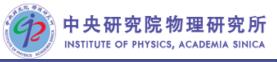


Framework Review and Outlook

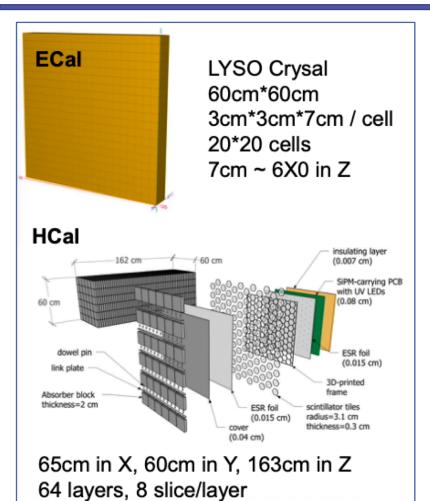
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Part I: ZDC-ML Framework Review

ZDC Data structure





1 layer = steel + scintillator tile + SiPM

	ECAL	HCAL
Layer in z-direction	1	64
x-y grid	20 x 20	10 x 10 (SiPM prototype)
Total cells	400	6400

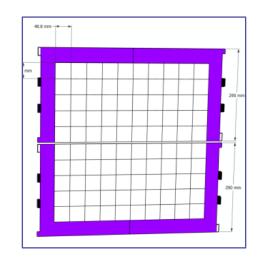
MC parameters (per event):

ECAL Matrix:

[20 x 20]: Contain energy per cell

HCAL Matrix:

[64 x 10 x 10]: Contain energy per cell



ZDC-ML framework logic



This is a generative adversarial network (GAN), meaning that we have 2 parts in the framework: Generator and Discriminator.

Generator task:

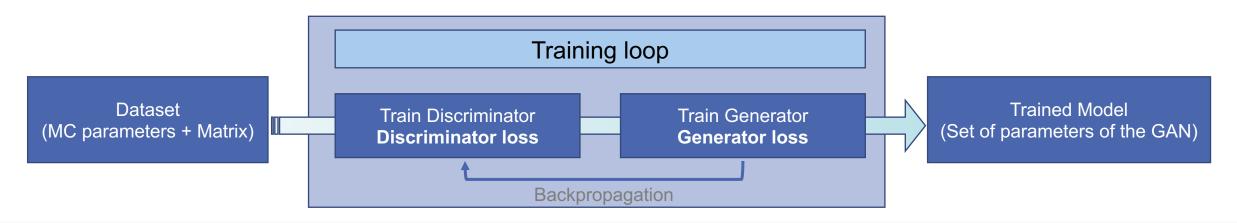
Based on the MC parameters and ECAL/HCAL matrix, generate an artificial events to fake the Discriminator.

Discriminator task:

Identify is the event coming from generator (fake), or from MC (real)

Our goal (or general GAN goal):

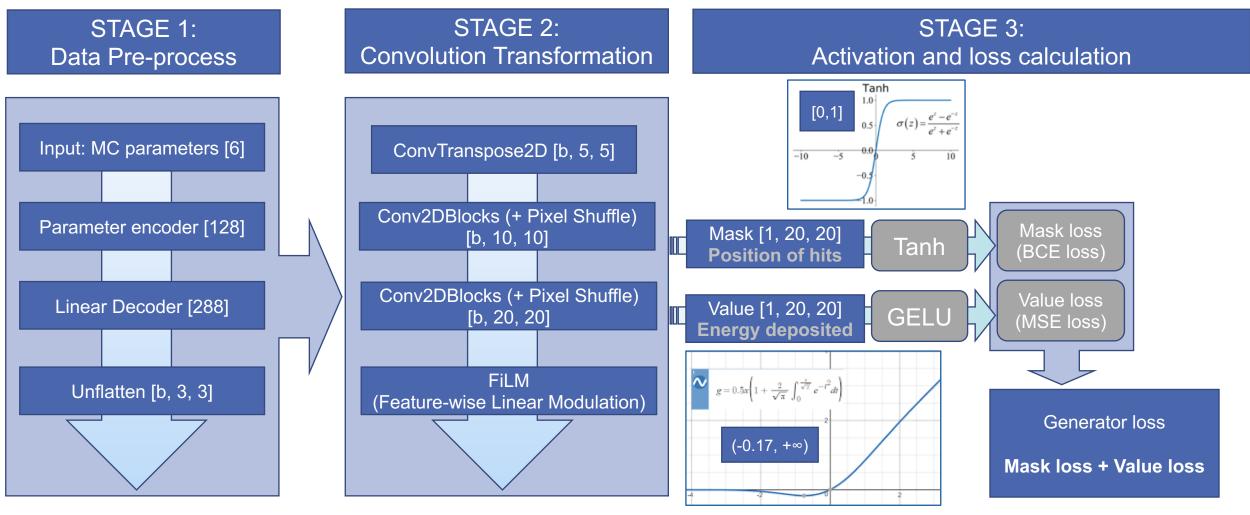
Train the Generator to learn about the MC dataset, in order to generate an artificial events which are real enough to confuse the Discriminator.



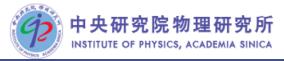
ZDC-ML framework: Generator workflow



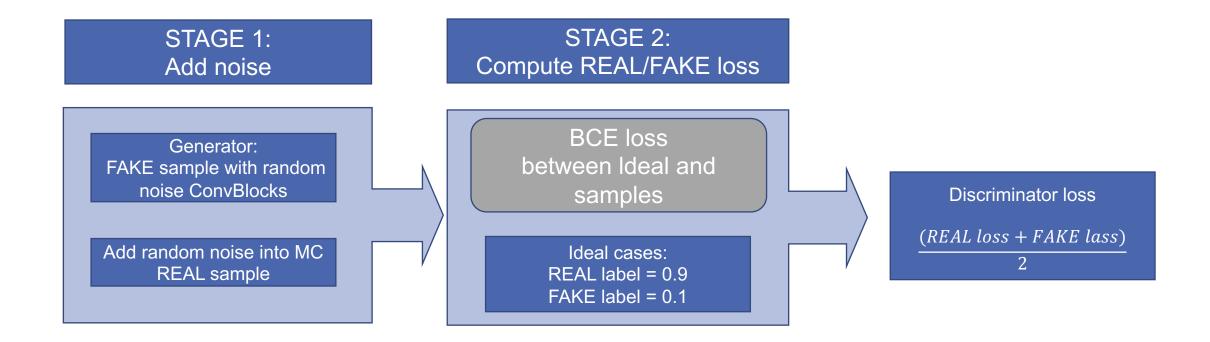
So far, the framework is working with ECAL dataset only, we call this version as ZDC-ML v3. Here is the workflow of ZDC-ML v3:



ZDC-ML framework: Discriminator workflow



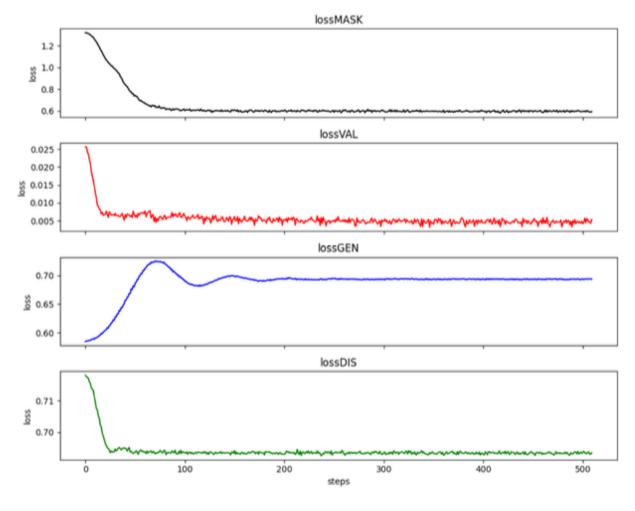
In discriminator, samples are generated by generator (Noise path) as well, then being compare with MC sample.



ZDC-ML framework: What should we expect?



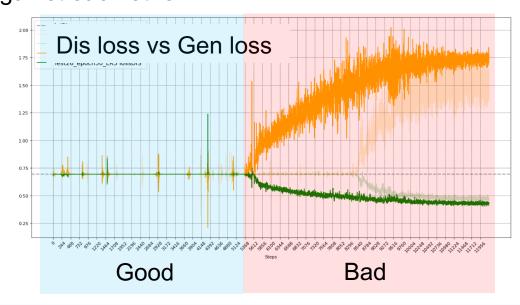
We judge the training performance by looking at the loss curve.



This is just an example to show that what we should expect:

Mask loss and Value loss: Reduce along the iteration, then become stable.

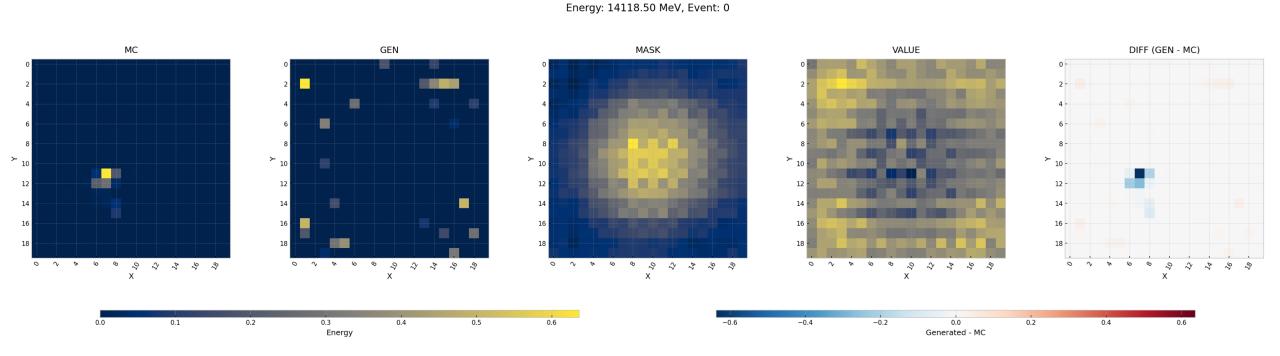
Generator and Discriminator loss: Becoming stable around 0.69 (log2), and the trend should against each other.



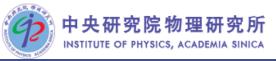
ZDC-ML framework: Test and visualization



Besides the loss curves, we will use another dataset to test how well the model is. After the test, one can check the energy distribution to justify the model.



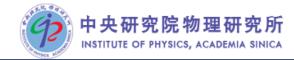
Here we would like to compare the MC and Model generated distribution to judge the performance. One can also check the global performance by calculate the MSE loss between MC and Model generated events across the input energy spectrum, but we would show it here.



Part II: From ECAL only to ECAL+HCAL

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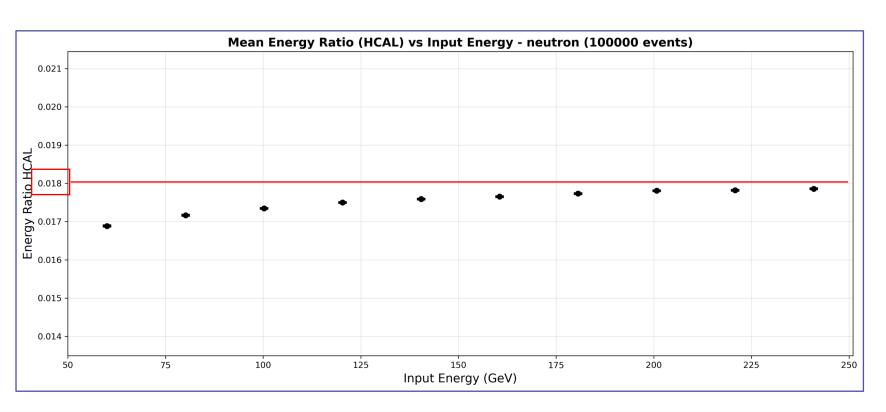
ZDC HCAL: Energy fraction

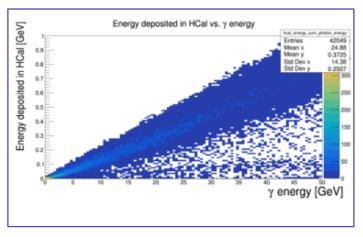


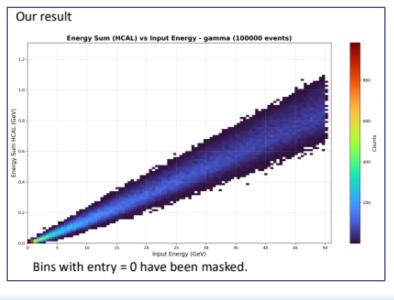
We have some e-mail exchange with Alessio I. from University of Connecticut, who works in ZDC reconstruction His study confirmed that our observation about most of the energy are missing in the HCAL is **CORRECT.**

In his understanding, the G4 simulation only consider hits which is recorded on the scintillator tile. Therefore only fraction of the beam energy is being capture.

Less than 1.8% of the energy is being deposited.





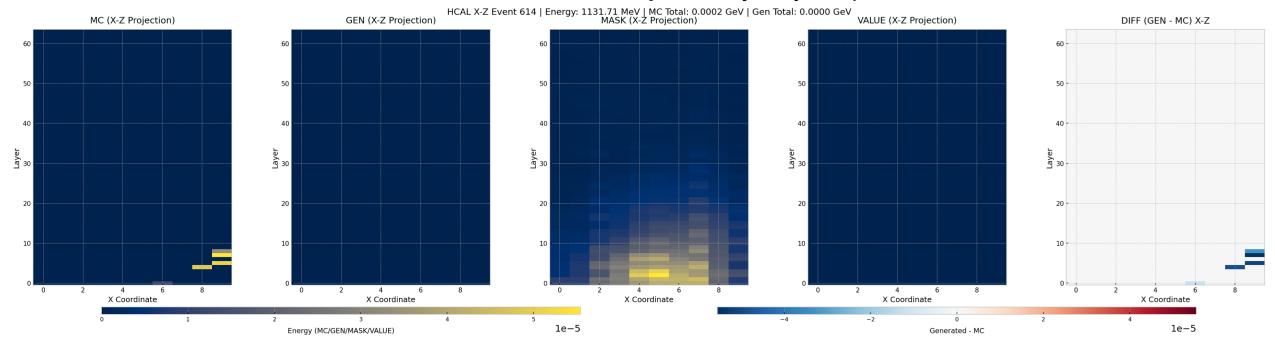


ZDC-ML Framework: HCAL implementation



We have 64 layers of SiPM in the HCAL and therefore the our dataset is a 3D matrix: [64 x 10 x 10] The easiest way to implement HCAL dataset is just following ECAL approach with 3D Convolution Blocks.

Here we train a model with HCAL then visualise in the **X-Z plane** to justify the performance.



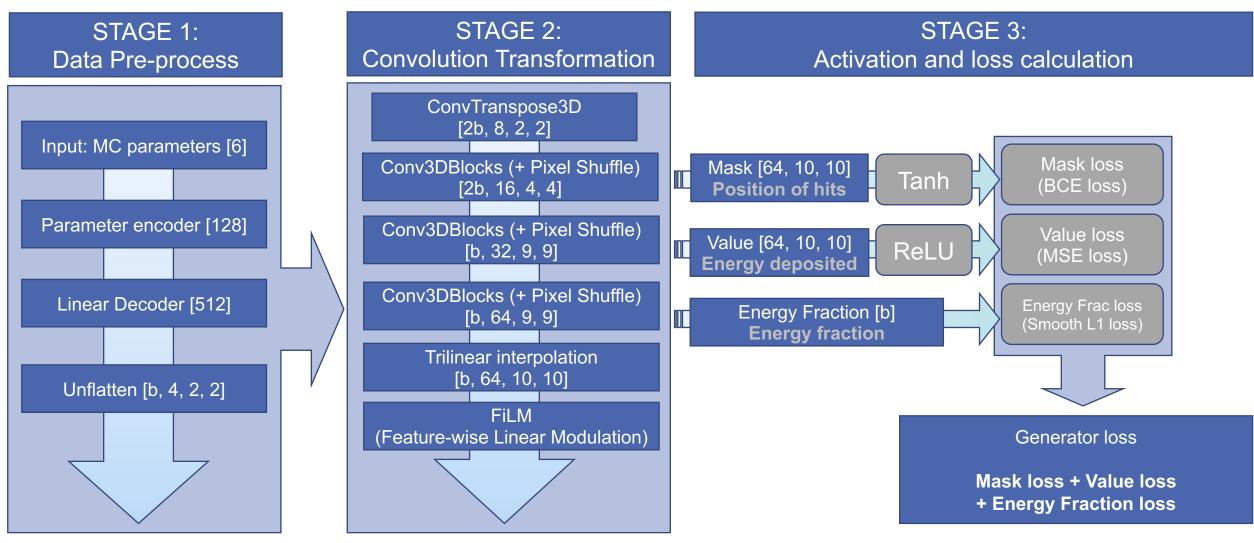
However, given that the energy dump in HCAL is extremely small compare the beam energy. The model struggle to learn about the energy scale (As we can see nothing showing in **Value**).

In order to constraint the phase space, we should add the energy fraction into the framework as well.

ZDC-ML framework: HCAL Generator workflow



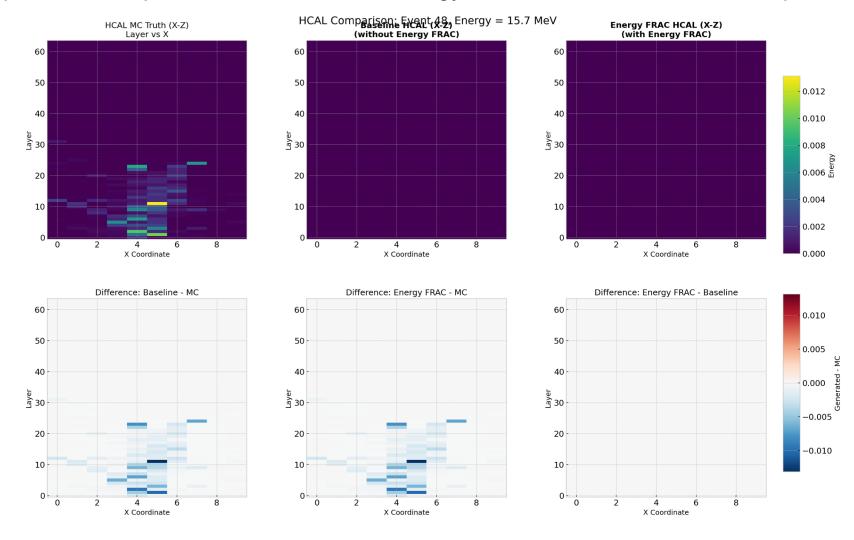
In ZDC-ML v5, we have added HCAL generator with energy fraction as a loss.



ZDC-ML Framework: HCAL implementation



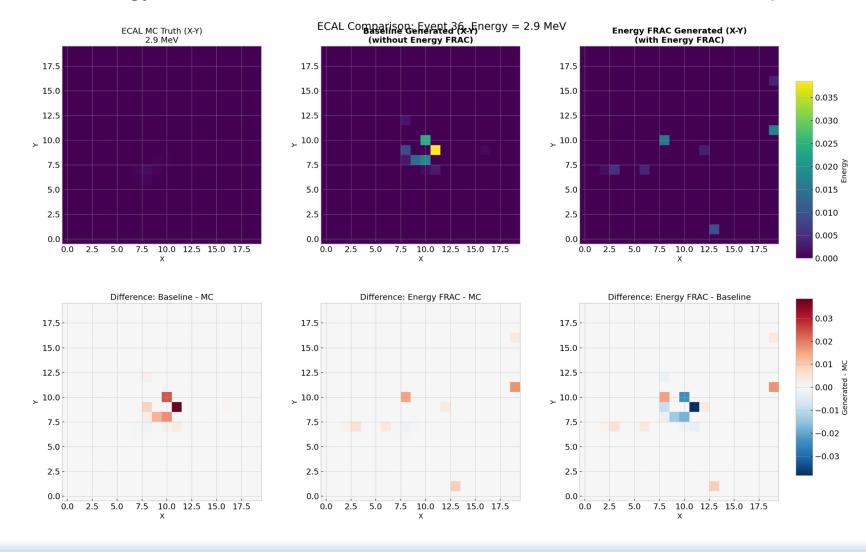
Here we compare the X-Z plane with and without Energy frac loss. We can't see the impact in HCAL.



ZDC-ML Framework: HCAL implementation



We have add the energy frac loss into ECAL as well and here we can see some impact.



ZDC-ML framework: What next?



Besides the energy fraction in HCAL (and ECAL) and fine-tuning the weighting, we should also consider:

- 1. Relation between layers (also ECAL <-> HCAL)
- 2. Global showering pattern
- 3. Better connection between Mask and Value for each cell