

# Field off Scattering Studies in Lithium Hydride and Xenon Absorbers

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Multiple coulomb scattering is a well known electromagnetic phenomenon experienced by charged particles traversing materials. However, from recent measurements by the MuScat experiment it is known that the available simulation codes, specifically GEANT4, overestimate the scattering of muons in low  $Z$  materials. This is of particular interest to the Muon Ionization Cooling Experiment (MICE) which has the goal of measuring the reduction of a muon beam emittance induced by energy loss in low  $Z$  absorbers. Multiple scattering induces positive changes in the emittance in contrast to the reduction due to ionization energy loss. It therefore is essential that MICE measures multiple scattering for its absorber materials; lithium hydride and liquid hydrogen; and validate the multiple scattering against known simulations. MICE took data with magnetic fields off suitable for multiple scattering measurements in the fall of 2015 using a Xenon filled LH2 cask and spring of 2016 using the lithium hydride absorber. The data was compared to a convolution between data collected with no absorber and specific models of scattering in lithium hydride, including the default GEANT4 model. A deconvolution procedure was also applied to the data to extract the scattering distribution within the absorber material. The results for the comparisons and the deconvolved scattering widths are reported for the three nominal beam momenta; 172 MeV/c, 200 MeV/c, and 240 MeV/c. A momentum dependent measurement of multiple scattering in lithium hydride was also conducted and the result was compared to muon beams used to collect the lithium hydride data allow momentum dependent measurements of the scattering to be conducted and compared with the accepted scattering model.

## 1 Introduction

MICE intends to make a measurement of emittance reduction in low  $Z$  absorbers such as liquid hydrogen and lithium hydride. The beam emittance is increased by the scattering in the absorber material. The change in the emittance [1] is given by

$$\frac{d\epsilon_n}{dz} \approx -\frac{\epsilon}{p_\mu\beta} \left\langle \frac{dE_\mu}{dz} \right\rangle + \frac{\beta_\perp p_\mu}{2m} \frac{d\Theta^2}{dz} \quad (1)$$

where  $\Theta$  is the RMS scattering width. Multiple scattering is not well modelled for low  $Z$  absorbers in the standard simulations. Data collected by the MuScatt experiment [2] indicates that GEANT overestimates the scattering for these materials[3]. For MICE to make believable predictions of the emittance, especially the equilibrium emittance, in the absorber materials a the model in the simulation must be validated, or a new model must be introduced that provides a better reflection of what exists in data.

To date only field off data is available for MICE. This is positive for a measurement of scattering because no extrapolation is required to determine the scattering in the absorber material. All of the deviation in the path of trajectories from the upstream tracker to the downstream tracker are due to the MCS rather than bending in a magnetic field. Thus, despite the limited angular range it is extremely attractive as a direct measure of the scattering of muons.

Table 1: Material budget affecting tracks passing through the MICE LiH absorber. The material thickness normalized by the radiation length is given with the RMS of the scattering distribution calculated from the full PDG formula.

Material	$z/X_0$	$\Theta$ (mrad)		
		172 MeV/c	200 MeV/c	240 MeV/c
LiH	0.064	23.2	19.3	15.5
Xenon	0.02	13.1	10.9	8.76
Tracker He	0.00015	1.09	0.91	0.73
Al Window	0.00179	26.5	22.0	17.7
Scint. Fibres	0.0175	12.1	10.0	8.07

## 1.1 Definitions

Multiple scattering is characterized using either the angle between the initial and final momentum vectors or the difference of angles that those vectors make when projected onto a given coordinate plane. The former is perhaps more intuitive and is expressed mathematically as

$$\theta_{Scatt} = \text{acos} \left( \frac{\mathbf{p}_{US} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{DS}}{|\mathbf{p}_{US}| |\mathbf{p}_{DS}|} \right) \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathbf{p}_{US}$  and  $\mathbf{p}_{DS}$  are the momentum vectors measured by the upstream and downstream trackers, respectively.

The second definition is more common within the literature and may be expressed as

$$\Delta\theta_x = \text{atan}\left(\frac{dy}{dz}\right)_{US} - \text{atan}\left(\frac{dy}{dz}\right)_{DS} \quad (3)$$

for scattering about the x-axis or

$$\Delta\theta_y = \text{atan}\left(\frac{dx}{dz}\right)_{US} - \text{atan}\left(\frac{dx}{dz}\right)_{DS} \quad (4)$$

for scattering about the y-axis. The widths of the projected distributions ( $\Theta_X$  and  $\Theta_Y$  respectively) are determined from a Gaussian fit to the central 45 mrad. In contrast the scattering width for  $\theta_{Scatt}$  is  $\Theta = \sqrt{\langle \theta_{Scatt}^2 \rangle}$ .

## 1.2 Scattering Models

The behaviour of the coulomb scattering is a material dependent quantity which has been described by the radiation length  $X_0$ . Greisen and Rossi derived an expression for the RMS scattering width that is conventionally used in Eq. 1

$$\Theta = \frac{13.6 \text{ MeV}/c}{p\mu\beta} \sqrt{\frac{z}{X_0}} \left( 1 + 0.0038 \ln \frac{z}{X_0} \right). \quad (5)$$

where  $z$  is the material thickness, and  $X_0$  is expressed in cm. This expression will be used to guide the discussion going forward. The  $\left( 1 + 0.0038 \ln \frac{z}{X_0} \right)$  term is an empirical correction for the material dependence of the expression. Equation 1 is applicable to the projections of the multiple scattering angles on the X-Z or Y-Z plane. Thus it should be related to the scattering angle in space by a factor of  $\sqrt{2}$ , or  $\Theta_X^2 + \Theta_Y^2 \approx \Theta_{Scatt}^2$ . Table 1 show the ratio of the integrated thicknesses of various materials in the MICE channel over the radiation length with the logarithmic term included.

50 Other authors have derived expressions predicting the scattering distributions in various materials. Moliere derived a complete distribution (subsequently simplified by Bethe) that possesses a  $Z^2$  dependence to reflect scattering off of the nucleus and a  $Z$  dependence for scattering from atomic electrons. The MuScat experiment compared the Moliere distribution with and without screening to the data and the simulation and found that neither case was an excellent match to the data.

Other models will be considered for the purpose of direct comparison with data. Geant 4[4], as part of its default physics list, uses the "Wentzel VI" model for multiple scattering at all angles for muons, pions, kaons, protons, and anti-protons at all energies. This model uses the differential scattering probability

$$\Xi(\theta)d\omega dz = 4N_a \frac{Z^2}{A} r_e^2 \left( \frac{m_e c}{\beta p} \right)^2 \frac{d\omega}{(\theta_1^2 + \theta^2)^2} dz \quad (6)$$

which can then be integrated over solid angle  $\omega$  to produce a rate of change of the mean square scattering angle

$$\frac{d\theta^2}{dz} = 4N_a \frac{Z^2}{A} r_e^2 \left( \frac{m_e c}{\beta p} \right)^2 \left( \ln \left[ \left( \frac{\theta_2}{\theta_1} \right) + 1 \right] - 1 + \frac{1}{Z} \left( \ln \left[ \left( \frac{\theta_2}{\theta_1} \right)^2 + 1 \right] - 1 \right) \right). \quad (7)$$

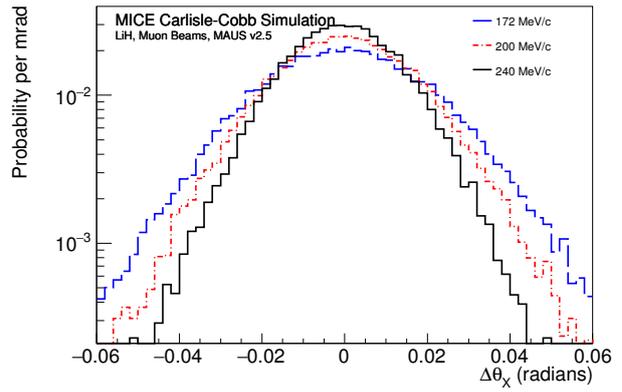
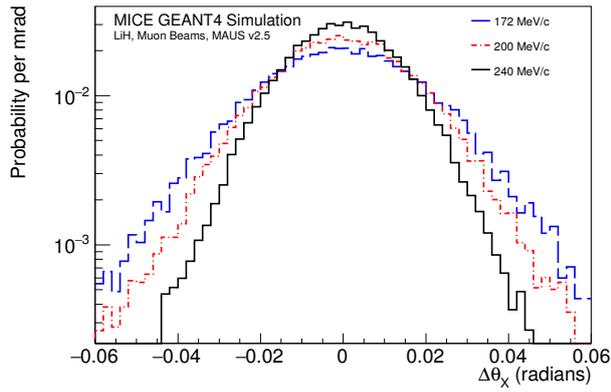
55 assuming that the scattering cross-section for nuclei and electrons is the same. In the above equations  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are the integration minimum and maximum angles. GEANT uses a compact implementation[5] of the model to simulate the distribution; that is it uses a representation of the scattering distributions to replicate the scattering behaviour of particles over a given step through a material rather than simulating single interactions. The scattering distributions of muons in lithium hydride at three different momenta as predicted by GEANT  
60 are shown in Fig. 1a. For comparison the scattering at 240 MeV/c in Xenon gas at standard temperature and pressure is shown in Fig. 1c.

An alternative implementation was worked out as part of Tim Carlisle's thesis[6], known therein as the XYZ model, but it shall be referred to here as the Carlisle-Cobb (CC) model. This is an implementation of the Wentzel model that uses a brute force, atomistic approach to generate the scattering distributions—  
65 each separate interaction within a material is sampled. The predicted scattering distributions of muons in lithium hydride at three different momenta using the CC implementation are shown in Fig. 1b. Again the implementation for Xenon gas is shown in Fig.1d. In difference to LiH, there is a stark contrast in the Xenon absorber between the Carlisle-Cobb simulation and the GEANT4 simulation. The cause for the difference is not known.

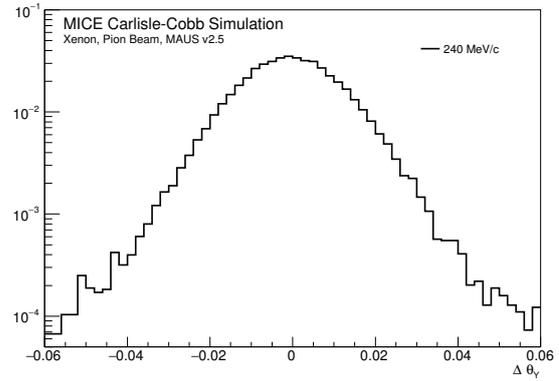
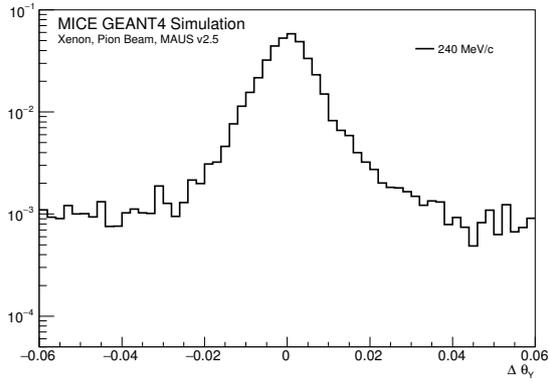
## 70 2 Data Collection

Six data sets were compiled during the ISIS user cycle 2015/04 at three different momenta; 172 MeV/c, 200 MeV/c, and 240 MeV/c; with and without the lithium hydride (LiH) absorber in place. These data sets were collected in a rotating manner so that systematic behaviours that may have appeared in ISIS running could be balanced over the three nominal momenta. The other data sets suitable for scattering analyses were taken  
75 in ISIS user cycle 2015/03 using the LH2 absorber vessel filled with gaseous Xenon and Helium. The runs collected during these time periods are listed in Table 2a. Table 2b shows the number of events that produce space points in TOF1 and TOF2 for the collected runs.

Data reconstruction and simulation was completed using MAUS 2.5.0. There is a deviation between data and simulation such that there is an offset of the simulated beam by 4 cm to the south in the hall coordinate  
80 system relative to the data. This creates a bias in the measurements of the scattering distribution projected on the X-Z plane. For this reason the simulation was not heavily relied upon for this analysis. The bulk of the analysis relies on the data collected with the absorber to provide the scattering measurement and data without the absorber to provide an independent measurement of the detector reconstruction and beam behaviour. The simulation is used primarily for the generation of the scattering model.



(a) Scattering distributions generated by GEANT4 in lithium hydride. (b) Scattering distributions generated using the Cobb Carlisle implementation in lithium hydride.



(c) Scattering distributions generated by GEANT4 in Xenon. (d) Scattering distributions generated by Carlisle-Cobb implementation in Xenon.

Figure 1: Scattering distributions generated using different multiple scattering implementations.

Table 2: Data collected for the purpose of measuring muon scattering in MICE in December of 2015 and February, March of 2016 listed by beam line setting.

(a) Data runs collected for field off multiple scattering

Zero Absorber						LiH Absorber					
3-172 MeV/c		3-200 MeV/c		3-240 MeV/c		3-172 MeV/c		3-200 MeV/c		3-240 MeV/c	
7666	7683	7469	7681	7516	7685	7764	7826	7726	7807	7727	7817
7675	7684	7652	7695	7517	7691	7766	7827	7729	7834	7733	7818
7676	7690	7672	7696	7674	7693	7767	7831	7735	7835	7737	7819
7680	7692	7673		7682	7768	7694	7832	7736	7836	7738	7844
Xenon 240 MeV/c pion						7777	7833	7740	7837	7741	7845
7551	7558	7564	7570	7576	7583	7782	7861	7754	7838	7775	7847
7553	7559	7566	7571	7577		7783	7863	7770	7841	7776	7848
7554	7560	7568	7572	7579		7785	7864	7771	7842	7790	7849
7556	7562	7568	7573	7580		7786	7865	7772	7843	7794	7851
7557	7563	7569	7575	7581		7787	7866	7773		7795	7852
Helium 240 MeV/c pion						7799		7778		7796	7853
7823				7588		7800		7784		7805	7854
7585				7589		7806		7788		7808	7855
7586				7590		7822		7789		7809	7856
7587				7591		7823		7797		7813	7858
						7824		7798		7814	7859
						7825		7804		7816	7860

(b) Data and simulation triggers collected for the analysis.

State	Data		Simulation	
	TOF1	TOF2	TOF1	TOF2
Xe 240 MeV/c, Pion	883118	75879	23436	4027
He 240 MeV/c, Pion	185983	16155	23142	3978
Zero Abs. 172 MeV/c, Muon	624577	94722	771720	127245
Zero Abs. 200 MeV/c, Muon	384909	56314	370079	51822
Zero Abs. 240 MeV/c, Muon	314739	62546	1204155	261244
LiH 172 MeV/c, Muon	1282488	174405	718185	108777
LiH 200 MeV/c, Muon	1223560	177460	364587	45638
LiH 240 MeV/c, Muon	1239827	232982	1266073	236582

Table 3: Simple particle selection criteria for data with survival rates for 240 MeV/c data and simulation in LiH.

Selection	Description	$\mu$ Beams, LiH abs.			$\pi$ Beam 240
		172	200	240	
TOF1 trigger	At least two raw TOF slab hits exist and at least one in each TOF plane.	1.	1.	1.	1.
Upstream track selection	There is one US track and at most one track in the DS tracker (If is are no DS track $\theta_X = \theta_Y = 45^\circ$ ).	66.8%	68.4%	74.1%	59.0%
TOF timing selection	Select muons from run at the target momentum.	3.8%	5.4%	7.5%	35.0%
Fiducial selection	For projected US tracks $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} < r_0$ at DS ref plane, where $x = x_0 + (\frac{dx}{dz} + a_0 \cos \phi)\Delta z$ , $y = y_0 + (\frac{dy}{dz} + a_0 \sin \phi)\Delta z$ , and $\phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{dy/dz}{dx/dz}$ . $r_0 = 150$ mm and $a_0 = 0.012$ assumed.	0.3%	0.5%	0.8%	2%

### 85 3 Particle Selection

Prior to any higher order analysis a set of particles that are most likely to provide an unbiased scattering distribution must be selected from the data sample. The set of cuts used for the analysis is provided in Table 3 with the proportion of events selected from the absorber data sets. Only events that produce a space point in TOF1 are considered.

90 If the particle does not produce a trajectory in the upstream tracker the event is rejected. Events that produce tracks in the upstream tracker but not in the downstream tracker are reported as having large downstream transverse angles and downstream positions on axis for the purpose of subsequent calculations. This allows the affected events, which are between 10% to 20% events after all selections, to be added to the histogram overflows and therefore counted in the normalization of the scattering distributions.

95 If the particle has a time of flight between stations 0 and 1 that falls outside of a window the particle is rejected. Time of flight distributions for the three beam settings are shown in Fig. 2a. This time of flight is used to select the beam momentum at the absorber as there is a monotonic relationship between these variables assuming that the particle mass is known. The momentum in the channel is calculated for a trajectory from the time of flight between stations 1 and 2 assuming that all particles are travelling axially with a correction due to the upstream angle of the track. The selection based on the time of flight between stations 0 and 1 are shown as a function of the mean calculated momentum is shown in Fig. 2b. The momenta shown are offset by a value determined using the comparison of the reconstructed and true momentum from the simulation shown in Fig 2c, where a fit to the mean true momentum as a function of the reconstructed momentum assuming a slope of 1 produces an offset of  $19.46 \pm 0.02$  MeV/c. Changes in the slope can be seen for the different nominal beam momenta, and if a fit is done without unit slope to Fig 2d the fit shows that the true momentum is systematically larger than the reconstructed momentum by 20% . The fit of  $a/\langle p \rangle + b$  to Fig. 2b is used to determine the selection for each of the three nominal momenta shown in Table 4.

110 Finally, if the upstream track is projected to the downstream tracker station 1 and that track falls outside of the active radius of the detector, that particle is rejected. The projection angle is increased by 12 mrad to reduce the probability of selected tracks scattering out of the fiducial volume. The effect on the position and angle distributions in the 3-200 MeV/c data appear in Fig.3 and Fig.4. The scattering distributions for the LiH data

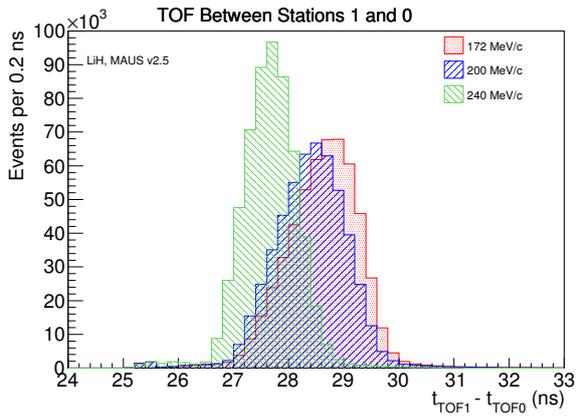
Table 4: Time of flight selections between stations 0 and 1 made to correspond to specific axial momenta as measured by the time of flight between stations 1 and 2.

(a) TOF for Muon Beams

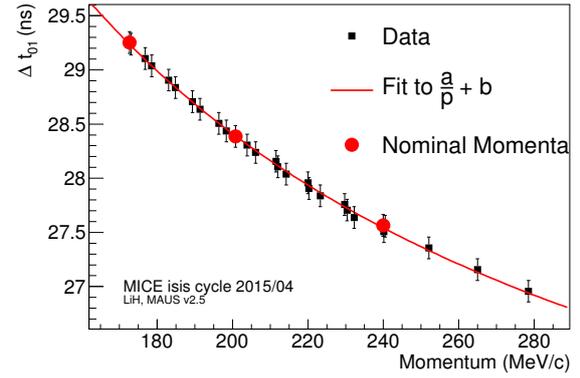
Momentum (MeV/c)	lower limit (ns)	upper limit (ns)	Calculated $\langle p \rangle$ (MeV/c)	RMS (MeV/c)
172	29.154	29.354	$172.11 \pm 0.03$	$4.76 \pm 0.02$
200	28.286	28.486	$199.95 \pm 0.04$	$7.38 \pm 0.03$
240	27.465	27.665	$239.95 \pm 0.05$	$10.34 \pm 0.03$

(b) TOF for Pion Beam

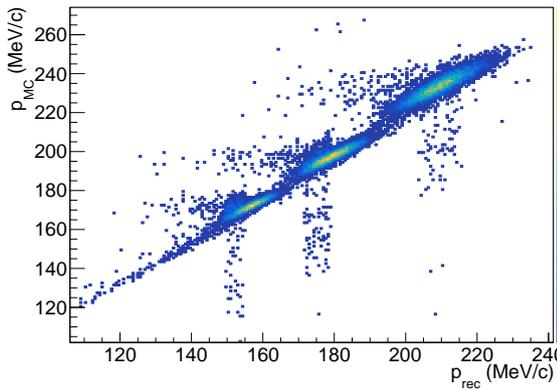
Momentum (MeV/c)	lower limit (ns)	upper limit (ns)	Calculated $\langle p \rangle$ (MeV/c)	RMS (MeV/c)
240	27.099	27.699	$240.04 \pm 0.09$	$11.45 \pm 0.06$



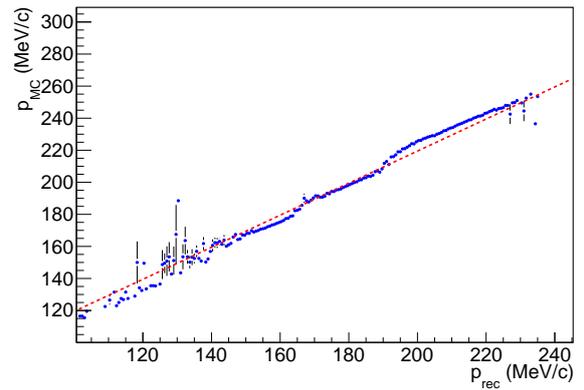
(a) TOF distributions of muon beams.



(b) Mean momentum by TOF



(c) Momentum response in simulation.



(d) Mean momentum response in simulation

Figure 2: The time of flight and momentum distributions for the three muon beams and the

appears in Fig.5a, for no absorber in Fig.5b, for the Xenon data in Fig.5c and for the He data in Fig.5d.

## 4 Analysis

### 4.1 Convolution with Alternative Models

115 The simplest approach for comparing data to simulation is to convolve the data from the zero absorber runs with the scattering distributions from various models and compare the result with the data including the absorber. The convolution is achieved by adding an angle sampled from the absorber scattering distribution, shown in Fig. 5, to the angles determined from a given trajectory selected from the zero absorber data. The trajectory described with the sum of angles is extrapolated to the downstream tracker and those trajectories that do not  
120 appear in the downstream tracker are then treated as overflow events.

Because the zero absorber data sets are much smaller than the LiH data sets, the convolution was completed by sampling 10 different random angles from the source distribution for every data track selected from the empty absorber data. The resulting events are not statistically correlated so this procedure should have no impact on the treatment of statistical errors.

The analysis then consists of looking at the residuals between the two and determining which model is the best fit to the reconstructed data. This difference is expressed using

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=0}^N \frac{(n_{data}(\theta_i^{rec}) - n_{conv.}(\theta_i^{rec}))^2}{n_{data}(\theta_i^{rec}) + n_{conv.}(\theta_i^{rec}) + \sum \sigma_{sys,j}^2} \quad (8)$$

125 where  $n_{data}(\theta_i^{rec})$  is the number of events reconstructed at a reconstructed scattering angle (3D or projection angle) contained in the  $i$ th bin and  $n_{conv.}(\theta_i^{rec})$  is the number of events in the convolved distribution for the matching bin. The systematic uncertainties are calculated and summed on a bin by bin level. Plots of the reconstructed data with the empty absorber data and simulation of scattering in the absorber are shown in Fig. 6 at 200 MeV/c.

### 130 4.2 Deconvolution

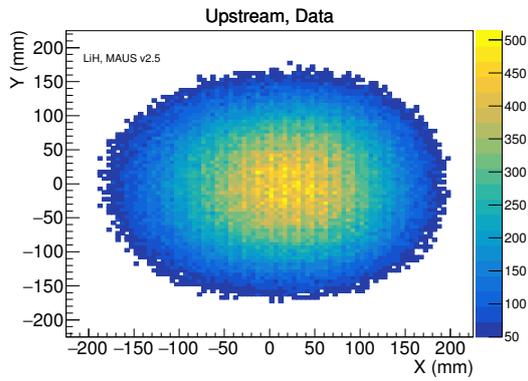
The scattering in the absorber material is the physical quantity of interest. To extract this information the effects of scattering in non absorber materials and detector resolution that will appear in the overall scattering measurement must be deconvolved from the required scattering distribution. A deconvolution algorithm using Bayesian statistics[7] has been used based on the implementation contained in the RooUnfold package[8]. This method uses the simulation to provide a probability of observing a given scattering angle from the trackers for a given true scattering angle in the absorber,  $P(\Delta\theta_j^{tracker}|\Delta\theta_i^{abs})$ . This conditional probability is then used to estimate the number of particles that experience an absorber scattering angle,

$$n(\theta_i^{abs}) = \sum_{j=1}^{n_E} n(\theta_j^{tracker}) P(\theta_i^{abs}|\theta_j^{tracker}), \quad (9)$$

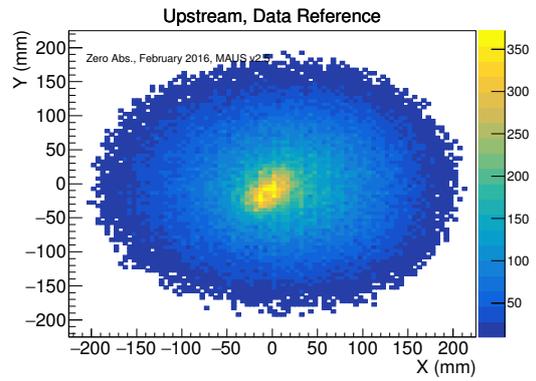
which requires the calculation of the conditional probability

$$P(\theta_i^{abs}|\theta_j^{tracker}) = \frac{P(\theta_j^{tracker}|\theta_i^{abs})P_0(\theta_i^{abs})}{\sum_{l=1}^{n_c} P(\theta_j^{tracker}|\theta_l^{abs})P_0(\theta_l^{abs})} \quad (10)$$

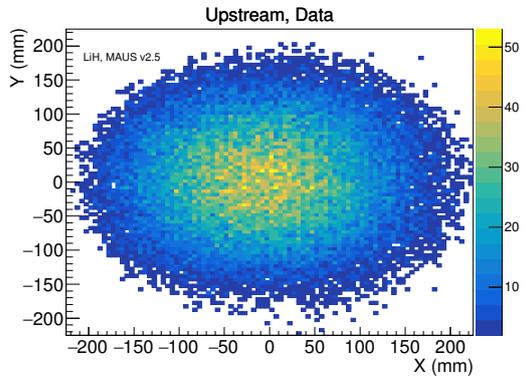
The estimate is refined through multiple applications of the algorithm by updating the prior probability by letting  $P_0(\theta_i^{abs}) = n(\theta_i^{abs})/\sum_{i=1}^{n_c} n(\theta_i^{abs})$  in iterations subsequent to the initial calculation in which a flat prior



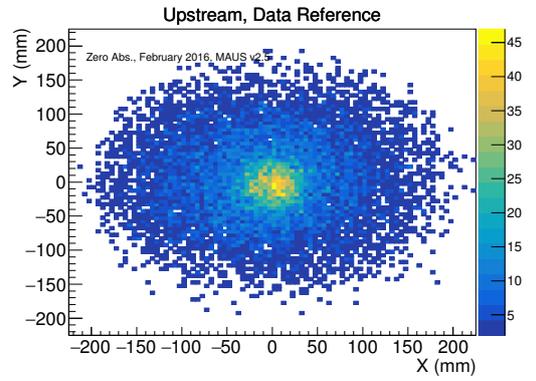
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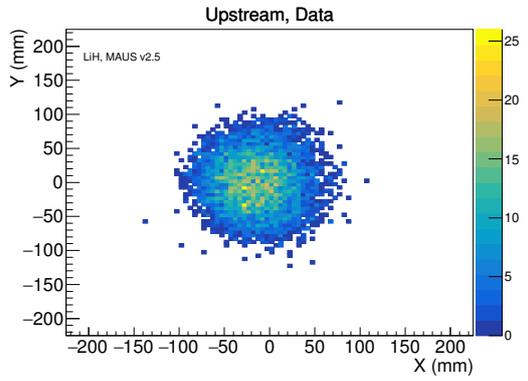
(b) Zero absorber data with US tracks



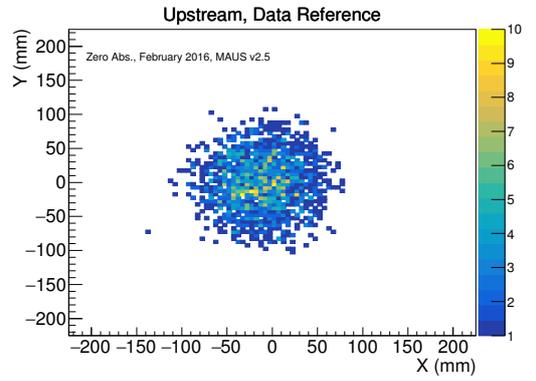
(c) LiH data passing TOF selection



(d) Zero absorber data passing TOF selection

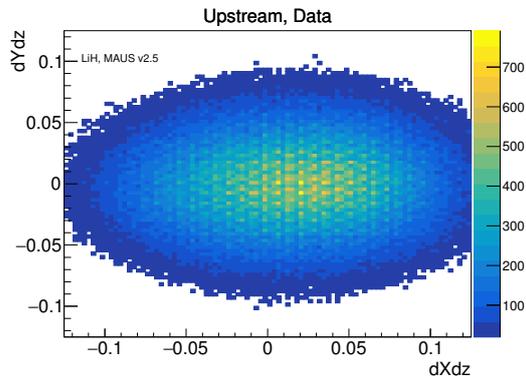


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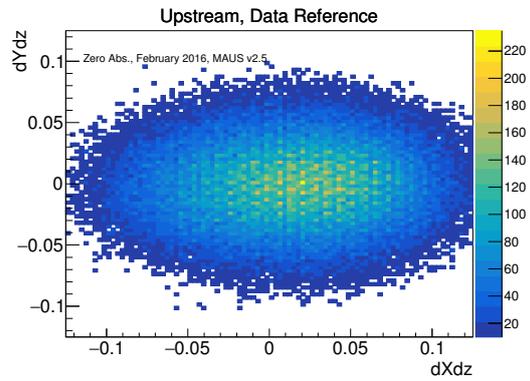


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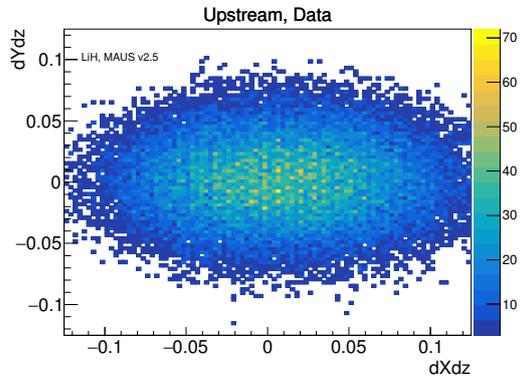
Figure 3: Position distributions for a 200 MeV/c muon beam in the LiH data and the zero absorber beam after particle selection.



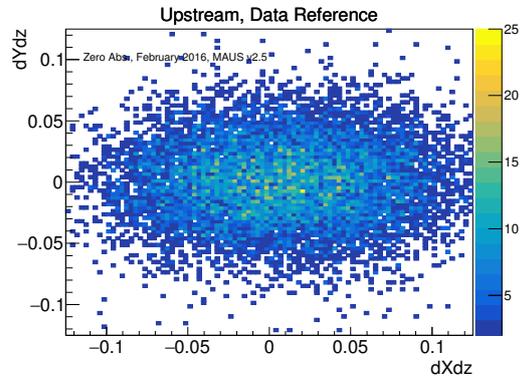
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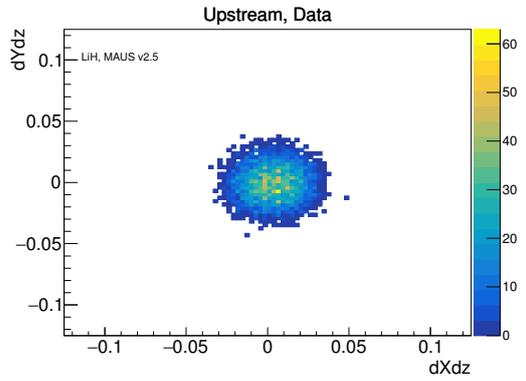
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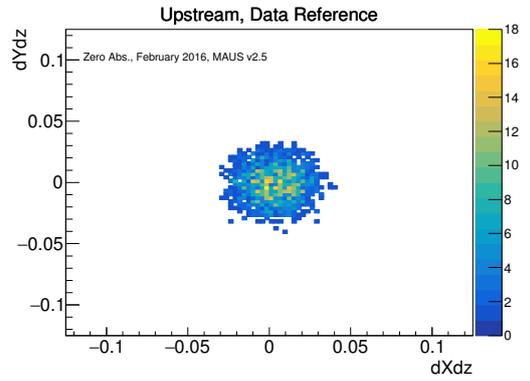
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(d) Zero absorber data passing TOF selection

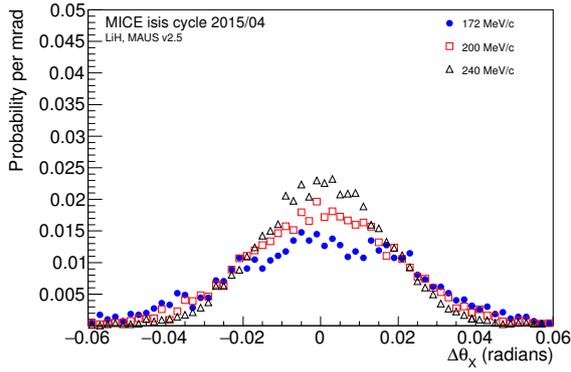


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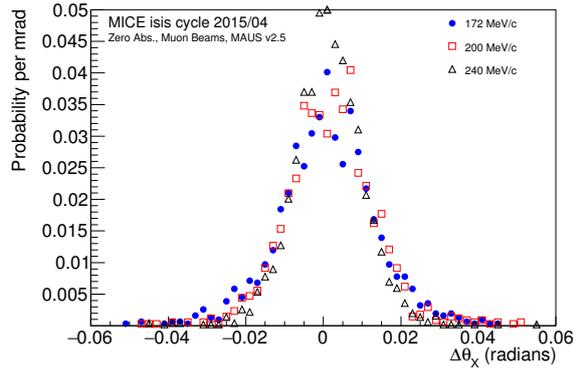


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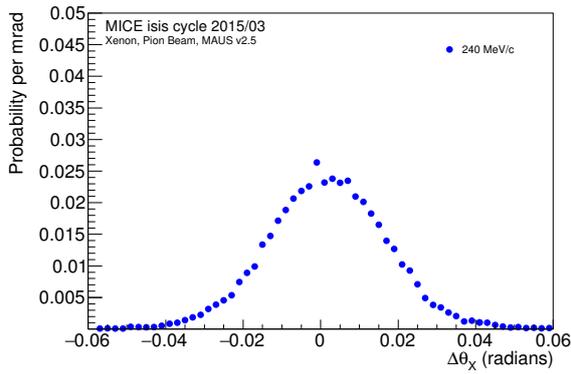
Figure 4: Angle distributions for a 200 MeV/c muon beam in LiH data and the zero absorber beam after particle selection.



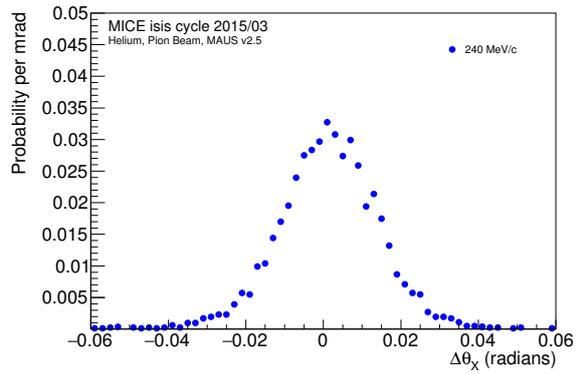
(a) Scattering of  $\mu^+$  in LiH



(b) Scattering of  $\mu^+$  in null absorber

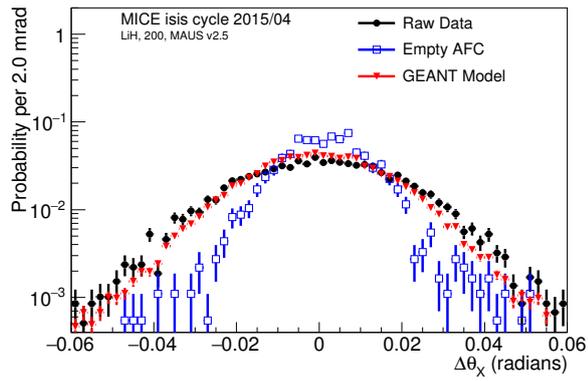


(c) Scattering of  $\mu^+$  in Xenon gas

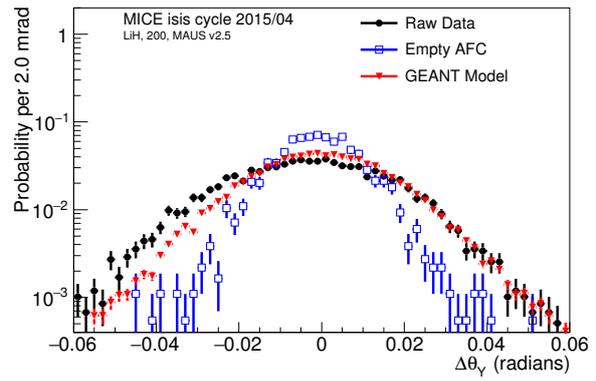


(d) Scattering of  $\mu^+$  in Helium Gas

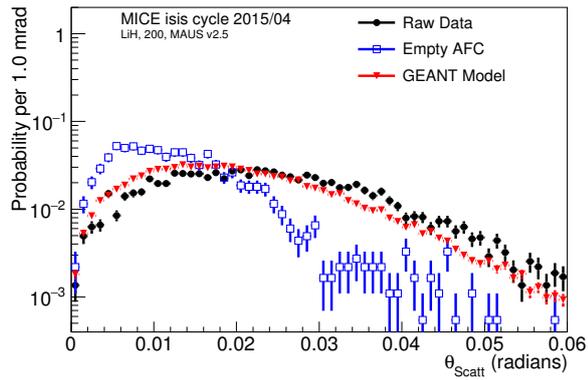
Figure 5: Measured  $\Delta\theta_X$  distributions in the LiH absorber (left) and Zero (right) absorber data sets at the three different momentum settings.



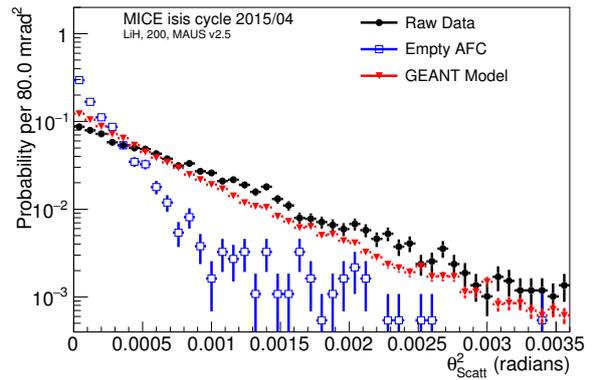
(a) Scattering about the x-axis



(b) Scattering about the y-axis



(c) 3-D scattering distribution



(d) 3-D scattering distribution squared

Figure 6: Scattering distributions reconstructed from the 200 MeV/c muon beam with the LiH absorber in place compared to two different scattering models in LiH convolved with the scattering data taken without the LiH absorber in place.

is used. The conditional probability  $P(\theta_j^{tracker}|\theta_i^{abs})$  is derived from the convolution where  $\theta_j^{tracker}$  is drawn from the sum of the reconstructed scattering angle in the empty absorber data and the scattering angle in the absorber from the convolution model, and  $\theta_i^{abs}$  is the scattering angle in the absorber alone. When the resulting  $\theta^{abs}$  distributions are compared with simulation, both the Gaussian width,  $\Theta$ , and the  $\chi^2$  analogous to Eq.8 should be considered.

## 5 Systematics

Before summarizing the results of the study, the systematic uncertainties will be discussed. Five different contributions to the systematic uncertainty are considered here; the effect of additional material in the scattering model, of variations in the time of flight due to the resolution and momentum calibration, of variations in the measured alignment, and variations in the fiducial radius and angle. The discussions below present the uncertainties in the measured widths with the associated sensitivities using a standardized formulation

$$\sigma_{sys} = \frac{d\Theta}{d\alpha} \approx \frac{\sigma_\alpha}{\Delta\alpha} \Delta\Theta \quad (11)$$

where  $\Delta\Theta$  is the change in the distribution width that results from altering a parameter with a known error  $\sigma_\alpha$  in the analysis or simulation by a quantity  $\Delta\alpha$ . Each of the systematics is defined from the difference imposed by a variation in the named effect multiplied by a scaling factor that represents the uncertainty in the effect divided by the imposed change. The systematics are added on a bin by bin basis to the uncertainties used in the calculation of the  $\chi^2$  shown in Section 6 using the same scaling factor. The systematics are reported for three different cases; the projection about the X axis, the projection about the Y axis, and the squared 3-D scattering angle.

### 5.1 Absorber Material Sensitivity

The thickness of the absorber is an obvious uncertainty in the scattering distribution since the width goes as the square root of the absorber thickness multiplied by the density of the absorber. Measurements of the LiH absorber mass and dimensions yield a density of  $0.694 \pm 0.003 \text{ g/cm}^3$  and based on a 0.254 mm uncertainty in the disk dimensions, including the absorber thickness. Changes in the measurement of the scattering distributions induced by variations in the absorber thickness are modelled by multiplying the widths of the scattering distribution used in the convolution with the empty AFC data by a factor consistent with a 3% density increase. The effect however appears to be negligible given the measured uncertainty with systematic uncertainties less than  $10^{-6}$ .

### 5.2 Time of Flight and Momentum Sensitivity

A significant systematic uncertainty is due to the TOF selection criteria which directly impacts the momentum range of the particles used in the scattering measurement. The scale is set by the 70 ps resolution of the time of flight measurements. The approximate momentum calibration must also be taken into account. This calibration is taken from the difference between the assumption that the reconstructed momentum is simply offset from the true momentum in the simulation, as shown by the red line in Fig.2d or allowed to systematically scale with momentum. To exaggerate the effect of particles incorrectly appearing inside or outside of the 200 ps selection window, the TOF selection window is offset by  $\pm 400$  ps and the difference in the measured scattering width, scaled by a factor of  $\sigma_\alpha/\Delta\alpha = 129 \text{ ps}/800 \text{ ps}$ , is treated as the systematic uncertainty. The uncertainties

shown in Table 5a and 5b indicate that the uncertainties in the momentum are less than 4% of the measured scattering width and with the material systematic, makes up the bulk of the systematic uncertainty.

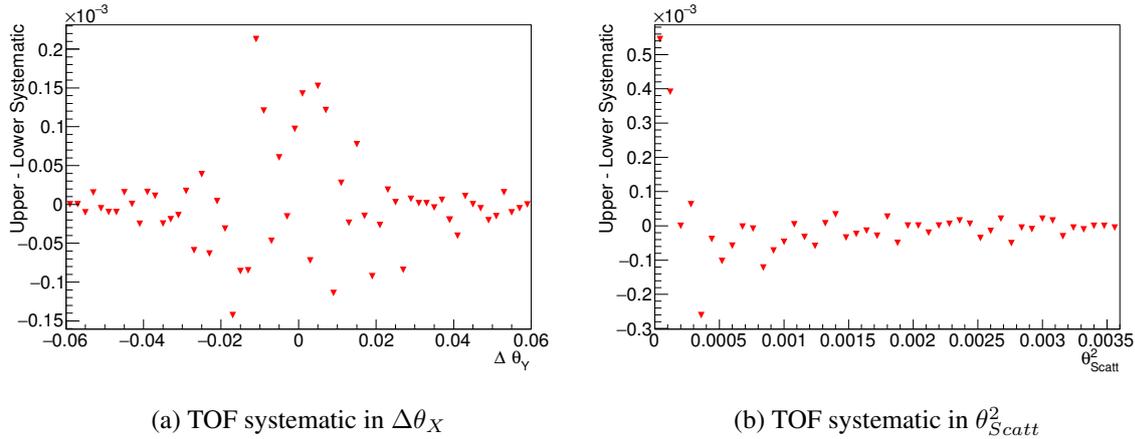


Figure 7: Differences in scattering angles incurred by the systematic extremes used to calculate the time of flight systematic uncertainty.

### 5.3 Alignment

Uncertainties in the alignment have a direct effect on the angles measured by the tracker. The alignment of the MICE trackers is characterized by four parameters defining offsets, with an uncertainty of 0.2 mm, and angles, with an uncertainty of 0.07 mrad in the X-Z and Y-Z planes; the z position of the tracker and rotations about the z axis are not accessible to the alignment. The alignment of the upstream tracker is independent of the downstream detector inflating the total number of parameters to eight. To assess the effect on the MCS widths, run a number of pseudo experiments have been run which vary the values of all of the alignment parameters within the errors. The uncertainties in the scattering width is extracted from the distributions of the measurements from the pseudo-experiments. After this is complete, the contributed uncertainty from the alignment is at the sub-percent level relative to the scattering width. The contribution has been included in the quoted systematic.

### 5.4 Fiducial

The choice of the fiducial region may systematically affect the results. A scan over the possible values of the fiducial radius and gradient was completed and the difference between the scattering width of the grid points adjacent to the selection values of 150 mm and 12 mrad are used to set the uncertainty with a scaling factor based on the uncertainties in position and angle which are 0.495 mm and 0.56 mrad respectively. The differences measured from changes in the fiducial gradient are then scaled by  $0.56 \text{ mrad}/10 \text{ mrad} = 0.056$ , and the differences measured from changes in the fiducial radius are scaled by  $0.495 \text{ mm}/20 \text{ mm} = 0.0248$  to get the systematic uncertainties for the fiducial selection. The scattering width is insensitive to the radial fiducial selection with systematic uncertainties on the sub-percent level. In contrast the gradient used in the fiducial selection has a larger effect, approaching 1% for the deconvolved results.

Table 5: Sensitivity to variations in time of flight determined from offsets of  $\pm 400$  ns. Uncertainties are determined assuming a 70 ps TOF detector resolution and a 100 ns momentum calibration uncertainty.

(a) Uncertainties without deconvolution.

Abs.	$\langle p \rangle$	$\Delta\theta_X$			$\Delta\theta_Y$			$\langle \theta_{Scatt}^2 \rangle$		
		$\Delta\Theta$	$\sigma_{sys}$	$\sigma_{sys}/\Theta$	$\Delta\Theta$	$\sigma_{sys}$	$\sigma_{sys}/\Theta$	$\Delta\Theta$	$\sigma_{sys}$	$\sigma_{sys}/\Theta$
LiH	$172.11 \pm 0.03$	-1.7	0.3	0.01	-2.0	0.3	0.01	-3.3	0.5	0.02
LiH	$199.95 \pm 0.04$	-3.5	0.6	0.03	-3.0	0.5	0.03	-3.7	0.6	0.02
LiH	$239.95 \pm 0.05$	-3.2	0.5	0.03	-3.1	0.5	0.03	-4.0	0.6	0.03
Xe	$240.04 \pm 0.09$	-0.3	0.04	0.003	-0.3	0.04	0.003	-0.4	0.06	0.003

(b) Uncertainties after deconvolution using GEANT4.

Abs.	$\langle p \rangle$	$\Delta\theta_X$			$\Delta\theta_Y$			$\langle \theta_{Scatt}^2 \rangle$		
		$\Delta\Theta$	$\sigma_{sys}$	$\sigma_{sys}/\Theta$	$\Delta\Theta$	$\sigma_{sys}$	$\sigma_{sys}/\Theta$	$\Delta\Theta$	$\sigma_{sys}$	$\sigma_{sys}/\Theta$
LiH	$172.11 \pm 0.03$	1.3	0.2	0.009	-0.8	0.1	0.006	-1.7	0.3	0.009
LiH	$199.95 \pm 0.04$	-2.4	0.4	0.02	-3.1	0.5	0.03	-3.5	0.6	0.02
LiH	$239.95 \pm 0.05$	-3.2	0.5	0.04	-3.2	0.5	0.04	-4.0	0.6	0.03
Xe	$240.04 \pm 0.09$	-0.03	0.004	0.0006	0.03	0.005	0.0007	-0.5	0.09	0.009

Table 6: Sensitivity to the alignment taken from the maximum variation of the alignment from the generated pseudo experiments

(a) Uncertainties without deconvolution.

Abs.	$\langle p \rangle$	$\Delta\theta_X$			$\Delta\theta_Y$			$\langle \theta_{Scatt}^2 \rangle$		
		$\Delta\Theta$	$\sigma_{sys}$	$\sigma_{sys}/\Theta$	$\Delta\Theta$	$\sigma_{sys}$	$\sigma_{sys}/\Theta$	$\Delta\Theta$	$\sigma_{sys}$	$\sigma_{sys}/\Theta$
LiH	$172.11 \pm 0.03$	-0.01	0.001	6e-05	0.03	0.003	0.0001	-0.01	0.001	4e-05
LiH	$199.95 \pm 0.04$	-0.008	0.002	9e-05	0.03	0.008	0.0004	-0.02	0.003	0.0001
LiH	$239.95 \pm 0.05$	0.03	0.005	0.0003	-0.03	0.006	0.0003	0.04	0.008	0.0003
Xe	$240.04 \pm 0.09$	0.64	0.05	0.0	0.55	0.05	0.0	0.88	0.07	0.0

(b) Uncertainties after deconvolution using GEANT4.

Abs.	$\langle p \rangle$	$\Delta\theta_X$			$\Delta\theta_Y$			$\langle \theta_{Scatt}^2 \rangle$		
		$\Delta\Theta$	$\sigma_{sys}$	$\sigma_{sys}/\Theta$	$\Delta\Theta$	$\sigma_{sys}$	$\sigma_{sys}/\Theta$	$\Delta\Theta$	$\sigma_{sys}$	$\sigma_{sys}/\Theta$
LiH	$172.11 \pm 0.03$	-0.04	0.005	0.0002	0.2	0.03	0.001	-0.5	0.06	0.002
LiH	$199.95 \pm 0.04$	-0.1	0.03	0.002	0.07	0.02	0.0009	0.05	0.01	0.0005
LiH	$239.95 \pm 0.05$	0.004	0.0007	5e-05	0.06	0.01	0.0008	0.03	0.006	0.0003
Xe	$240.04 \pm 0.09$	0.34	0.01	0.0	0.36	0.02	0.0	1.72	0.1	0.01

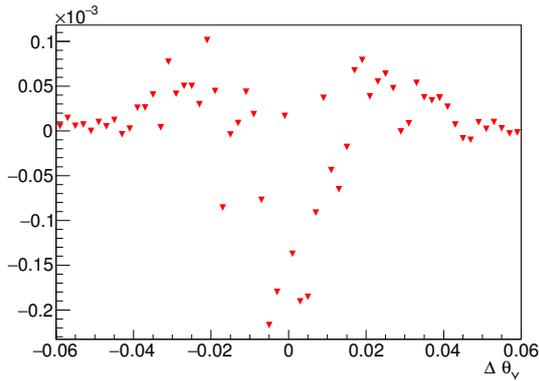
Table 7: Sensitivities to changes in the fiducial gradient assuming a fixed radial selection of 150 mm.

(a) Uncertainties without deconvolution.

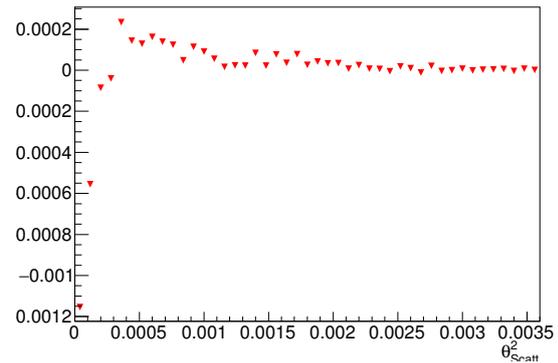
Abs.	$\langle p \rangle$	$\Delta\theta_X$			$\Delta\theta_Y$			$\langle \theta_{Scatt}^2 \rangle$		
		$\Delta\Theta$	$\sigma_{sys}$	$\sigma_{sys}/\Theta$	$\Delta\Theta$	$\sigma_{sys}$	$\sigma_{sys}/\Theta$	$\Delta\Theta$	$\sigma_{sys}$	$\sigma_{sys}/\Theta$
LiH	$172.11 \pm 0.03$	0.3	0.01	0.0006	-0.3	0.02	0.0007	0.1	0.005	0.0002
LiH	$199.95 \pm 0.04$	0.3	0.01	0.0007	0.3	0.02	0.0009	0.3	0.01	0.0005
LiH	$239.95 \pm 0.05$	0.07	0.004	0.0002	0.2	0.01	0.0007	0.1	0.006	0.0003
Xe	$240.04 \pm 0.09$	0.5	0.02	0.002	0.4	0.02	0.001	0.7	0.03	0.002

(b) Uncertainties after deconvolution using GEANT4.

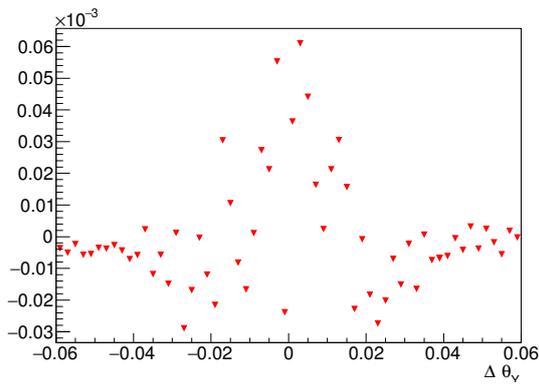
Abs.	$\langle p \rangle$	$\Delta\theta_X$			$\Delta\theta_Y$			$\langle \theta_{Scatt}^2 \rangle$		
		$\Delta\Theta$	$\sigma_{sys}$	$\sigma_{sys}/\Theta$	$\Delta\Theta$	$\sigma_{sys}$	$\sigma_{sys}/\Theta$	$\Delta\Theta$	$\sigma_{sys}$	$\sigma_{sys}/\Theta$
LiH	$172.11 \pm 0.03$	-0.4	0.02	0.0009	-1.5	0.07	0.003	-1.3	0.06	0.002
LiH	$199.95 \pm 0.04$	-1.0	0.05	0.003	-1.3	0.07	0.004	-1.2	0.06	0.002
LiH	$239.95 \pm 0.05$	-0.9	0.04	0.003	-0.7	0.03	0.002	-1.1	0.05	0.003
Xe	$240.04 \pm 0.09$	-0.3	0.01	0.002	-0.3	0.01	0.002	-0.8	0.04	0.004



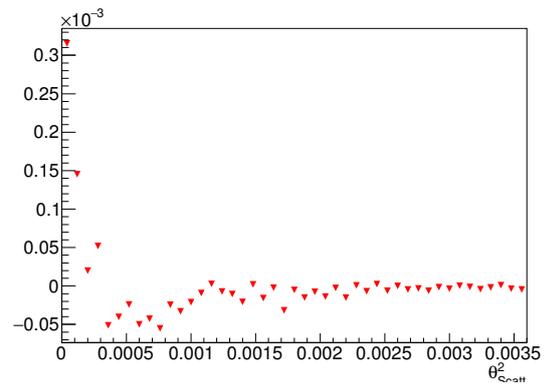
(a) Fiducial pitch systematic in  $\Delta\theta_X$



(b) Fiducial pitch systematic in  $\theta_{Scatt}^2$



(c) Fiducial radius systematic in  $\Delta\theta_X$



(d) Fiducial radius systematic in  $\theta_{Scatt}^2$

Figure 8: Differences in scattering angles incurred by the systematic extremes used to calculate the fiducial systematic uncertainties.

Table 8: Sensitivities to changes in the fiducial radial selection assuming a fiducial gradient of 12 mrad.

(a) Uncertainties without deconvolution.

Abs.	$\langle p \rangle$	$\Delta\theta_X$			$\Delta\theta_Y$			$\langle \theta_{Scatt}^2 \rangle$		
		$\Delta\Theta$	$\sigma_{sys}$	$\sigma_{sys}/\Theta$	$\Delta\Theta$	$\sigma_{sys}$	$\sigma_{sys}/\Theta$	$\Delta\Theta$	$\sigma_{sys}$	$\sigma_{sys}/\Theta$
LiH	172.11±0.03	0.3	0.008	0.0003	0.09	0.002	9e-05	0.01	0.0003	0.0
LiH	199.95±0.04	-0.2	0.006	0.0003	-0.2	0.005	0.0002	-0.1	0.003	0.0001
LiH	239.95±0.05	-0.006	0.0001	0.0	-0.1	0.003	0.0002	-0.06	0.001	6e-05
Xe	240.04±0.09	-0.3	0.008	0.0006	-0.2	0.005	0.0004	-0.4	0.01	0.0005

(b) Uncertainties after deconvolution using GEANT4.

Abs.	$\langle p \rangle$	$\Delta\theta_X$			$\Delta\theta_Y$			$\langle \theta_{Scatt}^2 \rangle$		
		$\Delta\Theta$	$\sigma_{sys}$	$\sigma_{sys}/\Theta$	$\Delta\Theta$	$\sigma_{sys}$	$\sigma_{sys}/\Theta$	$\Delta\Theta$	$\sigma_{sys}$	$\sigma_{sys}/\Theta$
LiH	172.11±0.03	1.6	0.04	0.002	3.1	0.07	0.003	1.3	0.03	0.001
LiH	199.95±0.04	1.3	0.03	0.002	0.9	0.02	0.001	1.1	0.03	0.001
LiH	239.95±0.05	0.9	0.02	0.001	0.9	0.02	0.001	0.9	0.02	0.001
Xe	240.04±0.09	0.2	0.005	0.0008	0.2	0.006	0.0009	1.4	0.03	0.003

## 6 Results

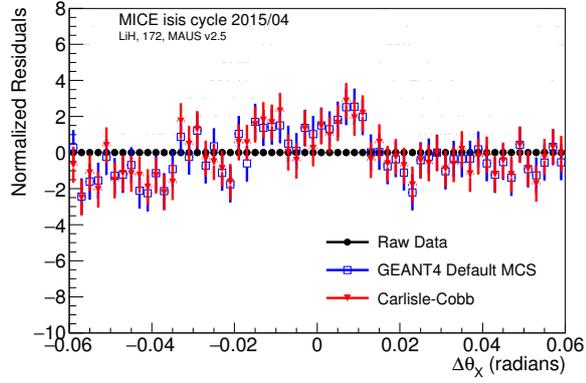
The residuals between the data and the two models under consideration appear in Fig. 9. The  $\chi^2$  derived from these residuals appear in Table 9. The  $\chi^2$  was calculated assuming 40 data points so some of the distributions collected show remarkable agreement with data.

The Bayes deconvolution has been applied to the collected data sets using the forward convolution of the GEANT4 and CCM implementations of scattering in the LiH absorber to provide the conditional probability necessary for the deconvolution. The raw and deconvolved data taken with the 200 MeV/c beam are shown in Fig. 10 assuming a GEANT4 LiH simulation. There is very little difference between the GEANT4 simulation and the Carlisle-Cobb simulations, and the deconvolved results are identical for the two results in LiH.

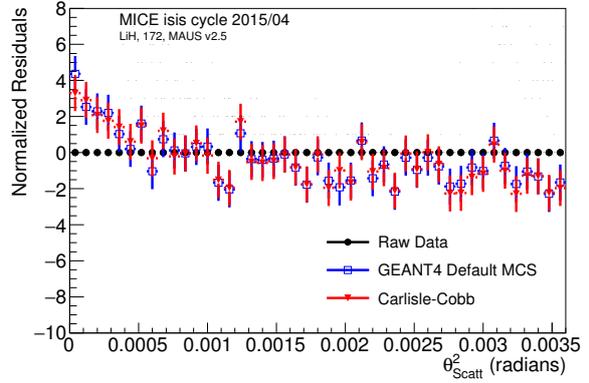
The fluctuations dominate the processed distribution at angles greater than 45 milliradians for all three data sets as shown in Fig. 5. The distributions of the projections in X and Y were characterized using a Gaussian fit within this range, with the results shown in Table 10 for data and simulation. In contrast the squared scattering angle is characterized by the mean of the angles less than 36 mrad<sup>2</sup>. The table shows that the YZ and XZ projections of the scattering distributions have consistent widths demonstrating that the fiducial selection reduces the asymmetry within the data.

### 6.1 Xenon Analyses

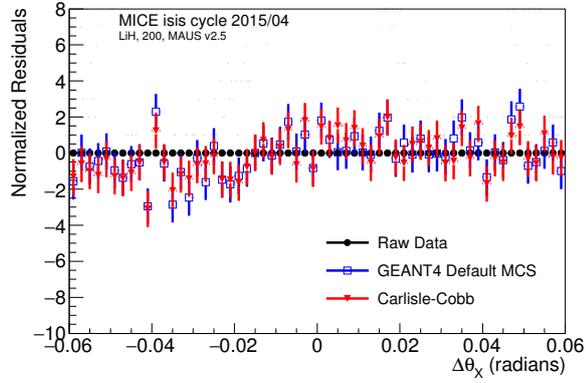
There is a significant difference between the two models for the Xenon data which must be addressed. The GEANT4 simulation shows large tails which appear in neither the data or the Carlisle-Cobb simulation. The GEANT simulation is shown in Fig. 11a with data while the Carlisle-Cobb simulation is shown with the data in Fig. 11b. However, both the comparison of the raw data to the convolved simulations and the deconvolved scattering distribution widths indicate a preference for the GEANT4 simulation. The relative width of the Carlisle-Cobb simulation to that of GEANT4 is consistent with an increase in the Xenon density by a factor of 3.4. The residuals between the raw distributions and the simulations are shown in Fig. 11e while those between



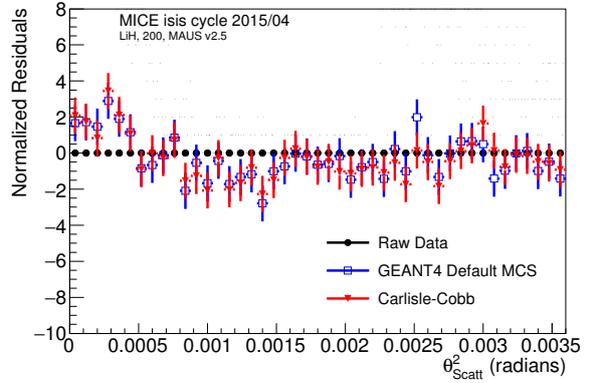
(a) Scattering about X-axis at 172 MeV/c



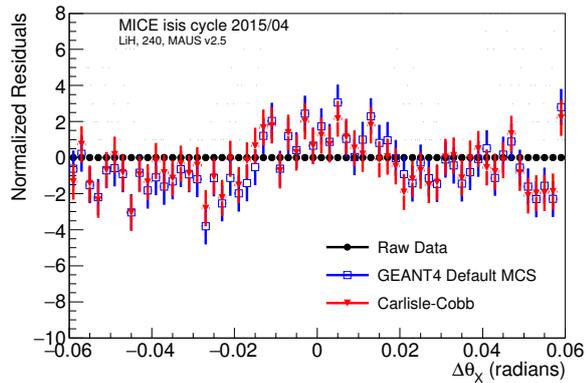
(b) Squared 3-D scattering angles at 172 MeV/c



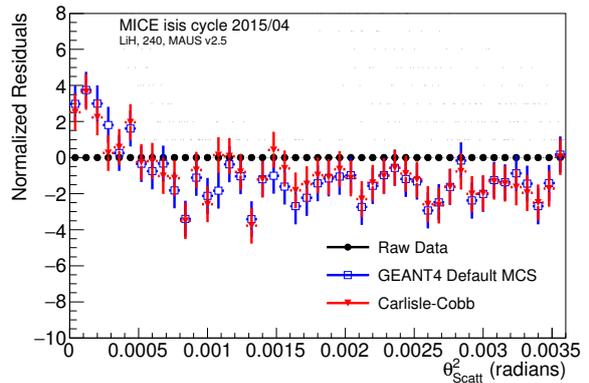
(c) Scattering about X-axis at 200 MeV/c



(d) Squared 3-D scattering angles at 200 MeV/c



(e) Scattering about X-axis at 240 MeV/c



(f) Squared 3-D scattering angles at 240 MeV/c

Figure 9: Scattering residuals between data from a muon beam with the LiH absorber in place compared to two different scattering models in LiH convolved with the scattering data taken without the LiH absorber in place.

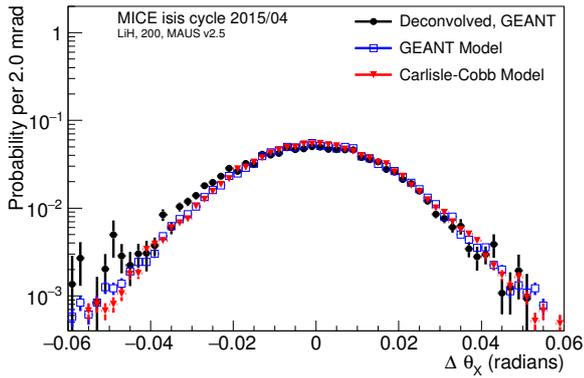
Table 9: Measurements of distribution widths and the  $\chi^2$  comparisons between data and two different implementations of multiple scattering. The  $\chi^2$  were calculated using 100 degrees of freedom. Statistical uncertainties alone have been given.

(a) Measurements in Lithium Hydride

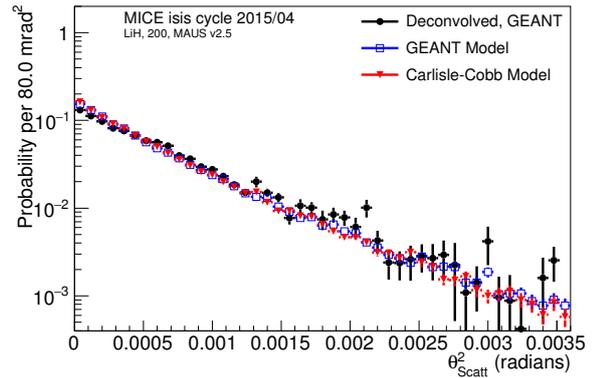
p	Angle	$\Theta_{Data}$ (mrad)	$\Theta_{G4}$ (mrad)	$\chi^2$	$\Theta_{CC}$ (mrad)	$\chi^2$
172.11±0.03	$\Delta\theta_X$	23.19±0.52±0.28	20.67±0.14	71.4 / 45	20.95±0.14	70.7 / 45
172.11±0.03	$\Delta\theta_Y$	23.77±0.56±0.34	20.95±0.14	98.4 / 45	21.15±0.14	95.1 / 45
199.95±0.04	$\Delta\theta_X$	18.96±0.24±0.57	18.37±0.1	62.7 / 45	18.26±0.1	56.6 / 45
199.95±0.04	$\Delta\theta_Y$	19.12±0.25±0.49	18.18±0.1	93.0 / 45	18.06±0.1	92.6 / 45
239.95±0.05	$\Delta\theta_X$	16.03±0.13±0.52	15.04±0.06	88.3 / 45	15.27±0.06	58.1 / 45
239.95±0.05	$\Delta\theta_Y$	15.91±0.14±0.5	14.89±0.06	190.1 / 45	15.02±0.06	130.1 / 45
p		$\sqrt{\langle\theta_{Scatt}^2\rangle_{G4}^{meas}}$ (mrad)	$\sqrt{\langle\theta_{Scatt}^2\rangle_{G4}^{true}}$	$\chi^2$	$\sqrt{\langle\theta_{Scatt}^2\rangle_{CC}^{true}}$	$\chi^2$
172.11±0.03		33.23±1.43±0.53	29.52±0.35	93.2 / 46	29.8±0.36	93.8 / 46
199.95±0.04		27.24±0.59±0.6	25.72±0.23	65.0 / 46	25.6±0.22	66.6 / 46
239.95±0.05		22.51±0.29±0.65	21.13±0.12	150.8 / 46	21.44±0.12	130.8 / 46

(b) Measurements in Xenon

p	Angle	$\Theta_{Data}$ (mrad)	$\Theta_{G4}$ (mrad)	$\chi^2$	$\Theta_{CC}$ (mrad)	$\chi^2$
240.04±0.09	$\Delta\theta_X$	13.95±0.16±0.04	14.5±0.11	17.1 / 45	16.0±0.1	55.5 / 45
240.04±0.09	$\Delta\theta_Y$	14.15±0.18±0.04	14.14±0.11	22.6 / 45	15.95±0.1	47.7 / 45
p		$\sqrt{\langle\theta_{Scatt}^2\rangle_{G4}^{meas}}$ (mrad)	$\sqrt{\langle\theta_{Scatt}^2\rangle_{G4}^{true}}$	$\chi^2$	$\sqrt{\langle\theta_{Scatt}^2\rangle_{CC}^{true}}$	$\chi^2$
240.04±0.09		19.75±0.35±0.06	20.24±0.23	286.5 / 46	22.46±0.22	297.0 / 46



(a) Scattering about X-axis



(b) 3D scattering angle

Figure 10: Projected and 3D scattering distributions at 200 MeV/c before and after deconvolution using the GEANT scattering model to provide the response distribution. The GEANT scattering distribution in the lithium hydride distribution is provided for comparison.

Table 10: Measurements of distribution widths and  $\chi^2$  between the data after deconvolution of spectra using GEANT4 to provide the absorber scattering response and the scattering models.

(a) Measurements in Lithium Hydride with a deconvolution using a GEANT4 scattering simulation

p	Angle	$\Theta_{G4}^{meas}$ (mrad)	$\Theta_{G4}^{true}$ (mrad)	$\chi^2$	$\Theta_{CC}^{true}$ (mrad)	$\chi^2$
172.11±0.03	$\Delta\theta_X$	22.46±0.34±0.23	19.28±0.11	229.0 / 45	19.55±0.11	226.7 / 45
172.11±0.03	$\Delta\theta_Y$	22.59±0.36±0.39	19.06±0.1	294.4 / 45	19.47±0.11	316.8 / 45
199.95±0.04	$\Delta\theta_X$	17.13±0.14±0.45	16.55±0.08	119.5 / 45	16.42±0.08	164.0 / 45
199.95±0.04	$\Delta\theta_Y$	17.41±0.14±0.59	16.41±0.08	254.1 / 45	16.3±0.08	278.2 / 45
239.95±0.05	$\Delta\theta_X$	14.46±0.07±0.56	13.38±0.05	276.8 / 45	13.61±0.05	270.6 / 45
239.95±0.05	$\Delta\theta_Y$	14.12±0.08±0.55	13.29±0.05	625.8 / 45	13.52±0.05	439.4 / 45
p		$\sqrt{\langle\theta_{Scatt}^2\rangle_{G4}^{meas}}$ (mrad)	$\sqrt{\langle\theta_{Scatt}^2\rangle_{G4}^{true}}$	$\chi^2$	$\sqrt{\langle\theta_{Scatt}^2\rangle_{CC}^{true}}$	$\chi^2$
172.11±0.03		31.63±0.84±0.41	26.78±0.25	331.2 / 46	27.38±0.26	309.7 / 46
199.95±0.04		24.8±0.35±0.64	23.17±0.17	129.8 / 46	22.94±0.17	147.6 / 46
239.95±0.05		20.37±0.17±0.69	18.85±0.1	333.5 / 46	19.19±0.1	266.2 / 46

(b) Measurements in Xenon with a deconvolution using a GEANT4 scattering simulation

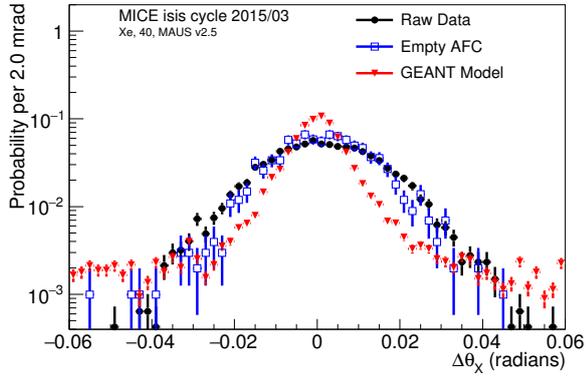
p	Angle	$\Theta_{G4}^{meas}$ (mrad)	$\Theta_{G4}^{true}$ (mrad)	$\chi^2$	$\Theta_{CC}^{true}$ (mrad)	$\chi^2$
240.04±0.09	$\Delta\theta_X$	6.34±0.06±0.0	6.73±0.06	268.7 / 45	12.08±0.07	2395.4 / 45
240.04±0.09	$\Delta\theta_Y$	6.55±0.07±0.0	6.72±0.06	222.6 / 45	12.04±0.07	1985.5 / 45
p		$\sqrt{\langle\theta_{Scatt}^2\rangle_{G4}^{meas}}$ (mrad)	$\sqrt{\langle\theta_{Scatt}^2\rangle_{G4}^{true}}$	$\chi^2$	$\sqrt{\langle\theta_{Scatt}^2\rangle_{CC}^{true}}$	$\chi^2$
240.04±0.09		9.93±0.17±0.09	10.19±0.15	289.0 / 46	17.1±0.15	2822.3 / 46

(c) Measurements in Lithium Hydride with a deconvolution using a Carlisle-Cobb scattering simulation

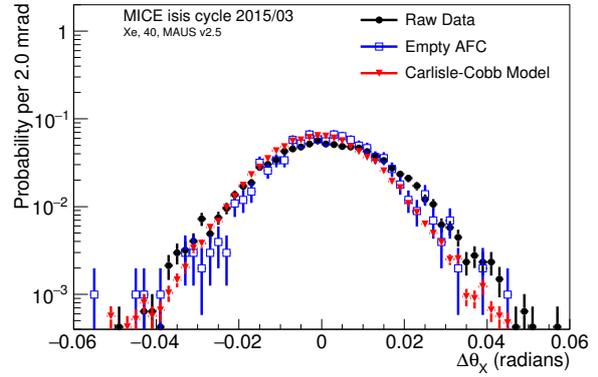
p	Angle	$\Theta_{CC}^{meas}$ (mrad)	$\Theta_{G4}^{true}$ (mrad)	$\chi^2$	$\Theta_{CC}^{true}$ (mrad)	$\chi^2$
172.11±0.03	$\Delta\theta_X$	22.14±0.34±0.39	19.28±0.11	227.9 / 45	19.55±0.11	201.6 / 45
172.11±0.03	$\Delta\theta_Y$	22.51±0.36±0.5	19.06±0.1	350.0 / 45	19.47±0.11	292.0 / 45
199.95±0.04	$\Delta\theta_X$	17.22±0.15±0.51	16.55±0.08	125.6 / 45	16.42±0.08	99.2 / 45
199.95±0.04	$\Delta\theta_Y$	17.36±0.15±0.53	16.41±0.08	257.8 / 45	16.3±0.08	230.6 / 45
239.95±0.05	$\Delta\theta_X$	14.47±0.08±0.55	13.38±0.05	303.0 / 45	13.61±0.05	193.3 / 45
239.95±0.05	$\Delta\theta_Y$	14.13±0.08±0.57	13.29±0.05	719.5 / 45	13.52±0.05	396.3 / 45
p		$\sqrt{\langle\theta_{Scatt}^2\rangle_{CC}^{meas}}$ (mrad)	$\sqrt{\langle\theta_{Scatt}^2\rangle_{G4}^{true}}$	$\chi^2$	$\sqrt{\langle\theta_{Scatt}^2\rangle_{CC}^{true}}$	$\chi^2$
172.11±0.03		31.78±0.88±0.46	26.78±0.25	320.8 / 46	27.38±0.26	294.2 / 46
199.95±0.04		24.73±0.36±0.6	23.17±0.17	136.4 / 46	22.94±0.17	144.1 / 46
239.95±0.05		20.19±0.16±0.62	18.85±0.1	294.7 / 46	19.19±0.1	234.3 / 46

(d) Measurements in Xenon with a deconvolution using a Carlisle-Cobb scattering simulation

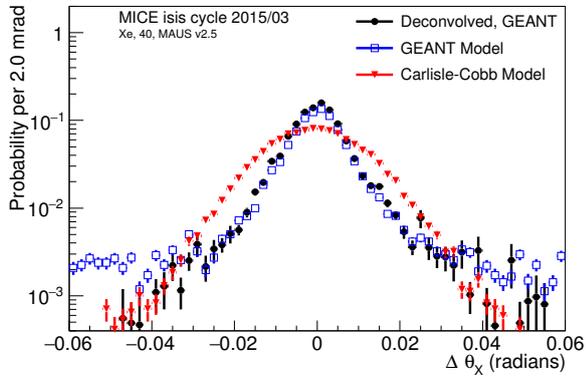
p	Angle	$\Theta_{G4}^{meas}$ (mrad)	$\Theta_{G4}^{true}$ (mrad)	$\chi^2$	$\Theta_{CC}^{true}$ (mrad)	$\chi^2$
240.04±0.09	$\Delta\theta_X$	9.73±0.06±0.02	6.73±0.06	1711.7 / 45	12.08±0.07	576.3 / 45
240.04±0.09	$\Delta\theta_Y$	9.87±0.07±0.02	6.72±0.06	1610.9 / 45	12.04±0.07	436.6 / 45
p		$\sqrt{\langle\theta_{Scatt}^2\rangle_{CC}^{meas}}$ (mrad)	$\sqrt{\langle\theta_{Scatt}^2\rangle_{G4}^{true}}$	$\chi^2$	$\sqrt{\langle\theta_{Scatt}^2\rangle_{CC}^{true}}$	$\chi^2$
240.04±0.09		14.04±0.15±0.05	10.19±0.15	2406.2 / 46	17.1±0.15	822.4 / 46



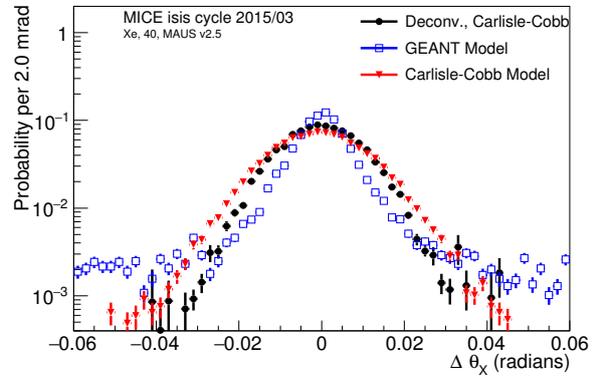
(a) Raw data compared with GEANT4



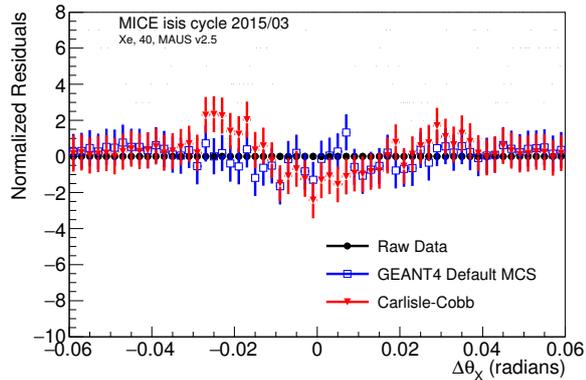
(b) Raw data compared with CC simulation



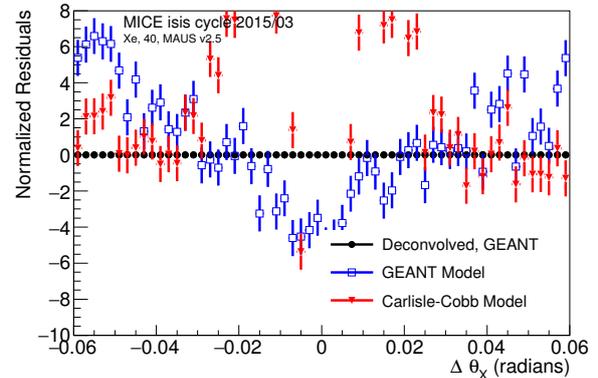
(c) Deconvolved data compared with GEANT4



(d) Deconvolved data compared with CC simulation

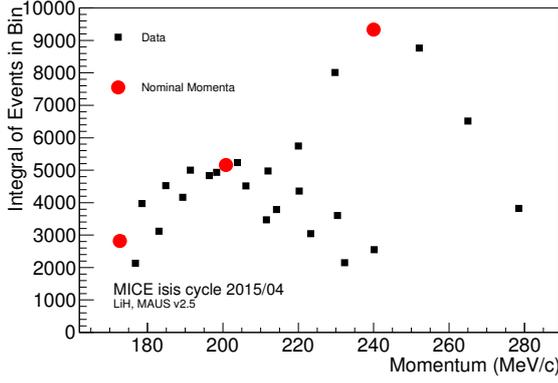


(e) Residuals between the raw data and simulations.

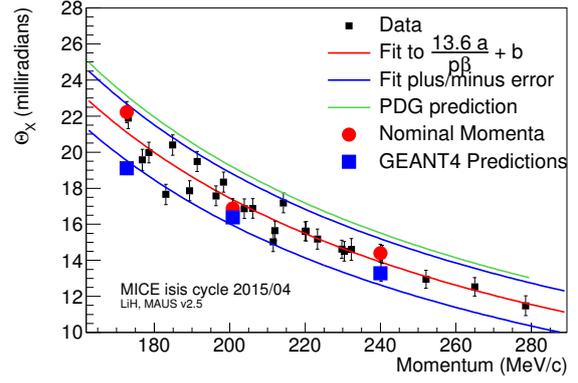


(f) Residuals between the data with a GEANT deconvolution and the simulations.

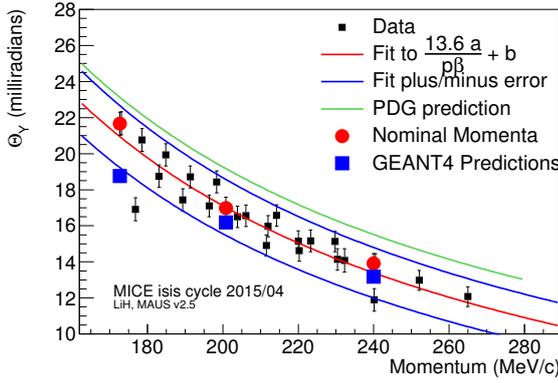
Figure 11: Projected scattering distributions about the X-axis and residuals due to interactions in Xenon.



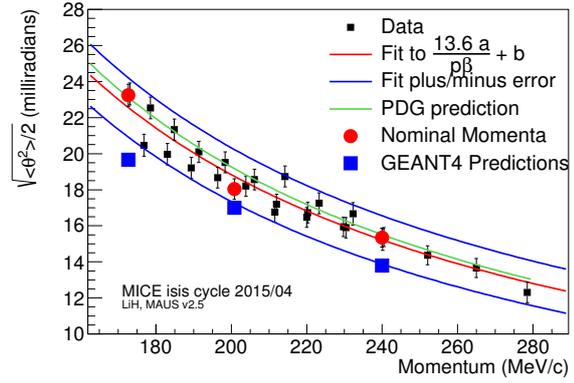
(a) Number of events in TOF bins



(b) Width in scattering angle  $\Delta\theta_X$ .



(c) Width in scattering angle  $\Delta\theta_Y$



(d) Square root of mean square scattering angle

Figure 12: The results of the scattering analysis using data from all three nominal beam settings. Scattering widths are reported after application of deconvolution.

210 the deconvolved distributions and the simulations are shown in Fig. 11f

## 7 Momentum Dependent Measurements

The muon beam data affords a unique opportunity to measure the momentum dependence of the multiple scattering because of the wide momentum distribution. By using the machinery developed to optimize the time of flight selection the widths of the scattering distribution can be determined for each TOF bin, which may be plotted as a function of momentum to confirm the functional representation of the scattering. Each bin is subject to the same analysis as that used in to test the nominal scattering momenta. The integral of the events contained in each TOF bin are shown as a function of the mean momentum in Fig. 12a. Only bins with more than 2000 events are used in the analysis. The deconvolved scattering widths as a function of momentum, shown in Fig 12b to 12d, is fit to a  $1/p\beta$  dependence motivated by Equation 5. In that case, the coefficient of the momentum dependent term should be  $13.6 \text{ MeV}/c \sqrt{\frac{z}{X_0}} \left( 1 + 0.0038 \ln \frac{z}{X_0} \right)$ . The offset should be consistent with zero.

The parameters resulting from this fit are shown in the above figures with the upper and lower limits. The values determined from the fits are shown in Table 11. The systematic uncertainty associated with the momentum scale is included in the errors shown in the figures, which were assessed by using the results of the fits with statistical uncertainties only to provide an estimate of the derivative of  $\Theta$  with respect to momentum prior and

then to relate the time of flight uncertainty to the momentum i.e.

$$\sigma_{\Theta} = \frac{d\Theta}{dp} \frac{dp}{dt_{TOF}} \sigma_{TOF} = \frac{\Theta(p + 4 \text{ MeV}/c) - \Theta(p - 4 \text{ MeV}/c)}{8 \text{ MeV}/c} \frac{a}{(t_{TOF} - b)^2} \sigma_{TOF} \quad (12)$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are provided by the fit to Fig. 2b ( $a = 1043 \pm 31 \text{ ns} \cdot \text{MeV}/c$  and  $b = 23.2 \pm 0.2 \text{ ns}$ ) and  $\sigma_{TOF} = 129 \text{ ns}$  as defined for the time of flight systematic. With these errors included in the error bars on the data points the fitted uncertainty (the limits of which are give by the blue lines in the figures) also include the systematic uncertainties.

Measurements using the projected angles are systematically less than the PDG prediction as shown in Fig 12b and Fig 12c. The root mean square scattering angle is consistent with the PDG prediction. The predictions given by GEANT are also shown in the figures, indicating an underestimate of the scattering relative to the PDG formula and the reported data, especially at low momenta. The momentum dependence of GEANT is also not as strong as that of the data.

Table 11: The results of the fit of  $a/p\beta + b$  to the scattering widths as a function of momentum. The value consistent with the PDG prediction is also shown.

Angle	a (mrad)	b (mrad)
$\Theta_X$	$237 \pm 10$	$-0.7 \pm 0.7$
$\Theta_Y$	$241 \pm 10$	$-0.8 \pm 0.7$
$\sqrt{\langle \theta_{Scatt}^2 \rangle} / 2$	$243 \pm 13$	$0.2 \pm 0.8$
PDG	250	0

## 8 Conclusion

Presented here is an analysis of the LiH scattering data compiled over ISIS user run 2015/04 and the Xenon scattering data compiled over user run 2015/03. These data were compared to different implementations of the multiple scattering in lithium hydride; the compact implementation used as the GEANT default and a more exact implementation proposed in Tim Carlisle's thesis. A  $\chi^2$  statistic was used to make qualitative statements about the validity of the proposed models. The two implementations, when using consistent central momenta, produce consistent results for the LiH disk. A deconvolution procedure was then applied to the data with the same conclusion. Widths from the scattering distributions projected onto the X-Z and Y-Z planes produce consistent results given the uncertainties. The scattering measurements can be taken from  $\sqrt{\langle \theta_{Scatt}^2 \rangle} / 2$  so that  $\Theta = 22.4 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.3 \text{ mrad}$  at 172 MeV/c,  $\Theta = 17.5 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.4 \text{ mrad}$  at 200 MeV/c, and  $\Theta = 14.4 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.4 \text{ mrad}$  at 240 MeV/c in LiH. These results are larger than the GEANT4 predictions, but smaller than the predictions based on the PDG scattering formula.

The momentum dependence of scattering was examined by considering 200 ps TOF selections from the muon beam data in additions to nominal momenta. This momentum dependence was compared to the dependence in Eq.5 and it was found that the RMS scattering is consistent with the PDG prediction while the widths taken from the projected scattering angles is systematically less than the prediction. Again, GEANT underestimates the scattering at all momenta, although the deviation decreases to be within uncertainties near momenta of 240 MeV/c.

The Xenon data has not been studied as well. The simulation is not as well understood for the Xenon gas as the lithium hydride. The GEANT4 simulation shows tails that do not appear in data or the Carlisle-Cobb

simulation while the width of the scattering distribution is more consistent with the GEANT4 simulation both in terms of the  $\chi^2$  between the data and the convolution and the measured scattering width. When the convolution with the GEANT simulation is used to provide the deconvolution response, the measured scattering width in Xenon gas is  $7.06 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.06$  mrad were the expected scattering was 8.76 mrad from the PDG calculation or 6.72 mrad from GEANT4.

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