## Where do stars explode in the interstellar medium?

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#### Supernova feedback drives major physical processes in galaxies

Outflows

Interstellar turbulence

Hot gas

**Cosmic rays** 

Metal cycling

**Molecular cloud destruction** 



#### How do galaxies evolve?

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#### **Types of stellar feedback**





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## Critical factor Ambient Density

#### ISM properties significantly vary with "where" stars explode

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Stars exploding in dense gas







SILCC simulations (Girichidis+ 2016)

Stars exploding

supernovae

randomly

gas clouds

# Where do stars explode in the ISM?

**Characterise from observations** 

## High-resolution maps of multi-phase ISM with VLA, ALMA, MUSE, JWST

Atomic Hydrogen



Molecular hydrogen

#### Era of high-resolution gas maps of nearby galaxies

Phangs

BOUP

VLA X-Pro







### Era of high-resolution gas maps of nearby galaxies Before ALMA... After ALMA... NGC3627 NGC3627 Phangs 1 kpc kpc



63 supernovae

31 galaxies (<20 Mpc)

#### 60-150 pc resolution

Ness Mayker Chen (OSU)



Mayker Chen+ (incl. **SKS**) 2022 ApJ 944:110























#### **Alternative: Local Group galaxies!**



Spectral lines: Eric Koch, Nick Pingel, Adam Leroy, Erik Rosolowsky Continuum: Sumit Sarbadhicary, Erik Rosolowsky, Preshanth Jagannathan

A VLA X-Projec





#### **Pilot study in M33**



Jordan Wagner (SURP '22, OSU)

Ongoing ALMA ACA survey (Koch+ in prep)



## **Evolved massive stars** as "future" supernovae.







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#### Cold ISM around "future" supernovae



#### Younger massive stars explode in denser ISM





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#### ...But a significant fraction explodes outside molecular clouds





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## A new way to observationally constrain feedback models in simulations







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York Contraction

#### **Ongoing/future work**

#### Supernova progenitors in 38 nearby galaxies with HST (AR 17572)



Phangs

#### ~2400 new supernova remnants in 19 galaxies with MUSE spectroscopy



Jing Li (ZAH Heidelberg)









#### Where do stars explode in the ISM?

- Dense molecular gas more common near more massive progenitors.
- 42-70% (depending on mass) explode outside molecular clouds.
- Measurements can directly constrain feedback models in simulations.



Exciting use case for modern/upcoming observatories (e.g. JWST, Roman, ELTs, ngVLA)



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