Status of hermes

Basic maintenance work has been performed during the shutdown:

- Lumi Detector crystals: to account for radiation damage
- Λ-wheels: cooling and electronics changed for Recoil running
- DVC: support system renewed
- LPOL
- Survey for FC and BC
- Target: new cell, cryo pumps, ABS, BRP and TGA complete maintenance.

Data Taking

- Since yesterday on shift: Spectrometer + DAQ are fully operative
- Shifts will stop on 20th and start on 29th of December

Shutdown 2005

- Preferred starting time Middle of July - Middle of August for $\sim$ 6 weeks

(earlier shutdown will cut our physics program)

- Final schedule expected not later than beginning of June

Polarization

Low beam polarization compromises our actual physics program and will cut HALF of the physics program of the recoil detector data taking!

A *Polarization Task Force* is strongly required