

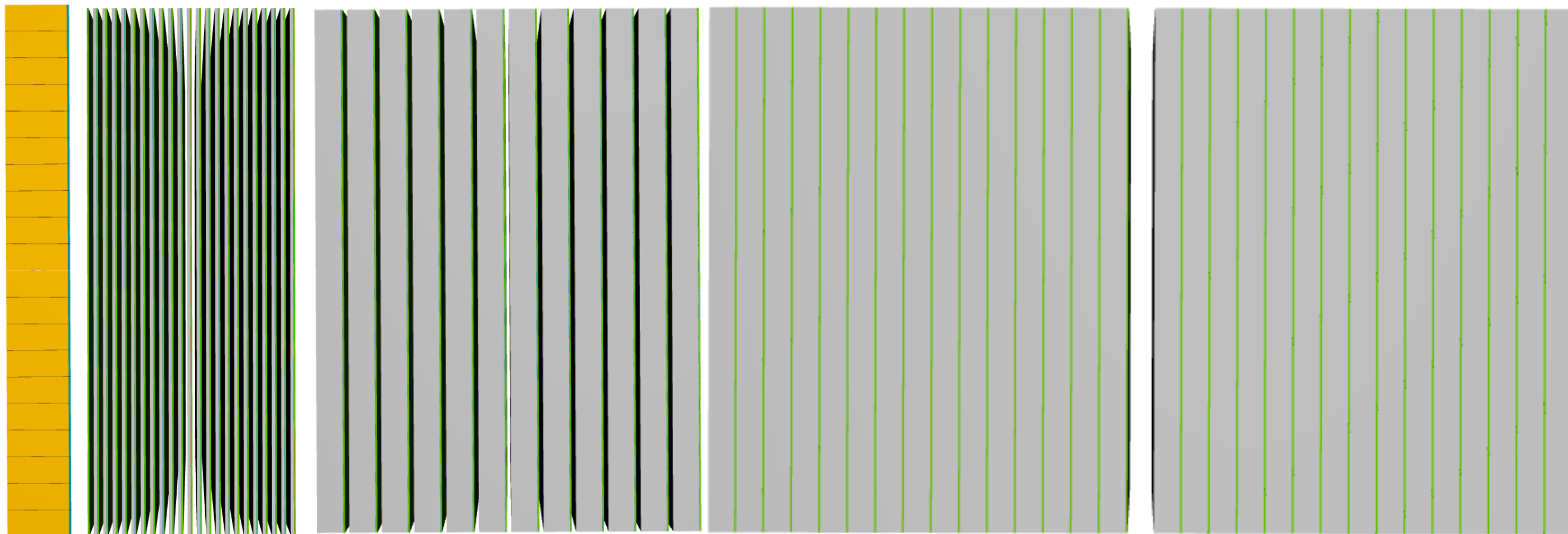
Graph Neural Networks for Angle Reconstruction in the ZDC

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Current ZDC Design

W/Si

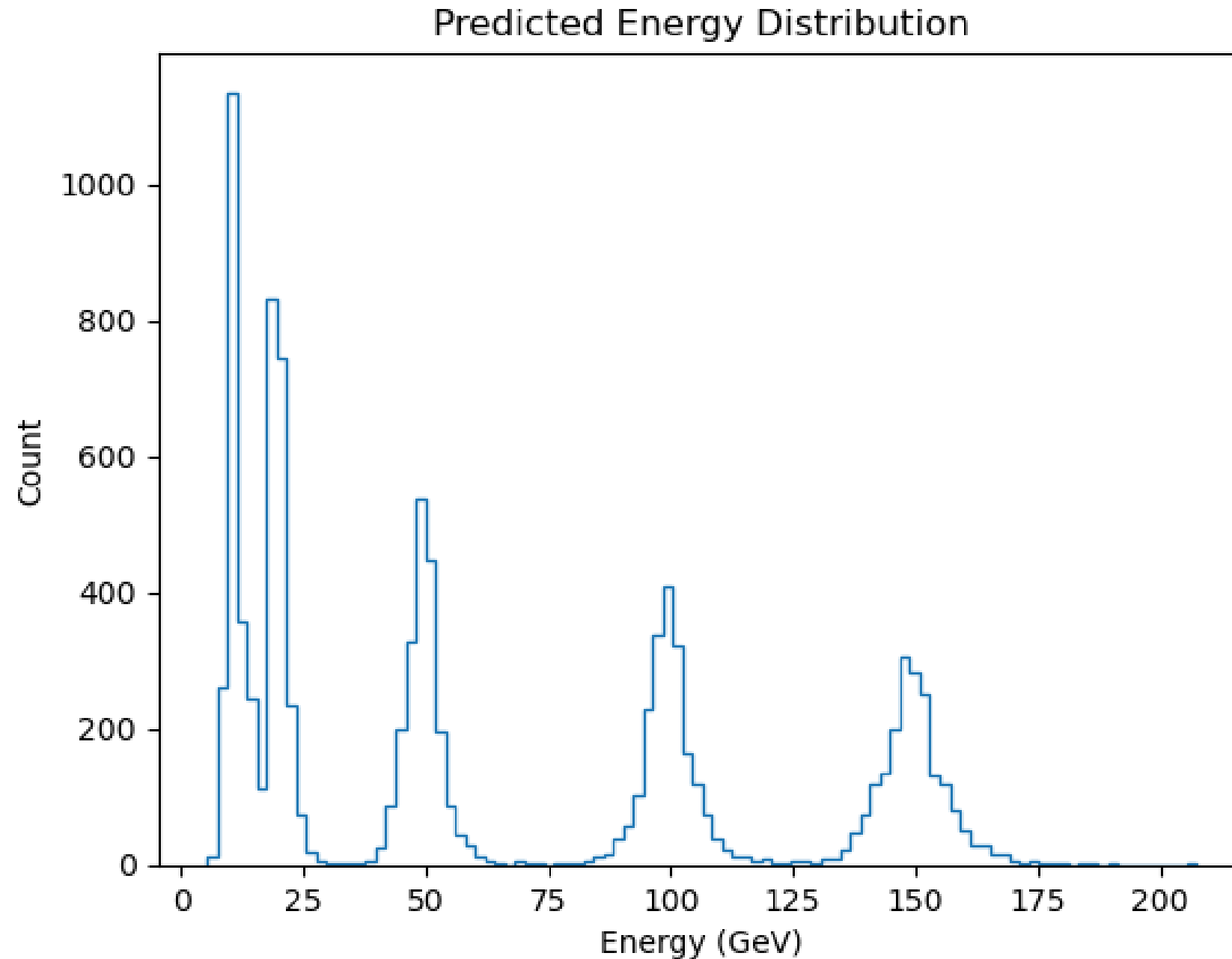
Pb/Scintillator



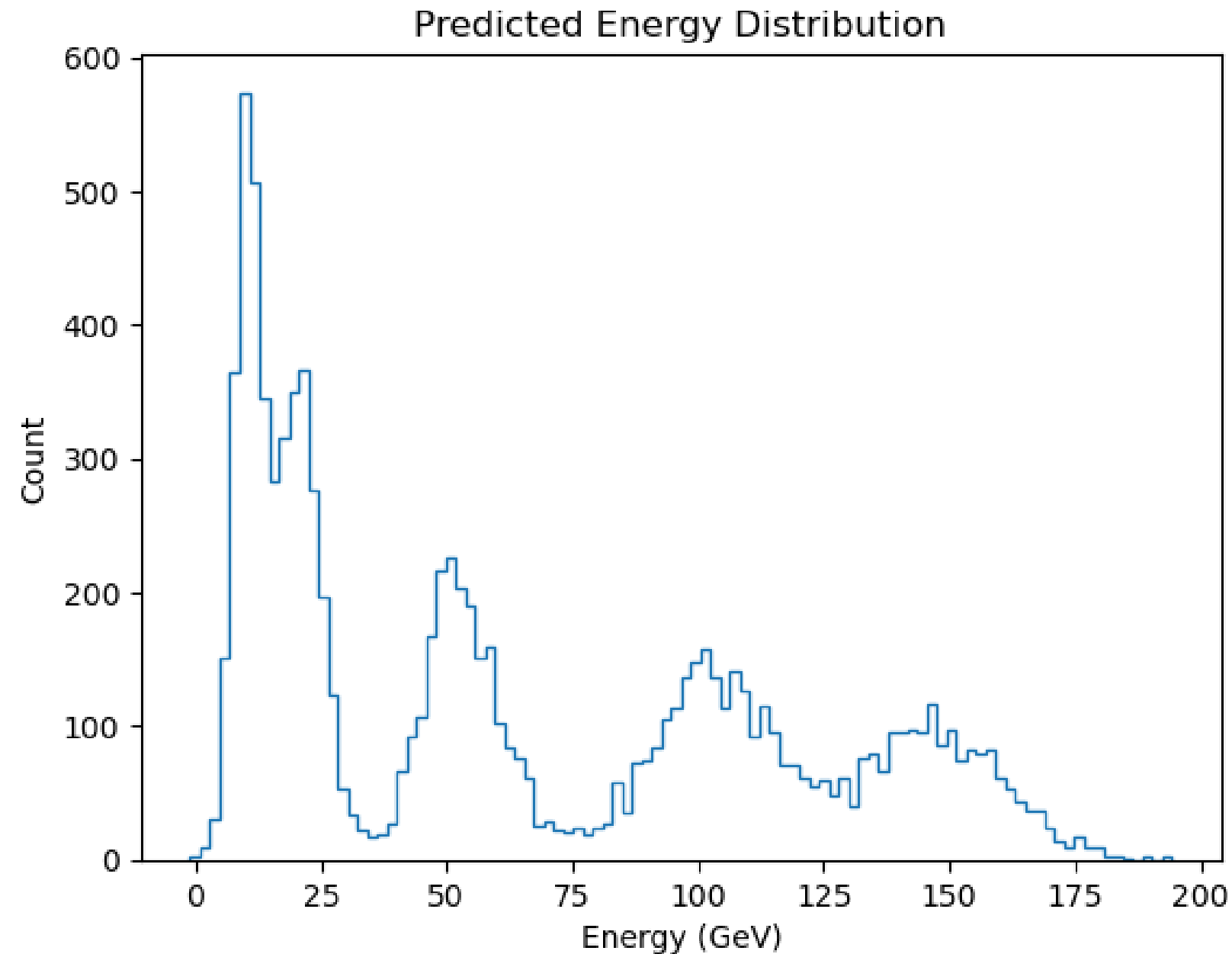
PbWO4

Pb/Si

Energy Calibration (Neural Network)

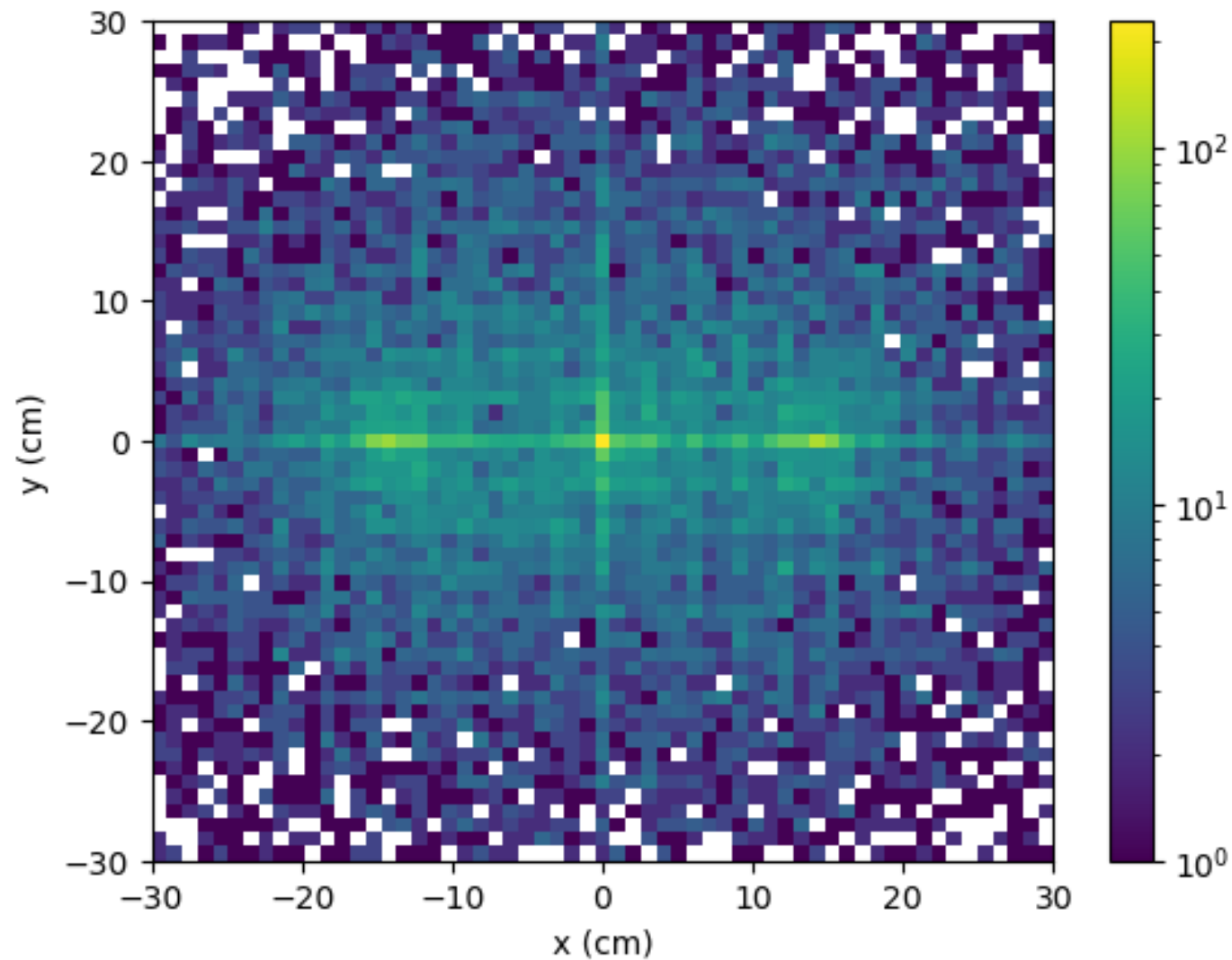


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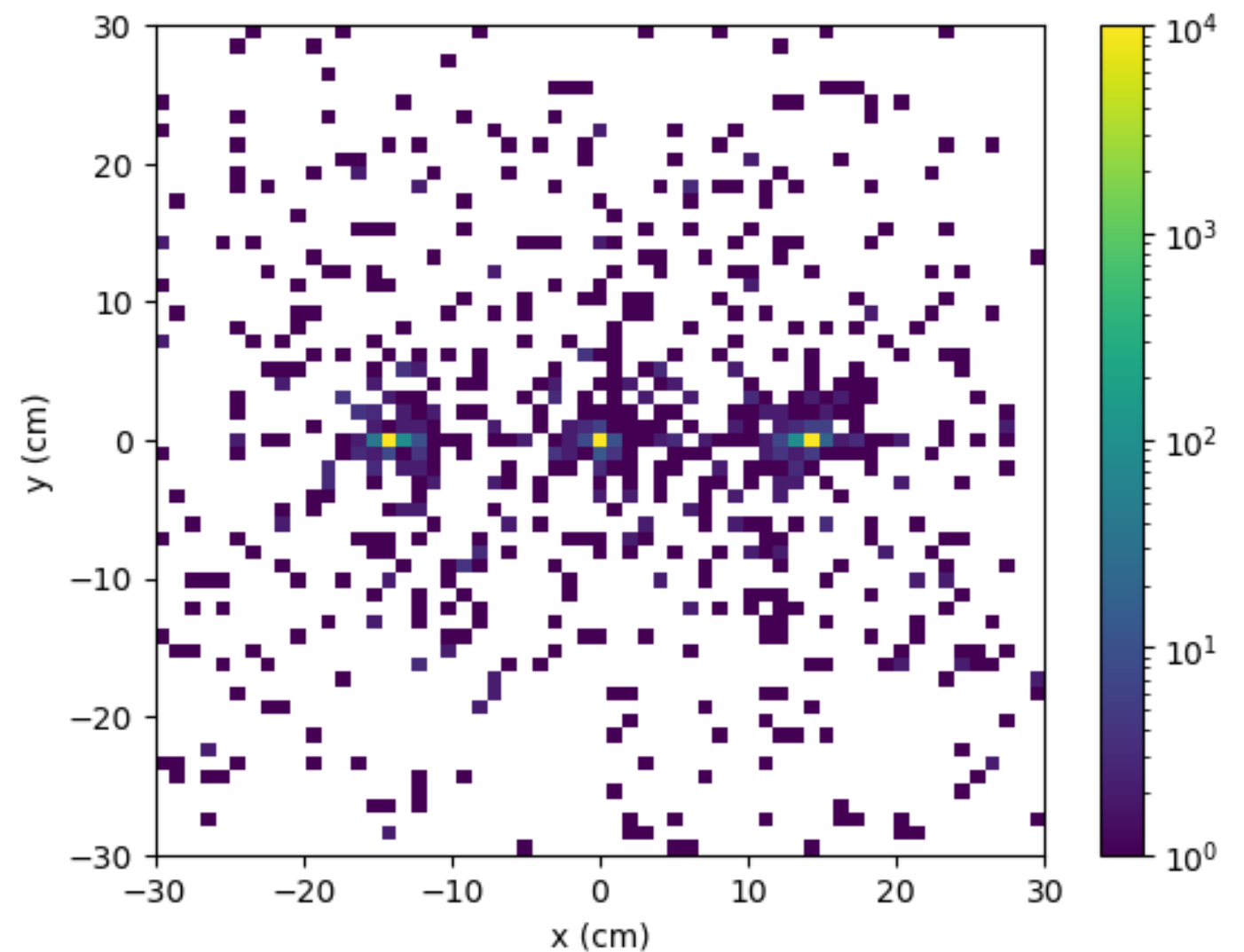


Transverse Distributions

Hits in 1st SiPix Layer (neutron) (-4 mrad, 0 mrad, 4 mrad)

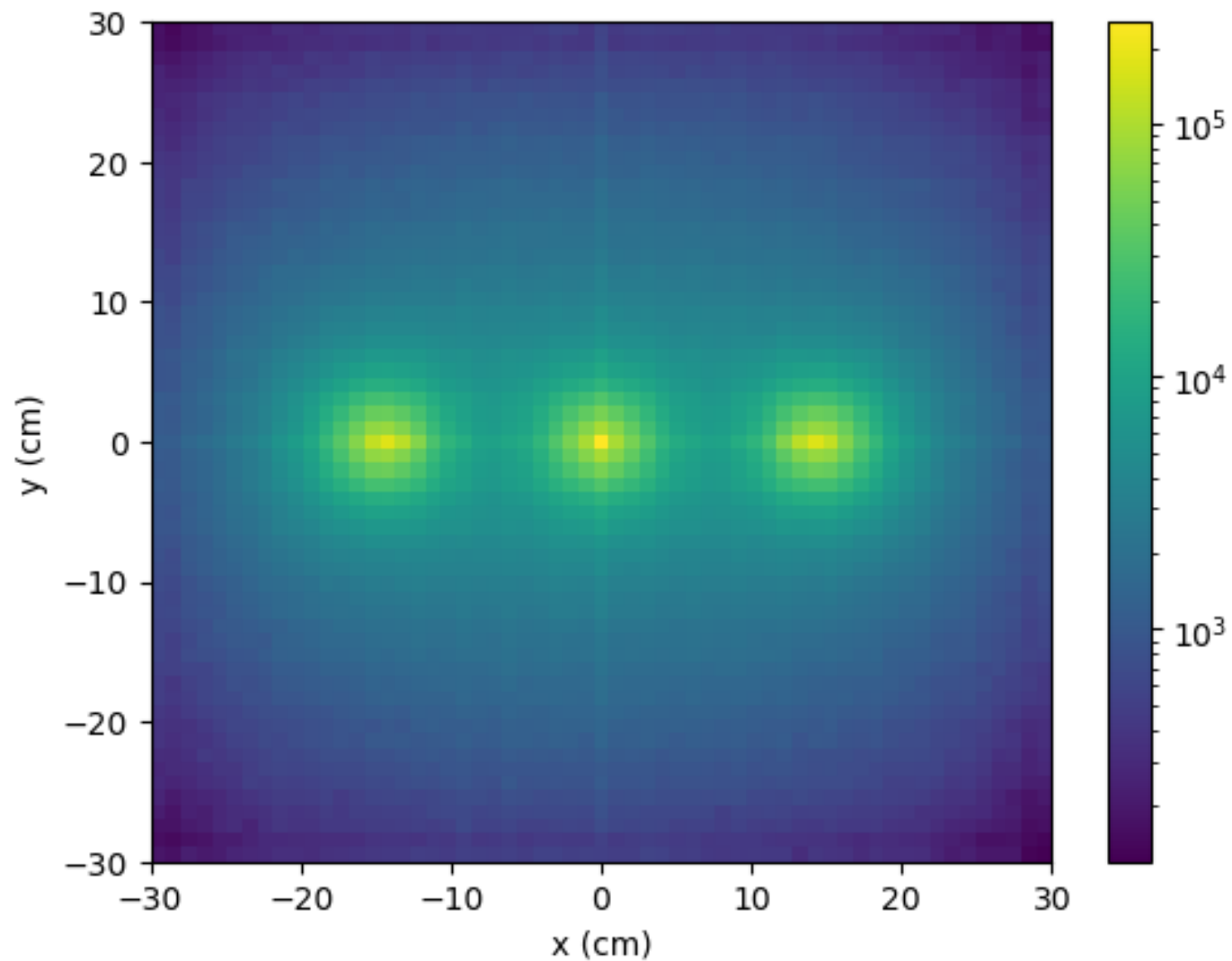


Hits in 1st SiPix Layers (μ^-) (-4 mrad, 0 mrad, 4 mrad)

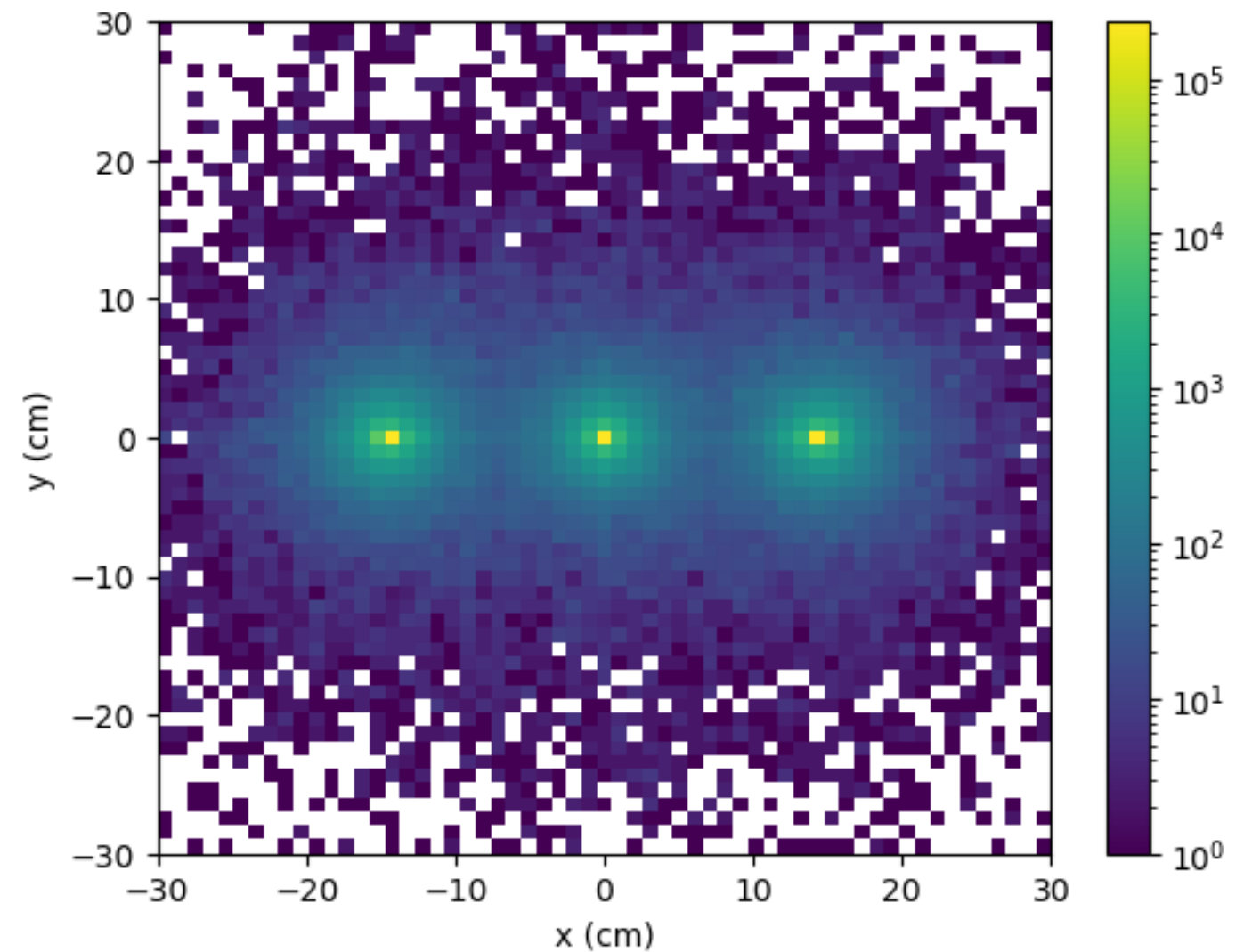


Transverse Distributions

Hits in W/Si Layers (neutron) (-4 mrad, 0 mrad, 4 mrad)



Hits in W/Si Layers (μ^-) (-4 mrad, 0 mrad, 4 mrad)



Angle Reconstruction: Methods

- Linear fit between “center of gravity” of hits in first and last layers
 - Cannot reconstruct small angles due to low granularity in Pb/Scint layers
- Linear fit from IP using “center of gravity” in first layer
 - Extremely sensitive to noise (i.e. due to multiple scattering in upstream material)
 - Many particles may pass through the first layer without interacting
- Convolutional Neural Network
 - Spatial neighborhoods do not scale to varying transverse segmentations
 - Inefficient for sparse data
- Graph Neural Network
 - KNN clustering naturally scales for different segmentations
 - Aggregation only utilizes cells with non-zero energy deposition

Linear Fit (Front to Back)

Suppose a particle originates from the interaction point at an angle θ relative to the detector z axis, where θ is the rotation about the y axis. The ZDC has a total length of 162 cm, thus the maximum difference in the transverse position of a particle from the first layer to the last is

$$(\Delta x)_{\max} = 162 \text{ cm} * \tan(\theta)$$

The Pb/Scint layers have a transverse segmentation of 10 cm \times 10 cm, thus we have a lower bound on the angular resolution of

$$\arctan\left(\frac{10 \text{ cm}/\sqrt{12}}{162 \text{ cm}}\right) \approx 18 \text{ mrad}$$

(In reality, this value is actually even higher, since the first layer also has a finite spatial resolution of 3 mm \times 3 mm)

Linear Fit From IP

Using only the first layer, define the position of the first hit as

$$r_{SiPix} = (x_1, y_1).$$

Note that for a particle originating at the IP,

$$x_1 = r_{ZDC} * \tan(\theta),$$

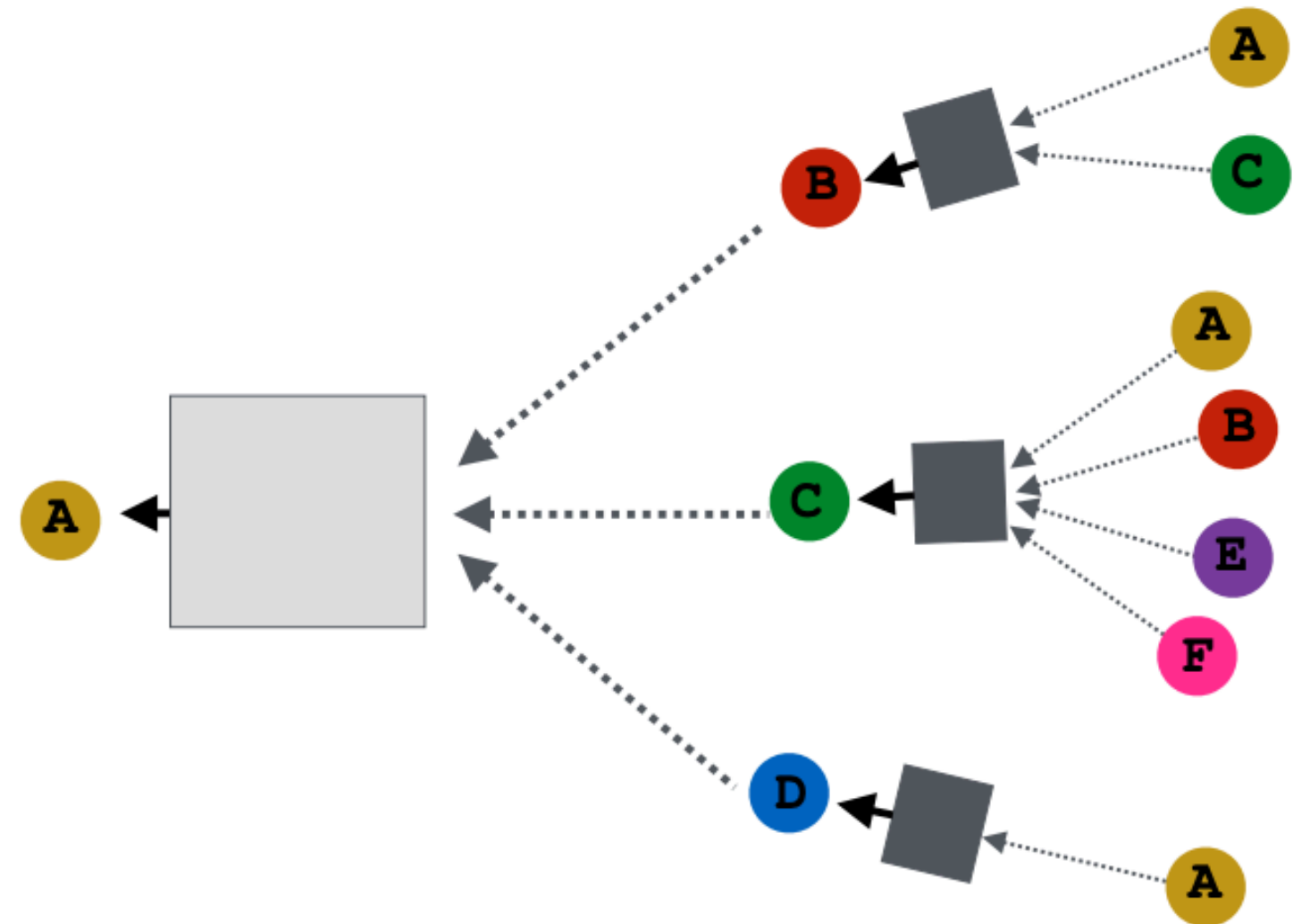
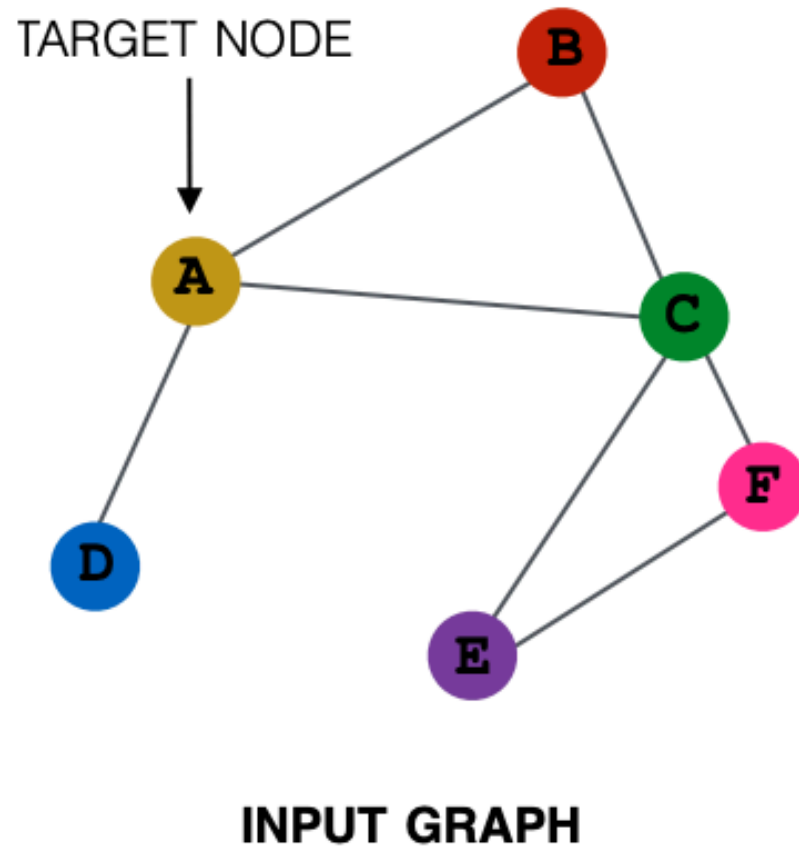
where $r_{ZDC} = 3550$ cm is the distance from the interaction point to the face of the detector. Then

$$x_1 = 3550 \text{ cm} * \tan(\theta).$$

The first silicon layer has a segmentation of $3 \text{ mm} \times 3 \text{ mm}$, so we can estimate the (idealized) angular resolution as

$$\arctan\left(\frac{3 \text{ mm}/\sqrt{12}}{3550 \text{ cm}}\right) = 0.0244 \text{ mrad}$$

Graph Neural Networks

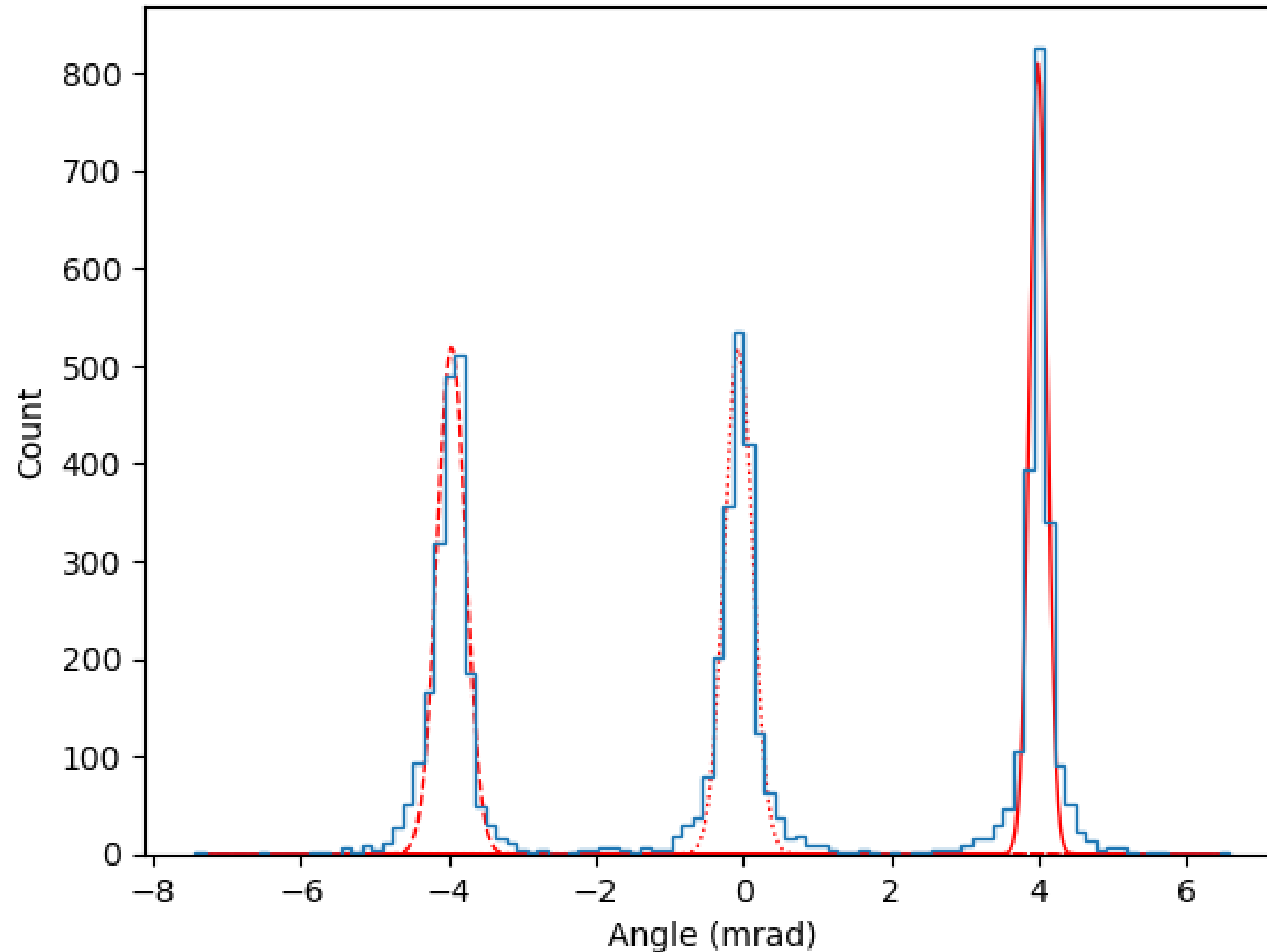


GNN Architecture (GravNet-based)

- Better performance by training separate convolutional filters for each subdetector
- Convolutional layer outputs are concatenated and passed to a single linear hidden layer to reconstruct total shower energy
- $F_{IN} = [xID, yID, layerID, hitEnergy]$
- Learned space for KNN clustering has dimension 3 ($S = 3$)
- Learned space for propagated node features has dimension 1 ($F_{LR} = 1$)

Muon Angle Reconstruction (ZDC Only)

Predicted Angle Distribution



Peak Positions:

$$\mu_1 = -3.96 \text{ mrad}$$

$$\mu_2 = -0.07 \text{ mrad}$$

$$\mu_3 = 3.99 \text{ mrad}$$

Resolution:

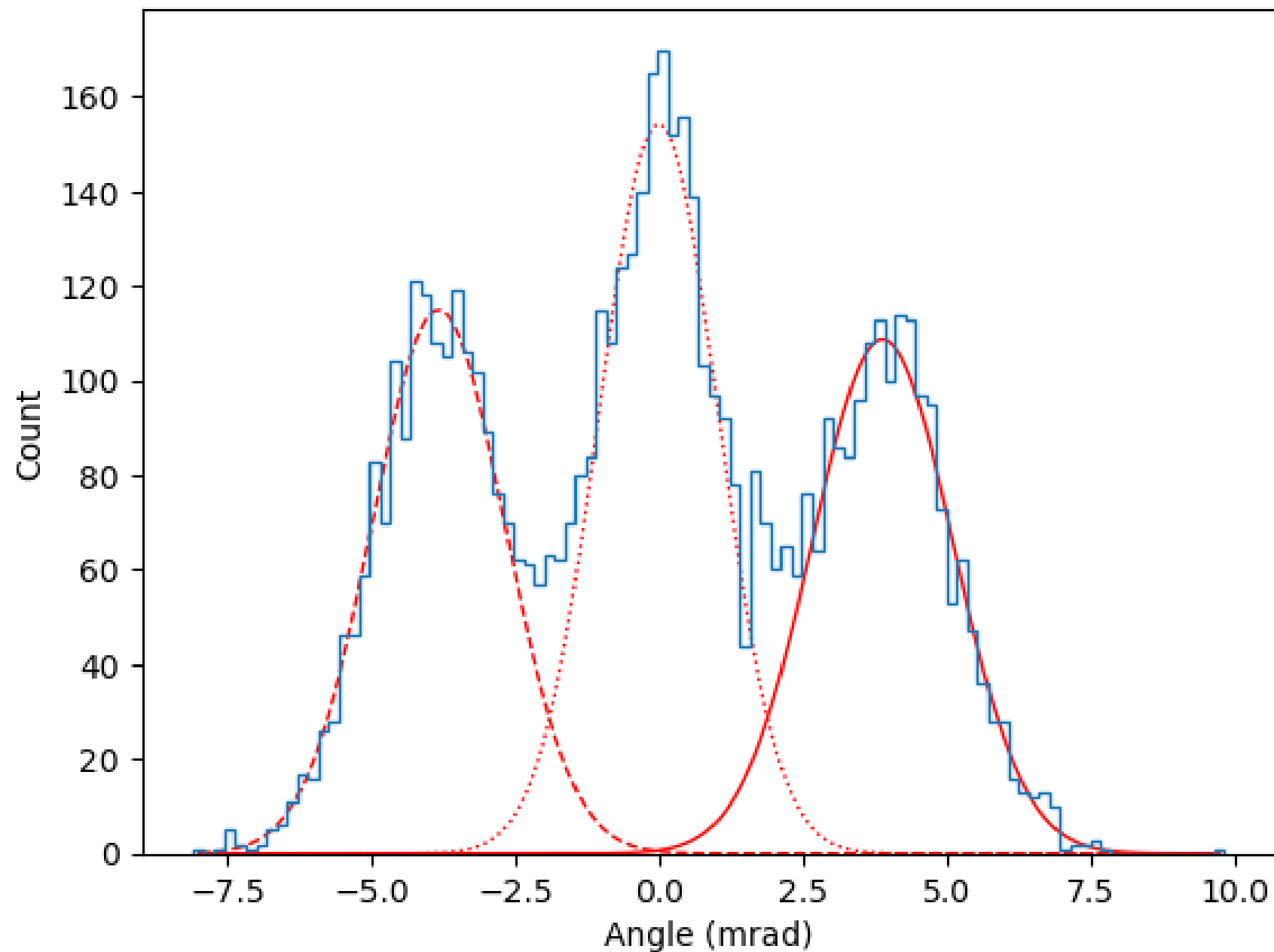
$$\sigma_1 = 0.19 \text{ mrad}$$

$$\sigma_2 = 0.17 \text{ mrad}$$

$$\sigma_3 = 0.12 \text{ mrad}$$

Neutron Angle Reconstruction (ZDC Only)

Predicted Angle Distribution



Peak Positions:

$$\mu_1 = -3.84 \text{ mrad}$$

$$\mu_2 = -0.01 \text{ mrad}$$

$$\mu_3 = 3.89 \text{ mrad}$$

Resolution:

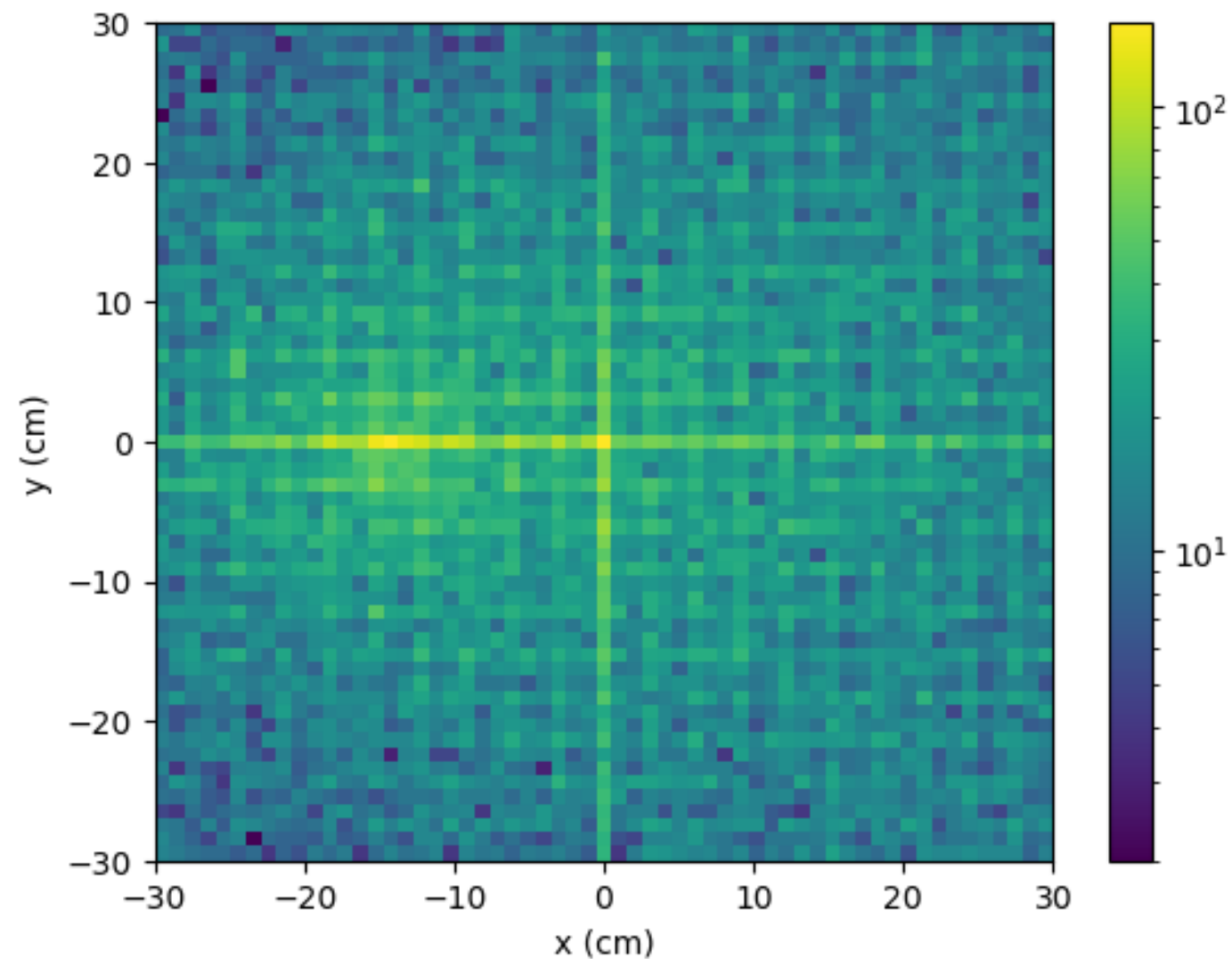
$$\sigma_1 = 1.16 \text{ mrad}$$

$$\sigma_2 = 1.03 \text{ mrad}$$

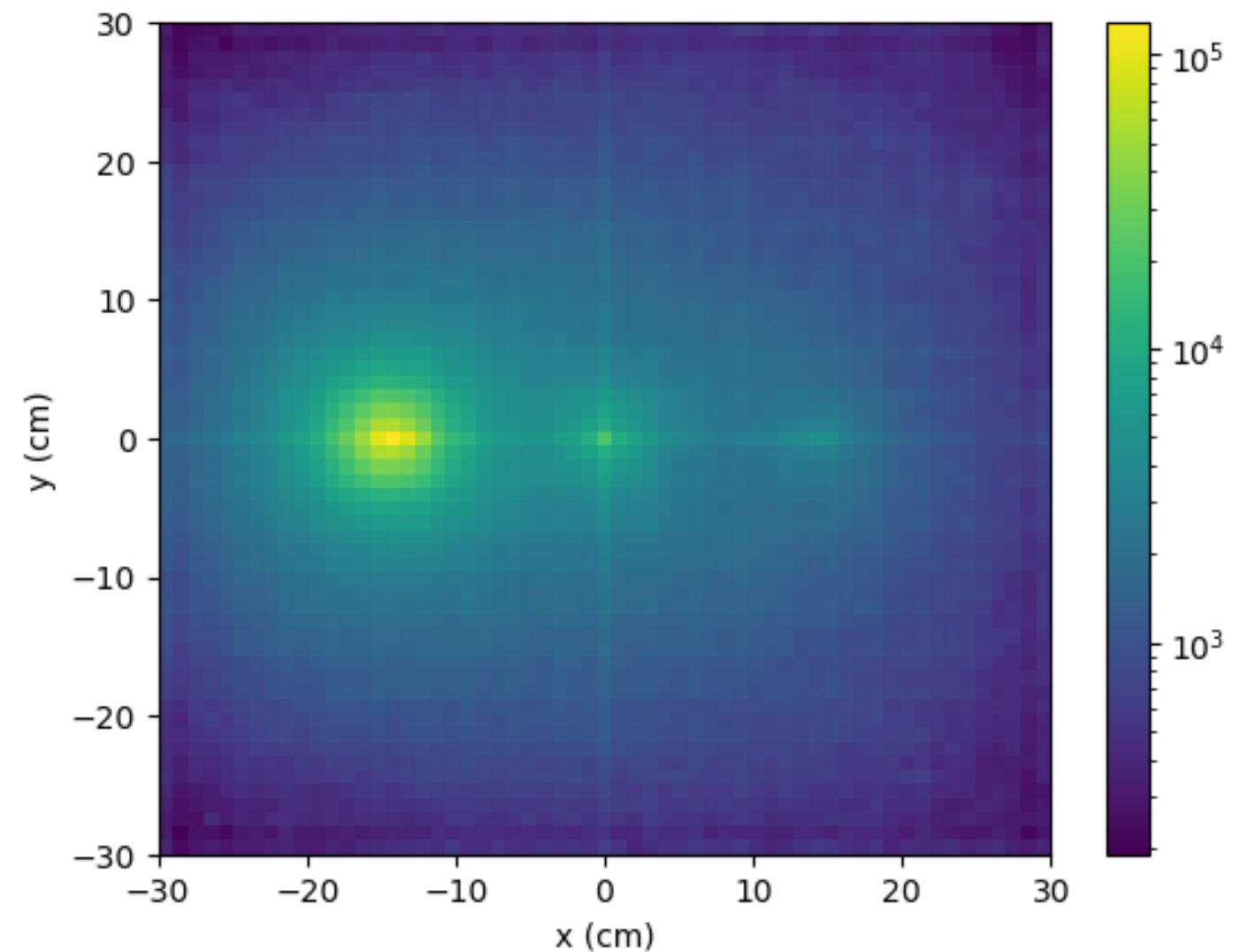
$$\sigma_3 = 1.22 \text{ mrad}$$

Effects of Upstream Material

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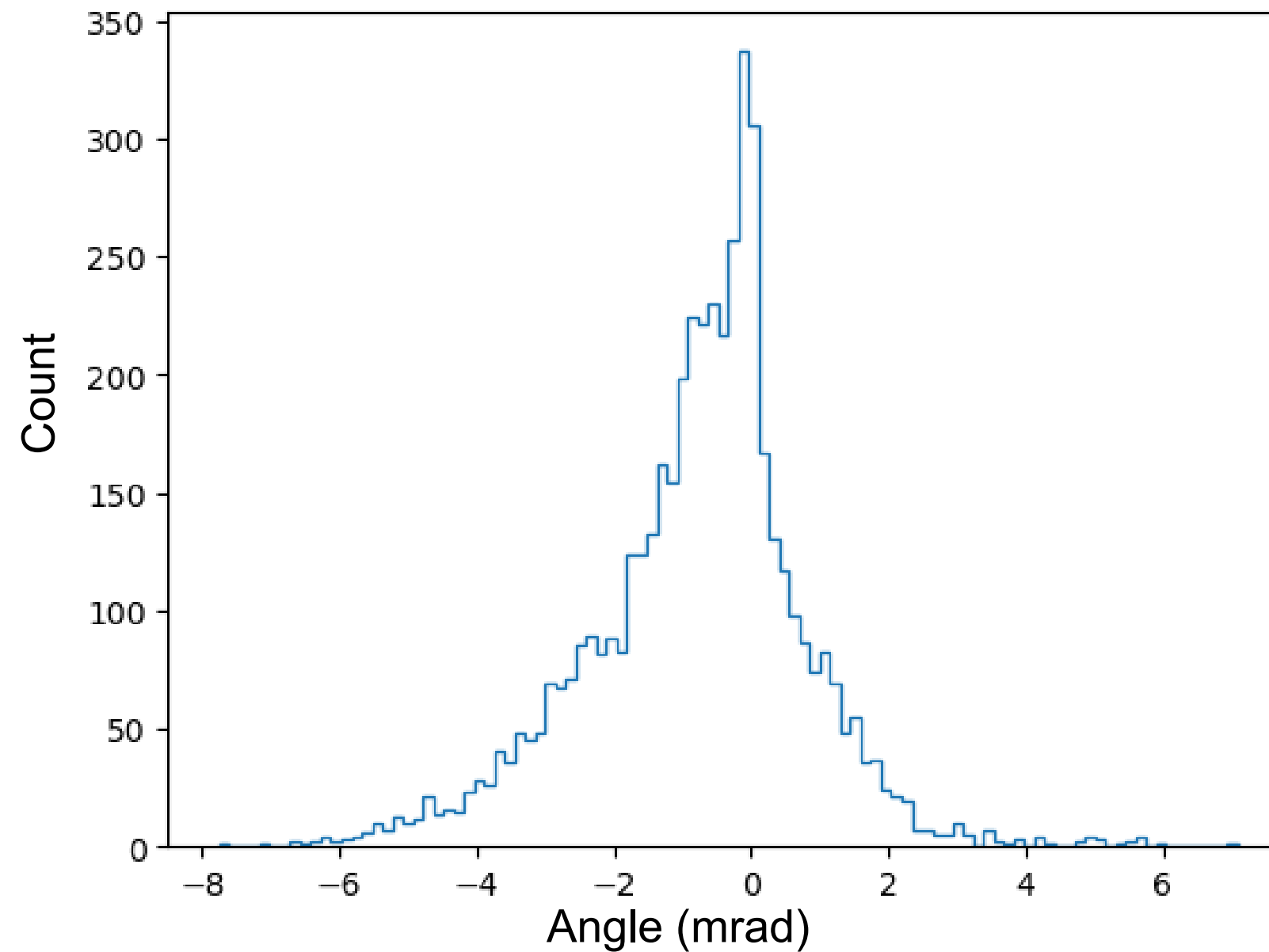


Hits in W/Si Layers (neutron) (-4 mrad, 0 mrad, 4 mrad)



Effects of Upstream Material

Predicted Angle Distribution



Summary & Conclusions

- First implementation of a graph neural network for the reconstruction of small angles (≤ 4 mrad) in the ZDC
 - Can be adapted to a variety of configurations and geometries due to independent treatment of each component
- Investigation of the effects of upstream material on hadronic showers in the ZDC.
 - Emphasis on how interactions with this material impacts our ability to reconstruct the angles of neutrons from the IP

Future Work

- Fine-tune hyperparameters for better optimization
 - Accounting for differences in material properties between components
- Include hit timing information in node feature embedding
 - Important for shower separation with multiple primary particles
- Further quantify effects of upstream material
 - Informs the design & layout of the far-forward region



Thank you