

ML Studies on Λ^0 decay for ZDC

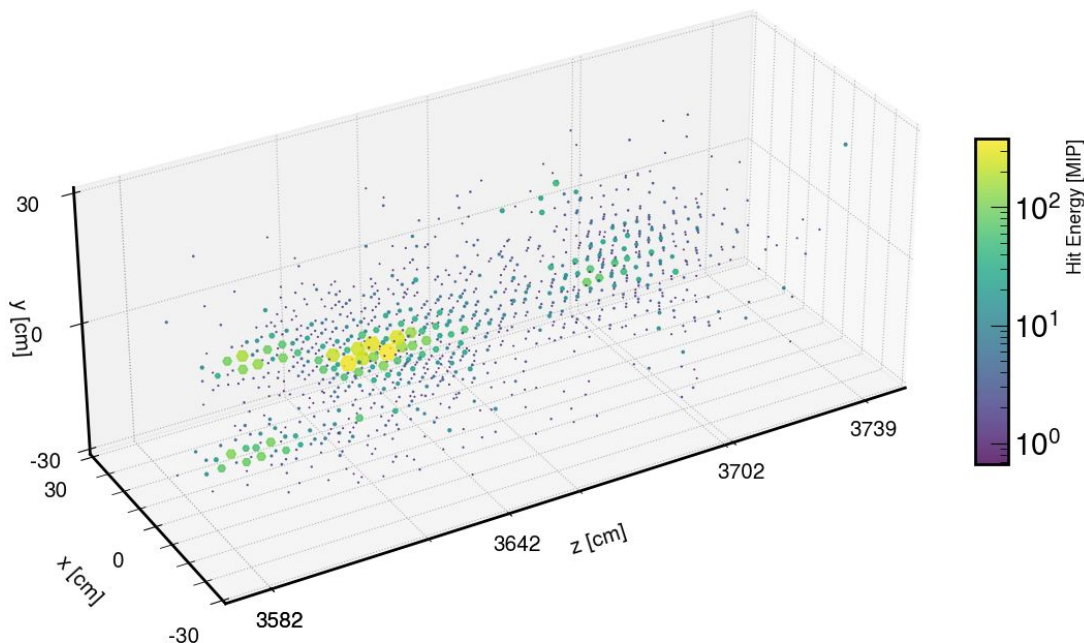
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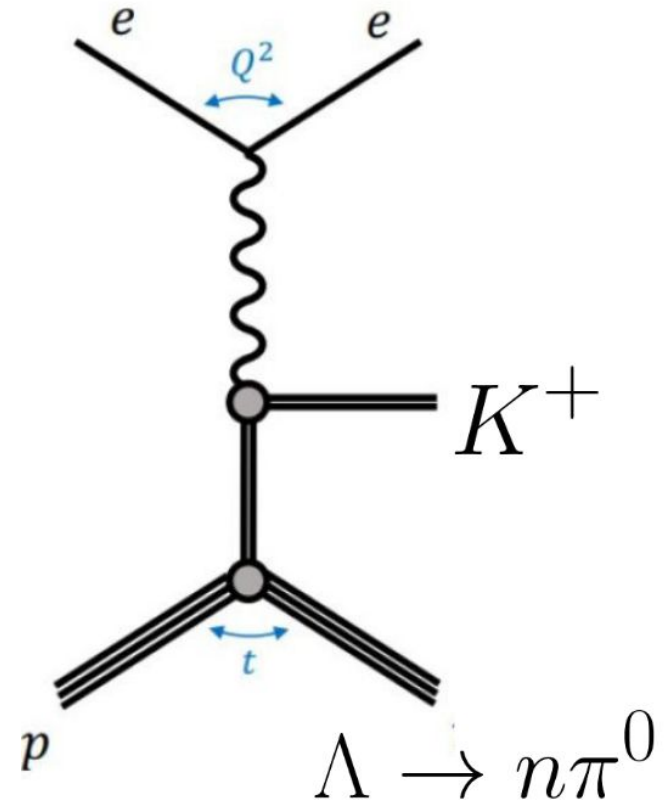


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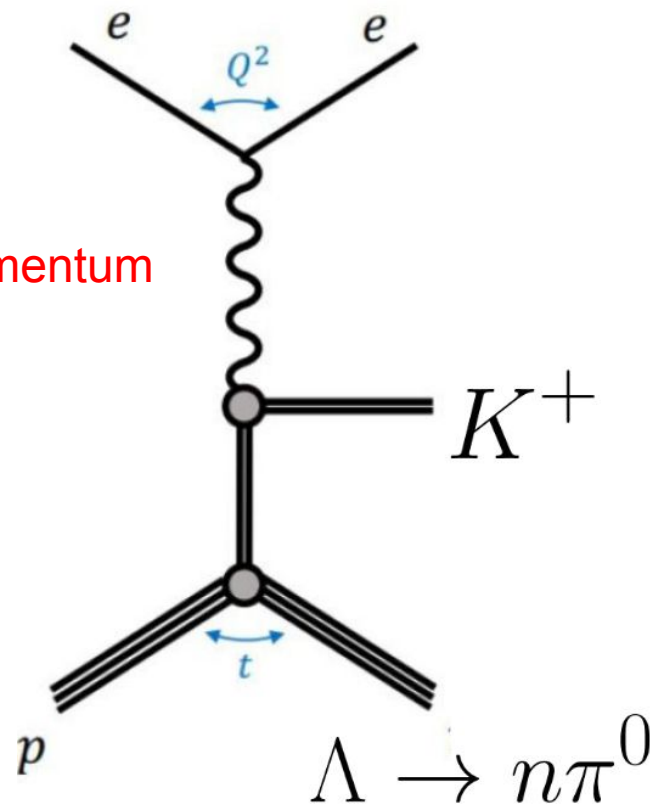
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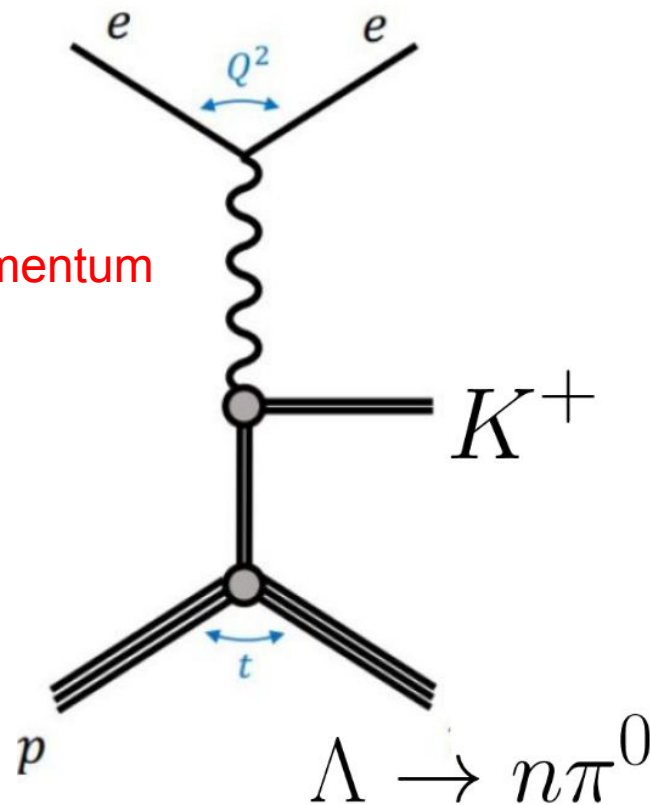
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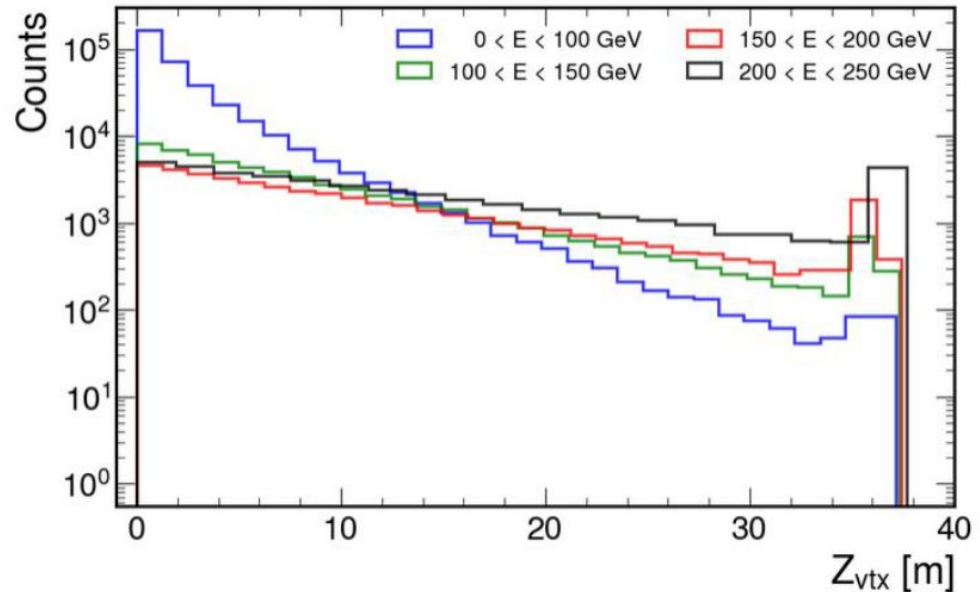
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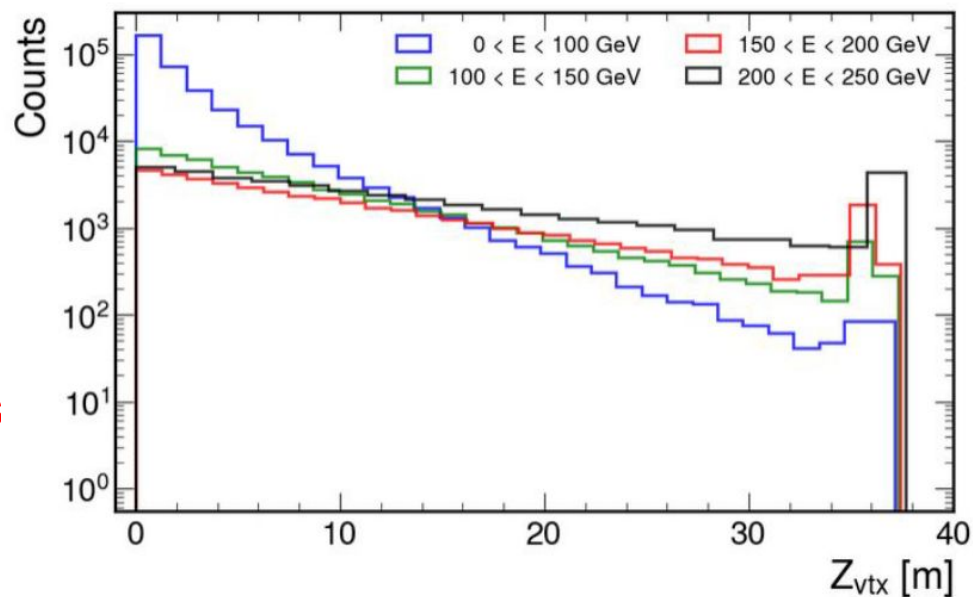
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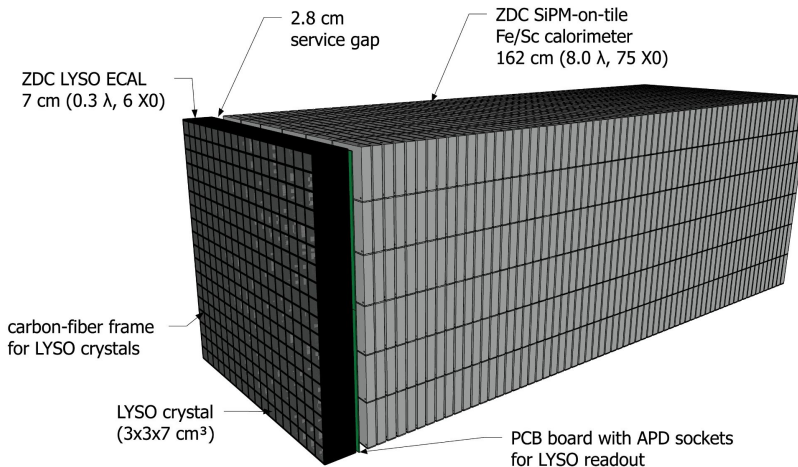
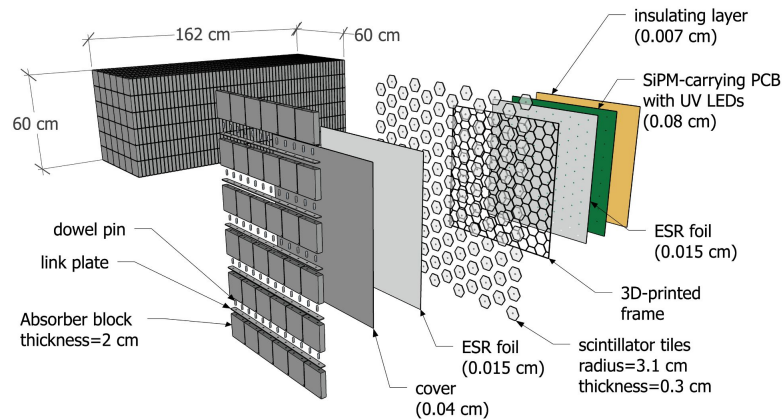
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- “The reconstruction of the Λ event in the far-forward detection area is one of the most challenging tasks.” - EIC YR



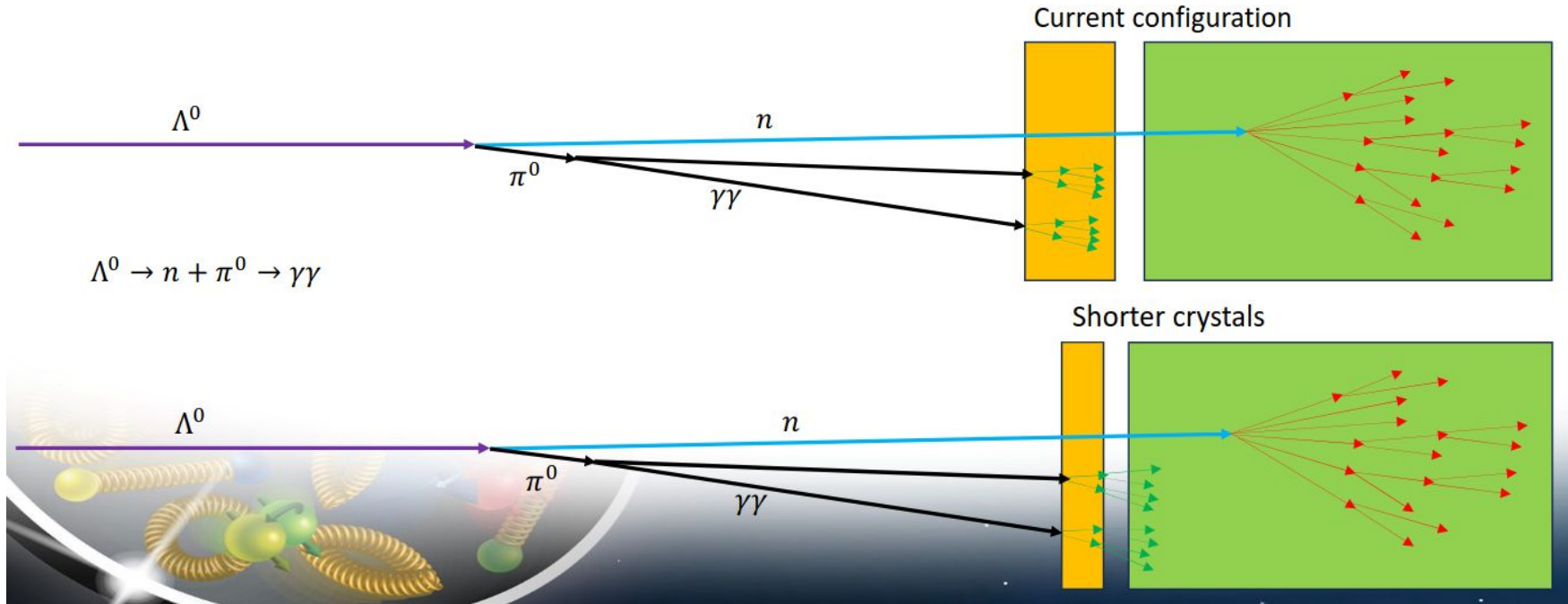
How to detect this?

- HCal: SiPM-on-tile ZDC
- ECal: Multiple options
 - 6.4 X0 LYSO
 - 6.4 X0 PbWO₄
 - 22.5 X0 PbWO₄
- ECal used to capture photons from $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma$



ECal considerations

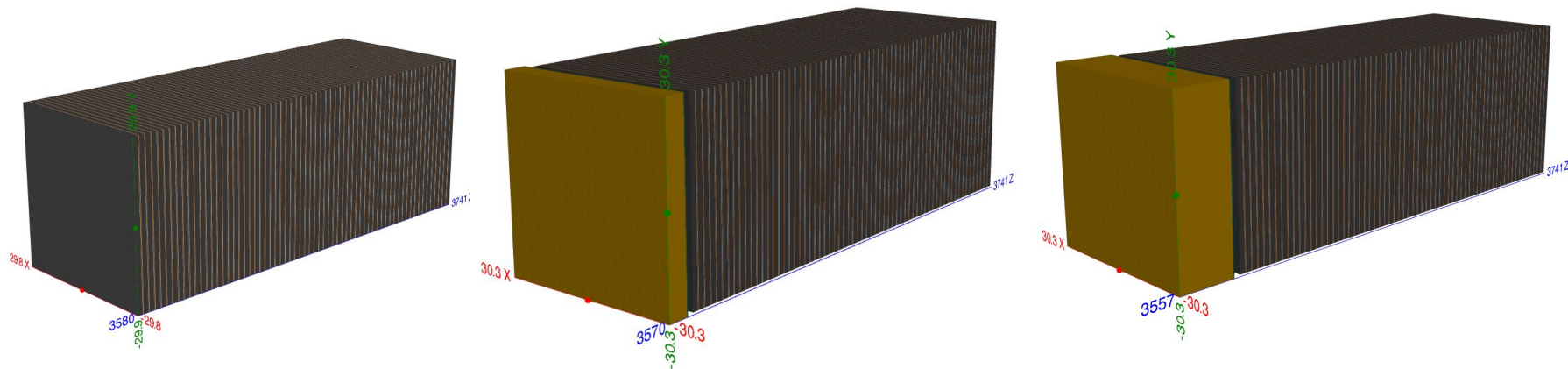
Yellow = ECal, Green = HCal



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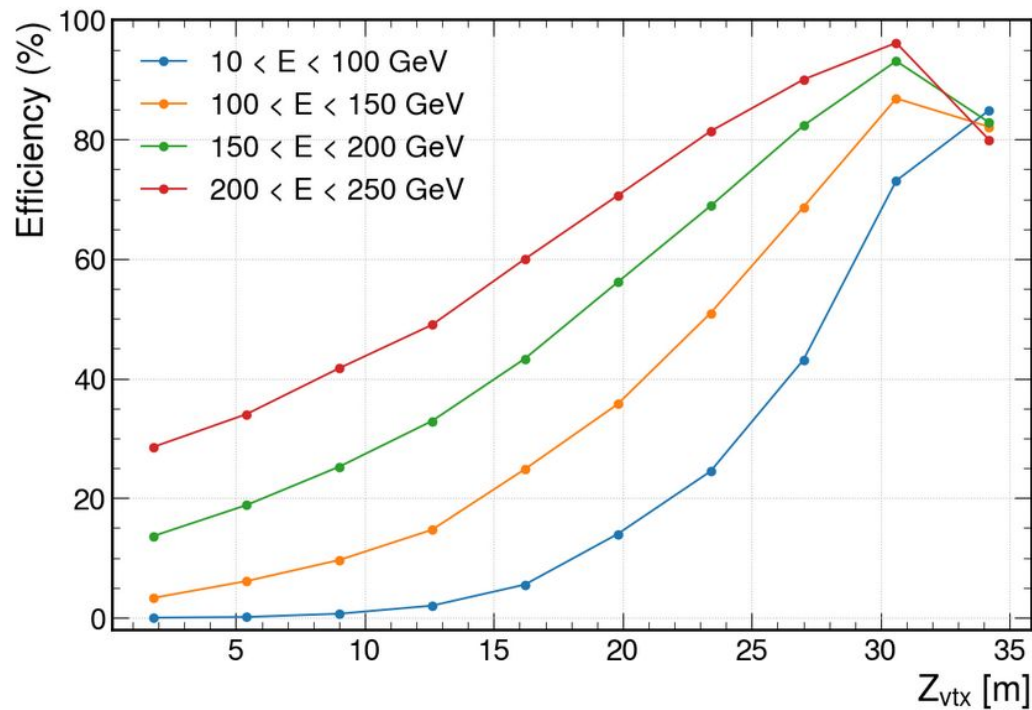
Simulation

- 10-250 GeV $\Lambda \rightarrow n + \pi^0$, $0 < \theta < 4$ mrad
- 4 standalone detector configurations:
 - SiPM-on-tile only
 - 6.4 X0 LYSO + SiPM-on-tile
 - 6.4 X0 PbWO4 + SiPM-on-tile
 - 22.5 X0 PbWO4 + SiPM-on-tile



Event selection

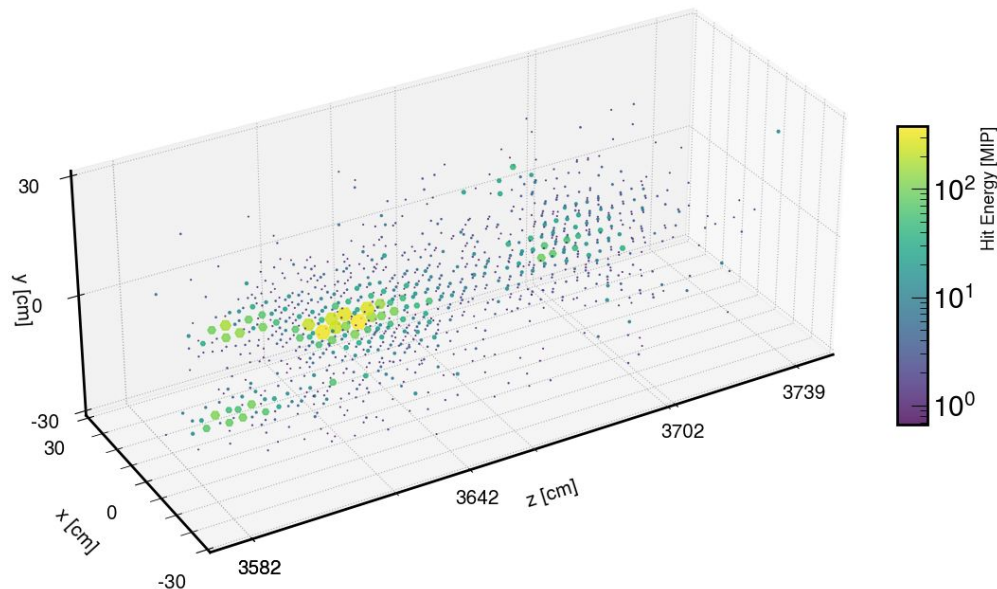
- Only select events where all three particles (n , 2γ) are within ZDC acceptance
- Low energy decays detected in central detector



GNNs for reconstruction

- Use graph neural networks (GNN) to regress on Λ energy, θ , ϕ
- GNN details:
 - Nodes - Cell (E , x , y , z)
 - Edges - (E , x , y , z) of ten neighboring cells
 - Globals - Total deposited energy
 - Loss - Mean absolute error

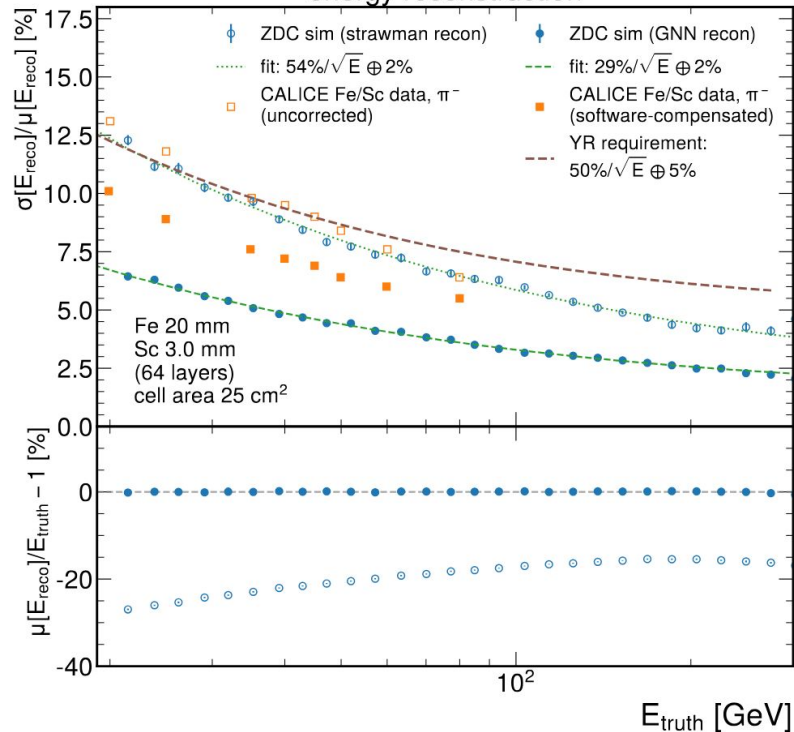
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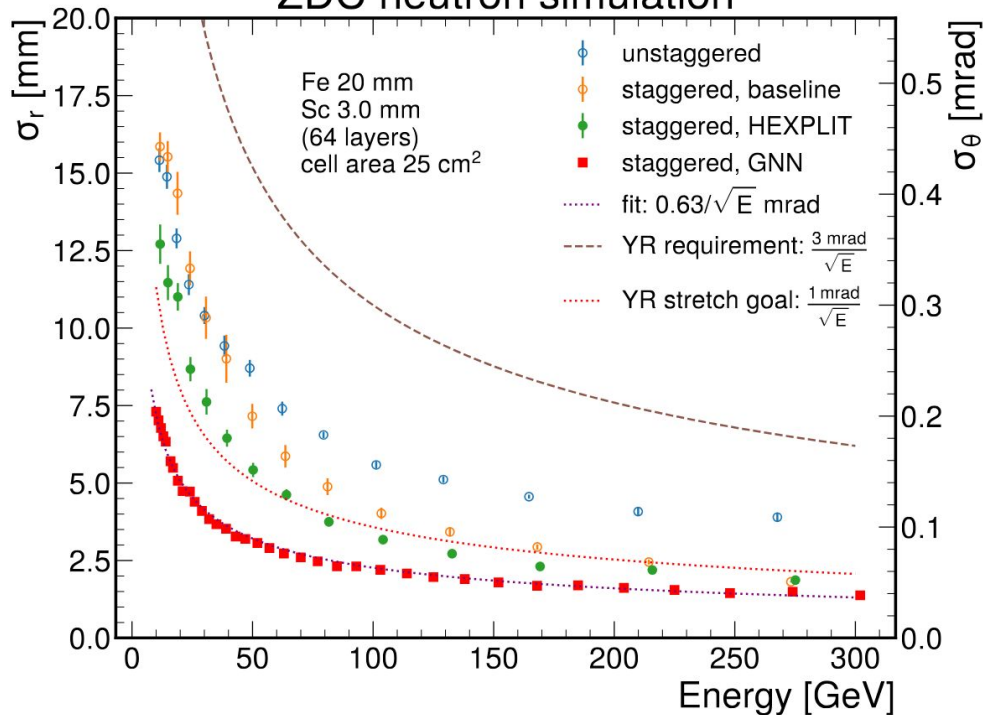
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ZDC neutron simulations,
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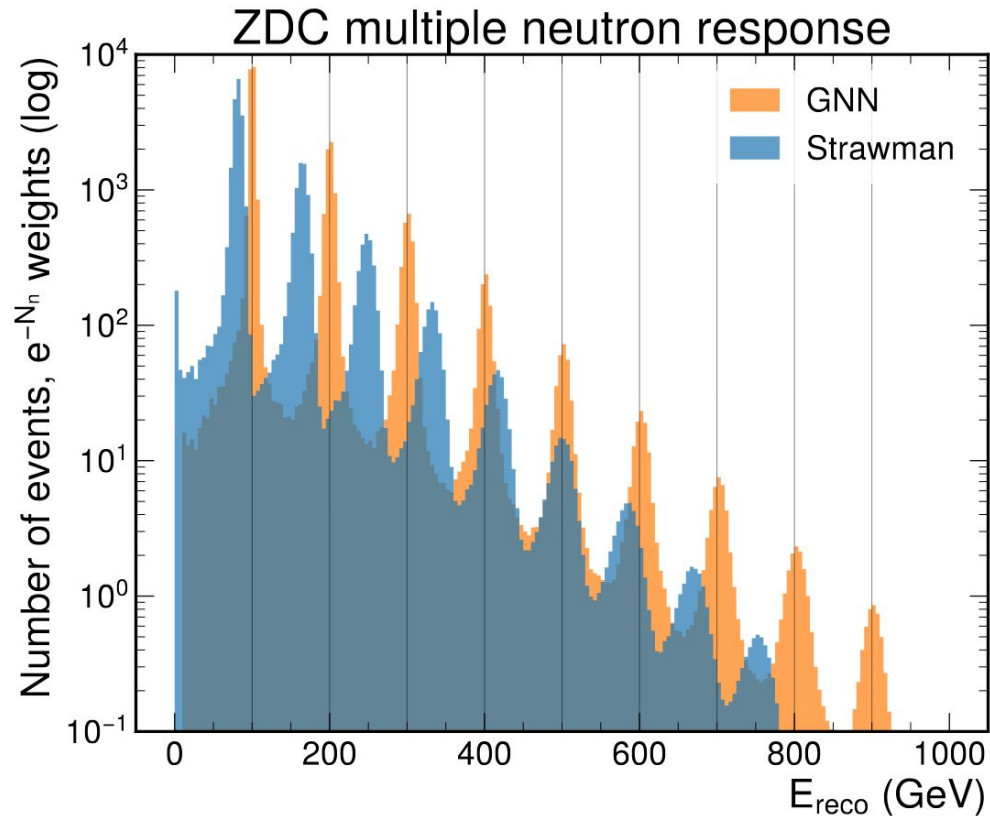


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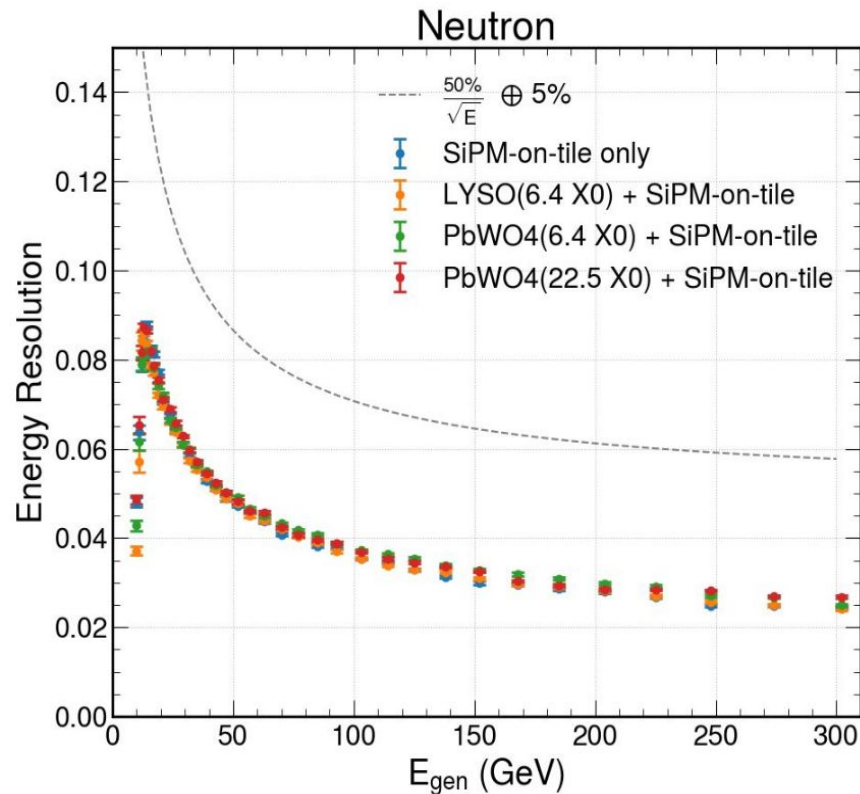
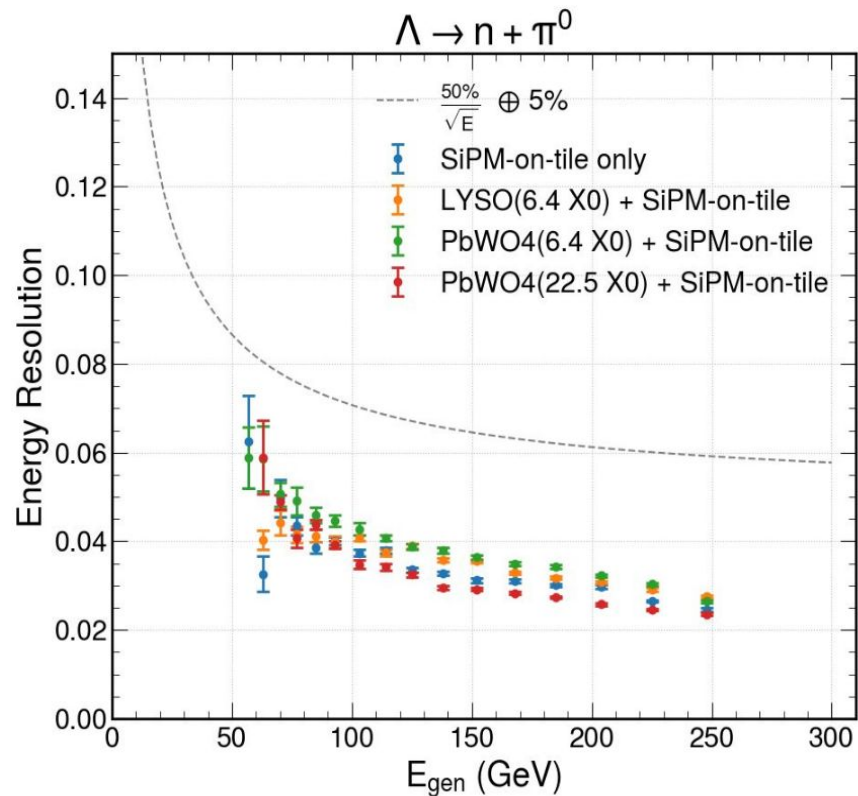


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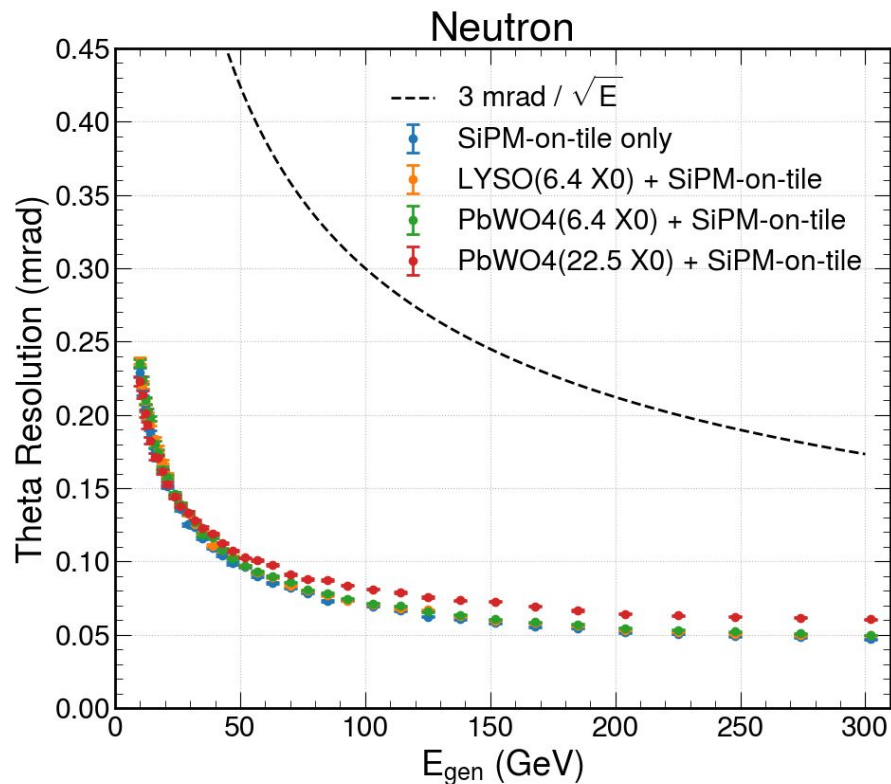
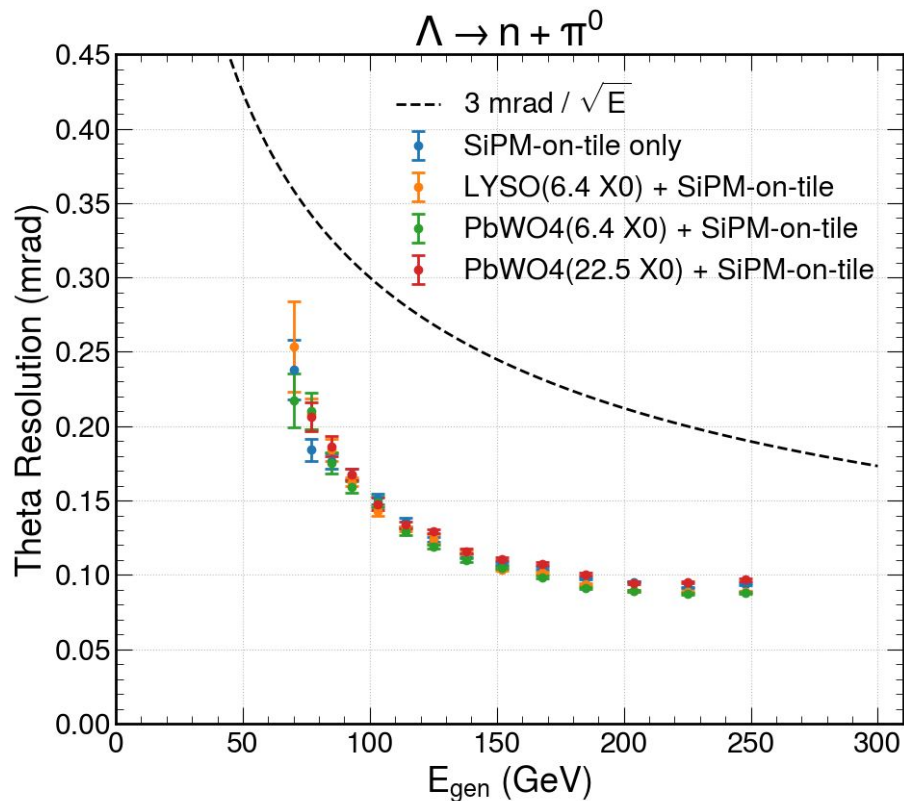
- Even with multiple showers!
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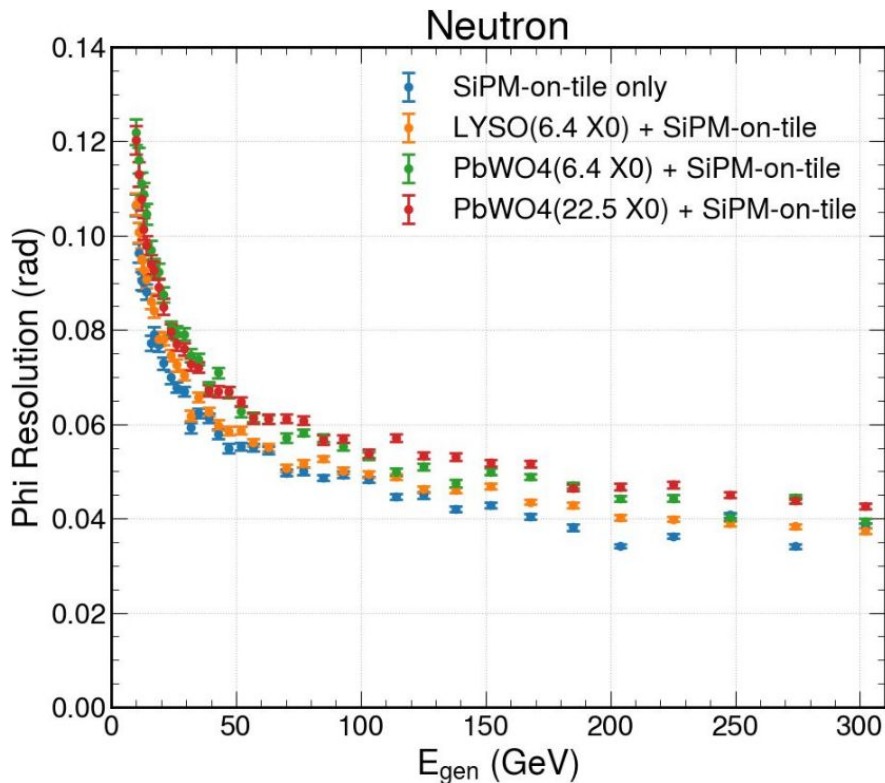
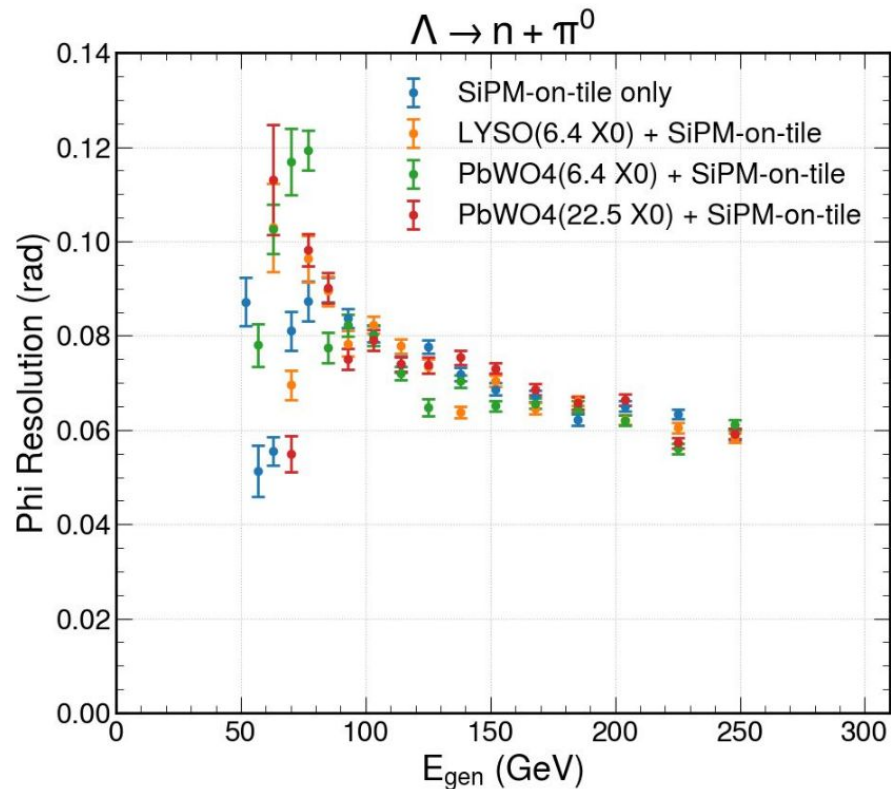
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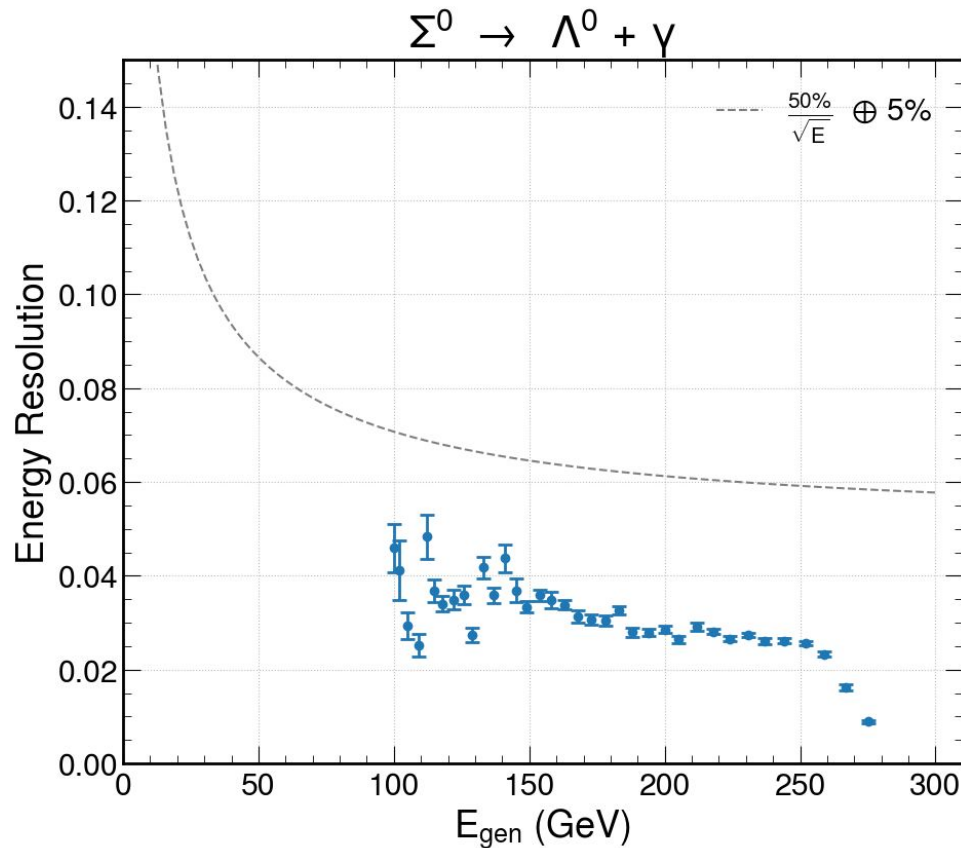


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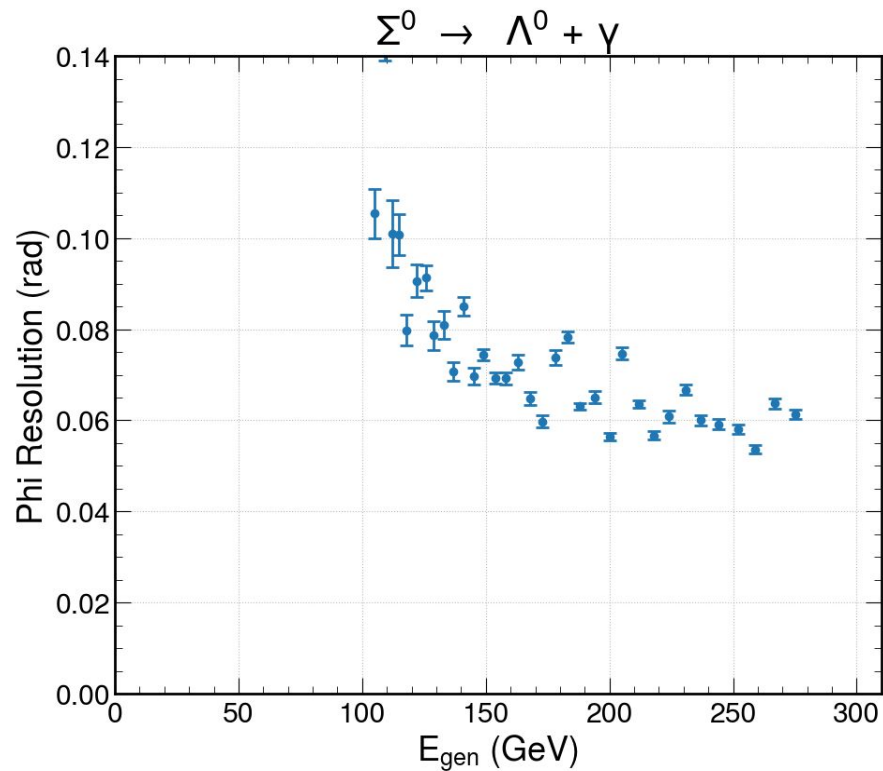
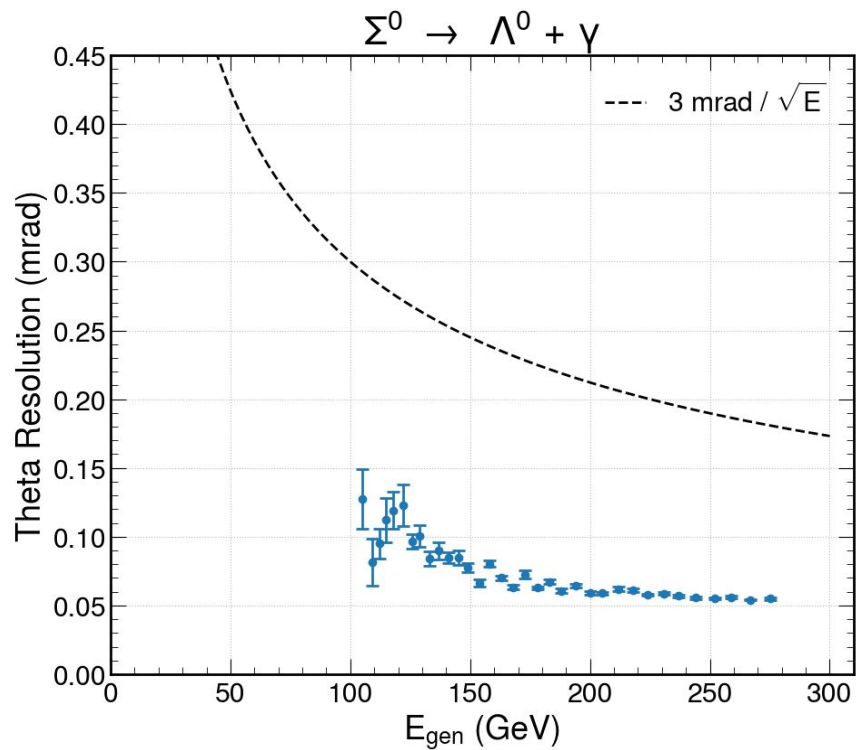


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- Using SiPM-on-tile HCal only
- Very preliminary results
- Comparable to Λ decay results



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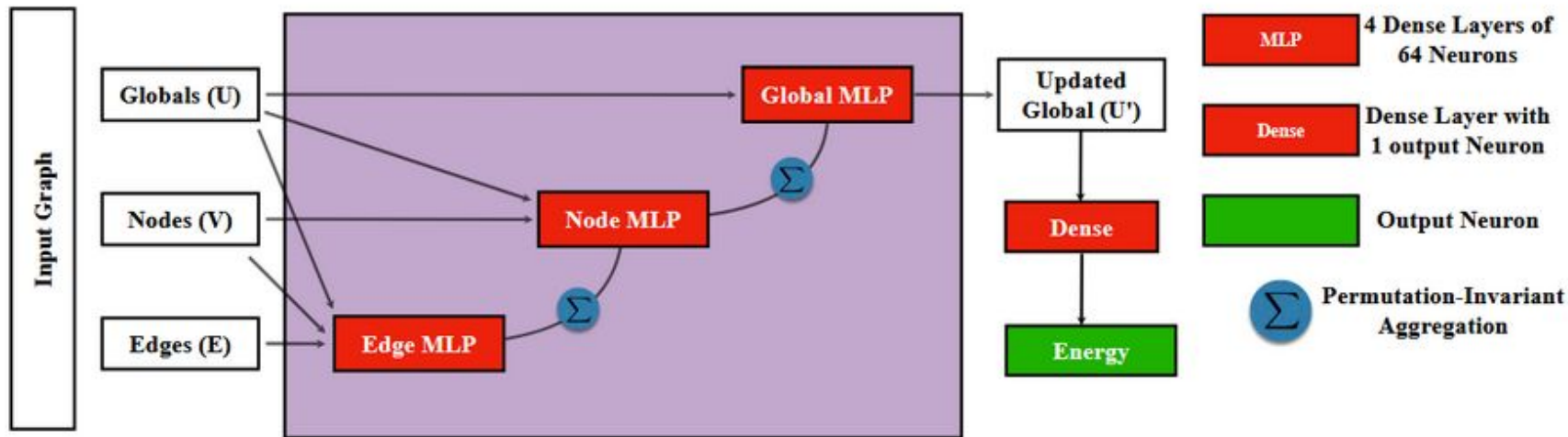


Takeaways

- All four detector configurations meet physics requirements using GNNs
 - Low-energy [1 MeV-O(1) GeV] $\gamma \rightarrow$ LYSO
 - High-energy γ and $\pi^0 \rightarrow$ No reason for ECal
 - High-energy neutrons, $\Lambda \rightarrow$ No reason for ECal
- Promising results for Σ^0 decay using SiPM-on-tile ZDC

Thanks!

Backup: 1D Model schematic



- Provide model with cell (E, x, y, z), event energy, and info of neighboring cells

Backup

- Z_{vertex} distribution for events that pass efficiency cut

