Two-Dimensional Numerical Evaluation of 1-D Multi-FM SSD Experiments

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One of the OMEGA EP beams can be operated with either SBS-suppression (SBSS) SSD or Multi-FM SSD

- An OMEGA EP is effectively a NIF beam
- A NIF PAM was installed at the front end of an OMEGA EP beamline



Dispersion grating introduces 245 ps temporal shear

OMEGA EP ETP measurements have been performed on OMEGA EP



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• ETP measurements used a laser pulse with two 130 ps pickets

Planar-foil RT experiments are using corrugated foils and face-on x-ray radiography to determine imprint efficiency

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Initial experimental radiographs indicate that the foil nonuniformities are at the nonlinear stage of RT growth



Calculated far-field laser spots* are used in DRACO to model the effects of SSD and diffraction-grating shear



• The two-dimensional DRACO mesh resolves the shortest (speckle-size) imprint wavelengths

DRACO simulations show the suppression of imprint growth in the direction of 1-D Multi-FM SSD



DRACO simulations also indicate that 1-D Multi-FM SSD reduces imprint growth in the perpendicular direction



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