

# Spokesman's introduction

## A short contribution from me:

- **No comments on:**
  - **Hall, hardware or decommissioning:**
    - **ISIS now have ownership of the Hall;**
      - J.Govans, Hall Manager, reporting to ISIS management
    - **Shipments prepared or known**
- **My contribution:**
  - **Emittance paper update (not explicitly on agenda)**
  - **Paper status and next steps in analysis**
  - **CM52**

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# EMITTANCE PAPER UPDATE

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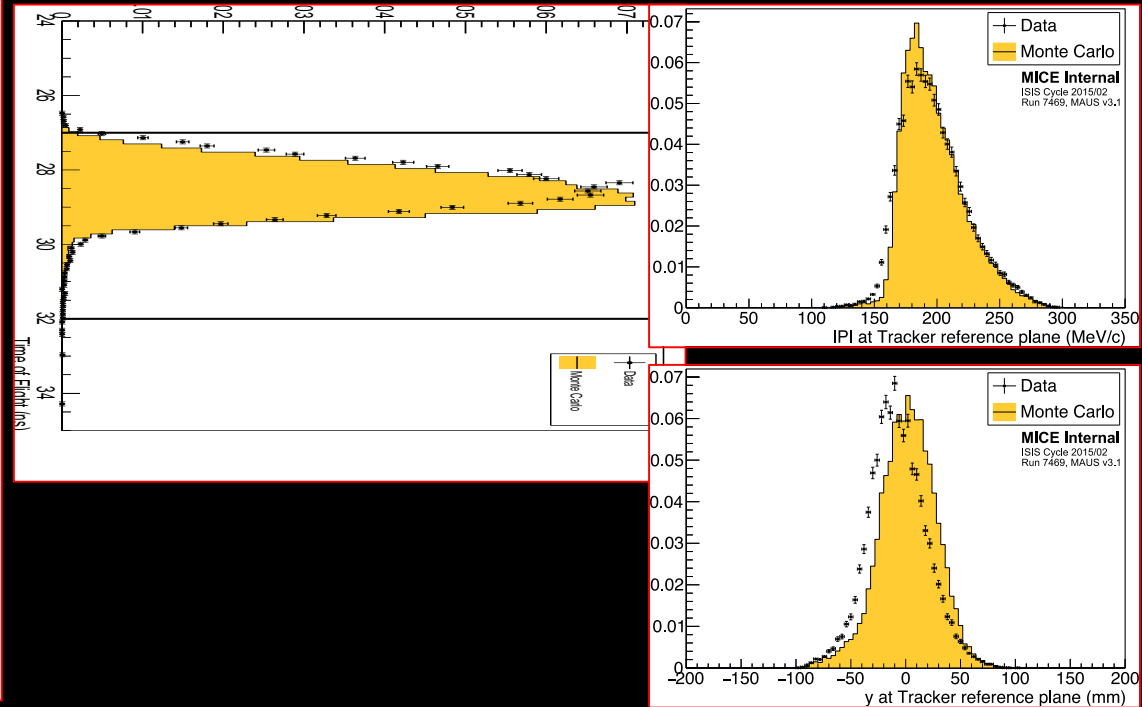
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## P. Franchini, V. Blackmore:

- Virtual planes along d/s beam line (Q4 – Q9):
  - Strong indication that aperture limitation in quads changes  $P$  distribution, we know there is dispersion;
  - Beam at Q9 offset to  $-ve x$ ;
- Rotation as beam enters/travels through SSU explains  $y$  shift?

## C. Hunt:

- Take G4BeamLine distribution at exit of D2, shift by -10MeV:
  - Appears to improve  $P$  (and so TOF) distribution
  - Now trying to generate ‘hybrid MC’ to see if agreement is improved:
    - Hampered by ‘overwrite’! Watch this space.

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# PAPERS & NEXT STEPS IN ANALYSIS

## The liquid-hydrogen absorber for MICE

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### Abstract

The Muon Ionization Cooling Experiment (MICE) has been built at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory to demonstrate the principle of muon beam phase-space reduction via ionization cooling. Muon beam cooling will be required at a future proton-derived neutrino factory or muon collider. Ionization cooling is achieved by passing the beam through an energy-absorbing material, such as liquid hydrogen, and then re-accelerating using RF cavities. This paper describes the hydrogen system constructed for MICE including: the liquid-hydrogen absorber, its associated cryogenic and gas systems, the control and monitoring system, and the necessary safety engineering. The performance of the system in cool-down, liquefaction, and stable operation is also presented.

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Submitted to JINST

Now waiting for referees’  
comments

# Papers

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## Emittance paper:

- Bug fix! Then move to second collaboration draft.

## MAUS paper:

- Need to move to submit to JINST special issue asap.

## 'Cooling' rapid communication:

- Seek referees meeting asap:
  - KL to organise; CR 'conflicted'

## MCS LiH paper:

- This VC

## System performance paper:

- This VC

## H/w overview paper:

- CW/KL have dropped the ball; need to push now

# Next steps

- **This summer (sic) seek to have:**
  - Submitted emittance-measurement paper;
  - Prepared final iteration of LiH scattering and be close to submission
  - Submitted MAUS paper;
  - Completed review of 'cooling MICE note' to move to paper;
  - *Initial draft of h/w overview paper*
- **Spotlight from September 2018:**
  - Long emittance paper
  - Emittance exchange paper
  - LH2 scattering paper
  - Other papers noted on previous slide

# Fixed points in analysis work

- **Analysis w/s:**
  - **Week commencing: 27Aug18**
  - **9, 10, 11 October 2018, in preparation for CM52**
- **CM52:**
  - **Plenary: 11Oct18 (afternoon) – 13Oct18 (morning)**
  - **RAL:**
    - **WWW page: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/745868/>**

# MICE CM52

11-13 October 2018

Other Institutes

Europe/London timezone



Overview

Timetable

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The 52nd Muon Ionization Cooling Experiment (MICE) Collaboration Meeting will be held at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory from Friday 12th October to Saturday 13th October 2018 inclusive.

**Registration: £45**

**Collaboration Dinner: £35**

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**Starts** 11 Oct 2018, 13:00

**Ends** 13 Oct 2018, 14:00

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