

IMAGING EM BARREL CALORIMETER



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EIC Calorimetry Requirements Barrel CAL in EIC Yellow Report

EIC Community outlined physics, detector requirements, and evolving detector concepts in the EIC Yellow Report.

EIC Yellow Report requirements for barrel ECal

- Detection of electrons/photons to measure energy and position
- Require moderate energy resolution $(10 12) \% \land E \oplus (1 3)\%$
 - But! With high electron-pion separation at low momenta.
- Require electron-pion separation up to 10⁴ at low particle momenta
- Discriminate between π^0 decays and single photons from DVCS
- Low energy photon reconstruction ~100 MeV





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DETECTOR GEOMETRY Imaging Barrel ECal

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- Hybrid concept
 - Imaging calorimetry based on monolithic silicon sensors AstroPix (NASA's AMEGO-X mission)
 - Scintillating fibers embedded in Pb (Pb/ScFi – Similar to GlueX Barrel ECal)
- 6 layers of imaging Si sensors interleaved with 5 Pb/ScFi layers and followed by a large chunk of Pb/ScFi section
- Total radiation thickness of 20 X₀
- Detector coverage: $-1.5 < \eta < 1.2$ which overlaps with "electron-going" side endcap

Imaging layer – Position info Pb/ScFi layer – Energy info







Performance studies



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Imaging Layers in Barrel ECAL

Excellent position resolution allowing precise 3D shower imaging

Significantly improved electron/pion separation with respect to E/p method • Impact on DIS cross section and

 Impact on DIS cross section and asymmetries

Separation of γ s from π^0 decays at

high momenta up to ~40 GeV/c. Precise position reconstruction of **ys** (below 1 mm at 5 GeV).

• Impact on DVCS and photon physics

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Provides a **space coordinate for DIRC** reconstruction (no need for additional large-radius tracking detector)

- Improving PID for SIDIS and beyond
- Improved tracking resolution for high-momentum particles

Tagging **final state radiative photons** from nuclear/nucleon elastic scattering at low x to **benchmark QED internal corrections**

Imaging layers provide:

• precise measurement of photon coordinates and the angle between electron and photon

Allowing PID of **low energy muons** that curl inside the barrel ECal (< 1.5 GeV with 3T field)

• Impact on J/psi reconstruction, TCS





Imaging Barrel ECal

Imaging layers based on AstroPix sensors

 Developed for AmegoX NASA mission; successor of ATLASpix (arxiv:2109.13409).

Simulation conditions:

- Digitization on the level of AstroPix pixel
- 4o threshold cut applied
- No cracks/non-sensitive regions in the sensor coverage assumed in simulations
- In simulations we explore the possibility of using the AstroPix sensor off-the-shelf
- Layer thickness 0.155 cm + 1 cm of air (cooling):

| Layer material | Thickness (cm) |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Silicon (sensors) | 0.05 |
| Silicon (electronics) | 0.015 |
| Copper (cables) | 0.01 |
| Kapton (insulation) | 0.02 |
| Epoxy (glue) | 0.01 |
| Carbon (support structure) | 0.05 |



Quad Cluster

| Divol cizo | 500 um x 500 um |
|-------------------|---|
| Fixel Size | $300\mu m \times 300\mu m$ |
| Power usage | $ $ $< 1 \mathrm{mW/cm^2}$ |
| Energy resolution | 10% @ 60 keV (based on the noise floor of 5 keV) |
| Dynamic range | $\sim 700 \ { m keV}$ |
| Passive material | < 5% on the active area of Si |
| Time resolution | 25 ns |
| Si Thickness | $500\mu m$ |
| Time tag | $\sim 1\mu{ m m}$ |





I. Brewer, et al., arXiv:2101.02665 [astro-ph.IM]

Barrel ECal - SciFi/Pb geometry

Pb/ScFi layers follow the GlueX Barrel Calorimeter geometry



Simulation conditions

- Digitization in simulations on the level of SiPM grid
- Assumed ~ 2 cm x 2 cm grid size
- Possibility of 2-side readout (spatial resolution). In simulations only one side readout for island clustering (no resolution in z)
- Description of clustering algorithms in backup slide
- Birks constant for ScFi k_B = 0.126 mm/MeV



2-side readout in final design; GlueX position resolution in z: 1.1cm/ $\sqrt{E^{2}}$

1) Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A, vol. 896, pp. 24–42, 2018, 2) Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A, vol. 596, pp. 327–337, 2008

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ENERGY RESOLUTION

The main role of the Pb/ScFi Layers







SPATIAL RESOLUTION

The main role of the Imaging Layers

Cluster level: $\sigma_{\text{spatial}} = (2.32 \pm 0.06) \text{mm}/\sqrt{E} \oplus (1.4 \pm 0.02) \text{mm} \quad @ \eta = 0$ With first layer hit position on top of cluster level: $\sigma_{\text{spatial}} = 0.5 \text{mm}$ (i.e. pixel size)



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e/π particle identification



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Pion Contamination in Inclusive DIS Physics



18x275 GeV

10x100 GeV

p (GeV/c)

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p (GeV/c)

EIC Yellow Report, arXiv:2103.05419 [physics.ins-det]



Two-step Pion Rejection with BECal

Boosting e/pi separation on top of E/p cut with 3D-imaging of particle showers



2: NN Classification + Likelihood cut





Classification Neural Network

- 3 Layers Convolutional Neural Network + 3 Layers Perceptron Network
 - Combined data from AstroPix and Pb/ScFi
 - 3 inserted dropout layers to control overfitting
 - Data formatted to N_events x N_layers x N_hits x N_features
 - 4 features (Edep, Rc, eta, phi), energy and spatial information for shower
 - 125k trainable parameters
- Supervised training
 - 100k events (electrons and pions), 80% training, 20% validating
 - 100k electrons and 100k pions benchmarking
 - \circ 20 epochs
 - Statistical uncertainty (binomial dist.) of benchmarking samples is shown





ELECTRON IDENTIFICATION

$e - \pi$ separation

- Separation of electrons from background π in Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS) processes
 - Best e/pi separation for p < 2 GeV/c
 - Comparable to crystal calorimeter at higher momentum
 - A factor of 30~100 boost on top of E/p cut for p > 1 GeV/c
 - 500:1 rejection at lower momentum from when E/p does not work well





14 Other calorimeter technologies from EIC Yellow Report rgonne

Effects from Magnetic Field and Materials

Effect of 3T Magnetic Field and material budget in ATHENA Geometry

- Electron efficiency > 95% for "Standalone" and "w/ MF" simulations
- Electron efficiency is 82% to 92% for "w/ MF and Mat." simulation







Effects from Magnetic Field and Materials

Effect of 3T Magnetic Field and material budget in ATHENA Geometry



The lowest momentum point for electrons at 0.7 GeV is significantly affected by the high magnetic field.

• The rejection factor will go up with lower field.



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Effects from Electron Efficiency

3T Magnetic Field and material budget in ATHENA Geometry

- Simulation with magnetic field and materials
- Two extreme cases added
 - > 95% efficiency
 - > 65% efficiency

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Separation of γ and $\pi^0 \to \gamma \gamma$



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Detection of $\pi^0 \to \gamma\gamma$

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DVCS photons





Energy of photons from DVCS versus η from the MILOU simulations for the e+p collisions at beam energies of 18×275 GeV

Figure 11.46: Left: The calculated π^0 momentum spectrum for SiDIS at e + p 18 × 275 GeV collisions, using PYTHIA [1371]. Right: The probability of two photons to merge, calculated [1517] using GEANT4 [1412] for the cell size of 25 × 25 mm² located at 3 m from the interaction point, for the non-projective geometry. For the projective geometry the results for $\eta > 3.5$ would be close to the non-projective curve at for $\eta=3.5$.



Hard Limit for Cluster Merging

- For modular calorimeters, cell size is the limit
 - No reliable splitting for hits in neighboring cells or the same cell
- For **pixel sensors**, the shower profile is used at different depths

Shower profile from img layers for 5 GeV rs





I. Larin, HyCal Clustering





Detection of $\pi^0 \to \gamma\gamma$





Merging probability for $\pi^0 \to \gamma\gamma$

 π^0 decays in barrel region

Detection of photons at R = 1.03 m

Cut out-of-acceptance events

Cut very low energy events (photons with energy > 100 MeV used)

Hard limit of merging

- Cell size for modular calo
- For AstroPix: 6 FWHM of shower profile at the layer where at least 90% of gammas fired a hit

Used shower profile (6FWHM)



ATHENA Detector Proposal Supplemental material

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Merging probability for $\pi^0 \to \gamma\gamma$

 π^0 decays in barrel region

Detection of photons at R = 0.8 m

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Used shower profile (6FWHM)



Note! Shower profile from ATHENA simulation w/ 3T field. Just a first check at r = 80 cm.



Particle PID



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MUONS IN BARREL

- Muon/pion separation in central region determined from information from the Barrel ECal and HCal
- Results for single particle simulation, see details in the following slides



- At η = 0: muons >~1.5 GeV/c reach HCal, and <~1.5 GeV/c curl inside the BCal (different approach to analysis)
 This discontinuity (in reaching HCal) is rapidity dependent
- Neural Network studies in ECal done for $\eta = (-1, 1)$, ECal+HCal studies and E/p studies in ECal done for $\eta = 0$
- Further improvements to muon/pion separation from PID detectors expected (DIRC)



SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

- 1. Hybrid Imaging ECAL calorimeter proposed for the future Electron-Ion Collider
 - Scintillating fibers embedded in Pb and imaging calorimetry based on silicon sensors (AstroPix)
- 2. Novel technology, yet with limited risk
- 3. This, cost-effective for its excellent performance, design fulfills and further improves the Yellow Report requirements and opens new physics opportunities:
 - Excellent Energy and Spatial resolution
 - Electron-pion separation at low particle-momenta
 - Separation of two gammas from neutral pion up to 45 GeV
 - Muon PID, radiative processes, ...
 - Can serve as DIRC tracking layer and inner HCAL









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GlueX Energy Resolution

The resolution 5.2%/ $\sqrt{E} \oplus 3.6\%$ is for the typical momentum range for pi0 and eta in GlueX and integrated over typical angular distributions for pi0 and eta production (0.5-2.5 GeV).



Figure 32: a) Measured and simulated η width as a function of energy for symmetric decays, where both photons are required to be within 0.1 GeV of each other. b) The energy resolution of single photons calculated under the assumption that only the energy resolution contributes to the η width. The curves are fits based on Eq.[4] (Color online)

We note that the response of the calorimeter averaged over its length, as done for the η sample in Fig. 32, is not described well with Eq. 4 and has a large correlation between the two parameters (-0.89). Nevertheless, in order to characterize the performance of the BCAL between 0.5 and 2.5 GeV, we take the fitted energy-resolution parameters integrated over the angular distributions for $\pi 0$ and η production to obtain a typical energy resolution for our detector of 5.2%/ \sqrt{E} *•3.6%.* In order to estimate the resolution at high energy, we use the MC that describes our data at low energy (Fig. 33) and results in a constant term of less than 1.7%. However, to verify this expectation, we would need additional data reaching to higher energy.

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GlueX Energy resolution



Figure 33: Simulated fractional energy resolution for data at different angles from the target for the distribution in Fig. 31a. At shallow angles the stochastic term increases and the energy leakage generates a non-zero constant term. The MC data points are fitted to Eq. 4 with the results shown in the legend. (Color online)

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e/π particle identification



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Performance Impact

- Electron/Pion Separation
 - Imaging layers significantly improve electron/pion separation



With ScFi only: pion suppression based on E/p cut utilizing sum of deposited energy at different calorimeter depth

With imaging layers: order of magnitude improvement in pion suppression with ML methods utilizing 3D spatial and energy information of the shower profile

Yellow Report requirement: R_{π} up to 10⁴

Performance Impact

• Full geometry of ATHENA

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- Materials from other PID detectors inside barrel
- Efficiency for electron drops to ~91%



Pion Rejection Power

Solid line: 6 AstroPix Layers **Dashed line:** 9 AstroPix Layers

- Best e/pi separation for p < 2 GeV/c
- Comparable to crystal calorimeter at higher momentum
- A factor of 30~100 boost on top of E/p cut for p > 1 GeV/c
- 500:1 rejection at lower momentum from when E/p does not work well



Number of imaging layers

3D shower imaging:

- 3 layers at the beginning of the shower development to capture the signals of the shower/preshower starting point for most of the electrons and photons.
 - Photons may shower at greater depth, the study of photon shower hits distribution shows this
 - \circ Important for photon physics for the position resolution and π/γ separation based on shower profile
- 2 layers needed to sample the most dense part of the shower development
 - \circ Important for e/ π shower shape separation, particle PID
 - Important for full 3D cluster reconstruction. Full 3D cluster reconstruction is affected by small number of hits (visible for low energy particles).
 - 3D cluster reconstruction important for spatial resolution for photons.
- 1 layer needed for the shower tail
 - Important for e/π shower shape separation, particle PID (hadrons, muons)





First img layer that photons leave a hit at



Average number of hits per layer

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Average number of hits in 6 layers









Example of cluster reco optimization

Work in progress S. Kaur

Nhits = 18 , min edep = 0.5MeV , distXY = 2.5mm



Nhits = 6 , min edep = 0.5MeV , distXY = 2.5mm



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Pion Rejection Power - Different Nb of Layers

9 layers \rightarrow 6 layers about a factor of 1.5 in pion rejection power

9 layers \rightarrow 7 layers similar performance at higher momentum

6 layers \rightarrow 7 layers small improvement at lower momentum as compared to

Standalone performance, no material in front, no field



Pion Rejection Power - Different Nb of Layers

- With 5 layers, we will experience a drop of about 20~50% for the rejection power
- Low energy point affected by magnetic field
- Efficiencies as shown below for 6 Img layers





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Reconstruction methods



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Clustering

Current in juggler analysis framework, the clustering is done by

- 1. digitization -> simulation hits to readout signals
- readout reconstruction -> readout signals to energy/timing/position/etc (calibration)
- 3. proto-clustering -> group hits following certain algorithms
- 4. cluster reconstruction -> reconstruct position/energy/etc from group of hits

Two clustering algorithms are available now

- 1. Island clustering for 2D hits
- 2. Topo clustering for 3D hits





Island Clustering

Group all neighbouring hits

Parameterized conditions for finding neighbors Distance in local-XY, local-XZ, local-YZ, local-XY scaled by cell dimensions, global eta-phi, global R-phi

Parameterised minimal energy to be qualified as cluster center, and minimal energy to participate clustering





Island Clustering Splitting

Cluster splitting is available for Island Clustering

Split based on Local maxima that are qualified as cluster center Hits energy split based on local maxima's energies and distances







Topo Clustering

Similar to Island clustering but works for hits from several layers, currently used for imaging layers

Hits at the same layer, local-XY Hits from different layers, layer id difference and global eta-phi Hits from different sectors, global distance

No splitting implemented currently Mostly MIP signals in imaging pixels





3D Clustering Samples



Clusters and True gamma positions



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3D Clustering Samples

All Hits



Clusters and True gamma positions



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Readout



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Dynamic Range



- Dynamic range for AstroPix v1: 700 KeV
- To be extended to a few MeV for the proposed calorimeter
- 3 MeV range will cover over 99% of the deposited energy (2 GeV electron simulation)





Occupancy

- Readout system: two-levels aggregators
- Each stave of the detector: 8 first-level aggregators (~0.3 m²)
 - collect the signals from the covered area and send the data to the second-level aggregators
- **2nd lever aggregator**: inject the AstroPix layers data into the main data stream; also participate in the trigger forming for the whole ATHENA detector.

| Layer Number | Stave Area (m^2) | N_{pix} / Stave | N_{pix} / Aggregator |
|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | 2.24 | 89k | 11k |
| 2 | 2.30 | 92k | 11k |
| 3 | 2.36 | 94k | 12k |
| 4 | 2.42 | 97k | 12k |
| 5 | 2.48 | 99k | 12k |
| 6 | 2.54 | 101k | 13k |
| 7 | 2.60 | 104k | 13k |
| 8 | 2.66 | 106k | 13k |
| 9 | 2.72 | 109k | 14k |



Occupancy



Figure 18: The maximum number of hits in first-level aggregators from single-particle simulation with 20 GeV electrons. The electrons were uniformly generated to scan the whole geometrical acceptance of the barrel calorimeter. One stave of the barrel calorimeter, including 9 AstroPix layers and 8 aggregators per layer, is shown here. Each block in the plot represents an aggregator. The hot regions at both ends are due to geometrical effects caused by endcap calorimeters.



Ionization radiation and neutron flux



- Maximum ionizing radiation dose from e+p collisions at the highest EIC luminosity (10³⁴cm⁻²s⁻¹): ~1 Rad/year
- Neutron flux: 10⁸ neutrons/cm² per year at the top luminosity (two order of magnitude lower than the near-beam-line detectors)



Reconstruction of π^0



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2 GeV photons, y position



-40 -30 -20 -10 0

10 20

30 40 50

y [mm]

400F

200



2 GeV photons, z position

FWHM of shower for layer 1, 2, and 3

For low energy (0.5, 1, 2 GeV) in 1st layer we see double-peak in y distribution (e+e- from interaction before calorimeter). FWHM reflects the width of the whole hit position distribution here, not individual peaks.

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First img layer that photons leave a hit at

Physics Impact

Photon physics

Yellow Report: Separation required up to 20 GeV

Separation between π^0/γ

With imaging layers: using 3D shower profile separation of γ s from π^0 decays at high momenta up to ~40 GeV/c at R = 1.03 m and normal incident angle.

With ScFi only:

- Effective cell size of 2 cm × 400 cm
- Separation driven by timing resolution. Timing resolution at GlueX results in z-position resolution of the order of 3.1-2.2 cm for neutral showers at 0.5-5 GeV¹
- In the ideal case for balanced γs energy and requiring about 2σ separation (6 cm) between showers separation up to ~7 GeV (blue curve)

Spatial resolution of y

- From imaging layers: of the order of ~1 mm (1 GeV γ)
- For GlueX ScFi: of the order of centimeters from timing resolution (~150 ps for 1 GeV γ)

1 See Figure 28 in Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 896 (2018) 24-42, Construction and Performance of the Barrel Electromagnetic Calorimeter for the GlueX Experiment

NEUTRAL PIONS $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ Invariant Mass

- Identify two γs from a neutral pion
 - Position info from imaging layer
 - Energy info from Pb/ScFi layer
- Calibration factor applied to account for slight energy dependence of sampling fraction
- Invariant mass calculated from gammas energy and opening angle

NEUTRAL PIONS $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

Energy and Position Resolution at Cluster Level

- Reconstruction of π^0 from two γ s
- Possible to have even better improvement with first layer hit information

AstroPix

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AMEGO-X at NASA

All-sky Medium Energy Gamma-ray Observatory eXplorer

- AMEGO-X operates both as a Compton and pair-production telescope to achieve unprecedented sensitivity between 100 keV and 1 GeV
- Gamma-ray Detector (GRD)
 - Tracker Module (AstroPix), Calorimeter
- Anti-Coincidence Detector (ACD)
 - To reject charge particles (background)

Gravitational Waves + gamma rays: Identified the first counterpart to a gravitational wave event

High energy neutrinos + gamma rays: Identified the first source of high energy neutrinos outside the galaxy

The Science of Extreme Explosions and Extreme Accelerators

AstroPix for AMEGO-X

AstroPix Sensor

- AstroPix are CMOS sensors based on ATLASPix3 sensors (arxiv:2109.13409)
- * AstroPix v1 ($4.5 \times 4.5 \text{ mm}^2 \text{ chip}$)
 - * 18×18 pixel matrix with $200 \mu m$ pitch
- Timing resolution ~ 25 ns
- Low power dissipation
- Targeted energy resolution is <10% at 60 keV
- * AstroPix v2 is under testing ($10 \times 10 \text{ mm}^2$ chip)
 - * 35×35 Pixel matrix with 250 µm Pixels

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AstroPix for AMEGO-X

AstroPix Setup

- GEneric Configuration and COntrol System (GECCO)
- Connection to FPGA NexysVideo (Xilinx Artrix-7)
- Vivado Design Suite HLx to program ASIC chip
- Assembly and testing of AstroPix sensors with GECCO boards through FPGA

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AstroPix for AMEGO-X (V1)

Testing of CMOS sensors

- Data is collected with different $\gamma \& \beta$ radiation sources *
- Data is analyzed for pulse amplitude distribution and * rise time
- AstroPix setup will be integrated with ATLAS telescope * planes using HSIO system

AstroPix for AMEGO-X

Testing with 120 GeV proton testbeam

- AstroPix v2 1 cm × 1 cm size chip
- 35×35 matrix; 250 µm \times 250 µm pixels
- Power dissipation $5 \text{ mW/cm}^2 + \text{Digital}$ (in progress)
- Current study to check latch-ups
- Work in progress: Digital output
 - Digital information; chip ID, pixel location, timestamp, and two bytes for the time-over-threshold (ToT)

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ToT LSB

AstroPix v3 is under development

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| Header: Chipld: 0 | Payload: 4 | Location: 0 | Row/Col: Row | Timestamp: 165 | ToT: MSB: 4 | LSB: 14 Total: 1038 (10.38 us) |
| Header: ChipId: 0 | Payload: 4 | Location: 0 | Row/Col: Col | Timestamp: 165 | ToT: MSB: 3 | LSB: 190 Total: 958 (9.58 us) |

Muon PID

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Muons in barrel region

• For energies below ~1.5 GeV/c muons curl inside the Barrel ECal

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Muons punch through BECal, and don't curl back (MIPs signal)

Muons in barrel region

Example of muons and pions at p = 0.5 GeV/c at $\eta = (-1, 1)$

Efficiency: $98.9\% \rightarrow \text{Rejection Power: } 6.6$

Efficiency: 95% \rightarrow Rejection Power: 9.7

Muons in barrel region

- For energies below ~1.5 GeV/c muons curl inside the Barrel ECal
- Barrel ECal with 3T field "serves as" an HCal

PID Cuts

- 1) Method 1: Using only information from ScFi in Barrel ECal (Energy losses in layers)
 - a) Cut on E/p from single ScFi/Pb Calo Layer or sum of all ScFi/Pb Calo Layers
- 2) Method 2 (showing impact of imaging layers): ML supported, using information from ScFi/Pb and Imaging layers
 - a) Input which encodes the energy and spatial distribution of the particle's shower
 - Four features for each hit: η , ϕ , E, R = $\sqrt{(x^2 + y^2)}$; (no η for ScFi/Pb)
 - Values normalized to [0,1]
 - Three-layers convolutional neural network and three-layers perceptron network
 - Network outputs: likelihoods of the input particle to be identified as a muon or a pion.
 Likelihood cut: 95% of muon efficiency
Muons in barrel region

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ATHENA Barrel ECal



Geometry

- 12 staves, 6 AstroPix layers (recent adjustment)
- R_{min} = 1.03 m, Length = 4.05 m, Thickness ~40 cm AstroPix: 1.155 cm per layer (1 cm of air), 1.8% X₀
- Pb/ScFi: 1.586 cm per layer, ~1.08X₀



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ASTROPIX SENSOR LAYERS

For 6 layers of imaging layers that cover -1.5 < |eta| < 1.2 the AstroPix sensors area is about 174 m².

Large Si detector arrays in advanced stage (large scale prototypes)

- ATLAS Inner Tracker silicon strips¹ (ITk pixel) 160 m² (50 million channels)
- CMS high granularity calorimeter² ~ 600 m² (6.5 million channels)
- AstroPix sensors (derived from ATLASpix) will be used in the AMEGO-X NASA mission, which is a 40 m² experiment sent into space. We expect AstroPix-v3 to be the final version and submitted in spring 2022, and ready in fall 2022.
- We plan to use it off-the-shelf, meaning with no design modifications.

Advantages of AstroPix with respect to pixels used in e.g. ATLAS

- AstroPix has very low power consumption (used in space) 1000 times smaller power consumption per cm² than ITk pixel
- AstroPix is a monolithic sensor less complicated structure
- No bump bonding less risk of damaging sensors

¹ arXiv:2105.10367, ATLAS ITk Pixel Detector Overview

² arXiv:1802.05987, The CMS High-Granularity Calorimeter for Operation at the High-Luminosity LHC2