

Minutes of the CALICE WP Managers' meeting

10 January 2007

Present: MGG (chair), DW, MW, DB, NW, with a written report from PD.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 11 November 2006 were agreed.

It was noted that all WP Managers now have an FRS account.

Staffing

Tao Wu will start at RHUL on 15 January.

George Mavromanolakis has now moved to FNAL and will play a major role in this year's test beam work there.

Financial issues

PD reported that the cost to WP3 of additional work to produce an extra implant layer for the MAPS chip is now expected to be about £15k since it is now clear that VAT will not have to be paid. It was noted that the OsC supported our planned use of Working Allowance for this additional cost.

An updated financial forecast was recently sent to RAL reflecting this reduced cost. The projected total is now close to the allocation for 2006/7. DB noted that about £10k of networking equipment for WP2 will now be delayed to 2007/8. MW noted that the optical switch in WP2, originally split across 2007/8 and 2008/9 (!), will be bought soon, i.e. in 2007/8.

MGG reported that he sent a further email to Tony Medland in December about the cost of RAL/EID effort and is still awaiting a reply. The meeting supported the approach that we should not pay more than the quote by RAL since this is the amount we have been given by PPARC. However we are dependent on the EID effort for the success of the MAPS project and must not jeopardize this. The position is currently complicated by the hearsay report that PPARC is talking with RAL about compensation over all projects for NI contribution increases.

Gantt charts

WP1: Progress with analysis of test beam data and preparations for large MC runs continues but the latter have not yet started.

WP2: Progress has continued well in all areas. Several milestones due about now will be missed by typically one month but none is critical.

WP3: PD reported we is still about three months behind the Gantt chart but keeping to the new schedule. The design must now be completed by Mar 12 (rather than Apr 17 as previously assumed) as the foundry has changed the process submission date. This will be tight but will mean we will be ~two months behind the Gantt chart, not three, assuming we make it.

WP4: Glue ageing studies continue. Since WP4 did not get a PDRA post it looks unlikely that the cooling work can continue. DB will report more fully on plans for assembly studies at the next meeting.

WP5: Progress continues but with the MAPS sensor variation studies falling behind schedule. DAQ local clustering has not yet started.

Risk register

A new high risk item was added to WP4: long term failure of glue. All.1 was retired since all five post are now filled. Minor adjustments were made to other items.

Next meetings

The next meeting was confirmed as 5 March at 9:30 by phone.

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11 January 2007