

1 Prototyping Electromagnetic Calorimeter for  
2 STAR Forward Calorimeter System using Au +  
3 Au at  $\sqrt{s} = 200\text{GeV}$  data

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6 **Abstract**

7 The STAR forward upgrade program is motivated to explore a wide  
8 range of rich cold QCD physics in the very high and low regions of Bjorken  
9 x. This requires new detector capabilities in the forward region including  
10 the Forward Calorimeter System (FCS).  $\pi^0$  reconstruction was developed  
11 using a prototype of Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECal) of the FCS using  
12 Au + Au collision at  $\sqrt{s} = 200\text{GeV}$  data collected during the 2019 RHIC  
13 run. We present this analysis to obtain the gain factors and invariant mass  
14  $\pi^0$  reconstruction using two different methods (cluster finder method and  
15 point maker method) to isolate the two photon candidates of the  $\pi^0$ .