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This check sheet is not for beginners. Knowledge of basic machine and computer operation is assumed. Check off each item as you do it. If you are doing a retune, optionally skip steps that start with "\*".  
 In most cases you should not bother to tune lenses on a retune -- just tune steerers and analyzers. Make a note if you don't follow this list for any reason. Don't check steps that you skip.

Use the readings from a previous tune of the same radionuclide. In the following, "set" means set to previous value, but leave alone if this is a retune.

Use the following values of slits for tuning:

NAME	TYPE / DIR	Be.	C	Al	Ca	Cl	I	
Pre Accel	Aperture	in	in	in	in	in	in	
Inj image	Aperture	in	in	in	in	in	in	
Inj image	Slit L/R	2.38	13.0	2.38	2.38	2.38	2.38	mm
	Slit U/D	2.38	13.0	2.38	2.38	2.38	2.38	mm
LEBL	Aperture	out	out	out	out	out	out	
Analyzer obj	Slit L/R	100	100	100	200	100	100	mil
	Slit U/D	100	500	500	200	500	200	mil
Anal image	Fixed slits	in	in	in	in	in	in	
Anal HVEC img	Slit L/R	200	500	200	200	200	100	mil
	Slit U/D	200	500	200	200	500	100	mil
Switching mag	Aperture-man	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	in
Detector (man)	Aperture-man	1	1	1	1	1	1	in
Detector	Aperture	in	in	in	in	in	in	

Use the following values of slits for running:

NAME	DIRECTION	Be	C	Al	Ca	Cl	I	
Pre Accel	Aperture	out	out	out	out	out	out	
Inj image	Aperture	out	out	out	out	out	out	
Inj image	Slit L/R	2.38	13.0	2.38	2.38	2.38	2.38	mm
	Slit U/D	2.38	13.0	2.38	2.38	2.38	2.38	mm
LEBL	Aperture	out	out	out	out	out	out	
Analyzer obj	Slit L/R	500	500	500	200	500	200	mil
	Slit U/D	500	500	500	200	500	200	mil
Anal image	Fixed slits	out	out	out	out	out	out	
Anal HVEC img	Slit L/R	200	500	200	100	200	100	mil
	Slit U/D	200	500	500	200	500	200	mil
Switching mag	Aperture-man	1	1	1	1X1/4	1	1X1/4	in
Detector (man)	Aperture-man	1	1	1	1	1	1	in
Detector	Aperture	out	out	out	in	out	in	

Apertures available at SM:

1/4" round  
1 " round  
1" wide X 1/4" high

Apertures available at detector:

1/2" round  
1/2" wide X 1/4" high  
1/2" wide X 1" high  
1 " round

Offset cup positions:

Be 9: BR cup #1 - 1.950"  
C 12: BR cup #1 - 0.425"  
C 13: BR cup #2 - 0.875"  
Al 27: BL cup - 0.000"  
Cl 35: BR cup #2 - 2.750"  
Cl 37: BL cup - 0.425"  
Ca 40: BR cup #2 - 2.800"  
I 127: BR cup #2 - 3.100"

For high intensity beams (9Be, 12C, 35Cl, 129I) make sure the chopper is on before you remove the injector cup. For 27Al, the beams are low enough that you can leave the chopper off. The instructions do not always bother to say which cups and viewers need to be in or out -- this should be obvious.

When instructions say to tune two steerers together or two lenses together, proceed as follows:

- o Tune the first control to maximize beam
- o Record (or remember) the value of the beam current
- o Mis-tune the second control (decrease first) until beam drops by 10-50%
- o Tune the first one again, record if higher
- o If beam max is higher, mis-tune the second control more in same direction
- o If beam max is lower, mis-tune the second control in the other direction
- o If beam max is the same, mis-tune the second control by a larger amount
- o Repeat above until you find the highest beam maximum. You don't know if it is the maximum unless you have seen it go down on either side. Set to maximum value.
- o Note that if things are tuned properly, the LE steerers should be close to zero, HE X steerers are at zero, and HE Y steerers have a large dogleg.

When the instructions say to find the Full Width at Half Maximum (FWHM) in the beam intensity for a parameter, proceed as follows: First note the beam current or radionuclide counting rate (15 sec rate cpm). Then lower the parameter until it drops by a factor of two. The beam will probably be very unsteady, so just be sure it oscillates roughly at the 50% value. A quick way to find this point is to lower by half of the previous FWHM. Record this value of the parameter (low end of range). Then raise it until it again drops a factor of two, and record the high end of the range. The parameter should then be set to the average value.

When instructions say to execute an urs command, do the following:

- o At the urs prompt type:  
URS> execute #  
where # is the mode to execute:  
1 switches inj magnet to isotope 1  
2 switches inj magnet to isotope 2



\* Read in the old parameter file (example: URS> read par gm:gm1040)  
\* URS> create RL (where RL are the new run letters)  
\* Write the run letters at the top of these instructions  
\* URS> write par (this writes a new default file)  
\* URS> BC  
\* Turn off injector magnet trim power supply  
\* Find average of lightest and heaviest isotope injector magnet fields  
\* Adjust injector magnet to approximately this average field  
\* Turn injector magnet trim power supply back on  
\* URS> F (Watch field stabilize -- should not take over 5 minutes)  
\* URS> change wheel 1  
\* check that PF1-1 is on sample 101 and that RLETT and SNAME are correct  
\* URS> bc  
\* Adjust sample order (F11) as needed for tuning

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Tune to injector image

- o Remove attenuator
  - o Insert injector cup
  - o Tune injector object X steerer (may be near or at zero)
  - o Tune injector object Y steerer
  - o Tune two source einzel lenses together (tune only first one on a retune)
  - o Tune extraction voltage
  - o Repeat above 4 steps until you get no improvement
  - o Switch metering to remote
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Tune to LE cup

- o Tune injector image X steerer
  - o Tune injector image Y steerer
  - o Tune injector image einzel lens
  - o Tune LEBL einzel lens
  - o Repeat above 4 steps until you get no improvement
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Set up for S on R

- \* Terminal voltage should have previously been set to S on R value
  - o Insert DET cup-NEVER REMOVE UNTIL RUNNING ~~AMS~~
  - o Turn chopper on
  - \* Set chopper for -150 na
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Tune to HE cup from control room

- \* Set LE X2 and Y2 steerers to zero
  - \* Tune LE X1 steerer
  - \* Tune LE Y1 steerer
  - \* Tune LEBL einzel lens
  - \* Repeat above 3 steps until you get no improvement
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Tune to IMAGE cup (S on R)

- o Find beam in image cup (scan terminal voltage)

- o Set terminal regulation to SLIT control
- o Tune HE quad A
- o Tune HE quad B
- o Tune X1 HE steerer
- o Tune Y1 HE steerer
- o Repeat the above 4 steps if you got an increase
- o Record HE ES quadrupole values (S on R): A=\_\_\_\_\_ kV B=\_\_\_\_\_ kV
- o Tune LE X1 steerer
- o Tune LE Y1 steerer
- o Tune LE einzel lens
- o Repeat the above 3 steps if you got an increase

- o Set image cup to be read by computer
- o Set chopper to computer control
- o Record INJ to IMAGE cup transmission (img/inj/q)
- URS> execute 10 trans = \_\_\_\_\_ %

Typical Transmission values:

Be: 17% C: 27% Al: Ca: Cl: I:

- o If trans is low, change foils and/or adjust stripper gas
- o Retune above if you changed the stripper gas or foil

- o Set terminal regulation to GVM
- o Measure terminal voltage FWHM:
- in image cup: Vt = LO:\_\_\_\_\_ HI:\_\_\_\_\_ Width:\_\_\_\_\_ AVE:\_\_\_\_\_ MV
- o Set terminal regulation back to slit control

Tune to SM viewer

- \* Set EXB to previous S on R tuning values
- \* Tune (increase) transmission quad to focus on viewer (don't bother on a retune unless you get steering)

- o Adjust HE steerers and EXB to eliminate quad steering as follows:
- QUAD B and EXB / Y steerers -----

- o First try EXB
  - o Increase trans quad B and note if beam moves up/down \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Put trans quad back to focus position
  - o Adjust EXB magnet coarse dial up/down corresponding to above
  - o Repeat above 3 steps until no movement

EXB setting		Quad B focus: Dial _____ V _____ %	
dial	current	When quad B increased beam goes:	
		Up	Down
_____	_____ A	---	---
_____	_____ A	---	---
_____	_____ A	---	---
_____	_____ A	---	---
_____	_____ A	---	---

- o If the EXB doesn't solve problem, next try HE steerers
  - o Increase trans quad B and note if beam moves up/down \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Put trans quad back to focus position
  - o Do the following if beam moves
    - o Move up/down (corresponding to above) HE Y2 to reduce beam by 50%
    - o Insert image cup by holding down button for following step

- o Peak beam with with HE Y1
- o Repeat above until no beam movement with trans quad B

Steerer settings		When quad B increased beam goes:	
Y1	Y2	Up	Down
_____ %	___ 0 ___ %	_____	_____
_____ %	_____ %	_____	_____
_____ %	_____ %	_____	_____
_____ %	_____ %	_____	_____
_____ %	_____ %	_____	_____

----- QUAD A, Term voltage and X steerers -----

- o Increase trans quad A and note if beam moves right/left in table
- o Put trans quad back to focus position
- o Do the following if beam moves
  - o Note beam current in table below
  - o Move HE X1 steerer right/left (corresponding to above) 5 units
  - o Insert image cup by holding down button for following step
  - o Peak beam with terminal voltage
  - o Repeat above until no beam movement with trans quad A
  - o Make sure there is not a significant loss in beam current

Beam in image cup	X1 steerer	TRANS Quad A focus: Terminal Voltage	Dial _____ V _____ ⑥ When quad A increased beam goes:		
			Right	Left	Centered
_____ nA	_____ %	_____ MV	_____	_____	_____
_____ nA	_____ %	_____ MV	_____	_____	_____
_____ nA	_____ %	_____ MV	_____	_____	_____
_____ nA	_____ %	_____ MV	_____	_____	_____
_____ nA	_____ %	_____ MV	_____	_____	_____
_____ nA	_____ %	_____ MV	_____	_____	_____
_____ nA	_____ %	_____ MV	_____	_____	_____
_____ nA	_____ %	_____ MV	_____	_____	_____
_____ nA	_____ %	_____ MV	_____	_____	_____

- o If Vt doesn't solve problem, then try
  - o Move right/left (corresponding to above) HE X2 to reduce beam by 50%
  - o Insert image cup by holding down button for following step
  - o Peak beam with HE X1
  - o Repeat above until no beam movement with trans quad A

Steerer settings		Quad A focus: Dial _____ V _____ ⑥ When quad A increased beam goes:	
X1	X2	Right	Left
_____ %	___ 0 ___ %	_____	_____
_____ %	_____ %	_____	_____
_____ %	_____ %	_____	_____
_____ %	_____ %	_____	_____
_____ %	_____ %	_____	_____

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Tune to SM cup

- o Remove SM viewer
- o Record EXB voltage settings: dial: \_\_\_\_\_ Voltage: \_\_\_\_\_ -
- o Tune SM
- o Tune transmission quad A (will need to decrease)
- o Tune transmission quad B (will need to decrease)
- o Tune EXB voltage
- o Repeat above 4 steps until you get no improvement
- o Record EXB voltage settings: dial: \_\_\_\_\_ Voltage: \_\_\_\_\_ %  
If there is a big change, recheck transmission quad steering with viewer
- o Check IMG to SM transmission  
Img cup: \_\_\_\_\_ na SM cup: \_\_\_\_\_ na Transmission: \_\_\_\_\_ 9

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Tune to DET BPM

- o Put attenuator in
- o Turn chopper off
- \*\* Note: Beam profile monitors will not work with chopped beam!!!
- o Turn on DET beam profile monitor
- o Open up SM aperture to open
- o Crashproof computer
- o Focus beam with beamline quad using BPM
- o Adjust ESA to center beam on BPM fiducial in left/right direction
- o Adjust Y magnetic steerer to maximize beam current through Det aperture in up/down direction  
NOTE: this will not be centered on BPM fiducial mark
- o Adjust SM to eliminate horizontal quad steering as follows:
  - o Increase beamline quad A and note if beam moves left/right \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Put quad back to focus position
  - o Do the following if beam moves
  - o Decrease/increase (corresponding to above) SM until beam moves  
-- Usually the SM fine dial has to be increased by several hundred on the dial to eliminate the quad left/right steering
  - o Put beam back on circle with the ESA
  - o Repeat above 5 steps until no beam movement with quad A or B in left/right direction

BL quad A focus: Dial \_\_\_\_\_ V \_\_\_\_\_ 9

Switching Magnet		ESA Setting		When BL quad A increased beam goes	
F Dial	Field	Dial	Voltage	Right	Left
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

BL quad B focus: Dial \_\_\_\_\_ V \_\_\_\_\_ 9

Switching Magnet		ESA Setting		When BL quad A increased beam goes	
F Dial	Field	Dial	Voltage	Right	Left
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

- o If the beam moves in the up/down direction, slightly move EXB voltage to center beam in beamline quad

EXB Voltage		When BL quad A increased beam goes	
Dial	Field	Up	Down
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

STARTING VALUE













- o URS> set FM20TMIN 0 (0.4 for 14C)
  - \* Cycle on a few standards and blanks
  - o Record tune ending date: \_\_\_\_\_ time: \_\_\_\_\_
  - \* Set the default background (fbkgd,fbkgd\_er on PF1-2)
  - \* Set the default interference factor (fifcf and fifcf\_er on PF1-2)
  - \* Load quality control wheel, run that for about 2 hours or until  
you obtain good data
-