

- Main Goal: double track/hit resolution studies
  - Measurements with target to create multiple secondary particles ( <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> X<sub>0</sub> stainless steel bar inside the solenoid right in front of the LP)
  - Simulation showed ~5 % usable double track events with right ratio of overlap and separation
- Improvements on modules

**Testbeam** 

- Glue + gluing speed optimized (full coverage, minimal spill)
- Slight increase of area without holes around the ceramic grid
- Only needed HV lines per GEM (not sharp edges due to cutting)
- Improved stretching/gluing procedure (new tool)
- Ceramic GEM mounting frames arrived only mid November: Could not start testbeam as planned end of November







DESY

- Production process well prepared
- New GEM mounting and gluing tool
  - Goal: consistent+reproducible flat
    GEM mounting
  - Step towards "mass production"
- Speed of gluing/mounting GEMs limited by lab access
  - $\rightarrow$  even with new heat drying box only one GEM per day possible
- 3 modules built and tested in ~ 2 weeks











- Quality control: foil flatness
- GEMs of 2 modules measured
- Last generation height RMS: 50-90µm new RMS: 30-50µm
   → New generation consistently more flat by almost a factor of two
- Calculated gain fluctuation for triple GEM stacks:  $6.1\% \rightarrow 4.2\%$







## F Testbeam

- Insertion of 3 fully tested modules on December 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Gas tightness very good: 6 mbar overpressure at 40 l/h (set flow), O2: ~60 ppm, H2O: ~50 ppm
- Improvement: newly developed connector clamps work very well → nearly no dead channels





 Newly installed oil filters for compressed cooling air seem to work well (some oil in filter but none on the FECs so far)





 System fully and stably running in data taking mode since December 6<sup>th</sup> (first data already a couple of days earlier, but some small hick-ups)





- > 3.5 M events recorded so far
- System characterization runs (z-scans) done

- Measurements with target:
  - Runs at 0, 0.5, 1T magnetic field and different drift lengths: 50, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500 mm
  - Rate of usable double track events: ~3-4 % for 1 T magnetic field ~10 % for 0.5 T
  - Can most probably be increased by selection criteria optimized on real data





## **Testbeam: Status and very first Results**







## Conclusion

- New modules show the expected improvements (GEM flatness) and good performance in testbeam
- Testbeam running well:
  - Compulsory measurements done
    - Now more statistics and "second priority" measurements: angle scans, x-scan
  - Software: full chain of fast analysis framework works very well
  - First results look promising
- Status:
  - This week short pause since Belle II needs to do magnet measurements
  - One more week of testbeam before Christmas from Belle II



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