

**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  
August 15, 2004**

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 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 August 15, 2004 to February 15, 2005. 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.
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 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. During the period August 15, 2004 to February 15, 2005, the ACIGA research group will pursue the following tasks as its contribution to the LIGO development:

(a) Development of high power slave laser

1. Complete assembly of electronics for servo control of temperature of laser head.
2. Confirm expected distribution of pump absorption in gain medium. Test optical coatings on gain medium.
3. Measure wavefront distortion in the gain medium using the incorrectly fabricated slab.
4. Produce lasing from the new configuration.

(b) Development of 10W slave laser

1. Optimize 10W traveling wave laser.
2. Modify mirror mounts to remove resonances.
3. Complete installation of injection-locked 10W laser at Gingin.

(c) Refurbishment and development of NPRO master laser


The new design of the high power laser has removed the need for a modified NPRO, as the internal temperature of the high power slave laser gain medium will be significantly reduced.

- d) Gingin High Power Test Facility
1. Complete the cleaning of the vacuum system.
  2. Continue the cleaning and assembly of advanced isolators.
  3. Complete installation of the 10 W laser, PMC and injection optics.
  4. Complete installation of wavefront sensors and auto alignment.
  5. Complete locking of 80m cavity using BK7 optics, SOS on breadboards and using MISER laser.
  6. Install off-axis Hartmann sensor.
  7. Complete global control system design and construction.
  8. Install compensation plate.
  9. Install sapphire optics.
  10. Install comprehensive monitoring capabilities for the state of the optical system.
  11. Commence commissioning of Stage 1 configuration.
9. During the period August 15, 2004 to February 15, 2005, LIGO Laboratory will share, as requested and appropriate, the LIGO data of relevance to the research topics in Item No. 8.
10. The research effort pursuant to this Attachment C will be coordinated by David McClelland and David Shoemaker 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.
- 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.

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