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Diffusion of external magnetic fields into the cone-in-shell target in the fast ignition ATSUSHI SUNAHARA, Institute for Laser Technology, TOMOYUI JOHZAKI, Hiroshima Univ., HIDEO NAGATOMO, SHOUHEI SAKATA, KAZUKI MATSUO, SEUNGHO LEE, SHINSUKE FUJIOKA, HIROYUKI SHIRAGA, HIROSHI AZECHI, Institute of Laser Engineering, Osaka Univ., FIREX-PROJECT TEAM — We simulated the diffusion of externally applied magnetic fields into cone-in-shell target in the fast ignition. In this ignition scheme, the externally magnetic fields up to kilo-Tesla is used to guide fast electrons to the high-dense imploded core, and understanding diffusion of the magnetic field is one of the key issues for increasing the coupling efficiency from the heating laser to the imploded core. In order to study the magnetic field, we have developed 2D cylindrical Maxwell equation solver with Ohm's law, and carried out simulations of diffusion of externally applied magnetic fields into a cone-in-shell target. Also, we estimated the conductivity of the cone and shell target based on the assumption of Saha-ionization equilibrium. We present our results of diffusion of magnetic fields. We also show that the target is heated by the eddy current. Because of the density and temperature dependence of the conductivity, the magnetic fields diffuse into the material with varying conductivity. Consequently, the magnetic fields into the cone-in-shell target depend on the temporal profile of the magnetic fields as well as the electrical and thermal properties of the material.

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