## How should the progenitiors of type II-p Sye look Ilke? Red supergiantis in clusters



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- Red supergiants as SN progenitors
observation vs. theory
- Constraints from clusters

Evidence for substantial evolution during the RSG priase

- The AGB boundary

Can we tell which stars will explode?

## Exploding RS Gs



Core-Collapse SN Fractions
Distribution of supernova types
(Smith et al. 2011, MNRAS 412, 1522)
A possible scenario for supernova progenitors (Smith et al. 2011, M NRAS 412, 1522)


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Observed supernova progenitors
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This may shift up a bit because of circumstellar reddening (W almswell \& Eldridge 2012, MNRAS 419, 2054)



(Poelarends et al. 2008, ApJ 675, 614)

## Strong dependence on

 assumptions but:- $\sim 9 M_{\odot}$ for an EC SN
- $\sim 10 M_{\odot}$ for a CC SN

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- Distance from radio parallaxes (Zhang et al. 2012, ApJ 744, A23)
- Size from VLTI interferometry

W ittkwoski et al. 2012, A\&A 540, L12

## Late $\mathcal{M}$ Supergiants

- Evidence for heavy mass loss (W ing 2009, Verheyen+2012)
- S Per M 4la/lab $\rightarrow$ M 7 (Humphreys/Fawley)
- W Per M3la $\rightarrow$ M5 (Humphreys/Fawley)
- NM L Cyg M 6la?
- VX Sgr M 4la $\rightarrow$ M 10la
- VY CM a M4-5Ia
- AH Sco M 5la (Humphreys)







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M1.5Iab
MOIab
M1Iab


M arco et al., in preparation

## Stepfenson 2

Second cluster of red supergiants found towards the base of the Scutum Arm

Concentration of $>26$ RS Gs
(Davies et al. 2007, ApJ 671, 781)

Implied mass $>5 \times 10^{4} \mathrm{M}_{\odot}$


## Family portrait

D1 M6-7I
D2 M7/7.5I
D3 M5I
D4 M5I
D5 M5I
D6 M3.5Iab
D9 M3.5Iab
D10 M2Iab
D11 M3.5Iab
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { D13 M2Iab } & \text { D26 M2Iab } \\ \text { D14 ~M2.5I } & \text { D27 early MI } \\ \text { D15 M1.5Iab } & \text { D29 ~M0I } \\ \text { D16 M1-1.5Iab } & \text { D30 ~M1I } \\ \text { D17 M1.5Iab } & \text { D31 M1.5Iab } \\ \text { D18 M1-1.5Iab } & \text { D49 embedded } \\ \text { D19 M1Iab } & \text { D52 ? } \\ \text { D20 M1.5Iab } & \text { D72 ? } \\ \text { D21 ~M1.5I } & \\ \text { D23? } & \end{array}$

Negueruela et al. 2013, EAS 60, 279

n Deguchi et al. (2010, PASJ 62, 391) searched for masers associated with the stars. They only detect 3 objects.

See also Verheyen et al. (2012, A\&A 514, A36)



- D1=IRAS 18363-0607
- K =2.9
- M 6-7I




- D49 is a very embedded source $E(J-K) \approx 7$, of which around 4 mag are circumstellar, implying

$$
A_{V} \sim 25 \mathrm{mag}
$$







Red supergiants in clusters and associations (Levesque et al. 2005, A pJ 628, 973)

- There must be several observational biases acting here.
- García-H ernández et al. (2007, A\&A 462, 711) suggest that the most massive Galactic AGB stars are late-M OH/IR stars with Rb overabundance.




$$
M_{K} \approx-9.5
$$



Dorda et al., in preparation

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { What are } \\
& \text { these tfings ? } \\
& \text { Theoretical models for } \\
& \text { LMC sources suggest } \\
& \text { these are } \sim M_{\odot} \text { stars just } \\
& \text { before the first thermal } \\
& \text { pulse. } \\
& \text { - Later, they become more } \\
& \text { luminous, but obscured by } \\
& \text { dust. } \\
& \text { Ventura et al. 2000, A\&A 363, } 605
\end{aligned}
$$ pulse. dust.

- Based on this, García-Hernández et al. (2013, A\&A 555, L3) suggest that the Milky-Way equivalents are super-Li-rich late-M giants.


Dorda et al., in preparation

## NGC 6067



## NGC 6649



HR diagram of NGC 6649
(M arco et al. 2007, A SPC 361, 388)



Age $\approx 60 \mathrm{Myr}$


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M \sim 7 \mathrm{M}_{\odot}
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## NGC 2345




HR diagram of Be 55
(Negueruela \& Marco 2012, AJ 143, 46)


## Be 55

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M \sim 7.3 \mathrm{M}_{\odot}
$$

Age $\mathbf{5 0} \pm \mathbf{1 0 ~ M y r}$ (Negueruela \& M arco 2012, AJ 143, 46)


## Summary

- The detected SN progenitors suggest that objects with masses as low as $7 M_{\odot}$ can explode.
- The separation of RSGs from AGB stars is very difficult.
- Evidence from clusters very strongly hints at a bimodal distribution in RSG spectral types, with a majority of the population in the MO-2 range and a few objects at later types.
- Late-M RSGs show evidence of heavy mass loss, and there are indications that these are the most evolved objects.
- Do stars explode as RSGs or do they loop bluewards?
- No young open cluster contains the kind of object observationally identified as a very massive AGB star.


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