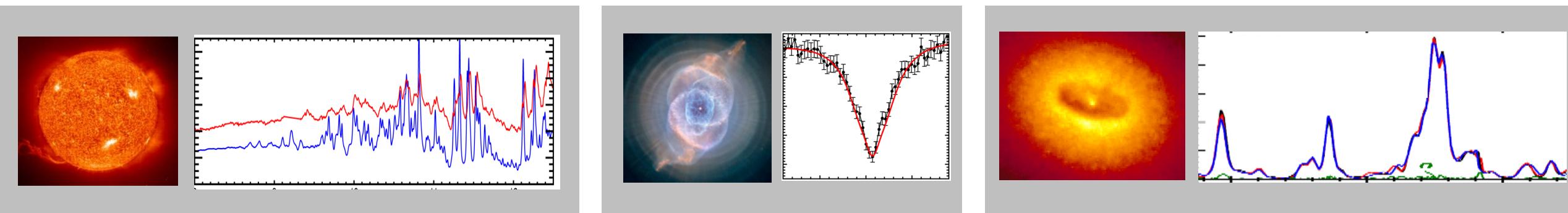


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Z Astrophysical Plasma Properties Collaborations

-- Importance and challenges of HED benchmark experiments --

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- What is ZAPP?
- Current ZAPP projects
- Goals of the breakout sessions

ZAPP = Z Astrophysical Plasma Properties

Our goal is to perform at-parameter experiments to experimentally test plasma and spectra modeling

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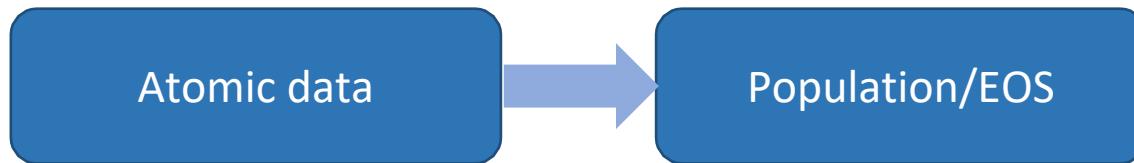
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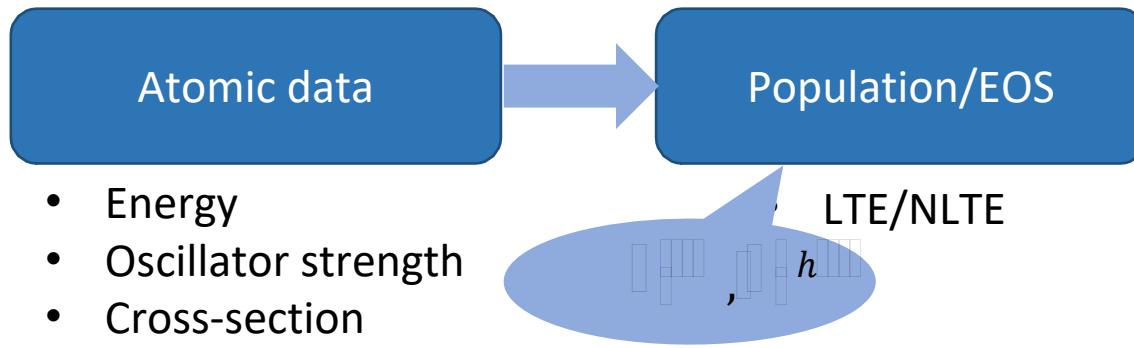


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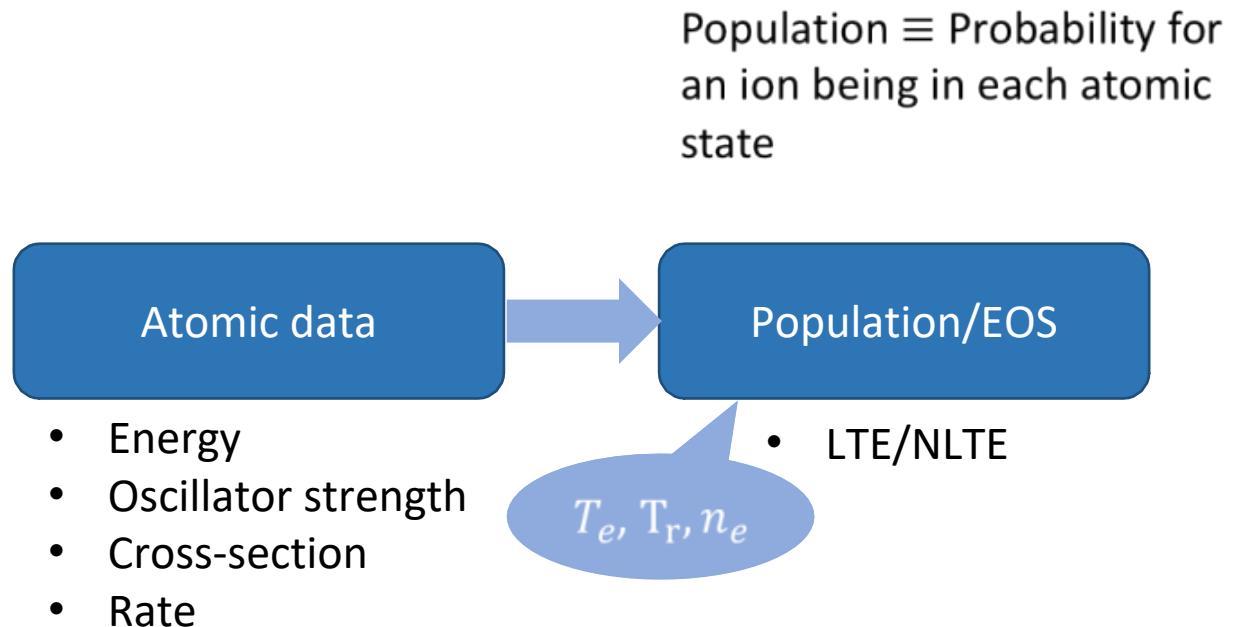
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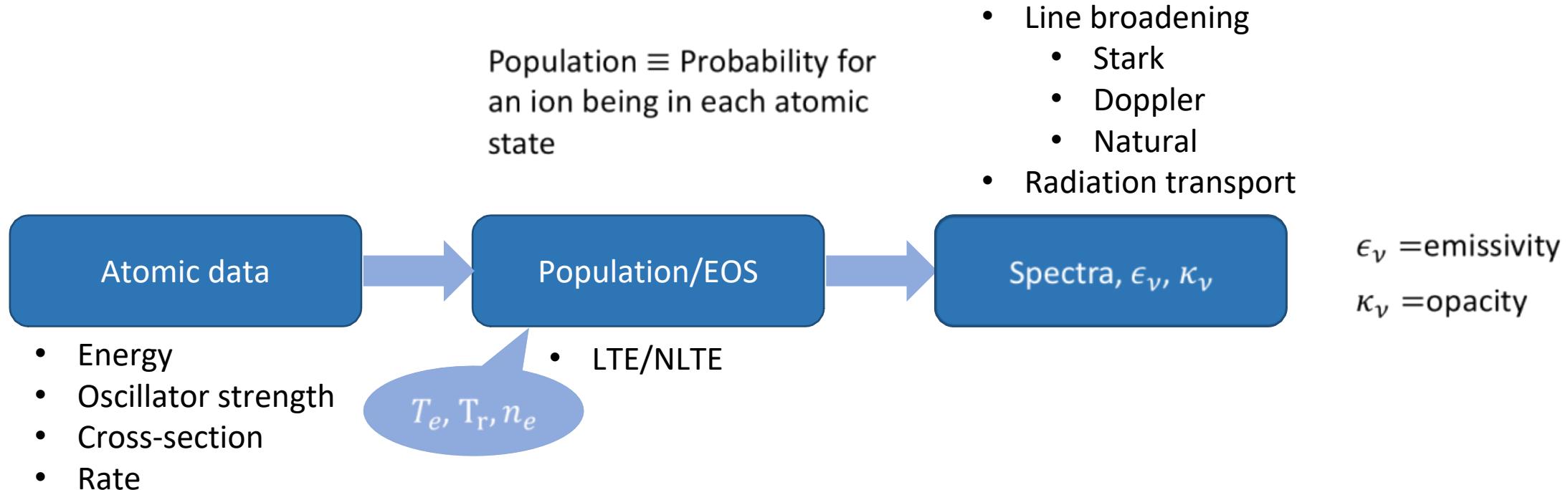
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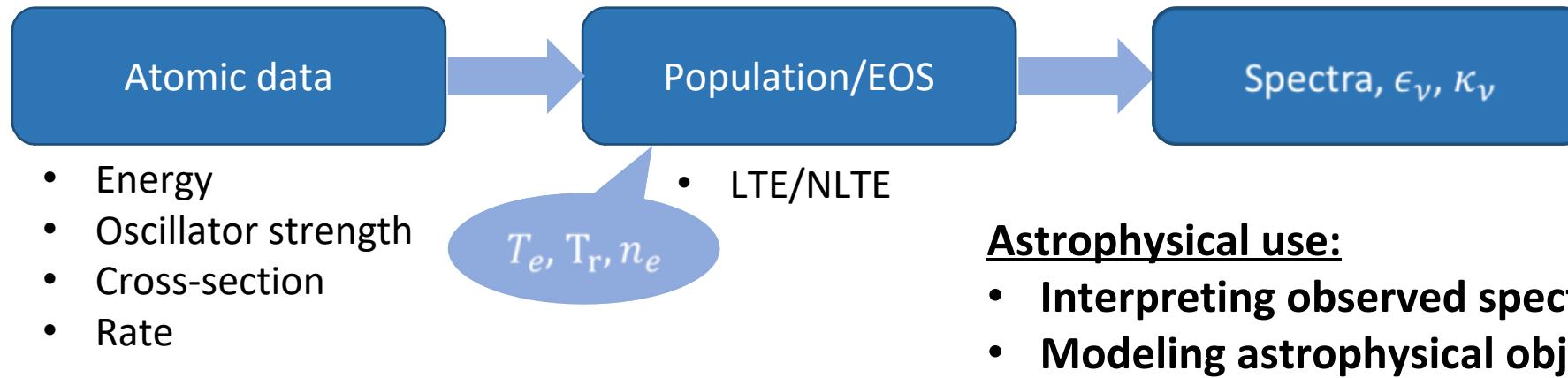
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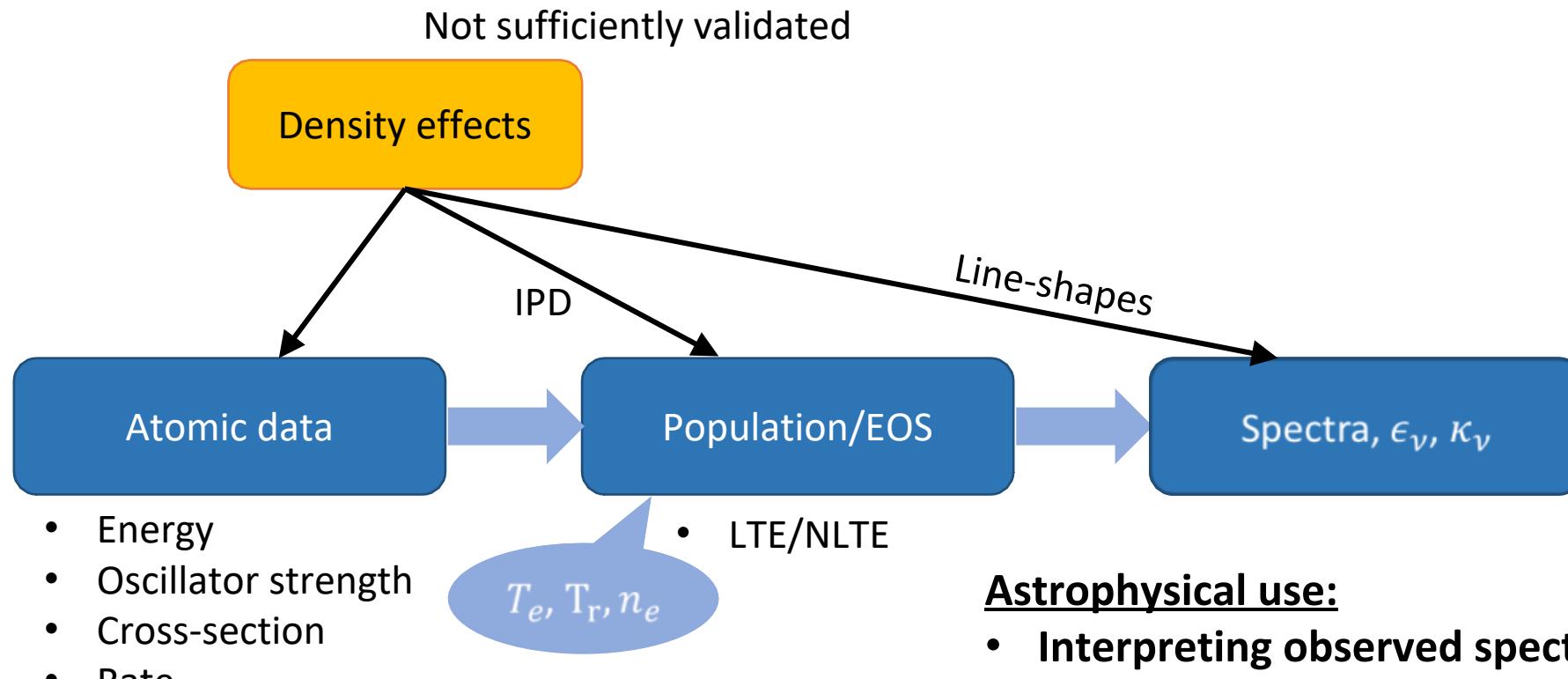
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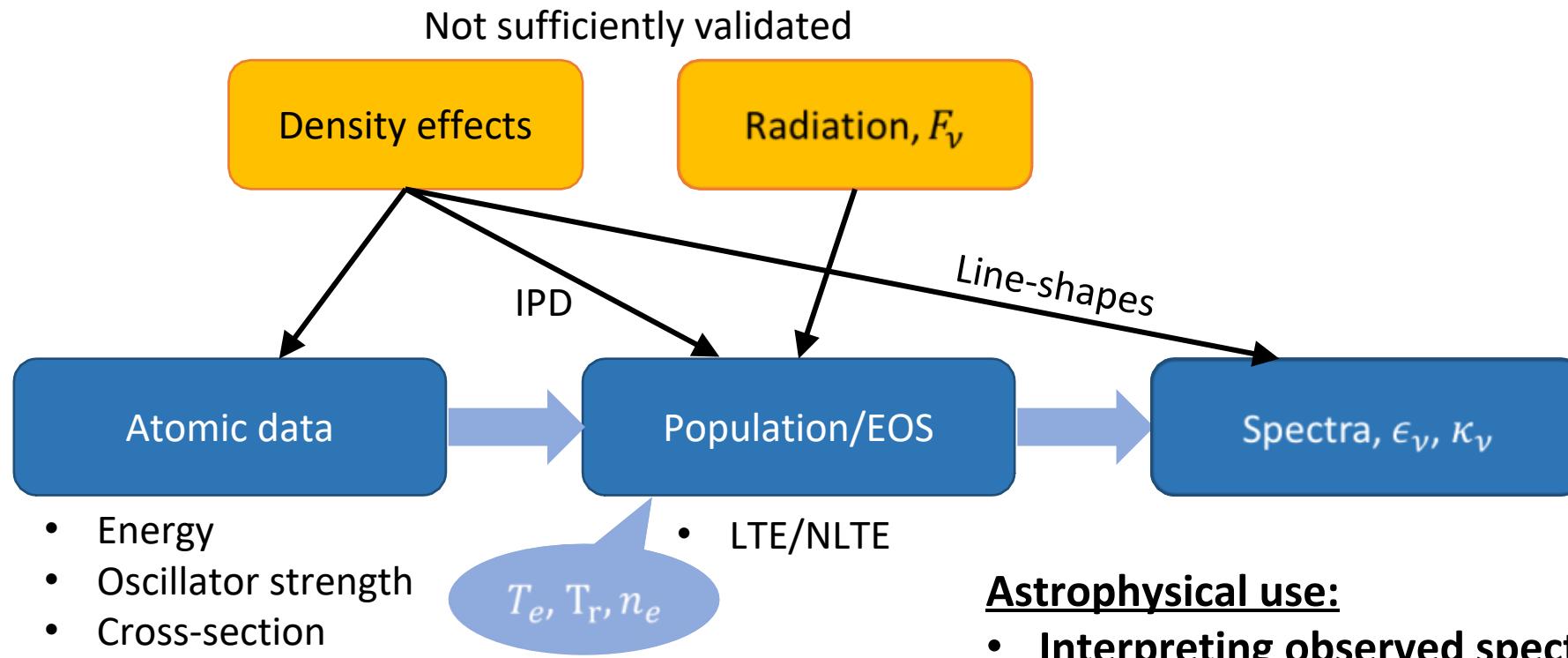
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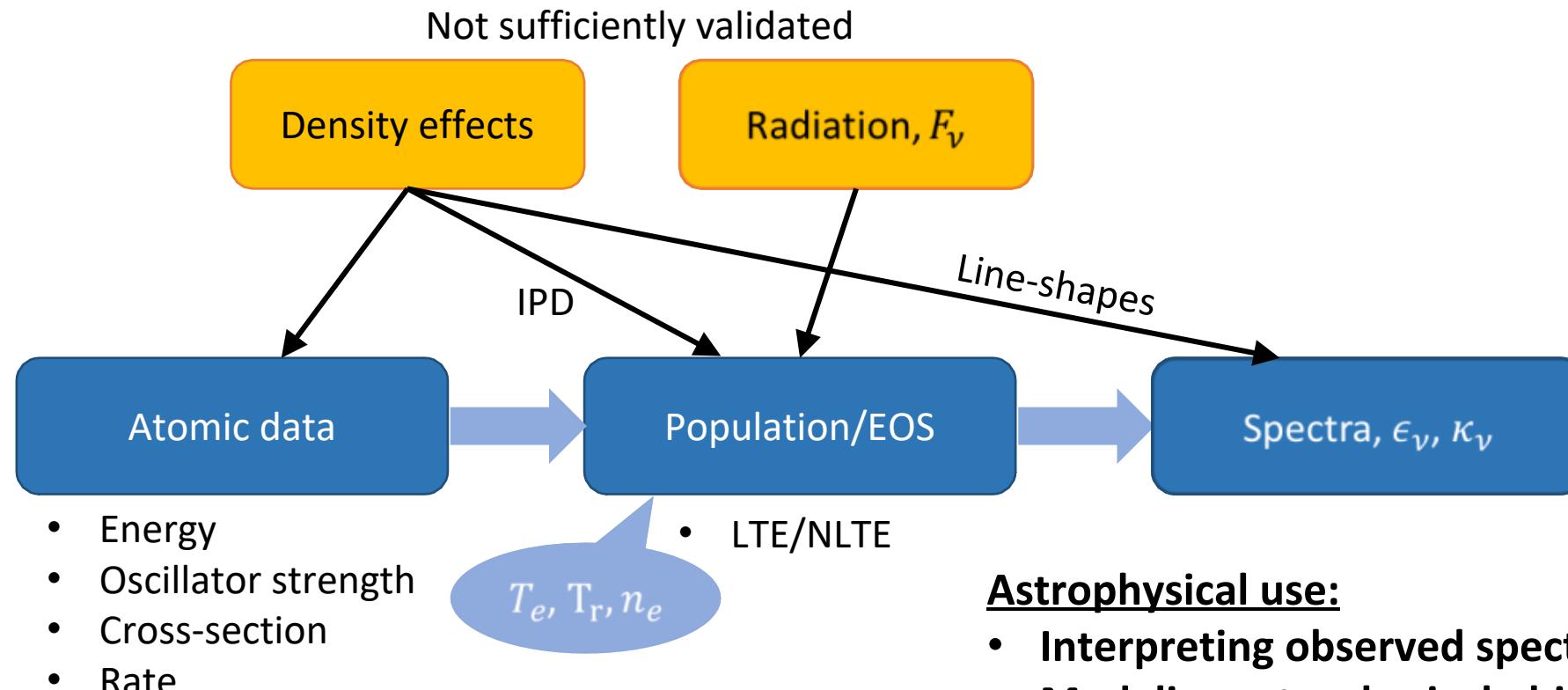
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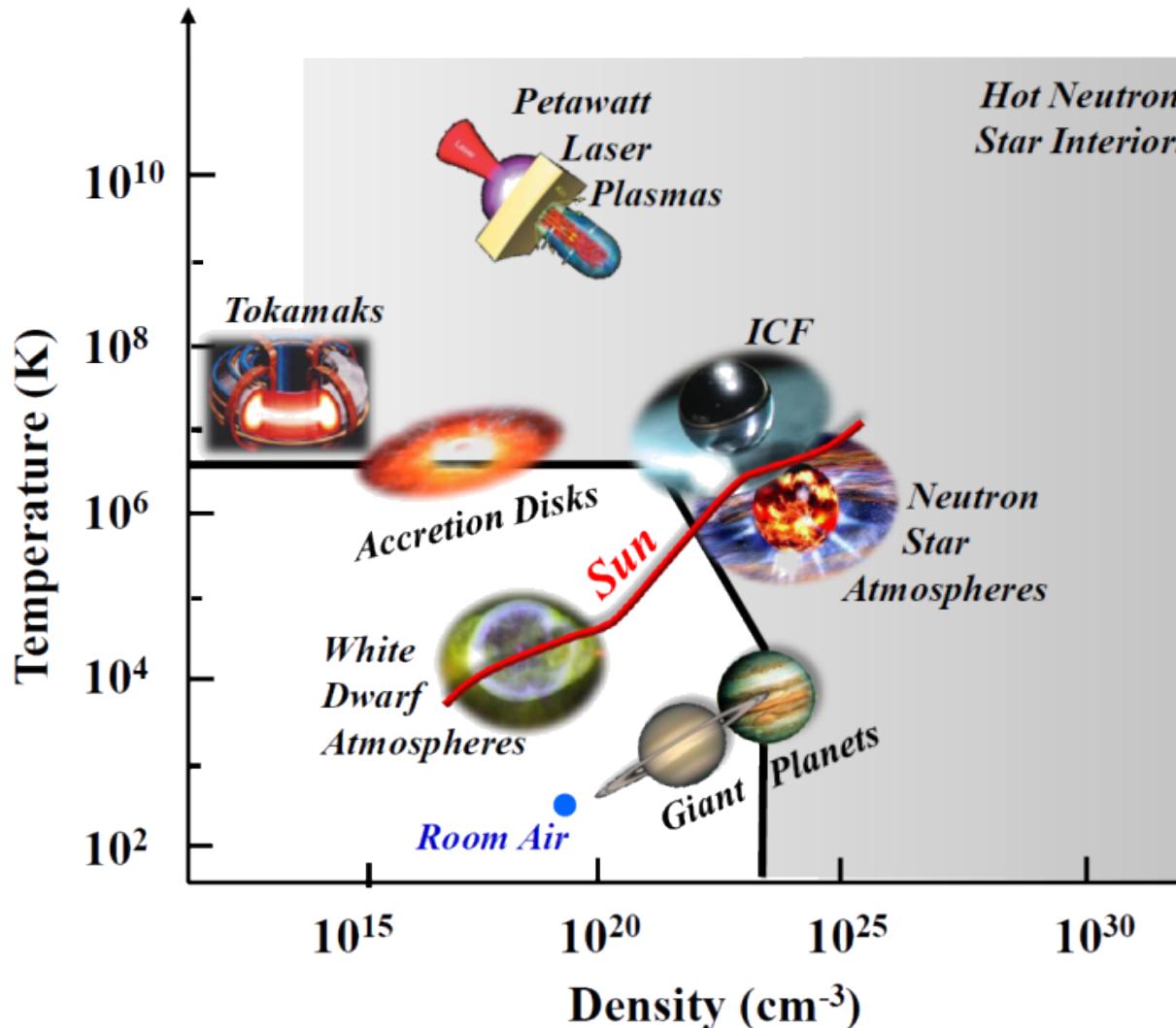
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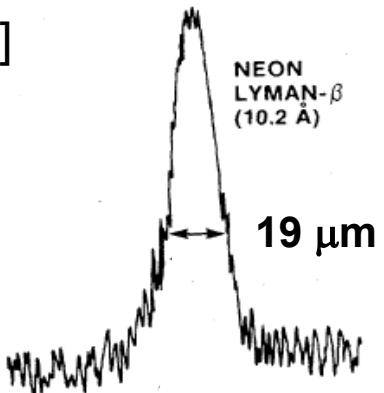
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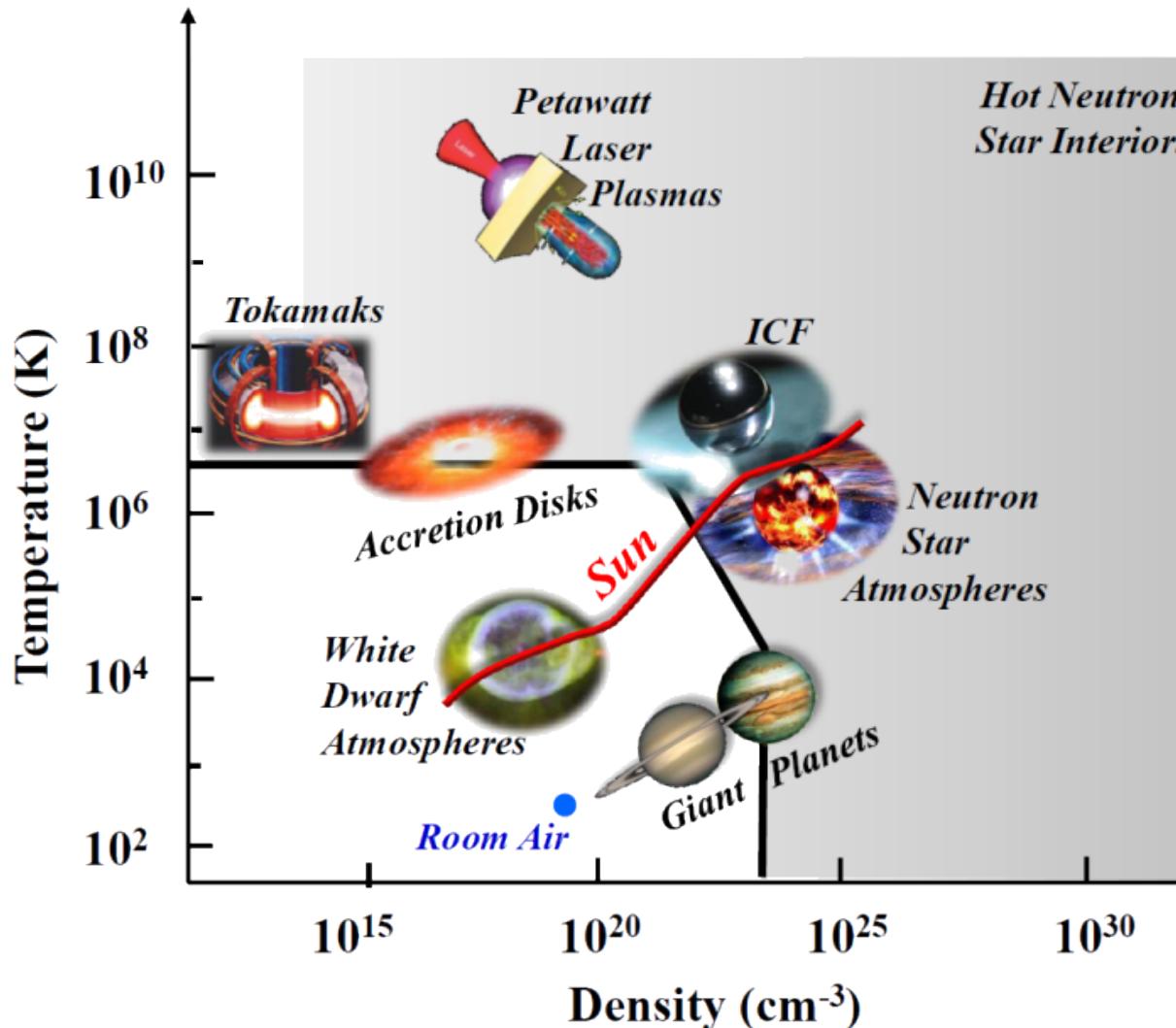
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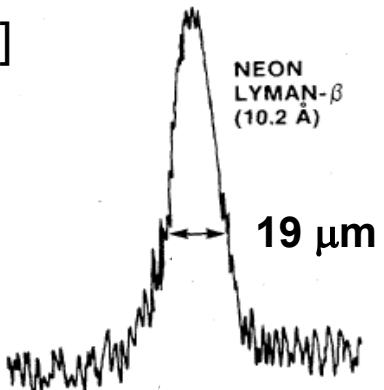
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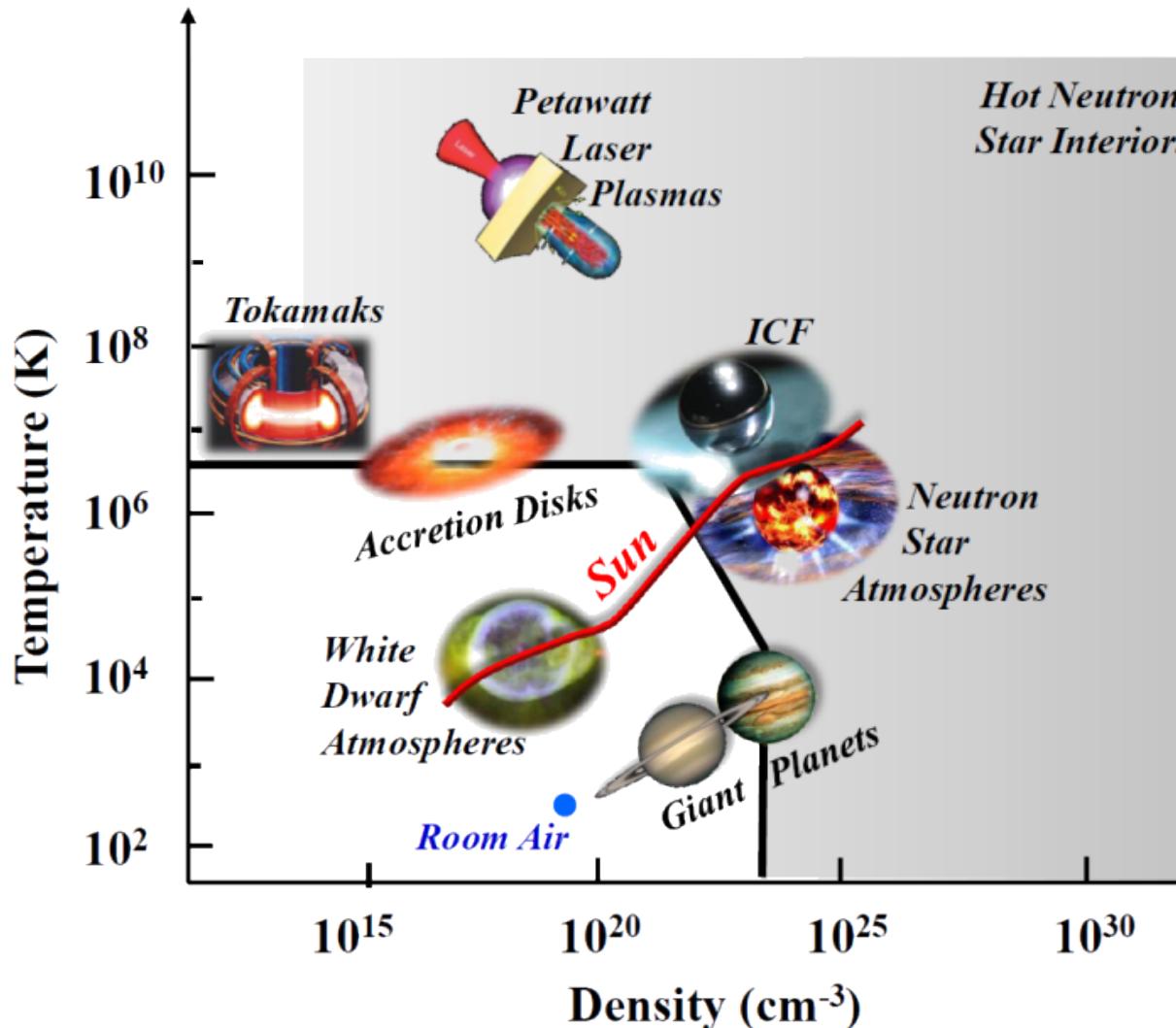
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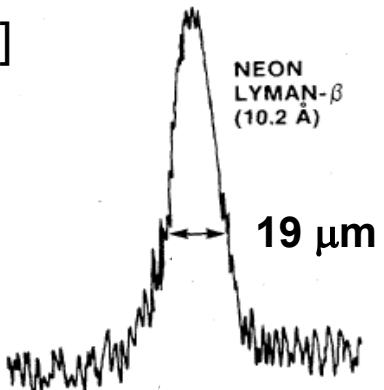
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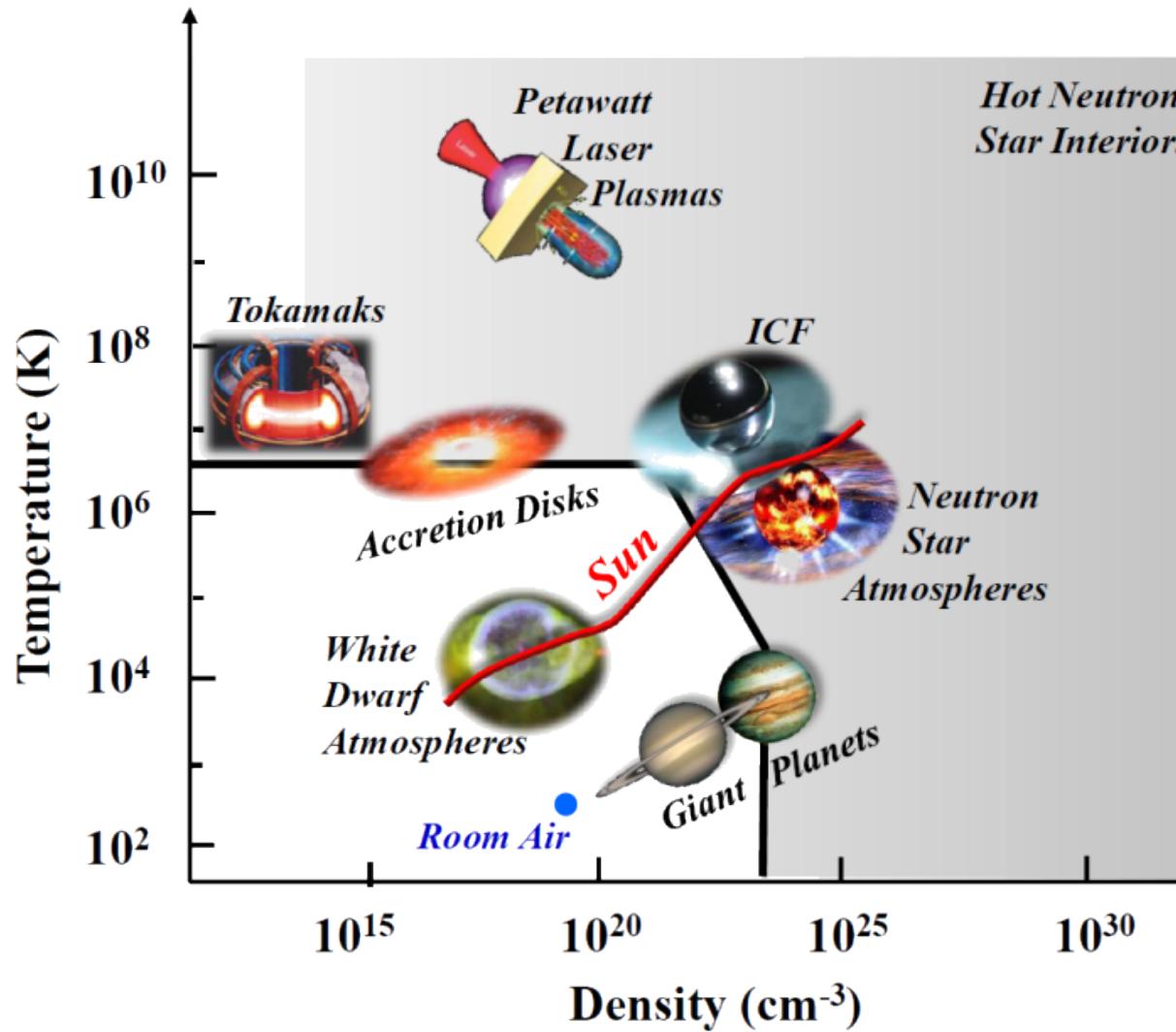
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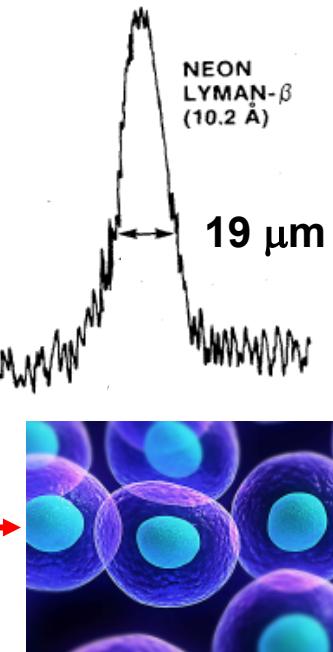
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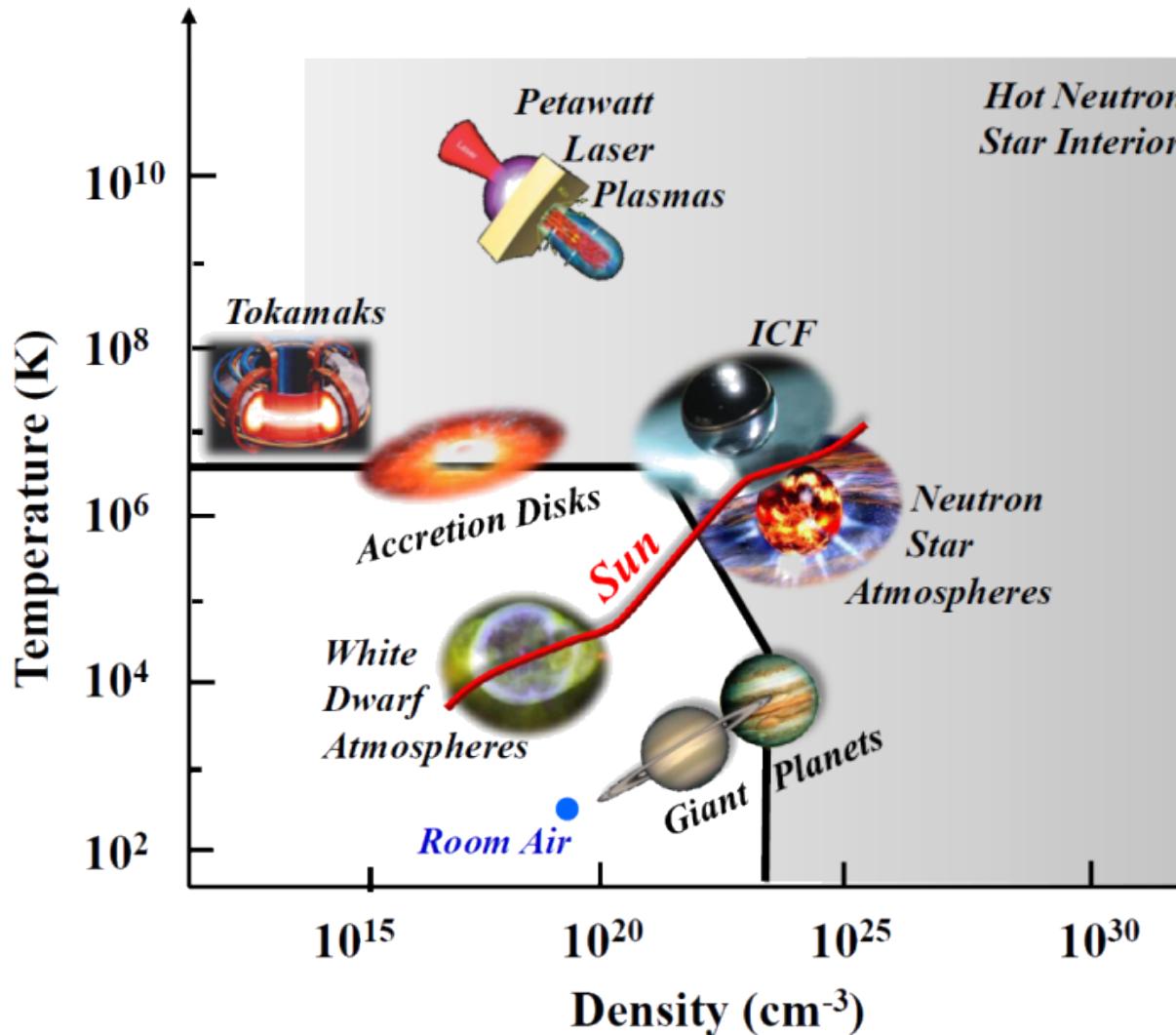
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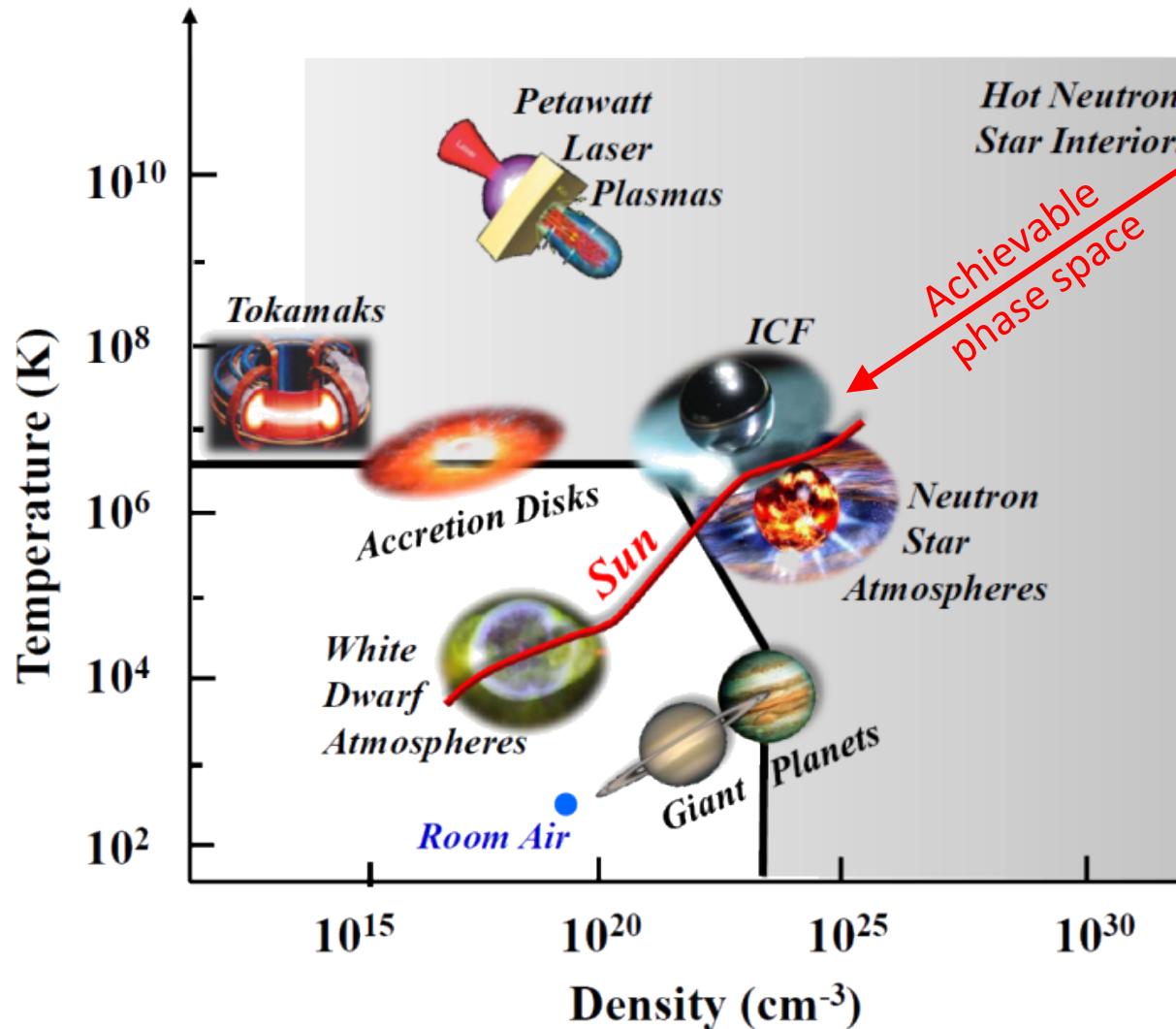
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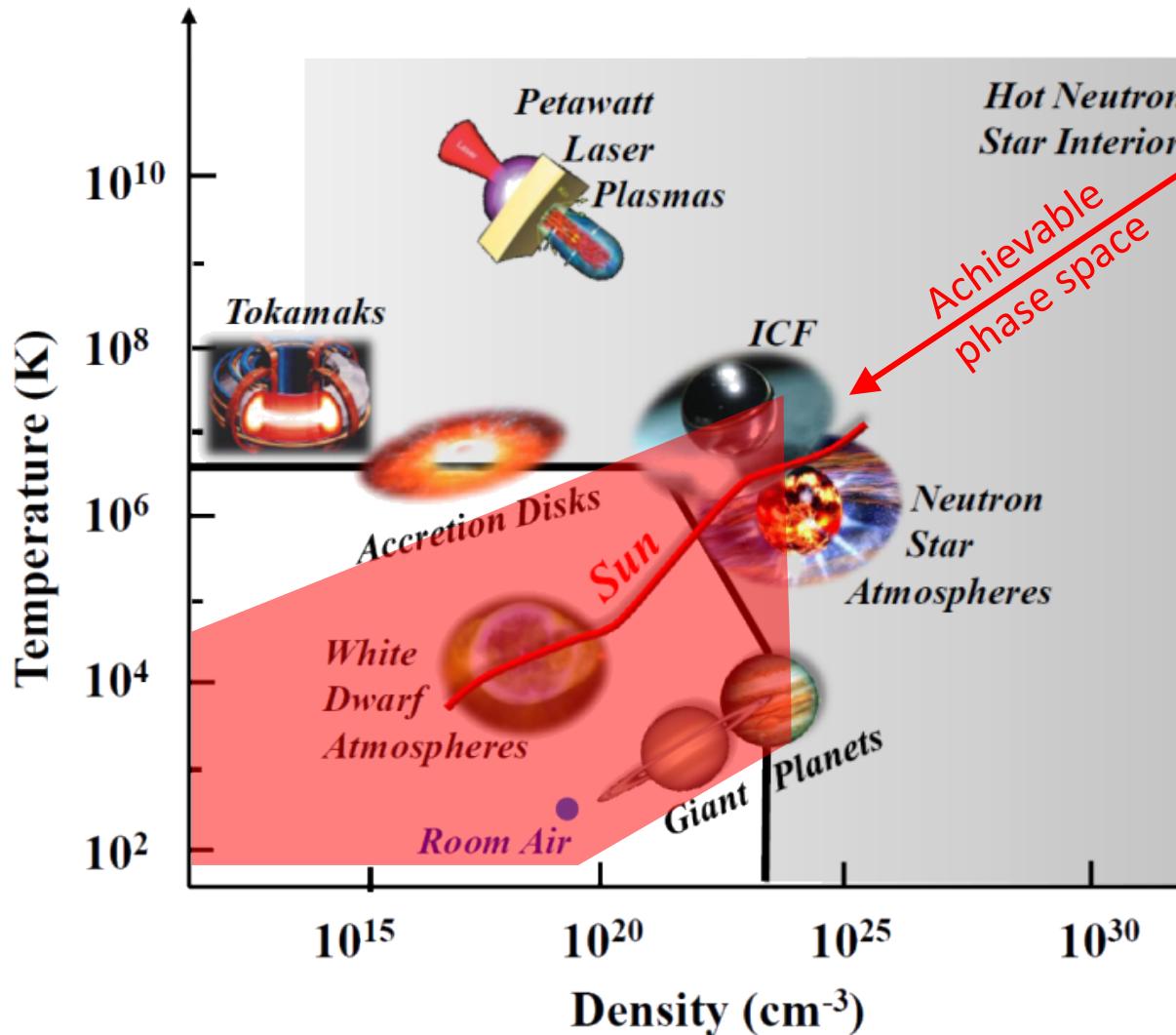
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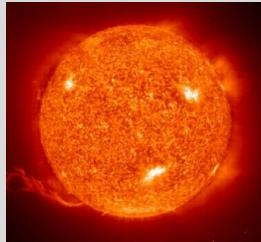
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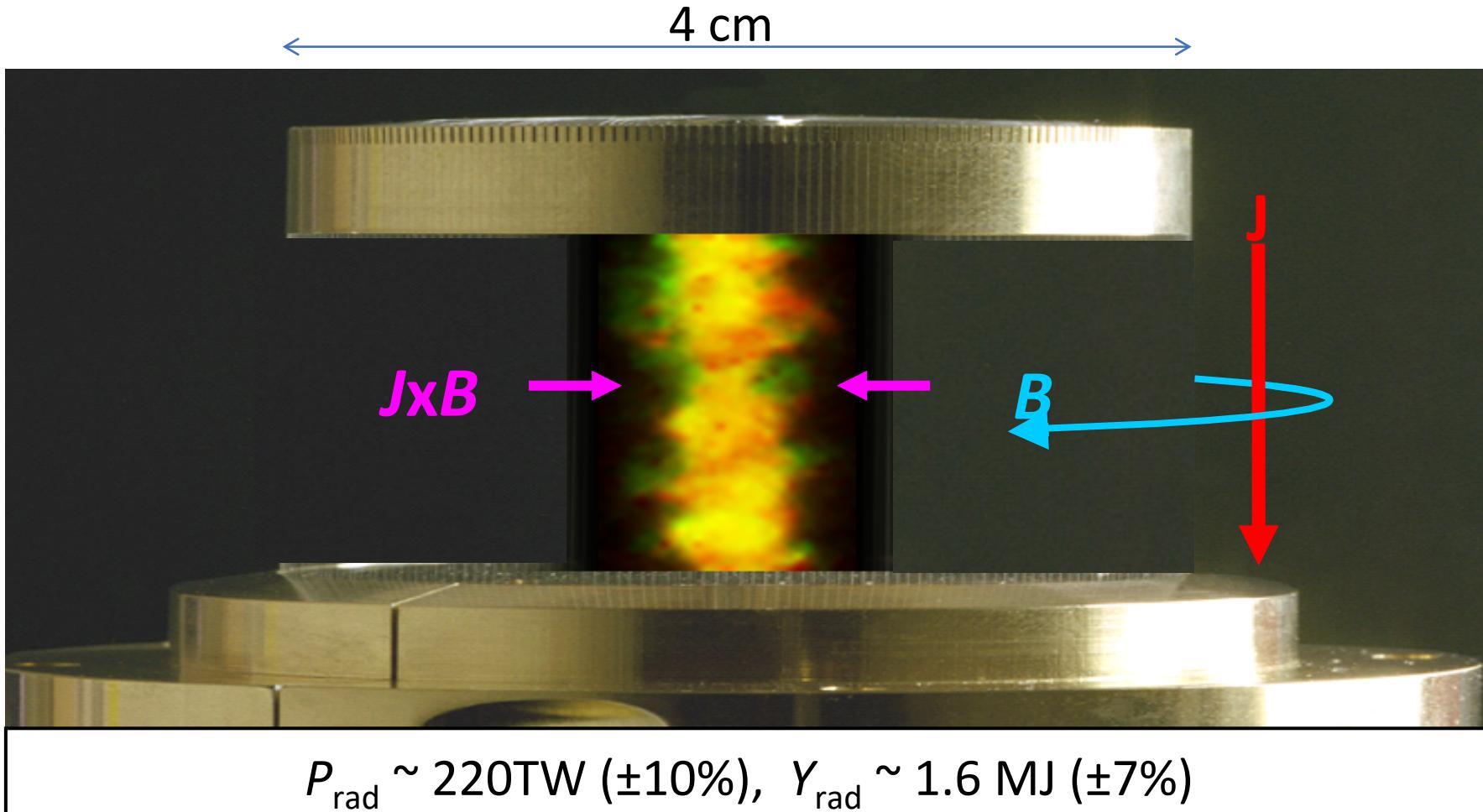
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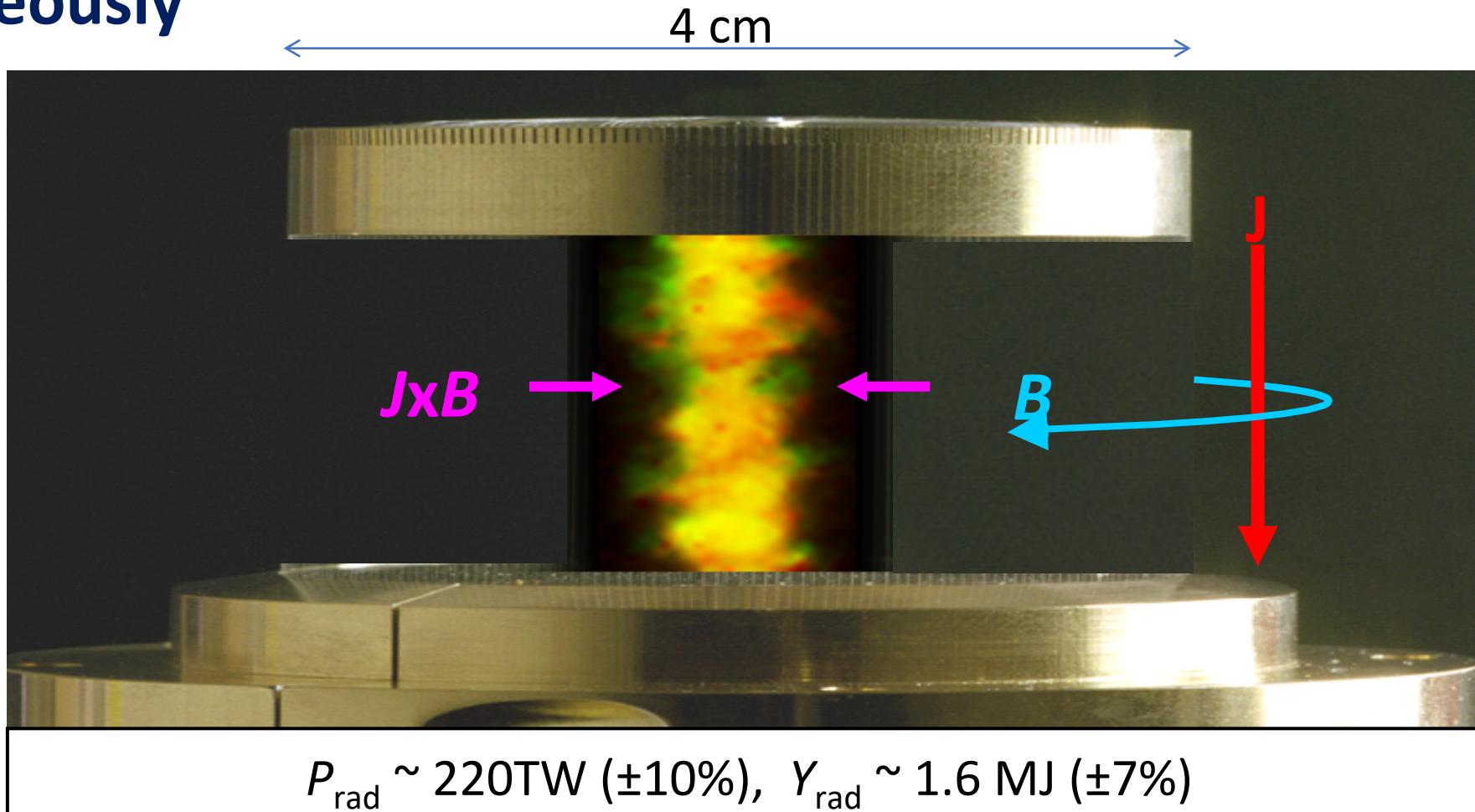
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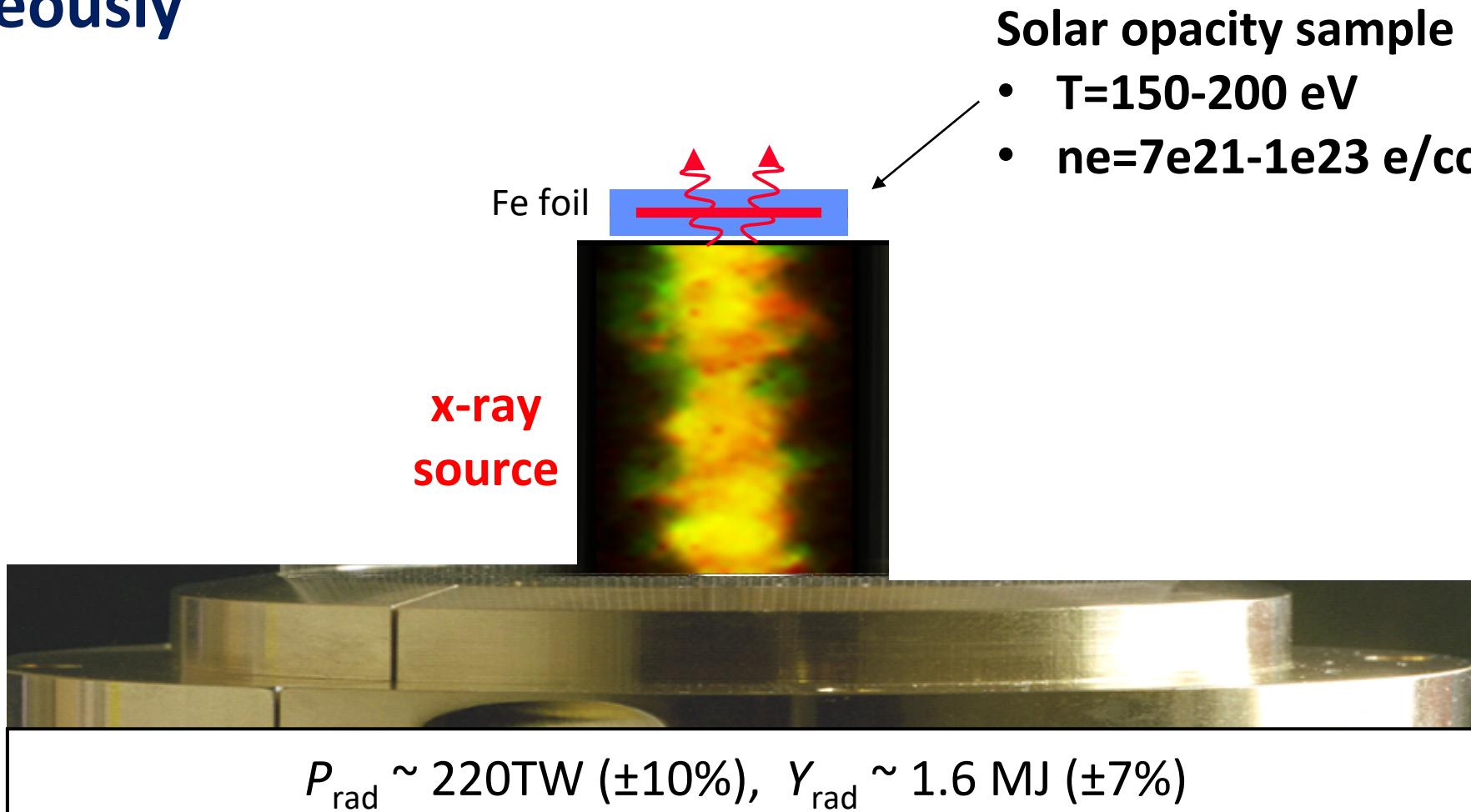
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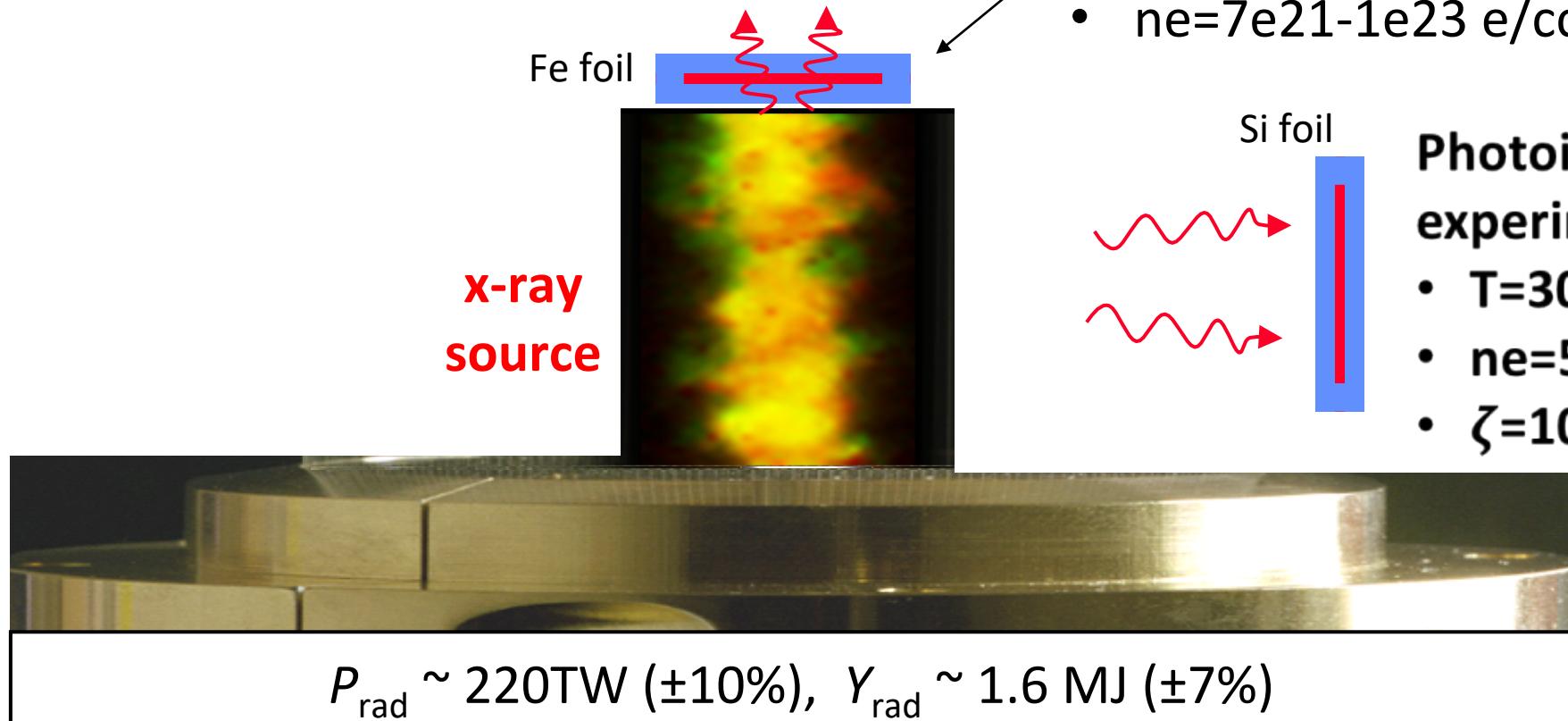
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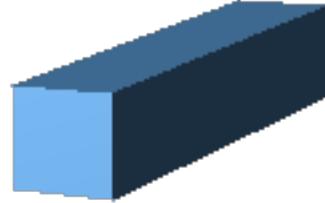
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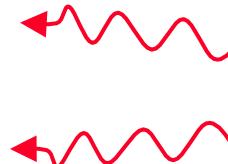
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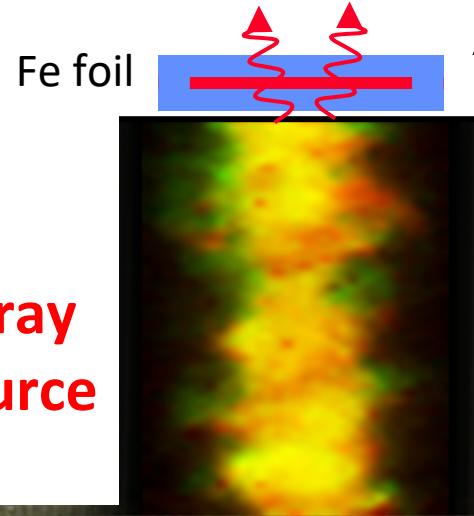
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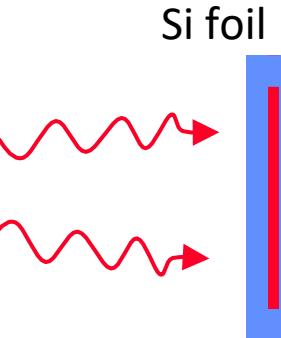
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Fe foil

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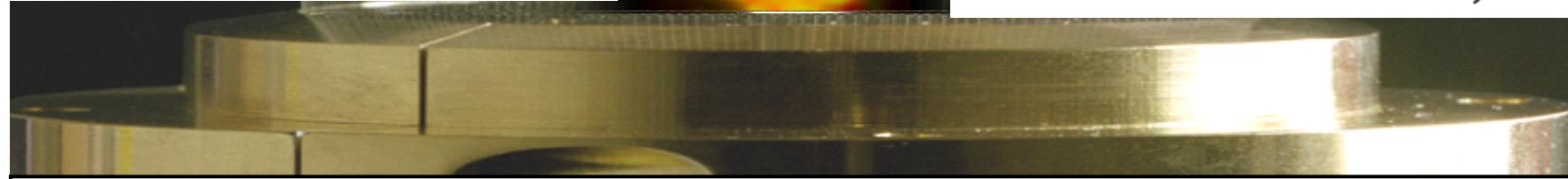
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Photoionized plasma experiments

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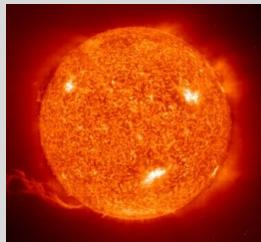
$$P_{rad} \sim 220\text{TW} (\pm 10\%), \quad Y_{rad} \sim 1.6 \text{ MJ} (\pm 7\%)$$

Single shot can perform multiple experiments at $T=1-200$ eV and $ne=5e16-1e23$ e/cc

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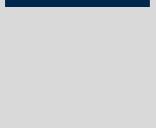


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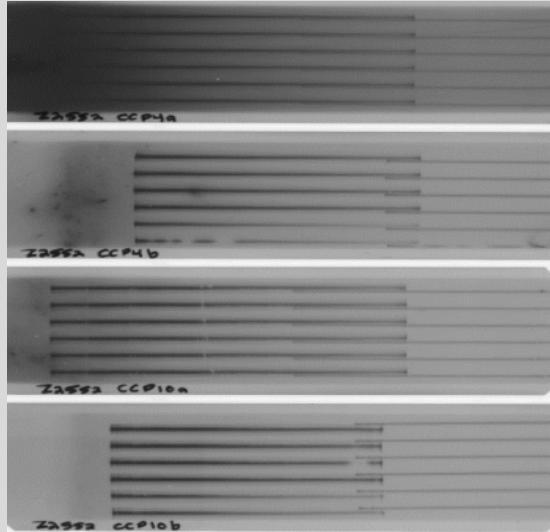
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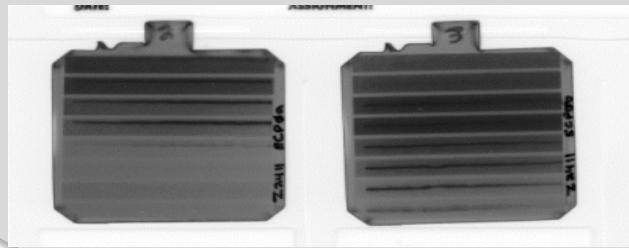
ZAPP* campaigns acquire up to 60 spectra on a single shot

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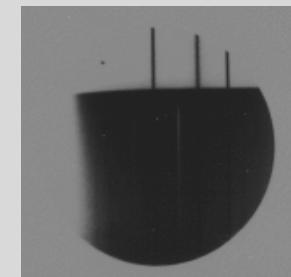


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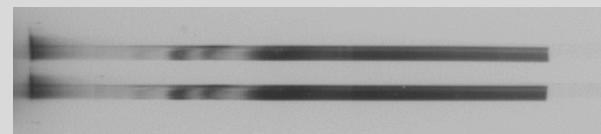
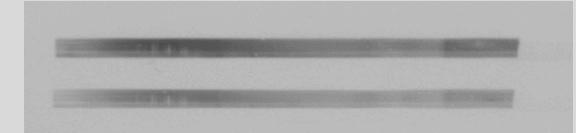
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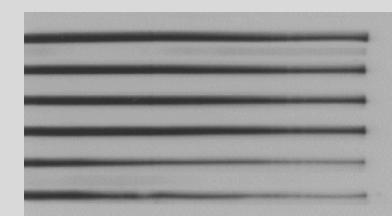
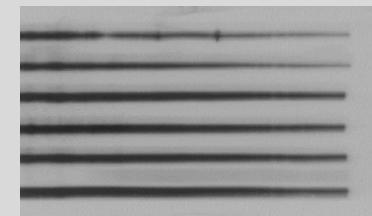


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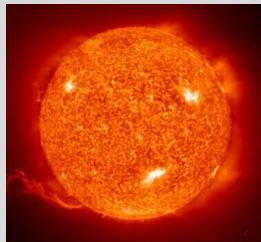


We can repeat experiments to make sure the result; we can modify experiments to test
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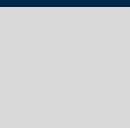


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- Lab astrophysicists require specialized knowledge; they must understand:
 - i. Astrophysical impact,
 - ii. Model approximations and limitations,
 - iii. Experimental feasibility and limitations
- CAPP* at University of Texas at Austin, provides:
 - Sustained funding to train students/postdocs for continuous growth of laboratory astrophysics
 - Resources and connections to experts in astrophysics, theory, and experiment



Office of Science

Goals of breakout sessions: Deepen mutual understanding between astrophysicists and ZAPP scientists

Longstanding challenges:

- It is hard for:
 - HED experimentalists and theorists to learn astrophysical context
 - Astrophysicists to understand what experimental results mean for their applications

Format:

- ZAPP scientists elaborate experiments and pose questions to astrophysicists
- Astrophysicists answer questions through mini presentations and follow-up discussions