Analysis of Unabsorbed Light Beamlet Images on OMEGA

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During drive
During picket

OMEGA beam profile

Intensity (counts)

Beam group

Intensity (counts)

Beamlet groups

OMEGA beam profile

\[ \log_{10}\left(\frac{W}{cm^2}\right) \]

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Summary

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- The beamlet intensity can be used to verify CBET mitigation with the new TOP9 variable wavelength beam
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Beamlet polarization is measured using simultaneous separate images for $s$ and $p$ polarizations.

During picket (less CBET)

During drive (more CBET)

Polarization changes caused by CBET have been measured during the laser drive pulse.
The beamlet pattern is very symmetric with respect to the diagnostic location.
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- All the spots in a beamlet group are recorded at the same radius from the image center
- This uniformity allows a density profile to be fit to their position
Beamlet locations provide a measure of the density profile near critical density

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<th>Target</th>
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<td>860-μm shell</td>
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<td>1000-μm solid sphere</td>
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The intensity of each beamlet group is a measure of the absorption over a beam profile.

During the drive the beamlets from the interior of the beam profile had reduced intensities as a result of increased absorption and CBET.
The variation in spot intensity is greater than can be attributed to beam power balance.

Sensitivity is good enough to study CBET mitigation using wavelength detuning.
CBET mitigation by wavelength separation will be diagnosed using beamlet images on upcoming OMEGA implosions using the wavelength variable TOP9 beam

- Modeling predicts a large change in absorption for a single OMEGA beam that is wavelength shifted from the other 59 beams
- A variable wavelength beam (TOP9) will soon to be deployed on OMEGA with a tunable range of $\Delta \lambda \approx \pm 20 \text{ Å}$
- The change in intensity of the TOP9 beamlet spot will be used to diagnose changes in TOP9 absorption caused by wavelength shifting
Beamlets diagnostics in all six TIM’s diagnostic ports will sample absorption across the TOP9 beam profile.

Future Work

Can measure position varying changes in absorption from CBET mitigation using wavelength detuning.
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