

ePIC Calorimetry Meeting Neutron Calibrations for bHCAL

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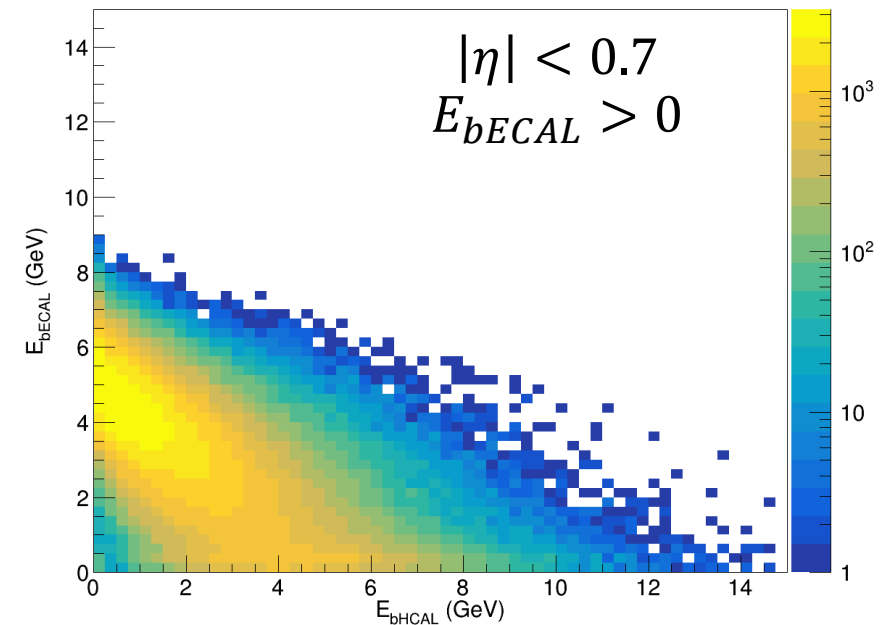
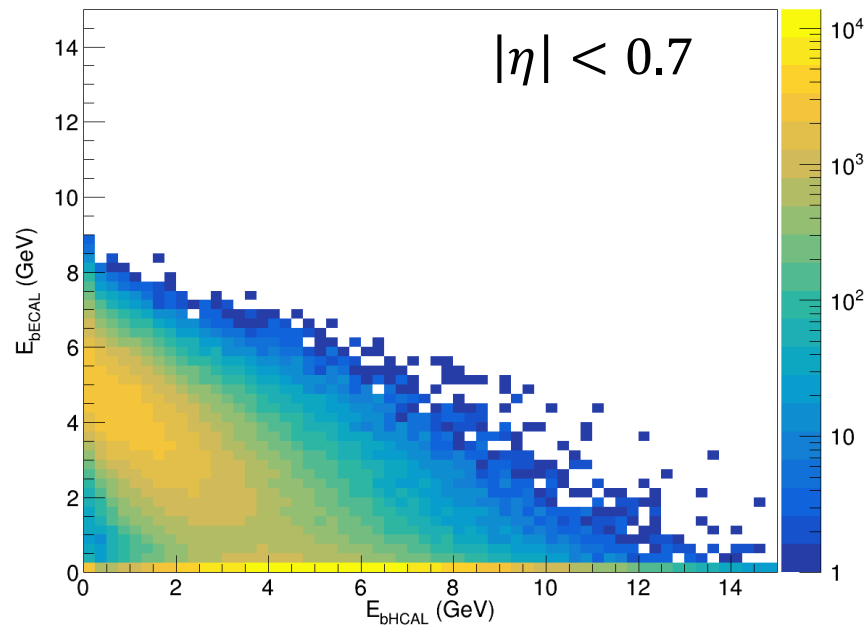


OVERVIEW

- Status of neutron calibrations in bHCAL

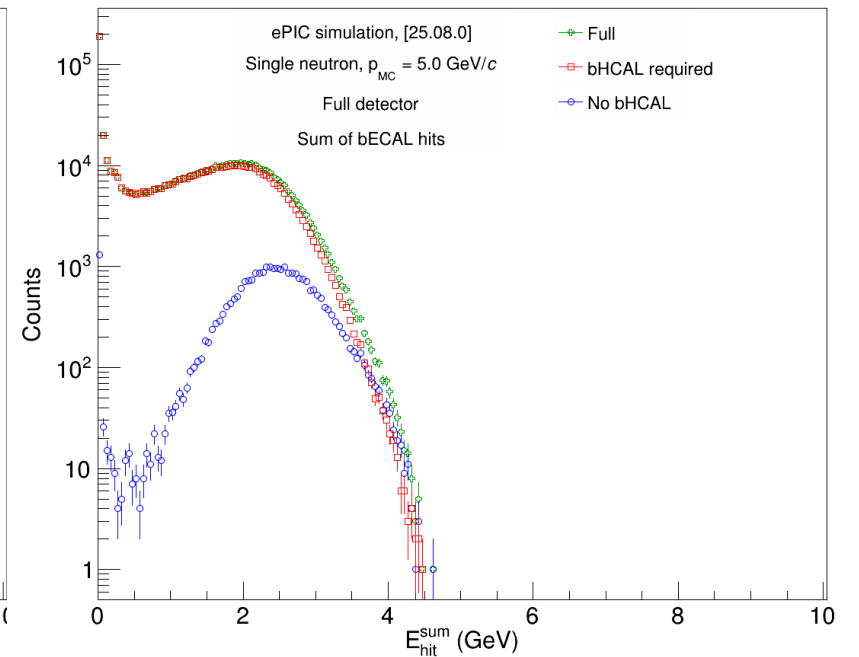
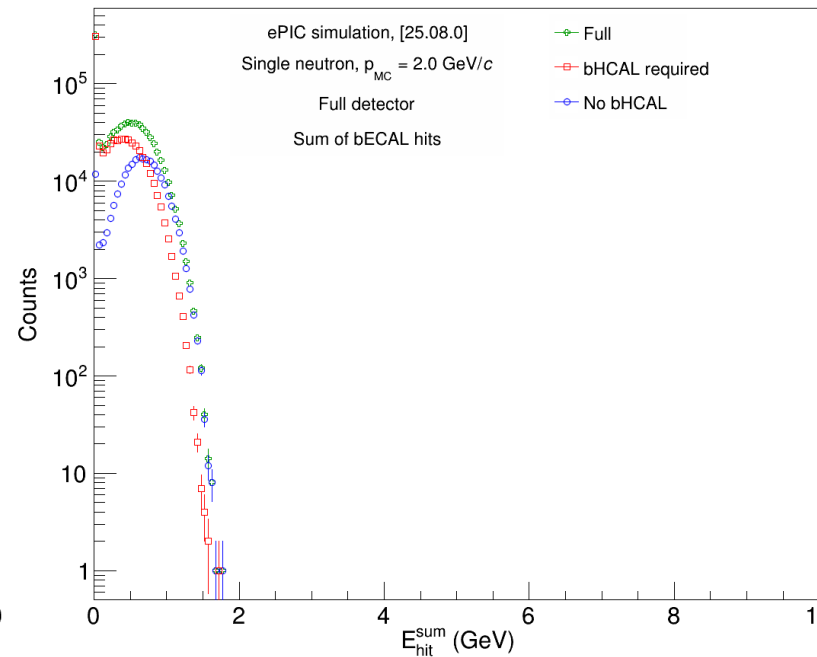
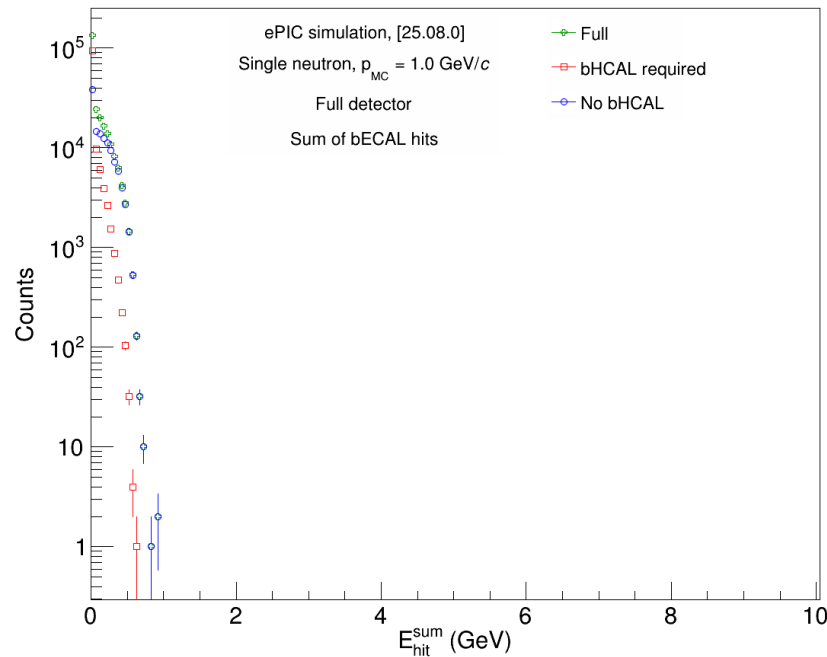
E_{bECAL} VS. E_{bHCAL} DISTRIBUTIONS

- E_{bECAL} vs. E_{bHCAL} distribution for all for 10 GeV/c neutrons
 - Example on 10 GeV/c neutrons for illustration
 - (left) All events
 - Fraction of events with no deposition in bECAL – shower starts in the magnet or bHCAL
 - (right) Accepting only events with $E_{bECAL} > 0$
- This is much more important for low energy neutrons as shower length is small
 - Can be contained only in bECAL/magnet/bHCAL, or combination of two



ENERGY DEPOSITION IN bECAL

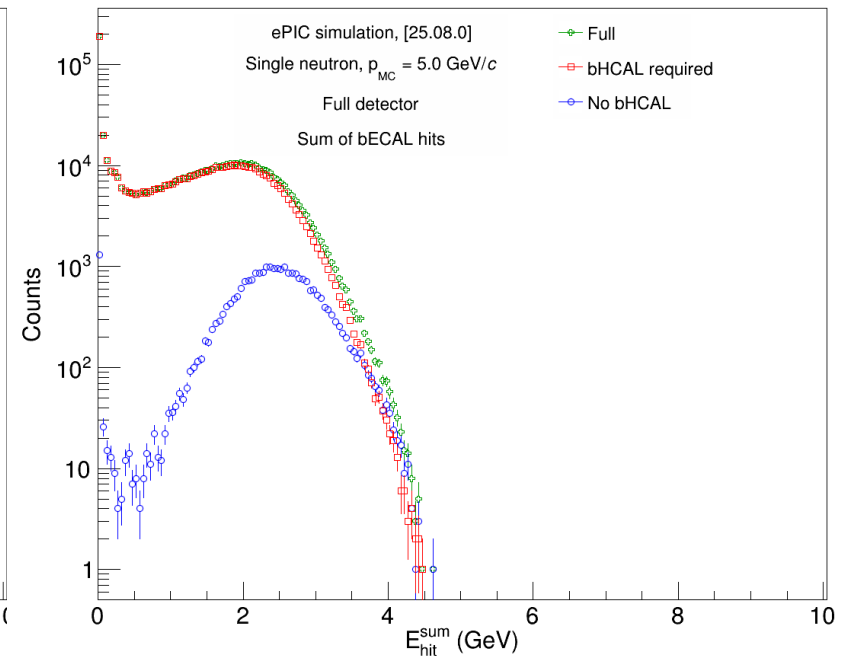
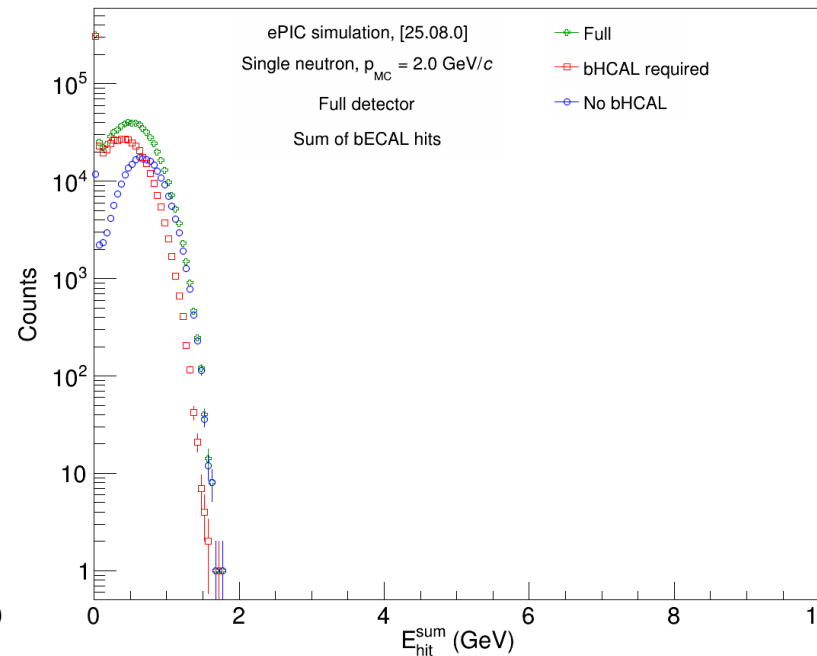
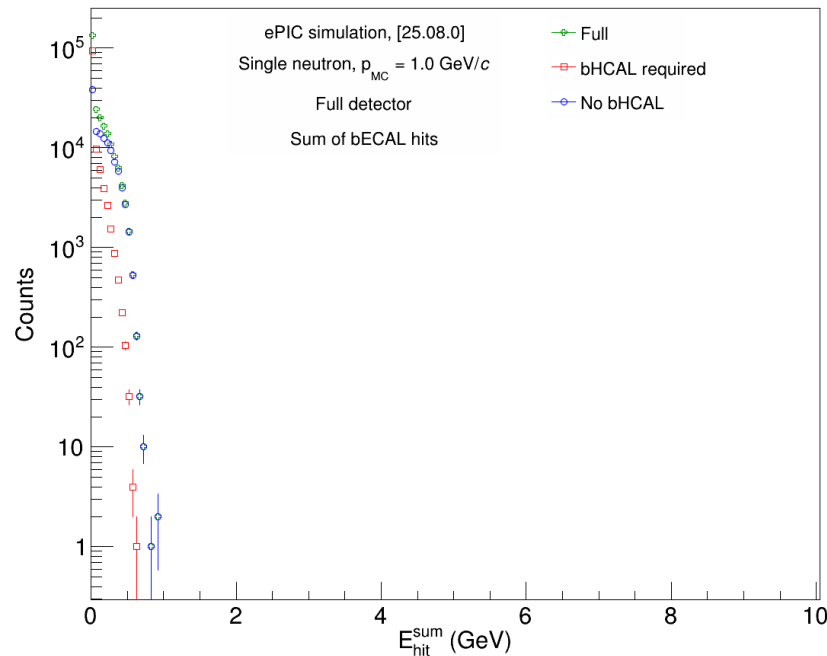
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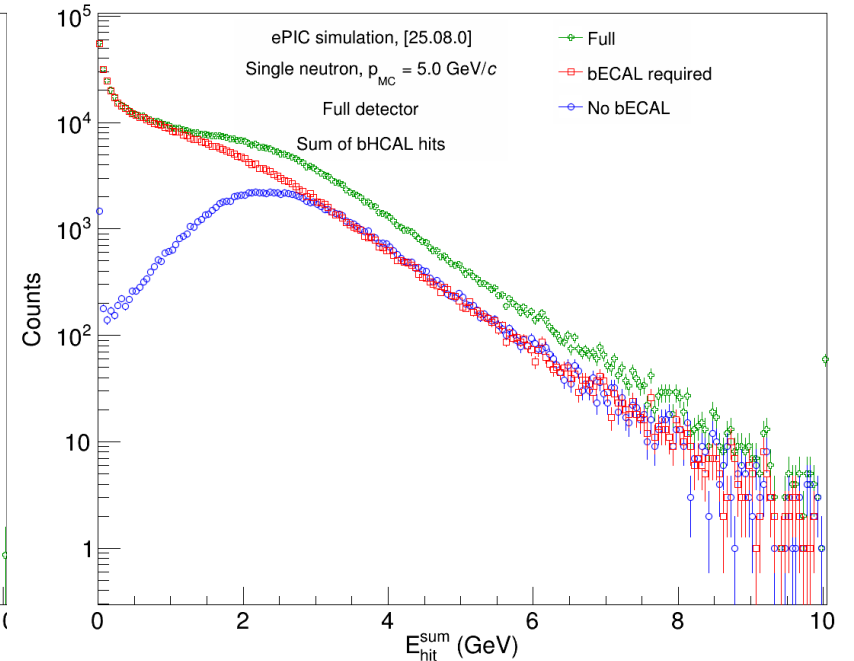
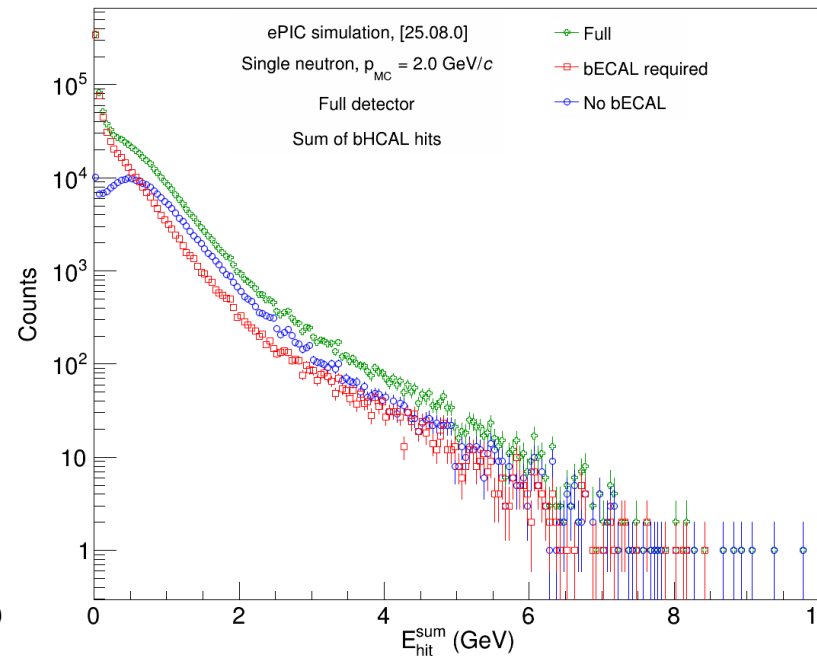
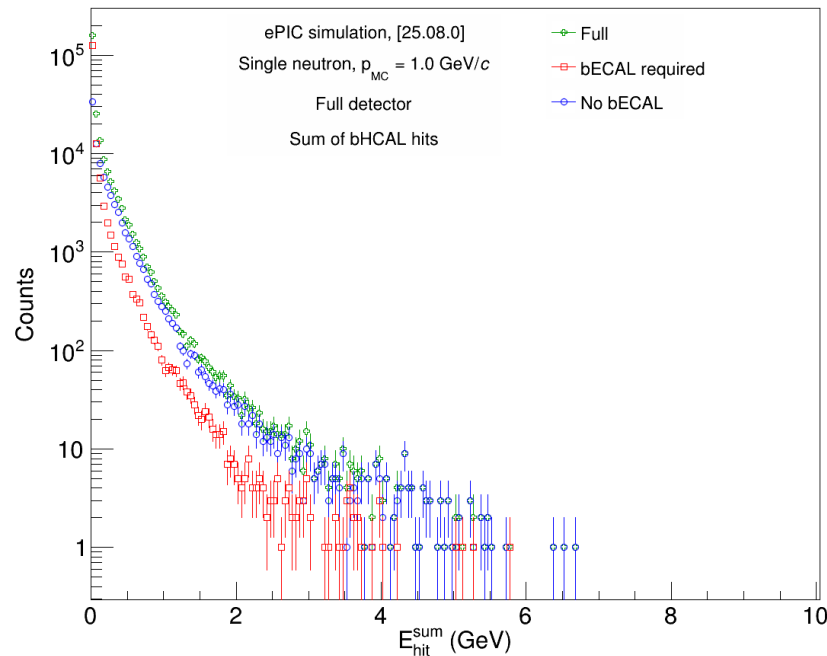
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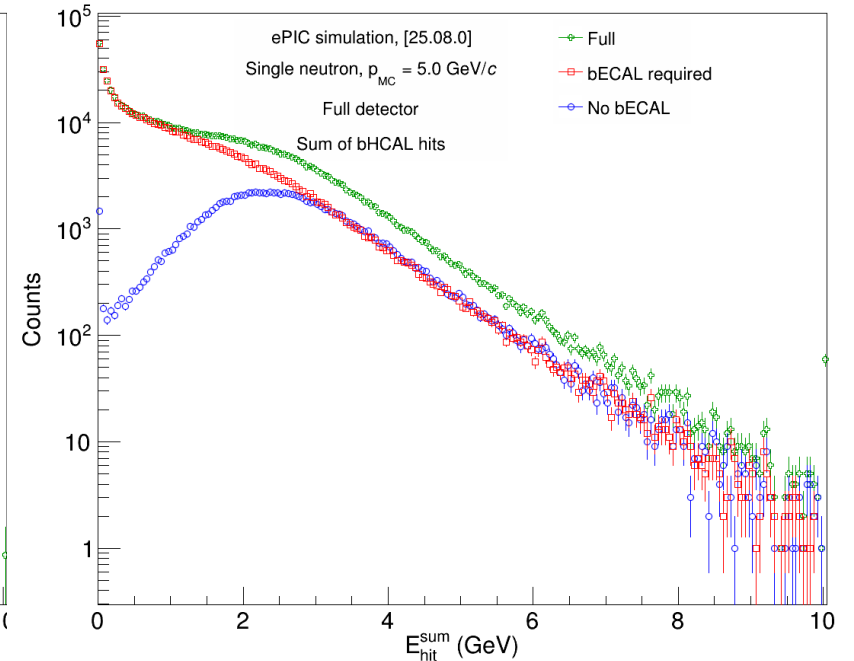
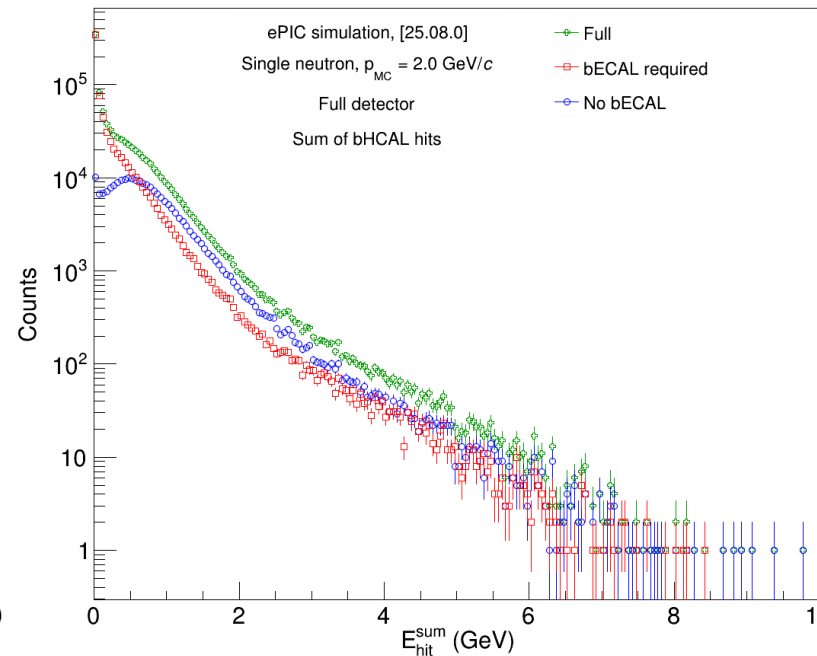
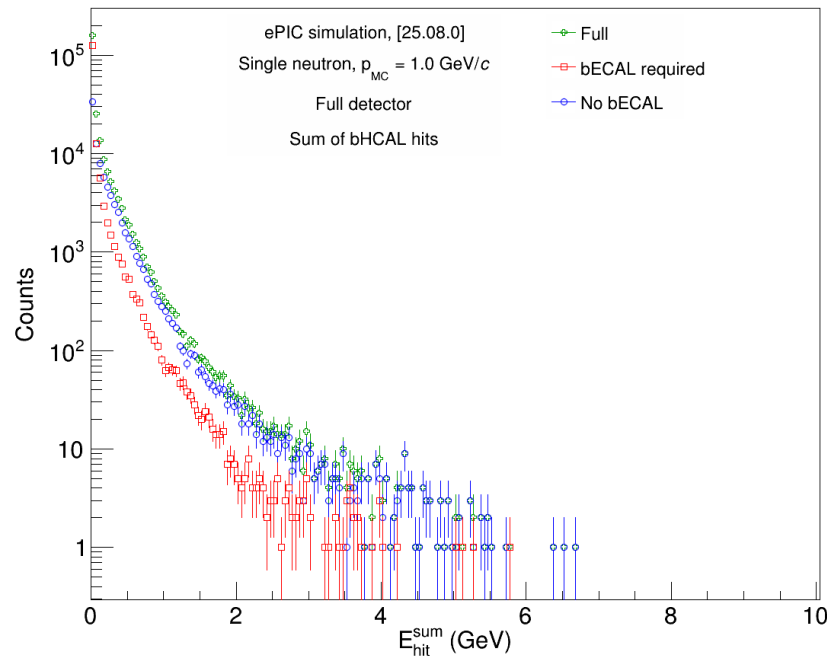
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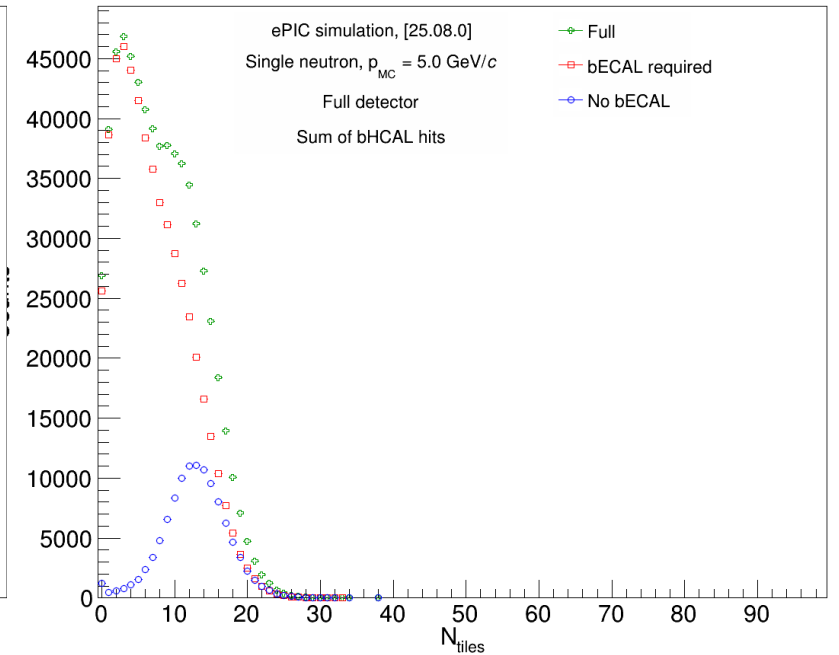
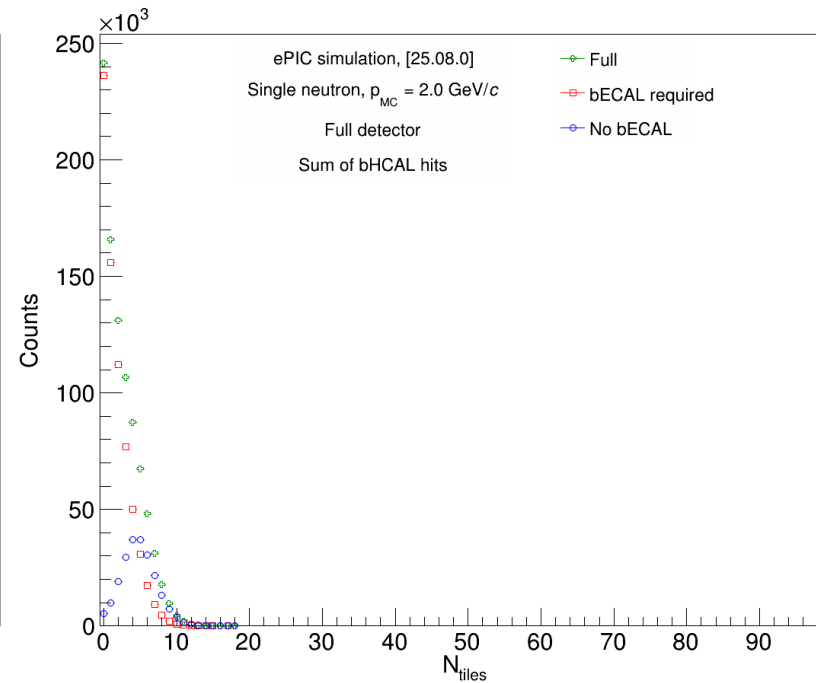
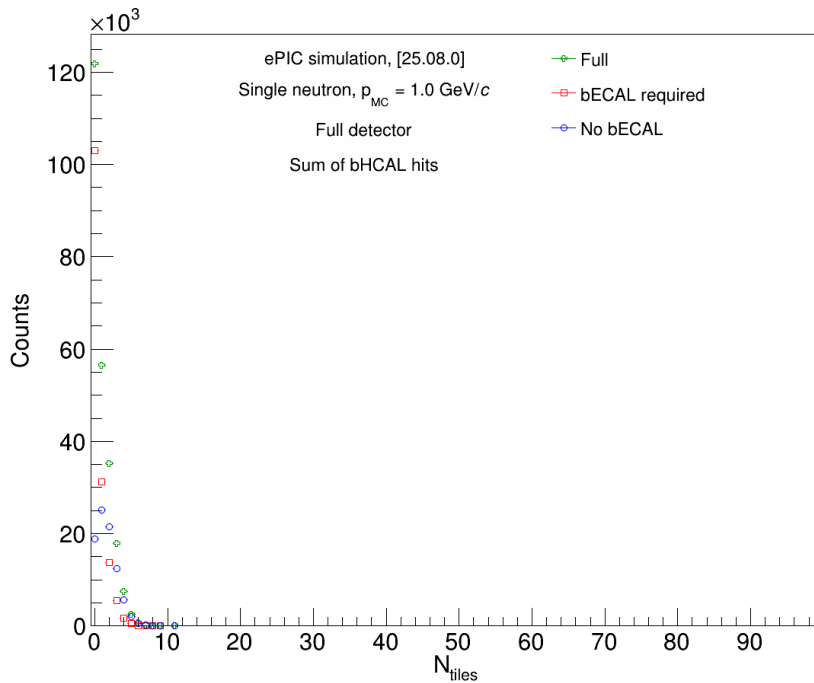
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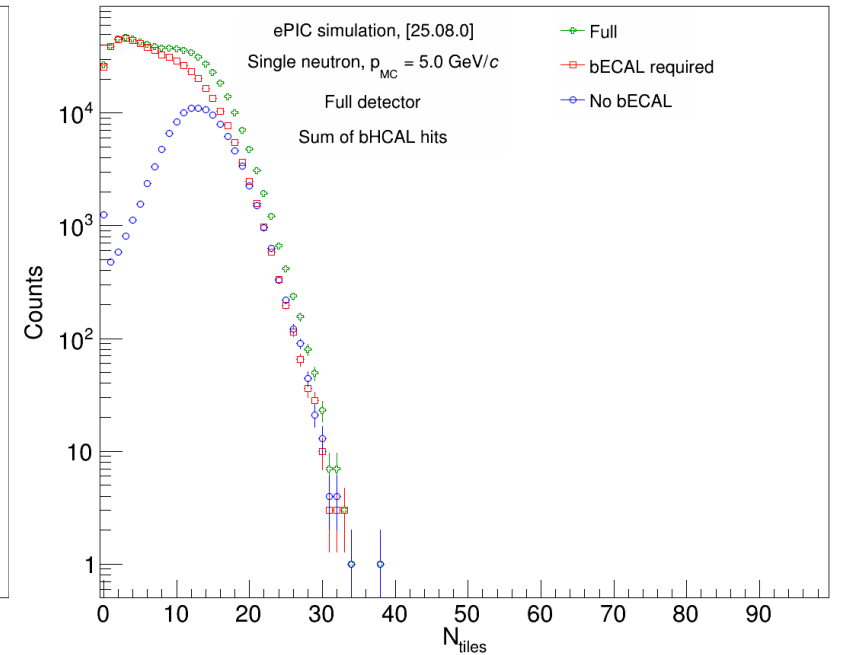
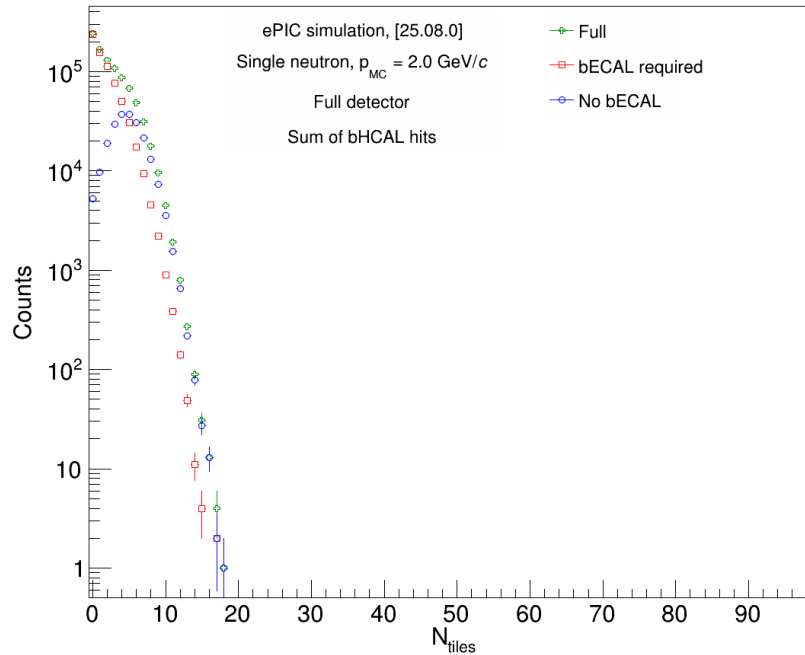
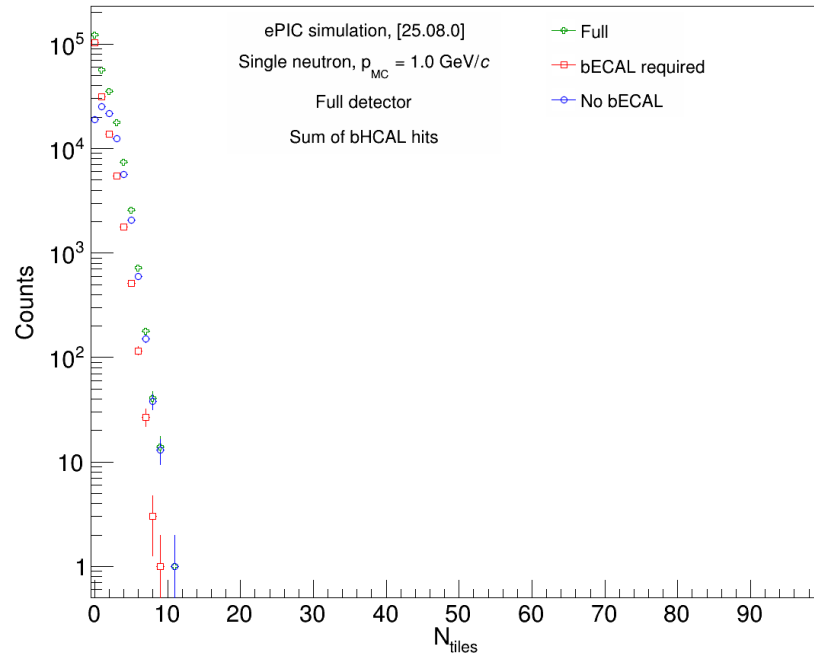
NUMBER OF TILES WITH SIGNAL IN bHCAL

- Number of tiles with non-zero energy deposition in bHCAL
 - Three MC neutron momenta
 - Linear scale
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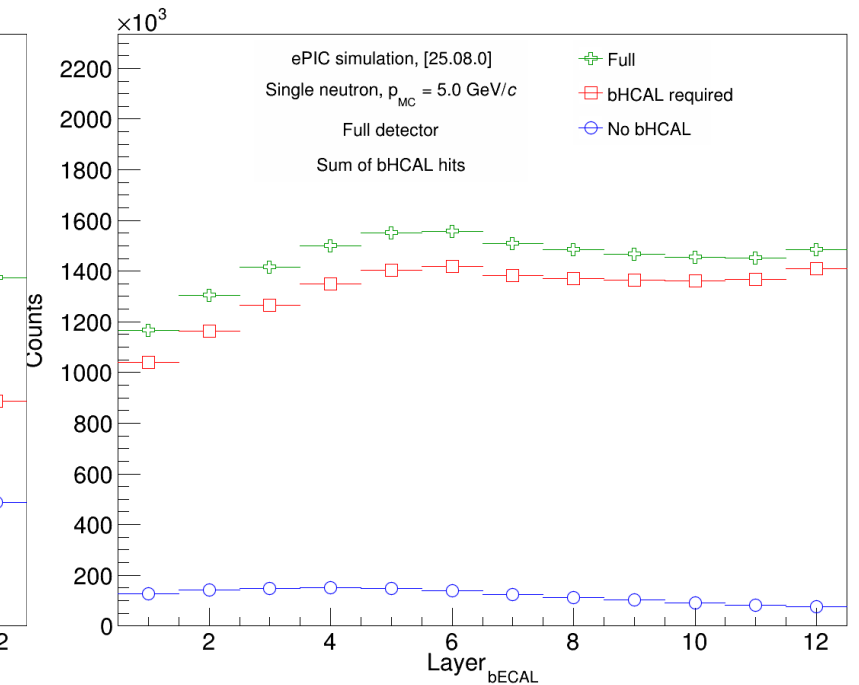
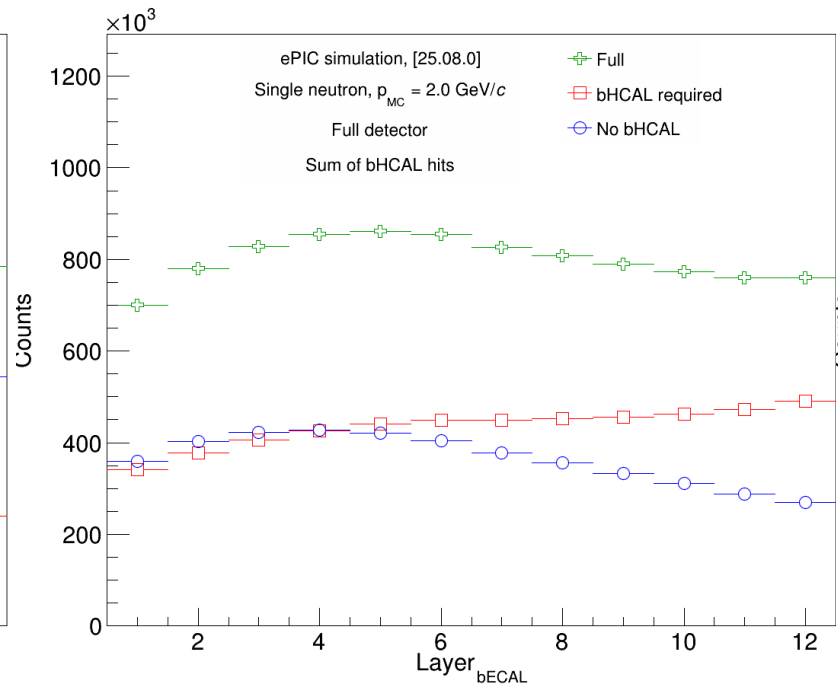
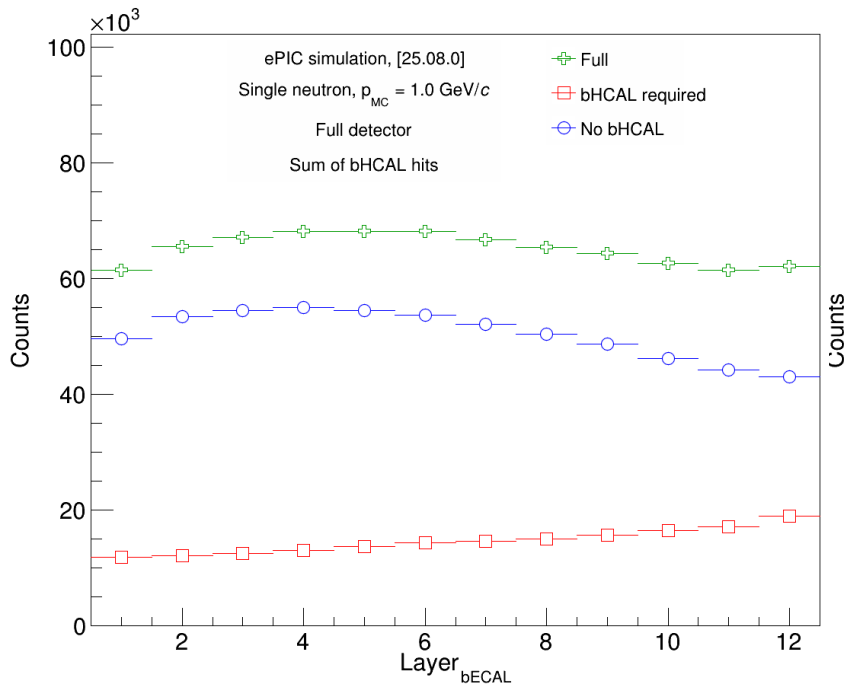
NUMBER OF HIT TILES IN bHCAL

- Number of tiles with signal in bHCAL
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HITS IN LAYERS OF bECAL

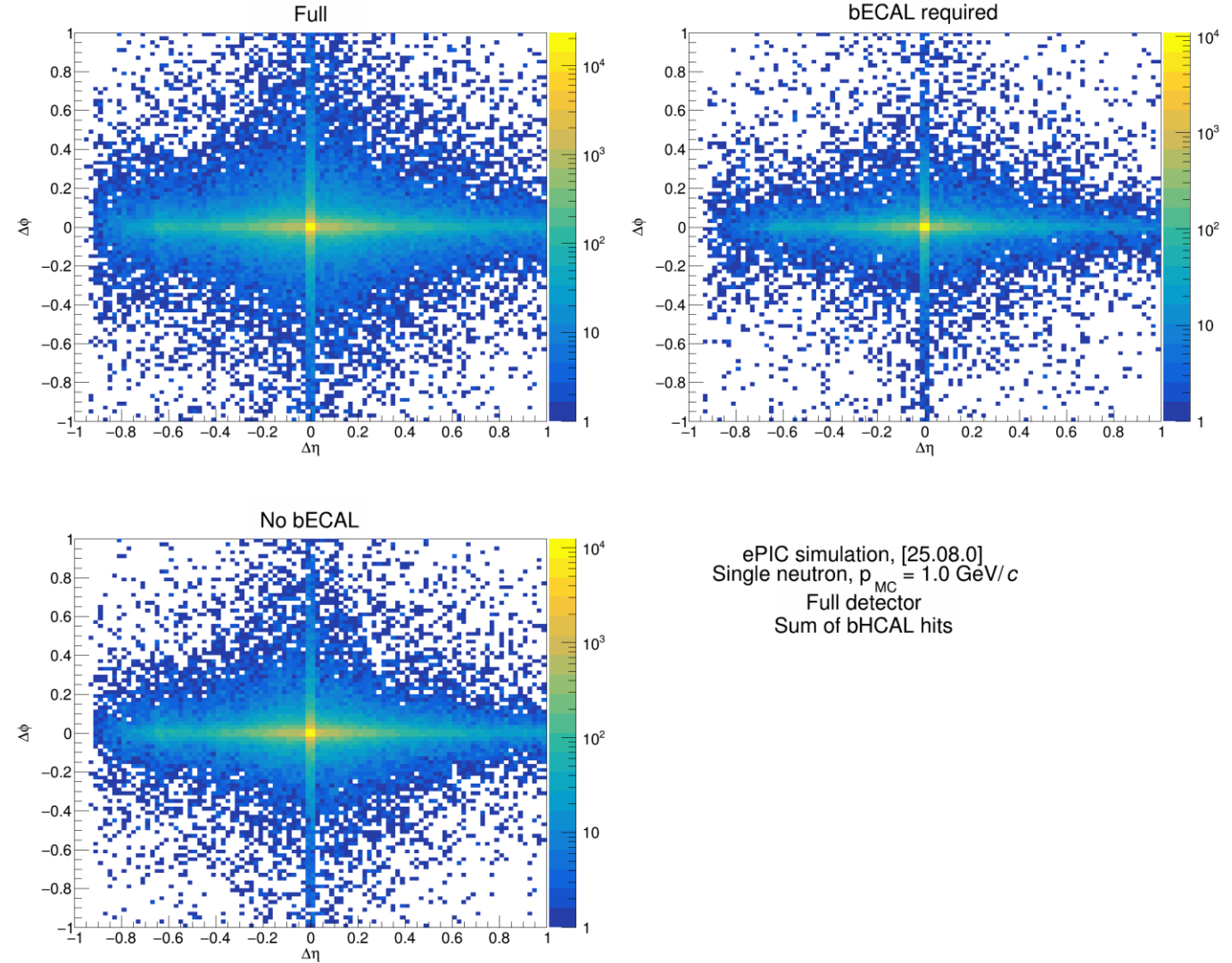
- Hits recorded by individual SciFi layers of bECAL
 - All layers with signal
 - Three MC neutron momenta
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SHOWER TRANSVERSE SIZE IN bHCAL

- Transverse size of shower in bHCAL
 - MC neutron momentum: 1 GeV/c
 - (top left) All hits
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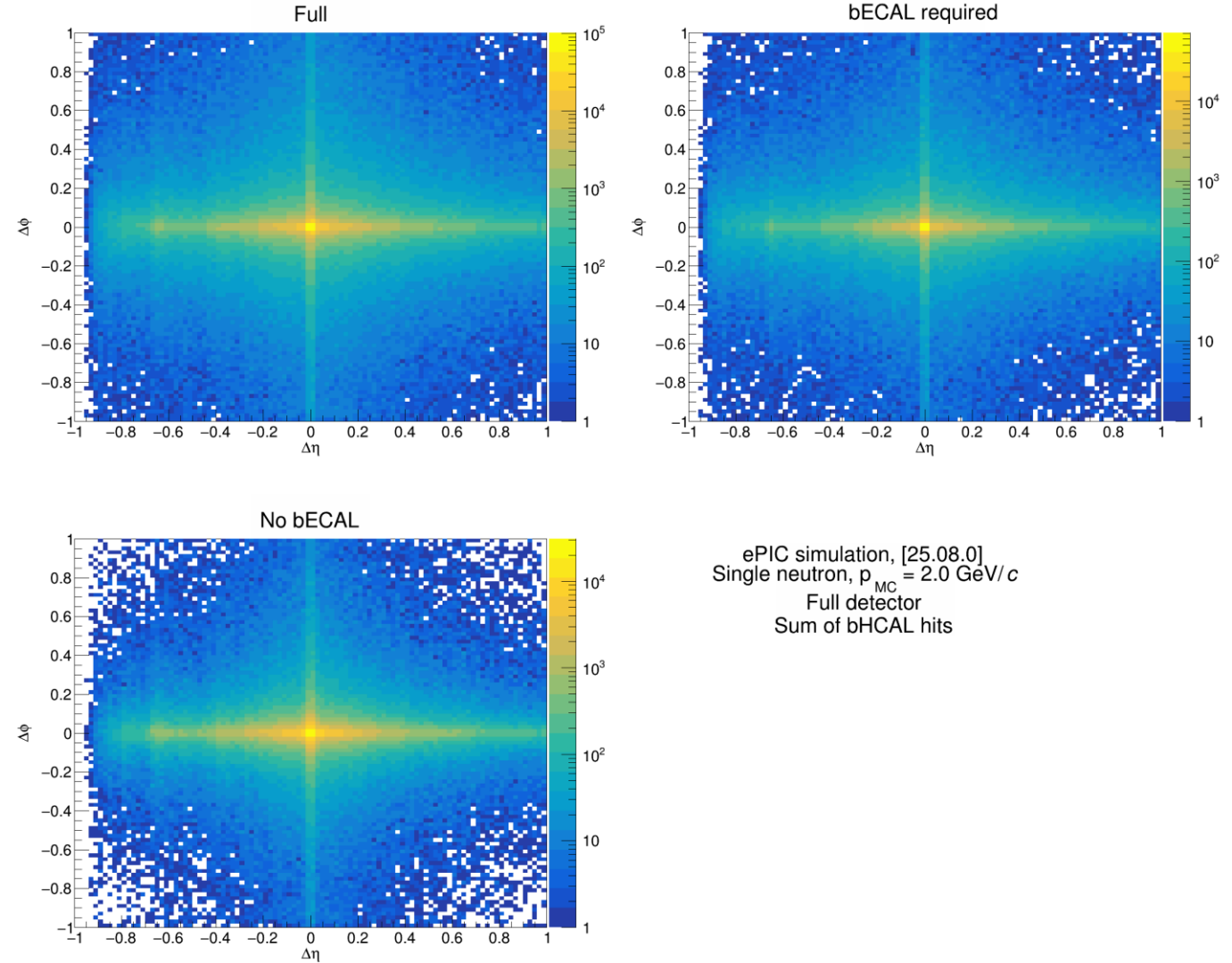
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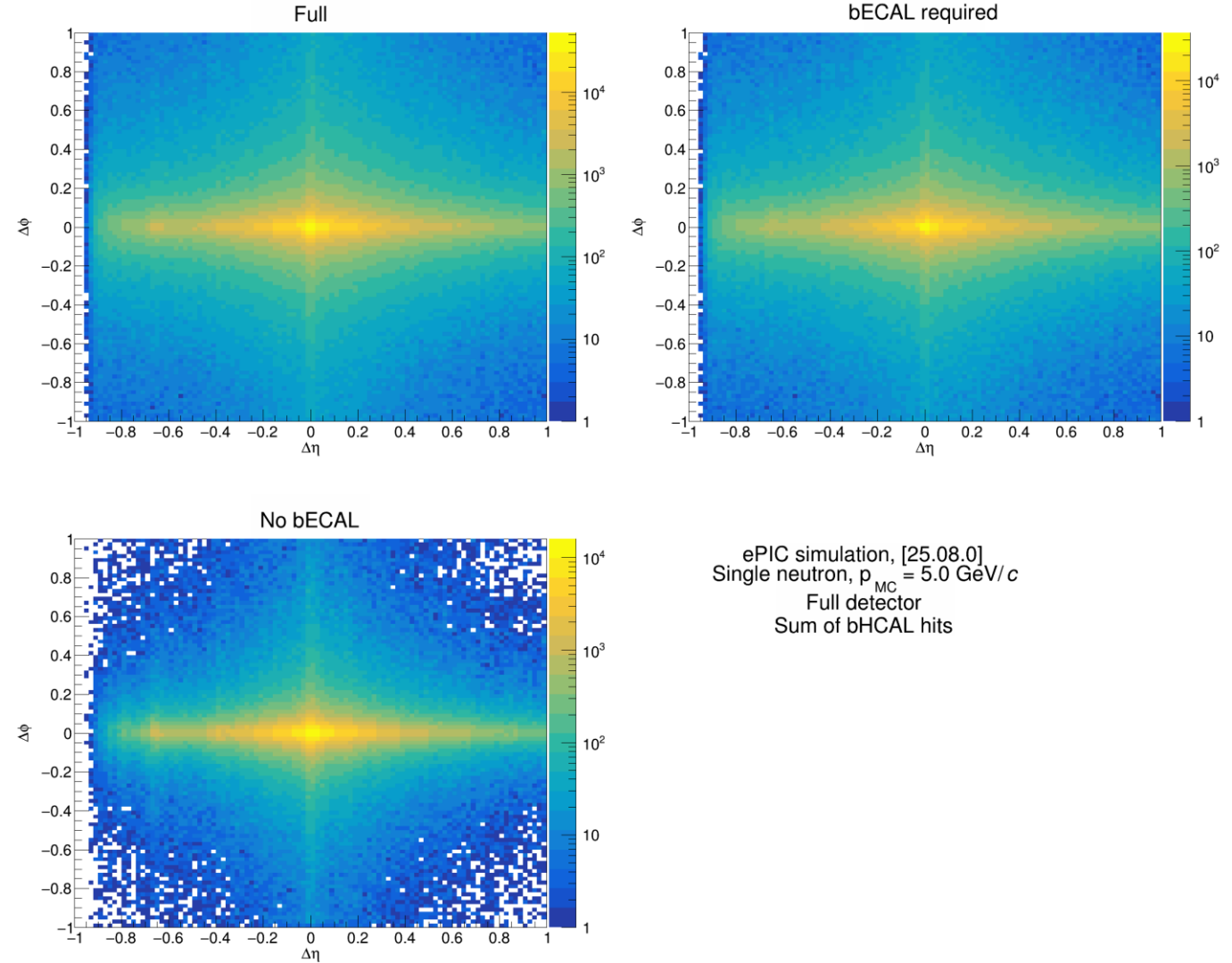
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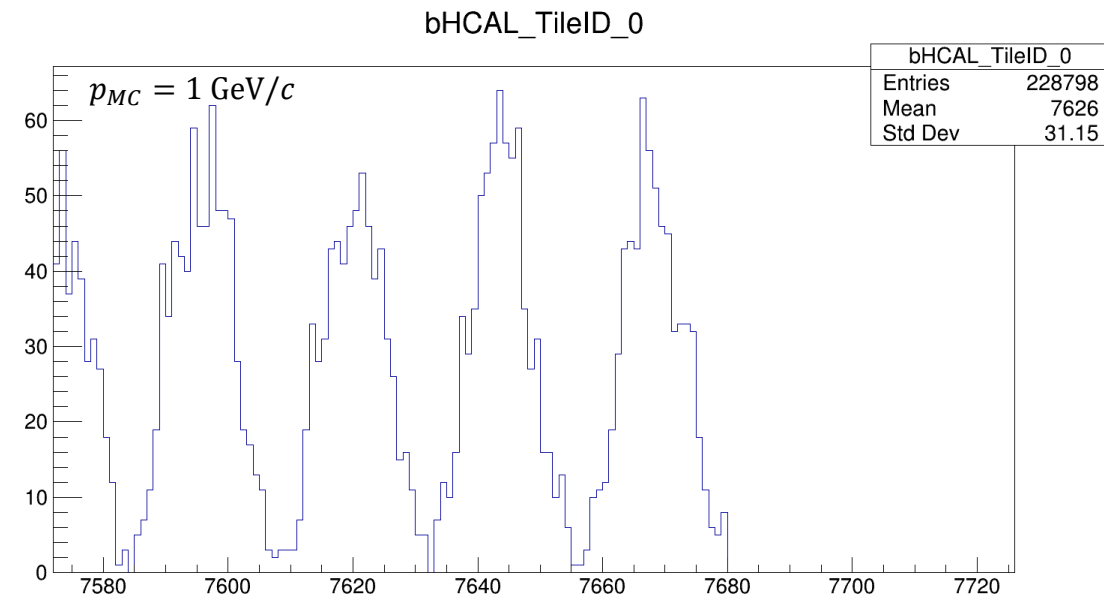
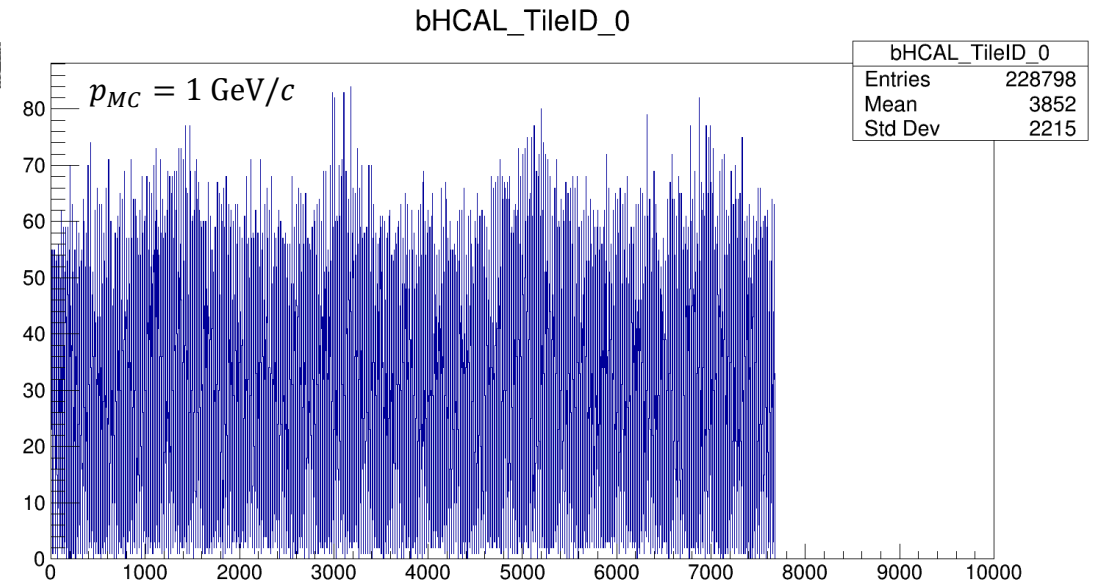
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 - MC neutron momentum: 5 GeV/c
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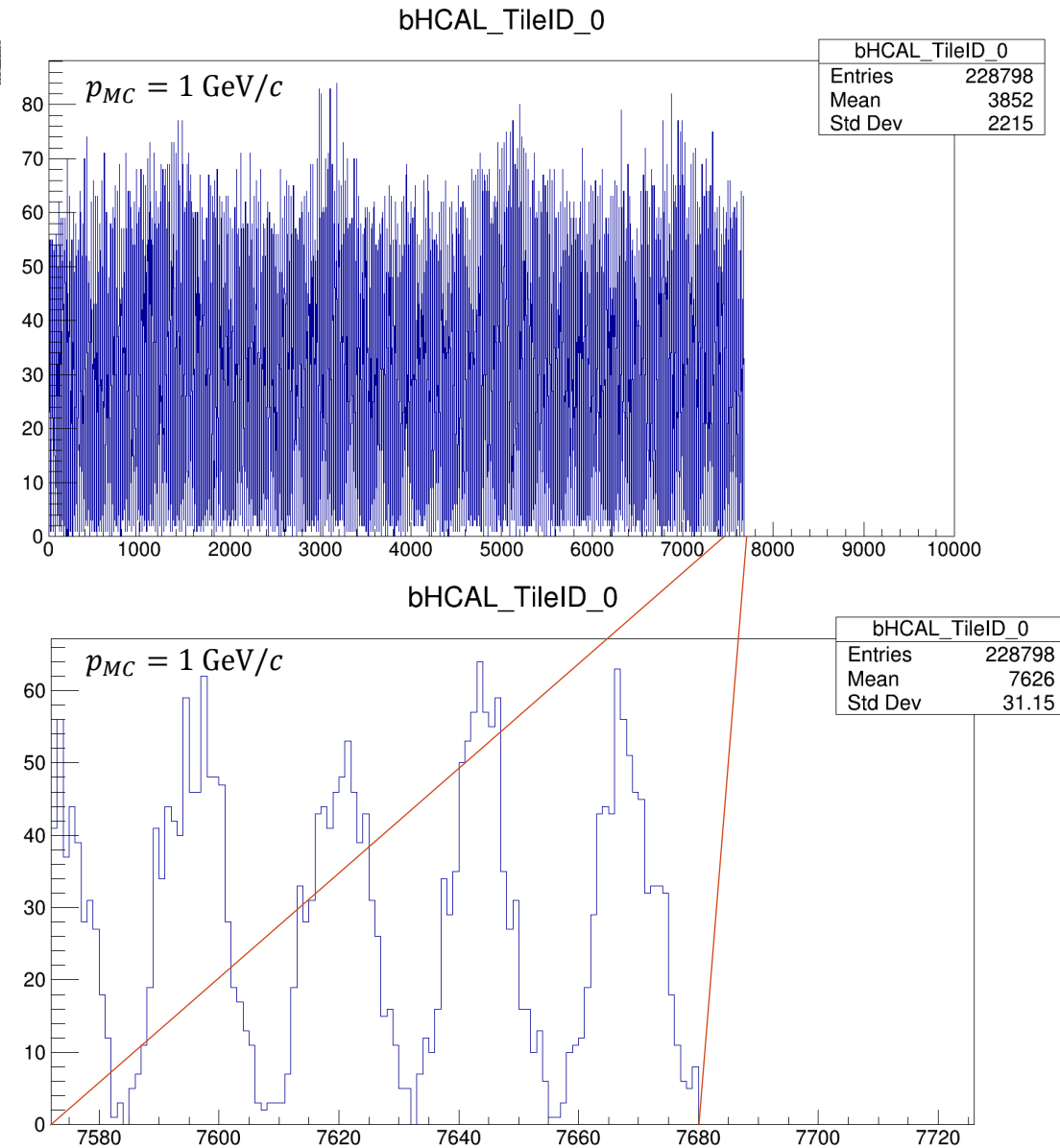
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- (bottom) Same, but zoomed at large TileID values
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MANUAL CALIBRATION METHODS

- We have tried several simple neutron calibration for bHCAL
- 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
 - $E_{calib} = A(E_{EMCAL} + B \cdot E_{bHCAL})$
 - Plot $(E_{EMCAL} + B \cdot E_{bHCAL})/E_{par,MC}$
 - First find B for which the distribution above has the smallest σ/μ
 - A is set as $1/\text{mean}$ of the distribution with optimal B
- Both methods were determined to be too simple and not suitable for our purposes

SUMMARY

- Ongoing efforts to perform neutron calibrations for bHCAL
- Main challenge is energy loss in the magnet
 - Undetermined fraction of showers lost in the magnet
 - Showers can start at various places which leads to very different energy deposition in bECAL and bHCAL
- Ongoing efforts to understand how bECAL and bHCAL response depends on exact shower profile
 - Shower start
 - Shower longitudinal and transverse profile
 - Energy deposition per tile/layer
 - ...

OUTLOOK

- More detailed study of shower evolution in bECAL and bHCAL
 - Ratio of energy deposition in bECAL and bHCAL
 - Similar to current simple calibration
 - Add information on size of shower
 - Number of hits, cluster size
 - Estimate energy loss in the magnet
- Make magnet sensitive volume in simulation
 - Directly retrieve the energy deposited in the magnet
 - Requires adding a new branch to EICRecon output
- Open questions about role of sampling fractions in current simulation
- More suggestions?

THANK YOU FOR ATTENTION