

Accuracy and Precision of industrial stellar abundances

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We suffer from the “too much information effect”

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- Atmospheric physics
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SONG, HARPS, PFS...

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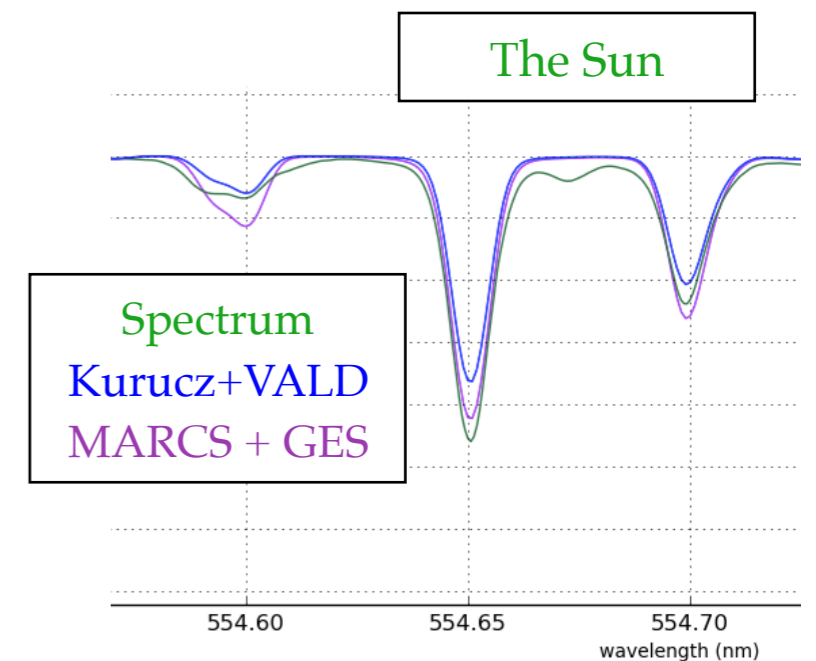


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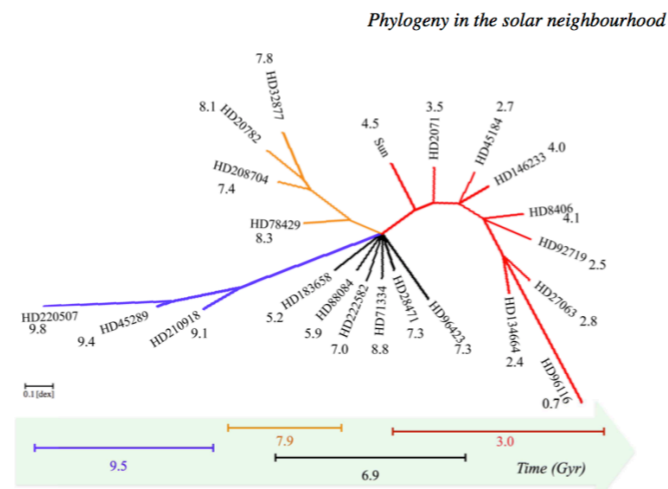
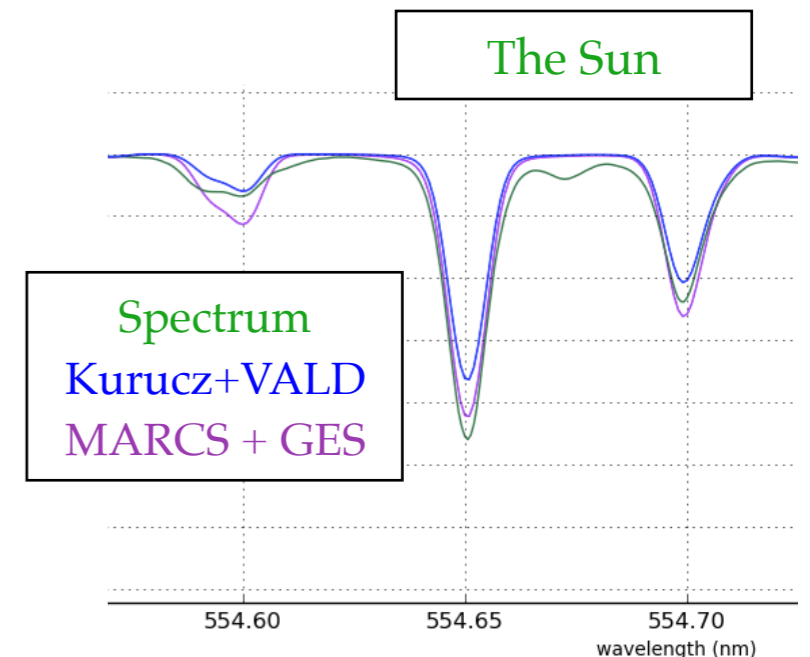
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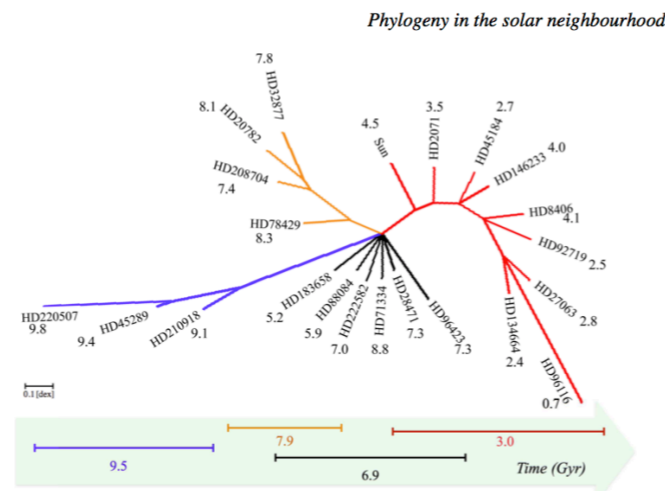
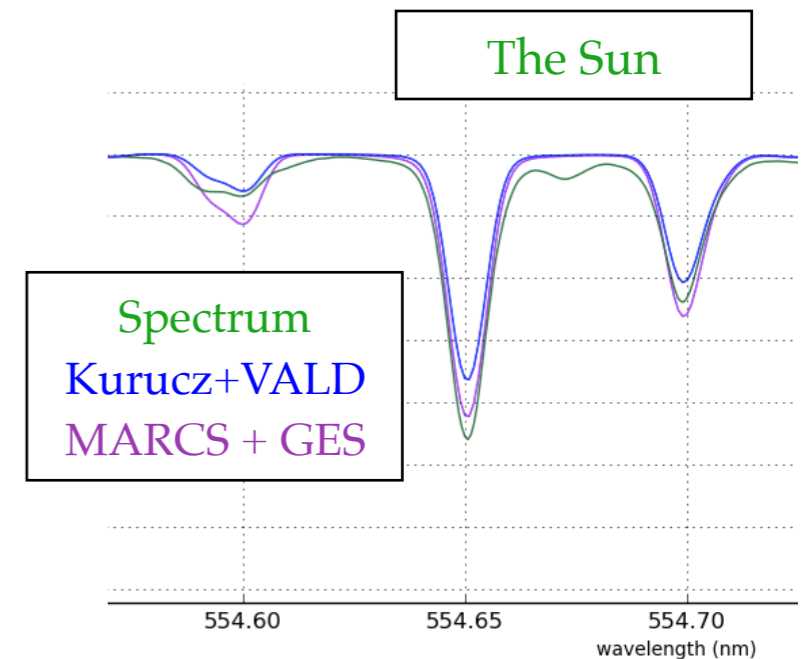
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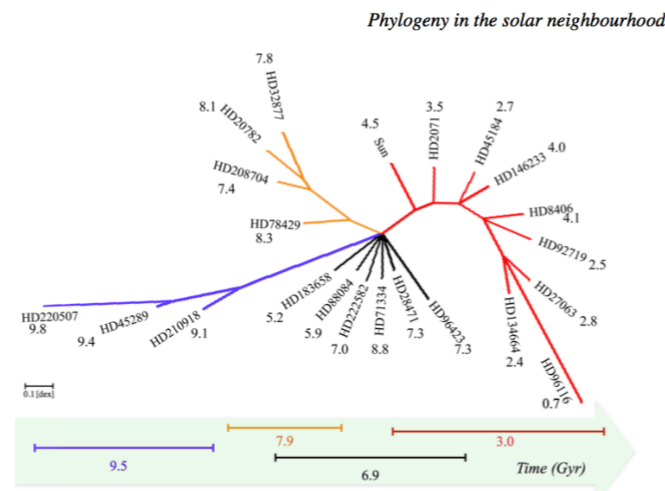
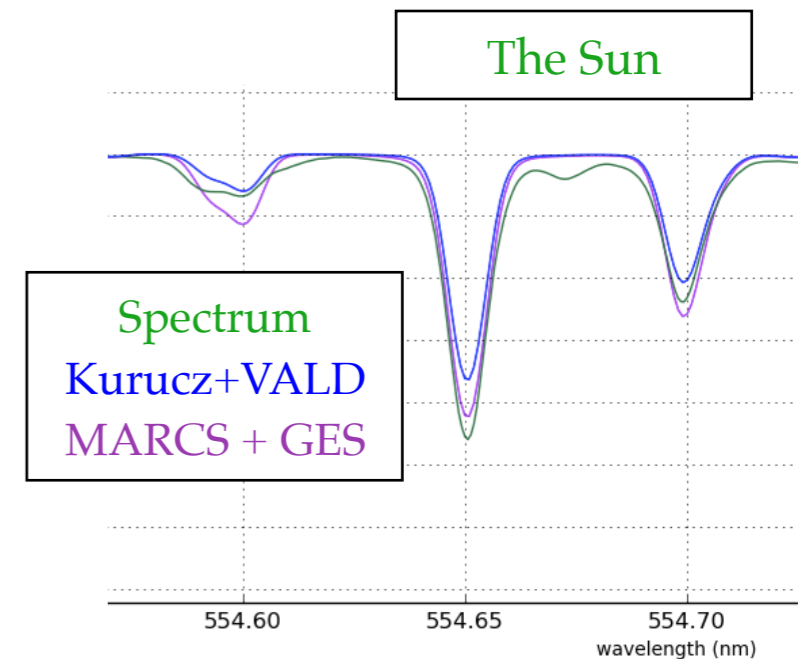
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The Origin of the Solar System Elements

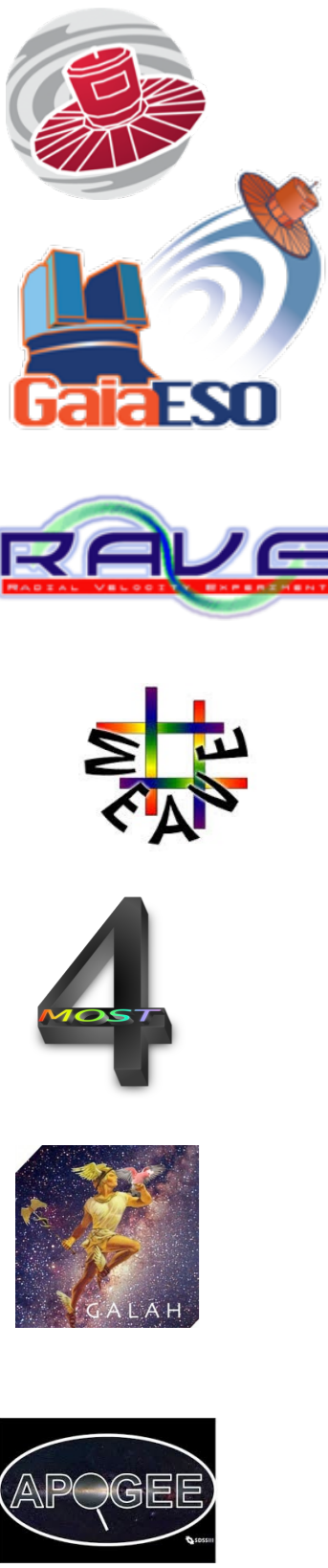
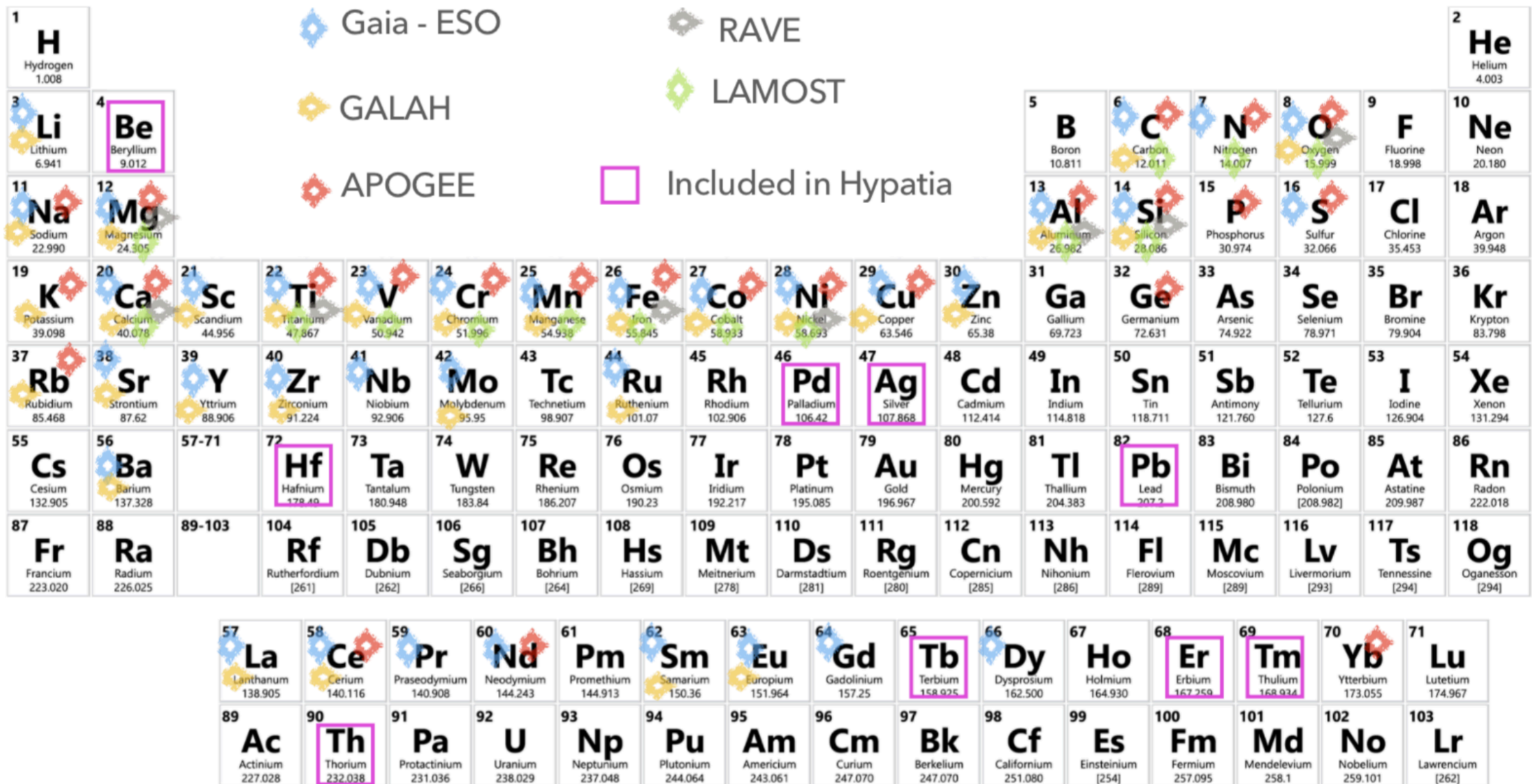
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3 Li	4 Be	merging neutron stars? 										exploding massive stars 					5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne
11 Na	12 Mg	dying low mass stars 										exploding white dwarfs 					13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
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Elements potentially detected in spectroscopic surveys of the Milky Way



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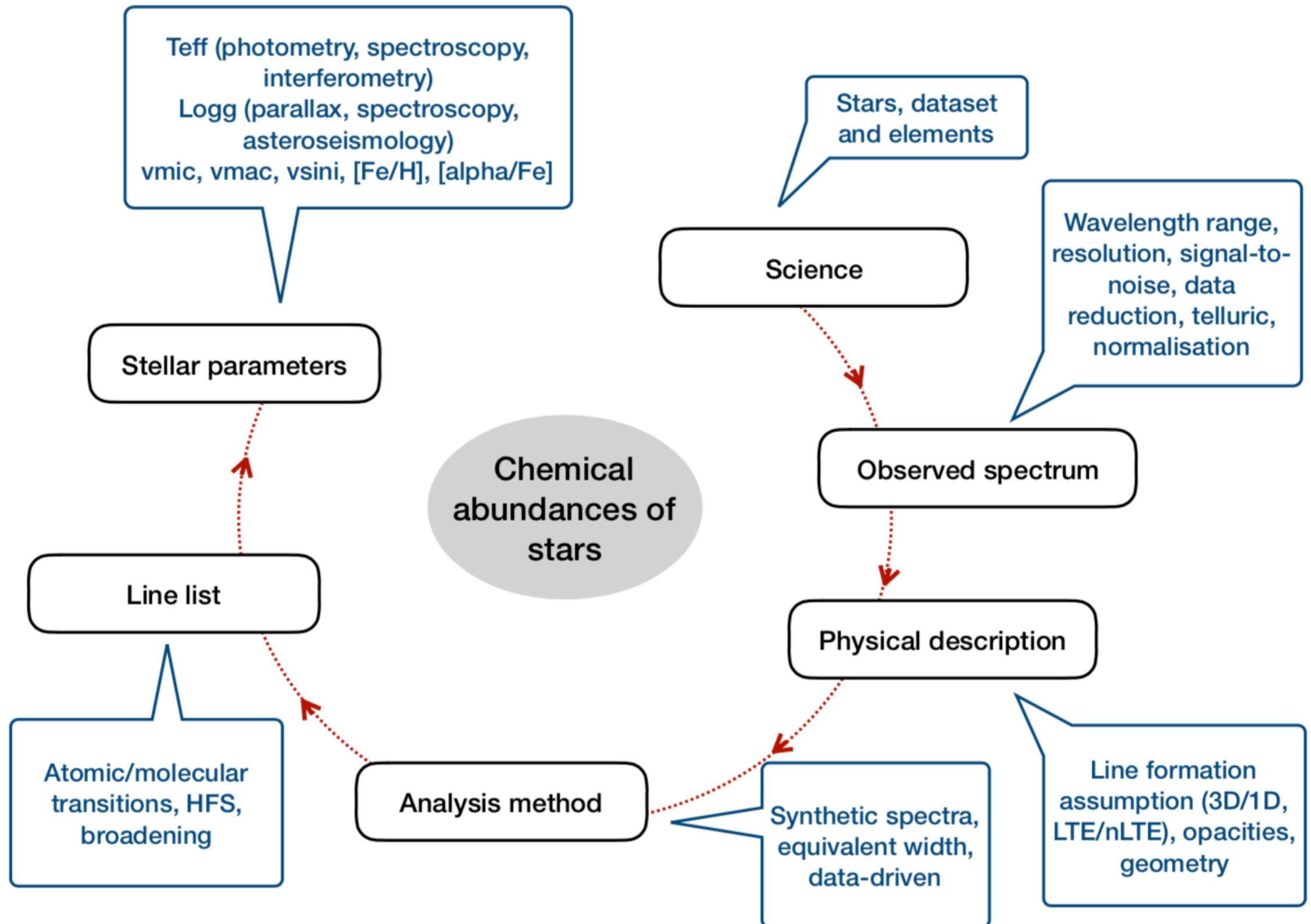
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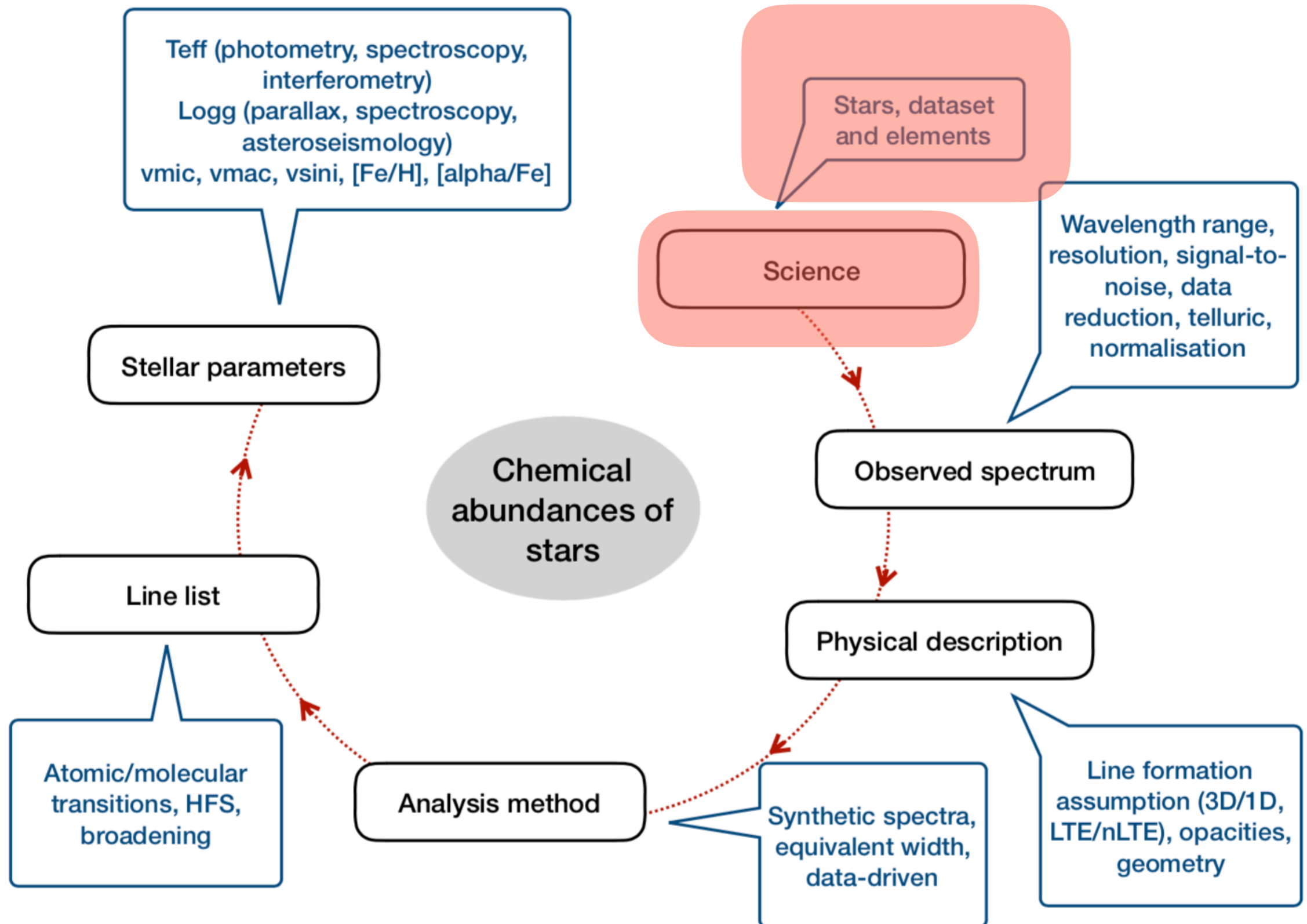
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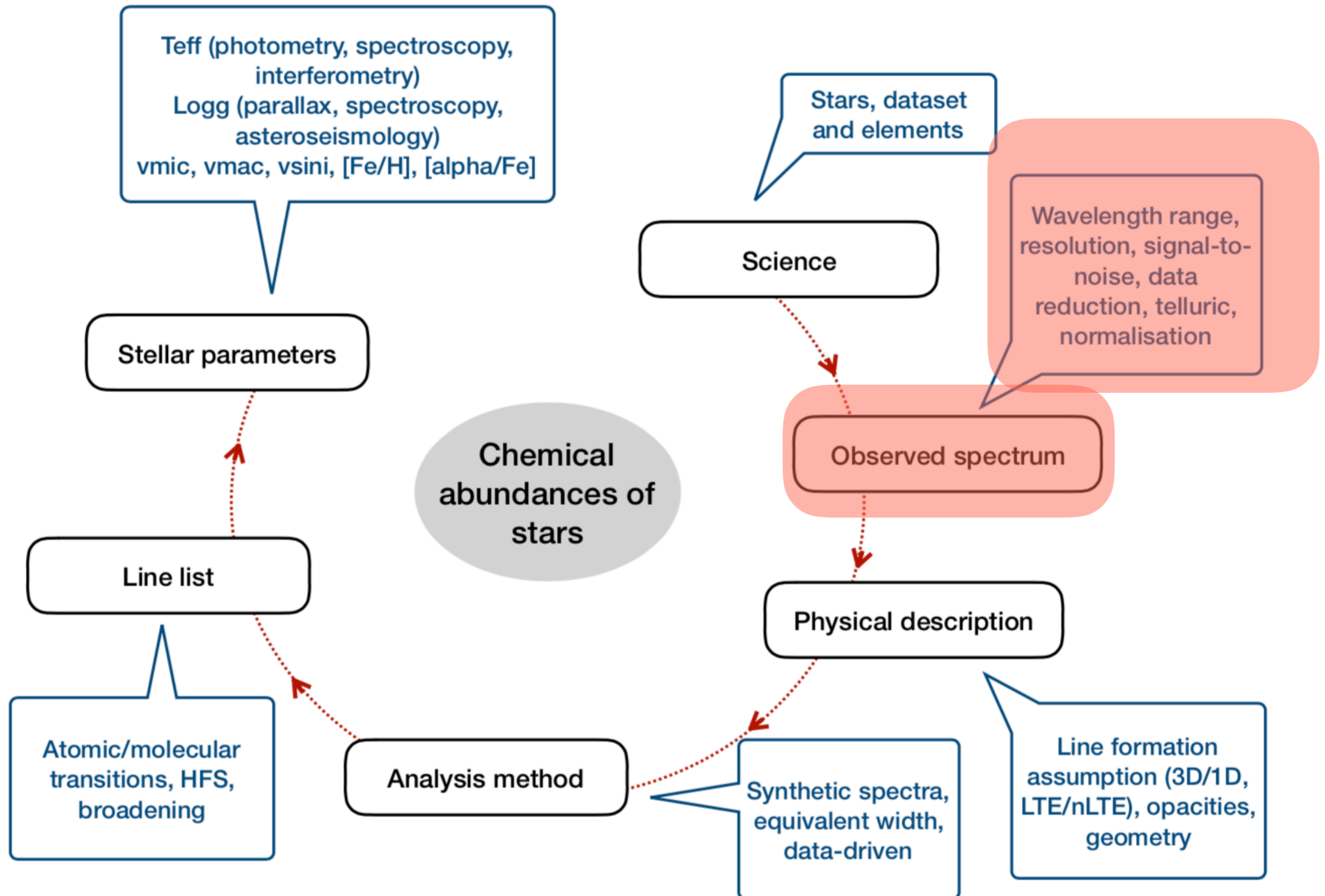
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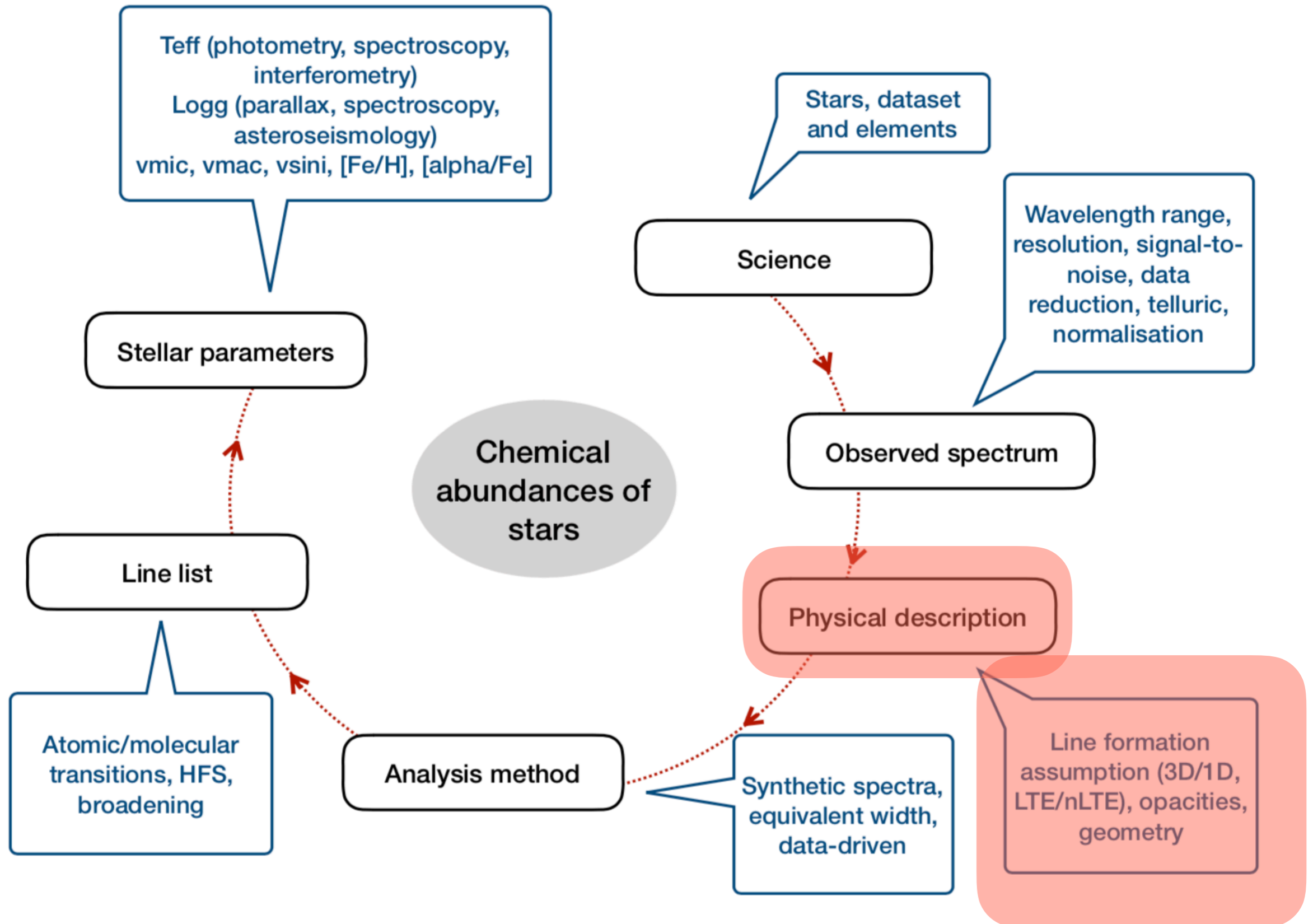
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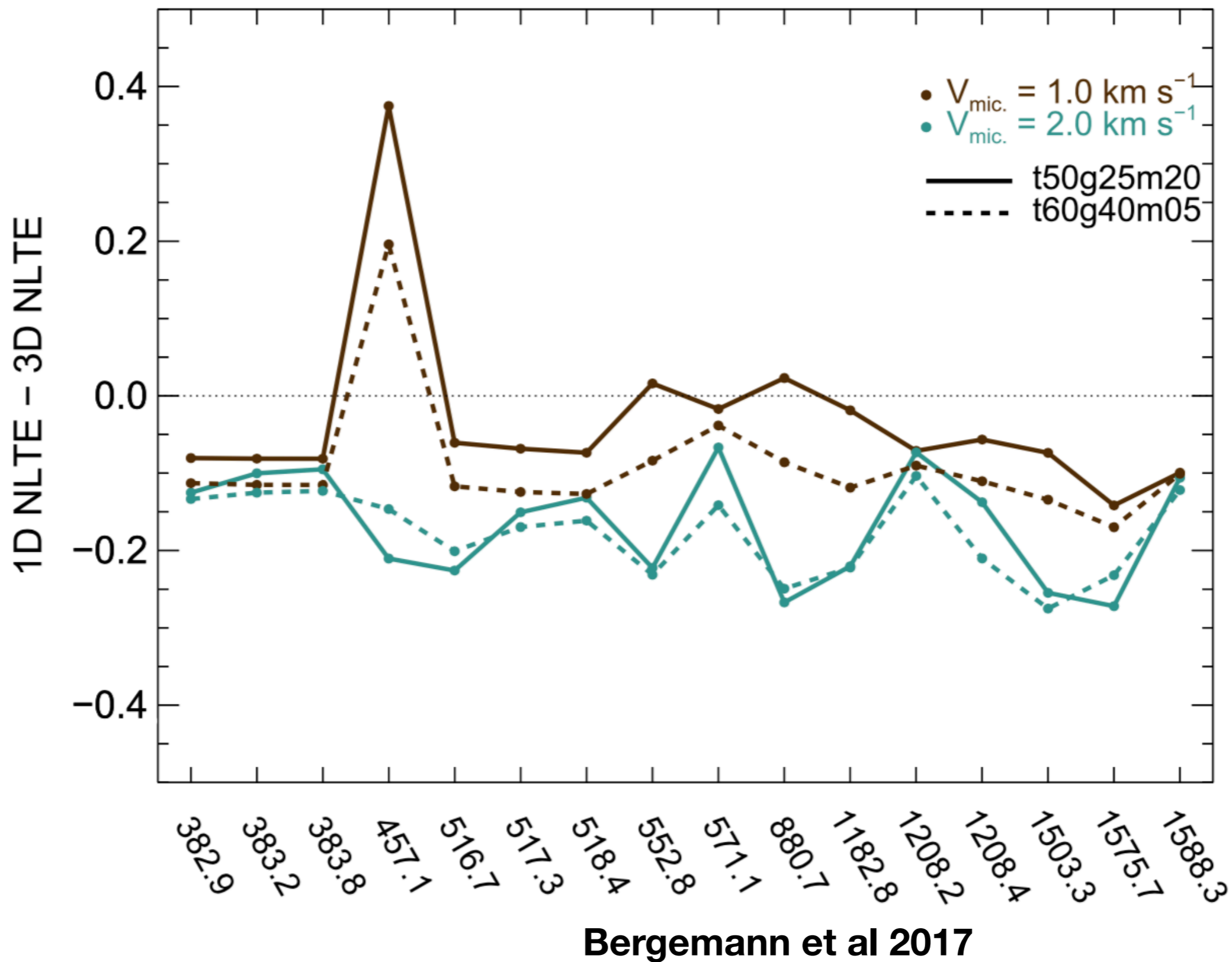
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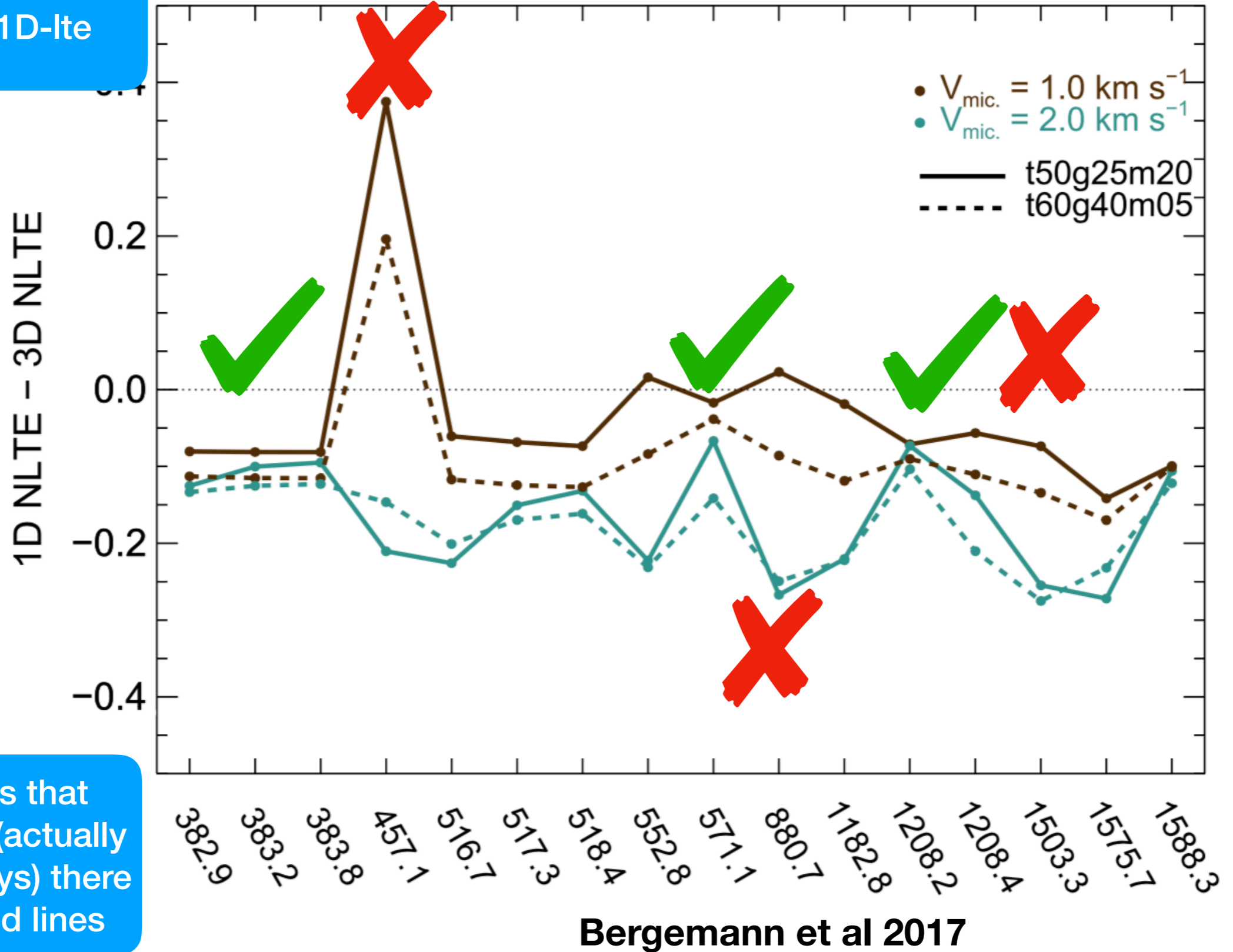


Mg abundances in stars



When many lines are available, we could get ~accurate abundances in standard 1D-lte

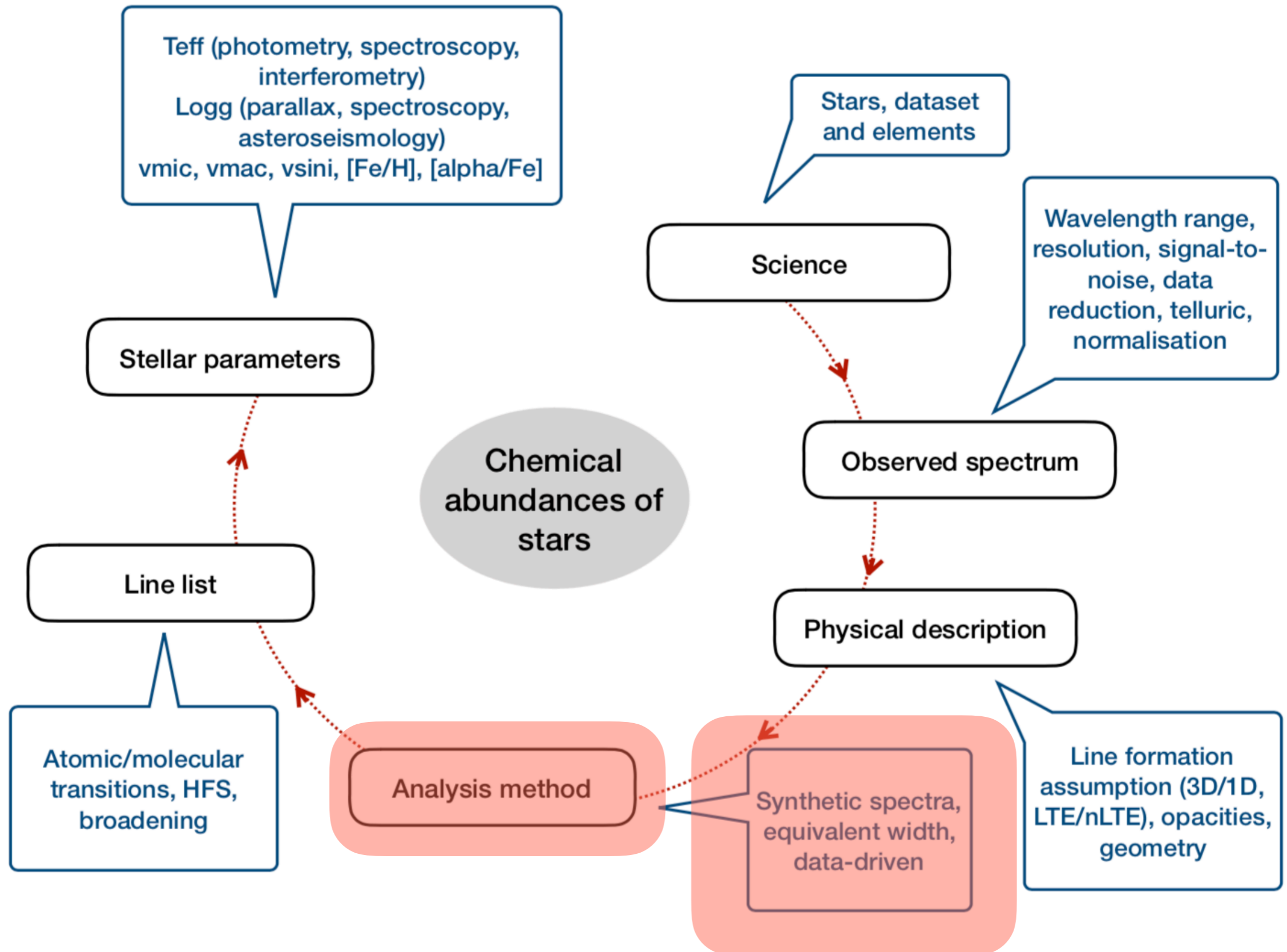
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Problem is that sometimes (actually almost always) there are no good lines

Bergemann et al 2017

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EWs / Syntheses

“Modern” methods

data-driven/neural networks

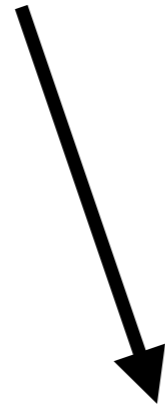
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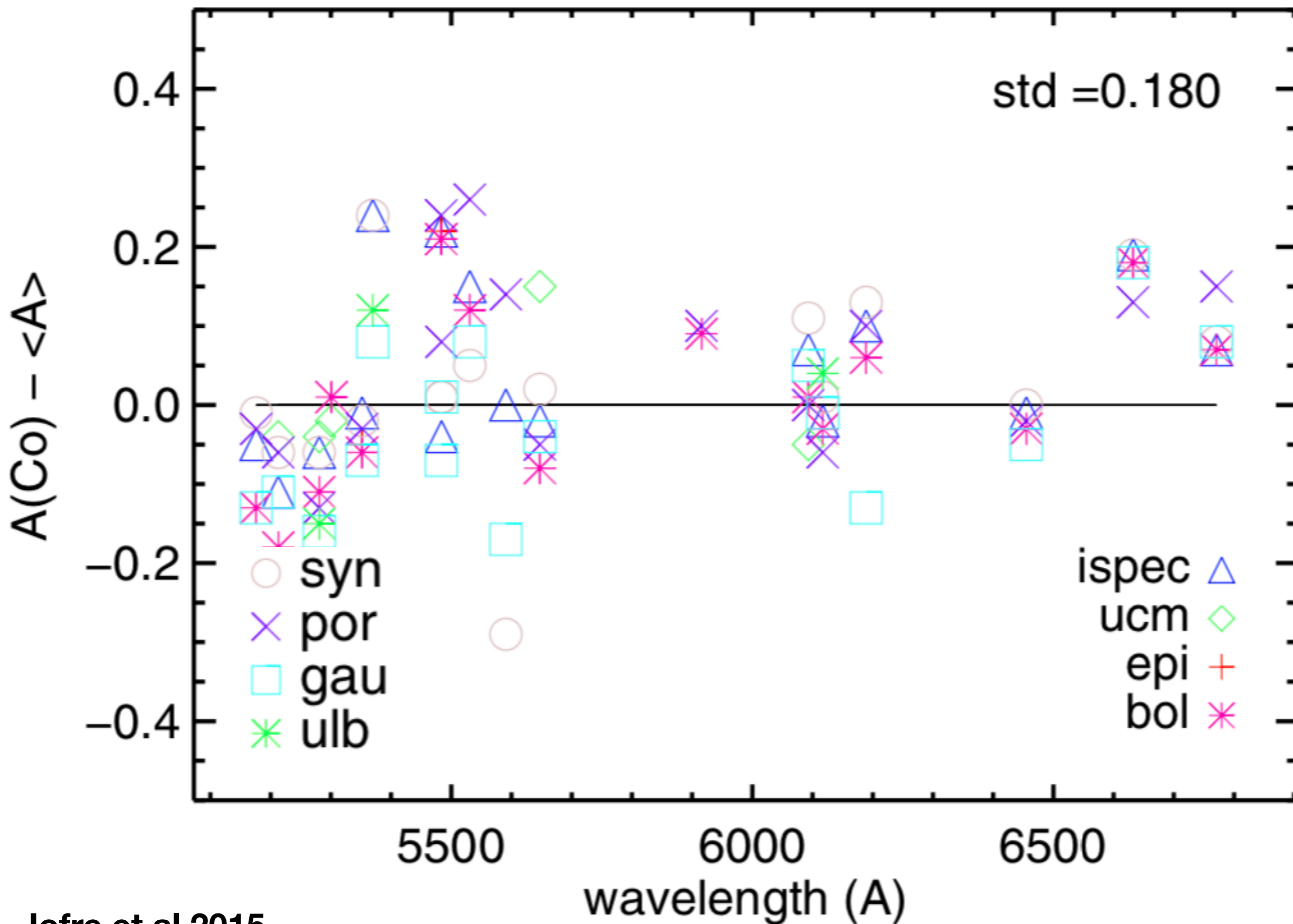
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Training set



Large difference
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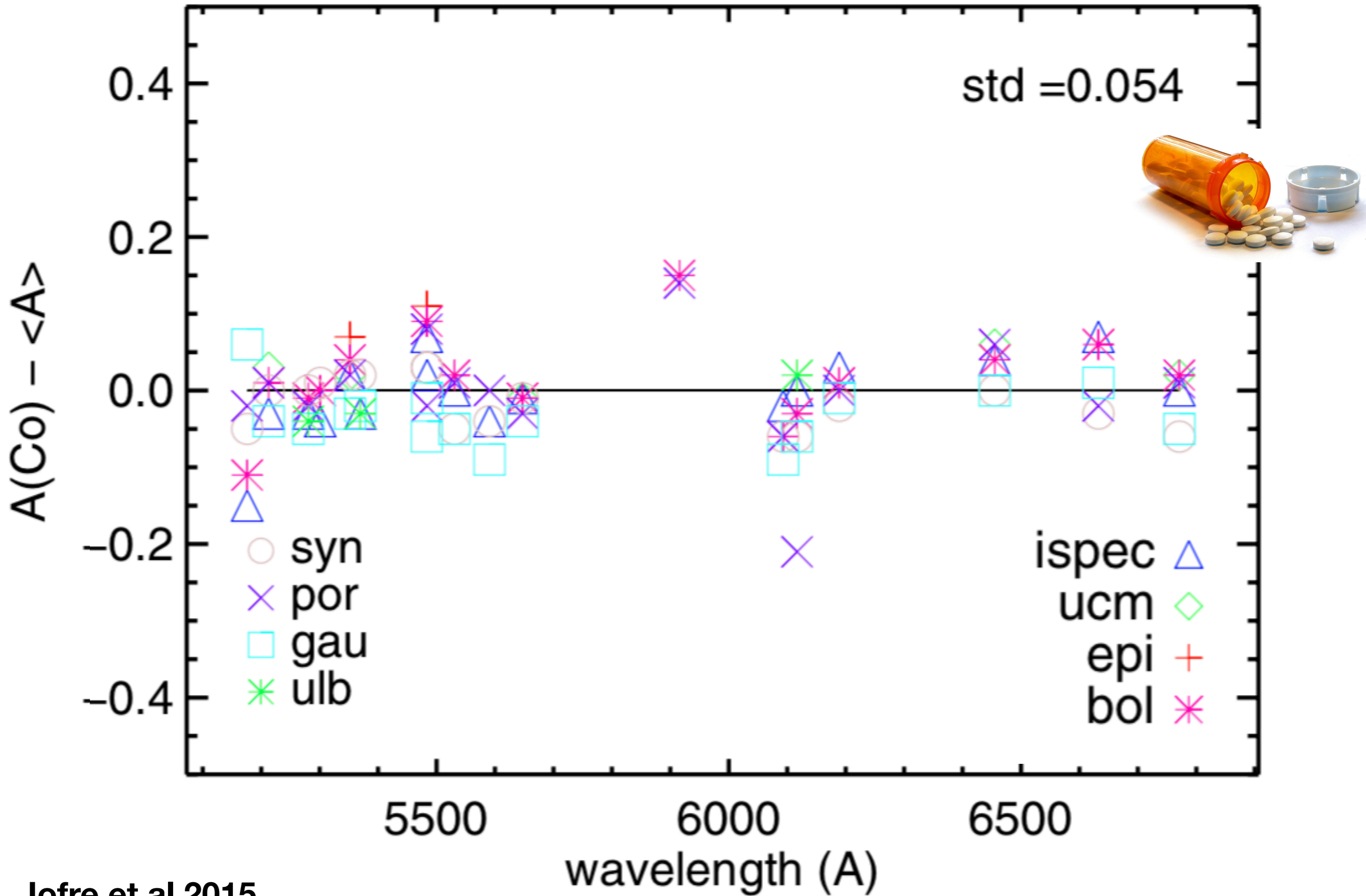
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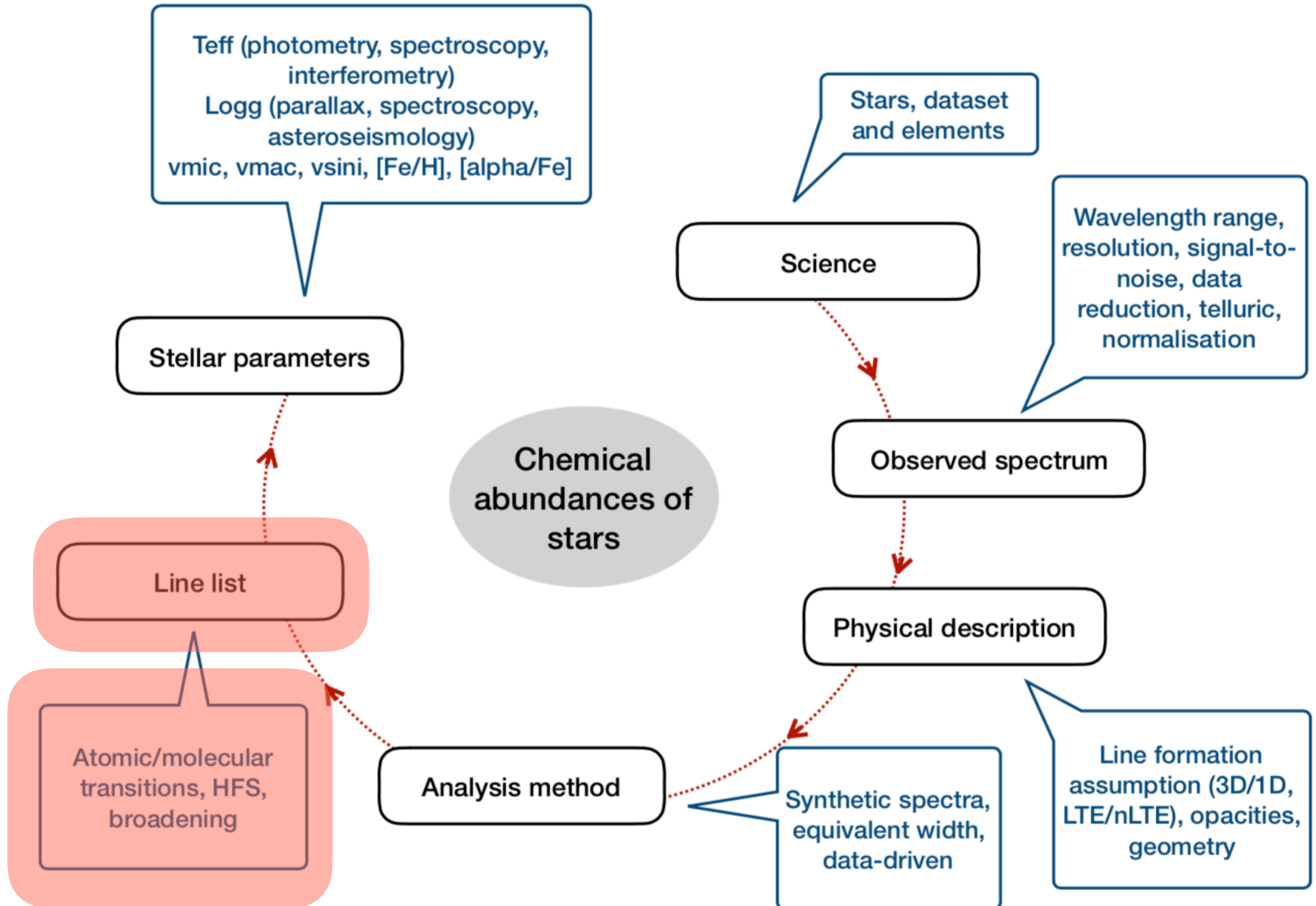
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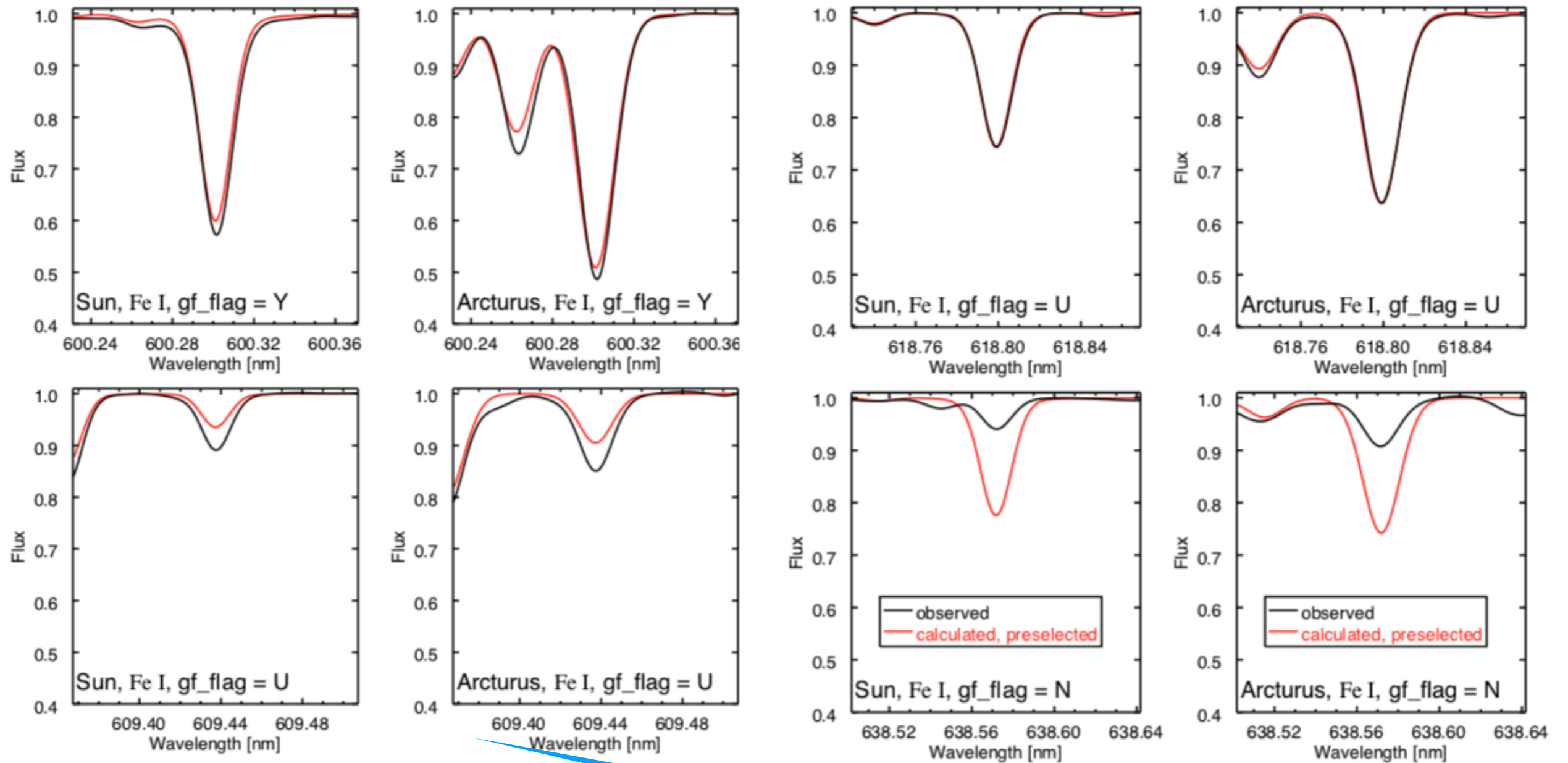
Differential analyses
are great pain killer



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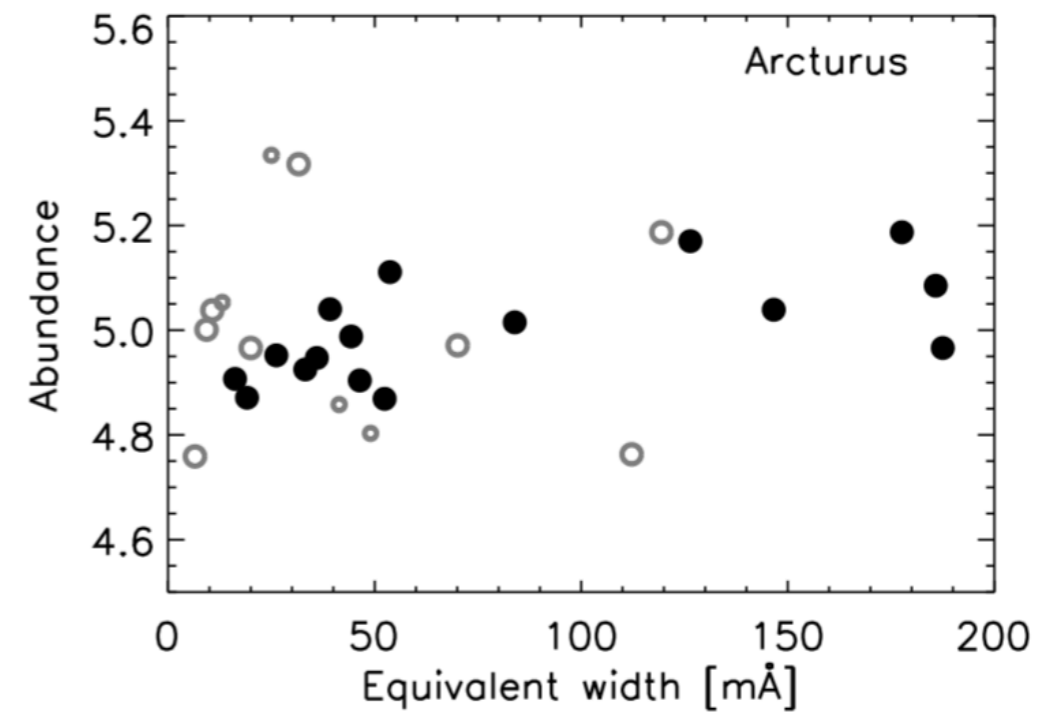
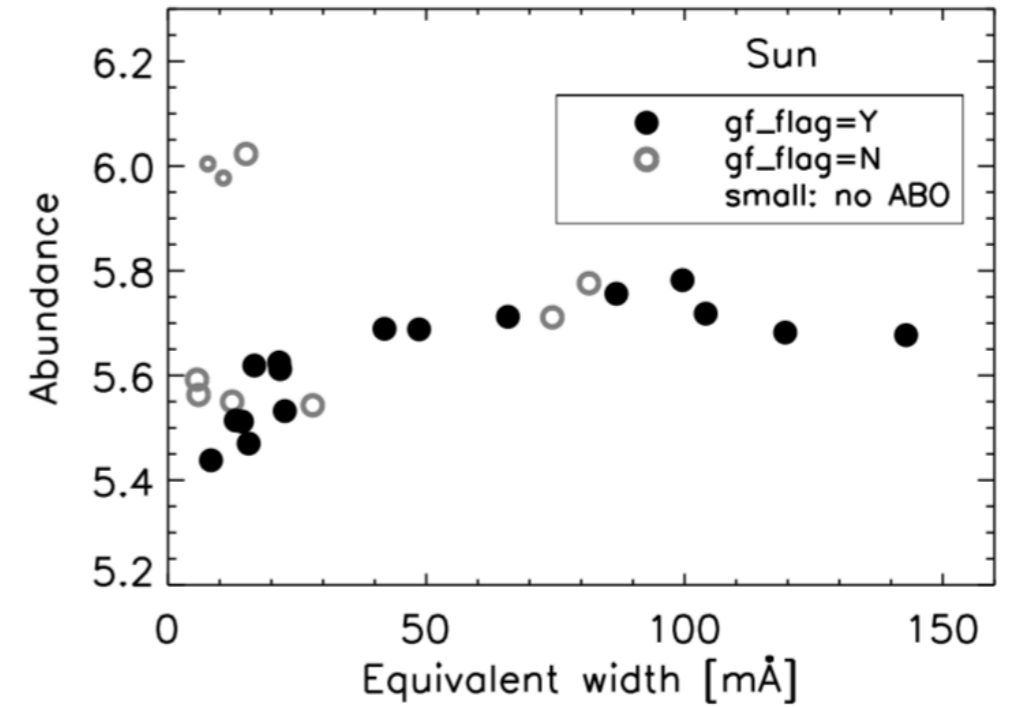
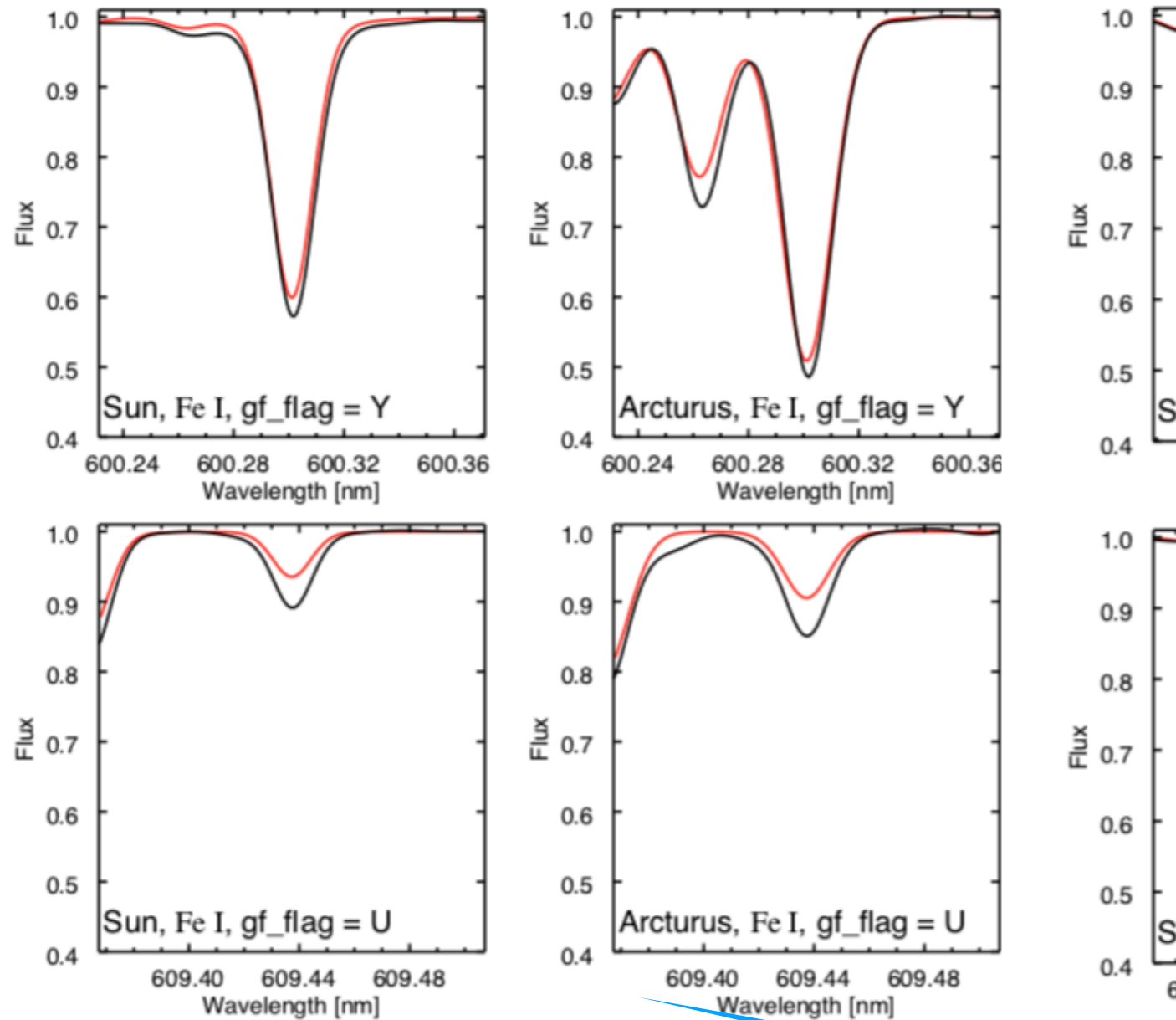
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Heiter et al (in prep)

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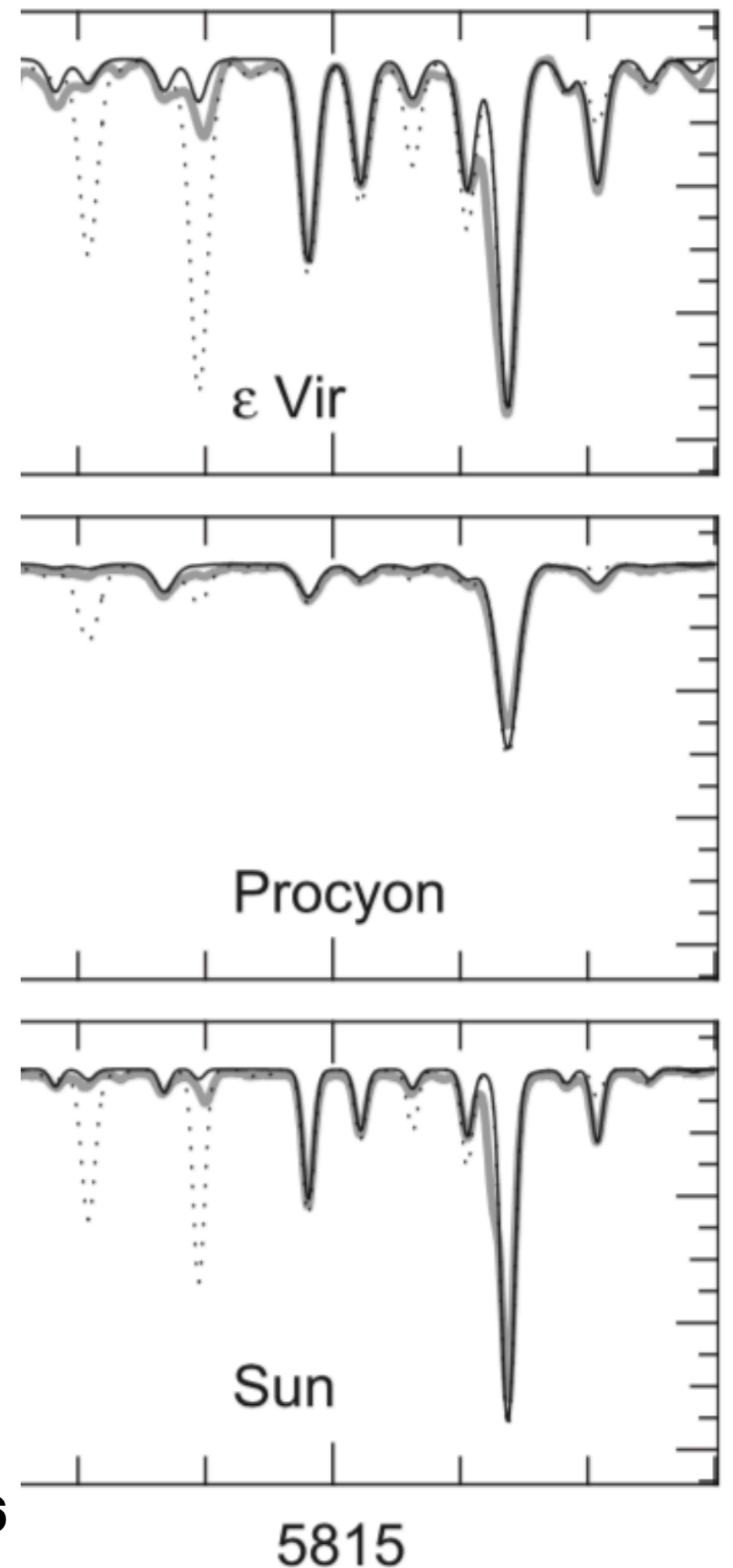
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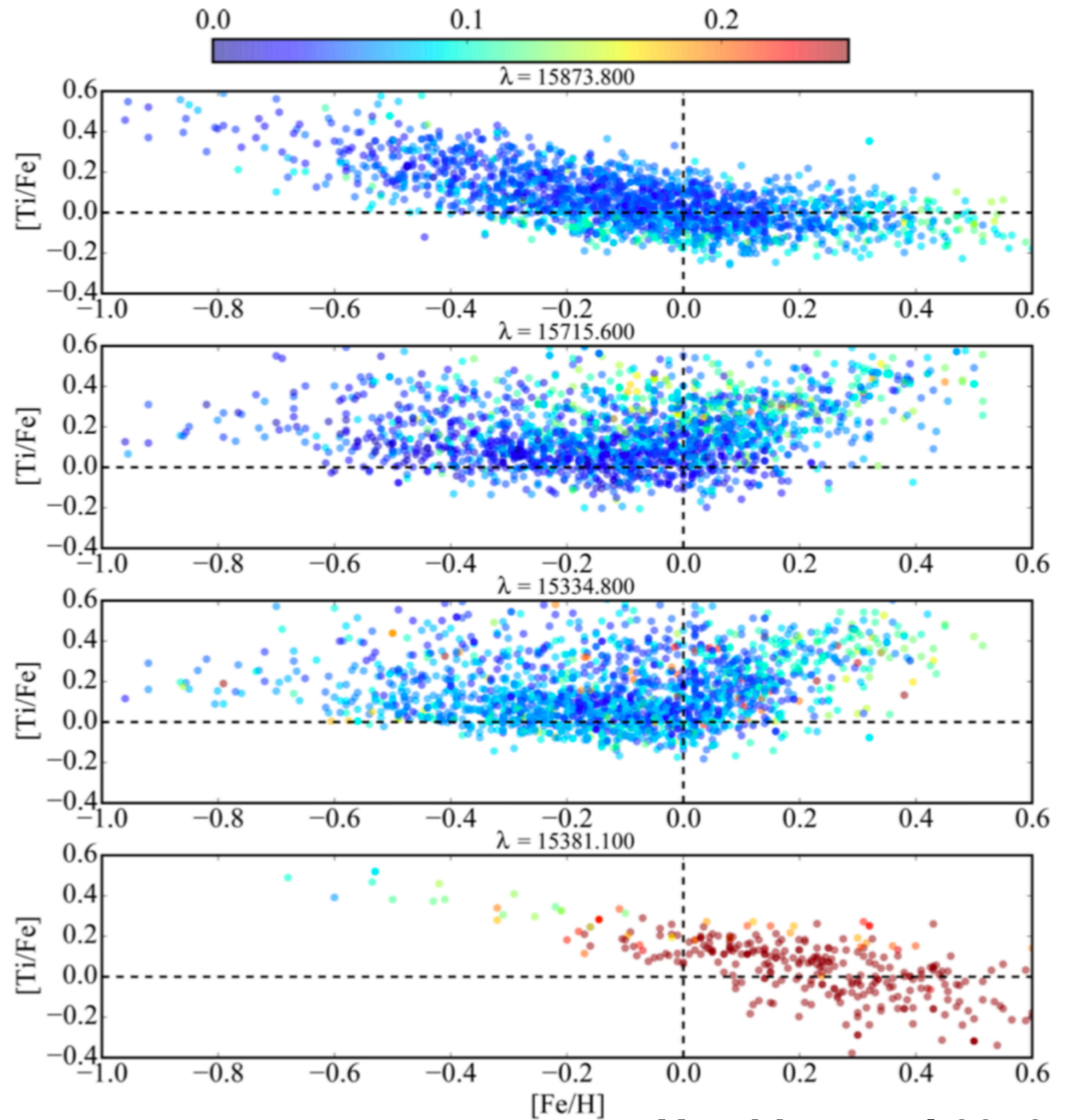
“Astrophysical calibration”
Fit $\log(gf)$ for fixed abundances
in benchmark stars

Done in surveys like
APOGEE since IR lines would all have
flag N (in GES system)
This is other excellent pain killer to
improve precision



Line selection

Expected MW trend



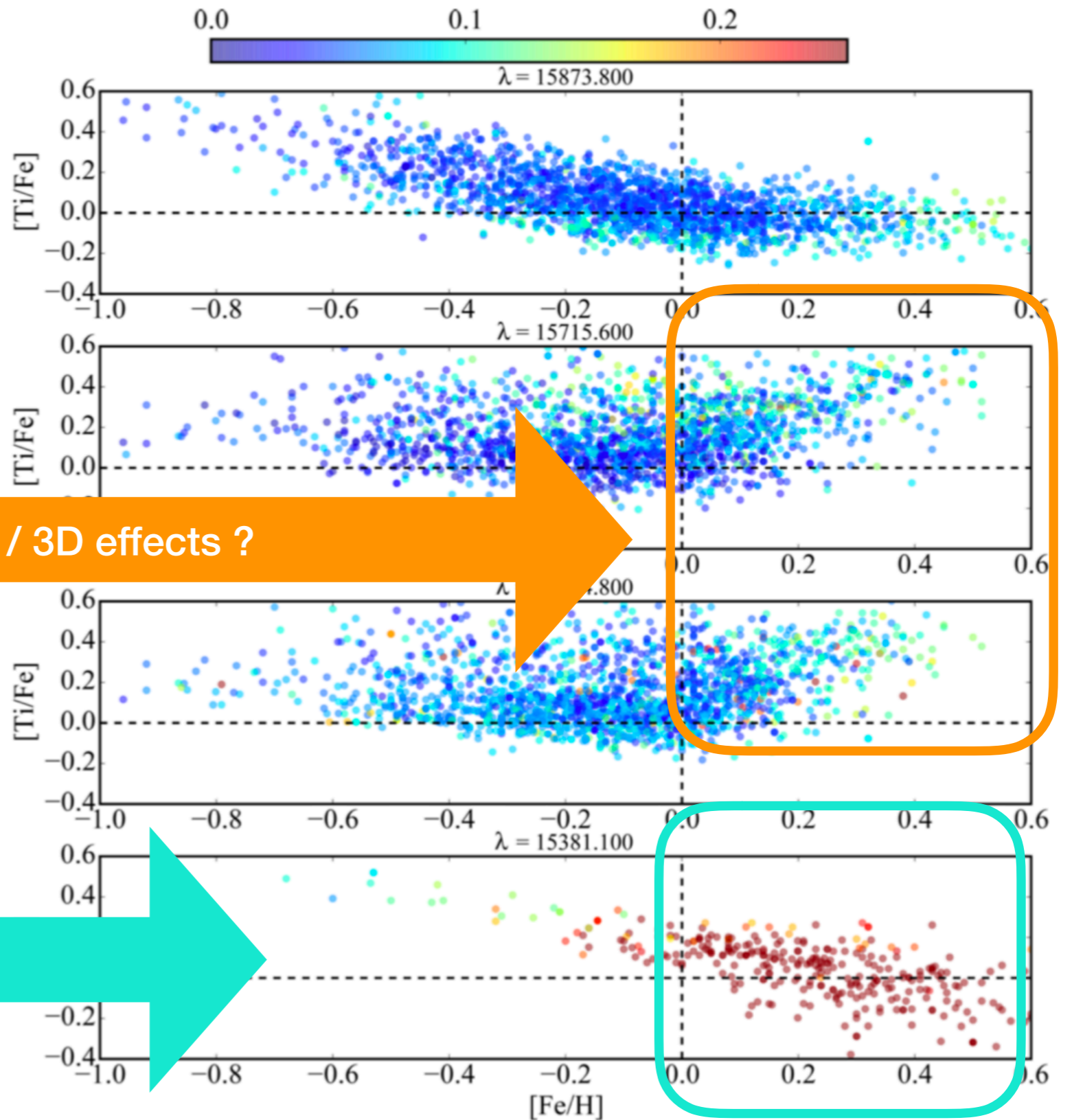
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Saturation / 3D effects ?

Blends



Hawkins et al 2016

Line selection and effect on methods

GES comparison of 5 methods
analysing Ca of UVES spectra

Blends/saturation/3D/non-LTE/
continuum/log-gf... all affect
different leading to different line
selection criteria

Flagged N

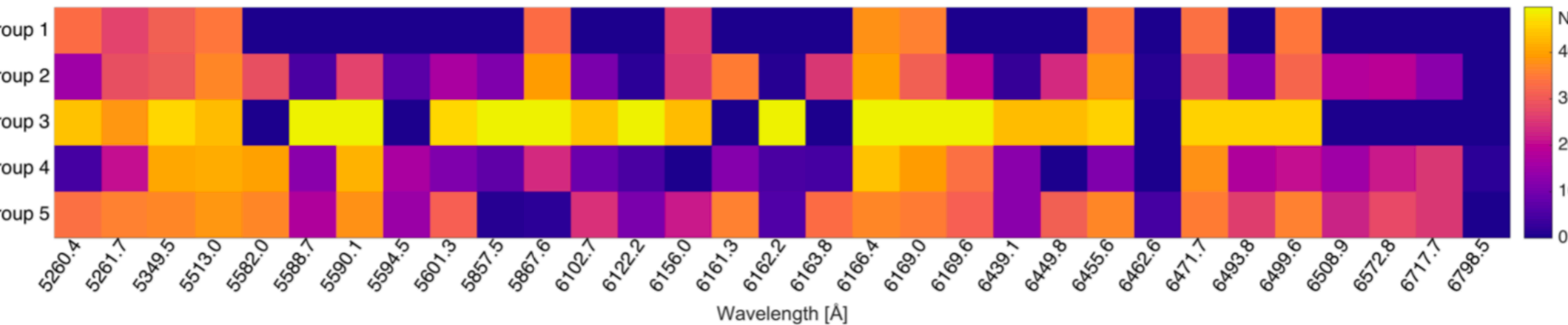
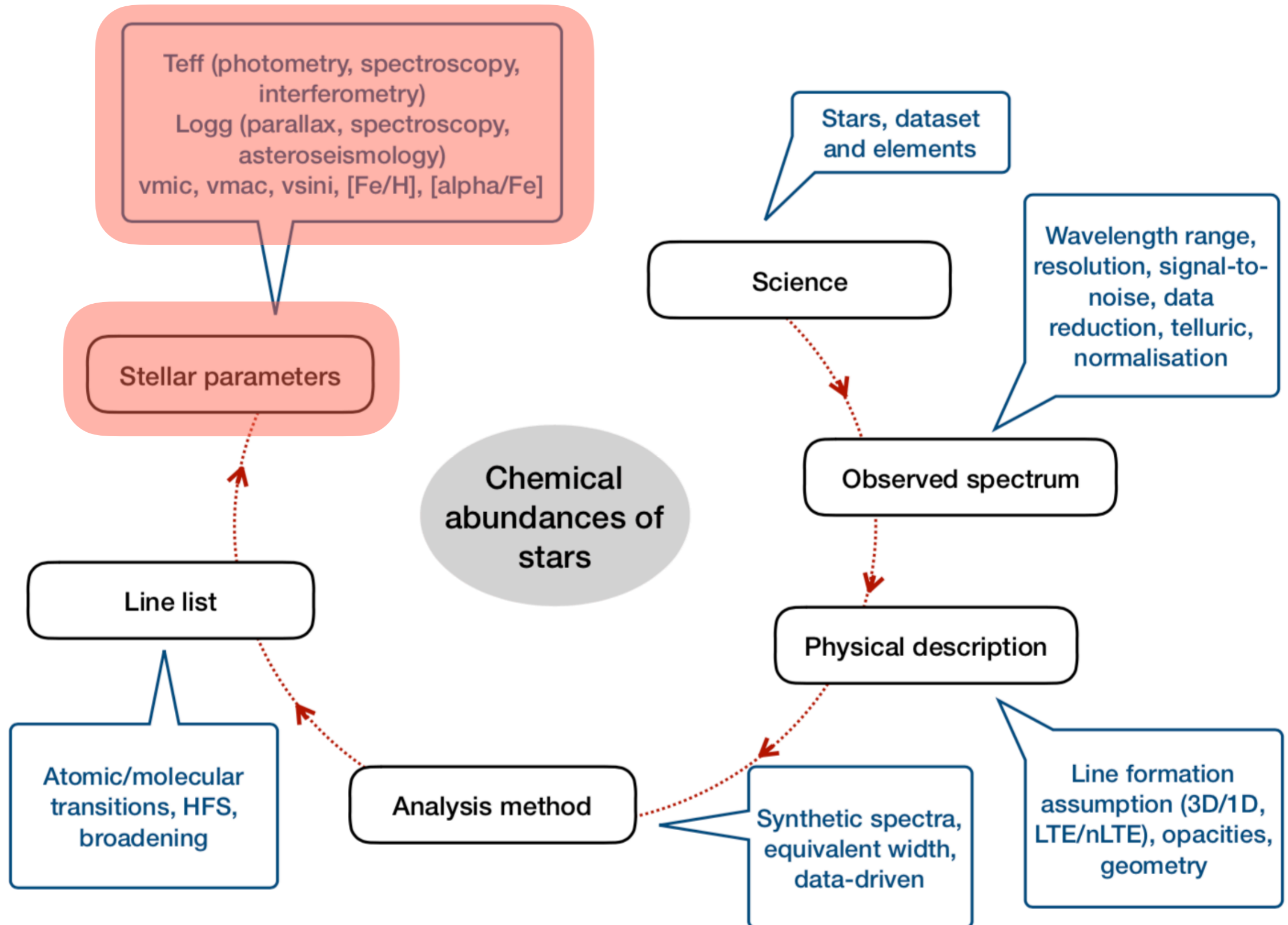


Figure 4

Ca I-line selection in the Gaia-ESO survey. Colour coding represents the number of stars for which an abundance was determined for each line by different analysis groups participating in the internal data release 5. Based on data provided by R. Smiljanic (priv. comm.).

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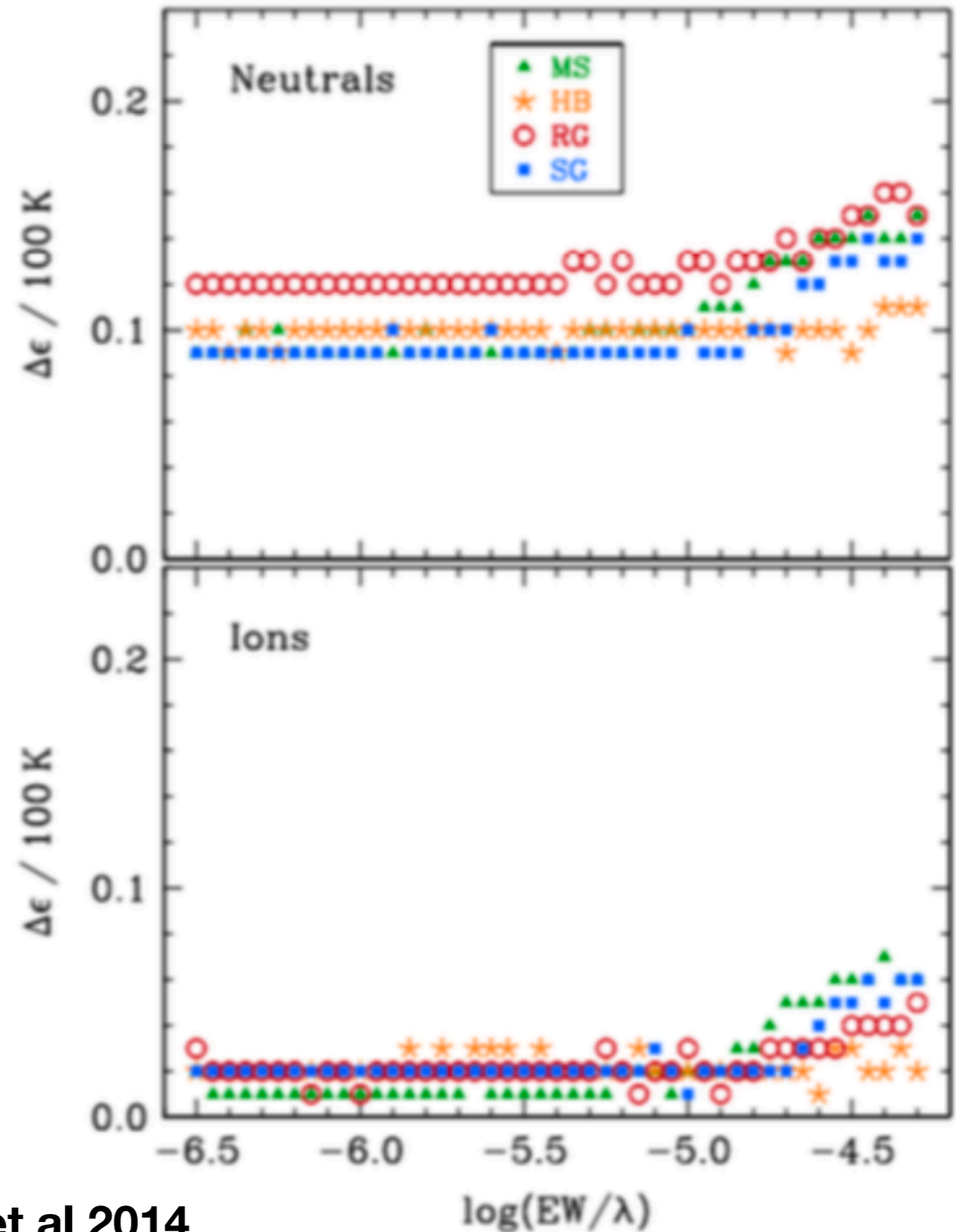
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Abundances are affected, especially those measured from neutral lines

Roederer et al 2014

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Interferometry

At least 4 different current popular photometric relations using different colours, bolometric corrections, and extinction laws (100 K)

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**Blackwell & Shallis 1977:
Near black body in Infrared**

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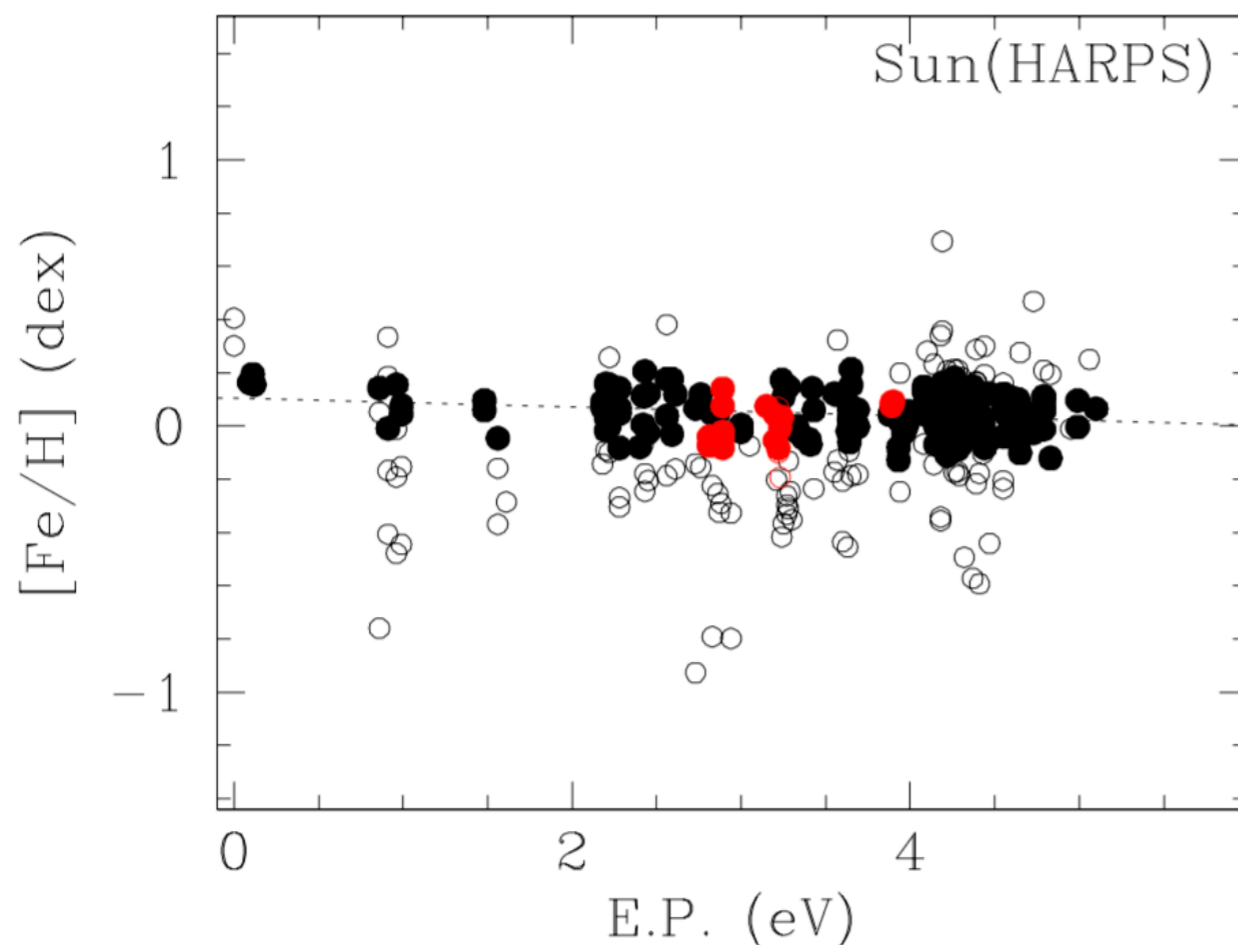
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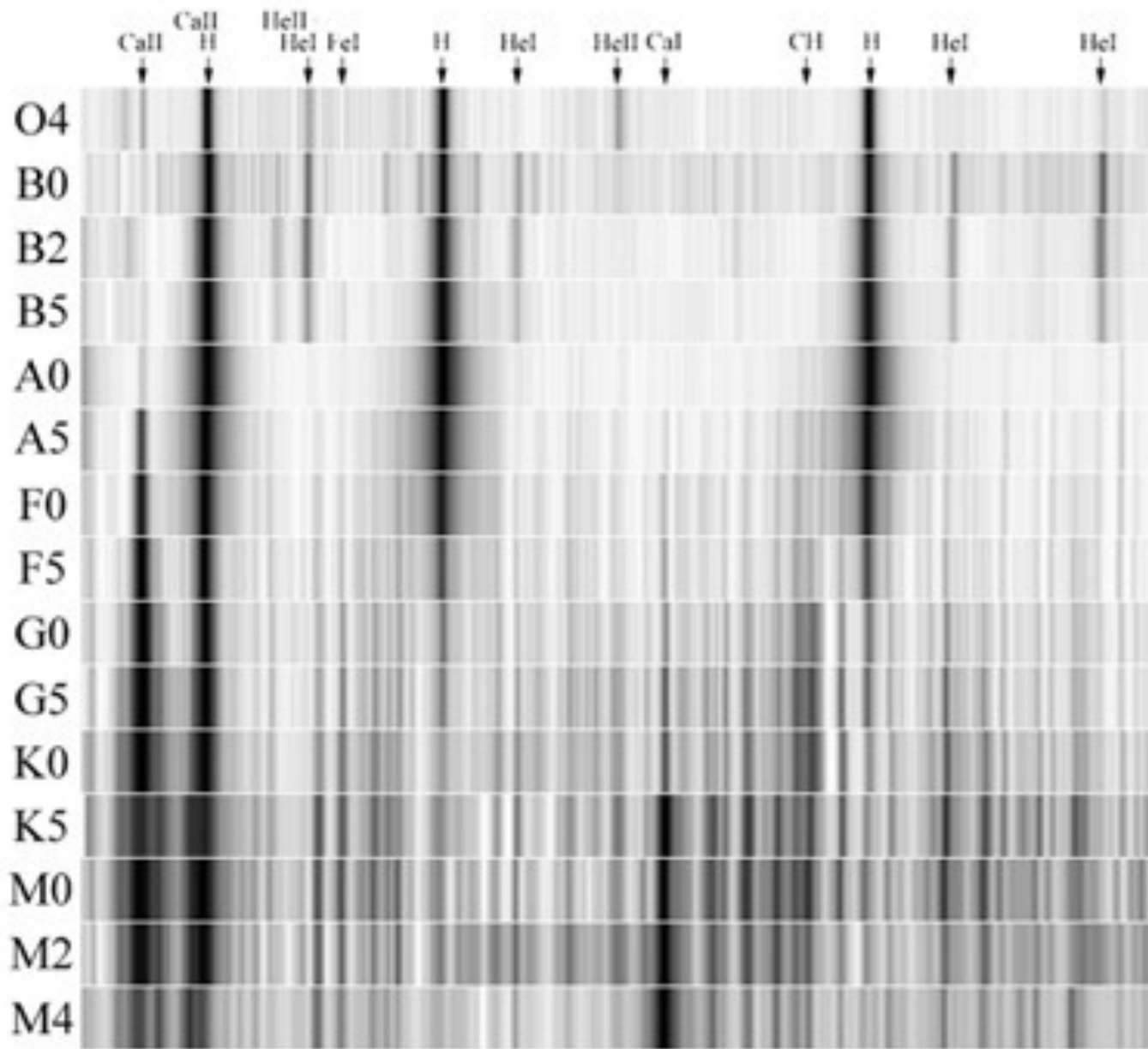
No abundance vs excitation potential is found.
Teff is subject to line selection (30 K - too many lines) and LTE (50 K - Bensby et al 2014).

Excitation balance

Boltzmann:

- line strength of neutrals is dependent on
- 1) the temperature of the atmosphere layer where absorption is produced and
 - 2) Excitation state of the atom.

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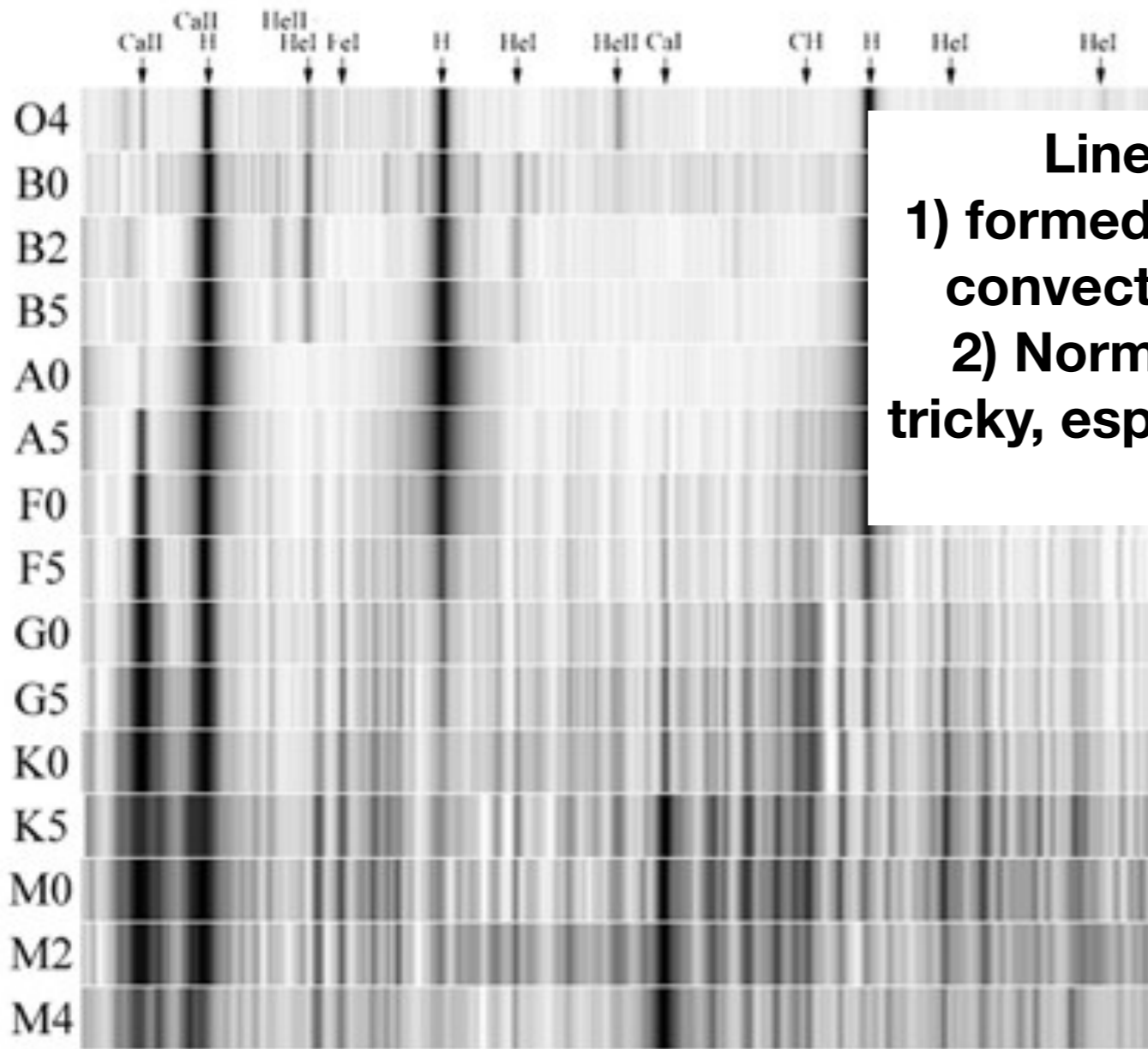


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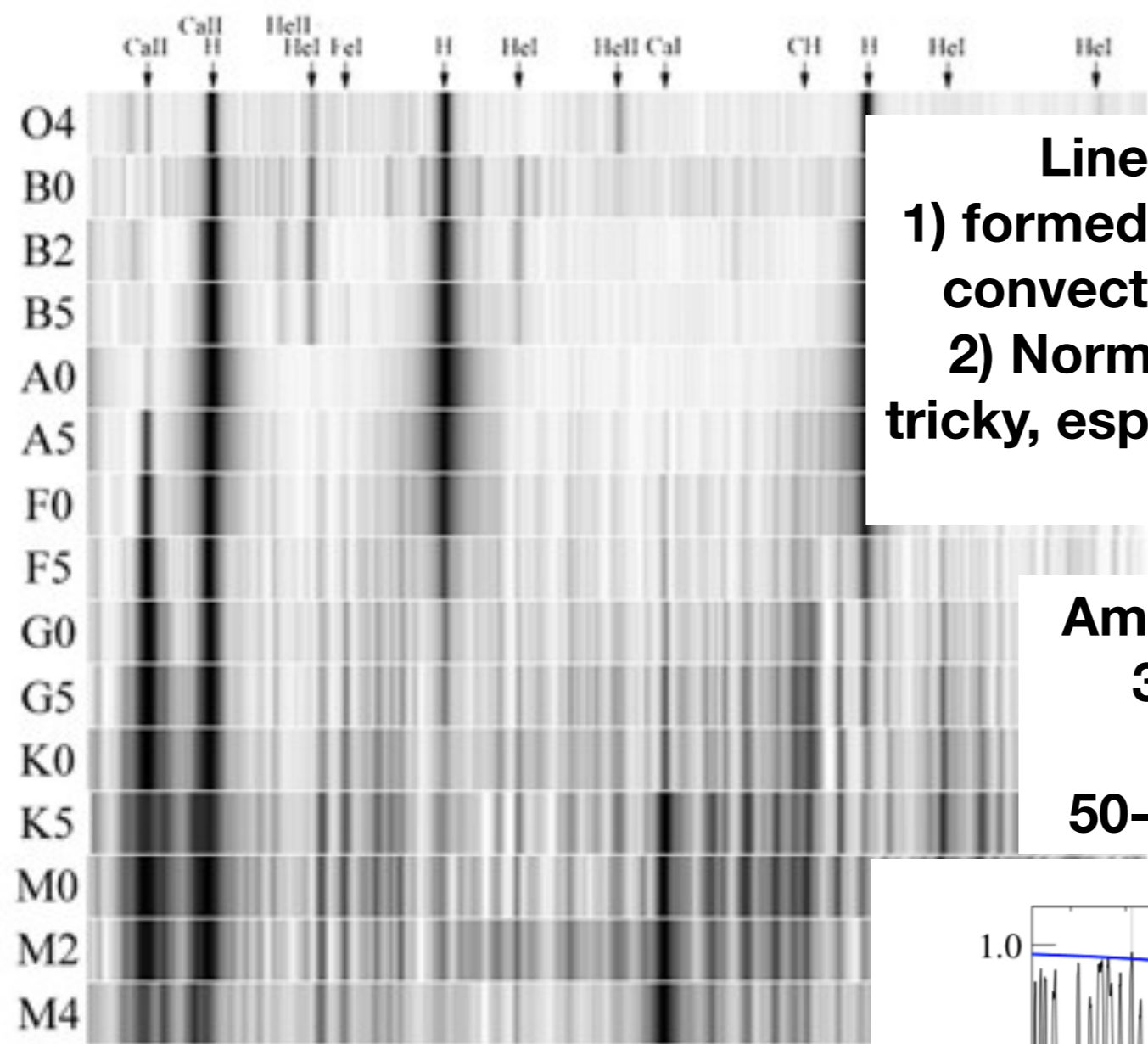
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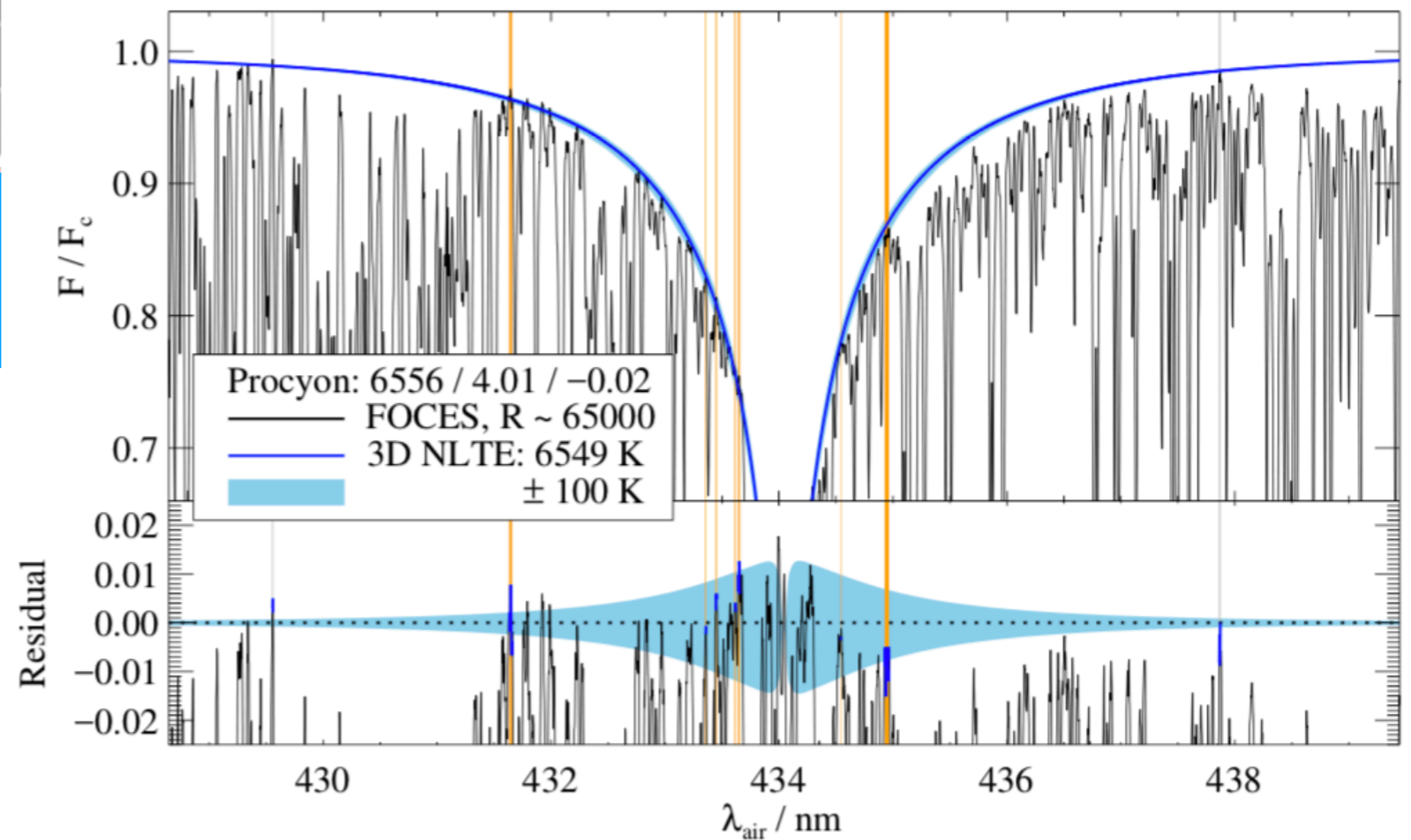
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Amarsi et al 2018 has a grid of full 3D-non-LTE spectra publicly available

50-200 K differences with 1D-LTE

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Tim White's
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Gaia FGK benchmark stars

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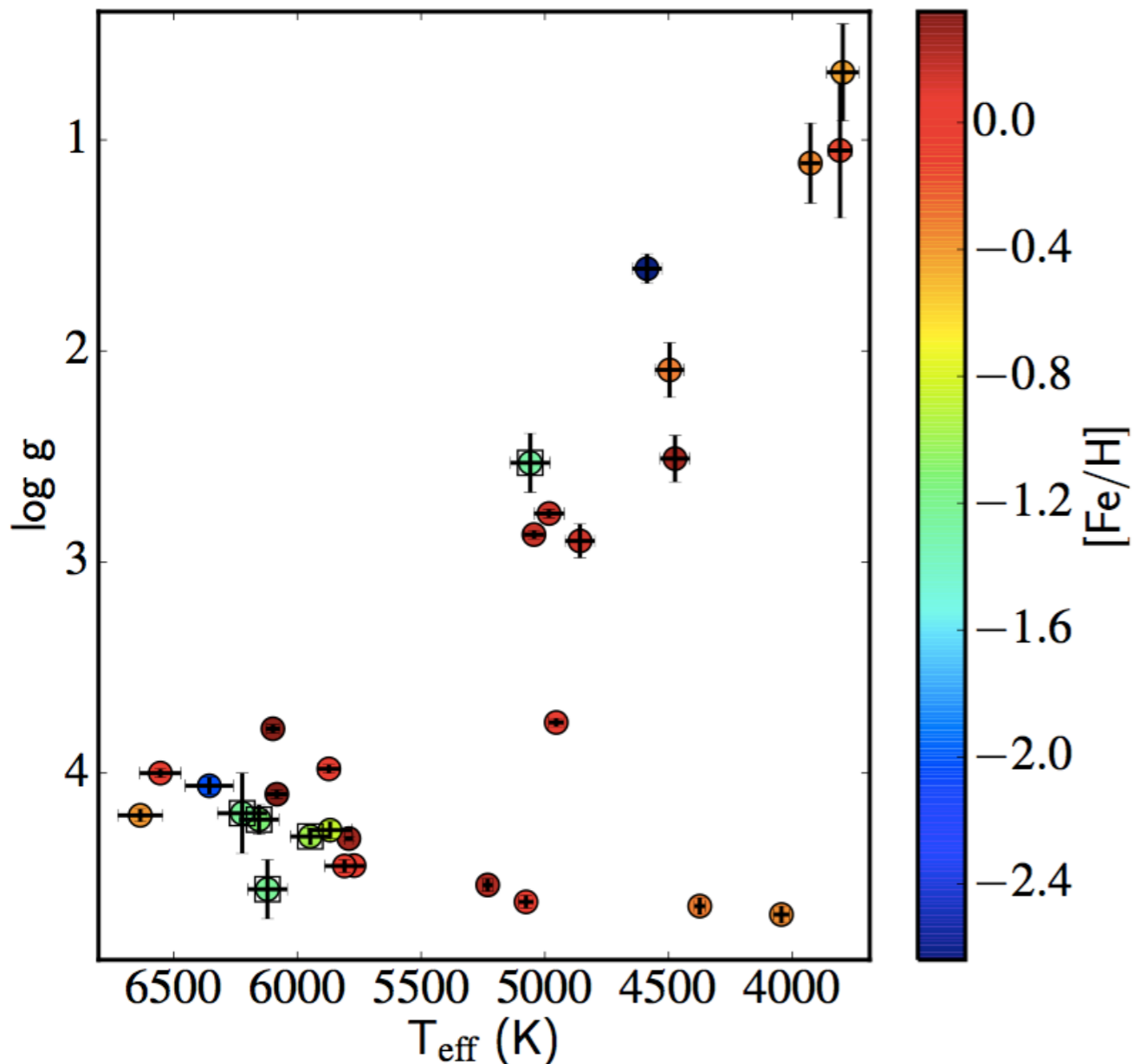
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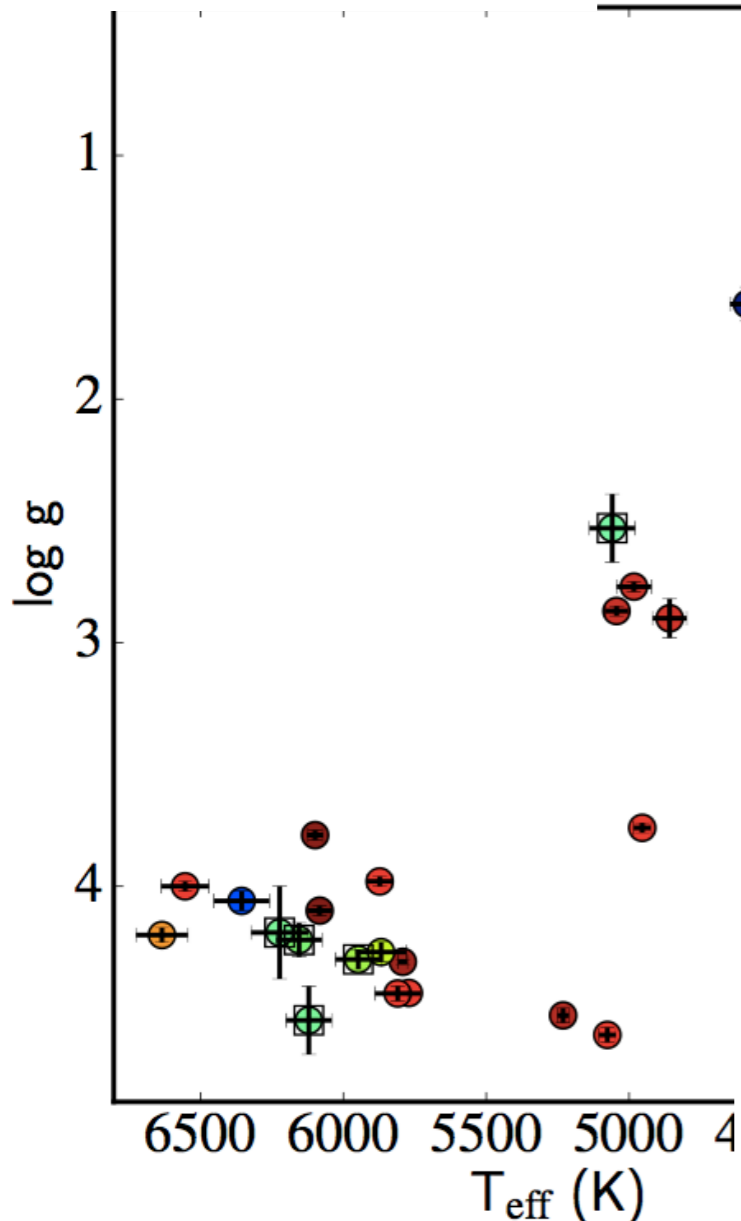
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Bolometric flux and angular diameters have errors which mean 100~K in T_{eff}

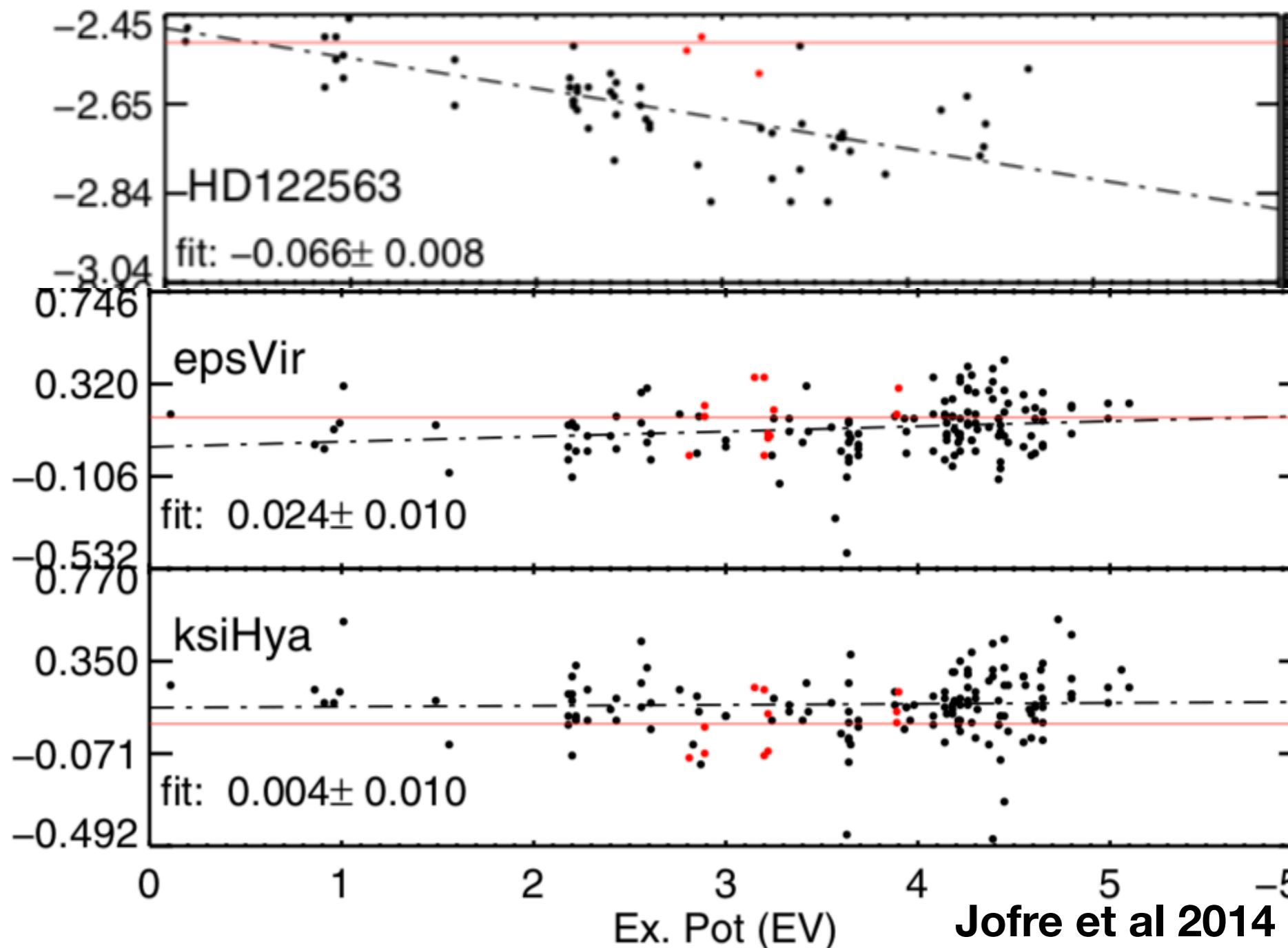
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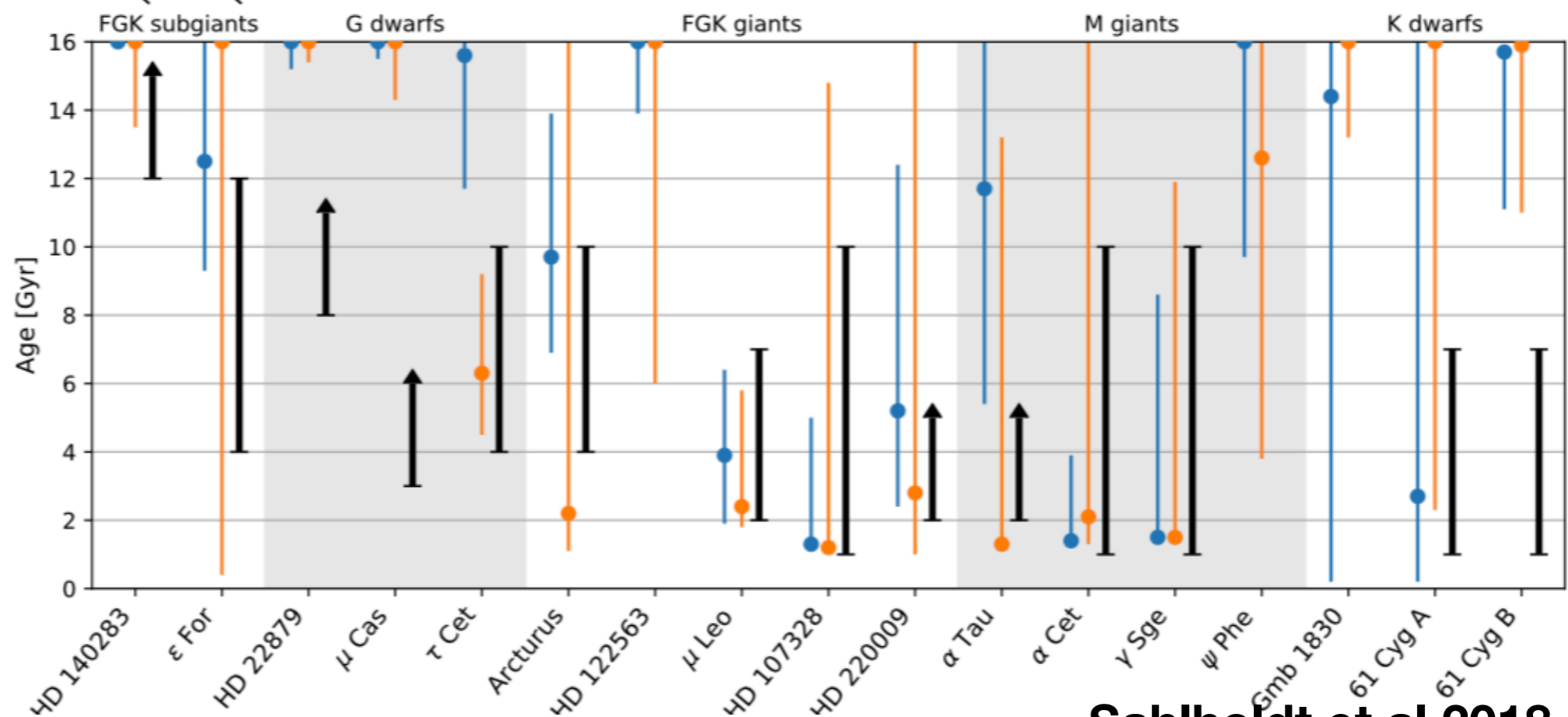
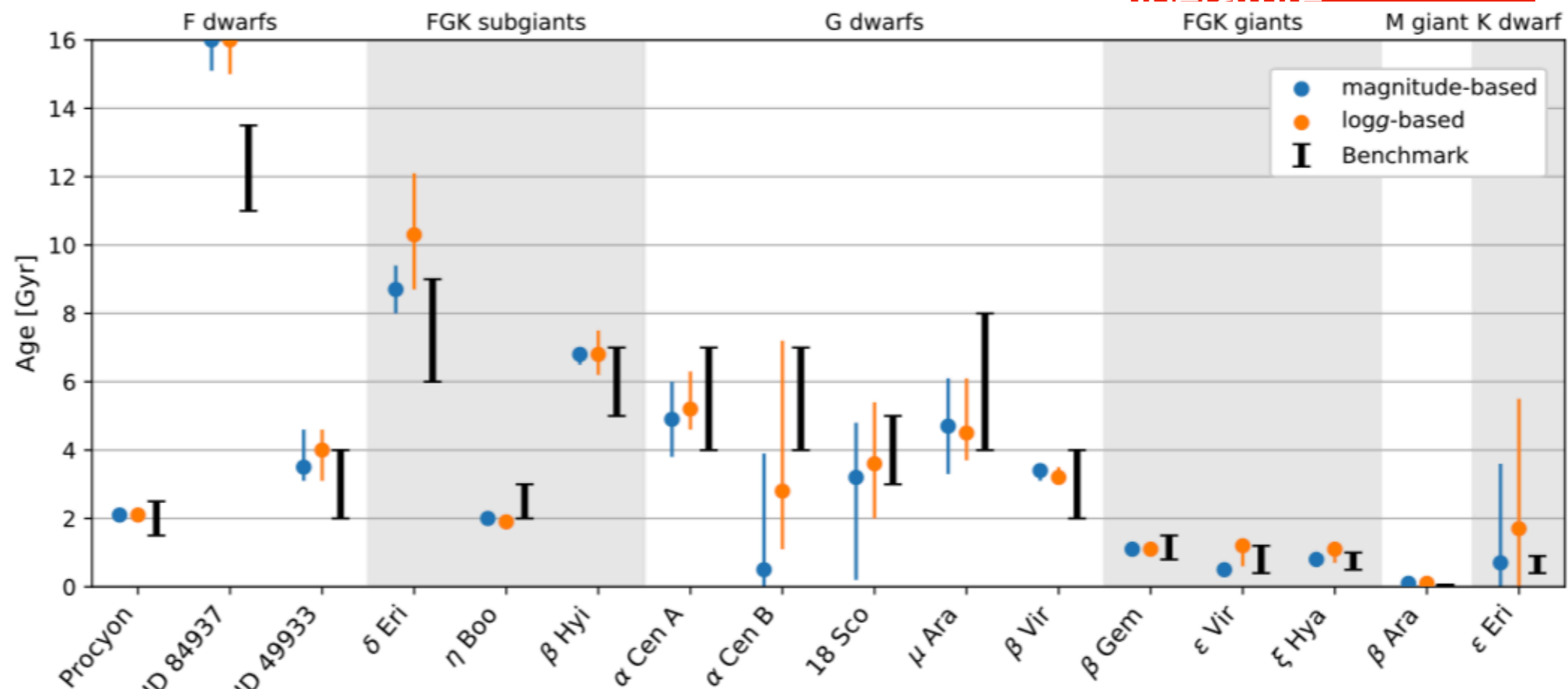
Jofre et al 2014

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Ages



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We can't beat 100 K
accuracy

Anyone who claims better
with these methods is

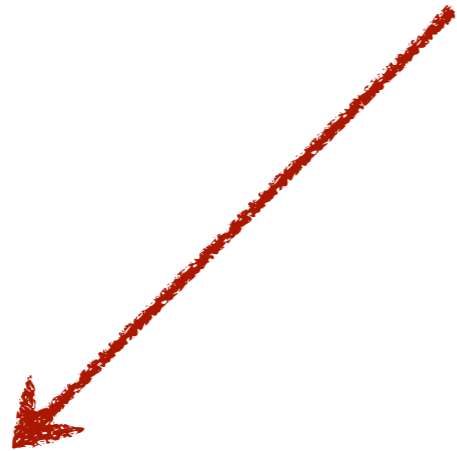
- 1) wrong
- 2) a humble genius

H lines

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**Sorry, don't think this
special request delivers
happiness...**

LINK BETWEEN THE “BROAD SWEEPER” AND THE “ULTIMATE REFINER”



Gaia benchmarks

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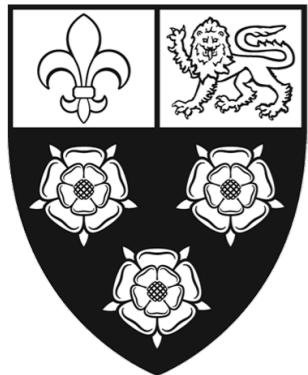
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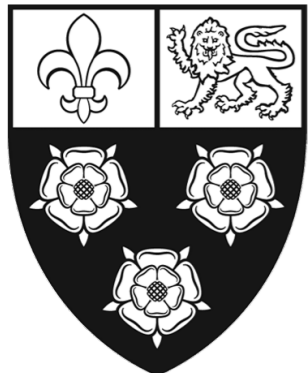
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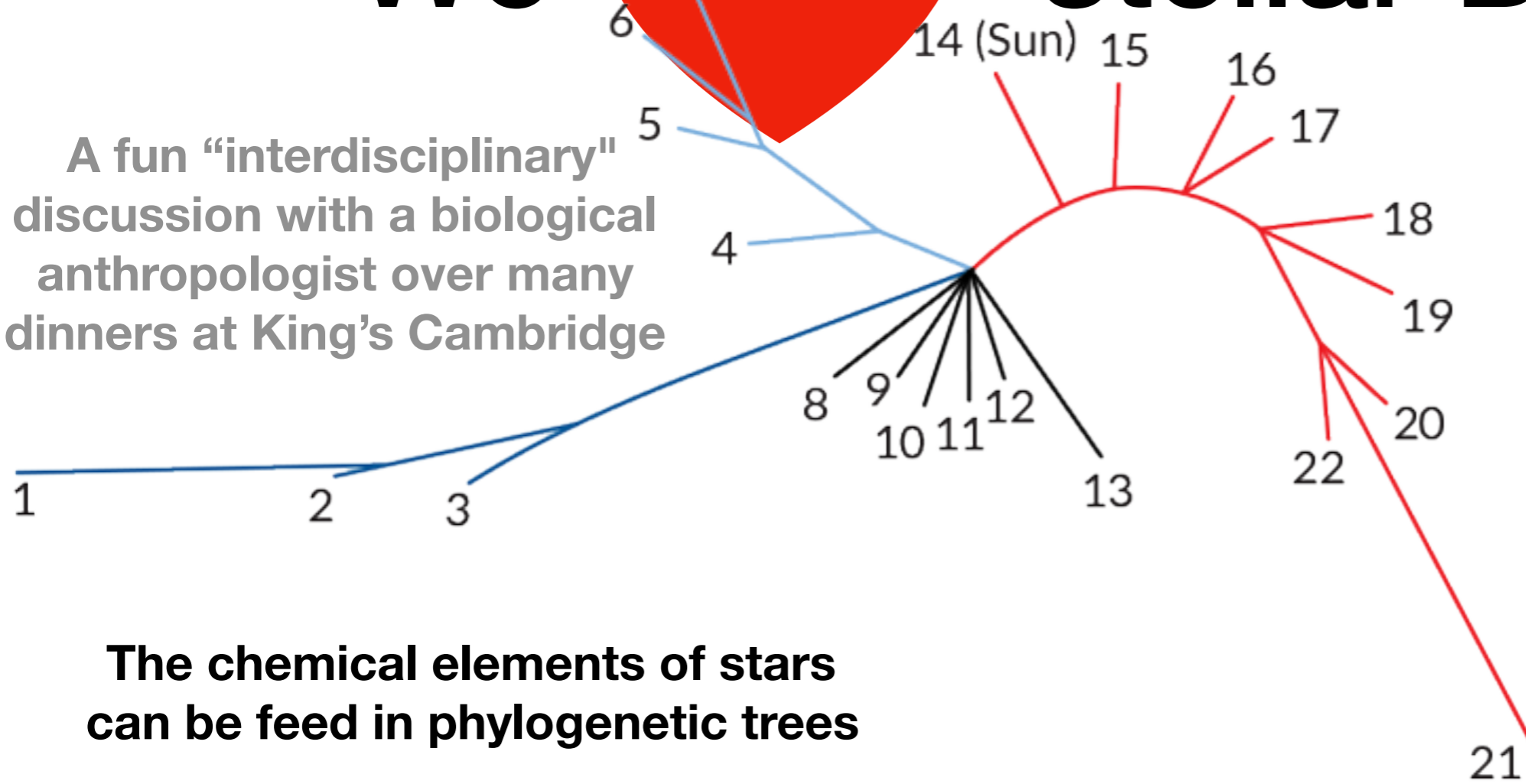
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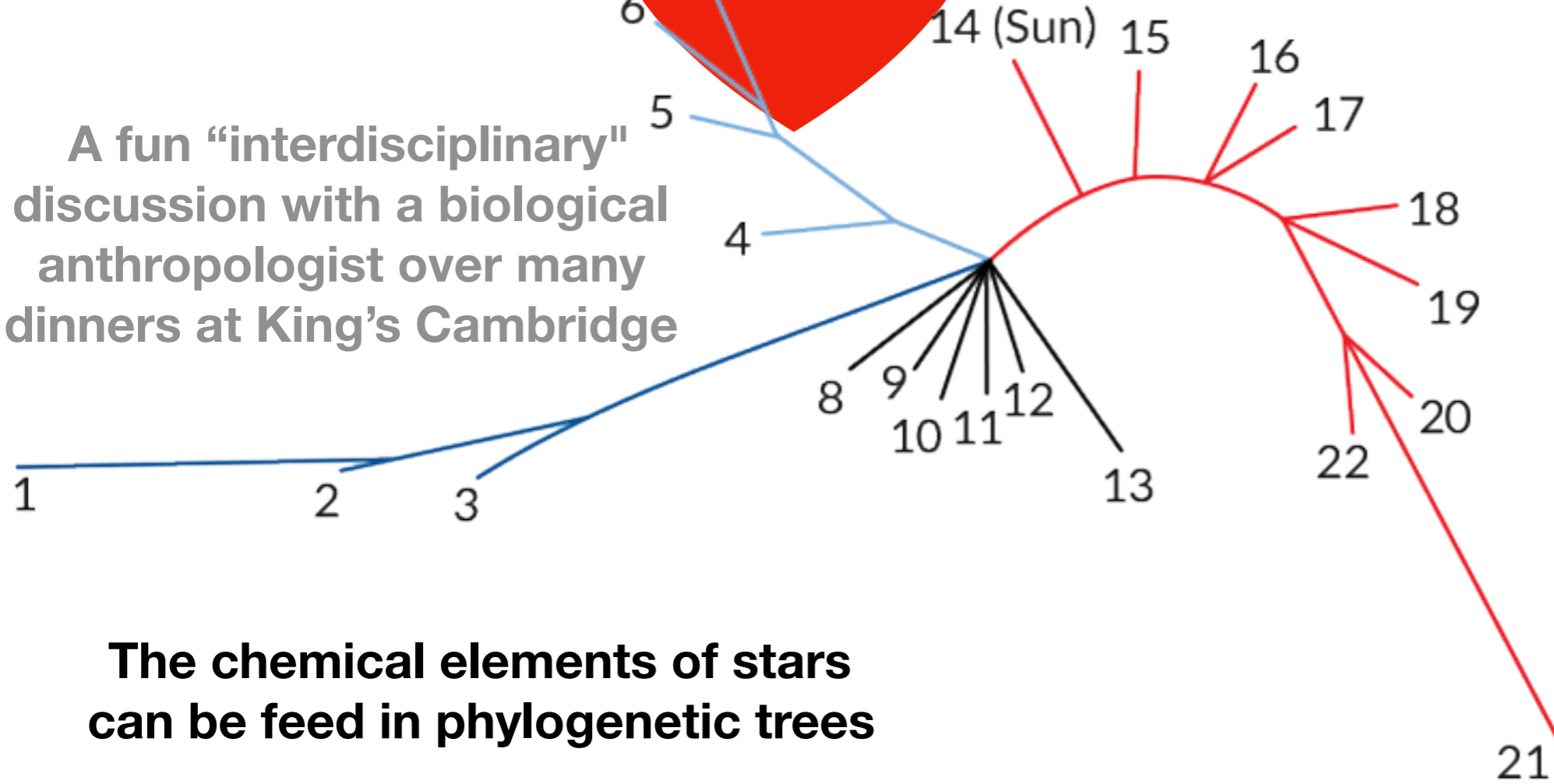
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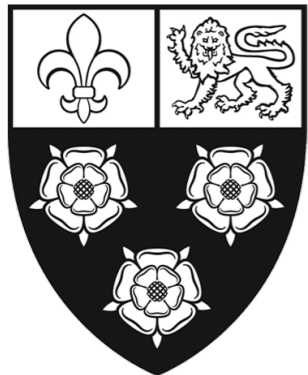


Only possible (now) with the best-of-the-best data (SONG would do?)

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- 22 solar twins of Nissen2015/16
- 3 populations in the Solar Neighbourhood (different in age)
- each has different branch length - age relation (chemical evolution rate)
- First proof of concept we can use phylogenetic trees to reconstruct history of stars



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Nucleo de Astronomia, UDP

- Chile's astronomy is perhaps the community that is **growing the fastest** - no wonder, so are the facilities that are being installed in the desert. Chile is investing in the development of astronomy like few countries.
- Astronomy Nucleus, UDP, Santiago de Chile - started 2013 - I joined as 5th Faculty in 2017 (the stellar/galactic person), now we are 7 faculty + 6 post-docs, 1 outreach coordinator.
 - 1 more faculty to join **(and search)** in next 2 years.
 - **Next year PhD program starting.** Stay tuned and encourage adventurous candidates to come, we trust we have all necessary stuff to form young scientists!
 - Telescopes, many funding programmes (ESO-Chile, ALMA/CAS/ECOS/Belgium/STINT/Gemini...-Conicyt, Fondecyt, etc), international networks, etc
 - We are a new group of scientists, with new ideas and ambitions we've collected from our experiences abroad. Chile is liking it, I hope the rest does it too!