## Island algorithm update

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- Fixed bug in initial guess for peak parameters before fit to find centroid
- Improved handling of interface between lead glass and lead tungstate crystals
- Improved handling of / default settings for parameters that control merging vs. splitting of clusters
  - Modified how  $\chi^2$  margin parameter works
    - Controls whether or not a cluster will be split in two
      - Does the  $\chi^2$ /ndf improve sufficiently to justify splitting?
    - Fixed tests on minimum number of hits in cluster
      - Does it make sense to attempt to split in two?
  - Mass squared cut controls how close the clusters can be to be considered separate photons
- Look at impact on  $\eta \to \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$  channel
  - FCAL2 geometry
  - Generated 9.9 M  $\eta \rightarrow 2\gamma$  events, 8.2 M  $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0$  events, 6479  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0\gamma\gamma$  events



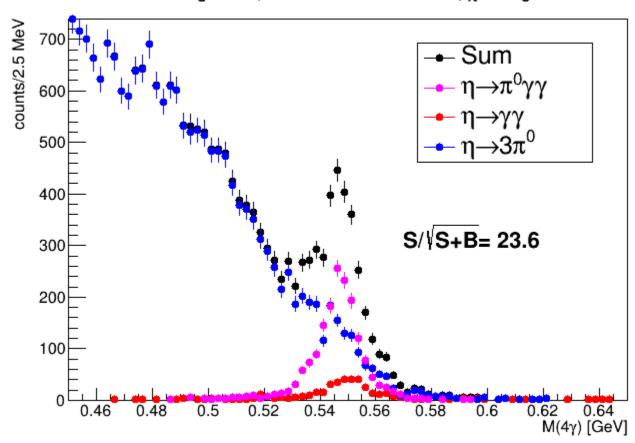




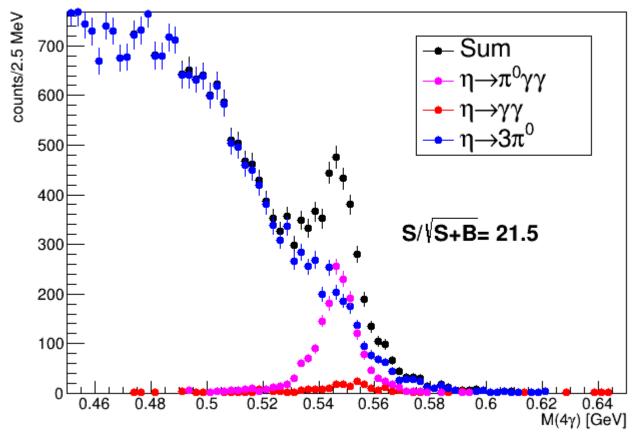
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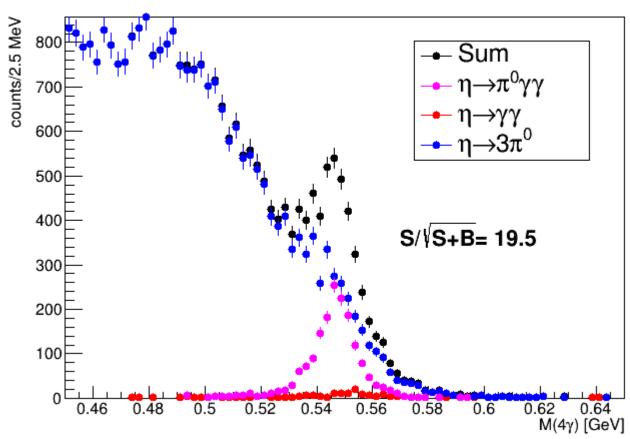
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## **Observations**

- Increasing  $\chi^2$  margin cut suppresses  $2\gamma$  peaking background at expense of increased  $3\pi^0$  background
- Increasing mass squared cut does not improve signal/background

