

Progress in the Last Week

- Delivered collision rate improving: sPHENIX ZDCNS rate: 700→2000 Hz at the start of physics in store (x2.5 below Run2015, x5.0 below run goal)
- Somewhat stalled at this point, though improvement in bunch intensity with 56x56 and 74x74 runs.
- Luminosity is most critical to sPHENIX Polarization is secondary. Important that this is reflected in priorities.

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TPC Progress Report

TPC holds HV in region of optimal gain for cosmic data taking

TPC does not hold HV in region of optimal gain with collisions

 Hypothesis: Probably is in the GEM4 which is at highest Voltage
Test: Last Wednesday changed Resistor Chain configuration to lower GEM4 Voltage by 15% This is not a running option (IBF too high)

- Result: No significant improvement

Quad-GEM Gain Stage Operated @ low IBF

Mini-Review on Monday, May 20, 2024

- Plan to change R-Chain back on Maintenance Day (Wednesday, May 22, 2024)
- <u>Run with lower Voltage for now</u>
- Developing tests to increase gain



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sPHENIX needs to gain experience continuously running TPC.

sPHENIX ran a test of full SAMPA chip zero suppression yesterday with the diffuse laser running.

Plan to run for now at lower Voltage with lower gain (but no damage).

This has implications for the sPHENIX physics program.



Continue to push in parallel for better working point. Also, need to understand potential contributions of large background related to larger emittance. Will request steering out of collisions...

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Preparing to send z-vertex mean and sigma to C-AD for collision centering in automated way this next week.



Struggling a bit to see neutron spin polarization. Still debugging.



Magnet suffered from fast-discharge due to cryo interlock (caused by lost cryo communication that also aborted the beam in RHIC) ~10:42 am. It was ramped back up to the top field around 7:49 pm after a new store was established

It'll be good to know the cause of the "cryo communication" issue.

Major progress this past week

- Multi-Event Buffering working: running at 15 kHz with > 90% livetime
- MVTX now running with 10 microsecond strobe length
- INTT almost timed in to one beam crossing as required
- Significant improvement in OnlineMonitoring / Error Checking
- Shift Crews running data taking sessions
- Rare event photon trigger now online (full evaluation underway)
- Rare jet trigger being commissioned

Starting "Physics Running" for Jet & Photon Program this week



Trigger Control

Rare Event Triggers Running



Rate [Hz]

DOE Mile Race Earlier Today!

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Itaru #1 at 5:30, Stefan 5:50 The rest of us, shortly thereafter

Dave, Stefan (not in photo)