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RHIC Status

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Last Week at RHIC





RHIC status and Lumi Projections



Inflection for sPHENIX projections coincides with change in crossing angle.



RHIC Status

- Physics running with up to 2.3e11/bunc at physics and 55% polarization.
- AGS tunemeter back in service.
- Updated logic for RHIC RF permit for Landau cavities to pull the permit in case the high level trips has been implemented and tested.
- Saturating BPMs at IR8 DXs resulted in incorrect reporting of crossing angle. Resolved.
- Sector 11 lead flows caused a beam abort at 0300. Thermistor board replaced.
- Steam leak at LINAC resulted in only one APEX experiment being completed
- B9-1 trips the result of being at the intensity limit. Need to develop a slower ramp or remain at current intensity
- Smooth running through the weekend.
- STAR magnet tripped several times
- 1c-ps1 CPCBPS permit failing.
 - Node card replaced x2
- Severe weather and power dip 8/26. Recovered 8/27 @0500



RHIC Performance



Both STAR and sPHENIX are within the minimum and maximum projected window.

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RHIC Performance II



- STAR projections currently on trend with Run15, 23.3 pb⁻¹/week
- sPHENIX projections are currently at 6.9 pb^{-1} /week which is \sim 3.5 pb^{-1} /week within \pm 10 cm
- STAR $L_{max,initial} =$ 113.8 $\times 10^{30} \mathrm{cm}^2/\mathrm{s}$ from fill 34999, $L_{max,initial,run15} =$ 113.9 $\times 10^{30} \mathrm{cm}^2/\mathrm{s}$ '
- Calculations of stores at the time of the previous meeting found *L_{max}* to be within 10% of the best run15 stores, not 35% (when accounting for cross section differences and singles corrections).

RHIC Performance III



- APEX on Wednesday revealed significant performance differences when the rotators are on and off.
- Large background induced ZDCs are sPHENIX as a result of different orbits.
- This would likely need further investigation and an MD to resolve. More on this later.

RHIC Performance, current limitations

- 1. Currently at the intensity limit for B9-1, need slower ramp (MD time 1/2 shift to resolve)
- 2. Currently at loss limit for NM236
 - ▶ has been an issue all run although has recently become much more persistent.
 - MCR and specialists are working to resolve this.
 - Instructions for MCR per procedure is to reduce intensity.
- 3. Currently at maximum intensity of 2.7-2.8e11/bunch from the injectors with current setup
 - Due to aperture constraints and our current transverse emittances, reducing scraping in Booster does not lead to higher RHIC intensity.
 - Switching to a different user may provide improvements that translate to intensity and polarization.
 - ► So far there has been insufficient development time on these alternate users.
 - Recent development delayed due to AGS tunemeter issues.
- 4. RHIC performance at store reduced by the rotator ramp.
 - Could be worked into a longer MD, such as #1.



Polarization Performance



- · General down trend in polarization reported by CNI
- Haixin investigated and found the CNI has not been calibrated since the start of run (historically has been done once every two weeks). It will be recalibrated during Wednesday's maintenance.
- These calibrations are needed as the detectors degrade from radiation damage.

Polarization Performance II



cni values from: https://www.cnipol.bnl.gov/fills/?rp=24&fn=&ft=&be=100&mode=11&sb=Select

Au Startup Schedule, tentative

Day(s)	Objective
1	Maintenance followed by DX training + RF conditioning
2	RF conditioning overnight, injection setup during the day
3	ramp and store development, possibly more RF conditioning if we cannot hand
4	finish setup and hand store over for experimenter setup
5-8	ramp up and start setting up stochastic cooling 1 plane/store
7+	week of, look to setup 56 MHz
Start date	e tentatively 9/16.

