



European SL-9/Jupiter Workshop

On February 13–15, 1995, a Workshop on the SL-9/Jupiter collision took place at the ESO Headquarters in Garching. More than 100 astronomers from all continents discussed the various aspects of this unique event, from the numerous multi-wavelength observations on the ground and in space to the subsequent difficult interpretation of the complex physical and chemical processes that took place in Jupiter's atmosphere.

On page 19 of this Messenger issue, we bring the summary of the concluding round-table discussion. It reflects well the present status of the ongoing, hard labour by many groups around the world. While there has undoubtedly been significant progress within several areas, it is also obvious that it will still take quite some time before a coherent, detailed understanding emerges.

The Workshop Proceedings are already at the printer and will become available by mid-April 1995. (See announcement on page 47.)

TELESCOPES AND INSTRUMENTATION

Manufacturing and Assembling the VLT Main Structure

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The final design of the main structure was completed in May 1994. Since then, great progress has been achieved in building the components of the first two main structures, and the remaining two main structures have already been ordered. The large mechanical components, like azimuth tracks and centre-piece, are at present being manufactured. All the components of the first Main Structure (MS) to be erected and tested in Milan before the end of 1995 have been built. Some of them are undergoing the final machining, and they will reach the European erection site in Ansaldo Energia in Milan by August 1995, to allow the



Figure 1.