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Challenging ILC Machine Studies **Also Attract Detector Groups**



Physicist and engineer studying the response of a single cell ILC cavity in Pisa (INFN)

In Pisa, Italy, a team of physicists and engineers headed by Franco Bedeschi, who usually work on detectors, recently joined the ILC machine studies group. "The initial momentum came from Fermilab, a laboratory with which we used to collaborate for the CDF experiment", said senior physicist Giorgio Bellettini, the initiator of this ILC group. Presently, the group is still rather small but strongly motivated by the challenge. "We would like to contribute by obtaining the best quality for the bright beam we need for future ILC state-of-the-art detectors. We have limited our implication to restricted components. but we wanted to help early in the ILC process and we hope our initiative will be successful and useful for the global effort," he said.

The first part of the contribution aimed to take full advantage of the group's expertise in fast electronics controls, which they gained from CDF experiment, among others. Like several laboratories working on the ILC, the team dedicates part of their studies to beam stabilisation. "The contribution effort in this area is huge because the parameter is critical," said Bellettini. "We have to align electron and positron beams to a few nanometres while they run through over thousand 10 m long cryomodules which weigh tonnes." Engineers are trying to cancel two kinds of vibrations... Read more...

-- Perrine Royole-Degieux

Feature Story

A Marriage Made in TTF



A physics marriage ceremony: DESY technician Heiko Hintz turns the big wheel that make string and cold mass a union.

Under the watchful eyes of industry, colleagues from Fermilab and colleagues from KEK, Module 6 is entering maturity – and matrimony. After the cavities had been assembled into a string (see NewsLine 11 May 2006), they left the pure air of the cleanroom and joined the hum of DESY's TESLA Test Facility hall. Amongst many other things, couplers have to be attached, which is not a trivial thing: to avoid impurities this has to be done under a cloud of nitrogen in less than 30 minutes. The DESY team also fitted temperature sensors to the helium tanks, tuning systems to the string and completed more than 100 other workpackages before the string was ready to meet its counterpart: the cold mass, the bit where pipes and tubes full of liquid helium get the machine down to near-absolute zero.

All experts in the test hall watched as Heiko Hintz attached an oversized steering wheel to the support structure that held both string and cold mass and slowly and very carefully turned the wheel to move the two parts closer together. "We have to be exact down to a tenth of a millimetre," said DESY team leader Kay Jensch. The two parts have to be fitted together without any trace of tension between them, otherwise the module's alignment would be in danger and its performance would go down - a catastrophe not only for FLASH, in which Module 6 will be installed, but also for the ILC, which will use the same technology. Read more...

Director's Corner

"Able was I ere I saw Elba"

This famous palindrome was purportedly spoken by Napoleon when referring to his first sighting of Elba, the island where the British exiled him in 1814. One cannot help but wonder what they had in mind when they put



Atsuto Suzuki, KEK Director, speaking at Elba

Napoleon and a thousand of his most loyal men on this beautiful island with mountain ridges and varied coastline. Regardless, he quickly escaped to Cannes in early 1815 and began the 100 day campaign on Paris.

In the modern particle physics world, Isola d'Elba has taken on a quite different identity, not one of exile, but rather an elegant setting where physicists gather to discuss the latest developments in particle detection techniques. At the end of May, the 10 th Pisa workshop entitled "Frontier Detectors for Frontier Physics" was held. I participated in special session on "Strategies for Future Accelerators," that included A. Wagner (DESY and ICFA), J. Engelen (CERN), J. Strait (Fermilab), A. Suzuki (KEK) and R. Petronzio on plans in Italy.

Of particular interest to me was the talk by Atsuto Suzuki, the new director of KEK, who gave his first presentation outside of Japan since taking on his new position. We are all anxious to learn about the future plans in Japan and the priorities of the new KEK director. Atsuto's talk was very impressive, from his beautifully animated powerpoint slides to his obvious mastery of the entire Japanese program. Read more...

--Barry Barish

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Announcements

Image of the Week



Kenji Saito and his team successfully fabricated seamless copper 3-cell cavities into the ICHIRO-shape.

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EPAC '06

Edinburgh, UK 26-30 June 2006

Vancouver Linear Collider Workshop

Vancouver, Canada 19-22 July 2006

ILC GDE Meeting Vancouver, Canada 19-22 July 2006

Single Crystal Niobium Technology Workshop (pdf)

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Ambleside, UK 14-19 Sep 2006

TTC Meeting (Tesla Technology Collaboration)

KEK 25-28 Sep 2006

ILC GDE Meeting Valencia, Spain 6-10 November 2006

Annual WILGA Conference

Warsaw University of Technology Resort, Poland 21-27 May 2007

GDE Meetings Calendar

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-- Barbara Warmbein

Snapshot from the Past



AdA in Orsay: the machine in which the first e+e- collisions occurred in December 1963. AdA was constructed by the Laboratori Nazionali di Frascati. During the 50th anniversary of LAL at Orsay, two memorial stones - one in Italian and one in French - were inaugurated in the presence of the two present laboratories directors, Guy Wormser and Mario Calvetti.

AdA in Orsay (video)

In the News

From Financial Times

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Fellowships for the Vancouver Linear Collider Workshop

The American Linear Collider Physics Group (ALCPG) expects to award approximately 10 fellowships of \$750 each to young researchers based at institutions in North America (nontenured faculty, research associates or assistants, and graduate students) to participate in the Linear Collider Workshop in Vancouver, Canada, July 19 - 23, 2006. The applicants should ask a senior member of their groups to send a letter of recommendation to Dr. Edmond Berger (Send Email) by June 15, 2006. It is expected that the applicants will participate for the full duration of the workshop and have sufficient additional funding to cover the remainder of the total cost of workshop participation.

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