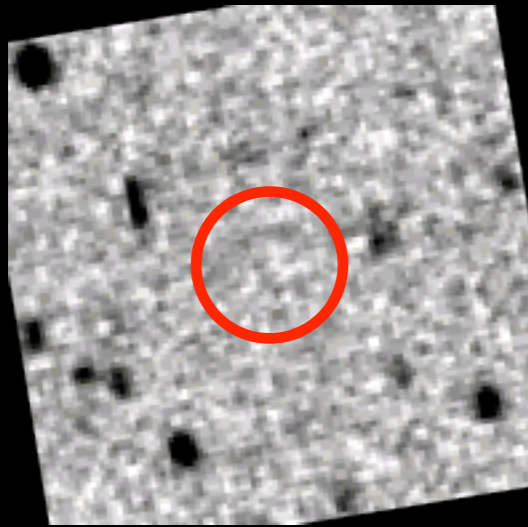
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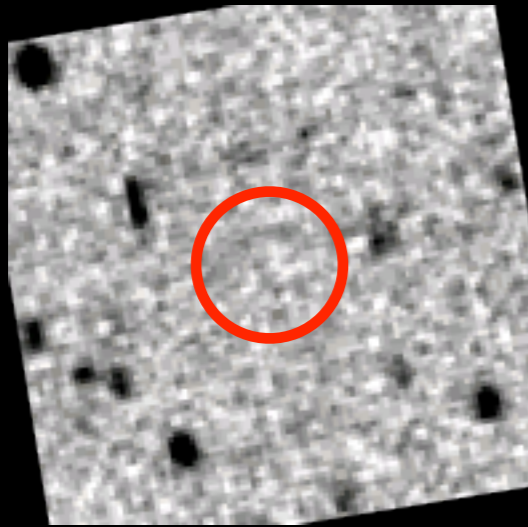
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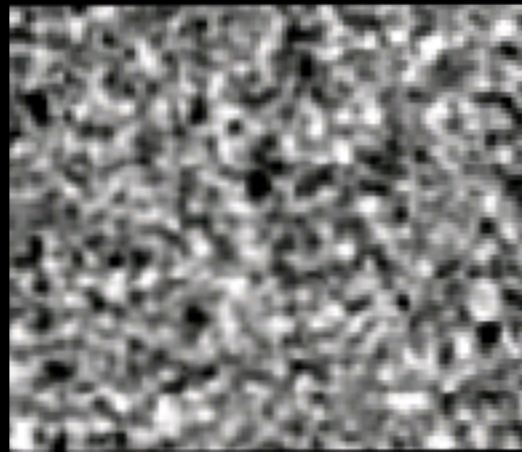
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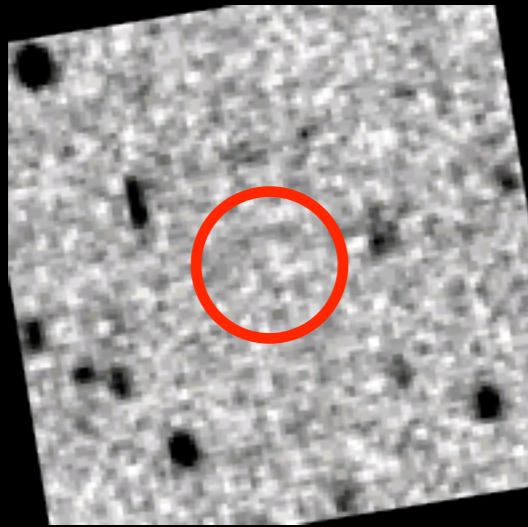
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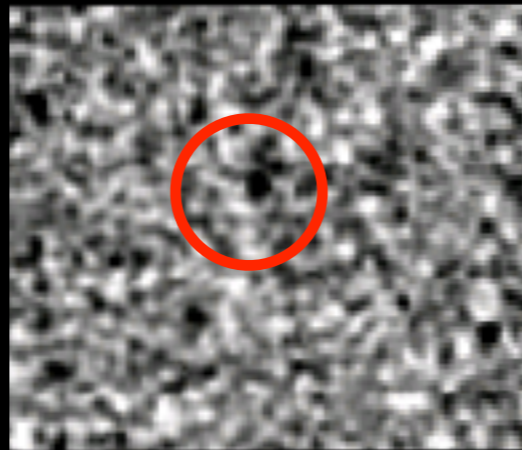
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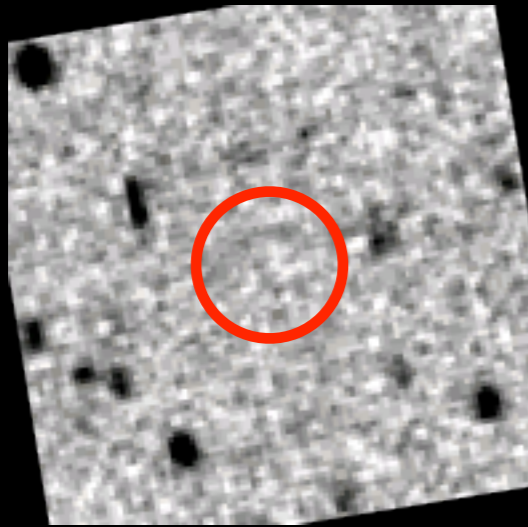
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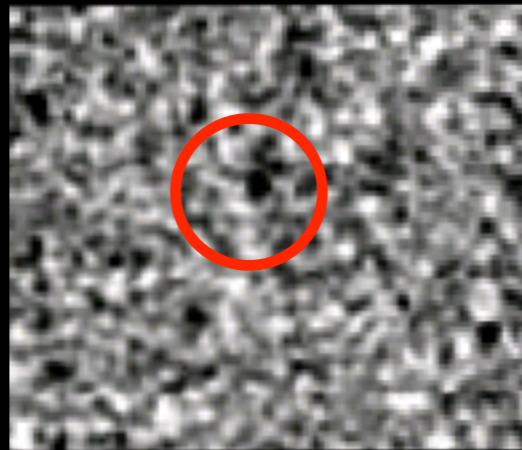
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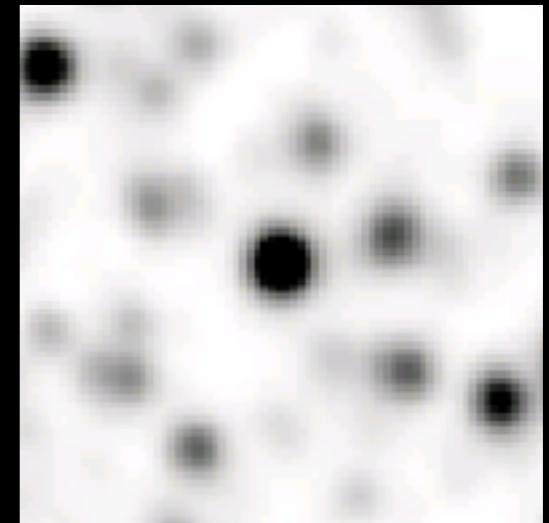
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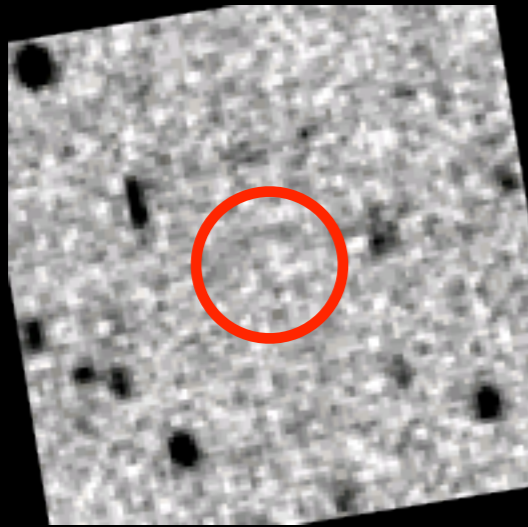
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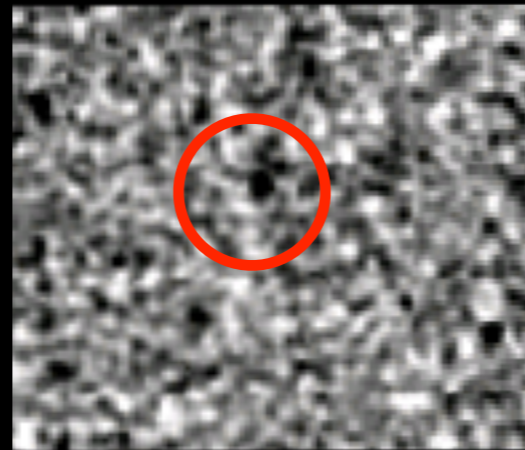
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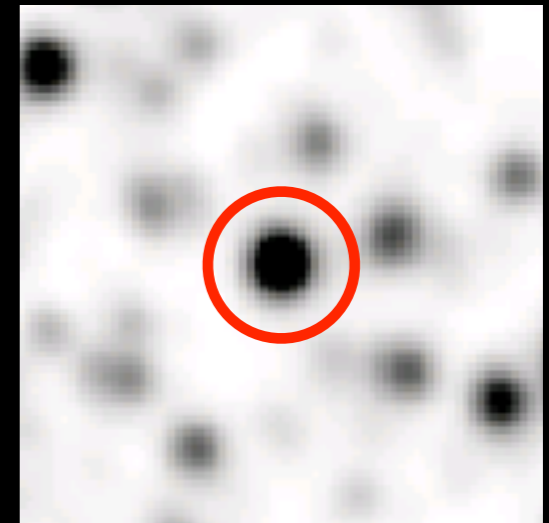
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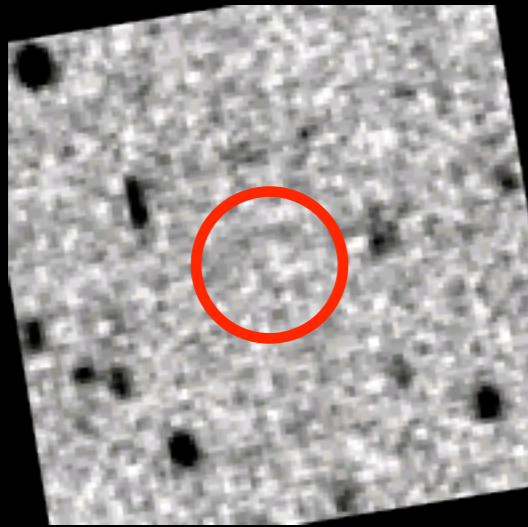
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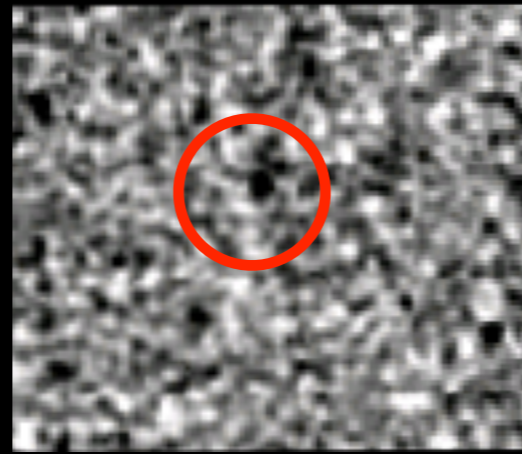
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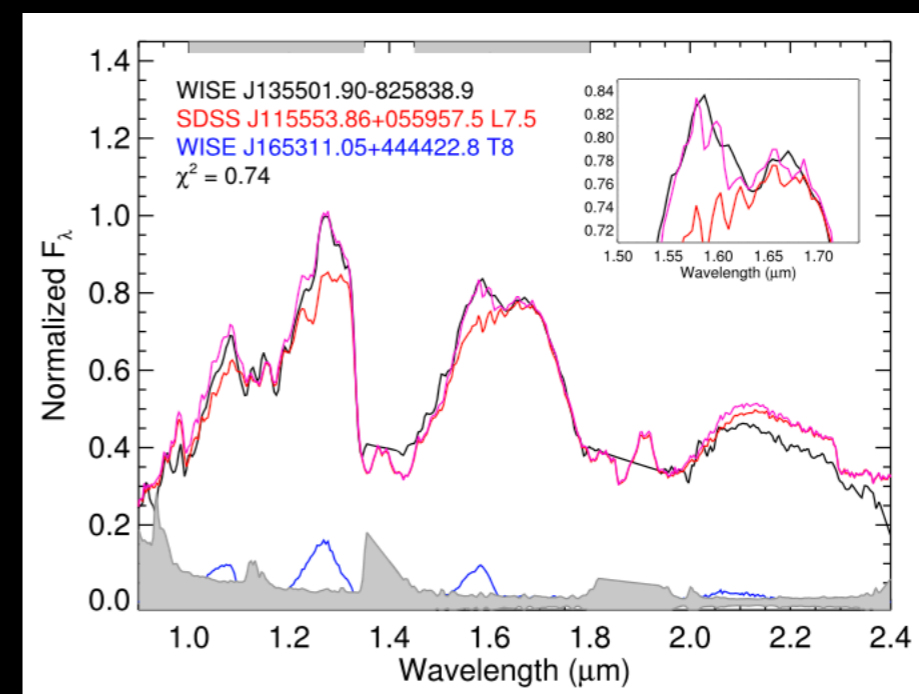
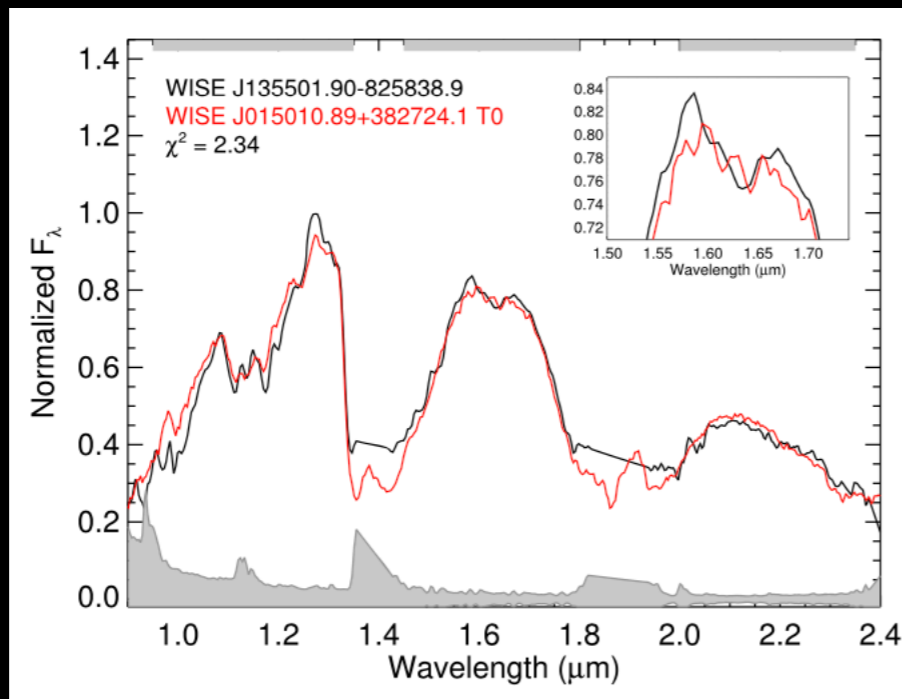
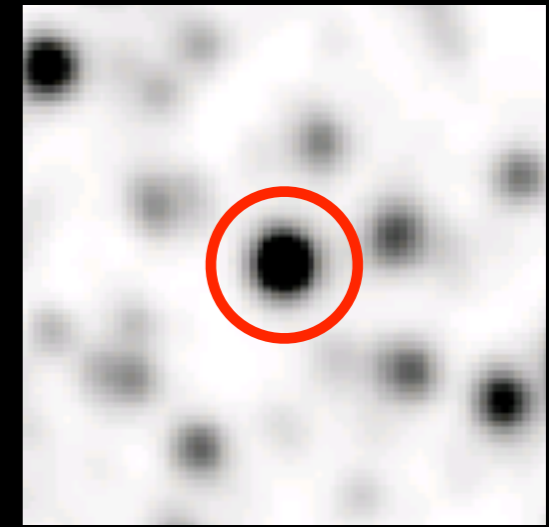
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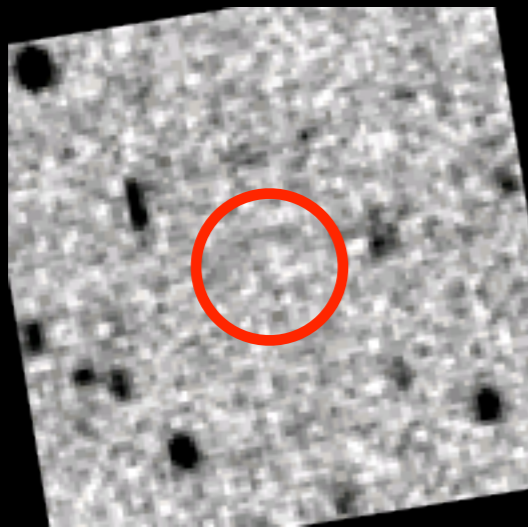
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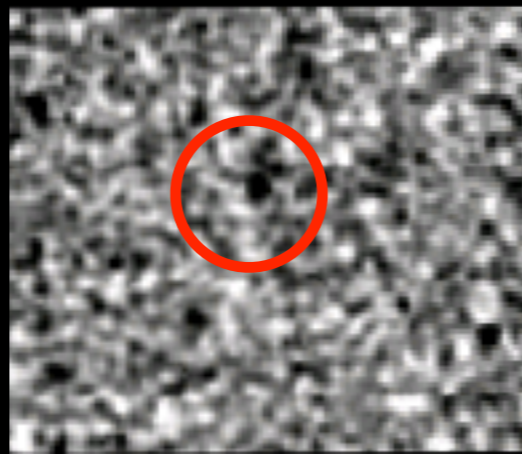
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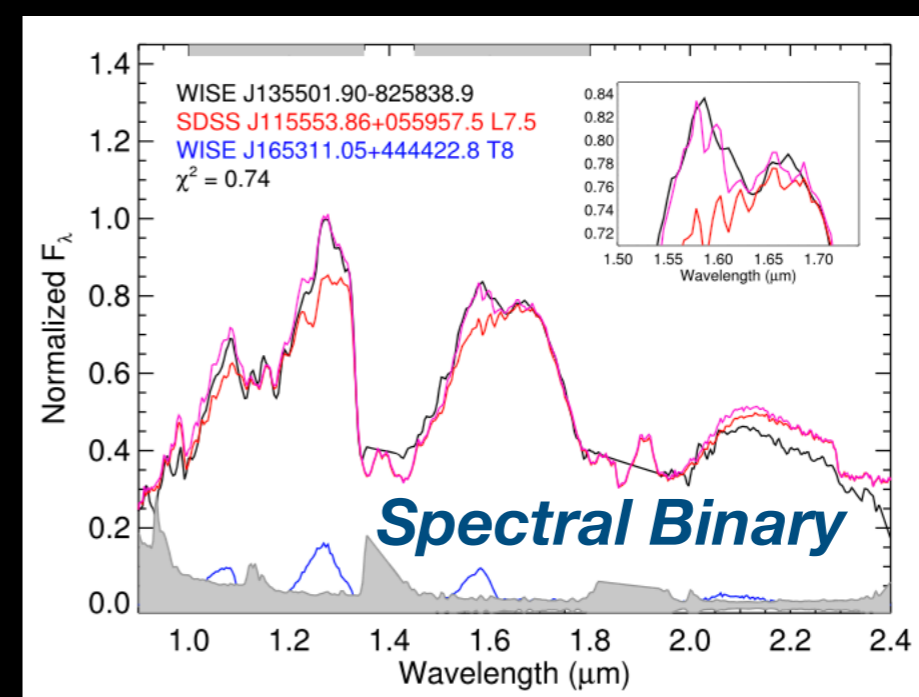
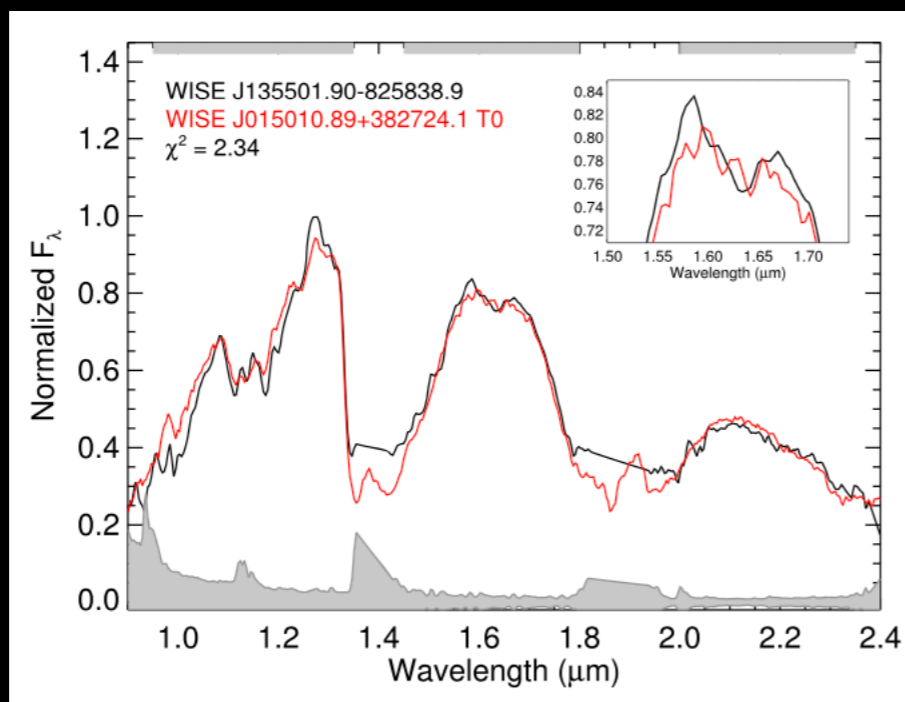
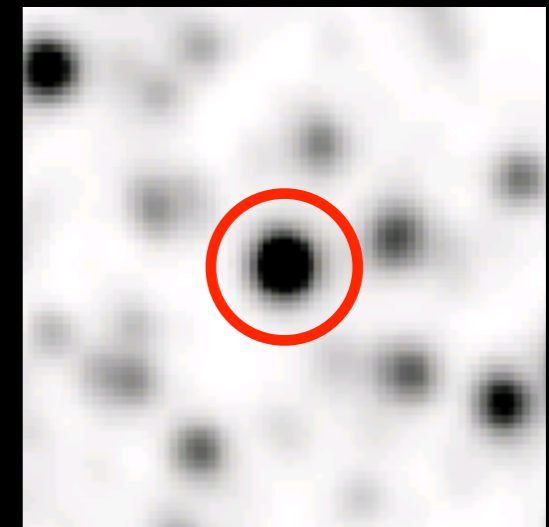
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Where does this fit in the IMF?

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Bardalez Gagliuffi+ 2018

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		A	B	A	B	A	B	
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Assumed Age (Gyr)	...	2–5		2–5		0.13–0.2		1
Magnitudes								
Δ 2MASS J^a	...	1.0 ± 0.8		2.4 ± 0.4		2.4 ± 0.4		1
Δ 2MASS H^a	...	1.4 ± 0.9		3.5 ± 0.3		3.5 ± 0.3		1
Δ 2MASS K_s^a	...	1.9 ± 1.0		4.1 ± 0.4		4.1 ± 0.4		1
2MASS J	16.14 ± 0.13	16.5 ± 0.3	17.5 ± 0.6	16.3 ± 0.1	18.6 ± 0.4	1, 2
2MASS H	15.31 ± 0.13	15.6 ± 0.3	17.0 ± 0.8	15.4 ± 0.1	18.9 ± 0.3	1, 2
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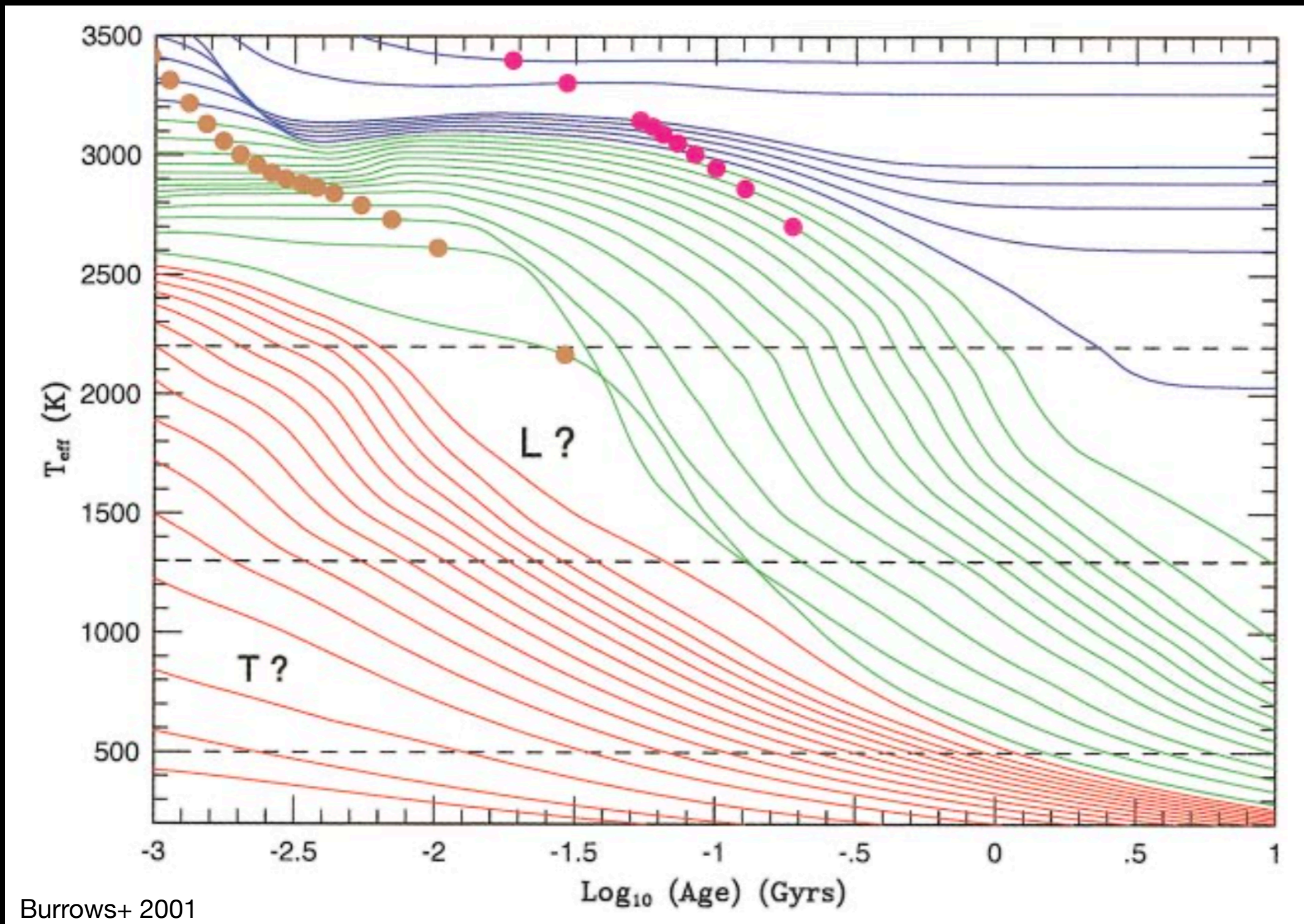
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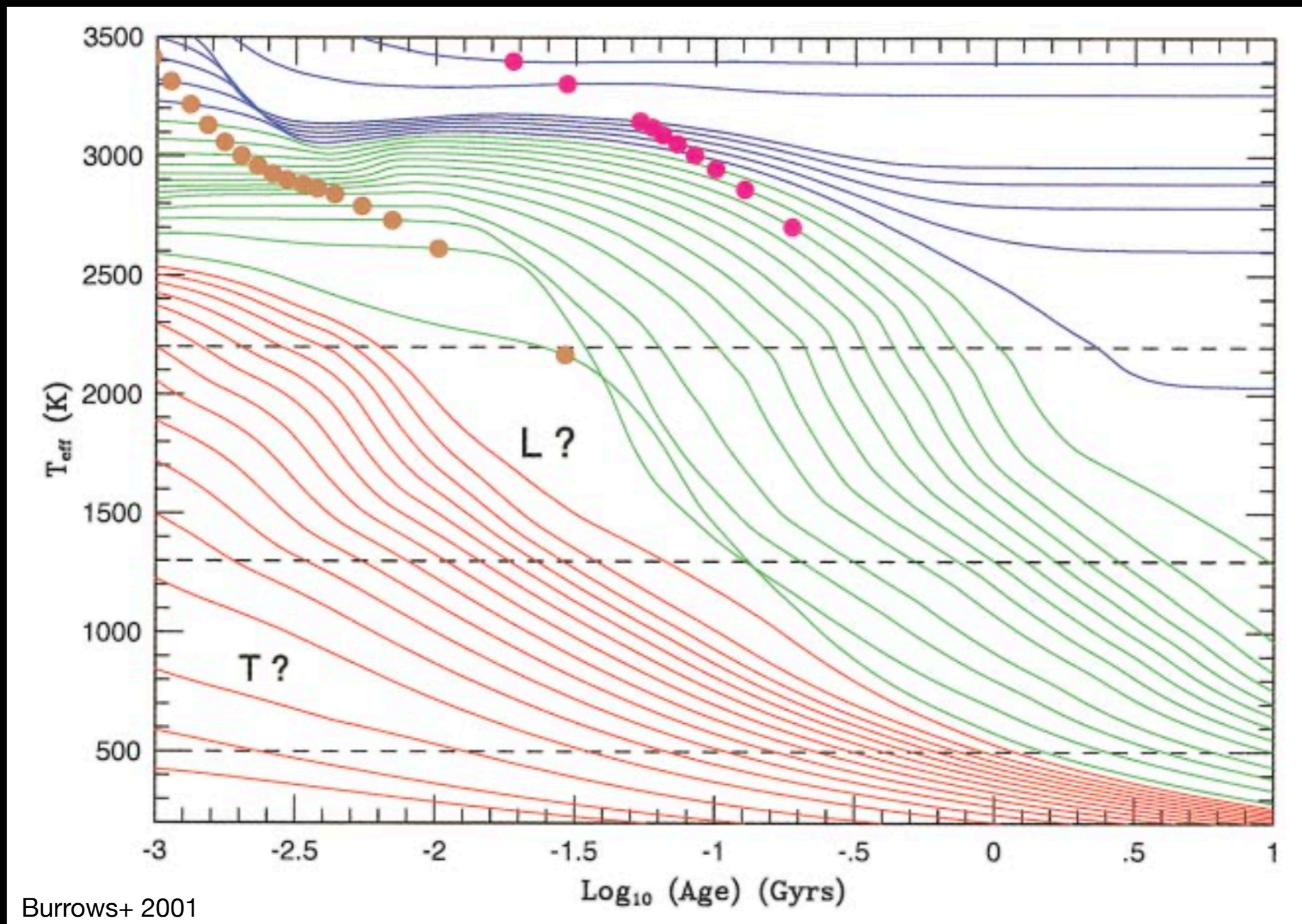
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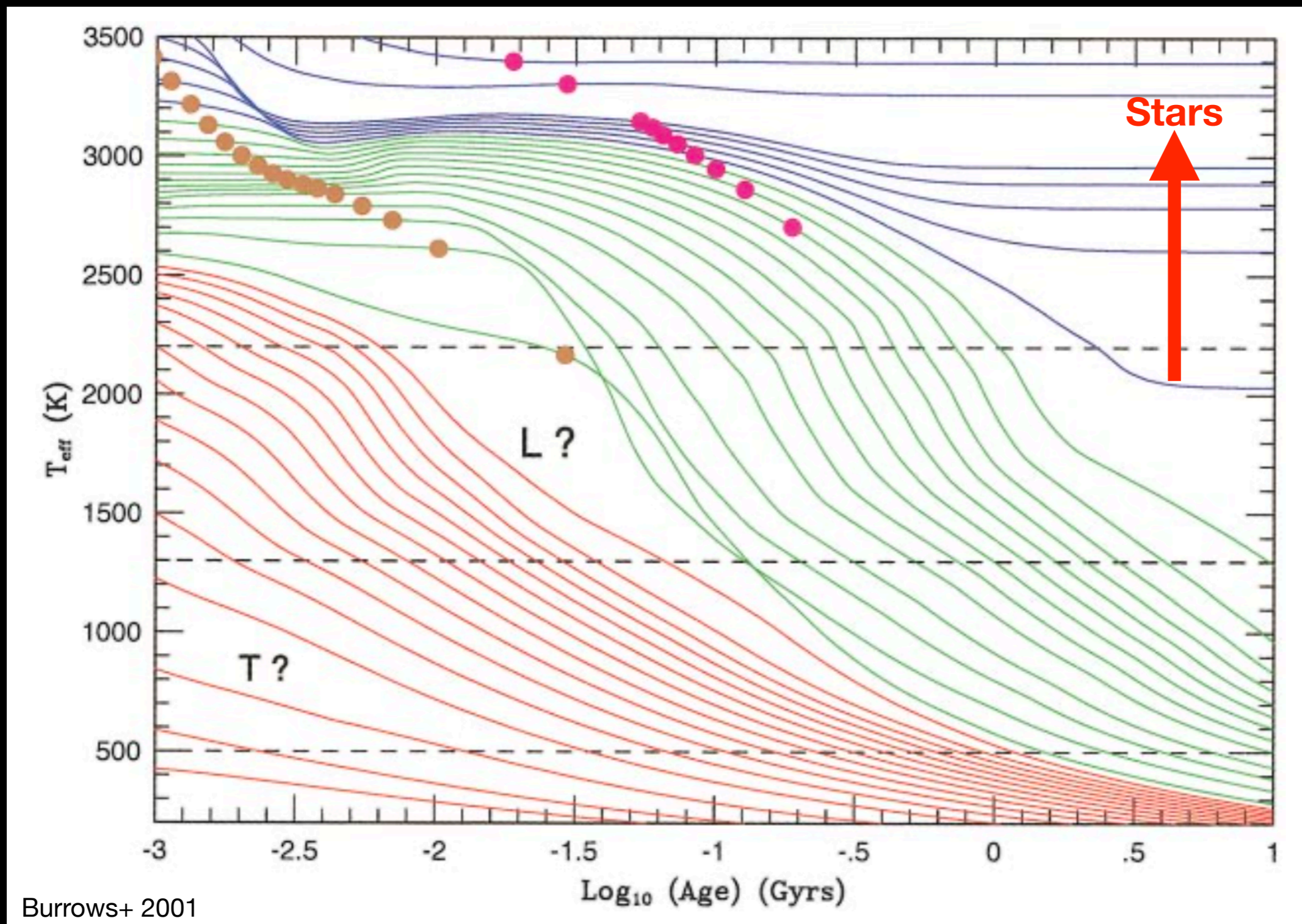
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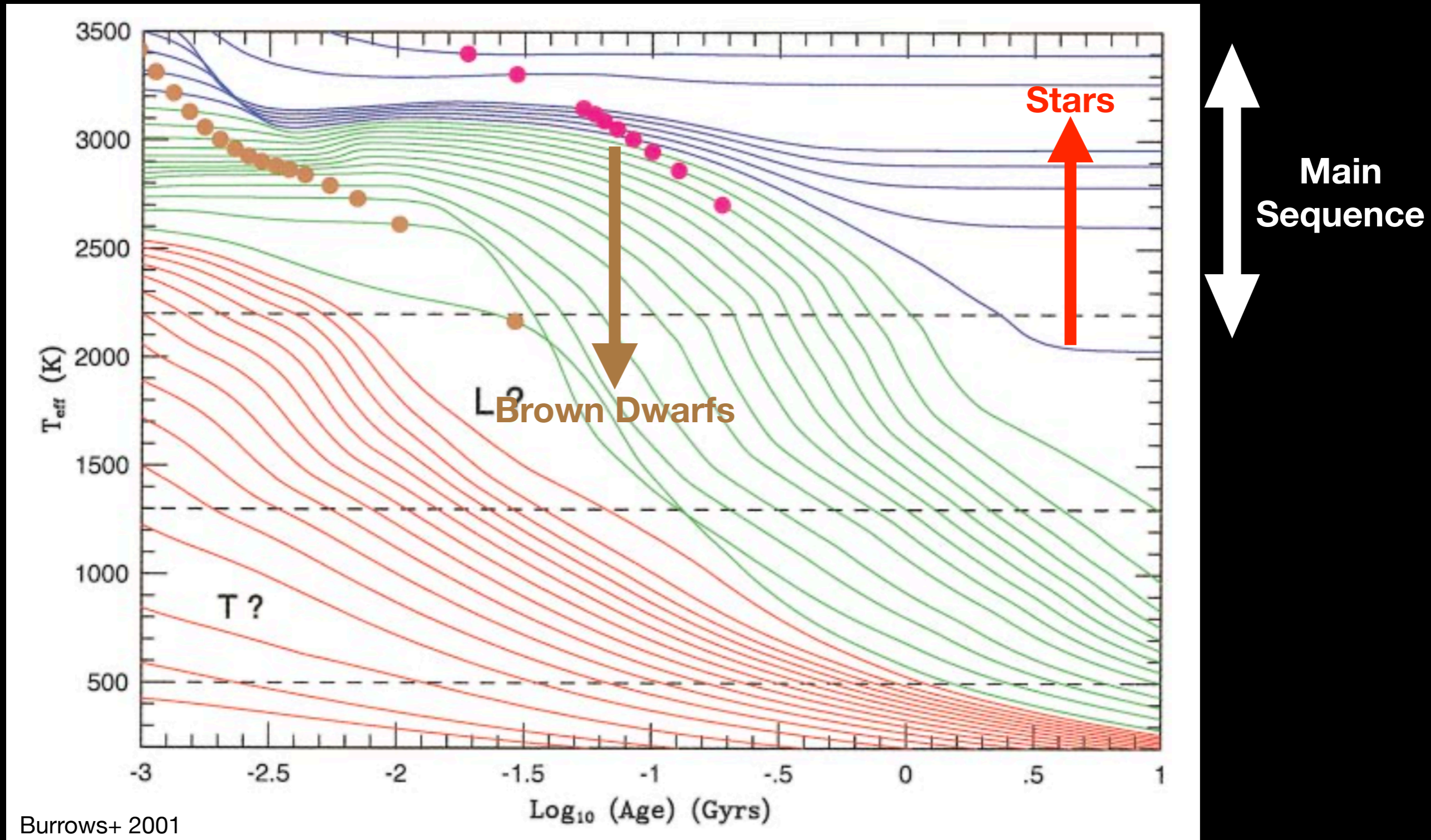
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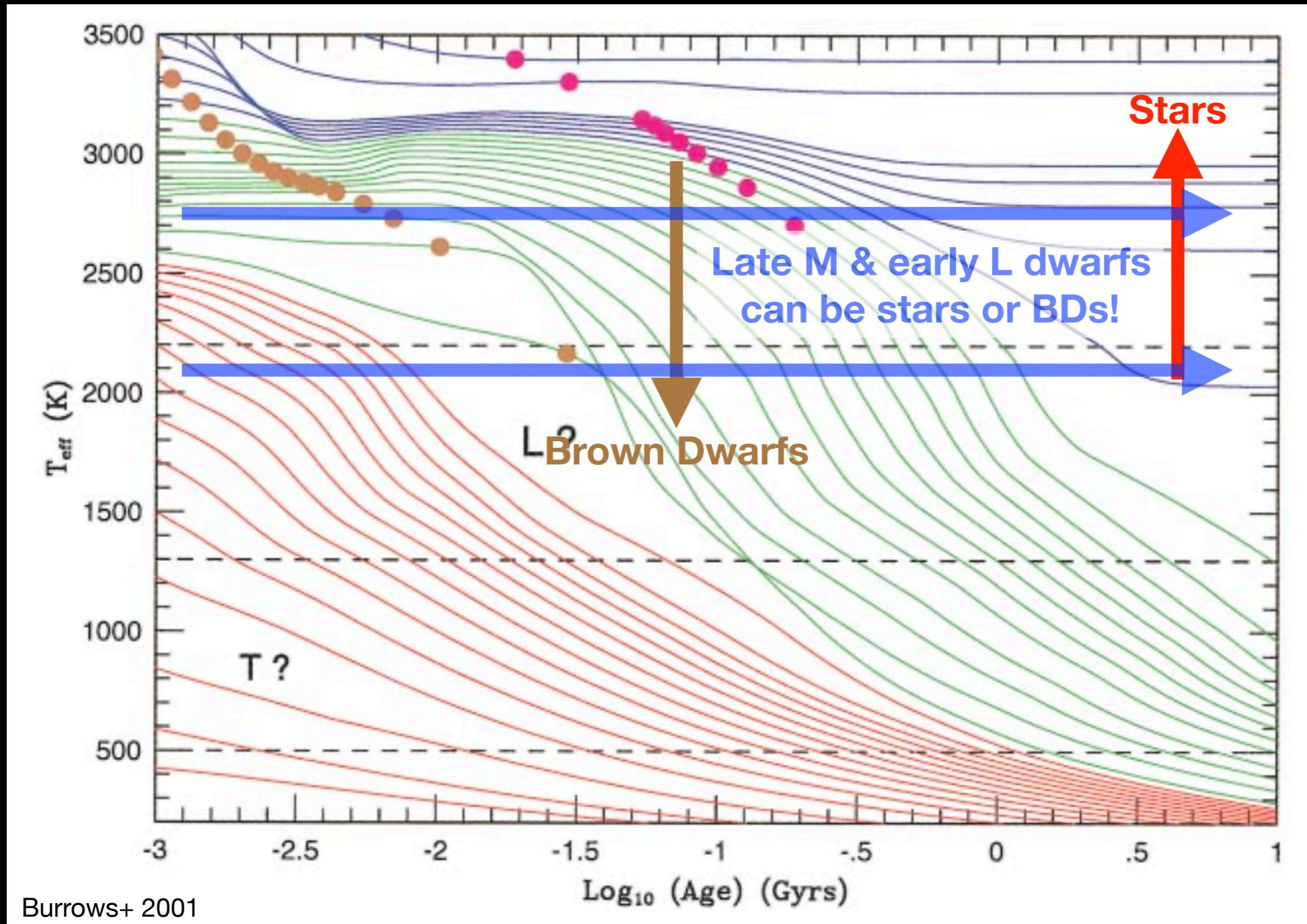
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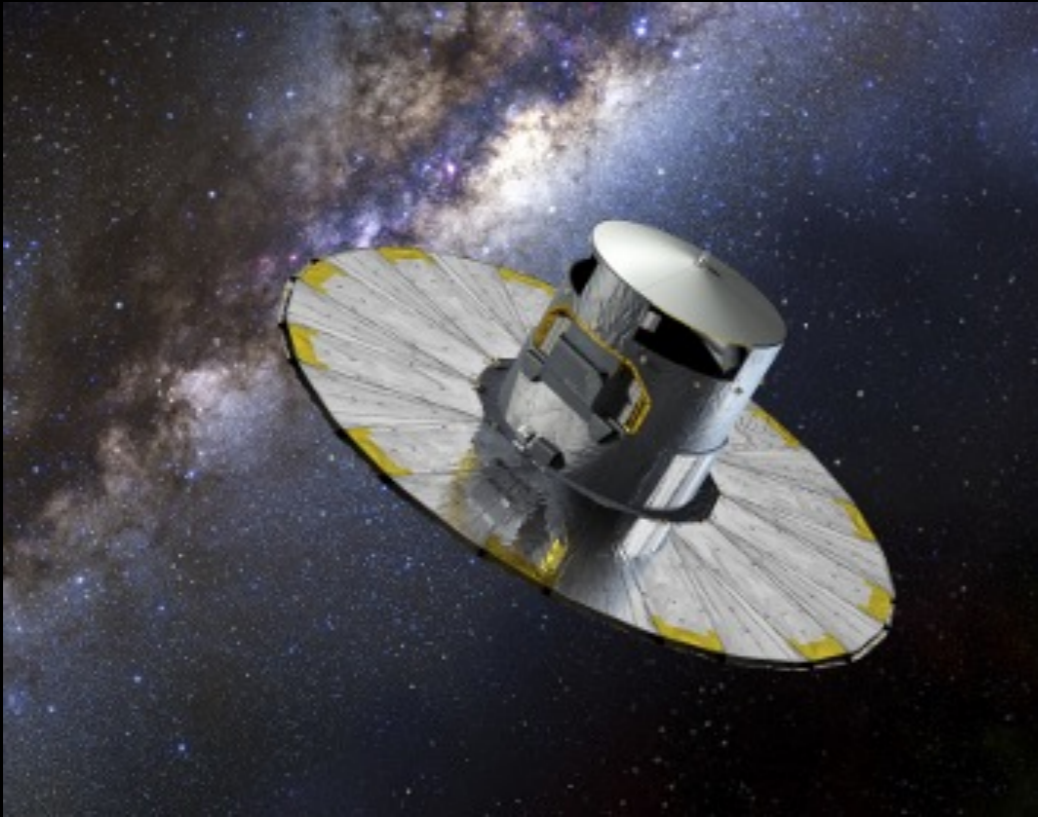
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Gaia can save us!



ESA/Gaia

Adrian Price-Whelan @adrianprw · Mar 18
 during a great Sunday phone chat with @davidwhogg, we noted that after >5 years of "preparing" for @ESAGaia DR2, we're not even emotionally prepared for the fact that we're still not prepared for DR2 -- omg April is going to be fun

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 I am so zen about @ESAGaia #GaiaMission #GaiaDR2 on April 25. We have a lifetime to figure it out!

Jackie Faherty @jfaherty · Apr 4
 It is exactly three weeks until everything we know about the Milky Way will change and all we understand about stars will be updated. Are you ready for Gaia???? #GaiaDR2 @ESAGaia #gaiaday

Jackie Faherty @jfaherty · 23h
 This is me waiting for the Gaia data release of over a billion parallaxes (distances to stars).... @ESAGaia #GaiaDR2 #gaiaday

 A GIF showing a young girl with blonde hair, wearing a blue dress, cheering with her arms raised and a joyful expression.

David W. Hogg @davidwhogg · Jan 25
 This table is breaking my brain #GaiaSprint #GaiaDR2
cosmos.esa.int/web/gaia/dr2

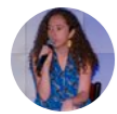
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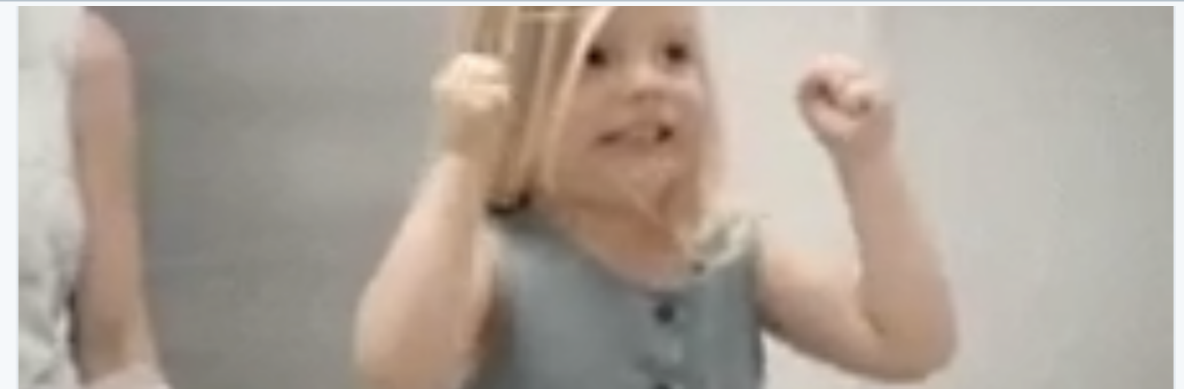
David W. Hogg @davidwhogg · 12h

I'm going to want way more booze to CELEBRATE this week! [#GaiaDR2](#)



Jackie Faherty @jfaherty · Apr 18

Is the time of the Gaia DR2 data drop public yet????? Inquiring minds want to know! [#waitingforGaia](#) @ESAGaia



Jackie Faherty @jfaherty · 34m

People of twitter, there are two days left until all of stellar astrophysics, galactic kinematics and all things in between gets turned on its head by @ESAGaia [#WaitingForGaia](#) [#yearofthemilkyway](#) Get excited!!!!!!



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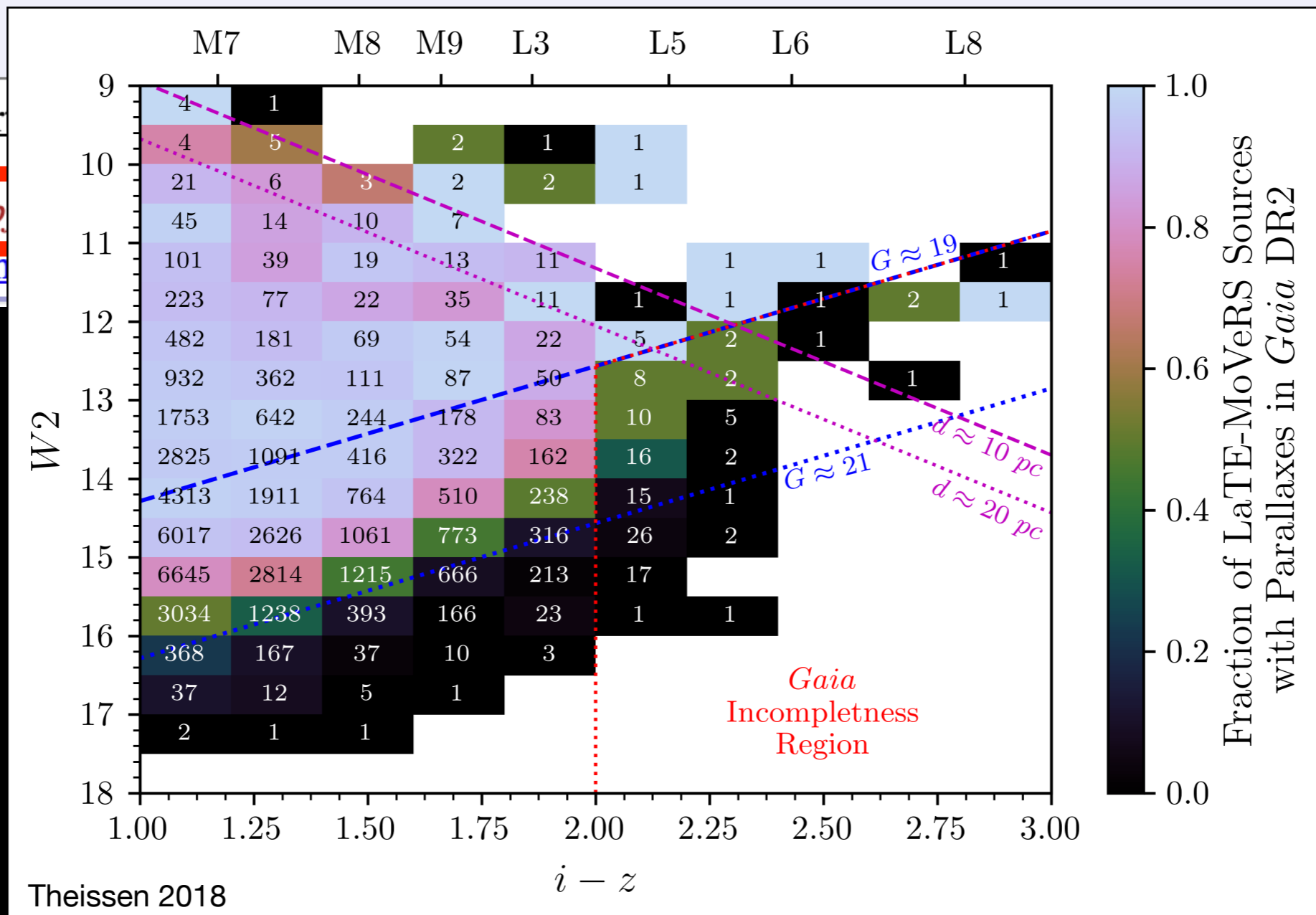
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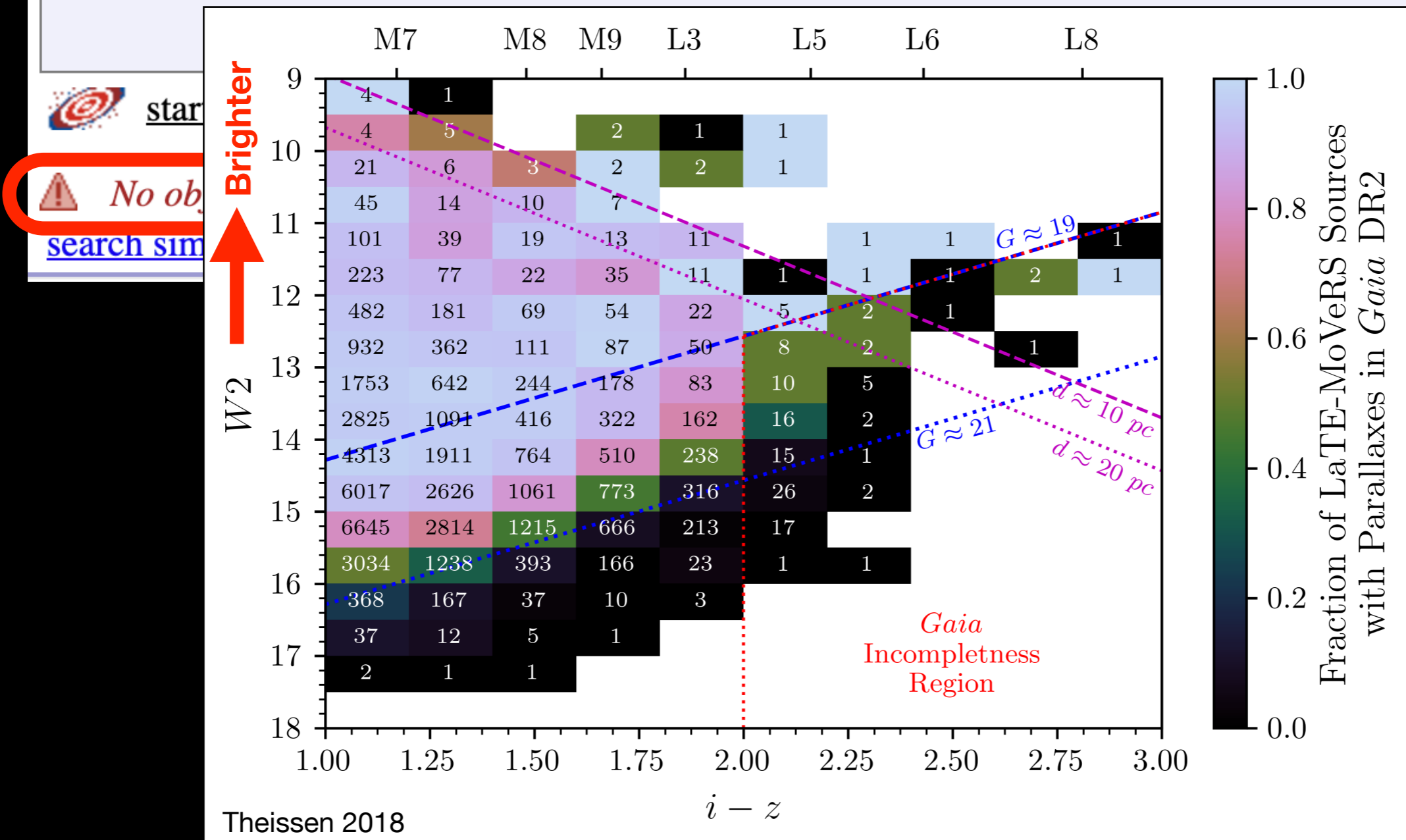
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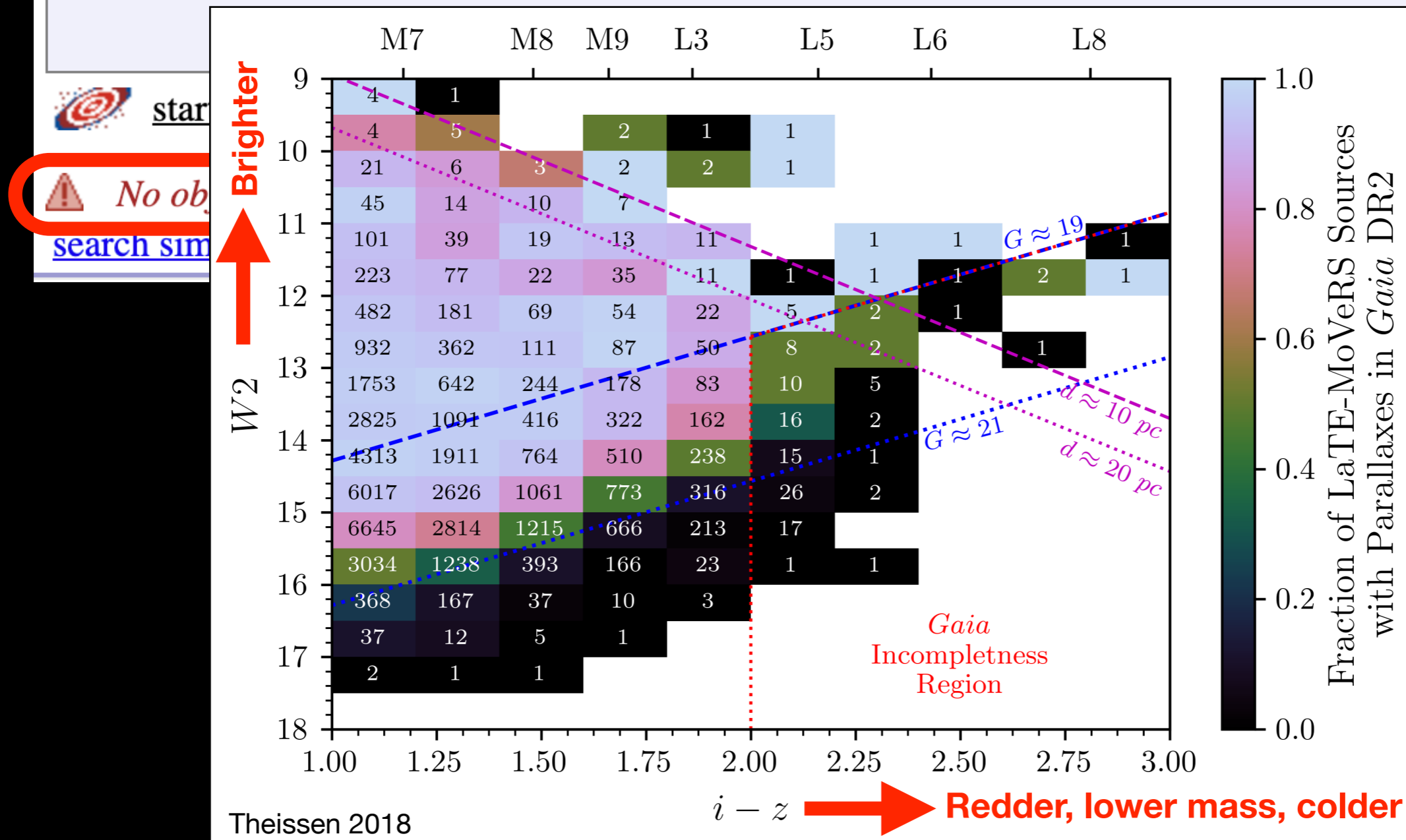
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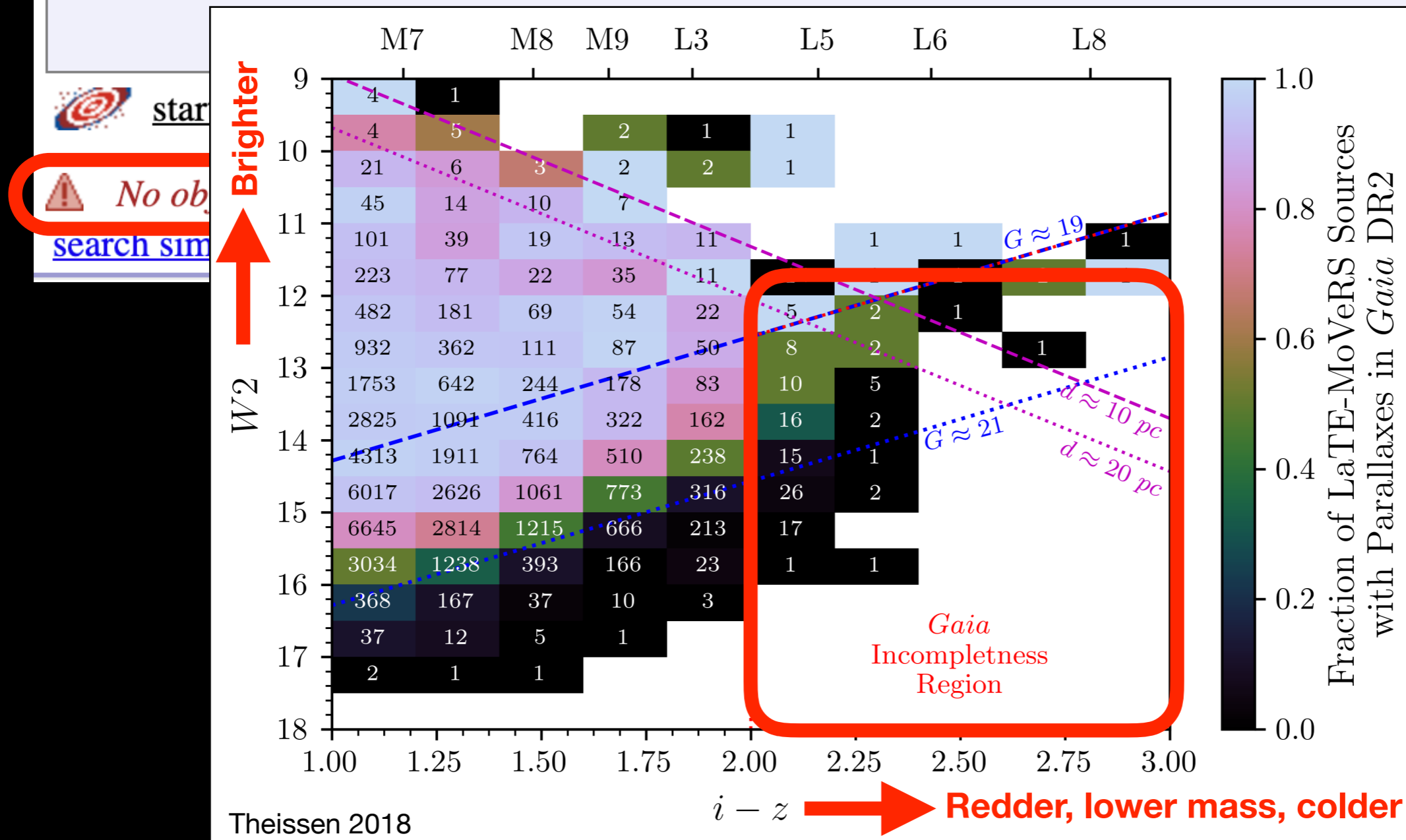
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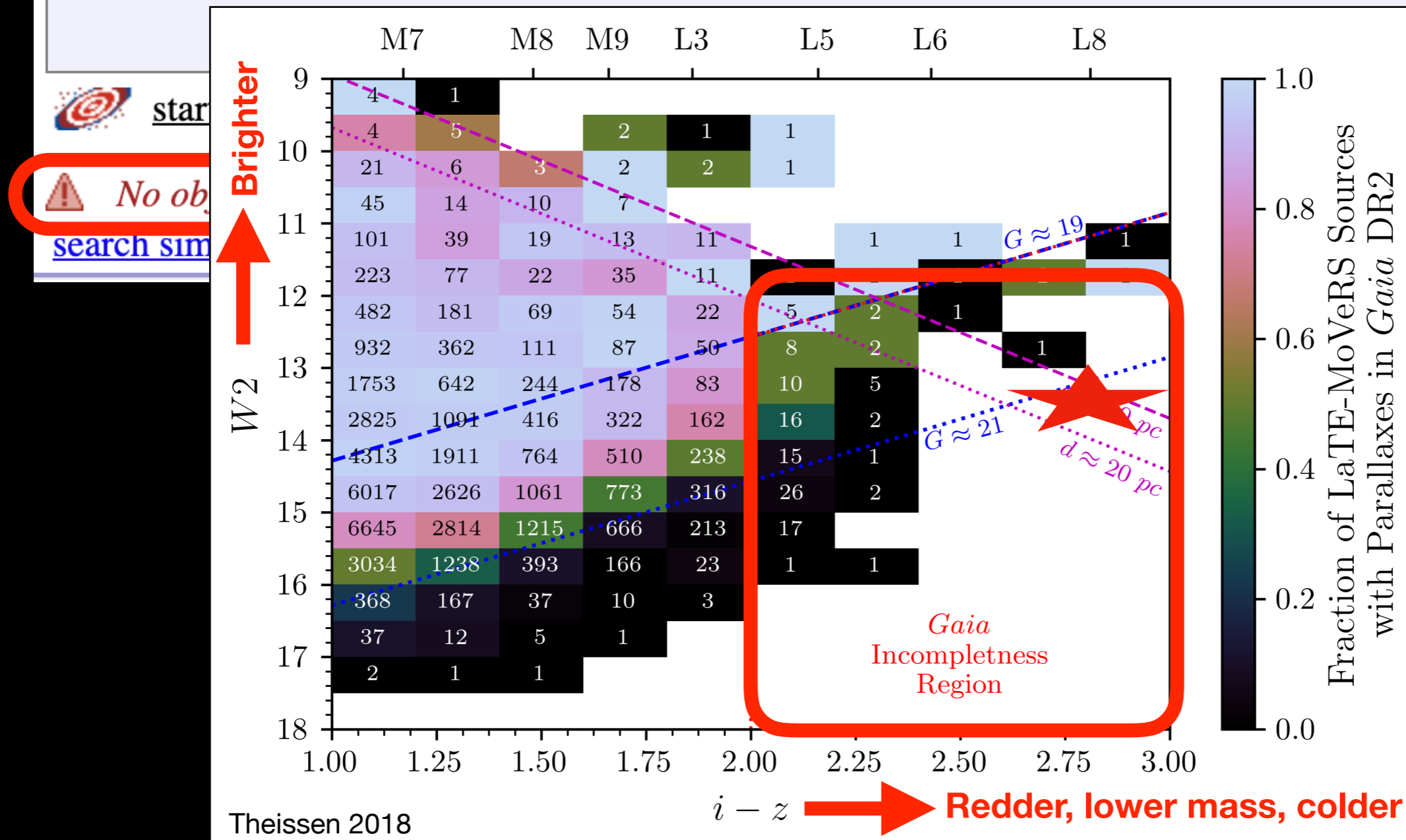
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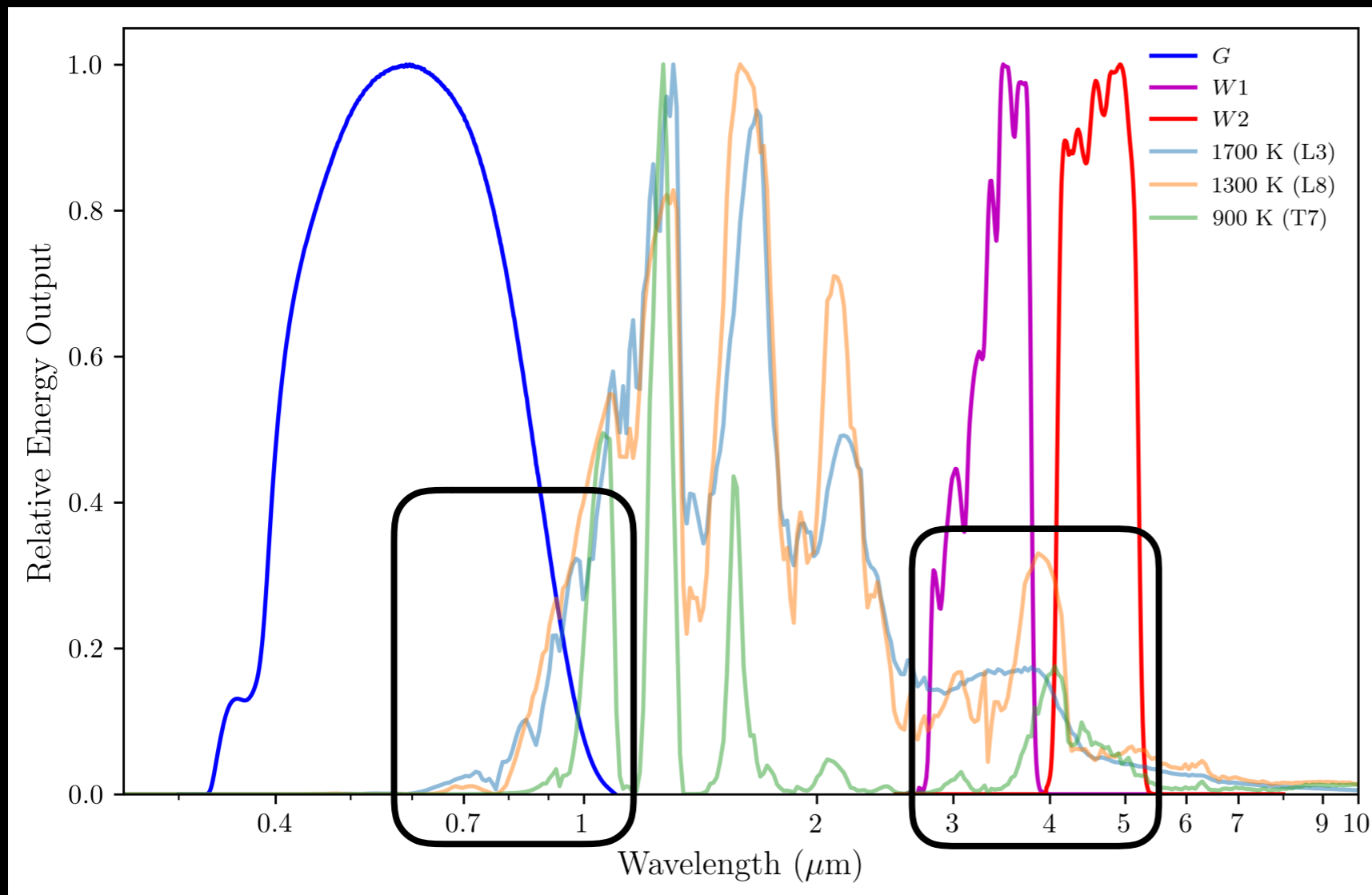
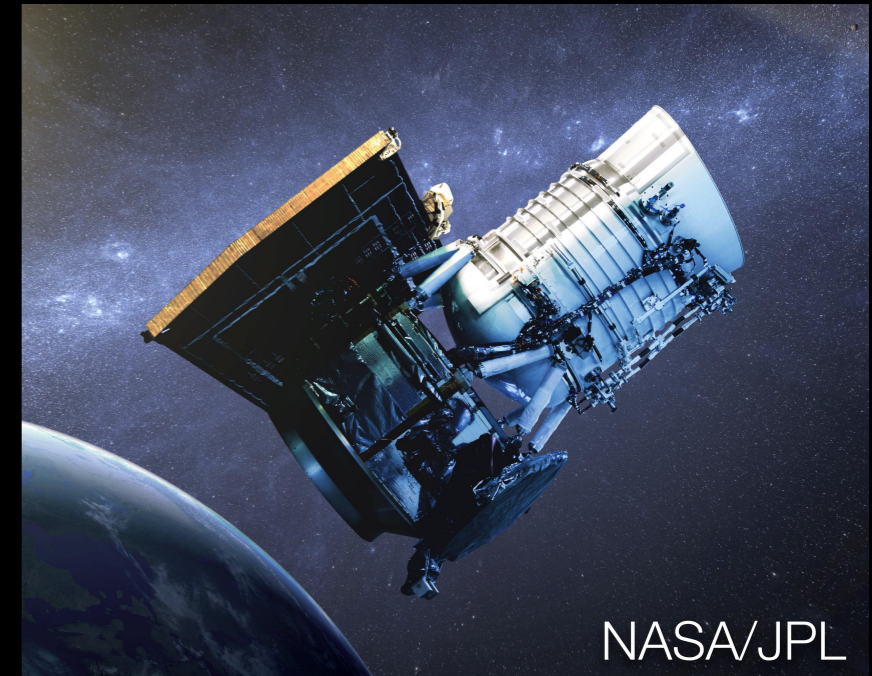


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Fraction of LaTE-MoVeRS Sources with Parallaxes in Gaia DR2

The *Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE)*

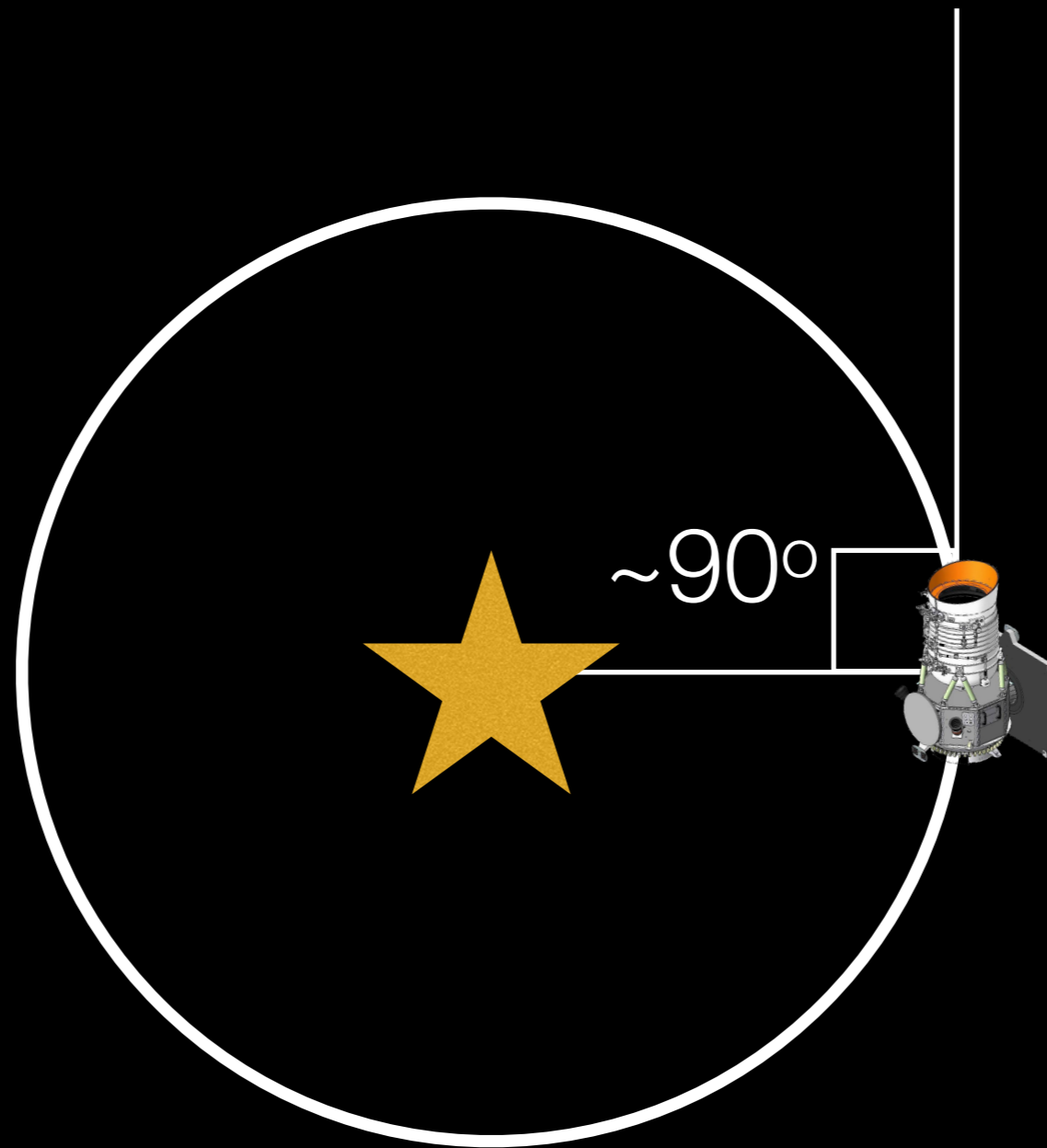
All-sky survey in 4 mid-infrared (MIR) bands (3.4, 4.6, 12, and 22 microns)



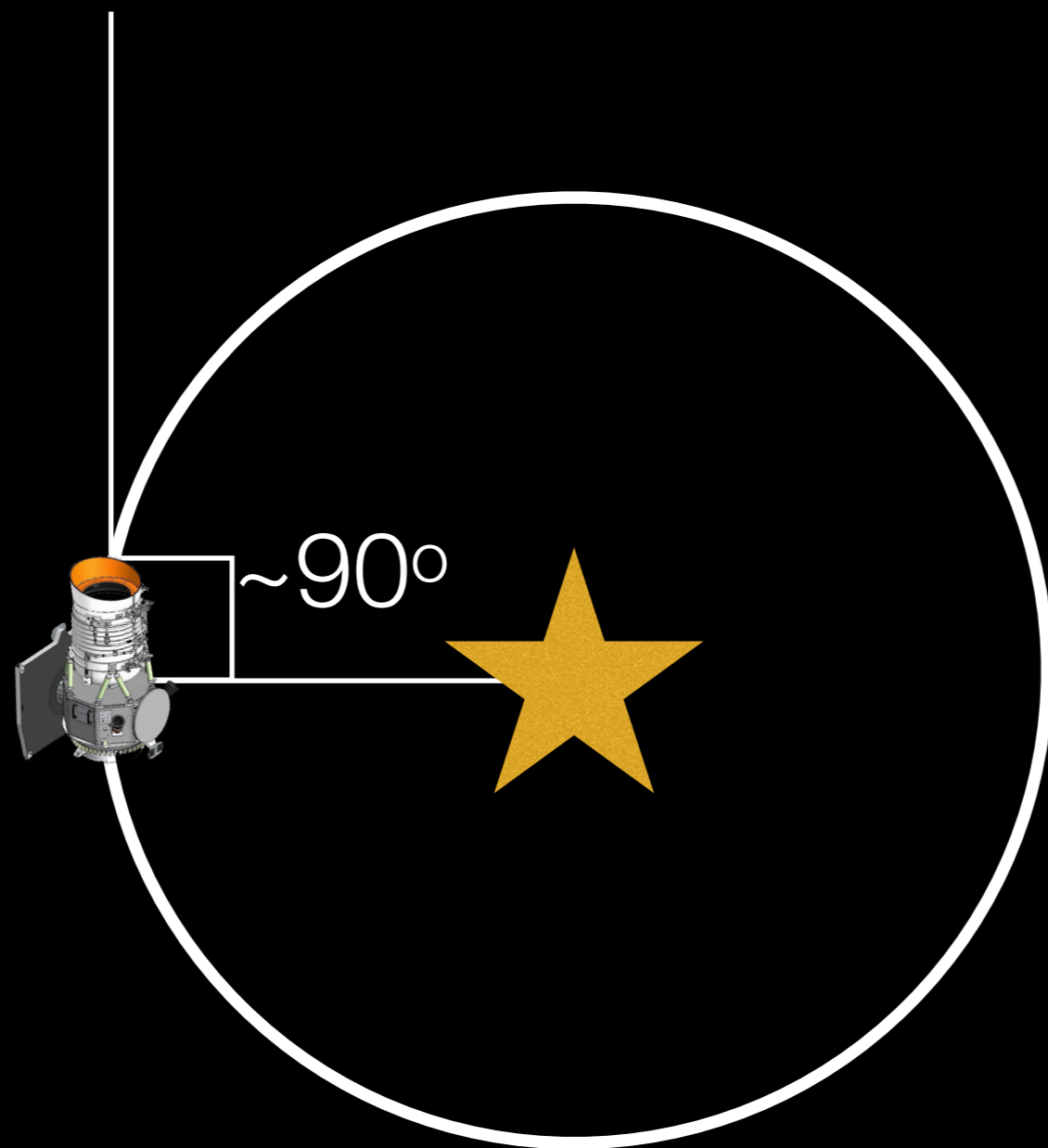
Ultracool objects produce very little flux at optical (Gaia) wavelengths.

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WISE survey strategy



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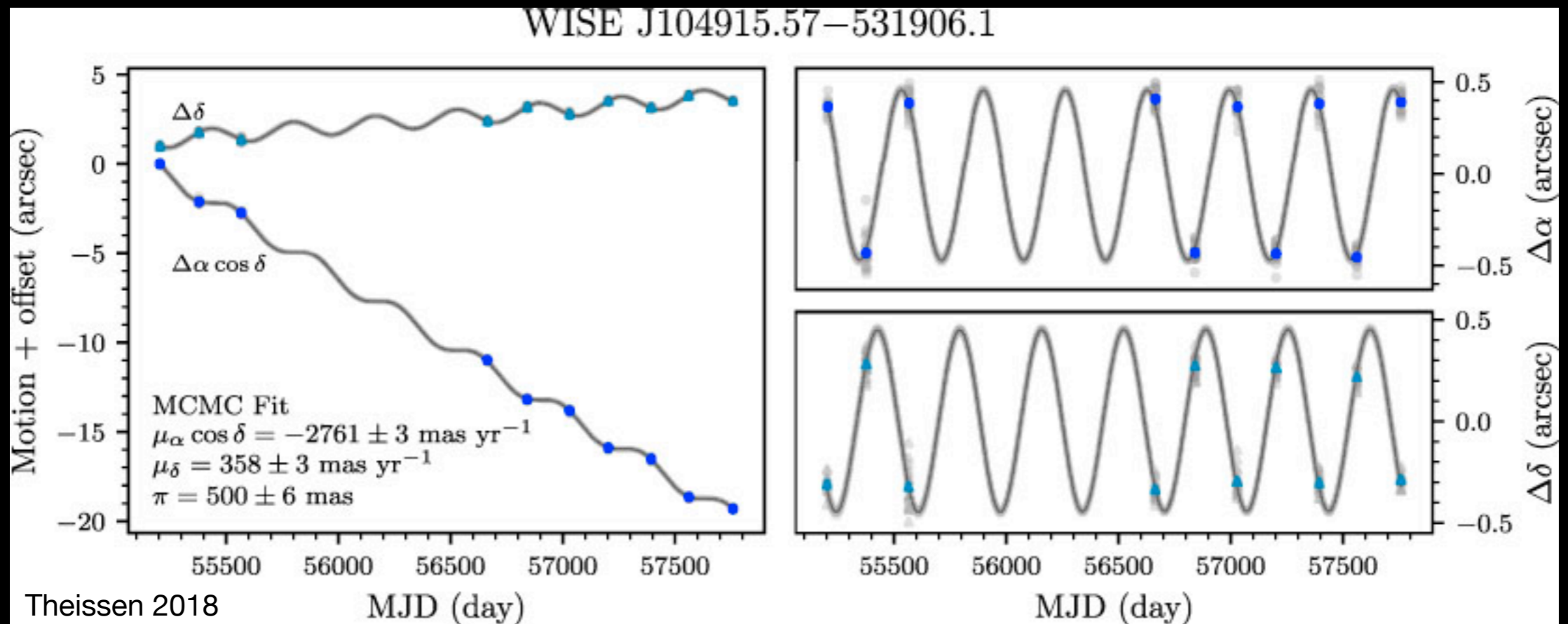


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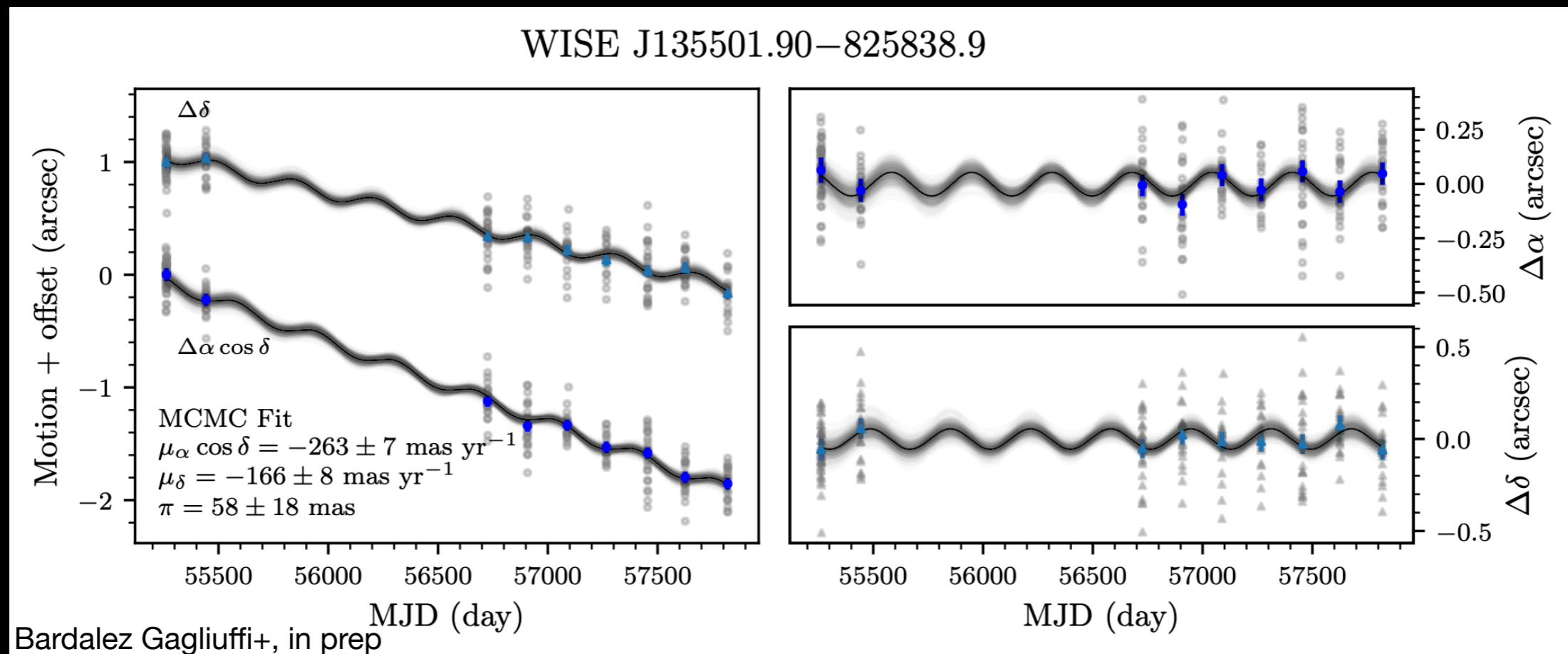
Roughly every 6 months for ~8 years



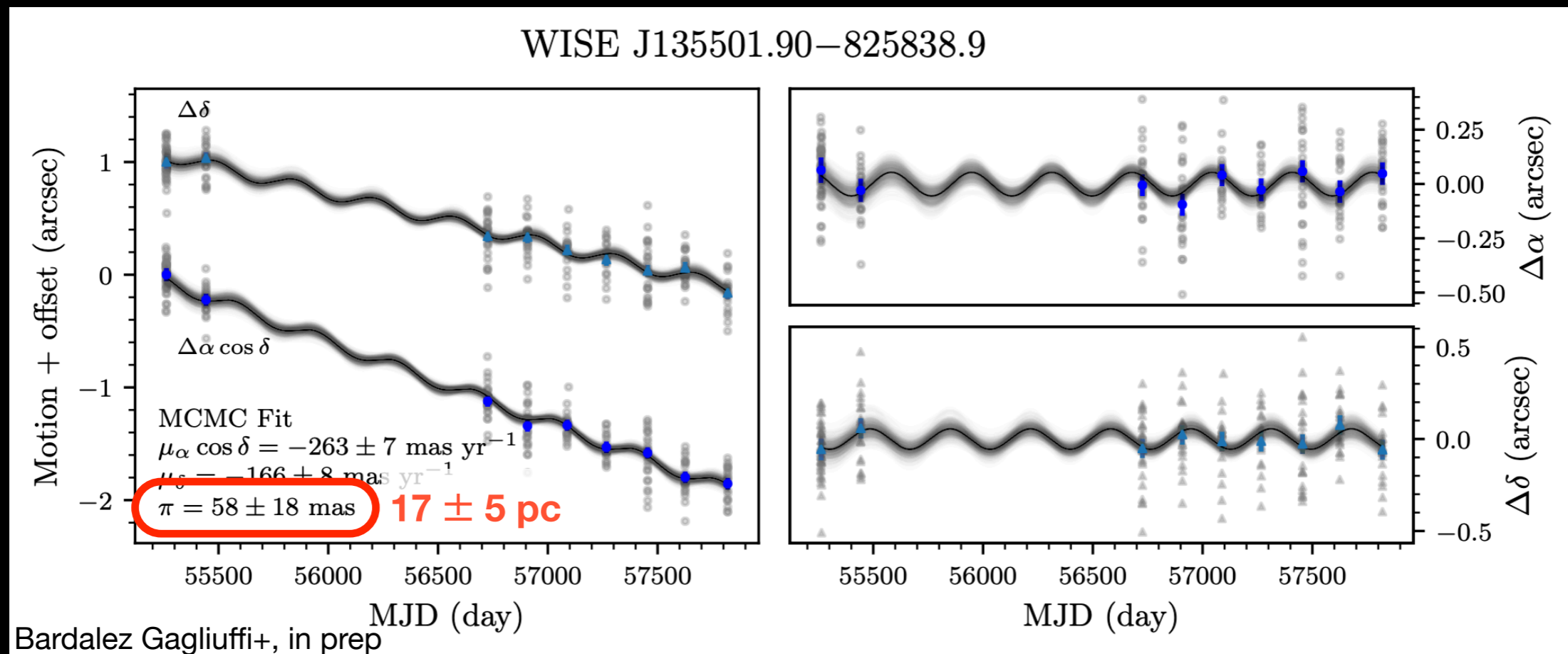
Luhman 16AB: 3rd closest system (L7.5+T0.5)



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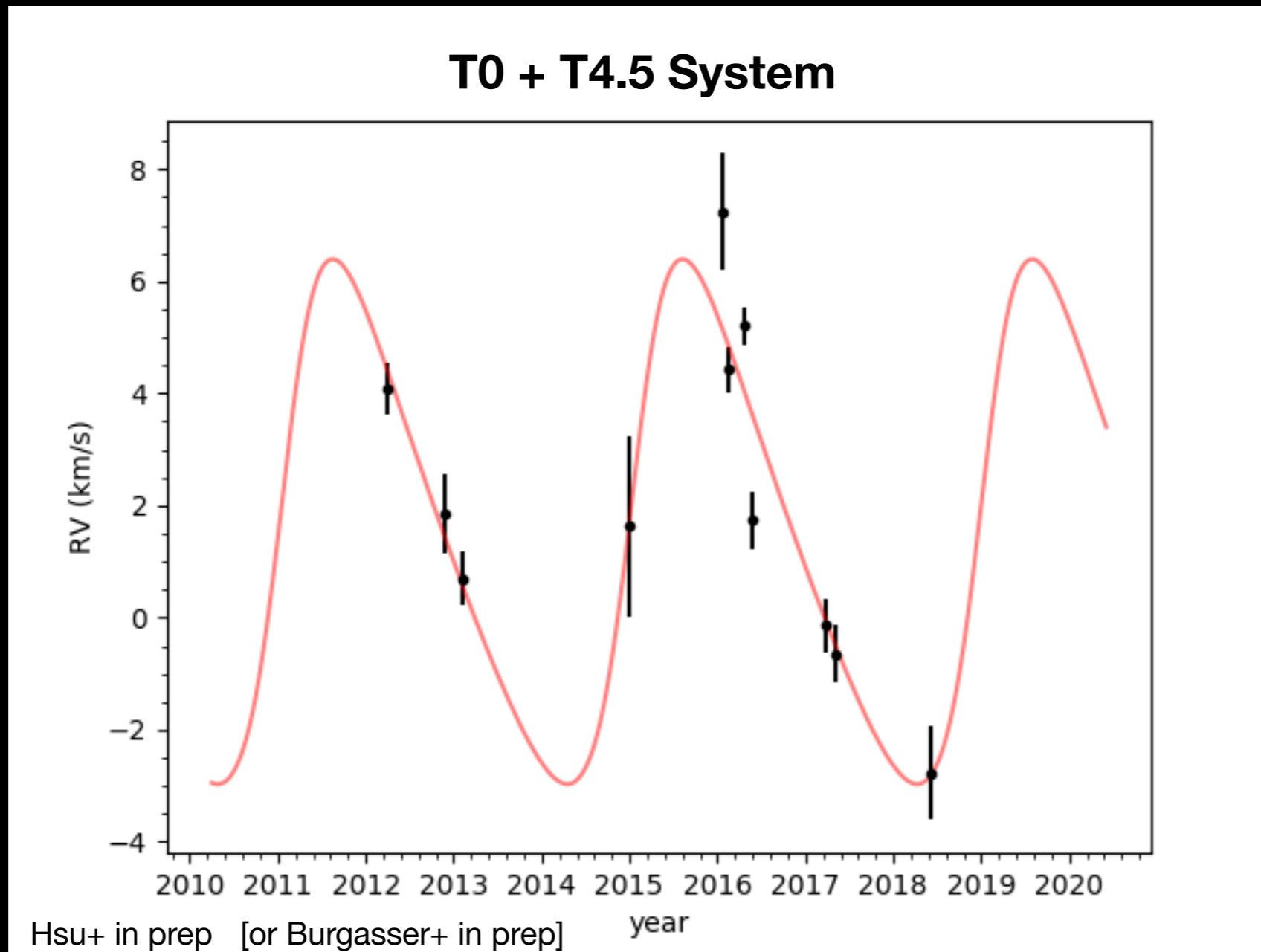
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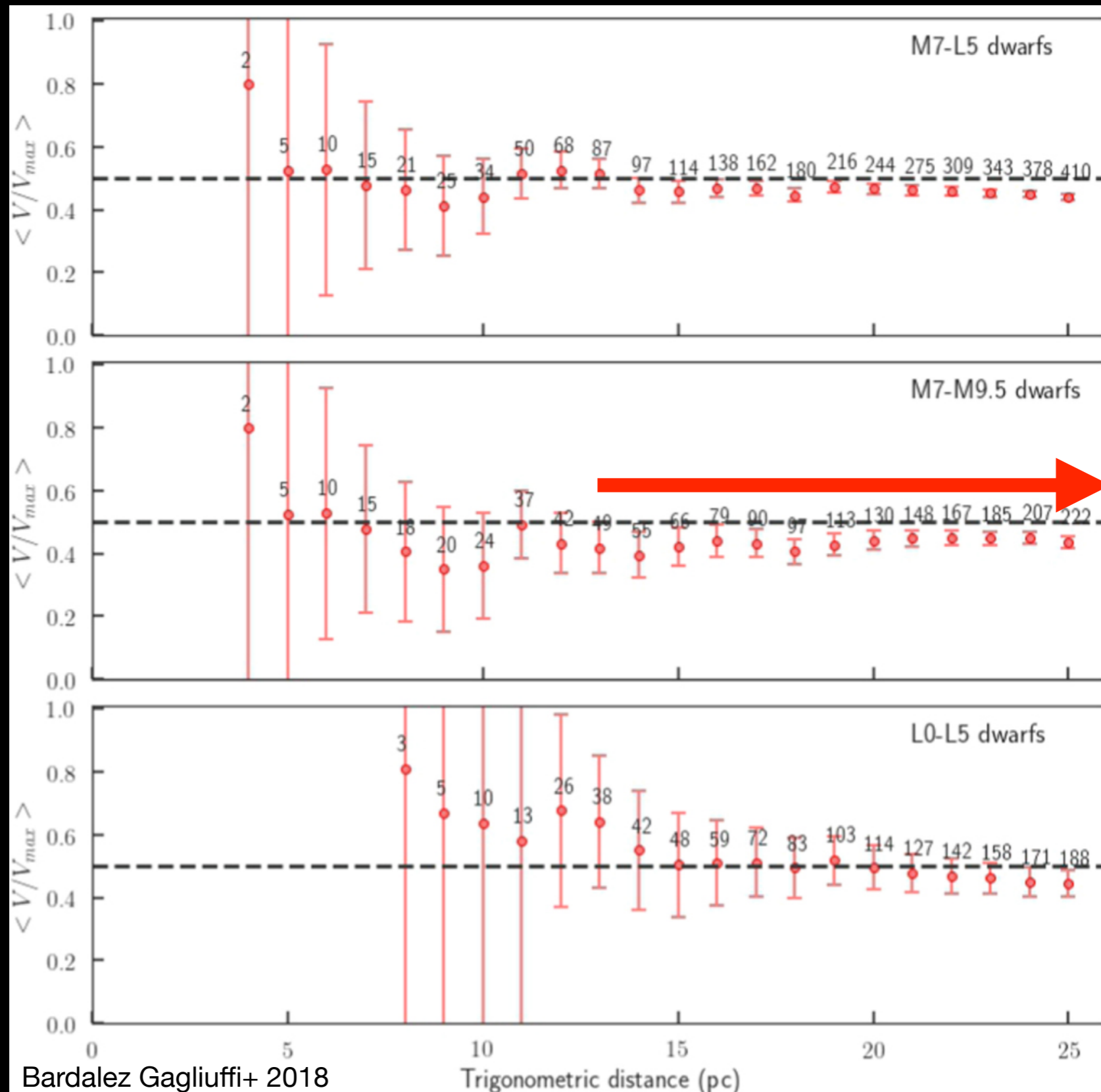
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μ_δ (mas yr ⁻¹)	-142 ± 14	2
d^c (pc)	...	33 ± 9	33 ± 19	27 ± 3	27 ± 4	17 ± 2		1
U^d (km s ⁻¹)	...	-25 ± 9		-18 ± 4		-7 ± 4		1
V^d (km s ⁻¹)	...	-38 ± 8		-34 ± 4		-27 ± 4		1
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Masses								
Mass (M_{Jup})	...	72 ⁺⁴ ₋₅	61 ⁺⁶ ₋₈	70 ⁺² ₋₄	42 ⁺⁵ ₋₆	11 ± 1	9 ± 1	1
Mass ratio	...	0.84 ± 0.06		0.60 ± 0.08		0.82 ± 0.02		1

Many unresolvable binaries lie within 25 pc



What are the completeness limits at the bottom?



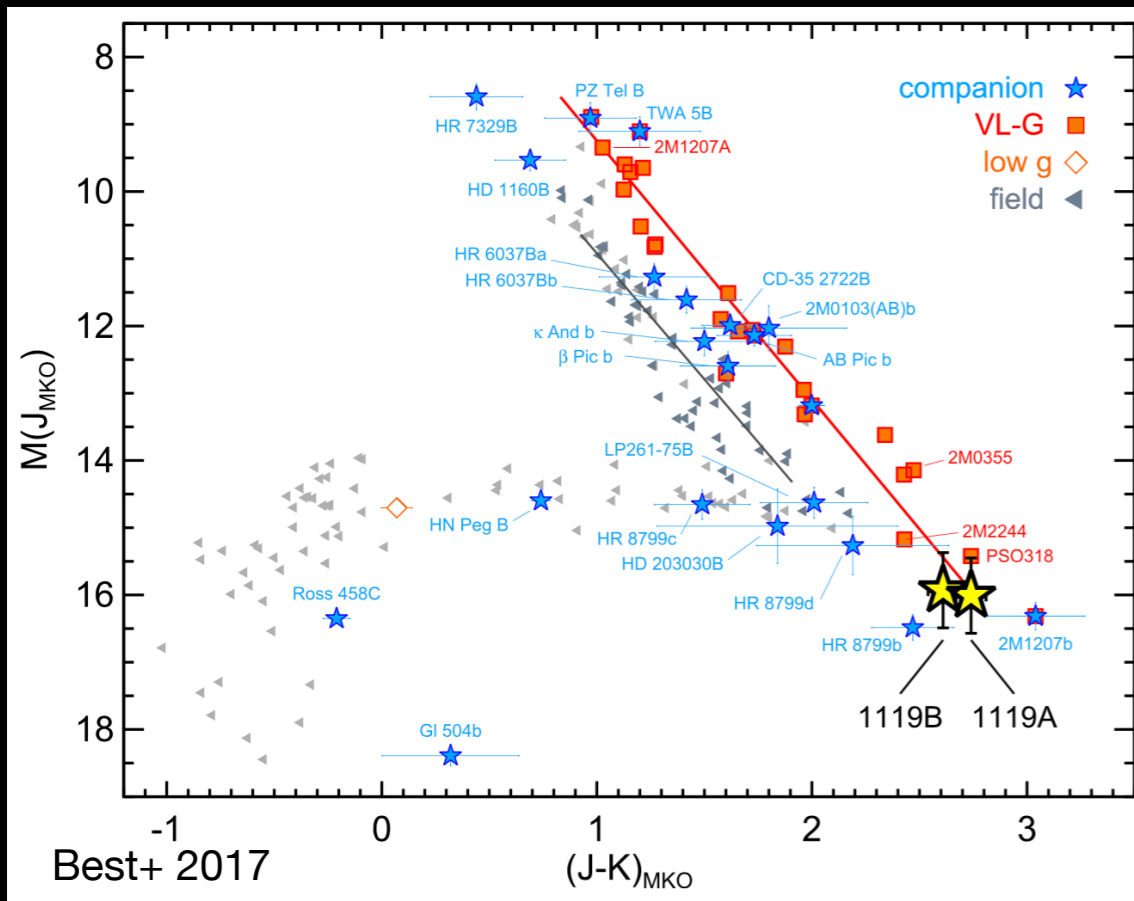
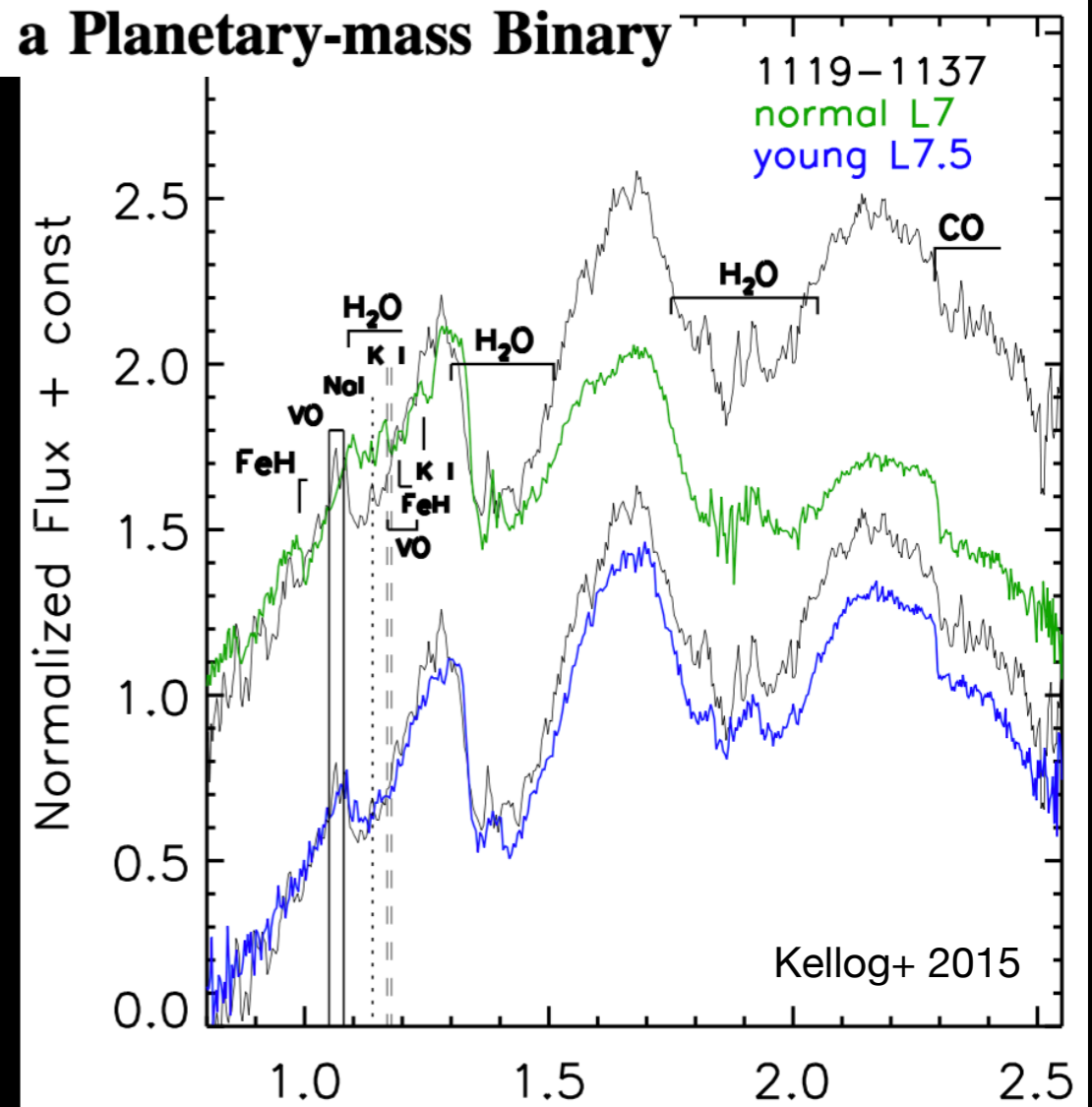
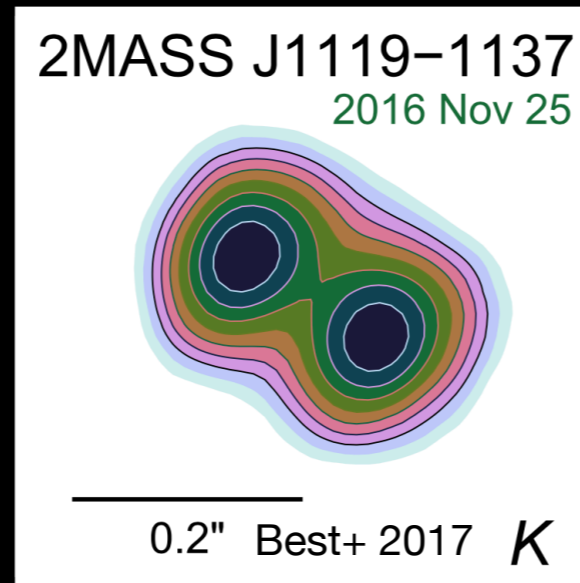
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Complete to 25 pc
(maybe)

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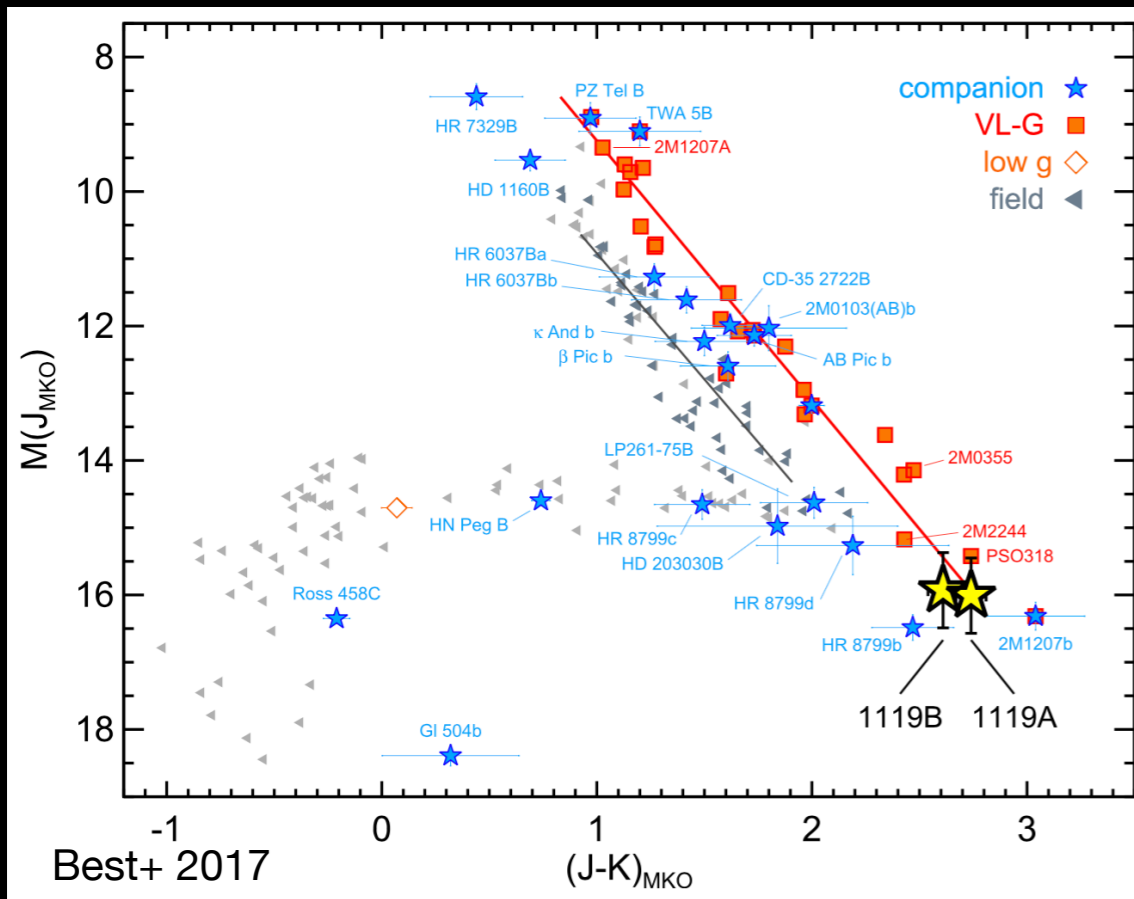
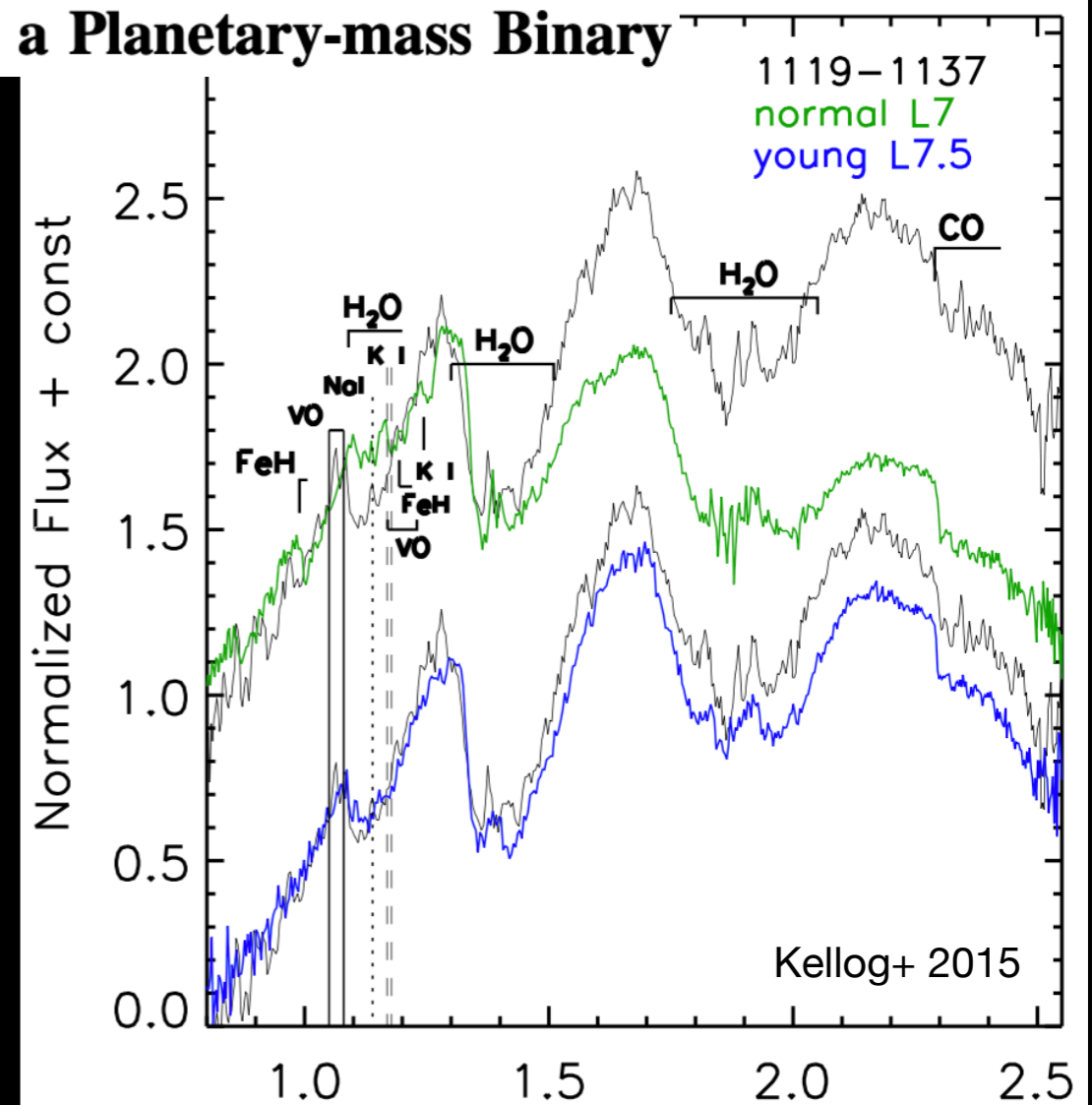
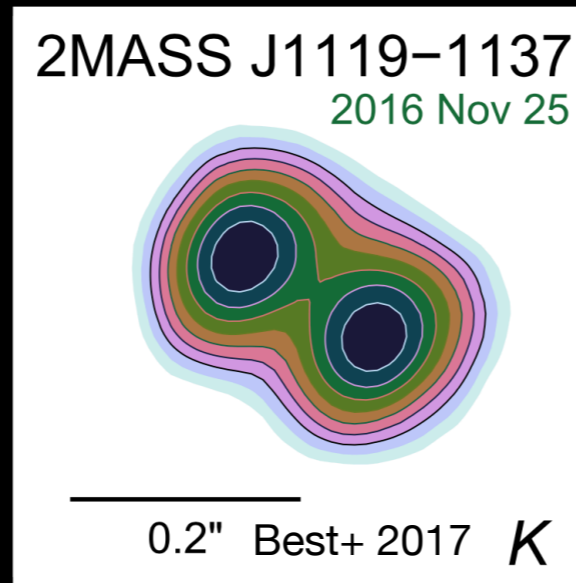


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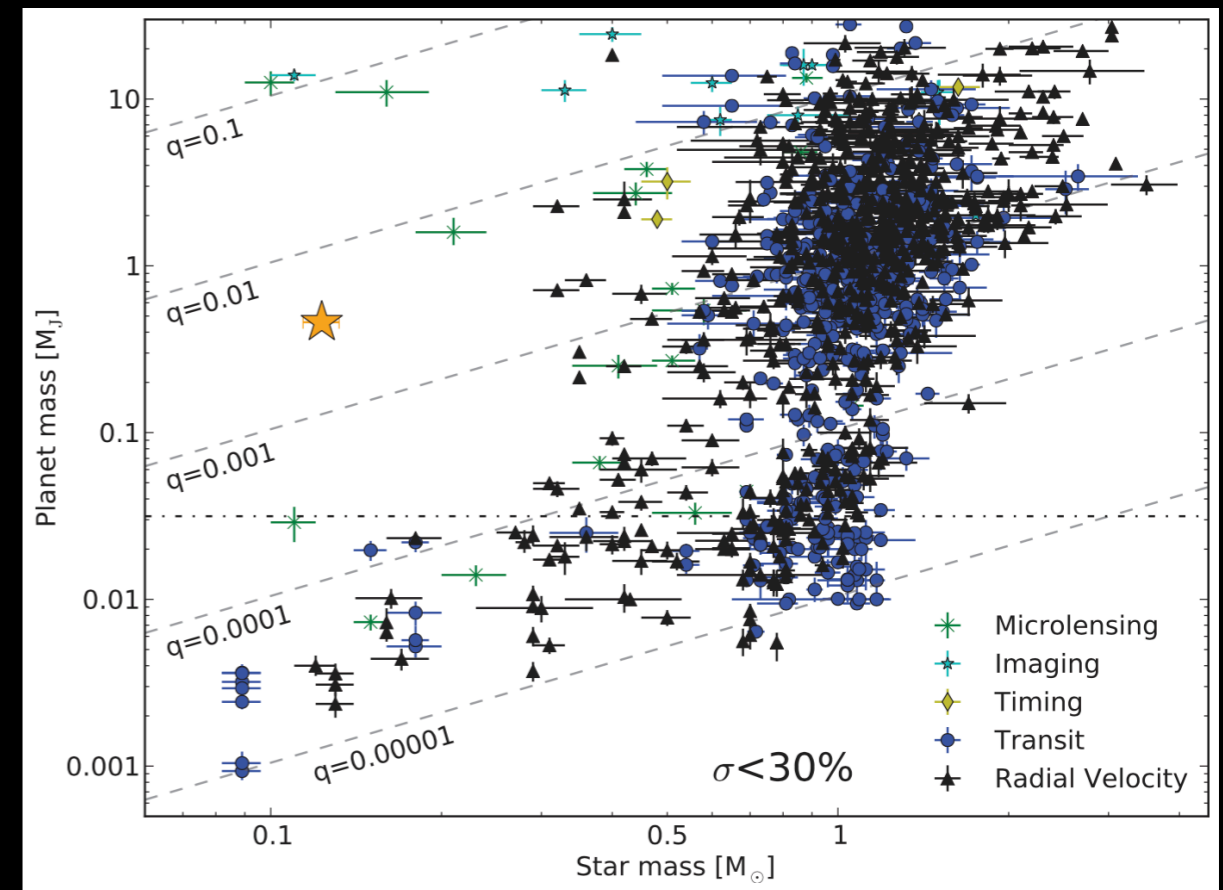
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REPORT

EXOPLANETS

A giant exoplanet orbiting a very-low-mass star challenges planet formation models

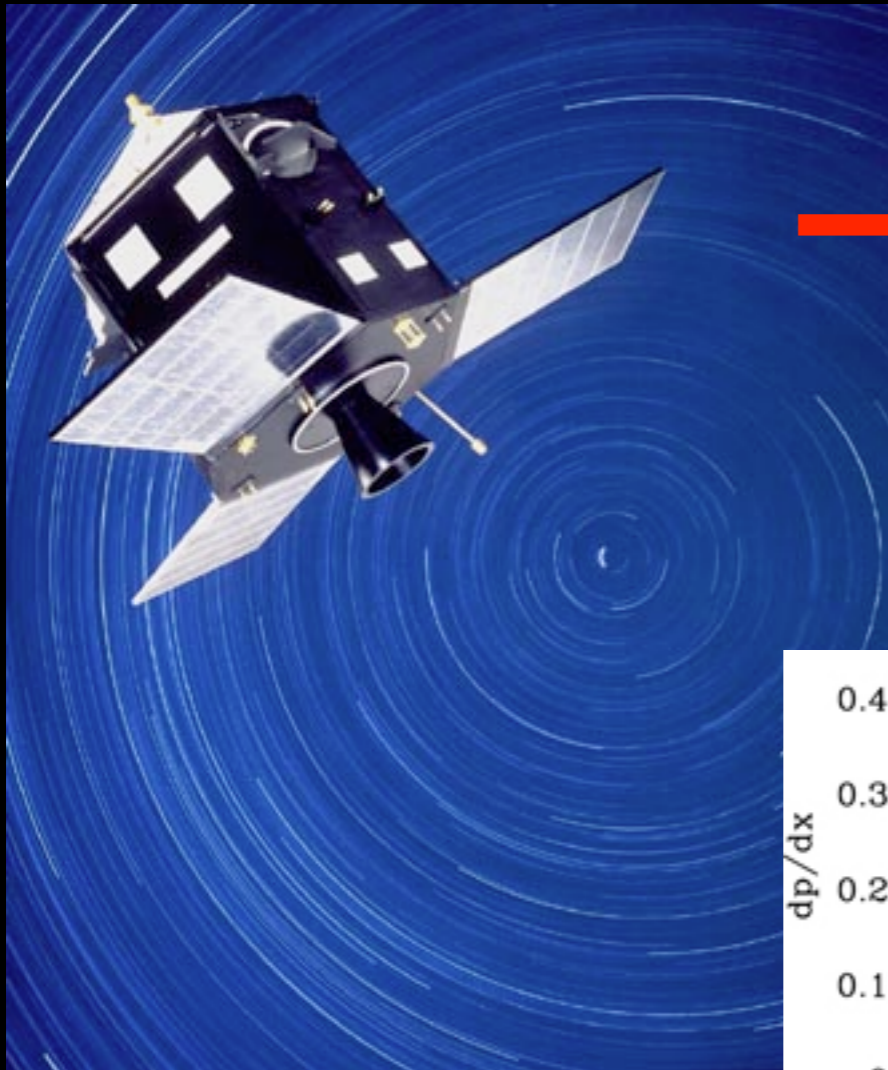
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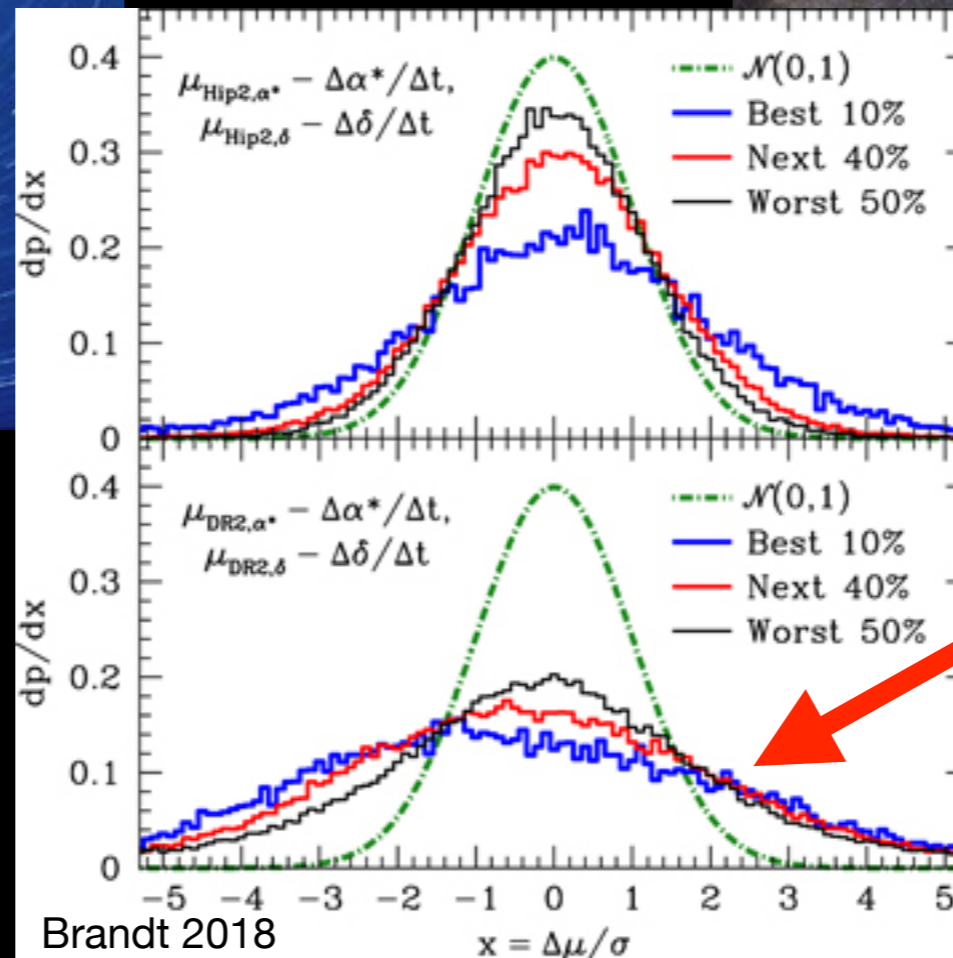
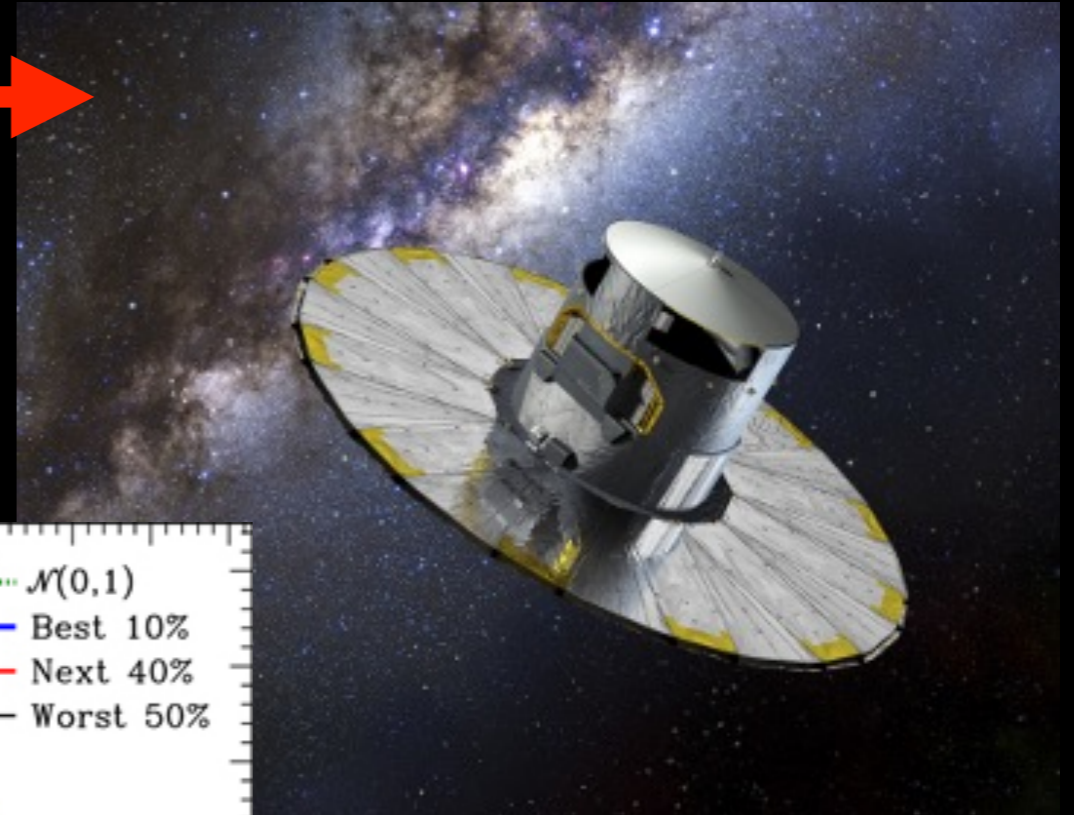
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Binary systems are important diagnostics for anchoring the degenerate secondary component to the higher-mass primary for things like age & temp.

Finding new binaries: *Hipparcos-Gaia* accelerators

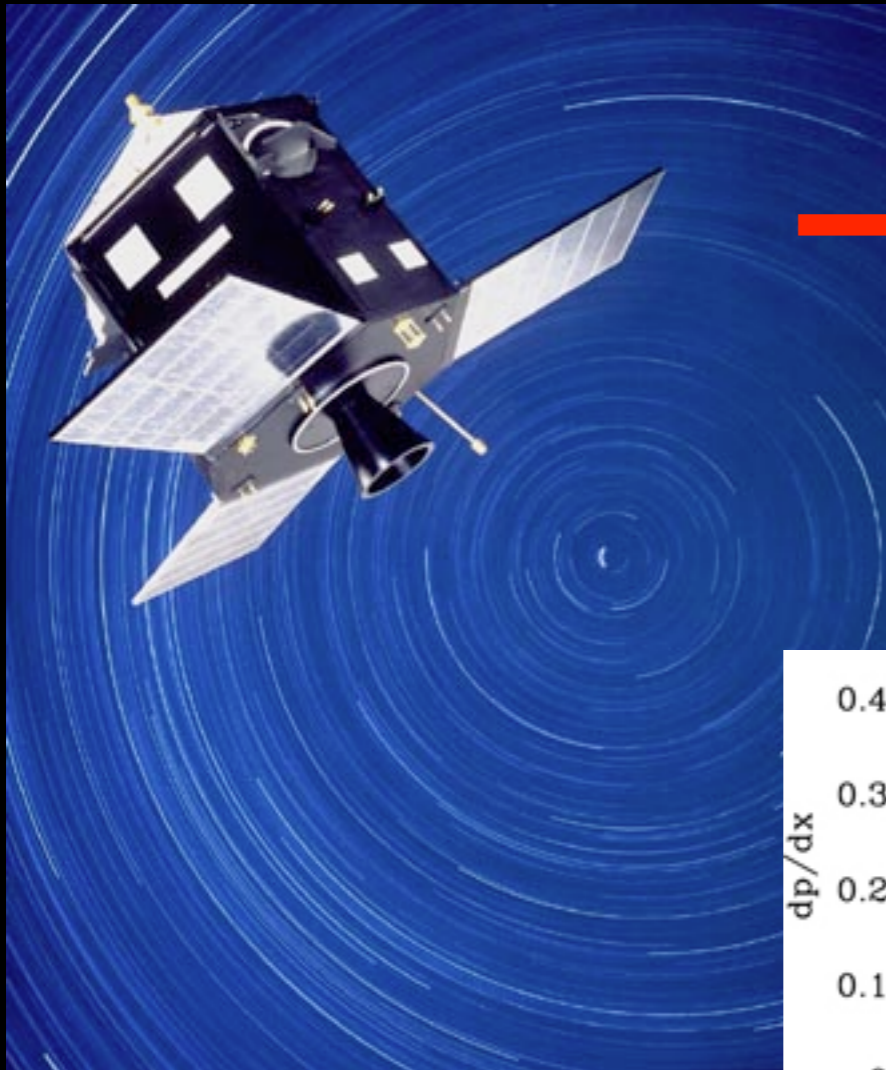


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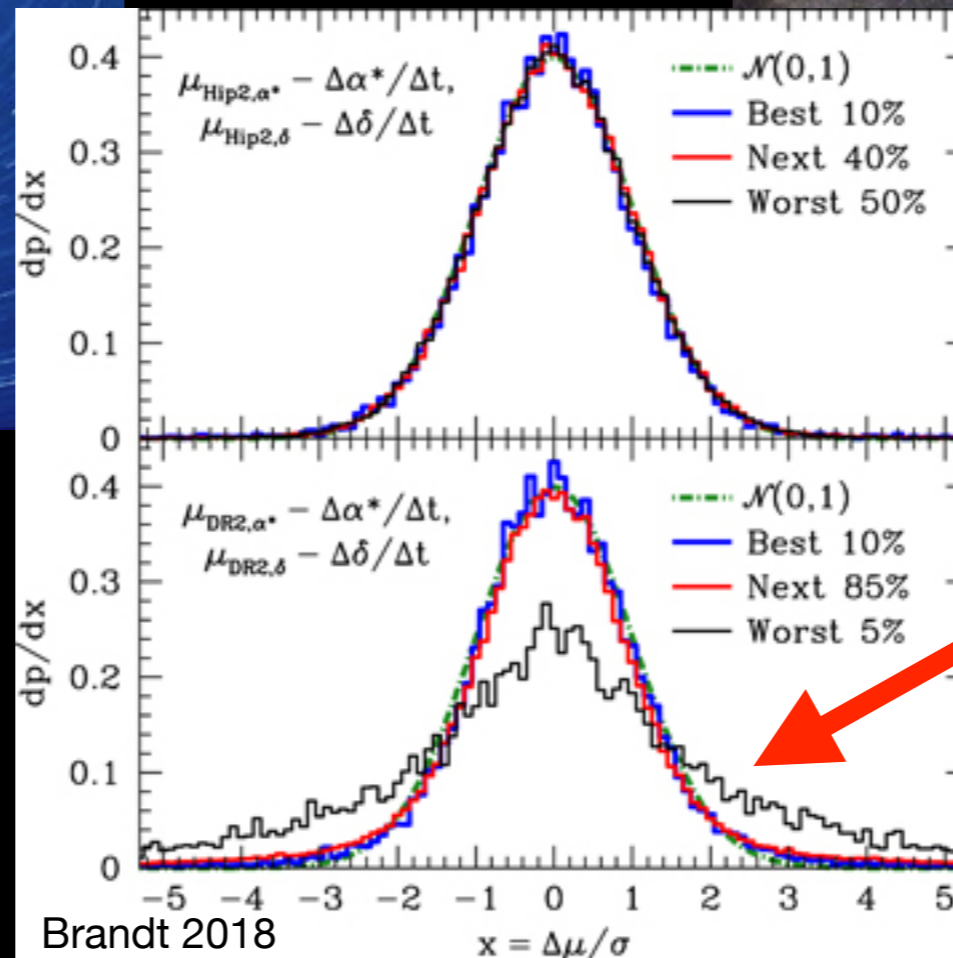
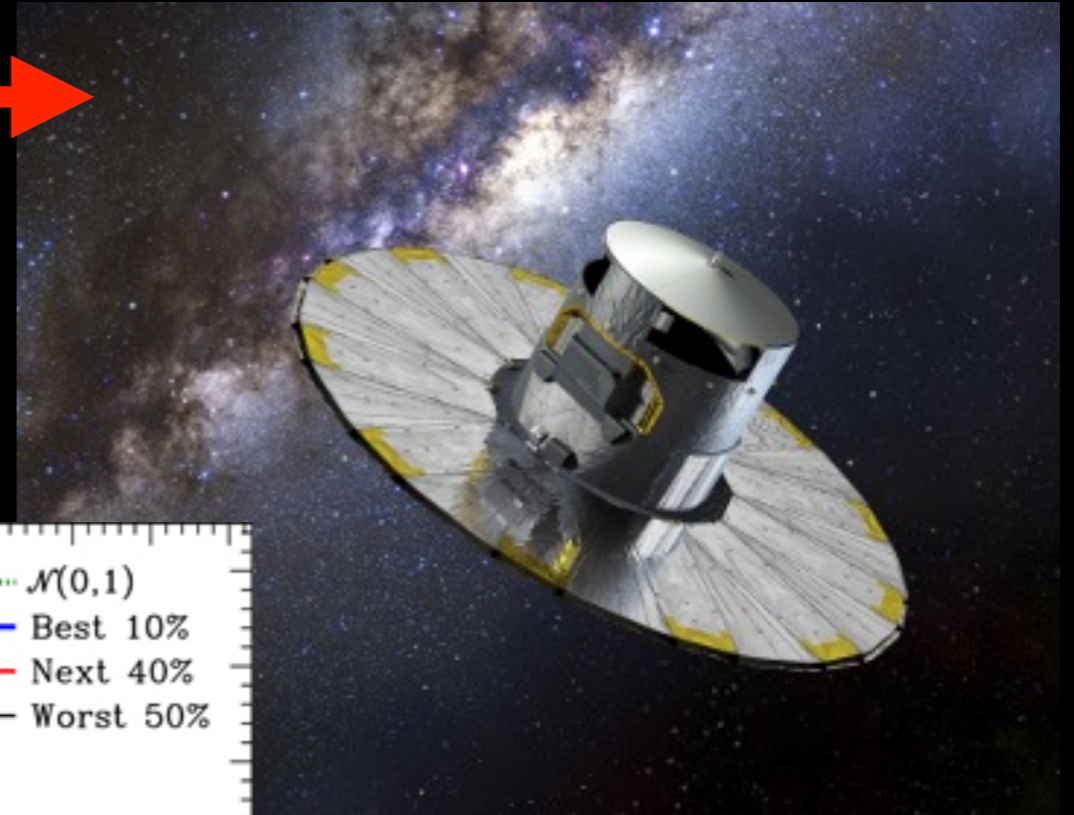


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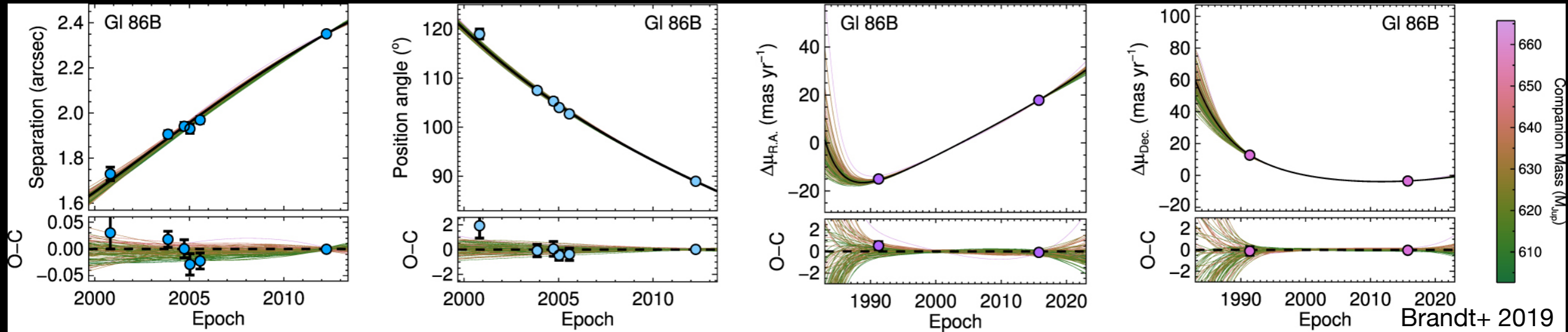


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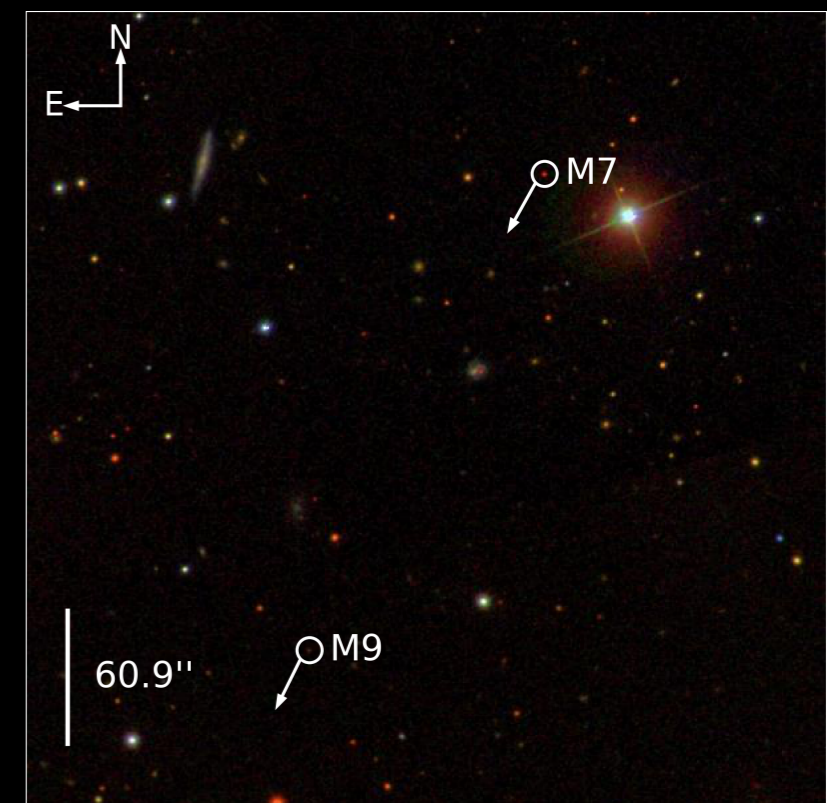
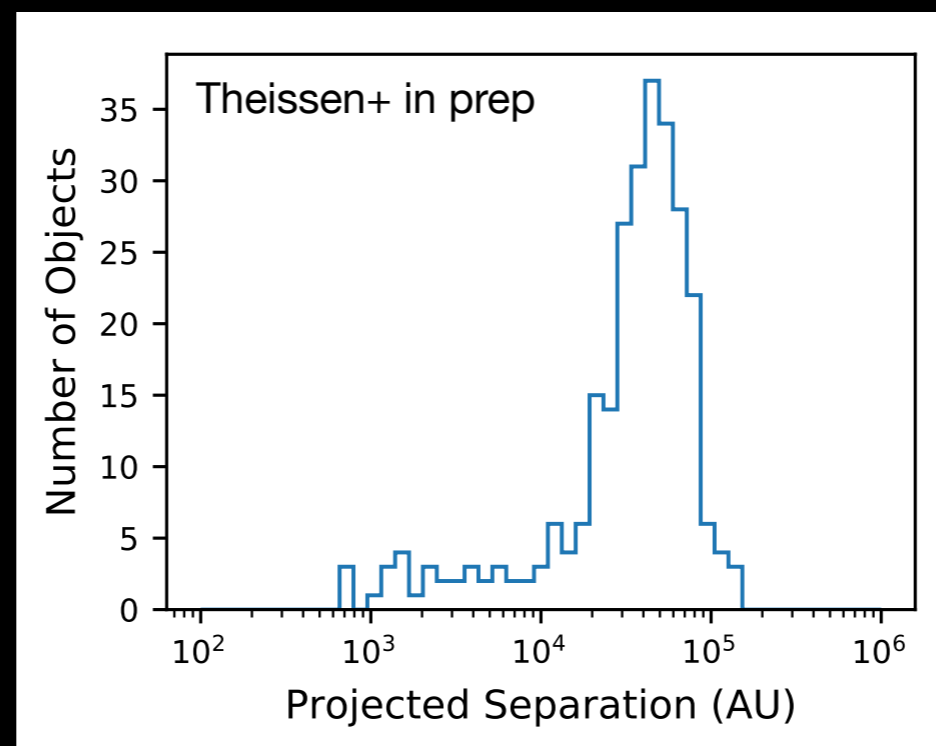
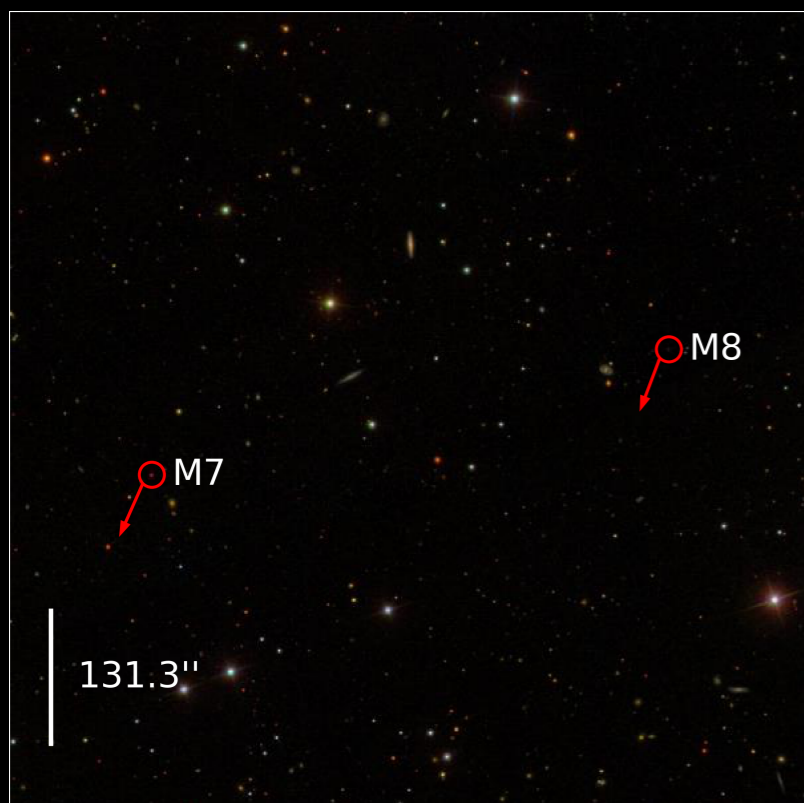
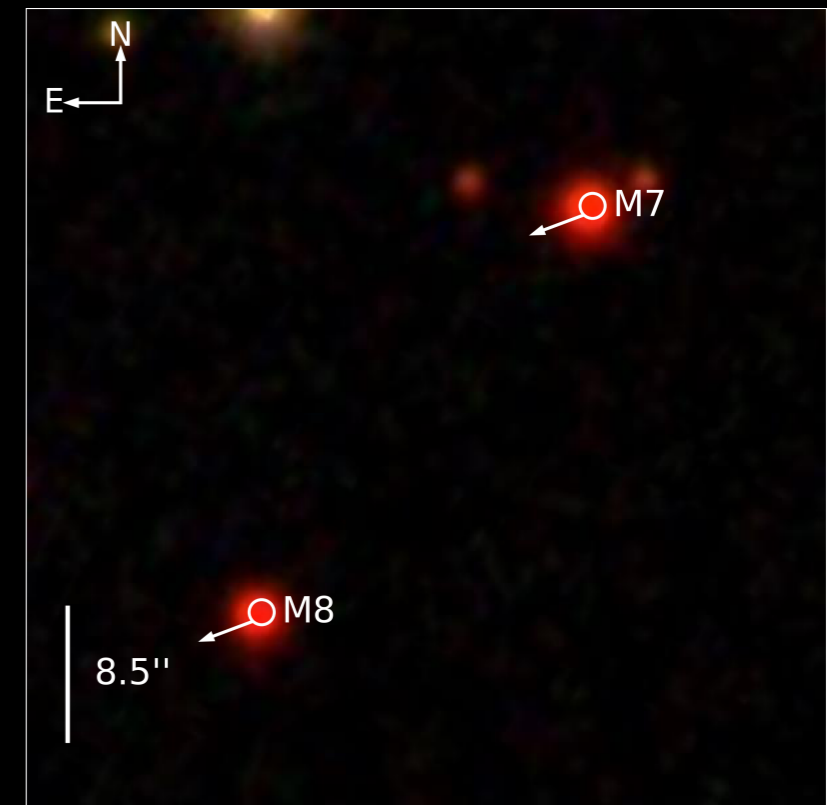
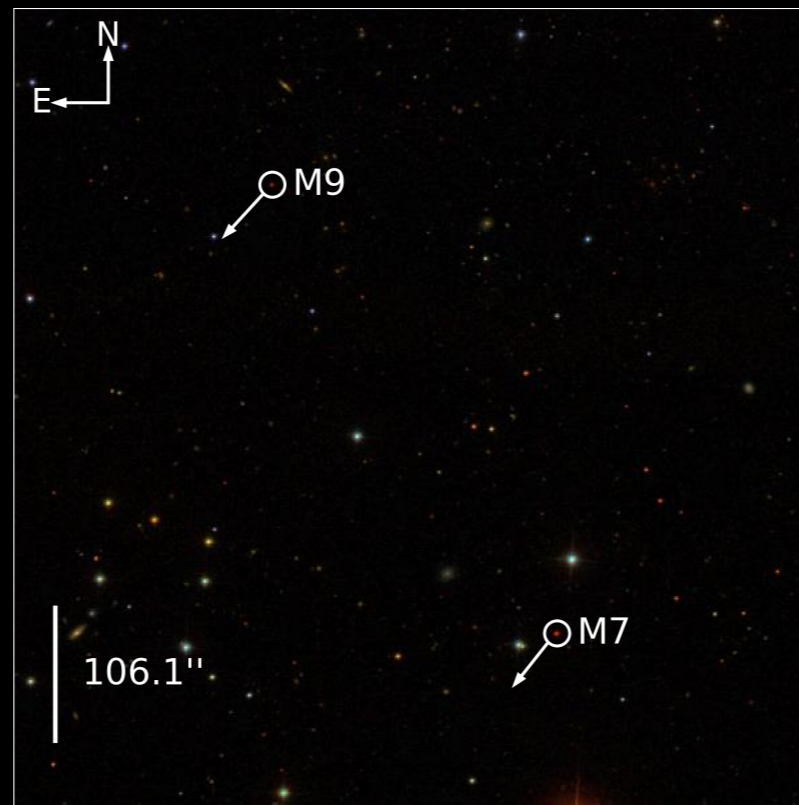
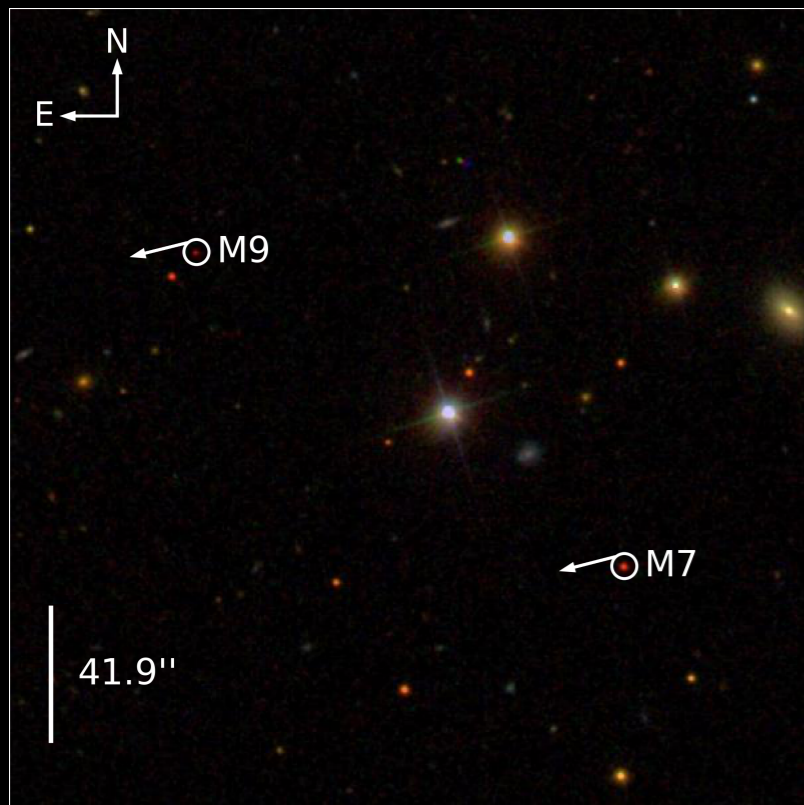
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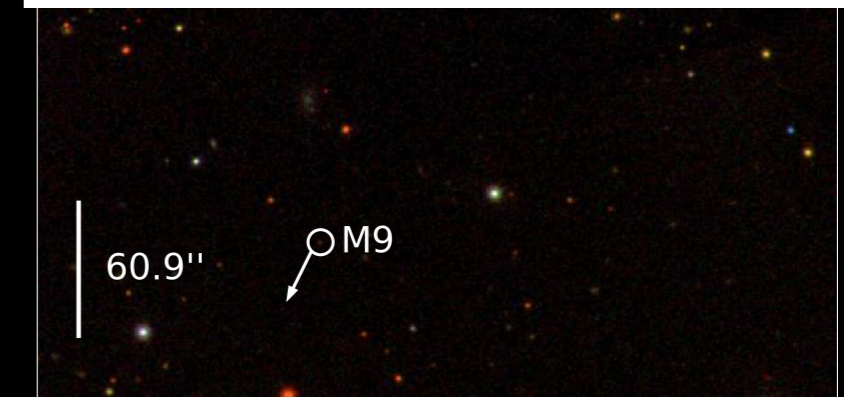
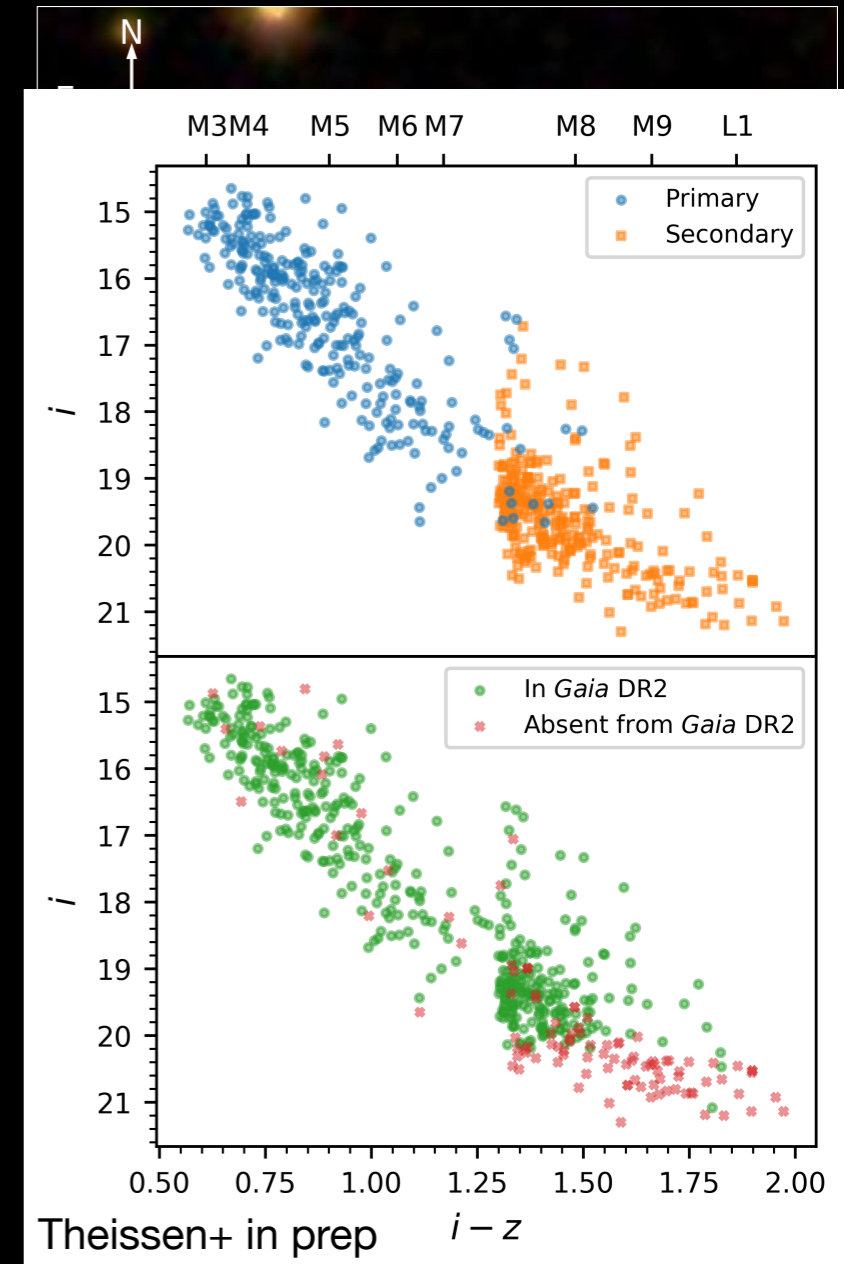
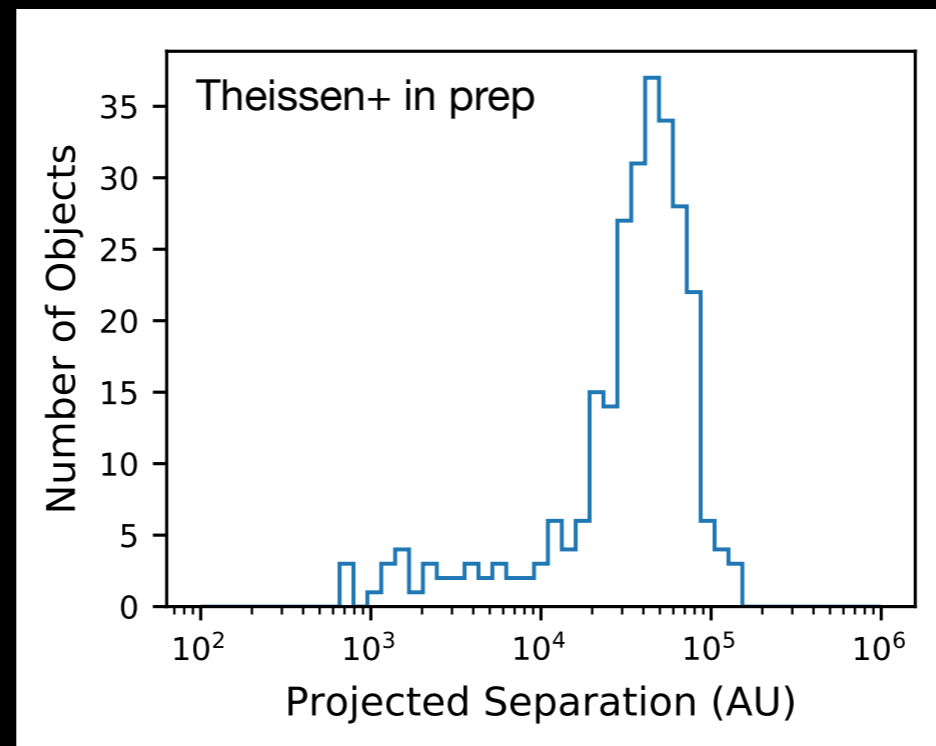
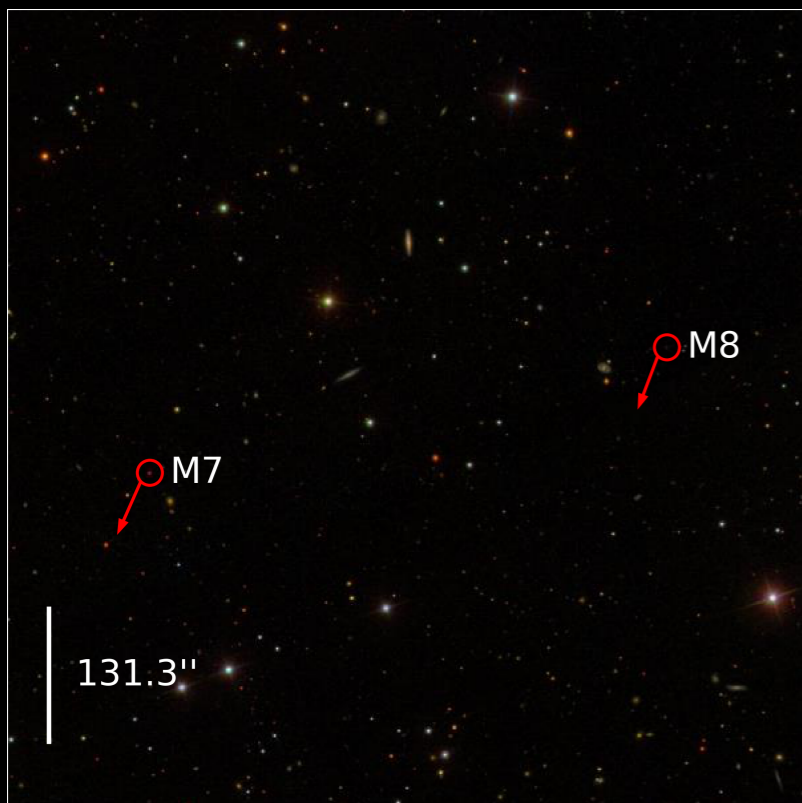
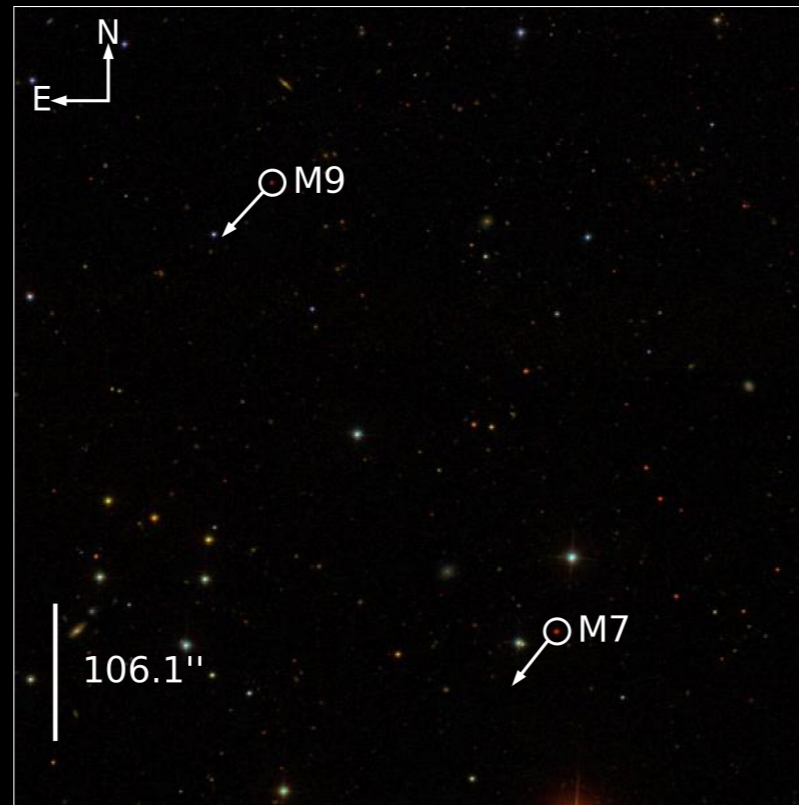
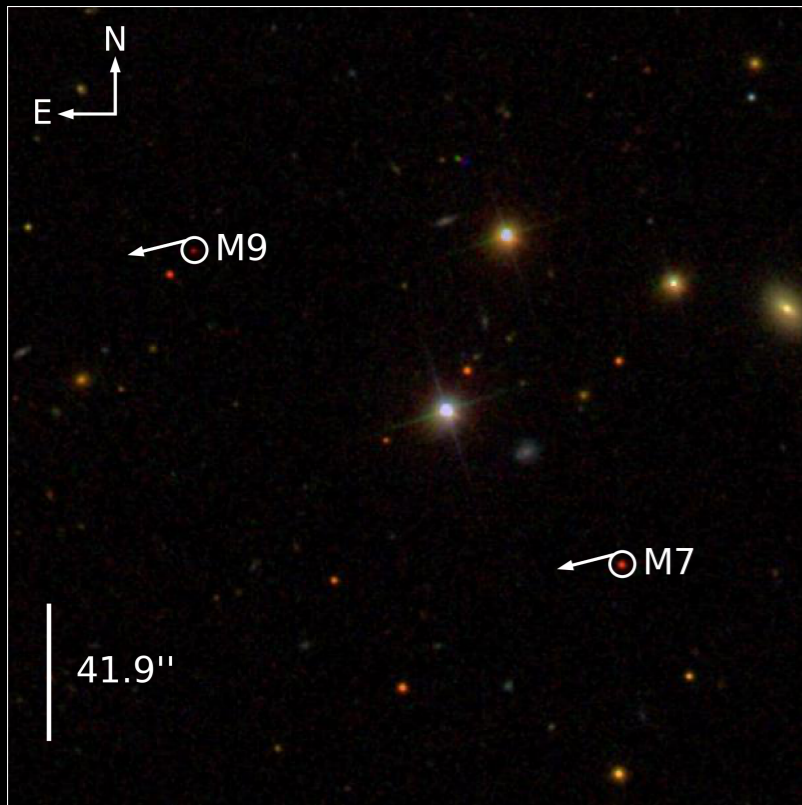


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Fitted parameters			
Companion mass M_{comp} (M_{Jup})	625 ± 11	603, 648	$1/M$ (log-flat)
Host-star mass M_{host} (M_{\odot})	$1.39^{+0.24}_{-0.23}$	0.92, 1.88	$1/M$ (log-flat)
Parallax (mas)	$92.72^{+0.05}_{-0.04}$	92.63, 92.81	$\exp[-0.5((\varpi - \varpi_{\text{DR2}})/\sigma[\varpi_{\text{DR2}}])^2]$
Semimajor axis a (au)	$21.7^{+0.5}_{-0.7}$	20.6, 23.3	$1/a$ (log-flat)
Inclination i ($^\circ$)	$125.4^{+0.9}_{-0.8}$	123.7, 127.0	$\sin(i)$, $0^\circ < i < 180^\circ$
$\sqrt{e} \sin \omega$	$-0.54^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$	-0.63, -0.43	uniform
$\sqrt{e} \cos \omega$	$0.488^{+0.014}_{-0.016}$	0.458, 0.523	uniform
Mean longitude at $t_{\text{ref}} = 2455197.5$ JD, λ_{ref} ($^\circ$)	109^{+6}_{-5}	98, 120	uniform
PA of the ascending node Ω ($^\circ$)	$232.2^{+1.7}_{-1.6}$	228.9, 235.5	uniform
Semiamplitude of Gl 86 b (m s^{-1})	$378.9^{+1.0}_{-1.1}$	376.8, 381.1	$1/K_1$ (log-flat)
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$\sqrt{e_{\text{pl}}} \cos \omega_{\text{pl}}$	$-0.001^{+0.019}_{-0.017}$	-0.037, 0.035	uniform
RV zero-point (m s^{-1})	200 ± 40	120, 280	uniform
RV jitter σ (m s^{-1})	$0.00029^{+0.06732}_{-0.00029}$	0.00000, 3.75636	$1/\sigma$ (log-flat)
Computed properties			
Orbital period P (yr)	72^{+6}_{-8}	59, 910	...
Semimajor axis (mas)	2010^{+50}_{-70}	1910, 2170	...
Eccentricity e	$0.53^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$	0.45, 0.60	...
Argument of periastron ω ($^\circ$)	$311.9^{+2.6}_{-3.4}$	306.4, 320.2	...
Time of periastron $T_0 = t_{\text{ref}} - P \frac{\lambda - \varepsilon}{360^\circ}$ (JD)	2469900^{+1800}_{-2300}	2466300, 2475400	...
Mass ratio $q = M_{\text{comp}}/M_{\text{host}}$	$0.43^{+0.06}_{-0.08}$	0.31, 0.61	...

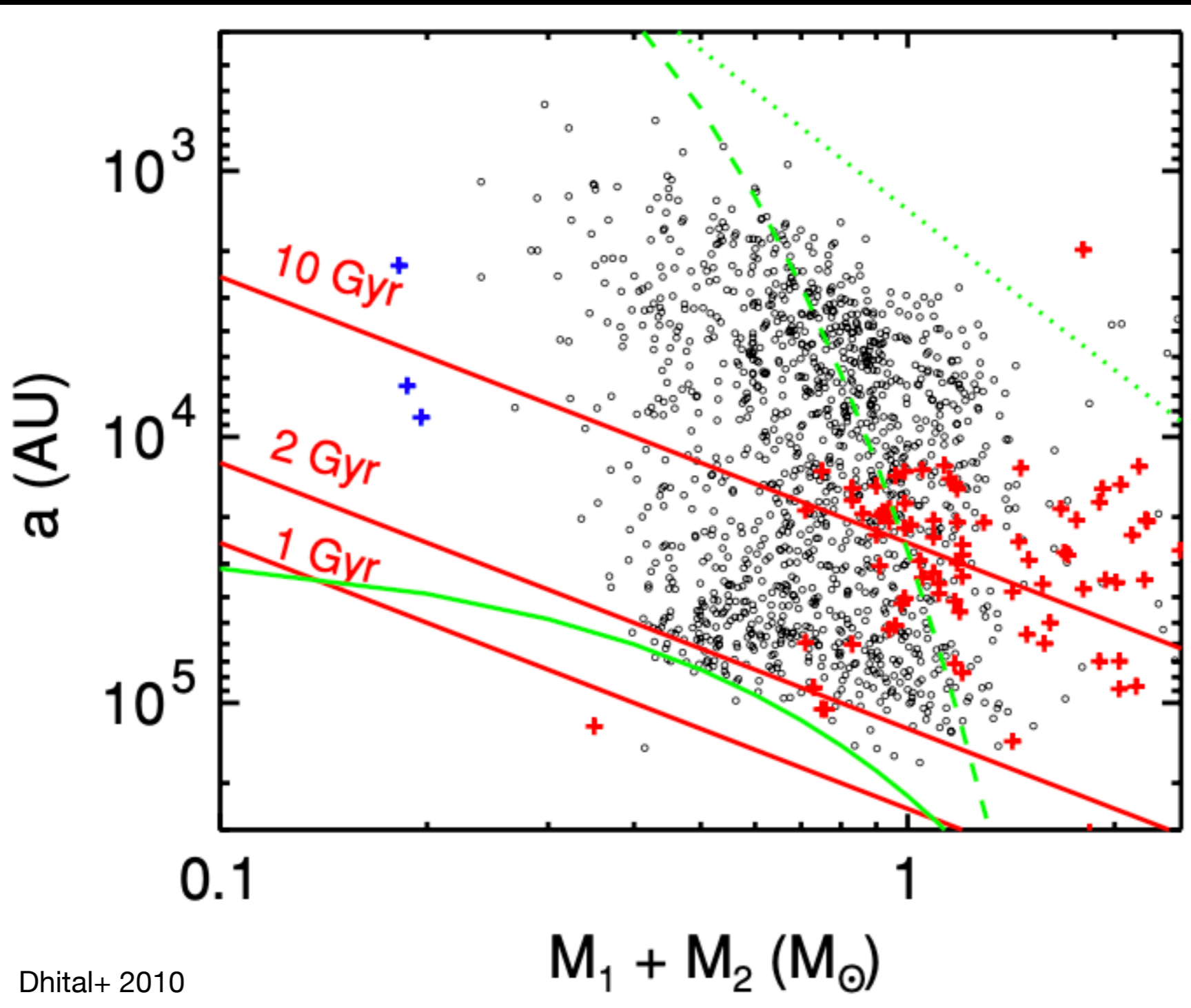
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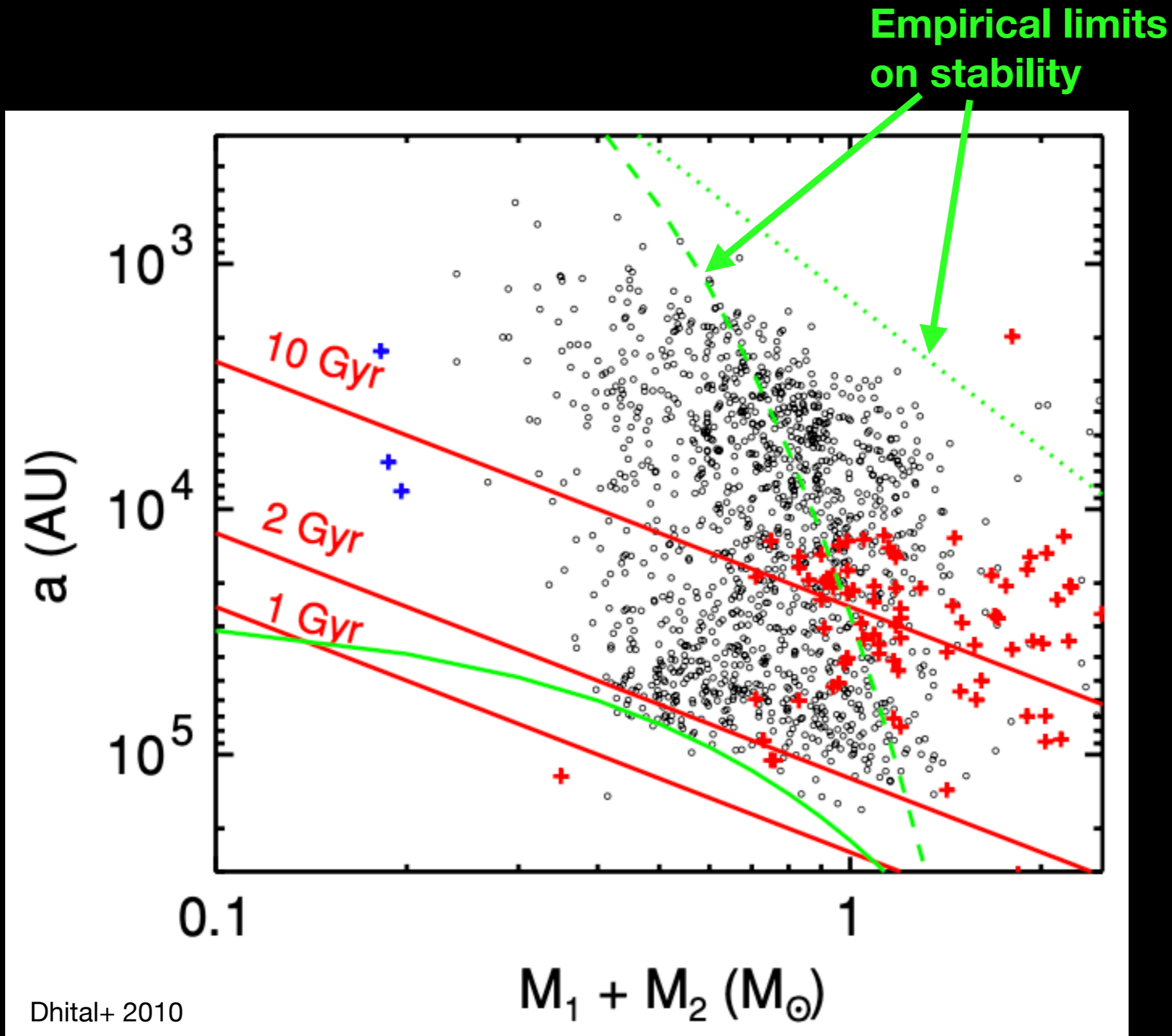
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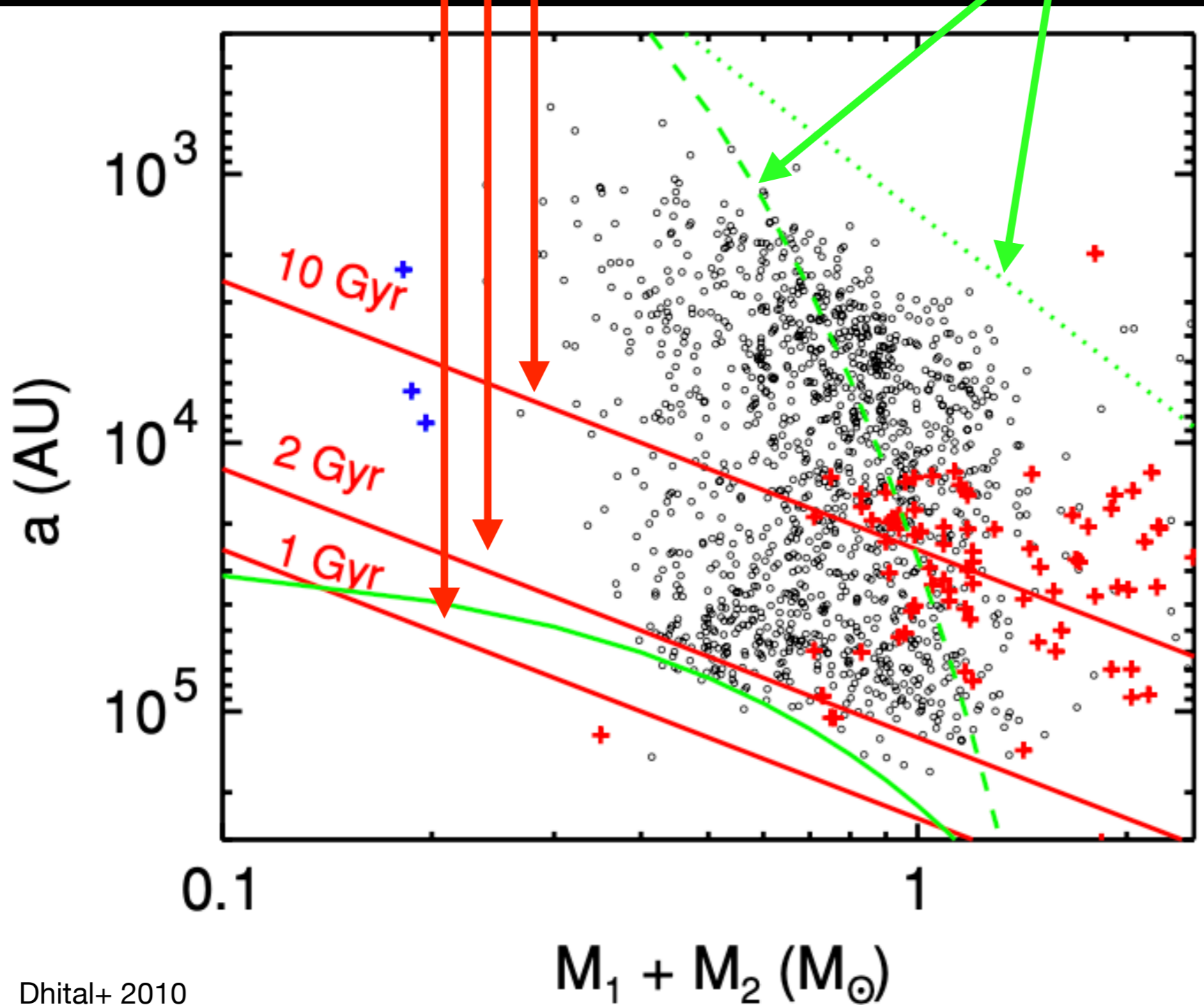
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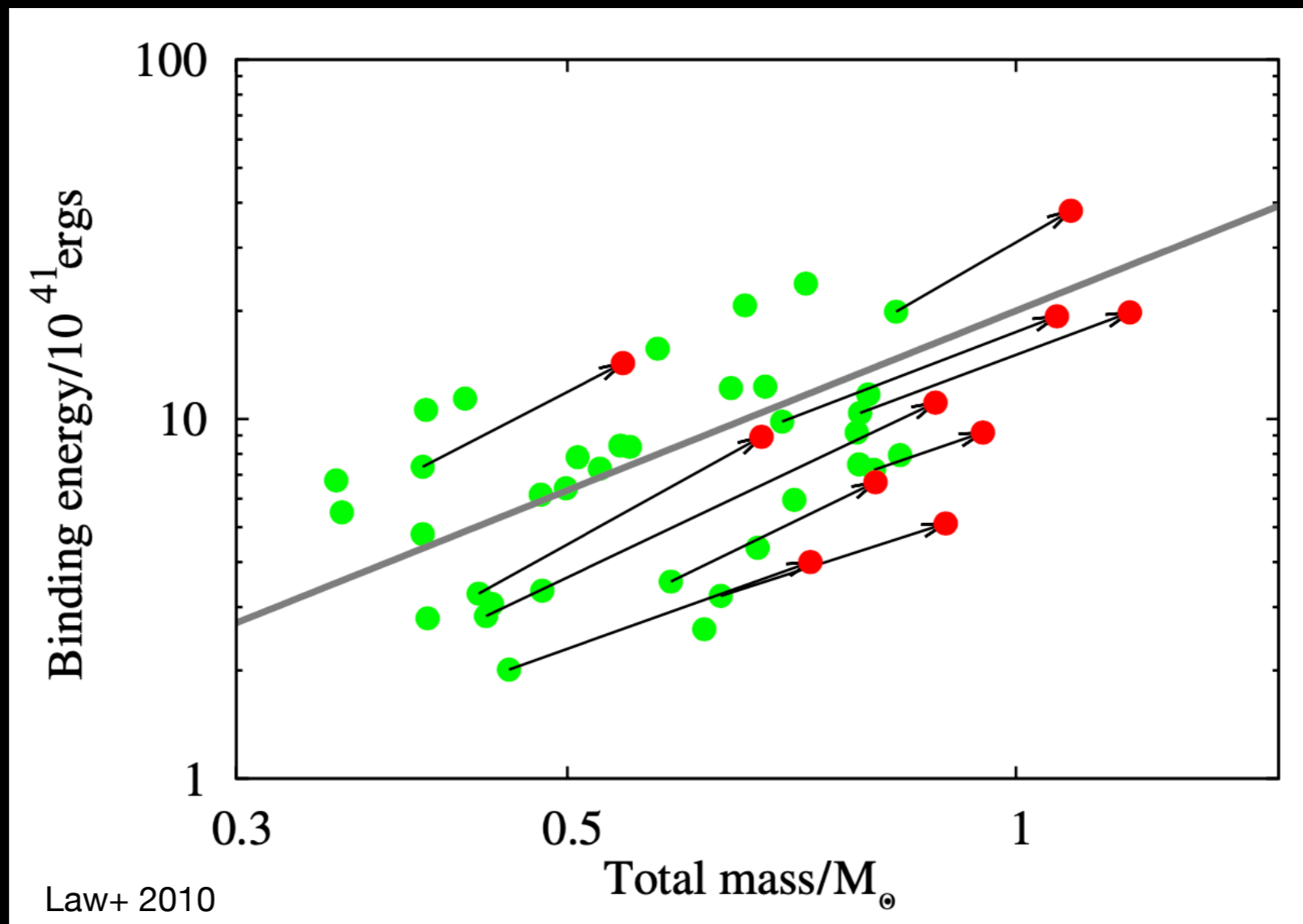
Simulated lifetimes
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Empirical limits
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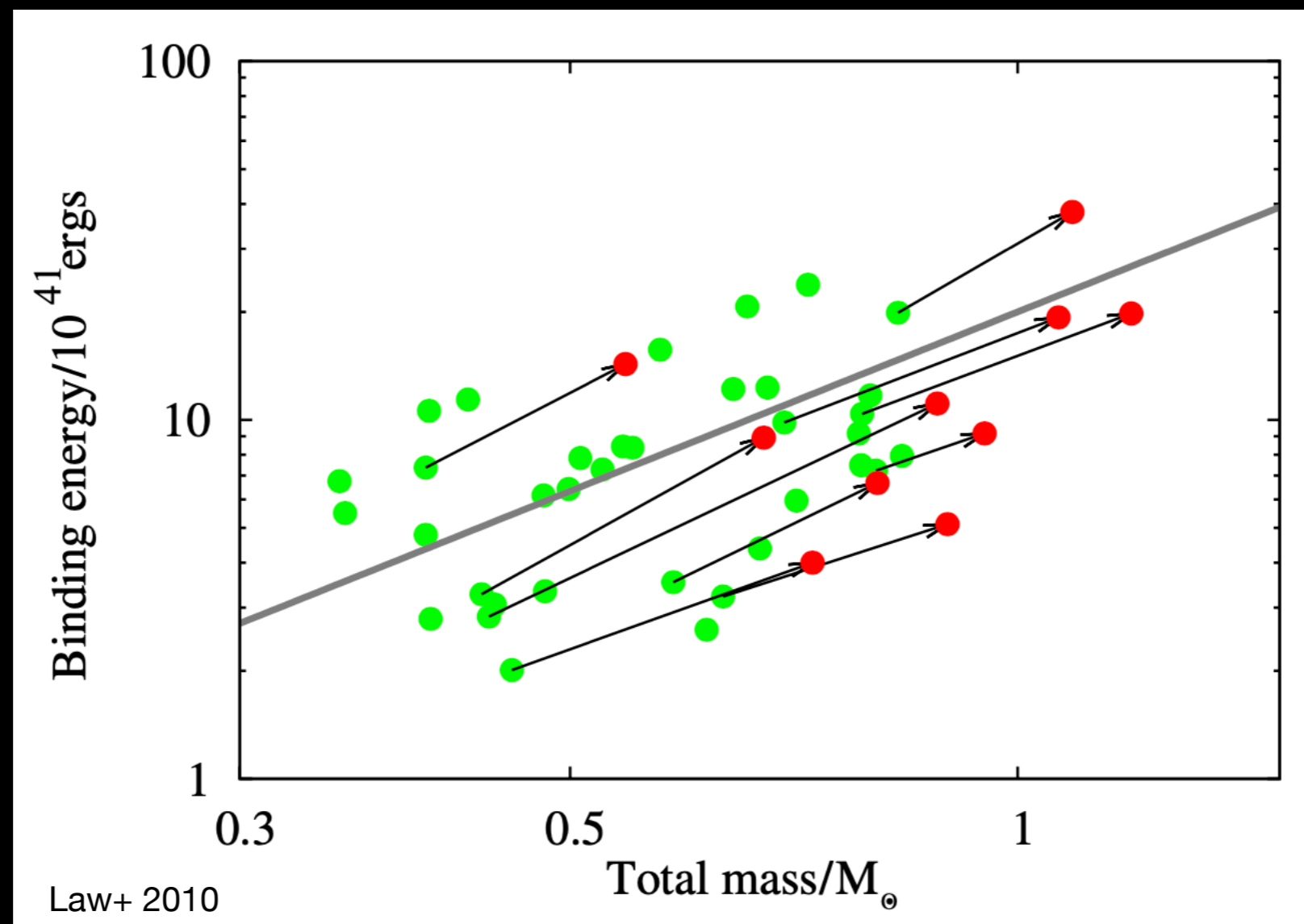
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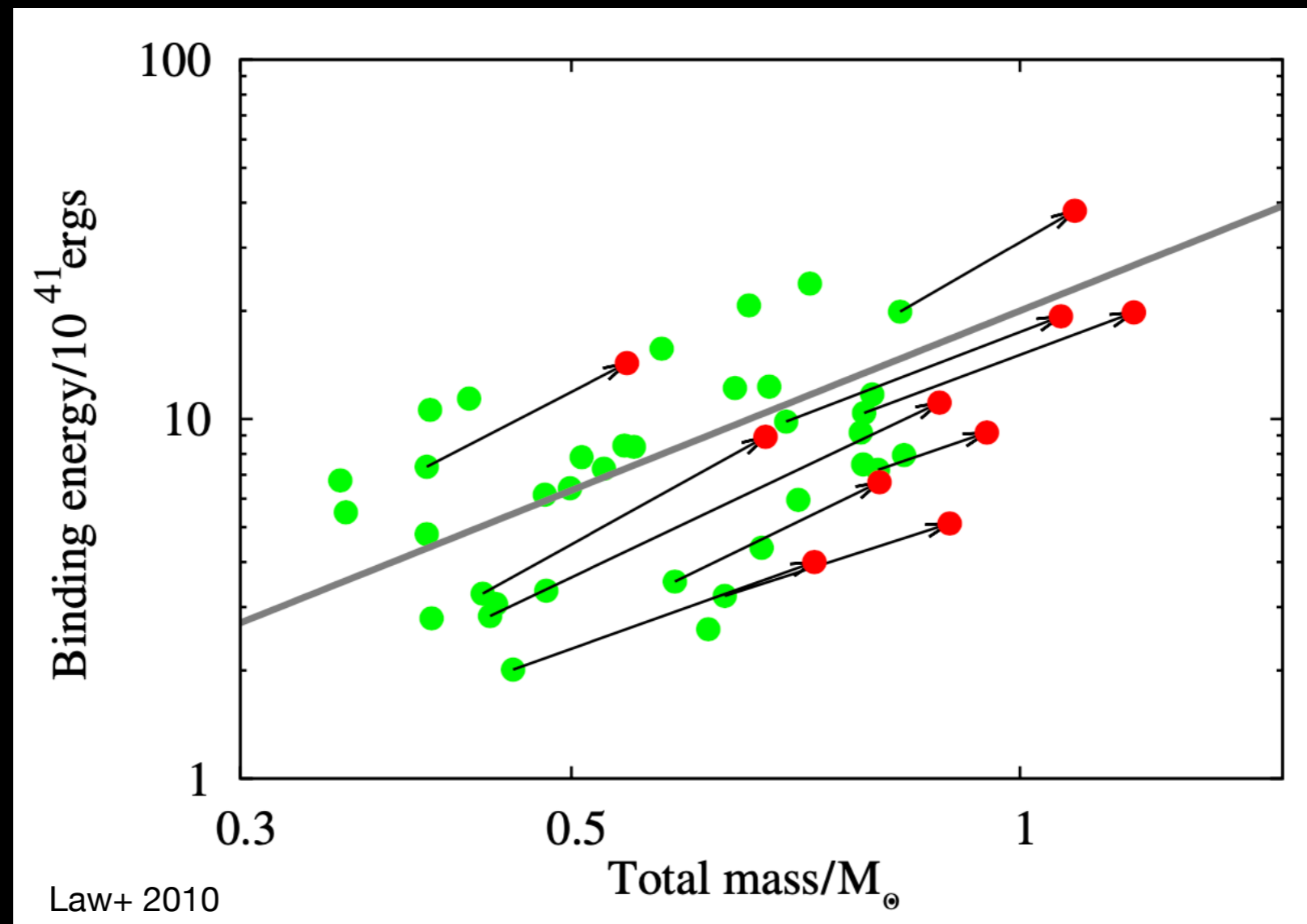
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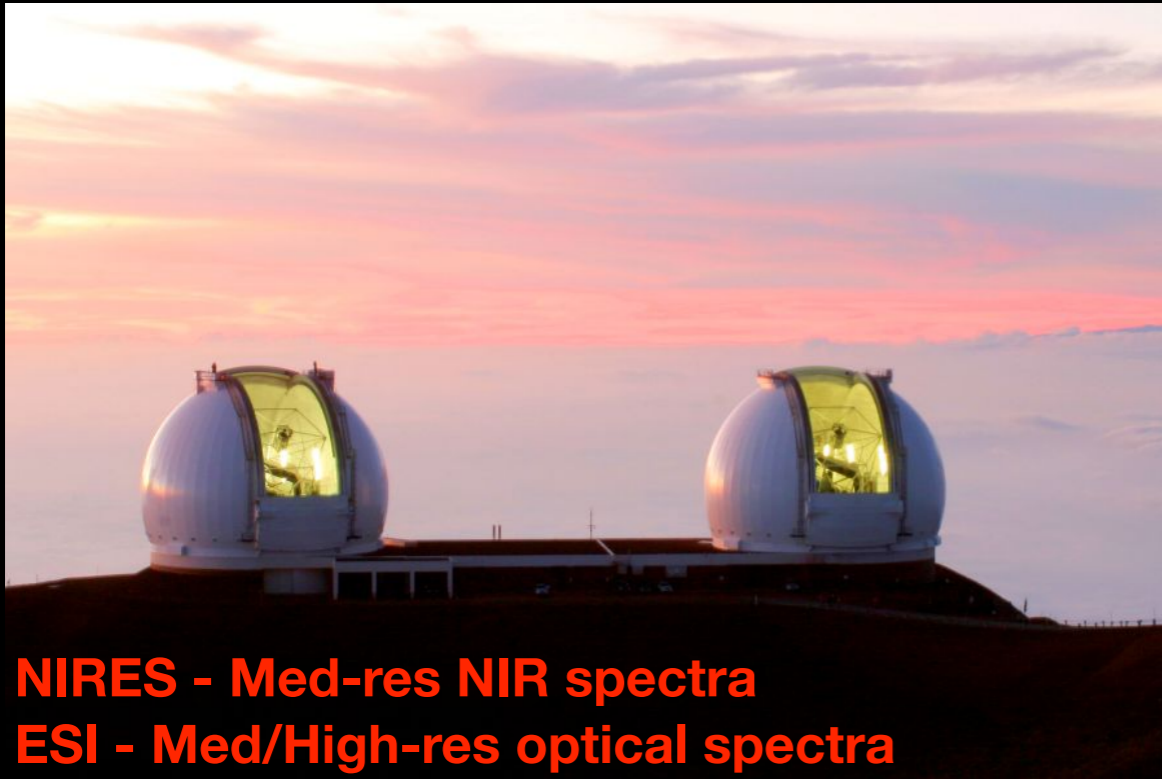


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Only 8-10 known very low-mass triples ($M_{\text{tot}} < 0.3M_{\text{sun}}$)

Finding more triples: Facilities & Instruments

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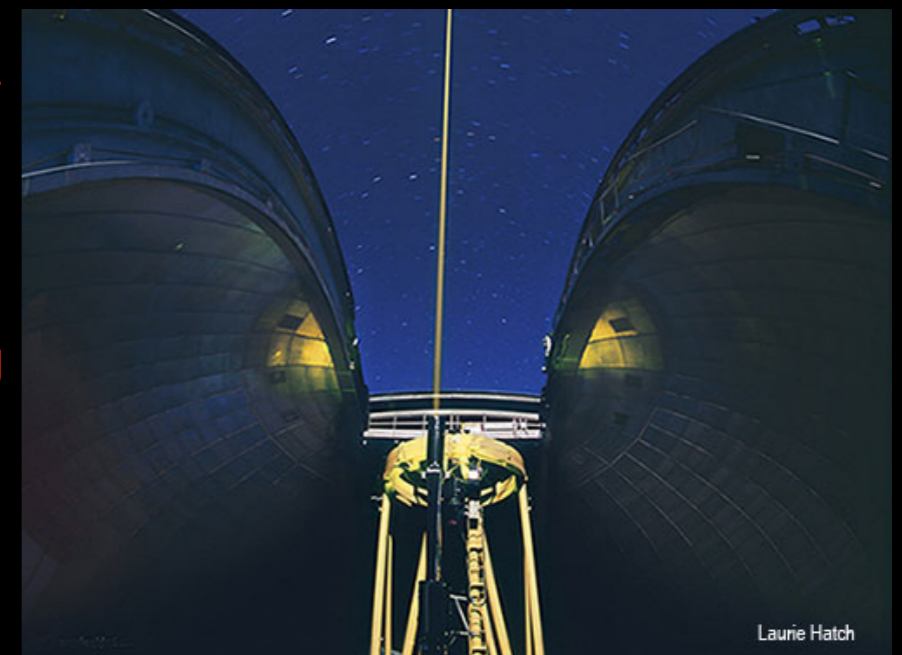
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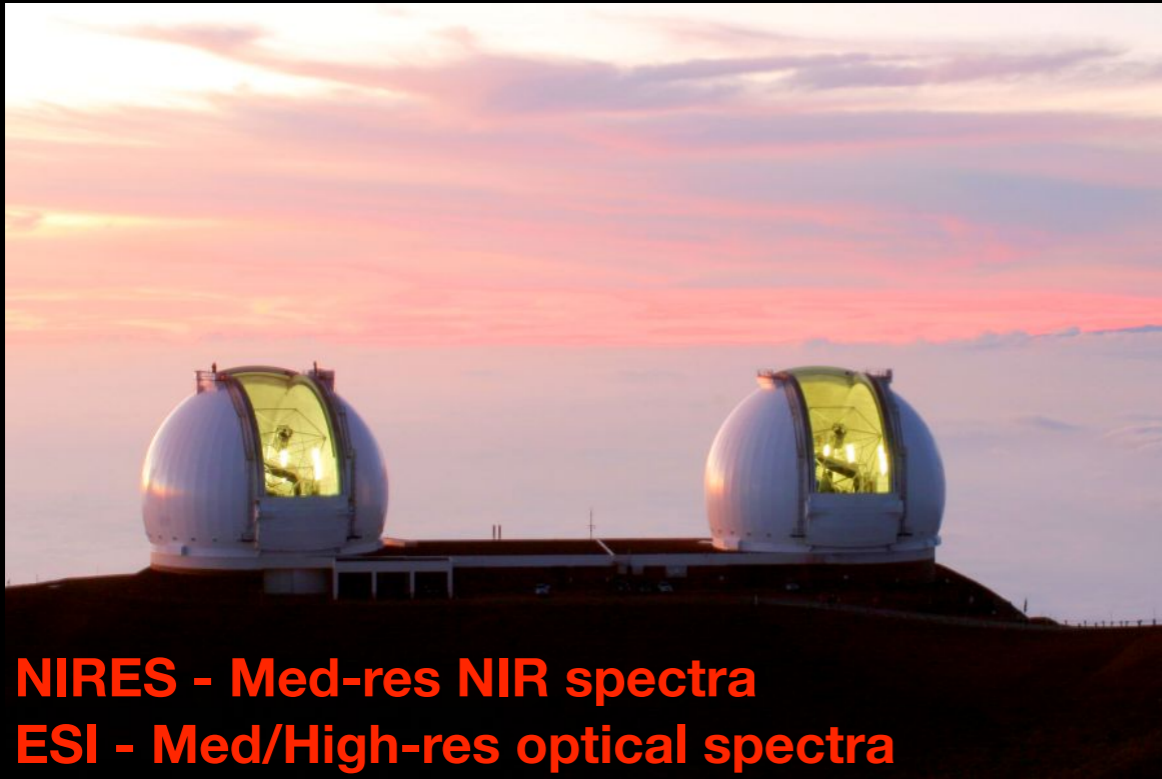


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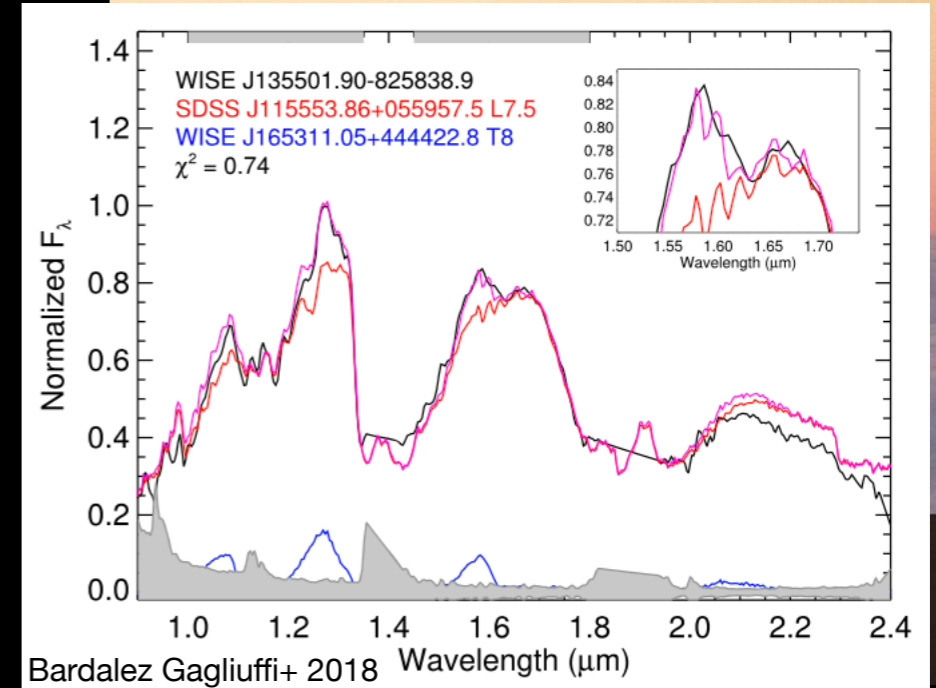
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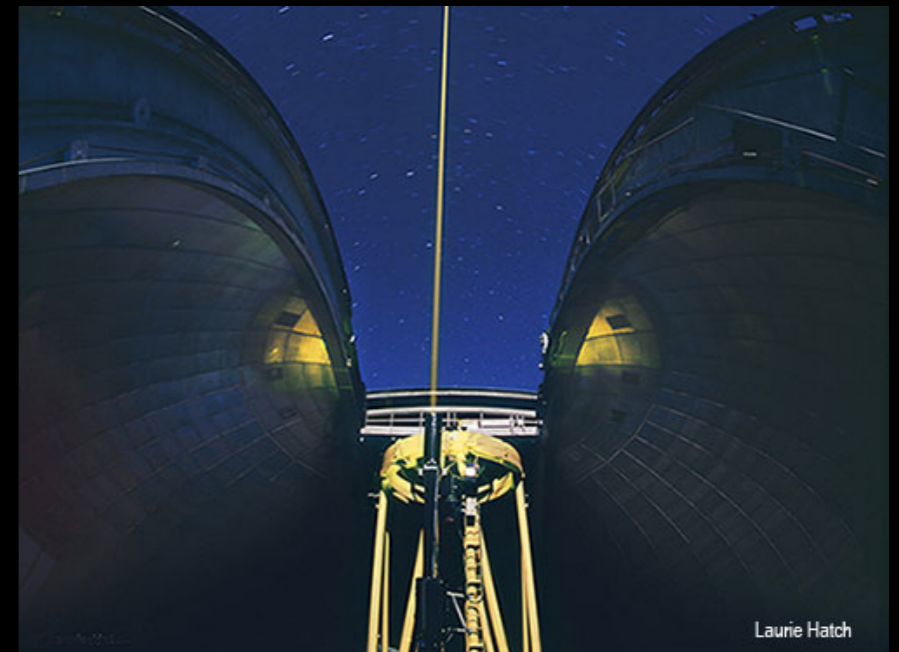
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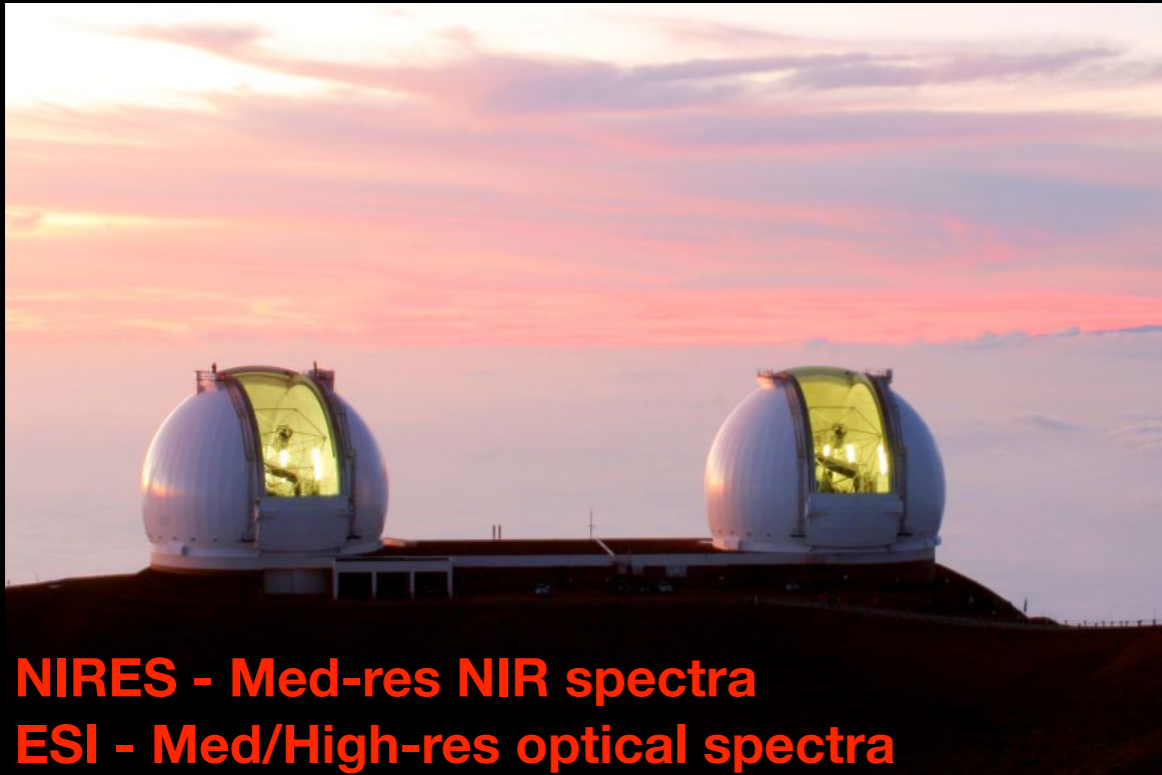


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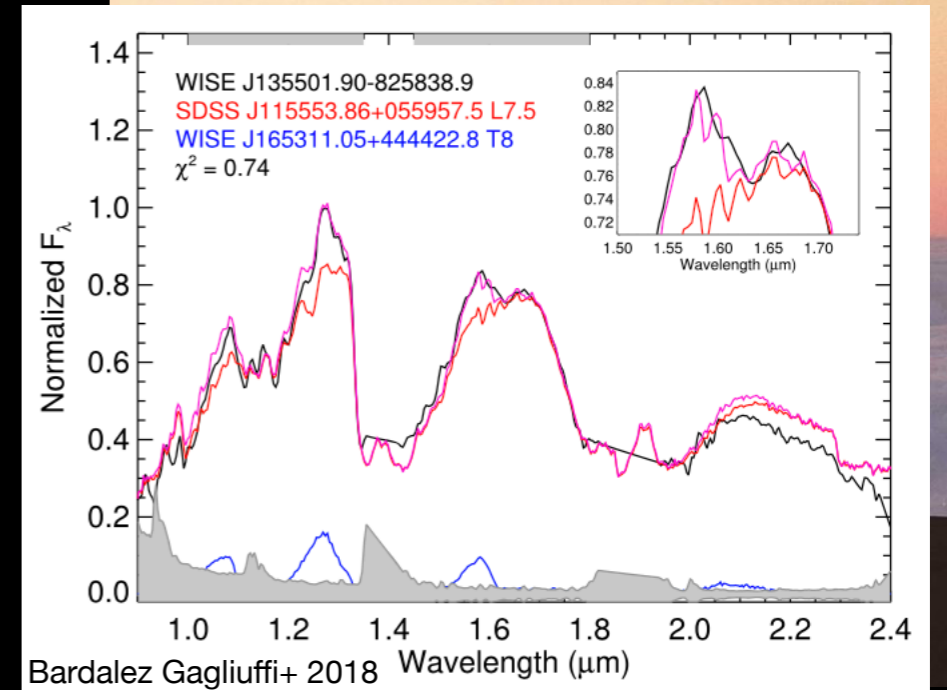
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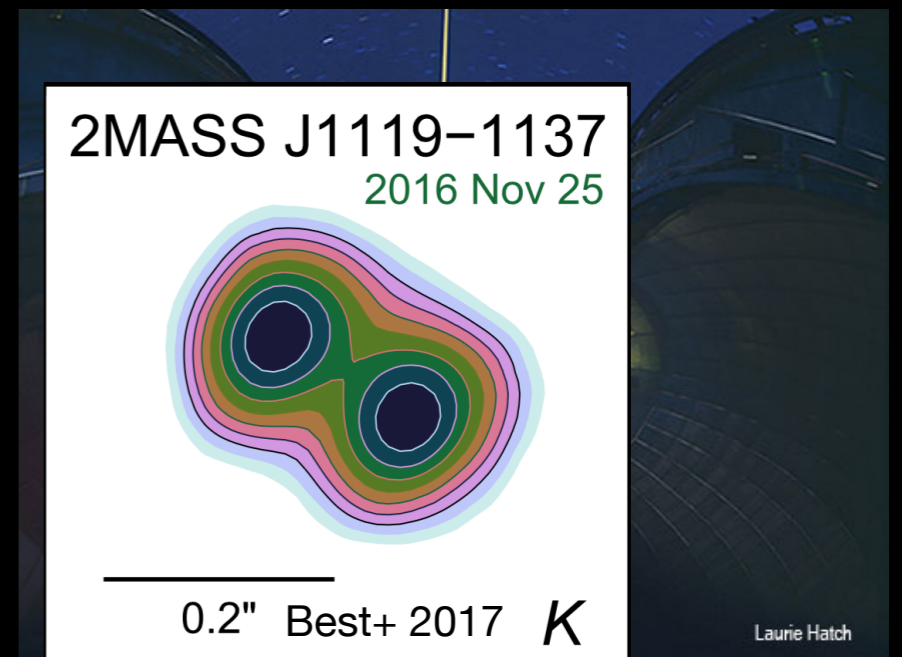
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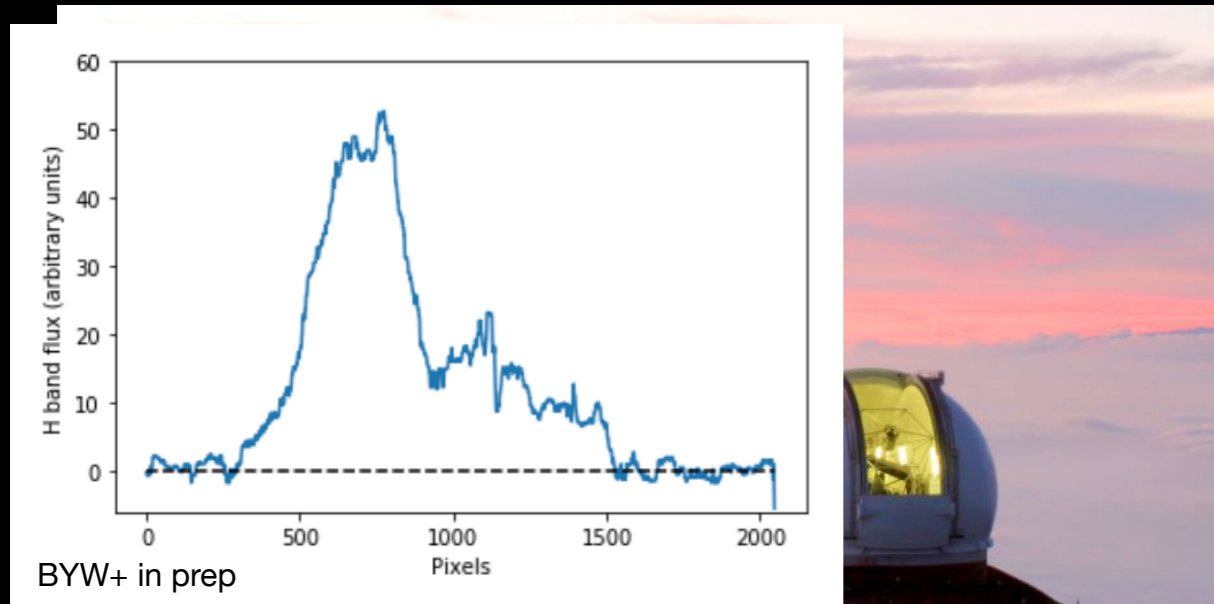
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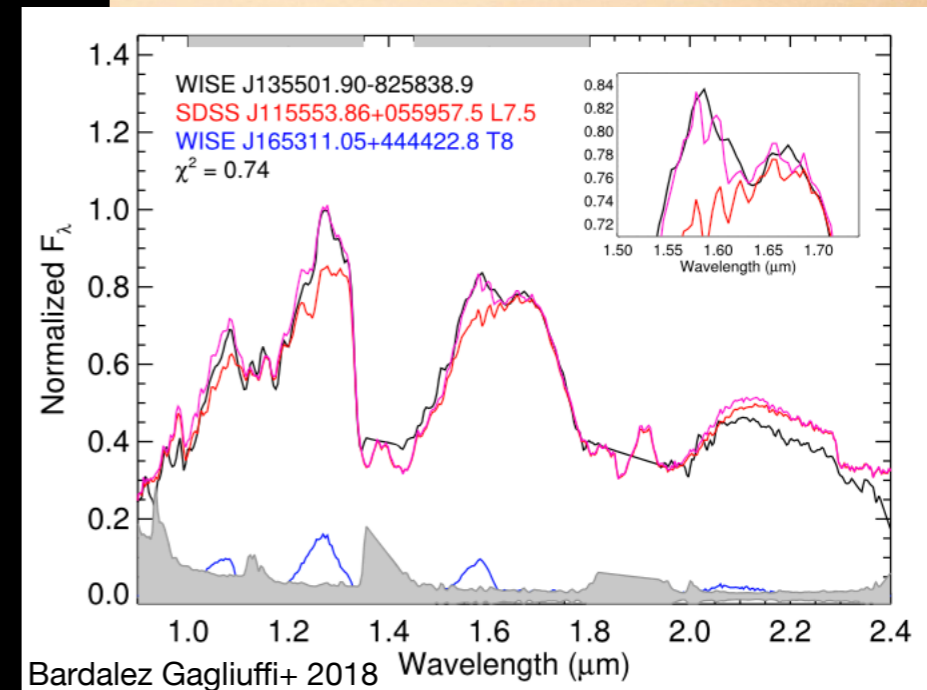
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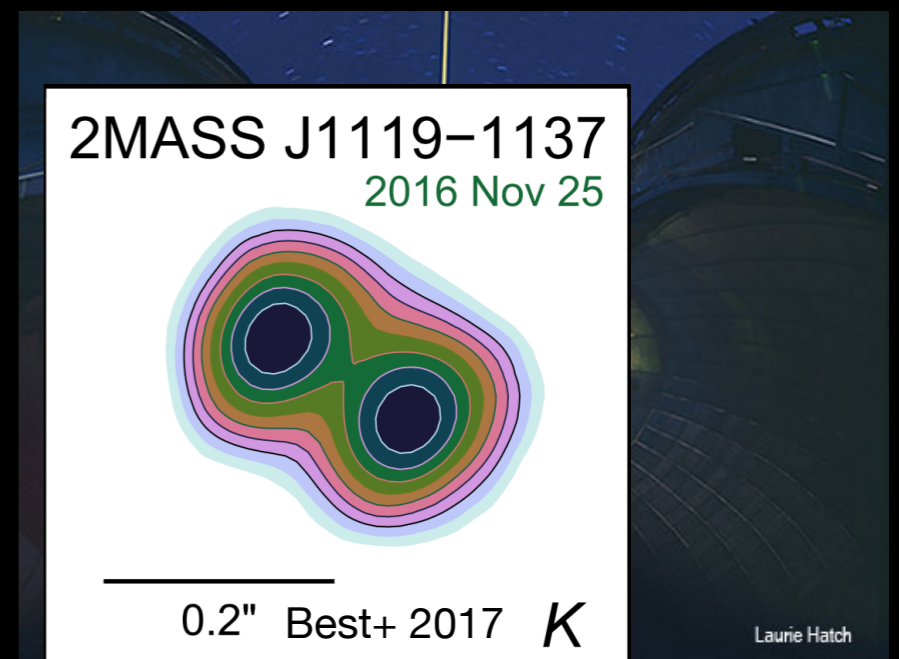
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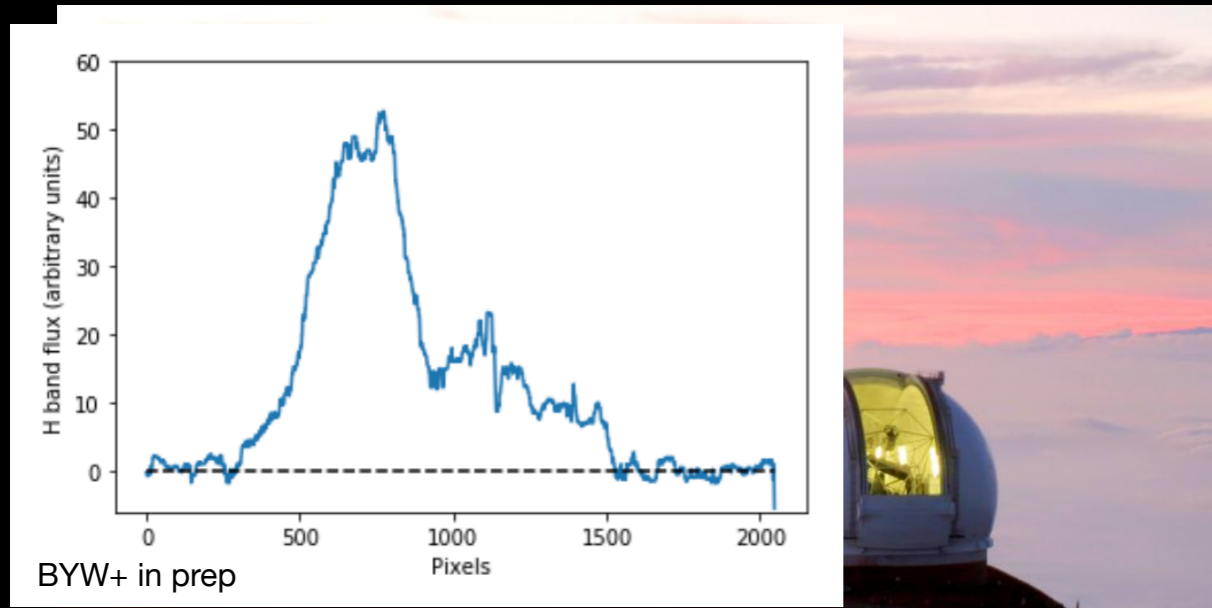
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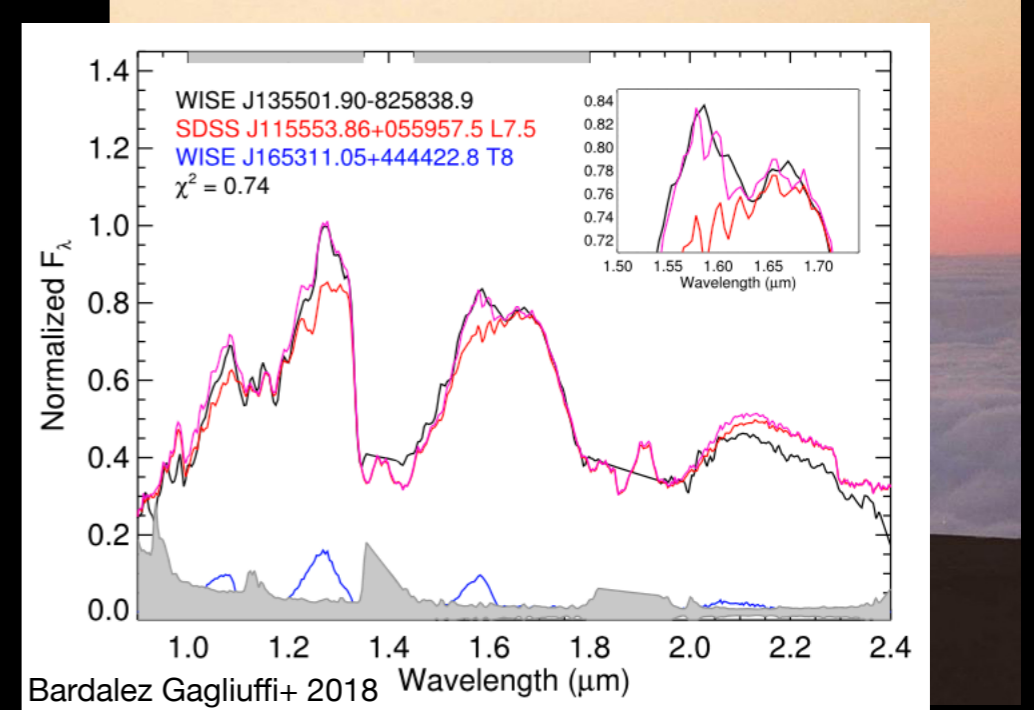
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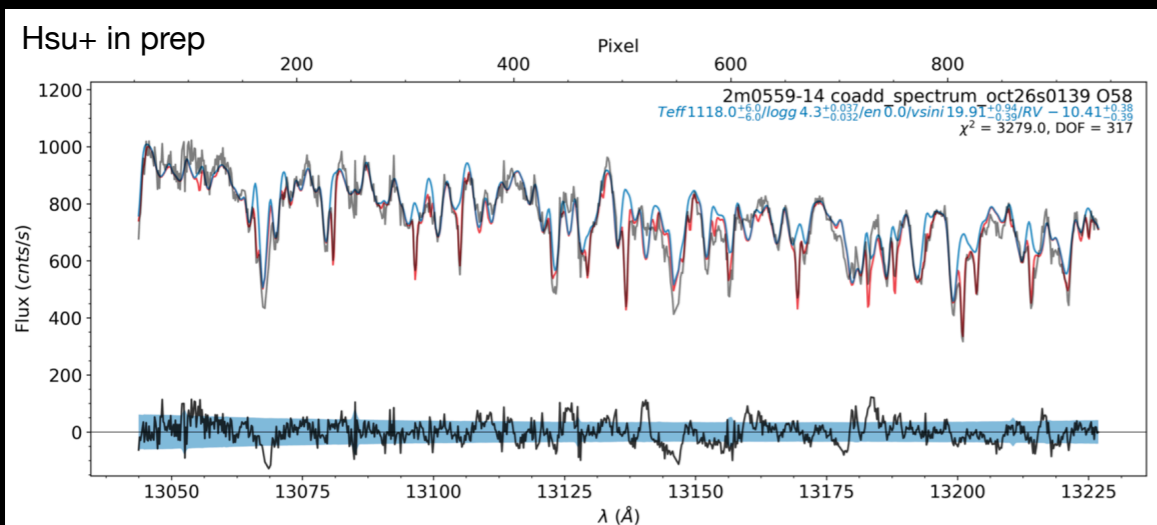


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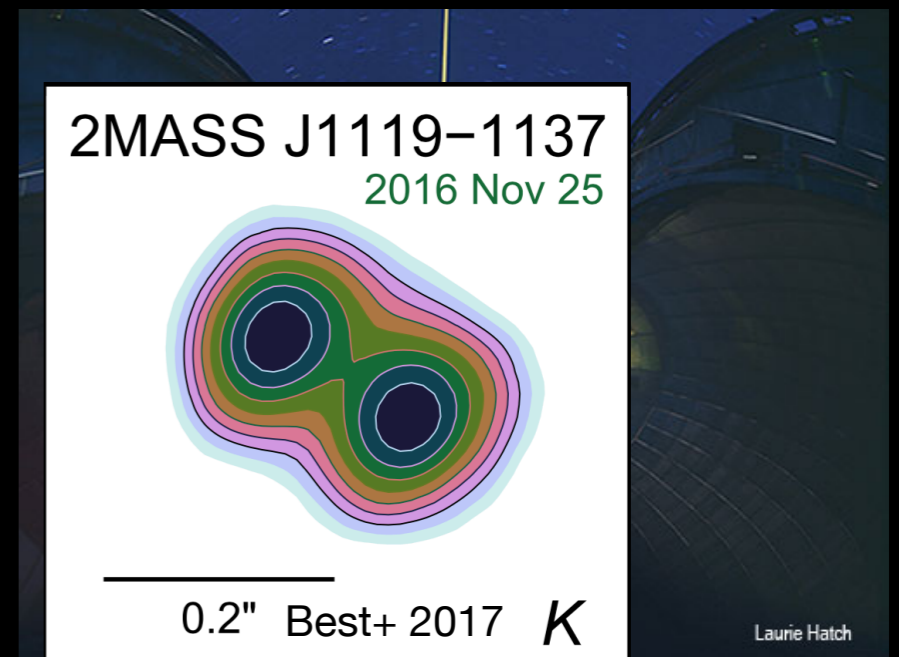
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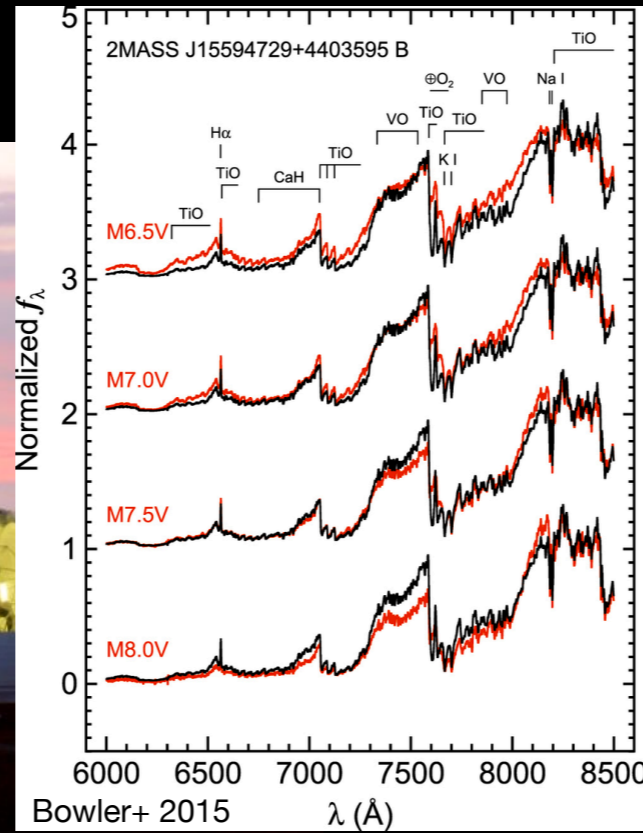
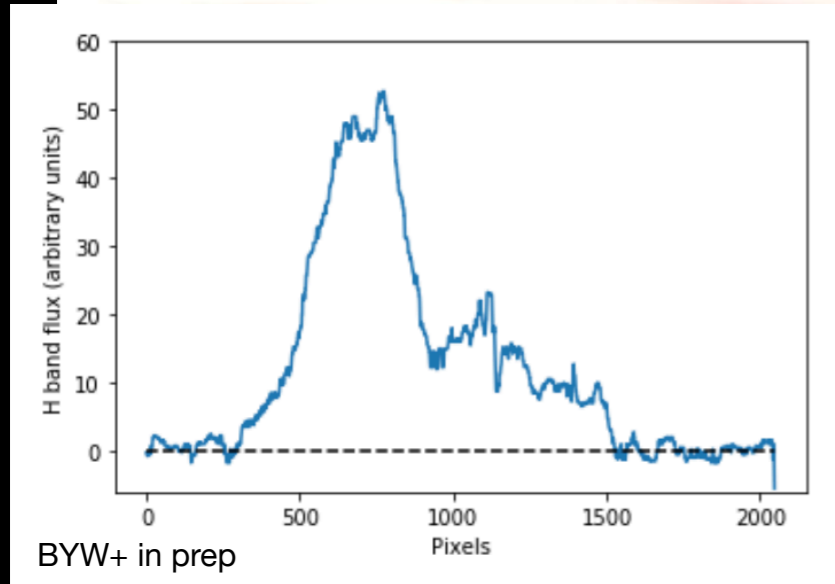
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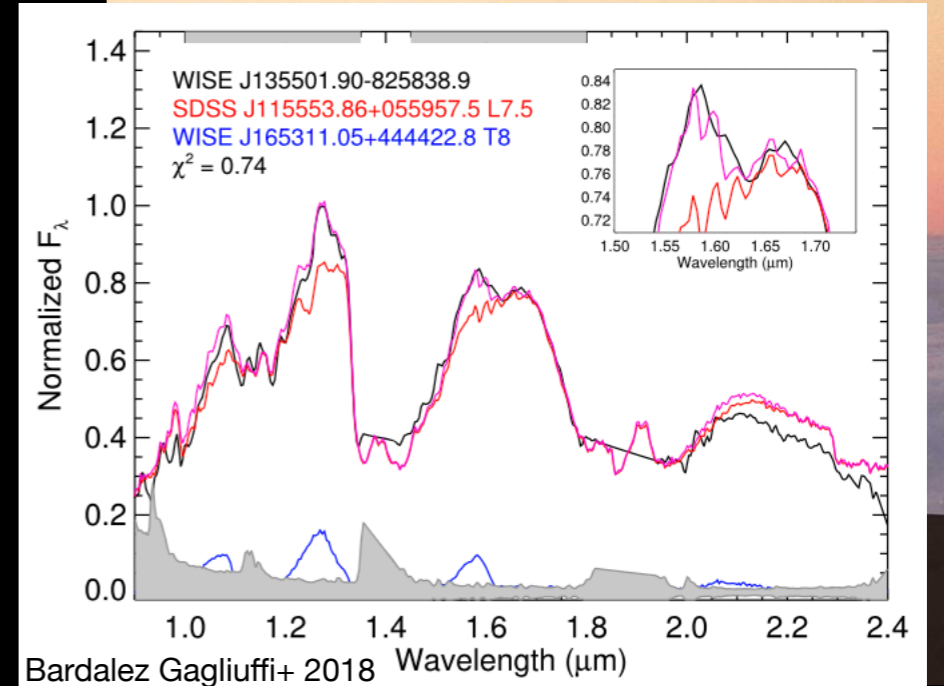


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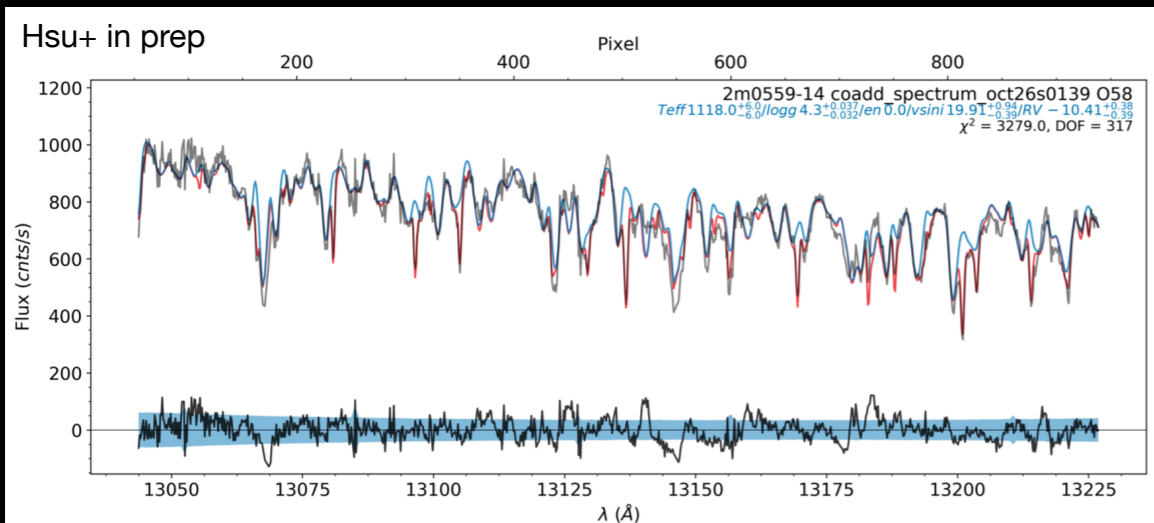
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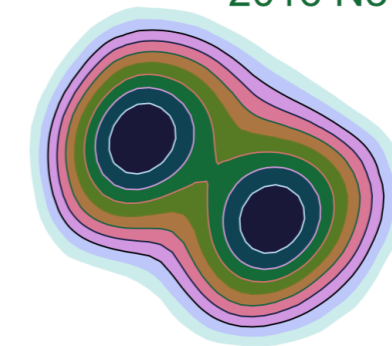
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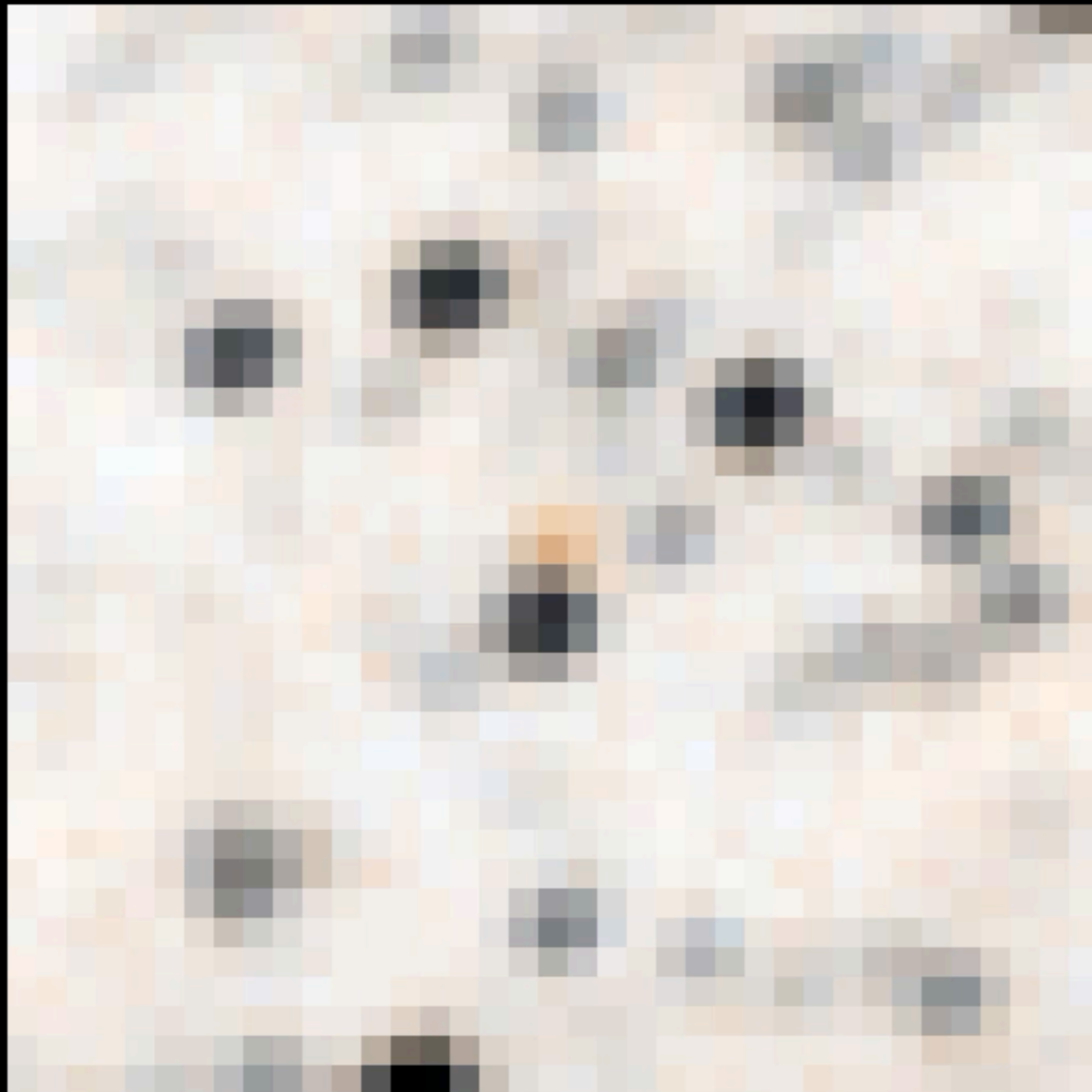


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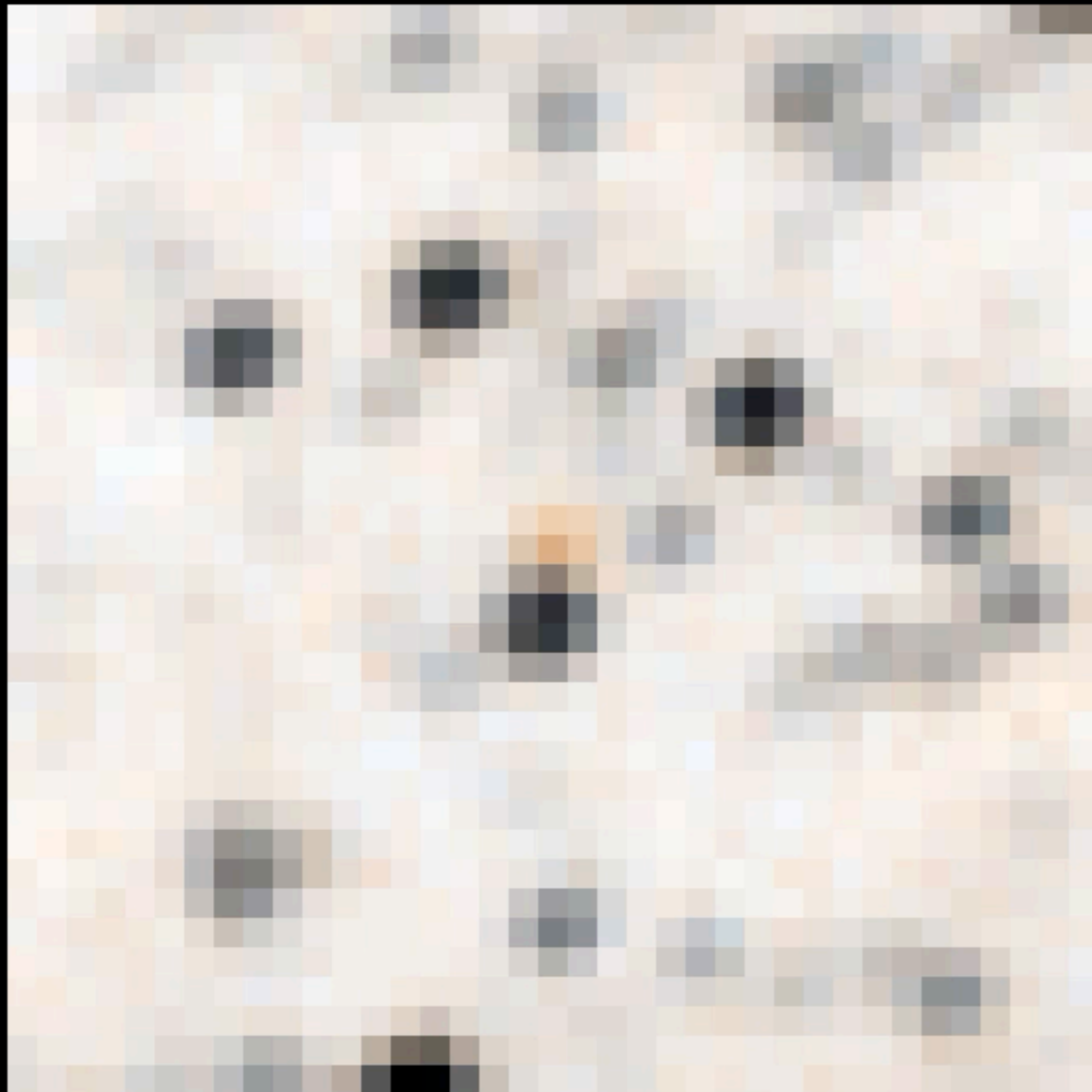
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