PRad-II Gas Target Status

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Target Designs



5 Turbo pumps around the target:

Both 2700 l/s turbo pumps are backed by a 1900l/s turbo pump and then fed into a multi-stage roots pump.

Target Parameters

- **Target cell**: 75 mm x 75 mm x 40 mm,
- Thin end walls: 63mm dia. by 7.5µm thick polyimide foils,
- "Windowless" ---Beam enter and exits via 2 mm holes on the center of Kapton foils,
- Target Material: High-purity hydrogen gas (>99.99%),
- Target Length: 40 mm,
- Target Pressure: 0.63 mBar,
- Target Temperature: Regulated at 20K,
- Vacuum Vessel Pressure: 6.8 x 10⁻⁴ mBar,



Brief Target History





- Used during 2016
- Most of the components were kept in a storage place with for future use
- Only a few parts were repurposed
- Most of the target components were located and move to Experiment Staging Building, ESB, last months
- Preparation of target testing is on going



Test area setup in ESB





Other components for the target



1900 l/s Turbo Pump and multi-stage roots pump



Top of the Vessel







- Most of power and control cables are in the ESB and ready to be plugged in
- Very few components are still not in place (the temperature controller—looking for the original calibrated one, a homemade multi-connector feedthrough for T sensors were repurposed—a new one will be made, etc.)
- The chilled water distribution hoses have all been replaced
- Working on the ePases for power distributor (Big Bertha) hookup and individual component testing
- Cabling have been started
- Start working on the target position controller



Short Term Plan and Aggressive Goal

- Powering up all components
- Testing each pump separately (to avoid rushing for long lead time repair works)
- Running all pumps and leak check the target setup
- Establishing remote control for the hall operation (needs Nathan's help)
- Testing target performance with ⁴He (use 2 x flow to compensate low H₂ pumping rate)
- Adding Scintillators and testing vacuum performance (under Youri's guidance and help)
- Ready for ERR in Q2 FY2025

No Contingency Schedule with current Workforce



No Contingency Schedule with additional Workforce





Issues contributed to the schedule

- Most people working the target (DW, PD and XW) have a funding (>60% support) review in December. Need 2 weeks to prepare
- PD and XW have multiple trips for the other project (also deadline driven)
- Building Irradiation Cryostat and prepare additional vent line at CEBAF Injector

==>More help (beyond Andrew Schick, the new team member from UMass) is needed for the next 3 months---RESOLVED





Just In Case (thinking ahead)

- The target performance is relied on the 2 large turbo pumps (Pfeiffer HiPace 3400, no long available). A spare with the similar H₂ pumping speed will cost >\$93K.
- The 1900 I/s pump to backup the HiPace 3400s was borrowed from another hall. We should consider to have our own spare
- The 1900 I/s turbo pump and the multi-stage roots pump (Pfeiffer A 803H) can be replaced by a larger multi-stage roots pump with 2 X pumping speed (Pfeiffer A 1804H)
- All turbo pumps and the cold head compressor need chilled water to run, therefore a spare chiller might be a reasonable thing to have

Summary



- The target is being set up in the ESB for recommissioning after long time storage
- The performance test is scheduled to finish in early 2025
- A more aggressive schedule for a January ERR is possible but would require more help from collaborators and without unplanned delays
- Spare equipment are needed to ensure the reliable physics runs