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Shock dynamics in counter-streaming plasma flows¹ F. SUZUKI-VIDAL, S.V. LEBEDEV, L.A. PICKWORTH², G.F. SWADLING³, G. BURDIAC, G.N. HALL⁴, T. CLAYSON, M. BENNETT, S.N. BLAND, J. HARE, J. MUSIC, D. RUSSELL, L. SUTTLE, Imperial College London, A. CIARDI, Ecole Normale Supérieure, R. RODRIGUEZ, J.M. GIL, G. ESPINOSA, Universidad de las Palmas de Gran Canaria — The collision between two counter-streaming plasma flows is studied on the MAGPIE generator by introducing a 1.4MA, 250ns electrical current into two oppositely-facing radial foils. The interaction between the flows leads to the formation of different shock features, particularly a bow shock on the axis of the system. We present results of bow shock dynamics with different foil thicknesses and materials, together with an analysis of the effects of radiative cooling in the shock.

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