#### **Introduction: Our Limitations**

This is what brought us to where we are today, the tick inside all of us to know more. To explore. It is only a short step from curiosity to scientific endeavor through the use of a little ingenuity and an opposable thumb. Our limitations are set only by what we can imagine and the tools we have to see through to these results.

These tools are the agents in which we can get a foothold to an unsolved scientific concept. Our history as a society is built upon the crafts and machinery devised to assess and match our curious endeavors. From hammers to particle accelerators, each is a step away from the status quo. History looks favorably on the tools it recollects, for if they were not noteworthy, they wouldn't be remembered.

The Synchrotron Radiation Center (SRC) in Stoughton, Wisconsin is one of these tools. Inside, the facility houses a machine named Aladdin which is used to peer into the inner workings of matter. This tool has been used to uncover fundamental principles in various fields such as electronics, biology, medicine, astronomy, engineering, physics, chemistry and more.

Aladdin is a baseball diamond sized particle accelerator that produces a wide variety of light frequencies which are used by research scientists to better understand how matter behaves and interacts with other substances. From understanding Alzheimer's to high-temperature superconductors, synchrotrons have helped researchers illuminate the intensely small and elusive parts of matter.

The SRC is the successor to the smaller Tantalus synchrotron first built in 1968. After commissioning, Tantalus became the first dedicated user facility to use synchrotron light for material science research. This precedent was to launch the worldwide use of utilizing electrons to produce light solely to study materials. Since then, around 70 new "light sources" have sprung up all over the world at universities and research centers.

The history of Tantalus and the SRC reveals interesting and turbulent stories in their lifetimes. Surrounding each facility is a wide ranging community devoted to understanding the natural world. Each laboratory has a cast of physicists, chemists, biologists, engineers, communicators and technicians. Operating a machine that pushes the envelope of high-energy physics requires precision and continuous evaluation. These teams use the language of mathematics and engineering to ensure such a feat is possible day by day.

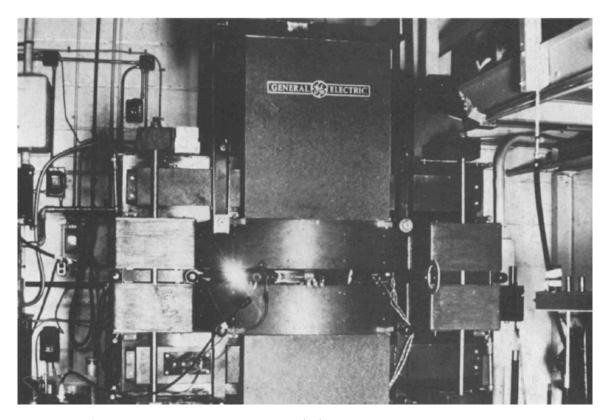
From the time Tantalus began in 1968, the unfolding events revealed intriguing moments demonstrating the way we use tools to push the limits of our knowledge. The history of Tantalus and SRC is marked with fortune, struggles, funding agencies, opinions, mavericks and pioneers. All have culminated to an intense 50 plus year history that is still developing; and issues from the past reveal insight into troubles today.

# The History of the Synchrotron Radiation Center: Early Glimpses

"The lamp is lit," announces the voice over the intercom. From the control room, a central computer guided by the hands of experts toggles commands to operate the machine—an amalgam of physics equipment working in harmony to create a brilliant rainbow of light known as synchrotron radiation. The electron storage ring named Aladdin, whirls electrons near the speed of light around a circular track. The result is a wide-range of useful light frequencies used for scientific research.

The story however does not begin here but more than 60 years back with the first observed discovery of synchrotron radiation. The phenomenon was first observed at a General Electric (GE) laboratory by four physicists in 1947:<sup>1</sup>

"On April 24, Langmuir and I were running the accelerator...and we asked the technician to observe with a mirror around the protective concrete wall. He immediately signaled to turn off the synchrotron as "he saw an arc in the tube." The vacuum was still excellent, so Langmuir and I came to the end of the wall and observed."<sup>2</sup>



First observations of synchrotron radiation at General Electric (GE) laboratory 1947 in 70 Mev synchrotron accelerator. The synchrotron light can be seen glowing on the left side.

What the two physicists saw was a brilliant beam of light, known as synchrotron radiation, emanating from the machine. It was a result of the electrons traveling near the speed of light around the corners in the accelerator track. This was the first proof of principle detailed specifically by D. Iwanenko and I.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Elder, F. R.; Gurewitsch, A. M.; Langmuir, R. V.; Pollock, H. C., "Radiation from Electrons in a Synchrotron" (1947) *Physical Review*, vol. 71, Issue 11, pp. 829-830

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Handbook on Synchrotron Radiation, Volume 1a, Ernst-Eckhard Koch, Ed., North Holland, 1983, reprinted at "Synchrotron Radiation Turns the Big Five-O"

Pomeranchuk from the Soviet Union in 1944.<sup>3</sup> Prior to this event though, was a slew of physicists during the mid 1800s who investigated the properties of electricity and magnetism.<sup>4</sup>

The early discoveries of synchrotron light were not a complete surprise. Before the 1947 demonstration at the GE particle accelerator, physicists were aware that something was occurring inside their machines as the particles circled round and round. The physicists noted that the particles needed to be 'pushed' each time they went around otherwise they would eventually come to a stop, much like a merry-goround. Physicists knew that the particles, whether they were protons or electrons, were losing energy in some way and in 1898 it was shown by Alfred-Marie Liénard that charged particles undergoing acceleration would emit energy, hintings of light production.

Around the time of the synchrotron light discovery in 1947, operations building and experimenting with particle accelerators was in full swing. The utility however, of using synchrotron radiation for research had not yet been realized. Prior to the creation of Tantalus in 1968 researchers who saw a potential use for the 'wasteful' synchrotron radiation. Synchrotron accelerators such as that in Stanford offered occasional moments known as "parasitic modes."

"Some users were allowed to have a hole in the accelerator with a pipe and use the excess light, they were known as the parasitic users" <sup>7</sup>

Researchers wanted to make use of the synchrotron radiation bi-product by installing a valve onto a particle accelerator that was circulating charged particles such as electrons. This valve opened a pathway to collect the light flying tangentially away from the accelerator. Researchers could filter the radiation to whatever frequency needed to conduct research. Shining this light onto a material sample could reveal a wealth of information about the material's properties and characteristics.

It was not until 1968 when Tantalus was first commissioned and became the first dedicated synchrotron storage ring for synchrotron light research in material sciences.

"At 10:40 am on August 7, 1968 the first modern synchrotron radiation facility, that is, the first dedicated, electron storage ring based synchrotron radiation facility, produce its data when Dr.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> "On the Maximal Energy Attainable in a Betatron" D. Iwanenko and I. Pomeranchuk, Phys. Rev. 65 (1944) 343

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Blewett, John P. "Synchrotron Radiation 1873-1947." *Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research* 266 (1988): 1-9. Print.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Thompson, Albert C., David T. Atwood, Eric M. Gullikson, Doug Vaughn, and Janos Kirz. *X-Ray Data Booklet*. 3rd ed. Berkely: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, 2009. 2-21-25. Print.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Blewett, John P. "Synchrotron Radiation 1873-1947." *Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research* 266 (1988): 2. Print.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Höchst, Hartmut. Interviewed by Eric Verbeten, 2009. Call Number: Accession 2009/300 61H1

Ulrich Gerhardt, then working with Helmut Fritzsche, carried out a simultaneous reflection and absorption measurement.<sup>8</sup>

The creation of this user-dedicated synchrotron storage ring named Tantalus was a product of many factors. Most important was the momentum in the field of high-energy physics research. Other aspects were serendipity and whole-hearted efforts from characters in the field.

"The researches carried out at Tantalus in the beginning and thereafter were already being carried out elsewhere in laboratories. What Tantalus did was to make possible what you were trying to do in the laboratory a lot better," said Ed Rowe, director of Tantalus. "Now, why was Tantalus important here? Tantalus was important because it existed just at the right time. People were thinking about using synchrotron radiation, people were interested in photo emission spectroscopy. They needed a better way to do it and here was Tantalus, the better way to do it."

The Tantalus user facility would continue to grow in its size and capacity to accommodate research scientists wanting to use the synchrotron light. By its peak in the late 1970s, the facility housed 8 different beamlines, one coming off each bending magnet. The beamlines were long tubes coming off the accelerator that captured the synchrotron light flying tangentially away from the accelerator. From here, physicists designed what are called monochrometers to filter and separate the light into more specific frequencies. For example, one beamline specialized in producing a specific frequency of ultraviolet light while another was tailored to shine infrared light onto a sample.

The Tantalus facility soon gained attention from the spectroscopy community nationally and internationally with frequent visitors from outside of the U.S.<sup>11</sup> The research entailed varied vastly but it was mostly contained to the study of solid-state material sciences. The Tantalus facility underwent several renovations in its tenure including a new injector.

The injector was a mini-particle accelerator that first started to accelerate electrons at a lower-energy which would then be injected into the Tantalus ring and accelerated to a higher velocity, or energy. The injector that Tantalus used was the old prototype from MURA. This accelerator was not originally designed to be a tailor-made device to inject electrons into a synchrotron ring, and it was therefore in need of improvements. Near the end of 1973 the staff at the Tantalus facility finished the construction

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Rowe, Ednor M. *Beginning Under the Lonely Hill from an Informal History of the Synchrotron Radiation Center of the University of Wisconsin: 1965-1968*. Stoughton: n.p., 1995. 1-2. Print.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Rowe, Ednor M. Interview by Paul Foreman. "A History of Tantalus." *Smithsonian Decommissioning Videos*. 1995. Web. 5 Apr. 2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Green, Mike, interviewed by Eric Verbeten, 2009, external hard drive, University Archives and Records Management Services, Madison, Wisconsin. Call Number: Accession 2009/300 61H1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> "Please Shut the Door" Call Number: Accession 2009/300 61H1 <a href="http://madcat.library.wisc.edu/cgibin/Pwebrecon.cgi?BBID=8513035">http://madcat.library.wisc.edu/cgibin/Pwebrecon.cgi?BBID=8513035</a>.

of a new injector called a Microtron.<sup>12</sup> The device was more powerful and smaller, freeing up much needed shop floor space in the Tantalus building. The Microtron consisted of two large magnets which sandwiched a race track shape that would channel electrons. As the electrons were accelerated in this track, they would round the corners of the race track as a result of the magnetic fields produced by the large magnets on each end. As the electrons gained speed, their curvatures grew until eventually the force of the magnetic field could not hold onto them any more and they were flung, or rather channeled, into the main Tantalus accelerator. With the new injector, the ring was able to immediately achieve energy levels of 18 MeV, a vast improvement from the previous injector.<sup>13</sup>

At this time the Tantalus facility received funding from the National Science Foundation who had picked up on the momentum that the facility was gaining. Also at this time, the director Ed Rowe and his team had been formulating plans to create a larger facility dedicated to synchrotron radiation research. These new accelerator designs were originally known as Tantalus II, Aladdin and Super Aladdin.<sup>14</sup>

By 1976 the NSF agreed to fund the new initiative and the planning stages for a new, more powerful synchrotron storage ring began, with its commissioning officially in 1985.

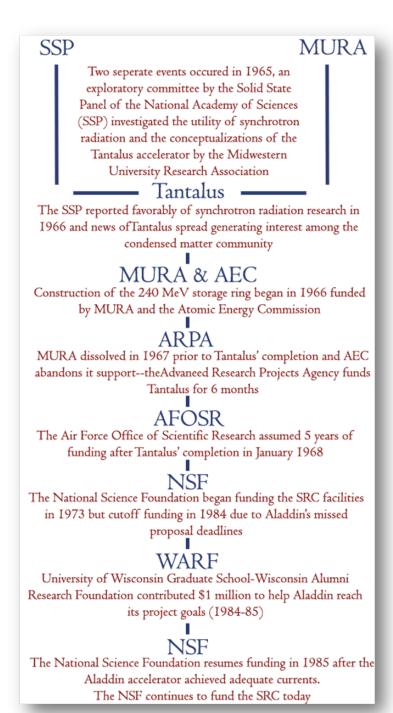
## **Funding Agencies: From MURA 1954 to Present**

Since the early inceptions in 1965 for a user-based synchrotron radiation facility developed there were several different funding agencies who oversaw the operations and funding of both Tantalus and SRC.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Letter to Dr. Hiizu Fujita RCA Research Laboratories Japan from Ed Rowe-November 14, 1973 external hard drive, University Archives and Records Management Services, Madison, Wisconsin. Call Number: Accession 2009/300 61H1

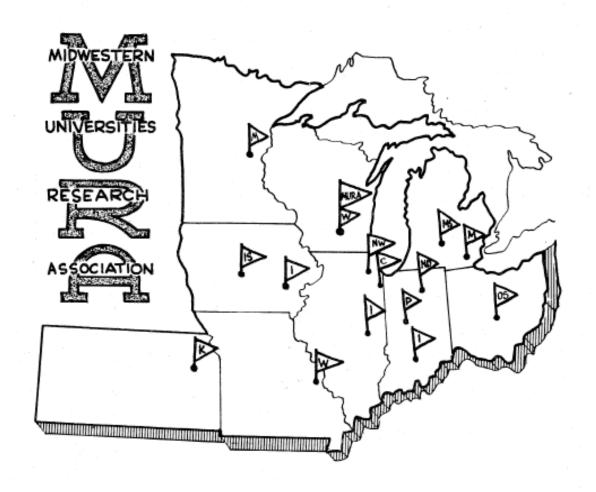
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Letter to Dr. Serge Kapitza Institute for Physical Problems Academy of Sciences USSR (Author of *Microtron*) from Ed Rowe-August 30, 1974 external hard drive, University Archives and Records Management Services, Madison, Wisconsin. Call Number: Accession 2009/300 61H1



A chart depicting the brief history of the different agencies who oversaw funding of both Tantalus and the SRC

Since the conception of Tantalus in 1965 and to the present day placement of the SRC, the research centers have seen a total of six different funding agencies. Each period is marked with breakthroughs, uncertainties and transitional phases. Understanding the variety of funding agencies and their agendas is key to understanding the history of Tantalus and the SRC.



The MURA "golf course"

MURA was a consortium of 15 different universities throughout the Midwest whose goal was to help bring a high energy physics presence to the Midwest.<sup>15</sup> Near the time of its creation in 1954, the majority of high-energy physics research was happening at the coastal universities:

"There was in those days a strong feeling among Midwestern physicists that they were second-class citizens, even though Michigan, Chicago, and Illinois had what we would nowadays call world-class physics departments, with a number of others not far behind. It was a natural ambition for Midwestern physicists to want to build an accelerator at the forefront in order to carry out their high-energy physics research closer to home and to keep close to the forefront of fundamental particle physics." <sup>16</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Cole, F T. *Oh Camelot! A Memoir of the MURA Years*. 1994. 5.1-.2. Print.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Ibid

Members of MURA travelled around to the other universities for meetings, presentations and tours to network and build a web of high-energy physics knowledge. They were officially headquartered in Madison, Wisconsin in a small but adequate old garage building near downtown Madison. Here members and university faculty worked on the design and construction of accelerators. There were other similar 'garages' in Chicago and Michigan building different models of accelerators to explore and prove developing theoretical models. Each of these machines around the late 50s and early 60s were known as the Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois models. During this time MURA was assembling a proposal and lobbying to bring the National [particle] Accelerator Laboratory to the Midwest, what later became Fermilab.17

Each state, with its own models also had their own versions of a proposal for the national accelerator laboratory. Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan were competing internally to bring the National Accelerator Laboratory to their state while fulfilling the ambitions of the MURA efforts

"A responsive, user-oriented laboratory was developed in the Midwest - by changing Argonne. In the even longer run, the geographical argument did bring Fermilab to the Midwest, a greater prize than the most ardent Heartland proponent could have ever dreamed of. "18

After much debate, political ambitions and geographical advantage lead to Illinois winning the bid for the National Accelerator Laboratory in 1967. 19 Merits were awarded to Illinois for Chicago's airports and adequate infrastructure to handle the massive load of people and equipment required to build the National Accelerator Lab. On the political side, congressmen representing Illinois pushed hard, perhaps harder than the other states for the proposal to be granted to Illinois.<sup>20</sup>

This achievement on behalf of MURA represented one door opening and another closing. Shortly after the bid went to Illinois, plans and construction began. For MURA, this meant the end of their collective efforts to bring high-energy physics to the Midwest, now was the time to build it. The Madison based MURA group mostly went to Illinois to help in the construction efforts. A few however remained and began other ambitions in accelerator research at UW Madison.<sup>21</sup> The remaining ex-MURA members formed a group within UW Madison's graduate school and formed the Physical Science Laboratory (PSL), a workshop to build physics and engineering related parts and equipment.<sup>22</sup> Located in the south of Madison, near Stoughton, Wisconsin a new breed of accelerator was being developed. The researchers utilized the old "Wisconsin model" 240 MeV electron-positron colliding accelerator, known as the Fix Field Alternating Gradient (FFAG), as their starting point.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Cole, F T. *Oh Camelot! A Memoir of the MURA Years*. 1994. 5.1-.2. Print.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> "About Fermilab - History." *Fermilab*. Department of Energy, 18 Mar. 2011. Web. 17 Apr. 2011. <a href="http://www.fnal.gov/pub/about/whatis/history.html">http://www.fnal.gov/pub/about/whatis/history.html</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Green, Mike, interviewed by Eric Verbeten, 2009, external hard drive, University Archives and Records Management Services, Madison, Wisconsin. Call Number: Accession 2009/300 61H1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Mills, Fred, interviewed by Eric Verbeten, 2009, external hard drive, University Archives and Records Management Services, Madison, Wisconsin. Call Number: Accession 2009/300 61H1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Rowe, Ednor M. "Chronology of Events in the History of MURA/PSL/SRC." Message to Dr. Hiizu Fujita. 14 Nov. 1973. Personal Letter. Call Number: Accession 2009/300 61H1

### Solid State Panel (SSP) of the National Academies of Science (NAS):

The Solid State Panel was a group banded together around 1964 to investigate the utility of using synchrotron radiation for research. Until then, synchrotron radiation was generally considered a wasteful by-product, a result of spinning particles around an accelerator. In 1966 the SSP came back with a favorable review for synchrotron radiation and helped set a precedent for the research and also put the idea on funding agencies' radars. This in tandem with MURA's efforts led to the construction of Tantalus, the first light producing accelerator dedicated to synchrotron radiation research and material sciences. However, this is contested by DESYLab in Hamburg, Germany, who also claim to have created the first synchrotron for research in 1968.

## Atomic Energy Commission (AEC):

"Almost a year after World War II ended, Congress established the United States Atomic Energy Commission to foster and control the peacetime development of atomic science and technology. Reflecting America's postwar optimism, Congress declared that atomic energy should be employed not only in the Nation's defense, but also to promote world peace, improve the public welfare, and strengthen free competition in private enterprise. After long months of intensive debate among politicians, military planners and atomic scientists, President Harry S. Truman confirmed the civilian control of atomic energy by signing the Atomic Energy Act on August 1, 1946."<sup>26</sup>

The Atomic Energy Commission eventually morphed into the Department of Energy in 1977 as the nation's efforts involving energy research grew.<sup>27</sup>

During its years, the High Energy Physics Division of the AEC helped fund the construction of Tantalus in tandem with the efforts of the remaining MURA members based out of the PSL building. However, before Tantalus was complete the AEC:

"...had made it clear that in the future, research on particle accelerators would be carried out only at AEC national laboratories. We had a nearly complete machine, but no funds to complete it, and no prospects of support for the particle accelerator research for which it was intended."<sup>28</sup>

This was to be a trend. Tantalus and later SRC were limited to funding due to their connection to the University of Wisconsin Madison. The Department of Energy (DOE) continues to maintain accelerator labs only within their department, not ones associated with other organizations. However, funding for Tantalus' completion was not lost as another organization soon took over.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Synchrotron Radiation as a Source for the Spectroscopy of Solids, A Solid State Subcommittee Report-March 6, 1966

Rowe, Ednor M. Beginning Under the Lonely Hill from an Informal History of the Synchrotron Radiation Center of the University of Wisconsin: 1965-1968. Stoughton: n.p., 1995. 1-2. Print. Call Number: Accession 2009/300 61H1
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Buck, Alice L. "History of the AEC." Department of Energy, July 1983. Web. 17 Apr. 2011. <a href="http://www.atomictraveler.com/HistoryofAEC.pdf">http://www.atomictraveler.com/HistoryofAEC.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Rowe, Ednor M. *Beginning Under the Lonely Hill from an Informal History of the Synchrotron Radiation Center of the University of Wisconsin: 1965-1968.* Stoughton: n.p., 1995. 1-2. Print. Call Number: Accession 2009/300 61H1

### Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA):

ARPA was established in 1958 to promote efforts in defense research and to implement R&D projects.<sup>29</sup> The agency was later renamed to its current title DARPA, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

ARPA supplied funding for 6 months to Tantalus to see through its completion, after which the Air Force took over funding the operations. <sup>30</sup>

### Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR):

"...was born out of the need to address a long-standing shortfall in military basic research. This deficiency became obvious during the WW II years when massive civilian-led research and development efforts were required to create much needed weaponry and support requirements driven by the war's critical pace." 31

The AFOSR was first established under several other agency names, but the core ideas were first put forth in 1944. Around 1951 the agency became known as the Air Force Office of Scientific Research. However the agency was continually on a "shoe-string" budget until 1957 with the launch of Sputnik.<sup>32</sup>

Near the time of Tantalus' completion, the AFOSR had been convinced of the accelerator's potential uses in developing items with infrared.<sup>33</sup> The support from the AFOSR was badly needed to run the infant Tantalus accelerator, but at the same time their support was contentious and conflicting with the philosophies of some of the university-based researchers.

"Some scientists have been distressed to find that their research is considered important to military technology and have publicly insisted that it has been mislabeled by title and that it cannot possibly have any relationship to military research. Needles to say this causes serious problems since it in effect is an accusation that we have made incorrect or inaccurate statements."<sup>34</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> "Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency History." DARPA, 2011. Web. 17 Apr. 2011. <a href="http://www.darpa.mil/About/History/History.aspx">http://www.darpa.mil/About/History/History.aspx</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Rowe, Ednor M. *Beginning Under the Lonely Hill from an Informal History of the Synchrotron Radiation Center of the University of Wisconsin: 1965-1968*. Stoughton: n.p., 1995. 1-2. Print. Call Number: Accession 2009/300 61H1 <sup>31</sup> Cruse, Dr. "About-History." *Factsheets: AFOSR*. Wright Patterson Airforce Base, 11 Jan. 2005. Web. 17 Apr. 2011. <a href="http://www.wpafb.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=8976">http://www.wpafb.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=8976</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Wiley, John, interviewed by Eric Verbeten, 2009, external hard drive, University Archives and Records Management Services, Madison, Wisconsin. Call Number: Accession 2009/300 61H1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Letter to: All principal investigators sponsored in the AFOSR Physical Sciences Directorate Program from Lloyd Wood Director of PSL—May 12, 1970

The AFOSR continued to fund Tantalus until 1974 when the National Science Foundation agreed to assume funding and oversight. <sup>35</sup> There are little historical records of the Air Force's direct research gain from its funding tenure of Tantalus; however some researchers hinted that their works with infrared technology did transfer to the AFOSR's initiatives. <sup>36</sup>

#### National Science Foundation (NSF):

President Truman signed in 1950 a law into legislation that would setup a division to embody the science policy of the United States. The agency known as the National Science Foundation (NSF) was to become part of a handful of agencies devoted to promoting scientific research in the United States.

The NSF took over funding of Tantalus beginning in 1973 and officially in 1974 through its Department of Material Research division after the Air Force Office of Scientific Research saw through five years of funding Tantalus. The NSF agreed to pay for the small facility and small staff. As time went on, the director Ed Rowe and other lead facility engineers conjured up ideas of a newer 2<sup>nd</sup> generation accelerator. Shortly after, in 1976, they submitted proposals to NSF to get funding to build the newer and much larger synchrotron storage ring. <sup>37</sup> The first proposal was for \$2,930,000 and subsequent proposals followed.

The proposal was successful and NSF agreed to fund the construction of the \$10 million 2<sup>nd</sup> generation electron storage ring for the dedicated use synchrotron radiation for material science research.

The SRC received on the average five million dollars every year to run the accelerator, maintain the facility and pay employee salaries. The University of Wisconsin supplemented the expenses by paying for things such as basic staff for maintenance and for heating and lighting.

The NSF funded the research operations at Tantalus while simultaneously funding the design, fabrication and construction of the newest 2<sup>nd</sup> generation accelerator called Aladdin. However, difficulties near the end of the construction phase plagued the accelerator and prevented it from being fully-functional and operational. After several years of troubleshooting and yet no results, the NSF withdrew its funding for the Aladdin project, but kept funding for the operation of Tantalus.

At this time, another funding agency stepped in to assist with the development of Aladdin.

### Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF):

WARF is a private, non-profit group associated with the graduate school at the University of Wisconsin Madison. Established in 1925 their mission is to promote scientific research at UW Madison:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Letter to Ed Rowe from Howard W. Etzel Deputy Division Director Division of Materials Research(NSF)-September 12, 1974 Call Number: Accession 2009/300 61H1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Wiley, John, interviewed by Eric Verbeten, 2009, external hard drive, University Archives and Records Management Services, Madison, Wisconsin. Call Number: Accession 2009/300 61H1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Synchrotron Radiation Center Staff. *Proposal for Aladdin*. N.p.: n.p., Nov. 1976. 1-4. Print.

"WARF accomplishes this by patenting inventions arising from university research, licensing the technologies to companies for commercialization, and returning the licensing income to the UW-Madison to support further scientific endeavor.<sup>38</sup>"

During the time of crisis at the Synchrotron Radiation Center (SRC), the overarching name for the operations at Tantalus and the construction of Aladdin, WARF stepped in and helped fund the troubleshooting operations for one year from 1984-1985 with the aid of one million dollars. During that time the SRC was able to contract outside help to troubleshoot the fledgling accelerator. By the middle of 1984 the problem had been solved and the construction was back on track. At this time the NSF reconsidered the proposal put forth by the SRC and Aladdin project.<sup>39</sup>

#### Return of the National Science Foundation:

By the middle of 1985 the National Science Foundation once again agreed to fund the SRC facility as it had before. The funding was nearly complete with funds for the facility, staff and buildings. However, in comparison to the other accelerator laboratories in the country at the time, the funds Aladdin received were significantly less.<sup>40</sup>

"User numbers is one of the metrics that the NSF looks at how effective we are. The other is publications. How many we have done [compared] to the other facilities, and there's a description of the Advanced Light Source, Advanced Photon Source, and you can see that these numbers are not out of line in terms of cost. A million [dollars] versus 45 million? So cost, per paper, we come out way ahead."

This did not phase the SRC staff and the fact remained that the facility did have adequate funding to make the facility work. However, in 2011 the National Science Foundation announced in March that it was no longer going to support the SRC financially.<sup>42</sup> Given the current allotted money, the Synchrotron Radiation Center had enough funds to continue full-operation until August 2011.

#### **Future Endeavors and Funding Agencies:**

To be written...

<sup>38</sup> "Introduction." *Our History*. WARF, 2011. Web. 25 Mar. 2011. <a href="http://www.warf.org/about/index.jsp?cid=26">http://www.warf.org/about/index.jsp?cid=26</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> "Currents and Celebrations" Photos external hard drive, University Archives and Records Management Services, Madison, Wisconsin. Call Number: Accession 2009/300 61H1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Lynch, David, interviewed by Eric Verbeten, 2009, external hard drive, University Archives and Records Management Services, Madison, Wisconsin. Call Number: Accession 2009/300 61H1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Taylor, Jim, interviewed by Eric Verbeten, 2009, external hard drive, University Archives and Records Management Services, Madison, Wisconsin. Call Number: Accession 2009/300 61H1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Fiscal Year 2012 Terminations, Reductions and Savings. N.p.: Office of Management and Budget, 2011. Web. 5 May 2011. <a href="http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/budget/fy2012/assets/trs.pdf">http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/budget/fy2012/assets/trs.pdf</a>.