SLD – A History

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6 Stages

- Existential Crises
- Technical Dilemmas
- The construction years
- Natural Disasters
- Social Problems
- The End
SLD Letter of Intent

• Circa 1982
• 5 Institutions, ~30 people
• Reasonable forecast of SLD, except:
  • U based calorimetry, with LDLA option
  • Superconducting 1 T Solenoid
  • Cost estimate of $26M + $5M contingency
• Struggle for approval
  • New detector?? TPC??
  • Wit Busza convinces SLAC EPAC (May 83)
  • HEPAP worries about SLD + DO $$
• Signers here today:
  • MB, H. Lynch, C. Prescott, & B. Ratcliff
Collaboration Building

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ATTN DR. CHRIS DAMERELL

THE SLAC EPAC HAS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED A GROUNDS UP DETECTOR TO BE THE SECOND DETECTOR AT SLC. THEREFORE SLD IS EXTREMELY SERIOUS AND IN NEED OF A VERTEX DETECTOR. PERHAPS WITH THIS ENCOURAGEMENT YOU COULD TALK TO ROGER CASHMORE AND OTHER UK PHYSICISTS ABOUT POTENTIAL INVOLVEMENT. BEST REGARDS

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SLD Design Report - 1984

SLD DESIGN REPORT

In the spring of 1983, SLAC and its Experimental Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC) endorsed the concept of building a LEP-competitive detector for installation at the SLAC Linear Collider in 1988. This new detector should follow the upgraded PEP detector, the Mark II, which will have been exploiting the early physics at the collider.

A collaboration of 20 institutions and 100 physicists recently completed the Design Report for such a detector, called the SLD. This report was accepted by the laboratory with the recommendation of the EPAC in May 1984.

May 1984

Prepared for the Department of Energy
under contract number DE-AC03-76SF00515

• Accurate description of SLD, except:
  • Superconducting Coil
  • Uranium – Liquid Argon calorimetry.

• ~120 people, 26 Institutions, including Columbia and C.B. as co-spokesman

• Budget of $35M + $14M contingency

• Schedule showing completion in late 89
The Tough Decisions

- **Superconducting Coil**
  - Temple Review questioned SC cost estimates
  - Richter cut budget and demanded more contingency
  - General Dynamics (likely US coil fabricator) wants “Cost Plus” contract and “Our lawyers are better than your lawyers”
  - Prescott suggests Al coil & better tracking resolution – Done!

- **Calorimetry**
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  - Before adequate beam tests *, a decision is needed. Brau et al lead us away from Uranium!

- **Money**
  - Starting with only $1M in FY86.
Press Coverage

SLAC discounts danger in getting scrap uranium

By Paul Engstrom
Mercury News Staff Writer

About 300 tons of scrap uranium bound for a new atom smasher at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center will pose little risk to human beings or the environment, SLAC and Department of Energy officials said Thursday.

The solid uranium sheets, which will be shipped by truck and may begin arriving later this year, will only be “mildly” radioactive because most of the radioactive isotope U-235 will have been removed, those officials said. U-235 is used to make enriched uranium for nuclear weapons and nuclear power plants.

Thousands of the sheets, each measuring 8 feet long, 6 feet wide and one-sixteenth of an inch thick, will be installed over a period of 18 to 24 months in a $113 million linear collider at SLAC. The collider is scheduled to begin operation in late 1988.

‘It’s very mildly radioactive.’

— Martin Breidenbach, SLAC physicist

More than twice as dense as iron, the uranium plates will slow down subatomic particles such as electrons and positrons so scientists can study them.

“IT’s very mildly radioactive, relative to any kind of nuclear reactor waste,” said Martin Breidenbach, a physicist at SLAC. “The weapons people have gotten all they want out of it, which is U-235. What’s left over is the depleted uranium.”

He said that the sheets probably will arrive in wooden crates and that handlers need only wear cotton gloves.

Like lead, the uranium metal is poisonous.

Cost is a big reason that SLAC has been negotiating for about two years to get the scrap uranium from the Y-12 nuclear weapon parts plant in Oak Ridge, Tenn., said Richard Taylor, associate director of SLAC.

“What we want is heavy metals to stop particles,” Taylor said. “We’d be perfectly happy to use gold or platinum, but that gets pretty expensive.”

The uranium will be melted down to form ingots, then rolled into thin sheets. Because the Department of Energy funds both SLAC and the Oak Ridge plant, SLAC will pay only for milling and transporting the uranium in batches to California.

Still, no one seems certain of how much the uranium will cost SLAC. SLAC’s Taylor estimated the cost at

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Cutting Steel at Kawasaki

SLAC/SLD go worldwide for bids
Won by Kawasaki Heavy Industries
SLAC nervous about its first large contract overseas, DOE calm.
KHI does great work!!
Steel Erection at Kawasaki Heavy Industries
The Ruth Lykes delivers the steel
CDC Endplate emerges from Al forging
CDC Endplate, Inside and Out
CDC almost done!
Inside the CDC

The high tech kapton HV distribution cables spark!

• Mike Fero rescues us with wire!

• 1998 – The first (and only) wire break.

• Almost 2 weeks of round-the-clock effort to find the right ends. Endoscopic surgical removal successful.
Retractable shielding for the triplets.

Only serious injury during construction – contract welder falls from ladder into web of rebar.
Coil Winding at Mitsubishi

Bill Ash coordinates second major procurement in Japan
Coil Delivery
El Camino
280 Convoy
Lowering the coil
The LAC Spool
LAC module installation soon
Knut VII delivers EMCal
Barrel LAC Assembly
All the modules home
LAC Installation
Rafe checking if LAC will fit!
Knut got it right - everything fits!
Fixing the Argon Leak

Lessons learned....

Welding aluminum is hard.
Welding exotic Al alloys harder than 6066.

Always X-ray co-axial cryogenic lines

Lessons forgotten...
Mounting the Columbia Endcap LAC
WIC Production
WIC Testing
WIC Octants Waiting
Note the slots in the spacer blocks!!
More Endcaps!!

Colorado, Yale, and Rutgers
CRID Innards
Ready for the CDC
Luminosity Monitor

U of Oregon builds pixellated Si-W calorimeters for high precision luminosity measurements.

First detector use of Si-W calorimeter.
LAC Electronics
1980's High Tech Electronics
Fire in the Fastbus!
Below the Line....

Domain of JJ, Mike, Joanne...
Superconducting Quadrupoles

The helium wars.....
Old Technology vs new
The fight for the VXD3 proposal

After a long struggle, Drell convinces Richter of merits of VXD3.
Strong collaboration of RAL, Yale, MIT, Oregon, SLAC, Brunel, U Mass, Col State, Washington, Wisconsin, Nagoya, Tohoku and Fedex build components.
VXD3 Connections
VXD3 meeting the beampipe

Steady hands and many spotters!!!
VXD3 Ready to go...
Natural Disasters

- **The Great Freeze**
  - In 1991, 100 year freeze hits the Bay Area during Christmas break. Most exterior pipes with stagnant water burst.
  - SLD damage almost nonexistent - LCW make-up water pipe lost.
  - SLAC damage amazing. ~All linac flowmeters (glass) break. Lots of plumbing. Most exterior sprinkler pipes.
Loma Prieta

SLD was earthquake braced
The LAC shock absorbers (restrain the cold mass with negligible heat leak) worked perfectly.
Frightening, but no damage

Minor disarray in Central Lab Annex!

But significant misalignment of SLC.
Social Issues

- **Software**
  - The Line – Above and Below
  - Tracking Code
  - The Great Unix Conversion

- **People**
  - Collaboration, not Confederation

- **Royalty**
  - The Emperor’s Visit
Collaboration Meetings with (Found) Proceedings

- Mar 87  UCSC
- May 88  Cal Tech  Best Food
- Dec 88  SLAC
- July 89  Kirkwood  Physics Week
- Mar 90  Bend
- Dec 90  SLAC
- Aug 91  Squaw Valley
- Apr 92  Chateau La Cresta
- Sep 92  SLAC
- May 93  Chateau La Cresta
- Feb 94  Chateau La Cresta
- Aug 94  SLAC
- Feb 95  Chateau La Cresta
- Aug 95  Kirkwood
- May 96  Holbrook Palmer Park
- Oct 96  Kirkwood
- June 97  Chateau La Cresta
- Feb 98  Chateau La Cresta

Missing...

- Monterey
- Stanford
- Boulder
- U. Washington
- Elks Club
- ???
SLD People

A small but amazingly coherent collaboration.

Much closer to an old fashioned collaboration than today’s huge confederations....
Preparations – the SLD Data Assembly Room

Before...

After...
Burton Leads...on the red carpet...towards the elevator-
Phil greets the Empress
Lots of Limo's, Lots of Security
Where are Gil and Mike?
After the Emperor’s Visit
The normal crowd....
\[ \mathcal{L} = f \frac{N^- N^+}{4\pi \sigma_x \sigma_y} \]

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