



Activity of the Cuban group in SPD

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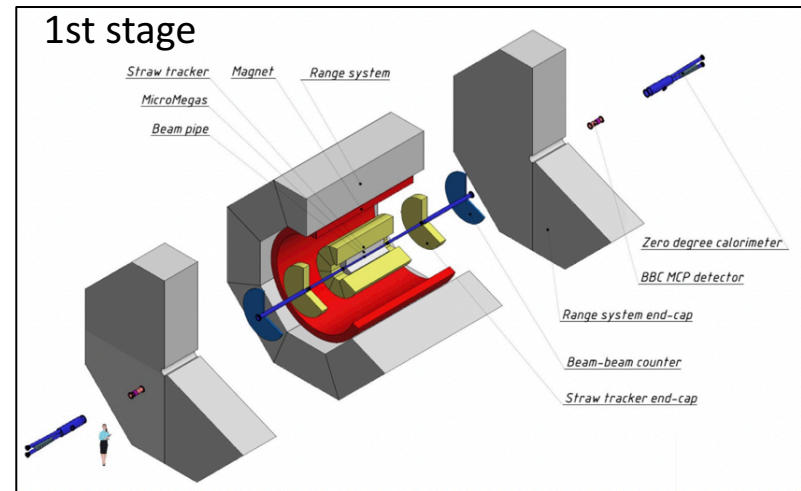
Current contribution of the InSTEC to the SPD

- To perform a GeoModel-based ZDC geometry of SPD.

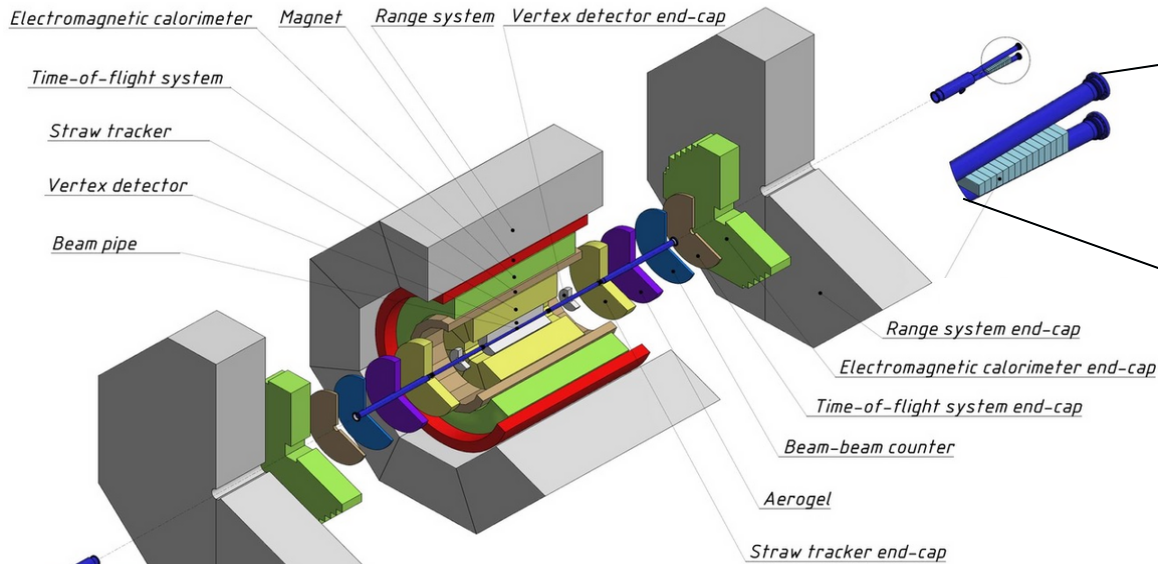
Description of the Zero Degree Calorimeter in the frame of GeoModel to ensure modularity and portability according to the general geometry description of SPD.

- ✓ Verification of the ZDC geometry description using Monte Carlo simulation (Geant4) to control and to optimize the main parameters of the ZDC detector
- ✓ Check the reliability of the obtained results (using information from TDR)
- ✓ Prove that the proposed detector geometry is optimal
- ✓ To modeling the proposed ZDC geometry GeoModel
- ✓ Create a program code within the GeoModel package
- ✓ Check the compatibility of the code with the SpdRoot package

The Zero Degree Calorimeter will be present in the 1st stage of the SPD installation



2nd stage

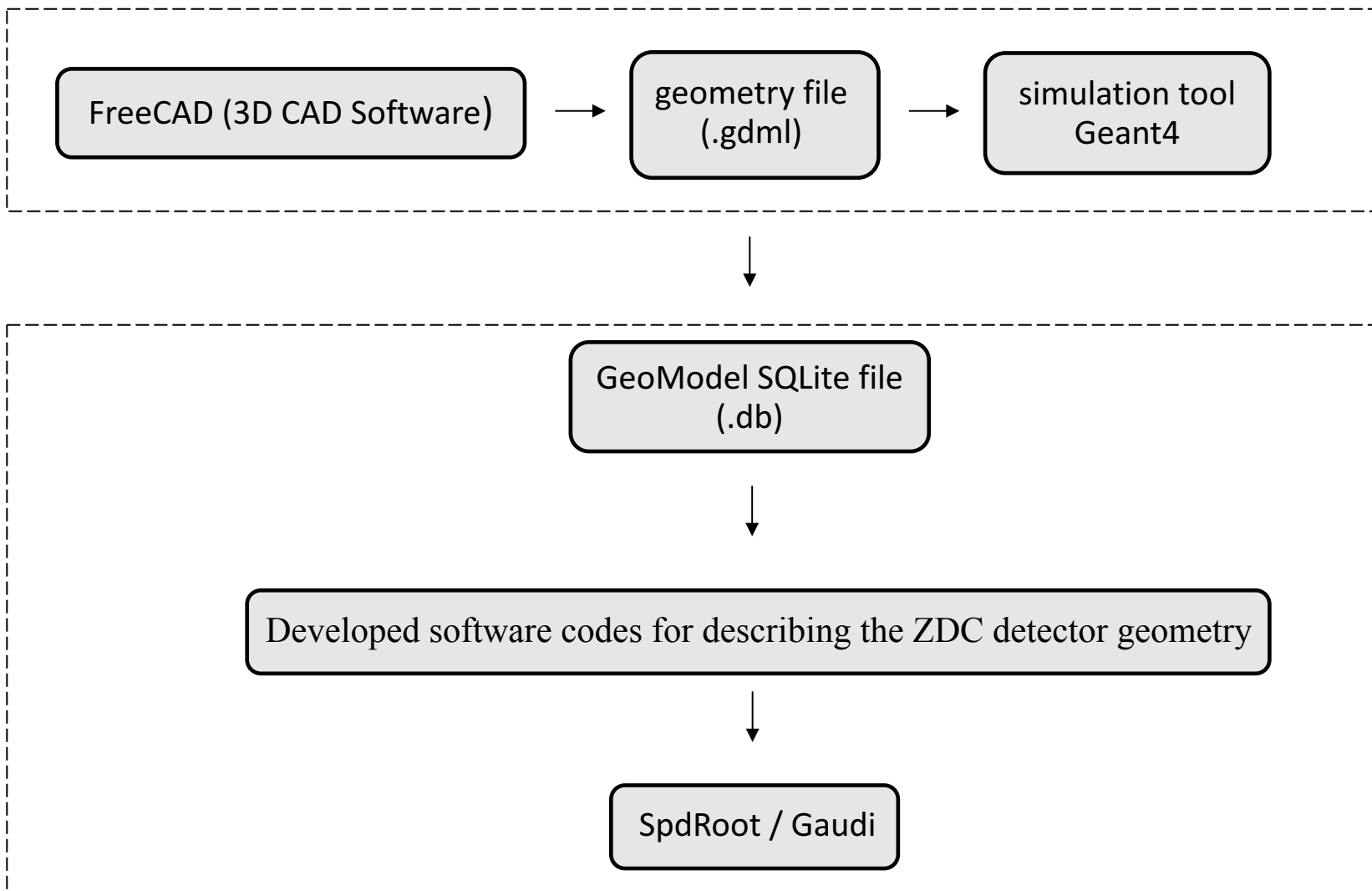


Zero Degree Calorimeter

➤ Main tasks

- ✓ Luminosity measurements
- ✓ Local polarimetry with forward neutrons
- ✓ Time stamp of the events
- ✓ Spectator neutron tagging

Strategy flow



GeoModel: Detector description toolkit for HEP experiments

A single ZDC module

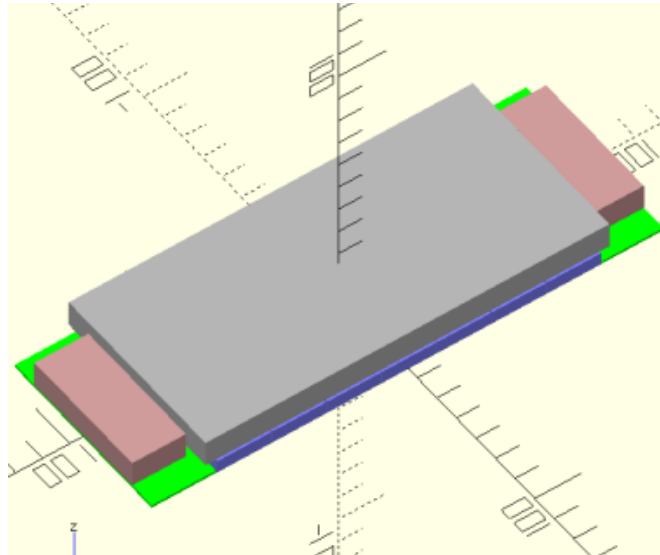
Electromagnetic part

Number of layers 8

Scintillator thickness, mm 5

Absorber thickness, mm 5

PCB thickness, mm 1



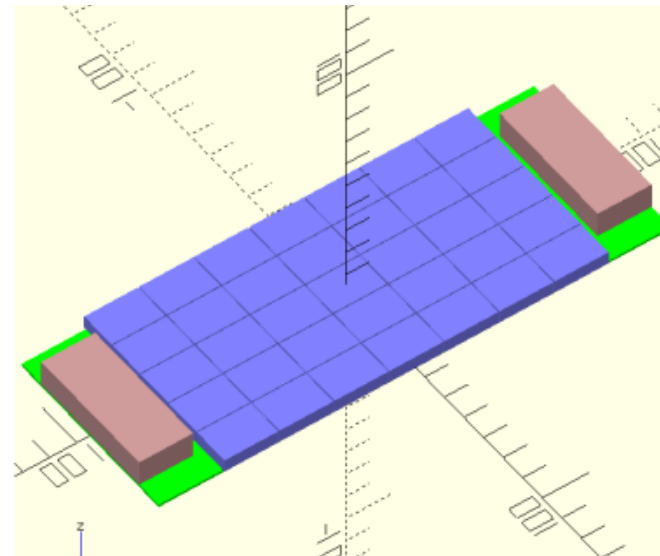
Hadronic part

Number of layers 22

Scintillator thickness, mm 10

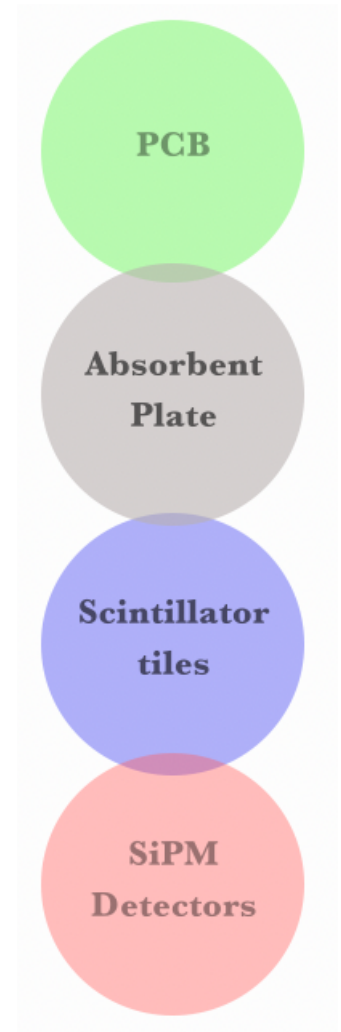
Absorber thickness, mm 13

PCB thickness, mm 1



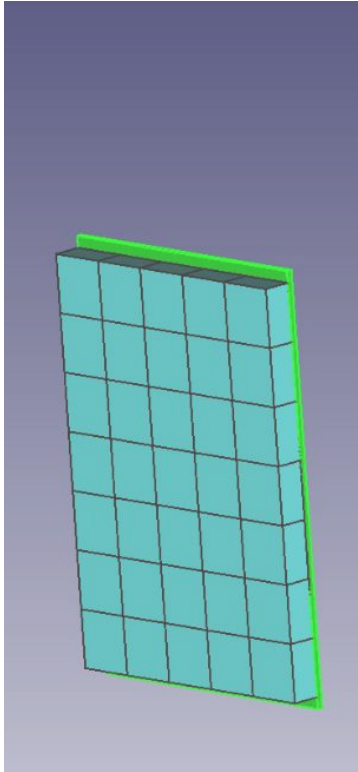
Total

Thickness, mm 611

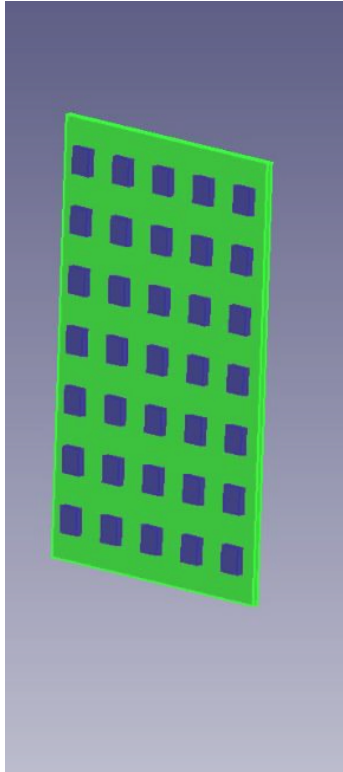




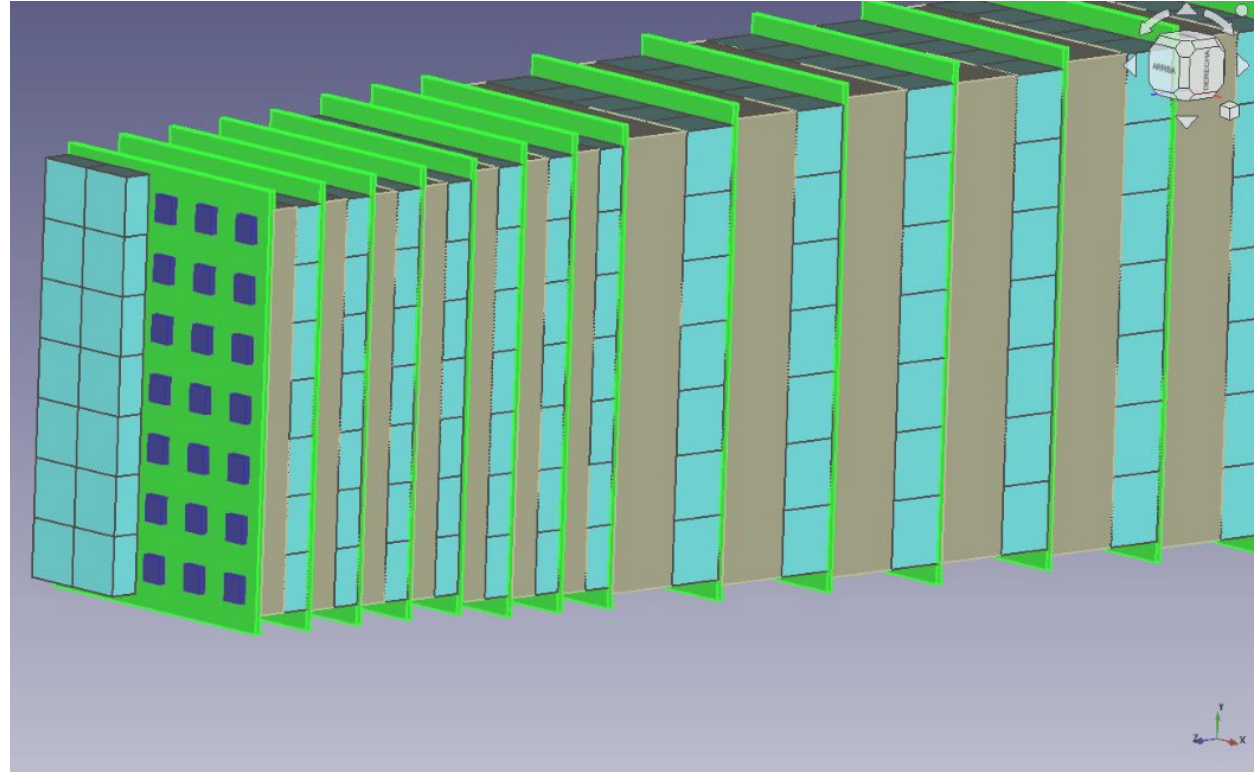
FreeCAD geometry design



Scintillator plate with PBC frame



PBC with SiPM detectors



Assembly of individual planes: 3D model in FreeCAD



FreeCAD geometry design

Number of layers:

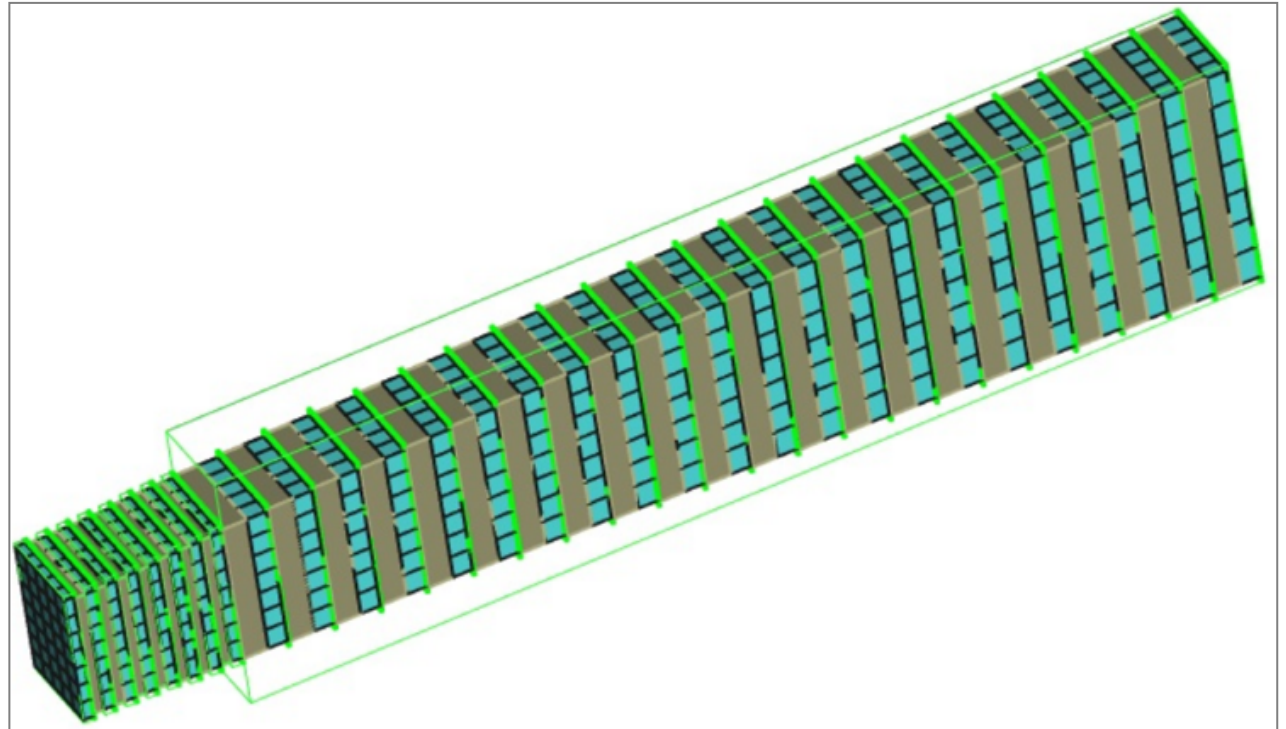
EM section: 8 layers

HAD section: 22 layers

Absorber plates:

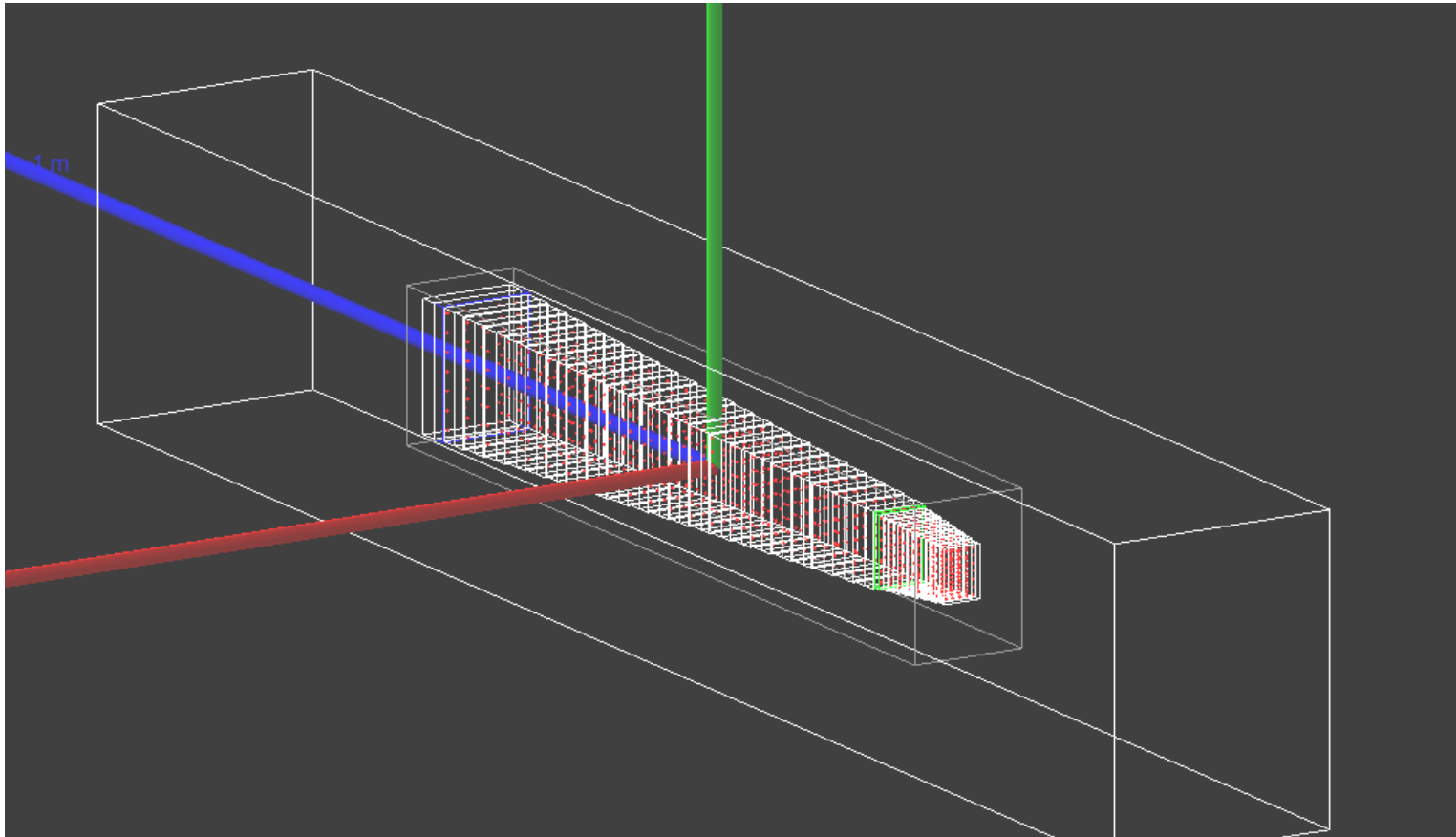
EM section: 7 absorbers

HAD section: 22 absorbers



Integration of the calorimeter sections

Geometry overview from Geant4



Scintillating Plastic

Composition: 97.49% C, 2.5% H, 0.01% O

Density: 1.05 g/cm³

Function: Conversion of energy into light signals

Tungsten (W)

Function: Primary absorber

Properties: Z=74, $\rho=19.3$ g/cm³

Advantage: Excellent for initiating particle cascades

FR-4 (PCB)

Composition: 43% C, 3% H, 54% O

Density: 1.85 g/cm³

Function: Structural support and electrical connections

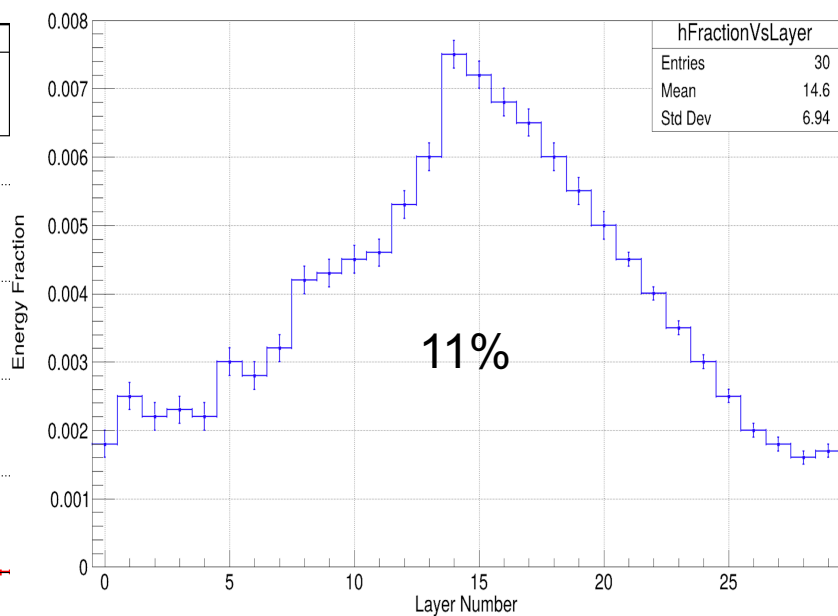
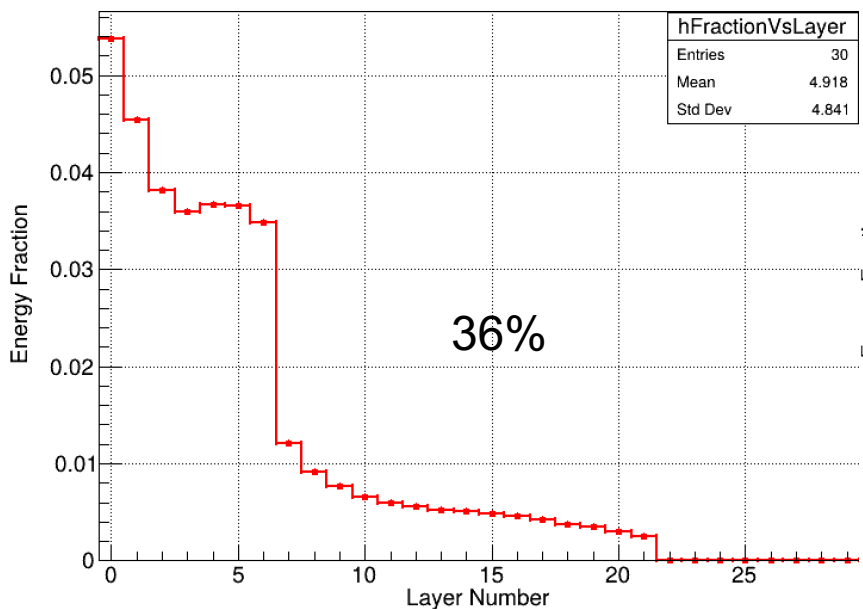
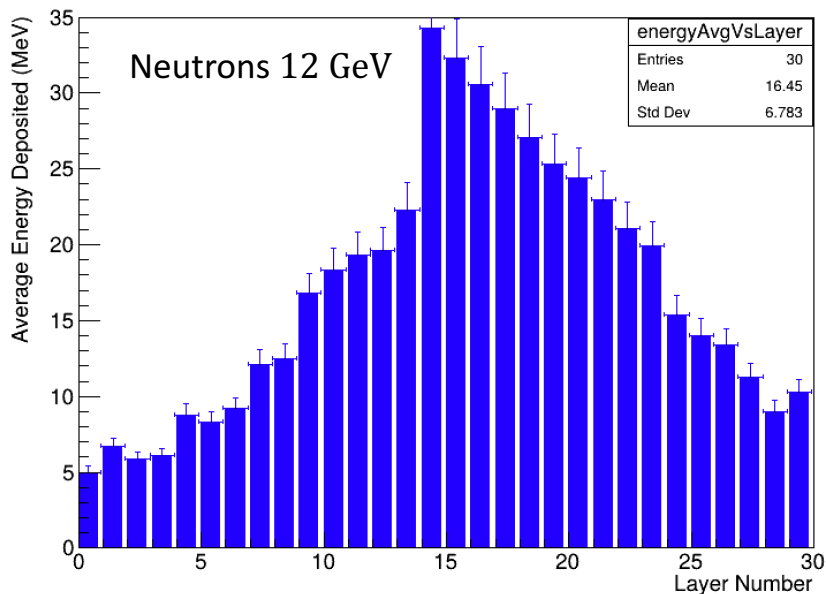
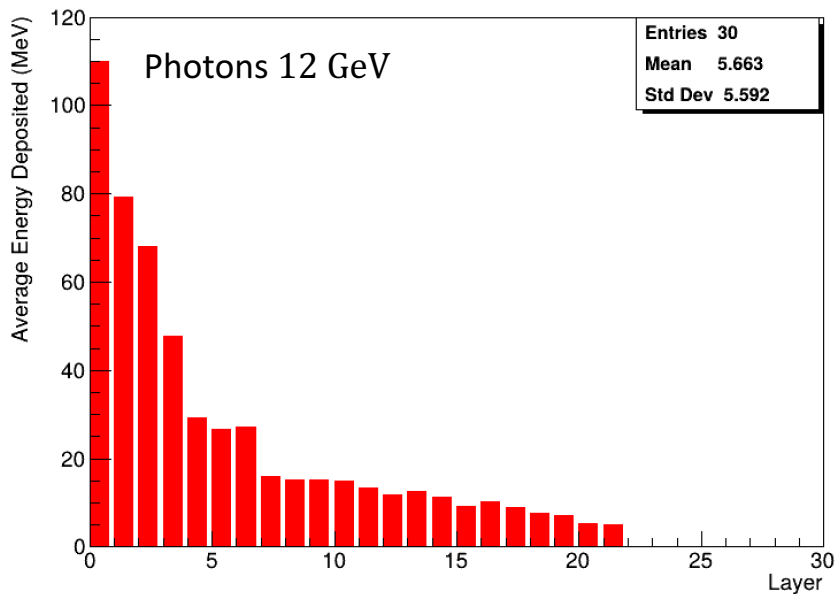
SiPM

Simplified composition: 95% Si, 3% O, 2% Al

Density: 2.33 g/cm³

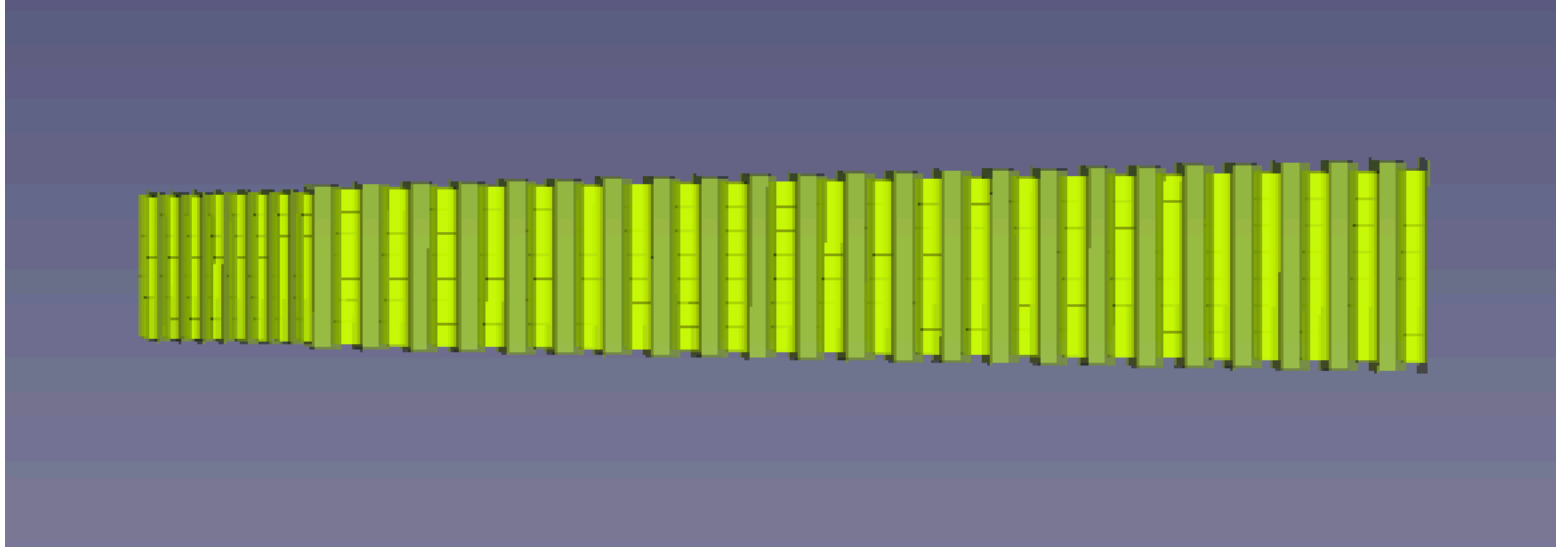
Function: Detection of light signals

Average energy deposited per layer



Low energy deposition fraction due to leakage, which reduces the chances of precisely tag incoming particles.
 Different longitudinal energy distribution for photons and neutrons can be used for n/γ separation.

GeoModel geometry design



Writing the geometry description in SQLite self-contained database

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ZDC geometry.db

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FullSimLight

Easily run G4 simulations with minimal set of observables
Supports generators: G4 particle gun, Pythia, HEPMC3 formats

Plans

- Update our information about geometry, beyond the TDR, in coordination with the team from Kurchatov institute, ITEP
- To help with the simulations to test optimal parameters of ZDC both, for 1st and 2nd stage SPD
- Finish the geometry description in GeoModel and testing it
- Integrate the GeoModel geometry in SpdRoot / Gaudi