

Minutes of the 35th MT Committee Meeting

Date and time: July 16, 2010; 13:30–15:00

Place: Nishina Bldg., Room 201

Attendees: Sakai (Chair) , Kambara, Kamigaito, Kase, Kubono (CNS), Sakurai, Ueno, Uwamino, Wakasugi, En'yo (observer), Henning (observer), Motobayashi (observer), Uesaka (CNS & UEC observer)

Absent: Fukunishi, Kubo, Morita, Shimoura (CNS), Yoshida (observer)

(no particular order)

Reports

1. Beam-time schedule changes

- The NP0702-RIBF17 (Kobayashi) BT (beam time) was extended for 3 days to compensate for the days lost in the primary and secondary beam tuning. The BT was, however, terminated as of July 1 at 4:00, before the newly allocated end time on July 1, 9:00, due to vacuum trouble with BigRIPS. Nevertheless, with the spokesperson's consent, this BT was regarded as a completed BT.
- Due to this trouble, the NP0906-RIBF16 (Kobayashi) BT that was to follow right after was canceled. Also, all following BTs scheduled through July 19, except for a RILAC-standalone BT, were delayed for 2-3 days.

2. Status of the PAC meetings in the first half of FY2010

- 7th NP-PAC: PAC report approved by RNC & CNS directors.
- 6th ML-PAC: PAC report to be sent soon to RNC director.
- 2nd In-PAC (Industrial Program Advisory Committee): PAC report sent to RNC director.

Discussions

1. The minutes of the 34th meeting were approved.

2. NP-PAC report

- Update of the approved proposal:
The PAC recommends enabling the users to update their approved original proposals if the experiments can run by using the beams projected to be run in 2011. In line with this recommendation, it was decided to announce details in the next call for proposals which will be made in September. As another issue, discussion was initiated on re-scheduling already approved BT dates, such as when the primary beam current is increased and/or the production cross-section is revealed to be larger than that assumed in a proposal.
- Change in grading scale used to evaluate proposals:
The PAC has decided to use a new grading scale that applies four different categories for deciding the A and B rankings of approved experiments. In fairness to past proposals, it was suggested that already approved backlog experiments should be re-evaluated using the new grading scale by the time of the next PAC (scheduled for December). It was decided to refer this to the PAC.

- Follow-up evaluation of completed experiments:

In line with a suggestion from the PAC, it was decided to require users to make progress reports—until the first publication is submitted and/or the project is considered to be complete—to the PAC on the status of experiments one year after their run.

3. Schedule of 8th NP-PAC meeting

- The 8th NP-PAC meeting will be held December 3-4 (or Dec. 3-5) just before the Halo25 conference which will take place December 6-9 at Hayama.
- Prior to posting calls for proposals, schedules will be announced via the mailing list and web site, in particular to enable proposal updates.

4. Coming second half-year BT allocation

- The SHE experiment (RILAC standalone) will be allocated Sep./4-Oct./22 and Jan.-Mar./31.
- The service for education (AVF standalone) will be allocated four times during Nov.-Jan. The test BT for a new chamber prepared for this service will be arranged after the proposal is reviewed.

5. Distribution of the minutes of MT committee meeting

- The draft minutes are currently distributed to all experiment spokespersons, liaisons, and the PIs of the RIBF-related teams/laboratories as well as the MT committee members. The RIBF-UEC has requested distribution of the draft version to all RIBF users as well, but the MT committee believes that only the officially approved version of the minutes should be made public and therefore distribution of the draft version will remain the same as it is now. Since the UEC chair is invited as an observer, the UEC chair is welcome to prepare and distribute a memo on the proceedings regarding any matters that the UEC chair believes should be notified to all RIBF users.
- The minutes so far are only made available as hardcopy. The possibility of also providing them as electronic files that can be downloaded from the web site is now being considered.

6. Next MT Committee meeting

- Depending on the situation of the vacuum problem with BigRIPS, an extraordinary MT Committee meeting may be held on Friday, August 20, 2010.
- The next regular MT Committee meeting will be held on Friday, September 17, 2010, from 13:30 to 15:00.