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#### MPL-11 in Jan/Feb 2021

#### Ø DR17 in Dec 2021.











### MaNGA Stellar Library (MaStar)

MaStar MPL-9







- >13,000 stars with >31,000
  good quality visits
- Comprehensive parameter coverage
- High S/N: median S/N per
  pixel ~106

## Why is star formation so inefficient?



- Both low and high mass galaxies are inefficient at turning baryons to stars.



• Molecular gas depletion time is 100-1000 times longer than the free-fall time of a giant molecular cloud.



## Importance of studying the ISM





## Warm Ionized Gas

- A stable phase of the ISM under both photoionized and collisionally-ionized conditions
- Near the peak of the cooling curve
- Relatively easy to observe through optical spectroscopy
- Well-developed line ratio diagnostics



http://www.astro.wisc.edu/wham-site/





## However, mysteries and discrepancies abound!





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## **Under-tested Assumptions in Photoionization Models**

- Input ionizing SED
  - Starburst99, PEGASE, FSPS, BPASS
  - SFH and age of HII regions
- Elemental abundance pattern
- Secondary elements prescription (N, C)
- Dust depletion pattern
- Geometry, density, pressure of cloud

## **Classical BPT diagrams**





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- Decomposition of the composites depends significantly on the chosen starting points.









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## **Reprojected BPT diagrams**



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## **Constraining the N/O prescription**



Ji & Yan (2020)

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## **Constraining the input SED**



## **Consistency with other line ratios**



S2) 0.78 N2 .63



# Not all models in the literature are consistent with the data



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Models that appear to be consistent with the data in the BPT diagrams are not always consistent with the data in 3D.

### Incorrect models lead to discrepancies among different methods $10^{3}$ **Bayesian N2, S2, R3** -2.25 Colored: $f_{SF} > 90\%$

- Using Dopita (2013) models to constrain metallicity and ionization parameter
- Slightly harder input SED than our default SF model, and different dust depletion pattern.

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## Inconsistent Lines: [OI] and [SIII]



• [OI] is under-predicted by 0.15-0.5 dex; [SIII] is over-predicted by 0.5 dex.







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  - More accurate SF history and baryon-cycling history; better understanding of the feedback of SF and AGN.



### Understand the microphysics of feedback

- Microphysics of feedback
  - Direct temperature and density measurements in multiple zones.
  - Constrain the turbulent energy injection scale through velocity power spectrum and emissivity power spectrum (Medina et al. 2014)
  - Measure outflow velocity to discern the dominant energy and momentum source (Kim et al. 2018, Raskutti et al. 2017)
  - Map the magnetic field lines using intensity gradient and velocity gradient techniques (Lazarian et al. 2018, Hu et al. 2019)
- Connect small scale and large scale observations
  - Scale at which RMS turbulence velocity equals to sound speed : ~0.03 pc
  - Sizes of self-gravitating cores: ~0.1 pc
  - Molecular cloud and HII regions (tens of pc)
  - MaNGA resolution ~ 1-2 kpc



### Need to bridge the small and large scales!



### $1 \operatorname{arcsec} = 0.002 \operatorname{pc}$



1 arcsec = 170 pc

### How to cover the intermediate scale: 0.1-100pc

### To resolve 0.1pc

- Resolving 0.1pc on the ground without AO (seeing 1")
  - Distance < 20kpc
  - Sources in the MW
- Distances of MW HII regions: 0.4 -3 kpc requires a spatial resolution of 10-20".

resolution.

A small telescope of 15-30 cm and fast focal ratio would suffice!

• We do not need large telescopes — they have too fine a plate scale, which is an overkill in spatial



### How to cover the intermediate scale: 0.1-100pc

### To cover 100pc

- Dynamic range = spatial coverage / spatial resolution
- Dynamic range of an instrument is set by the total number of independent spectral traces: **Biggest MaNGA bundle:** ~12 All MaNGA bundles combined: ~40 ~120 (24 spectrographs) VLT/MUSE:
- Cover a dynamic range of 1000 (0.1-100 pc) needs a dedicated survey instrument with lots of spectrographs!
- The same system would be able to cover LMC/SMC at 10pc resolution and cover M31/M33 at 100pc resolution.



## **Need a moderately high spectral resolution**



### lonized outflows are on the order of 20km/s.

### **Require R~15,000**

Kim, Kim, Ostriker (2018b)



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High resolution can help separate thermal from nonthermal broadening

- Light atoms (H) has both thermal and non-thermal broadening
- Heavy atoms (like O, N, S) is dominated by non-thermal broadening





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## Affordable Multiple Aperture Spectroscopy Explorer (AMASE)

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Image credit: John Corban

In a similar style to the Dragonfly Telephoto Array pictured here



## Strategy to improve cost-effectiveness

- take advantage of technology advances in CMOS sensors and lens coatings
- Thinner fibers
  - shorter collimator focal length (for fixed spectral resolution)



smaller beam width smaller optics

Thinner fibers

less demagnification in order to use small-pixel CMOS sensors

Generally, reduce beam width to enable the use of commercial off-the-shelf components, and

$$R = \frac{f_{\rm coll}}{d_{\rm fiber}} \frac{\lambda A}{r}$$



## Technology advance in CMOS

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### Spectral Response Typical QE at -100°C. Standard silicon

## The sensor we chose



**Relative Response** 



### **QHY600 QE**

	Image:		
Back-illun	ninated, high QI	E	
3.76 µm p	ixel		
9576 x 638	88 pixels		
Low read	noise: 1.6 e-		
Full well o	depth: 20,000 e-		
Low dark	current: 0.0022	e-/pix/s@T=	-20C
550	600	650	
Wavelenght(nm)			



### **Commercial Photographic lenses with advanced coating** technology





Nano-crystal coating used to improve throughput and reduce scattered light.



Newly released super fast (f/0.95) Nikon lens designed for point sources in dark background!

Ray tracing: 1-2 um RMS spot

# Spectrograph design for AMASE-P

- 50 $\mu$ m-core fiber => 26" on the sky
- 547 fibers per spectrograph
- Blue channel: 4640-5092A (HeII, Hβ, [OIII])
   Red channel: 6250-6850A ([OI], Hα, [NII], [SII])
- Spectral Resolution: R~15,000
- Custom dichroic and VPH grisms.
- Nikon 58mm f/0.95 lens as camera
- Water-cooling yields  $\Delta T = -45C$



## Optomechanics

- Mounted on a bench of 60x60 cm
- Collimator mount and detector cooler are available off the shelf.
- All hardware cost total: USD \$184K, and much cheaper if massively replicated.



## Telescope and Calibration System

- Telescope: Canon 400mm f/2.8 lens
- 20 arcmin across, hexagonal fiber-bundle in MaNGA style, fill factor 31%, covering 79 sq. arcmin at a time.
- Acquisition/Guiding/Focus-monitoring using on-axis NIR light ( $\lambda$ >750nm)
- Pre-set focus offset for bundle to smooth the near-field illumination within fibers (26")
- Calibration cone in front for on-the-field calibration.



## **Preliminary Lab Testing — Throughput**



• The chosen Nikon lens has excellent throughput.


# Lab Testing — Positioning of thin fibers









## Lab Testing — Image Quality









#### **Cost-effectiveness and Expected Sensitivity**

- Etendue = (input beam solid angle) x (fiber area) x (efficiency)
- Using DESI as a reference

Per-fiber etendue: AMASE-P = 18% DESI AMASE-P = 11% DESIPer-fiber cost:

- AMASE-P is 60% more cost-effective than DESI, with 4-5 times higher spectral resolution, covering 18% of the bandpass as DESI.
- With an array of 100 spectrographs (US\$18M), we can map 1/4 of the sky in 4 years, probing down to 1 Rayleigh.





# Other potential applications

- Intensity mapping at R~3500 will measure the redshift space distortion, and complement SPHEREx
  - Reduce resolution to R~3500, more efficient design, cheaper gratings and dichroics.
  - Connect to arrays of 50cm f/3.6 telescopes to get a spatial resolution of 6".
- Multi-object or large monolithic IFS for 6.5m SSST or other large telescopes
  - 50um fiber would be 0.44" on the 6.5m, matching the best seeing condition.
  - A fiber-based MUSE-like instrument.



# Summary

- Warm ionized gas is a critical component for understanding star formation and feedback
- New methodology is putting strong constraints on photoionization model assumptions that are previously under-constrained. It also helps us identify lines that are discrepant with the models.
- Developing this method to higher dimensions would help constrain all the model assumptions, and help metallicity calibrators to converge, leading us to an era of precision astrophysics of warm ionized gas
- Further constraining the star-forming region models and understanding feedback require new observations probing the intermediate scales and with high spectral resolution.
- The AMASE-P and AMASE instrument will help achieve this goal.



## **N/O prescription inconsistency**



log(M ∗/M⊙)



## **More meaningful demarcations**







#### Seyfert/LI(N)ER separation in the P3 direction









