

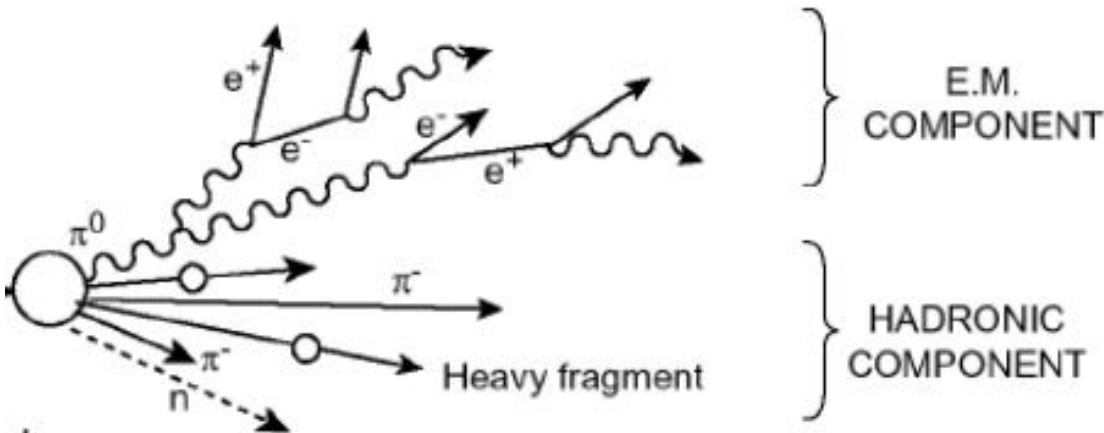
MAPS Calorimetry for FCC?

Exploratory “Hobby Project” with Claude Code

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FCC & Detector Motivation

- Goal: measure Higgs couplings to per mille precision
- Detector requirement: unprecedented performance, often quoted as 3-4% on jet energy resolution



- Ideas for FCC calorimetry
 - Dual readout crystal to measure scintillation & Chrenekov
 - Si/W sampling calorimeter designed for pflow

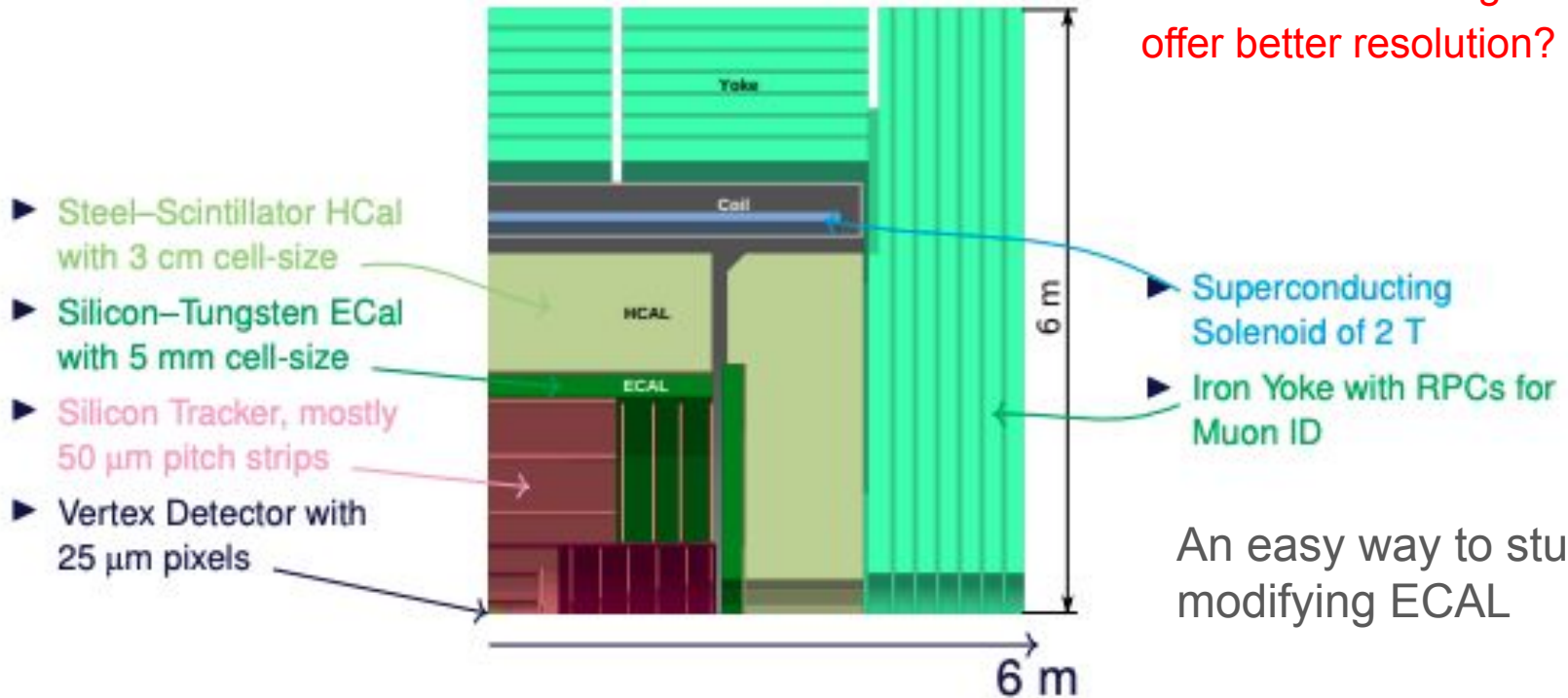
Principle of p-flow

$$E_{\text{jet}} = \underbrace{\sum(p_{\text{charged}})}_{\text{Tracker}} + \underbrace{\sum(E_{\text{photon}})}_{\text{ECAL}} + \underbrace{\sum(E_{\text{neutral}})}_{\text{HCAL}}$$

CLD

- CLD one of the detector concepts
- Designed for particle flow

Main question trying to understand through these studies does finer granularity offer better resolution?



An easy way to study this by modifying ECAL

MAPS for Calorimetry

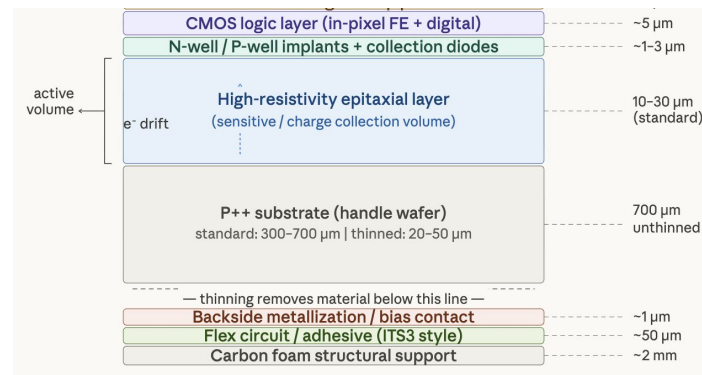
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- Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors
- Both readout & sensitive region same layer
- Lower power consumption per channel than traditional sensors

Prototype studied: **NAPA-p1** (Habib et al., JINST 19, 2024)

Property	Value
Pixel pitch	25 μm
Pixels/cm ²	160,000
Epi-layer thickness	12 μm
ENC (noise)	13 e^- rms
Time jitter	< 400 ps rms
Peak power	115 mW/cm²
Avg. power (< 1% duty)	1.15 mW/cm ²

Typical MAPS sensor layout



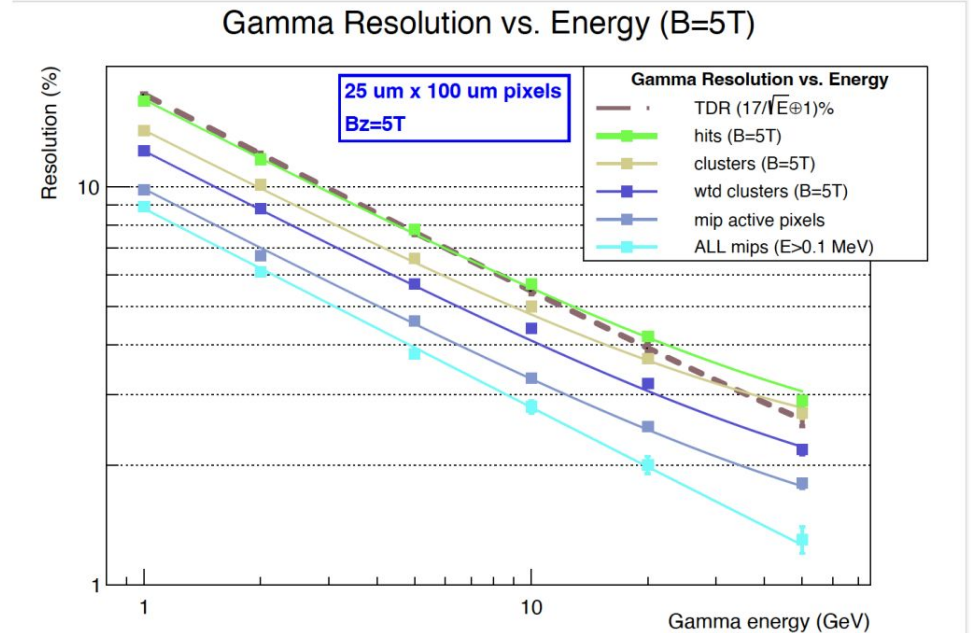
~50-100 μm thickness if thin sensors

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- Possible for linear collider because of power pulsing, no active cooling required

Is this feasible for FCC? Does this bring any improvement?

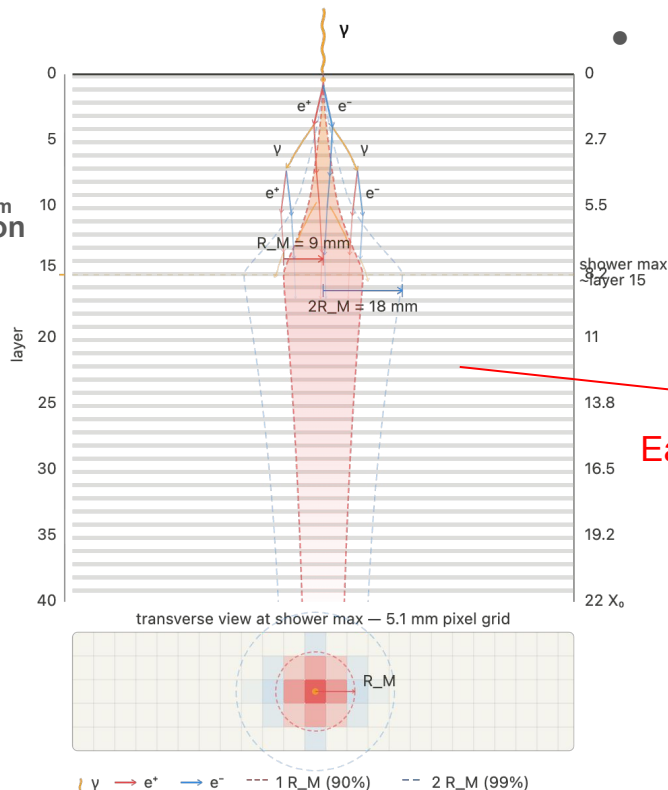


Baseline CLD Calorimetry

Sampling calorimeter with 5.1mmX5.1mm Si pixel, 40 layers total

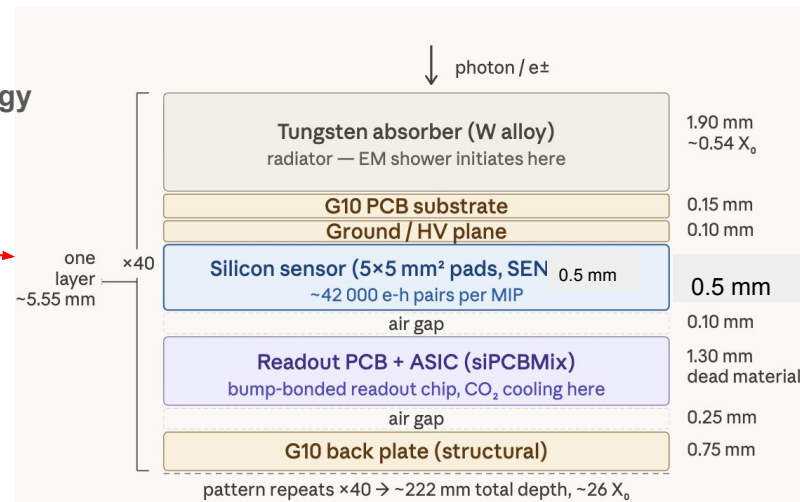
- Analog sensors collect all charges above some threshold
- Cooling assumed to be passive, no active cooling for sensors

Moliere radius R_m depend on material



Shower max depend on energy

Each layer



Why MAPS & What are Challenges of using for Calorimetry?

Why?

→ Low power consumption, for regular pixel higher granularity would require enormous power & cooling

Challenges?

→ Cooling, for linear collider MAPS in calorimeter feasible because of power pulsing (only operational 1% of the time)

→ Adding cooling material reduces calorimeter performance

Main Question: An optimal pixel size to balance granularity & cooling needs?

Roadmap of this study

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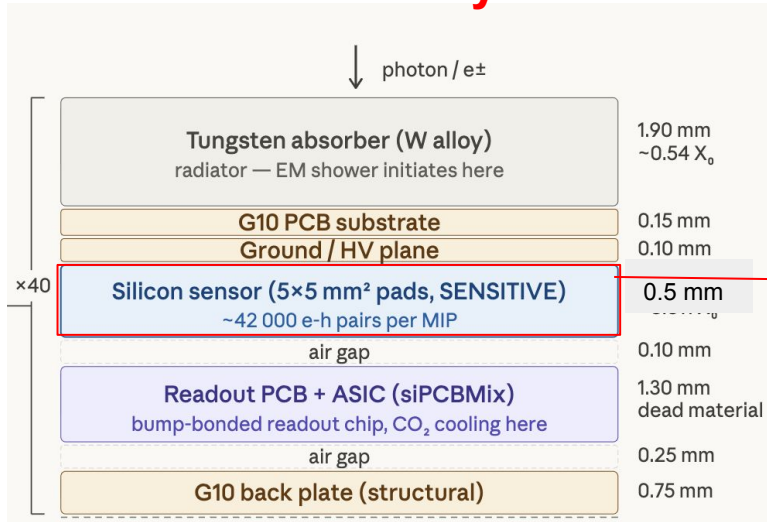
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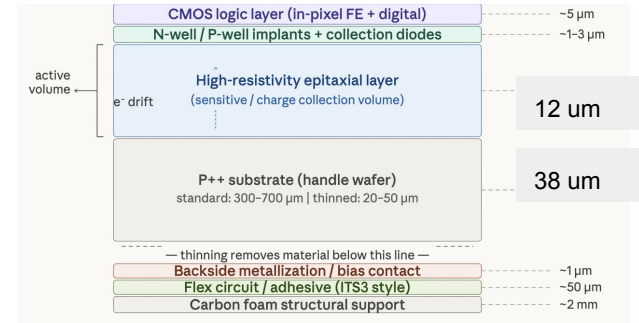
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 - Photon gun study; resolution?
 - pion gun study; are granular pixels better for photon from π^0 separation?

Changes in Simulation for this Study

Baseline CLD layer



Sensor for this study



Replaced by
MAPS like sensor

Changes:

- 5 mm size to 500 μm , 200 μm , 100 μm , 50 μm & 25 μm changed separately
 - Thickness changed from 500 μm to 12 μm sensitive + 38 μm substrate
 - Analog → digital readout, hit vs no hit
- All additional layers like PCB/ASIC on the baseline kept as is, idea would be to replace this eventually by active cooling material

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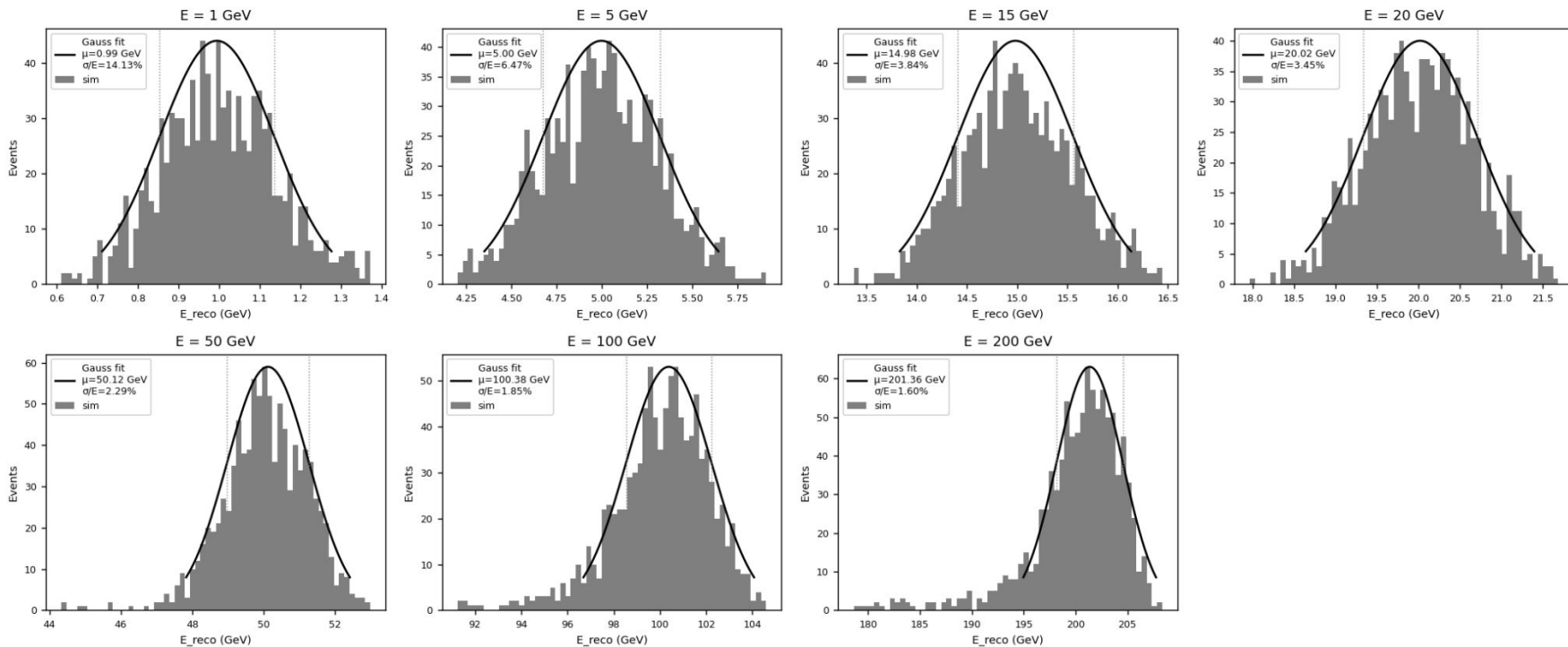
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Step 3: Apply a calibration to these collected hits (energies) to estimate reconstructed energy of a photon; calibration necessary because most of shower happens in W

Photon Resolution

Step 4: From distribution of the reconstructed energy fit a Gaussian to extract the energy resolution at a given true energy

E_reco distributions — Baseline (5.1mm, 0.50mm Si)



Photon Resolution

Step 4: Deduce calorimeter performance

$$\frac{\sigma(E)}{E} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus \frac{b}{E} \oplus c$$

Stochastic term

Noise term ignore for now

Constant term

Dominates at low energy
From statistical fluctuation of
number of particles sampled

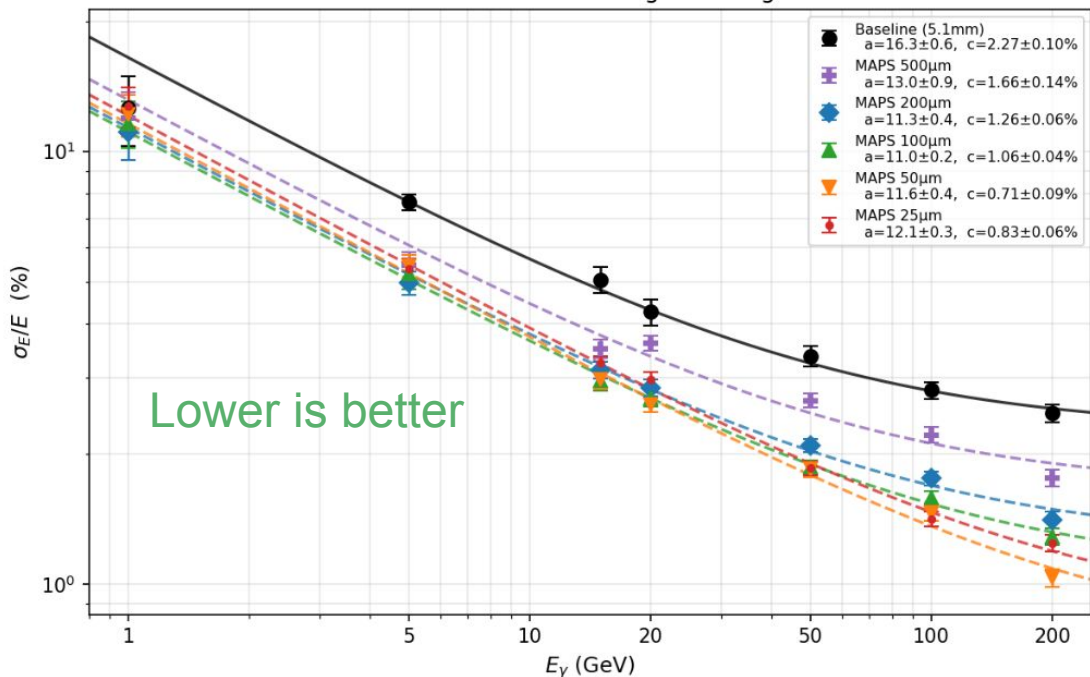
More important at high energy
From systematic effects

Better calorimeter has smaller a & c terms; can extract from the resolutions

Calorimeter Performance

Photon Gun @ $\eta = 0.3$

Threshold: 12KeV analog 1 keV digital



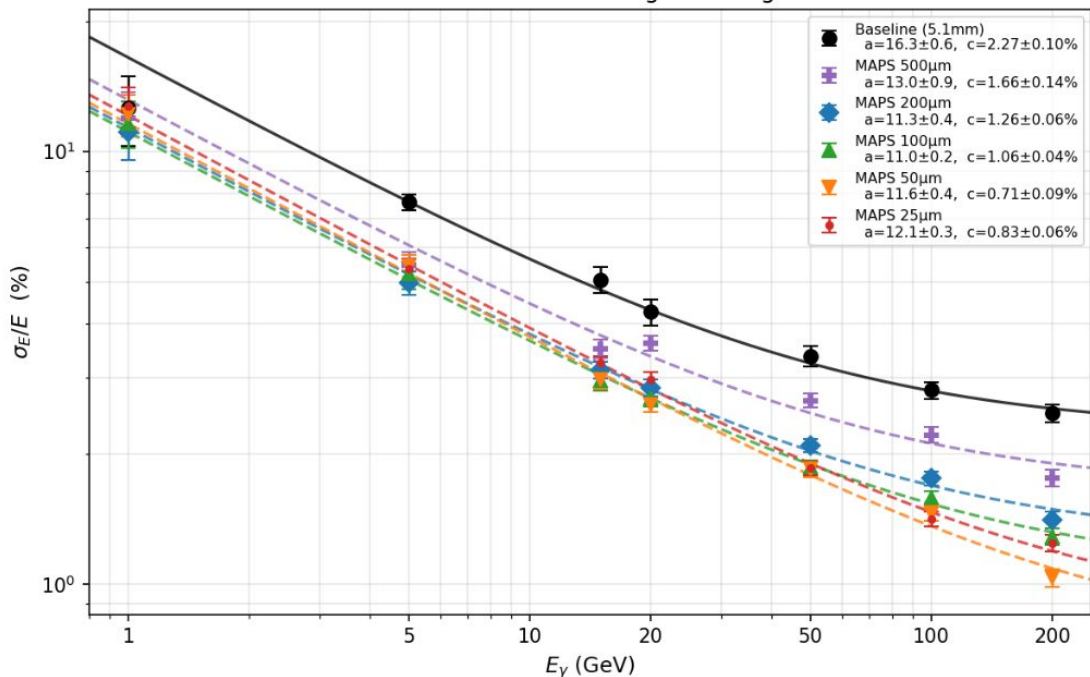
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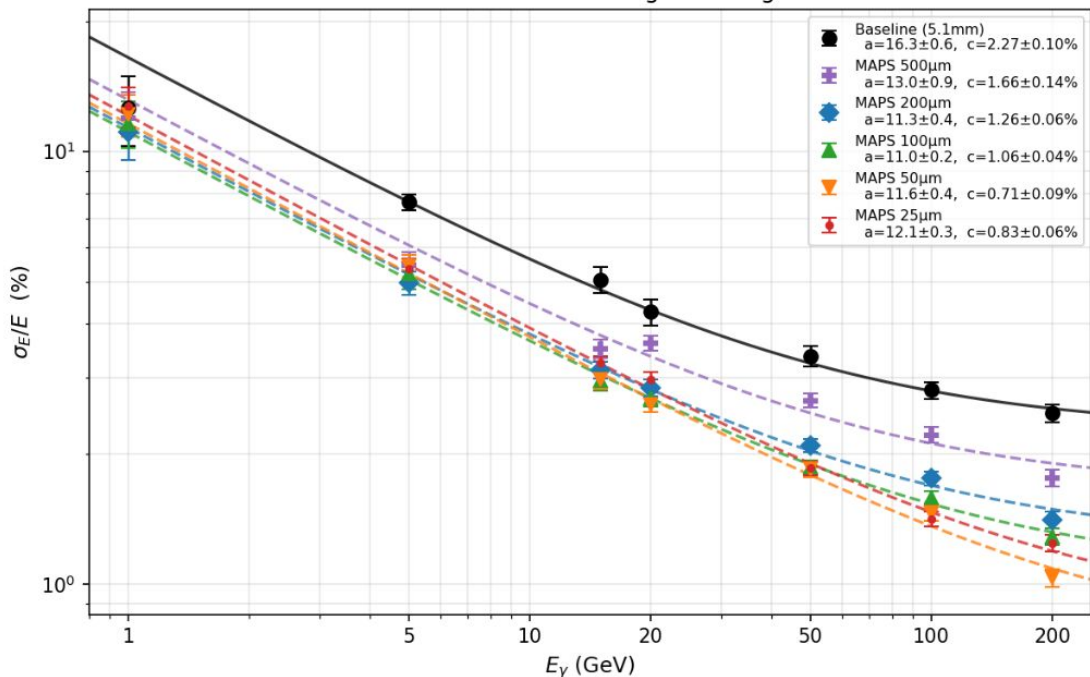
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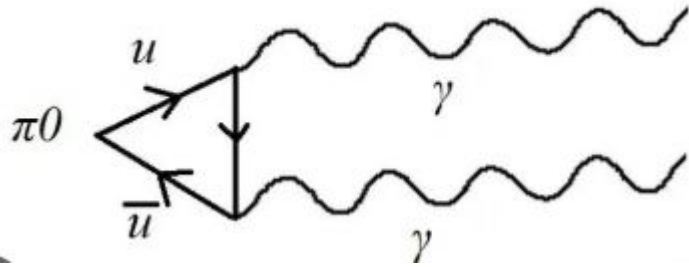
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Based on hits counting, 100 μm seems to be the sweet spot! Same conclusion for $\eta=0$ photon gun

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- **Pixel Size Comparison**
 - Smaller pixel size better resolution going from 5 mm to 100 μm
 - 50 μm & 25 μm worse resolution at low photon energy, highly granular not enough particles above threshold per pixel size
 - 25 μm worse than 50 μm at high photon energy, caused by charge sharing [same particle passing through multiple pixels]

Pion Gun:



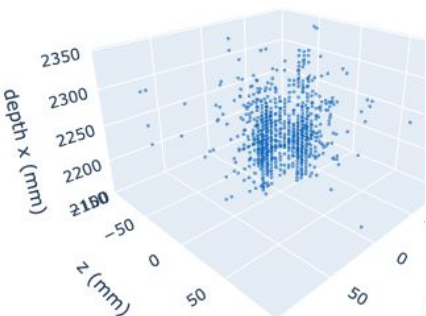
- Similar to photon gun study simulated a π^0
- For baseline, 200 μm , 100 μm pixel sizes 500 events generated
- Tried to understand if granularity helps here

Pion Gun at various energies: Baseline

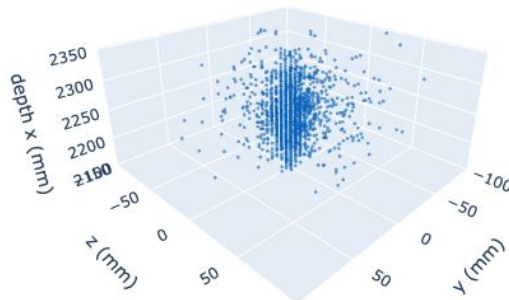
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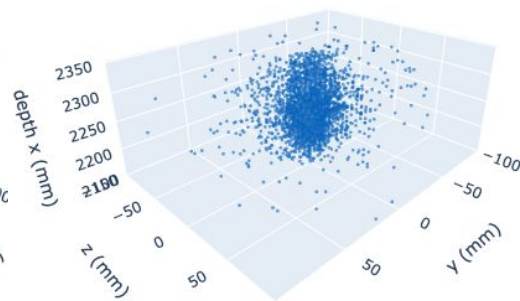
Pi0 20 GeV



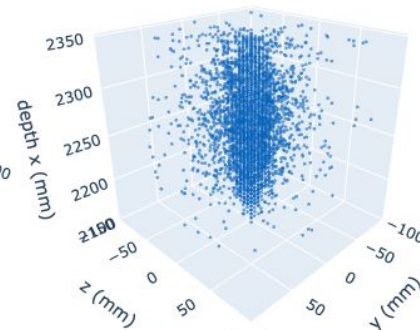
Pi0 50 GeV



Pi0 100 GeV



Pi0 200 GeV



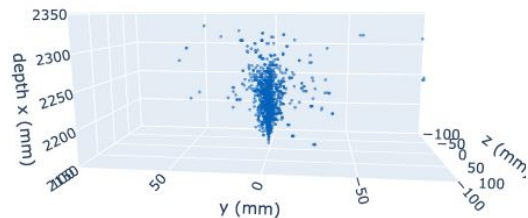
- This is an event picked randomly for visualization purposes
- [Link](#) to interactive baseline pi0 plot

Pion Gun at various energies: 200um

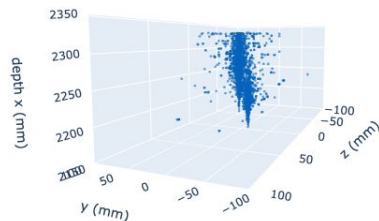
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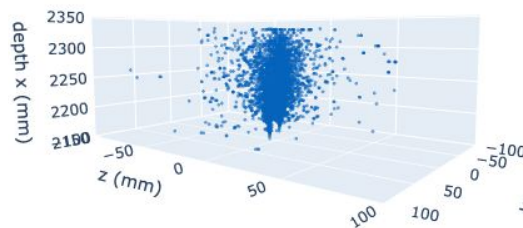
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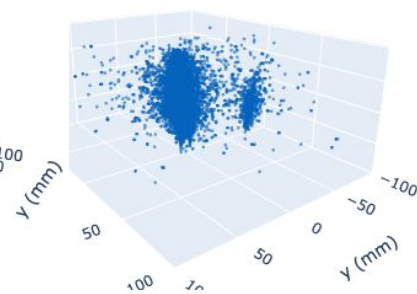
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Pi0 100 GeV



Pi0 200 GeV



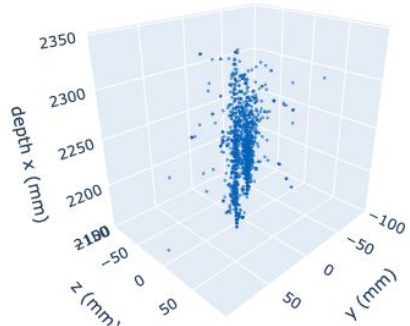
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Pion Gun at various energies: 100um

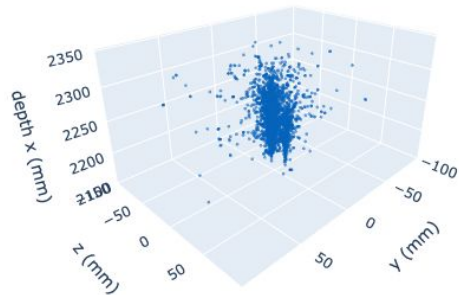
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Pixel size: 100um

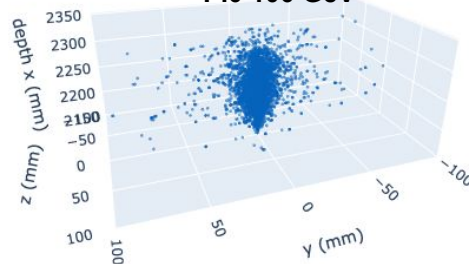
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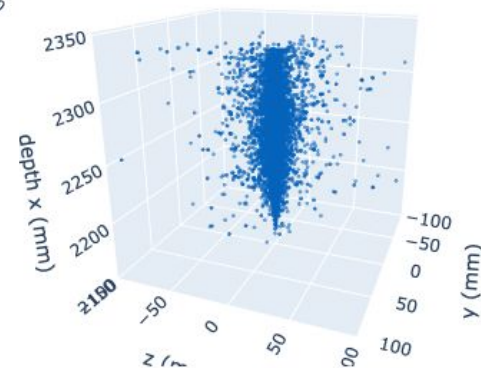
Pi0 50 GeV



Pi0 100 GeV



Pi0 200 GeV



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Can we go beyond visualization?

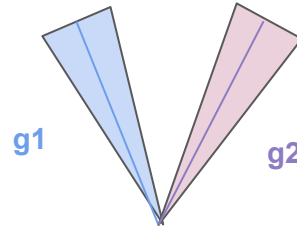
$$\theta_{min} = \frac{2m_{\pi^0}}{E_{\pi^0}}; \text{ if } E_{\pi^0} \gg m_{\pi^0}$$

- If ECAL is $L=2150$ mm for CLD

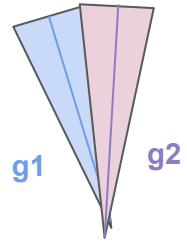
$$\Delta x = L \cdot \theta_{\gamma\gamma}^{min} = \frac{L \cdot 2m_{\pi^0}}{E_{\pi^0}}$$

- Only photons that have $\Delta x > 2$ times Moliere radius can be separate :(
 - Moliere radius for tungsten ~ 9.4 mm

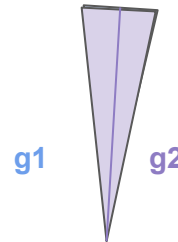
Case 1: $\Delta x > 2R_m$



Case 2: $R_m < \Delta x < 2R_m$



Case 3: $\Delta x < R_m$



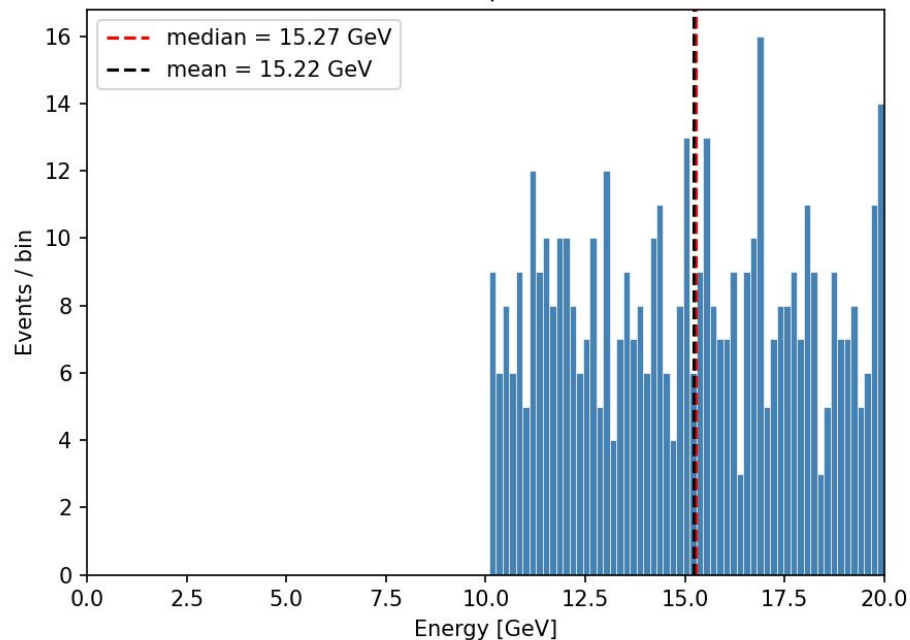
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Truth pion and photon studies

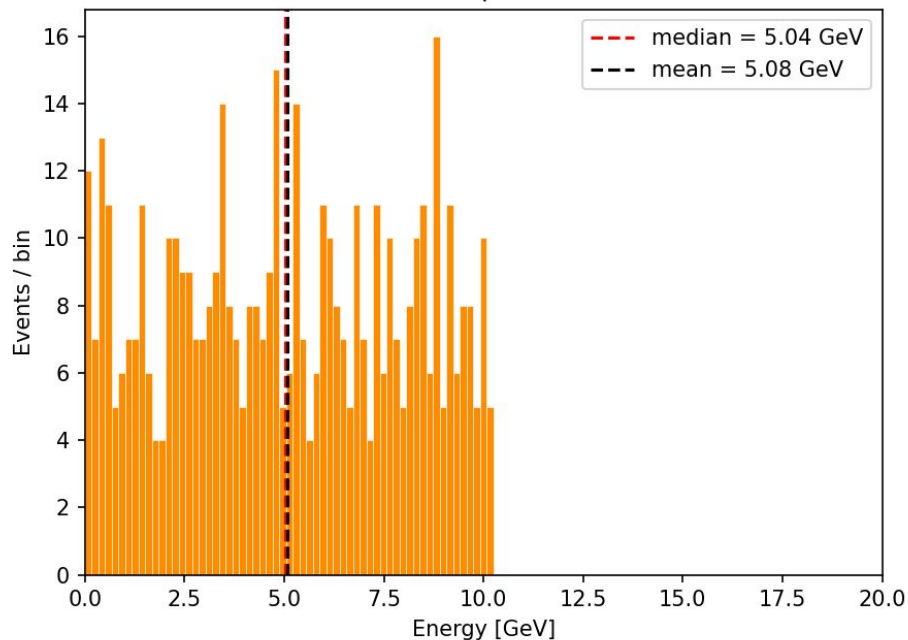
Shown truth photon energy distribution for 20GeV baseline, in most cases 1 harder photon

Truth $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ photon energies — 20 GeV, baseline

Harder photon

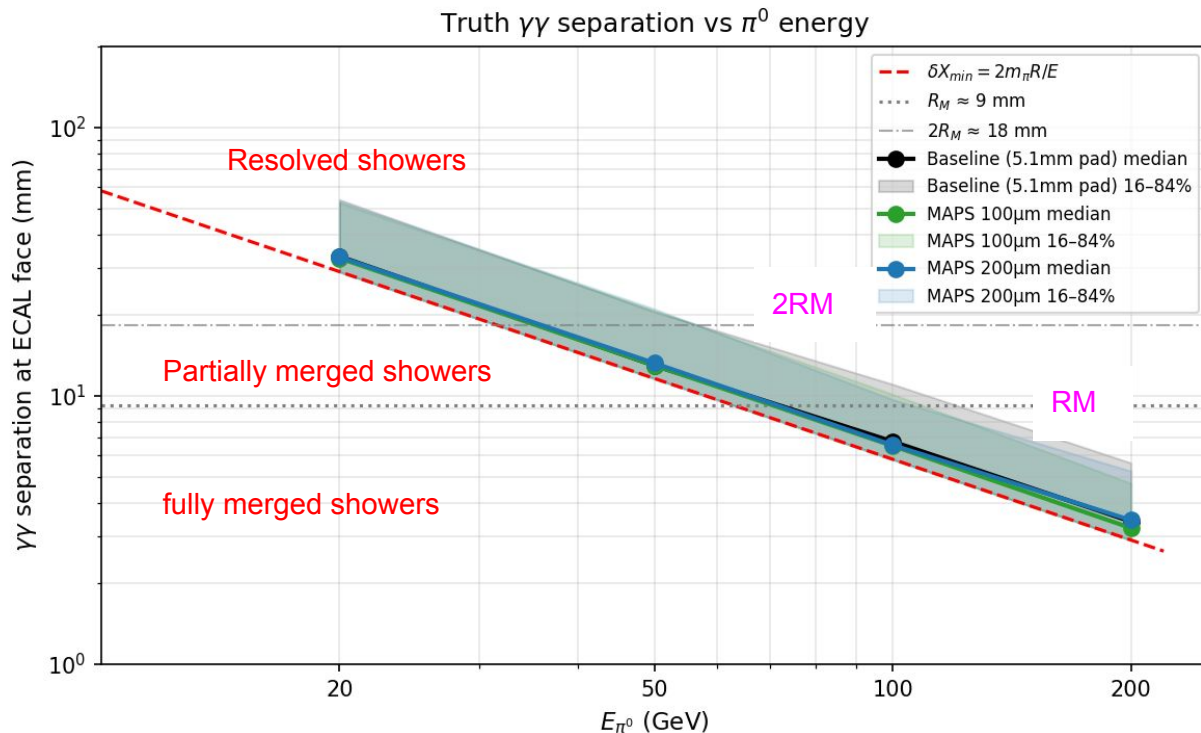


Softer photon

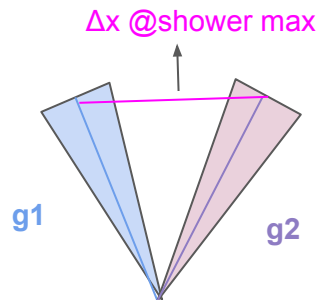


Baseline vs 100 vs 200 um MAPS: Truth Study

Expecting merged photons from π^0 decay at shower depth

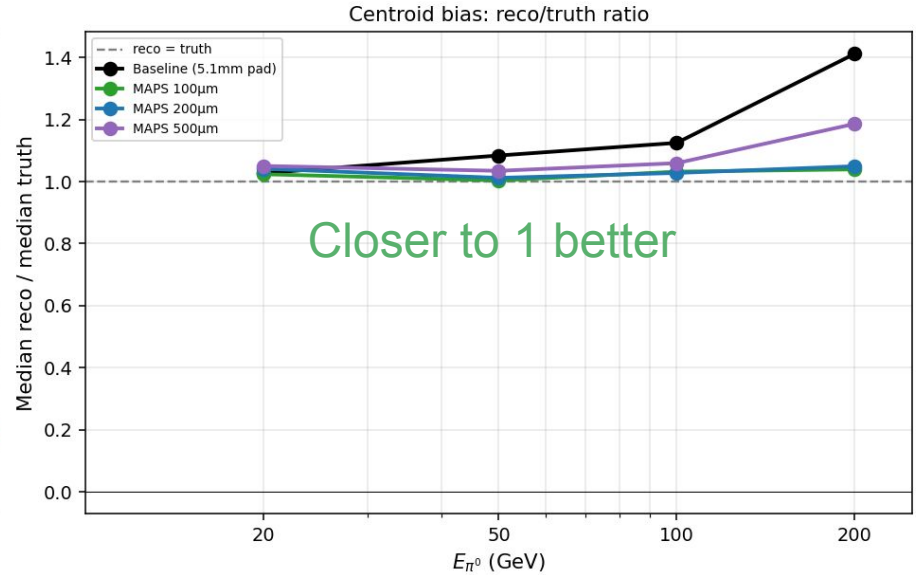
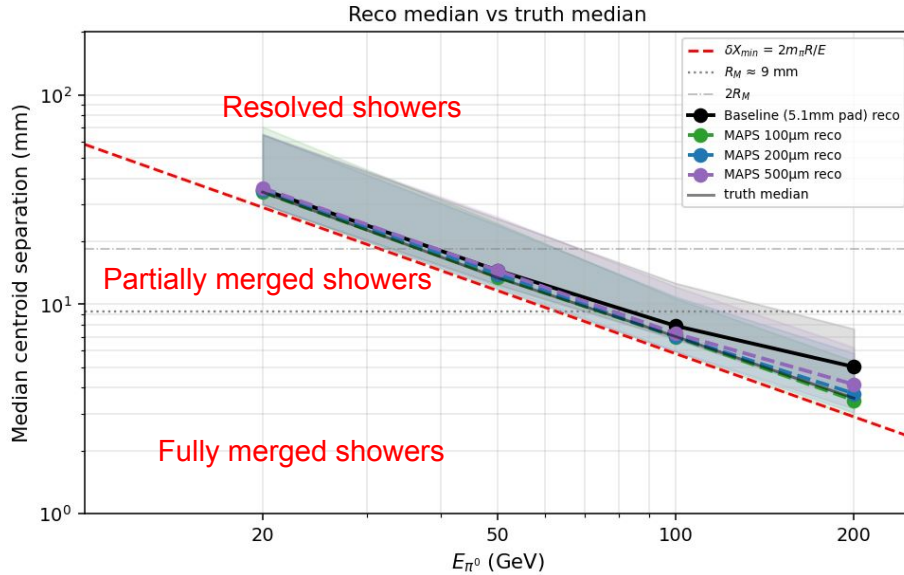


- From MC truth
- Photons start to merge ~ 30 GeV pion energy



Baseline vs 100 vs 200 um MAPS: Reco Separation

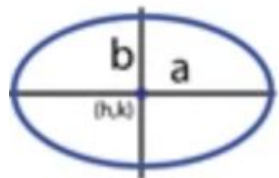
Now looking at truth-matched reco photons, best case scenario for a clustering algorithm



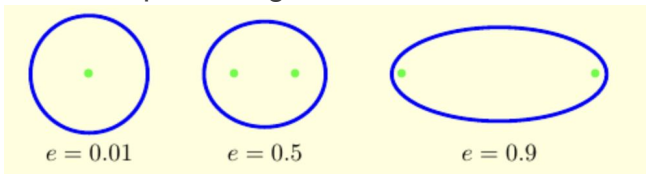
- First find energy weighted centroid of each photon and get the separation of two shower centroids, this uses truth matching for clustering
- This is very interesting, “reconstructed” photons for overlapping hits are pulled towards higher energy photon by construction [thus shifting the tail of the distribution]

Ellipse of Merged Pi0 Showers

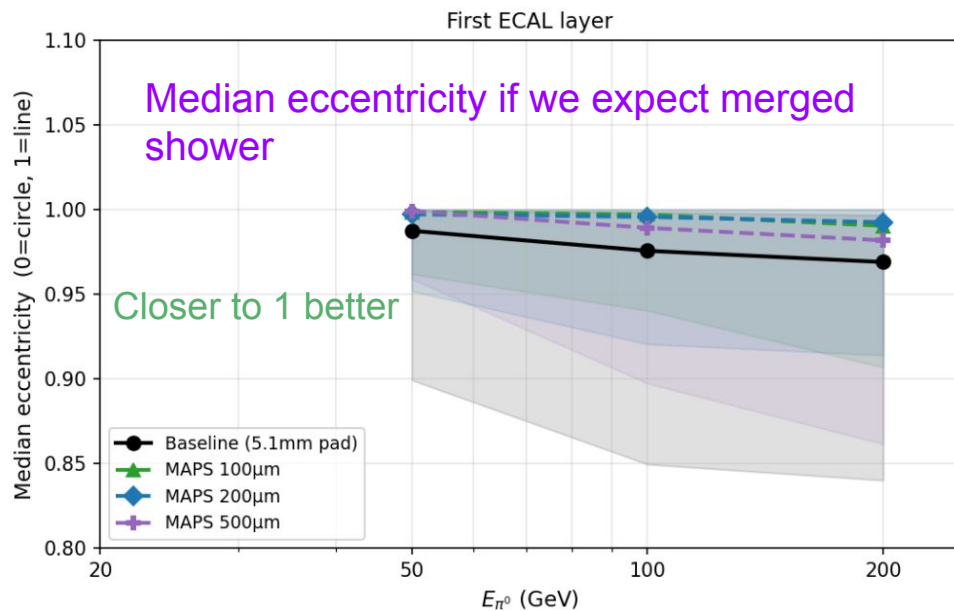
- At a given layer, merged photon shower more elliptical (single shower more round)
- Extract eccentricity (e) for cases where we expect merged shower with different configurations at different energy



$$e = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}}{a}$$



Higher value of e more elliptical!



Granular ECAL even with simple algorithms seem to help with pi0/photon separation

Summary

- First set of checks look mostly reasonable?

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HF research

me

only planning for 1 pixel size

Next Steps

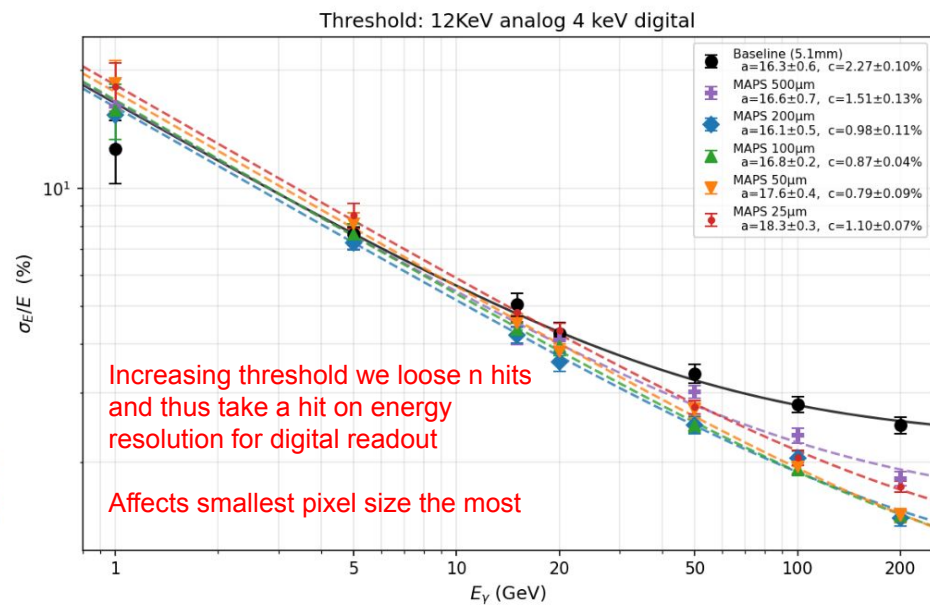
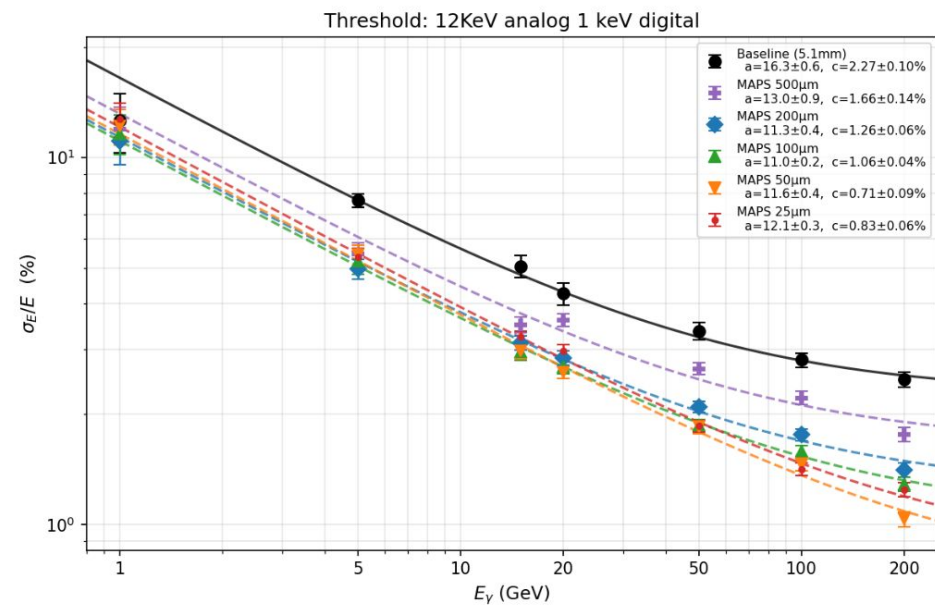
- start adding cooling material & study performance degradation
- beyond single particle gun: clustering/granular pflow?
 - eventually study impact on jet energy resolution

Backup

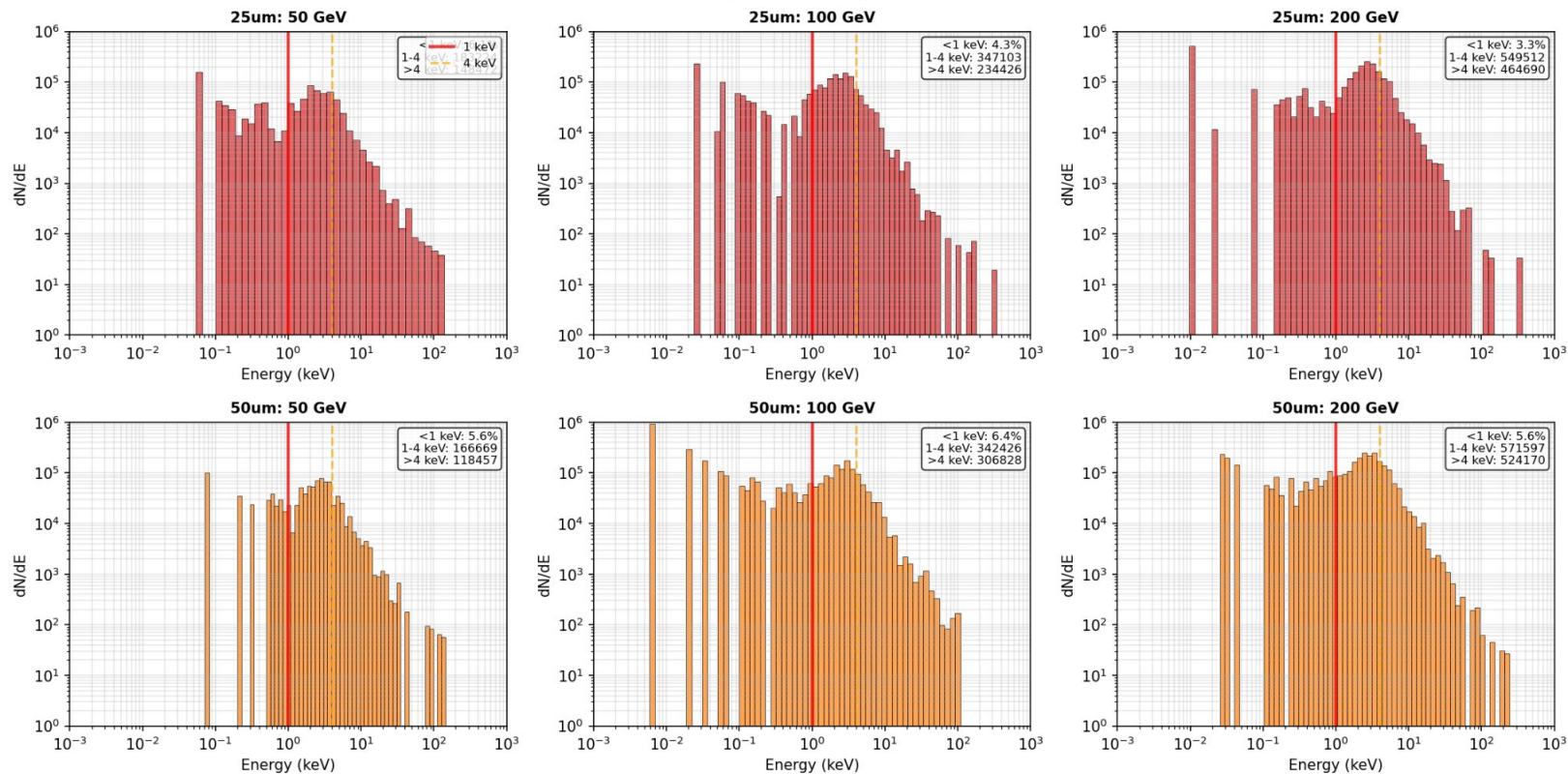
Threshold effect

Jim pointed out 1KeV threshold too low

- ~3.4 KeV/um MIP for Si
- For 12um thick active layer ~4KeV ; 1KeV is still not too small for noise free simulation
- baseline of ~500um thick layer ~1700, [taking 12 KeV ~1/10th of MIP]



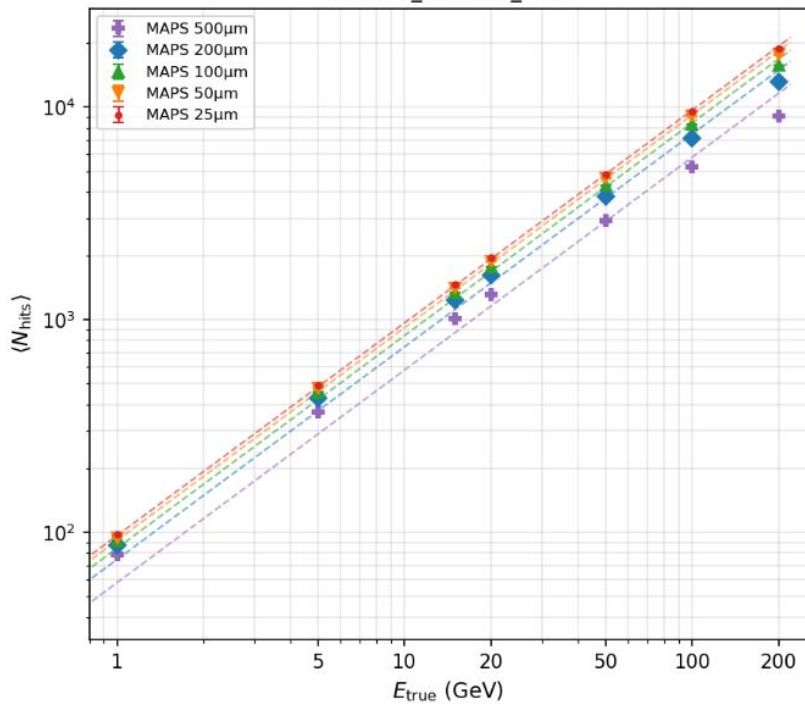
Too many sub particles?



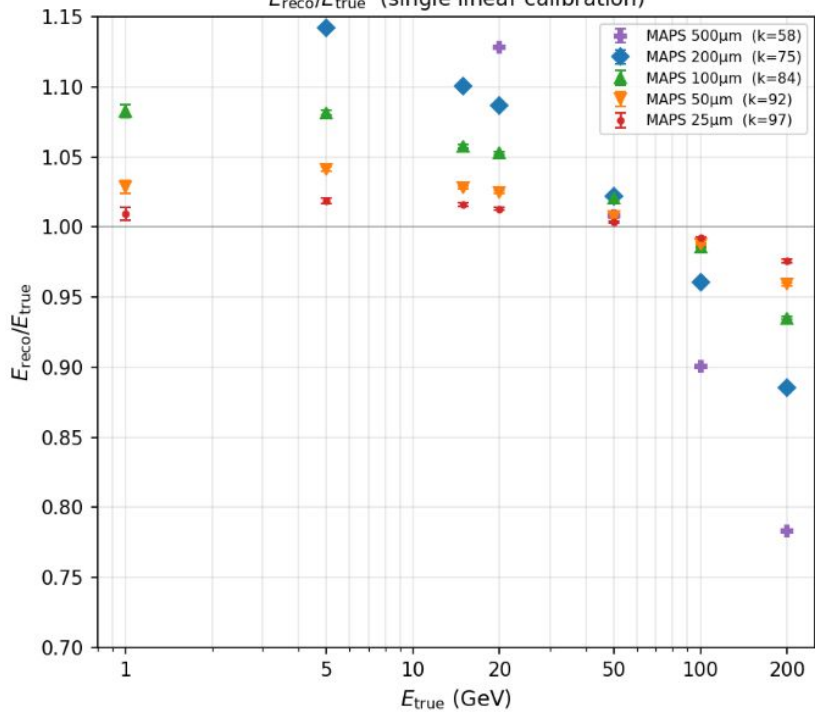
This shows that for smaller pixel size more lower energy deposits

What about the trend at 25 μ m?

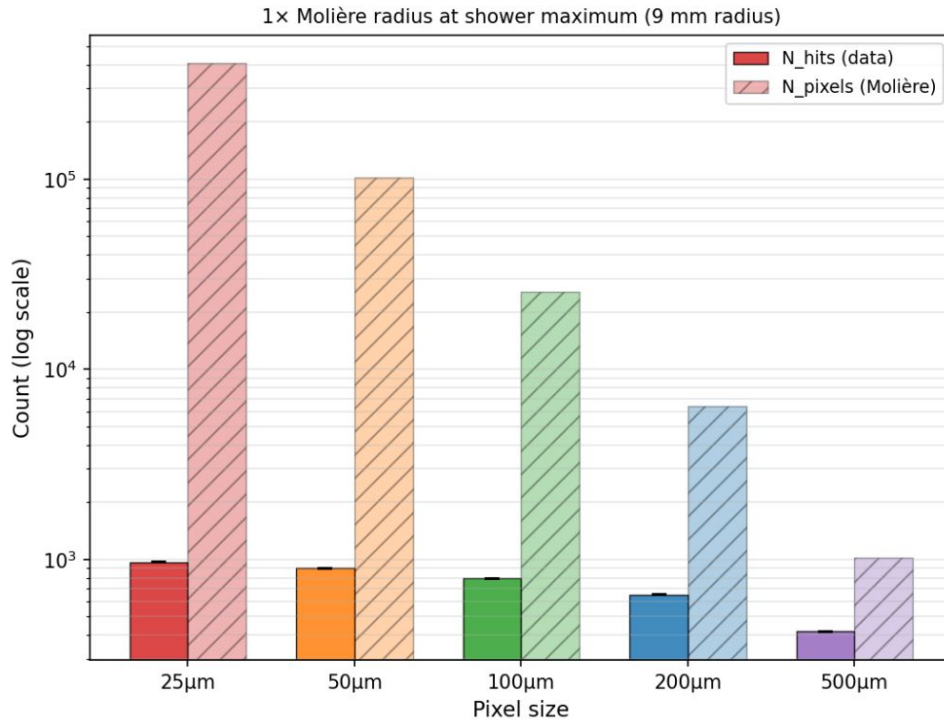
Mean N_{hits} vs E_{true}



$E_{\text{reco}}/E_{\text{true}}$ (single linear calibration)

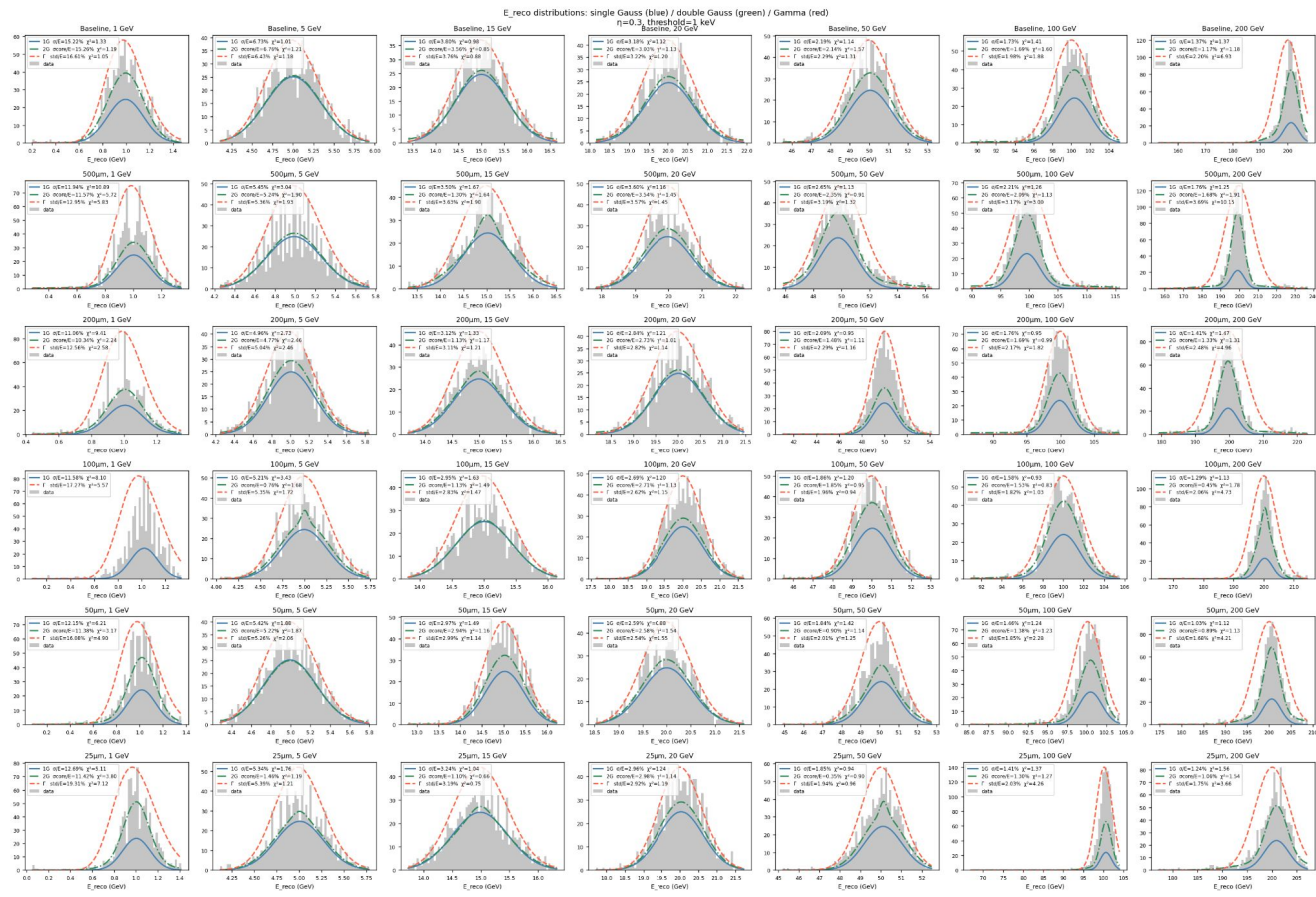


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More pixels than n hits even at shower maximum core within 1 moliere radius, Charlie was right no saturation effect

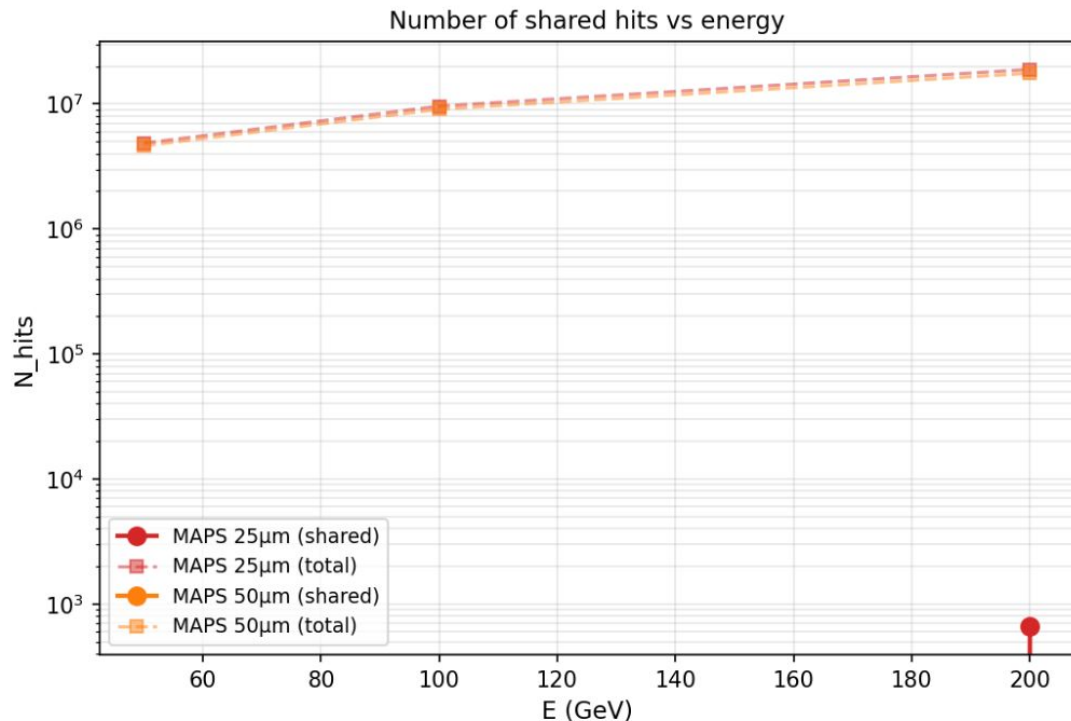
Gamma fit check from paper



Fit function to extract resolution looks similar to other pixel sizes

Charge Sharing:

How often do multiple particles hit same pixel?



- Number of hits for both pixel sizes are similar
- Number of multiple particles hitting the same pixel only appears at 25μm 200 GeV energy limit

Goals of Pi0 Gun Study

Similar study but for a pi0 gun to understand if smaller pixel size brings better separation

Little math from Claude, used $L = 2100$ mm

E_{π^0}	Δx	resolvable? ($2R_M \approx 18$ mm)
1 GeV	567 mm	easily
5 GeV	113 mm	easily
10 GeV	57 mm	yes
20 GeV	28 mm	marginal
30 GeV	19 mm	borderline
50 GeV	11 mm	merged
100 GeV	5.7 mm	fully merged

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