

Physics with forward processes at EIC

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Forward physics with EIC

Processes in ep, eA(light), eA(heavy)

Physics objectives

Forward detection requirements

Interest, novelty, support

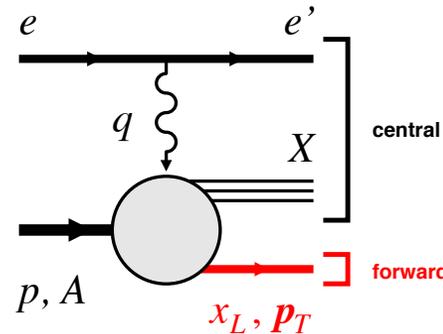
Forward detection at IR2

Design considerations and challenges

Complementarity directions

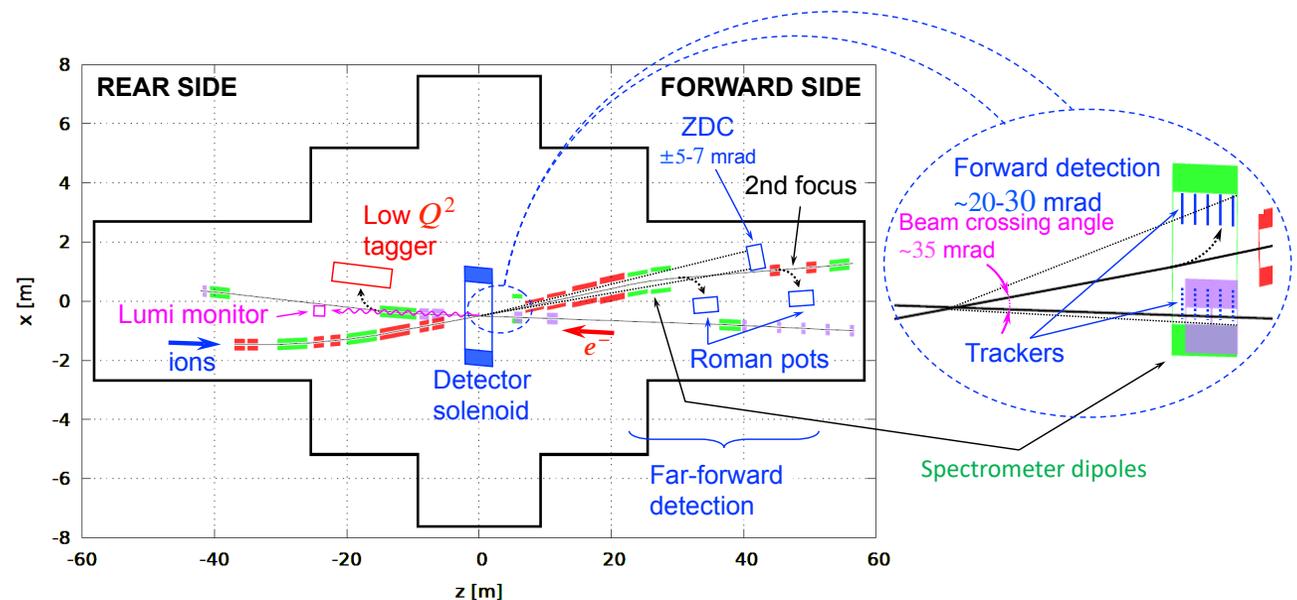
→ V. Morozov, Thu

[This presentation: Basis for discussion/assessment of IR2 options, not specific proposal]



x_L — longitudinal momentum fraction relative to proton/ion beam

p_T — transverse momentum relative to proton/ion beam → angle θ



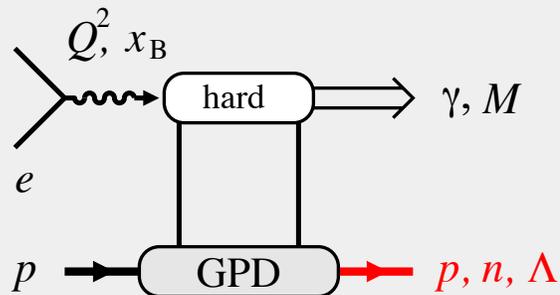
DVCS, TCS and light meson production

Physics: GPDs, transverse imaging of quarks/gluons, energy-momentum tensor form factors, angular momentum, QCD forces [→ X. Ji, this session]

Detection: Proton $x_L = [\sim 0.5, 0.999]$
 $p_T = [0, \sim 2 \text{ GeV}]$, $\delta p_T \sim 100 \text{ MeV}$

Neutron detection “as good as possible”
 Λ , Σ^0 for strange meson production K , K^*

Interest: Major program at JLab12 and EIC, theoretical/computational developments. Extensive studies for IR1 [A. Jentsch et al]



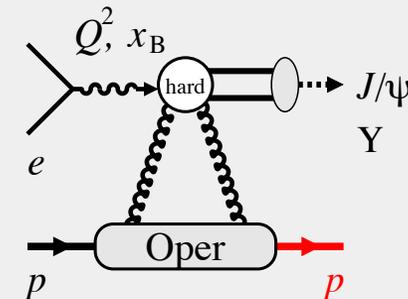
Heavy quarkonium production

Physics: Gluonic structure at small and large x . Near-threshold: local operators, trace anomaly, “origin of mass”. Spectroscopy.

Detection: Protons $x_L < \sim 0.5$ for large- x /near-threshold regime
 $p_T = [0, \sim 2 \text{ GeV}]$

Interest: Growing community, theoretical developments. Workshop ANL Jan 2021
[\[Webpage\]](#)

EIC YR simulations [S. Joosten et al → Thu]



Baryon resonance production

Physics: DVCS/meson production with $N \rightarrow N^*$ transition, e.g. $N \rightarrow \Delta$. Transition GPDs, QCD structure of resonances

Detection: Forward $N + \pi$, N^* reconstruction

Interest: EIC Spectroscopy Workshop ECT* 2018 [\[Webpage\]](#)

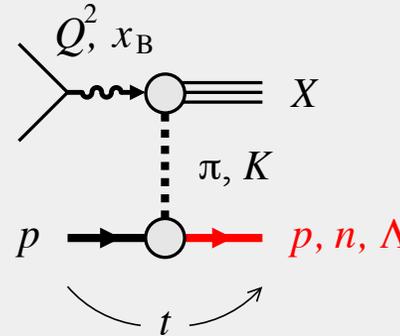
Pion/kaon structure

Physics: Structure of Goldstone bosons of chiral symmetry breaking in QCD \rightarrow "origin of mass"

Detection: Proton $x_L \sim 0.7-0.99$
 $p_T = [0, \sim 1 \text{ GeV}]$, $\delta p_T \sim 100 \text{ MeV}$

Neutron for $p \rightarrow \pi^+ + n$
 Λ, Σ^0 detection for $p \rightarrow K + \Lambda$; large Λ decay length

Interest: Sizable community. Workshop CFNS Jun 2020 [\[Webpage\]](#)
 YR simulations [T. Horn et al]

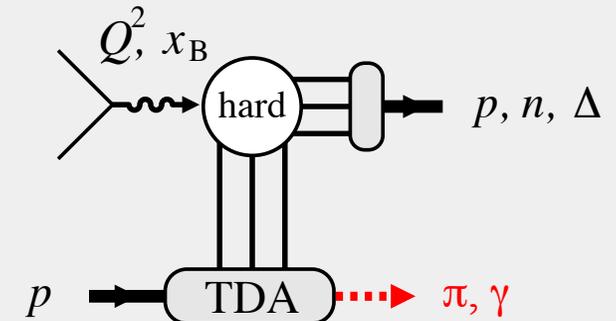


u-channel processes

Physics: TDAs, baryon Regge trajectories, baryon number transport

Detection: Forward π^+ , π^- and π^0/γ , includes negative charge

Interest: Dedicated group
 Workshop JLab Sep 2020 [\[Webpage\]](#),
 YR simulations [Wenliang Li et al]

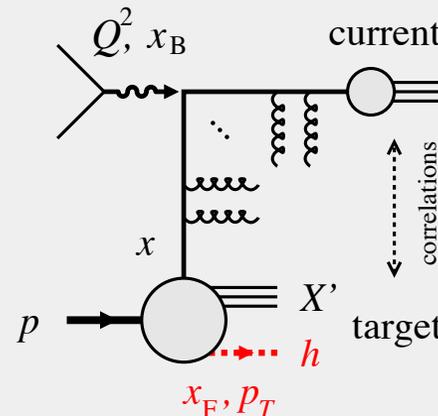


Nucleon or target fragmentation

Physics: Multiparton correlations in QCD, hadronization dynamics, diffraction, nuclear final-state interactions

Detection: Forward protons/neutrons/pions: $x_F \sim x_L \sim 0.1-1$
 Continuous η coverage between forward and central

Interest: Workshop CFNS Sep 2020 [\[Webpage\]](#)
 YR topic [C. Weiss et al]



Others apps: Elastic scattering

Spectator tagging with light ions

Physics: Neutron structure PDF/GPD/TMD, spin, flavor

Nuclear interactions: NN short-range correlations, non-nucleonic DoF

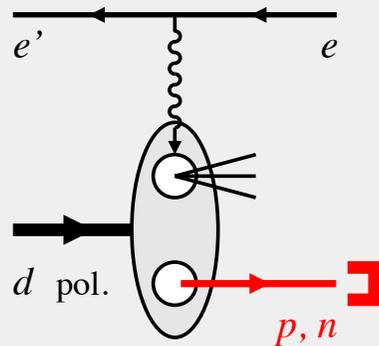
Nuclear modifications of partons: EMC effect incl. sea quarks, gluons, spin/flavor; antishadowing; shadowing [→ I. Cloet]

Detection: Protons with $x_L \sim (0.5 - 1.5)/A$, $p_T = [0, \sim 500 \text{ MeV}]$, $\delta p_T < 50 \text{ MeV}$

Neutrons with $p_T \sim < 500 \text{ MeV}$, “as good as possible”

Interest: Large active community, many events. EIC Workshop CFNS Jan 2020 [\[Webpage\]](#)

Simulations for IR1 and YR: [K. Tu et al, A. Jentsch et al → Thu, Dien Nguyen et al]



Coherent scattering on light ions

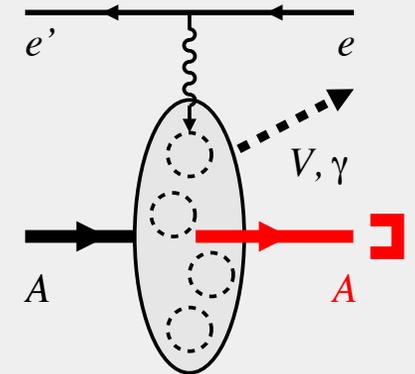
Physics: Imaging nucleus as quark/gluon system, matter vs charge distribution, shadowing and multiple scattering with $N = 2, 3, \dots$ nucleons

Detection: Nucleus with $x_L \sim 0.8-0.999$, $p_T = [0, \sim 700 \text{ MeV}]$, $\delta p_T < 50 \text{ MeV}$

Angular acceptance at $\theta \rightarrow 0$ much more demanding than in exclusive processes on proton

Interest: Growing community, Meeting March 2020 [\[Webpage\]](#)

Simulation tool development in progress [R. Dupre, S. Scopetta, S. Fucini et al]



Nuclear breakup in hard processes

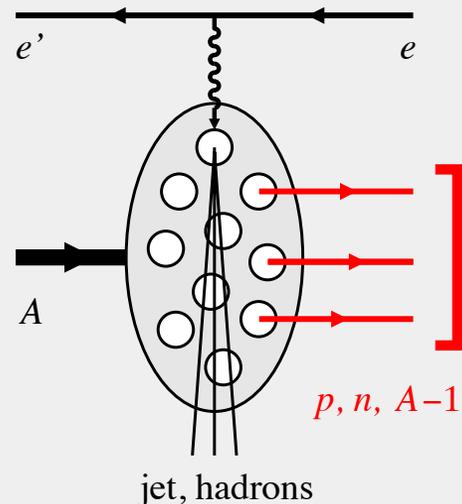
Physics: Interaction of jet/hadrons with nuclei medium, understanding of hard probes for heavy-ion collisions, centrality determination from breakup

Input for neutrino-nucleus interactions
Generation of unstable isotopes (?)

Detection: Protons/neutrons with $x_L \sim 1/A$, $p_T \ll 100$ MeV
possibly fragments with $A' < A$, $Z' < Z$

Interest: Diverse community, connections with neutrino and heavy-ion physics. Workshop CFNS Sep 2020 [\[Webpage\]](#)

Simulations: FLUKA, BeAGLE [M. Baker et al]



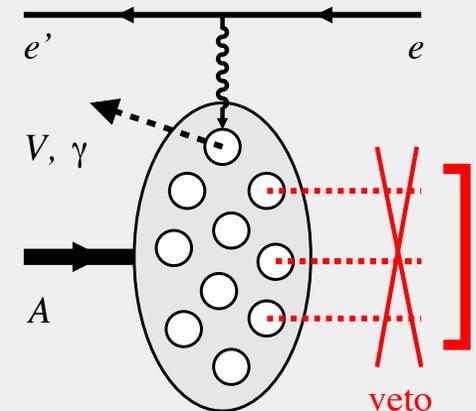
Coherent scattering on heavy ions

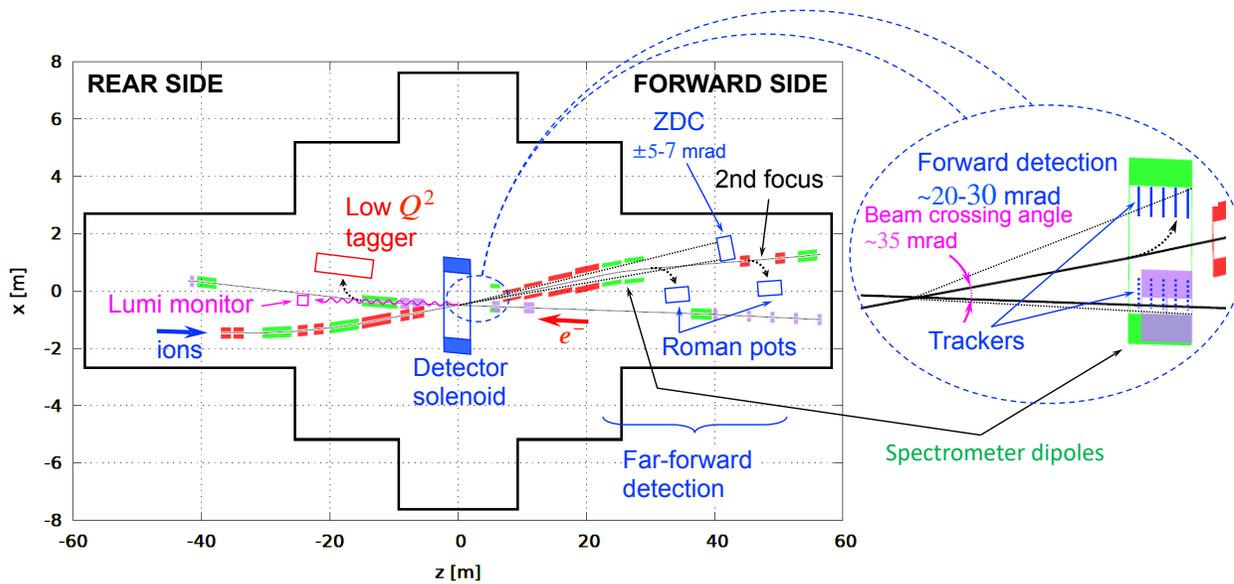
Physics: Transverse gluon profile of nucleus, nuclear shadowing, soft-hard transition

Detection: Veto of protons/neutrons with $x_L \sim 1/A$
Photons from nuclear γ decays? Efficiency needed?

Interest: Growing community. Connections with ultraperipheral AA/pA collisions (LHC, RHIC)
Workshop U Kansas/JLab Jan 2020 [\[Webpage\]](#)

Simulations: IR1 physics program. YR simulations [T. Ullrich et al, S. Klein et al]





IR2 and forward detector schematic [V. Morozov et al. → Thu]

Forward cone: $\pm 20\text{-}30$ mrad before B0, $\pm 5\text{-}7$ mrad after FFQ

Spectrometer: Dipole magnets, dispersion

Charged detection: Roman Pots, off-momentum detectors, elements inside B0 dipole

Neutral detection: Zero-degree Calorimeter

Complex design problem

Variable Rigidity(forward)/Rigidity(beam)

Variable beam energies

Tradeoffs with luminosity optimization

Accelerator constraints: Beam return

Space constraints: Hall size, assembly

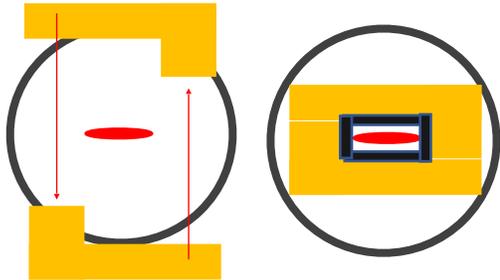
Engineering constraints: Magnets

[IR1 summary: H. Witte, IP6 meeting]

Potential complementarity to IR1

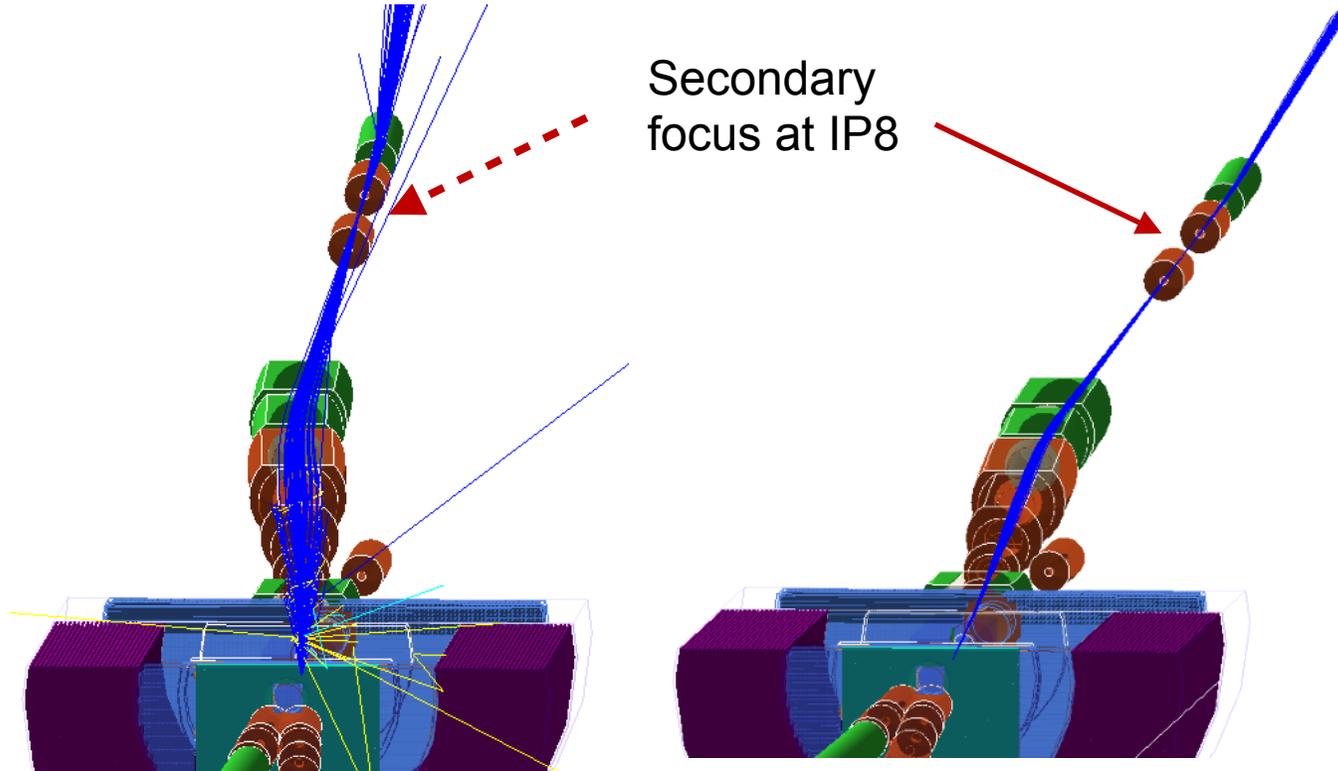
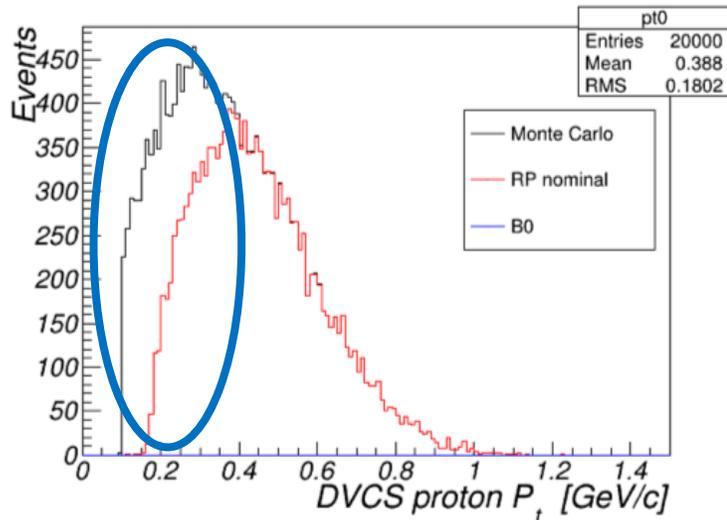
- Secondary focus at Roman Pot location: Substantially improved acceptance at low p_T or θ ←
- Transition between Roman Pots and B0 detectors: Improved $p_T - x_L$ coverage
- Spectrometer optimization at lower CM energies

$$\sigma(z) = \sqrt{\varepsilon \cdot \beta(z)}$$



- Optics with secondary focus at Roman Pot location allows placement of detectors closer to beam
- Substantially improved coverage at $p_T \sim 0$ for $x_L \sim 1$
- Critical for coherent scattering on light ions
- Acceptance simulations on-going

DVCS IR1 18x275 GeV [A. Jentsch]



- Forward detection is an essential element of exploring hadrons and nuclei as emergent phenomena of QCD. New ideas/processes/methods beyond EIC White Paper and NAS Study are being pursued → Yellow Report, Workshops
- IR2 interaction region and far-forward detector design developing [→ V. Morozov, Thu]
- Clear directions for complementarity to IR1 are emerging, especially the secondary focus and optimization for lower CM energies
- IR2 collaboration(s) should pursue the far-forward detector design both as a necessity and as an opportunity
- The idea of a **large-acceptance far-forward detector at EIC** is conceptually new and goes beyond all previous collider experiments

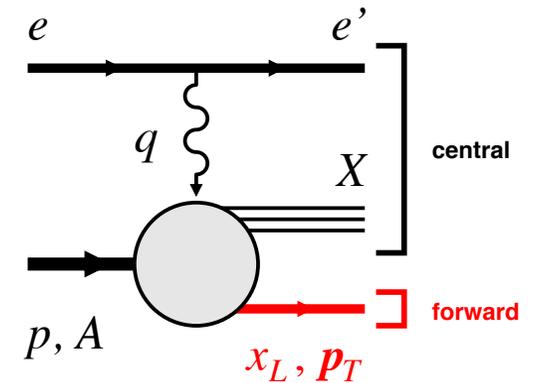
Supplementary material

Physics variables

x_L — longitudinal momentum fraction with respect to proton/ion beam

p_T — transverse momentum with respect to proton/ion beam \rightarrow angle θ

$(1 - x_L) \sim x(\text{Bjorken}) \sim 2\xi$ in exclusive processes (“skewness”).
Coverage/resolution requirements specified in $(1 - x_L)$.



Connection with detection angle

$$\theta = p_T / p_L(\text{forward})$$

$$\text{For processes with } (1-x_L) \ll 1: \quad \theta \approx p_T / p(\text{beam})$$

Angle depends on beam momentum and therefore on mass of beam/forward particle

Example: Proton beam 100 GeV: $p_T = 100$ MeV $\rightarrow \theta = 1$ mrad

Example: 4He beam with 50 GeV/u: $p_T = 100$ MeV $\rightarrow \theta = 0.5$ mrad

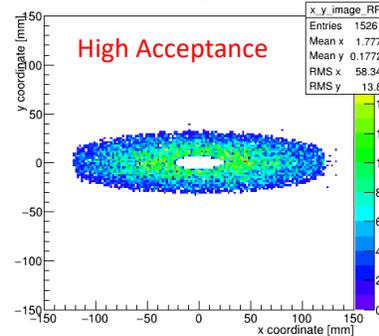
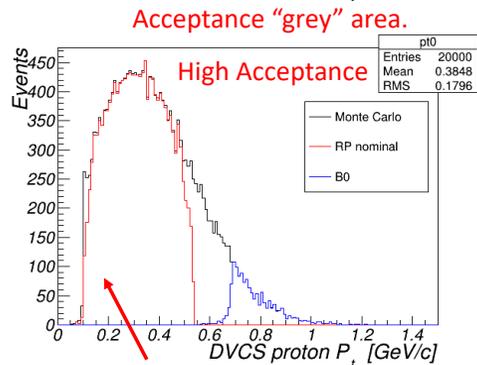
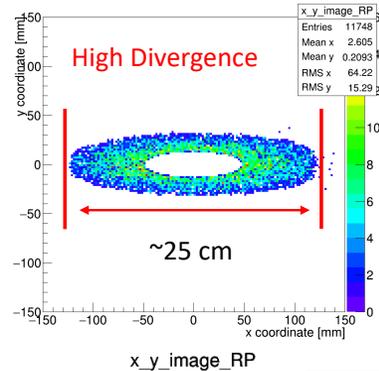
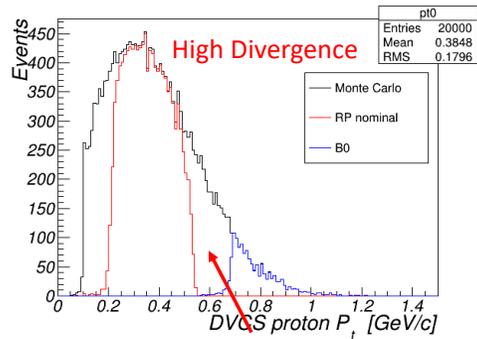
Same angular acceptance limit has different impact on processes with forward protons and ions!

Processes	Beam -> Fwd	Rigidity Fwd/Beam	Coverage	Resolution (Charged)	Neutrals	Comments
Exclusive & diffractive scattering on proton	p -> p, n	1	pT = [0, ~2 GeV] xL = [~0.5, ~0.999] 1-xL = [~1E-3, ~0.3]	$\Delta p_T \sim 50 \text{ MeV}$ $\Delta x_L/x_L \ll 0.1$ $\Delta(1-x_L)/(1-x_L) < 0.1$	n Λ , Σ^0	Inelastic diffraction physics & background
Coherent scattering on light nuclei	A -> A (A = D, He)	1	pT = [0, ~700 MeV] 1-xL = [~1E-3, ~1E-1]	$\Delta p_T \sim 20 \text{ MeV}$ $\Delta(1-x_L)/(1-x_L) < 0.1$	none	Ion beam divergence (pT spread) significant
Spectator tagging in deuteron	D -> p (n)	1/2	pT = [0, ~500 MeV] xL = [~0.25, ~0.75] xL relative to 1/2 deuteron beam momentum	$\Delta p_T \sim 10\text{-}20 \text{ MeV}$ $\Delta x_L/x_L \ll 0.1$	(n)	Ion beam divergence (pT spread) significant
Breakup of light and heavy nuclei	A -> p, n, A-1	various	pT = [0, ~500 MeV] xL various	?	multiple n	Veto detection for heavy nuclei

Schematic classification of processes with estimated coverage/resolution requirements

Used in IR2 planning

Approximate numbers, to be updated through simulations, evolving



Exclusive scattering on proton

$$e + p \rightarrow e' + M + p \quad (M = \text{meson, photon, } X)$$

Physics objectives and kinematics

- GPDs/Quark-gluon imaging, $p_T = [0, \sim 1.5 \text{ GeV}]$, $1-x_L \sim 10^{-3} - 10^{-1}$
- Diffractive scattering $p_T = [0, \sim 2 \text{ GeV}]$, $1-x_L < 10^{-2}$

Forward acceptance requirements

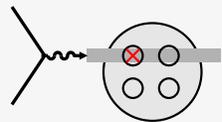
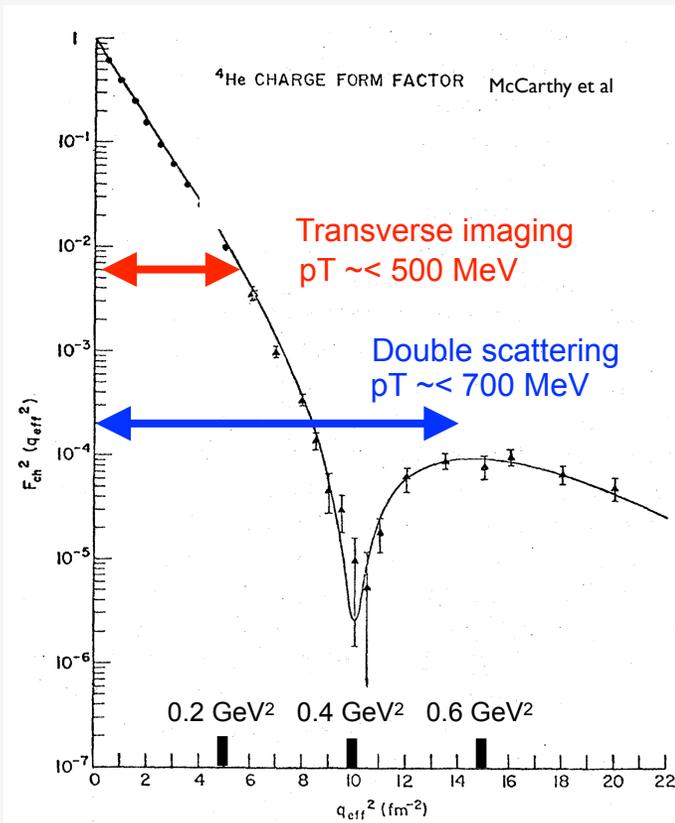
- Detection down to $p_T \sim 100 \text{ MeV}$

Limitations from IR1 and baseline detector

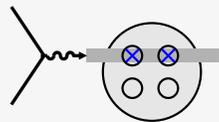
- IR1 acceptance limit $\theta > O(1 \text{ mrad})$ from RP 10σ distance implies $p_T > 100 \text{ MeV}$ for 100 GeV protons
- Combination of high-acceptance and high-divergence modes
- IR2 limits -> V. Morozov

DVCS on 100 GeV proton

A. Jentsch, Zero-Degree Physics Workshop, Stony Brook, Sep 2019



single-scattering



double-scattering

Coherent scattering on light ions

$$e + A \rightarrow e' + M + A, \quad (A = d, 3\text{He}, 4\text{He})$$

Physics objectives and kinematics

- Quark/gluon imaging of nucleus, $p_T = [0, \sim 500 \text{ MeV}]$, $1-x_L \sim 10^{-3} - 10^{-1}$
- Double scattering, nuclear shadowing, $p_T = [0, \sim 700 \text{ MeV}]$ (Strikman et al 2020)

Forward acceptance requirements

- Detection down to $p_T = 0$ essential on scale of $\sim 50\text{-}100 \text{ MeV}$
- Example: 4He form factor $F^2 \sim \exp(-p_T^2/\Lambda^2)$, $\Lambda \sim 200 \text{ MeV}$

Limitations from angular acceptance

- Acceptance limit $\theta > O(1 \text{ mrad})$ [IR1 baseline detector + 10σ RP] would imply $p_T > 200 \text{ MeV}$ for 4He at 50 GeV/u
- *Not sufficient for coherent scattering physics*
- Need angular acceptance down to $\sim 0.25\text{-}0.5 \text{ mrad}$ [IR2 secondary focus]

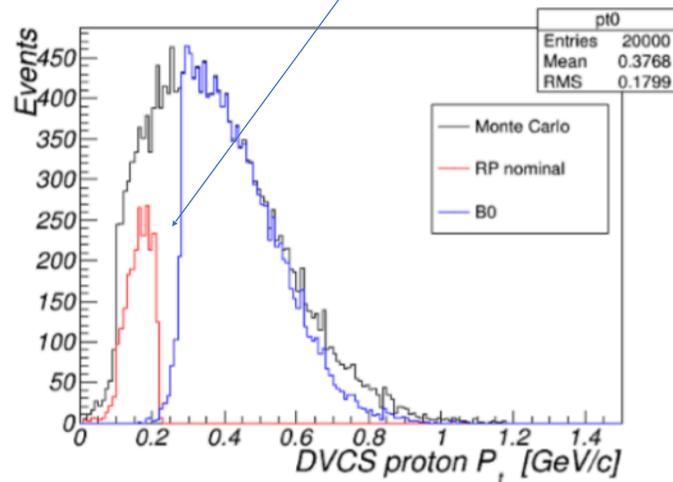
Complementarity option: Transition between Roman Pots and off-momentum detectors in B0

Alter beam pipe size in IR2 B0 off-momentum detector to change the kinematic gap between B0 and RP coverage (currently $\theta \sim 5\text{mrad}$). Should not affect apertures for smaller pipe in first dipole.

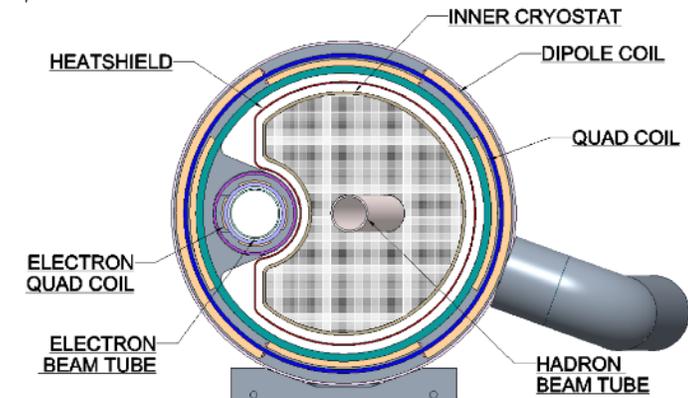
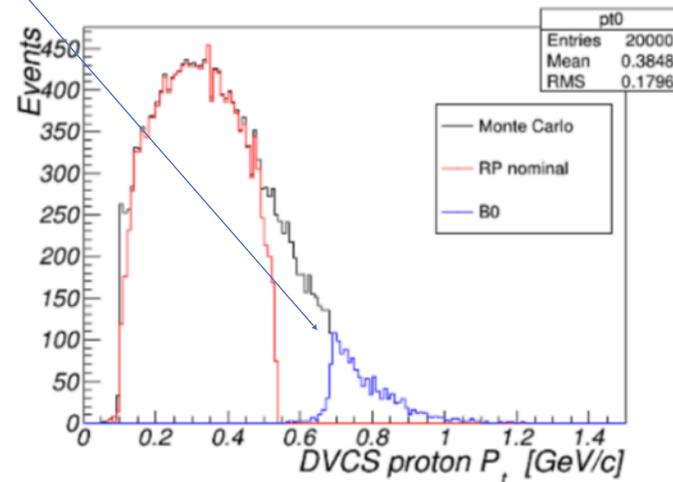
IP1 B0 coverage ($5.5 < \theta < 20.0\text{ mrad}$)

IP1 RP coverage $0.0^* (10\sigma\text{ cut}) < \theta < 5.0\text{ mrad}$

(DVCS) 5 GeV x 41 GeV



10 GeV x 100 GeV (DVCS)



Need both detector systems together here!