sfhs

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1 How many SN Ia events per unit stellar mass would be expected given an exponential SFH and an exponential DTD?

In my GCE models I usually take a $t^{-1.1}$ power-law DTD, but an exponential with e-folding timescale $\tau_{\rm Ia}$ allows analytic solutions to this question. The SN Ia rate given this SFH and DTD, for a minimum delay time $t_{\rm D}$ and present-day at time T:

$$\begin{split} \dot{N}_{\mathrm{Ia}} &= \int_{t_{\mathrm{D}}}^{T} \dot{M}_{\star}(t) R_{\mathrm{Ia}}(T-t) dt \\ &= \int_{t_{\mathrm{D}}}^{T} \dot{M}_{\star,0} e^{-t/\tau_{\mathrm{sfh}}} \xi e^{-(T-t)/\tau_{\mathrm{Ia}}} dt \\ &= \dot{M}_{\star,0} \xi \int_{t_{\mathrm{D}}}^{T} e^{-t/\tau_{\mathrm{sfh}}} e^{-T/\tau_{\mathrm{Ia}}} e^{t/\tau_{\mathrm{Ia}}} dt \\ &= \dot{M}_{\star,0} \xi e^{-T/\tau_{\mathrm{Ia}}} \int_{t_{\mathrm{D}}}^{T} e^{-t(\tau_{\mathrm{Ia}} - \tau_{\mathrm{sfh}})/\tau_{\mathrm{Ia}} \tau_{\mathrm{sfh}}} dt \\ &= \dot{M}_{\star,0} \xi e^{-T/\tau_{\mathrm{Ia}}} \frac{\tau_{\mathrm{Ia}} \tau_{\mathrm{sfh}}}{\tau_{\mathrm{sfh}} - \tau_{\mathrm{Ia}}} e^{-t(\tau_{\mathrm{Ia}} - \tau_{\mathrm{sfh}})/\tau_{\mathrm{Ia}} \tau_{\mathrm{sfh}}} \Big|_{t_{\mathrm{D}}}^{T} \\ &= \dot{M}_{\star,0} \xi e^{-T/\tau_{\mathrm{Ia}}} \frac{\tau_{\mathrm{Ia}} \tau_{\mathrm{sfh}}}{\tau_{\mathrm{sfh}} - \tau_{\mathrm{Ia}}} \left[e^{-T(\tau_{\mathrm{Ia}} - \tau_{\mathrm{sfh}})/\tau_{\mathrm{Ia}} \tau_{\mathrm{sfh}}} - e^{-t_{\mathrm{D}}(\tau_{\mathrm{Ia}} - \tau_{\mathrm{sfh}})/\tau_{\mathrm{Ia}} \tau_{\mathrm{sfh}}} \right] \end{split}$$

where $\dot{M}_{\star,0}$ is the initial height of the SFH at t=0 and ξ is some overall normalizing factor on the SN Ia DTD. The stellar mass:

$$\begin{split} M_{\star} &= \int_{0}^{T} (1-r) \dot{M}_{\star}(t) dt \\ &= \int_{0}^{T} (1-r) \dot{M}_{\star,0} e^{-t/\tau_{\rm sfh}} dt \\ &= -(1-r) \dot{M}_{\star,0} \tau_{\rm sfh} e^{-t/\tau_{\rm sfh}} \Big|_{0}^{T} \\ &= -(1-r) \dot{M}_{\star,0} \tau_{\rm sfh} \left[e^{-T/\tau_{\rm sfh}} - 1 \right] \\ &= (1-r) \dot{M}_{\star,0} \tau_{\rm sfh} \left[1 - e^{-T/\tau_{\rm sfh}} \right] \end{split}$$

where r is the recycling fraction ($r \approx 0.4$ for a Kroupa IMF). This assumes instantaneous recycling, which is a relatively good approximation - massive stars return their envelopes quickly, after which the full time-dependent recycling rate slows down considerably due to the lifetimes of lower mass stars. Taking into account time-dependent recycling would require a numerical calculation, but I would expect it to affect the computed specific Ia rates only at the \$\$10% level.

Taking the ratio of the two, the normalization of the SFH and the e-folding timescale $\tau_{\rm sfh}$ cancel:

$$\begin{split} \frac{\dot{N}_{\rm Ia}}{M_{\star}} &= (1-r)\xi e^{-T/\tau_{\rm Ia}} \frac{\tau_{\rm Ia}}{\tau_{\rm sfh} - \tau_{\rm Ia}} \left[e^{-T(\tau_{\rm Ia} - \tau_{\rm sfh})/\tau_{\rm Ia}\tau_{\rm sfh}} - e^{-t_{\rm D}(\tau_{\rm Ia} - \tau_{\rm sfh})/\tau_{\rm Ia}\tau_{\rm sfh}} \right] \left[1 - e^{-T/\tau_{\rm sfh}} \right]^{-1} \\ &\sim e^{-T/\tau_{\rm Ia}} \frac{\tau_{\rm Ia}}{\tau_{\rm sfh} - \tau_{\rm Ia}} \left[e^{-T(\tau_{\rm Ia} - \tau_{\rm sfh})/\tau_{\rm Ia}\tau_{\rm sfh}} - e^{-t_{\rm D}(\tau_{\rm Ia} - \tau_{\rm sfh})/\tau_{\rm Ia}\tau_{\rm sfh}} \right] \left[1 - e^{-T/\tau_{\rm sfh}} \right]^{-1} \end{split}$$

For the last line I simply ignore the normalization as only the trend of $\dot{N}_{\rm Ia}/M_{\star}$ with $\tau_{\rm sfh}$ is relevant. The value of ξ could be calculated by taking in a time-integrated value from a previous study on the SN Ia DTD (e.g. ~ 2.2 SN per 1000 M_{\odot} of star formation over the duty cycle of the DTD - Maoz & Mannucci 2012).

Typical values for these numbers are $\tau_{\rm Ia}=1.5$ Gyr, $t_{\rm D}=150$ Myr, and T=13.7 Gyr.

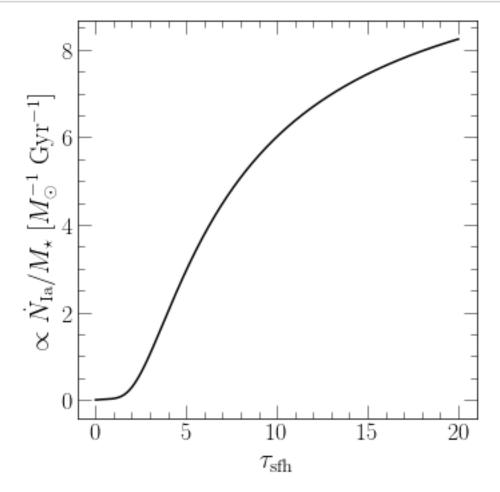
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[7]: fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
ax.set_xlabel(r"$\tau_\text{sfh}$")
ax.set_ylabel(r"$\propto \dot{N}_\text{Ia}/M_\star$ [$M_\odot^{-1}$]

Gyr$^{-1}$]")

def specia(tausfh, tauia = 1.5, td = 0.15, T = 13.7):
    specia_ = m.exp(-T / tauia)
    specia_ *= tauia / (tausfh - tauia)
    specia_ *= (
        m.exp(-T * (tauia - tausfh) / (tauia * tausfh)) -
        m.exp(-td * (tauia - tausfh) / (tauia * tausfh))
)
    specia_ /= 1 - m.exp(-T / tausfh)
    return specia_

xvals = np.linspace(0.01, 20, 1000)
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yvals = [100 * specia(_) for _ in xvals]
ax.plot(xvals, yvals, c = named_colors()["black"])
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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