The Diverse Fates of Single and Binary Massive Stars

SN 2006gy

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OUTLINE

INTRO: Massive stars and Diverse Explosions

Observed Fractions of SN subtypes

Observations of Supernova Progenitors Type IIn Supernovae, Circumstellar Material, Luminous Blue Variables (LBVs), Pre-SN eruptions, close binaries, etc.

Implications for Massive Star Evolution **END FATES of MASSIVE STARS:** What type of supernova from which type of star?

Single-star mass-loss (STELLAR WINDS and ERUPTIONS)





Binary-star mass-transfer (ROCHE LOBE OVERFLOW)



Paczynski et al. 67; Podsiadlowski et al. 92





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Note: adopted wind mass-loss rates are too high!





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Single star winds? Single star eruptions? **Binary RLOF?**



Binary RLOF?









Pre-explosion archival HST images

Supernova position

(ideally) Verify that candidate star disappears

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~18 M_{\odot} blue supergiant Progenitor (Arnett 1989)



Circumstellar dust as a solution to the red supergiant supernova progenitor problem

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ABSTRACT

We investigate the red supergiant problem, the apparent dearth of Type IIP supernova progenitors with masses between 16 and 30 M_{\odot}. Although red supergiants with masses in this range have been observed, none have been identified as progenitors in pre–explosion images. We show that, by failing to take into account the additional extinction resulting from the dust produced in the red supergiant winds, the luminosity of the most massive red supergiants at the end of their lives is underestimated. We re–estimate the initial masses of all Type IIP progenitors for which observations exist and analyse the resulting population. We find that the most likely maximum mass for a Type IIP progenitor is 21^{+2}_{-1} M_{\odot}. This is in closer agreement with the limit predicted from single star evolution models.

Key words: stars: evolution – supernovae: general – stars: supergiants

Type II-P ...including dust, perhaps initial masses are 8.5 – 20 M_{\odot}



Wolf-Rayet population in Large Magellanic Cloud

10% probably of not detecting a WR progenitor

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stars?

detected yet

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SN 1993J - binary SN 2011dh - binary Cas A light echo





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Type II-L

 $M_0 \sim 18-25 M_{\odot}$

2 detections so far...



SN 2008hd ... 20-25 M_☉ yellow supergiant (Elias-Rosa et al. 2010)

SN 2009kr ... 18-24 M_{\odot} yellow supergiant (Fraser et al. 2010; Elias-Rosa et al. 2010)

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Type IIn supernova progenitors?



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Example Light curves from SN/shell collisions Simulations using ZEUS (van Marle et al. 2010)



increasing shell density (total mass) increases the peak luminosity



increasing the outer shell radius (also increasing total M) increases the duration

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Hubble Flow at 150-500 km/s

Suggests ≥10⁴⁹ erg ejection ~8 yr before SN (fall 1998)

SN 2005gl

Moderate Luminosity Type IIn supernova: Narrow H lines

Progenitor star was very Luminous: $M_V = -10.3 \text{ or } L = 1.1 \times 10^6 L_{\odot}$ Implies $M_{ZAMS} \ge 50 M_{\odot}$

Progenitor mass-loss rate about 0.03 M_{\odot} /yr: like P Cyg in 1600 AD

The progenitor star of SN 2005gl vanished after the supernova event.



Gal-Yam & Leonard Nature (2009)

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These observed properties suggest that SN 1961V was actually a core-collapse SN of Type IIn.

Independently, Kochanek et al. (2010) have argued based on Spitzer upper limits to any present-day IR source that the star did not survive...

...So SN161V was a Type IIn core-collapse SN for which we have detection of a very massive progenitor star and possibly a pre-SN outburst.



SN 2010jl

Very luminous Type IIn supernova: HST images from 10 yr ago



SN 2010jl (*a.k.a.*



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Type IIn supernovae progenitors: summary

Very luminous SNe IIn require high mass of CSM
 some require >10 M_☉ ejected in decade before core collapse.

- high eruptive mass-loss rates resemble LBVs, suggesting $M_0 > 25 M_{\odot}$

Velocities and densities of CSM resemble LBVs

3 detections of SN progenitors (or host cluster)

- SN 2005gl $M_0 \sim 60 M_{\odot}$
- SN 1961V $M_0 \sim 100 M_{\odot}$
- SN 2010jl $M_0 > 30 M_{\odot}$ (cluster or progenitor)

Suggests that Type IIn supernovae come from very massive stars $M_0 > 25 M_{\odot}$







What about binary fraction as function of mass? (SNe lbc preferentially associated with clusters?)

Type IIn

>25 M_o (3+)



CONCLUSIONS/DISCUSSION TOPICS

 Observed fraction of Type lbc is too high to be explained by massive single WR star progenitors.
 Only the most massive stars (> 40-50 M_☉) can shed H envelopes via winds and/or eruptions, but these are too rare for all SNe lbc.

2. Instead, stripped-envelope SNe (Types Ib, Ic, Ilb) may be dominated by close binaries, so RLOF may dominate removal of H envelope in general. Which SNe Ilb, Ib, Ic come from the lower mass range? What fraction of classical WR stars form this way?

3. Metallicity and cluster membership can still play an important role: Star formation (binaries), mass loss after RLOF, Ilb/lb/lc ratio, etc. ...GRBs? Quiet collapse to BH?

4. What about mass-gainers in RLOF systems? Some might still be there after SN – are they detectable? also, Rapid/critical rotation, thermal instability, high luminosity?