

Photon Classification with AI at CLAS12

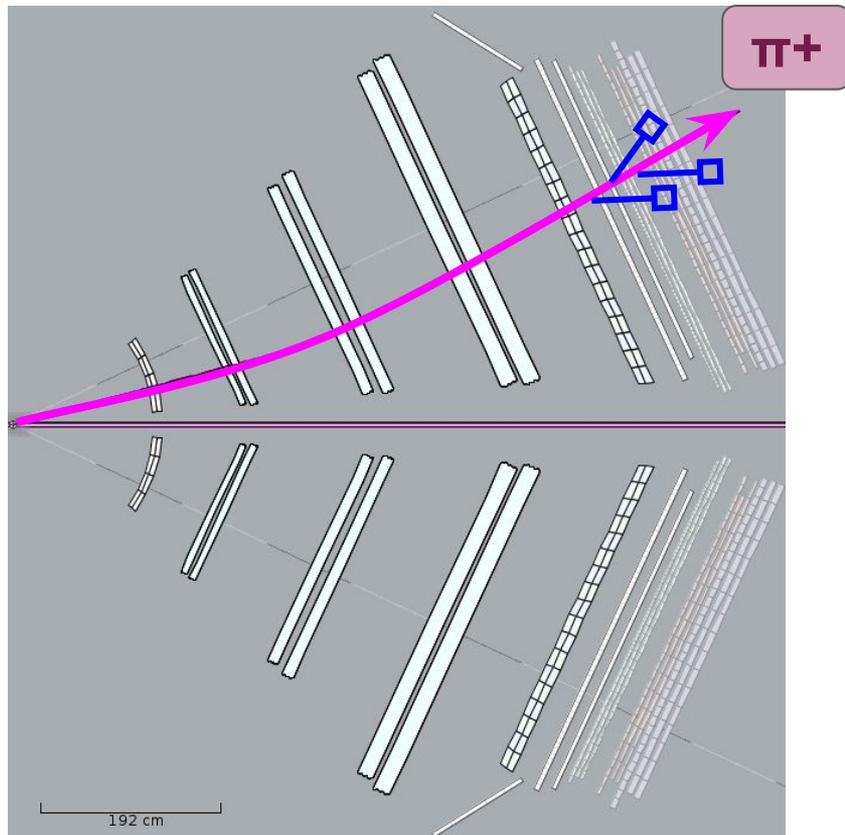
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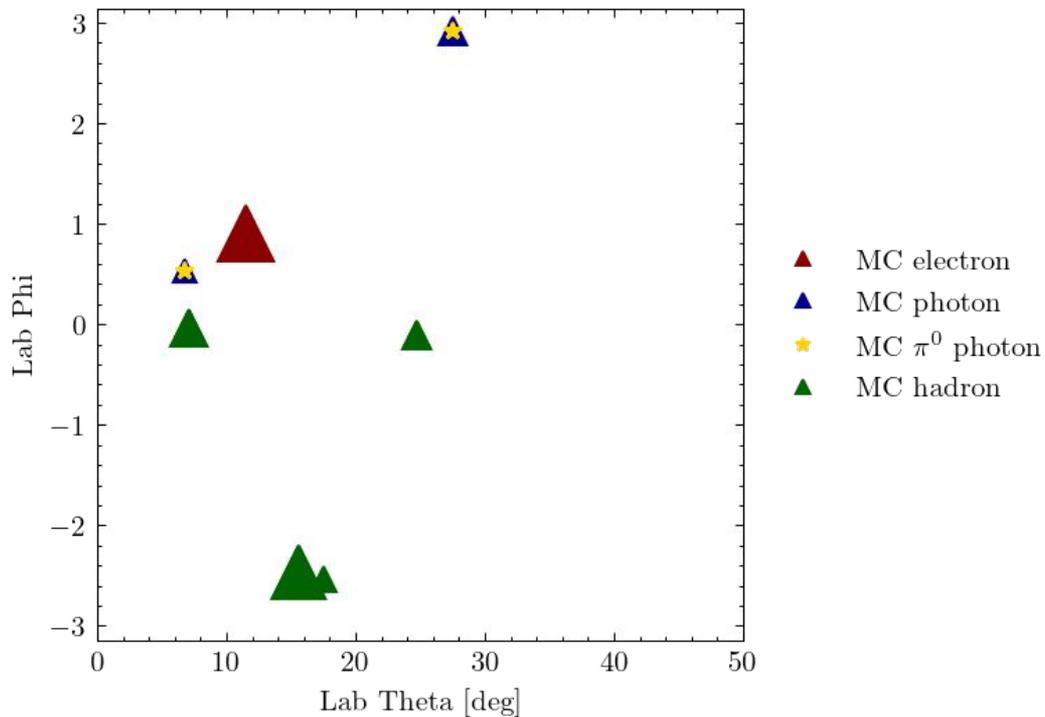
“False Photon” Reconstruction at CLAS12

- ★ Electromagnetic showers from final state particles (ex: e 's, π 's and K 's) deposit their energy into the forward detector's ECALs
- ★ CLAS12 reconstruction (pass1 & pass2) occasionally identifies the nearby energy depositions as **neutrals** (γ or n)
- ★ Leads to an excess of neutrals \rightarrow backgrounds that are unphysical
 - Appears in both **Data and Monte Carlo**
- ★ “False Photons” are reconstructed γ 's that have no generated γ counterpart



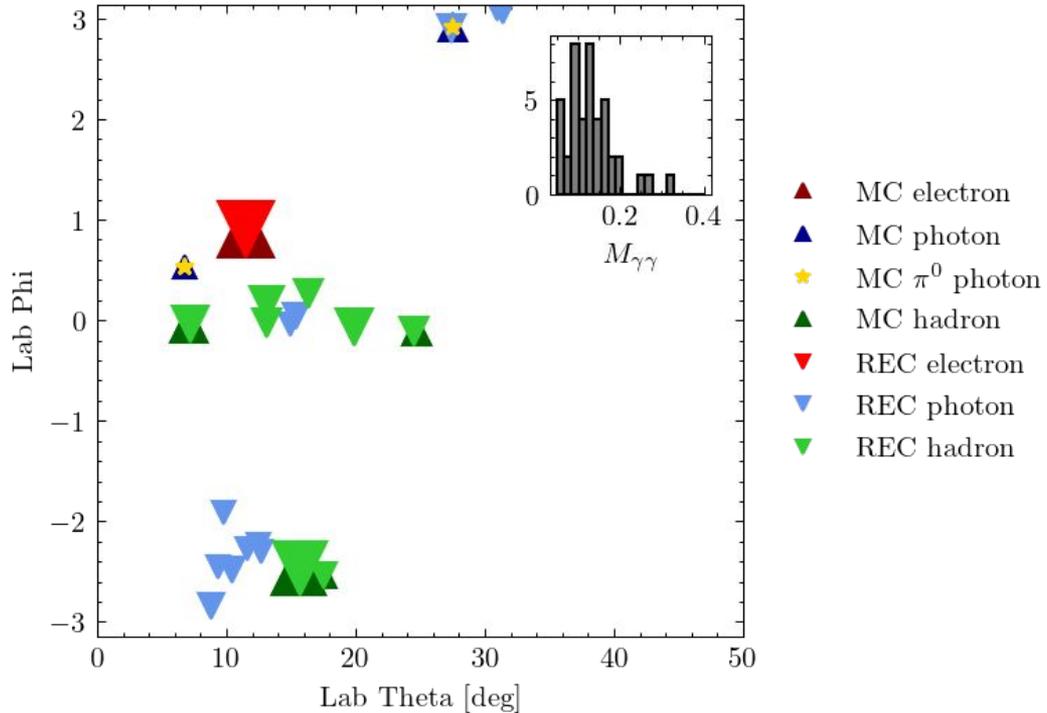
Sample Monte Carlo Event

pass1



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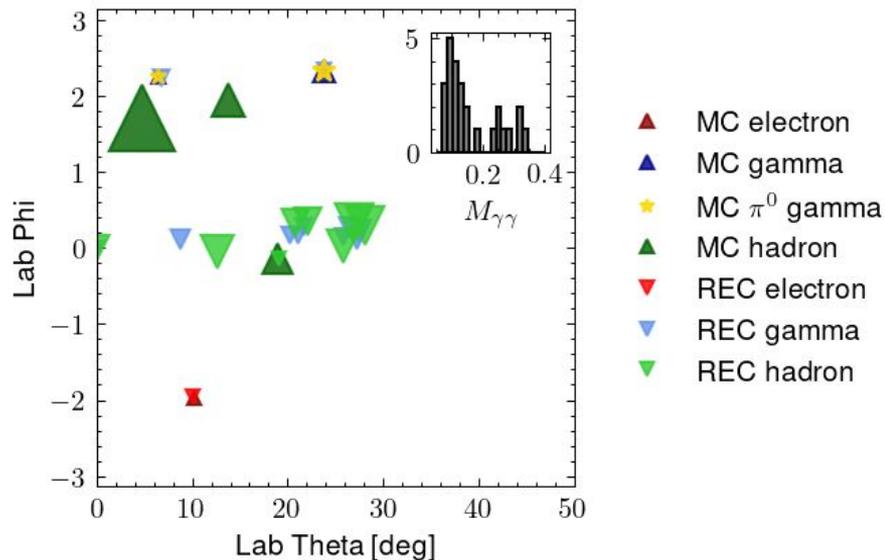
pass1



Photon Reconstruction with pass2

File Location:

/lustre19/expphy/volatile/clas12/sdiehl/osg_out/clasdis/



★ “False Neutral” background still prevalent in pass2 reconstruction

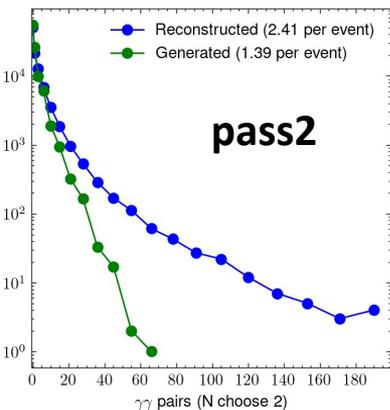
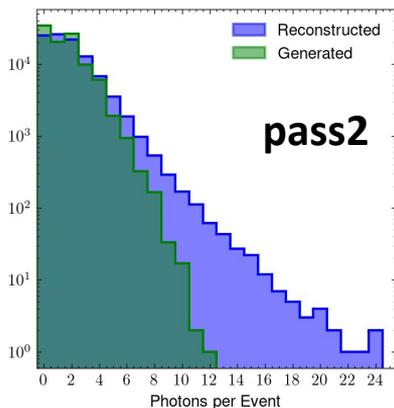
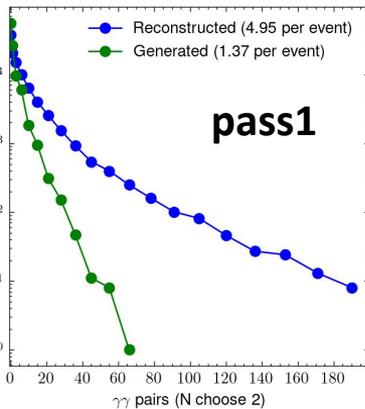
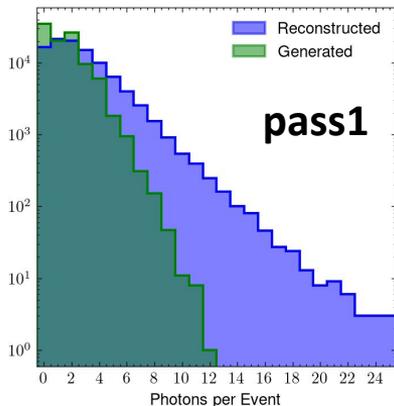
★ Often found in groups, adjacent to other *false neutrals* → **motivates nearest neighbor AI features**

Pre-existing approaches to cut them away (at the cost of statistics and narrowing phase space)

★ Require one neutral per sector → (used in π^0 calorimeter calibrations)

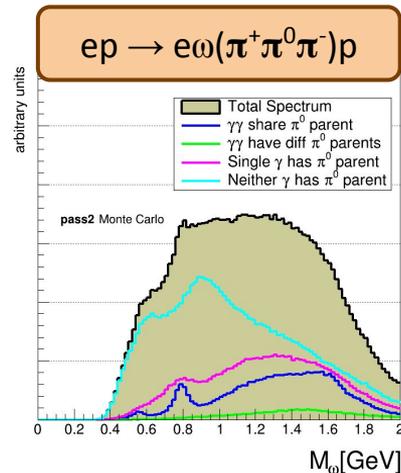
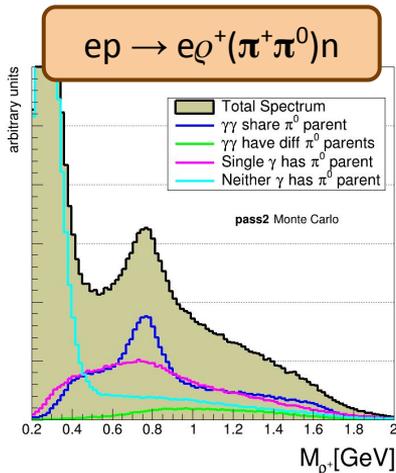
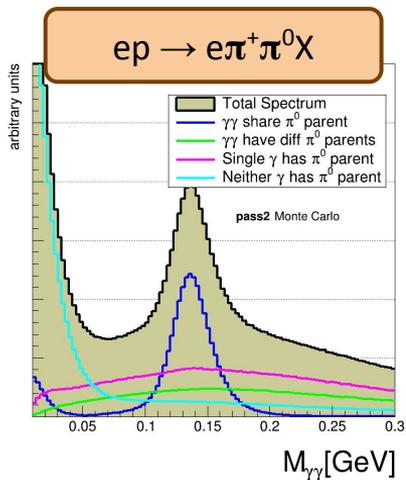
★ Stricter minimum neutral energy threshold (ex: $E_\gamma > 0.5$ GeV)

Photons in pass1/pass2



Plots are generated directly from the reconstructed GEMC files. A CLAS12 acceptance ($5 < \theta_\gamma < 35^\circ$) cut is applied

- ★ Number of reconstructed photons outnumber those that are generated
- ★ As a result, the combinatorial π^0 diphoton background increases $\sim(3x$ for pass1, $2x$ for pass2)

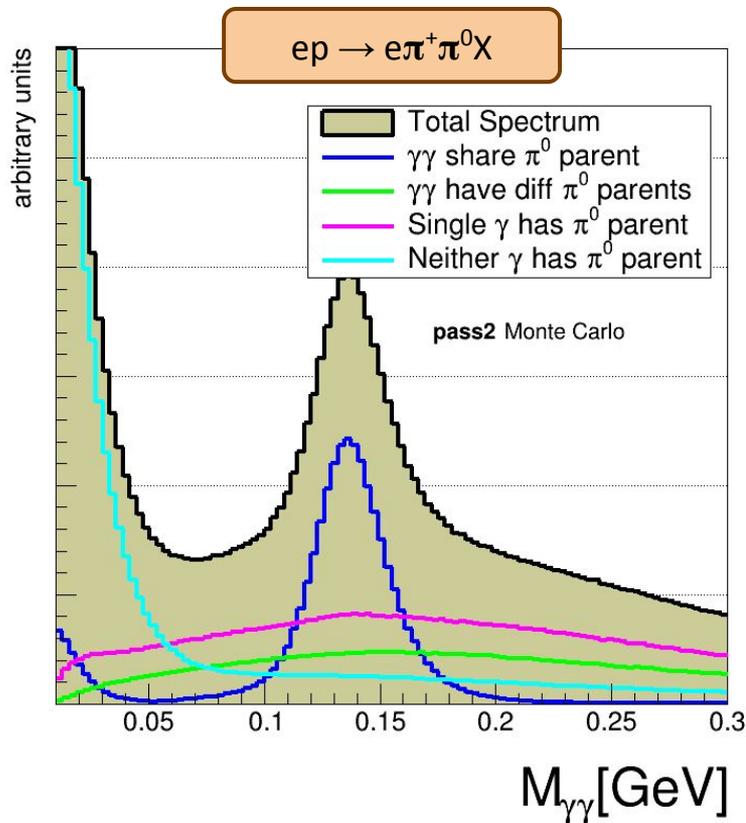


$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ background is a mix of true combinatoric (**LIME GREEN**) and false combinatoric (**MAGENTA and TEAL**)

Exclusive ρ^+ ($M_{\text{miss}} < 1.2$ GeV) region is *dominated* by false combinatoric backgrounds (**MAGENTA and TEAL**)

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Addressing the False Photon Background

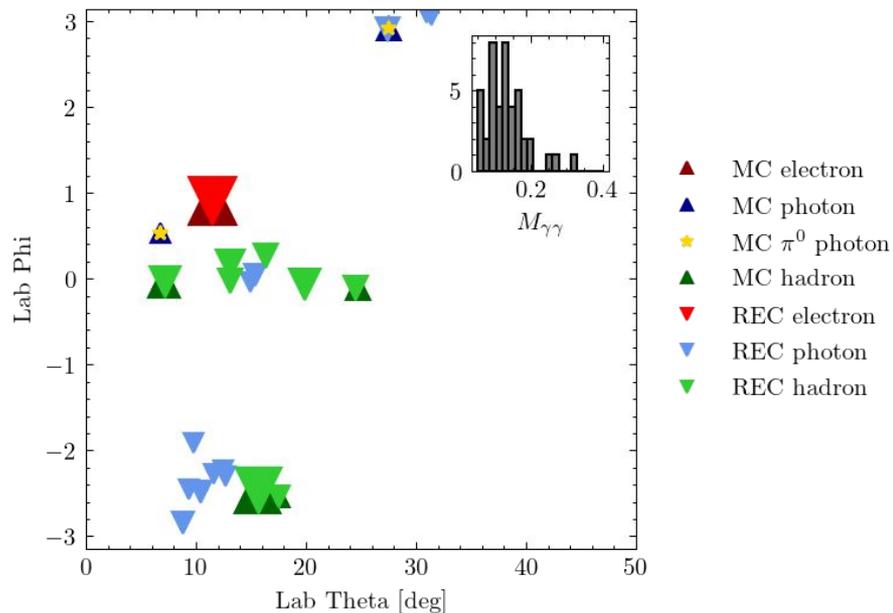


Several SIDIS and Exclusive channels relying on forward detector photons are polluted by false photons (*even in pass2*)

Building the AI Photon Classifier

1. Hand select features that are sensitive to **how/why** false photons are reconstructed
2. Avoid learning resonant structures (true combinatorial backgrounds are **OK**)
3. Compatible for *all* events (any number of photons!)

Motivating the Model's Features



The How/Why False Photons come about

Pattern Recognition!

- False photons are often seen near other neutrals in (θ, ϕ) space
- They are also often seen near charged hadrons, especially near ones with larger overall energy

★ Leveraging nearest neighbor features is an effective approach since “false neutrals” are sensitive to them, as opposed to “true neutrals” ★

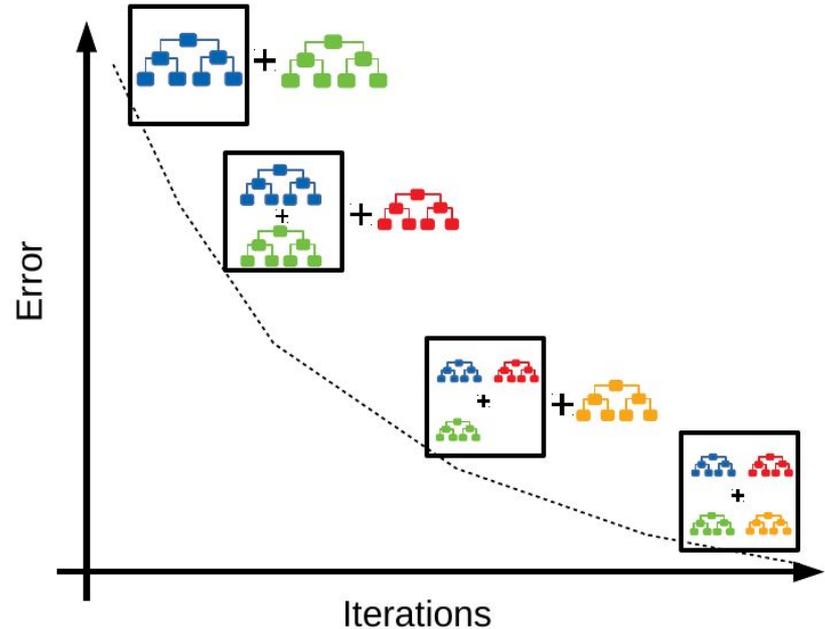
Photon Classifier Architecture

Gradient Boosted Decision Trees

- ★ Many weak learners that improve classification performance over time
- ★ Trained on Monte Carlo simulations to identify “real physics” photons

Using open-source GBT library *CatBoost*

- ★ Handles empty inputs (useful for events with limited # of photons)
- ★ Vectorized Trees → **Fast to train**
- ★ 75% train, 25% validation → Avoids overfitting problem
- ★ 1000 trees, 10 layer depth, $\lambda_{LR} = 0.1$, LogLoss Evaluation Metric



<https://medium.com/swlh/gradient-boosting-trees-for-classification-a-beginners-guide-596b594a14ea>

Photon Classifier Parameters

Intrinsic to the Photon

- Total calorimeter energy (E)
- Total PCAL energy (E_{PCAL})
- Calo shape 2nd moments (m2u, m2v)
- Scattering angle (θ)

No relative energy for nearest photons. This would promote learning the π^0 resonance

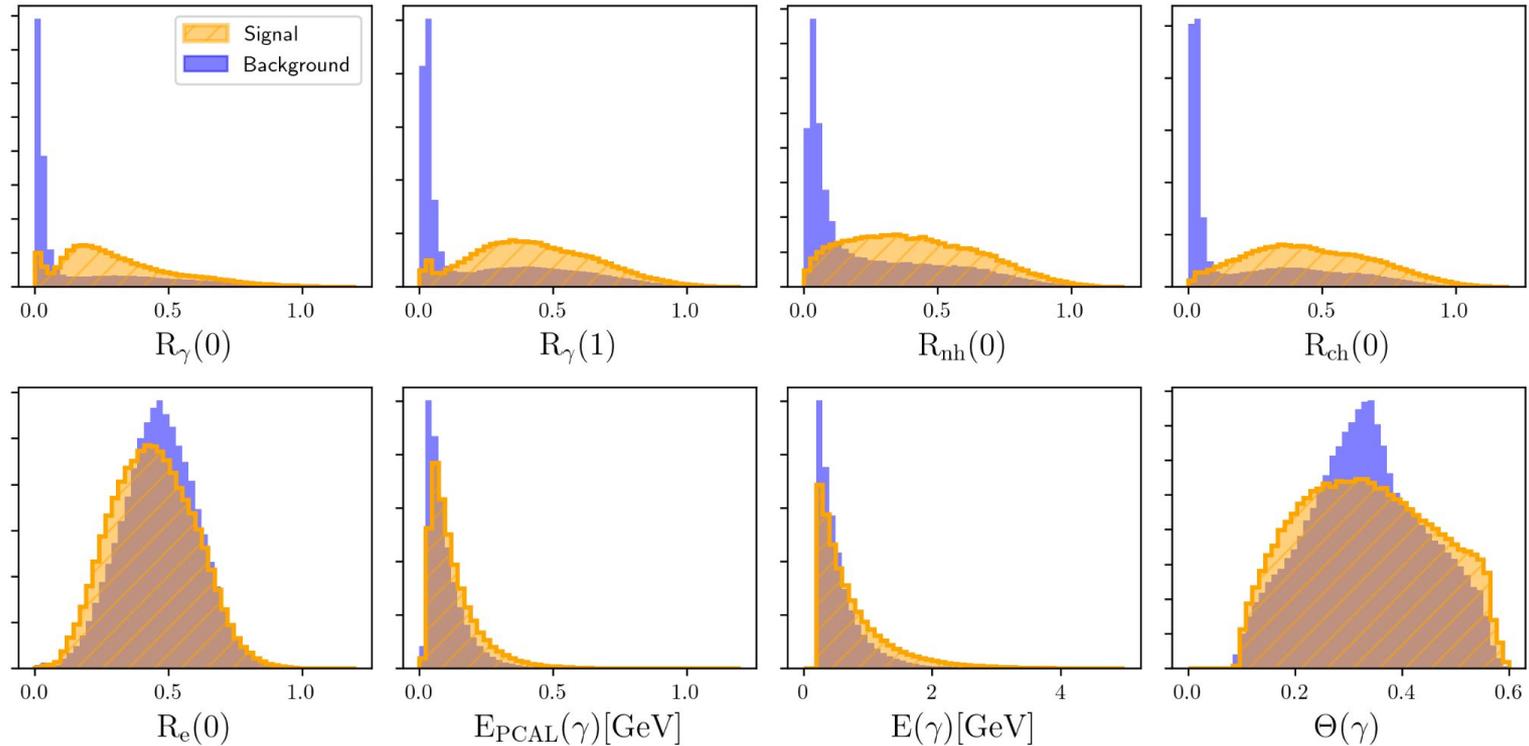
Nearest Neighbor Features

- N_g nearest photons \rightarrow Radial distance $\rightarrow R(\theta, \phi) = \sqrt{\Delta\theta^2 + \Delta\phi^2}$
- N_c nearest charged hadrons \rightarrow Radial distance & Relative Energy ΔE
- N_n nearest neutral hadrons \rightarrow Radial distance & Relative Energy
- 1 nearest electron \rightarrow Radial distance & Relative Energy

$$\text{Total} = 4 + N_g + 2N_c + 2N_n + 1$$

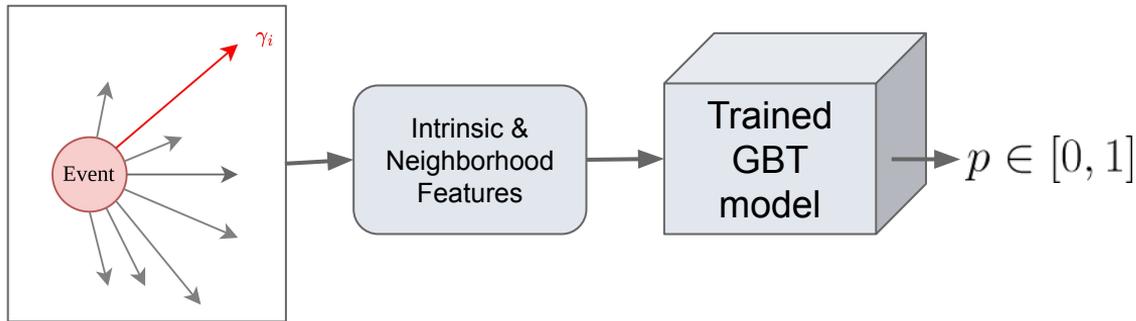
Input Features (Monte Carlo Inbending)

$R_n(\#)$ → Angle between nearest “#” neighbor and photon of interest



Model Structure

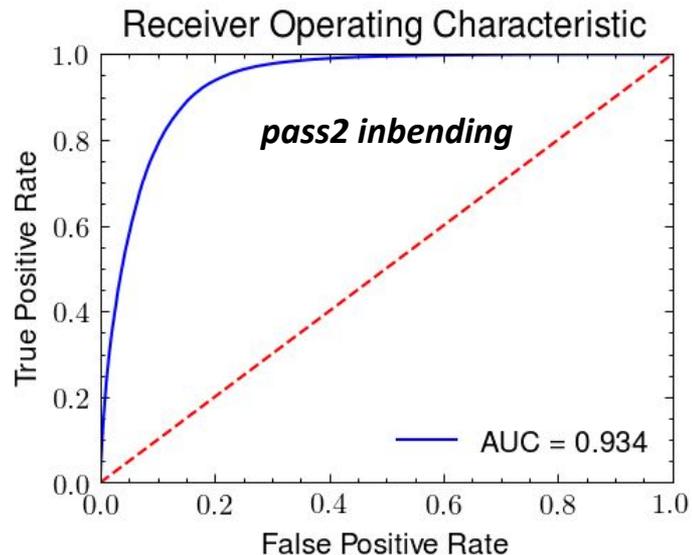
photon of interest (POI)



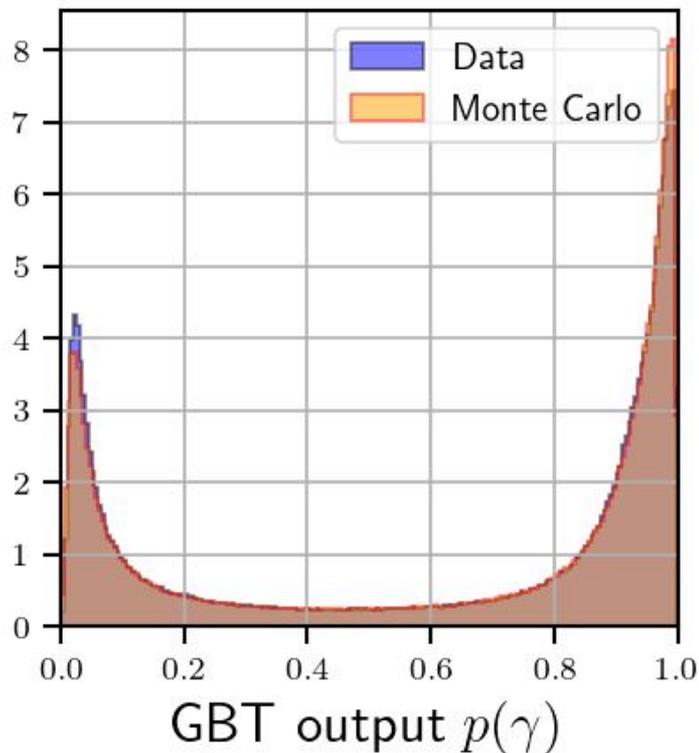
$p \approx 0 \rightarrow$ Photon does not have a MC match (background)

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$p \approx 1 \rightarrow$ Photon likely has MC match (signal)



GBT Output



- ★ For each photon in **data** and **Monte Carlo** we histogram the GBT output value
 - We see that the aggregate outputs are *very similar* → indicates that the feature spaces are very similar
- ★ Results speaks to our confidence that the predictions made on data can be trusted

Traditional (Left) vs. Machine Learning (Right)

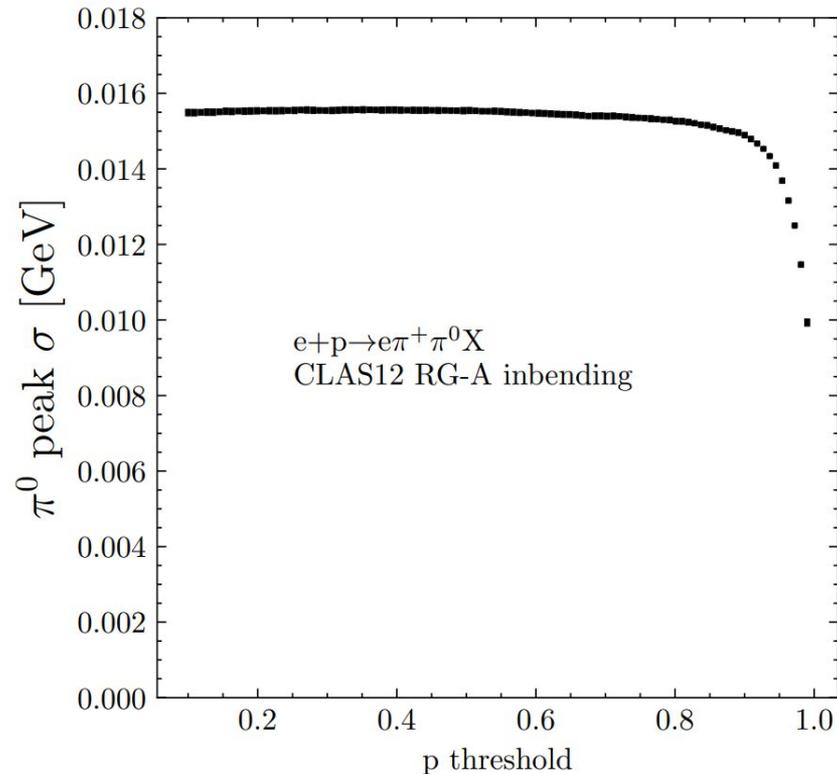
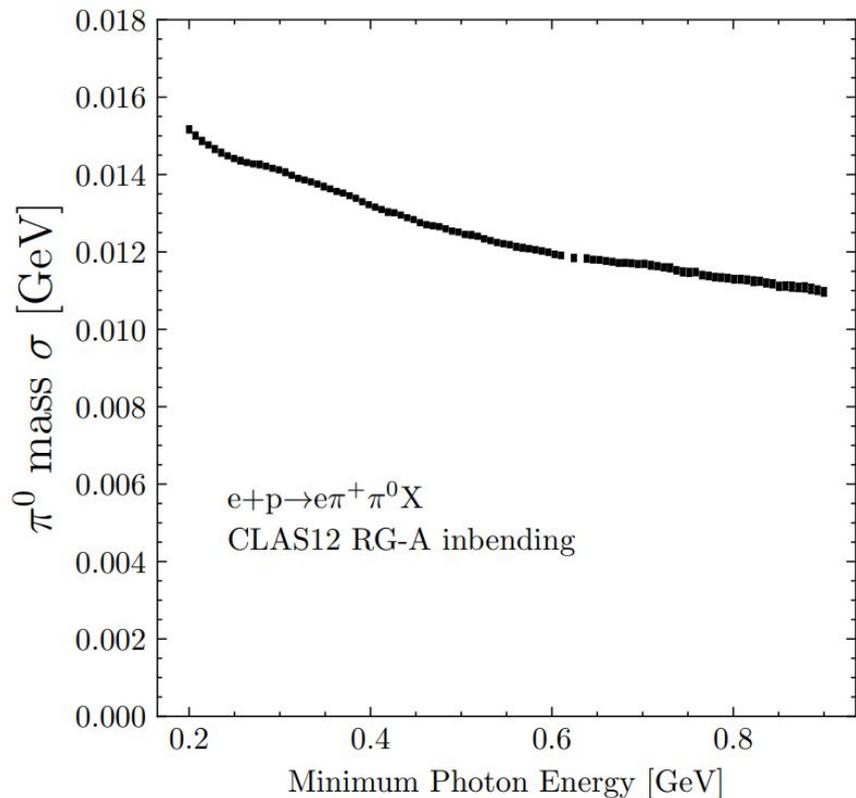
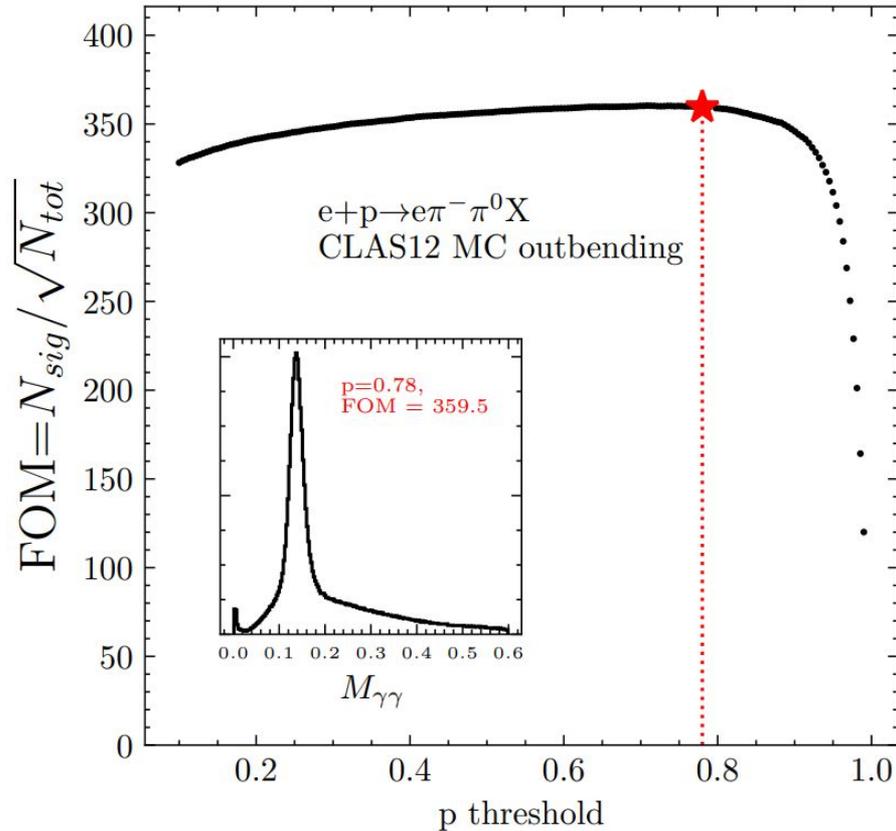
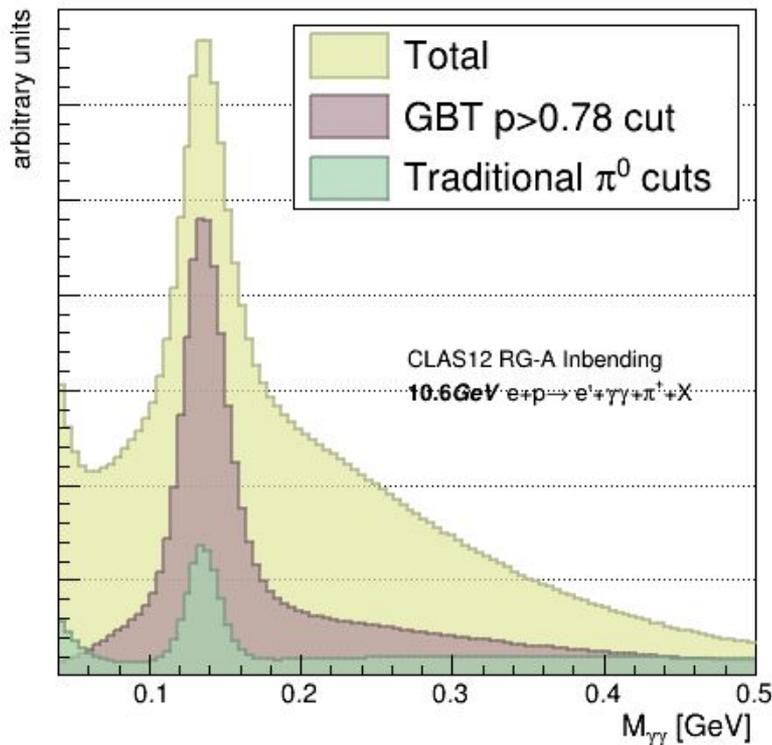


Figure of Merit (Determining p threshold)



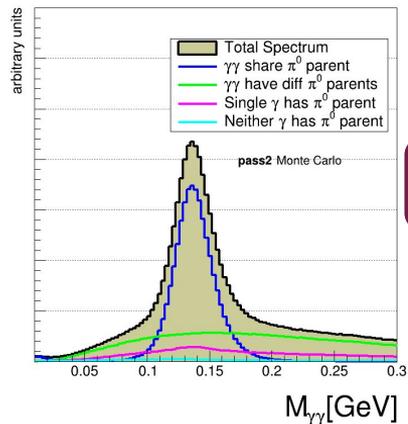
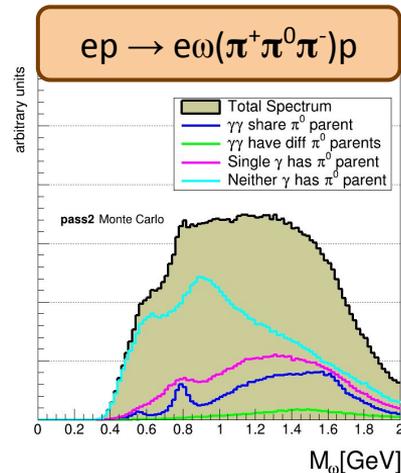
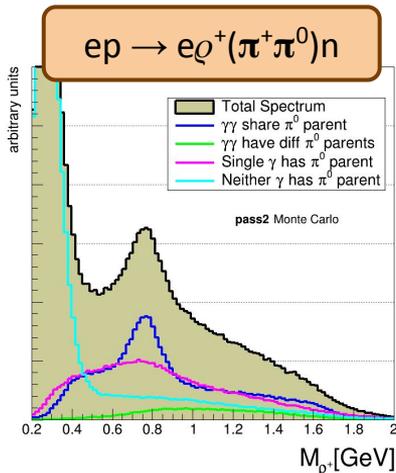
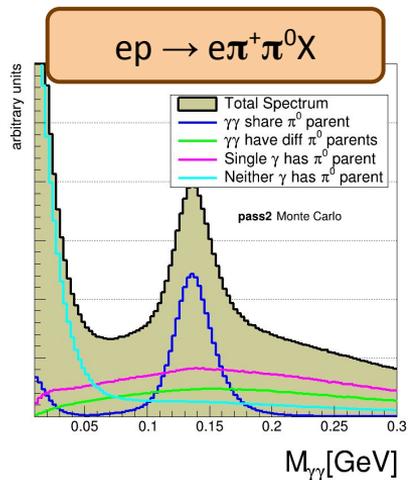
Machine Learning Impact on Yields



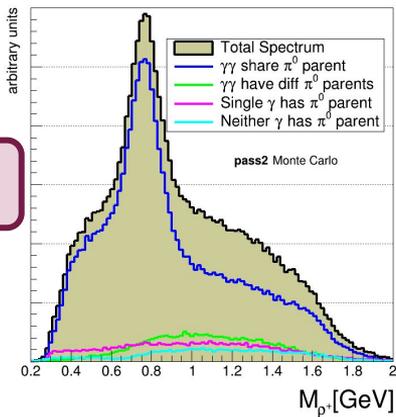
- ★ High signal purity without sacrificing signal yield
- ★ Improves upon “traditional” background subtraction methods (stricter minimum photon energy cuts)
- ★ Can be used for other π^0 or FD photon studies

★ pass2 ★

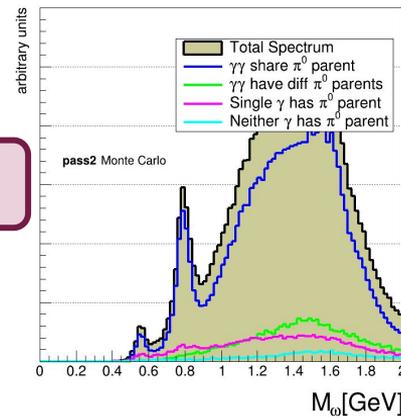
Impact on ... SIDIS $\pi^+\pi^0$... Exclusive ρ^+ , ω



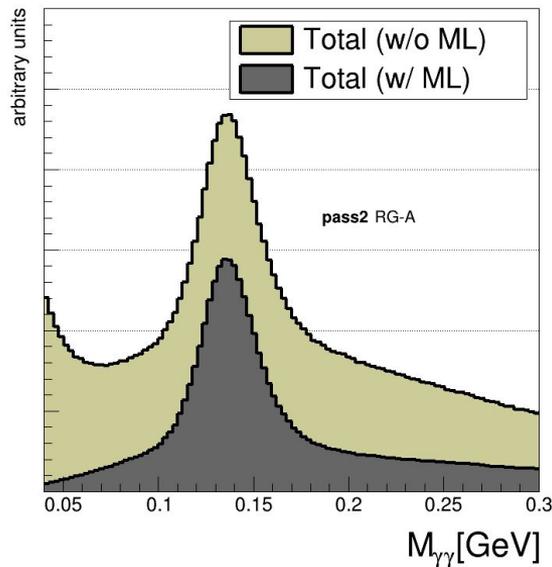
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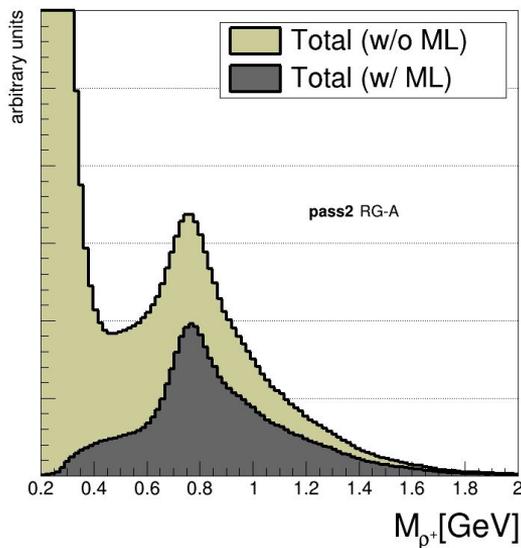
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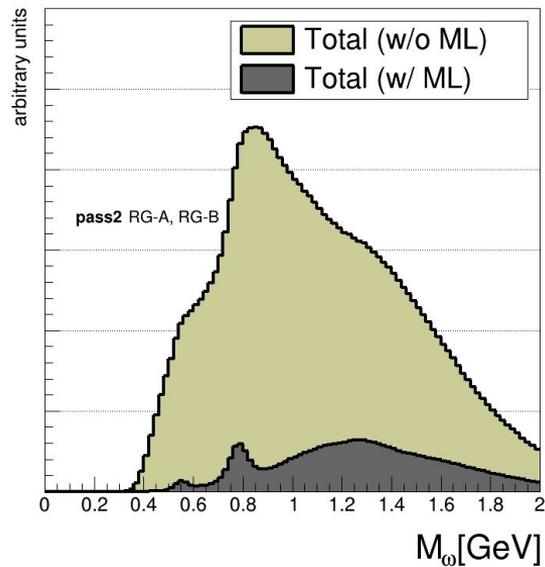
$ep \rightarrow e\pi^+\pi^0X$



$ep \rightarrow e\rho^+(\pi^+\pi^0)n$

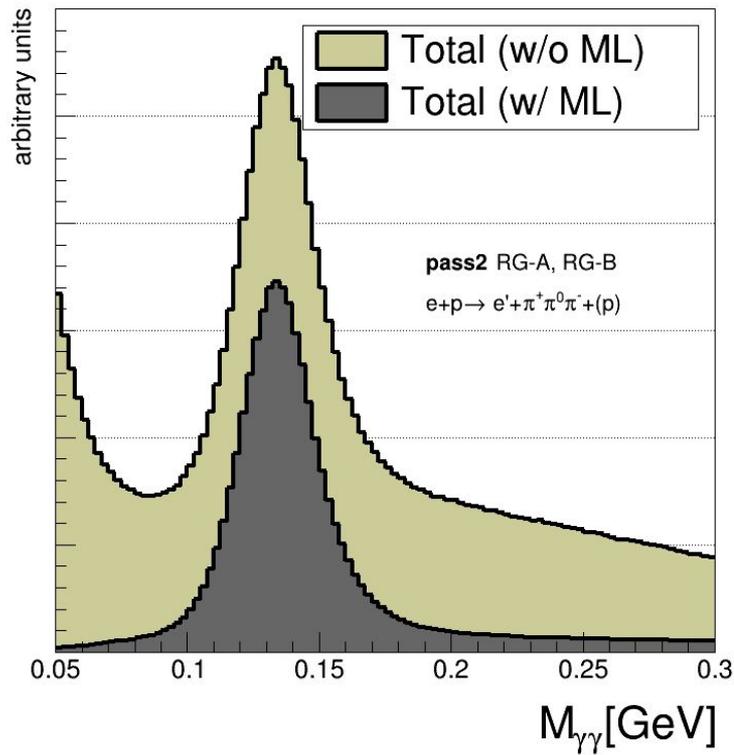


$ep \rightarrow e\omega(\pi^+\pi^0\pi^-)p$



Increased signal purities while maintaining the realistic, physical combinatorial backgrounds

Exclusivity of $\omega \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \pi^-$



- ★ Channels such as exclusive $\omega \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \pi^-$ (or exclusive $\rho^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$) have demanding requirements
 - Clean π^0 peak (left figure)
 - Clean missing mass peak
 - Clean vector meson mass peak
- ★ Photon AI classification streamlines these studies by removing false combinatorial backgrounds!

Photon AI Repository

GitHub Repository

Purpose: Give CLAS12 collaborators access to a pre-trained photon classifier (needs update for *pass2*)

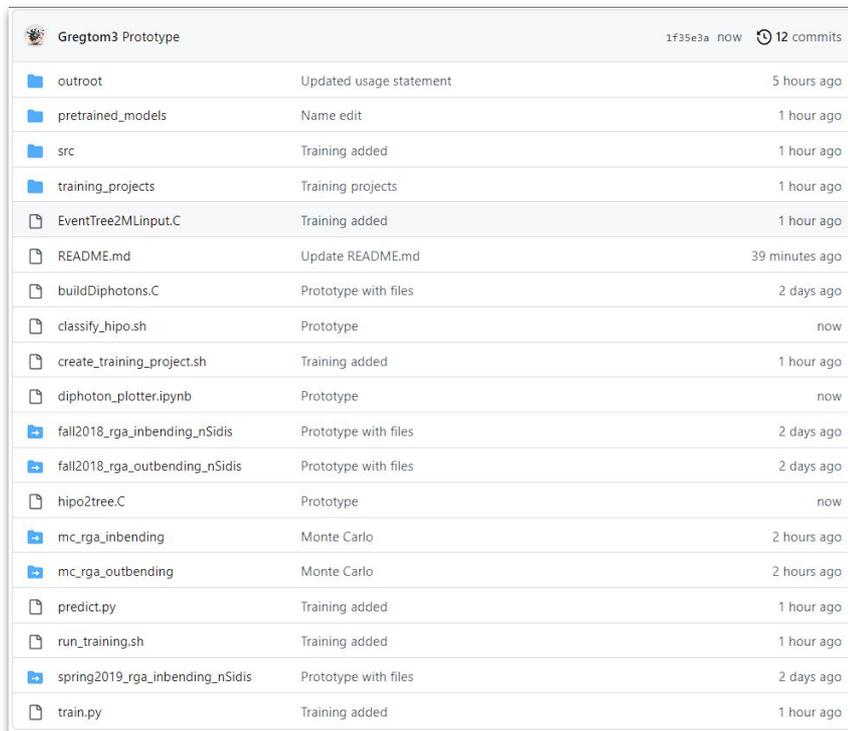
Also can train new models

Potential Integration with Iguana (see C. Dilks' talk)

Contains:

- C++ Hipo file reader w/ cuts
- Code to construct photon neighbors pars. (input for ML)
- Python program to make photon-by-photon predictions
- Example jupyter-notebook
- Readme with instructions

https://github.com/Gregtom3/clas12_photon_classifier



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Perform Photon Classification on Hipo File

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./classify_hipo.sh [hipo file] [pretrained_model path] [outdir]
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ifarm1802.jlab.org> bash classify_hipo.sh
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Usage:
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./classify_hipo.sh [.hipo file] [model_name] [outdir]
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Description:
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This script takes a hipo file as input and passes it through a CLAS12ROOT+PYROOT pipeline to perform photon classification.
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[.hipo file] --> hipo2tree.C -->
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[.root file w/ EventTree] --> EventTree2MLinput.C -->
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[.root file w/ MLinput TTree] --> predict.py -->
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[p_gamma classifier branch in EventTree] --> buildDiphotons.C --> [diphoton TTree created in .root file]
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Arguments:
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[.hipo file] --> absolute/relative path to a single .hipo file (ex: fall2018_rga_inbending_nSidis/nSidis_005032.hipo)
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[model_name] --> Which model to use for photon classification. Available options are:
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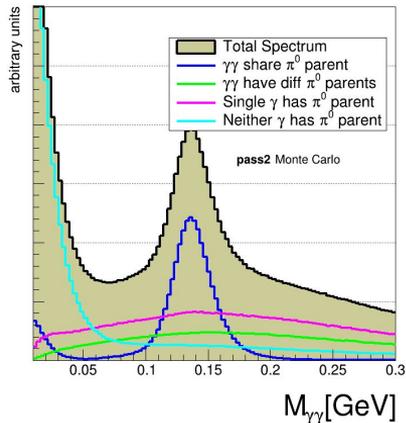
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- pretrained_models/model_rga_outbending
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[outdir] --> Location to save root files (ex: outroot)
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Summary & Outlook

- ★ Forward detector “false photons” being reconstructed in both *pass1* and *pass2* motivate the creation of an AI tool to classify them
 - The GBT model developed leverages **nearest neighbor features** to classify photons without learning the resonant structure of decays such as the π^0
 - Models are ready to be used by collaborators! https://github.com/Gregtom3/clas12_photon_classifier
- ★ Integration of the AI shows promising results for several SIDIS, Exclusive channels



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