

# Winds from very massive stars

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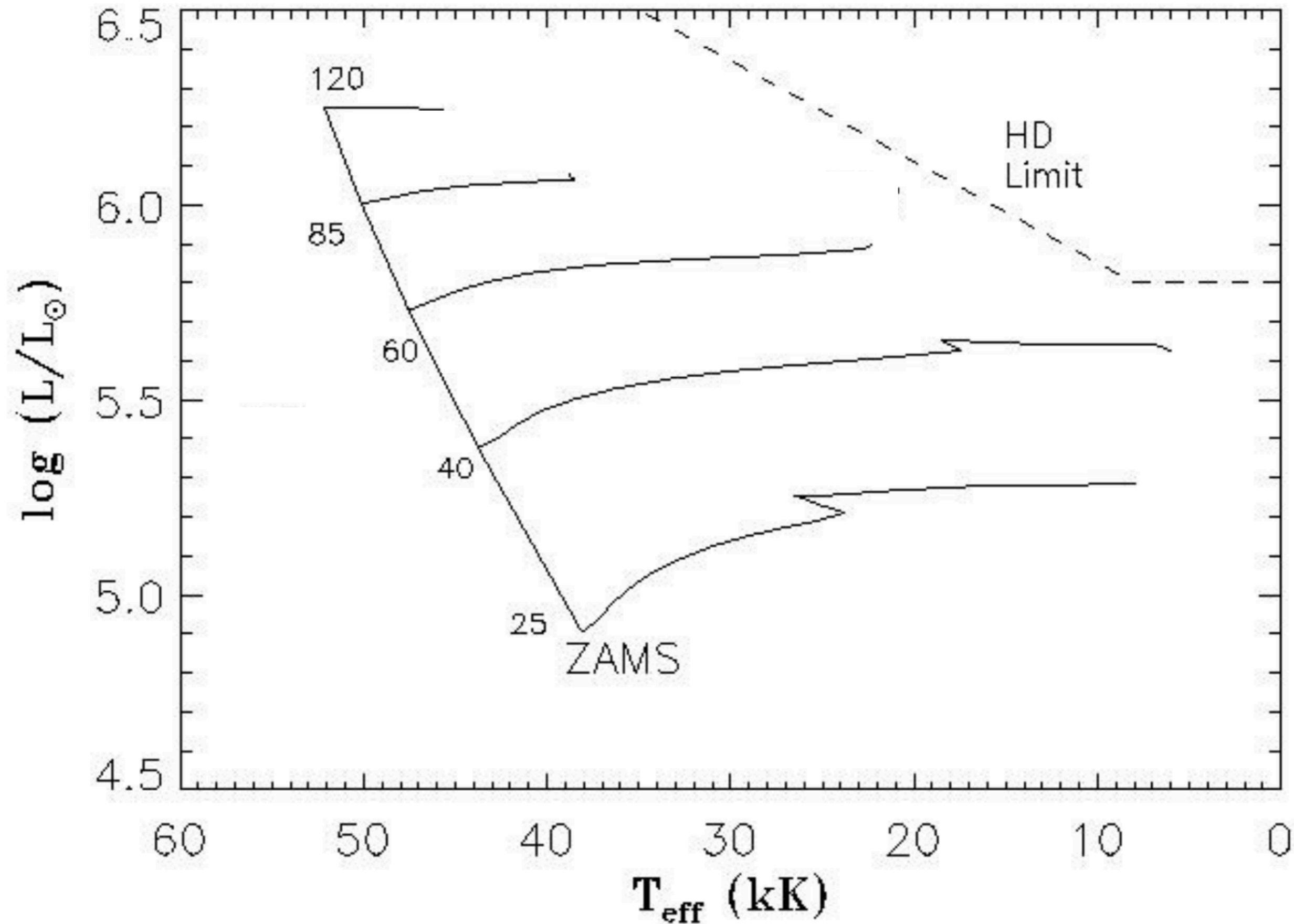
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## Definition:

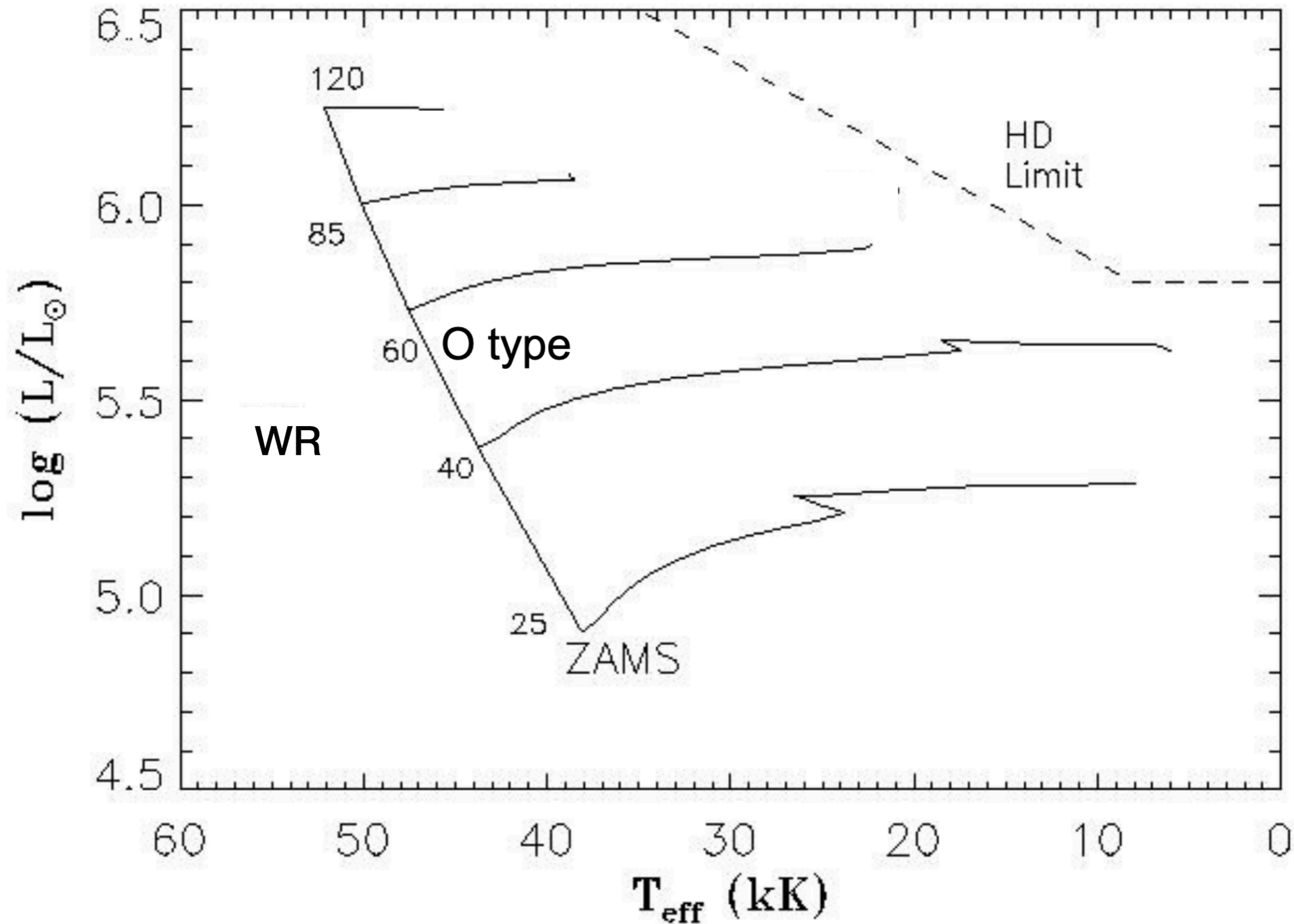
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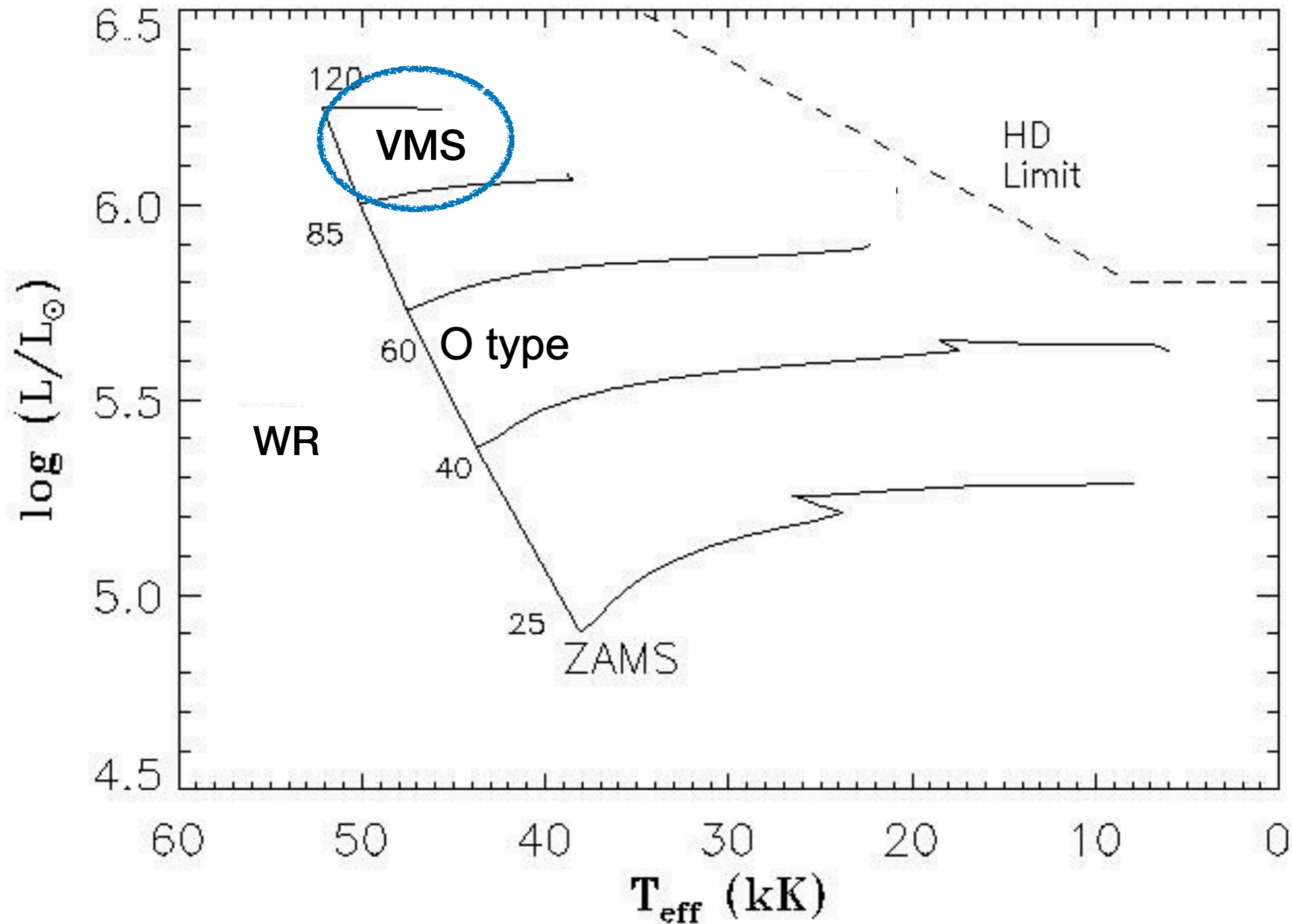


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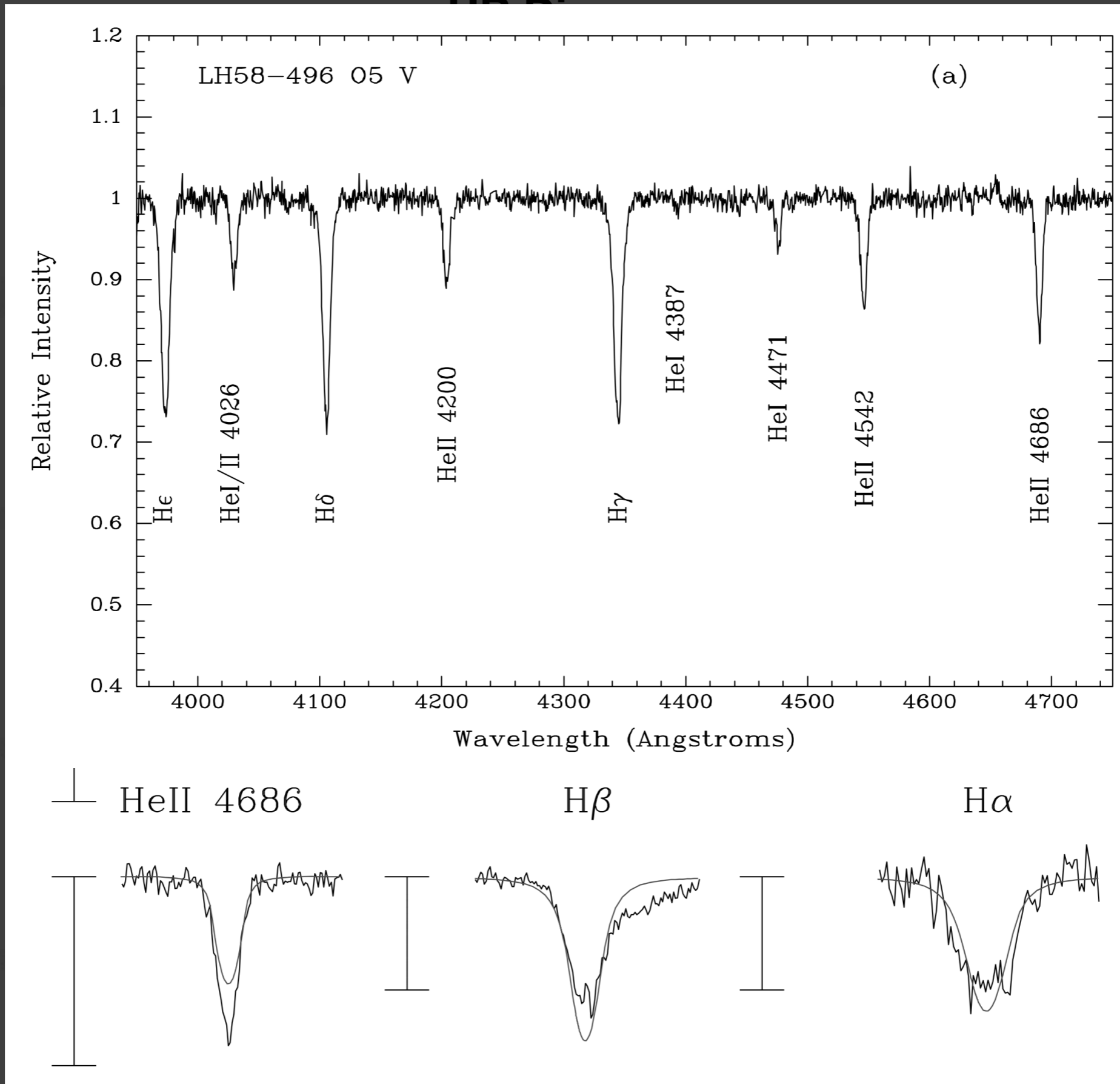




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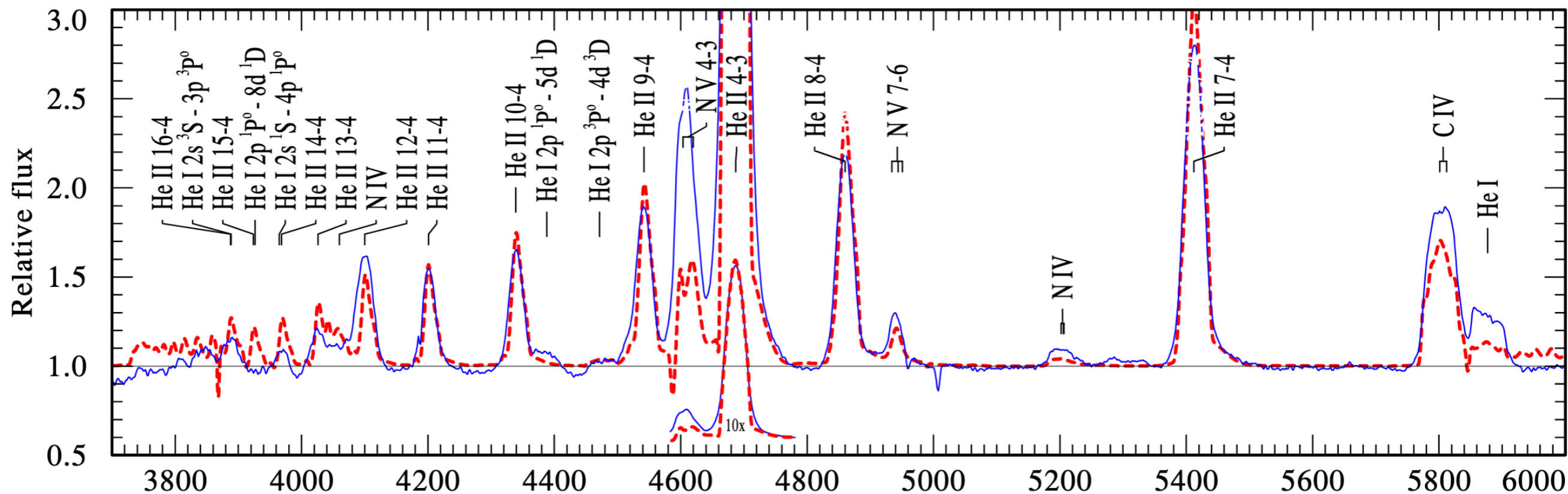


O5 V

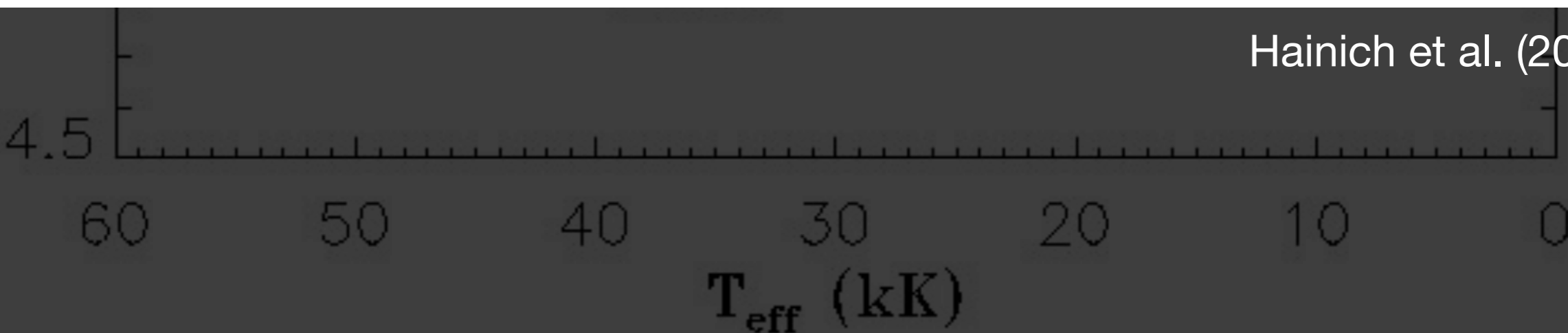


Massey et al. (2005)

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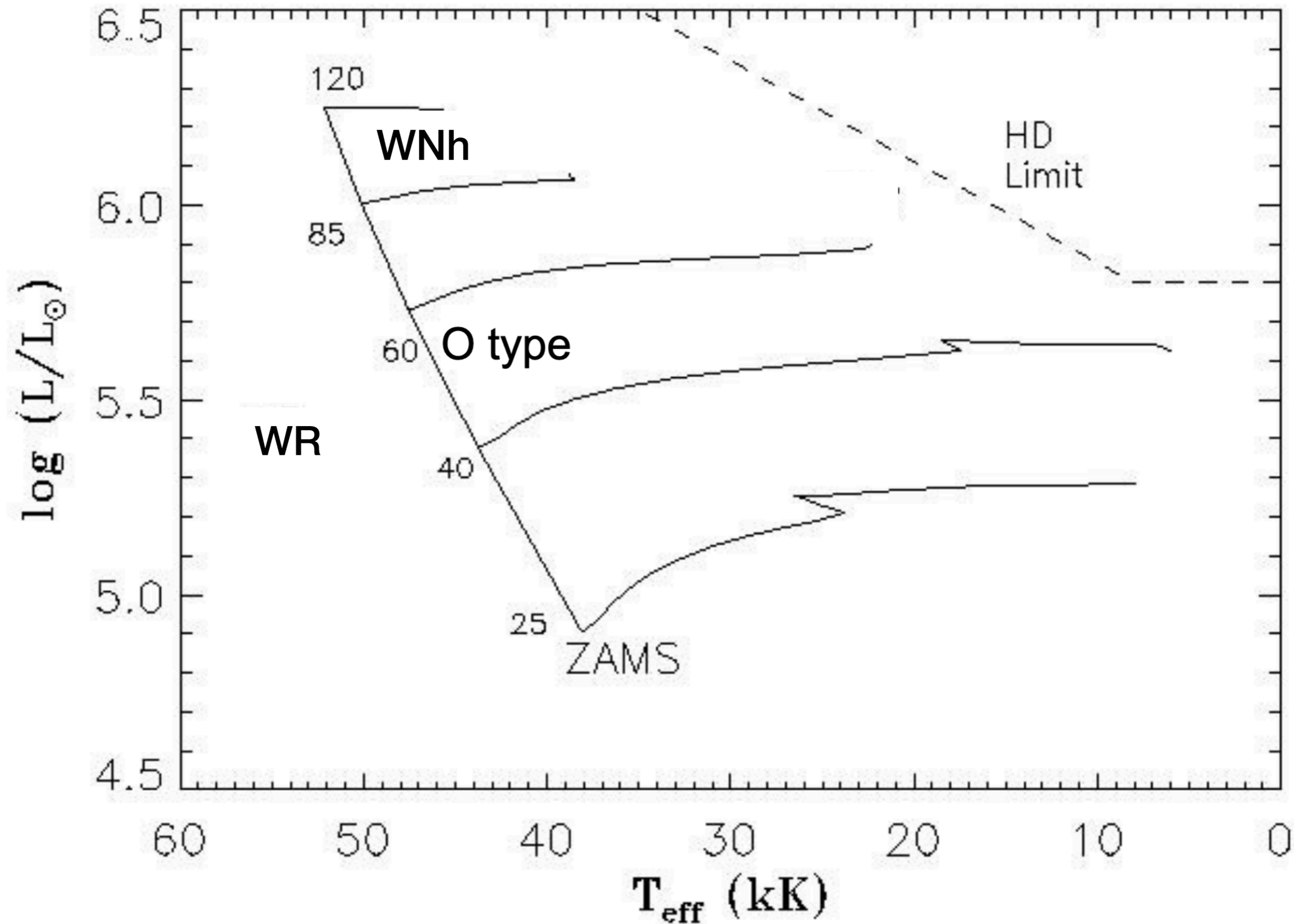


Hainich et al. (2014)



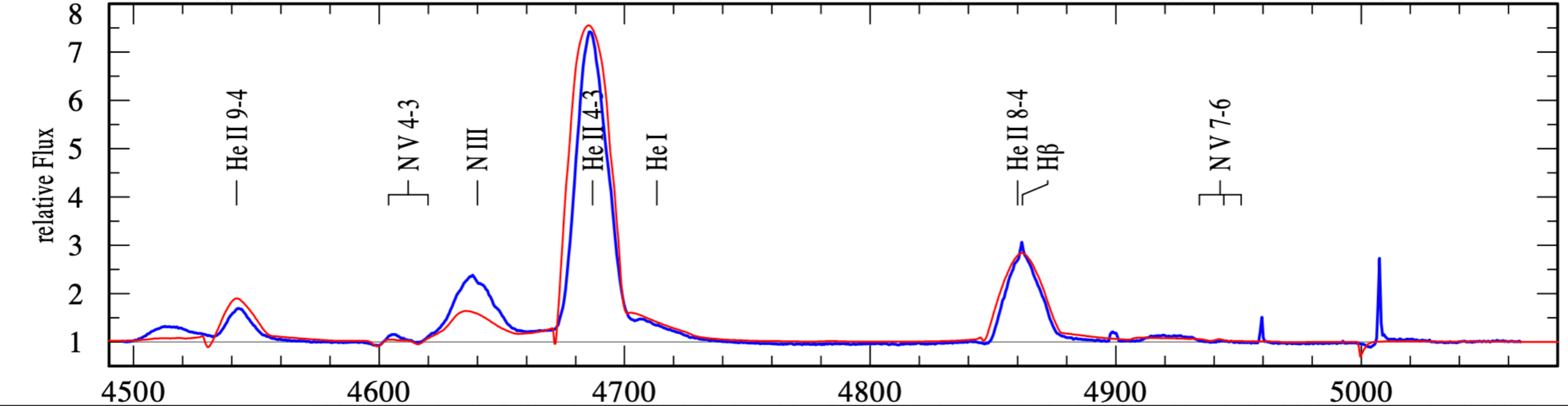
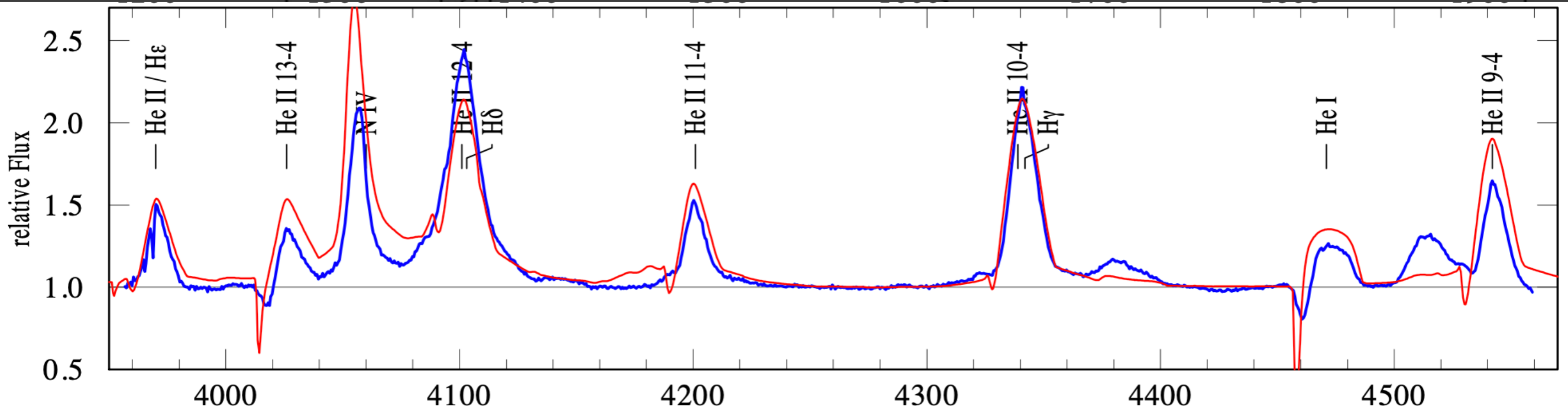


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# HR Diagram

WN7h



VFTS 108, Bestenlehner et al. (2014)

$T_{\text{eff}}$  (kK)

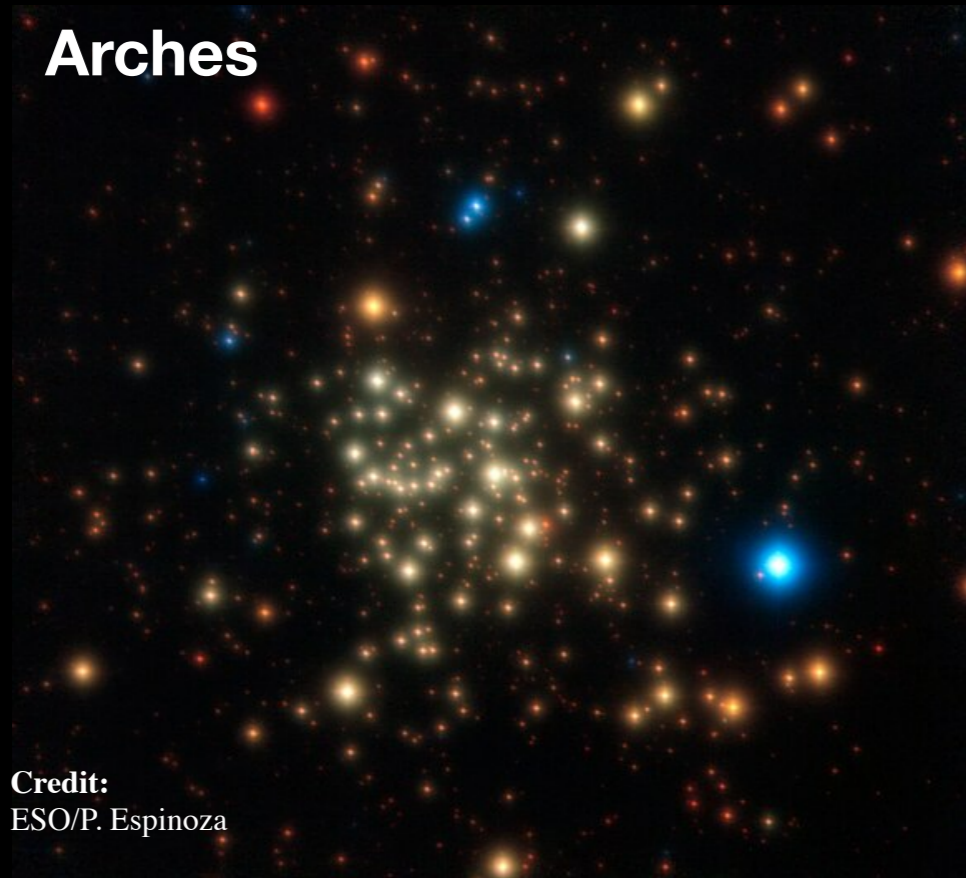
## Existence of VMSs:

- ▶ Very massive stars can be defined as stars born with initial mass  $100 - 1000 M_{\odot}$
- ▶ Found in young, massive clusters. Top heavy IMF was found in 30 Dor with empirical evidence for stars up to  $250 M_{\odot}$



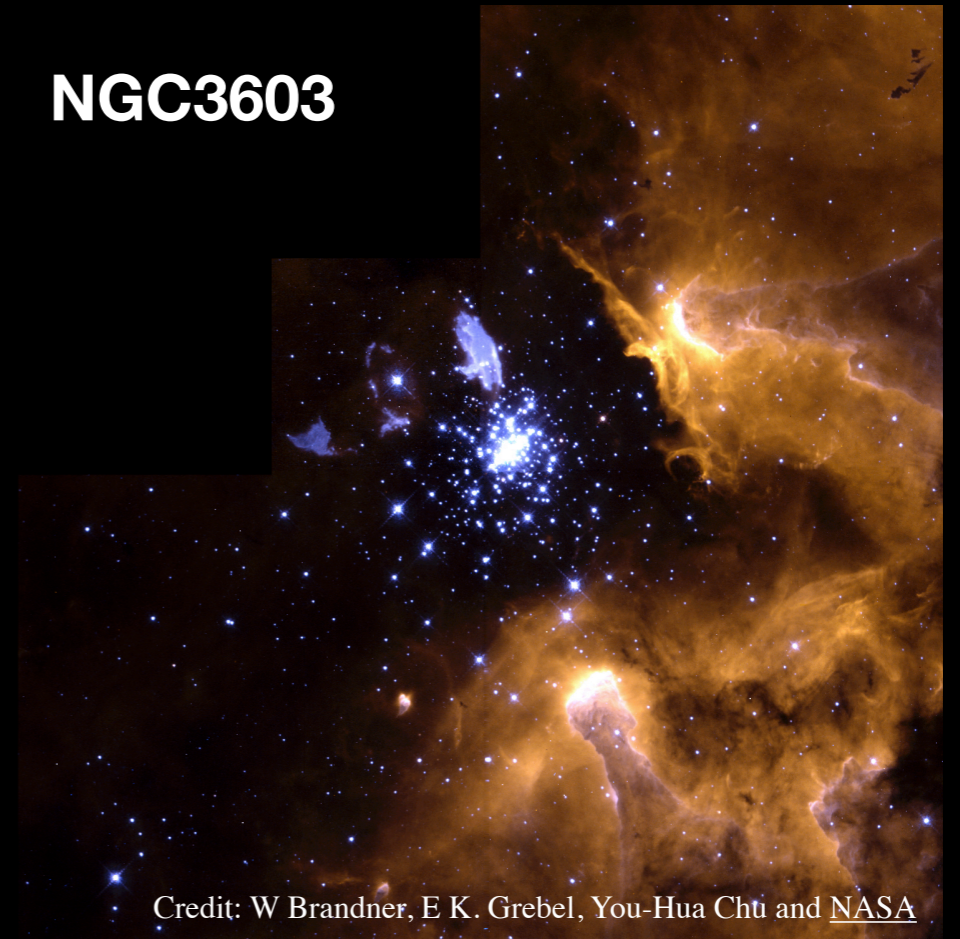
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**Arches**



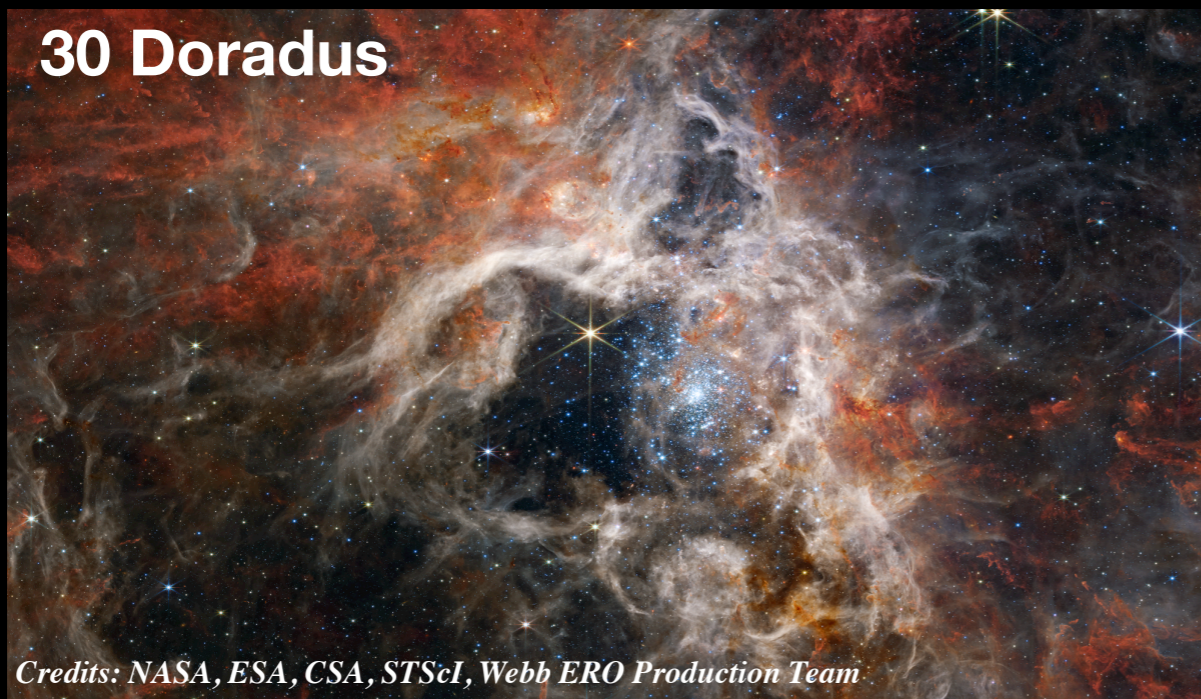
Credit:  
ESO/P. Espinoza

**NGC3603**



Credit: W Brandner, E K. Grebel, You-Hua Chti and [NASA](#)

**30 Doradus**



Credits: NASA, ESA, CSA, STScI, Webb ERO Production Team

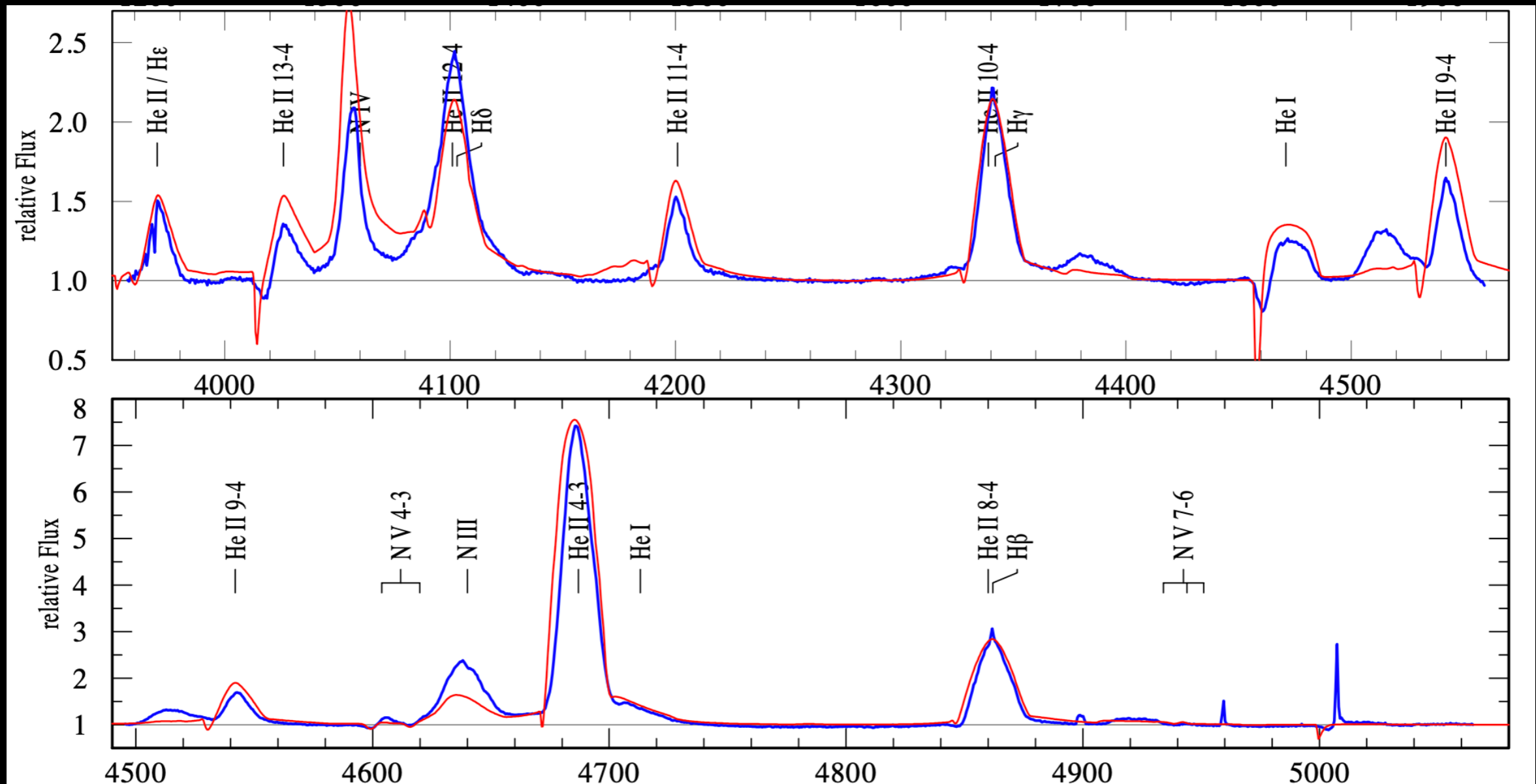
**First gen?**

# Spectral properties of VMSs:

**WR spectra** - strong emission lines indicative of strong winds

**N lines** - H-burning products near the surface

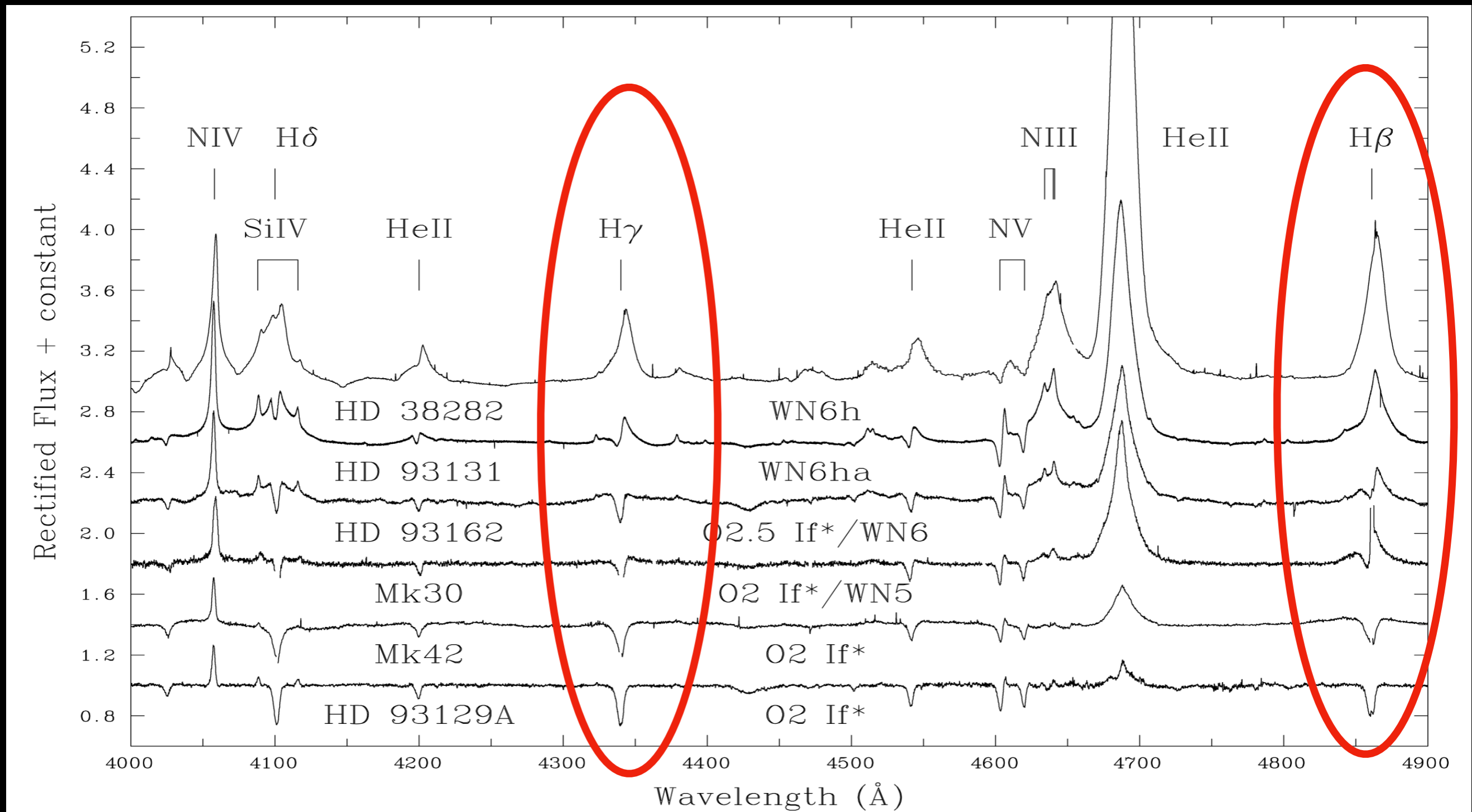
**Hydrogen lines** - envelope is not fully stripped





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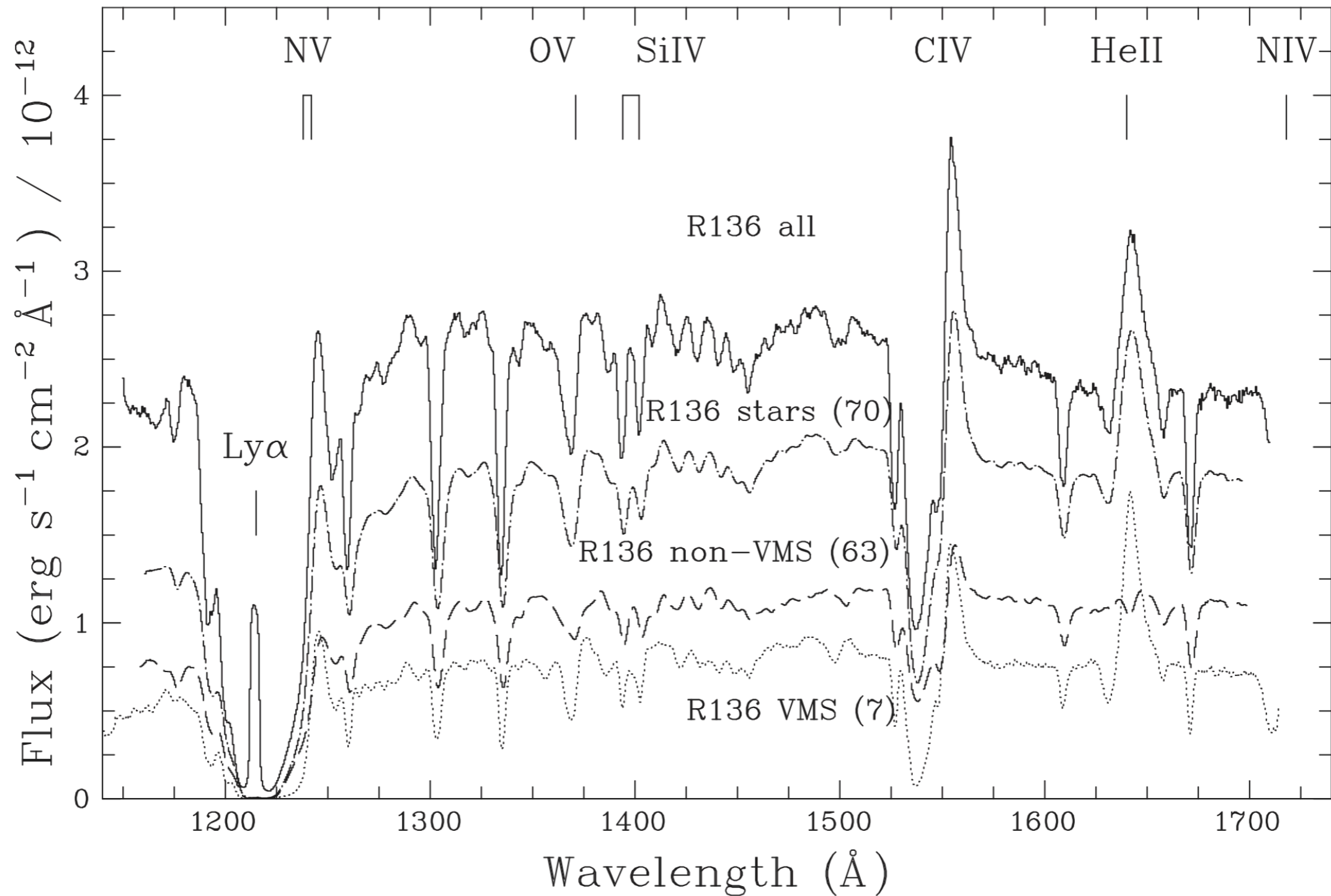
Forms a **continuation of the spectral sequence above O stars**





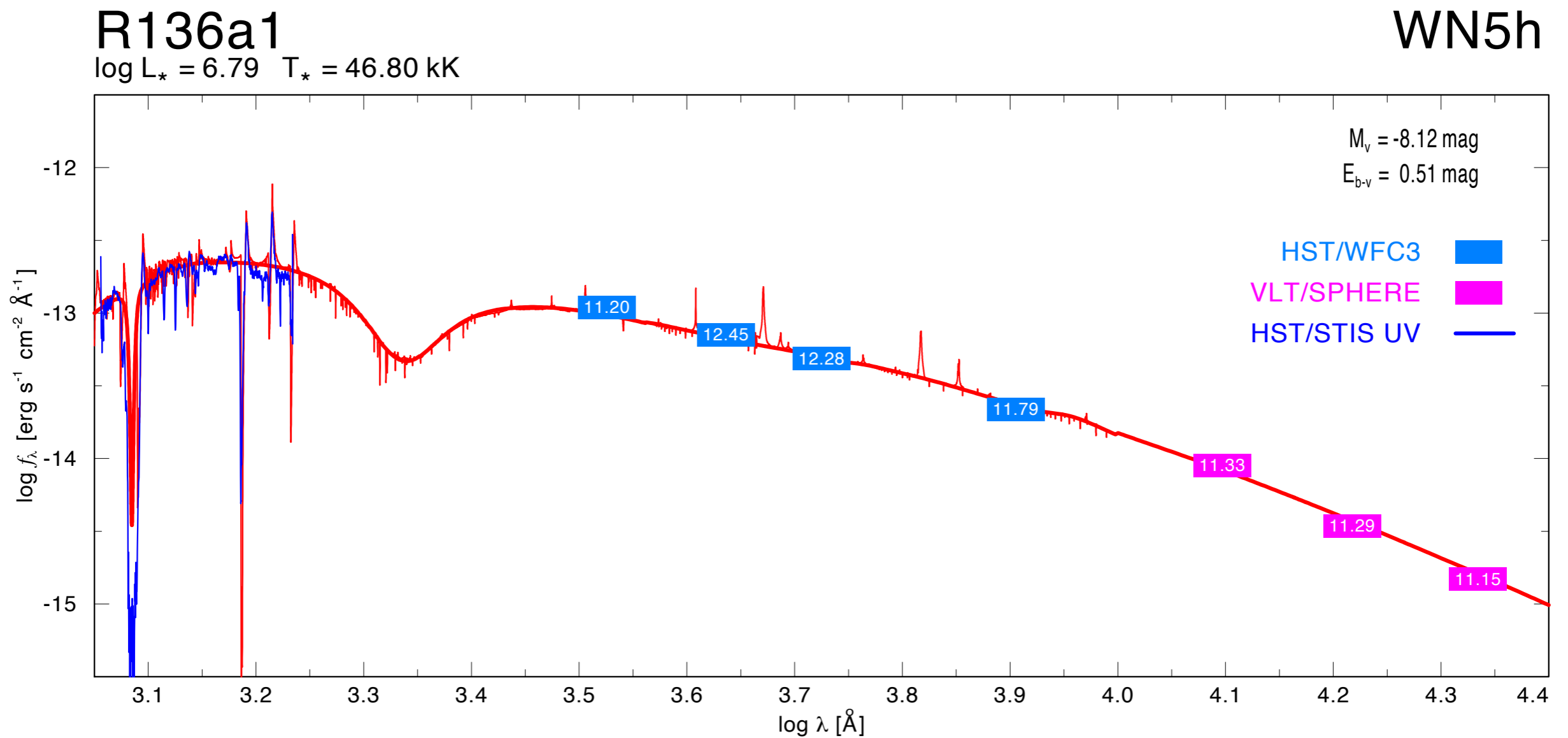
# Spectral properties of VMSs:

Unlikely to be resolved into a bunch of O stars



# Luminosities and temperatures of VMSs:

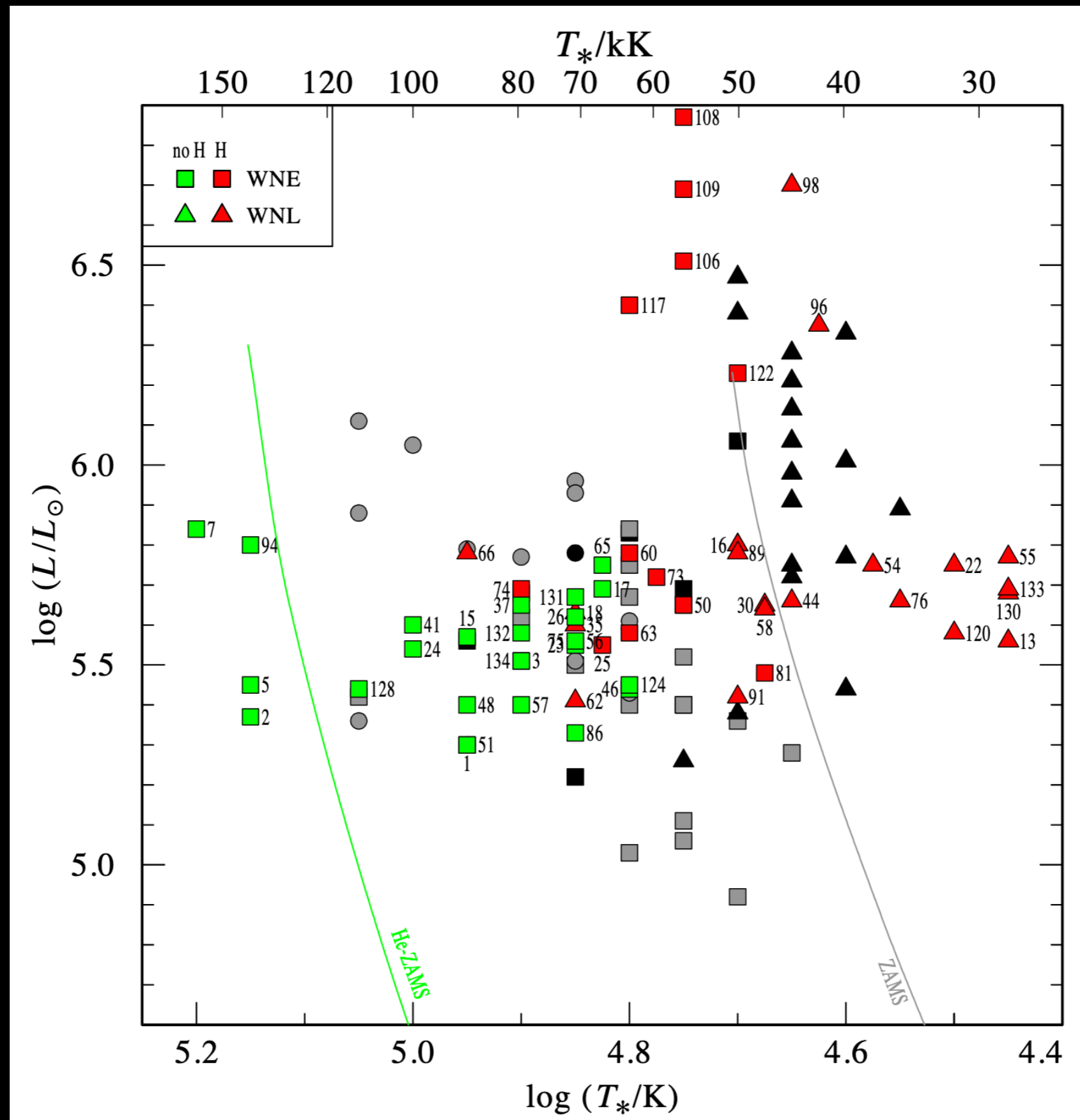
**Very luminous** - typical luminosities in excess of  $10^6 L_{\odot}$



de Marchi et al. (2011)

Crowther et al. (2016)

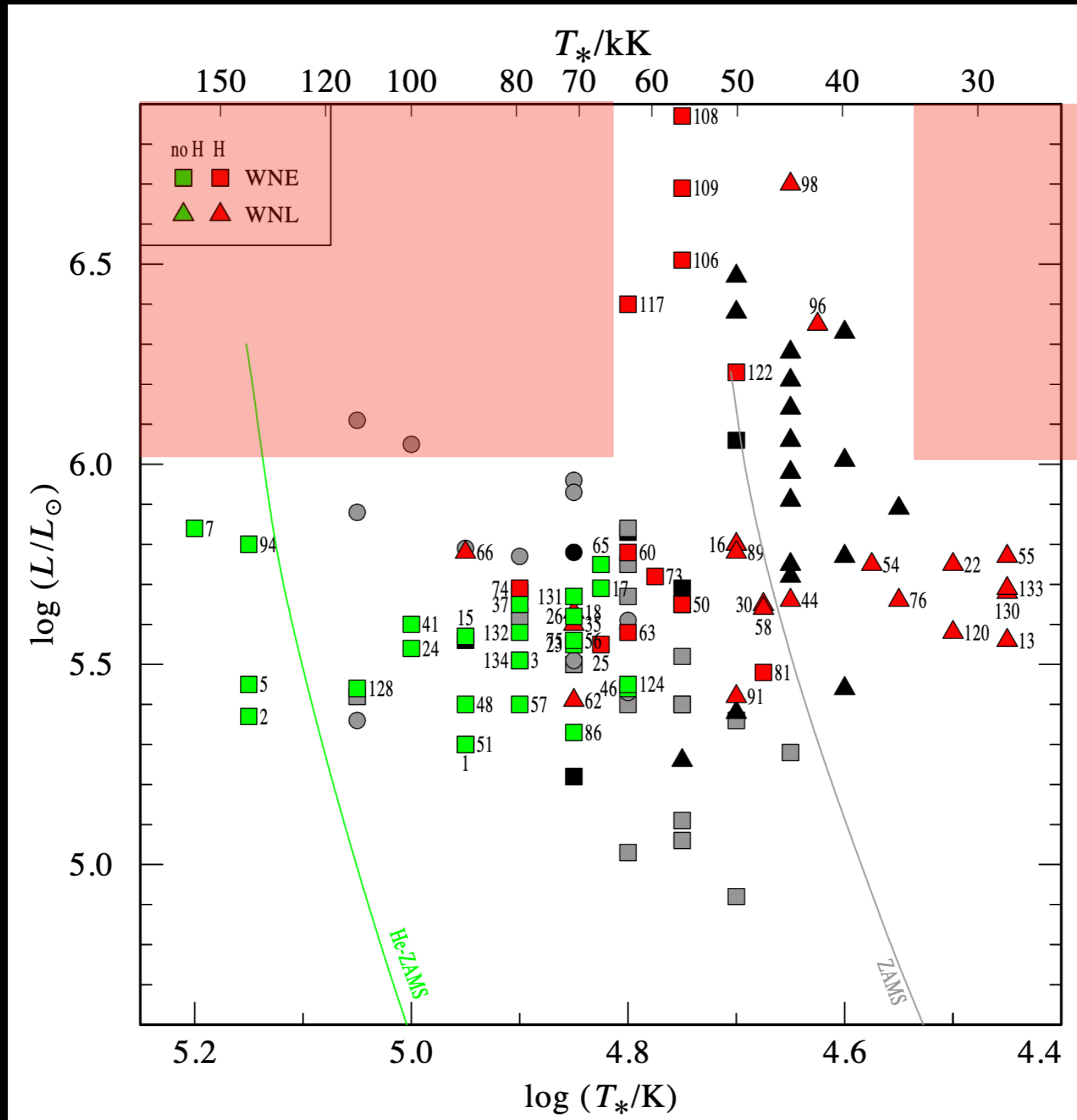
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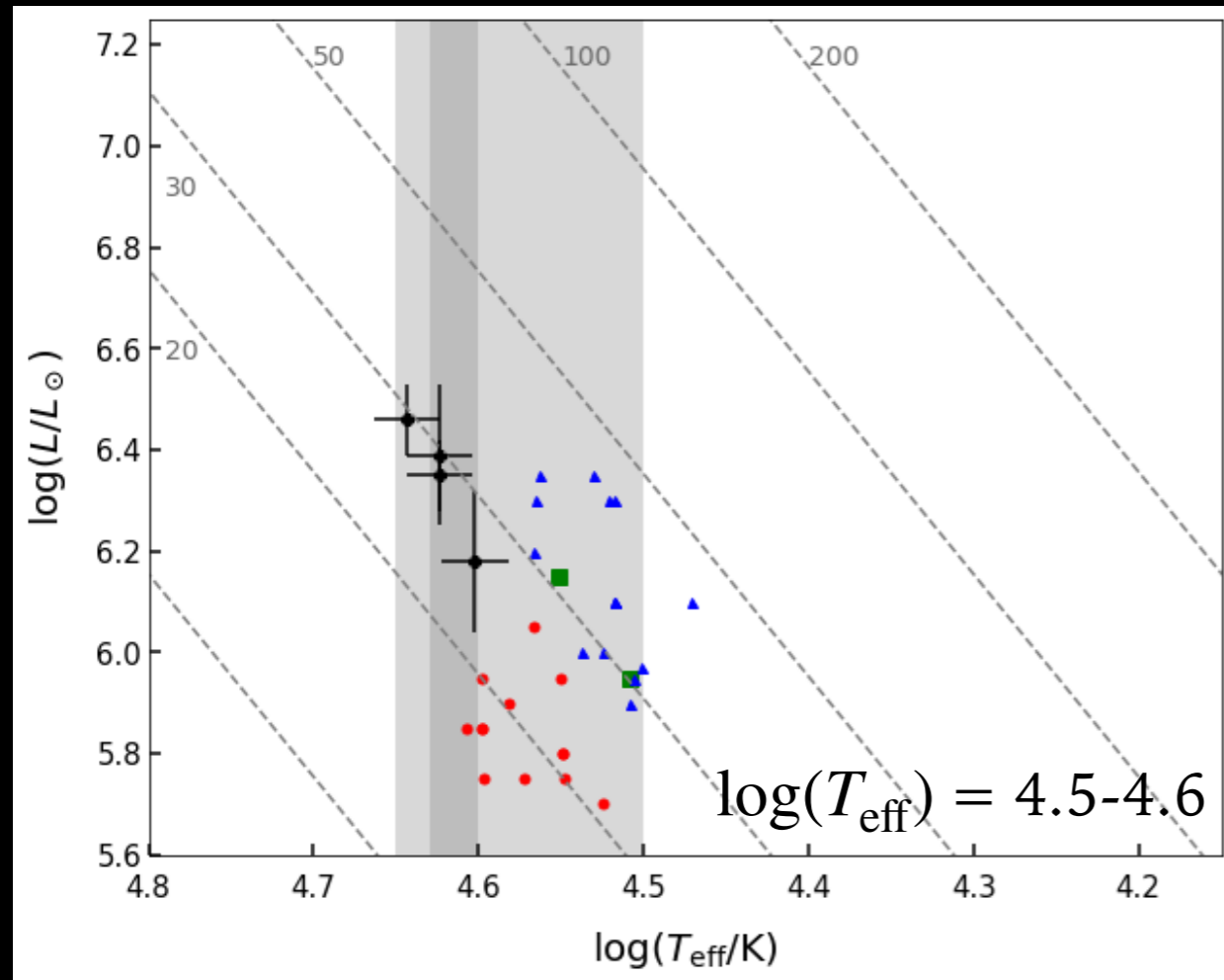
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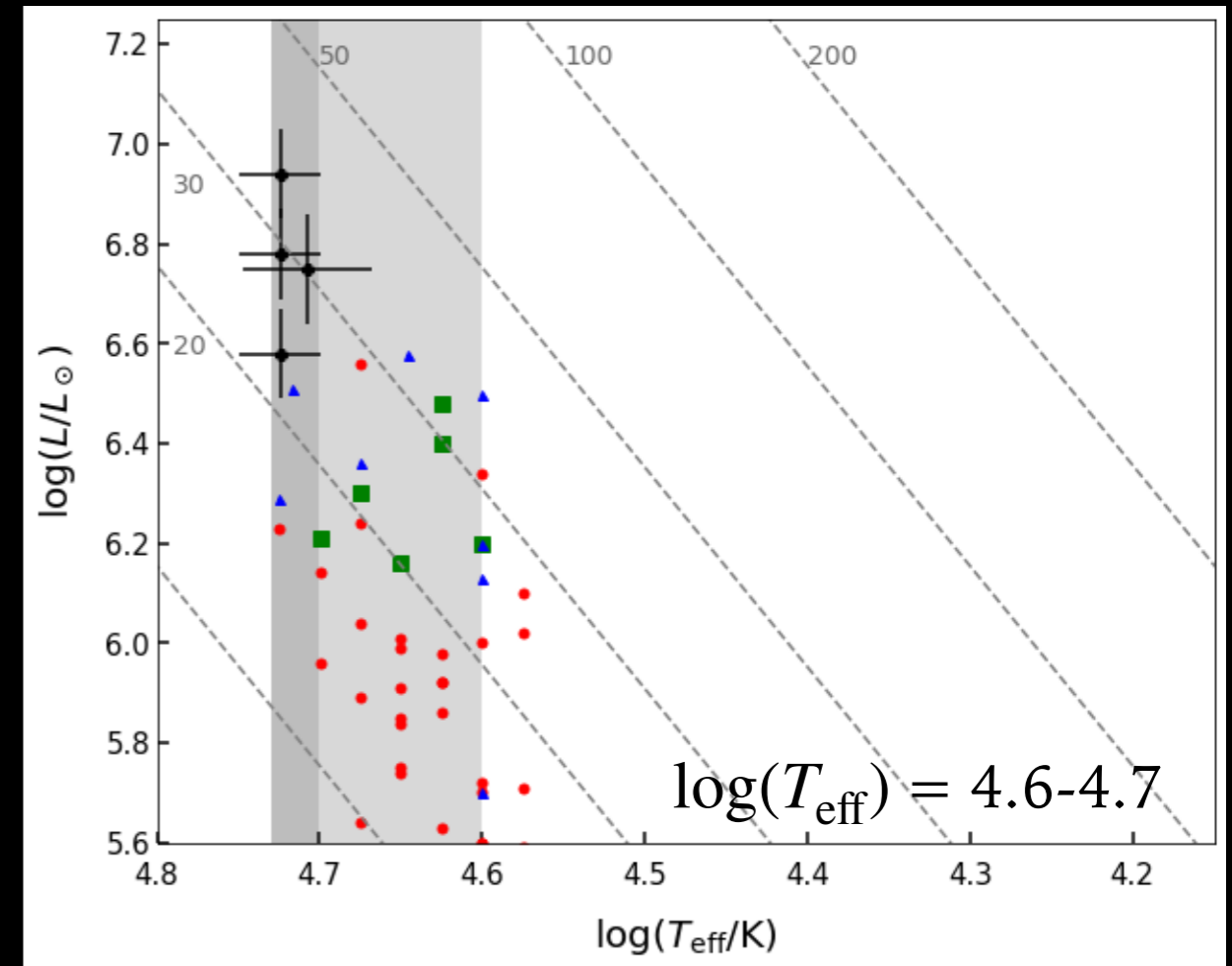
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Martins et al. (2008)

NGC3603, Crowther et al. 2010

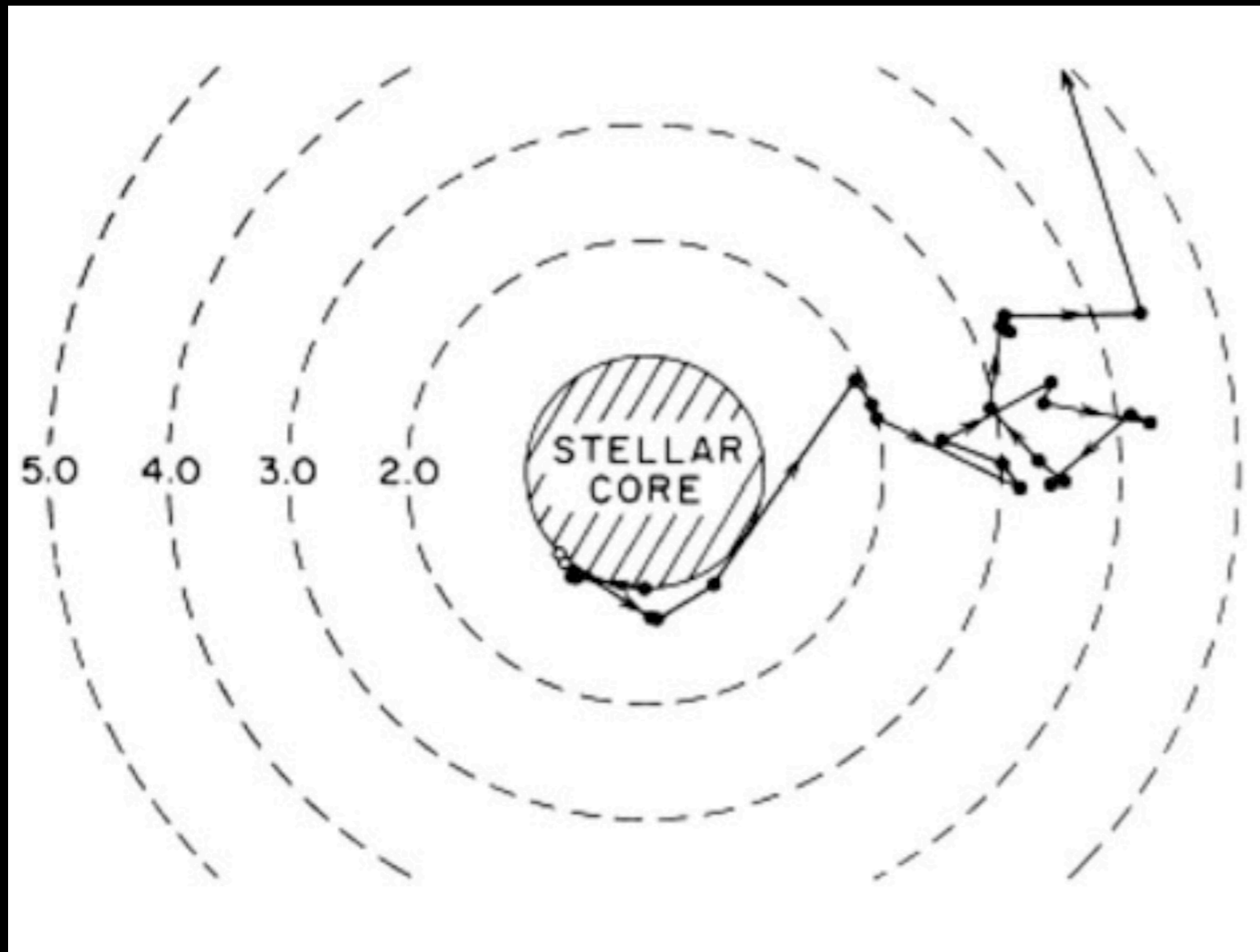


O, Of/WN, WNh stars in the 30 Dor,  
Bestenlehner et al. (2014)

R136 core, Crowther et al. 2010



- ▶ Photons can transfer momentum multiple times in the wind.
- ▶ Wind efficiency factor measures averaged efficiency of momentum transfer from radiation to gas

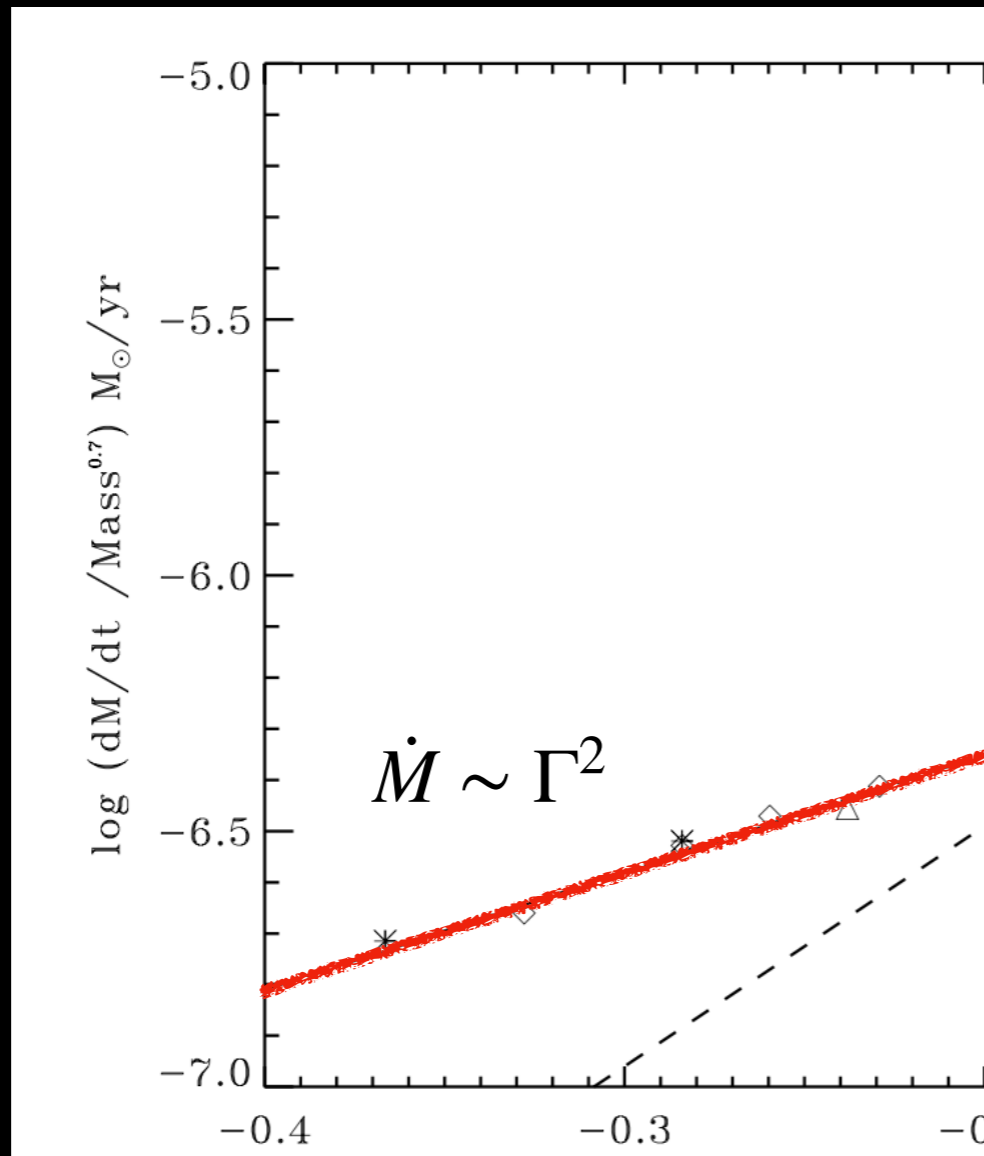


$$\eta = \frac{\dot{M}v_{\infty}}{L/c} > 1$$

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Vink et al. 2011

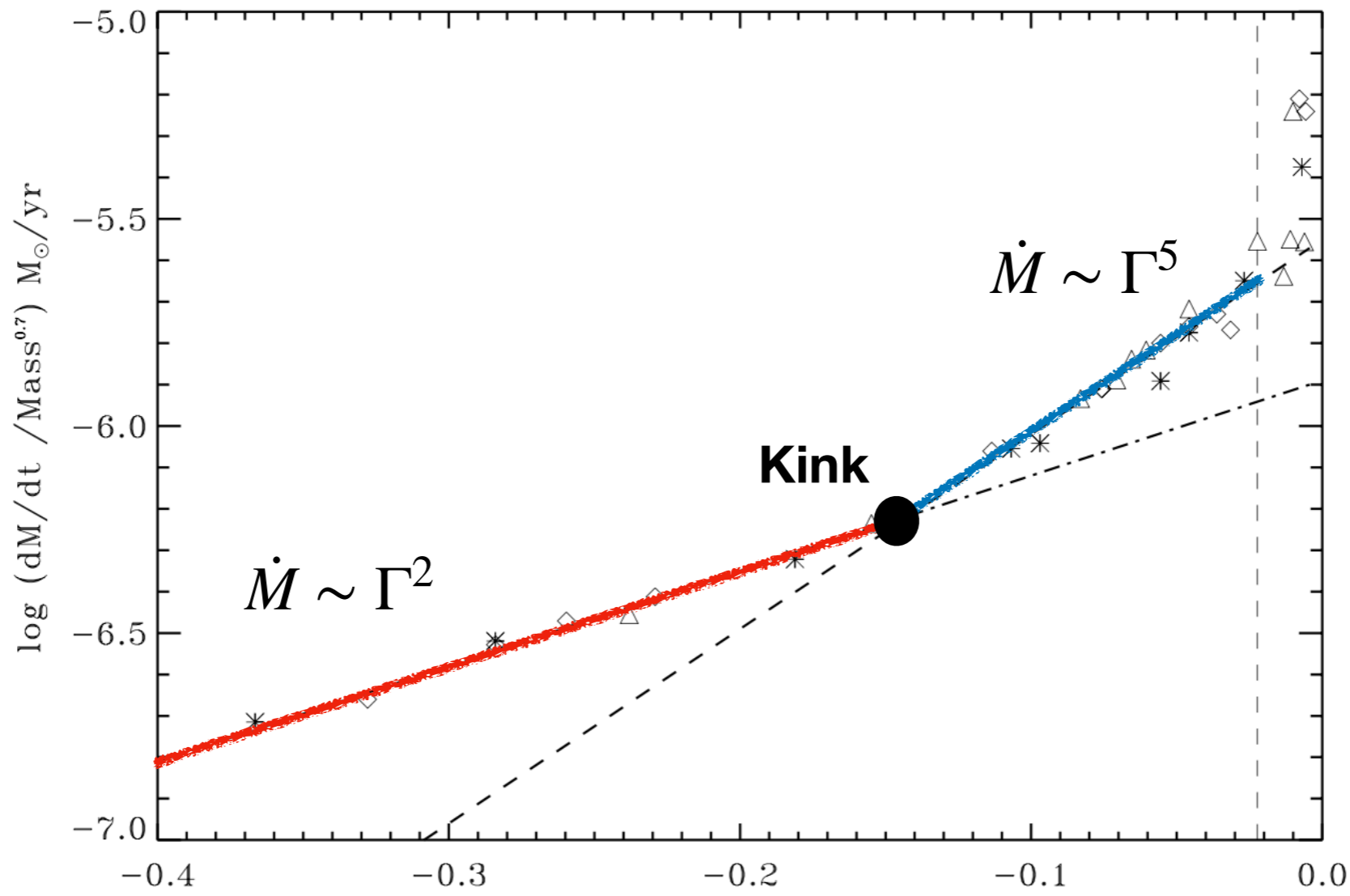


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- ▶ Above the kink,  $\dot{M} \sim \Gamma^5 \implies$  Mass loss is enhanced above the kink

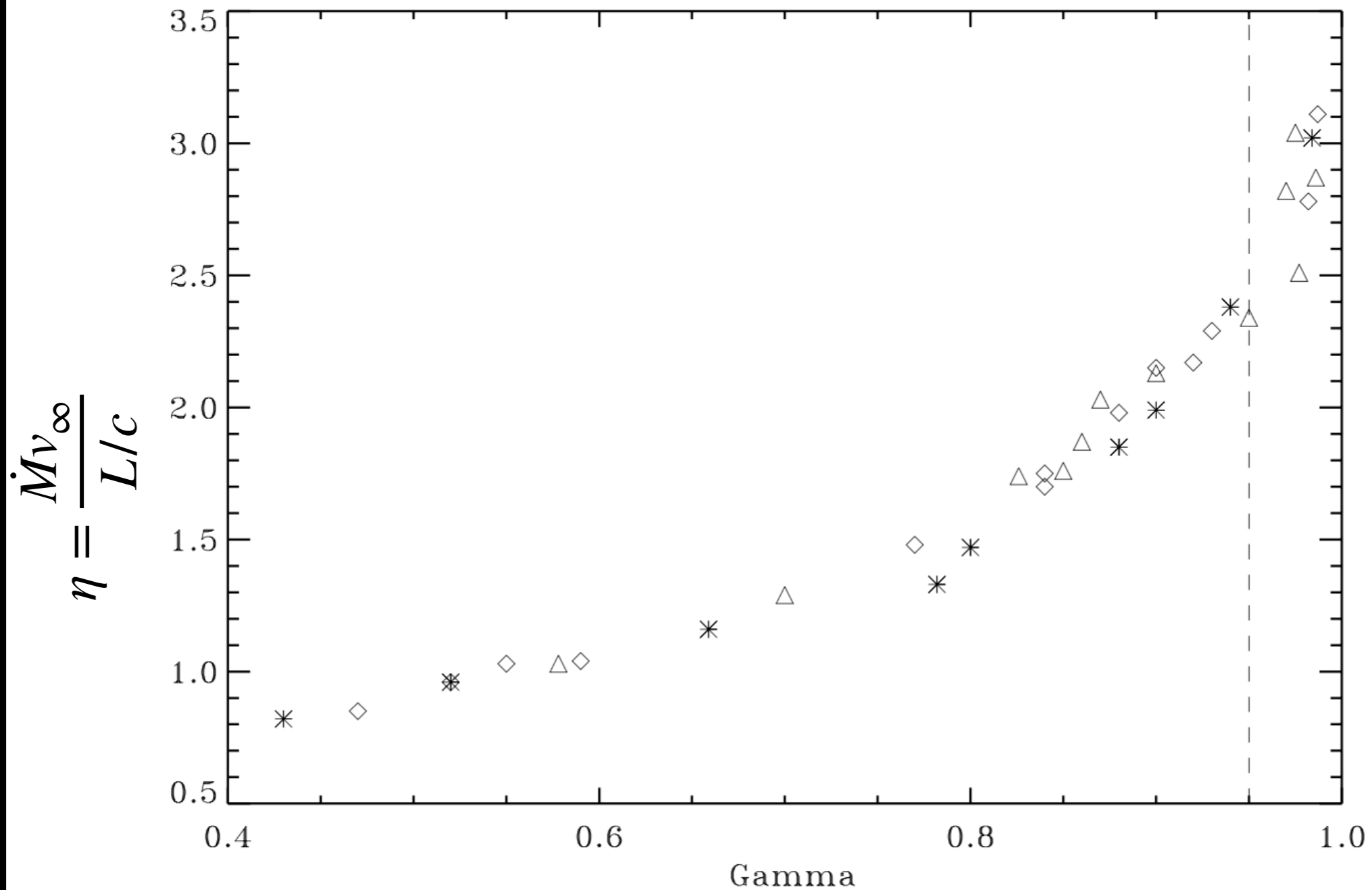
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**Hydro-dynamic EOM**

$$\int_{R_*}^{\infty} 4\pi r^2 \rho v \frac{dv}{dr} dr + \int_{R_s}^{\infty} \frac{GM}{r^2} (1 - \Gamma) \rho 4\pi r^2 dr = 0$$

$$\int_{R_*}^{\infty} \dot{M} \frac{dv}{dr} dr = \dot{M} v_{\infty} = 4\pi GM \int_{R_s}^{\infty} (\Gamma(r) - 1) \rho dr$$

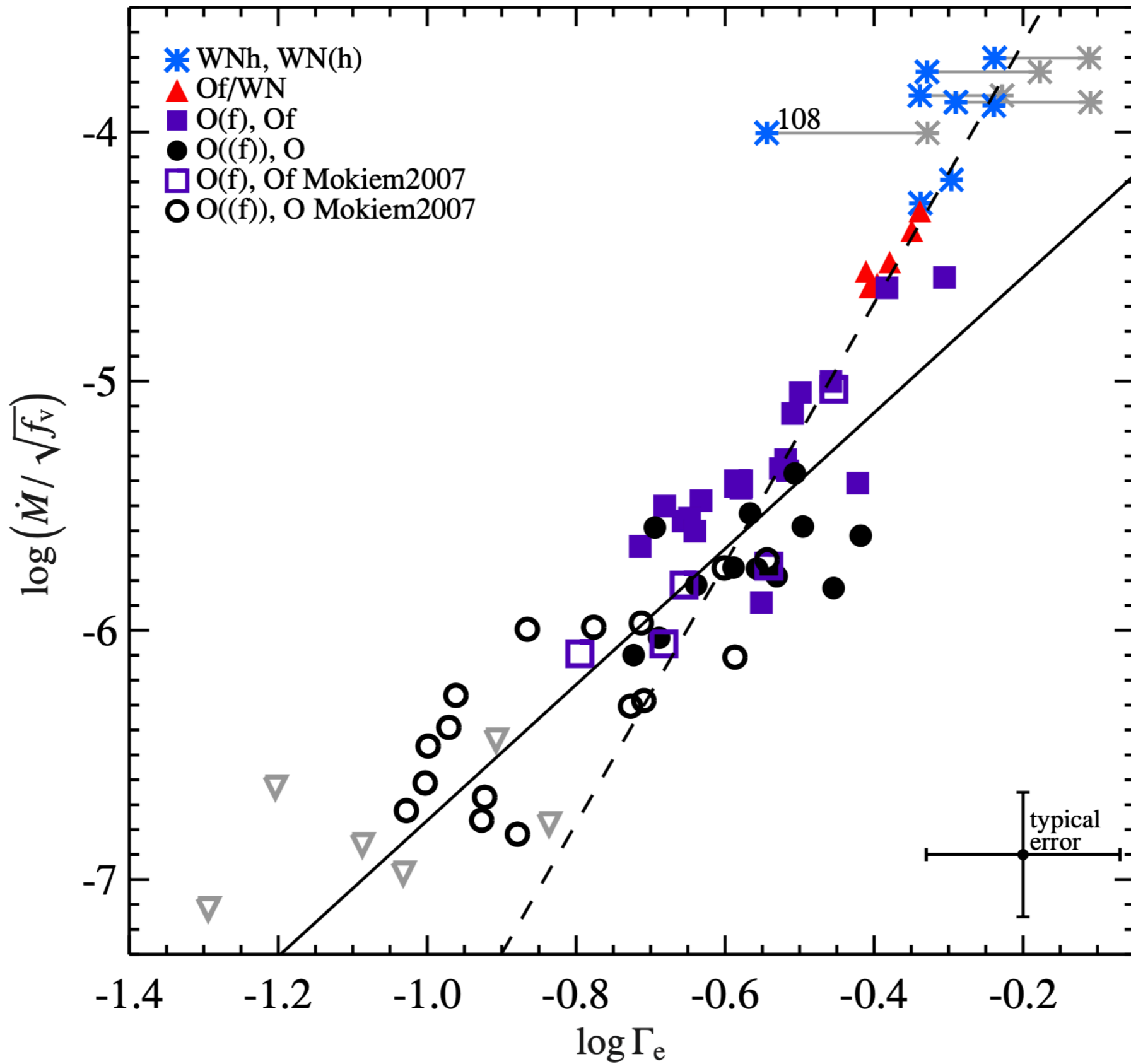
$$\dot{M} v_{\infty} \simeq \frac{4\pi GM}{\kappa} (\Gamma - 1) \tau_{F,s} = \frac{L}{c}$$

$$\dot{M} v_{\infty} = \frac{L}{c} \tau_{F,s}$$

At the kink,  $\eta \approx \tau_{F,s} \approx 1$

Vink & Gräfener 2012

# Wind kink empirically confirmed!



## Kink implementation: how to implement?

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Very accurate measure of mass loss at the transition!

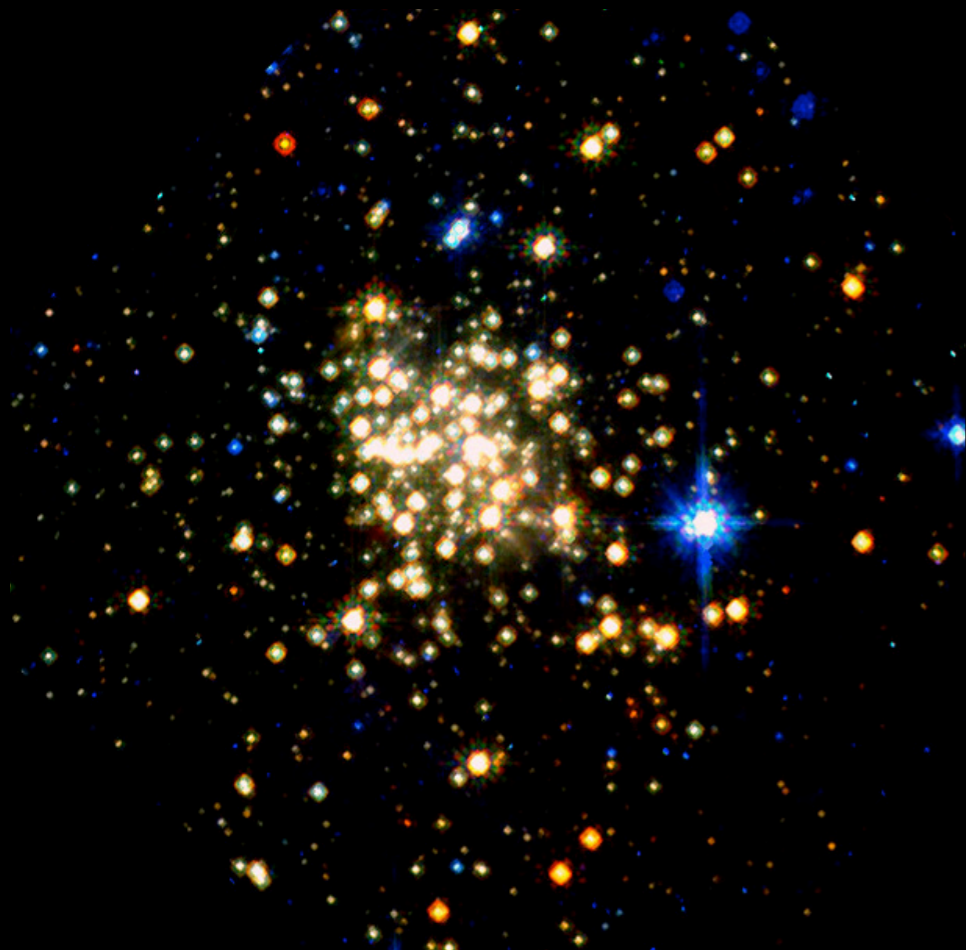
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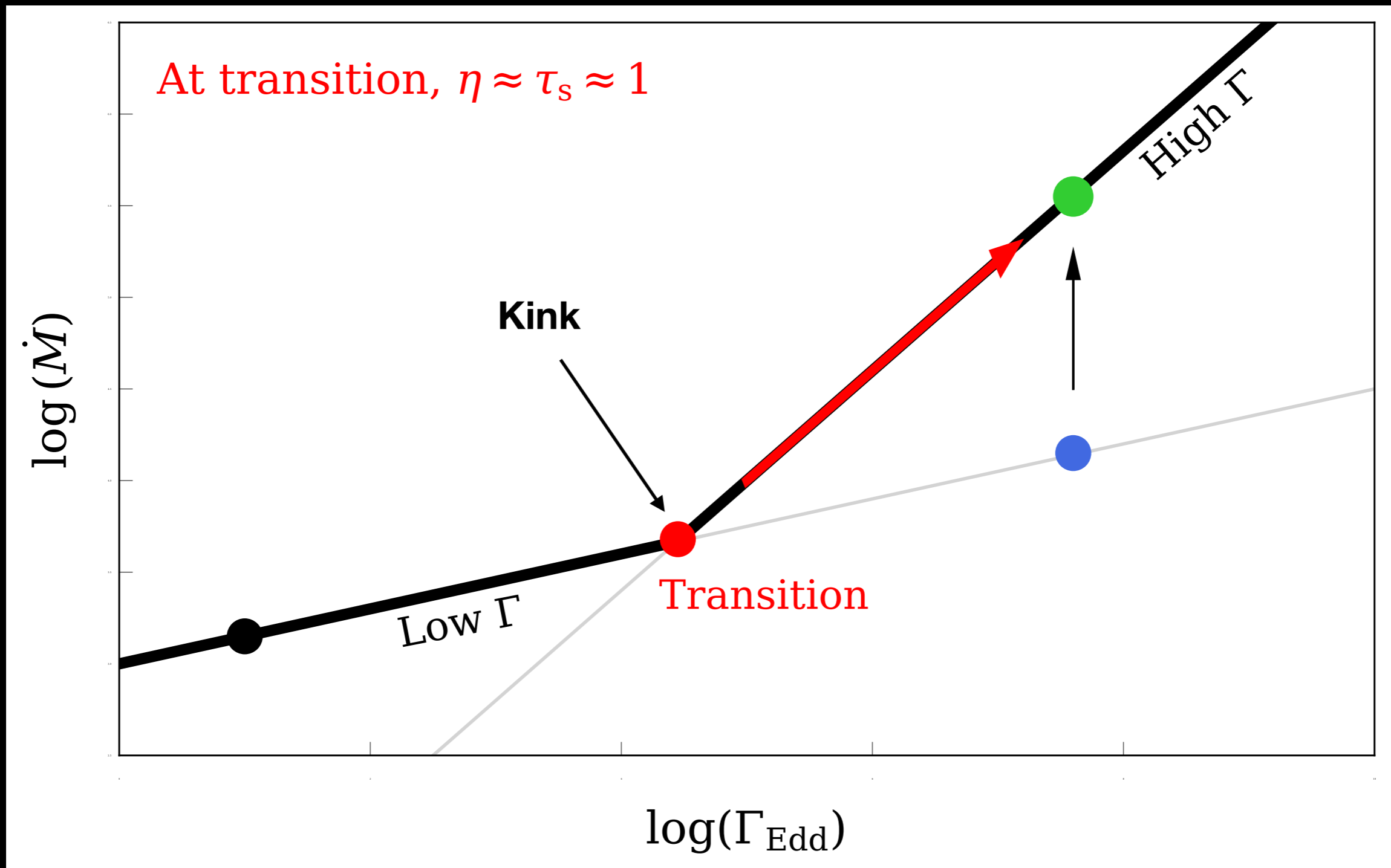
## Arches Cluster

- Roughly solar metallicity  $Z \sim 0.02$
- Transition luminosity is  $\log(L/L_{\odot}) \approx 6$
- Transition mass loss  $\log\dot{M} \approx -5.3$

## 30 Dor region

- Roughly half solar
- Transition luminosity is  $\log(L/L_{\odot}) \approx 6.3$
- Transition mass loss  $\log\dot{M} \approx -5$ .

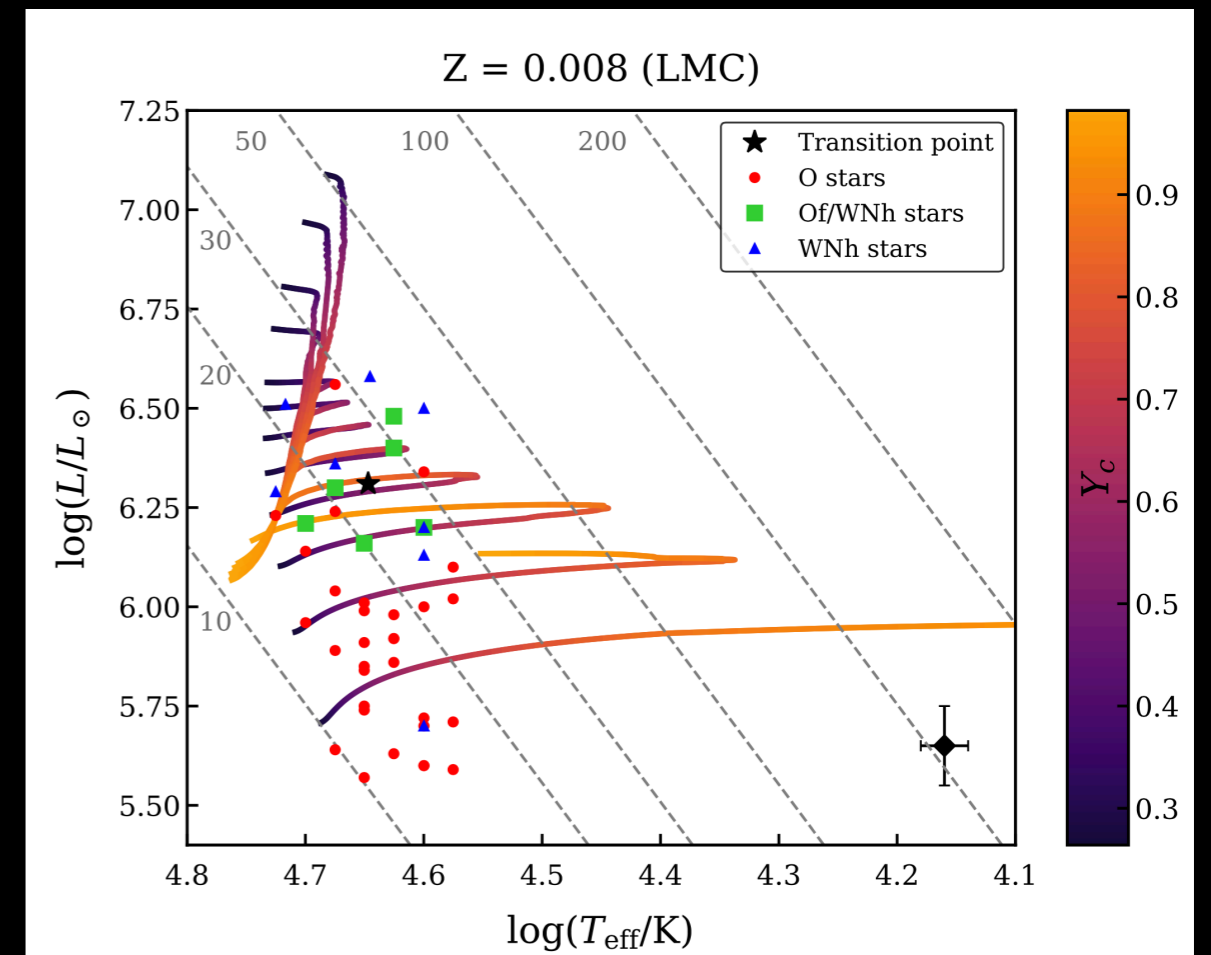
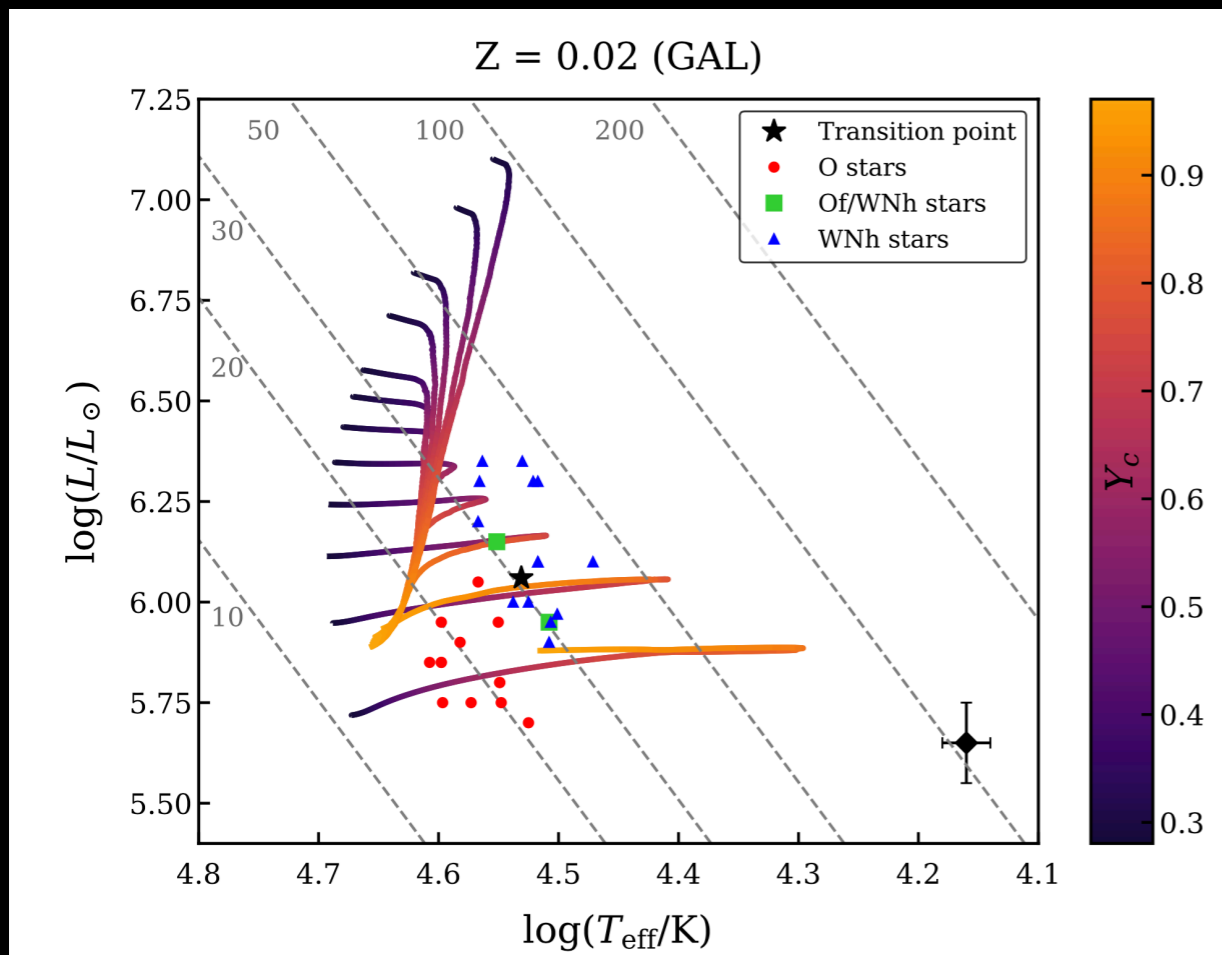
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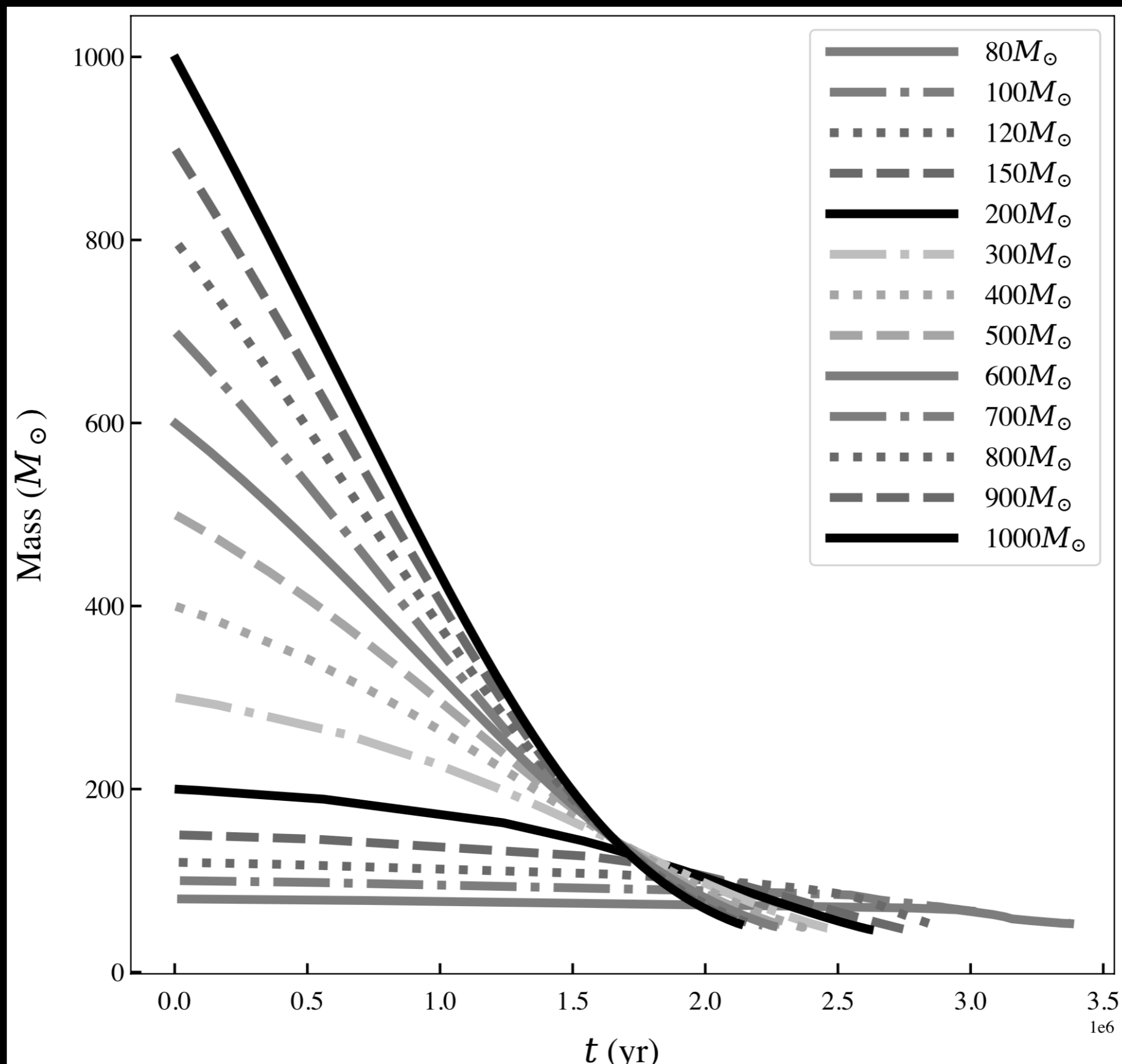
$$\eta = \frac{\dot{M} v_{\infty}}{L/c} \sim 1$$

- ▶ VMSs evaporate - starts to eat into the core - luminosity drops
- ▶ VMSs in the Local Universe could be evolving vertically downwards

Sabhahit et al. (2022, 2023)



Naturally explains the narrow range of observed temperatures!

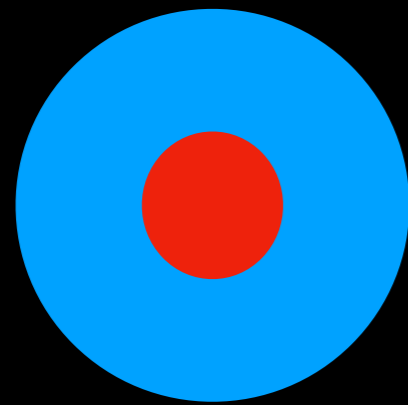


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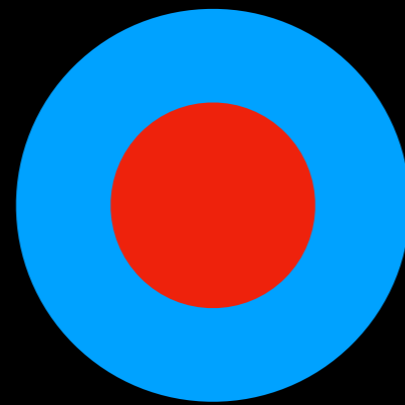
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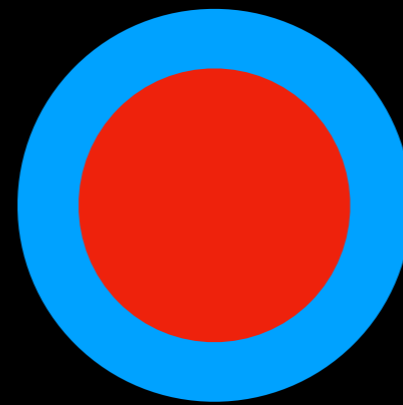
Relative mass of the conv. core to total increases with initial mass



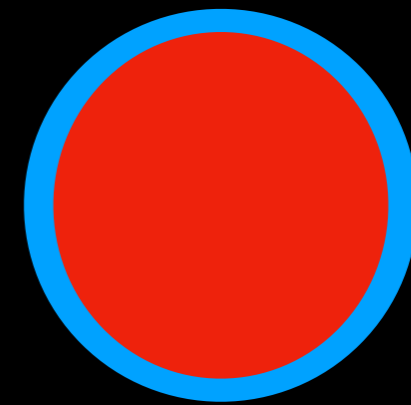
$20 M_{\odot}$



$60 M_{\odot}$



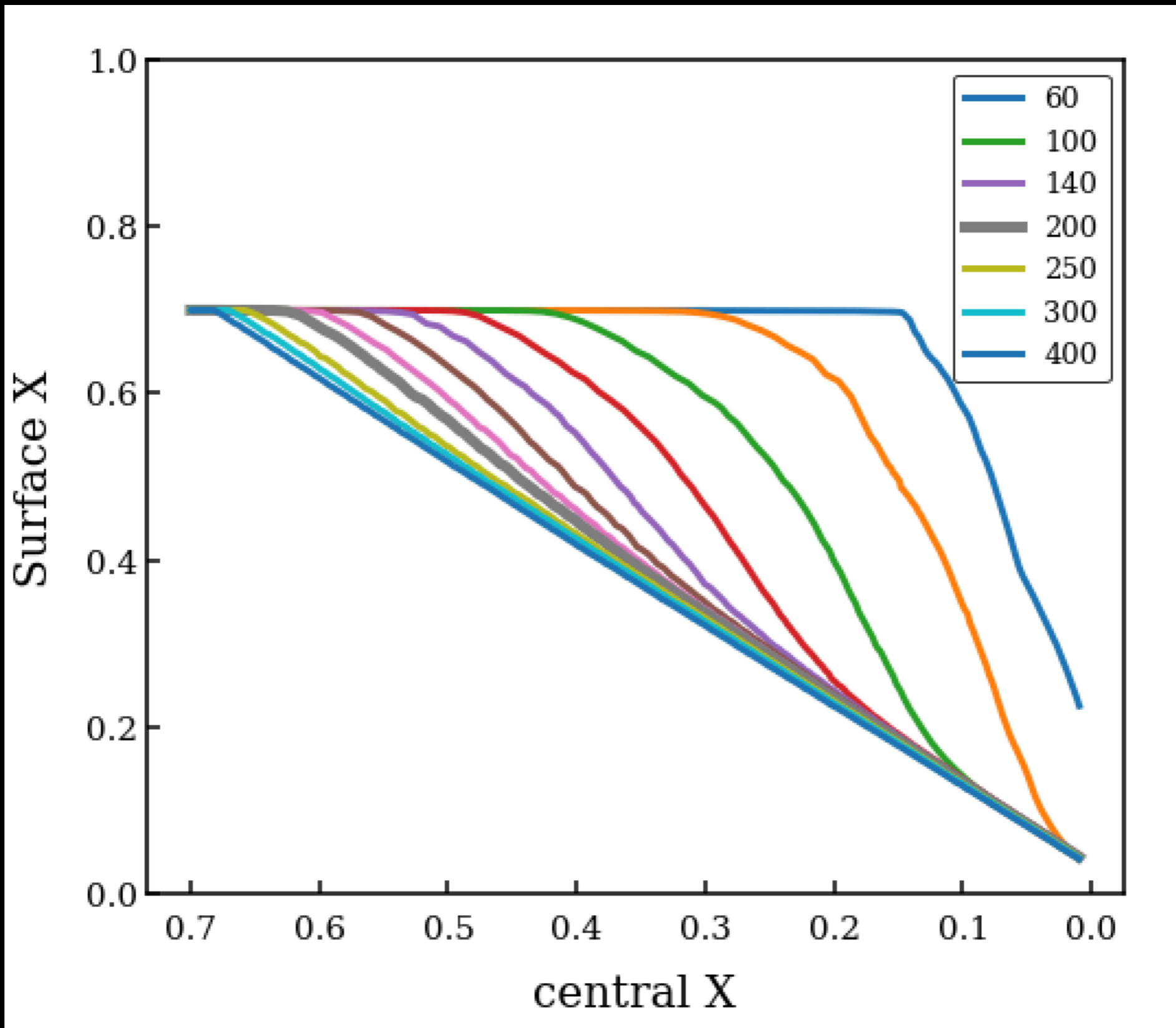
$100 M_{\odot}$



$200 M_{\odot}$

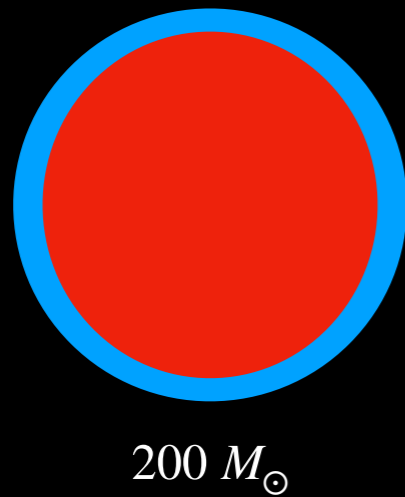


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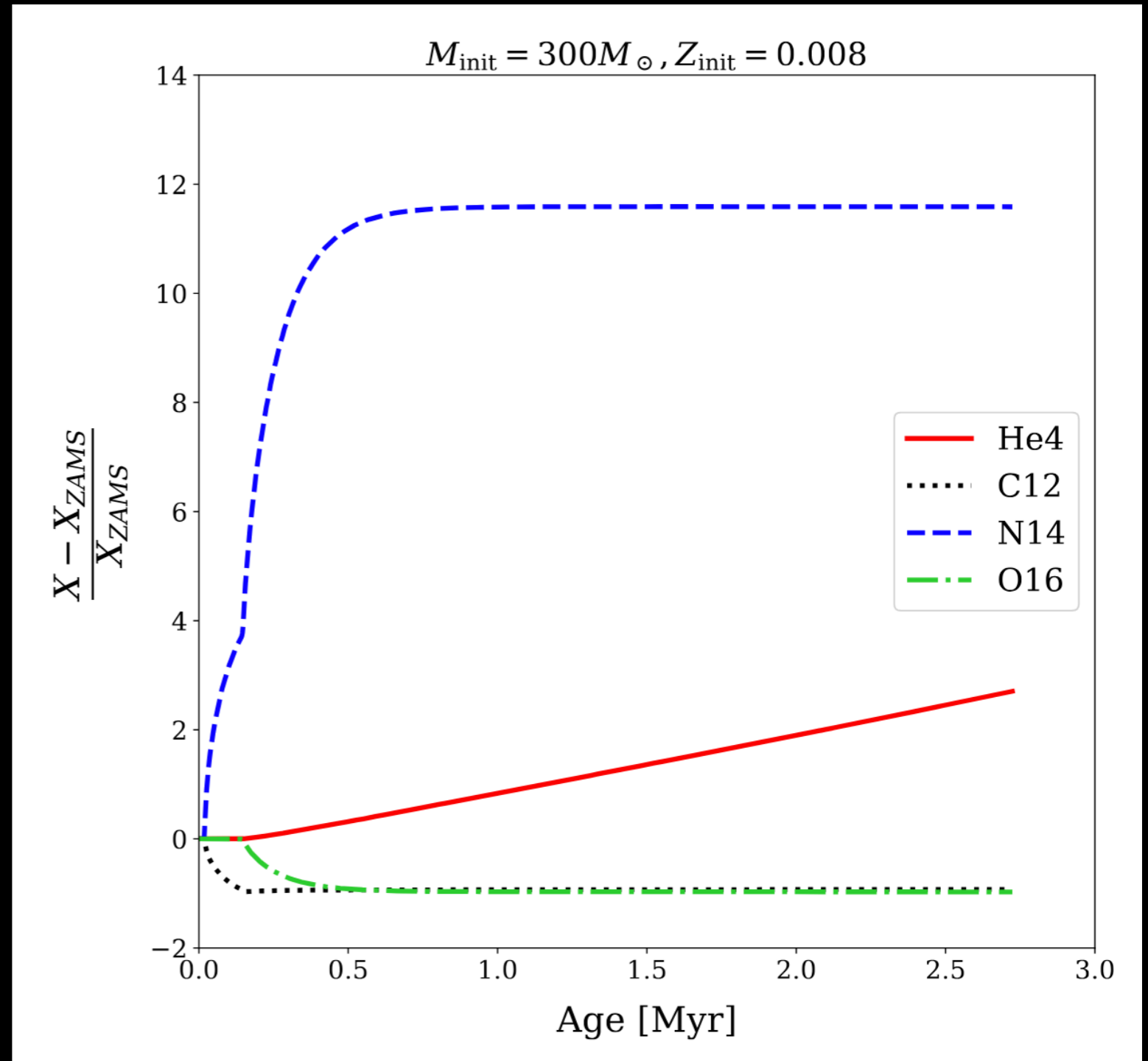


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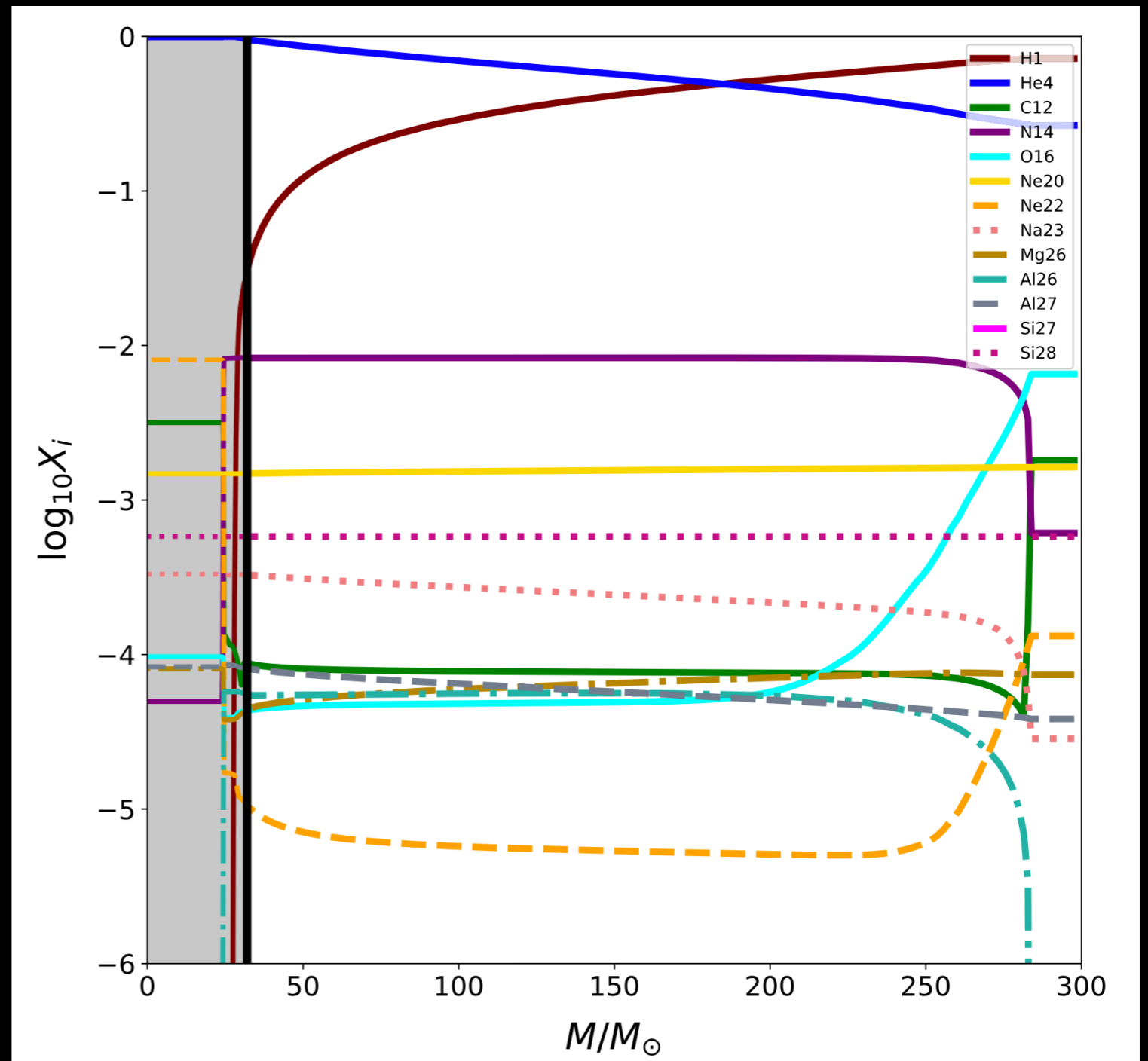
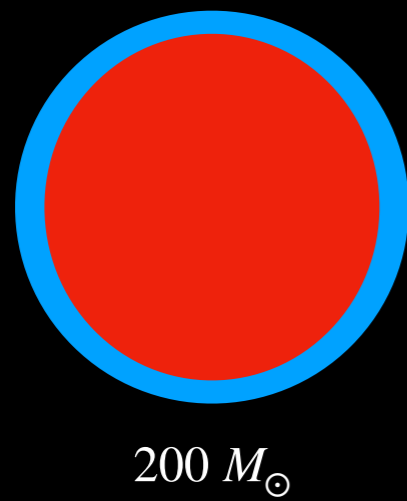
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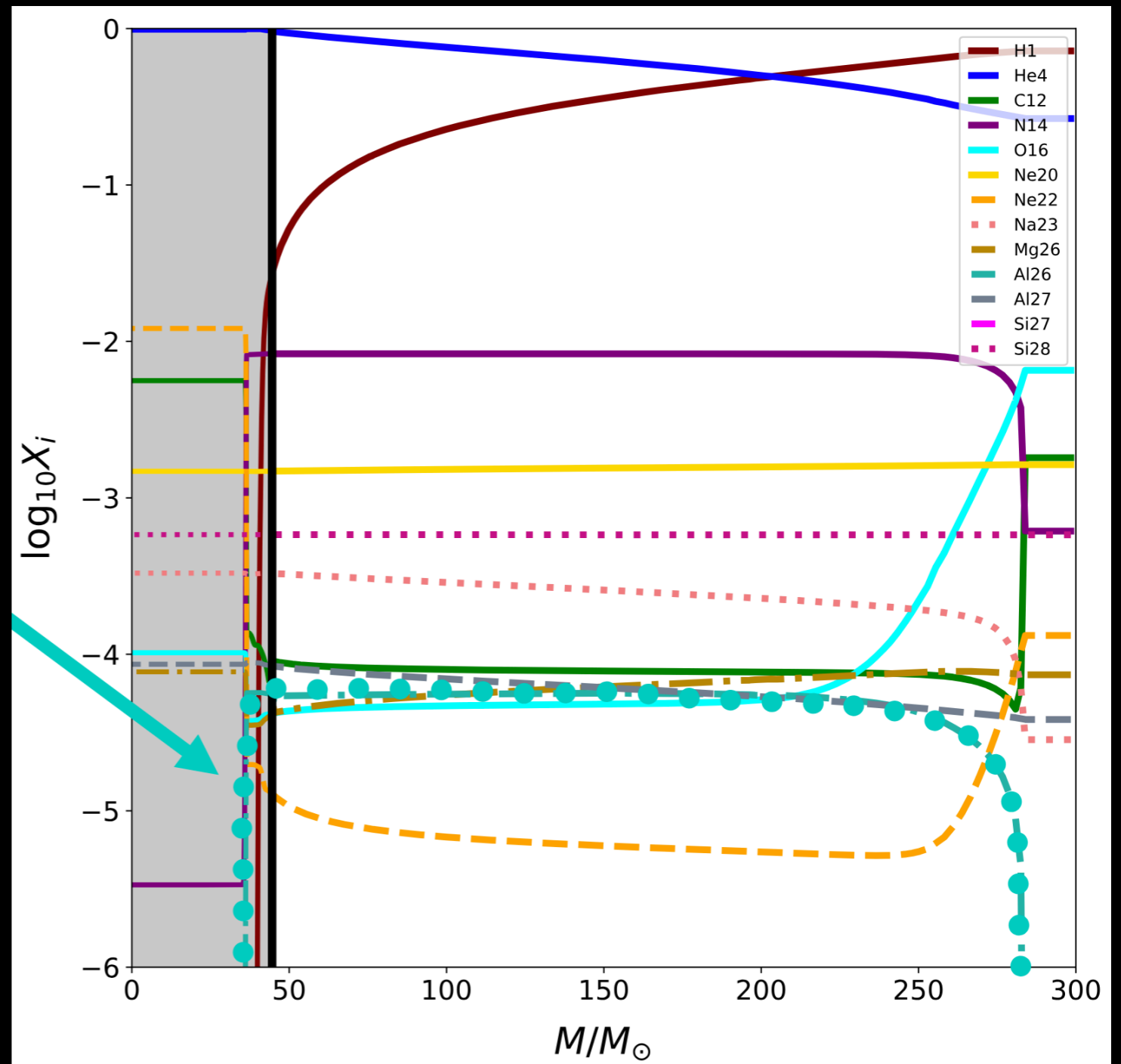
- ▶ H-burning products can easily reach the surface.. could be important for GCs (Vink 2018)
- ▶ N enhancement in High-z galaxies
- ▶ Na/O anti-correlations in GCs

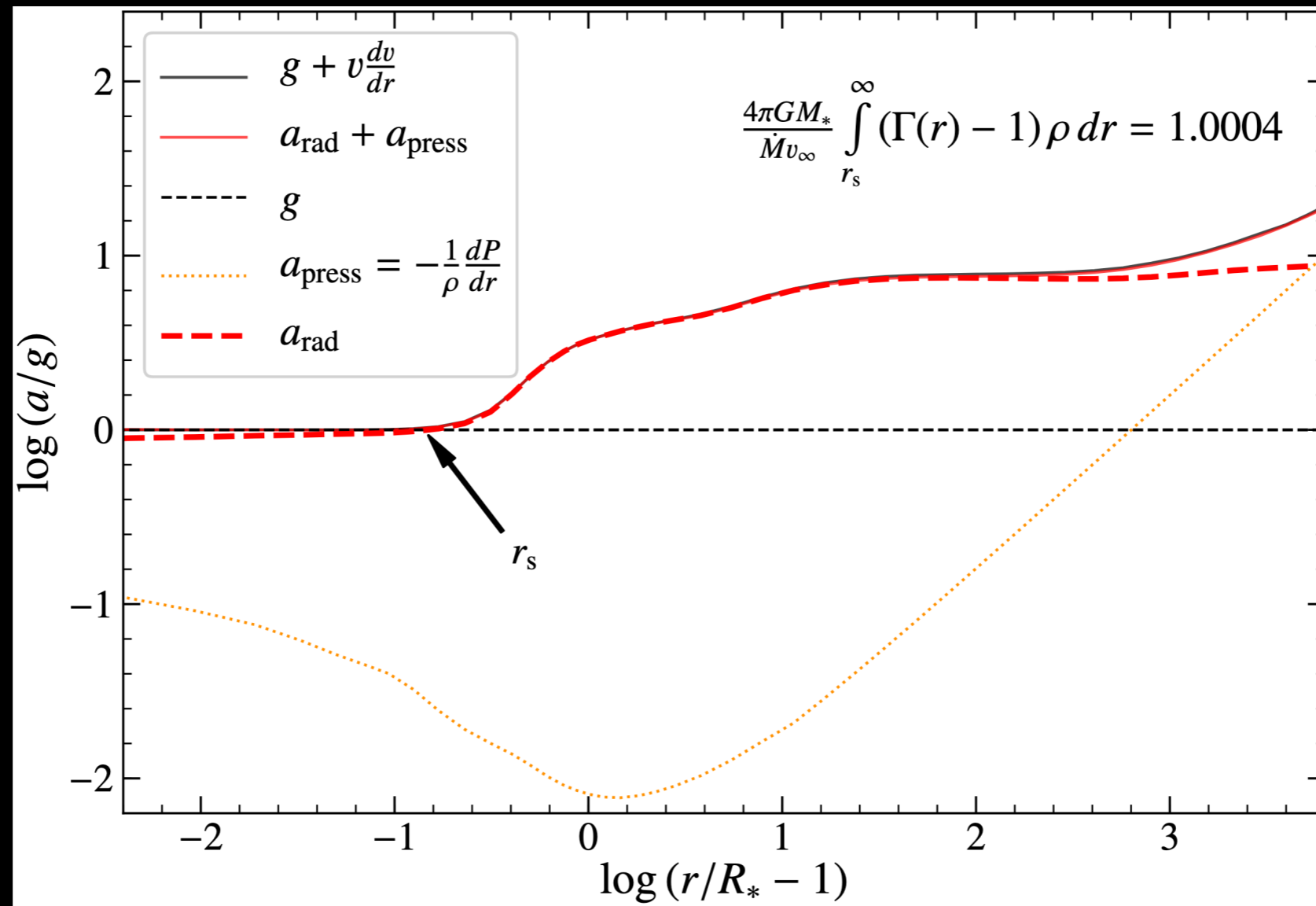
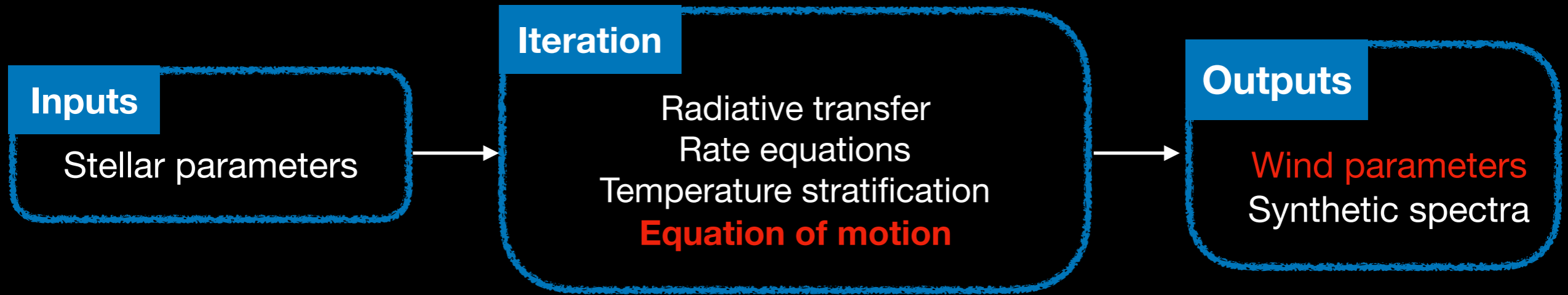


Models with strong VMS winds eject  $\sim 2x$  more He, N, Ne, Na and Si, and up to  $10x$  more Al than previous models



- ▶ Significant mass of  $^{26}\text{Al}$  observed in our Galaxy - key heating source during formation of Earth
- ▶ Emits in Gamma-rays when decaying to  $^{26}\text{Mg}$  - 1.805 Mev photon
- ▶ VMSs eject  $10^{-3}$  to  $10^{-2} M_{\odot}$  of  $^{26}\text{Al}$





Sander et al. (2017), Sabhahit et al. (2023)

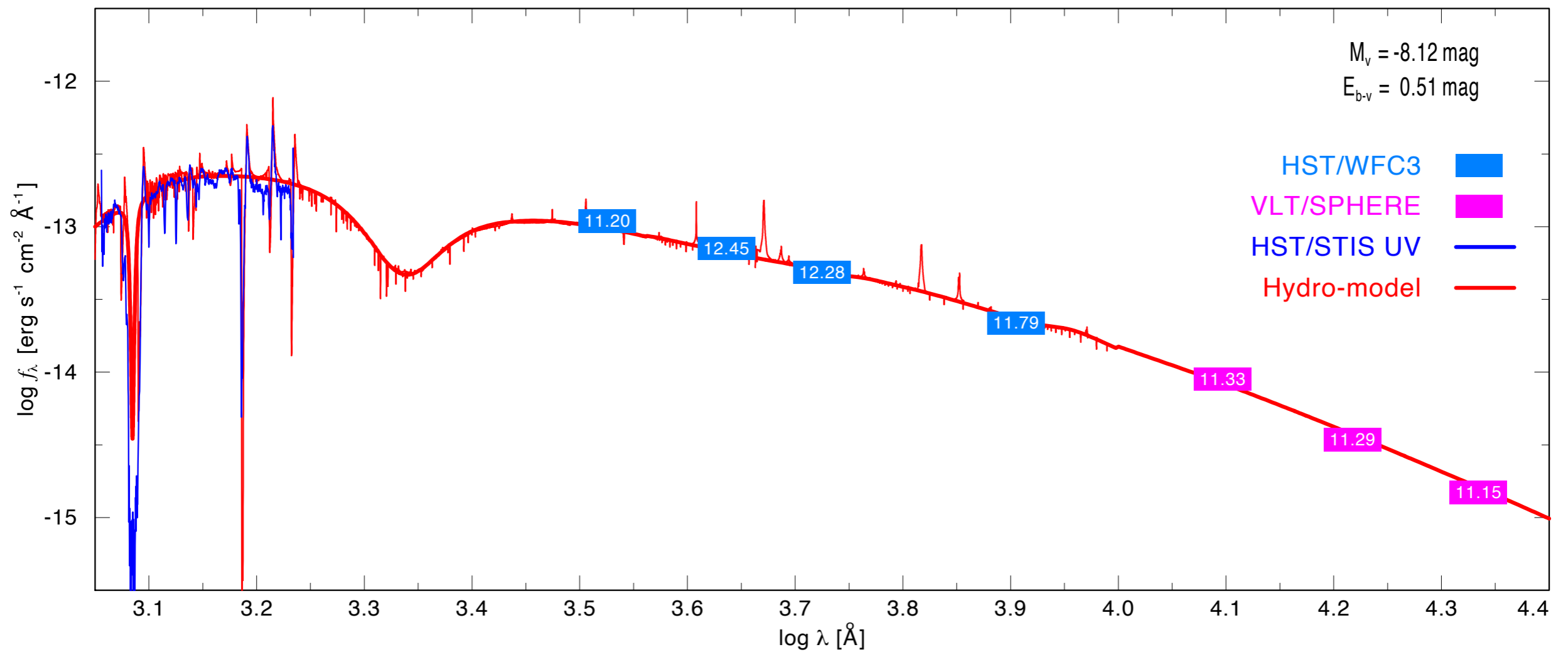
# Hydro-model spectra of R136a1

R136a1

WN5h

$\log L_* = 6.79$   $T_* = 46.80$  kK  $\log \dot{M} = -4.707$   $v_\infty = 2385.1$  km/s

$M_v = -8.12$  mag  
 $E_{b-v} = 0.51$  mag

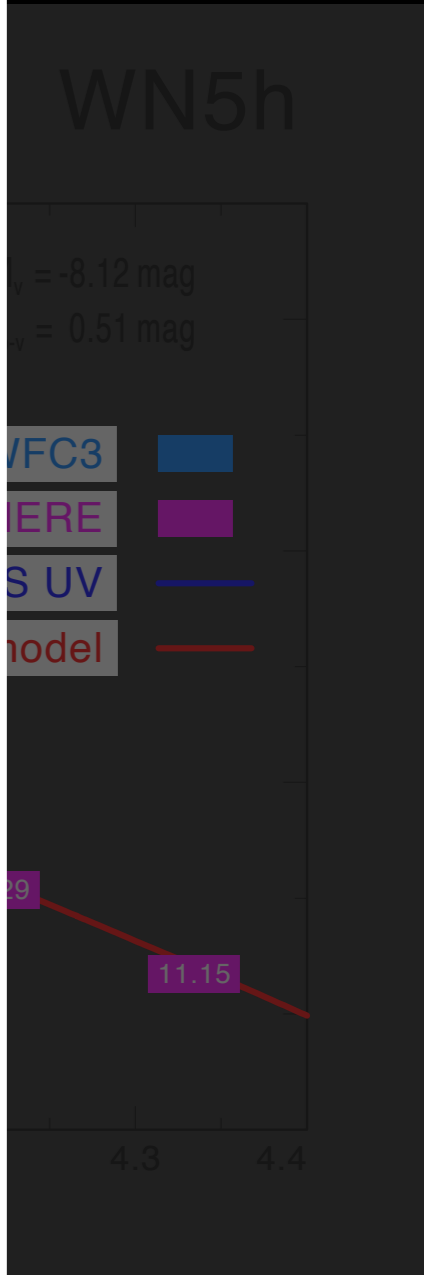
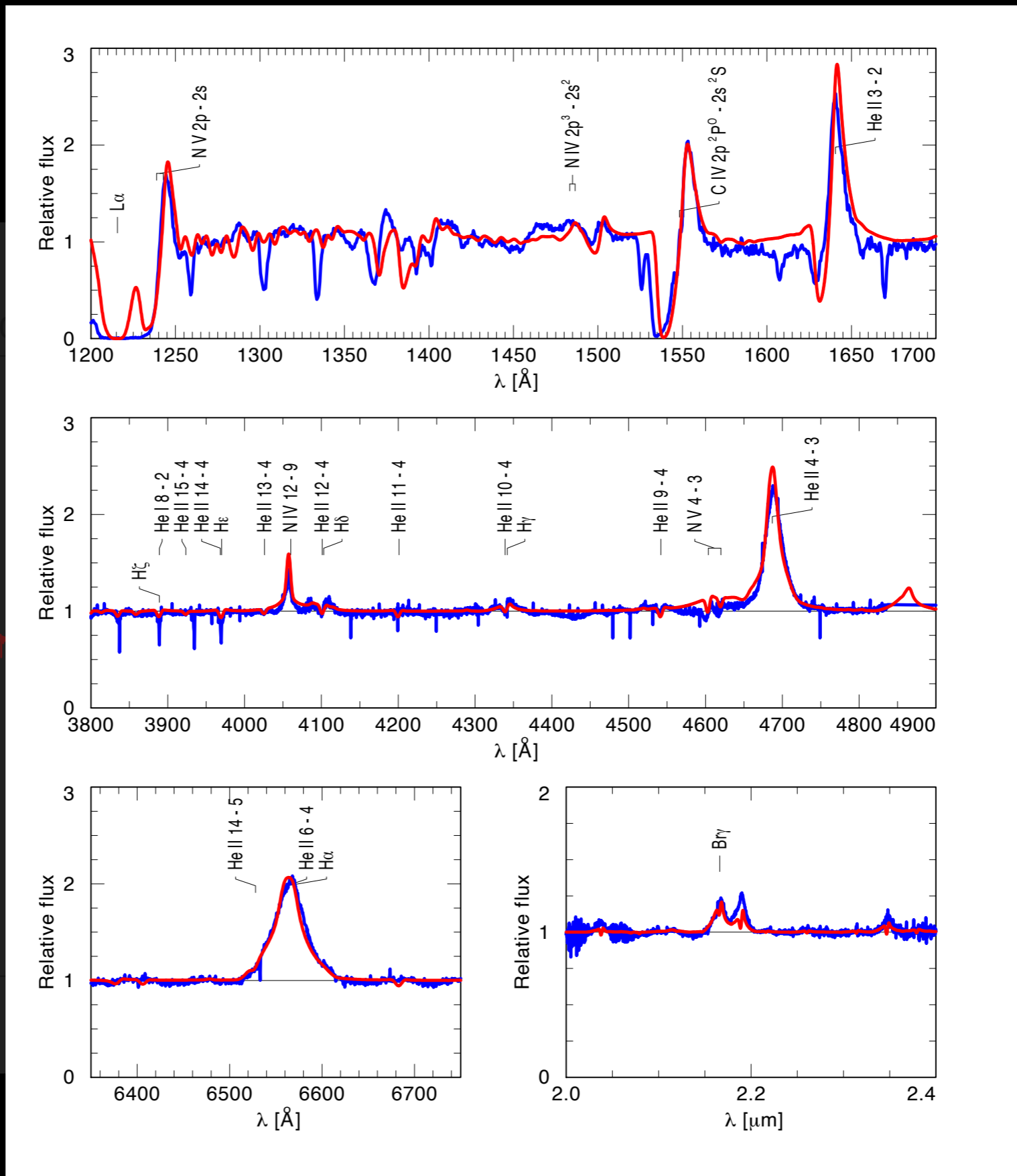




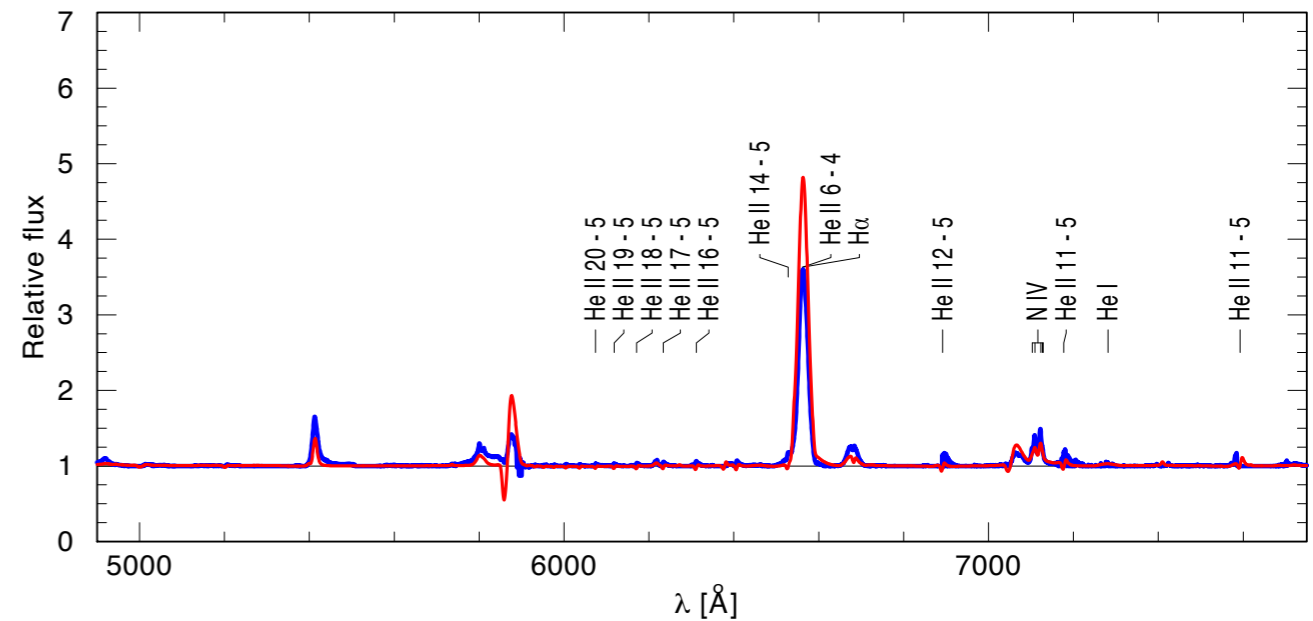
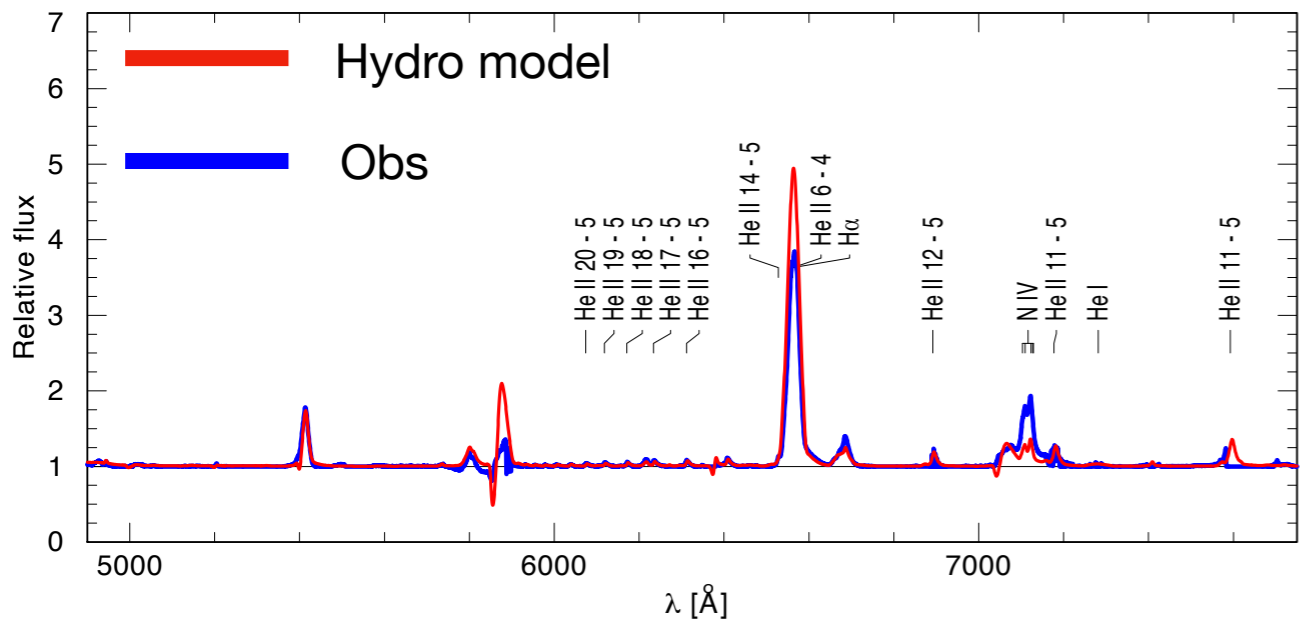
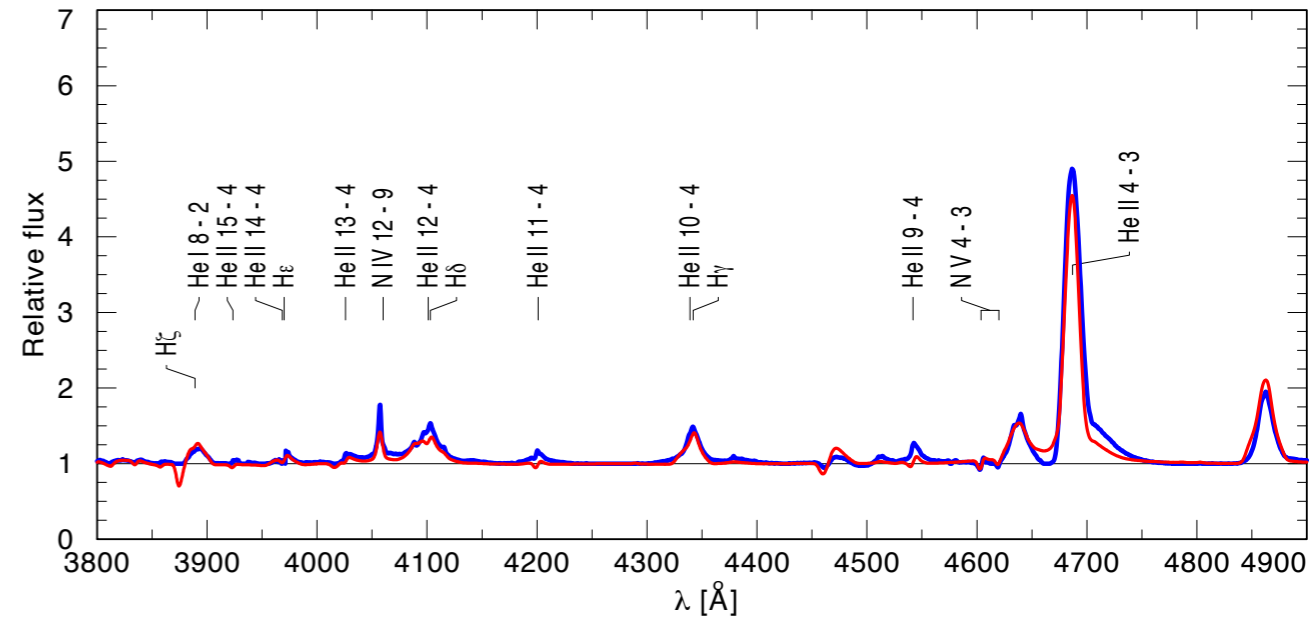
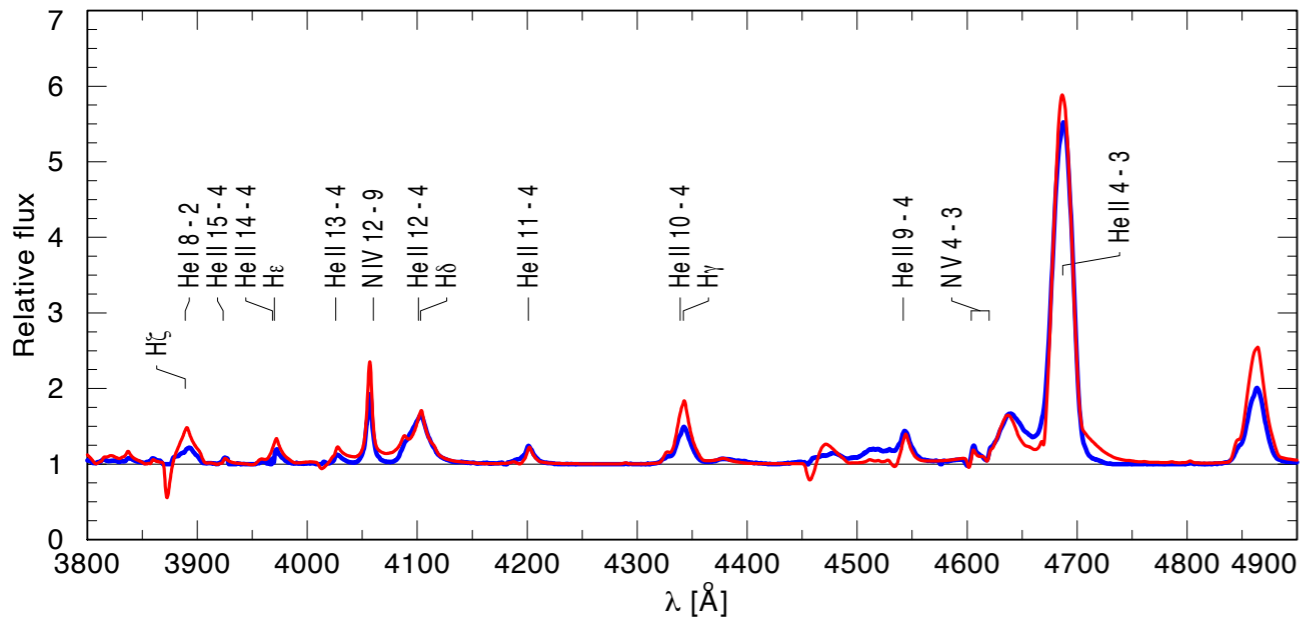
# What next?

$\log(\dot{M}) = -4.7$   
 $v_{\infty} = 2400 \text{ km/s}$

R136a1  
 $\log L_* = 6.79$   $T_* = 46.8$



## R144 - WNh + WNh binary in LMC with dynamical mass estimate



$$\log \dot{M} = -4.489$$

$$v_{\infty} = 1374 \text{ km/s}$$

$$\log \dot{M} = -4.586$$

$$v_{\infty} = 1244 \text{ km/s}$$

# Conclusions

- ▶ VMSs - above  $100 M_{\odot}$ .. found In young, massive clusters
- ▶ Multiple scattering in winds - Kink transition to high eta and high Gamma - steeper Gamma dependence
- ▶ Application of kink in young, massive clusters hosting both O and WNh stars
- ▶ Implications of strong VMS winds - vertical evolution, wind yields, N in High-z galaxies and Na/O anti-correlations in GCs,  $^{26}\text{Al}$  in the Galaxy

**Thank you!**