Cover Photos

Top left: The off-axis parabola (OAP) optic is being moved into position in the OMEGA Target Bay. The optic was installed for joint OMEGA and OMEGA EP shots.

Middle Left: High school student Rachel Kurchin (The Harley School) examines a spherical target inside a glass hohlraum. Rachel was one of 15 students participating in the 2008 Summer High School Research Program. She is also one of two students from LLE's summer program selected as a semifinalist in the Intel Science Talent Search.

Middle center: The lower housing of a neutron time-of-flight (nTOF) detector shown shortly after being machined at LLE. The completed nTOF will be used to obtain ion temperatures from integrated fast-ignition experiments on OMEGA. It will also be used as an nTOF detector prototype for downscattered-neutron measurements on the NIF.

Bottom left: The OMEGA EP Laser System was completed on time and within budget and initial experiments were started in the fourth quarter of FY08.

Top right: On 16 May 2008, Dr. Robert McCrory, Vice Provost, Director, and CEO of the Laboratory for Laser Energetics (LLE), along with special guests, which included University of Rochester President Joel Seligman and University Provost Ralph Kuncl, U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, U.S. Congressman Thomas Reynolds, and Undersecretary for Nuclear Security for the U.S. Department of Energy Thomas D'Agostino, dedicated the new OMEGA EP laser at the Robert L. Sproull Center for Ultra High Intensity Laser Research at the Laboratory for Laser Energetics. Senator Charles Schumer is shown giving the keynote address at the dedication ceremony.

Middle right: NIF PAM arrived at LLE for integration into the OMEGA EP Laser System. It was installed in the OMEGA EP Sources Bay and will be used for beam-smoothing studies.

Bottom right: An image of one of the first short-pulse target shots on OMEGA EP.

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