KAGRA f2f Meeting Laser

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Requirements for the laser

- Power > 180 W
- Single frequency
- Linear polarization
- Single transverse mode
- Wide-band control for stabilization systems
 - About 1MHz for frequency control
 - About 100kHz for intensity control

Schematic diagram

Mitsubishi laser modules



Laser

- Coherent addition of two amplifier outputs has been tested. The current best was 41 W+41 W →78W.
- Wave front distortion by a solid state amplifier has been measured.
- Wave front distortion correction system has been tested.

Coherent addition of two laser outputs



Result of the coherent addtion

41W×2 =>**78W** Efficiency 95%



Bright port 78W



Dark port 4W

Long-term operation



Continuous Locking has been maintained over 4 hours.

Wave-front distortion by solid-state amplifiers

- Wave-front distortion is caused by solid-state amplifiers owing to
 - Imperfect laser crystal
 - inhomogeneous pumping.
- We are making an experimental system that can measure and correct the wave-front distortion.

Optical system



Wave-front distortion



(a) 0A

(b) 37.5A

Wave front correction



0¹² 0²⁵

°°

Strehl ratio

0.997

028



0.75-0.82

Deformable mirror: 37 actuators

o³³ 0¹⁷

0

031

030

0²⁹

032

0.994

iLIGO Laser

- Dr. Savage at LHO is rebuilding a laser system developed for iLIGO.
- We will use this laser for an optical absorption measurement system in order to evaluate the quality of large saphier crystals.



Summary

- Preparation of the laser system is going on.
- The performance of the fiber laser amplifier and the coherent addition is almost satisfactory.