

Common proposal from H1 and ZEUS (26/09/2002)

1. We consider it is essential that the HERA machine group works on polarisation commissioning and on high-current running tests (to demonstrate design specific luminosity with large bunch currents) until the end of November 2002.
2. Then we propose to have a stable data-taking period for December 2002 and January 2003, in which the beams are brought into collision and serve data for all four experiments. Following the outcome of the polarisation commissioning, a polarised positron beam is highly desired for this data-taking.
3. The shutdown should start no later than 1st of February 2003.