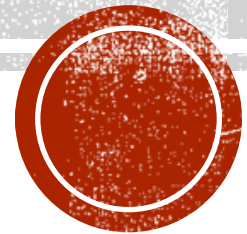


# **bHCAL Meeting — Neutron Calibration Update**

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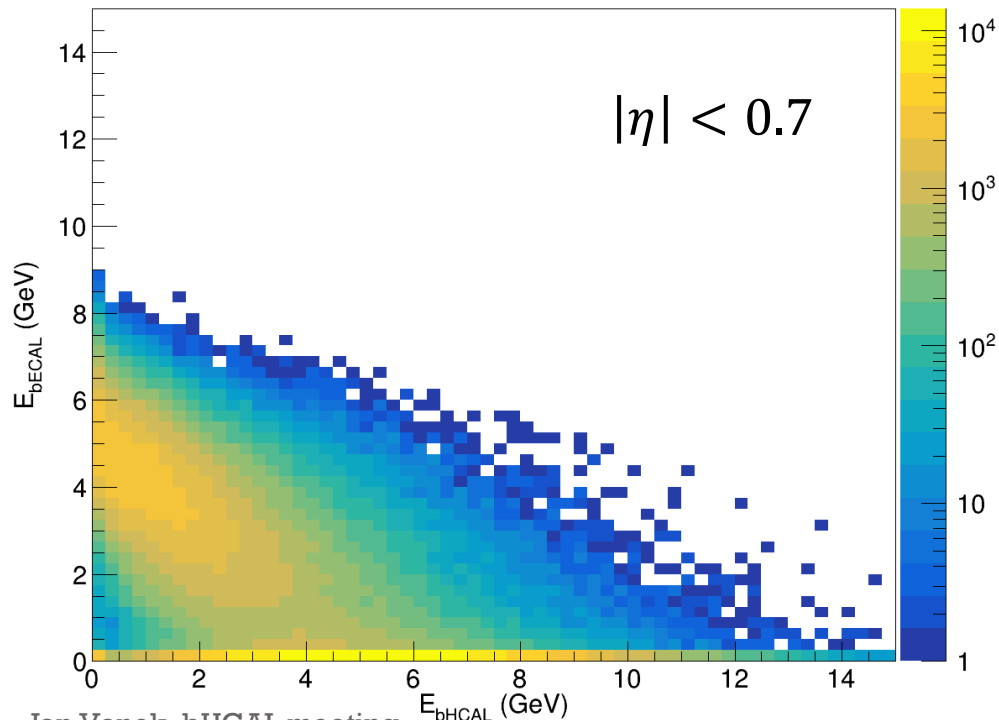


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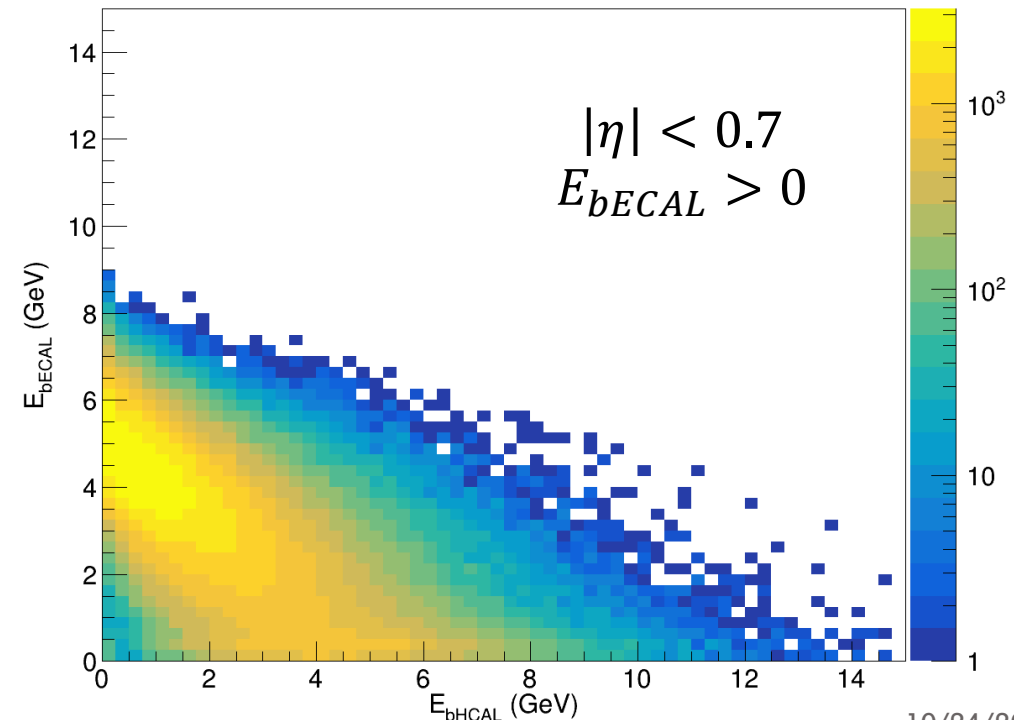
- Simple neutron calibration for bHCAL
  - Baseline calibrations to compare to more advanced ML methods
  - Two methods, as proposed by Derek
  - **Added  $|\eta| < 0.7$  cut to avoid issues with the bHCAL geometry**
- Method 1
  - $E_{calib} = A(E_{EMCAL} + E_{bHCAL})$
  - Plot  $(E_{EMCAL} + E_{bHCAL})/E_{par,MC}$ 
    - $A$  is set as  $1/\text{mean}$  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  $1/\text{mean}$  of the distribution with optimal  $B$

# $E_{bECAL}$ VS. $E_{bHCAL}$ DISTRIBUTIONS

- $E_{bECAL}$  vs.  $E_{bHCAL}$  distribution for all for 10 GeV/c neutrons
  - Example on 10 GeV/c neutrons, as issue is well visible, but is more significant for low energies where problematic region dominates
  - (left) All events
  - (right) Accepting only events with  $E_{bECAL} > 0$
- **New version of all figures with  $E_{bECAL} > 0$  and  $|\eta| < 0.7$  cut follow**



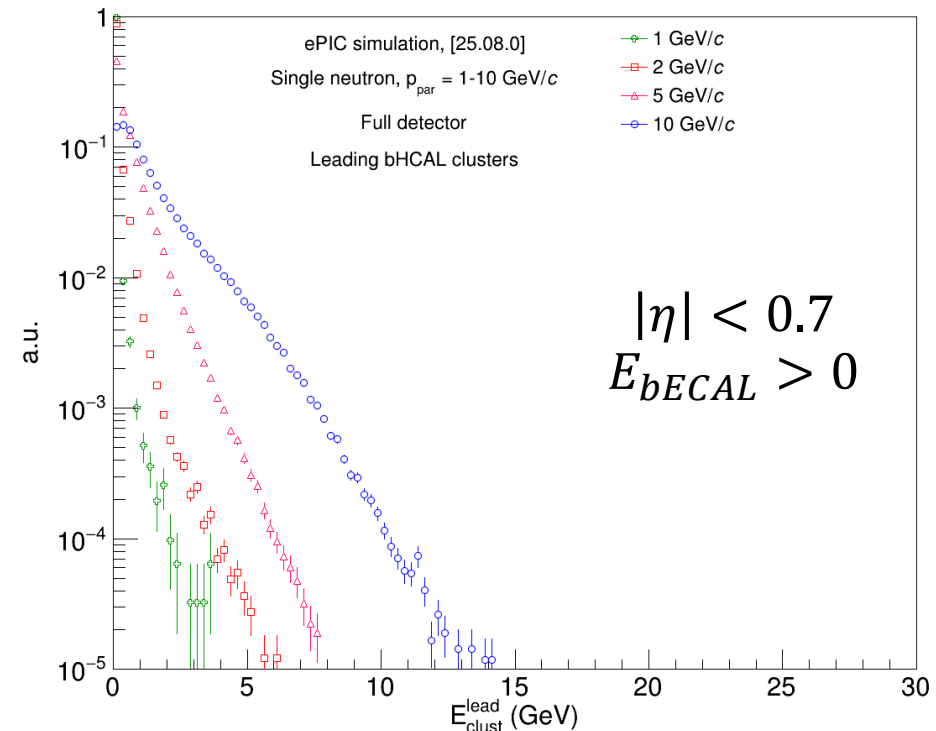
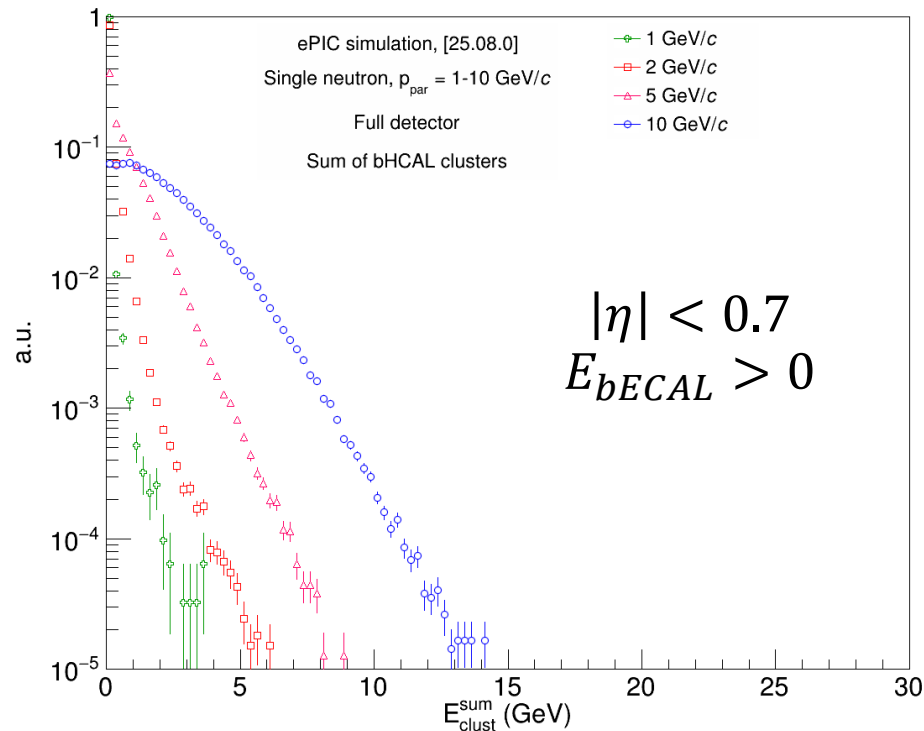
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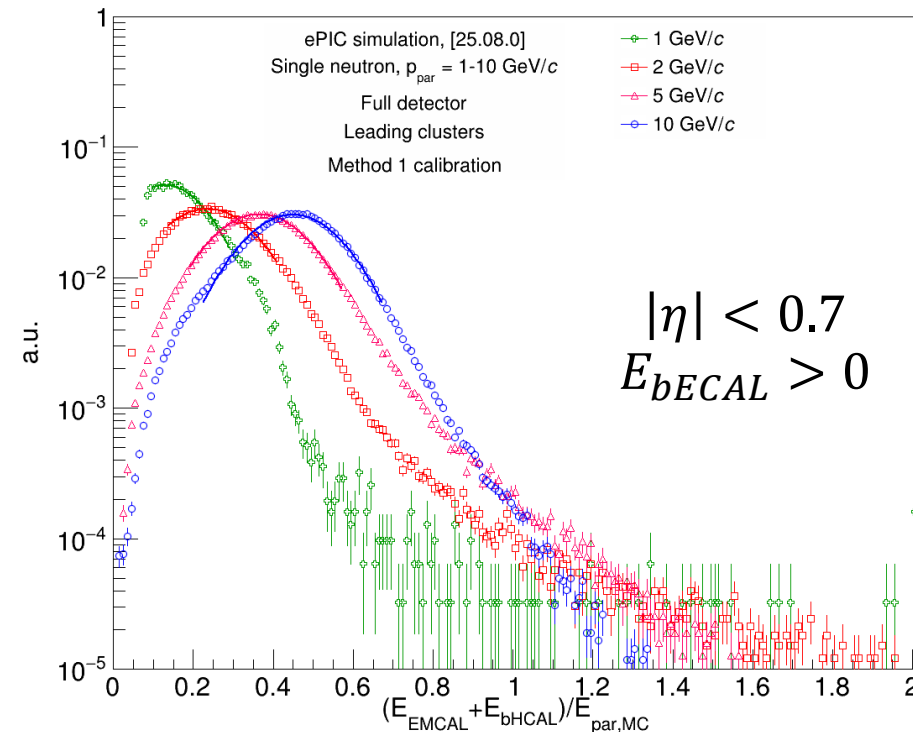
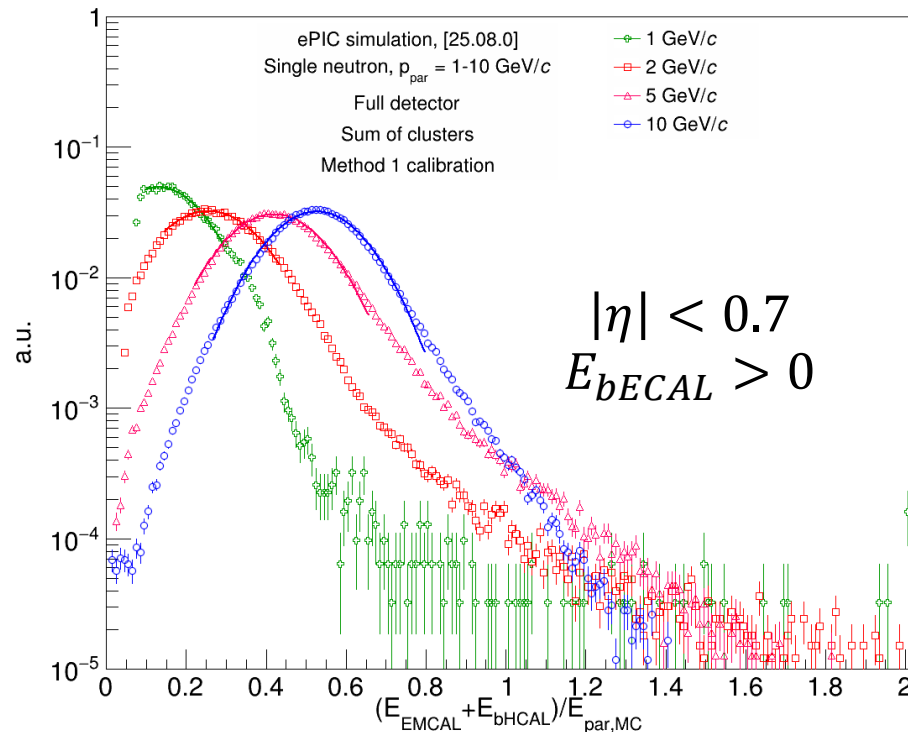
# UNCORRECTED ENERGY DISTRIBUTIONS

- 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



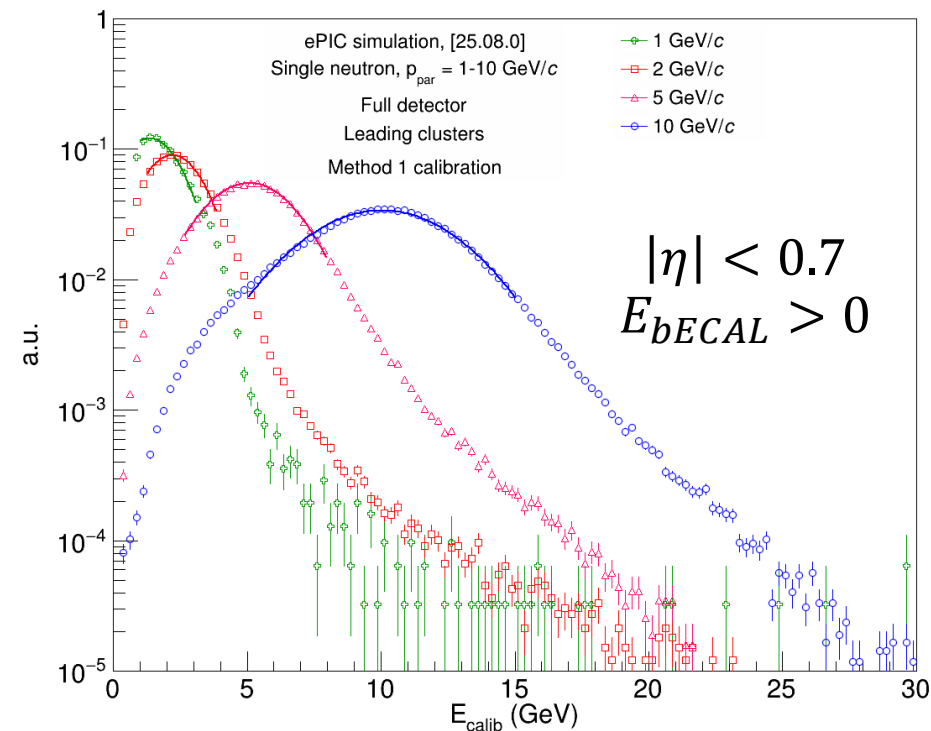
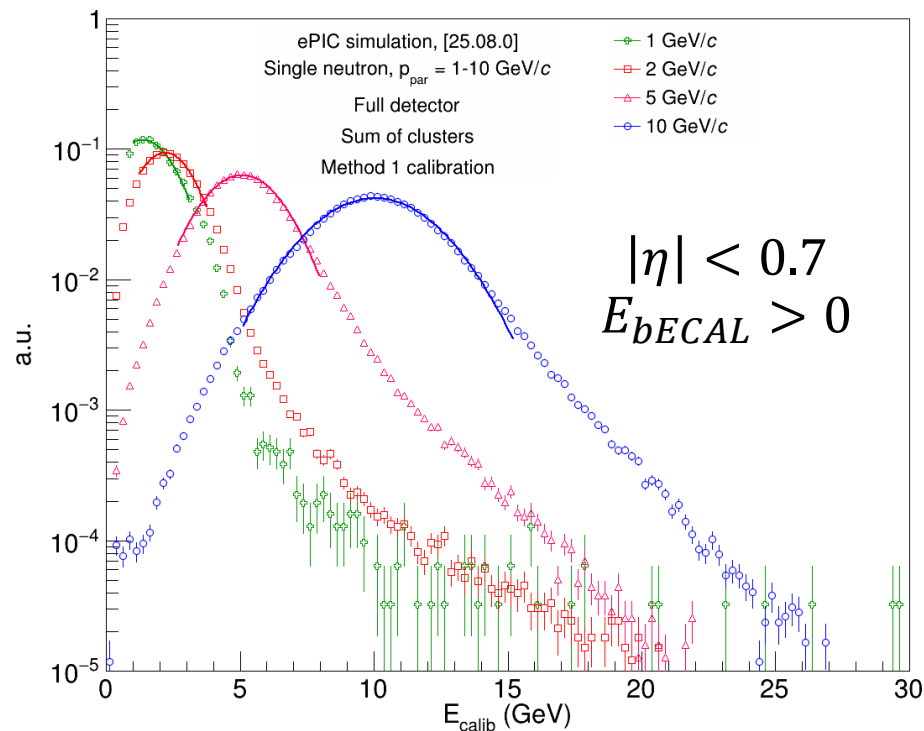
# METHOD 1 CALIBRATION DISTRIBUTIONS

- Distributions used for calibration in Method 1
  - (left) Sum of all bHCAL clusters
  - (right) Leading clusters in bHCAL
  - **Mean and parameter  $A$  extracted from Gaussian fit**



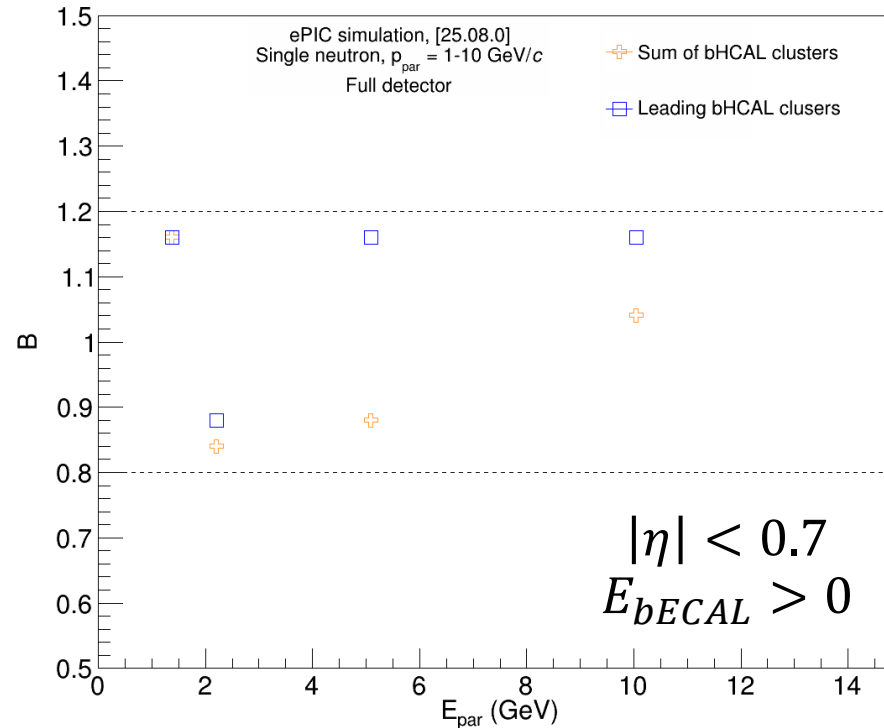
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- Method 1 corrected energy distribution for clusters in bHCAL for single neutrons at various MC momenta
  - (left) Sum of all bHCAL clusters
  - (right) Leading clusters in bHCAL
  - All fits are Gaussian



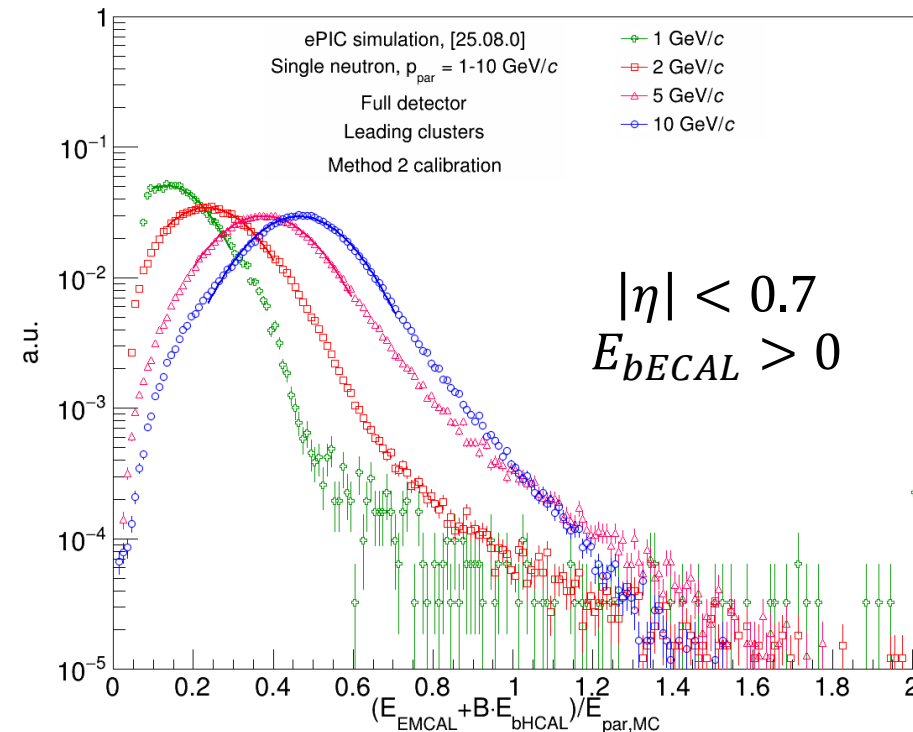
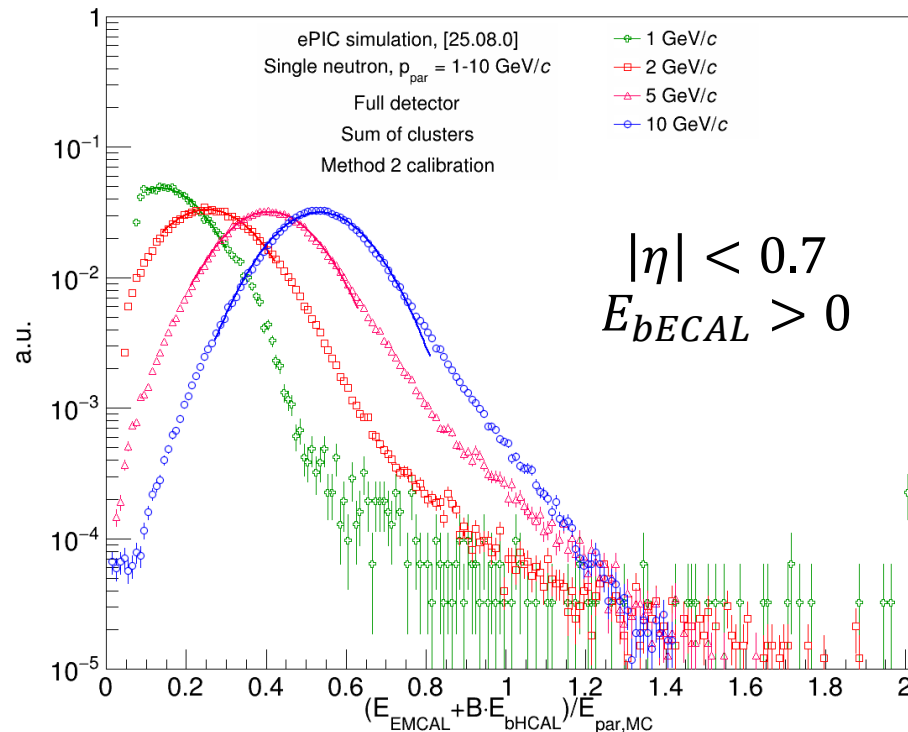
# METHOD 2 — VALUES OF B PARAMETER

- 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

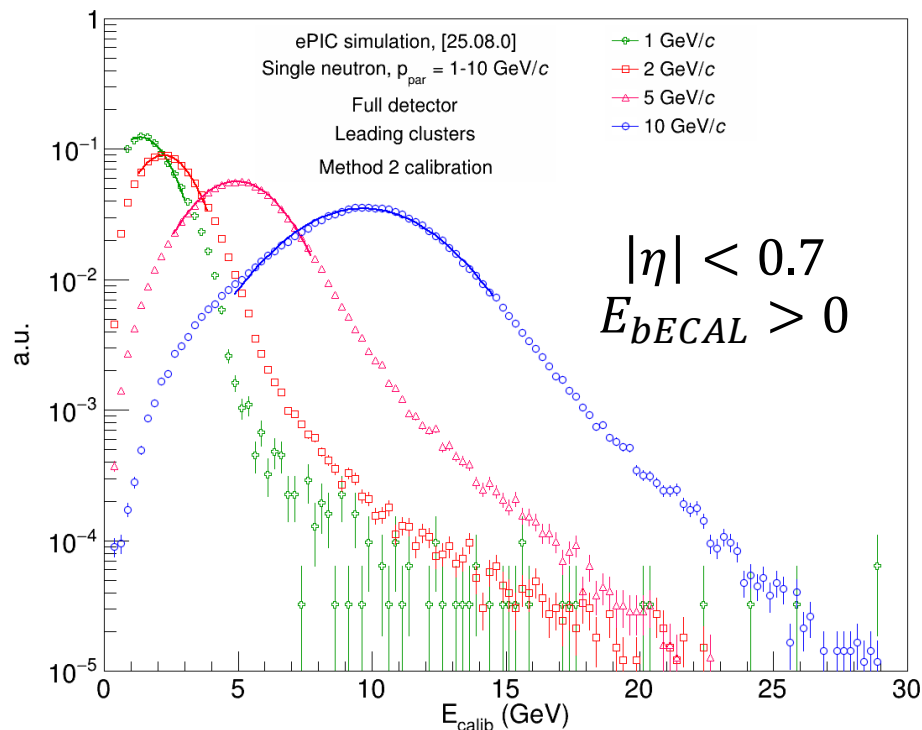
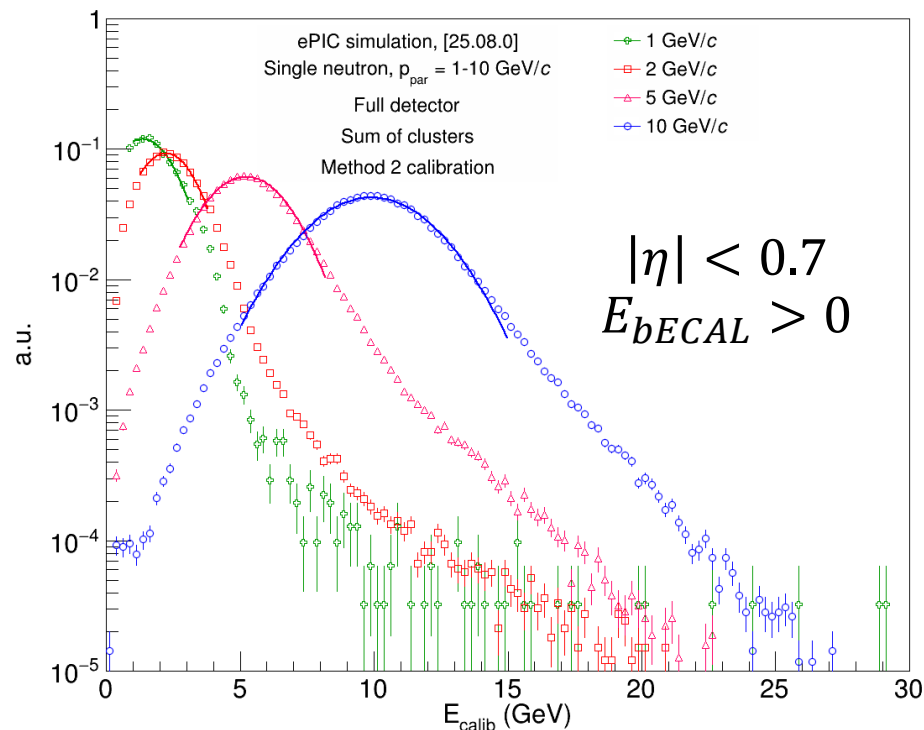
- Distributions used for calibration in Method 2 for optimal parameter  $B$  from previous slide
  - (left) Sum of all bHCAL clusters
  - (right) Leading clusters in bHCAL
  - **Mean and parameter  $A$  extracted from Gaussian fit**





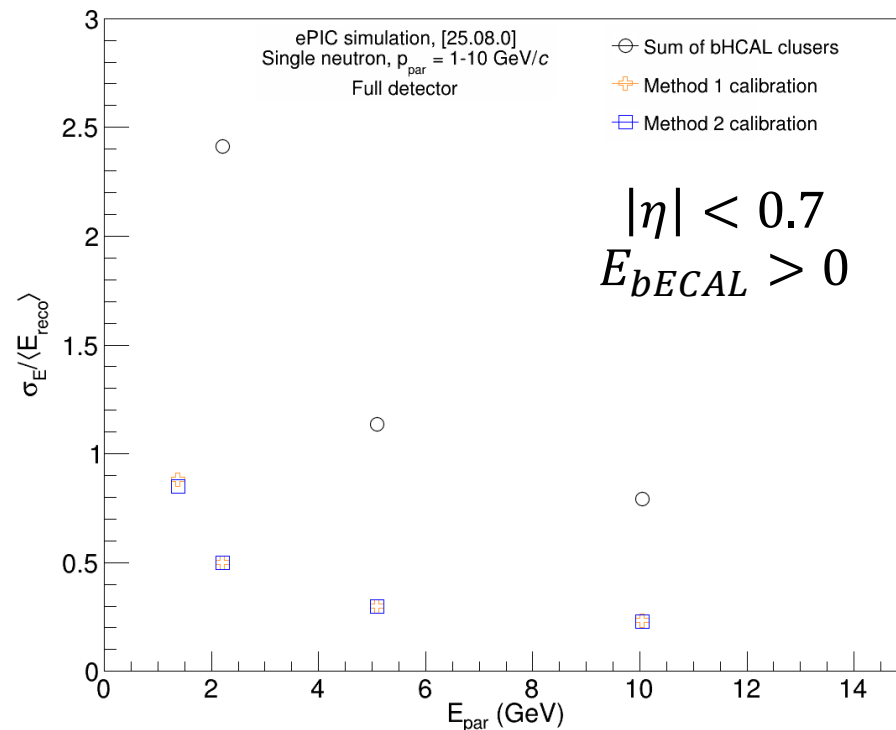
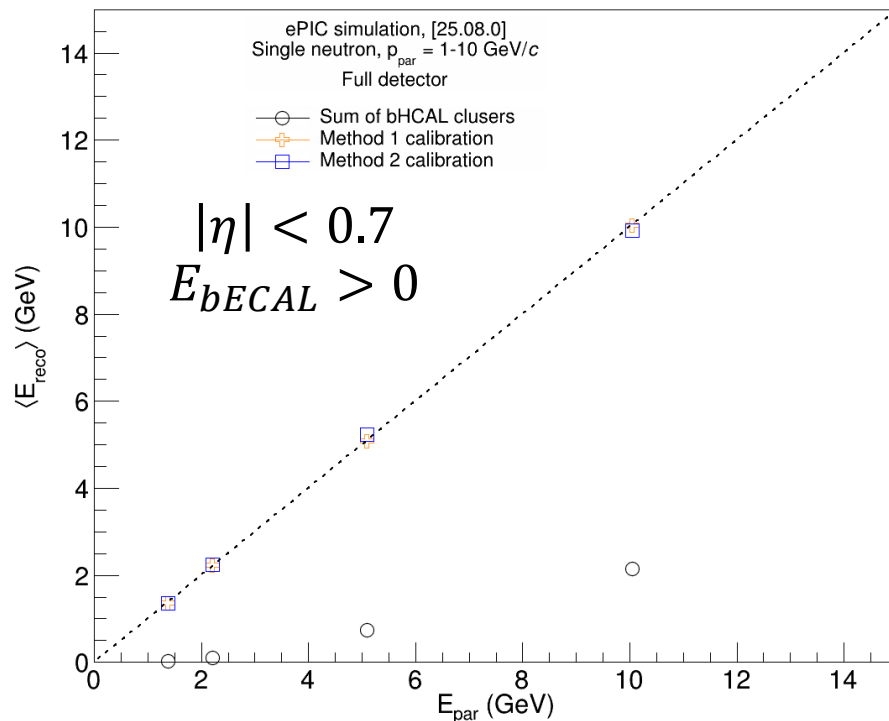
# METHOD 2 CORRECTED ENERGY DISTRIBUTIONS

- 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



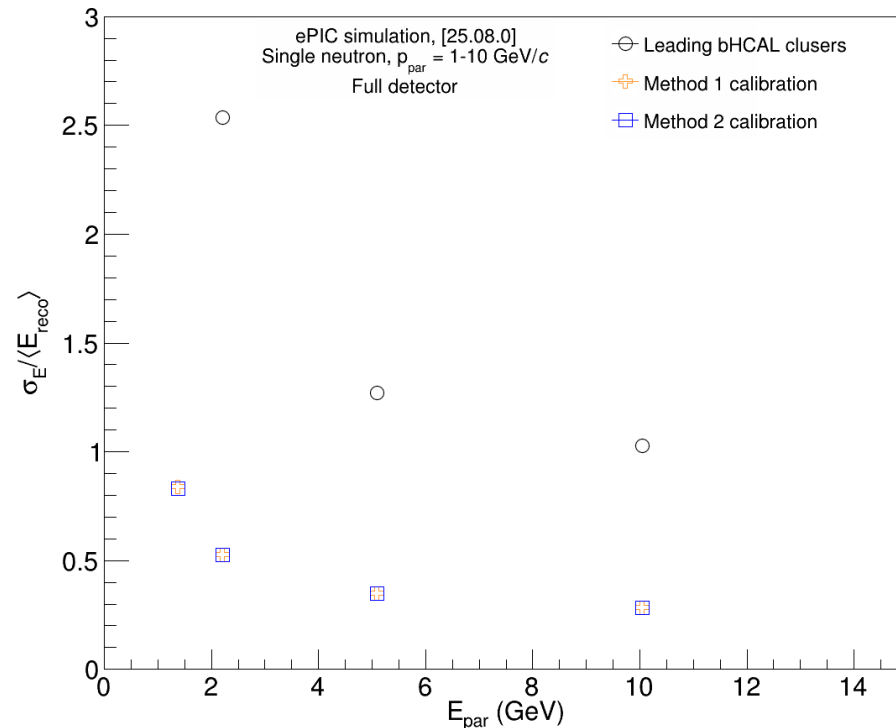
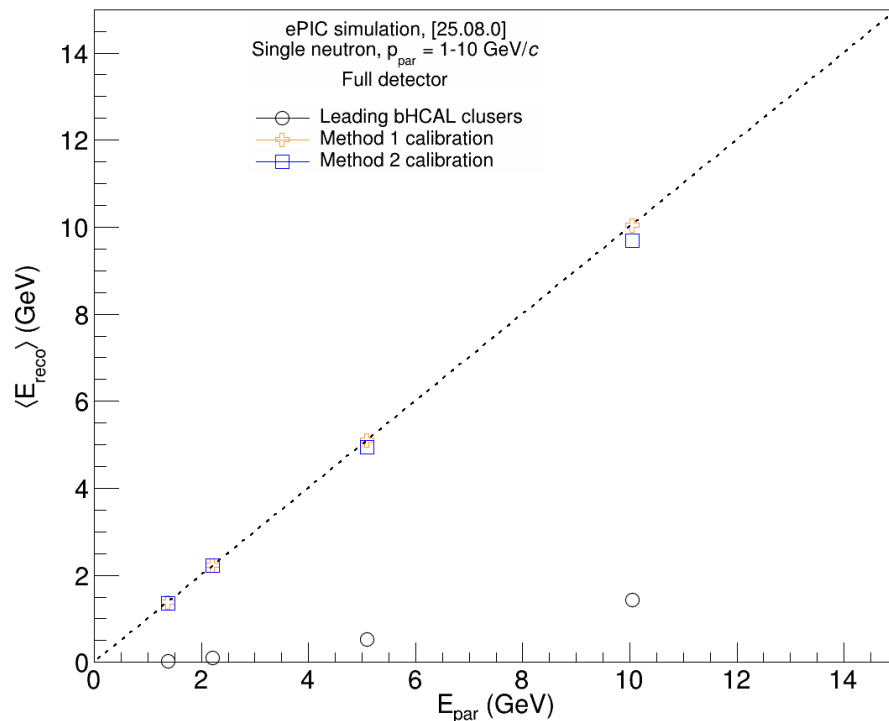
# RESOLUTION FOR SUM OF CLUSTERS

- 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

- Found odd behavior of bECAL for some events
  - Substantial fraction of events have  $E_{bECAL} = 0$  and odd  $E_{bHCAL}$  distribution
- Rejecting problematic events seem to improve calibration
  - Can calibrate even low energy, which was not possible before

**THANK YOU FOR ATTENTION**