

**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, 1998**

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 August 15, 1998 to February 15, 1999. This period may be modified by agreement to a revision of this Attachment.

1. LIGO Scientific Collaboration - The LIGO Scientific Collaboration will be organized as a separate organization from the LIGO Laboratory. It will include scientists from the LIGO Laboratory, and those from collaborating institutions, and will have 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 will commence on March 1, 1997 and will end following the first full meeting of the Collaboration at which the Collaboration Council will assume its role. We expect that this transition will occur within six months. Membership in the Collaboration during this charter period will be initiated by proposal to the LIGO Laboratory Directorate.

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 noted below, under provision 8, ACIGA as a Collaborating Institution in the LIGO Scientific Collaboration (LSC) and in the Lasers/Optics Development Group (LODG).

4. Lasers/Optics Development Group - The Lasers/Optics Development Group (LODG) will be 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 submit a complete report on its activities every six months, by e-mail, to the Collaboration Council and to the LIGO Laboratory Director, supply an updated List of Collaborators (Attachment Z), and a plan of activities for the next six months. This report should be submitted one month before the updated attachment will take effect.
6. Term of Membership - Membership will be renewed every six months upon evidence of satisfactory performance of agreed upon duties.
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 Nd:YAG light source. During the period August 15, 1998 - February 15, 1999, ACIGA will :
  - a.) Test and measure the noise properties of an ACIGA designed 5 W Nd:YAG Laser injection locked to an NPRO; design and construct the next version of the ACIGA 5W laser for use on the Advanced Research Interferometer; determine whether ACIGA 5W laser meets LIGO frequency and intensity noise specifications. Progress on a.) should include that measurements show that the ACIGA 5W laser meets LIGO frequency and intensity noise specifications.
  - b.) Investigate, using NPRO lasers, the interaction of injection locking and electronic feedback to develop the best method for intensity noise suppression;
  - c.) Design and commence the construction of a scalable (in power) Nd:YAG laser based on an unstable resonator design; continue proof of principle tests on high power laser design; design next version of high power laser.
  - d.) Continue investigations into holographic and all reflection optical elements.

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