Studying effects of drive asymmetry on burn asymmetry with proton emission imaging



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- Burn images, proton spectra, and x-ray images can provide a selfconsistent picture of asymmetric capsule structure at burn time



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Three orthogonal proton imaging cameras are used at OMEGA





Information about the spatial distribution of burn is extracted from penumbral images in two ways*



* Séguin et al., RSI 75, 3520 (2004)



Spatial resolution in 2-D reconstructions is limited by noise filtering

The noise filtering used here results in a Gaussian point-response function parameterized by a radius r_p :



$$r_p \approx 15 \,\mu m \,\left(\frac{r_s}{30\,\mu m}\right)^{4/5} \left(\frac{Y_s}{10^9}\right)^{-1/5}$$



The 2-D point-response function broadens the true structure





A modified 2-D algorithm produces more accurate estimates of source sizes

by constraining the source to belong to a family of functions





The cameras were used to study burn asymmetry resulting from imposed laser drive asymmetry at OMEGA





Prolate drive



Three different axially-symmetric laser drive schemes have been compared



Different drive asymmetries generate different burn asymmetries





Constrained reconstructions result in better estimates of actual sizes







Increasing drive asymmetry → increasing burn asymmetry → decreasing yield



Burn image structure is roughly consistent with x-ray-image-implied fuel-shell interface



Proton spectra provide additional information and strong constraints on capsule structure



A self-consistent interpretation of structure involves two emission sources and cool material around the waist



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