

# $\gamma$ -jet Calibration

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## Analysis Sample

- MC  $\rightarrow$  Run-28 PYTHIA8  $\gamma$ +jet (PhotonJet10 + PhotonJet20 – merging steps [here](#)), p+p 200 GeV, no pileup
  - **Photon 10 & Photon 20 GeV both have  $\sim 3.56$  million events with  $z < 30$  cm**

## Discussion Points

- Cut consolidation to put on mattermost for others to use
- Updated isolation distributions
- Updated  $x_J$  distributions

## Analysis Notes

- Using local build of [PhotonClusterBuilder](#) from version pulled on 12.20.25 to apply direct photon selection
- JES calibration from [JetCalib](#) (see Hanpu's JSTG [slides](#))
- Jet  $p_T \geq 5$  GeV and  $\Delta\phi(\text{leading } \gamma, \text{leading jet}) \geq \pi/2$
- $E_T^\gamma = [10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 35]$  GeV  $\rightarrow$  match PPG12

# $\gamma$ +jet definition – Reco, Truth, and Reco-Truth Matching Criteria

## Reco-level (data/sim)

→ **Pick event-leading photon that is Tight  $\wedge$  Isolated** – (details on iso criteria [here](#) & on SS criteria [here](#))

- Reco-jet matching – per radius  $R \in \{0.2, 0.4\} \rightarrow p_T^{\text{jet, reco}} \geq 5 \text{ GeV}, |\eta_{\text{jet}}^{\text{reco}}| < 1.1 - R, |\Delta\phi(\gamma_{\text{reco}}, \text{jet}_{\text{reco}})| \geq \pi/2$
- $E_T^\gamma$  (PPG12) = [10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 35] GeV

## Truth-level (sim)

→ **Truth signal photon definition ( $\gamma_{\text{truth}}$ )** – for **all PDG=22** truth particles

- **Fiducial cut**  $\rightarrow |\eta_\gamma^{\text{truth}}| < 0.7$  and fill in same  $p_T^\gamma$  bins as reco
- **Prompt signal type requirement**  $\rightarrow$  direct|fragmentation: *trace HepMC ancestry* to parent vertices corresponding to direct/fragmentation production ([details](#))
- **Truth isolation**  $\rightarrow E_T^{\text{iso, truth}} < 4 \text{ GeV}$  ([details](#))

→ **Truth recoil jet combination:**  $p_T^{\text{jet, truth}} \geq 5 \text{ GeV}, |\eta_{\text{jet}}^{\text{truth}}| < 1.1 - R, |\Delta\phi(\gamma_{\text{truth}}, \text{jet}_{\text{truth}})| \geq \pi/2$

## Truth-Reco matching (sim)

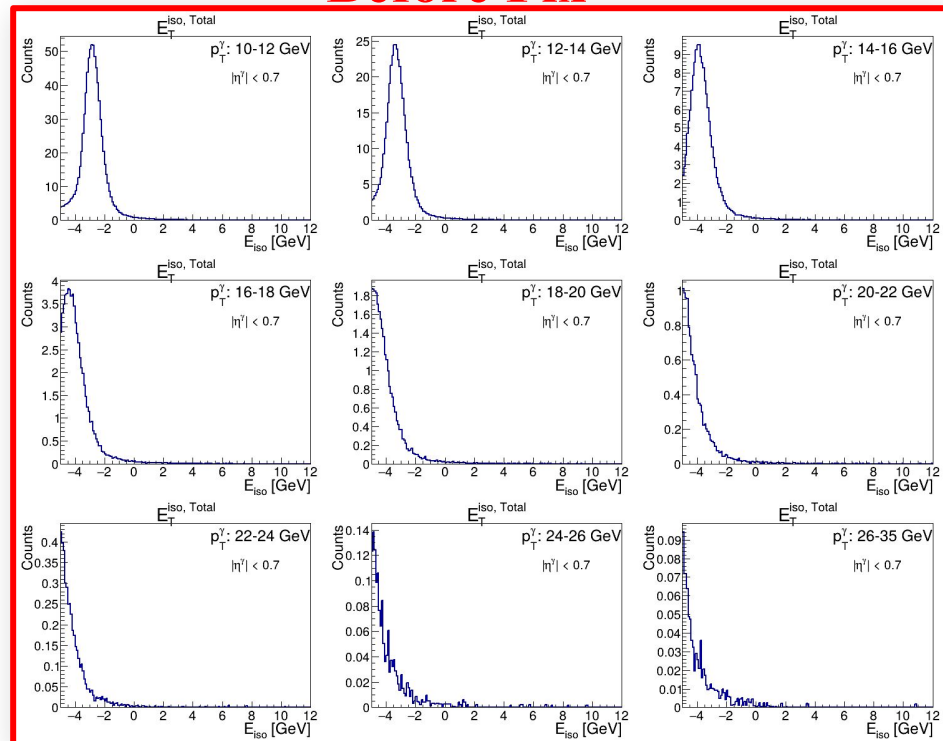
→  $\gamma_{\text{truth}}$  matching to  $\gamma_{\text{reco}} = \Delta R(\gamma_{\text{truth}}, \gamma_{\text{reco}}) \leq 0.05$  AND [CaloRawClusterEval](#) “best match” condition

→ **For a jets passing truth/reco level away-side topology:** Accept matched pair iff  $\Delta R(\text{jet}_{\text{reco}}, \text{jet}_{\text{truth}}) < 0.3$

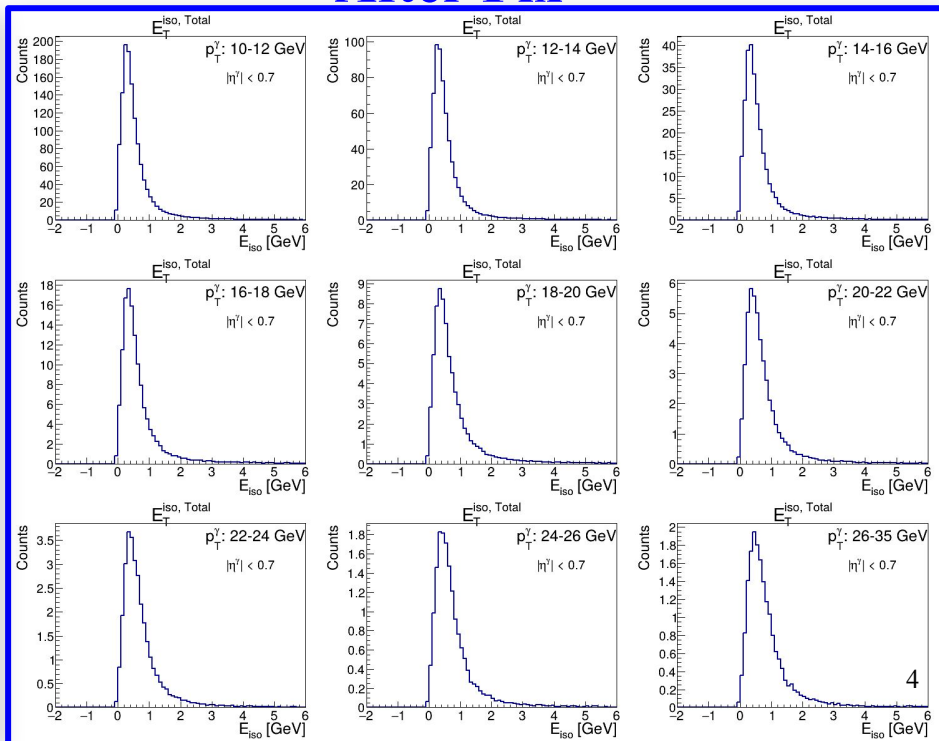
# Reco Isolation QA – Fix Implemented for Negative Iso

**Fixed** after I stopped using calibration steps in sim since already had calibrated nodes – and now conditioning on MBD vertex – before it was getting overridden with truth vertex

**Before Fix**



**After Fix**

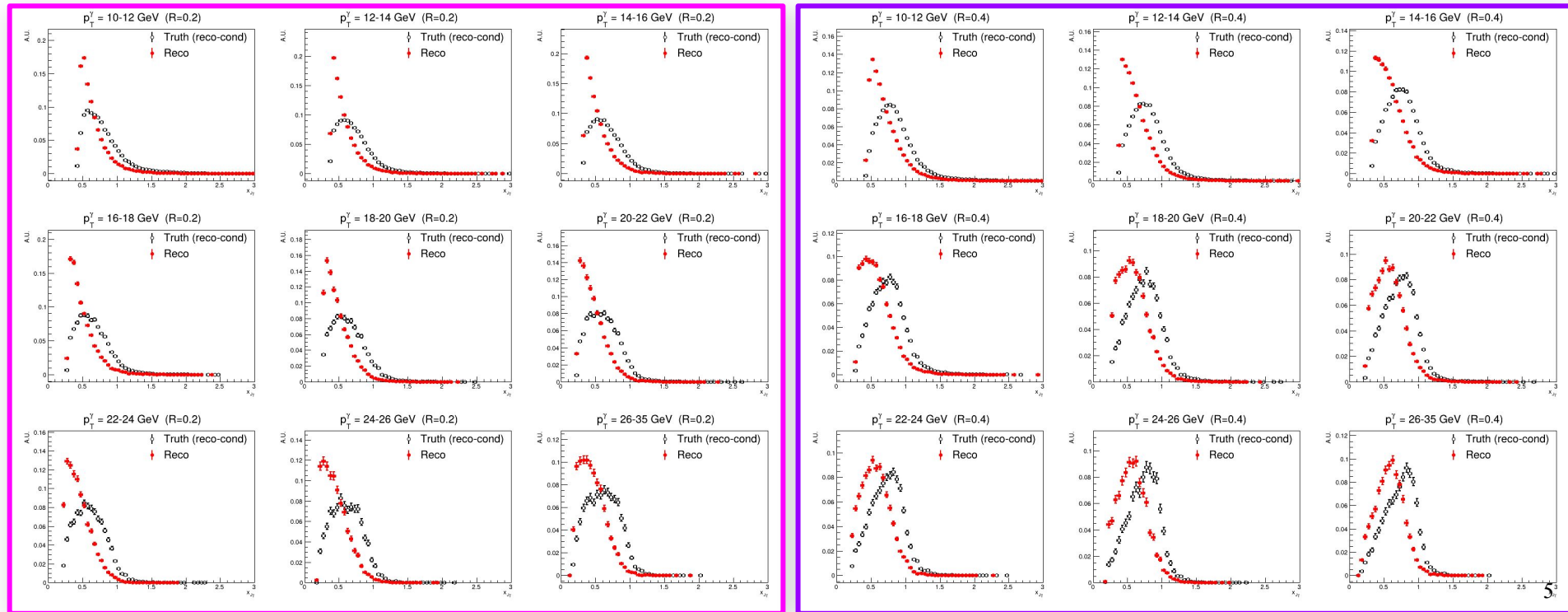


# Truth vs Reco $x_{J\gamma}$ Overlays – $R = 0.2$ & $R = 0.4$ Jets

Before I think issue was a mixture of the problem with isolation energies, and [TowerJetInput](#) source code hard setting  $z = 0$  without reco MBD vertex to use – now reco and truth are aligning more at high energies

**$R = 0.2$**

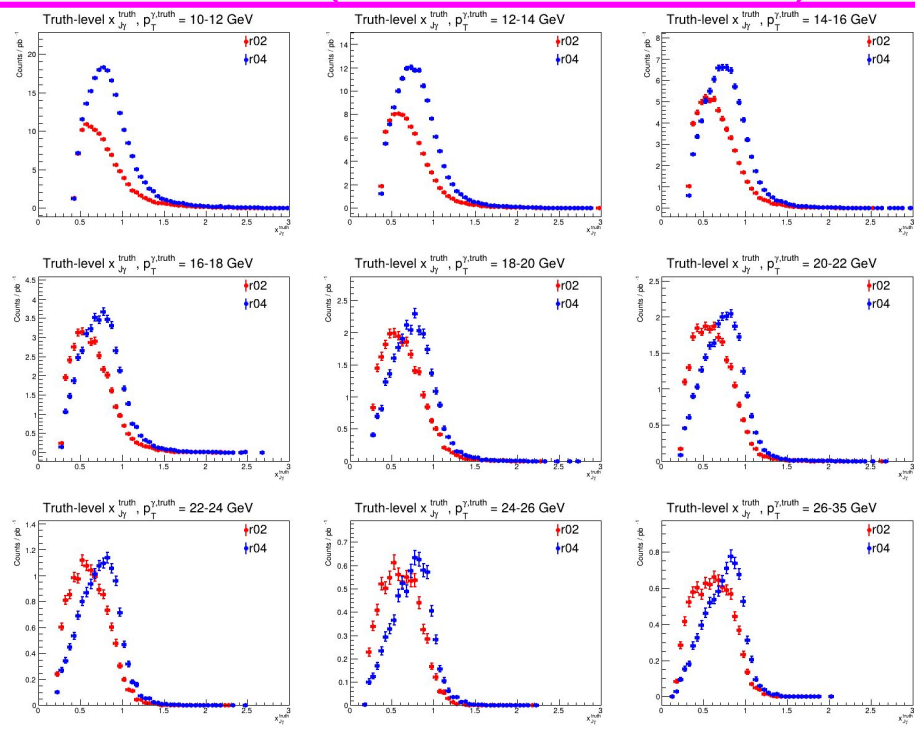
**$R = 0.4$**



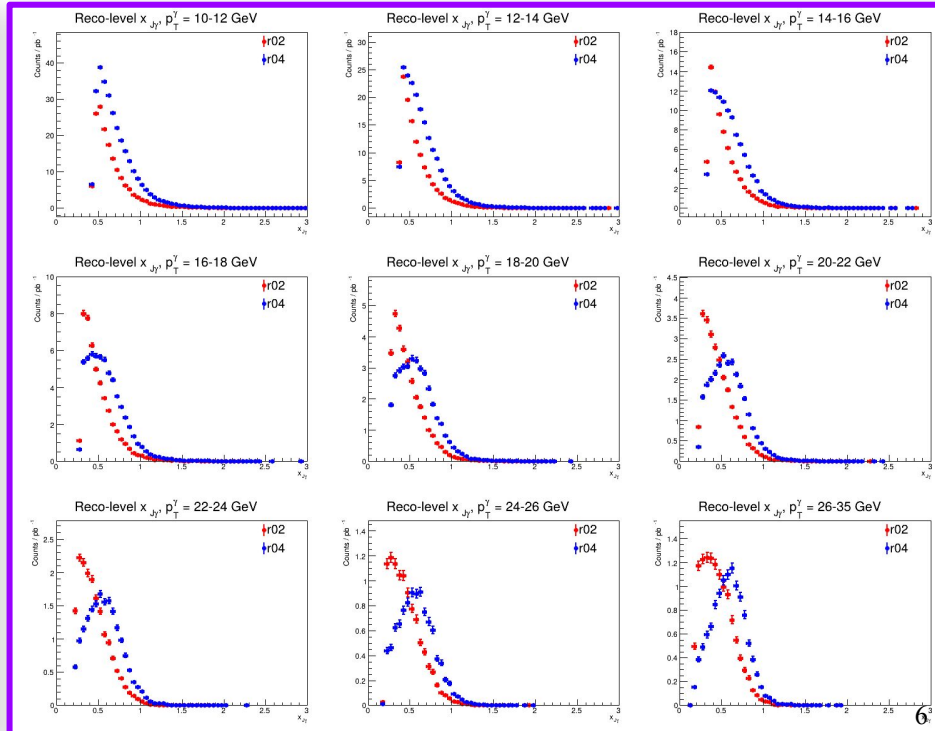
# Truth vs Reco $x_{J\gamma} - R = 0.2$ & $R = 0.4$ Overlays

At least for  $R = 0.4$  jets starting around 16 GeV – seems  $x_J$  distribution has a ‘Gaussian-enough’ shape to go through first pass of in situ calibration – will run over data and go through the steps next

## Truth (Reco Conditioned)



## Reco



# Next Steps

1. **With isolation fixed** – move onto pushing in-situ calibration through using PPG12 baseline cuts to calibrate reco  $\rightarrow$  data  $x_{J_\gamma}$  distribution
  - a. Fit distribution per  $p_T$  bin with iterative Gaussian approach to converge on mean  $x_J$
  - b. Take ratio of reco mean to data mean and plot/fit as function of  $p_T$
  - c. Apply calibration factors to data and funnel back through pipeline so ratio becomes  $\sim 1$





BACKUP

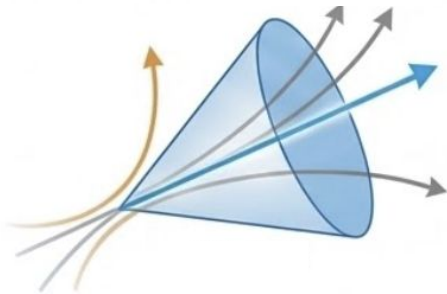


# Isolated Photon Sample

Two ingredients of isolated photon selection:

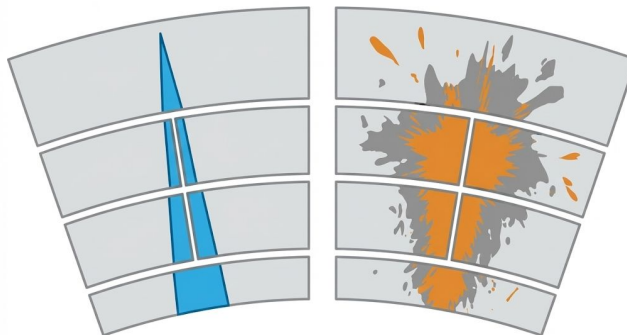
## i) Cluster Isolation

$$\Sigma E_T^{\Delta R < 0.3} = \sum_{i \in \text{EMCal} \cup \text{HCal}} E_{T,i}$$



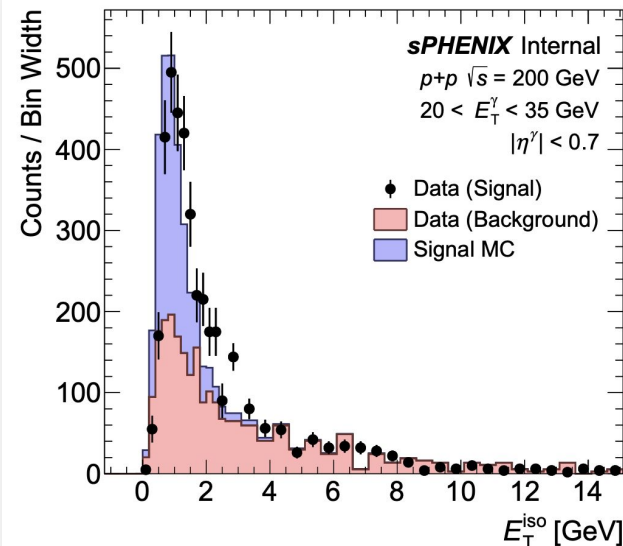
- **Sliding  $E_T^{\text{iso}}$  cut**  
tuned in signal MC for  $\sim$ flat  
prompt- $\gamma$  efficiency vs  $E_T^\gamma$
- **Non-isolated sideband**  
background control region

## ii) Shower-Shape (SS) ID



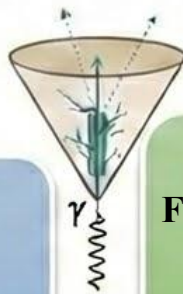
- **SS cuts**  $\rightarrow$  compact EM  $\gamma$  vs broad  
hadronic/merged  $\pi^0$
- **Loose quality preselection**  $\rightarrow$  **tight**  
 $\gamma$ -ID working point

## Validation (from PPG12)



**Isolation  $E_T^{\text{iso}}$ :** tight vs non-tight  $\gamma$ -ID  
(compared to signal MC)

# Isolation Calculation – PhotonClusterBuilder



## Seed (photon candidate) Kinematics

- $\eta_{\text{seed}} = \text{cluster\_eta}, \phi_{\text{seed}} = \text{cluster\_phi}$
- Seed contribution  $\rightarrow E_T^\gamma = E_{\text{cluster}} / \cosh(\eta_{\text{seed}})$

## Tower Selection (per calo layer)

For given calo layer with cone radius  $R = 0.3$


- Include towers if “isGood” and is within cone:

$$\Delta R = [(\eta_{\text{seed}} - \eta_i)^2 + (\Delta\phi)^2]^{1/2} < R(0.3)$$

## Isolation Energy Contribution

Each included tower contributes  $\rightarrow E_{T,i} = E_i / \cosh(\eta_i)$  if  $E_i > E_{\text{min}} = 0.070 \text{ GeV}$

$$E_T^{\text{layer}}(R) = \sum_{i \in \text{layer}} 1(\text{good}_i), 1(\Delta R_i < R), 1(E_i > E_{\text{min}}), \frac{E_i}{\cosh(\eta_i)}$$

 **PhotonClusterBuilder** stores cone sum for each layer (EMCal  $\rightarrow$  subtract  $E_T^\gamma$ , HCal  $\rightarrow$  raw sum)

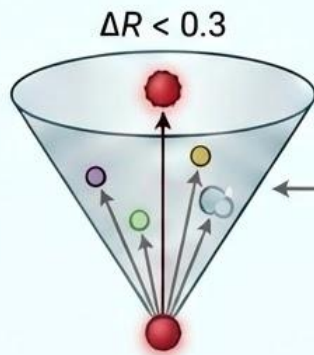
 **Analysis code**  $\rightarrow$  sums 3 stored components with default  $R = 0.3$

# Truth vs Reconstructed Isolation Energies

Instead of using one fixed iso threshold  $\rightarrow$  derived by PPG12 via fitted function of  $E_T^\gamma$

- Allows prompt isolated photon efficiency to stay roughly *constant* vs  $E_T^\gamma$

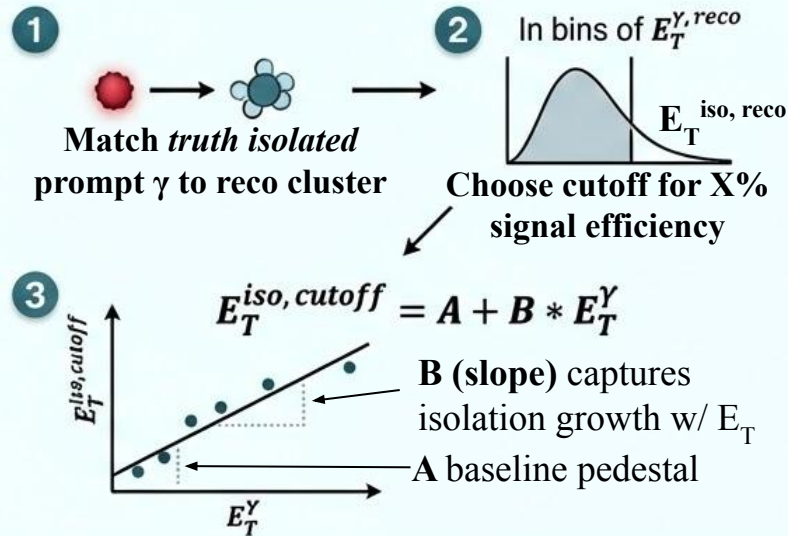
## Truth-level Isolation (RecoilJets)



$\Sigma E_T$  of all *final-state* particles inside  $\Delta R < 0.3$  cone & subtract photon contribution

Isolated if  $E_T^{\text{iso, truth}} < 4.0 \text{ GeV}$

## Reco-level Sliding Isolation (PPG12 IAN)



# Sliding Isolation Window

**Current pipeline** – uses PPG12 studies verbatim for

reco isolation and data isolation definition at 90%

efficiency cutoff

**Is isolated:**

$$E_T^{\text{iso}} < 1.08128 + 0.0299107 * E_T^{\gamma, \text{reco}}$$

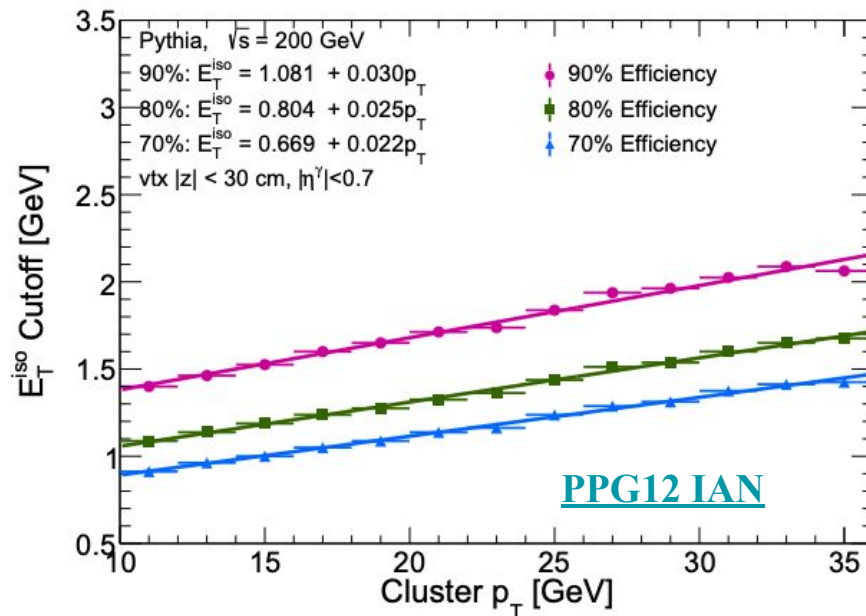
**Non isolated:**

$$E_T^{\text{iso}} > \mathbf{1} + 1.08128 + 0.0299107 * E_T^{\gamma, \text{reco}}$$

Everything between the “+1” gap is excluded from

ABCD regions

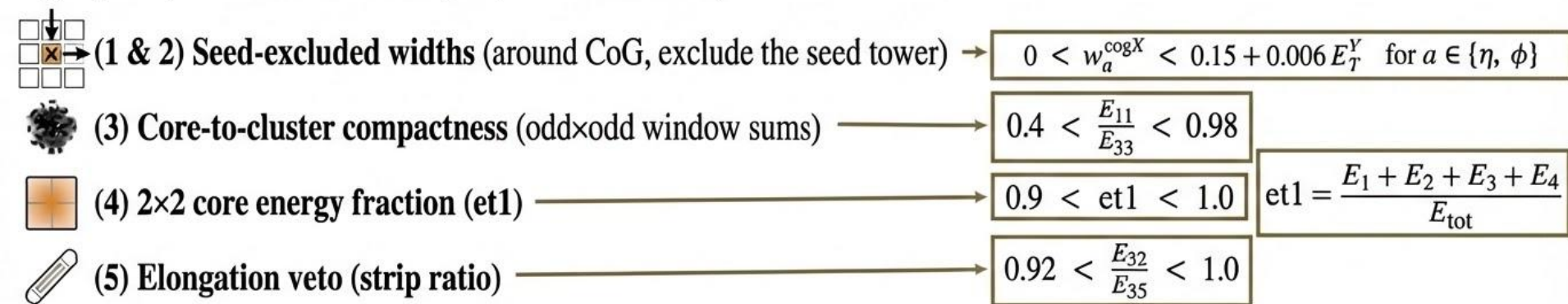
**sPHENIX** Internal



# $\gamma$ Selection

**Pre-selection** (loose  $\gamma$ -ID quality-gate w/  $|\eta^\gamma| < 0.7$ ):  $\frac{E_{11}}{E_{33}} < 0.98$ ,  $0.6 < \text{et1} < 1.0$ ,  $0.8 < \frac{E_{32}}{E_{35}} < 1.0$ ,  $w_\eta^{\text{cogX}} < 0.6$

**Tight  $\gamma$ -ID** (5 SS variables  $\rightarrow$  compact, EM-like showers)

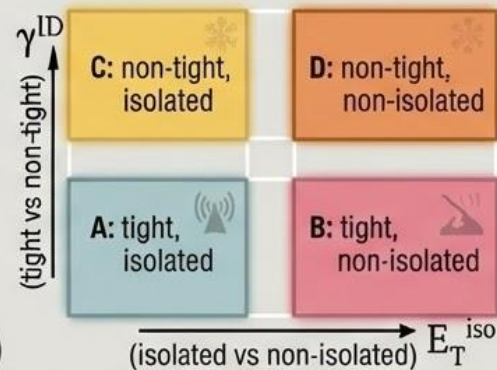


## ABCD Regions

- Purpose:** estimate the signal purity of your tight & isolated photon sample
- Axes**  $\rightarrow \gamma$ -ID (tight vs non-tight, w/ 5 SS variables), and isolated vs non-isolated

**Non-tight**  $\rightarrow$  fails any two of five tight SS requirements

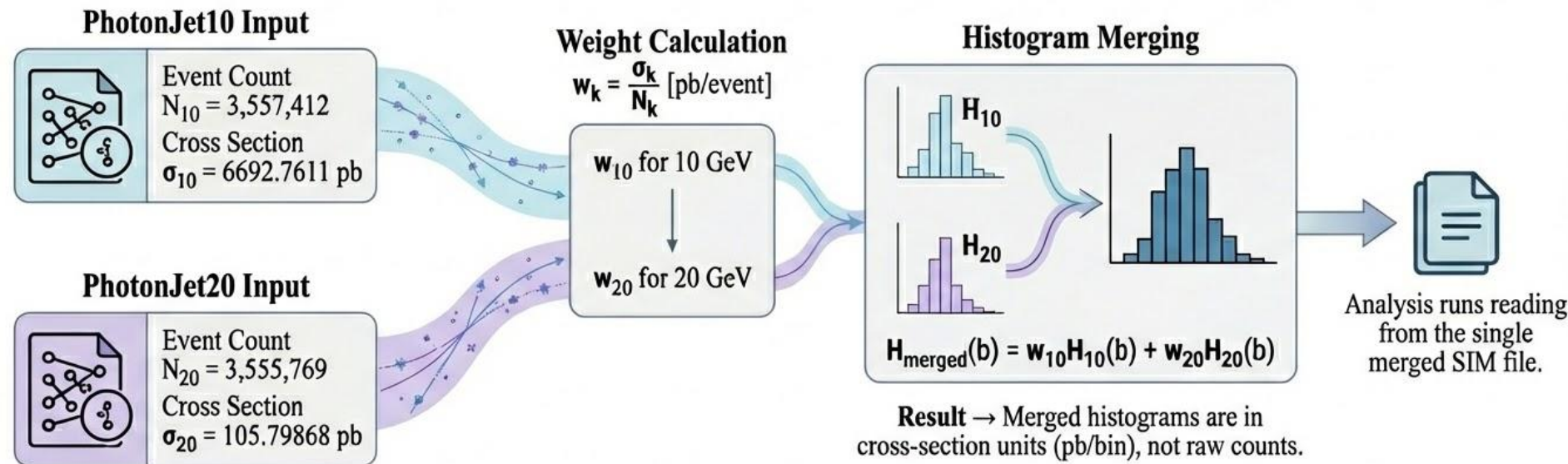
**Non-isolated**  $\rightarrow E_T^{\text{iso}} > 1 + 1.08128 + 0.0299107 \cdot E_T^{\text{reco}}$  (+1 gap > iso def)





# Weighted Merging PhotonJet10 + PhotonJet20 GeV Sim Samples


**Goal** → Combine two MC slices into one physics-normalized SIM file.



$$L_k = \frac{N_k}{\sigma_k} (\text{pb}^{-1})$$

Each slice  $k$  simulated an “integrated luminosity”.

$$L_{10} = N_{10}/\sigma_{10}$$
$$L_{20} = N_{20}/\sigma_{20}$$



**Total Effective Luminosity ( $z < 30 \text{ cm}$ ):**

$$L_{\text{eff}} = L_{10} + L_{20} = 34140 \text{ pb}^{-1}$$



# Exact Cuts before Filling Truth $x_J$

**Force (i)** truth-isolated signal photon, **and (ii)** reco photon and reco jet to be consistent with that truth signal topology

## 1. Truth photon (sets x-bin)

$\gamma^{\text{truth}}$ :  $|\eta_{\gamma}^{\text{truth}}| < 0.7$ ,  $p_T^{\gamma, \text{truth}} \in \text{analysis bin}$ , PID = 22, HepMC ancestry is [direct/frag](#),  $E_T^{\text{iso, truth}} < 4 \text{ GeV}$

## 2. Reco photon gate (defines event sample) – choose event-leading $\gamma^{\text{reco}}$ that passes:

- a. preselection shower-shape cuts
- b. tight  $\wedge$  isolated (reco)

## 3. Truth $\leftrightarrow$ Reco photon association

$\gamma^{\text{truth}} \leftrightarrow \gamma^{\text{reco}}$ :  $\Delta R(\gamma^{\text{truth}}, \gamma^{\text{reco}}) < 0.05$  and best matched cluster via [CaloRawClusterEval](#)

## 4. Reco recoil-jet1 (per radius, R) – require a leading recoil jet, $j^{\text{reco}}$

$p_T^{j, \text{reco}} \geq 5 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta^{j, \text{reco}}| < (1.1 - R)$ ,  $|\Delta\phi(\gamma^{\text{reco}}, j^{\text{reco}})| \geq \pi/2$

## 5. Truth recoil-jet (same R) – require leading recoil jet, $j^{\text{truth}}$

$p_T^{j, \text{truth}} \geq 5 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta^{j, \text{truth}}| < (1.1 - R)$ ,  $|\Delta\phi(\gamma^{\text{truth}}, j^{\text{truth}})| \geq \pi/2$

## 6. Reco $\leftrightarrow$ Truth jet match (final gate) $\rightarrow \Delta R(j^{\text{reco}}, j^{\text{truth}}) \leq 0.2$

Then fill  $x_J^{\text{truth}}(p_T^{\gamma, \text{truth}})$

# Tracing HepMC Ancestry – Classifying Direct vs Fragmentation

## (1) Start with truth photon candidate

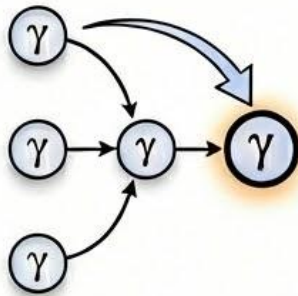
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$$|\eta^{\gamma, \text{truth}}| < 0.7$$

✓ Ensure valid  
'production\_vertex()' otherwise reject

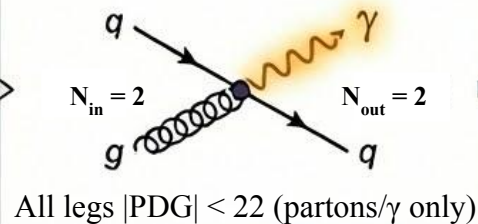
## (2) HepMC walkback (collapse bookkeeping)



Skip generator copies.  
Trace back to first nontrivial  
emission vertex

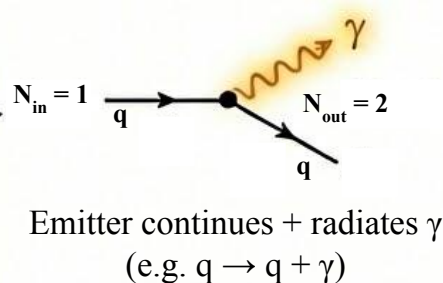
## (3) Classify at 'true origin' vertex

### (a) Direct (hard-scatter) [class=1]



Final Vertex

### (b) Fragmentation [class=2]



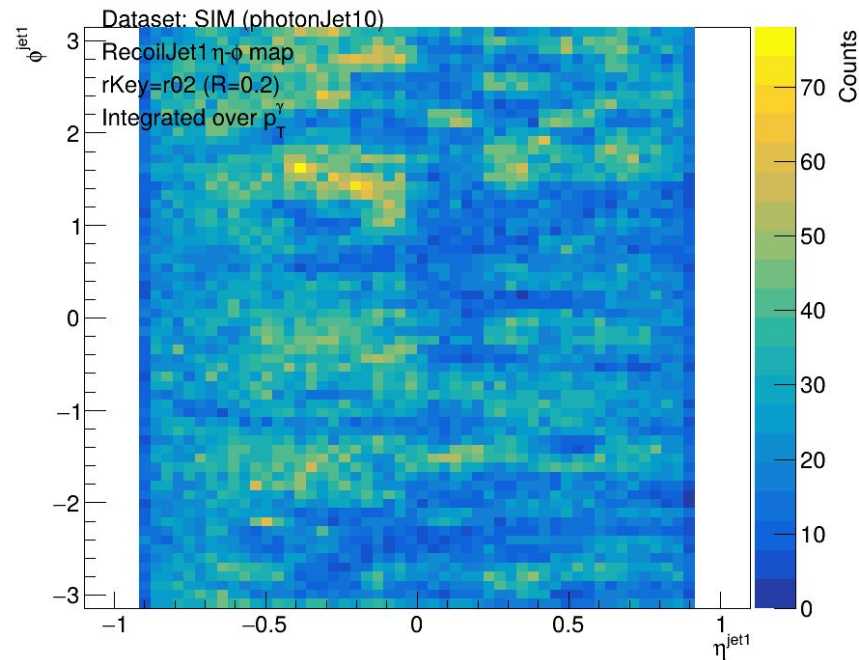
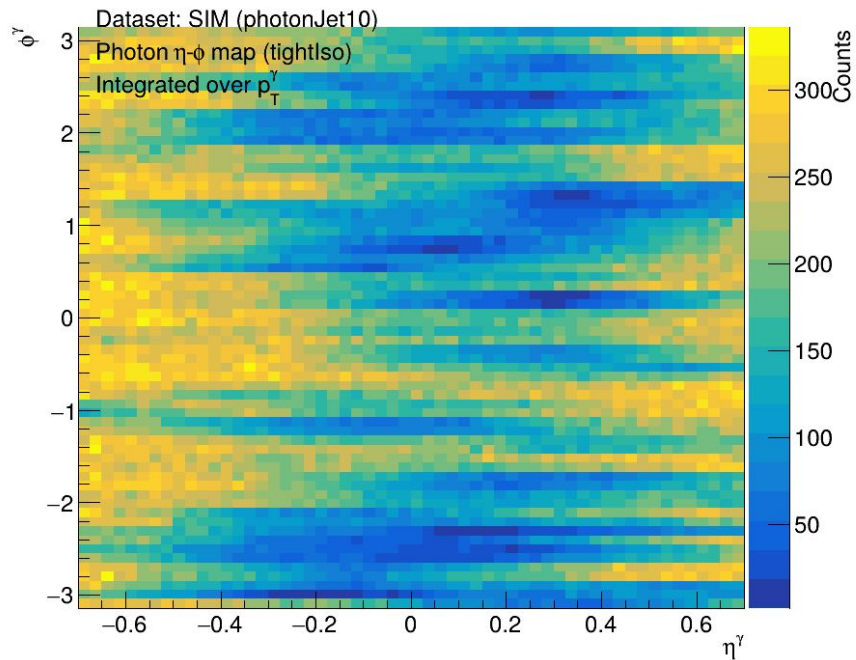
## (4) Final selection



✓ ✓ Prompt truth  $\gamma$   
= accept only  
class 1 or 2

✗ ✗ Otherwise reject

# Leading Recoil QA – eta/phi maps for paired photon+jet



# Shower-Shape (SS) Criteria – Window Sums

**A) Window sums:** let  $E_{ij} \rightarrow$  energy in tower index  $(i, j)$  with  $(i \in [0,95])$  in  $\eta$ ,  $j \in [0,255]$  in  $\phi$

- **Choose a center  $(i_0, j_0)$**  (usually the cluster seed or CoG) – for **odd**  $m, n$  define half-sizes:  $h_\eta = \frac{m-1}{2}$ ,  $h_\phi = \frac{n-1}{2}$

- **Then the window sum** (symmetric patch) is: 
$$E_{m \times n}(i_0, j_0) = \sum_{i=i_0-h_\eta}^{i_0+h_\eta} \sum_{j=j_0-h_\phi}^{j_0+h_\phi} E_{ij}$$

- $h_\eta = (m-1)/2 \rightarrow$  how many tower steps you extend up and down in  $\eta$  from the center index  $i_0$

- $h_\phi = (n-1)/2 \rightarrow$  how many steps you extend left and right in  $\phi$  from the center index  $j_0$

- **$\phi$ -wrapping:** if  $j$  steps outside  $[0, 255]$ , wrap modulo 256 so sums cross the  $0/2\pi$  boundary cleanly

- **EGS  $\rightarrow 1 \times 1$ :**  $h_\eta = h_\phi = 0 \rightarrow$  just the center tower,  $E_{11} = E_{i_0, j_0}$ ,  **$3 \times 3$ :**  $h_\eta = h_\phi = 1 \rightarrow$  indices  $[i_0 - 1, i_0 + 1] \times [j_0 - 1, j_0 + 1]$

1]

**Strip windows (when not odd):** variables that *probe elo*  $E_{32} = \sum_{|i| \leq 1} \sum_{j \in \{0, s\}} E_{ij}, E_{35} = \sum_{|i| \leq 1, |j| \leq 2} E_{ij}, \frac{E_{32}}{E_{35}} = \frac{\sum_{|i| \leq 1} \sum_{j \in \{0, s\}} E_{ij}}{\sum_{|i| \leq 1, |j| \leq 2} E_{ij}}$

- **Rectangular strips** instead of odd x odd squares:

- where  $s = \pm 1$  picks the CoG side in  $\phi$

# Shower-Shape (SS) Criteria – et1 and 2nd Moments

B) 2x2 core energy fraction (et1) – let a clusters *total* energy be  $E_{\text{tot}} = \sum_{i \in \text{cluster}} E_i$

- Find the 4 EMCal towers whose centers are *closest* to the cluster CoG – these **form a 2x2 core with energies  $E_{1 \rightarrow 4}$** 
  - et1**  $\rightarrow$  fraction of the cluster's  $E_{\text{total}}$  carried by the four towers immediately surrounding the cluster CoG
  - $\boxed{\text{et1} = \frac{E_1 + E_2 + E_3 + E_4}{E_{\text{tot}}}}$   $\rightarrow$  tight photons are expected to be compact, so et1 **should be ~1 for signal**

C) Seed-excluded, energy-weighted second moments (cluster “widths”) – let each EMCal tower in a cluster have coordinates  $(\eta_i, \phi_i)$  and energy  $E_i$

- Let  $(\eta_{\text{COG}}, \phi_{\text{COG}})$  be a cluster center-of-gravity used by the photon ID
- For either axis  $a \in \{\eta, \phi\}$ , define the seed-excluded second moment  $\longrightarrow w_a^{\text{cogX}} \equiv \frac{\sum_{i \neq \text{CoG}} E_i (a_i - a_{\text{COG}})^2}{\sum_{i \neq \text{CoG}} E_i}$
- Measures energy-weighted spread of the cluster around the CoG
  - Narrow, EM-like clusters give small  $w_{\eta, \phi}$ , *broader*, multi-tower (hadronic/merged  $\pi^0$ ) clusters push them up
- Seed tower dominates the energy sum  $\rightarrow$  removing it makes width sensitive to the shape of the surrounding shower 19

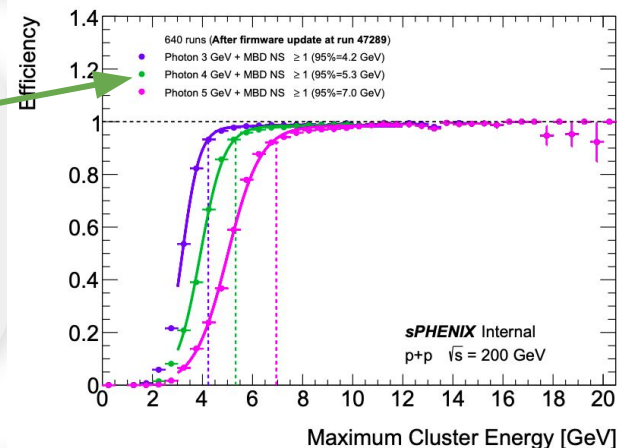
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- pp → *DST\_CALOFITTING\_run2pp\_ana509\_2024p022\_v001*
  - Golden run list [v3](#) from coresoftware
  - Using **Photon 4 GeV + MBD NS** trigger for data
  - Events analyzed = X (placeholder for % of GRL I have for tomm)

95% efficient @ 5.3 GeV

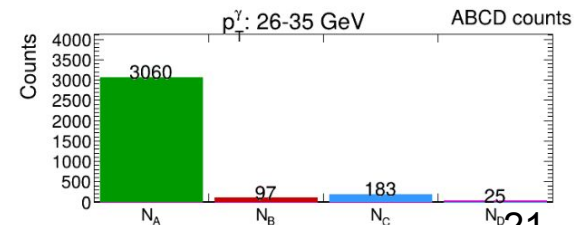
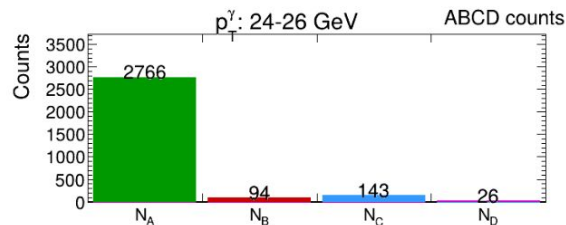
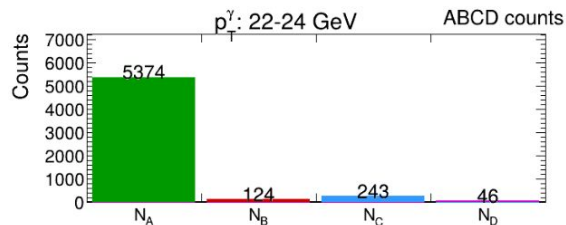
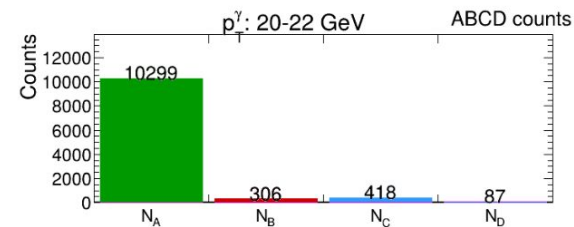
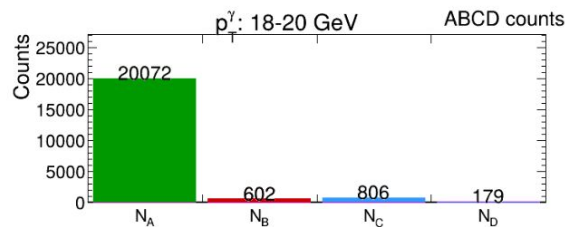
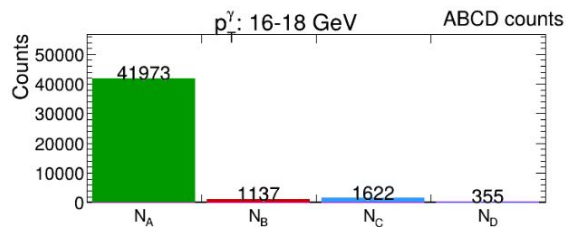
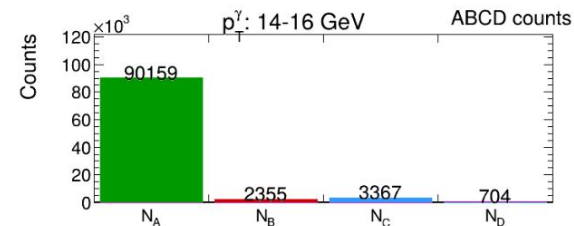
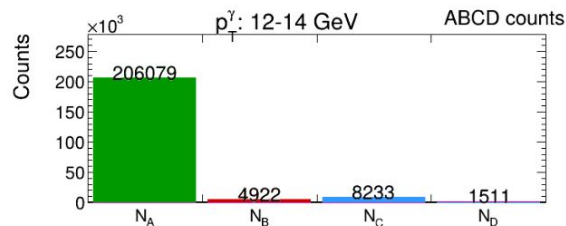
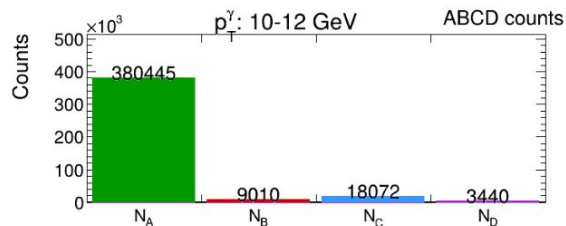


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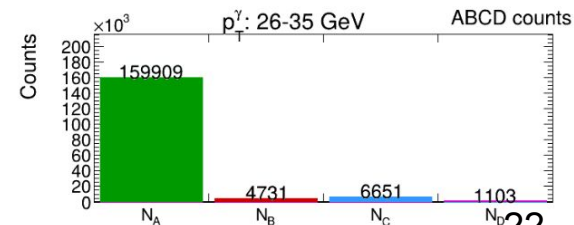
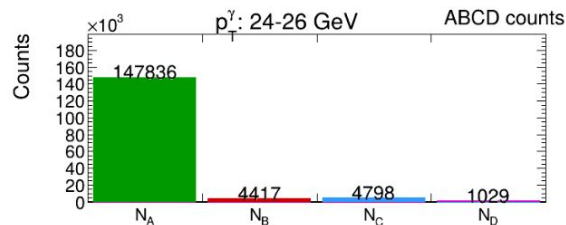
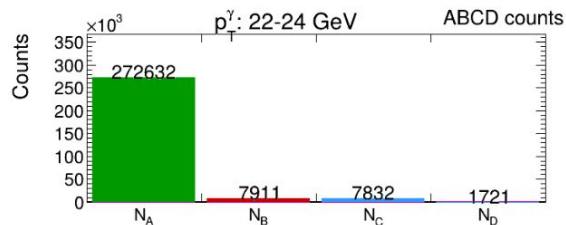
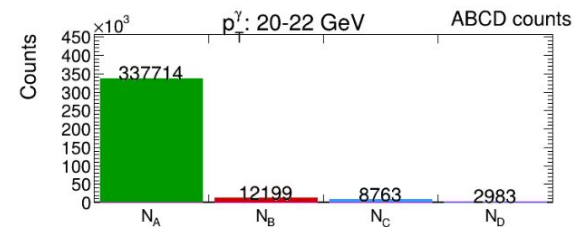
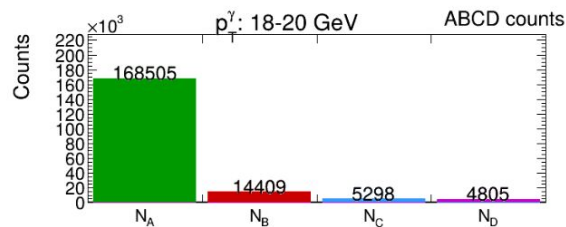
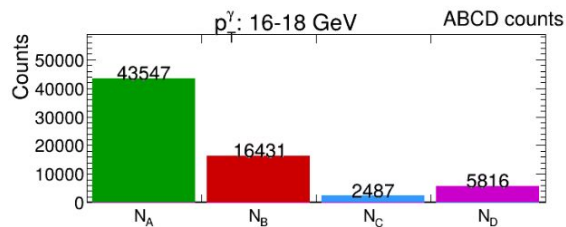
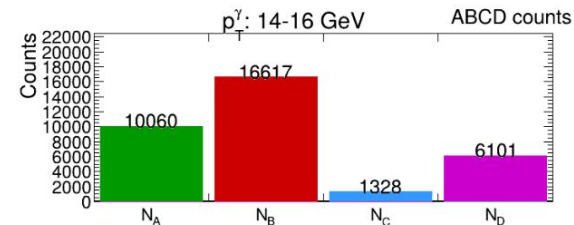
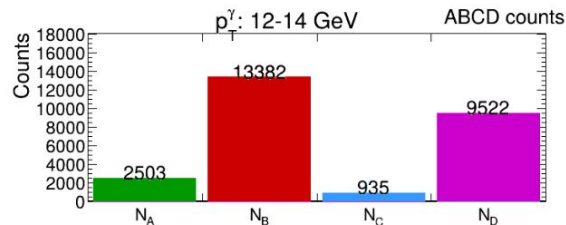
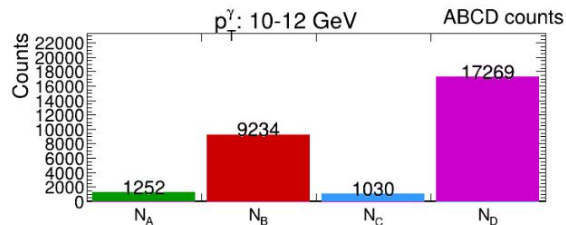
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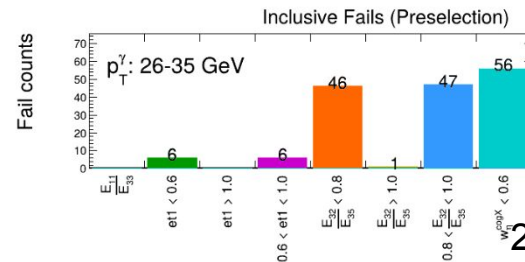
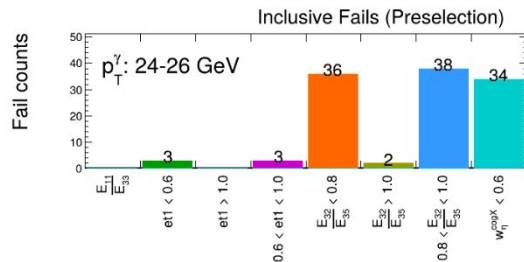
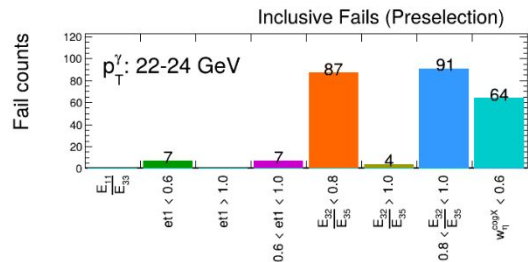
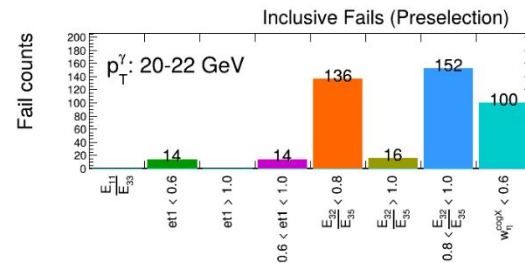
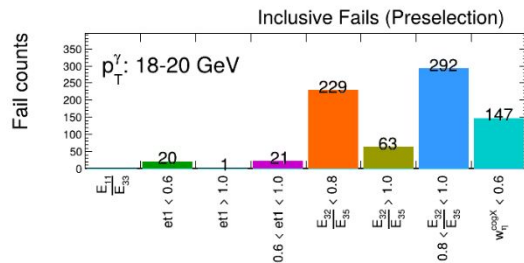
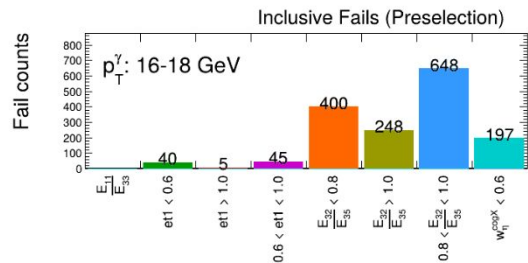
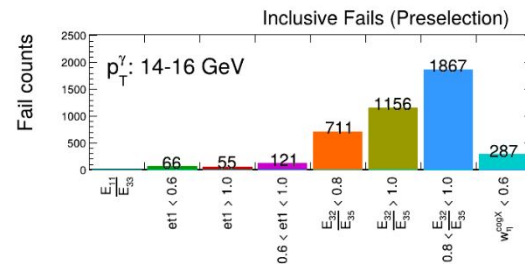
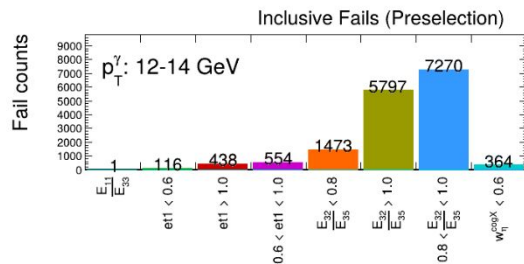
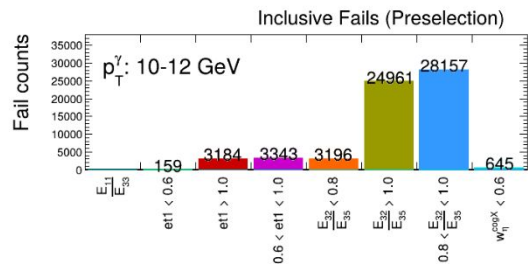
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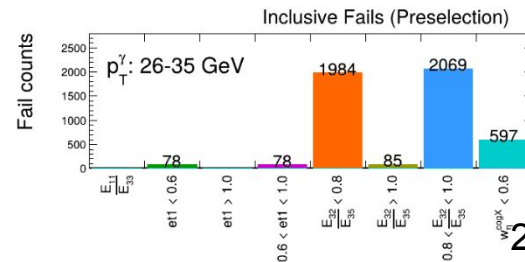
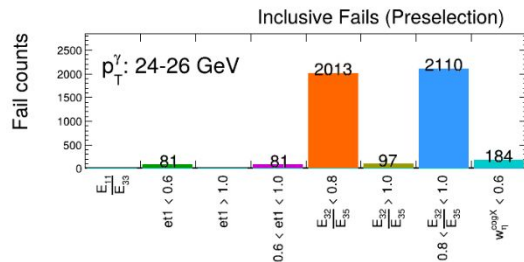
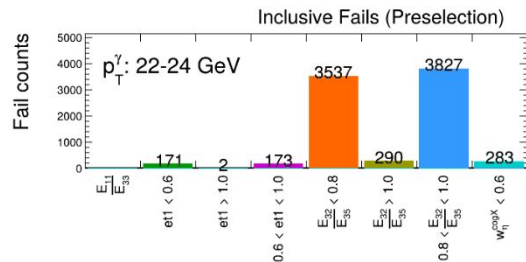
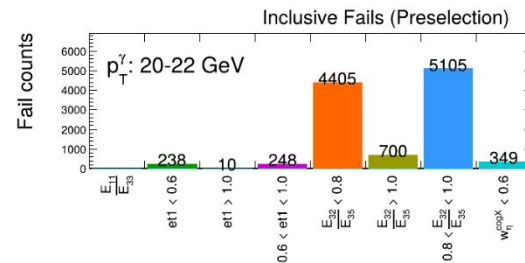
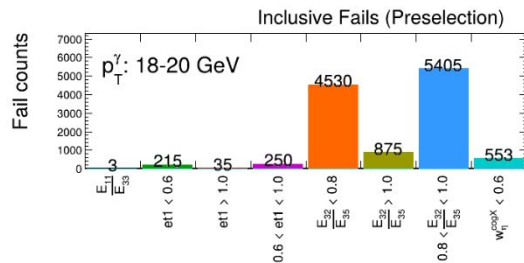
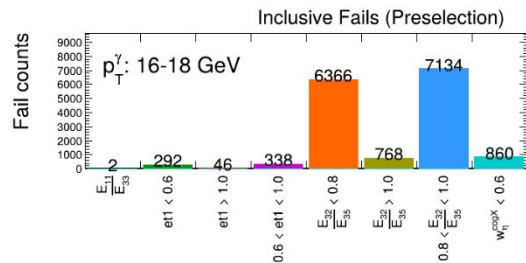
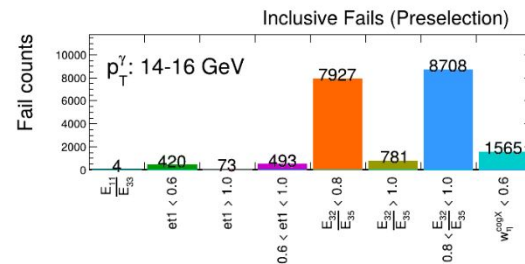
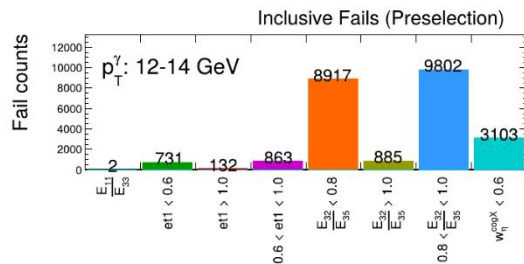
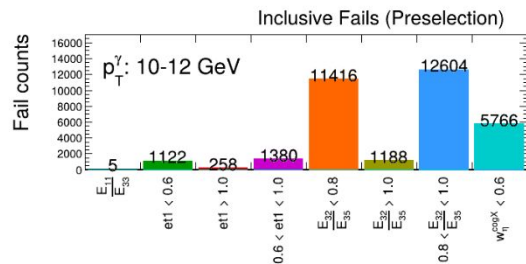
# ABCD Bin Counts – Photon + Jet 20 Sim



# Counts of Preselection Failures by Cut – Photon Jet 10 Sim



# Counts of Preselection Failures by Cut – Photon Jet 20 Sim



# Prepared Response Matrix for $R = 0.2$ & $R = 0.4$ Jets

- 2D response matrix for unfolding ( $p_T^\gamma$ ,  $x_{J\gamma}$ ) shown for photonJet10 and 20 for  $R = 0.4$  jets
- Each pixel is the number of events that migrate from a truth global-bin (x-axis) to a reco global-bin (y-axis), with log-Z counts (yellow = high occupancy).
- $x_{J\gamma}$  is a ratio, but smearing acts on the two measured energies ( $p_{T\gamma}$  and  $p_{Tjet}$ ) in a correlated way. Building the response in the joint observable space preserves these correlations

