

# Resolved stellar populations using KCWI

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**Aims: Determine the properties of stellar clusters in a nearby starburst galaxy to better quantify the effects stellar feedback has on galaxy evolution**

**Methods:**

**We use Keck/KCWI data, in addition to archival HST data used to overcome crowding and increase spectral coverage.**

**This data is used in combination with SLUG (Krumholz et al. 2015) and its associated python modules to obtain the physical properties of the clusters.**

**The physical properties of the clusters can then be used to study the effects of stellar feedback on the galaxy**

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# Stochastically Lighting Up Galaxies (SLUG)

- **SLUG (Krumholz et al. 2015) generates a stellar population by stochastically sampling a given IMF**
- **SLUG generates photometry in selected filters given parameters such as metallicity, electron density, and extinction**
- **By running multiple times with a range of parameters we generate a large library of clusters with different properties**

**Input: Environmental properties, IMF, CMF, stellar evolution tracks, etc.**



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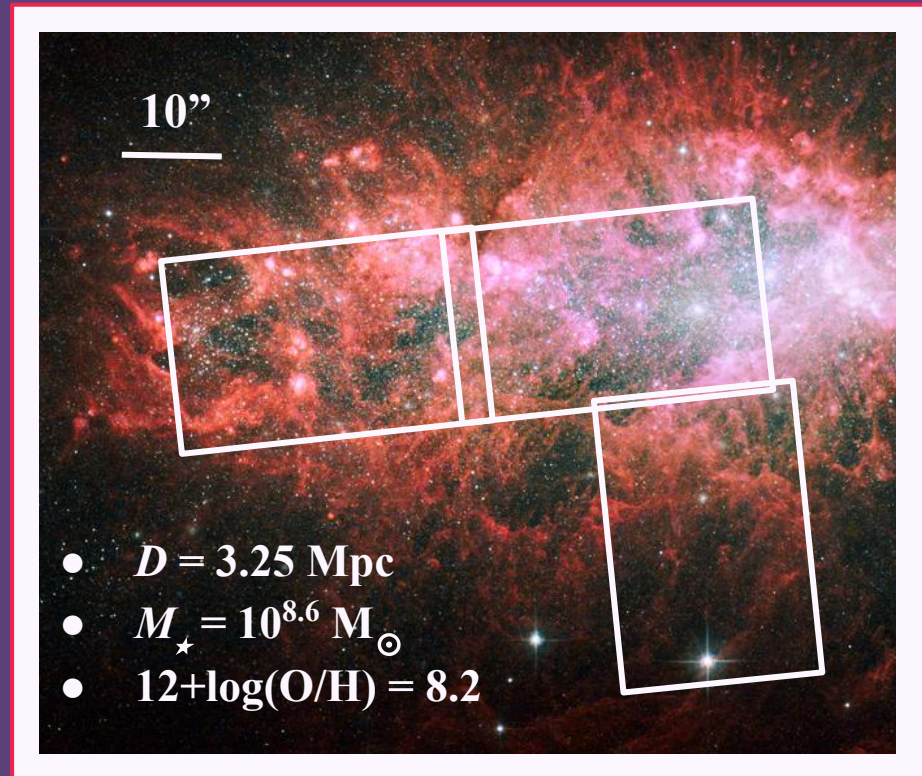
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<b>FOV</b>	<b>1 × 1 arcmin</b>	<b>20" × (8 to 33)"</b>	<b>2 arcmin<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Wavelength range</b>	<b>4650 - 9300 Å</b>	<b>3500 - 5600 Å</b>	<b>3500 - 5800 Å</b>
<b>Spectral Resolution</b>	<b>2000 - 4000</b>	<b>1000 - 20000</b>	<b>~ 3500</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Southern hemisphere, 2635 m elevation</b>	<b>Northern hemisphere, 4145 m elevation</b>	<b>Southern hemisphere, 2635 m elevation</b>
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# Keck Observations of NGC 1569

- Observed as part of the DUVET (Deep near-UV observations of Entrained gas in Turbulent Galaxies) survey (PI Deanne Fisher)
- 3 pointings
  - FOV of each frame:  $20'' \times 33''$
  - All pointing use the large IFU slicer
  - Spaxel size  $0''.29 \times 1''.35$
- Two grating configurations
  - Centered at  $4050 \text{ \AA}$  (blue)
  - Centered at  $4700 \text{ \AA}$  (red)
  - Total wavelength range  $3600 \text{ \AA} - 5130 \text{ \AA}$  with  $R \sim 2000$

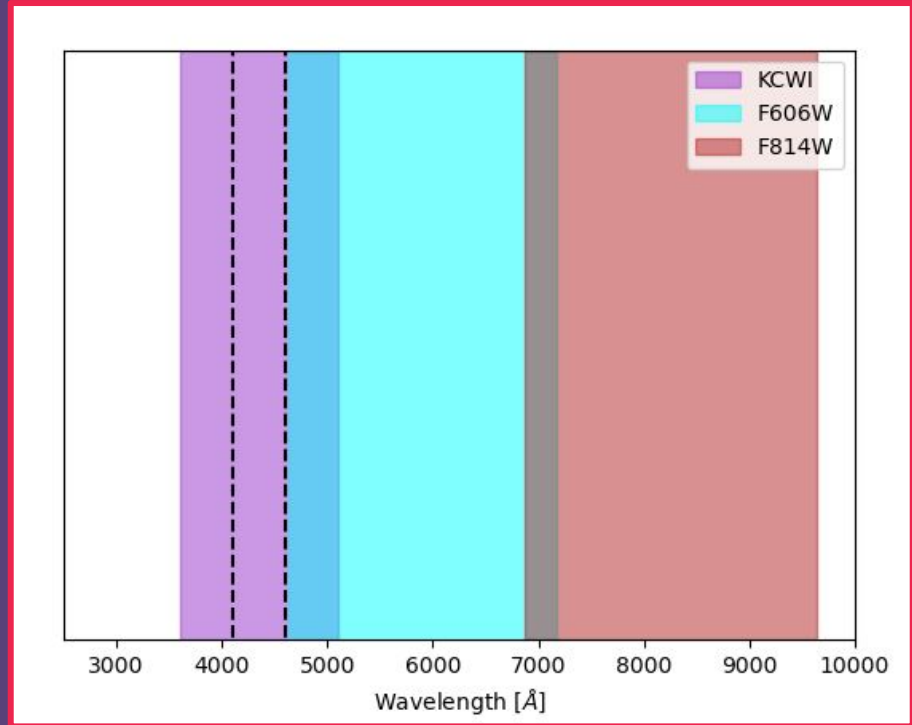


Red: F658N ( $\text{H}\alpha + [\text{N II}]$ ), Green: F606W,  
Light blue: F5002N ( $[\text{O III}]$ ), Dark blue: F487N ( $\text{H}\beta$ )



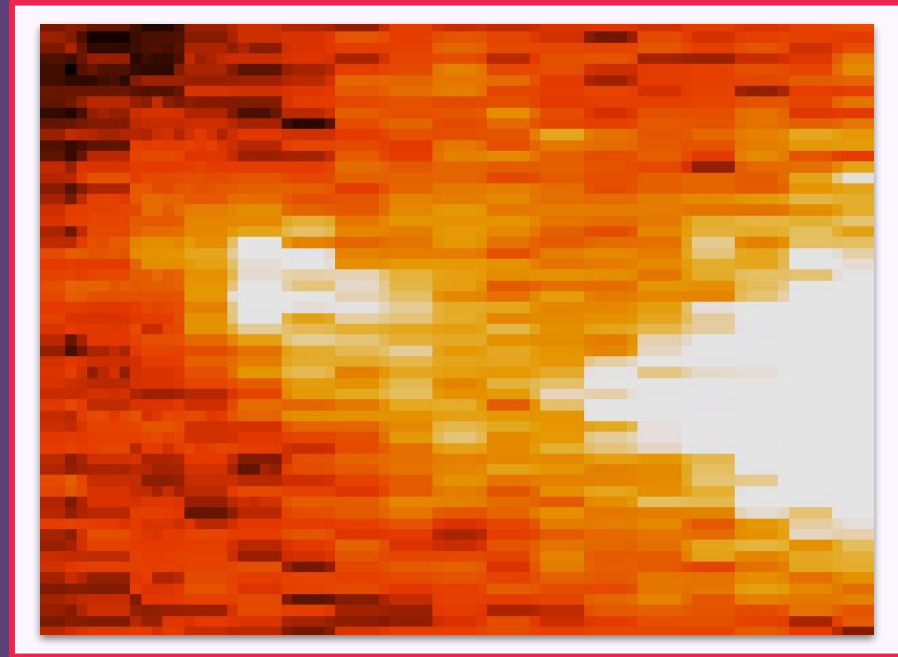
# Archival HST data used to overcome crowding and increase wavelength coverage

- The spatial resolution of KCWI is not sufficient to resolve individual clusters
- In order to locate the clusters we use archival HST data
  - ACS F606W and F814W from Aloisi, 2006 (HST Proposal ID #10885)
- Also serves to increase spectral coverage



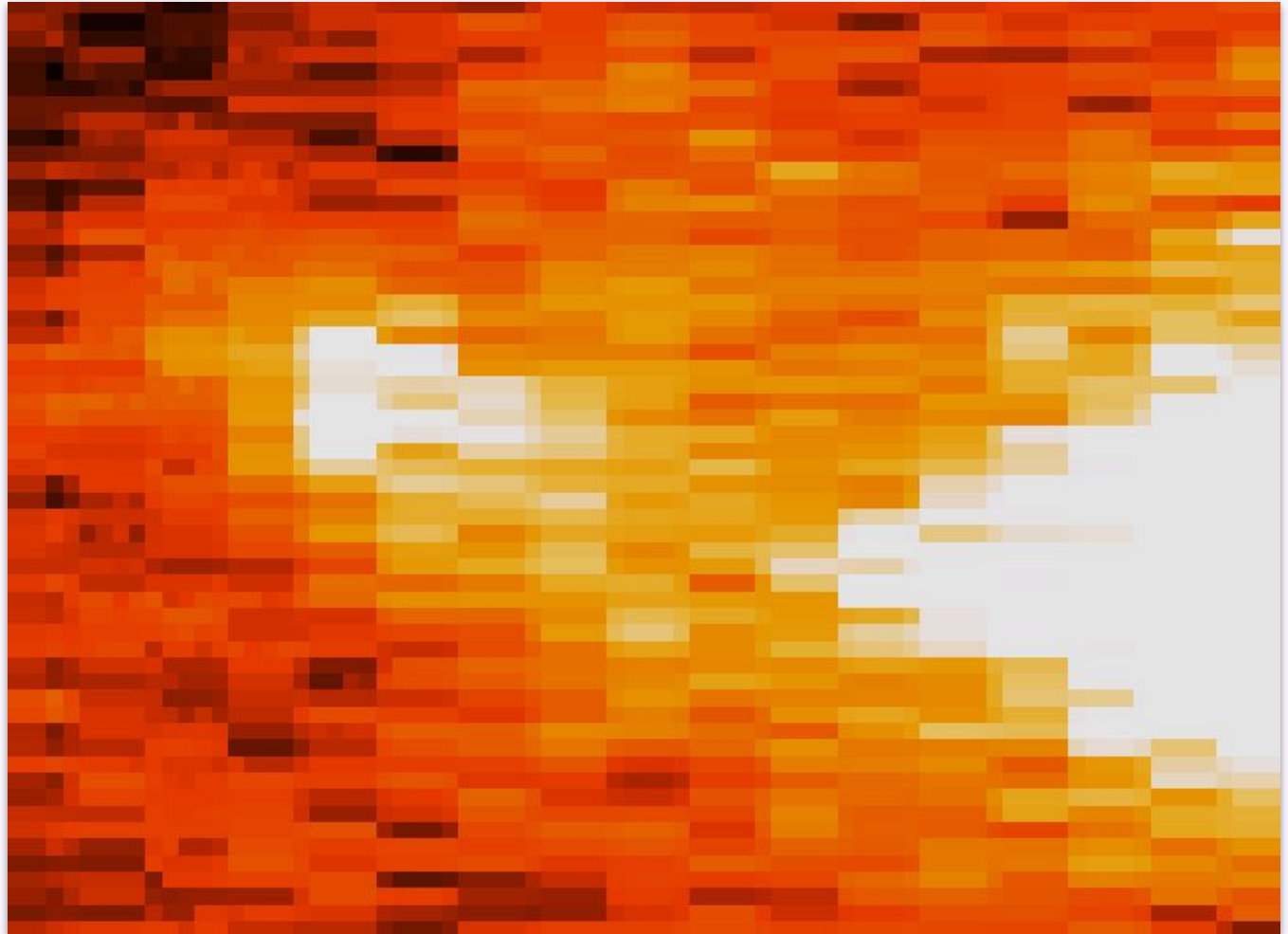
# Resampling spaxels for comparison with other instruments

- The rectangular spaxels of KCWI complicate comparisons with data from other instruments, as the aspect ratios differ
- In order to align the IFU and HST data, the rectangular spaxels of KCWI must be resampled to squares, which may mean loss of data and/or increased errors
- For this data, the  $0''.29 \times 1''.35$  spaxels were reprojected into  $0''.29 \times 0''.29$  using Montage and then binned  $3 \times 3$  to have a size of  $0''.87 \times 0''.87$



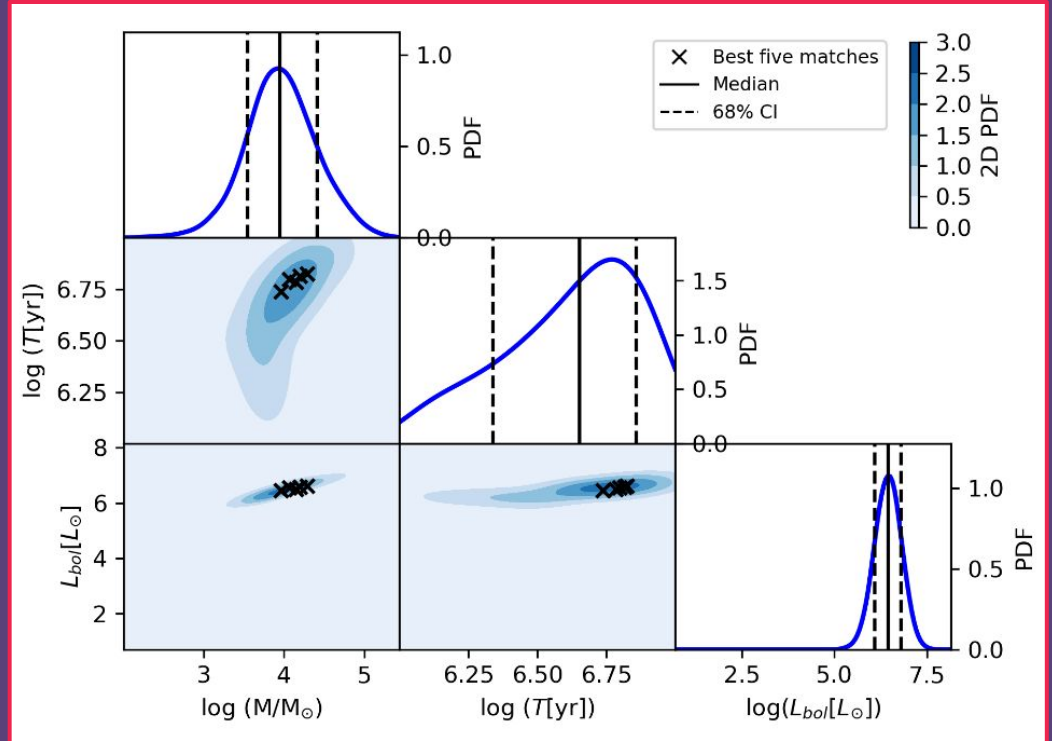
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# Finding the physical properties of the clusters

- Once we have the photometry in all filters, these can be matched with the synthetic photometry
- This provides a PDF over the parameter space for each cluster



## Next steps

- **With these results, along with the results of Hamel-Bravo et al. (2024) on the feedback driven gas, we can quantify the effects of stellar feedback on the gas, and the galaxy as a whole**
- **This work will then be extended to nearby galaxies which have IFU data and high resolution photometry, creating a tool to automate (parts of) the process**
- **This could then be applied to surveys such as PHANGS and SIGNALS to get large amounts of data for detailed studies of stellar feedback**

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- **Comparing observed cluster photometry and synthetic clusters allows us to extract cluster properties**
- **This allows us to study the effects of stellar feedback on the galaxy**
- **BlueMUSE would make obtaining the data for similar work more efficient in the future, given it's large FOV and wavelength coverage**

# Thank you!



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