Thoughts on SiD's Future



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Not Done Yet

 Completion of the LoI is within sight, but fundamental, unanswered questions about SiD's design and the need to prove SiD's technologies remain.

Lol, IDAG, and Validation dominate SiD's immediate future:

Pre-Lol March 31
Pre-TILC09 April 17
Pre-IDAG Review June 22

Pre-Validation September 29

Full Technical Design comes next

SiD's New Tools Can Answer Fundamental Design Questions

SiD has developed powerful tracking and calorimeter reconstruction tools, costing methods, benchmarking code, and infrastructure. Important questions can be answered:

Using the benchmarking analyses:

How important is jet energy resolution for the physics?

Any chinks in SiD's armor?

Using Iowa PFA and Marty's Excel Spreadsheet:

What's the optimal design of SiD?
Stretched? 5λ? Hcal segmentation 1 cm²?

Fundamental Design Questions

- How does SiD perform at High Energies?
 What jet energies must we measure?
 What jet energy resolution do we need?
- PFA or Dual Readout Crystals?
- Can SiD handle CLIC backgrounds? CLIC physics?

Detailed Design Questions

Using Rich's and Dima's Tracking Code: What's the optimal design for the tracker?

Using Realistic detector simulations:

Do cracks and dead spots in the calorimeter matter? Does the tracker material degrade jet E resolution? Can we really track amidst expected backgrounds?

If the big questions are the carrot, performance before the IDAG is the stick.

Immediate Future: Pre-Lol

Lots to finish up and do, write and edit.

- Get it to the editors by March 20.
- Use the current latex source for your modifications.
 We owe it to Mark.

Pre TILC09 (April 17)

- Not everything we'd like for the Lol will be included
- SiD can refine results post-Lol for TILC09
- e.g. Tracker Background studies
 Hcal Response to High Energy
 Improved Benchmarking Results
- New SiD results should play in the parallel sessions.

Pre-IDAG Review (June 22)

- Refine our answers to the IDAG questions
- Tie up loose ends in benchmarking analyses
- Patch weaknesses in Lol
- Respond to IDAG questions

Pre-Validation (Sept. 29)

Last chance input to IDAG

Back to basics: Detector R&D, Design Studies

Longer Term Future: Pre-TDR

Prepare for a SiD Proposal in 2012

- Optimize design (now we have the tools!)
- or Radically re-design
- Demonstrate proof of principle R&D
- Select technologies
- Complete subsystem engineering
- Simulate a realistic detector (tracking is ready, cal next?)
- Benchmark a realistic detector

Doing this requires a level of support we don't enjoy today.

SiD's Future depends on Building Support

- Help Get US LC Strategy Straight
- Grow the SiD R&D Effort.
 It could seed a real collaboration.
- Grow SiD Internationally.
 We need the help. We need the breadth.
- Get GDE Support for Detectors

The LoI and its R&D Plan make the case for funding continued SiD R&D and expanding SiD's base.

SiD's Undercarriage

- The SiD Collaboration is of course the ultimate foundation for building SiD's future.
- It has withstood significant pushes and pulls and periods of minimal luminosity.
- It has a string of amazing accomplishments.
- It's LoI is a major milestone on the way to rolling onto beamline.
- Thanks to its collaborators, SiD is well positioned for the next steps, Validation and the TDR.