

Backward Hadronic Calorimeter

SiPM noise update

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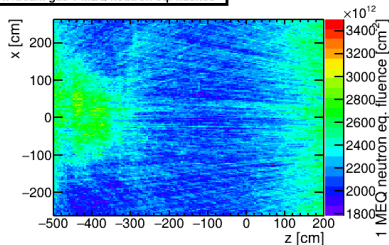


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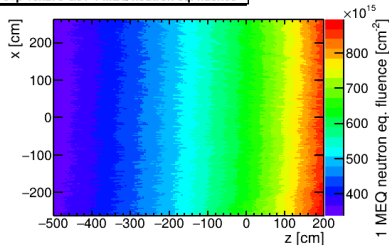
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Radiation - neutrons

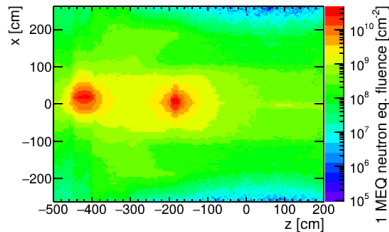
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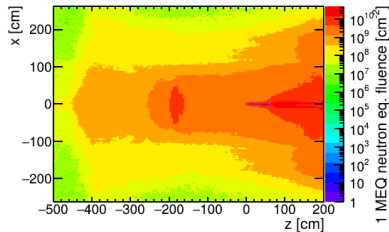
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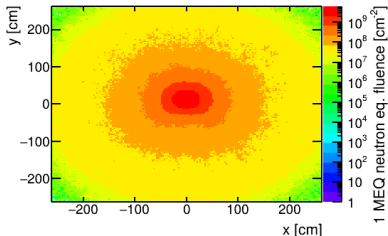
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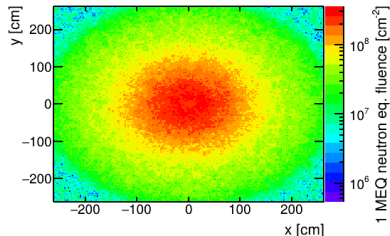
- Neutron fluence taken from updated files:
https://wiki.bnl.gov/EPIC/index.php?title=Radiation_Doses
- Slices and integrated distributions correspond to 100 fb⁻¹
- Some areas close to the beam are exceeding 10¹⁰ cm⁻²
 - may affect SiPMs dark current

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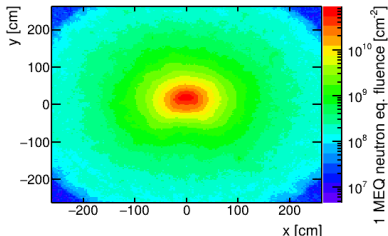
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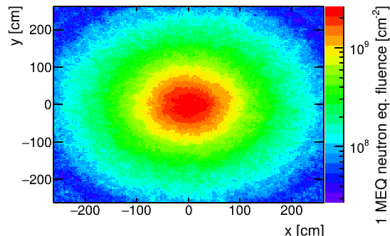
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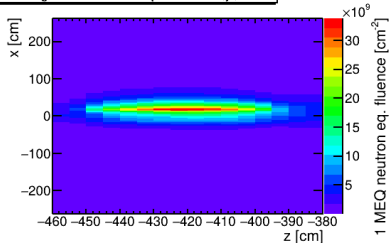


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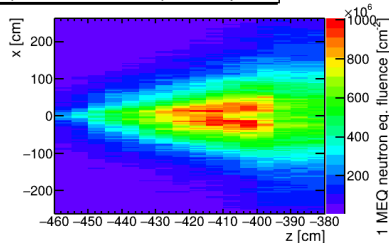


- Neutron fluence taken from updated files:
https://wiki.bnl.gov/EPIC/index.php?title=Radiation_Doses
- Slices and integrated distributions correspond to 100 fb^{-1}
- Total fluence for nHCal is integrated within $-440 < z < -395 \text{ cm}$

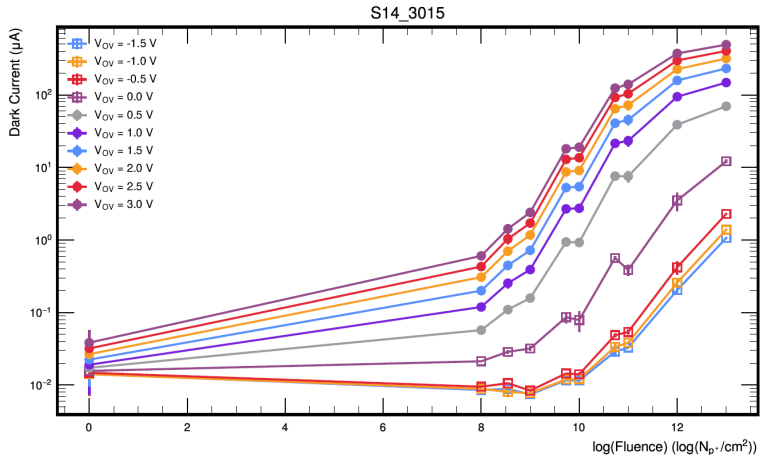
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- Zoom in to see fluence vs. layer
- $e + p$ gives max. fluence of 10^9 cm^{-2} in 2-4th layers
 - quickly drops to 10^8 cm^{-2} 70 cm away from beam
- $h + \text{beam gas}$ gives max. fluence of $3.3 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ in 7th layer (-425 cm)
 - quickly drops to 10^9 cm^{-2} 50 cm away from beam
- $h + \text{beam gas}$ penetrates deeper than $e + p$



- Taken from <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/24087/#17-further-rad-hard-studies-an>
- Dark current starts to increase above 10^{10} cm^{-2}

bkg. type	hit rate in detector [kHz]	max single channel hit rate [kHz]
DIS	$\sim 10^3$	1.23324
Synchrotron rad.	$\sim 2 \cdot 10^1$	-
e+gas	403.899	6.6448
h+gas	$\sim 7 \cdot 10^2$	0.303781

Table 8.49: Maximum expected background rates for backward HCal. The assumed threshold is 170 keV.

- Taken from <https://wiki.bnl.gov/EPIC/index.php?title=Background>
- Included in pre-TDR
- Threshold very similar to our assumption

- Taken from <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/19751/#2-lfhcal-tile-sipm-testing> and numbers assumed in eicrecon (take with grain of salt, to be updated)
- ≈ 10 photons for MIP $dE = 0.75$ MeV, $\approx 13.3k$ GeV^{-1} photons
- Readout threshold $\approx 3\text{pixels} = 0.1875$ MeV = 41ADC
- Noise: pedestal $10 \pm 2\text{ADC}$ (assumed in EICrecon based on Norbert's studies)

- Using StainlessSteel as a non-magnetic steel in simulation
 - But density seems too high! 8.3 g/cm^3 . Should we correct?
- Performed geometry optimization for neutron detection efficiency (update soon!)
- Performed sampling fraction study (update soon!)

Listing: Materials.xml

```
<material name="Steel235">
  <D value="7.85" unit="g/cm3"/>
  <fraction n="0.998" ref="Fe"/>
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  <fraction n="0.74" ref="Fe"/>
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Conclusions

- Discussed noise, radiation and updates

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