EIC Crossing Angle: Crab Cavities and FF Detectors

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What do crab cavities do?

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.
- The rotation induces effective vertex smearing.



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 - For a 25mrad crossing angle the crab smearing is the second largest smearing effect (behind angular divergence).
 The contribution is about half as large compared to angular divergence at top energy.

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- Reducing the effective vertex smearing to that of an effective 1cm bunch length reduces this smearing contribution to a negligible amount.
- This can be achieved with timing of ~ 35ps (1cm/speed of light), with 70ps still being okay to reduce the effect to much less than the angular divergence contribution.
 - Allows us to pinpoint the Z-coordinate in the bunch coordinate system (i.e. where the collision takes place within the bunch).

What about 50 mrad?

- A larger crossing angle would increase the needed crab cavity rotation.
- As a result, it also doubles the effective vertex smearing.
- In this case, the crab cavity induced vertex smearing becomes dominant over the angular divergence.
- Without correction, the crab effect for 50mrad becomes the dominate smearing source.
 - Places a tighter constraint on the detector timing (i.e. would need the 35ps timing or better to reduce the smearing below that of the angular divergence).



Takeaways

- Crab cavity induced effective vertex smearing is correctable with fast timing.
- With a larger crossing angle, this requirement becomes more strict -> the contribution from the vertex smearing becomes the dominant source of smearing.