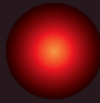
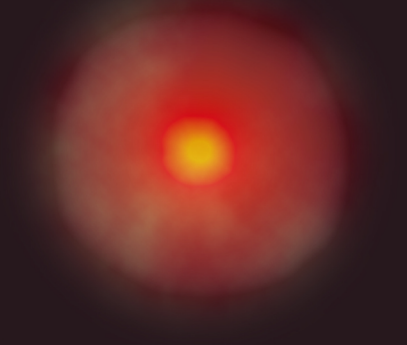


A Nebular Knot Formation Scenario

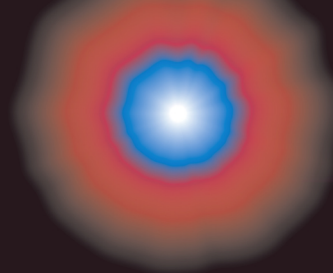
The star becomes a red giant.



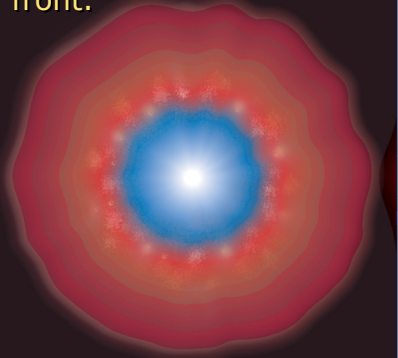
The star ejects shells of gas and dust.



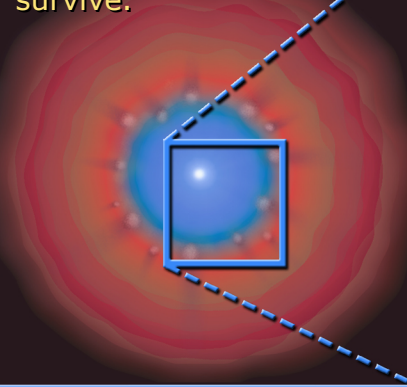
An ionization front propagates outward from the star into the nebula.



Knots form at ionization front.



Only the densest knots survive.



Starlight erodes away material between knots.

