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Study of Self-Generated Magnetic Fields in Implosion Experiments on OMEGA I.V. IGUMENSHCHEV, V.N. GONCHAROV, P.M. NILSON, T.C. SANGSTER, Laboratory for Laser Energetics, U. of Rochester, C.K. LI, R.D. PETRASSO, PSFC, MIT — Proton radiography of directly driven inertial fusion implosions has revealed the development of filamentary electromagnetic fields in outflowing corona of plastic-shell targets.¹ To explain these experiments, the dynamics of self-generated magnetic fields that originated near the critical surface of the targets is investigated using 2-D MHD simulations. Laser imprint is considered as the source of plasma nonuniformities that generate seed fields via the thermoelectric effect. The predicted fields (\sim 1 MG) show good agreement with the fields inferred from the experiments. This work was supported by the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Inertial Confinement Fusion under Cooperative Agreement No. DE-FC52-08NA28302.

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