

ePIC TIC meeting Nov 20th 2023

Update on neutron position resolution (Fe/Sc only)



Last time we presented GraphNet results for energy. Now extended to angles.

GraphNet significantly improves angular resolution at low energy, but is similar to HEXPLIT algorithm at highest energies.

Credit: Bishnu Karki & Ryan Milton & Sebouh Paul

ZDC Physics Benchmark in ePIC software

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demp_tests.C	added plots of neutron angles about the proton axis in the demp bench	3 days ago
hexplit.h	added hexplit.h	2 days ago

Credit: Barak Schmookler & Sebouh Paul

News:

New benchmark with Deeply Exclusive Meson Production (DEMP) events from ePIC official production in S3

- Neutron reconstruction is fully implemented, including with C++ implementation of the <u>HEXPLIT algorithm.</u>

Benchmarking t distribution measurement for DEMP

https://github.com/eic/physics_benchmarks/tree/demp_zdc



Credit: Barak Schmookler & Sebouh Paul

Full event reconstruction of e- pi+ n final state measured with ePIC detector and proposed SiPM-on-tile ZDC

First pass at reconstruction of t distribution using "optimal" technique that combines neutron angle with tracks from e- and pi+ to extract t, as suggested in <u>ECCE studies</u>.

More plots from DEMP benchmark

https://github.com/eic/physics_benchmarks/tree/demp_zdc

Neutron Acceptance 5x41 GeV



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Fe/Sc SiPM-on-tile photon performance



Fe/Sc SiPM is adequate for high-energy photons

Fe/Sc π 0 rejection

- π0 in u-backward channel lead to two backgrounds: reducible: 2 ¥ hit ZDC. "irreducible": 1 ¥ hit ZDC. <u>See Zach's paper for details</u>
- We started estimating rejection power based on simple shower shape analysis, and are carrying out GNN-based classification studies.





Preliminary performance plots for $\gamma/\pi 0$ identification



Single photon peak well separated from diphoton distribution.

The single photon peak in pi0 (other photon missing ZDC acceptance) is "irreducible" with shower shape only

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Only a few percent of the π 0s are misidentified as photons at high energy. Some of these could be events where one of the two photons from the π 0 decay misses the ZDC

We propose to combine LYSO crystal ECAL (from <u>last ZDC TIC</u>) and SiPM-on-tile Fe/Sc model



We think this can meet all physics requirements while maximizing synergies with other ePIC subsystems, reducing cost and risks.

Low-energy $\gamma \rightarrow LYSO$ High-energy γ and $\pi 0 \rightarrow Fe/Sc$ High-energy neutrons $\rightarrow Fe/Sc$

LYSO + SiPM-on-tile ZDC option already in ePIC git

Thanks Michael Murray and Michael Pitt for sharing LYSO model



Neutron angular resolution with LYSO + SIPM-on-tile Fe/Sc



While some good fraction of neutrons interact in LYSO (0.3 lambda),

it is very close to Fe/Sc so position resolution not affected. Energy resolution affected but can be improved combining LYSO and Fe/Sc

Conclusions

We've advanced on a ePIC benchmarks for ZDC, including neutron reconstruction algorithms.

We have quantified EM performance for Fe/Sc SiPM-on-tile. This is adequate for high-energy photons expected at ZDC. We have started to quantify pi0 rejection with simple shower shape, achieving already a few percent contamination at high energy.

We proposed LYSO + Fe/Sc calorimeter as a combined system that meets all requirements. We quantified impact of LYSO material on neutron performance, finding only minor degradation. Combined EM performance ongoing.

