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Introduction

The Atmospheric Propagation conference filled one and a half busy days with presentations. The mix of people was quite good, running the gamut from veterans of conferences past, to new-comers.

Participation was drawn from both the government and industry. As usual, the conference both educated directly with an excellent series of talks, and fostered good side-discussions.

Several topics within the broad aegis of atmospheric propagation were discussed. Both the characterization of the atmosphere and compensation for the atmosphere were covered in talks. The three areas of experiment, modeling, and simulation were covered as well.

Many in the group were interested in laser communications, both for challenging highly scintillated paths, as well as new developments in quantum communications and of higher angular momentum states.

Side discussions bemoaned the current state of funding for efforts in the area, but many were hopeful for the future, buoyed by the belief that the utility of these techniques will win out in the long run.

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