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## Operations in Run 4 IOTA/FAST Collaboration Meeting

Daniel R. MacLean Tuesday, 1330 12-March-2024

#### **Overview**

- 18 months, 22 days, ~1 hour
  - Planned runtime: ~6 months
- Very difficult Run
- Long stretches of downtime  $\rightarrow$  massive rush towards the end w/crews running 24/7
- Despite this, we managed to accomplish a great deal and deliver on ~*majority* of promised beam time
  - o IOTA150-CLARA 1<sup>st</sup> experimental crew to complete shifts this Run: late-May 2023
  - o IOTA150-NIO John took >35,000 scans throughout the Run
  - Installed & commissioned new stripline BPM + kicker system at C-Left in IOTA for IOTA150-NIOLD
  - Preliminary characterization of the LINAC for FAST-GREENS *Eric. Cropp, November 2022*
  - Trained 5 new Qualified Operators John, Brandon, Steve, Mike, Trey
  - $\circ$  ~ IOTA150-LADR crew demonstrated the ability to run IOTA in Low- $\alpha$  mode
  - o Construction of FAST-GREENS Stage-0 beamline underway, despite challenges / delays
  - NEB crew consistently able to accelerate 32 MeV beam using both Capture Cavities and transport it to X121 / LEA
- Post-Run, priority has shifted completely to construction & commissioning of IOTA Proton Injector (IPI)

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#### **Experimental Program**

- **IOTA150-NIOLD** [I-401] IOTA Experiment Nonlinear Optics: Landau Damping (N. Eddy & Co.)
  - $\circ \qquad \text{26-SEPTEMBER-2023} \rightarrow \text{19-OCTOBER-2023}$
- FAST-GREENS (preliminary) [I-402] Gamma Ray High Efficiency Enhanced Source (P. Musumeci, E. Cropp, & Co.)
  - o 8-NOVEMBER-2022 → 5-APRIL-2023 (studies to characterize FAST LINAC ahead of experiment-proper)
- IOTA150-CLARA [I-403] Coherence Length of Undulator Radiation (S. Nagaitsev, A. Romanov, A. Shemyakin, G. Stancari)
  - $\circ \qquad \text{28-MARCH-2023} \rightarrow \text{24-MAY-2023}$
- NEB [I-404] Noise in Intense Electron Bunches (S. Nagaitsev, J. Ruan, & Co.)
  - $\circ \qquad \text{25-JANUARY-2023} \rightarrow \text{29-SEPTEMBER-2023}$
- IOTA150-NIO [I-405] Nonlinear Integrable Optics (A. Valishev, A. Romanov, J. Wieland)
  - $\circ \qquad 14\text{-}\mathsf{APRIL}\text{-}2023 \rightarrow 23\text{-}\mathsf{OCTOBER}\text{-}2023$
- IOTA150-SETI [I-406] Single-Electron Tracking in IOTA (A. Romanov)
  - $\circ$  8-JUNE-2023  $\rightarrow$  6-OCTOBER-2023
- **IOTA150-LADR** [I-407] Low- $\alpha$  Demonstration Research (J. Jarvis, M. Wallbank)
  - $\circ \qquad \text{27-SEPTEMBER-2023} \rightarrow \text{22-OCTOBER-2023}$



Run 4.

• 1-April-2022 to 23-October-2023



#### Run 4.

- 1. Initial Nitrogen shortage
- 2. 150 MeV beam into orbit
- 3. ICW pipe break
- 4. Photocathode conditioning
- 5. Cryo thermal bumps
- 6. RF Gun oil processing
- 7. Outage recovery
- 8. Sitewide security stand-down\*

Will discuss Downtime in more detail on a forthcoming slide

\*concurrent w/Thermal bump in July '23





## Things that worked well...

- FAST-Ops Personnel
  - o Communication was generally strong throughout Run between EPs / FAST operators & crews for experiments
  - Willingness to push: >>40 hrs/week, weekends, off-hours, remote support
  - o Implemented new shift/access scheduling system, attempted to improve inter-departmental communication
- Consistent support / effective cooperation between FAST Facility Ops. & Accelerator Research Dept.
  - o IOTA150-LADR crew willing to take primarily off-hours shifts in 11<sup>th</sup> hour of Run following provisional approval from ISC
  - Effective timesharing
  - Machine studies were rarely an issue to fit into the schedule (e.g. PMT calibrations, 1e<sup>-</sup> lifetime measurements, LINAC characterization)
  - Communications Upper Management to the Dept. at AD-ARD meetings (via Jonathan, Giulio, Dan)
- EE Support (now: PESD)
  - o Nick Gurley, Eric Claypool & Co. for 5 MW systems extremely effective, clear communication, consistent availability
  - Pete Dimovski & Co. for IOTA kickers, bulk supplies *willing to assist on issues not even under their jurisdiction*
- Commitment to Safety: no major injuries or incidents involving harm to personnel



#### ... and things that didn't.

- Cryogenics
- Fallout from new safety policies, security shutdowns, administrative controls typically in the form of delays / downtime
- HLRF primarily both 5 megawatt systems (RF Gun, Cryomodule)
  - o Besides Cryo, 2<sup>nd</sup> largest fraction of downtime
  - RF Gun pulse transformer oil filtration campaigns
  - CC's had occasional issues however not to the same extent ESECON & SSA issues w/CC1, nightmare conditioning CC2 early in Run
- "Orphaned" systems without support/documentation eCool 2A supplies, ESECON, RF Gun H2O loop, ZUP supplies...
- External support from...
  - Procurement punishingly long lead-times across the board, most relevantly w.r.t. contractors, IPI preparation in parallel w/Run
  - Contractor coordination IOTA kicker & IPI cable pulls massively delayed; multiple failed attempts to get electricians onsite
  - Controls w.r.t. pushing updates / taking frontends offline without forewarning; improvement towards end-of-run however
  - In general: feeling is that we are far out on the border of AD, sometimes not prioritized or considered in impactful decisions
- Enclosure access
  - Cryo access incident keys issued, pulled w/o communication w/FCR: crashed all RF systems & IOTA bend dipoles, brief Safety shutdown
  - UCLA student access incident *led to ~3 full days of downtime, restrictions on enclosure key distribution*



#### **Downtime**

- Majority of downtime was on Cryo.
- RF made up most of the rest...
  - Specifically, HLRF EE Support effective in minimizing this
  - RF Gun dielectric oil, Cryomodule C.S. phase controller
  - CC1 LLRF issues in late-July '23 + Sept. '23
- Power supplies:
  - 2 Amp eCool chassis
  - o IOTA injection line (D600/604, Lambertson, IBEND)
  - o 300 MeV Bulks can be touchy fictitious trips hide real trips
- "Misc." primarily composed of safety/security stand-downs
- Instrumentation: BPM hang-ups, Cameras, TPM actuators
- Water  $\rightarrow$  primarily M4R leak, December '22
- Graphic courtesy of Jamie Santucci





#### Inconsistencies, Workarounds, and "Magic Wands"

- Most common issues faced daily by FAST-Ops, experiment crews
- System-to-system variation
- Examples:
  - Digital Statuses of some devices very clear w/explicit trip indications, some completely opaque w/raw bits as the only output
  - Alarm handling / reporting causes frequent interface & confusion w/MCR-Ops
  - BiRa / MCOR supplies work completely fine for IOTA quads, nightmare to deal with for IOTA octupoles
  - o CC2 & Cryomodule Cavity #5 tuner motor temp monitors dead; no feedback during motor moves
  - MPS randomly enabling Moveable Devices, holds-off reset
  - CC klystron solenoid power supplies random trips (in principle, fixed for CC2...)
  - Unintuitive behavior, "Magic Wands" e.g. CC modulators require "RESET" then "OFF" then "ON" to clear trips...
- Oftentimes issues of this class are not severe enough to warrant immediate attention
  - To a degree, this is understandable "If we are running, then we are running"
  - $\circ$  ~ Issues often then go unaddressed; beam not inhibited  $\rightarrow$  keep going
  - o In some cases however, unaddressed issues deteriorate further to the point of inhibiting beam operations (e.g. CC klystron solenoid faults)
  - And yet, oftentimes there is truly not much we can do (e.g. orphaned system, not our system & experts unavailable)



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#### Digital Status for N:D600

#### **Digital Status for N:IBEND**



#### Communication

- Broader than any hardware or machine issue, arguably the most important aspect of Operations
- Successes & failures throughout the Run: room for improvement
- Failures occur primarily on the border between FAST-Ops., Support Departments, & MCR
  - $\circ$   $\quad$  Coordinating work inside of the enclosure / scheduling accesses
  - Lapses in understanding about which systems are maintained by which group *e.g. EE Support w/D600/D604/ILAM supplies*
  - Communications w/MCR regarding enclosure access e.g. keys issued in April '23 w/o MachineCo. Authorization
  - o Back & forth between Cryo Dept. & FAST-Ops w.r.t. system failures & shifting Run end-date
- Early-on: frequent "empty shifts" with machine running but no experiment crew available to take beam
  - o In context of the 24/7 marathon at the end of the Run, somewhat painful to consider retrospectively: wasted time
  - o Could be improved by having rigid shift schedule setup from the start, fixed roster of experiments earlier in Run
- Towards end-of-Run, lack of unified direction on Run end-date / conditions
  - Conflicting understandings within Dept. & between experiment crews
  - o Confusion between FAST-Ops & Support Departments w.r.t. continuously shifting Run end date waiting to begin maintenance

#### Planned Improvements Ahead of First IPI Run, Next e<sup>-</sup> Run

- Maintenance of & upgrades to Cryogenics system
- Realignment of IOTA quadrupoles
- Expanded LCW capacity
  - Increased reliability, accommodation of new IPI + FAST-GREENS beamlines
  - Work carried out by AD Water Group
- Overhaul of CC1 & CC2 HLRF systems (modulators, capacitor banks, charging supplies)
  - o Carried out primarily by RF Group engineer Rene Padilla, significant progress already made
- Installation of Class-4 laser lab in ESB + transport system into enclosure (to ~D600 region)
  - Primarily for upcoming FAST-GREENS experiment
- HVAC installation in ESB for improved temperature control (IOTA magnet supplies)
- Numerous minor fixes to accelerator systems
  - o Shutdown Fixlist has been generated; currently maintained by FAST Ops. Personnel

#### Summary

- The expertise & dedication of FAST Facility Ops. personnel consistently outweighed the challenges faced
- That said, there are many lessons to be learned & improvements to be made
- Shutdown 2023 provides an excellent opportunity to accomplish critical tasks, carryout well-needed upgrades & maintenance, and to prepare for forthcoming Runs
  - Preventative Maintenance on critical systems (as described previously)
  - Update / generate new documentation, procedures
  - o Improve critical ACNET device descriptions / statuses
  - Work w/Support Departments ahead of next Run to improve communication: convey how important their assistance is to our success
  - o Continue training new Qualified operators ahead of future Runs, for both p<sup>+</sup> & e<sup>-</sup> running modes
- The challenges presented by Run 4 should not be viewed purely negatively: they have perfectly exposed areas of our Facility/Operations that require attention, and should be understood as a tool more than anything else as we move forward



# Thanks. Questions?



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