

Update of SoLID Beam Test and ECal Status

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Beam Test Overview

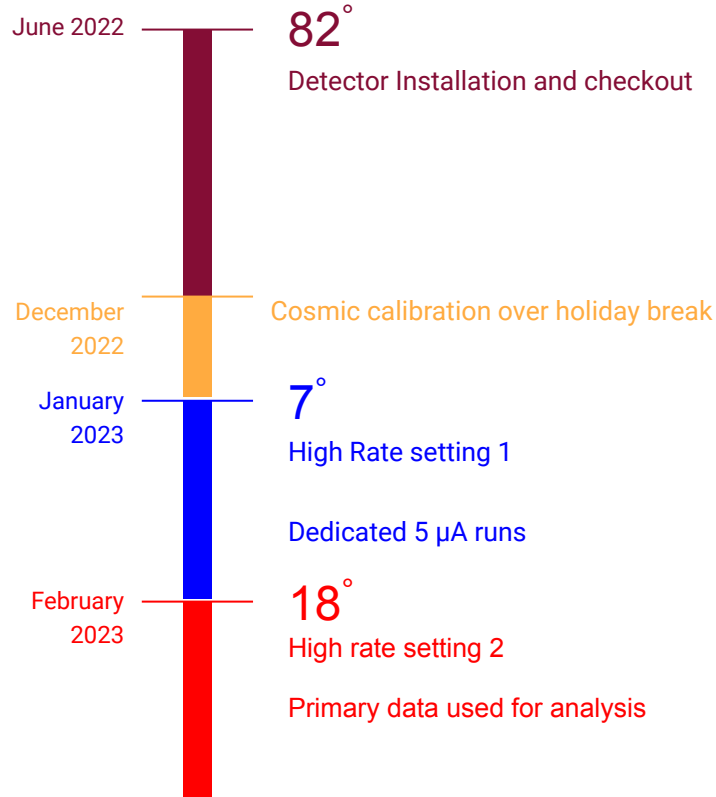
SoLID Director's Review (2021)

- Calorimeter and SPD detectors not tested under high background / high luminosity environment
- Detector test utilizing a full set of SoLID prototype detectors under “realistic SoLID running condition”

Goals

1. Ensuring scintillators and ECal can trigger at high rates
2. Particle Identification
3. Identifying MIP signals in ECal above background
4. Ensuring GEMs work properly and can find tracks
5. Comparison with and benchmark of the SoLID simulation

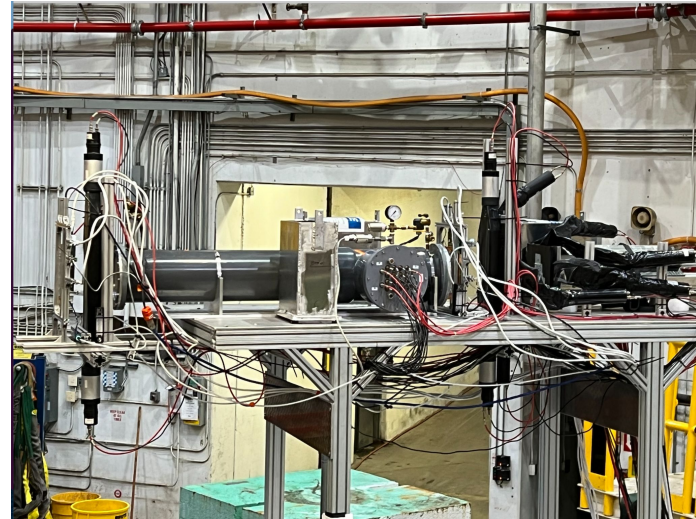
Outline of Beam Test



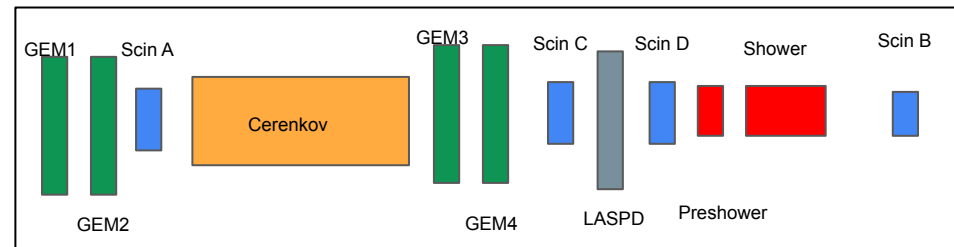
9 months in Hall C
3 Detector (and bunker) installations

Detector System

- 4 10x10 cm GEMs (UVa)
- Gas Cherenkov (Temple)
- LASPD
- 3 Scintillators upstream of Ecal
- 3 Preshower modules (UVa)
- 3 (shashlyk) shower modules (UVa)
- 1 Scintillator after shower



Detector layout



18°: High Rate Setting

- February - March 2022 (~ 30 days)
- Data collected continuously during experimental running
- Data summary
 - Beam Current
 - High current: 40 - 65 μA
 - Low current: 10 μA (Boiling study)
 - Dedicated: 5 μA (short-Detector checkout)
 - Targets
 - Deuterium, Carbon, and Dummy
- Experimental dosimetry (on front GEM)
 - 70 kRad

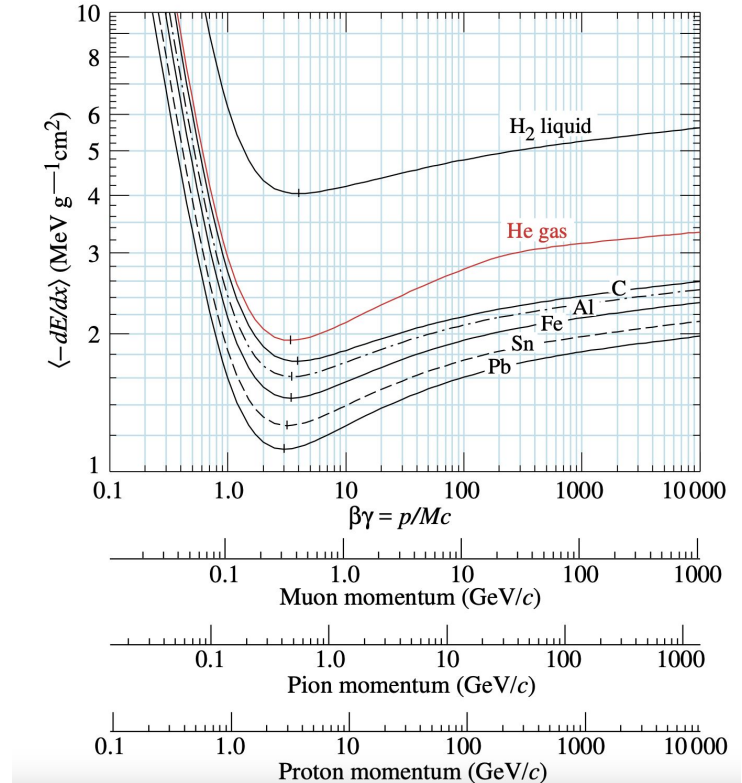


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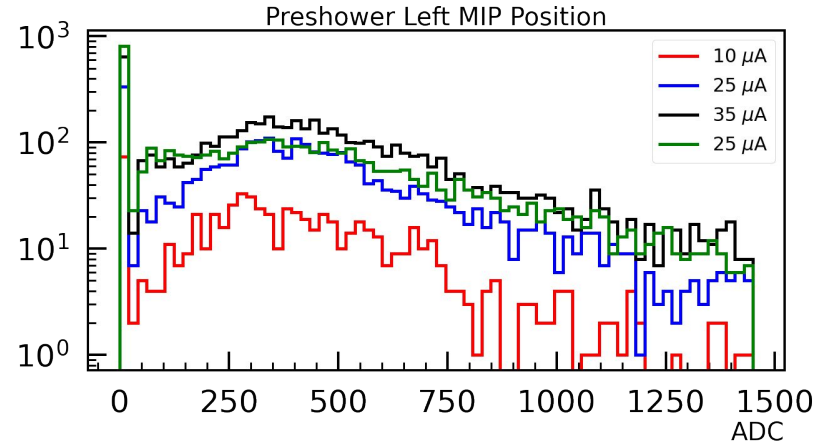
From PDG

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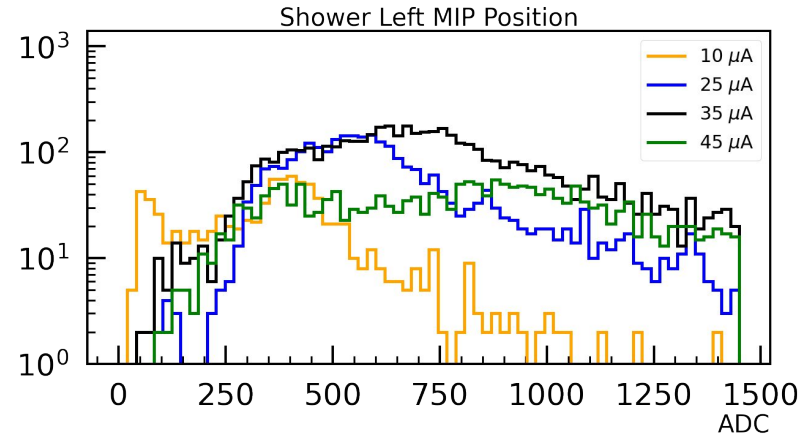
Preshower MIP position as function of beam current

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- Shower modules
 - Distinct current dependence of MIP peak position observed

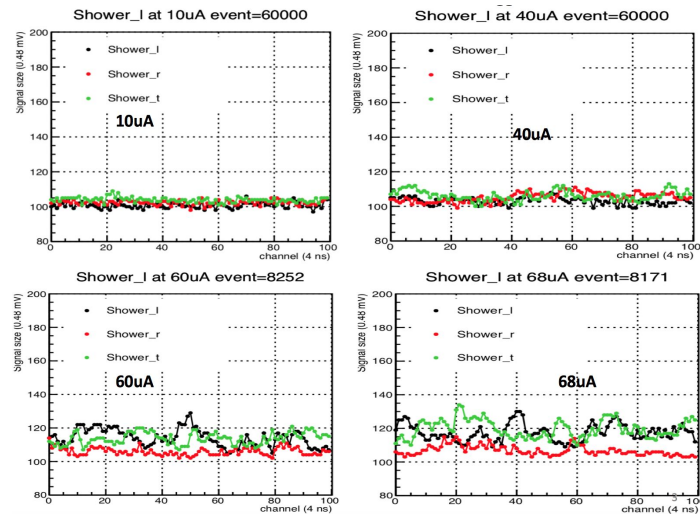
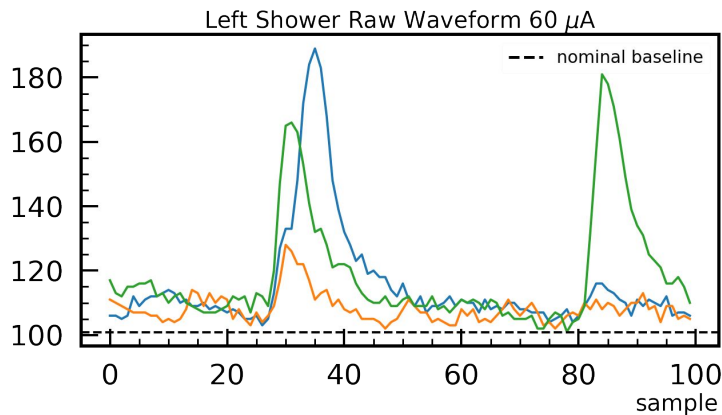


End points are shifted

Source of Current Dependence

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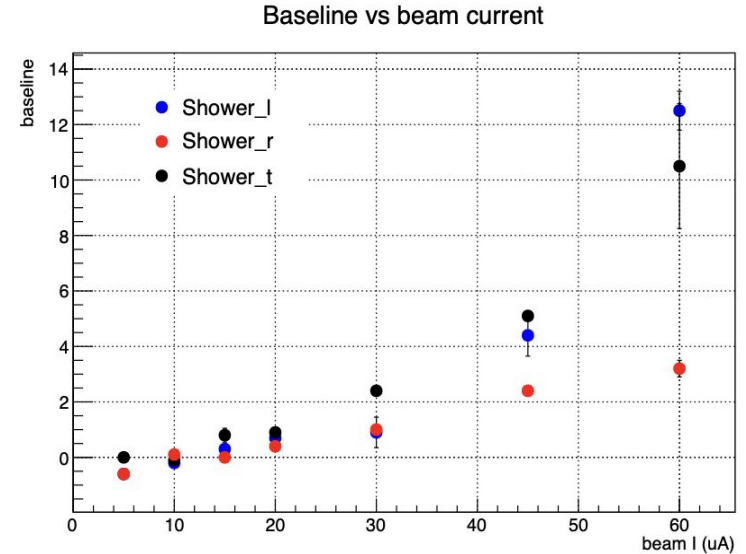
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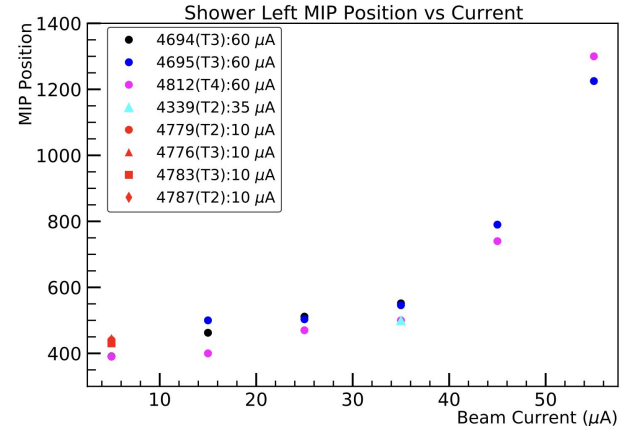
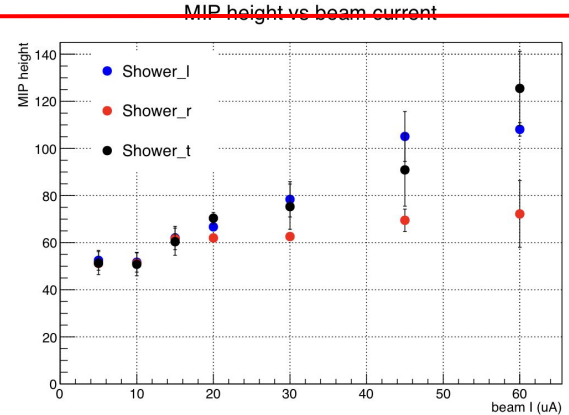
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2. Changing PMT Base gain
 - a. Increase in amplitude of raw signal at higher currents
 - b. Indicative of a redistribution of HV among dynodes



MIP Summary

- Shower modules experienced a (non-linear) increase in HV with increase in beam current
- Behavior was observed in test for NPS passive PMT bases (2012)
 - Passive bases used in beam test shower modules
- Left shower module (closest to beamline)
 - Started to fail around 60 μA
 - Recovered and continued to work properly at low currents
- Possible future bench test to further understand behavior with these bases

New Photomultiplier Active Base for Hall C Jefferson Lab Lead Tungstate Calorimeter

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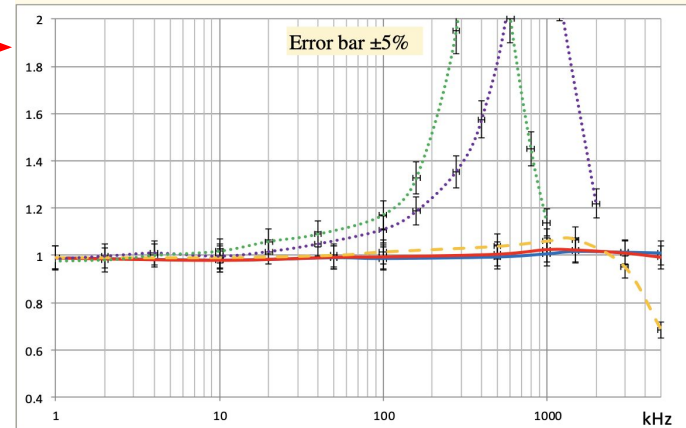


Fig. 6 Normalized gain as a function of pulse repetition rate of PbWO₄ scintillator similar LED light source.

Active base, initial amplitude: — 300mV; — 600mV; - - 1000mV
Passive base, initial amplitude: ···· 300mV; ···· 600mV

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7. **$\pi^{+/-}$ Rejection of ECal**
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 - b. Simulation - Classical PID (Spencer Opatrny)
 - c. Data

Particle Identification: Electromagnetic Calorimeter

e^- Efficiency:

Not feasible without momentum selection

Dominated by low energy background

$\pi^{+/-}$ Rejection:

Comparison with SoLID simulation

Comparison with SoLID pre-CDR

SoLID pre-CDR

	Desired performance
π^- rejection	$\gtrsim [50:1]$
e^- efficiency	$\gtrsim 90\%$
Energy resolution	$< 10\%/\sqrt{E}$
Radiation resistance	$\gtrsim 400$ kRad
Position resolution	$\lesssim 1$ cm

$\pi^{+/-}$ Rejection: ECal

Cuts

Cherenkov

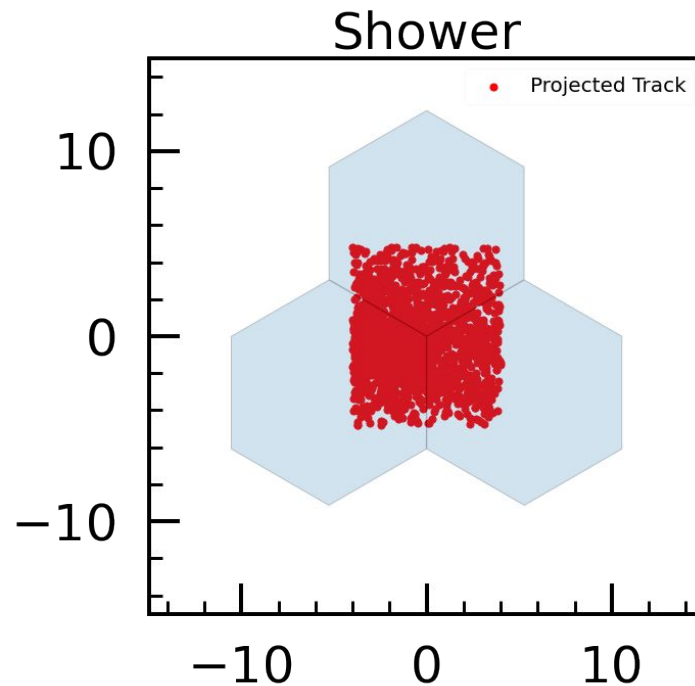
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GEM track

- Projected tracking hitting center of Ecal

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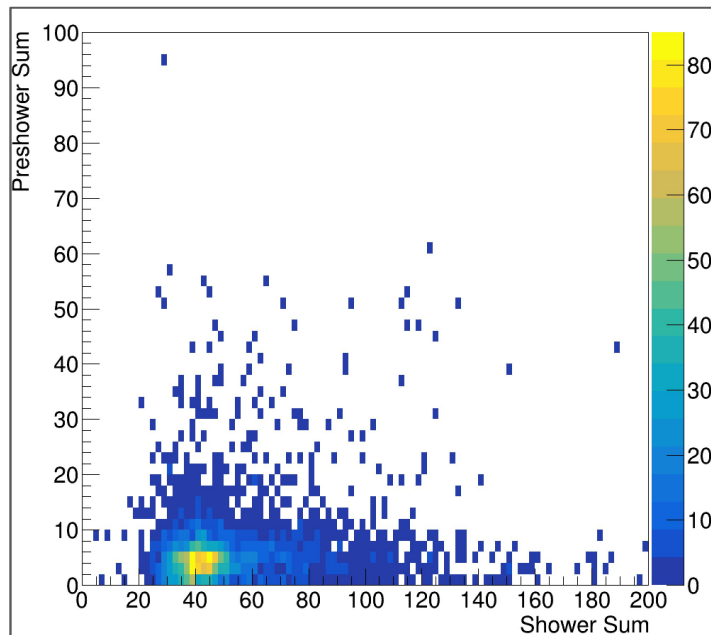
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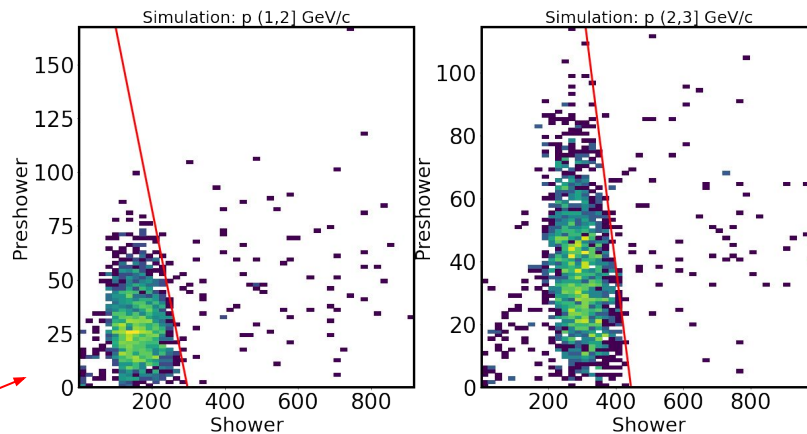
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Electron Distribution: Simulation



Spencer Opartny

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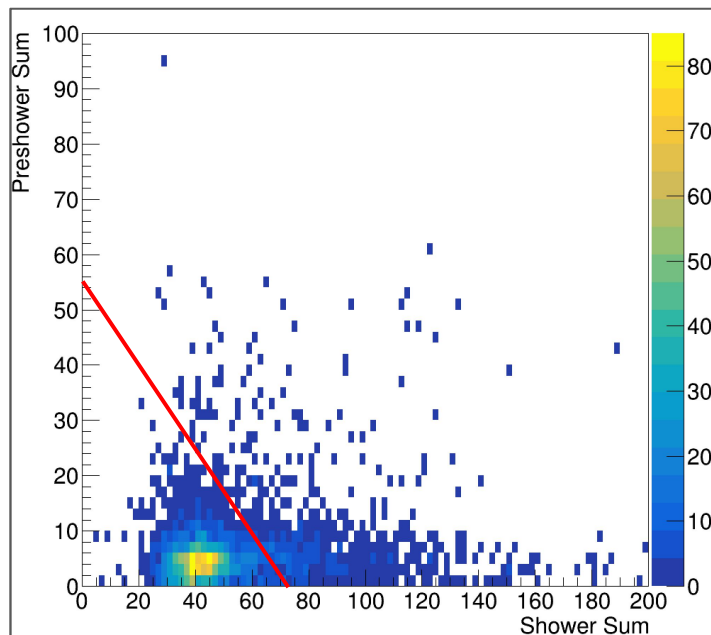
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Applied to beam test data

Scan cut to obtain π_{rej} vs intercept

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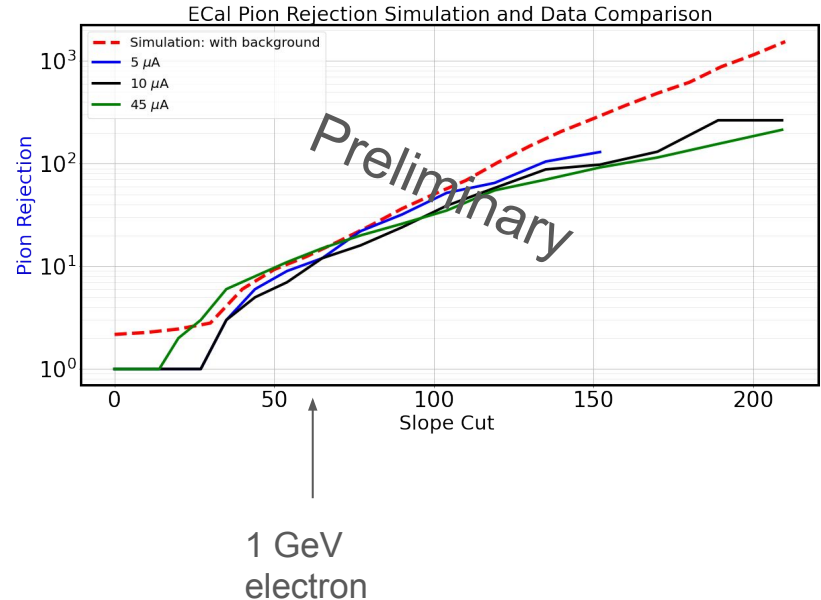


Summary and Status of PID

- Apply same cuts to simulation
 - Trigger, Scintillator, Cherenkov, etc...
- Provides a baseline for comparison with data

Next Steps

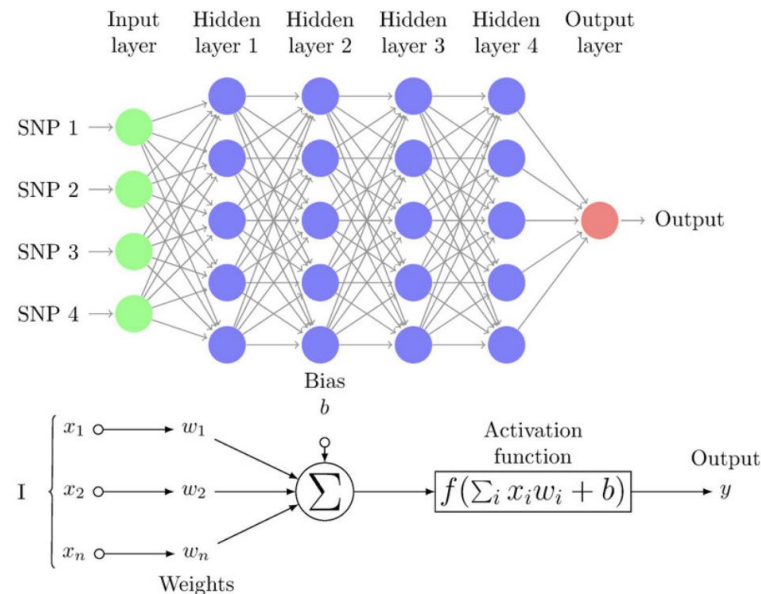
1. Simulation
 - Did not use true PID in simulation
 - Better mixing of background
2. Data
 - Further refinements to Cherenkov SPE from recent bench test
 - Improvement with updates from GEM tracking



PID: Machine Learning (Darren Upton SULI project)

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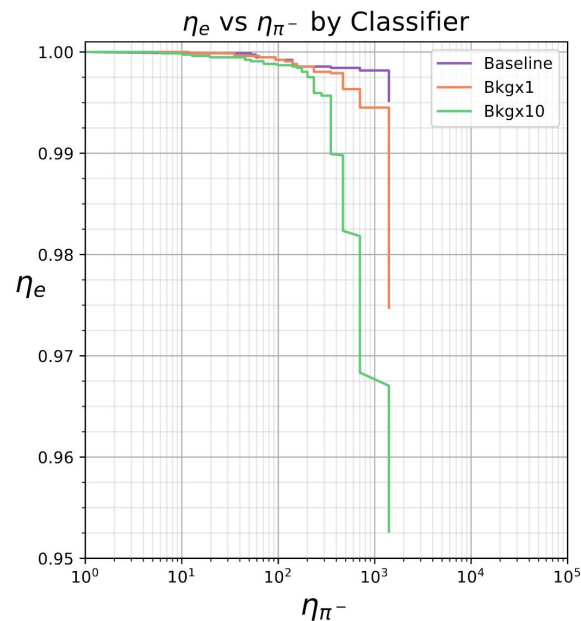
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In the initial phase. Needs additional work

Possibility to extend to data...



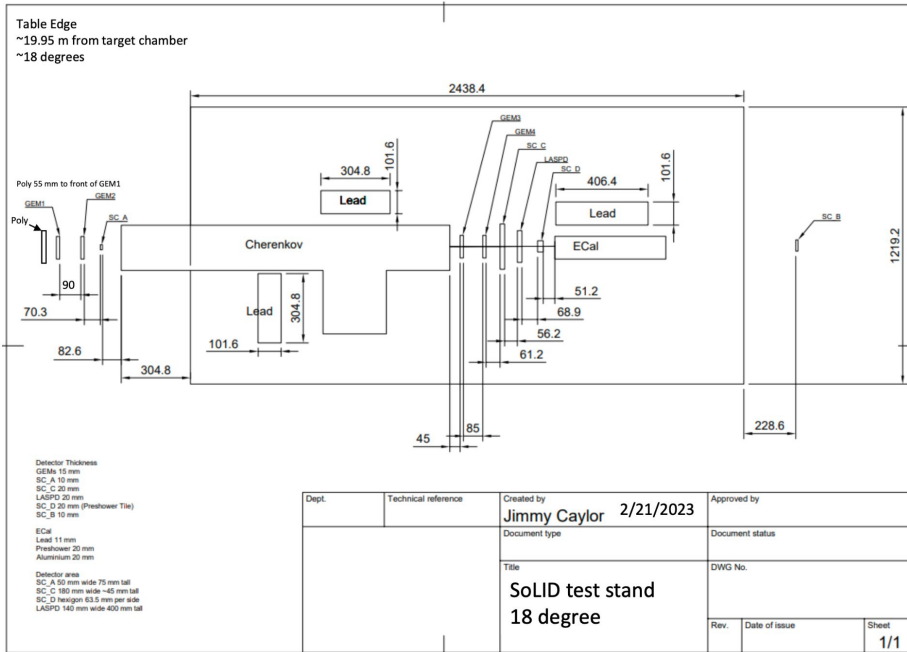
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Summary and Conclusion

- Recent beam test has provided opportunity to
 - Study detector performance in high luminosity + background environment
 - Make comparison with SoLID simulation
- Shower base exhibited current dependent behavior
 - Due to passive PMT base
 - May study further in bench test
- Particle ID studies ongoing
 - $\pi^{+/-}$ Rejection of Ecal
- Documentation and summary report
 - Technical notes summarizing work and analysis
- Test data provide foundation for possible future AI/ML PID work

Thank You

Hall A/C staff, Hall C Technical Staff, Hall C Engineering Staff, RADCON, and (all) the running experiments



Trigger Design: 18° (move to backup)

Trigger Name	Logic	Threshold	Particle
TS 1	Cherenkov Sum + Shower Sum	Cherenkov: 2 pe Shower Sum: 0.5 mip	e
TS 2	Scin D + Scin B	0.5 mip	π
TS 3*	Scin A + Scin D		MIP
TS 4	Shower Sum	Variable	High energy e and γ
TS 5	2 out 16 Cherenkov		

*TS 3 was modified due to the high rate in Scin A
TS 3 = Scin C + Scin D + Shower Sum

GEMs: Tracking

