

Double bow shocks around young red supergiants

Application to Betelgeuse

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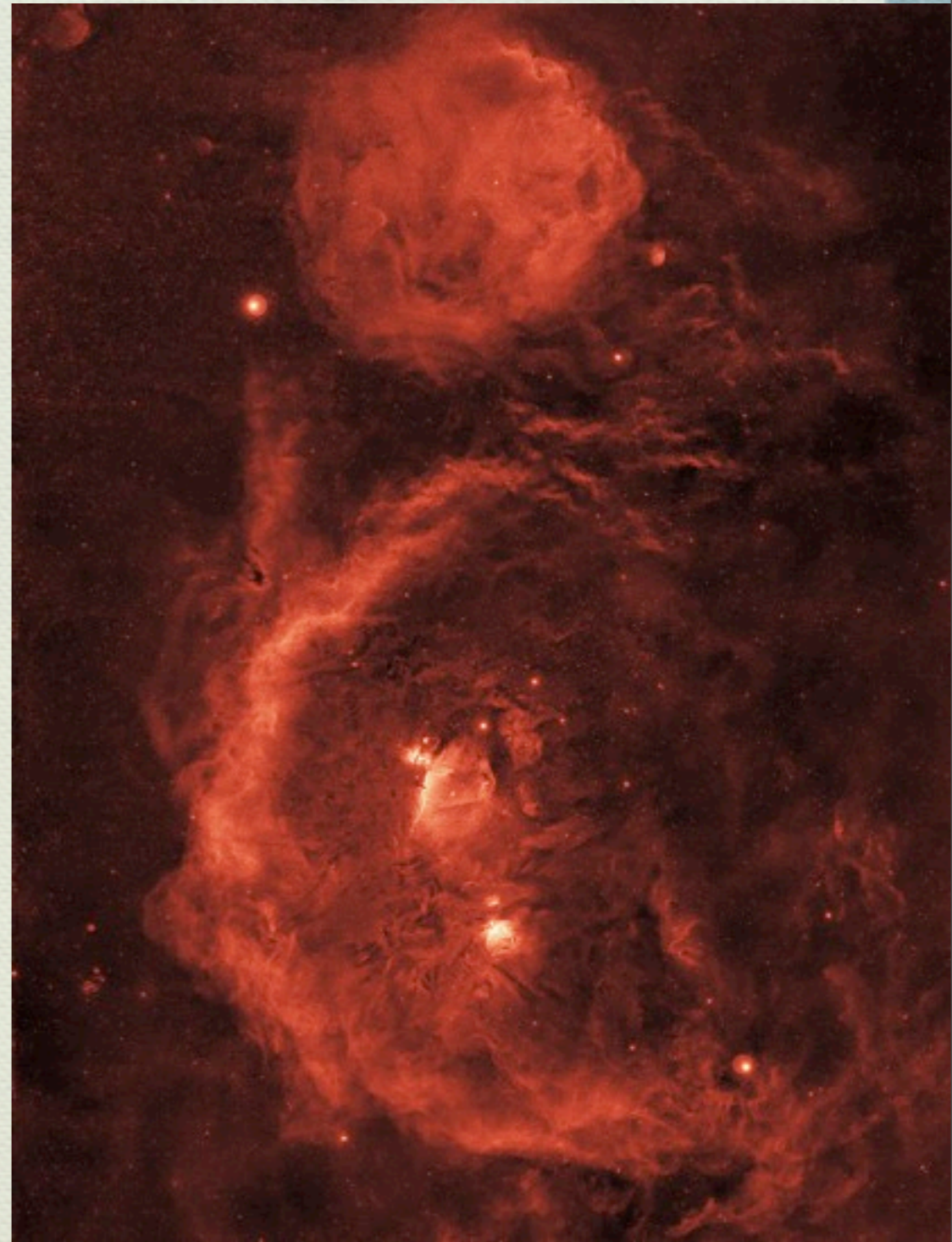


Outline

- ◆ Betelgeuse and its circumstellar medium (CSM).
- ◆ Constant wind models (Mohamed, Mackey & Langer, 2012).
- ◆ Predictions of / problems with constant wind model.
- ◆ Evolving wind model (Mackey et al, submitted).
- ◆ 2D simulations of runaway blue supergiant (BSG) star evolving to a red supergiant (RSG).
- ◆ Comparison to Betelgeuse.

Betelgeuse

- ◆ H-alpha map of Orion (right).
- ◆ $D \sim 200 \text{ pc}$, (2nd?) nearest RSG to sun.
- ◆ Proper motion implies $v \sim 30\text{-}35 \text{ km/s}$, moving to \sim Northeast.
- ◆ Mass $\sim 11\text{-}20 M_{\text{sun}}$. $T_{\text{eff}} \sim 3300 \text{ K}$. (e.g. Neilson+2011).
- ◆ Has bow-shock and “bar” upstream (IRAS -- Noriega-Crespo+, 1997).
- ◆ Size similar to the full moon.



Bow Shock and Bar

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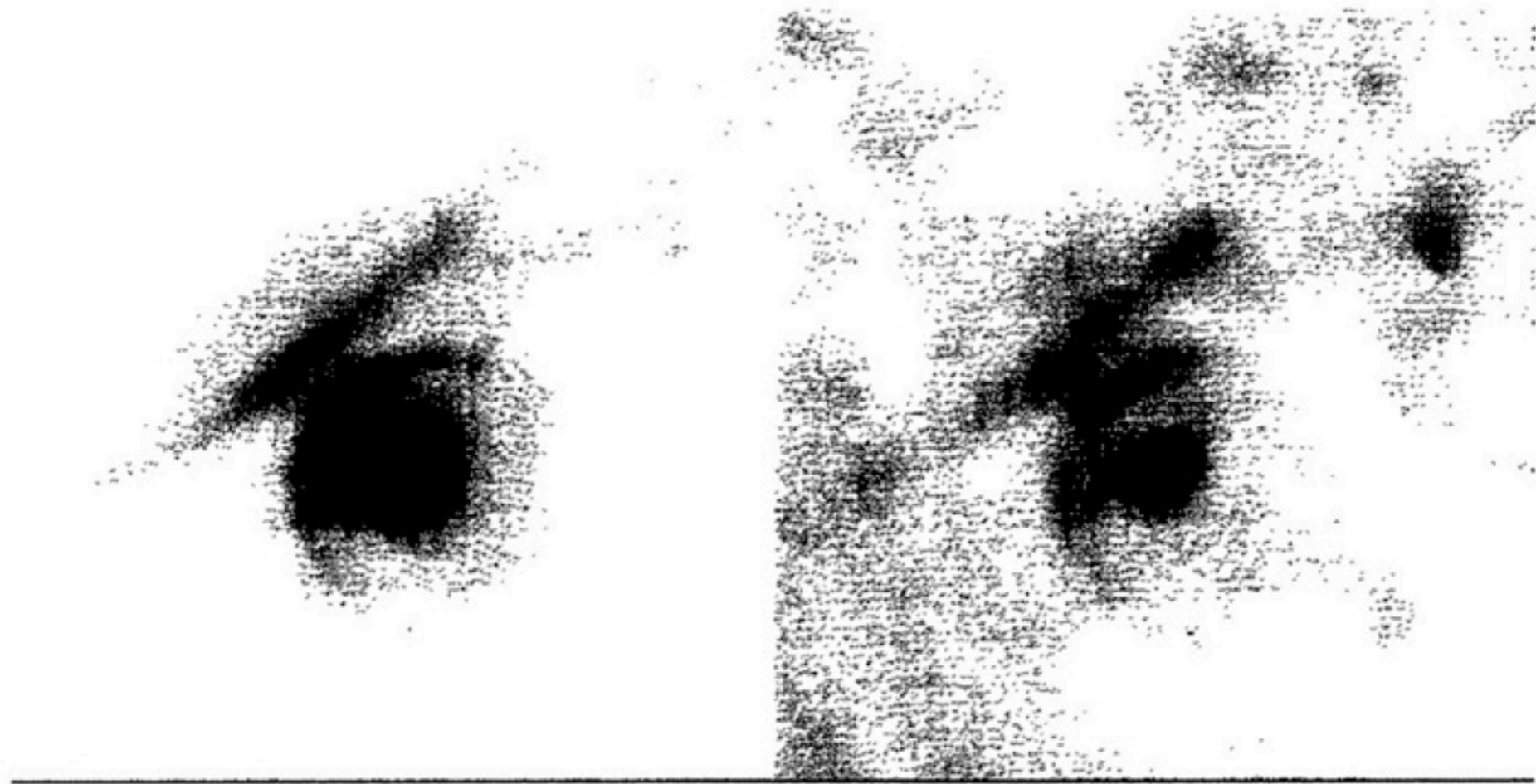
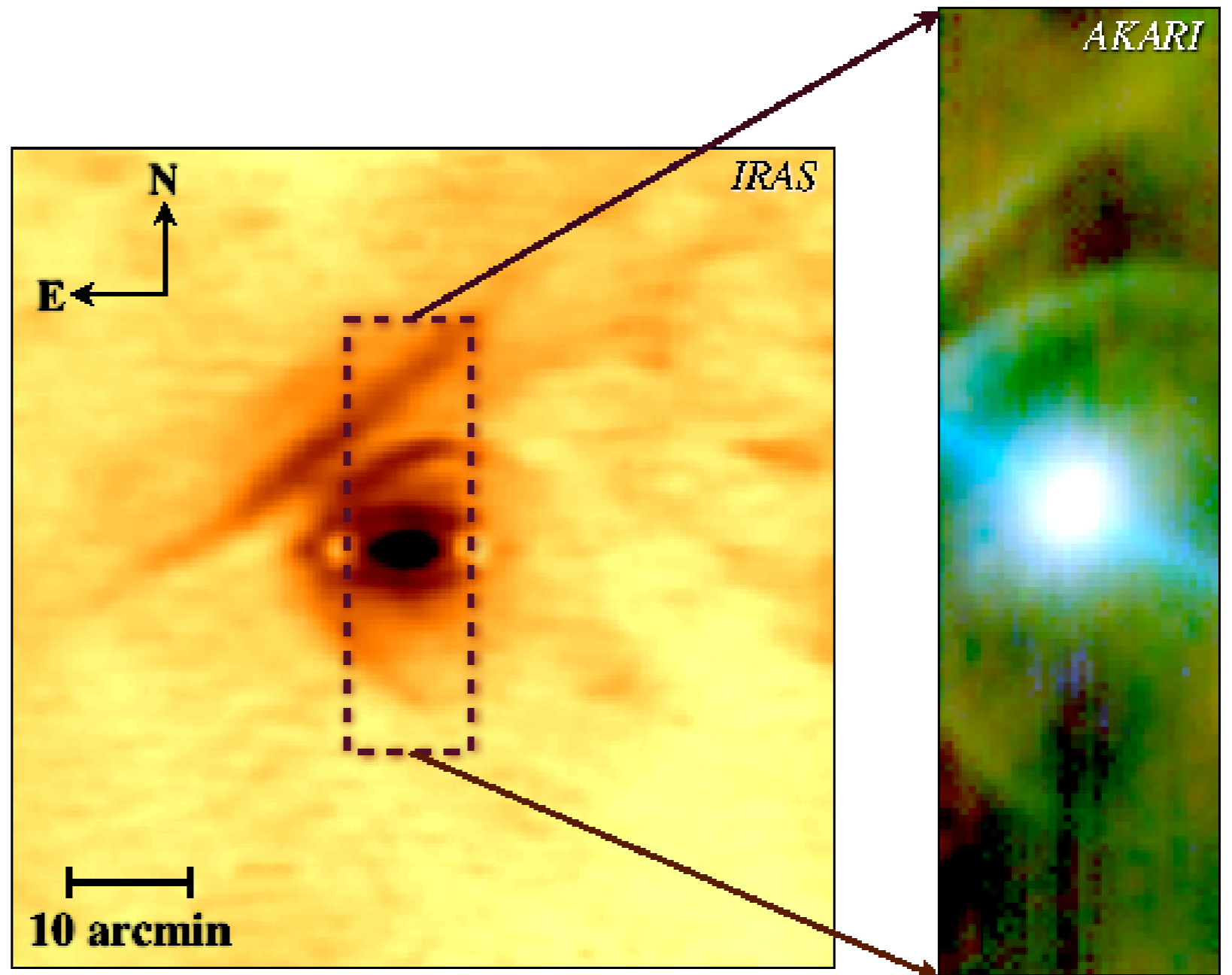


FIG. 1. The 60 μm (left) and 100 μm (right) enhance resolution *IRAS* images of α Orionis. The field is approximately one degree.

◆ IRAS discovery image: 60 micron (left), 100 micron (right).

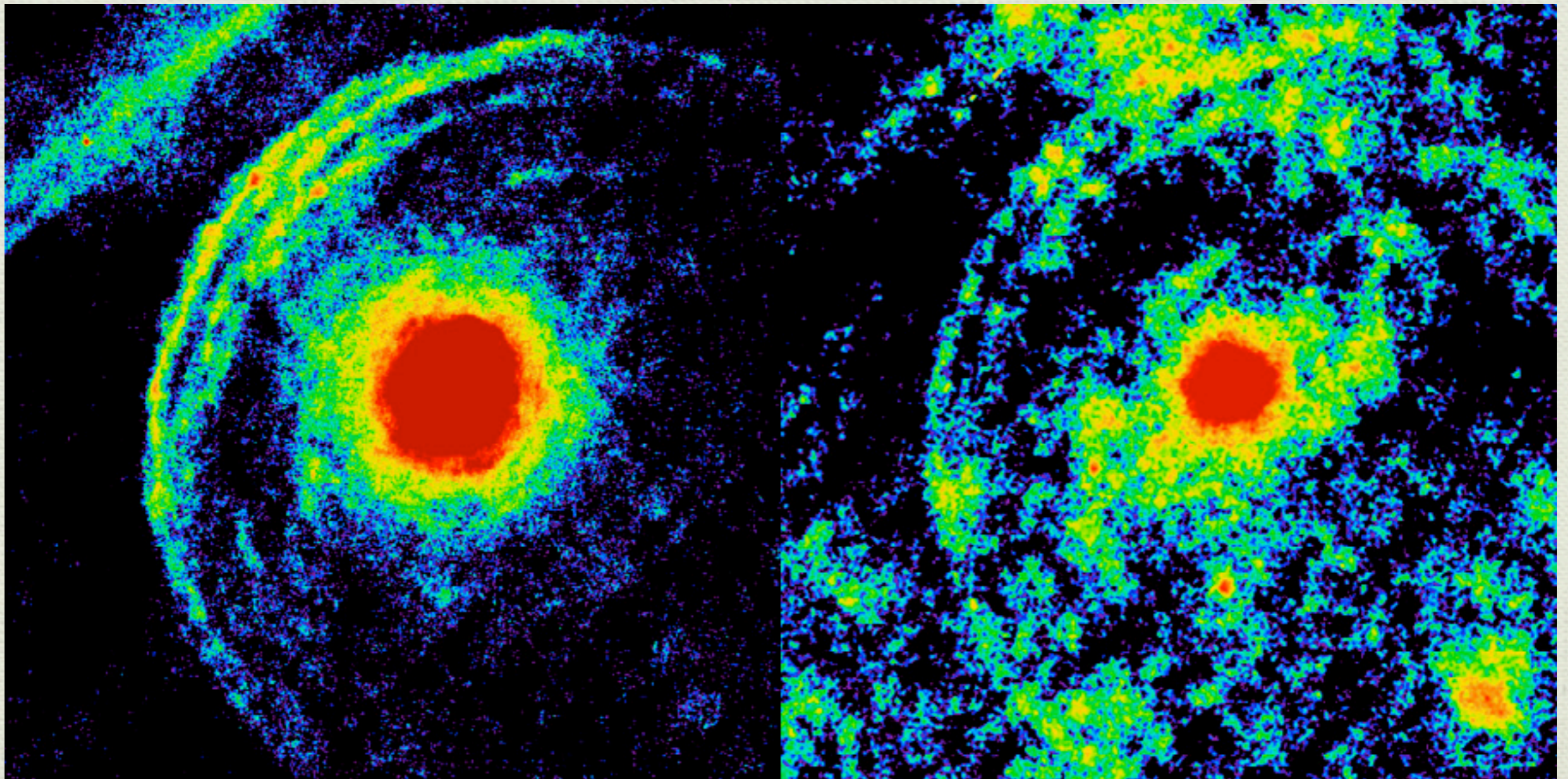
Bow Shock and Bar

- ◆ Heavily processed IRAS image (right), note scale!
- ◆ Later observed with AKARI (Ueta+,2008,PASJ).
- ◆ Higher resolution, smaller FOV.
- ◆ Bow-shock has $M \sim 0.0033 M_{\text{sun}}$, based on AKARI flux.



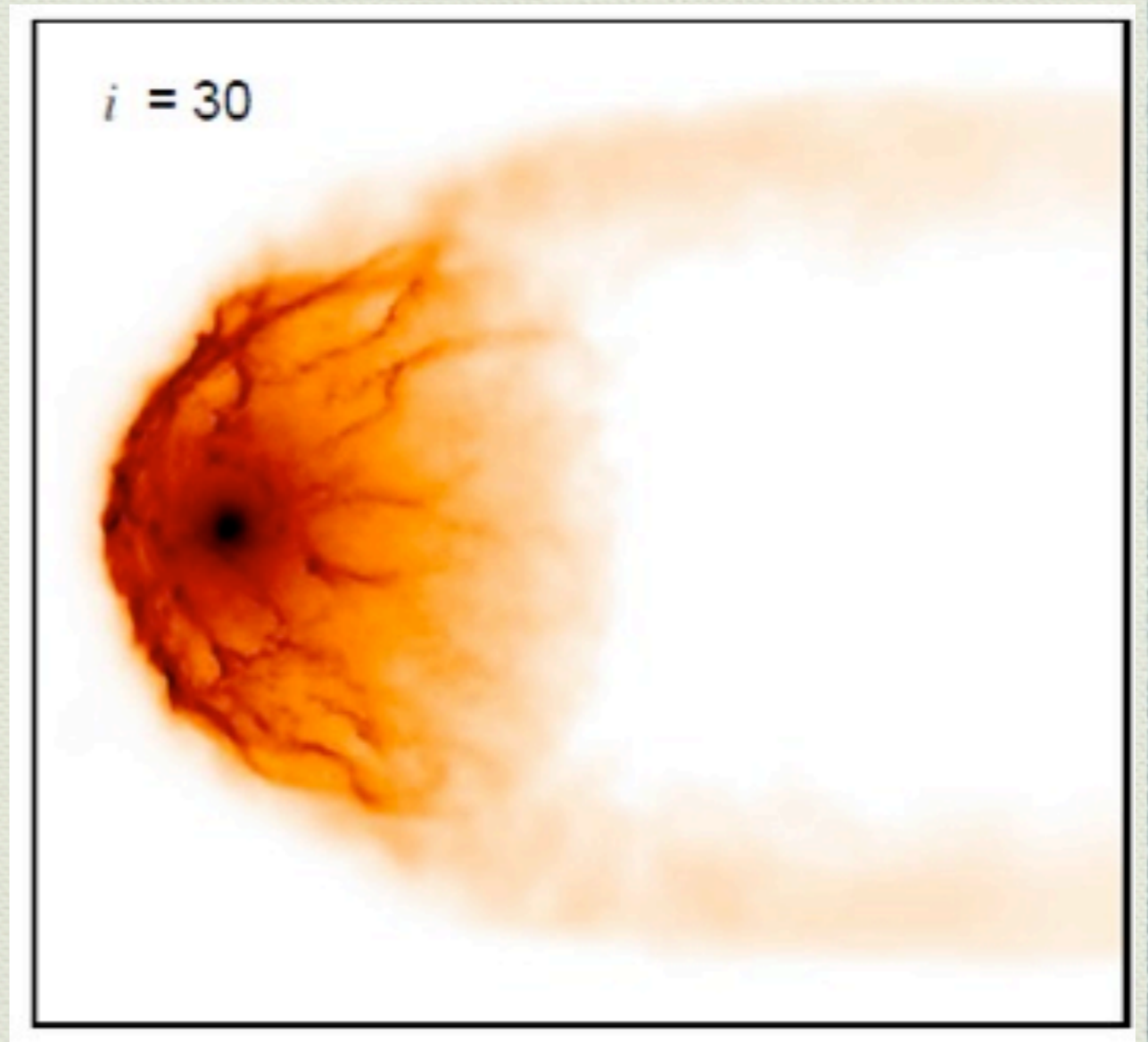
Bow Shock and Bar

- ◆ Herschel 70 + 100 micron (Cox+, 2012, A&A, 537, A35).
Bow shock mass estimated at $<1e-3 M_{\text{sun}}$.



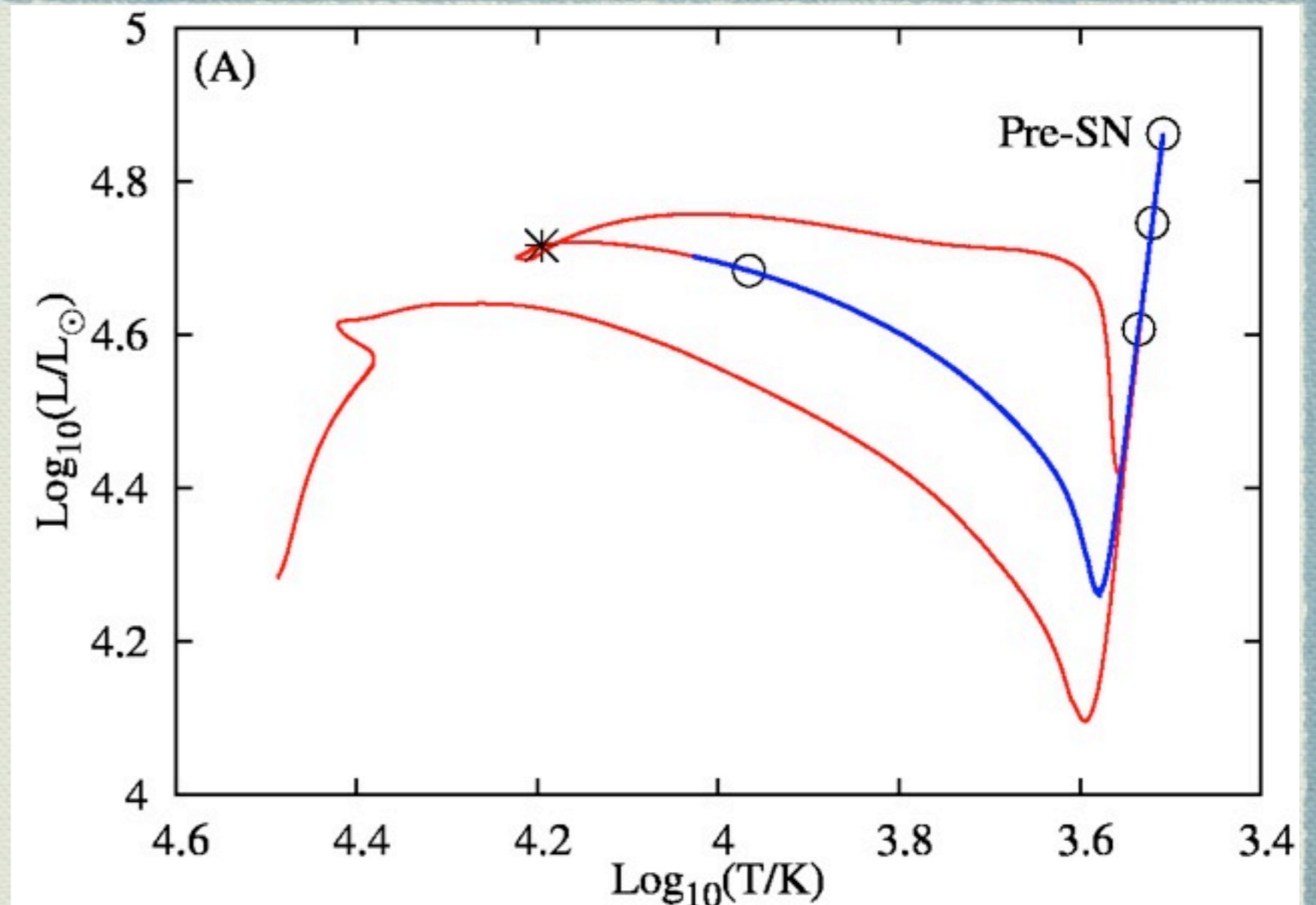
Mohamed, Mackey & Langer (2012, A&A, in press)

- ◆ 3D SPH simulations of constant RSG wind interacting with ISM flowing past star, generating bow shock.
- ◆ Different ISM densities, stellar space velocities.
- ◆ Bow shock is clumpy and unstable, and mass is $>0.1 M_{\text{sun}}$ in steady state.
- ◆ If $M=0.0033 M_{\text{sun}}$, bow shock must be $<30,000$ yrs old.
- ◆ Even younger with Herschel mass.



Evolving wind model

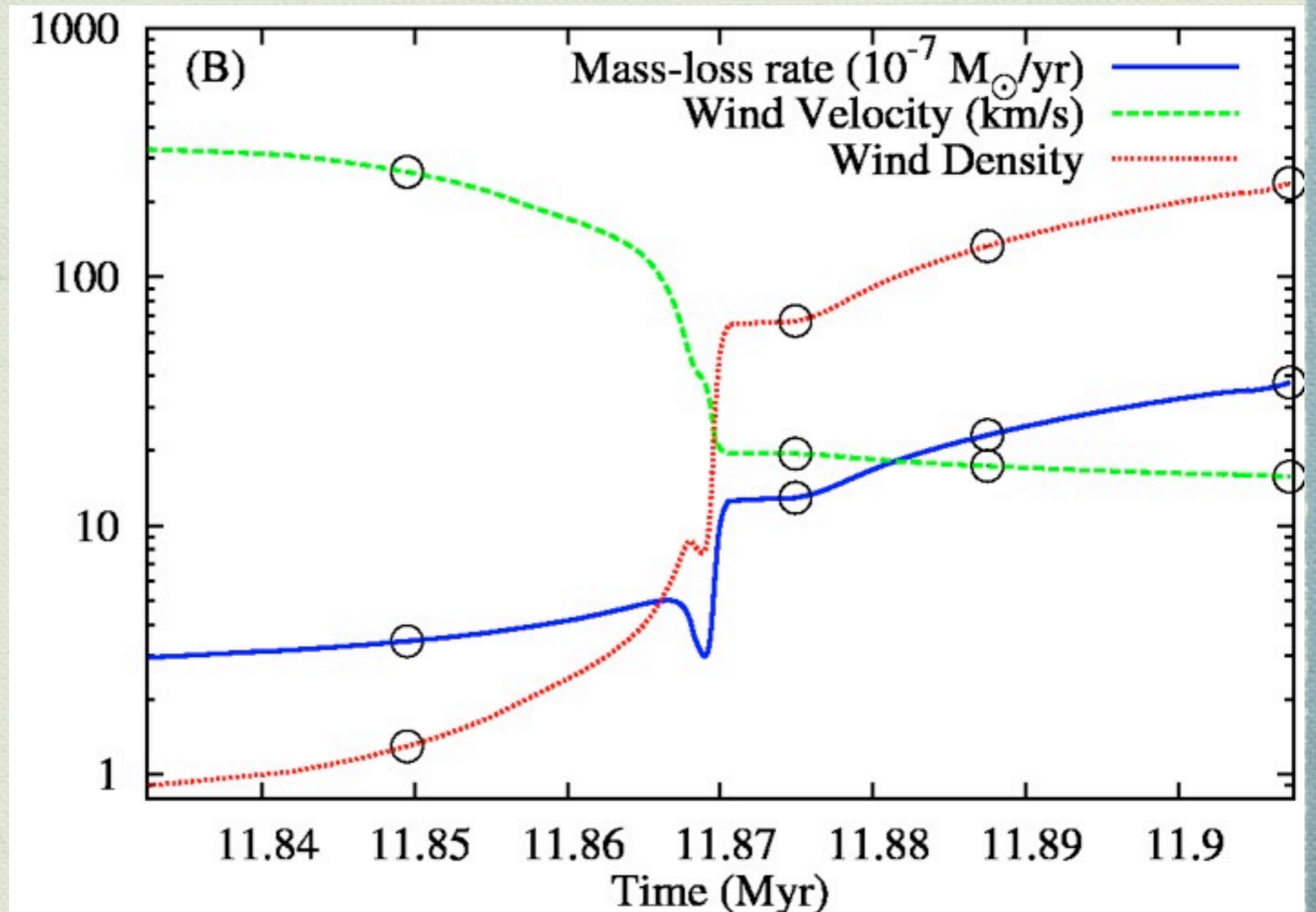
- ◆ 15 Msun model from Bonn stellar evolution code.
- ◆ Computed to have RSG properties similar to Betelgeuse (see Neilson+2011).
- ◆ Simulation starts at 11.4 Myr (shown by asterisk)



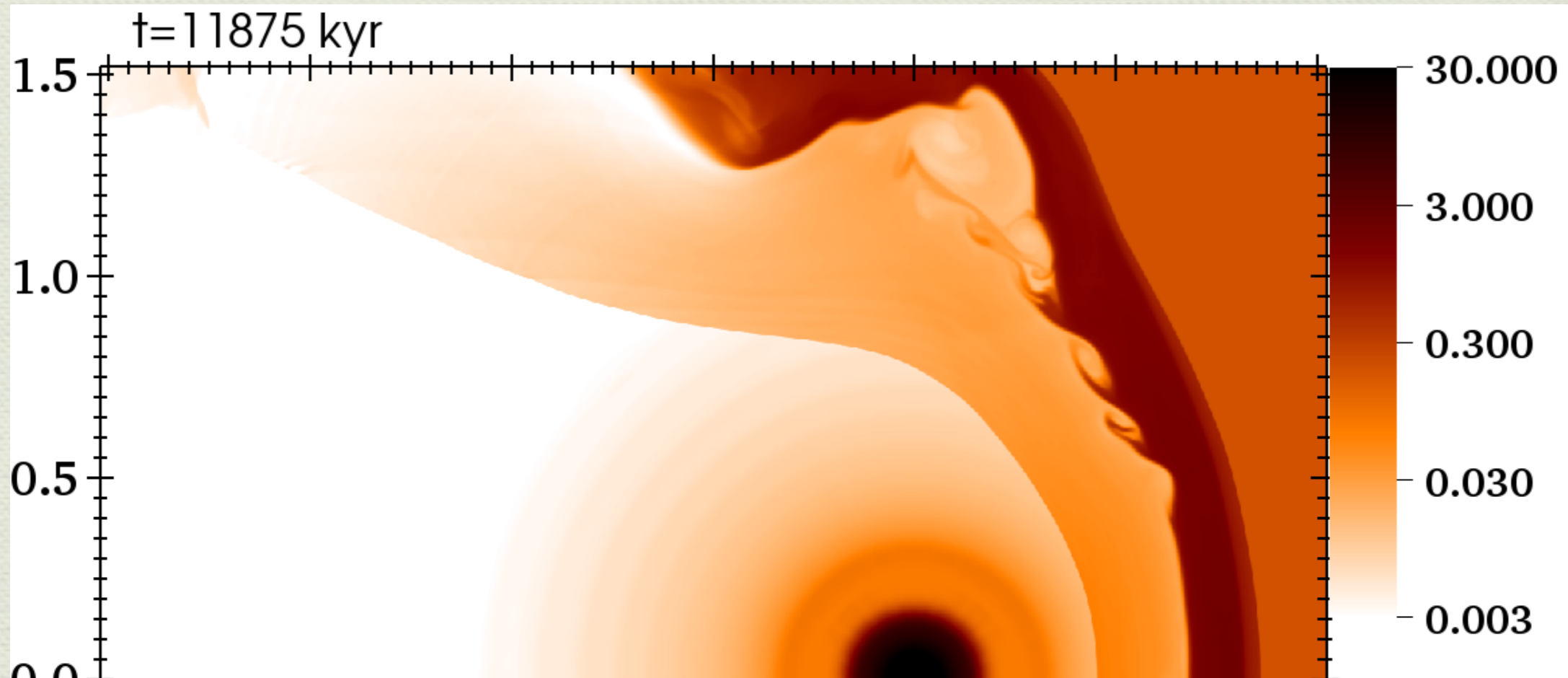
- ◆ Blue section is last 75 kyr (t=11.832 - 11.907 Myr).

Stellar Wind Properties

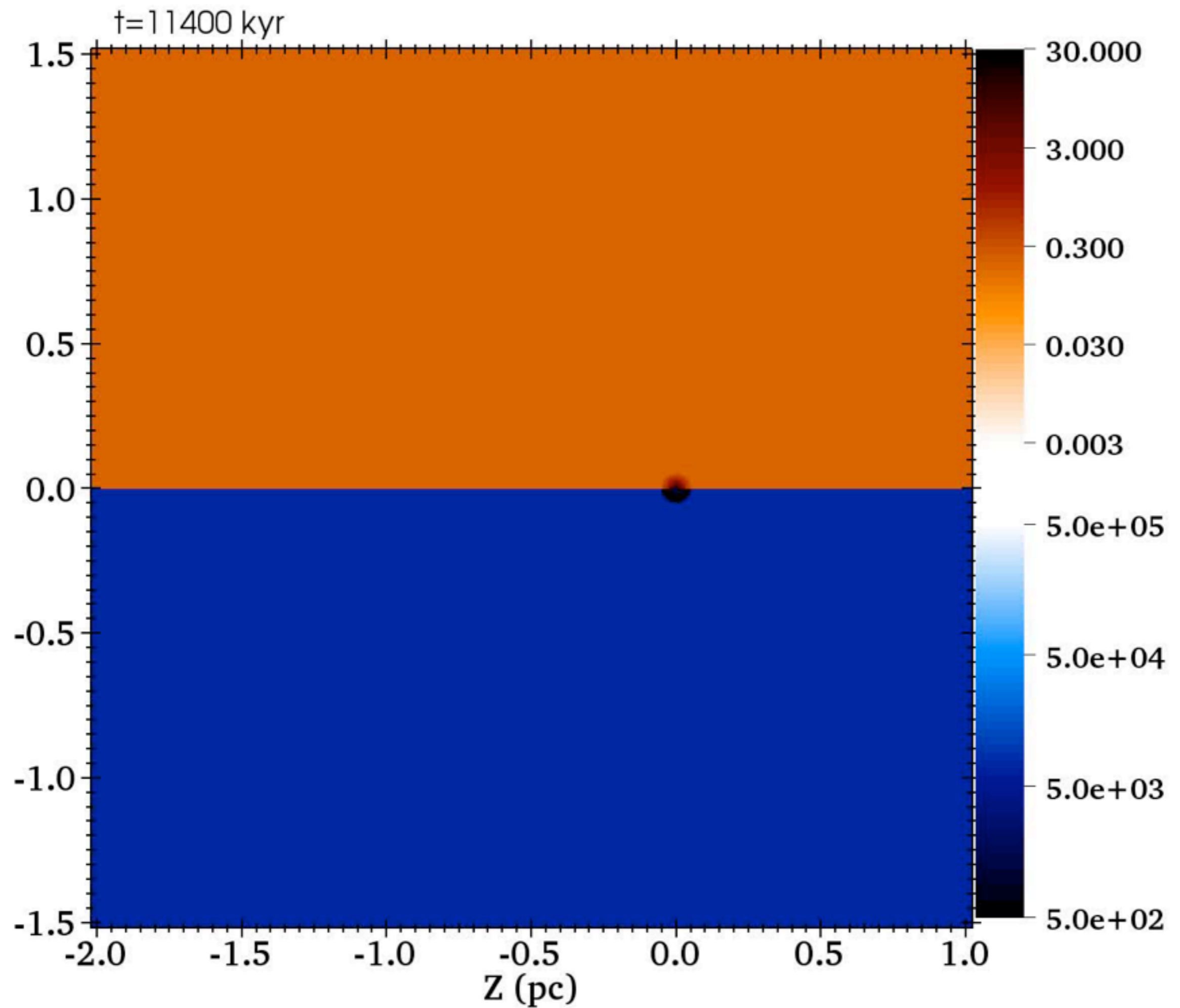
- ◆ Last 75 kyr of evolution (blue region of previous plot).
- ◆ \dot{M} , V_w , and wind density plotted.
- ◆ Kink is due to luminosity dip.

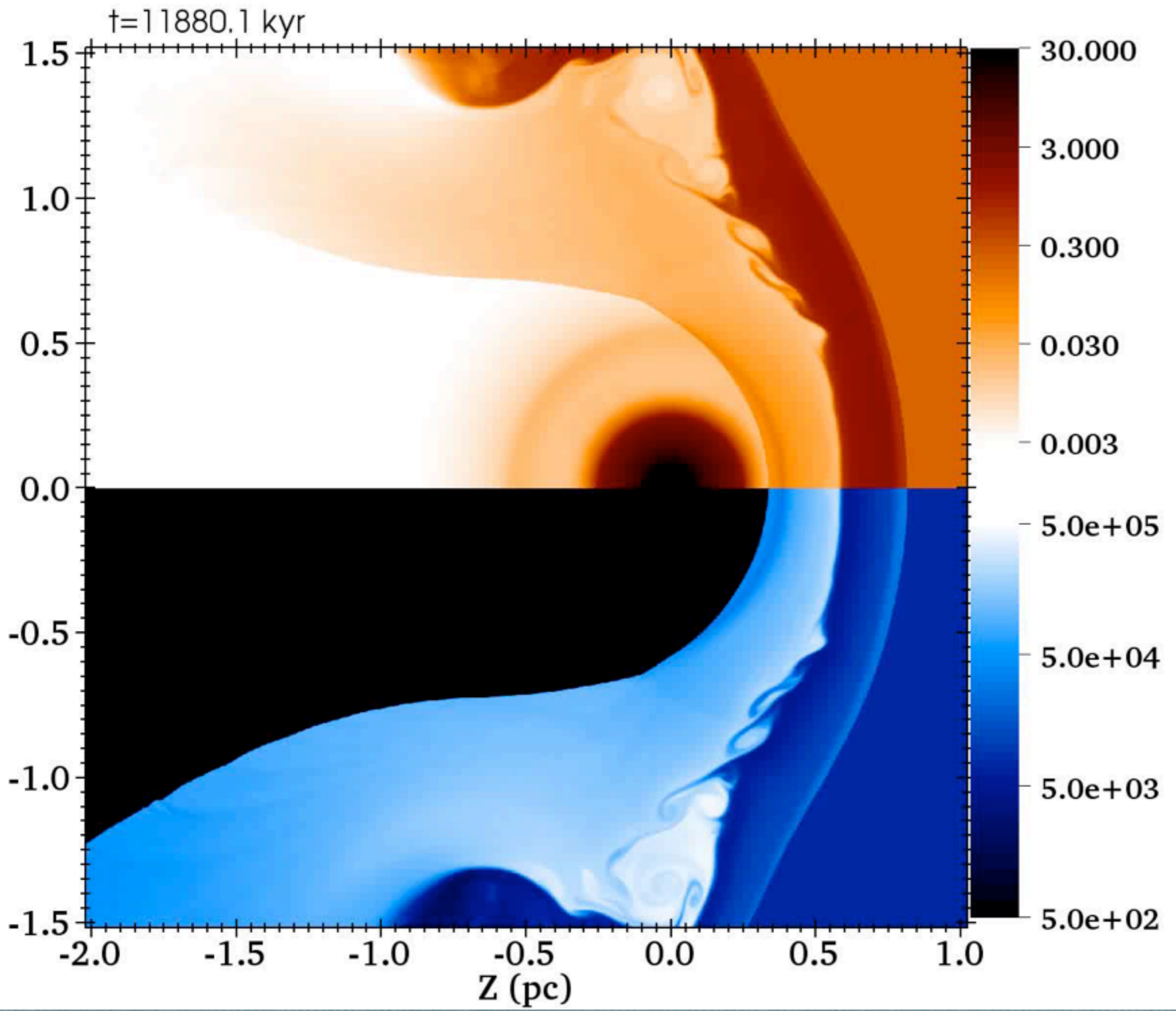


Hydrodynamical Simulations

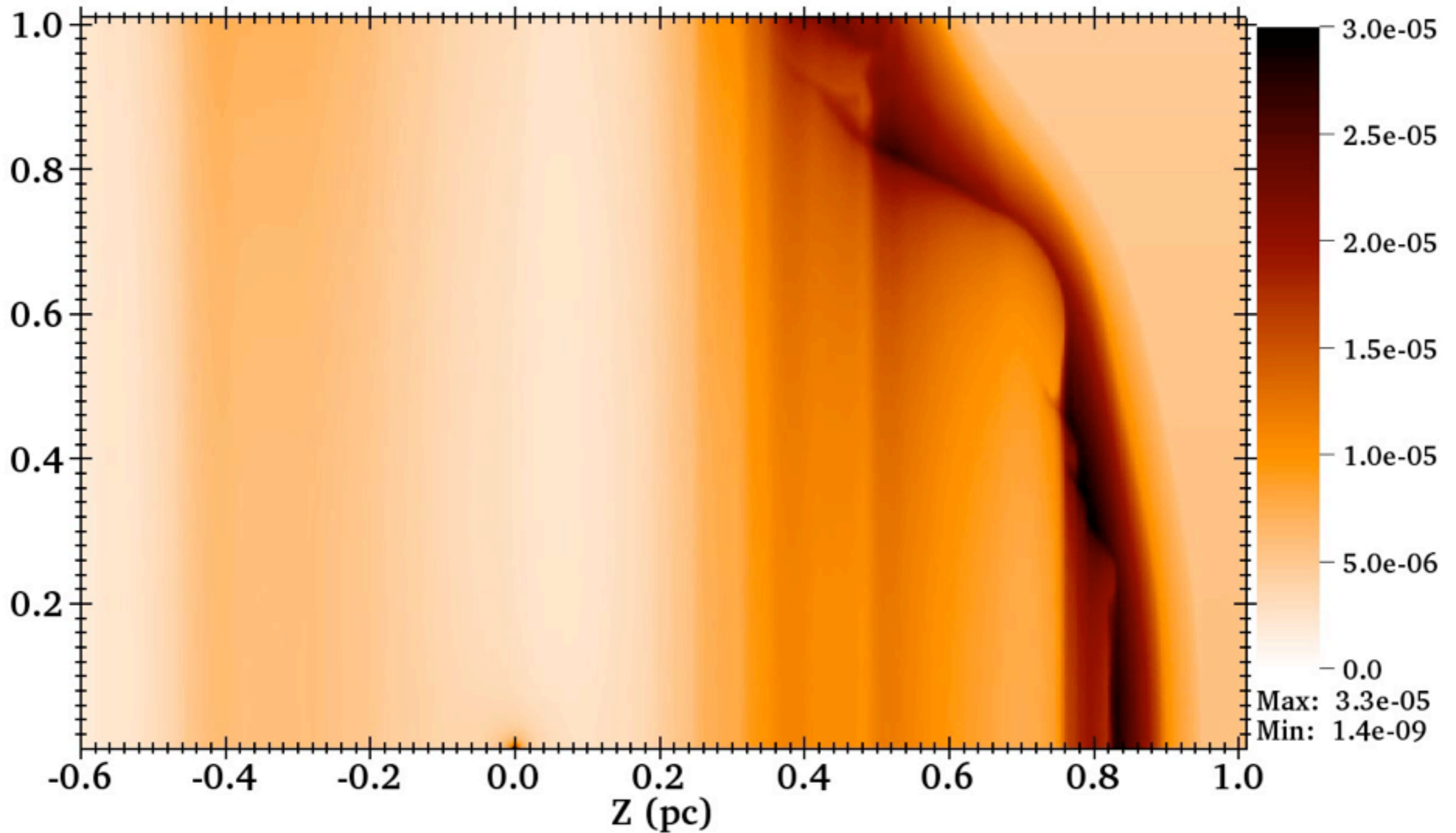


- ◆ 2D simulations of (z,R) plane with cylindrical symmetry.
- ◆ Collisional ionisation equilibrium cooling (Wiersma+2009).
- ◆ Star has $V^*=50$ km/s, through ISM with $n(H)=0.2\text{cm}^{-3}$
- ◆ Star is static on grid, ISM flows past (right to left).
- ◆ Freely-expanding wind imposed in region $r<0.05$ pc, following Freyer+ (2003).

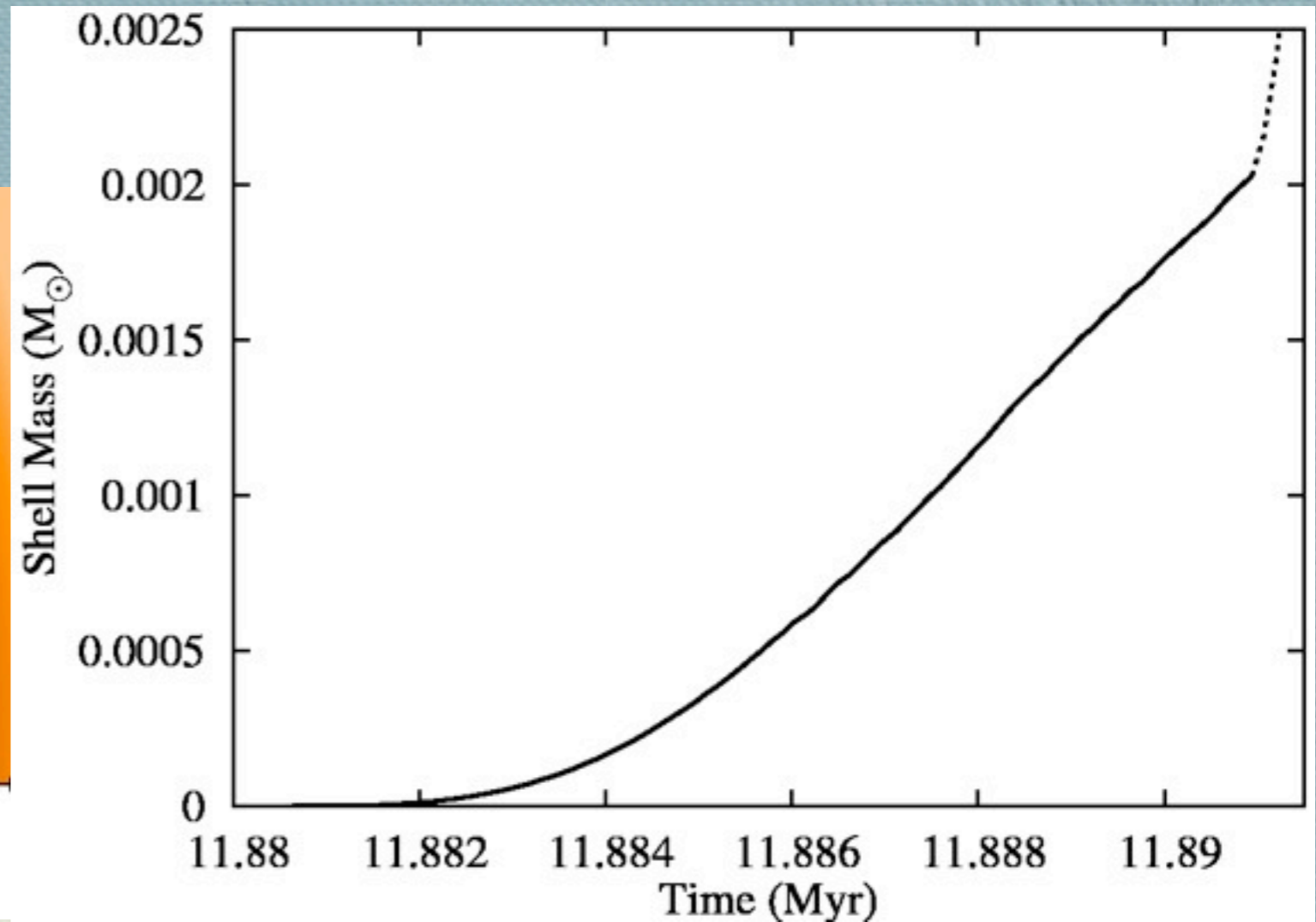
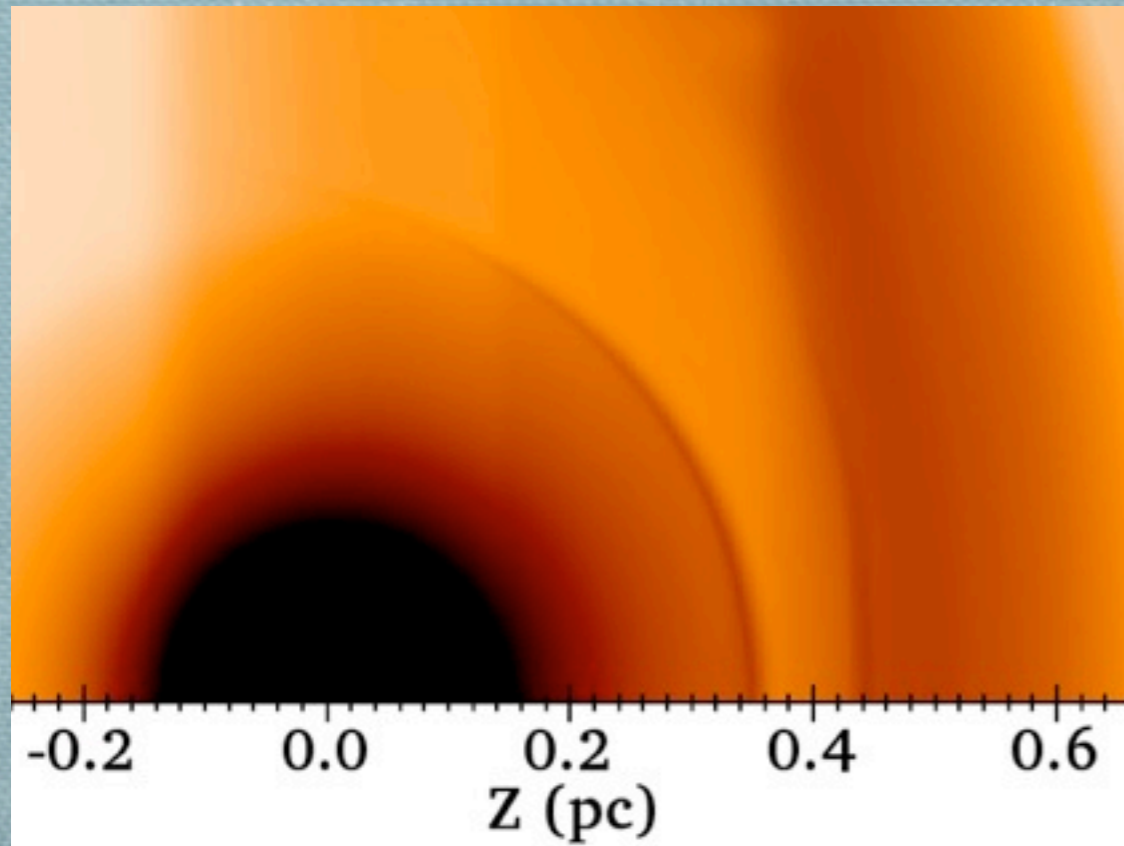




Projected Gas Density (g/cm²)



Shell Mass



- ◆ Mass of inner shell measured from simulations during time between BSG reverse-shock collapse and contact discontinuity collapse.
- ◆ Mass slightly lower than AKARI mass estimate, but within a factor of 2. Agrees with Cox+(2012) estimate.

Conclusions

- ◆ 15-20 Msun runaway stars evolving from MS / BSG to RSG can produce multiple bow shocks / shells during transition.
- ◆ Generic feature of blue-to-red transitions during evolution.
- ◆ May be visible for 50-100 kyr (depending on parameters).
- ◆ Specific model can match Betelgeuse's bow shock in terms of location (~ 0.3 pc upstream) and mass (~ 0.001 Msun).
- ◆ Provides a natural explanation of the upstream bar.
- ◆ Implies Betelgeuse was recently a BSG / MS star.
- ◆ If a BSG, in our simulation it would be ~ 15 kyr from supernova.