

hKLM for the 2nd Detector (a compact combined HCAL, muID, ToF) based on [2511.08432](#) [physics.ins-det]

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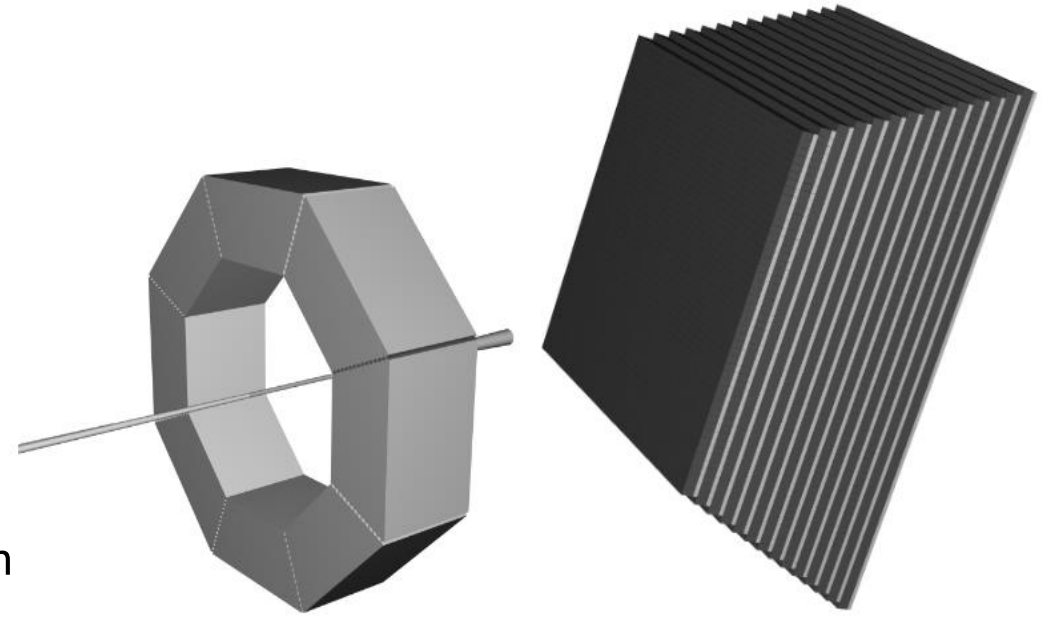
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Overall Concept

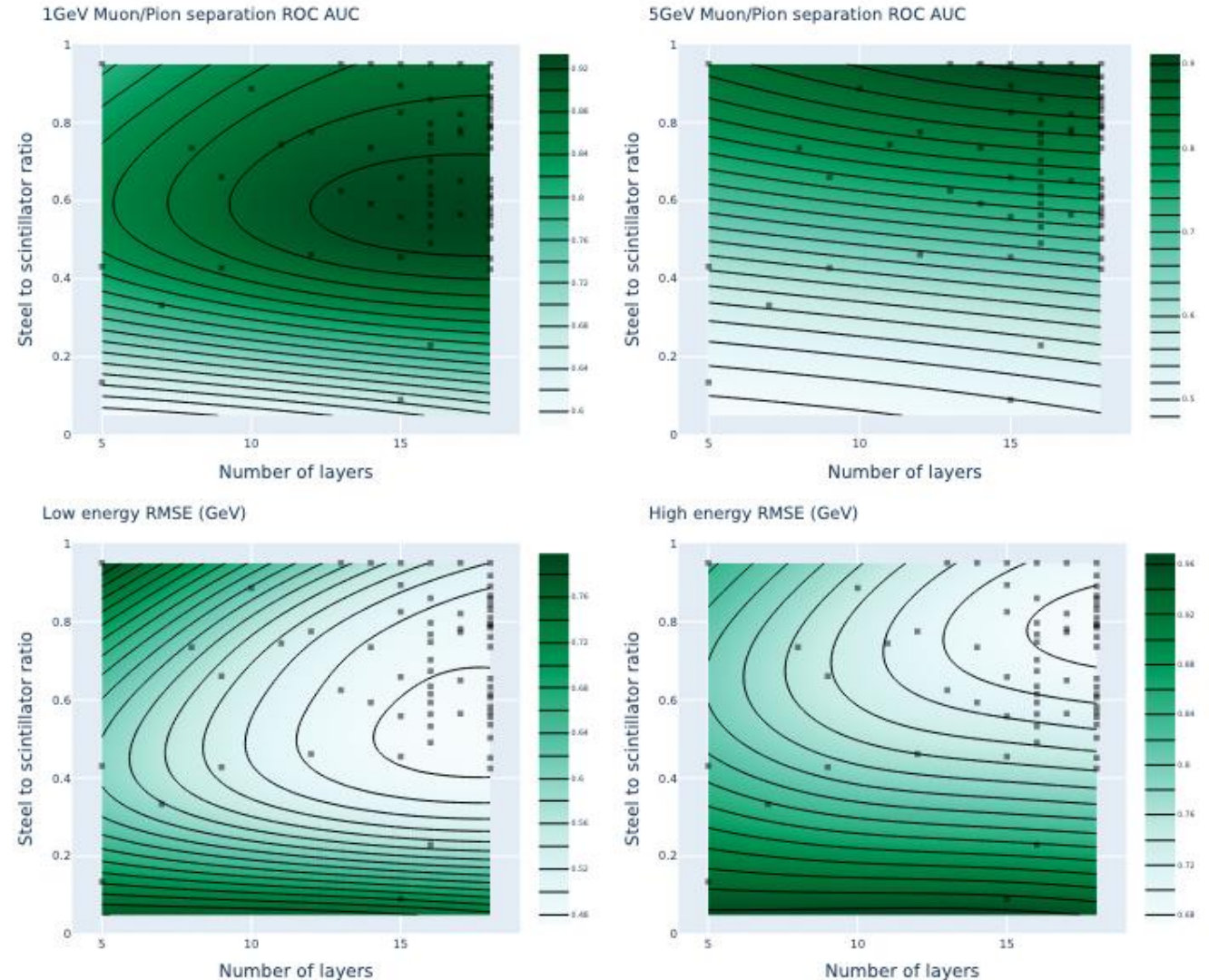
- Scintillator/Iron Sandwich integrated in flux return
→ similar to KLM at Belle II → Also upgrade underway
- Modest thickness ($\approx 1\text{ m}$)
→ With e.g. 70% steel $\approx 4.2\lambda_{had}$
- Scintillator bars with direct readout
→ Timing resolution $O(100\text{ps})$
→ Only one layer of scintillators needed (orthogonal direction from timing)
→ ToF
→ neutral Hadron momentum from ToF (given PID)
- Excellent performance from granularity + ML
- Here: Simulation studies
- FEE+scintillators are currently being tested at USC
- Beamtest prototype planned



Design process

- Multi Objective ML/AI guided design using AID2E (*JINST* 19 (2024) 07, C07001)
- Generative AI for scintillator signal
- GNN for energy and muID
- Optimize Detector geometry and reconstruction algorithm (only HCAL at the moment) at the same time
- See [2511.08432](#) [physics.ins-det] for full pareto fronts

Here: ‘classic’ muon id based on expectation value of range



- Use GNN to make use of granularity of detector
- GNN improves at high momentum where punch-through becomes an issue

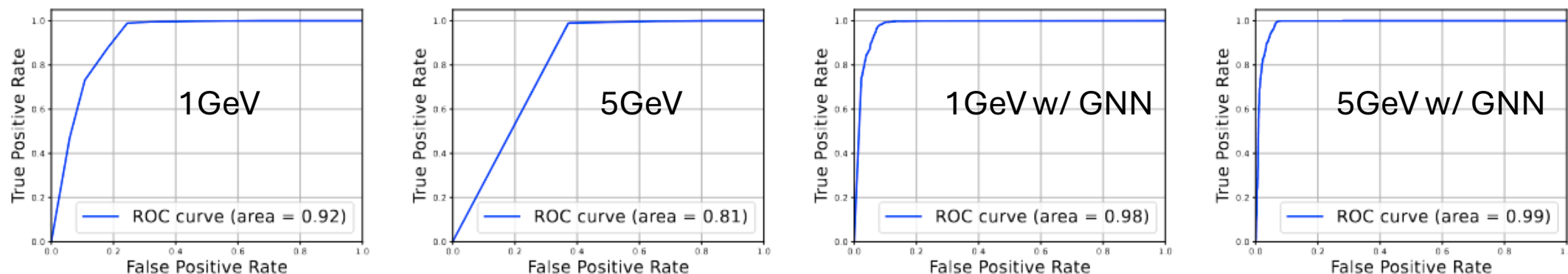
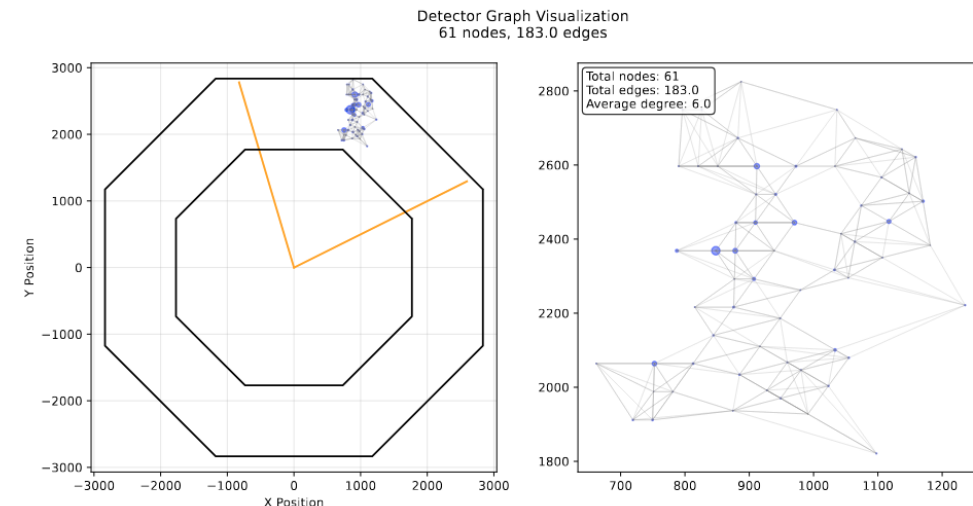


FIG. 3: ROC curves for MuID performance with baseline design using the conventional ID method for 1-GeV muons (left) and 5-GeV muons (second from left). The two plots on the right show the performance using a GNN for 1-GeV and 5-GeV muons, in that order.

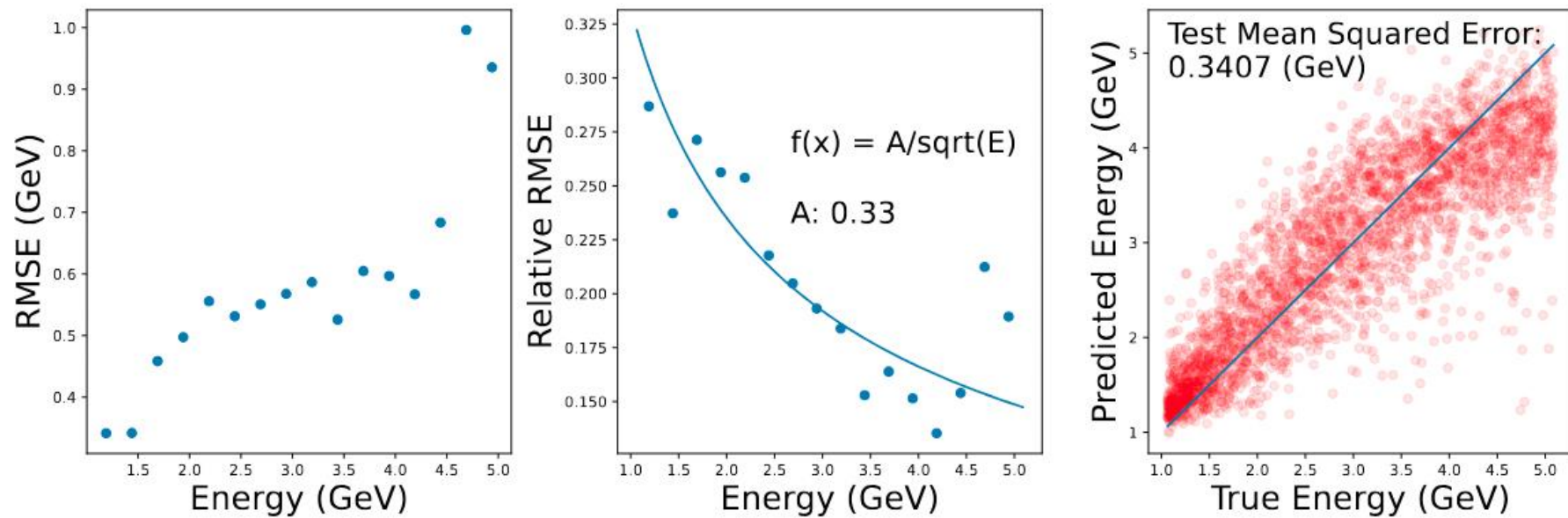


FIG. 5: Energy resolution for neutrons for the baseline design. Left: total error. Middle: relative error. A fit to the functional form A/\sqrt{E} indicates a relative error of $33\%/\sqrt{E}$. Right: True and predicted energy deposit.

Summary

- Granularity + ML has excellent performance even in thinner detectors
- Could extend studies to full events
 - Full event input would also be helpful but requires more work

- SiPM: Hamamatsu S14160-4050HS
- Scintillator EJ-230, EJ-230