Far Forward Detector Simulations: The Story So Far

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Simulation Goals

- Establish baseline detector acceptance.
- Understand various sources of smearing of reconstructed momentum.
 - Beam effects, sensor pixel size, etc.
- These studies have influenced the IR design and the choice of sensor technology to be pursued for the far-forward physics program (see eRD24 for the Roman Pots sensor R&D).

IR Layout for EIC @ BNL detector





Full Simulations

- e+p exclusive events generated using MILOU a generator of DVCS events.
- All machine elements, magnetic fields, detectors, etc. implemented in simulation using GEANT4.
- Various beam energies considered (5(e)x41(p) GeV, 10x100 GeV, 18x275GeV)
- Effects from beam angular divergence and vertex smearing from crab cavity rotation included.

Detector Acceptance

275 GeV DVCS Proton Acceptance

Entries

Mean x

RMS x

RMS y

50 100 150 x coordinate [mm]

50





The high divergence configuration severely reduces the low p_t acceptance.



275 GeV DVCS Proton Acceptance



100 GeV DVCS protons





100 GeV DVCS protons



41 GeV DVCS protons



- Only one beam configuration for now.
- Acceptance gap still observed.
- Lower acceptance at high p_t.
- B0 plays largest role at this beam energy.

Proton Acceptance Summary

High acceptance only.



Momentum Resolution

Digression: particle beams

Angular divergence

- Angular "spread" of the beam away from the central trajectory.
- Gives some small initial transverse momentum to the beam particles.

Crab cavity rotation

- Can perform rotations of the beam bunches in 2D.
- Used to account for the luminosity drop due to the crossing angle – allows for head-on collisions to still take place.





These effects introduce smearing in our momentum reconstruction.

Momentum Resolution – 275 GeV



Momentum Resolution – 100 GeV





Zero-Degree Calorimeter (ZDC)

- Used to detect neutrons from incoherent nuclear breakup reactions.
 - Space constraints need to be obeyed.



Light Nuclei (e+D)

- Acceptance studies are underway for light nuclei.
- BeAGLE is being used for these tests.
 - Many thanks to Mark Baker for the event sample!
- Only one energy right now (18 GeV (e)x100 GeV/n (A)).
- These are preliminary studies we neglect angular divergence, which has no effect on acceptance (only on momentum resolution).

Light Nuclei(e+D) - Neutrons



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Summary of Simulation Findings

- The EIC Roman Pots will require an active sensor area of ~25cm x 10cm.
- The beam angular divergence sets the lower bound for achievable smearing – other controllable effects should be kept well-below contribution from divergence.
- Having precise timing ~35ps allows for precise determination of z-position of collision relative to the center of the bunch.
- The B0 sensors will need to have much smaller pixels than the Roman Pots.

Next Steps

- Study of beam+gas backgrounds and beam+machine backgrounds. (ongoing)
 - Still need vacuum system design for the simulations to be credible.
- Still need to study many processes in detail.
 - e+A exclusive events (e.g. DVCS with light nuclei)
 - No MCEG for this?
 - e+A nuclear breakup with extra sensors for dp/p ~ 40% (started – ongoing)
- There is much more to do!



Comparison of 500um and 1.3mm pixels

500um x 500um





nanPots Pt Sim Vs Pt R

Entries 30068 C Mean x 0.4546 Mean y 0.4509

RMS x 0.1688 c

RMS y 0.1631

1.4 P_{T. rec}

1.2

400

300

200

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1.3mm x 1.3mm



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Momentum Resolution – 41 GeV



275 GeV DVCS Proton Acceptance

