Three-dimensional Gated Hot-Spot X-ray Imaging on OMEGA



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- The core width inferred from the common axis of the two independently calibrated imagers agrees within experimental uncertainty
- Dynamic experiments were performed that demonstrate low-mode hot spot distortions in cryogenic LDD implosions can be modified through systematic offsetting of the initial target location to achieve better symmetry at stagnation and improved yield

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Multidimensional effects are seeded by many sources of nonuniformity in laser direct drive



The on-target, laser energy balance and target positioning can be adjusted to compensate some sources of systematic nonuniformity.



Implosions on the OMEGA Laser System are observed along two semi-orthogonal lines of sight with gated x-ray imagers capable of 30-ps temporal resolution and 10- μ m spatial resolution



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Analyzing the flux along the common-viewing axis* allows two lines-of-sight to measure the same quantity

microns



- In the case of TRXI and KBFRAMED, that vector lies along H2-H20
- Find the projection of the common-view vector in each imagers' view
- Integrate the image perpendicular to the projected vector
- The analysis is conducted on two time-aligned images

The integrated emissivity in the plane perpendicular to the common-view axis is identical in both imagers for an optically thin shell.



*L. R. Benedetti et al, Rev. Sci. Instrum. 10G105 (2018).



The inferred size along the common axis between SLOS-TRXI and KBFRAMED agrees within experimental uncertainty



common-axis projection (μ m)

*L. Claus et al., Proc. SPIE 9591, 95910P (2015).

Viewing the hot-spot from several directions gives a sense of uncompensated asymmetry at stagnation for nominal laser pointing, balance, and target positioning







The hot-spot is considerably more round and centrally peaked as viewed by both imagers when a calculated offset is applied to the target



In this case the target was offset by 48 μm



Increasing the offset more led to degraded performance



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Control over low-mode hot-spot distortion is demonstrated through systematic offsetting based on inputs from multi-dimensional diagnostics

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