

THE CONFLUENCE MONUMENT

In the gateway of Silicon Valley, at the confluence of two rivers, the world connects:
Nature & humanity, space & time, history & future

The setting: The translucent San Jose Educational Science Landmark visibly communicating Physics Theories, 'Quantum Theory', 'Quantum Foam', 'Dark Matter' within majestic 'Confluence' landscape

The 'PLANCK WALK' - the monument's main access - is showcasing

- Confluence of Guadalupe and Los Gatos Creek River from above
Visitors strolling the cantilevering 'Planck Walk' are experiencing the 'Confluence' at the walk's diametrical counterpoint through a structural glass floor. Defying gravity the 'Planck Walk' is a marvel of engineering named after Theoretical Physicist Max Planck
- Proposed 'Groves of Academe'
A reference to 'Plato's Academy Garden' - a place to study, teach, learn. The historic '*Akademia*' was a school outside the walls of ancient Athens. The school did not teach any particular doctrine: Plato posed problems to be studied and solved by the others, successors include Aristotle and Heraclides

Innovative physics expertise is unique to Silicon Valley. The proposed San Jose Confluence Monument is a design statement that both defines and connects its people. Fueling the imagination of the world as the global center of innovation and technology showcasing and educating about quantum physics and its use in daily life. Telecommunication and the entire working process of computers is based on Quantum Physics. Along with General Relativity these two theories may explain virtually all about the universe.

Due to their uncertainty (Heisenberg) it is unlikely a THEORY OF EVERYTHING is found in the near future or ever: The San Jose Monument as the future global Quantum Physics 'Icon' can be in the news forever.

Designed as '*Theatrum* of Everything' (*théatron* - place to view, observe) the activity potential is extraordinary, at day and night, for the region, its residents, and the global scientific community. (Award ceremonies, conferences, fairs, exhibitions, digital art, open air concerts, weddings)

Each architectural design element is sensibly floating above the site, cantilevering or on stilts. Allowing undisturbed riparian landscape, conserving existing ecology, permitting views onto the San Jose 'Confluence' from any direction including the highway. The monument design is pure programming without unnecessary decoration or 'recycled' formal architectural components. For a strong visual presence during the day, at night, and at a distance the lighting concept is based on innovative and environmentally sensitive lighting principles described by physicist Max Planck.