Status of the PRad Experiment (E12-11-106)

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Outline

- PRad Physics Motivation
- Experimental Setup
- Current Status
- Preliminary analysis

Proton Radius Puzzle

- μp Lamb shift measurements by CREMA (2010, 2013)
 - Unprecedented precision, <0.1%
 - 7σ away from CODATA 2012 recommended value

 The discrepancy is not understood yet. New experiment with different systematic is necessary



PRad Experiment

- Non-magnetic and calorimetric method with GEM detectors, aiming at an unprecedented low Q² region, $Q^2 = 2 \times 10^{-4} 1 \times 10^{-1} (GeV/c)^2$ with sub-percent precision
- Simultaneous measurement of e-p elastic scat. and Møller processes



Windowless Gas Flow Target

- Target chamber is differentially pumped with four high speed turbo pumps.
- Cell orifices up- and down-stream
- Four-axis motion system to position the target cell, ~10 μm accuracy
- 20 K, 0.5 torr Hydrogen gas inside the cell.
 - Cell pressure vs. chamber pressure ~ 200 : 1





Vacuum Box

- Engineering design done by Duke/JLab
- Installed in May, 2016
- Connect to beam pipe at the end, no material on the beamline





Electromagnetic Calorimeter - HyCal

- Hybrid Calorimeter, combination of PbWO₄ and Pb-Glass modules
- High resolution, high efficiency detector
 - $\sigma_E / E = 2.6\% / \sqrt{E}$, $\sigma_{x,y} / E = 2.5 \ mm / \sqrt{E}$
 - ~ 99% efficiency
- 5.8 m away from target center (~ 0.5 sr acceptance)



GEM Detectors

- Largest GEM detector ever built in the world. Two chambers to cover the entire region of HyCal
- Two modules overlap in the central part, opening for beam pipe
- COMPASS-like strip readout (1.3 m long vertical strips, acceptable capacitance noise level)
- Mounted on HyCal box



Two modules mounted on the holding frame in PRad GEM configuration before the cosmic run in EEL (March 2016)

Installation done on May 11, 2016





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Gain Equalizing and Calibration

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- With tagged photon beam
- data-taking completed (May 25 May 31)
- Analysis is ongoing



HyCal – GEM Matching

• Online matching, e-p elastic scattering event candidate



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Data taking status

- End on June 22, status by June 20
- 1.1 GeV data-taking completed
 - 10 nA/ 15 nA beam current, 400 Mb/s data rate with 86% live time
 - 600 M production events taken, 50 M events taken with empty target
 - 24 M events taken with carbon foil target
- 2.2 GeV data-taking ongoing
 - 25 nA/ 60 nA beam current, 320 Mb/s data rate with 89% live time
 - 450 M production events taken, 15 M events taken with empty target
 - Plan on carbon foil target and on background study on June 21 and June 22

Preliminary analysis

- Energy resolution from 1st iteration of calibration
 - Single cluster event (e-p elastic scat. candidate) ~ 3.4%
 - Total energy of two clusters event (Møller candidate) ~ 3.0%



Preliminary analysis

2D-map of cluster energy vs. theta (from latest 2.2 GeV data)



Preliminary analysis

• Q² distribution of e-p elastic scattering event candidates



Thank you

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