

Status of ALFA project

Resume of the ALFA meeting(s) during ATLAS overview week
(11.02.08-15.02.08) at CERN

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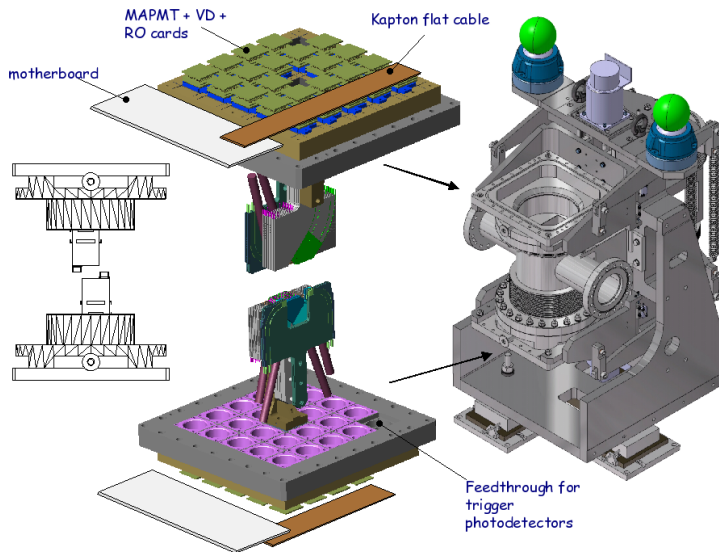
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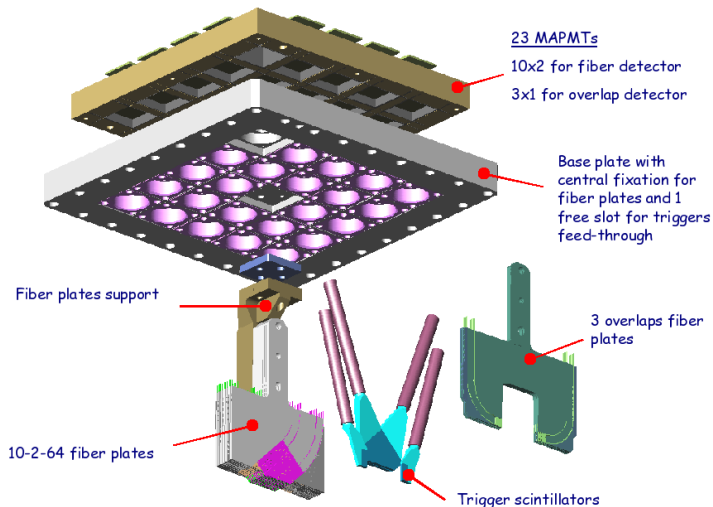
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ALFA - Quick Introduction (1)



ALFA - Quick Introduction (2)



Introduction

History 2007:

- electronics schedule delayed + no good fibres available
 - Proto-1 cannot be used as fully equipped Roman Pot(RP) in testbeam but it can help solve mechanics integration issues

Now 2008:

- Plan to build and test a fully functional prototype-2, which will be used as the first real RP
- Goal: detector fully ready by end of june to go into testbeam in july
- Afterwards: Go seamlessly into mass-production of RPs
- Decision: Task of Al-coating of fibres presently split between CERN and Lisbon
 - sidecoating at CERN; end-cut and end-coating at Lisbon

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Fibre-coating Status

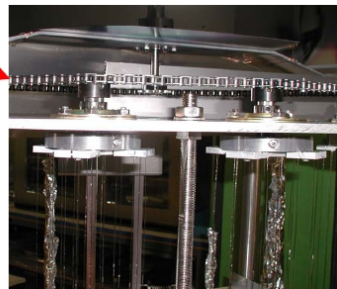
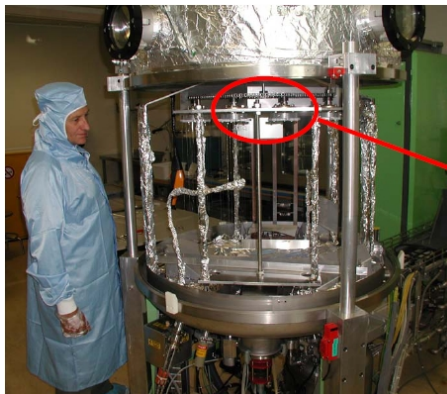
Lisbon Status:

- Al-adhesion makes progress, but still a lot of unresolved problems
- Ambitious plan: Be ready for mass-production in April

CERN Status:

- Simple fibre coating machine (Al-evaporation) exists at CERN; has to be adapted to ALFA needs
- Design completed, assembly and test beginning of March
- ~1500 fibres per week → delivered to Giessen mid of March

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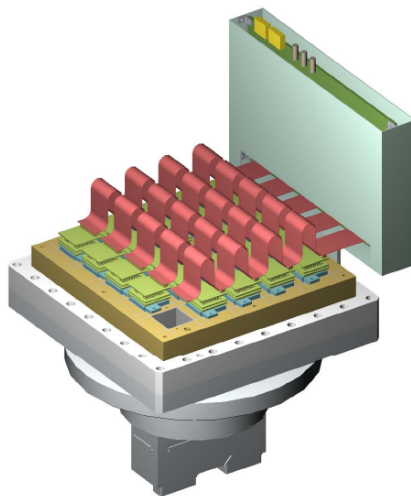
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Electronics Status



Electronics Status

Status:

- Cable installation: 18 cables remaining; to-be-done end of February or in April
- Motherboard design fixed; awaiting OK for fabrication
- Overall PMF status: OK; still some minor open issues
 - production of 32 PMFs by the end of March

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Mechanics Status



Figure: Roman Pot mechanical parts at machining company in Prague

Mechanics Status

Echoes from the machining company:

- All tolerances respected
- Vacuum protocol strictly applied
- Awaiting final visit end of February
 - Afterwards: Immediate shipment of parts
- Mounting and measuring in March

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 - Testbeam-results → see K.H. Hiller's talk

Upcoming tasks at DESY

Metrology tasks to be done at DESY (Hamburg):

- Ti-substrate: foreseen to be done mid of March
- Sensors(Fibres+substrate): foreseen to be done end of April/beginning of May
- PMTs: foreseen to be done before june (also: machining and glueing of shims)

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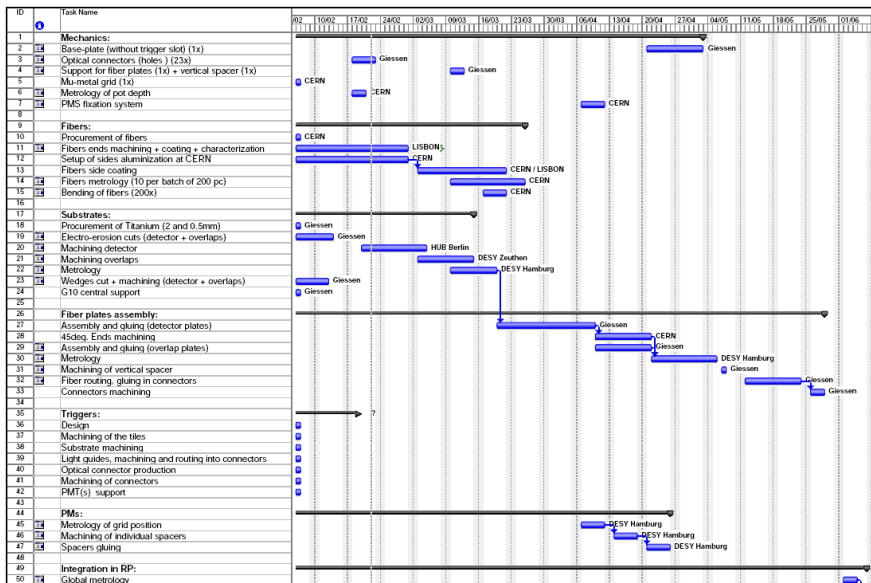
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Conclusion

- Progress in every field of the project
- DESY getting more and more involved: GOOD!



Thank You!

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CERN-Indico-pages:

<http://indico.cern.ch/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=28729>

<http://indico.cern.ch/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=26924>