LIGO VACUUM EQUIPMENT

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VACUUM EQUIPMENT (SCOPE)

- Corner, Mid, and End stations include:
 - Vacuum envelope (all stainless steel)- 34 large chambers, ~1000 feet of 72 inch, 48 inch, 30 inch vacuum pipe, ~100 large diameter bellows and >200 large flange connections, ~1000 smaller flanged connections.
 - Pumping subsystem 10 Roots pumping carts, 20 turbomolecular pump carts, 100 ion pumps, 12 large cryogenic pumps.
 - >> <u>Valve subsystem</u> 4x60 inch, 32x48 inch, ~100 x 10 inch gate valves, plus hundreds of small valves.
 - Monitor and control subsystem ~100 sets of gauges, ~200 valve controllers, 12 cryogenic pump controllers, 100 ion pump controllers.
 - Vent and purge subsystem High purity air distribution system with 10 dry air compressors, 20 soft wall clean rooms (class 100).
 - >> <u>Bakeout subsystem</u> 10,000 square feet of heating and insulating blanket with ~100 temperature controllers.



VACUUM EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION STRATEGY

- August 94 Science Review of the Vacuum Equipment Specification.
- November 94 Procurement plan finalized.
 Decision was made to have a phased procurement:
 - >> PHASE A Three month design competition between two qualified contractors to the PDR level.
 - >> PHASE B Final design, fabricate, procure, install and test at the two LIGO sites.
- December 94 RFP released to industry.
- February 95 4 Suitable Proposals received.
- March 95 Two most qualified contractors selected:
 - >> Chicago Bridge and Iron CBI
 - >> Process Systems International PSI



VACUUM EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION STRATEGY

WHY HAVE A PHASED PROCUREMENT?

- >> Ensure price competition as long as possible.
- Prings the design to a mature stage to allow more accurate pricing - lower contractor contingency.

WHY SELECT CBI and PSI?

- Both are highly qualified:
 - Prior experience in similar large vacuum related tasks.
 - Personnel have significant vacuum experience.
 - Facilities for fabrication of large SS vacuum chambers.
 - **—E A Three month design competition between two qualified contractors to the PDR level.**



VACUUM EQUIPMENT STATUS/PLANS

- Currently We are >50% through the Phase A design competition.
- June 95 PDR material due which includes:
 - >> Preliminary design.
 - >> Management plan for Phase B.
 - >> Fixed price bid proposal for Phase B.
- July 95 Down selection to one contractor to be based on:
 - >> Quality of the design material, suitability of the management plan.
 - >> Price.
- August 95 One contractor on board for the Phase B portion.
- March 96 Final design review begin fabrication and procurement.



VACUUM EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- The September 1994 review committee made 3 recommendations:
 - >> Issue the RFP as soon as possible
 - Done.
 - >> Obtain budgetary quotes for the LN2 cryopumps.
 - Budgetary estimates submitted with the contractors' proposals confirm that the LIGO estimate for this component is high. There is a potential \$1M savings here.
 - >> Explore the use of LN2 boiloff for the vent and purge system.
 - —Upcoming hazard analysis will investigate the feasibility of this. In any case, the LN2 may be used to improve the dryness of the purge gas.



VACUUM EQUIPMENT SUMMARY

- Cost estimates provided with contractors' proposals confirm LIGO estimates.
- Phase A initiated on schedule.
- Two competent and qualified companies competing for Phase B (fabricate and install).
- Downselect for Phase B scheduled for July.



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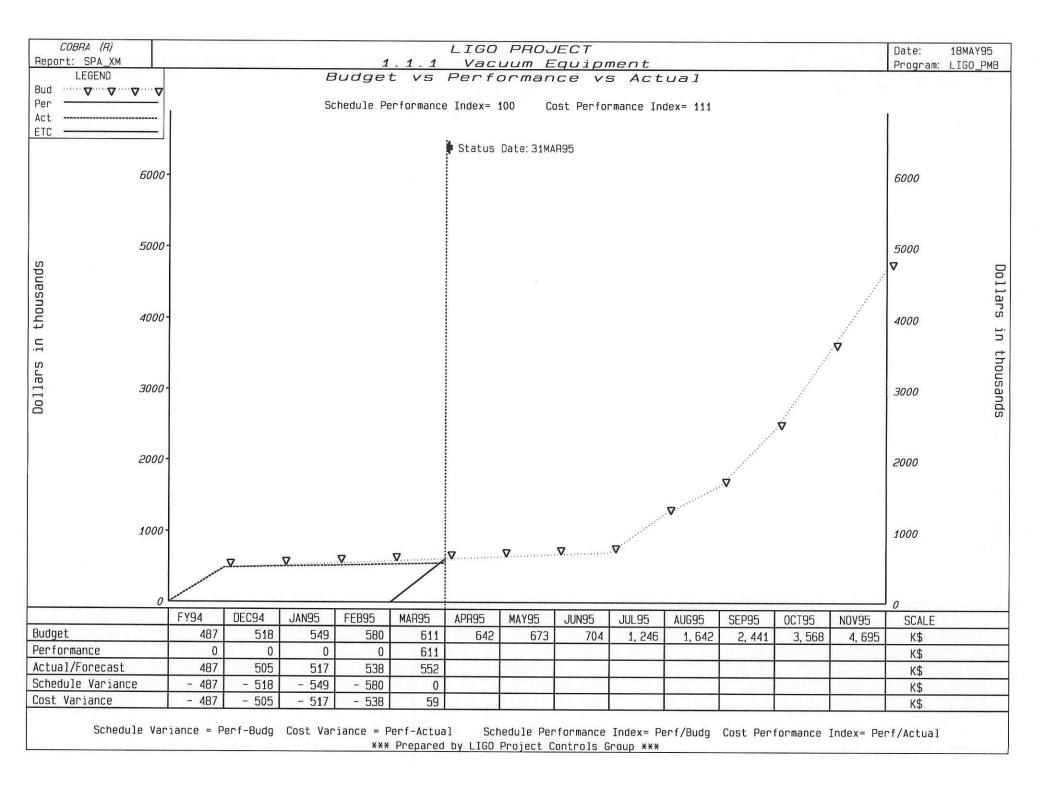
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VACUUM EQUIPMENT DESIGN / FAB / INSTALLATION

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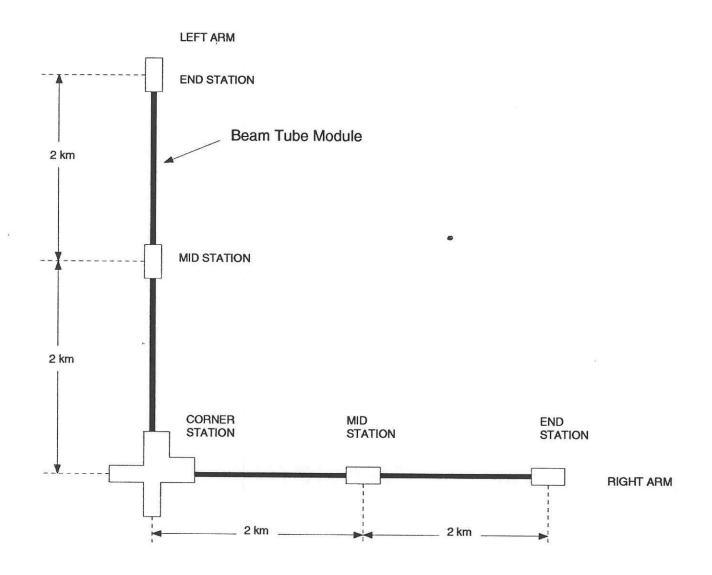


Figure 1. LIGO Geometry

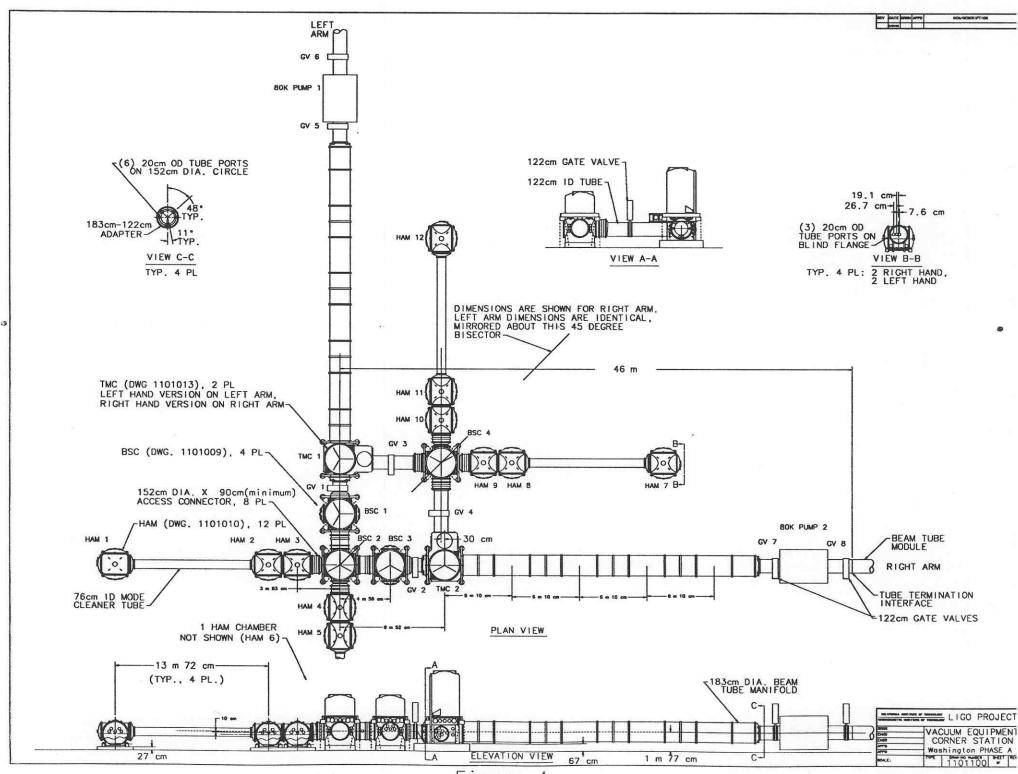
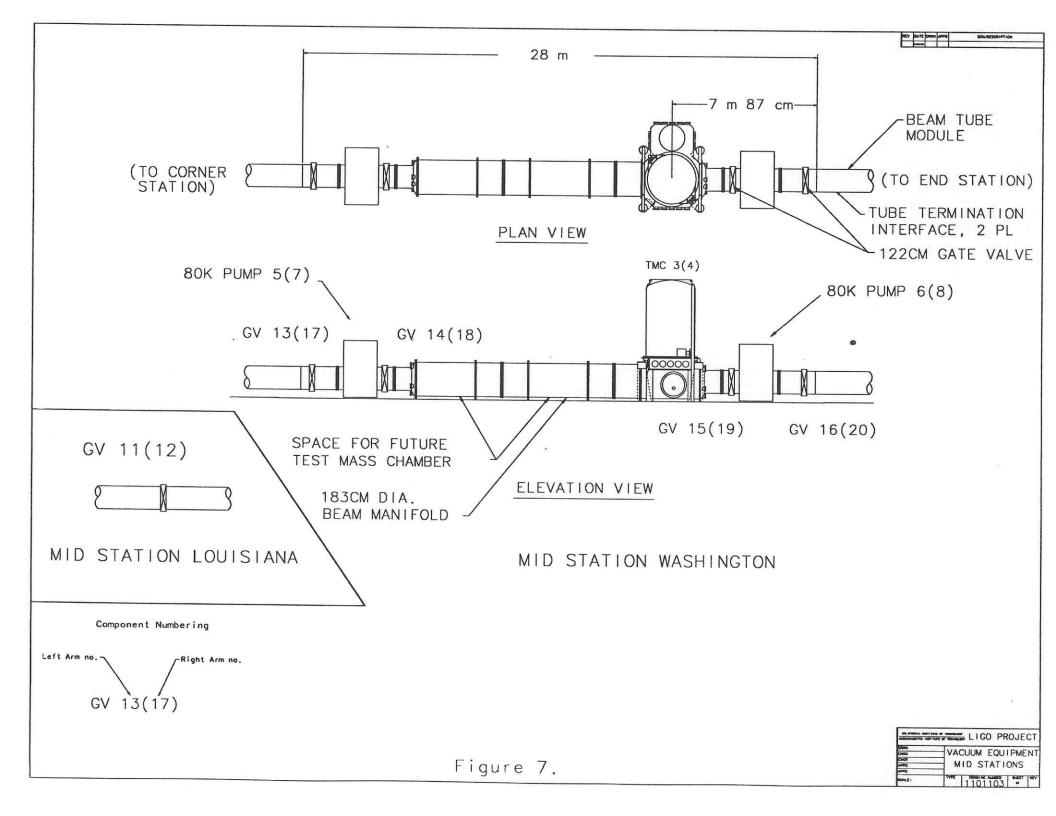
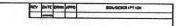
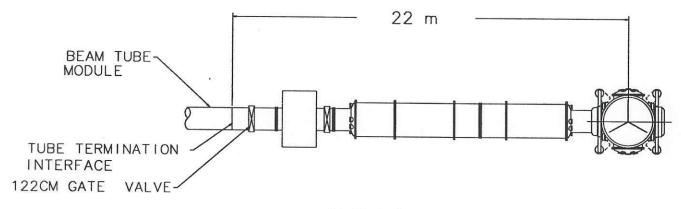


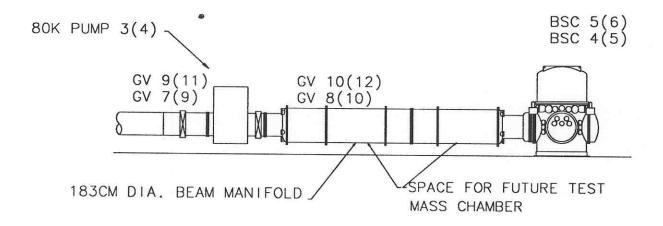
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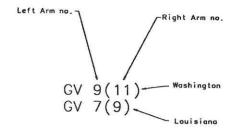




PLAN VIEW



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ELEVATION VIEW

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Figure 6.