APS-U COMMISSIONNING



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APS-U utilizes hybrid 7-bend achromat lattice

- New storage ring has natural emittance of 42 pm and increases photon brightness by a factor of 500 compared to old APS
- Injection is in horizontal plane, single-bunch, on-axis swap-out
 - The same kickers are used to place injected bunch on axis and to extract stored bunch
 - Injectors were not upgraded
- Superconducting passive bunch-lengthening cavity is used to improve lifetime
- APS dark time started April 24, 2023
- Commissioning of new ring started April 10, 2024







BTS commissioning turned out much harder than expected

- Single pulsed septum magnet and 3 fast kickers place injected beam on axis
 - All within one straight section
- Horizontal gap between septum magnet and kicker blade is 2.8 mm
 - Horizontal beam size in Booster is 0.6 mm rms
 - Emittance exchange is used to flip the beam to fit in 2.8-mm horizontal gap
- Threading program could not bring beam through the gap; various optimizations also failed



BPM sum signal along BTS



Emittance exchange



Investigation revealed 5 old quads connected with opposite polarity

- Response to booster septum resembled reversed polarity of A:Q quadrupoles
- Reduction of a single A:Q3 quad by 20% improved BTS transmission significantly
 - Beam size calculations with reversed A:Q quads confirm the loss location and improvement due to A:Q3 change







Beam moments——input: btsMoments.ele lattice: bts.lte

Fixing quad polarity fixed all BTS problems

- Old APS was designed to operate on positrons
- BTS lattice reuses 5 old APS quadrupoles designed for positrons
- When these quadrupoles were connected to new power supplies, they were connected the "positron way"
- After reversing quad polarity, trajectory correction program brought beam past septum/kickers in a few iterations

Measured beam image before and after emittance exchange







BPM sum signal in BTS

Trajectory in BTS

Data Acquisition System (DAQ)

- Commissioning relied heavily on BPM turn-by-turn data provided by DAQ system
- DAQ provides synchronized data from many sources and a way to save the data in SDDS format





Well-aligned machine resulted in quick first turn

- After adjusting injection conditions, the beam went all the way to sector 28 (out of 40)
 - Starting conditions: RF off, sextupoles off

 Adjustment of correctors in storage ring brought the beam all the way to the end of turn one!!!

- Further corrector adjustment resulted in 100% transmission through first turn
- No automated correction was used it was quicker to vary a few knobs



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Final alignment is better then requirements

- Magnets on modules (girders) were aligned in the lab, then entire modules transported to the tunnel
- Modules were aligned once, second pass was skipped due to lack of time
 - A few worst offenders were realigned

	Requirements	As installed
Element to element	30 µm rms	15 μm rms
Module to module	+-100 μm	X: 50 μm rms Y: 35 μm rms

Radial misalignment of modules



From: Ideal Locations. To: Radially Offset Installed Postions



Struggle getting multiple turns despite quick first turn

- First-turn threading corrected trajectory well but could not result in second turn (simulations predict 5-10 turns)
 - Automated way of getting many turns failed
- The beam is clearly lost around septum
- Large orbit bumps around septum (> 2 mm) allowed to get ~5 turns
- Measured tunes based on differential trajectories: horizontal was good, vertical was high by 1 unit – corrected
- Tweak fest ensued, resulted in 15 turns







Wild optimization found condition with"almost" stored beam

- Turned on RF, scanned and set rf phase resulted in 80 turns
- Turned on sextupoles
- Bayesian optimization of everything resulted in 40 μA with lifetime of 4 sec
 - BTS exit trajectory and quads
 - Position and angle closed orbit bump at SR septum
 - SR Tunes
 - The optimization still wanted large orbit at septum
- Tunes are 1 unit off, and lifetime is too short and could not be increased



Beam energy measurement using trajectory works well





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Stepped back and let automated commissioning work its magic

- Conditioned magnets to design values, set sextupoles to zero and started from scratch
 - Large orbit bump found previously was preserved as target for orbit correction
 - Discarded all other previous changes
- Used automated commissioning tools to ramp sextupoles
 - Trajectory correction
 - Quasi-closed orbit correction
 - Trajectory-based tune measurement (by-sector NAFF worked well)
- At 90% of sextupole strength got stored beam (50 μA, 20% efficiency, 10 min lifetime)
 - Took short time, but relied on previously found large orbit bump in septum location
- Further optimization resulted in 70% injection efficiency





Multi-bunch swap-out

- Through various optimizations achieved consistent 70% injection efficiency
- Pre-requisites for swap-out: operating decoherence and fan-out kickers, validated swap-out permissive software
- Swap-out program detects the weakest bunch and replaces it with the new bunch at defined time interval
- Swap-out has been running ever since

APS-U has 3 types of kickers:

Injection kickers	Fired at injection H plane 3 mrad; 11 ns pulse	Place injected bunch on axis, extract stored bunch to dump
Decoherence kicker	Fired 250 turns prior to injection V plane 0.2 mrad; 11 ns pulse	Blows up beam size of extracted bunch
Fan-out kicker	Fired at fast beam abort V plane 0.1 mrad; 5 µs pulse	Spreads out stored bunches over beam dump surface



M. Borland and J. Calvey run swap-out





Septum #1 failed on May 2

- A 1-mm thin copper bus is the main current conductor of the pulsed septum magnet
- It is firmly supported along the entire length of the 1.5-m long magnet with the exception of a small 16 mm gap
- After ~1M pulses, the copper bus ruptured at the location of that gap
- A spare septum magnet was modified to eliminate the gap and installed; beam was back on May 12

Rupture location, 16 mm gap





Rupture

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Operation resumed May 12 – 10 mA multi-bunch

- Prerequisite for muti-bunch 10 mA operation: positioning of 5 collimators serving as the whole beam dumps
 - Collimators placed at design position, then adjusted
- One benefit of multi-bunch operation start of overnight vacuum conditioning so that physicists can switch from 24- to 16-hour days
- The commissioning team was pretty tired at this moment



Swap-out running at 10 mA



BPM sum signal over 1 turn showing beam loss during beam dump: distributed beam loss without collimator (black) and localized beam loss with collimator inserted (red). Turn 98 after beam dump command is shown



Vacuum conditioning is going well

- Vacuum conditioning is required to improve vacuum before opening beamline shutters to reduce bremsstrahlung radiation
- Vacuum conditioning was planned to be performed at nights by operators
- Main challenge to train operators to run the new ring
 - Need to provide simple enough software and simple enough instructions
 - Need to train operators on that software
 - This step was missing from commissioning plan
- Delayed vacuum conditioning start by 5 days because of that





Beam current ramping

- APS-U objective beam current target is 200 mA, to be achieved one year after commissioning
- Beam current is increased mainly during vacuum conditioning shifts at night
- Day-time studies are typically performed with lower beam current
- Between May 12 and June 2, beam current was increasing at an average rate of about 2.5 mA per day





Residual BPM offsets are much better than requirements

- Based on simulations, BPM offset errors are one of main sources of commissioning complications
- 10 out of 14 BPMs per sector were surveyed prior or during installation
- All BPMs were electrically characterized in the tunnel
- Mechanical and electrical offset errors were included in the initial database
- Residual offset errors are measured beam-based

	Electrical	Mechanical	Total	BBA
X (μm rms):	190	150	240	150
Υ (μm rms):	190	150	240	170
Requirements (µm rms):			500	





Bunch lengthening cavity

- Bunch lengthening cavity (BLS) was briefly tested with 50 mA beam
- BLS was tuned to generate 0.5 MV
- Small lifetime improvement was observed
 - Lifetime is presently dominated by gas scattering



Time starting Tue May 28 09:21:11 2024



BLS Cryomodule installed and cooled down



Vacuum leak opened in septum #2 on June 2

- A leak opened in the downstream flange of the septum magnet vacuum chamber
- There were indications that magnet pulsing leads to mechanical motion that puts stress on vacuum weld
- Attempts to mechanically stabilize components around the septum and fix the leak in place failed
- Septum #1 was fixed by that time and installed back June 14





Reason for large orbit bump around septum was found

- Explanation of large orbit bump around septum was found while installing septum #1 back
- Survey showed that the stored beam tube was deformed such that its inner surface was touching the design beam orbit at 0.8 m upstream of the septum exit (instead of being 3 mm away from the orbit)
 - Something wrong with wedges used to deform the tube
- Could not be fixed in place
 - Septum was pivoted 1.5 mrad around its exit to provide more clearance 0.8 m upstream
- The beam was back June 15

Horizontal cross-section of the septum magnet





Commissioning timeline





The team is very proud of successful commissioning



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Beamline commissioning phase started June 19

- Most of the SR commissioning tasks are completed
- Remaining tasks will be worked on in parallel with beamline commissioning
- Beamline commissioning will take about 2 months as beamlines will be brought online one by one
- With exception of septum problems, the commissioning went really well

