

E12-17-004 GEn-RP Update

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Experimental Technique

Measure double-polarized $^2H(\vec{e}, e' \vec{n})p$

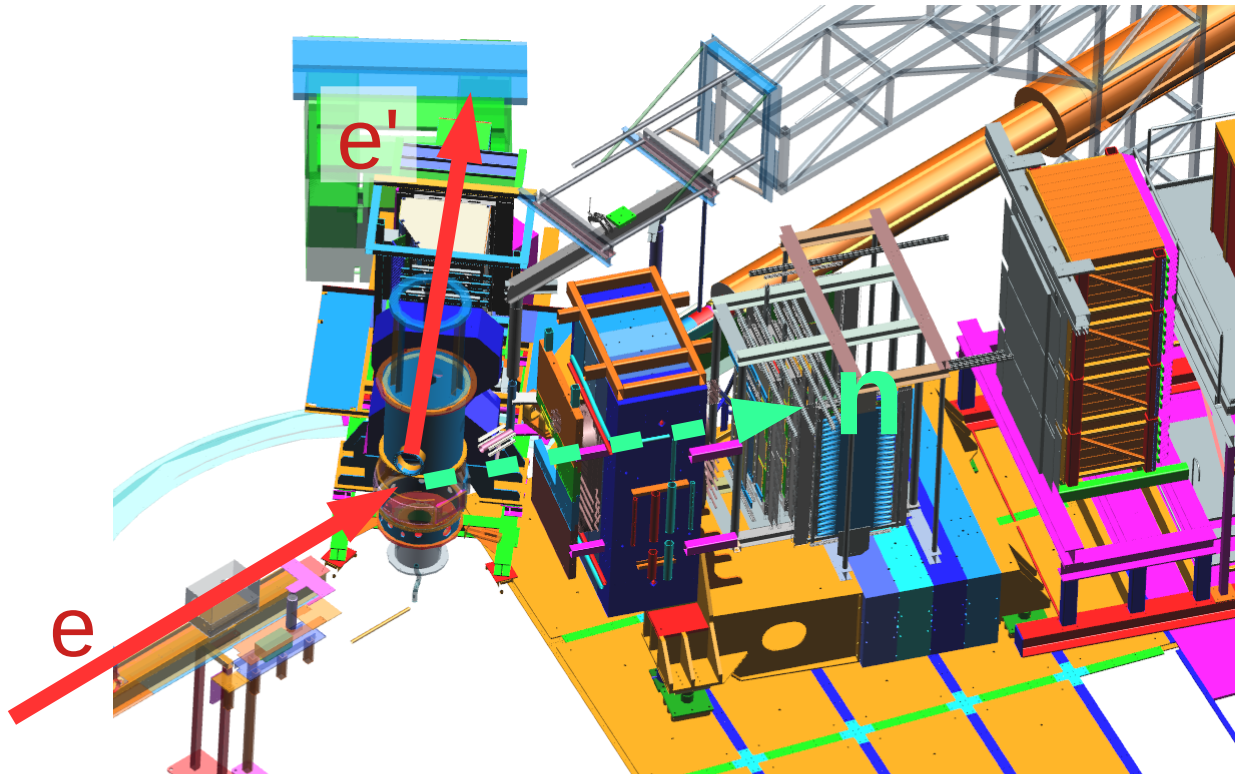
$$\begin{aligned} P_x &= -hP_e \frac{2\sqrt{\tau(1+\tau)} \tan \frac{\theta_e}{2} G_E G_M}{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2 (1 + 2(1+\tau) \tan^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2})} \\ P_y &= 0 \\ P_z &= hP_e \frac{2\tau \sqrt{1+\tau + (1+\tau)^2 \tan^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2}} \tan \frac{\theta_e}{2} G_M^2}{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2 (1 + 2(1+\tau) \tan^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2})} \\ \frac{P_x}{P_z} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tau + \tau(1+\tau) \tan^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2}}} \cdot \frac{G_E}{G_M} \end{aligned}$$

- Final-state neutron $P_x/P_z \rightarrow G_{En}/G_{Mn}$
(precess $P_z \rightarrow P_y$ in dipole magnetic field)
- Liquid D₂ Target 10 cm, 40 μA polarized electron beam (assume 80%), $L = 1.26 \times 10^{38} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- BigBite electron spectrometer and SBS hadron spectrometer
- apart from polarimeter, identical to G_{Mn}/G_{Mp} E12-09-019 setup
- SBS Neutron polarimeter: acceptance well matched to electron arm
Dipole magnet, integrated field ~ 2 Tm
Hadron calorimeter, high p & n efficiency, effective suppression soft background
 - + passive steel analyzer
 - + GEM charged-particle tracking systems
 - + active CH analyzer and side scintillator planes
- This polarimeter detects high-momentum, small angle protons
produced by np → pn **AND** low-momentum large-angle protons produced by np → np scattering

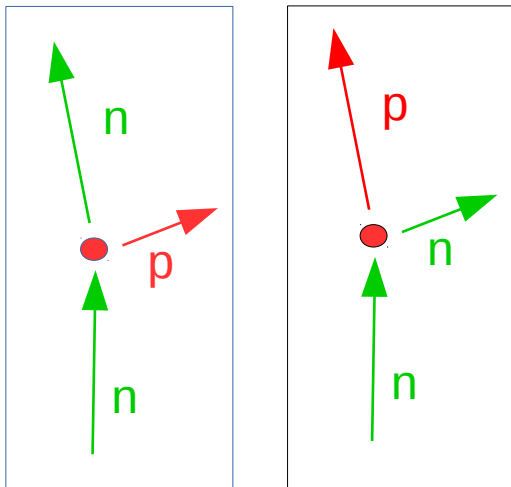
GEN-RP Physics / Experimental Approach

- E12-17-004 will measure GEn/GMn using two recoil pol. techniques at $Q^2 = \sim 4.5$ (GeV/c)²
 - “GMn” beam, beamline, target, BB
 - » Beam: ~ 4.4 GeV/c, ~ 30 μ A, $P_b = \sim 80\%$
 - » Target: 15 cm LD2 (unpolarized)
 - Scattered electron measured in BigBite
 - Charge-Exchange np \rightarrow pn channel (primary goal)
 - » Steel analyzer (passive)
 - » GEM tracking + HCAL measure forward protons
 - Conventional np \rightarrow np (secondary goal)
 - » Plastic analyzer (active)
 - » Large-angle recoil protons \rightarrow Side detectors (GEM + hodoscope)
 - » Forward neutron \rightarrow HCAL
- NOTE: HCAL trigger is required for BB+HCAL DAQ trigger

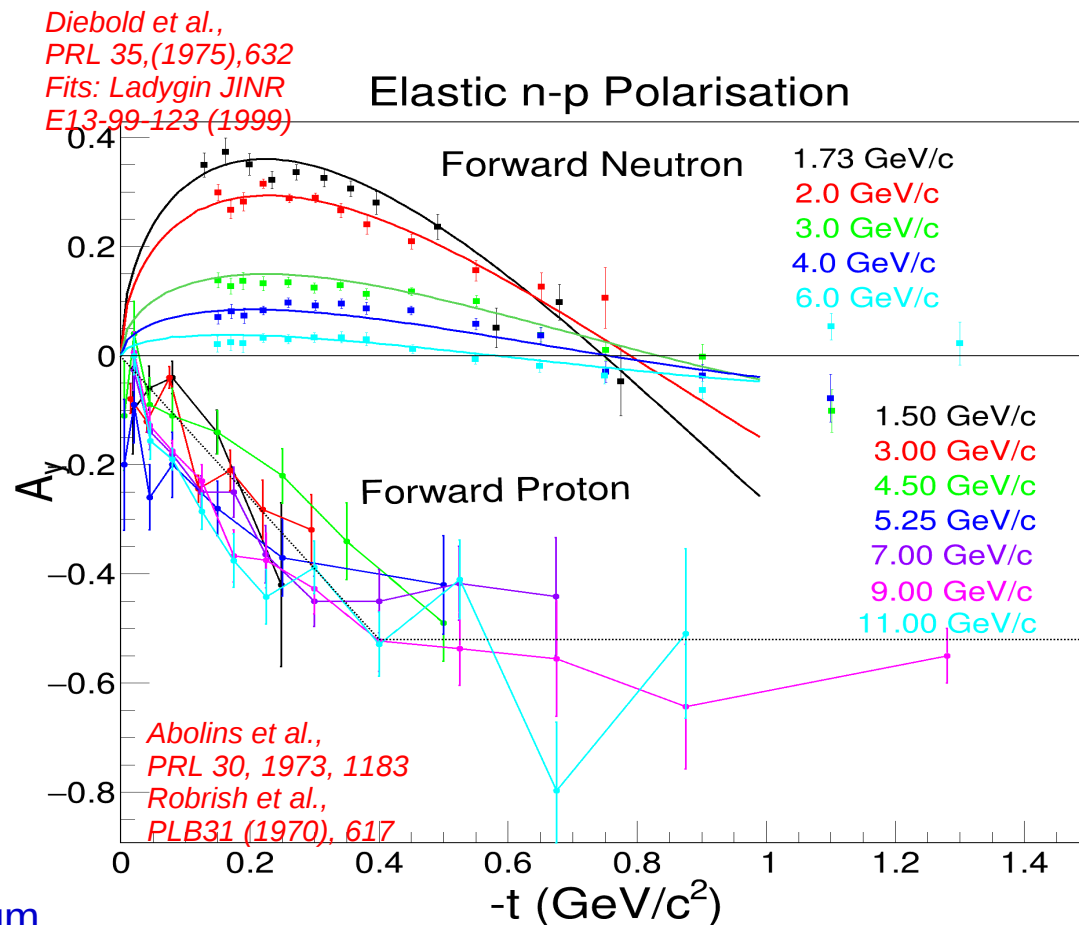
- Detector components also used in:
 - Wide-angle Charged Photoproduction (K_{LL})
 - » SBS Inline GEM stack + Steel analyzer



Analyzing Power for Elastic n-p Scattering

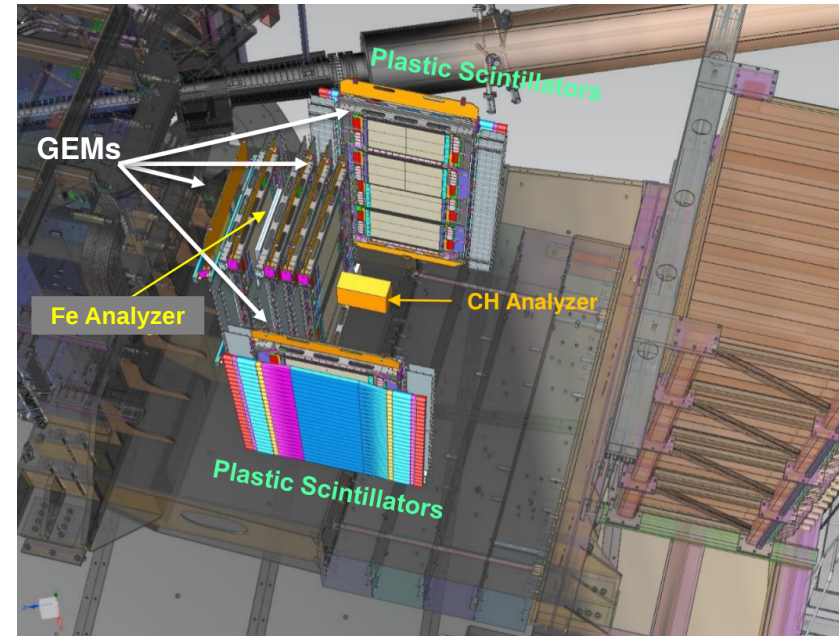


- A_y for n-p (or p-n) falling rapidly with increasing neutron momentum
- A_y for charge-exchange n-p large at sufficiently large t ($\theta_p \sim \text{few deg.}$)
- No apparent strong incident momentum dependence for charge-exchange A_y
- $\sigma_{np \rightarrow np}$ factor ~ 10 higher than $\sigma_{np \rightarrow pn}$

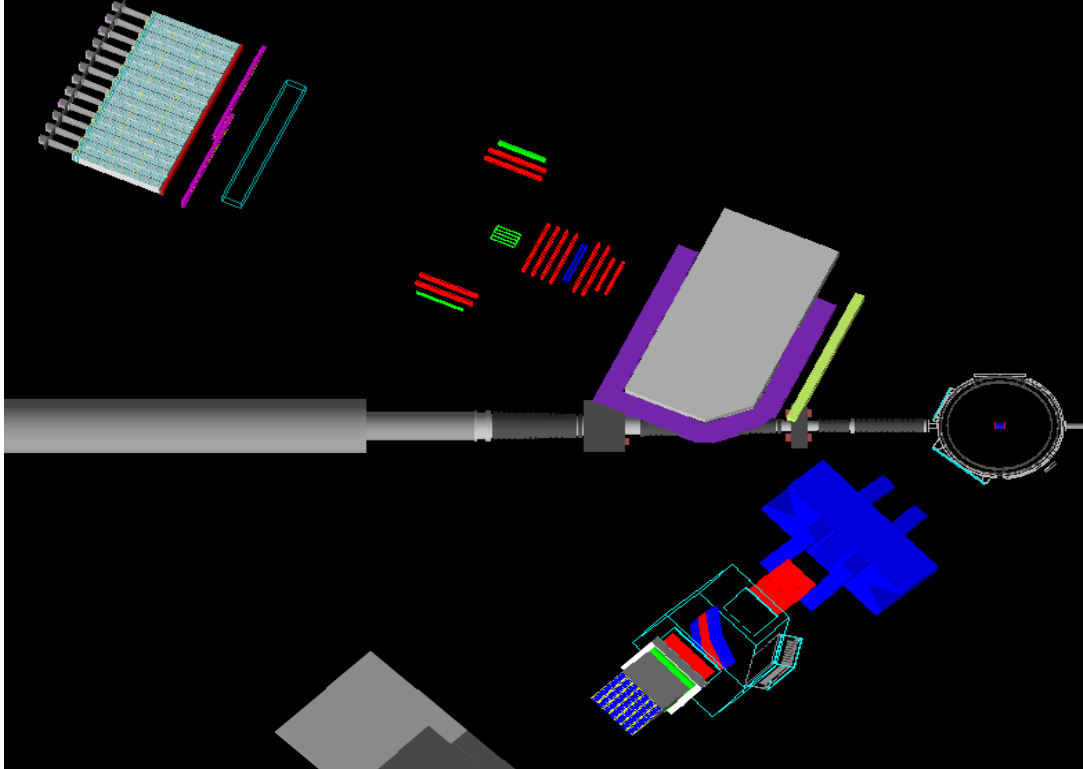


Addl. SBS Hardware for GEn-RP / E12-17-004

- Active Analyzer (PR)
 - segmented plastic scint. array
 - np recoil vertex identification
- Recoil proton detectors (PR)
 - 2 packages total:
 - » One on SBS Left
 - » One on SBS Right
 - Each package contains
 - » 1x Hodoscope array
 - timing, coarse location
 - » 2x UVa GEM planes
 - Tracking protons from CH analyzer
- Inline GEMs (PR + ChEx)
 - 2x INFN + 6x UVa GEMs
 - Charged particle veto (both)
 - forward proton tracking (ChEx)
- Steel Analyzer (ChEx)



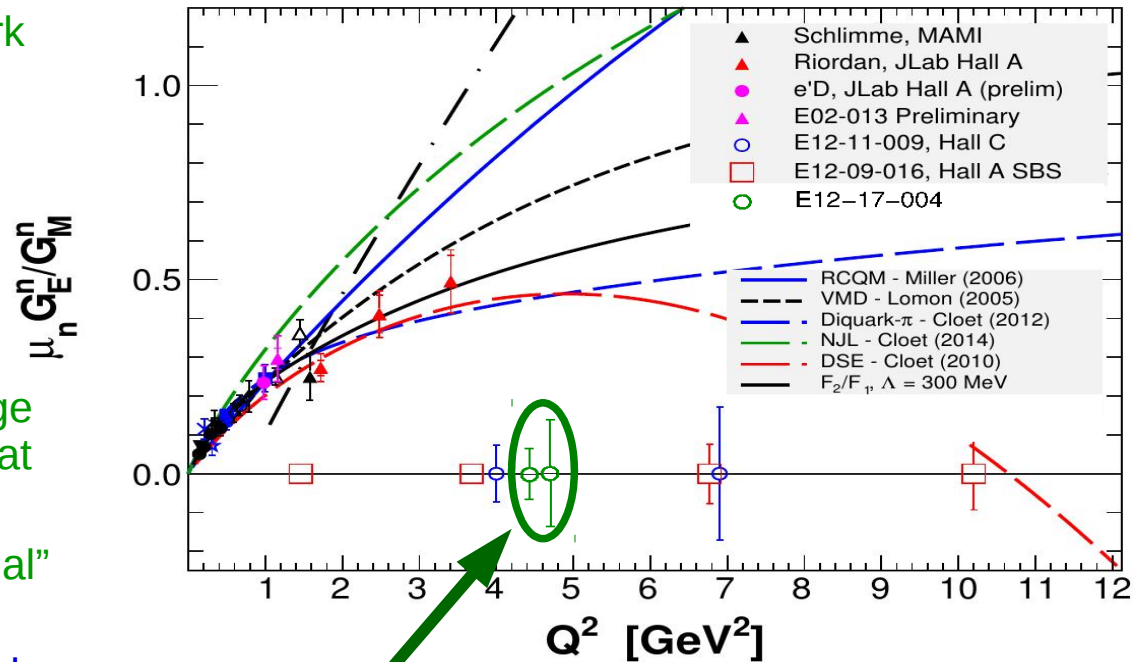
Monte Carlo Simulation



- Realistic description of polarimeter components added to g4sbs
- Modified to include spin-dependent hadronic processes and precession
- Full quasi-elastic pseudo-data set simulated for expected luminosity
- Two-arm data analysis performed for both CE and PR polarimeter with realistic detector efficiencies and resolutions
- Analyzing power parametrizations based on Ladygin ($\times 0.5$) for PR and Dubna results for CE
- Extracted effective analyzing power (due to depolarization), overall efficiency, FOM and statistical uncertainty on polarization components and form factor ratio

GEN-RP (E12-17-004)

- GEN/GMn form factor measurement
 - Models with diff. assumptions of quark dynamics diverge rapidly as Q^2 rises.
 - Full program supports nuclear u and d quark decomposition
- E12-17-004 is a “Proof of Principle” measurement of GEN/GMn:
 - Validate new neutron polarimetry technique exploiting Charge Exchange channel (promises much better FoM at high Q^2 !)
 - Cross checked using the “conventional” large angle np scattering polarimetry
- GEN-RP is allocated 5 PAC days to do single Q^2 point at 4.5 (GeV/c)²
 - Was designed to overlap with GMn setting
 - If all works, will return to PAC for full measurement



E12-17-004 (projected)

Update GEM status (EEL/125)



- 8 (of 10) X-Y GEM layers installed and being read out with VTP hardware
 - 6 layers in the production “Inline Stack”
 - 2 layers in one “Side Detector” Assem.

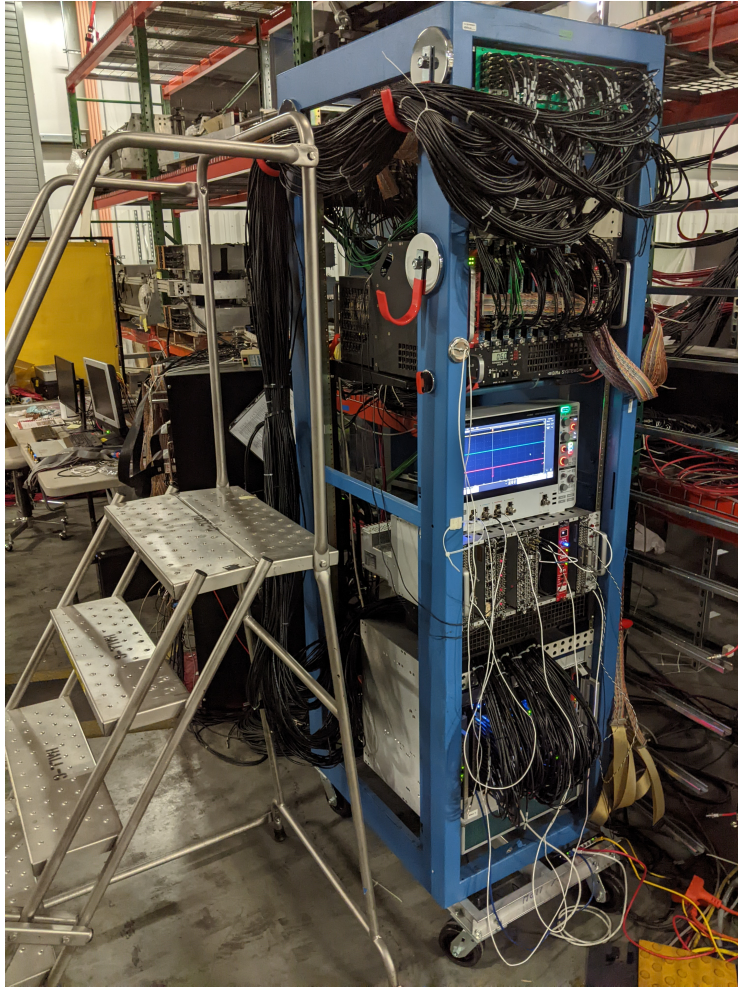
- Still in development
 - 2 UVa X-Y layers partially assembled
 - 2 INFN layers (J1 and J3) in TestLab

Hodoscopes Assembled in ESB



- HV and Signal cables labeled and spooled in ESB (right)
- One “Side Detector” under test in ESB (left)
 - 2nd Hodo layer also complete

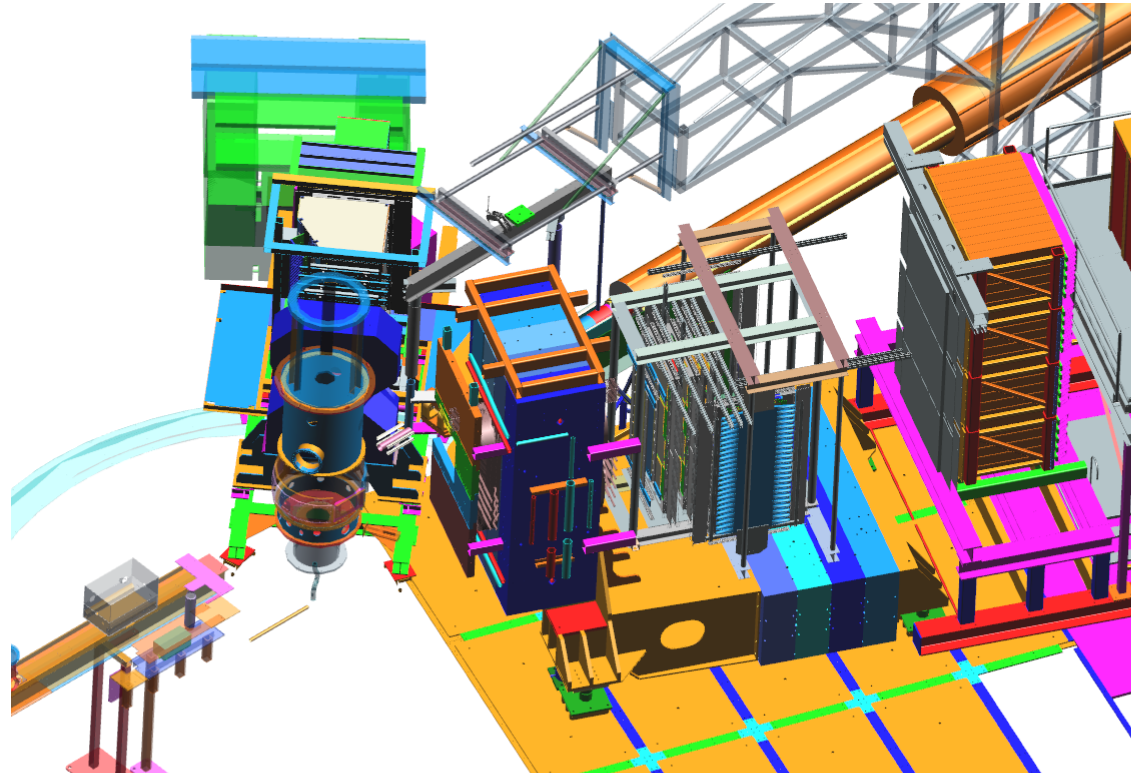
Scintillator DAQ / Readout Hardware



- RP-GEn DAQ rack assembled in ESB
 - Testing with CODA3 HallA / SBS readout
- HV crate also production ready
 - (just to the right but not in frame...)
- Cable runs measured/confirmed between SBS and DAQ bunker
 - Should confirm layout with Jesse/Robin
- Power in SBS DAQ bunker is arranged
 - Require ~25A/120V (Jack Segal knows)
- DAQ folks:
 - DAQ fiber to the VXS crate for triggering
 - Need Ref-time for the v1190 TDC (&FADC)
 - Add 'Side Detector' trigger to TS ("Like")

Upcoming Plans

- Move SBS RP-GE_n detectors to the Hall for comm. during Pol He3 run in Fall 2022
 - Inline GEM layers installed in final location
 - Side Detector locations TBD
 - » Beamline-side detector has interference
 - » Perhaps locate both on floor beam-right of SBS?
 - No SBS rear field clamp
 - No Beamline shield wall
- Rough Timeline
 - Detectors to Hall: Apr/May
 - Hook-up and Test: May/June



Hardware Todo Lists

- DAQ rate questions

- Significant VTP work has been done on EEL/125 GEM stack
 - » Good progress, but more to do...
 - » Load testing of VTPs in test setup a must
- Need to assess potential data rate limitations in the Hall A DAQ system
 - » “Max” rate @ 4.5 kHz with all GEM layers: ~3 GB/sec
 - » Bandwidth, stability, sustainability?

- Magnetic fringe field check on SBS carriage

- Existing shielding good to 50–60 G
- Would like to re-measure in final config with rear field clamp installed (*may not be possible*)
- Otherwise (re-)measure fields at planned SBS production current w/o clamp to validate model predictions

GEM Assembly Issue

- 79 APVs needed to complete assembly and readout GEM layers
 - Reuse idle INFN APVs?
 - » Need connector adapter to be fabricated
 - 31 APVs damaged
 - » Some fraction repairable
 - » Maybe small fraction...
 - Buy/build new APV cards?
 - » Availability and timeline?
 - APVs may be in contention with other projects
 - » New SBS layers? Other projects?
- Complete GEM layer assembly and Cosmics testing

Software / Analyzer Todo

- The 4 UVa GEMs downstream of Steel Analyzer provide **track** for Charge-Exchange proton
 - Supported by kin. constraints from e- in BB and HCAL cluster
 - Assumption was that we would leverage existing GEM tracking infrastructure for BigBite in Podd
 - » Still to be completed
 - » Needs expert support, experts are stretched thin...
- Upstream GEMs are used as **charge-veto only** for GEN-RP (relatively low bar)
 - Tracking required in this region for K_{LL}
- Hodoscope / Active analyzer fairly easy to implement and monitor with existing Podd
 - Kinematics and online “physics” monitoring modules/scripts still need to be developed

Staging and Run-plan Integration

- Hardware to move to the Hall
 - 1 DAQ rack (pre-assembled) + 1 HV crate + Cables (will be in a basket for transport)
 - Three sub-detectors frames (Inline GEM stack; 2x side-detector assemblies)
- GEn-RP detectors will be installed in SBS detector stack and verified in-situ prior to start of beam
 - This includes the all GEMs and side hodoscopes
 - Active analyzer will be cabled and checked out in-situ w/ cosmics as well
 - Passive (steel) analyzer will NOT be installed
 - Jesse's schedule indicates
 - » Schedule for SBS/GEN-RP equipment moving into the Hall: Apr—May 2022
 - » Schedule for SBS/GEN-RP hookup and prebeam tests: May—Jun 2022
- SBS GEMs (hardware and DAQ support) will be worked on parasitically during the Fall 2022 program
 - Plan to demonstrate:
 - » Operational stability and tracking in 8 inline GEM layers + HCAL
 - » Operational stability and tracking/spatial coincidence in side-detector assemblies
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Outstanding Performance Questions

- BB + SBS performance vs luminosity
 - Absolute tracking efficiency on electron arm vs. luminosity (or beam current on LD2)
 - » Proposals assumed ~40 uA on 10cm LD2
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- BigBite electron arm performance metrics
 - Electron trigger efficiency?
 - » What fraction of incident electrons are we able to measure after trigger dilution due to gammas, pions, etc
- HCAL performance metrics?
 - HCAL trigger status / efficiency?
- Rates / tracking performance in GEM layers
 - Tracking less important for GEn-RP than for K_{LL}
- DAQ rates limit check
 - » GMn: 5 BB GEM layers: 700 MB/sec @ 2.5 kHz trigger rate
 - » GEn-RP: +12 GEM layers: ~1700 MB/sec @ 2.5 kHz trigger rate

Thank you