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Diffractive Physics Program at Electron-Ion Collider (EIC) 2nd Detector

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Diffractive Physics Program at EIC

Talk by Alex Jentsch “Experimental prospects from exclusive/diffractive physics at ePIC (163)”

Not the full list…

- **$e + p$ Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS)**
  → GPD – spin, total angular momentum
- **$e + p$ Exclusive Vector Meson Production (DVMP)**
  → Quark/gluon flavor GPD
- **$e + d$ with p/n spectator tagging**
  → Free neutron structure functions and nuclear modifications
- **$e + {}^3H/{}^3He$ light nuclei with spectator tagging**
  → Neutron structure
- **$e + p$ Sullivan process**
  → Meson form factor and structure functions
- **$e + A$ Coherent/incoherent Vector Meson J/ψ production**
  → Saturation

Same physics program at 1st Detector (ePIC) and 2nd Detector

Detector Requirements at EIC

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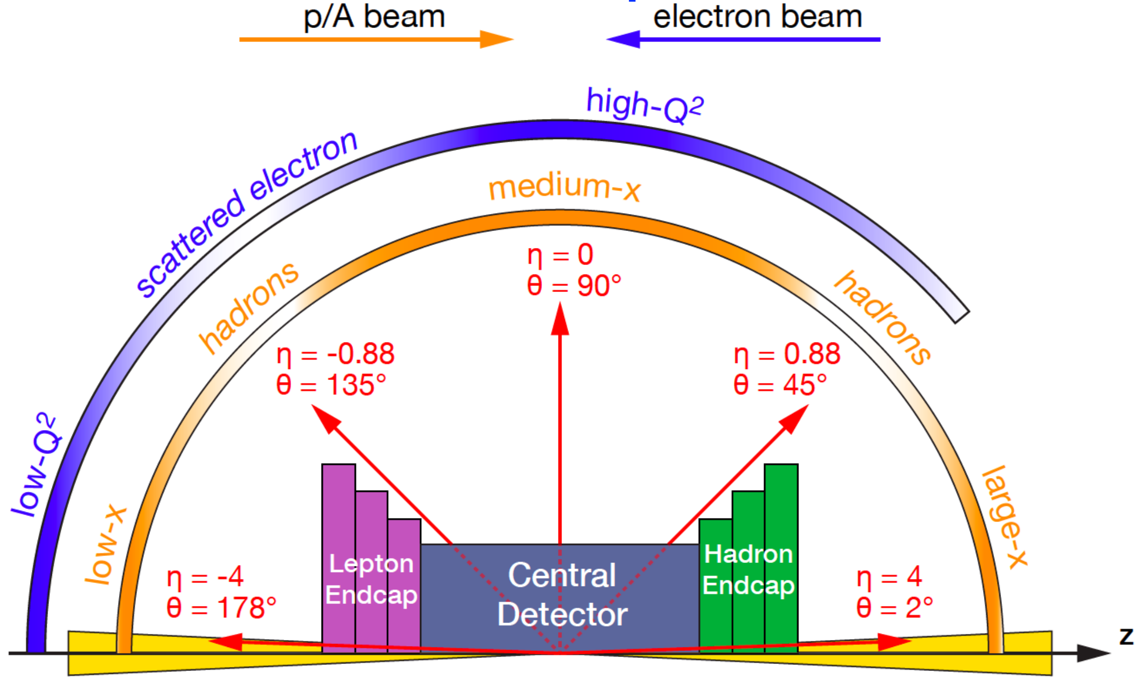
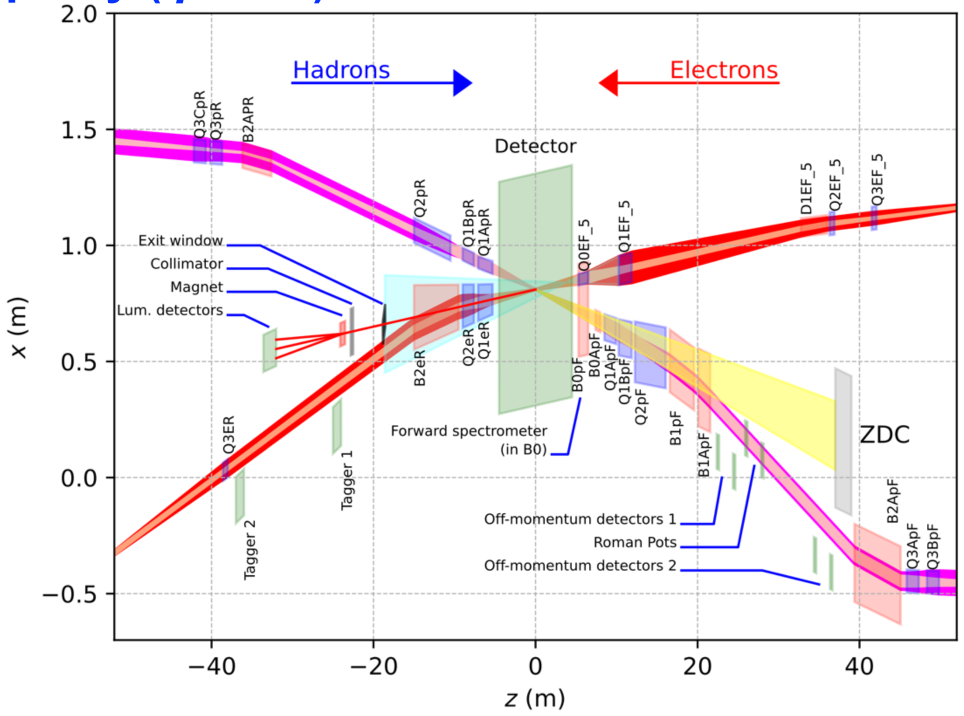
Central Detector

Requires **large rapidity (-4 < η < 4) coverage**:
Tracking, particle identification, electromagnetic and hadronic calorimetry
Aim to detect all final-state particles

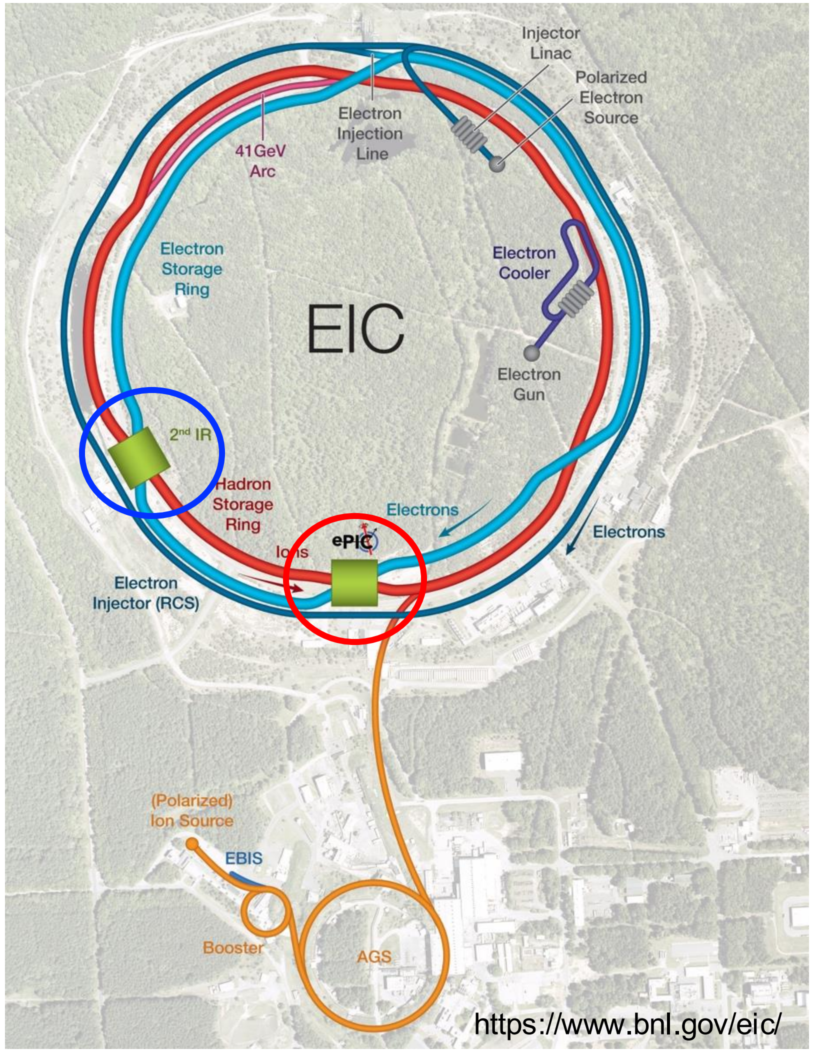


Interaction Region

Requires **specialized detectors** integrated in the interaction region over 100 m
Aim to detect/tag particles at very forward rapidity (η > 4.5)



EIC 2nd Detector Motivation



- EIC Design
  - Two interaction points (IP-6 and IP-8) with two interaction regions (IR-6 and IR-8)
- **First Detector,** called **ePIC,** located at **IP-6**
- **Second detector at IP-8**
  - **A general-purpose collider detector** to support full EIC program (**complementarity**)
  - **Cross-checks & control of systematics**
  - Different subdetector technologies/acceptances
  - Different magnetic fields
  - **Broaden physics program (different physics focuses)**

EIC 2^{nd} Detector Motivation

Complimentary Technologies of two H1 and ZEUS

H1 and ZEUS Collaborations
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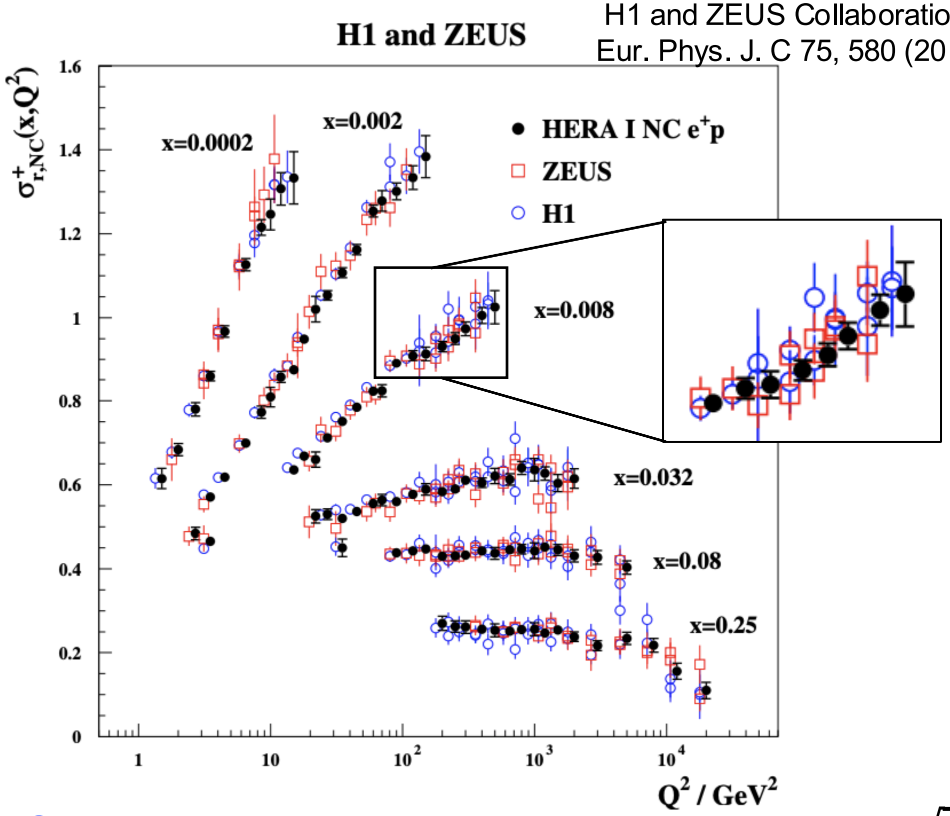
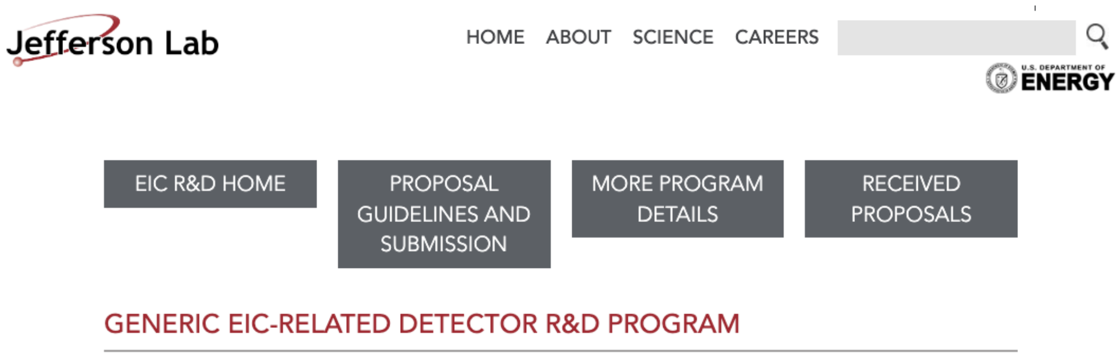


Combining data gave well beyond the $1/\sqrt{2}$ statistical improvement by **reducing uncertainties associated with a single detector configuration**

Generic EIC-related Detector R&D Program

https://www.jlab.org/research/eic_rd_prgm



Annual proposal opportunity
Aim at 2^{nd} Detector
(or upgrades of 1^{st} Detector)
Now used in ePIC and available for 2^{nd} Detector

What other aspect can EIC 2^{nd} detector enhance?

EIC Interaction Regions

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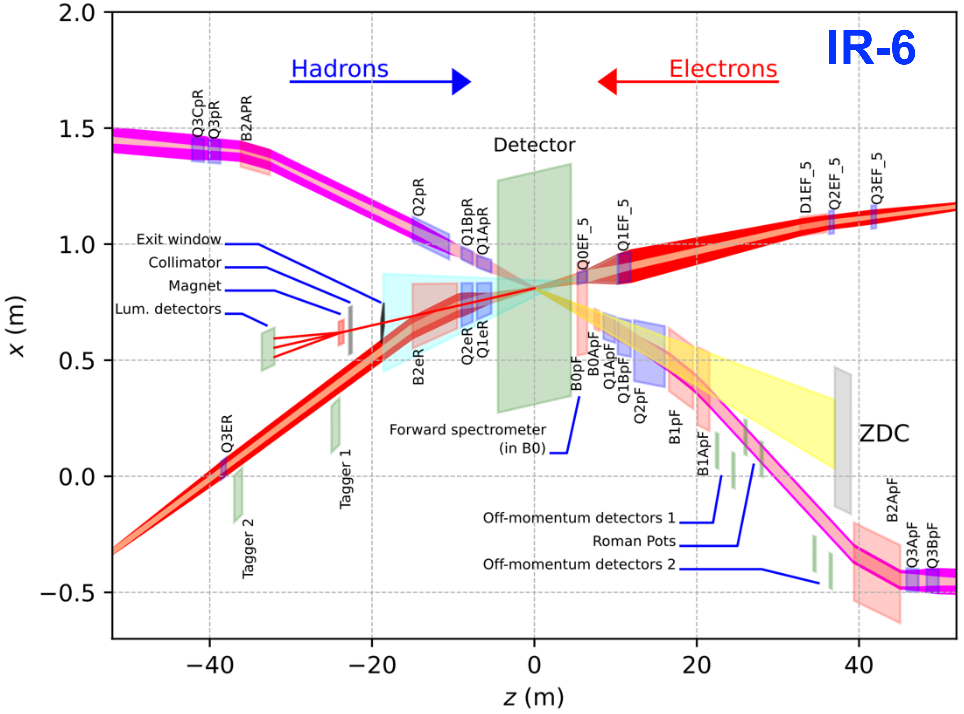
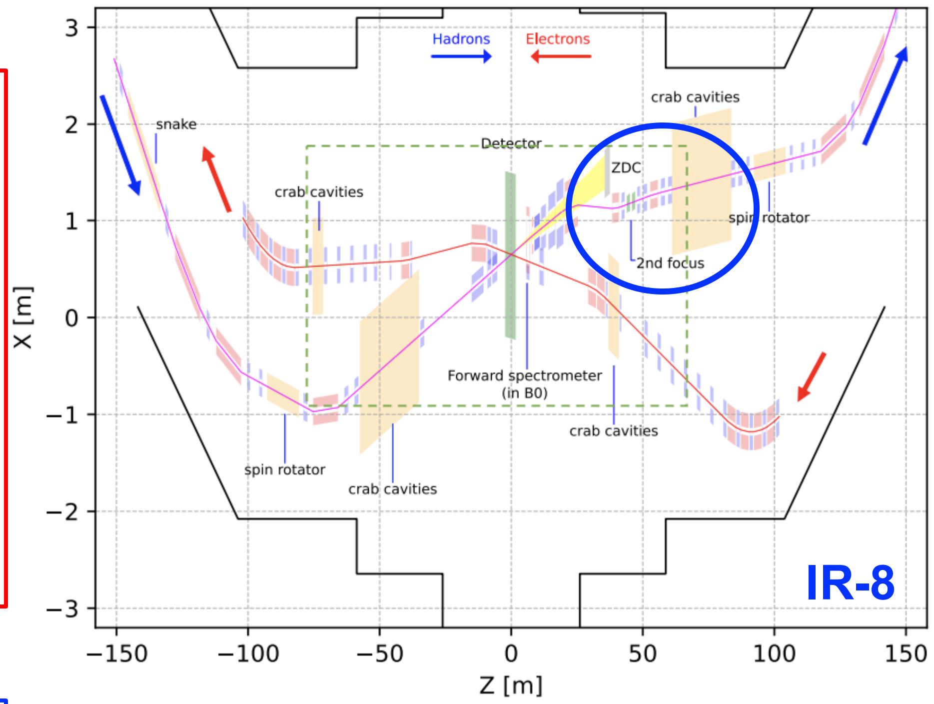


Same
Accelerator highlights and challenges

Shared luminosity between both IRs

Center-of-mass energy coverage



Crossing angle: **25 mrad**

IR-Design:
0.2 GeV < p_T < 1.3 GeV

Different
Blind spots

Far-forward detector acceptances

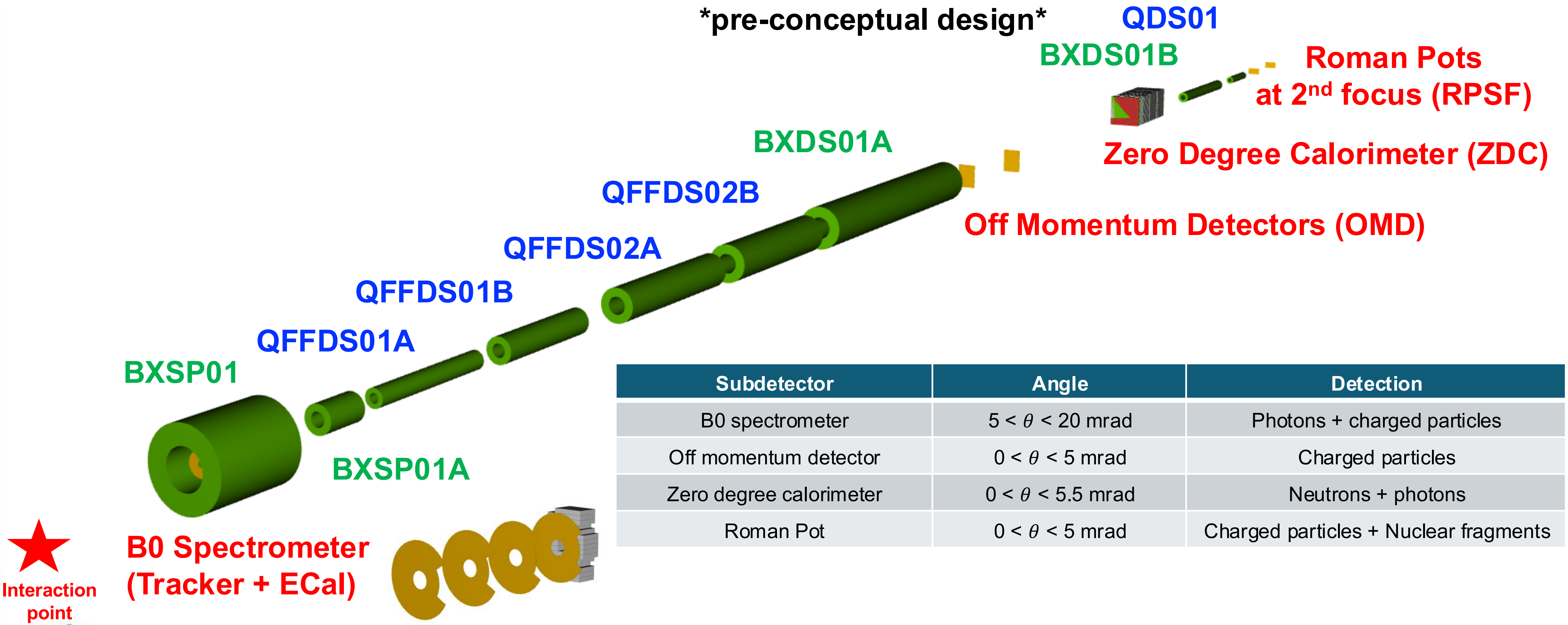
Crossing angle: **35 mrad**

IR pre-conceptual Design:
2nd "beam optics" focus
comes with challenges (ex. magnet design) in accelerator machine

Far-Forward Detector – Layout

Implemented in **proposed IR-8 Forward Hadron Lattice** and required far-forward detectors

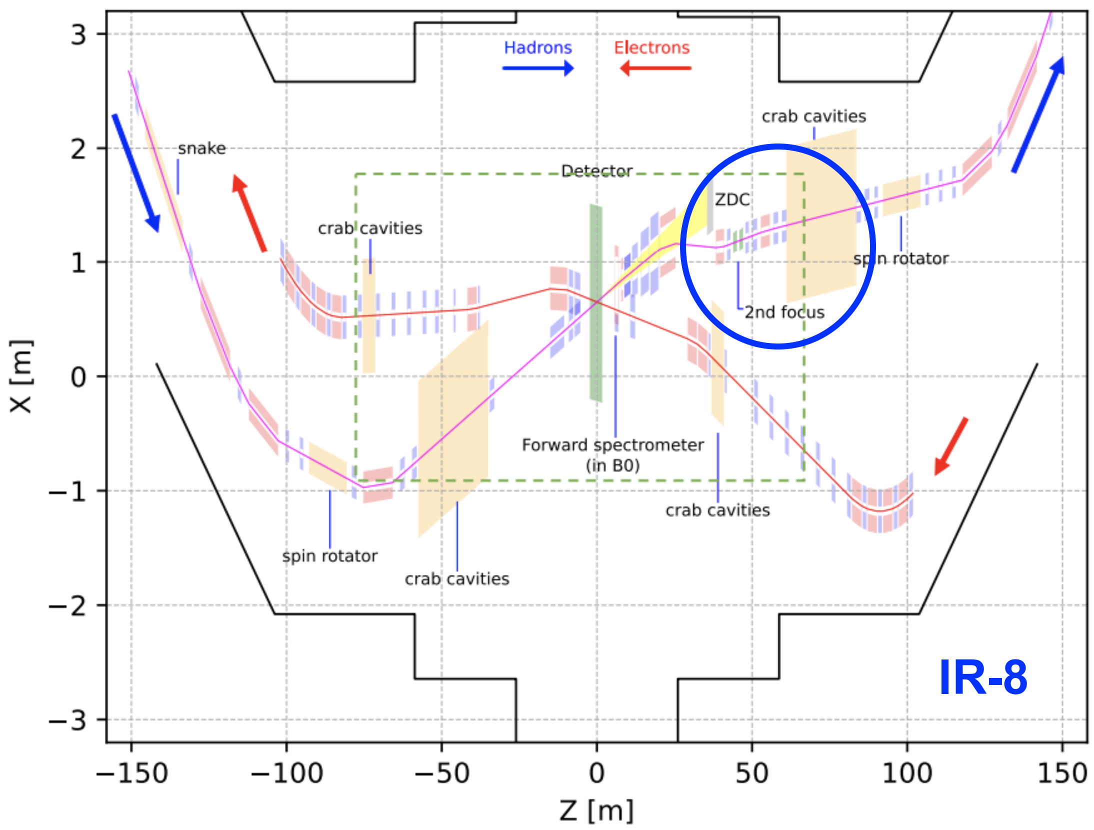
pre-conceptual design



Subdetector	Angle	Detection
B0 spectrometer	$5 < \theta < 20$ mrad	Photons + charged particles
Off momentum detector	$0 < \theta < 5$ mrad	Charged particles
Zero degree calorimeter	$0 < \theta < 5.5$ mrad	Neutrons + photons
Roman Pot	$0 < \theta < 5$ mrad	Charged particles + Nuclear fragments

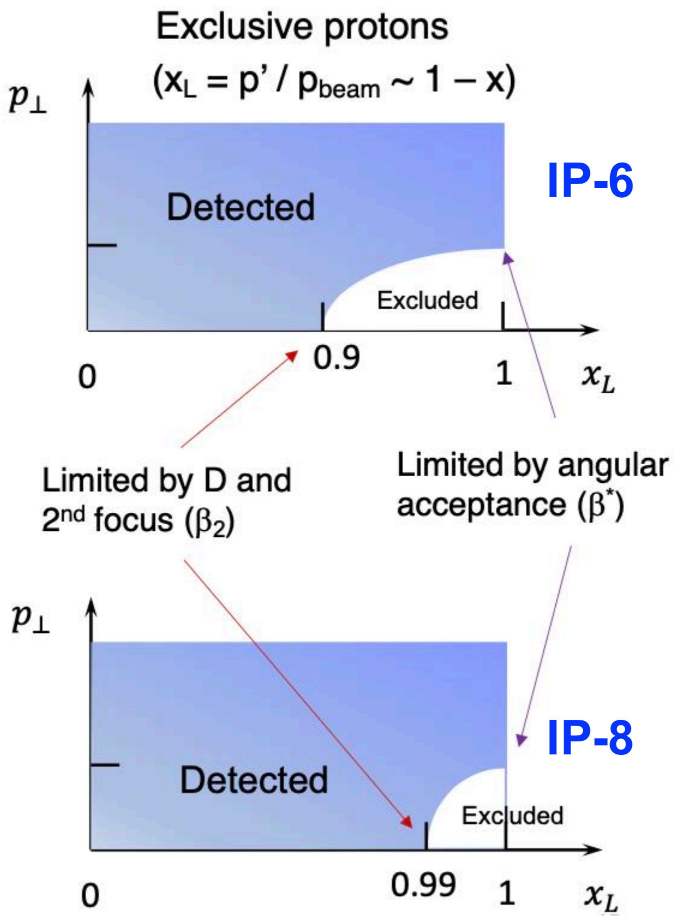
IR Concept – 2nd Focus in Far-Forward

- By **adding additional magnets to** **focus beam ~ 45 m downstream from interaction point** under challenges the chromaticity budget
- This is NOT the detector design, but it is the **machine design that the detector can be benefit from**
- 2nd focus enables
  - Higher probability to **detect low p_T (< 250 MeV) particles**
  - Detects near-beam particles that get out of the beam envelop
- **Complementary to ePIC: exclusive, tagging, and diffractive physics analysis**



Physics Opportunities with 2nd Focus

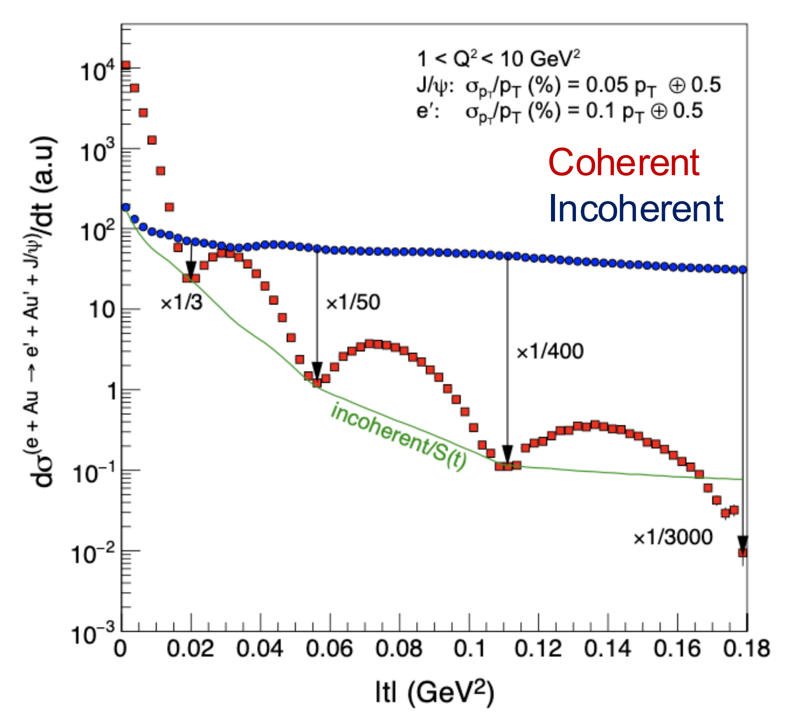
- 2nd focus at IR8 greatly improves **forward acceptance**
- Complementarity with Detector 1 (ePIC) @ IR-6
- **Excellent low-p_T acceptance** for protons and light nuclei from exclusive reactions **at very low t**
- **Detection of target fragments** makes it possible
  - To veto breakup to study coherent process
  - To study final state when breakup occurs
- **Coherent diffraction on heavy nuclei** by vetoing breakups
- Adding **PID** idea? Rare isotopes detection and identification of heavy fragments



Order-of-magnitude improvement in forward acceptance

Case: Incoherent Vetoing (Exclusivity)

Reference from EIC YR



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Diffractive Vector Meson Production: $e + Pb \rightarrow e' + J/\psi + X/Y$

Experimentally diffractive cross section contains **sum of coherent (nucleus stays intact) and incoherent (nucleus breaks up) processes**

For $e + A$ program, **suppression of incoherent background up to necessary third minimum in t** should be achieved

Distinguish coherent from incoherent diffractive events by tag nucleus breaks up into fragments using far-forward detectors

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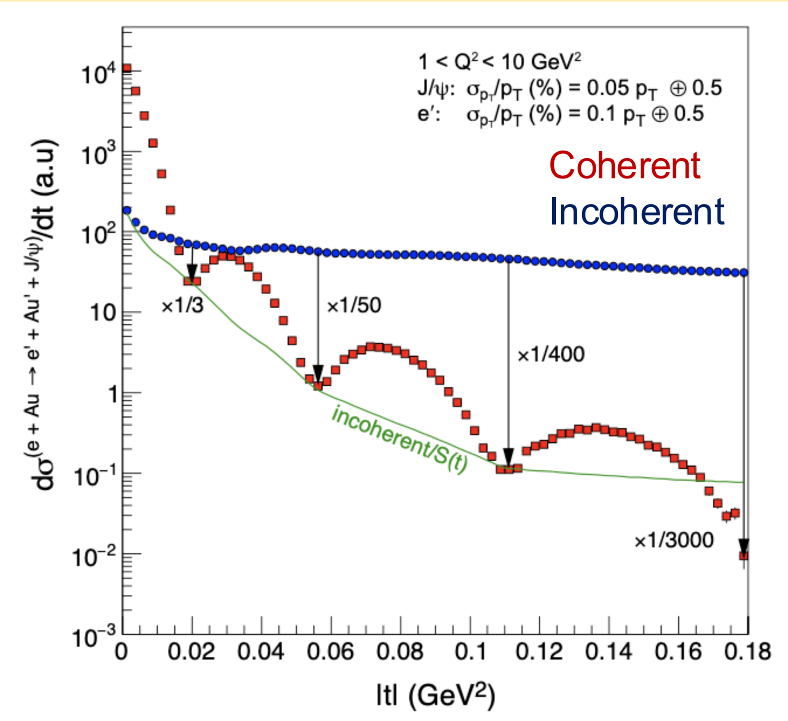

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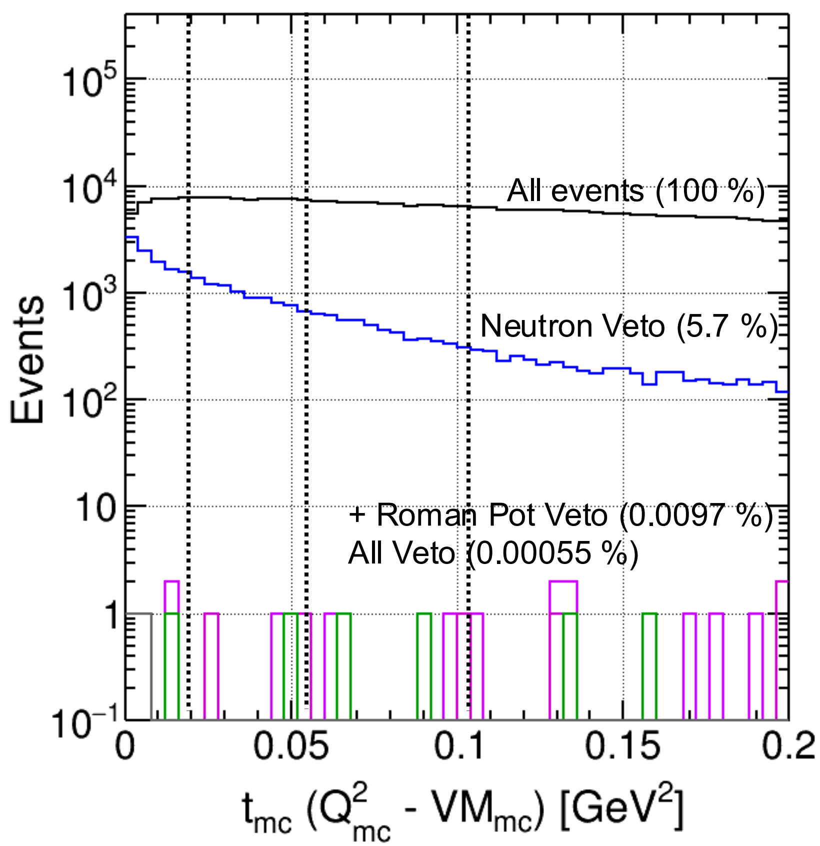
\# of non-vetoed incoherent events



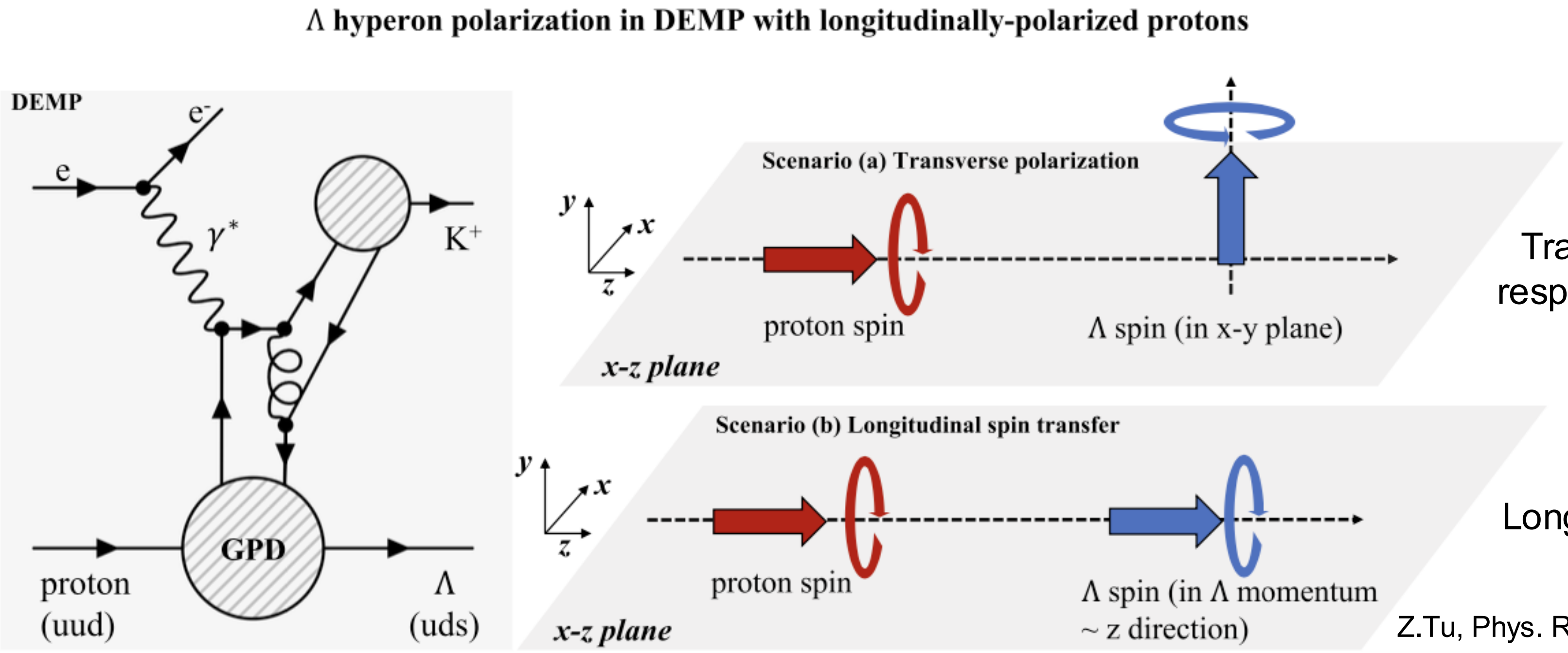
ZDC hcal tagged
(neutrons)
RPSF tagged
(protons, nuclear fragments)
OMD tagged
(charged particles)
B0 tracker tagged
(charged particles)
B0 ecal tagged
(photons)
ZDC ecal tagged
(photons)

Fragment detection using Roman Pot at 2nd Focus at IR-8 provides a stronger veto at any *t*
(complementarity + unique capability)

Found to be enough to suppress incoherent contribution at three minima
Vetoing efficiency is ≫ 99.99%

Case: Lambda Spin Measurement

Talk by Zhoudunming Tu "How does Lambda hyperon obtain polarization? (95)"



Transverse polarization with respect to the production plane

Longitudinal spin transfer from proton to Λ

Z.Tu, Phys. Rev. C 109, 055205 (2024)

New $\boldsymbol{\Lambda}$ **polarization** measurement via deep exclusive meson production (DEMP): $e + p \rightarrow e' + K^+ + \Lambda$

$\boldsymbol{e'},\ \boldsymbol{K^+}$ can be measured **within acceptance of central detector**

$\boldsymbol{\Lambda}$ (close to beam direction) decay particles can be **measured using far-forward detectors**

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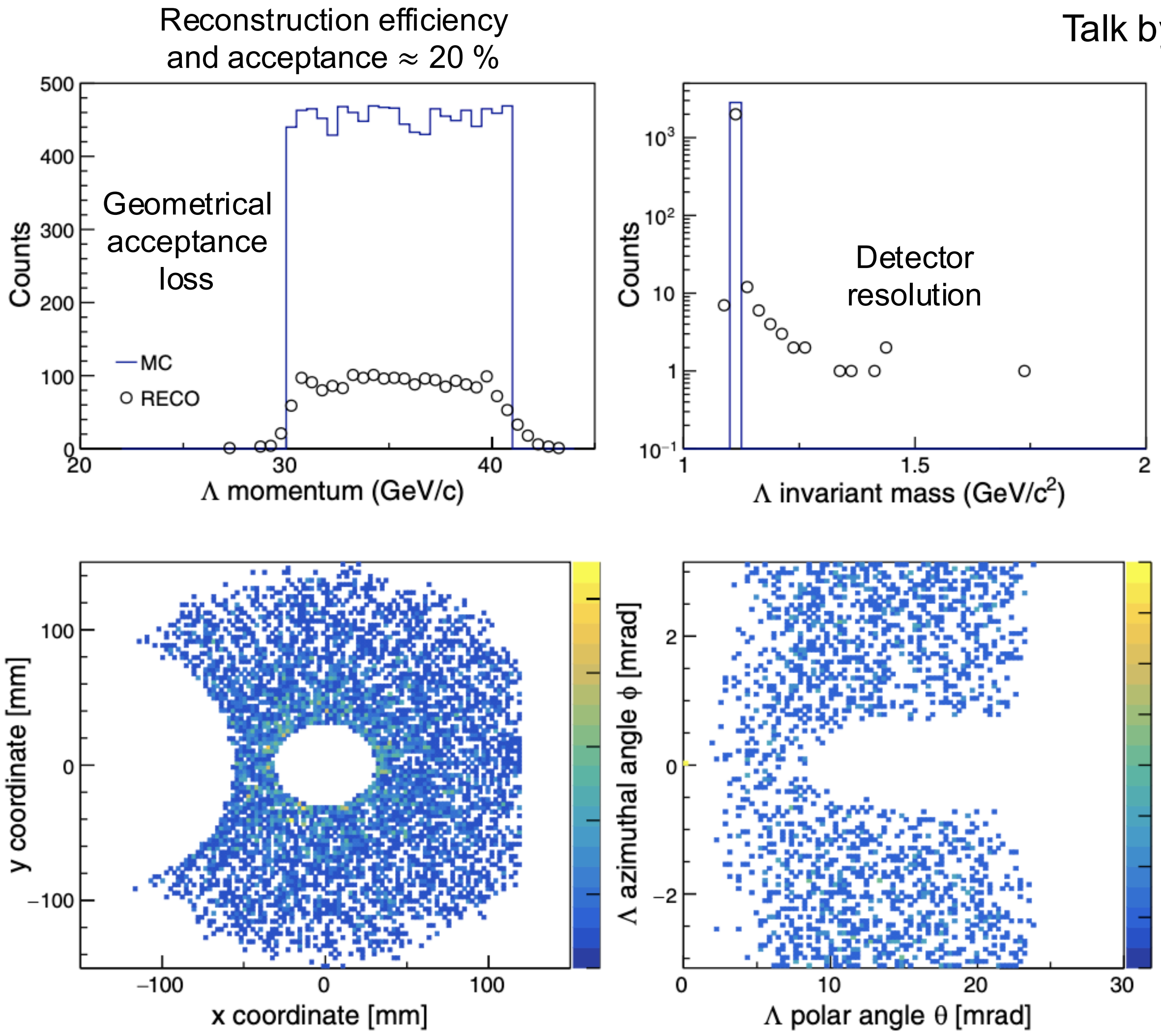

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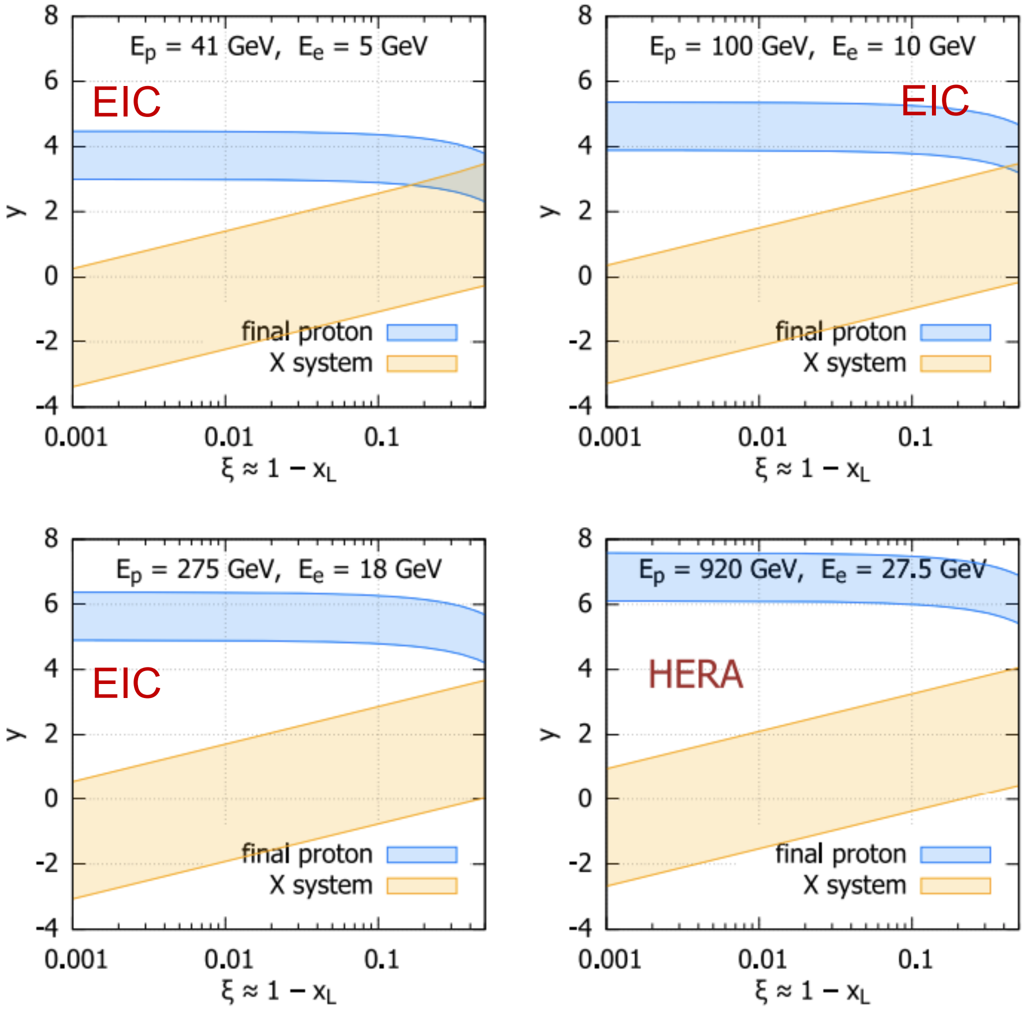
Shown stand-alone GEANT simulation of B0 spectrometer for Λ reconstruction ($30 < p_\Lambda < 41$ GeV/c)

Low energy configuration e.g. 5×41 GeV^2 **feasible** (vertices of Λ decay **before B0**)

Higher energy Λ decay occurs **beyond B0**

EIC 2nd Detector can be optimized baseline layout of far-forward detectors' location/smaller proton beam pipe diameter to explore capability to detect high energy Λ and have larger acceptance (complementarity + unique capability)

Case: Diffractive Longitudinal Structure Function



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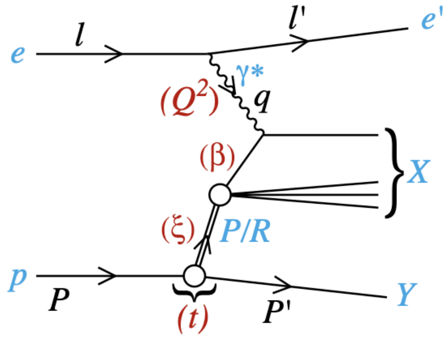

Rapidity range of **scattered proton** and undecayed system X for different beam energy configuration

HERA: LRG method for gaps > 3 units of rapidity

EIC: large gaps at smallest ξ and largest s

However, **most of regions LRG method can be challenging at EIC**

*LRG: Large Rapidity Gap

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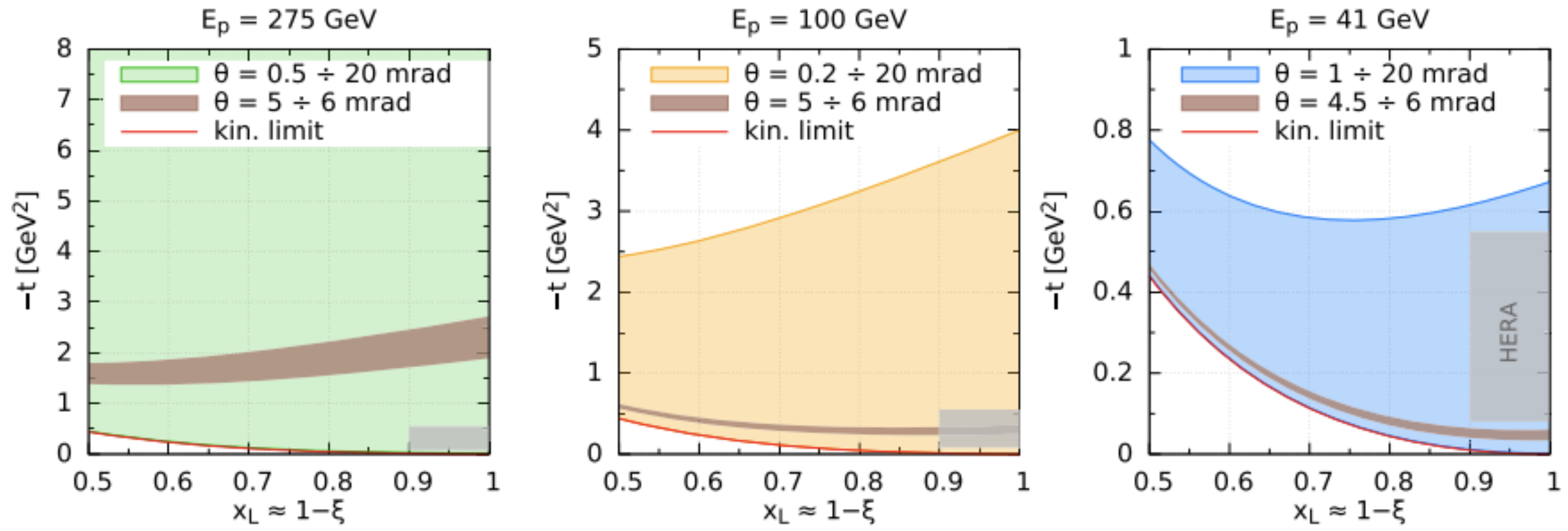
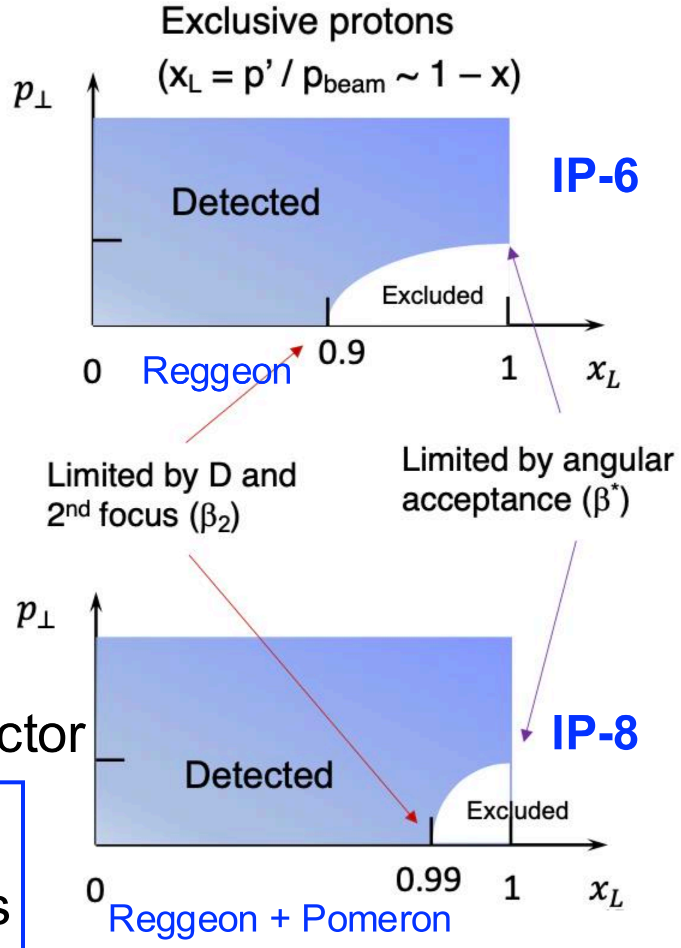




Proton tagging using Roman Pots, then much better than at HERA

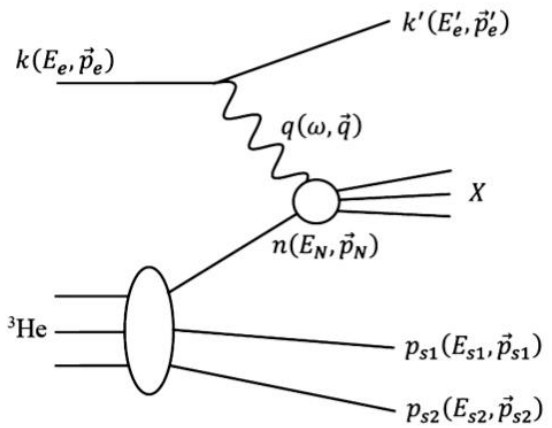
At **EIC**, select diffractive events using **proton tagging** thanks to FF detector

EIC 2nd detector can provide possibility for containing F_L^D;

Reggeon and Pomeron exchanges at the same machine and may opens new opportunity to study separate from one contribution to another (complementarity + unique capability)

Case: Light Nuclei Spectator Tagging

Double spectator tagging method



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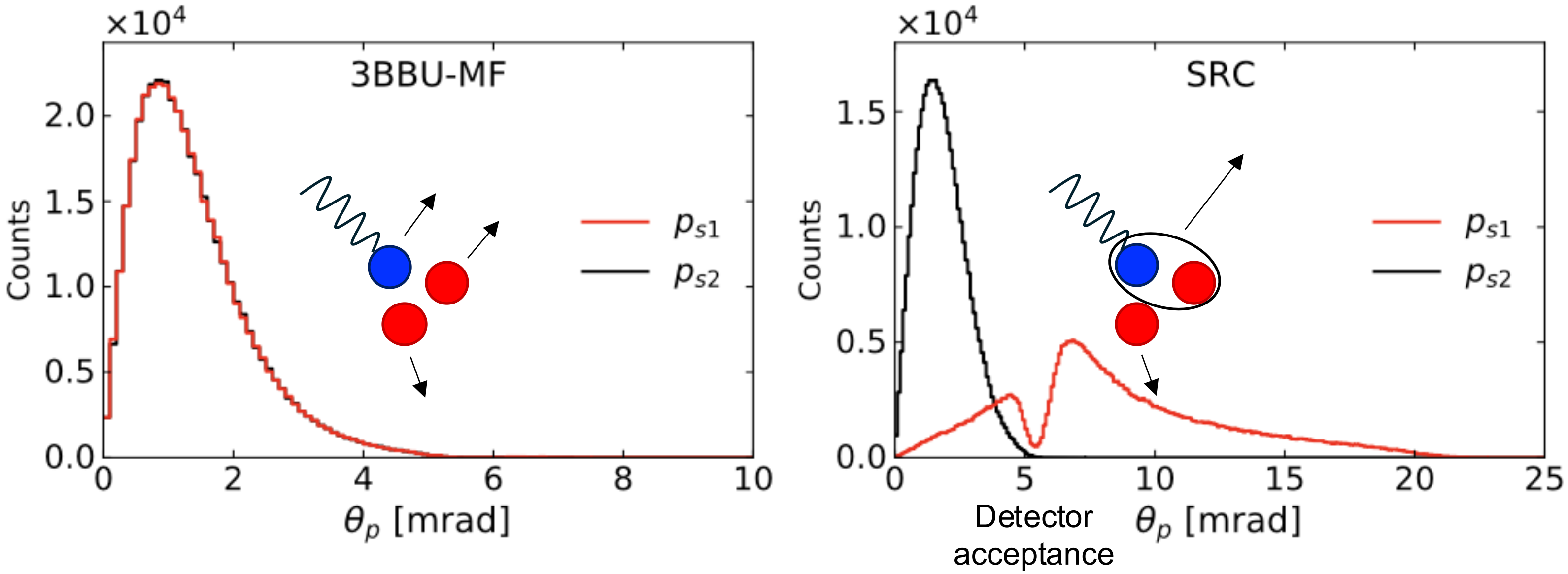

For ^3He nuclei
as **effective neutron target**,
tag spectator protons in far-forward

From different models of three breakup of ^3He,
two spectator protons land
within acceptance of different far-forward detectors (B0/OMD/RP)

EIC 2nd Detector can be optimized baseline layout to explore improvement on this measurement and impact with inclusion of 2nd focus (larger acceptance) at IR-8 (complementarity + unique capability)

Summary and Outlook

- **Having two general-purpose collider detectors** at EIC to support full EIC science program allows us to have **cross-checks for potential key results** and to **combine data which gives improvement in systematics** (ex. H1 and ZEUS)
- **EIC 2nd detector and interaction region** could provide **complementarity** and **unique capabilities**
- Continue exploring detector technologies and establish **advantages in IR-8 and facility upgrade** toward physics program benefits
- **Welcome to bring new input, approach, perspective, participation**

EIC 2nd detector working group

- Group page: https://eicug.github.io/content/wg.html#detector-iiip8-group
- Conveners are: Charles Hyde (ODU), Sanbaek Lee (ANL), Simonetta Liuti (UVA), **Pawel Nadel-Turonski (USC)**, Bjorn Schenke (BNL), Ernst Sichtermann (LBNL), Thomas Ullrich (BNL/Yale), Anselm Vossen (Duke/JLab)
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