

The Winds of the Hot Massive Stars in I Zw 18

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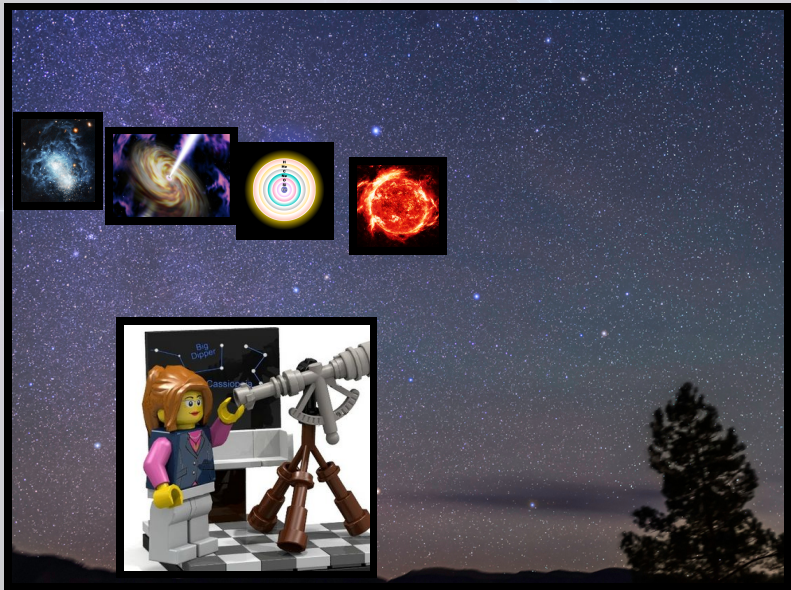
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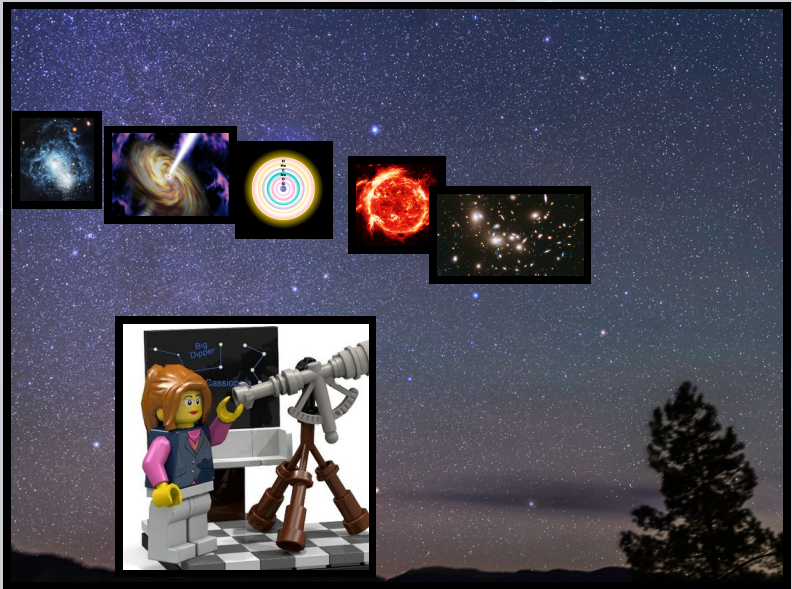
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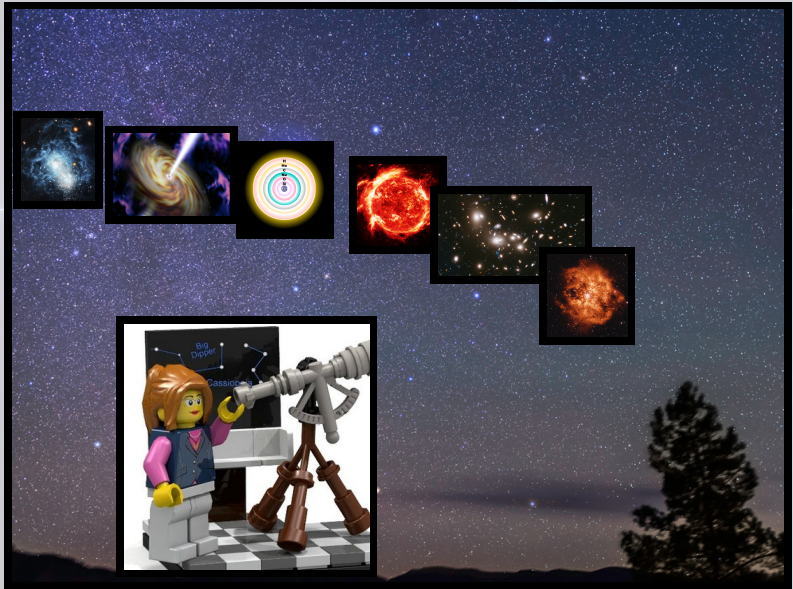
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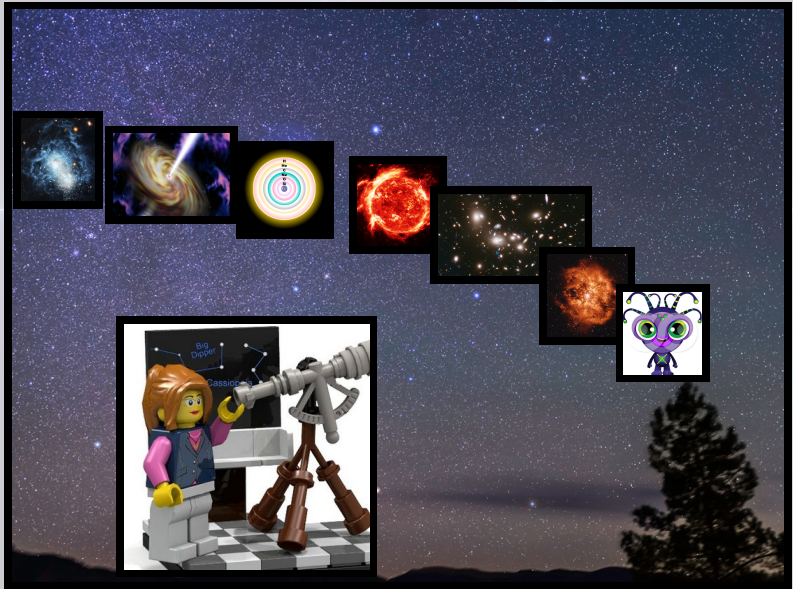
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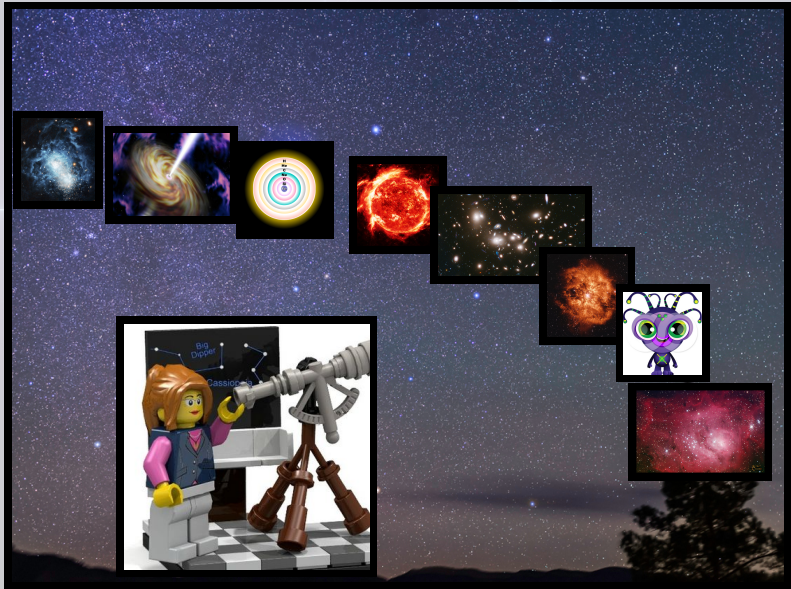
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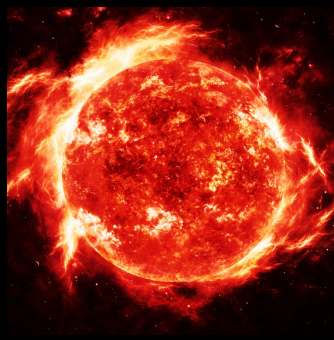
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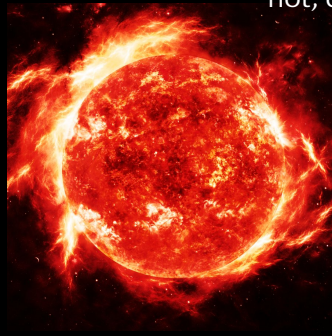
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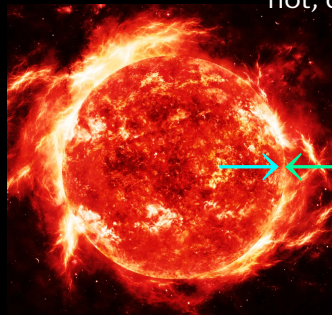


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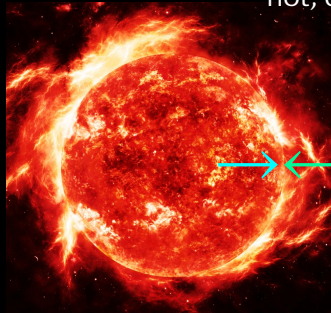
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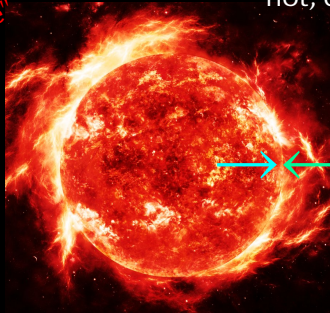
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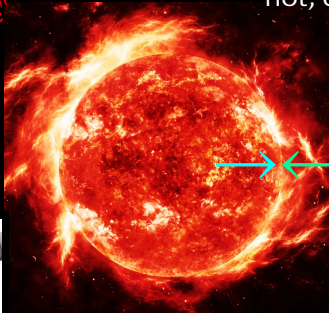
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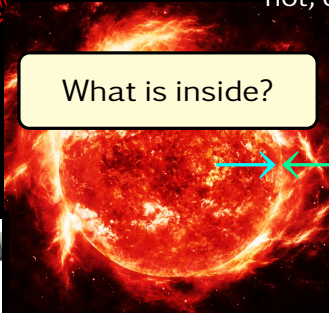
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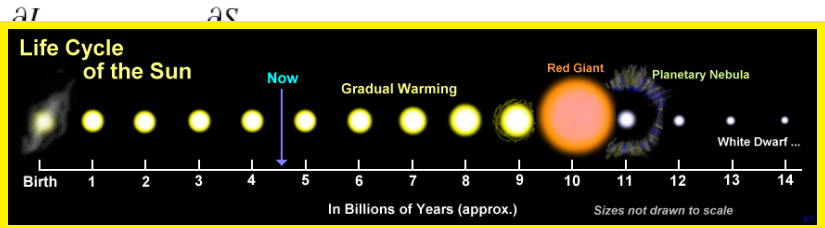
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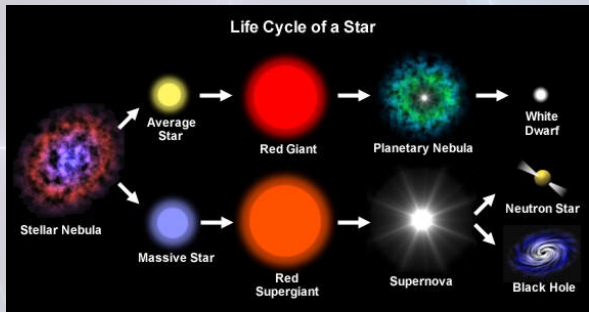
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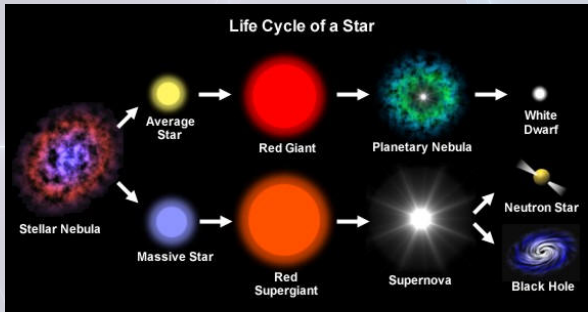
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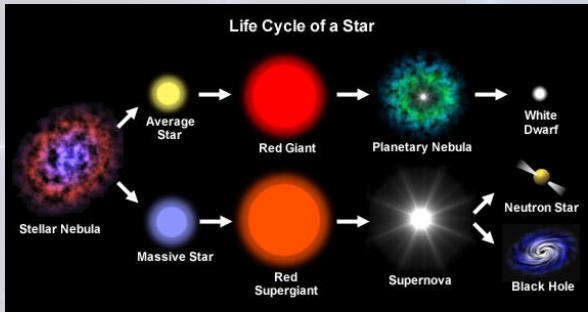
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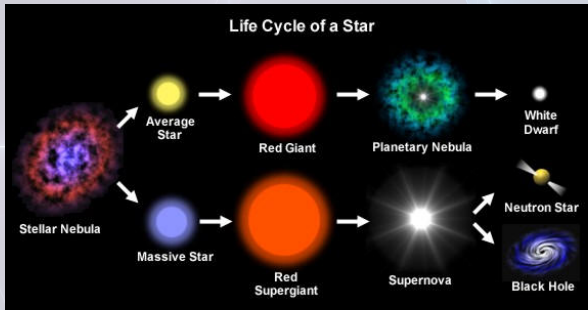
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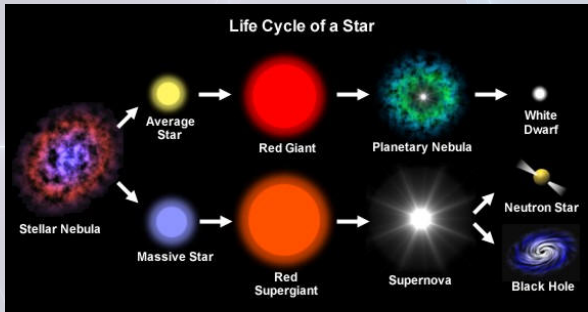
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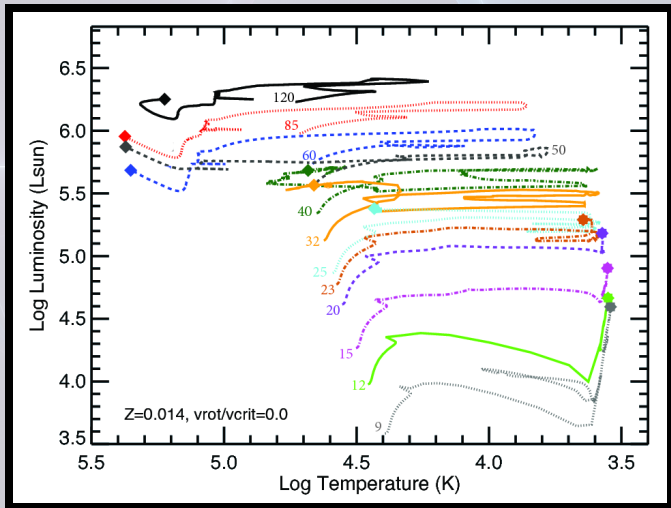
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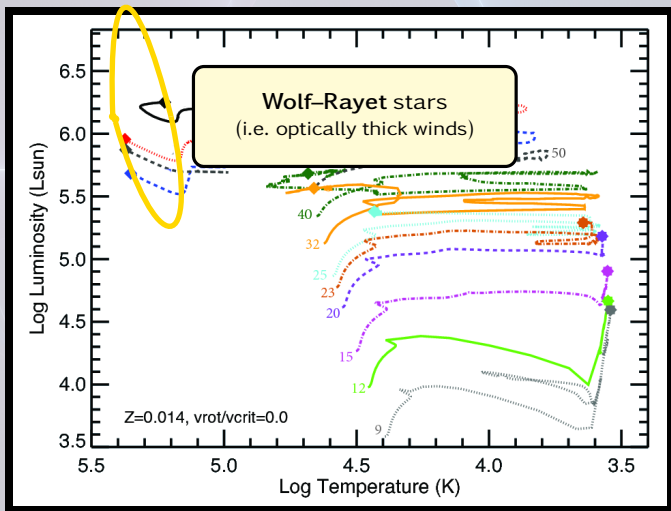


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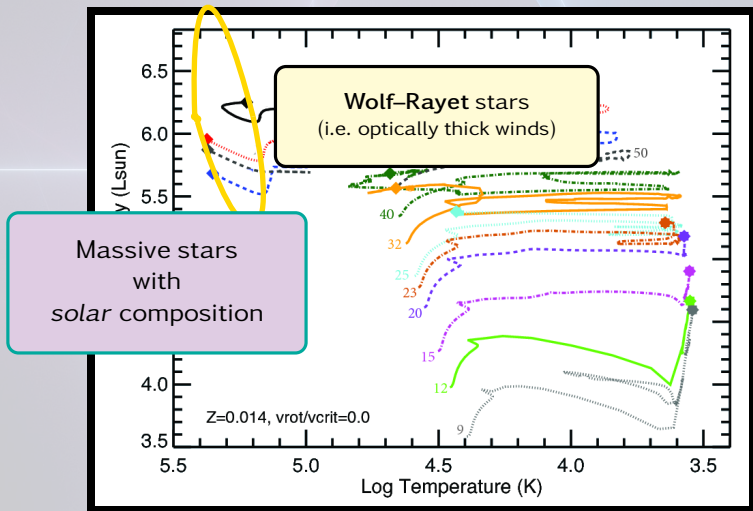
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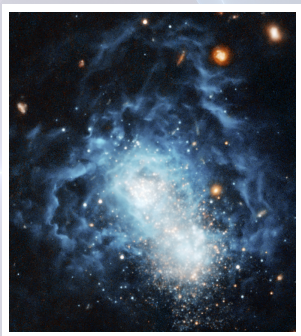
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– my thesis 😊

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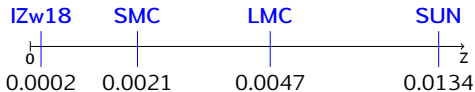
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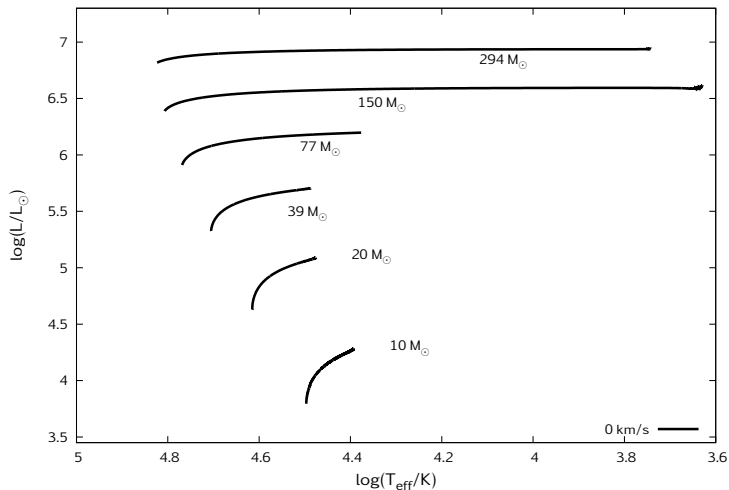
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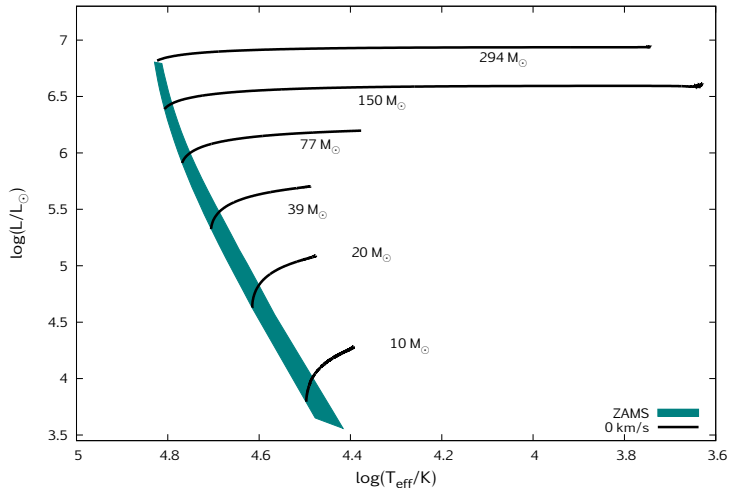
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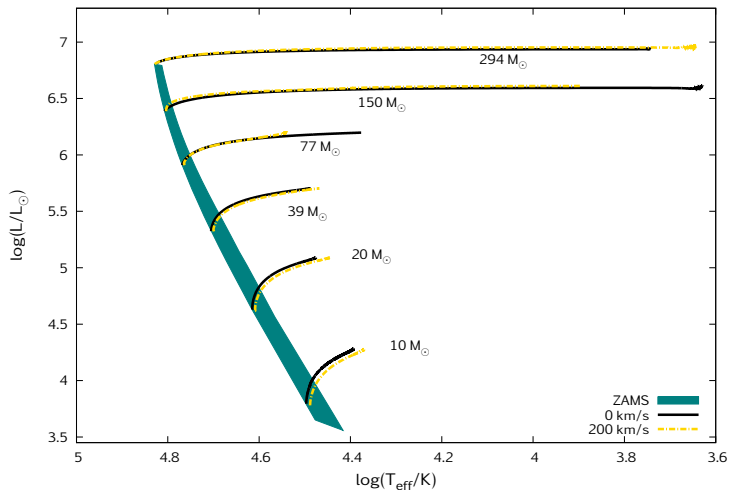
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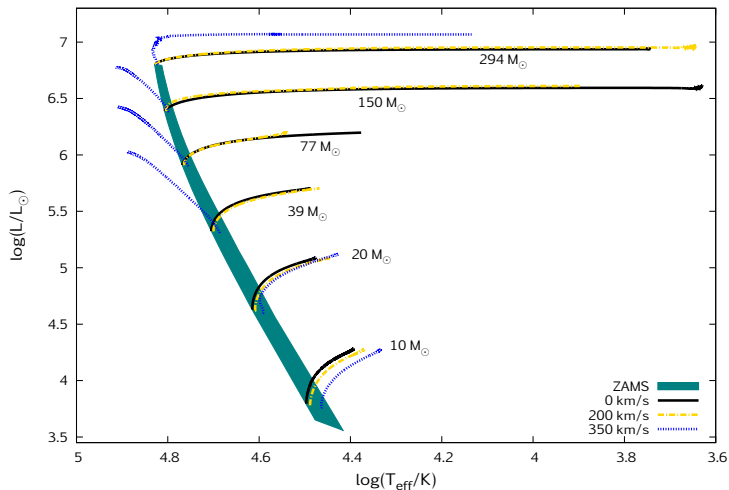
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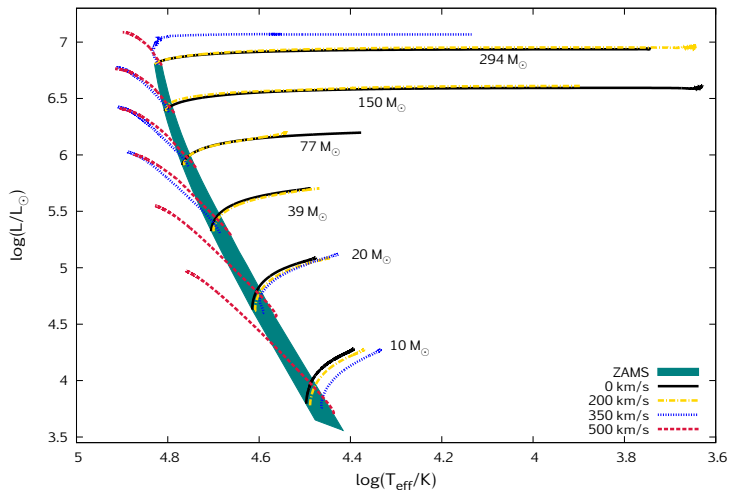
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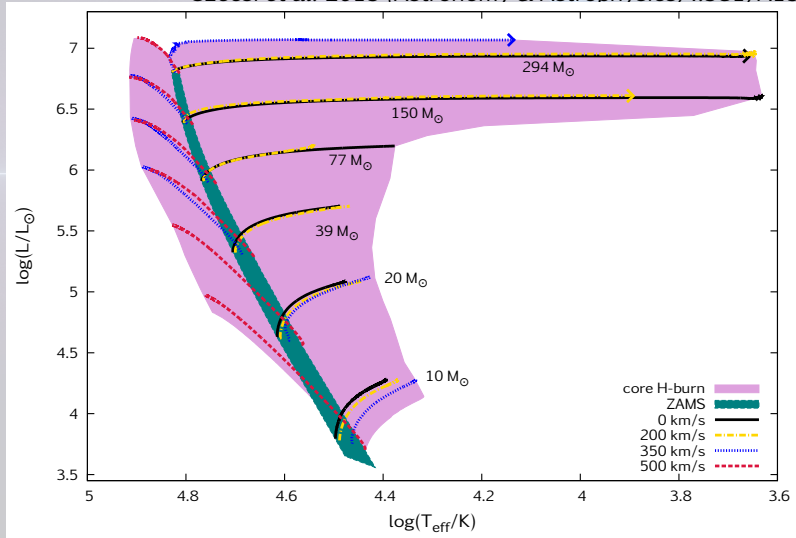
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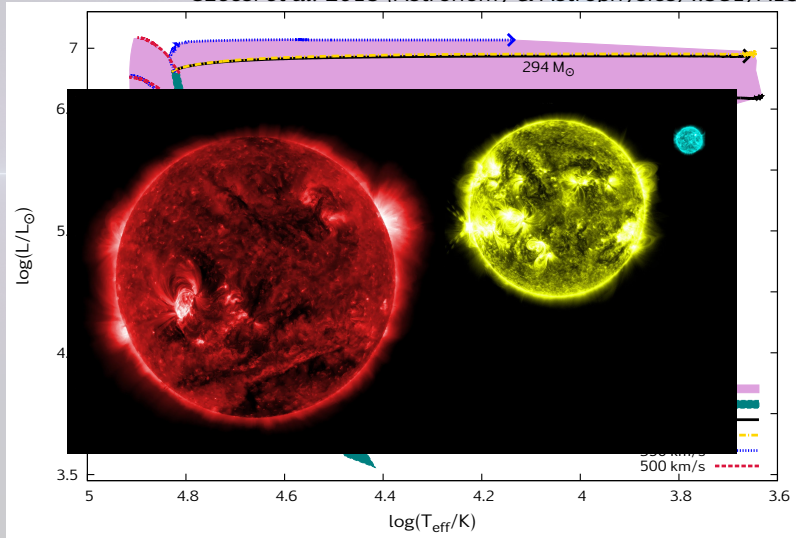
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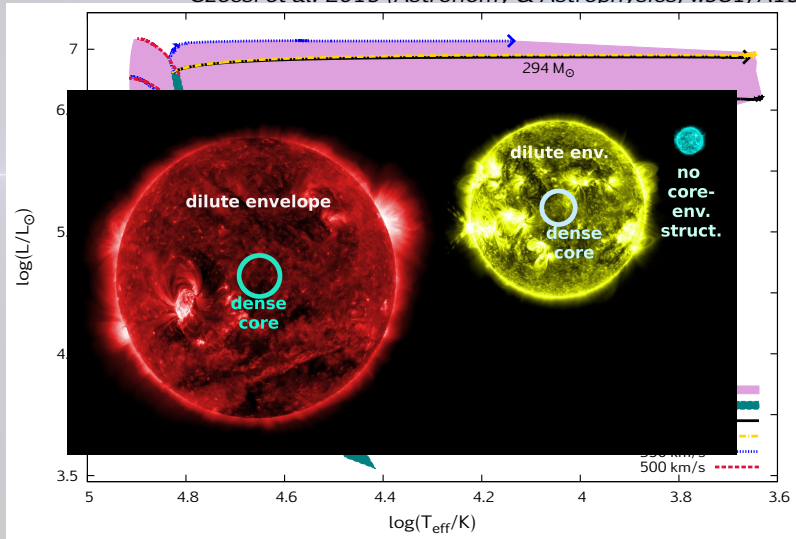
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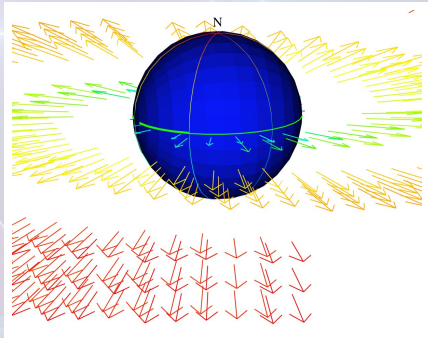
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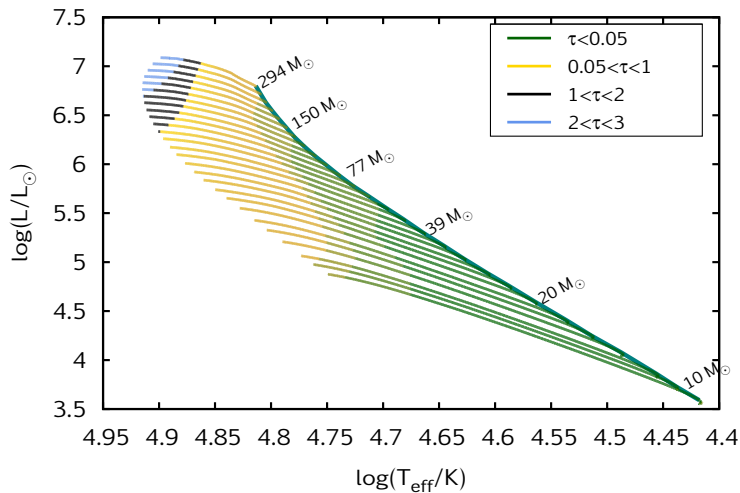
- stellar 'wind': accelerated particle flow
- hot stars at **solar Z**: **Wolf-Rayet (WR)** stars
 - opaque wind → strong emission lines
- hot stars at **low Z**?



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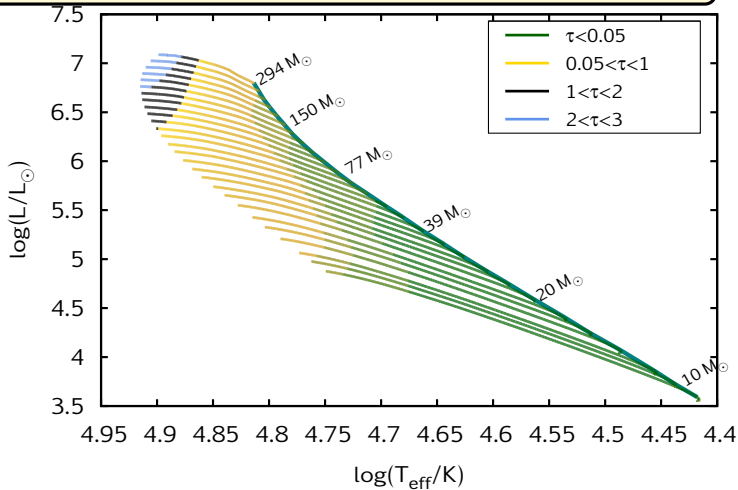


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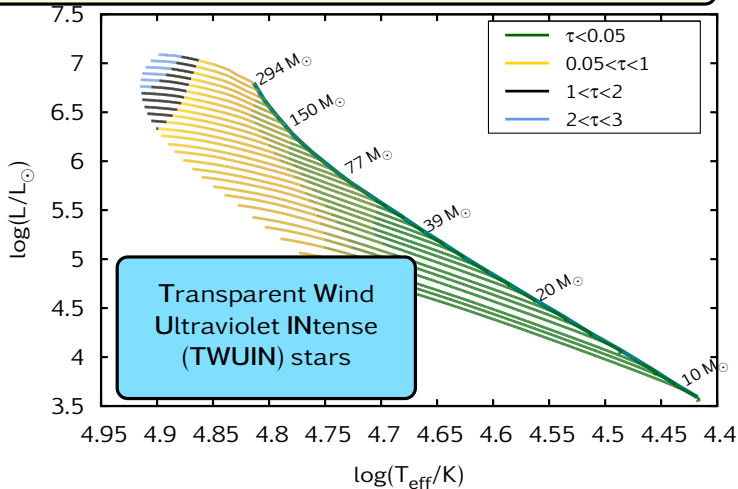
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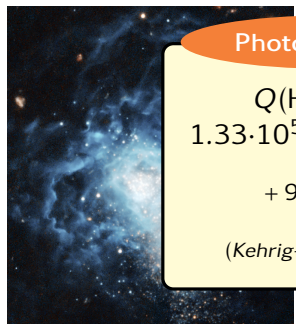


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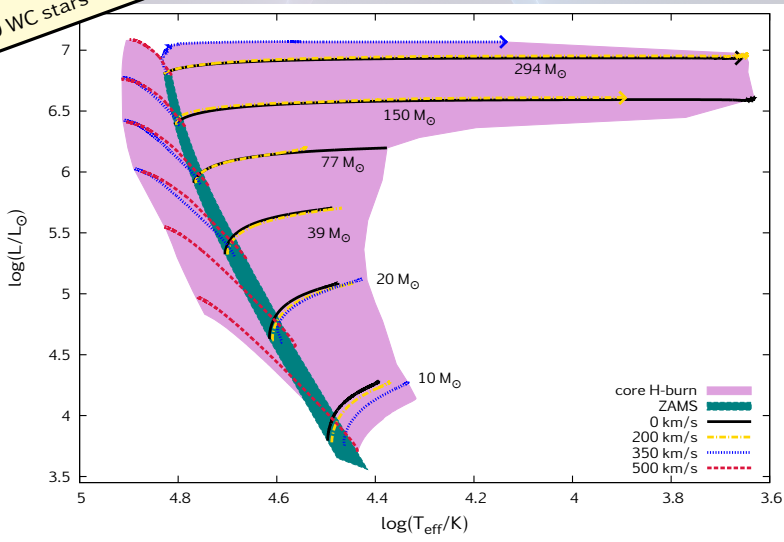
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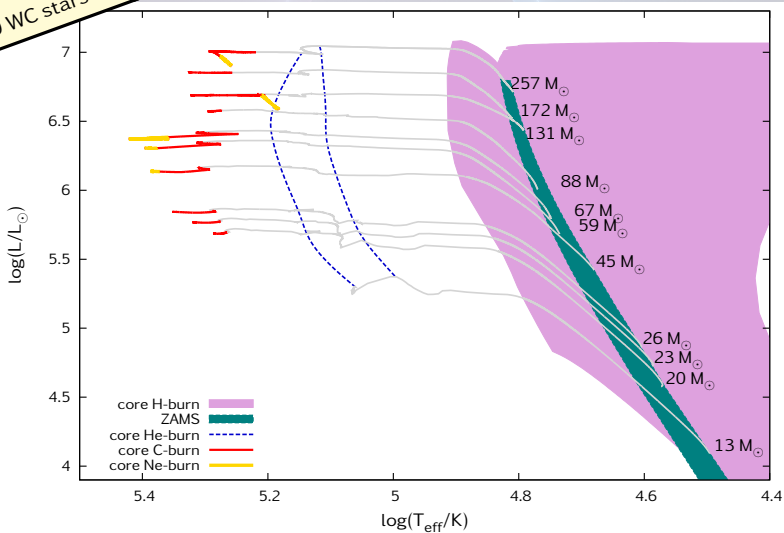
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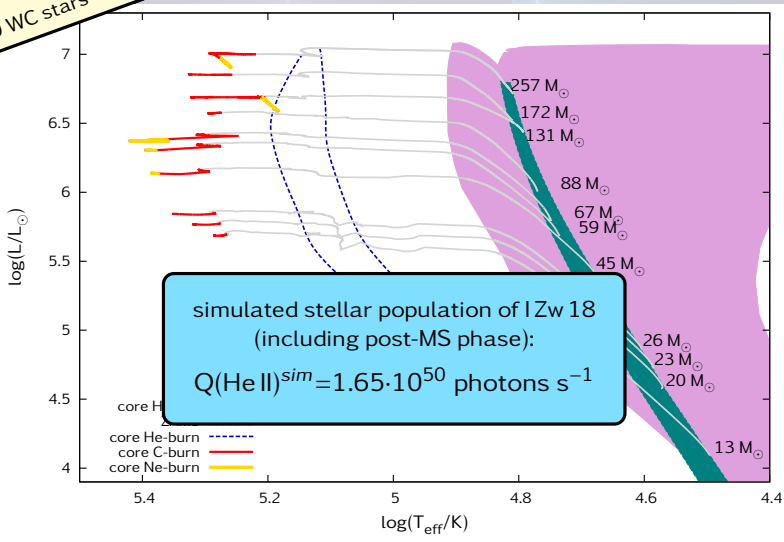
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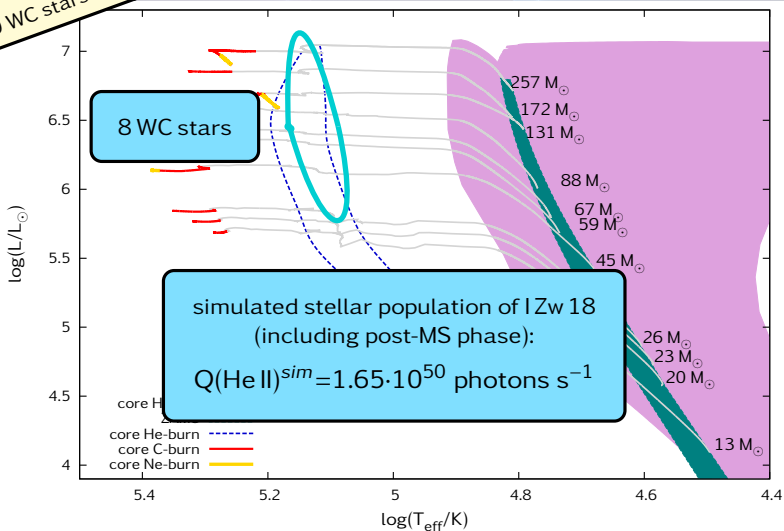
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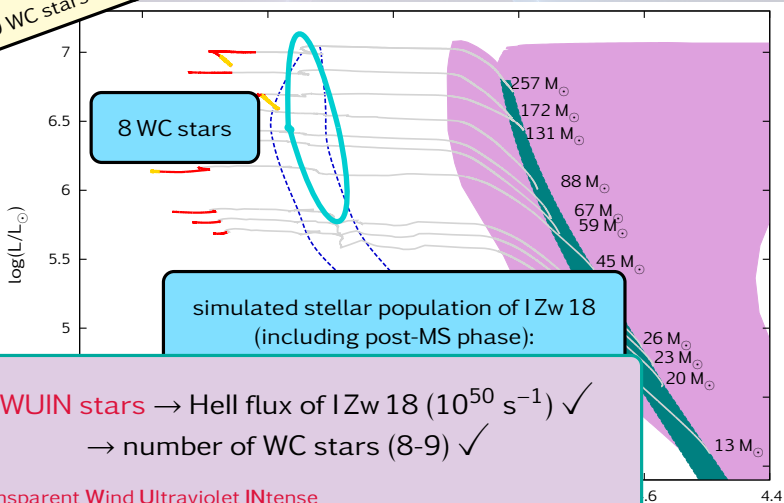
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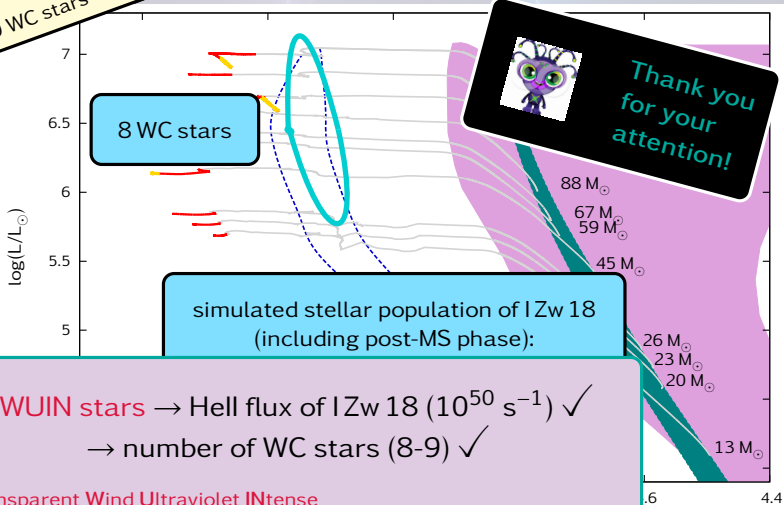
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simulated stellar population of I Zw 18
(including post-MS phase):

TWUIN stars \rightarrow Hell flux of I Zw 18 (10^{50} s^{-1}) \checkmark
 \rightarrow number of WC stars (8-9) \checkmark

Transparent Wind Ultraviolet INtense