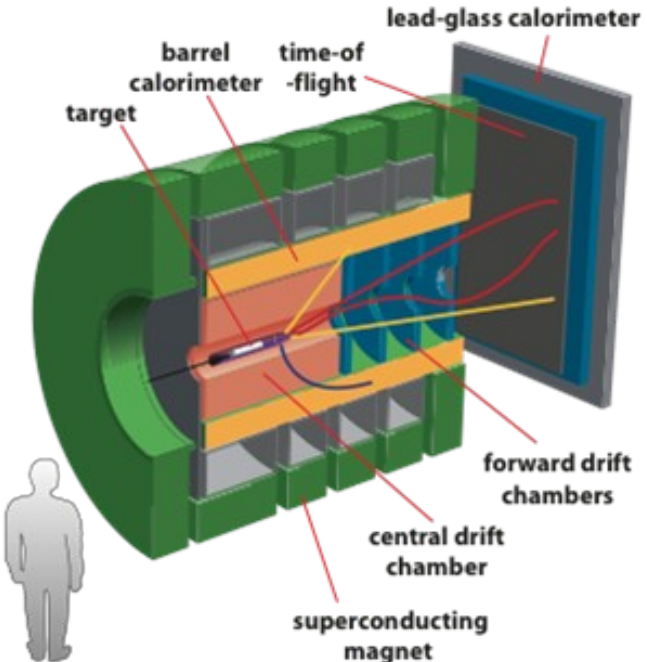
The GlueX Experiment

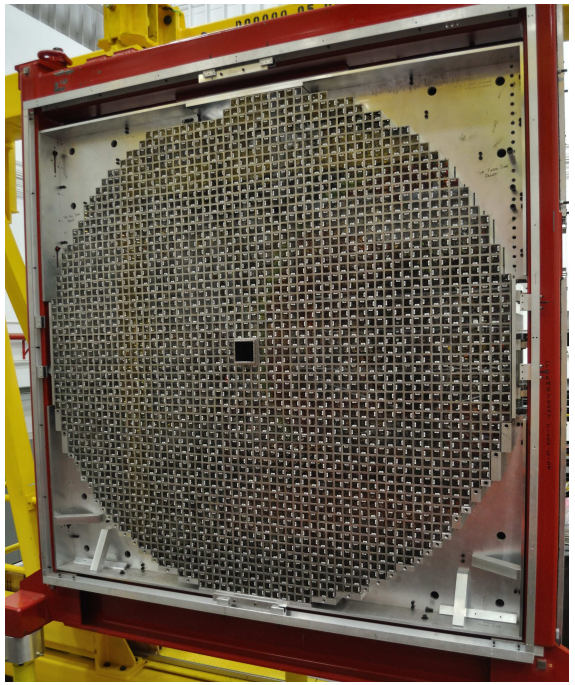
- (Exotic) meson spectroscopy
- Linearly polarized photon beam (~9 GeV) on liquid H2 target
- First physics in 2015/2016?



Calorimetry in GlueX

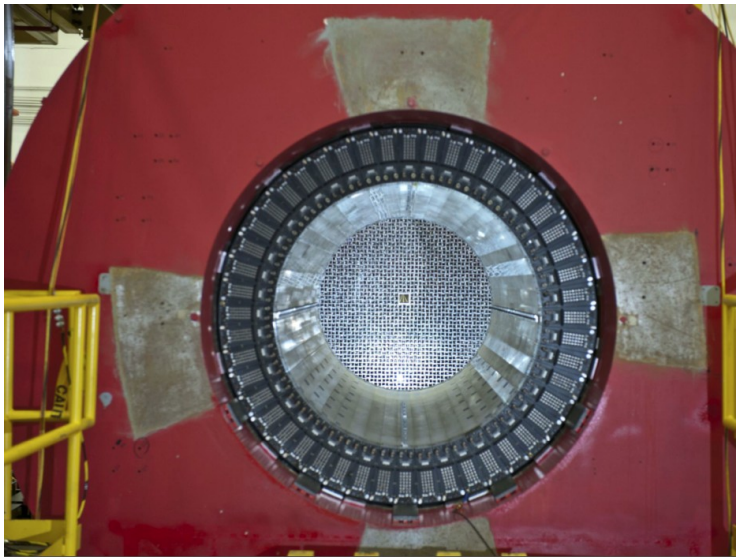
- Excited mesons decay into neutral and charged ground state mesons
  - $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi_1(1600)^0 p \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0 p$

$\pi 0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
$\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$
$\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\eta, \pi^+\pi^-\gamma, \gamma\gamma$



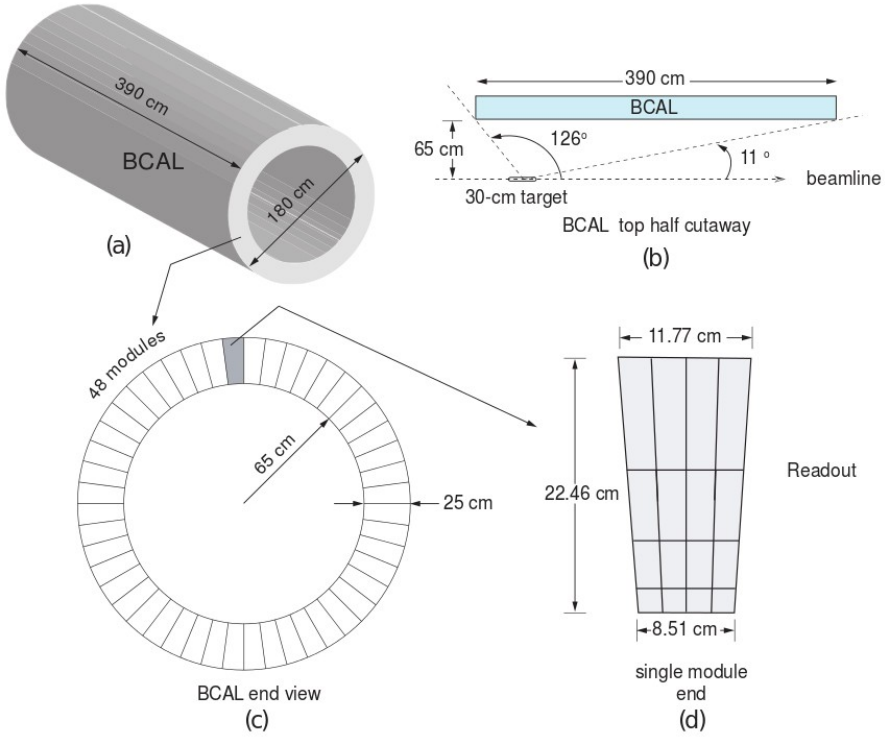
Forward calorimeter
$1° < \theta < 11°$

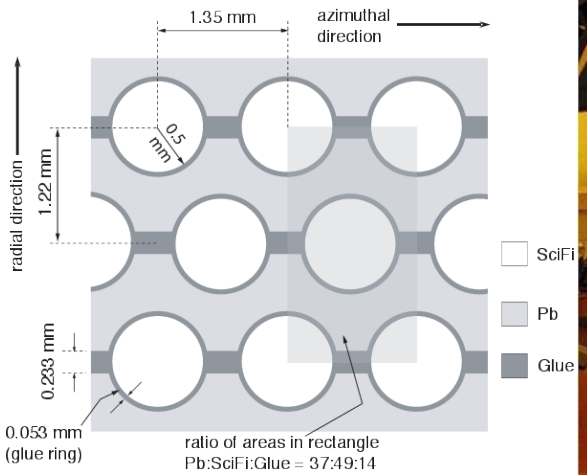
Barrel calorimeter
$11° < \theta < 125°$

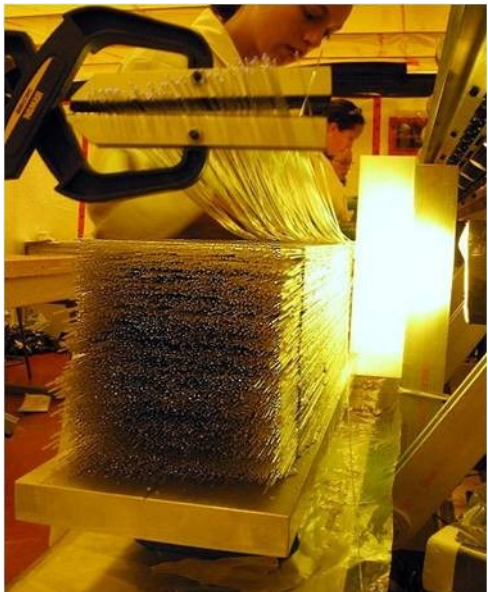


Barrel Calorimeter

- Lead/scintillating fiber matrix
- Segmentation
  - 48 modules
  - Each module segmented into 16 pieces (separate readout)
- Double-ended readout
  - Time difference allows determination of z position
    - $z = \Delta t * c_{eff}$
  - Flash ADC + TDC for precise time- and z- resolution
    - $\sigma_z = 1.1\ \text{cm}/\sqrt{E}$
  - Silicon PM instead of PMT due to B field

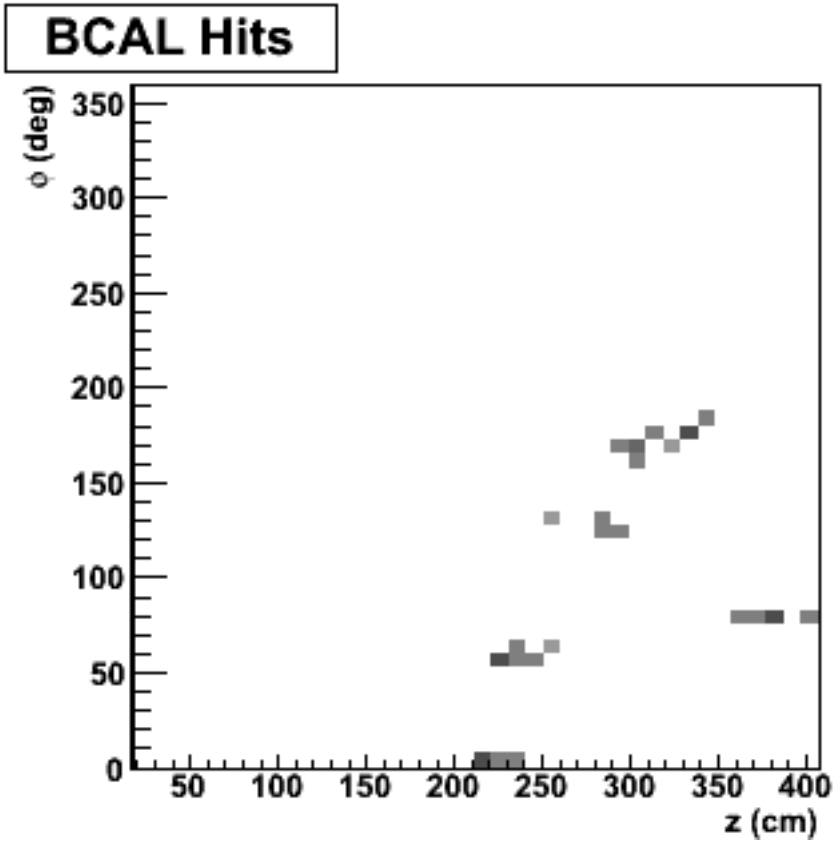


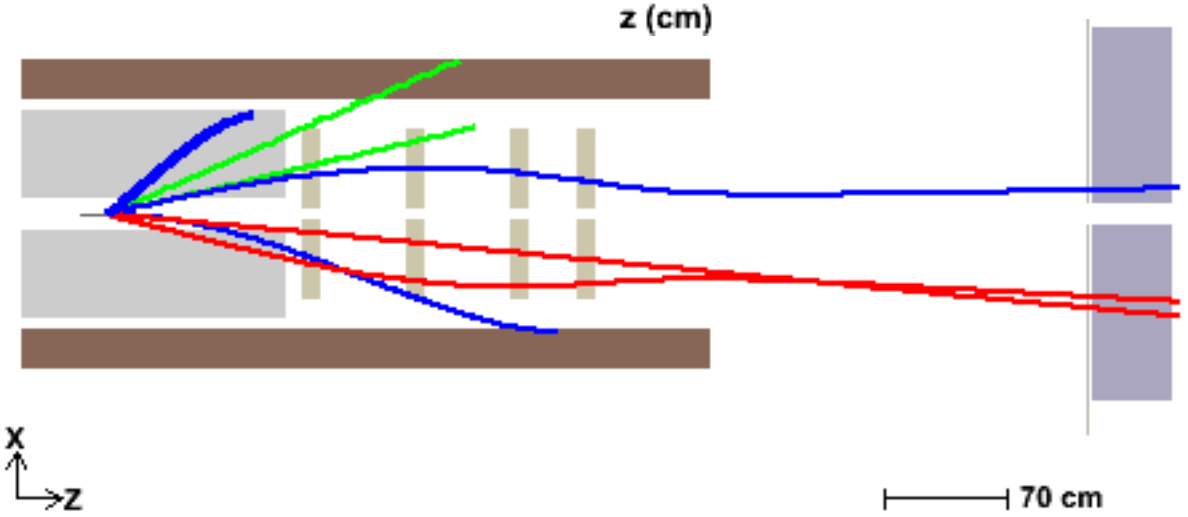




BCAL Reconstruction

- Accurately cluster hits in high multiplicity events
  - Avoid splitting or merging showers
- Distinguish hadronic showers from photons





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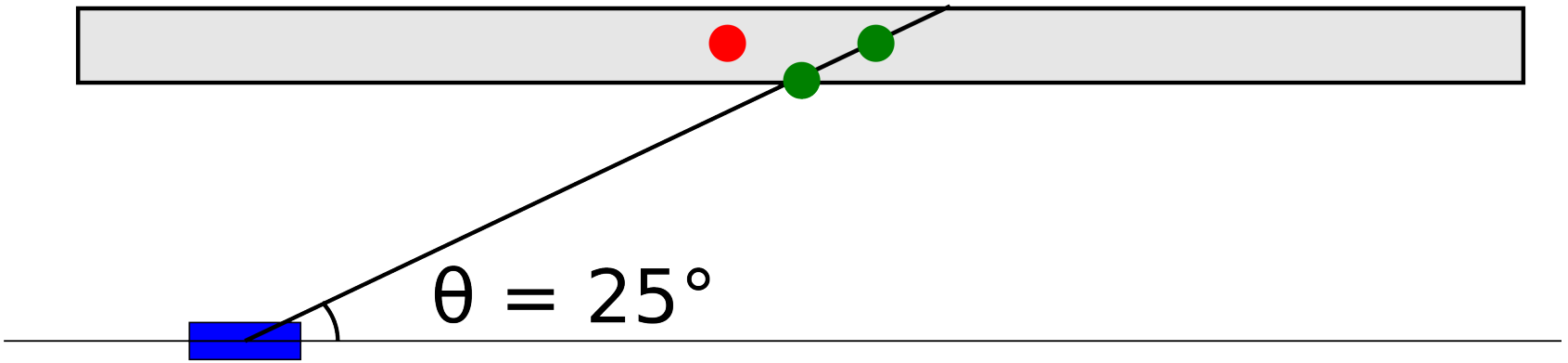

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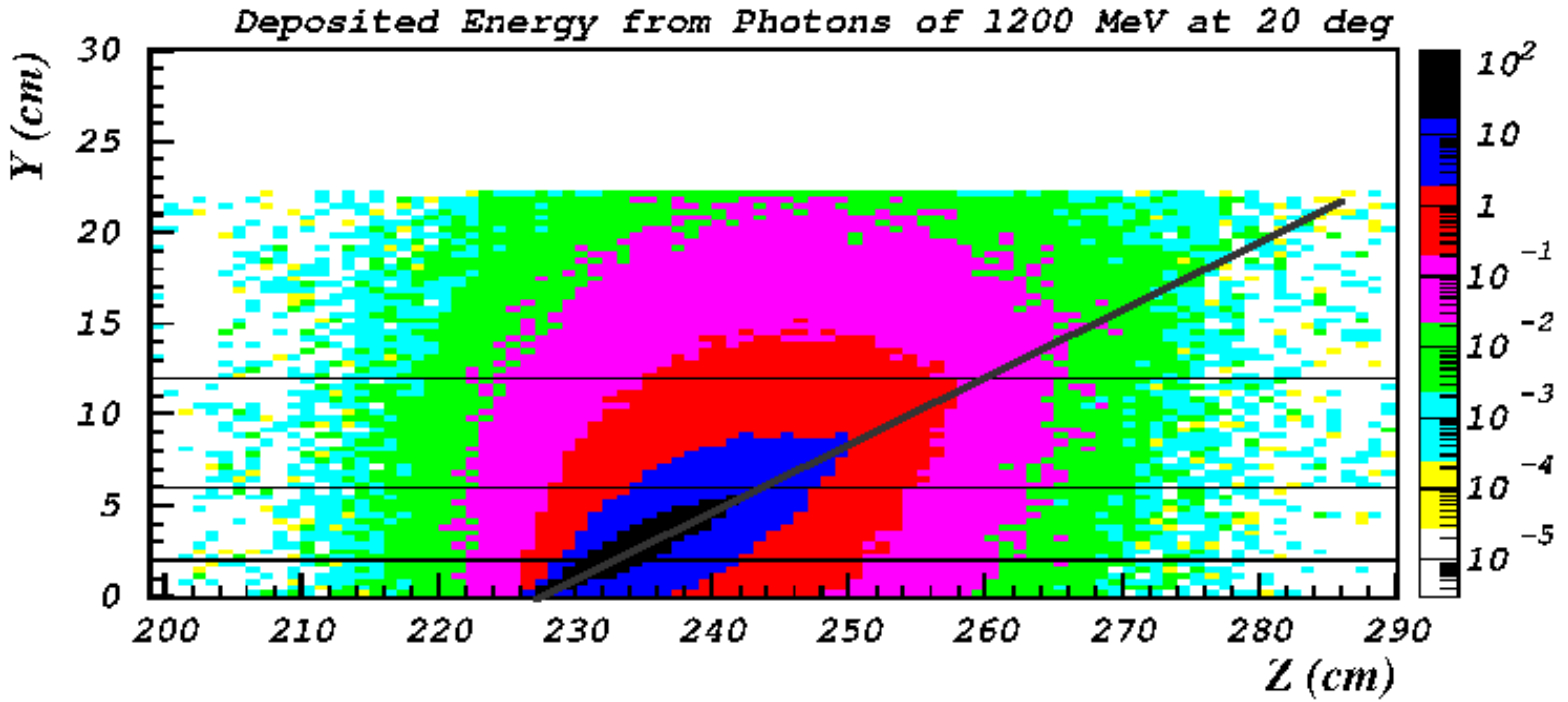

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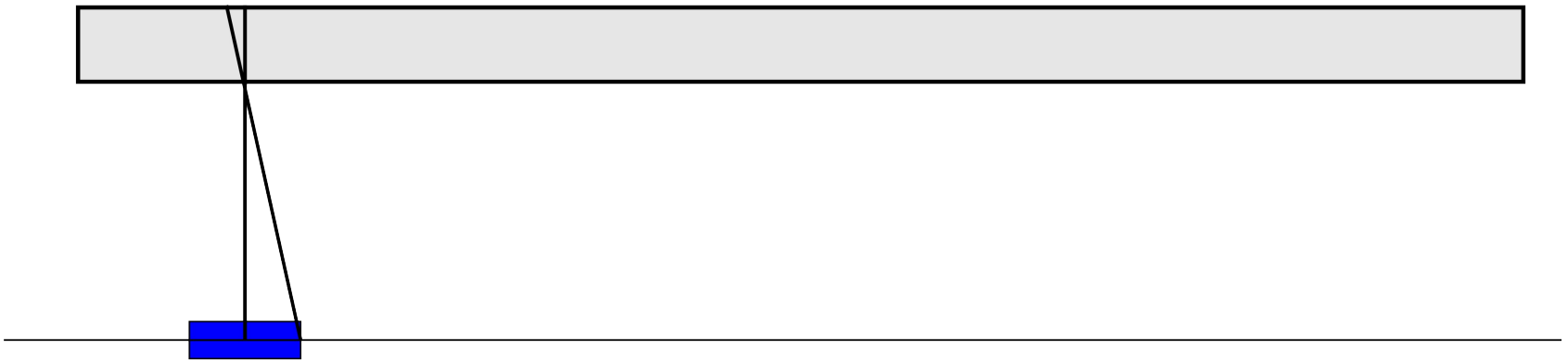
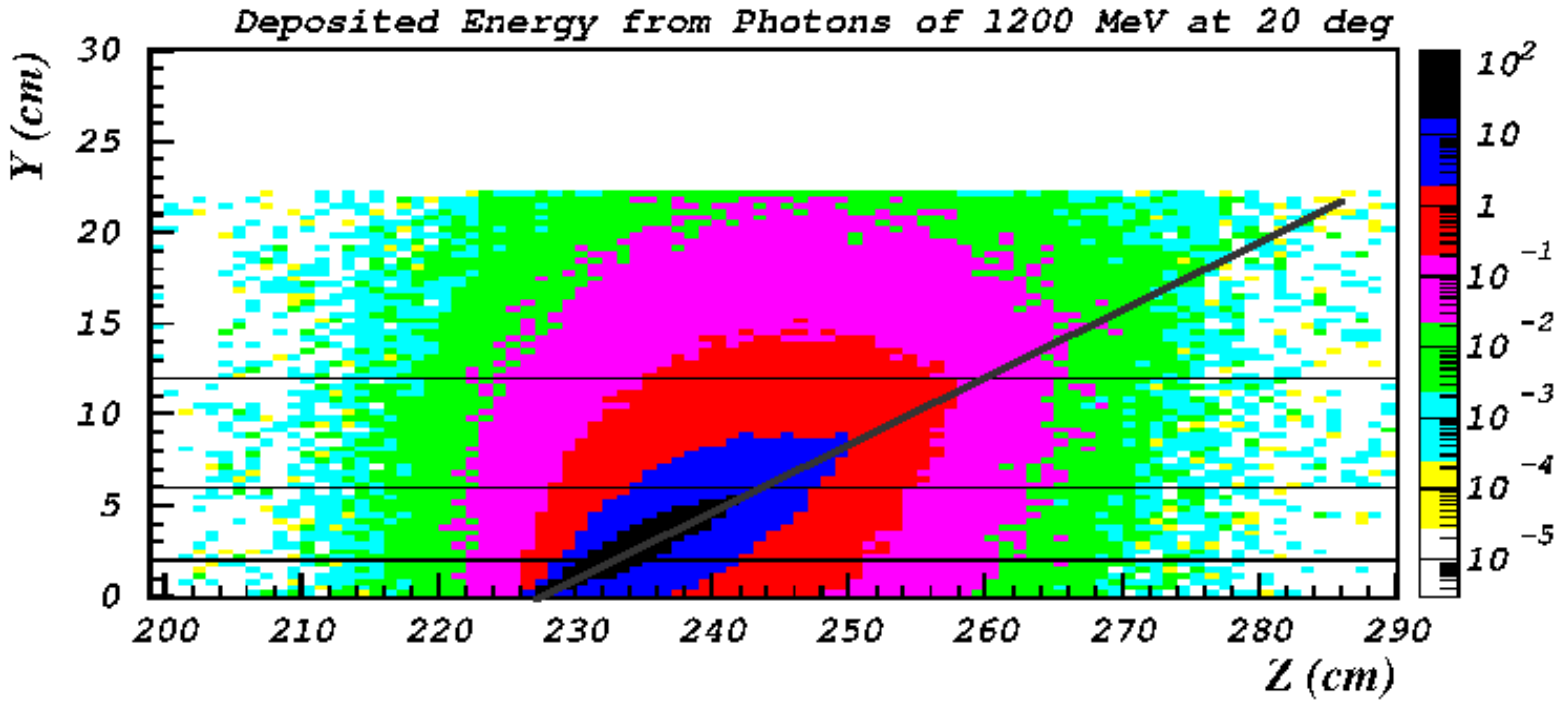


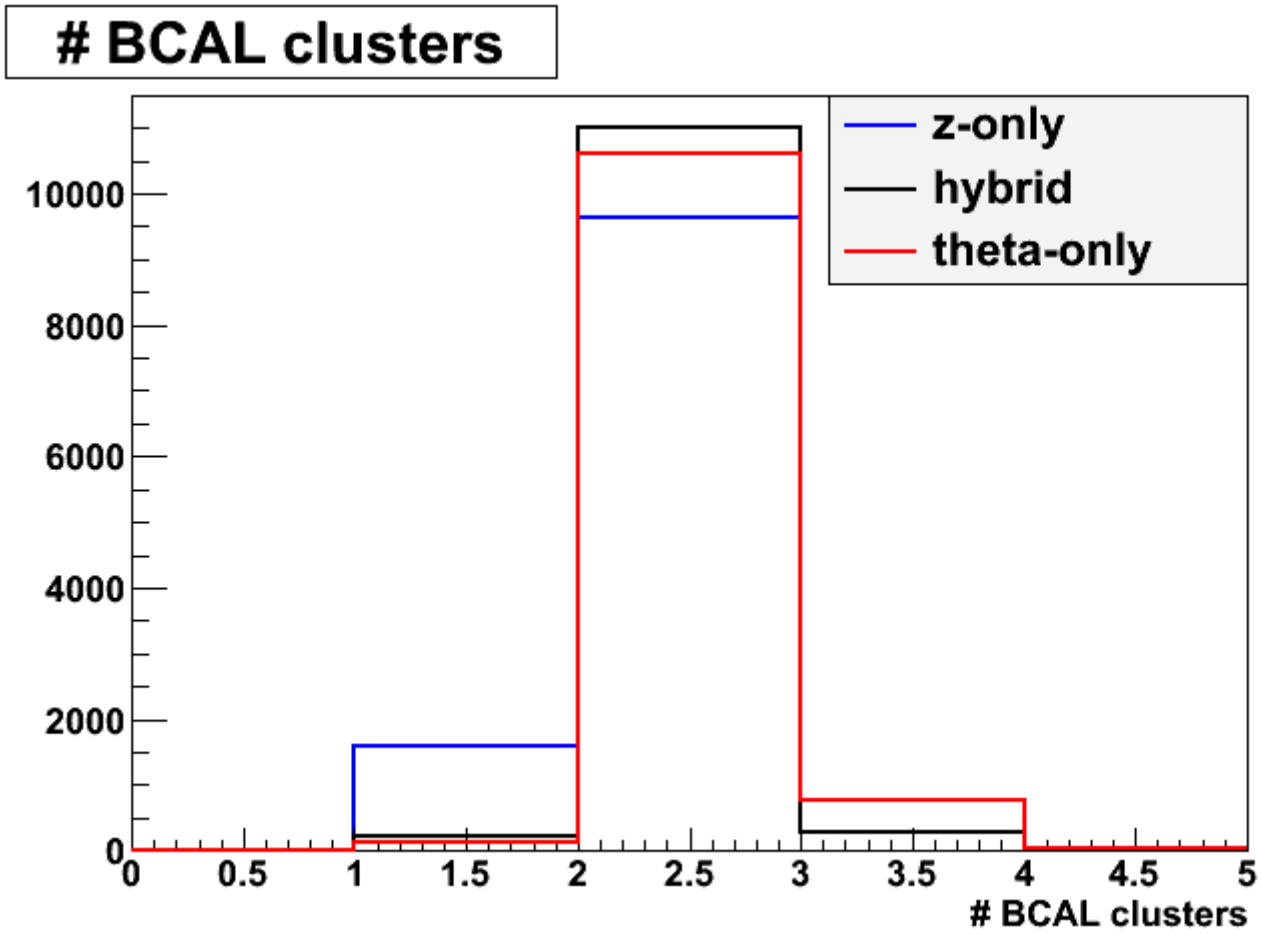
Clustering Procedure: What is “nearby”?

- Hybrid method
  - Require hits nearby in phi
  - Require hits nearby in theta or nearby in z
  - “nearby” depends on energy, depth of hit



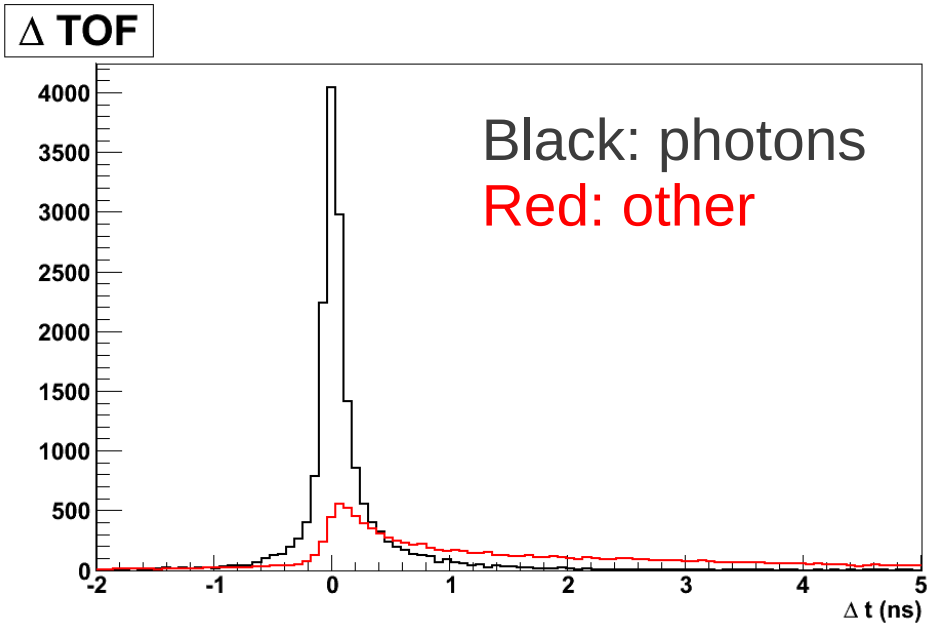
Evaluating clustering algorithms

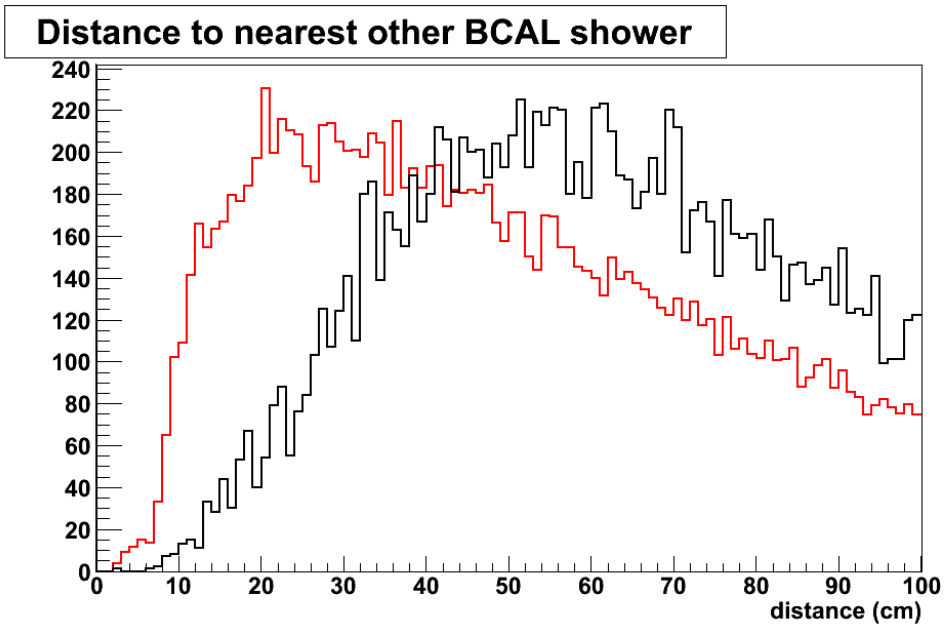
- Compare 3 algorithms
- π^0 sample
  - Both decay photons in BCAL
  - Both photons have sufficient energy to be reconstructed
  - Should get exactly 2 clusters/event



Distinguishing hadronic showers from EM showers

- Hadronic showers are nuisance from POV of photon reconstruction
- Spatial matching between reconstructed track and reconstructed cluster
  - Only eliminates 50% of clusters due to hadrons
- Discriminating variables
  - Time-of-flight relative to expected photon TOF
  - Depth in calorimeter
  - Distance to nearest other cluster





Distinguishing hadronic showers from EM showers

- Simple cuts on discriminating variables
  - Eliminate 80% of non-photon clusters
- Multivariate classifier (boosted decision tree)
- Global analysis (kinematic fit)