# Supernovae as tracers of cosmic star formation

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- One of the most fundamental observables is astrophysical cosmology a benchmark against which to compare galaxy formation and evolution models



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- SNe can provide an *independent* determination of the cosmic star formation rates
- Information on the *progenitor lower and upper mass cut offs* for luminous core-collapse SNe

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- Missed by surveys due to large extinction and concentration to nuclear (1 kpc) regions



## **Core-collapse SN rate in the very nearby volume**

- Include CCSNe discovered in 2000-2011 within 15 Mpc to avoid missing intrinsically faint or dust obscured events
- Significant excess of SNe within ~6 Mpc caused by local SFR overdensity
- SN rate  $1.5 \pm 0.4 \times 10^{-4}$  SNe yr<sup>-1</sup> Mpc<sup>-3</sup> (between 6-15 Mpc)
- Corresponding SFR 0.021  $\pm$  0.006 M<sub> $\odot$ </sub> yr<sup>-1</sup> Mpc<sup>-3</sup> (for Salpeter IMF)
- Consistent with the best fit SFR at z=0
  0.015 M<sub>o</sub> yr<sup>-1</sup> Mpc<sup>-3</sup> (Madau & Dickinson 2014)



## The SN budjet of "normal" galaxies

- Concentrate on 13 SNe within 12 Mpc with host galaxy i < 60
- Compare with predictions from a MC simulations (Riello & Patat 2005; Kankare et al. in prep.)
- 2/13 have  $A_B > 5$  (expect ~0.3%)
- Missing SN fraction: **15%** (**5-36%**)



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- Spitzer discovery of two obscured SNe; in addition 9 optically discovered CCSNe
  - Suggest a missing fraction of  $2/11 \sim 18\%$
  - More recently more Spitzer discoveries suggesting up to 50% missing fraction (Jakob Jencson @ Dynamic IR sky workshop, Caltech)

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#### SUPERNOVA 1992bu IN NGC 3690

D. Van Buren, T. Jarrett, S. Terebey, and C. Beichman, Infrared Processing and Analysis Center, California Institute of Technology and Jet Propulsion Laboratory; and M. Shure and C. Kaminski, NASA Infrared Telescope Facility, Institute for Astronomy, University of Hawaii, report their discovery of an apparent supernova in NGC 3690 (= Markarian 171) at R.A. = 11h25m42s.0, Decl. = +58050'10" (equinox 1950.0) on archival images taken in the K (2.2 micron) band as part of a search for supernovae in starburst galaxies) Offsets from Core B1 (cf. Wynn Williams et al. 1991, Ap.J. 277, 426) of the galaxy are 5" east and 5" south. The object appears in ProtoCam data (obtained at the IRTF, Mauna Kea) for 1992 Mar. 9 UT (when K = 16.6 +/- 0.2), Apr. 10 (17.2 +/ 0.2), and May 6 (18.1 +/- 0.5). It does not appear to limiting magnitude K about 19 in NSFCam IRTF images from 1993 Dec. 27.

 $M_{K} \sim -16.7$ 0.02 mag / day



SN 1992bu in Arp 299B (www.ipac.caltech.edu/ipac/info/sn1992/sn1992\_NGC3690.html)

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Handful of SNe recovered but mostly outside the IR bright and heavily obscured nuclear regions; higher spatial resolution at near-IR wavelength required to probe these regions



### **Correction for the "dark" SNe in U/LIRGs**

High spatial resolution in the IR or radio required for the detection and study of SNe within the nuclear regions of galaxies



### Miguel's talk !



Perez-Torres et al. (2009)

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### Talks by Tom, Erik, Miguel !



*Mattila*+2007, 2012; *Kankare*,*SM*+2008,2012,2014; *Perez-Torres*+2007; *Ryder*+2014; *Herrero-Illana*+17; *Romero-Canizales*+2011,2012,2014; *Väisänen*+2008a,b; *Randriamanakoto*+2013a,b; *Kool*+2017

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### **Estimate CCSN rates from the IR SEDs**



- 5-38µm Spitzer spectra (Alonso-Herrero et al. 2009) 12, 25, 60 and 100µm IRAS photometry
- Fit the SEDs with AGN models of Efstathiou & Rowan-Robinson (1995) and starburst models of
- Estimate the CCSN rate using the stellar population models of Bruzual & Charlot (2003), starburst age and SFR from the SED models

starburst

Mattila et al. (2012)

# How many of the U/LIRGs at high-z are starbursting?

- U/LIRG population at high-z dominated by disk galaxies forming stars in 'normal' extended (main sequence) mode (Elbaz et al. 2011)
- Kartaltepe et al. (2011) combined deep Herschel and HST/WFPC3 near-IR imaging (CANDELS) of GOODS-S to study U/LIRGs at z ~ 1.5-3.0
  - ~42% are starbursts with sSFR > 3 x sSFR(main sequence)
  - Assume similar missing SN fraction as observed for Arp 299



### SNe missed by rest-frame optical surveys

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- Supernovae in the (circum)nuclear regions of galaxies missed due to extinction, searches lacking a sufficient spatial resolution and/or due to 'observer bias'
- High spatial resolution near-IR and radio observations provide a powerful combination for the detection and detailed study of *heavily obscured* nuclear SNe in U/LIRGs
- Detailed comparison between SN rates and cosmic SF history can provide a useful consistency check and information on the mass range for core-collapse SN progenitors
- JWST and ELT can extend these studies well beyond the peak of the cosmic SFR

