

LHC Reschedule: Collisions in October 2009

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Following the Chamonix workshop, the CERN management has announced that first beams are scheduled by the end of September 2009 and first collisions by October 2009. To make full use of the machine and to make up for the delay since last September the LHC will run through the winter with only a short short technical stop over Xmass and then through the autumn of 2010. It is then hoped that the Collaborations will be able to gather and analyse enough data so that the first physics results from the LHC are announced in 2010. It is also envisaged to have heavy ion collisions by the end of 2010. This should correspond to about 200 pb⁻¹ at an energy of10 TeV. Remember that the design luminosity is 14TeV which hopefully will be reached some day.