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Core collapse supernovae and many gamma-ray bursts explode in a medium which was structured by the massive and energetic pre-supernova outflows of their predecessors, e.g., Wolf-Rayet stars or Red Supergiants. How does the late stellar evolution affect the circumstellar medium structure? How is matter expelled in the explosion interacting with this circumstellar matter? And how does this affect the observable remnant or afterglow evolution? These questions are not yet well explored, but trigger an increasing interest in the community.

This meeting brings together experts on stellar evolution, circumstellar medium, young supernova remnants, and gamma-ray burst afterglows, to foster productive communication amongst the theorists and observers in these fields.

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