#### Materials under extreme conditions at Omega and NIF

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#### Understanding planetary evolution requires knowledge of the material properties at extreme conditions



### Lasers are redefining condensed matter, chemistry, plasma, and nuclear science

Omega and NIF allow us to explore the most extreme conditions in planets and low mass stars



Soon we will study P > 1 Gbar shocks, P> 10's Mbar for Ramp compression



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$$\rho_o(U_s) = \rho(U_s - U_P)$$
$$P = \rho_0 U_s U_P$$
$$E = \frac{1}{2} P(1/\rho_o - 1/\rho)$$

•3 equations, 5 unknowns (Us, Up, P,  $\rho$ , E) -> need to Measure 2 of these

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•Temperature is measured separately from pressure, density....

### Carbon, a principal constituent of Neptune, is thought to have a complicated solid and liquid structure



### By measuring shock velocities very accurately we determine pressure and density to a few percent

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#### Temperature was measured on decaying shocks This unveiled the melt curve from 6 to 11 Mbar

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# Reflectivity measurements show Carbon melts from the diamond phase to a liquid metal

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• In fact several materials become conducting upon melt (MgO, SiO2, LiF, ..) This is not what one would expect from simple condensed matter theory

### Finally this carbon metallic fluid phase is also polymeric up to 20 Mbar and 30kK

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Both SiO<sub>2</sub> and C exhibit a high heat capacity due to dissociation and bonding reconfiguration up to 20 Mbar

This is not predicted by Ab-initio models

### To generate colder dense states with lasers, just tune laser intensity versus time

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#### We measured the stress-density of diamond to 8 Mbar with ramp compression

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This allows us to measure the properties of many solids to ~ TPa pressures

Jupiter is thought to contain H and He at 10's of Mbar, what happens to H or He at those conditions?

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How do we study these light fluids at such high density?

### Most previous high pressure-temperature experiments on hydrogen focused on the Hugoniot

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Scientists have measured P, rho, T and the insulating to conducting transition in the WDM regime to ~ Mbar pressures on the Hugoniot

## Coupling diamond cells to laser shocks enables access to ultra-high density states for He, H<sub>2</sub>, He+H<sub>2</sub>

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## He/H2 data give insight to the insulator-conductor transition of the mixture

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#### What next?

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### Advanced diagnostics are key for the next generation experiments dynamics, chemistry, band structure.....

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