

Introductory Remarks

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Origins

- This meeting developed from a suggestion by Andrei Nomerotski that Oxford and Fermilab hold meetings to exchange ideas on vertex detector mechanics.
 - The original intent was to concentrate on vertex detector designs for SiD.
- Since all detector concepts face similar issues for the vertex detector region, the scope has been broadened to include any work on vertex detector mechanics.
- Our hope is that this will develop into an open, working meeting in which anyone who is interested can participate.
 - Physicists, engineers, technical experts, and others are welcome.

A Forum for Discussions

- One approach to help ensure that everyone's interests are considered might be to rotate the leadership of individual meetings.
 - Topics for any given meeting could take into account regional interests, or specific interests of the meeting leader.
- For this first meeting, Tim Greenshaw suggested that each group give a brief description of present ideas, plans, and local facilities.
 - That is reflected in the agenda.
 - Presentations from other groups would be welcome during subsequent meetings.
- Suggestions on meeting format are welcome.
 - Perhaps we could devote a portion of each meeting to presentations and a second portion to a continuing discussion of the optimization of vertex detector mechanical designs.

Meeting Frequency

- To make significant progress before next October's vertex detector review, it may be sensible to meet every week.
 - We will probably meet weekly at Fermilab.
- Video / telephone meetings could follow a different schedule.
 - Preferences?
- We would expect to skip the vertex detector mechanics meeting during any week presenting a major conflict (for example, the week of LCWS).
 - Taking that into account, the next meeting would be 5 June.
- Let's return to these and any other issues near the end of today's meeting.