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### Poster Placement at NIST . . . Mon. 07.30 to 08.30

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to set up their posters at this time.

### Opening Remarks . . . . . Mon. 08.30 to 09.00

*Chair:* **Christopher J. Stolz**,  
Lawrence Livermore National Lab.

### Tribute to Arthur Guenther Mon. 09.00 to 10.00

09.00: **M. J. Soileau**, College of Optics and Photonics/Univ. of  
Central Florida

09.30: **Alexander J. Glass**, KineMed, Inc.

### Monday Poster Overview . . . . . 10.00 to 10.30

*All Fundamental Mechanisms and Surfaces, Mirrors, and Contamina-  
tion poster authors are asked to give a 2-minute/2-viewgraph  
overview of their posters in the order they appear in the program.*

### Poster Session and Refreshment Break . . . . . Mon. 10.30 to 11.30

### SESSION 1 . . . . . Mon. 11.30 to 12.30

#### Fundamental Mechanisms I

*Chair:* **Vitaly E. Gruzdev**, Univ. of Missouri/Columbia

11.30: **Nanospallation induced by a femtosecond pulse** (*Invited  
Paper*), S. I. Anisimov, N. I. Lobachevsky State Univ. of Nizhni  
Novgorod (Russia); M. B. Agranat, S. I. Ashitkov, Institute for High  
Temperatures (Russia); V. V. Zhakhovskii, Osaka Univ. (Japan);  
N. A. Inogamov, L.D. Landau Institute for Theoretical Physics  
(Russia); K. Nishihara, Osaka Univ. (Japan) . . . . . [6720-01]

12.10: **Progress in the understanding of fracture related laser  
damage of fused silica**, H. Bercegol, P. Grua, J. Morreeuw,  
Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique (France) . . . . . [6720-02]

### Lunch Break . . . . . 12.30 to 14.00

## SESSION 2 . . . . . Mon. 14.00 to 15.40

### Fundamental Mechanisms II

*Chair: M. J. Soileau,*

College of Optics & Photonics/Univ. of Central Florida

14.00: **Photo-ionization of superlattices on dielectric surface by IR radiation**, V. E. Gruzdev, Univ. of Missouri/Columbia . . [6720-03]

14.20: **Does complex absorption behavior leading to conditioning and damage in KDP/DKDP reflect the electronic structure of initiators?**, M. D. Feit, P. P. DeMange, R. A. Negres, A. M. Rubenchik, S. G. Demos, Lawrence Livermore National Lab. . . . . [6720-04]

14.40: **A model of laser-induced damage of KDP based on the coupling of statistics and heat transfer**, G. Duchateau, A. D. Dyan, Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique (France) . . . . . [6720-05]

15.00: **The effect of lattice temperature on surface damage in fused-silica optics**, J. D. Bude, G. M. Guss, M. J. Matthews, Lawrence Livermore National Lab. . . . . [6720-06]

15.20: **The role of virtual candidate spaces in the development of new optical materials**, K. F. Ferris, B. M. Webb-Robertson, Pacific Northwest National Lab.; D. Jones, Proximate Technogeis, LLC . . . . . [6720-73]

**Poster Session and Refreshment Break . . 15.40 to 16.40**

## SESSION 3 . . . . . Mon. 16.40 to 17.40

### Surfaces, Mirrors, and Contamination I

*Chair: James E. Andrew, AWE plc (United Kingdom)*

16.40: **James Webb Space Telescope: a large deployable cryogenic telescope in space** (*Invited Paper*), P. A. Lightsey, Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. . . . . [6720-22]

17.20: **Effects of wavelengths combination on initiation and growth of laser-induced surface damage in SiO<sub>2</sub>**, L. Lemaignère, Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique (France); S. Reyné, Univ. d'Orléans (France); M. Loiseau, J. Poncetta, H. Bercegol, Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique (France) . . . . . [6720-23]

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## Posters-Monday

Room 1 . . . . . Mon.10.30 to 11.30 and 15.40 to 16.40

### Fundamental Mechanisms & Surface, Mirrors, and Contamination

**Revealing the salient properties of KDP/DKDP bulk damage precursors**, S. G. Demos, R. A. Negres, P. P. DeMange, M. D. Feit, Lawrence Livermore National Lab. . . . . [6720-08]

**The exponential fitting of laser damage threshold and analyses of testing errors**, D. Li, J. Shao, Y. Zhao, K. Yi, H. Qi, Shanghai Institute of Optics and Fine Mechanics (China) . . . . . [6720-09]

**Experimental and theoretical studies of subpicosecond laser damage in  $Ti_xSi_{1-x}O_2$  composite films**, D. N. Nguyen, I. Cravetchi, W. G. Rudolph, The Univ. of New Mexico; M. Jupe, M. Lappschies, K. Starke, D. Ristau, Laser Zentrum Hannover e.V. (Germany) . . . . . [6720-10]

**Preliminary results on mitigation of KDP surface damage using the ball-dimpling method**, F. P. Guillet, B. Bertussi, L. Lamaignere, X. Leborgne, B. Minot, Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique (France) . . . . . [6720-11]

**Effect of laser pulse duration on damage to metal mirrors for laser IFE**, J. E. Pulsifer, M. S. Tillack, Univ. of California/San Diego . . . . . [6720-12]

**Downstream intensification and optical damage caused by  $CO_2$  mitigation of fused silica**, M. J. Matthews, I. L. Bass, G. M. Guss, C. C. Widmayer, M. A. Johnson, Lawrence Livermore National Lab. . . . . [6720-13]

## Posters-Monday

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### Fundamental Mechanisms & Surface, Mirrors, and Contamination

**Thermal mechanism of laser-induced damages in KDP crystals**, S. Audrey, L. Sebastien, G. Francois, M. Benoit, D. Damiani, Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique (France); F. Gervais, Ctr. National de la Recherche Scientifique . . . . . [6720-14]

**Revisiting mechanisms of molecular contamination-induced laser optic damage**, J. S. Canham, Swales Aerospace . . [6720-15]

**Study of mechanical defects on silica samples under laser irradiation at 355 nm**, S. Palmier, M. A. Josse, H. Bercegol, R. Courchinoux, L. Lamaignère, J. Rullier, B. Bertussi, Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique (France) . . . . . [6720-16]

**Optimizing a cleaning process for multilayer dielectric (MLD) diffraction gratings**, B. Ashe, C. Giacofei, G. Myhre, A. W. Schmid, Univ. of Rochester; D. Smith, Plymouth Grating Lab Inc. . . [6720-17]

**Studies on thin films as short pulse laser debris shields**, J. Schwarz, P. K. Rambo, M. Geissel, D. Headley, M. Ramsey, B. T. Do, A. V. Smith, B. W. Atherton, Sandia National Labs. . . . . [6720-18]

**Damage thresholds and morphology of the front- and back-irradiated  $SiO_2$  thin films containing gold nanoparticles as artificial absorbing defects**, S. Papernov, A. W. Schmid, J. B. Oliver, A. L. Rigatti, Univ. of Rochester . . . . . [6720-19]

**Effect of instrumental response time in exponential-decay-based cavity ring-down techniques for high reflectivity**, Y. Gong, B. Li, Institute of Optics and Electronics (China) . . . . . [6720-20]

**Photothermal detuning technique for absorption measurement of optical thin films**, H. Hao, B. Li, M. Liu, Institute of Optics and Electronics (China) . . . . . [6720-21]

## Tuesday 25 September

### Poster Placement at NIST . . . Tues. 07.30 to 08.30

*Poster authors for the Tuesday Poster Session are to set up their posters at this time.*

### SESSION 4 . . . . . Tues. 08.40 to 10.20

#### Surfaces, Mirrors, and Contamination II

*Chair: Gregory J. Exarhos, Pacific Northwest National Lab.*

08.40: **Extended lifetime of fluoride optics**, J. Wang, H. Schreiber, Corning Tropol Corp. . . . . [6720-24]

09.00: **Growth of laser damage in fused silica: diameter to depth ratio**, M. A. Norton, J. J. Adams, W. Carr, E. E. Donohue, M. D. Feit, R. P. Hackel, W. G. Hollingsworth, J. A. Jarboe, M. J. Matthews, A. M. Rubenchik, M. L. Spaeth, Lawrence Livermore National Lab. . . . . [6720-25]

09.20: **Fluorescence monitoring of organic and inorganic deposits**, W. Riede, H. Schröder, Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V. (Germany); D. Wernham, Y. Lien, S. Becker, European Space Research and Technology Ctr. (Netherlands) . . . . . [6720-26]

09.40: **Operational experience of contamination and damage of the larger aperture optics in the HELEN laser facility vacuum system at 1053 and 527 nanometres**, J. E. Andrew, M. Girling, N. C. Honiatt, D. Scott, P. Wallace, AWE plc (United Kingdom) . . . . . [6720-27]

10.00: **Damage characteristics at optical fiber connection for high-power light transmission**, S. Matsuda, T. Shibuya, M. Wakaki, Tokai Univ. (Japan) . . . . . [6720-28]

### Tuesday Poster Overview . . . Tues. 10.00 to 10.30

*All Thin Film and Materials and Measurements poster authors are asked to give 2-minute/2-viewgraph overviews of their posters in the order they appear in the program.*

### Poster Session and Refreshment Break . . 10.30 to 11.30

### SESSION 5 . . . . . Tues. 11.30 to 12.30

#### Thin Films I

*Chair: Leonid B. Glebov,*

*College of Optics & Photonics/Univ. of Central Florida*

11.30: **Search for subtle laser damage of IBS films from long-duration exposure to 1064 nm, Q-switched laser radiation (Invited Paper)**, A. D. Streater, D. C. Ness, Research Electro-Optics, Inc. . . . . [6720-29]

12.10: **Laser damage of silica and hafnia thin films made by different deposition technologies**, L. Gallais, J. Capoulade, A. Ciapponi, F. R. Wagner, J. Natoli, M. Commandré, M. Cathelinaud, C. Koc, M. Lequime, C. Amra, Institut Fresnel (France) . . . [6720-30]

### Lunch Break . . . . . 12.30 to 14.00

## SESSION 6 . . . . . Tues. 14.00 to 15.00

### Thin Films II

*Chair: Brian E. Newnam, Los Alamos National Lab. (ret.)*

14.00: **Performance enhancement of ion-beam sputtered oxide coatings for 193 nm**, H. Blaschke, M. Lappschies, D. Ristau, Laser Zentrum Hannover e.V. (Germany) . . . . . [6720-31]

14.20: **Mixed oxide coatings for advanced fs-laser applications**, M. Jupé, L. Jensen, K. Starke, D. Ristau, Laser Zentrum Hannover e.V. (Germany); A. Melninkaitis, V. Sirutkaitis, Vilnius Univ. (Lithuania) . . . . . [6720-32]

14.40: **Effect of electric-field distribution on the laser damage probability curves of multilayer coatings**, H. T. Krol, CILAS Marseille (France); C. Amra, Institut Fresnel (France); C. M. Grèzes-Beset, CILAS Marseille (France); M. Commandré, Institut Fresnel (France) . . . . . [6720-33]

## Poster Session and Refreshment Break . . 15.00 to 16.00

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### Materials and Measurements I

*Chair: Hervé Bercegol, CEA Cesta (France)*

16.00: **Final optics damage inspection for the National Ignition Facility (Invited Paper)**, S. G. Azevedo, A. D. Conder, J. J. Chang, W. H. Williams, M. L. Spaeth, J. A. Liebman, P. K. Whitman, M. C. Nostrand, L. M. Kegelmeyer, S. M. Glenn, Lawrence Livermore National Lab. . . . . [6720-49]

16.40: **Measurement of initial absorption of fused silica at 193 nm using laser induced deflection technique (LID)**, D. Schönfeld, U. Klett, Sr., Heraeus Quarzglas GmbH and Co. (Germany); C. Mühlig, Institut für Photonische Technologien e.V. (Germany); S. Thomas, Heraeus Quarzglas GmbH and Co. (Germany) [6720-50]

17.00: **The relationship between laser fluence profile and measured damage threshold**, J. W. Arenberg, Northrop Grumman Space Technology . . . . . [6720-51]

17.20: **Effect of S and P polarization on single-layer homogeneous model**, U. Singh, A. Kapoor, Univ. of Delhi (India) . . . . . [6720-52]

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## Posters-Tuesday

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**Laser-induced damage of multilayer high-reflectance coatings for 248 nm**, H. Qi, Shanghai Institute of Optics and Fine Mechanics (China) and China Institute of Atomic Energy (China); K. Yi, H. Yu, Y. Cui, D. Li, Shanghai Institute of Optics and Fine Mechanics (China); Z. Gao, China Institute of Atomic Energy (China); J. Shao, Z. Fan, Shanghai Institute of Optics and Fine Mechanics (China) . . . . . [6720-34]

**Influence of process conditions on the optical properties of HfO<sub>2</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub> coatings for high-power lasers**, K. Hsiao, J. B. Rodriguez, E. M. Krous, D. Patel, D. A. Alessi, E. Granados, Y. Wang, J. J. G. Rocca, C. S. Menoni, Colorado State Univ.; P. Langston, Naval Air Warfare Ctr.; A. A. Ogloza, Naval Air Warfare Ctr. (Afghanistan) . . . . . [6720-35]

- Influence of electric-field distribution on laser-induced damage threshold and morphology of high-reflectance optical coatings**, R. Buzelis, G. Abromavicius, R. Drazdys, Fizikos Institutas (Lithuania); A. Melninkaitis, V. Sirutkaitis, Vilnius Univ. (Lithuania) . . . . . [6720-36]
- Short pulse laser damage measurements of pulse compression gratings for petawatt laser**, G. Raze, J. Néauport, G. Dupuy, E. Lavastre, G. Mennerat, Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique (France) . . . . . [6720-38]
- Fabrication of ceramic YAG composite with Nd gradient structure**, T. Kamimura, Y. Kawaguchi, Osaka Institute of Technology (Japan); T. Okamoto, Okamoto Optics Works, Inc. (Japan); Y. Lin Aung, A. Ikesue, World Lab Co., Ltd. (Japan) . . . . . [6720-39]
- 248-nm high-fluence irradiation of CaF<sub>2</sub> crystals**, A. Burkert, Institut für Photonische Technologien e.V. (Germany); D. Keutel, U. Natura, SCHOTT Lithotec AG (Germany) . . . . . [6720-40]
- Comparison of ns and sub-ns laser conditioning of KDP and DKDP crystals for high-power lasers**, C. Maunier, B. Bertussi, D. Damiani, T. Donval, G. Duchateau, A. D. Dyan, L. Lamaignère, X. Leborgne, M. Loiseau, G. Gaborit, H. Mathis, G. Raze, Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique (France) . . . . . [6720-42]

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### Thin Films & Materials and Measurements

- Comparison of Gaussian and top-hat beam profiles in LIDT testing**, L. Jensen, M. Jupé, K. Starke, D. Ristau, Laser Zentrum Hannover e.V. (Germany); W. Riede, P. Allenspacher, Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V. (Germany) . . . . . [6720-43]
- Laser damage metrology in biaxial nonlinear crystals using focused test beams**, A. Hildenbrand, F. R. Wagner, H. Akhouayri, J. Natoli, M. Commandré, Institut Fresnel (France) . . . . . [6720-44]
- Comparative studies of laser-induced damage threshold measurements in highly reflecting mirrors**, A. Melninkaitis, D. Mikays, R. Grigonis, Vilnius Univ. (Lithuania); M. Jupé, D. Ristau, Laser Zentrum Hannover e.V. (Germany); V. Sirutkaitis, Vilnius Univ. (Lithuania) . . . . . [6720-45]
- Optical damage threshold of silicon for ultrafast infrared pulses**, B. Cowan, Tech-X Corp. . . . . [6720-46]
- Measurements of damage and nonlinear thresholds for large-core multimode optical fibers**, S. Motokoshi, T. Higashizawa, Osaka Univ. (Japan); M. Yoshida, Kinki Univ. (Japan); H. Yoshida, T. Jitsuno, Osaka Univ. (Japan) . . . . . [6720-47]
- Scaling in damage of optical materials by intensive laser radiation**, E. K. Maldutis, The General Jonas Zemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania (Lithuania) . . . . . [6720-48]
- Analysis of output surface damage resulting from single 351-nm, 3-ns pulses on sub-nanosecond laser conditioned KD<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> crystals**, J. A. Jarboe, J. J. Adams, Lawrence Livermore National Lab. . . . . [6720-57]
- A novel photo-thermal setup for evaluation of absorptance losses and thermal wavefront deformations in DUV optics**, K. Mann, A. Bayer, T. Miege, V. Leinhos B. Schäfer, Laser-Lab. Göttingen e.V. (Germany) . . . . . [6720-72]



## Wednesday 26 September

**SESSION 8 . . . . . Wed. 08.30 to 10.10**

### **Materials and Measurements II**

*Chair: Christopher J. Stolz,*

Lawrence Livermore National Lab.

**08.30: Comparison between S/1 and R/1 tests and Rho( $\Phi$ ) results for unconditioned and subnanosecond laser conditioned KD<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> crystals**, J. J. Adams, J. A. Jarboe, M. D. Feit, Lawrence Livermore National Lab. . . . . [6720-53]

**08.50: Laser damage investigation in KTiOPO<sub>4</sub> (KTP) and RbTiOPO<sub>4</sub> (RTP) crystals: threshold anisotropy and the influence of SHG**, F. R. Wagner, A. Hildenbrand, J. Natoli, M. Commandre, Institut Fresnel (France); F. Theodore, H. Albrecht, Cristal Laser S.A. (France) . . . . . [6720-54]

**09.10: Effect of random clustering on surface damage density estimates**, M. J. Matthews, M. D. Feit, Lawrence Livermore National Lab. . . . . [6720-55]

**09.30: Influence of laser beam size and wavelength in the determination of LIDT and associated laser damage precursor densities in KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>**, J. Natoli, J. Capoulade, Institut Fresnel (France); B. Bertussi, X. Leborgne, D. Damiani, H. Piombini, Commissariat à l'Énergie Atomique (France) . . . . . [6720-56]

**09.50: Study of defects in artificially grown calcium fluoride**, M. Azumi, Nikon Corp. (Japan) . . . . . [6720-71]

**Refreshment Break . . . . . 10.10 to 10.30**

**SESSION 9 . . . . . Wed. 10.30 to 12.10**

### **Materials and Measurements III**

*Chair: Jerry B. Franck,*

U.S. Army Night Vision & Electronic Sensors Directorate

**10.30: Coherent and incoherent damage of carbon nanotubes**, K. E. Hurst, National Institute of Standards and Technology; G. Singh, Univ. of Colorado at Boulder; A. C. Dillon, National Renewable Energy Lab.; L. K. Roberson, National Institute of Standards and Technology; R. L. Mahajan, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State Univ.; J. H. Lehman, National Institute of Standards and Technology . . . . . [6720-58]

**10.50: Raman spectroscopy of carbon nanotube coatings upon infrared laser damage**, K. Ramadurai, Univ. of Colorado at Boulder; L. K. Roberson, C. L. Cromer, K. E. Hurst, National Institute of Standards and Technology; R. L. Mahajan, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State Univ.; J. H. Lehman, National Institute of Standards and Technology . . . . . [6720-59]

**11.10: Pump and probe damage testing for investigation of transient material modifications associated with laser damage in optical materials**, R. A. Negres, M. D. Feit, S. G. Demos, Lawrence Livermore National Lab. . . . . [6720-37]

**11.30: Broadband wavelength tuneable laser calorimetric absorptance measurements**, L. Jensen, I. Balasa, K. Starke, D. Ristau, Laser Zentrum Hannover e.V. (Germany) . . . . . [6720-61]

**11.50: Selective extinction of specular and scattered light in optical substrates and coatings**, C. Amra, C. Deumié-Raviol, G. Georges, L. Arnaud, M. Zerrad, Institut Fresnel (France); C. M. Grèzes-Besset, CILAS Marseille (France); F. Chazallet, Shaktiware (France) . . . . . [6720-65]

**Lunch Break . . . . . 12.10 to 14.00**

**SESSION 10 . . . . . Wed. 14.00 to 15.40**

**Materials and Measurements IV**

*Chair: Gregory J. Exarhos, Pacific Northwest National Lab.*

**14.00: Adhesion of a halogenide plate to optical elements providing antireflection and thermal resistance properties for high-power laser**, M. Murahara, Tokai Univ. (Japan); Y. Sato, T. Funatsu, Tokyo Institute of Technology (Japan); Y. Okamoto, Okamoto Optic Co. (Japan) . . . . . [6720-63]

**14.20: High-resolution 3D imaging of surface damage sites in fused silica with optical coherence tomography**, G. M. Guss, I. L. Bass, R. P. Hackel, C. Mailhot, S. G. Demos, Lawrence Livermore National Lab. . . . . [6720-64]

**14.40: Interferometric phase-surface analyzer with an adjustable reference wave**, F. Segueineau, V. Beau, J. Rullier, Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique (France) . . . . . [6720-66]

**15.00: The effect of plasma scald from large aperture raster scanning of NIF transport mirrors on down-stream beam modulation**, J. R. Schmidt, M. J. Runkel, C. J. Stolz, Lawrence Livermore National Lab. . . . . [6720-67]

**15.20: High laser-damage threshold surface relief microstructures for antireflection and laser cavity mirror applications**, D. S. Hobbs, B. D. MacLeod, TelAztec LLC [6720-68]

**Refreshment Break . . . . . 15.40 to 16.00**

**SESSION 11 . . . . . Wed. 16.00 to 16.40**

**Mini Symposium: Lifetime Issues for CW and Quasi CW Lasers**

*Chair: Michelle D. Shinn, Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility*

**16.00: Operation of the Jefferson Laboratory free-electron laser at high irradiances**, M. D. Shinn, S. V. Benson, D. Douglas, P. Evtushenko, C. Gould, J. Gubeli III, D. Hardy, K. Jordan, G. R. Neil, D. W. Sexton, S. Zhang, Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility . [6720-69]

**16.20: Optical damage observed in the LHMEI II laser output coupler**, J. J. Eric, Air Force Research Lab.; J. O. Bagford, F. R. Hull, D. B. Seibert II, General Dynamics Information Technology [6720-70]

**Closing Remarks . . . . . Wed. 16.40 to 16.45**

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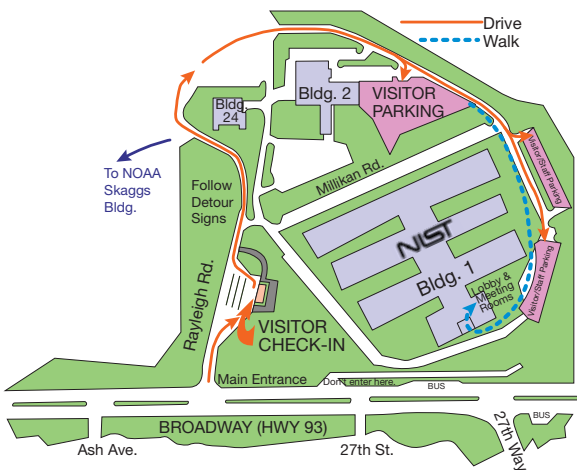


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