Minutes of the Joint MVD & Tracking Session on Sep-6th, 2017

Two presentations were given, one by Alessandra (Ale) Lai about the MVD system, the other by Peter about the STT system. Slides are uploaded to the meeting page (https://indico.gsi.de/event/6361/).

Ale gave a comprehensive overview about the MVD system and a status report. There are signs at the horizon that the current situation with a serious drop in person power for the chip design can be overcome and chip R&D can be picked up again by the group in Torino. The next, upcoming activity for the MVD is the execution of the beam test at COSY in Julich in about 2 weeks.

Peter summarized the current STT status. The production of the electronic readout components to set up pre-series test systems is ongoing and in time as planned. Shown were new results from the deuteron beam tests performed last november at COSY with the PASTTREC-ASIC/TRB3 readout connected to one of the two straw setups. After the beamtime cosmic ray measurements were performed. Finally, an overall spatial resolution (residuals) from 130 to 140 μ m was achieved for the different deuteron data sets and MIP cosmics which cover together a large signal dynamical range (dE/dx \sim 5-50 keV/cm). The obtained resolutions are significantly better than the design goal of 150 μ m for the STT.

A new method was presented to extract the event time (t0) from the STT TDC raw hits alone. The method uses both the leading and trailing edge signal times and works without any trackfit. For the deuteron datasets a t0 resolution of about 6 ns was reached and 10ns for cosmic rays. Further studies of the method are ongoing.