Conclusions

- The large-scale production of the precision drift tube chambers for the ATLAS muon spectrometer has started.
- The required wire positioning accuracy of $20\ \mu$m (rms) has been achieved and exceeded in serial production.
- 18% of the 400000 drift tubes and 11% of the 1200 MDT chambers for ATLAS have been assembled.
- Munich/Dubna ranges above average with 35% of the drift tubes and 17% of the BOS MDT chambers completed. Still increase of the production rate.
- The performance of drift tubes and chambers meets the requirements.
- Great care to avoid contamination of the drift tubes during assembly, test and operation as precaution against aging.
- Test of readout and data aquisition at high background rates (up to 100 Hz/cm^2) in progress.