



RHIC Run24 Preparations

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RHIC schedule

Key dates	Event
January 8, 2024	Booster on for NSRL
Week of February 20, 2024	Complete AGS Checkout
February 29, 2024	AGS setup Began
March 12, 2024	approximate cold snake ready
April 1, through April 5, 2024	RHIC dry run
April 15, 2024 through October 14, 2024	RHIC run (26 weeks)

RHIC startup schedule is here, by T. Shrey. RHIC run schedule is here, by C. Giorgio. RHIC run webpage is here, by K. Hock.



RHIC Preparations

 β^* =60 cm lattice Dynamic Aperture simulations look good:

- Analysis of DX aperture indicates a (-) crossing angle is still required.
- Squeezing 3 hours into store will provide a 21% increase in luminosity.
- 60 cm necessitates reaching 2.5×10¹¹ protons/bunch

Overview of AGS setups:

- 1. Standard setup with jump quads
- 2. Booster merge split+AGS bunch merge
- 3. Two LINAC pulses+AGS bunch merge
- 4. Skew quad commissioning (and possible combinations with setups 2+3) Meeting this week to discuss:
 - DA simulation results for β^* =85 cm, 60 cm, and 50 cm lattices
 - Aperture analysis of β^* =85 cm, 60 cm, and 50 cm lattices

AGS status

AGS setup status:

- Standard setup with unpolarized beams completed, 1.8×10¹¹ at AGS extraction,
- Setup of split+merge started March 5,
- Skew quad setup occurs concurrently.

Skew quad commissioning status:

- All magnets installed,
- 6 PS installed with 3 more available,
- Verification of skew quad installation being performed with beam,
- Simulations indicate 9 skew quads can be competitive with jump quad setup.

