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Influence of radiation field on Non-LTE Xe plasmas¹ MARCEL KLAPISCH, MICHEL BUSQUET, ARTEP Inc., Ellicott City, MD 21042 — Several experiments [1,2] and simulations of Xe were recently reported, due to the possibility of simulating scaled radiative shocks [3]. Extensive and systematic detailed computations using HULLAC [4] were performed for Te around 100eV and several densities, with initial conditions far or near LTE. The radiation is described as a Planckian at Trad multiplied by a dilution factor D. In each case, D is varied between 0 and 3 for Trad=Te, and Trad is varied from 0 to Te*1.5 with D=1. We show that in some cases, the dilution factor has more influence on the average charge Z* than the ratio Trad/Te, Taking into account radiation field is very important for evaluating Z* and non-LTE opacities.

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