

Radiative shocks occur in astrophysics





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Radiation energy fluxes exceed inflowing material energy fluxes changing the shock structure

- ► $Q = \frac{2\sigma u_s^5}{\rho R^4}$; Shock strength parameter
- $ightarrow R_F = \frac{2\sigma T^4}{\sigma u^3}$, Ratio of radiation to material energy flux

Non-collective x-ray Thomson scattering allows for a measurement of T_e



An existing NIF platform makes XRTS measurements of capsule implosions





b Uses Zn He- α source at 9 keV to probe system Mono-angle Crystal Spectrometer uses a cylindrically curved HOPG crystal

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Quantitative measurements of radiative shock properties on the National Ignition Facility

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