

# science\_age\_and\_distance

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## 1 Calculating Age and Distance of NGC3201 using Isochrones

### 1.1 Science!

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```
[1]: import os
import numpy
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib.colors import LogNorm
```

### 1.2 HR Diagrams

#### 1.2.1 ★ Collecting the data set of magnitudes for each filter

```
[2]: cwd = os.getcwd()                # saving current directory
os.chdir("../060_find_magnitudes/data") # changing directory

file = open("magnitudes.csv", "r")    # opening the file (.csv) with all
    ↪ the calculated magnitudes

# reading lines of the document
lines = file.readlines()[1:]          # skipping the first line as it
    ↪ contains the heading (string)
lines_ = []
B = []                                # creating empty arrays for each
    ↪ filter
V = []
R = []
I = []

for i in lines:
    lines_.append(i.strip())           # removing '\n'

# note to self: data is represented as string
for x in lines_:
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        B.append((x.split(',')[2]))          # adding all B magnitude data to
        ↪array 'B'...
        V.append((x.split(',')[4]))
        R.append((x.split(',')[6]))
        I.append((x.split(',')[8]))

file.close()                                # close magnitudes.csv
os.chdir(cwd)                              # returning to the defined current
        ↪directory

```

### 1.2.2 ★ Plotting HR diagram

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[3]: B_mag = []
     V_mag = []

# removing rows that are empty (no magnitude for specific filter)
val = 0
for idx, a in enumerate(V):
    if V[idx] != '' and B[idx] != '':      # a null value is given by an empty
        ↪string... therefore ignore ''
        B_mag.append(float(B[idx]))        # append the magnitude as a float
        ↪value if both B and V mags are present
        V_mag.append(float(V[idx]))
        val = idx

# checking that it works and has only removed the necessary columns for both
        ↪specified mags
#print(B_mag)
#print(V_mag)
#print(len(B_mag))
#print(len(V_mag))

BV = numpy.array(B_mag)-numpy.array(V_mag) # colour: B minus V mags

# plotting HR
plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = [14, 10]  # define plot size

plt.axis([-0.7, 3, 20.5, 11])             # axes ranges

ax = plt.gca()
ax.scatter(BV, V_mag, color = "b")

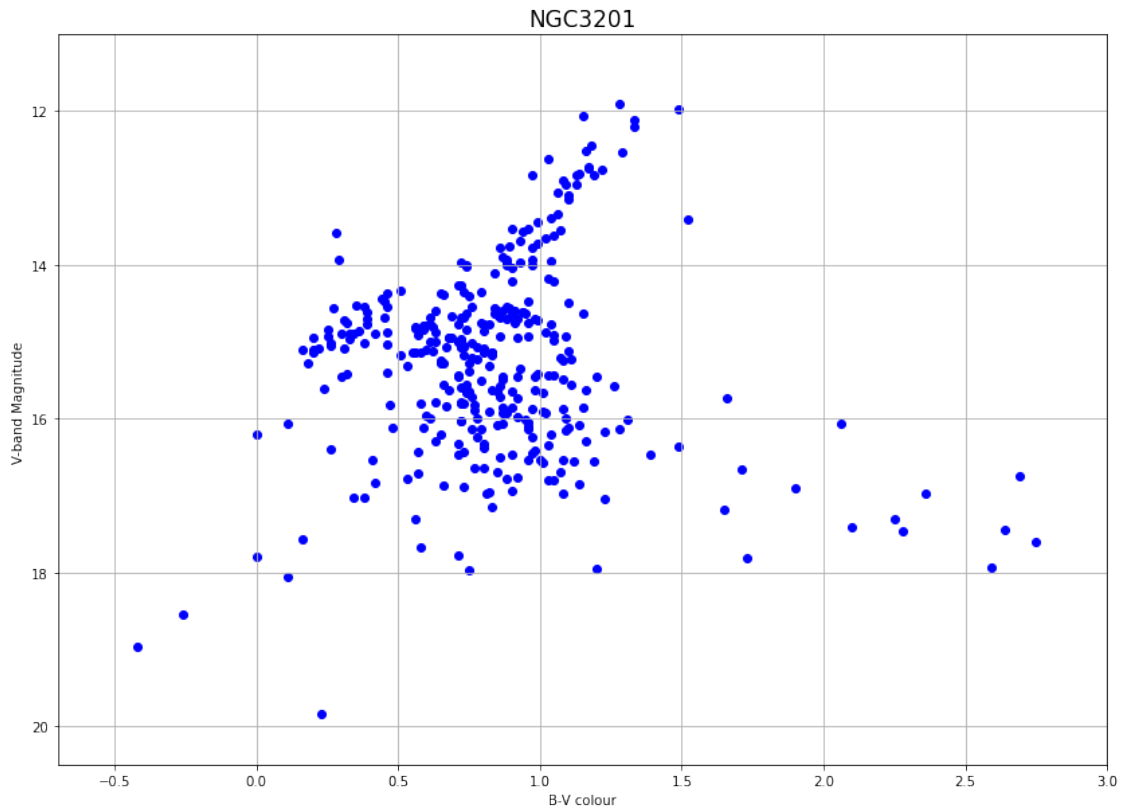
# axis labels
plt.rcParams.update({'font.size':14 })
plt.xlabel('B-V colour')

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plt.ylabel('V-band Magnitude ')
plt.title('NGC3201')
plt.grid(True)
```

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plt.show()
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```
#print(BV, V_mag)
```



**Figure 1.** HR Diagram of NGC3201: is absent of a mainsequence, this is likely due to the fact that the faint stars weren't picked up - We can see that there's a red giant branch, this works to our advantage as we can fit red giant isochrones to this.

### 1.2.3 ★ Creating function for magnitudes

```
[4]: # function collects magnitudes for a pair of specific bands and only appends
      ↳ when magnitude is available for both
      ## 2 arguments --> band1: is minused from band2
      ##               --> band2: the band plotted on the y-axis
```

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def magnitudes(band1, band2):
    band1_mag = []
    band2_mag = []

    val = 0
    for idx, a in enumerate(band1):
        if band1[idx] != '' and band2[idx] != '':
            band1_mag.append(float(band1[idx]))
            band2_mag.append(float(band2[idx]))
            val = idx

    colour = numpy.array(band1_mag) - numpy.array(band2_mag)

    return band2_mag, colour

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[5]: # function creates colour magnitude diagrams (HR diagrams)
## 8 arguments --> band1: is minused from band2
##          --> band2: the band plotted on the y-axis
##          --> sb1, sb2: strings of the name band1 and band2... couldn't
    → figure out how to implement the letter into a string :/
##          --> x_min, x_max, y_min, y_max: axis scaling

def plot(band1, band2, sb1, sb2, x_min, x_max, y_min, y_max):
    mag = magnitudes(band1, band2)
    colour = mag[1]
    band2_mag = mag[0]

    # define plot size
    plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = [13, 10]

    plt.axis([x_min, x_max, y_min, y_max])           # axes ranges
    plt.scatter(colour, band2_mag, color = 'b')      # scatter plot

    #ax = plt.gca()
    #ax.scatter(colour, band2_mag, color = "b")

    # axis labels
    plt.rcParams.update({'font.size':14 })
    plt.xlabel('{}-{} colour'.format(sb1, sb2))
    plt.ylabel('{}-band Magnitude'.format(sb2))
    plt.grid(True)

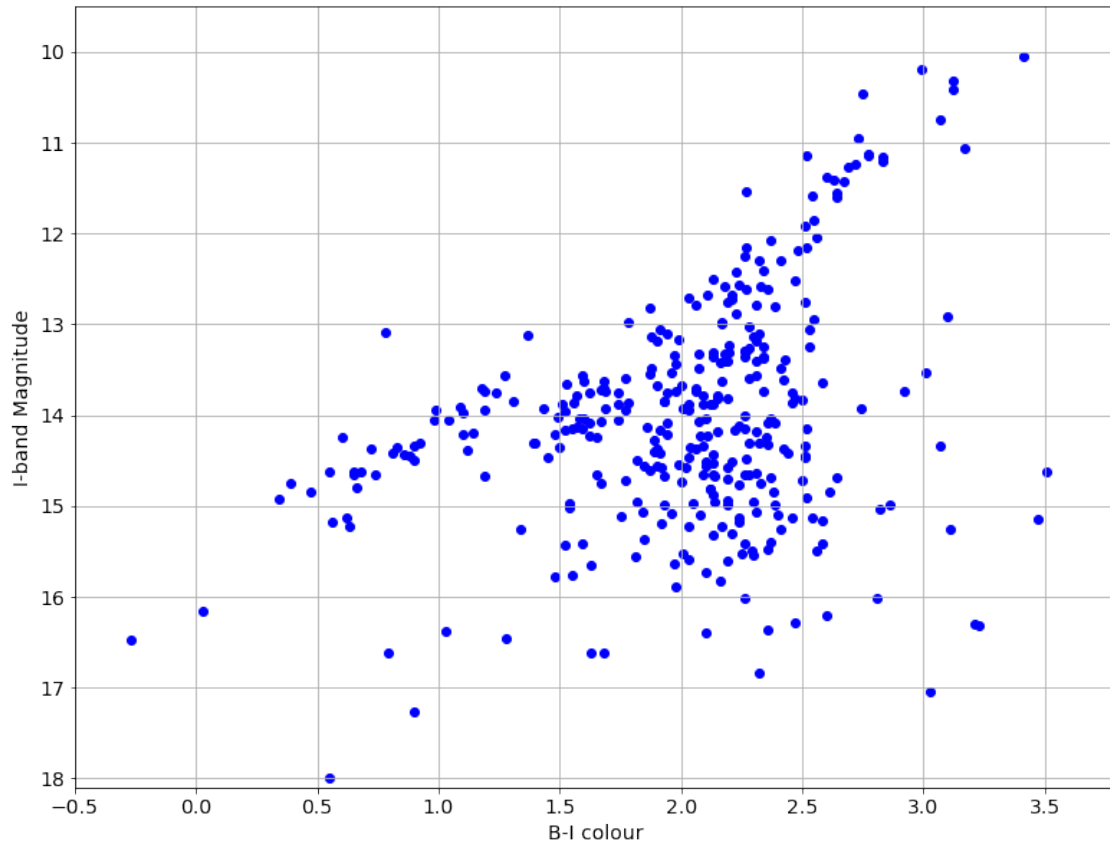
    #plt.show()

```

### 1.2.4 ★ Plotting HR Diagrams using different bands

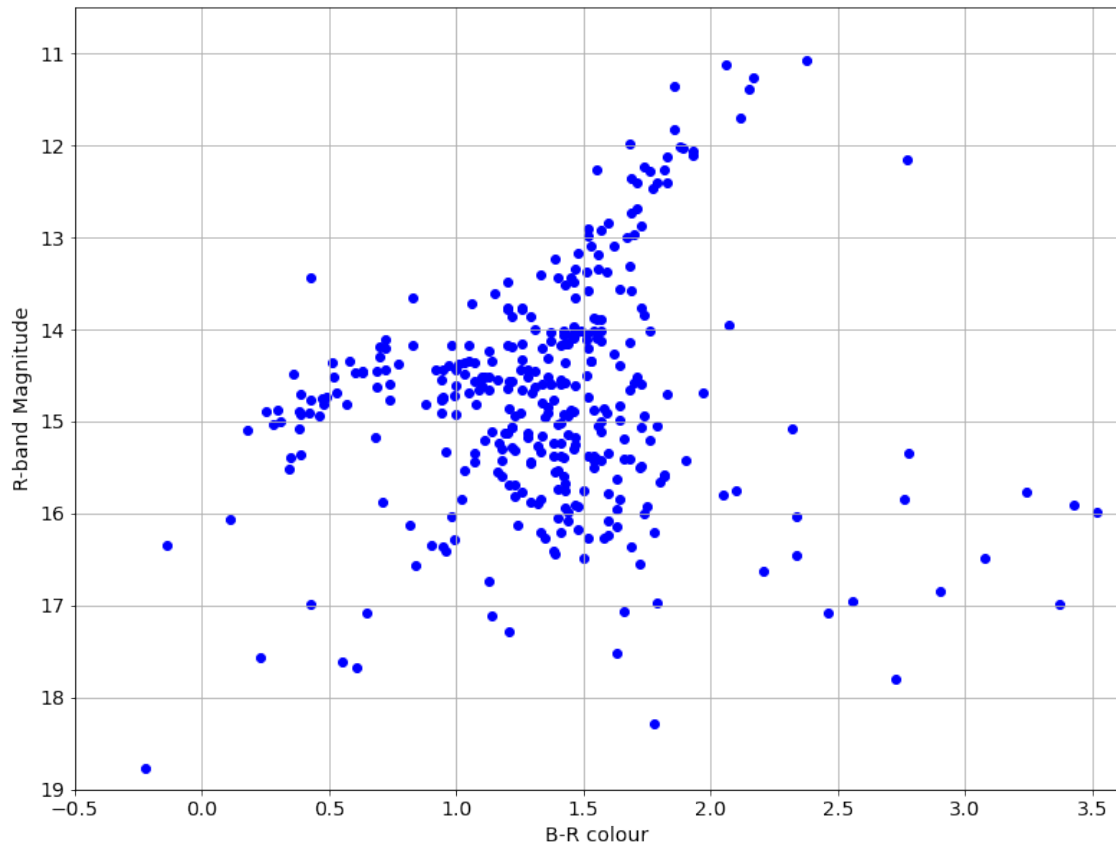
```
[6]: #plot(B,V,"B","V",-0.7, 3, 20.5, 11)
```

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[7]: plot(B,I,"B","I",-0.5, 3.8, 18.1, 9.5)
```



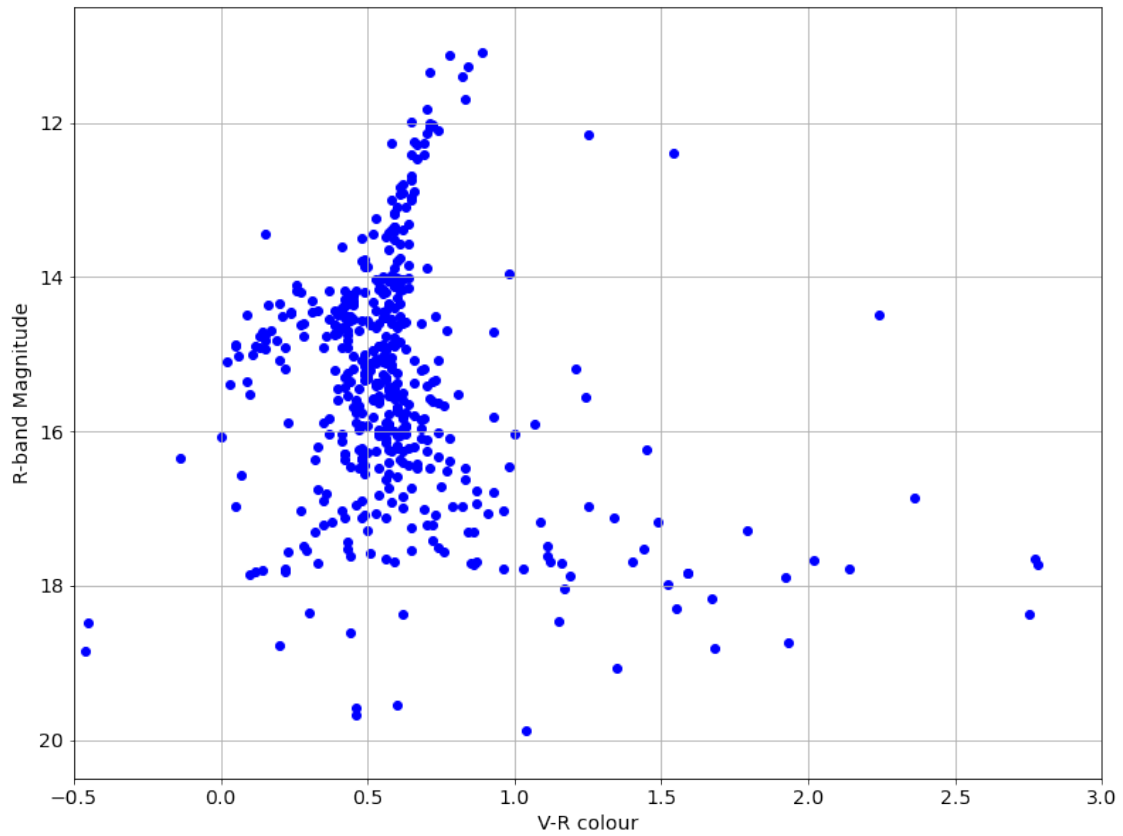
**Figure 2:** I-band magnitude as a function of (B-I) colour

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[8]: plot(B,R,"B","R",-0.5, 3.6, 19, 10.5)
```



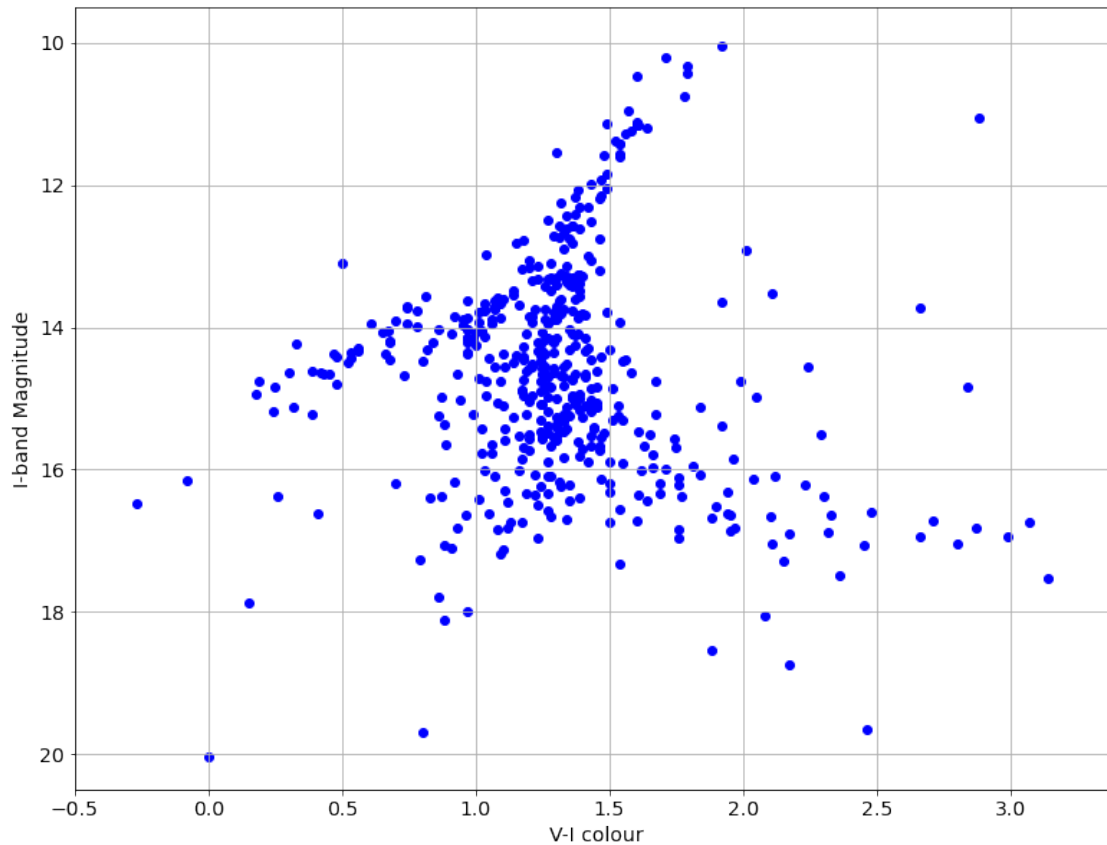
**Figure 3:** R-band magnitude as a function of (B-R) colour

```
[9]: plot(V,R,"V","R",-0.5, 3, 20.5, 10.5)
```



**Figure 4:** R-band magnitude as a function of (V-R) colour

```
[10]: plot(V,I,"V","I",-0.5, 3.4, 20.5, 9.5)
```



**Figure 5:** I-band magnitude as a function of (V-I) colour

### 1.3 Giradi Isochrones

```
[11]: # function collects B and V magnitudes of the isochrone
## 2 argument --> file_name: the file name of the isochrone
##          --> directory: directory of the isochrone

def isochrone(file_name, directory):
    os.chdir(directory)
    fname = file_name

    f = open(fname, "r")
    lines = f.readlines()
    Bi = []
    Vi = []
    Ri = []
    Ii = []

    # empty arrays

    for x in lines:
```



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        if x[0]!='#':
            Bi.append(float(x.split()[26]))    # B=C26, V=C27, R=C28, I=C29
            Vi.append(float(x.split()[27]))
            Ri.append(float(x.split()[28]))
            Ii.append(float(x.split()[29]))
f.close()
os.chdir(cwd)                                # return to 080_science directory

#colour = numpy.array(band1_i)-numpy.array(band2_i)

#print(Bi)
#print(Vi)
#print(Ri)
#print(Ii)

return Vi, Bi, Ri, Ii                        #Vi=0, Bi=1, Ri=2, Ii=3

```

### 1.3.1 ★ Plotting an isochrone

Generating a Girardi isochrone for specific ages using: <http://stev.oapd.inaf.it/cgi-bin/cmd>

Layden et al. gives an estimate of ~13Gyrs, therefore will use this value to approximate a model isochrone to calculate distance. Also using metallicity of  $[F/H] = -1.56$  as given by kraft 2003.

```

[12]: # plotting isochrones
iso = isochrone('13Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56')
BVi = numpy.array(iso[1])-numpy.array(iso[0])

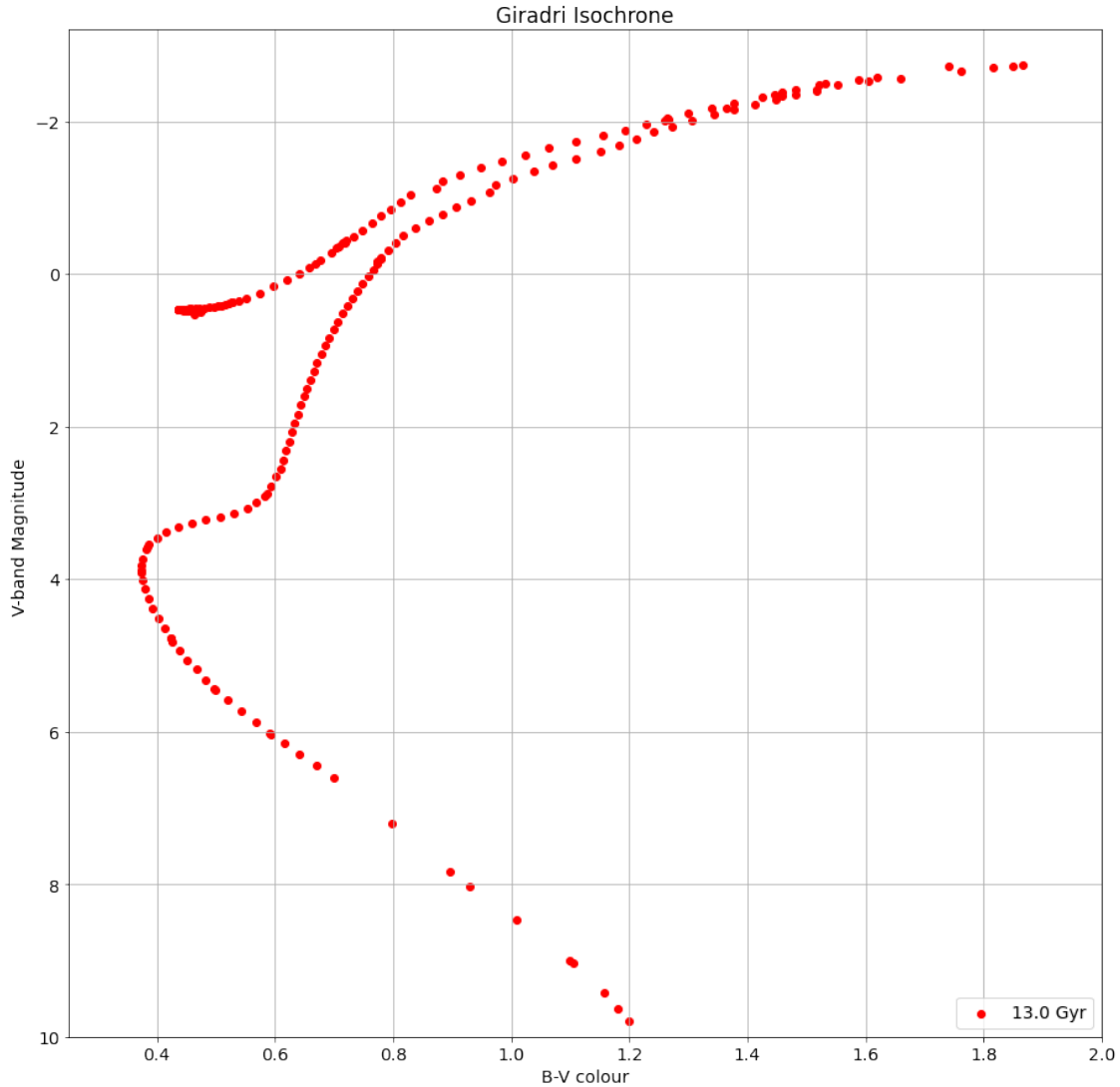
plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = [15, 15] # define plot size
plt.axis([0.25, 2, 10, -3.20])           # axes ranges

ax = plt.gca()
ax.scatter(BVi, iso[0], color = "r", label = "13.0 Gyr")

# axis labels
plt.rcParams.update({'font.size':14 })
plt.xlabel('B-V colour')
plt.ylabel('V-band Magnitude ')
plt.title('Giradri Isochrone')
plt.legend(loc='lower right');
plt.grid(True)

plt.show()

```



**Figure 6:** Giradi isochrone with a metallicity of  $[F/H] = -1.56$  (kraft 2003) and an age of  $\sim 13\text{Gyr}$   
Looks good, move on to plotting more...

### 1.3.2 ★ Plotting isochrone over NGC3201

Using an estimated distance modulus that was calculated by 'eye' to fit isochrone over the HR diagram of NGC3201

```
[13]: plot(B,V,"B","V",0 , 2, 18.5, 11)           # plot of mag_V
      BVi = numpy.array(iso[1])-numpy.array(iso[0])
      DM = 14.3                                     # distance modulus
```

```

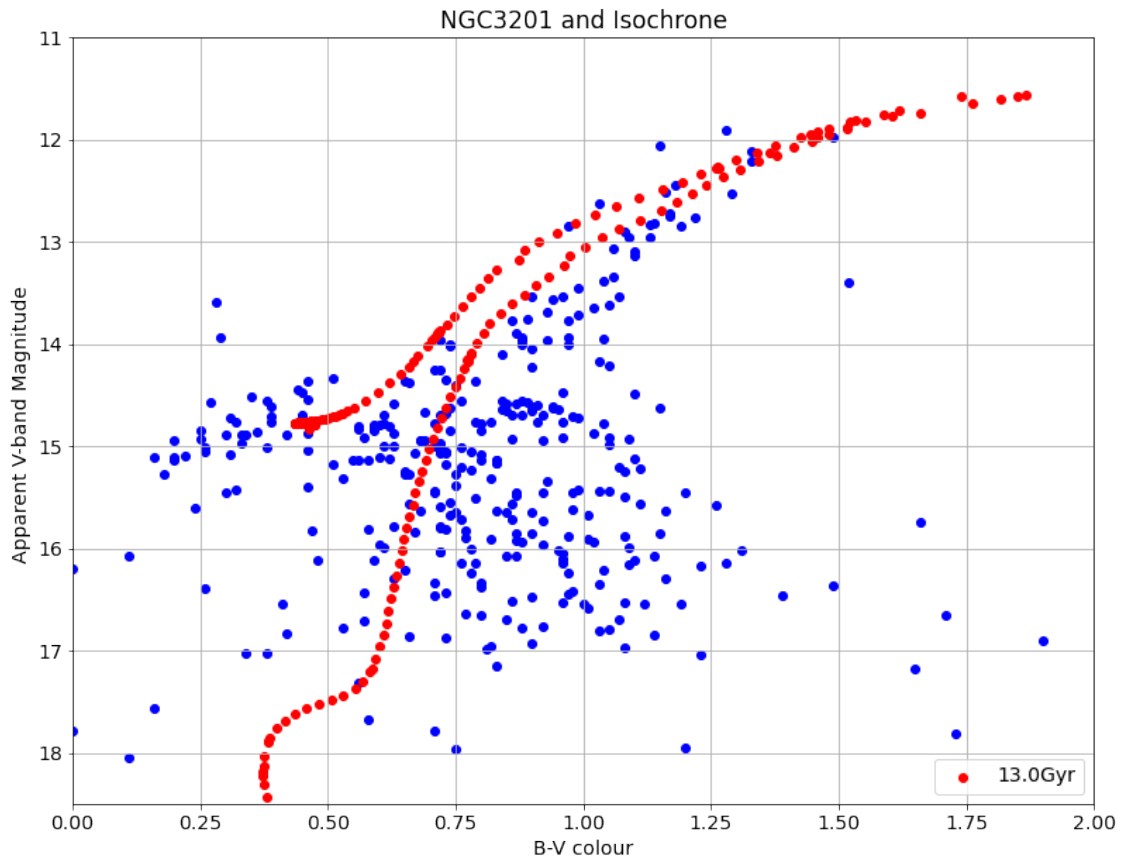
V_DM = numpy.array(iso[0]) + DM                                # adding distance modulus to the
↳ V magnitude of the isochrone
plt.scatter(BVi, V_DM, label='13.0Gyr', color = "r")           # scatter plot

# axis labels and grid
plt.xlabel('B-V colour')
plt.ylabel('Apparent V-band Magnitude ')
plt.title('NGC3201 and Isochrone')
plt.grid(True)
plt.legend(loc='lower right')

plt.show()

# calculating distance
distance=(10.0**(DM/5))*10
print("Distance:", distance/1000, "kpc")

```



Distance: 7.244359600749905 kpc

**Figure 7:** Plotting 13.0Gyr isochrone over HR diagram and correcting with a distance modulus of 14.3, thus giving a distance of ~7.2kpc

- The fit of the isochrone is not too bad
- The distance is  $\sim 2\text{kpc}$  greater than the expected literature values of  $\sim 5.1 \pm 0.1\text{ kpc}$  (Monty et al. 2018). This is likely due to the dust/reddening which we need to factor into our isochrones to get a true value.

### 1.3.3 ★ Plotting various isochrones

```
[14]: # function plots isochrones
## 5 arguments --> filename: file name of isochrone
##          --> DM: distance modulus
##          --> age: age of isochrone
##          --> Band1_index/Band2_index: choosing the band
##          --> ib1, ib2: name of band

def plot_iso(file_name, directory, DM, age, Band1_index, Band2_index, ib1, ib2):
    iso = isochrone(file_name, directory)
    colour = numpy.array(iso[Band1_index])-numpy.array(iso[Band2_index])

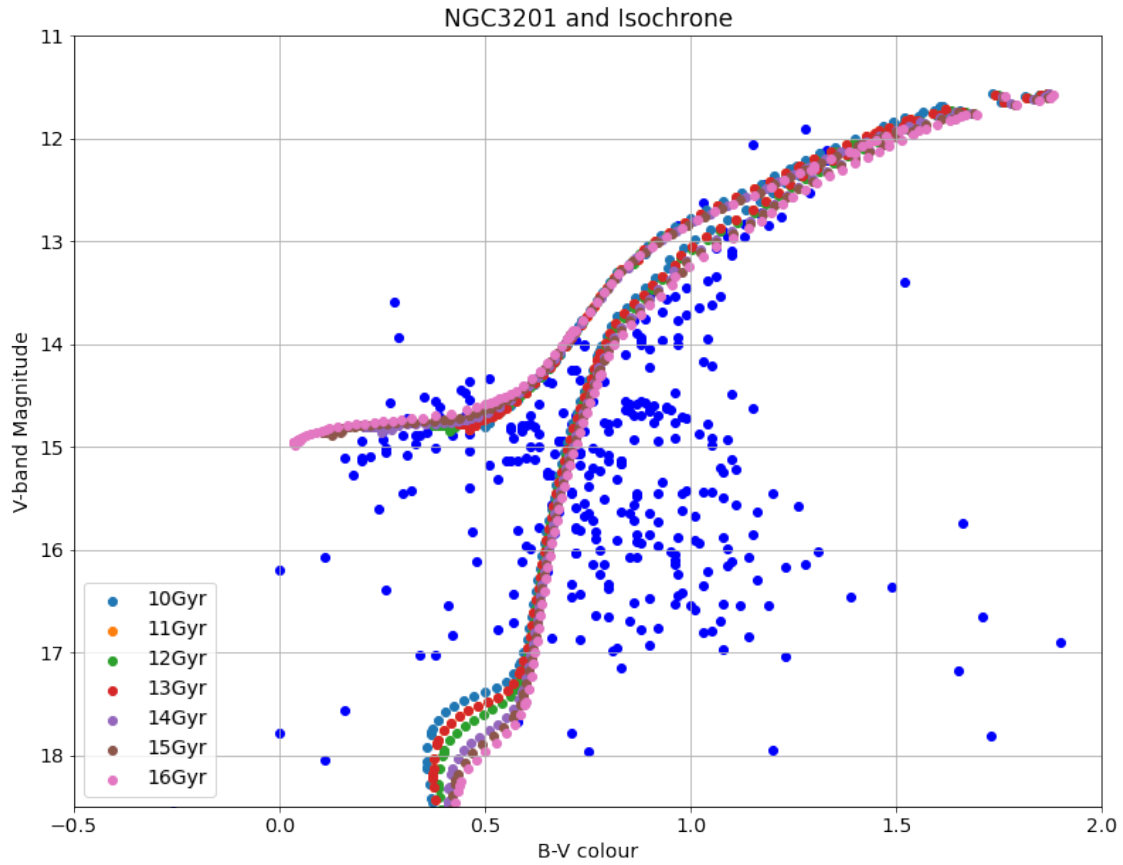
    Band_y_DM = numpy.array(iso[Band2_index])+DM
    ax = plt.gca()
    ax.scatter(colour, Band_y_DM, label = age) #L
    →scatter plot

    # axis labels
    plt.xlabel('{}-{} colour'.format(ib1,ib2))
    plt.ylabel('{}-band Magnitude'.format(ib2))
    plt.title('NGC3201 and Isochrone')
    plt.grid(True)
    plt.legend(loc='lower left')
```

```
[15]: plot(B,V,"B","V",-0.5 , 2, 18.5, 11)
#plot_iso('100Myr.txt', 14, '100Myr', 1, 0, '', '')
#plot_iso('1Gyr.txt', 14, '1Gyr', 1, 0, '', '')
plot_iso('10Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 14.3, '10Gyr', 1, 0, '', '')
plot_iso('11Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 14.3, '11Gyr', 1, 0, '', '')
plot_iso('12Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 14.3, '12Gyr', 1, 0, '', '')
plot_iso('13Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 14.3, '13Gyr', 1, 0, '', '')
plot_iso('14Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 14.3, '14Gyr', 1, 0, '', '')
plot_iso('15Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 14.3, '15Gyr', 1, 0, '', '')
plot_iso('16Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 14.3, '16Gyr', 1, 0, 'B', 'V')
#plot_iso('20Gyr.txt', 14, '20Gyr', 1, 0, 'B', 'V')

DM = 14.3
distance=(10.0**(DM/5))*10
print("Distance:", distance/1000, "kpc")
```

Distance: 7.244359600749905 kpc



**Figure 8:** Plotted isochrones from 10 to 16Gyr over NGC3201 using V-band against (B-V) colour, using  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -1.56$  (Kraft & Ivans 2003)

By plotting different aged isochrones we can get a good estimate of a good model for NGC3201.

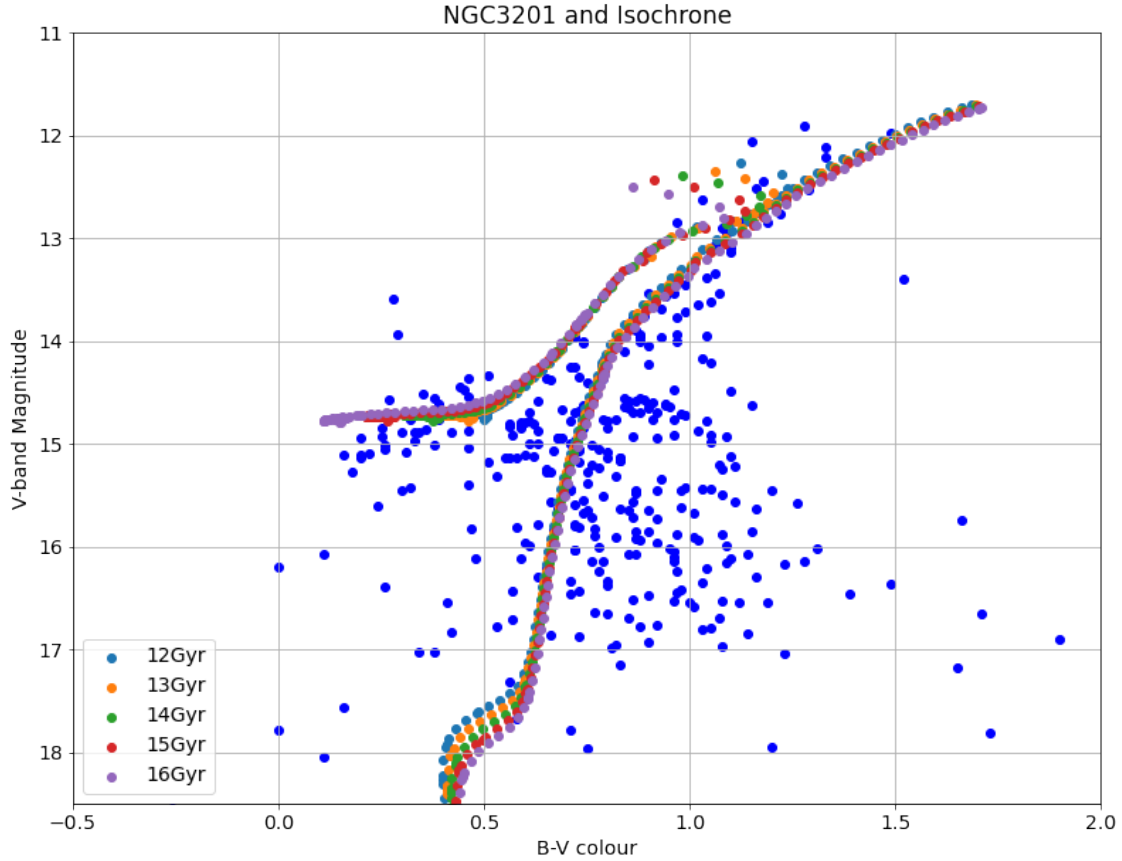
- We can rule out 100Myr and 1Gyr as the red giant branches don't match as they are way off
- Using the distance modulus of 14.3 we get a distance of  $\sim 7.2\text{kpc}$  (this does not take into account dust/reddening)

```
[16]: plot(B,V,"B","V",-0.5 , 2, 18.5, 11)
#plot_iso('100Myr.txt', 14, '100Myr', 1, 0, '', '')
#plot_iso('1Gyr.txt', 14, '1Gyr', 1, 0, '', '')
#plot_iso('10Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.42', 14.3, '10Gyr', 1, 0, '', '')
#plot_iso('11Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.42', 14.3, '11Gyr', 1, 0, '', '')
plot_iso('12Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.42', 14.2, '12Gyr', 1, 0, '', '')
plot_iso('13Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.42', 14.2, '13Gyr', 1, 0, '', '')
plot_iso('14Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.42', 14.2, '14Gyr', 1, 0, '', '')
plot_iso('15Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.42', 14.2, '15Gyr', 1, 0, '', '')
plot_iso('16Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.42', 14.2, '16Gyr', 1, 0, 'B', 'V')
```

```
#plot_iso('20Gyr.txt', 14, '20Gyr', 1, 0, 'B', 'V')

DM = 14.2
distance=(10.0**(DM/5))*10
print("Distance:", distance/1000, "kpc")
```

Distance: 6.918309709189362 kpc



**Figure 9:** Plotted isochrones from 10 to 16Gyr over NGC3201 using V-band against (B-V) colour, using  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -1.42$  (Gonzalez & Wallerstein 1998)

## 1.4 Calculating distance by taking into account ‘Dust’

### 1.4.1 ★ Calculating true distance modulus to add reddening to isochrones

$$(m - M)_0 = (m - M)_V - R_V E(B - V)$$

Extracting values from literature given in 06\_NGC\_3201\_factsheet. Reddening is found in **Table 1** on the factsheet. We are using the values:

- $(m - M)_0$  our true distance modulus

- $(m - M)_V$  distance modulus, calculated by eye through shifting the magnitudes of the isochrones
- $R_V = 3.1$
- $E(B - V)$  is the extinction correction value (aka “reddening”) of the (B-V) colour

We can determine our own reddening value by using the formula and Table 1 from 100\_calculate\_extinction we find that: -  $E(B-V) = 0.16 \rightarrow$  our value

<center> **\*\*Table 1:\*\* Extinction values for bands - refer to 100\_calculate\_extinction** </center>

Filter	Extinction [mag]
B	0.59
V	0.43
R	0.35
I	0.25

We also want to compare with literature values

- $E(B - V) = 0.25$  as given by Monty et al. 2018
- $E(B - V) = 0.14$  as give by Alcaïno 1976

We can see that our value is closest to Alcaïno

```
[17]: # function plots isochrones
## 10 arguments --> filename: file name of isochrone
##          --> DM: distance modulus
##          --> age: age of isochrone
##          --> Band1_index/Band2_index: choosing the band
##          --> ib1, ib2: name of band
##          --> reddening, reddening value: reddening name, reddening
    ↪ values

def true_mod(file_name, directory, DM, age, band1_index, band2_index, ib1, ib2, ↪
    ↪ reddening, reddening_value):
    iso = isochrone(file_name, directory)
    colour = numpy.array(iso[band1_index]) - numpy.array(iso[band2_index])
    EBV = reddening_value # ↪
    ↪ reddening
    RV = 3.1 * EBV # ↪
    ↪ extinction value

    colour_M = colour + EBV # adding ↪
    ↪ reddening value to (B - V) colour
    band_M = numpy.array(iso[band2_index]) + DM + RV # adding ↪
    ↪ the distance modulus and R_V value to V magnitude

    # define plot size
```

```

plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = [15, 15]
plt.scatter(colour_M, band_M, label = age) # scatter_
↪plot

textstr = '$[Fe/H]=-1.56$\n$E(X-Y)=.2f$\n$(m-M)_0=.2f$'%(reddening_value,
↪DM)
props = dict(boxstyle='round', facecolor='white', alpha=0.5)

# axis labels
plt.rcParams.update({'font.size':14 })
plt.xlabel('{}-{} colour'.format(ib1,ib2))
plt.ylabel('{}-band Magnitude'.format(ib2))
plt.title('Girardi Isochrone')
plt.legend(loc='upper right');
plt.grid(True)

plt.text(0.6, 0.05, textstr, transform=ax.transAxes, fontsize=14,
        verticalalignment='top', bbox=props)

os.chdir("girardi plots") # changing directory
plt.savefig('{}-{} colour E({}-{}) {}'.format(ib1,ib2, ib1, ib2, reddening))
os.chdir(cwd)

# calculate new distance and print
distance=(10.0**(DM/5))*10
print("Distance:", distance/1000, "kpc")

```

```

[18]: # our calculated value of reddening
EBV = 0.16
RV = 3.1*EBV
plot(B,V,"B","V",0 , 2, 19, 11) # plotting HR diagram
true_mod('12Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 13.69, '12Gyr', 1, 0, '', '',
↪'',0.16) # plotting isochrones of different ages
true_mod('13Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 13.69, '13Gyr', 1, 0, '', '',
↪'', 0.16)
true_mod('14Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 13.69, '14Gyr', 1, 0, 'B',
↪'V', 'Calculated', 0.16)

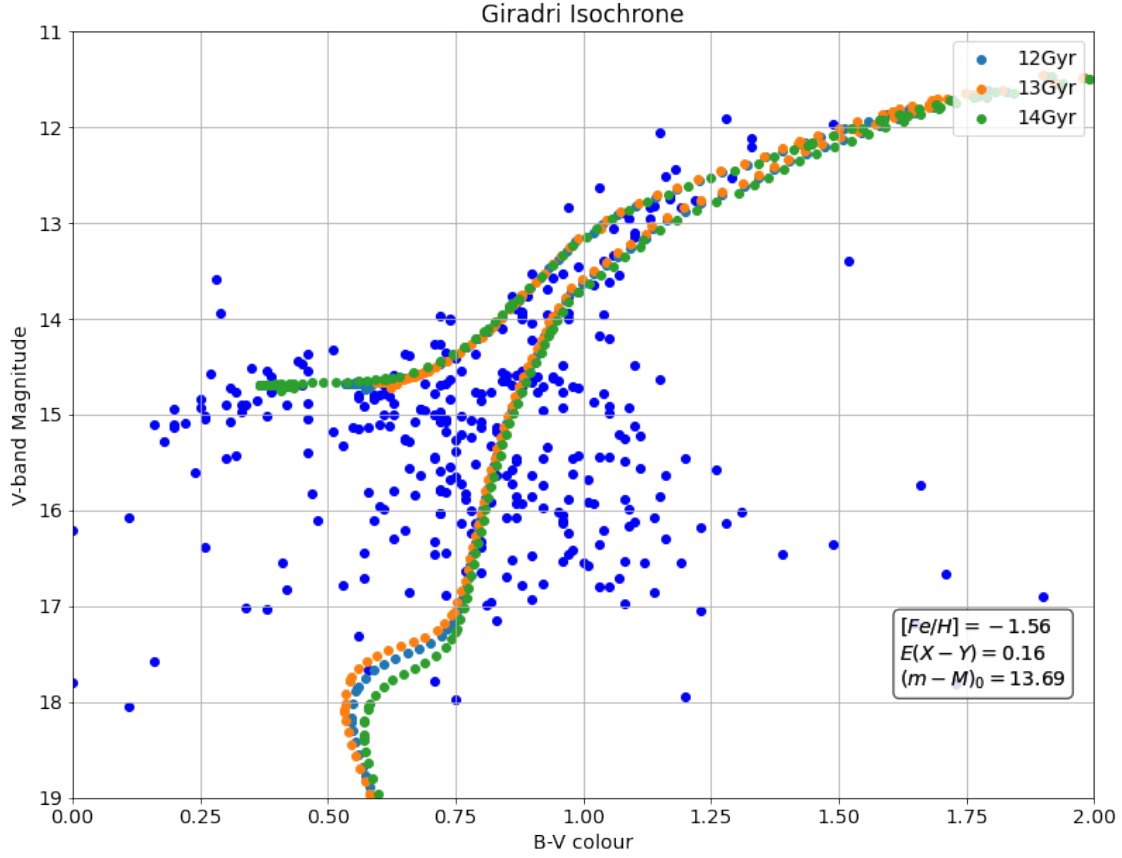
```

Distance: 5.470159628939717 kpc

Distance: 5.470159628939717 kpc

Distance: 5.470159628939717 kpc





**Figure 10:** Reddened Girardi Isochrones of ages 12, 13 and 14Gyrs. Reddening value used:  $E(B - V) = 0.16$  giving a new  $(m - M)_V = 13.69$  We get a distance of  $5.5 \text{ kpc} \pm 0.2$  Our calculation for reddening fits the isochrone well :) I'm happy with this! Time to try literature value to compare.

### ★ Using literature reddening values

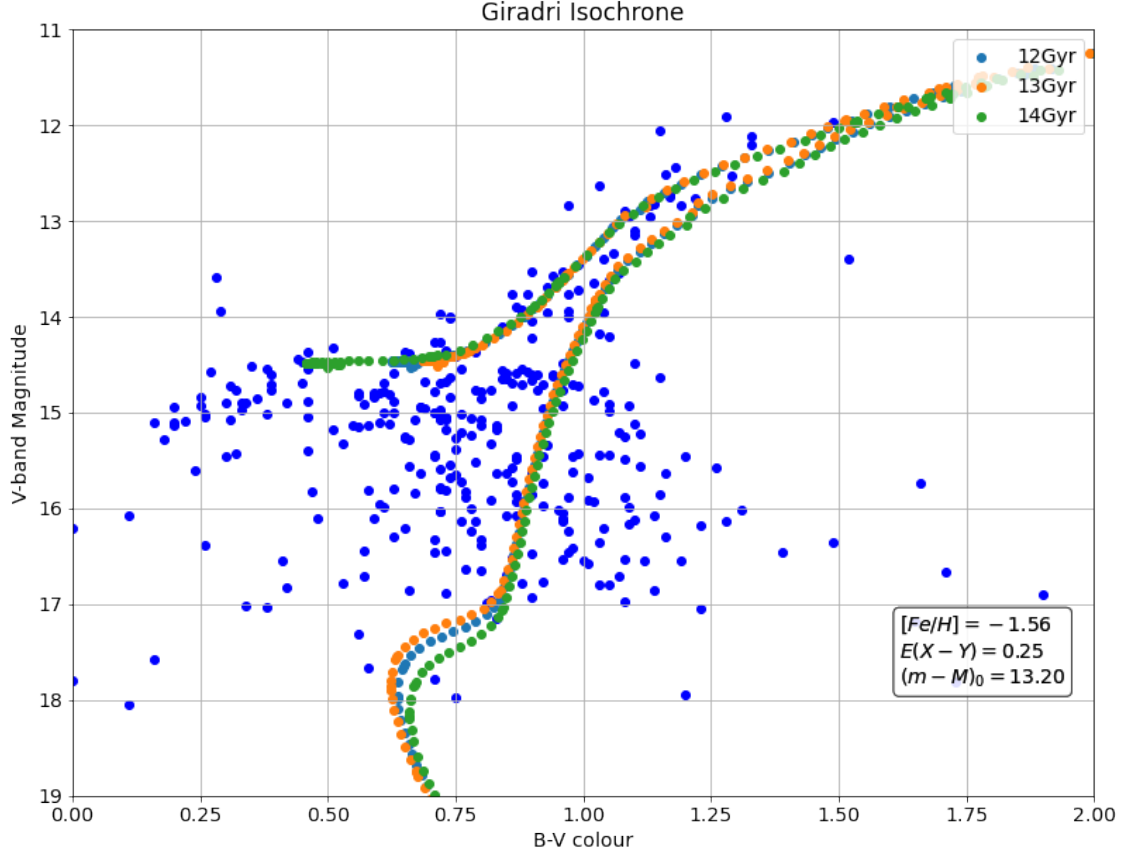
```
[19]: # Monty et al.
plot(B,V,"B","V",0 , 2, 19, 11)

true_mod('12Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 13.2, '12Gyr', 1, 0, '', '',
↪'', 0.25)
true_mod('13Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 13.2, '13Gyr', 1, 0, '', '',
↪'', 0.25)
true_mod('14Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 13.2, '14Gyr', 1, 0, 'B',
↪'V', 'Monty', 0.25)
```

Distance: 4.365158322401657 kpc

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Distance: 4.365158322401657 kpc



**Figure 11:** Reddened Girardi Isochrones of ages 12, 13 and 14Gyrs. Reddening value used:  $E(B - V) = 0.25$  giving a new  $(m - M)_V = 13.2$

Judging from this fitting, we can see that the shape of the red giant and horizontal branch don't line up very well. Looks like the magnitude colour needs to be shifted to the right to fit well... However, the new distance calculated is  $\sim 4.4$  kpc, this is at least near the literature values given in **Table 1** of the fact sheet.

Changing the Distance modulus to now fit the 'reddened' isochrone magnitudes

- The modulus now goes up by  $\sim 1$  compared to the non reddened isochrones

```
[20]: # Alcaïno 1976
plot(B,V,"B","V",0 , 2, 19, 11)
true_mod('12Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 13.65, '12Gyr', 1, 0, '', '',
↪'', 0.16)
true_mod('13Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 13.65, '13Gyr', 1, 0, '', '',
↪'', 0.16)
#true_mod('16Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 13.65, '16Gyr', 1, 0, '',
↪'', '', 0.16)
```

```

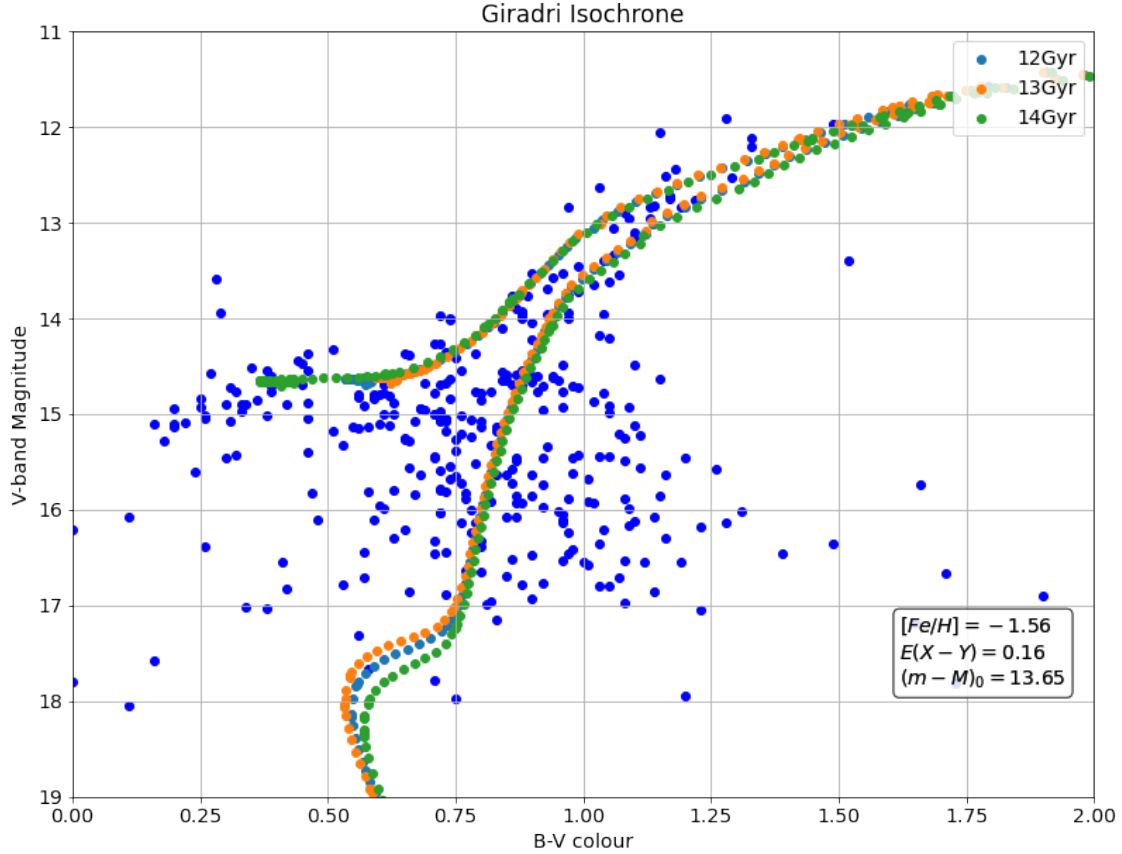
true_mod('14Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 13.65, '14Gyr', 1, 0, 'B',
↪ 'V', 'Alcaino', 0.16)

```

Distance: 5.370317963702527 kpc

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Distance: 5.370317963702527 kpc



**Figure 12:** Reddened Girardi Isochrones of ages 12, 13, 14Gyr. Reddening value used:  $E(B - V) = 0.14$  giving a new  $(m - M)_V = 13.65$

The value for  $E(B - V)$  given by Alcaino 1976 found in **Table 1** makes a better fit for the asymptotic giant branch, however, it's horizontal branch doesn't line up as well as our calculated value. We get a distance value of  $\sim 5.4$  kpc.

- Note that the value is the same to Alcaino 1976 value of  $\sim 5.4$  kpc

## 1.5 NOTES

- Found that using a reddening value of 0.16 gives a more accurate shape to our isochrones when fitting on to our NGC3201 data
- Age of NGC3201 is  $\sim 12$  to 14Gyr

- Distance  $\sim 5.5\text{kpc}$ ,  $E(B-V)=0.16$

## 2 EXTENSION

### 2.1 Using data from Carrol and Ostile appendix to estimate Age and Distance

### ★ Distance

NOTE! No MSTO therefore must rely on upper limit

Conversation with Michael "The bluest red giant stars must be redder than the main sequence turn off. So that provides an upper limit on the main sequence turn off B-V colour and age.

The faintest red giant branch stars that you can reliably see are about  $B-V \sim 0.8$ .

This means the main sequence turn off is bluer than  $B-V \sim 0.8$ . This provide a crude upper limit on the age.  $T = 10^{10} \text{ years} * M / L$  "

Calculating distance using formula:

$$m - M_V = 5 \log 10 \frac{d}{10\text{pc}}$$

Rearranging to find d (distance):

$$d = 10^{\frac{m-M_V}{5}} 10$$

Must remove extinction value from NGC 3201! Finding an approximate upper limit on the main sequence turn off B-V colour. We see that this upper limit is  $\sim 0.70$ . We will take a range between 0.70 and 0.73 as we don't get many values using 0.70.

```
[21]: #plot(B,V,"B","V",0 , 2, 18, 12)           # comparing to reddened data
EBV = 0.14                                     # reddening
RV = 3.1*EBV

BV = numpy.array(B_mag)-numpy.array(V_mag)    # colour: B minus V mags
BVV_M = BV-EBV                                # adding reddening value to (B - V)
↪ colour

# plotting HR
plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = [14, 10]      # define plot size

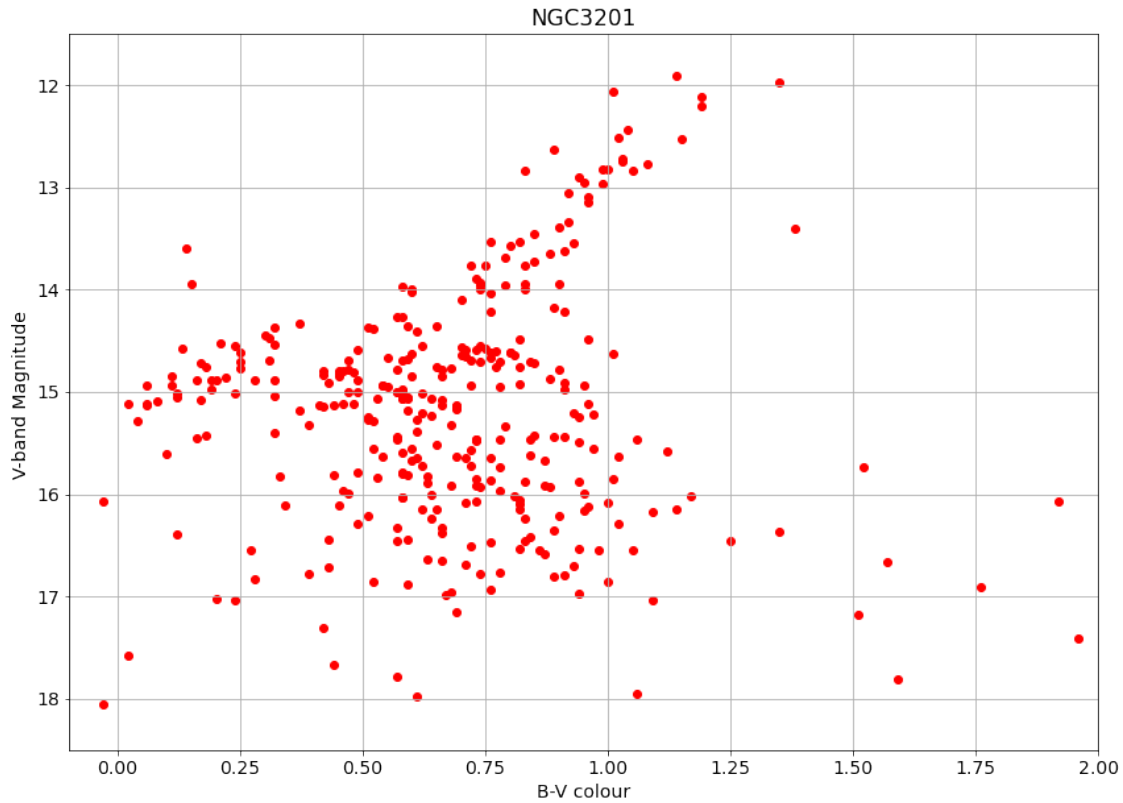
plt.axis([-0.1, 2, 18.5, 11.5])               # axes ranges

ax = plt.gca()
ax.scatter(BVV_M, V_mag, color = "red")        # scatter plot

# axis labels
plt.rcParams.update({'font.size':14 })
plt.xlabel('B-V colour')
plt.ylabel('V-band Magnitude ')
```

```
plt.title('NGC3201')
plt.grid(True)

plt.show()
```



**Figure 13:** Dereddened CMD NGC 3201 plotted V-band magnitude against B-V colour

```
[22]: import numpy as np

np.where(np.logical_and(BVV_M>=0.70, BVV_M<=0.73)) # finding index of B-V
↪ values between 0.70 and 0.73
```

```
[22]: (array([ 77, 112, 113, 117, 159, 200, 209, 236, 243, 253, 268, 281, 285,
              292, 305, 327]),)
```

```
[23]: #print(B_mag, V_mag,BV)          # from Figure 1

apparent_mag_V = []                  # array for apparent mag
BV_colour = []

idx = [ 77, 112, 113, 117, 159, 200, 209, 236, 243, 253, 268, 281, 285,
        292, 305, 327]                # index values in an array
```

```

# takes the index values in idx into V_mag to find corresponding apparent_
↳magnitude value
for i in idx:
    BV_colour.append(BVV_M[i])
    apparent_mag_V.append(V_mag[i])

# list of m_v values with regards to our upper limit B-V ~ 0.75 (minus the_
↳extinction value)
print(apparent_mag_V, BV_colour)

```

```

[15.92, 13.77, 14.93, 14.59, 13.89, 16.51, 16.08, 16.69, 15.72, 14.69, 15.64,
15.47, 14.65, 15.57, 15.46, 15.85] [0.7299999999999992, 0.72000000000000012,
0.7199999999999994, 0.7099999999999996, 0.7299999999999992, 0.7199999999999994,
0.71000000000000014, 0.70999999999999979, 0.71999999999999976, 0.72000000000000012,
0.70999999999999979, 0.7299999999999992, 0.7099999999999996, 0.7199999999999994,
0.72999999999999974, 0.7299999999999992]

```

Calculating absolute magnitude using the formula calculated by plotting C&O values... found in the excel file 080\_science/C&O/C&O data

```

[24]: absolute_mag = -16.4563*numpy.array(BV_colour)**6 + 80.6362*numpy.
↳array(BV_colour)**5 - 143.071*numpy.array(BV_colour)**4 + 114.007*numpy.
↳array(BV_colour)**3 - 41.5886*numpy.array(BV_colour)**2 + 11.7919*numpy.
↳array(BV_colour) + 1.09739
print(absolute_mag)

distance = 10*(((apparent_mag_V - absolute_mag)/5))*10
print(distance)
print("Apparent Magnitude:",apparent_mag_V)

print('Min:', np.min(distance))
print('Max:', np.max(distance))
print('Mean:', np.mean(distance))
print('Median:', np.median(distance))
print('Standard Deviation:', np.std(distance))

```

```

[5.48998593 5.44206437 5.44206437 5.39300217 5.48998593 5.44206437
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[1218.99749817 463.0065401 789.92730406 690.87514048 478.63319392
1635.26117468 1372.14360504 1817.1867684 1136.54628201 707.2730754
1120.46827884 990.83836564 710.23090438 1060.68670574 986.28587688
1180.32828432]

```

```

Apparent Magnitude: [15.92, 13.77, 14.93, 14.59, 13.89, 16.51, 16.08, 16.69,
15.72, 14.69, 15.64, 15.47, 14.65, 15.57, 15.46, 15.85]

```

```

Min: 463.00654010312553

```

```

Max: 1817.1867684008957

```

Mean: 1022.4180623803223  
Median: 1025.7625356922301  
Standard Deviation: 369.8750229420776

YIKES! Values are less than 2kpc, the greatest distance is ~ 1773 kpc, this is ~ 3.5 kpc away from the value we calculated using the theoretical isochrones! Thus being ~2kpc away from literature. standard deviation is ~400 kpc, we will take this as our uncertainty.

We get a lower bound distance of  $d > 1 \pm 0.4$  kpc, this is reasonable as it is an inequality but it is fairly low

### ★ Age

To calculate age we use the relation that  $Age = M^{-2.5}$ , using the upper limit of B-V ~ 0.75:

$$T = 10Gyrs * (\frac{M}{M_0})^{-2.5}$$

We need to retrieve Mass and Luminosity values from C&O. Since some of the values are not present, we must plot the values (same as M\_V as above).

```
[25]: # calculating Mass with respect to colour (B-V)
M_Mo = 5.44533*np.array(BV_colour)**6 - 28.2142*np.array(BV_colour)**5 +
↳ 55.3015*np.array(BV_colour)**4 - 51.8115*np.array(BV_colour)**3 + 25.
↳ 2711*np.array(BV_colour)**2 - 8.09895*np.array(BV_colour) + 2.79172
print(M_Mo)

# L_Lo = 29.7125*np.array(BV_colour)**6 - 191.196*np.array(BV_colour)**5
↳ + 493.866*np.array(BV_colour)**4 - 656.485*np.array(BV_colour)**3 +
↳ 478.054*np.array(BV_colour)**2 - 185.054*np.array(BV_colour) + 31.8913
# print(L_Lo) # Whoops... did not need luminosity value

T = 10*(M_Mo)**(-2.5) # calculating age
print(T, 'Gyr')

print('Min:', np.min(T))
print('Max:', np.max(T))
print('Mean:', np.mean(T))
print('Median:', np.median(T))
print('Standard Deviation:', np.std(T))
```

```
[0.87061379 0.88351674 0.88351674 0.89682155 0.87061379 0.88351674
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0.89682155 0.88351674 0.87061379 0.87061379]
[14.13956816 13.62897023 13.62897023 13.12909881 14.13956816 13.62897023
13.12909881 13.12909881 13.62897023 13.62897023 13.12909881 14.13956816
13.12909881 13.62897023 14.13956816 14.13956816] Gyr
Min: 13.129098813522189
Max: 14.139568162948937
Mean: 13.632322266881834
Median: 13.628970231292254
Standard Deviation: 0.3994315204368267
```

This suggests that NGC 3201 upper limit age is  $\sim 13.6 \pm 0.4$  kpc. However, this calculation is a very crude representation hence why we see that it's almost as old as the Milky Way!

### ★ Fitting isochrones to (V - I) colour of NGC 3201

Using extinction value provided on **Table 1**

Comparing colour HR diagrams: (B - V) (B - R) (B - I) (V - R) (V - I) (R - I)

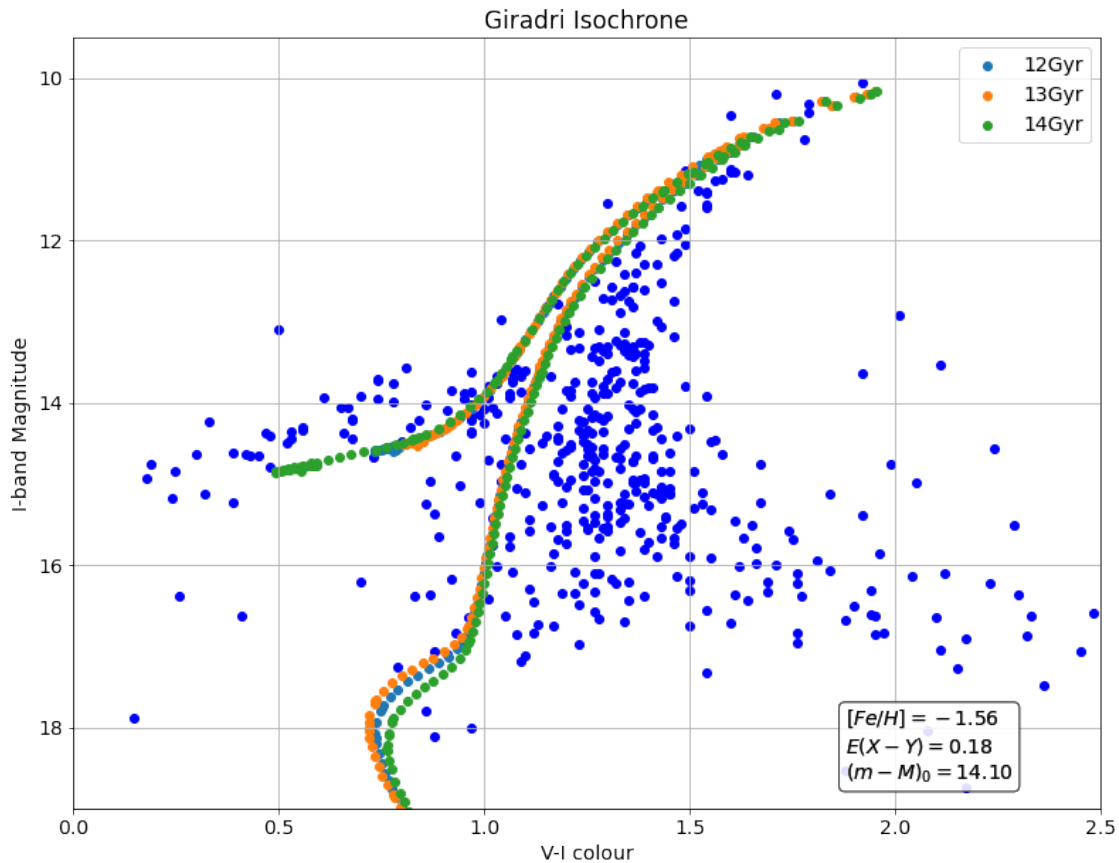
```
[26]: #Vi=0, Bi=1, Ri=2, Ii=3
# E(V-I) = 0.18 --> calculated from table 1
plot(V,I,"V","I",0, 2.5, 19, 9.5)

true_mod('12Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 14.1, '12Gyr', 0, 3, '', '',
  ↪'', 0.18)
true_mod('13Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 14.1, '13Gyr', 0, 3, 'V',
  ↪'I', '', 0.18)
true_mod('14Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 14.1, '14Gyr', 0, 3, 'V',
  ↪'I', 'Calculated', 0.18)
```

Distance: 6.6069344800759575 kpc

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**Figure 14:** Reddened Giradi Isochrones of ages 12, 13 and 14Gyrs. Reddening value used:  $E(V - I) = 0.18$  thus a distance of  $d = 6.6$  kpc

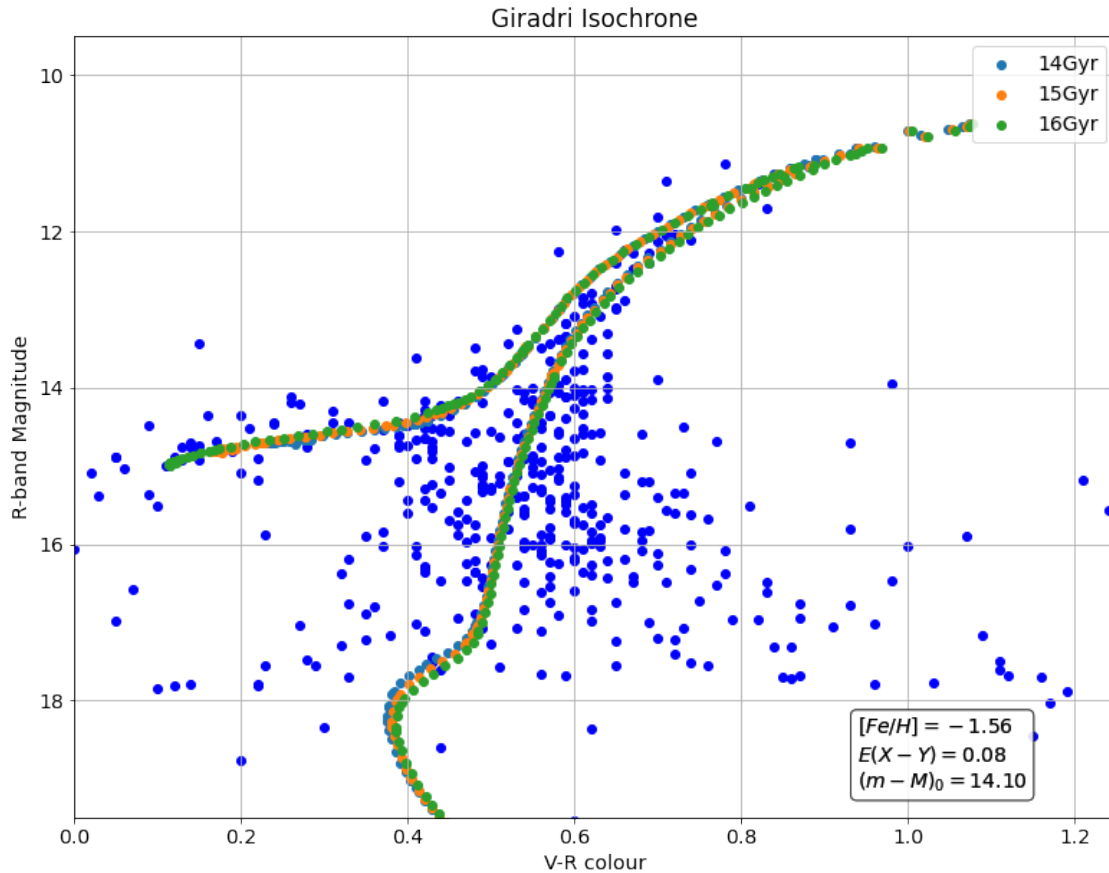
Our calculated  $E(V-I) = 0.18$  lacks the shape of our HR diagram

```
[27]: # E(V-R) = 0.08 --> calculated from table 1
plot(V,R,"V","R",0, 1.25, 19.5, 9.5)
#true_mod('12Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 14.1, '12Gyr', 0, 2, '', '',
↳'', 0.08)
#true_mod('13Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 14.1, '13Gyr', 0, 2, '', '',
↳'', 0.08)
true_mod('14Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 14.1, '14Gyr', 0, 2, 'V',
↳'R', 'Calculated', 0.08)
true_mod('15Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 14.1, '15Gyr', 0, 2, 'V',
↳'R', 'Calculated', 0.08)
true_mod('16Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 14.1, '16Gyr', 0, 2, 'V',
↳'R', 'Calculated', 0.08)
```

Distance: 6.6069344800759575 kpc

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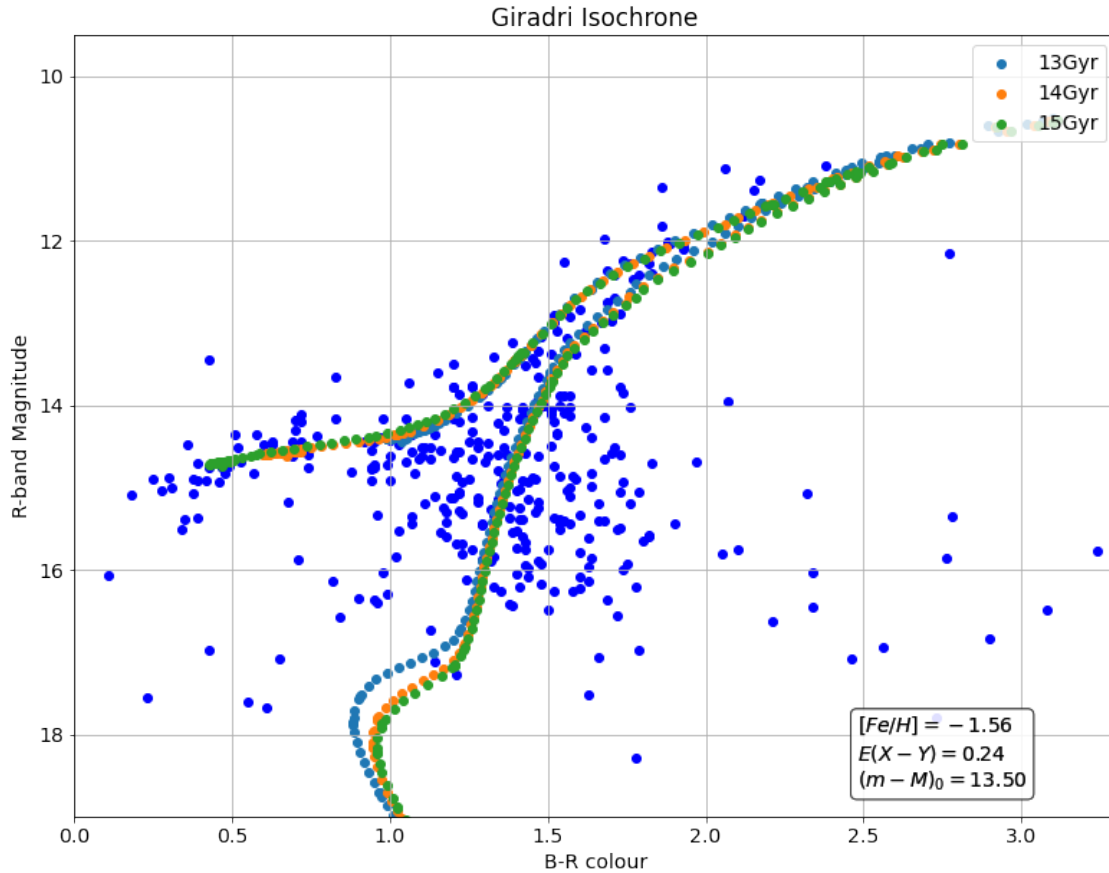
**Figure 15:** Reddened Giradi Isochrones of ages 14, 15 and 16Gyrs. Reddening value used:  $E(V - R) = 0.08$  thus a distance of  $d = 6.6$  kpc

```
[28]: # E(B-R) = 0.24 --> calculated from table 1
plot(B,R,"B","R",0, 3.3, 19, 9.5)
true_mod('13Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 13.5, '13Gyr', 1, 2, '', '', 0.24)
true_mod('14Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 13.5, '14Gyr', 1, 2, 'B', 'R', 0.24)
true_mod('15Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 13.5, '15Gyr', 1, 2, 'B', 'R', 0.24)
```

Distance: 5.011872336272725 kpc

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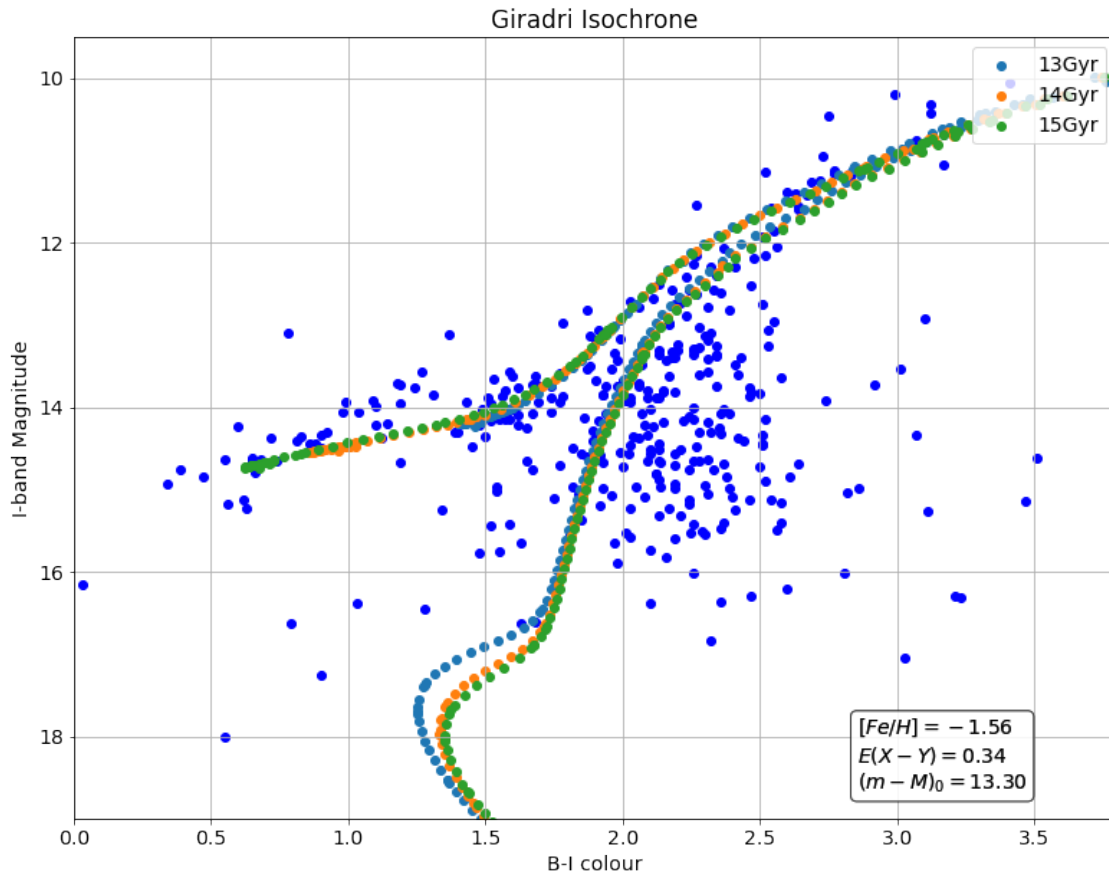
**Figure 16:** Reddened Giradi Isochrones of ages 13, 14 and 15Gyrs. Reddening value used:  $E(B - R) = 0.24$  thus a distance of  $d = 5.0$  kpc

```
[29]: #  $E(B-I) = 0.34$  --> calculated from table 1
plot(B,I,"B","I",0, 3.8, 19, 9.5)
true_mod('13Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 13.3, '13Gyr', 1, 3, '', '',
↪'', 0.34)
true_mod('14Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 13.3, '14Gyr', 1, 3, '', '',
↪'', 0.34)
true_mod('15Gyr.txt', 'girardi isochrones/-1.56', 13.3, '15Gyr', 1, 3, 'B',
↪'I', 'Calculated', 0.34)
```

Distance: 4.5708818961487525 kpc

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**Figure 17:** Reddened Girardi Isochrones of ages 13, 14 and 15Gyrs. Reddening value used:  $E(B - I) = 0.34$  thus a distance of  $d = 4.6$  kpc

### 3 Notes

- Our uncertainty for distant modulus is  $\pm 0.1$  by taking multiple measurements and finding the mean
- Uncertainty for age is the difference in upper and lower bound, therefore it will be  $\pm 1$  Gyr
- Using different colour indices for the HR diagram shows a larger spreader in B - I and B - R
- V - I reddening gives a bad fit, not a great addition to our results as the uncertainty is too great
- None of the bands could pick up mainsequence stars, hence we can conclude that the telescope was hindering the performance of our science

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