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Injector complex

Facility	Destination	'21/'22/'23	2023	Achieved 2024		Period
		Overall [%]	Per destination [%]	Overall [%]	Per destination [%]	
LINAC4	PSB	97.3 / 96.8 / 98	98	97.1	97.1	15.02.2024 - 20.09.2024
PSB	PS	94.5 / 94.8 / 96.1	96.4	95.7	96.1	21.02.2024 - 20.09.2024
	ISOLDE		96.6		97.2	28.03.2024 - 20.09.2024
PS	SPS	88.1 / 89.6 / 92	92.8	93.0	93.7	01.03.2024 - 20.09.2024
	East Area		93.5		94.6	22.03.2024 - 20.09.2024
	nTOF		92.8		94.6	25.03.2024 - 20.09.2024
	AD		92.6*		94.3	14.03.2024 - 20.09.2024
	LHC		94.3		93.9	08.04.2024 - 20.09.2024
SPS	North Area	73.4 / 74.1 / 86	86.6	84.1	85.3	25.03.2024 - 20.09.2024
	AWAKE		98.4		96.4	15.04.2024 - 20.09.2024
	HiRadMat		99.1		98.7	29.04.2024 - 20.09.2024



LHC availability

- Availability is key for performance!
- 2022 & 2023 dominated by long faults
 - O 2022: RF burst disks
 - 2023: vacuum modules & triplet L8
- 2024: majority of faults < 4h, no long faults.
 - \circ stable beams fraction \geq 60% for almost all weeks since mid-July.







Injection beams

- Bunch intensity limited to ~1.6x10¹¹ ppb.
- Batch Compression, Merging, Splitting ("BCMS") beam production scheme used since June
 - \bigcirc use 8 instead of 6 bunches from PSB \rightarrow PS
- ~10% improvement in beam brightness
 → gains ~1-2h of time levelled at peak lumi (ATLAS/CMS)



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Luminosity levelling

- ATLAS/CMS are levelled for 7-8 hours at current beam intensity and brightness.
- Fills are dumped... well above LHC design luminosity

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LHC 2024

- Best LHC production year, almost twice 2018 production (CMS/ATLAS).
- The excellent availability also boosted LHCb and ALICE.
 - Machine provides the time integral,
 - ALICE/LHCb define the levelled luminosity.

Integrated Luminosity [1/fb]







LHC Run 3

- Almost reached 200 fb⁻¹ in CMS and ATLAS.
- Excellent performance for LHCb which operated at a levelled luminosity of 2x10³³ cm⁻¹s⁻¹ in the last few weeks.





Upcoming ion run

- 17 days of Pb-Pb heavy ion run
 - 6.8 Z TeV per beam same configuration for run 3
 - \odot luminosity target ~1.5 nb⁻¹ in 2024.
 - LHCb: full heavy-ions program
- Mitigations are in place for 2023 issues ("10 Hz" losses, dumps on beam losses, QPS radiation to electronics failures).





Outlook 2025 / 2026

- Run3 was recently extended until July 2026.
- Preliminary schedules for 2025 and 2026 are under discussion.
 - Additional > 150 fb⁻¹ can be anticipated for ATLAS/CMS.
 - Most likely two additional 2-3 weeks long ion runs. The targets for ion integrated luminosity of Run 3 are achievable.
- LHC machine configuration will have to be changed to cope with the high radiation load to the inner triplet magnets.
 - Discussions have started, a decision is expected before the start of the year-end technical stop.

