

The GARD Program - A retrospective view

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Understanding the history and evolution of a program can often provide valuable information and a foundation on which to plan a strategy for future successes. It is with this view in mind that a retrospective discussion of the General Accelerator Research and Development (GARD) program at the Office of High Energy Physics, U.S. Department of Energy, of which the Advanced Accelerator Concepts Thrust is a part, will be presented. GARD's origin can be traced to the HEP Advanced Technology R&D subprogram. Its portfolio and research scope have evolved over the years through several reorganizations within the Office of High Energy Physics. A historical perspective of the program, including its research strategy and management process together with the R&D activities it supports will be presented.