

GLAST LAT Project Weekly Report for the week ending Thursday, January 10, 2001

The joint DOE/NASA Review of the Technical, Cost, Schedule and Management of the LAT Project was conducted this week.

The review committee included 23 experts from the high energy physics community and from NASA/GSFC. In general, the review went very well. The committee was particularly impressed with the technical work performed by the LAT team.

The committee recognized the openly acknowledged shortcomings in the current thermal design, and invested considerable

effort in helping us sort out and prioritize the options available. The committee also recognized the uncertainty in the

Calorimeter implementation plan, given recent developments which introduced uncertainties in the French contributions.

Nonetheless, the strong competence and excellent work products displayed by the LAT team overcame these and other weaknesses

to result in what I believe will be a strongly positive and supportive committee report, as deduced from the closeout reports.

The LAT team should take pride in the high quality of work presented at this review, and is to be congratulated for the positive outcome resulting from the hard work in preparing for it.

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