# Supergiants in the E-ELT era Extragalactic Stellar Astronomy

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### Massive Stars

- Massive and young objects
  - Short evolutionary time-scale
- High luminosities
  - Brightest non-transient objects
- Agents of galaxy evolution
  - O, Mg, Si, S, Ti ...
  - Mechanical energy
  - Intense radiation fields
- Spectra richly populated by metal lines
  - B Sgs: N, O, Si, ...
  - A Sgs : Fe, Ti, Cr, Mg, Si, ...
  - Red Sgs: Fe, Ti, Mg, Si, ...



### Scientific Drivers

- Physical properties in different environments.
  - Stellar evolution, feedback, early universe ...
- Present day chemical composition of their host galaxies.
  - Issues related to abundance determinations from ionized gas.
  - Access to many other different species, including Fe and Fe-group elements.
- Distance indicators
  - Investigate the effect of metallicity and reddening.
  - The Flux-weighted Gravity Luminosity Relationship of Blue Supergiant stars (FGLR, Kudritrzki et al. 2003, 2008).

## Oxygen as a proxy for metallicity

- Extragalactic oxygen abundances
  - Strong Line Methods: dependence upon calibration.
  - Te-SLM : large discrepancies.
  - Te : saturation effects.
  - "Abundance Discrepancy Problem" (CEL vs RL)
- Is O truly representative of "metallicity" ?







#### Zahid et al. (2014)





## Cepheids in M33

#### Scowcroft et al. (2009)



#### Magrini et al. (2007)



- Cepheids

   First step in the ladder
- Secondary distance indicator are calibrated w.r.t Cepheids
  - SN la

- SBF

- Tully-Fisher relationship

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- Intrinsically bright targets Mv ~ -8.0<sup>mag</sup>
  - D ~ 1 Mpc m<sub>v</sub> ~ 18.0<sup>mag</sup> M 33, M31, IC1613
  - D ~ 7 Mpc m<sub>v</sub> ~ 22.0<sup>mag</sup> M 51, NGC4258
  - D ~ 10 Mpc m, ~ 30.0<sup>mag</sup> M 74
- MOS feasible with 10m-class telescopes
  - Low / intermediate spectral resolution
    - DEIMOS / Keck II  $\Delta \lambda \sim 2$  Å fwhm
    - LRIS / Keck I  $\Delta \lambda \sim 5 \text{ Å fwhm}$

    - MODS1 / LBT  $\Delta\lambda \sim 5 \text{ Å fwhm}$
  - Wide spectral coverage
    - High / mid res 400 700 nm R > 2500
      - Low res

• FORS2 / VLT  $\Delta\lambda \sim 5$  Å fwhm

350 - 700 nm R < 2500

### Kudritzki et al. (2012)





#### BSGs in NGC 3621: HST ACS



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- NGC 6822 (0.45 Mpc): Muschielok et al. (1999), Venn et al. (2001)
- IC1613 (0.7 Mpc): Bresolin et al. (2007); García et al. (2014); Bouret et al. (2015)
- WLM (0.9 Mpc): Venn et al. (2003); Bresolin et al. (2006); Urbaneja et al. (2008)
- Sex A (1.4 Mpc): Kaufer et al. (2004)
- NGC 3109 (1.3 Mpc): Evans et al. (2007); Hosek et al. (2014)
- M31 (0.78 Mpc): Venn et al. (2000); Trundle et al. (2002)
- M33 (0.8 Mpc): Monteverde et al. (1998); Urbaneja et al. (2005); U et al. (2009)
- NGC 300 (1.9 Mpc): Urbaneja et al. (2003,2005); Kudritzki, Urbaneja et al. (2008)
- NGC 55 (1.9 Mpc): Castro, Urbaneja et al. (2012)
- M81 (3.7 Mpc): Kudritzki, Urbaneja et al. (2012)
- NGC3621 (6.5 Mpc): Kudritzki, Urbaneja et al. (2014)
- NGC4258 (7.6 Mpc): Kudritzki, Urbaneja et al. (2013)







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• Brightest stars at IR light:  $-8 \ge M_{J} \ge -11$  mag

 $- [Z] = \pm 0.2 \text{ dex } @R^2000-3000 \text{ from J-band spectra}$ 

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### NGC300 - KMOS RSGs

Gazak et al. (2015)



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# Super Star Clusters (SSCs)

![](_page_33_Figure_1.jpeg)

Dense aggregates of young massive stars in star forming/merging galaxies (Review by Portegies Zwart et al., 2010, ARAA 48, 431)

 $M \sim 10^5 \dots 10^6 M_{\odot}$ 

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#### Gazak et al. (2014)

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### Simulated integrated cluster spectrum $\rightarrow$ same metallicity as for individual cluster objects

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### Lardo et al. (2015)

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# Quantitative Spectroscopy of RSGs (MOS)

J band @R3000	SSC	RSgs
Abs. Mag. (J)	-13 to -15.5 mag	-8 to -11 mag
VLT/Keck (J=19)	~ 73 Mpc	~ 9 Mpc
E-ELT/TMT (J=22)	~ 291 Mpc	~ 35 Mpc

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1D LTE

hydrostatic model atmospheres

(MARCS + TURBOSPECTRUM)

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# Quantitative Spectroscopy

- Inference of the physical parameters that (uniquely and completely?) characterize an astronomical object based on:
  - observed spectrum,
  - theoretical spectra, and
  - comparison metrics

# What should one worry about?

 Information encoded in the observed data (both quantity and quality)

- Spectral range coverage, SNR, ...

- Physics incorporated in the models
  - Assumptions/simplifications
- Atomic data
- Comparison metrics

#### NGC 300 : blue and red supergiant stars vs. HII regions

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Quantitative Spectroscopy of SGs (MOS)								
		Blue (BA)	Cepheids (FGK)	Red (KM)	SSC			
	Abs. Magnitude	-9.5 (V <i>,</i> J)	-6.5 for P> 20 days (J)	-8 to -11 (J)	-13 to -15.5 (J)			
	VLT/Keck	~ 8 Mpc (V=22.5)	~ 1 Mpc (J=19.0)	~ 9 Mpc (J=19.0)	~ 73 Mpc			
	E-ELT/TMT	~ 18 Mpc (J=21.5)	~ 4 Mpc (J=21.5)	~ 35 Mpc (J=21.5)	~ 291 Mpc			
	Requirement		YJ band @R≥3000	J band @R≥3000	J band @R≥3000			
	Information @R~3000	C, N, O, Mg, Si, Ti, Fe	C, Mg, Si, Ti, Fe	Mg, Si, Fe				
	+ Photom.	E(B-V), Rv	Ages					

#### Red Supergiant Stars:

Davies et al. 2010, MNRAS, 407, 1203 Davies et al. 2013, ApJ, 767, 3 Gazak et al. 2014, ApJ, 788, 58 Patrick et al. 2015, ApJ, 803, 14 Davies et al. 2015, ApJ, 806, 21 Super Star Clusters:

Gazak et al. 2013, MNRAS, 430, L35 Gazak et al. 2014, ApJ, 787, 142 Lardo et al. 2015, arxiv150904937

*"... these stars may be used to determine metallicities ..."* Quantitative Spectroscopy of Luminous Blue Stars in Distant Galaxies Kudritzki, Lennon and Puls (1995, "Science with the VLT")

![](_page_55_Picture_1.jpeg)

Antu (UT1) - 1998

Bresolin et al. (2001)

... it is possible to determine individual abundances (such as Fe, Ti, Cr, O, Mg ...) up to 6-7 Mpc ...

*"... {Introduce your bold idea here} ..."* Catchy title for your talk Introduce your name here (2021, "Science with the E-ELT")

E-ELT starts operation - 2024

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