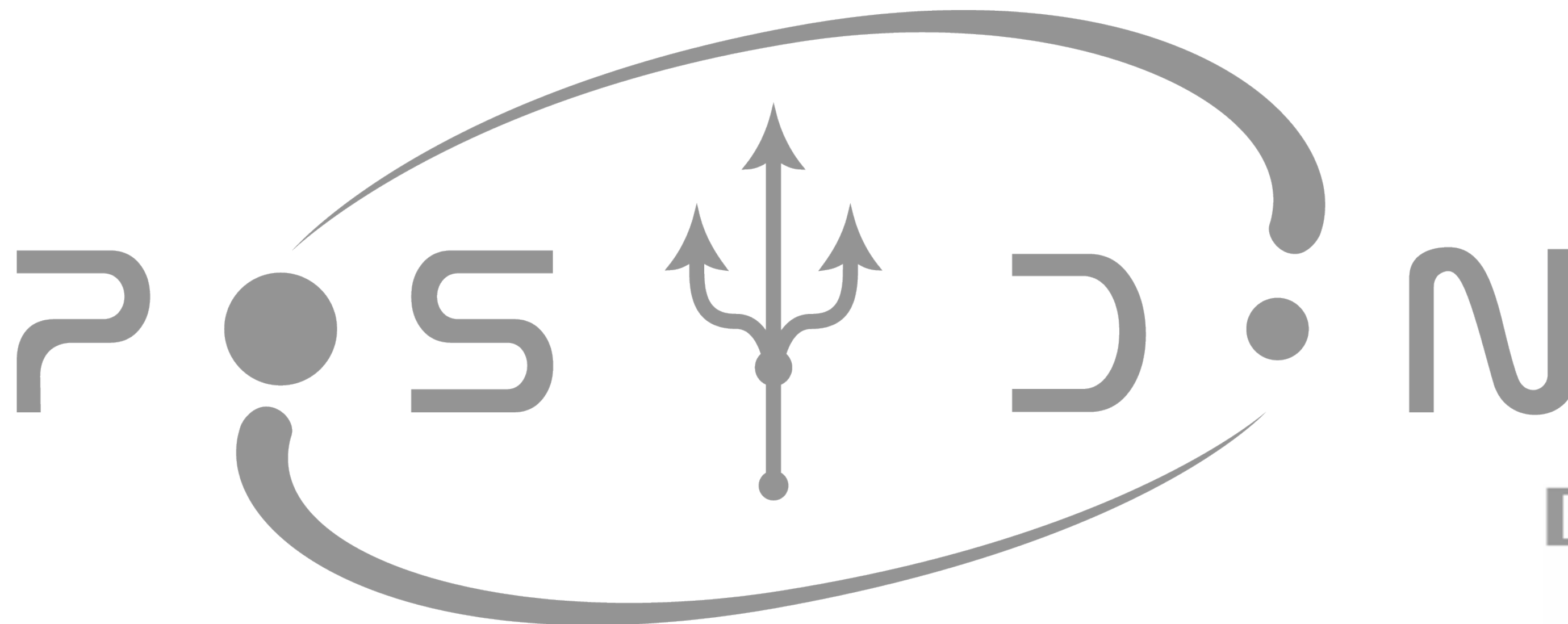


# POSYDON

a general-purpose binary population synthesis code  
employing detailed stellar structure and binary evolution calculation

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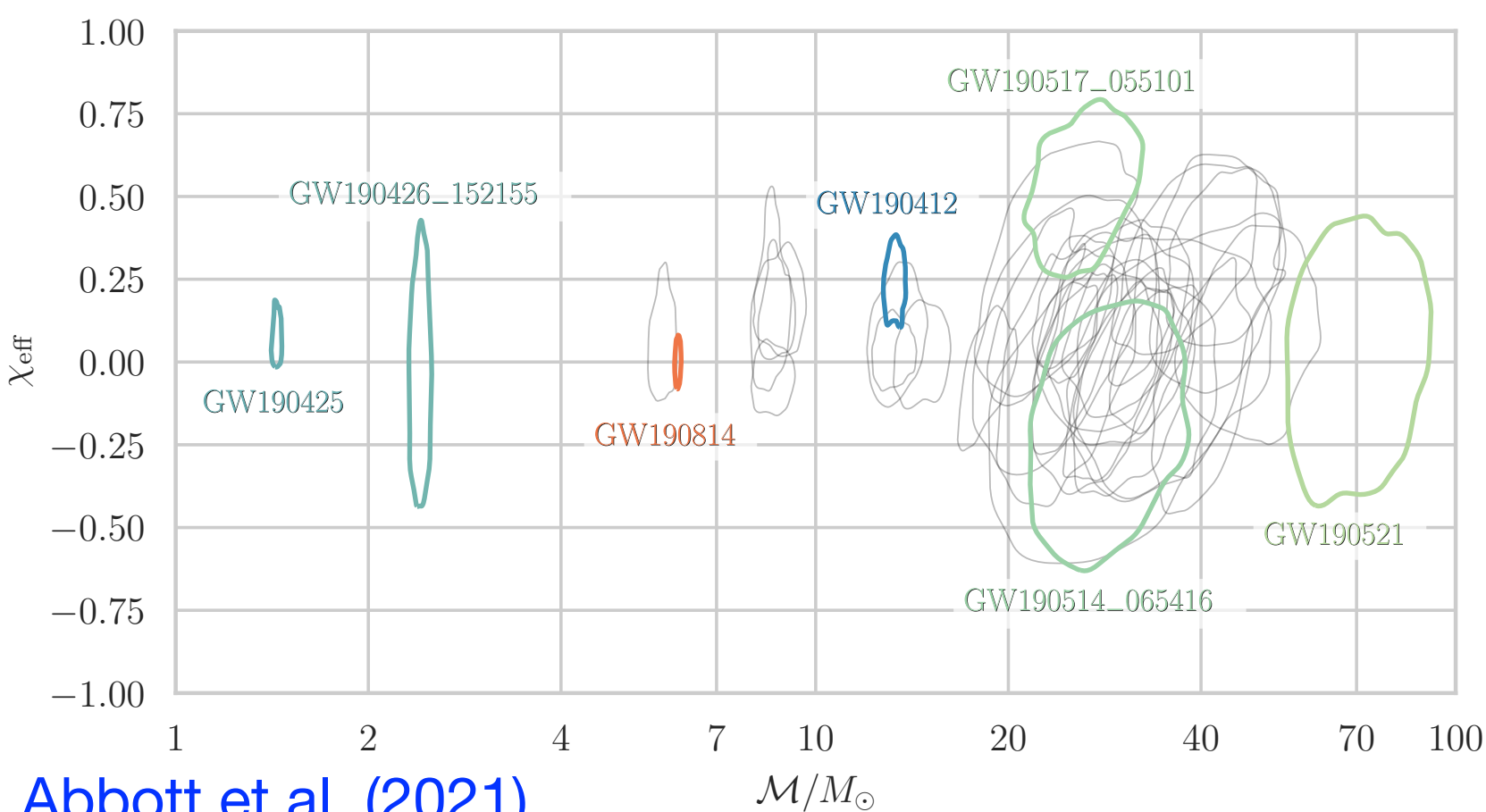
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# A wealth of observational data challenging our theories of binary evolution and compact object formation

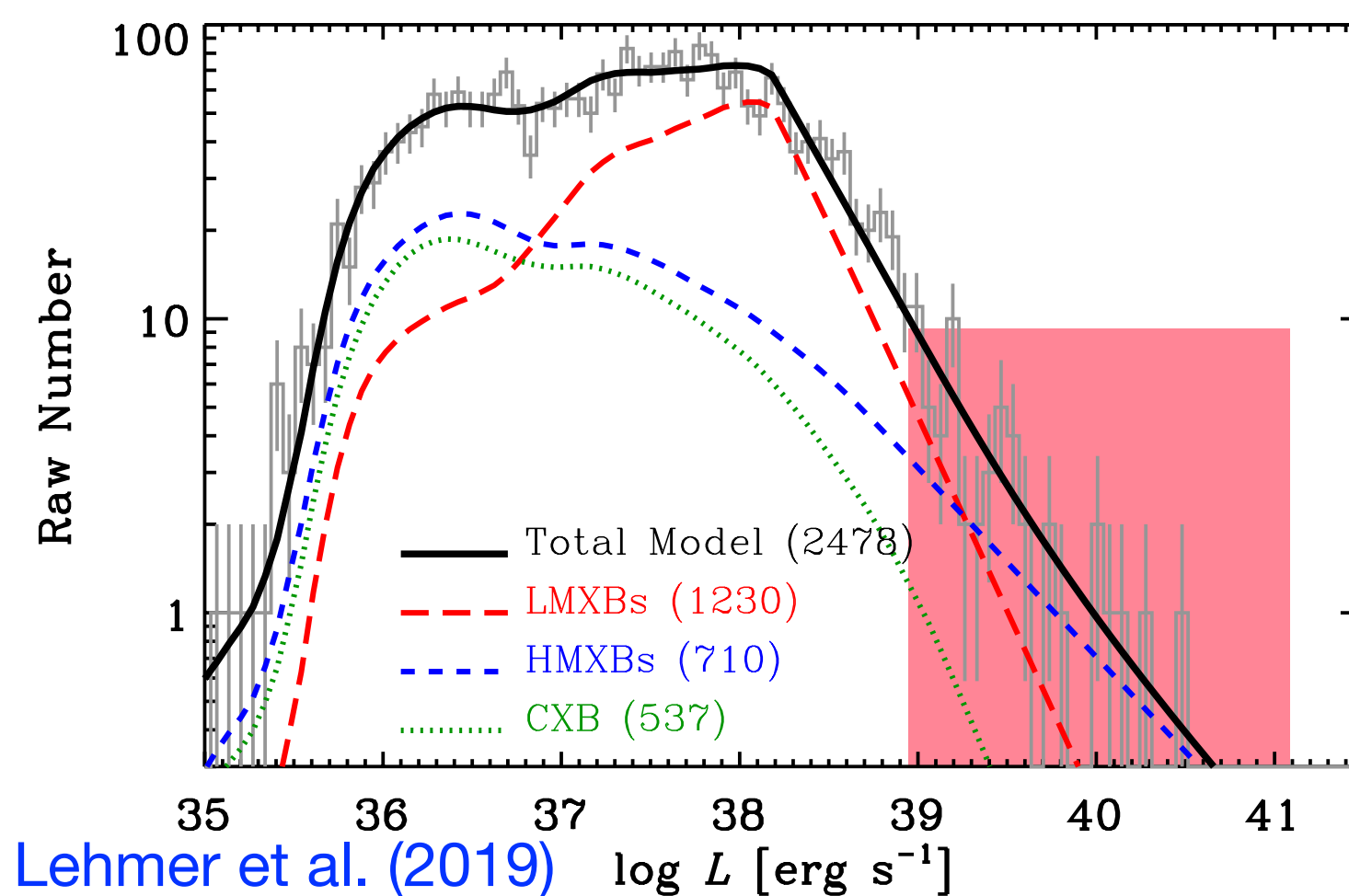
## Coalescing double compact objects



Abbott et al. (2021)

Most information is carried by the statistical properties of the whole population of sources

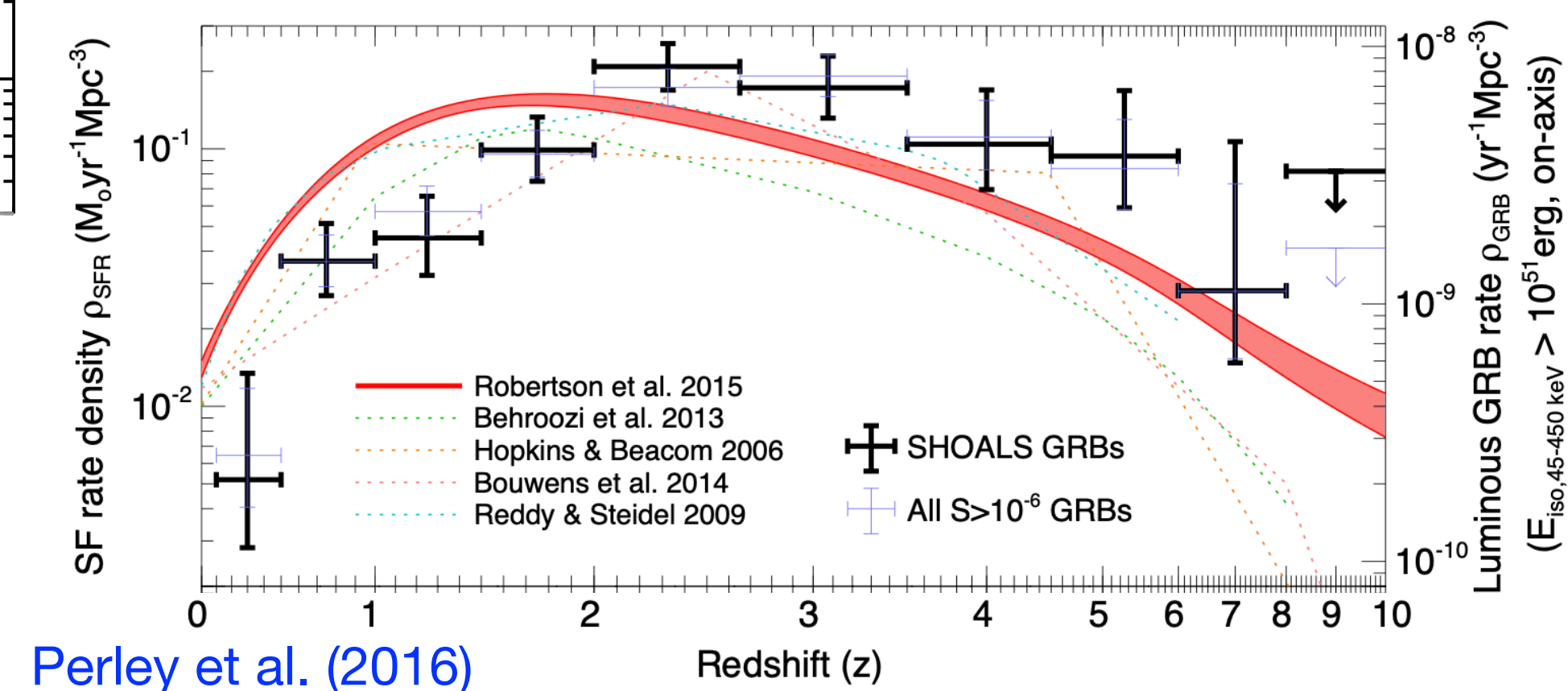
## Ultraluminous X-ray sources



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Observable properties are determined by the interplay of binary interaction & stellar interior physics

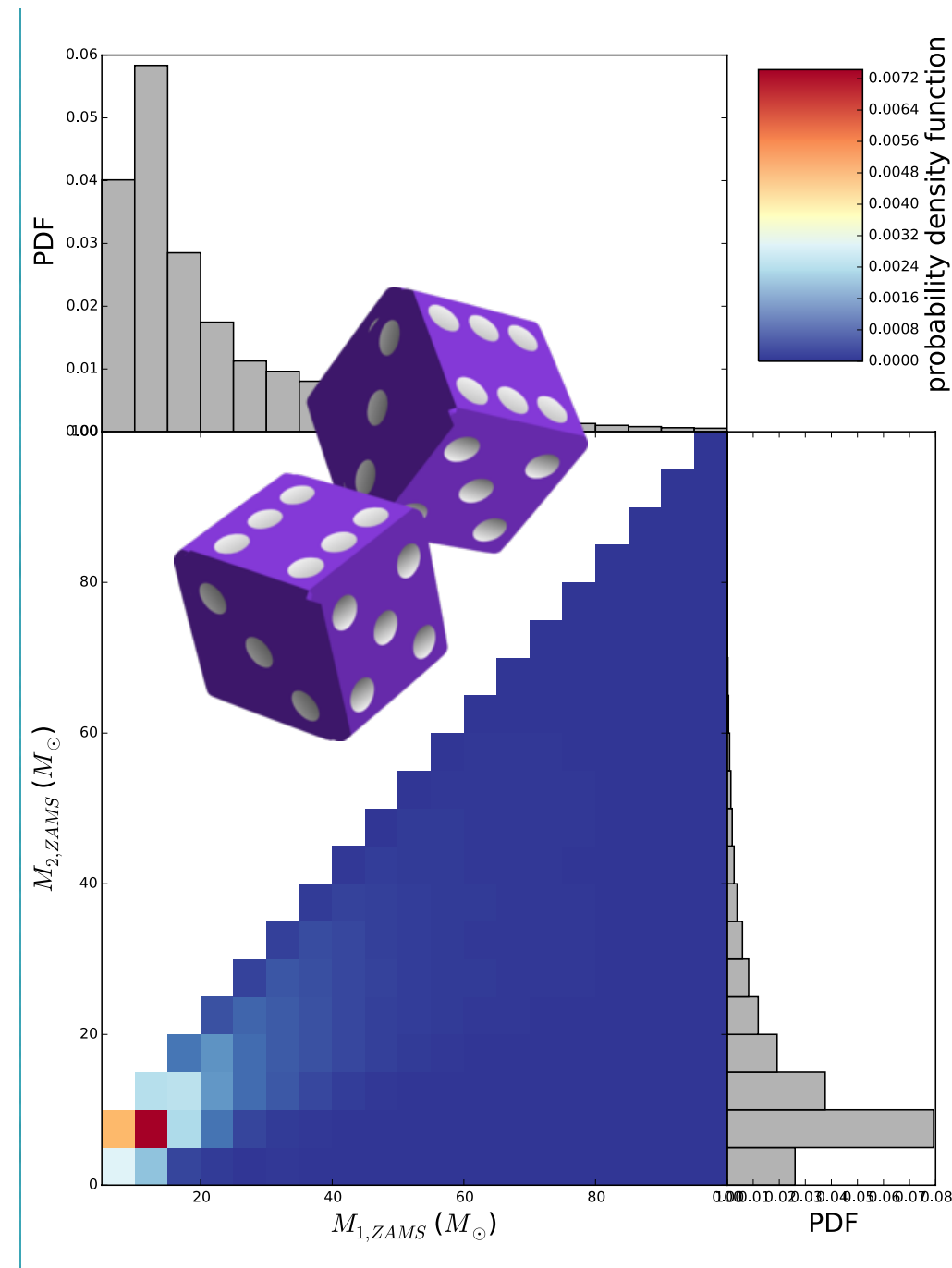
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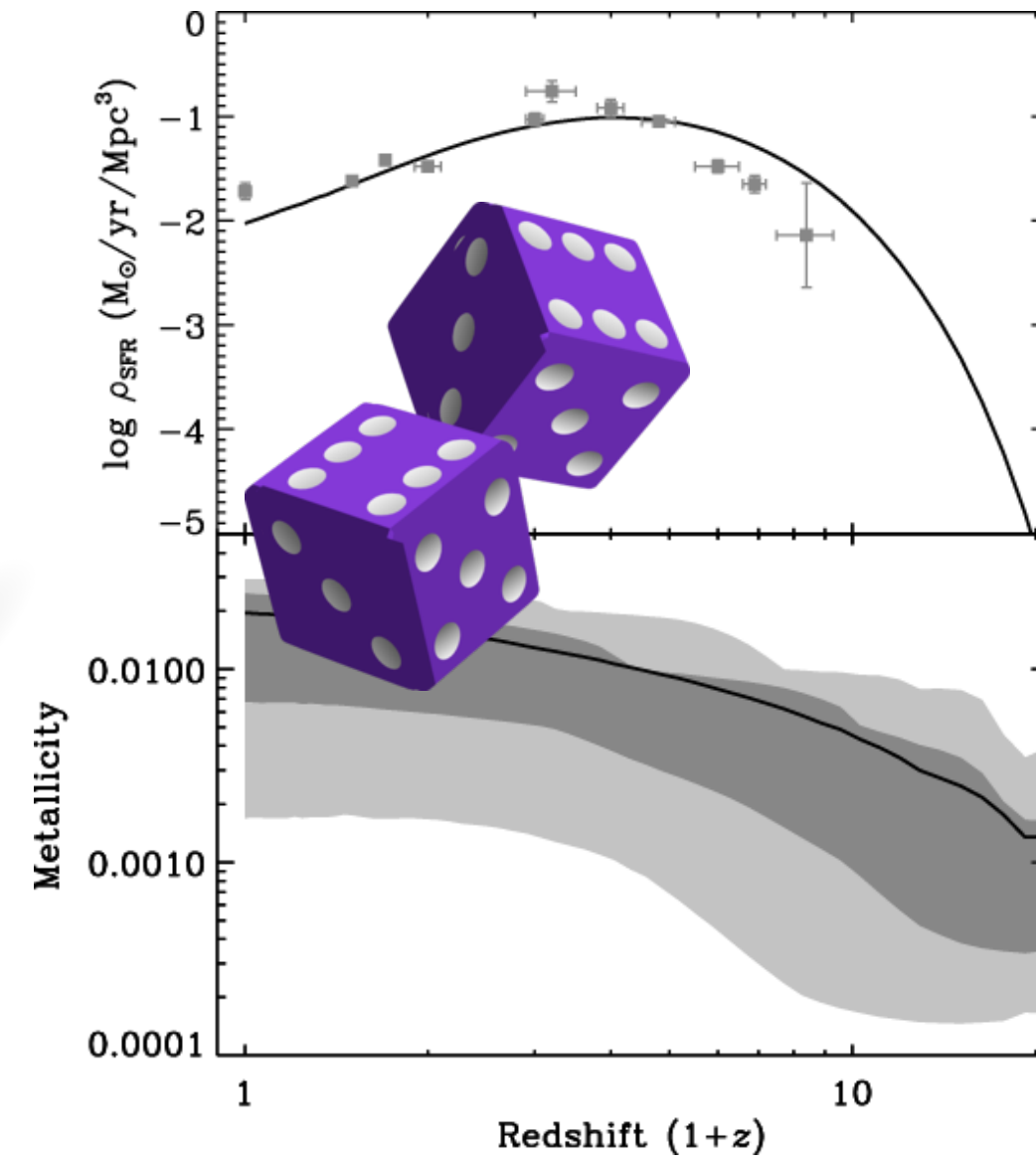
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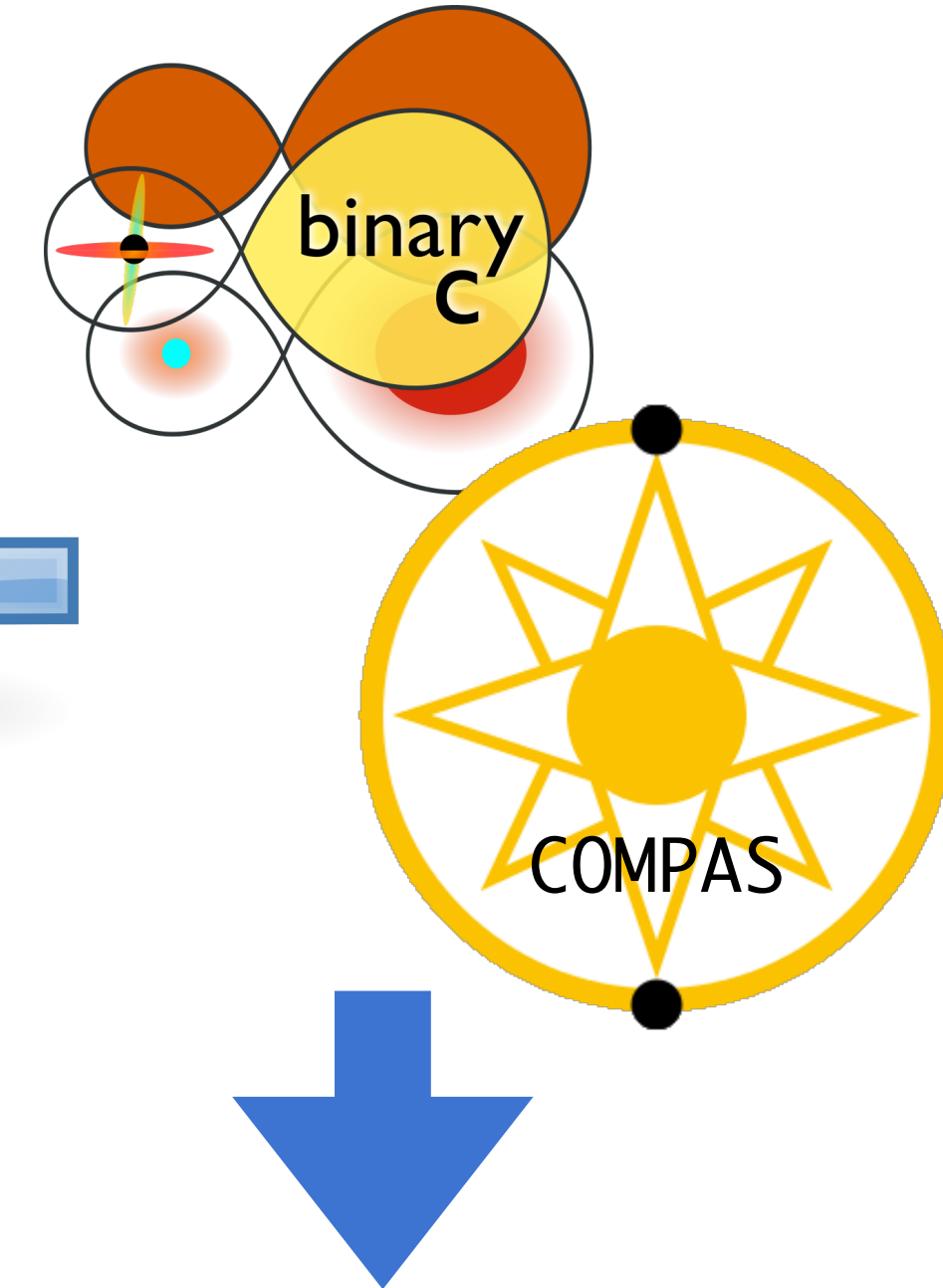
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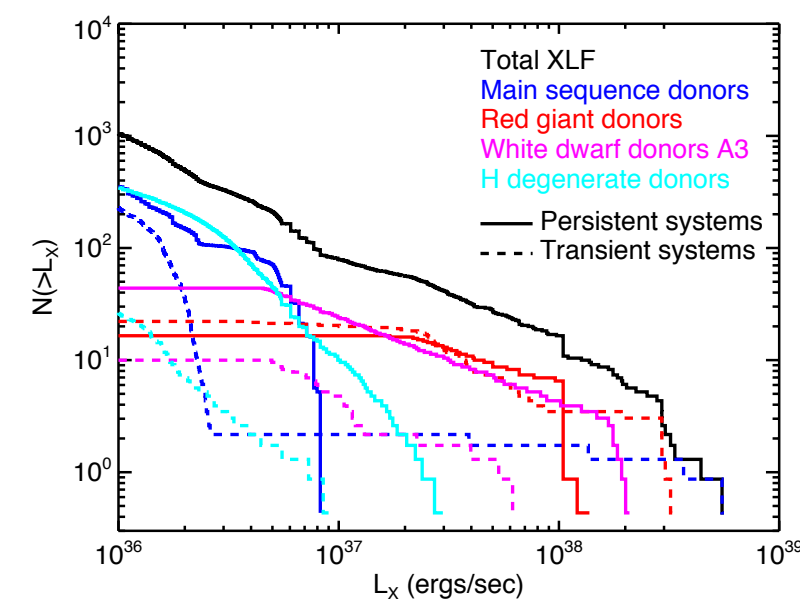
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## Rapid binary evolution



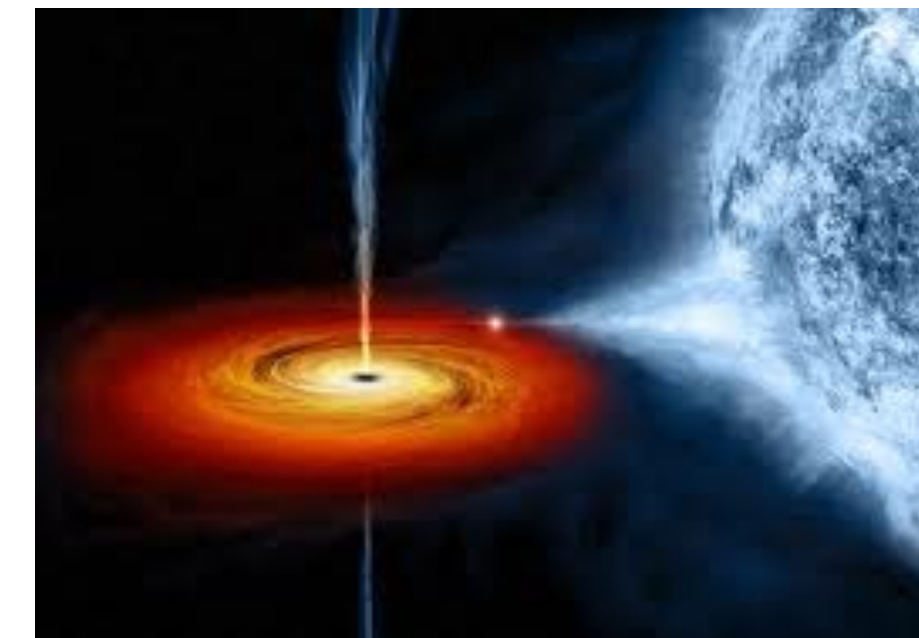
## Synthetic population



Repeat  $10^6-7$



## Properties of binary



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MESA (Paxton et al. 2013)

TWIN (Nelson & Eggleton 2001,  
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What's the difference?

Binary population synthesis codes don't self-consistently evolve each stars' structure with the orbit.

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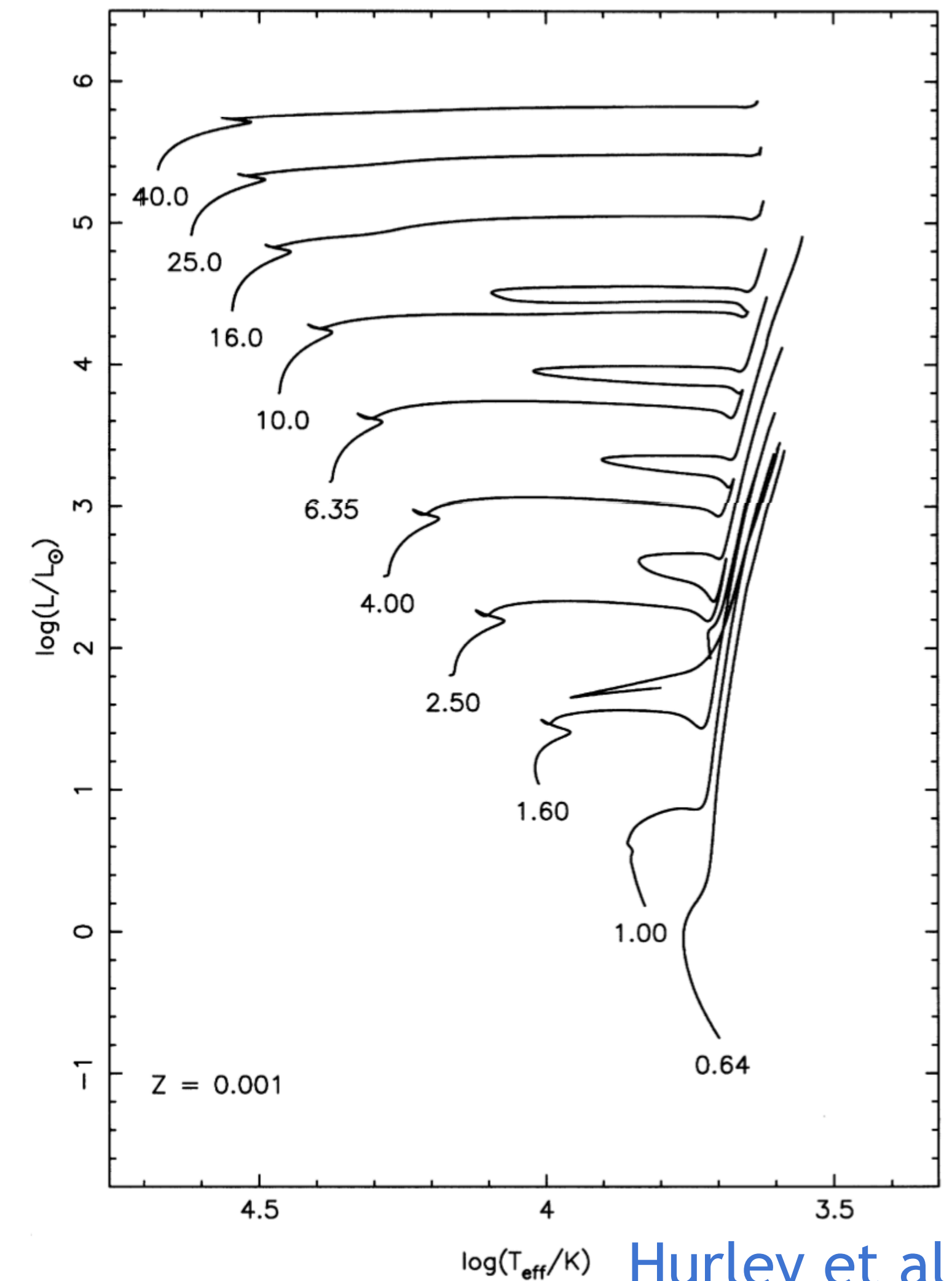
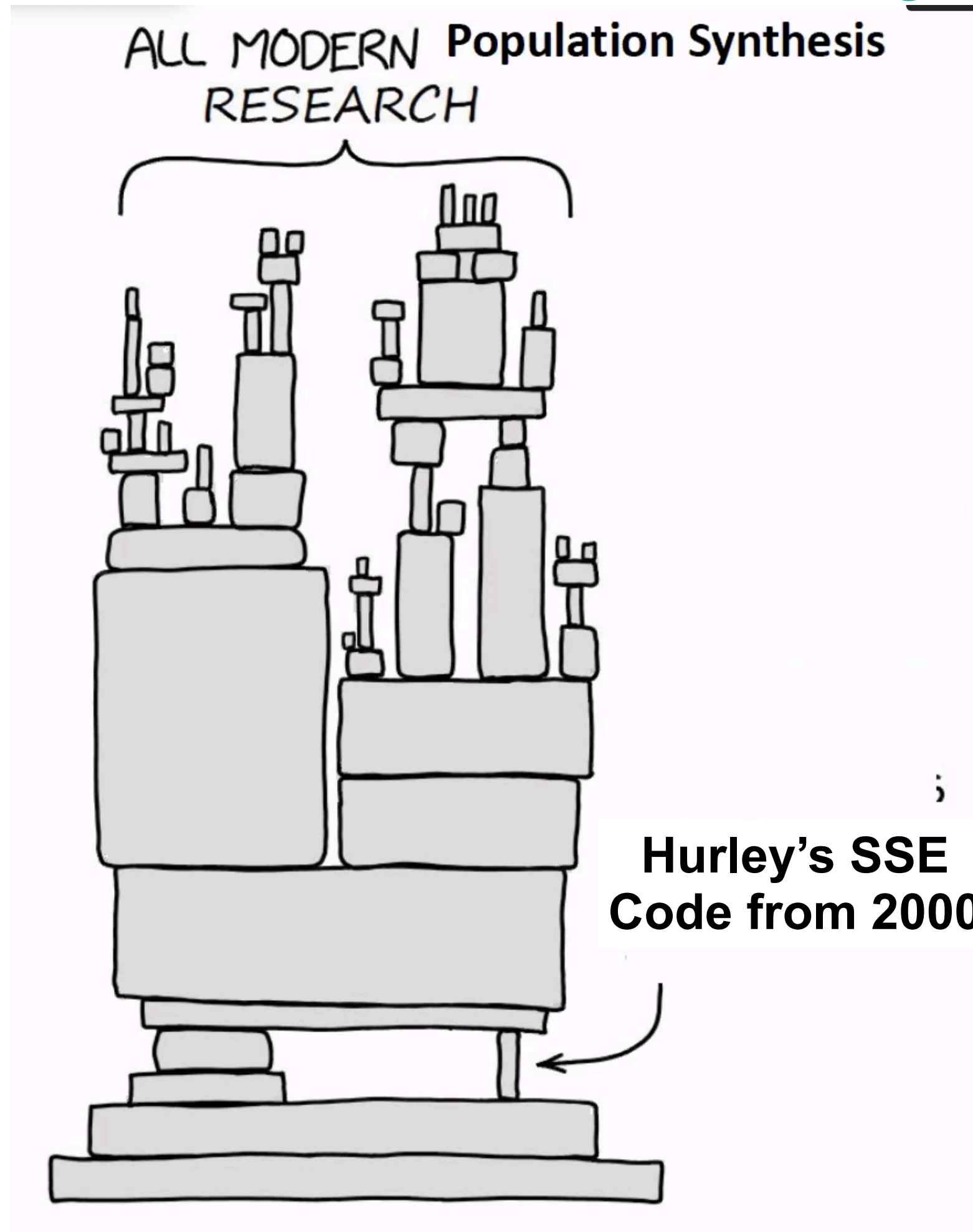


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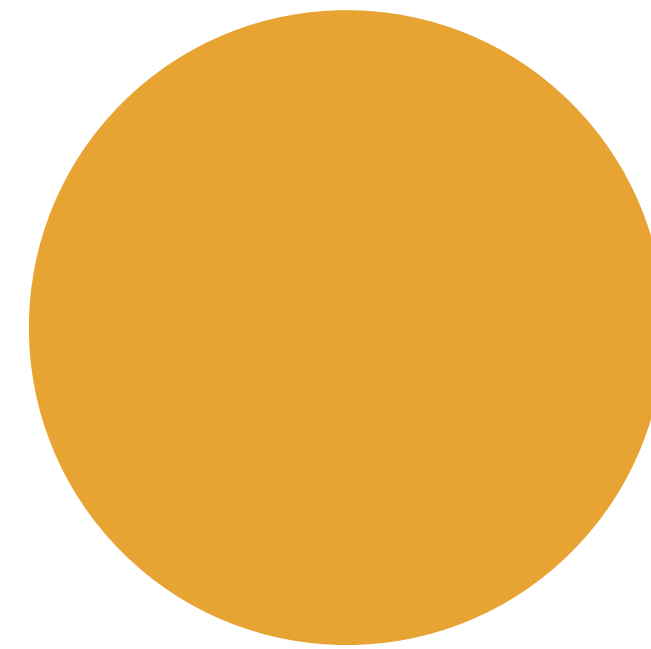
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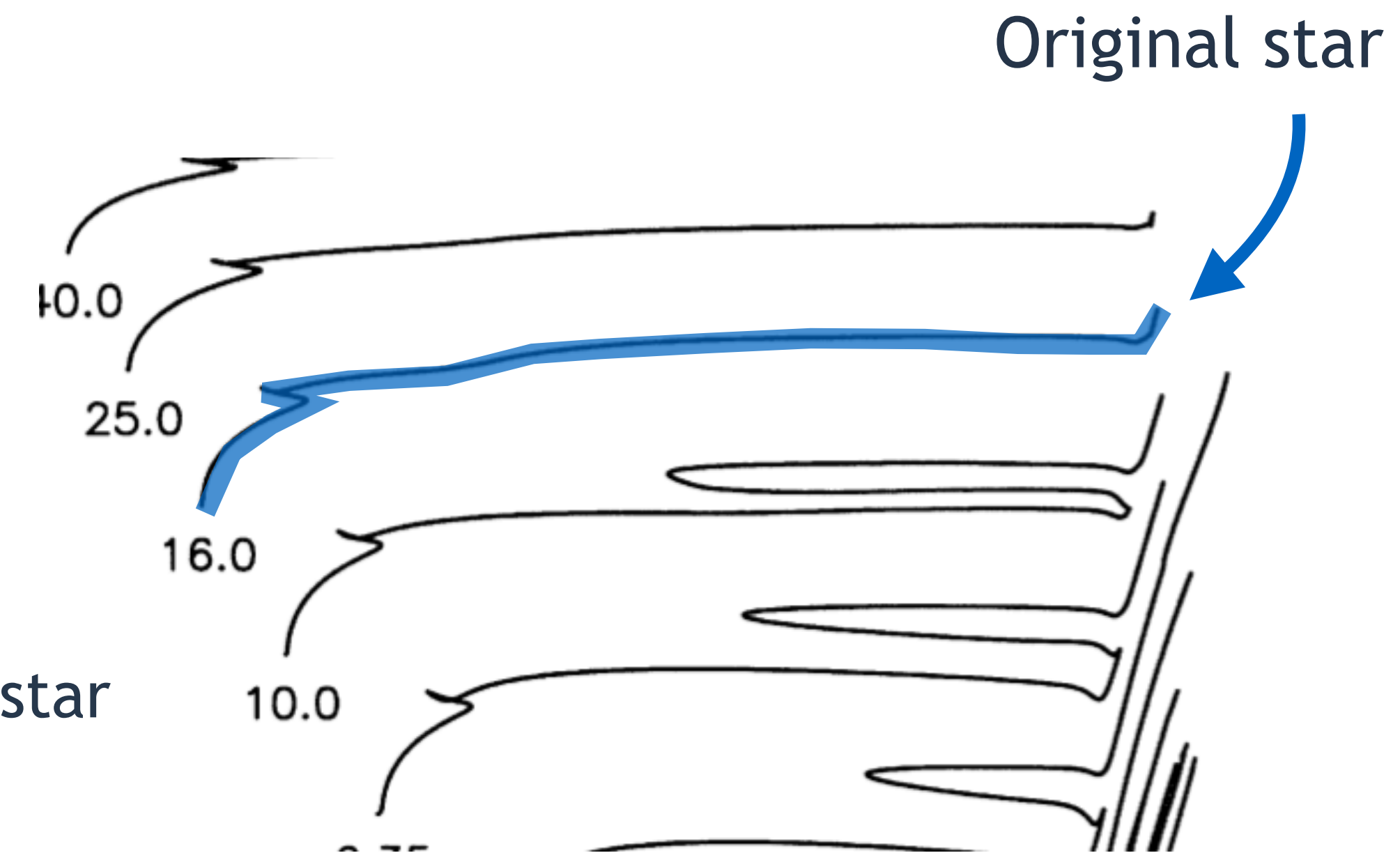
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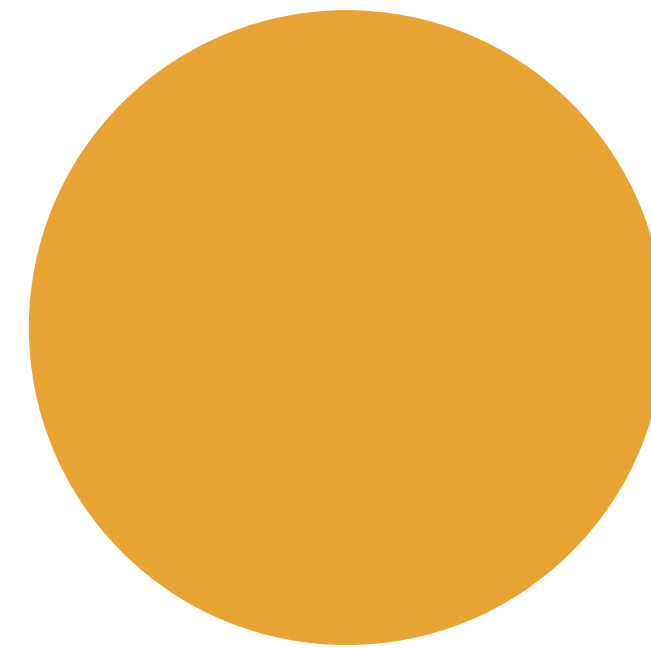


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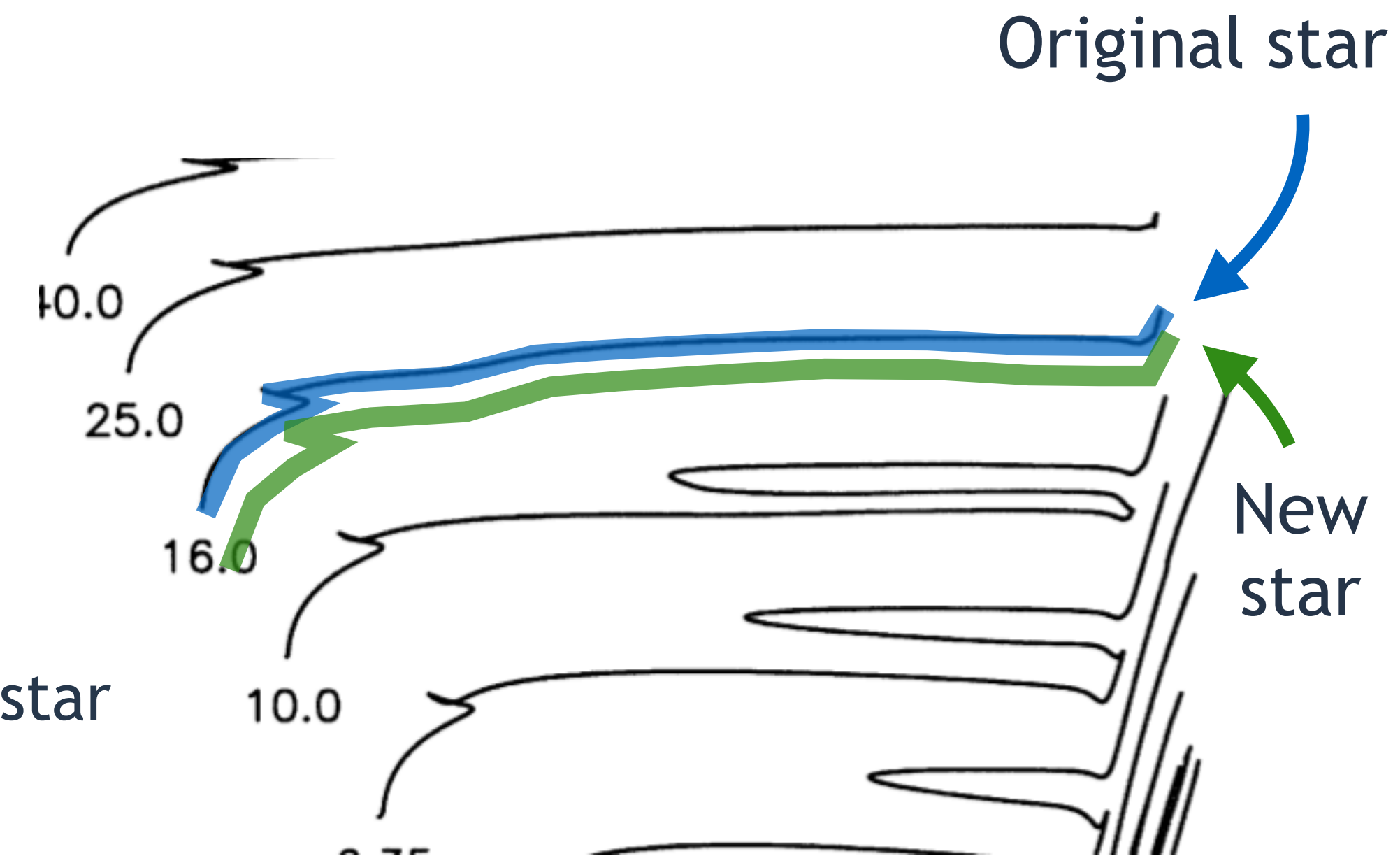
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Move between stellar models

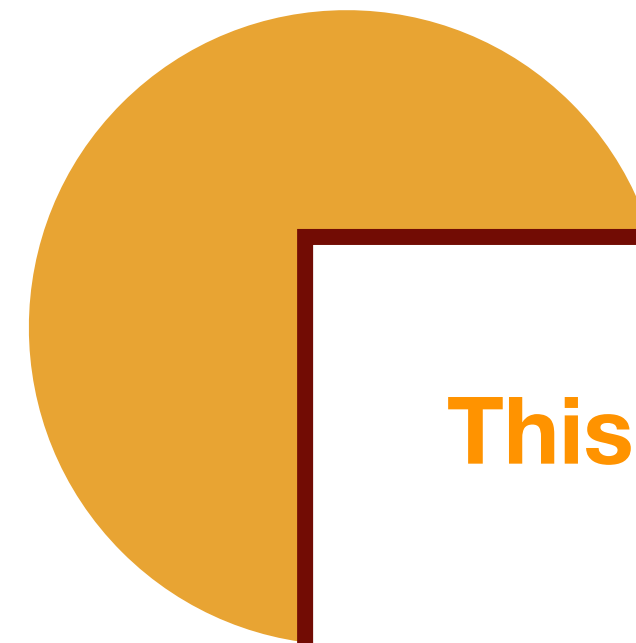
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Remove  
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**This only works if mass transfer is slow enough!**

Why do we make these approximations?

Rapid model takes ~10 ms to run,  
Detailed model takes ~1 day to run

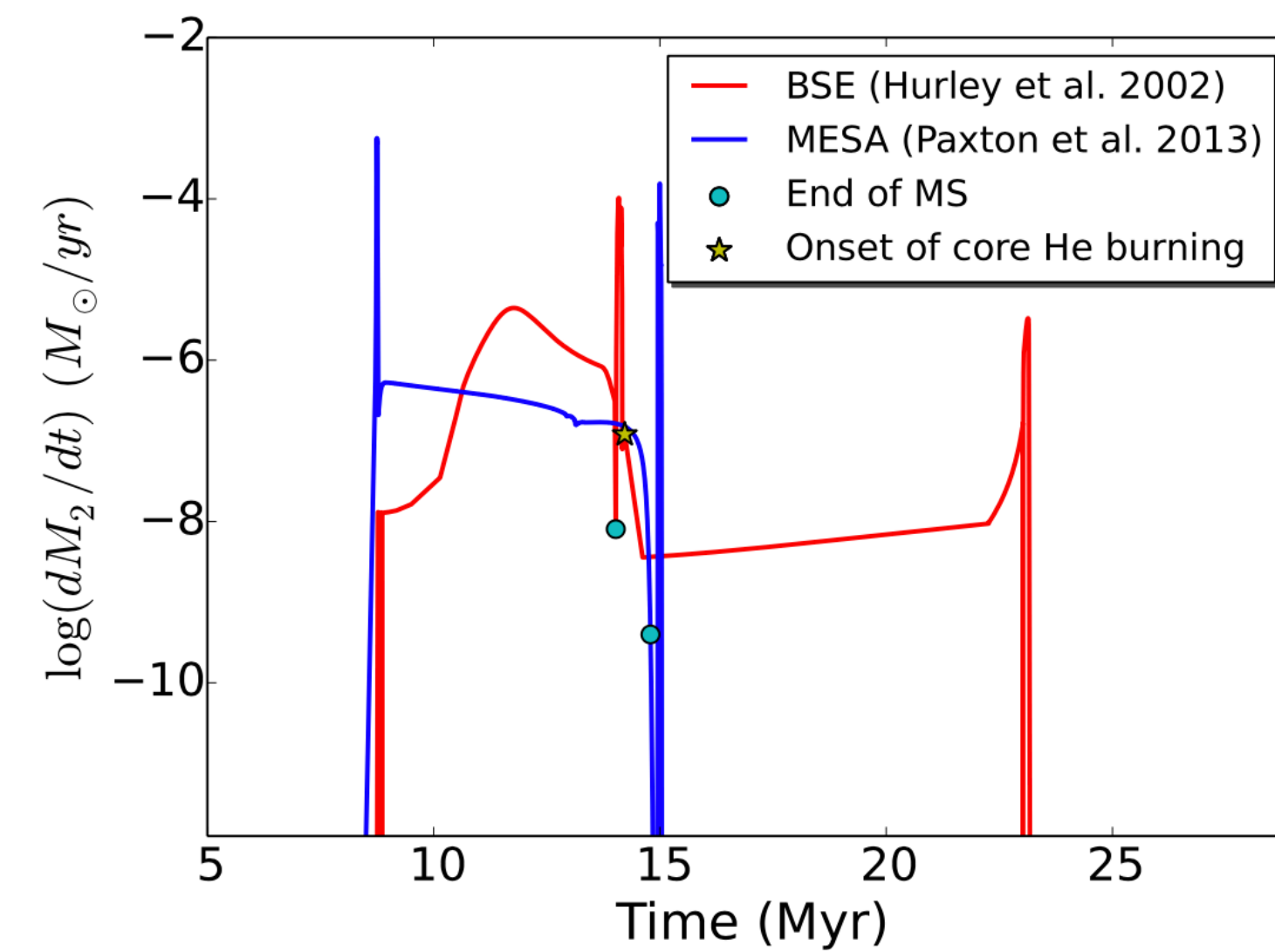
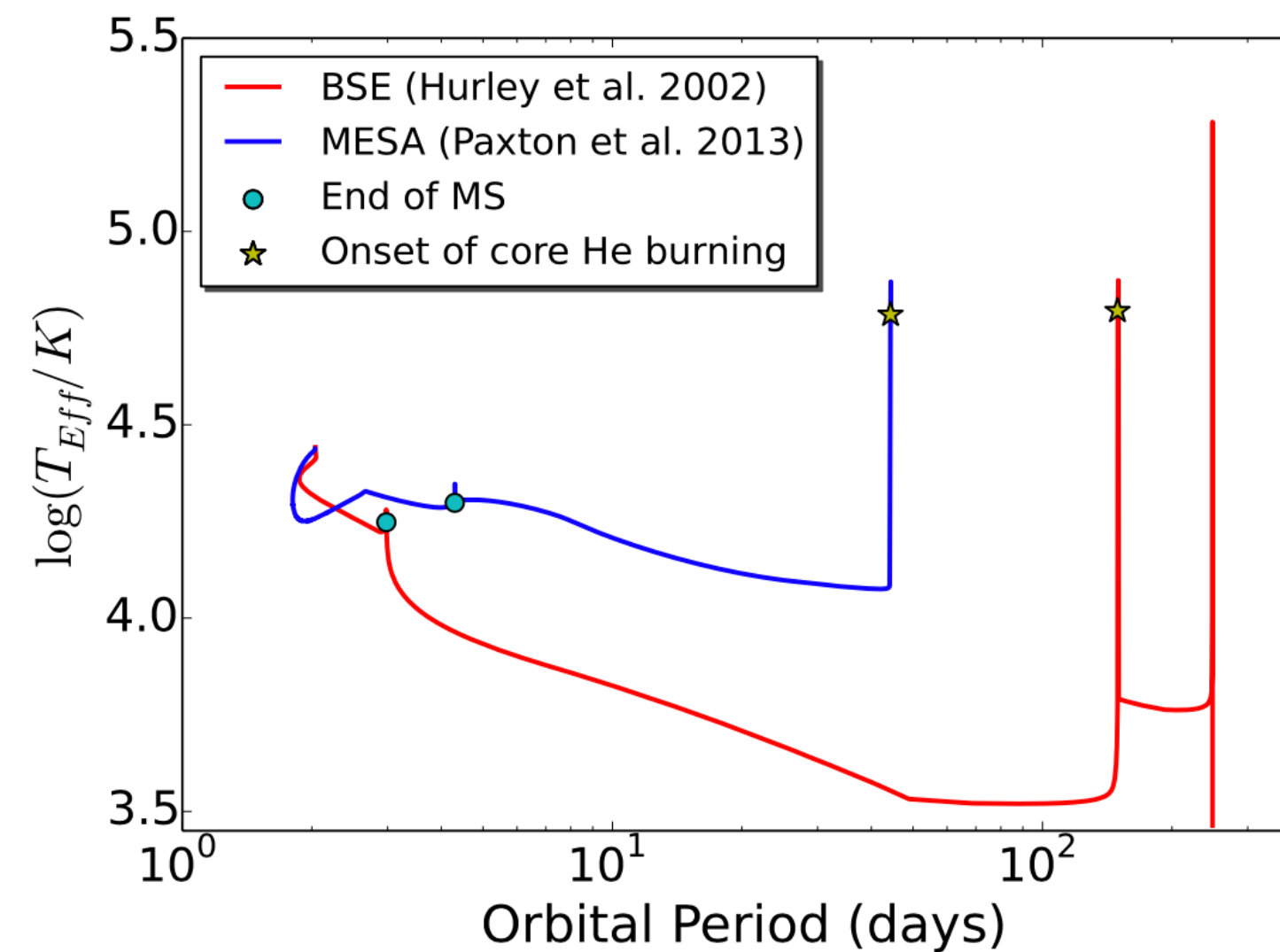
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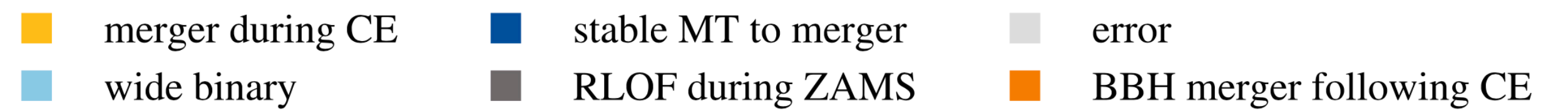
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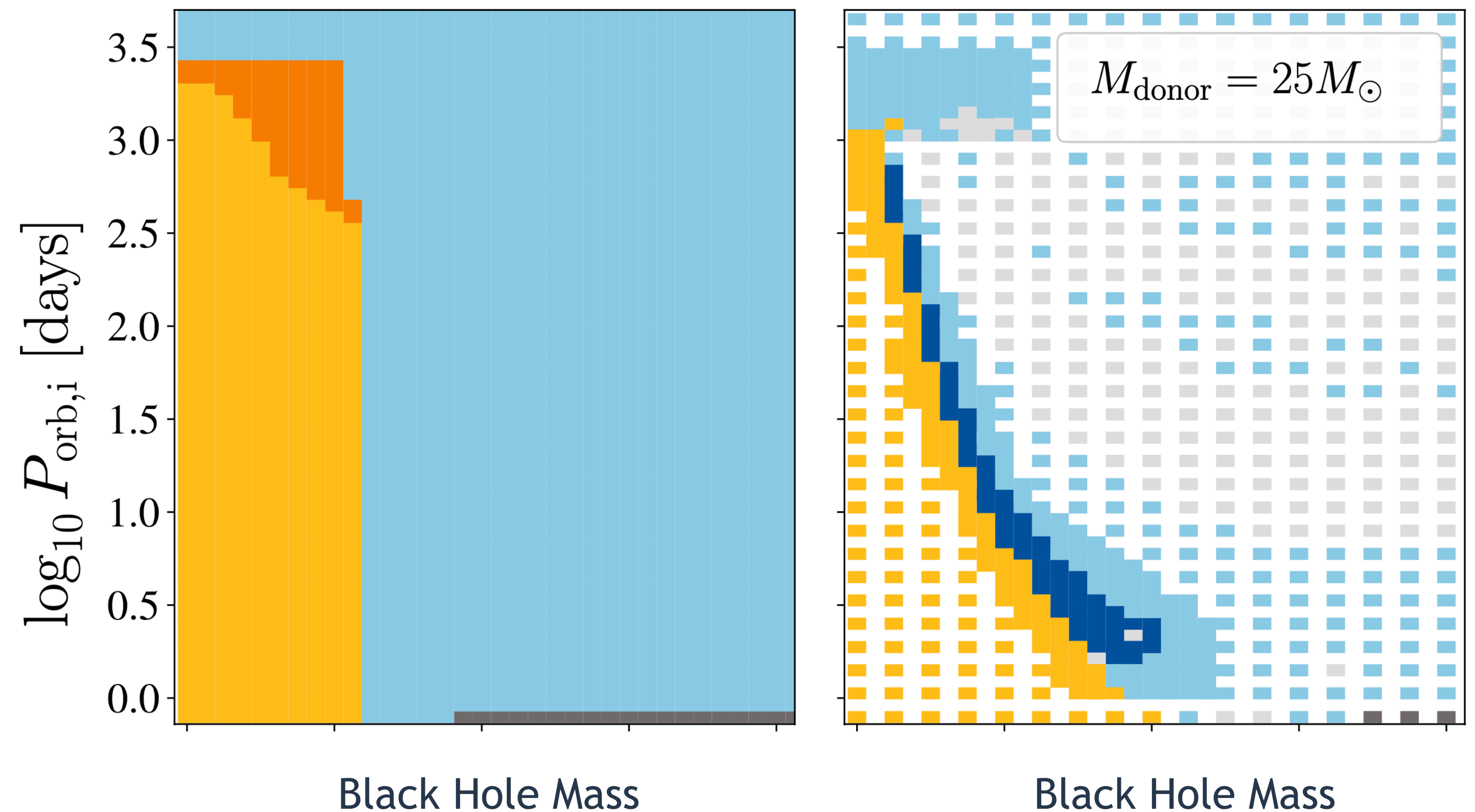
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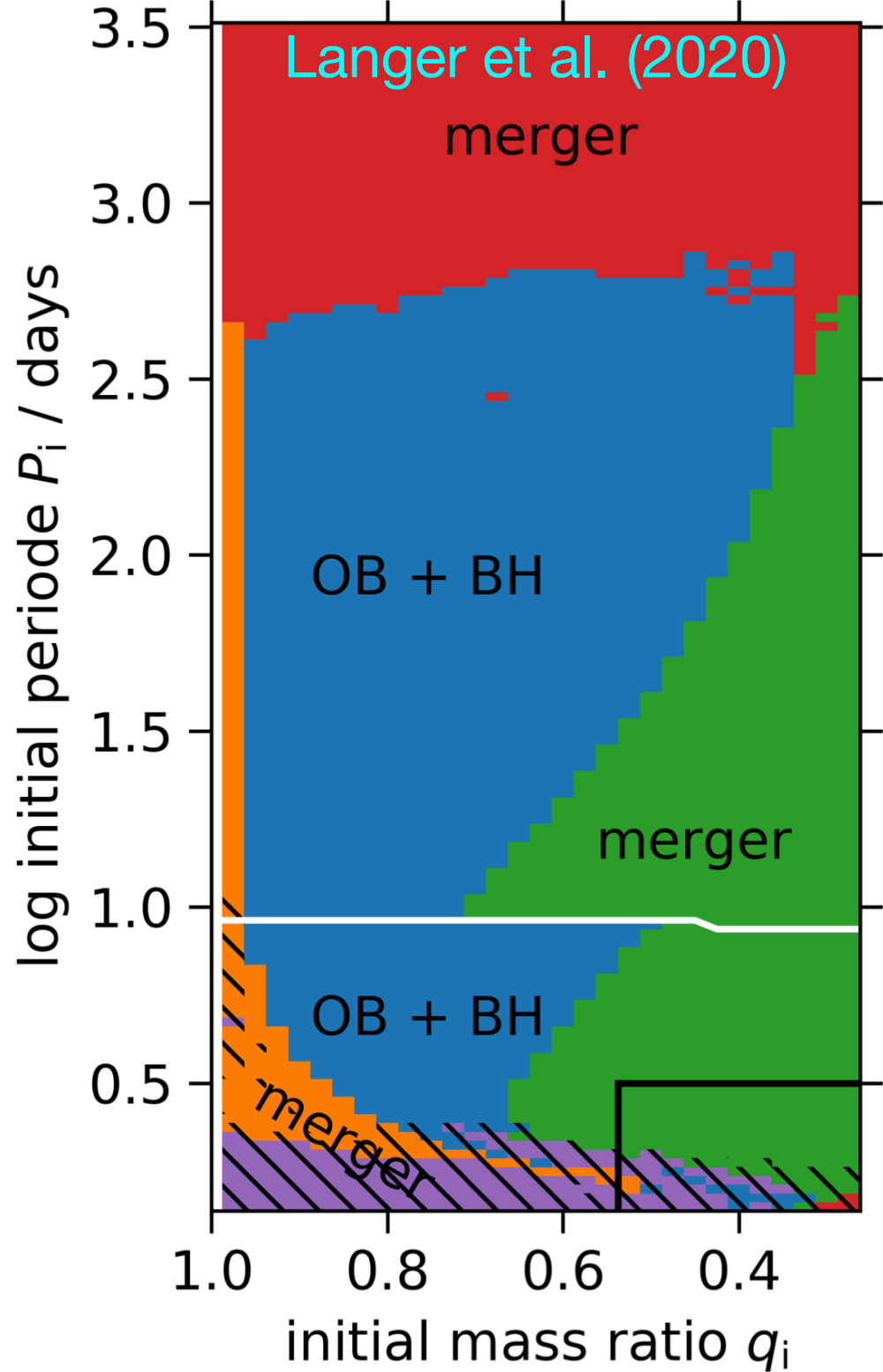
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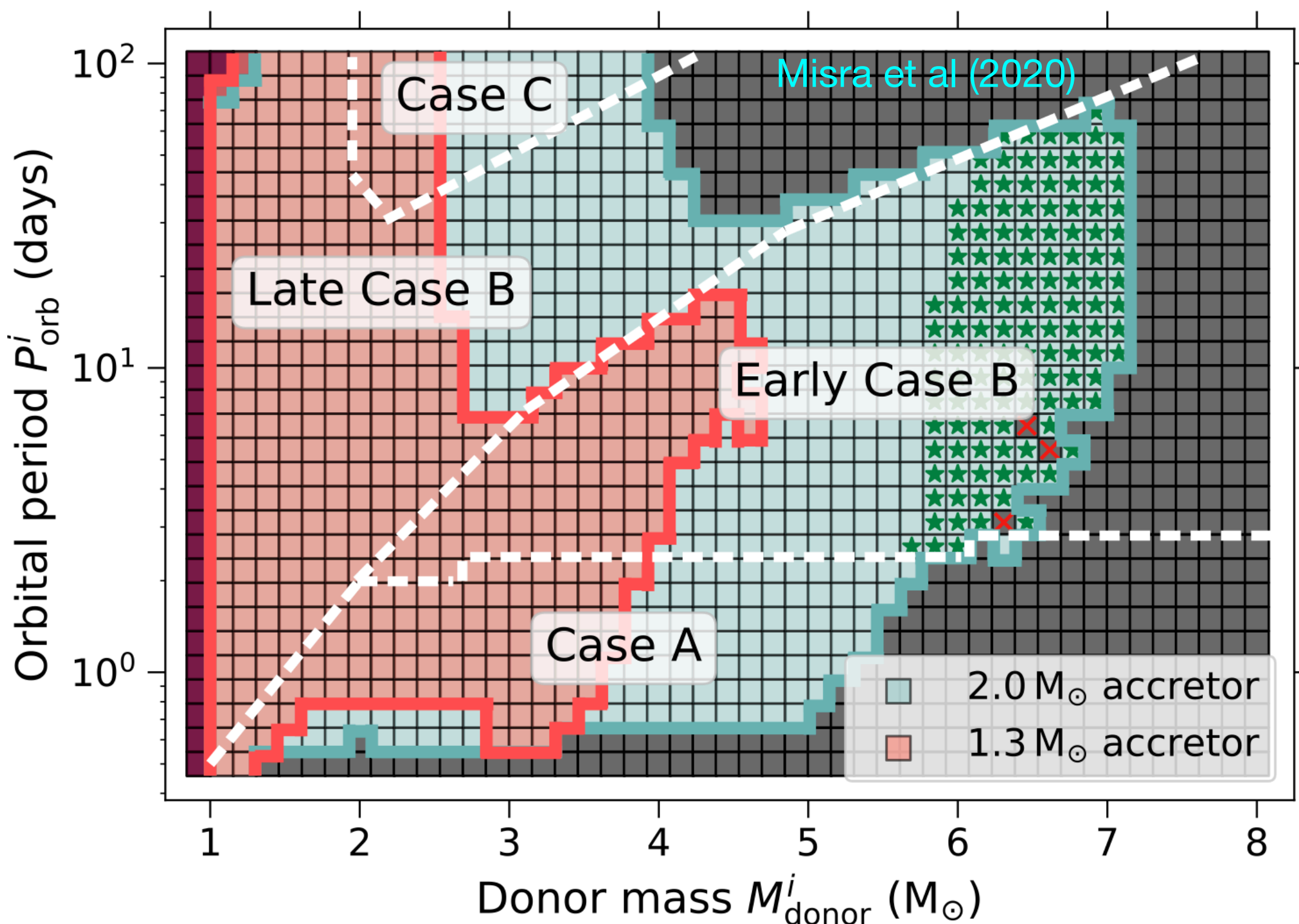
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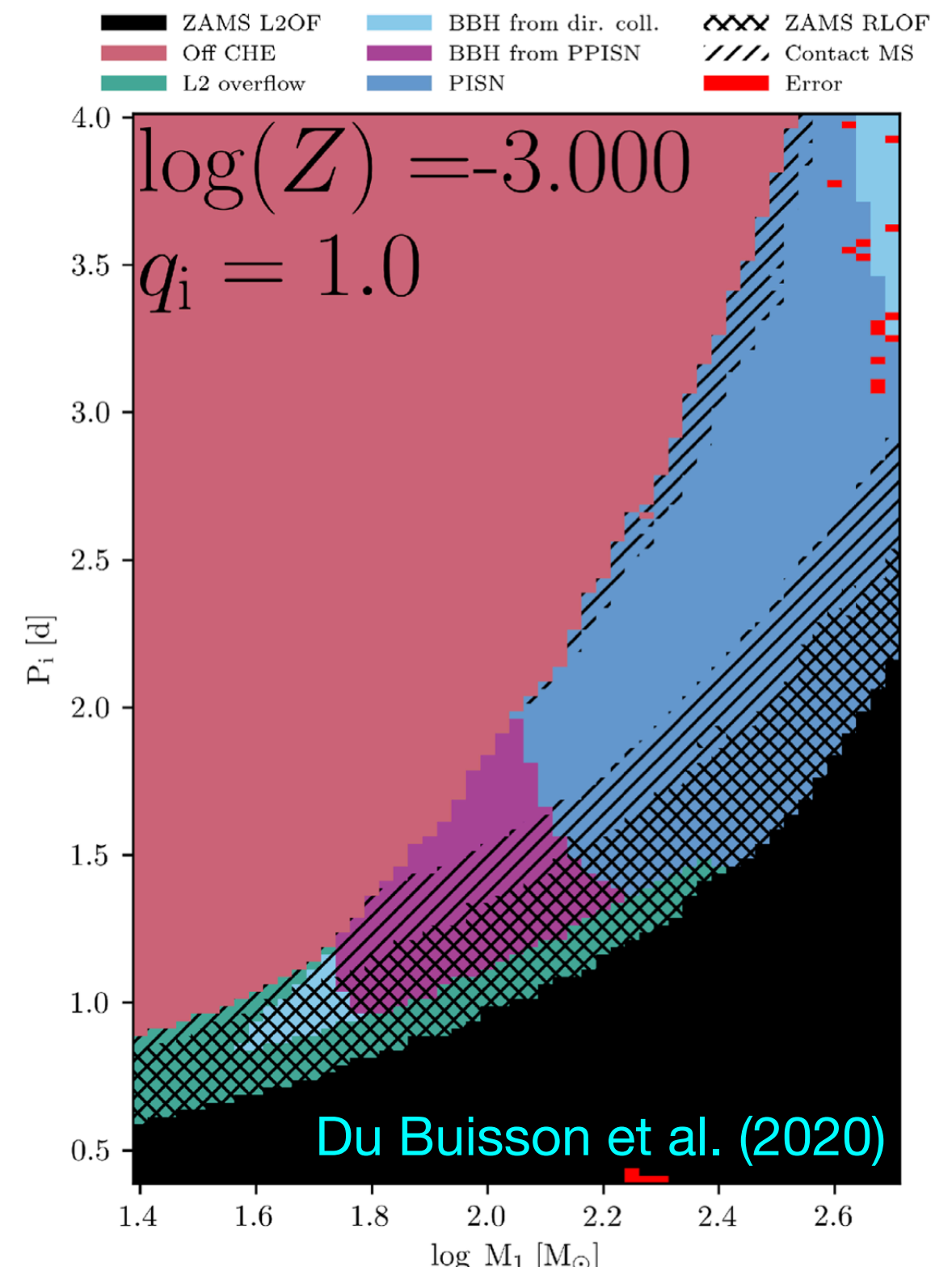
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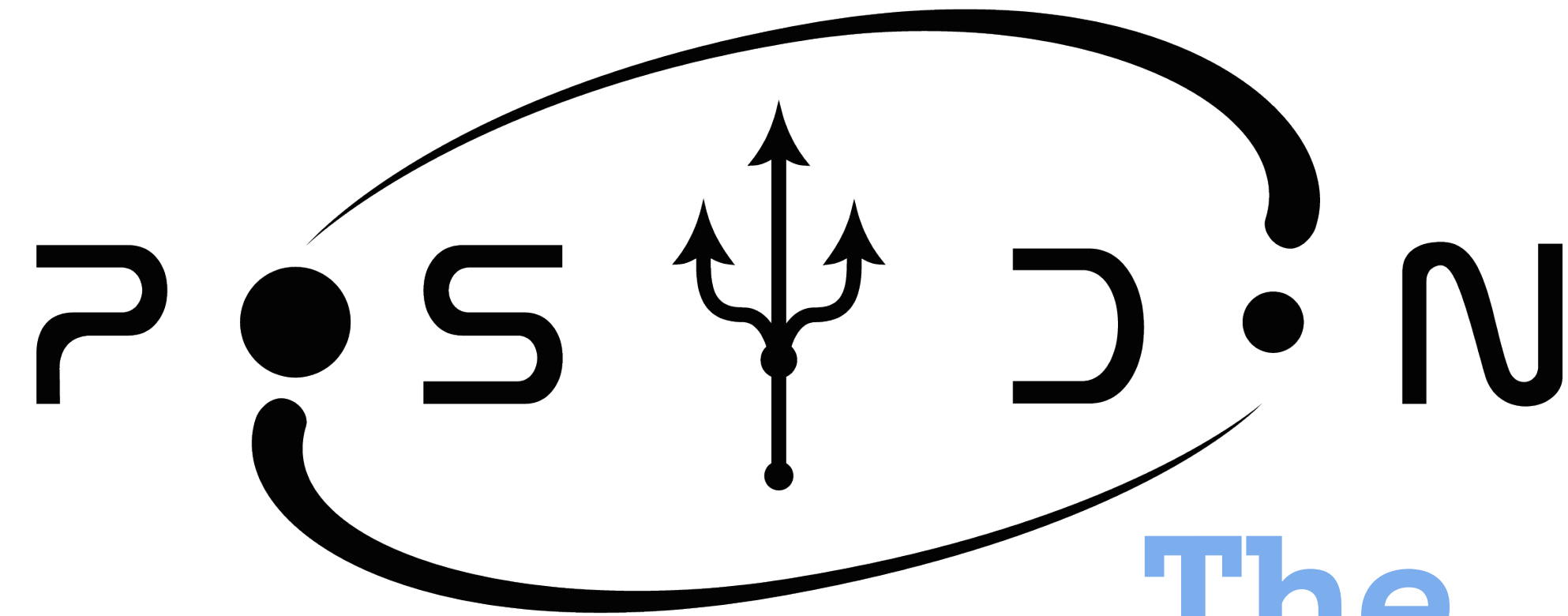
## Ultraluminous X-ray sources with neutron-star accretors



## Chemically homogeneous evolution



$10^4$ - $10^6$  times more computationally expensive — Usually target on a limited parameter space



**POSYDON** is a new framework for binary population synthesis studies that uses detailed stellar structure and binary evolution simulations (Fragos et al. 2022).

## The core developer team



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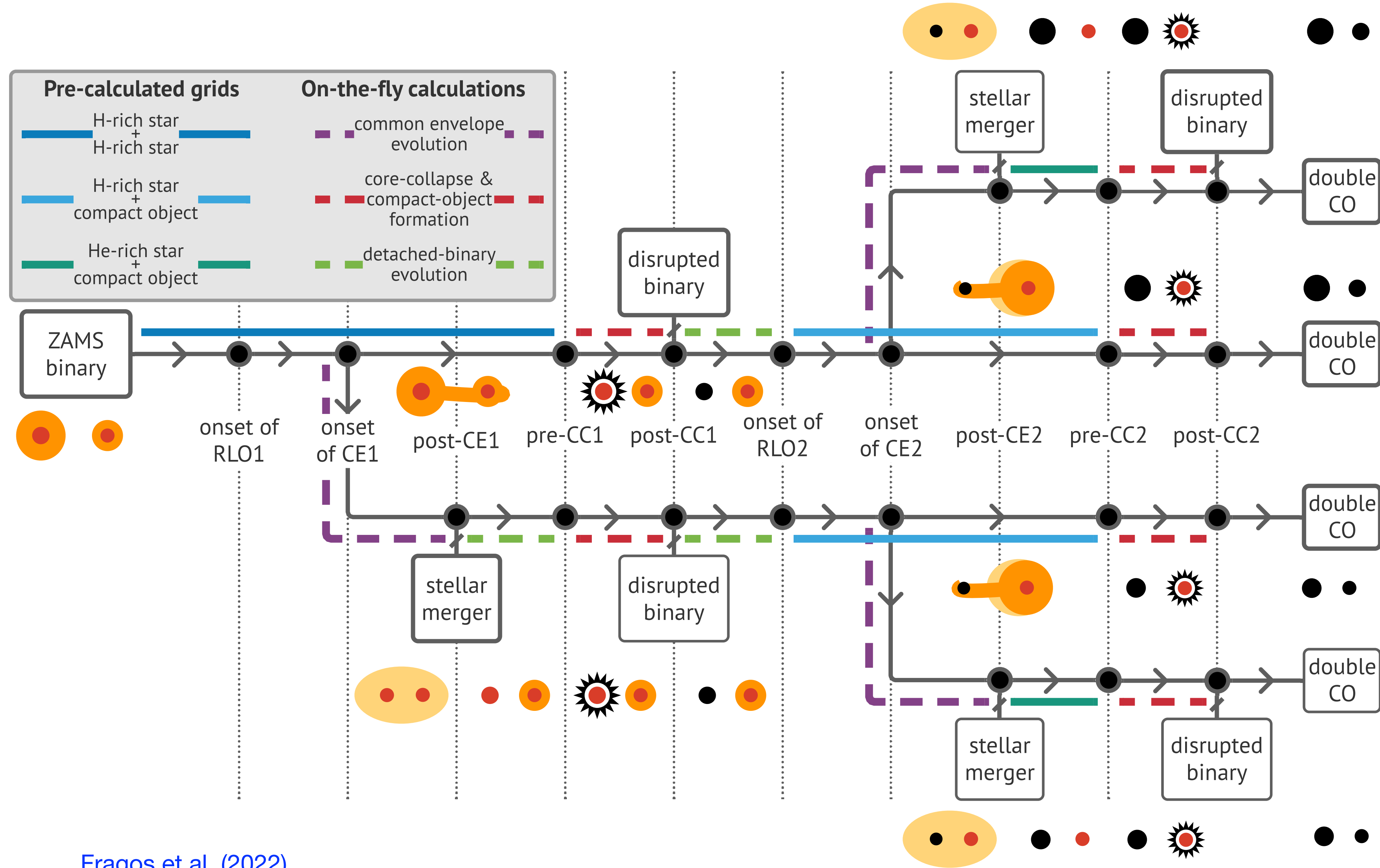
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# An overview of POSYDON

POSYDON v1 only at Solar metallicity

- Following the detailed structure of both binary components
- Taking into account stellar rotation (inc. rotational mixing) and tides
- Includes detailed stellar structure profiles at key evolutionary stages
- Modular and extendable
- Use of Machine Learning to tackle computational challenges.



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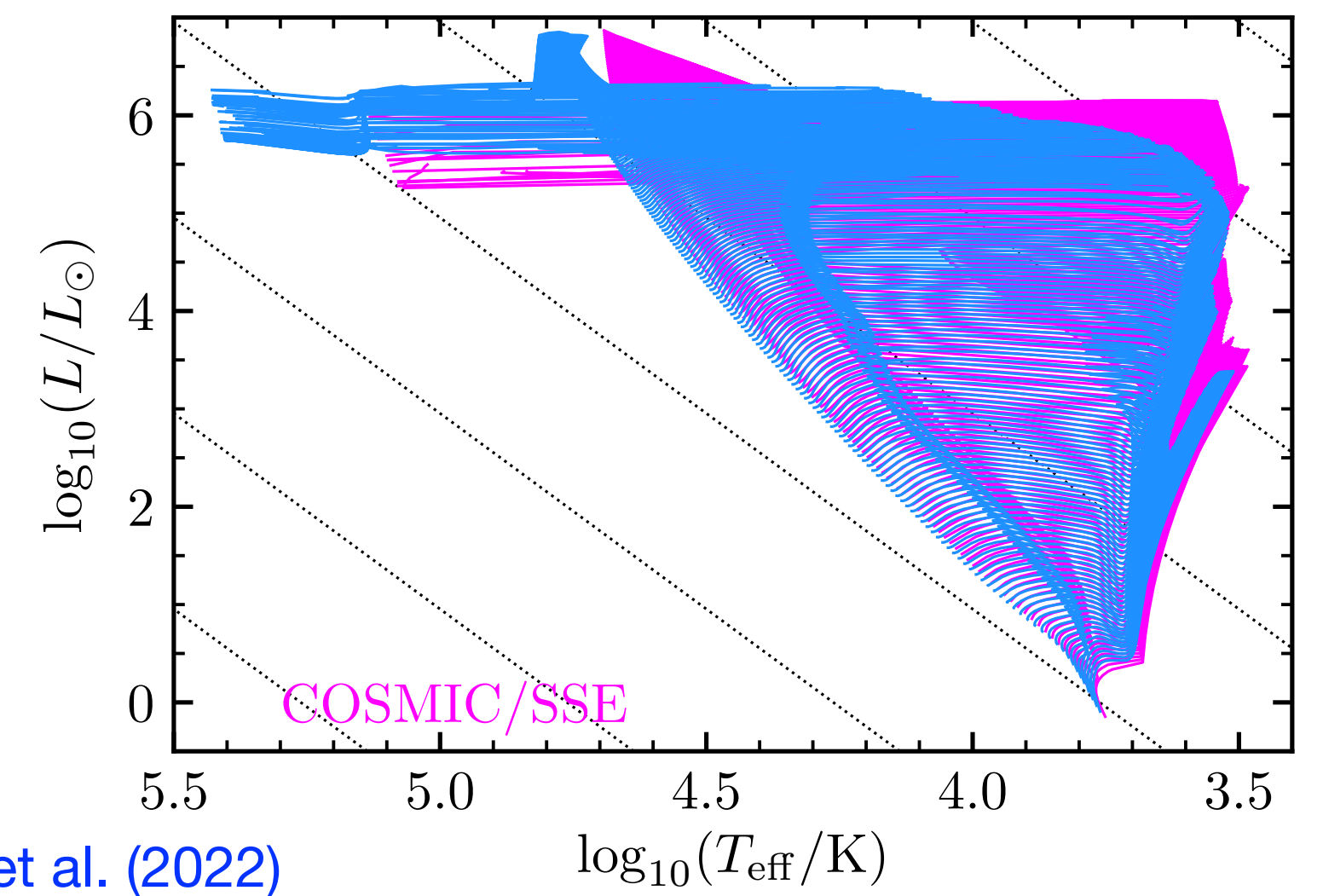
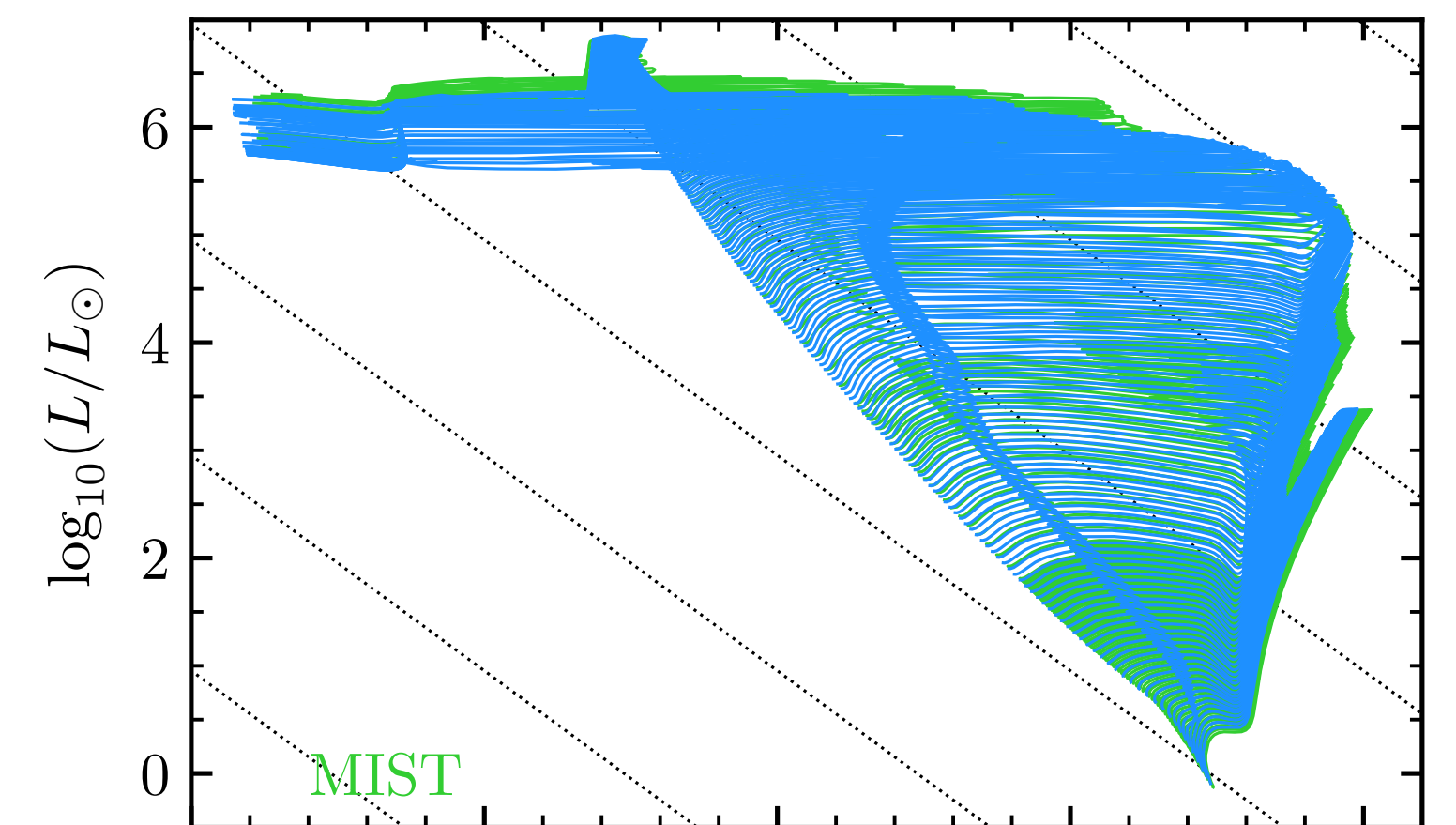
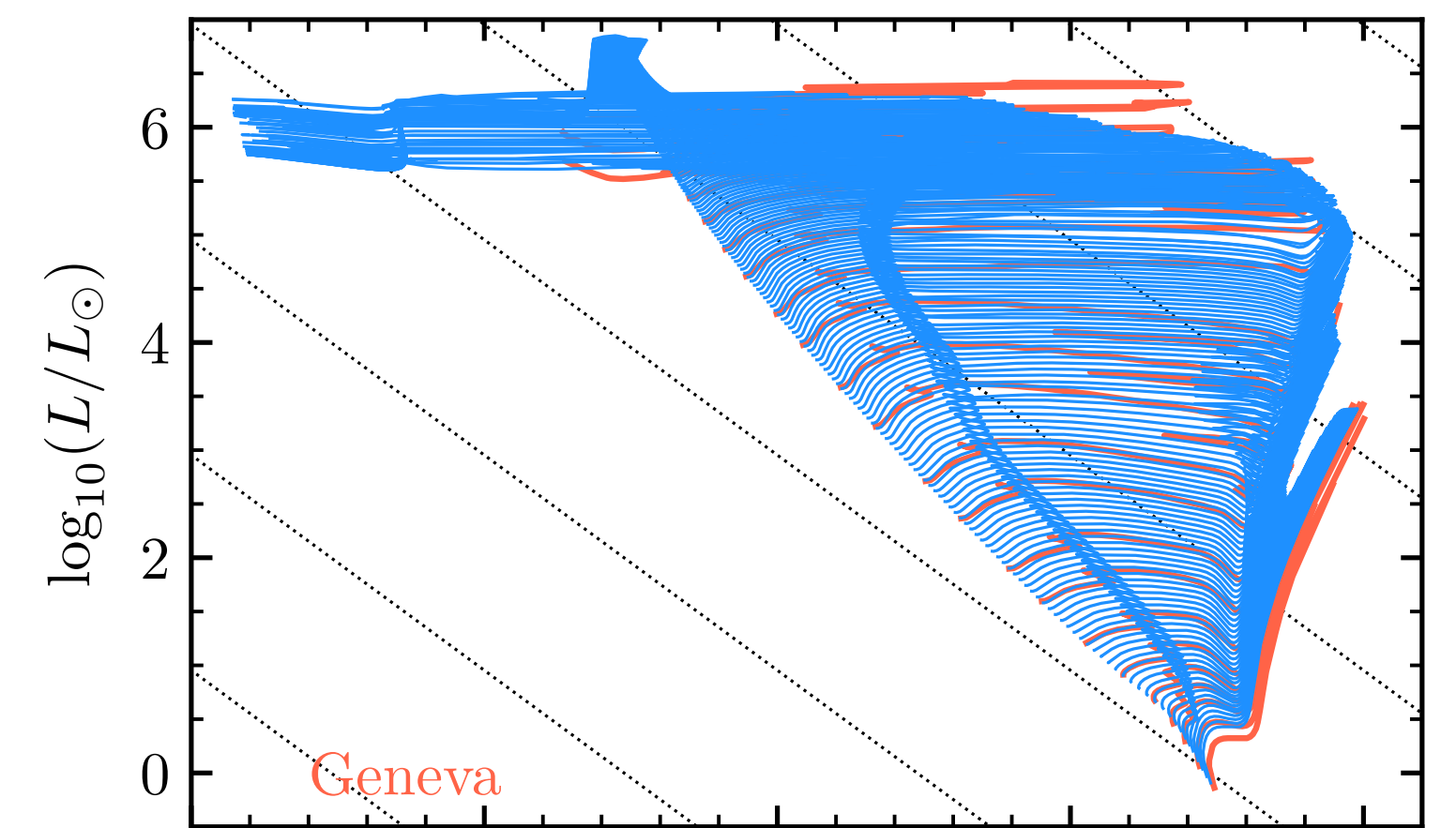
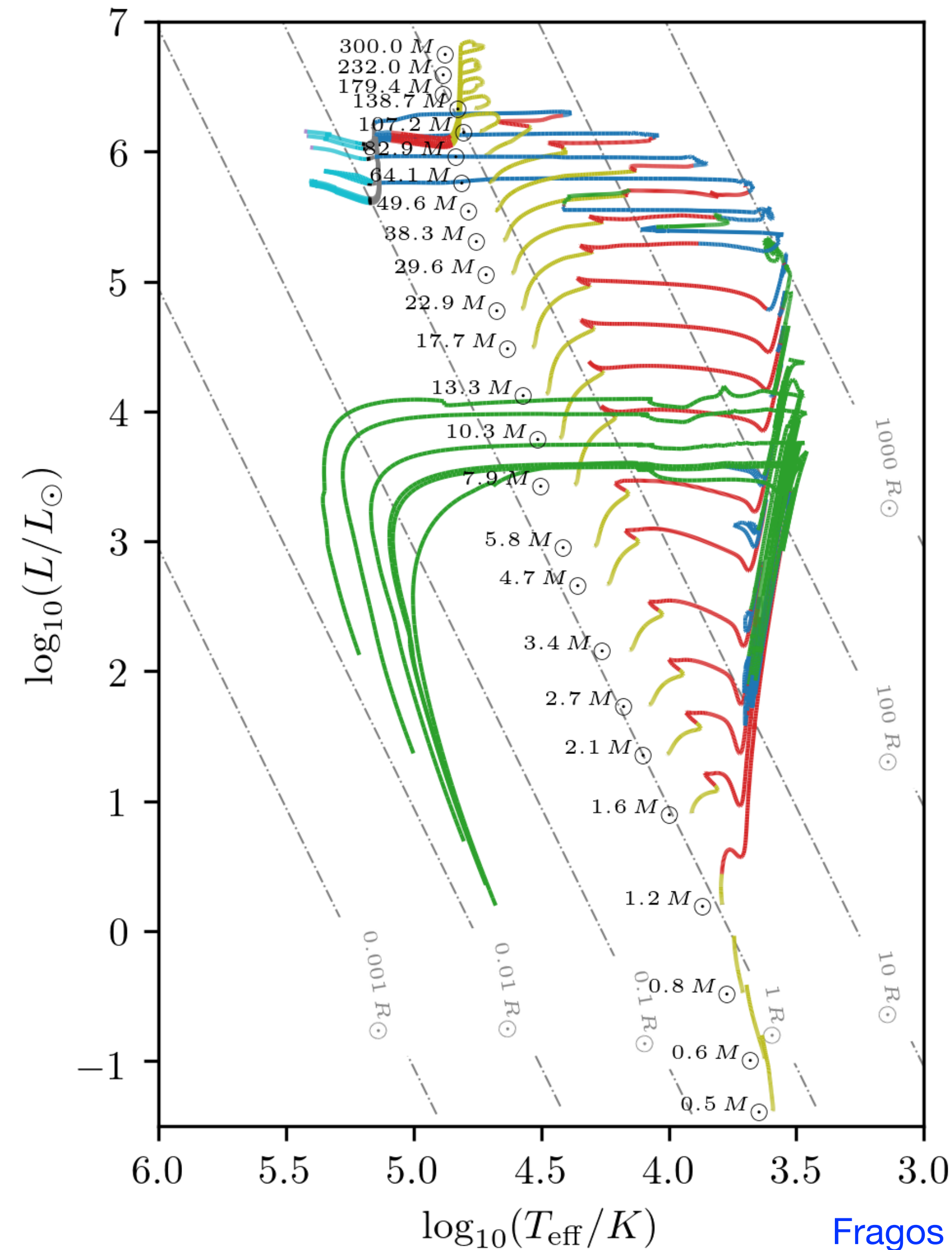
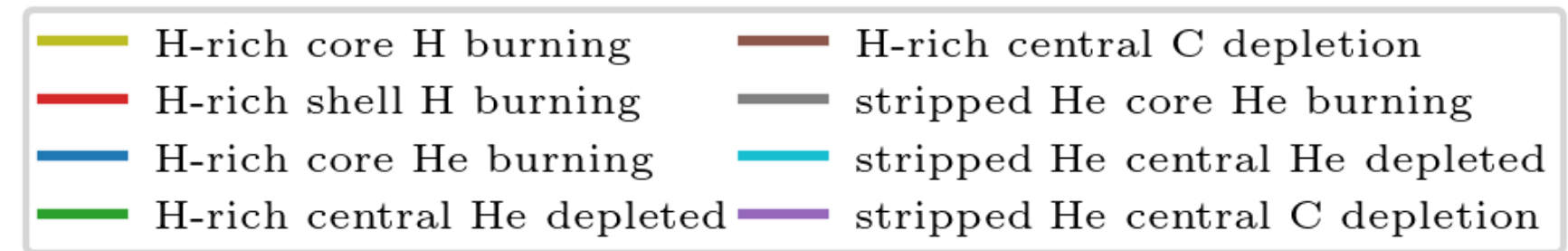
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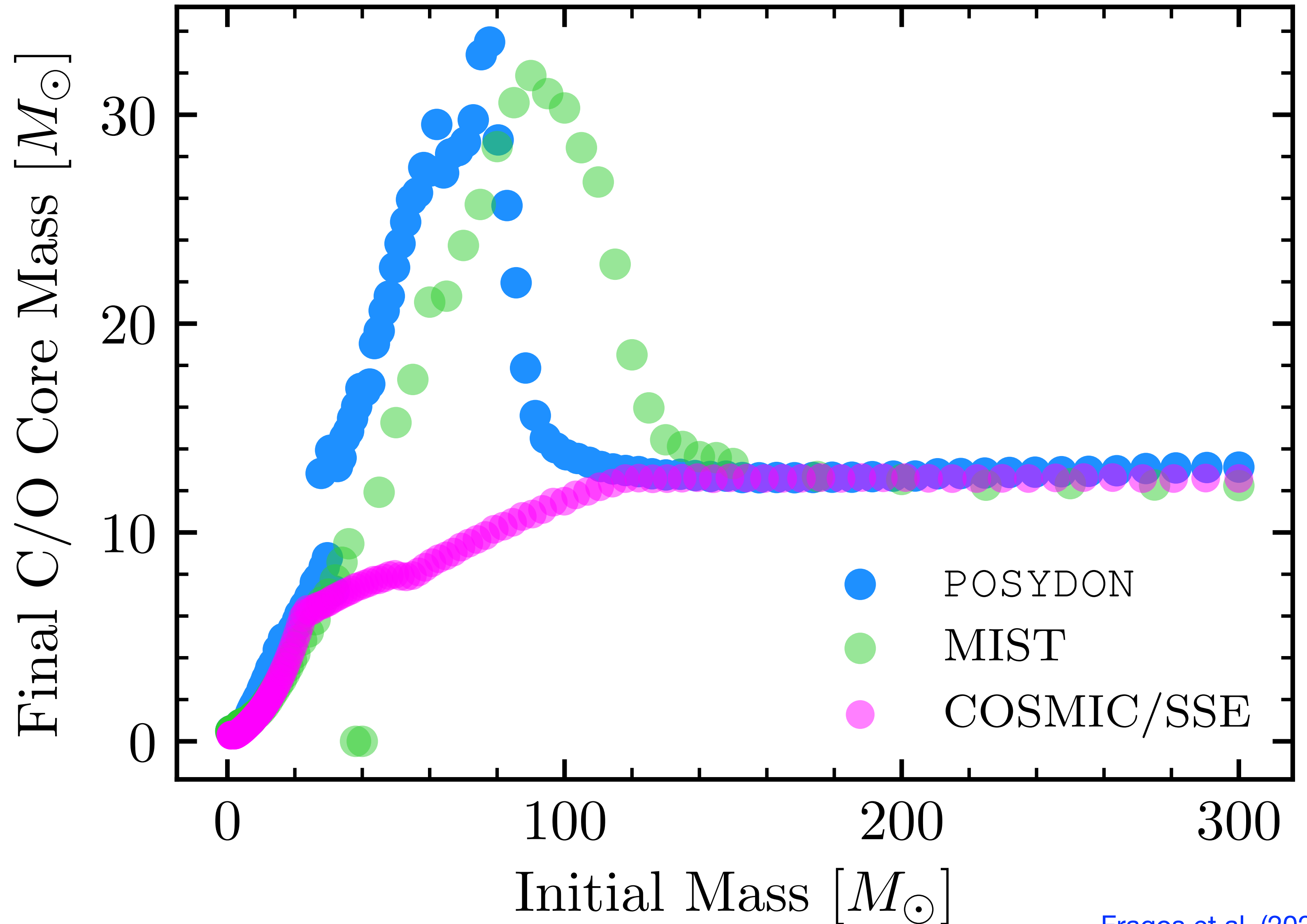
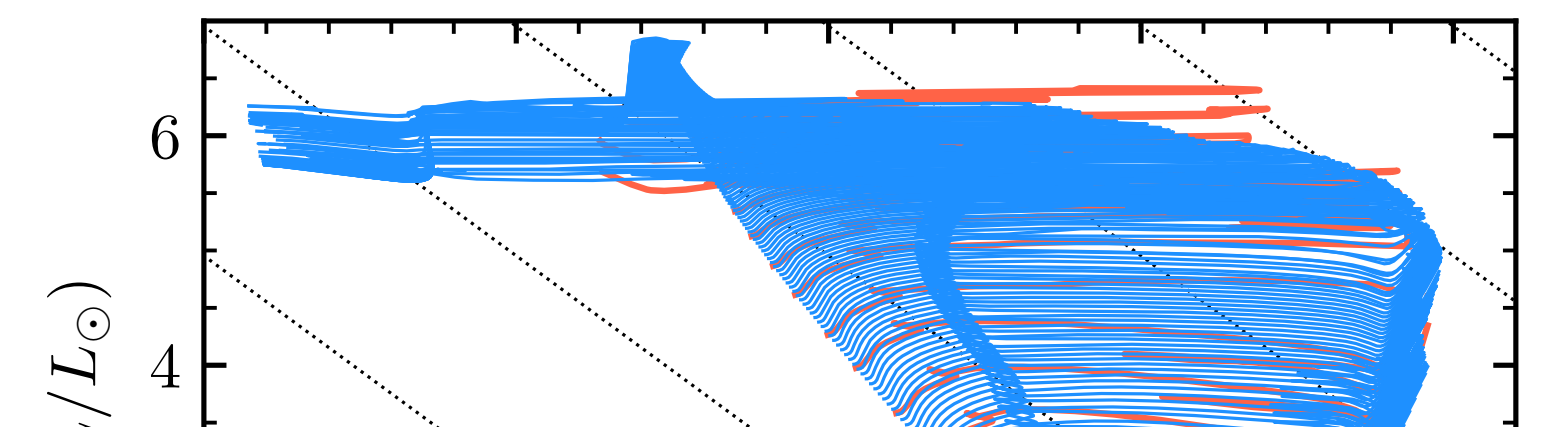
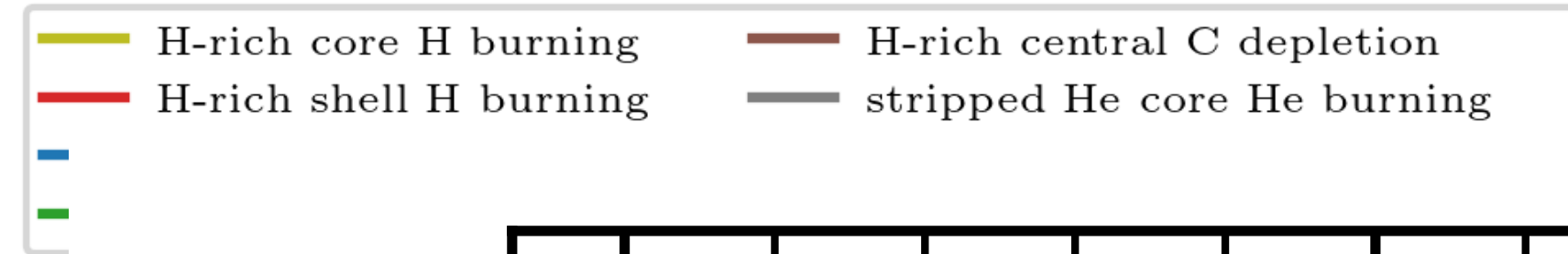
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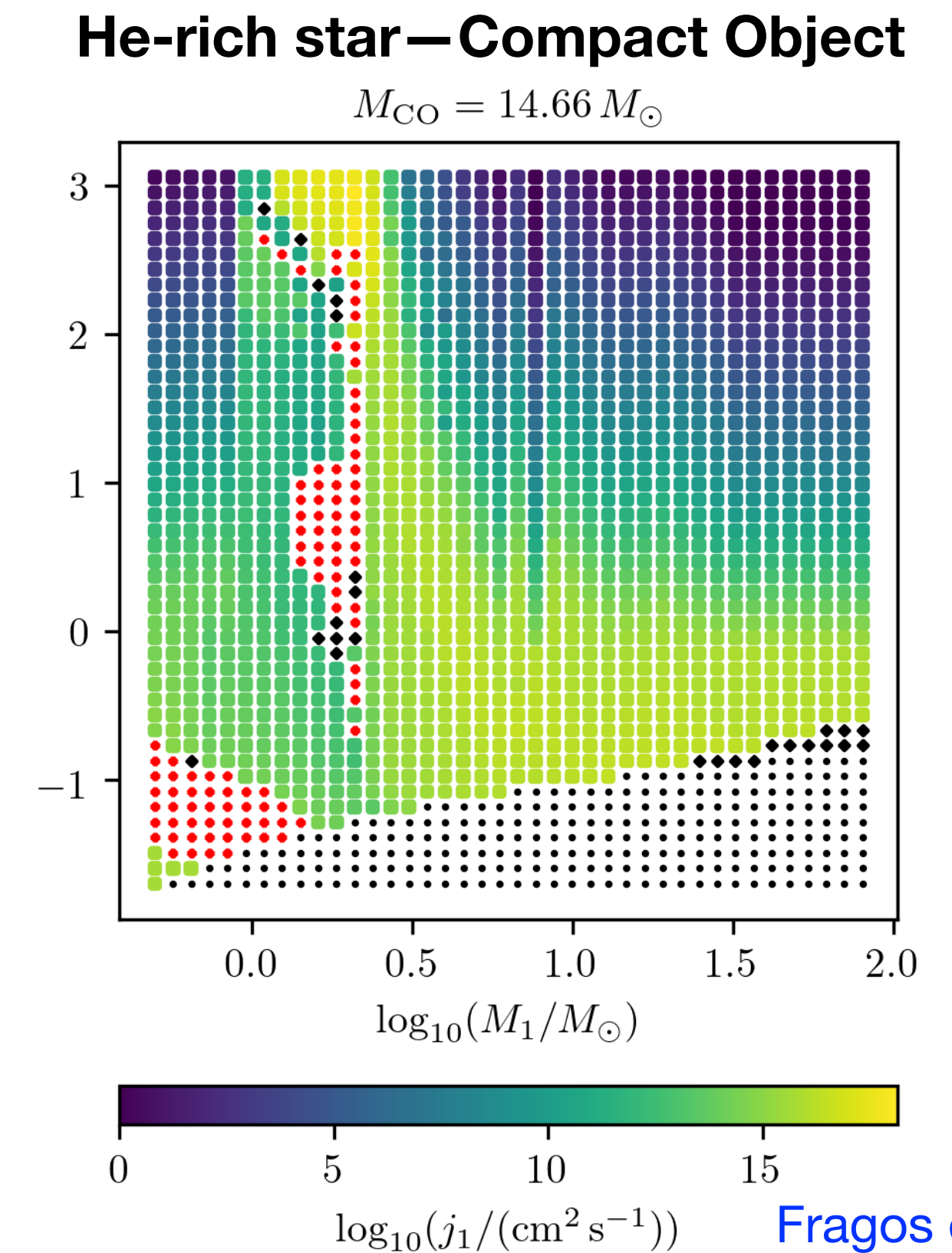
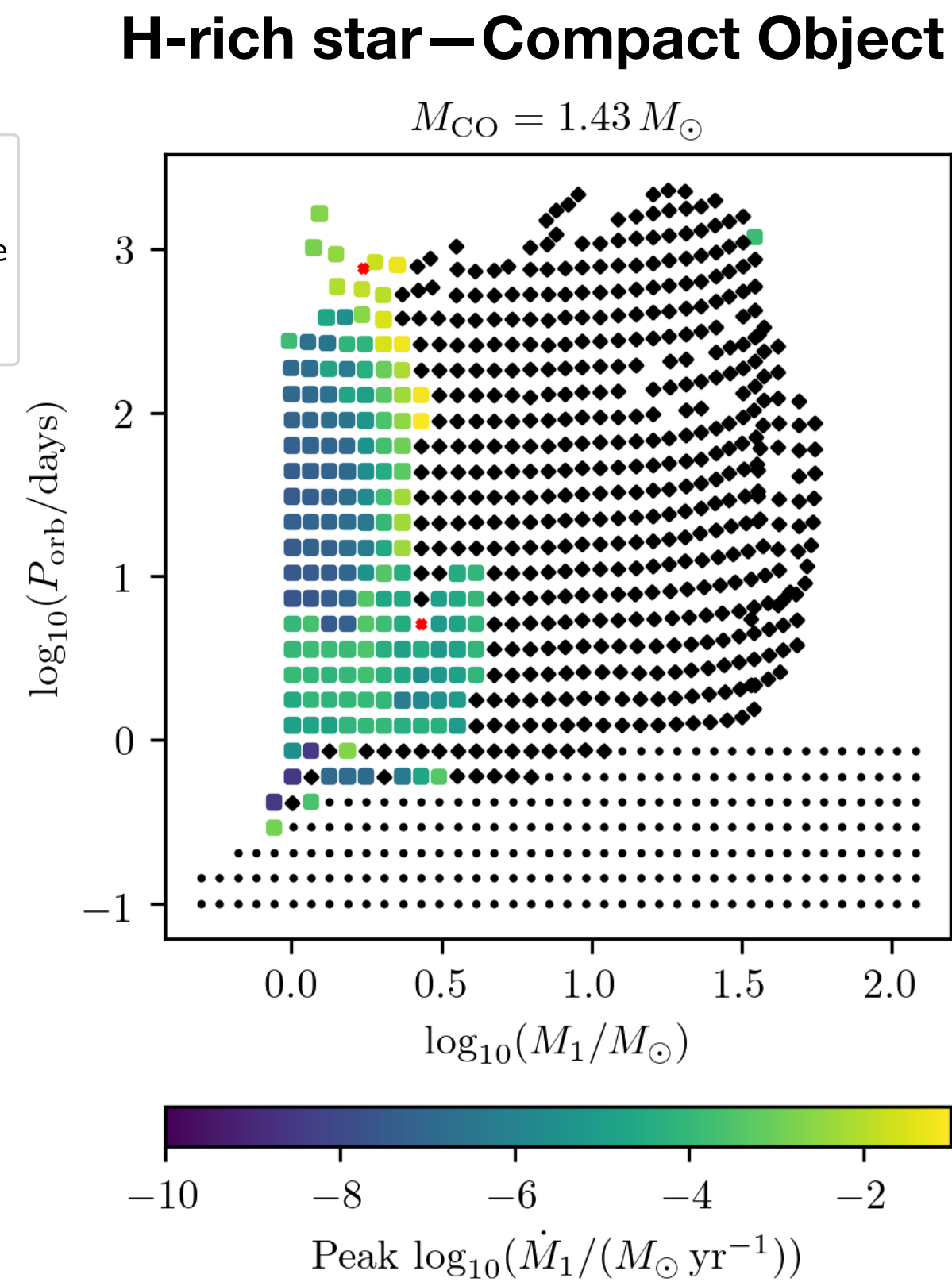
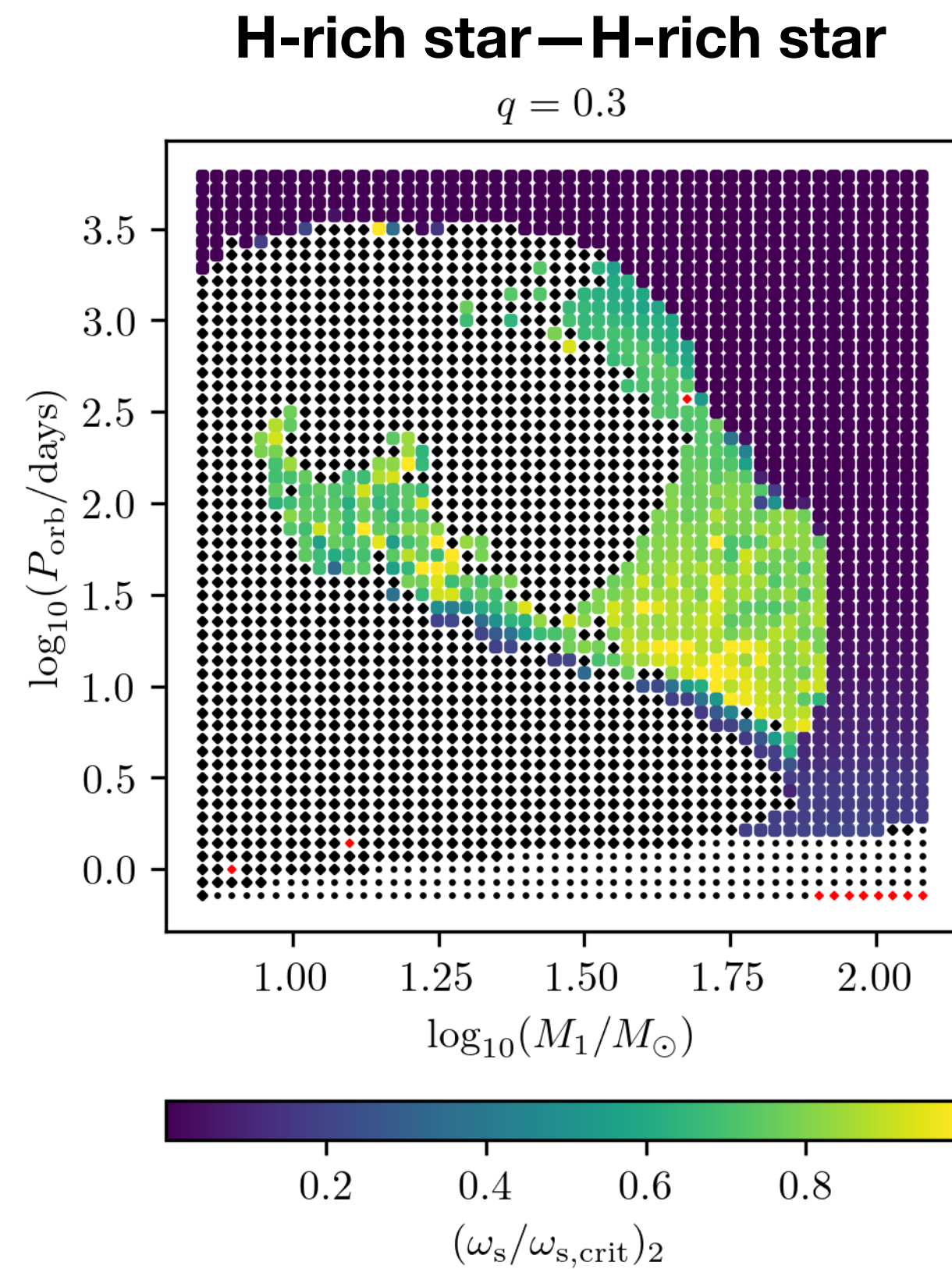


# Three binary-star models

MESA

Paxton et al. (2011, 2013, 2015, 2018, 2019)

- Differential rotation • tidal interactions • thermal-timescale mass-transfer
- physically-motivated mass-transfer efficiency • contact binaries
- chemically homogeneous evolution • **POSDON v1 only at Solar metallicity**



Fragos et al. (2022)

>150'000 binary tracks; >2M CPU hours; >2TB or raw data; non-convergence rate <2%

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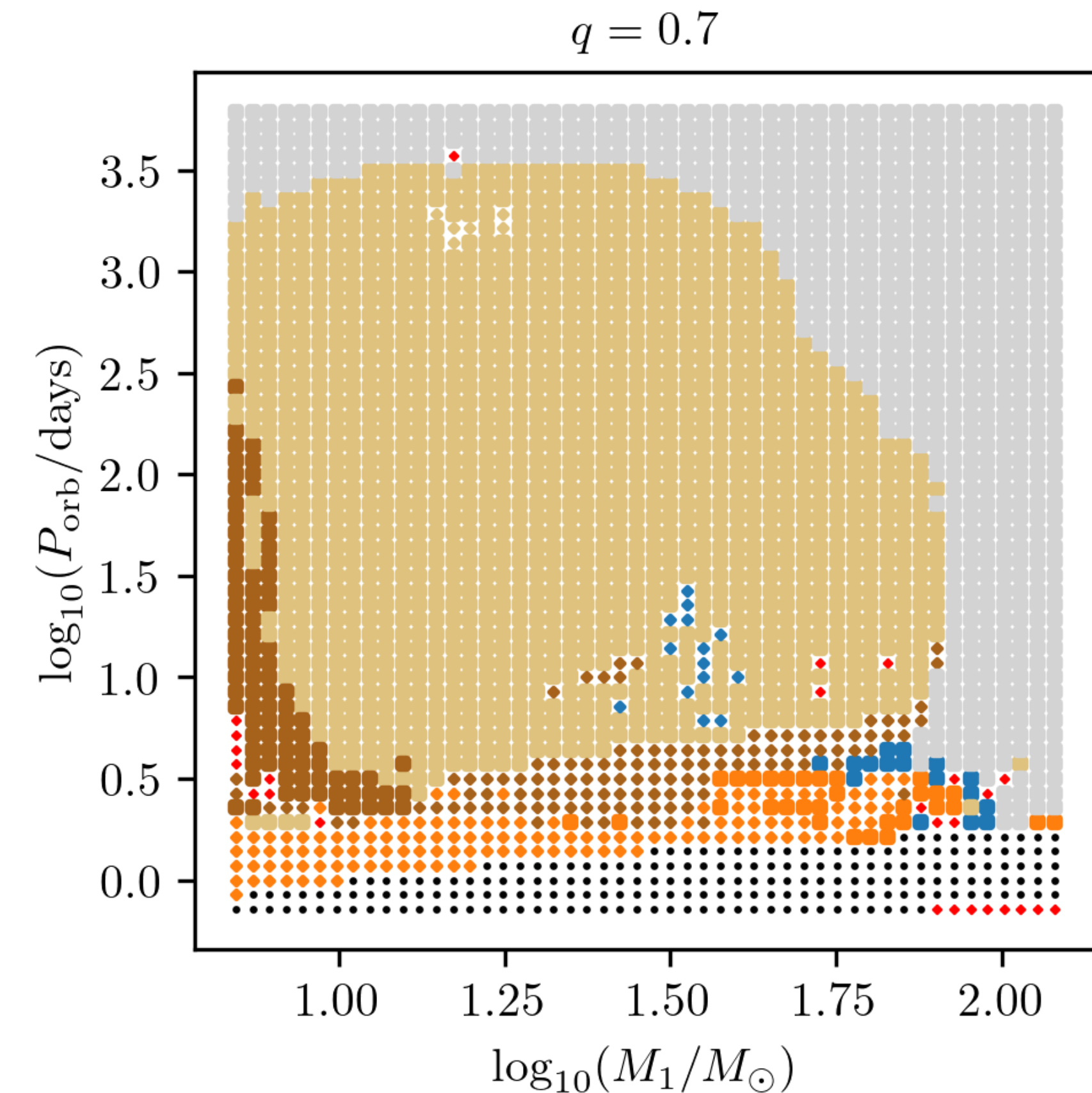
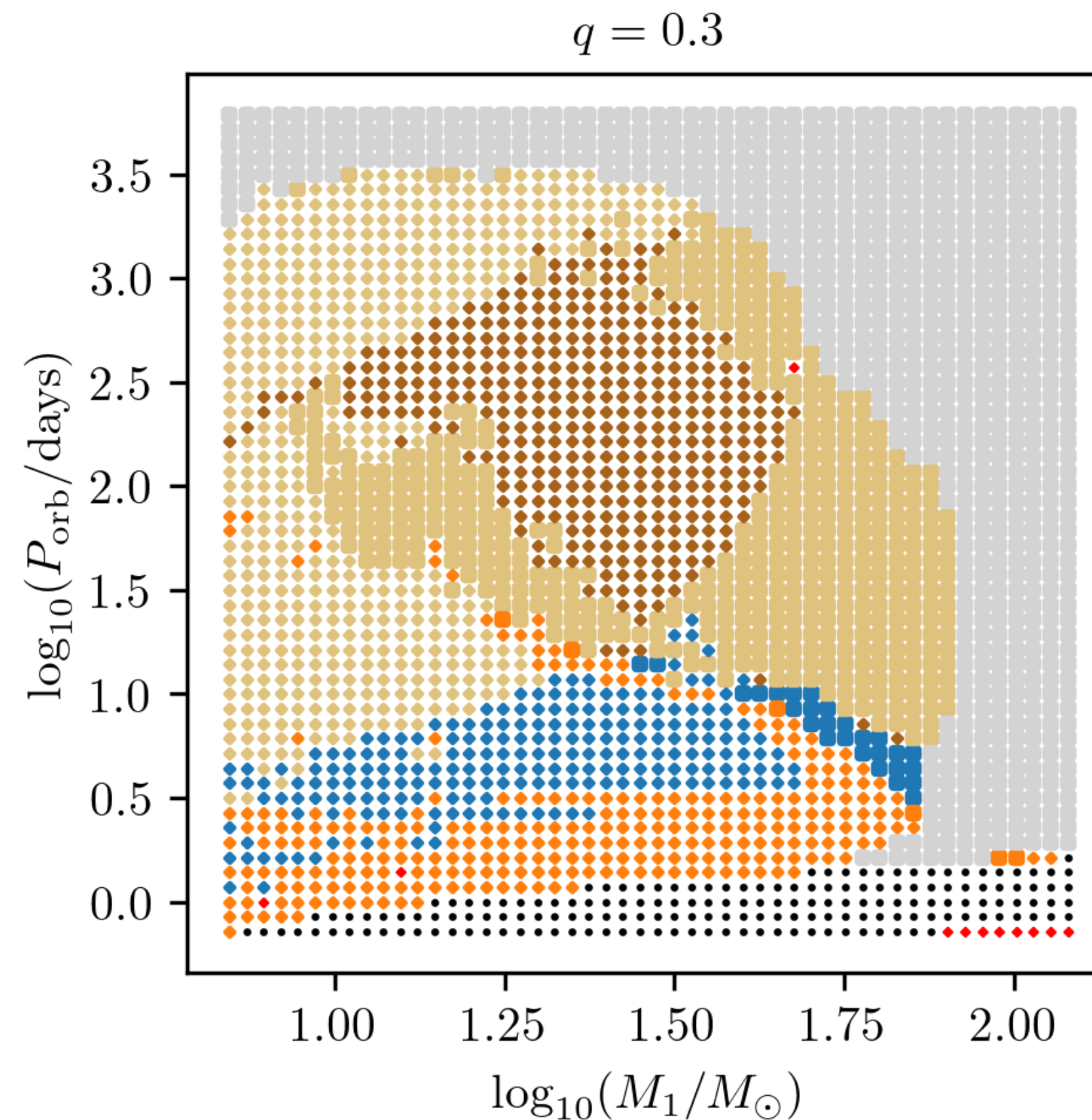
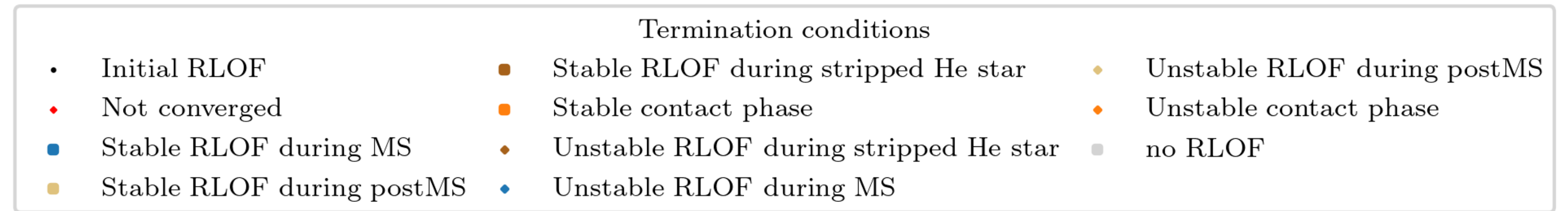
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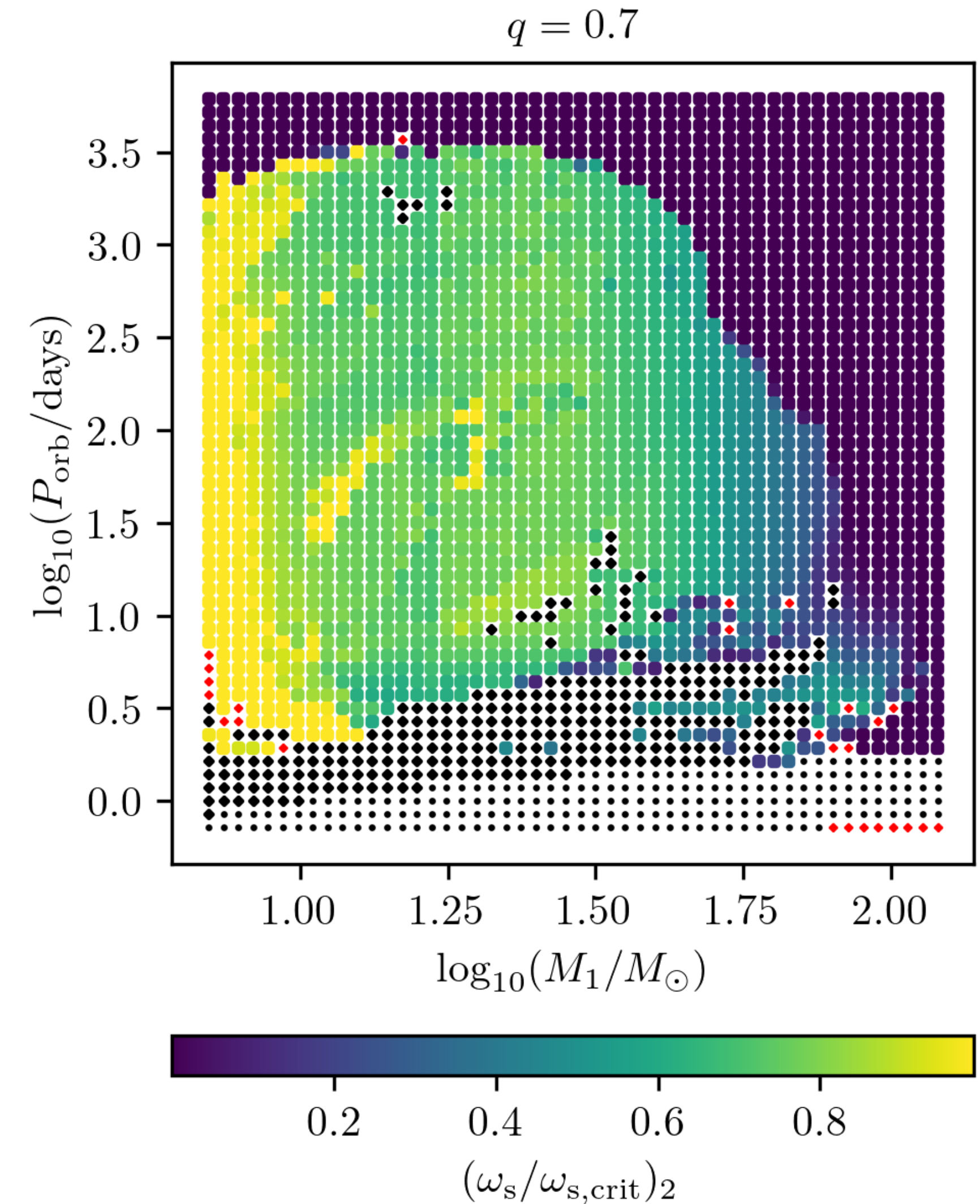
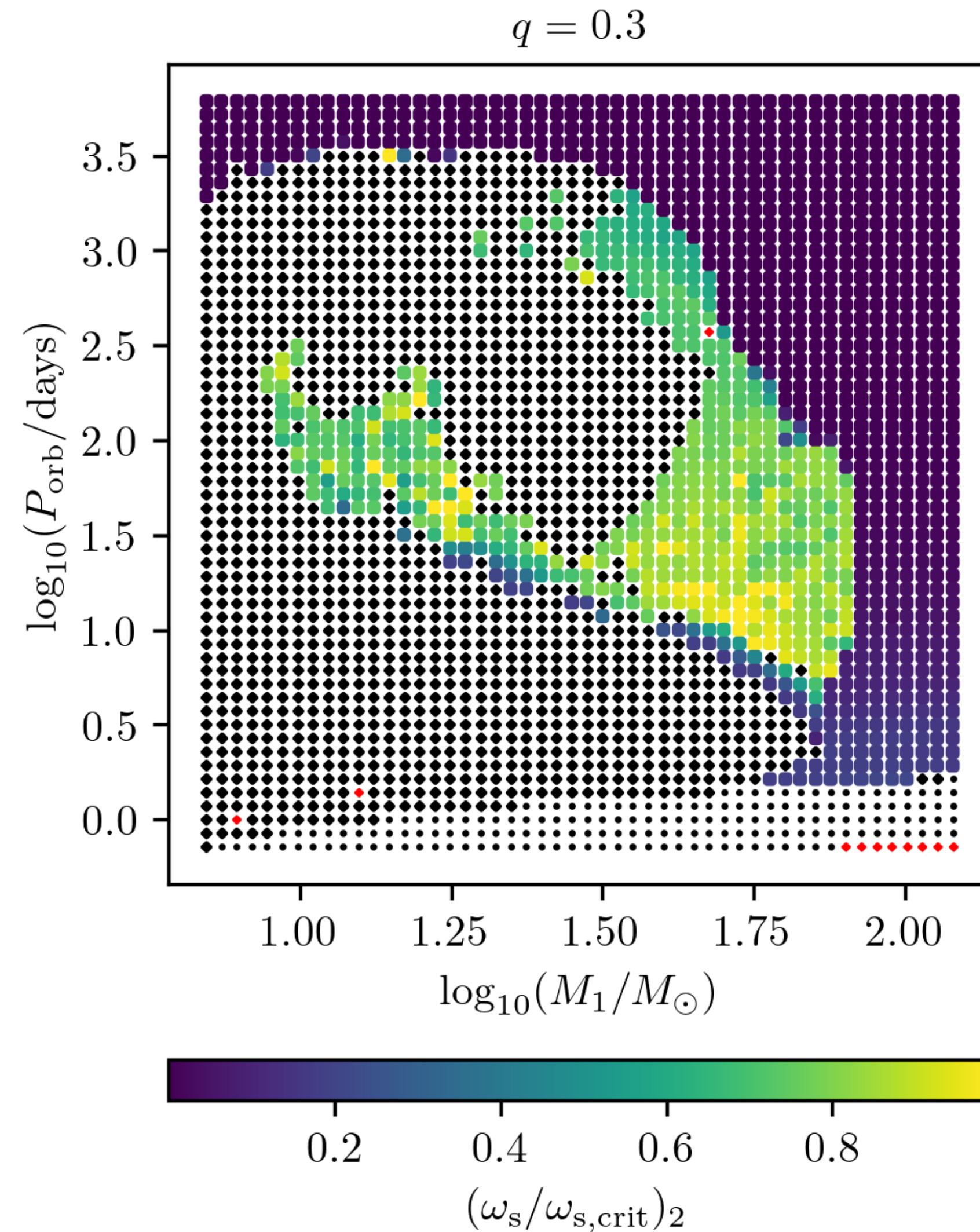
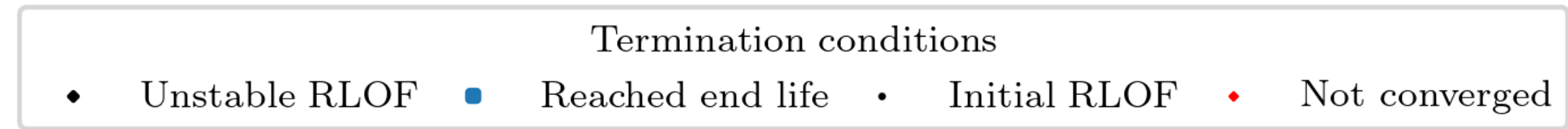
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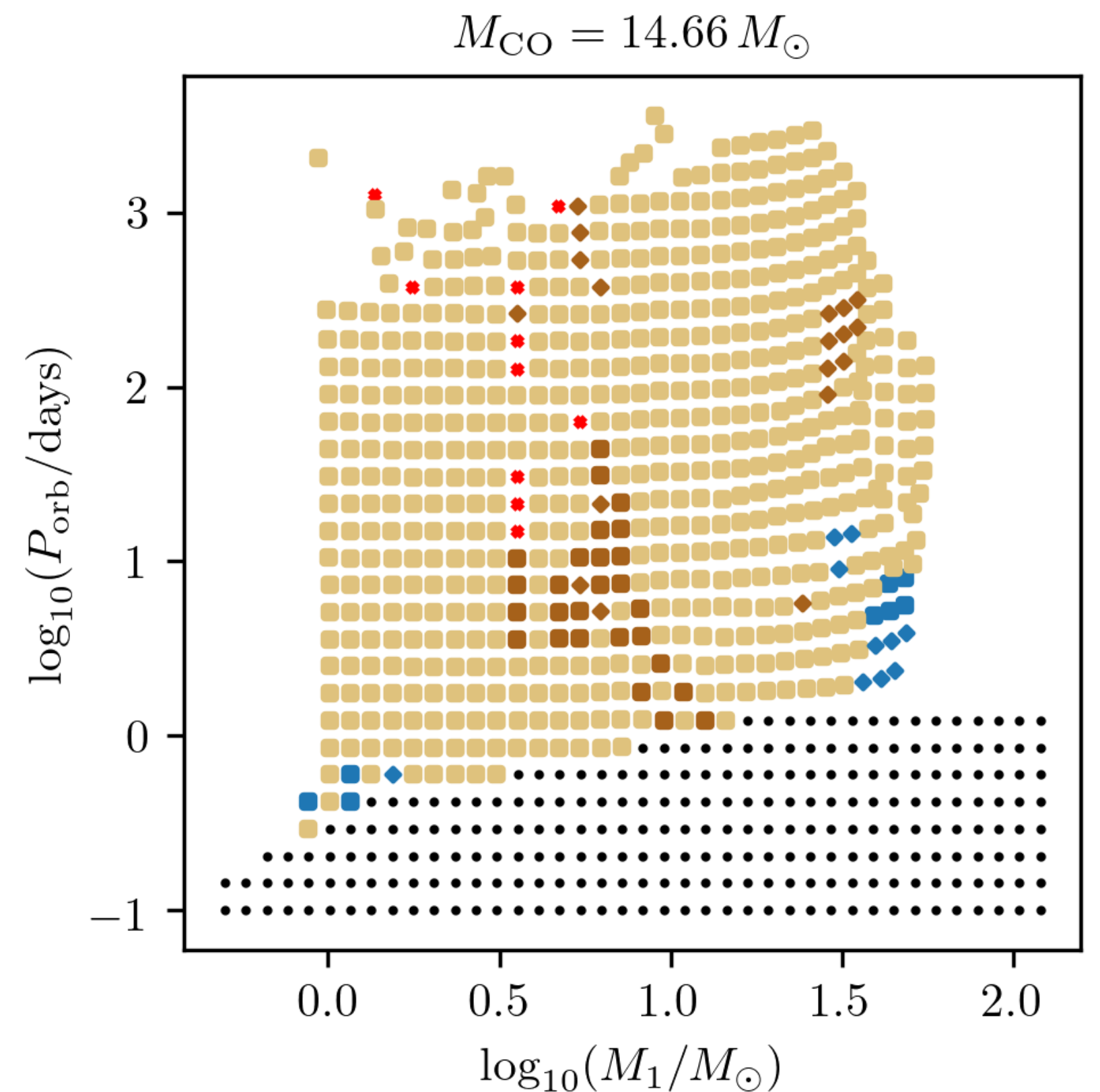
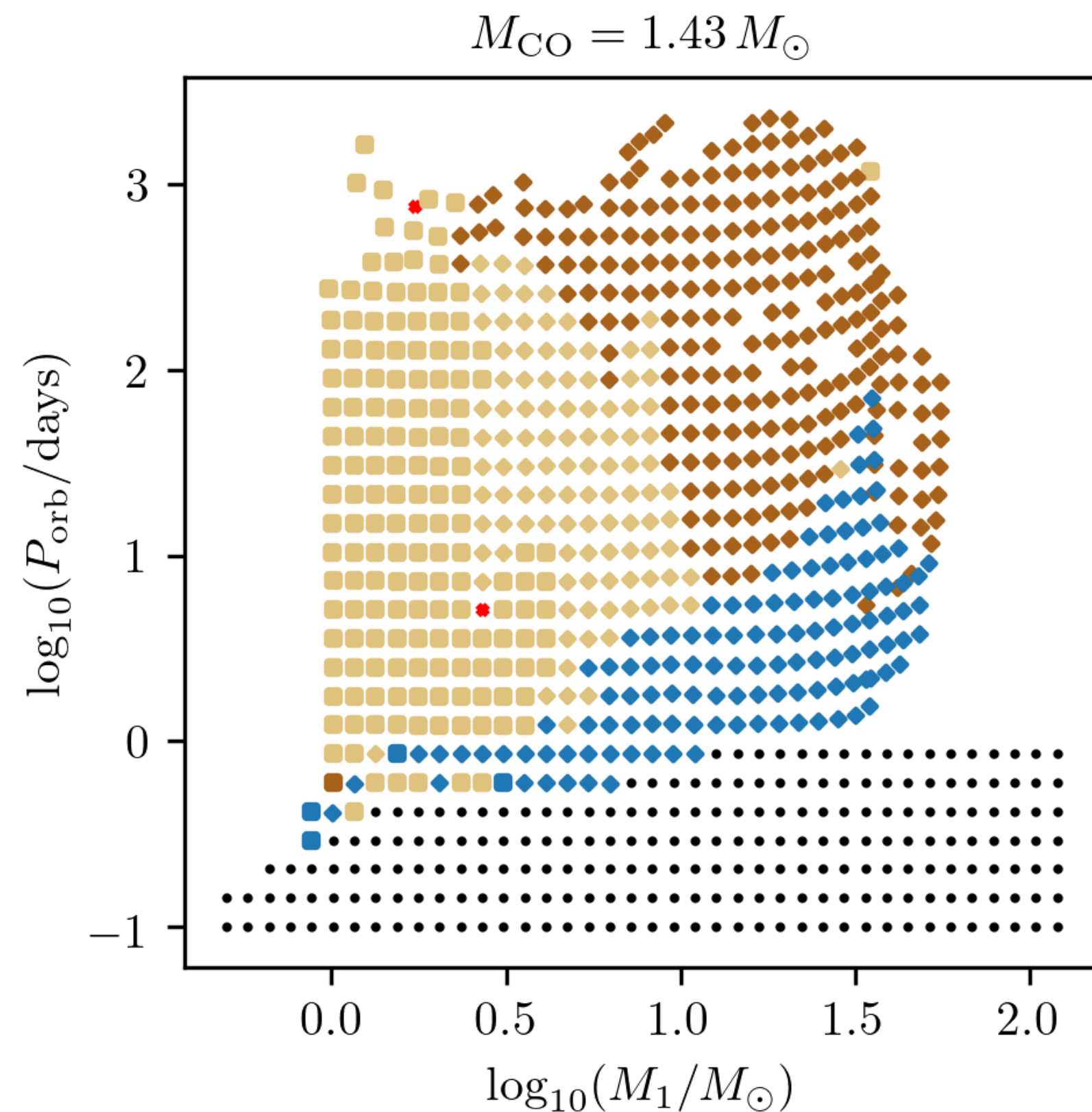
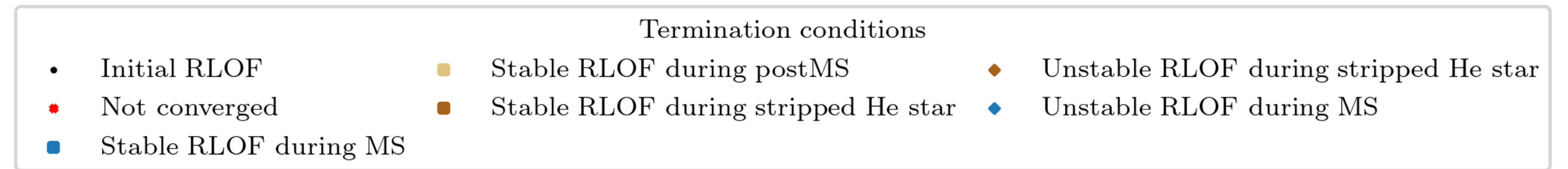
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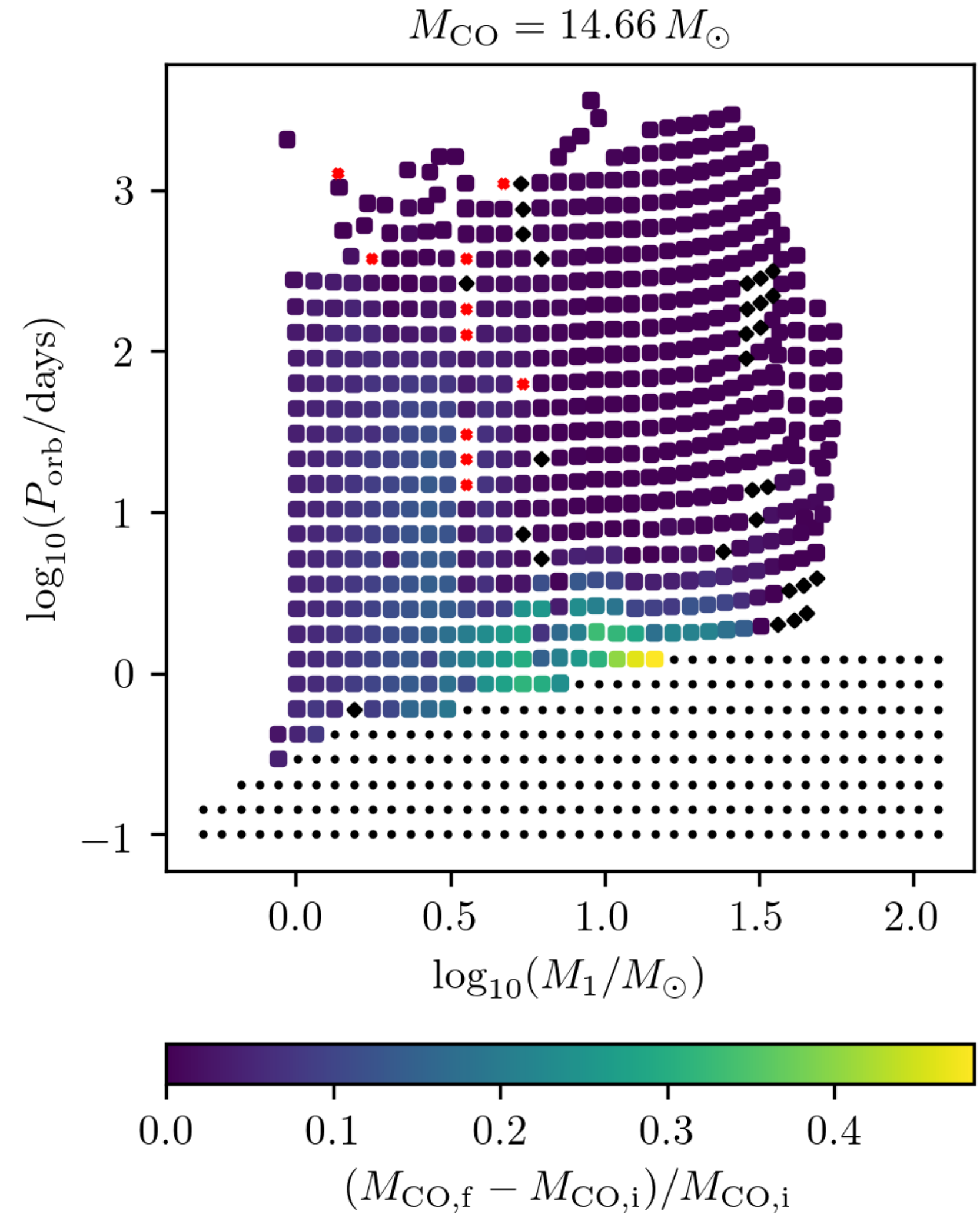
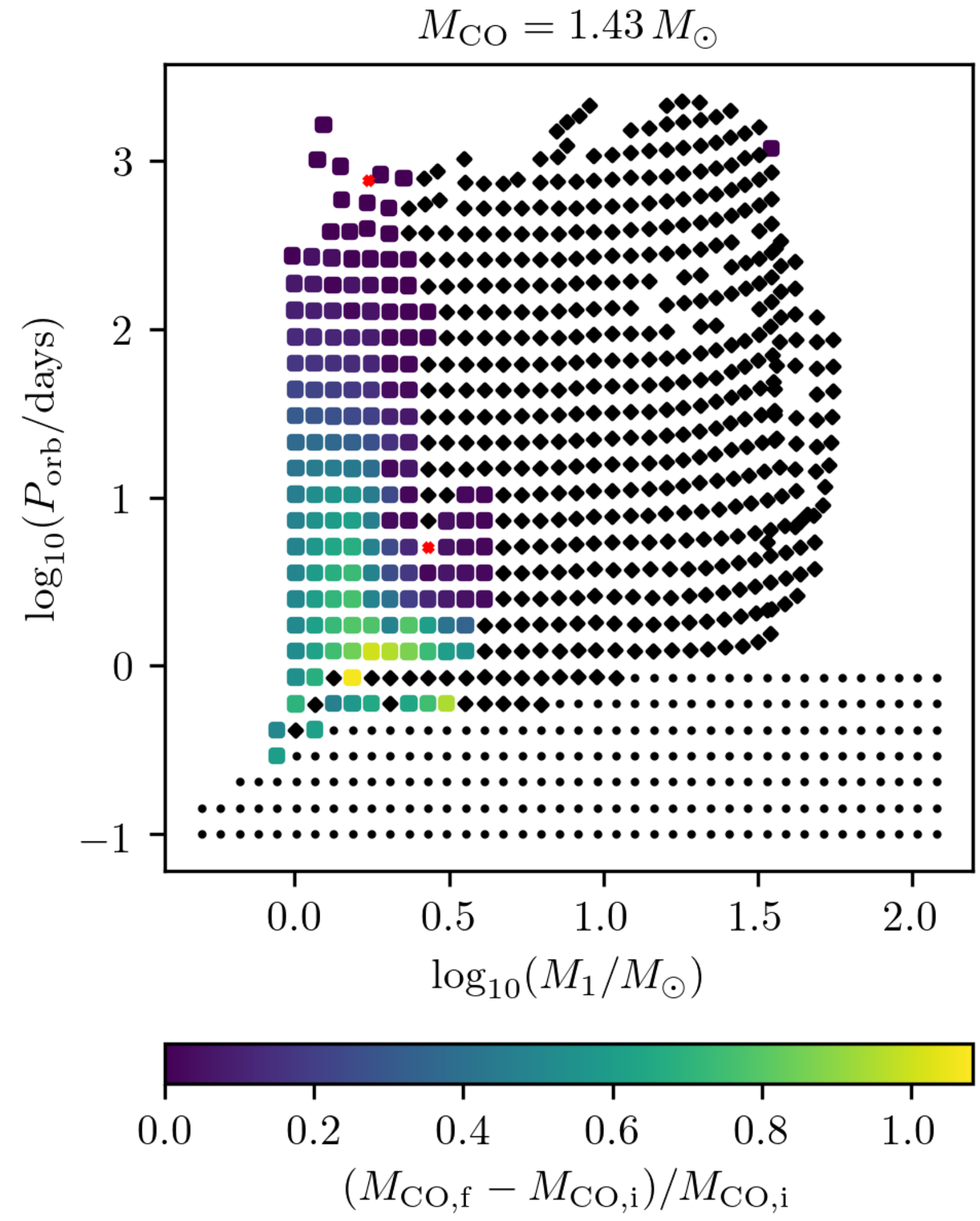
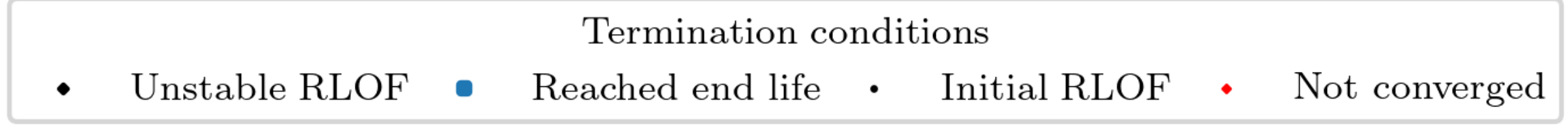
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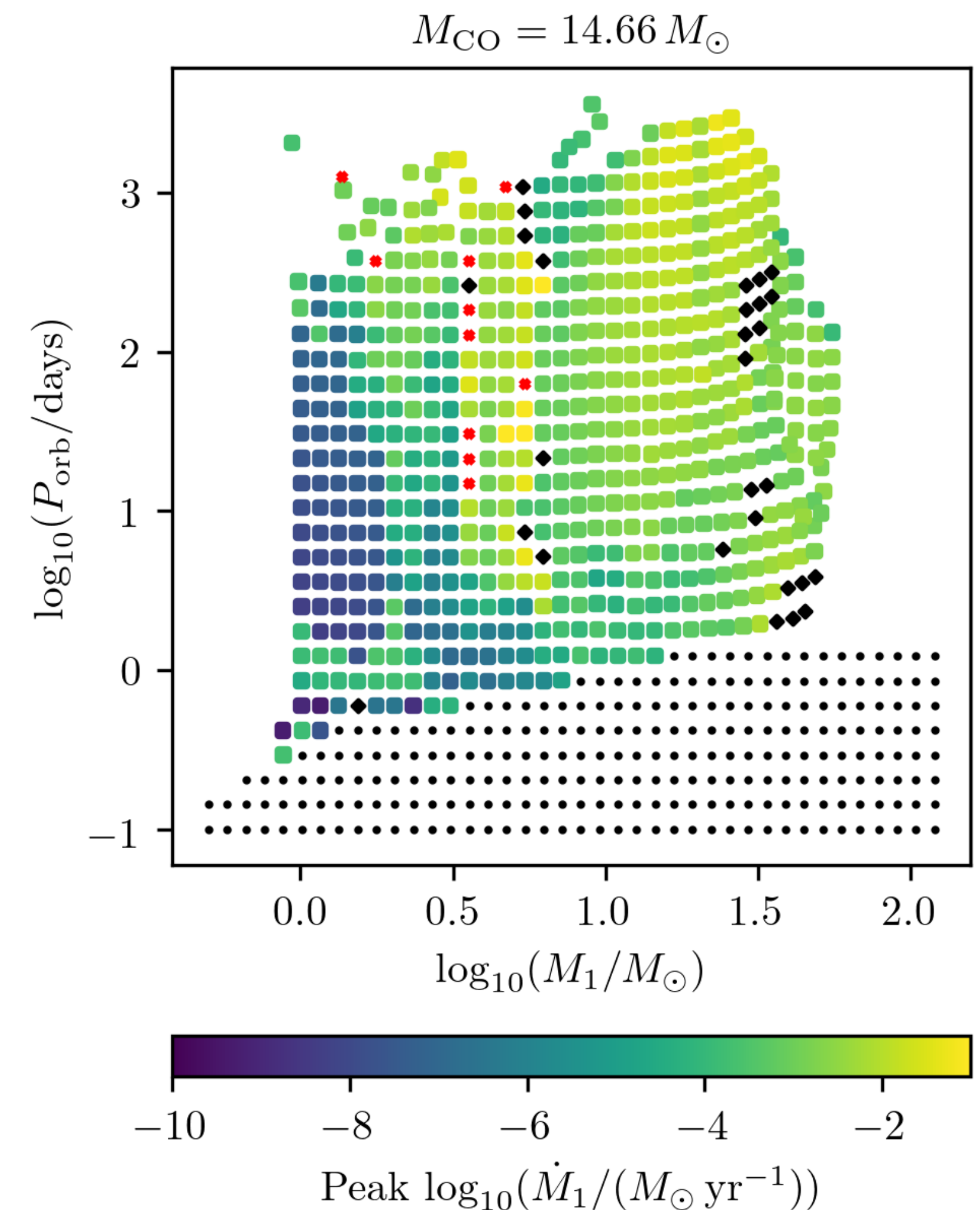
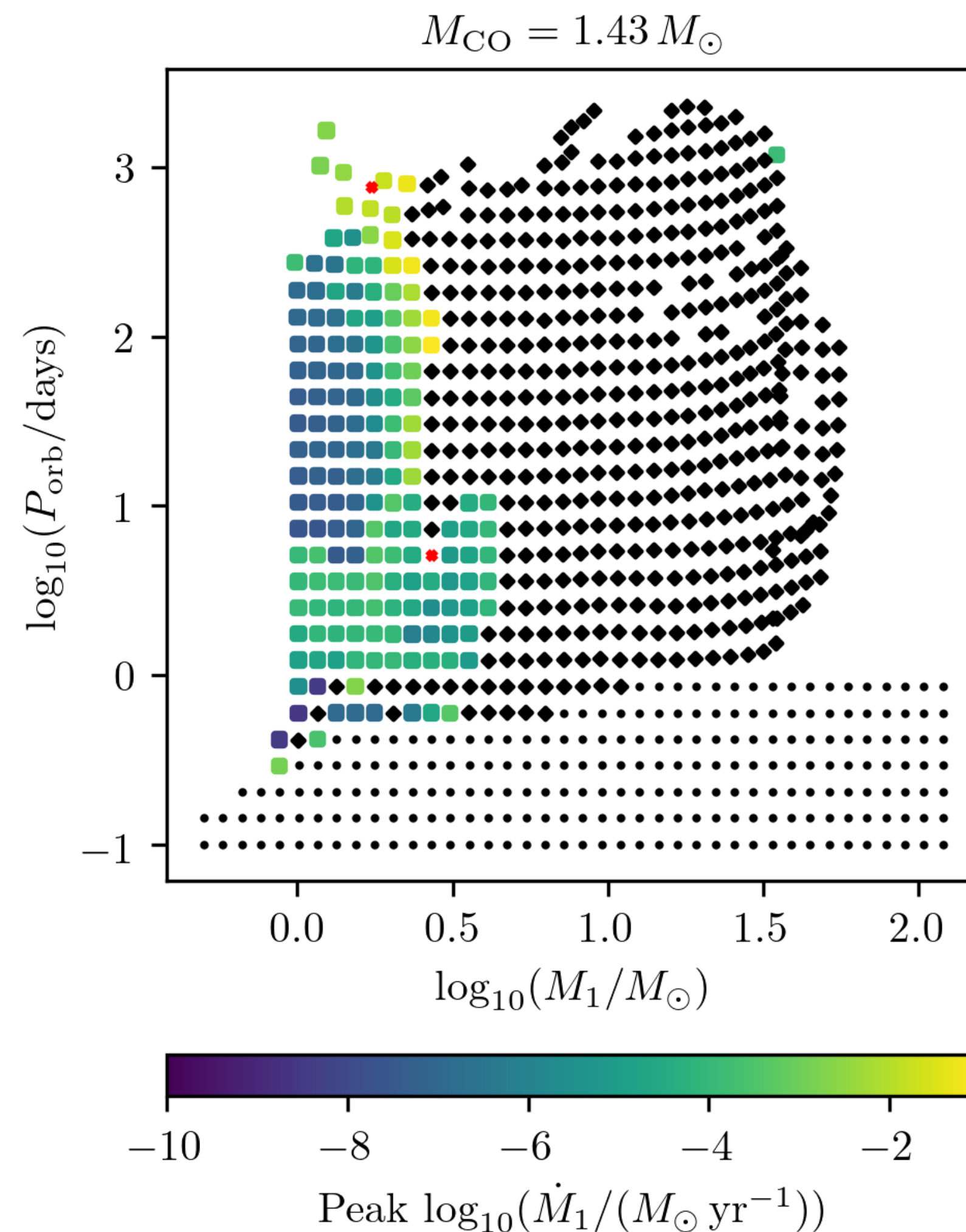
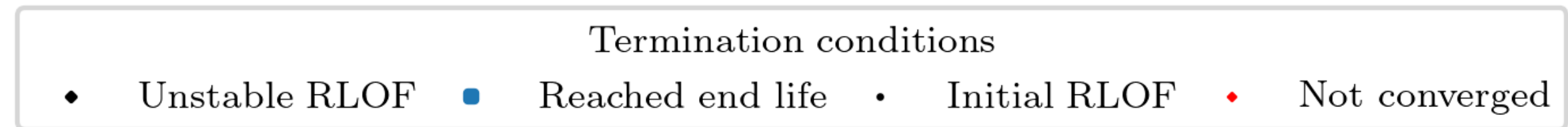
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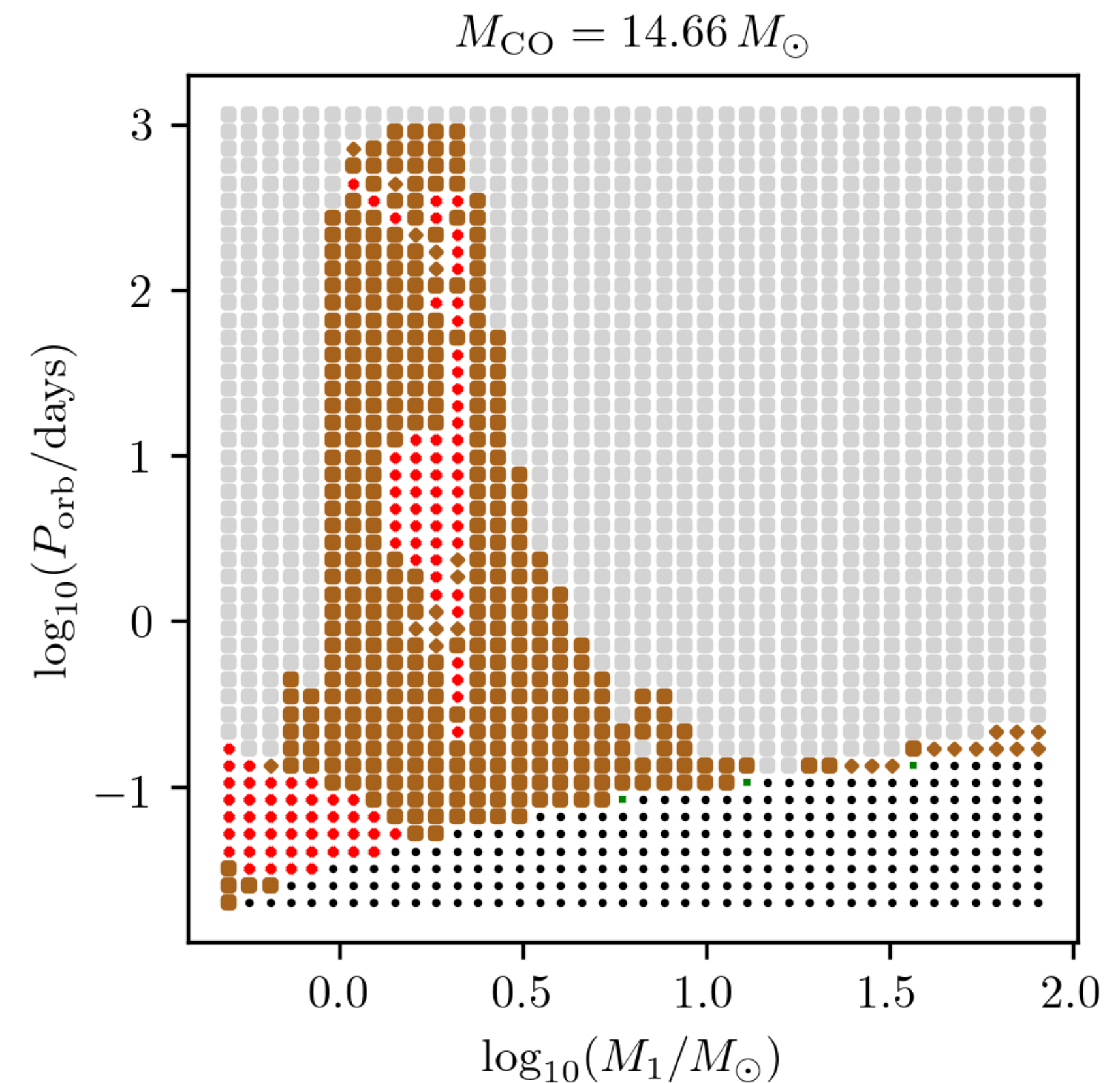
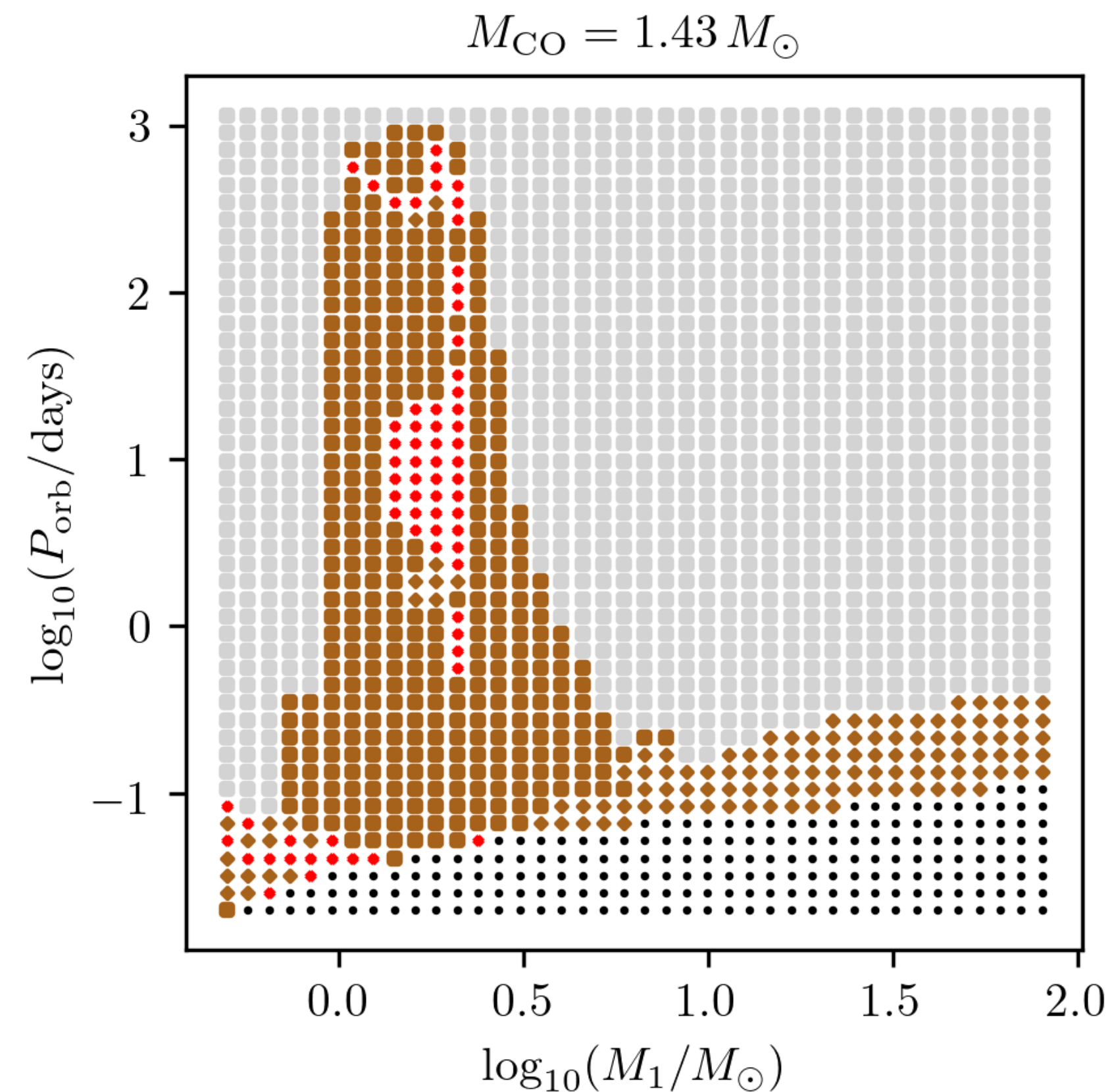
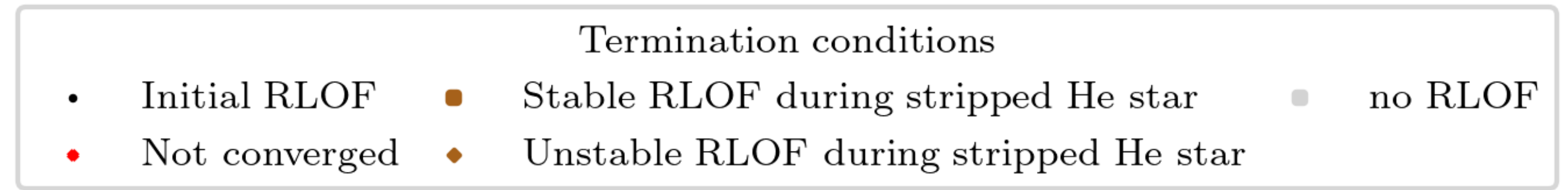
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# He-rich star + Compact Object Grid

- **Mass-transfer efficiency**

Assume that accreted material carries the Keplerian specific angular momentum of the star's surface (de Mink et al. 2009)

- **Tides - L/S coupling**

Consider both radiative and convective tides

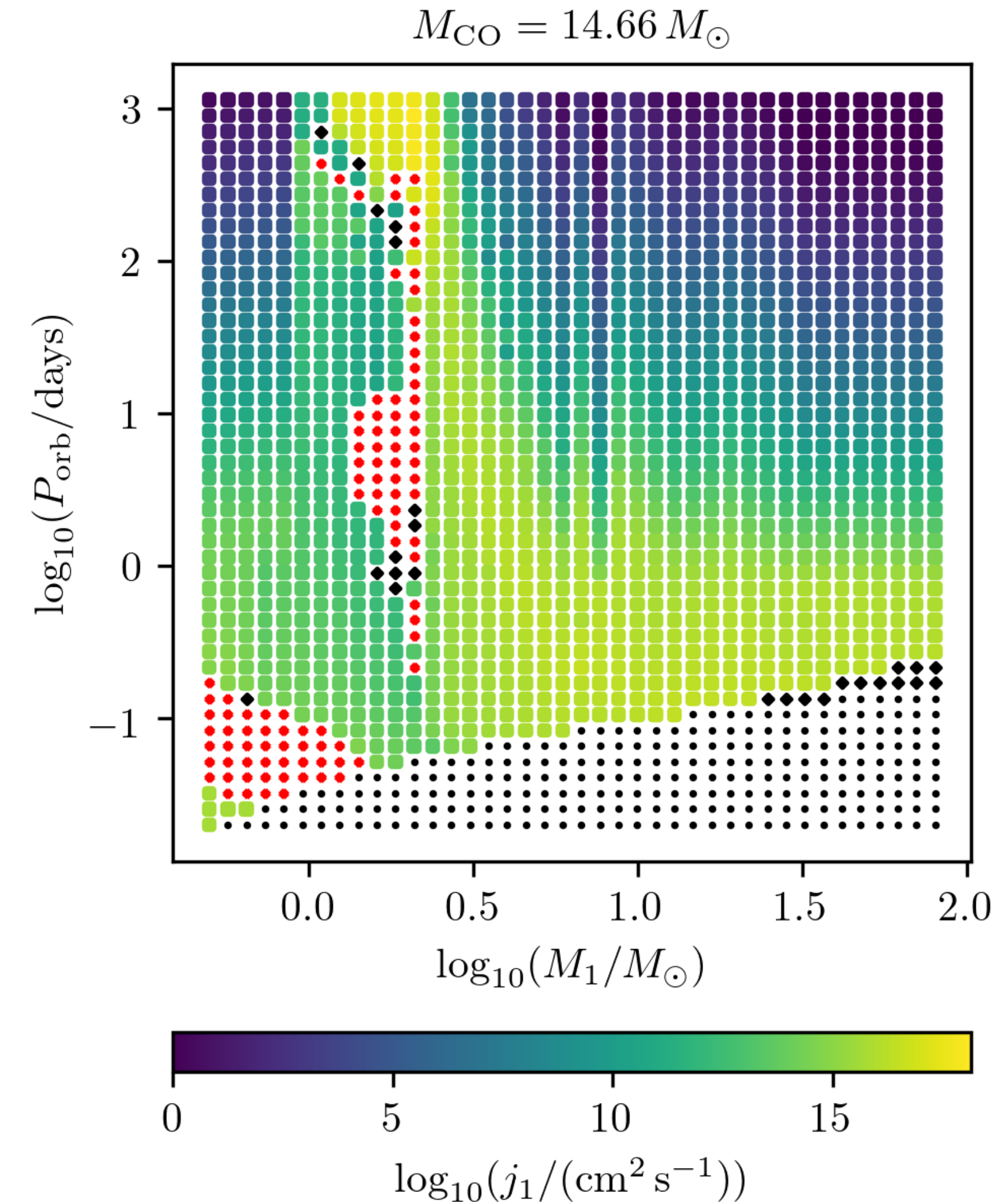
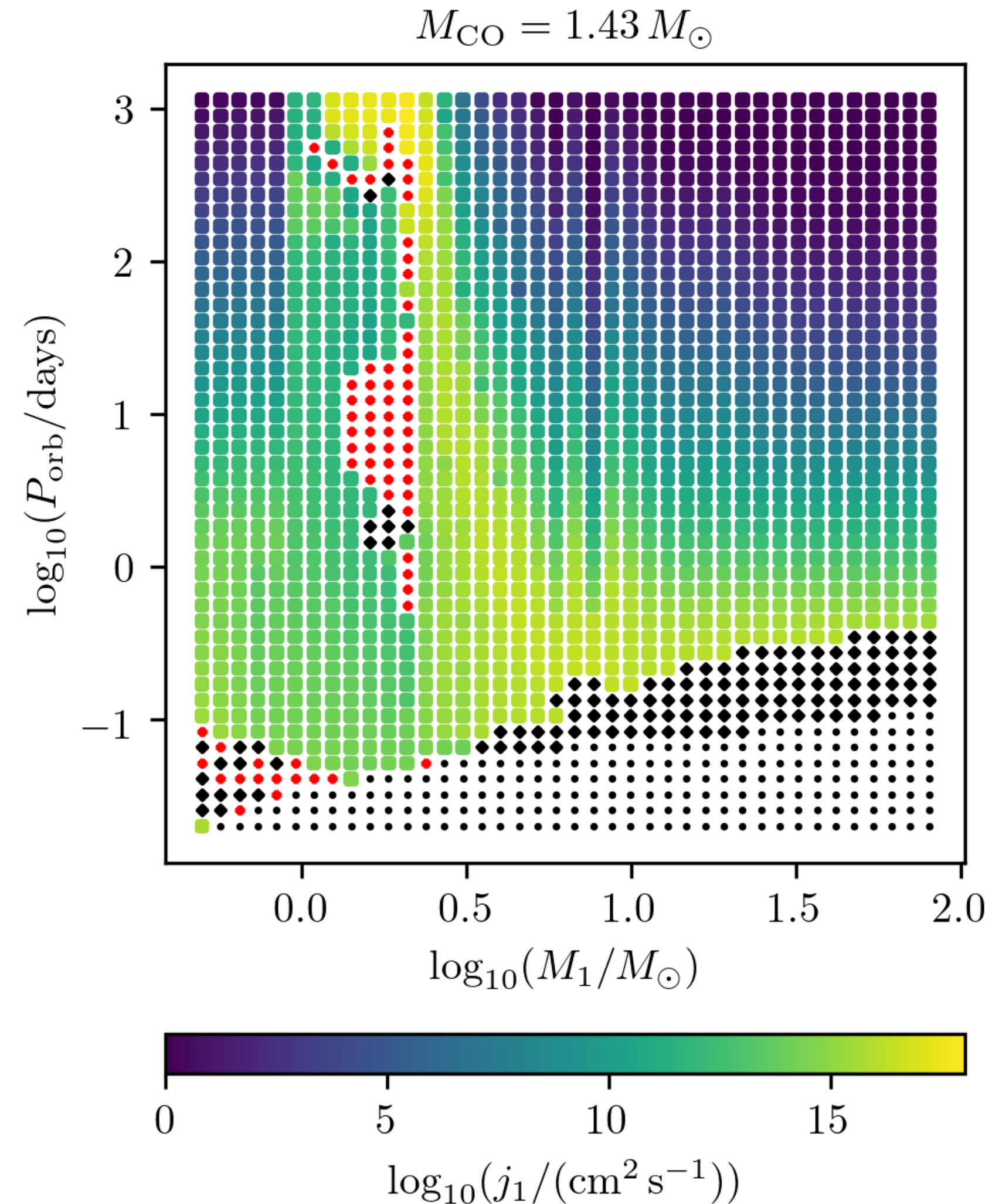
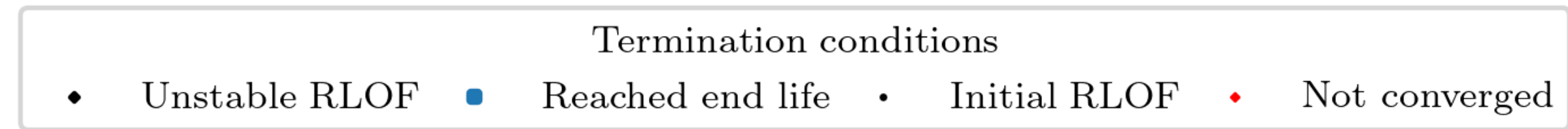
- **Mass-transfer stability**

L2 overflow

MT rate  $> 0.1 M_{\text{sun}}/\text{yr}$

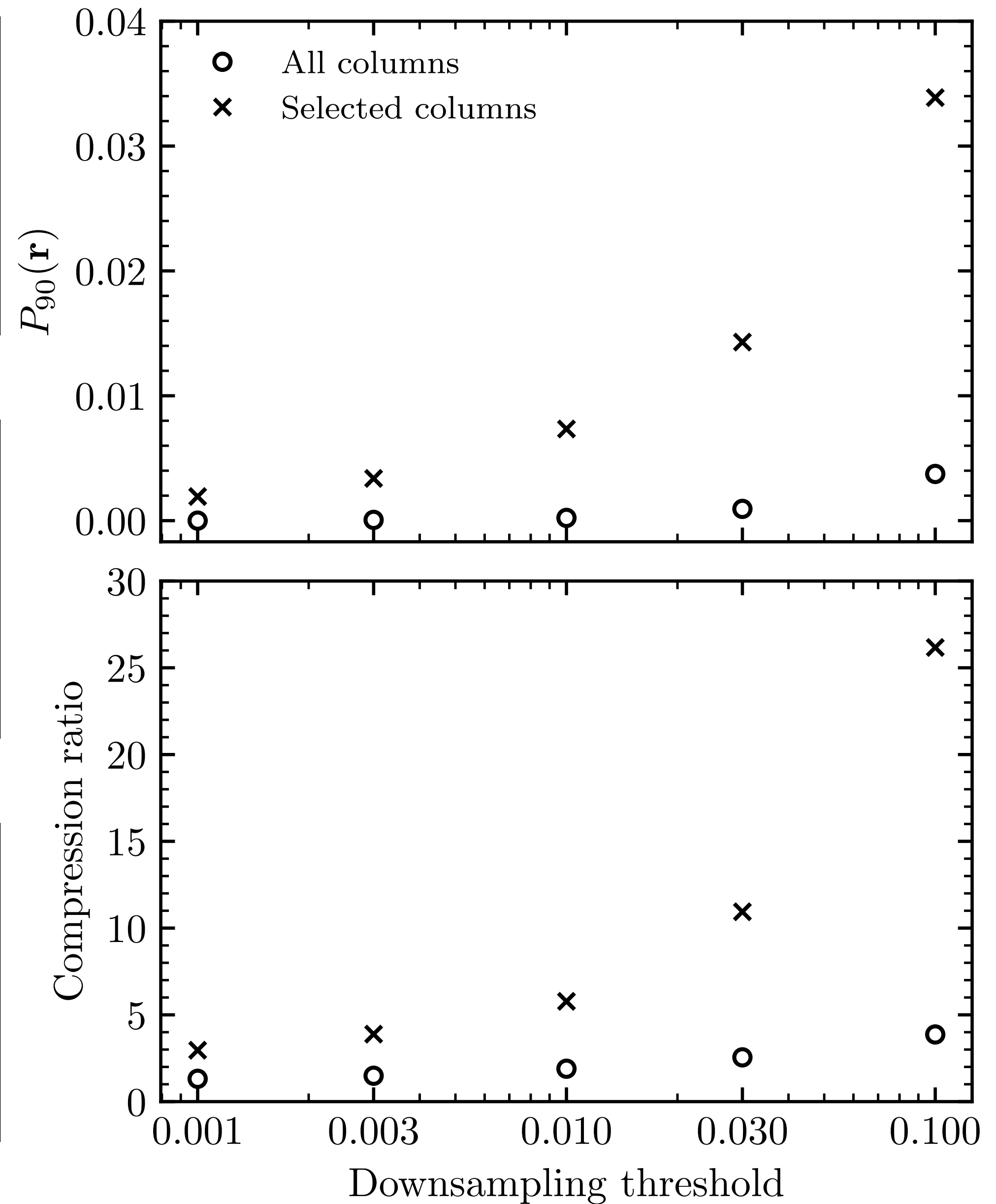
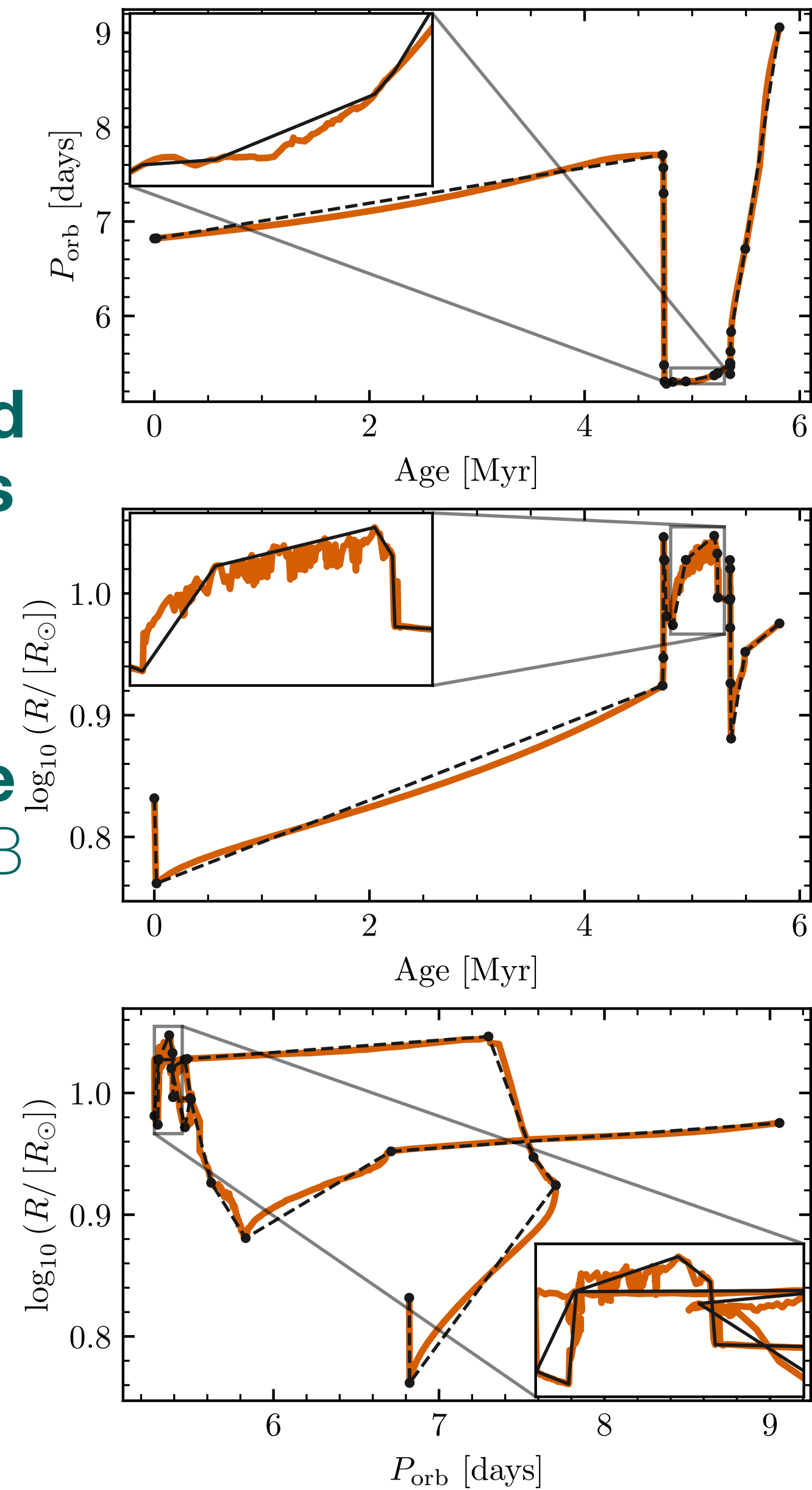
Trapping radius  $>$  RL radius

- **Eddington limited accretion**

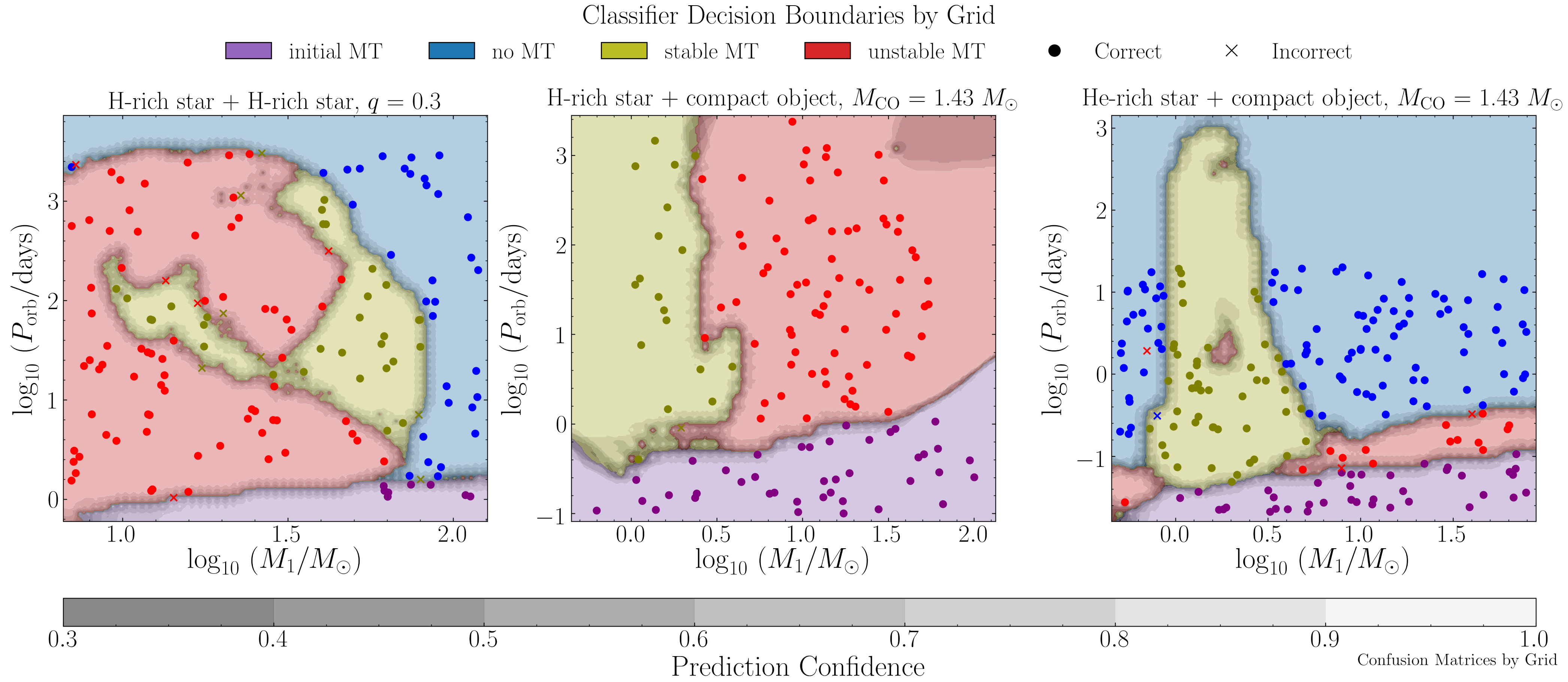


# Initial-final interpolation: **post-processing**, classification & regression

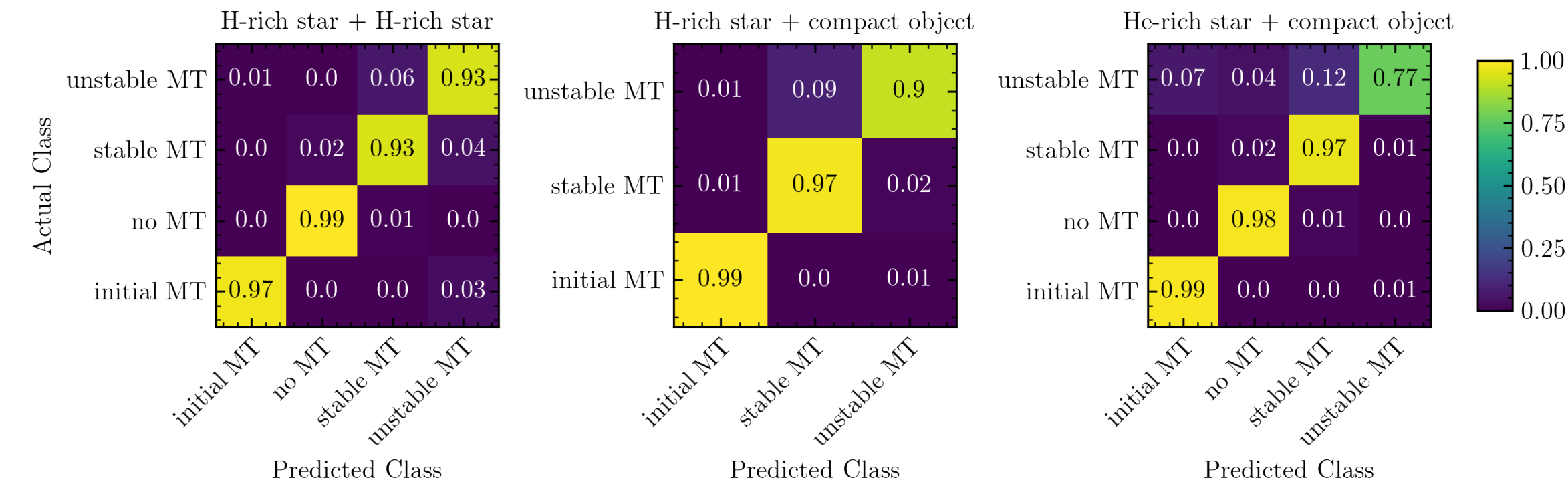
- **Calculate post processed quantities of final models**  
e.g.  $\lambda_{CE}$ , compact object parameters, etc
- **Reduce model grids' size**  
by a factor of  $\sim 26$  to  $\sim 5.5\text{GB}$



# Initial-final interpolation: post-processing, **classification** & regression



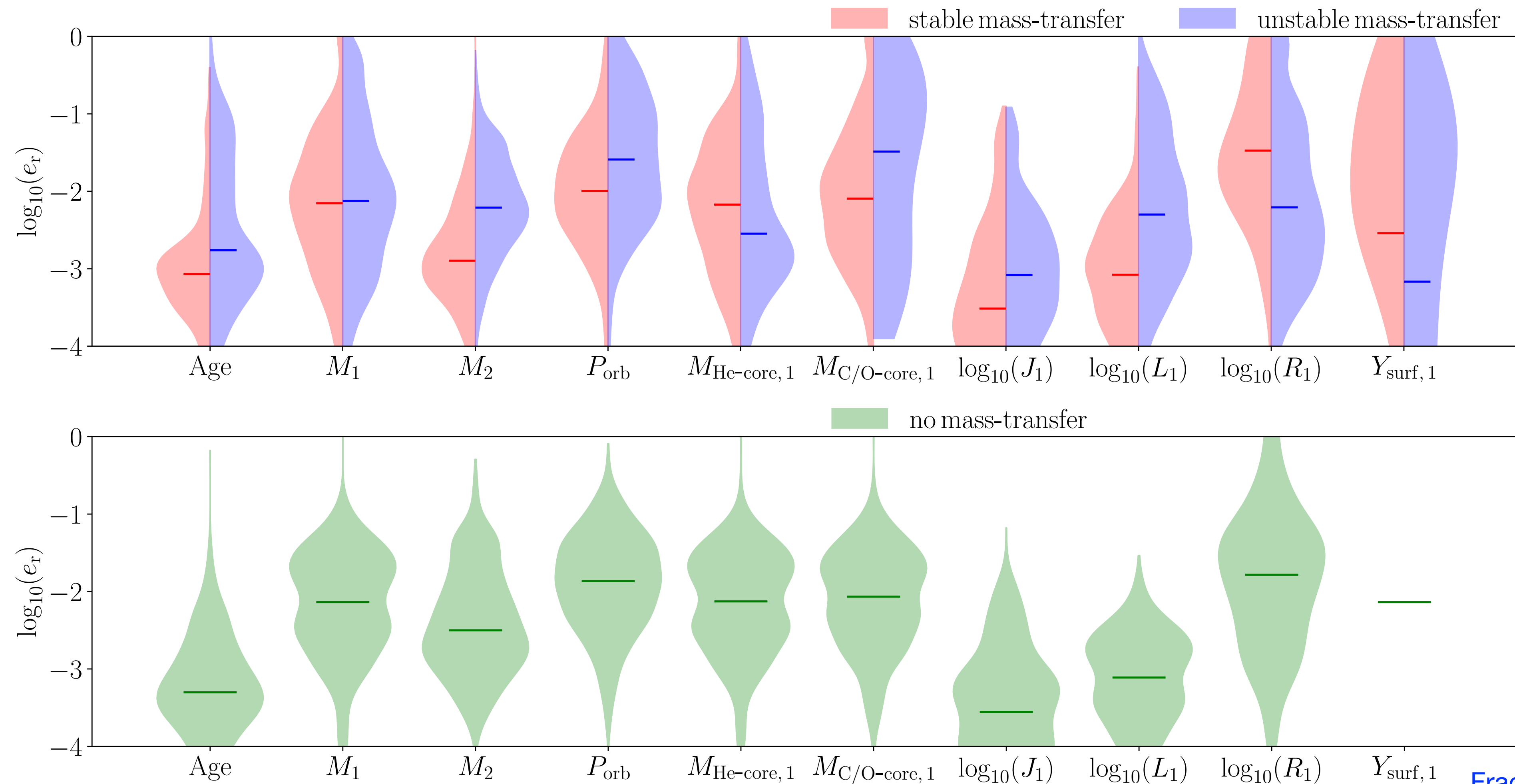
Fragos et al. (2022)



We use **k-Nearest Neighbors** classification as default in **POSYDON** v1.0, but other methods exist using Gaussian Processes, Radial-basis functions, and Neural Networks.

# Initial-final interpolation: post-processing, classification & **regression**

Interpolation performance of 10 indicative quantities for the H-rich star + H-rich star grid

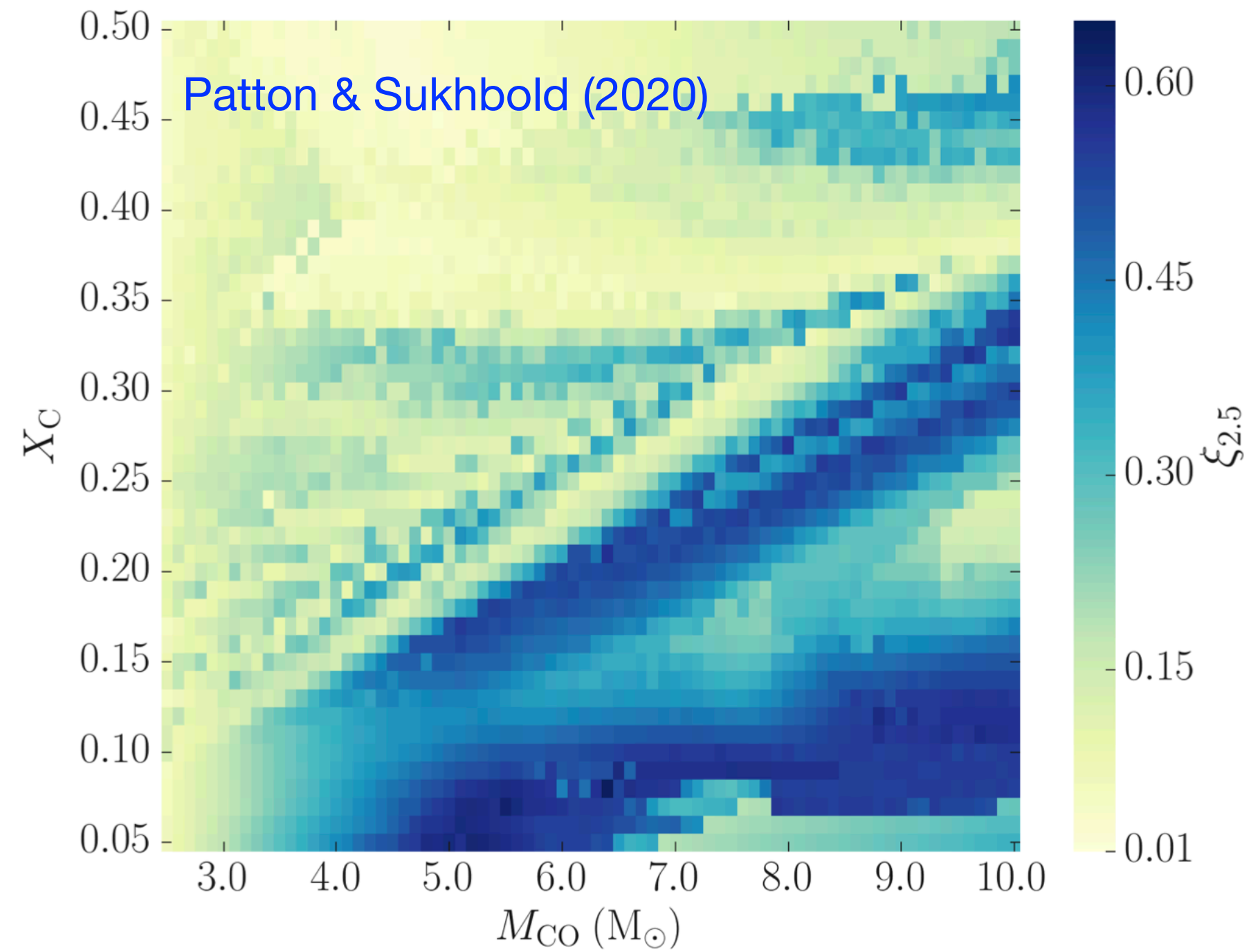


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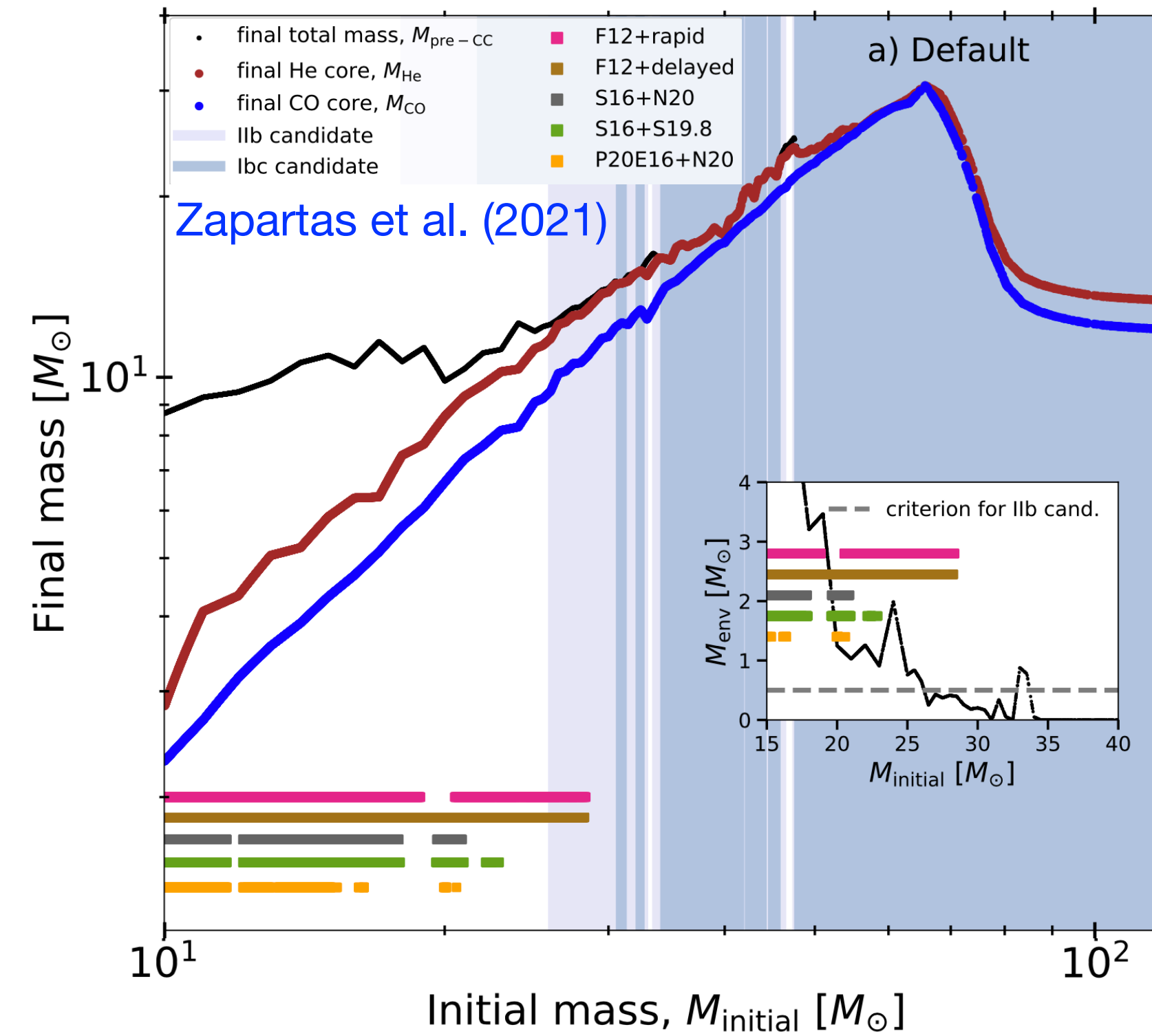
We use **N-dimensional linear interpolation** as default in POSYDON v1.0, but other methods exist using Gaussian Processes, Radial-basis functions, and Neural Networks

# Compact-Object Formation

We retain the stellar structure profile information at key evolutionary stages, including at **carbon exhaustion**.

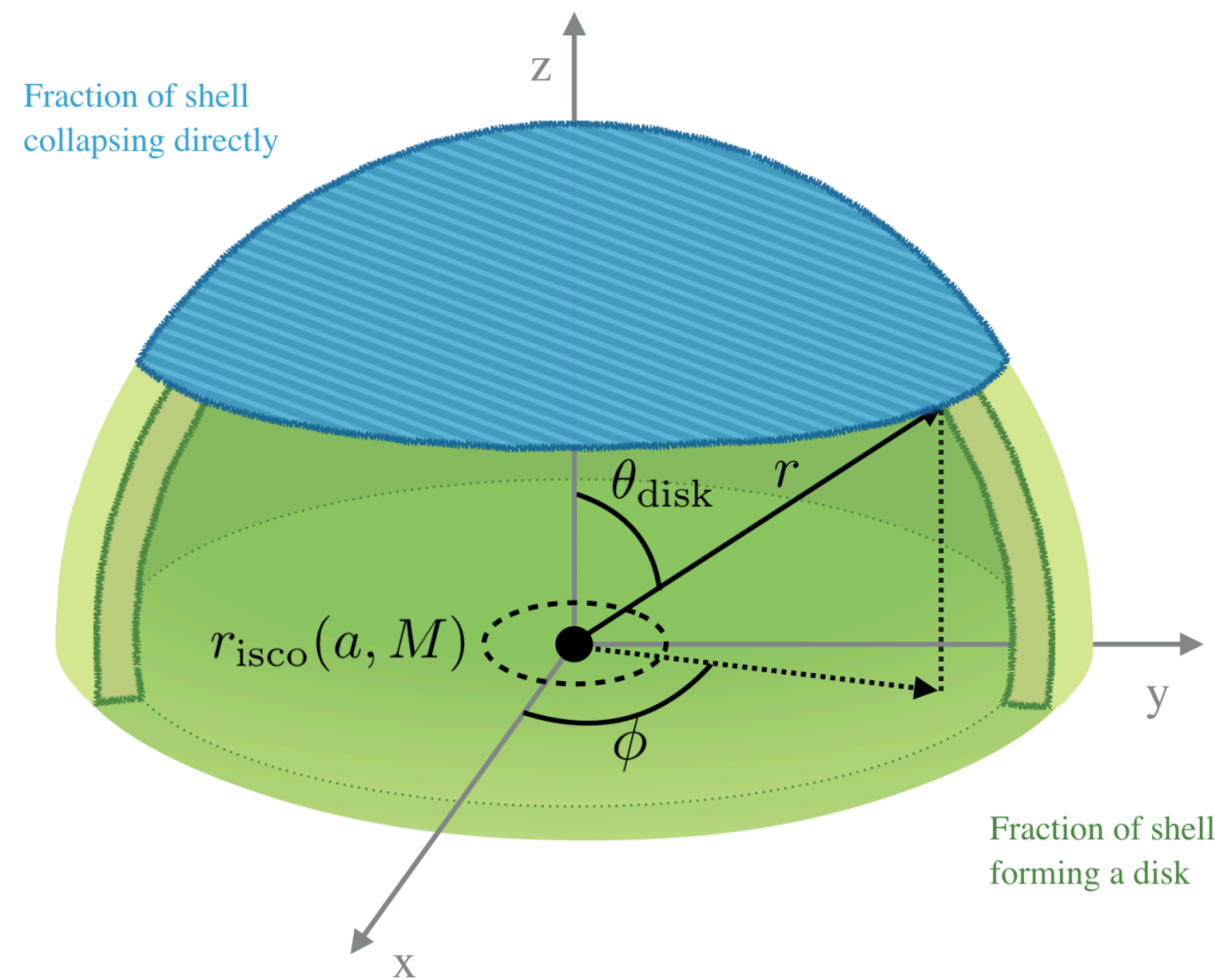


**Mapping of structure to explodability parameters**



**Flexibility in the compact object formation prescription**

Fryer et al. (2012); Sukhbold et al (2016);  
Patton & Sukhbold (2020); Couch et al. (2020)



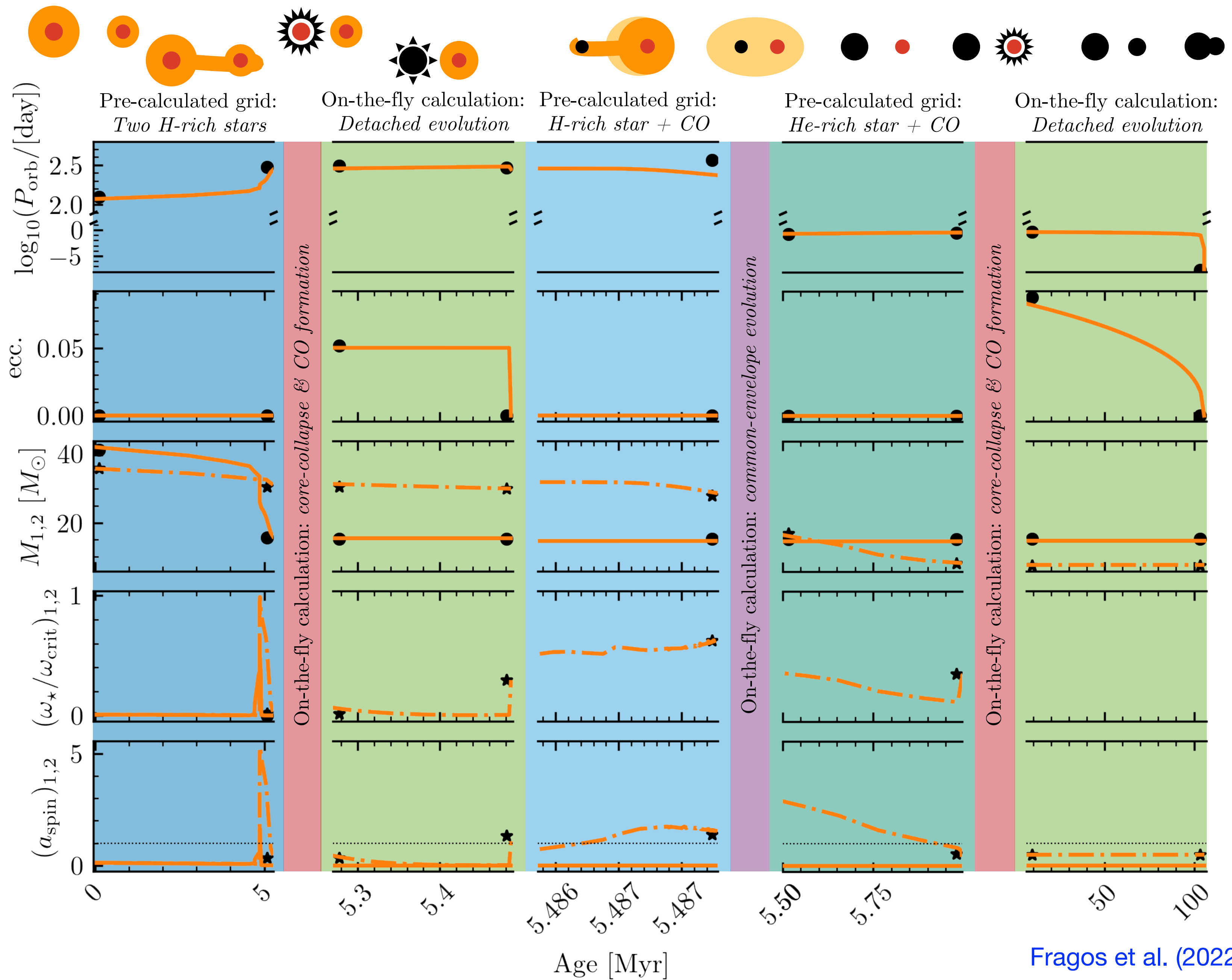
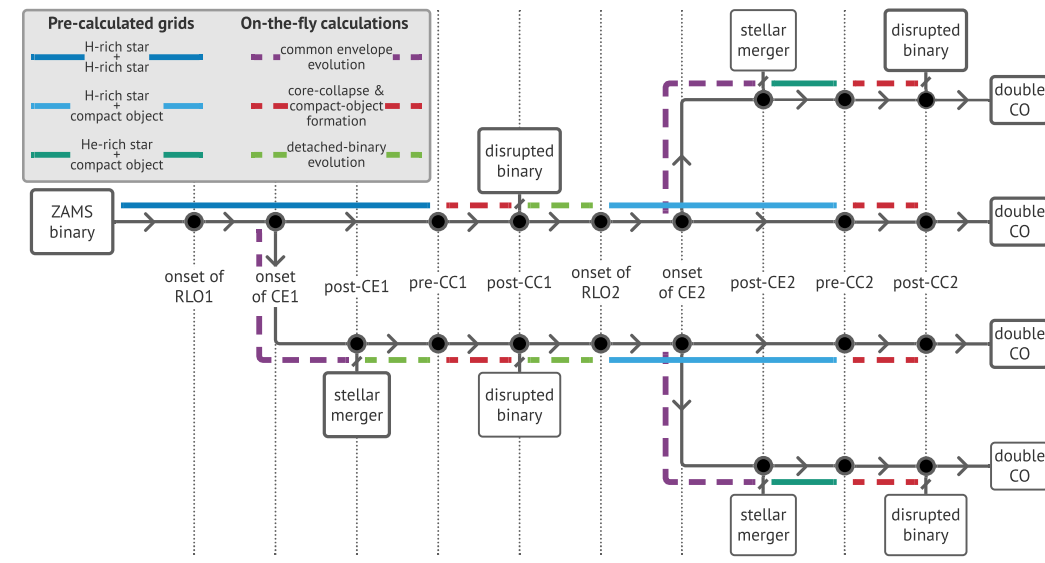
ROTATION ALONG Z AXIS

Image credit: Batta et al. (2020)

**Robust estimates of compact object spins**

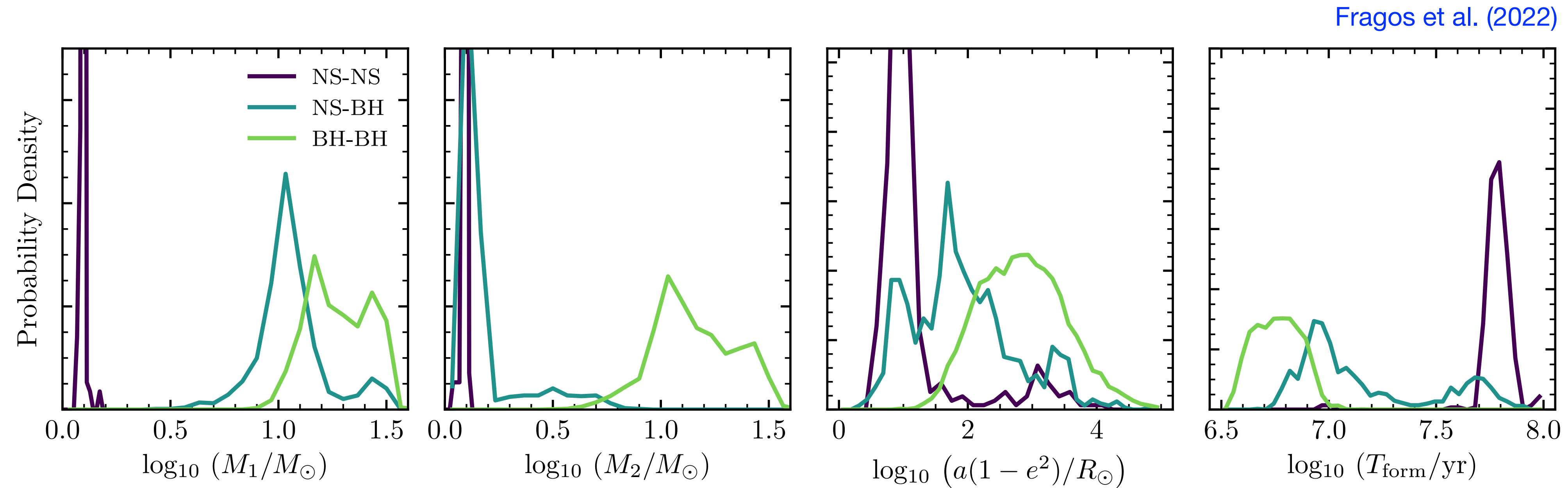
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# Putting it all together to evolve a binary from ZAMS to double compact object



# Evolving a whole population of binaries

Example population of  $10^6$  binaries, looking at the formation of binary compact objects.



Computational cost  $\sim 1\text{s}$  per binary, infrastructure to use in HPC environment, parallelization with MPI, output in PANDAS data frames using HDF5 files.

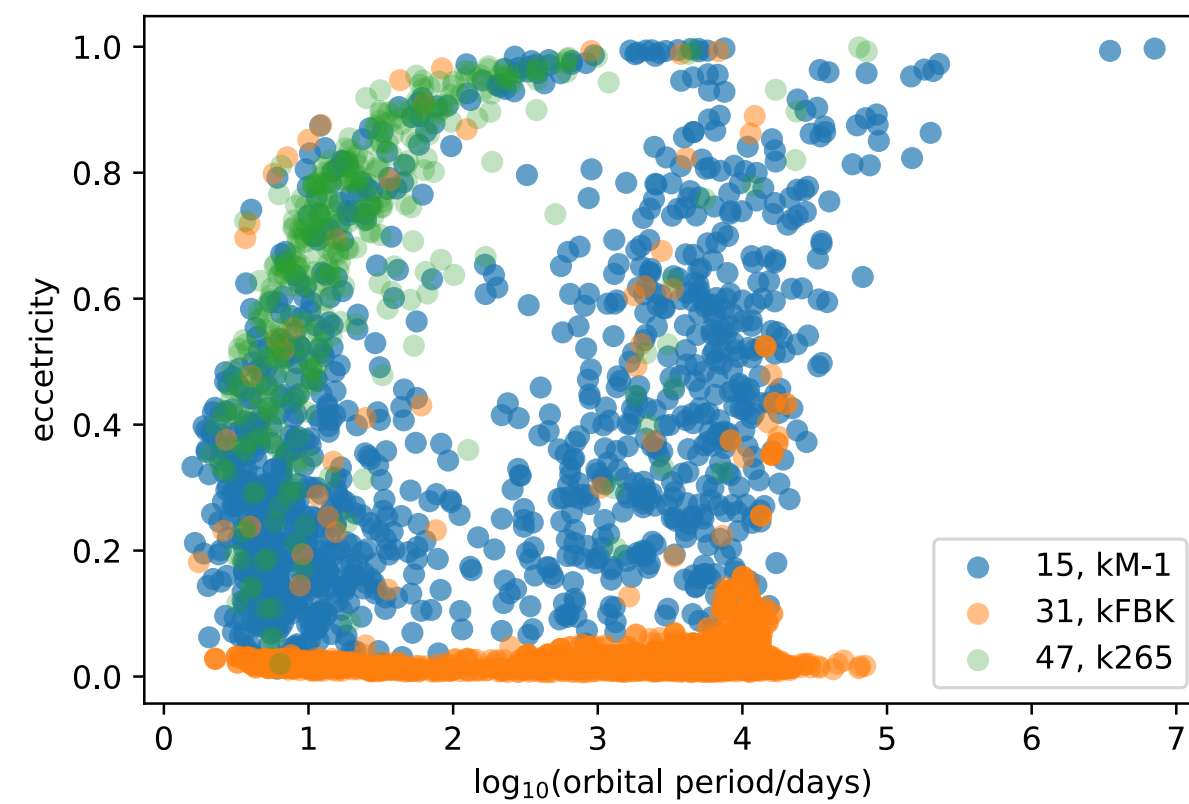
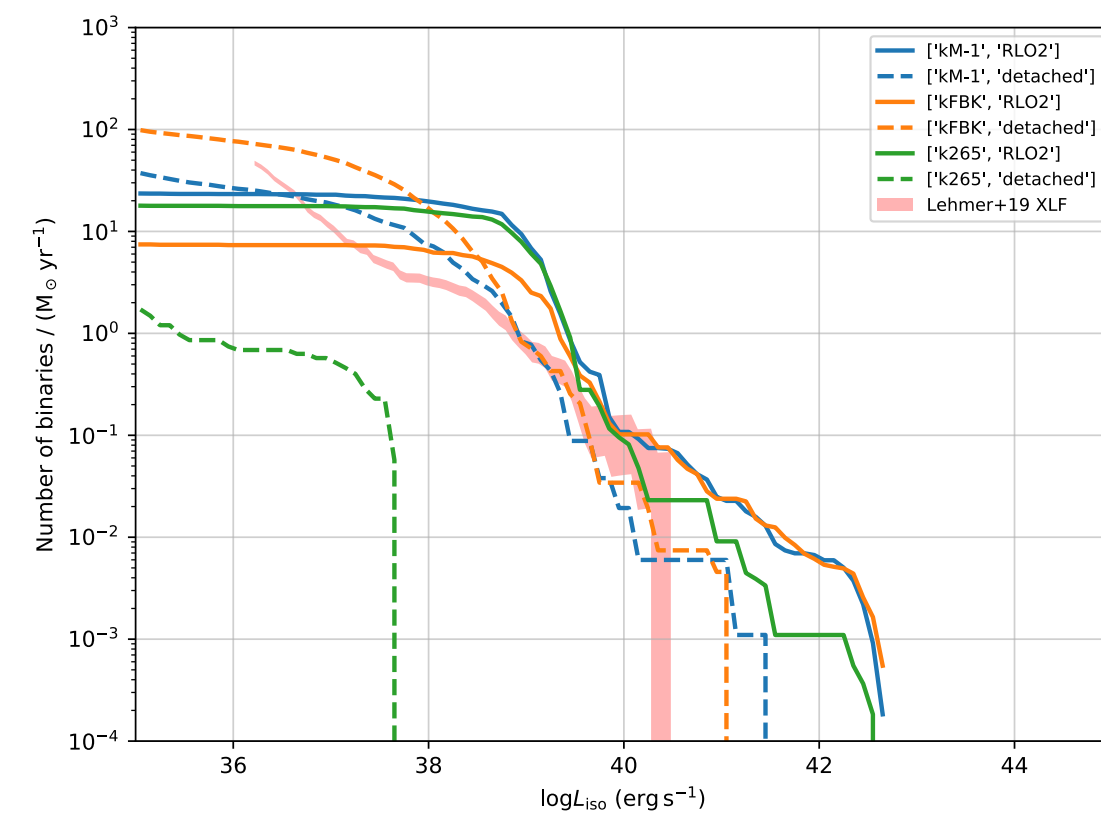
# Science applications ongoing...

## X-ray binaries

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## ultra luminous X-ray sources

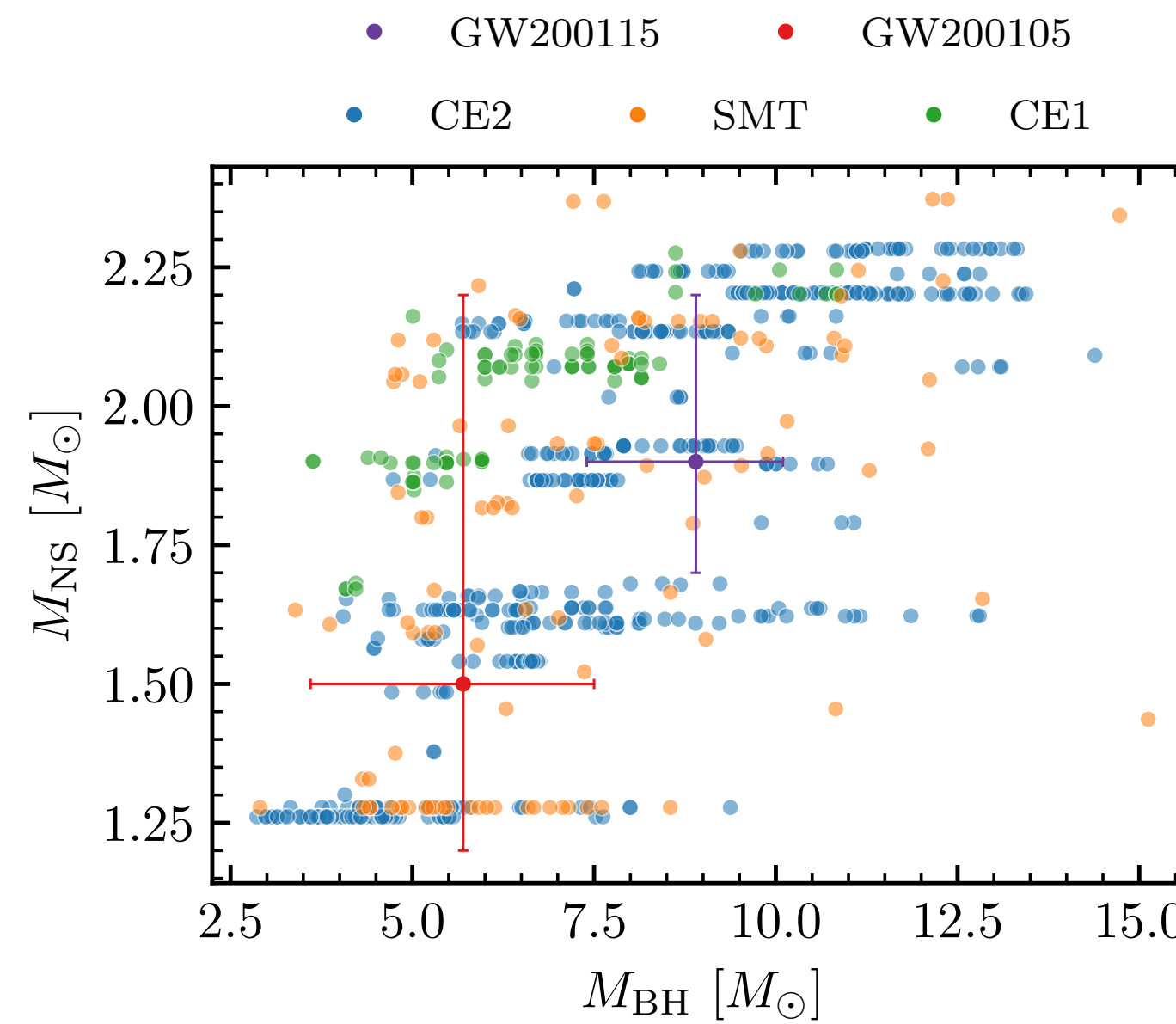
Devina Misra, Konstantinos Kouvlikas



Misra et al. (in prep.)

## Gravitational-wave sources

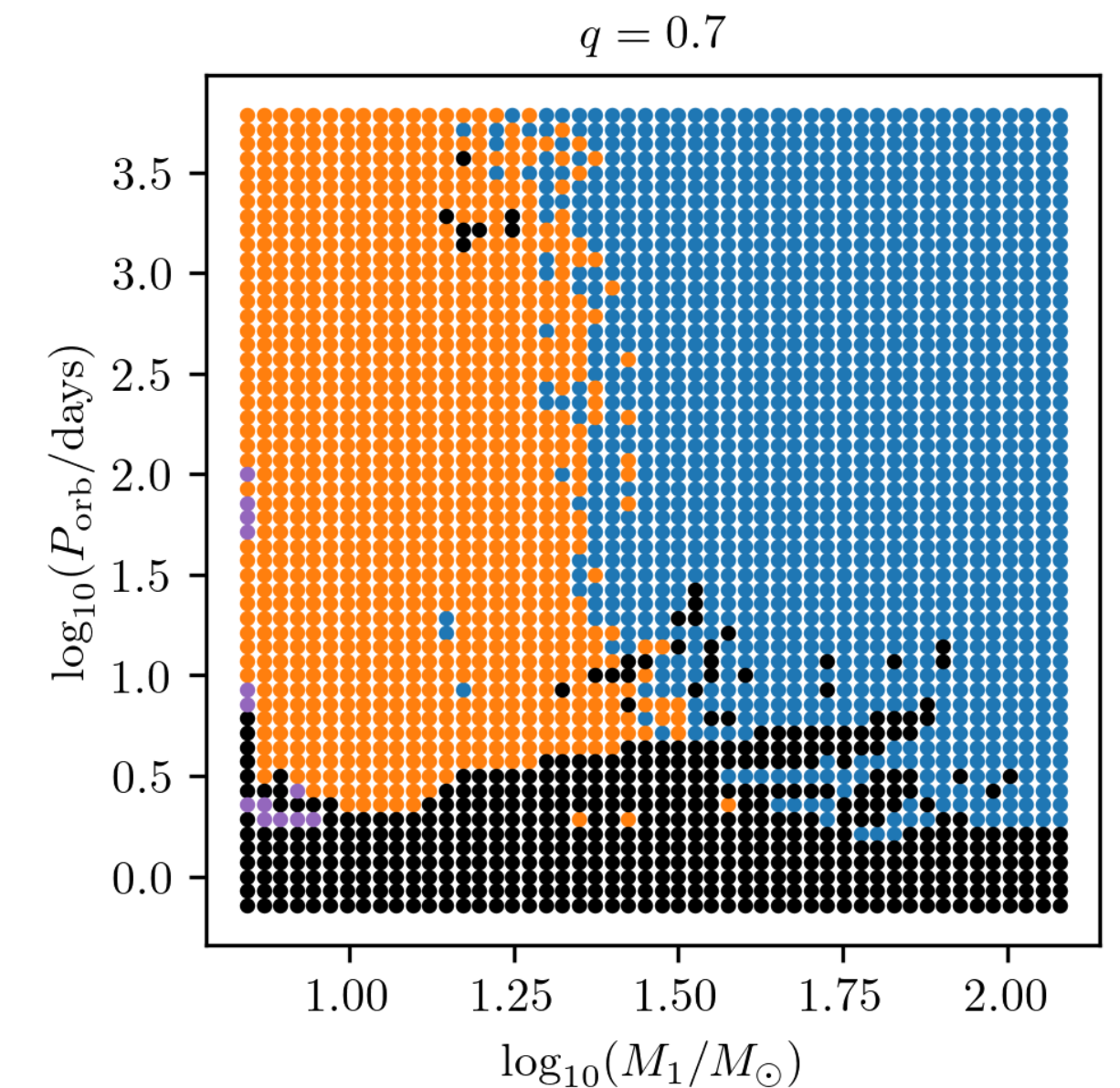
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Xing et al. (in prep.)

## Core-collapse supernovae

Manos Zapartas



Zapartas et al. (in prep.)



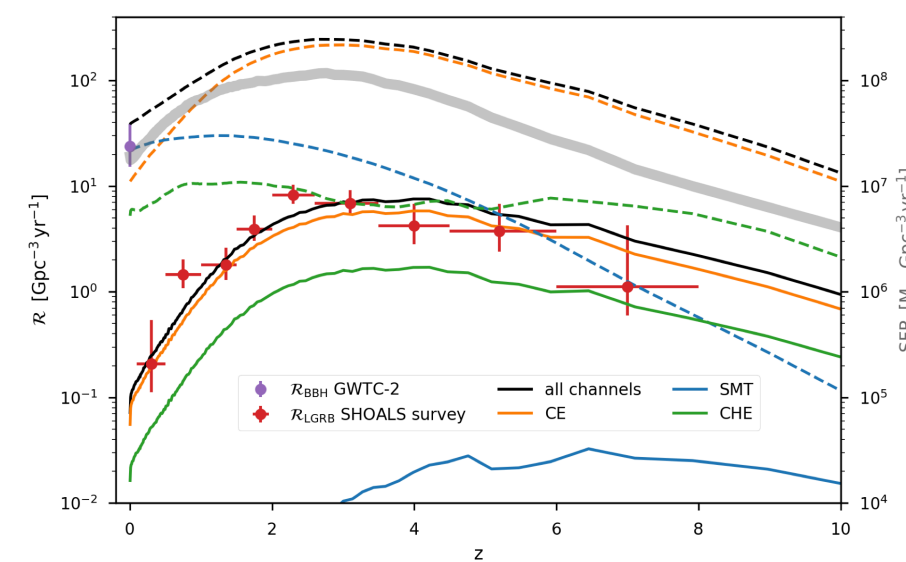
# POSYDON is modular!

- Use the extensive single and binary star grids of simulations
- Infrastructure for creating, post processing, and visualizing large grids of simulations.
- Data-driven tools for simulation grid classification and interpolation.
- Use POSYDON for to model a specific evolutionary phase
- Combine POSYDON with other model grids or codes



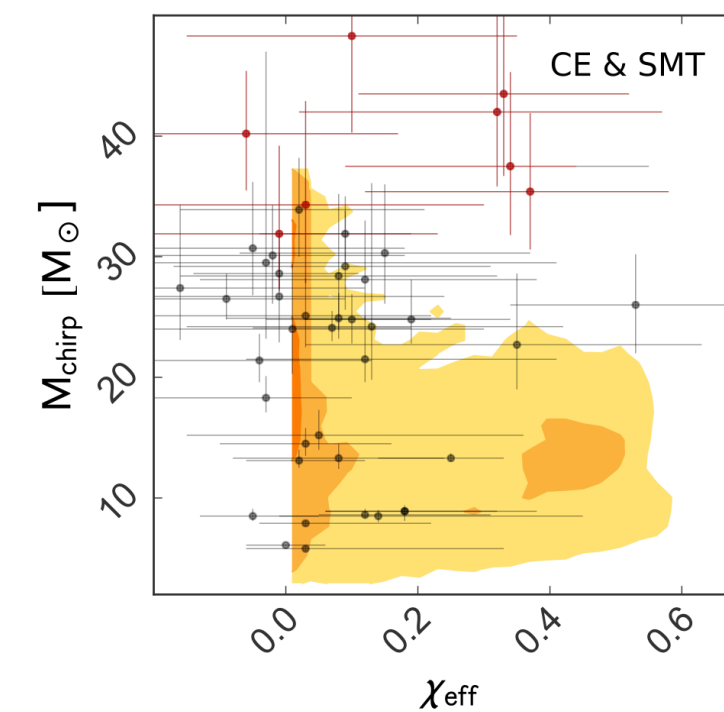
Breivik et al. 2020

## Long-Gamma-ray bursts



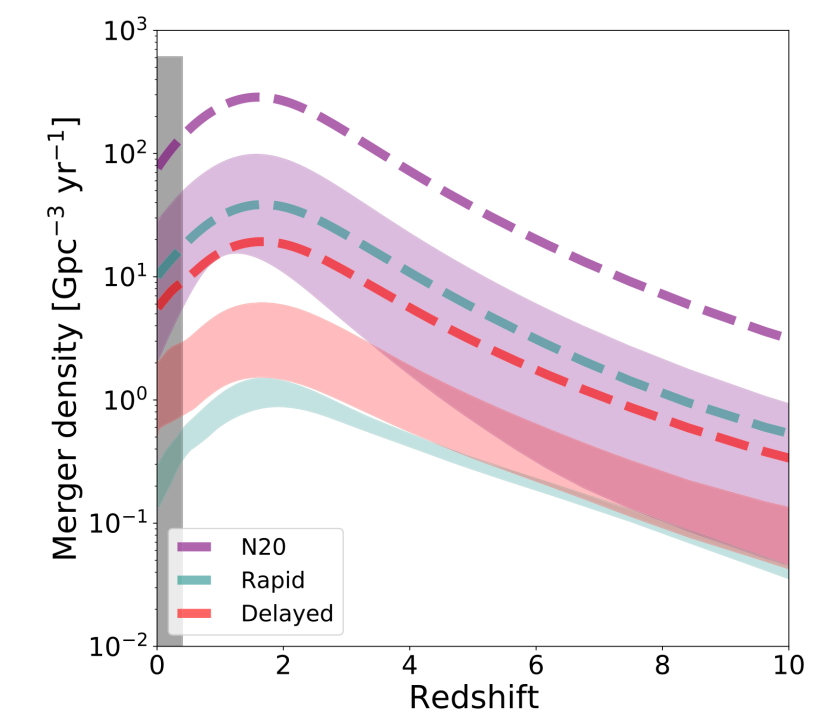
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## Binary black holes



Bavera et al. (2021)

## Black hole - Neutron star binaries



Roman-Garza et al. (2021)

**POSYDON** is a community tool

Public release in spring **2022**

- Code
- single & binary star grids
- simulation results
- documentation
- web-POSYDON
- mineable database with all data products

Stay tuned at <https://posydon.org>