

# Report from the Lasers and Optics Working Group

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## Outline

- Thermal Engineering and Modeling
- Advanced Core Optic Materials
- Modulators and Isolators
- Laser Development
- Working Group Agenda

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# Thermal Engineering and Modeling

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- Thermal Modeling Code

Object-oriented architecture in MATLAB

Flexible modulation and resonance schemes

Autolock routines for LIGO I/II/III, GEO

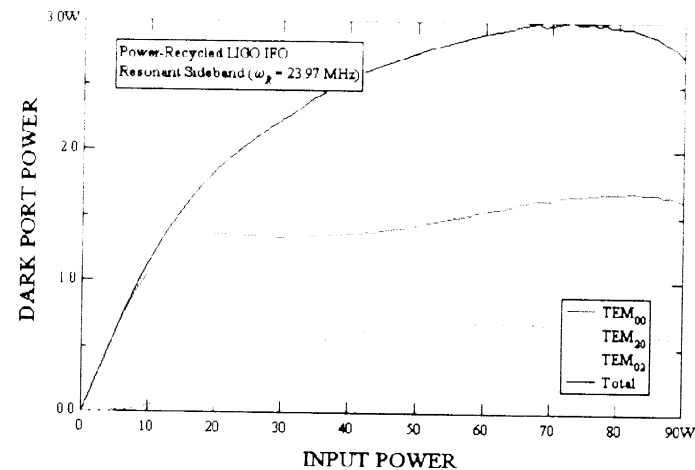
Astigmatic beamsplitter thermal lens

Hello-Vinet mirror thermal lens

Mirror misalignment operators

Demodulation detector class

SIMULINK interface



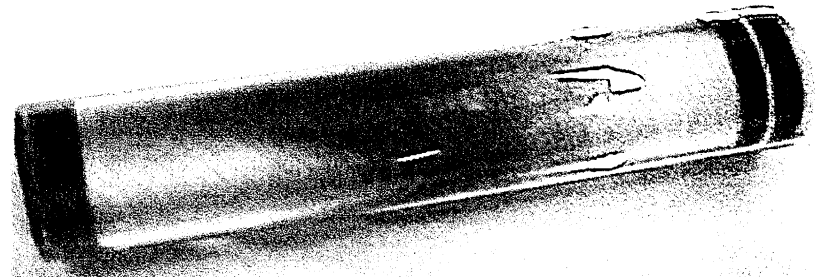
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# Advanced Core Optic Material

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- Material Absorption
  - Off the shelf YAG 100 ppm/cm
  - Sapphire ~50 ppm/cm
- Q of YAG  $2 \times 10^7$



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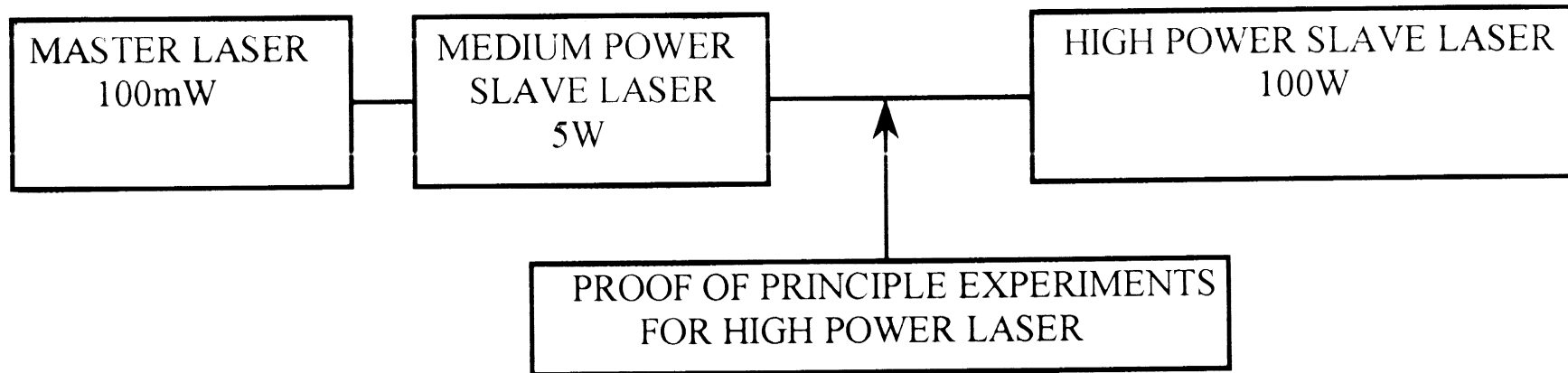
# Modulators and Optical Isolators

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- Wave front sensor and direct absorption measurements of phase modulators now agree
- Modulators and Isolators

# High Power Laser Development for Advanced Long-Baseline Interferometers

< Strategy: USE A CHAIN OF INJECTION-LOCKED LASERS

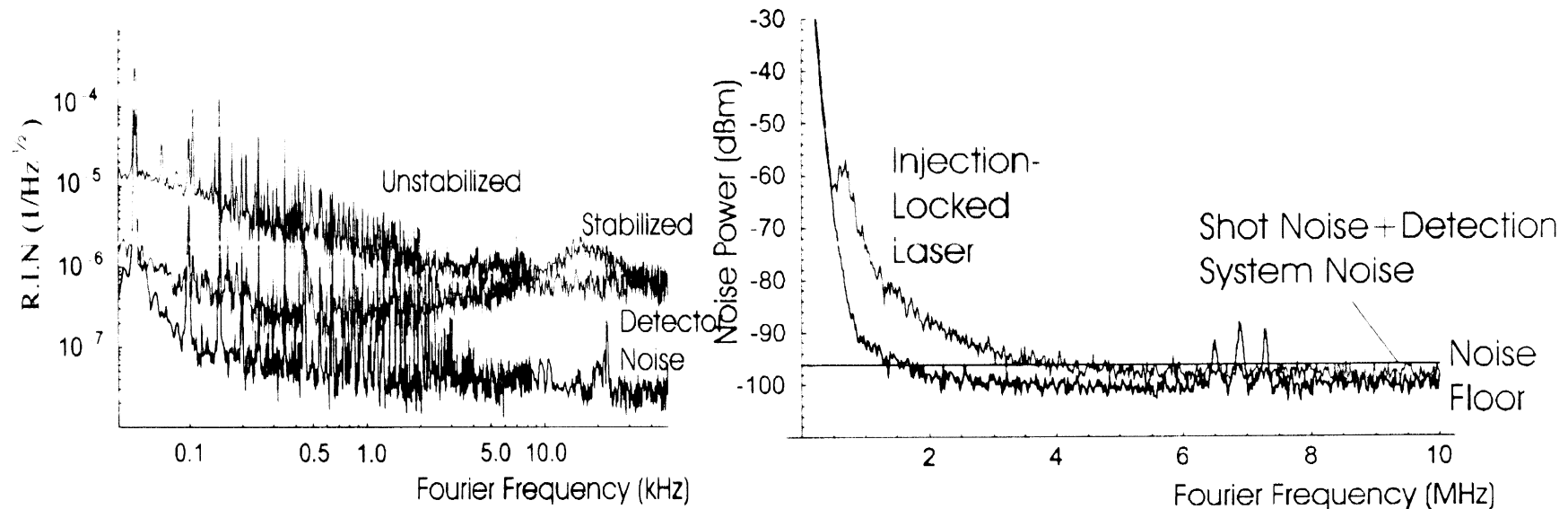


< AN ADELAIDE-ACIGA/STANFORD/LIGO COLLABORATION

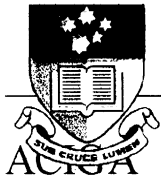
< HIGH POWER LASER USES A 'STABLE/UNSTABLE' LASER RESONATOR TO PRODUCE A LASER THAT IS EFFICIENT, INTRINSICALLY STABLE AND SCALABLE TO >100W



# Intensity Noise of 5 W Injection-Locked CPFS Laser

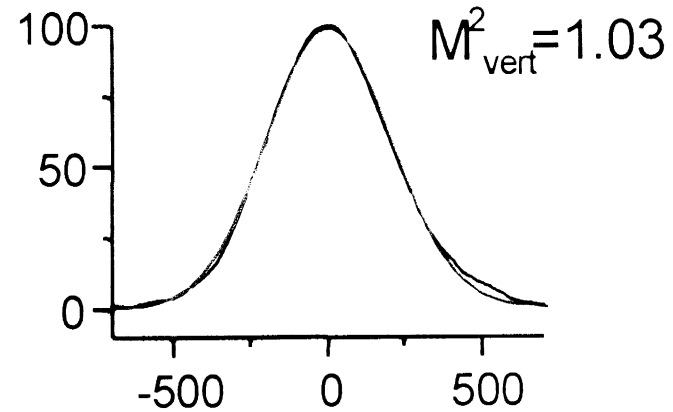
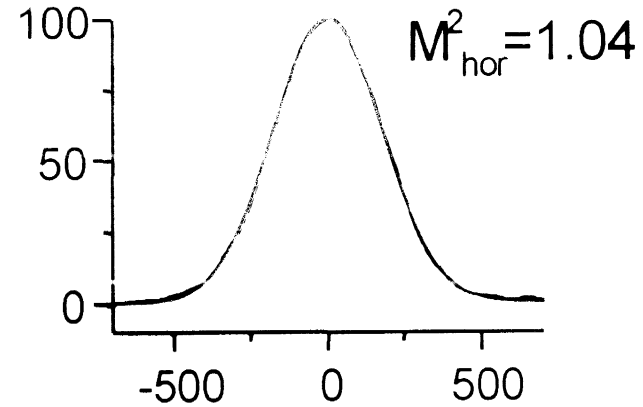
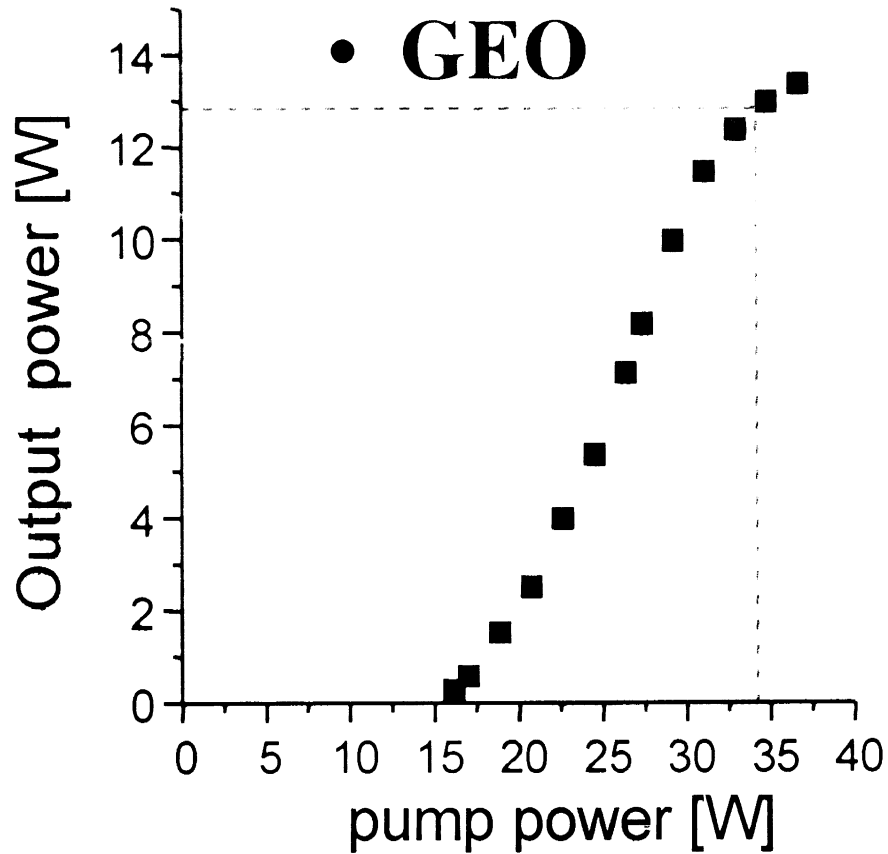


- \* Low frequency feedback to the laser diode drive current ensures the intensity noise of the laser meets LIGO 1 requirements
- \* The laser is shot noise limited for 6 mA of photo-current above 5 MHz Fourier frequency



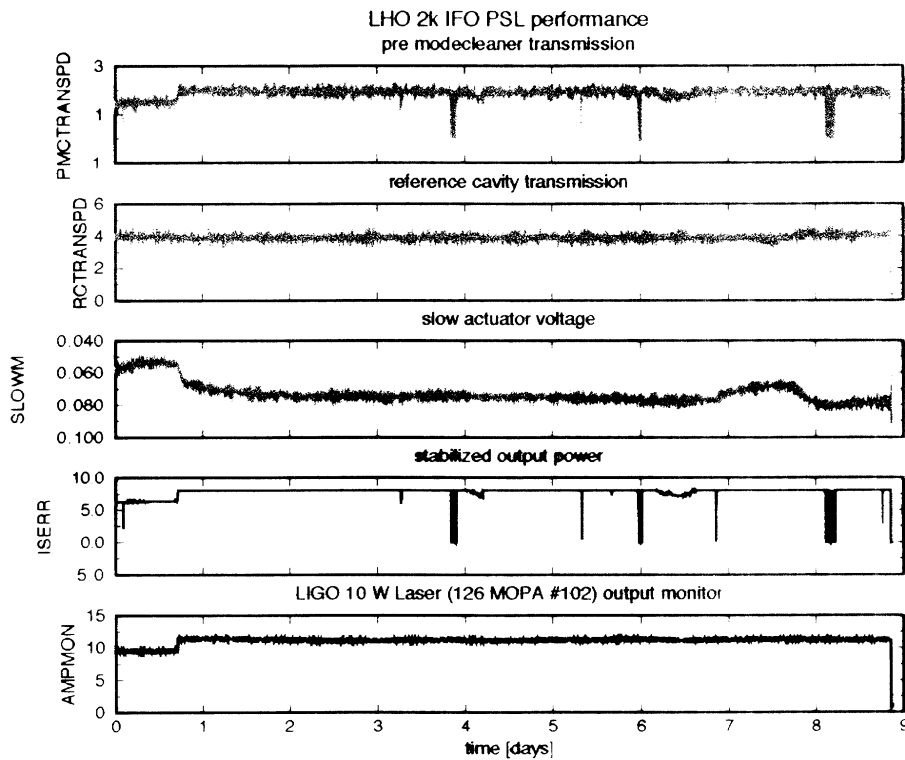
# Laser Development

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99% Linear Polarization

# LHO 2k IFO PSL

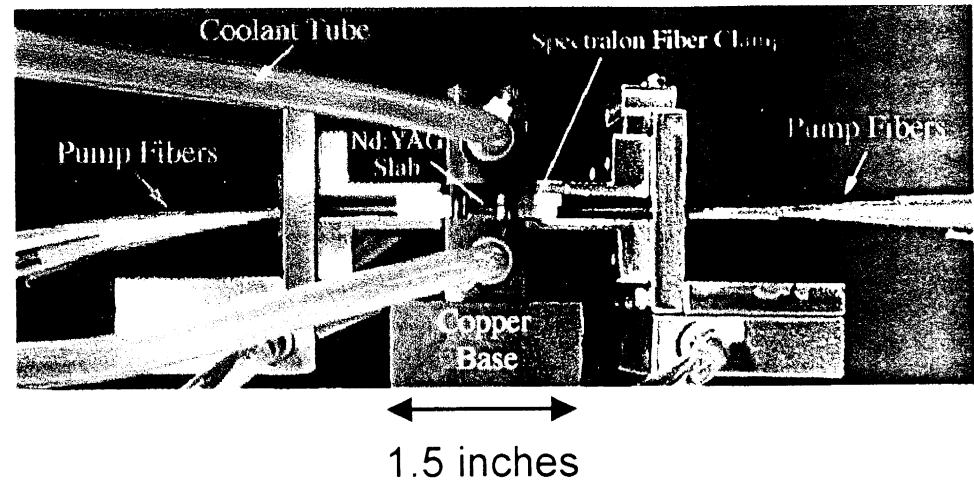
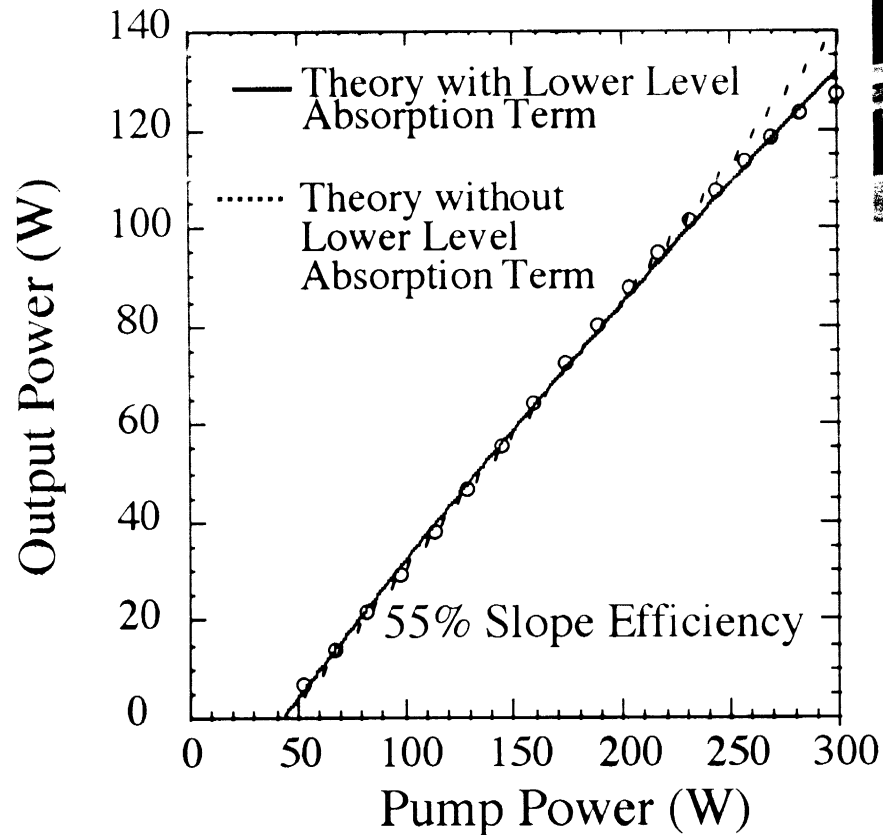


- PSL remained in lock for a period of 30 days
- Automatic lock acquisition demonstrated



# Laser Development

- Stanford



- **Nd:YAG Slab**
  - 1% Doped Nd:YAG
  - 1.5 x 4.5 x 38.9 mm w/ Brewster end faces
  - SiO<sub>2</sub> Coating for low loss TIR
  - **1.5 % single-pass loss**

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## Lasers and Optics Working Group

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### Some potential core optic materials and their properties

Below we list several materials which could be used for advanced core optic materials and their mechanical and optical properties.

#### Mechanical Properties

Material	Best Bulk Resonator Q	Density (cm/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Youngs modulus (Gpa)	Poisson ratio
Silica	2x10 <sup>7</sup> (Ref.1)	2.202	72.6	0.16
Sapphire	2x10 <sup>8</sup> (Ref.2)	3.987	400	0.23
YAG	2x10 <sup>7</sup> (Ref.3)	4.55	283	0.25
Spinel	NA	3.577	275	0.28

All unreferenced numbers are from the "Electro-Optics Handbook," Ronald Waynant and Marwood Ediger Editors, McGraw-Hill, Inc., 1994, pages 11.13-11.23.

Ref.1

Ref.2 "Systems with small dissipation," V.B. Braginsky, V.P Mitrofanov, and V.I. Panov. The University of Chicago Press, 1985, Page 30.

Ref.3 Sheila Rowan private communication, Ginzton Laboratory, Stanford University, Stanford, California, 94305-4085, (650)723-1178, srowan@loki.stanford.edu

#### Optical Properties

Material	Crystal Class	Absorption @ 1064 nm	dn/dT (10 <sup>-6</sup> )	Refractive index
Silica	NA	1 ppm/cm (Ref.1)	11	1.4506
Sapphire	Hexagonal	? (Ref.2)	? (Ref.4)	1.7555(o) 1.7478(e)
YAG	Cubic	100 ppm/cm (Ref.3)	7.6(Ref.5)	1.815
Spinel	Cubic		250	1.701

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Ref.1 Virgo reference

Ref.2

Ref.3 Martin Fejer, private communication, Ginzton Laboratory, Stanford University, Stanford.

# **Lasers and Optics Working Group Agenda**

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## Friday

Advanced Core Optic material (9:00 - 11:00) - Jordan Camp

White Paper review (11:20 - 12:00) - Eric Gustafson

Lasers (1:00 - 2:20) - Benno Willke

Modulators, isolators and photodiodes (2:40 - 4:00) - David Reitze

## Saturday

Thermal engineering and modeling (9:00 - 11:30) - Hiro Yamamoto

Planning for the next LSC meeting (11:30 - 12:00) - Eric Gustafson

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<b>Agenda Lasers and Optics Working Group Meeting</b>						
<b>March 4-6, 1999 Gainesville Florida</b>						
<b>Friday 5 March 1999</b>		<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Stop</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	<b>ET</b>
<b>A. Advanced Core Optic Materials</b>		<b>Jordan Camp</b>				
1.	Review of LIGO I Specs and Testing	Jordan Camp	9:00 AM	9:20 AM	0:05	0:20
2.	How Crystals are Grown - I	Roger Route	9:25 AM	10:05 AM	0:05	0:40
3.	Absorption measurements in crystals	Alex Alexandrovski	10:10 AM	10:30 AM	0:05	0:20
4.	Status of Q measurements in advanced materials	Sheila Rowan	10:35 AM	10:55 AM	0:05	0:20 1:40
<b>Break</b>			11:00 AM	11:20 AM		0:20
<b>B. White Paper Review and Recommendations</b>			11:20 AM	12:00 PM		0:40
<b>Lunch</b>			12:00 PM	1:00 PM		
<b>C. Lasers for Gravitational Wave Interferometry</b>		<b>Benno Willke</b>				
1.	Status of the GEO laser system	Benno Willke	1:00 PM	1:20 PM	0:03	0:20
2.	Status of the TAMA laser system	Shinsuke Taniguchi	1:23 PM	1:28 PM	0:00	0:05
3.	Transverse pumped slab lasers	Bill Tulloch	1:28 PM	1:48 PM	0:03	0:20
4.	The future of diode pumped lasers	Robert Byer	1:51 PM	2:11 PM	0:03	0:20
5.	The prospects for shorter wavelength sources	Marty Fejer	2:14 PM	2:34 PM	0:03	0:20 1:20
<b>Break</b>			2:37 PM	2:57 PM		0:20
<b>D. Modulators, isolators and photodetectors</b>		<b>David Reitze</b>				
1.	Measurements of LiNbO3 phase modulators	David Reitze	2:57 PM	3:17 PM	0:03	0:20
2.	Measurements of optical isolators	Efim Khazanov	3:20 PM	3:40 PM	0:03	0:20
3.	Adaptive core optic control	Peter Fritschel	3:43 PM	4:03 PM	0:03	0:20 1:00
<b>Saturday 6 March 1999</b>		<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Stop</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	<b>ET</b>
<b>E. Thermal engineering and modeling</b>		<b>Hiroaki Yamamoto</b>				
1.	Thermal modeling using Matlab	Ray Beausoleil	9:00 AM	9:25 AM	0:05	0:25
2.	Thermal effects and the LIGO end to end model	Hiroaki Yamamoto	9:30 AM	9:55 AM	0:05	0:25
3.	Wavefront sensing	Justin Mansell	10:00 AM	10:25 AM	0:05	0:25
4.	Status of contamination measurements	Jordan Camp	10:30 AM	10:55 AM	0:05	0:25
5.	Preview of the modeling workshop	Guido Mueller	11:00 AM	11:25 AM	0:05	0:25 2:05
<b>F. Planning for the next LSC Meeting</b>			11:30 AM	12:00 PM		0:30