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The Good News

The alignment of the test optics is finished (cp. Figure 1 in Newsletter #3). The quality of the alignment is reported to be excellent.

PACS has a mascot now! It is a polar bear (they are cute, and PACS is (will be) very cold). The bear is still looking for a name, the naming competition is open. So if you have a nice idea please send an email to the editor!



Fig. 1: The new PACS mascot, a polar bear (*ursus marittimus*). Send your favourite name for the bear to sturm@mpe.mpg.de

The Bad News

Contrary to the prediction in Newsletter Nr. 3 we were not able to finish the integration. The CEA bolometer tests (with the LTU) and the SFT warm, which were planned for September 26 and 27, have to be postponed. This is caused by delays with the ESD protection for the CREs (GeGa detectors). We currently envisage October 6 (Friday) for the CEA checkout. This means the SFT warm would start on October 9.

The DECMEC FM delivery date is still uncertain (see Newsletter Nr. 3), i.e. the FM ILT schedule is not yet clear. But let me stress again that we have a very well established schedule (order and duration of tests) for FM ILT, “just” the starting date, and hence all dates in absolute terms, are not clear yet.

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