Three-Dimensional Modeling of Cross-Beam Energy Transfer and Its Mitigation in Symmetric Implosions on OMEGA



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- CBET between beams at angles of 40° to 110° are most significant
- Non-axially symmetric details of the absorption profile can increase the absorption rms (root mean square) over the target surface by an order of magnitude
- The total absorption and rms asymmetry can be greatly improved over a standard symmetric implosion by wavelength separating the three OMEGA beam legs

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Three-dimensional modeling uses a geometric optics ray-based model using the coronal plasma taken from hydrodynamic code





CBET is calculated in each beamlet cell for crossings with all other beamlets



$$\omega_{IAW} = \omega_1 - \omega_2$$

 $\vec{k}_{\rm IAW} = \vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2$



- Beamlet intensities at crossings are determined using
 - inverse bremsstrahlung absorption
 - intensity law of geometric optics
 - CBET at crossings using a 3-D extension of Randall's quasi-slab model fluid model*



*C. J. Randall, J. R. Albritton, and J. J. Thomson, Phys. Fluids 24, 1474 (1981).



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IAW: ion-acoustic wave

The model is in good agreement with *LPSE** calculations of CBET in a simple geometry



*R. K. Follett et al., ThP-2, this conference.

J. F. Myatt et al., Phys. Plasmas 24, 056308 (2017).



To display 3-D calculations on 2-D slides we use integrated images and surface maps



Two-beam modeling shows that CBET exchange is strongest for beams that are at angles between 40-110°





CBET adds non-axisymmetric features to the beams' absorption profile that depend on their 3-D orientation





For the OMEGA symmetric geometry, profile features are the sum of interactions between 60 beams





CBET can increase the absorption nonuniformity of a symmetric implosion by an order of magnitude





The nonuniformity originates from the subtle non-axially symmetric details of the absorption profile

Single-beam pattern No CBET CBET 0.78 0.76 0.74 0.74 0.72

Wavelength shifting a single OMEGA beam provides insight into multicolor CBET mitigation





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Breaking cadence: Wavelength shifting the three OMEGA beamline legs to mitigate CBET



There is a "sweet spot" around $\Delta \lambda = 10$ Å, where the absorbed power is maximum and the nonuniformity is near minimum.



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