# Neutral pion identification at Future Circular Collider

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## FCC

100 km collider at CERN following up on HL-LHC 2 stages:

FCC-ee: e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>collider (2040)

- 88-365 GeV, multiple runs
- EW sector + Higgs & t
	- Vector boson mass & decay width,  $A_{FB}$ , *αS (M<sup>Z</sup> ),* couplings



**FCC-hh**: pp collider with max. CMS energy of 100 TeV



#### Proposed detectors for FCC-ee



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**CLD** – CLIC-Like Detector

- Pixel vertex detector + Si tracker
- ECAL: Si-W sampling calorimeter
- HCAL: Polystyrene scintillator



#### **IDEA** – Innovative Detector for Electron-Positron Accelerators

- Pixel vertex detector + wire chamber
- MPGD & lead layers
- CALO: Dual-readout design with Cherenkov & scintillators

## FCC-ee noble liquid calorimetry

Modified IDEA design - LAr+lead sampling ECAL calorimeter & HCAL calorimeter with scintillating tiles

- Advantages: good energy resolution, uniform response
- LAr calorimeter projected also for FCC-hh due to radiation hardness



ATLAS TileCal-like sampling calorimeter with scintillating tiles & steel absorbers

LAr sampling calorimeter with lead absorbers



M. Aleksa. Noble Liquid Calorimetry: Input proposals in Track 2. Presented at: ECFA Detector RD Roadmap Task Force 6: 2nd Calorimetry Community Meeting, [online]: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1246381>

N. Morange. Noble Liquid Calorimetry for FCC-ee. Instruments, 6(4), 2022.

## Neutral pion decay

 $\pi^0 \rightarrow$ γγ with BR = 0.98823 ± 0.00034 Important decay product

• Decays of τ, Z & hadrons

γγ decay angle very small in LAB frame & most decays clustered around *αmin*

**Problem: easy to misidentify as a single photon in a detector**

 $\sin \frac{\alpha_{min}}{2}$ 

 $= \frac{m_\pi}{E_\pi}$ 





### Data & simulated environment

Geant4 - 100 000  $\pi^0$  and γ

- $E = [0; 100] GeV$
- Uniform *φ, θ* and *E* distribution
- Threshold for shower particles = 0.05 GeV

Calorimetric environment – Barrel LAr sampling calorimeter in DD4HEP

- Granularity *∆θ × ∆φ* = 0.57◦ × 0.47◦ vs. *∆θ × ∆φ* = 0.14◦ × 0.47◦ (strip layer motivation)
- 12 radial layers

Final state – clustering information & cells (position, index, deposited E)

**Task: identify neutral pions against photon background & evaluate the impact of high hranularity on identification efficiency**

## **Clustering**

Sliding window

- $N_{\eta} \times N_{\varphi}$  = 9x17 cluster (e- optimalization) for  $E > E_{cut}$
- Low number of clusters per event

Topological clustering – cluster growing from seed cells with significance above a cut  $\zeta_{cell} = \left|\frac{E_{cell}}{\sigma_{cell}^{noise}}\right| \geq S$ 

- Large number of clusters per event with irregular shape
- $S = 4$



## Pion identification using clusters?

Ineffective (sliding window algorithm unoptimized for  $\pi^0$ ) Sliding window – identify two-cluster events with *m = m<sup>π</sup>*

- Rapid drop-off beyond *E* = 10 GeV
- Cluster merging due to overlapping electromagnetic showers





## Multivariate analysis

Characterize events by a set of discriminating variables

Classify events into signal (S) or background (B) with ROC curve as a function of  $r_B$  against  $\varepsilon_S$ 

TMVA ROOT, methods used:

- Rectangular cuts transparent, resistant to overtraining
- Boosted Decision Trees better performance









[online]: https://amva4newphysics.wordpress.com

## Discriminating variables

Obtained from energy deposition in cells

- Longitudinal profile  $E_{max} E_{2max} E_{iT}$ ,  $E_{i1}$ …
- Transversal profile *Eocore, W<sup>33</sup>*



#### **Cuts**

Genetic Algorithm sampling of solutions

Parameters

Efficiency calculated for  $r_B$  = 0.8 Maximum at *E* = 20 GeV

- Drop in efficiency below 20 GeV
- Visibly better performance for HG

**Eliminate the (counterintuitive) dropping below 20 GeV & raise performance – move on to BDT**

PopSize 800 **Steps** 40 Cycles 5



### BDT parameter optimization

Maximize AUROC + check Kolmogoroff-Smirnoff test

Default values found for high granularity - due to overtraining, values for low granularity were lowered





#### BDT results

• Higher efficiency – success, but still rapid descend below 20 GeV



## Low-energy efficiency correction

*mcc* variable – invariant mass of the two topoclusters with highest E deposit

• Displayed very good separation at low E



#### Results comparison

The efficiency at low energies remains high at approx. 0.9, drop-off eliminated



Results obtained using Boosted Decision Trees Results obtained using Boosted Decision Trees with *m<sub>cc</sub>* 

## In closing

Using MVA methods we obtained good  $π<sup>0</sup>$  discrimination against single γ background

By combining cell information with topological clustering we eliminated the drop in  $\varepsilon_{\varsigma}$  at low *E* 

Demonstrated the importance of high granularity strip layer – instrumental for resolution of highly collimated decay products

#### **How to follow up?**

- Cluster merging & optimization
- More realistic simulated environment (varying granularity across layers)
- More advanced MVA methods (CNN)
- Improving the high energy regime

# Thank you for your attention

## Discriminating variable definition

- *Emax* The energy contained in a cell with the largest energy deposit in the second layer of the calorimeter
- *E***2***max* The second largest energy deposit in the second layer of the calorimeter
- *E*<sub>ocore</sub> Energy deposited in cells surrounding the shower centre defined as

 $E_{ocore} = \frac{E(3) - E(1)}{E(1)}$ 

where *E*(*n*) is the total energy deposited in ±*n* cells surrounding the cell with the highest energy deposit

- *E<sup>n</sup> -* The sum of energy contained in the first *n* layers of the calorimeter
- *Ei***<sup>1</sup>** Energy deposited in the *ith* layer of the calorimeter divided by energy deposited in the first layer
- $E_{i\tau}$  Energy deposited in the *ith* layer of the calorimeter divided by the total energy deposited in the calorimeter
- *Wnl* Variable determining shower width in a calorimeter layer *l*, defined as a normalized sum of energy over ±*n* cells in the *η* coordinate and ±1 cells in *ϕ*, weighted by the distance in the *η* × *ϕ* space

where  $\Delta R$  is defined as  $\Delta R^2 = (\eta - \eta_{max})^2 + (\phi - \phi_{max})^2$ 

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W_{nl} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} E_i \times \Delta R^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} E_i}
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Table 1 Summary table of the expected energy resolution for the different technologies. The values are measurements where available, otherwise obtained from simulation.<br>Those values marked with "?" are estimates since neit

