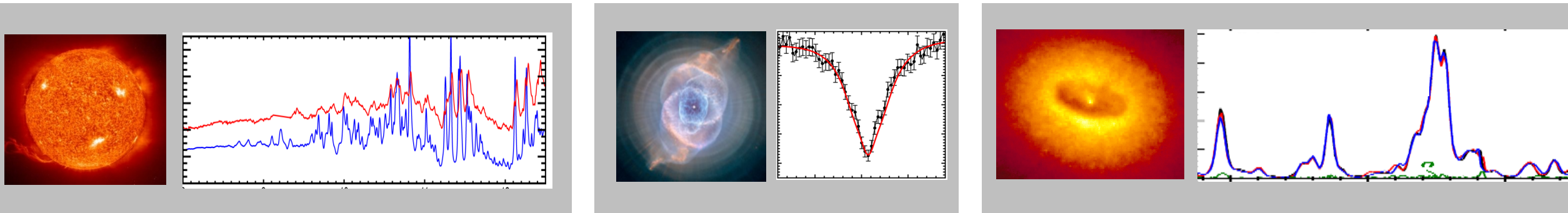


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# Z Astrophysical Plasma Properties Collaborations

-- 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

**Why should we test the models?**

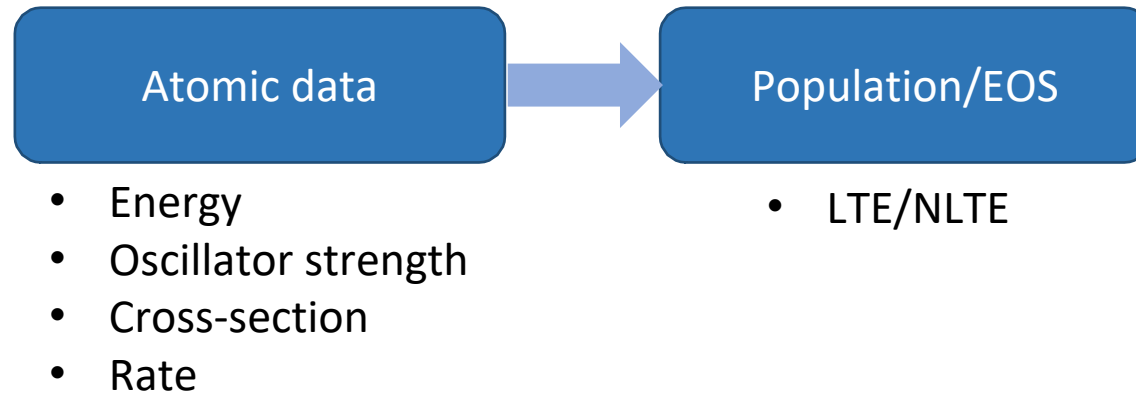
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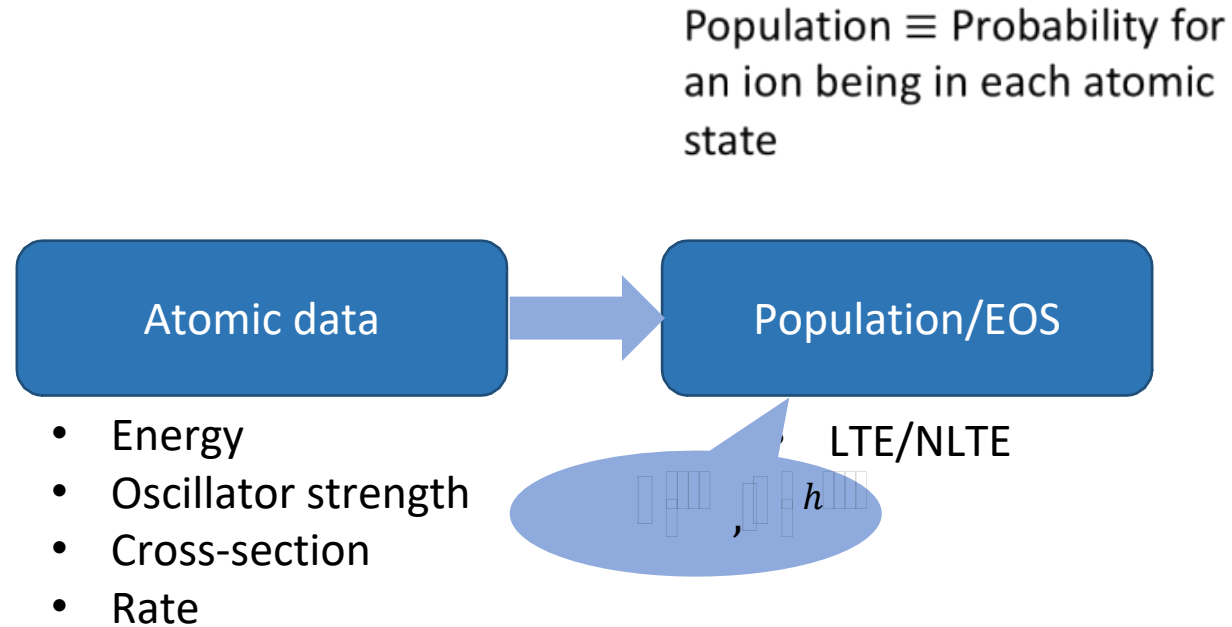
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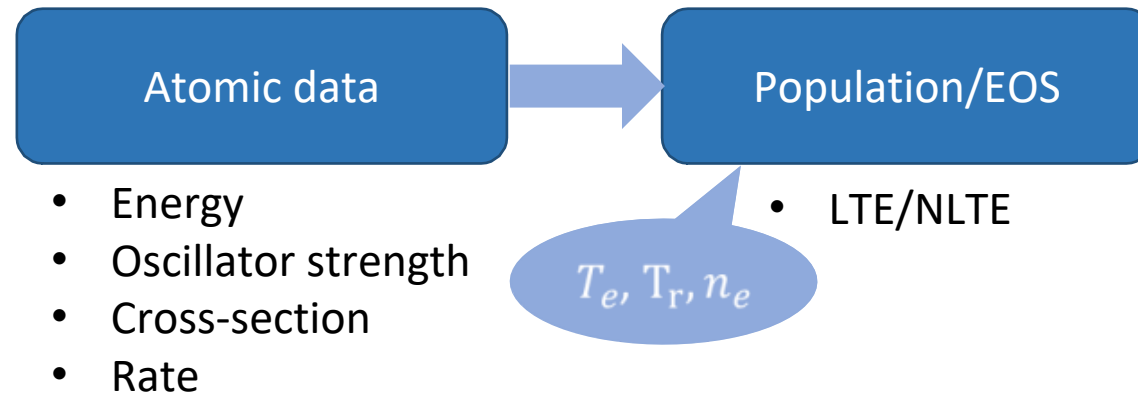


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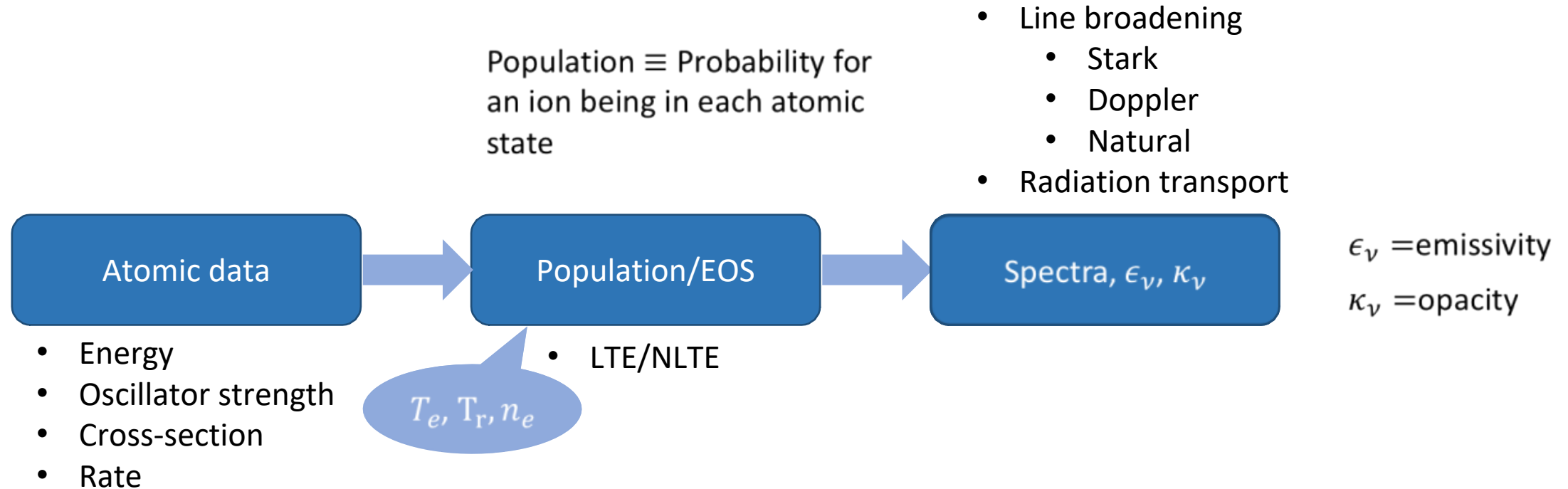


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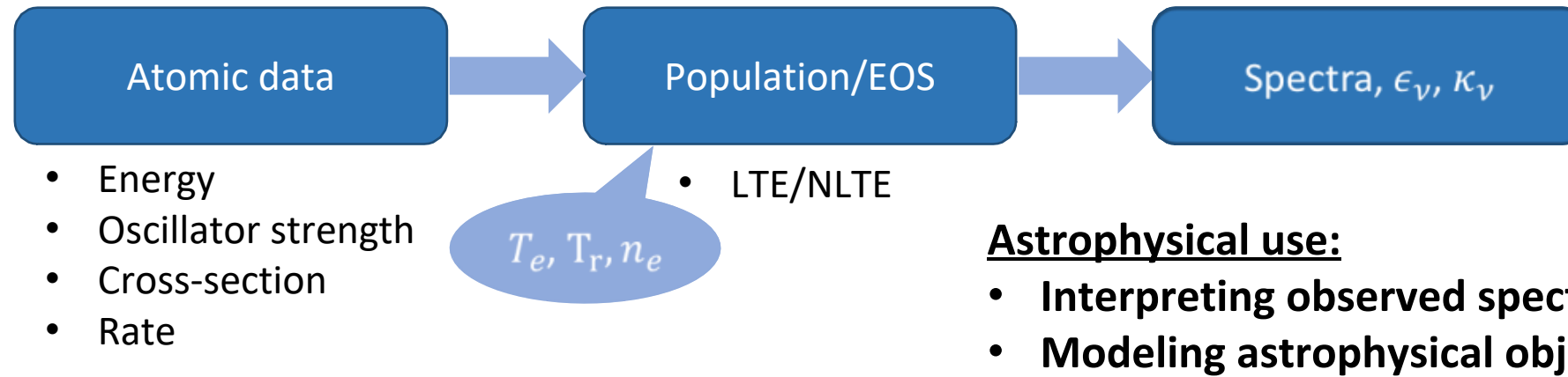


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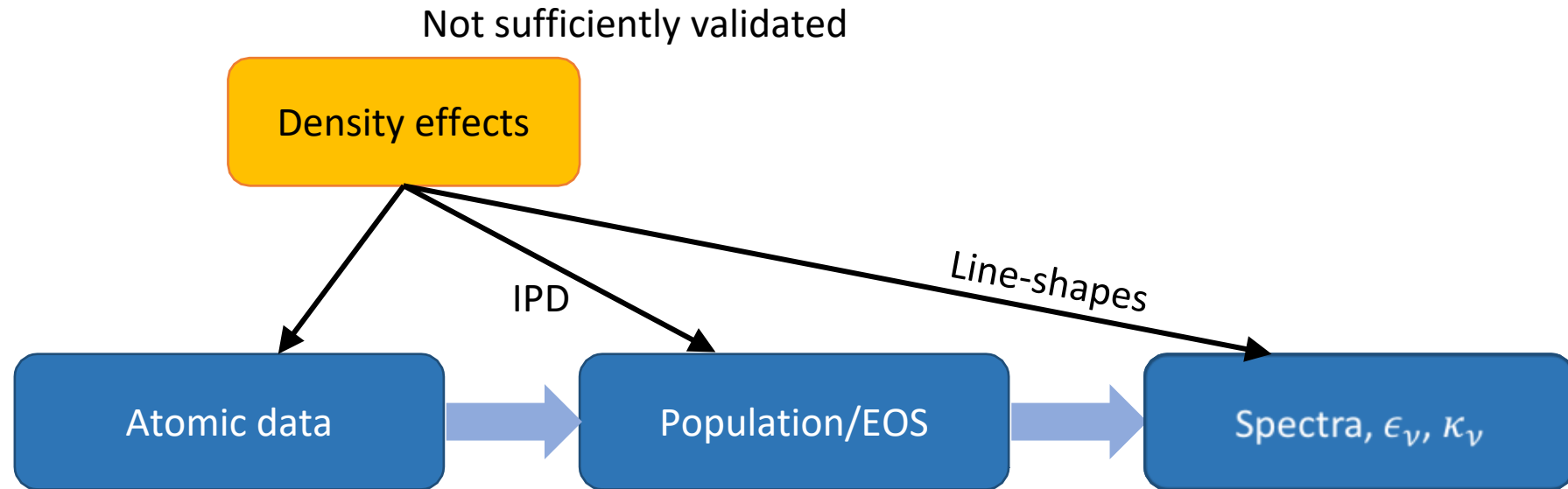




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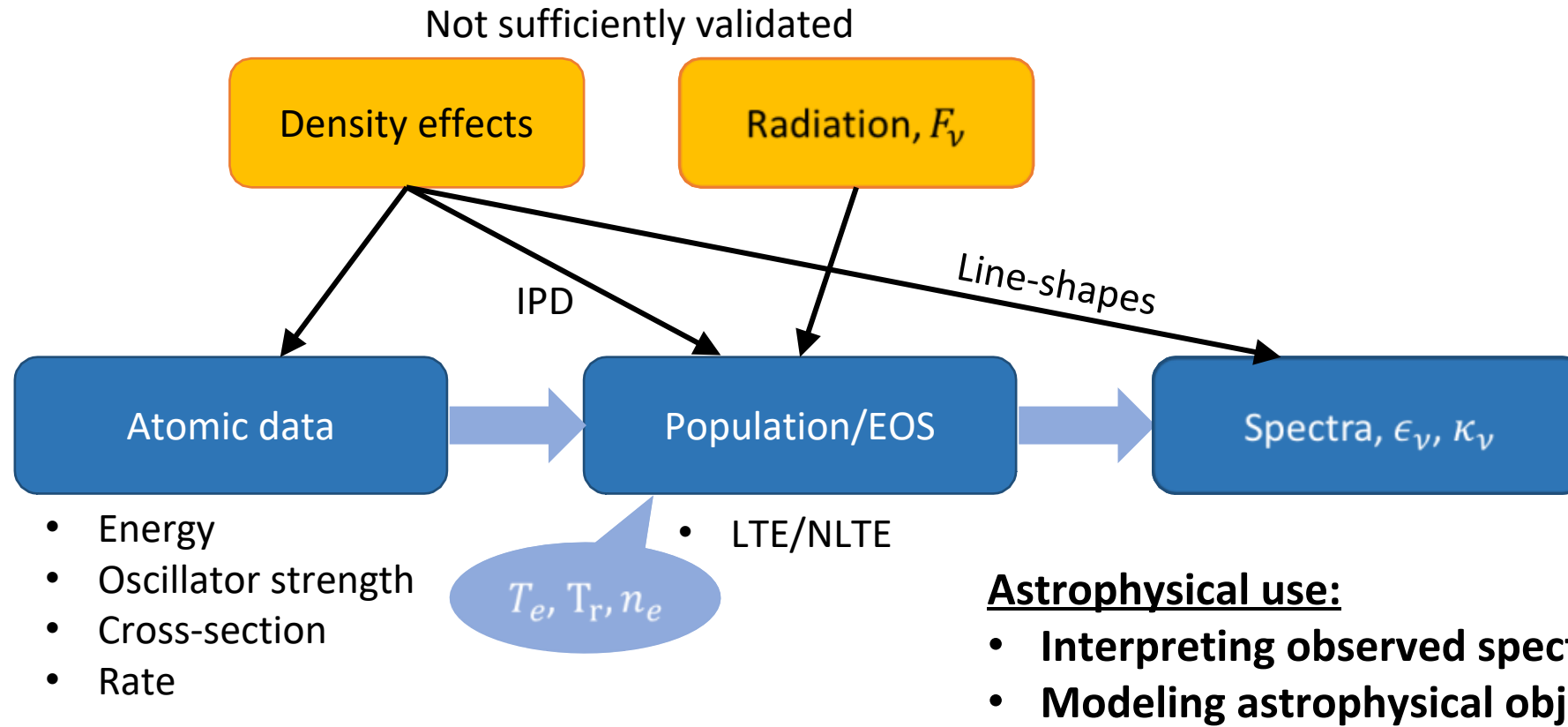
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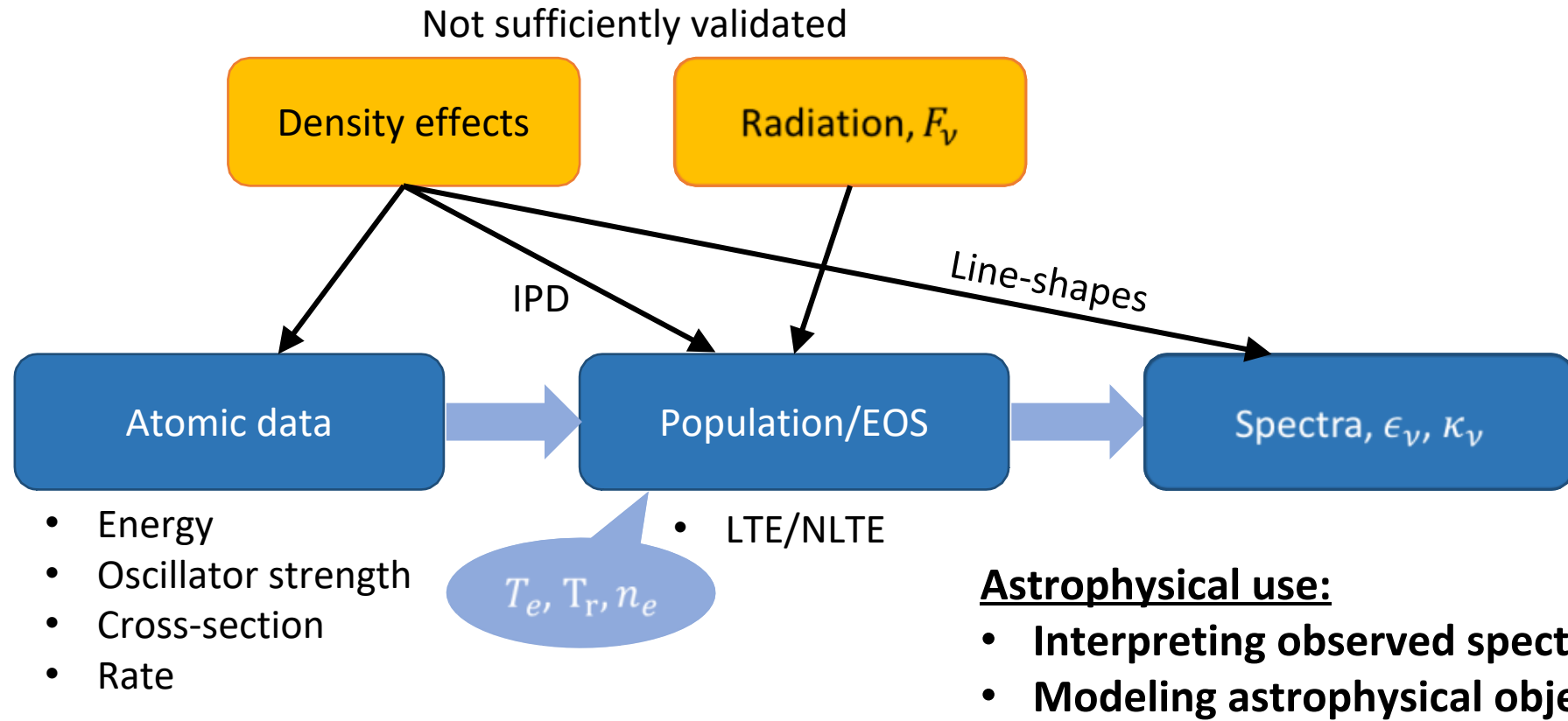
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- Interpreting observed spectra
- Modeling astrophysical objects (EOS, mean opacity)

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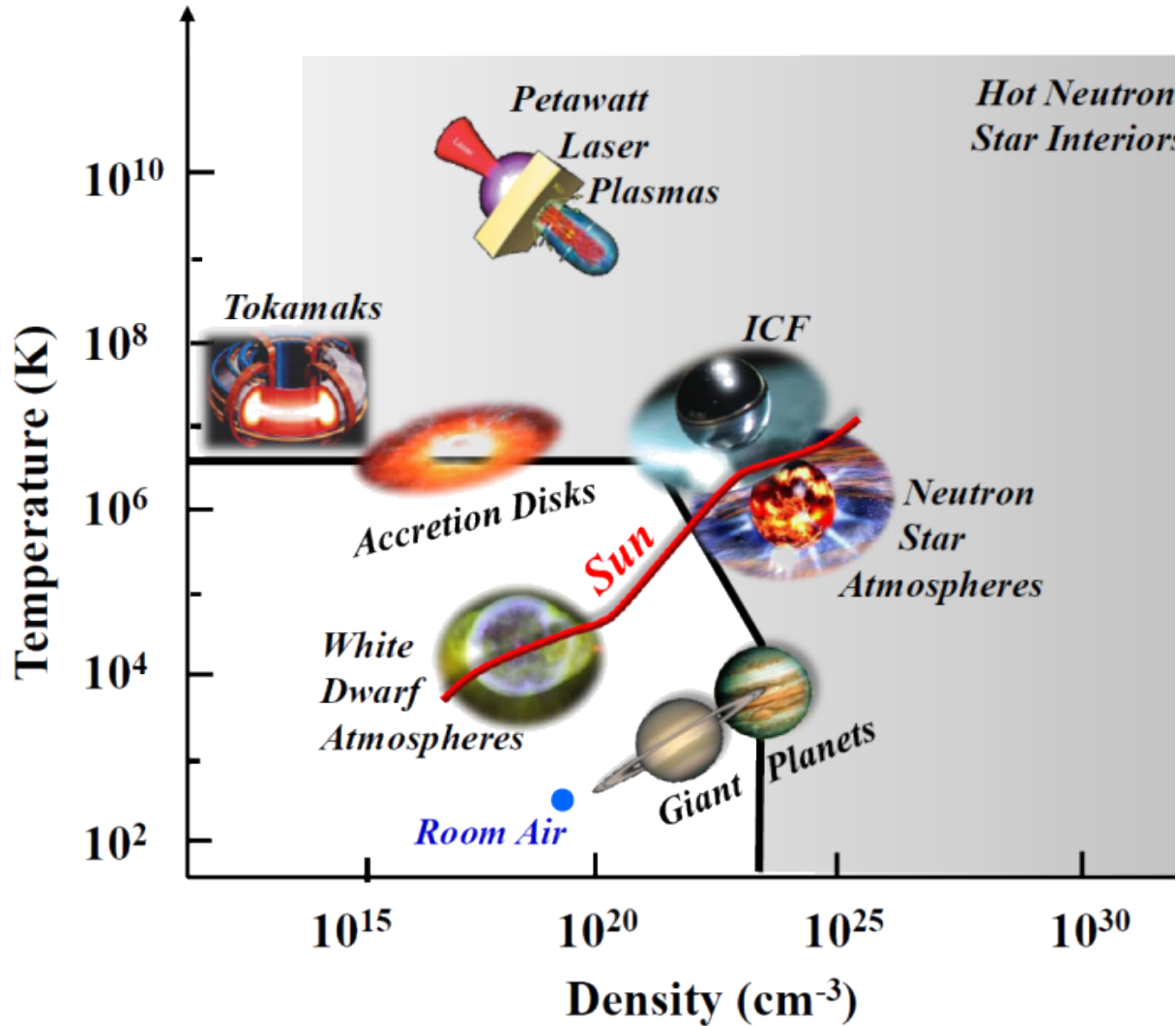


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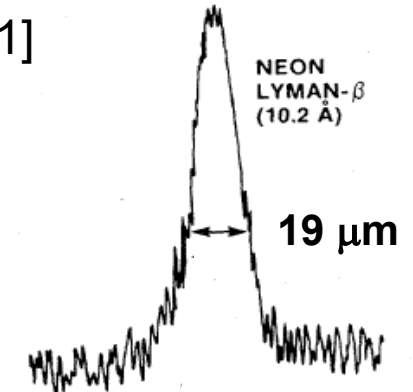
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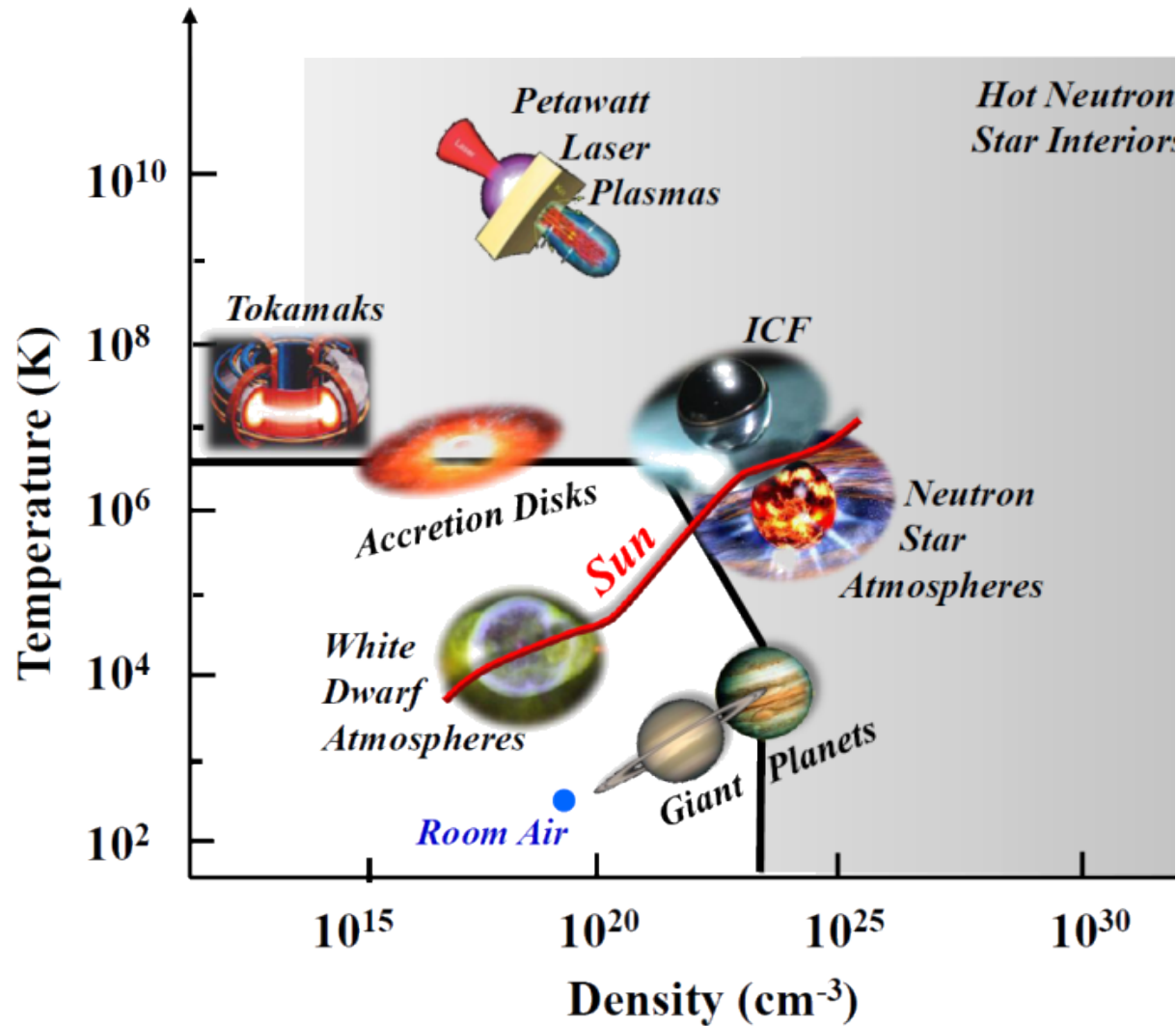
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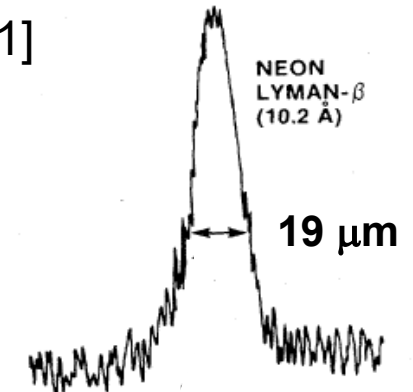


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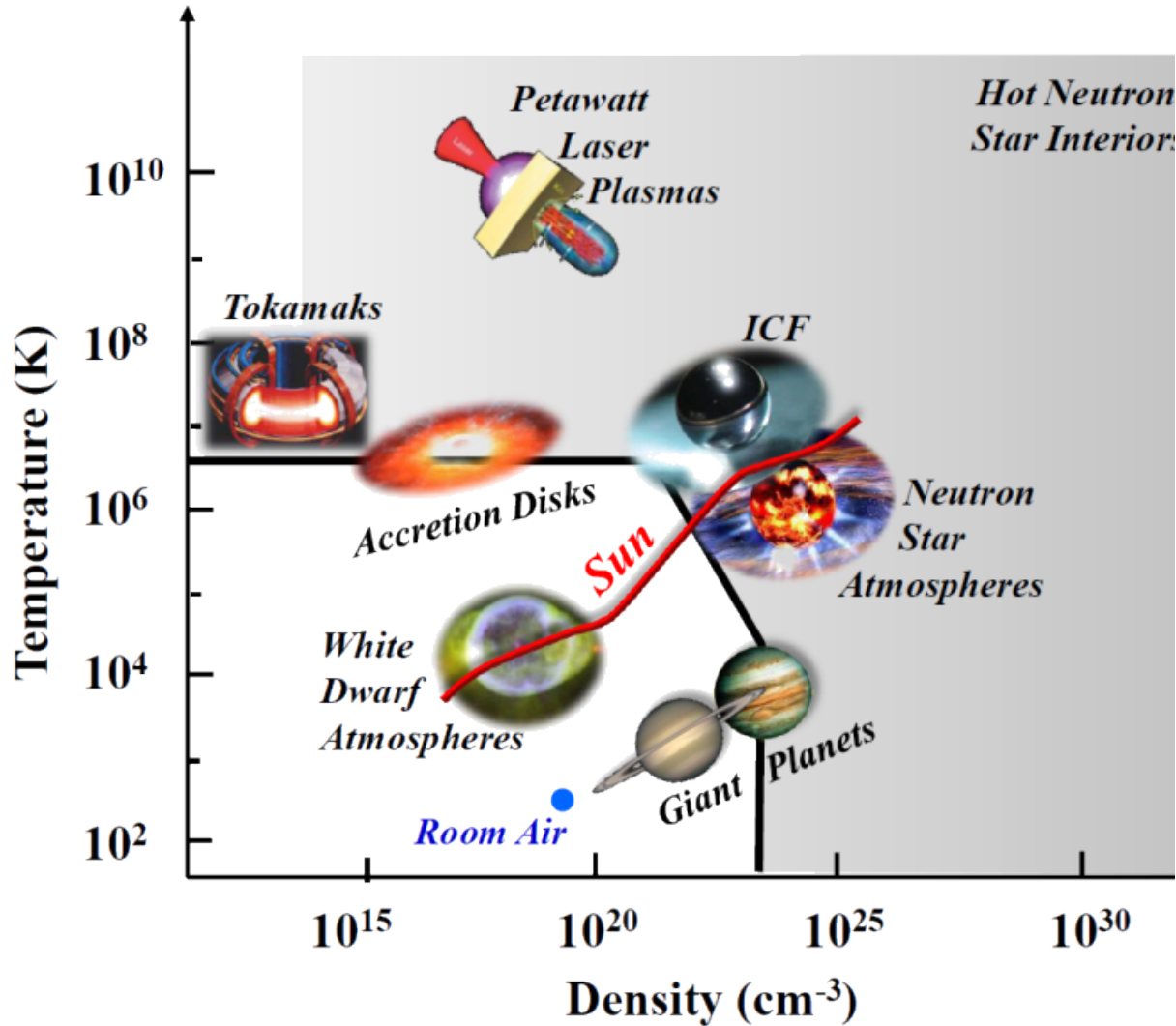
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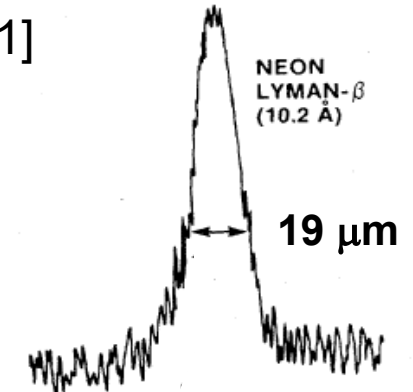


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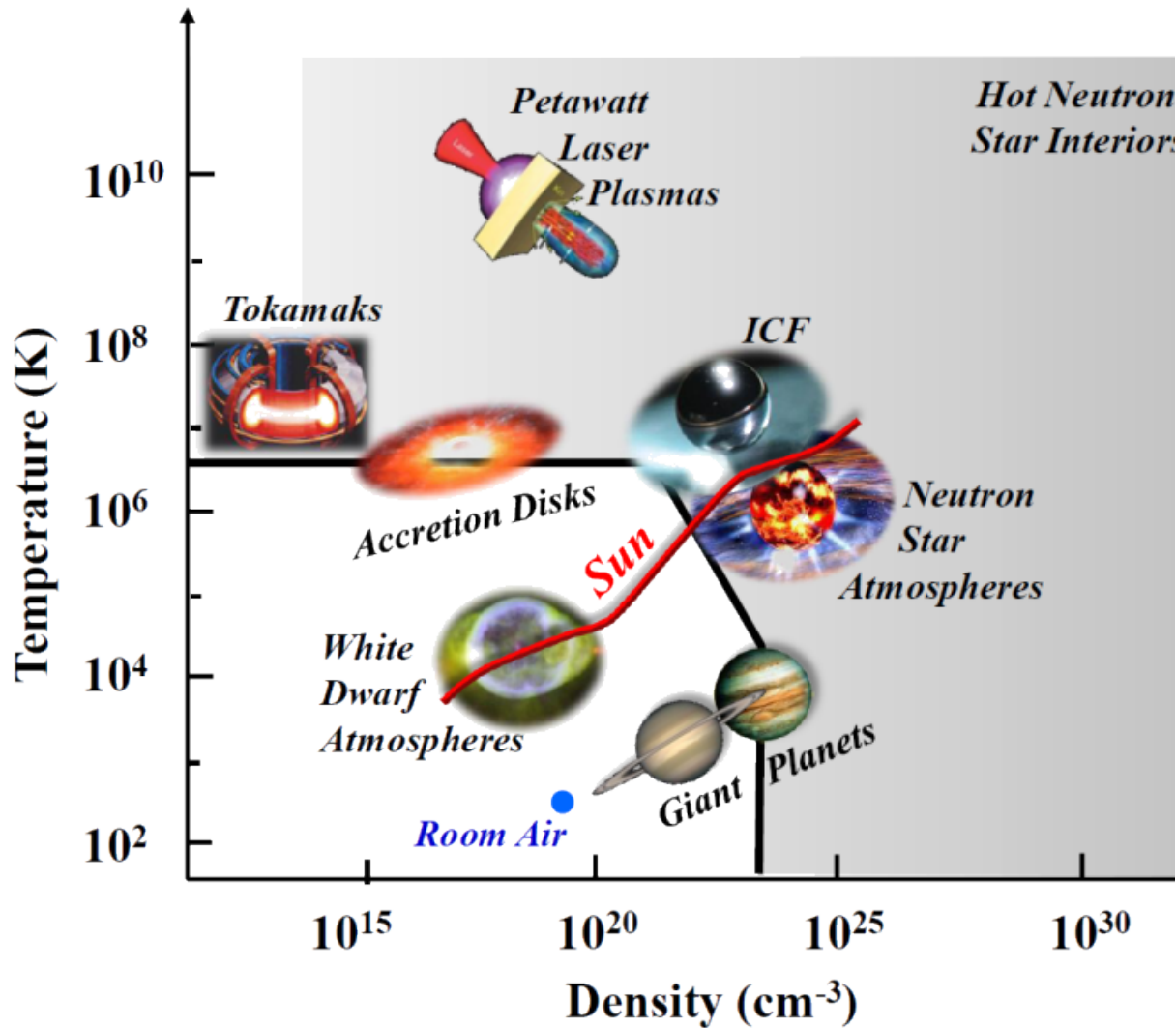
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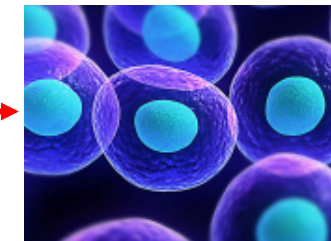
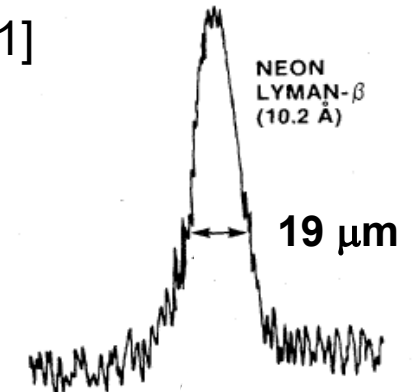
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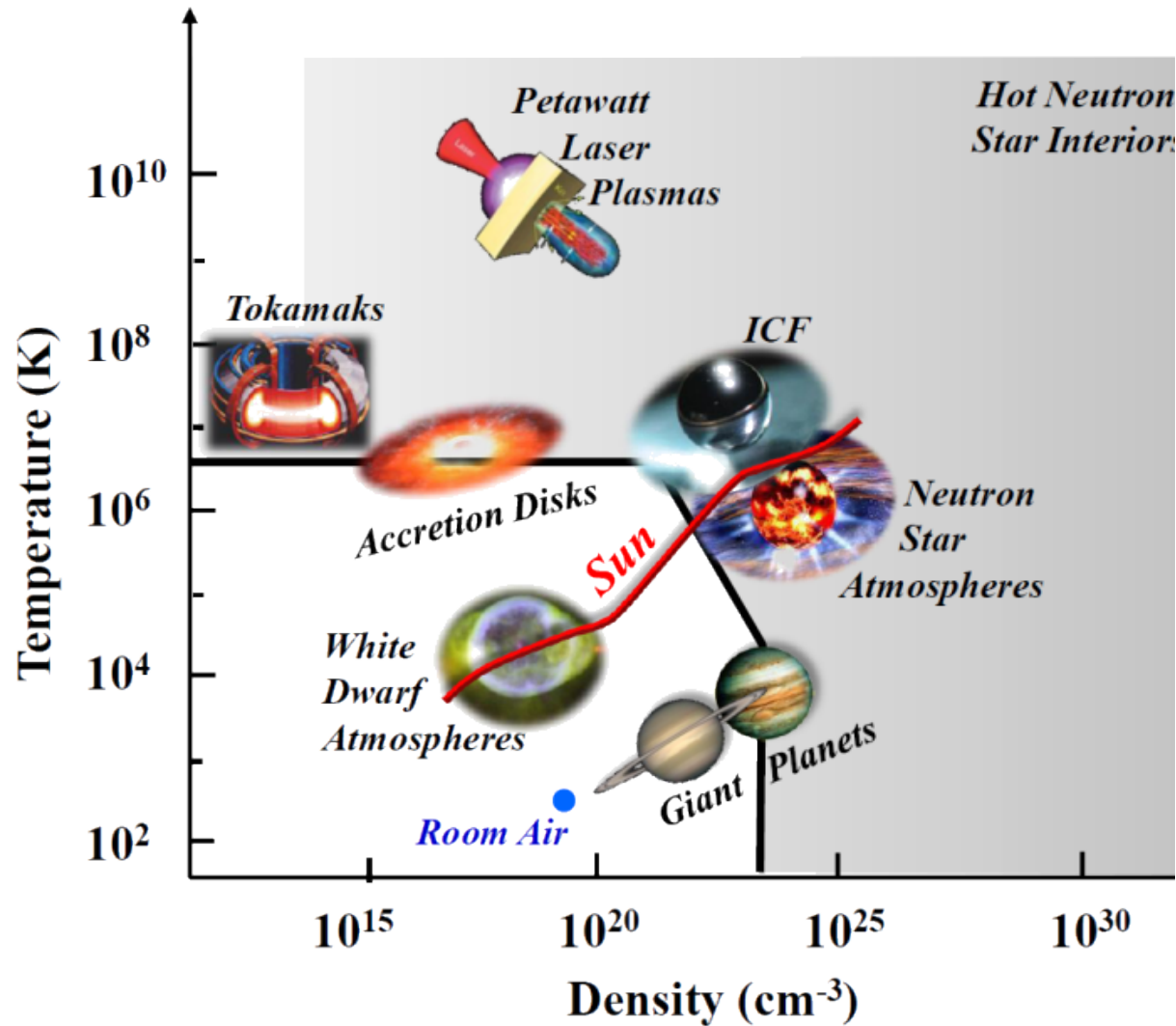
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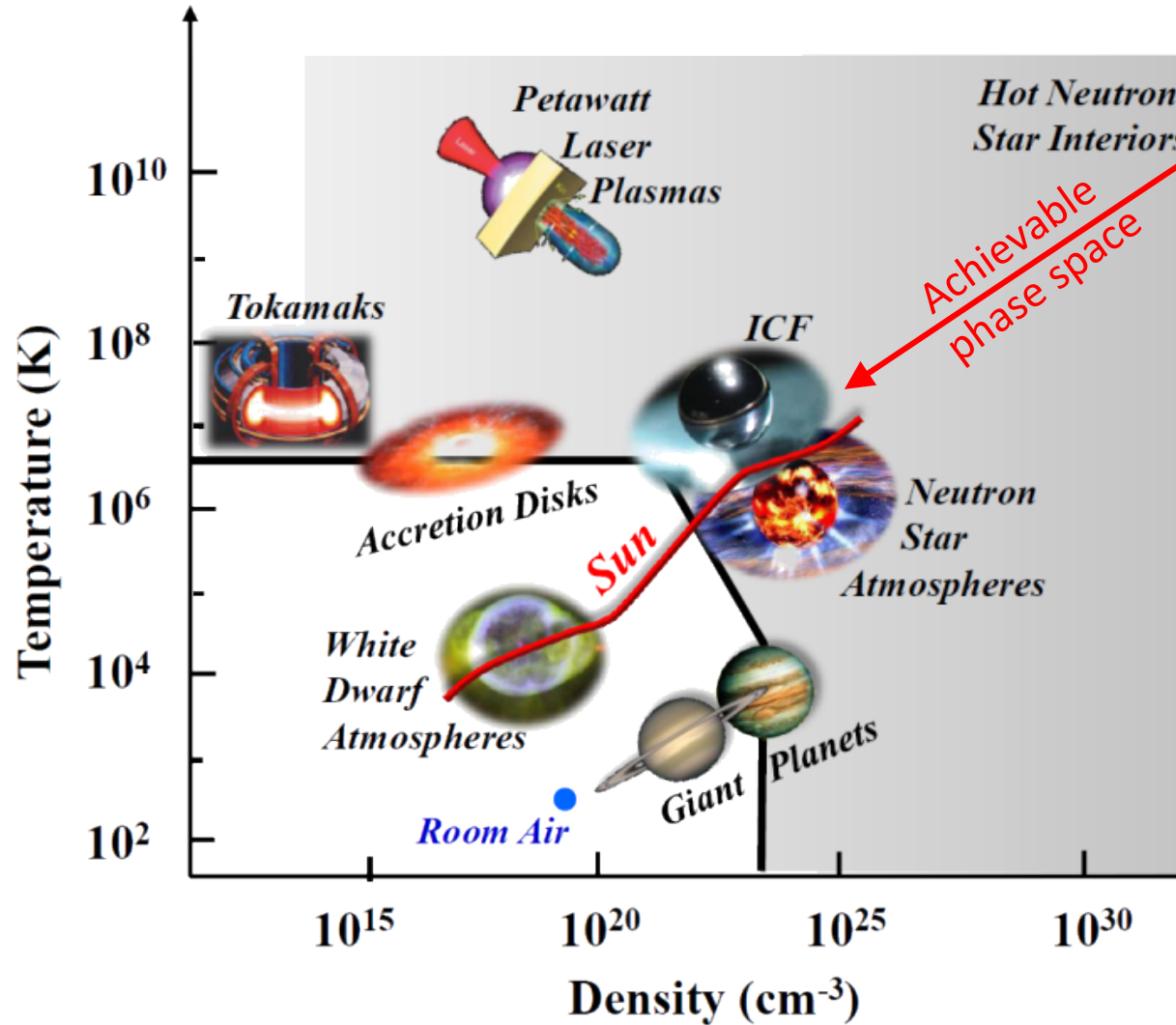
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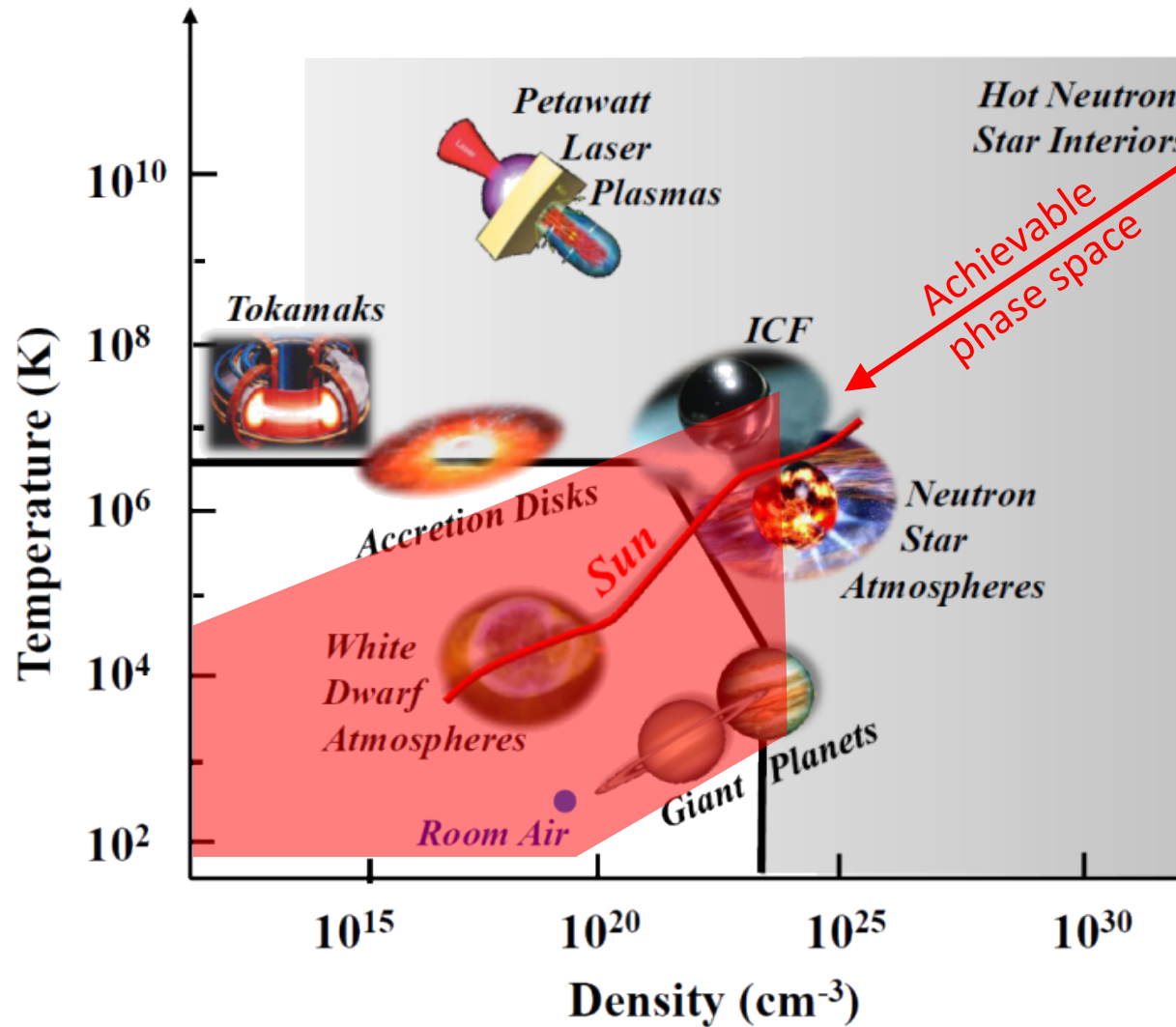


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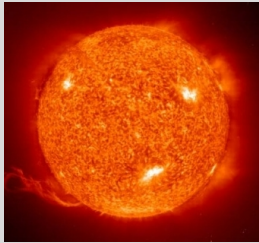
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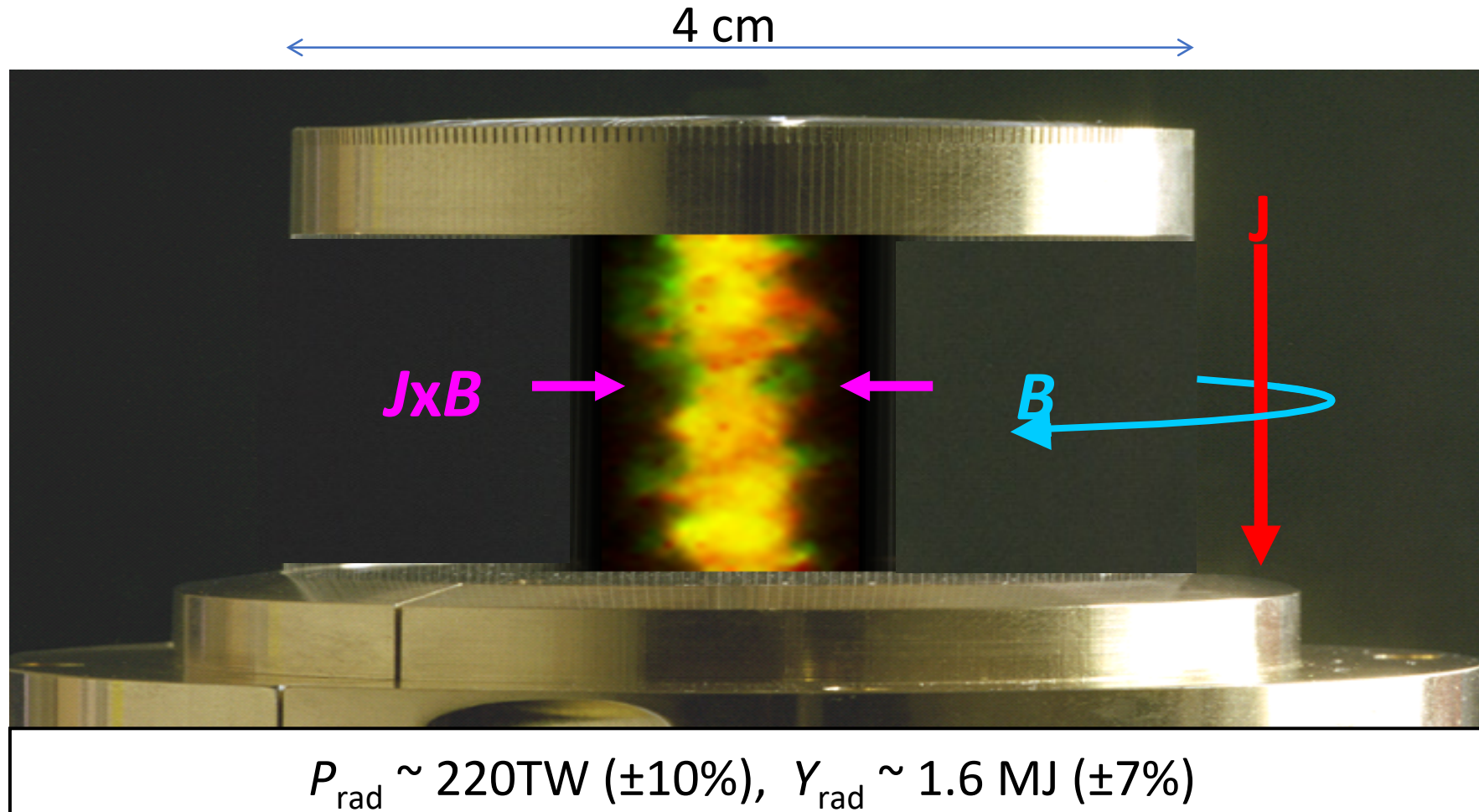
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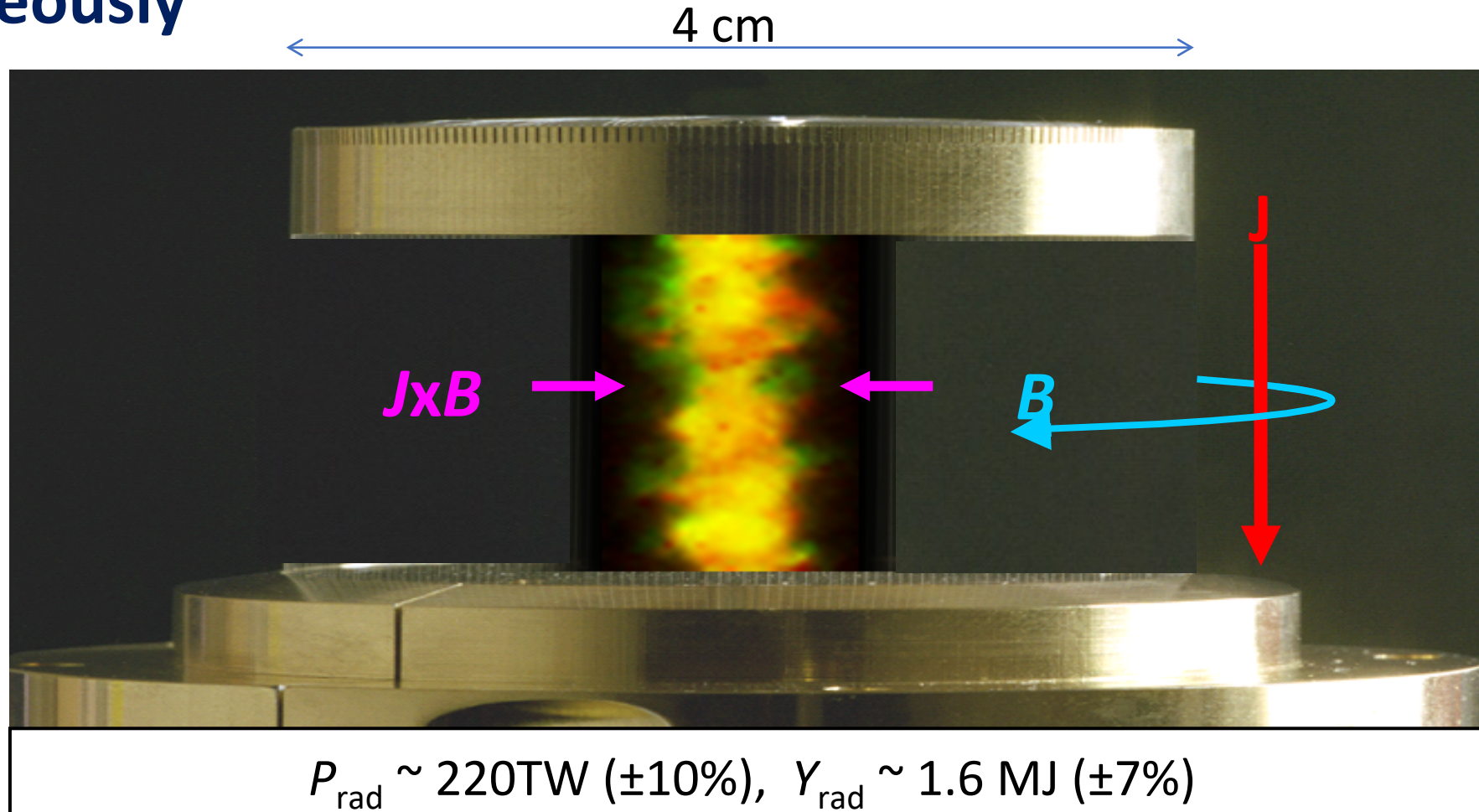




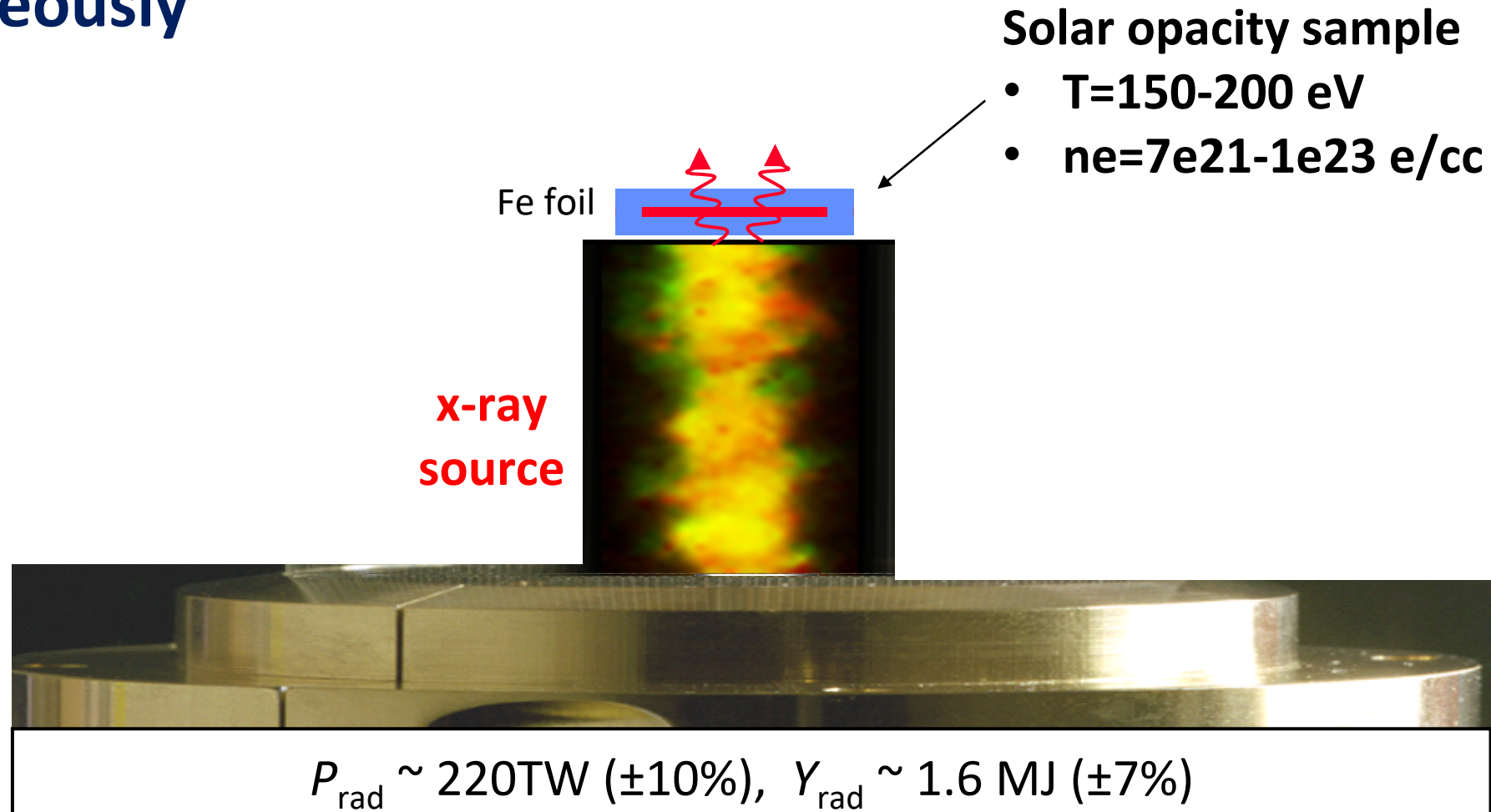
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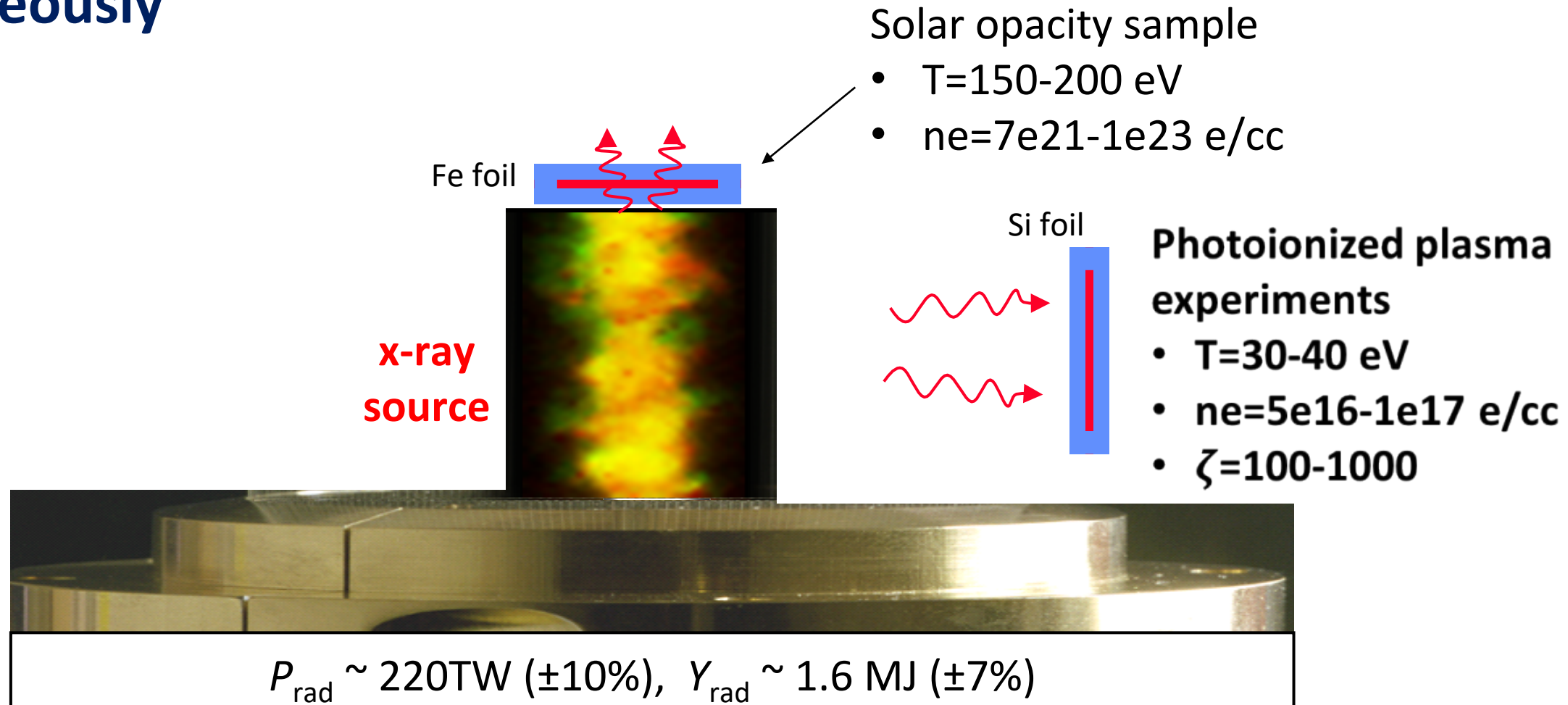
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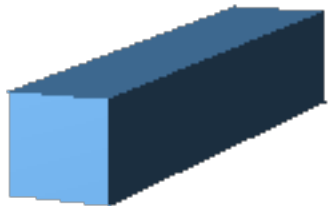




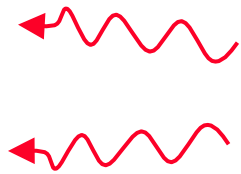
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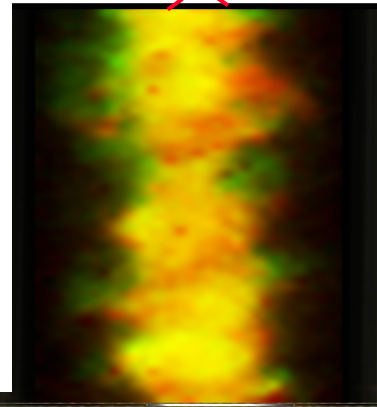
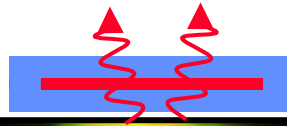


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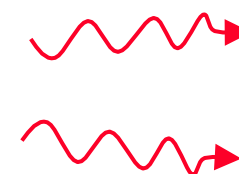
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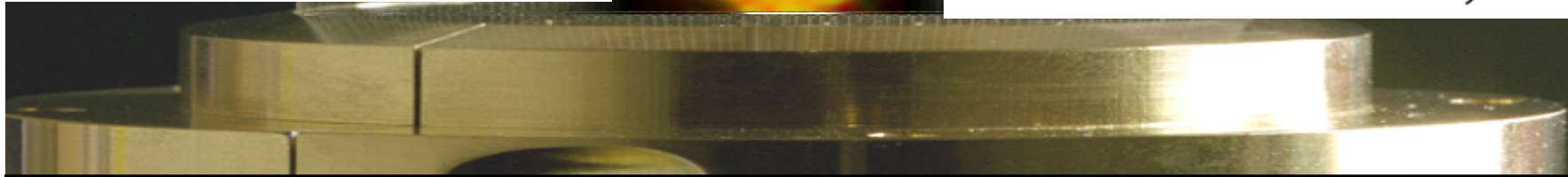
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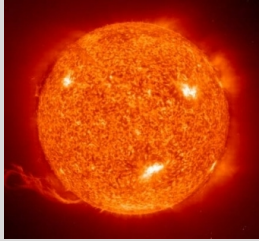


$$P_{\text{rad}} \sim 220\text{TW } (\pm 10\%), \quad Y_{\text{rad}} \sim 1.6 \text{ MJ } (\pm 7\%)$$

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

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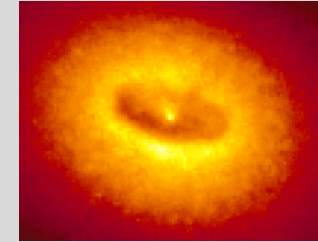
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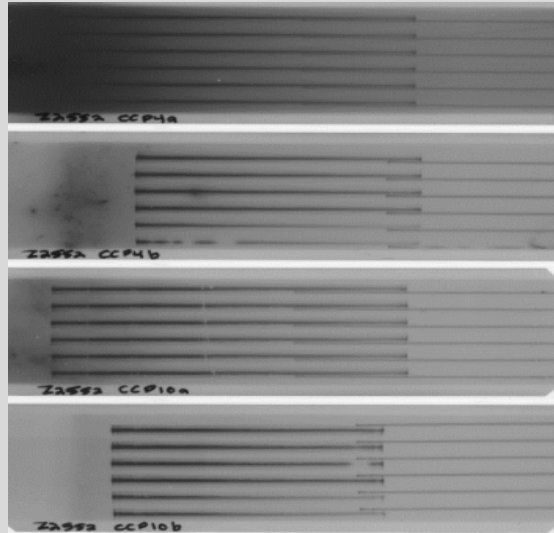
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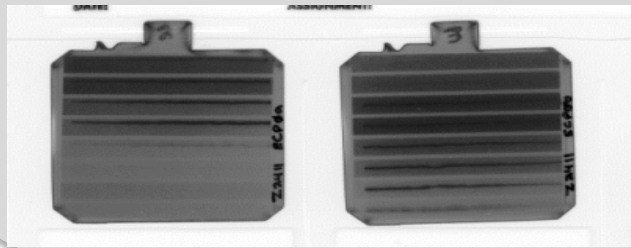
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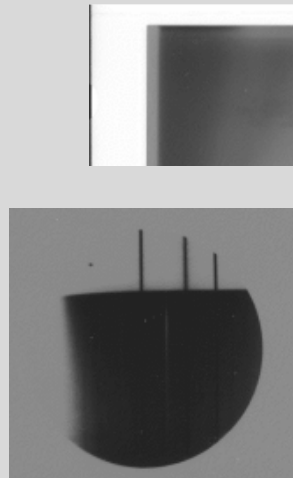


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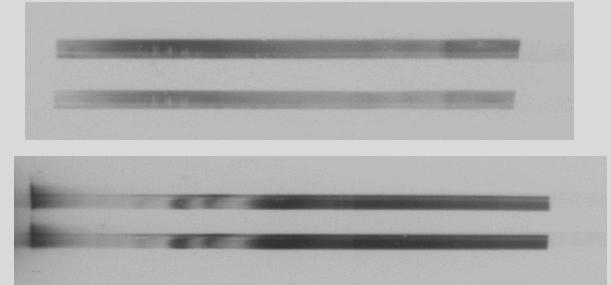
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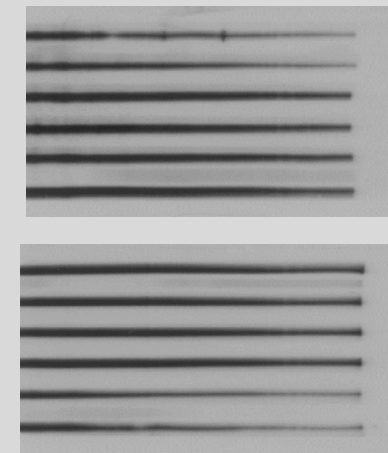


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12 Space-Resolved  
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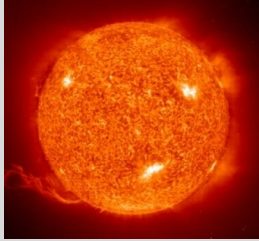
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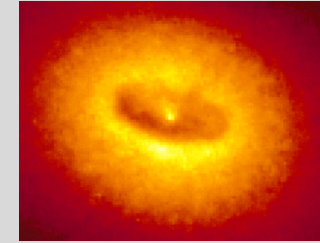
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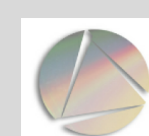


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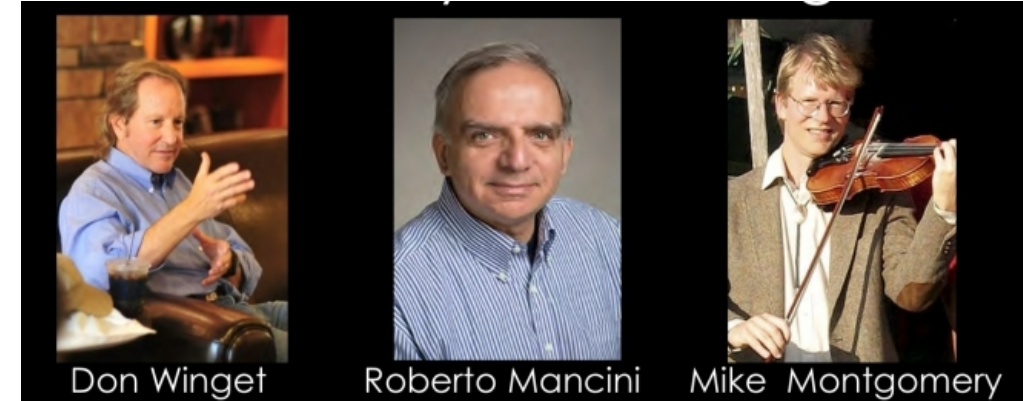




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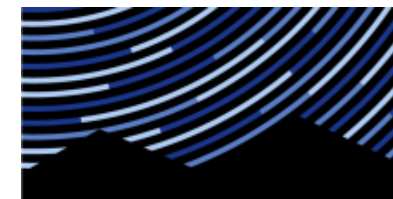
- Lab astrophysicists require specialized knowledge; they must understand:
  - i. Astrophysical impact,
  - ii. Model approximations and limitations,
  - iii. Experimental feasibility and limitations
- CAPP\* at University of Texas at Austin, provides:
  - Sustained funding to train students/postdocs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



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# 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
  - Astrophysicsts 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