

# Contemporary physical challenges for Heliospheric and AstRophysical Models

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# IAP Phase VII

- **CHARM**: one of 47 selected IAP phase VII networks
  - ⇒ Phase VII selected networks at  
<http://www.belspo.be/iap>
  - ⇒ **Interuniversity Attraction Pole** spans years 2012-2017
  - ⇒ our (new) IAP network officially started 1 October 2012
- CHARM status and achievements

# CHARM - IAP P7/08

- our network: 7 teams, each partner team with spokesman
  - ⇒ **P1** <http://wis.kuleuven.be/CmPA> Centre for mathematical Plasma Astrophysics, KU Leuven [Rony Keppens]
  - ⇒ **P2** <http://www.astro.ugent.be> Sterrenkundig Observatorium UGent [Maarten Baes]
  - ⇒ **P3** <http://aqua.ulb.ac.be> Fluid and plasma dynamics Research Unit ULB [Bernard Knaepen]
  - ⇒ **P4** <http://www.sidc.be> Solar physics research department of ROB [David Berghmans]
  - ⇒ **P5** <http://www.aeronomie.be> Solar Wind research unit of BISA [Viviane Pierrard]
  - ⇒ **INT1** <http://www.strw.leidenuniv.nl> Computational Astrophysics at Leiden University [Simon Portegies Zwart]
  - ⇒ **INT2** <http://icc.dur.ac.uk> Institute for Computational Cosmology at University of Durham [Tom Theuns]

# CHARM research themes

- **high performance computing** approaches, to **confront models with observations**
- **research theme on turbulence and particle acceleration,**
- **treatments of the radiative-dynamical feedback loop.**
- **interplay between global magnetohydrodynamic and phase-space based kinetic physics.**
- *breakthroughs in our understanding of reconnection events,*
- **unravel galaxy evolution questions, thanks to simulation and software engineering efforts like the EAGLE cosmological hydro challenge or the AMUSE framework.**

# CHARM objectives

- **couple existing tools and models towards more realistic multi-physics descriptions**
  - ⇒ work package 1, leader Giovanni Lapenta, KU Leuven
- **confront model predictions with measurements**
  - ⇒ work package 2, leader David Berghmans, ROB
- **gas and plasma dynamics with turbulent fluctuations**
  - ⇒ work package 3, leader Bernard Knaepen, ULB
- **MHD to kinetic treatments in the heliosphere**
  - ⇒ work package 4, leader Viviane Pierrard, BISA
- **dynamics with radiatively controlled phenomena**
  - ⇒ work package 5, leader Maarten Baes, UGent

# CHARM Meetings

- kickoff: held on 8-9 October 2012, Leuven
- website <http://wis.kuleuven.be/CHARM>
  - ⇒ mailing list **charm@ls.kuleuven.be**
- Reporting
  - ⇒ **yearly activity report**: 2013 & 2014 report online
  - ⇒ **newsletter: each summer**: online 2013/2014/2015
  - ⇒ **final report by 31 december 2017**

- annual meetings held at:
  - ⇒ 18-19 april 2013, ROB (Brussels)
  - ⇒ 30-31 January 2014, UGent (Gent)
  - ⇒ 18-19 September 2014, ULB (Brussels)
  - ⇒ 4-5 June 2015, BIRA (Brussels)

# Major activities

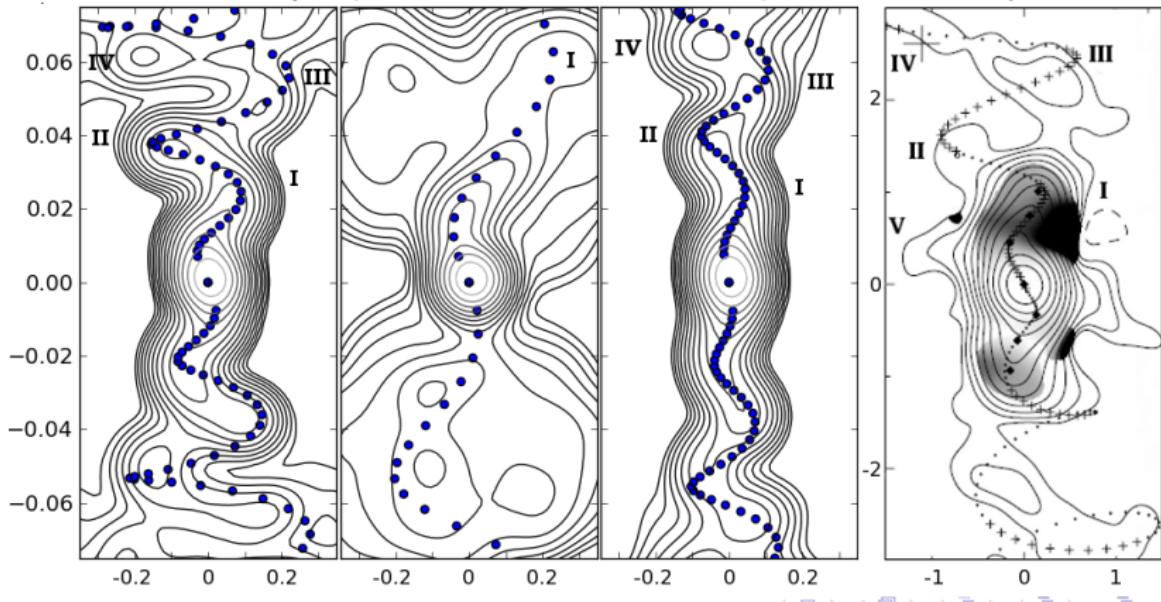
- schools:
  - ⇒ Leiden, 27-31 May 2013, on **Radiative transfer treatments for astrophysical applications**
  - ⇒ Leuven, 16-19 September 2013, on **Space science training week**, with public evening lecture by Sami Solanki (MPI-director)



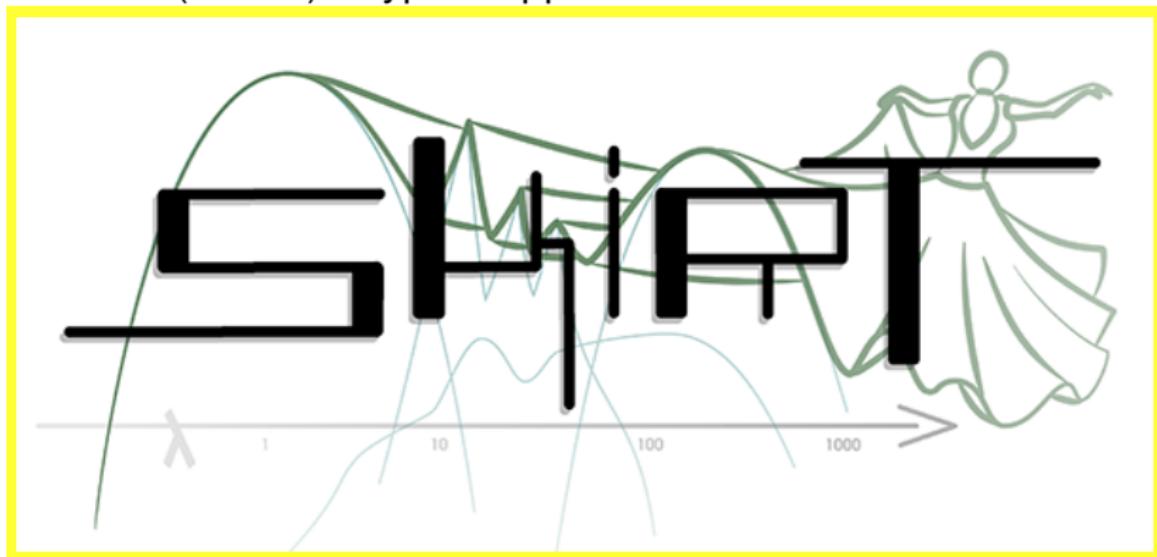
⇒ CSAM2015: **14-18 september 2015: FZ Jülich**  
**Computational solar and astrophysical modeling;**

<http://www.fz-juelich.de/ias/jsc/csam-2015>

- annual reports show many highlights:
  - ⇒ space weather tool: Eufhoria (European WSA-ENLIL)
  - ⇒ coupling fluid and PIC approaches (BATS-R-US & iPIC3D)
  - ⇒ relativistic 3D hydro for **SS433 helical [precessing] jet**, virtual radio maps (Monceau-Baroux et al) versus reality



- Selected Highlights of CHARM research:
  - ⇒ MPI-AMRVAC (KU Leuven) coupling with Monte Carlo SKIRT code (UGent) & typical applications

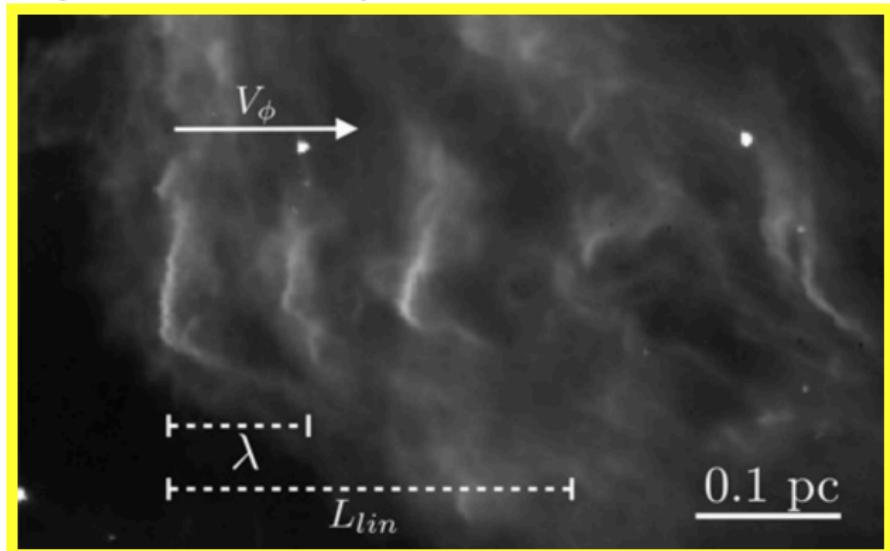


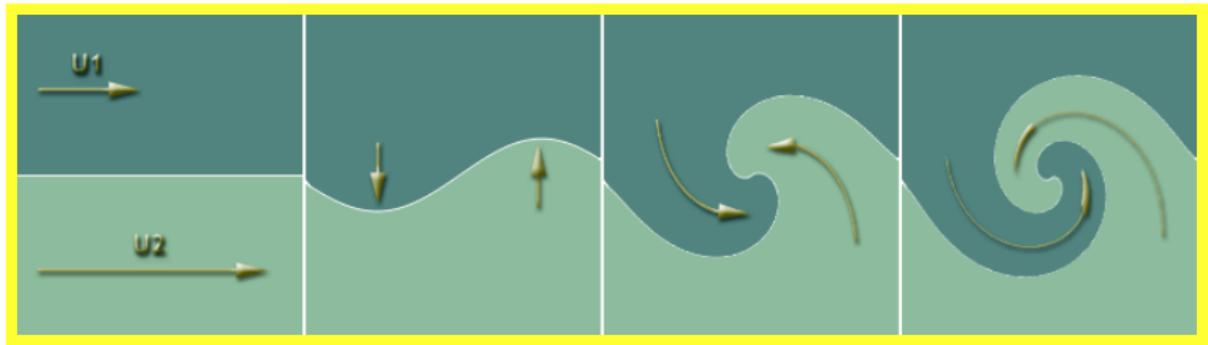
⇒ EAGLE cosmological simulation (& SKIRT analysis of virtual galaxy morphologies) [Tom Theuns]

- MPI-AMRVAC can e.g. solve gas+dust dynamics (see dustyRM)
  - ⇒ dust drag-coupled to gas, each dust bin pressureless fluid
  - ⇒ specify number of dust bins in size range  $a \in [a_{min}, a_{max}]$
  - ⇒ grain-specific density and distribution  $n(a) \propto a^{-3.5}$
  - ⇒ result: **time evolution of gas and dust densities in space, on block-AMR grid**
- SKIRT: can read in native \*.dat format files from MPI-AMRVAC
  - ⇒ will typically regenerate grid using dust distribution info, use similar 'bins' and grain size distribution
  - ⇒ specify light source (launch photon packages)
  - ⇒ MC treatment scattering/absorption/re-emission on dust
  - ⇒ output: virtual (infrared) observations, convolved with instrument PSF, also computes temperature for dust particles

# Ripples in Orion

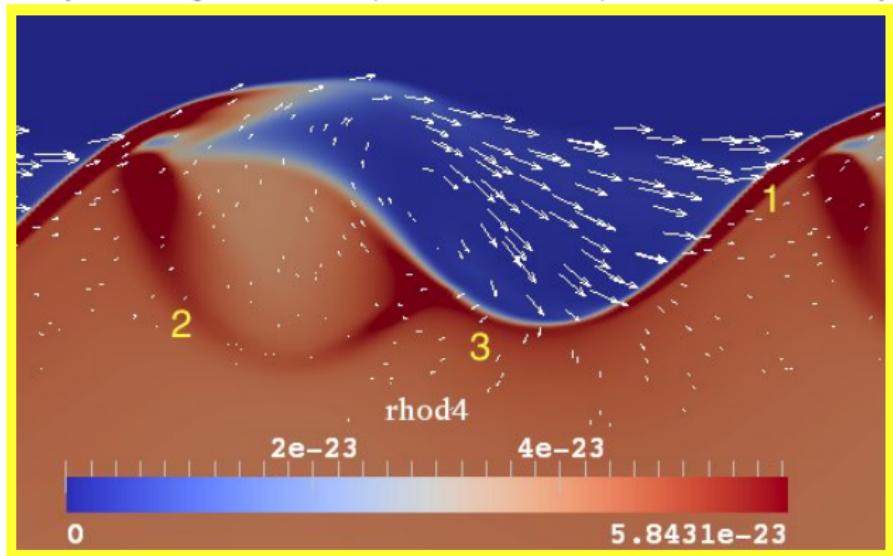
- Berné & Matsumoto: Spitzer views on Orion nebula
  - ⇒ at  $8 \mu\text{m}$ , clear ripples detected: periodicity, wavelength
  - ⇒ hot, low density  $H_{\parallel}$  region neighbours cold, dense molecular cloud (only dust present in cloud)
  - ⇒  $H_{\parallel}$  region shear flows past cloud flank at 10 km/s





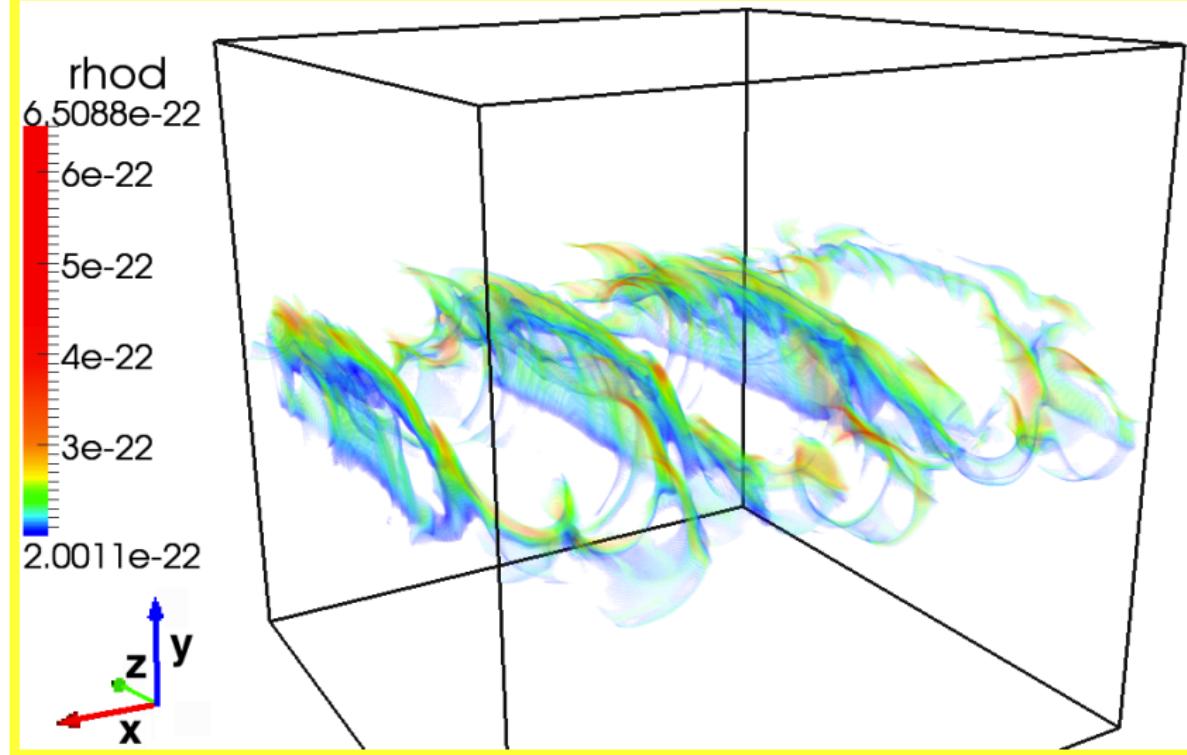
# Hendrix et al, 2015: MPI-AMRVAC simulations

- 3D setup shows (as inferred from observations) Kelvin-Helmholtz development  
⇒ density of largest dust (size 189 nm) with its velocity field

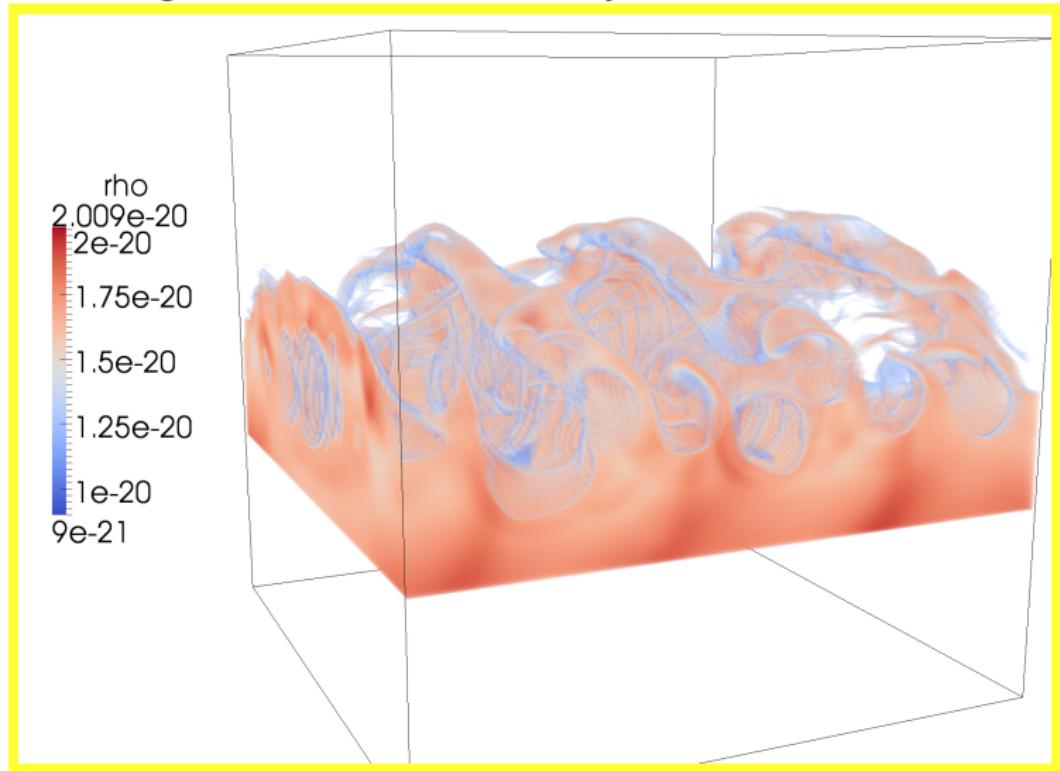


- preferred regions for dust concentrations (flanks KH billows)

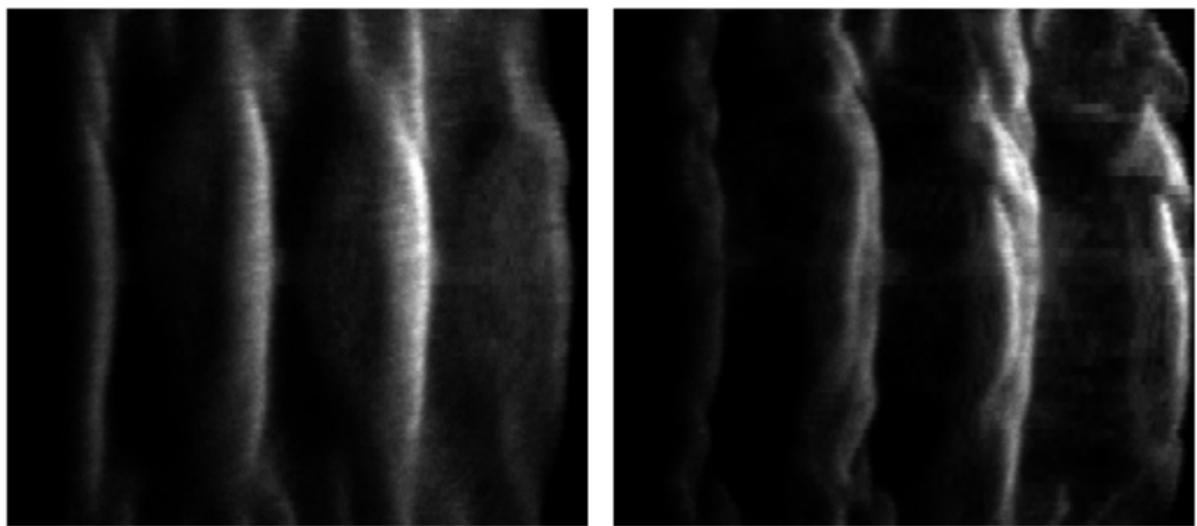
- **3D view on dust concentration** (higher than initial density)



- dust versus gas distribution: markedly different



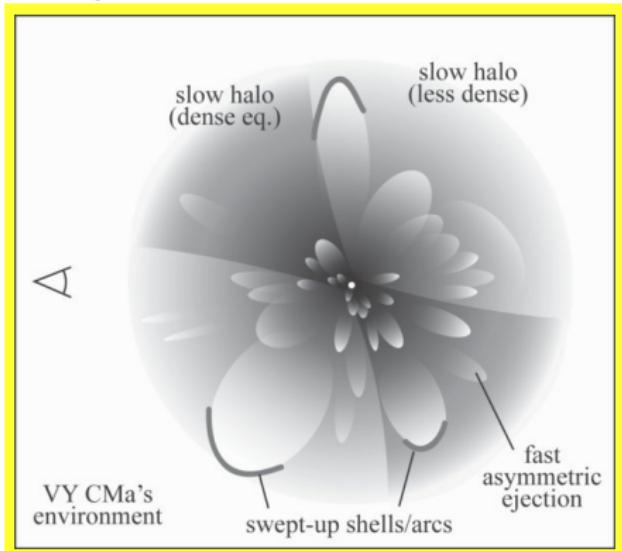
- SKIRT virtual view at  $8.25\mu\text{m}$ : role of precise relative orientations (source/observer/bilows)



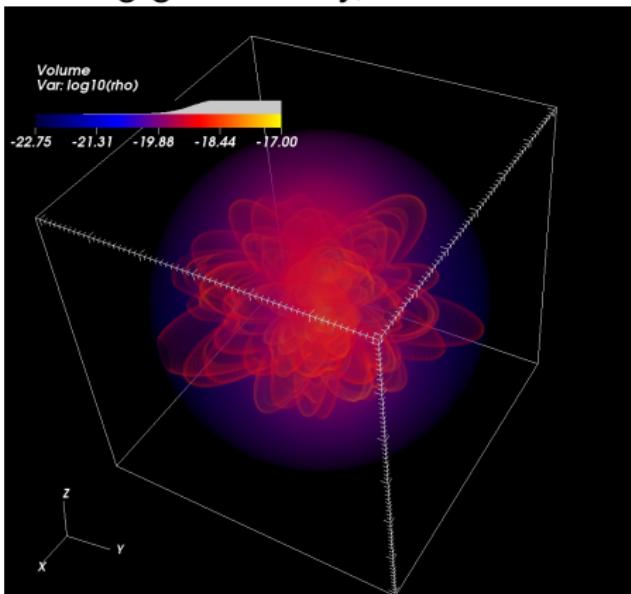
⇒ two consecutive times, KH nonlinear development

# Circumstellar environments

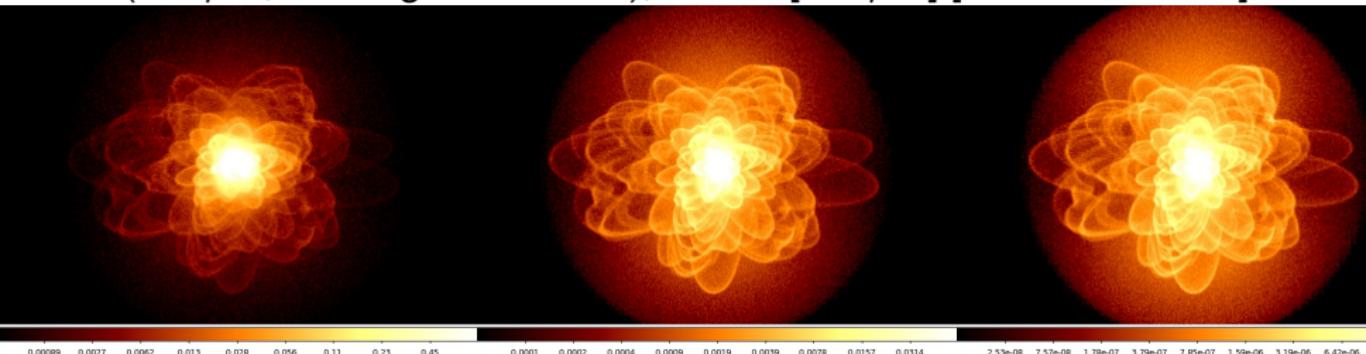
- 3D modeling of stellar wind environments now possible!
  - ⇒ 3D effects key for e.g. red supergiants (Betelgeuse or VY Canis Majoris) [Smith *et al*, *Astron. J.* 137, 3558, 2009]
  - ⇒ episodic mass ejections in steady wind
  - ⇒ Cartoon pre-supernova environment for VY CMa



- **van Marle et al**: assume 3D bipolar steady outflow (25 km/s, typical mass loss rate for RSG), superpose randomized bursts (once every 10 years): **VY CMa modeling**
  - ⇒ 3D gas + dust evolution, cover  $\mathcal{O}(2000)$  yr timescale
  - ⇒ grid-adaptive spherical grid (3 levels,  $\mathcal{O}(100^3)$  base)
  - ⇒ volume rendering gas density, full resolution



- MPI-AMRVAC simulation and SKIRT analysis: emission at wavelengths probable by James Webb [MIRI  $5\mu\text{m}$ ], Herschel ( $112\mu\text{m}$ , no longer available), ALMA [ $500\mu\text{m}$ ] [ideal resolution]



⇒ 2 dust species, drag-coupled to the gas  
 ⇒ representing  $10^{-8}$  to  $10^{-5}$  m sized dust grains ( $a^{-3.5}$ )

# 3D simulations meet 3D printing!

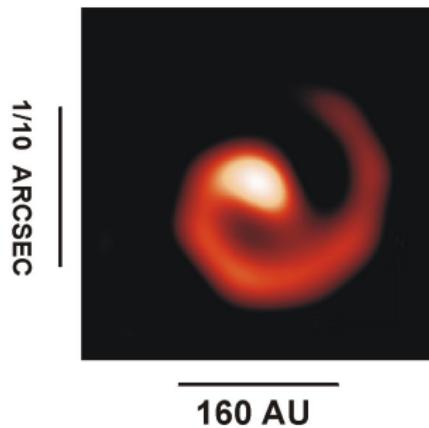


van Marle et al. (3D HD simulations for a red supergiant circumstellar environment)

# Need for dust inclusion

- larger scale models needed for systems like Wolf-Rayet 104
    - ⇒ known binary with Wolf-Rayet and luminous blue OB star
    - ⇒ bow shock about OB star: hot dust spiral, seen in infrared
- WR 104 at 2.27 Microns**

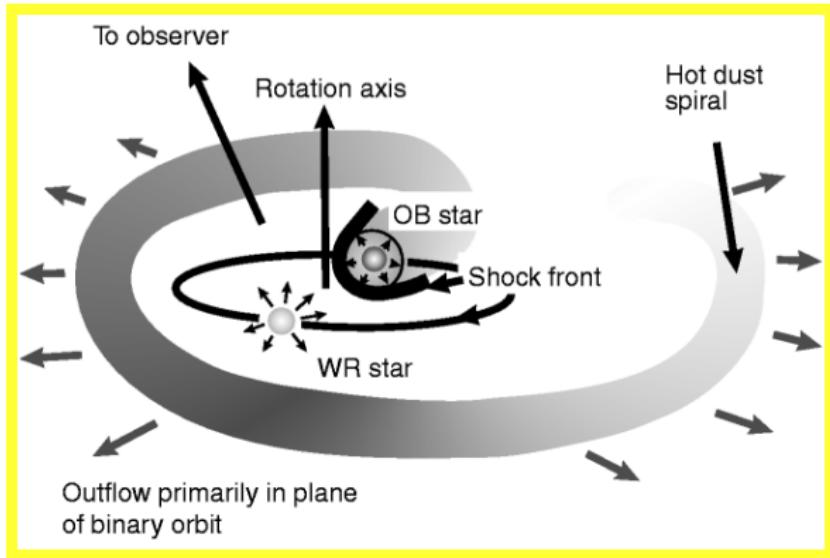
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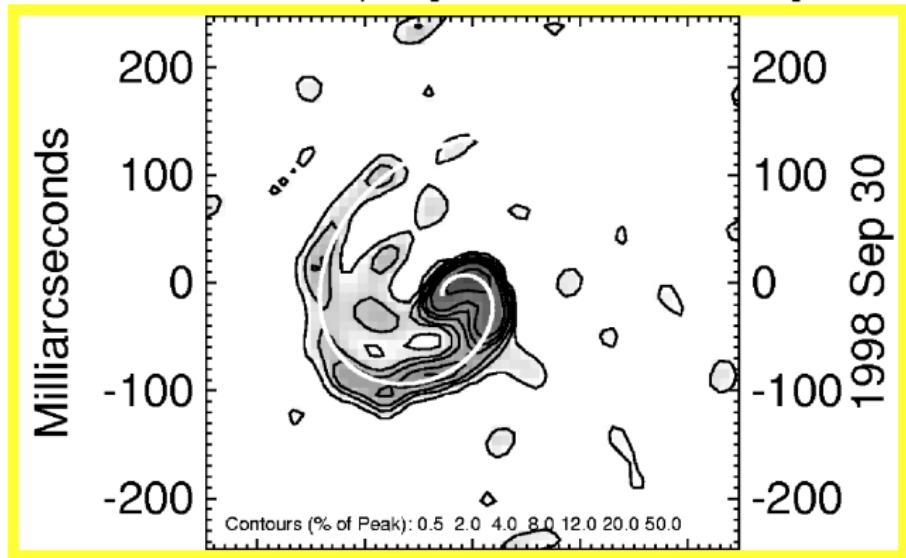
⇒ *cfr. Nature 398, 487, 1999*

- puzzling to find dust in WR circumstellar environment!

- 3D gas + dust hydro simulations: Tom Hendrix et al. (dr. since 10 september 2015)  
⇒ binary WR98a:  $10M_{\odot}$  WR star and  $18M_{\odot}$  OB companion

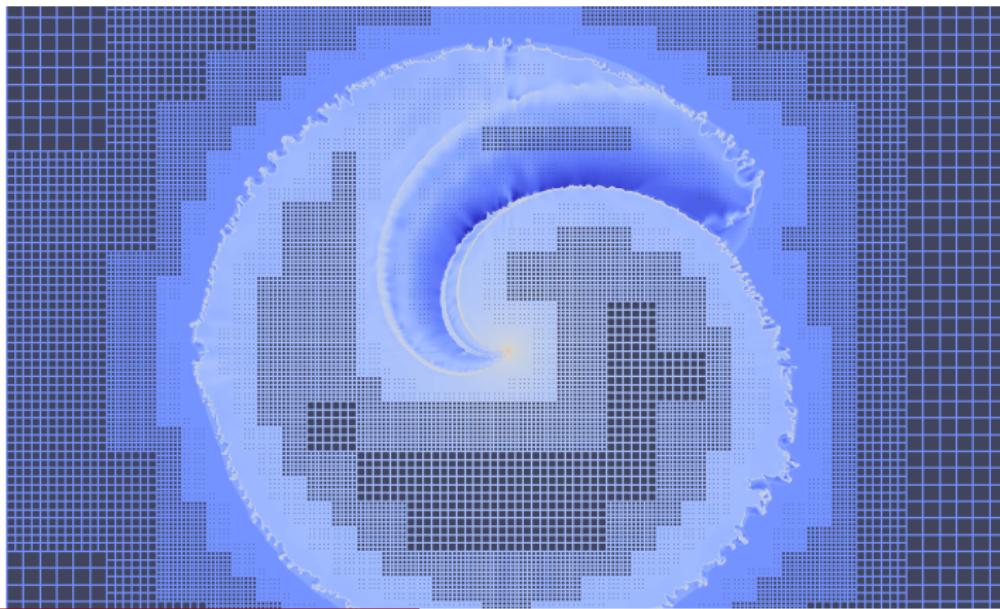


- historic observations at  $2.2 \mu\text{m}$  [Monnier et al, 1999]

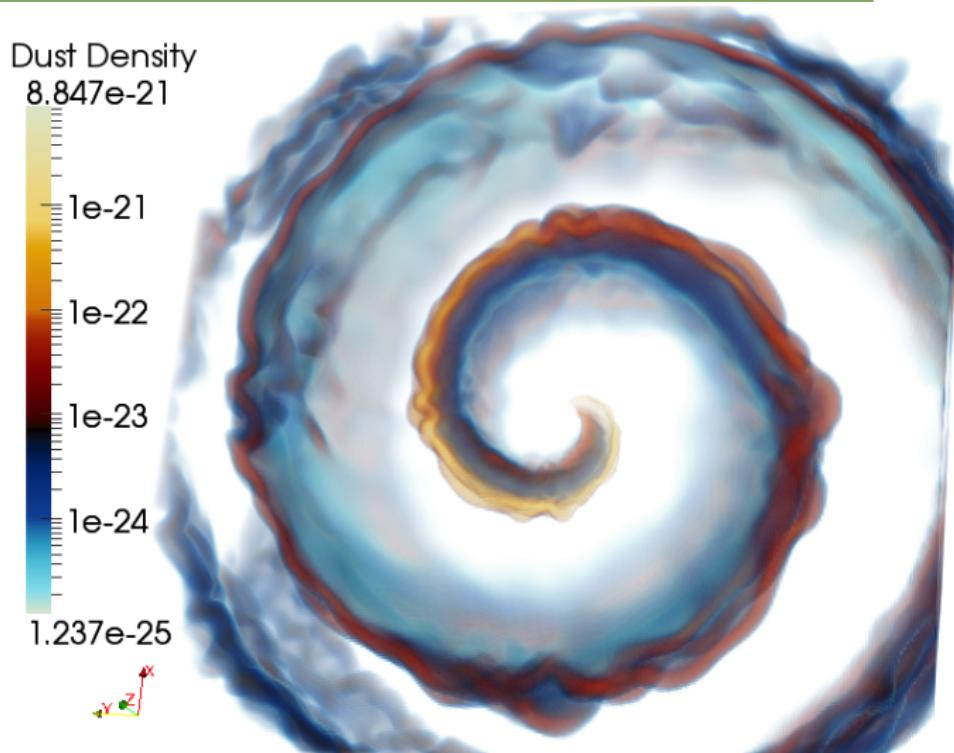


$\Rightarrow$  important parameter: momentum flux ratio of stellar winds  
 $\eta \approx 0.022$  (WR dominant), separation is 4 AU (period 565 days)

- domain of size 320, 320, 140 in separation units, 11 AMR levels, effective resolution  $81920 \times 81920 \times 24576$ 
  - ⇒ internal boundaries for wind zones on Keplerian orbit
  - ⇒ tracers for identifying mixing zone between both winds
  - ⇒ mixing used in heuristic model for dust insertion/creation
- **Wolf-Rayet binaries: even 13 AMR levels in 2D variants**

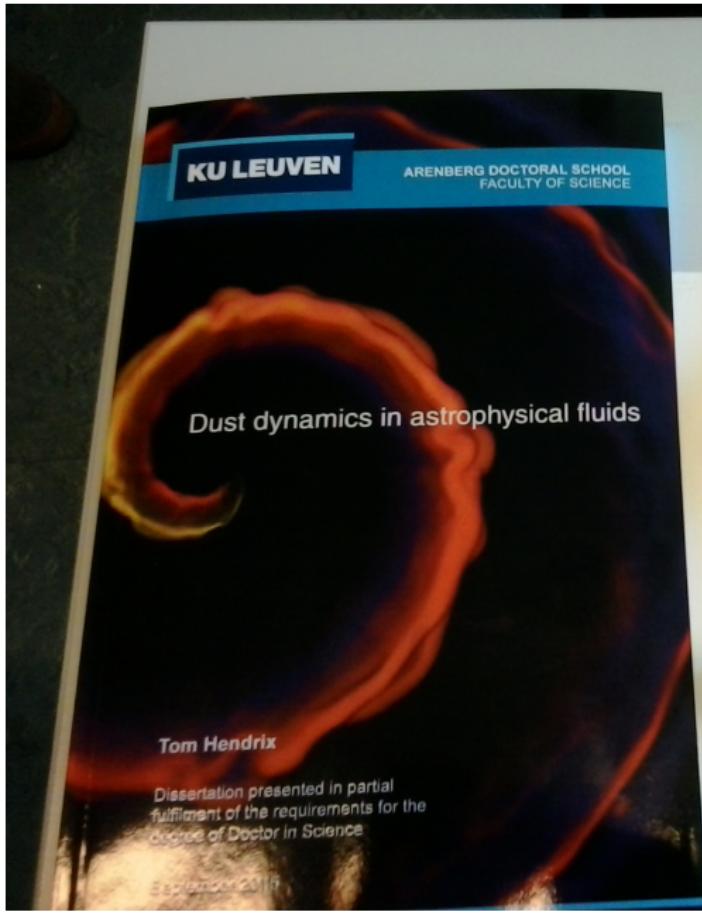


## Wolf-Rayet binaries:2D cases with eccentric systems

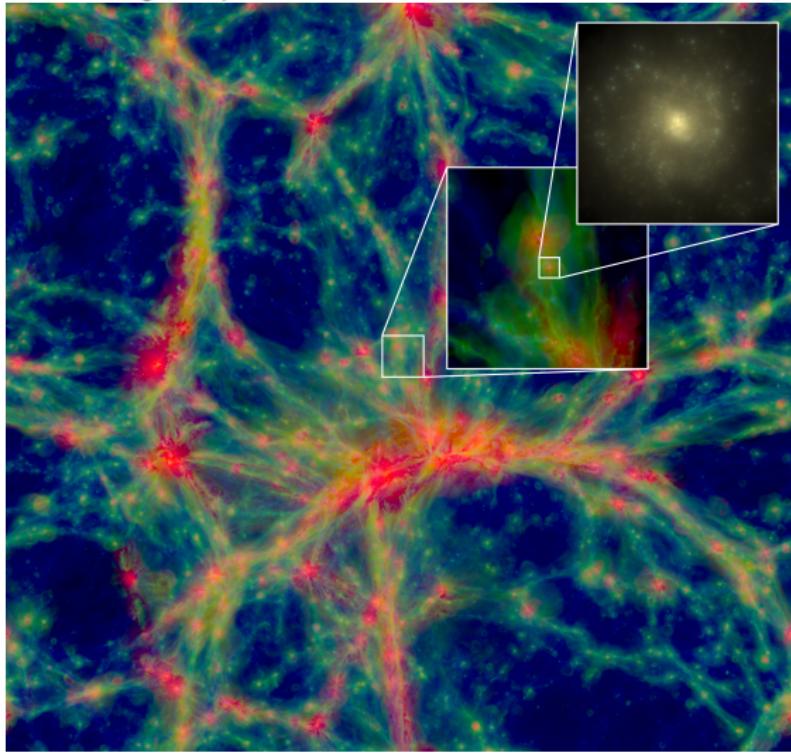


## Wolf-Rayet binaries:3D mixing zone evolution

- Keck or ALMA resolutions (virtual views with SKIRT postprocessing of dust distribution, using realistic stellar SEDs for illumination) [20 vs 2 pixel convolutions]
  - ⇒ WR98a@Keck [2.4 $\mu$ m] vs WR98a@ALMA [400 $\mu$ m]
- effects studied:
  - ⇒ 2D parametric survey of radiative cooling efficiency (clumpiness in winds)
  - ⇒ 3D dust redistribution: trailing-leading spiral arm asymmetries (dust view not same as high density zone view)



- The Eagle has landed ! [Tom Theuns] 10000 galaxies in a (expanding, cosmological) box.... [icc.dur.ac.uk/Eagle/](http://icc.dur.ac.uk/Eagle/)



- largest SPH simulation for box with sides 100 Megaparsec  
⇒ SKIRT views on individual galaxies (Hubble sequence)

## The Eagle Simulations

EVOLUTION AND ASSEMBLY OF GALAXIES AND THEIR ENVIRONMENTS

The Hubble Sequence realised in cosmological simulations

