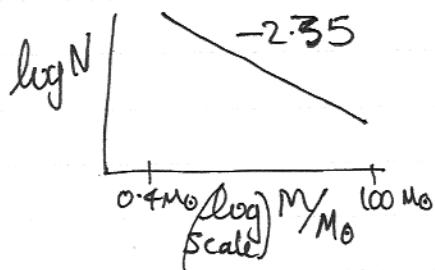


HW Solution

Ma03 Ch5, P3 (a-3)

(a) $5 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$ gas, 10^{11} stars
Initial mass fn. $\frac{dN}{dm} \propto M^{-2.35}$



How many stars are formed above $8 M_{\odot}$ and hence have gone SN?

$$f(m > 8) = \frac{\int_{8}^{100} m^{-2.35} dm}{\int_{0.4}^{100} m^{-2.35} dm} = \frac{\left[\frac{m^{-1.35}}{-1.35} \right]_8^{100}}{\left[\frac{m^{-1.35}}{-1.35} \right]_{0.4}^{100}} = \frac{100^{-1.35} - 8^{-1.35}}{0.4^{-1.35} - 100^{-1.35}} = 0.017$$

Thus the total number of such stars is $0.017 \times 10^{11} = 1.7 \times 10^9$

The lifetime of stars $> M_{\odot}$ is short, much less than the age of our Sun. Hence the gas from which the Sun is made, should have been pre-enriched by the supernova in the preceding generation(s) of massive stars.

$$(b) \text{Predicted Fe/H : } = \frac{N_{\text{Supernovae}} \times \text{Mass of Iron per SN}}{\text{Gas mass in Galaxy}}$$

$$= \frac{1.7 \times 10^9 \times 0.05 M_{\odot}}{5 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}}$$

$$\text{Fe/H} = 0.0017$$

Remarkably close to the actual measured value for the Sun.
0.00177

(C) How many Massive Star binaries have formed, where Both stars are initially $> 8M_{\odot}$?

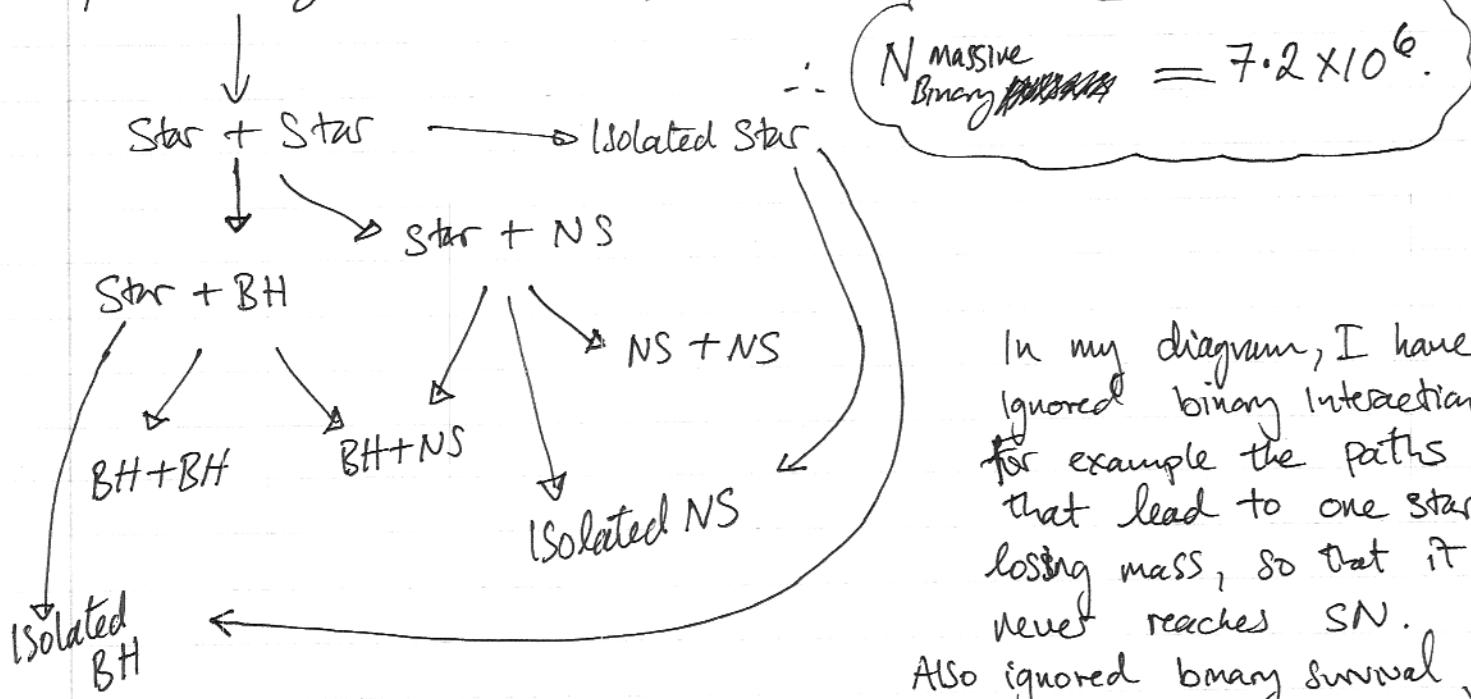
$$P(M > 8M_{\odot}) = 0.017 \quad \text{and} \quad P_{\text{Binary}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

So probability of drawing two such stars in a binary is:

$$P_{\text{Binary}} \times P_8 \times P_8 = \frac{P^2}{2} = 0.0001445 = 1.445 \times 10^{-4}$$

Total number of such systems is: $\frac{N_{\text{stars}} \times 1.445 \times 10^{-4}}{2}$

These massive binaries will eventually pass through several stages:



In my diagram, I have ignored binary interaction. For example the paths that lead to one star losing mass, so that it never reaches SN.

Also ignored binary survival at supernova (kick velocity)

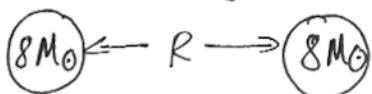
(d) Assymetry in supernova explosion produces a 'kick' of 500 km/s. Clearly, if the kick velocity exceeds a critical value a binary system will not remain bound.

Equate gravitational binding energy for two stars (point masses) separated by a distance R .

Then solve for R_{\max} such that $v_{\text{critical}} = 500 \text{ km/s}$

limiting case, both stars

have $M = 8M_\odot$



$$\therefore U_G = \frac{GM_1 M_2}{R}$$

$$U_G = \frac{8^2 G M_\odot^2}{R} = \frac{64 G M_\odot^2}{R}$$

Now the kinetic energy of the newly born Newton star is

$$KE_{NS} = \frac{1}{2} M_{NS} V_{\text{kick}}^2$$

Thus for critical case. $KE = U_G$

$$\frac{1.44 M_\odot V_c^2}{2} = \frac{8^2 G M_\odot^2}{R}$$

$$R = \frac{2 \times 64 G M_\odot}{1.4 (500 \text{ km/s})^2}$$

$$1 \text{ AU} = 150 \times 10^6 \text{ km} \\ = 1.5 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$$

$$= 4.8 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}$$