# Solid Absorbers in MICE Step IV

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## **Old MICE Schedule**



- The original MICE schedule included Steps I through VI.
- Would allow running with one spectrometer solenoid (SS) in Step II, then two, with no absorber focusing coil (AFC) in between in Step III.
- For various reasons now both SS and AFC arrive around the same time.
- Go directly to Step IV.

# **MICE** Schedule



- Step IV measurements will take 4 to 5 ISIS run periods (Feb–Dec 2013).
- First demonstration of muon ionization cooling.
- Whichever goes first: liquid Hydrogen (LH2) absorber or solid absorbers is still not decided ("stay flexible" mode).

### Various absorbers



(a) liquid hydrogen; (b) solid flat (LiH, AI, PE); (c) solid wedge (LiH, PE)

# Flat absorber and support

### Flat LiH absorber





- LiH absorber is at Fermilab now.
- Engineering drawings have been finalized, approved, sent to Fermilab.
- Absorber support will be fabricated at Fermilab, details are being worked out.

## LiH for Thermal Tests





- Smaller diameter disk, coated.
- Hole in the middle for the heater.
- Smaller holes for thermal probes.
- Will be tested at Fermilab shortly.

#### Flat LiH absorber support



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#### Flat absorber support, other materials



Other materials allow to look at different equilibrium emittances.

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# Flat LiH absorber mounting



A-A (1:20)



- The weight of the rack with the absorber is around 16-18 kg (depending on the material).
- Absorber support outer radius is 465.2 mm, AFC bore inner radius is 470.0 mm, clearance is limited.
- Handles are helping, but we will need some overhead support to move the absorber in and out.
- Other materials will be used for thorough equilibrium emittance formula testing, hence the spacers for AI, PE, etc.
- Handles are removable to avoid interference between the SS and AFC modules.

# Wedge absorber support

## 90 Degree Wedge Absorber Support



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# 45 Degree Wedge Absorber Support



# Comments on the drawings



- Same basic design as for the flat absorber, more rods and extra ring to enforce the construction (due to non-symmetry).
- The primary orientation of the wedge will be "on its side" (so that the figure above is a side view).
- In the 45-degree half-wedge arrangement there is a thin spacer holding the wedge in place (blue piece in the figure above).

# Step IV run plan

# Aims of Step IV

$$\frac{d\varepsilon_n}{dz} = \frac{-\varepsilon_n}{\beta^2 E} \left\langle \frac{dE}{dX} \right\rangle + \frac{\beta_t \left( 0.014 \text{ GeV} \right)^2}{2\beta^3 E m_\mu X_0}$$

- Demonstrate ionization cooling with materials typical of the cooling channels under consideration (liquid Hydrogen, LiH).
- Wedge absorbers: demonstrate longitudinal emittance reduction.
- Verify the cooling formula for various materials, beam parameters, optics settings.
- Develop and thoroughly test simulation and analysis tools.

- No material in the cooling channel (one dedicated ISIS run, presumably Feb 2013).
- Check/understand magnet performance: ramp coils individually, compare data with simulation.
- Check/understand the lattice: set the cooling channel parameters to the baseline  $\varepsilon = 6\pi$  mm·rad, p = 200 MeV/c, run large emittance beam, scan beam momentum from 170 to 230 MeV/c.
- Repeat test with a different  $\beta$  function setting (time-permitting).
- Look at different reference momenta settings (240, 200, 140 MeV/c), emittance settings (10, 6, 3 π mm·rad), β function settings (42, 25, 15, 7 cm) magnetic configuration (flip, non-flip).

# Step IV configurations

A (rather long) table of various configurations we may want to consider:

Parameters				Step IV Configurations						
Field	Beta	Momentum	Emittance	Empty	Liquid	LiH	Al	PE	LiH 90⁰	LiH 45⁰
flip	[cm]	[MeV/c]	[mm rad]	channel	Hydrogen	disk	disk	disk	wedge	wedge
Yes	42	240	10		+	+	+		+	+
Yes	42	240	6	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Yes	42	240	3		+	+		+	+	+
Yes	42	200	10	+	+	+	+		+	+
Yes	42	200	6	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Yes	42	200	3	+	+	+		+	+	+
No	7	240	10		+	+				
No	7	240	6	+	+	+				
No	7	240	3		+	+				
No	7	200	10		+	+				
No	7	200	6	+	+	+				
No	7	200	3		+	+				
				14	36	36	9	9	24	24
									Total:	152

Change flip/non-flip magnet configuration	
(run down magnets, swap cables, check, run up)	$\sim$ 1 day
Change momentum and $\beta$ of the cooling channel	
(retune focusing coils, matching coils, possibly SS)	${\sim}0.5$ day
Change beam momentum and emittance	
(magnet retuning, change diffuser setting)	$\sim$ 1 hr
Collect 100k of useful muons	$\sim$ 2 hrs
Replace one absorber with another	${\sim}$ 8 days
All empty channel configurations (14)	$\sim$ 11 days
All LH2 (or flat LiH) absorber configurations (36)	$\sim$ 18 days
Additional flat absorbers (AI, PE) (9+9+absorber change)	$\sim$ 16 days
All $90^{\circ}$ (or $45^{\circ}$ ) wedge absorber configurations (24)	$\sim$ 12 days

Table: Basic operation time estimate



- 152 configurations/settings, further refinement is required.
- One way to reduce the number of configurations is to use a global online reconstruction tool (under development now) that allows to do some preliminary analysis in real-time and reject some configurations based on that analysis.
- Hardware configurations vs ISIS runs (dates are preliminary):
  - Empty channel (Feb 2013);
  - Liquid Hydrogen absorber (May 2013);
  - Flat solid absorbers, LiH and other materials (July 2013);
  - Wedge absorbers, 90° and 45° LiH (October 2013);
  - One more ISIS run may be available in Step IV configuration (November 2013).

- LiH flat absorber is complete, LiH wedge is underway.
- Final versions of the engineering drawings for flat absorbers were approved, sent to Fermilab, now at the machine shop for a quote.
- Final versions of the drawings for the wedge absorber have not been approved yet, we will have a meeting on that next week.
- Procedures to send the absorbers to RAL are under discussion.
- Detailed Step IV run plan is being discussed and updated (next iteration = upcoming MICE collaboration meeting in Glasgow).
- Step IV measurements will take 4 to 5 ISIS run periods (2013).