

# WST

## the Wide-field Spectroscopic Telescope

Surveying the Universe in the 2040's and beyond

Exploiting large multiplex spectroscopic surveys of  
young clusters with neural networks

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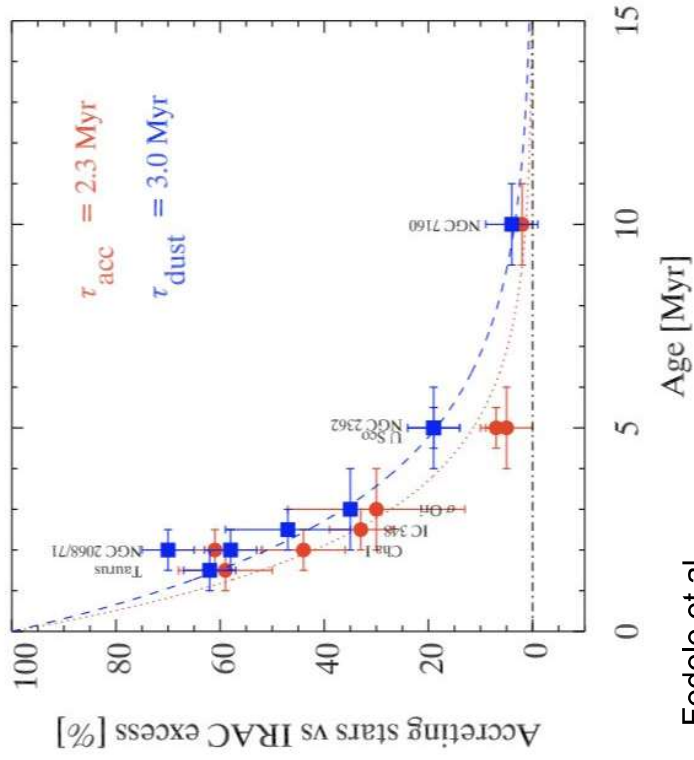
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# Young stars, planets and cluster environments

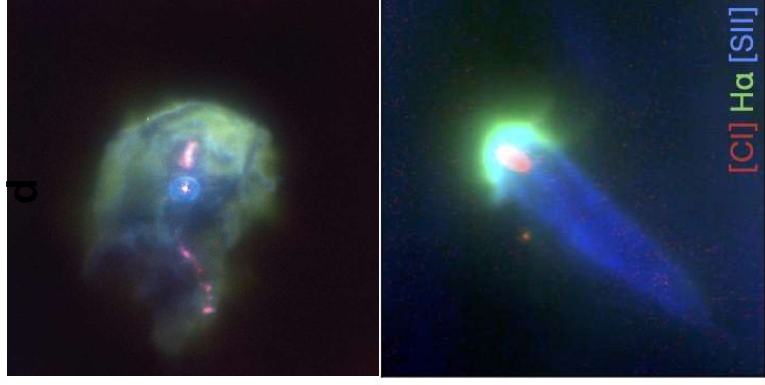
## Planet formation in protoplanetary disk



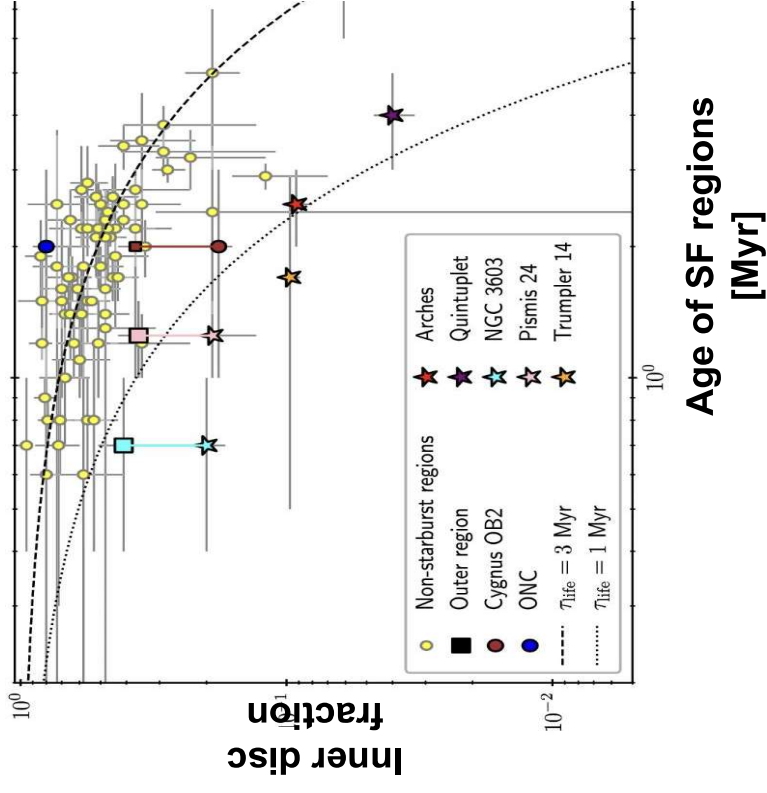
Disk lifetime (e-folding): ~2-3 Myr

## External photoevaporation and intense UV radiation from massive stars

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Aru et al. 2024



Reduced disk-life time affects formation of Jupiter-like giant planets

# Young stars, planets and cluster environments

Stellar and disk  
properties

Many young stars  
for statistics

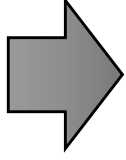
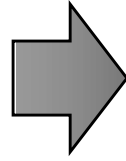
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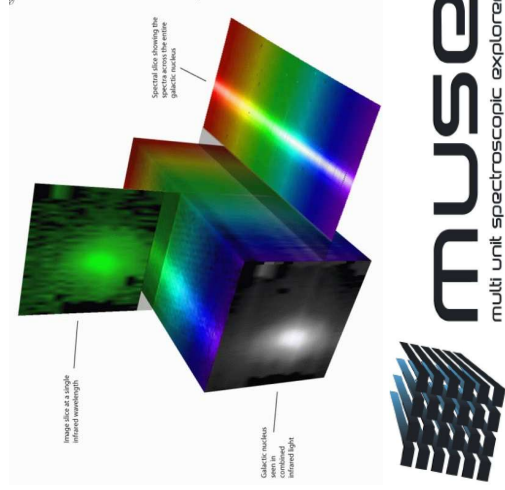
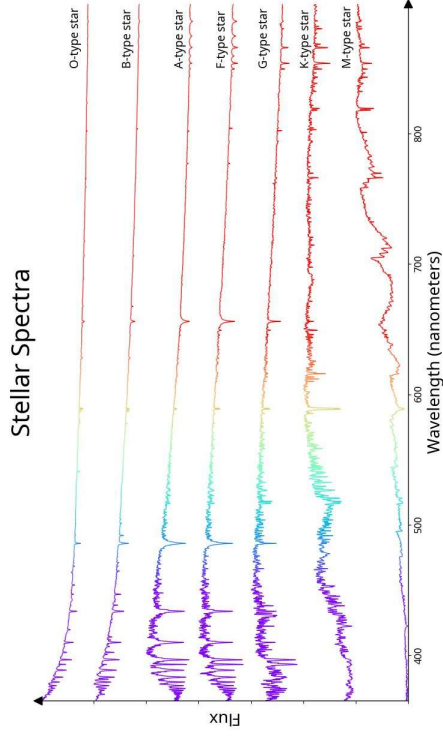
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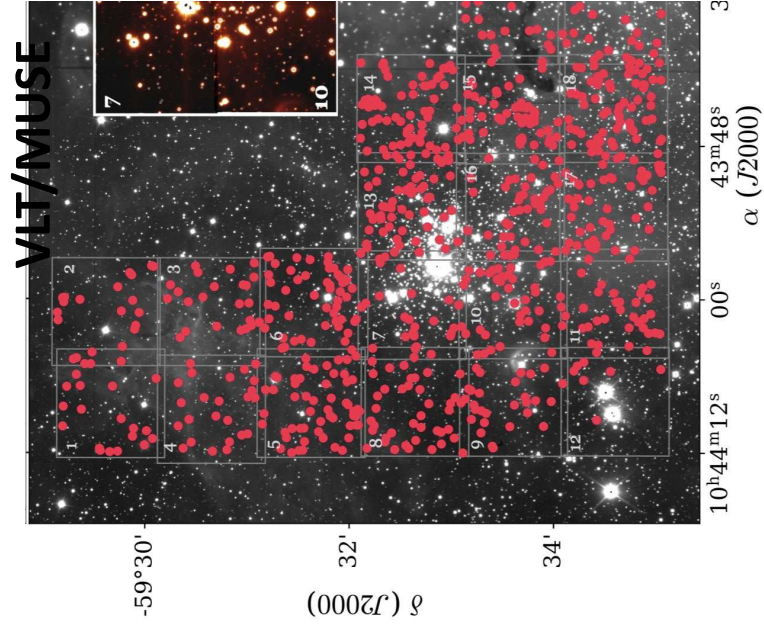
Diverse cluster environment



## Optical stellar spectrum & Integral Field Spectroscopy (IFS)



Spectra of ~700 low-mass Trumpler 14 observed with VLT/MUSE

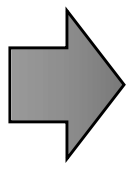


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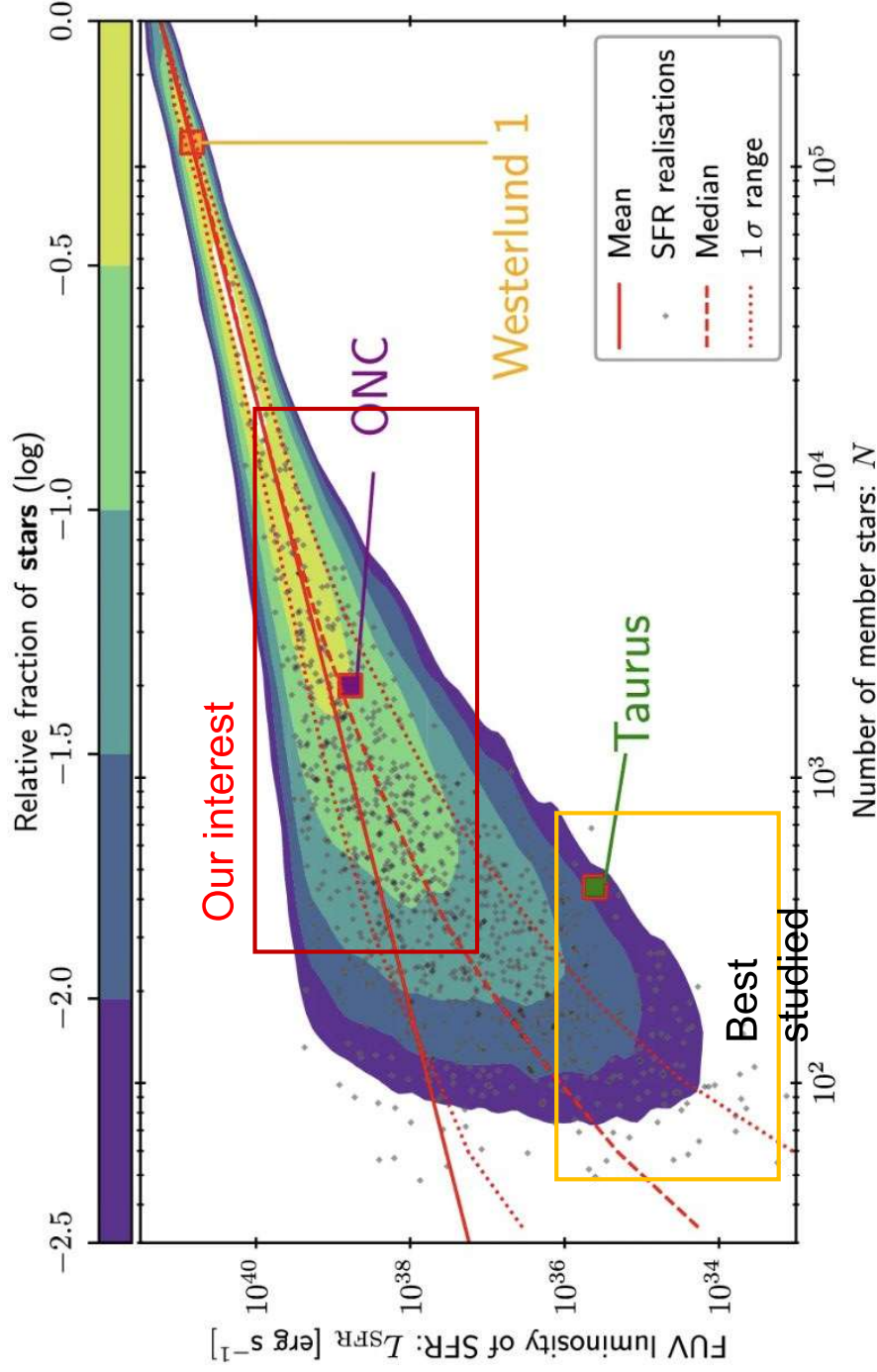
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Efficient, large surveys of young clusters, covering diverse cluster environments

Focus on typical, middle range environments  
Ongoing MUSE survey (PI: M. Re



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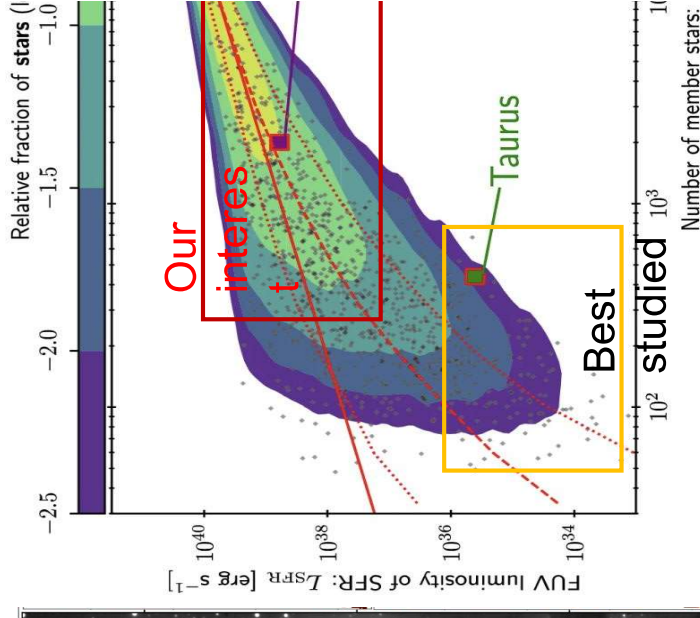
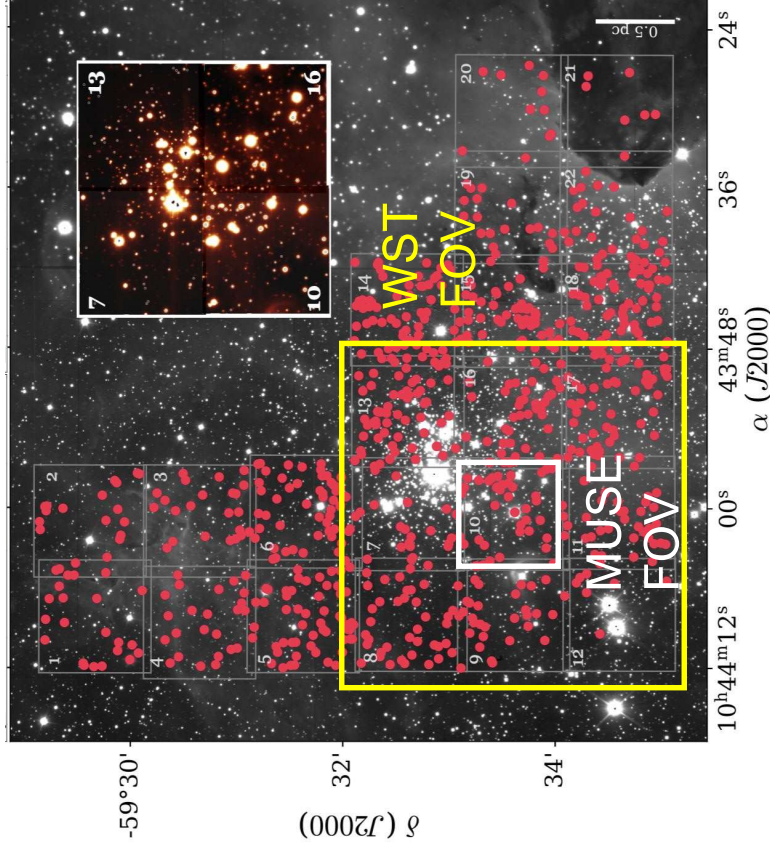
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VLT/MUSE: 4600—9300Å  
(R: 1770—3590), 0.2" spaxel

WST (IFS): 3700—9700Å  
(R: ~3500), 0.25" spaxel



Need efficient method to analyze large data volume

# Neural network for young low-mass stars

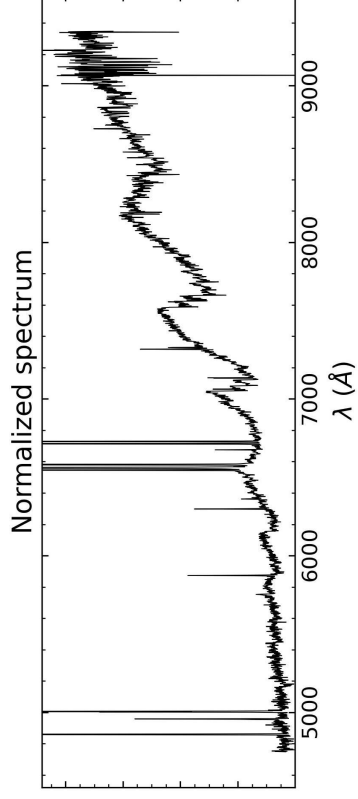
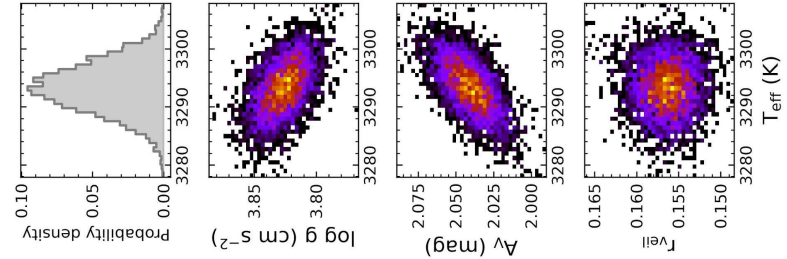
conditional invertible neural network (cINN) for fast spectral classification

Stellar parameters  
( $T_{\text{eff}}$ ,  $\log g$ ,  $A_V$ ,  $r_{\text{veil}}$ )

cINN

Stellar spectrum  
( $F_{\lambda}$ )  
(VLT/MUSE)

Full posterior distribution



cINN

**Speed**  
~10 obs/s (M1 pro CPU)  
~13 obs/s (M2 pro CPU)  
~100 obs/s (GPU 2080Ti)  
~250 obs/s (GPU H100)

To analyze  $10^5$  stars:  
- 2.7 h (M1 pro), 17 min 2080Ti)  
- 2.14h (M2 pro), 7 min (

Kang+23: applicability test  
Kang+25 (in revision): app

# Training data

## Phoenix stellar atmosphere model (Allard et al. 2012, Husser et al. 2013, Baraffe et al. 2015)

Stellar photosphere spectrum (flux) from given  $T_{\text{eff}}$  and  $\log g$

- Interpolate publicly available library: **BT-Settl**, NextGen, **Dusty**, etc
- $T_{\text{eff}}$ : **2600 – 7000K**,  $\log g$ : **2.5 – 5**
- **MUSE** spectrum: **4700 – 9300Å** ( $R \sim 4000$ ,  $d\lambda \sim 1.25\text{Å}$ )

**Veiling:** extra emission from mass accretion or disk emission (constant veiling model)

$$F_{\lambda, \text{veiled}} = F_{\lambda} + F_{7500} \times r_{\text{veil}} \quad \text{or at } 7500, \quad r_{\text{veil}}: \mathbf{0-2}$$

**Extinction:** ( $A_V$ ,  $R_V$ , Cardelli et al. 1989)

$R_V=4.4$  fixed for Trumpler 14 (Hur+2012),  **$A_V$ : 0–10 mag**

Generate 60,000 ~ 100,000 models (use 80% for training and 20% for tests)



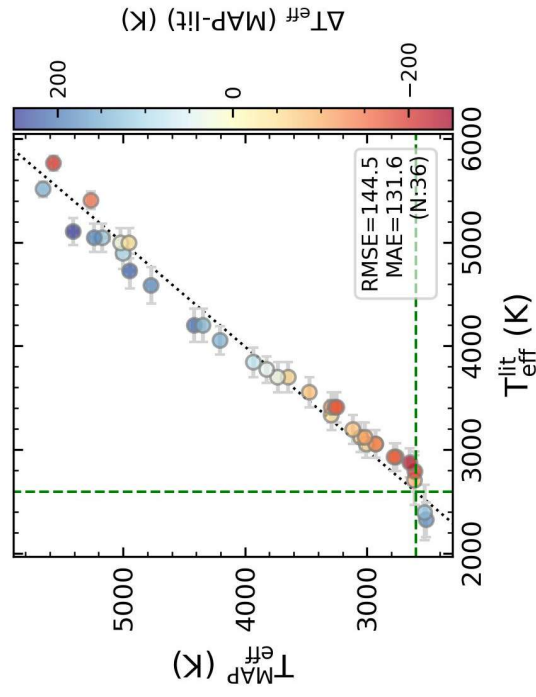
# Performance tests and Application to Tr14

## 36 class III template stars

- Observed with VLT/X-shooter
- Downgrade spectral resolution

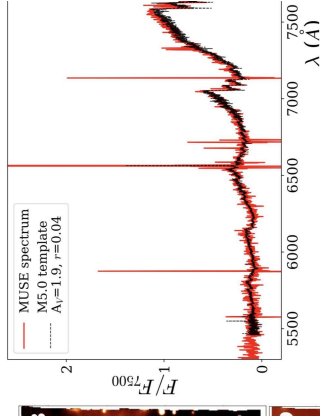
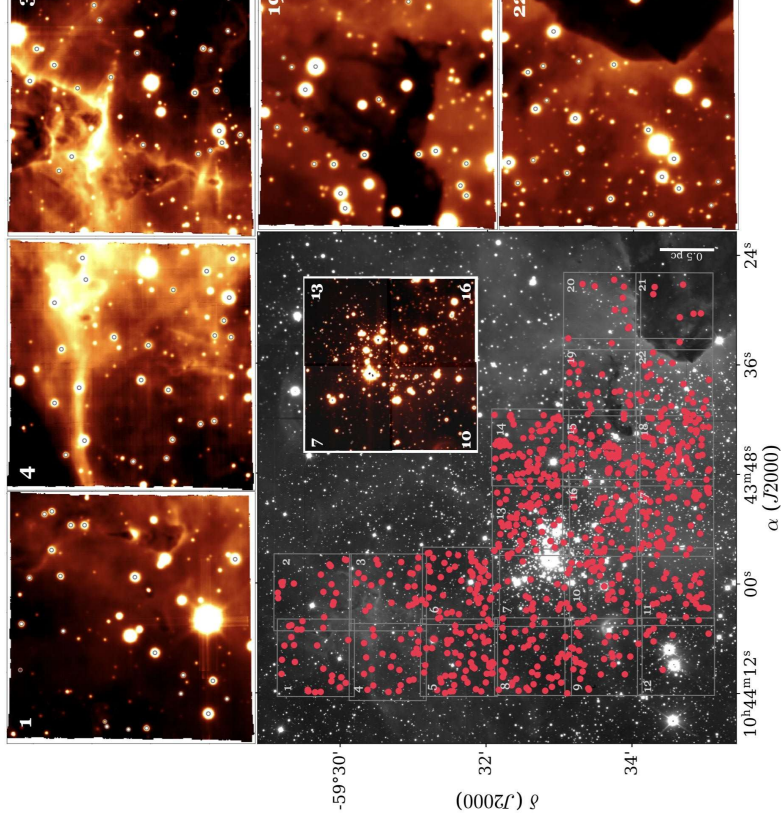
### Average accuracy

- $T_{\text{eff}}$  : 3.5%,  
0.95-subclass
- $\log g$ : 0.3 dex
- $A_V$ : 0.2 – 1 mag
- $r$  : 0.13



## 2051 stars observed with VLT/MUSE

- Tr14: a massive cluster in the Carina Nebula Complex
- ~20 O-type stars. Intense UV field
- $T_{\text{eff}}$ ,  $A_V$  and  $r_{\text{veil}}$  by template fitting (Itirich+2024)

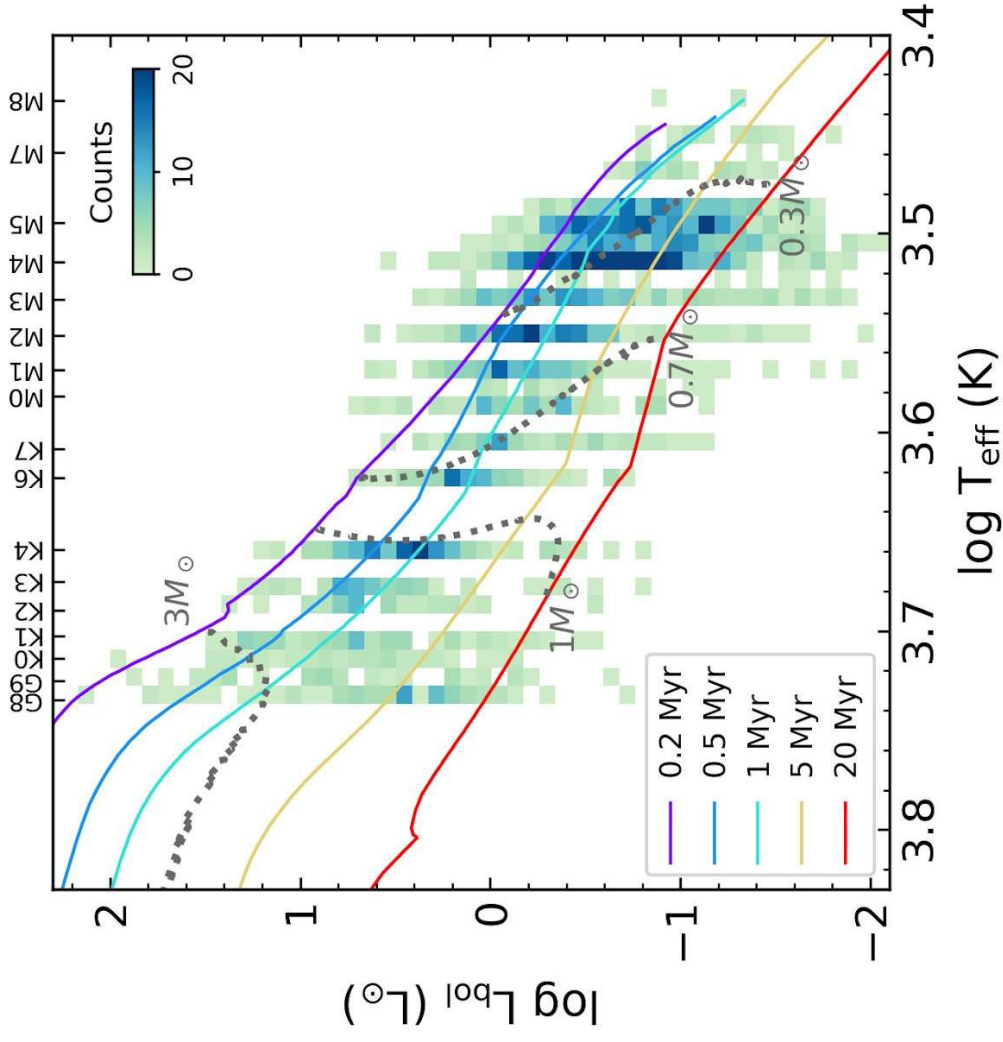


Itirich et al. 2024

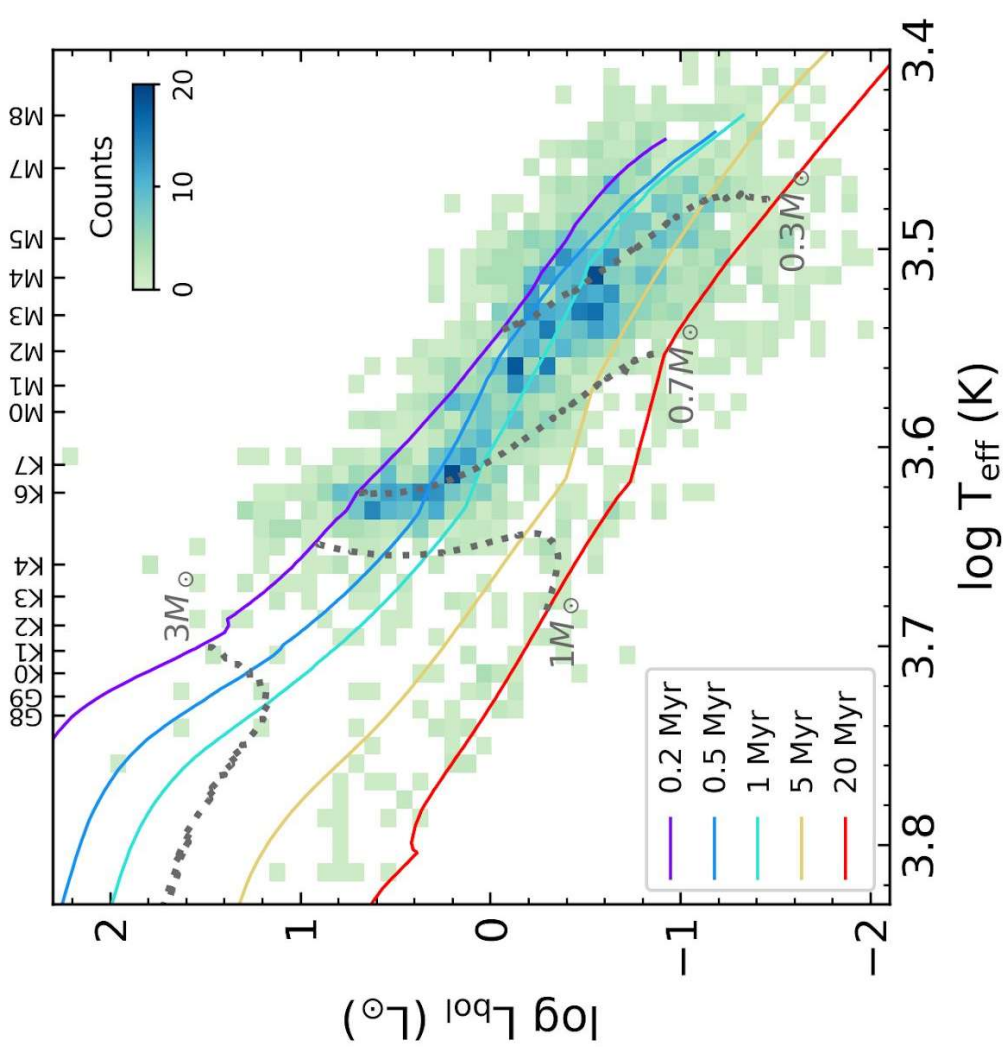
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# Template fitting vs. cINN

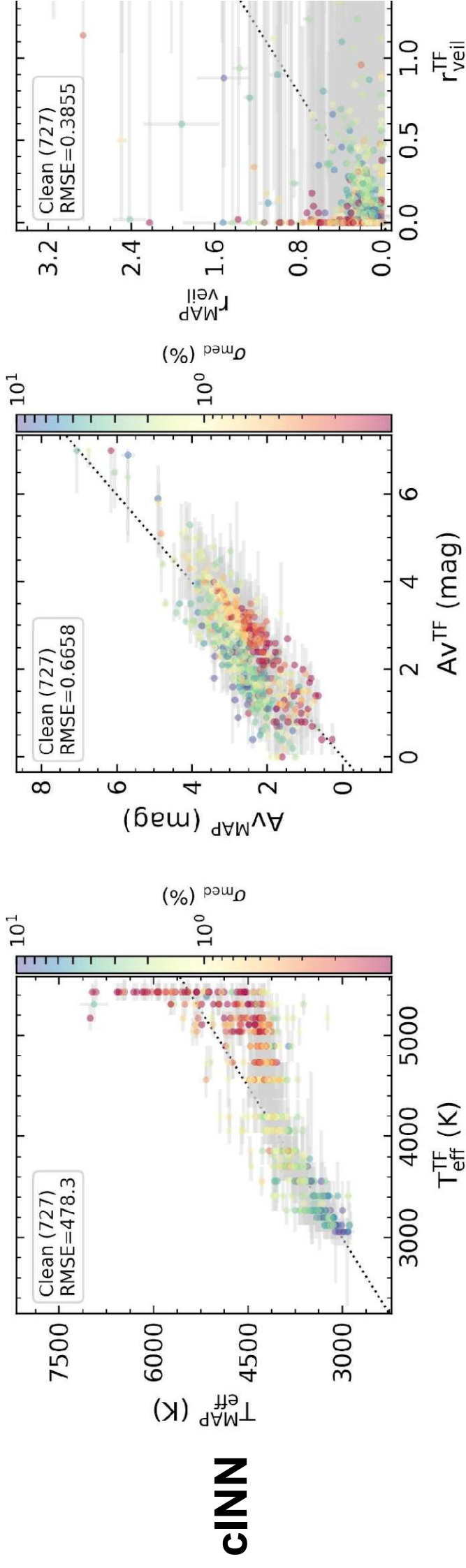
## Template fitting



## cINN



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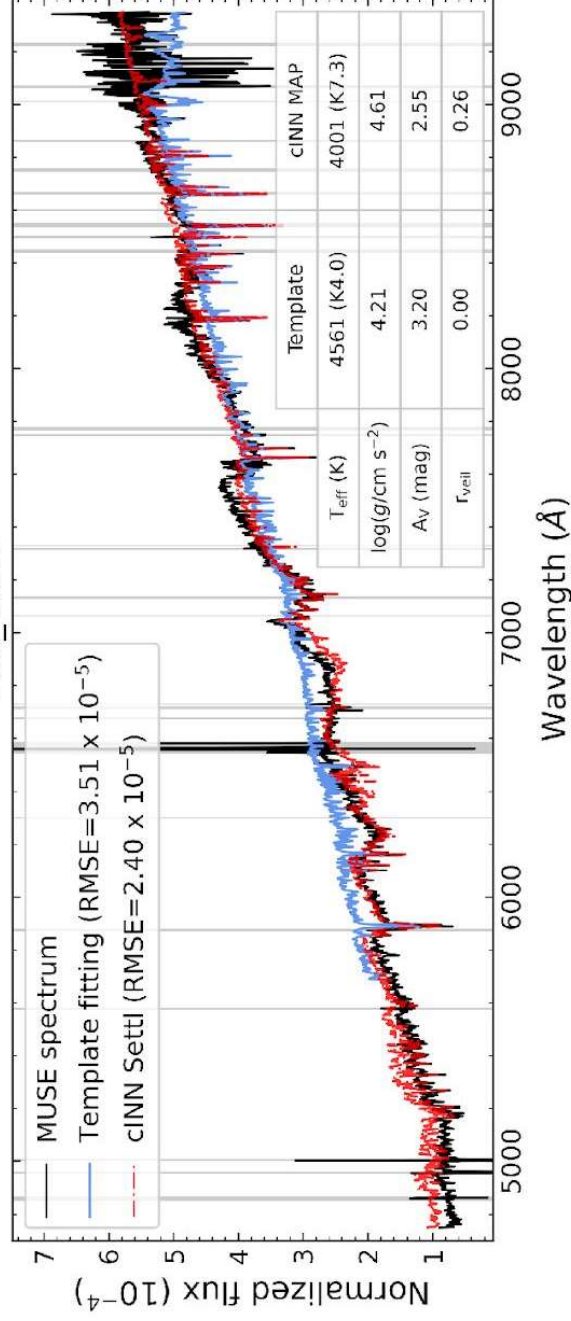
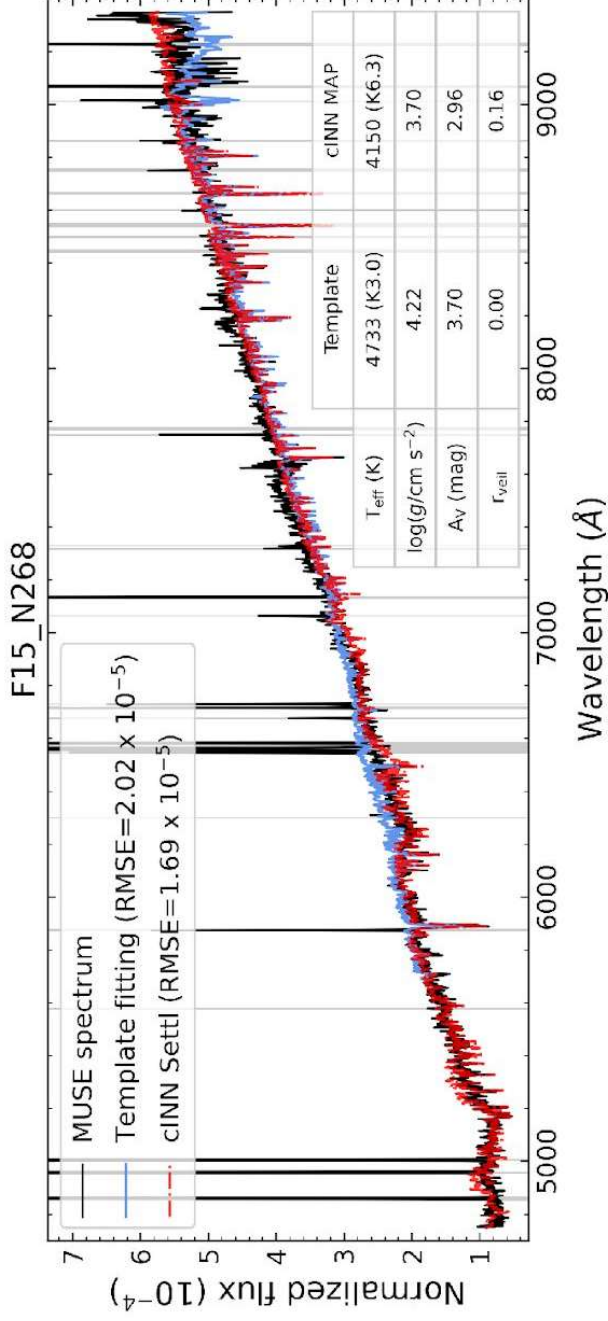


**cINN**

## Template fitting

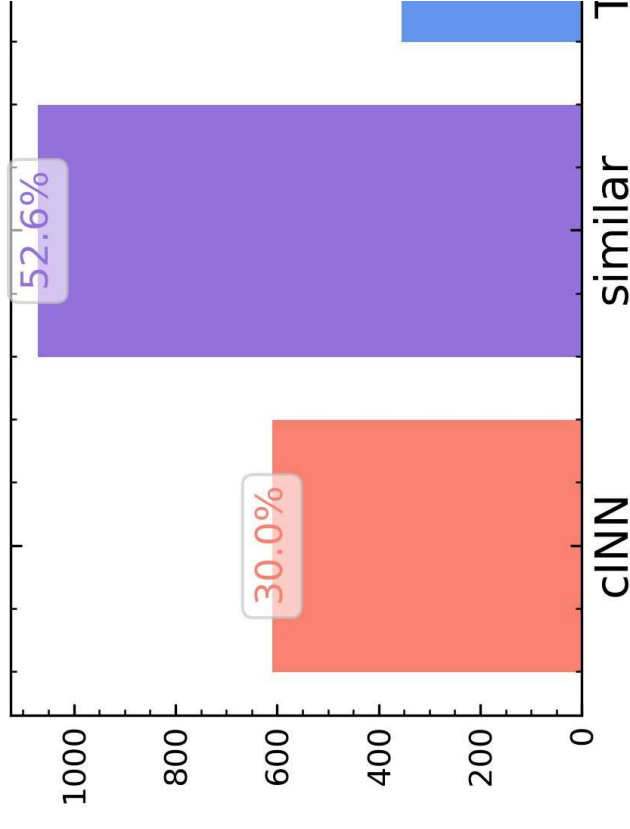
- Good agreements for M-type stars, large differences (T and veil) for K/G types
- Lack of templates (No K5 type, upper limit of G8)
- Degeneracy between  $T_{\text{eff}}$  and  $r_{\text{veil}}$

# Template fitting vs. cINN



Blue: Template fitting

Red: reproduced Phoenix spectrum



# Planned updates

1. Additional parameters:
  - extinction law,  $R_v$  (currently fixed for Tr14,  $R_v=4.4$ )
  - bolometric correction
2. Improve veiling
  - use a hydrogen slab model (Manara+14, Acala+2017, etc)
3. Increase Teff range:  $\sim A$  types ( $\lesssim 10,000K$ )
4. Improve simulation gap: domain adaptation, include real spectra
5. Improved consideration of flux error

# Summary

## **WST for studying young stellar population and cluster environment**

- Need a demography of young stars in diverse cluster environments to study the influence of environment on the stellar evolution and planet formation
- Need efficient large survey in optical spectroscopy
- WST can provide unprecedented large data of young stars from various clusters

## **Neural network to handle large data from WST**

- Fast, accurate and efficient method is required to handle large data from WST
- We developed cINN that predicts 4 stellar parameters from optical spectrum
- Our cINN is very fast and shows comparable performance as template fitting
- Our works on VLT/MUSE data are preparation for WST

# Thank you!

Q & A



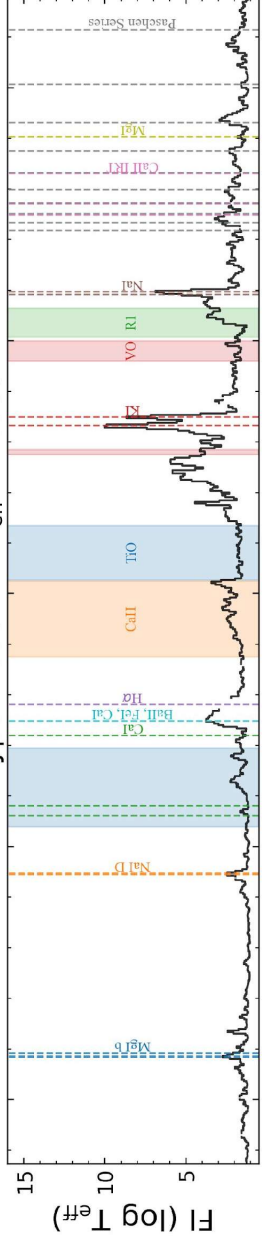
# How does cINN estimate parameters?

## Feature importance

### tests

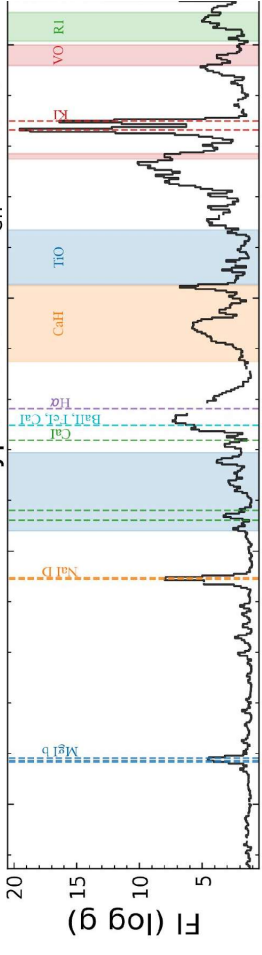
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M type:  $2600\text{K} \leq T_{\text{eff}} \leq 4000\text{K}$

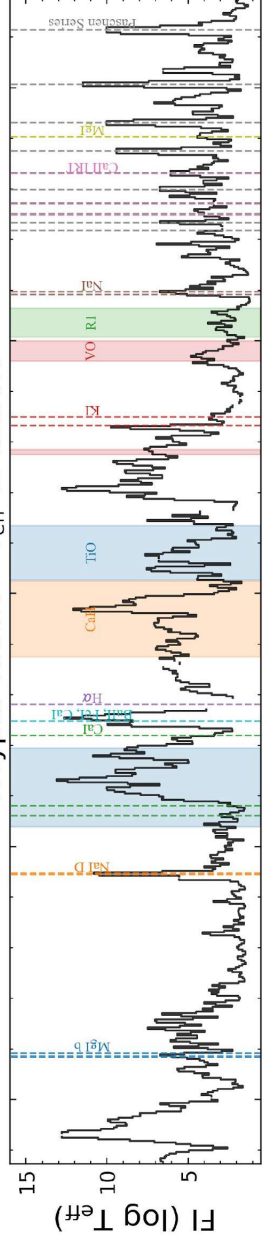


log g

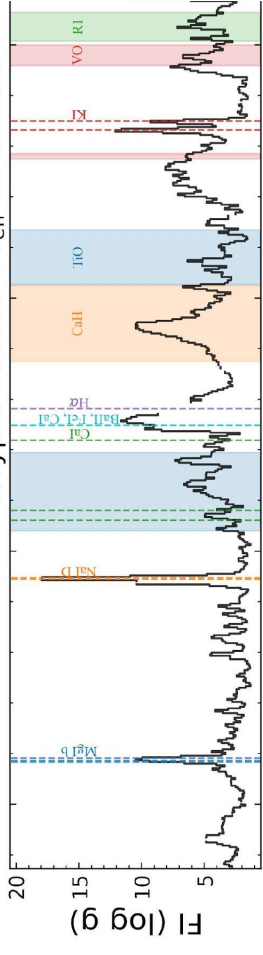
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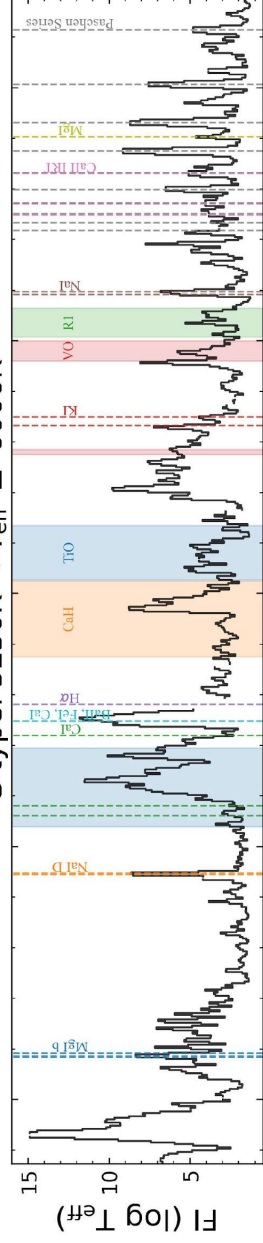
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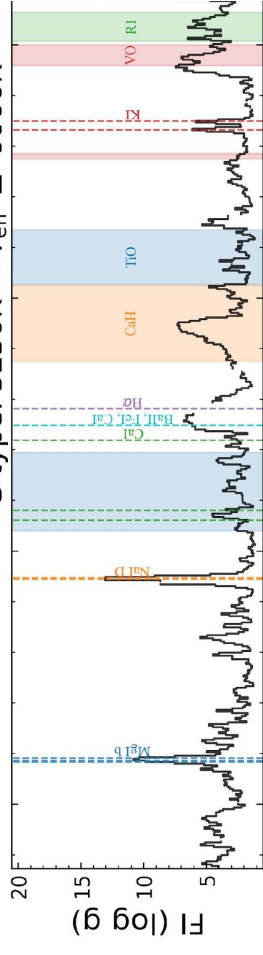
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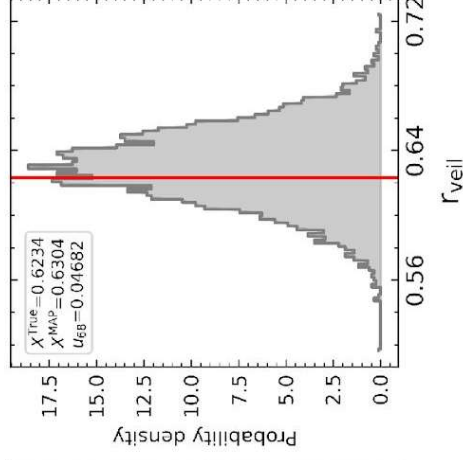
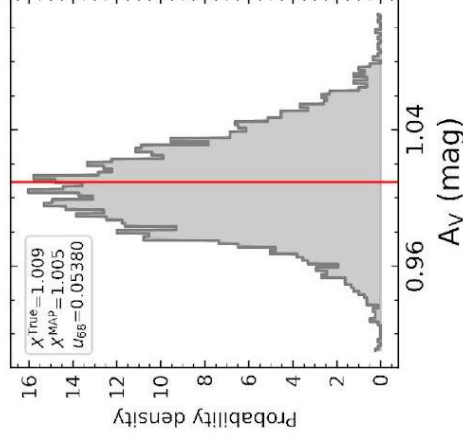
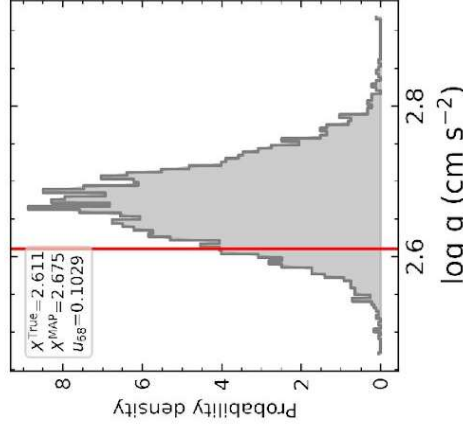
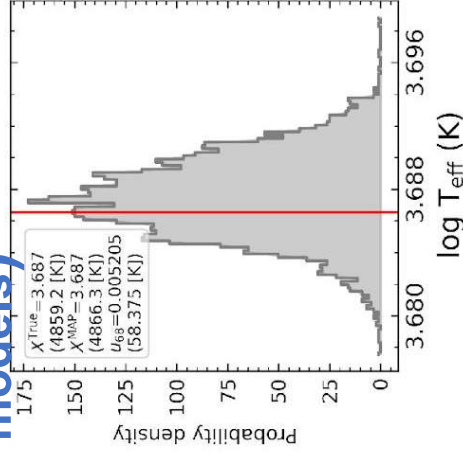
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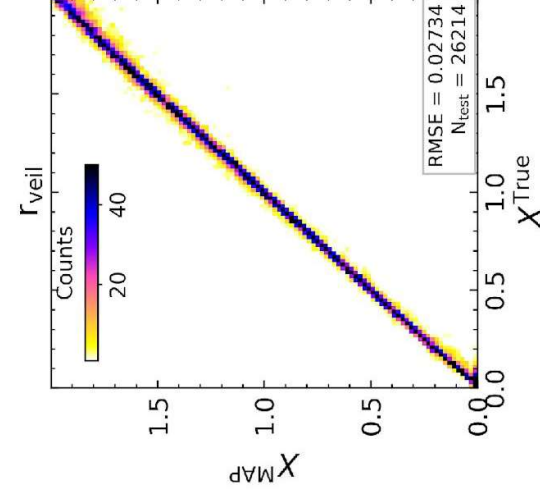
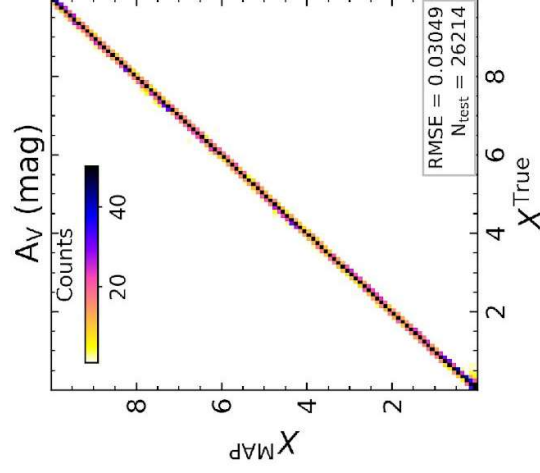
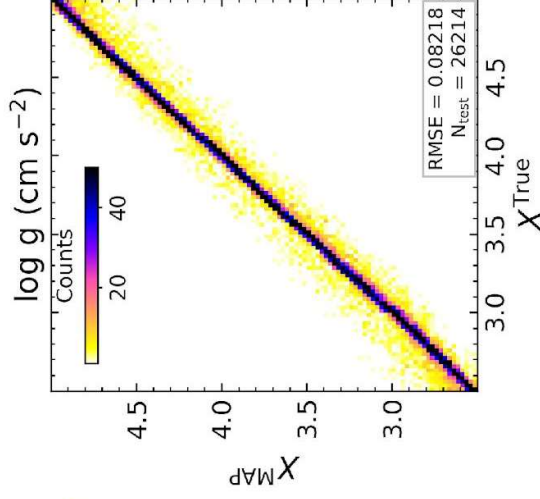
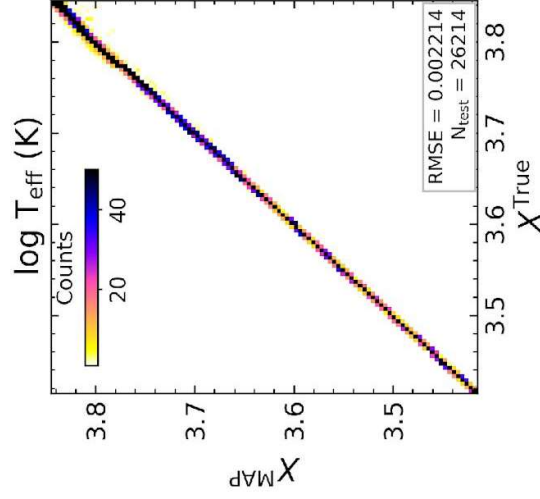
# Generalization on test models

## Synthetic test models (~26,000 test models)

1D posterior distribution for one test model



Peak value (All test models)



|                                |
|--------------------------------|
| $T_{\text{eff}}$ (K)           |
| $\log g$ (cm s <sup>-2</sup> ) |
| $A_v$ (mag)                    |
| $r_{\text{veil}}$              |

# Generalization on real observations

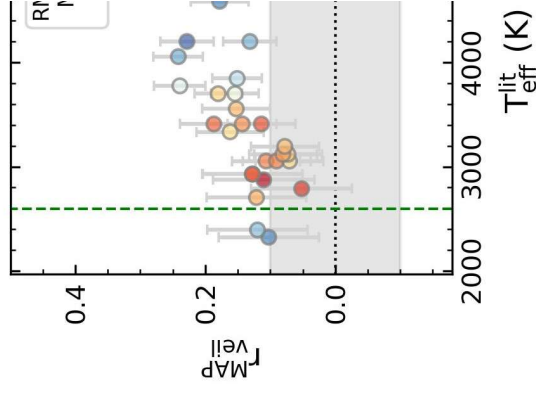
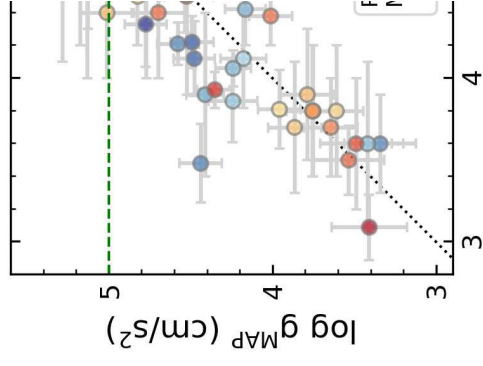
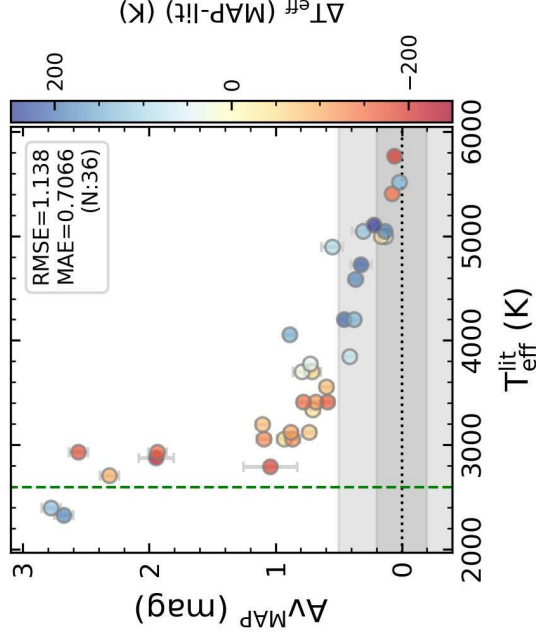
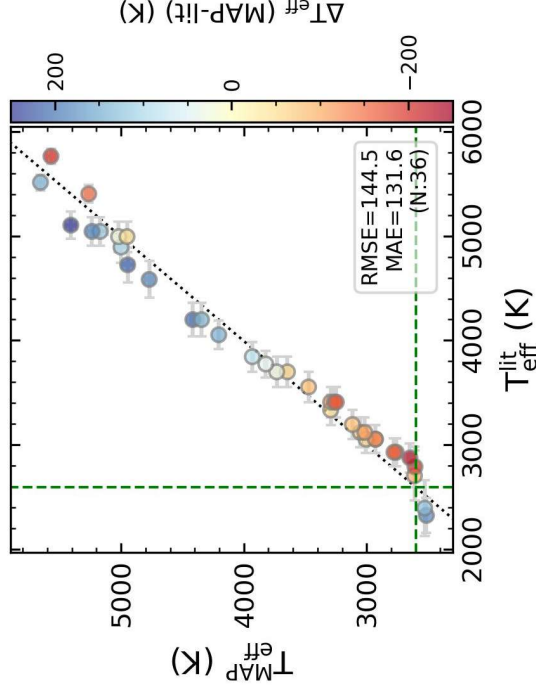
## 36 class III template stars observed with

### VLTX-shooter

- Wider wavelength range & higher spectral resolution
- resolution  $\square$  combined UV+VIS arms and downgraded the spectral resolution
- Well-analyzed by Manra+2013, 2017 and Stelzer+2013 (SpT, log g)
- Zero extinction, zero veiling

## Average accuracy

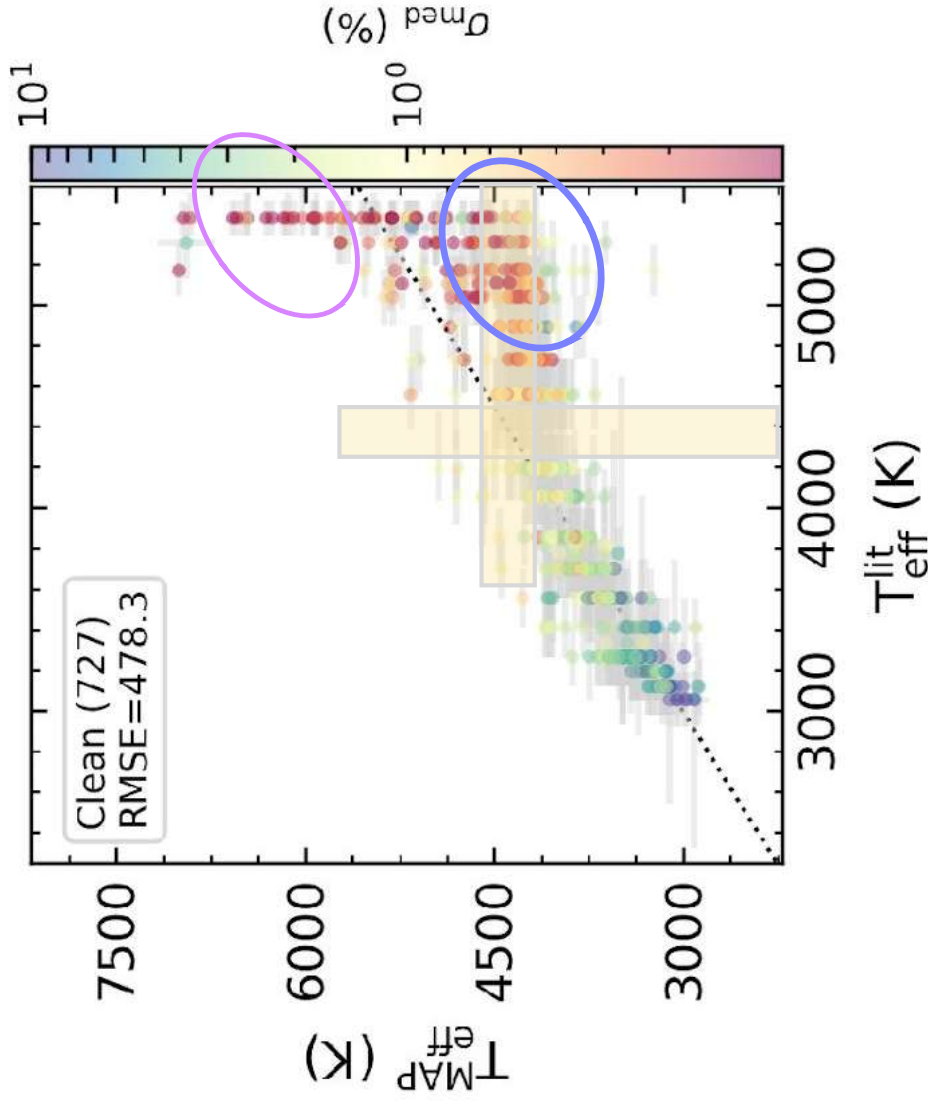
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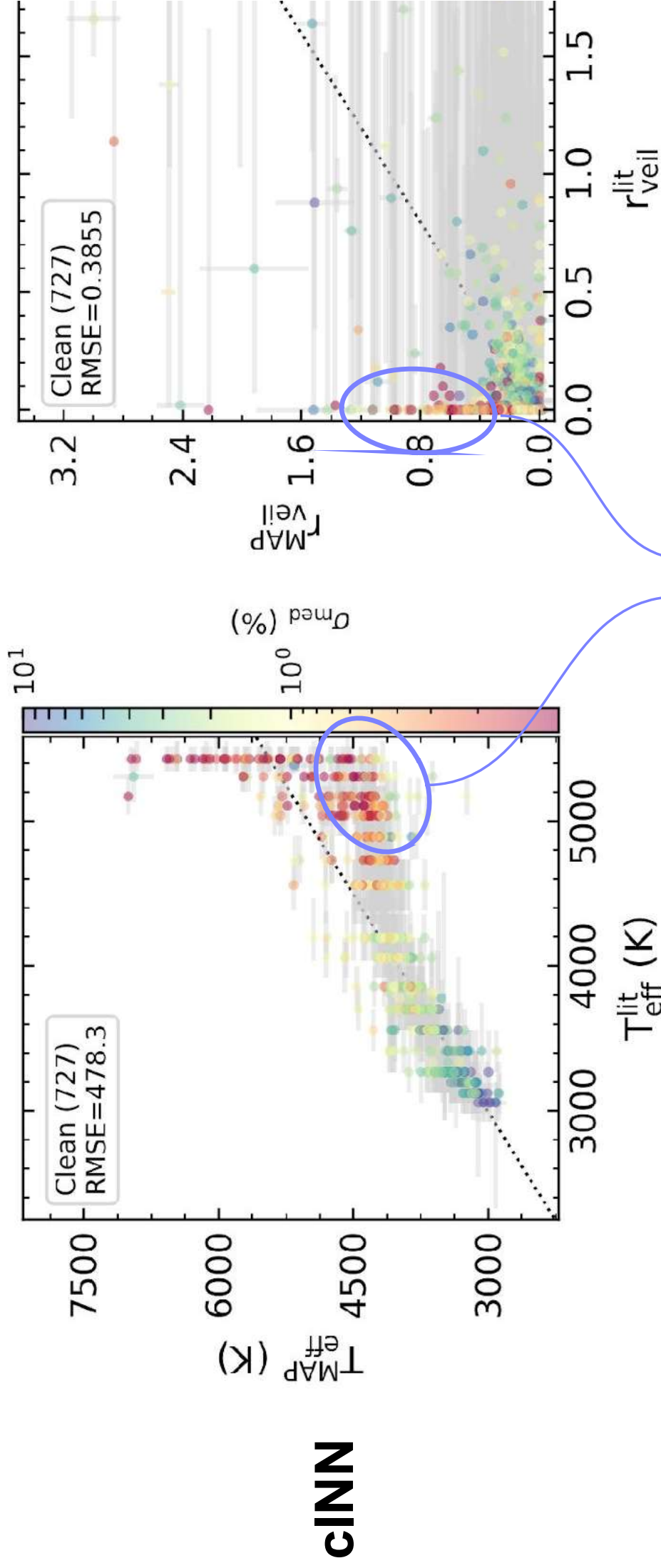
- Templates used in literature:
- No templates higher than 6000K
  - No templates between K6 (ΔT ~360K)

cINN training range: 2600K –



Literatur  
e

# cINN (MAP) vs. Template fitting (lit)



Degeneracy between  $T_{\text{eff}}$  and  $r_{\text{veil}}$  is not considered

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Degenerate

Condition (c) =  
Observations (Y)

Physical  
Parameters  
(X)



Conditional Invertible  
Neural Network (cINN)  
(Ardizzone et al. 2019, 2021)

Invertible  
mapping

Inverse prediction  
 $\mathbf{x} = f^{-1}(\mathbf{z}; \mathbf{c}=\mathbf{y})$   
 $p(\mathbf{z}) \square p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y})$

Conditioning  
network

Forward train  
 $\mathbf{z} = f(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{c}=\mathbf{y})$

Latent  
variables  
(Z)

Loss



sampling

Forward training  
 $\mathbf{z} = f(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{c} = [\mathbf{y}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}])$

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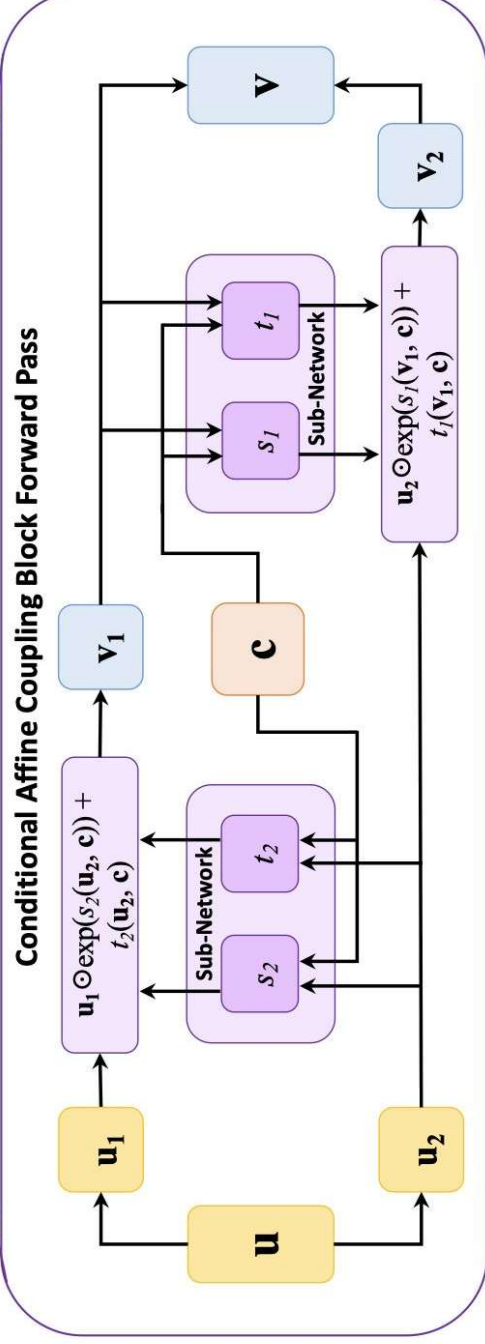
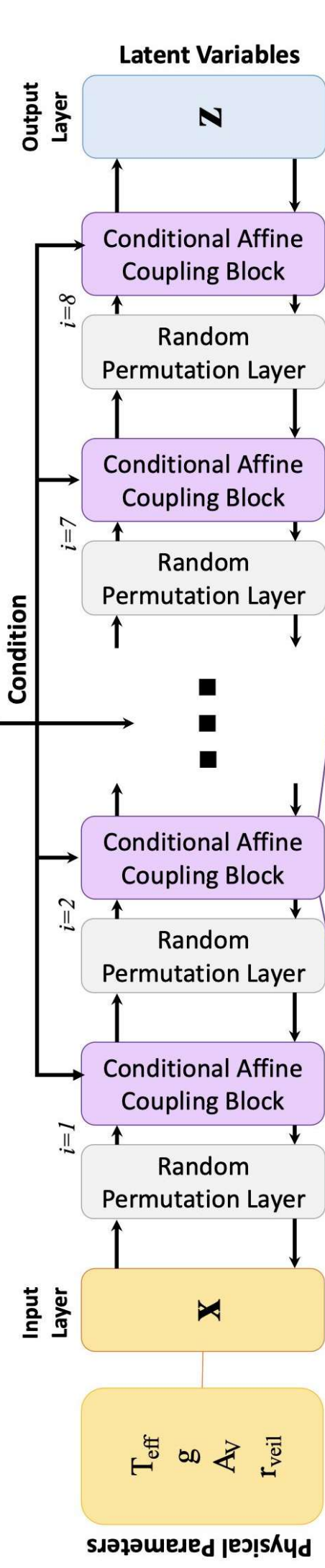
Observational error ( $\sigma$ )

Flux error (N/S)

Stellar spectrum (flux)

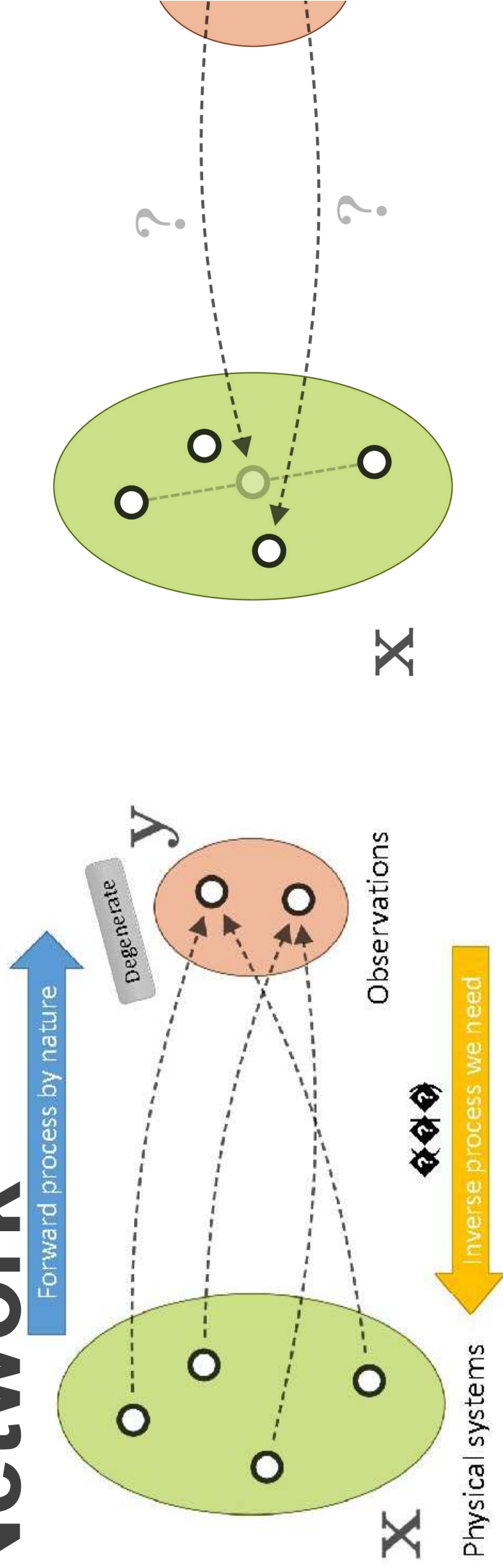
Conditioning Network

$\mathbf{c}$



# Invertible Neural Network

(Ardizzone+2019a,b, 2021)



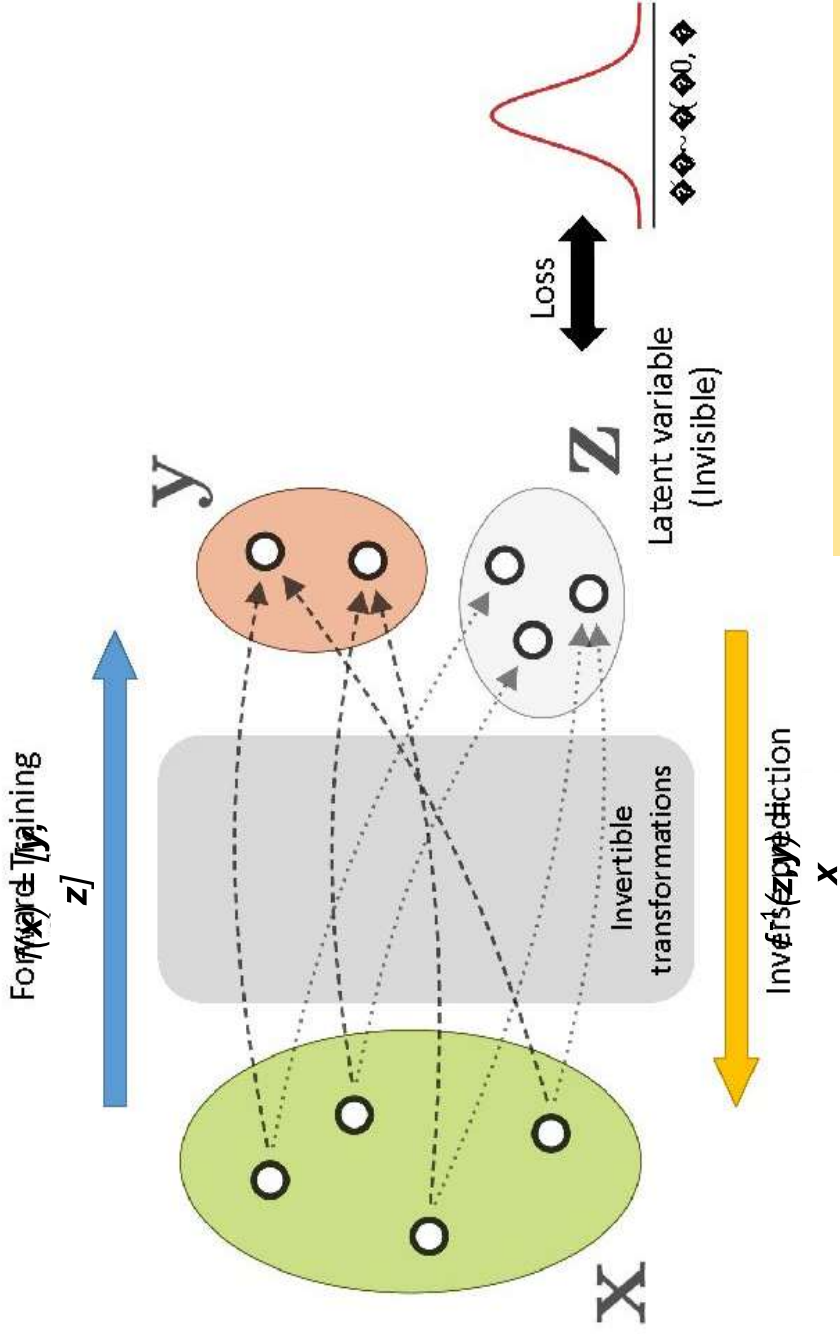
If we use a standard NN trained on the inverse process, it will either pick only one of the physical systems, or even worse, will form an average.

Information loss during the forward process makes observations degenerate

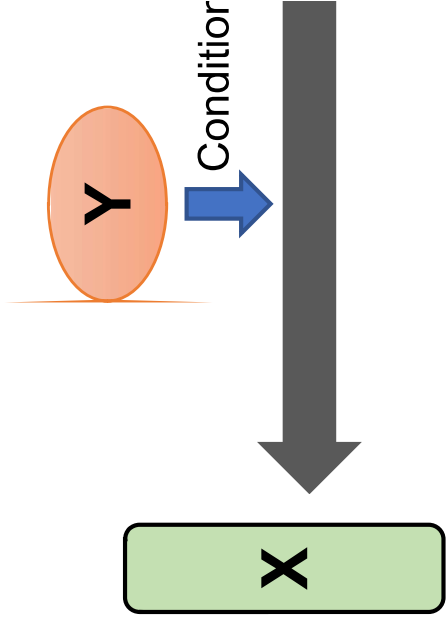


# Invertible Neural Network &

## cINN Neural Network (Ardizzone+2019a)



conditional Invertible Neural  
(cINN; Ardizzone+2019b, 2021)



Train:  $f(x; c=y) =$

Usage:  $x = f^{-1}(z; c$

INN and cINN give a full posterior distribution,  $p(x|y)$ ,  
without any additional calculations like MCMC.