

Welcome and introduction

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PROGRESS SINCE CM46

OCT16

Operations

Status at 06Oct16

- Cycle 2016/03 (14Sep—28Oct 2016):
 - Priority given to completing field-on, LiH scattering
 - Run plan posted at:
 - http://micewww.pp.rl.ac.uk/attachments/7308/2016-08-25_run-settings-v6.pdf
 - Continuing to take a conservative approach:
 - Commission to current/force sufficient for next measurement
 - Implies absorber change around 10Oct16
- Cycle 2016/04 (15Nov—16Dec 2016):
 - Keep LiH absorber in place
 - Complete scattering programme or move to study of reduction of normalised emittance
 - Requires settings that will generate larger forces
 - Decision to be taken over the coming month

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Papers in progress

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Step IV physics		
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Measurement of scattering distributions in MICE	R. Bayes	Preliminary results made public. Results being finalised so publication can be prepared.
Ionization cooling demonstration		
Design and expected performance of the MICE demonstration of ionization cooling	J.B. Lagrange	Draft with collaboration. Paper being prepared for arXiv/journal
Technical		
The design construction of the MICE Electron Muon Ranger	F. Drielsma	arXiv:1607.04955
The Reconstruction Software for the MICE Scintillating Fibre Trackers	A. Dobbs	Being prepared for arXiv/journal submission One plot to be revised. Final editing pass underway
The MICE Analysis and User Software framework	D. Rajaram	In preparation

- Pressure:
 - Complete present publications
 - Bring forward technical contributions from last Cycle
 - Beam-based alignment
 - Verification of channel optics
 - Keep balls in the air for the field-on scattering programme

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TECHNICAL REPORT

The design and construction of the MICE Electron-Muon Ranger

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ABSTRACT: The Electron-Muon Ranger (EMR) is a fully-active tracking-calorimeter installed in the beam line of the Muon Ionization Cooling Experiment (MICE). The experiment will demonstrate ionization cooling, an essential technology needed for the realization of a Neutrino Factory and a Muon Collider. The EMR is designed to measure the properties of low energy beams composed of muons, electrons and pions, and perform the identification particle-by-particle. The detector consists of 48 orthogonal layers of 59 triangular scintillator bars. The readout is implemented using FPGA custom made electronics and commercially available modules. This article describes the construction of the detector from its design up to its commissioning with cosmic data.

KEYWORDS: Calorimeters; Front-end electronics for detector readout; Muon spectrometers; Particle tracking detectors

ARXIV EPRINT: [1607.04955](https://arxiv.org/abs/1607.04955)

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The reconstruction software for the MICE scintillating fibre trackers

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The Muon Ionization Cooling Experiment (MICE) will demonstrate the principle of muon beam phase-space reduction via ionization cooling. This will be required for the proposed Neutrino Factory or Muon Collider. The phase-space before and after the cooling cell must be measured precisely. This is achieved using two scintillating-fibre trackers, each placed in a solenoidal magnetic field. This paper describes the software reconstruction for the fibre trackers: the GEANT4 based simulation; the implementation of the geometry; digitisation; space-point reconstruction; pattern recognition; and the final track fit based on a Kalman filter. The performance of the software is evaluated by means of Monte Carlo studies and the precision of the final track reconstruction is evaluated.

1 The MICE Experiment

1.1 Overview

The Muon Ionization Cooling Experiment (MICE) will perform a practical demonstration of muon ionization cooling. Cooling refers to a reduction in the emittance of a beam, that is, the reduction of the phase-space volume occupied by the beam. Beam cooling is required for any future facility based on high intensity muon beams, such as a Neutrino Factory [1], the ultimate tool to study leptonic CP-invariance violation, or a Muon Collider [2], a potential route to multi-TeV lepton-anti-lepton collisions. Muon beams are generated via decay, and therefore have a large emittance, which must be reduced so that a reasonable fraction of the beam will fall within the acceptance of the downstream acceleration system.

The short muon lifetime requires fast beam cooling that traditional techniques are unable to provide. Ionization cooling was proposed in the early 1970s [3, 4], but has not yet been demonstrated at the energy interest for the Neutrino Factory or Muon Collider. Ionization cooling reduces emittance by passing a beam through some suitable material of low atomic-number such as liquid hydrogen. This leads to the reduction of components of momentum due to ionization energy loss. Low atomic number absorbers are preferred because they minimise multiple scattering which “heats” the beam.

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Design and expected performance of the MICE demonstration of ionization cooling

The MICE collaboration

Muon beams of low emittance provide the basis for the intense, well-characterised neutrino beams necessary to elucidate the physics of flavour at a neutrino factory and to provide lepton-antilepton collisions at energies up to several TeV at a muon collider. The international Muon Ionization Cooling Experiment (MICE) aims to demonstrate ionization cooling, the technique by which it is proposed to reduce the phase-space volume occupied by the muon beam at such facilities. In an ionization-cooling channel, the muon beam passes through a material in which it loses energy. The energy lost is then replaced using RF cavities. The combined effect of energy loss and re-acceleration is to reduce the transverse emittance of the beam (transverse cooling). A major revision of the scope of the project was carried out over the summer of 2014. The revised experiment can deliver a demonstration of ionization cooling. The design of the cooling demonstration experiment will be described together with its predicted cooling performance.

1 Introduction

Stored muon beams have been proposed as the source of neutrinos at a neutrino factory [1, 2] and as the means to deliver multi-TeV lepton-antilepton collisions at a muon collider [3, 4]. In such facilities the muon beam is produced from the decay of pions generated by a high-power proton beam striking a target. The tertiary muon beam occupies a large volume in phase space. To optimise the muon yield while maintaining a suitably small aperture in the muon-acceleration system requires that the muon beam be “cooled” (i.e., its phase-space volume reduced) prior to acceleration. A muon is short-lived, decaying with a lifetime of 2.2 μ s in its rest frame. Therefore, beam manipulation at low energy ($\lesssim 1$ GeV) must be carried out rapidly. Four cooling techniques are in use at particle accelerators: synchrotron-radiation cooling [5]; laser cooling [6, 7, 8]; stochastic cooling [9]; and electron cooling [10]. Synchrotron-radiation cooling is observed only in electron or positron beams, owing to the relatively low mass of the electron. Laser cooling is limited to certain ions and atomic beams. Stochastic cooling times are dependent on the bandwidth of the stochastic-cooling system relative to the frequency spread of the particle beam. The electron-cooling time is limited by the available electron density and the electron-beam energy and emittance. Typical cooling times are between seconds and hours, long compared with the muon lifetime. Ionization cooling proceeds by passing a muon beam through a material, the absorber, in which it loses energy through ionization, and subsequently restoring the lost energy in accelerating cavities. Transverse and longitudinal momentum are lost in equal proportions in the absorber, while the cavities restore only the momentum component parallel to the beam axis. The net effect of the energy-loss/re-acceleration process is to decrease the ratio of transverse to longitudinal momentum, thereby decreasing the transverse emittance of the beam. In an ionization-cooling channel the cooling time is short enough to allow the muon beam to be cooled efficiently with modest decay losses. Ionization cooling is therefore the technique by which it is proposed to cool muon beams [11, 12, 13]. This technique has never been demonstrated experimentally and such a demonstration is essential for the development of future high-brightness muon accelerators.

The international Muon Ionization Cooling Experiment (MICE) collaboration proposes a two-part process to perform a full demonstration of transverse ionization cooling. First, the “Step IV” configuration [14] will be

arXiv:1610.05161v2 [physics.ins-det] 18 Oct 2016

arXiv:1701.06403v1 [physics.acc-ph] 23 Jan 2017

October '16 to February '17

ISIS Cycle	Date From	Date To	# Days	###	1 Jul 16	1 Aug 16	1 Sep 16	1 Oct 16	1 Nov 16	1 Dec 16	1 Jan 17	1 Feb 17	1 Mar 17	1 Apr 17	1 May 17	1 Jun 17	1 Jul 17	1 Aug 17
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- Cycles:

- 2016/03:

- Completed LiH field-on data taking
 - MICE Muon Beam tuning
 - Effect of diffuser studied

- 2016/04:

- More MICE Muon Beam tuning
 - Study of emittance evolution with LiH in solenoid mode

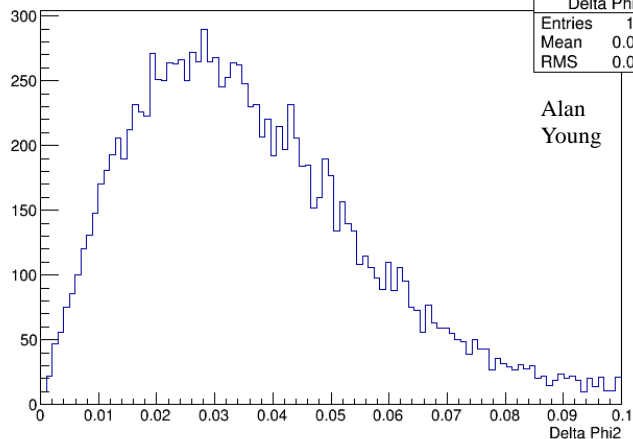
- Excellent performance:

- “Over delivered” on data taking promises!

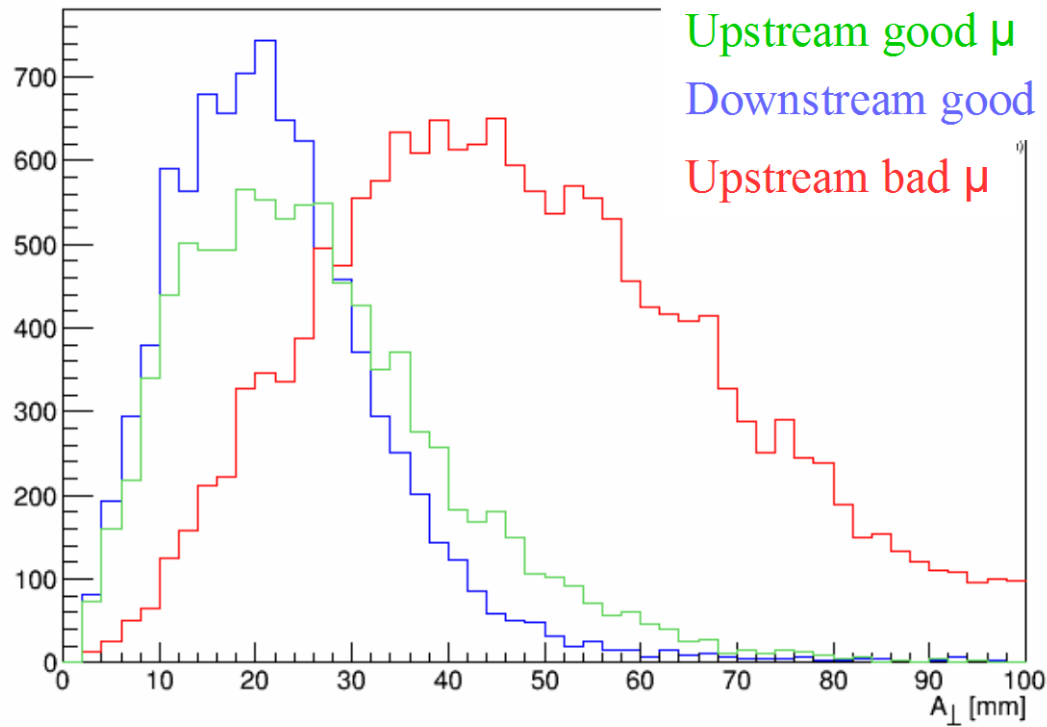
Highlights

Number of Hits

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Entries	13736
Mean	0.03606
RMS	0.01986

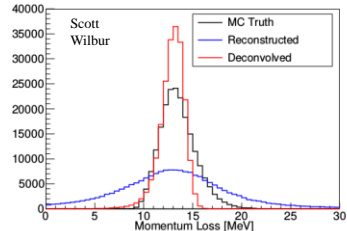
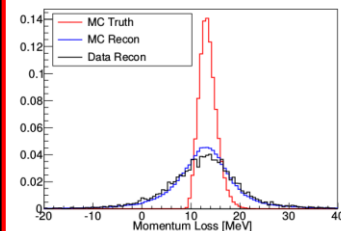


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LIH Absorber

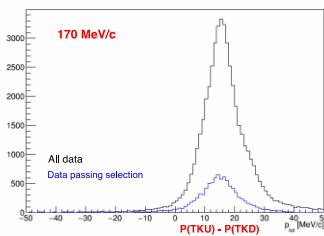
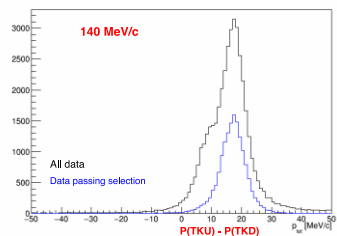
Momentum Loss Deconvolution



Data taken 25Oct16

mean: 16.8508911557 std: 5.61033351807

mean: 14.8372732056 std: 8.59935306402



Papers

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Step IV field-on papers

Title	Contact	Comment
Step IV physics		
Field-on measurement of multiple Coulomb scattering	A. Young	Analysis underway
Measurement of energy-loss distributions	S. Wilbur	Analysis underway
Beam-based alignment	A.N. Other	Analysis underway
Emittance reconstruction	A.N. Other	Analysis underway
Emittance evolution; rapid communication	A.N. Other	Analysis underway
Emittance evolution review paper	A.N. Other	Analysis underway

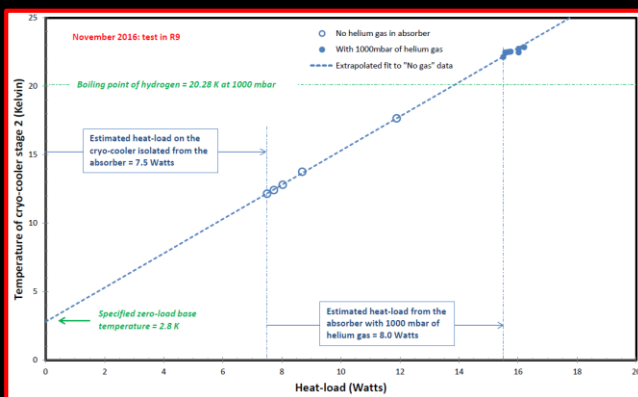
- Completion of “milestone papers” will require completion of a number of detailed analyses, e.g.:
 - Transfer matrix approach to magnetic alignment;
 - Study of effect of non-linear terms in the Hamiltonian (field) expansion;
- Each of these analysis may warrant a paper of its own.

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The MICE Analysis and User Software framework	D. Rajaram	In preparation

Liquid-hydrogen absorber

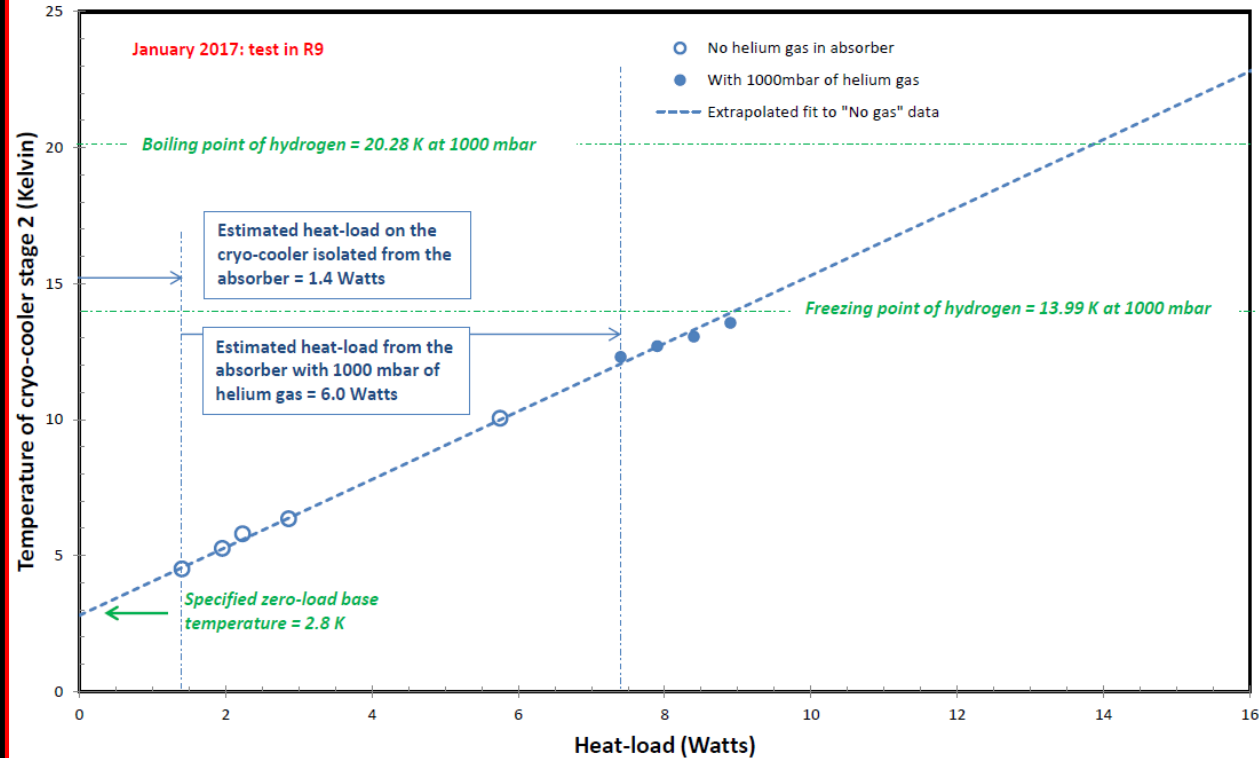
Cooldown Dec 16/Jan 17



To cool the system to liquefy hydrogen, we need to reduce both the heat load through the turret and the heat load from the absorber.

• Modifications:

- Redundant pipework removed
- Radiation shield modified to increase critical clearance
- Thermal shorts from 20K surfaces to room temperature removed
- 50K thermal intercept installed
- MLI on turret improved
- Pre-cool pipework to absorber removed
- Absorber pipework "pulled off" FC warm bore
- Additional MLI on absorber windows



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**PLANNING FOR 2016/05 AND
2017/01**

Scientific programme

Step IV:

Material properties of LH₂ and LiH that determine the ionization-cooling performance

Observation of ϵ_{\perp}^n reduction

MICE demonstration of ionization cooling:

Observation of ϵ_{\perp} reduction with re-acceleration

Observation of ϵ_{\perp} reduction and ϵ_{\parallel} evolution

Observation of ϵ_{\perp} reduction and ϵ_{\parallel} and angular momentum evolution[†]

[†] Requires systematic study of “flip” optics.

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Preparation for Cycle 2016/05

- Focus coil commissioned in flip mode
 - Cycle 2016/05: emittance evolution in flip mode
- Spectrometer-magnet commissioning:
 - SSD rewired in flip mode
 - Cryogenically stable
 - Controls system revision now underway:
 - Magnets run to 15A to test stability and operation of QD/QP
 - Powering will recommence when CAM gremlins addressed

Run plan

- **2016/05:**
 - **First three weeks:**
 - Flip-mode, emittance evolution (cooling) data taking
 - Initial settings have been defined by optics crew
 - **Second three weeks:**
 - Preparations for installation of liquid-hydrogen absorber
- **2017/01:**
 - **Data taking with liquid hydrogen**
 - Discussion in session ...
- **Replacement for cancelled 2017/02?**
 - **Request to replace lost cycle will be made at the next RLSR/MPB**

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PPD REVIEW OF MICE SAFETY MANAGEMENT

- Unexpected “autonomous” ramp resulted in “SOPS” review
- Outstanding actions:
 - **Independent review of MICE Safety Management:**
 - **Carried out by PPD:**
 - T. Durkin (PPD, Chair), S. Haywood (PPD), M. Van der Grinten (PPD), S. Crothers (RALSP), C. Foulkes-Williams (CSD)
 - **One day:**
 - Presentations, tour of MICE Hall, discussion
 - Addressed two “Serious or potentially serious incidents” and one procedural error
 - **Awaiting formal feedback, informally:**
 - Encouraged by MICE processes and appropriate and timely responses to incidents
 - **Rolling review of MICE Controls and Monitoring ...**

Extract from terms of reference

Goal: either determine cause of the autonomous ramps, or give sufficient assurance that system is stable in operation

Background

Recently there have been a small number of incidences where a single power supply on one of the spectrometer solenoids has started to ramp to a current without a command from an operator. Such “autonomous” ramps put the integrity of the data-taking and the safety of the equipment in the MICE Hall at risk.

A number of measures have been taken to reduce or remove the risk of another autonomous ramp. The magnet controls have been modified to limit the instructions that can be sent to the magnet power supplies and to provide two levels of confirmation for an instruction to ramp. In addition, the shift crew make regular checks of the status of the magnet power supplies which are logged on paper.

The present review is being carried out at a time when the principal author of the “user layer” of the MICE controls and monitoring code may be preparing to move to a new job. Therefore the review must be conducted with a view to ensuring the continued maintenance and development of the system for the duration of the experiment.

Process

Initial investigation of possible causes of the autonomous ramps have not identified the cause. It is therefore necessary to take an approach that scrutinises all levels of the system. The process for the rolling review will be an initial meeting in which the architecture, structure and philosophy of the system is presented. This will be followed by a targeted investigation of the individual components of the controls-and-monitoring system related to the powering of the superconducting magnets. The review will encompass the low-level code, networking and serial communications and the high-level code.

Constraint

Since MICE is now in production data taking for Step IV, the work of the rolling review must be carried out in such a way that the experiment is at all times ready to take data.

Charge

Execute a detailed investigation of the controls and monitoring code and the associated communication systems that control the power system for the superconducting magnets.

Documentation of review

- Meetings, actions and notes can be found at:
 - <http://micewww.pp.rl.ac.uk/projects/memo/wiki#Reviews>
- Issues addressed include:
 - Conditions under which “stale values” may arise
 - Serial communications
 - Command set (including monitoring commands)
 - Expert-user dialogue
- Review process successful:
 - Now working towards concluding the review

Draft conclusions

- It was possible for “stale” values” to be left in the “SET VALUE” register such that a subsequent “RAMP” command would generate a ramp to an “unsolicited” current
- This could have caused the autonomous ramp
- Mitigations:
 - Command set reduced
 - “SET CURRENT” set to 0A on open or close of contactors
- Additional experience:
 - Running of power supplies for two User Cycles has not shown additional issues
- No single action can enable a ramp
 - 3 actions required to initiate ramp:
 - So reduced probability of a future incident

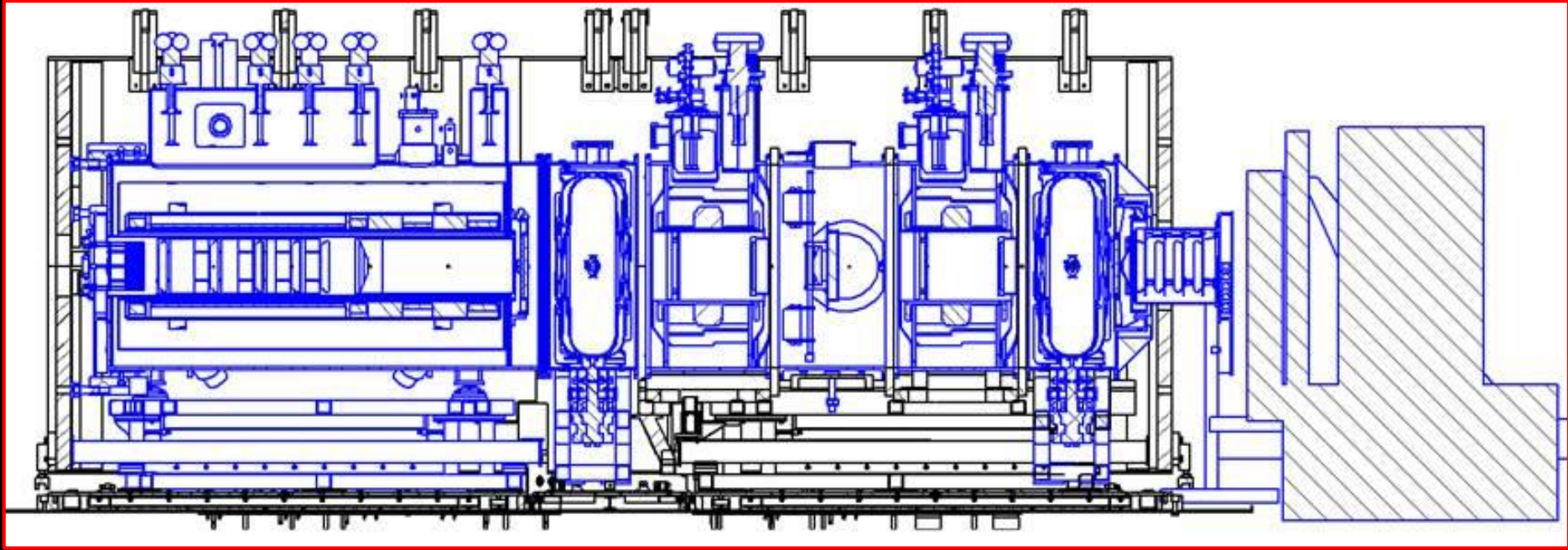
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UPGRADE TO DEMO

Risk mitigation and upgrade to demo

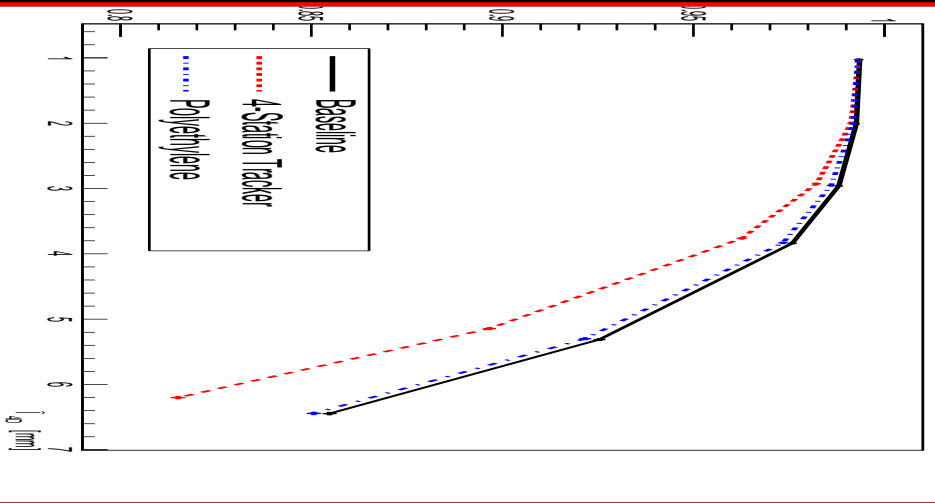
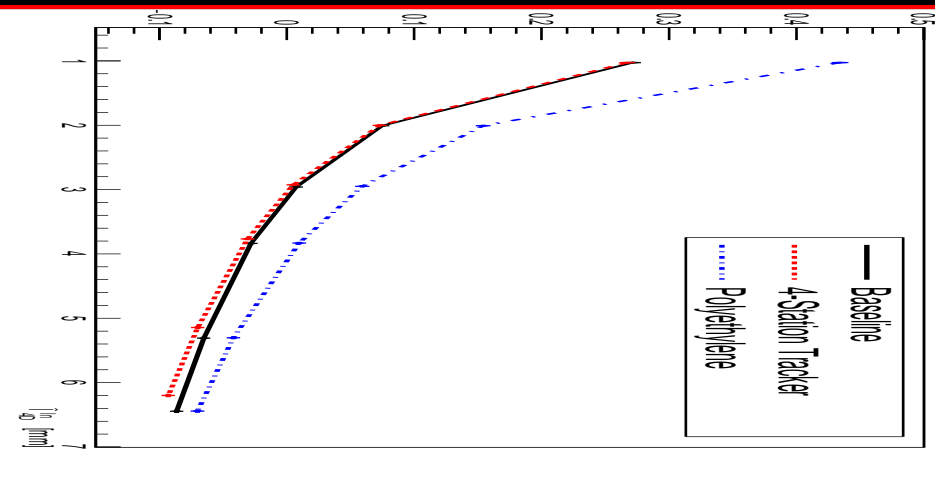
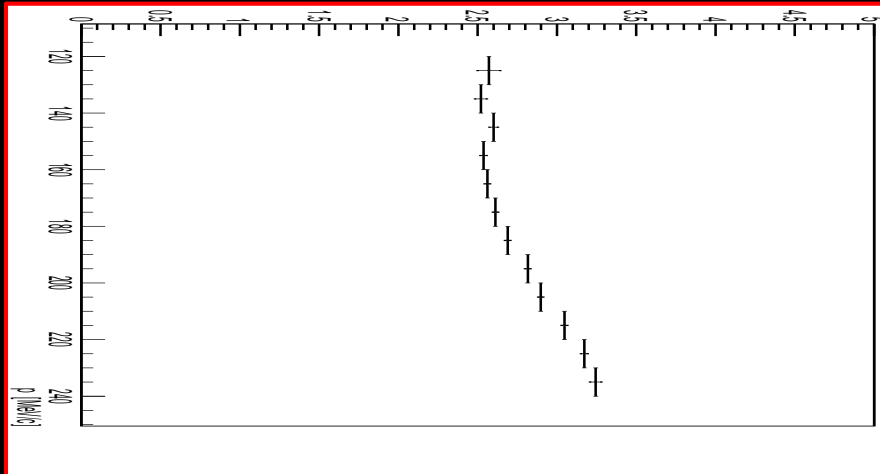
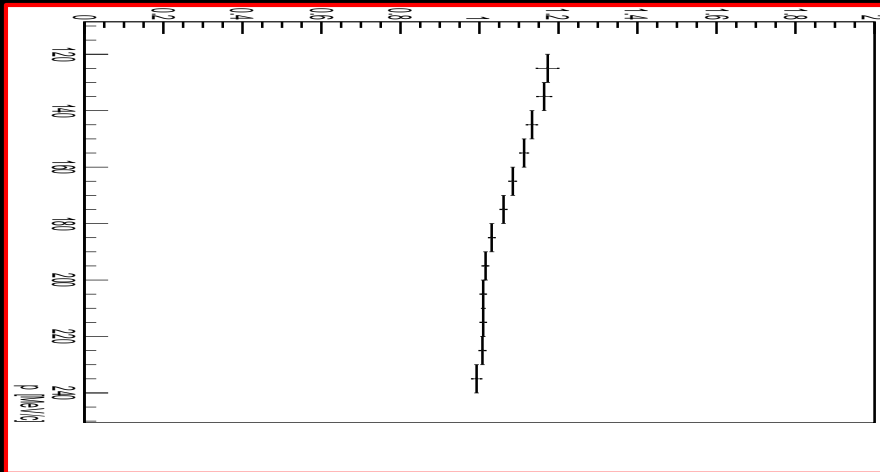
- **Noted at MICE-UK Oct16 OsC:**
 - Risk to scientific programme if
 - Remedial work on LH2 system failed; and/or
 - SSD failed
- **Initiated cost-neutral steps towards upgrade to Step IV to deliver a demonstration of ionization cooling**
 - NIKHEF have made pieces for reconfigured tracker
 - Layout complete; optimisations underway
 - Cost and schedule analysed (CW)
- **New interest:**
 - FREIA Laboratory (T. Ekelof et al) in Uppsala may be interested to participate, perhaps as part of a wider collaboration on RF development with RAL
 - UNIST (Korea) will apply to join MICE at CM47 to take part in the demo
- **International perspective:**
 - International collaboration signed up for, and were funded for, demonstration of ionisation cooling
 - All have incurred additional cost as a result of delays
 - Pressure to complete the programme
- **Proposal:**
 - Upgrade Step IV to deliver demonstration to be brought forward at the time of MPB

Upgraded configuration



Performance

A.Dobbs, C.Hunt,
J.Pasternak et al.



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PERSONNEL

Personnel changes

- **Controls and Monitoring Coordinator:**
 - **P. Hanlet has left for Tokamac Energy**
 - **Congratulations to Pierrick! (and Tokamak Energy)**
 - **Pierrick has done so much for MICE ...**
 - **Wish him the very best going forward ...**
 - **A. Kurup has taken over as Controls Coordinator**
- **Integration Scientist:**
 - **P. Hodgson has taken over from P. Hanlet**
- **Online coordinator:**
 - **E. Overton has taken over from Y. Kharadzhov**

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UPCOMING REVIEW

International review of project

- **Resource Loaded Schedule Review: 07Mar17**
- **MICE Project Board: 07—08Mar17**
- **Funding Agency Committee: 08Mar17**

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for your diary

- **CERN Physics Beyond Colliders workshop:**
 - **nuSTORM at CERN: a work package in the workshop**
 - **A first meeting to discuss how to proceed:**
 - **16Feb17; 13:00—16:00 GMT at Imperial College London**
 - **Teleconferencing facilities will be provided**
- **IPPP/NUSTEC topical meeting on neutrino cross sections:**
 - **HEP and nuclear experimenters, phenomenologists and theorists ... and lattice QCD experts**
 - **Will take place in Durham 18—20 April 2017**
 - **Goals of the meeting will include initiation of discussion of:**
 - **Scientific programme for HEP, nuclear, QCD, structure of matter ...**
 - **Experimental programme, i.e. what experiments/facilities are required**
 - **Test case for nuSTORM among the relevant peer group through this process**

First discussion of nuSTORM in the context of the Physics Beyond Colliders workshop



📅 Thursday 16 Feb 2017, 13:00 → 16:00 Europe/London

📍 Seminar Room 109 (Sir Alexander Fleming Building, Imperial College London)

👤 Kenneth Richard Long (Imperial College (GB))

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/606246/>

Description The physics potential of nuSTORM was presented in the September 2016 "Physics Beyond Colliders" (PBC) workshop kick-off meeting. A work-package has been created in the PBC workshop to consider the feasibility of implementing nuSTORM in the North Area at CERN and to evaluate its performance.

The meeting will review briefly the neutrino physics of nuSTORM and the work that has been done to date on its design. Time has been set aside in the agenda of the meeting for the discussion of the studies to be pursued in the context of the PBC workshop.

Please make your way to the Exhibition Road entrance of Imperial College London. The Sir Alexander Fleming (SAF) building is located on the road that leads from entrance to the College on the left-hand side. It is a large, modern glass structure. Please see the map of the College below.

To reach Seminar Room 109, enter the SAF building and go up the short flight of stairs directly opposite the entrance. Walk to the end of the mezzanine. Seminar Room 109 is located on the right hand side towards the end of the passage.

The times in the agenda below are local times; i.e. all times are in GMT.

Phone conference details for remote participants are listed in the second attachment below.



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Registration

🔓 *This event is open to new participants.*

Register

Participants

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Ao Liu

Jingyu Tang

Matheus Hostert

Mike Lamont

Paul Kyberd

Peter Sievers

Yoshiharu Mori

18-20 April 2017

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Overview

Timetable

Contribution List

Accommodation

Travel Information

Support

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Neutrino-nucleus scattering is a critical input to present and future neutrino experiments. Uncertainties related to νA cross sections make a substantial contribution to the systematic-error budgets of, for example, T2K and NOvA, while hadronisation uncertainties need to be addressed in sterile-neutrino-search experiments such as MicroBooNE.

The future sensitivity of DUNE and Hyper-K will be no less sensitive to our understanding of νA scattering. The statistical weight of the data sets collected by each of these experiments will be such that uncertainties on the cross-section themselves and the uncertainty on the $\nu_e A$ to $\nu_\mu A$ cross-section ratio must be reduced to the percent level. Such precise knowledge is required not only to manage the overall systematic uncertainty but also to avoid biases in the oscillation parameters extracted from the data. Evidence for CP-invariance violation (CPiV) will be sought by measuring the rate of ν_e appearance in a ν_μ beam. Therefore, a lack of understanding of $\nu_e A$ scattering will be a pernicious source of bias or uncertainty in the interpretation of any evidence for CPiV.

The measurement, theoretical understanding and phenomenological description of νA scattering are each challenging. To understand νA scattering in sufficient detail for the future neutrino-physics programme to reach its full potential will require the effective collaboration of experimenters, theorists and phenomenologists. Indeed, in the energy range of interest, the combined expertise of nuclear and particle theorists and phenomenologists will be required. Such a collaboration is also likely to generate new insights into long-range QCD and nuclear phenomena.

The goals of the workshop will be to:

- Take stock of the current status of νA scattering data, the nuclear and particle theory through which it is understood and the phenomenological description of the cross sections and hadronic final states;
- Discuss the programme of measurement, theory and phenomenology required to develop an understanding commensurate with the future neutrino-physics programme; and to
- Evaluate the path towards “global fits” that can be used to make reliable predictions of neutrino-nucleus scattering.

The workshop will be organised jointly by the IPPP and NuSTEC and will include discussion, and appropriate development, of the NuSTEC white paper on neutrino scattering. The desired output of the workshop is a short document in which the status of the field is briefly reviewed and the way forward – experimental, theoretical and phenomenological – is outlined.

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MICE CM47

13-15 February 2017

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Timetable

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The 47th Muon Ionization Cooling Experiment (MICE) Collaboration Meeting will be held at the STFC Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Harwell Oxford Campus, Oxfordshire from 13 to 15 February 2017 inclusive

Registration £45.00

Collaboration Dinner £35.00



Starts 13 Feb 2017 08:55
Ends 15 Feb 2017 17:00
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