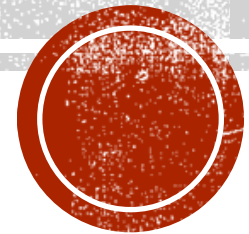


# **bHICAL Meeting — Neutron Calibration**

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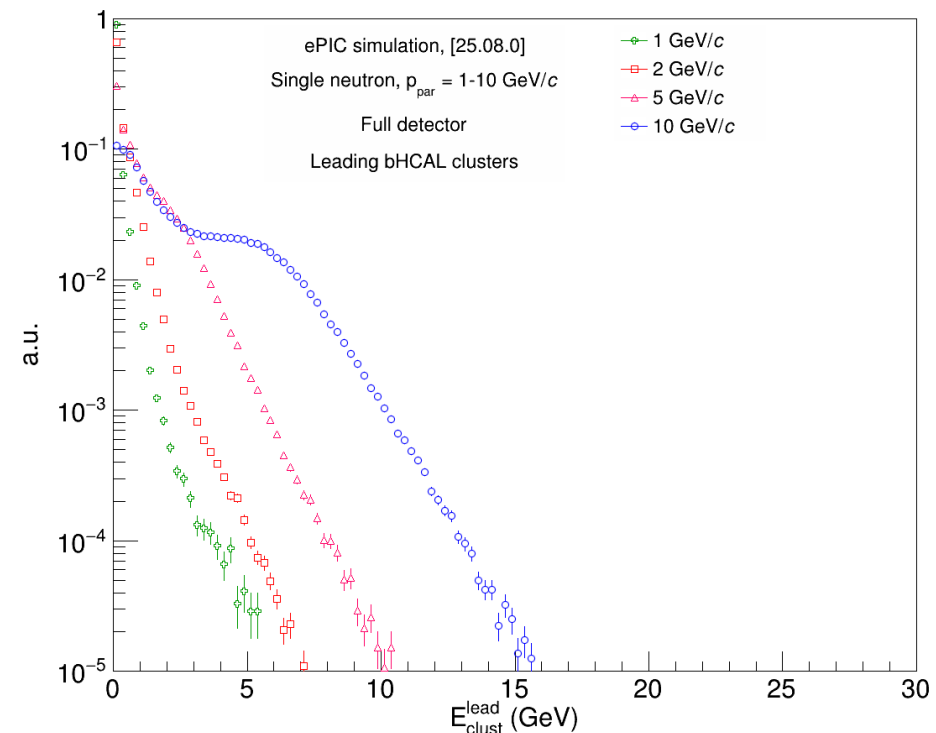
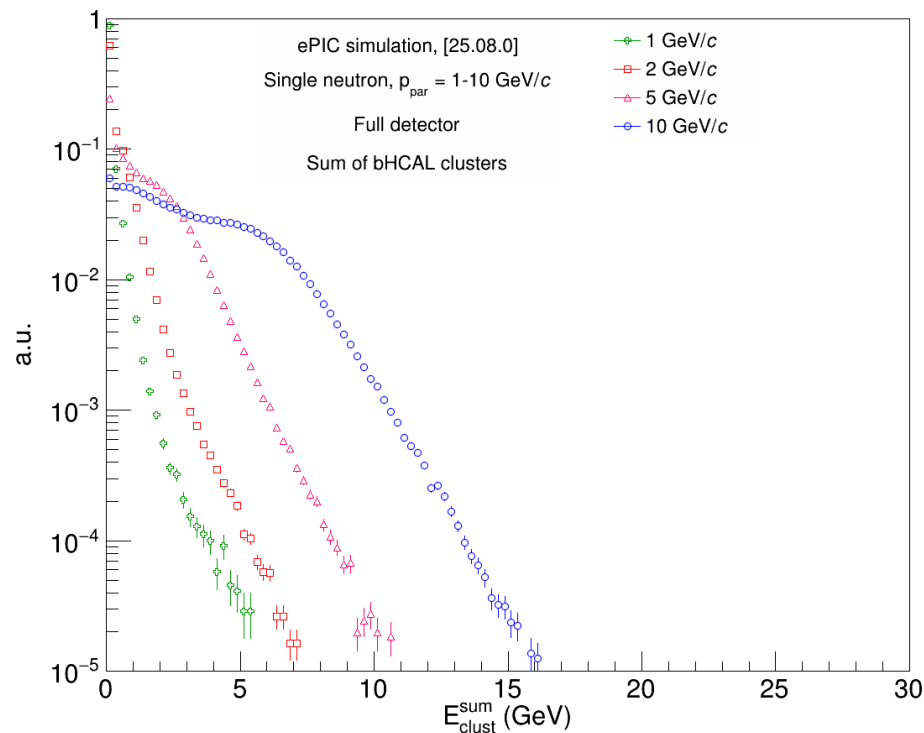


# OVERVIEW

- Simple neutron calibration for bHCAL
  - Baseline calibrations to compare to more advanced ML methods
  - Two methods, as proposed by Derek
- Method 1
  - $E_{calib} = A(E_{EMCAL} + E_{bHCAL})$
  - Plot  $(E_{EMCAL} + E_{bHCAL})/E_{par,MC}$ 
    - $A$  is set as mean of this distribution
- Method 2
  - $E_{calib} = A(E_{EMCAL} + BE_{bHCAL})$
  - Plot  $(E_{EMCAL} + BE_{bHCAL})/E_{par,MC}$ 
    - First find  $B$  for which the distribution above has the smallest  $\sigma/\mu$
    - $A$  is set as mean of the distribution with optimal  $B$

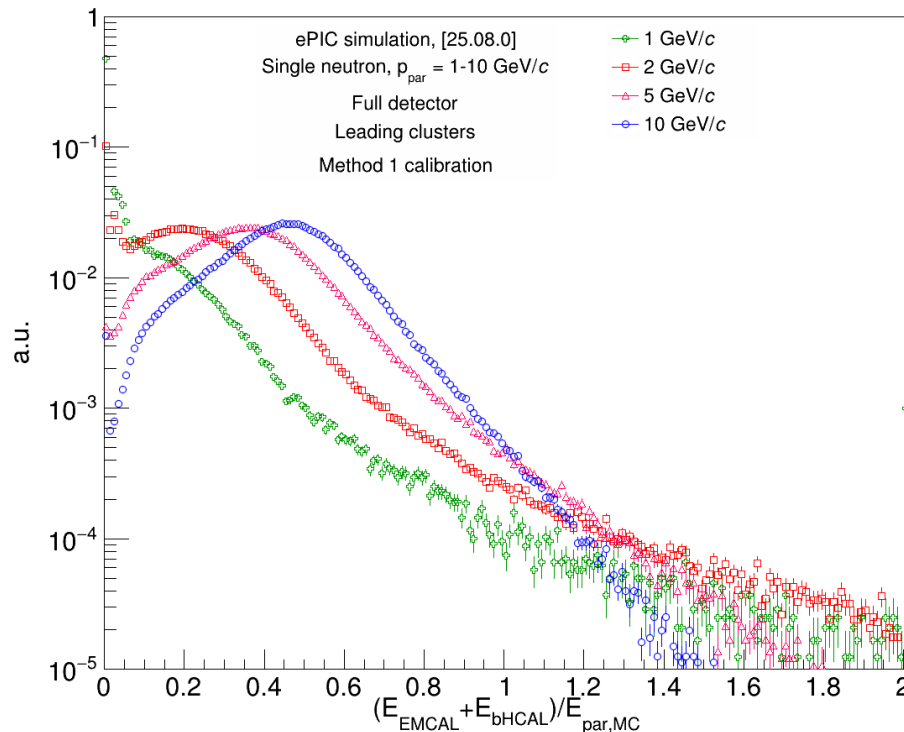
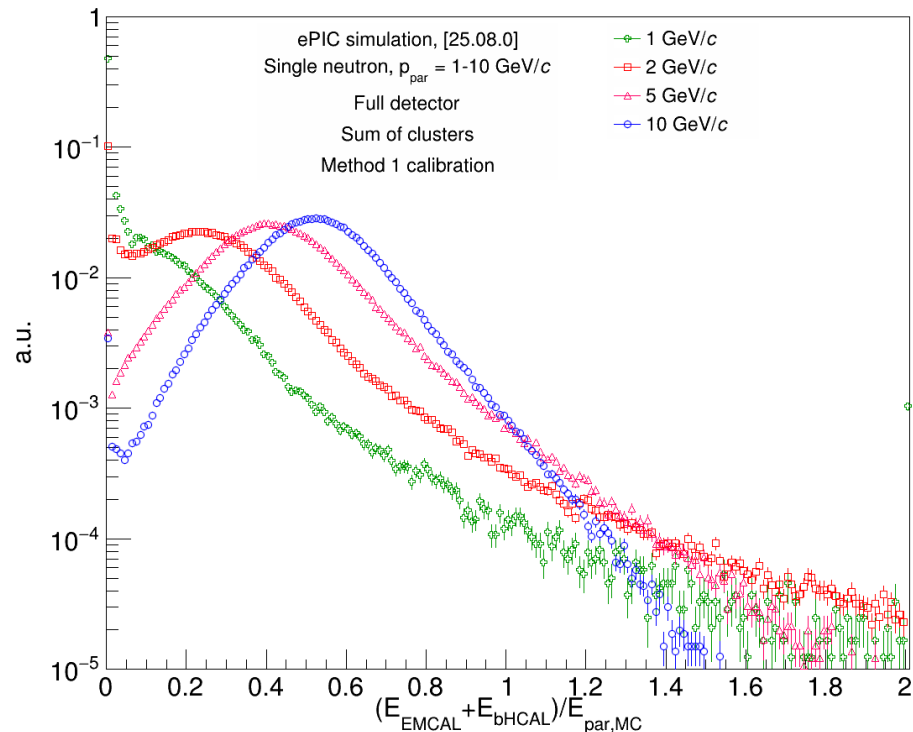
# UNCORRECTED ENERGY DISTRIBUTIONS

- Uncorrected energy distribution for clusters in bHCAL for single neutrons at various MC momenta
  - Values in the legend are MC neutron momenta
  - (left) Sum of all bHCAL clusters
  - (right) Leading clusters in bHCAL



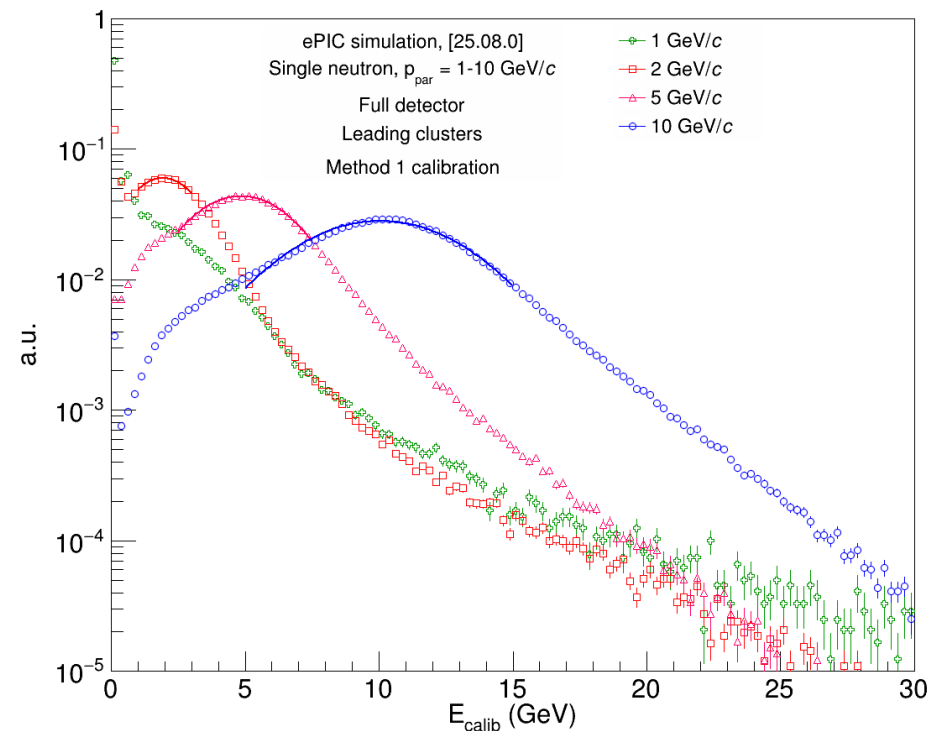
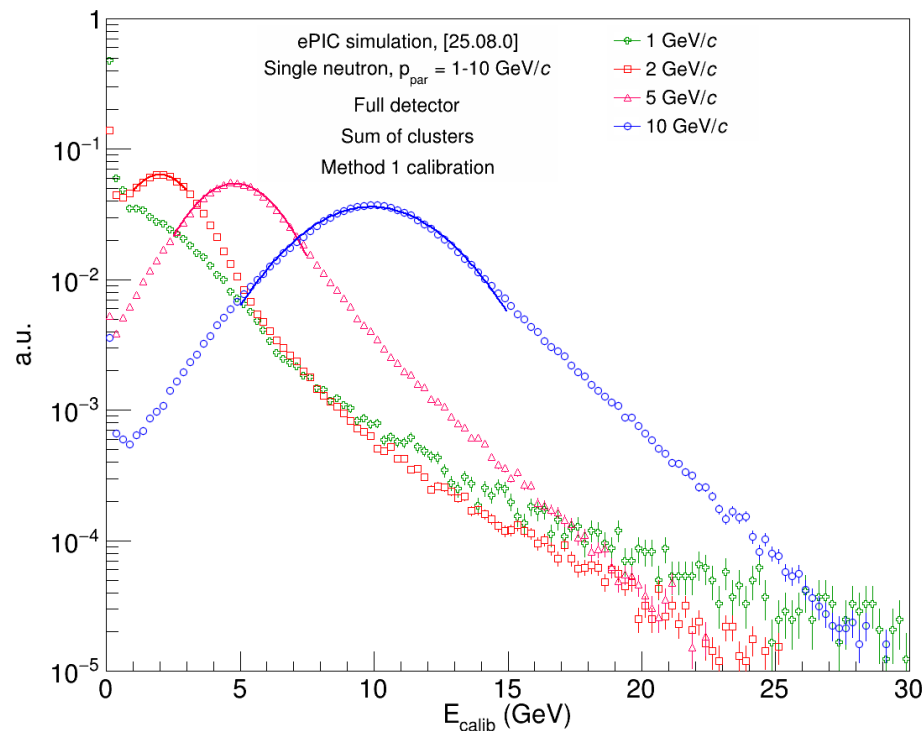
# METHOD 1 CALIBRATION DISTRIBUTIONS

- Distributions used for calibration in Method 1
  - (left) Sum of all bHCAL clusters
  - (right) Leading clusters in bHCAL
  - Mean of distributions for calibration (parameter  $A$ ) extracted from histogram stats
    - Works well, possibly can be improved with fitting



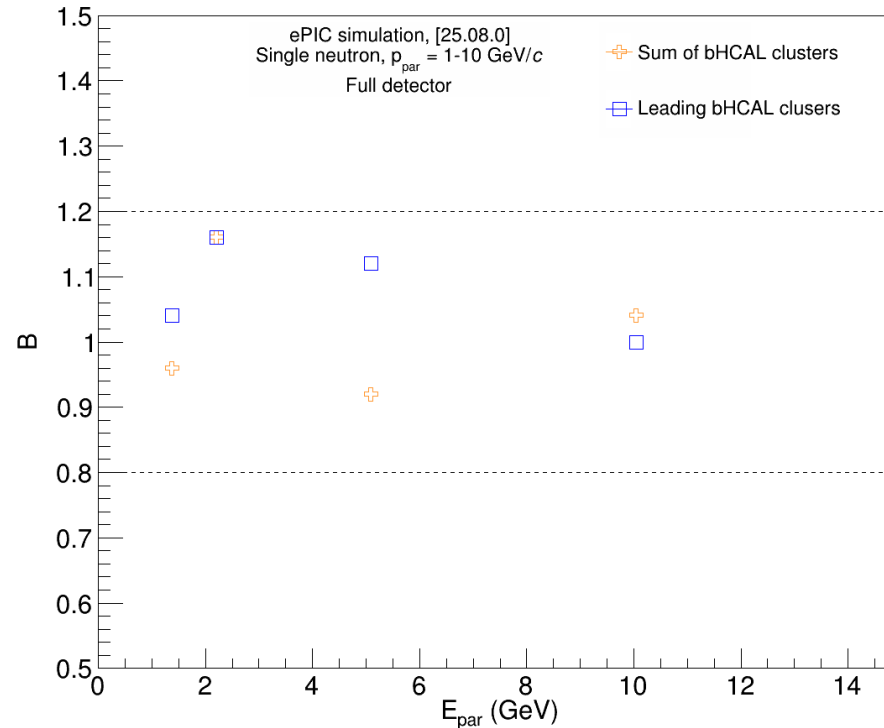
# METHOD 1 CORRECTED ENERGY DISTRIBUTIONS

- Method 1 corrected energy distribution for clusters in bHCAL for single neutrons at various MC momenta
  - (left) Sum of all bHCAL clusters
  - (right) Leading clusters in bHCAL
  - All fits are Gaussian



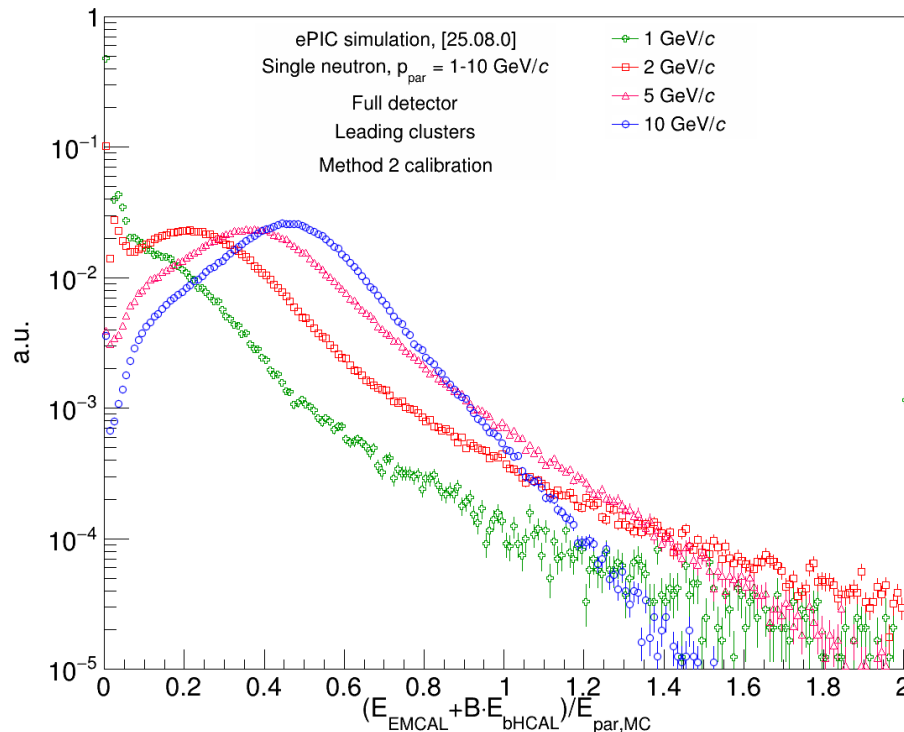
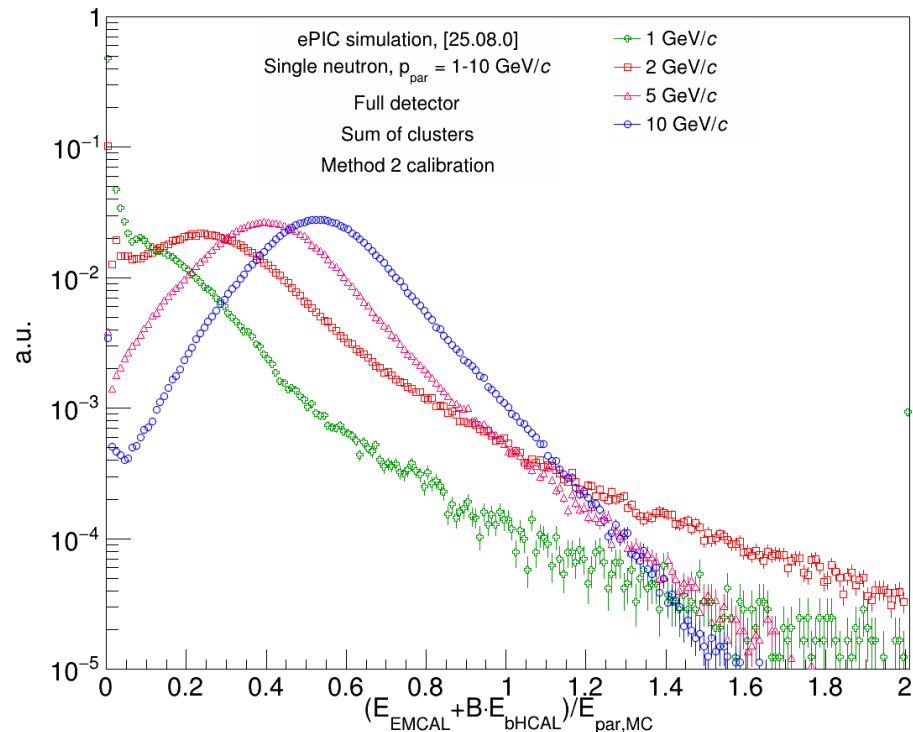
# METHOD 2 — VALUES OF B PARAMETER

- Values of the parameter  $B$  used in calibration using Method 2
  - Parameter was varied “by hand” in range (0.8, 1.2) with 10 steps
    - $B = 1$  is equivalent to Method 1
    - Variation range indicated by dashed lines
  - Each  $E_{calib} = A(E_{EMCAL} + BE_{bHCAL})$  fitted with Gaussian to get  $\sigma/\mu$ 
    - Distribution corresponding to smallest  $\sigma/\mu$  used for calibration (see next slide)



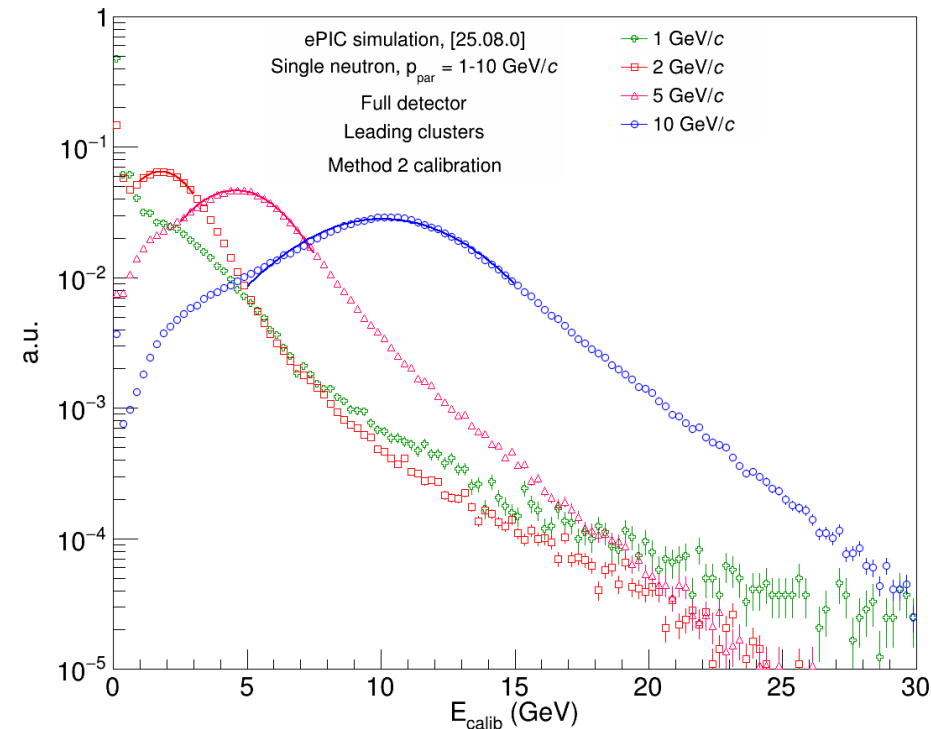
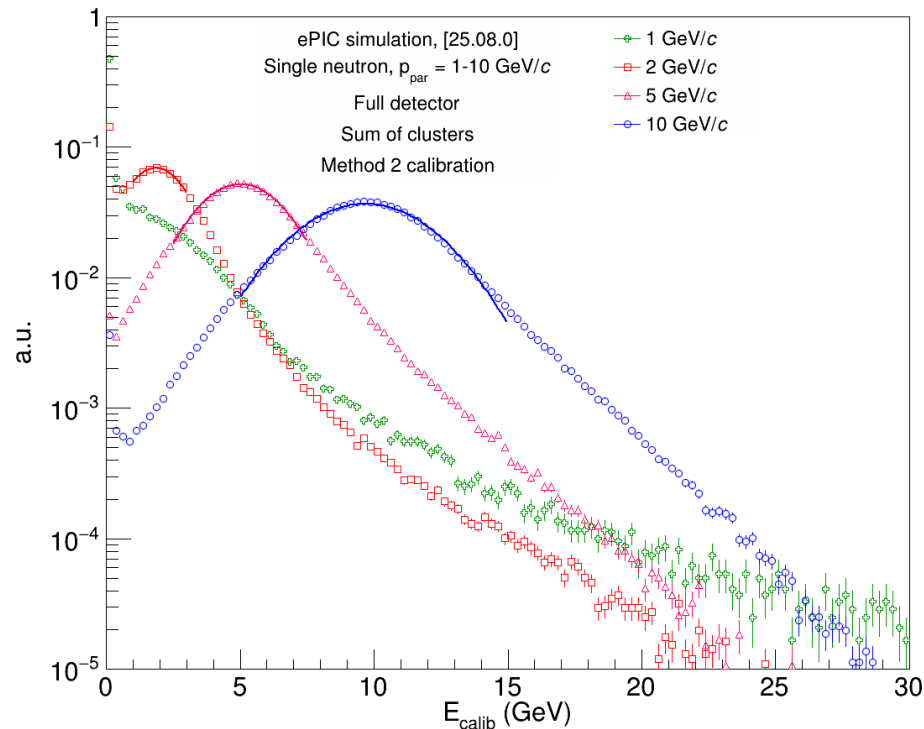
# METHOD 2 CALIBRATION DISTRIBUTIONS

- Distributions used for calibration in Method 2 for optimal parameter  $B$  from previous slide
  - (left) Sum of all bHCAL clusters
  - (right) Leading clusters in bHCAL
  - Mean of distributions for calibration (parameter  $A$ ) extracted from histogram stats



# METHOD 2 CORRECTED ENERGY DISTRIBUTIONS

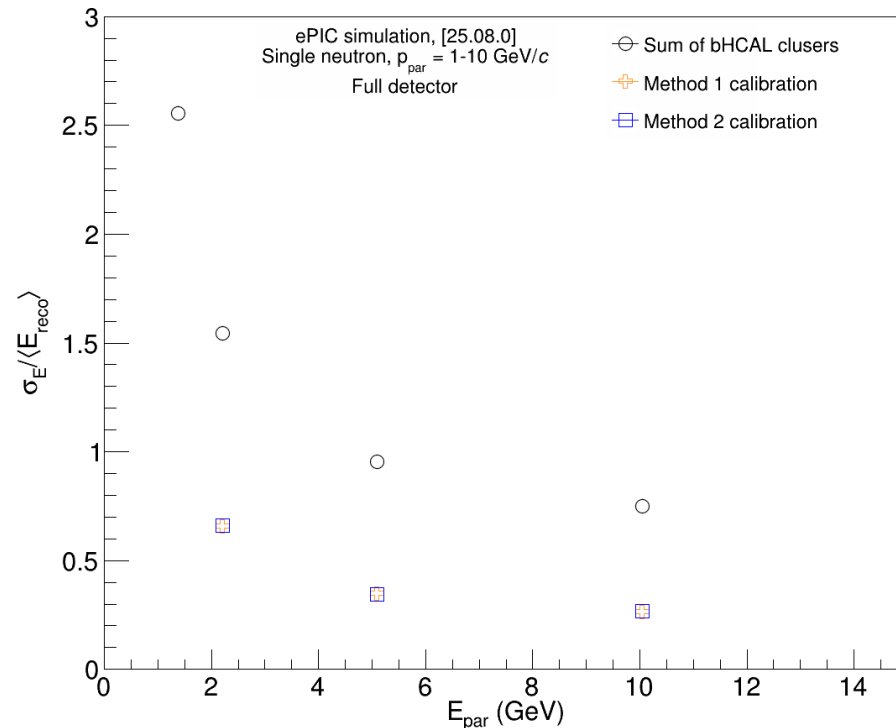
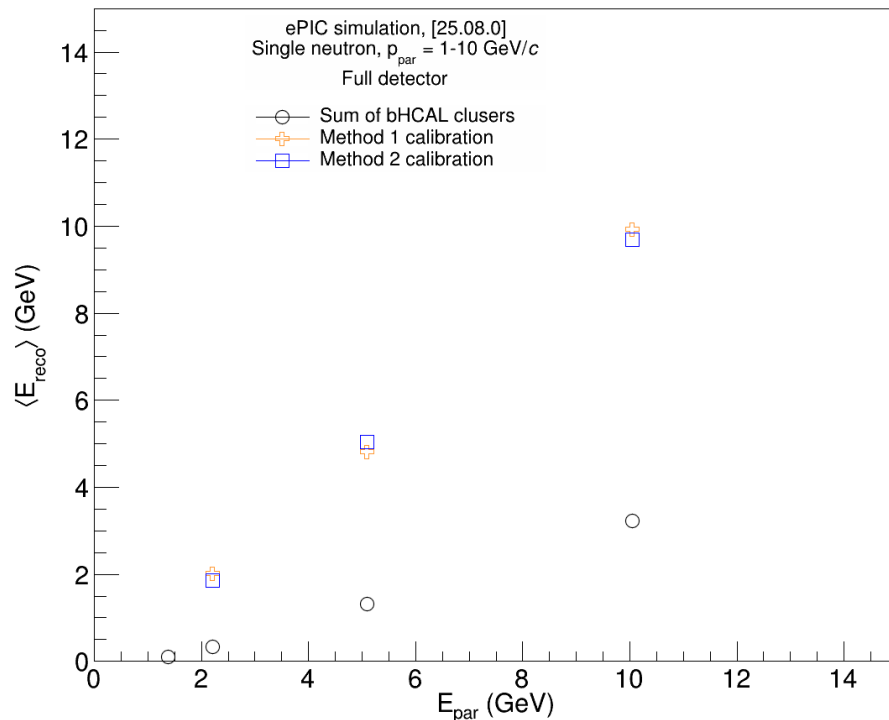
- Method 2 corrected energy distribution for clusters in bHCAL for single neutrons at various MC momenta
  - (left) Sum of all bHCAL clusters
  - (right) Leading clusters in bHCAL
  - All fits are Gaussian





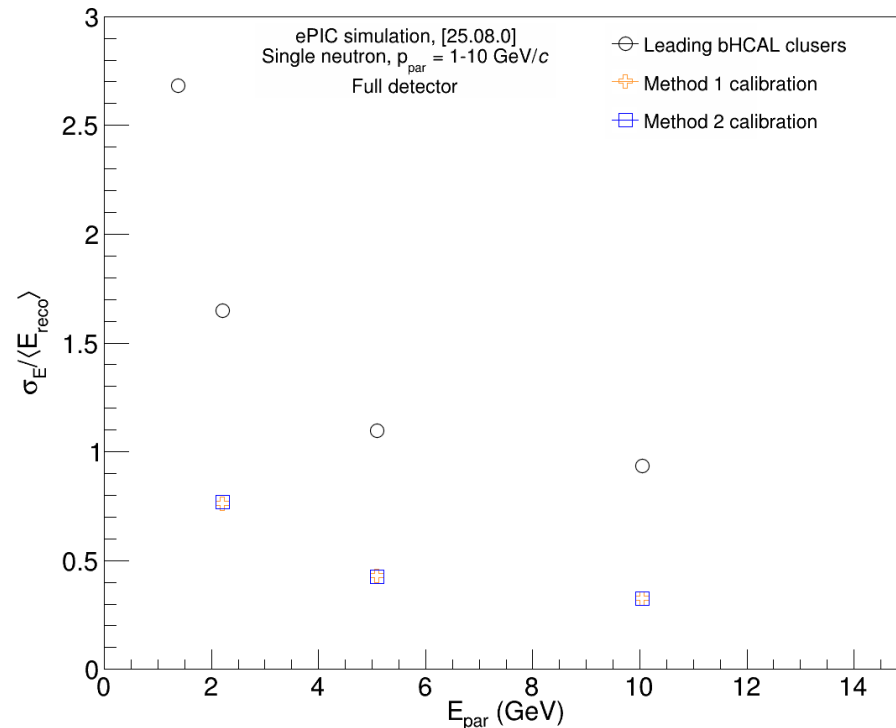
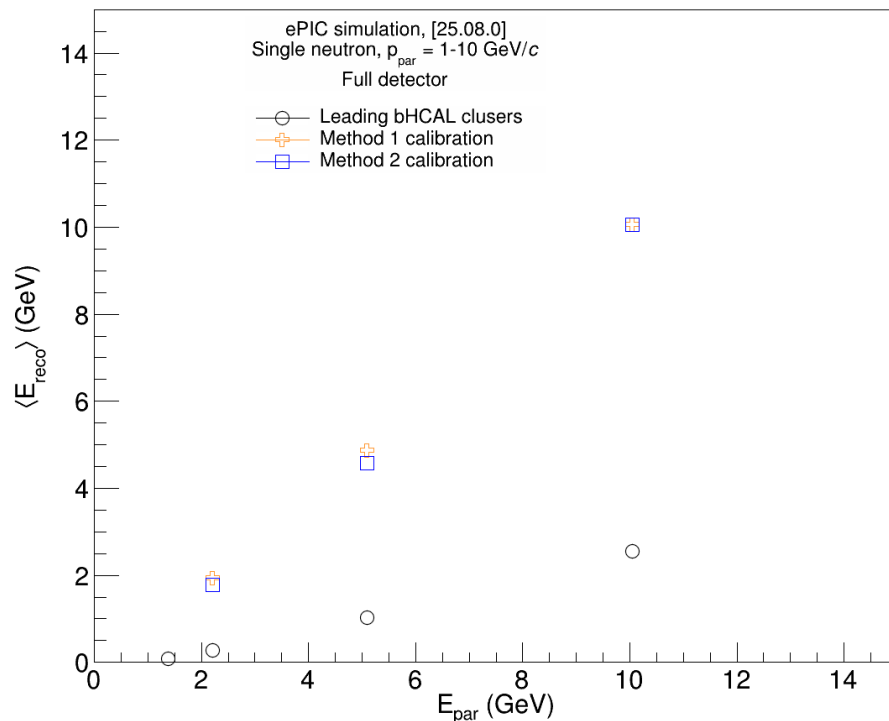
# RESOLUTION FOR SUM OF CLUSTERS

- Resolution for energy distributions from **sum of clusters**
  - Comparison for uncalibrated and the two calibration methods
  - (left) Mean reconstructed energy vs. MC energy of neutrons
  - (right) Energy resolution vs. MC energy of neutrons



# RESOLUTION FOR LEADING CLUSTERS

- Resolution for energy distributions from **leading clusters**
  - Comparison for uncalibrated and the two calibration methods
  - (left) Mean reconstructed energy vs. MC energy of neutrons
  - (right) Energy resolution vs. MC energy of neutrons



# SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

- Performed calibration of neutrons in bHCAL using two simple methods
- Both methods work reasonably well for neutrons above 2 GeV
- Both simple methods struggle with calibration below 2 GeV
  - Too many low energy hits in bHCAL and steeply falling spectra make it difficult to get clear peak
  - Potential good motivation for usage of ML that should perform much better
- Method 2 works similarly to Method 1
  - Method 2 does not seem to have major advantage over Method 1 in current implementation
  - With limited timeframe, could not perform more detailed scan of parameter  $B$  using more advanced tools like TMinuit

**THANK YOU FOR ATTENTION**