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A novel single-shot, spectrally resolved X-ray imaging technique of ICF relevant plasmas

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A new diagnostic tool has recently been developed, which allows to get 2D X-ray images of ICF relevant plasmas with simultaneous energy encoded information. This is achieved by using a pinhole camera scheme in which a CCD camera, forced to operate in the single-photon regime, is used as a detector. The use of this method, initially limited to a single-pin-hole, multi-shot basis, has recently been extended to single-shot experiments typical of large scale laser installations using custom pin-hole arrays of sub-10 micron diameter. Preliminary tests have been carried out at the PALS facility and the diagnostics has been successfully employed in a PW environment in a recent experiment at RAL. The details of the method as well as some results from such recent experiments will be given.

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