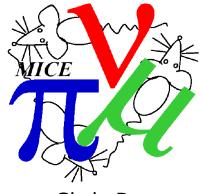
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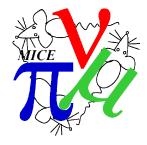


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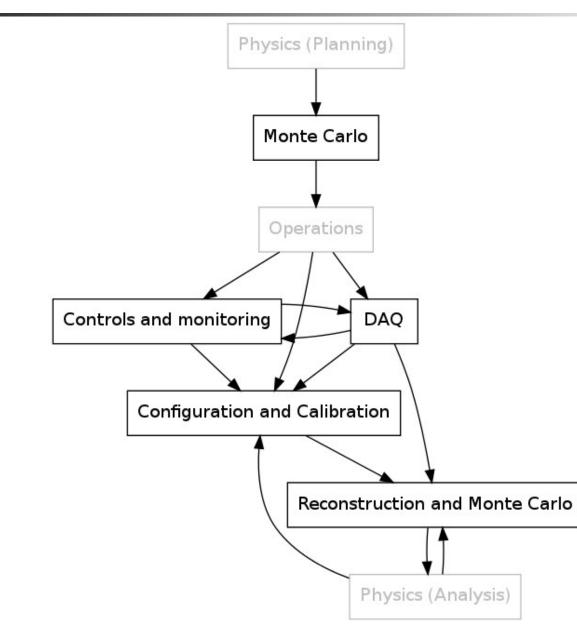


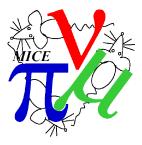
Computing and Software aims

- MICE software and computing project aims to
 - Readout the detectors
 - Convert electronics signals to physics parameters
 - Provide monte carlo model
 - Provide online physics outputs
 - Online monitoring
 - Online reconstruction
 - Online event display
 - Provide controls interfaces to, and monitoring of, hardware
 - Provide some support services e.g. web services, data curation
- Provide online feedback with physics data
 - e.g. phase space distributions at each detector in real time
- Provide reconstructed data for analysis within 24 hours of data taking

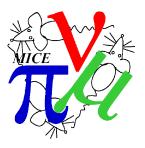


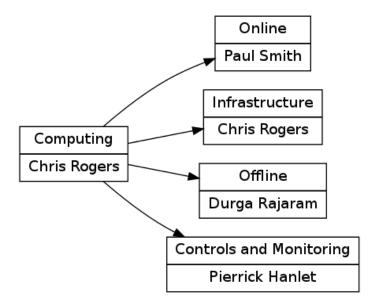
Process Diagram





S/w & Computing Organisation





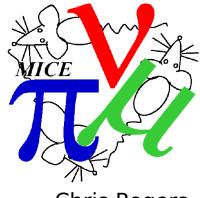
- Online responsible for MICE local control room (MLCR) systems
 - Includes DAQ
- Infrastructure responsible for computing "glue"
- Offline responsible for developing physics tools
- Controls and monitoring responsible for slow control of hardware

Staffing



- Paul Smith has now taken over from Ian Taylor in online role
 - Making great progress at getting to grips with the MLCR systems
 - A lot to learn, a lot is hearsay and folklore
- We are lacking in sysadmin staff
 - Missing someone local to RAL to look after PPD web services
 - Missing someone local to RAL to look after the control room
 - Seek to fill the hole estimate 50% task
- We now have a project plan in place for all but online group
 - Online is in pretty good shape for development tasks
 - Need to make a second pass, check prioritisations are appropriate
 - Will make an informal external review in coming months

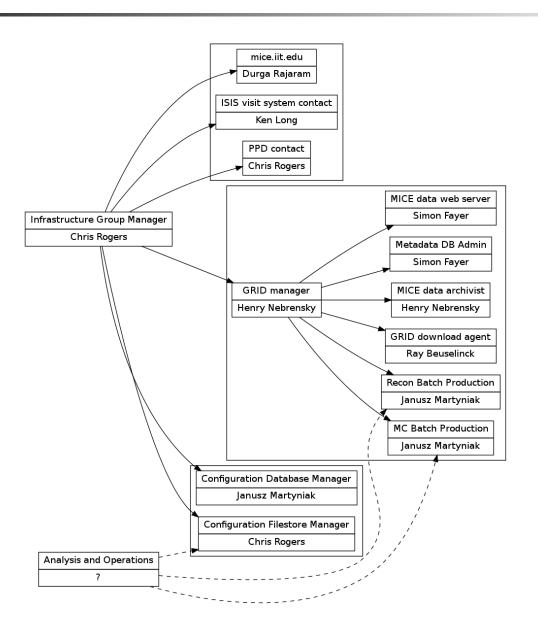
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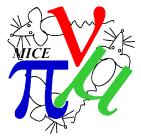


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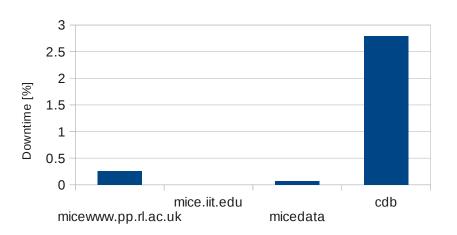


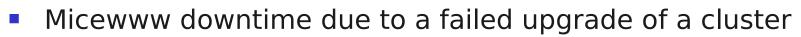
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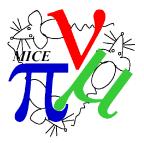


Webservice Downtimes





- ~ 6 hours, during UK office hours
- CDB downtimes due to a memory leak in the webservice software
 - Need to find and kill the leak
 - Until then, we will have to implement an automated restarting of the software every night (not a big deal, needs to be done)
 - ~ 120 hours, unacceptably high



GRID

- MICE
- Resolved issues with MAUS failing to install on GRID nodes $\overset{\frown}{\sim}$
 - Caused by some problems with the distributed file system
- Now have tried twice to run MAUS reconstruction reprocessing jobs
 - Both times have failed
 - Memory leaks!
 - Up to MAUS devs to fix this it is becoming a "thing"
- Data archiving
 - Missing second lot of Spectrometer solenoid mapping data
- Data movement
 - Slowly progressing to automation
 - Slowly progressing to SL6.4
- MC
 - Need a physics group representative to provide support for this role
 - Priority lowered until we can find this person
- Overall, concerned by slow progress in GRID work
 - Needs prioritisation over generic control room work



- Working towards a C API for cooling channel parameters
 - Stores e.g. magnet currents
 - Provides a more convenient interface for controls software
 - Work around a multithreading issue in python API
- Providing a table for defining reconstruction job parameters
 - e.g. random seed
 - e.g. Monte Carlo data set definitions
- Would be great to see either of these in deployment
- Plans
 - Next big job is to define a table that stores metadata information
 - Is data analyzable?
 - A list of boolean flags
 - Was ISIS okay?
 - Did the data move to the GRID
 - Also seek further feedback on the CDB search tools
 - http://cdb.mice.rl.ac.uk/cdbviewer/
- Need Controls software to work and be used correctly to fill CDB!

CDB Viewer



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- Plan a new web page "look and feel"
- Tabs for working groups etc across the top
- Limited number of direct links on the front page
- Nice, rotating image

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Applications Places

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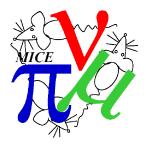
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Schedule



- At the moment, we are holding schedule
 - Expect all currently planned work will be finished by February
 - As forecast at CM38
 - Don't have detailed breakdown here