

Metallicity dependence of Type Ib/c and IIb supernova progenitors in binary systems

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Abstract. Type Ib/c supernovae (SNe Ib/c) are characterized by the lack of prominent hydrogen lines in the spectra, implying that their progenitors have lost most of their hydrogen envelopes by the time of the iron core collapse. Binary interactions provide an important evolutionary channel for SNe Ib/c, and recent observations indicate that the inferred ejecta masses of SNe Ib/c are more consistent with the prediction of the binary scenario than that of the single star scenario that invokes mass loss as the key evolutionary factor for SNe Ib/c progenitors. So far, theoretical predictions on the detailed properties of SNe Ib/c progenitors in binary systems have been made mostly with models using solar metallicity. However, unlike the single star scenario, where SNe Ib/c are expected only for sufficiently high metallicity, hydrogen-deficient SN progenitors can be produced via binary interactions at any metallicity. In this talk, I will discuss theoretical predictions on the metallicity dependence of the SNe Ib/c progenitor structure, based on evolutionary models of massive binary stars. Specifically, I will address how the ejecta masses of SNe Ib and Ic and the ratio of SN Ib/c to SN IIb as well as SN Ib to SN Ic would systematically change as a function of metallicity, and which new types of SNe are expected in binary systems at low metallicity.
