

**Attachment Number C to the  
Memorandum of Understanding (LIGO-M950025-00-M)  
between the  
Australian Consortium for Interferometric Gravitational Astronomy  
(ACIGA)  
and the  
Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory (LIGO) Laboratory  
February 15, 2001**

This Attachment to the Memorandum of Understanding LIGO-M950025-00-M covers the role of the Australian Consortium for Interferometric Gravitational Astronomy (ACIGA) as a Charter Member of the LIGO Scientific Collaboration (LSC) and a member of the Lasers/Optics Development Group (LODG). The period of performance for the activities in this Attachment is from February 15, 2001 to August 15, 2001. This period may be modified by agreement to a revision of this Attachment.

1. LIGO Scientific Collaboration - The LIGO Scientific Collaboration is organized as a separate organization from the LIGO Laboratory. It includes scientists from the LIGO Laboratory, and those from collaborating institutions, and has its own leadership and governance. The Collaboration will ensure equal scientific opportunity for individual participants and institutions. It will organize the research, publications, and all other scientific activities. The Collaboration will report to the Laboratory Directorate for final approval of its research program, technical work, observational physics publications, and talks announcing new observations and physics results. This will be done through regular reports to the Directorate and its PAC.
2. Charter Membership - An initial period for formation of the Charter group of institutions in the LIGO Scientific Collaboration commenced on March 1, 1997 and ended following the first full meeting of the Collaboration at which the Collaboration Council assumed its role.

Following the charter period proposals will be evaluated through the Collaboration Council. With Collaboration approval, an MOU with the LIGO Laboratory, including Attachments defining specific work, will be required for any participating institutions.

3. This document is an agreement between the Australian Consortium for Interferometric Gravitational Astronomy (ACIGA) and the LIGO Laboratory concerning the activities of ACIGA as a Collaborating Institution in the LIGO Scientific Collaboration (LSC) and in the Lasers/Optics Development Group (LODG), and as indicated in Item No. 8 below.
4. Lasers/Optics Development Group - The Lasers/Optics Development Group (LODG) is the scientific collaboration for defining and developing future high power lasers and required

improvements in optics for use in advanced subsystems for the initial LIGO interferometers or in entirely new advanced interferometers. A specific Attachment will define the roles and responsibilities of groups in this development group. Members of this group will normally be authors in publications reporting the work of the group and will normally be eligible to participate in data runs and science beyond the LIGO I data run.

5. Report of Progress - ACIGA will provide a status report on its activities in support of LIGO every six months. The report will consist of: a) a summary status on research by topic as indicated Item No. 8 below including progress against the milestones if any, significant accomplishments such as new insights/discoveries or publications, issues of concern if any, and an indication of invested time, b) updated List of Collaborators, and c) a plan of activities for the succeeding six-monthly period. The report will be due one month before the close of the period of performance under the Attachment in question.
6. Term of Membership - The Membership will be renewed every six months upon evidence of satisfactory performance of agreed upon duties.

The coordinates of ACIGA members are included in the Attachment Z to the Memorandum of Understanding LIGO-M950025-00-M.

7. Intellectual Property Rights - The rights to intellectual property developed under this Attachment will be subject to the National Science Foundation Grant Policy as indicated in Section 730, Intellectual Property.
8. ACIGA's main objective is to construct a high power, quiet, single frequency Nd:YAG laser. During the period February 15, 2001 to August 15, 2001, ACIGA will:

a) Development of HPL2 (520W pump power)

- . measure effect of thermal-stress induced birefringence in the new slab gain media;
- . assemble stable/unstable ring laser with GRM output coupler (HPL2);
- . injection-lock HPL2;
- . measure intensity noise of HPL2.

Assessment of SiO<sub>2</sub> coating for HPL2 slab sides

- . test losses and durability of SiO<sub>2</sub> coating of HPL2 slab sides;
- . design new slab that uses Si<sub>2</sub> coating.

b) Fabrication of 10W ARI laser

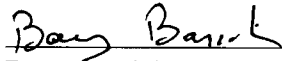
- . install new gain medium mount in NPRO;
- . demonstrate operation of NPRO;
- . fabricate 10W ARI laser.


9. During the period February 15, 2001 to August 15, 2001, the LIGO Laboratory will share, as

requested and appropriate, LIGO data of relevance to the research topics in Item No. 8 above.

10. The research effort pursuant to this Attachment C will be coordinated by David McClelland and Gary Sanders on behalf of ACIGA and the LIGO Laboratory, respectively.
11. Resource Sharing: The LIGO Laboratory will contribute resources including allocation of appropriate scientific and engineering personnel, research facilities and funding in support of the effort in Item No. 8, as indicated below. These resources will be in addition to the coordination effort and data to be made available per Item No. 9 above.
  - a) Provide accommodations for ACIGA investigators while on LIGO research assignment at Caltech, and/or LIGO sites.
  - b) Funding to cover subsistence and international travel expenses for ACIGA investigators while on LIGO research and/or LSC assignment at Caltech, and/or LIGO sites. Specific funding arrangements will be as agreed on a case by case basis.

Approved:

  
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Barry Barish  
LIGO Laboratory Director

  
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David McClelland  
ACIGA Principal Investigator

May 21, 2001  
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