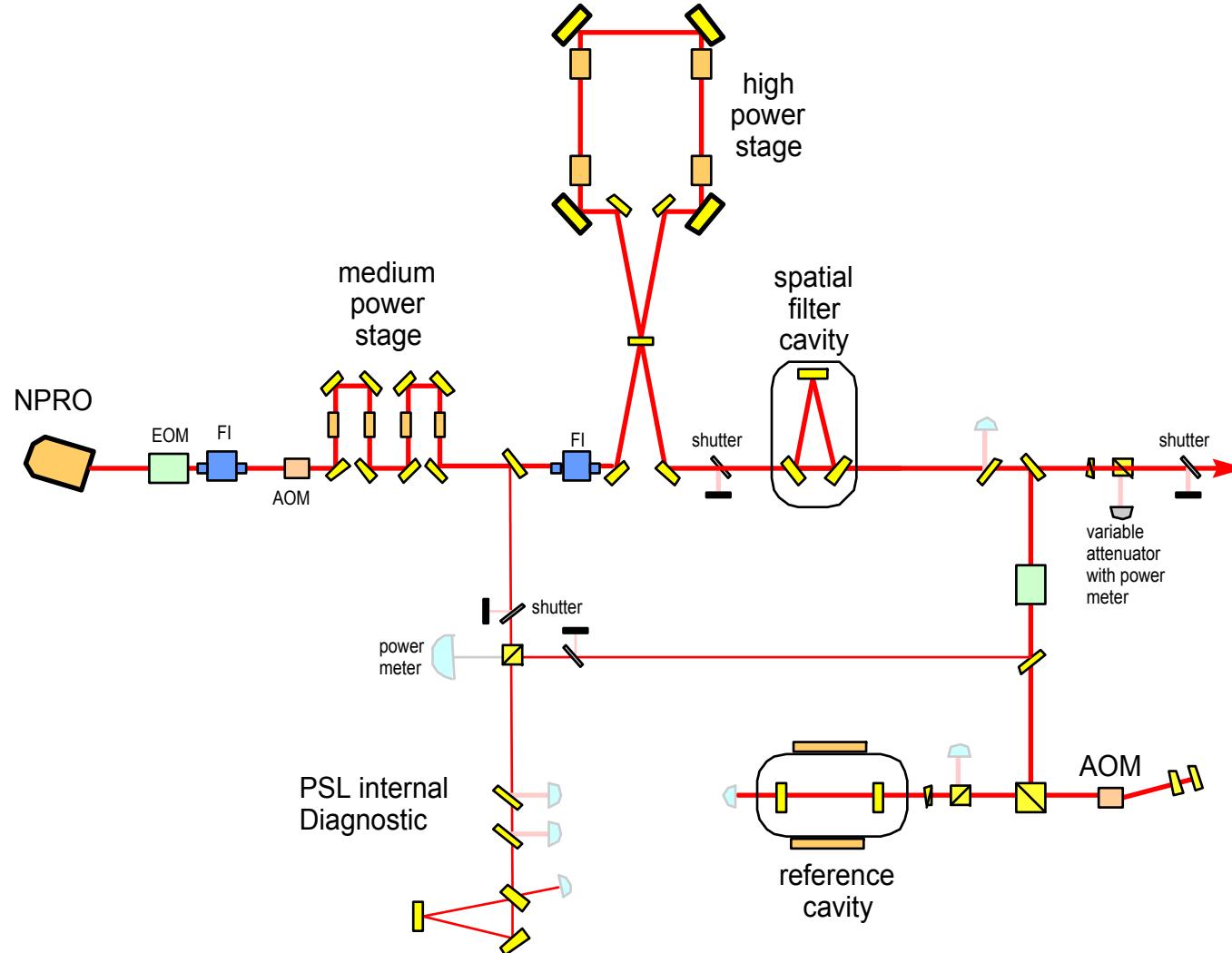




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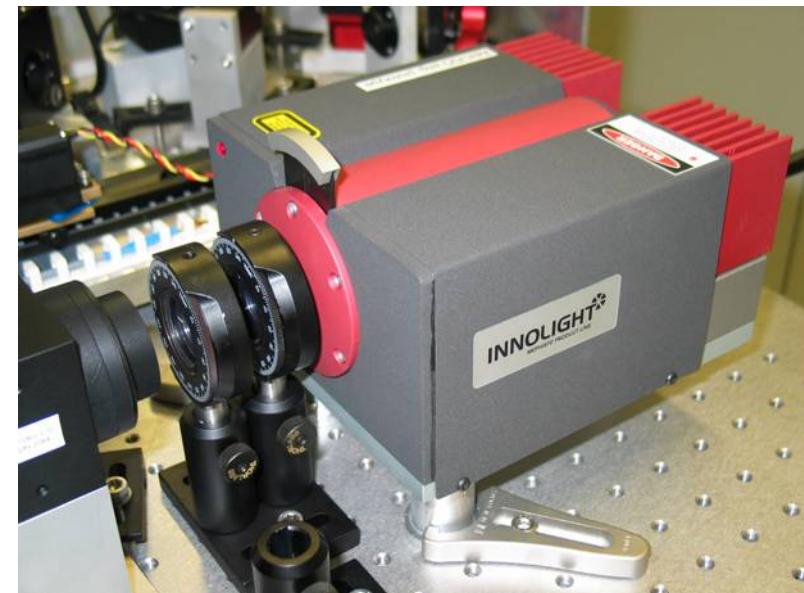
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LSC meeting, Baton Rouge March 2007



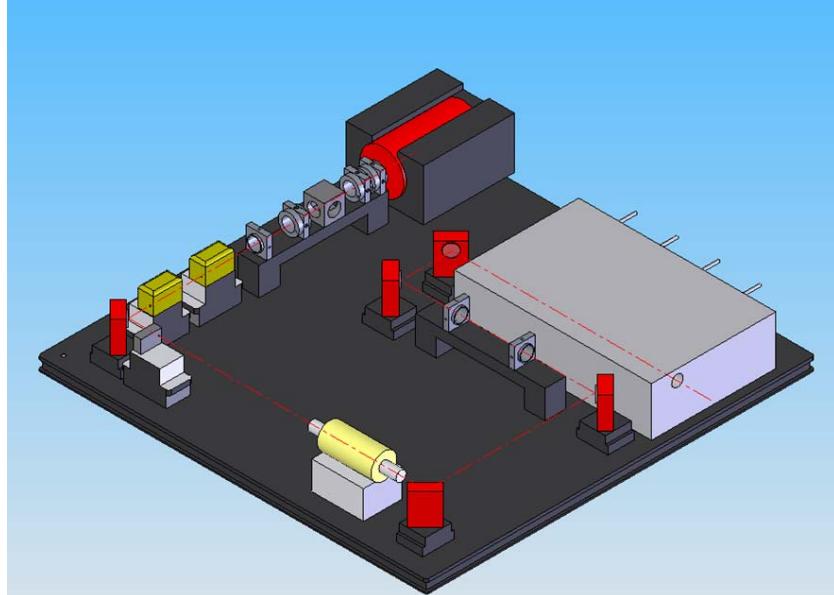


- 4 out of 8 Master lasers (2W NPROs) are delivered
- each has to pass a detailed acceptance test
- characterization program
  - power, slope, power in p-pol
  - RIN:
    - noise spectrum 1Hz – 100kHz,
    - time series (60min) rms
  - frequency noise
    - spectrum 1Hz – 100kHz
    - upper limit for drift
  - PZT and slow actuator calibration
  - beam quality
    - higher order mode content
    - beam pointing

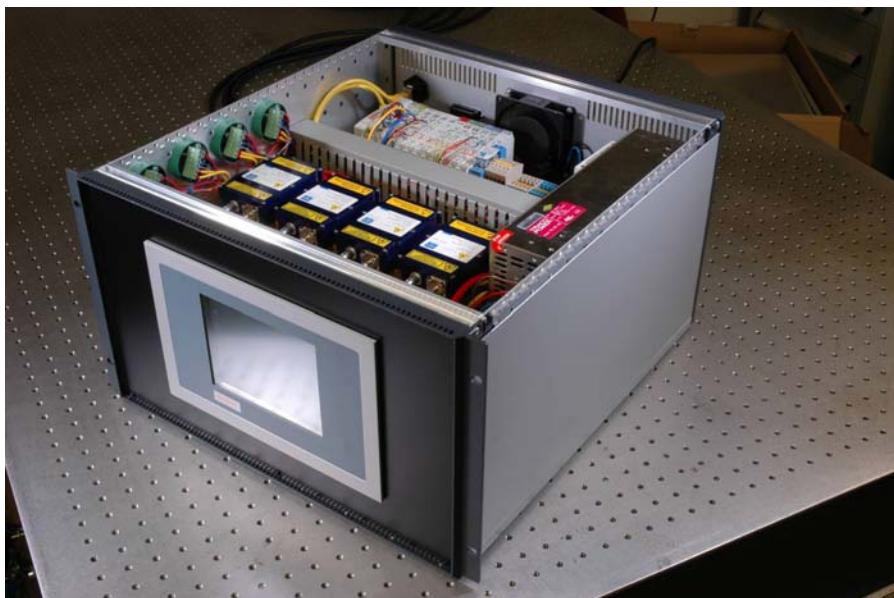




# ALIGO 35W front-end – ELIGO laser

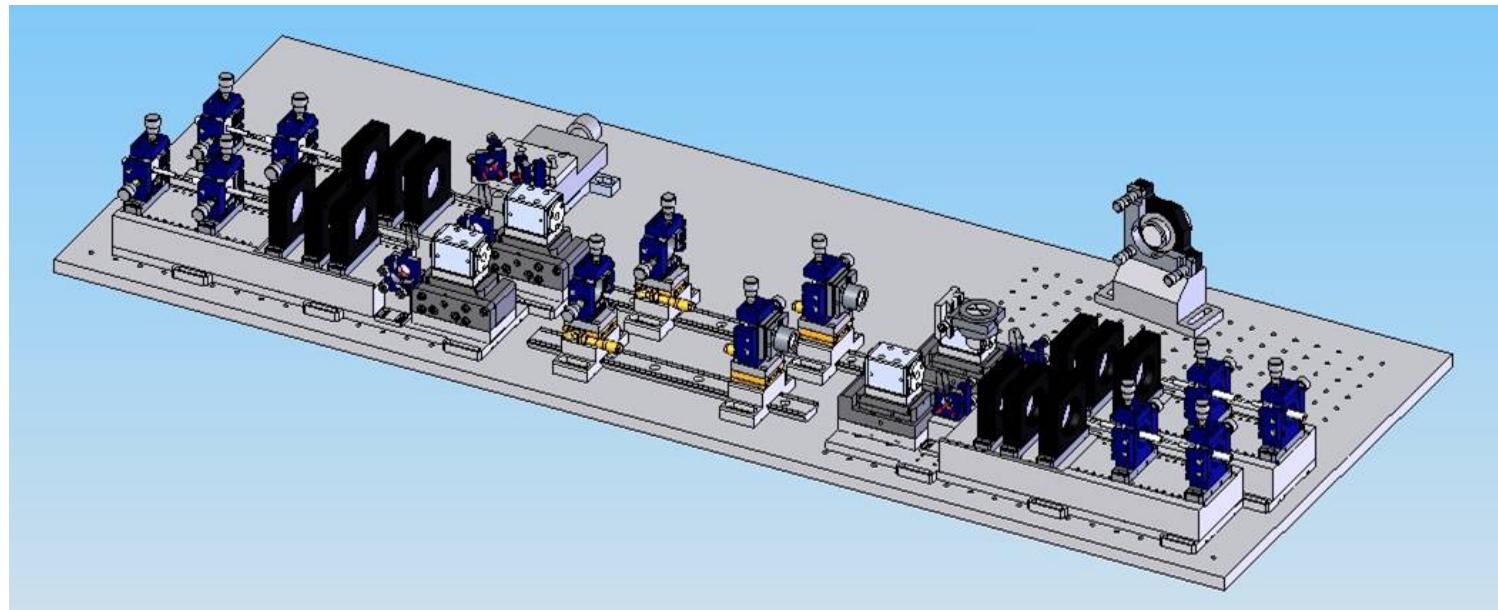
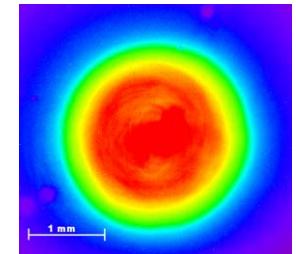


- front end will be assembled on breadboard and delivered in single housing
- AOM and isolators included
- NPRO and amplifier controlled via Beckhoff touchpad
- interface to EPICS



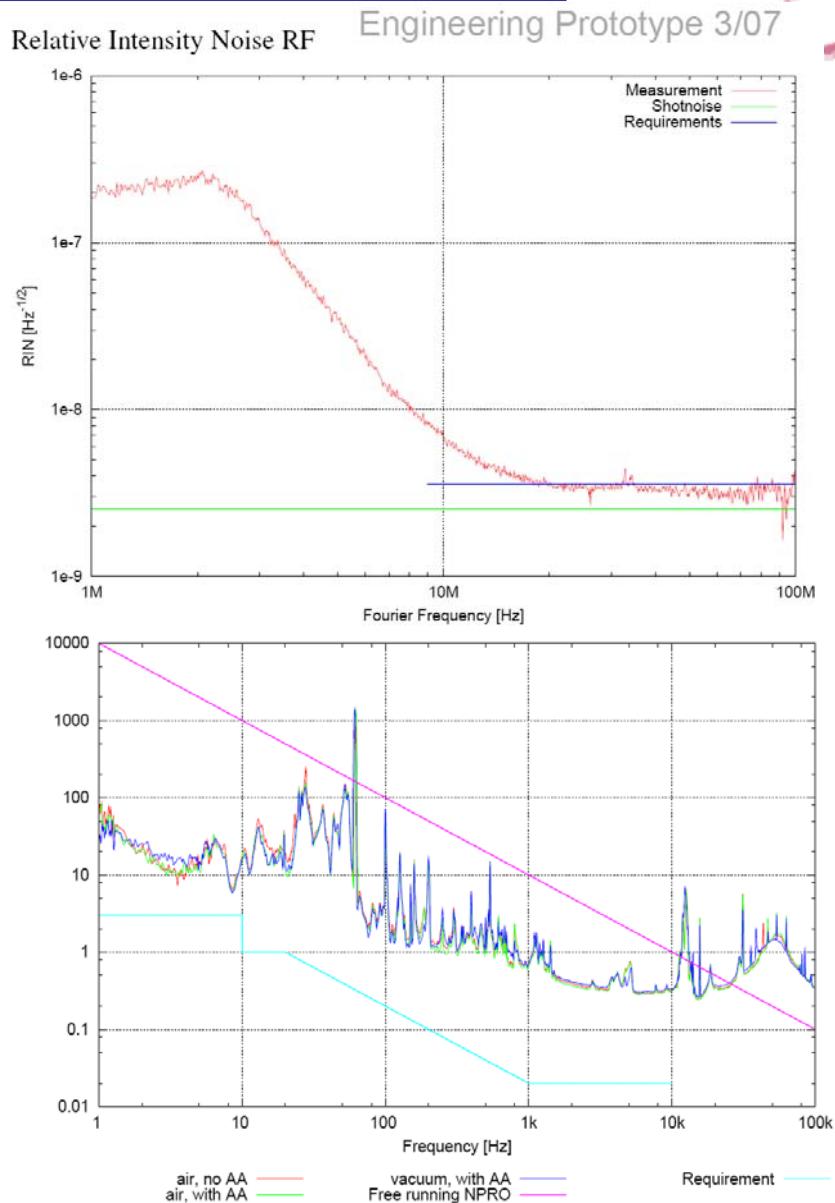


- 7 instead of 10 fibers
  - 7 x 45 W
- new homogenizer
  - higher pump brightness
- new laser head design
- whole resonator on base plate



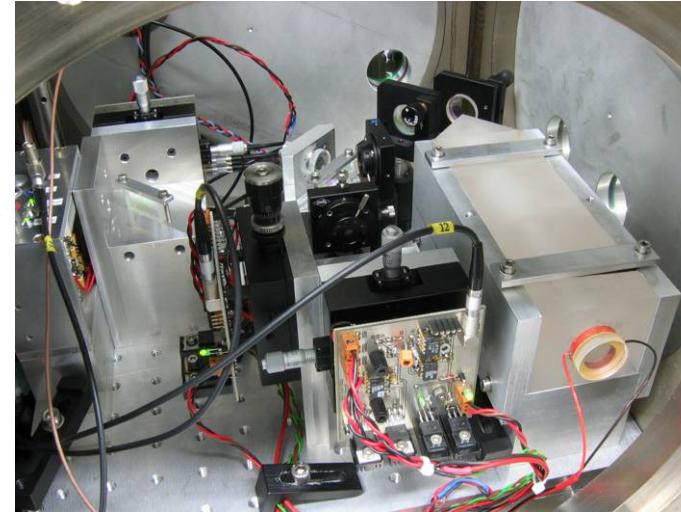
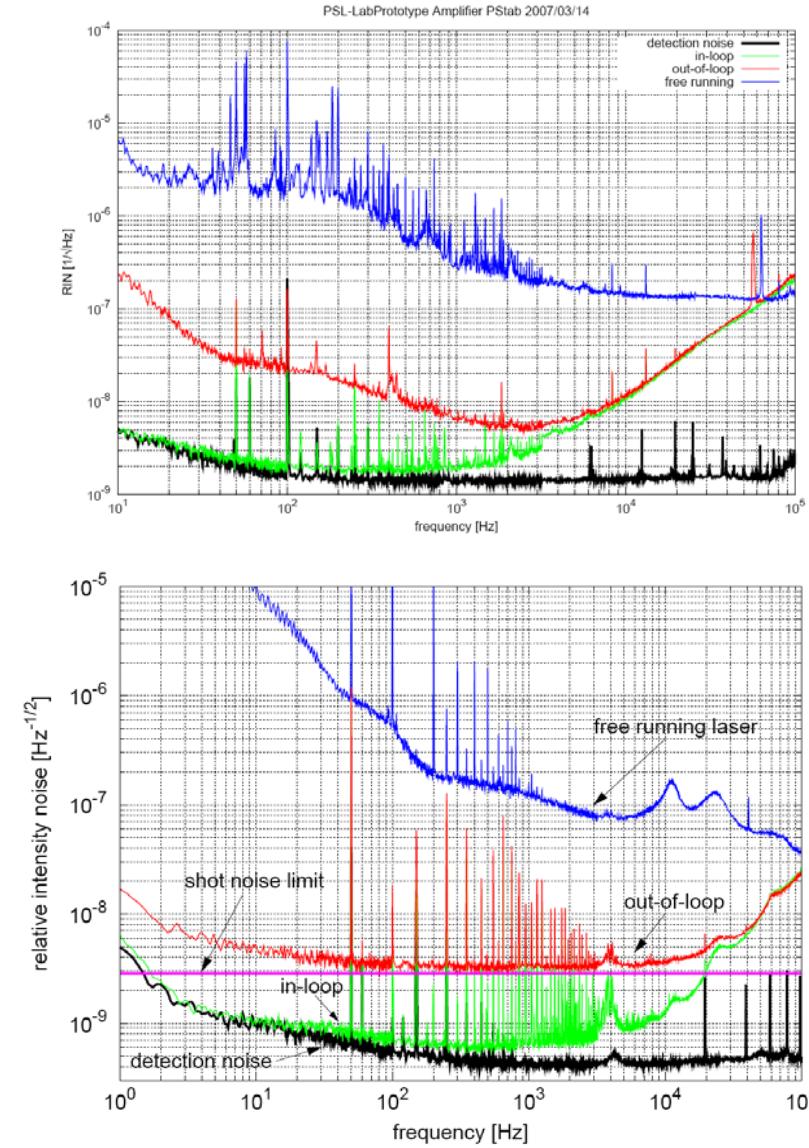


- thermal loading
  - PMC design based on thermal loading experiment by A. Bullington (Stanford)
  - assumption: less than 3ppm absorption
  - allow for a total of 10mW absorbed power
  - finesse 50 (3kW circulating power)
- in sealed housing, vacuum required ?
- rf filtering
  - 4dB @9MHz
  - sufficient? , increase length?



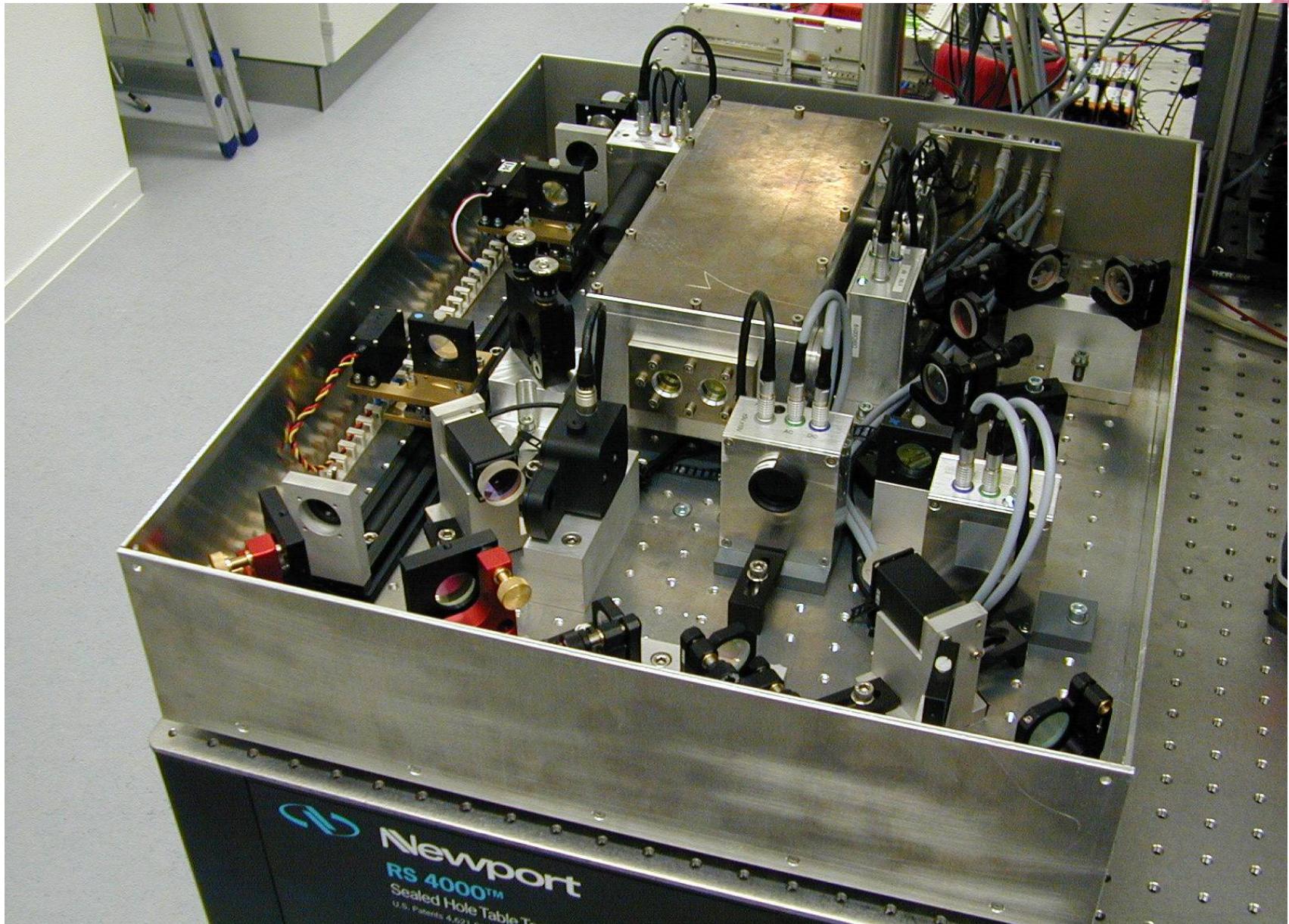


# power stabilization



Seifert et al., Opt. Lett. 31 (2006) 2000

# beam diagnostic setup

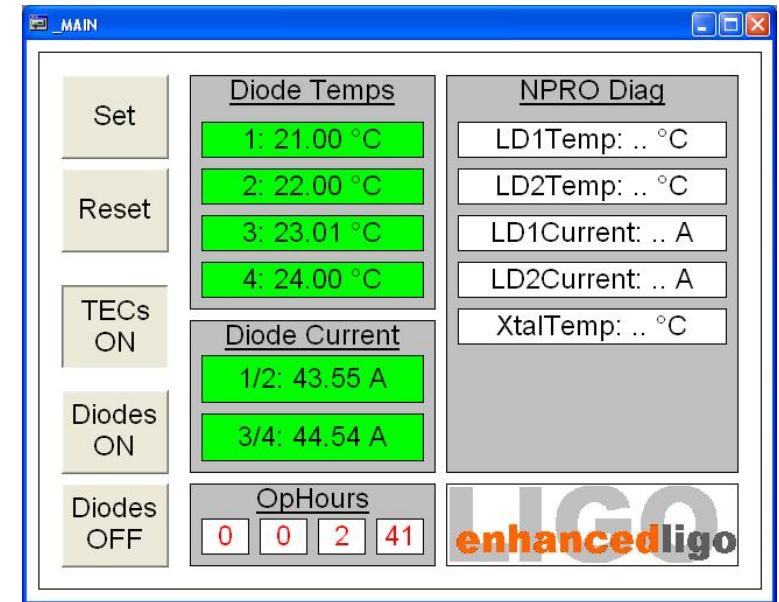
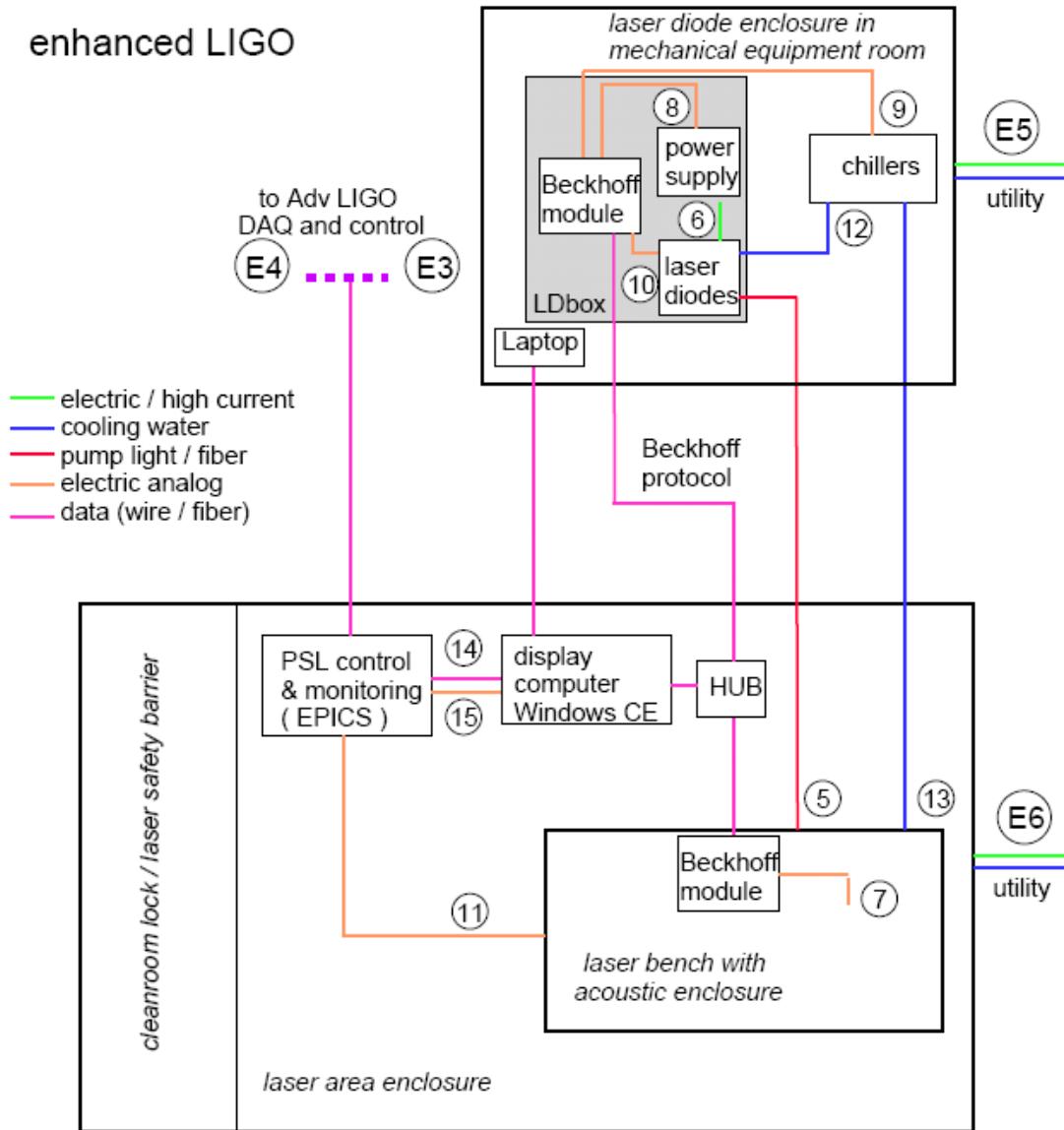




# location and control - Enhanced LIGO



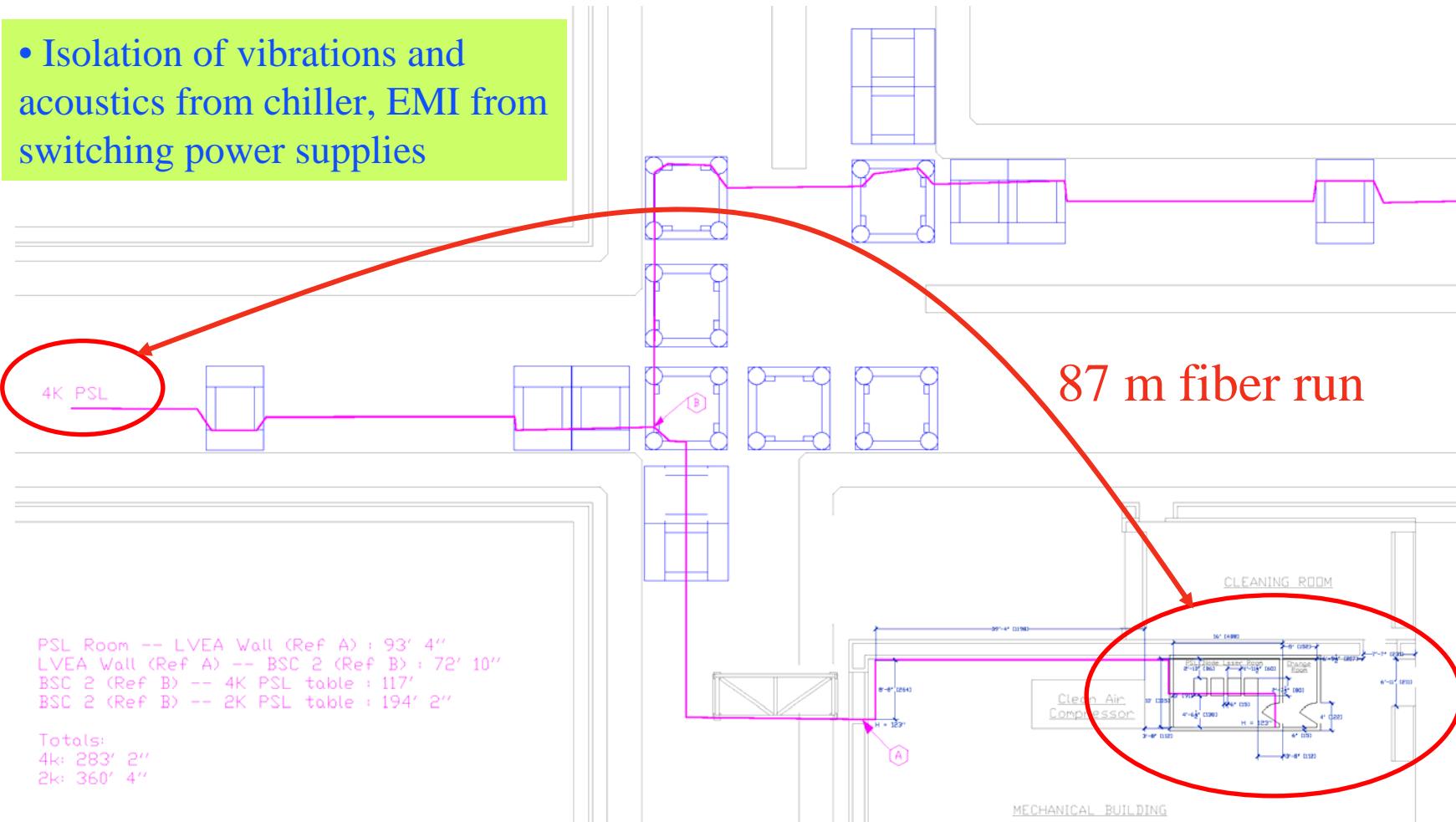
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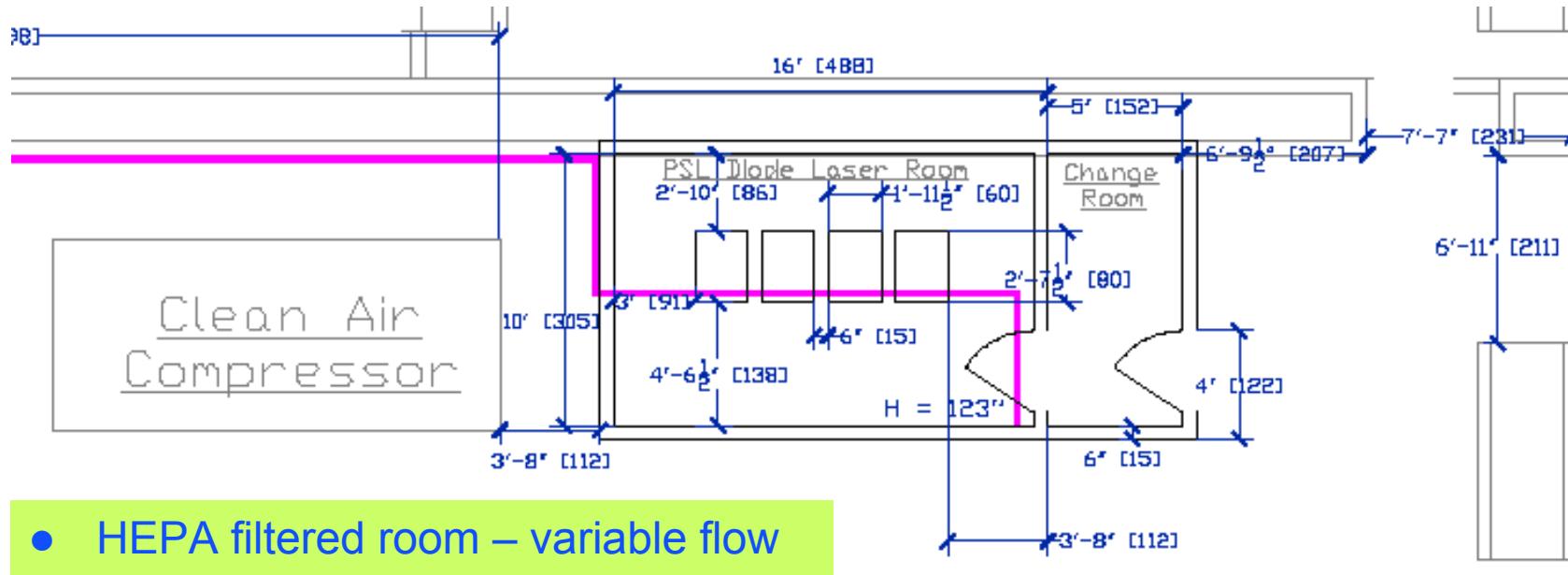
# Laser diode room in Mechanical Building

- Isolation of vibrations and acoustics from chiller, EMI from switching power supplies





## Diode room detail (LHO)



- HEPA filtered room – variable flow
- Two racks per AdvLigo PSL
- Portable HEPA panel for pump diode box maintenance
- Ante room for gowning/laser safety
- Fibers and cables in overhead tray
- Video/phone/network connections
- Room temperature monitor
- Dust monitor
- Smoke detector –control room alarm



# Laser Safety

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Advanced LIGO Pre-stabilised Laser Safety Plan		
Peter King (ed.)		

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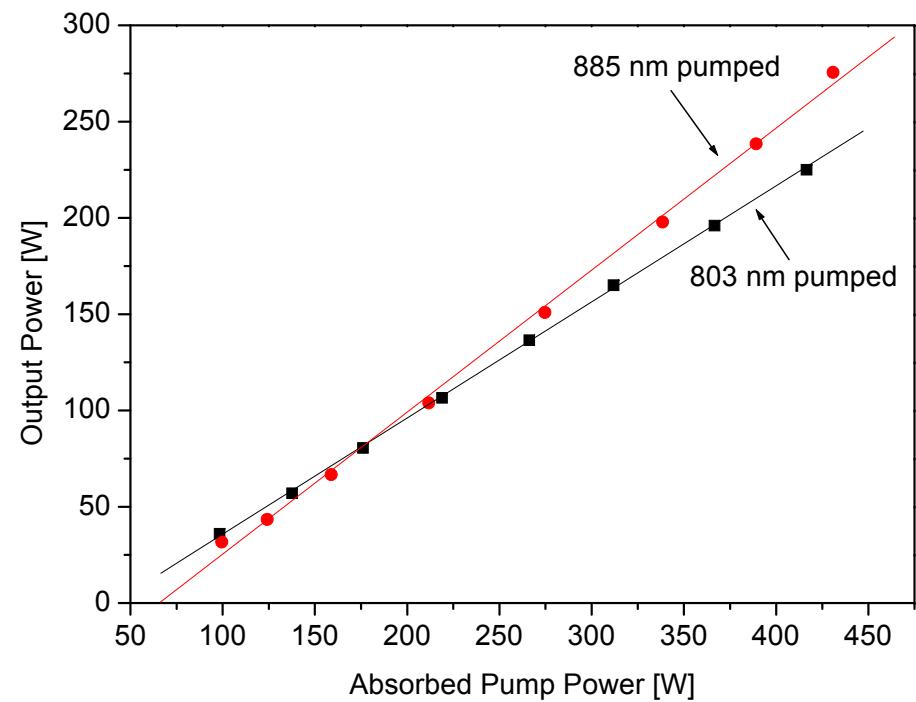
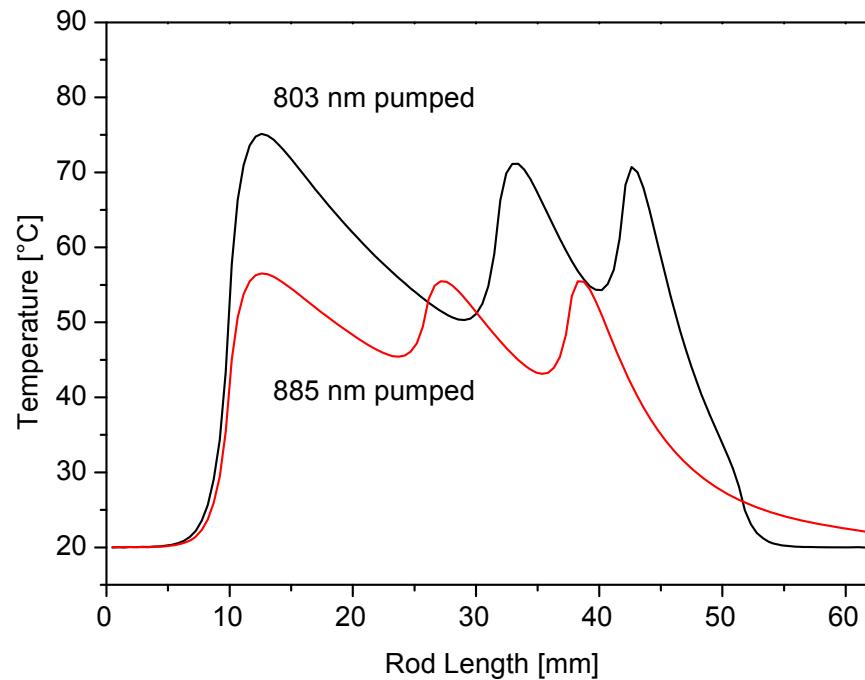
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## *New development on high power solid-state (& fiber) lasers @LZH*

*Maik Frede  
for the SSP-Group*

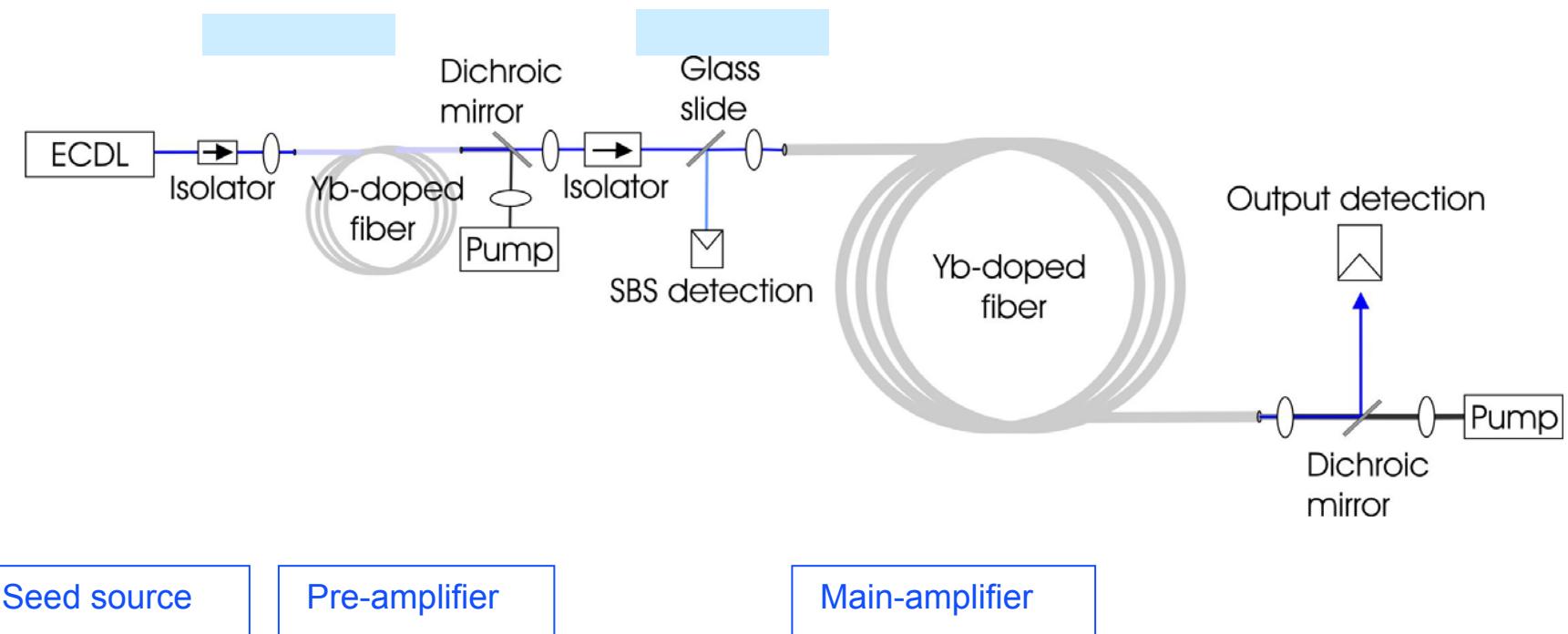
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## *Combination of 885nm Pumping & Multi-Segmented Rods*



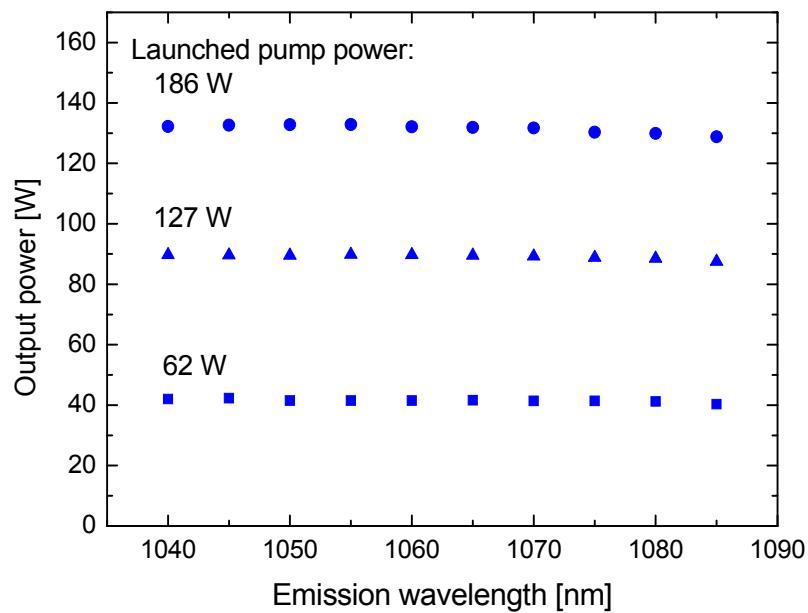
- Temperature Reduction by ~ 30 %
- 276 W Output Power, 75 % Slope Efficiency

## Tunable Fiber Laser MOPA

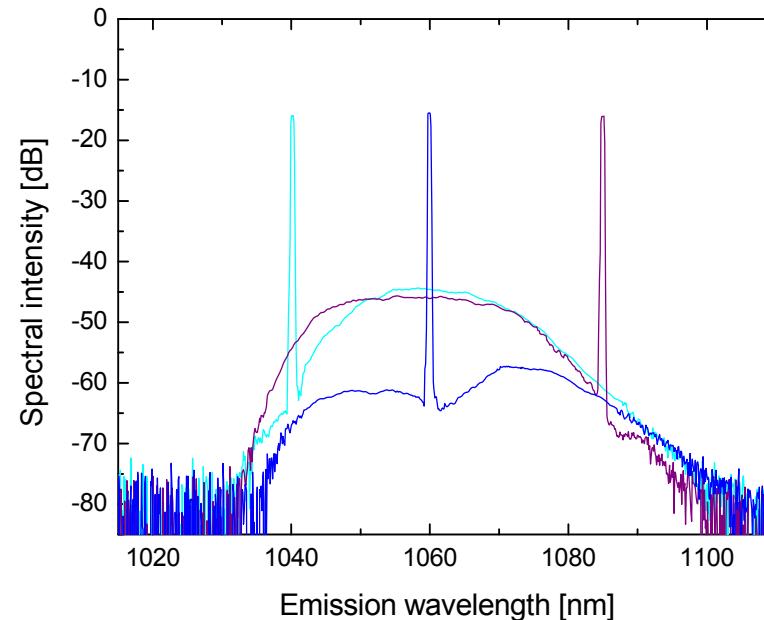


## *Results: Output-Power (tunable)*

Main-amplifier output power characteristic

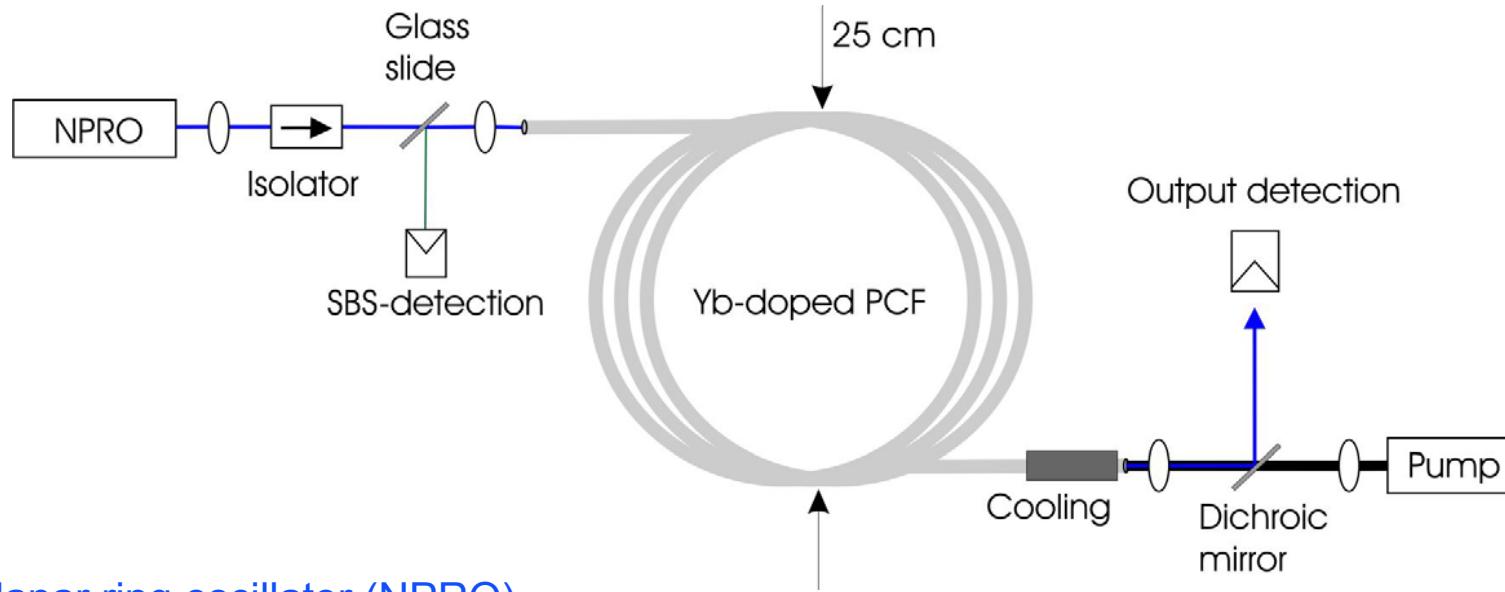


Main-amplifier emission spectra



Max. output power 133 W  
> 129 W from 1040-1085 nm

# *Single-Frequency Master-Oscillator Fiber Amplifier*



## Non-planar ring oscillator (NPRO)

Em. wavelength 1064 nm  
Max. seed power 1.5 W

## Crystal Fibre A/S DC-225-22-Yb

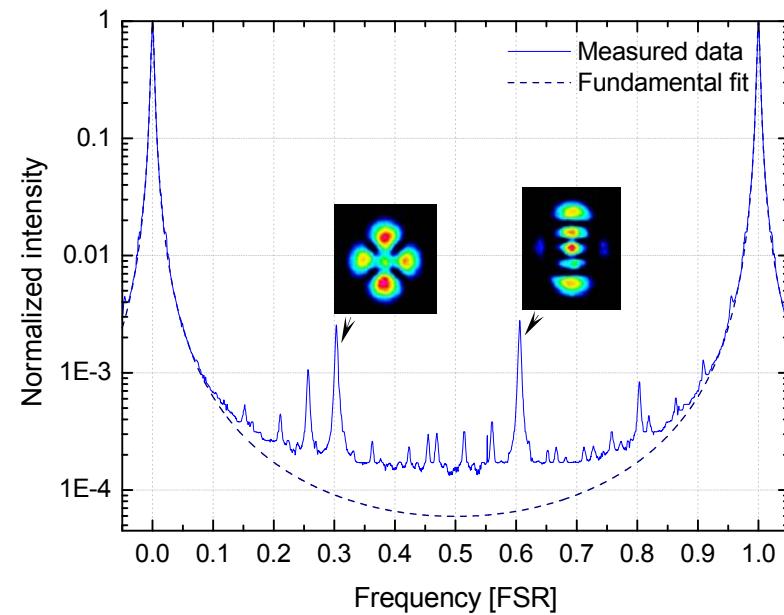
Cladding diameter 225 µm  
Mode field diameter 22 µm  
Length 4.2 m

## Pump module: Laserline LDM 200-200

Fiber diameter 300 µm  
Maximum power 218 W  
Emission wavelength 976 nm  
Emission linewidth 2.5 nm

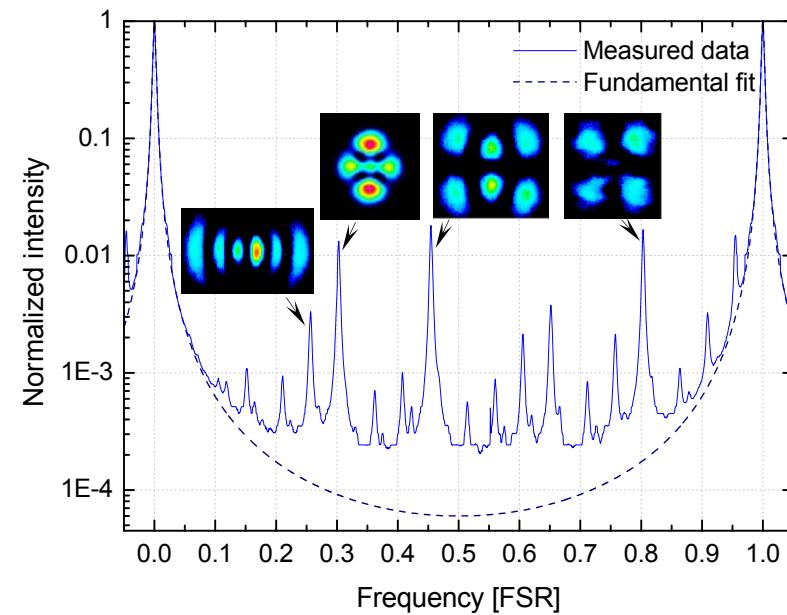
## *Beam Quality (measured)*

Fabry-Perot ring-cavity scan at 28 W



98% fundamental gaussian at 28 W  
Indiv. higher-order mode < 0.25%

Fabry-Perot ring-cavity scan at 148 W



92.6% fundamental gaussian at 148 W  
Indiv. higher-order modes < 1.8%

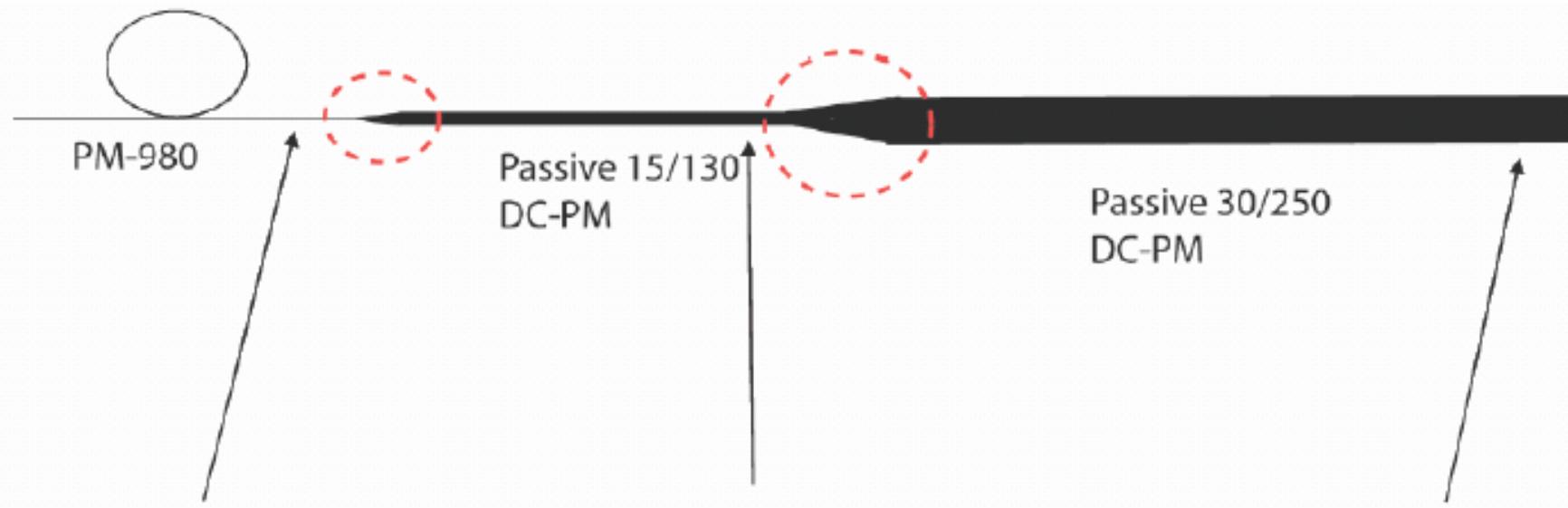


# High Power, Single Frequency Ytterbium Fiber Amplifier

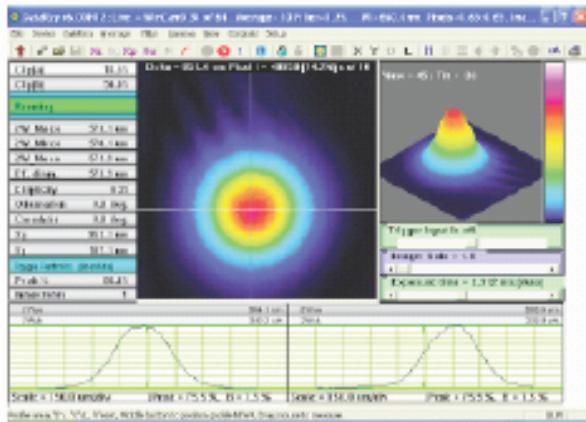




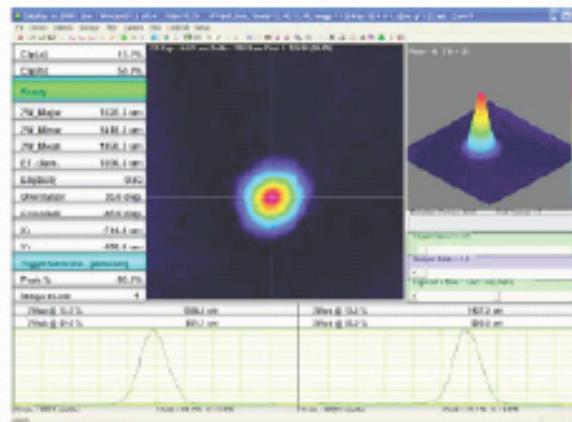
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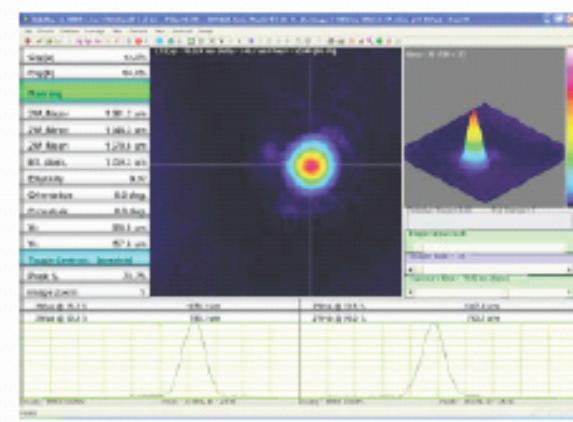
PER = 35 dB



PER = 26 dB



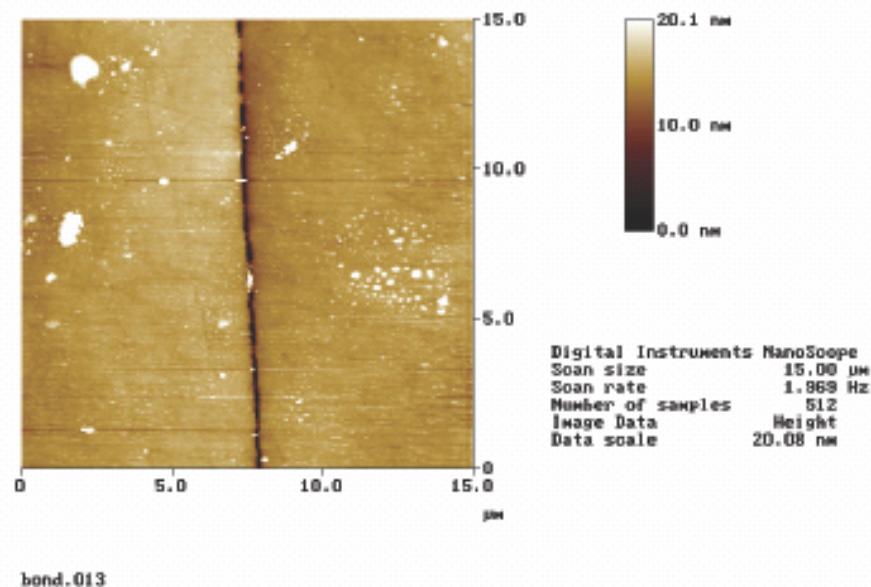
PER = 23 dB



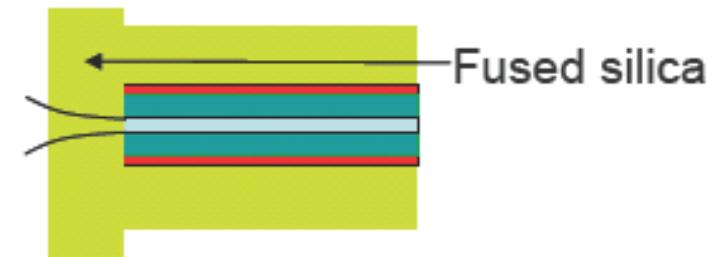


# Increasing Reliability -- Silicate Bonding

- No high temperature processes
- Bond is as strong as substrate in silica/silica bonds
- Low optical absorption



Courtesy of Sheila Rowan



Fiber in capillary bonded to optical flat



Bond reflection below -50 dB.

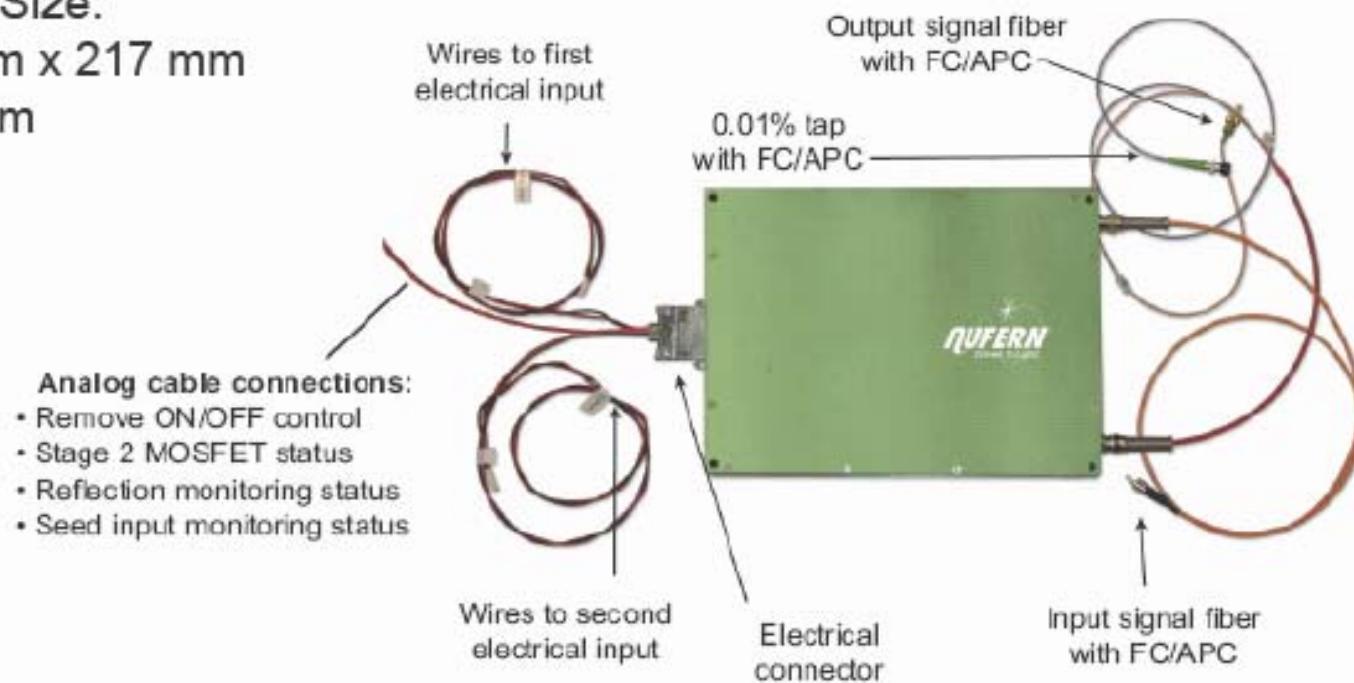




# Nufern 10W PM Amp Layout

Actual Size:

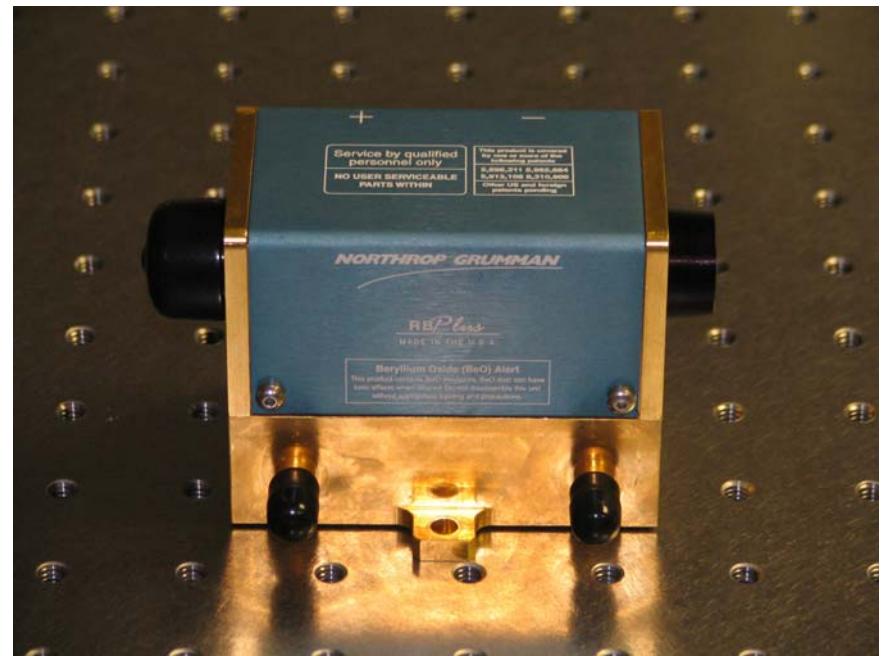
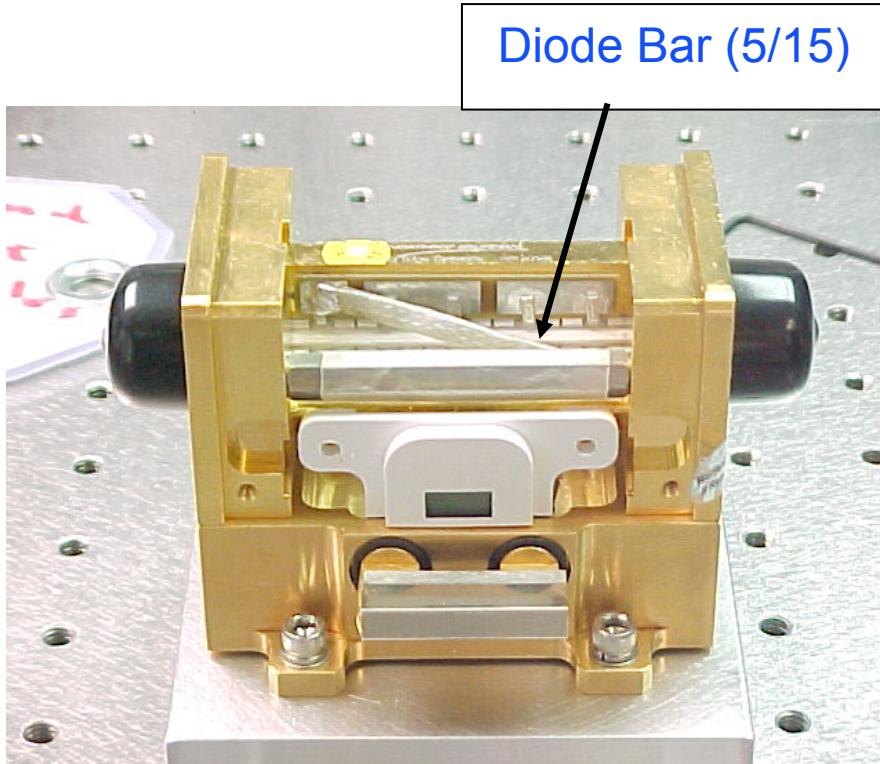
294 mm x 217 mm  
x 50 mm



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**LSU's Amplifier  
Model: RBA25  
Manufacturer: Cutting Edge Optronics/  
Northrop Grumman Corp.**



**Crystal rod: 2 mm dia by 80 mm length  
Water cooled (68 psi/1GPM water flow )**

# Angular Jitter

## A Magnitude of Problems

