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DATA ON BUBBLE CHAMBER OPERATIONS

80cm He Bubble Chamber

First operation:	March 1967
Picture taking started:	July 1967
Total number of pictures taken:	750,000

1.4mm Heavy Liquid Bubble Chamber

First operation with Freon:	Early 1966
Picture taking started:	June 1966
First experiment completed:	1967
Pictures taken:	Approximately £400,000
First operation with Propane Freon mixture:	1968
Picture taking started:	November 1968
Picture taking completed:	September 1969
Pictures taken:	Approximately £600,000

15m Hydrogen Bubble Chamber

Reinstalled at RL:	March 1967
First operational again:	March 1967
Picture taking for first experiment started:	January 1968
Pictures taken in 1968	750,000
First operation with Deuterium:	March 1969
First operation with Neon Hydrogen mixture:	May 1969
First tests on track sensitive target:	July 1969
Total pictures taken to May 1970	2.2×10^6

No data available beyond 1970 when chamber was taken over by NIMROD.

Running Costs

Estimates were made on the running costs in May 1967 for the 1½m Hydrogen Bubble Chamber on the basis of 200 days operation. The annual costs were:

Liquid Nitrogen	£20,000
Electricity:	£110,000
Film for 3.75×10^6 pictures:	£50,000
Total costs	£180,000

The running costs of the Helium and Heavy liquid bubble chamber on the same basis would have been about £150,000 and £120,000 respectively.

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