

## Cover Photos

Upper Left: A variety of targets were fielded on the OMEGA laser system in FY00. The photograph shows one of the target shots during an NLUF laboratory astrophysics campaign to produce and diagnose a radiative precursor shock. The experiment, led by the University of Michigan, was a collaboration of 22 co-principal investigators from 11 institutions.

Lower Left: Mark Romanofsky, senior manufacturing engineer, Thomas Lewis, senior technical associate, and Frederick Rister, senior manufacturing engineer, install a new ten-inch manipulator (TIM). The TIM is a diagnostic shuttle system that is used to position a variety of diagnostics in the OMEGA target chamber. There are six TIM's on OMEGA.

Upper Right: This photograph was taken during the first cryogenic capsule implosion using the new OMEGA Cryogenic Target Handling System (CTHS). The primary purpose of this shot was to test the integrated CTHS subsystems using a deuterium-filled capsule.

Center: To minimize the support structure mass and provide a relatively stiff support for cryogenic targets, the capsule is suspended by three 0.5- $\mu\text{m}$ -thick spider silk strands in the "C"-shaped mount shown in this photograph.

Lower Right: Charles Kellogg, senior laboratory engineer, adjusts the alignment of the new beam diagnostics station installed in the OMEGA Target Bay.

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