

# A Renewal Proposal for the Stanford Program

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Martin Fejer - Materials, Lasers and Interferometry  
James Harris - High Power Photodiode Development  
Robert Wagoner - Data Analysis and Sources

## History

10 watt Laser Development 1991 -1995  
GALILEO 1996 -1999  
MRI Funding ETF Vacuum System 1998  
Currently Proposed Stanford Program 1999 - 2002

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# Outline of Presentation

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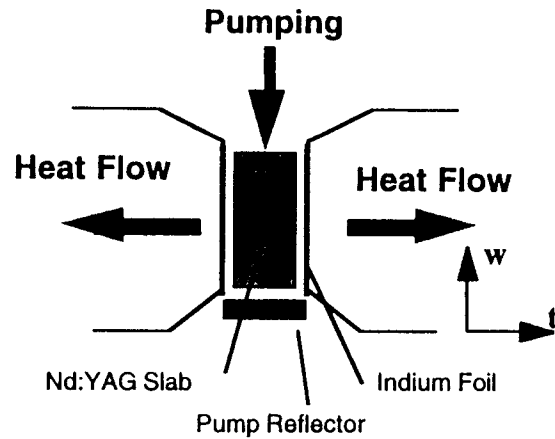
- Previous work
- Lasers and Optics
- Suspension and Core Optic Materials
- High Power Photodiode Development
- Advanced Configuration

## Daniel DeBra

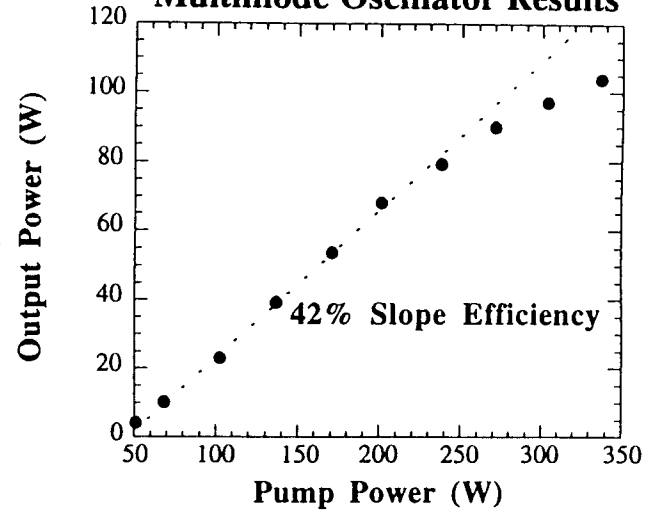
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- Engineering Test Facility

# Prior Work on Lasers and Optics

## Edge-Pumped, Conduction-Cooled Slab Design

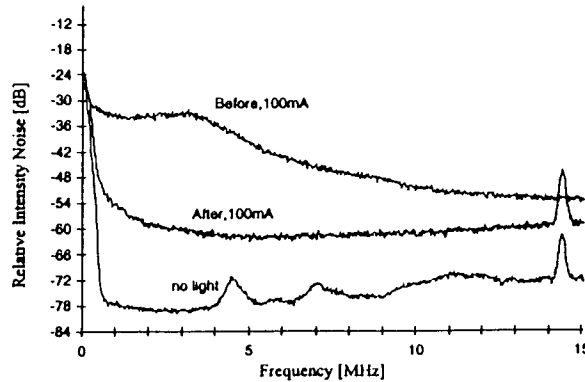
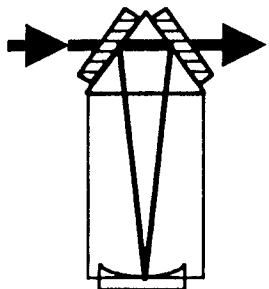


## Multimode Oscillator Results

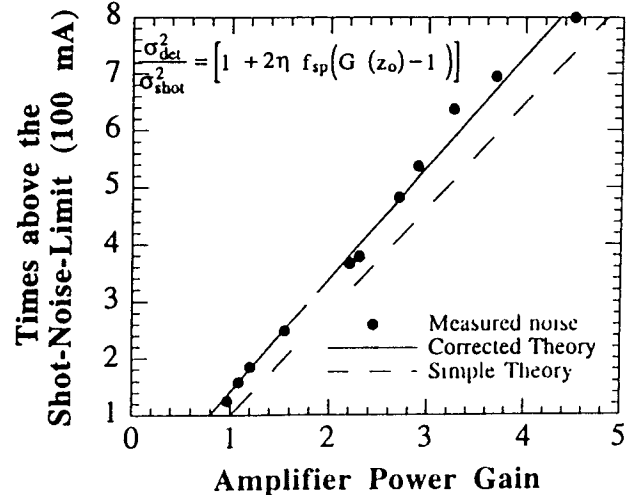


## Pre-Mode Cleaner

0.1% in higher order modes



## Unsaturated Amplifier Power Noise

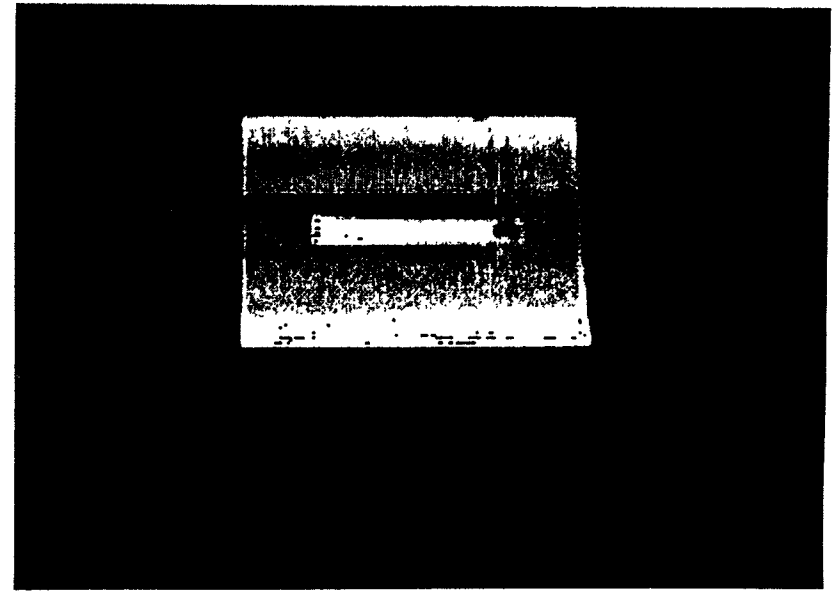


## Prior Work on Suspensions and Test Mass Materials

### Sapphire acoustic resonators



### Sapphire cantilever



### Hydroxy-catalysis bonding

Silica - silica

Silica - sapphire

Silica - YAG

Sapphire - sapphire

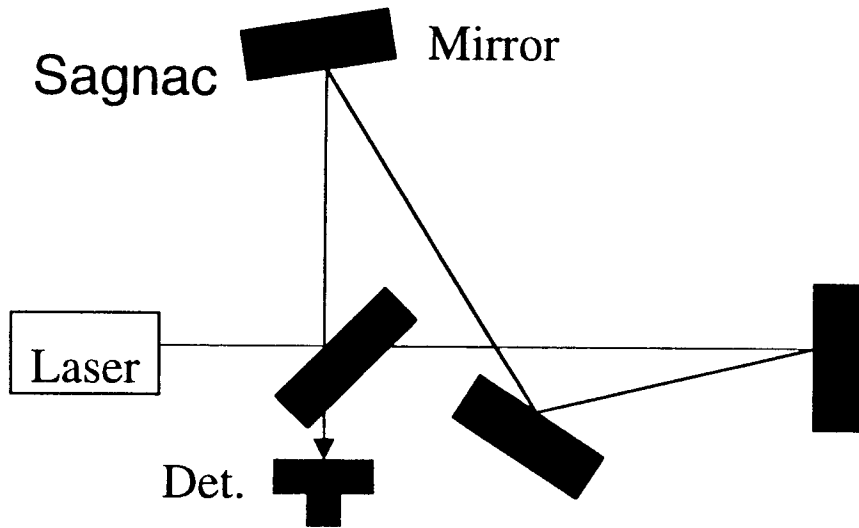
YAG - YAG

Optical absorption measurements  
by common path photo-thermal  
interferometry

Sapphire 50 ppm/cm

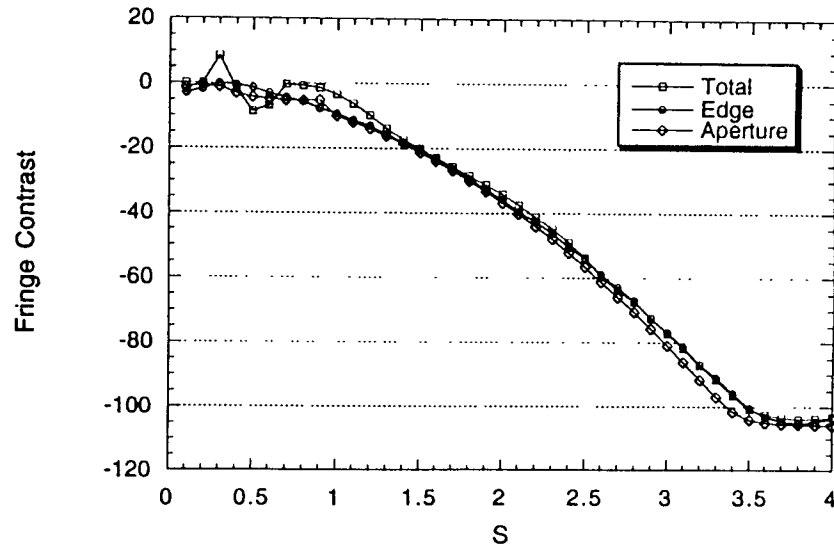
YAG 100 ppm/cm

# Prior Work on Advanced Configurations

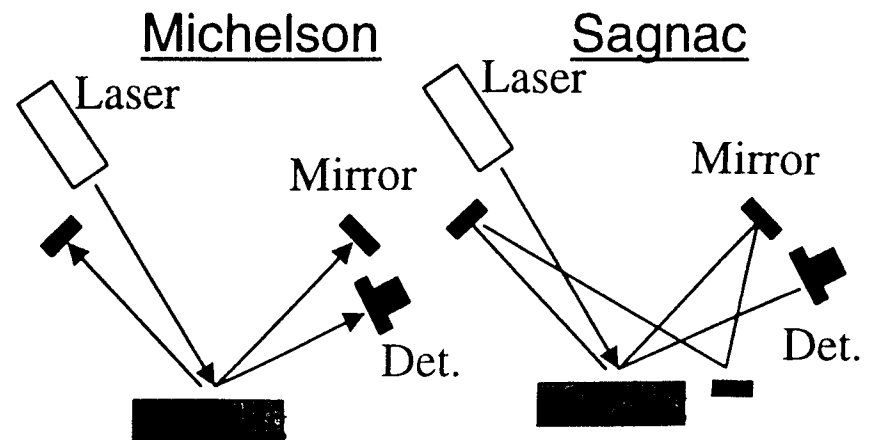


- Proposed using Sagnac as A GW detector and showed low frequency sensitivity (Sun PRL 1996)
- Common path local oscillator signal extraction (Sun OL 1997)
- Reciprocal port signal extraction (Beyersdorf 1998)

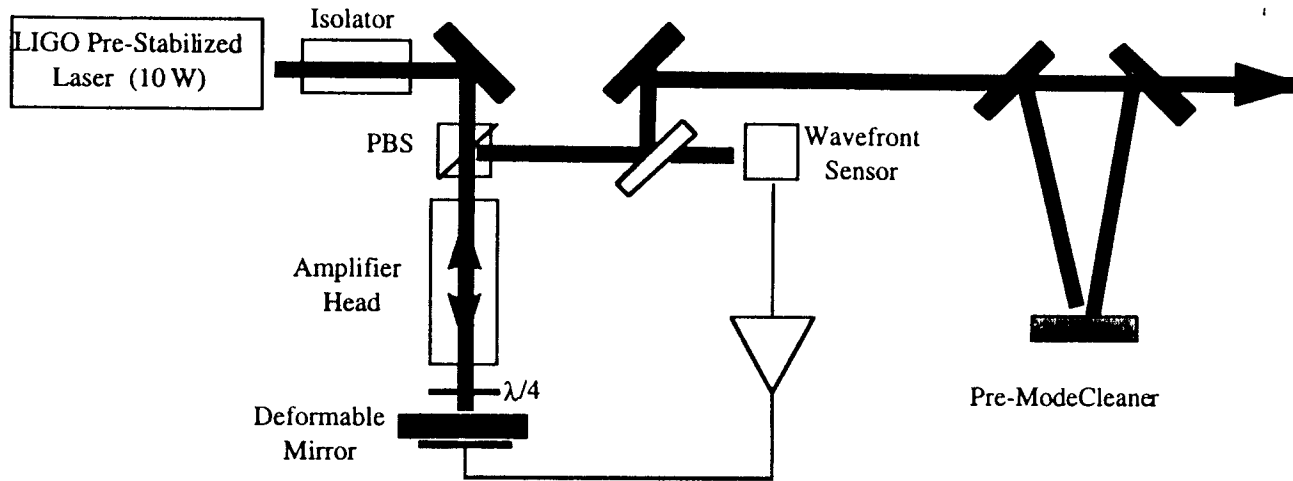
Delay Line  
70 bounce, 532 nm, 85 cm Diameter



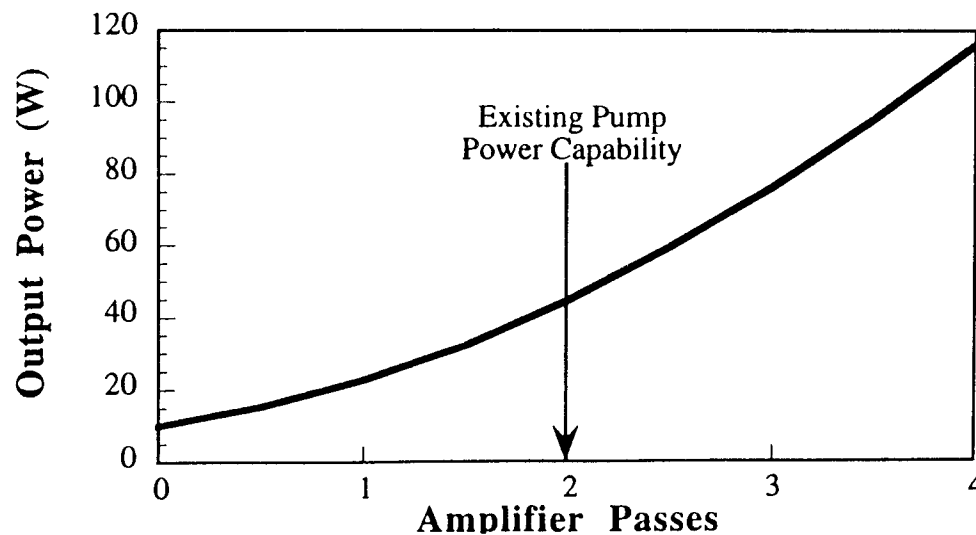
## All Reflective Interferometers



# Lasers Amplifier Module



## Dual Double-Pass Amplifier Calculation



Master Oscillator  
- 10 W PSL

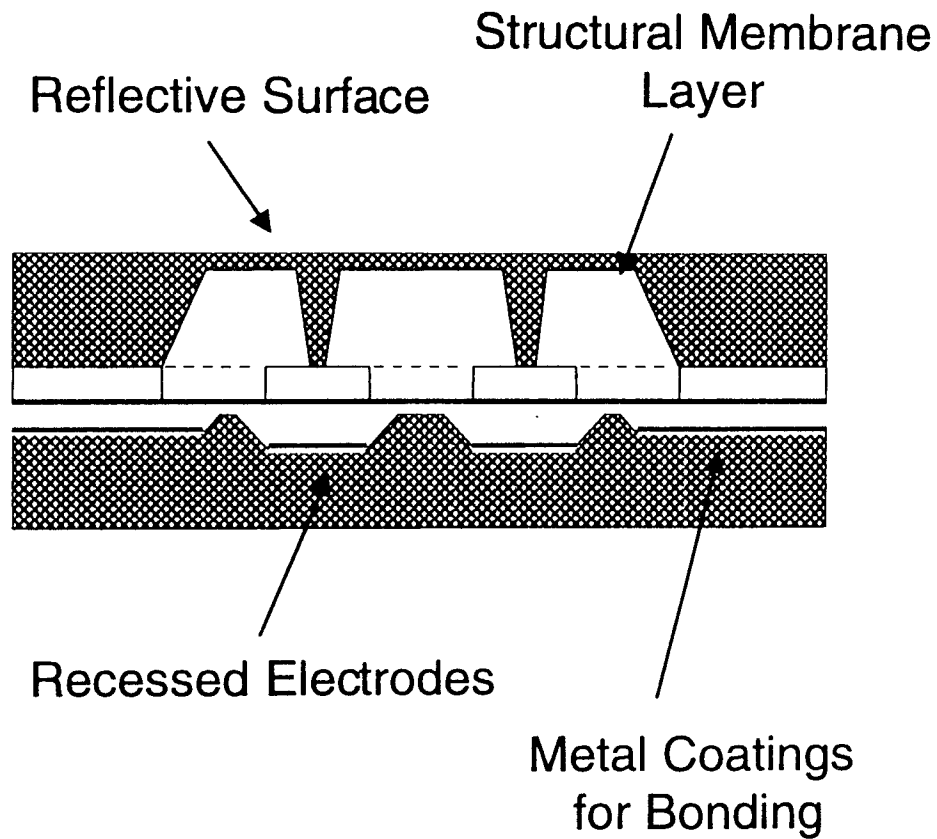
Power Amplifier #1  
- 40 W Output Power

Power Amplifier #2  
- 117 W Output Power

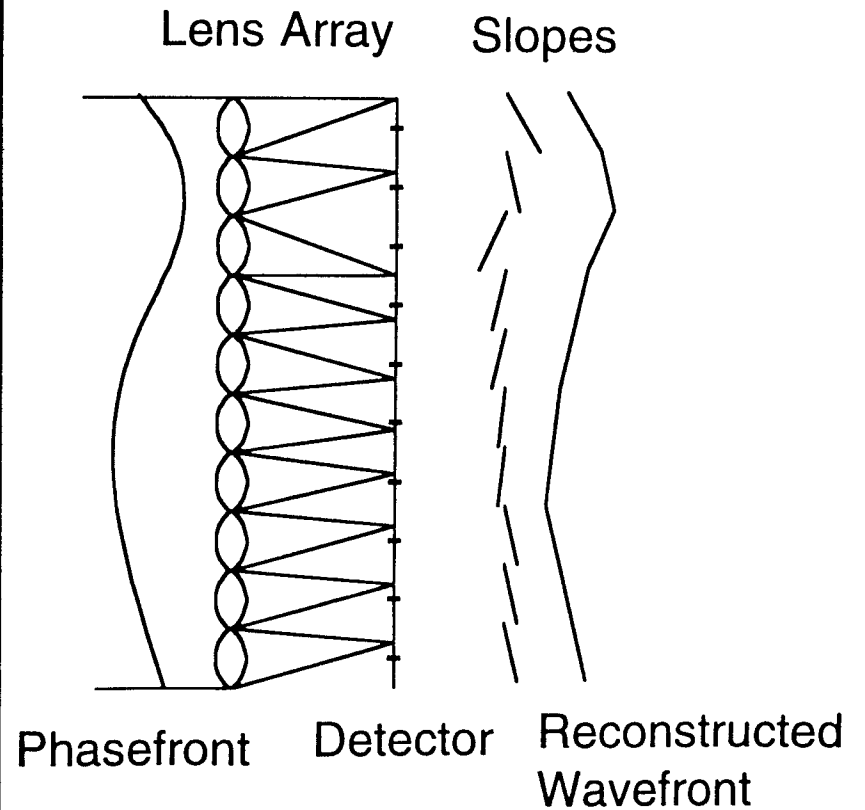
# Adaptive Optics

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## Deformable Mirror



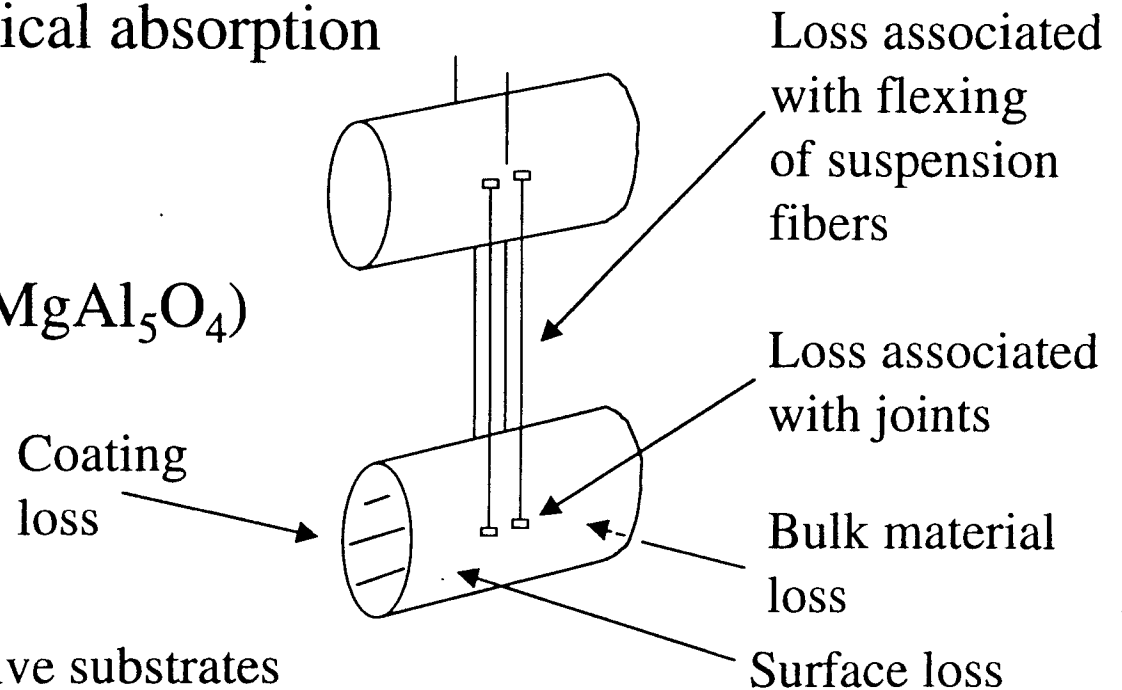
## Wavefront Sensor





# Limits to sensitivity: test masses and suspensions

- Thermal noise due to mechanical loss
- Thermal loading due to optical absorption
- Candidate materials:  
Sapphire, Silicon,  
YAG ( $Y_3Al_5O_{12}$ ), Spinel ( $MgAl_2O_4$ )

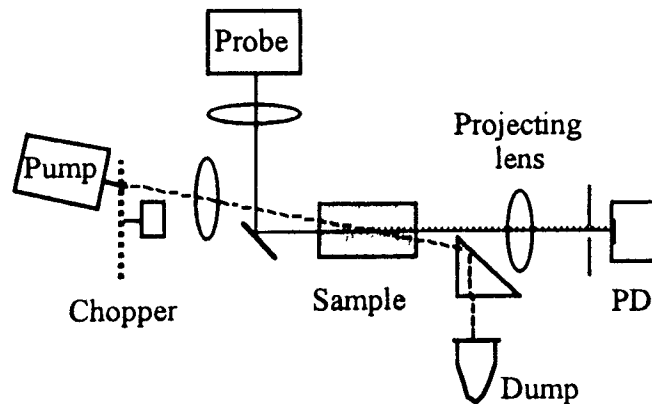


Important to characterize:

- Absorption loss in transmissive substrates
- Mechanical quality (Q) factors of : bulk substrate materials  
materials in form of fibers and flexures
- Bonding techniques for jointing crystalline materials and fused silica
- Effects of surface preparation and coatings on Q factors and optical losses

# Advanced Materials: Optical Absorption

## Common-path photothermal interferometry



Simple highly sensitive absorption measurements

0.1 ppm/cm in Sapphire @ 4 W  
0.1x0.1x0.3 mm<sup>3</sup> resolution

## Potential Core Optics Mat'ls

- Sapphire ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ )
- YAG ( $\text{Y}_3\text{Al}_5\text{O}_{12}$ )
- Spinel ( $\text{MgAl}_2\text{O}_4$ )

## Sapphire Development

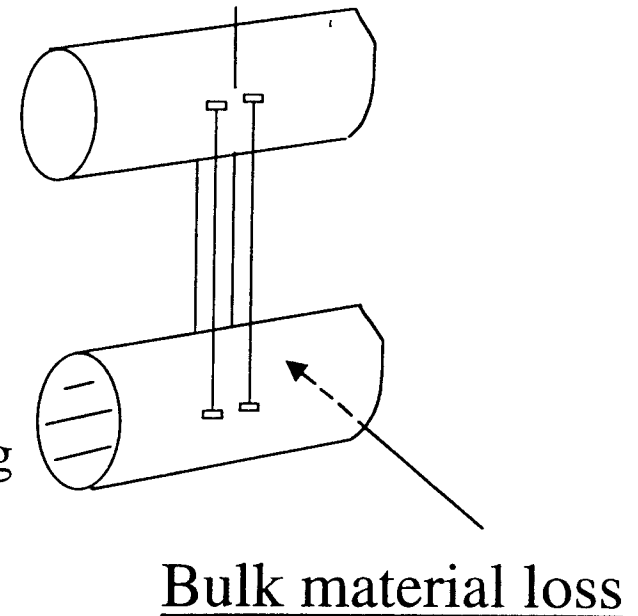
Current losses: 50 ppm/cm

Suspect:  $\text{Ti}^{3+}/\text{Ti}^{4+}$  equilibria

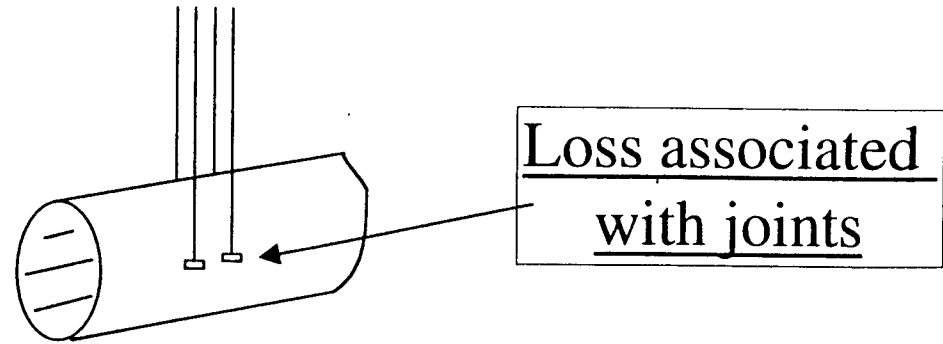
Compare: doped/undoped  
oxidized/reduced  
absorption/fluores.

# Test mass Q

- Q of resonant mode measures  $\phi(\omega_0)$ 
  - Ideally influenced only by bulk properties
  - Can be influenced by processing and mounting
- Loss measurements
  - Ringdown: Stanford;GEO (Glasgow);LIGO
  - Anelastic aftereffect : Syracuse
- Characterize candidate materials
  - Silicon, YAG
- Monitor improvements in processing and bonding
  - Fused silica, Sapphire



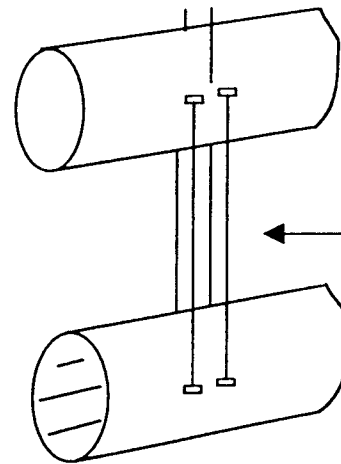
# Bonding and Q measurements



- Low-loss, low-creep suspension attachment essential
- Silicate bonding (J. Gwo) developed for all-fused silica telescope in GPB project
  - High strength room temperature process attractive for suspension fabrication
  - Extremely low loss demonstrated(Glasgow/Stanford)
- Fused silica/fused silica studies
  - Systematics of strength and loss
  - Creep
- Advanced materials
  - Fused silica - crystalline materials
  - Crystalline - crystalline materials
  - Bonds to metals (?)

# Suspension materials

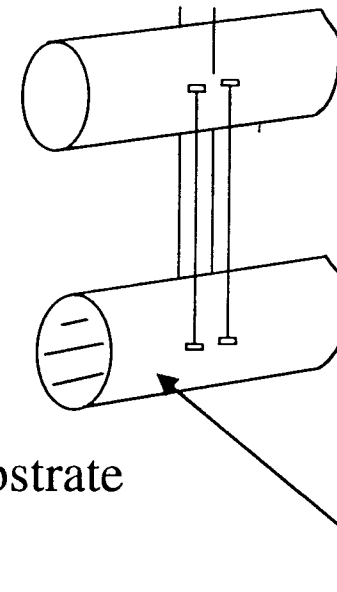
- Advanced LIGO baseline: cylindrical fused silica fibers
  - Reduced low frequency noise vs wire
- LIGO III issues: cylindrical fused silica
  - Room temperature - strength/loss too low
  - Cryogenic - silica loss increases rapidly
- Potential solutions
  - Room temperature : fused silica ribbons
  - Cryogenic: crystalline fiber/ribbon
- Research directions
  - Fabricate:
    - Variety of methods
  - Characterize:
    - Flexure ringdown
    - Violin mode Q
- Collaborate with Glasgow and LIGO on silica ribbons



Loss associated  
with flexing of  
suspension fibers

# Surface preparation and coating

- Surface preparation and coating may affect Q
  - Lossy layer due to surface damage
  - Polycrystalline coating may be lossier than bulk substrate
  - Strongest effect for largest surface to volume ratio
- Study small resonators
  - Easier characterization of processing effects
  - Develop low loss flexures
  - Silica and advanced materials



Surface loss



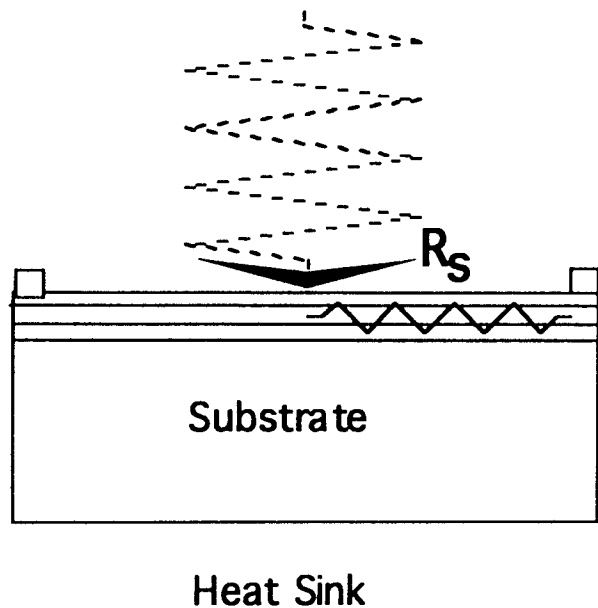
## Green's Function Approach to Calculating Thermal Noise

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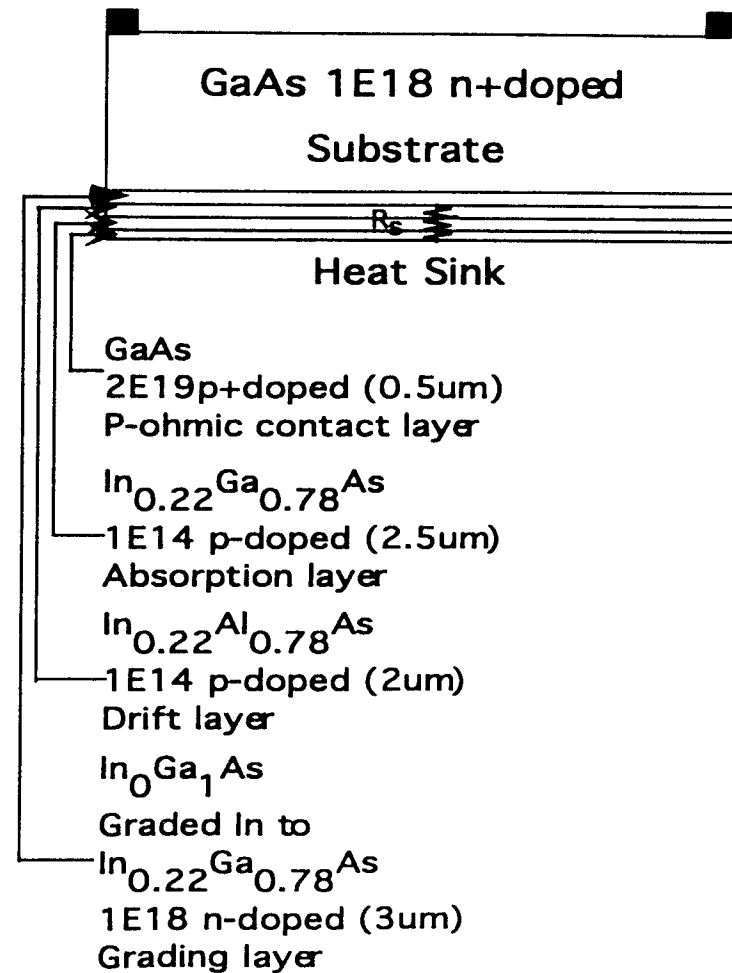
- Original development relating Green function and two point correlation function (Nakagawa et al, RSI 1997)
- Current and Future Work with Nakagawa (Ames Lab)
  - Delay line and Fabry-Perot
  - Anisotropic materials (Sapphire)
  - Spatially inhomogeneous loss
  - Intuitive model problems

# High power photodiode development

## Conventional Photodiode



## Proposed Photodiode





# Future improvements for photodiode

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- Back-side Illumination Structure
  - Decrease Series Resistance between absorption Layer and contacts
  - Very short carrier transient length
  - Constant resistance independent of intensity and illumination area
- Low Temperature Growth Material
  - High Resistance :  $10^6 \sim 10^9 \text{ M}$
  - High Breakdown Electric Field :  $4 * 10^5 \text{ Vcm}^{-1}$
  - Adjustable Carrier Life Time : ns to ps
  - High Mobility :  $2000\text{cm}^2\text{V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$
  - Controllability of Electrical and Optical Properties by Annealing
  - High Thermal Conductivity due to Better Crystal Structure
  - Extremely Low Background Doping level ( less than  $10^{10}\text{cm}^{-3}$ )
  - Adjustable Bandgap Energy due to Deep Defects
  - Ability to decrease capacitance by thick intrinsic layer

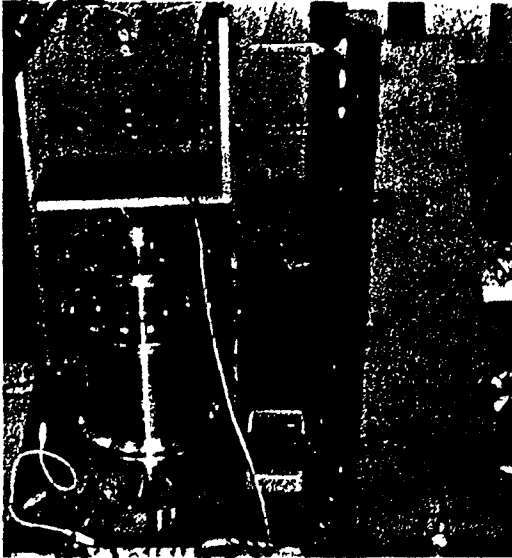
# Suspensions, Isolation Alignment and Control

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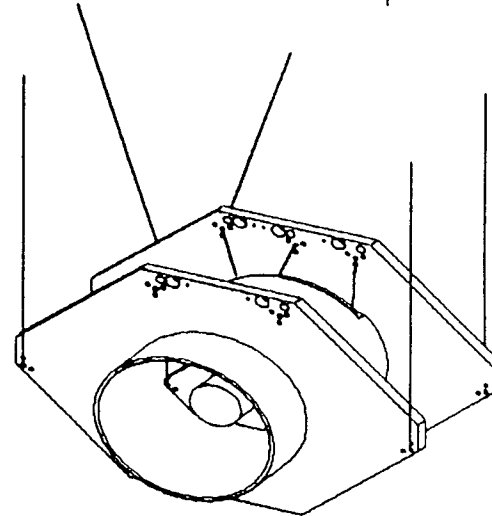
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# Previous Work Suspensions Isolation and Control

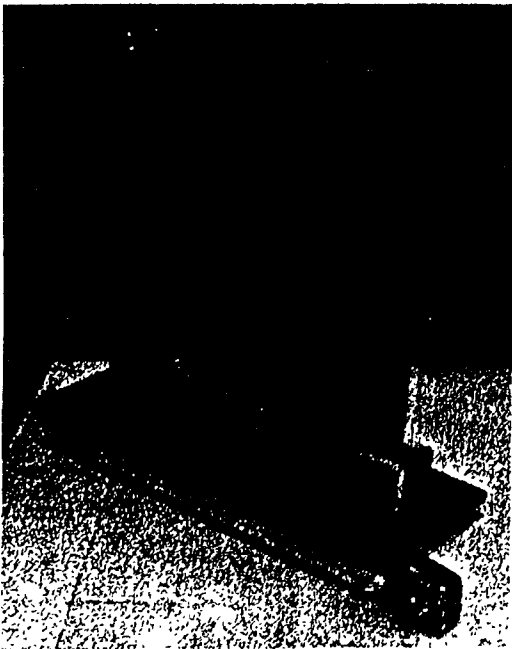
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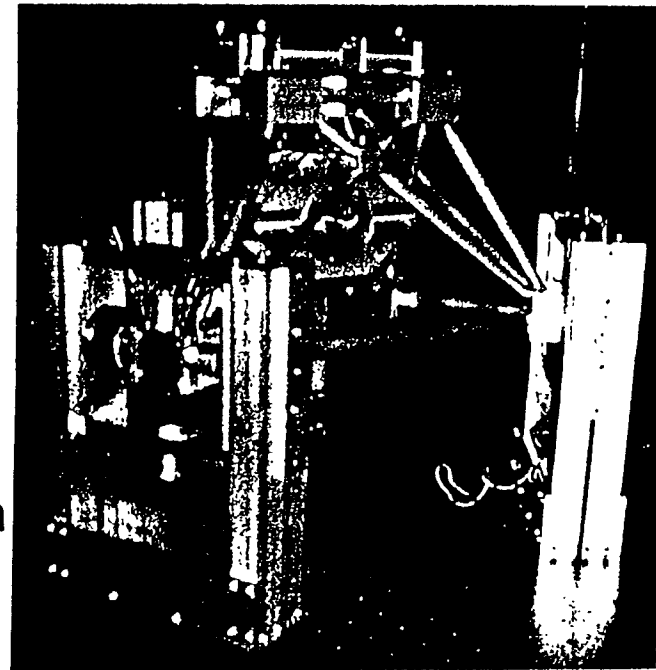
One -DOF active  
strut on test stand



Five wire coaxial  
double suspension



Low frequency  
Barn door  
seismic sensor



Six -DOF  
active platform

# LIGO II and LIGO III

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- LIGO II Minimum
  - Active isolation to lower RMS motion of test mass
  - Eliminate (or minimize) actuation on test mass
- LIGO II Advanced
  - Improve isolation via active/passive isolation to realize benefit
  - of lower thermal noise
- LIGO III Minimum
  - Additional active isolation and possibly extra sensor/actuator layers
  - Integration of auxiliary interferometric length measurement beams
- LIGO III Advanced
  - Extra low-frequency isolation

## Issues on Suspension, Isolation, Alignment and Control

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- Pendulum thermal noise
- Test mass thermal noise
- Actuator noise
- Low frequency (<10 Hz) alignment
- Vertical isolation in the measurement band

# Command Authority Reallocation

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Effect control as far from the test mass as possible

## Benefits

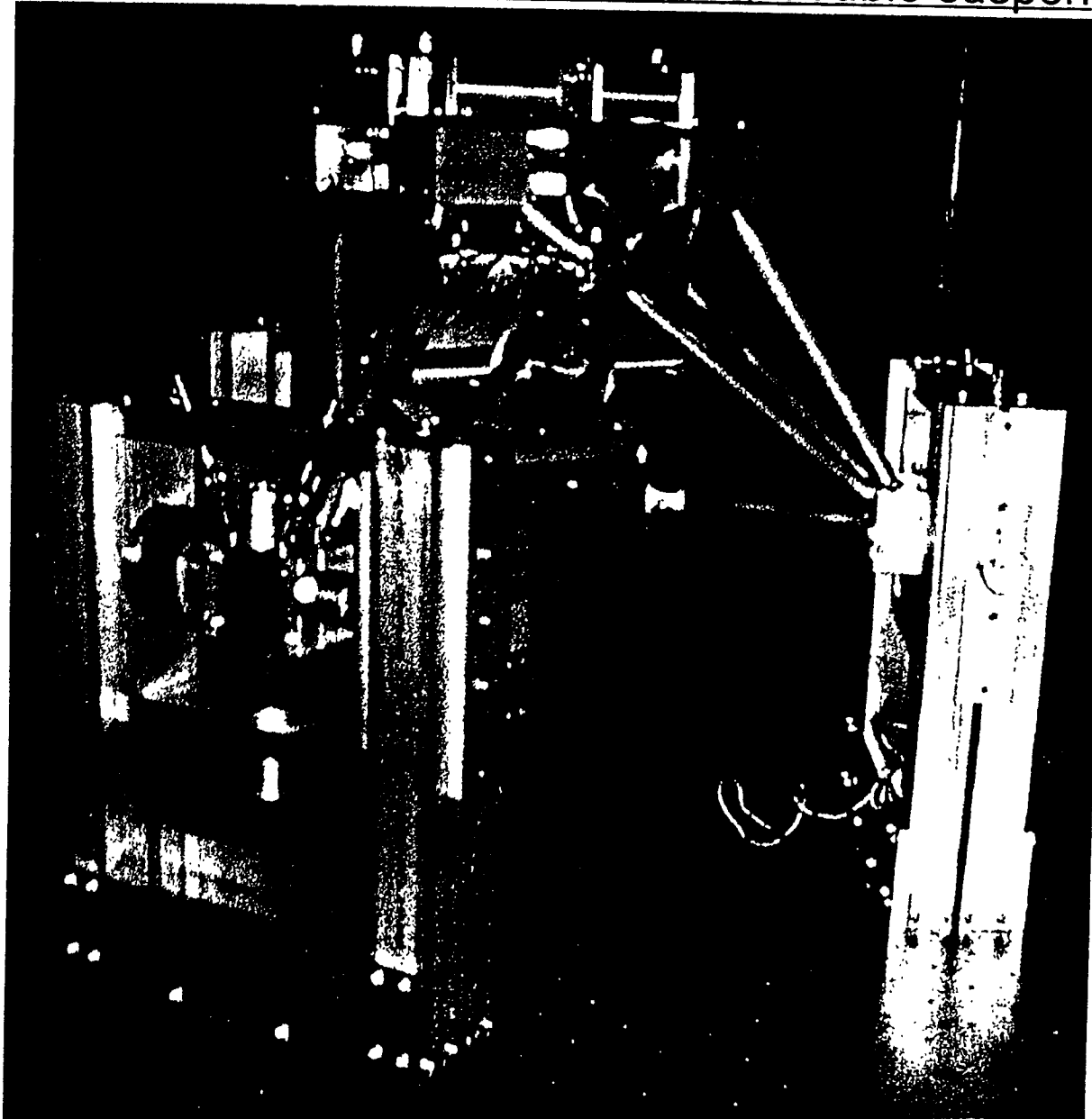
- minimizes sensor and actuator noise
- a clean test mass has lower thermal noise
  - If command to test mass cannot be eliminated then at least reduce to the point where electrostatic or radiation pressure can be used
- compatible with feed forward

## Current and Proposed Active Alignment and Isolation

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- Very high gain required to achieve out of band seismic reduction
- Hexapod for low frequency alignment and high frequency isolation
  - 6 DOF Isolation and alignment
  - Collocated sensors and actuators
- Possible insert for LIGO II

Six DOF Active platform with five wire coaxial double suspension





# Systems Level Design of LIGO III

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## Sensing

Alignment sensor priorities

- Length
- pitch and yaw
- lateral translation
- roll sensors

Relative stage displacement

Low frequency seismometers

## Actuation

Minimum authority near test mass

## Plant

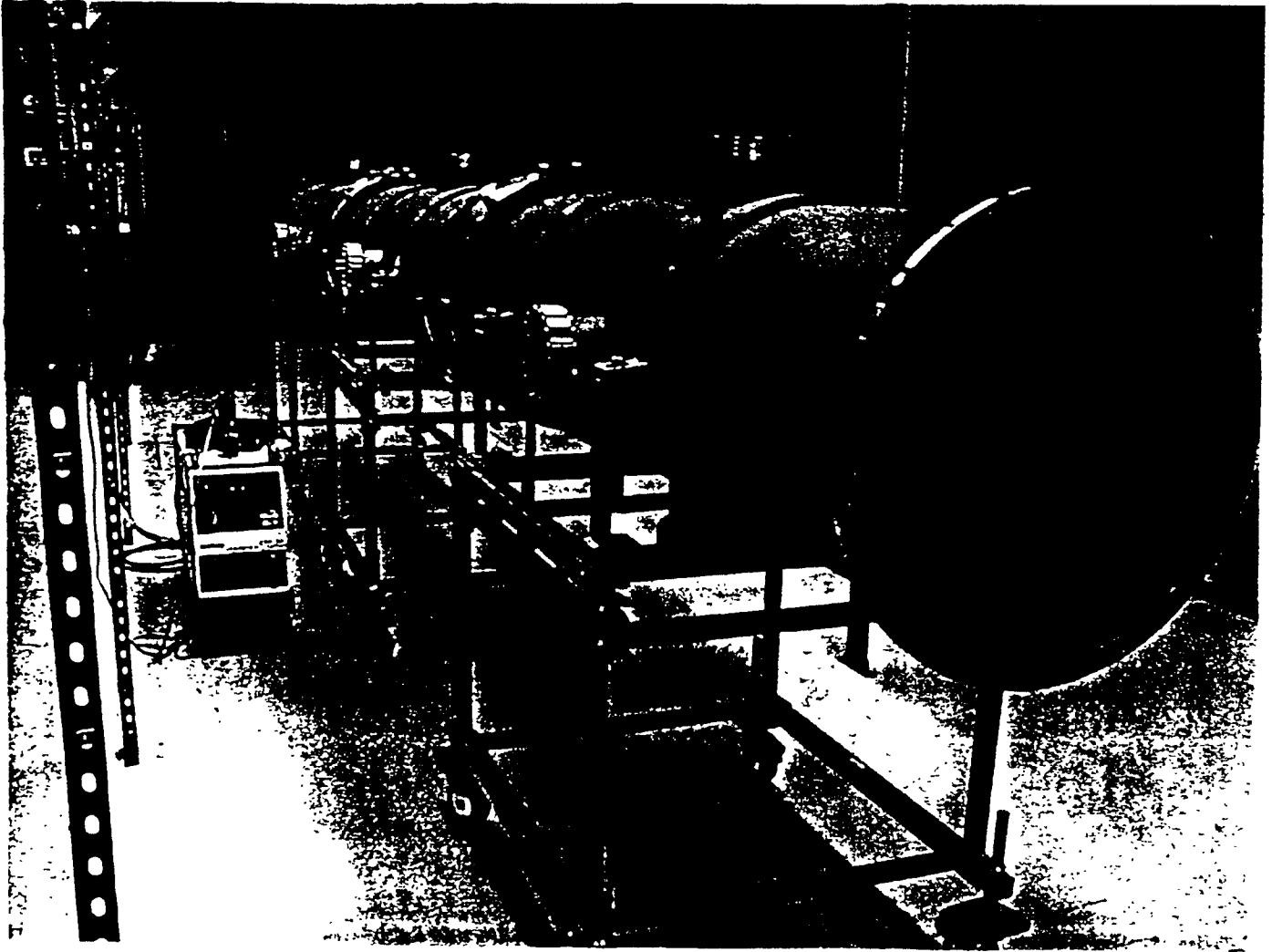
Low stress (>10 Hz natural frequency)

Kinematic Design

Structure damping

## Control laws

- MIMO
- Control authority reallocation
- Feedforward



# ETF Schedule for Fall 1998 - Fall 2002

