



Multiple stellar populations in
globular clusters:
The case of NGC 2808



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What is a globular cluster (GC)?

→ **Old**, **bright** and **compact** stellar agglomerates.

16th Century

First GCs
observations

18th Century

W. Herschel
observed >30 GCs

<1950's

GCs formed from
single burst of Star
Formation
(Simple Population)

1970's

Chemical
"inhomogeneities"

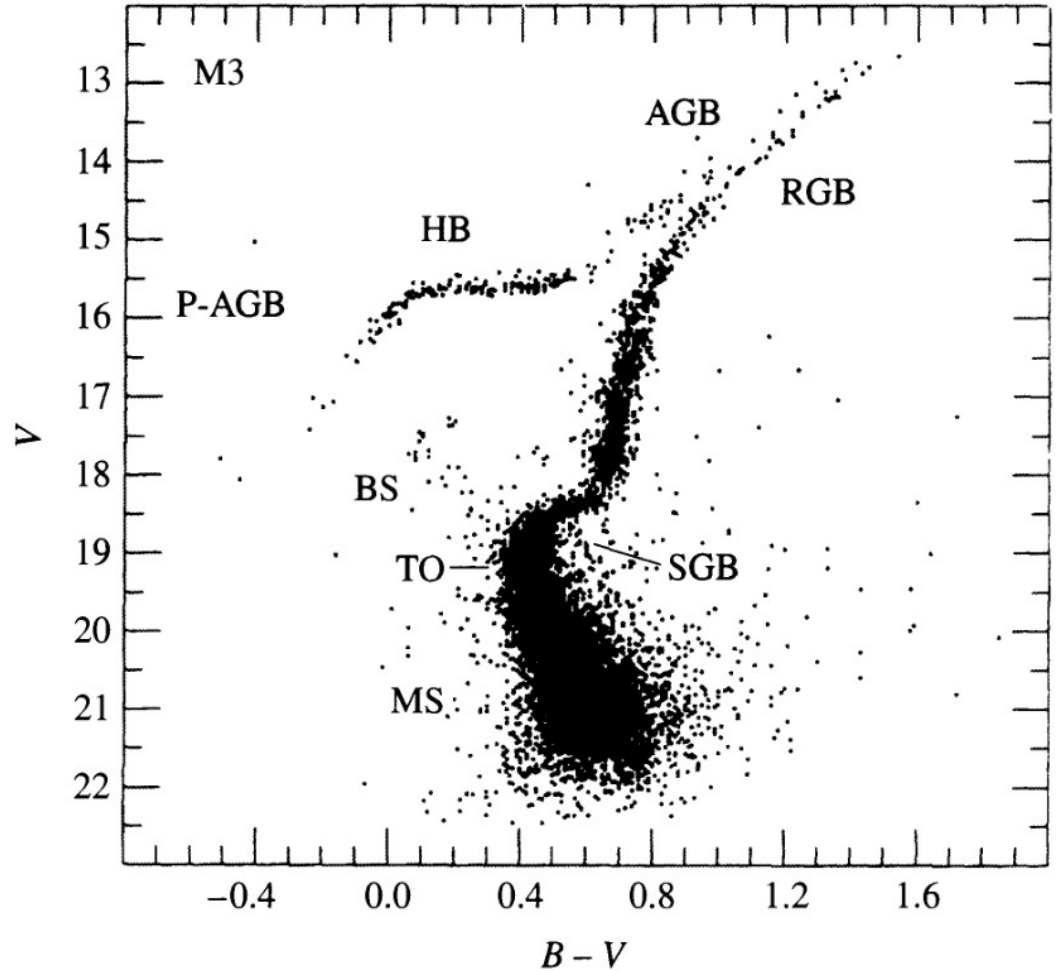
2010's

Multiple
Stellar
Populations

CMD from Renzini & Pecci 1988.

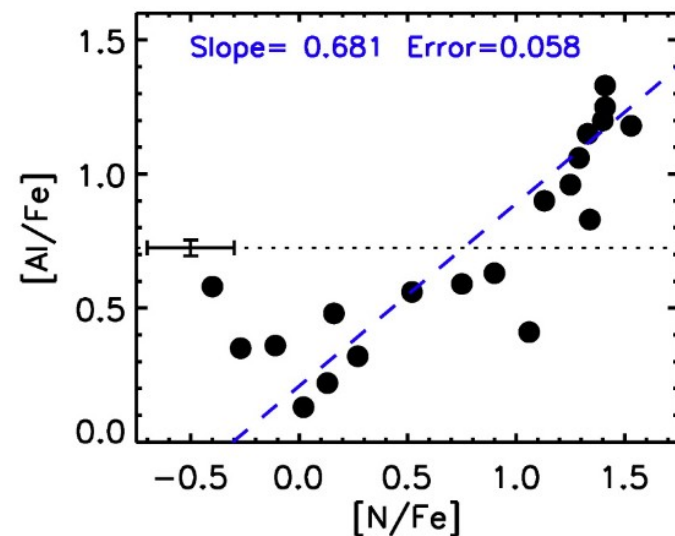
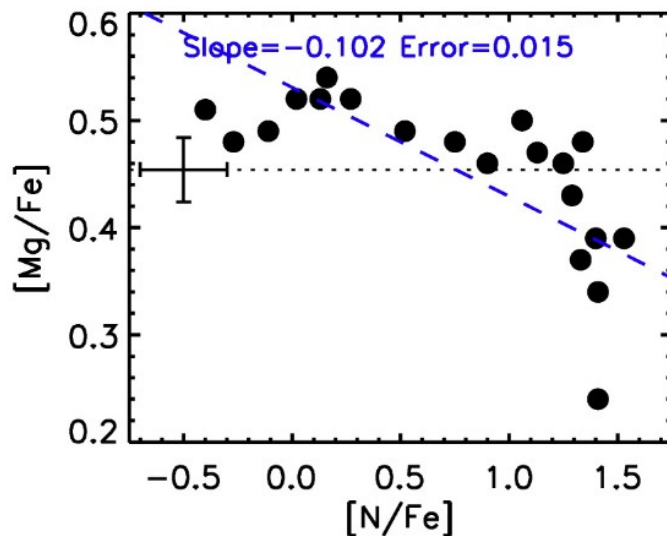
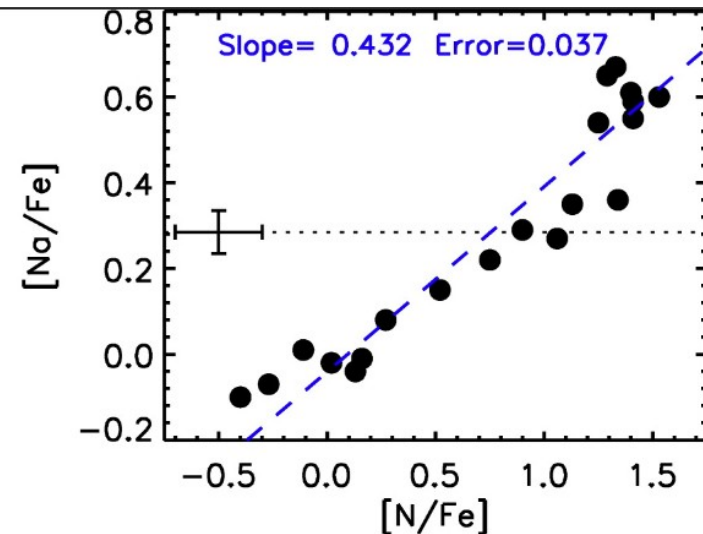
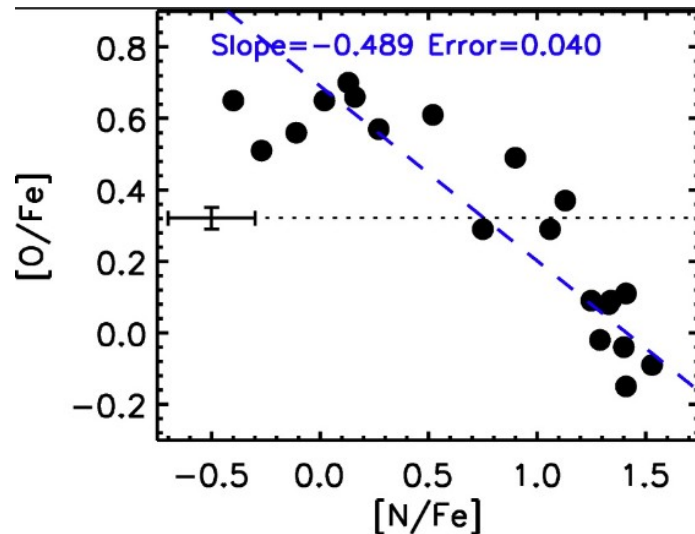
ALL stars (should) have:

- Same age
- Same chemical composition



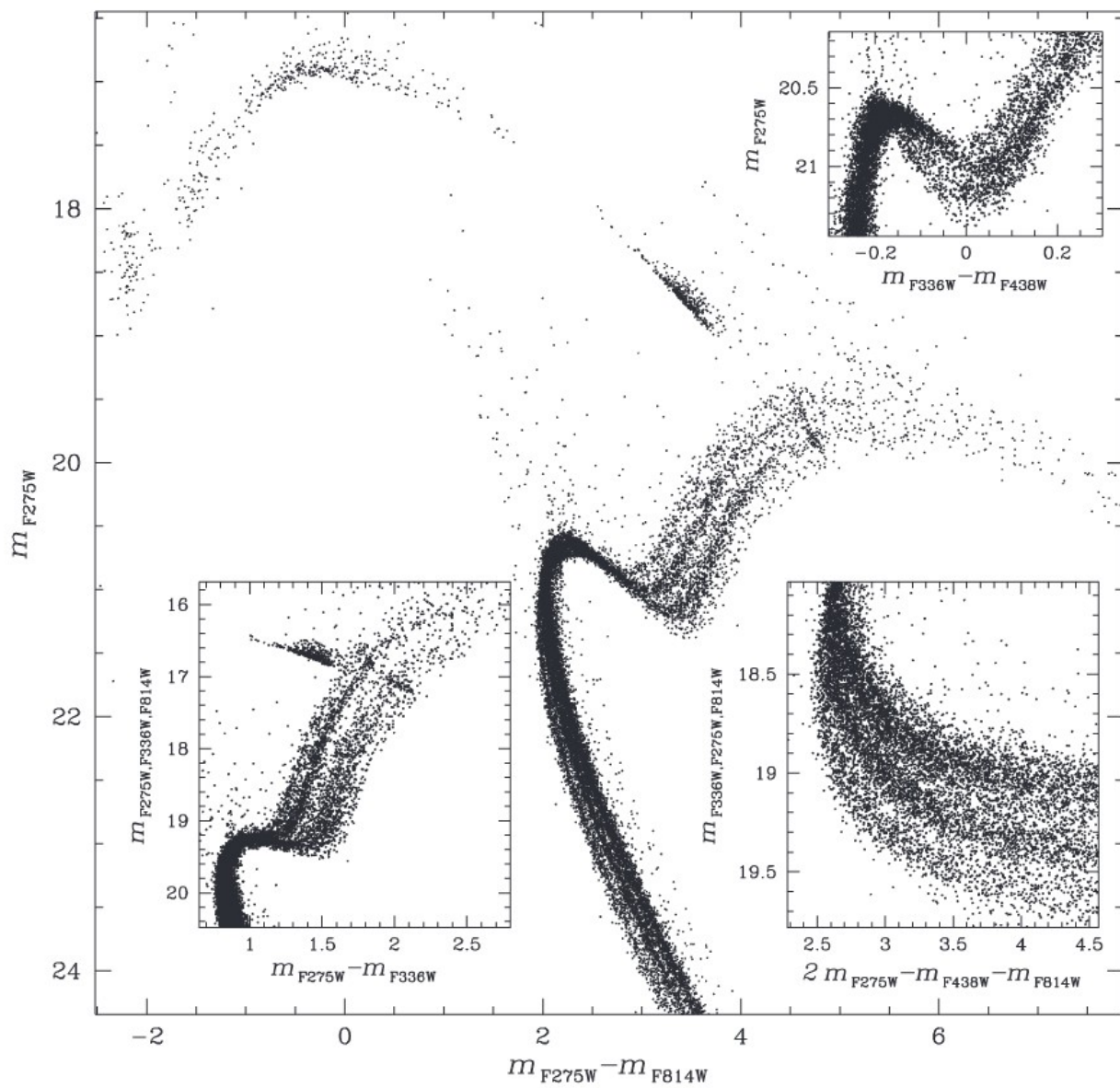
Chemical “inhomogeneities”

NGC 6752
(Yong+2008)

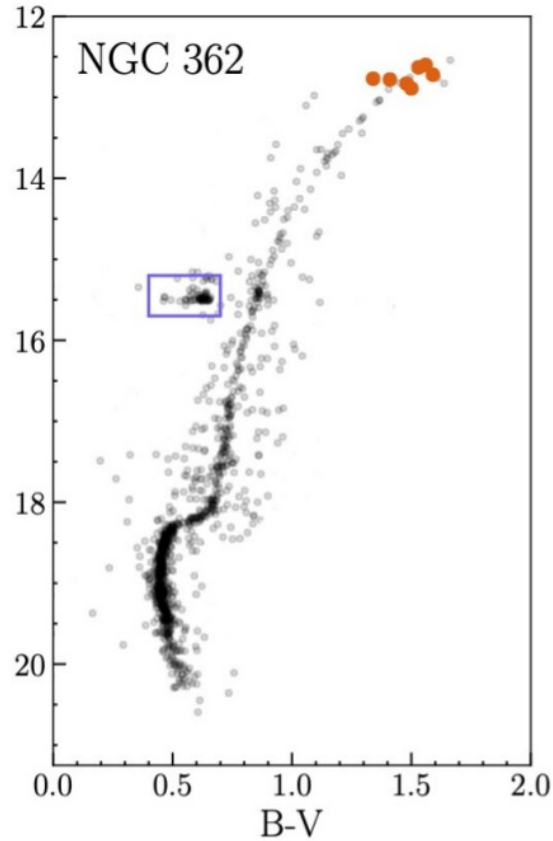
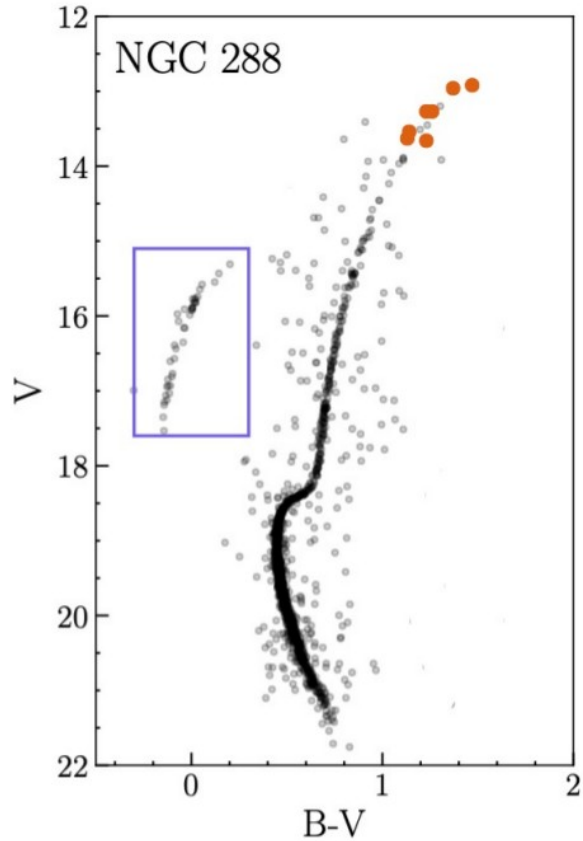


Multiple Populations (MP)

NGC 2808
(Milone+2015)



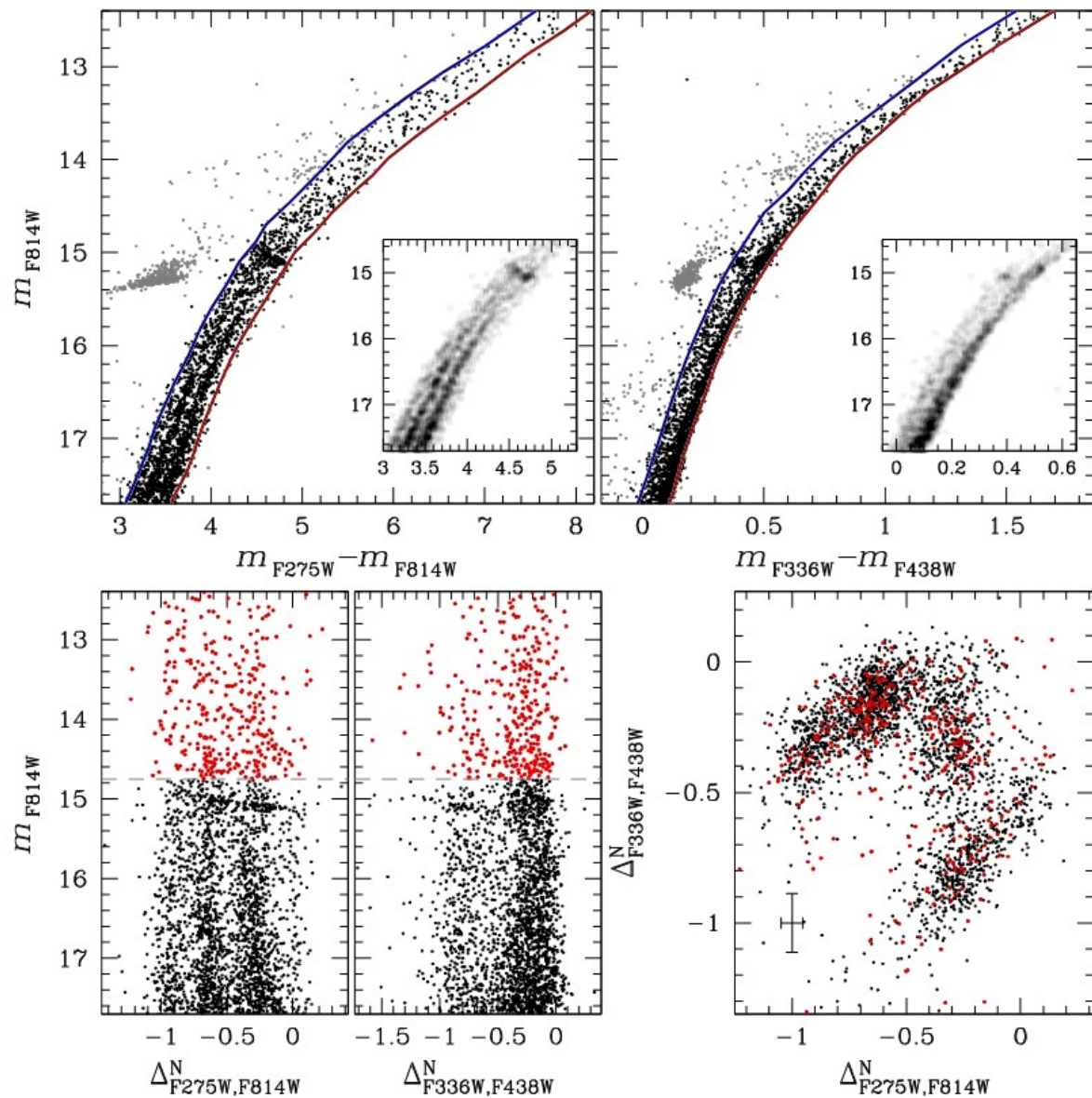
The second parameter problem



NGC 288 – $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \sim -1.39$
NGC 362 – $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \sim -1.33$

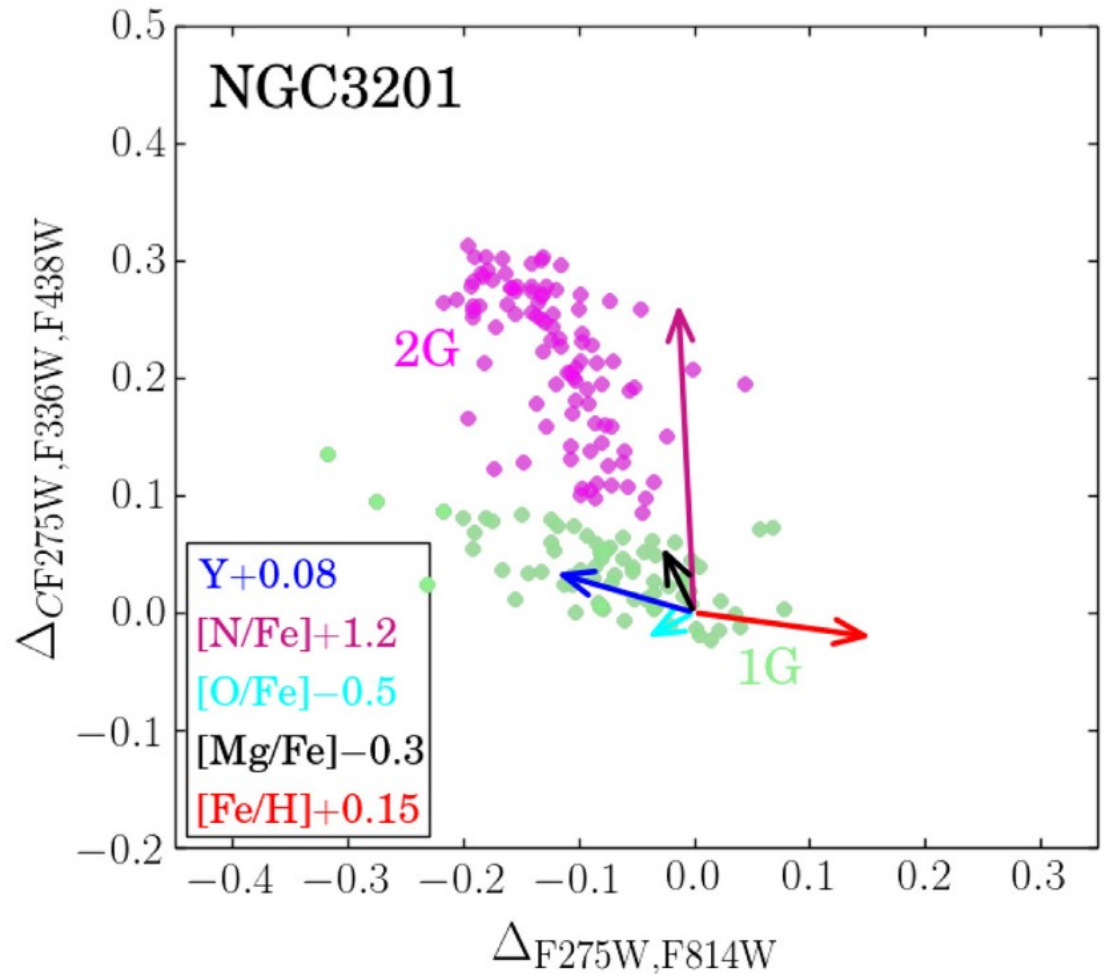
Chromosome Maps (ChM)

NGC 2808
(Milone+2015)



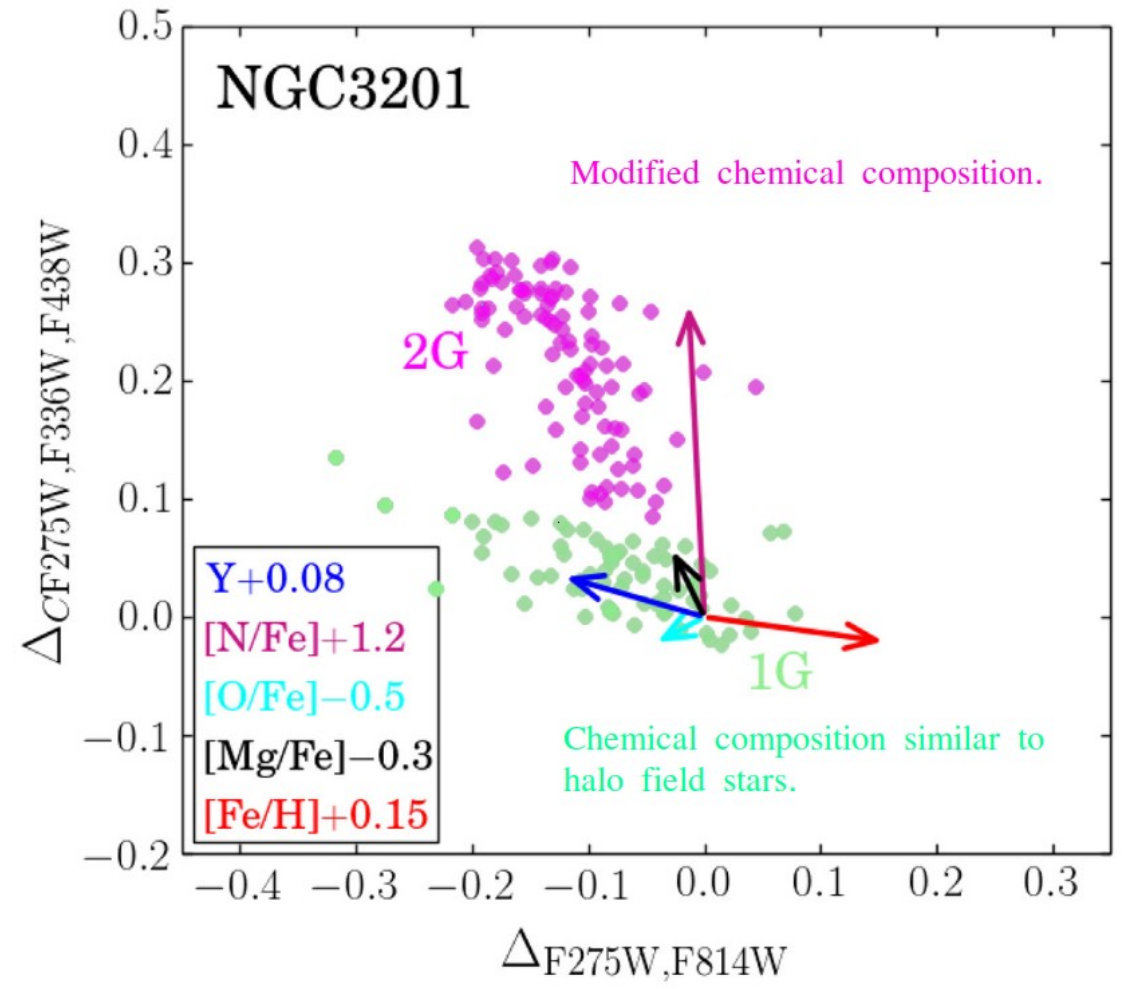
ChMs are excellent photometric tools to infer chemical composition of specific elements.

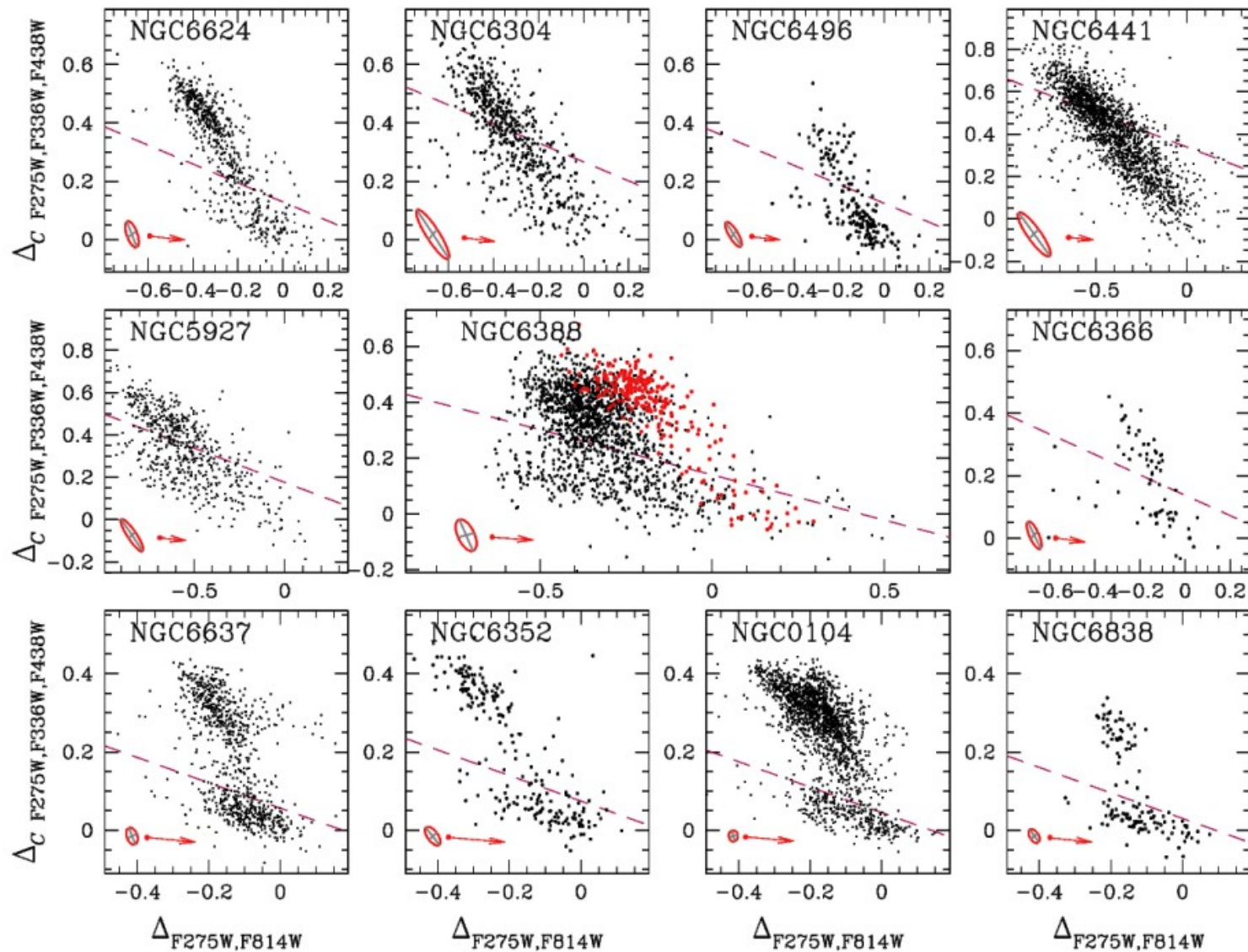
Marino+2019



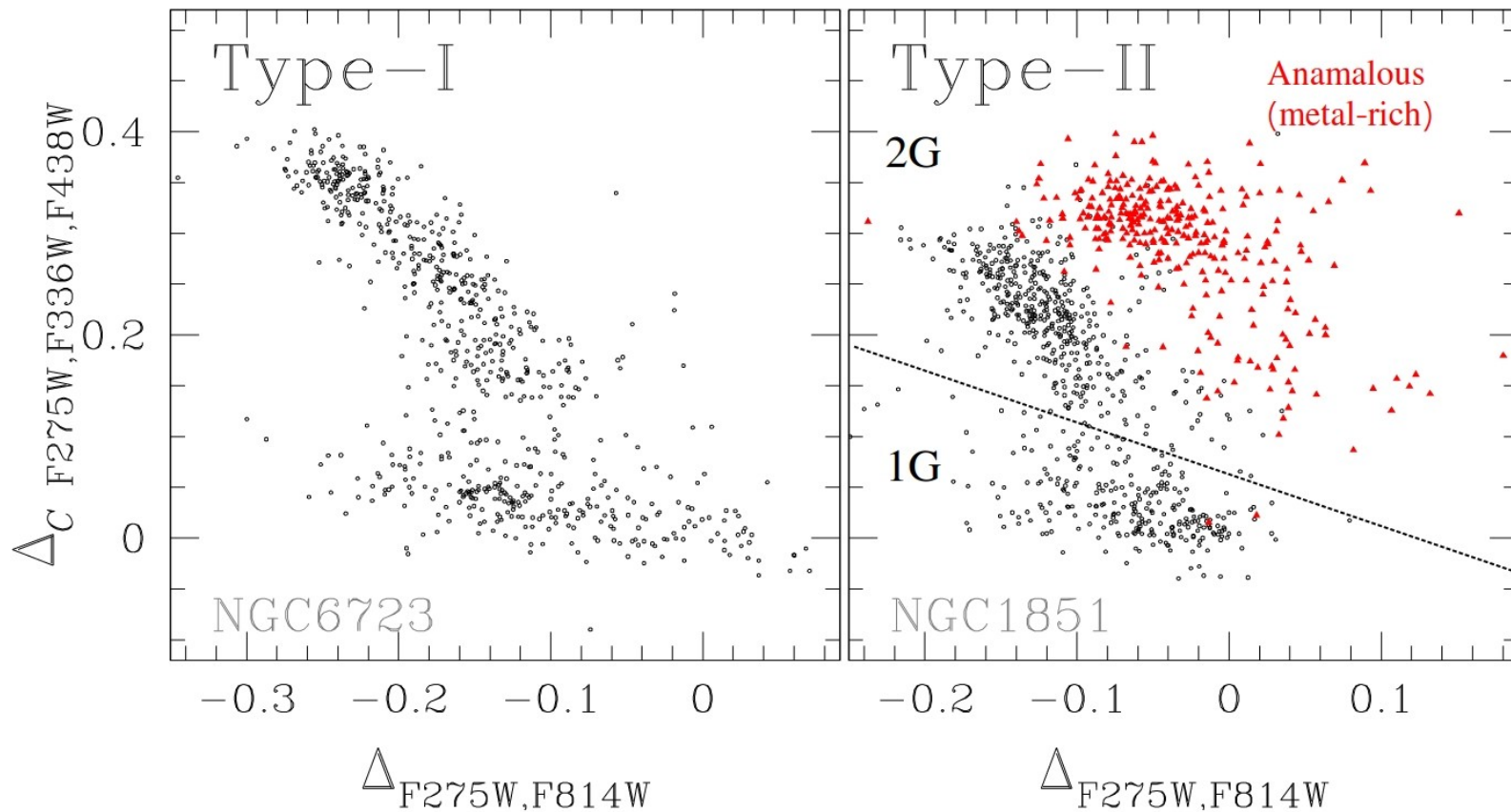
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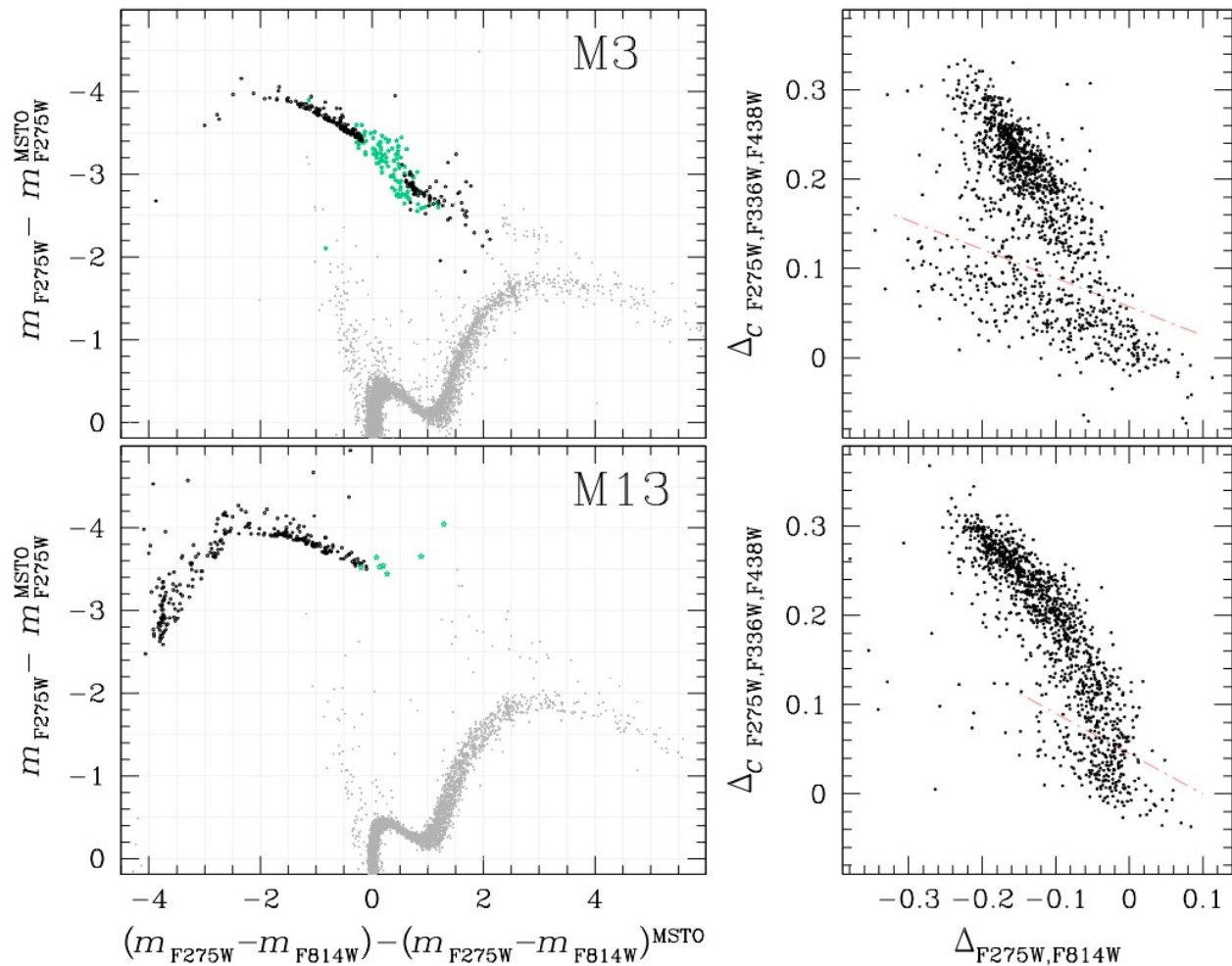




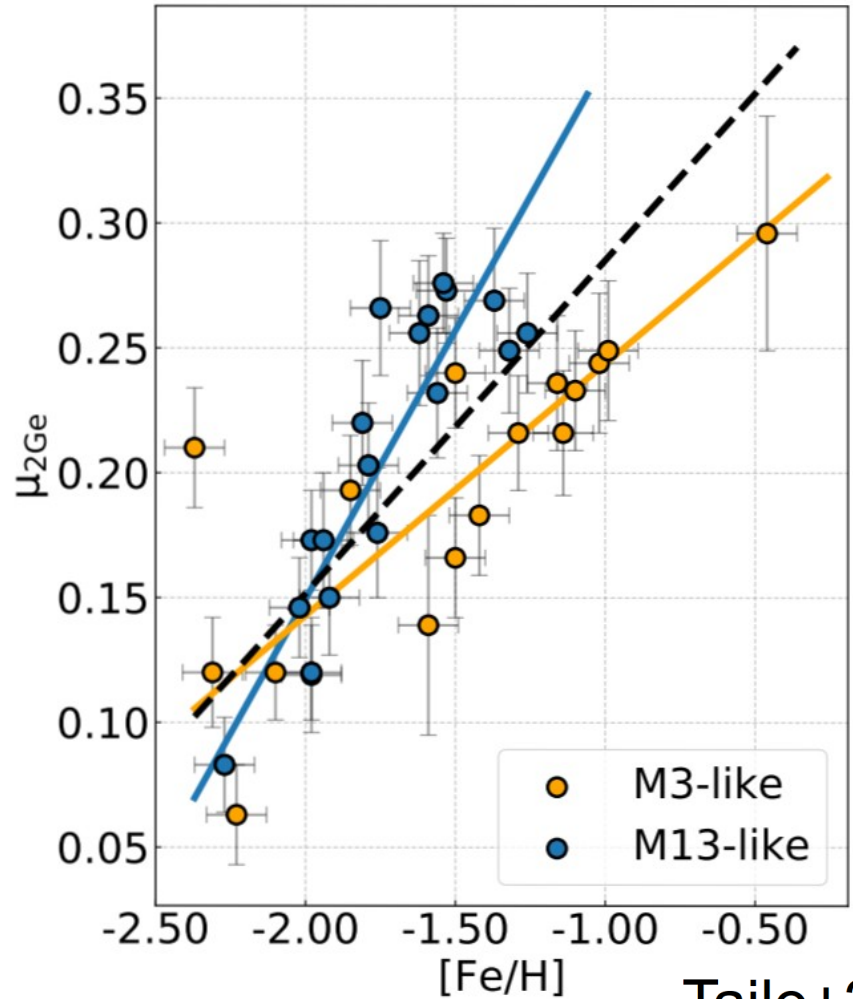
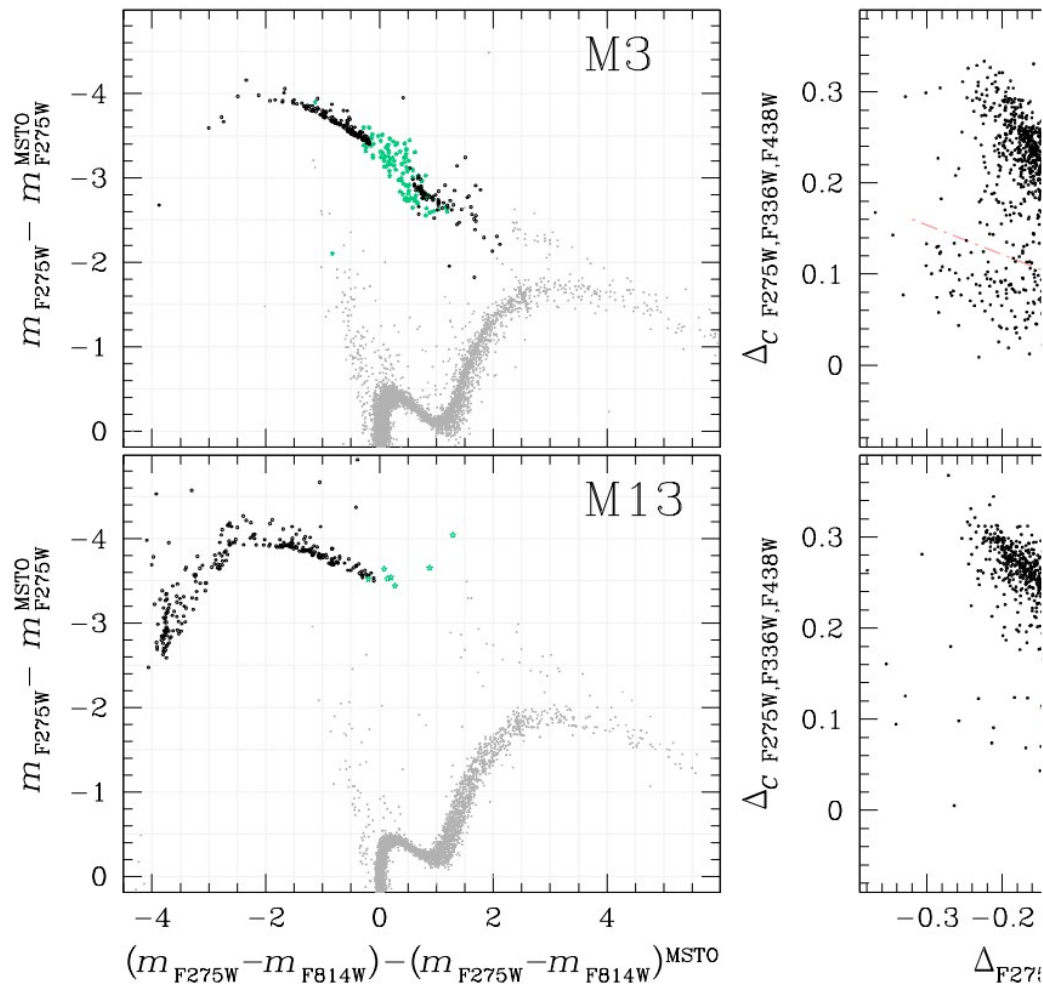
Type of GCs



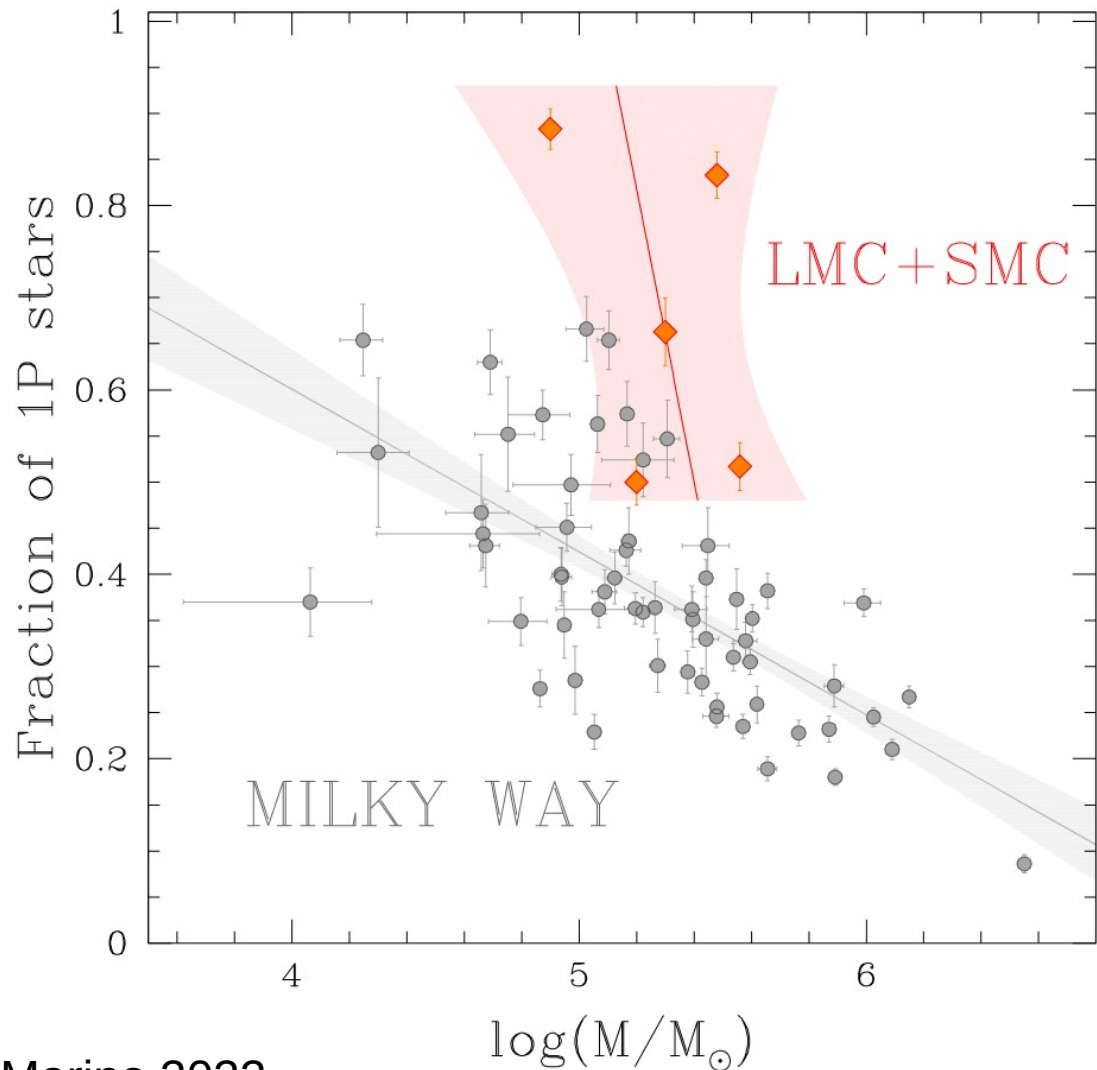
M3- vs. M13-like GCs



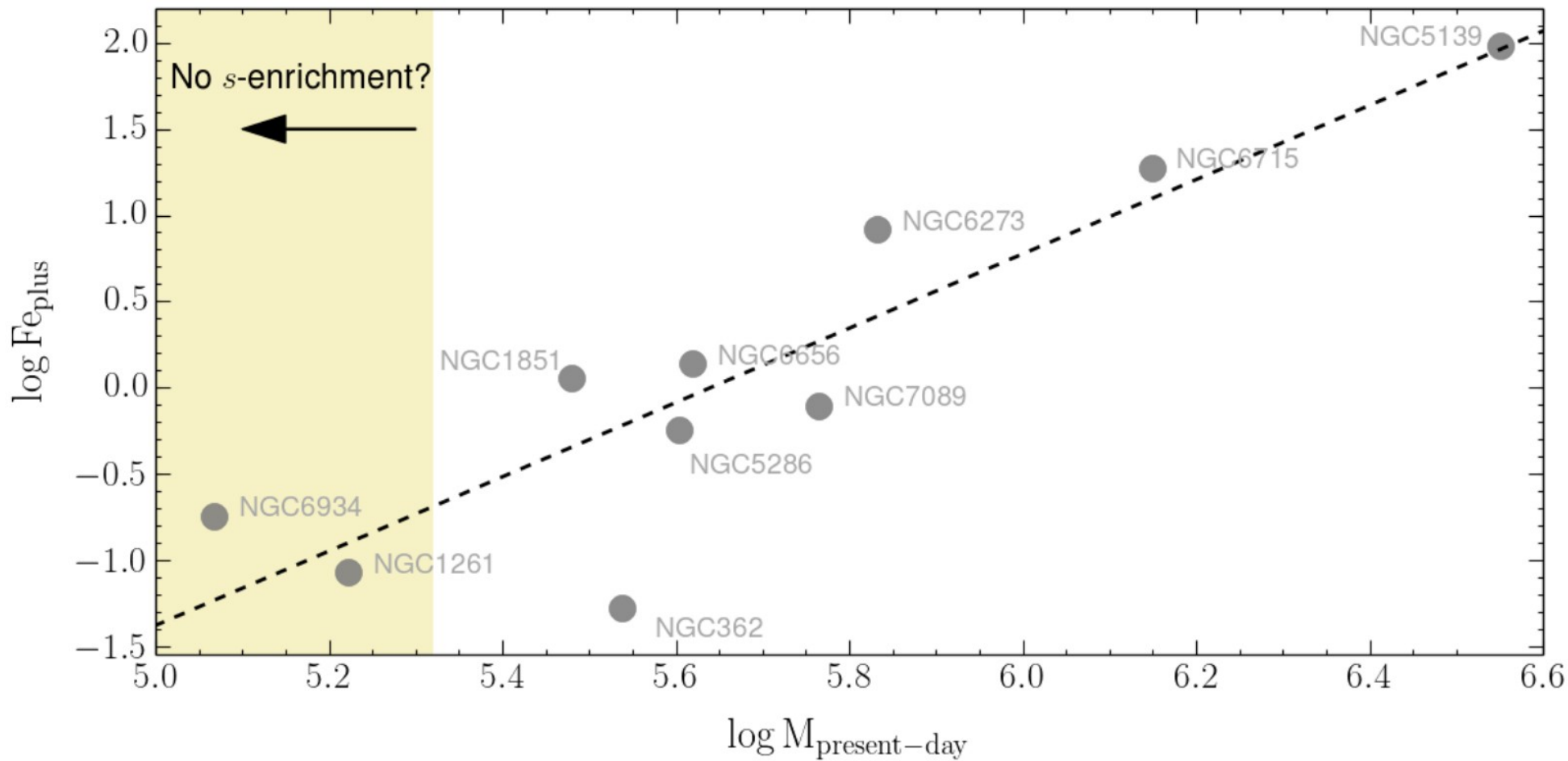
M3- vs. M13-like GCs



Most massive GCs present a lower fraction of 1P stars in comparison with less massive ones.



Type II GCs:

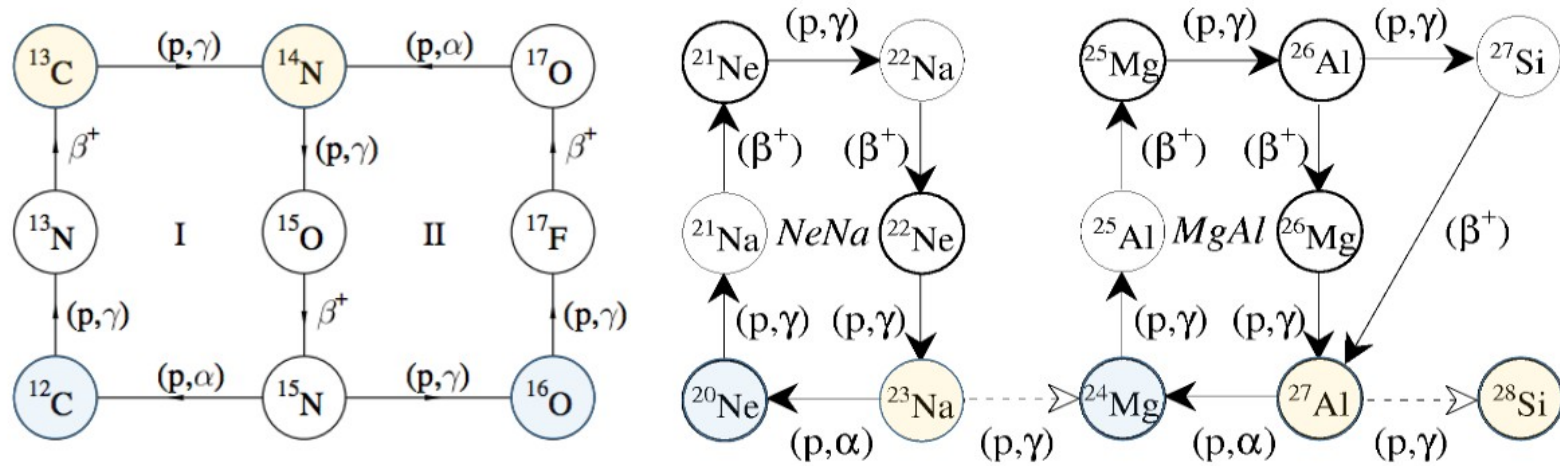


Formation scenarios

- The multiple-population pattern in globular clusters may either suggest that different **stellar populations formed at different times**, with gas from 1G stars (**AGB or massive stars**) diluted with the pristine gas forming the subsequent generations of stars (e.g., D'Ercole et al. 2008),
- or that the different populations were **formed at the same time** but at different conditions, with second populations stars having accreted material from early disc accretion from **massive binaries or from a supermassive star** (Bastian et al. 2013, Gieles et al. 2018).

Possible formation scenarios:

- AGBs
- Fast-rotating massive stars (FRMSs)
- Interacting massive binaries (IMB)
- Early disc accretion = FRMSs + IMB
- Super-massive stars (SMS)
- Stellar mergers



10 MK

40 MK

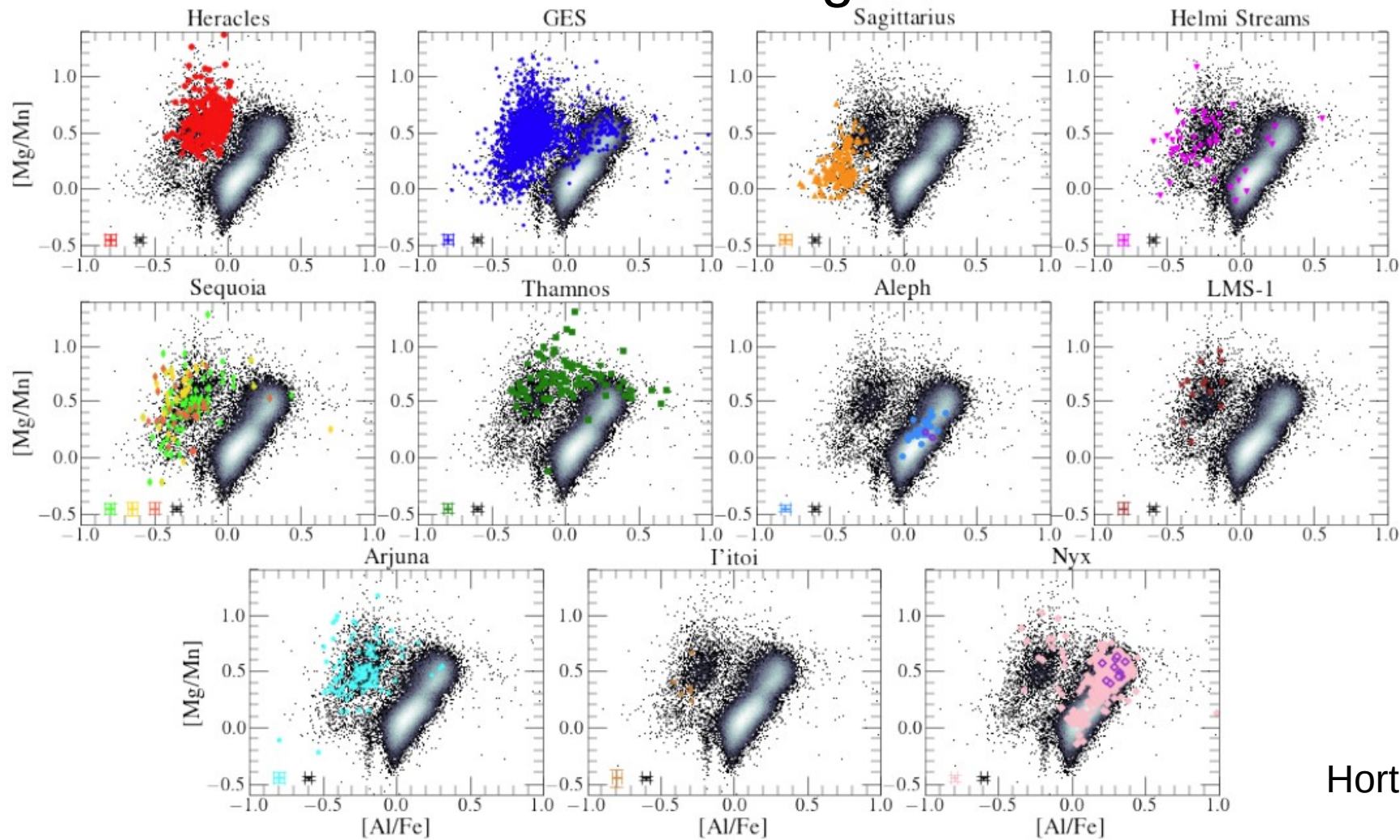
70 MK

80-180 MK



Chemical abundances are important to disentangle the scenarios!

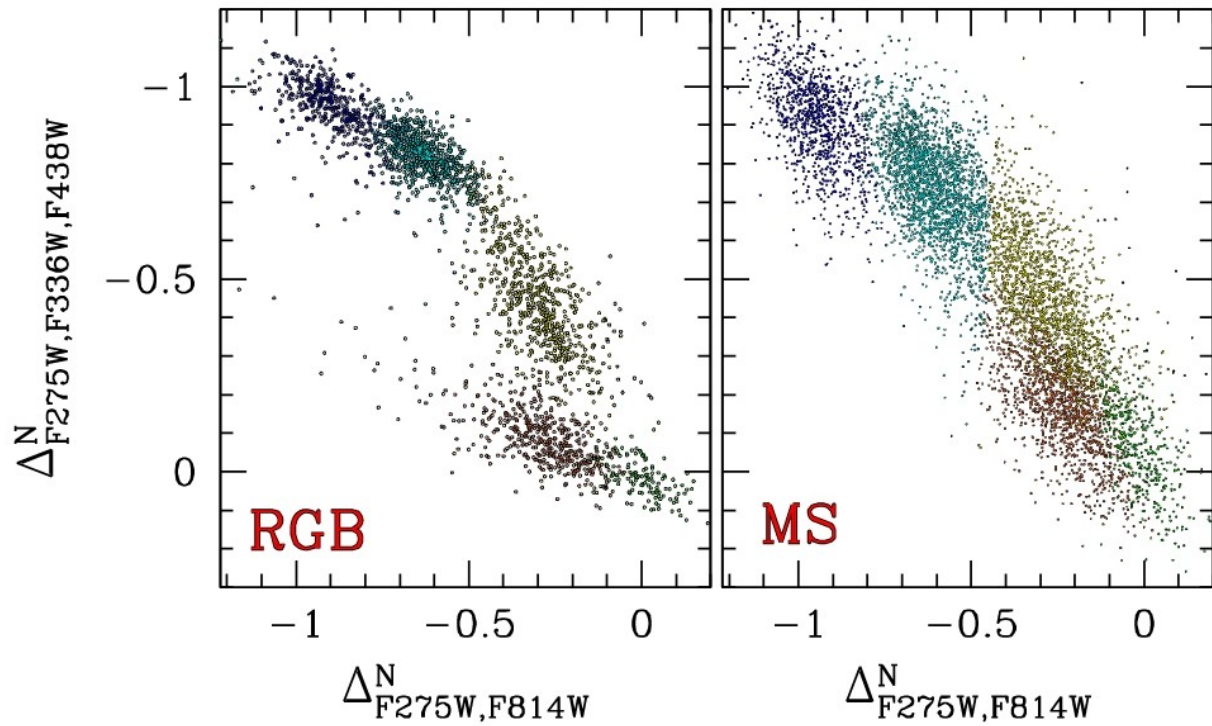
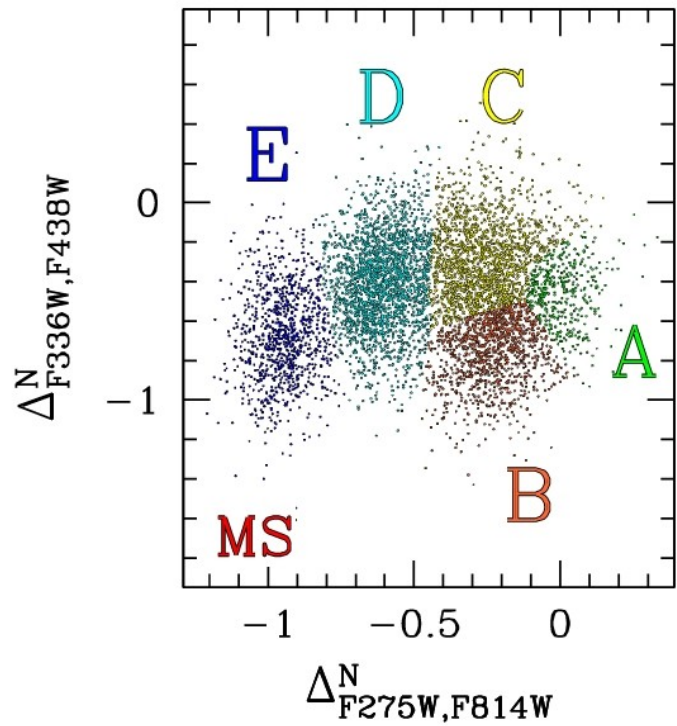
GCs accreted from dGal mergers with MW?











Horta+2022

Why NGC 2808?

- One of the most massive type I GC ($7.42 \pm 0.05 \times 10^5 M_{\text{sun}}$).
- Spectacular ChM with a large number of stellar populations (at least five in the RGB).
- Large internal He variation ($\Delta(Y)=0.089 \pm 0.010$).



The chemical compositions of multiple stellar populations in the globular cluster NGC 2808

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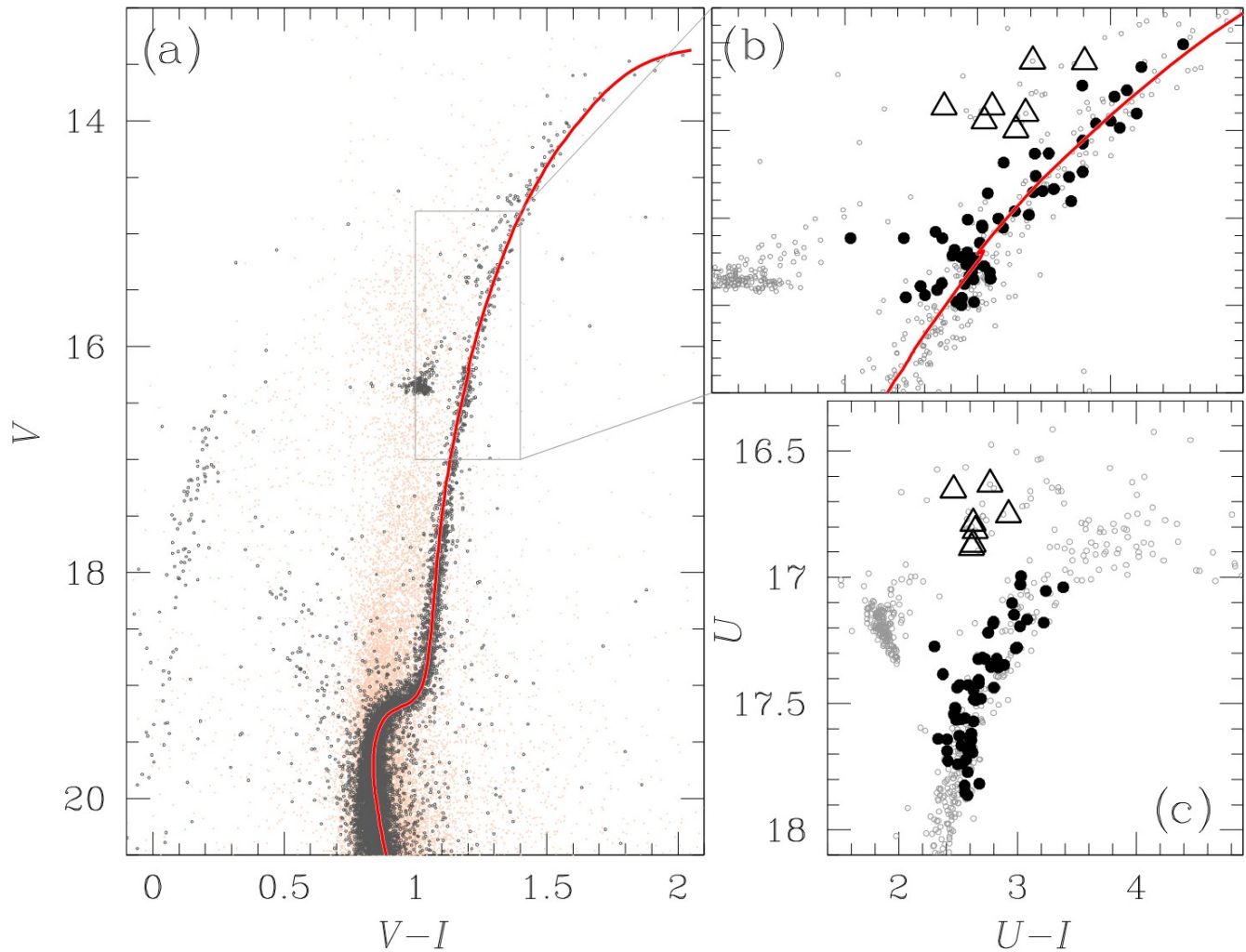
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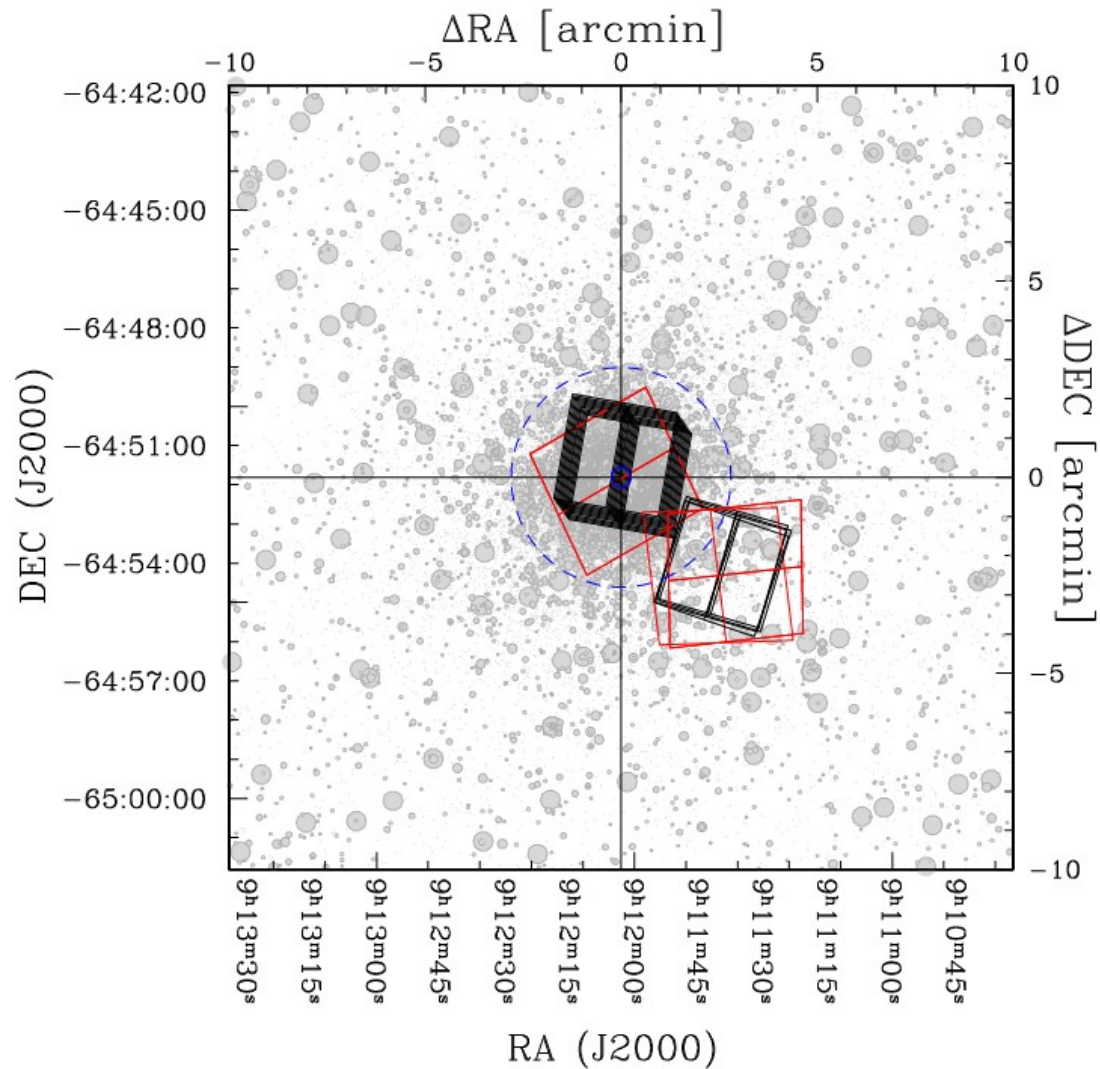
ABSTRACT

Pseudo two-colour diagrams or Chromosome maps (ChM) indicate that NGC 2808 host five different stellar populations. The existing ChMs have been derived by the *Hubble Space Telescope* photometry, and comprise of stars in a small field of view around the cluster centre. To overcome these limitations, we built a ChM with *U*, *B*, *I* photometry from ground-based

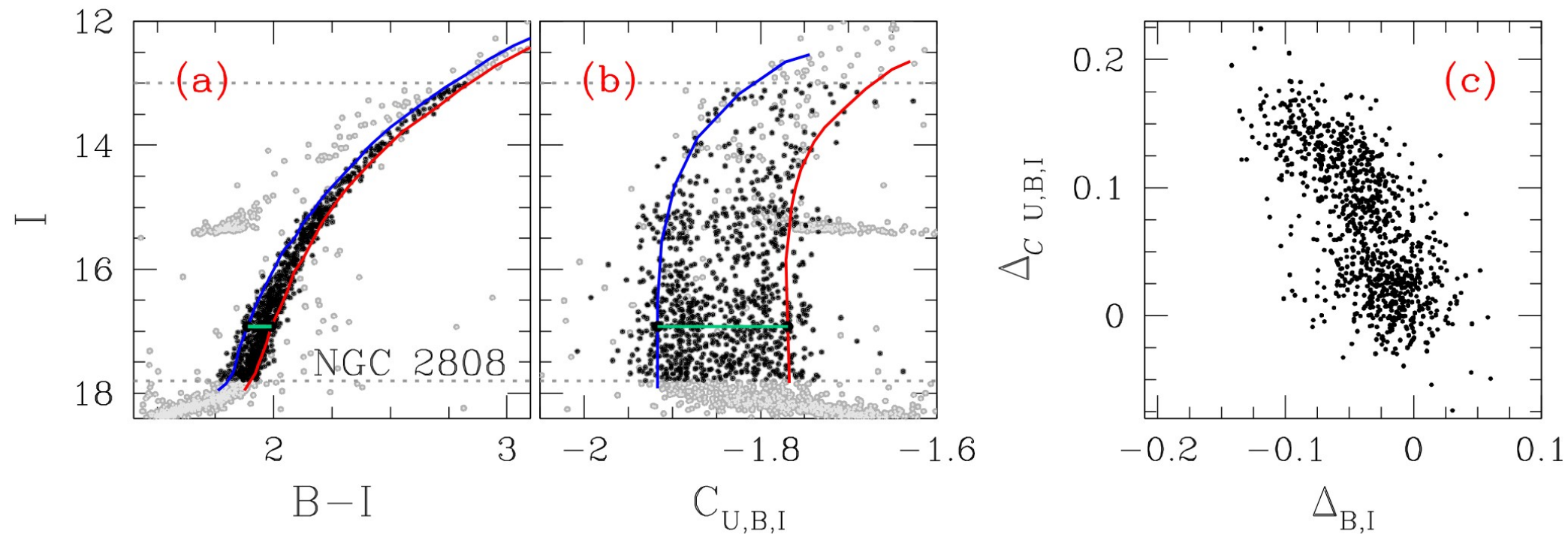
Combine both photometry (ground-based+HST) and spectroscopy (FLAMES/VLT) in a *'population assignment'* attempt.



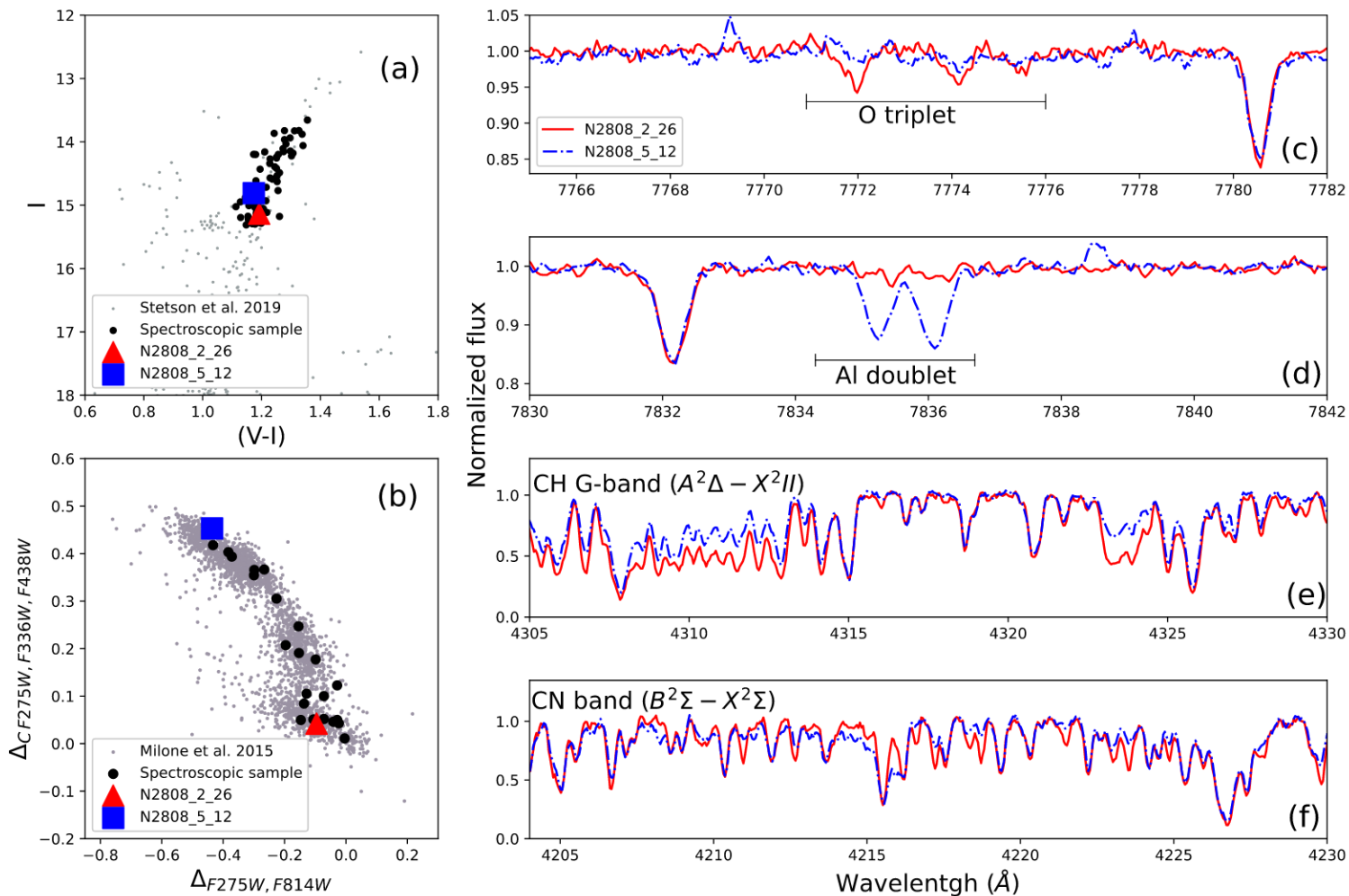
- HST photometry is available for a small field of view > this restricts GC studies to innermost cluster regions.
- Wide-field photometry extends the investigation of multiple populations to the entire cluster.



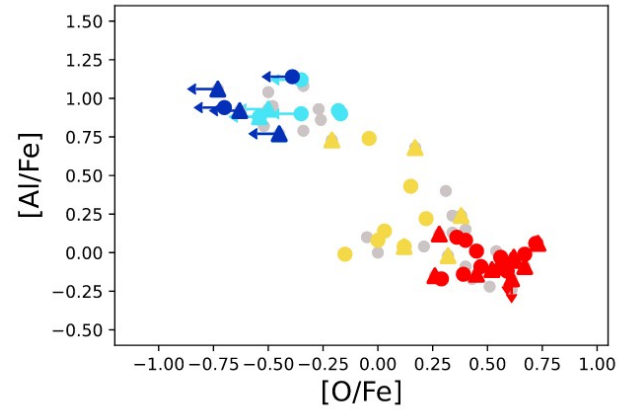
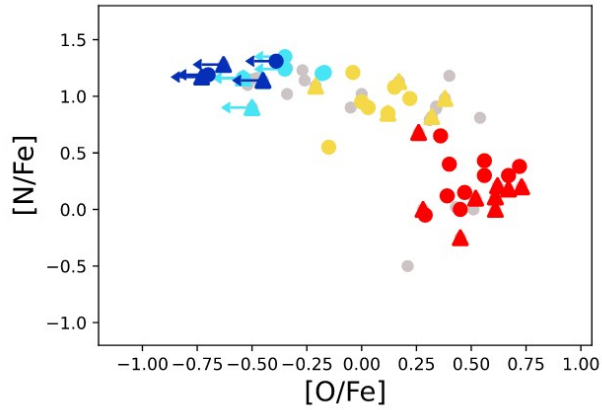
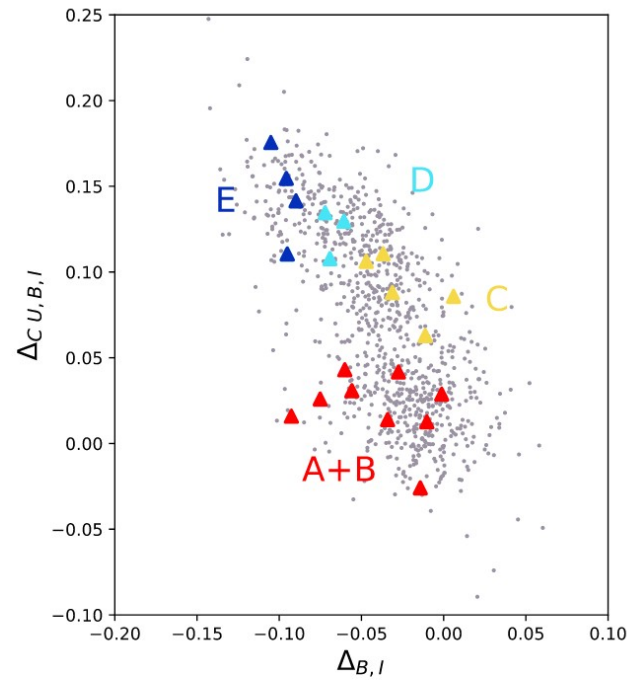
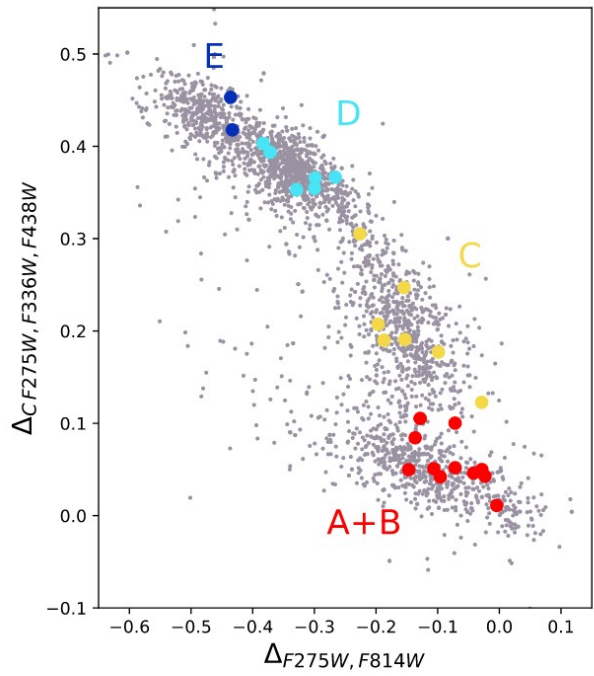
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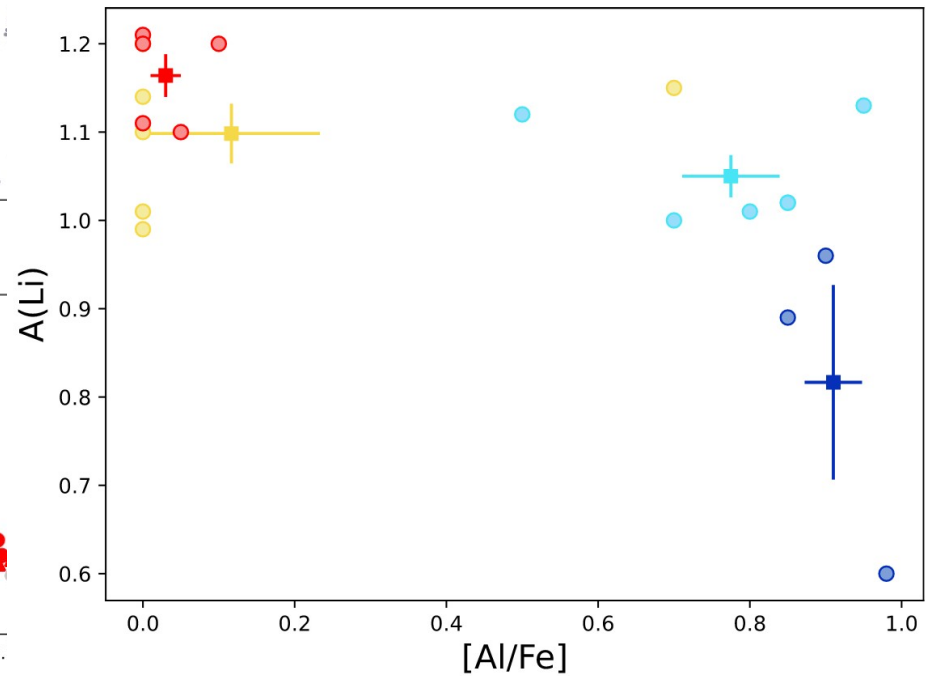
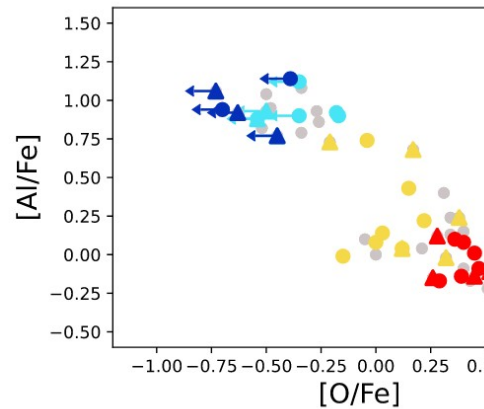
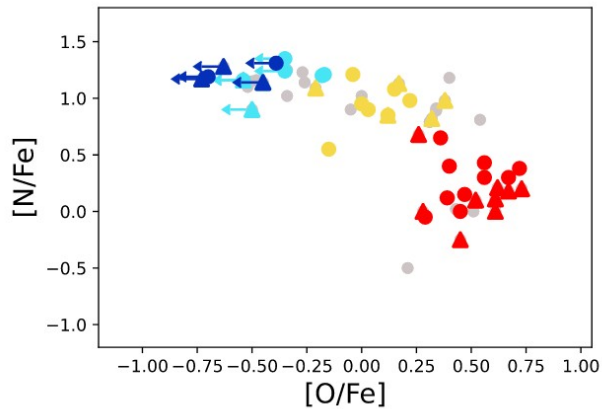
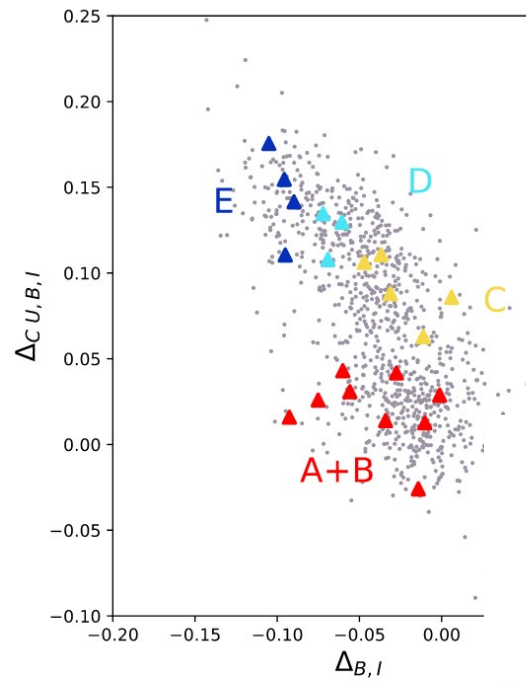
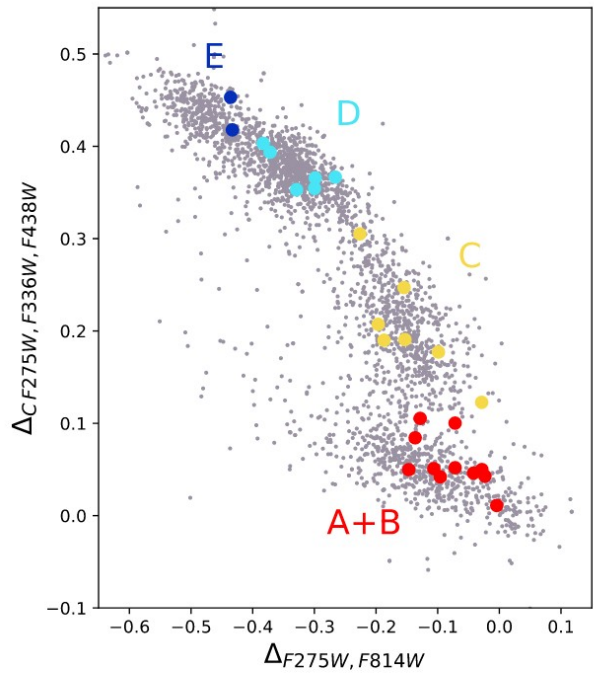
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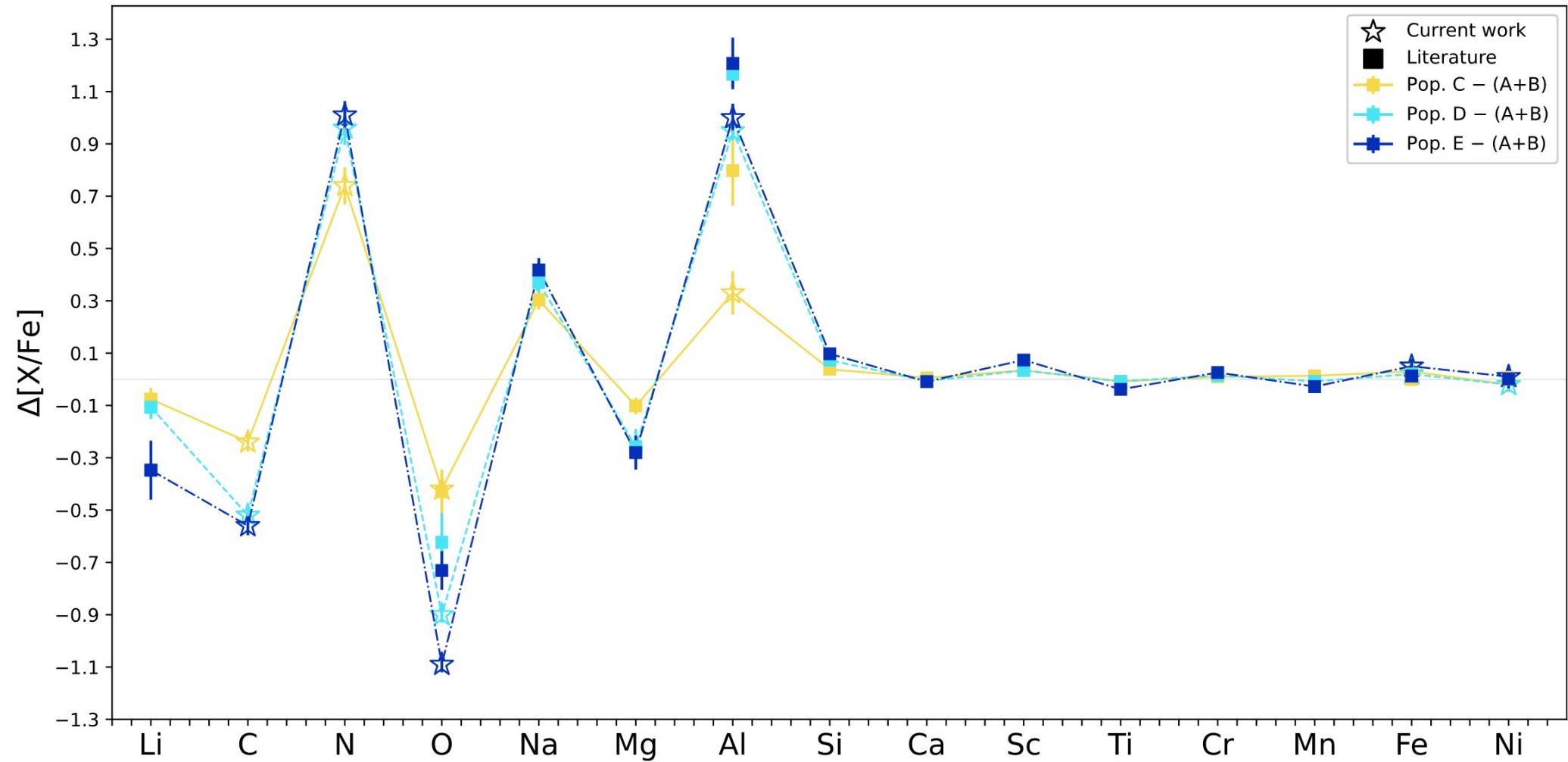


RGB sample

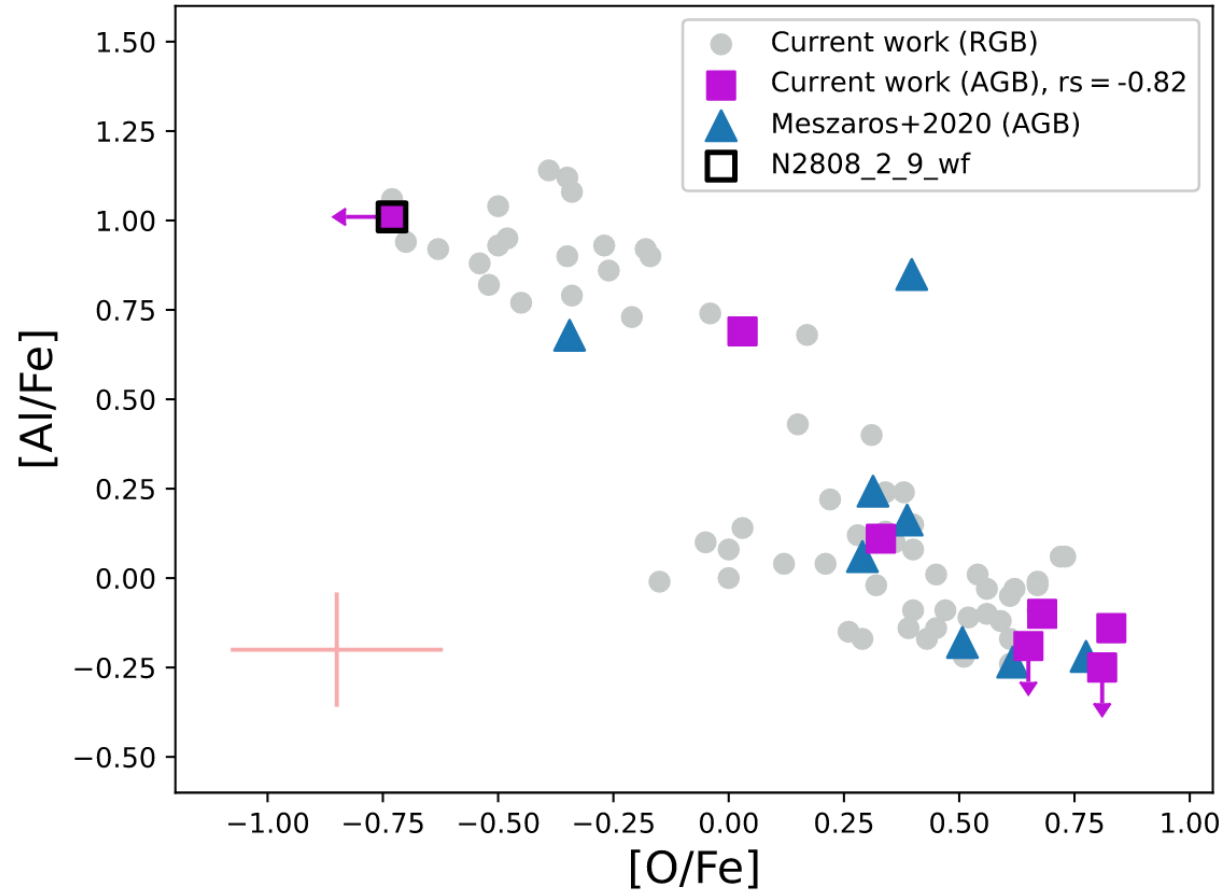


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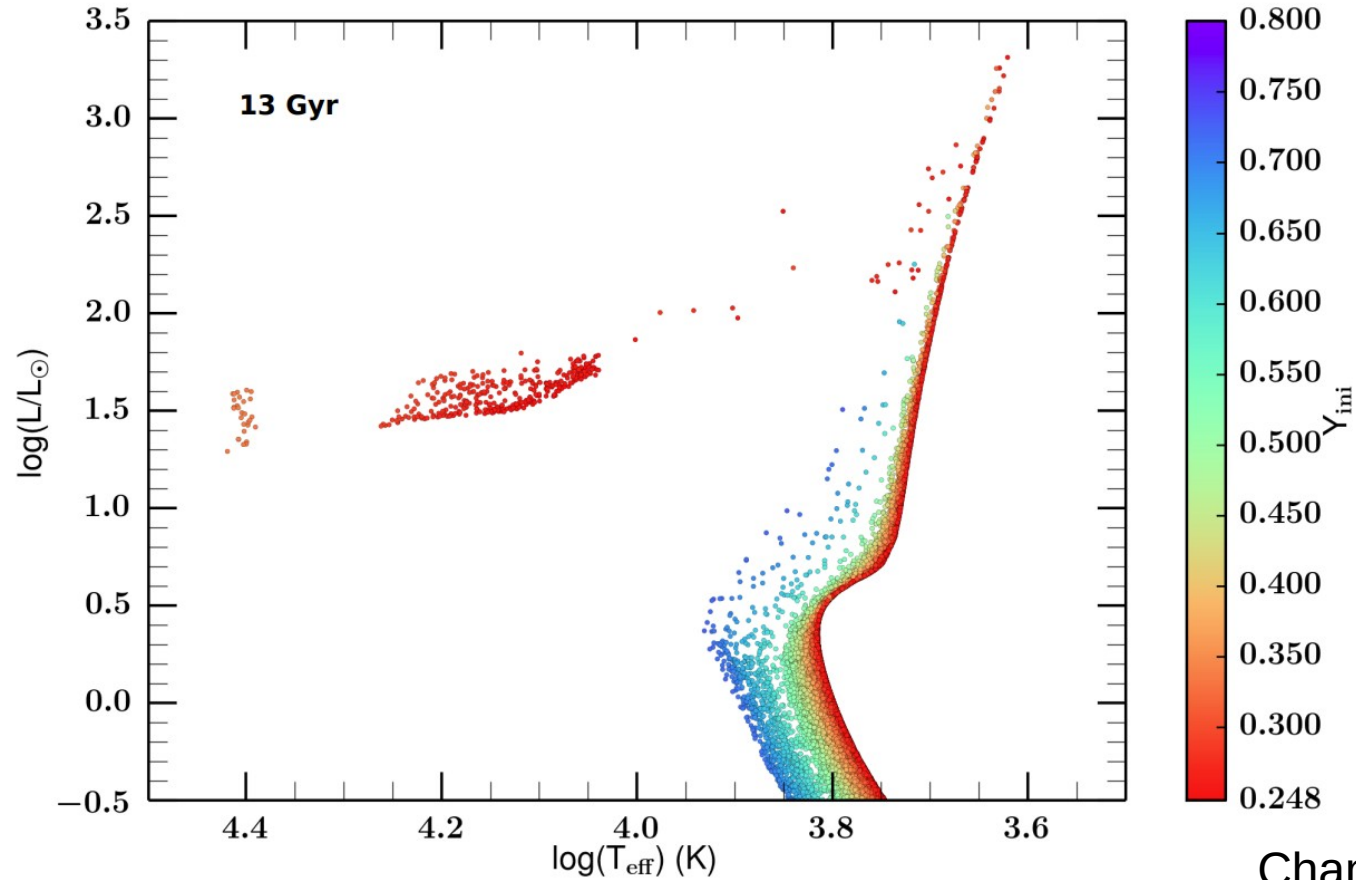




AGB stars:



AGB-manqué:



Chantereau+2016

Summary:

- GCs are very complex and variegated.
- We still lack a convincing scenario to explain their formation and evolution (none of the scenarios fully reproduce the observations).
- Combining information from ChMs and high precision abundances add valuable insight.
- Recent observations indicate that stars with high-He abundances can evolve into AGB (in contrast with some evolutionary models).