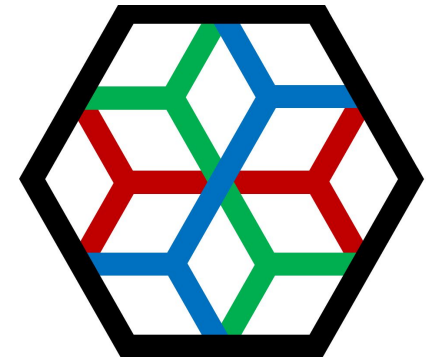
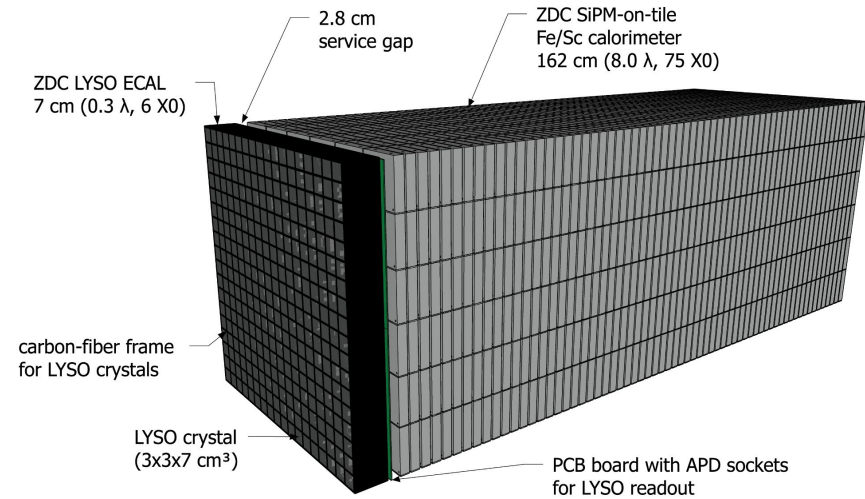


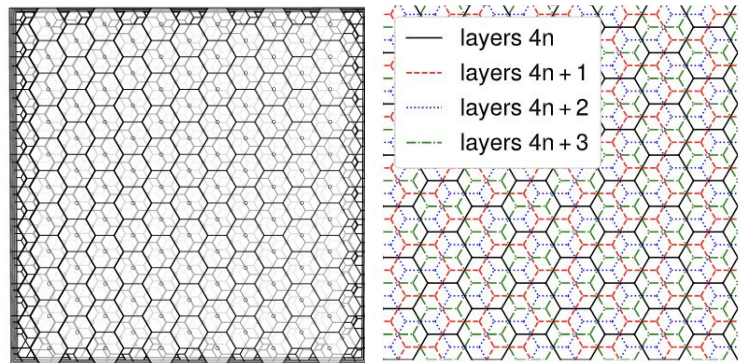
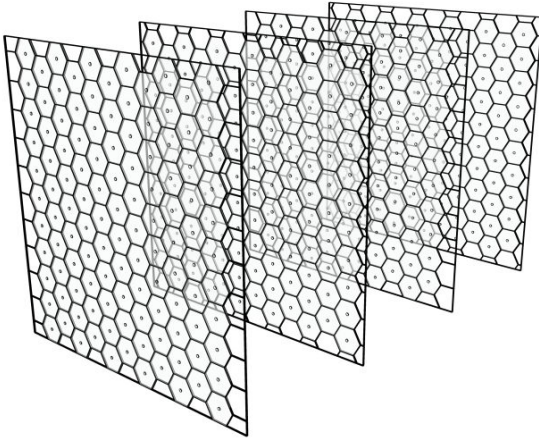
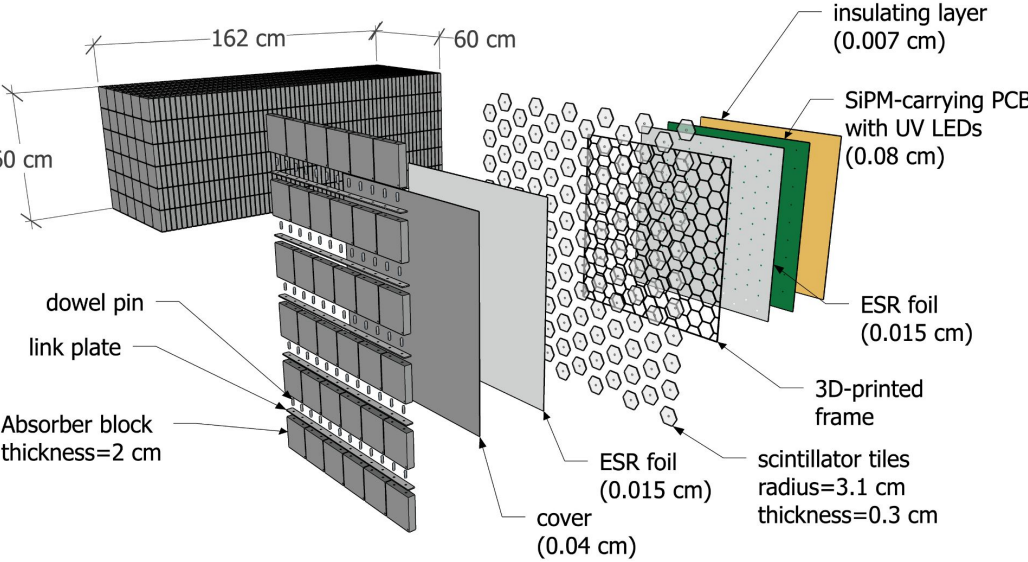
# Update on SiPM-on-tile ZDC Towards TDR

Miguel Arratia, UC Riverside  
TIC meeting 29th April 2024



# ZDC

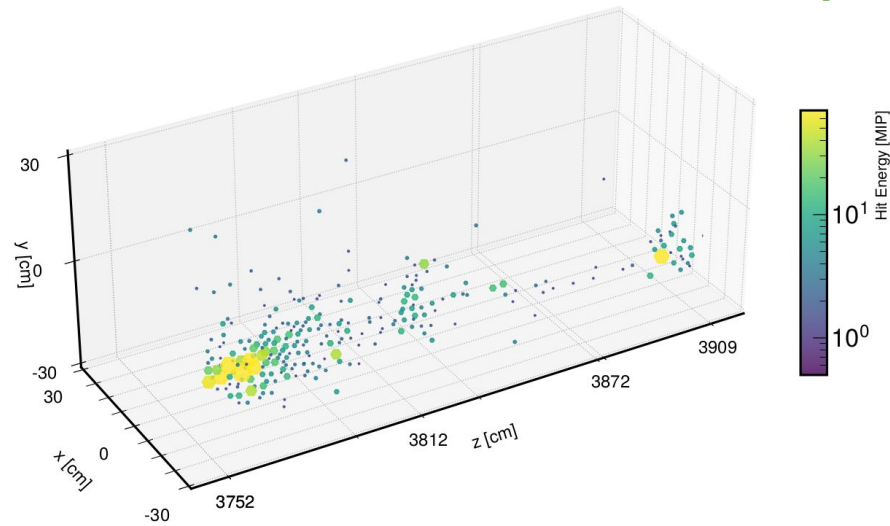
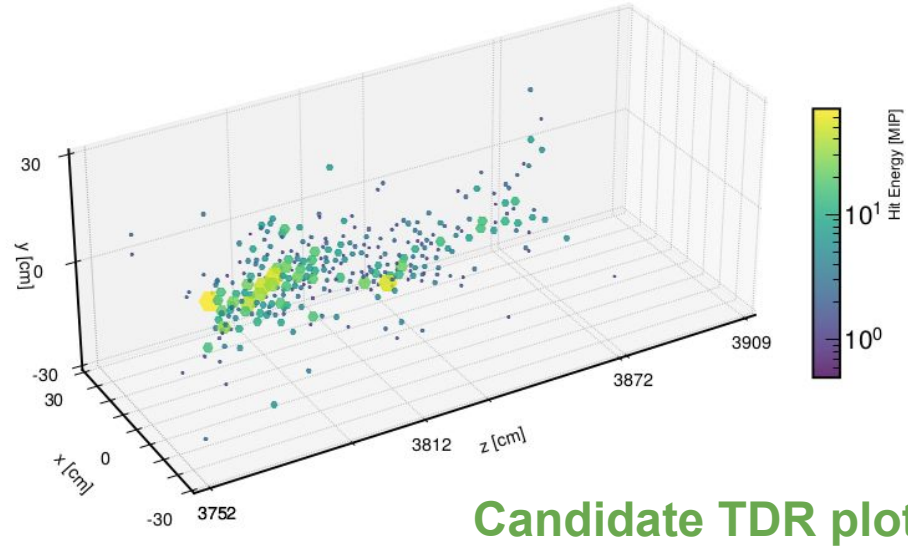
# SiPM-on-tile ZDC



Staggered design described in  
*“Leveraging staggered tessellation for enhanced spatial resolution in high-granularity calorimeters”* [NIMA 1060 \(2024\) 169044](#)

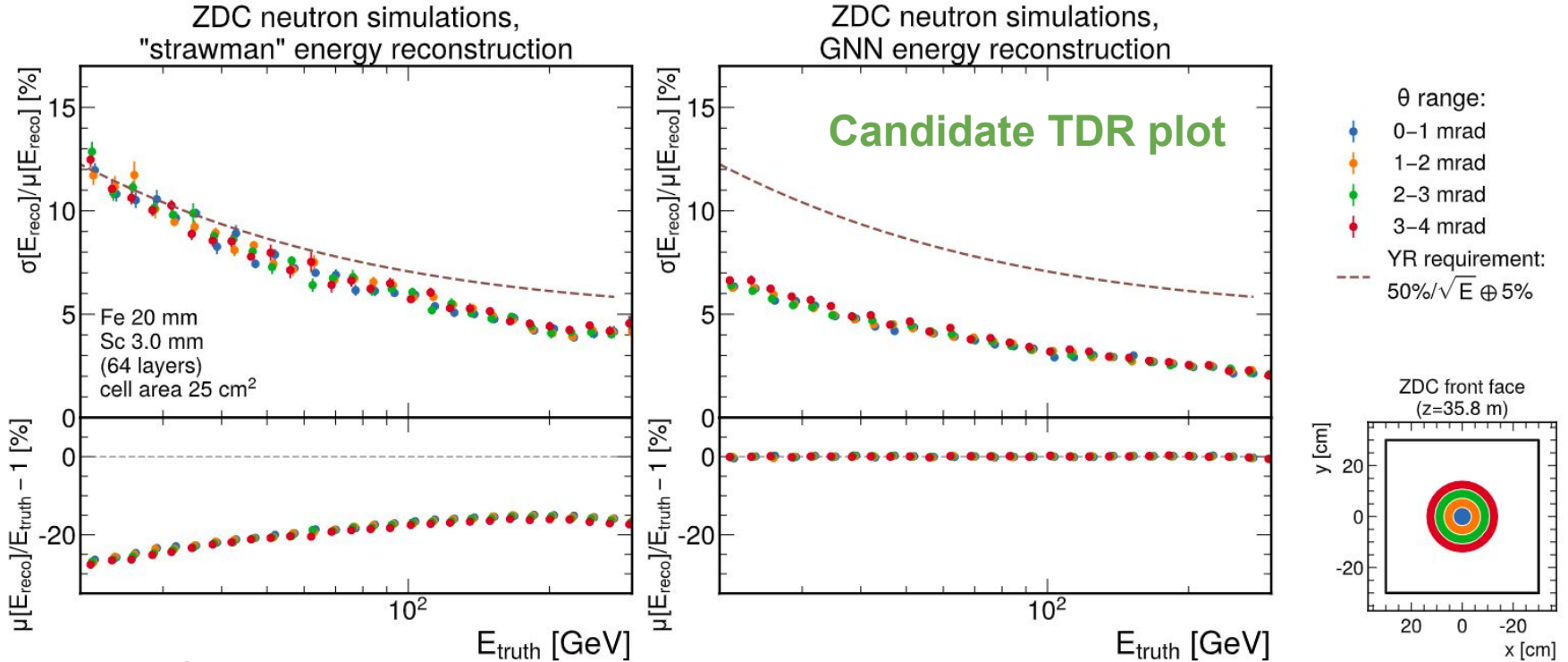
# Shower Examples

## 100 GeV neutrons



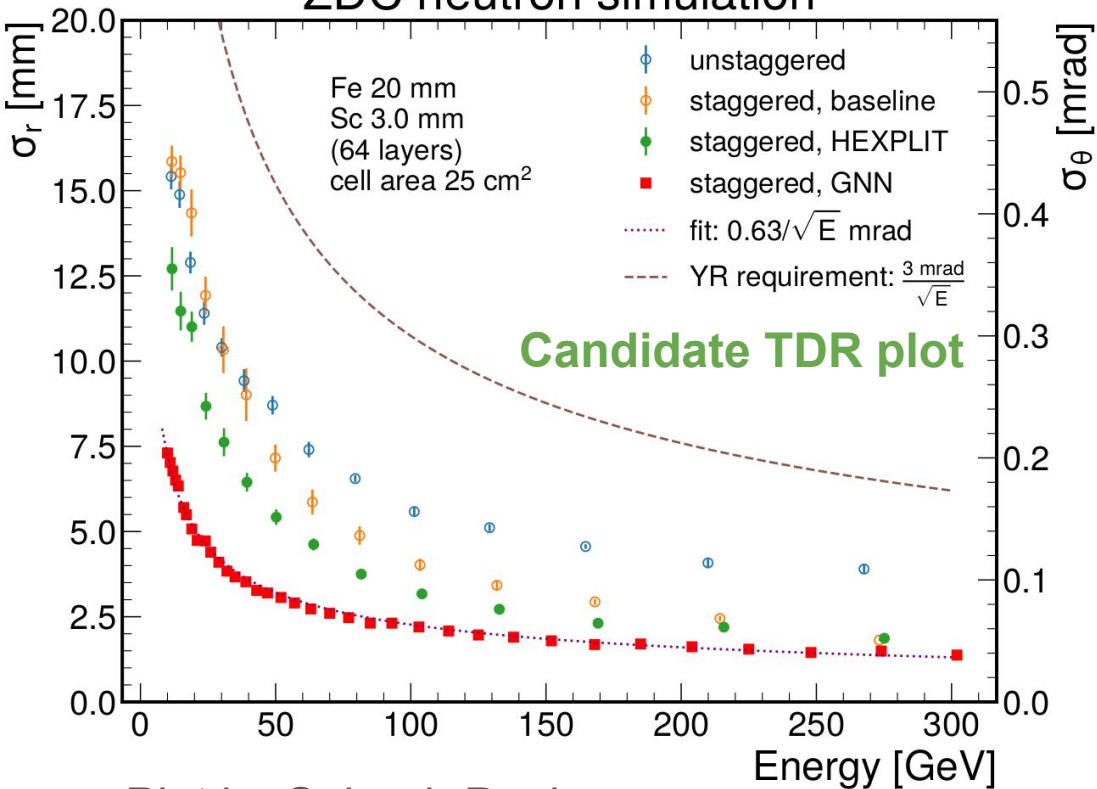
# Energy Resolution

- Software compensation needed for the Fe/Sc design established by GNNs, which is the state-of-the-art. Detailed in <https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.04442> (to appear in JINST). Note that CALICE caught up: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2403.04632>



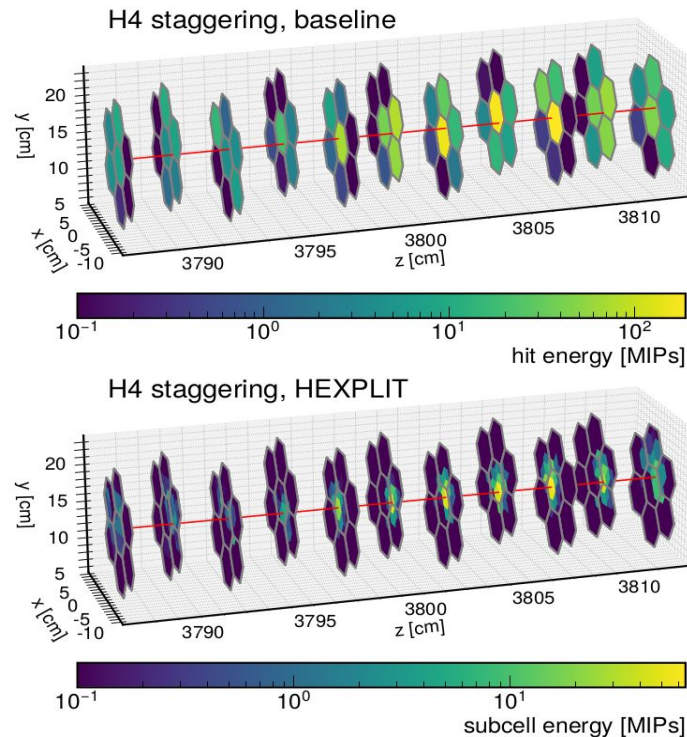
# Position Resolution

## ZDC neutron simulation

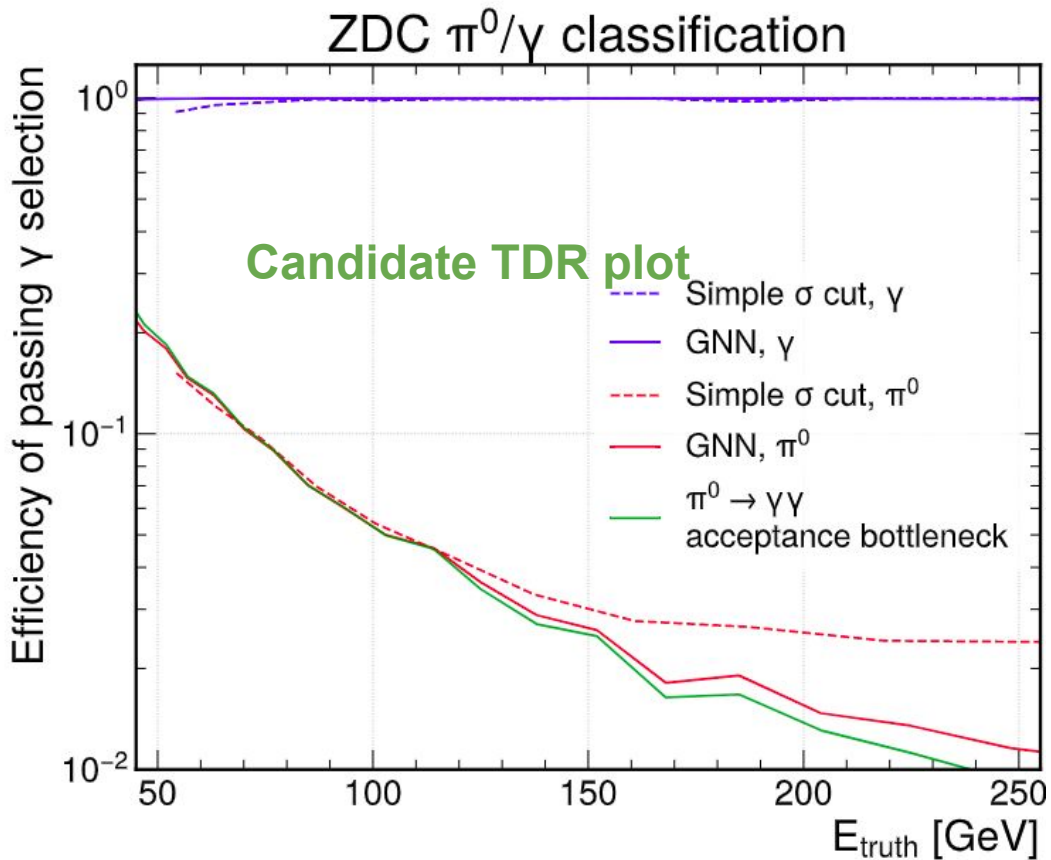


Plot by Sebouh Paul

HEXPLIT design and algorithm described in  
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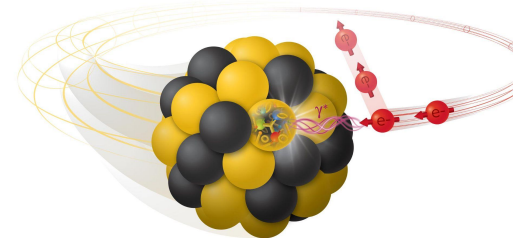
# Gamma-pi0 separation



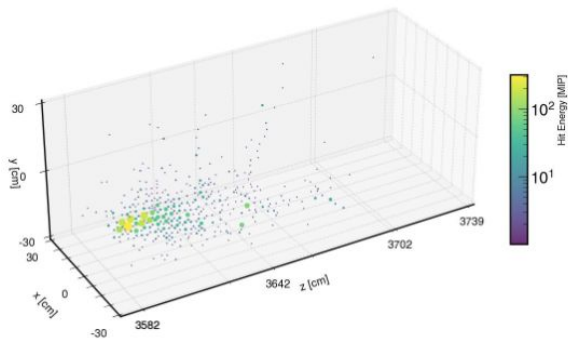
Plot by Ryan Milton

# Multi Neutron Response

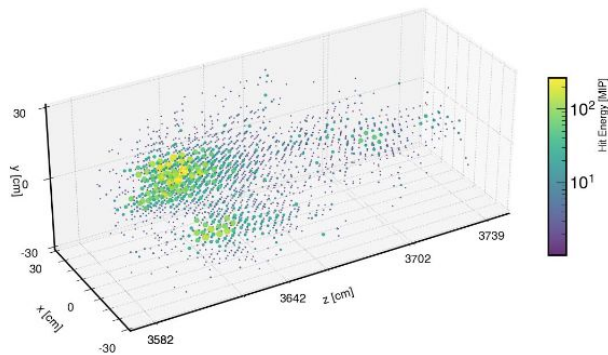
In eA collisions, spectator neutrons are monoenergetic with beam energy, i.e. 100 GeV each



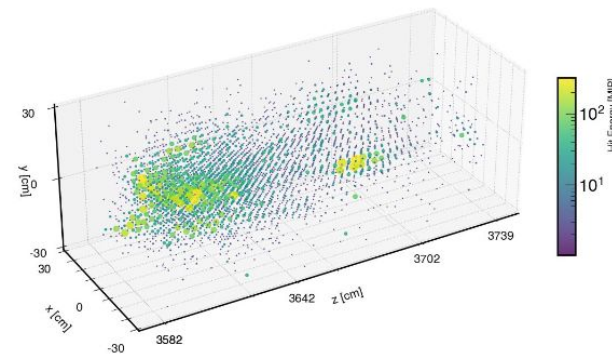
Event = 6,  $E_{\text{truth, total}} = 100$  GeV, Num. neutrons = 1  
Strawman energy (GeV):  
89.035



Event = 3,  $E_{\text{truth, total}} = 500$  GeV, Num. neutrons = 5  
Strawman energy (GeV):  
409.343



Event = 4,  $E_{\text{truth, total}} = 1000$  GeV, Num. neutrons = 10  
Strawman energy (GeV):  
856.247



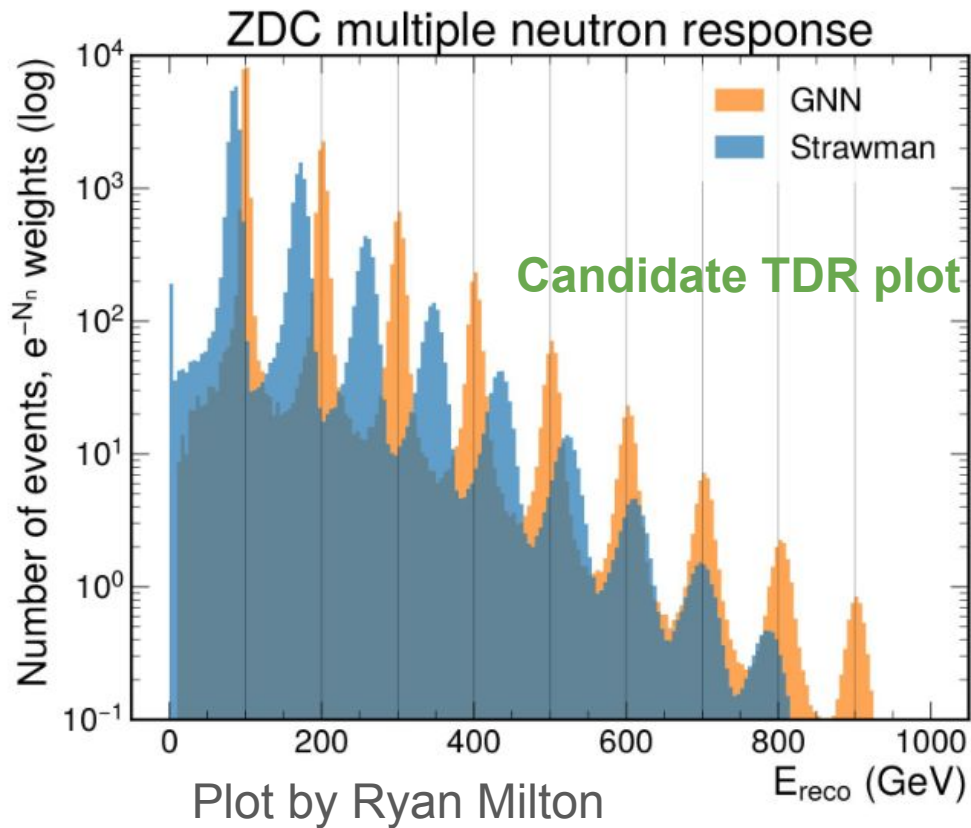
Example even showers with multiple 100 GeV neutrons

# eA response

GNN reconstruction able to apply software compensation when showers overlap

Fixes scale, improves resolution.

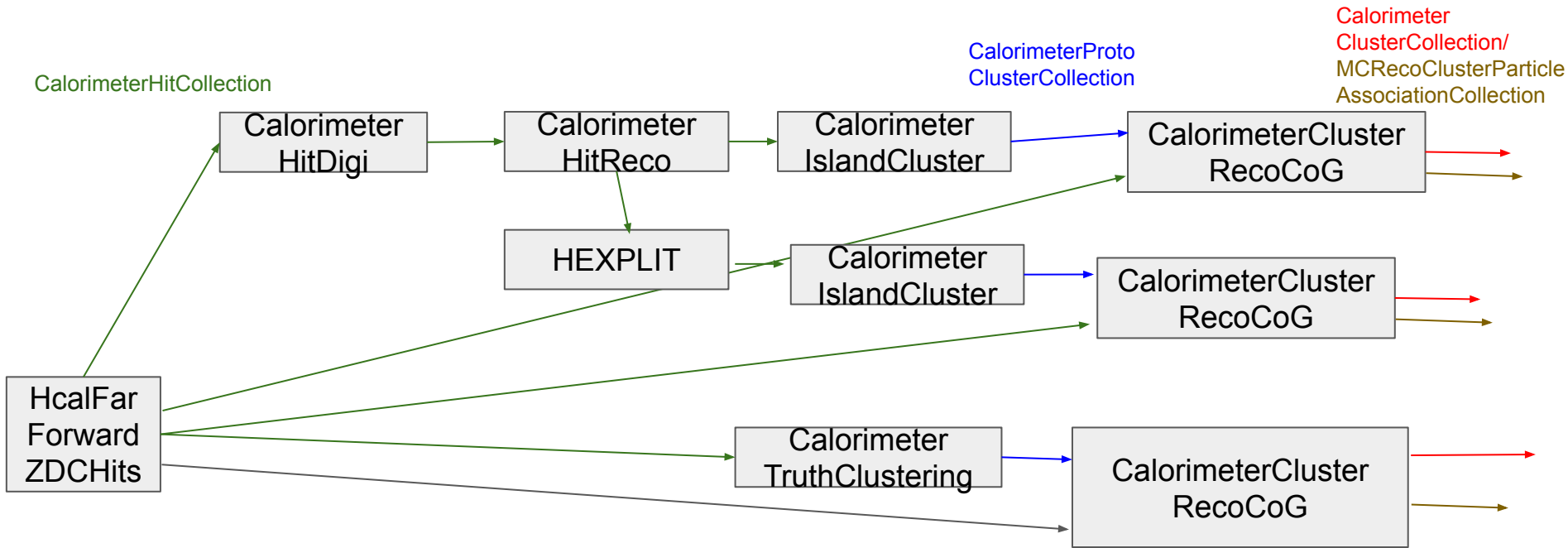
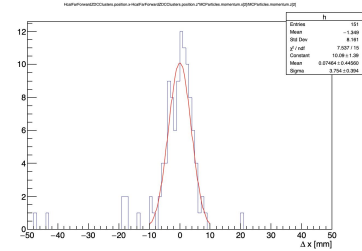
Plot emphasizes linearity, dynamic range





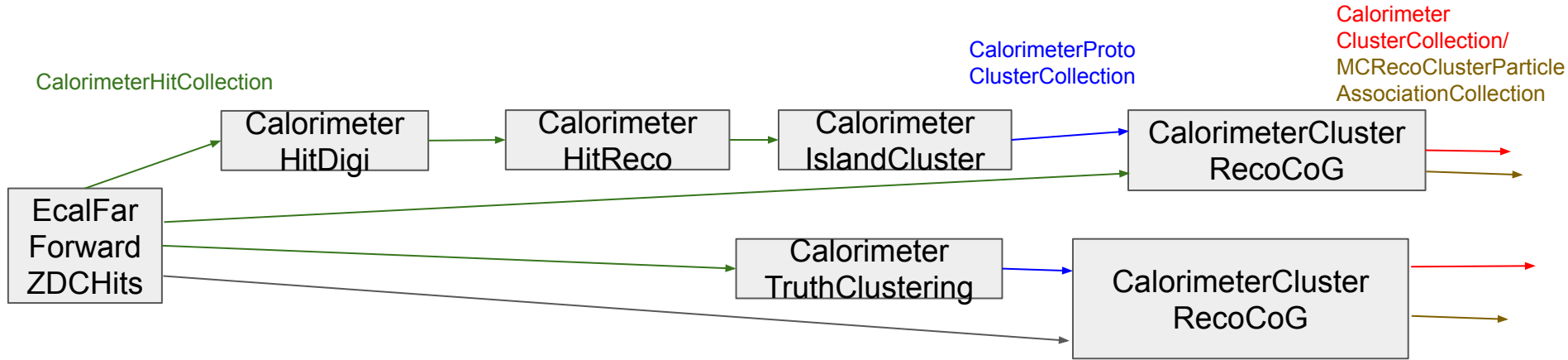
# Algorithms/factories included in ZDC pipelines

ZDC SiPM-on-tile:



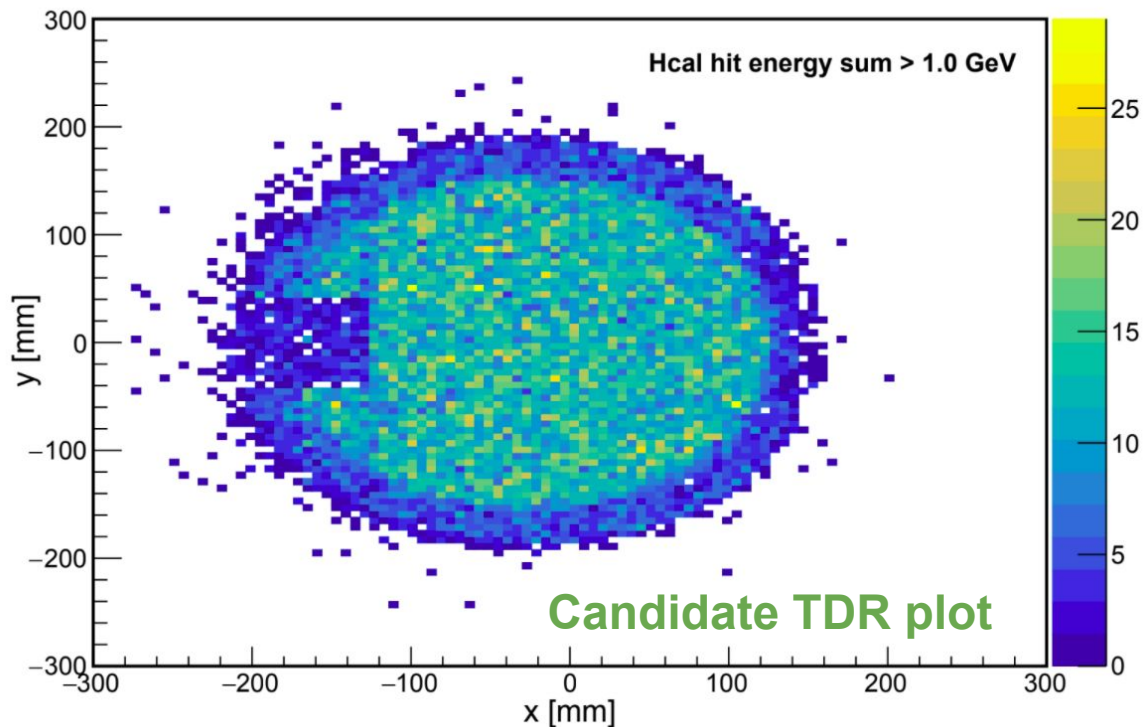
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ZDC LYSO:



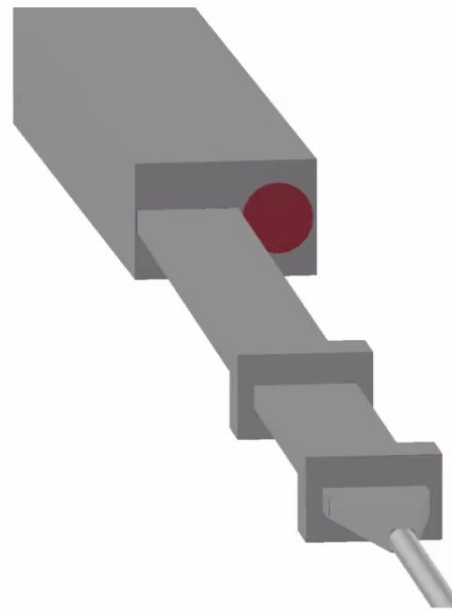
# Acceptance studies

Neutron local hit position at ZDC HCal front face



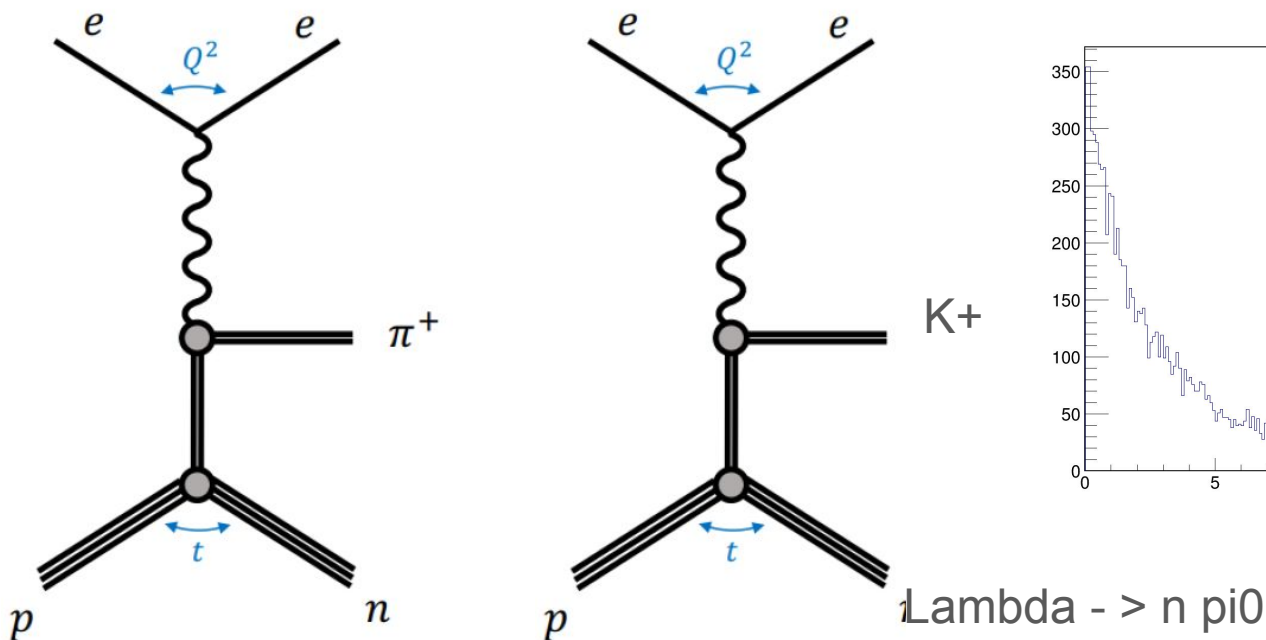
Plot Barak Schmookler

Including latest version of beam line from Alex.



# ZDC Physics Benchmark

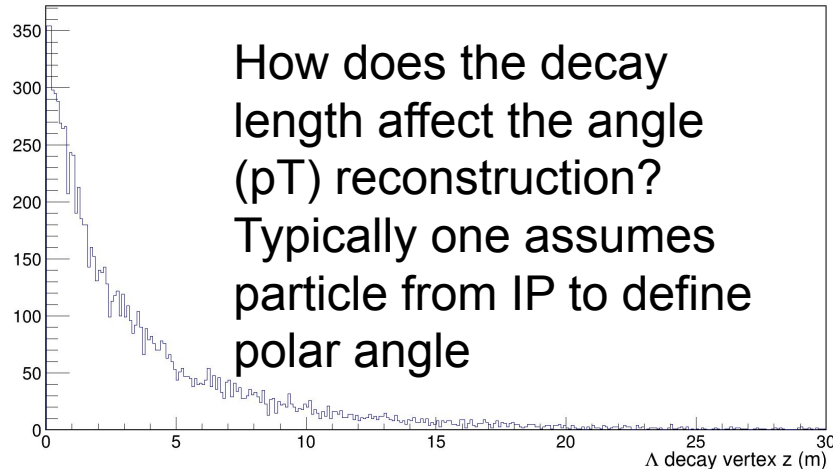
[https://github.com/eic/physics\\_benchmarks/tree/demp\\_zdc/benchmarks/demp/](https://github.com/eic/physics_benchmarks/tree/demp_zdc/benchmarks/demp/)



## Work in progress:

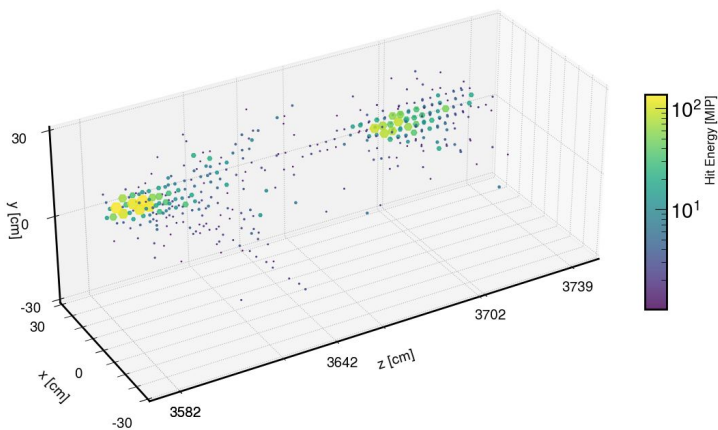
- Lambda reconstruction
- Tweaks to 3D topological clustering algorithm
- GNN model to be run within EICRECON using ONNX

10-100 GeV  $\Lambda$



# Comment on Clustering

Event = 3,  $E_{\text{Truth}} = 100$  GeV, Num. neutrons = 1



Given high granularity of ZDC, any decent clustering, like the [3D Topological Clustering](#), will yield more than one cluster per neutron in cases like these.

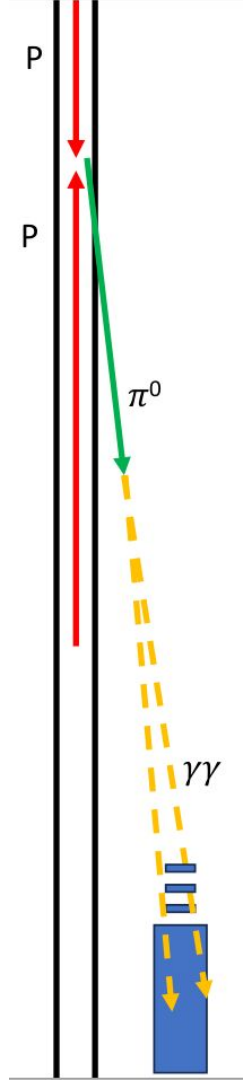
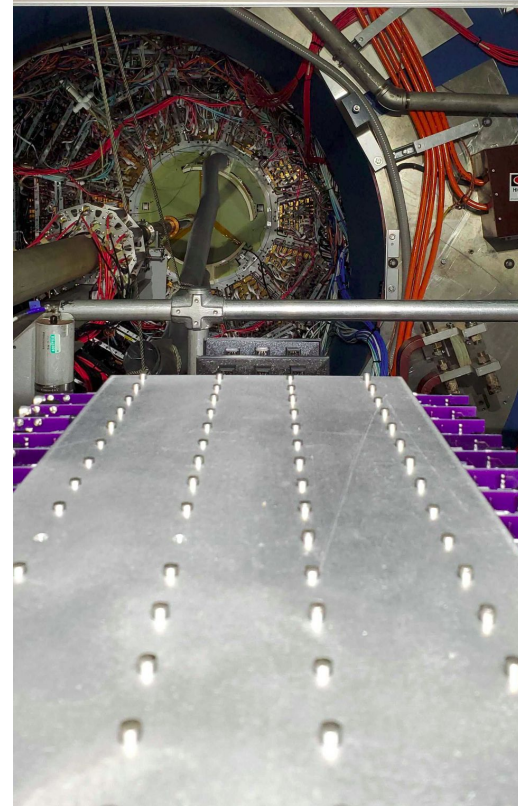
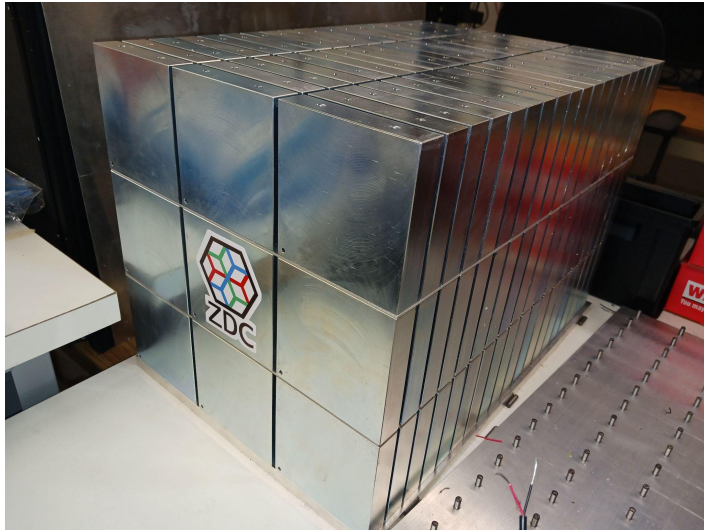
Same is true for granularity of LFHCAL, and H1 and ATLAS (similar longitudinal granularity)

“Clusters” needed for calibration and noise suppression but cannot be our “final” object for neutron analysis.

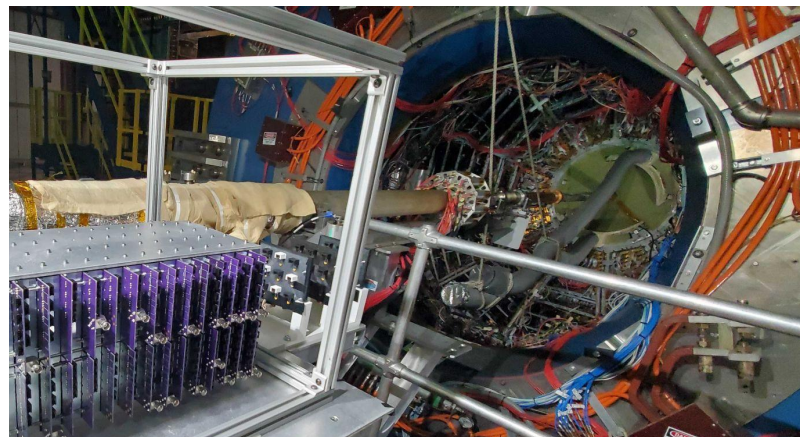
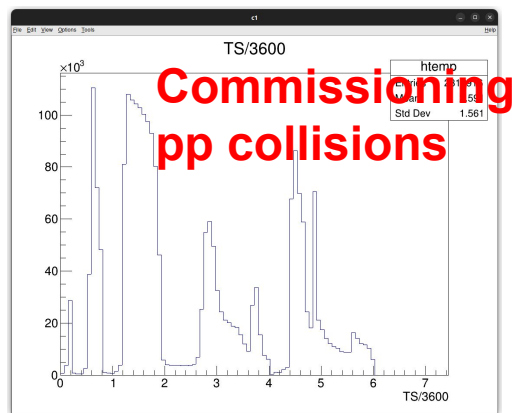
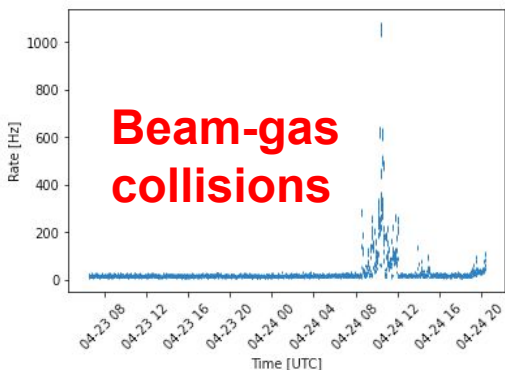
We are working on a “ReconstructedNeutron” object class for ZDC which will take TopoClusters and merge them to get reconstructed 4-vector for “physics analysis”

# Testing

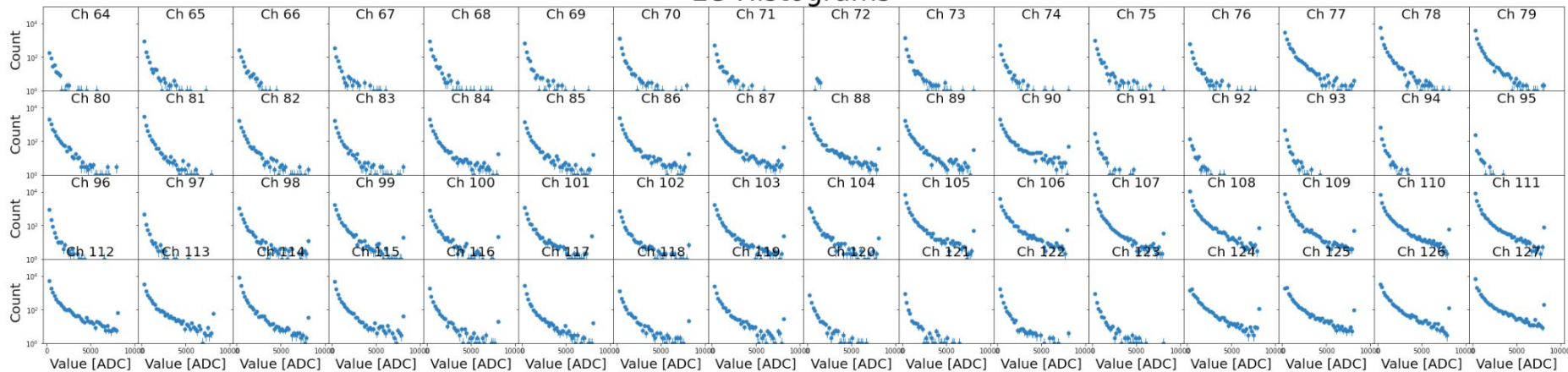
- **UC Davis Test May 14-15th**  
Radiation Damage SIPMs, S/N quantified
- **Ongoing Insert/ZDC prototype at RHIC**  
In-situ calibration, operation, rad damage
- **Generation-3 prototype test, Fall 24 @ JLab**  
Scale up, uniformity, test of HEXPLIT design



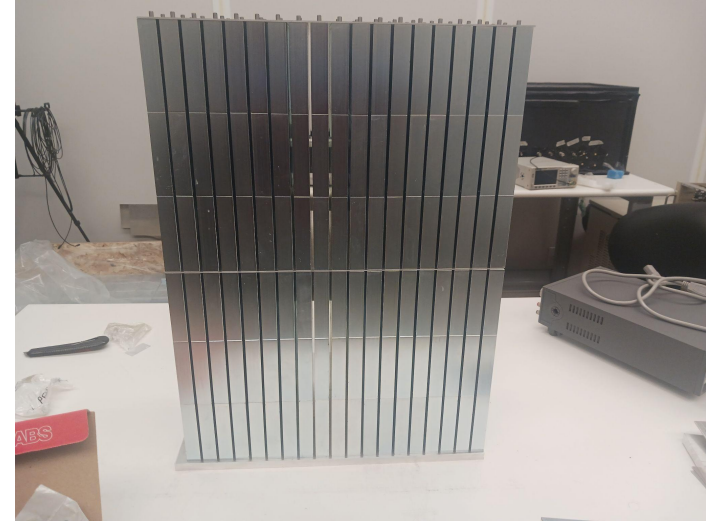
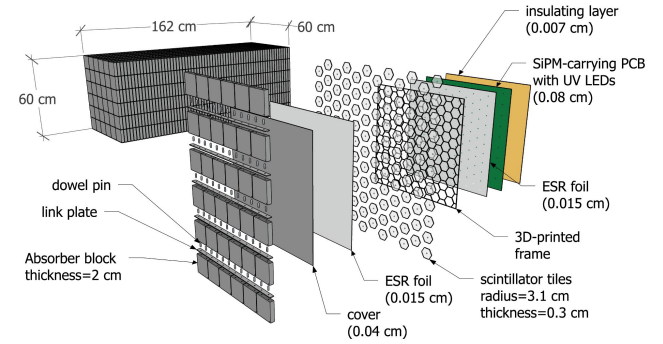
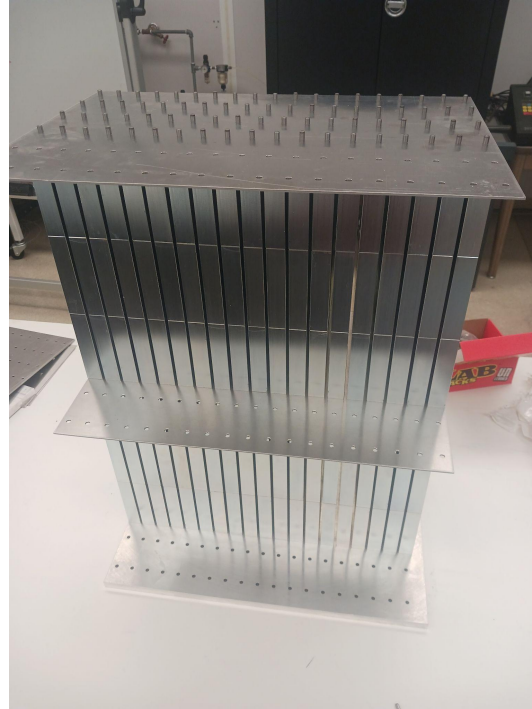
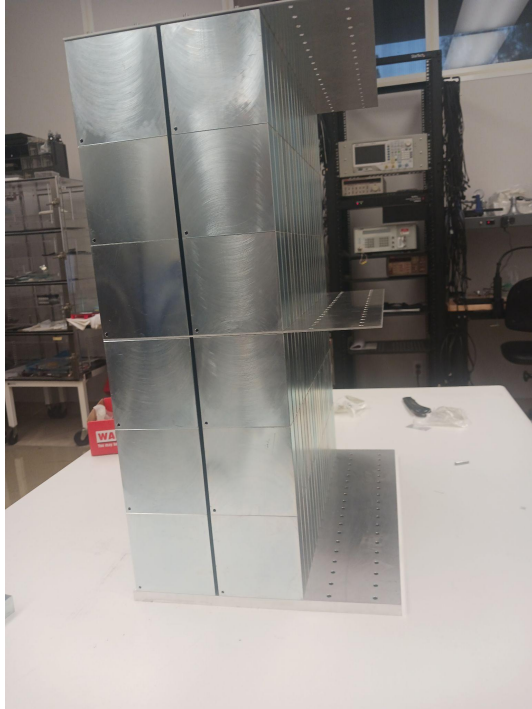
# First SiPM-on-tile Calorimeter operating in a Collider ever!



LG Histograms

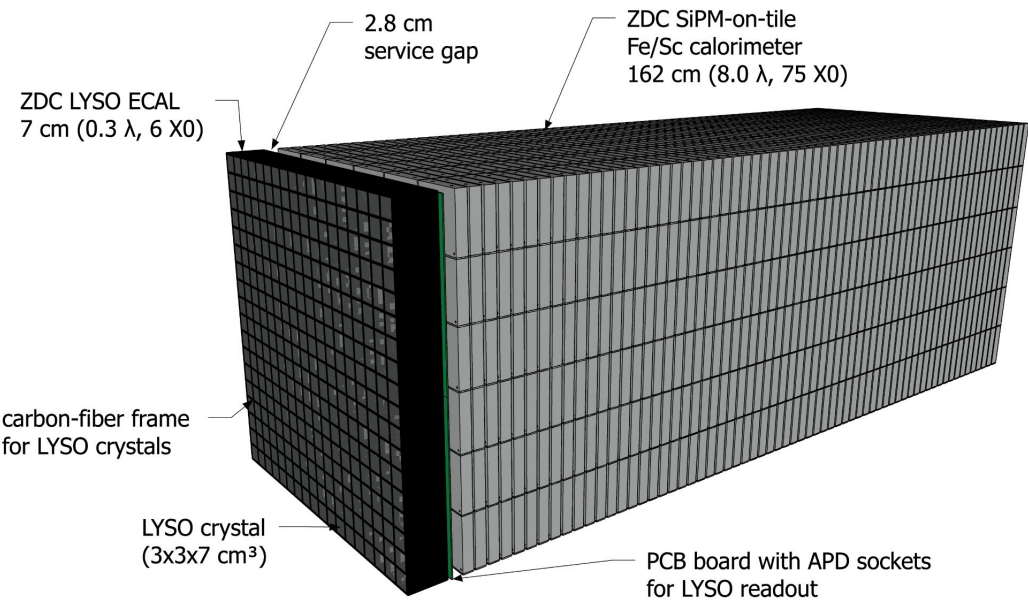


# Mechanical Structure



Linking plates every 3 rows seem OK, leaving space for 30x30 cm PCBs  
We will included updated SketchUp blow out model

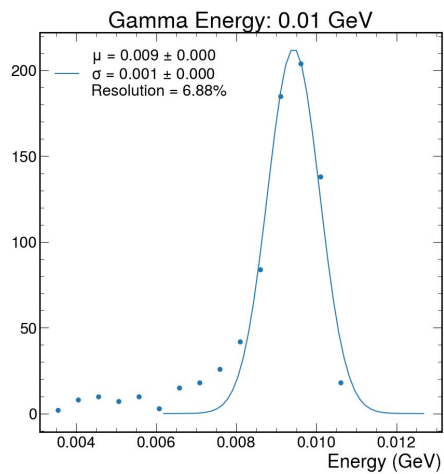
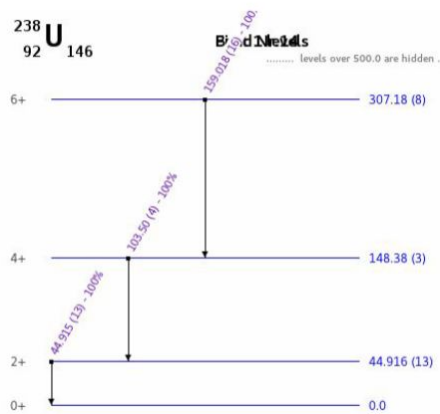




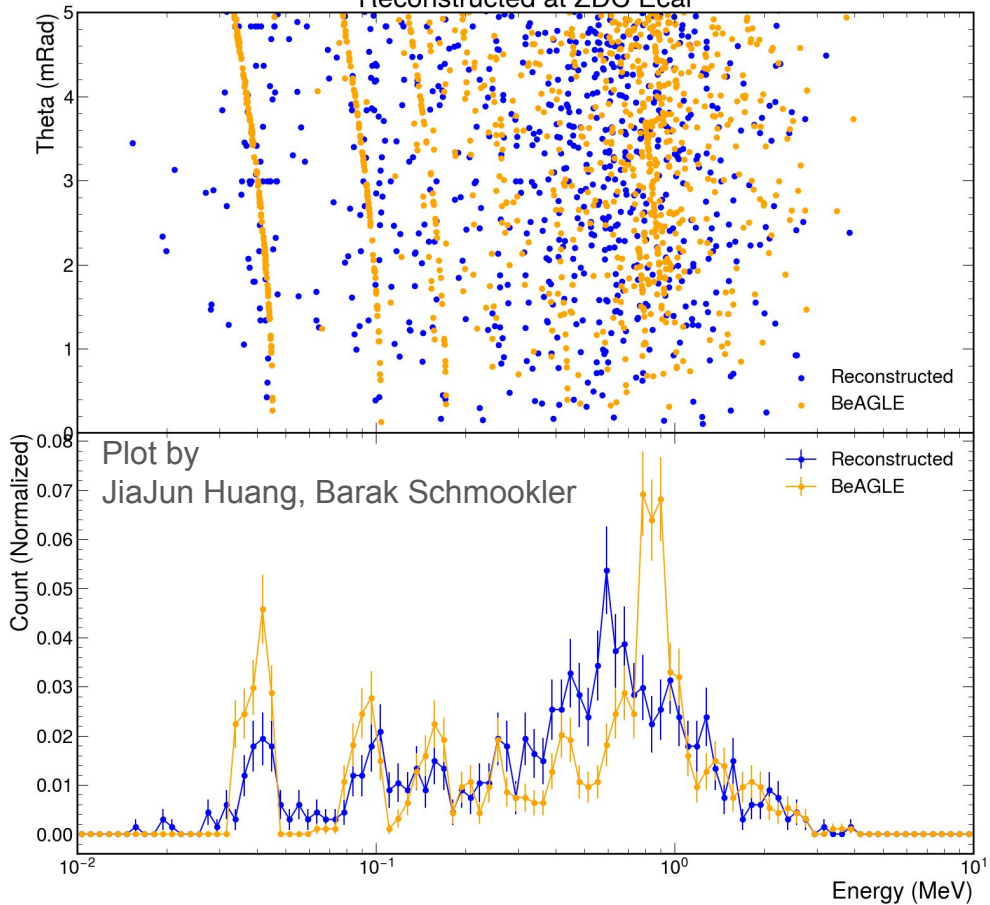
Low-energy  $\gamma \rightarrow$  LYSO  
 High-energy  $\gamma$  and  $\pi^0 \rightarrow$  Fe/Sc  
 High-energy neutrons  $\rightarrow$  Fe/Sc

# Money Plot for LYSO

LYSO is able to reconstruct the first line of U238 (45 keV), which shows up at  $\sim 10$  MeV in the lab frame



Fragment:  $A = 238, Z = 92$   
Boost Reference Frame: U238 Beam Rest Frame  
Reconstructed at ZDC Ecal



# Summary SiPM-on-tile ZDC status

TRD studies on track to be ready

Geometry (including staggering) and reconstruction algorithms (including HEXPLIT) already implemented in EICRECON. GNN on the works.

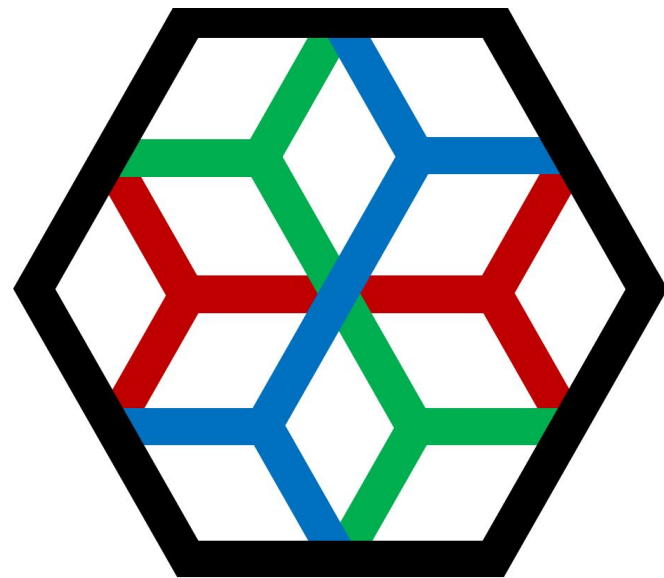
Physics benchmarks:

DEMP (charged pion + n), well underway

DEMP (charged Kaon + Lambda) starting

Prototype and irradiation tests ongoing, should result in papers before pre-TDR

Sketchup for more realistic mechanical structure and PCBs under way

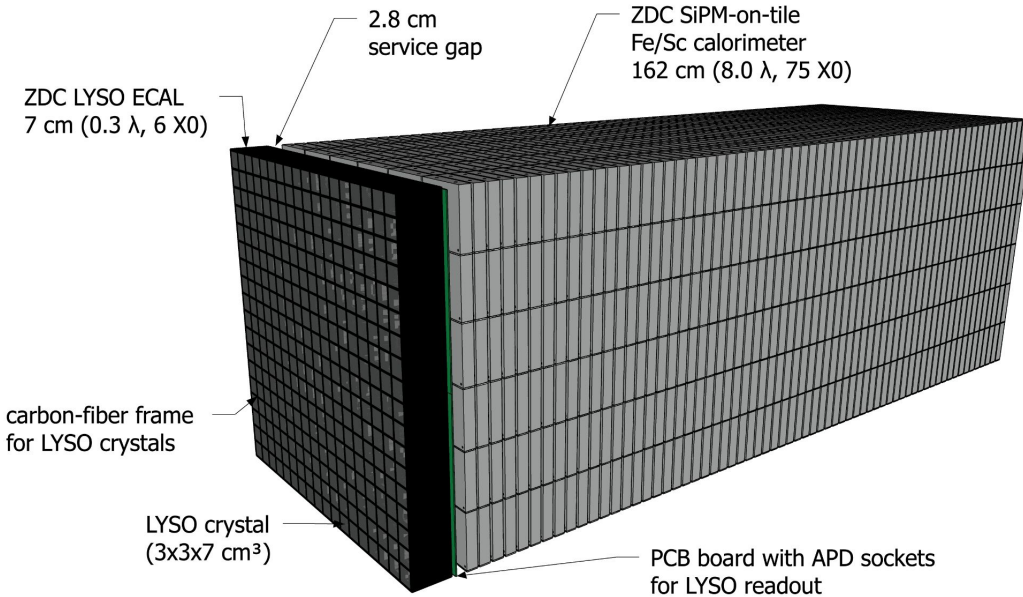


# ZDC

Backup



## Reminder: Combined system could be LYSO crystal ECAL ([Oct 9th design](#)) and SiPM-on-tile Fe/Sc



Meets all physics requirements while maximizing synergies with other ePIC subsystems, reducing cost and risks.

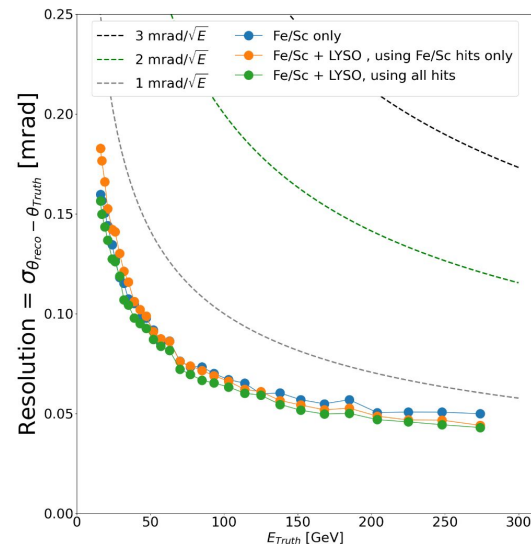
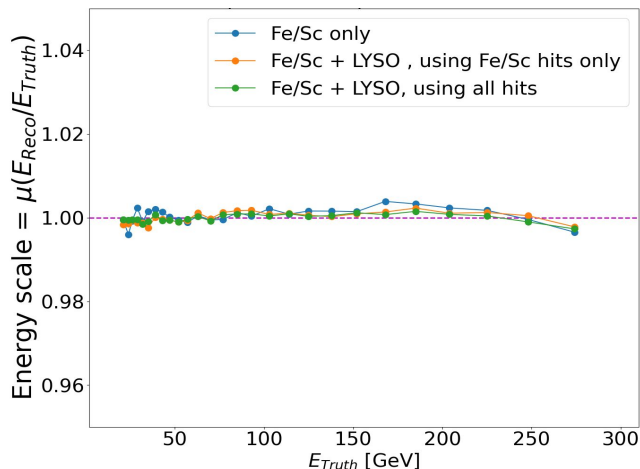
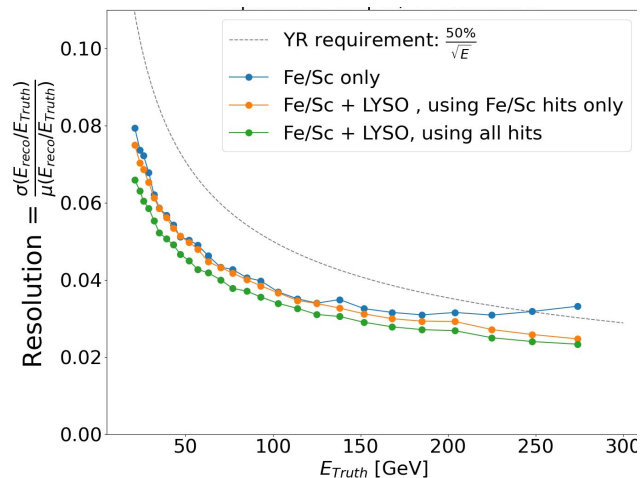
Low-energy  $\gamma \rightarrow$  LYSO

High-energy  $\gamma$  and  $\pi^0 \rightarrow$  Fe/Sc

High-energy neutrons  $\rightarrow$  Fe/Sc

# Combined LYSO + Fe/Sc neutron performance with GNNs

GNN yields optimal reconstruction, software compensated linear response



- Adding LYSO slightly improves energy resolution.
- No significant impact on the angular resolution

Credit: Bishnu Karki,  
Sebastian Moran,  
Ryan Milton