

MICE CM30

Magnetic Shielding Update

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MICE Magnetic Shielding Walls Reason for their Existence

 \cdot The MICE Magnetic Shielding walls were designed to limit the field at the periphery of the MICE Hall (with the exception of the roof) to 5 Gauss (0.5mT)

• This is a self-imposed limit by RAL & CERN by "Best Practise", due to the possibility that members of the public with Pace-Makers might be present in the ISIS & MICE Control Rooms

 \cdot NB: This is not a limit imposed by legislation – which requires warning signs wherever fields in excess of 5 Gauss might be present

• The problem with Pace-Makers is in fact limited to older units, which are switched by a heart specialist between normal and data-downloading modes by means of a magnet; and if accidentally switched into data-downloading mode, the battery runs down within a few weeks.

 \cdot ISIS have also imposed a notional limit of 5 Gauss at the wall of the Injector Hall, to prevent fringe field from affecting the ISIS LINAC

•NB: This limit has never been formally justified by ISIS





MICE Magnetic Shielding Walls Design Aims

- The Cooling Channel magnets were designed without yokes, to avoid compromising beam optics, and to avoid complicating their construction; thus magnetic shielding walls were required to limit the fringe field to the MICE Hall.
- Lengthy studies showed that the majority of the fringe field could be contained by means of two parallel walls of good-quality magnetic steel, US1010, of suitable dimensions (US1010 steel is almost twice as effective as mild steel). However, this approach has limitations:
 - Although it is relatively easy to reduce fields from 6 Tesla down to 20-50 Gauss on the far side of such walls, it is virtually impossible to reduce stray field down to 5 Gauss without 100% shielding on all sides. For practical reasons, the shielding walls cannot completely enclose the Cooling Channel, so some field will always circumnavigate the walls.
 - The non-yoke approach to magnet shielding results in extremely high fields within the MICE Hall, which create significant, but manageable, functional and safety issues with magnetically-sensitive equipment and ferrous objects.
- The magnetic shielding walls were initially designed to contain the fields produced by the whole Cooling Channel (ie Step 6), operating in Flip Mode at 240 MeV/c Beta 42, or the more severe Solenoid Mode at 200 MeV/c Beta 7.
- The shielding wall design had to be revised subsequently, but prior to manufacture, to accommodate the desire to operate MICE in Solenoid Mode at 240 MeV/c Beta 42

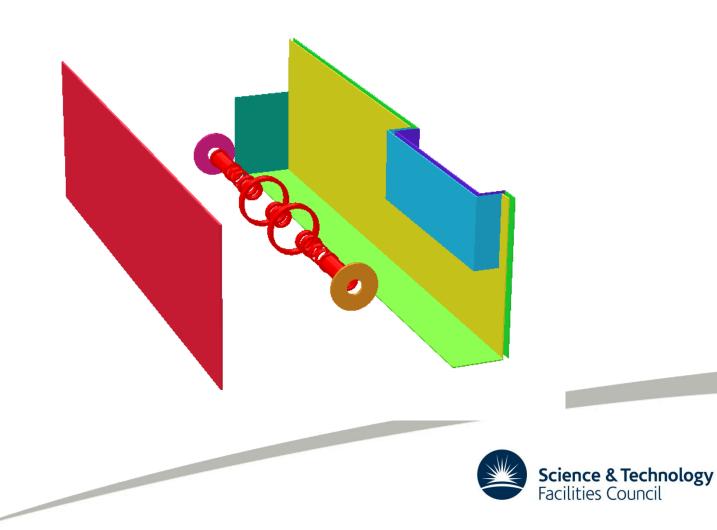




Phase VI, Solenoid mode, 240MeV/c VF Opera Magnetic Shielding Wall Model

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Phase VI, Solenoid mode, 240MeV/c Problem with conductor definition file

- The need to resign the magnetic shielding walls with new Cooling Channel data resulted in two significant errors being introduced into the superconducting coil definition data used in the VF Opera code:
 - One error resulted in a form of Flip-mode, rather than the intended Solenoidmode, being used in the analysis for Step 6, which significantly underestimated the resultant fringe field (4.8 & 2.3 Gauss for the ISIS CR and MICE CR resp', instead of 17.5 & 15 Gauss)
 - Another error created the effect of two, rather than one, Coupling Coils in the analysis for Step 5.
 - These errors were not discovered until after the shielding walls had been erected.
- The errors in the analysis data were corrected, and the analysis rerun for Steps 4 6 in Solenoid and Flip modes, at 240 MeV/c Beta 42 in each case. As a result, it was found that the shielding walls were unable to contain the entire field in Step 6 Solenoid mode – see following table; and work began to find solutions to this problem.
- It can be seen from the table that the existing magnetic shielding wall contains the stray magnetic field sufficiently well, except for Solenoid mode at 240MeV/c Beta 42 in Steps 6 and 5, and would be particularly poor in the unlikely "worst case" combination of magnet currents. This last case demonstrates that the analysis would need to be rerun for any significant change to agreed magnet currents.





Phase VI, Solenoid mode, 240MeV/c Problem with conductor definition file - cntd

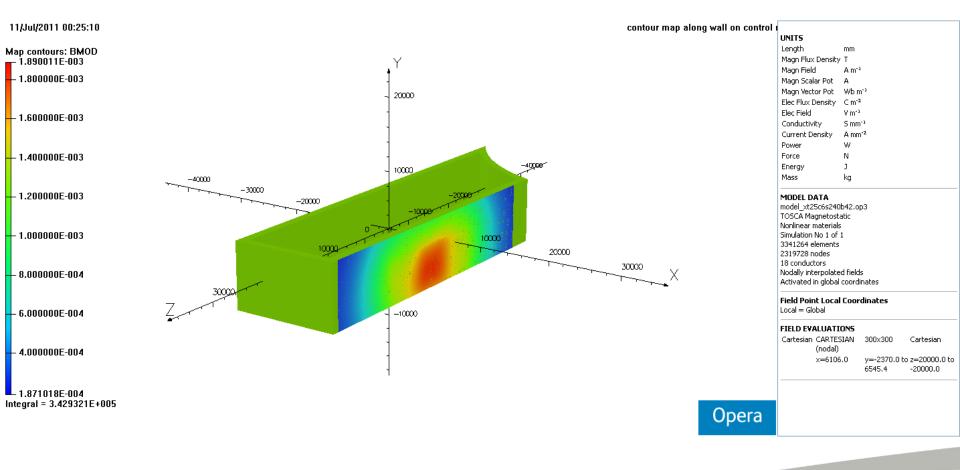
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Wall	ISIS CR	MICE CR	Peak Bmod	Step	MeV/C	Beta	Flip or	Comments
Gauss	Gauss	Gauss	Tesla			in cm	Solenoid	
18.9	<mark>17.5</mark>	<mark>15</mark>	5.64	6	240	42	Solenoid	TRD values
1.92	1.24	1.43	6.07				Flip	
8.77	<mark>7.79</mark>	<mark>5.92</mark>	5.61	5			Solenoid	
2.5	1.9	0.68	6.1				Flip	
2.13	1.86	1.18	4.04	4			Solenoid	
1.5	0.92	0.3	4.05				Flip	
2	1.69	0.97	4.05	3			Solenoid	
1.38	0.73	0.23	4.06				Flip	
12.7	<mark>11.9</mark>	10		6	200	42	Solenoid	TRD values
1.4	1.14	1.35					Flip	
5.7	4.9	4		5			Solenoid	
1.88	1.44	0.46					Flip	
4.89	4.27	4.26		6	200	7	Solenoid	TRD values
7	<mark>4.83</mark>	<mark>2.33</mark>		<mark>6</mark>	240	<mark>42</mark>	Solenoid	Actual data - wrong cond data
3.49	2.93	3.15		6	200	7	Solenoid	Original data according to Palmer
1.2	0.9	0.89		6	240	43	Flip	
18.9	17.5	14.9		6	240	42	Solenoid	TRD values - with floor supports included
<mark>26.7</mark>	<mark>24.5</mark>	<mark>21.9</mark>		6	worst	worst	Solenoid	TRD values - worst case combinations

The analysis code was thoroughly checked for errors and accuracy, and then for possible solutions to the stray field issue, by Vector Fields consultant, John Simkin. The quality of the iron used for the shielding walls was also checked by NPL





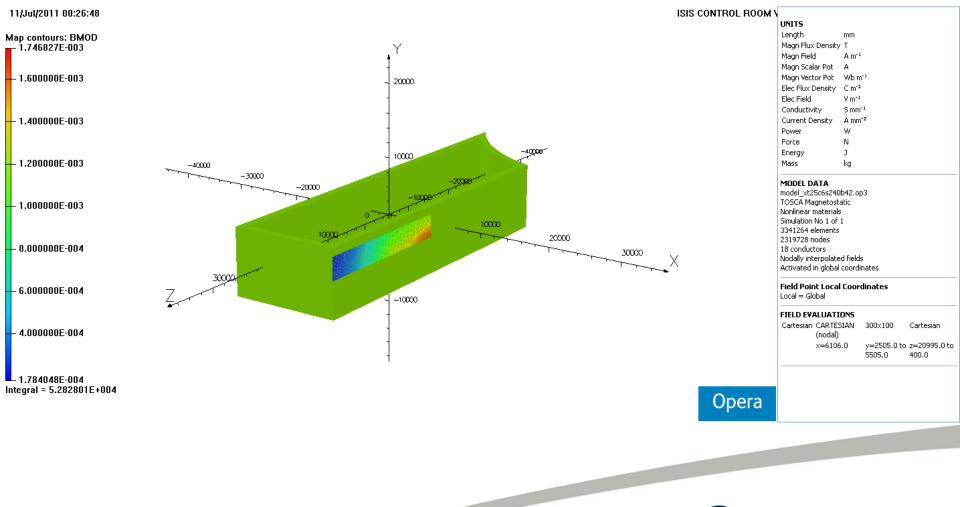
Phase VI, Solenoid mode, 240MeV/c Beta 42 Field contour plot on south wall of MICE Hall







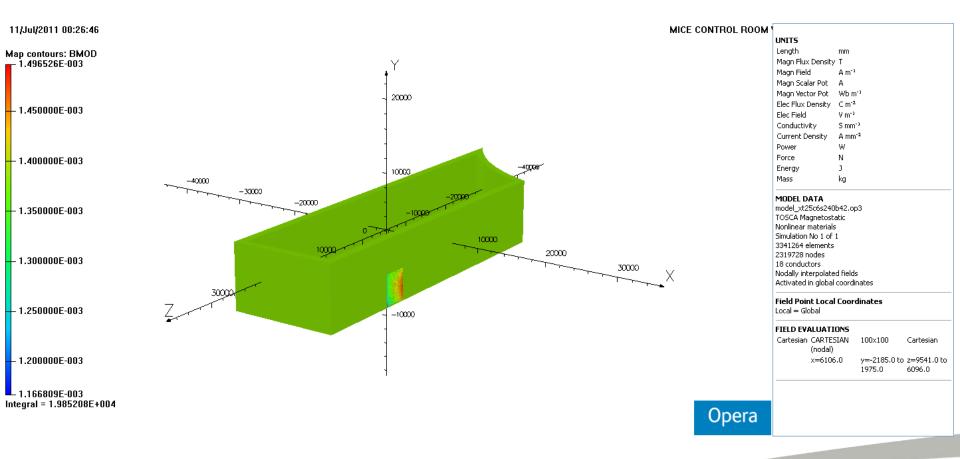
Phase VI, Solenoid mode, 240MeV/c Beta 42 Field contour plot on south wall of MICE Hall at intersection with ISIS Control Room







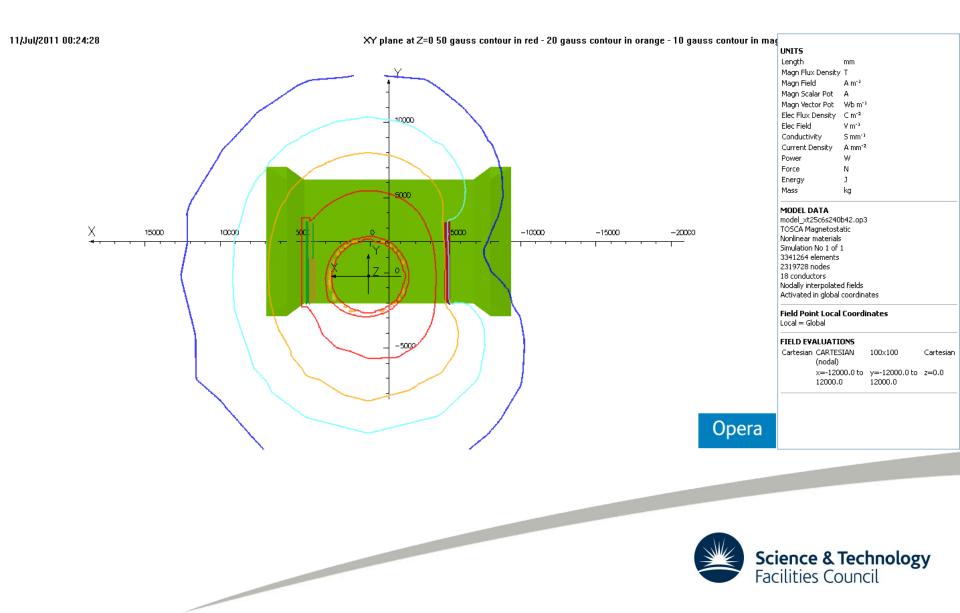
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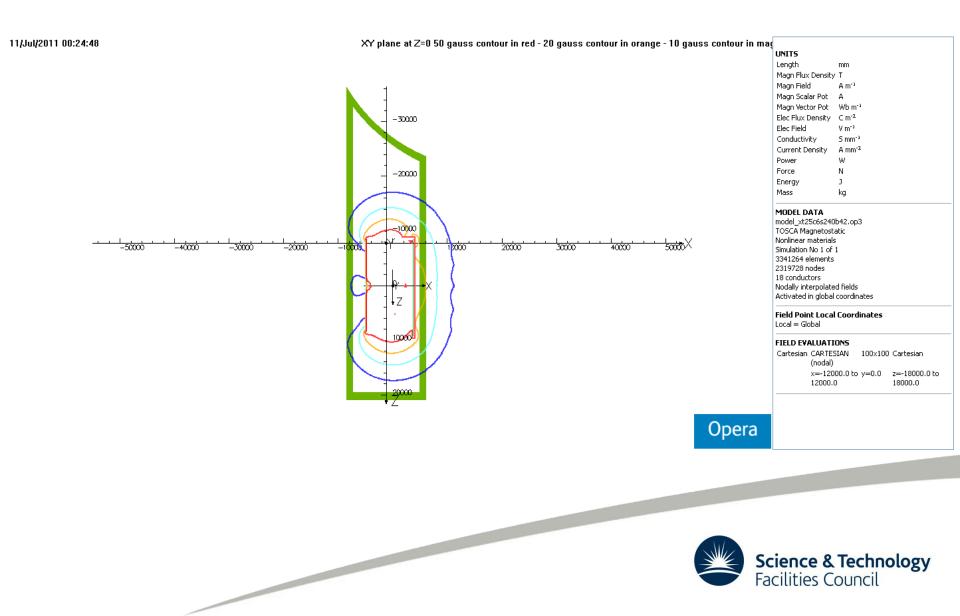


Phase VI, Solenoid mode, 240MeV/c Beta 42 Field contour plot in XY plane at Cooling Channel centre (Z=0) (viewed from upstream)



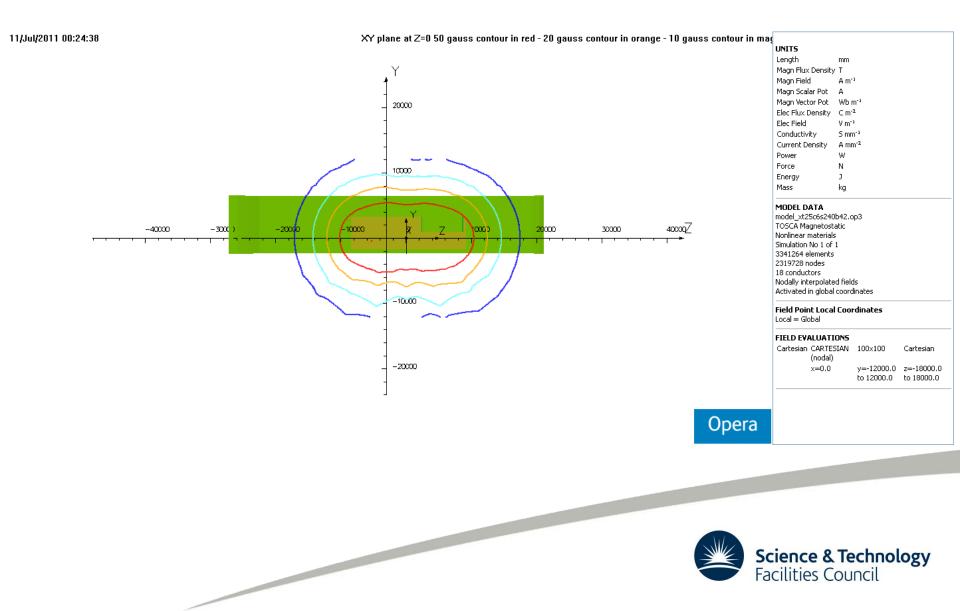


Phase VI, Solenoid mode, 240MeV/c Beta 42 Field contour plot in ZX plane through beam axis (Y=0) (viewed from above)



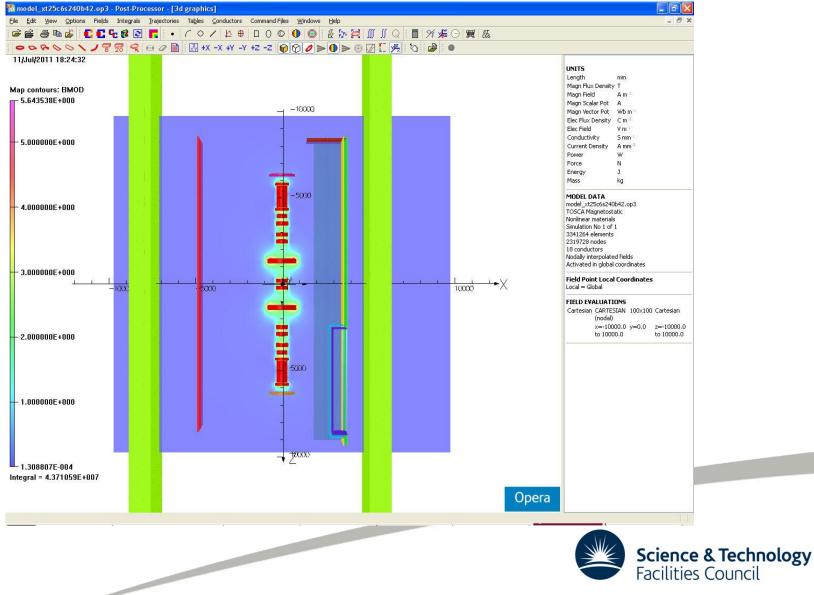


Phase VI, Solenoid mode, 240MeV/c Beta 42 Field contour plot in ZY plane through beam axis (X=0) (viewed from north side)

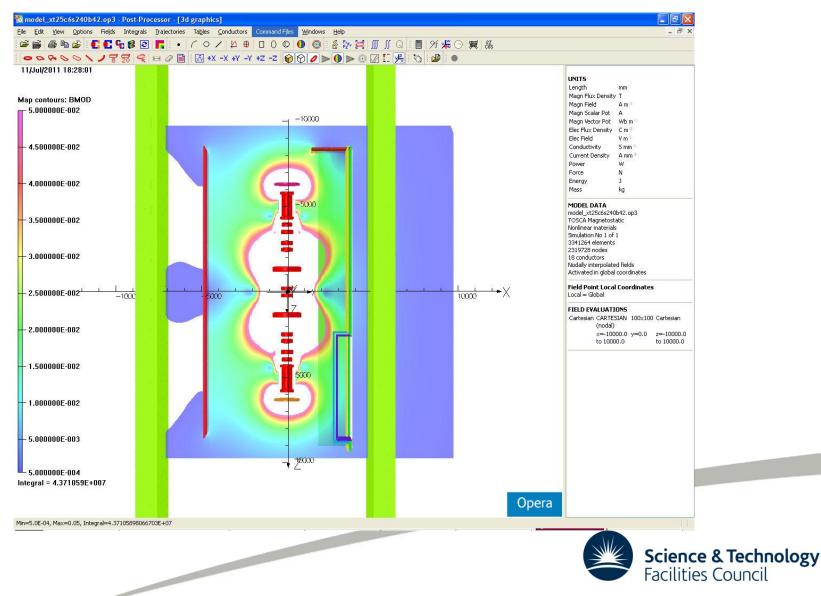




Phase VI, Solenoid mode, 240MeV/c Beta 42 Zone map of field in ZX plane through beam axis (Y=1684mm) (viewed from above) – complete map

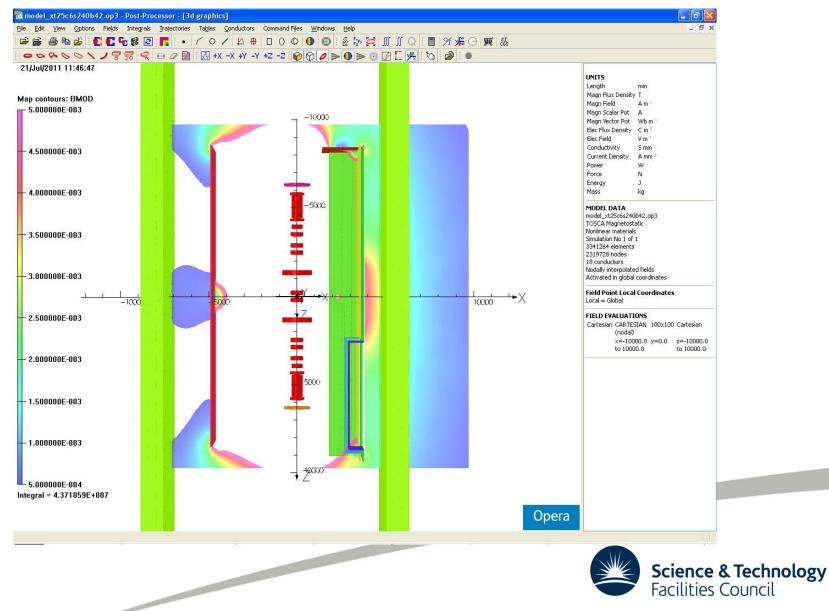


Phase VI, Solenoid mode, 240MeV/c Beta 42 Zone map of field in ZX plane through beam axis (Y=1684mm) (viewed from above) - 5 to 500 Gauss only





Phase VI, Solenoid mode, 240MeV/c Beta 42 Zone map of field in ZX plane through beam axis (Y=1684mm) (viewed from above) - 5 to 50 Gauss only





\cdot Accuracy of the Existing Model

 \cdot The Opera software uses methods that allow the fields from coils and iron to be separately calculated (reduced potentials)

 \cdot The coil fields are calculated to very high accuracy by integration

 \cdot The iron fields are calculated using a finite element method

 \cdot However in regions where the coil and iron fields cancel, this approach tends to amplify the errors in the total field.

-This can be avoided by specifying whether a total field FE solution is required in particular regions of space.

• The magnetic shielding in the models reduced the field in the ISIS & MICE Control Rooms from 16 mT to 1.8mT, implying 90% cancellation of the coils' fields

-It is thus appropriate to use total field solutions in shielded areas.

-Opera reported an expected error of 1% in its FE solution; the cancellation would increase the error in the total field to approximately 10%.

-The models were thus modified to use the total field solutions in all regions exterior to the cylinder containing the superconducting coils.

»The calculated fields in the control room changed by approximately 8%, in good agreement with the program's expected error.





•The accuracy of Opera's finite element solution is related to the element size and the solution exhibits quadratic convergence as the finite element's linear dimensions are reduced.

•The element size was therefore reduced in the MICE model, to establish confidence in the programs expected error calculation.

•The results obtained using Opera agreed with the programs error predictions and behaved consistently when the models were refined.

•The program predicts maximum fields of 1.7mT in the ISIS and 1.5mT in the MICE control rooms with the existing shielding configuration, when the shields are manufactured from annealed US1010 steel.





Steel characteristics

- Annealed US1010 steel has been frequently used to manufacture magnetic shielding for high field NMR magnets.
- The magnetic characteristics of the steel have been measured for many samples and the performance of the shields has been reliable.
- The magnetic performance of US1010 that has not been annealed is very variable.
 - The initial model for the MICE shielding has been recalculated using average properties for un-annealed US1010 steel and the fields in the ISIS and MICE control rooms increased to 2.5mT.
- Annealed US1010 properties are used for all results in the interim report, except where other steels are used to look at sensitivity.





Update of Results following BH Measurements at NPL

- The existing shield configuration was recalculated using the measured BH characteristics of the steel. The NPL measurements used a number of samples from the shield, the shield performance was recalculated using the poorest magnetic performance that was measured.
- The table compares the original results using SLACs measured US1010 annealed steel properties and the recalculated results using the worst properties measured by NPL.

Model 0	Total Steel Mass (Tonnes)	ISIS control room Bpeak (mT)	MICE control room Bpeak (mT)
SLAC US1010	113.8	1.7	1.5
NPL measured	113.8	1.75	1.5





• Options for Improving MICE magnetic Shielding

- The initial configuration of shields shows some saturation of the steel in the Control room shielding walls and floor plate.
 - A calculation using a fixed high permeability for the steel provides an easy way to check the maximum efficiency of a shielding configuration.
 - This calculation showed that if the shielding walls were increased in thickness so that the flux density in the steel was below 1T, the maximum field in the ISIS control room would be 0.47mT and in the MICE control room 0.46T.
 - The constant permeability result also gives an immediate indication of the positions where increased shield thickness is required.
- NB: Increasing the shielding plate thickness is an option, but the safety margin is small.







Increased shielding plate thickness and/or additional shielding plates

- These results indicate the scale of the increases in thickness needed to improve the shielding performance.
- Additional shielding plates were added close to the coils, as shown in the figure
- The maximum fields in the ISIS and MICE control rooms for various shielding configurations is shown in the table, together with the mass of steel compared to the existing magnetic shielding.
 - Model 0 the existing magnetic shielding plates

- Model 3 increased thickness of existing shield plates
- Model 8 existing plates plus new close in shield plates
- Model 10 increased thickness of existing plus new close in shield plates

Model	Total Steel Mass (Tonnes)	Change in mass cf Model 0 (Tonnes)	ISIS control room Bpeak (mT)	MICE control room Bpeak (mT)
Model 0	113.8	0	1.7	1.5
Model 3	123.9	10.1	0.98	0.96
Model 7	139.4	25.6	1.10	0.86
Model 10	147.0	33.2	0.69	0.71





Review of shield performance

- The results show that to achieve the same improvement in shielding, increasing the thickness of the control room floor and wall plates requires less steel than is required by the close in shields (compare Model 3 and Model 8 which have similar peak fields in the control rooms).
- The improvement in shielding is localised by increasing the existing floor and wall plate thickness close to the control room, whereas the close in shield improves the shielding in all directions.
- A single sided close in shield was not considered, because it creates a sideways force on the coils of 5 Tonnes.







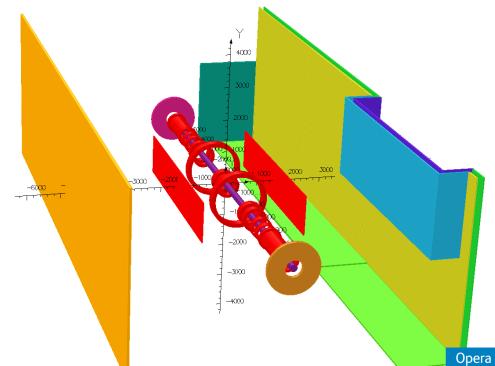
General Comments

- The distribution of the stray field in the control rooms was very similar for all the configurations studied, the simple approach of comparing the peak fields in the control room is therefore representative of the shielding improvement.
- The close in shield plates have only been added at the side of the coils because it would be difficult to add plates at the top and bottom. The plates have to be positioned approximately 1.7M from the beam line and at this distance the side plates only become effective at shielding the ISIS control room if they extend 2 Metres above and below the beamline. There is a large force between the coils and the close in shields; the shields must therefore be symmetrically positioned so that the force on the coils is balanced.
- In the simulations, the lowest peak field achieved in the ISIS control room was 0.69mT and in the MICE control room 0.71mT. The was achieved by adding an extra 33 Tonnes of steel (19 Tonnes in the new close in shields and 14 Tonnes added to the existing structure).





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Is there a Practical Solution?.

- With the constraints imposed by the existing configuration of the MICE hall it will be difficult to achieve less than 0.5mT in the ISIS and MICE control rooms when MICE is operated in the mode that gives the highest stray field.
- Adding an extra 10 Tonnes of steel to the existing steel walls would reduce the fields in the control rooms to below 1mT. To reach 0.5mT will require of the order of 50 Tonnes of additional steel added to the existing steel wall and floor plates
 - Is this a practical solution?

Are there any other options?

- Fitting a shielding box around the control rooms hasn't been considered.
 - This type of shielding is not efficient, but it might be the only way of reliably reducing the field below 0.5mT.
 - However it's likely to be extremely difficult to construct this shielding.
- The most practical solution is to identify under which conditions the magnetic field will exceed 5 Gauss beyond the MICE Hall boundary, and seek permission to operate the MICE Cooling Channel magnets in these conditions with Controlled Access to areas such as the ISIS & MICE Control Rooms.





Conclusion

- The MICE magnetic shielding walls are effective in shielding the ISIS and MICE Control Rooms from stray magnetic field in all MICE Steps and cases, except for the most energetic cases within Steps 5 and 6.
- MICE will thus seek approval from ISIS to operate the MICE Cooling Channel magnets in these conditions with restricted access to areas such as the ISIS & MICE Control Rooms by means of signs warning of stray magnetic fields
- It is envisaged that the strength and extent of the stray magnetic fields predicted by the analysis will be checked by taking magnetic field measurements in key areas during running of the MICE operations, as confirmation.

