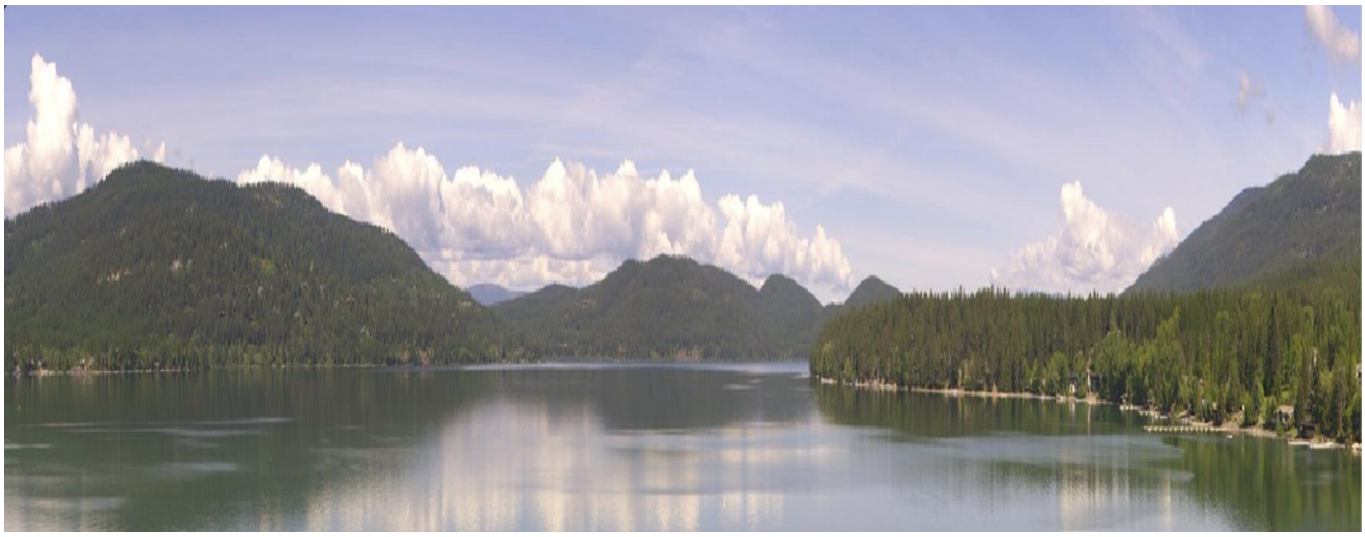
54th Anomalous Absorption Conference

May 11-15, 2026



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Sunday, May 10, 2026

6:00-9:00 PM	Welcome Reception and Badge Pick-Up	Lakeside Pavilion

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Monday, May 11, 2026

7:45	Grab and Go Breakfast in the Ramsey Pre-Function Area	
8:15	**Introduction & Welcome**	**Jason Myatt, U. Alberta**
	Session 1: ICF: Shocks, Foams & Implosions	**Chair: Brian Haines**
8:30-9:00	Invited: Slowly rotating polarization state suppresses cross beam energy transfer in homogeneous expanding fusion plasmas	Gaurav Raj, Blue Laser Fusion
9:00-9:20	3D Simulations of Density Perturbations Seeded by the Structure of Dry and Wetted Foams	Adrien Pineau, LLE
9:20-9:40	Simulations of Shocks in Wetted Foams Irradiated by Intense Lasers Using the FLASH Code and Wetted Foam Target Stability	Andrey Solodov, LLE
9:40-10:00	Generation of Hot Electrons from Two Plasmon Decay and Monte Carlo transport in a 3D ALE-AMR hydrodynamics code for direct-drive ICF	Romain Liotard, LLE
10:00-10:20	Modeling direct-drive implosions with high-Z fuel dopants with the xRAGE code	Irina Sagert, LANL
10:20-10:40	Coffee Break	
	Session II: CBET I	**Chair: John Moody**
10:40-11:10	Invited: On the influence of optical smoothing techniques on cross-beam energy transfer	Yann Lalaire, CEA, DAM, DIF, F-91297 Arpajon, France
11:10-11:30	Comparison of laser absorption predictions from CBET models with experimental measurements	Dana Edgell, LLE
11:30-11:50	Numerical study of the impact of laser features on propagation within a plasma in the Inertial Confinement Fusion regime	Paula Cárdenas Ayala, French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission
11:50-12:10	Mitigation study of laser plasma interactions with broadband lasers at Focused Energy	Linh Nguyen, Focused Energy
12:10-12:30	Laser polarization effects on crossed-beam energy transfer in inertial confinement fusion	Pierre Michel, LLNL
12:30-1:30	Lunch in the Stumptown & Viking Rooms	
1:30-7:00	Open	
	Evening Plenary	**Chair: Wojciech Rozmus**
7:00-8:00	Creating Astrophysical Conditions at High Energy Density Facilities	Carolyn Kuranz, U. Michigan
8:00-10:00	**Poster Session I**	

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8:00-10:00 PM

P-1	Alejandro Campos, LLNL	Comparison of HED codes for ICF capsule simulations
P-2	Debolina Chakraborty, Stanford University	Resonantly Excited Structured Plasma Waves
P-3	Albert Countryman, UCLA	Kinetic Simulations of the Role of Pulse Shape and Density Scale Length on the Development of SRS under IFE Ignition Scale Plasma Conditions
P-4	Filipe Cruz, IST	Broadband laser mitigation of laser-plasma instabilities: a comparison of PIC simulations and Generalized Photon Kinetics
P-5	Christopher Grayson, LLNL	Beam Smoothing Effects on Laser–Plasma Instabilities: OMEGA 2D SSD for ICF-Relevant Plasmas
P-6	Andrew Longman, LLNL	Speckles with a Twist: Towards angular momentum smoothing in laser-plasma interactions
P-7	Bertrand Martinez, CEA DAM	Experimental characterization of metallic x-ray sources at the Omega laser facility
P-8	Jonathan Peebles, LLE	Utilizing the Electromagnetic Pulse from a High-Intensity Laser to Mitigate Laser Imprint
P-9	Benjamin Reichelt, LANL	Quantifying Low and Mid-Z Mix of an OMEGA Experiment Utilizing Nuclear and X-Ray Diagnostics
P-10	Wojciech Rozmus, University of Alberta	Laser–Plasma Coupling of Randomized Beams in Transverse Flow: Drag, Ion Heating, and Shock Formation
P-11	Camille Samulski, LANL	Exploring Capsule Design Space for Polar Direct Drive Inertial Fusion Energy Platforms
P-12	Atsushi Sunahara, Blue Laser Fusion	Irradiation Uniformity in a Direct-Drive Fusion Reactor Enabled by CBC-OEC Lasers

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7:45	Grab and Go Breakfast in the Ramsey Pre-Function Area	
	Session III: Laser Plasma Interactions	**Chair: Pierre Michel**
8:30-9:00	Invited: Absolute stimulated Raman scattering at densities below quarter critical	Russell Follett, LLE
9:00-9:20	Ray-tracing for diagnostic comparison at the Laser Mégajoule Facility	Cael Warner, U. Alberta
9:20-9:40	Experiment Design for Hot Electron Mitigation on the FLUX Platform	Janukan Sivajeyan, U. Alberta
9:40-10:00	Hello, World! pyF3D	Mikhail Belyaev, LLNL
10:00-10:20	Spectral phase optimization of broad band lasers enhances absolute instability thresholds beyond the coherence time limit	Archis Joglekar, Ergodic
10:20-10:40	Coffee Break	
	Session IV: ICF (Hohlraums, Rad Drive)	**Chair: Nicholas Ruof**
10:40-11:10	Invited: Contributions of Au Bubble Behavior to Hohlraum Bang Time Discrepancy	Brian Haines, LANL
11:10-11:30	When Marshak Waves Pass By: The Interface Temperature	Mordecai Rosen, LLNL
11:30-11:50	Initial results of the XFOL platform: studying radiation flow in a stochastic medium	Pawel Kozlowski, LANL
11:50-12:10	THOR: Developing a Next-Generation Platform for Radflow and Opacity Measurements	Ryan Lester, LANL
12:10-12:30	Maximization of Laser Coupling with Cryogenic Targets	Matthias Geissel, SNL
12:30-1:30	Lunch in the Stumptown & Viking Rooms	
1:30-7:00	Open	
	Evening Plenary	**Chair: Jason Myatt**
7:00-8:00	Strategy to Achieve Robust Burn at the National Ignition Facility	Laurent Divol, LLNL
8:00-10:00	**Poster Session II**	

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P-1	Skylar Dannhoff, MIT	Suppression of hohlraum wall expansion by pre-imposed axial magnetic fields on OMEGA
P-2	Blagoje Djordjevic, LLNL	How Symmetry Considerations Scale up to NextGen Drive Energies
P-3	Irem Nesli Erez, University of Colorado	Experimental Test of Magnetized LPI Theory Using Optical Thomson Scattering and Cross-Polarized CBET
P-4	Matthew Gjevre, University of Alberta	XUV Diagnostic System for Measuring the Focusing of Protons Produced by High Intensity Laser Pulses
P-5	Griffin Glenn, Sandia National Laboratories	Development of multi-frame 6 keV x-ray backlighting for the Z Machine using hybrid CMOS detectors
P-6	Elaine Koh, Stanford University/SLAC	Diffraction and Dispersion from Blazed Plasma Reflection Gratings
P-7	Ian Min-Roberts, University of Alberta	Laser Filamentation Seeded by Speckles and Particle Noise
P-8	Harsha Rajesh, Stanford University	Gas Power Meter and Beam Dump for High-Energy Lasers
P-9	Jill Schell, University of Michigan	Michigan Target Research and Fabrication (MiTRF)
P-10	Eleanor Tubman, University of California, Berkeley	Plasma expansion into background He-gas fills
P-11	Gina Vasey, LANL	Multigroup Radiation Diffusion with HOLO for Modeling PDD-EP
P-12	Erik Vold, LANL	Laser Driven Hydrodynamic Instabilities, Plasma Diffusion and Atomic Mixing in Inertial Confinement Fusion (ICF) Reactions

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7:45	Grab and Go Breakfast in the Ramsey Pre-Function Area	
	Session V: ICF (Burn, Ignition NIF, Basic ICF, IFE)	**Chair: Andrey Solodov**
8:30-9:00	Invited: Towards Measuring Hotspot Temperature as a Proxy for Ignition Robustness	Benjamin Bachmann, LLNL
9:00-9:20	Important concepts commonly confused in fusion analysis	Baolian Cheng, LANL
9:20-9:40	Large-scale high-yield implosions for inertial fusion energy (IFE): enhanced performance and distinct physics characteristics	Darwin Ho, LLNL
9:40-10:00	Modeling Capsule Implosions in Indirect Drive THOR Experiments	Kevin Ma, LANL
10:00-10:20	Residual kinetic energy reduction in NIF inertial confinement fusion implosions	Nicholas Ruof, LLNL
10:20-10:40	Coffee Break	
	Session VI: CBET II	**Chair: Yann Lalaire**
10:40-11:10	Invited: New cross-beam energy transfer measurement platform at the National Ignition Facility	Nuno Lemos, LLNL
11:10-11:30	Validating cross-beam energy transfer models using indirect-drive ICF experiments at NIF	William Riedel, LLNL
11:30-11:50	Accuracy of the Ray-Tracing Modeling of Cross Beam Energy Transfer in Inertial Confinement Fusion Hohlraums	Albertine Oudin, LLNL
11:50-12:10	Cross-Beam Energy Transfer with Spectral Smoothing: influence of resonant frequency pairs on the energy transfer	Godefroy Meynard, French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission
12:10-1:30	Lunch in the Stumptown & Viking Rooms	
1:30-2:30	Business Meeting in the Ramsey Room	
2:30-6:30	Open	
6:30-7:00	Reception, Lakeside Pavilion	
7:00-8:30	**Banquet in the Lakeside Pavilion**	
8:30-10:00	Fireside S'mores	

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Thursday, May 14, 2026

7:45	Grab and Go Breakfast in the Ramsey Pre-Function Area	
	Session VII: Short Pulses, Compression	**Chair: Antonino Di Piazza**
8:30-9:00	Invited: Electron Dynamics in Realistic Short-Pulse, High-Intensity Laser Focal Fields	Caleb Guthrie, U. Alberta
9:00-9:20	Ionization-Seeded Current Filamentation in Collisionless Plasma Sheaths	Audrey Farrell, UCLA
9:20-9:40	Ultra-High-Intensity Regimes of Laser Self-Focusing	Caleb Redshaw, Stanford
9:40-10:00	High-Power Characterization of Ionization Diffraction Gratings	Victor Perez-Ramirez, Stanford University
10:00-10:20	Autoresonant Creation and Control of Plasma Structures	Jonathan Wurtele, UC Berkeley
10:20-10:40	Coffee Break	
	Session VIII: Optical Diagnostics: Thomson Scattering, CBET	**Chair: Jason Myatt**
10:40-11:10	Invited: Characterizing Plasma Conditions in ICF Hohlraums using 3 Optical Thomson Scattering	Steven Ross, LLNL
11:10-11:30	Measurements of plasma conditions with a high bandwidth ultraviolet laser using cross-beam energy transfer	Avi Milder, LLE
11:30-11:50	Geometric Optics Model of Thomson Scattering Enhanced by Parametric Coupling	Daniel Carleton, U, Alberta
11:50-12:10	Thomson Scattering with Gain	David Turnbull, LLE
12:10-12:30	Enhanced Ion-acoustic Wave Fluctuations Driven by Speckled Heater Beams	Kyle McMillen, LLE
12:30-1:30	Lunch in the Stumptown & Viking Rooms	
1:30-7:00	Open	
	Evening Plenary	**Chair: Robert Fedosejevs**
7:00-8:00	Light-matter interaction in the strong-field QED regime	Antonino Di Piazza, LLE
8:00-10:00	**Poster Session III**	

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P-1	Sida Cao, Stanford University/SLAC	A Flying Focus with Arbitrary Directionality
P-2	Daniel Carleton, University of Alberta	Application of ray-tracing Thomson scattering theory to experimental data
P-3	Sarah Hansen, LANL	Validation of Scaling Capabilities of LANL's xRage for Polar Direct Drive Implosions
P-4	Shaun Kerr, LLNL	First demonstration of a cone & wire backlighter for robust, high energy, small source size x-ray radiography using NIF-ARC
P-5	Sallee Klein, University of Michigan	High-energy-density Targets Fabricated by The University of Michigan
P-6	Jason Myatt, University of Alberta	Memories of Reuben Epstein
P-7	Vijay Patel, UCLA	Generalized multi-dimensional conservation laws for stimulated Raman and Brillouin scattering in a density gradient
P-8	Yuan Shi, University of Colorado	Particle-in-cell simulations of laser crossbeam energy transfer via magnetized ion-acoustic wave
P-9	William Taitano, LANL	Conditional Formulation for the Vlasov-Ampere Equations: A Novel Multiscale Structure Preserving Kinetic Plasma Formulation to Bridge Continuum and Kinetic Scales
P-10	Phil Travis, Ergodic	Optimizing designs and including multiscale physics in an implosion code via differentiable simulation
P-11	Frank Tsung, UCLA	Investigation of LPI near the quarter critical surface under the influence of temporal bandwidth

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Friday, May 15, 2026

7:45	Grab and Go Breakfast in the Ramsey Pre-Function Area	
	Session IX: High Energy Density	**Chair: Griffin Glenn**
8:30-9:00	Invited: Gas Optics for Tunable Beam Splitting, Harmonic Separation, and Spectral and Coherent Beam Combining	Ke Ou, Stanford University
9:00-9:20	Comparison of Kinetic theory and PIC modeling of magnetized Laser-plasma interactions	John Moody, LLNL
9:20-9:40	Mean Force Kinetic Theory of Warm Dense Matter	Lucas Babati, U. Michigan
9:40-10:00	Improvements in non-LTE atomic kinetics modeling for ICF hohlraums	Mehul Patel, LLNL
10:00-10:20	Coffee Break	
	Session X: ICF (R-T Instability, Radiation, Nuclear Diagnostics)	**Chair: Benjamin Bachmann**
10:20-10:50	Invited: Evidence of THOR Window Gap Closure in Experiment and Simulation	Damyn Chipman, LANL
10:50-11:10	Severity of the Deceleration Rayleigh-Taylor Instability in Inertial Confinement Fusion Targets	Jan Velechovsky, LANL
11:10-11:30	Hotspot mix diagnostics in Inertial Confinement Fusion experiments with the Nuclear Imaging System	Mora Durocher, LANL
11:30-11:50	Investigation of the D-T γ-to-neutron and D- 3 He γ-to-proton branching ratios at ICF facilities	Justin Jeet, LLNL
11:50-12:00	Conference Adjourns – See you next year!	
12:00	Grab and Go Lunch in the Stumptown & Viking Rooms	