Simulation overview and recommendations

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Introduction

- Radiation measurements outside hall:
	- used for personnel protection
	- boundary dose limit imposed by DOE/Lab is 100/10 mrem per calendar year

- Radiation measurements inside hall:
	- used for equipment protection
	- needed to be able to make effective use of beam time
	- can be additional background

Boundary dose estimation

- We evaluate the dose on the boundary by looking at high energy (E>30 MeV) neutrons reaching the roof of the hall
	- This has been shown by RadCon to be a good proxy
- We benchmark this proxy by simulating experimental configurations that produced significant (measurable) boundary dose
- We compare the HE neutron integrated power of previous experiment to different MOLLER configurations
	- This analysis will be strengthened by the PREX and CREX numbers
- The current shielding will allow MOLLER to remain under the JLab limit

Electronics damage

Single event upsets

- We evaluate both the low energy (thermal) neutrons and the high energy hadron flux at locations where we have electronics
- We compare to fluxes simulated for experimental setups that ran successfully before at JLab

Permanent damage

- We evaluate the entire spectrum for neutrons, pions, protons and electrons and use the FLUKA damage functions to convert them into 1-MeV neutron equivalent damage
- Typical commercial semiconductor electronics will show signs of damage at \sim 1E13 1-MeV n/cm²

Current geometry

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- The maximal shielding upstream of the hybrid we had in the previous review has remained the same
	- Target: 1.4 m of concrete on 5 sides; 40 cm thick Pb shield
	- Collimator 1&2: 1.5 m concrete all around in phi
	- Collimator 4: 1m concrete all around in phi; 25cm Pb shield wall
- US(Target) vacuum window has been optimized and placed right DS of the target
- We have minimized the amount of Vacuum we have in the hall to only beamline regions to allow for showering in the air in the rest of the hall
- Drift pipe, collars, detector pipe as well as shower max and pion Pb doughnut

Current geometry

- Sensitive area in the location of the Main Detector PMTs and Retracted GEMs used for estimates
- Drift pipe, collars, detector pipe as well as shower max and pion Pb doughnut included
- Dump tunnel, beampipe (with correct neckdowns), aperture plate, diffuser and water tank included
	- We didn't see any hits coming back from the water tank so in the future we will stop the beam downstream of the diffuser
- Simulation ran with beam generator with a fringe magnetic field down to **R=2mm**

Hall detectors

- The particle density on the roof is peaked close to the wall (we will need to include part of the wall in our boundary estimate)
- We can see that although we put more than 5kW of power in the target and collimator 1 each they don't shine as much as the downstream elements

 10^{-7}

 10^{-8}

 10^{-9}

Main detector sources (Rings 1 through 7)

Main detector rates

Normalization of NIEL numbers

- Scale NIEL numbers in ring 7 by: 1.6e17 (full PAC days)
- We can clearly see that we are dominated by neutrons and we reach about $1E12 1$ -MeV n_{eq}/cm^2 without any shielding (Chandan has more details about this) for the entire life of the experiment
- Closest sensitive electronics to this location will be the PMT bases which will be radially out from Ring 7 and have some local shielding

Project Recommendation: 2016 Dec DR.03.R-04/R-10

R-04: Splashback from the Shower Max Detector should be simulated to see the impact on the Thin Detector ring signals.

R-10: Complete the shielding studies around the beam dump to ensure there is no excessive noise in the main MOLLER detectors.

- We can estimate the impact of the different regions on the detector signal by looking at the rate of electrons reaching the Main Detector quartz area (particularly with energy larger than 1MeV)
	- Detailed numbers can be found in **docDB577** (for MD and PMT regions separated by species)
- The target account for about 80% of electrons reaching the MD, the air in front of the detector accounts about the same amount as the SM (8%)
- We can see that we don't get any significant amount of electrons from DS of the SM

Project Recommendation: 2016 Dec DR.03.R-10b

Complete the shielding studies around the beam dump to ensure there is no excessive noise in the main MOLLER electronics.

- With respect to noise in electronics closest to the beamline we can look at the NIEL "dose" in Ring 7 separated by the same regions
- We can see that while the diffuser dominates the high energy neutron damage the dump overall is not a big issue compared to the SM and Pion doughnut (factor of 5 smaller)
- We conclude that the dump will not require significant changes or shielding to allow for uninterrupted experimental running

Project Recommendation: 2019 Apr DR.05.R-09

Prepare a plan to handle possible radiation damage to the front end electronics, pending the results of the radiation field estimates.

- Estimations inside the electronics hut **8E10 1-MeV neq/cm²** - and at the location of the retracted GEMs - **4E12 1-MeV neq/cm²** - (see Chandan's talk) show that we are significantly lower than levels where permanent damage will be an issue
	- The GEM numbers are highly position dependent and we envision locating the most sensitive components in the closed sectors so that we avoid unnecessary exposure

Other recommendations: thoughts

Some thoughts on next steps

- Geometry updates:
	- Electronics hut requirements can be relaxed (open the top and increase the walls, reduce the thickness of the walls); placement will be revisited once design progresses
	- **S**mall **A**ngle **M**onitor region (SAMs with tubes and quartz as well as Pb doughnut) needs to be included in the simulation and optimized to not increase radiation field
	- Dump tunnel geometry needs to be updated to include the effect of the dirt overbearing
	- Optimization of the target and collimator 1 region will need to go in parallel with design of the area to catch problems as they appear
	- Collar 1&2 optimizations will improve the radiation field at the GEMs and the MD PMTs
	- Collimator 1 and 2 merging and possible redesign for improved heat dissipation
- Analysis scheme to evaluate Single Event Upsets occurrence should be developed
- Improve analysis of the boundary dose in coordination with RadCon
- Evaluate efficiency of the Dump Ion Chambers for machine protection (in particular seeing the radiation field produced by the diffuser)
- Re-run analysis with full fringe field

Backup

Radiation issues inside the hall: Mitigation strategy

- We focused our efforts on reducing radiation as close as possible to the source (locations with high power depositions)
	- The target and collimator 1&2 regions are the most important
- We investigated the effect of slit scattering and reduced amount of background reaching the detector plane

Photons reaching full detector plane: GeoV2

PMT ring : GeoV2

- We can see that Collar2 seems to allow high energy particles up to a radius of ~1270mm skewing the PMT numbers
	- Reason why the rate*E numbers on previous plots see such a large number from the target

radial distribution of hits

R7 kinE distributions : GeoV2

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Black: gamma Red: e- and pi-

R7 NIEL distributions : GeoV2

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Black: gamma

Beamline detectors: SAMs

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Beamline detectors: SAMs (rate towards the dump)

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Beamline detectors: SAMs (rate from the dump)

Beamline detectors: back dump donut

Beamline detectors: dump donut (energy)

Dump donut energy deposition

• Scaling the energy deposited in the donut by the current (in uA) we get the energy deposition in W: 6.309kW

