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## Can we stop the Degradation of the Operational Performance of our Accelerators?

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The overall performance of the accelerators in 2004 will be presented, in terms of beam intensity and availability. This performance will be compared with the original expectations and the performance from previous years. This comparison will reveal a degradation in accelerator performance, possible causes for which will be identified. These will include ageing equipment, reduced maintenance, and a general lack of support for existing accelerators... Finally, in order to provoke a lively discussion, the possible evolution of the performance, if we cannot reverse this trend, will be shown.

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