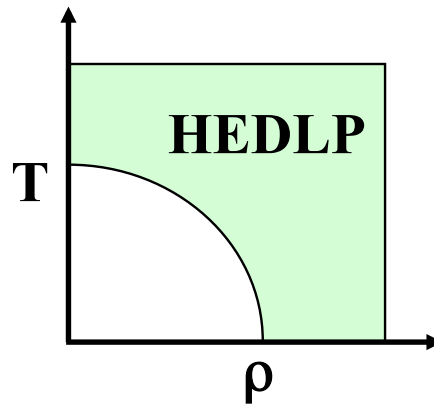


# Radiative hydrodynamics - experiments

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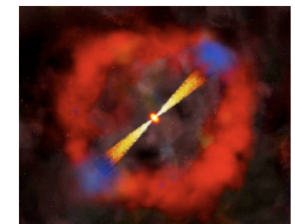
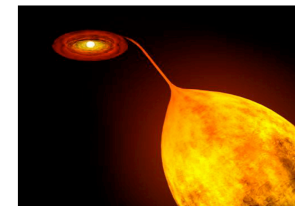
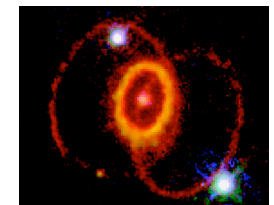
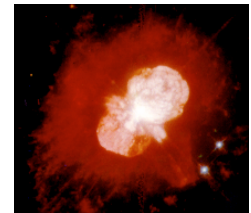
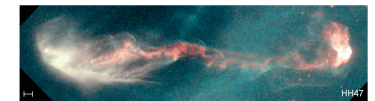
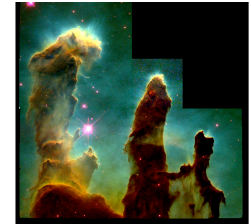
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# HED facilities open up unique experimental opportunities to study radiative hydrodynamics relevant to astrophysics



- **Star formation dynamics: molecular cloud radiative hydrodynamics**
- **Stellar evolution: stellar interior opacities, location of radiative zone**
- **Stellar evolution: white dwarf opacities, EOS, cooling rates**
- **Radiation (UV, x-ray) driving exoplanet atmospheres**
- **Core-collapse SNe: neutrino “rad–hydro”, shock break out rad-hydro**
- **Rad-hydro in Type-1A SNe: nuclear burn propagation, light curve evol.**
- **Supernova remnants: radiative shocks, shock processing of the ISM**
- **Protostellar jets: high-M-#, radiative, MHD or rad-hydro jets**
- **Radiation (UV, x-ray) destruction of dust grains near GRBs**
- **Black hole accretion disks; photoionized plasmas; (e+, e-) pair fireball**



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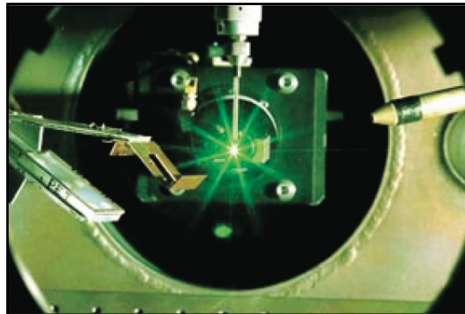
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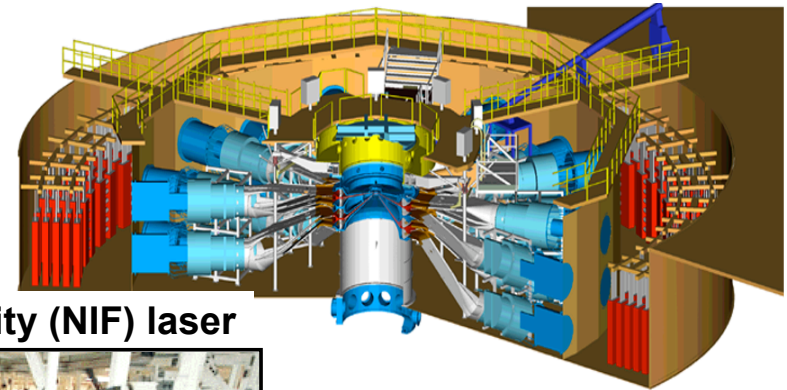
# This frontier science is being pursued on a wide range of high energy density facilities around the world



Jupiter, Trident, Z-Beamlet, Vulcan, LULI, Gekko lasers



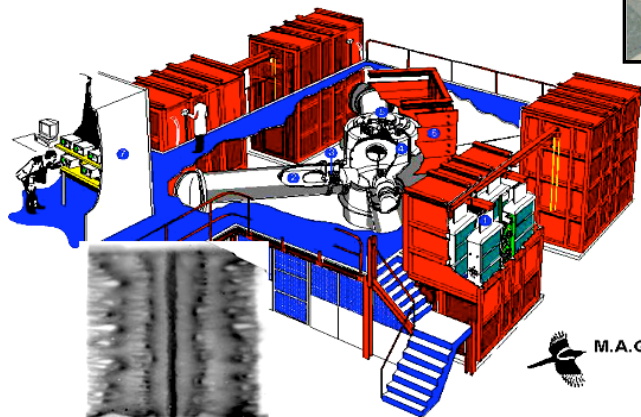
Z, ZR magnetic-pinch facility



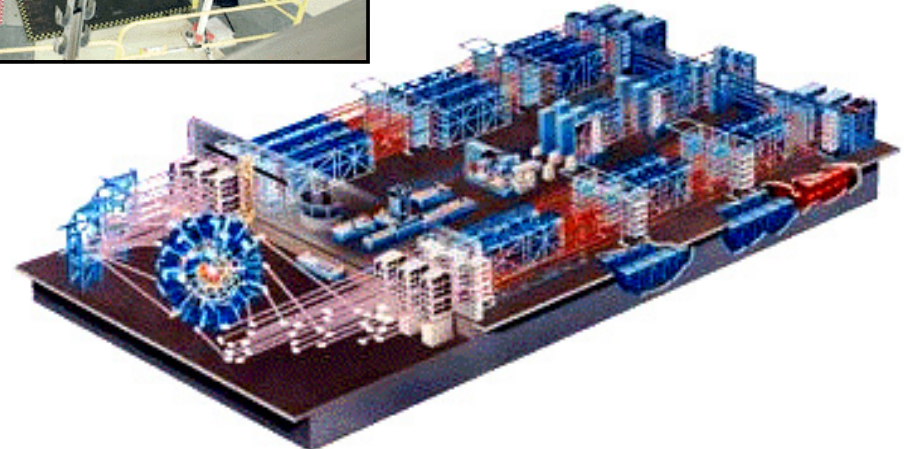
National Ignition Facility (NIF) laser



Magpie magnetic-pinch facility



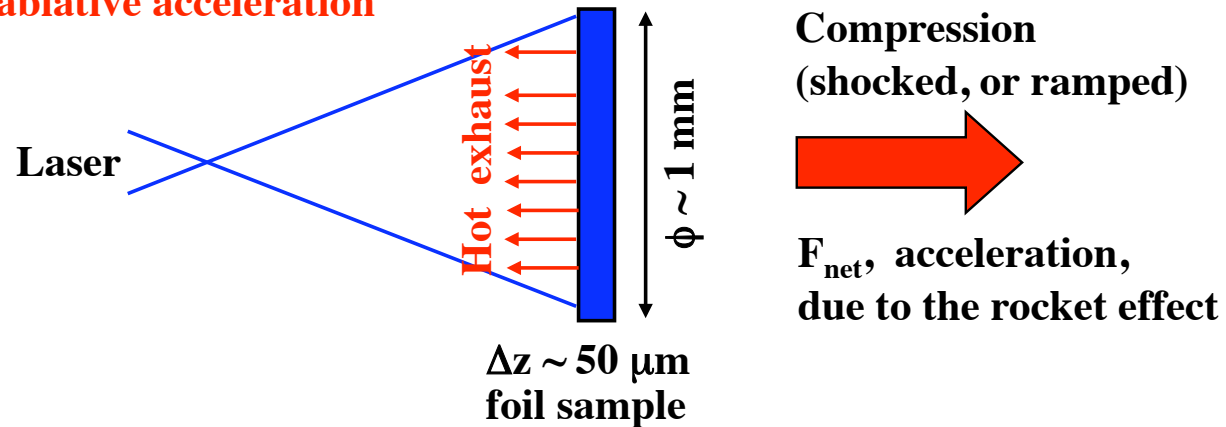
Omega, EP lasers



# HED facilities, such as lasers, are ideal for producing localized regions of high pressure to “drive” experiments



## Example: laser driven, ablative acceleration



Assume  $E_L \sim 1 \text{ kJ}$ ,  $\lambda_L = 1/3 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
a 1 mm diameter spot, for 1 ns:

$$I_L = \frac{10^3 \text{ J}}{\pi(0.05\text{cm})^2(10^{-9}\text{s})} = 1.3 \times 10^{14} \text{ W/cm}^2$$

$$P_{\text{abl}}(\text{Mbar}) \approx 40 \left[ \frac{I_{15}}{\lambda_{(\mu\text{m})}} \right]^{2/3} = 40 \left[ \frac{0.13}{1/3 \mu\text{m}} \right]^{2/3} \approx 21 \text{ Mbar} = 21 \times 10^{12} \text{ dyne/cm}^2 = 2.1 \text{ TPa}$$

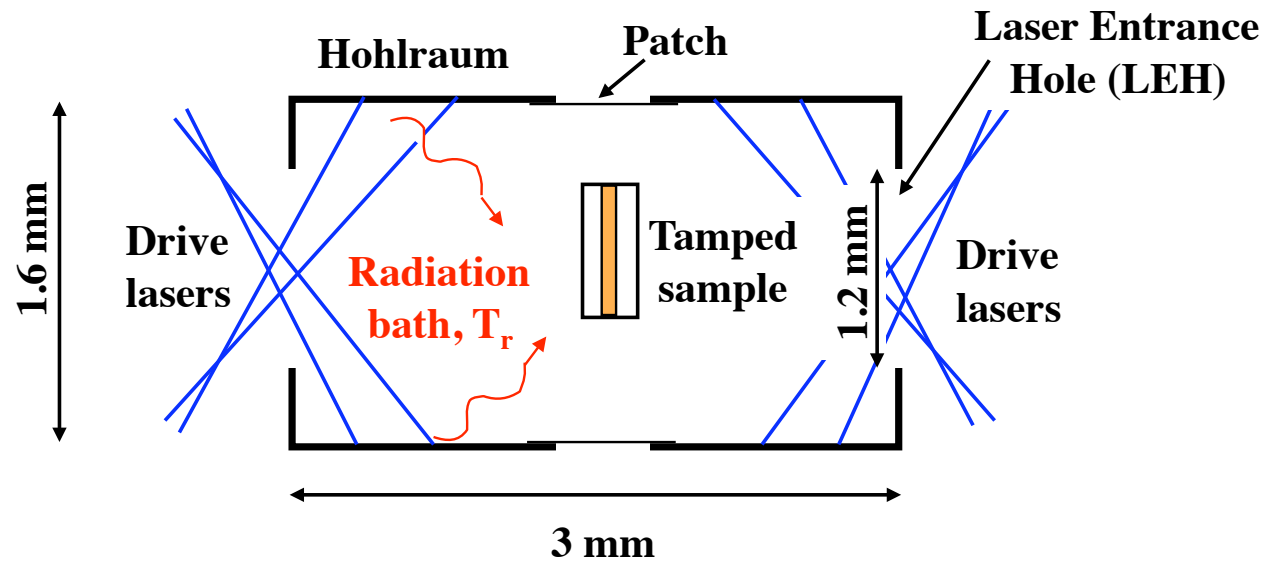
- Newton's 2nd law,  $P = \rho \cdot \Delta z \cdot g$ , gives  $g = 4.2 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm/s}^2 = 42 \mu\text{m/ns}^2 \sim (10^{12} - 10^{13}) g_0$ , yielding very high accelerations over ~1-10 ns
- Compare with the acceleration due to gravity at the surface of a neutron star:  
 $g_{\text{NS}} = GM_{\text{NS}}/r^2 \sim G(1.5M_{\text{Sun}})/(15\text{km})^2 \sim 10^{11}g_0$ .

[Lindl, PoP 2, 3933 (1995), Eq. 47; *Inertial Confinement Fusion* (Springer, 1998); Rosen, PoP 6, 1690 (1999)]

# Lasers and Z-pinches can also generate high temperature, radiation conditions for heating or “driving” samples



## Example: laser driven radiation cavity or “hohlraum”



Laser power

$$\eta P_{\text{Laser}} \text{ (kJ/ns)} = 4.4 A_{\text{wall}} \text{ (cm}^2\text{)} T_r^{3.3} \text{ (heV)} + 6.25 A_{\text{holes}} \text{ (cm}^2\text{)} T_r^4 \text{ (heV)}$$

X-ray conversion efficiency

Heat loss into the wall

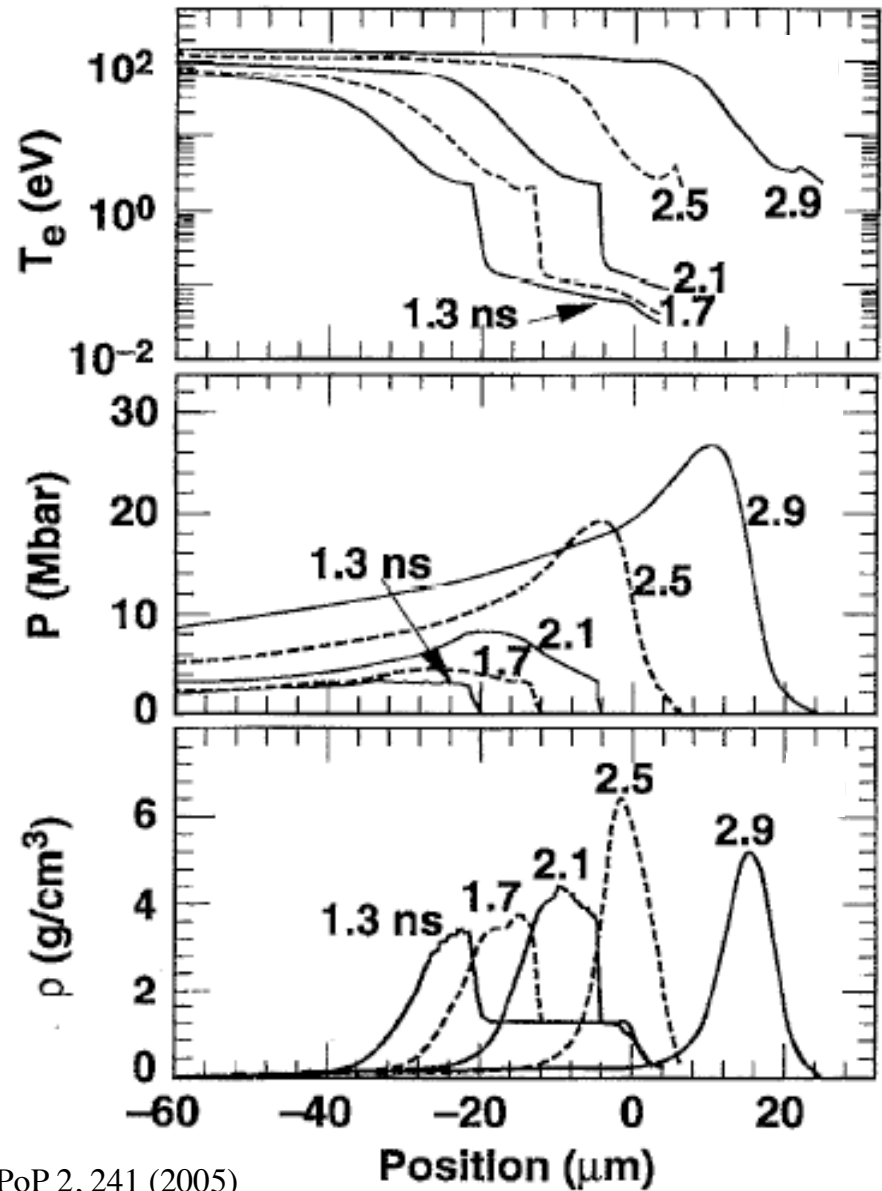
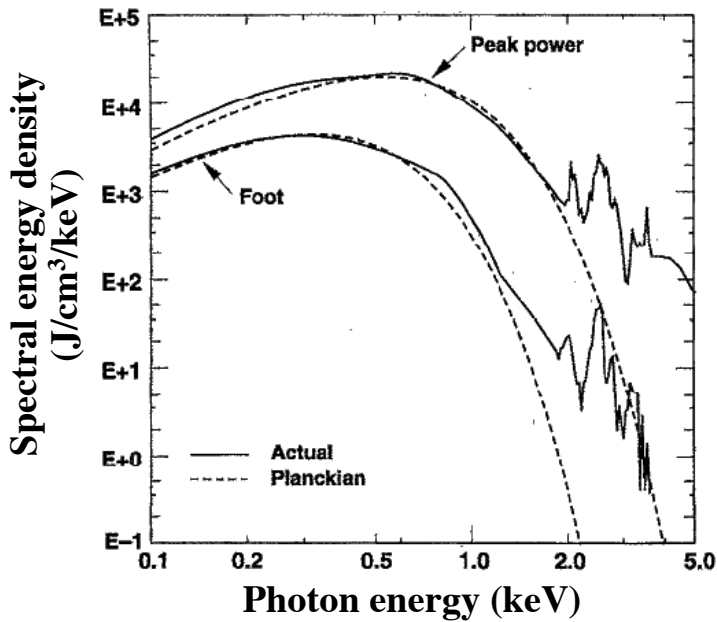
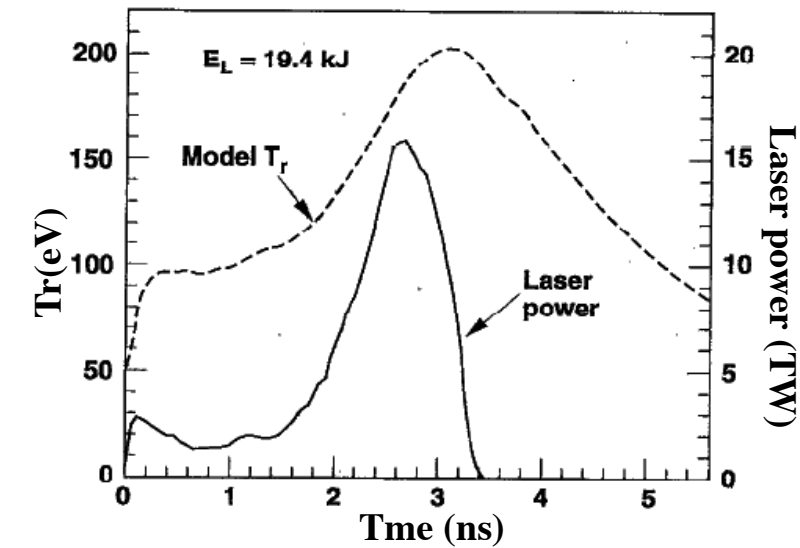
Heat loss out the holes (Stefan's Law:  $P/A \sim \sigma T^4$ )

• Typical drive of  $P_L = 20 \text{ kJ} / 1 \text{ ns}$  at  $\eta \sim 0.6$  gives  $T_r \sim 2.16 \text{ heV} = 216 \text{ eV}$

• Corresponding ablation pressure:  $P_{\text{abl}} \sim (3 \text{ Mbar}) T_r^{3.5} = (3 \text{ Mbar}) (2.16 \text{ heV})^{3.5} = 44 \text{ Mbar}$

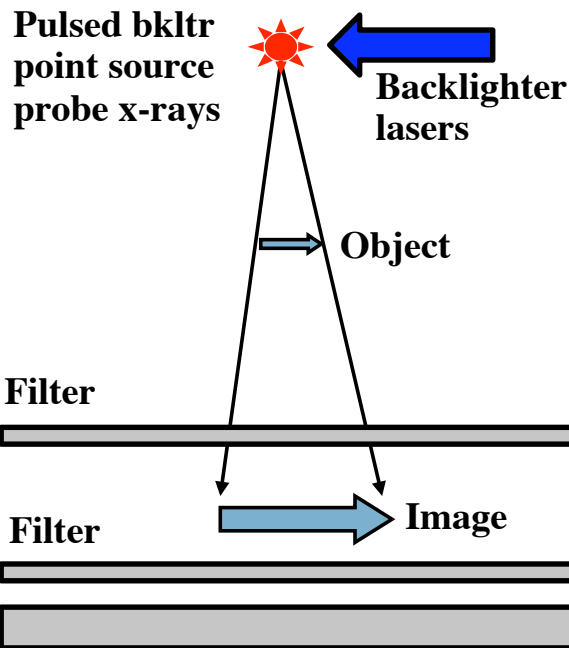
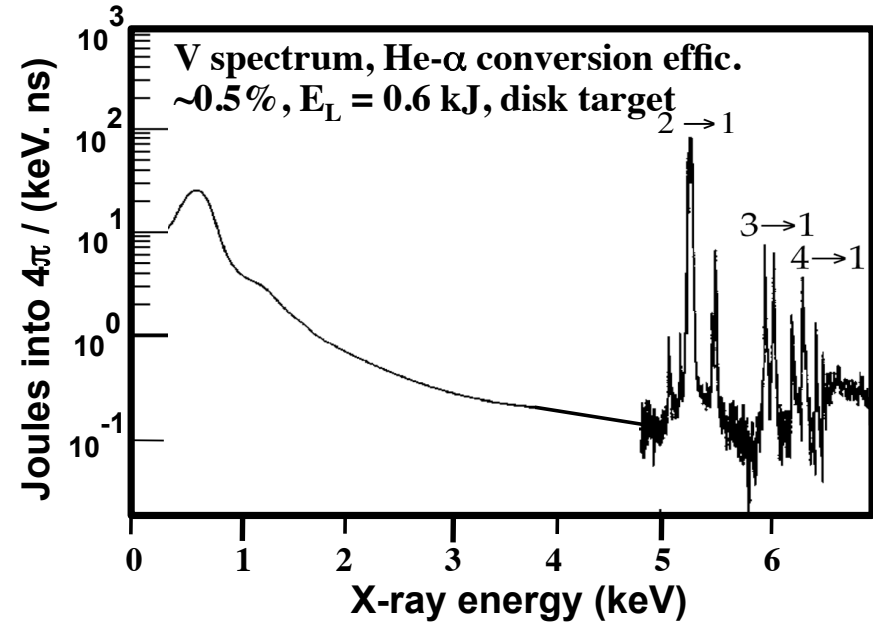
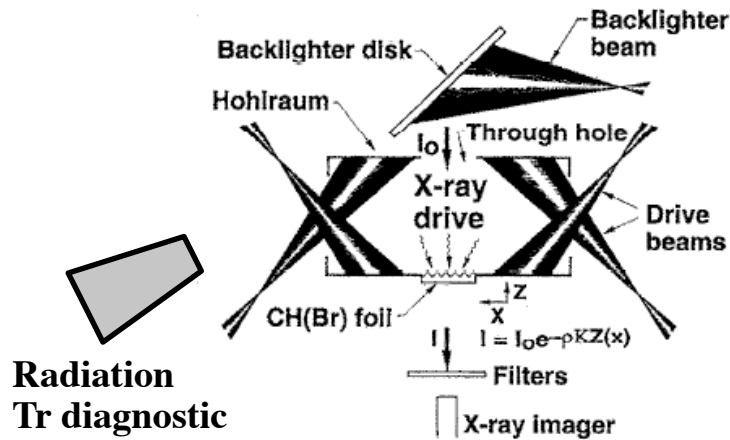
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# Generic example of parameters for a radiatively ablated, CH(3%Br) foil compression, acceleration

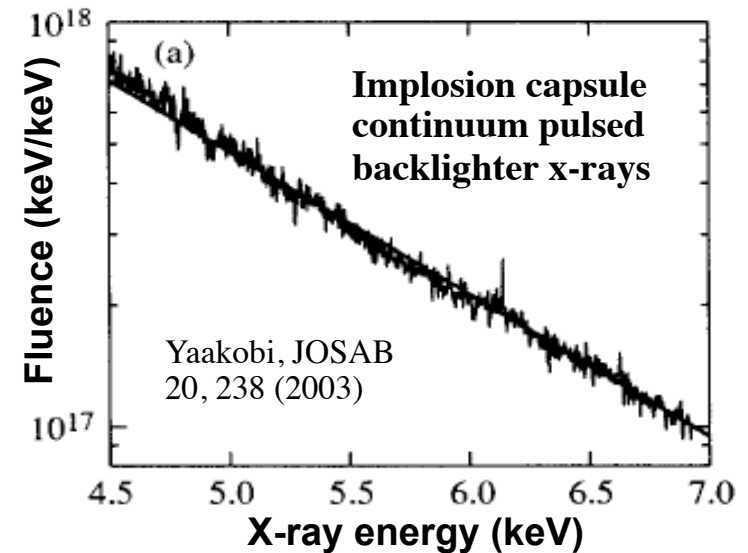


Remington, PoP 2, 241 (2005)

# One way to diagnose laser experiments is will a bright, pulsed source of “backlighter” x-rays



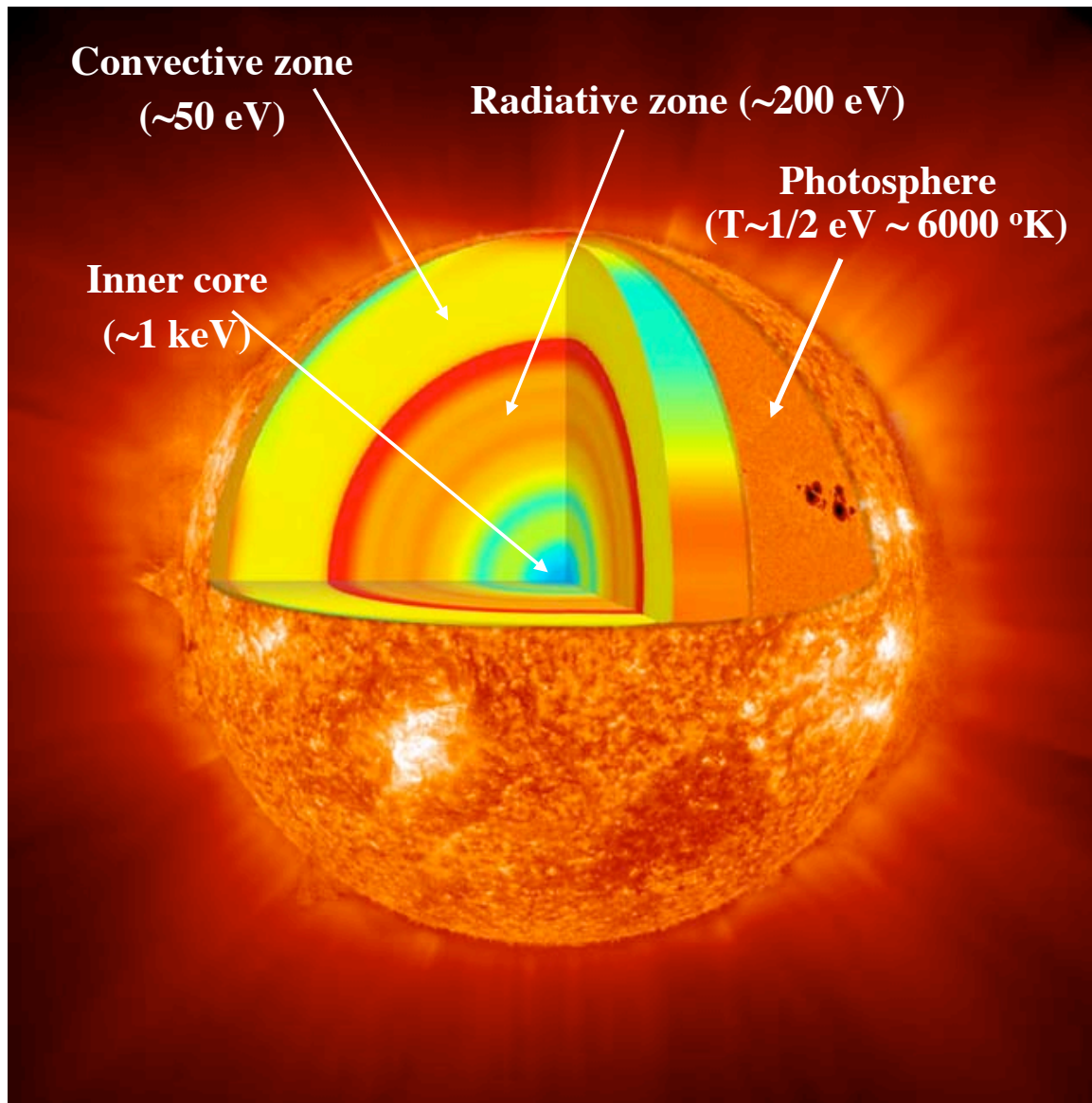
CCD, gated MCP, image plate, and/or x-ray film



# Hohlraum temperatures are put into perspective by comparing with the temperature of the sun



## Sun

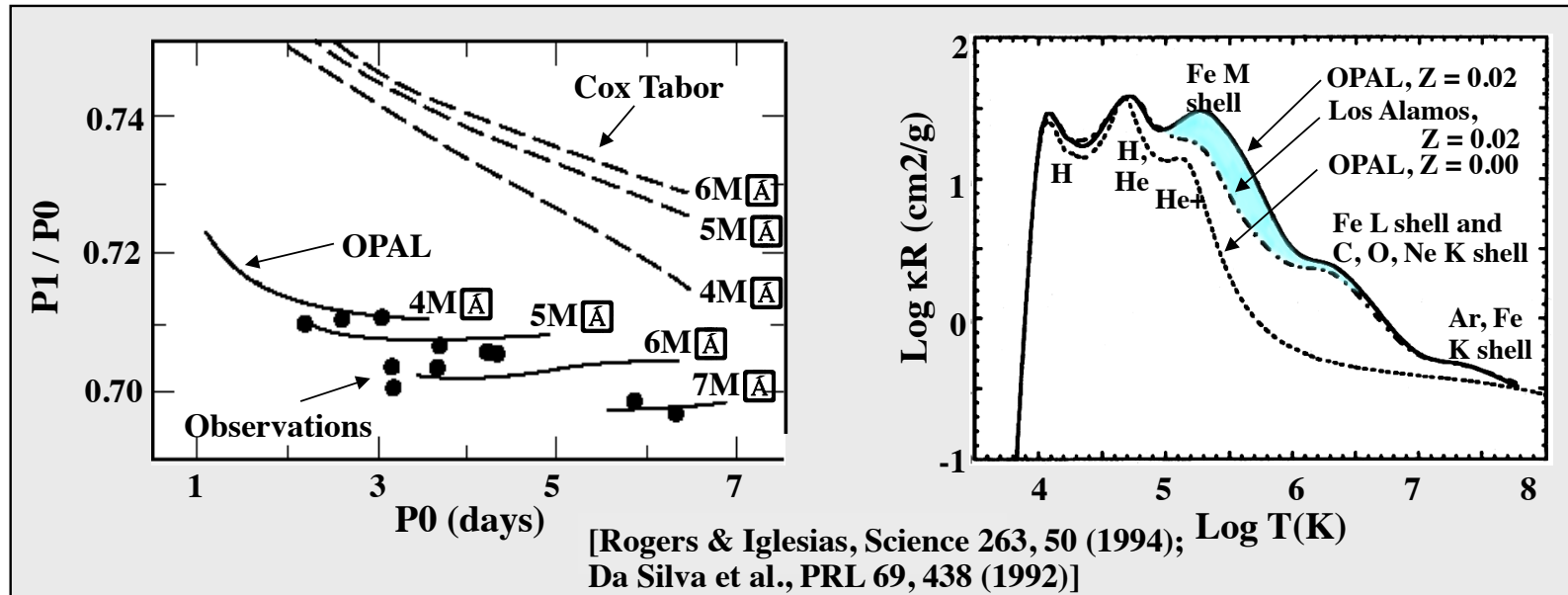


## How hot is 200 eV?

- 200 eV = 400 x temperature at the surface of sun
- 200 eV = 2 million deg., which is the temperature at about half way to the center of the sun, in the radiative zone



# Opacity experiments have led to an improved understanding of Cepheid Variable pulsation and stellar dynamics



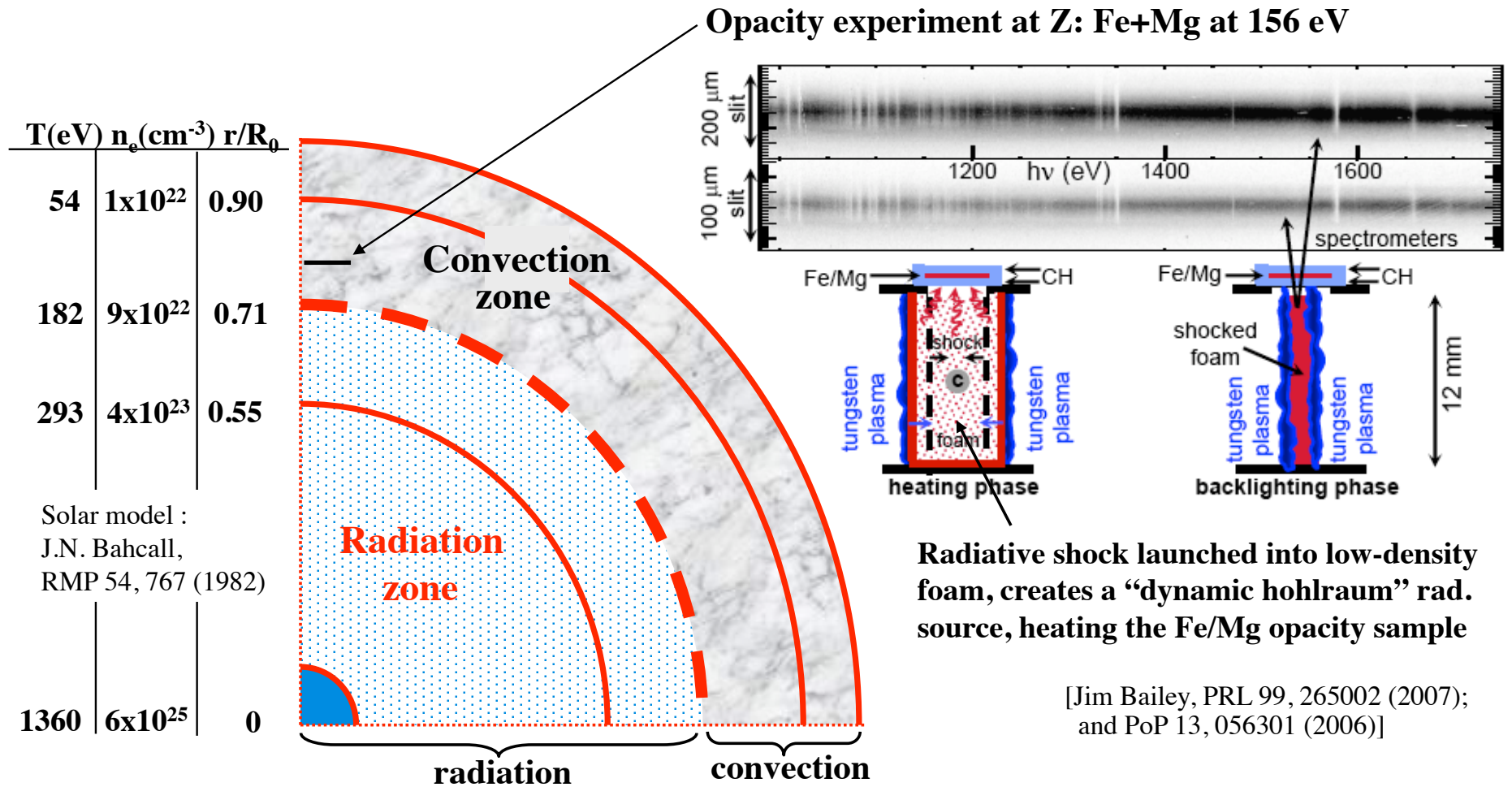
- The original simulations of Cepheids predicted pulsation periods longer than observed
- The measured opacities of Fe under relevant conditions were larger than calculated:

$$P \sim D_{\text{star}} / c_s \sim T_e^{-1/2} \sim \kappa_v^{-1/2n}, \text{ if } \kappa_v \sim T_e^n$$

- Experiments were done on the Nova laser and Saturn facility

- New OPAL simulations of the opacity of Fe reproduced the data
- This allowed Cepheid Variable pulsations to be correctly modeled
- NIF should allow opacities to be measured under stellar radiative zone conditions

# Opacity and radiation transport control the temperature profile inside the star, which affects all aspects of the stellar dynamics

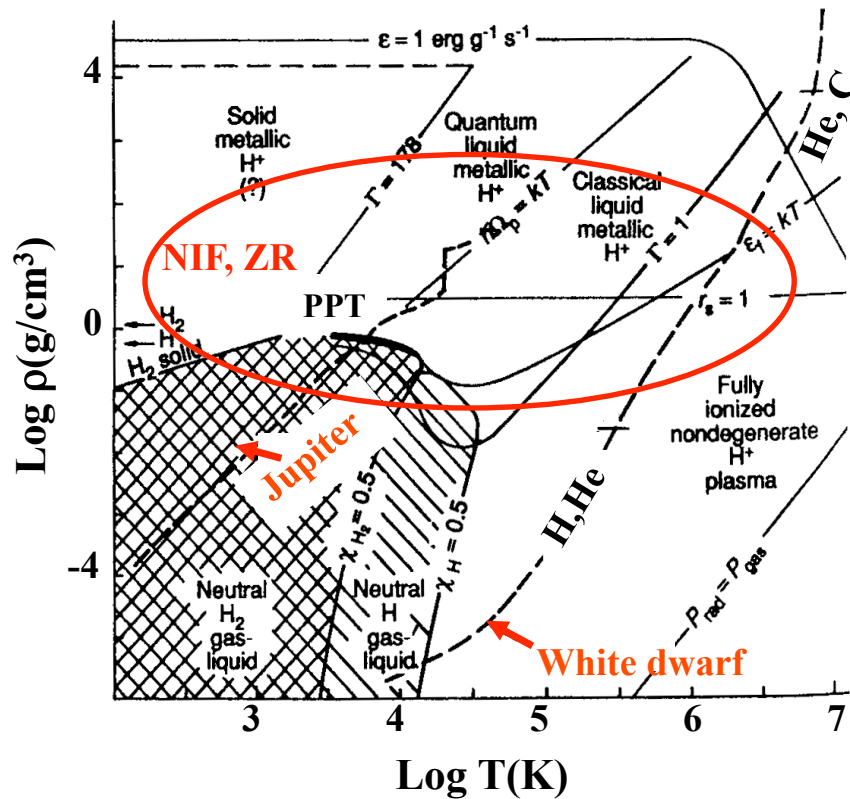


- Hohlräume driven by Z-pinchs or lasers are ideal for opacity measurements at stellar interior conditions
- Next generation facilities - ZR, NIF - will reach conditions relevant to the stellar radiative zone

# Experiments relevant to white dwarf envelope properties (EOS, opacity) should be possible on NIF, ZR

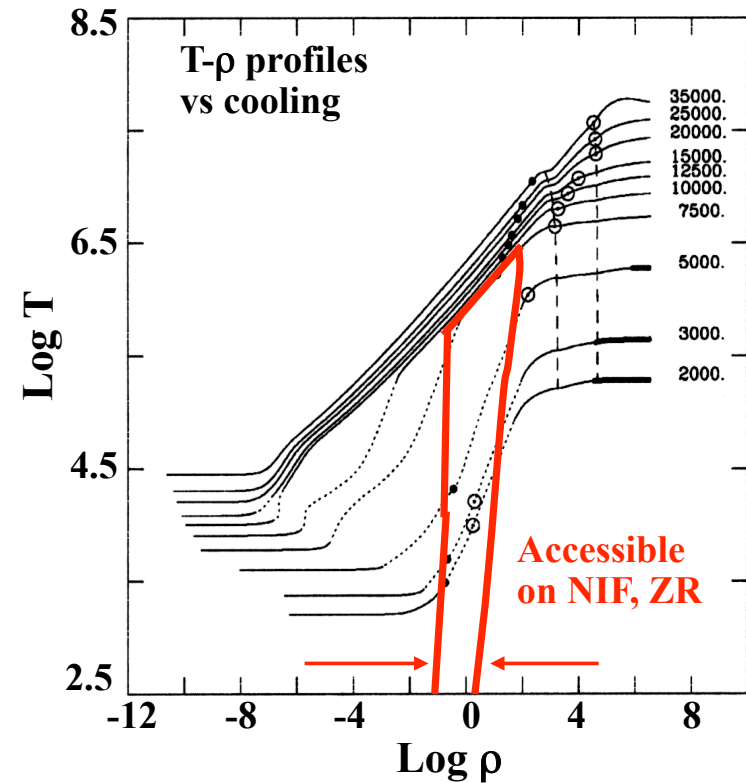


Phase diagram of hydrogen



Van Horn,  
Science 252, 384 (1991)

Phase diagram for white dwarfs



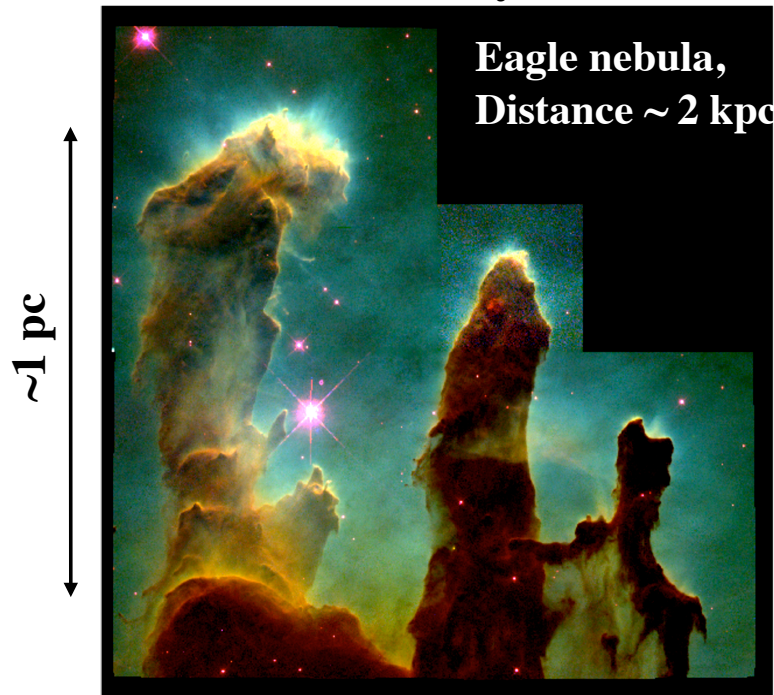
Fontaine et al.,  
Pub. Astron. Soc. Pacific 113, 409 (2001)

- NIF, ZR can access WD conditions in the envelope, where the EOS and opacity are uncertain

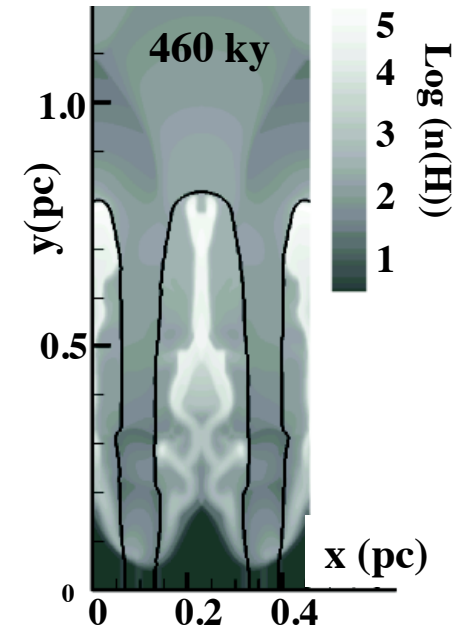
# Unique regimes relevant to radiatively driven molecular can also be achieved



## Stellar birth dynamics?

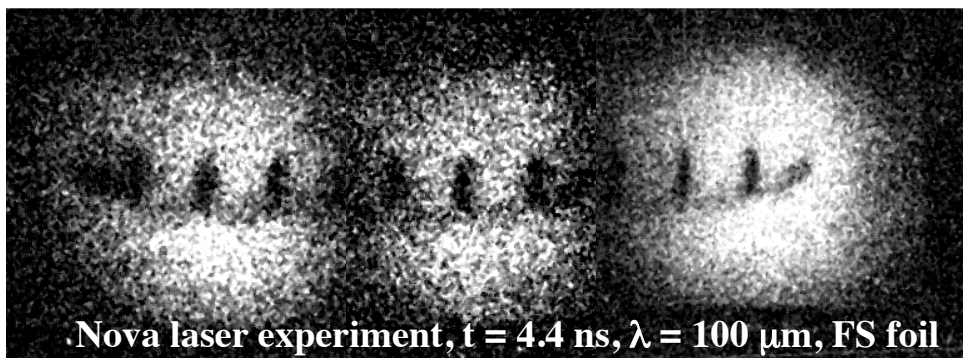


[J. Hester et al., AJ 111, 2349 (1996)]



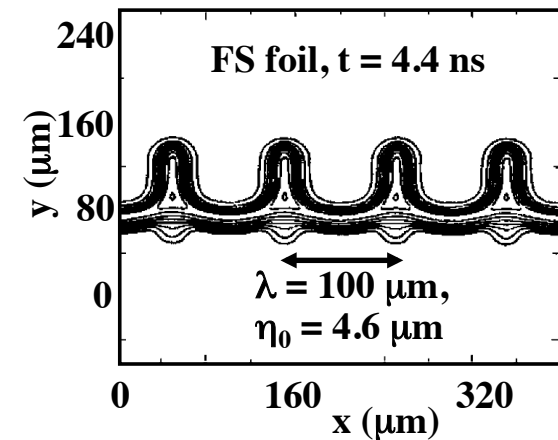
[A. Mizuta, ApSS 298, 197 (2005);  
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## Nova laser data

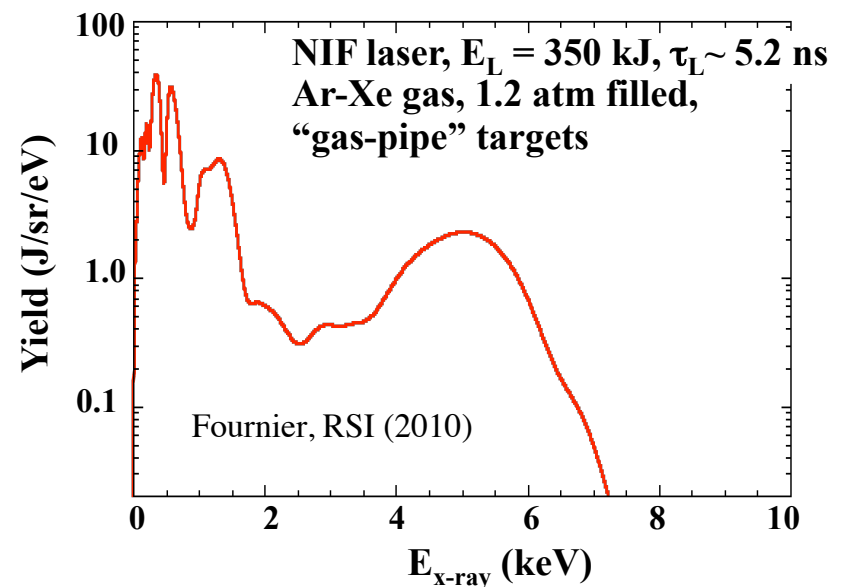
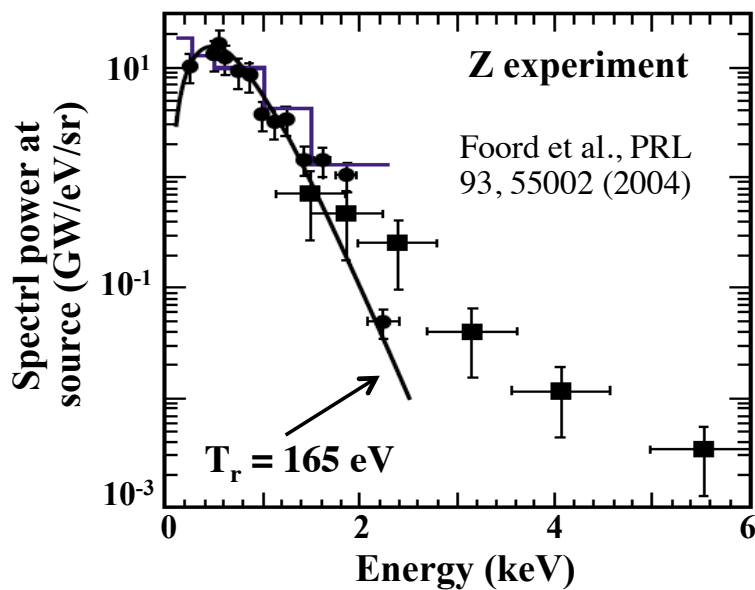
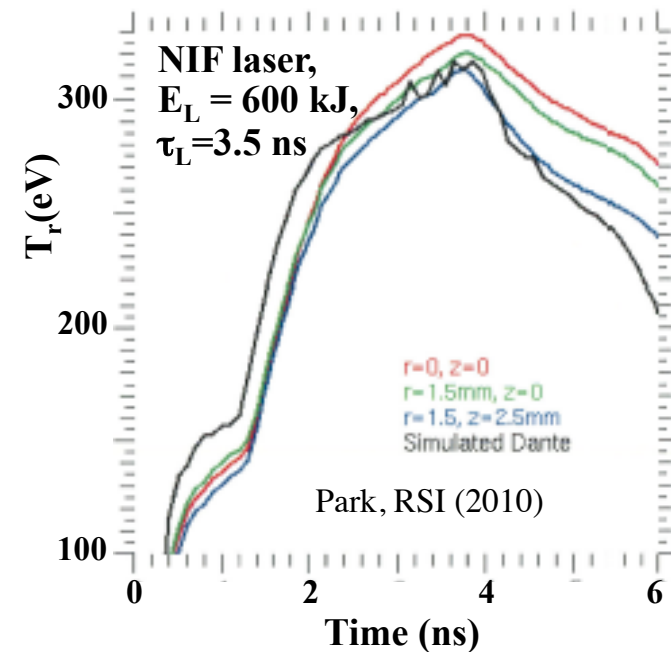
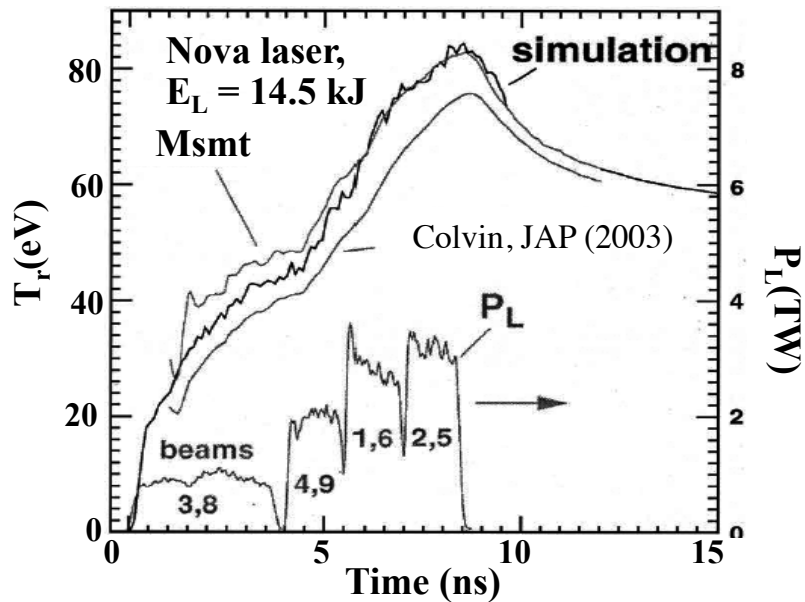


Nova laser experiment,  $t = 4.4$  ns,  $\lambda = 100$   $\mu\text{m}$ , FS foil

[B.A. Remington et al., Phys. Fluids B 5, 2589 (1993)]



# Calibrated radiation sources could be used for exoplanet radiation-atmosphere, and/or GRB x-ray flux induced dust fragmentation studies



Static radiation flow experiments have been developed. Radiation flow experiments through an expanding atmosphere have been designed.

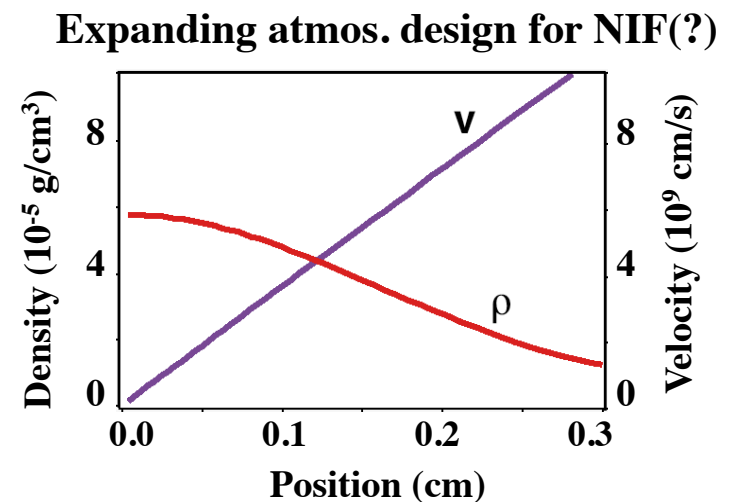
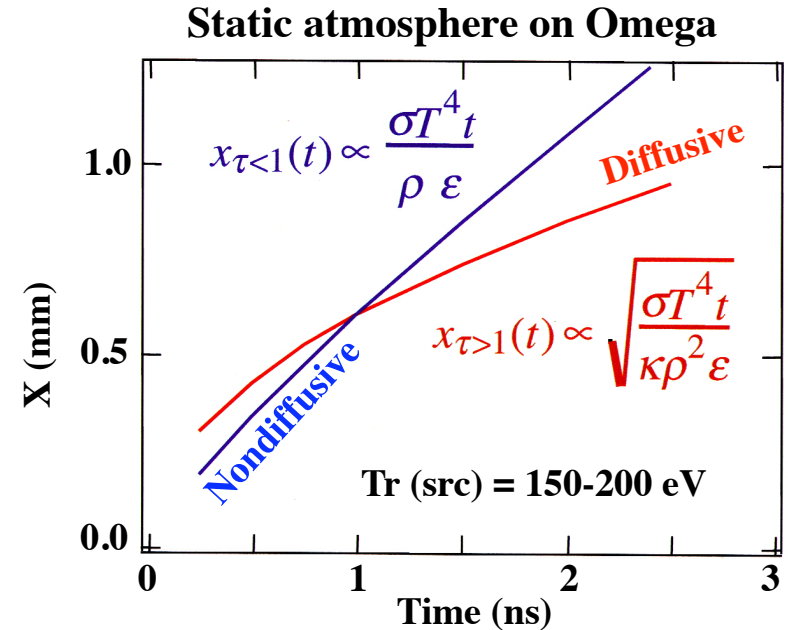
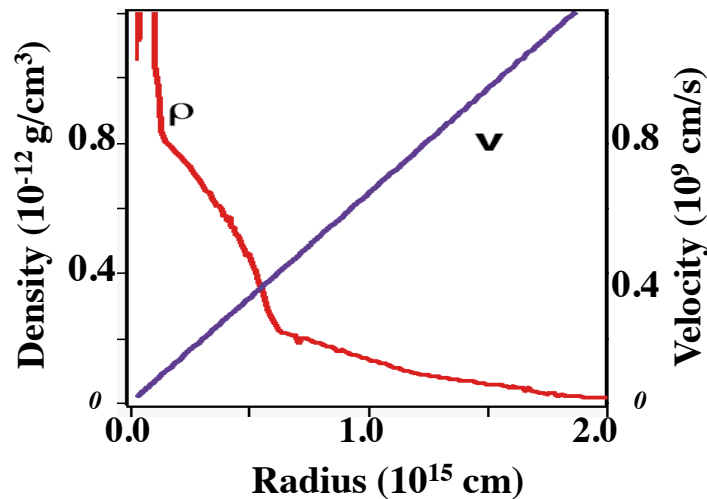


- Static rad-flow experiments access both diffusive and non-diffusive regimes

C.A. Back et al., Phys. Plasmas 7, 2126 (2000)

$$\frac{\text{radiative energy flux}}{\text{material energy flux}} = \frac{\sigma T^4}{\epsilon \rho c_s} \gg 1$$

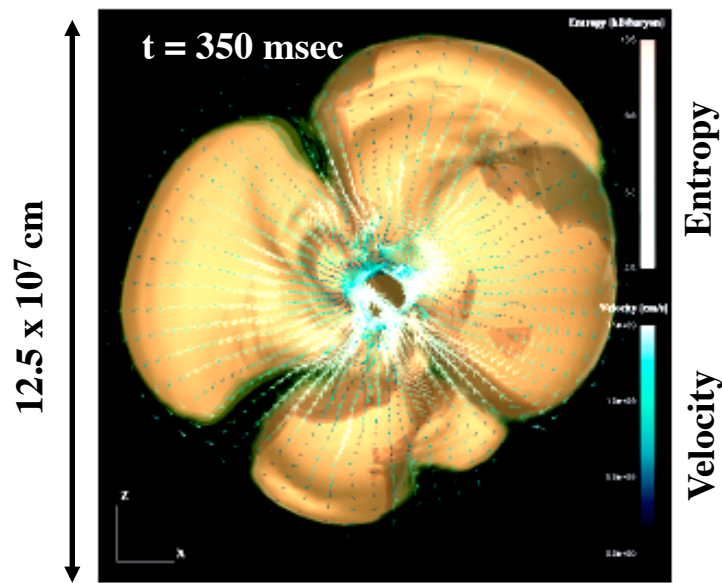
- SNe require expanding atmospheres
- Relevant experiments possible on Z



# Understanding supernovae requires understanding neutrino- and radiation-hydrodynamics in turbulent flows with large gradients

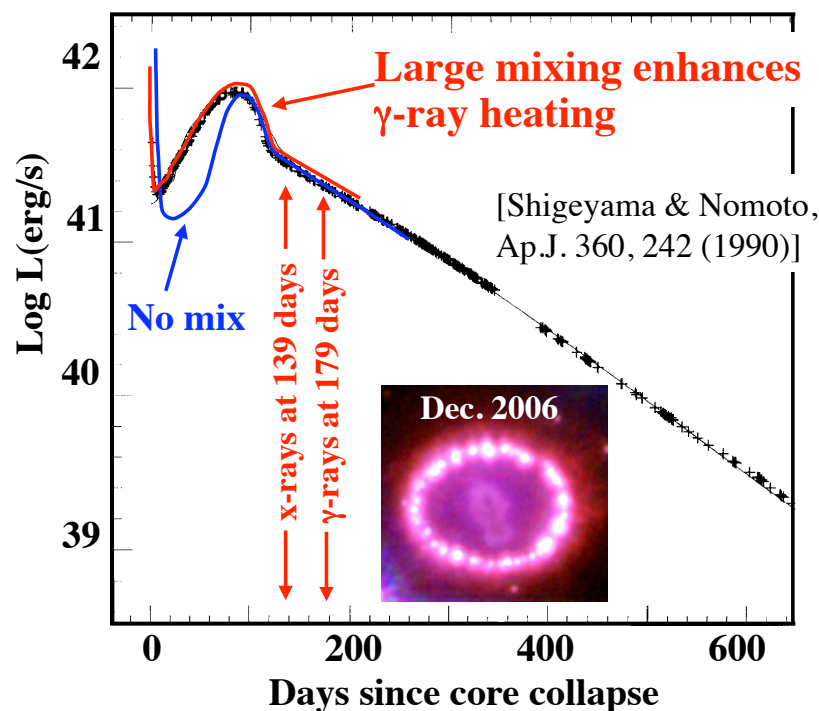


## Spherical Accretion Shock Instability (SASI) model



[Iwakami and Ohnishi, ApJ 678, 1207 (2008)]

## SN1987A luminosity (light curve) measurements did not match simulations



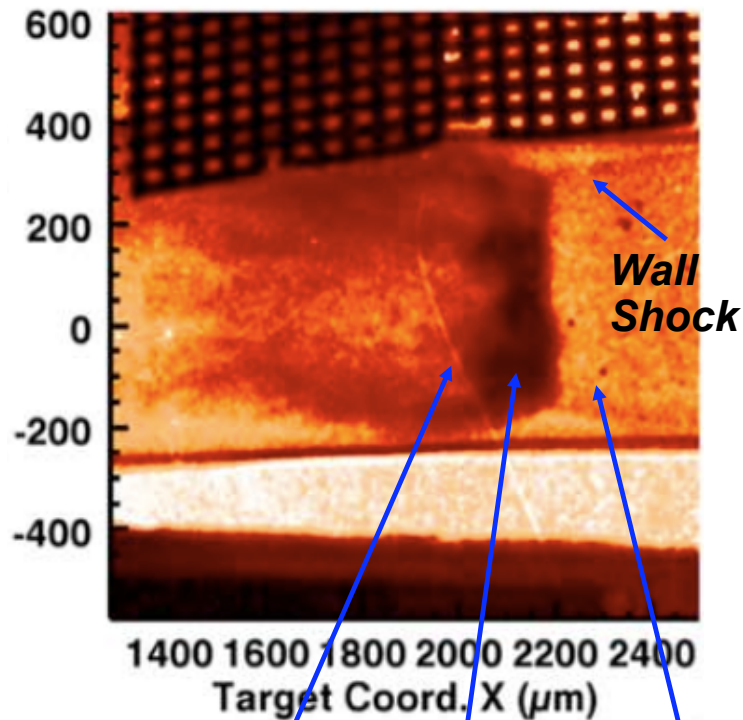
[D. Arnett, *Supernovae* (Princeton Univ. Press, 1996)]

- Core-collapse launched shock stalls
- Neutrino heating + SASI refresh shock
- Explosion restarted

- Uncertainties in our understanding:
  - Turbulent mixing; its affect on core inversion
  - Deep nonlinear, 3D multimode coupling
  - Jet induced turbulent mix
  - Low mode asymmetry induced turbulent mix
  - Turbulent mass stripping off RT spikes

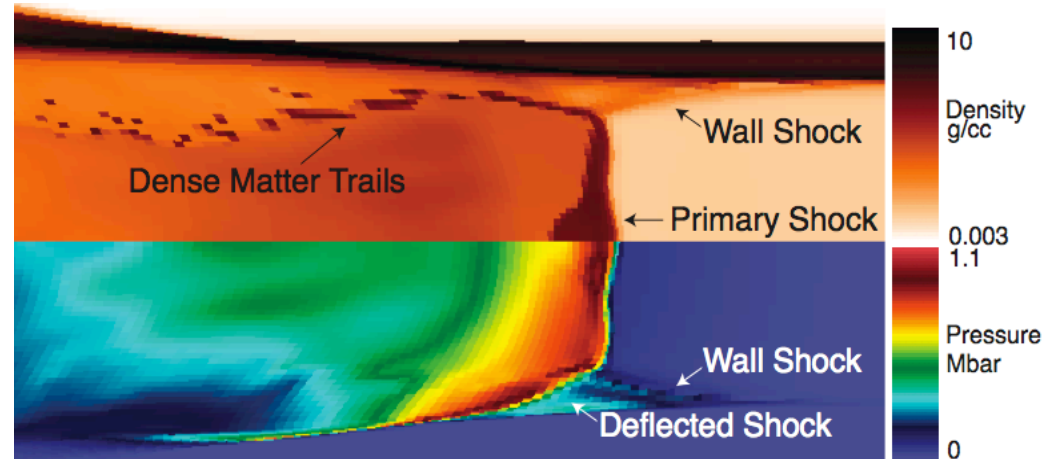
# Radiative shock experiments have been developed on Omega that illustrate unique shock dynamics

Omega data



Shocked Xe  
 Xe / Be interface  
 Unshocked Xe  
 Point projection, 5.2 keV (V-He<sub>α</sub>), 200 ps bkltr

HYDRA simulation



Shot Number	Precursor Mach Number	Unheated Gas Mach Number
52661	3.00	589
52663	2.93	576
52664*	2.73	537
52665	3.12	613
52667	2.92	574
52668	3.37	662
52669	3.06	602
52670	3.01	592
52671	3.25	639

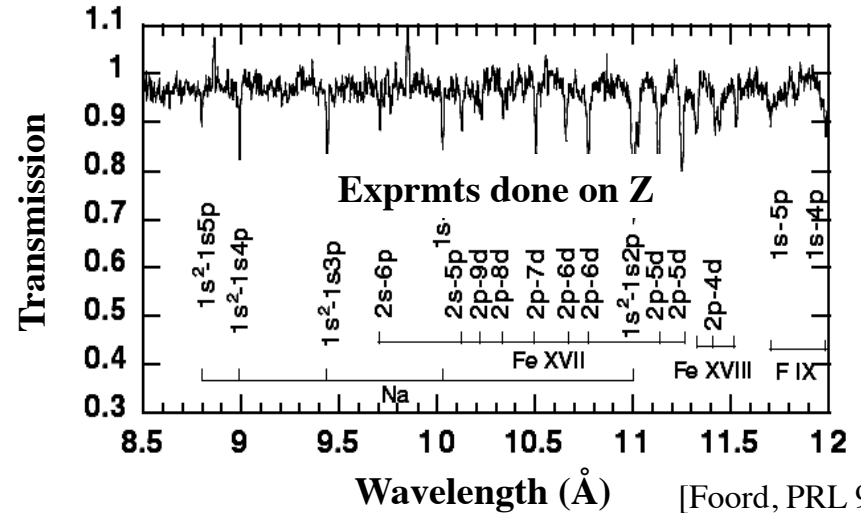
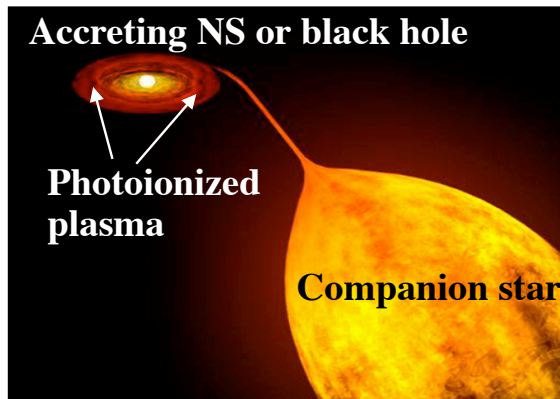
[F. Doss et al., PoP 16, 112705 (2009) ]



# Accreting neutron stars and black holes are observed by their x-ray spectral emissions



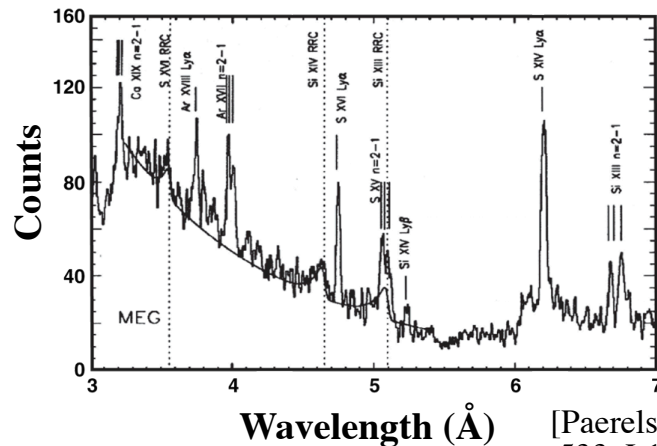
- Understanding rad. dominated photoionized plasmas essential for interpreting these data



[Foord, PRL 93, 55002 (2004)]

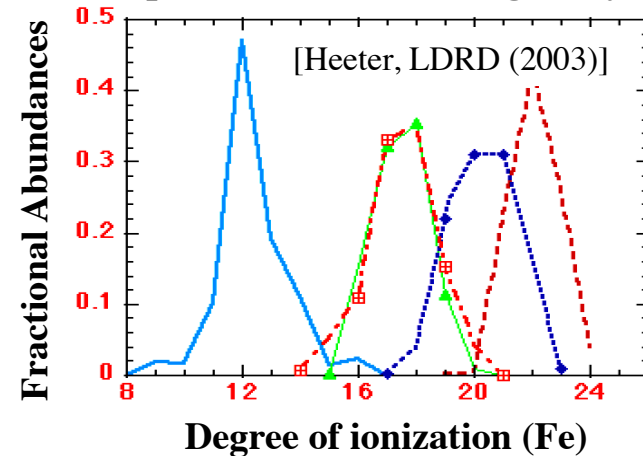
$\tau = L/nr^2 \sim 10^2-10^3$  in relevant regimes

## Chandra Spectrum of Cyg X-3 X-ray Binary



[Paerels, Ap.J.Lett. 533, L135 (2000)]

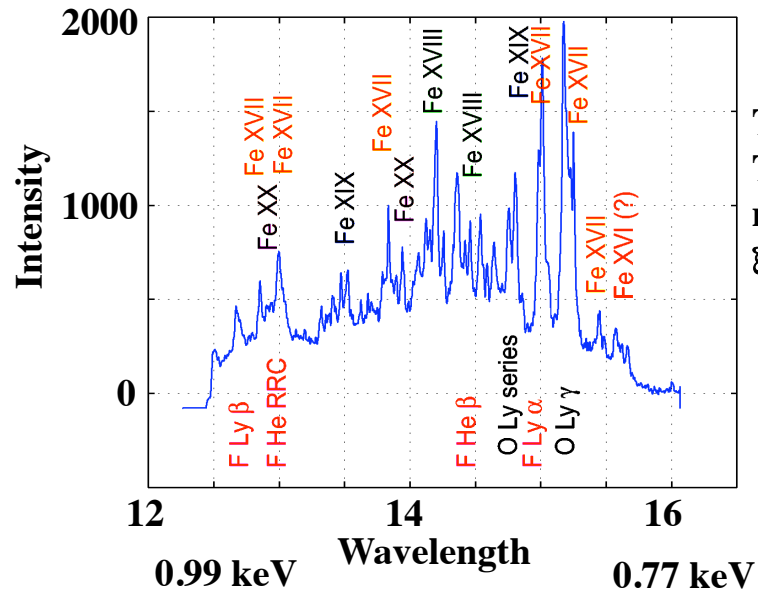
Prior to experiment, models disagree by ~2x



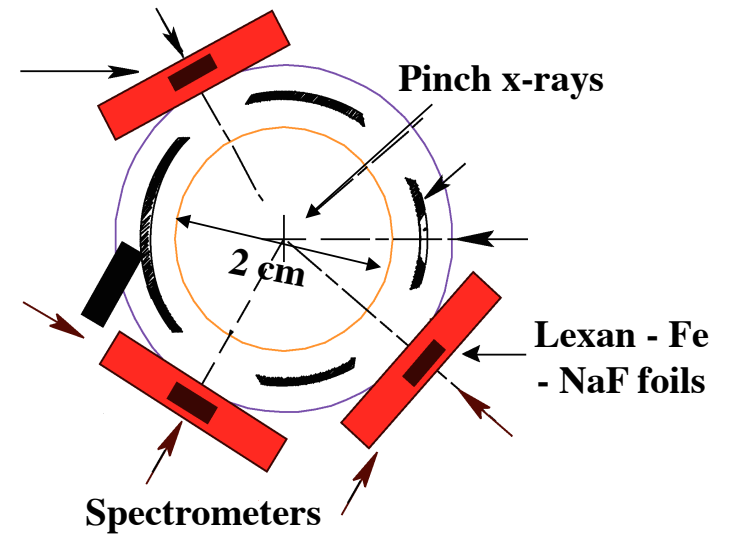
[Heeter, LDRD (2003)]

- Models of photoionized plasmas can be tested in scaled experiments at relevant conditions

# HED experiments on Z have demonstrated the potential for radiation-dominated photoionized plasmas



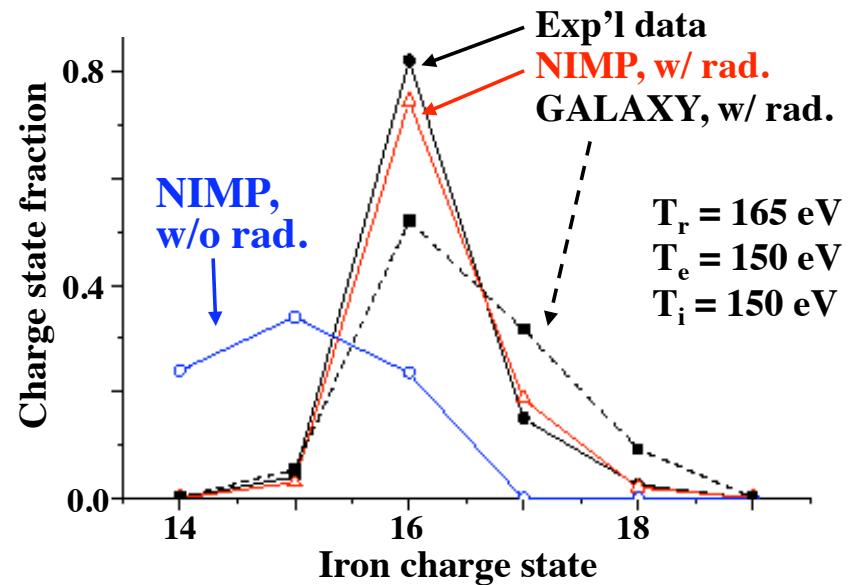
$T_e \sim 30$  eV,  
 $T_r \sim 180$  eV,  
 $n_e \sim 1.5 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  
 $\xi \sim 47$



[R.F. Heeter *et al.*, RSI 72, 1224 (2001)]

- Experiments under nearly relevant conditions,  $\xi \sim 25$ , demonstrated at ‘Z’
- Astrophysics codes disagree on  $\langle Z \rangle$  by  $\sim 2x$ , showing the need for lab. data

[S. Rose *et al.*, J. Phys. B: At. Mol. Opt. Phys. 37, L337 (2004)]



# Call for proposals: fundamental science at Omega, NIF



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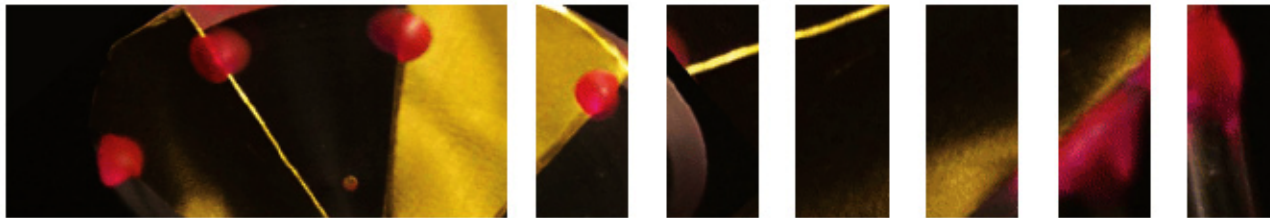
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# New opportunities in HEDLA



- NIF, ZR science experiments
- High resolution spectroscopy of radiative hydrodynamic flows
- Radiation-dust interactions re. GRB after-glow curves, exoplanet atmos.
- White dwarf opacities, EOS, cooling rates
- Rad-trn in SNe-relevant expanding atmospheres (vel. grad.)
- SASI re. core-collapse SNe; neutrino “rad-transport”
- Radiative MHD systems with  $Re_M > 10^3$
- Radiative hydro systems with  $P_r > P_{e,i}$

## Challenges

- Multiple simultaneous diagnostics
- Multiple line-of-sight diagnostics
- Multiple time snapshots / laser or pinch shot
- Higher signal to background, higher resolution diagnostics

## Impact

- Improved diagnostics (HEDLP)
- Tighter linking, with feedback, of theory, simul., obs., expts

