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Calibration Study and Preliminary Results of PRad Experiment MAXIME LEVILLAIN, North Carolina AT State Univ, PRAD COLLABORATION — The latest measurements of the proton radius through muonic hydrogen Lamb shift show a discrepancy of 7σ from a global analysis of standard hydrogen Lamb shift and elastic *ep*-scattering. In order to understand this *proton radius puzzle*, the PRad experiment¹ successfully took in last June some elastic *ep*-scattering data at very low Q^2 ($2 \cdot 10^{-4}$ to 10^{-1} GeV²) with very accurate angle and energy measurements to minimize the systematic uncertainties. Before measuring the cross-sections that will be used to extract the electromagnetic form factor $G_E(Q^2)$ and the proton radius, a very careful calibration of the electromagnetic calorimeter (*HyCal*) must be performed to get a good energy resolution and separate *ep*-events from Møller events especially at low angle. We will present an extended study of the electromagnetic calorimeter calibration of this experiment as well as some preliminary results on *ep*and *ee*-scattering processes extracted from the data².

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