Minutes of WP-meeting 298

Attendance:

DESY: Ralf Diener, Ulrich Einhaus, Claus Kleinwort, Uwe Krämer

Vidyo: Yumi Aoki, Keisuke Fujii, Qi Huirong, Jochen Kaminski, Tomohisa Ogawa, Ron Settles, Akira Sugiyama, Jan Timmermans

General News:

Jochen discussed the agenda of the collaboration meeting. There are still quite some open gaps in the agenda. If you intend to give a presentation please contact Jochen and write him the title and duration. It is also important, that everyone who will attend in person registers on the webpage.

Ralf also mentioned, that subsequent to the CM there will be a Global Project Management Meeting at DESY where Paul and Christoph Grosjean will give presentations. The CM would be over by then and everyone is invited to join the project meeting.

Keisuke reported on the decision process in Japan. On 19.12. the ILC committee will probably hand in the final report to the SCJ-EB during a meeting and if so, it is expected, that the SCJ-EB will also endorse the report during this meeting. Keisuke will attend the meeting and get a copy of the report to inform us about the content during the CM. The report will then be handed over from the SCJ to MEXT and from there higher up. But the expression of interest by the government will be delayed until next year.

The LCB met on 5.12. to discuss how to handle this situation. They decided to postpone the deadline until 7.3. since LCB and LCC will meet at Tokyo on that day and assuming that the expression of interest will be stated until then LCC and LCB will decide on their common position. The next events regarding the European Strategy will be a town hall meeting in Lausanne on 9.4. to discuss the LC community strategy and an open symposium at Granada on May 13th to 16th to discuss the schedule of the European Strategy and how to proceed.

Lastly, Keisuke mentioned that there is a strong support of the ILC project from the political and industrial sector.

Huironq shortly summarized the status of the CEPC project: The CDR was made public last month and the next regular meeting will take place in January in Hong Kong, where also Paul will give a presentation. So, in one month there will be a clearer situation. There will be also a CEPC workshop in Oxford (UK) from 10.-15.4.

PCMAG/LP setup, test beam:

Ralf: PCMAG/TRACI/test beam area:

- The work on the interlock system has started. Ralf will report during the CM.

News from the groups:

Jan mentioned that the conference 'Symposium on large TPCs for low-energy rare event detection' is taking place at Paris currently and Fred is reporting on the GridPix detectors (https://indico.cern.ch/event/715651/contributions/3238469/). There was also the RD51 miniweek one week ago, where Tomohisa reported on the progress of the Micromegas modules (https://indico.cern.ch/event/761831/contributions/3231942/), in particular the inverted HV scheme and the latest test beam. It gives a significantly improved electrical field homogeneity.

 $\frac{\text{AOB:}}{\text{The next workpackage meeting will take place on January } 24^{\text{th}}.$