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Double Target system for the Run Group E experiment in CLAS12

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# **Main Physics Focus**

#### QCD in the space-time domain:

- How long can a light quark remain deconfined?
  - The production time  $\tau_p$  measures this
  - Deconfined quarks lose energy via gluon emission
  - Measure  $\tau_p$  (and dE/dx?) via <u>transverse momentum</u> <u>broadening</u> that arises due to partonic elastic scattering and medium-stimulated gluon emission
- How long does it take to form the full color field of a hadron?
  - The formation time  $\tau_f^{h}$  measures this
  - Measure  $\tau_f^h$  via <u>hadron attenuation in nuclei</u> together with the understanding of the production time  $\tau_p$

#### Definitions



#### Motivation – CLAS12

In order to be scheduled for beam time a run plan must be provided by each run group.



Forward Electromagnetic

Calorimeter

# Motivation

Place different **nuclear targets** in the beamline of CLAS12 to study the effect on the **hadronization** for nuclei of different sizes.

How we can do that in an efficient way?

- 2 targets **simultaneously** on the beamline
- One made of liquid light nucleus (cryocell) and the other of a solid material
- Possibility to interchange the different targets remotely
- Experimental time is reduced at least by half
- Time-dependent systematic effects are cancelled

# Challenge

Extreme environmental conditions for the hardware:

- High vacuum: 6 × 10<sup>-6</sup> [mbar]
- High magnetic field: 5 [T]
- Extreme temperatures: 30 [K] from cryocell and ~
  950 [K] from solid target
- Ionizing radiation: ~ 3800 [rem] from neutrons
- Limited space for installation: ~ 85 [mm] beam pipe diameter



#### **Proposal**

Every challenge needs to be tackled:

- High vacuum: Compatible hardware and low gassing materials
- High magnetic field: Nonmagnetic materials and mechanisms
- Extreme temperatures: Insulate, conduct and radiate the heat
- Ionizing radiation: Shielding and radiation hardness
- Limited space for installation: Design considerations

# **Double-target system**

- Deuterium cryocell
- USM solid target system
  - Position control system
  - Support structure
  - Target holder ribbon



# **Position control system**

- Piezoelectric motor
- Potentiometer wire encoder



Nonmagnetic and vacuum resistant!

# Target holder ribbon

- Transfer the movement from the Piezomotor to the solid targets
- Conduct and irradiate the heat generated by the beam
- Carbon, aluminum, copper, tin and lead as solid targets



# Thermal study

Estimate the heat removal capability of the system.

- Simulate the maximum temperature reached by the targets without ribbon
- Simulate the **maximum temperature** reached by the targets with the expected ribbon properties
- Compare both results





### **Thermal study** – Results without ribbon



## **Thermal study** – Results with ribbon



#### **Temperature reduction**

Carbon: **80%** 

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Aluminum: **98% •** Copper: **99%** • Tin: **97%** Lead: **96%** -14

#### **Radiation test**

- Est the double-target system into high radiation environment.
  - Measure the radiation dose
  - Remote controlling and monitoring of the double-target system
  - Validate the radiation hardness

# **Radiation test** – Experimental setup

Hall A creates an ideal environment for the test:

- Accessible high radiation areas
- Monitored radiation rates

NDX02



USM target prototype



## Radiation test – Radiation dose

Simulation of the estimated radiation dose for RG-M experimental time:

- Neutron: 3,780 [rem]
- Photon: 367 [rem]
- Proton: 92 [rem]
- Electron: 3,958 [rem]



Color map in [rad] units

#### Radiation test – Routine

Exchange the targets **each 40 seconds** by moving the ribbon with the motor. When ribbon arrives to the end, it goes back with the same routine, but in the opposite direction.



#### Radiation test - Results



#### Radiation test - Results

125 days of continuum operation with **no difference** in the encoder voltage routine!



# Conclusions

- The design proposal is capable to solve the technical challenges
- From the thermal simulation It was achieved a temperature reduction of more than 95% for most of the targets
- The **double-target** system was capable to resist 125 days in a high radiation environment achieving **337%** of the estimated **neutron radiation dose**.





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