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The ILC - Straight to the Future

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An introduction to the International Linear Collider (ILC) includes management, international activities to date, facility rationale and the present R&D situation. Details will be provided on activities underway, and reasons for choices of parameters and systems that have big effects on costs. A summary will include a look forward for a project construction start.