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OMEGA EP Grating Inspection System

The final phase of the Grating Inspection System installation is shown inside OMEGA EP's Grating Compression Chamber.

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The velocity interferometry system for any reflector (VISAR) for OMEGA EP was commissioned in 2009. It comprises a probe laser, velocity interferometers, and two ROSS streak cameras (below). This diagnostic measures the velocity of shock waves in studies of ICF, astrophysics, and planetary physics.

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Nuclear Diagnostic Inserter

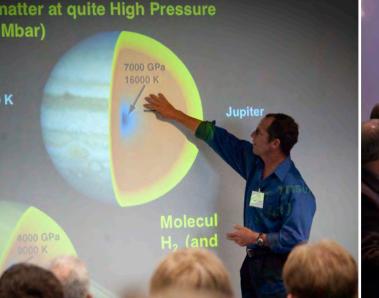
The nuclear diagnostic inserter (NDI) is used in conjunction with the MRS to insert CD or CH foils that are used to measure fusion-neutron spectra. These new NDI's will be used to insert WRFM's (wedged-range-filter modules) for various experiments.

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The first Omega Laser Facility Users Group (OLUG) Workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to facilitate communication and exchanges among OLUG Workshop the individual users and between users and LLE and to present ongoing and proposed research that could be undertaken at the Omega Laser Facility.

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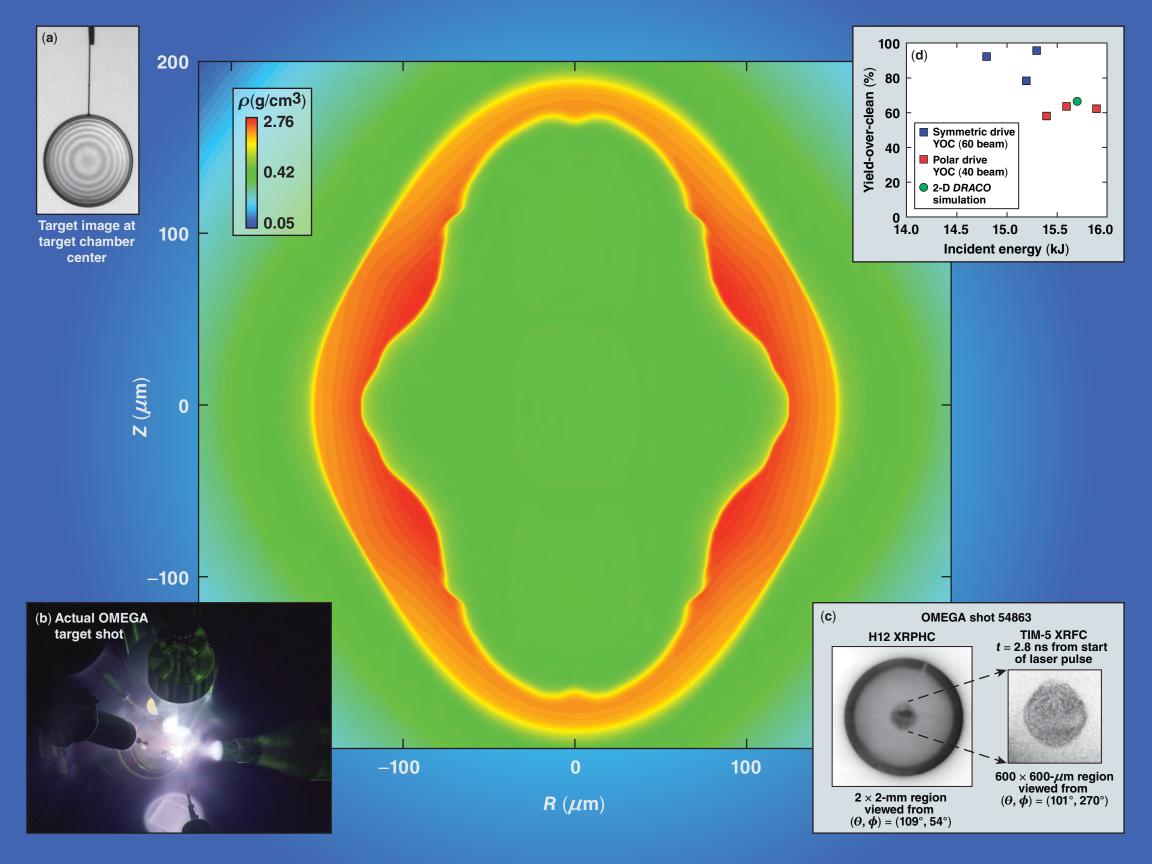
NLUF Jet Target

A target used for an OMEGA NLUF experiment carried out by a team from MIT's Plasma Science and Fusion Center to study jet formation using proton radiography. The large conical structure is used to shield the diagnostic systems from x-ray radiation generated by the laser beams.

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Polar Drive NIF

Design and testing of initial NIF neutron diagnostic commissioning shots were carried out at LLE and the Omega Laser Facility. Two-dimensional target designs (center) were fielded on OMEGA [Figs. (a) and (b)], resulting in very similar compressed-core x-ray images (c) and very good target-performance results (d).

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High School Program

Participants in LLE's 21st Summer High School Research Program with program director Dr. Stephen Craxton. The program challenges high school students to explore research topics and careers under the tutelage of LLE scientists, engineers, and staff in a state-of-the-art environment.

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OMEGA EP Firing

The OMEGA EP Laser Bay during a four-beam shot. With no bay lights on, the beamline structures are illuminated by a small amount of flash-lamp light that leaks out of the laser amplifiers.

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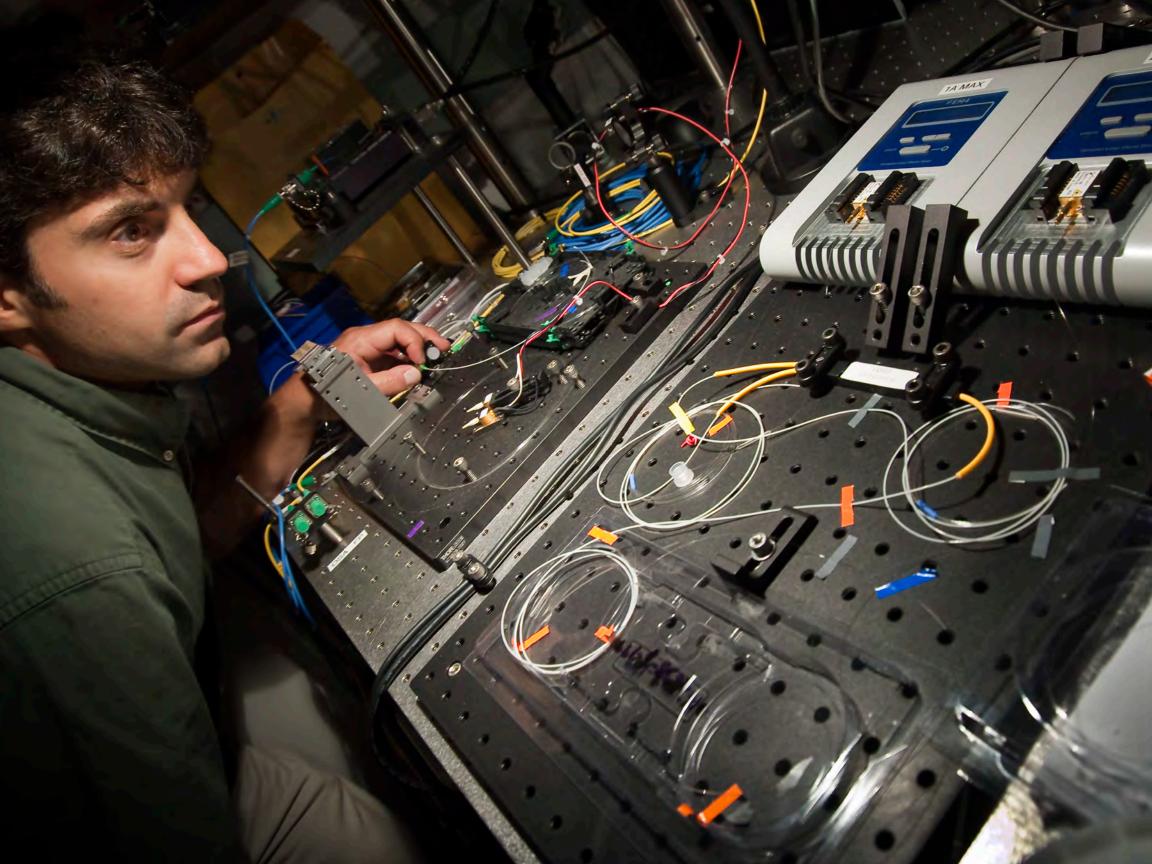
OMEGA EP Target Chamber

A view inside the OMEGA EP Target Chamber showing a collection of fixed diagnostics that have increased in quantity and experimental capabilities. Above inset: Brig. Gen. Harencak along with Mr. Talbot and Dr. Simonson visited LLE in November 2009.

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Fiber-Optic Systems Research

Research in optical fibers and fiber components enables precision, compact, alignment- and maintenance-free optical systems, both passive and with optical gain, for use in OMEGA and OMEGA EP laser systems.

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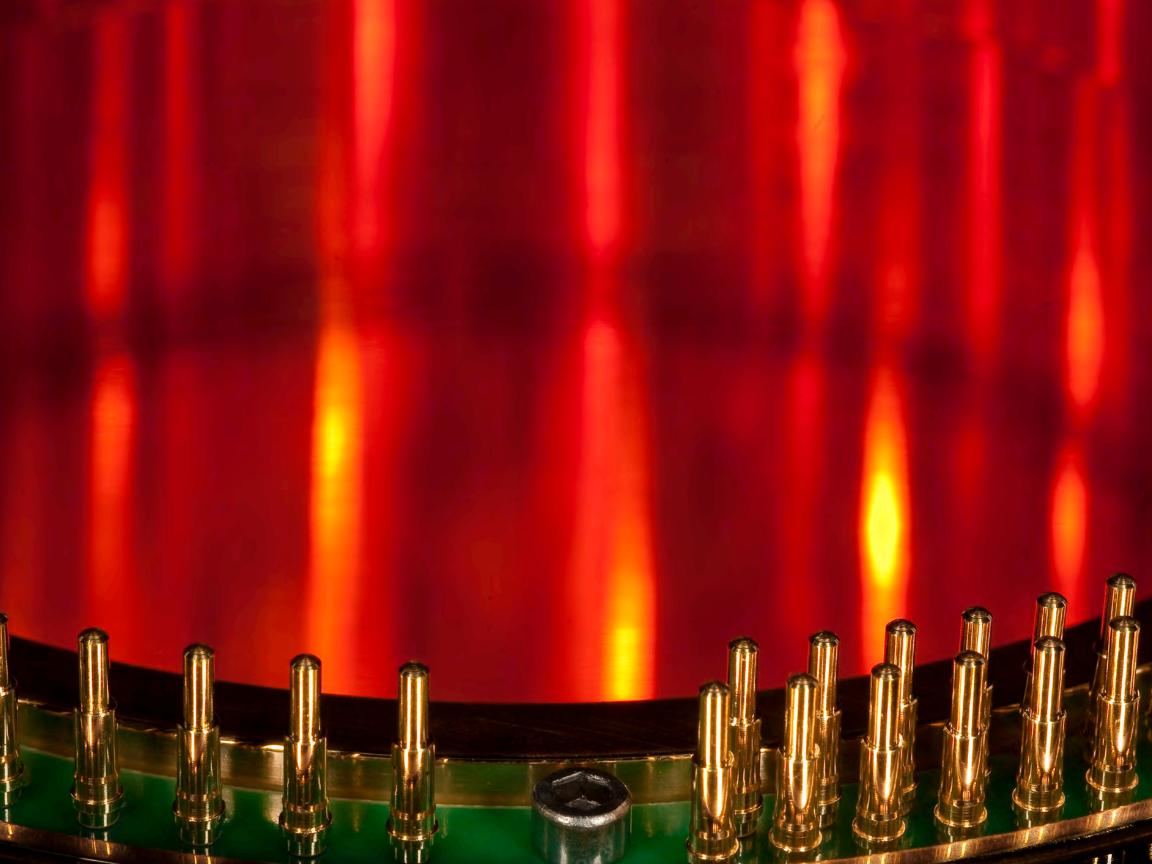




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Cryostat

The shroud interconnect circuit board mounted on the lower, intermediate shroud of the new moving cryostat. Used to provide an electrical connection to the heaters and temperature sensors mounted in the upper shrouds, these spring-loaded contacts disconnect when the upper and lower shrouds separate.

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Mission Statement

The Laboratory for Laser Energetics (LLE) of the University of Rochester is a unique national resource for research and education in science and technology. The Rochester area has a history of innovation and provides a unique setting for LLE within a technologically sophisticated community. Established in 1970 as a center for the investigation of the interaction of intense radiation with matter, the Laboratory has a five-fold mission:

- to conduct implosion experiments and basic physics experiments in support of the National Inertial Confinement Fusion (ICF) Program;
- 2. to develop new laser and materials technologies;
- 3. to provide graduate and undergraduate education in electro-optics, high-power lasers, high-energy-density physics, plasma physics, and nuclear fusion technology;
- 4. to operate the National Laser Users' Facility (NLUF); and
- 5. to conduct research and development in advanced technology related to high-energy-density phenomena.

The 2010 LLE Calendar contains information about many of the Laboratory's programs.

We hope that you enjoy using your copy of the LLE Calendar and wish you a productive and fulfilling 2010.

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