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Observational constraints on the coupling efficiency of mechanical stellar feedback

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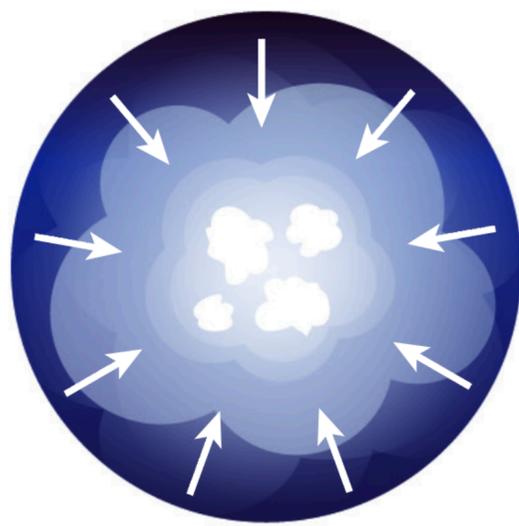


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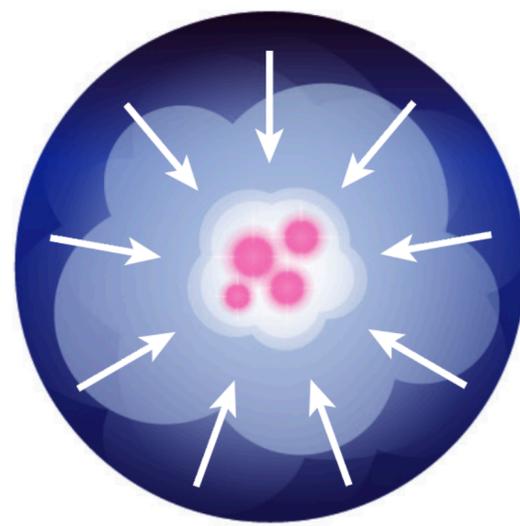
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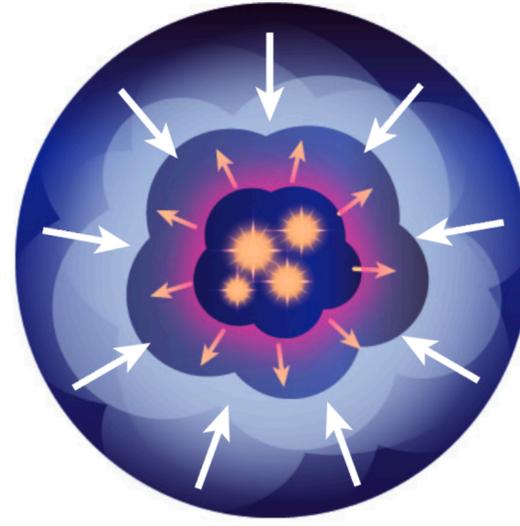
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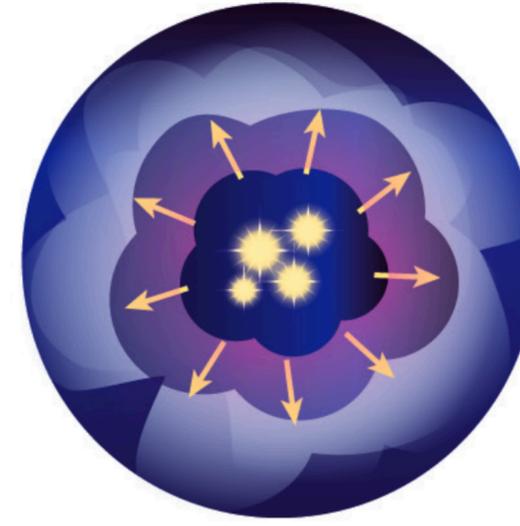
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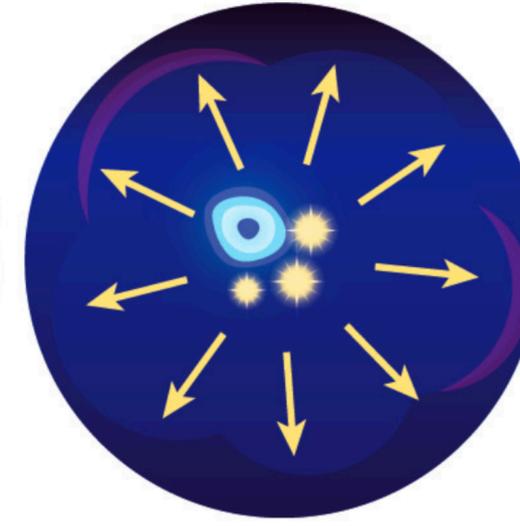
Onset of star formation



Pre-supernovae stellar feedback



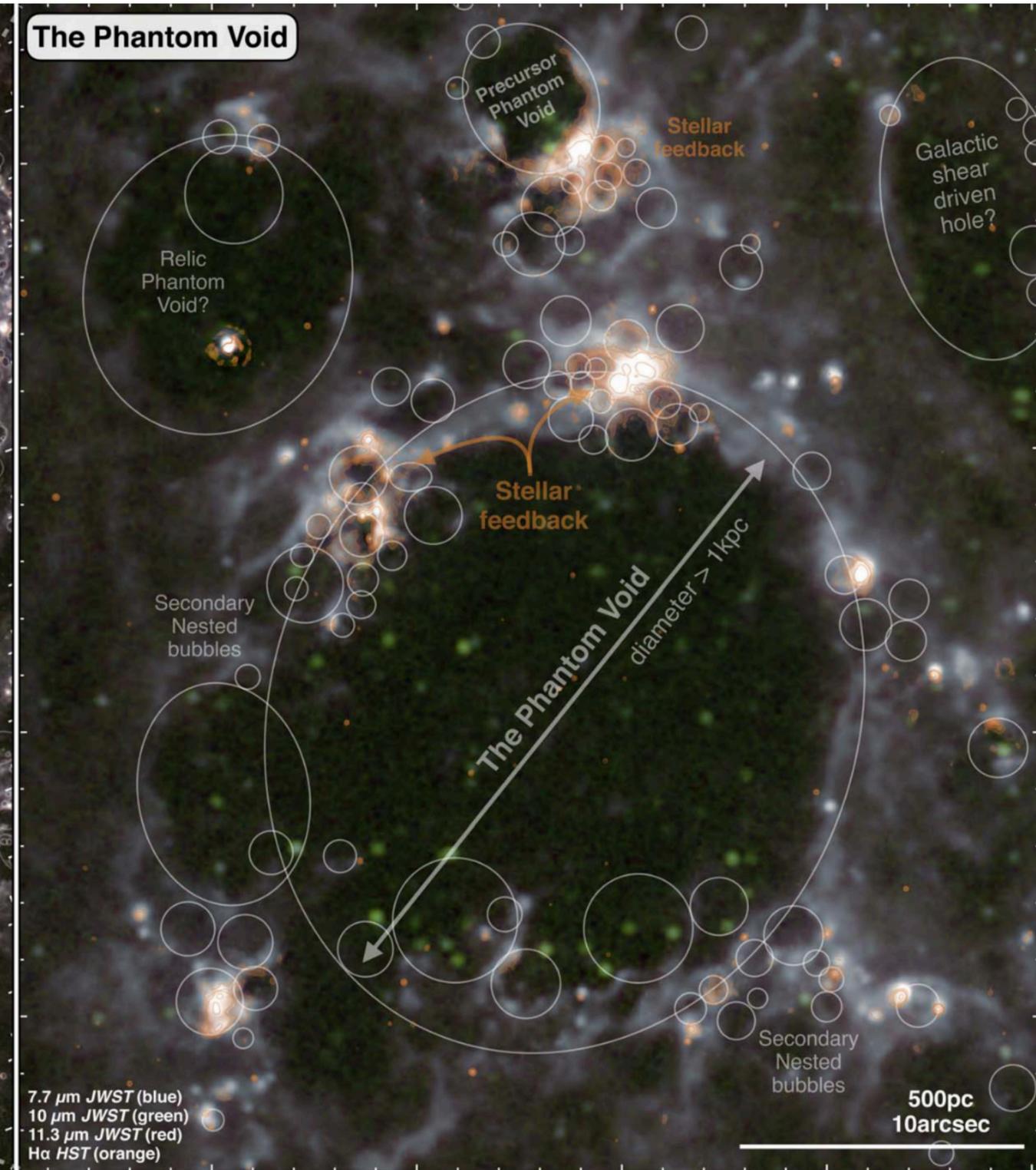
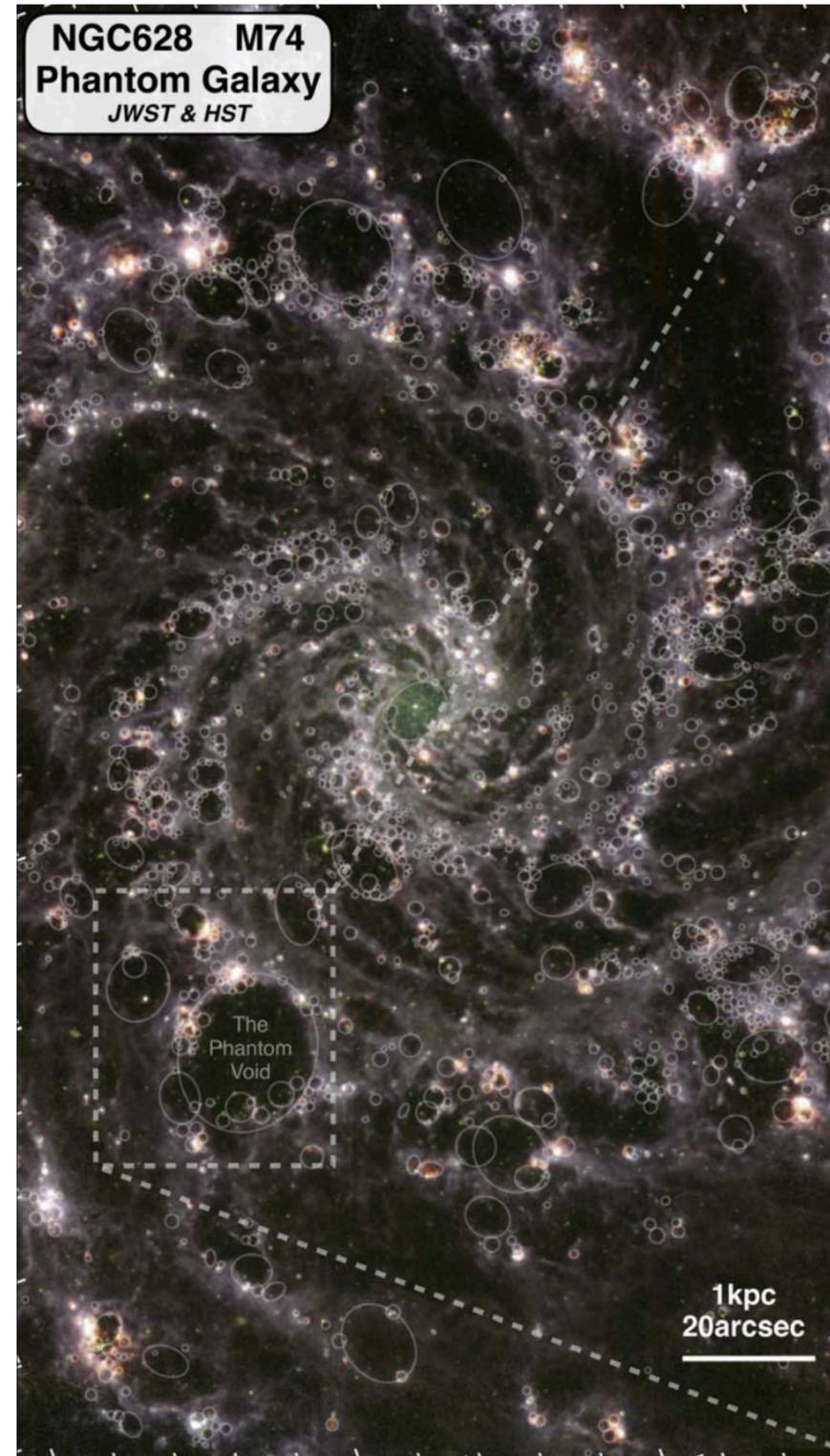
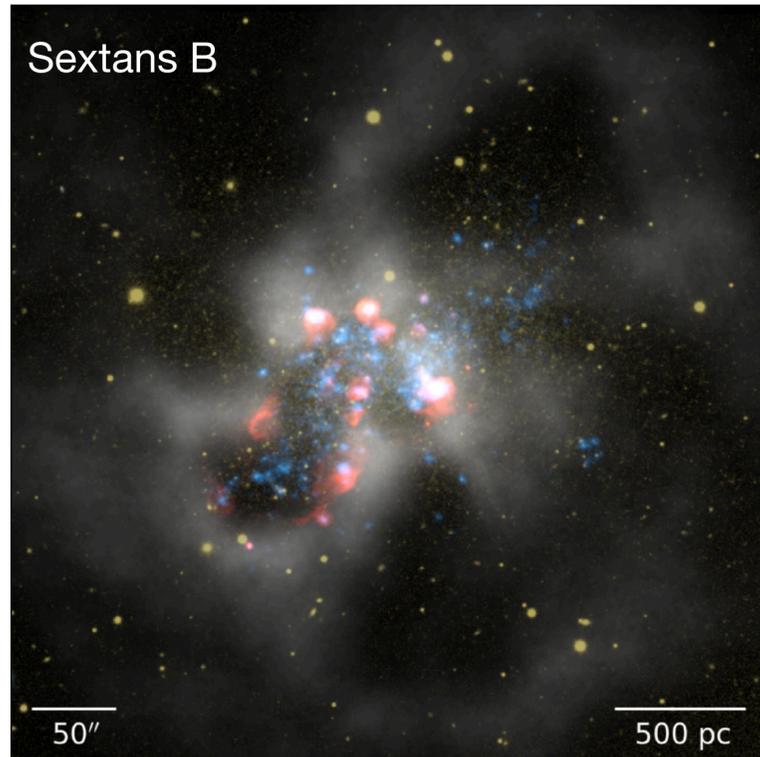
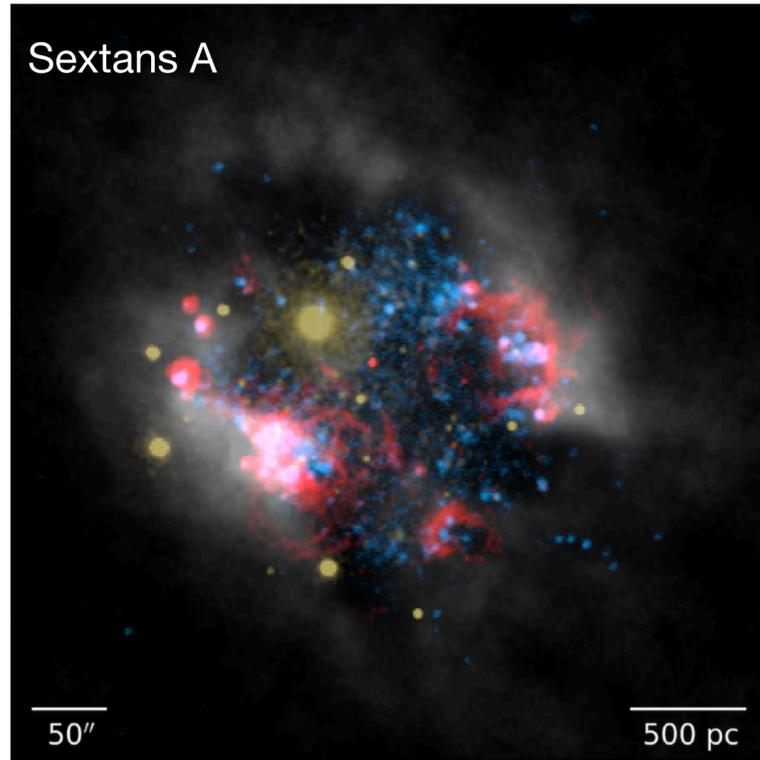
Cloud disruption



Cloud dispersal and supernova explosions

Schinnerer & Leroy, Ann.Rev 2024

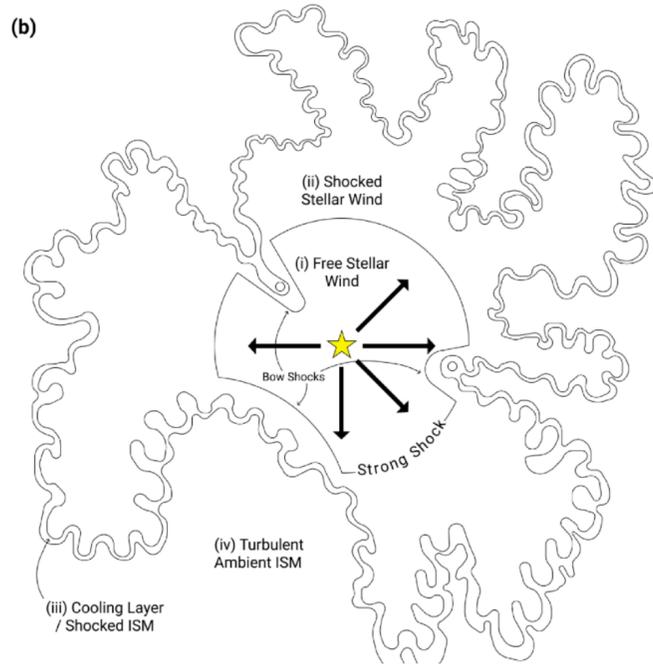
Stellar feedback shapes the ISM of the galaxies



Gerasimov, OE et al. 2023, 2024

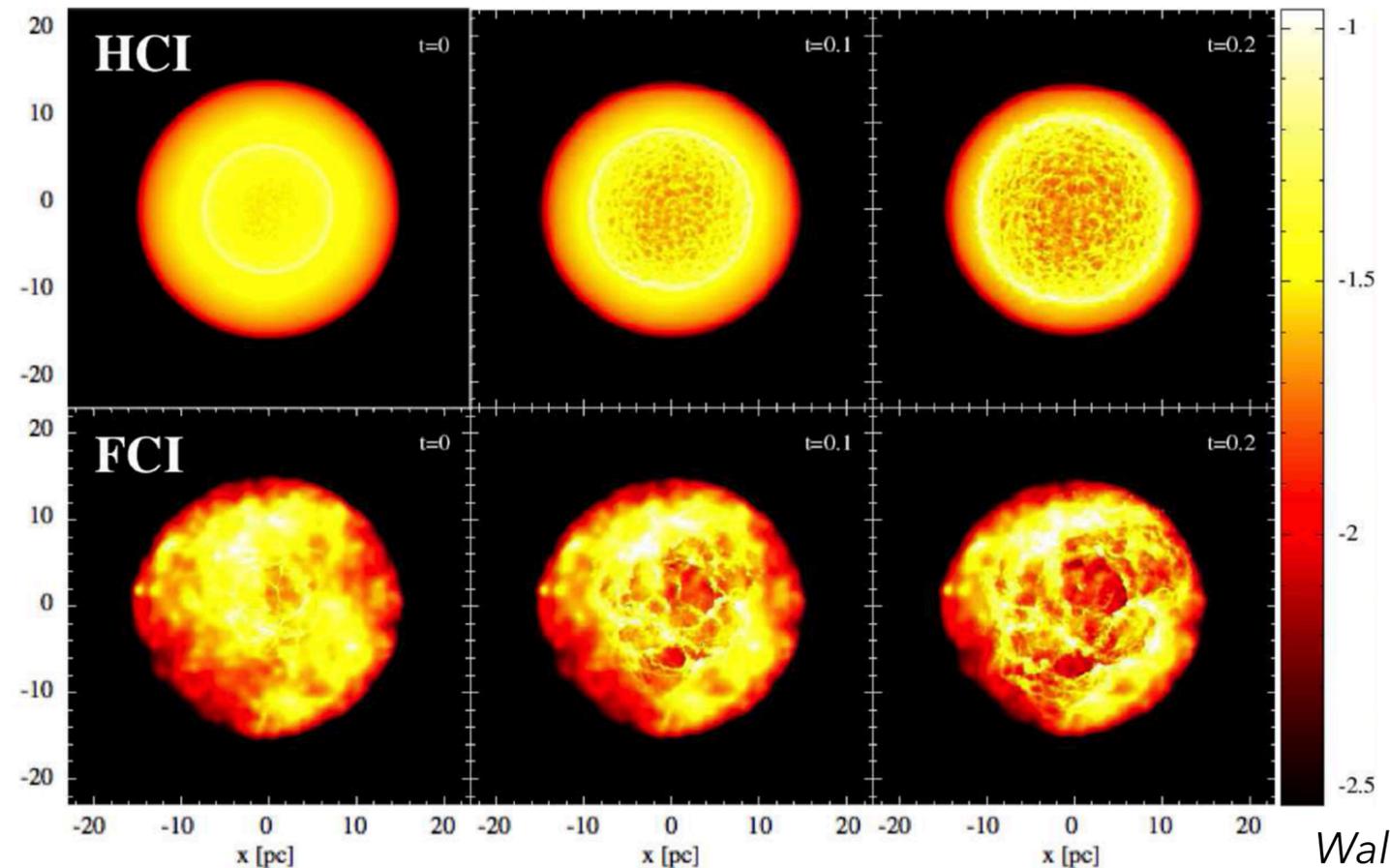
Barnes et al. 2023, Watkins et al. 2023

Evolution of the superbubbles in the ISM



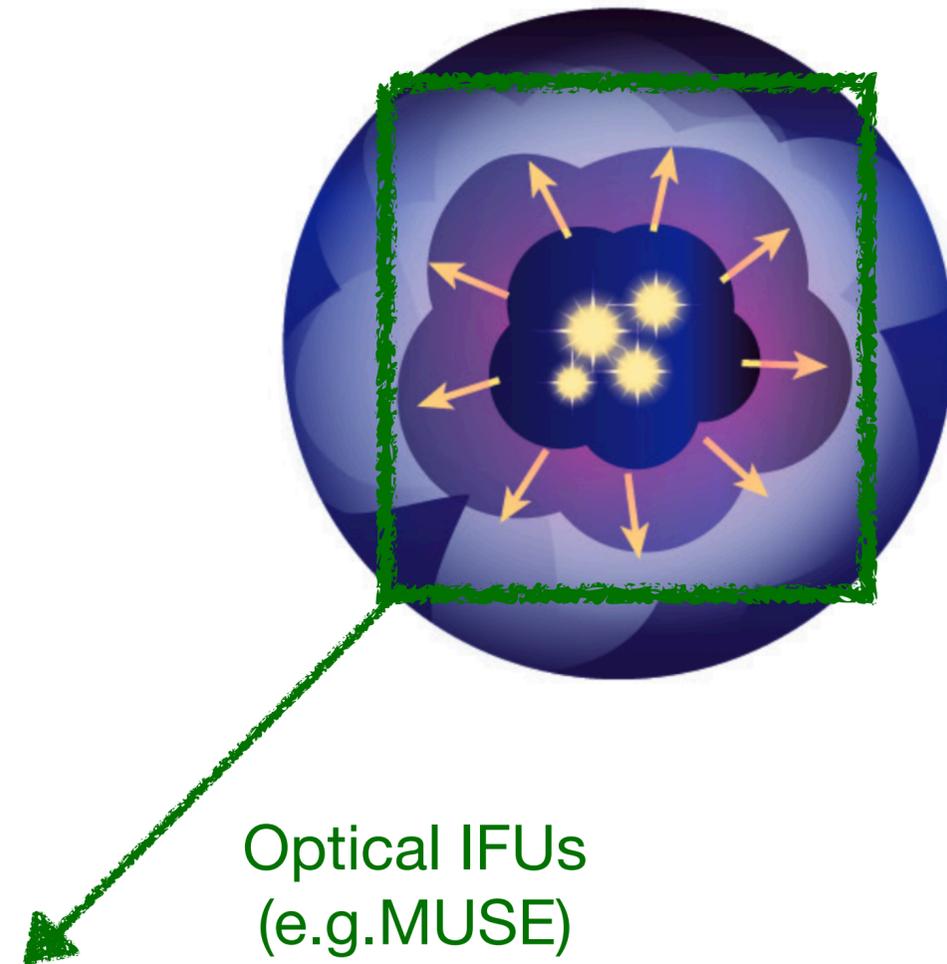
Lancaster et al. (2021)

- Qualitatively, the evolution of superbubbles is well described by the classical Weaver et al. (1977) model
- However, it doesn't agree well with observations quantitatively
- **Only a small fraction of injected energy should retain in a superbubble** to support its expansion (*Sharma+2014; Krause&Diehl 2014; Vasiliev+2015; Yadav+2017*)
- **Different models predict coupling efficiency of mechanical feedback to be 1-40%** (depending on the density, clustering of SNe, age of the clusters, resolution of the simulations)



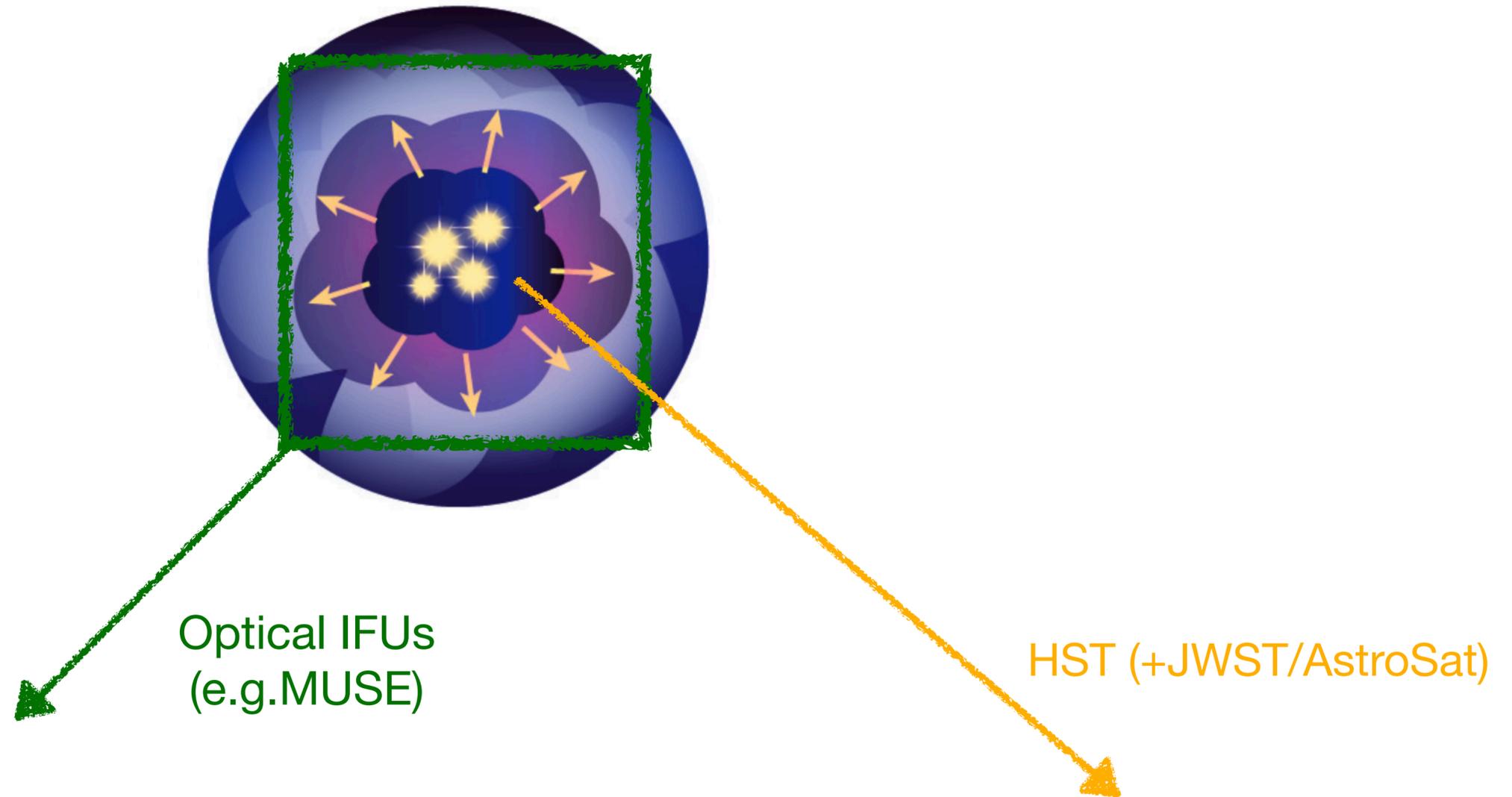
Walch & Naab (2015)

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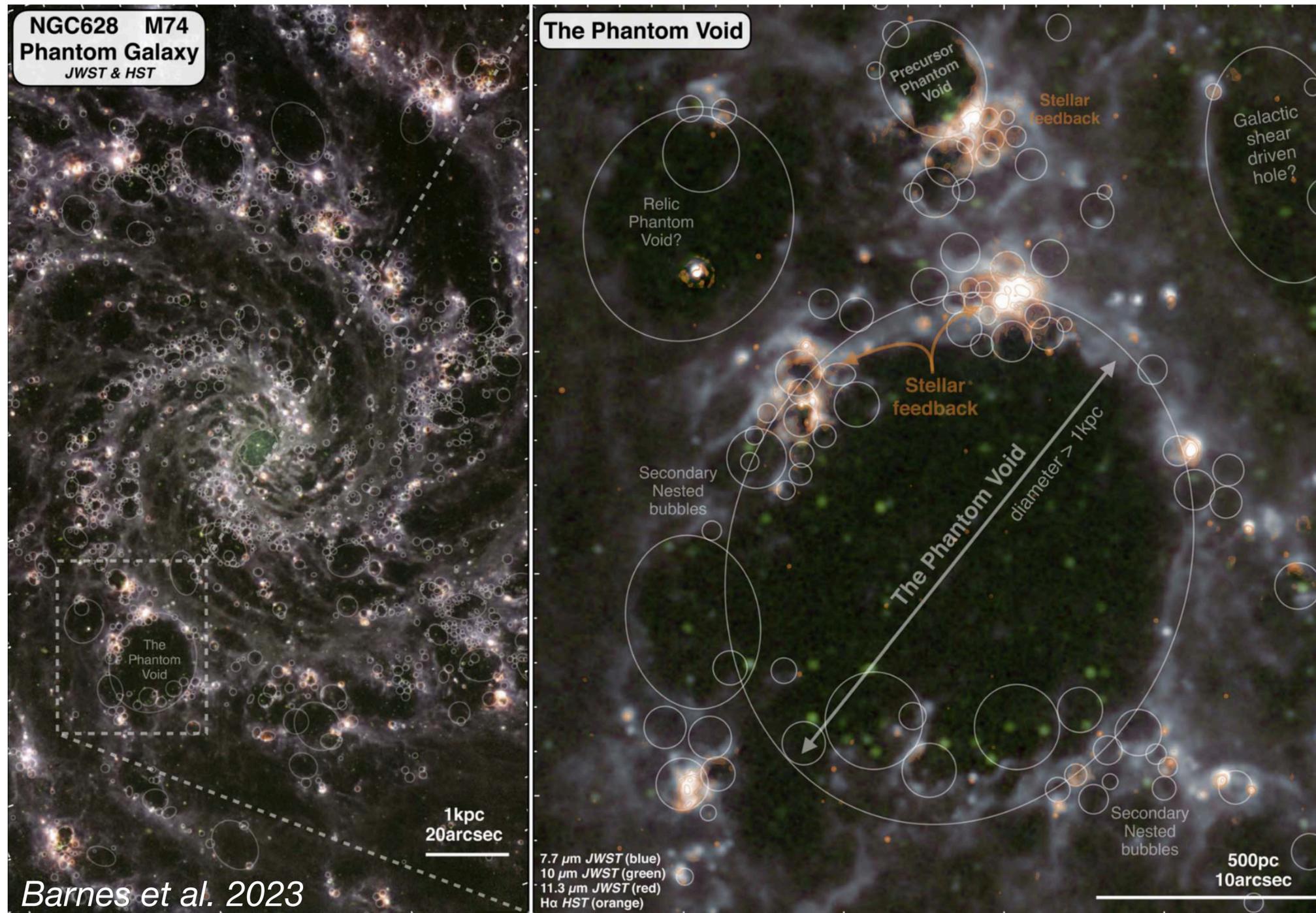
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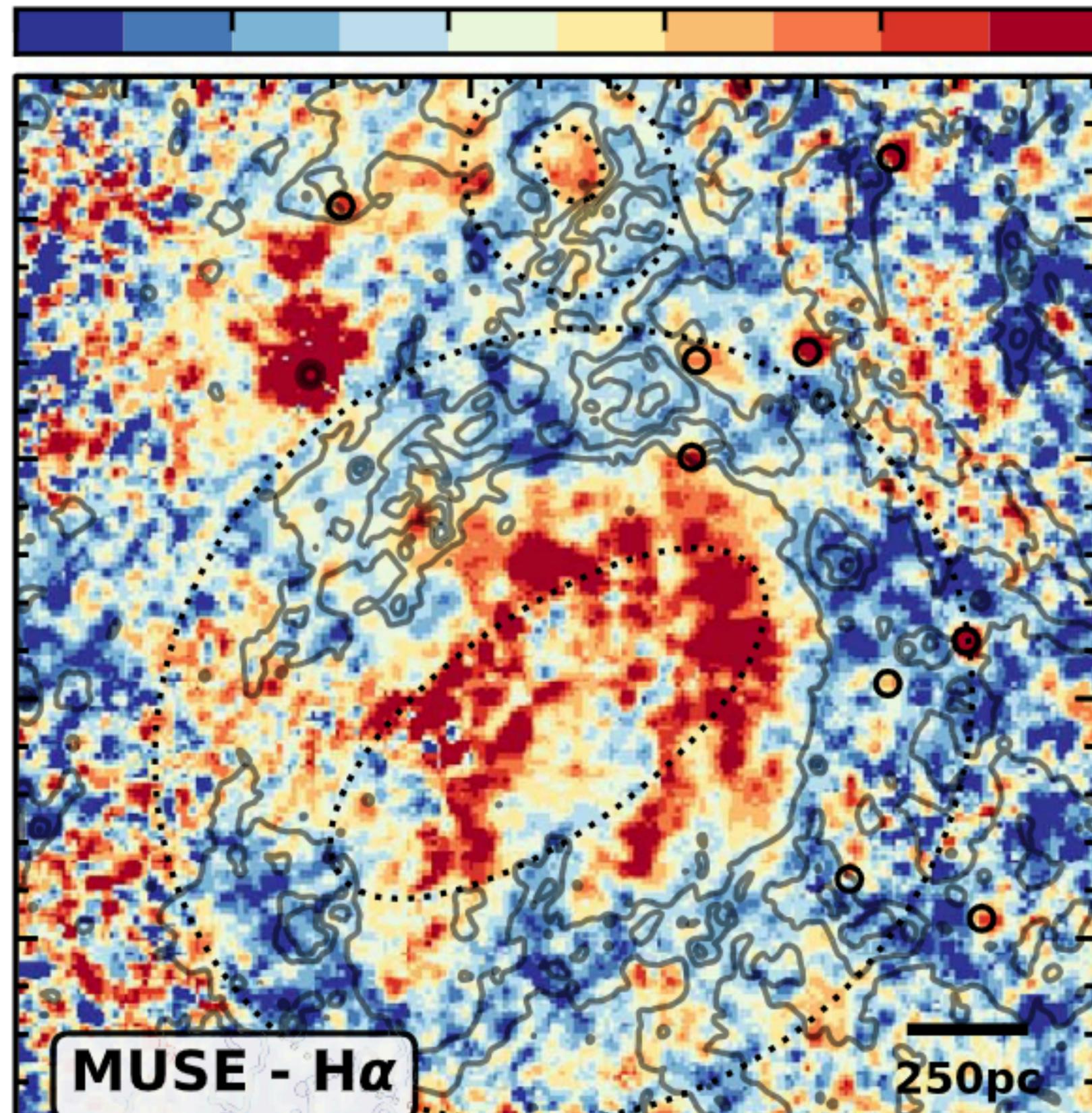
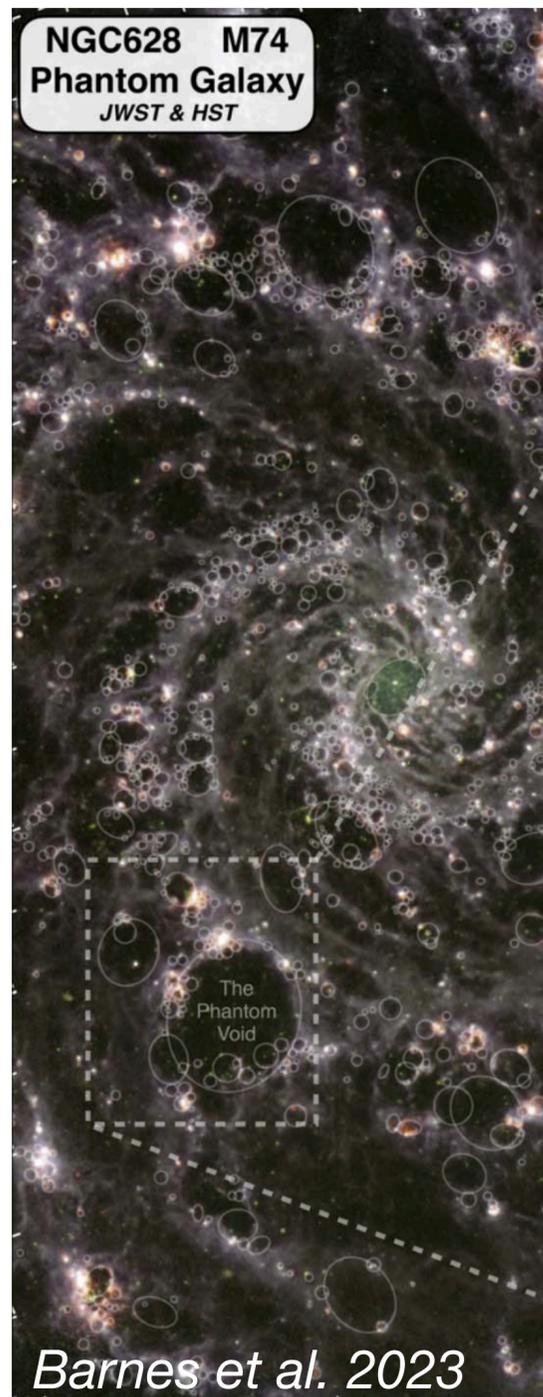
- Ages and masses of the young stars
- **Mechanical luminosity**

Searching for expanding super bubbles

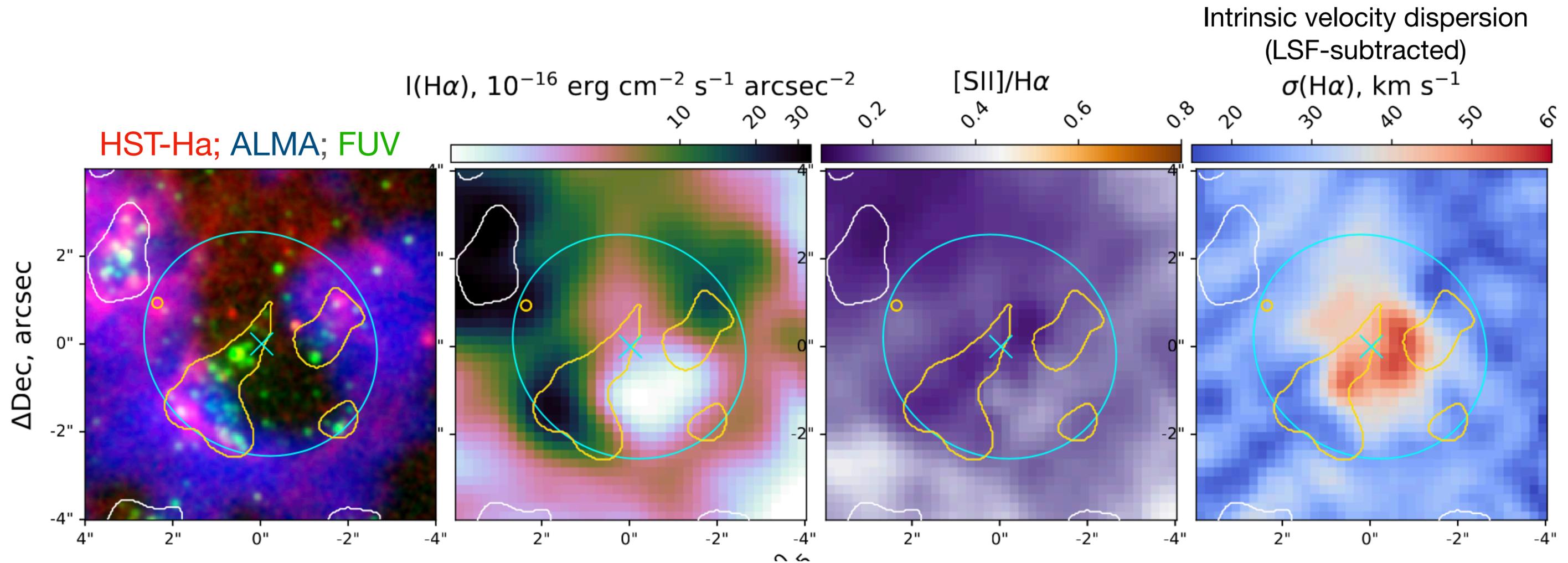


Searching for

FWHM [km/s]
20 40 60 80 100 120



Searching for expanding superbubbles in 19 PHANGS-MUSE galaxies



511 regions with high velocity dispersion linked with at least one young star cluster / OB association

(Expanding superbubbles or regions with turbulent ionized gas motions)

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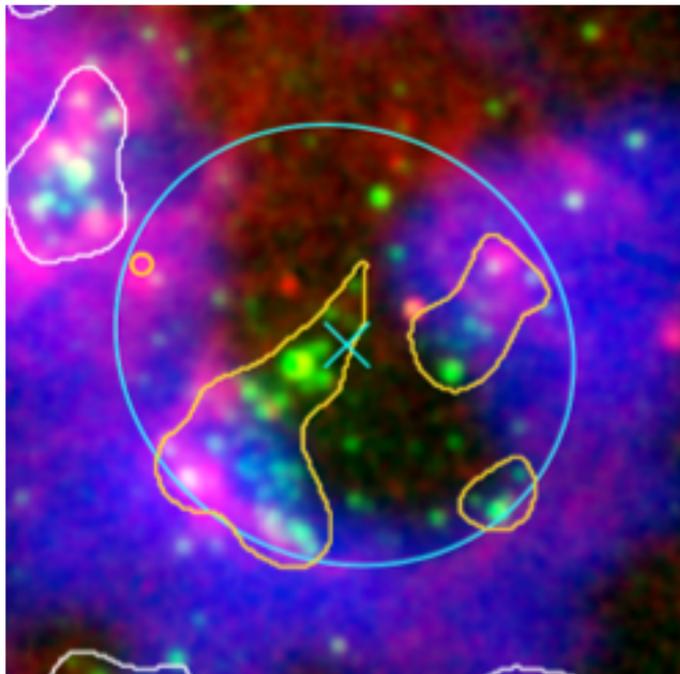
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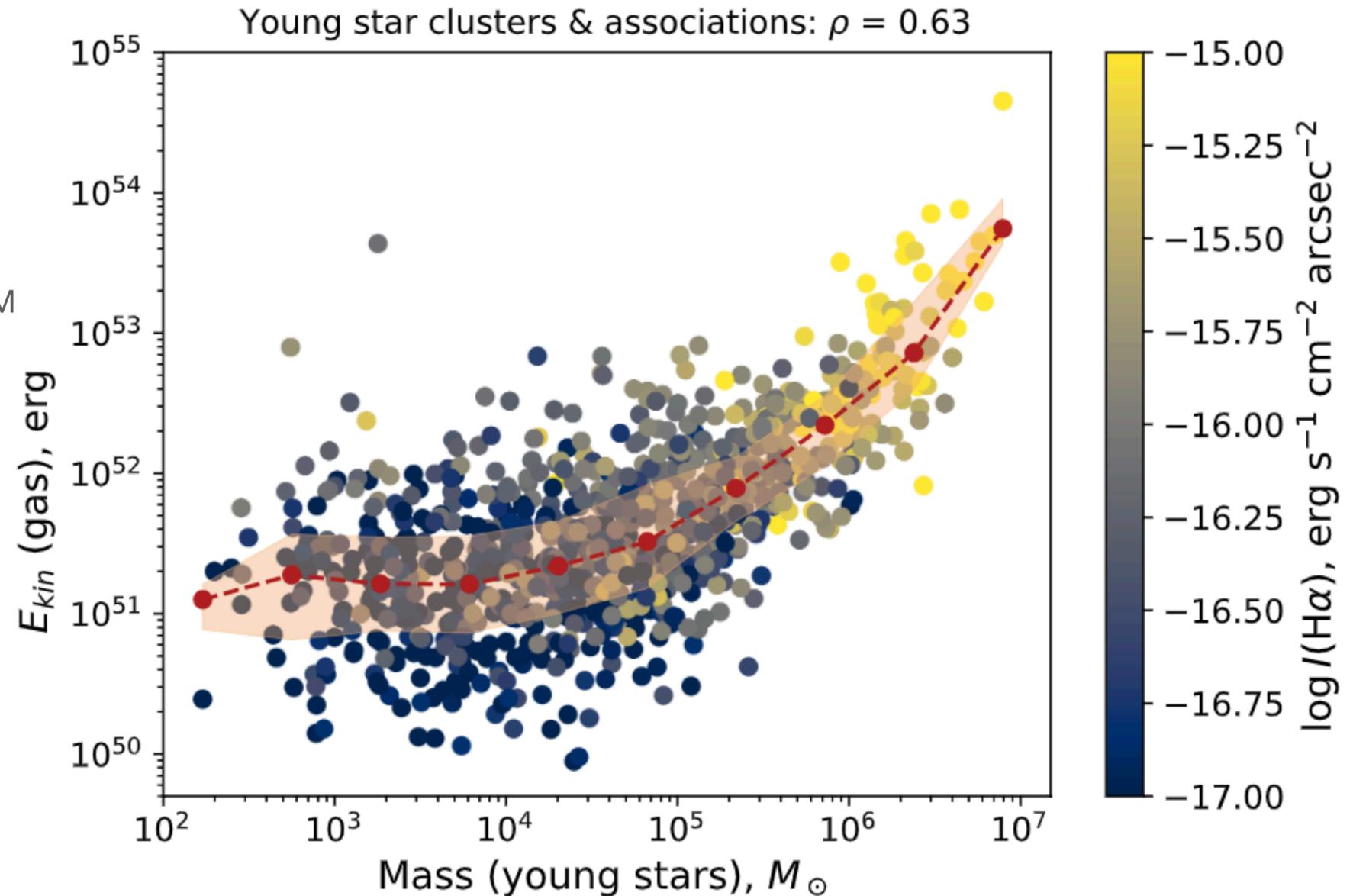
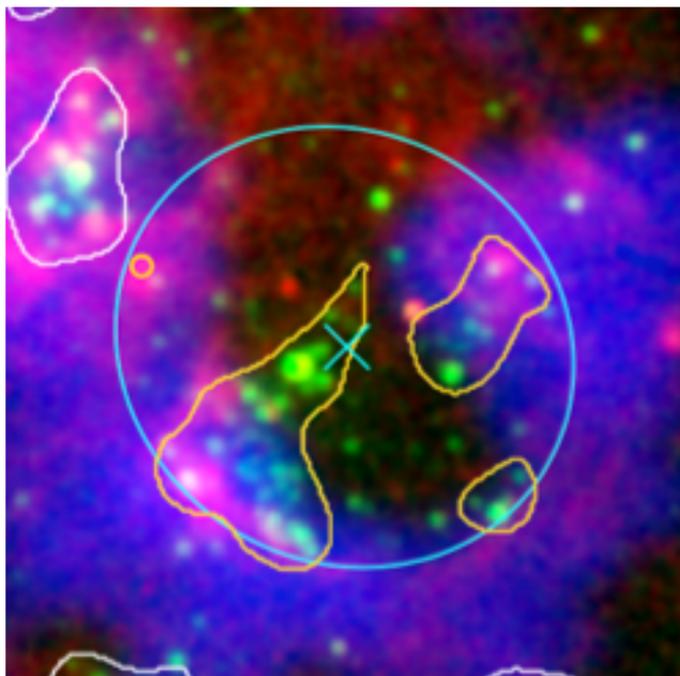
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Strong correlation with the mass of the young star clusters and associations => feedback from massive stars is crucial

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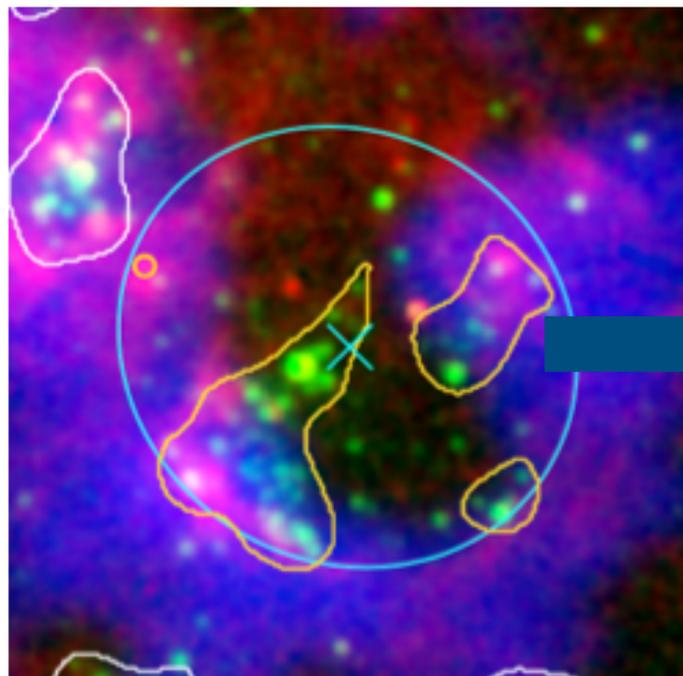
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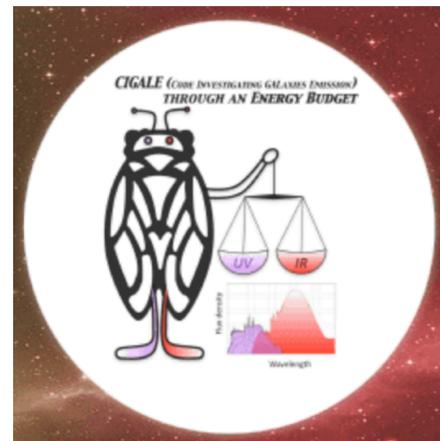
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Stellar associations:
Larson et al. (2022)

SED fitting with CIGALE



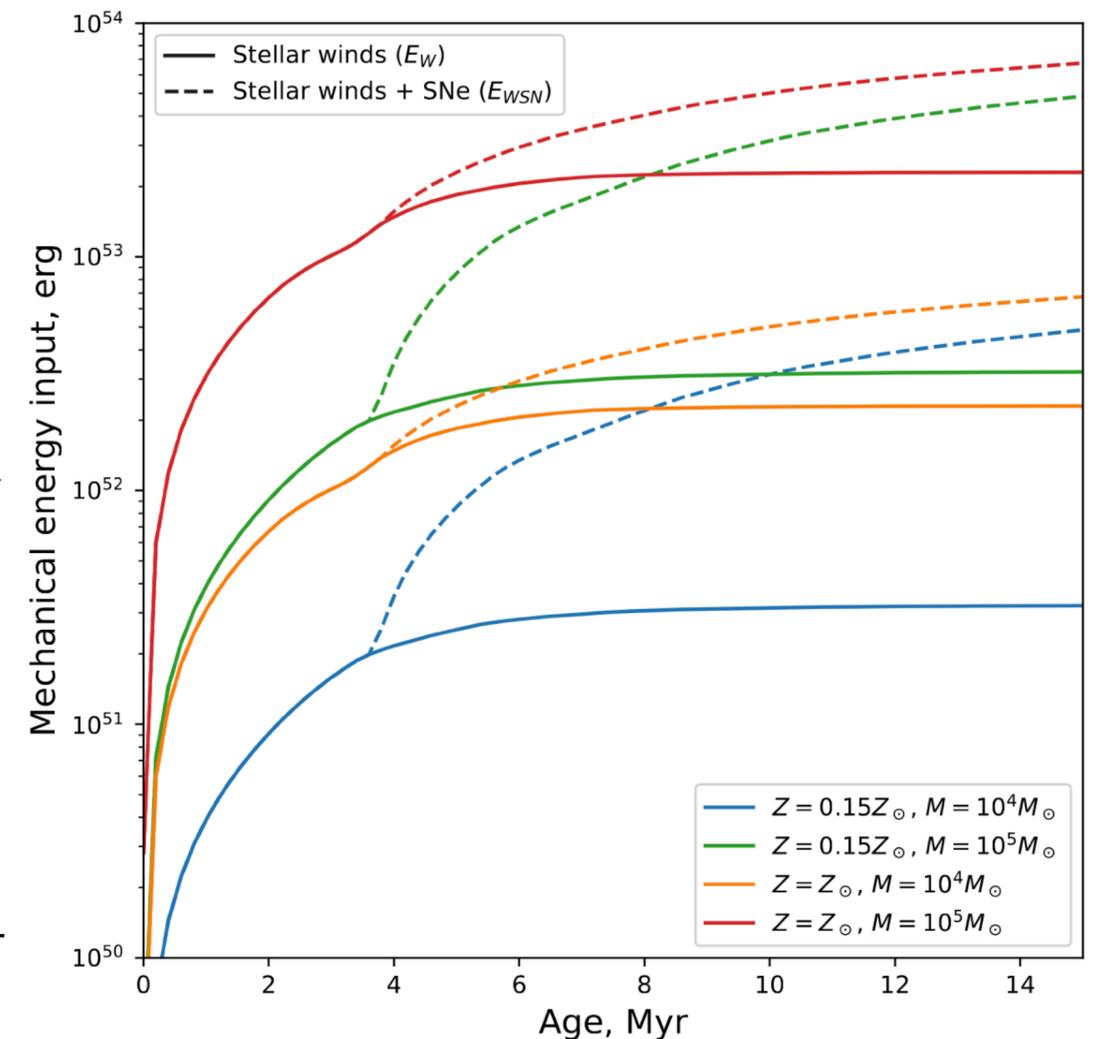
Boquien et al. (2019)

Age & Mass

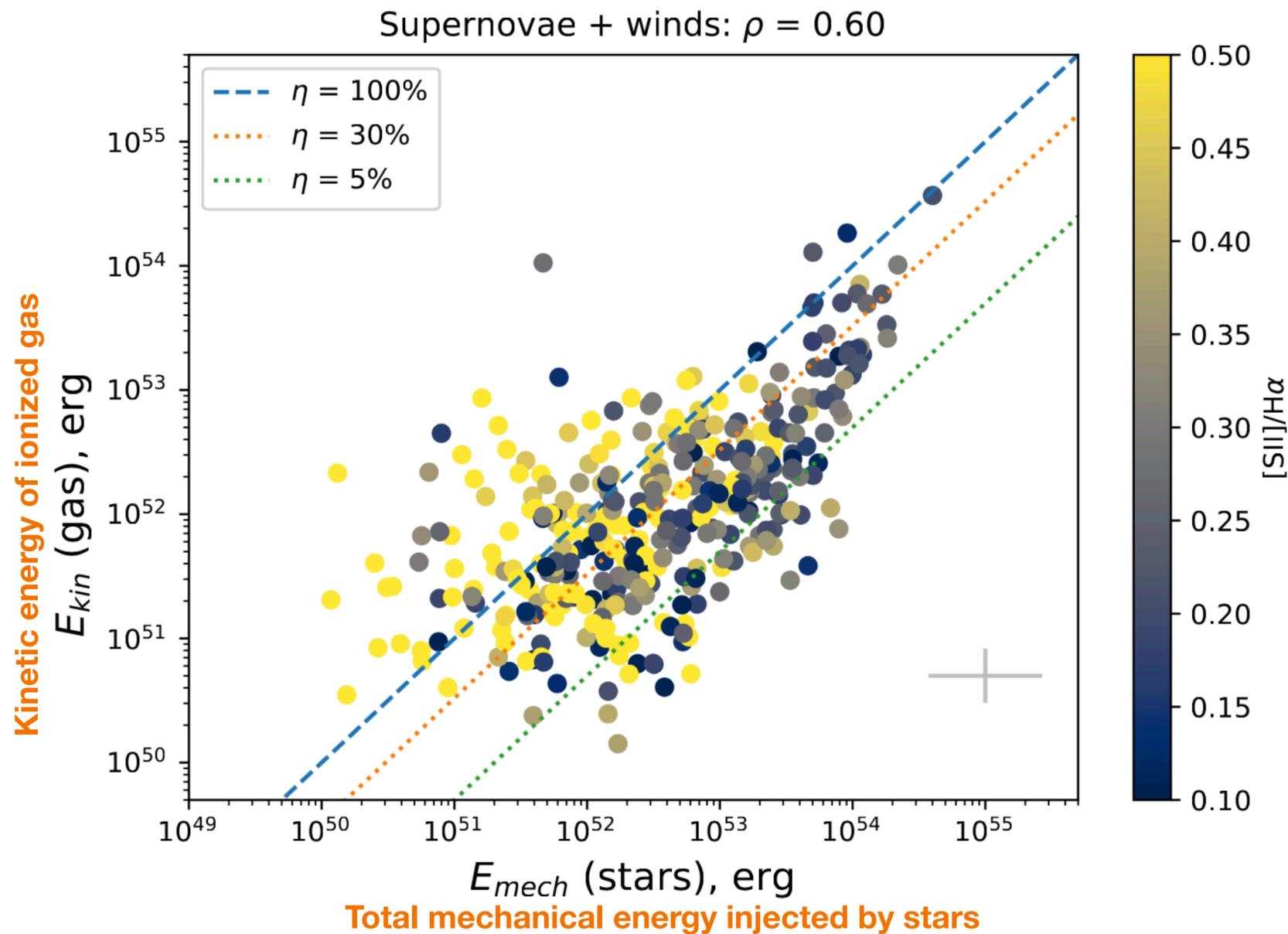
Contribution from stellar winds and SNe from all star clusters in the region during the last 10 Myr

Mechanical energy input from supernovae and winds:

Starburst99 (*Leitherer et al. (1999, 2014)*)

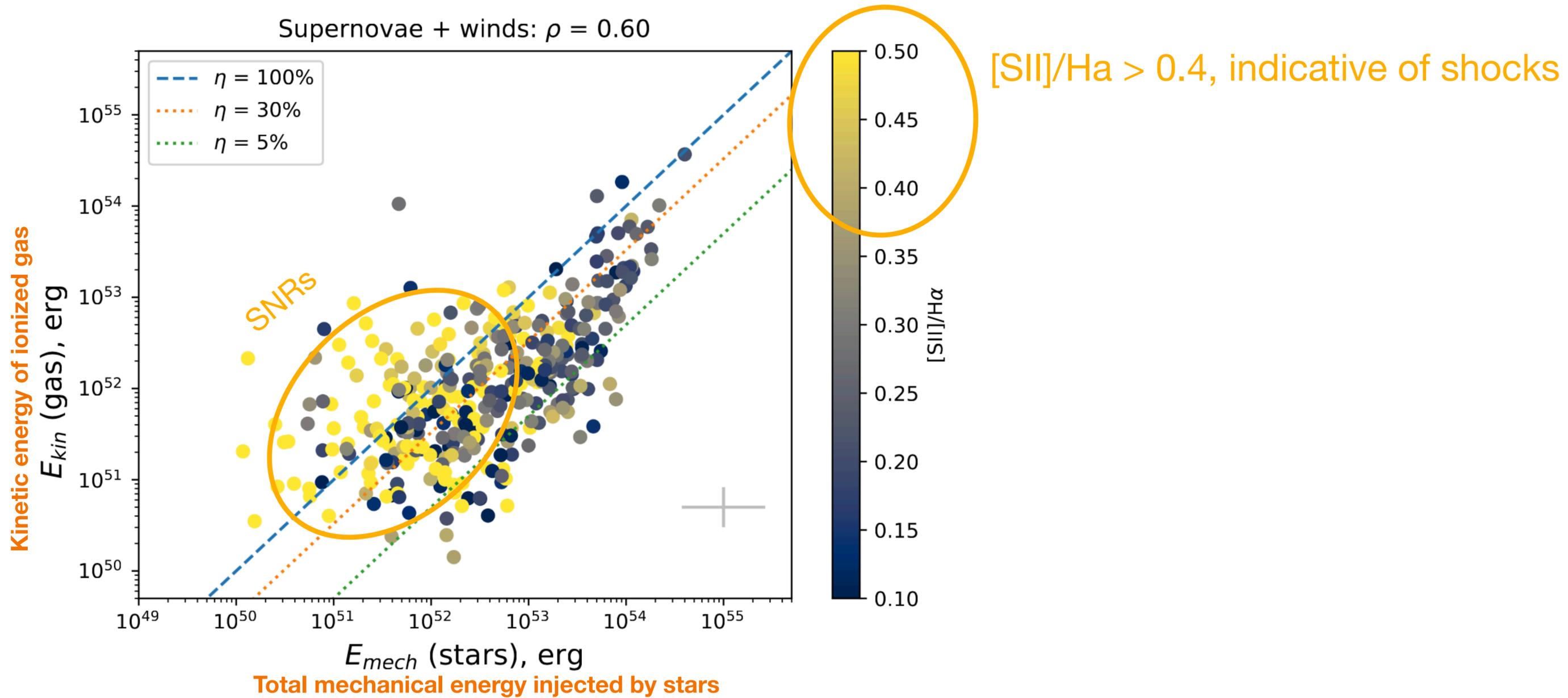


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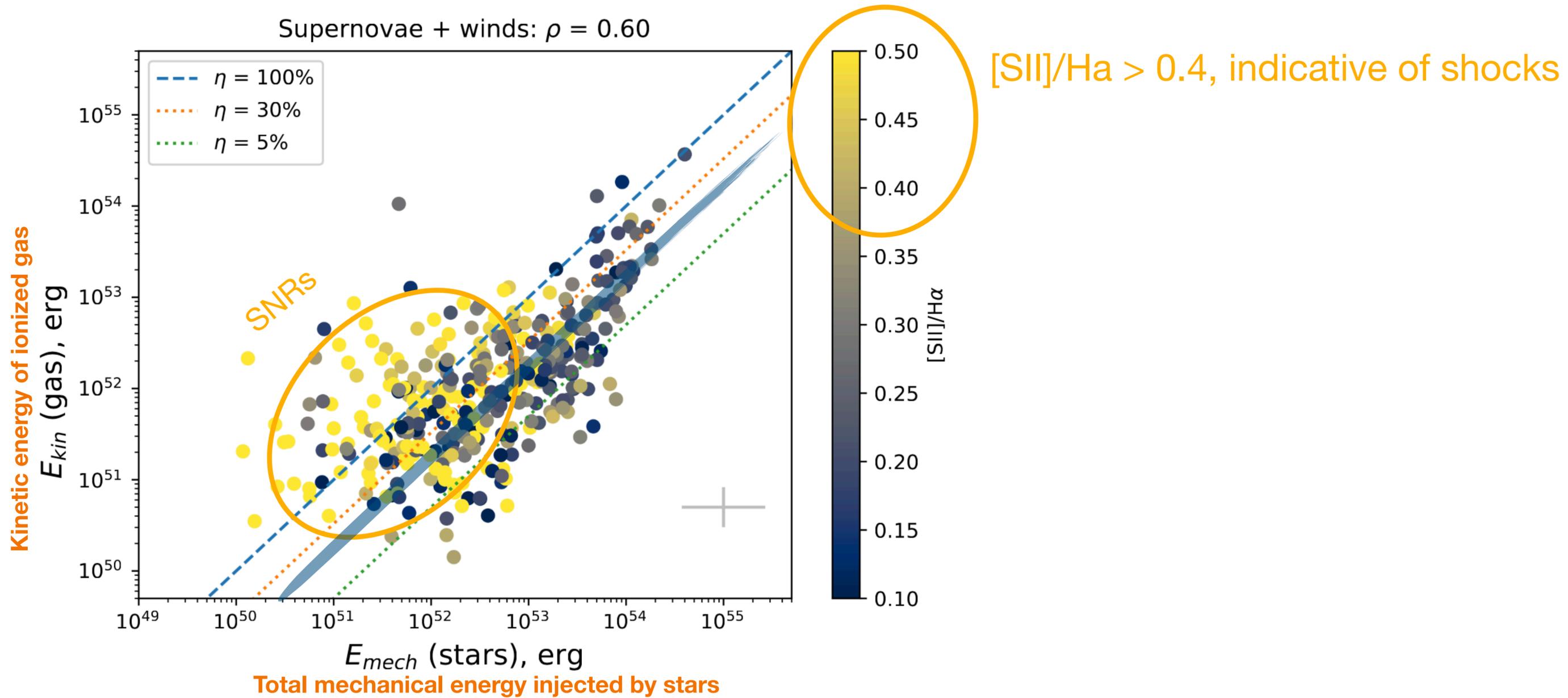
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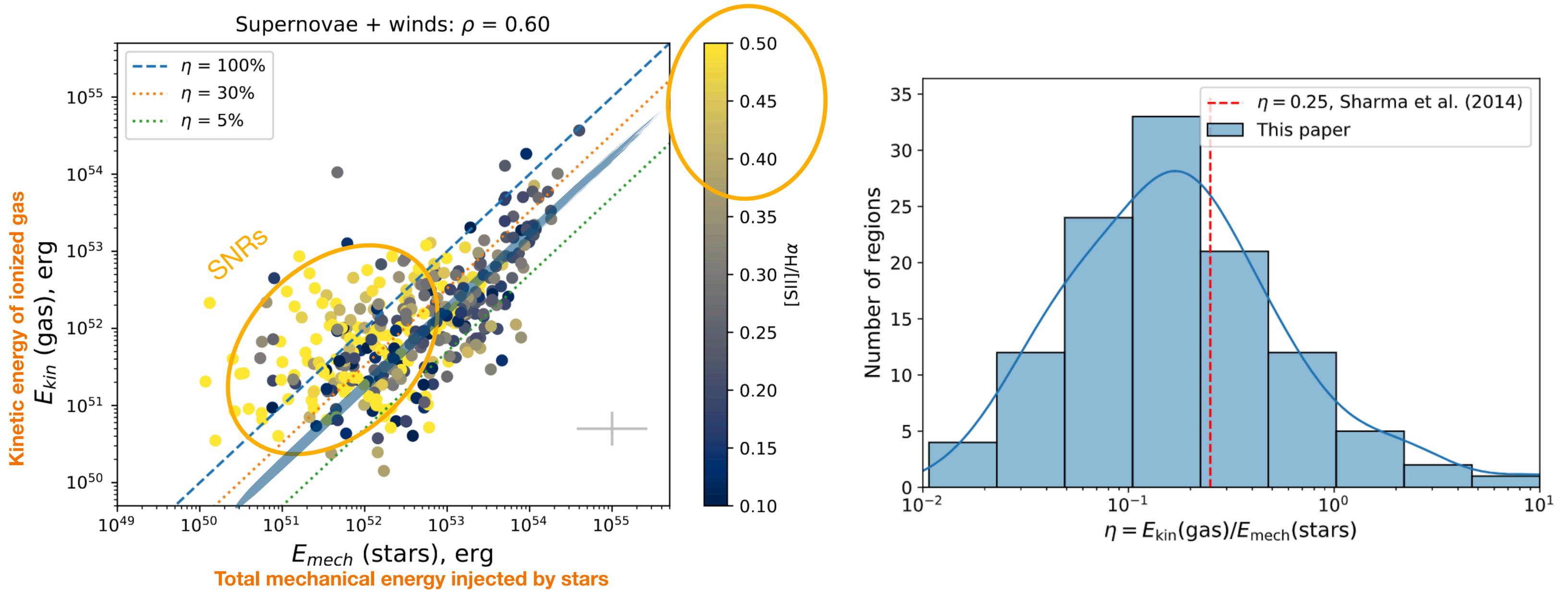
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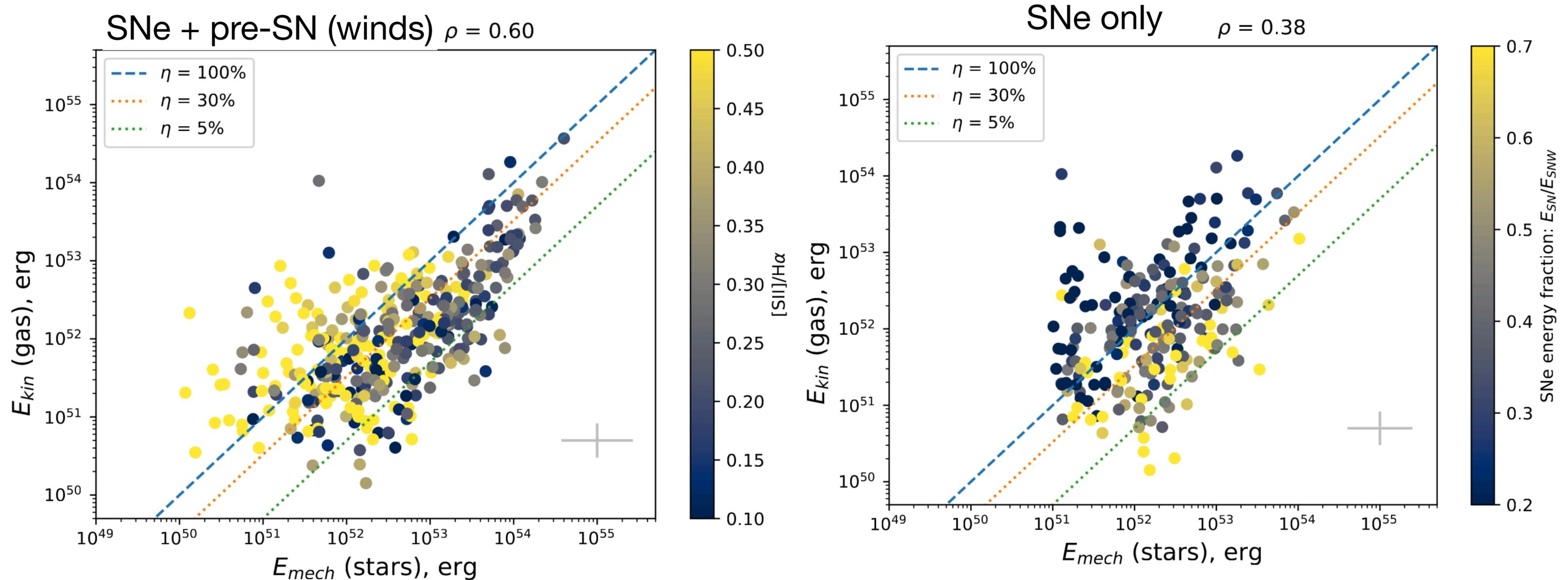
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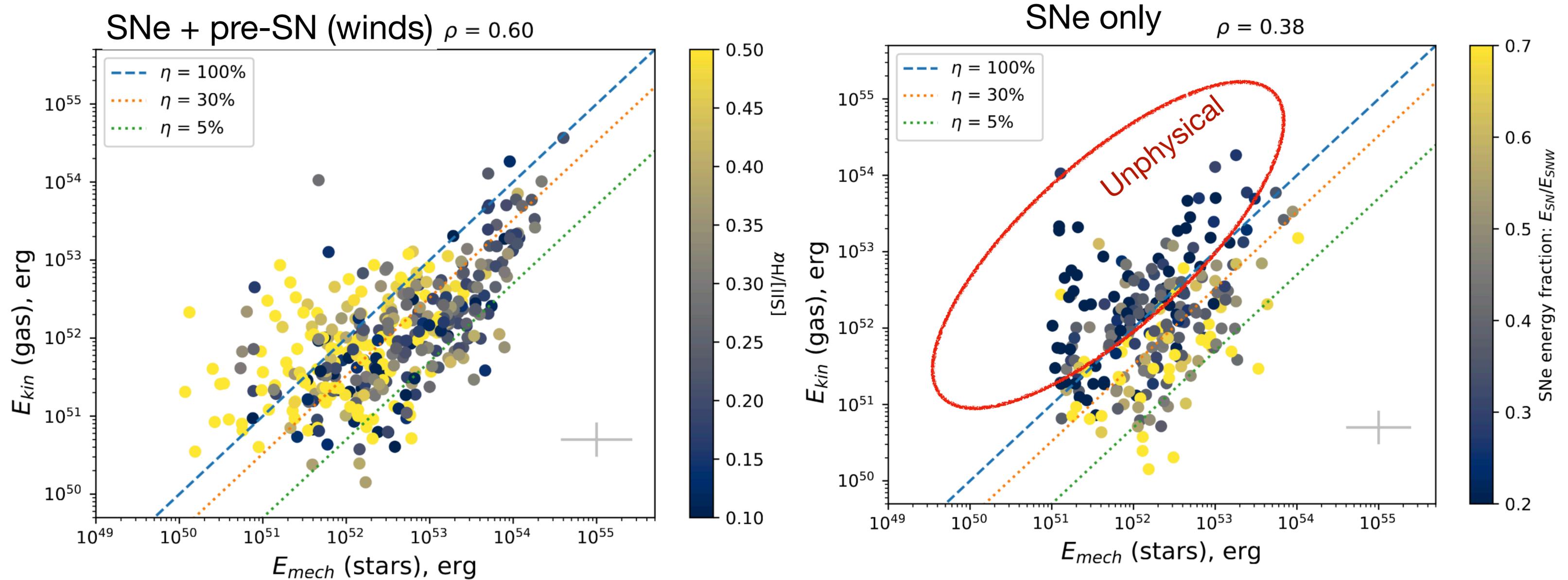
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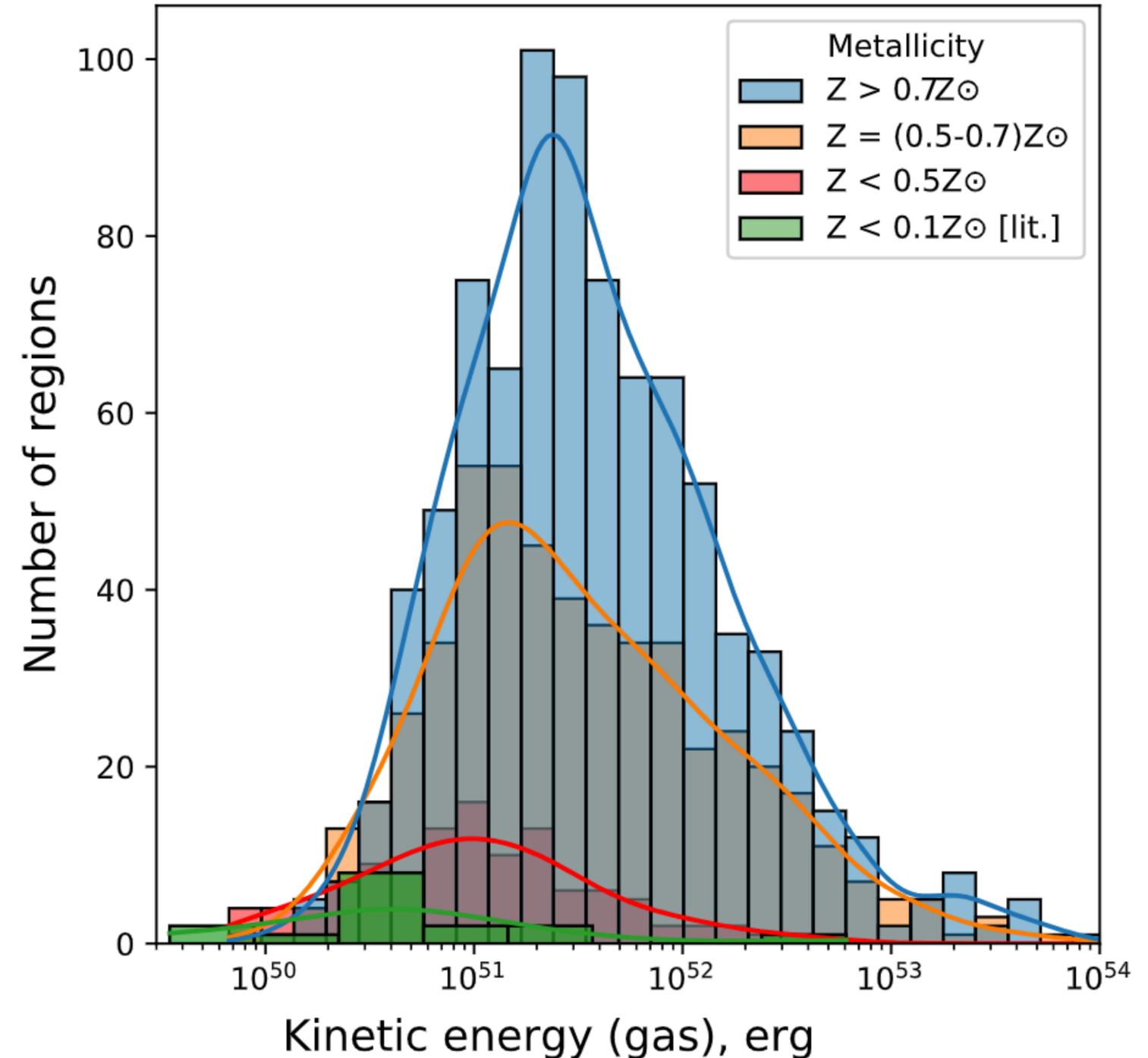


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Energy of the turbulent ionized gas at different metallicities

- PHANGS-MUSE observations: the energy of ionized gas in the regions of high velocity dispersion declines with metallicity
- FPI-based measurements for 2 nearby metal-poor ($Z < 0.1 Z_{\text{sun}}$) dwarfs galaxies (Egorov et al. 2021, Gerasimov, OE et al. 2022)
- Need more homogeneous data at low metallicity.



Some caveats and solutions

Caveats...

Electron density measurements

- From [SII]6717/6731 measurements: $n_{e,[SII]}$
 ($\sim n_e^{(\max)}$)
 - *Overestimates density and mass due to clumping*

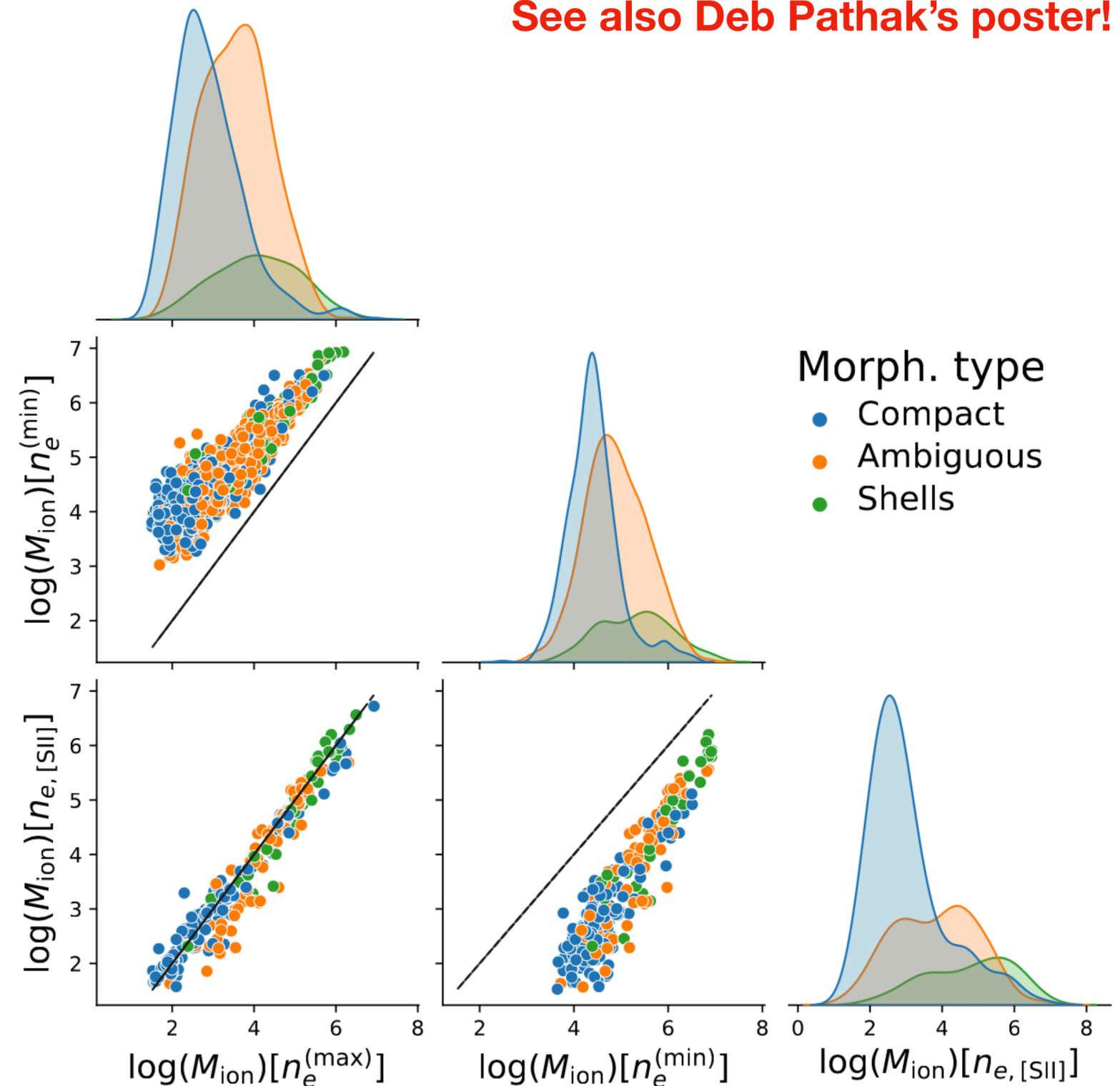
- From Strömgren sphere approximation

$$n_e^{(\min)} = \sqrt{\frac{3Q(H^0)}{4\pi R_{\text{eff}}^3 \alpha_B}} \simeq 1.42 \times 10^{-16} \left(\frac{L(H\alpha)}{\text{erg s}^{-1}} \right)^{0.5} \left(\frac{R_{\text{eff}}}{\text{pc}} \right)^{-1.5} \text{cm}^{-3}$$

- *Better trace volume-average density;*
- *Sensitive to precision of size measurements and deviation from spherical geometry*

Adopting [SII]-based density (high limit) leads to an order of magnitude lower coupling efficiency (-> low limit)

See also Deb Pathak's poster!



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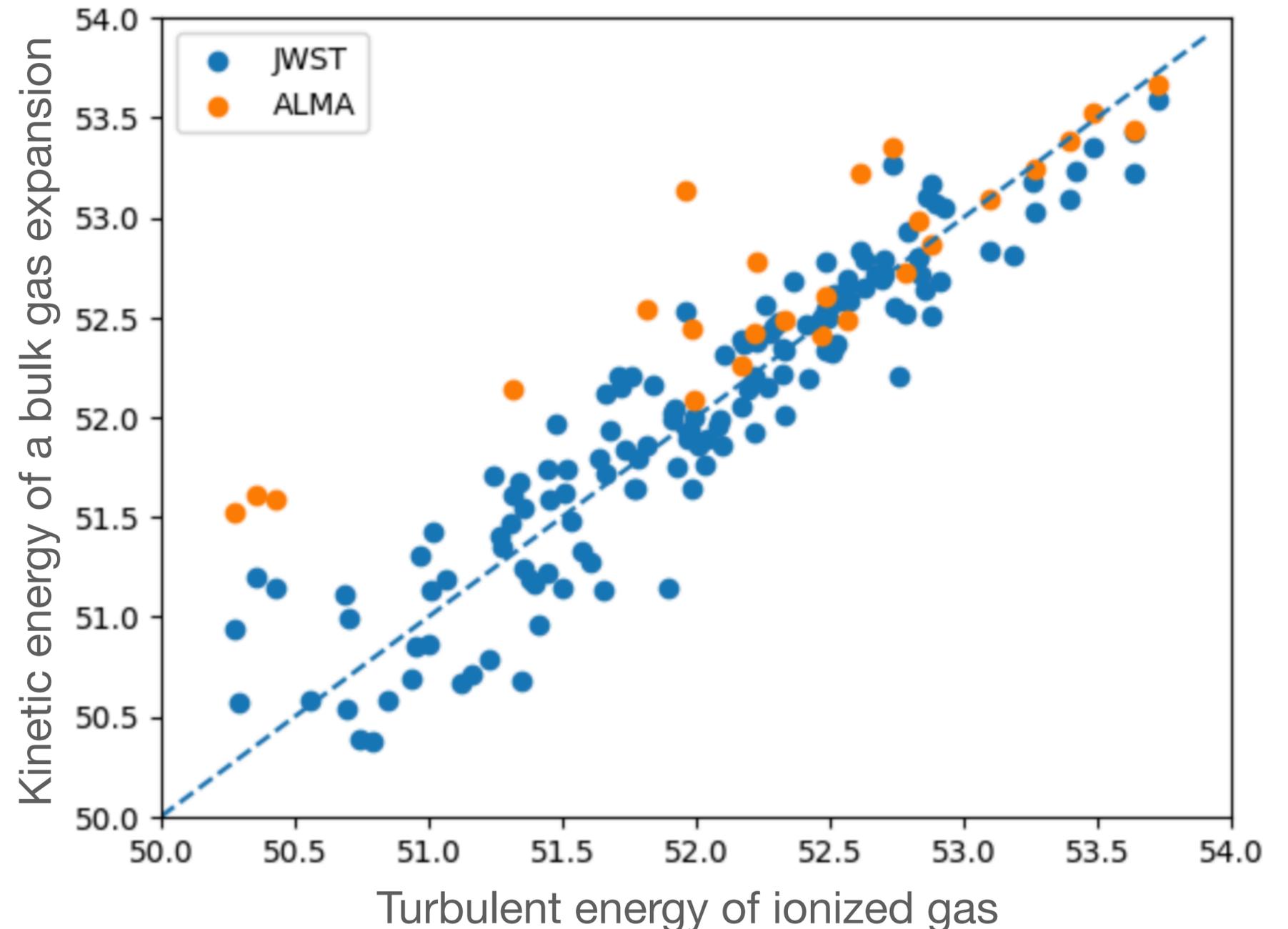
Accounting for cold gas mass

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- Ionized gas is a dominant contributor to the mass of HII regions (Pathak+in prep), but this is not necessarily true for superbubbles
- Total gas mass and bulk expansion velocities for ~100 expanding bubbles with shell-like morphology in JWST/MIRI or ALMA CO images

Accounting for cold gas does not affect the measurements

- Watkins+2023: coupling efficiency ~5-12% is required for establishing agreement between age of molecular gas bubbles and star clusters



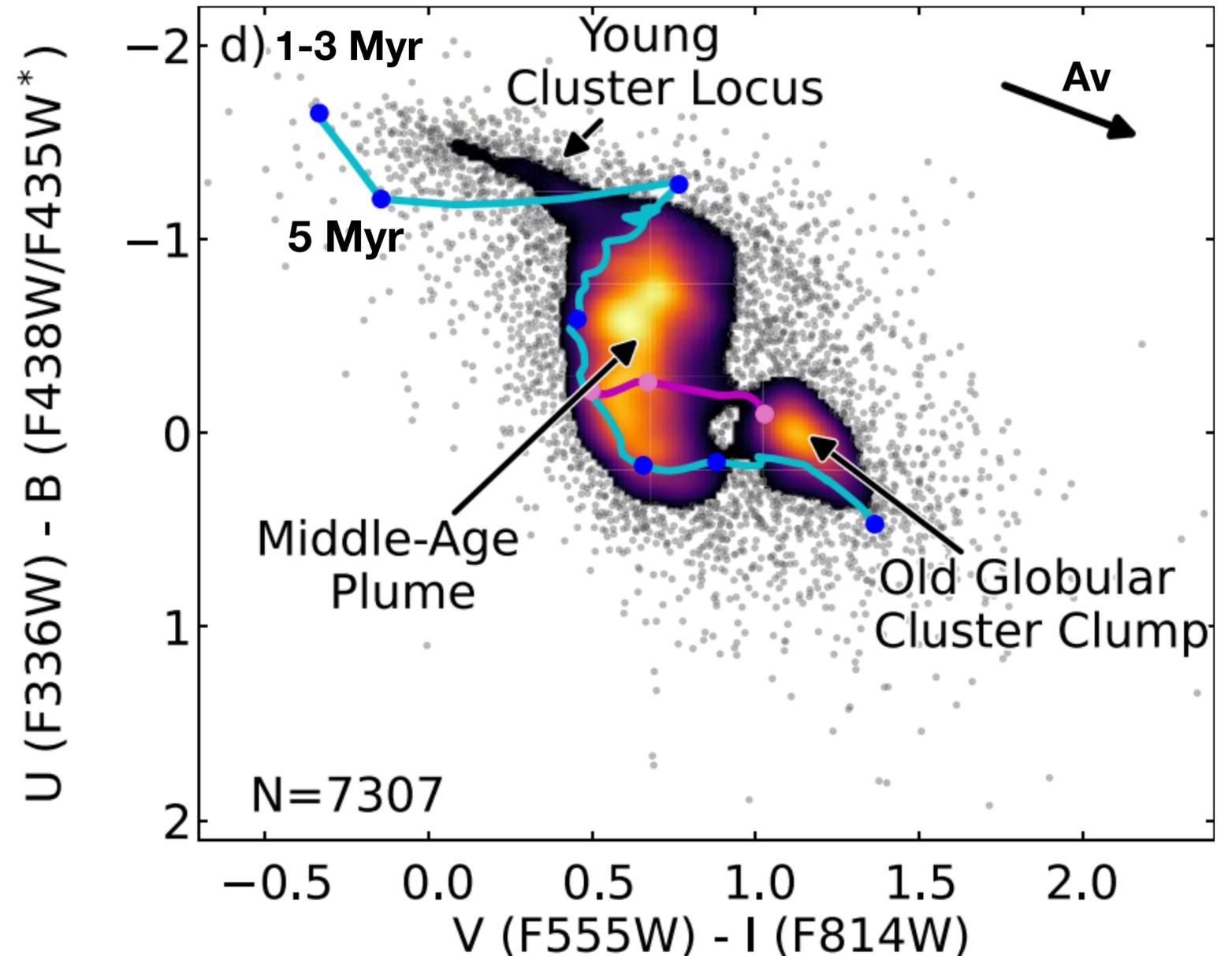
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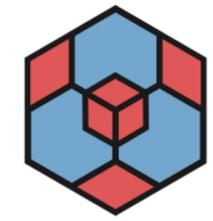
Ages of stellar population

- Precise estimates of the cluster age < 3 Myr are challenging.
- Additional information is required (e.g. HST-Ha, or JWST PAHs bands; see, e.g. Whitmore+2024)

Solutions:

- HST-Ha are now available for all 19 PHANGS-MUSE galaxies (Chandar+2025) => improvements of age measurements
- **Studying bubbles around single stars with precisely measured properties?**



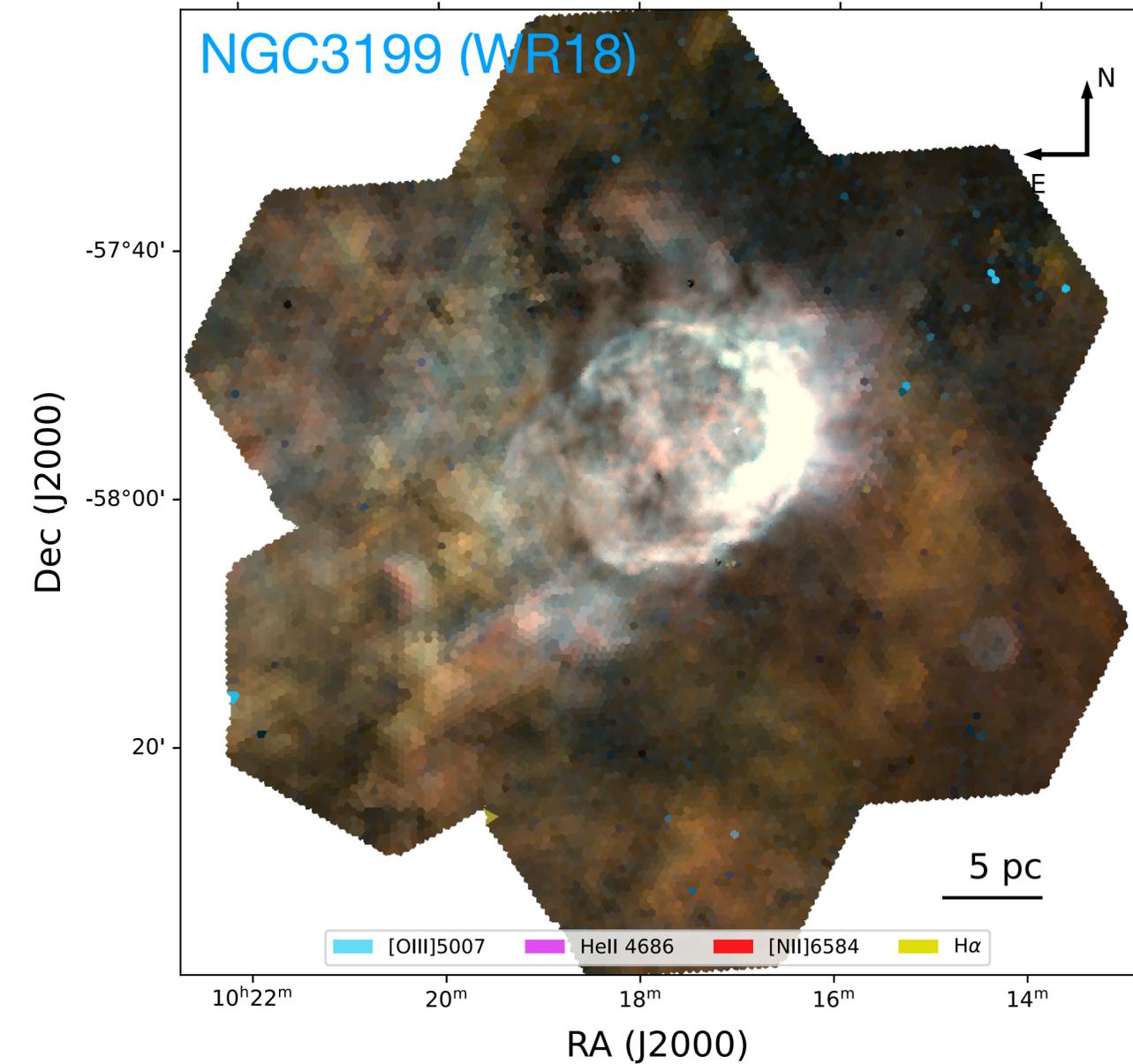
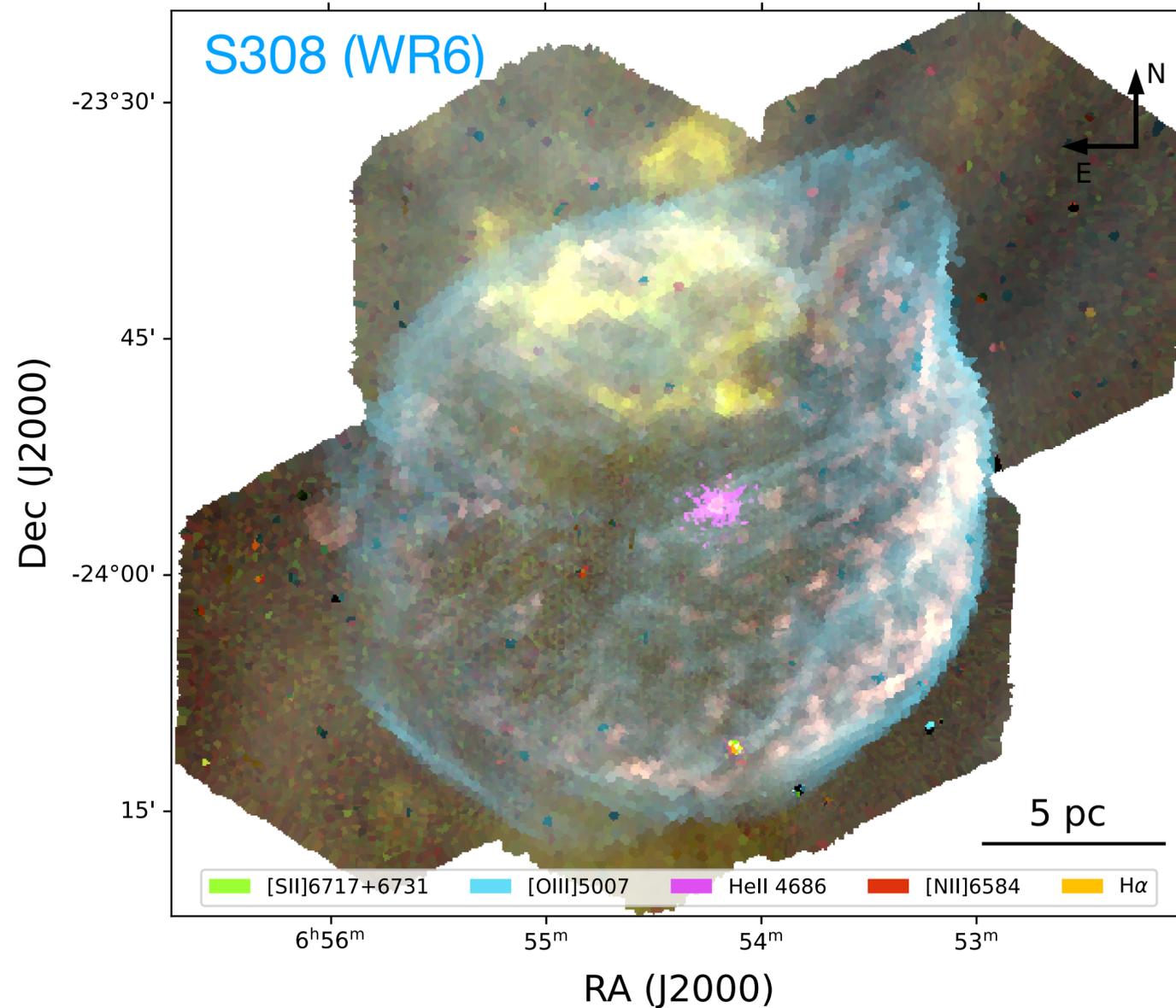


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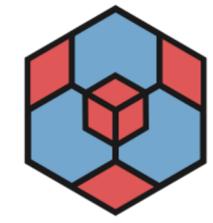
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Galactic WR bubbles



Mechanical luminosity of the central WR stars: $L_w = \frac{1}{2} \dot{M} V_\infty^2 \sim 5.7 - 8.0 \times 10^{37} \text{ erg/s}$ (Hamann et al. 2019)

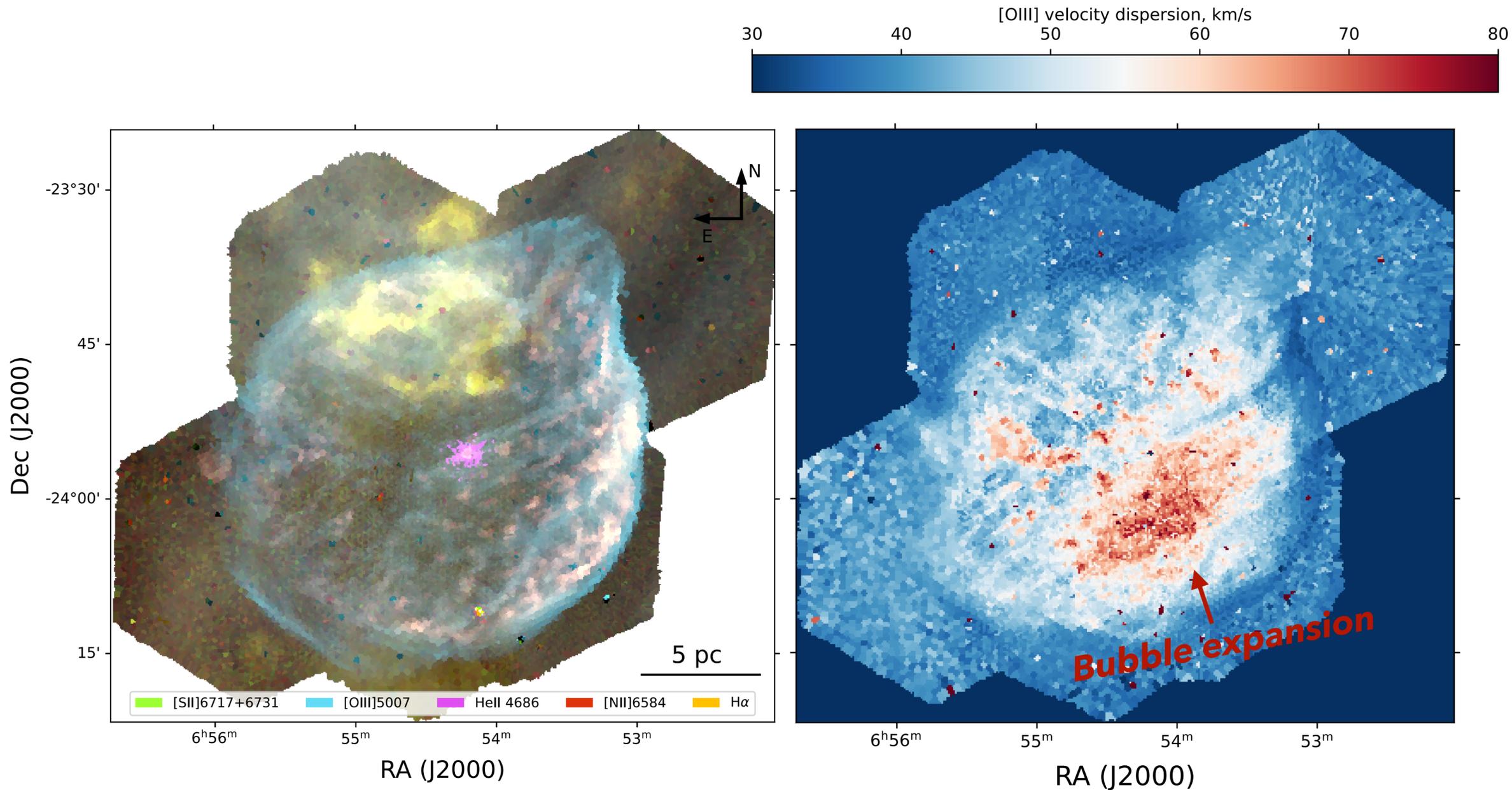


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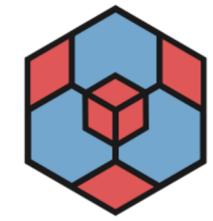
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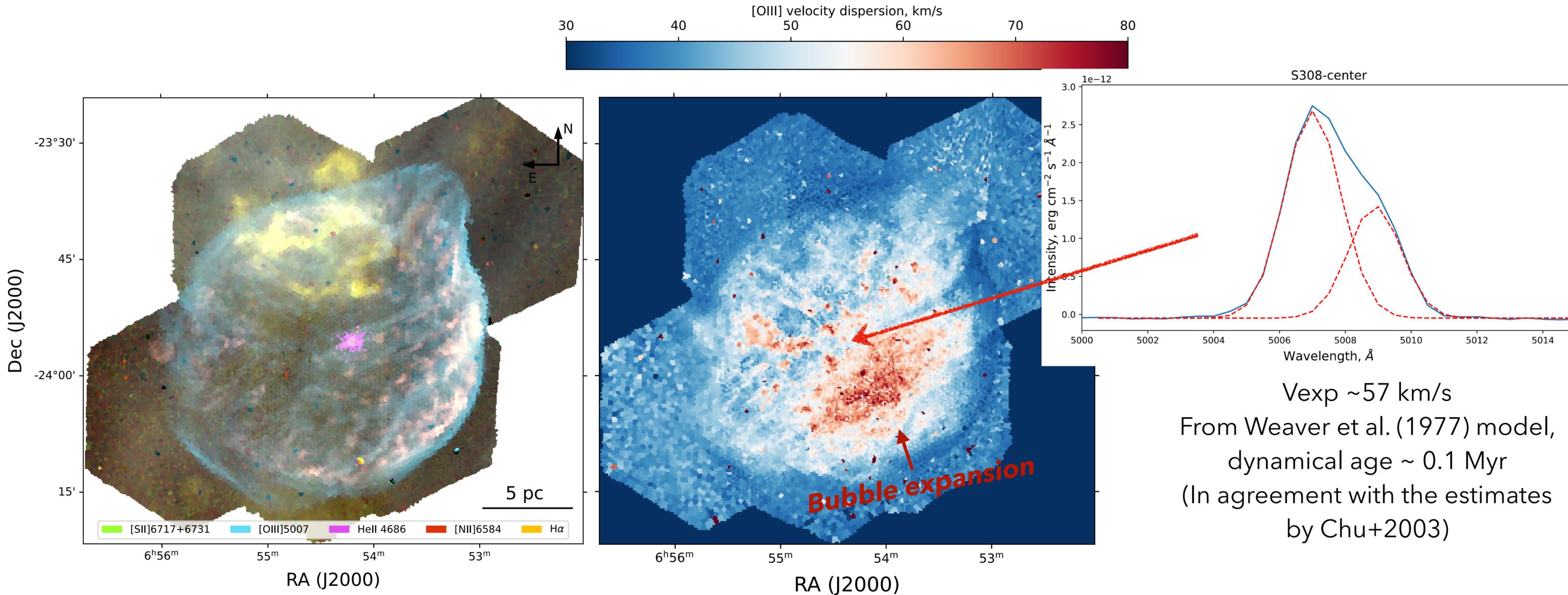


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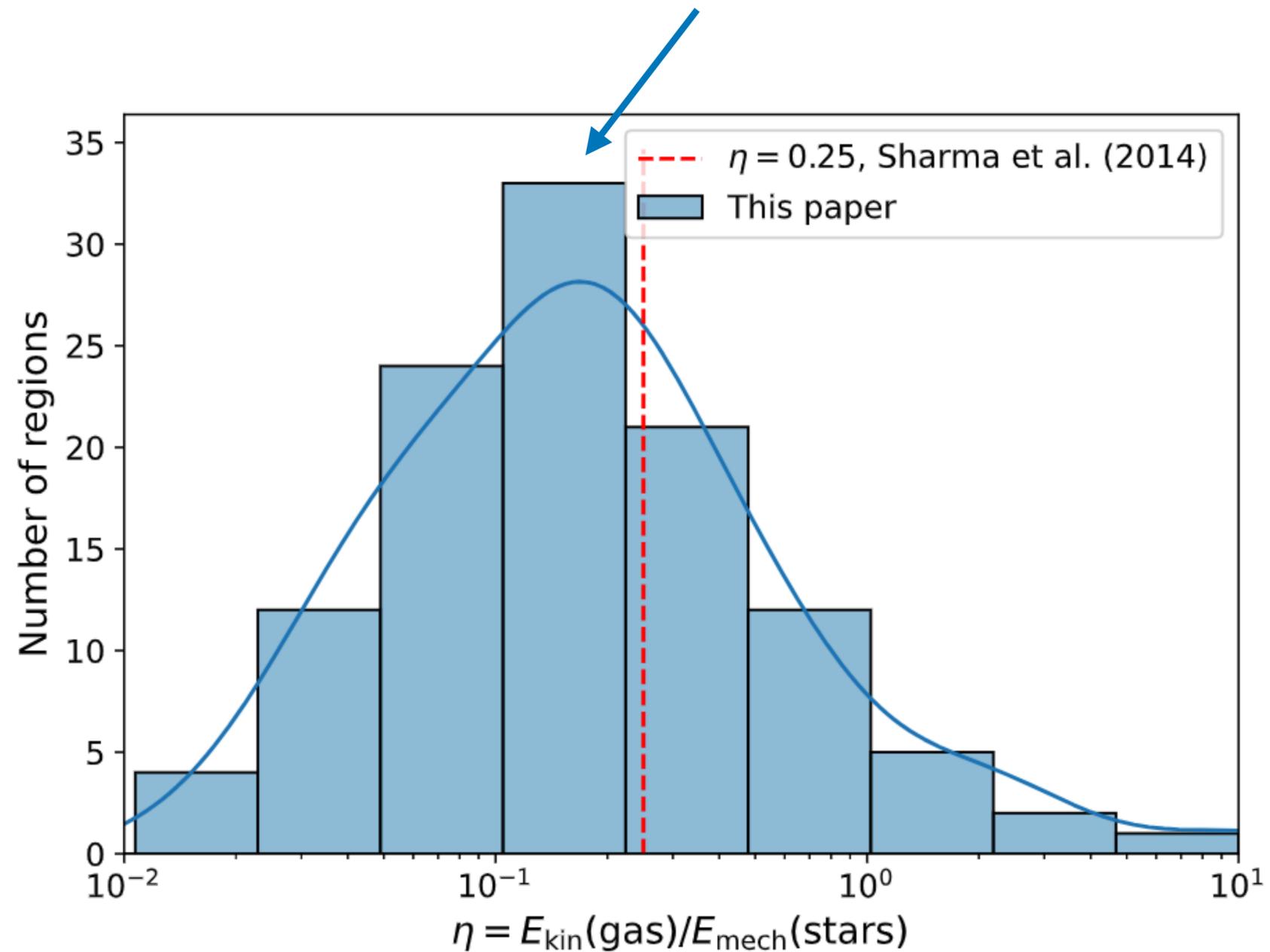
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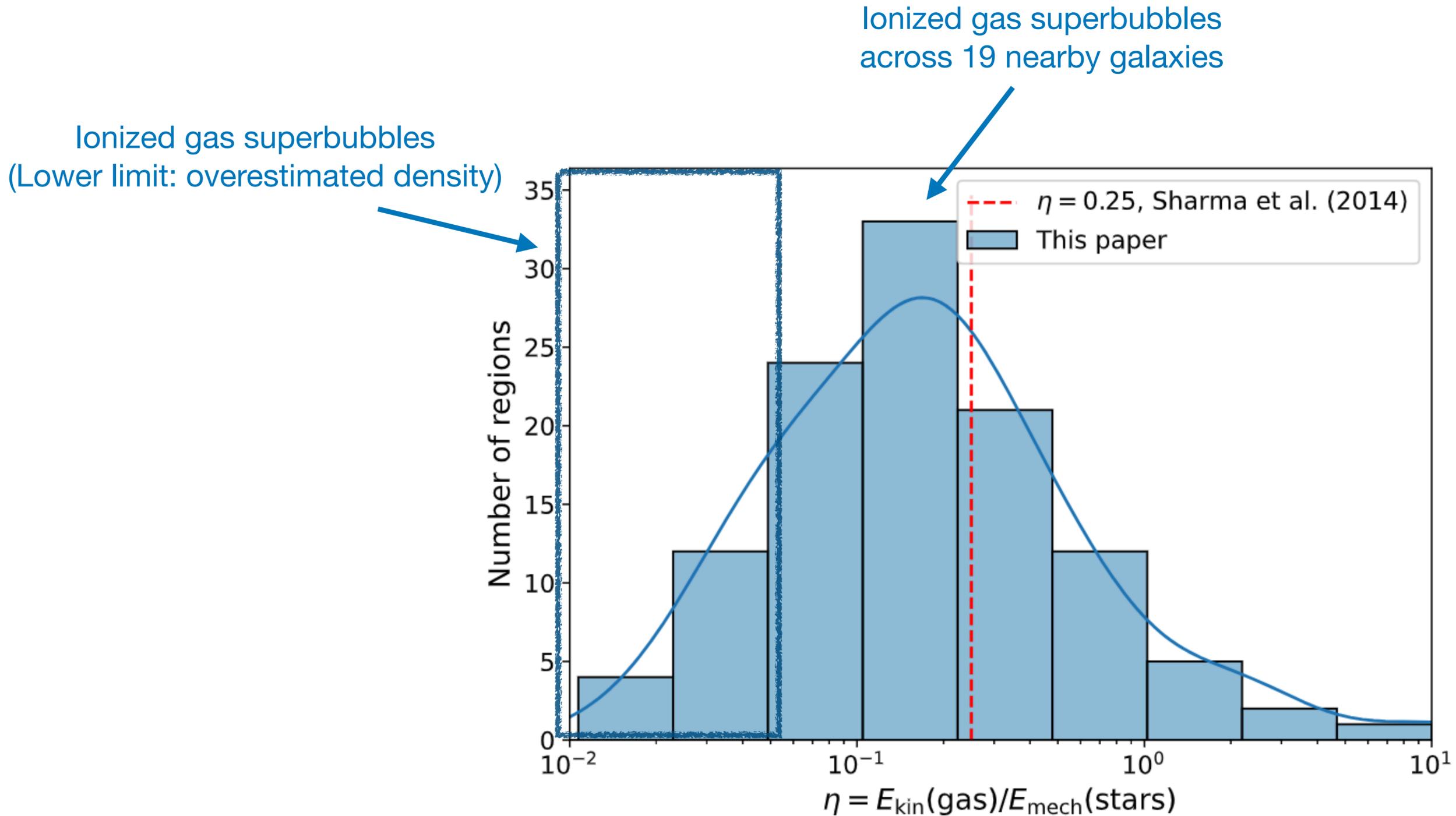
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Ionized gas superbubbles
across 19 nearby galaxies



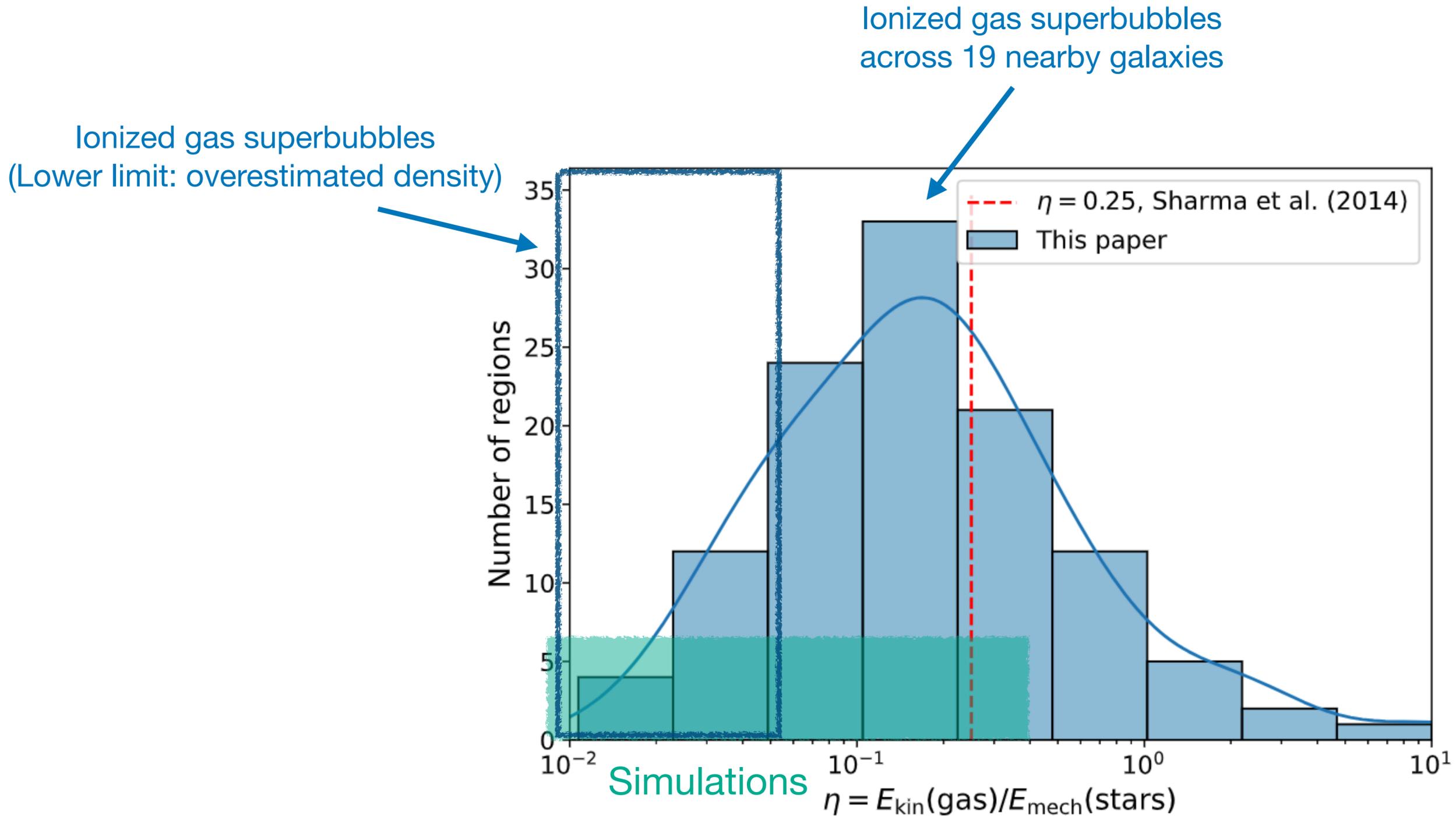
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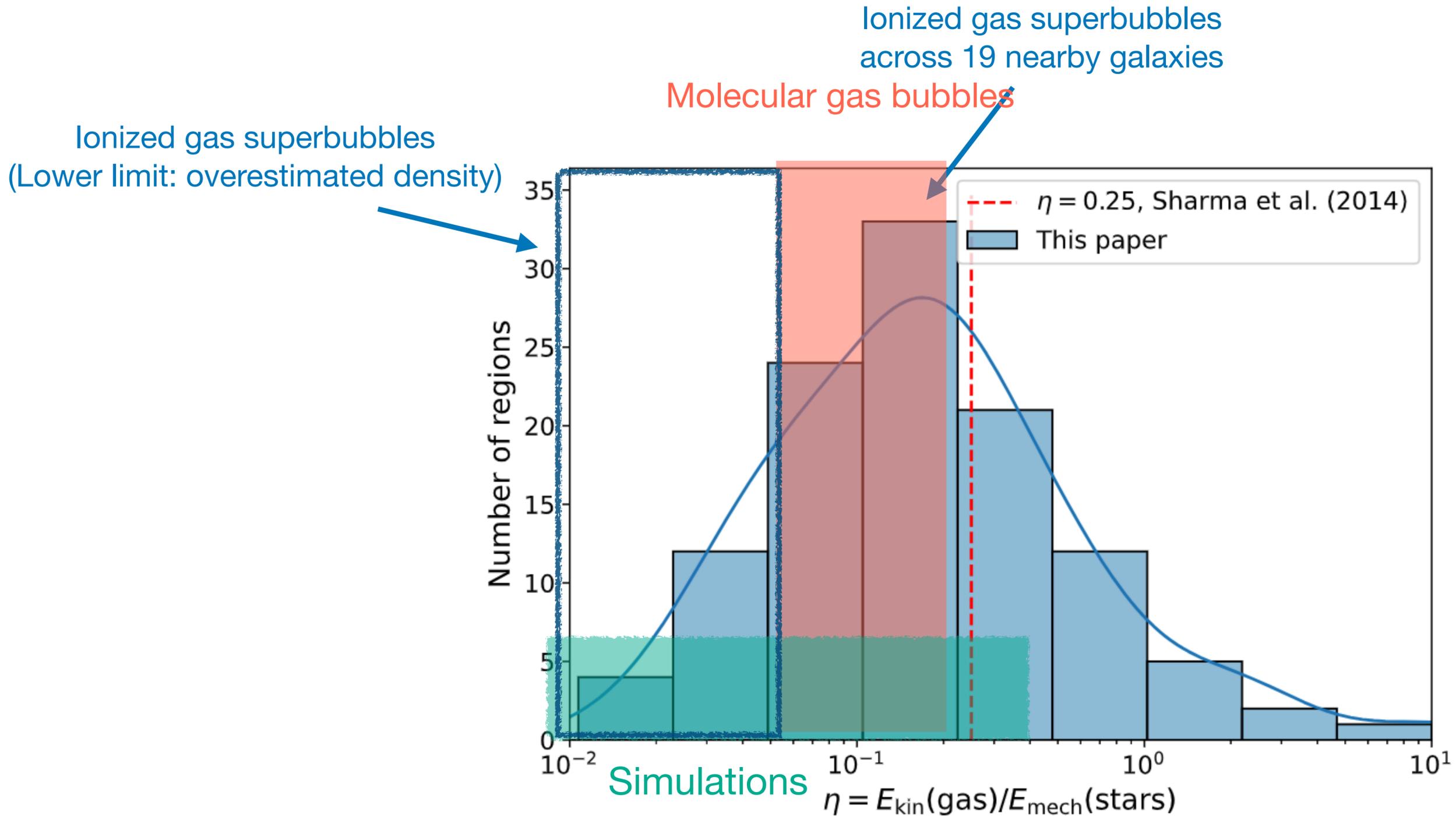
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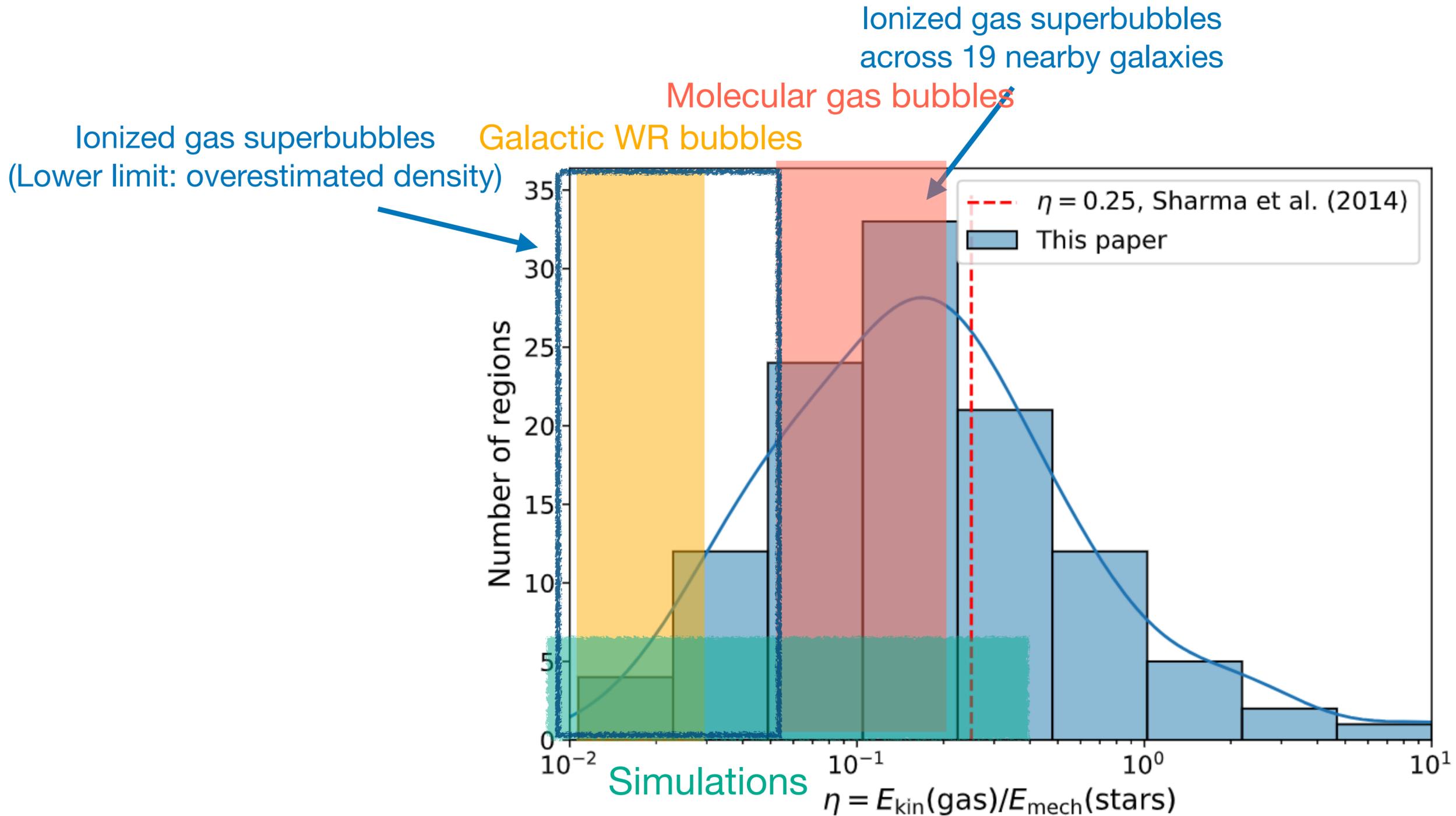
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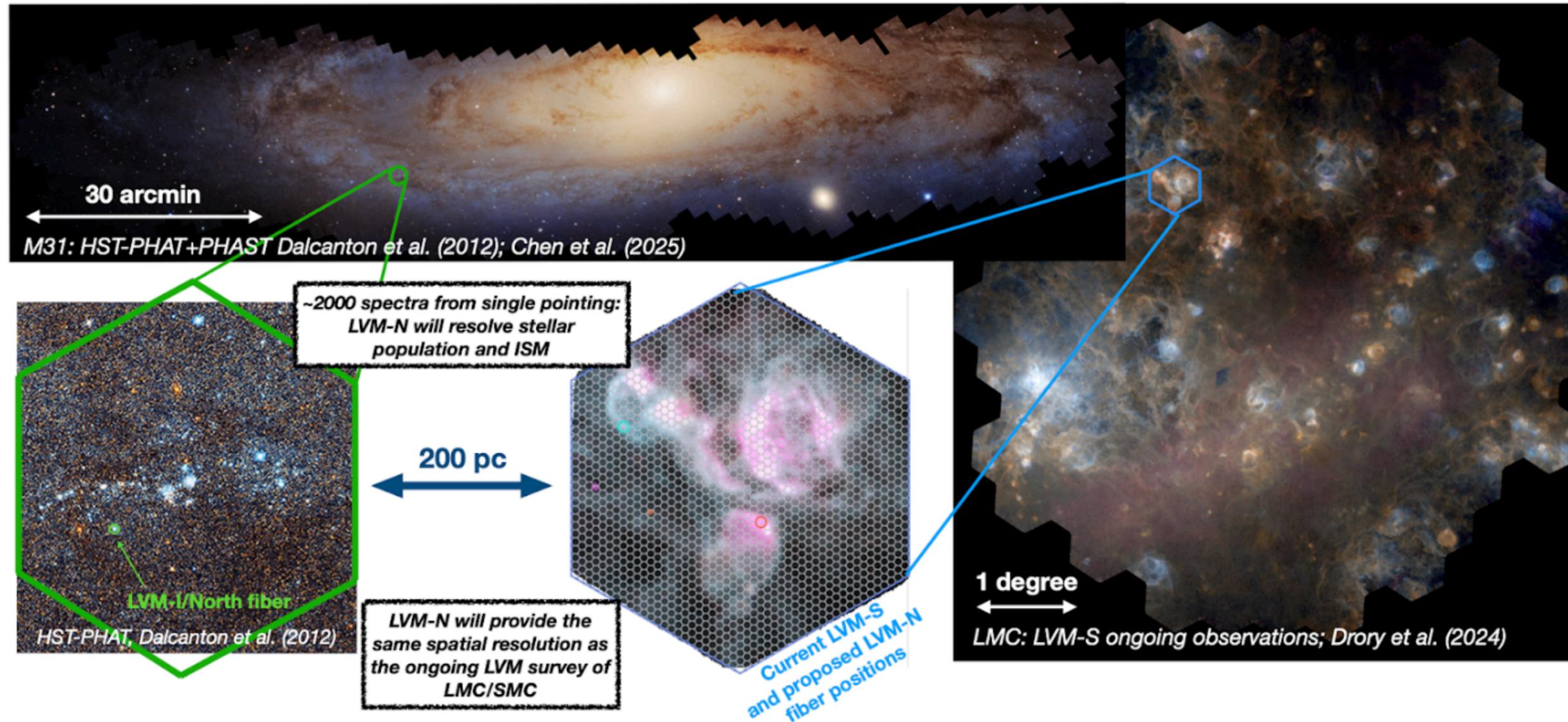


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AS5 Local Group Explorer (expected 2027-...)

LVM-N: Optical wide-field IFU spectroscopy of M31, M33, dwarfs and more

LVM-N is the only project capable of mapping all northern Local Group galaxies. Following a strategy well-proven in the ongoing LVM survey of the Milky Way, LMC and SMC, we will provide the unprecedented view on the ISM and stellar population in M31, M33 and nearby dwarf galaxies.



Goal: Spectral mapping of resolved stellar population and ionized gas in Local Group galaxies at scales of <10 pc. We will measure dozens key lines for physical and chemical diagnostics spread across the entire wavelength range

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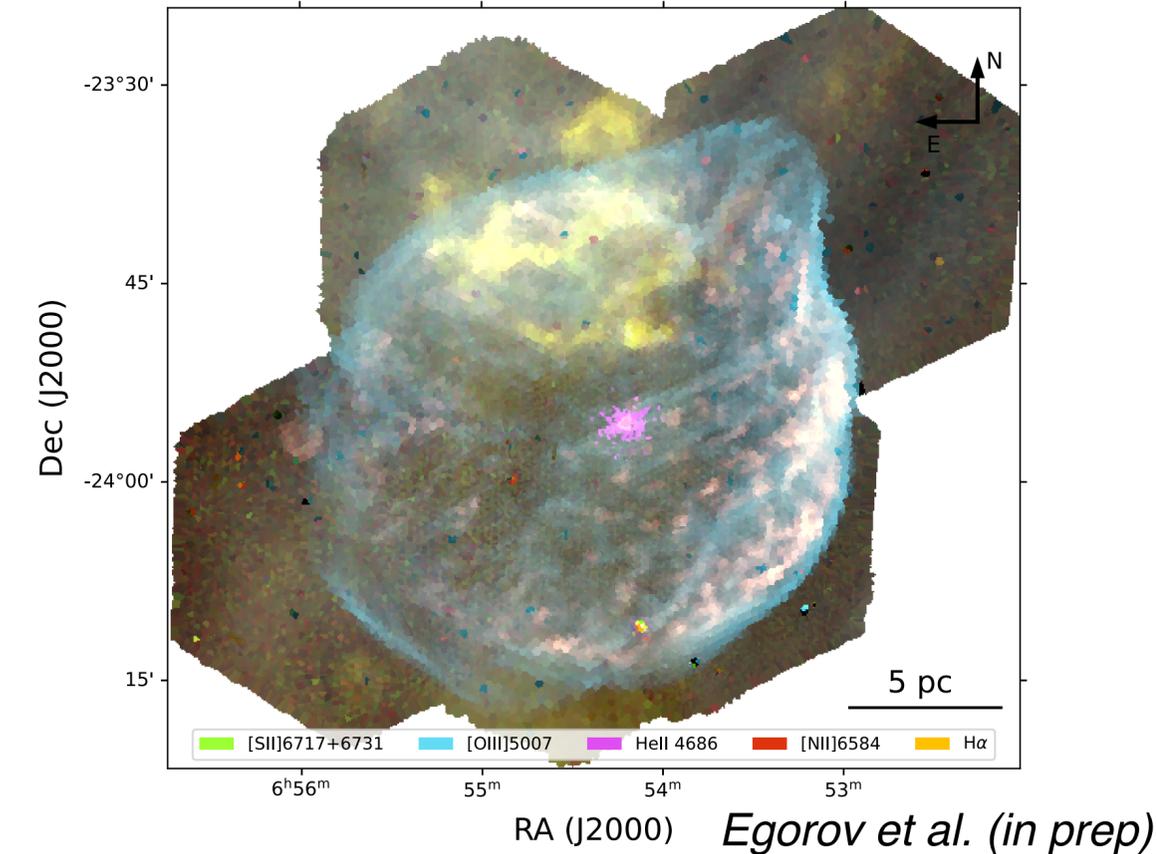
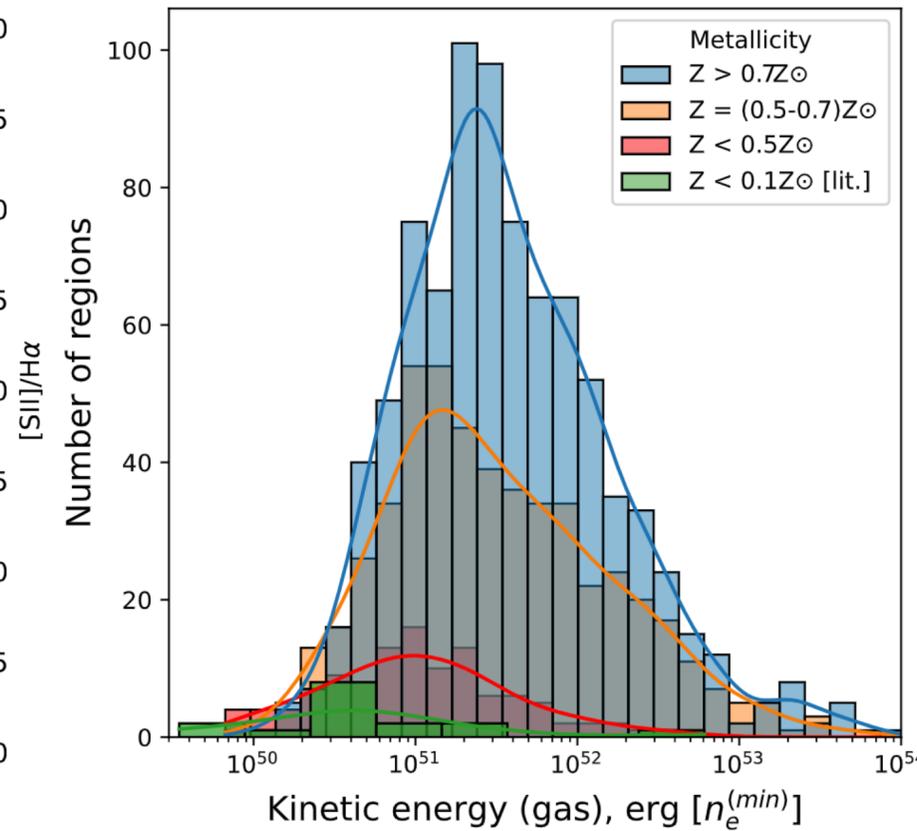
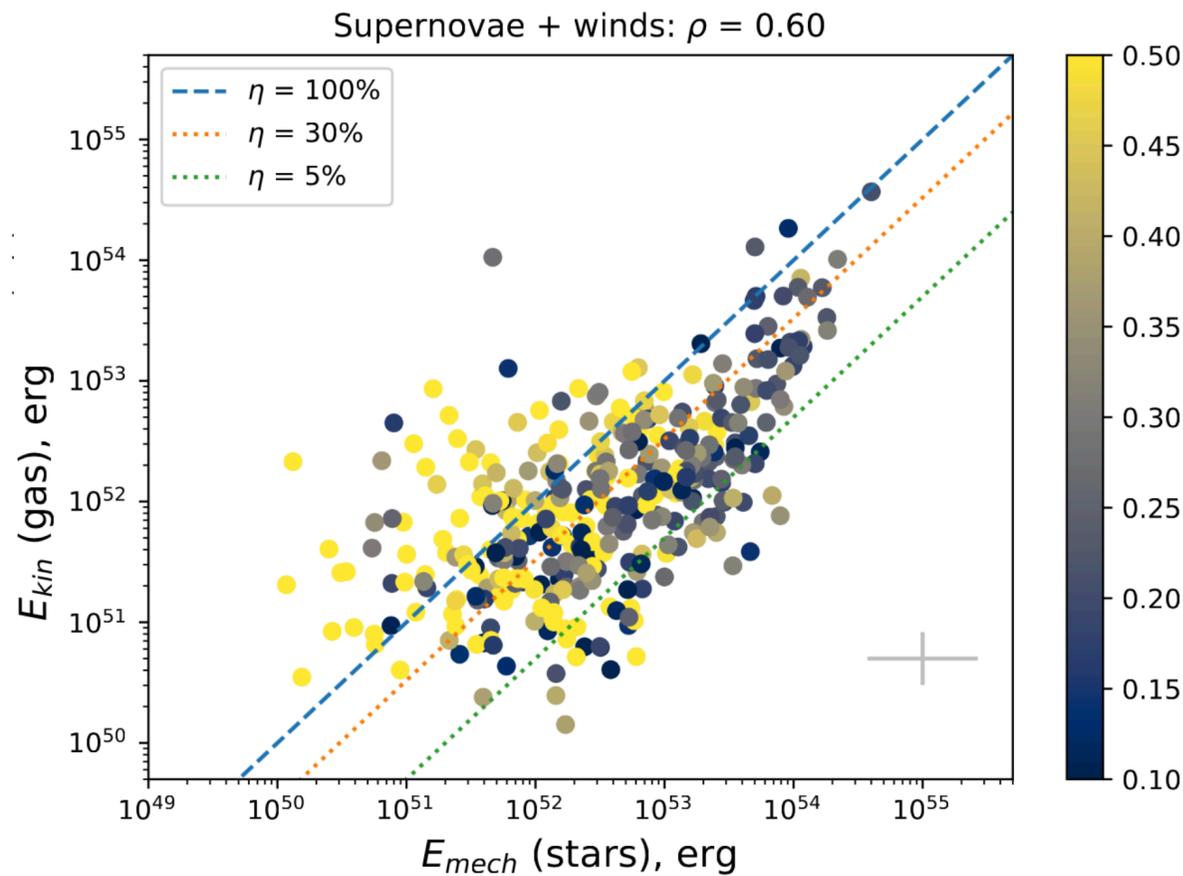
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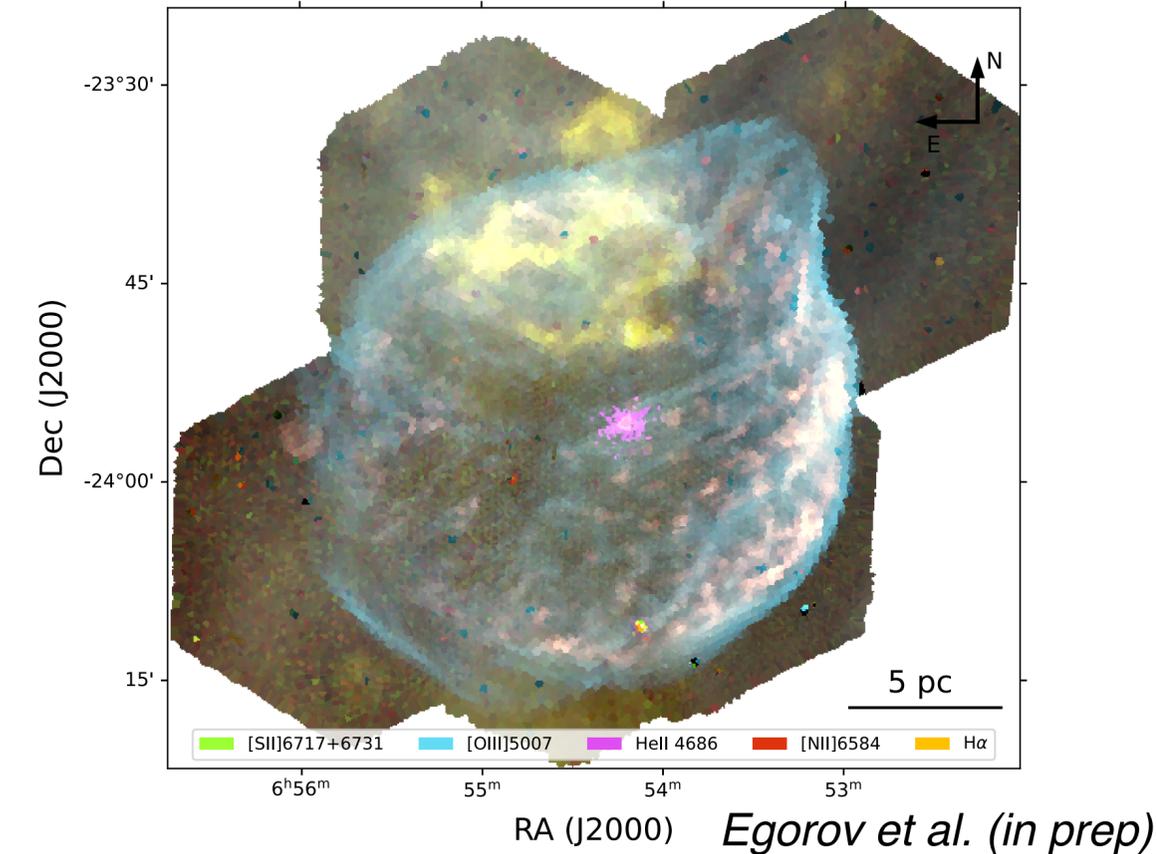
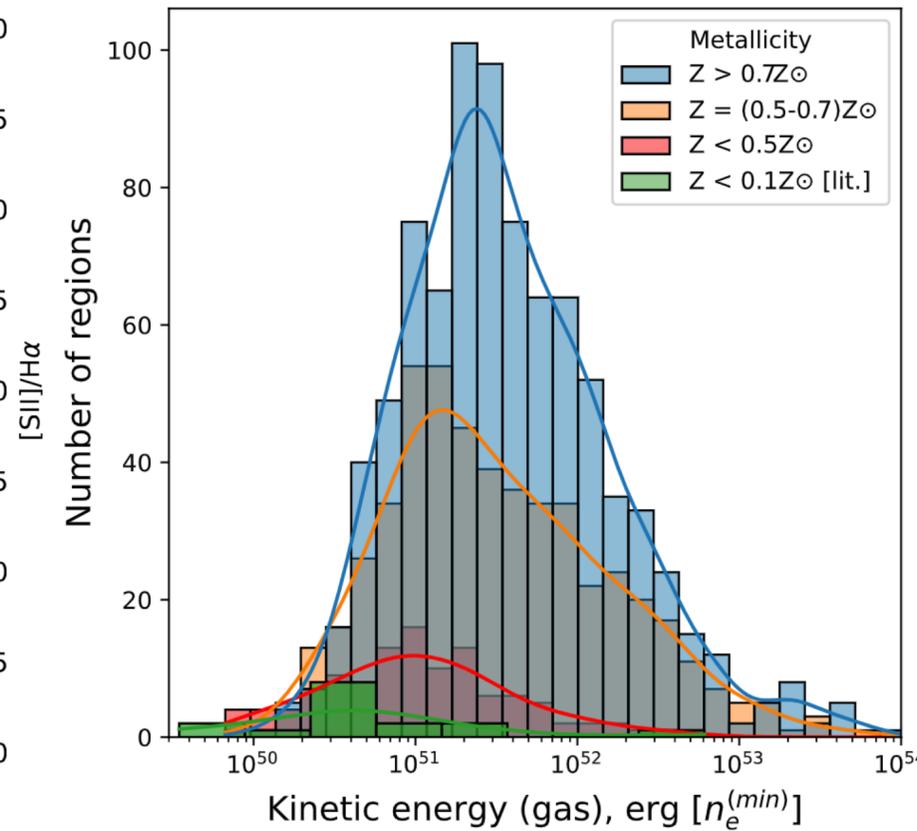
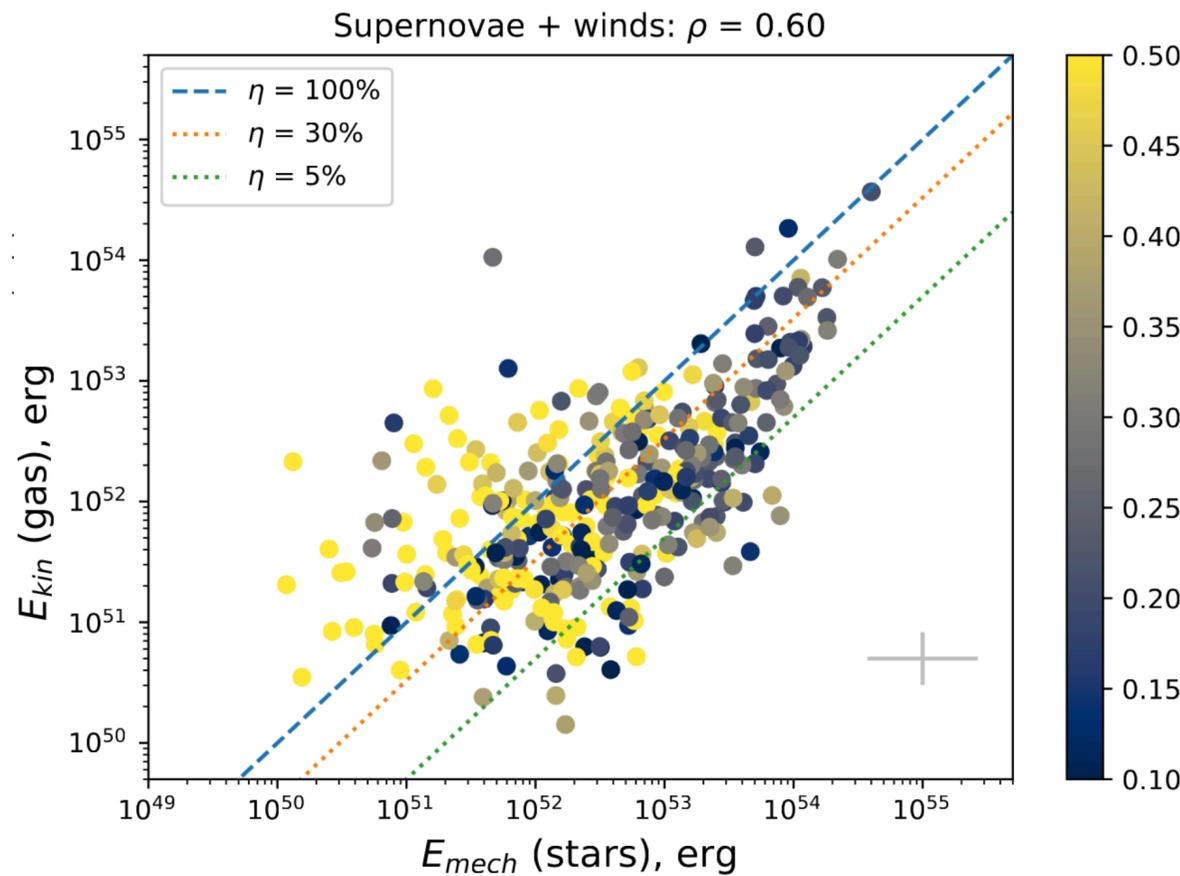
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