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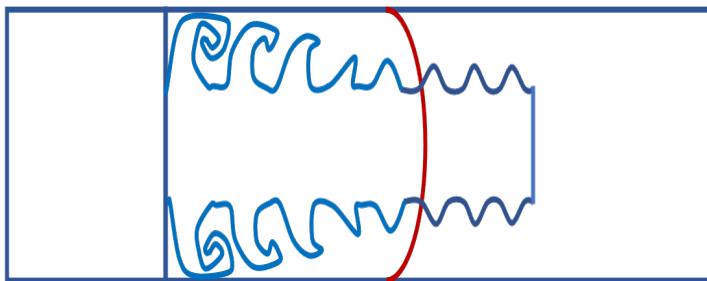
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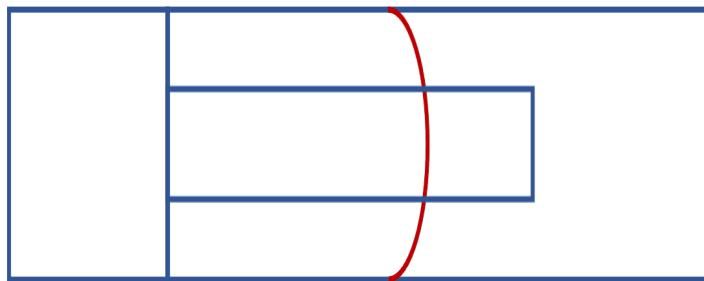
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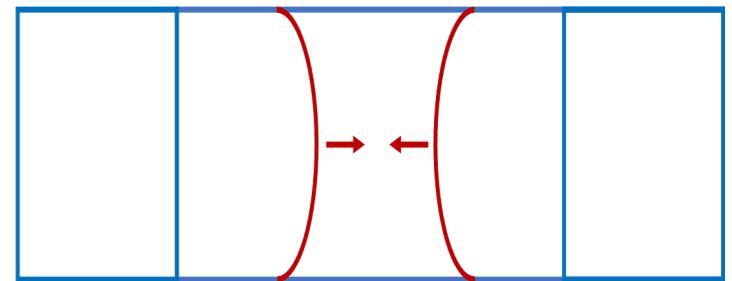
Shock seeding instabilities



Subsonic transitioning wave



Shock and wave interaction



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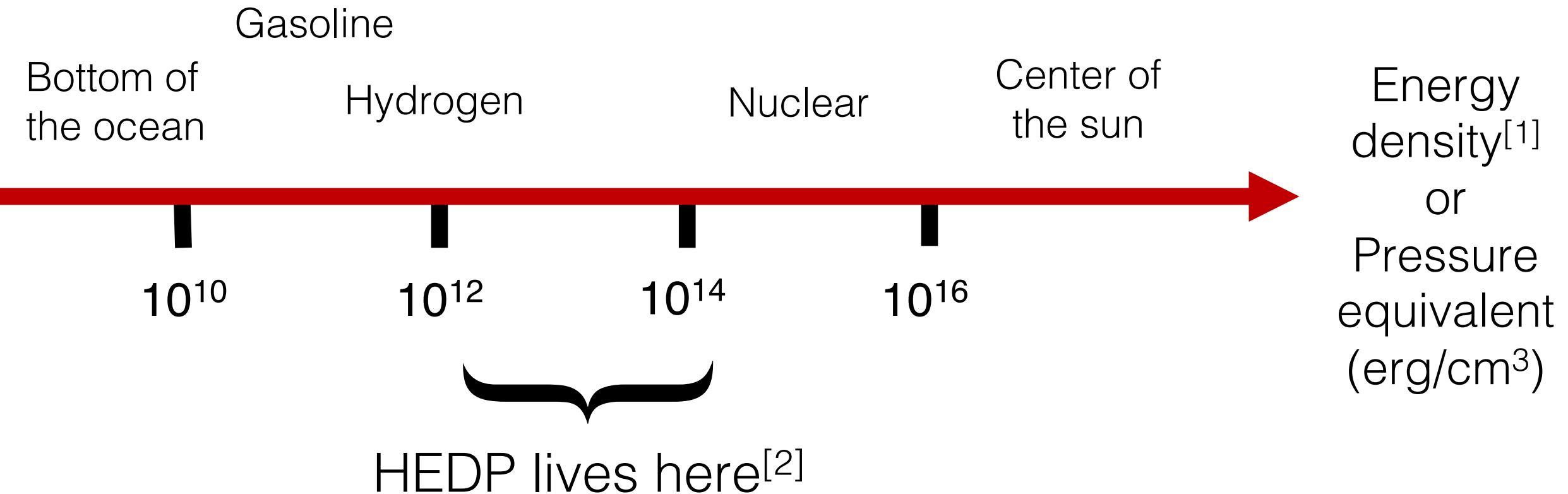
***Gertrude***

# What we are going to talk about

- Intro to relevant high energy density physics (HEDP) (5)
- Three different HEDP experiments (~12 each)
  - Instabilities on galactic filaments
  - Subsonic radiation waves in COAX
  - Shocks interacting with radiation waves in Radishock
- What they study, how/why we model them, results
- Summary: the products of my research (5)

# Brief introduction to HEDP

# What is high-energy density physics?



In this realm, we often deal with the micron, the nanosecond, the eV

# How do we *model* HEDP phenomenon?

- (Euler) Equations of hydrodynamics<sup>[2]</sup>

- + Add radiation

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \rho \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \text{mass}$$

- + Add gravity/energy terms

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} \right) = -\nabla p \quad \text{momentum (force)}$$

- + Add electromagnetism

- + Add sub-grid models

- + More models

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla p = -\gamma p \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \quad \text{energy}$$

- We use hydro codes to model these eqs.

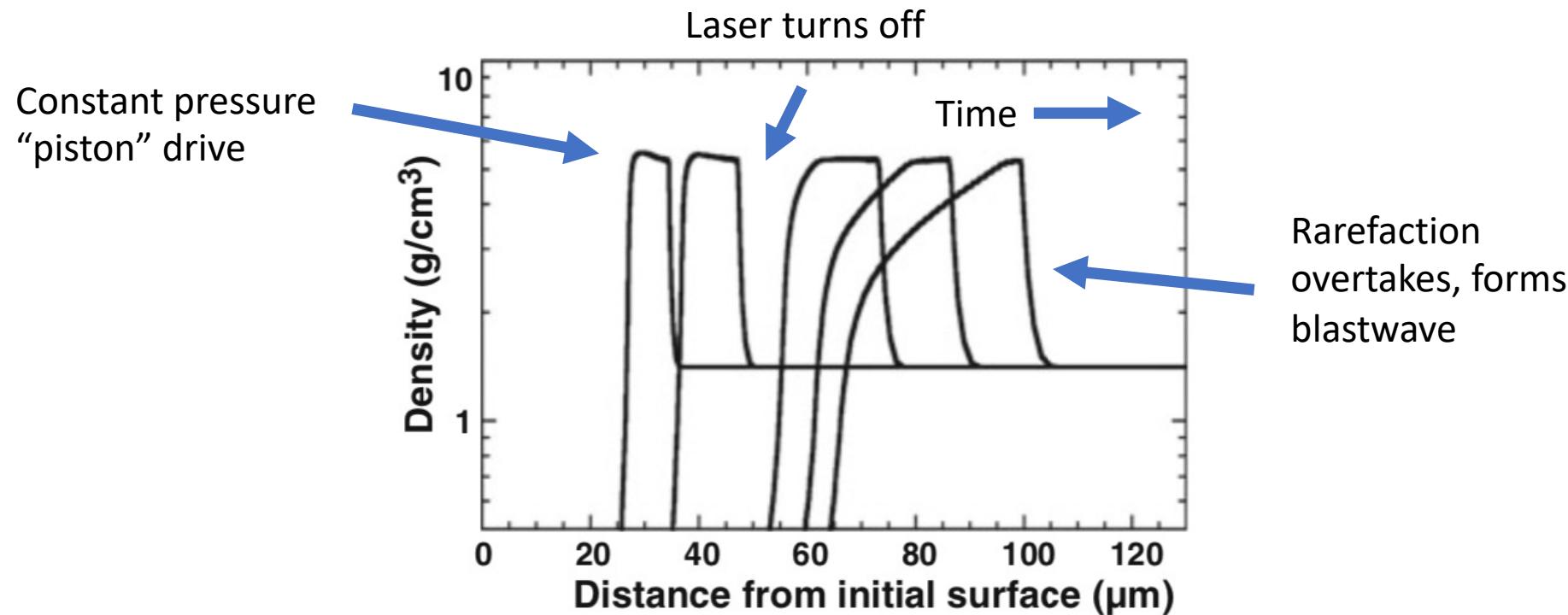
- CRASH (University of Michigan)<sup>[3]</sup>

- Cassio (Los Alamos National Laboratory)<sup>[4]</sup>

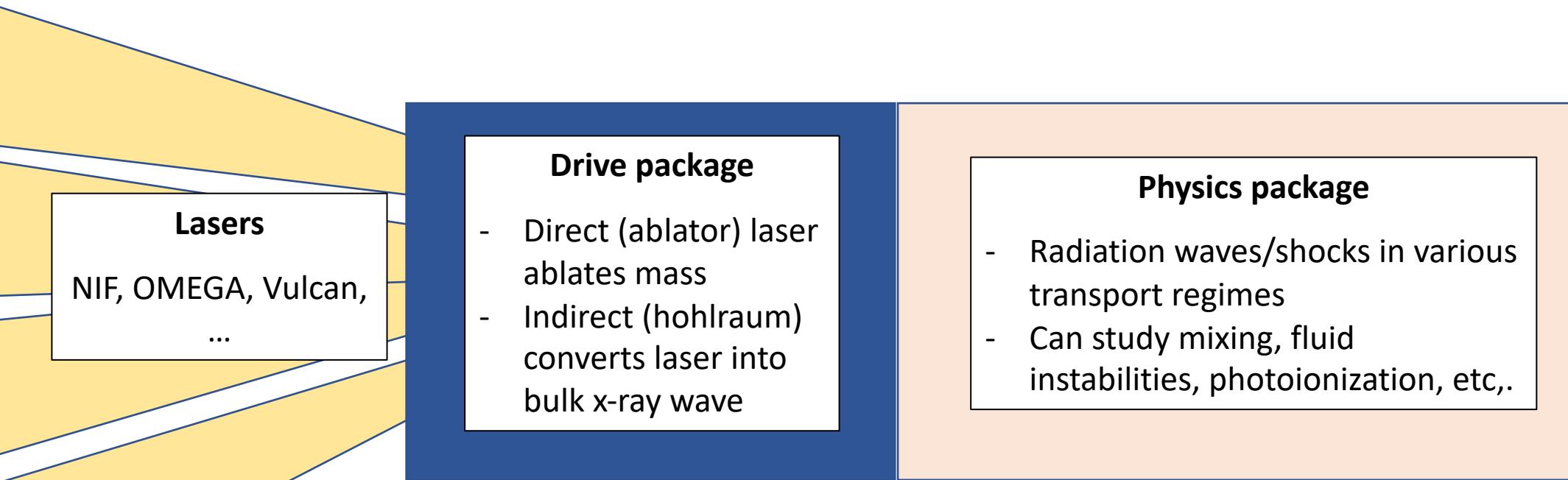
- Need analytical solutions to verify HEDP relevant eqs.

# How do we *make* HEDP phenomenon?

- Laser facilities, pulsed-power facilities, accelerators, ...
- Make **shocks, radiation flows, ...**, to drive physics studies



# Radiation/shock tube experiments



Lasers irradiate something



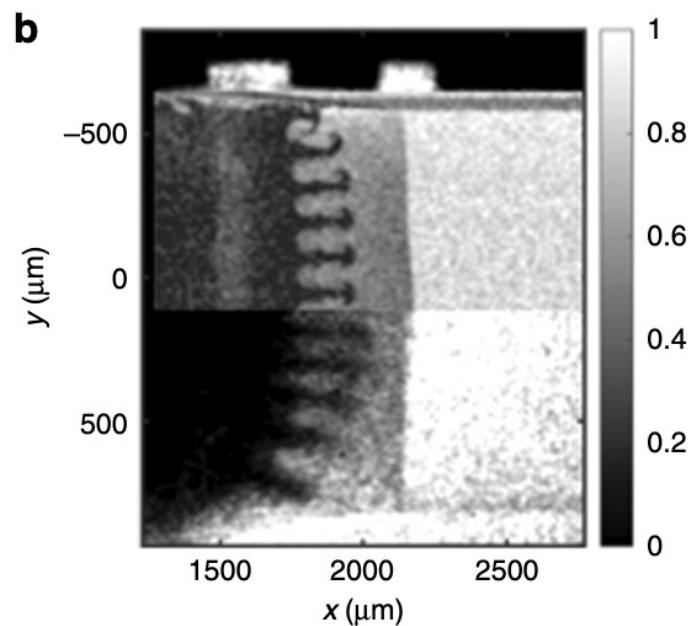
and drive a shock/wave into a target



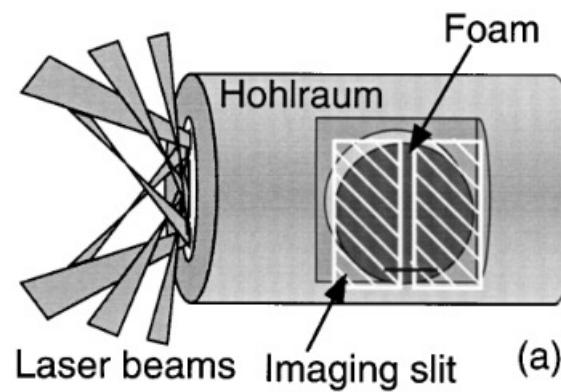
to study its effects on a variety of scenarios

# Why do we model HEDP phenomenon?

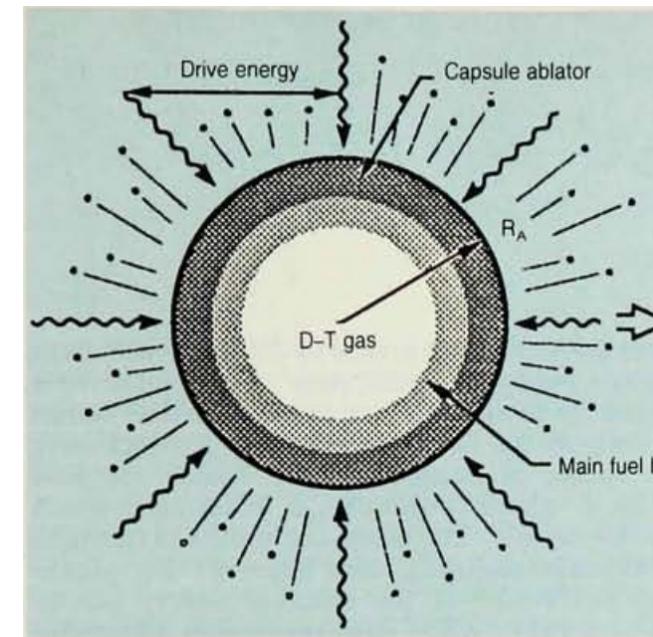
We need high precision experiments to validate HEDP models



HEDLA: A supernova  
RT experiment<sup>[5]</sup>

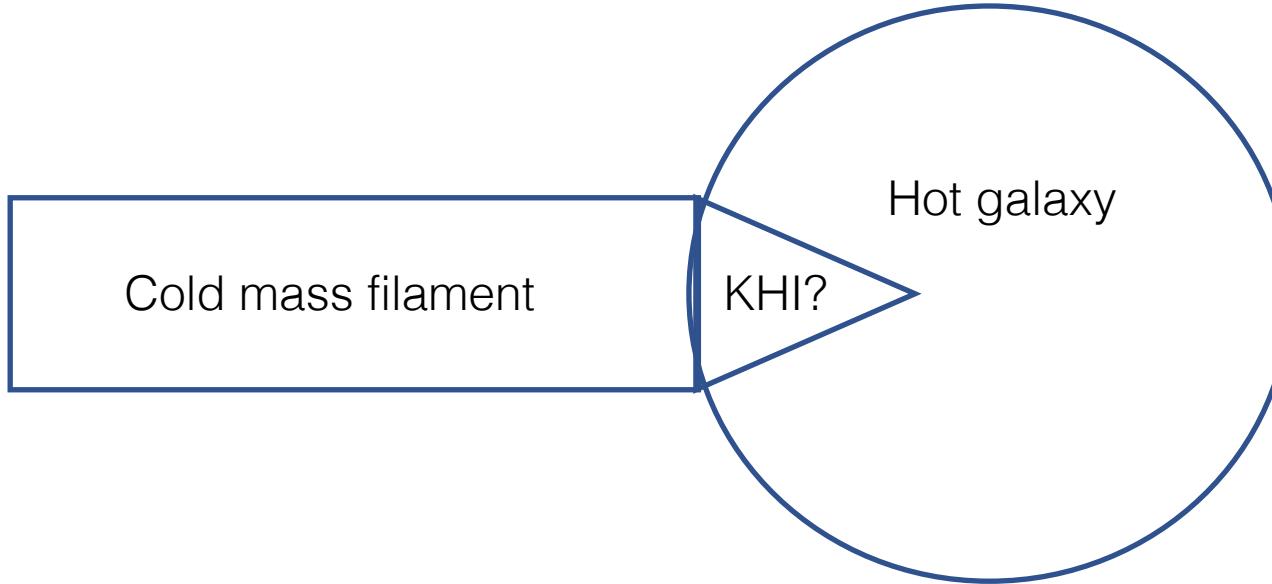


Fundamental science: a  
radiation wave exp<sup>[6]</sup>



Energy: inertial  
confinement fusion<sup>[7]</sup>

# The HEDP experiments



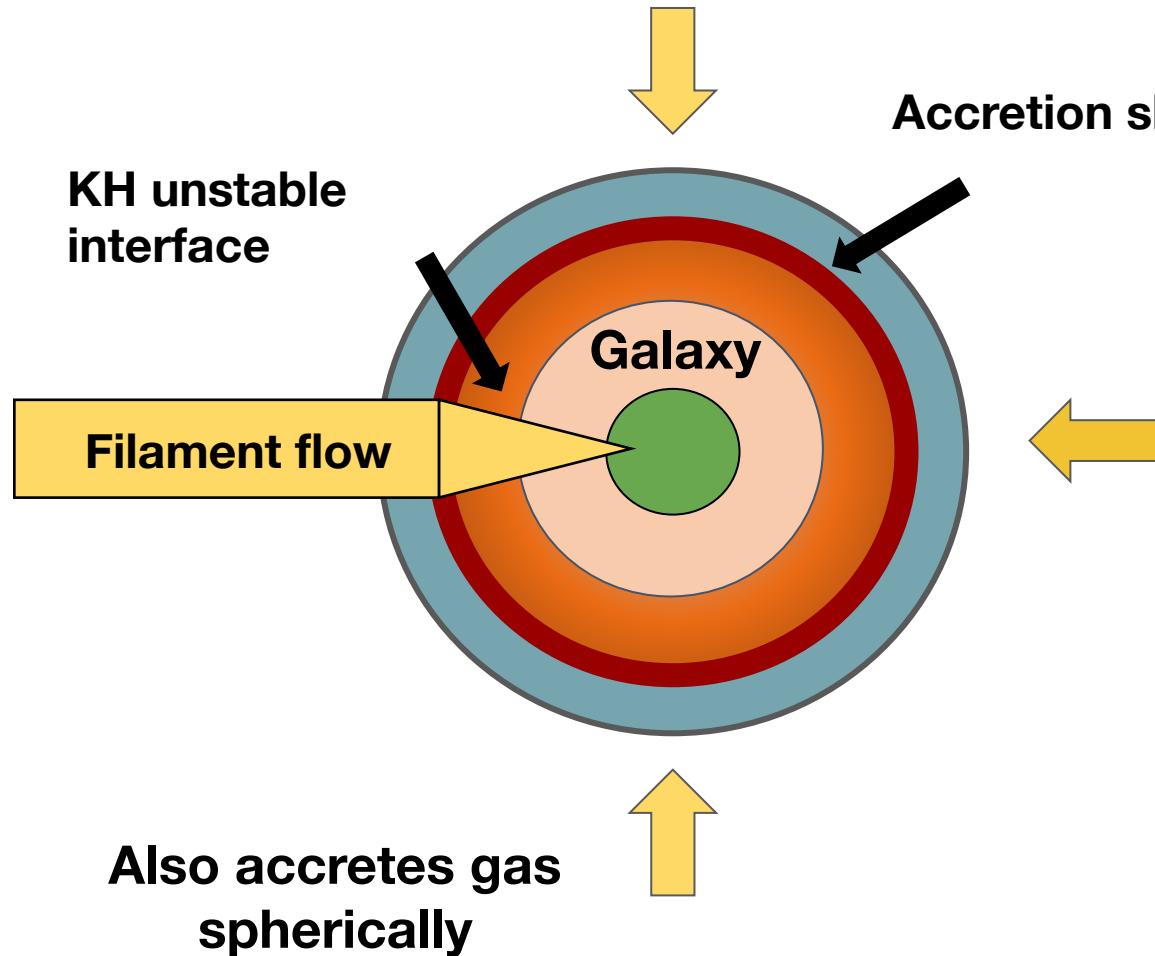
# Instability on cosmic filaments

Does the Kelvin-Helmholtz instability (KHI) hinder galaxy formation?

How does radiative cooling affect the KHI?

Can an experiment illuminate this phenomenon?

# Filaments give cold gas to galaxy centers<sup>[10]</sup>

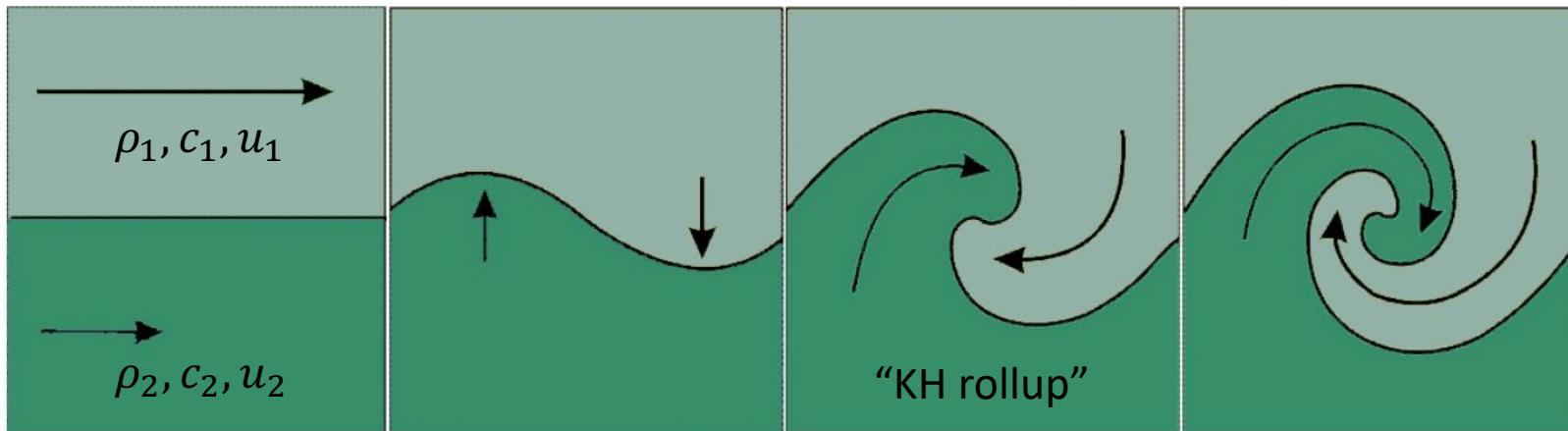


## Accretion shock

- A halo accretes gas spherically
- A shock eventually forms from building accretion pressure
- The filament flow is now shocked!
- The shock-collapsed filament is KH unstable.

# What is the Kelvin-Helmholtz instability?

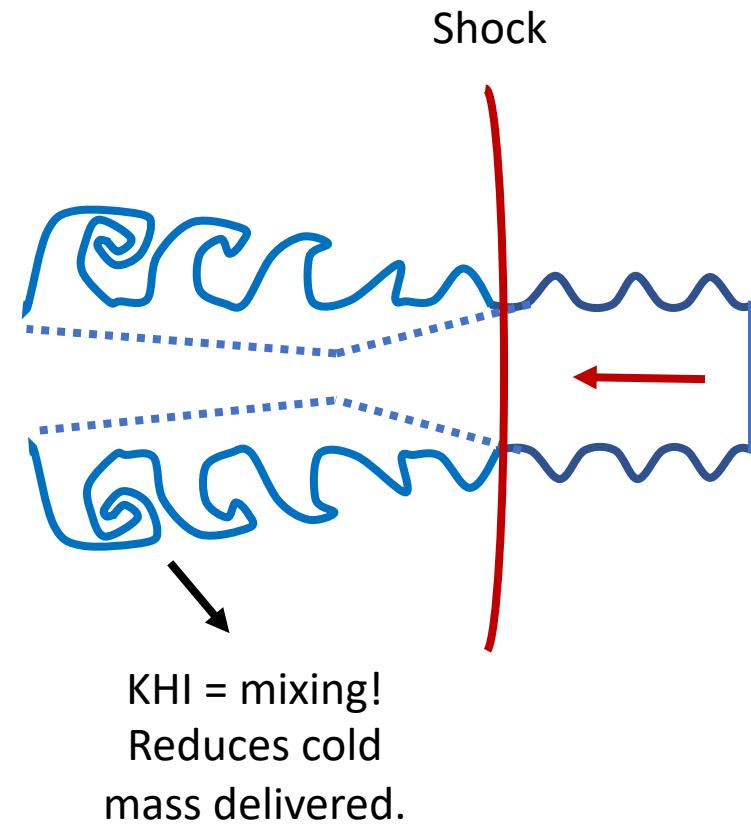
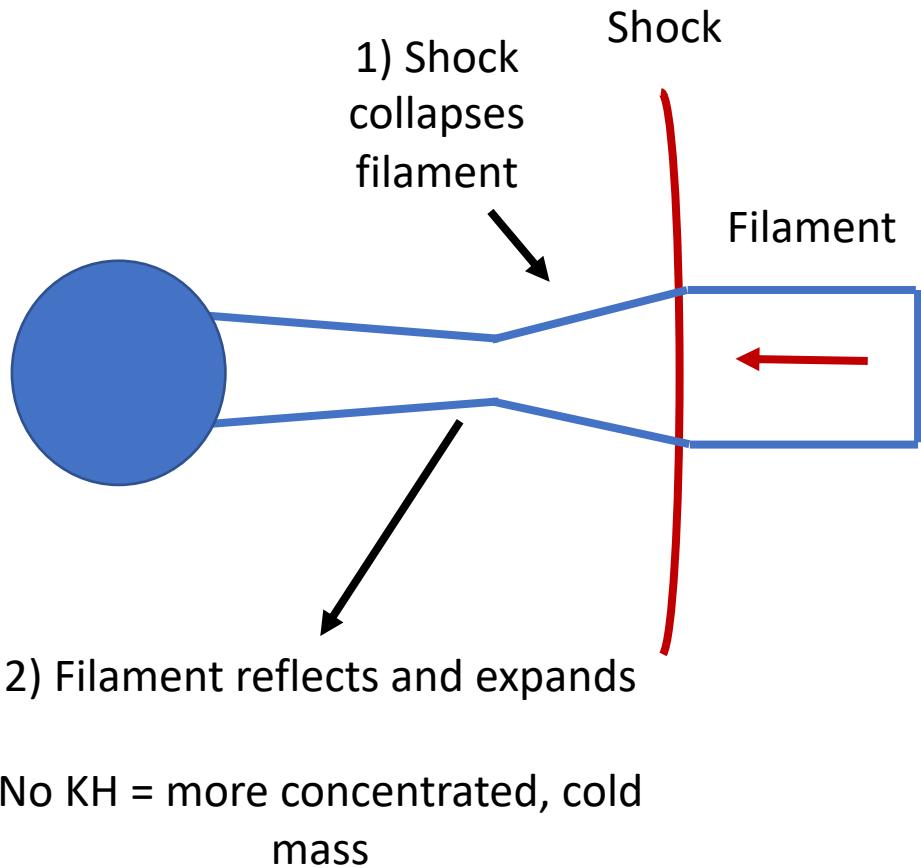
**Two fluids flowing past one another, can shear and mix via KHI<sup>[8]</sup>:**



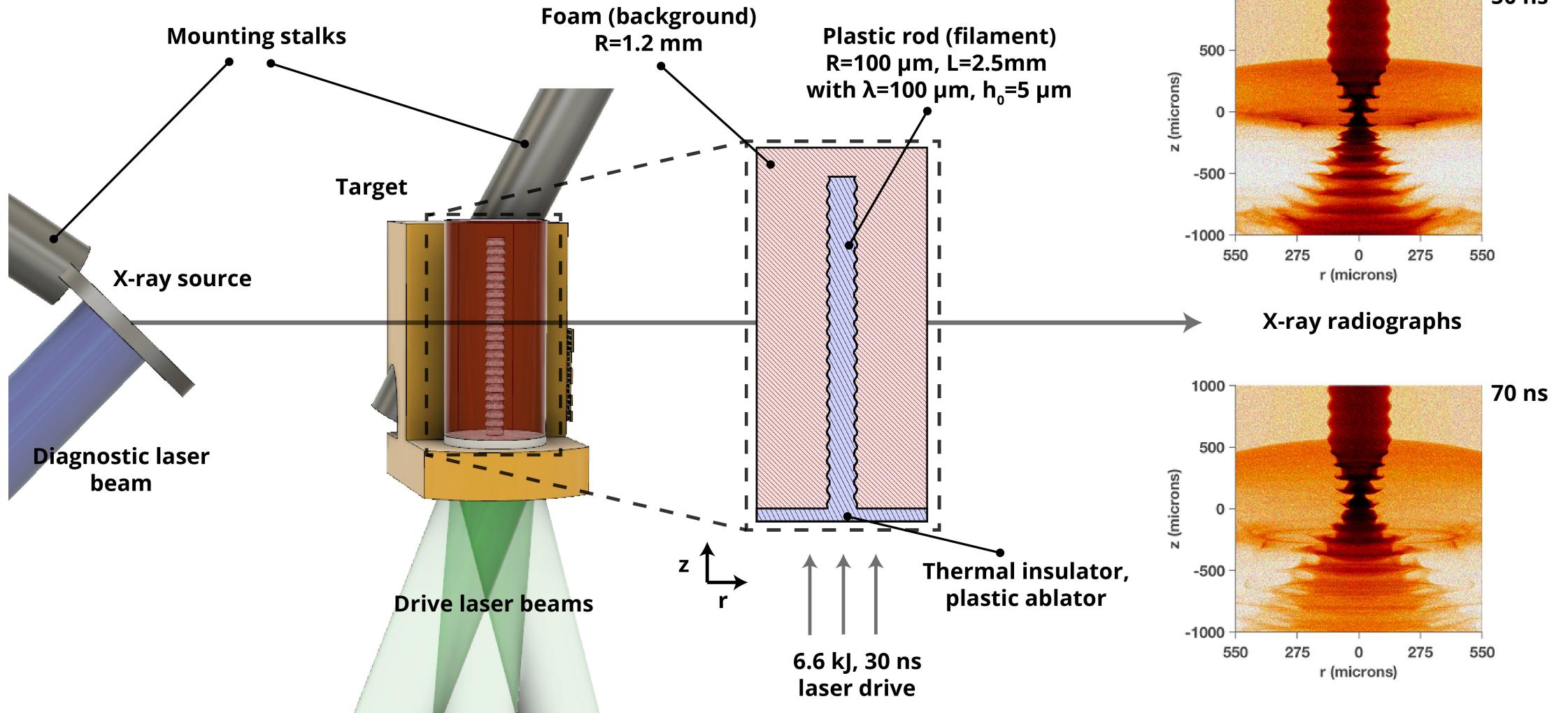
$$\gamma_c = -i\gamma_{ic} \frac{\sqrt{-1 - M_c^2 + \sqrt{1 + 4M_c^2}}}{M_c}, \quad M_c = \Delta u / (c_1 + c_2)$$

Growth dictated by densities and sound speeds of each material, and the convective Mach.

# Then how does KHI change the picture?



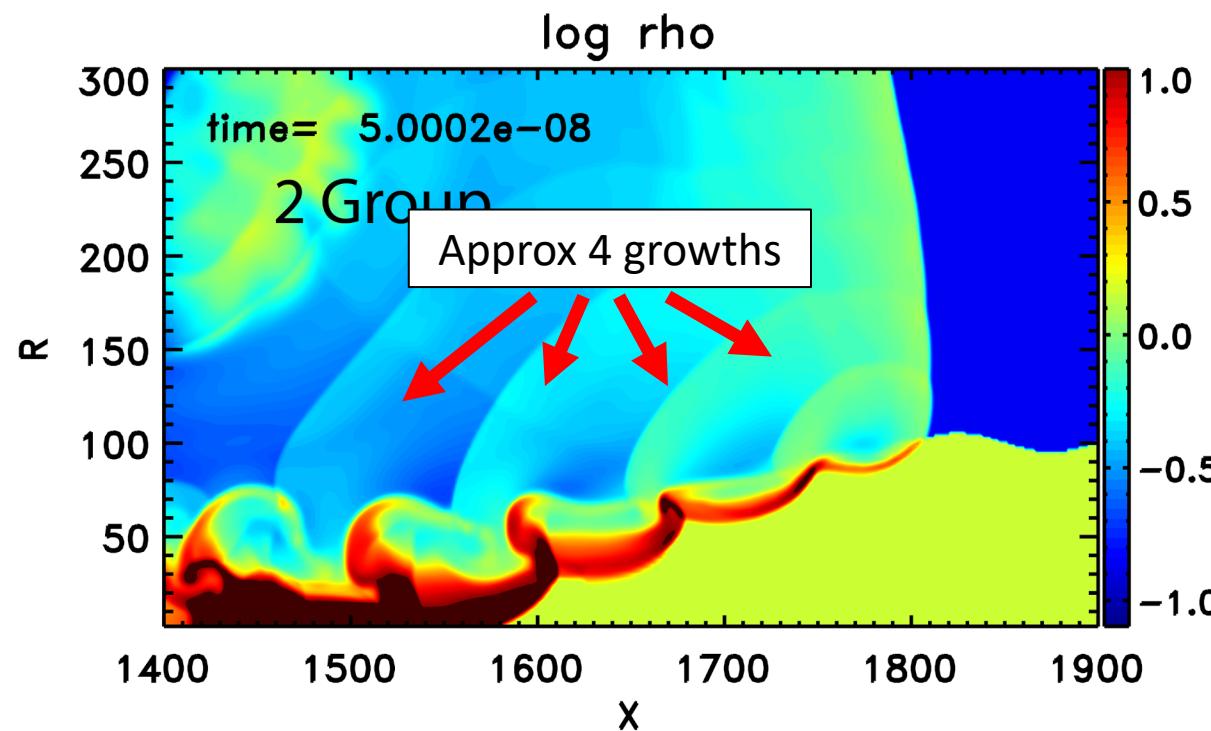
# We designed an exp. to test KHI importance[11]



# Exp. shock frame is the astrophysical analog

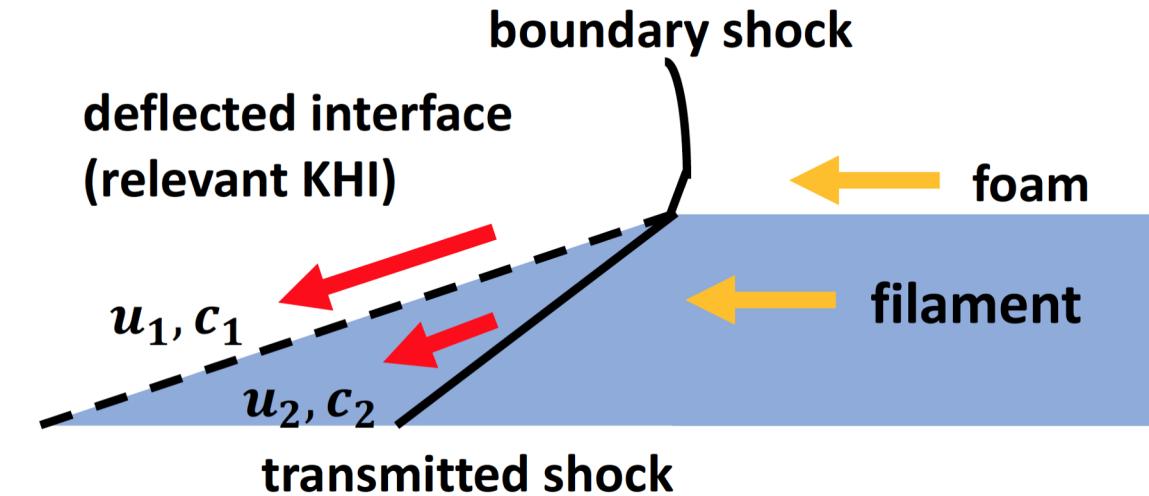
Simulations of the experiment (CRASH code)

In exp. shock travels

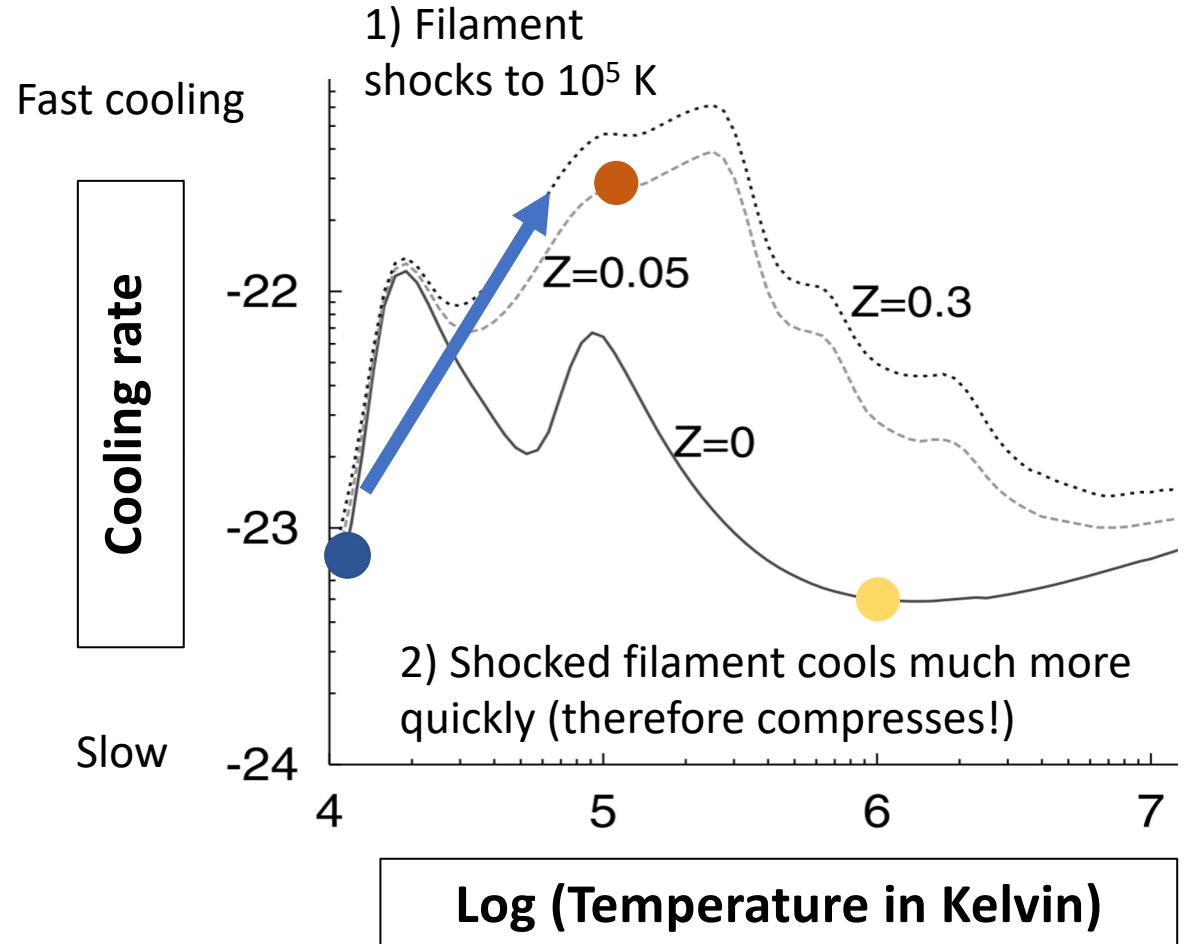
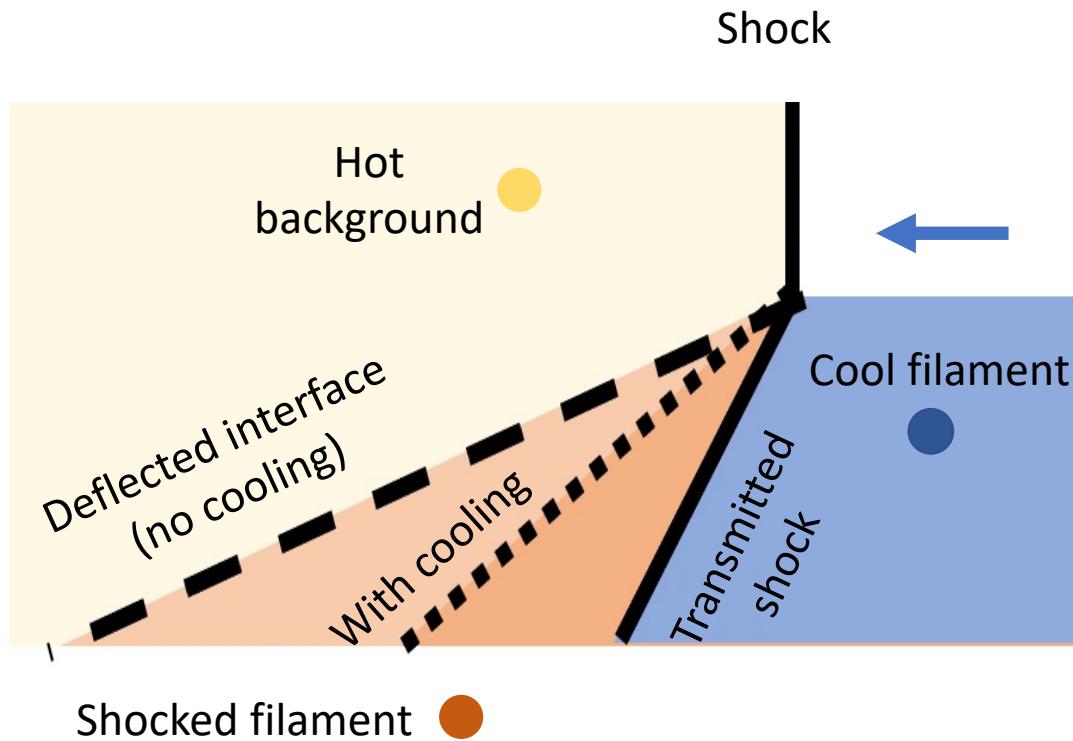


Astrophysical analog

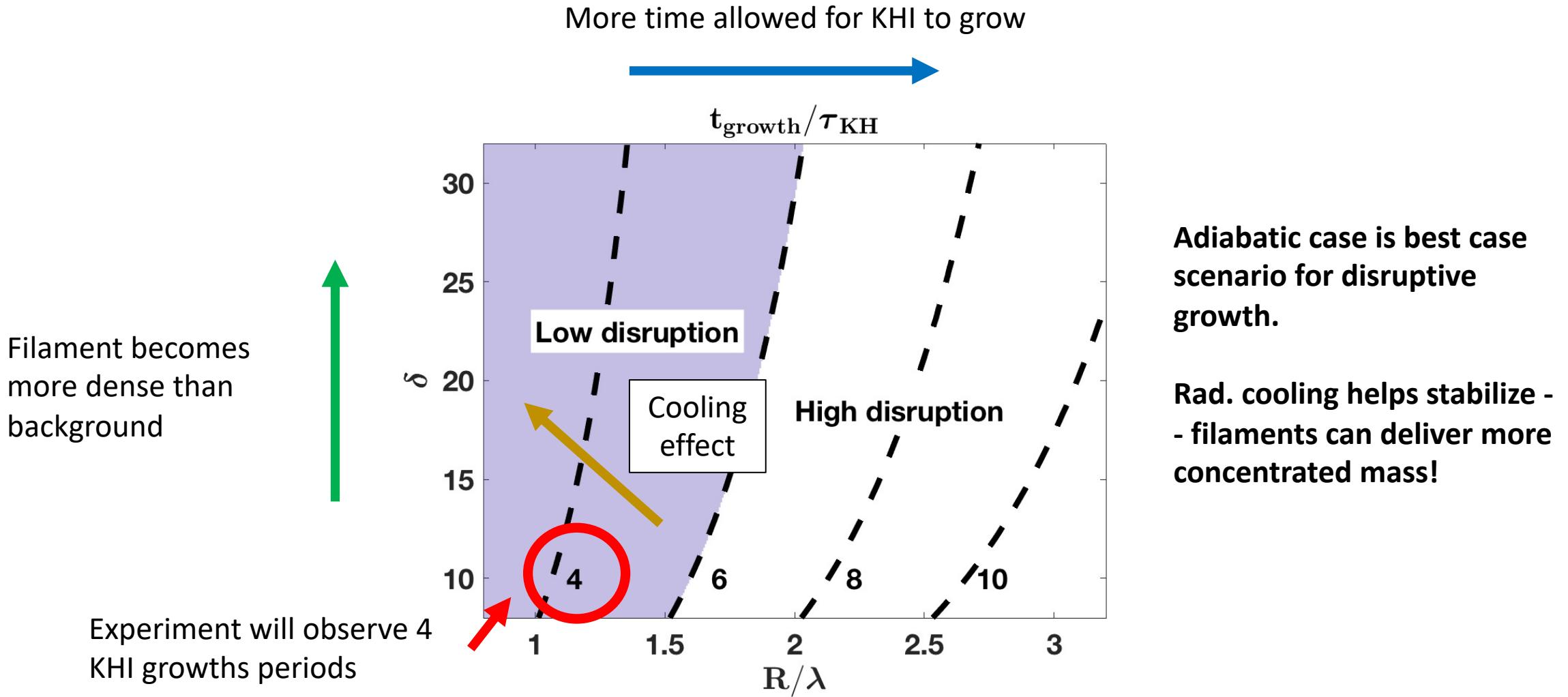
In astro/stationary shock frame,  
filament travels

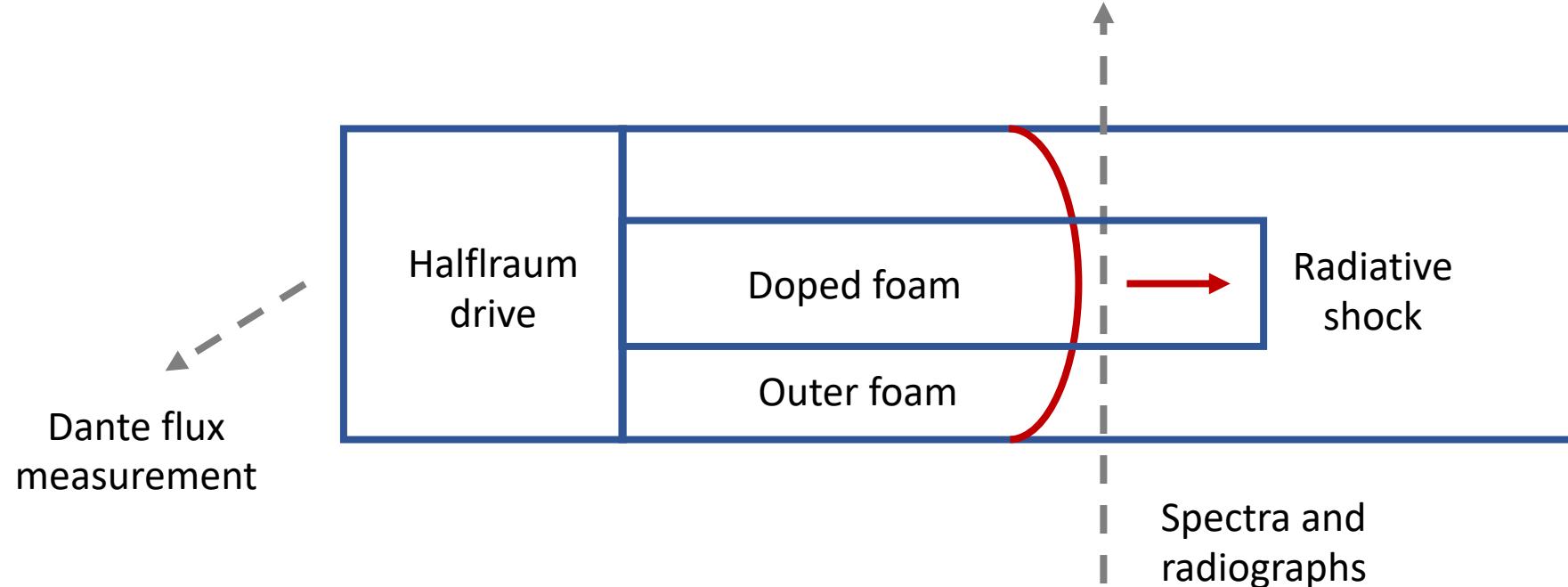


# Radiative cooling affects KHI growth



# We assess the disruption of KHI on the filament





# The COAX experiment

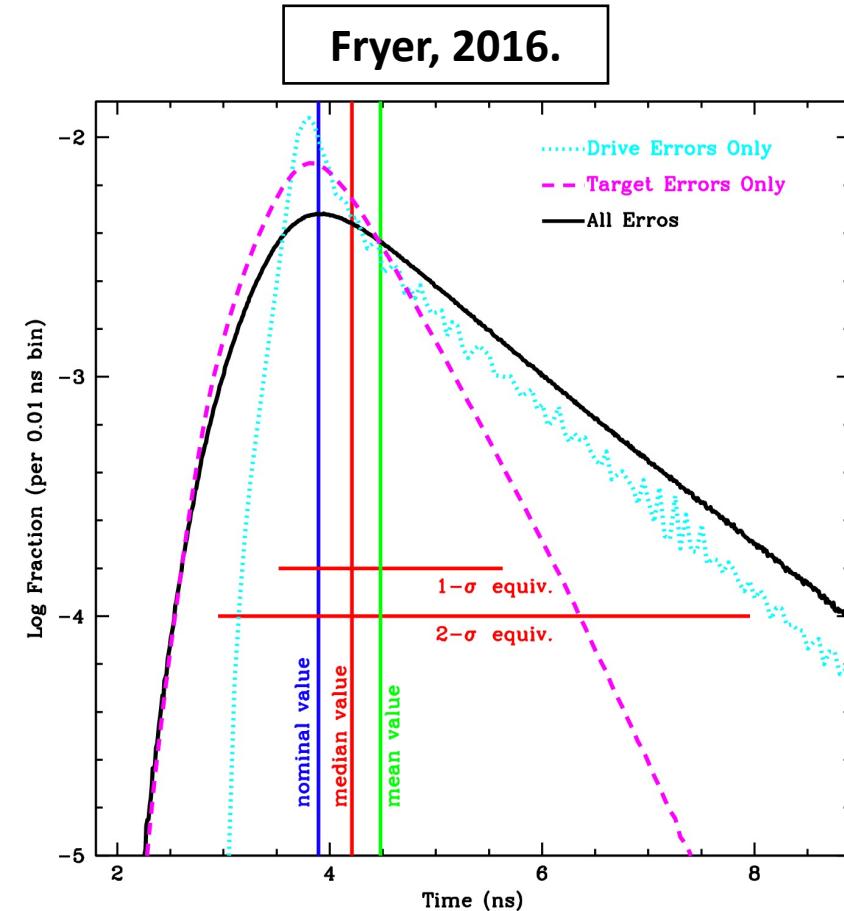
An indirectly driven radiative shock platform with a **spectral temperature** diagnostic.

Can we simultaneously verify three diagnostics and maximize their data usage?

Is this a good platform for studying other physics, e.g. shock breakout?

# The goal is to understand modeling uncertainties

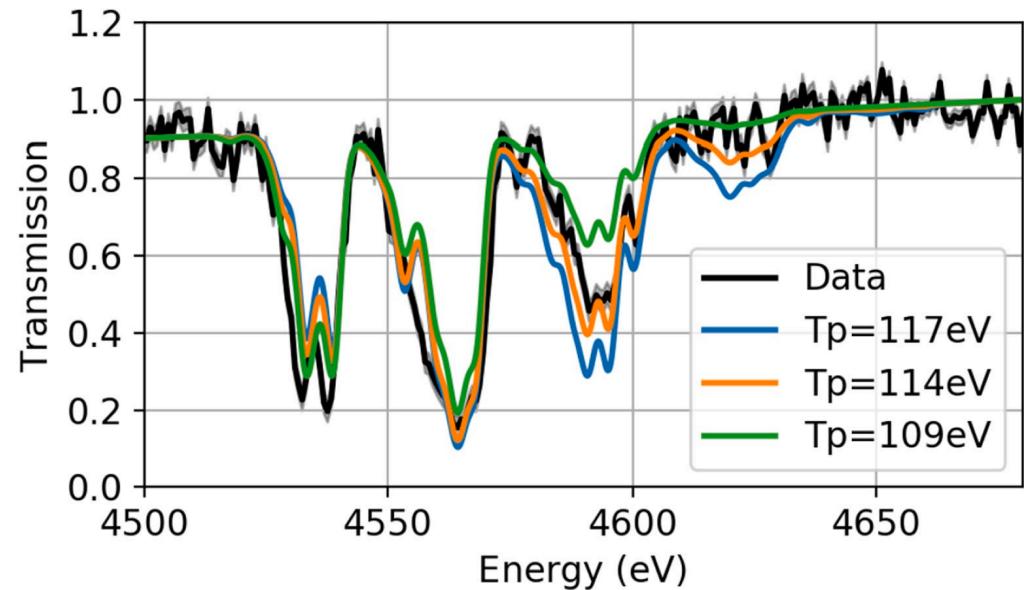
- Uncertainty quantification (UQ) framework for Pleiades exp.<sup>[12]</sup>
- Showed that shock breakout measurement alone insufficient
- **Valid for all radiation flow exp.**
- **Key modeling uncertainties:**
  - Drive modeling
  - Target (density, homogeneity)
  - Physics (EOS, transport, 3T, etc)



Breakout measurement time after uncertainty and error propagation. Combined errors lead to a 1-sigma error of +/- 1 ns!

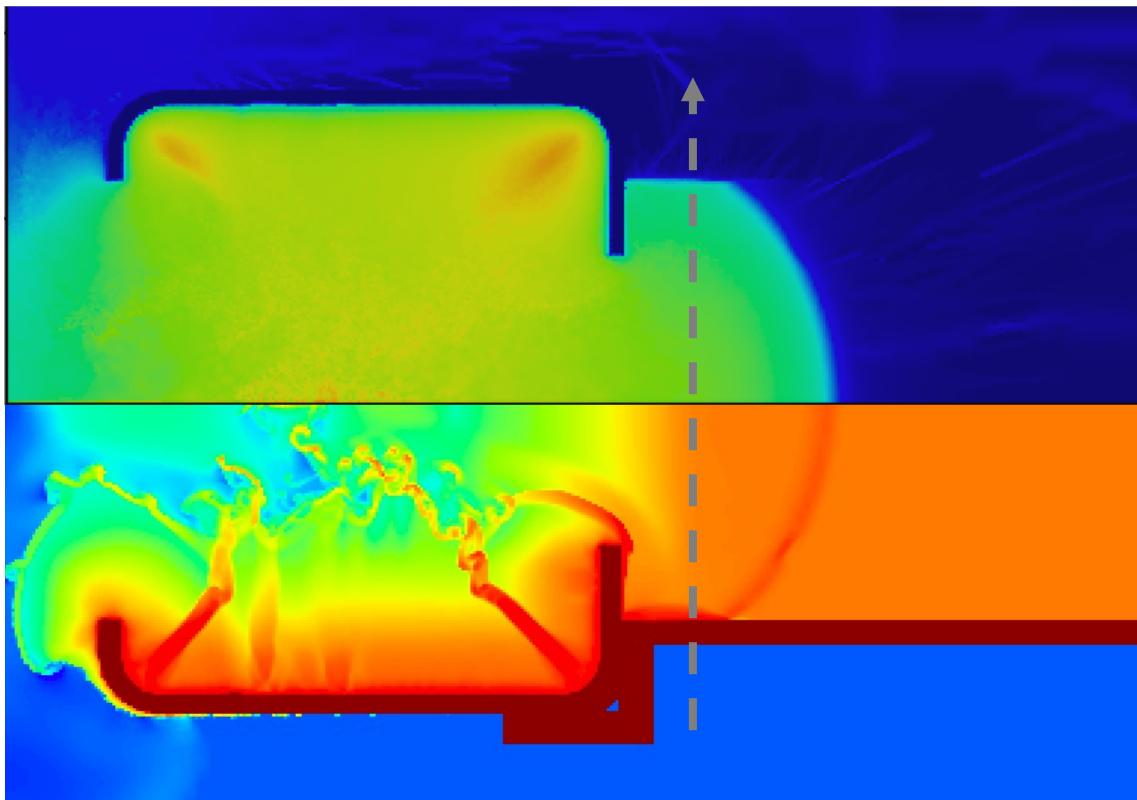
We've developed COAX for a spectral temperature diagnostic with similar UQ goals

- Similar modeling uncertainties as Pleiades
- **COAX has 3 diagnostics: Dante flux, spectroscopy, and radiography<sup>[13]</sup>**
- Initial estimates suggest an +/- 8 eV error in temperature estimation from spectra<sup>[16]</sup>

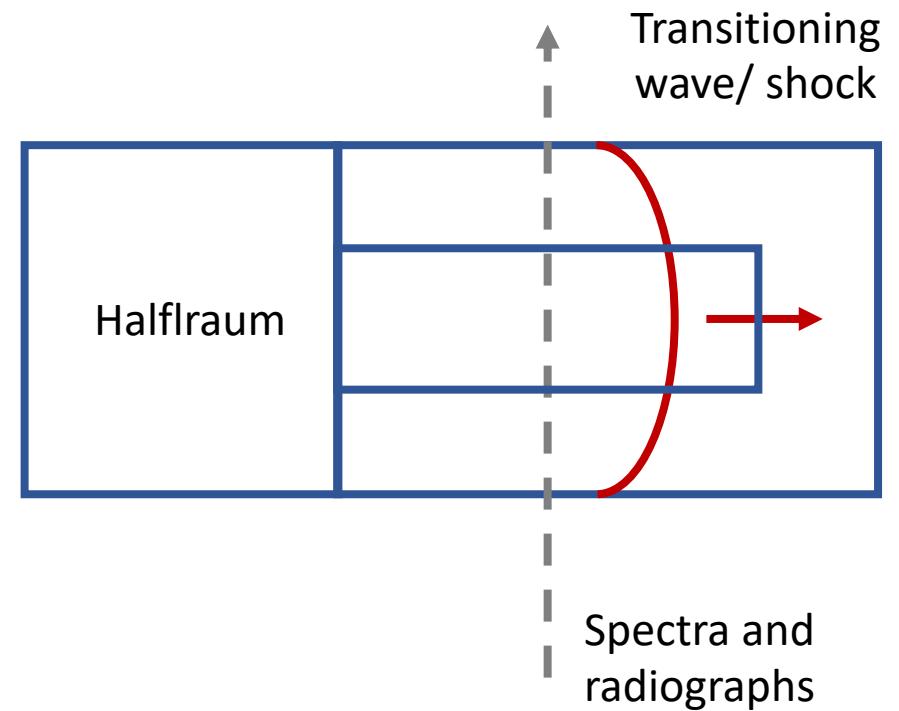


# We model COAX with LANL's Cassio code

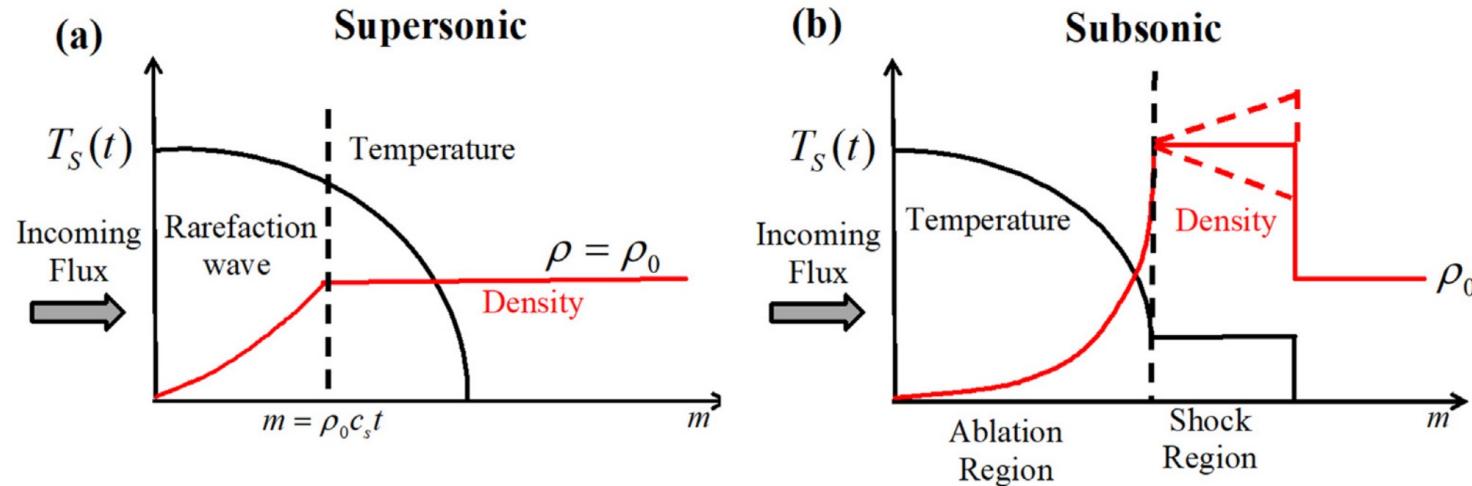
Temperature (120 eV wave)



Density (70 mg/cm<sup>3</sup> foam)



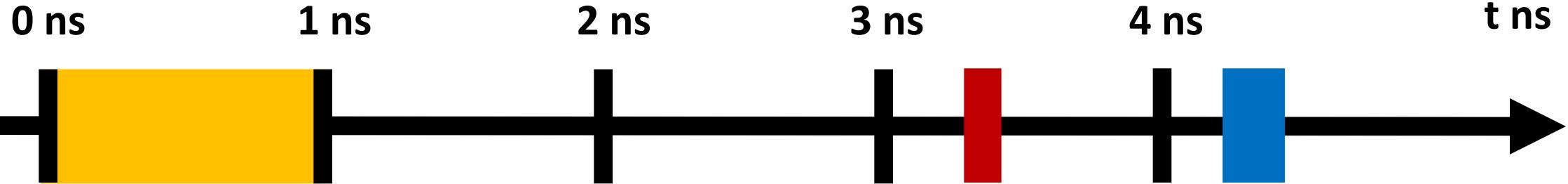
# COAX: transitioning radiation waves



A temperature source travels as a heat (radiation) wave through an initially cold, constant density field. Supersonic case, no material fluxes:

$$\rho c_V \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \frac{4\sigma}{3\rho\kappa} \nabla T^4$$

COAX radiation waves start supersonic (a), then become subsonic and form a shock (b).



Halfraum drive, Dante

Spectra

Radiography

Spectral window: 200 ps.

Rad. Window: 333 ps

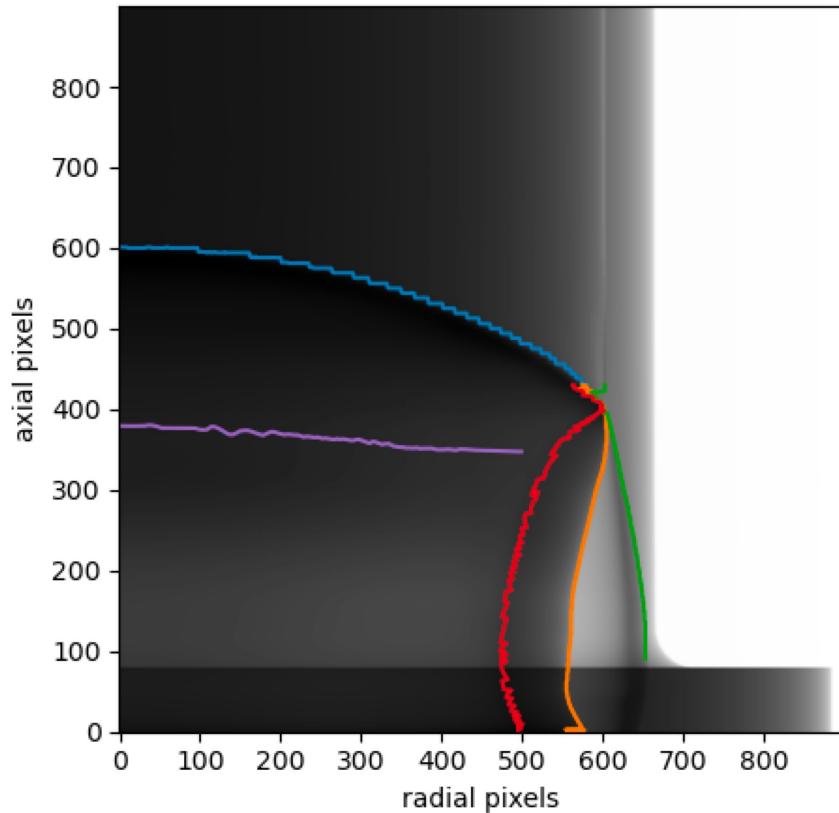
Staggering shot diagnostics allows shot-to-shot inference.



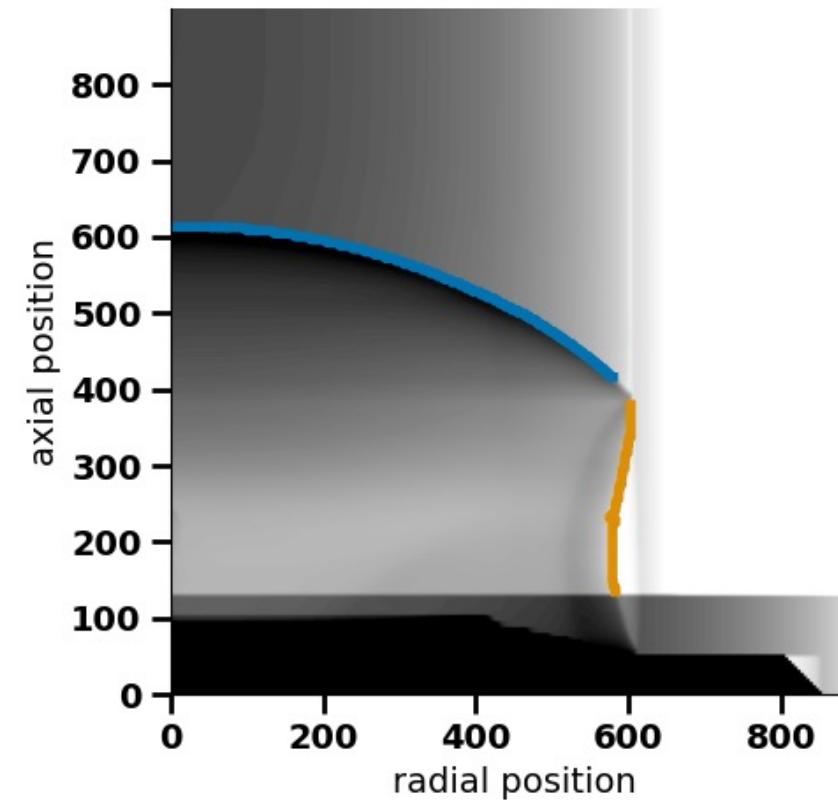
Radiography

Spectra

# We first match features in radiography

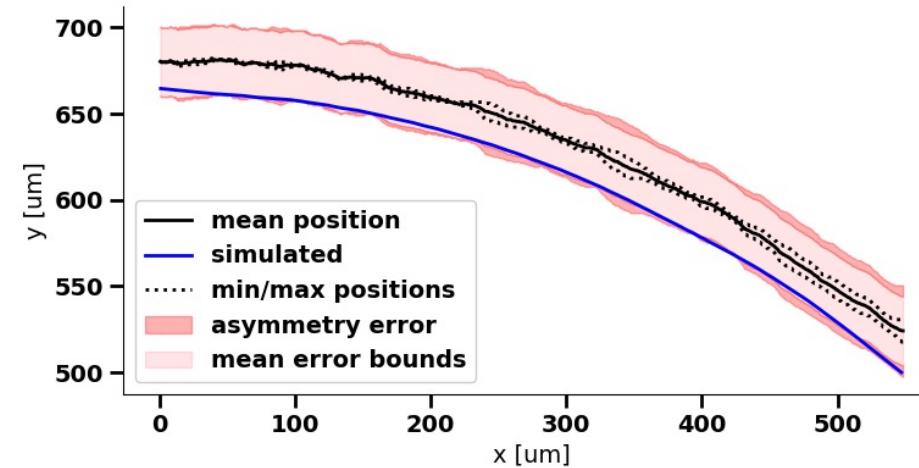
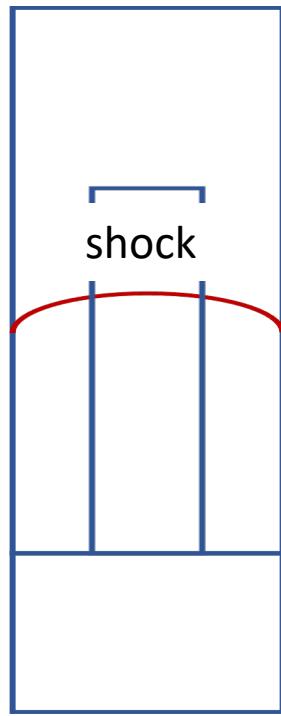


Detectable and prominent features with Canny edge detection. Wealth of information!



Selected features for analysis: the primary shock and reflected wall shock.

# Minimizing errors in curvature constrains density

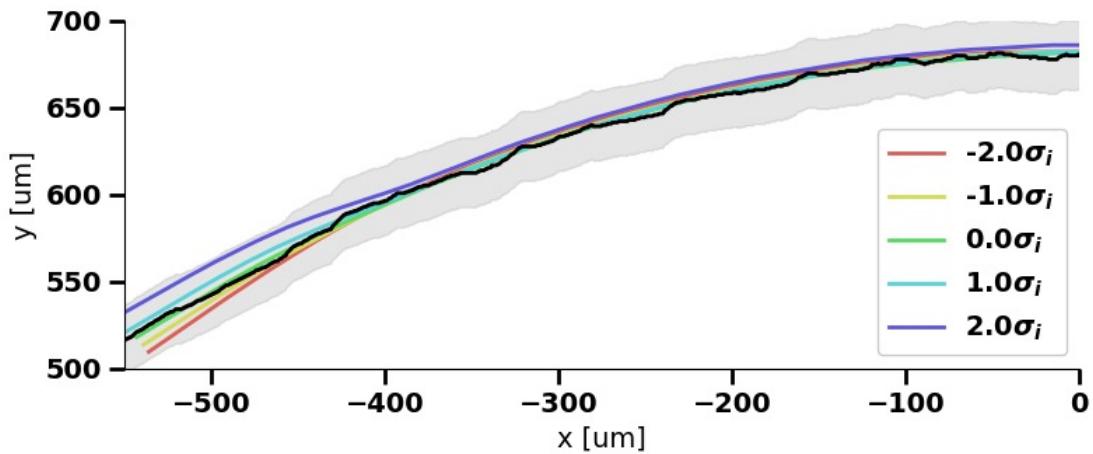


If our modeling choices are correct,  
we systematically predict higher  
outer foam densities.

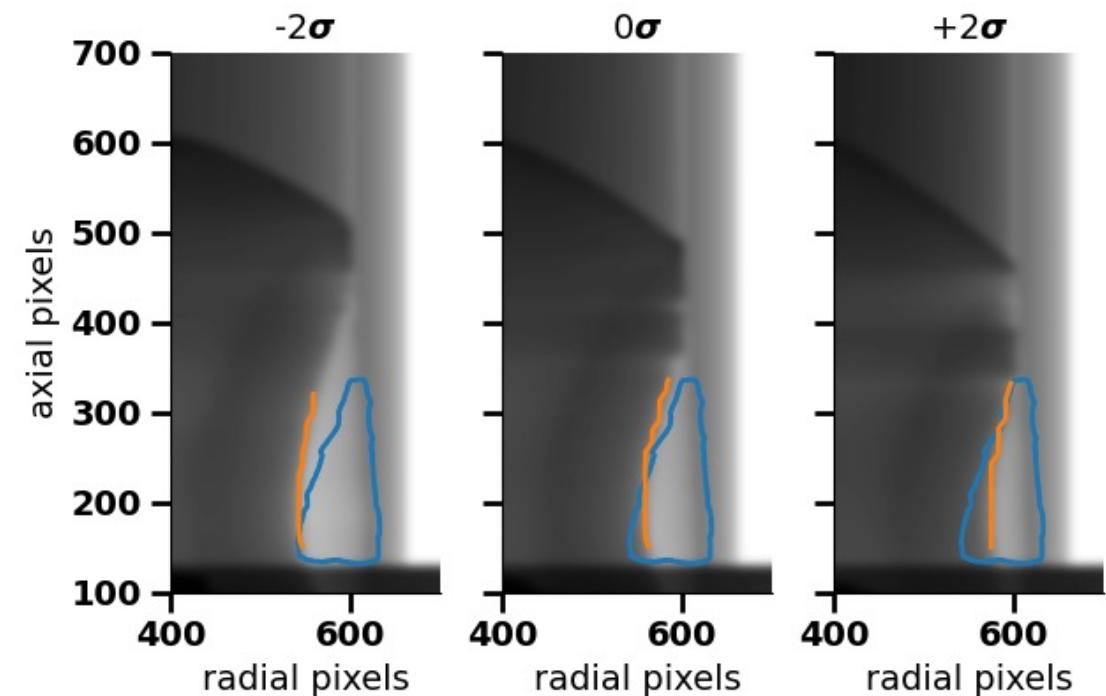
Shot	Shock position ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Outer density range
86456	680	0 to $1 \sigma_o$
86459	844	1 to $2 \sigma_o$
86462*	503.5	-2 to $2 \sigma_o$

# We can look at wall shocks and outer foam features to constrain density/drive

Inner and outer foam density uncertainties lead to changing drive (laser power) settings too! More power needed to drive a stronger shock to match same position.

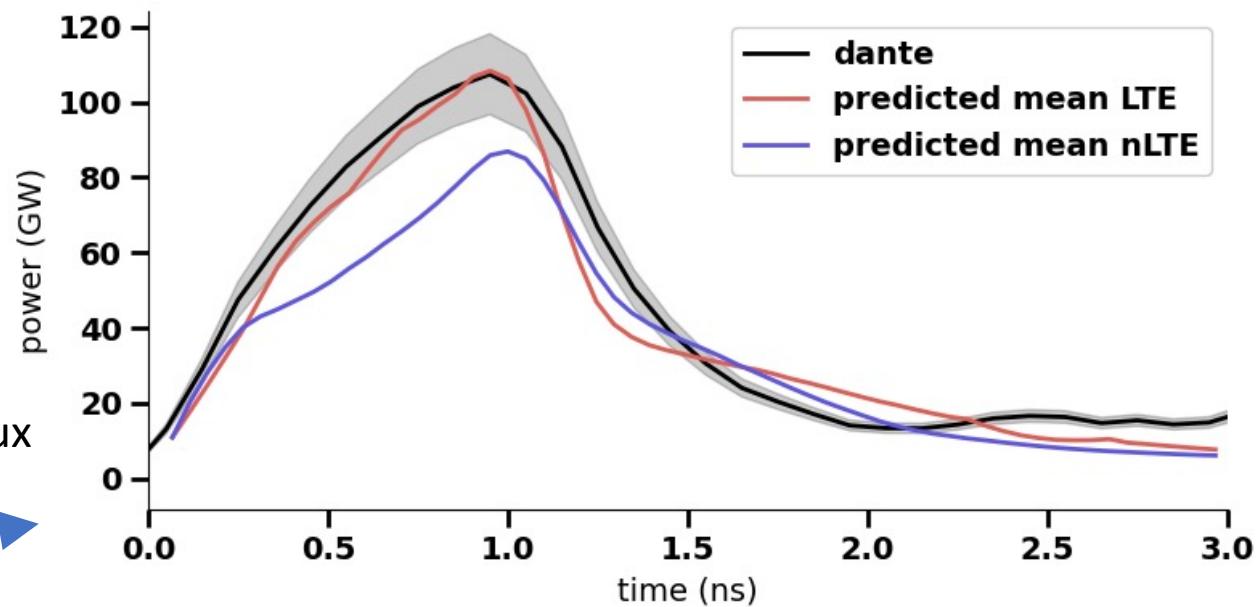
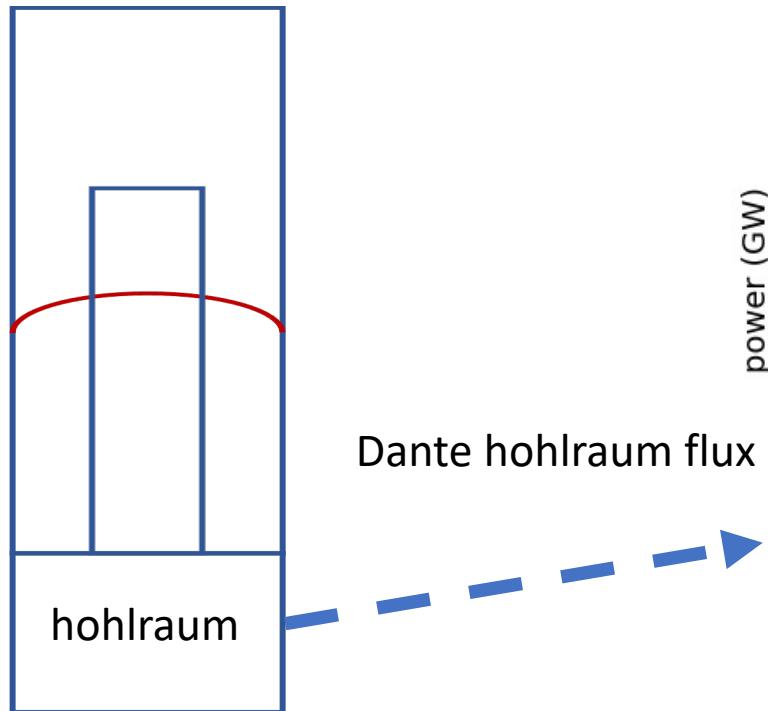


We can produce nearly identical shock structure in the inner foam by changing drive settings. But big difference in spectra!



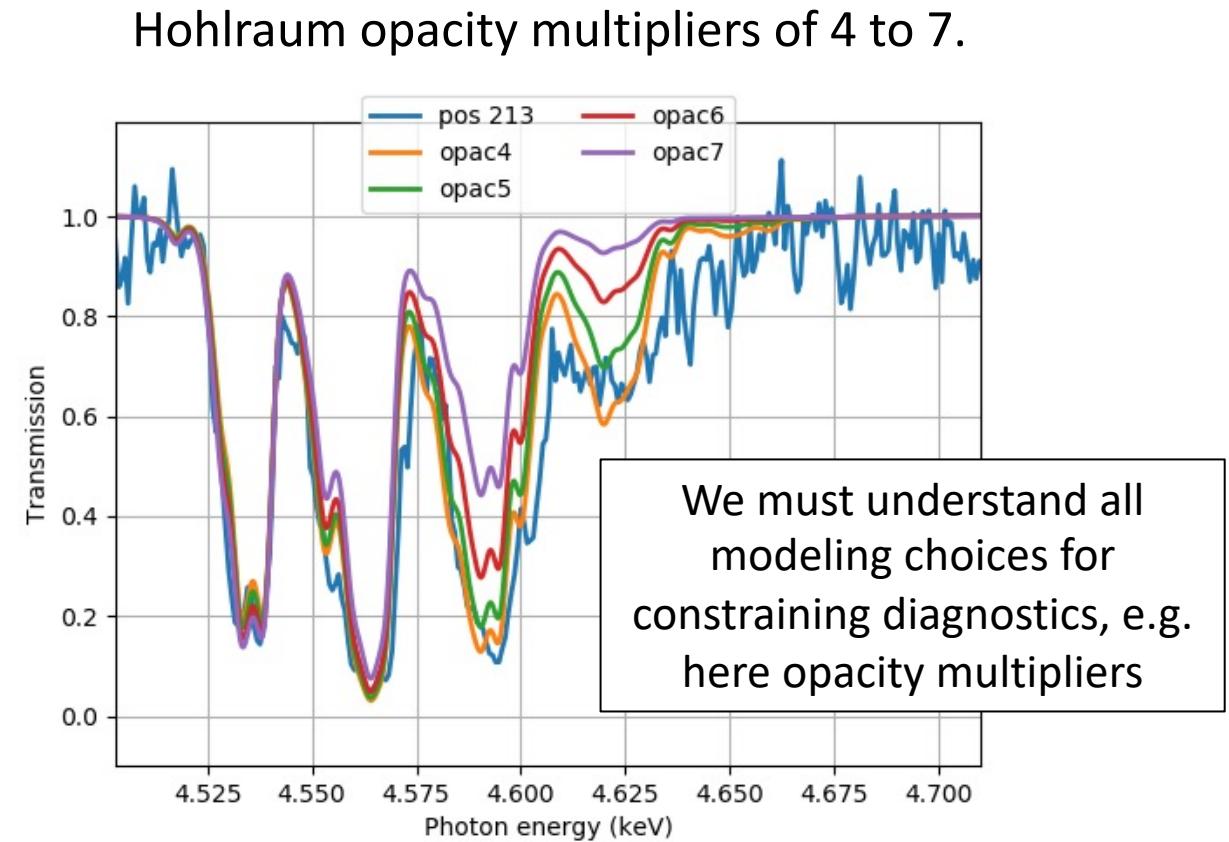
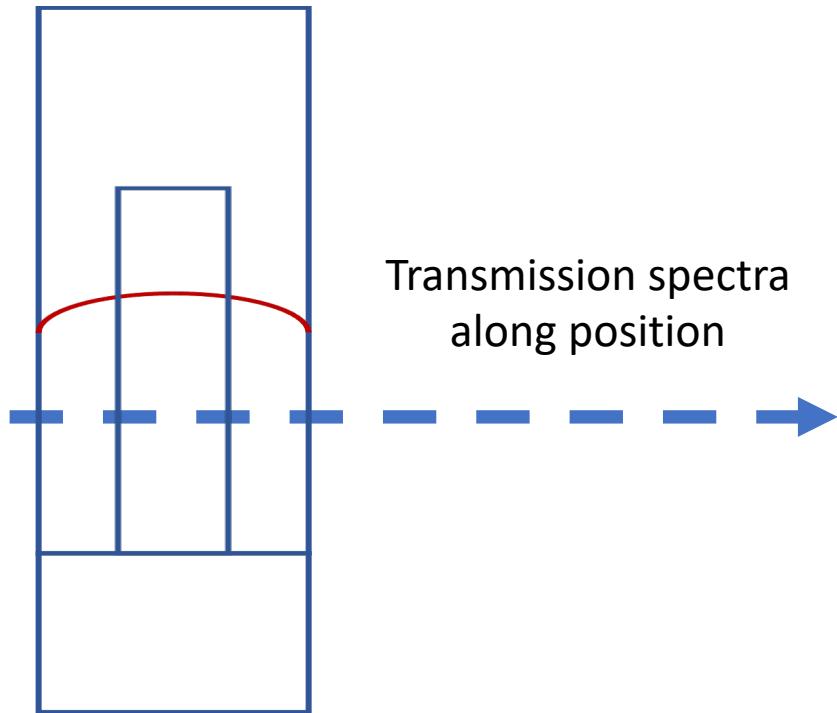
Matching wall shocks reveal a stronger constrain on outer foam density.

# Drive fluxes provide a qualitative comparison of simulated hohlraum drive

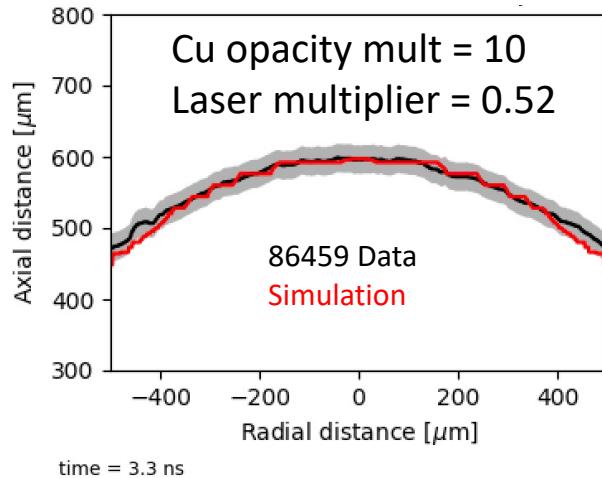


Models employing LTE physics tend to approximate flux well, while nLTE models may underpredict.

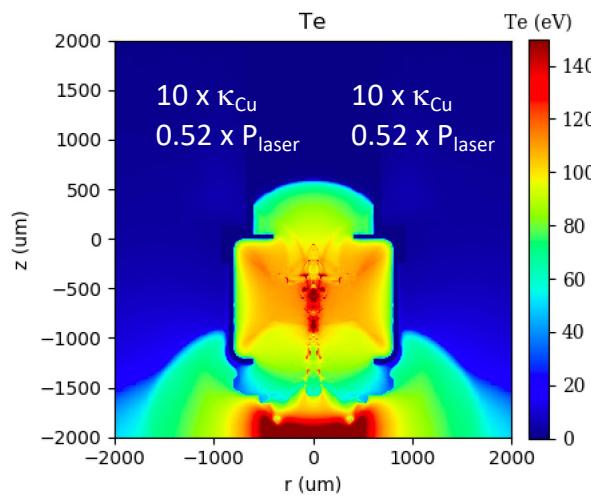
# Once drive, density choices selected, we turn to spectral comparison



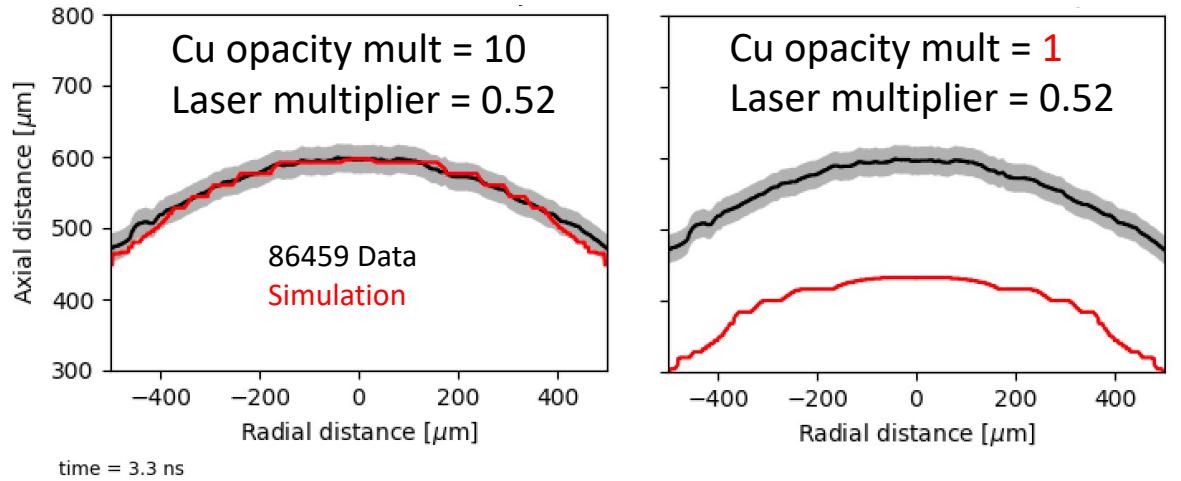
# Simulations with enhanced Cu opacities & reduced laser power can match shock positions



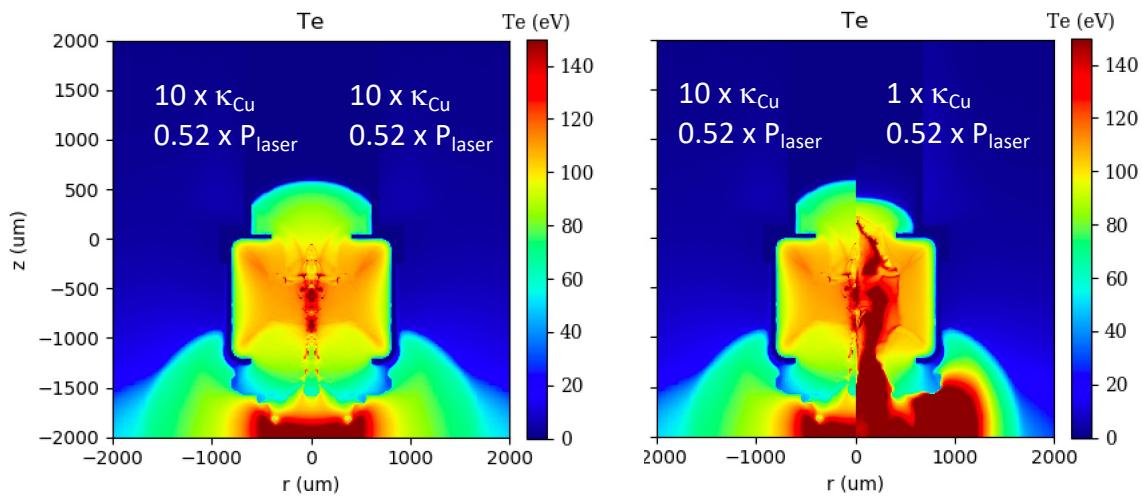
time = 3.3 ns



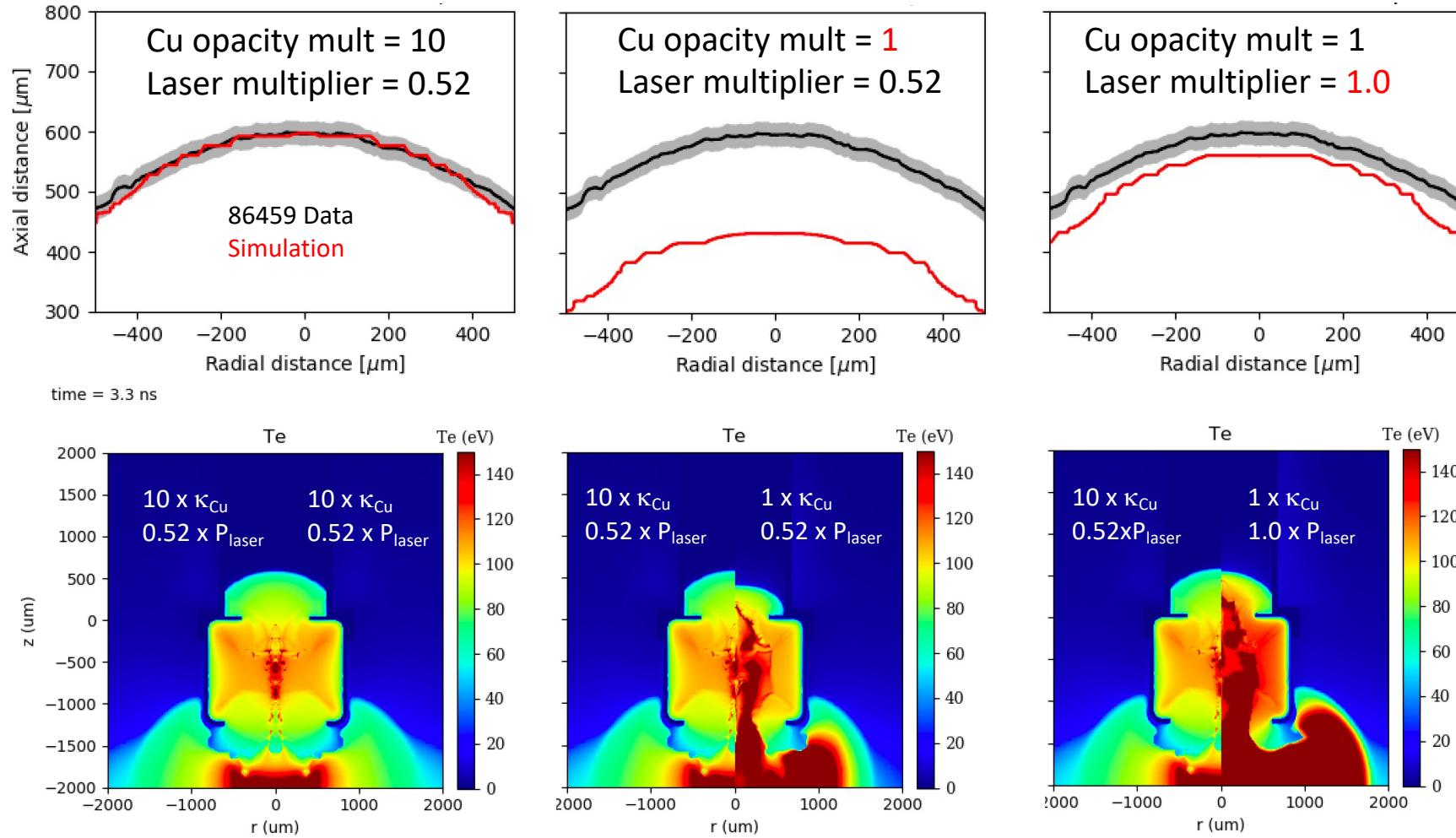
We can modify these Cu opacities and find necessary laser power multipliers



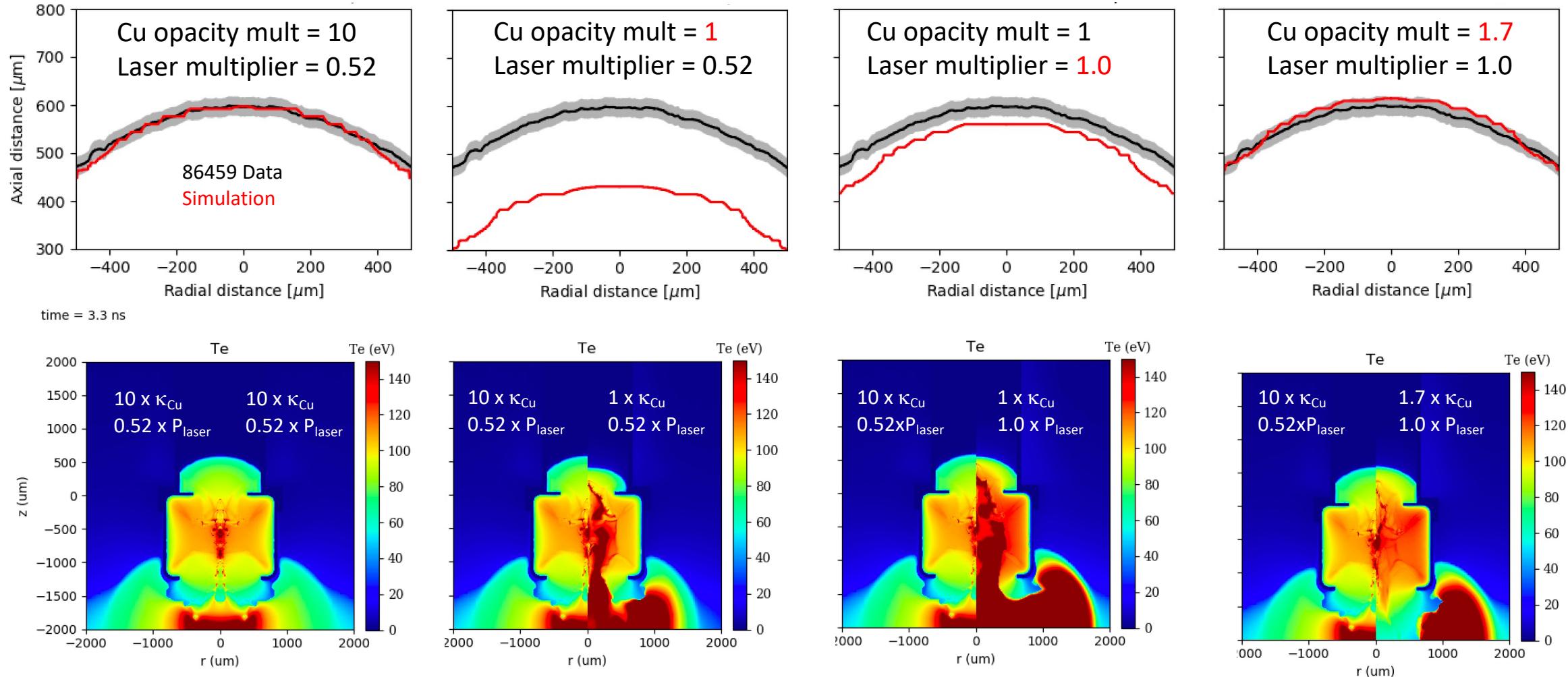
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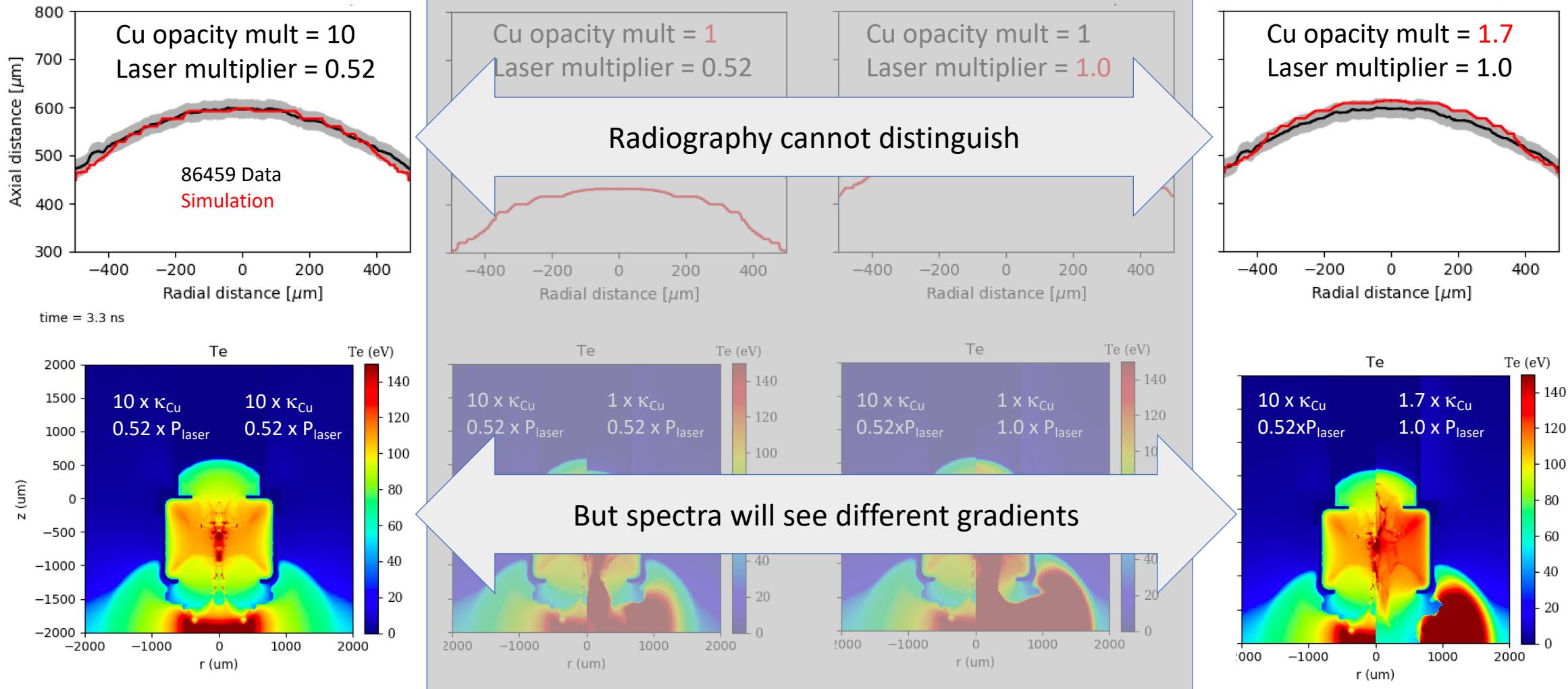
With the Cu opacity at its nominal value, the laser drive can now be increased back to its nominal delivered value



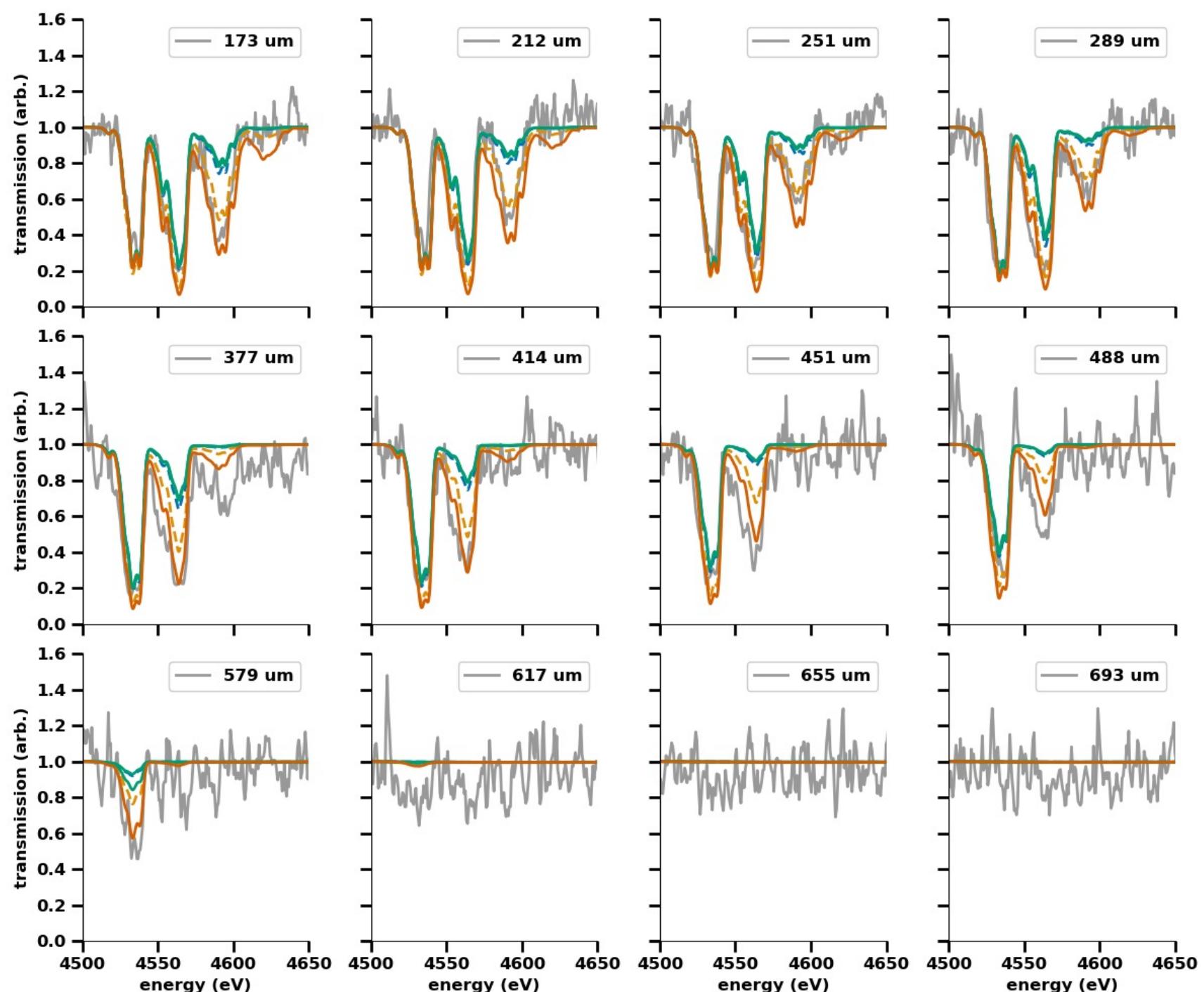
A Cu opacity multiplier of 1.7 and the full nominal laser power agree with the measured shock position



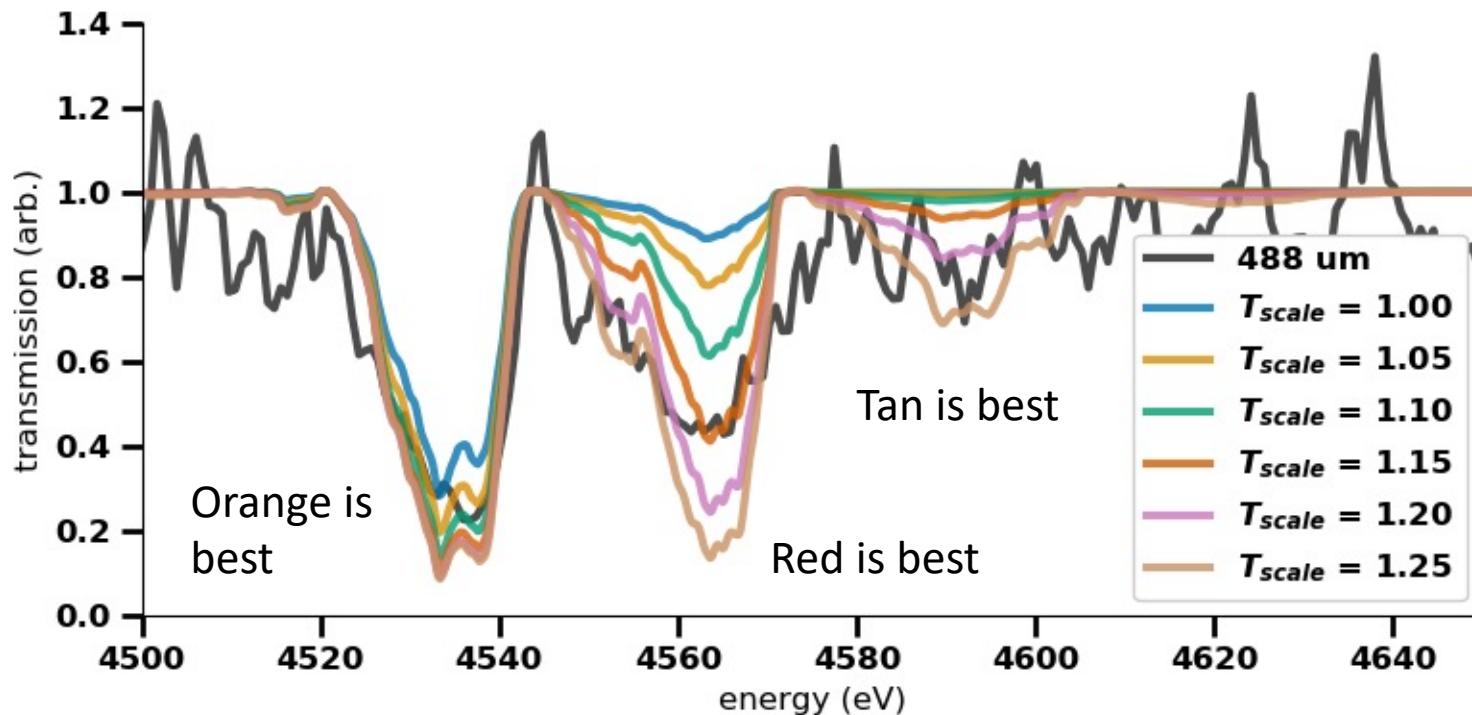
# Degenerate solutions may be eliminated with multiple diagnostic constraints



# A look at LTE vs NLTE models for all lineouts of shot 86456

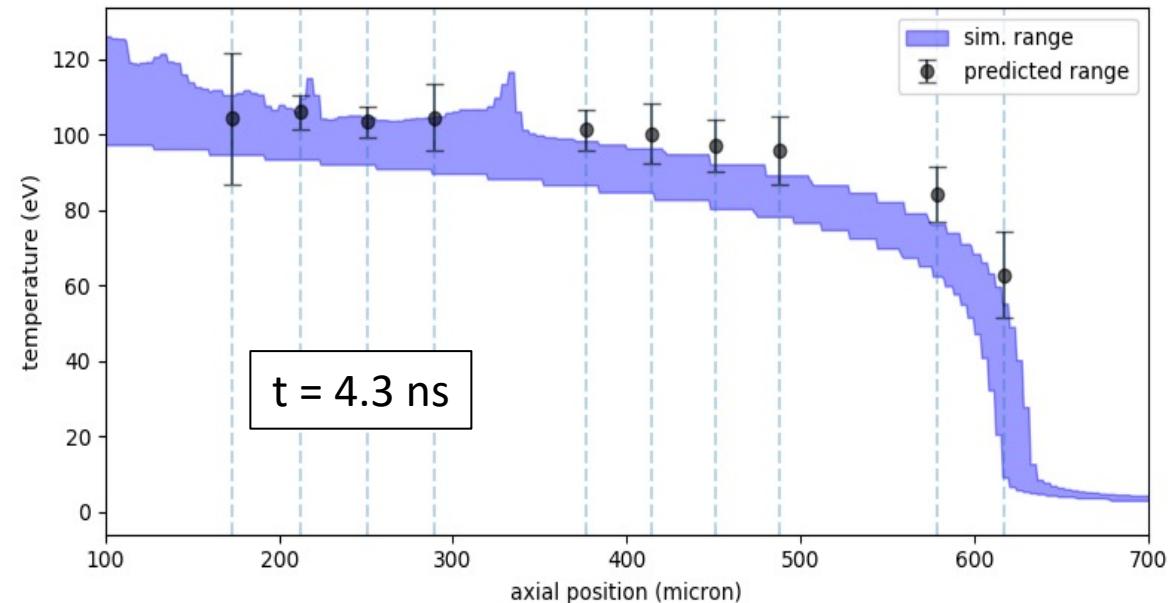
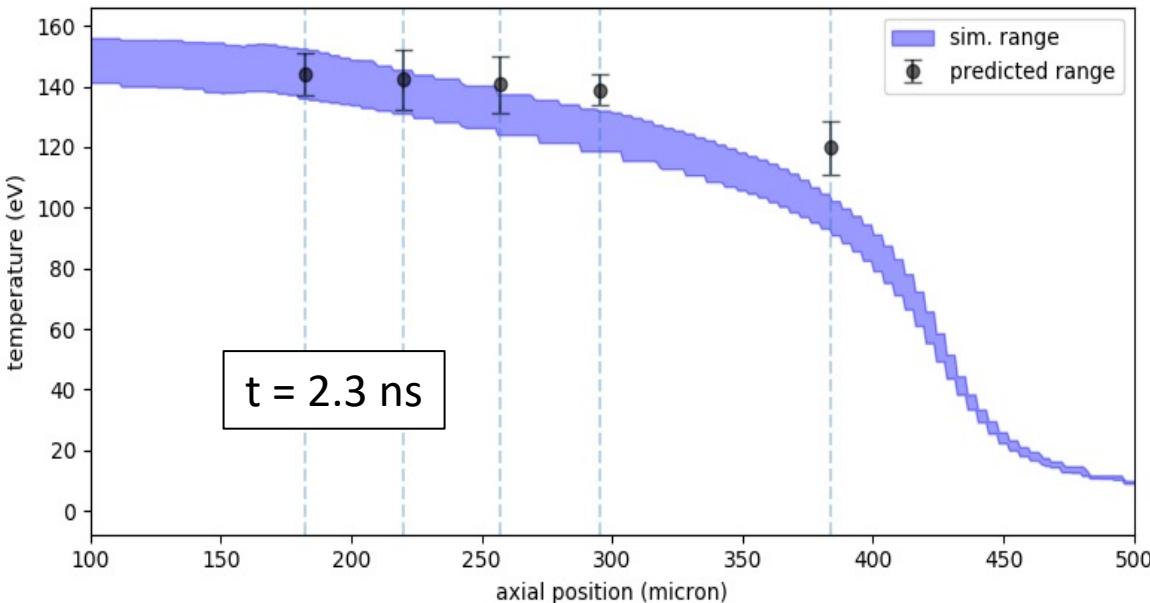


We can scale the temperature profile to seek better fits and infer “correct”  $T$

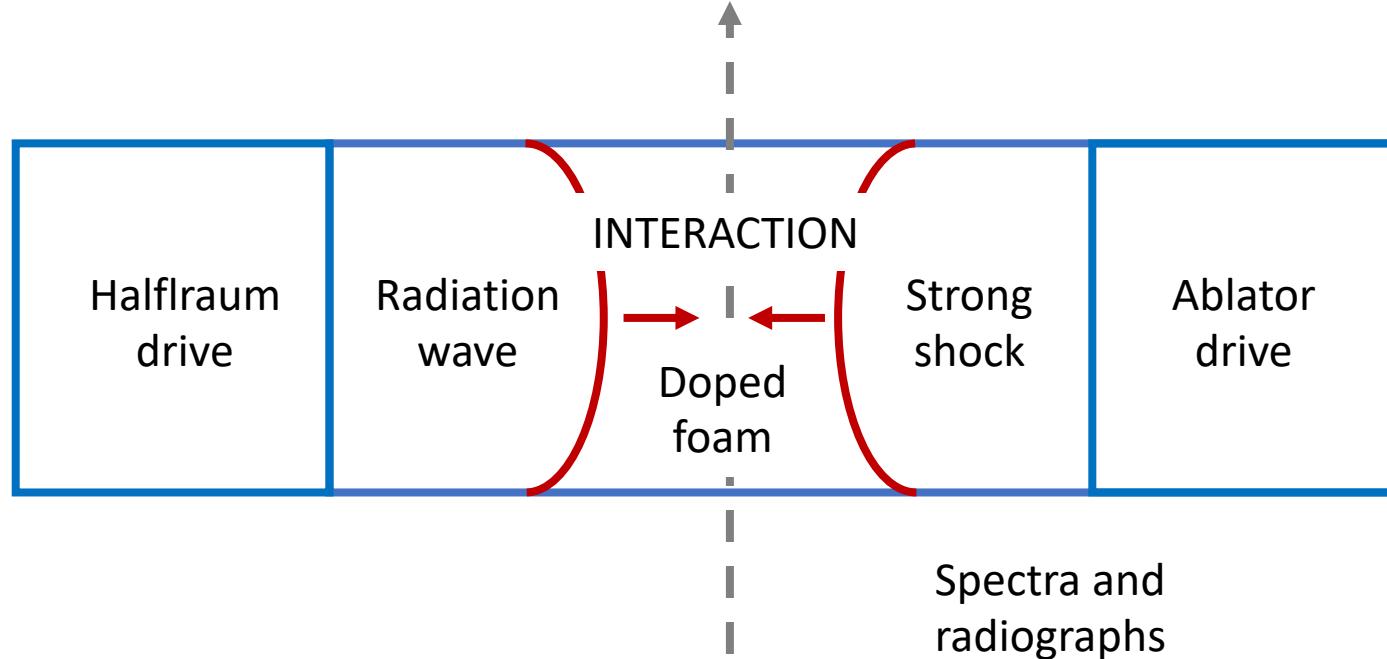


The fact that different temperature scalings fit best for different features indicates a large profile (density, temperature, concentration, etc.) uncertainty!

# Temperature reconstruction of all models reveals some limitations<sup>[14]</sup>



Both simulation sets underpredict the spectral temperature by a few eV on average, at most 20 eV in the earliest case.

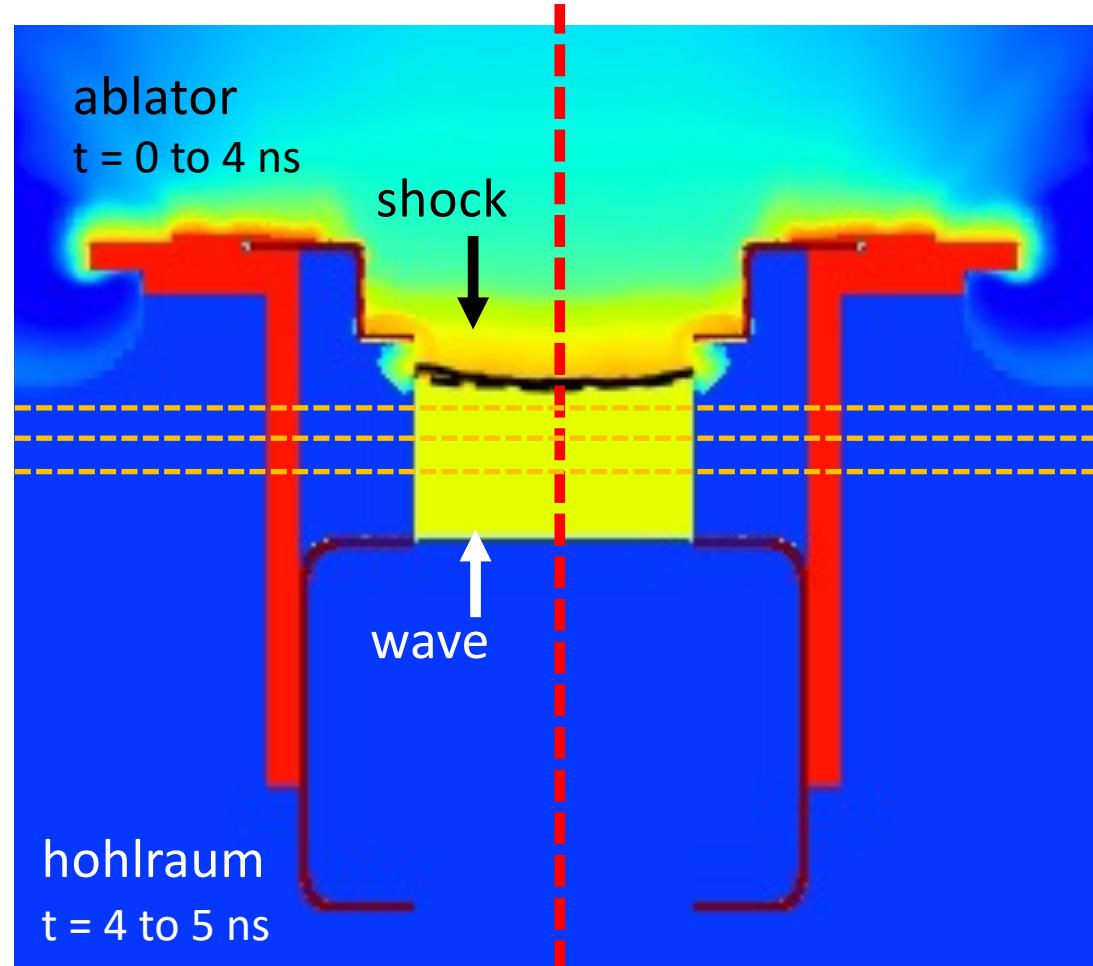


# The Radishock experiment

Can we build from COAX to investigate the head-on collision of a radiation wave and shock?

Can we develop and verify theory for this phenomenon?

# Cassio, 2D, axisymmetric simulations of Radishock<sup>[15]</sup>



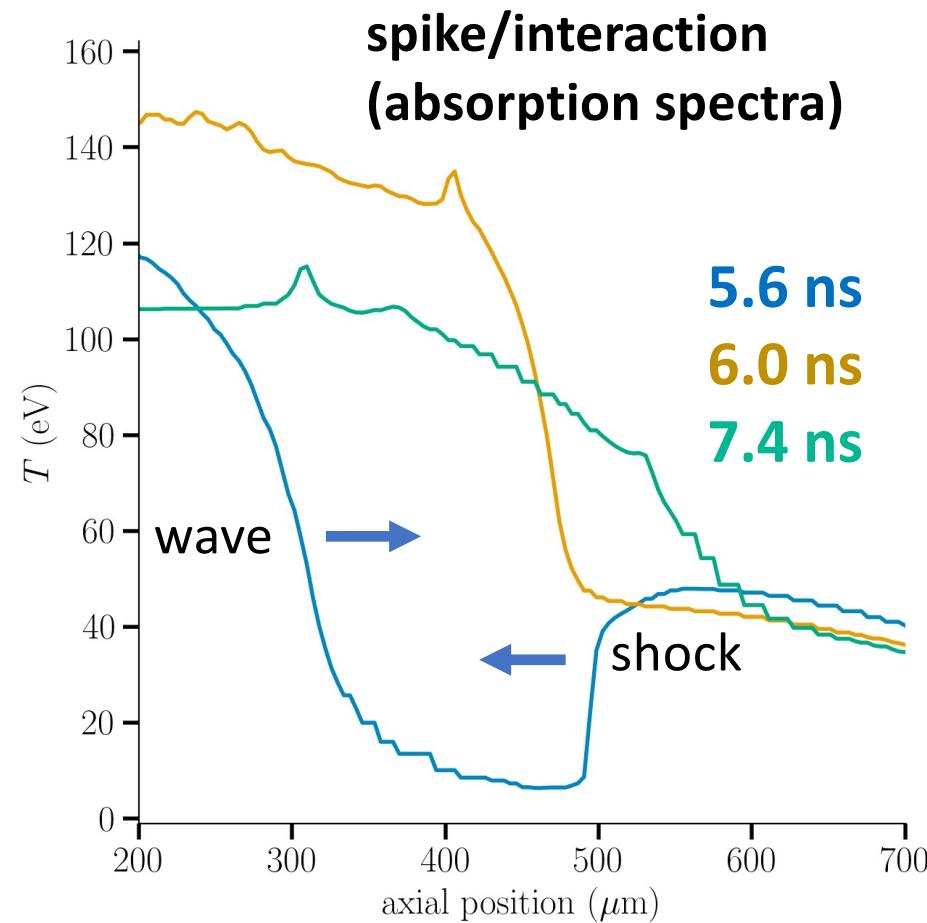
This line is the **axial center**.

We will look at **1D density, temperature data along this center**.

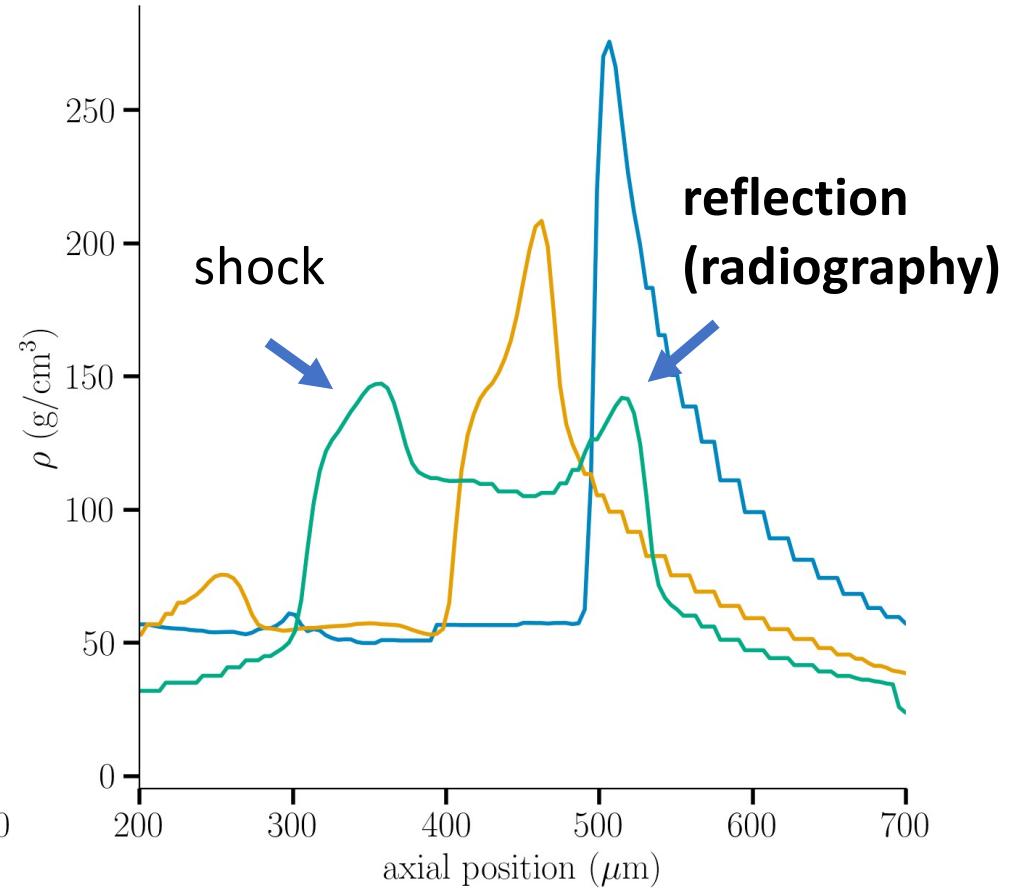


These are example lines of sight for radiographs and spectra. They are called **lineouts and represent integrations through 3D geometry**.

The interaction of the shock and radiation wave creates a temperature spike



**Note: 1D axial data of 2D simulations**

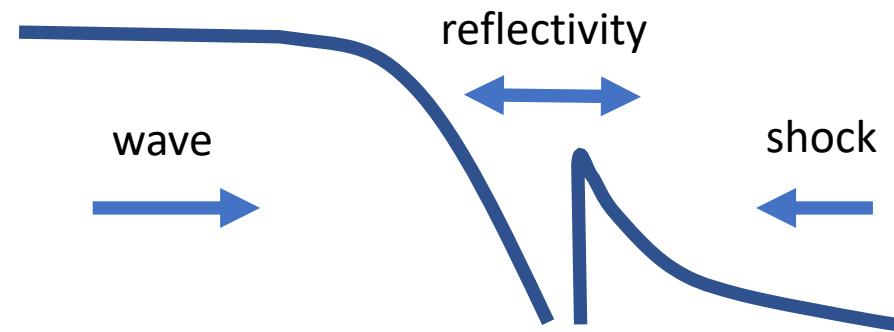


Can model a supersonic Marshak wave interacting with a moving, reflective boundary

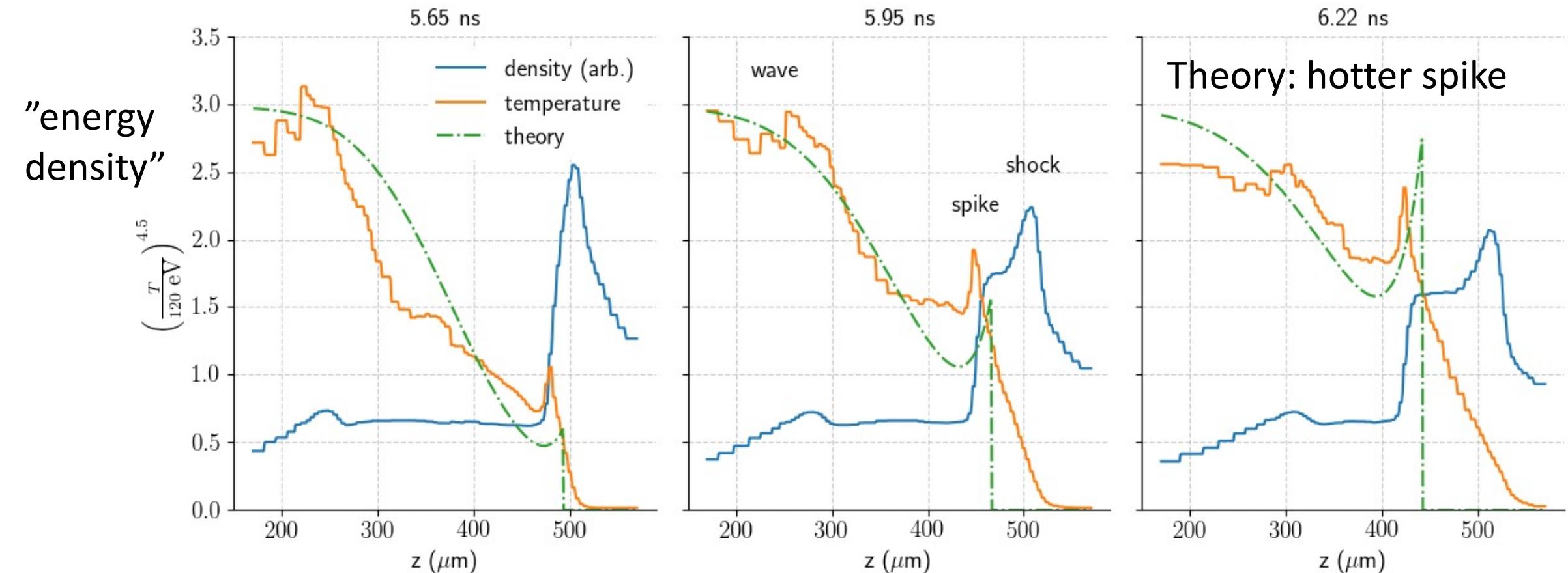
- Linearize the radiation-diffusion equation in opacity

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \nabla \frac{1}{\kappa} \nabla T, \quad \kappa \sim T^{-7/2}$$

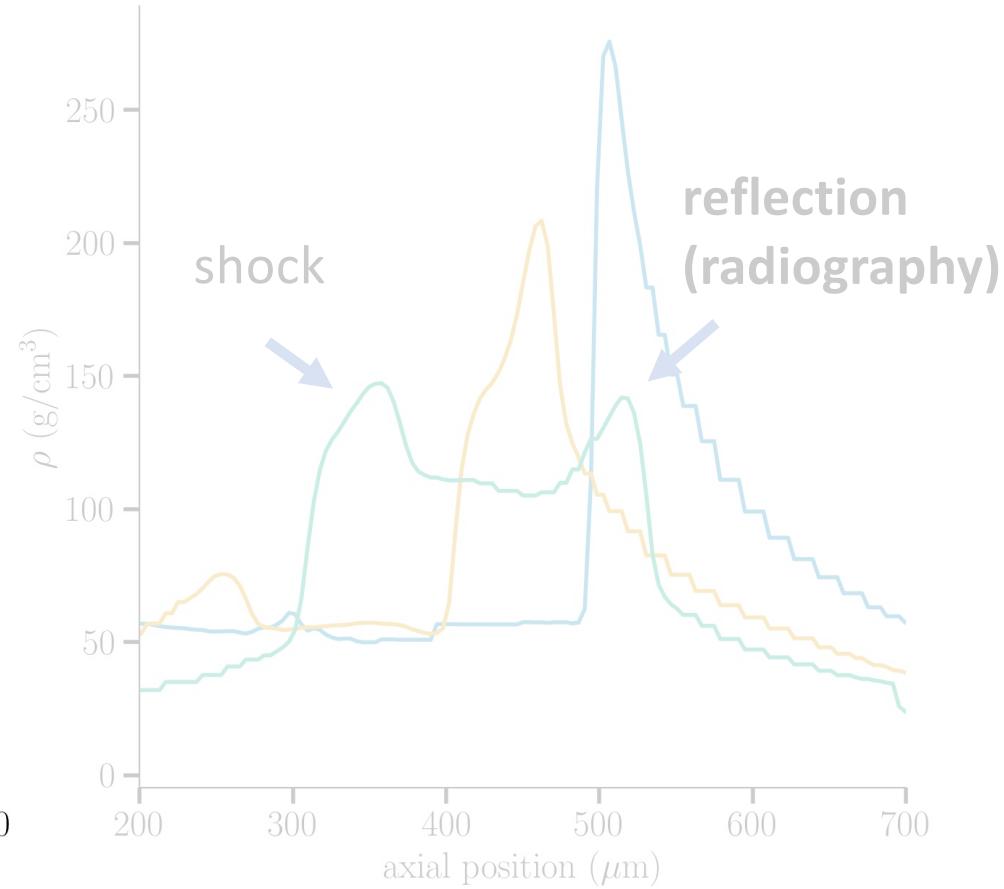
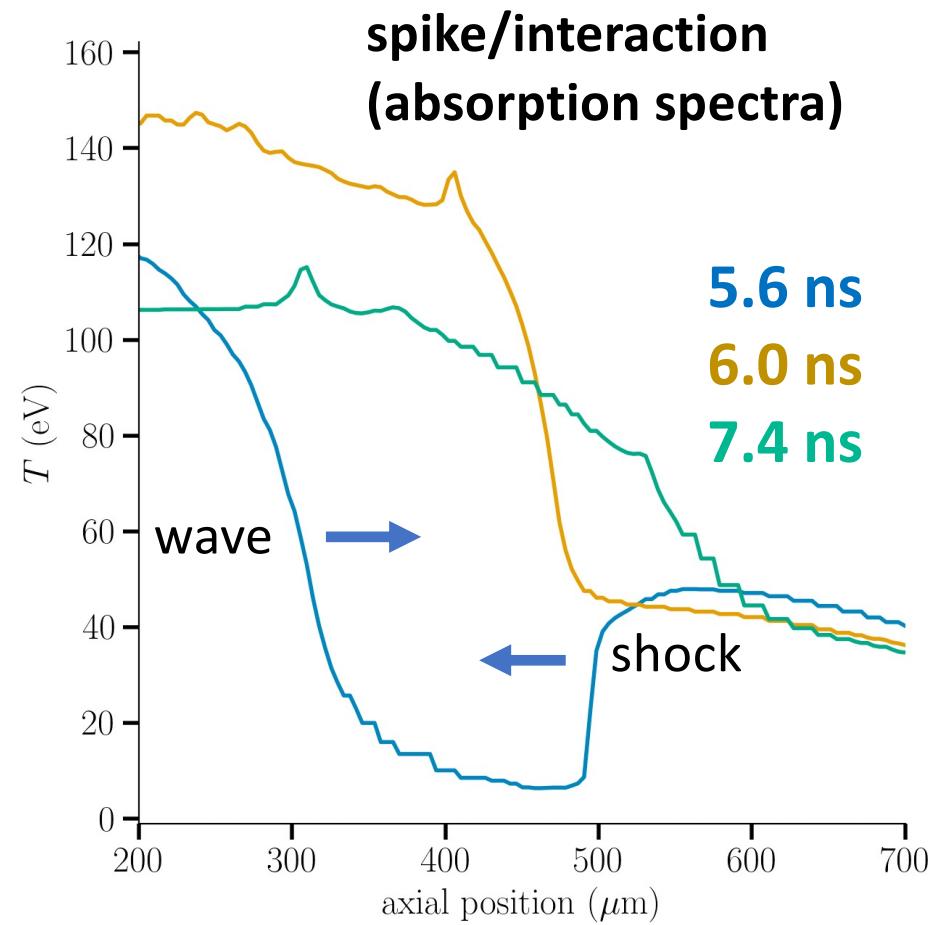
- Apply Laplace transform with boost, moving boundary, Forrest Doss<sup>[16]</sup>
- Reflectivity parameter (e.g. 90% of heat flux is reflected back into wave)



Theory well-predicts the spike at early times, but over-predicts speed and spike T at later times

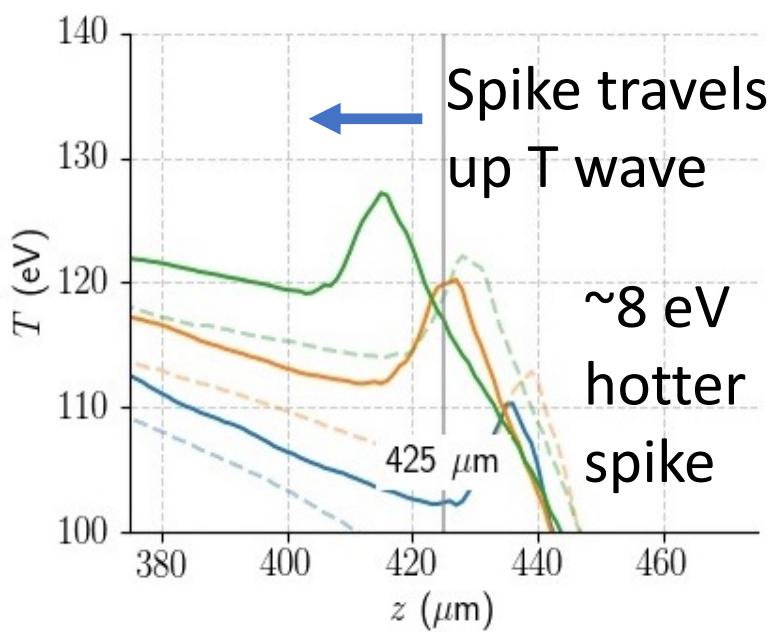


Detection: spectra is dominated by temperature profile

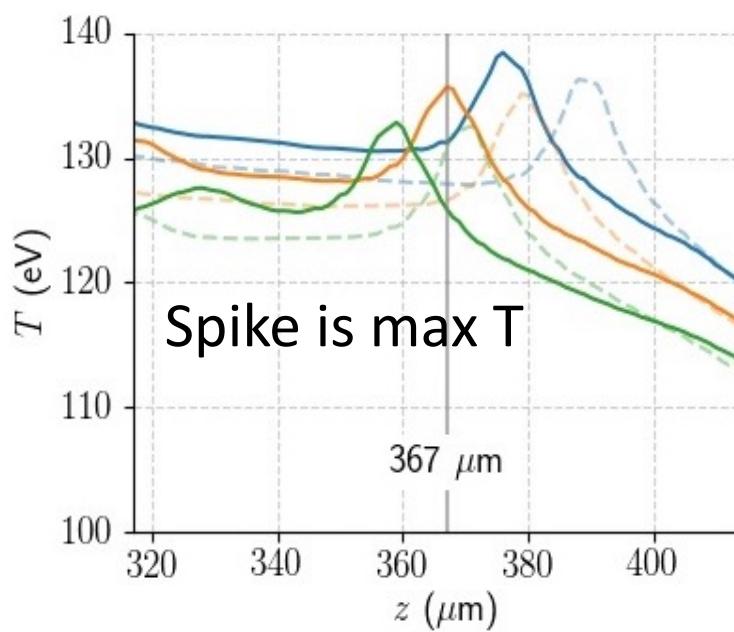


We identify regimes of evolution of the spike feature

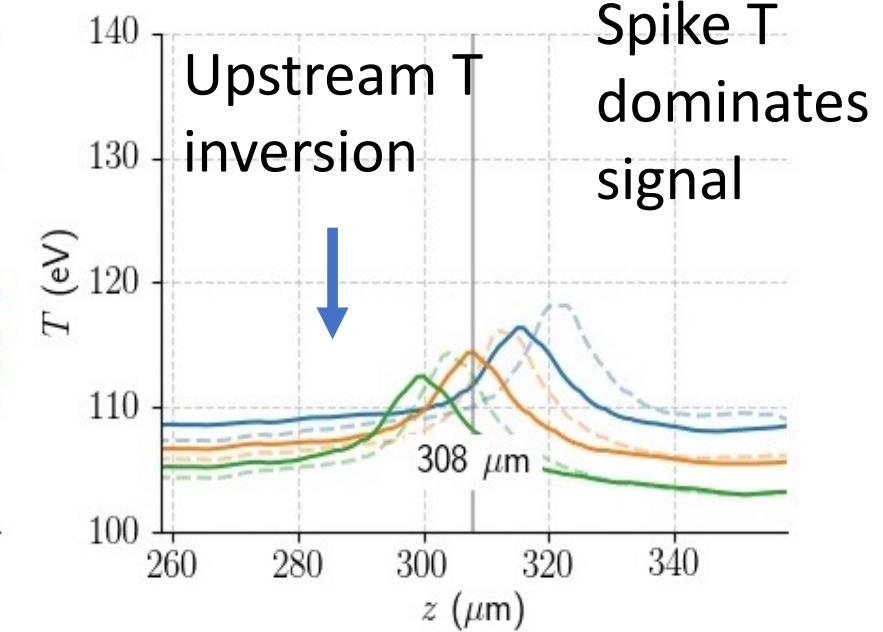
**Early: 5.8 ns**



**Peak: 6.4 ns**

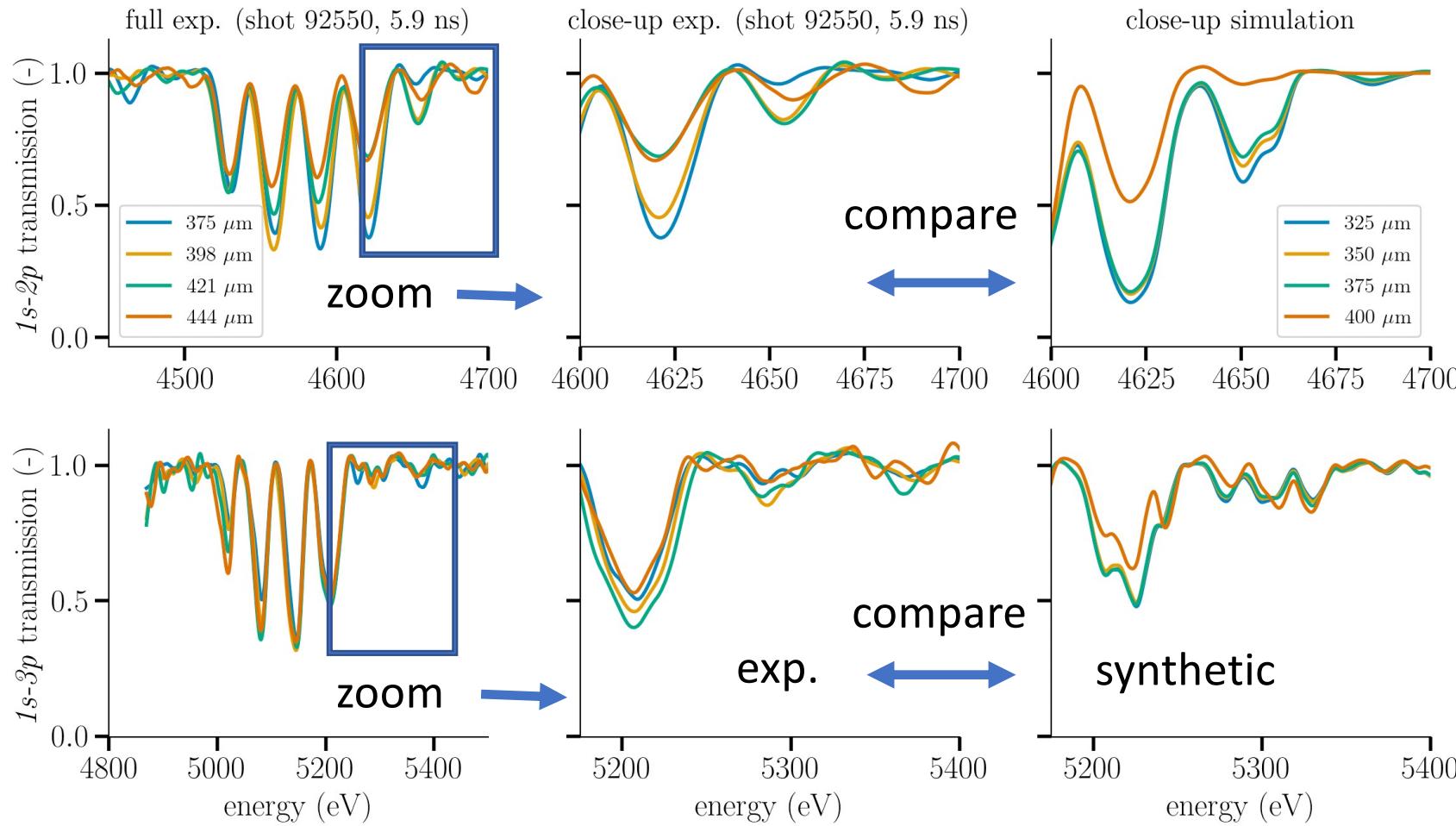


**Late: 7.2 ns**



Spike  $T$  dominates signal

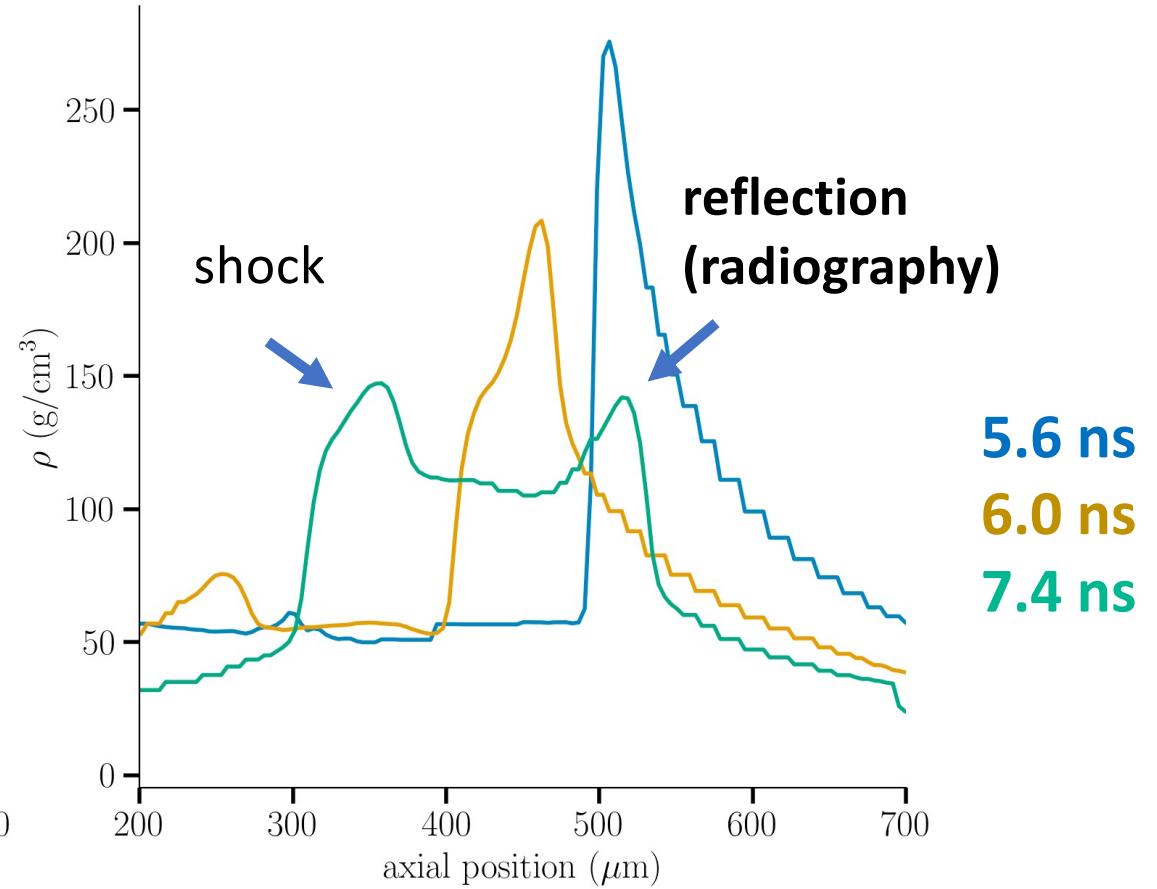
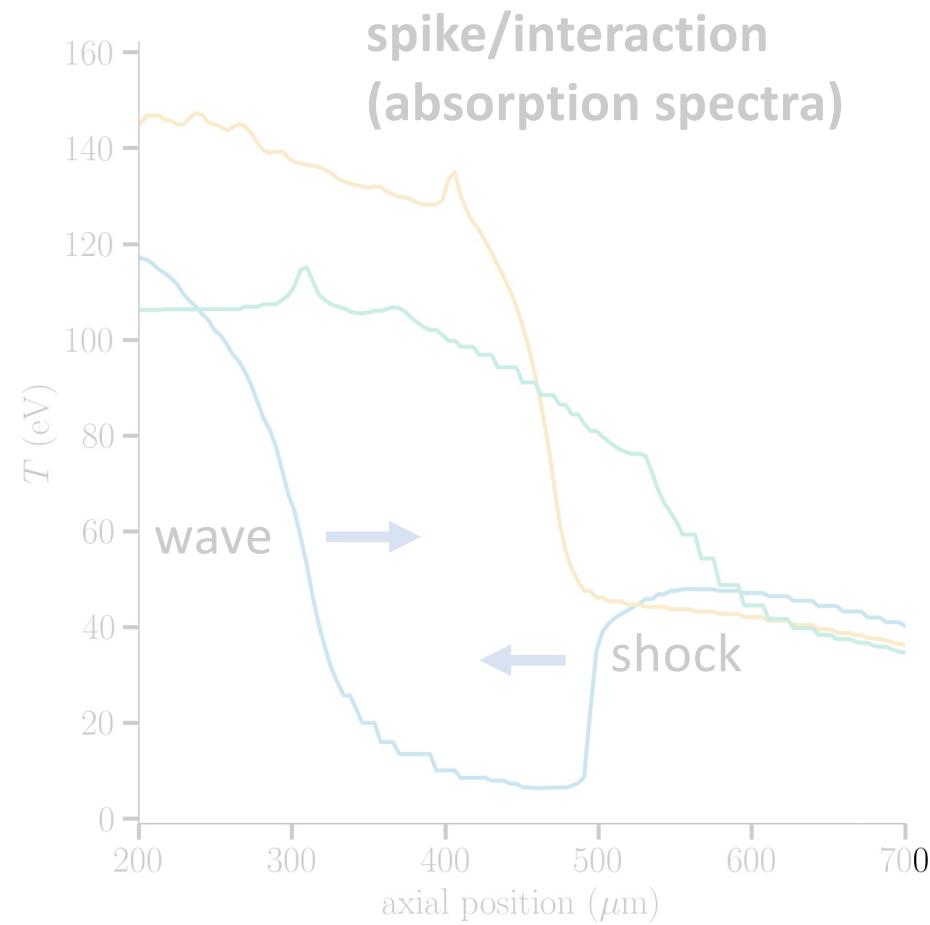
Against experimental spectra, we can identify lineout positions where the spike passes through



Very difficult to infer  
(noise, incomplete data,  
lower baseline, etc).

**Exp. shot at 5.9 ns  
compares well with  
simulation.**

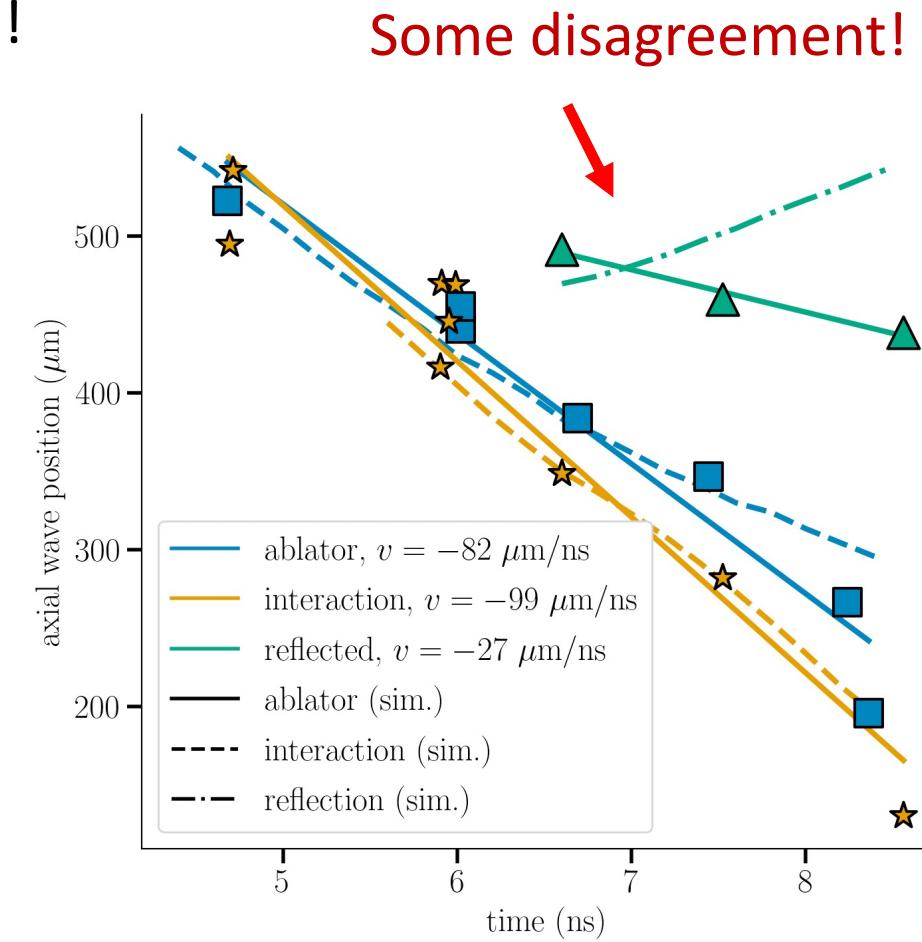
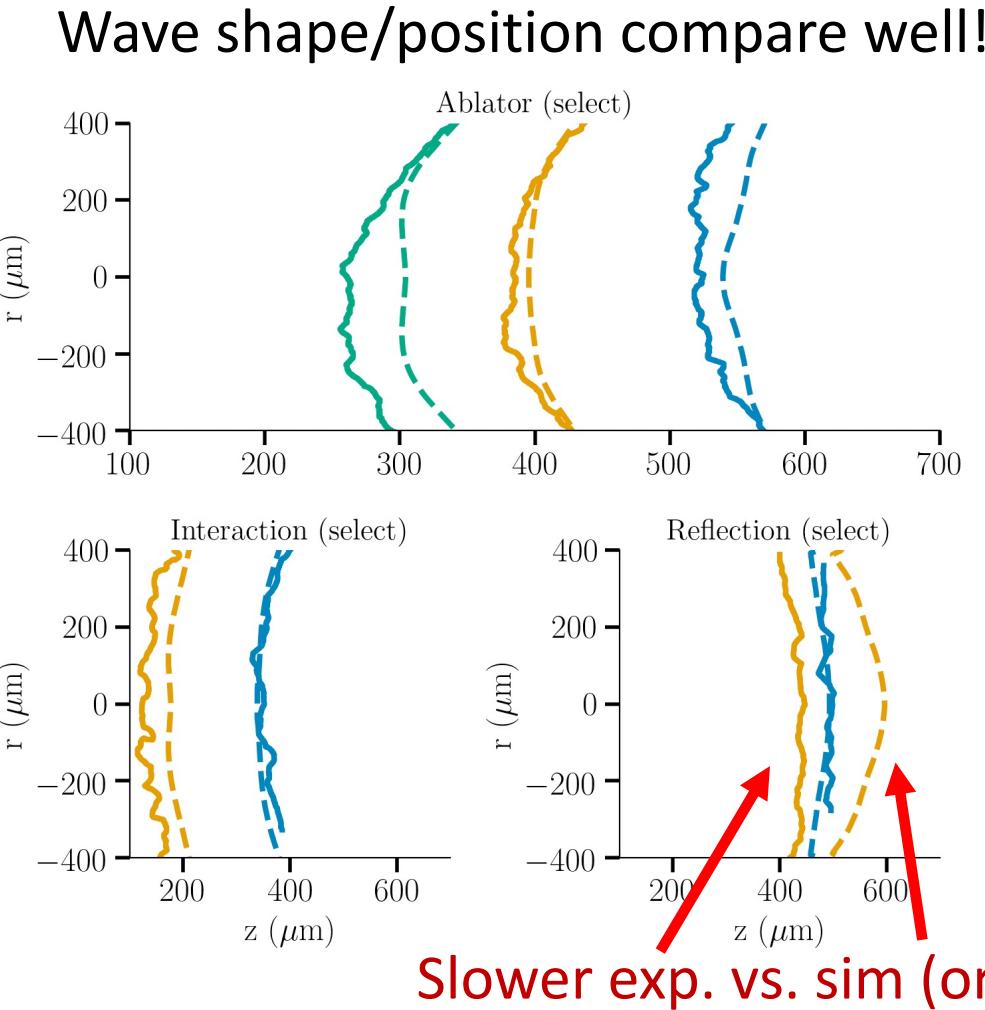
# Detection: radiography is dominated by density profile



Against experimental radiography, we can identify  
“reflection” feature unique to interaction

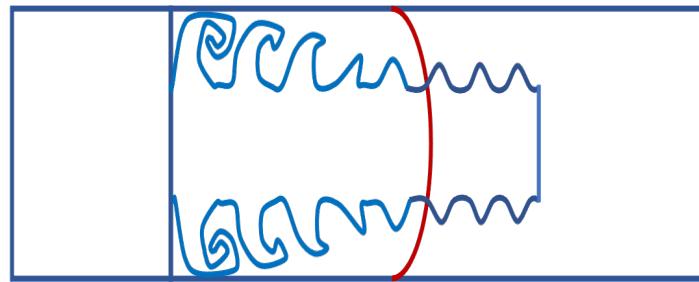
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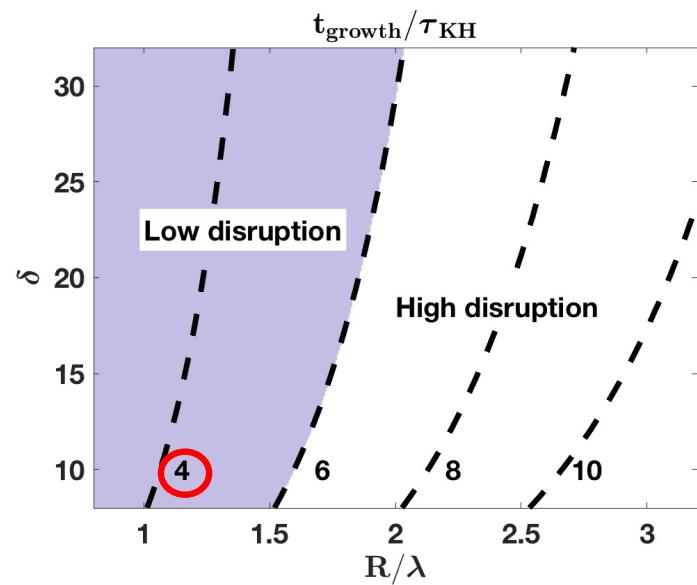


# Summary

# Galactic filament experiment



Designed a well-scaled laboratory astrophysics experiment studying the role of KHI on cosmic filaments.



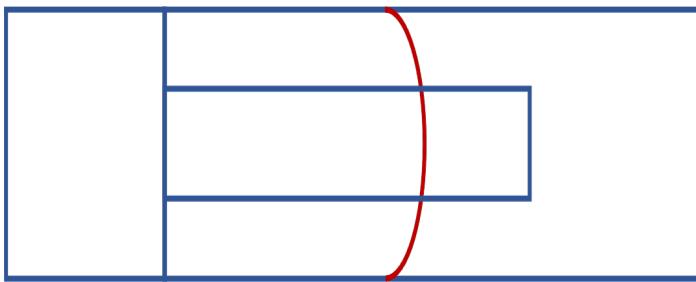
Success:

1. Developed thorough scaling analysis
2. Argued for best-case growth scenario
3. Provided prescriptions for studying more advanced growth.

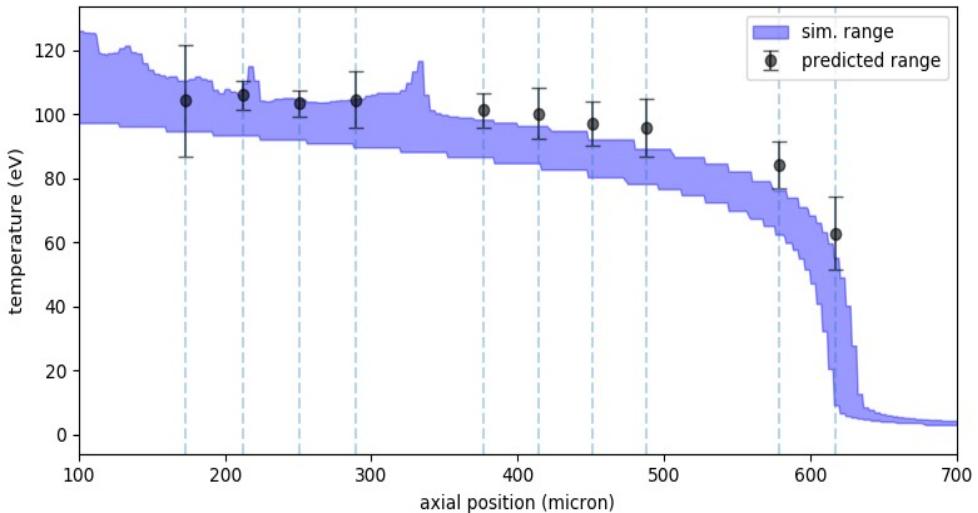
Future:

1. Analyze current experimental data
2. Implications for area mass-flow rate
3. Develop radiative case

# COAX: Subsonic transitioning wave



Simultaneously constrained three-diagnostics on a radiation tube experiment studying transitioning subsonic radiation waves.



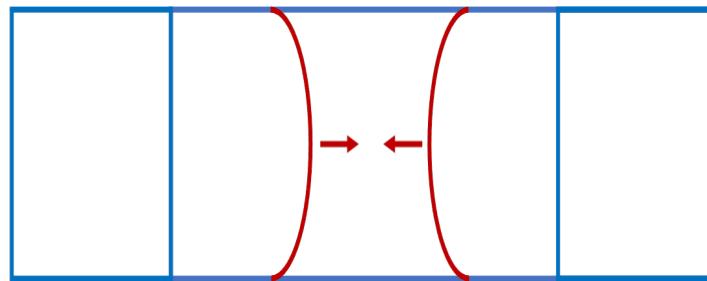
Success:

1. Developed UQ methods for radiation experiments
2. Advanced synthetic ray trace platform
3. Spatial temperature inference

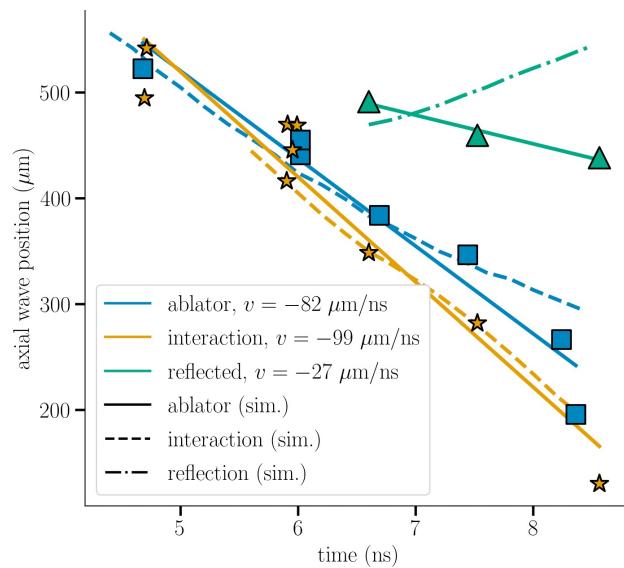
Future:

1. Repeat experiment for edge cases (supersonic)
2. Apply physics-informed learning techniques to learn noise distributions

# Radishock: Shock and wave interaction



Developed simulation, theory, and experimental pipeline for an experiment studying the head-on collision of radiation waves and shocks.



Success:

1. Demonstrated new theory for interaction
2. Provided several pieces of evidence for detection of interaction

Future:

1. Use UQ development and analysis for new experiments
2. Refine theoretical development

# Final thoughts

- The ultimate products:
  - Three+ collaborative publications demonstrating novel research in laser-driven experiments studying hydrodynamic phenomenon
  - HEDLA scaling experience
  - Computational modeling of HEDP
  - A deeper understanding of validation and UQ
- These experiences inform future work in novel learning-based UQ methods in my post-doc

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Supplementary slides for discussion

# Cosmic web: filaments and halos<sup>[7]</sup>

**Cold (~ 1 eV), dense long filaments**

**Filaments are long “cylindrical streams” carrying gas.**

**Filaments give galaxies gas to form stars.**



**Hot (~100 eV) galactic halos**

**A halo is a “spherical clump” of dark matter and gas.**  
**Galaxies form in dark matter halos.**

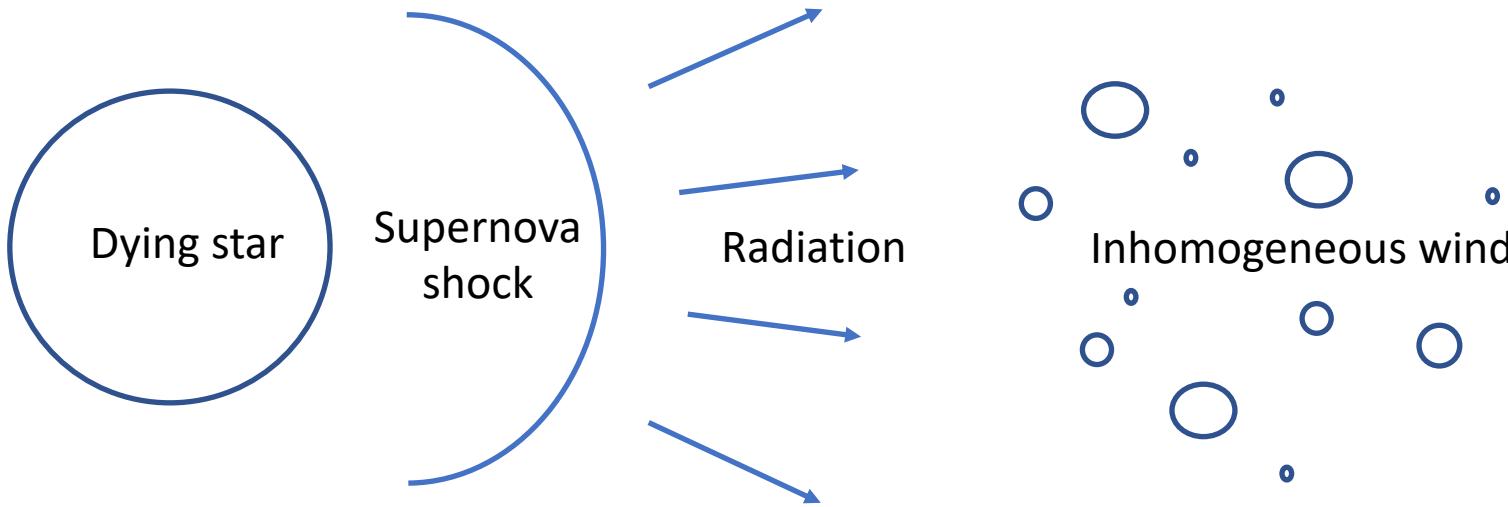
# Why a cosmic filament exp.?

- High impact theory that helps answer fundamental questions about our origin<sup>[8]</sup>
- Galaxy formation is difficult to observationally explore
- Simulations can resolve filament formation or fine-scale hydrodynamic instabilities, **but often not both**
- HEDP provides a unique opportunity to investigate firsthand this hydrodynamic phenomenon

# CRASH code<sup>[3]</sup>

- AMR, 3 T
- Multigroup, flux limited radiation diffusion
- Uses Hyades to model laser drives
- Roe solver (exact Riemann)
- Operator split (implicit energy update)

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{R}_{\text{hydro}}(\mathbf{U}) + \mathbf{R}_{\text{frequency}}(\mathbf{U}) + \mathbf{R}_{\text{diffusion}}(\mathbf{U}),$$



# Shock breakout

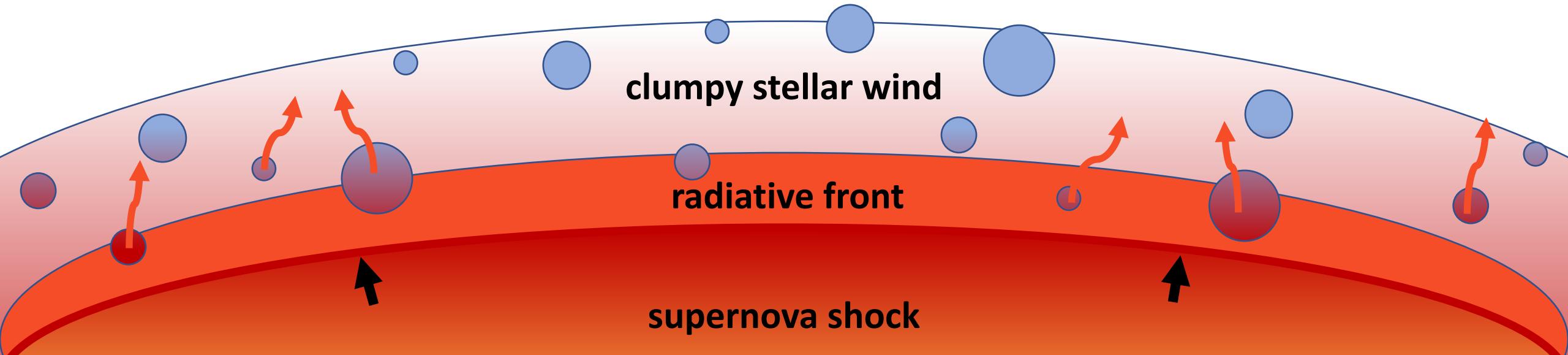
How does radiation from a shock flow through irregular distributions of matter?

Can this process provide us a unique spectral signature for supernovae? For other transient phenomena?

# Breakout front turns clumps into emitters

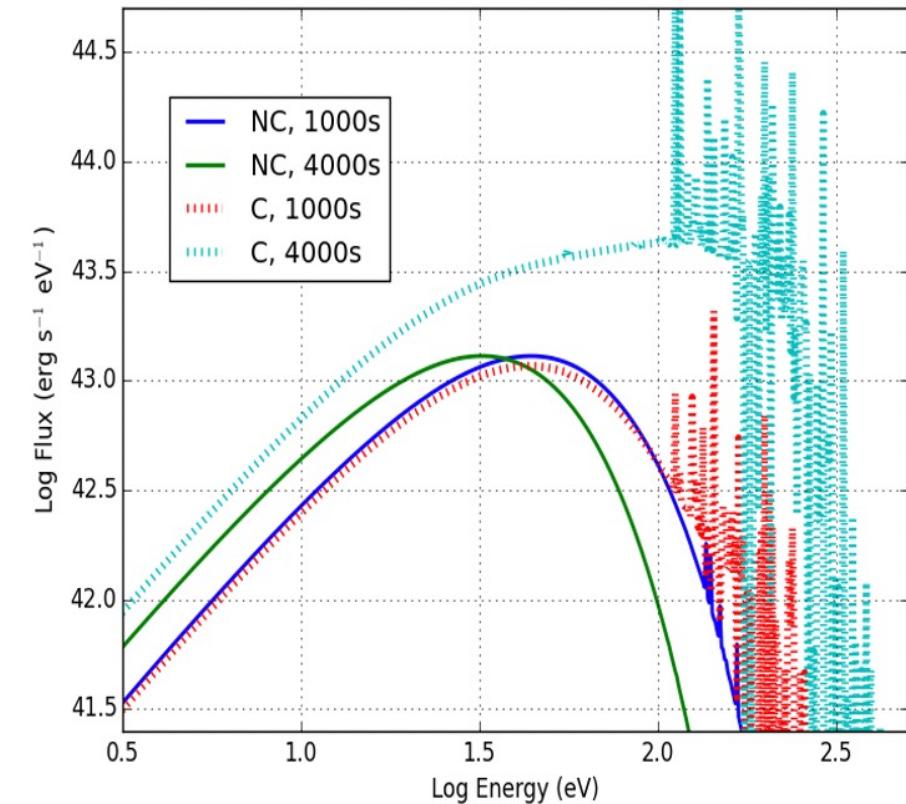
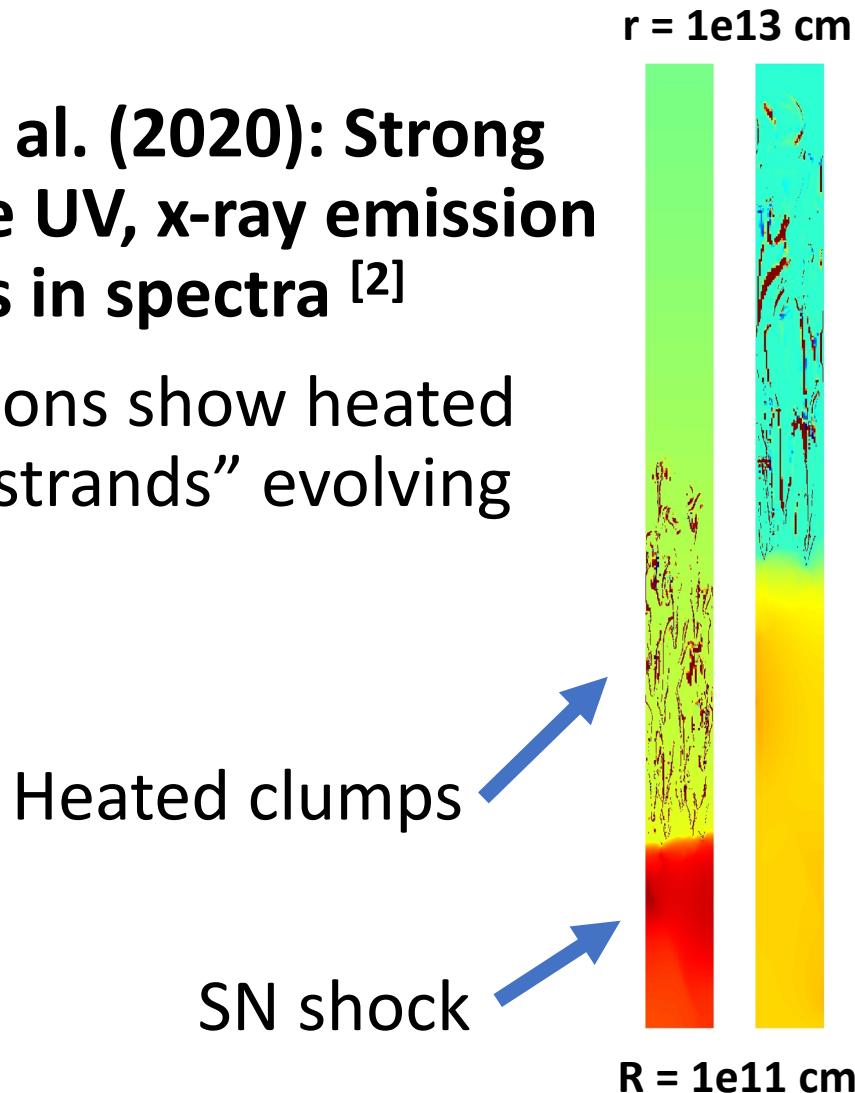
- Radiative shock ( $\sim 20\text{-}60$  eV) heats up clumps
- Non-uniform heating, “bright” irregular flow structures
- **Unique spectral signatures? Ingredients:**

$\text{luminosity} = f(\text{photon energy, mass, opacity, gas temperature})$



We've shown enhanced emission in first-look work

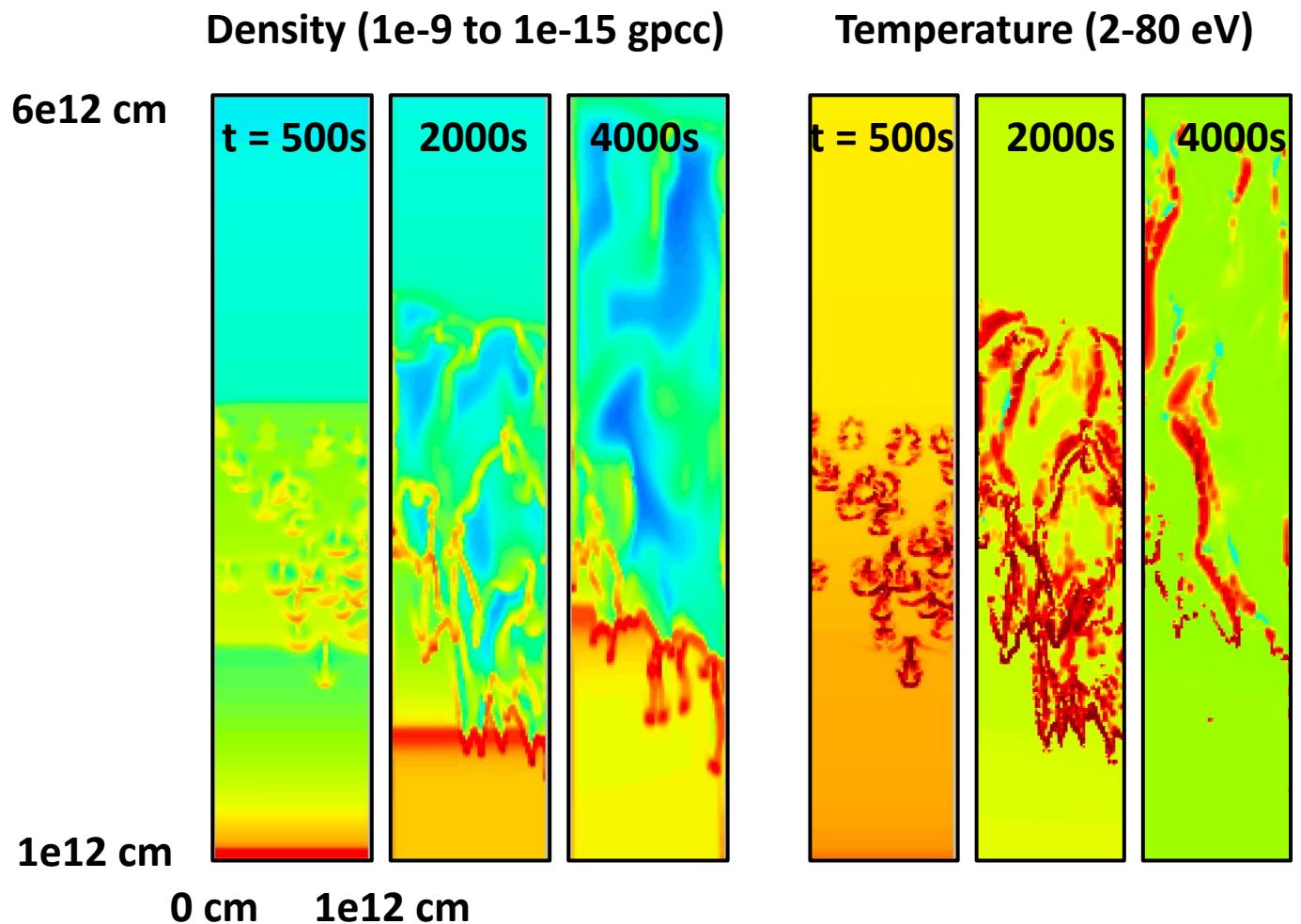
- Fryer et al. (2020): Strong extreme UV, x-ray emission features in spectra [2]
- Simulations show heated clump “strands” evolving



Clumped vs smooth run spectra,  
note high energy features

# Porous SBO flow creates hot EUV+ emission

- Short lived flow structures
- Radiative acceleration and mixing can shred the clumps, mixing also a cooling process
- **With porous shell, EUV+ temperatures, similar features as pure clumped**
- **More research to be done to discern between spectra**



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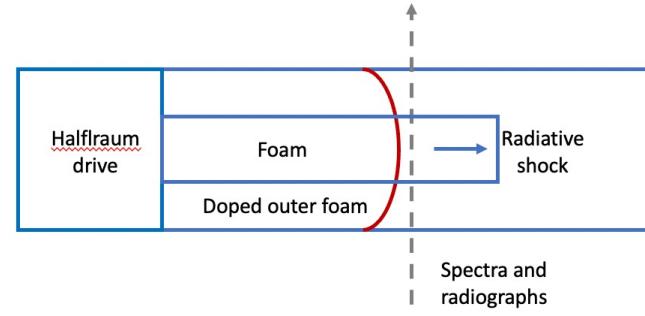
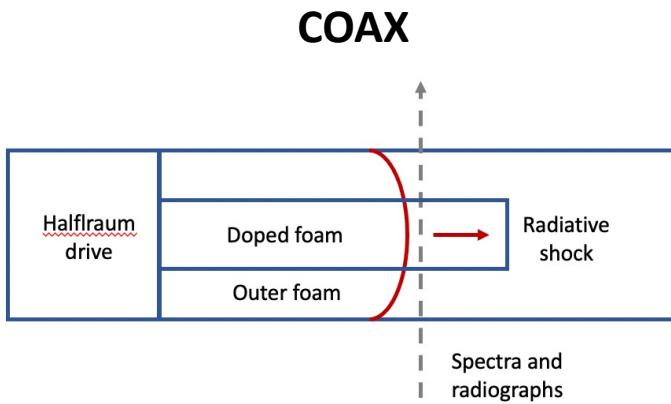
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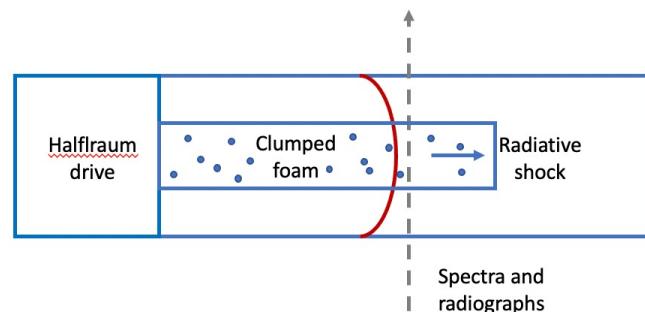
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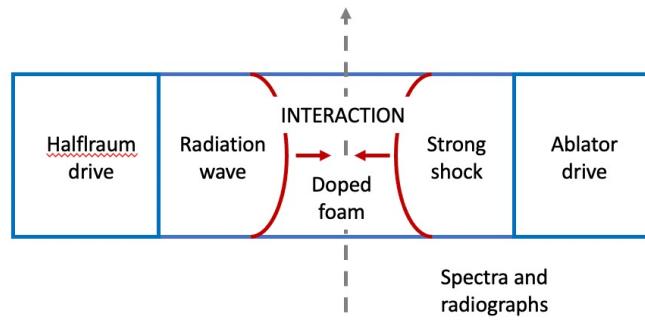
# COAX is just the beginning



Outer doped foams, **OuTI**



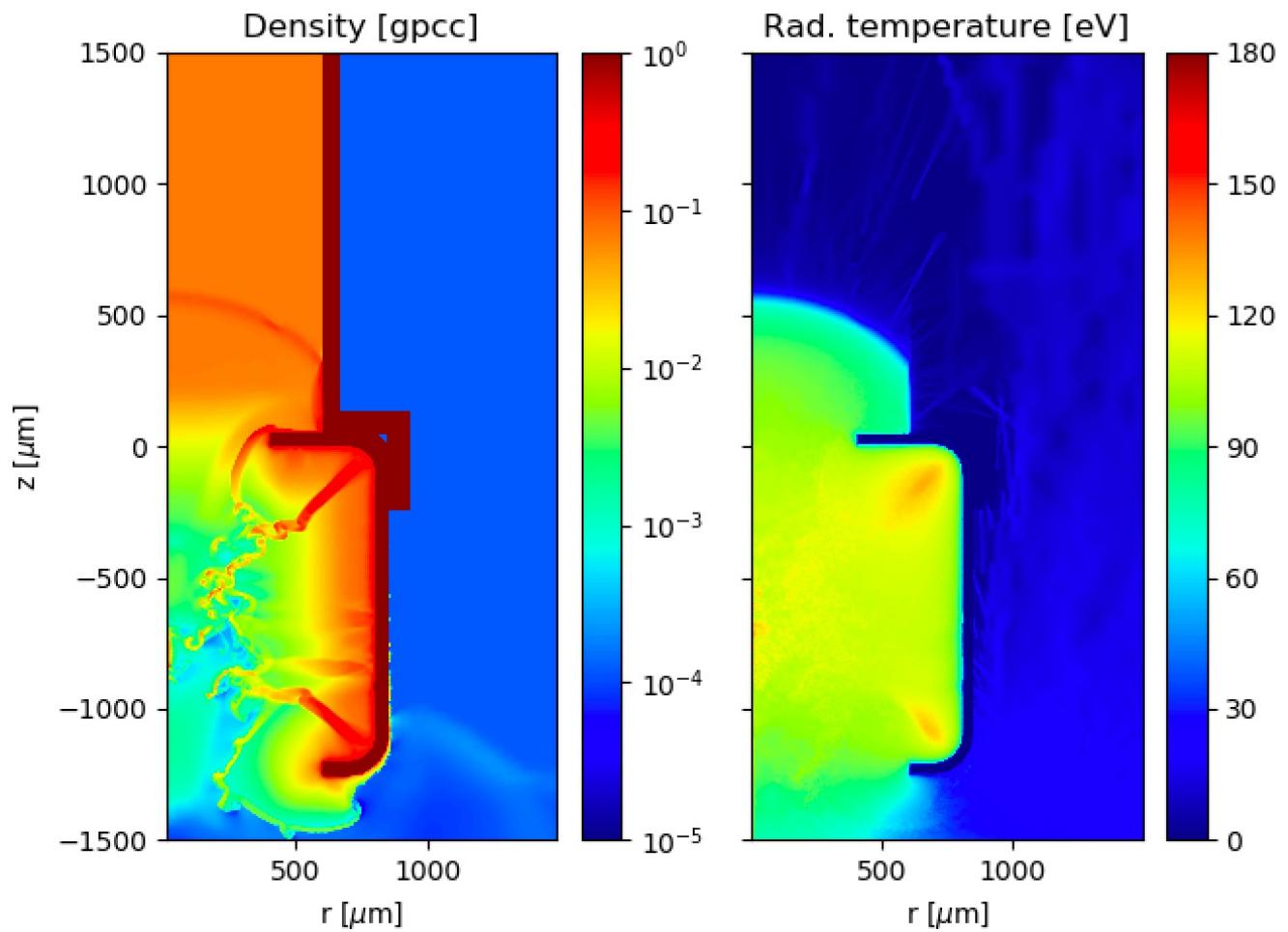
Stochastic media, **XFOL**



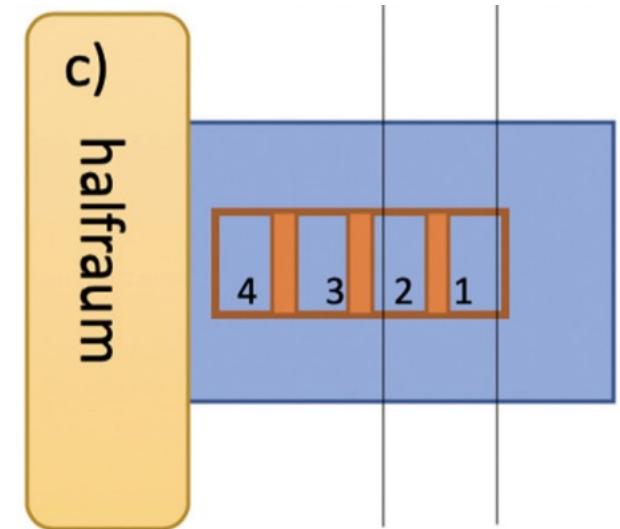
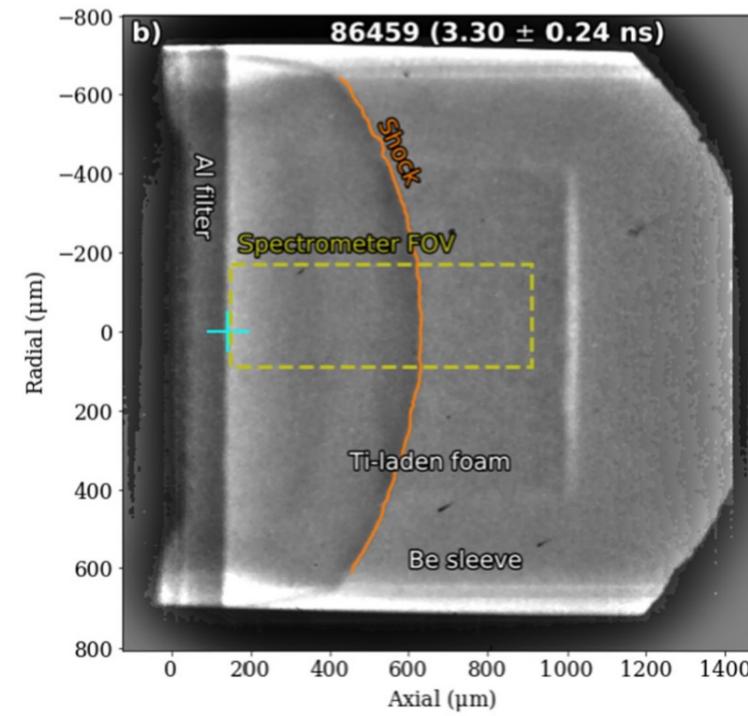
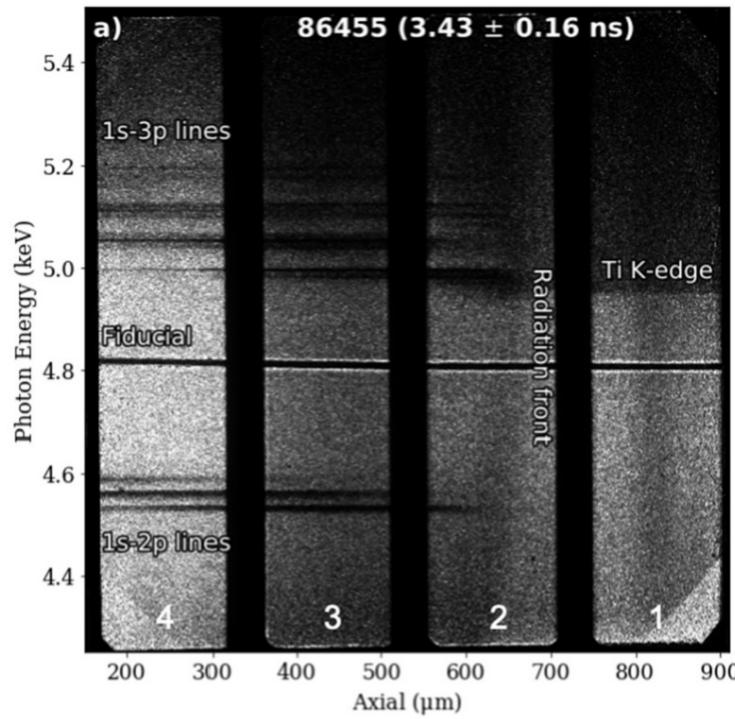
Interacting shocks and waves, **Radishock**

# Cassio is our primary modeling tool

- AMR, 3 temperature models
- Mazinisin laser package<sup>[5]</sup>
- SESAME opacities
  - nLTE opacities based on the linear response method<sup>[6]</sup>
  - LTE solutions with opacity multipliers
- Radiation transport solvers: SN or IMC<sup>[7,8]</sup>

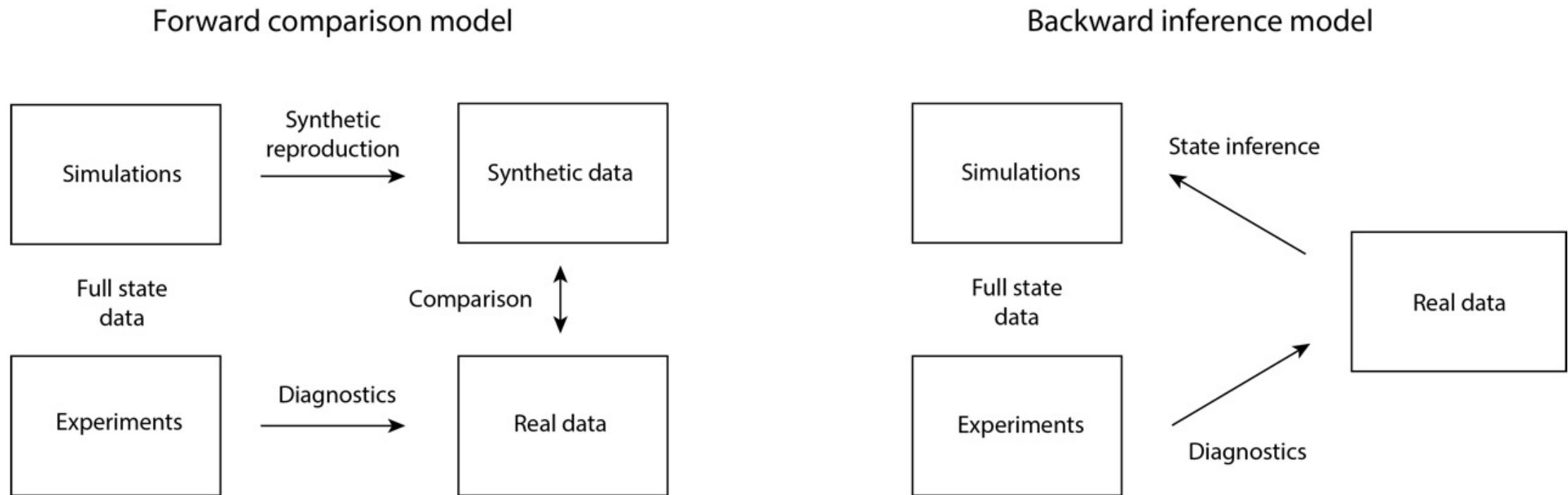


# COAX spectroscopy configuration

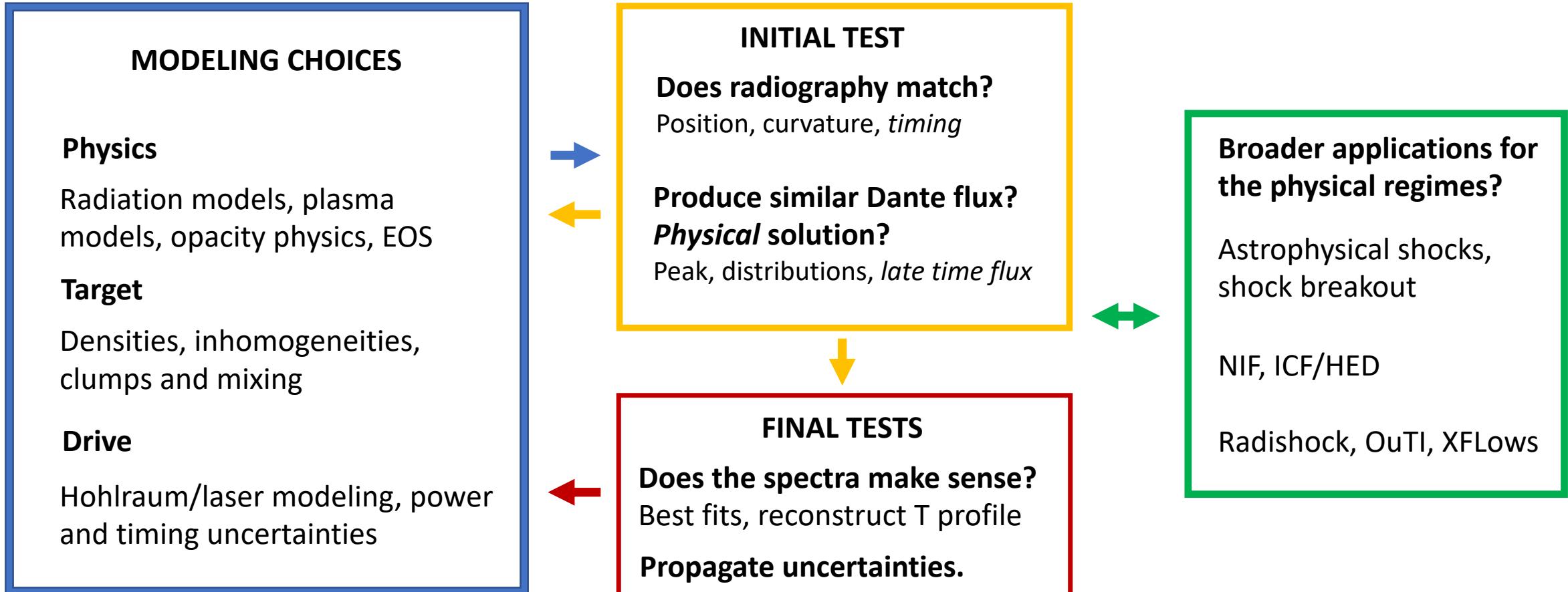


c) Diagram of imaging window

# There are broadly two comparison methods



# A simplified design and UQ process



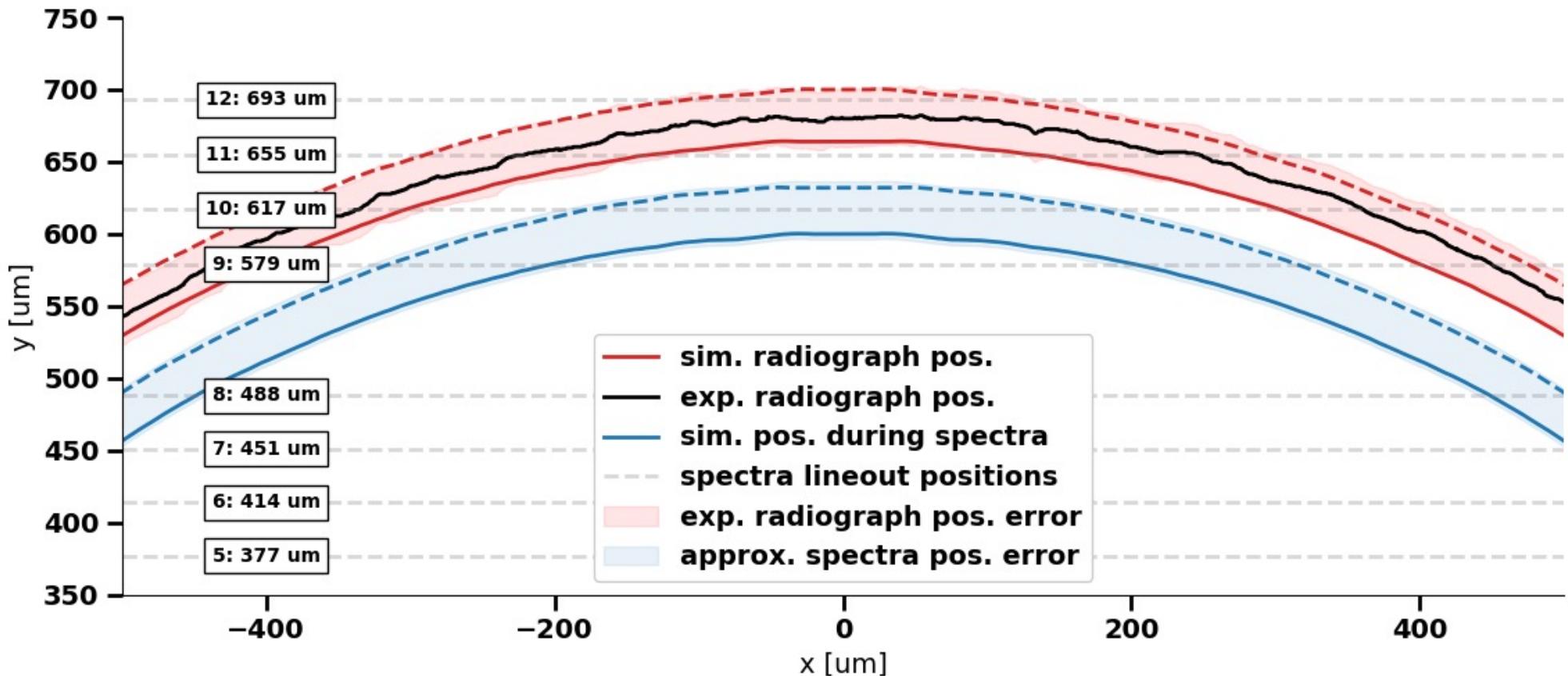
# We use radiography to match shock positions<sup>[5]</sup>

We take spectra at these positions.

Red: where shock is during radiography.

Blue: where it may be during spectra.

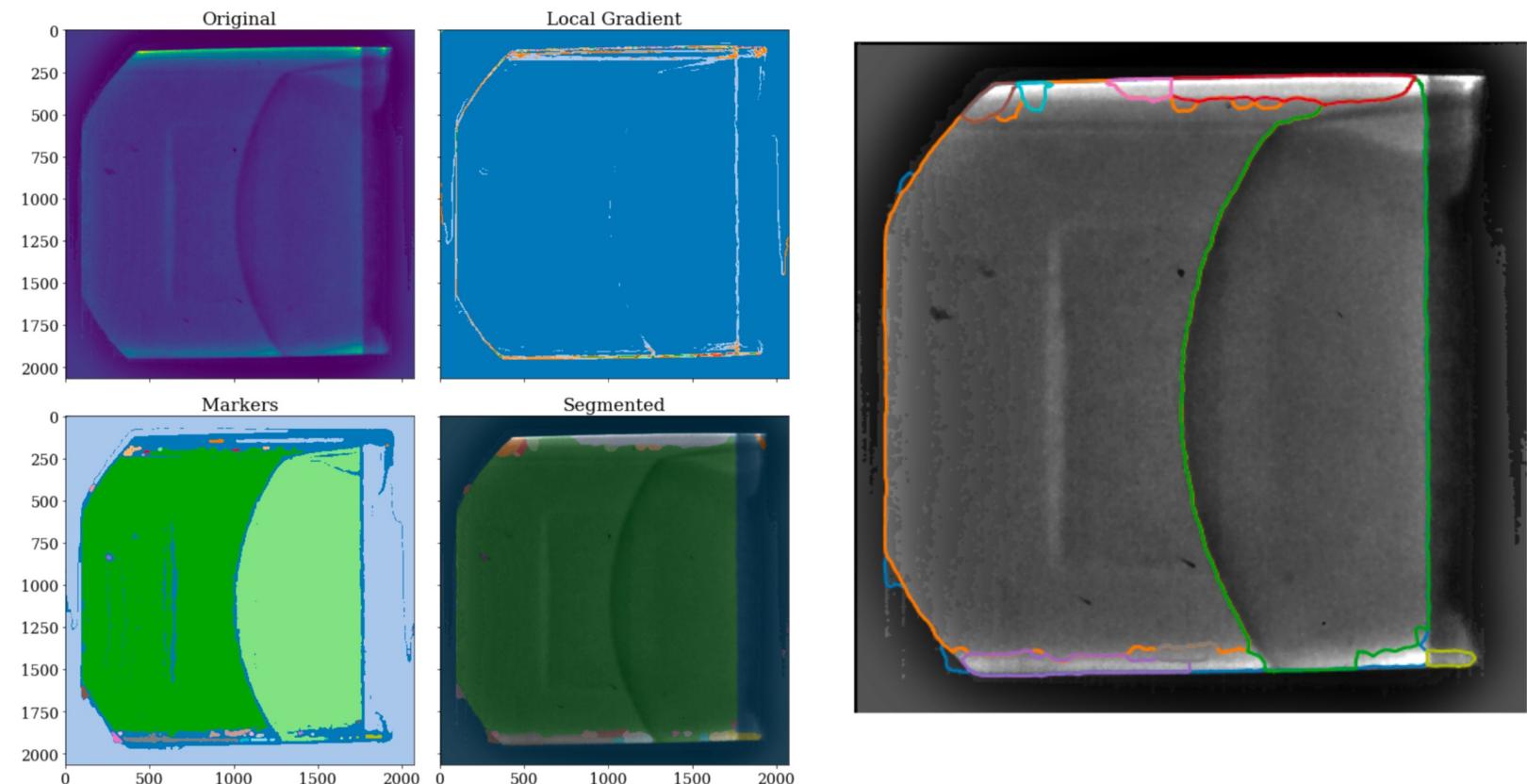
**+/- 20 micron error**



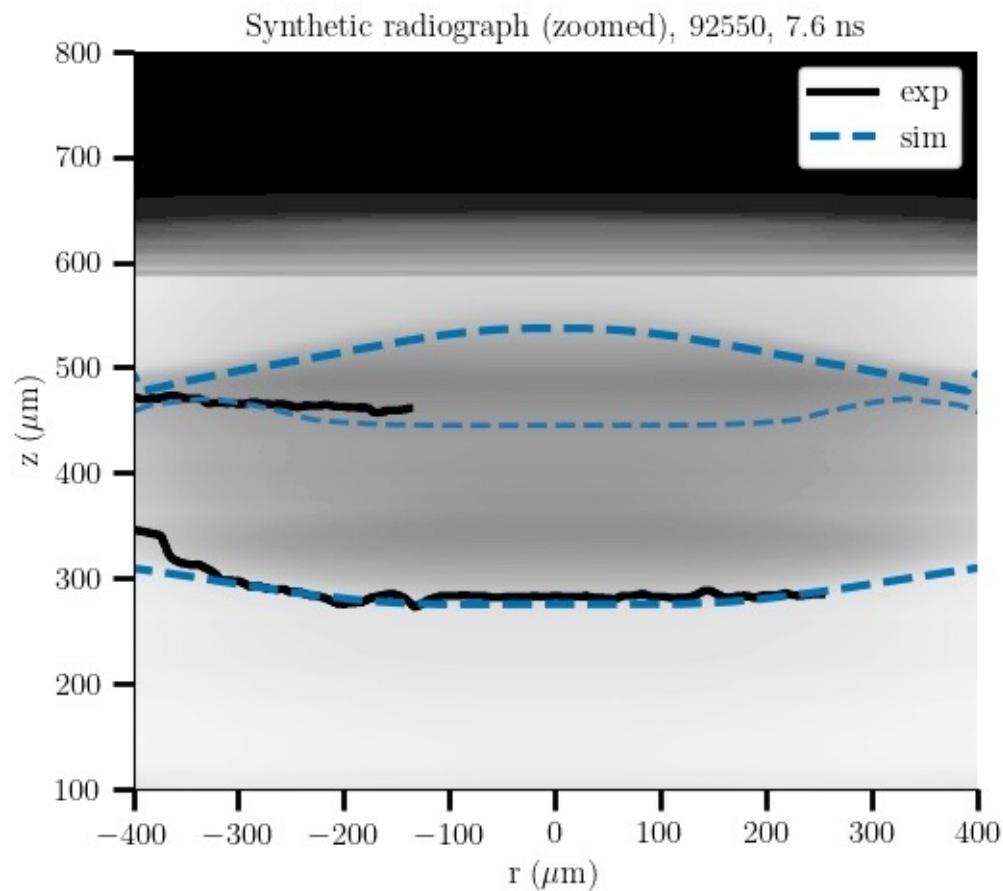
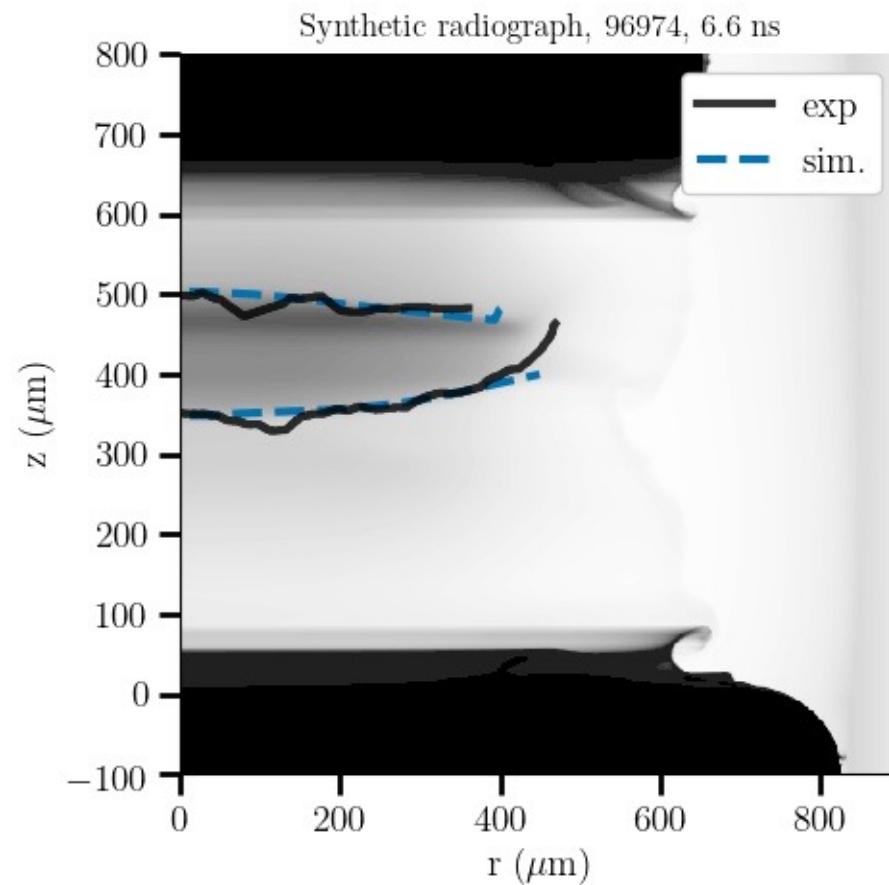
We do not (directly) know the shock position during spectra. But by performing experiments with staggered timings, we can infer the conditions through modeling.

# XRIPL images and contours our experimental radiography

- (P. Kozlowski, 2021)  
XRIPL uses  
watershedding to  
segment and select  
contours.<sup>[6]</sup>
- **Experimental data**  
for an example  
COAX shot



# Radiographed transmitted feature in Radishock



Synthetic spectra informs the signatures of the spike

Deeper  
transmission  
lines are  
hotter T

