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[origin: WO9531024A2] Method for making a distortion-compensating phase-adjustment element for a laser. One type of distortion to be compensated for is heat distortion. Also described is a method for making a custom phase-conjugating diffractive mirror for a laser resonator comprising the steps of: (a) choosing a specified beam mode profile $a_1(x,y)$; (b) calculating the mode profile $b(x',y')$ which is a value of the specified beam $a_1(x,y)$ that is propagated to the reflection surface of the diffractive mirror and (c) calculating mirror reflectance $t(x',y')$ which reflects phase conjugate of $b(x',y')$ and corrects for distortions such as heat. A method for fabricating such a mirror is shown. Another aspect of the invention is the addition of a phase adjusting element into a laser resonator, and compensating for the addition of a phase adjusting element in the design of other phase-adjusting elements such as the mirrors and correcting for distortions such as heat.

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