

Minutes of WP-meeting 377

Attendance:

Zoom: Jochen Kaminski, Claus Kleinwort, Ron Settles, Jan Timmermans, Maxim Titov

General News:

Maxim pointed out again that the ECFA Detector R&D panel is forcing the formation of the new detector R&D collaborations DRDC1 to DRDC6, which should be technology based, that is DRDC1 is to become the collaboration for gaseous detectors. In particular RD51 should run out at the end of 2023 and should become the nucleus of DRDC1 as it is the largest and best organized collaboration in the gaseous detectors community. The RPC and wire community should be then incorporated in the new collaboration. The collaboration should be formed in a bottom up approach, and there are many discussions ongoing with the head of the ECFA panel (Karl Jacobs) and the research director of CERN (Joachim Mnich). These discussions have already yielded a lighter reviewing process than originally suggested. There will be not two processes (scientific and financial ones separated) but only one process. CALICE has already started the process and several leading figures (Felix Sefkow and Frank Simon) are positive about the transition, but other members have larger concerns.

Since LCTPC is rather independent of this process, we are free to choose our next steps. Options range from staying completely independent to merging in a possible TPC working group of DRDC1. These options have both advantages and disadvantages, so a decision is not clear. It is assumed that funding agencies will give funding more/only if projects are done within the ECFA Detector R&D scheme, while it will be harder to obtain funding, if one remains independent. On the other hand the collaboration will be very large and effective discussion will probably not happen in any sort of workpackage meetings as we currently do them.

Next discussions with CERN management (Joachim Mnich) and ECFA (Karl Jacobs) will take place in early September. That is why we should soon start to formulate our wishes/needs, if we want to participate in the process. For this reason Leszek Ropelewski (Spokesperson of RD51) will be invited to our next WPmtg on September 25th, so that a more detailed discussion can start. A strong participation during the WPmtg would be welcome!! Also from members outside of Europe to discuss their ideas/concerns.

AOB:

The next workpackage meeting will take place on September 25st with Leszek Ropelewski.