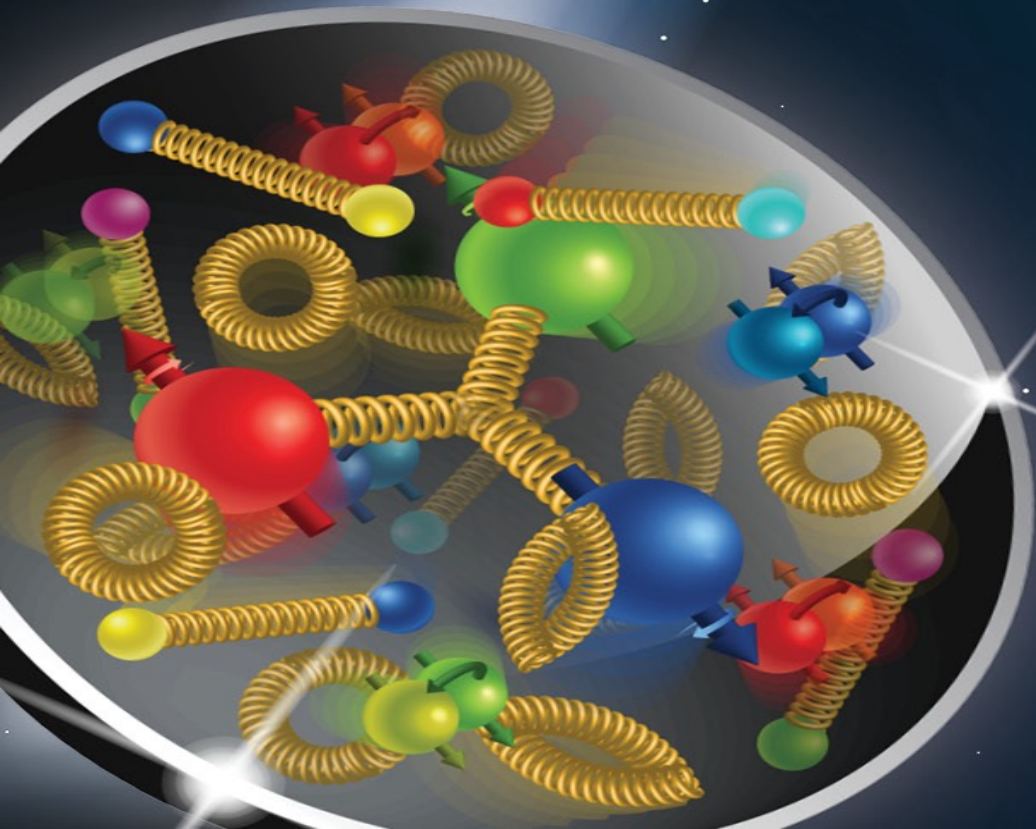


Far-Forward and Far-Backward Detectors at the EIC

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Upton, NY

What is meant by Far-Forward?

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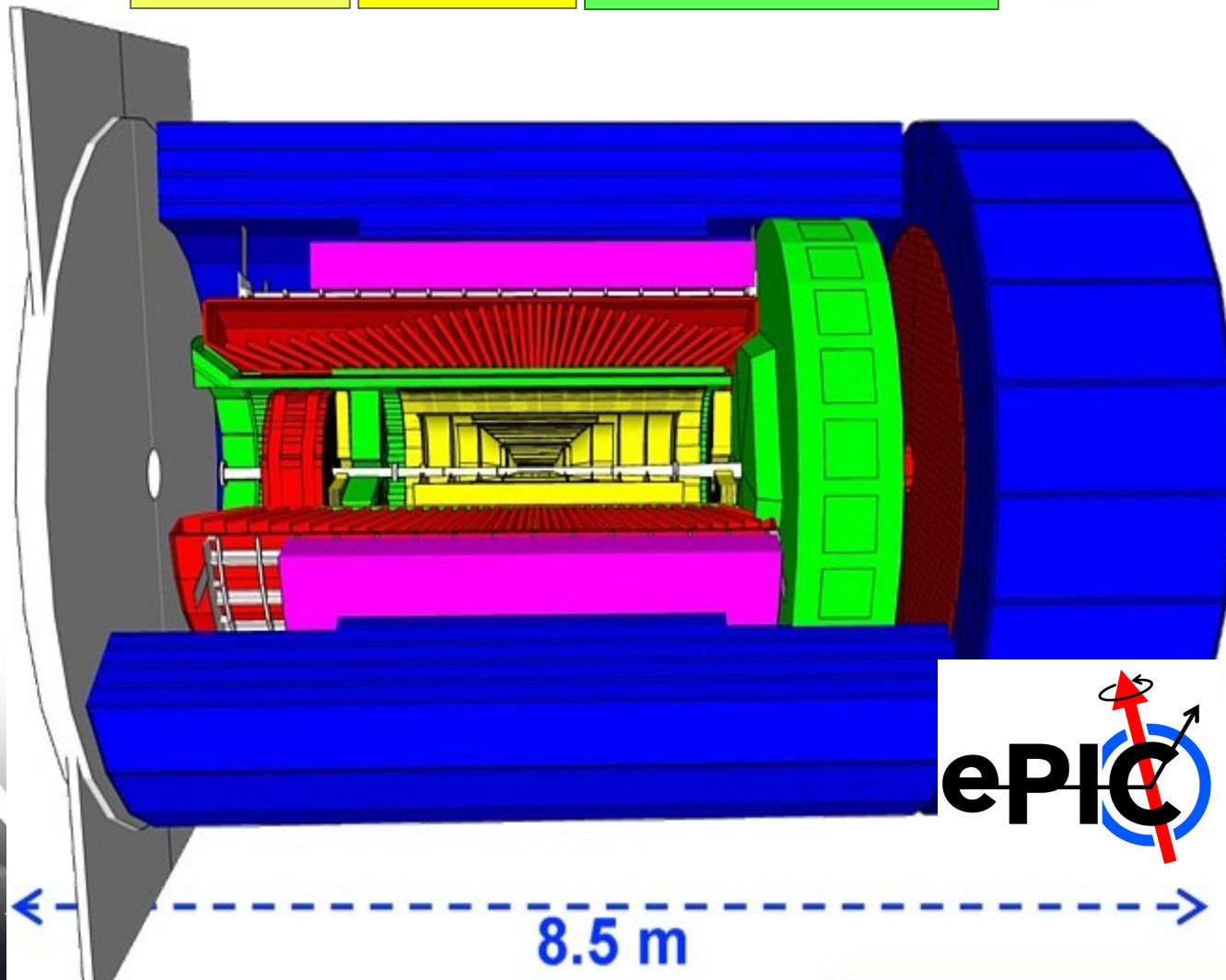
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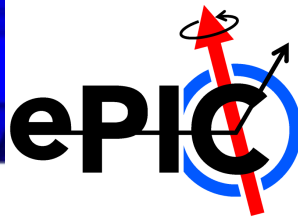
MAPS tracker

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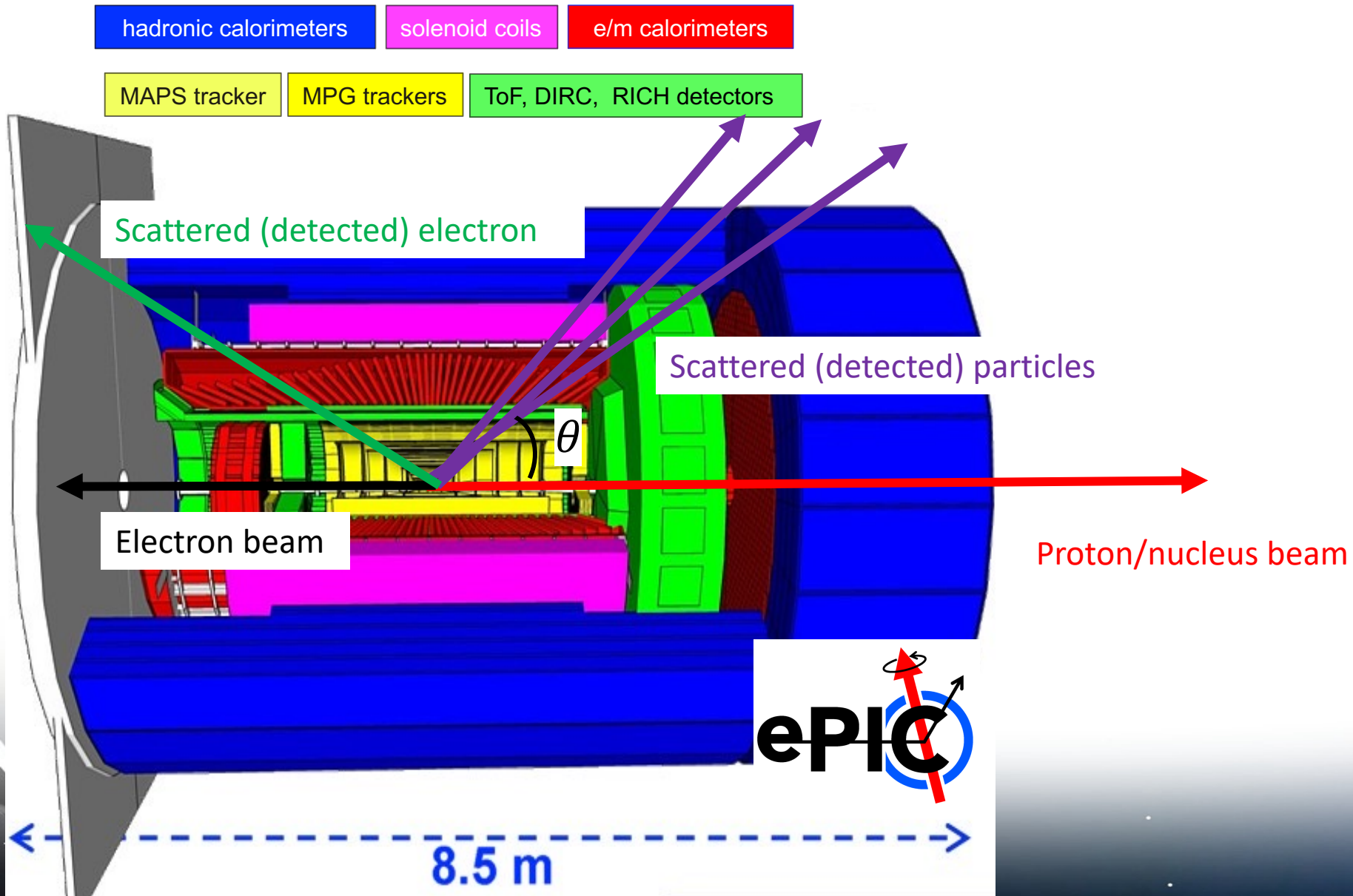
ToF, DIRC, RICH detectors



8.5 m



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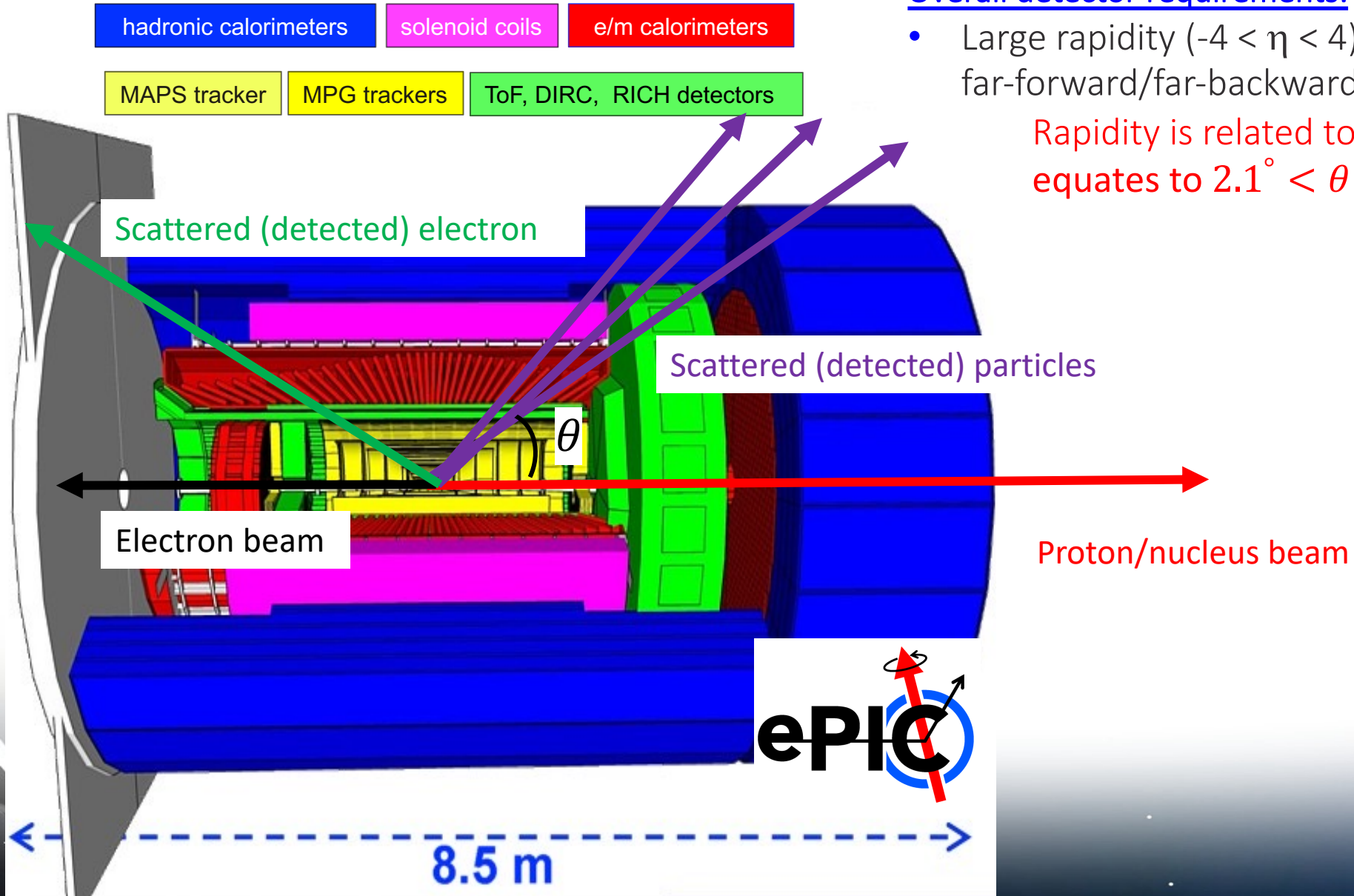


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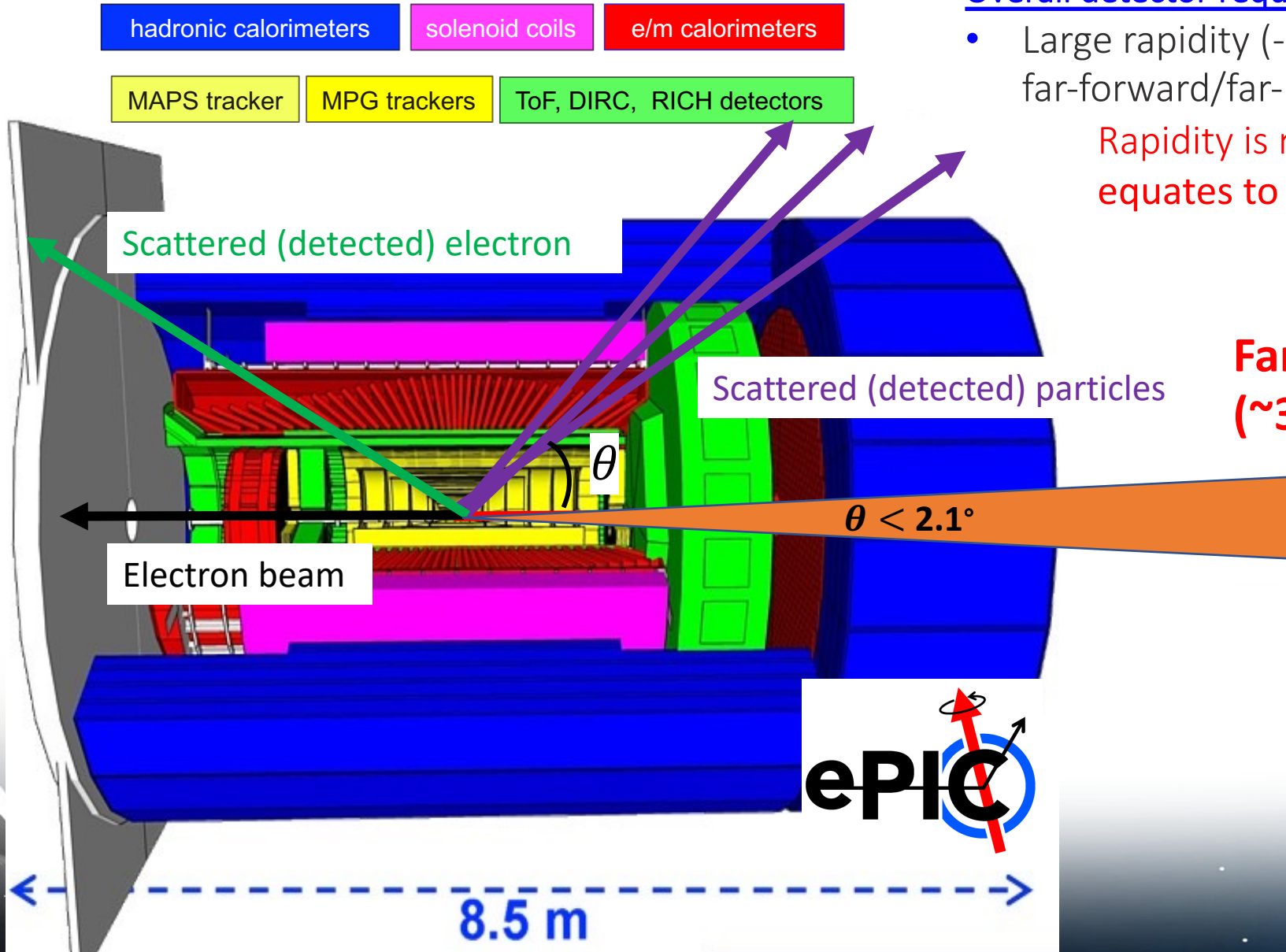
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**Far-forward here means $\theta < 2.1^\circ$
(~37 mrad)**

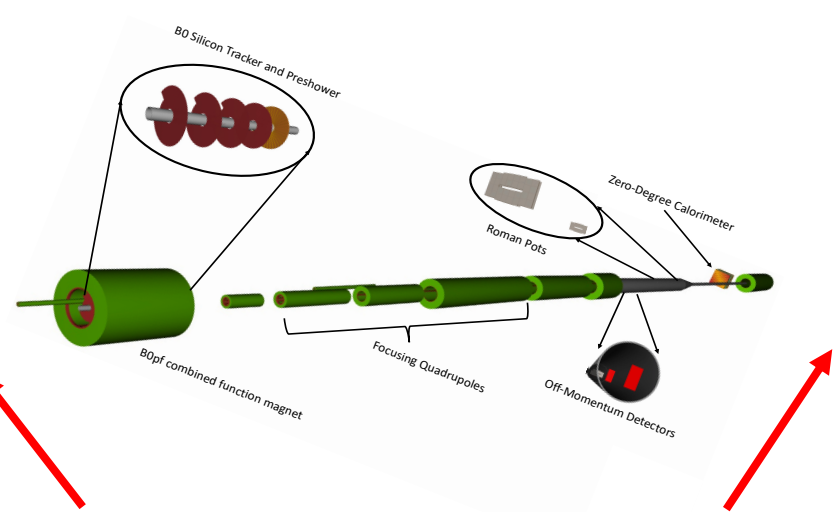
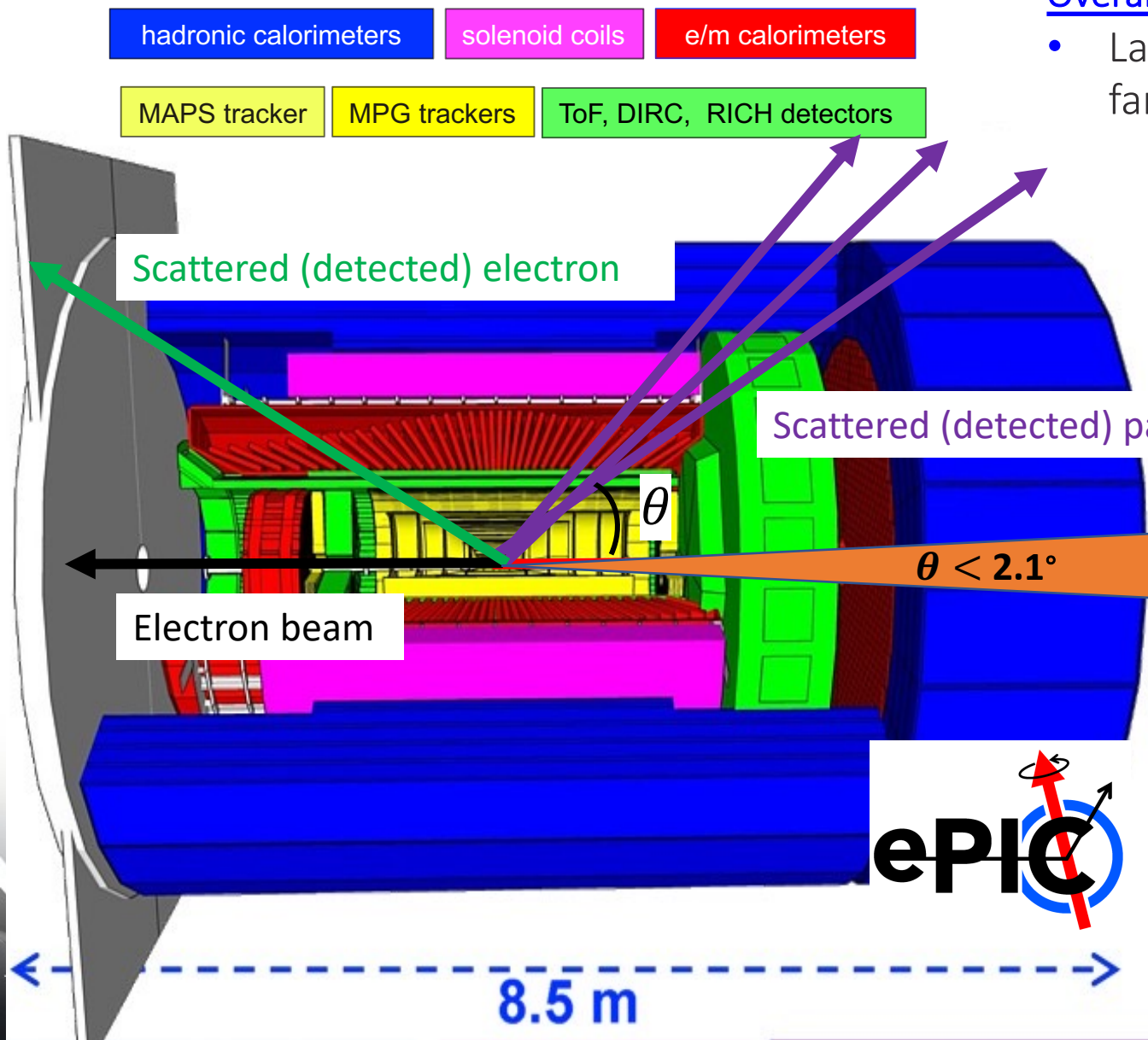


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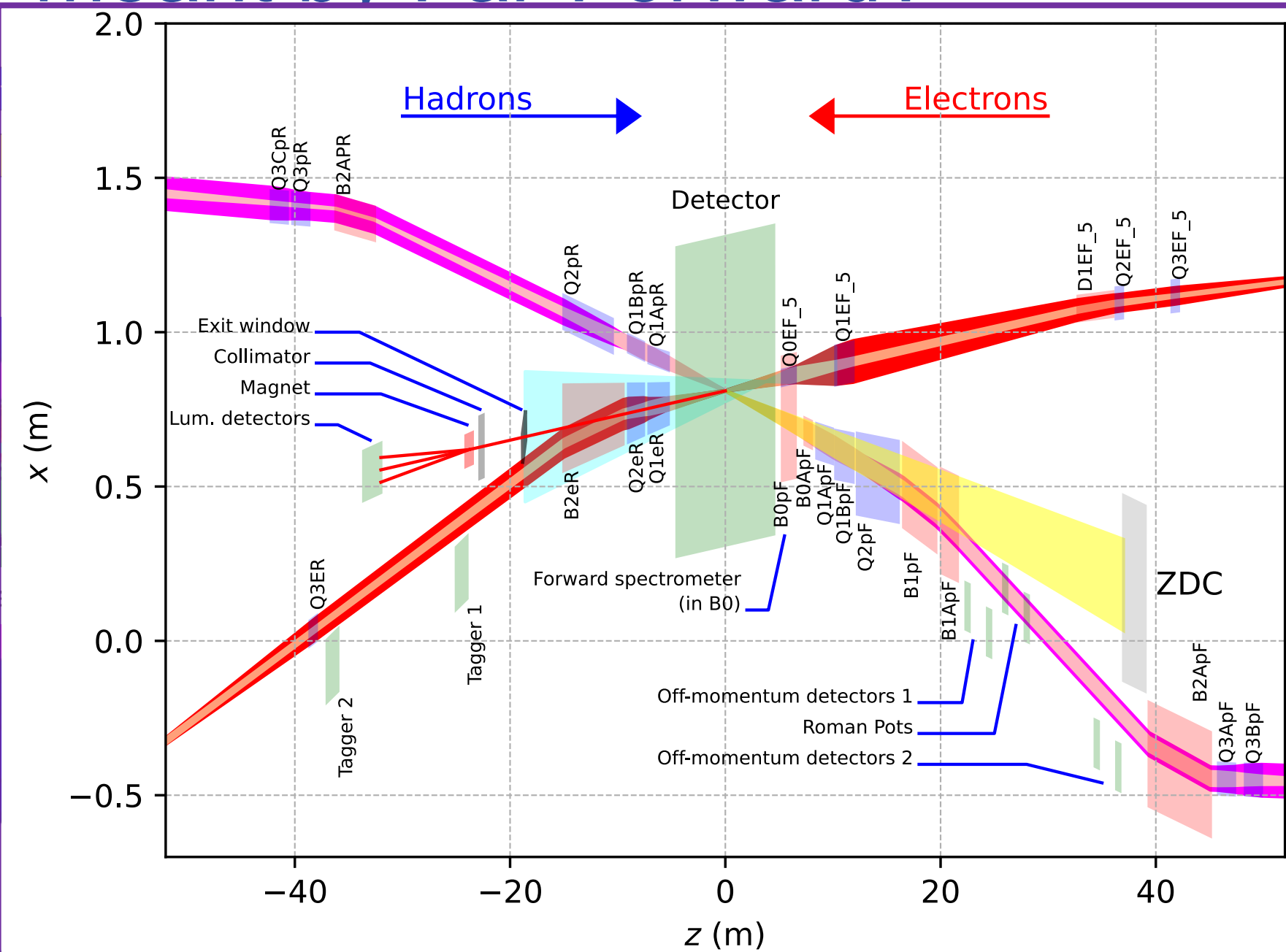
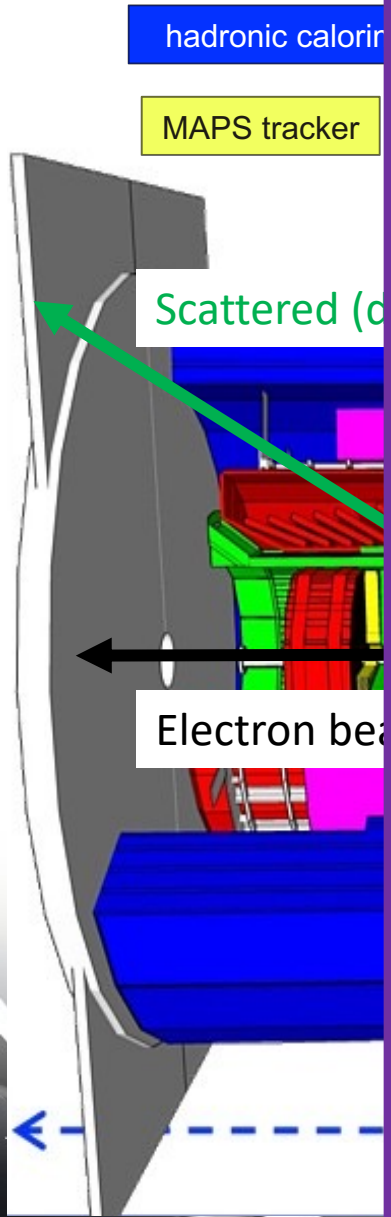
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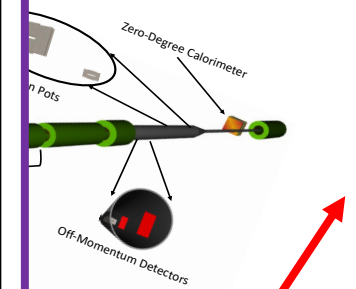


Need detectors here!!

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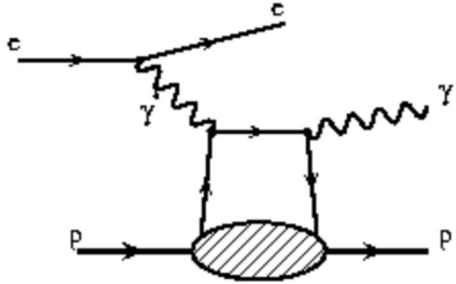
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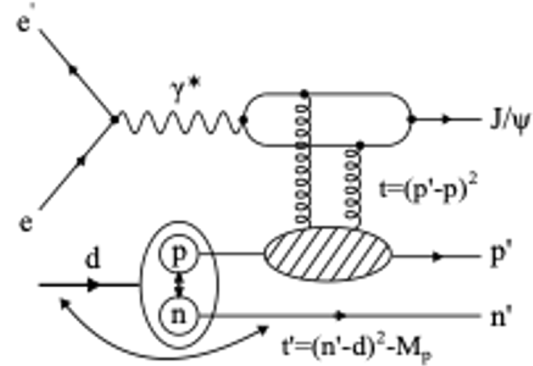
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(some) Far-Forward Processes at the EIC

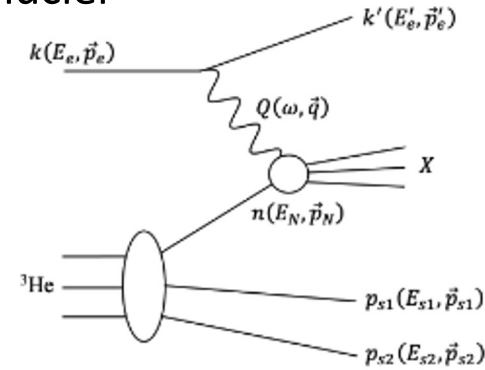
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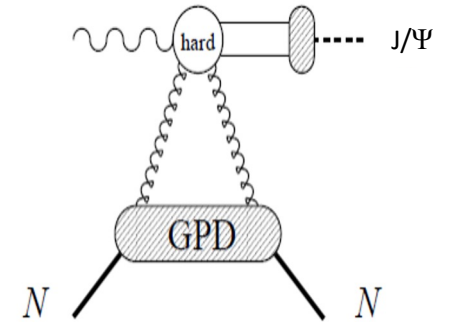
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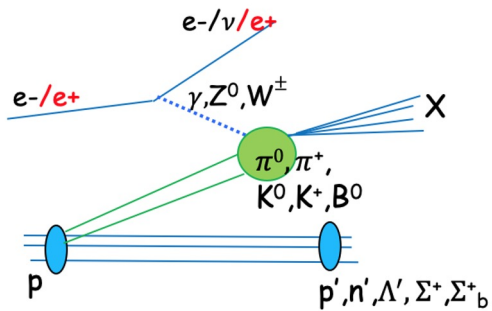
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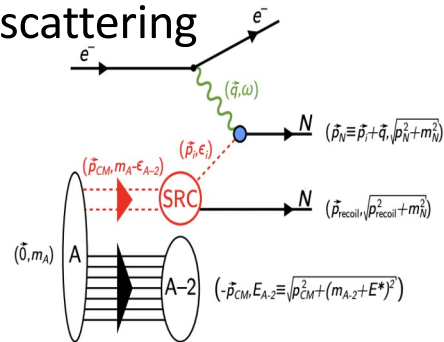
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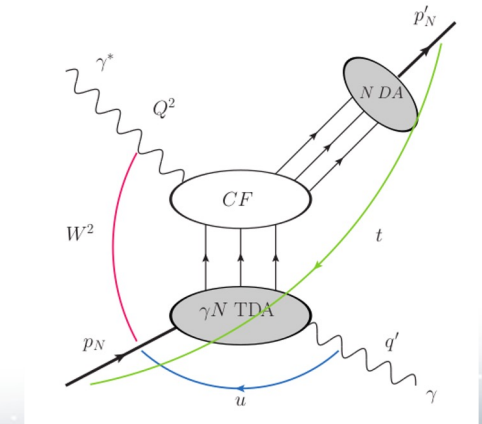
Sullivan process



Quasi-elastic electron scattering



u-channel backward exclusive electroproduction

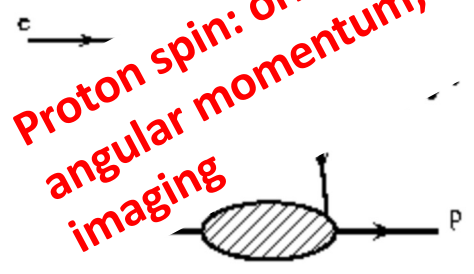


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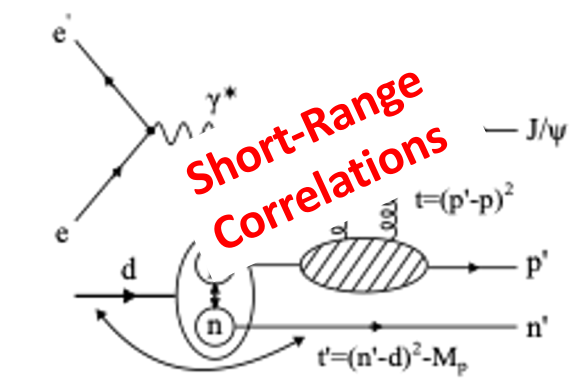
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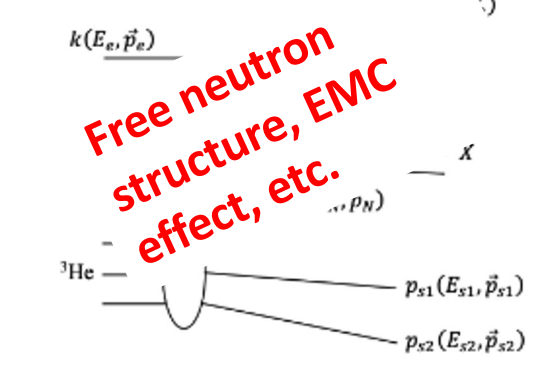
Proton spin: orbital angular momentum; imaging



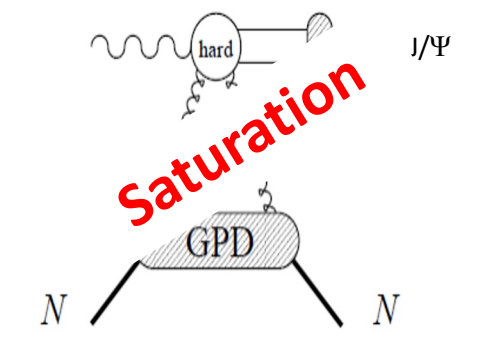
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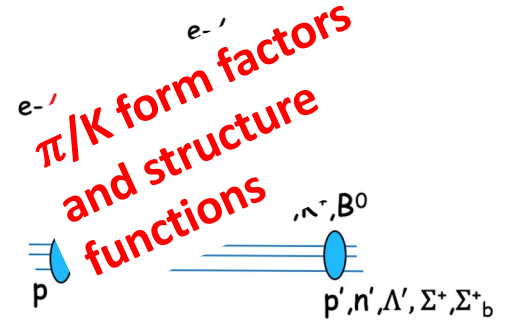


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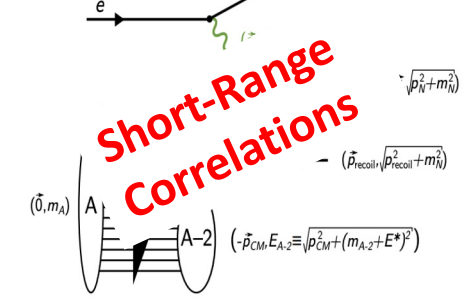


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pi/K form factors and structure functions

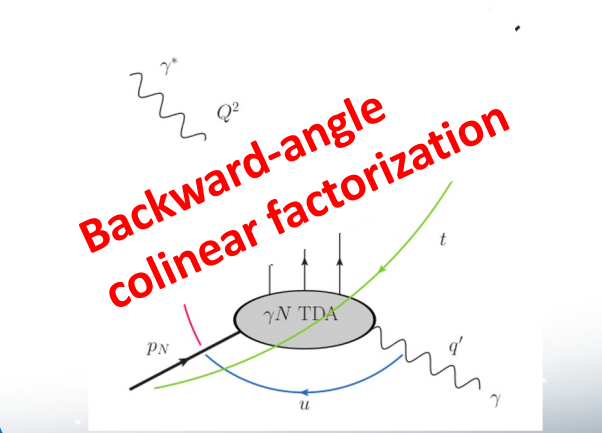


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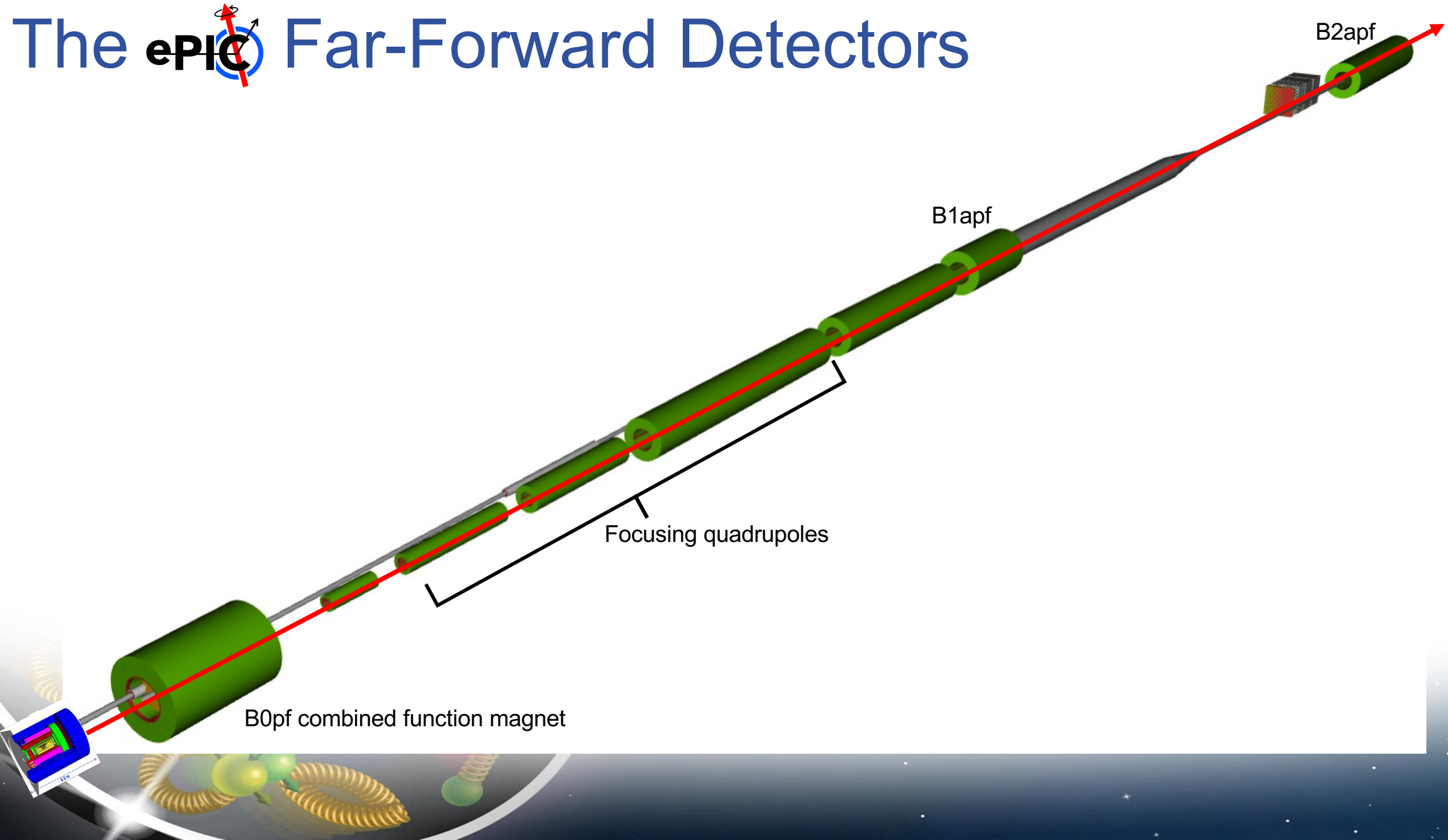
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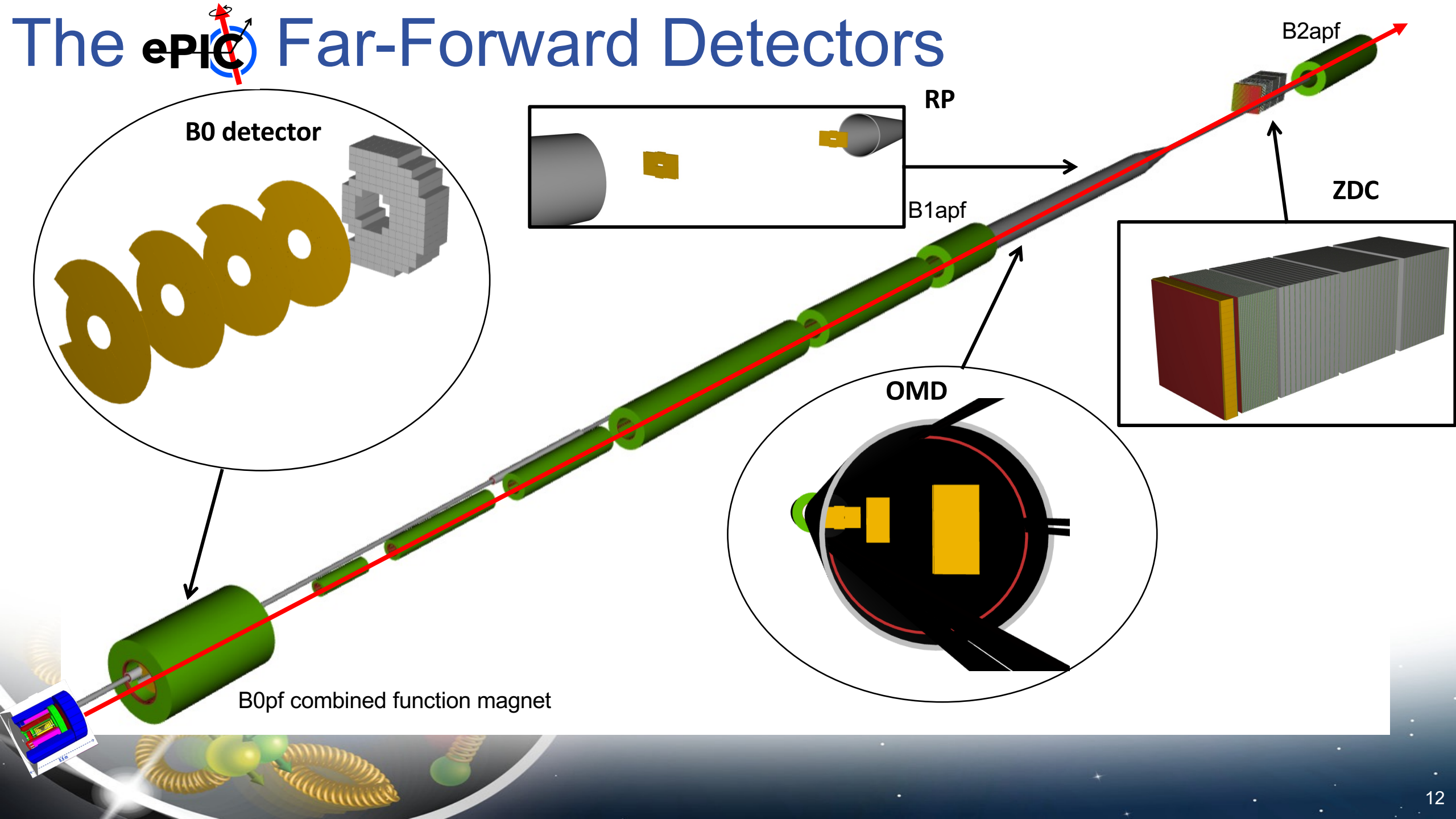
(some) Far-Forward **Physics** at the EIC

- Physics channels require tagging of **charged hadrons** (protons, pions) or **neutral particles** (neutrons, photons) at **very-forward rapidities** ($\eta > 4.5$).
- Different final states \rightarrow tailored detector subsystems.
- Various collision systems and energies (h: 41, 100-275 GeV, e: 5-18 GeV; e+p, e+d, e+Au, etc.).
- Placing and operation of far-forward detectors uniquely challenging due to integration with accelerator.

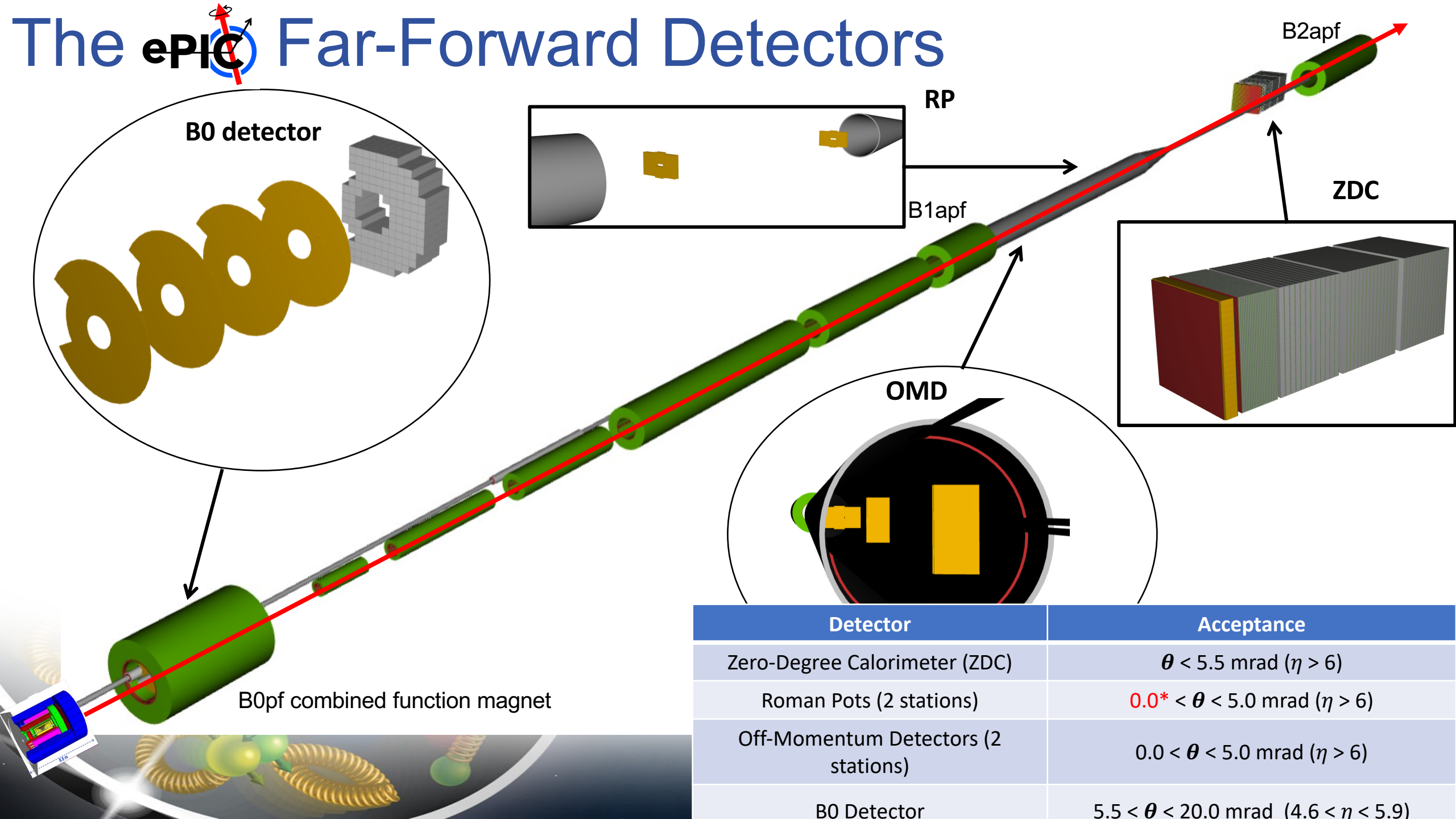
The ePIC Far-Forward Detectors



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B0 detector

RP

B2apf

ZDC

B1apf

OMD

B0pf combined function magnet

Detector	Acceptance
Zero-Degree Calorimeter (ZDC)	$\theta < 5.5$ mrad ($\eta > 6$)
Roman Pots (2 stations)	$0.0^* < \theta < 5.0$ mrad ($\eta > 6$)
Off-Momentum Detectors (2 stations)	$0.0 < \theta < 5.0$ mrad ($\eta > 6$)
B0 Detector	$5.5 < \theta < 20.0$ mrad ($4.6 < \eta < 5.9$)

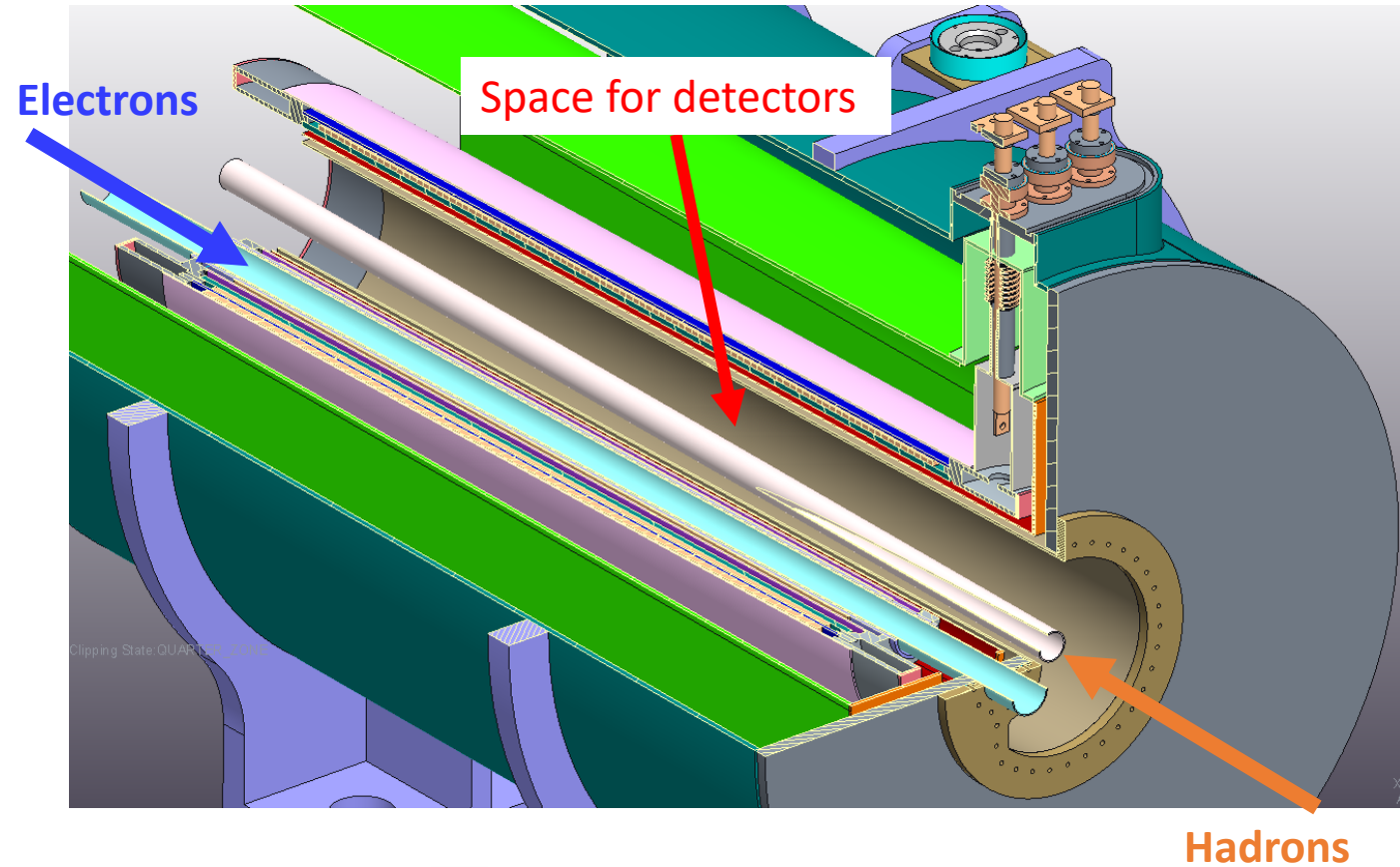
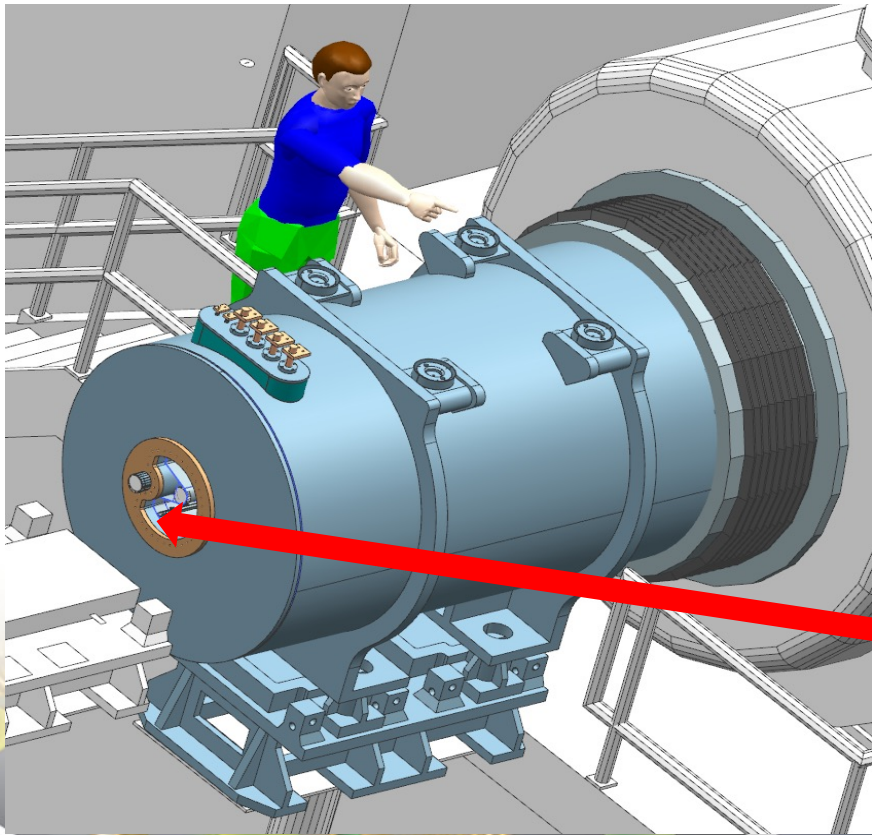


Far-Forward Detector Subsystems

B0 Detectors

- Charged particle reconstruction and photon tagging.
 - MAPS for tracking + timing layer (e.g. LGADs).
 - Photon detection (tagging or full reco).

Credit to Ron Lassiter



This is the opening where the detector planes will be inserted

Preliminary Parameters:
229.5cm x 121.1cm x 195cm
(Actual length will be shorter)

Bee Detectors

Design for two detectors is converging:

Si Tracker:

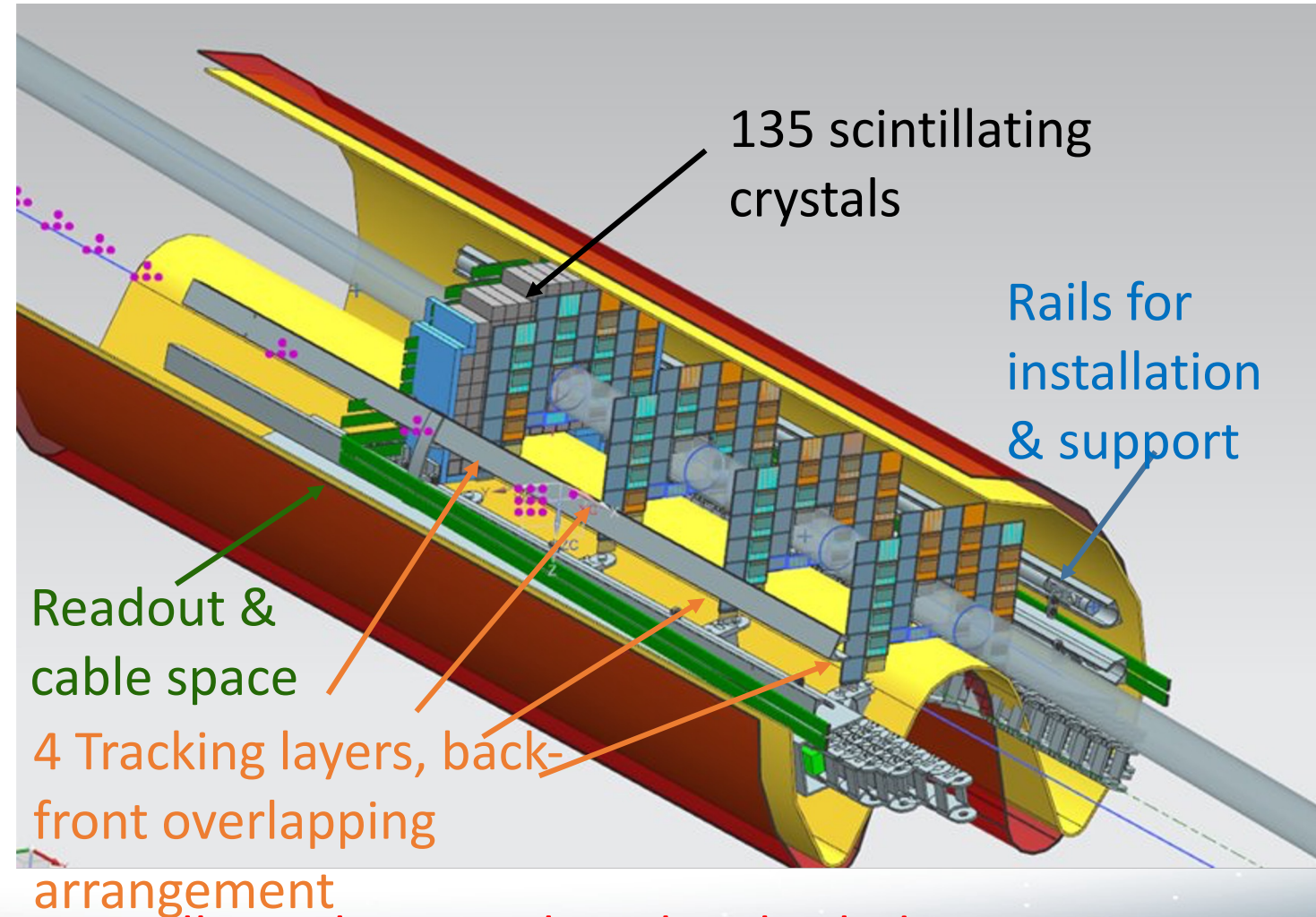
- 4 Layers of AC-LGAD
- Great timing capabilities
- Sufficient position resolution by utilizing charge sharing
- Technology overlap w/ Roman pots

EM Calorimeter:

- 135 $2 \times 2 \times 7^*$ cm³ LYSO crystals
- Good timing and position resolution
- Technology overlap with ZDC

* ZDC wants slightly longer crystals, ideally, we will use the same length in both detectors

CAD Look credit: Jonathan Smith



Detectors - Simulation Studies

Si Tracker:

- Resolution plots made by Alex J with standalone setup (more [here](#) and [here](#))
- ACTS Tracking (a long-standing problem) was recently solved and is implemented in the simulation (see recent Sakib R [slides](#)), we expect more results soon

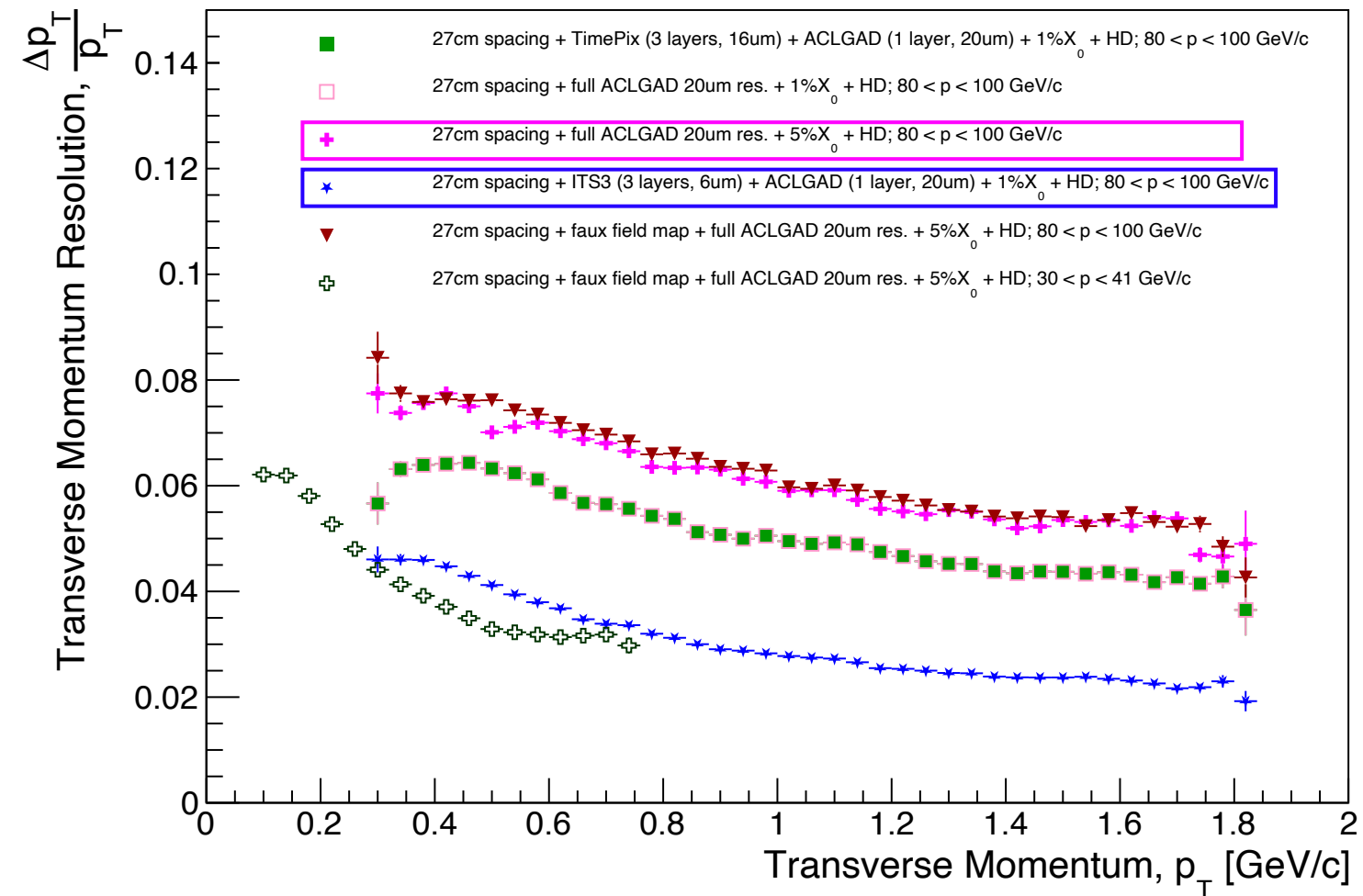
EM Calorimeter:

- Caveat - studies performed with PbWO4 crystals, LYSO crystals still to be implemented in the simulation
- General performance studies (more in [FF weekly meeting](#))
- Sensitivity to soft photons (see Eden M. [talk](#) at the EICUG EC workshop early this week)





Tracking - Performance



- 27cm spacing with fully AC-LGAD system and 5% radiation length may be the most-realistic option.
- Needs to be looked at with proper field map and layout.
- Is this resolution going to be a problem?

Note: momentum resolution (dp/p) is ~2-4%, depending on configuration.



BEEEMCal - Performance

- Acceptance $5.5 < \theta < 23$ mrad
- Very low material budget in $5 < \eta < 5.5$

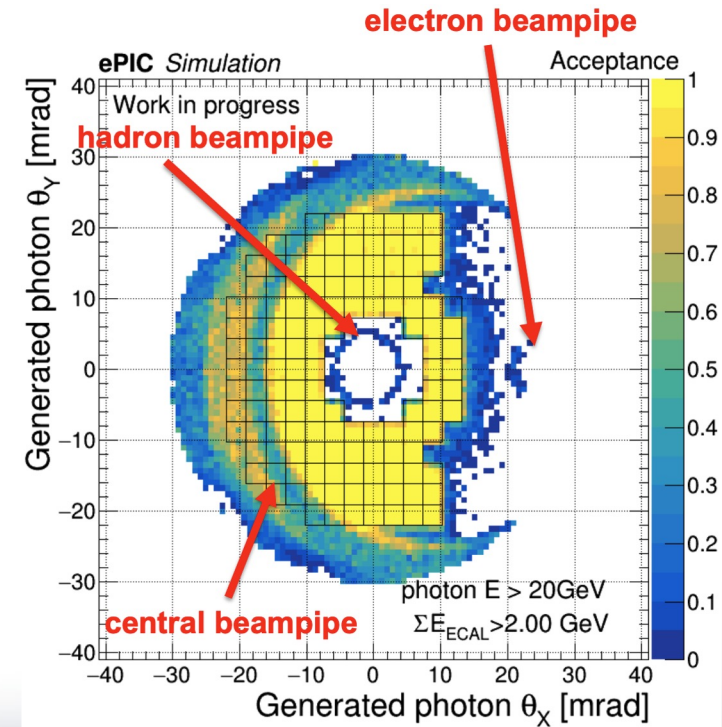
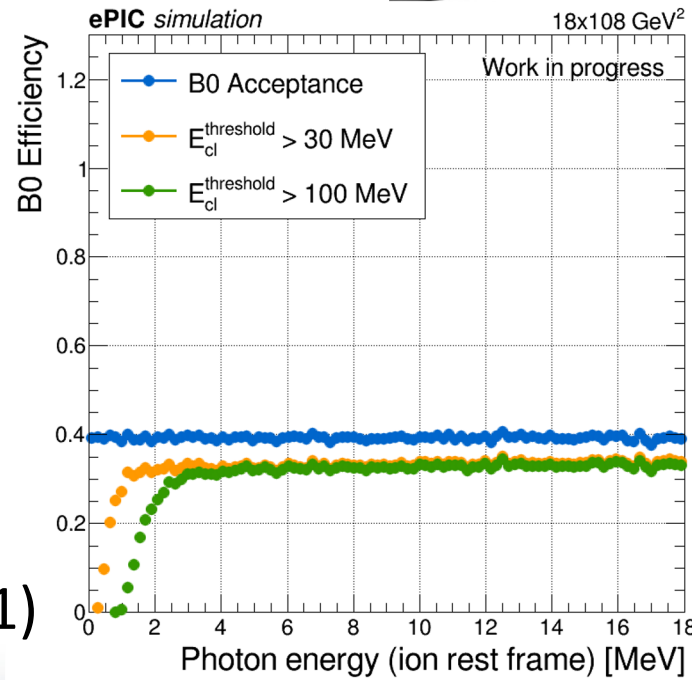
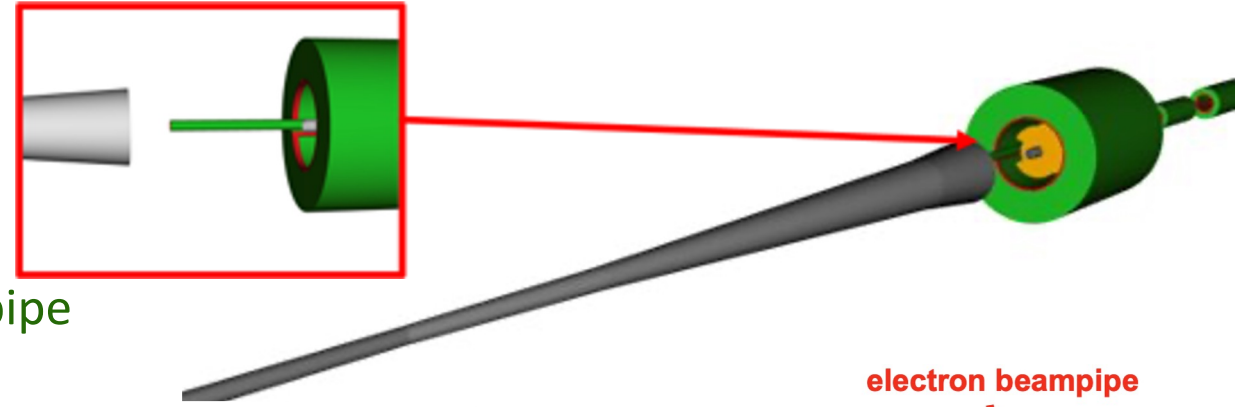
Particles within $5.5 < \theta < 15$ mrad don't cross the beampipe

Photons:

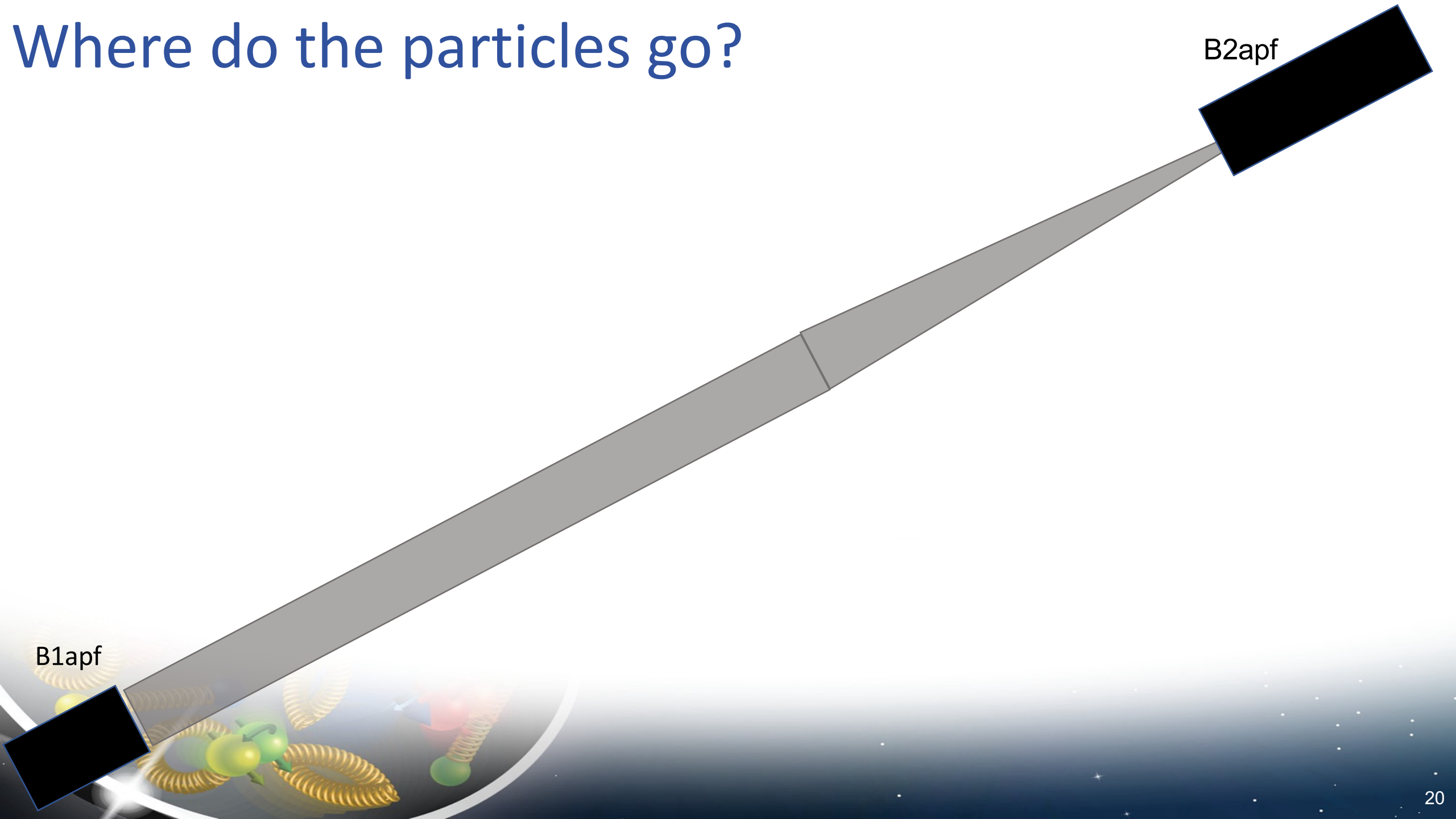
- High acceptance in a broad energy range (> 100 s MeV), including \sim MeV de-excitation photons
- Energy resolution of 6-7%
- Position resolution of ~ 3 mm

Neutrons:

- 50% detection efficiency (λ is almost 1)



Where do the particles go?

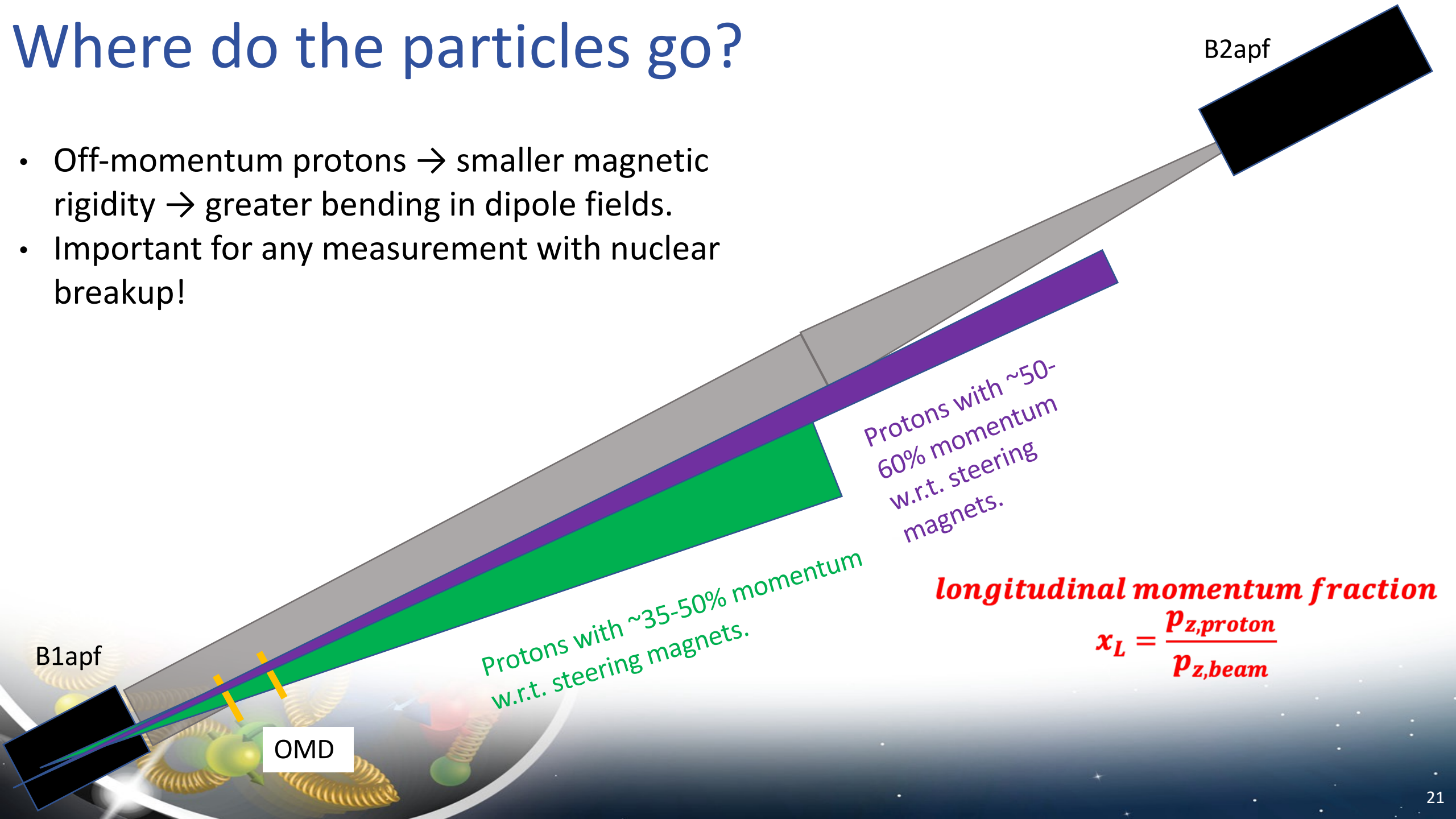


B1apf

B2apf

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- Off-momentum protons → smaller magnetic rigidity → greater bending in dipole fields.
- Important for any measurement with nuclear breakup!

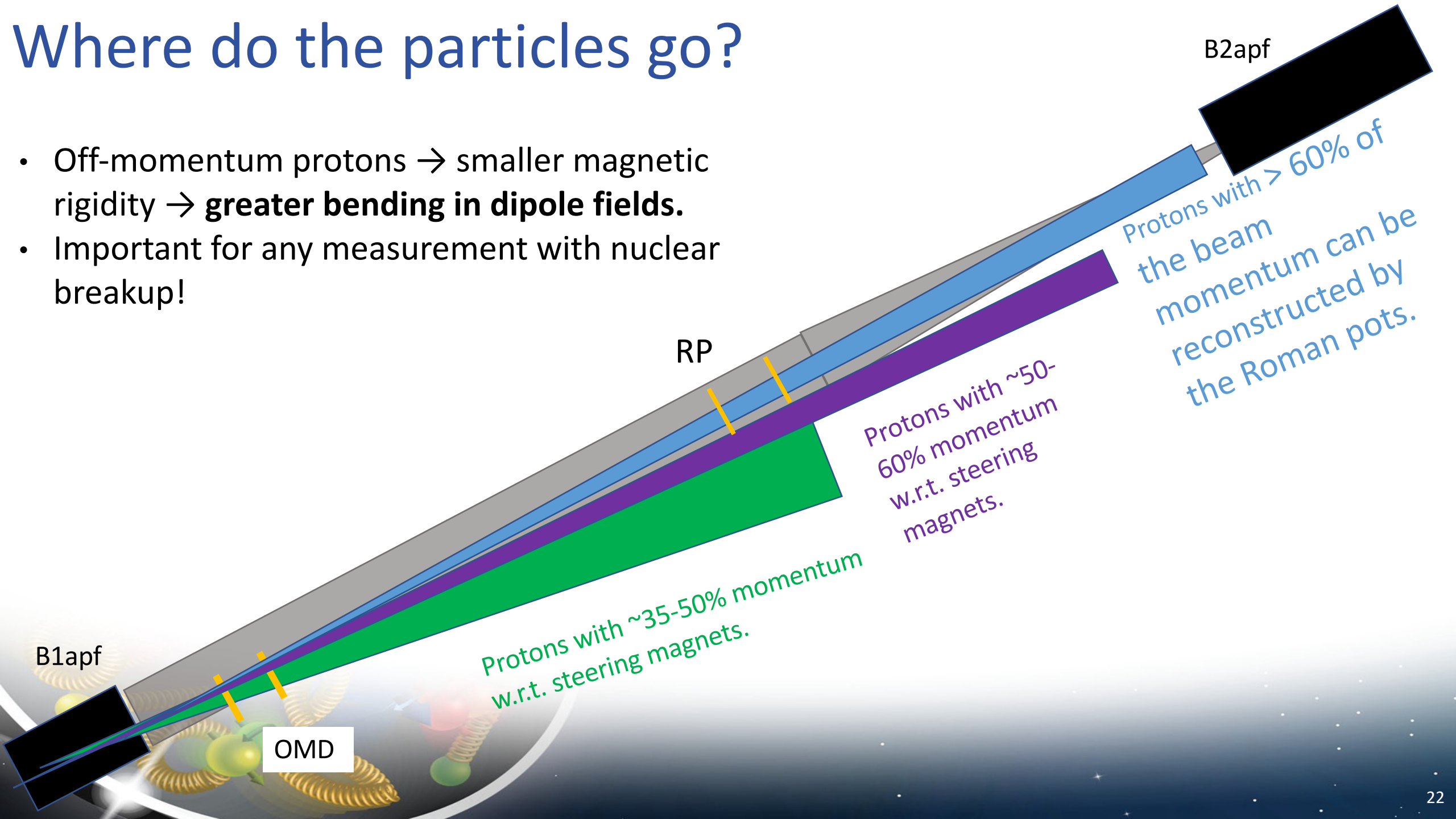


longitudinal momentum fraction

$$x_L = \frac{p_{z,\text{proton}}}{p_{z,\text{beam}}}$$

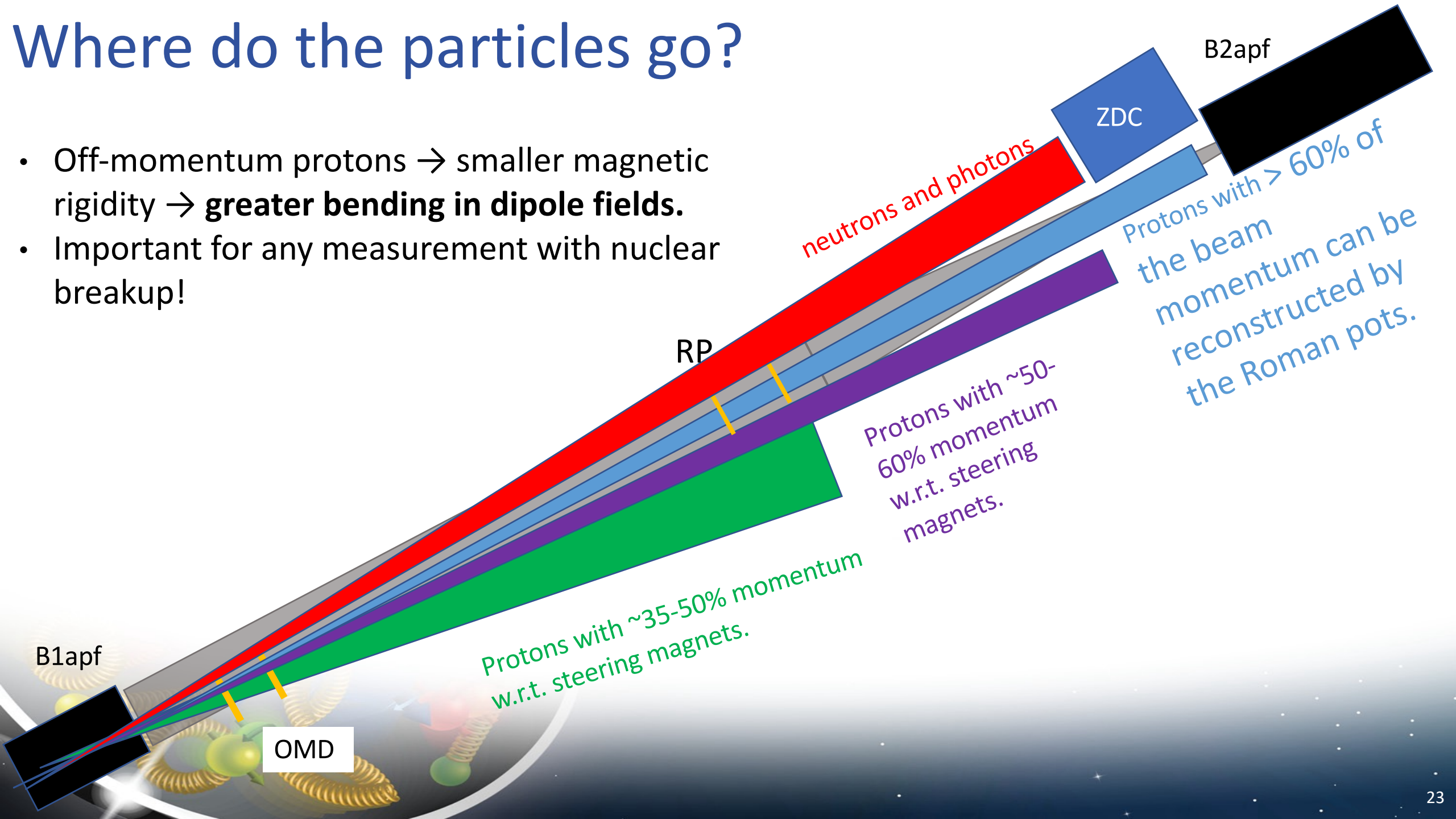
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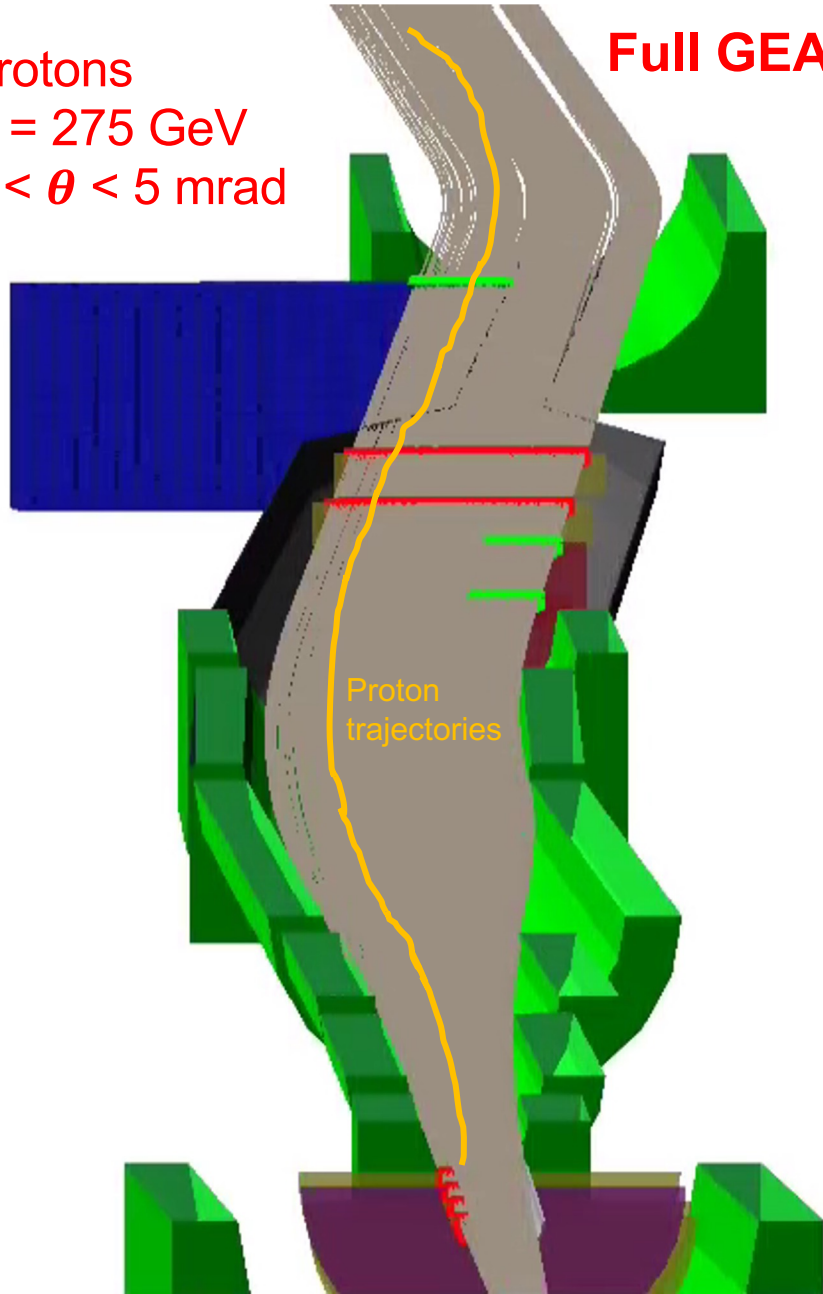
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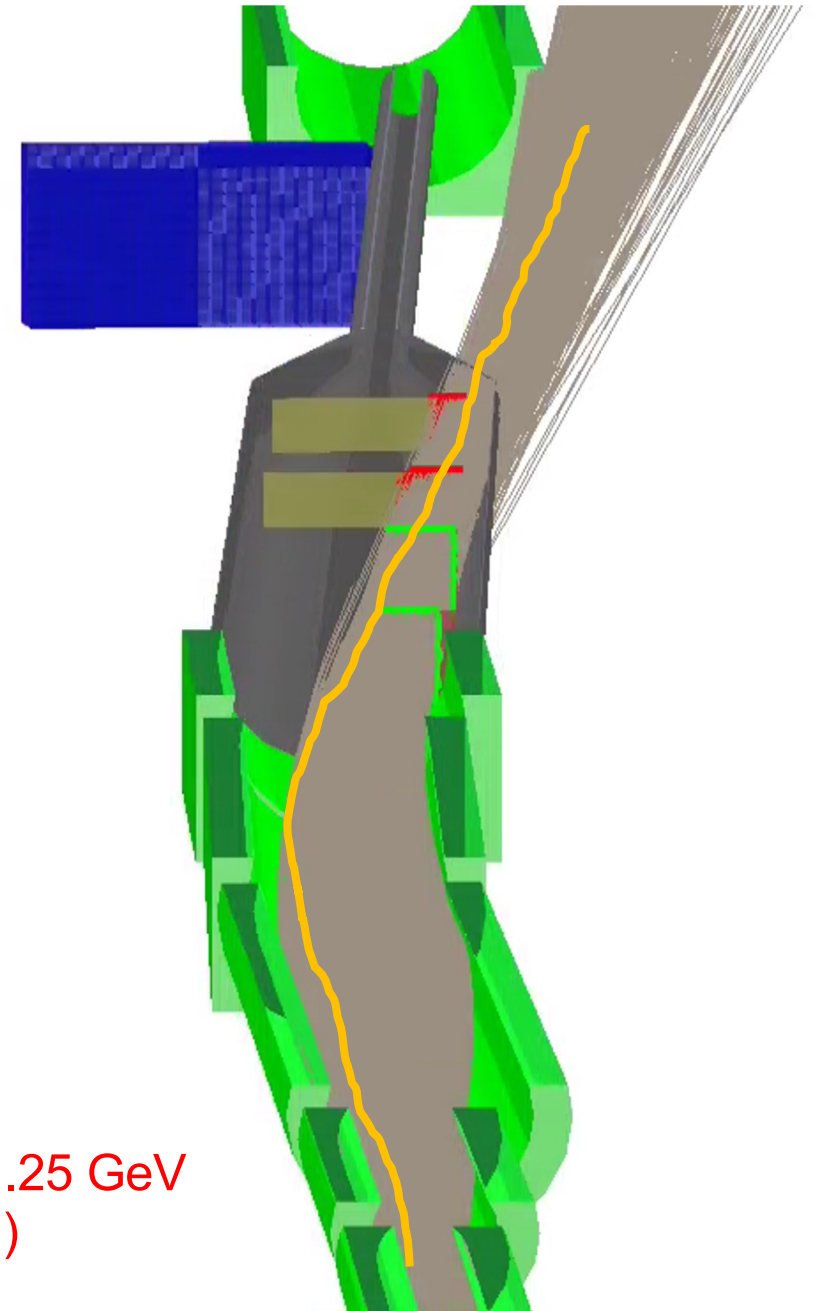
Roman Pots and OMD

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 $E = 275 \text{ GeV}$
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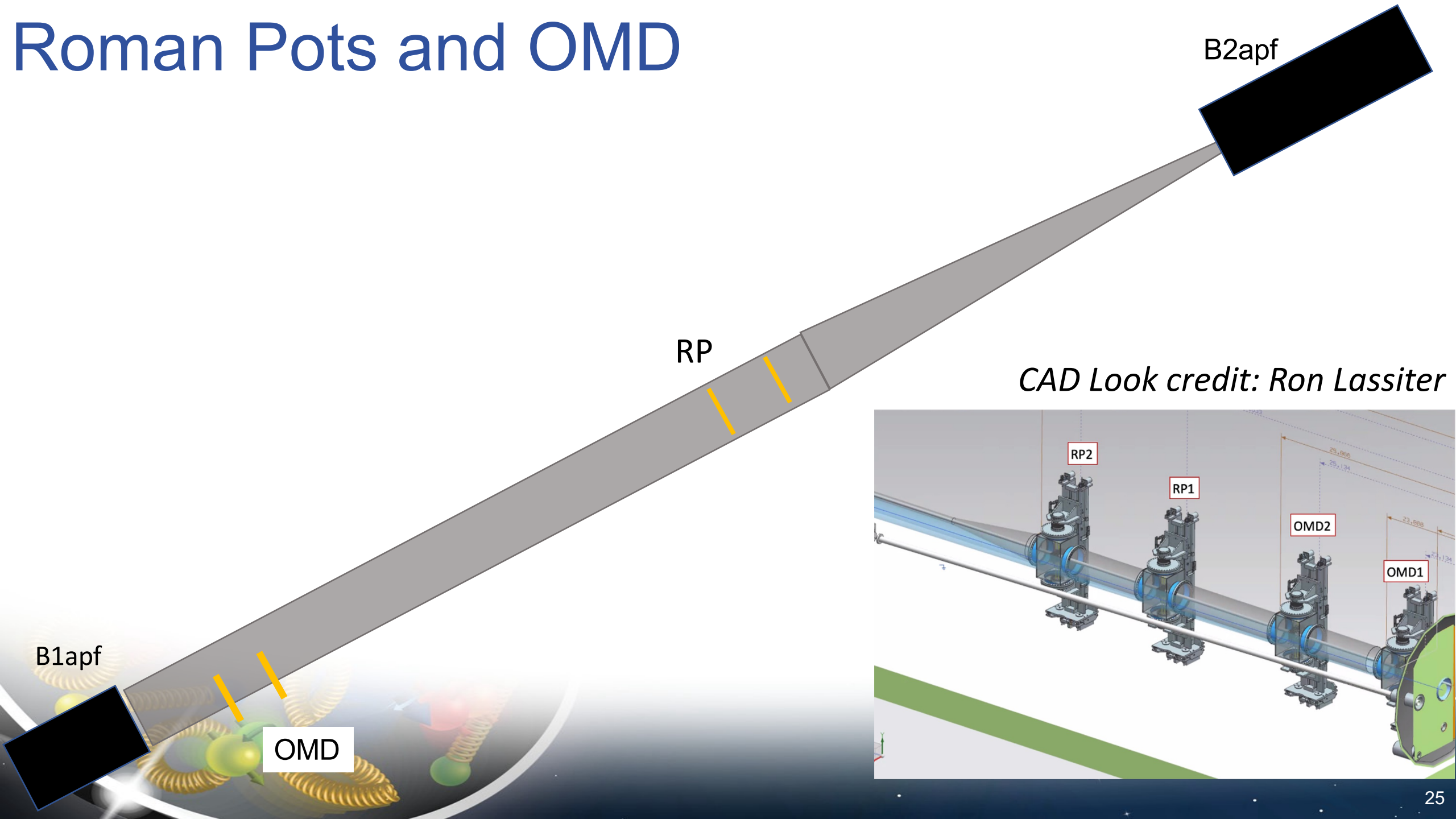
Full GEANT4 simulation.



Protons
 $123.75 < E < 151.25 \text{ GeV}$
($45\% < x_L < 55\%$)
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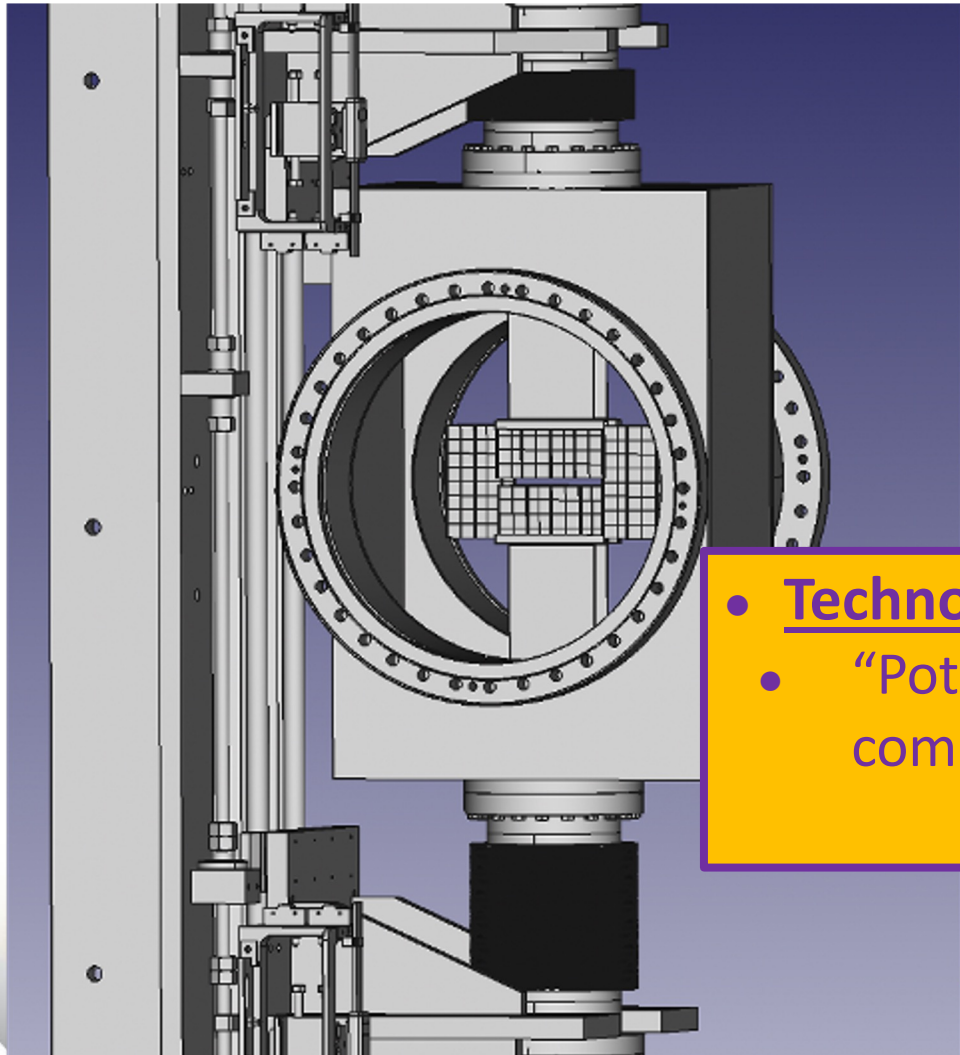


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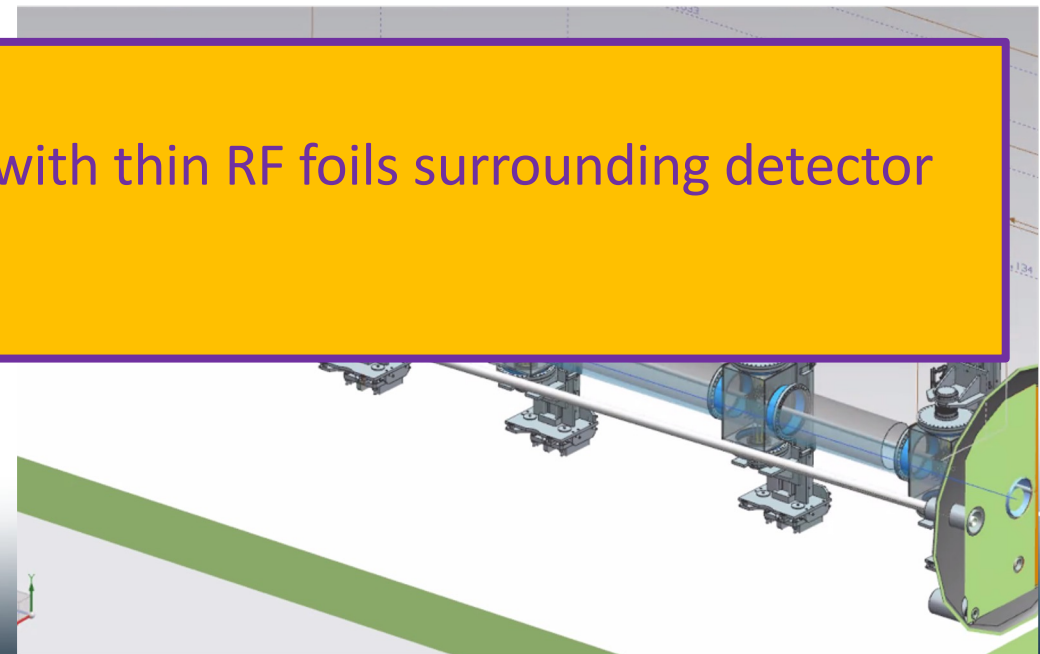
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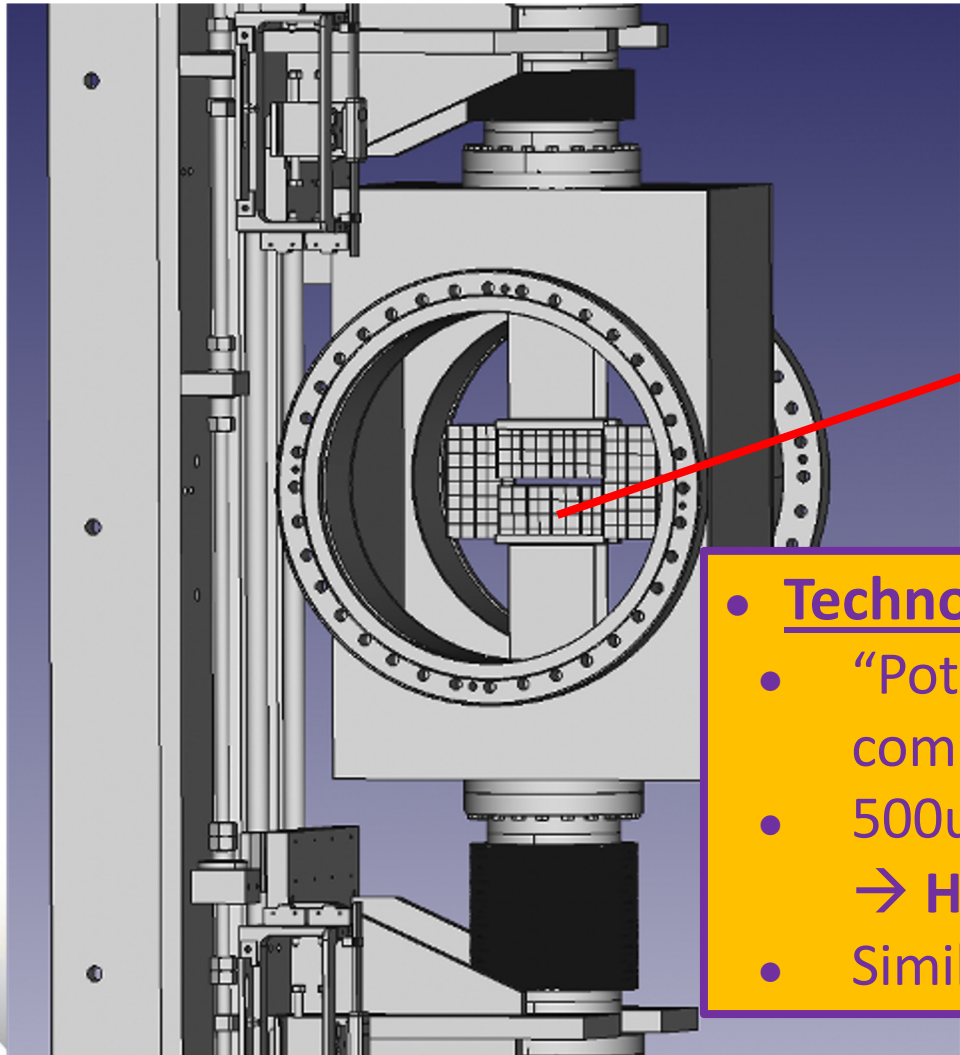
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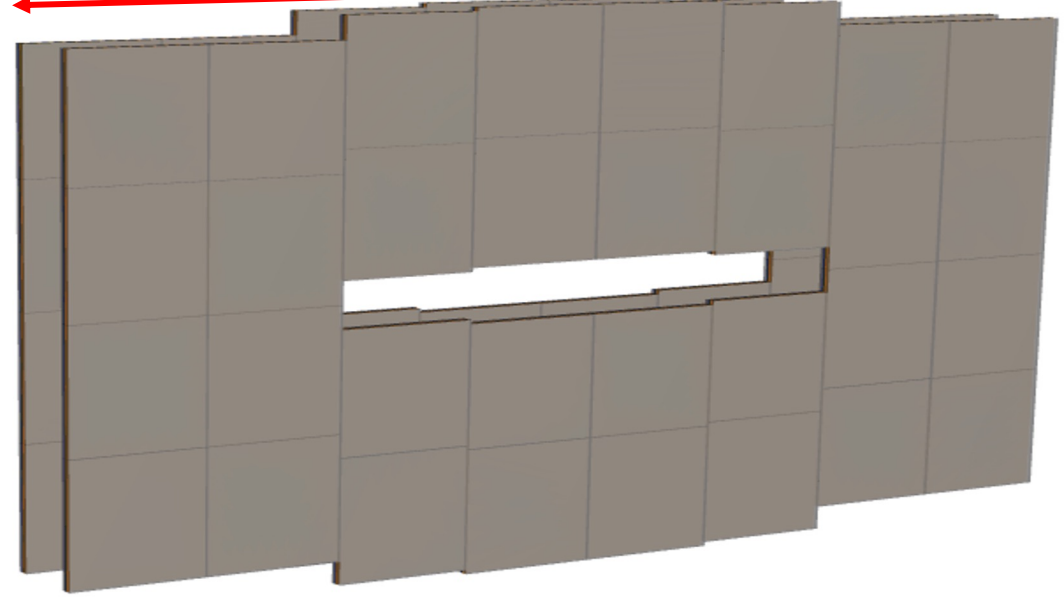


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25.6 cm

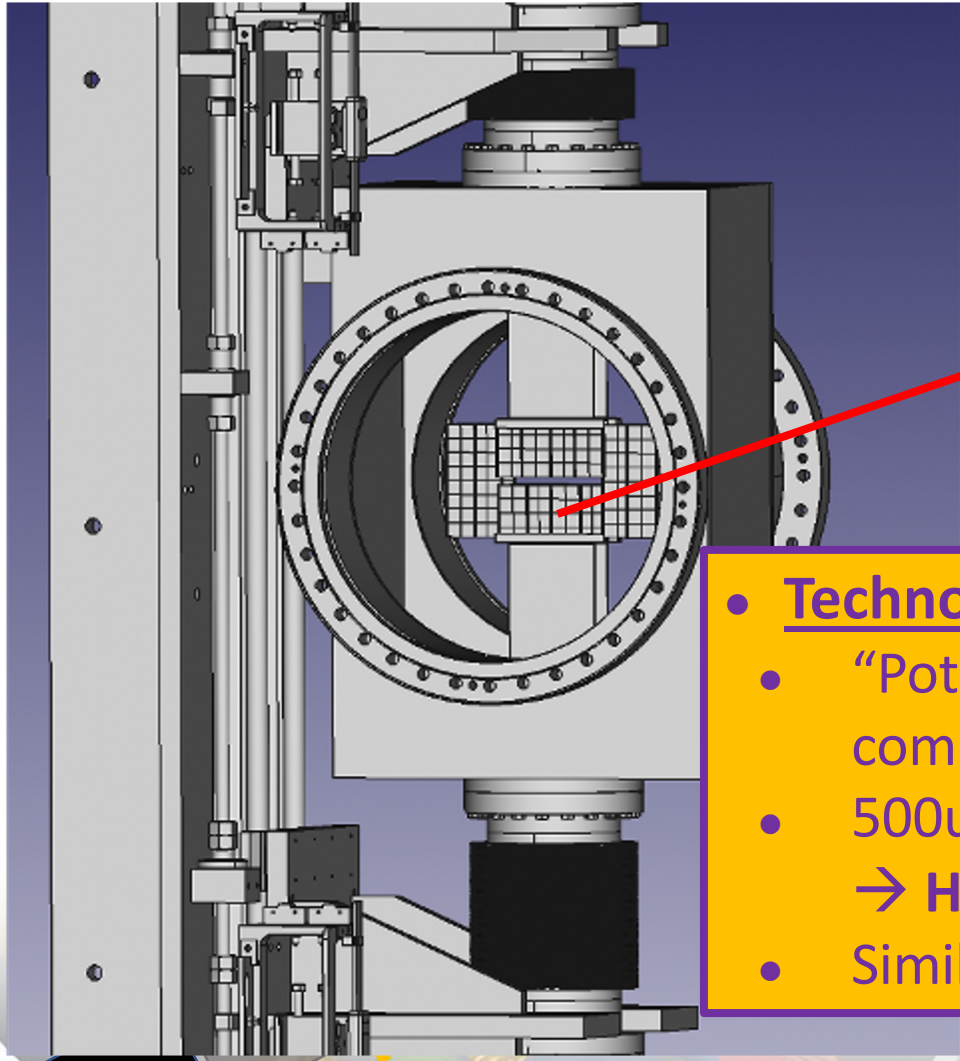


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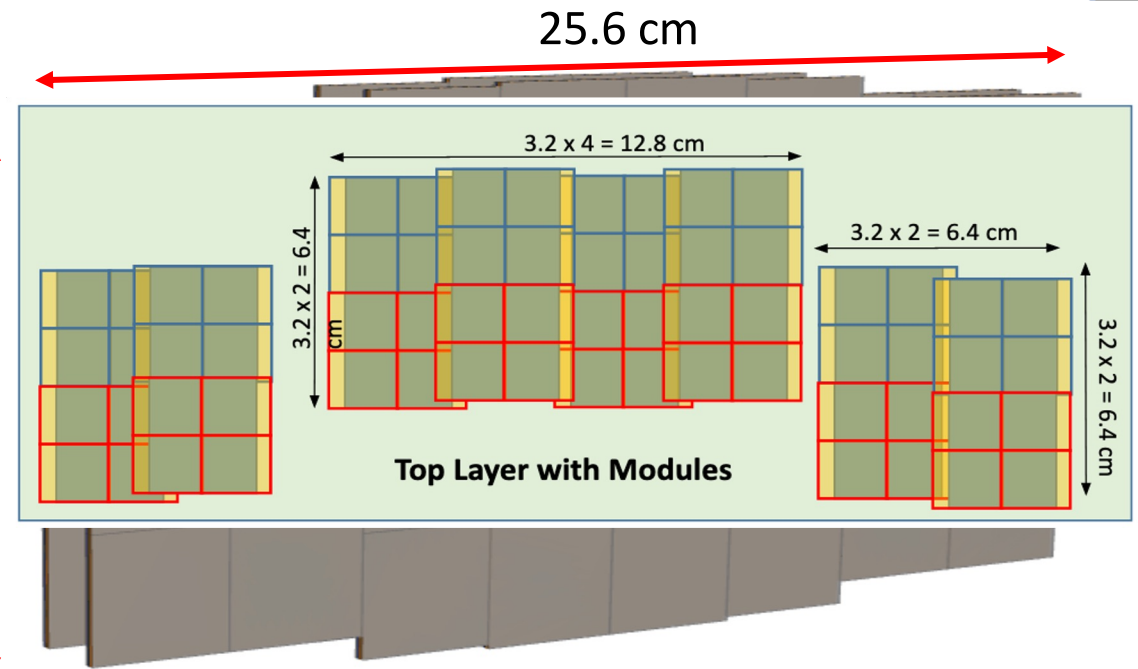
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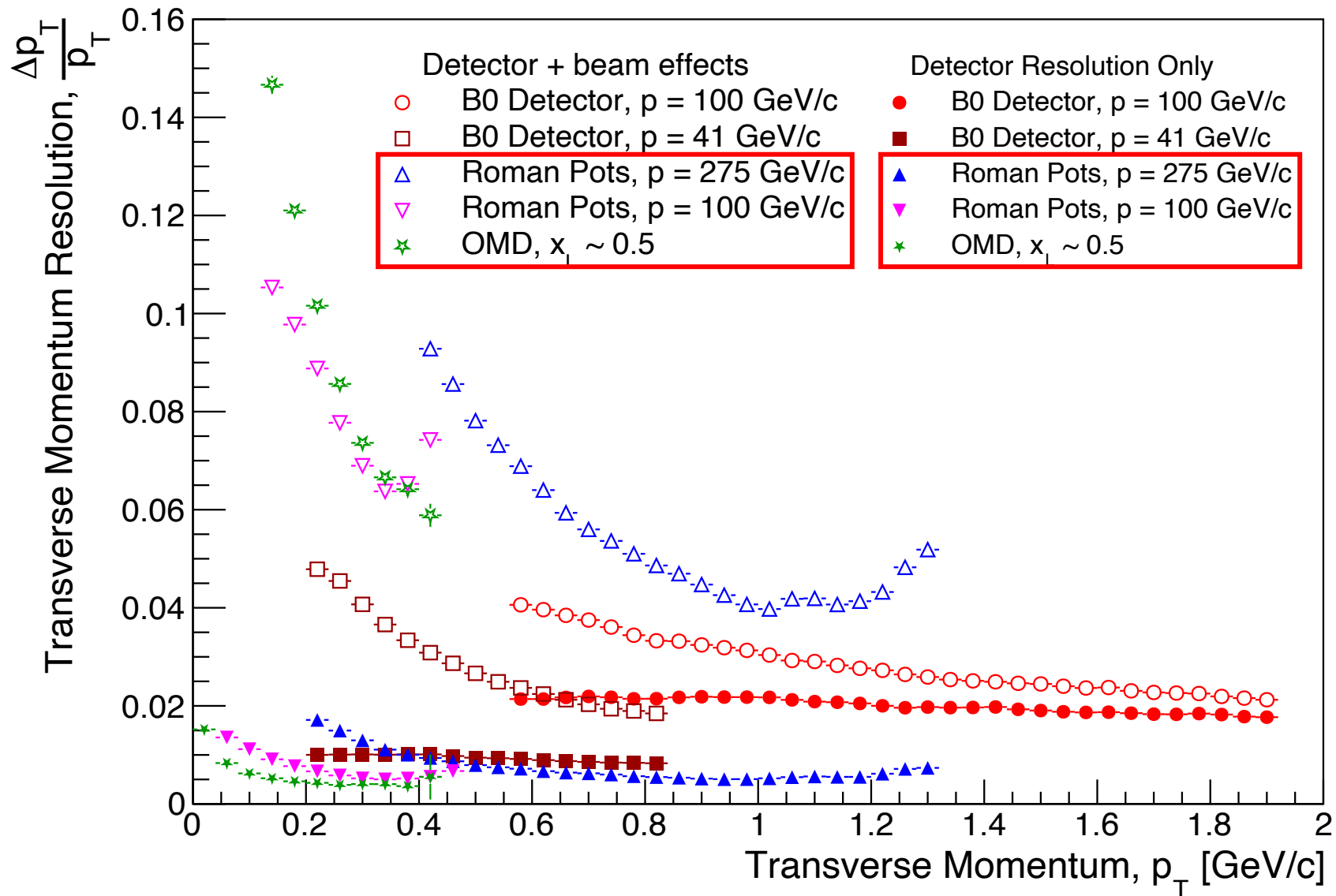


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More engineering work is currently underway to optimize the layout, support structure, cooling, and movement systems for inserting the detectors into the beamline.

Summary of Detector Performance

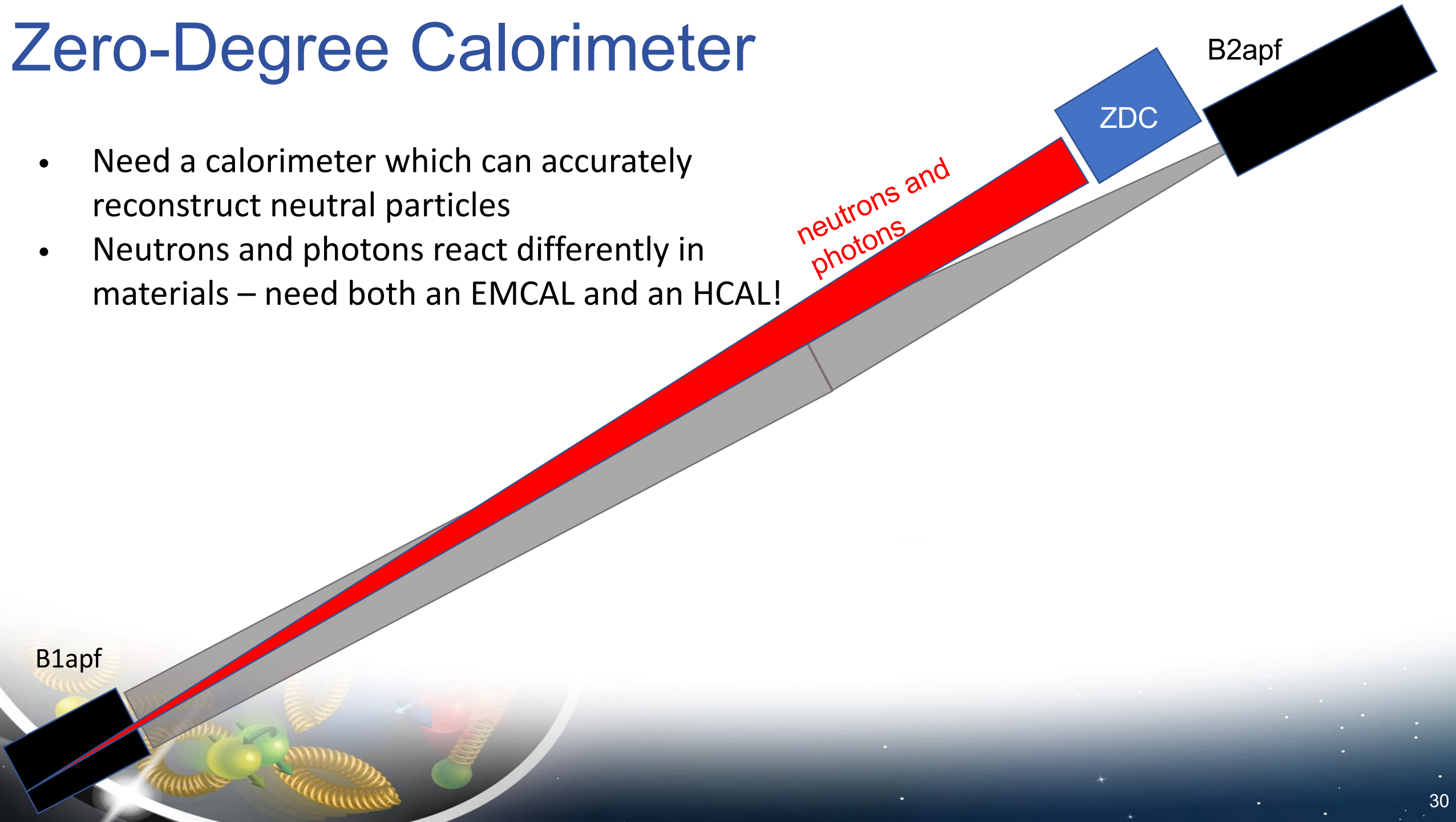


- All beam effects included!
 - Angular divergence.
 - Crossing angle.
 - Crab rotation/vertex smearing.

Beam effects the dominant source of momentum smearing!

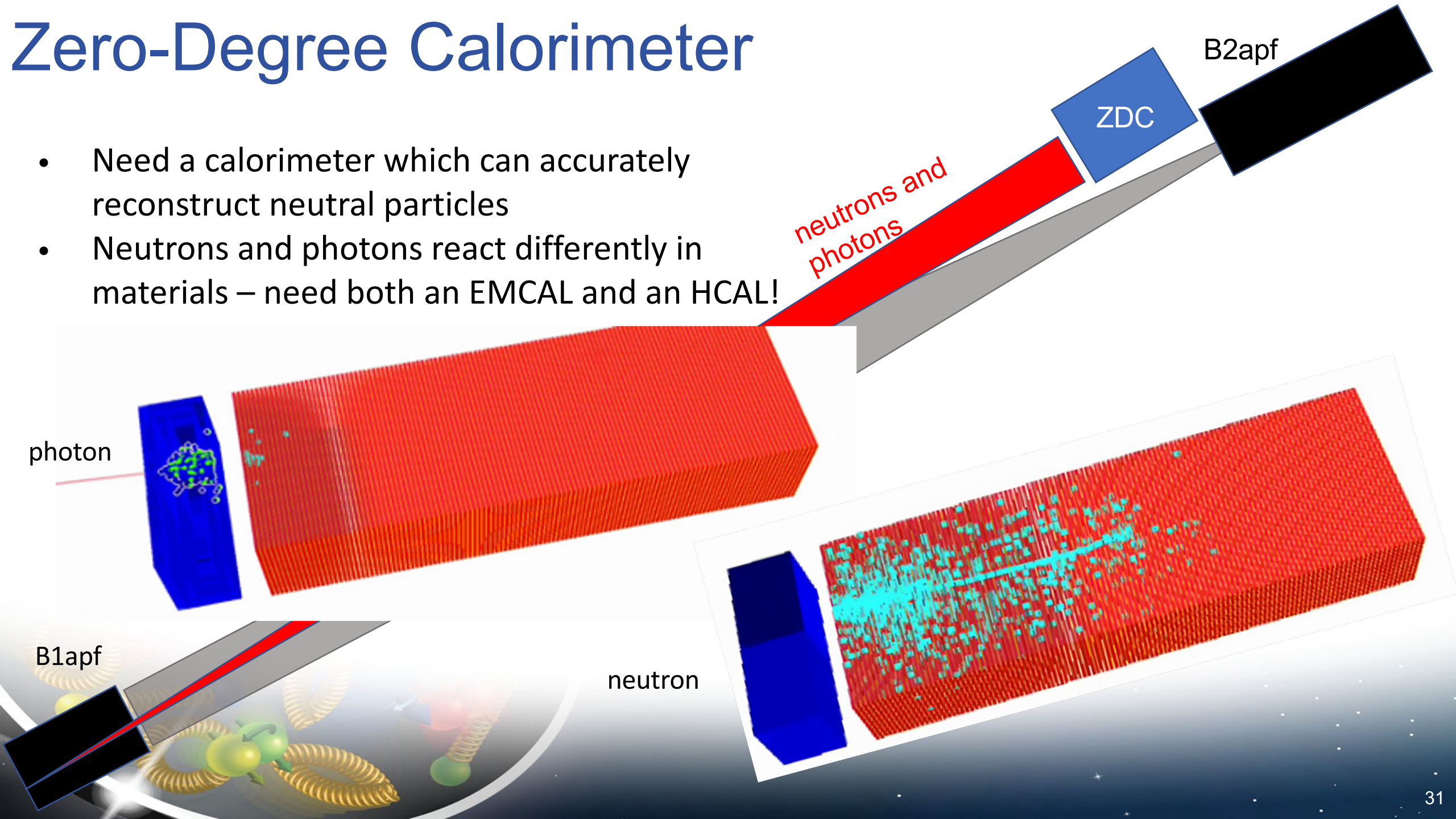
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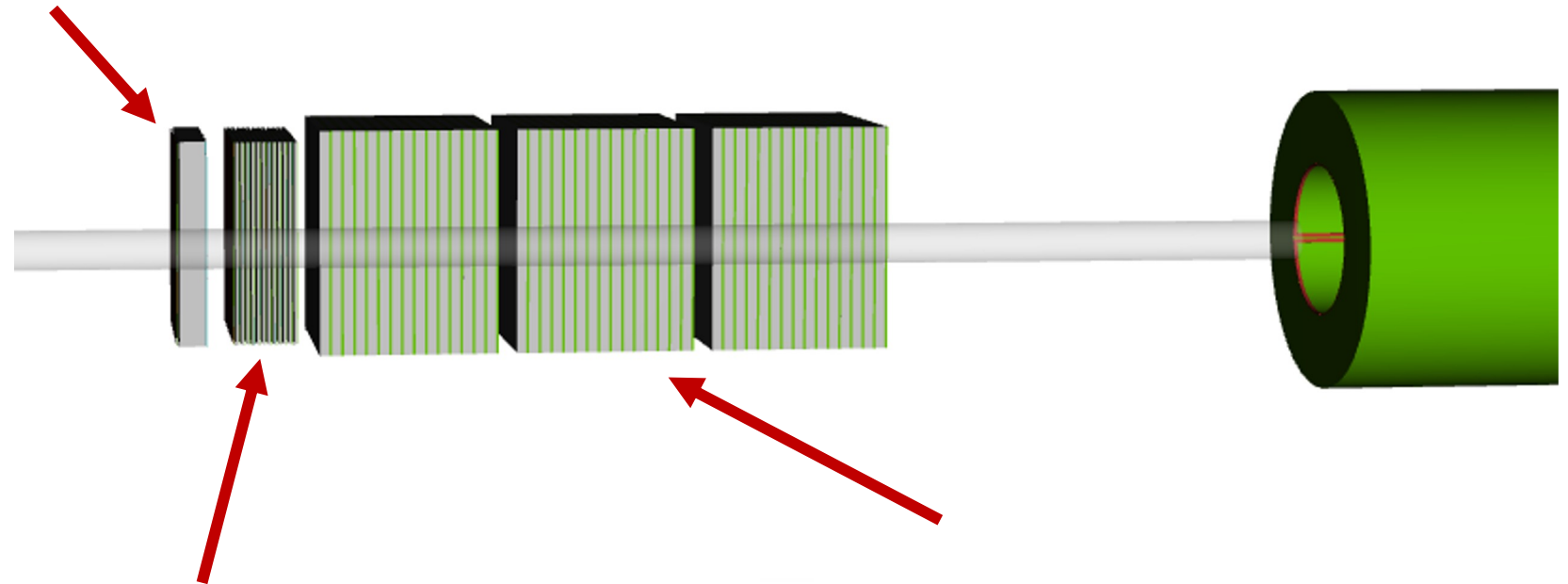
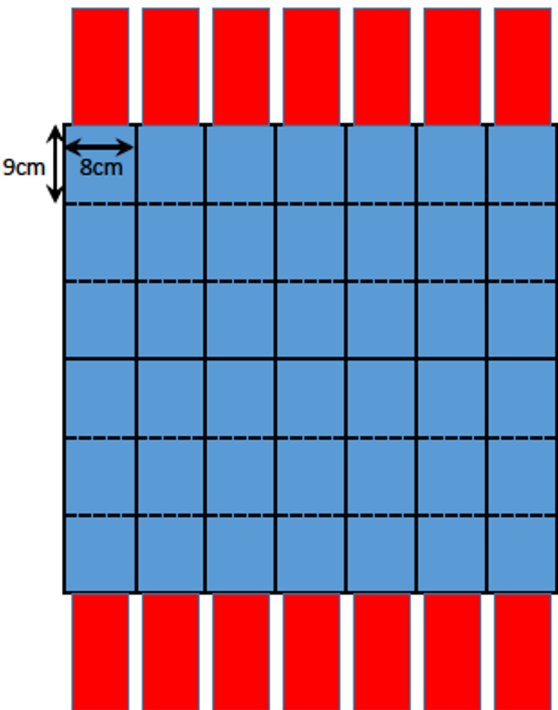


ZDC - What's New

- 1st Silicon & crystal calorimeter (PbWO₄ or LYSO):
 - **Smaller lateral dimension** (x, y) = (56, 54) cm.

Overall length within 2m limit

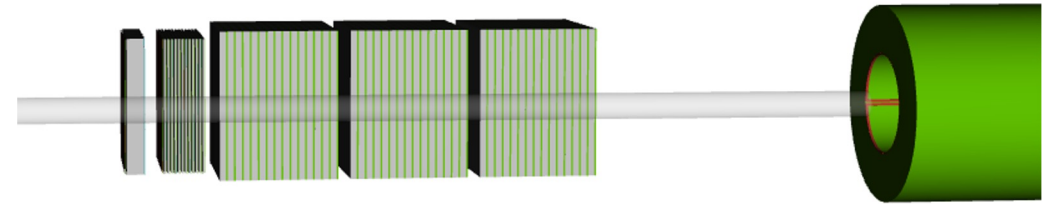
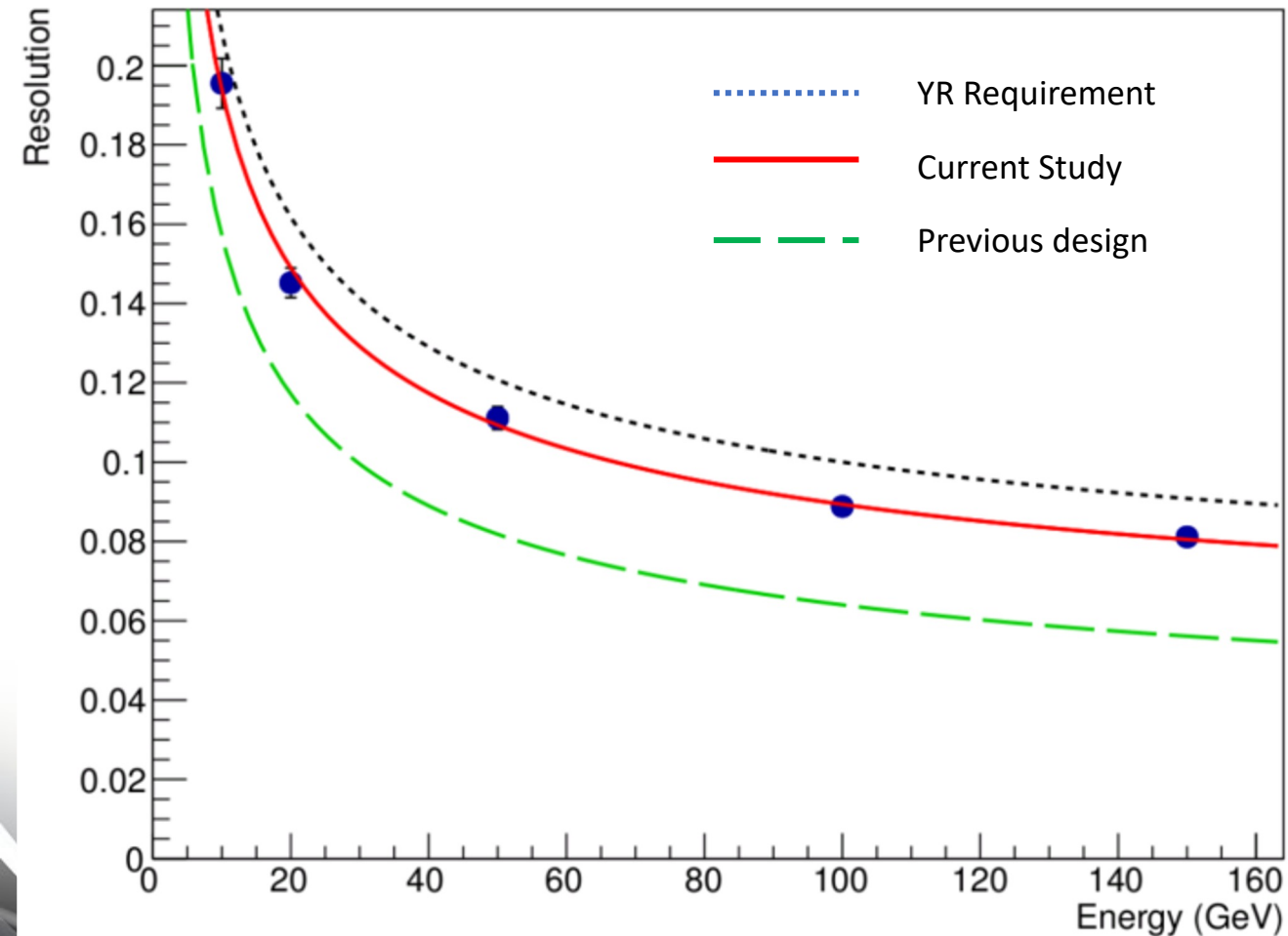
Readout setup
from top & bottom



- W/Silicon Imaging EMCAL
 - Transverse size (x,y) = (56, 54) cm
 - 12 layers ($\sim 24\chi_0$)
- Pb-Scintillator (+ fused silica)
 - Towers of 10cm x 10cm x 48cm, each module 60cm x 60cm x 48cm
 - 3 modules

ZDC - Performance

Energy Resolution



- Energy resolution in the new design acceptable → Optimization, test of different ideas within the size limit.
- **Next steps:**
 - Implementation of reconstruction
 - Position resolution & shower development stud ? place for the imaging part of HCAL



Far-Backward Detectors

Measuring Luminosity

Experimental Goal:

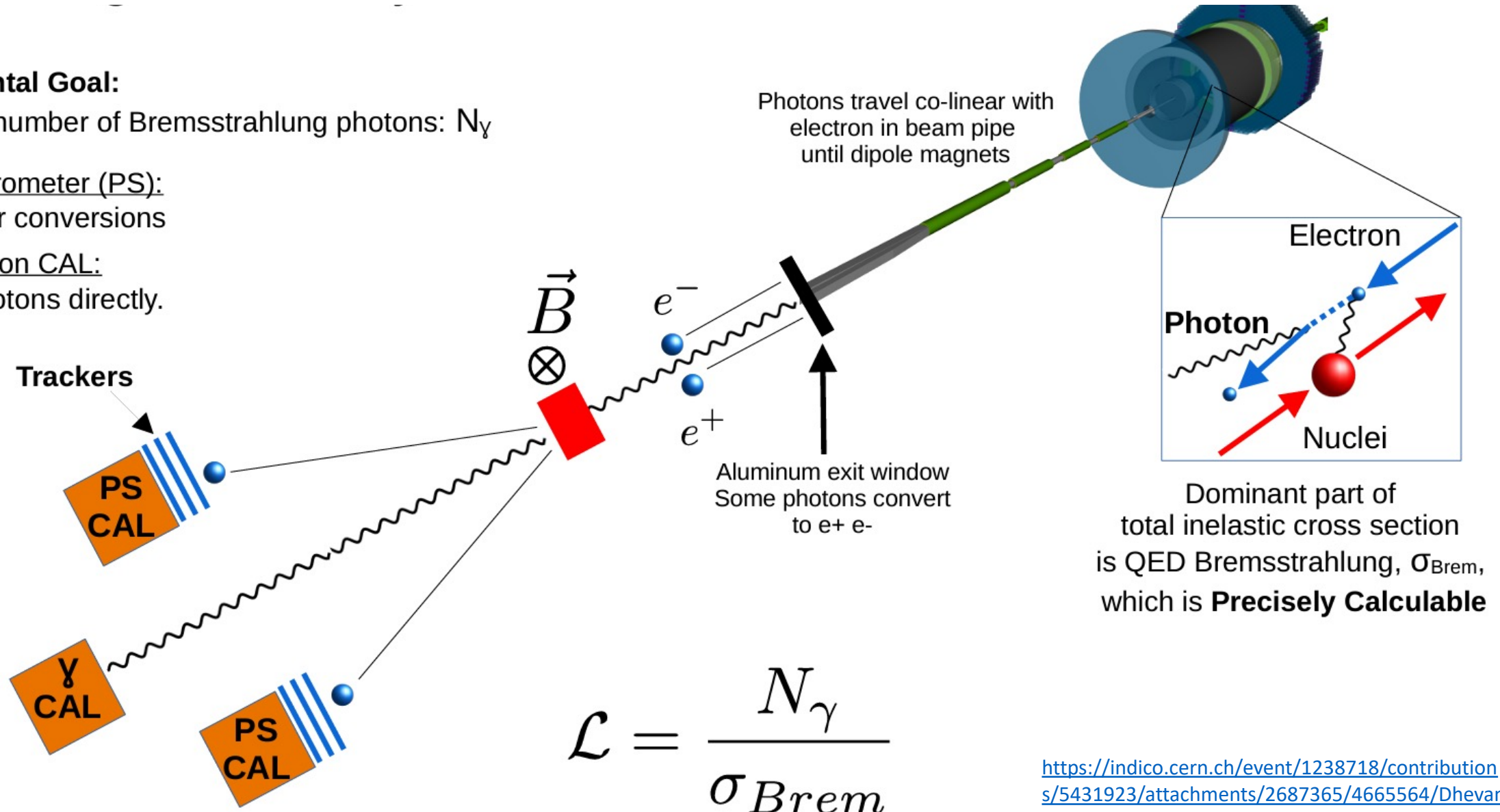
Count the number of Bremsstrahlung photons: N_γ

Pair Spectrometer (PS):

Counts pair conversions

Direct photon CAL:

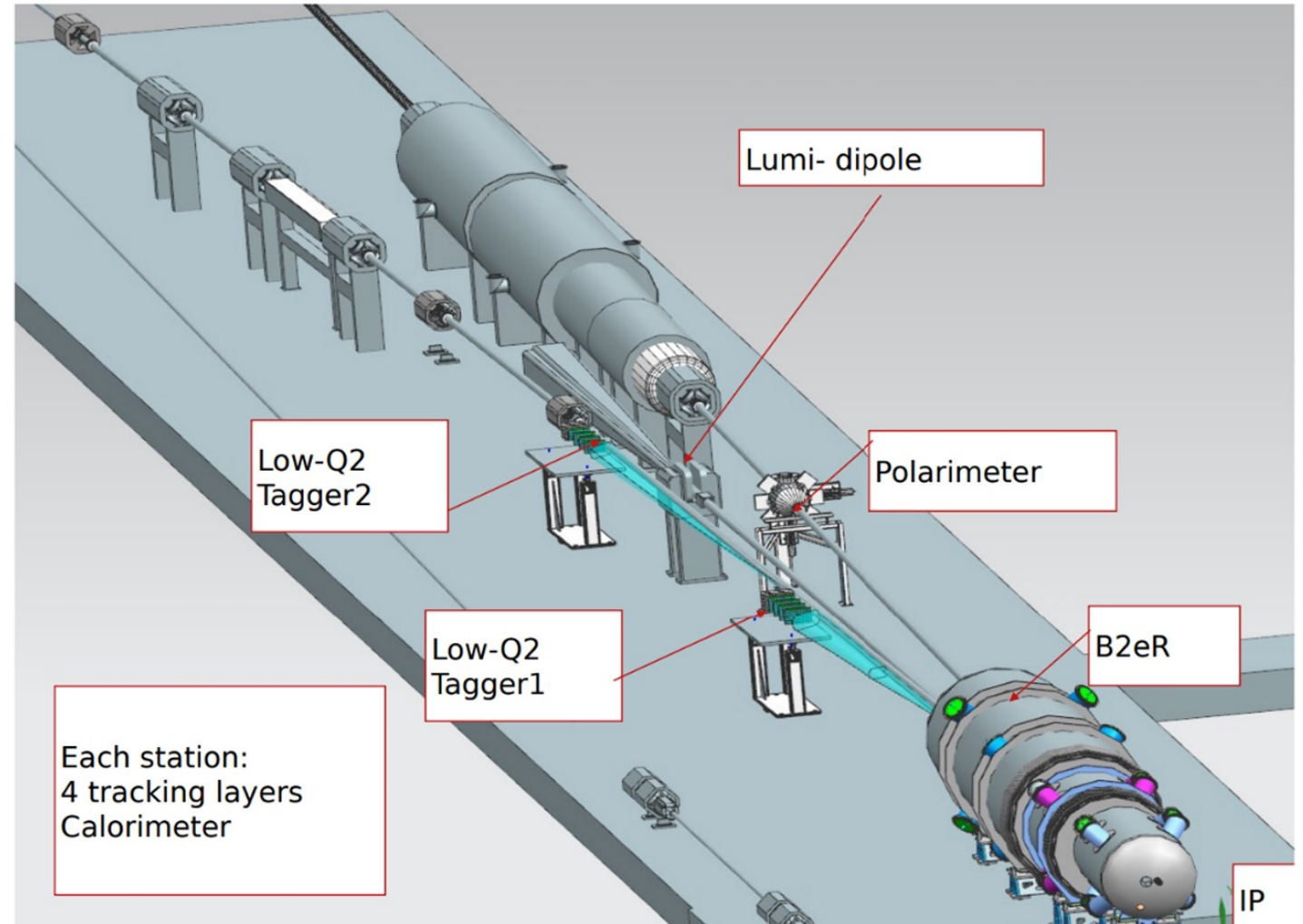
Counts photons directly.



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Tagging Electrons at Low- Q^2

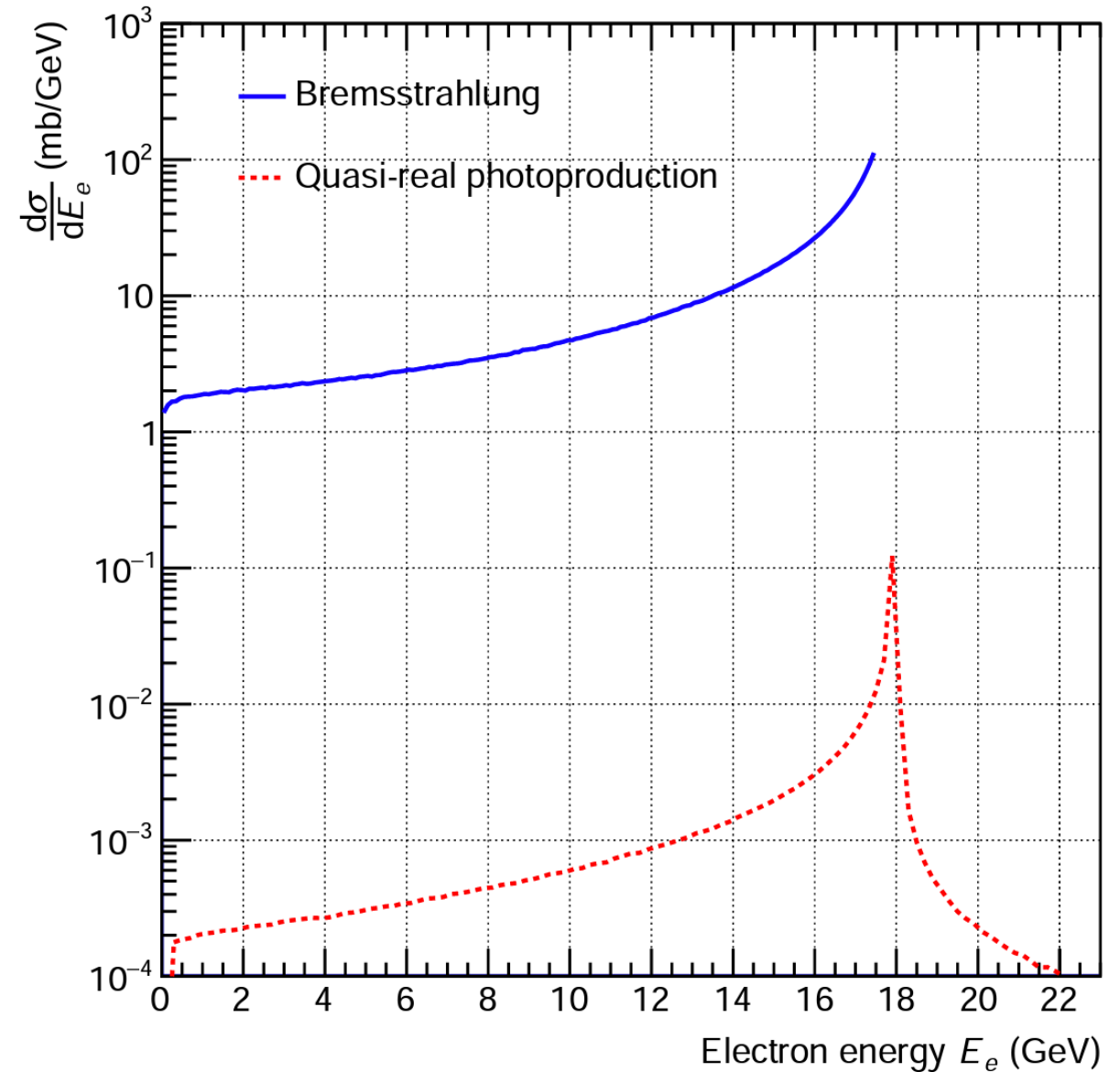
- Jaroslav Adam (Project Lead)
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- Simon Gardner (Technical Lead)
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- Two low- Q^2 tagger detectors along outgoing electron beam pipe
- Placed at about -20 m and -36 m from IP



Slide from Jaroslav Adam (CTU)

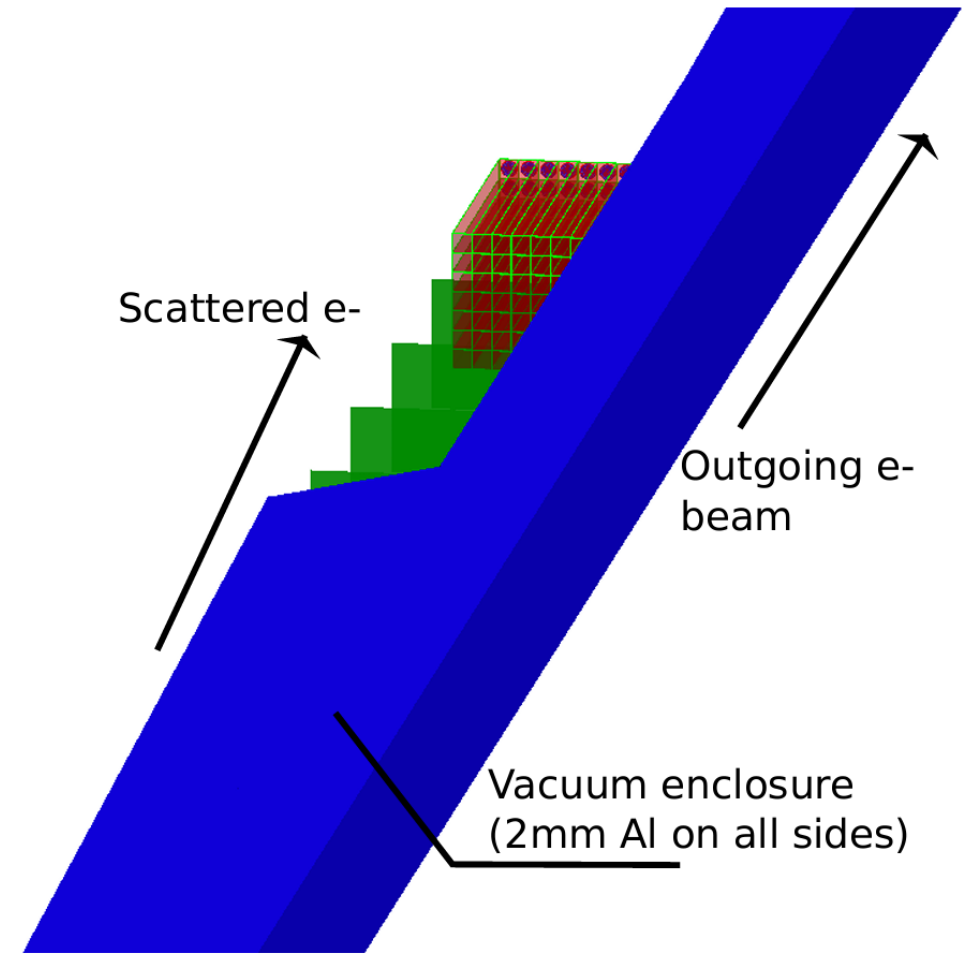
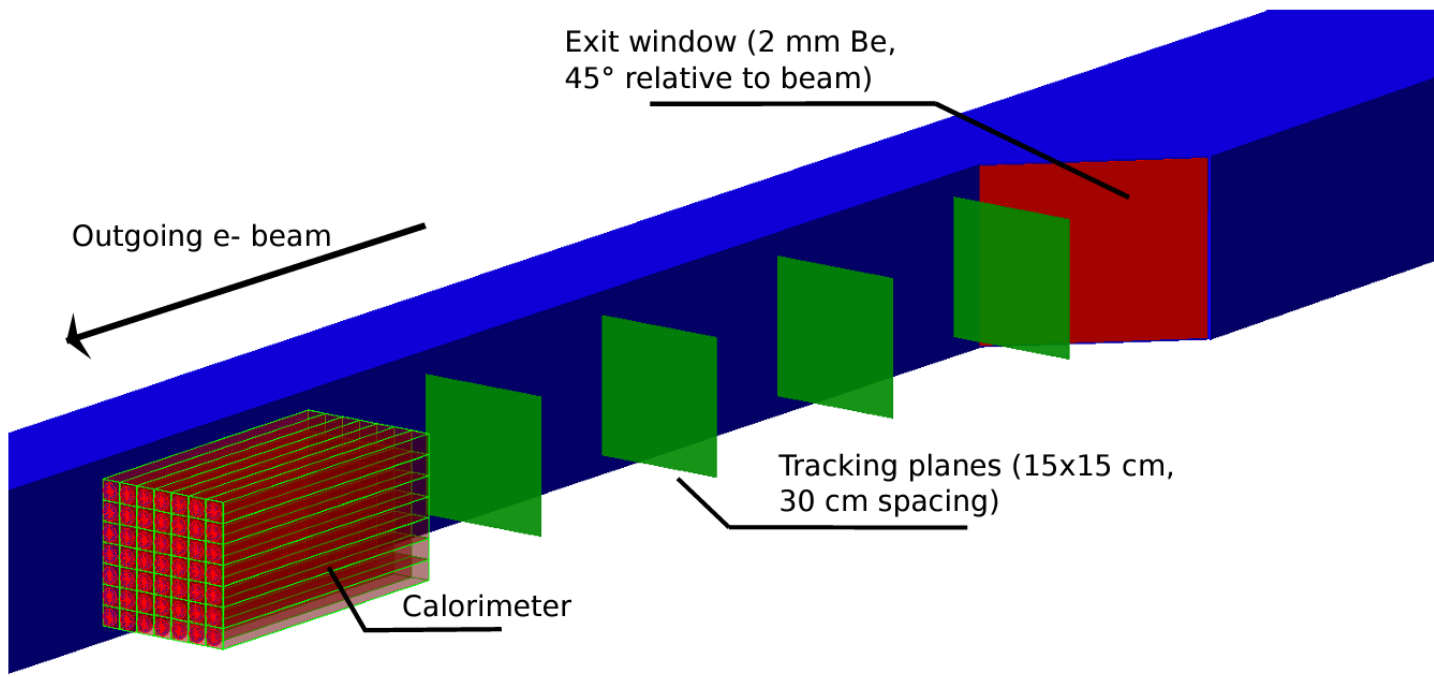
Tagging Electrons at Low- Q^2

- Photoproduction in $10^{-3} \lesssim Q^2 \lesssim 10^{-1} \text{ GeV}^2$
- Scattered electrons for meson spectroscopy and exclusive pair production
- Help for luminosity measurement by coincidence with pair spectrometer
- Large background and event rates due to Bethe-Heitler bremsstrahlung – illustrated by comparing to photoproduction cross section
- The background can be mitigated by good tracking and Q^2 reconstruction



Tagging Electrons at Low- Q^2

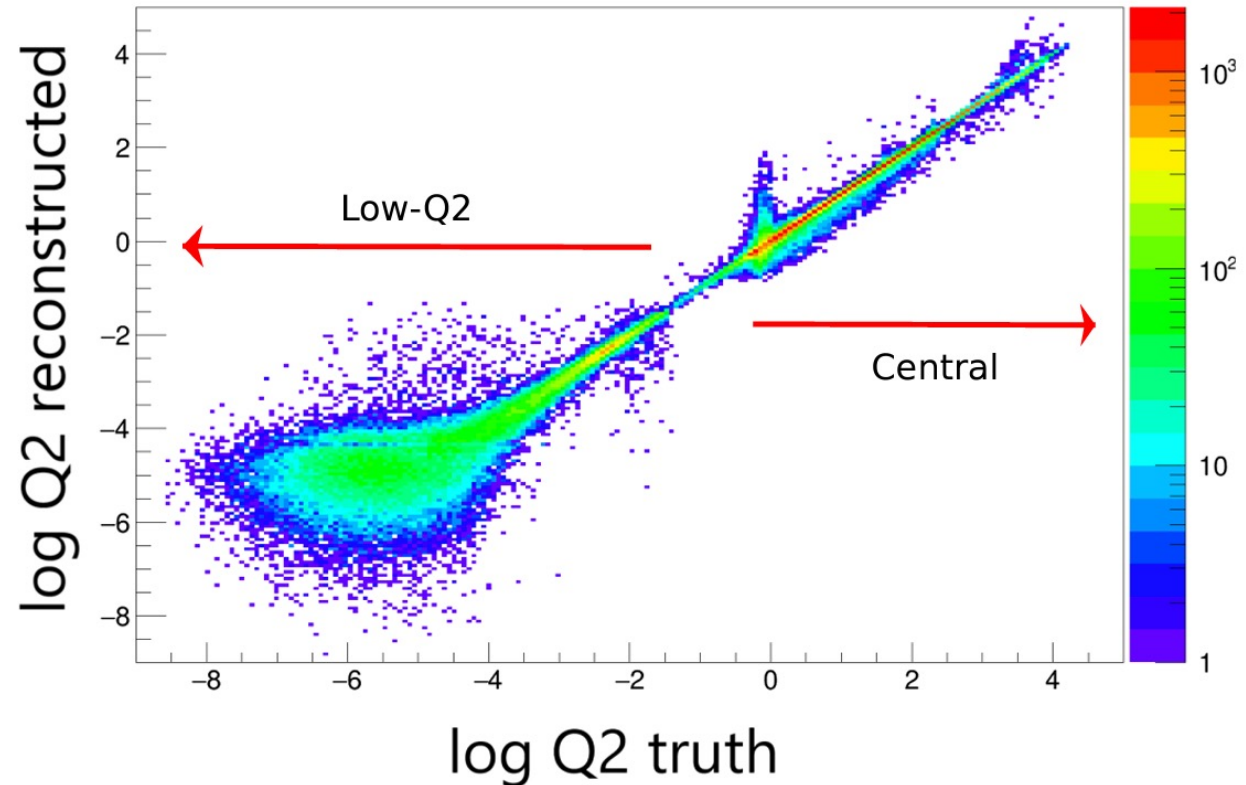
- Detectors outside beam vacuum
- Several considerations for exit window (material, thin mesh followed by 90° exit window)



Slide from Jaroslav Adam (CTU)

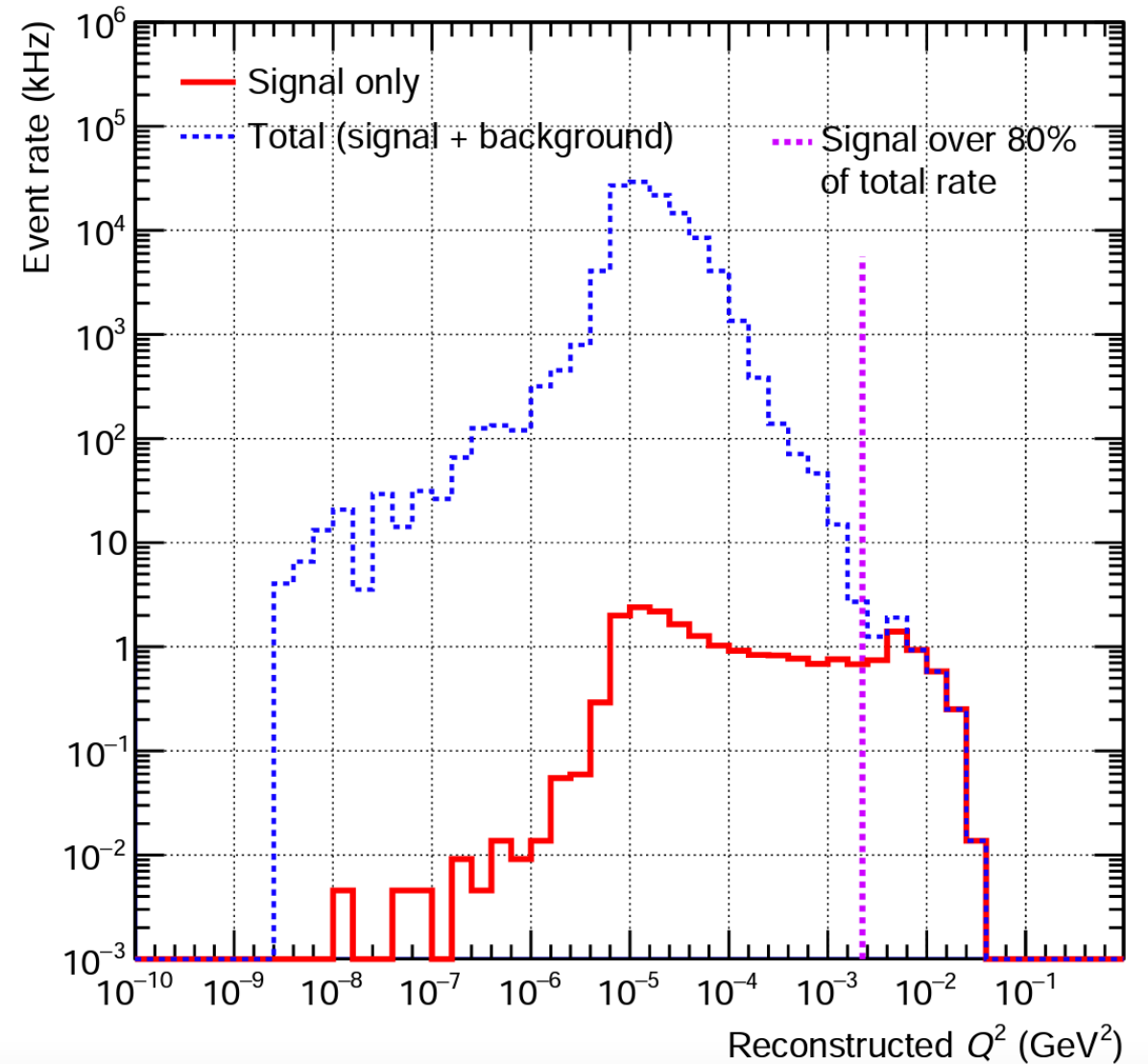
Low- Q^2 Reconstruction

- Two different ML algorithms giving compatible results
- The algorithms connect reconstructed tracks to kinematics of original scattered electrons (energy and polar and azimuthal angle)
- Q^2 is obtained from electron energy and polar angle
- Plot shows combined reconstruction in low- Q^2 taggers and central detector



Low- Q^2 Reconstruction

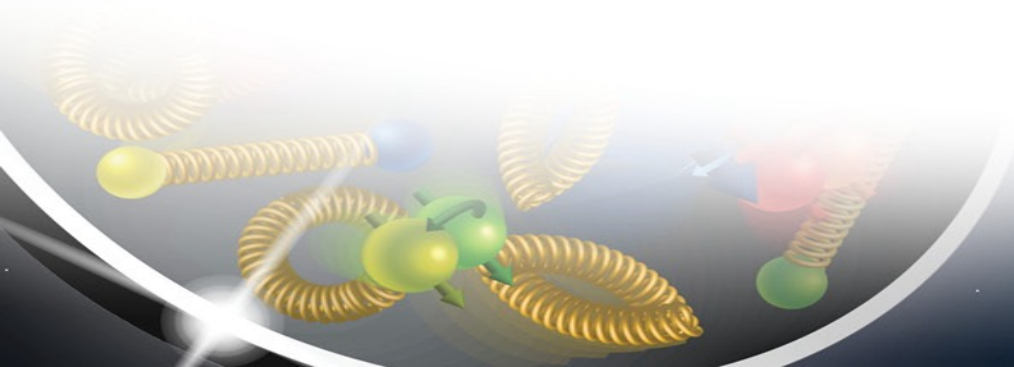
- Mixed hepmc of signal (quasi-real photoproduction) and background (Bethe-Heitler) events
- Event rates are obtained as a function of reconstructed Q^2
- Background tracks reconstruct dominantly to very low Q^2



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Summary and Takeaways

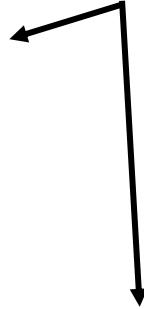
- Far-Forward and Far-Backward detectors uniquely challenging!
 - Integrated with beamline → crowded area, complicated constraints on rates, beam operations, etc.
 - Trying to cover broad phase space not covered by main detector → Crucial for physics program!
- Technologies identified for the all subsystems, and simulations have been carried out → engineering design underway for CD-2/3A



Thank you!

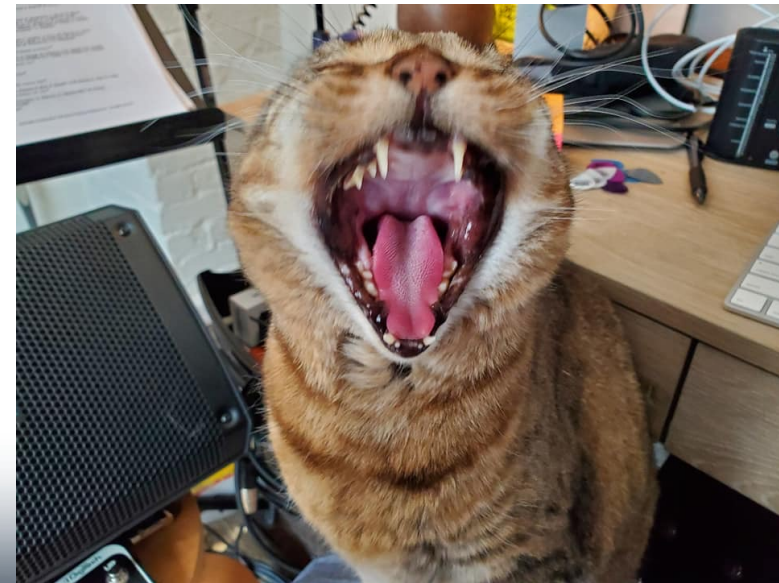
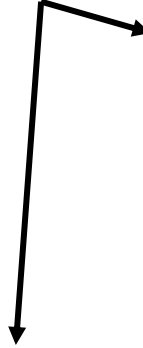


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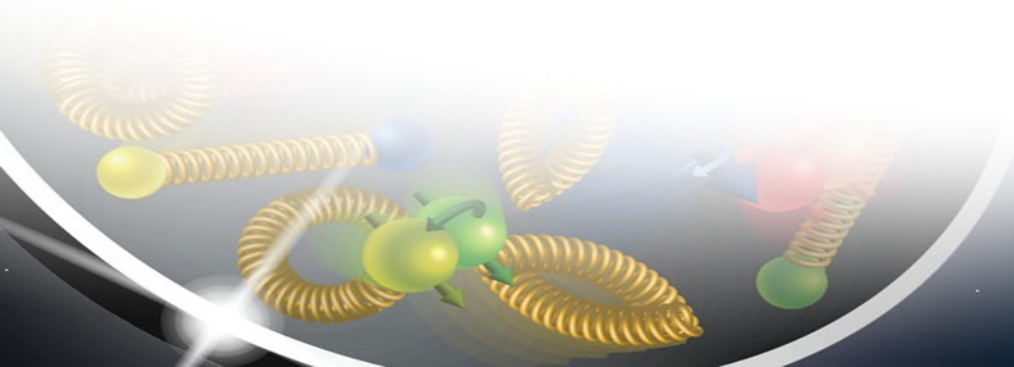
They (mostly) get along.

Lilu



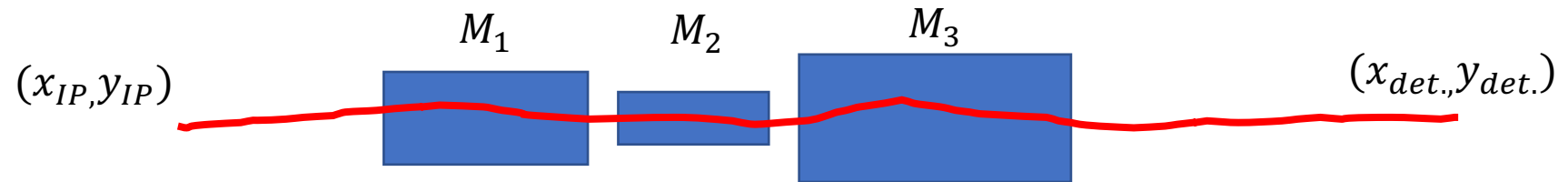
She's in a death metal band.

Backup



Preliminaries

- The EIC physics program includes reconstruction of final states with very far-forward protons, from many different possible collision systems.
 - e+p scattering, e+d/e+He3/e+A (proton(s) from nuclear breakup).
 - Produces protons with a broad range in longitudinal momentum, which then traverse the full hadron-going lattice (dipoles and quads).
- Momentum reconstruction requires *transfer matrices* to describe particle motion through the magnets.



$$\begin{pmatrix} x_{ip} \\ \theta_{x,ip} \\ y_{ip} \\ \theta_{y,ip} \\ z_{ip} \\ \Delta p/p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 & a_5 \\ b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & b_3 & b_4 & b_5 \\ c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & c_4 & c_5 \\ d_0 & d_1 & d_2 & d_3 & d_4 & d_5 \\ e_0 & e_1 & e_2 & e_3 & e_4 & e_5 \\ f_0 & f_1 & f_2 & f_3 & f_4 & f_5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{det.} \\ \theta_{x,det.} \\ y_{det.} \\ \theta_{y,det.} \\ z_{det.} \\ \Delta p/p \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{transfer} = M_1 M_2 M_3 \dots$$

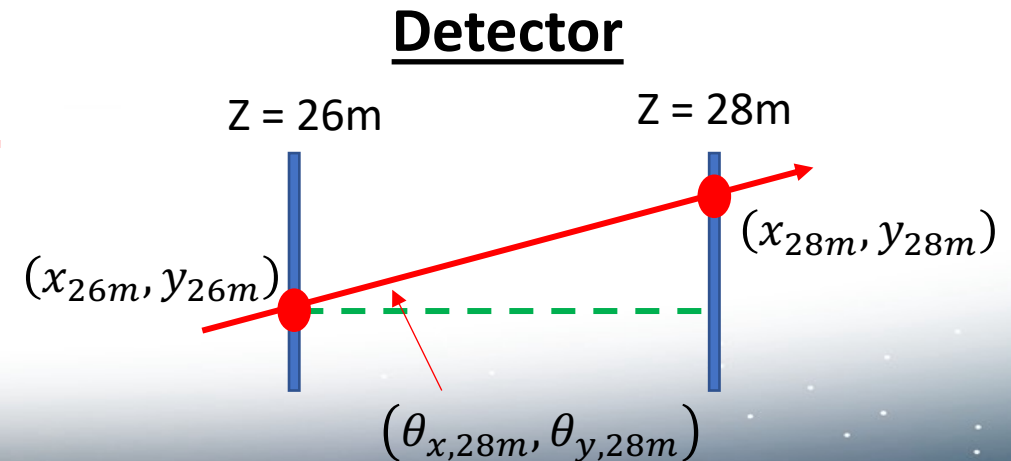
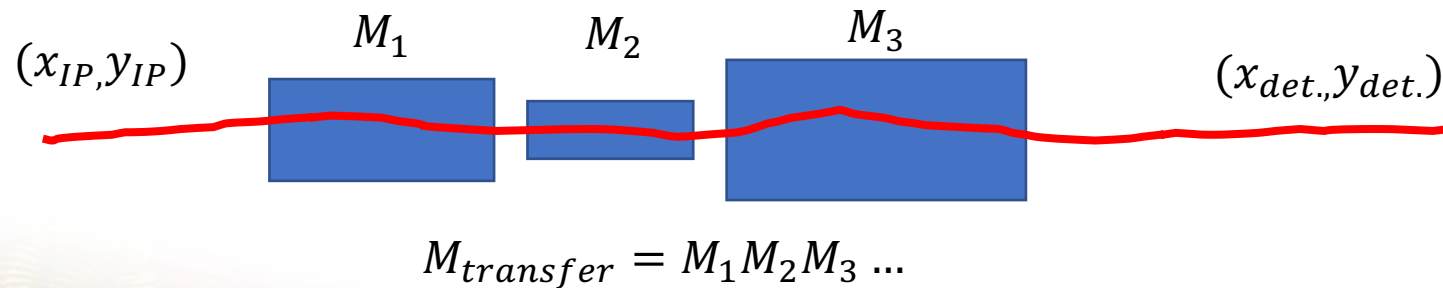
- Transforms coordinates at detectors (position, angle) to original IP coordinates.
- Matrix unique for different positions along the beam-axis!

Preliminaries

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1.88 & 28.97 & .0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.25 \\ -0.0211 & 0.21 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & -0.034 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & -2.26 & 3.78 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & -0.18 & -0.145 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ 0.057 & 1.014 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 1.0 & 0.026 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 1.0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{ip} \\ \theta_{xip} \\ y_{ip} \\ \theta_{yip} \\ z_{ip} \\ \Delta p/p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{28m} \\ \theta_{x,28m} \\ y_{28m} \\ \theta_{y,28m} \\ z_{28m} \\ \Delta p/p \end{pmatrix}$$

From BMAD – central trajectory 275 GeV proton

- Matrix describes how particles travel through the magnets toward the detector.

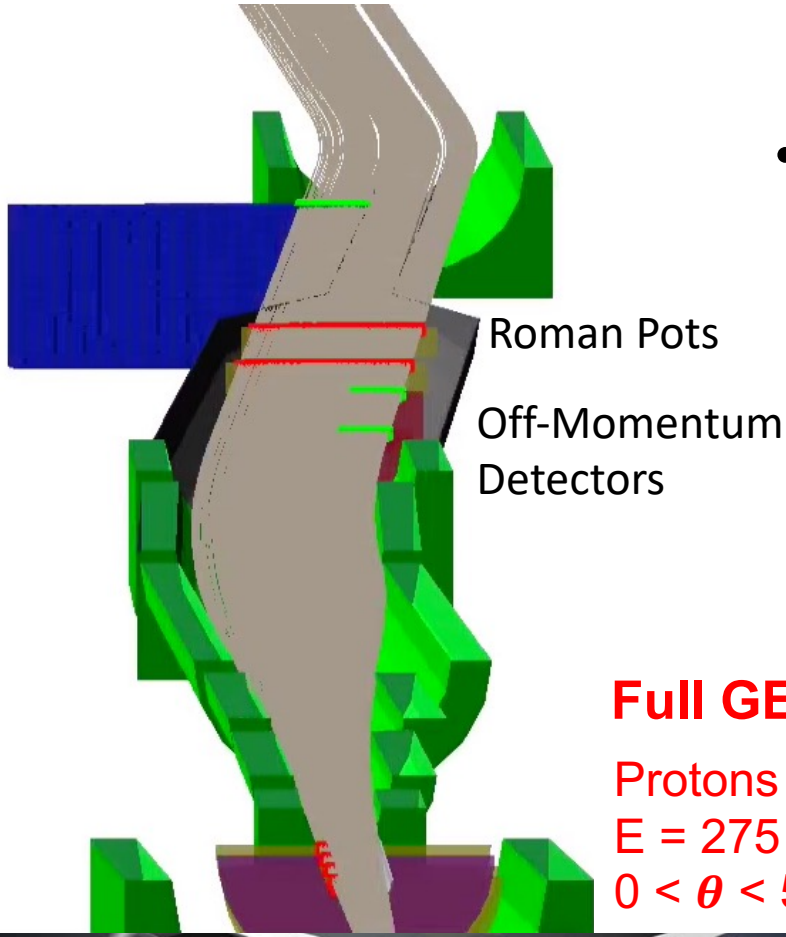


Matrix enables reconstruction of scattering information at the IP using only local hits at the detector.

The Problem

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From BMAD – central trajectory 275 GeV proton



- Protons from nuclear breakup, or high- Q^2 e+p interactions → protons can have large deviations from central orbit momentum → **require unique matrices!**

longitudinal momentum fraction

$$x_L = \frac{p_{z,proton}}{p_{z,beam}}$$

Full GEANT4 simulation.

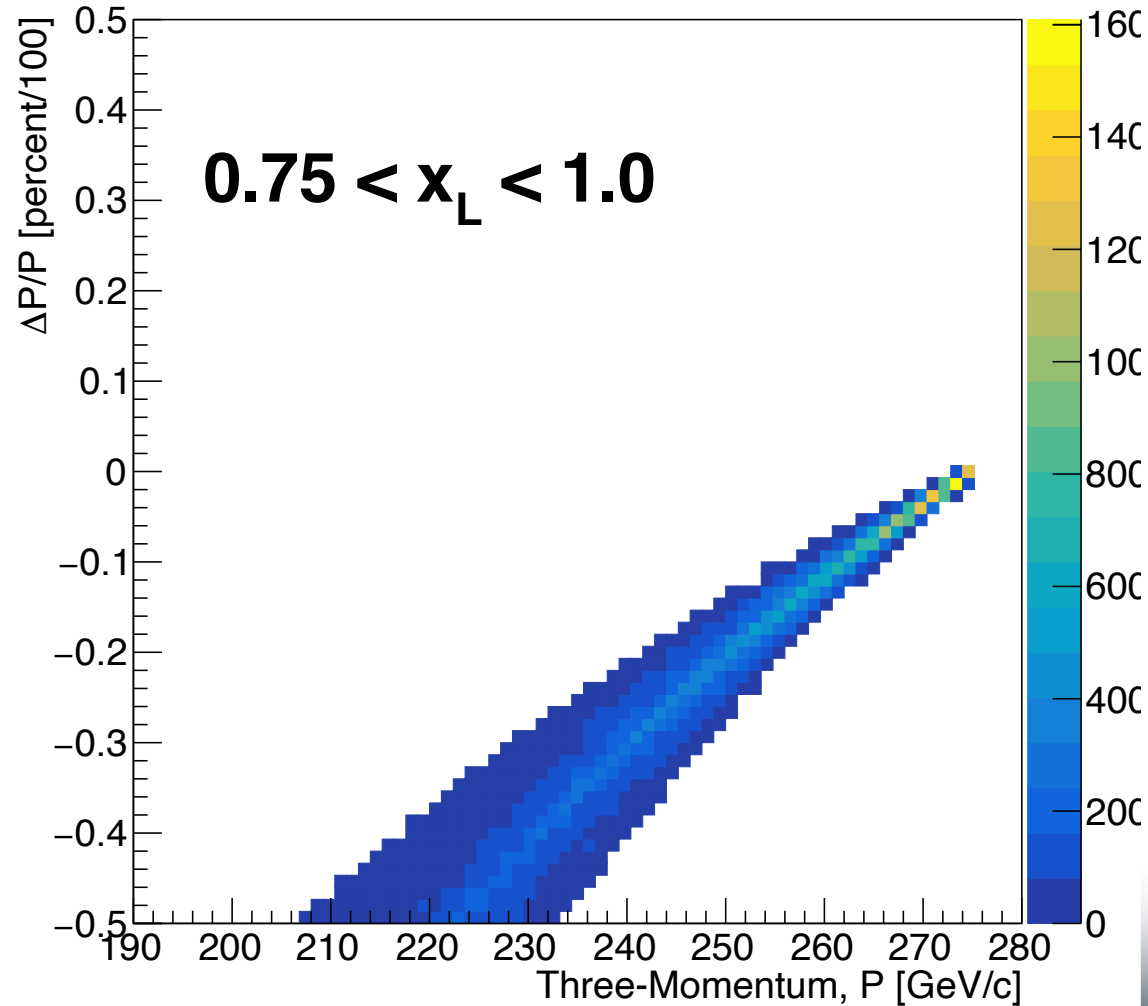
Protons
E = 275 GeV
 $0 < \theta < 5$ mrad

For a 275 GeV beam, a 270 GeV proton has an x_L of 0.98.

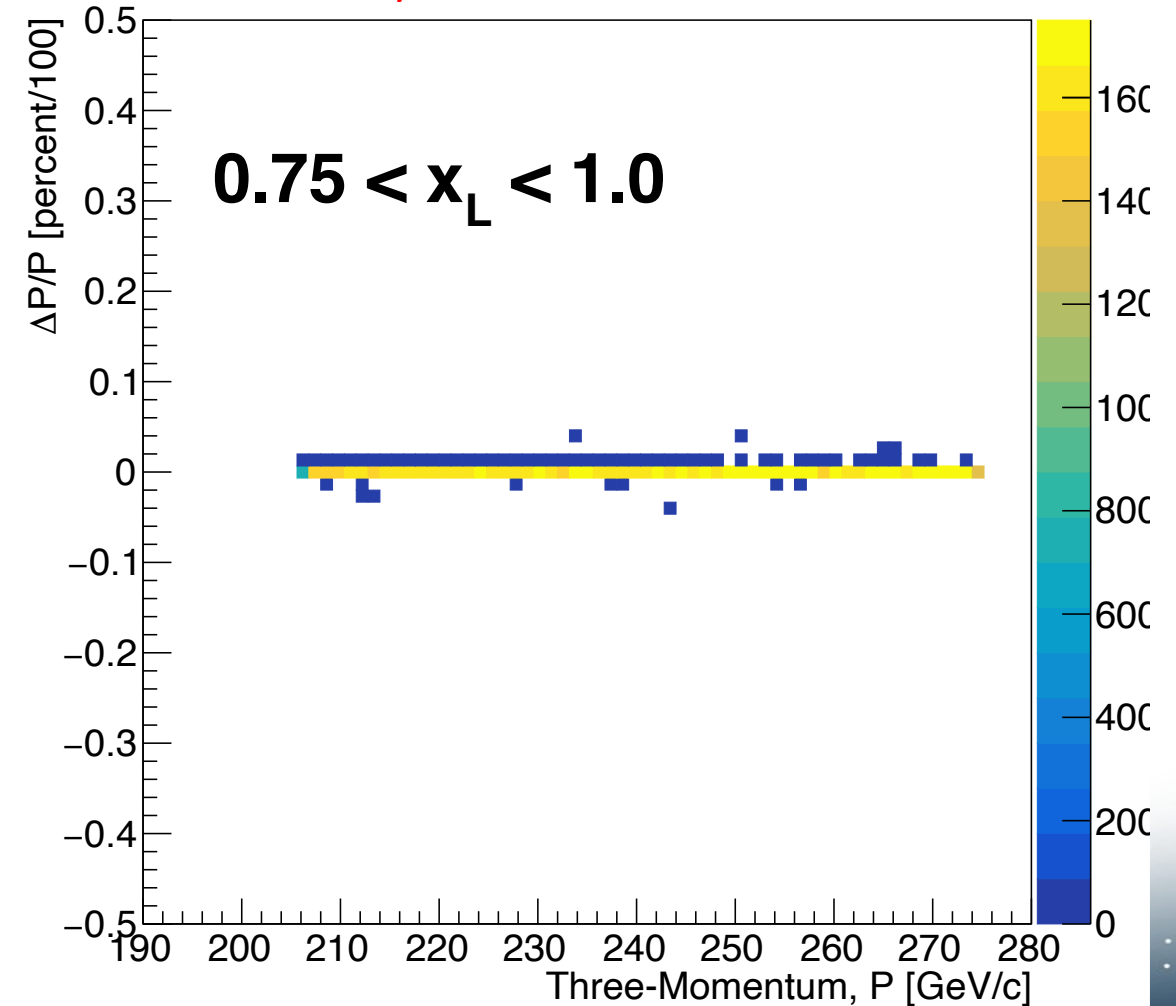
Results - Momentum

- Comparing “static” BMAD matrix (left) with dynamic matrix calculation (right).

“static” BMAD matrix



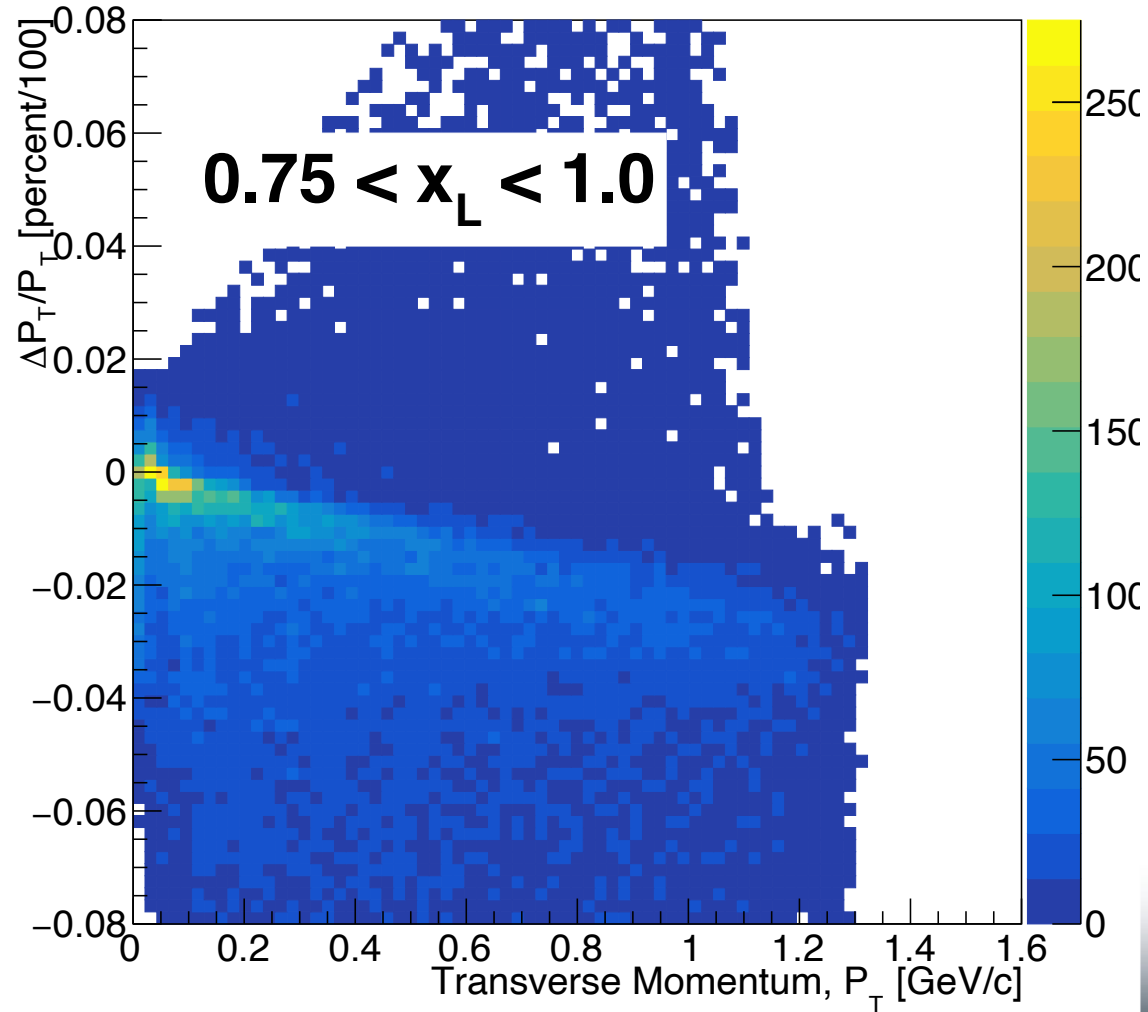
Dynamic matrix calculation



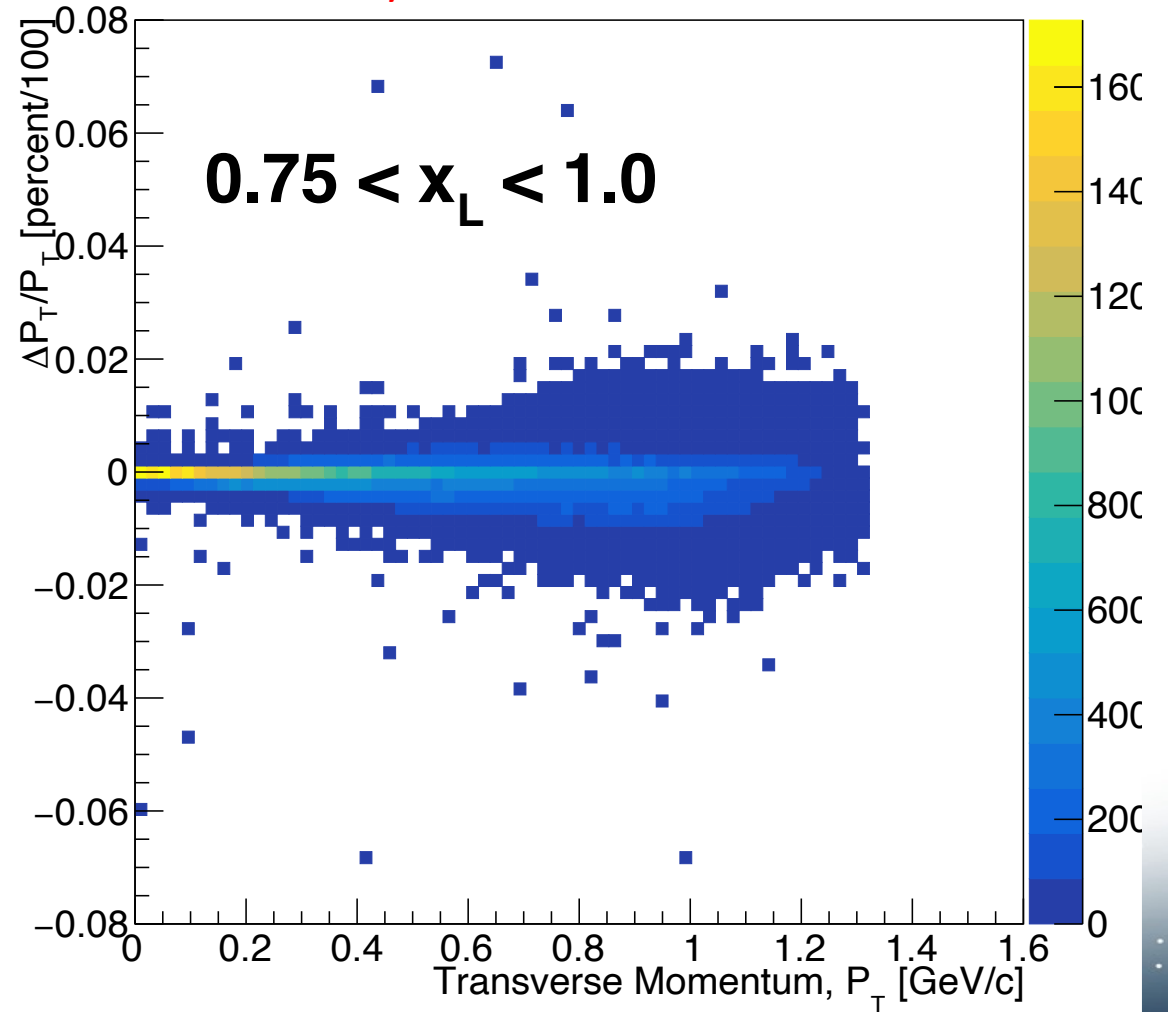
Results - p_T

- Comparing “static” BMAD matrix (left) with dynamic matrix calculation (right).

“static” BMAD matrix



Dynamic matrix calculation



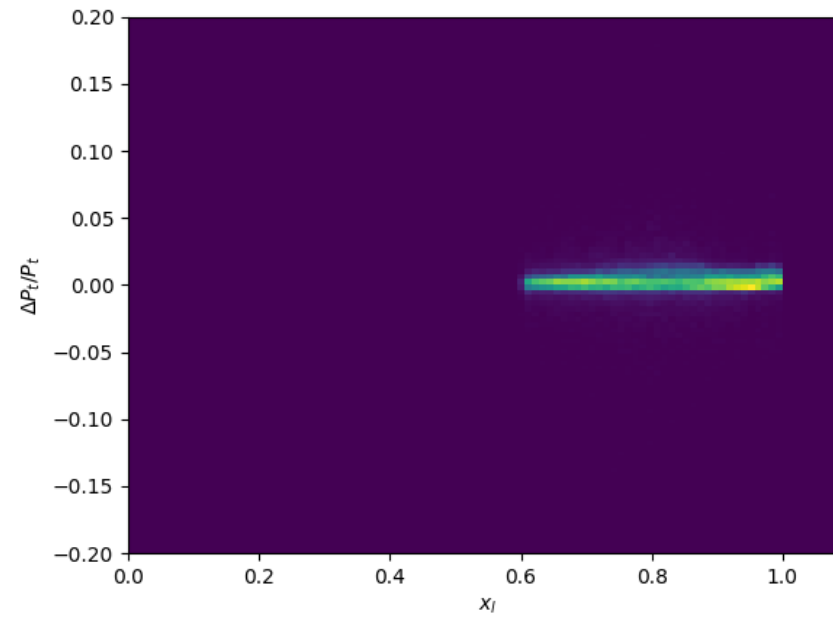
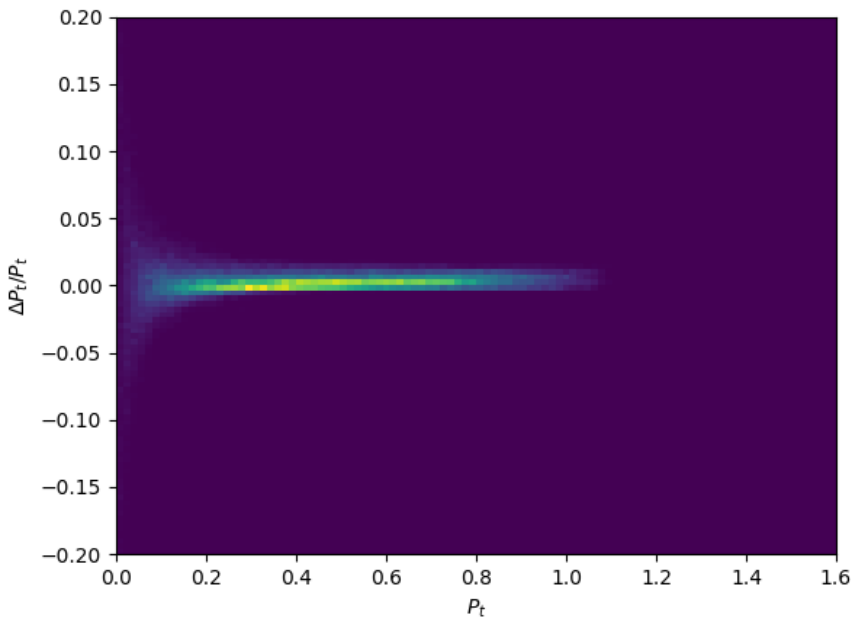
Reconstruction

- **General methods for tracking:**
 - **Matrix method (standard)** → should always have access to this to check performance.
 - **Machine learning methods** → more-general for broader set of final-state momenta.

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ \theta_x \\ y \\ \theta_y \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow (P_z)$$

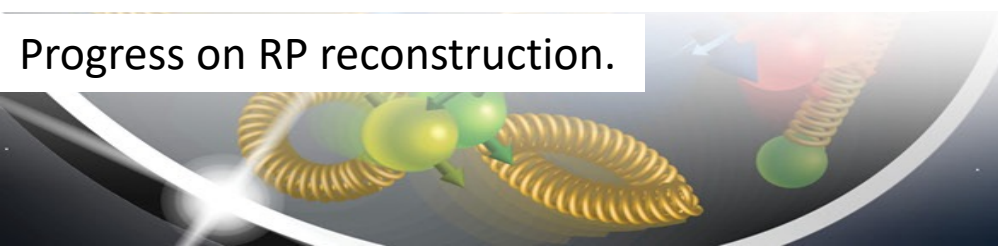
$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ \theta_x \\ P_z \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow (P_x)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} y \\ \theta_y \\ P_z \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow (P_y)$$



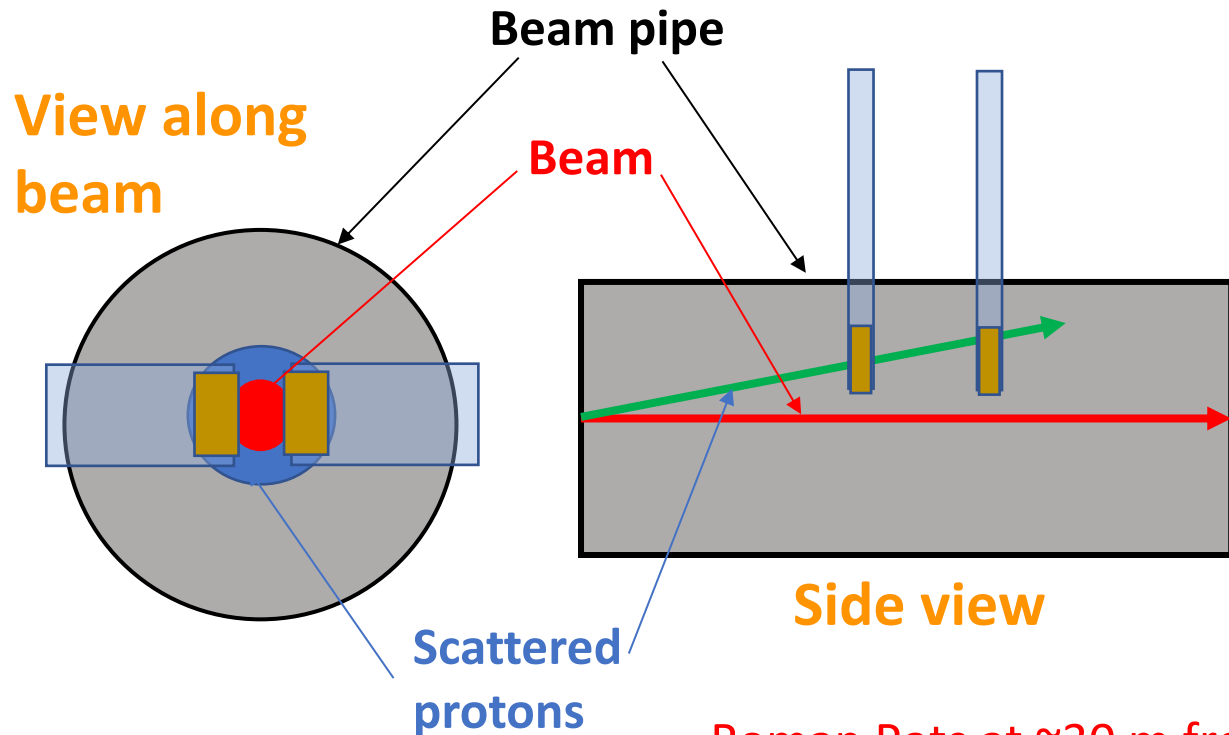
- **Framework:** PyTorch
- **Architecture:** Multi-Layer Perceptron
- **3 Independent Models:**
- **5 Hidden Layers, 128 Neurons**
- **Loss Function:** Huber Loss
- **Optimizer:** Adam
- Performance is excellent for P_z and shows little dependence on x_l
- P_t performance is good, but needs further optimization, and performance suffers at very low P_t

Progress on RP reconstruction.



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Roman Pots

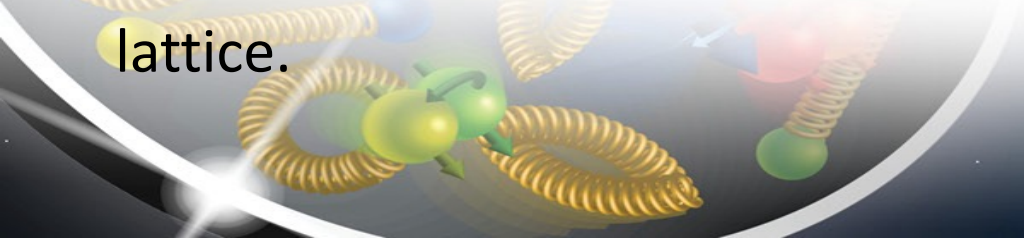


$$\begin{pmatrix} x_D \\ \Theta_D^x \\ y_D \\ \Theta_D^y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & L_{eff}^x & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & L_{eff}^y \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ \Theta_x^* \\ y_0 \\ \Theta_y^* \end{pmatrix}$$

x_0, y_0 : Position at Interaction Point
 Θ_x^*, Θ_y^* : Scattering Angle at IP
 x_D, y_D : Position at Detector
 Θ_D^x, Θ_D^y : Angle at Detector

Roman Pots at ~ 30 m from IP $\rightarrow \theta \sim 0 - 5$ mrad

- Roman Pots are silicon sensors placed in a “pot”, which is then injected into the beam pipe, tens of meters or more from the interaction point (IP).
- Momentum reconstruction carried out using matrix transport of protons through magnetic lattice.

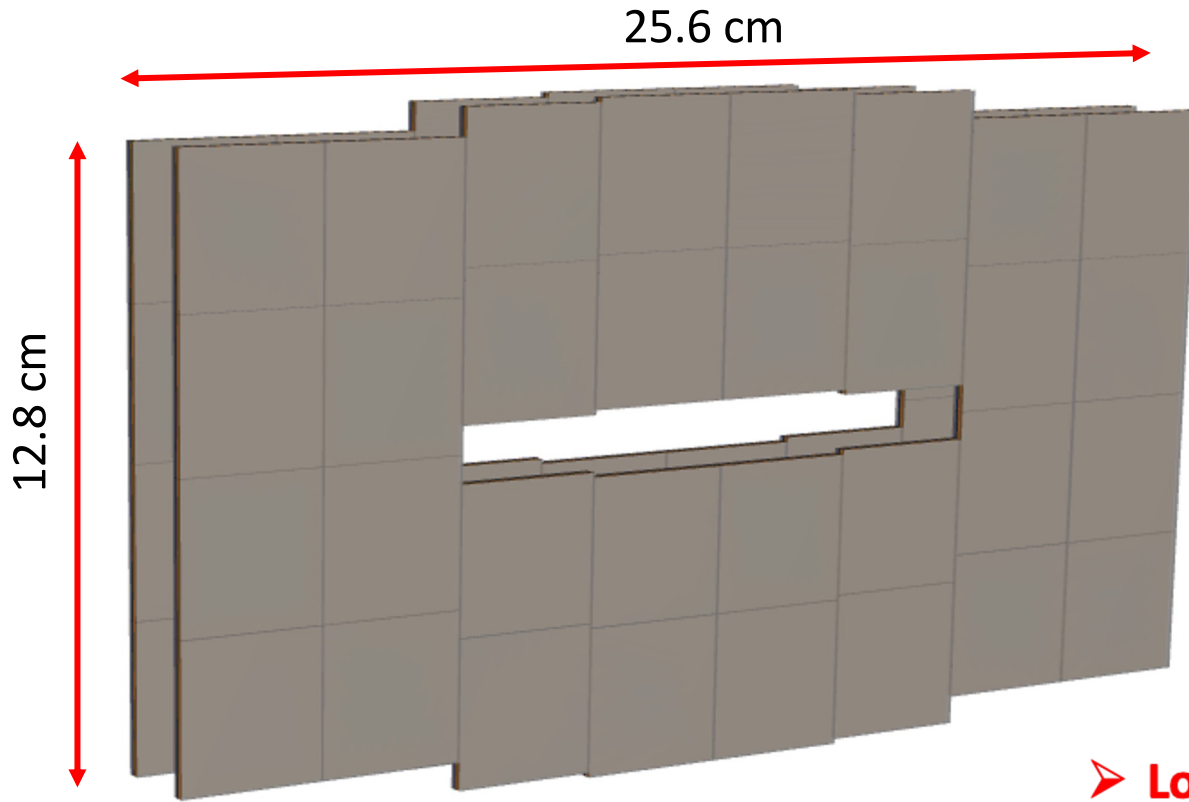


Roman "Pots" @ the EIC

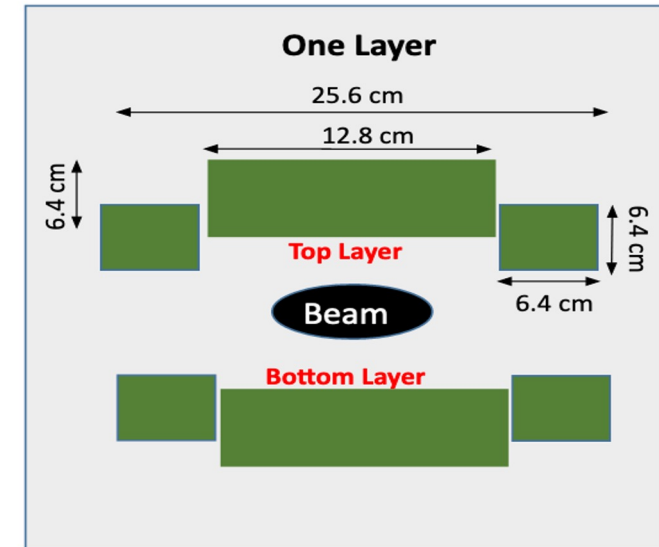
$\sigma(z)$ is the Gaussian width of the beam, $\beta(z)$ is the RMS transverse beam size.

ε is the beam emittance.

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



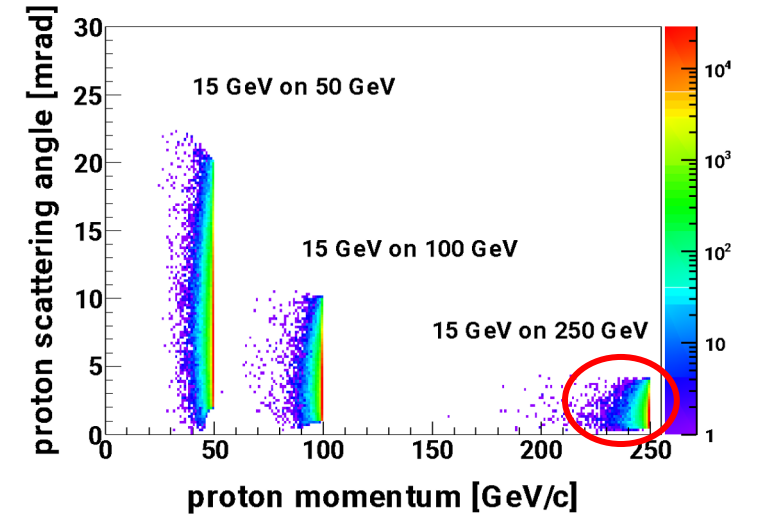
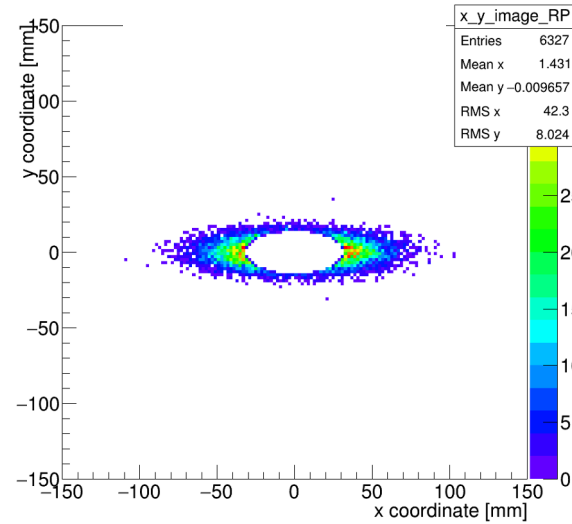
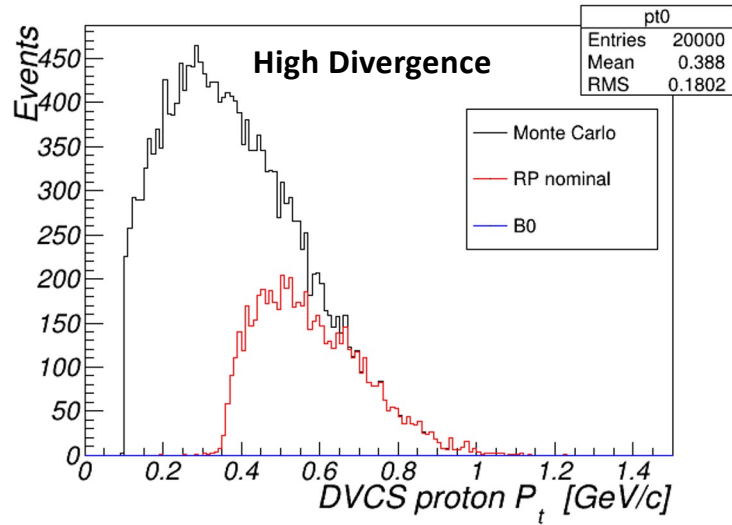
DD4HEP
Simulation



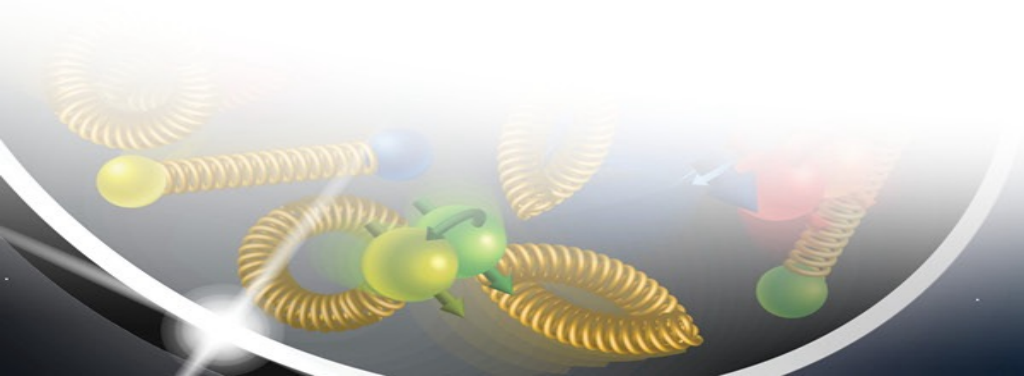
- Low-pT cutoff determined by beam optics.
 - The safe distance is $\sim 10\sigma$ from the beam center.
 - $1\sigma \sim 1\text{mm}$
- These optics choices change with energy, but can also be changed within a single energy to maximize *either acceptance at the RP, or the luminosity.*

Digression: Machine Optics

275 GeV DVCS Proton Acceptance

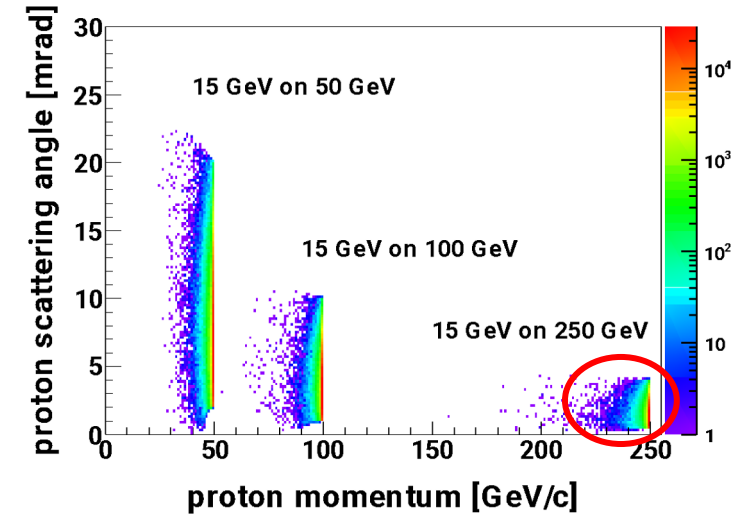
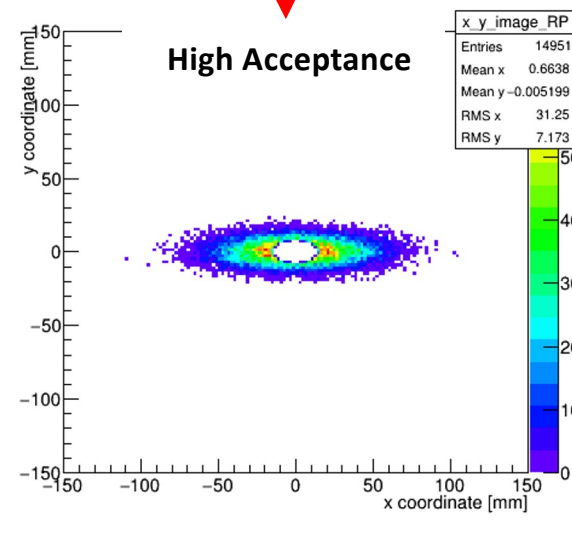
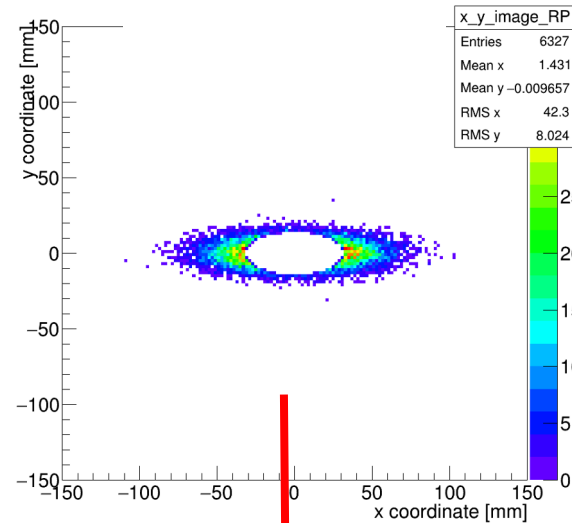
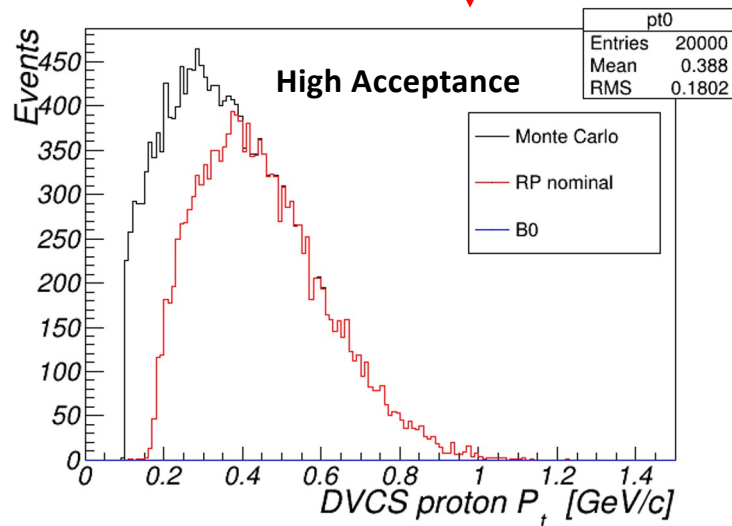
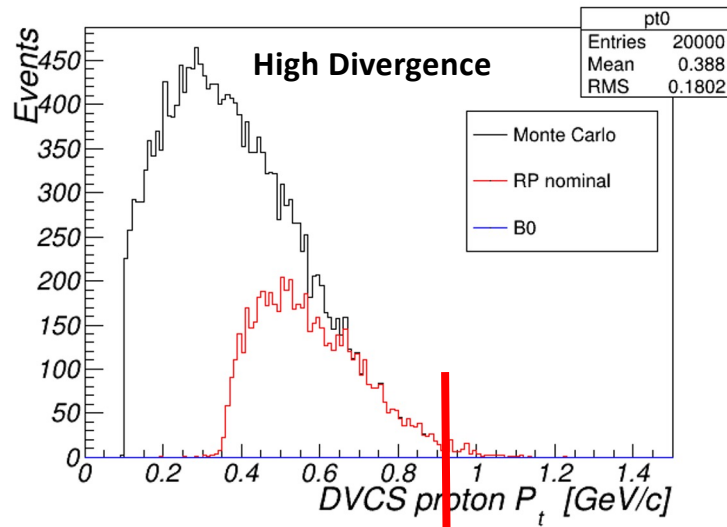


High Divergence: smaller β^* at IP, but bigger $\beta(z = 30m)$ -> higher lumi., larger beam at RP



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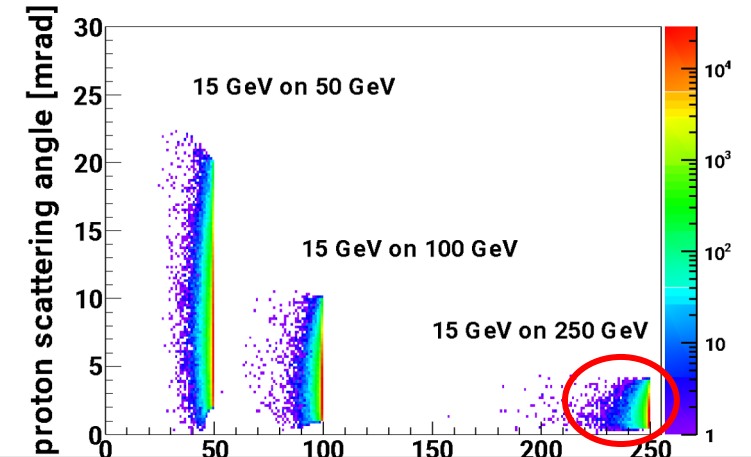
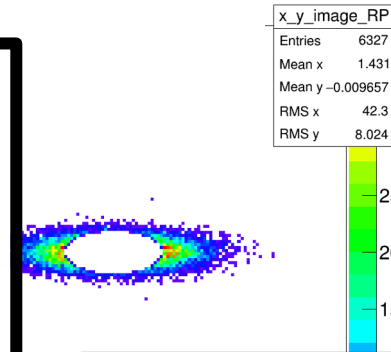
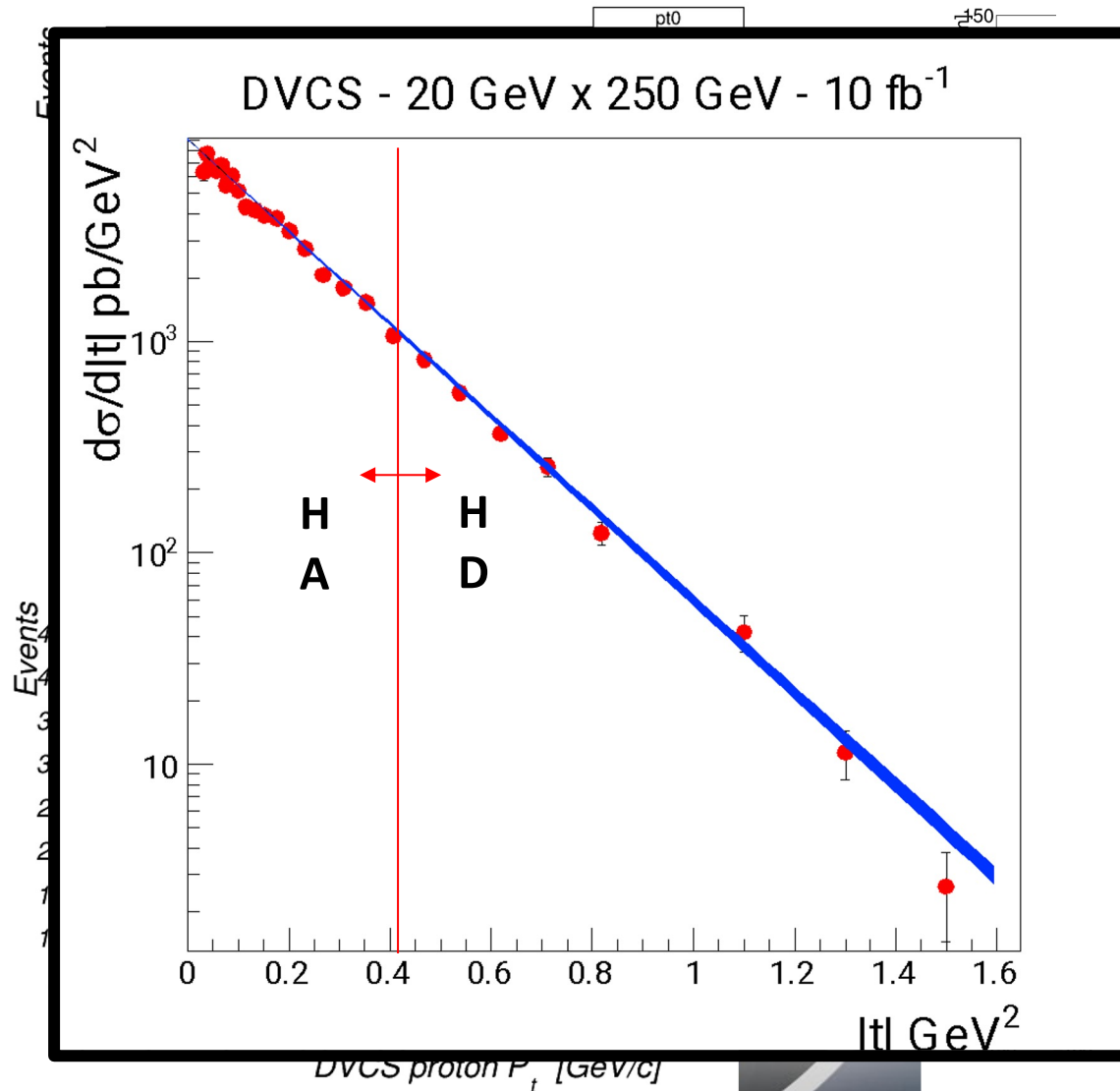


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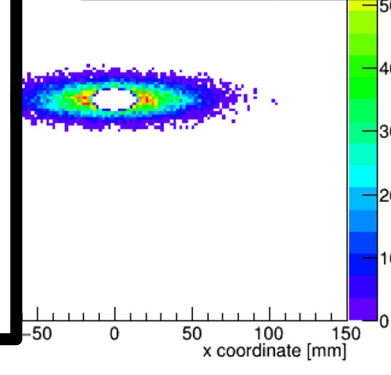
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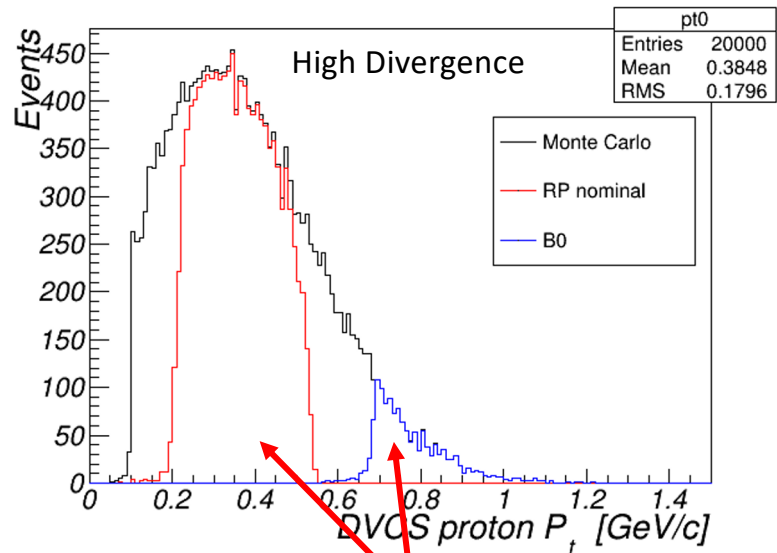
Using the two configurations, we are able to measure the low- t region (with better acceptance) and high- t tail (with higher luminosity).



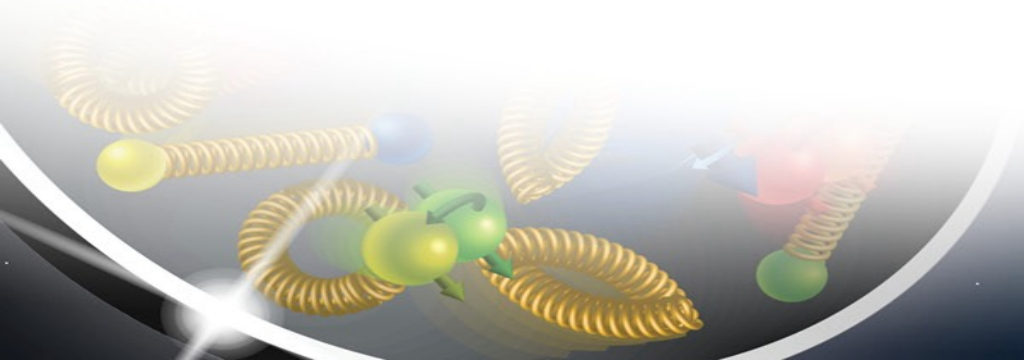
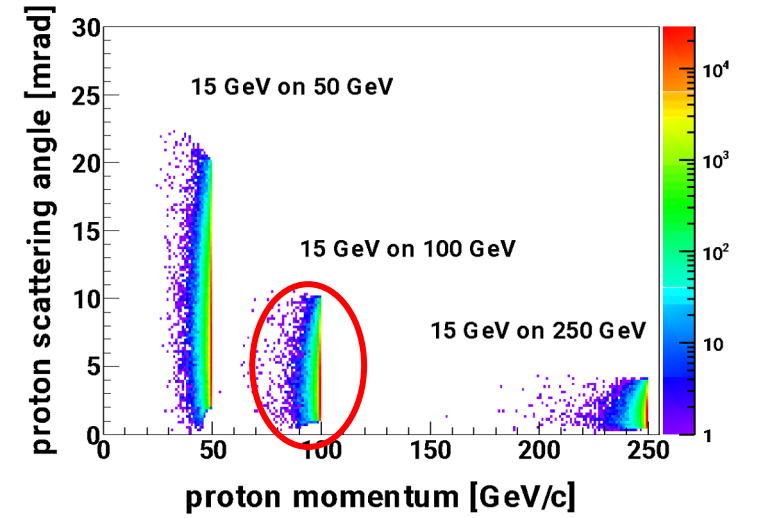
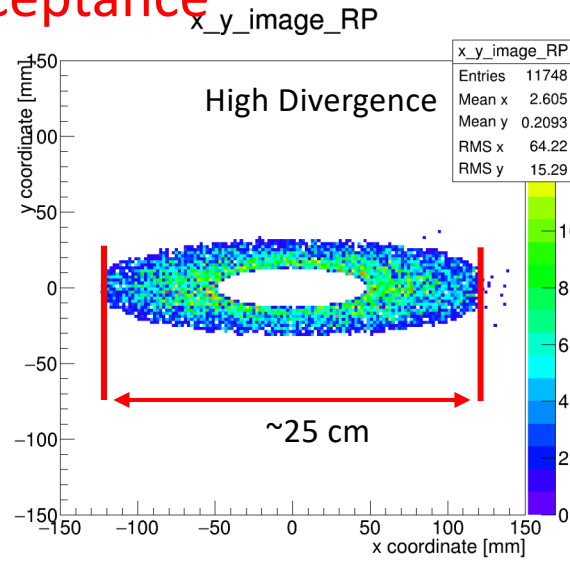
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100 GeV DVCS Proton Acceptance

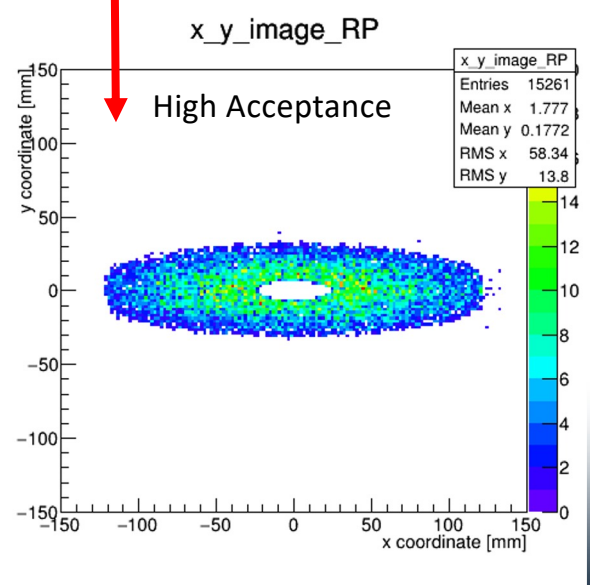
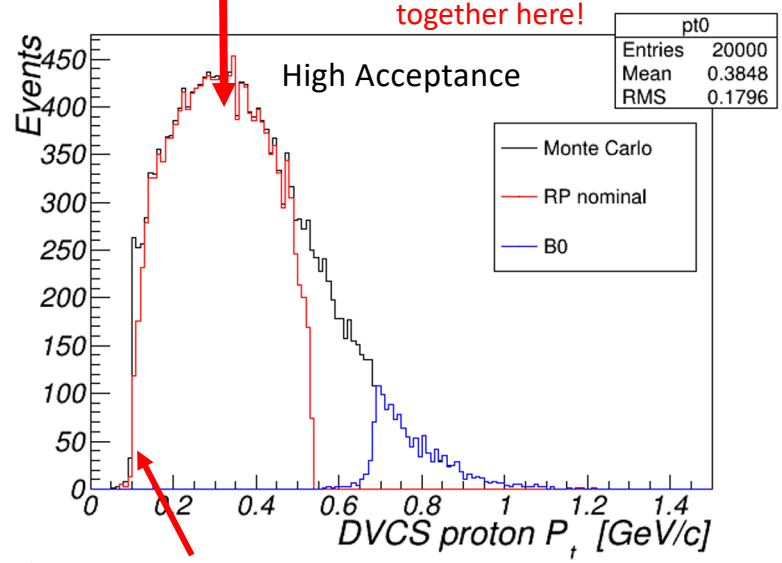
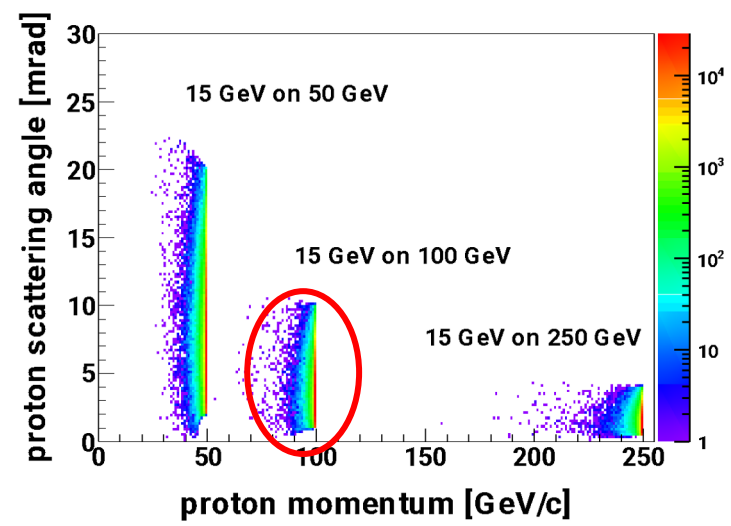
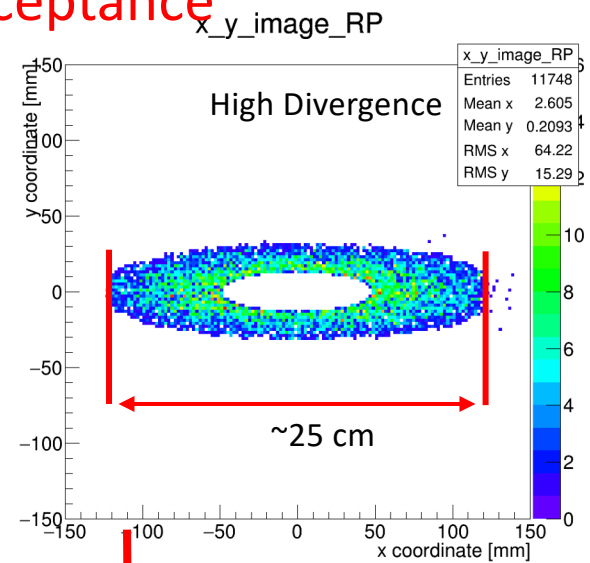
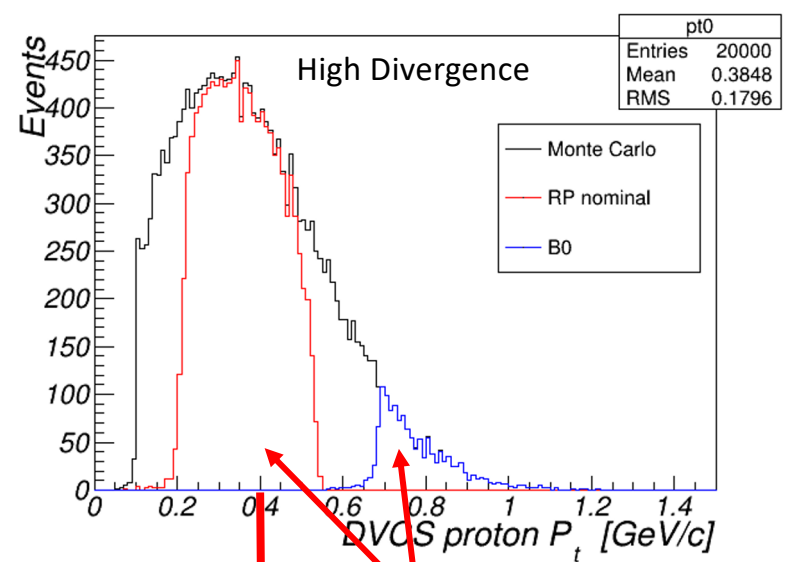


Need both detector systems together here!



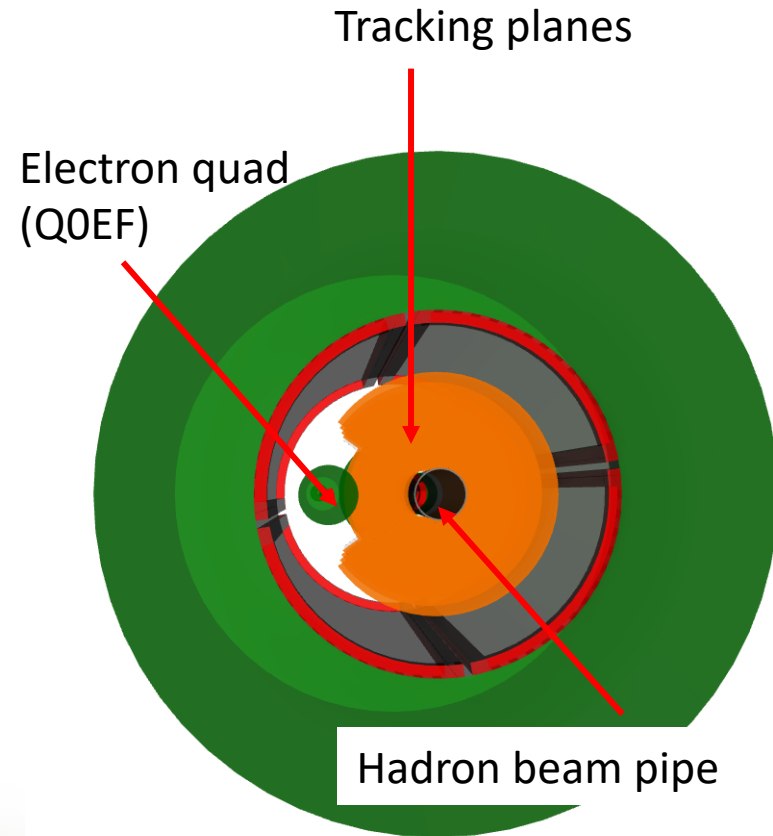
Digression: Machine Optics

100 GeV DVCS Proton Acceptance



Improves low p_t acceptance.

B0 Tracking and EMCAL Detectors



ePIC DD4HEP Simulation



PbWO₄/LYSO
EMCAL (behind
tracker)

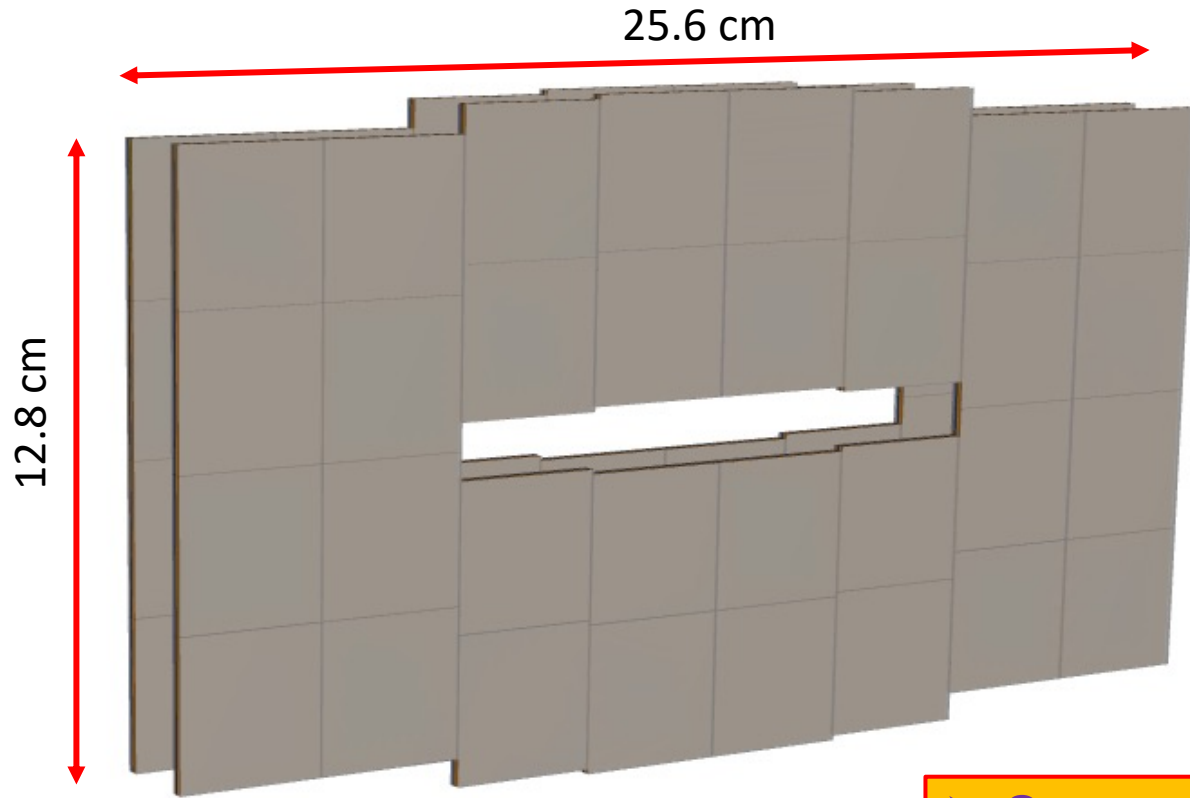
➤ Technology choices:

- Tracking: IT3 or ITS2 MAPS (3 layers) + AC-LGADs (1 layer; in middle)
- PbWO₄ EMCAL or silicon preshower, depending on available space in final B0pf magnet design (pending).

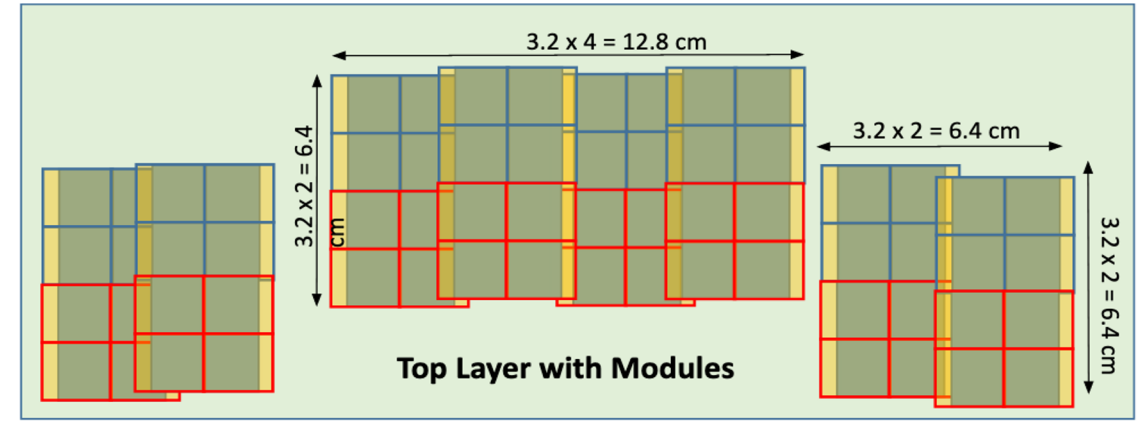
➤ Status

- ✓ Used to reconstruct charged particles and photons.
 - ✓ **Acceptance: $5.5 < \theta < 20.0$ mrad**
 - ✓ Focus now is on readout, new tracking software, and engineering support structure.
- ✓ Stand-alone simulations have demonstrated tracking resolution.
 - <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/17905/>
 - <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/17622/>

Roman “Pots” @ the EIC



DD4HEP Simulation



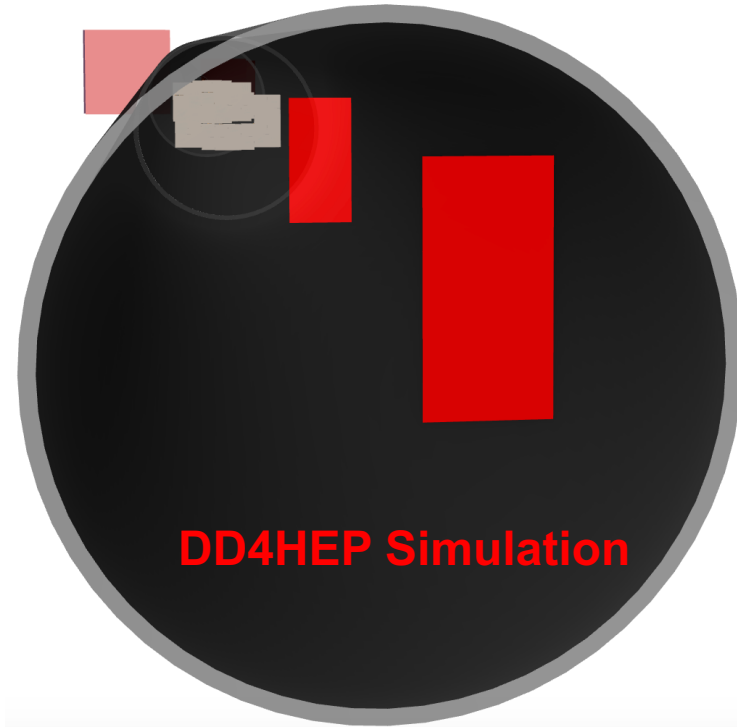
Technology

- 500um, pixilated AC-LGAD sensor provides both fine pixilation.
- “Potless” design concept with thin RF foils surrounding detector components.

➤ Status

- ✓ **Acceptance: $0.0^* < \theta < 5.0$ mrad (lower bound depends on optics).**
- ✓ **Detector directly in-vacuum a challenge for both detector and beam → impedance studies underway.**
- ✓ **Approved generic R&D to develop more-adaptive reconstruction code!**

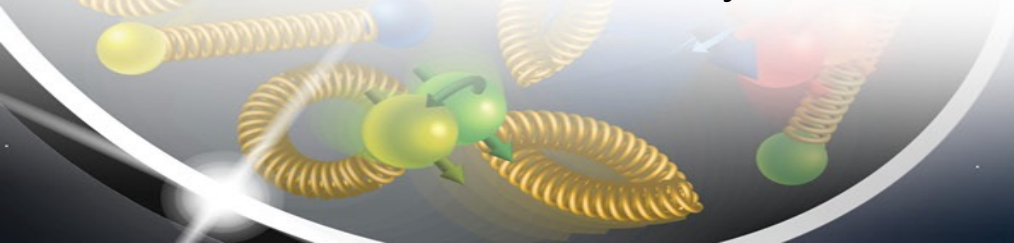
Off-Momentum Detectors



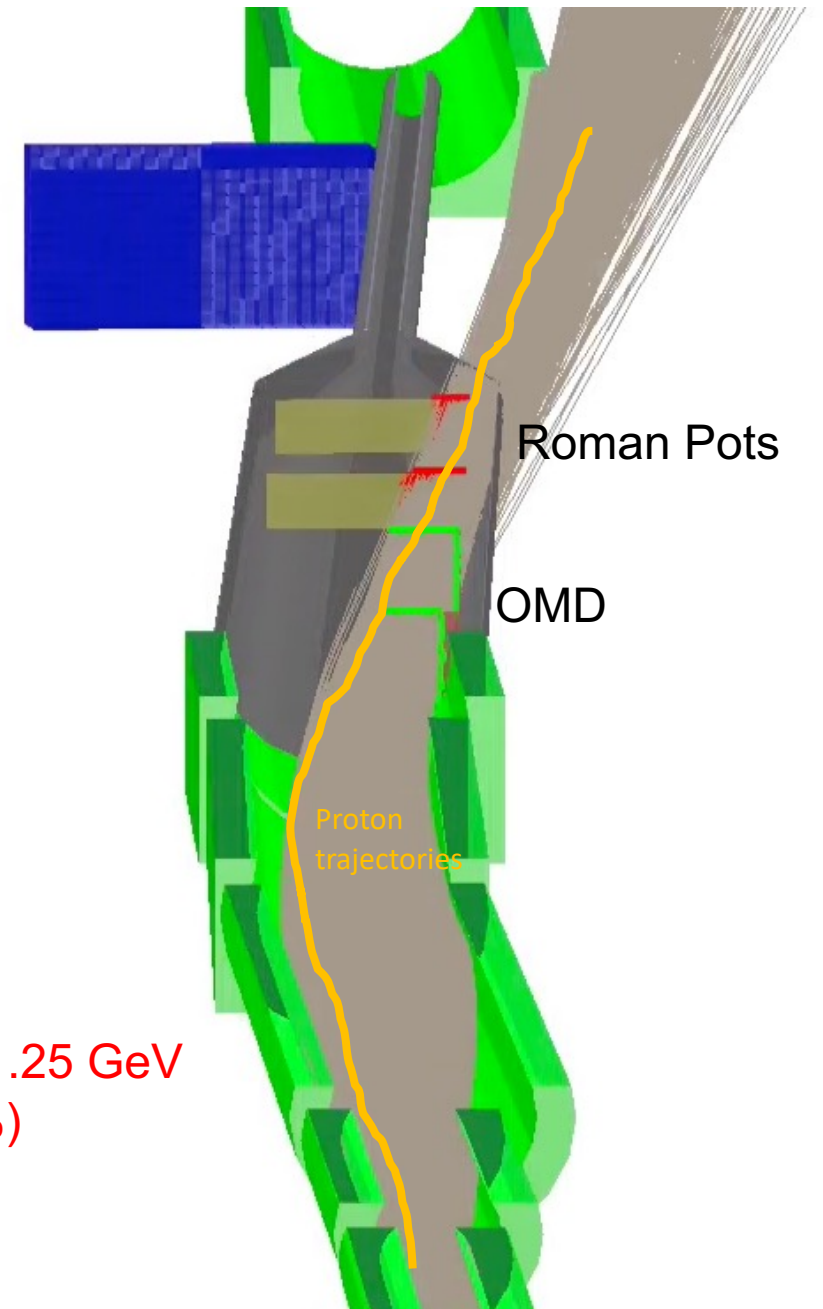
➤ Status

- ✓ **Acceptance:** $0.0 < \theta < 5.0$ mrad
- ✓ Same technology as for the Roman Pots.
- ✓ Even more-challenging reconstruction with off-momentum particles → extra orbit path in the magnets.

Off-momentum detectors implemented as horizontal "Roman Pots" style sensors.



ZDC



Protons

$123.75 < E < 151.25$ GeV

$(45\% < x_L < 55\%)$

$0 < \theta < 5$ mrad

The Far-Forward Detectors collaboration

