



MICE : the International Muon Ionization Cooling Experiment

MICE Collaboration

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Neutrino Factory International Scoping Study baseline



S.Choubey et al., Design Study, IDS-NF-20 (arXiv:1112.2853) and updates neutrino factory: accelerate muons and store to produce neutrinos

$$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ V_e \overline{V}_\mu$$

- Flux known to 1% or better
- High energy electron neutrinos

Golden Channel:

long baseline oscillation manifests itself by wrong sign muons:

$$v_{e}
ightarrow v_{\mu}$$
 ; v_{μ} + $\mathcal{N}
ightarrow \mu^{-}$ + \mathcal{X}

Large (100 kton) magnetized iron detector Unique ability to test $v_e \Rightarrow v_\tau$

Neutrino Factory optimisation

- Neutrino Factory optimisation depends on value of θ_{13}
- At sin²20₁₃~0.1 optimum is ~10 GeV NF with ~2000 km baseline
- Neutrino Factory offers best sensitivity and smallest $\Delta\delta_{CP} \sim 5^{\circ}$ out of all future facilities



Neutrino Factory: cooling reqs.

Cooling important to deliver Neutrino Factory performance (increase by a factor 2-10)



Emittance: 18 mm rad \rightarrow 7.5 mm rad Muon yield: 0.08 µ/p.o.t. \rightarrow 0.19 µ/p.o.t.

IDS-NF design ncrease in performance: 2.4

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μ -collider : cooling reqs.

- Cooling essential for Muon Collider performances (a factor ~10⁶ needed)
- 6D cooling via emittance exchange





- Negligible synchrotron radiation (and beamstrahlung)
- Precise det of E_{beam} (0.003%)
- Strong coupling to the Higgs

- Ionization cooling is not directly effective for longitudinal emittance
- Two approaches to longitudinal cooling via emittance exchange (cool $\epsilon_{\rm t}$, exchange $\epsilon_{\rm t}$ & $\epsilon_{\rm ||}$)
- A wedge shaped dE/dx absorber is introduced, to increase (decrease) ionization losses for faster (slower) particles

Muon ionization cooling

Stochastic cooling is too slow.

A novel method for μ + and μ - is needed: ionization cooling

principle reduce p_t and p dE/dxheating multiple scattering re-acceleration increase p₁ p_t p_1

reality including beam diagnostics(simplified)



- Build a section of cooling channel long enough to provide measurable cooling (10%) and short enough to be affordable and flexible
- Wish to measure this change to 1%
- Requires measurement of emittance of beams into and out of cooling channel to 0.1% !
- Cannot be done with conventional beam monitoring device
- Instead perform a single particle experiment:
 - High precision measurement of each track (x,y,z,px,py,pz,t,E)
 - Build up a virtual bunch offline
 - Analyse effect of cooling channel with bunches of different emittances
 - Study cooling channels parameters over a range of initial beam momenta and emittances



MICE installation status



- Target
- Beamline
- PID detectors (CKOV, TOF, KL, EMR)





MICE in STEPS



Step IV (2015-2016)

Step VI (2019)



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STEP I: MICE Beamline



- Titanium target, dipping rapidly into ISIS beam
- $\Box \pi$ captured by quad triplet and momentum selected by dipole (D1)
- Followed by 5T decay superconducting solenoid (5 m long): contain π and decay μ
- Second dipole momentum select muons (D2)
 - $\square p_{D1} \sim 2 \times p_{D2} \mu \text{ beam}$ $\square p_{D1} \sim p_{D2} e/\pi \text{ calib beam}$

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MICE beam instrumentation

- Particle identification: TOF, CKOV, Calorimeter important to insure high µ purity for muon cooling measurement.
 - Upstream:
 - Time of Flight TOF0 + TOF1 x/y hodoscopes
 - 2 Aerogel Cherenkov detectors (n=1.07 and 1.12)
 - $\rightarrow \pi/\mu$ separation up to 360 MeV/c
 - → Beam purity better than 99.9%
 - Downstream:
 - 0.5% of $\mu\,s$ decay in flight: need electron rejection at
 - $10^{\text{-3}}$ to avoid bias on emittance reduction measurement
 - TOF2 x/y hodoscope
 - EMC Calorimeter
 - Kloe-like (KL) Lead-scintillating fiber sandwich layer
 - Electron-Muon Ranger (EMR)
 - » 1m³ block extruded scintillator bars
 - » Also measure muon momentum
- Particle tracking
 - Scintillating Fiber trackers
 - Measure position and reconstruct momentum





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Two aerogel Ckov counters: CKOV a/b

Aereogel Cherenkov detector blowup





Ckov vs TOF measurement



Aerogel

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KLOE-type sampling calorimeter (KL)



TOF system requirements

- Exp trigger, upstream/downstream PID and measure of t vs RF
- Work in a harsh environment (high incoming particle rate, high fringe fields from solenoids, X rays from $\sigma_t = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{scint}^2 + \sigma_{pl}^2}{N} + \sigma_{elec}^2}$ converted e^{-})

with good timing performances (σ₊~50 ps)■

Tof resolution can be expressed as:



Some points to look at to have high resolution TOFs

• σ_{pl} dominated by geometrical dimensions $\sim \sqrt{(L/Npe)}$ • $\sigma_{scint} \sim 50-60 \text{ ps}$ (mainly connected with produced number of γ 's fast and scintillator characteristics, such as risetime) •σ_{PMT} PMT TTS (typically 150-300 ps)

HARSH Environment (shielding from B, RF noise, high particle rate)

TOF system



(for more details see R. Bertoni NIM A615 (2010) 14)



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- X/Y scintillator hodoscopes
- Hamamatsu R4998 PMTs
- CAEN V1724 FADC + V1290 TDC
- time resolution $\sigma_t \sim 50 \text{ ps}$ meets reqs.

•problems: high incident particle rate (1 MHz) and solenoid fringe field (up to 1kG)



External B-field Shielding via global cage: TOF1 Local magnetic ARMCO Shielding: TOF2

TOF performances



• Time resolution after calibration: TOF0 - 51ps; TOF1 - 53ps; TOF2 - 52ps.

Comparison data-MC





Beamline Commissioning

- The beamline has been operated over a range of momenta, producing electron, proton and muons
- TOF detectors used for PID and record beam profiles
- TOF have been used for a preliminary measure of emittance

(for more details see M. Bogomilov et al., JINST7 (2012) P05009)



$\boldsymbol{\mu}$ rate related to ISIS beam losses

Data collected in STEP I (in 1kevt) (+ve in black): out of 18 beams 17 measured

	140		200		240	
3	39	80	58	171	57	237
6	98	207	<u>112</u>	527	85	198
10	95	183	78	200	89	174

Momentum (MeV/c)

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Emittance measurement with TOF



Momentum-dependent matrix relates: $(t_0, x_0, y_0, t_1, x_1, y_1) \rightarrow$ $(t_1, p, x_1, x_1', y_1, y_1')$ solved by iteration

Reconstructed transverse phase space of the baseline MICE beam (6-200) at TOF1



Beam emittance: MC vs Data



Horizontal emittance



(More details in D. Adams et al, EPJC73 (2013) 2582)

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ε_N

Pion contamination study

Simulation (6,140)







• Pion contamination in MICE muon beam determined via TOF & KL at < 1%

- Muon and pions templates in KL from calibration data
- Data & MC in agreement with pion contamination < 1% at the entrance of the cooling channel

(more details in M. Bogomilov et al., MICE-NOTE 416 (2013))

Electron-Muon ranger (PID upgrade)





Discriminate muons from electrons.

- Track Properties:
- Muons show tracks;
- Electrons converted in EM showers in KL show scattered hits
- □ dE/dx along Z
- Muons have constant dE/dX up to the Bragg peak
- Electrons have large fluctuations in Energy loss which tends to decrease with Z

Data-taking in October 2013



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STEP IV overview

The addition of the SC spectrometer solenoids (US) and the first absorber module will enable first emittance reduction measurement using full MICE in 2015. Detector instrumentation will be completed with trackers and FMR.





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STEP IV : MICE Trackers installation

Scintillating fiber trackers

- Determine x,x',y,y' and momentum
- Space resolution ~0.5 mm

• Design

- 350 µm scintillating fiber doublet layers
- Active area has diameter of 30 cm
- 5 measurement "stations" with 3 planes for each tracker
- In 4T superconducting solenoids with cryocoolers
- Readout via VPLC (low band-gap avalanche devices, QE~80%)

(for more details M. Ellis et al. NIM A465 (2011) 136)





SC magnets: solenoids

- Two 4T solenoids with 0.1% field quality, each with 5 NbTi coils
- Built by Wang NMR, under LBNL supervision
- 1st magnet shipped to RAL after training, mapping and debug, 2nd soon







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SC magnets: FC coils

- Three 3T solenoid pairs to provide low β at absorbers in both gradient ("flip") and solenoid modes
- Design Uni Oxford/RAL, built by Tesla Eng.
- 1st delivered and successfully trained in solenoid mode (only one needed for STEP IV), flip mode training goes slowly
- 2nd delivered in October at RAL





Absorbers







LH2 absorbers:

- One required for STEP IV (two out of three built so far)
- Thin (180 µm) tapered Al-alloy windows (IIT-U.Miss-Oxford)
- May be used also for LHe
- LH2 system successfully tested at RAL

LiH absorbers:

• Under production at Oak Ridge Other solid absorbers under consideration (C, Al, polyethylene, ...)

B-Field mitigation





Need to reduce fringe fields for detector operation and sensitive components in MICE Hall. Two solutions:

- Local shielding (TOF, KL, EMR)
- Partial return yoke (PRY) for other sensitive components
 - Shielding plates thickness > 10 cm; 35 t weight
 - Reduce stray fields to 5-10 G

Step IV plans



MICE STEP IV "deliverables":

- Calibration of emittance measurement to 10⁻³
- Measure equilibrium emittance of a given absorber and for a given beta function
- First test of longitudinal cooling (with wedge absorbers)
- Precision measurements of multiple scattering and energy loss straggling

... and to completion: STEP VI

The addition of RF cavities (built) and absorber modules will permit an emittance reduction of ~10% to be measured to an absolute accuracy of 0.1%





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RF: cavities & power

- 2 RFCC modules (LBNL,U. Miss.) needed for STEP VI
- novel Be cavity windows double accel gradient for a given power (MuCool)
- RFCC modules designed, cavities built
- Coupling coils fab in China (HIT,SINAP) led by LBNL
- 4 recycled (LBNL,CERN)
 2 MW triode power supplies for RF (refurbished at DL)





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STEP VI plans

Step VI deliverables:

- Full cooling cell in operation with RF cavities
- Exact replenishment of energy possible
- Precise measurement of equilibrium emittance for various optical and absorber configurations
- Benchmark for future cooling-channel options

Step V, with $\frac{1}{2}$ lattice cell, possible as intermediate STEP, but not current baseline





Conclusions

- The MICE experiment is an essential R&D milestone towards a Neutrino Factory and a Muon Collider
- MICE beamline in place and commissioned: over 13x10⁶ triggers collected in STEPI
- PID detectors (upstream: TOF0,TOF1,CKoV, downstream: TOF2,KL,EMR) installed and working well
- □ Preliminary emittance measurement with TOF only
- STEP IV under installation and ready to take data (possibly 2014 w/o fields and 2015 with fields, due to ISIS long shutdown) with addition of trackers+EMR to instrumentation
- □ Components for STEP VI under construction