About the Cover:

The cover photo highlights Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) scientists Dr. Maria Barrios and Dr. Dayne Fratanduono discussing experimental details for shot campaigns being executed on the OMEGA Laser System. The scientists have worked on equation-of-state (EOS) measurements to characterize the high-pressure behavior of germanium-doped glow-discharge-polymer (GDP) ablator materials used for National Ignition Facility ignition targets as well as ramp-compression experiments for Fe and diamond. Robust ignition simulations require knowledge of the ablator equation of state. The article on p. 47 details the first EOS measurements on GDP and Ge-GDP films. The actual target setup displayed on the background video screen was used for the ramp-compression experiments.



The photo shows (from left to right) Dr. Thomas Boehly, Ph.D. advisor, and graduating students, Maria Barrios and Dayne Fratanduono, in their academic regalia at the University of Rochester's 2011 doctoral commencement. Dr. Barrios and Dr. Fratanduono are now working as scientists at LLNL; they continue to work collaboratively with Dr. Boehly and the Laboratory for Laser Energetics to study issues relevant to inertial confinement fusion and high-energy-density physics.

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