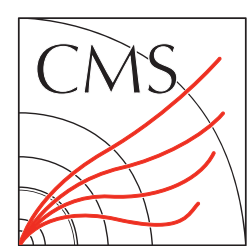


# Heavy-Flavor Tagging at the LHC

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# Introduction

Heavy Flavor tagging critical element of physics program at LHC  
Higgs / Top / Many BSM searches

Challenging, relies on state-of-the-art Machine Learning

Tagging calibration and uncertainties often leading systematics

## Outline:

- Heavy Flavor tagging at the LHC
- Recent highlights of Heavy Flavor tagging in Analysis
- Focus on recent developments in calibration.

CMS: Calibration Method for charm and b-jet identification

ATLAS: Measurement of charm  $\rightarrow$  b fake rate

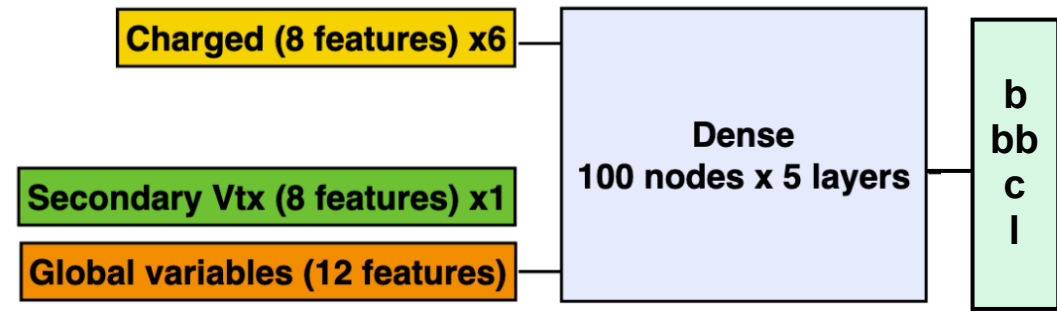


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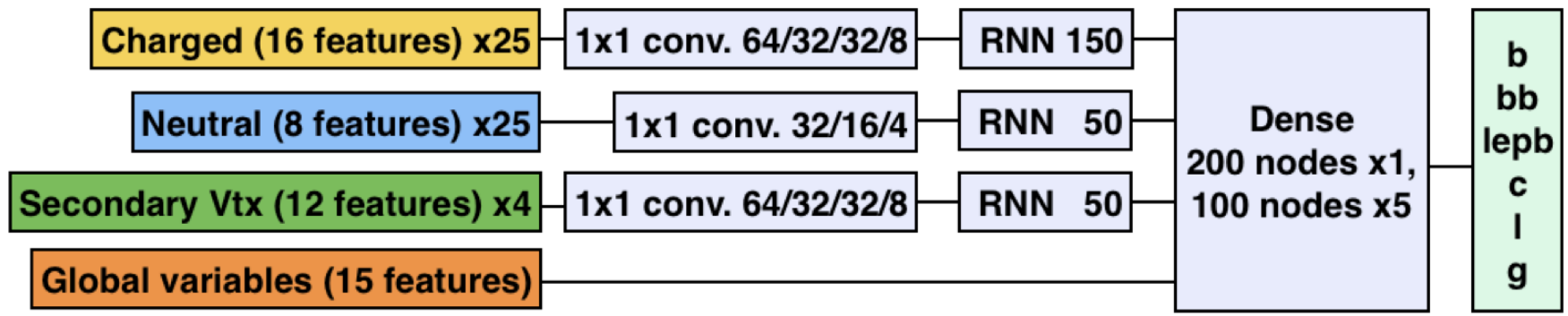
## Evolution of Heavy Flavor tagging in Run 2

Theme: *Deeper, fancier networks with lower-level inputs*

DeepCSV:



DeepJet:





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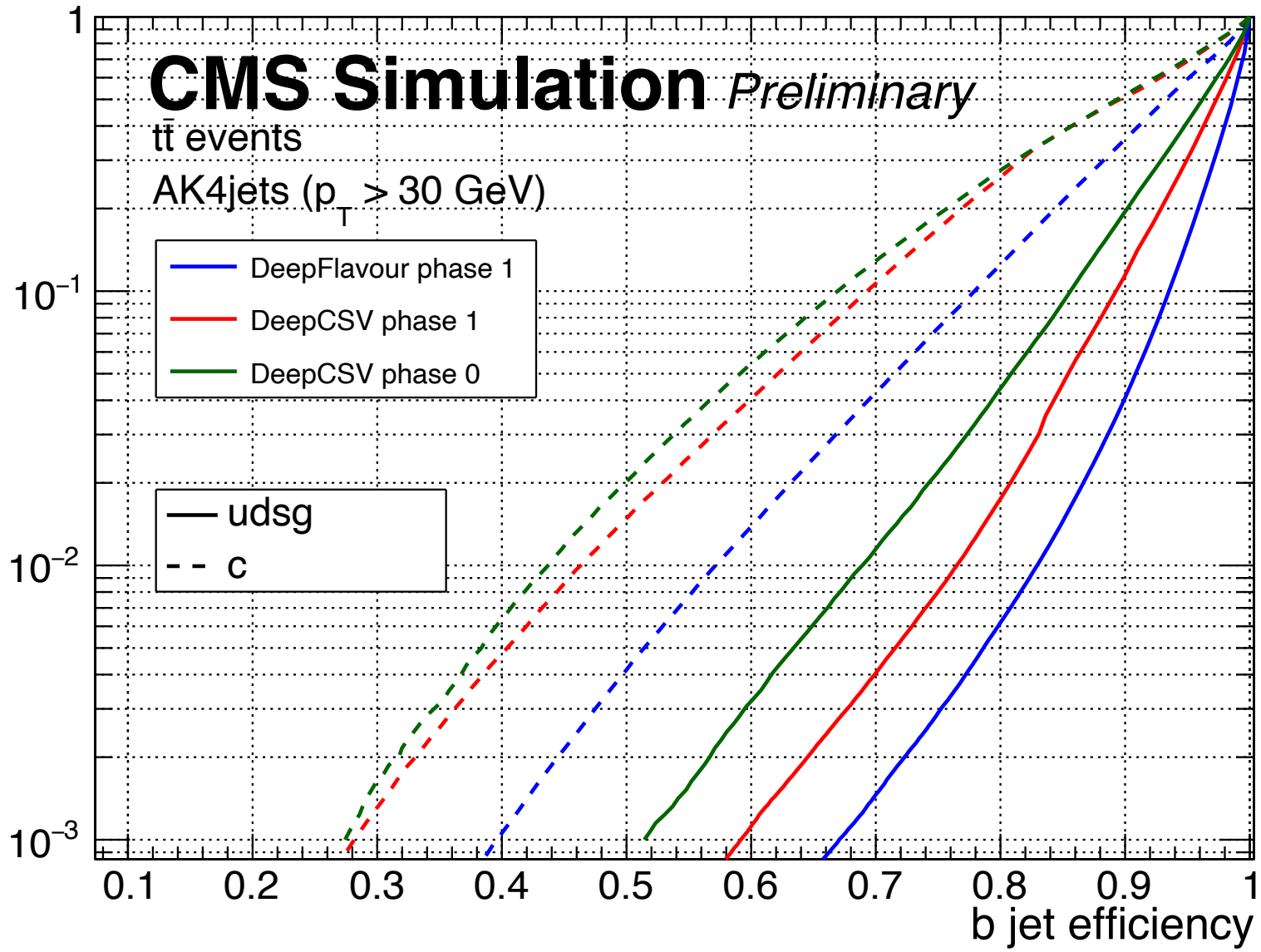
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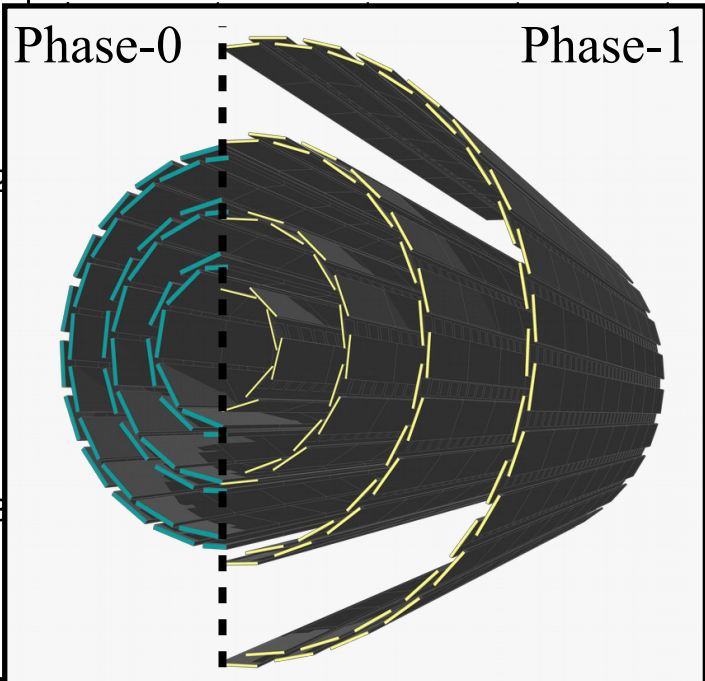
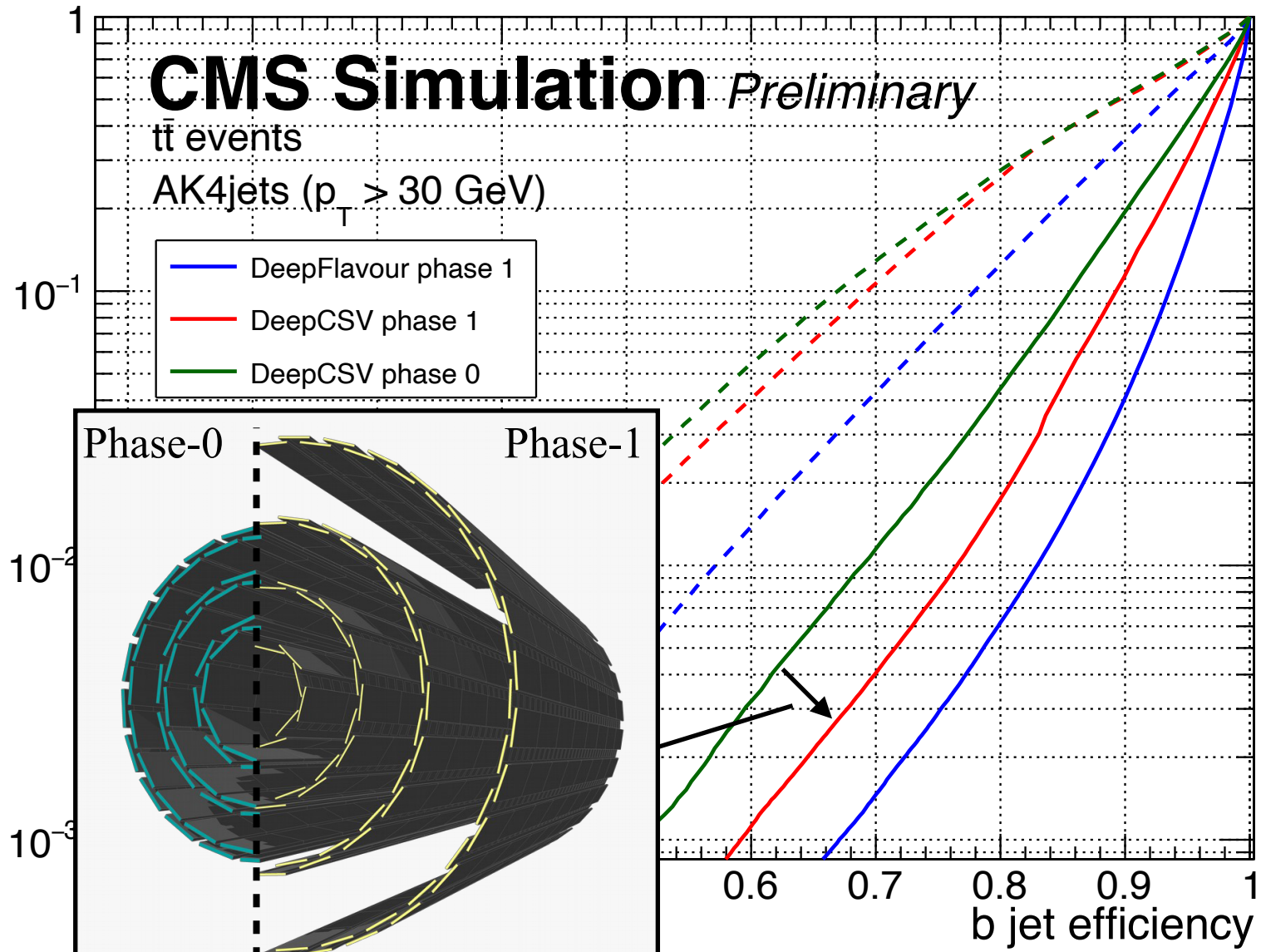
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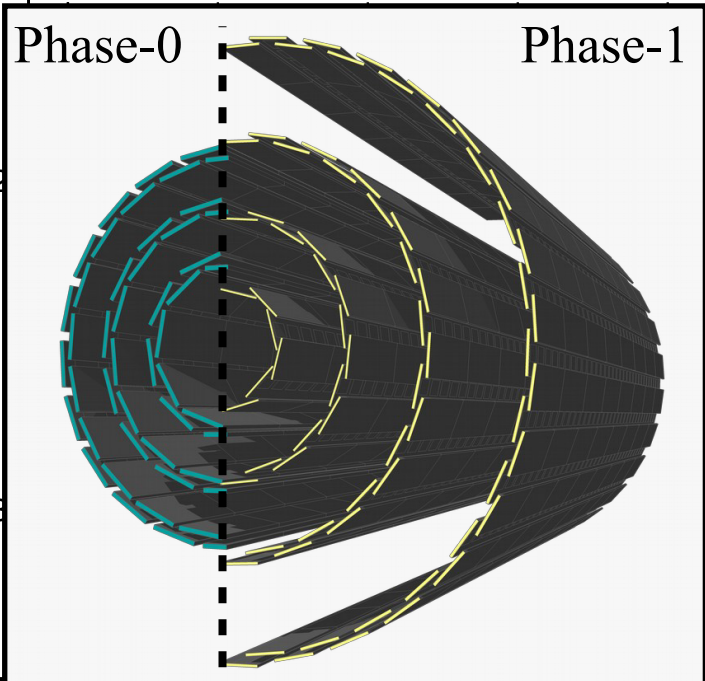
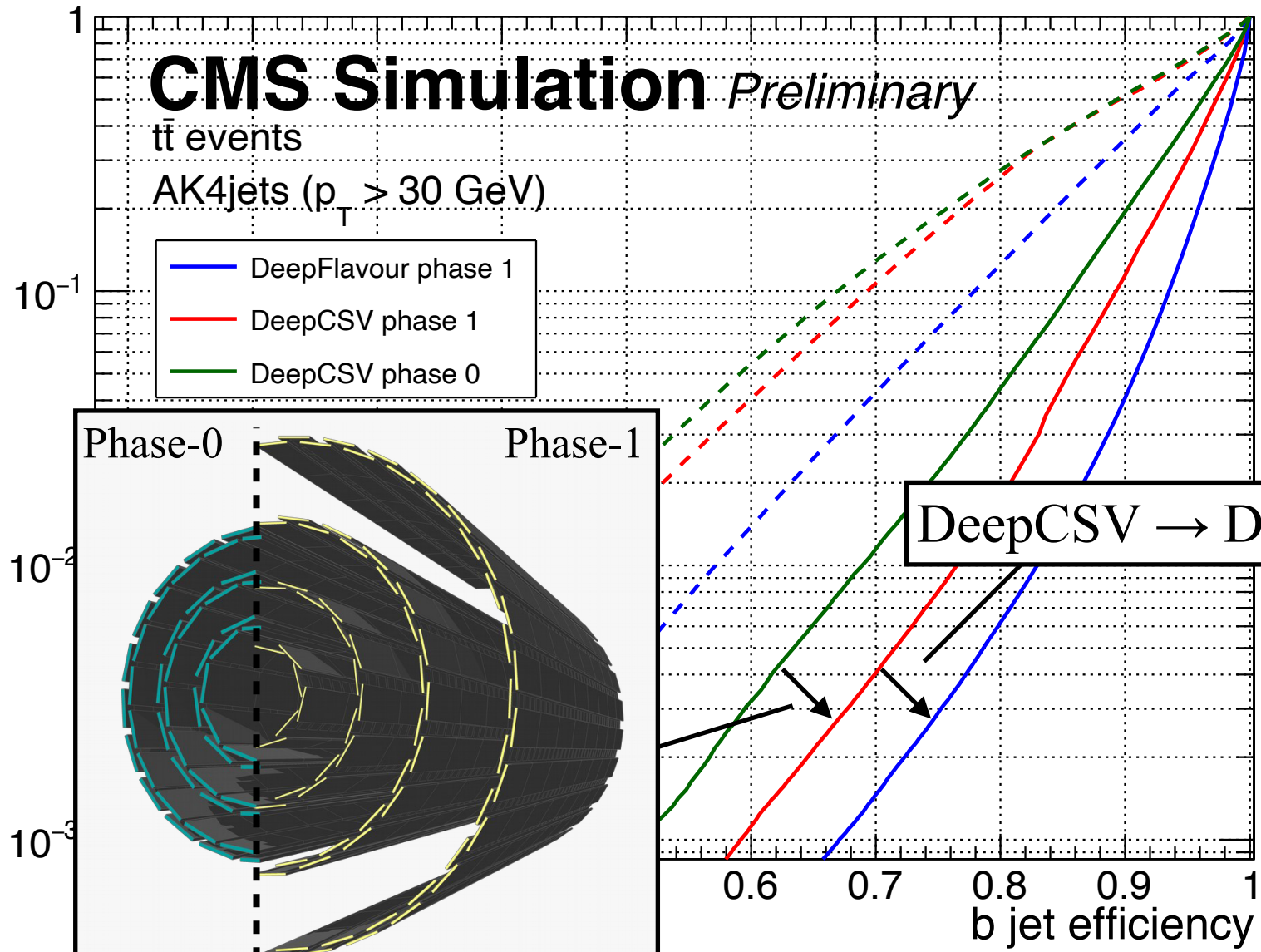
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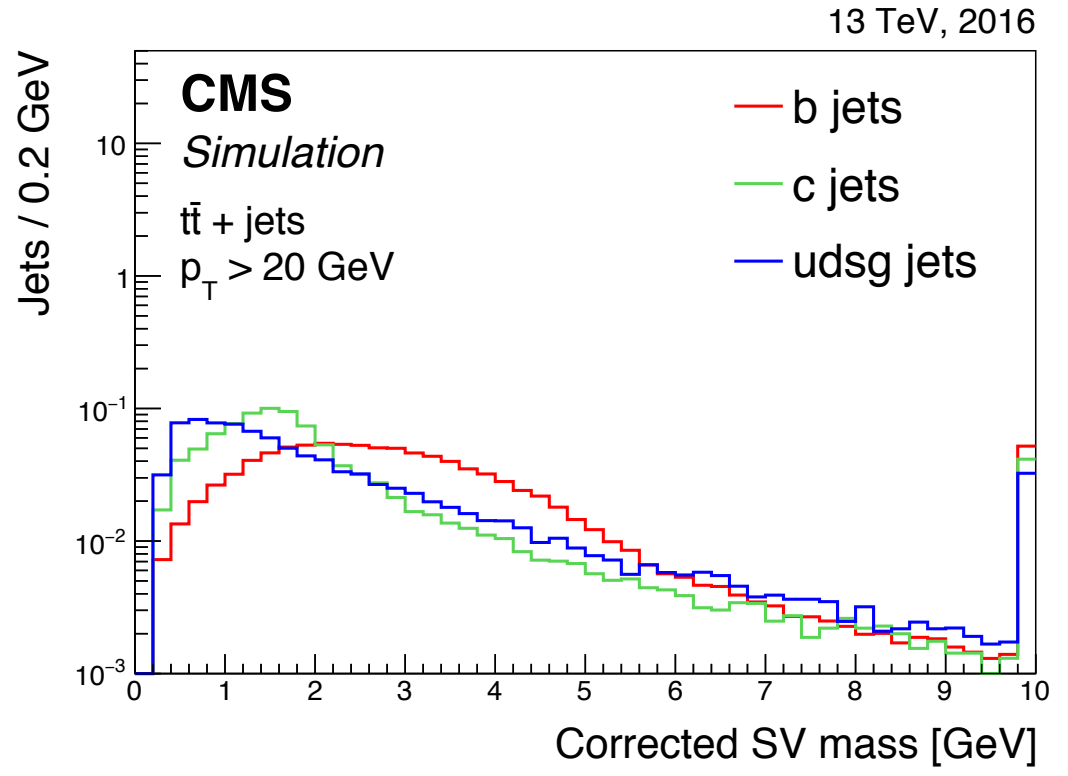
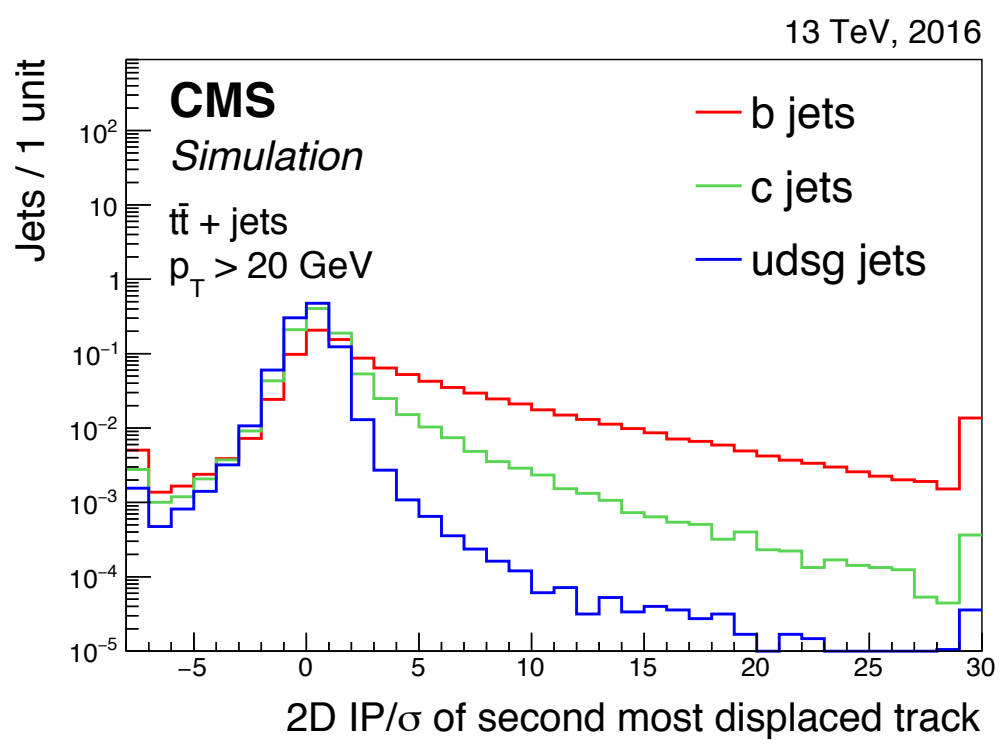
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# Charm Jet Tagging

Challenging, background from both sides:



Use DeepJet outputs to define separate charm classifiers:

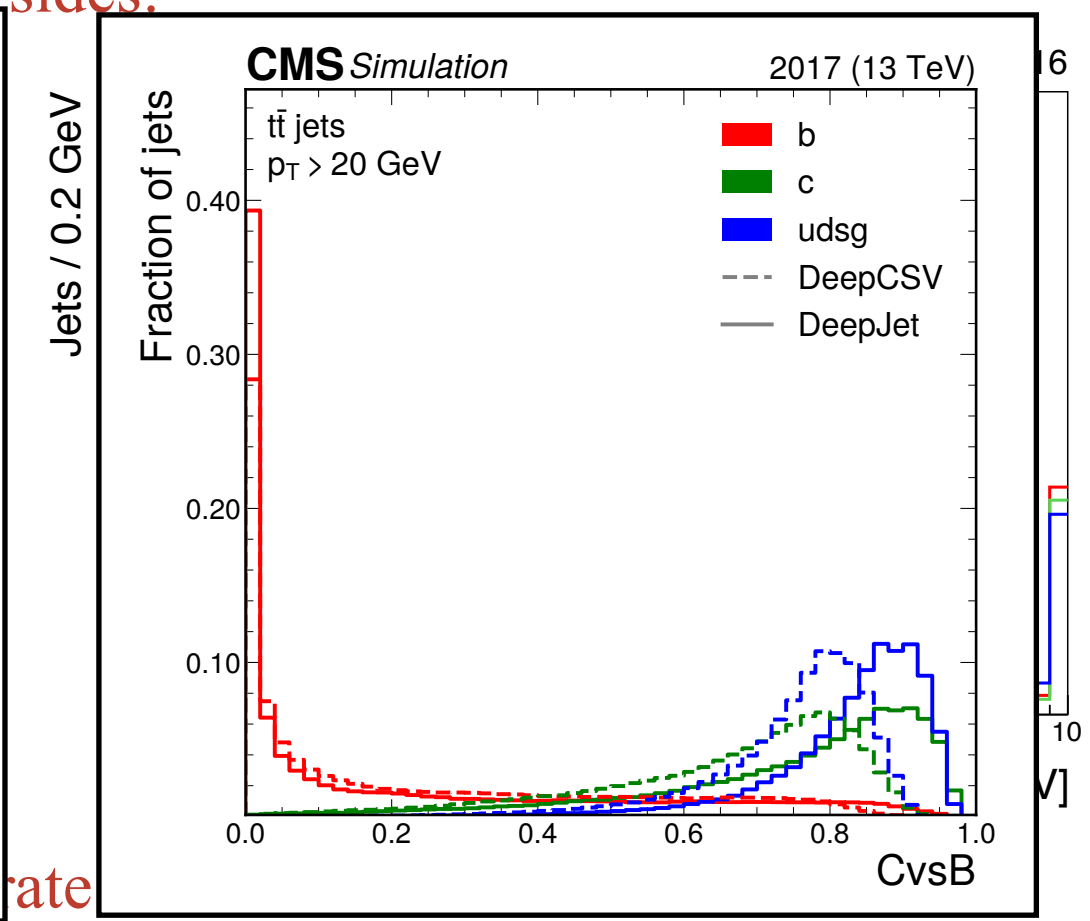
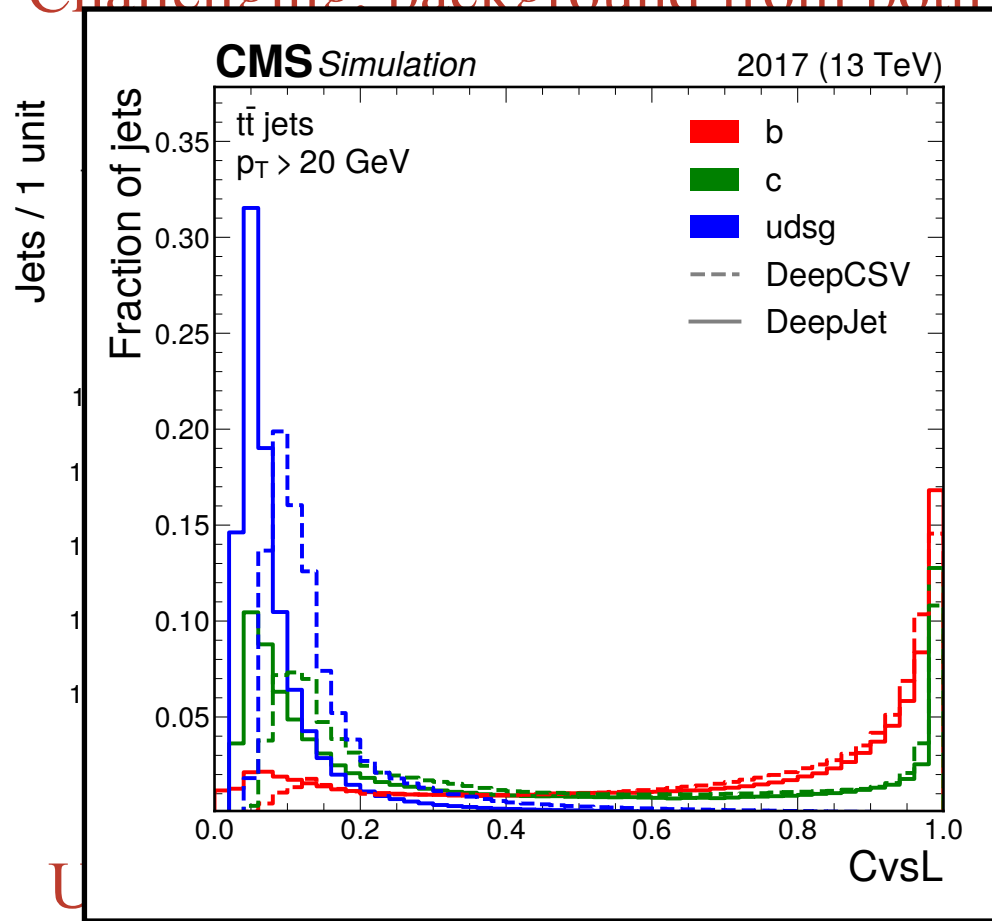
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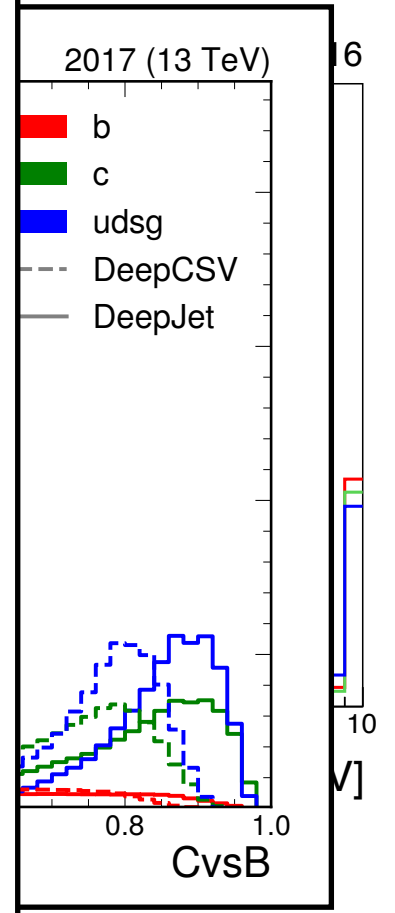
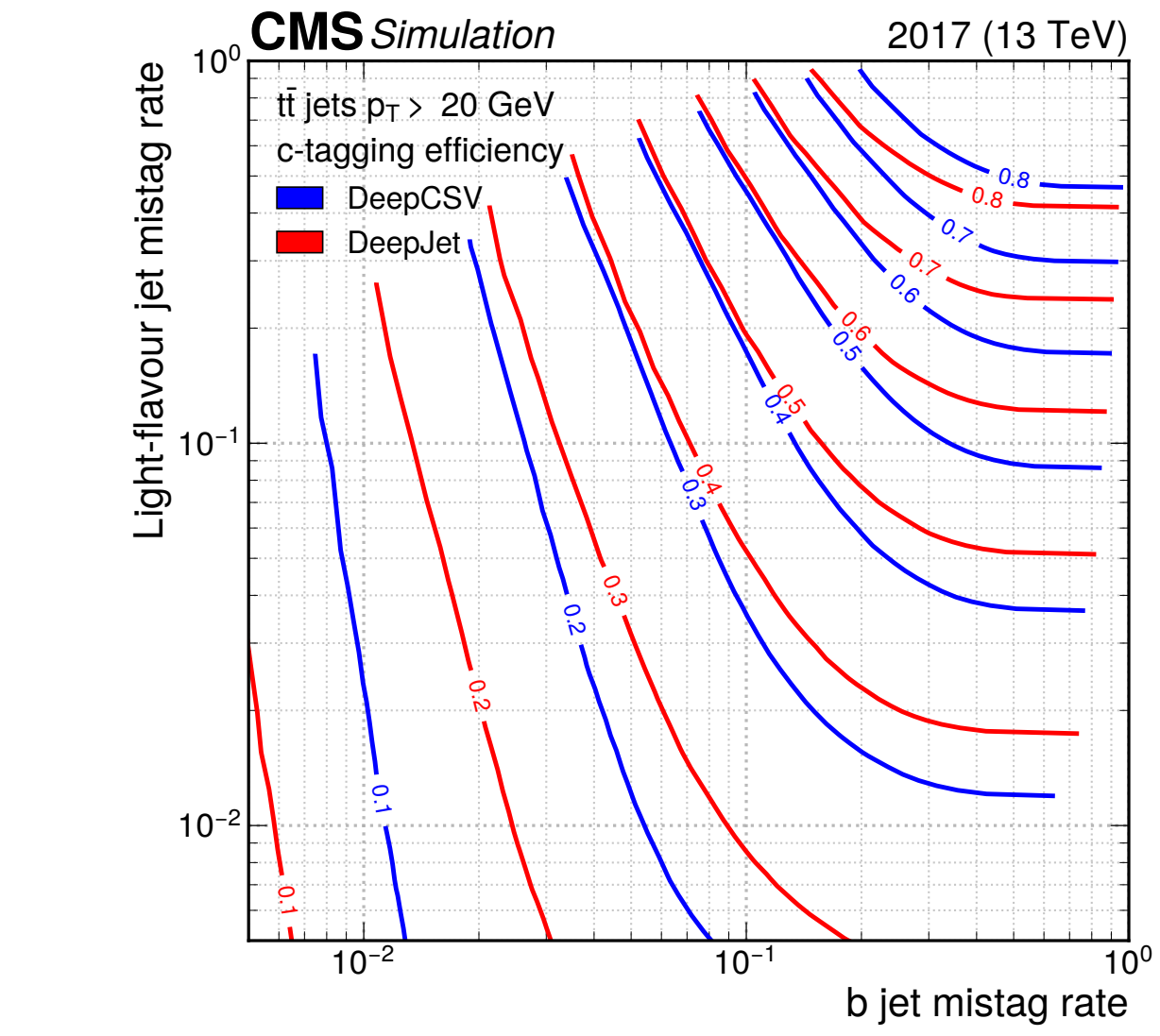
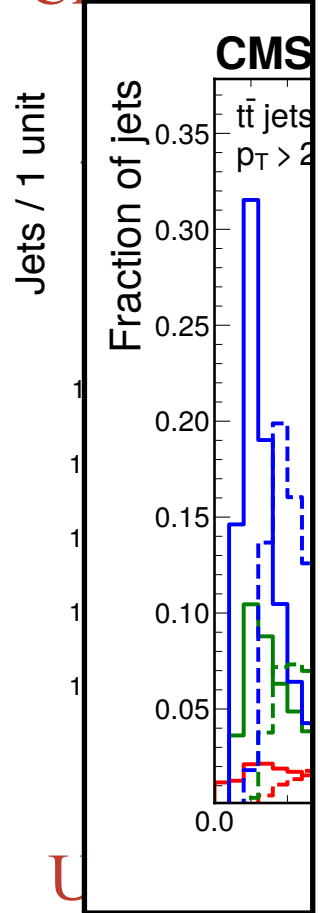


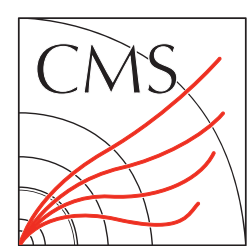


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Inherently 2-dimensional problem.

Challenging





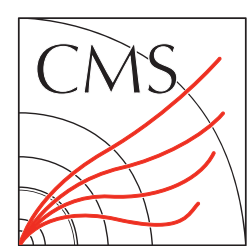
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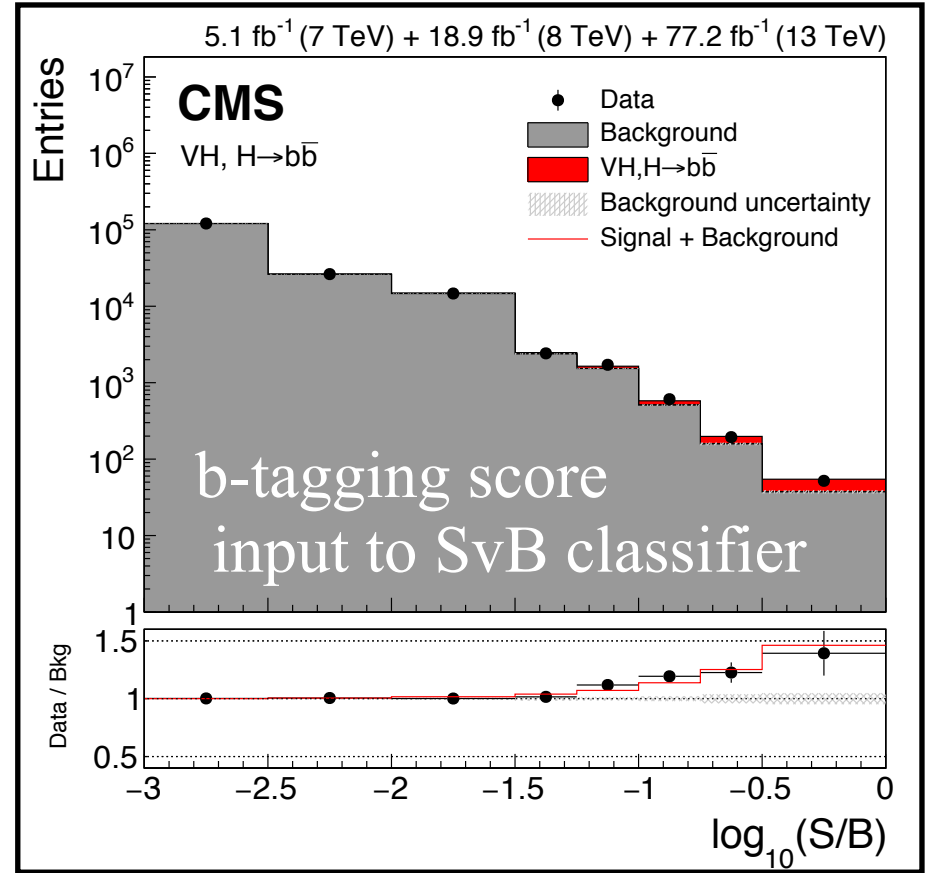
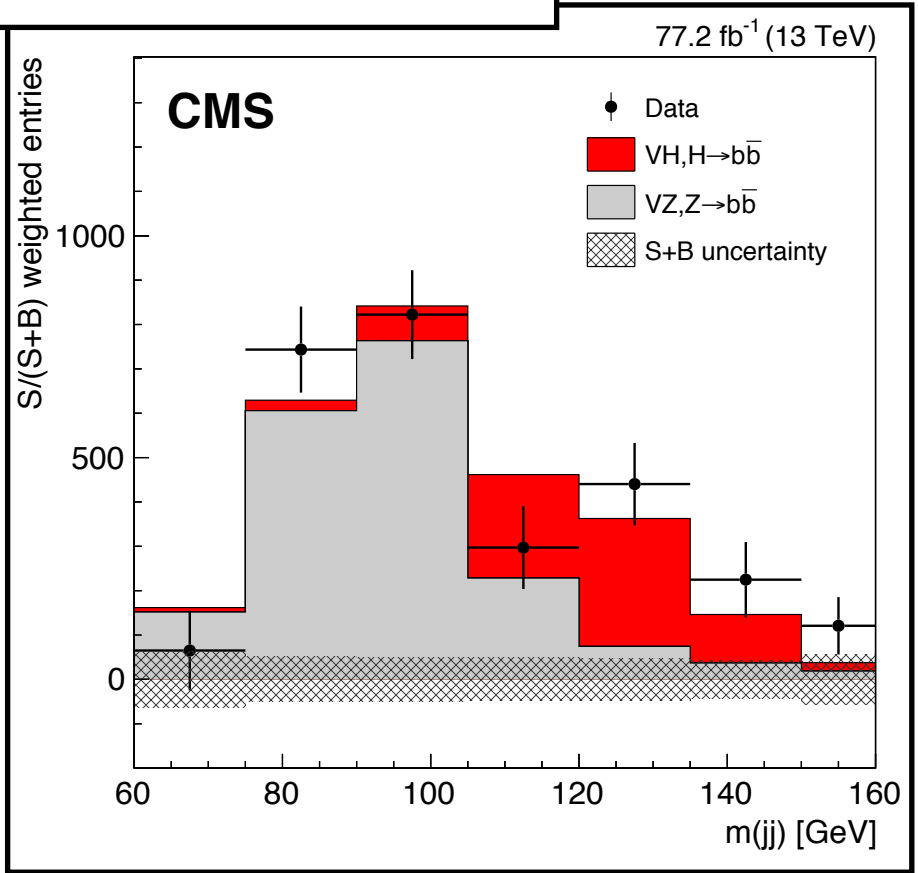
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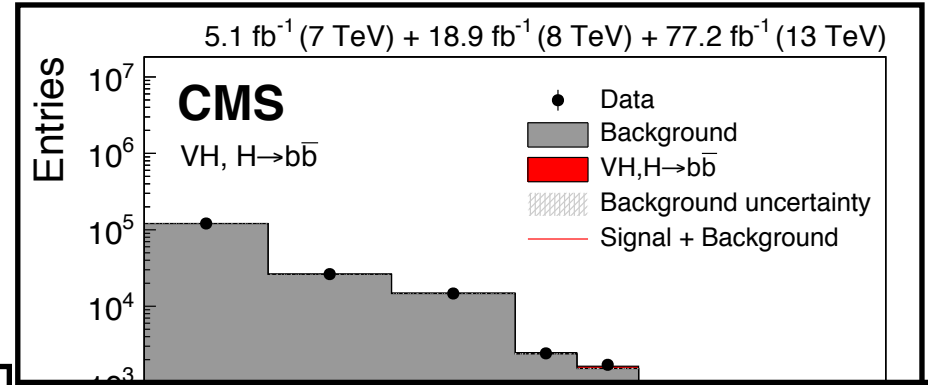




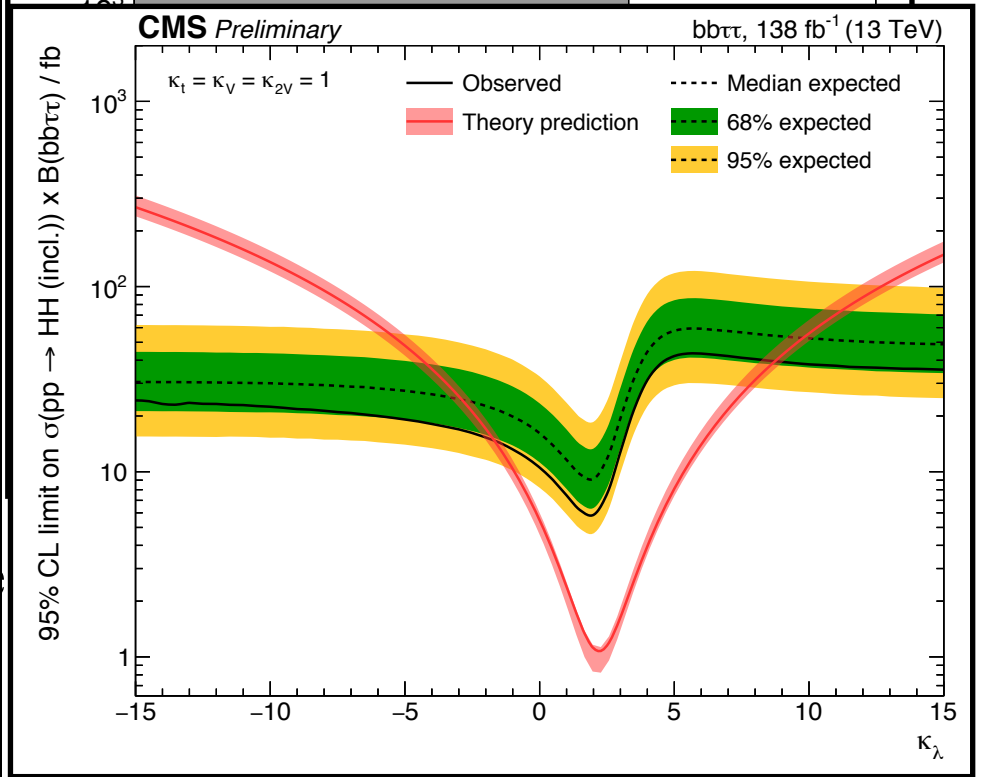
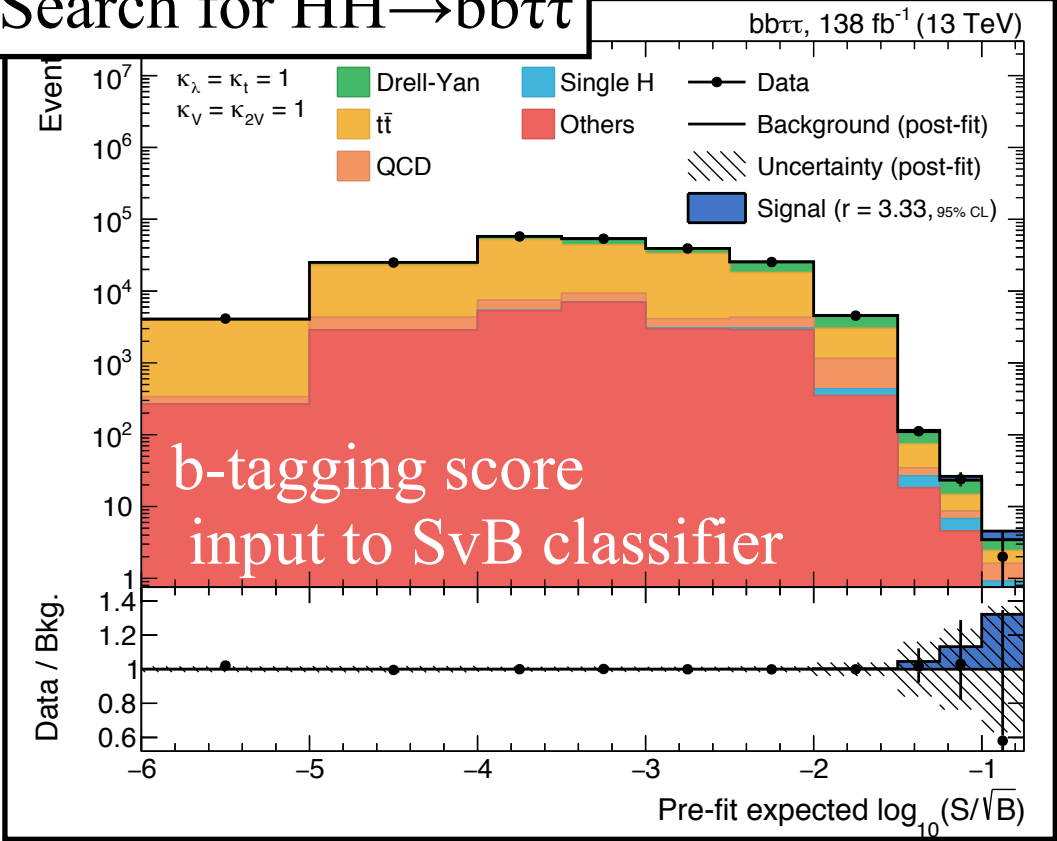
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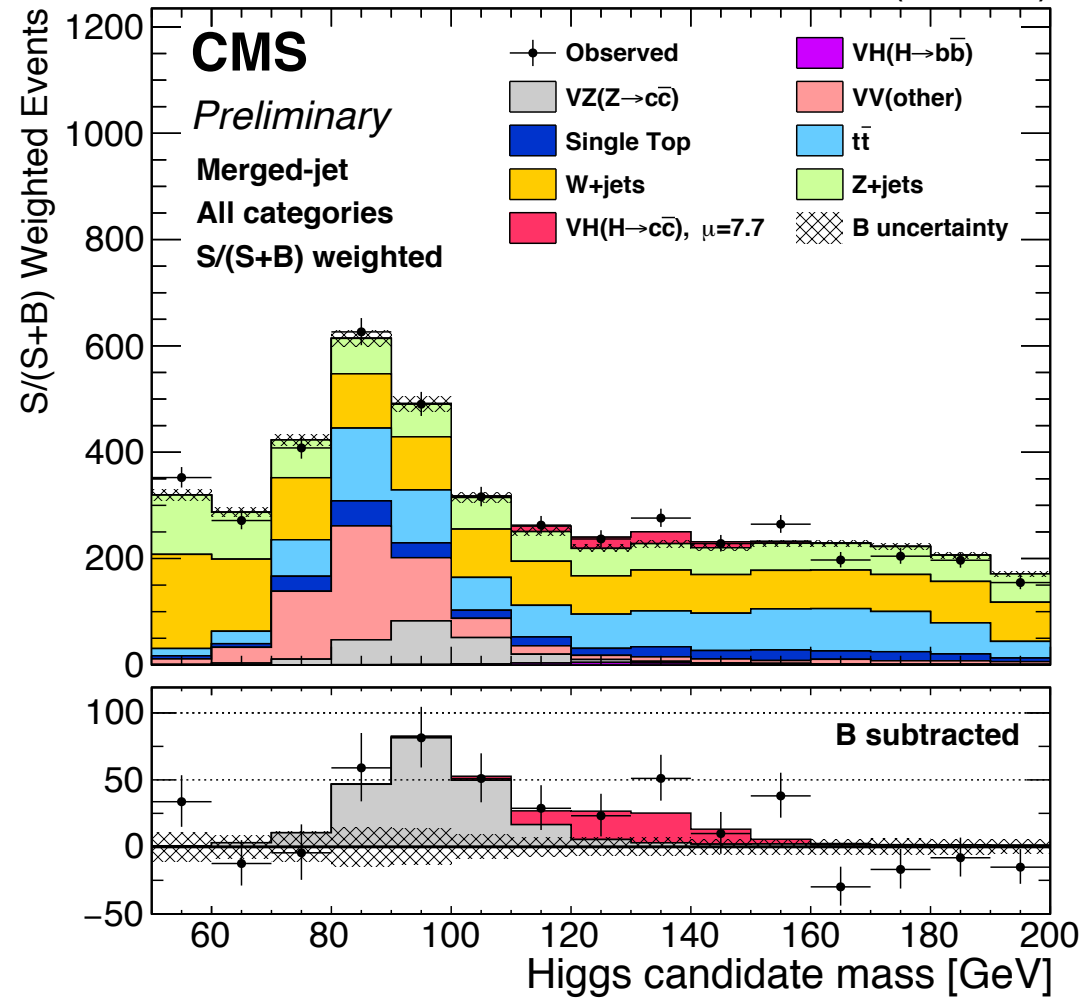
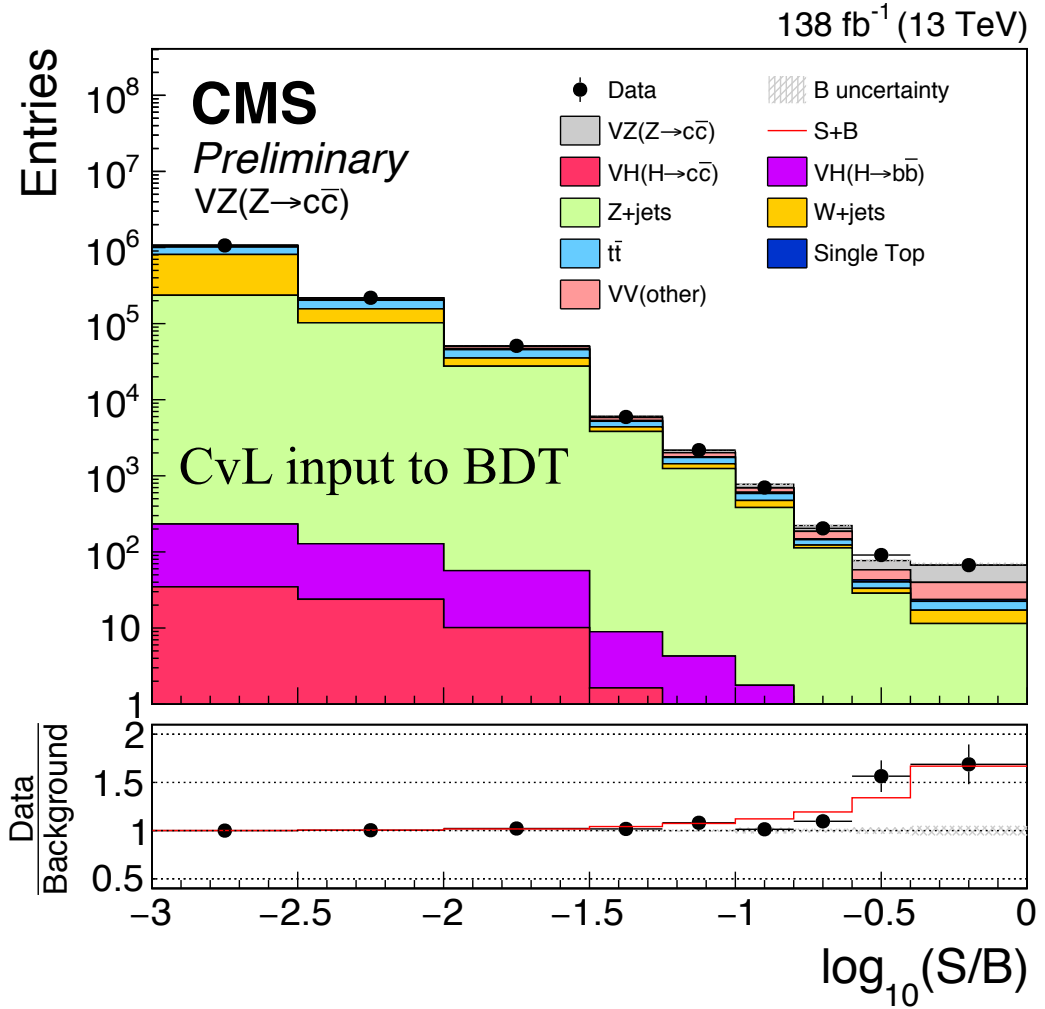


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Observation of  $Z \rightarrow cc$  / Search  $H \rightarrow cc$

CMS-HIG-21-008

138 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)



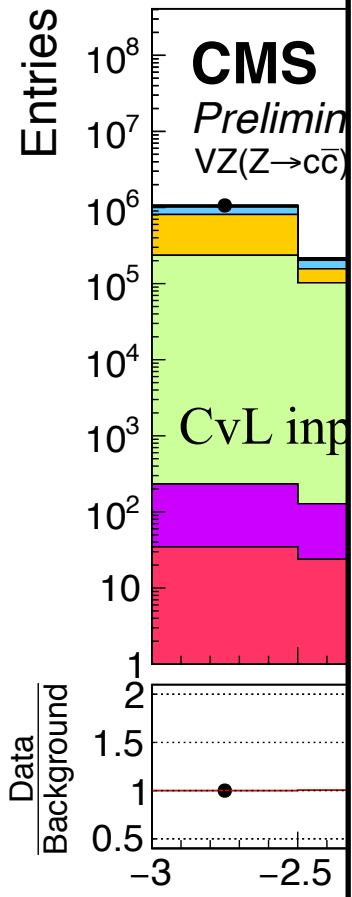
First observation of  $Z \rightarrow cc$  at hadron collider !  
 $\mu_{H \rightarrow cc} < 14$  observed (7.6 expected)

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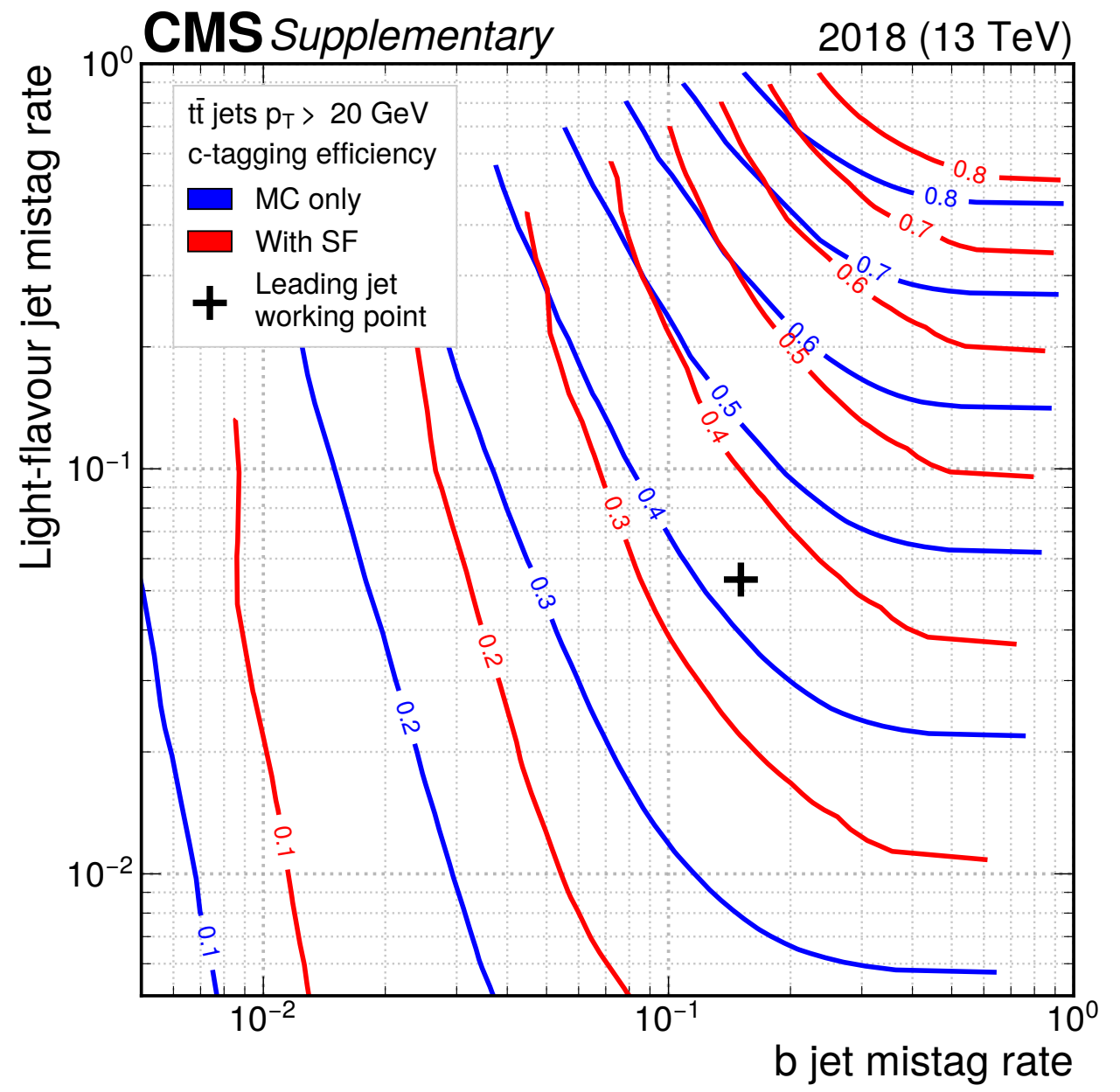
c-tagging calibration critical to measurement



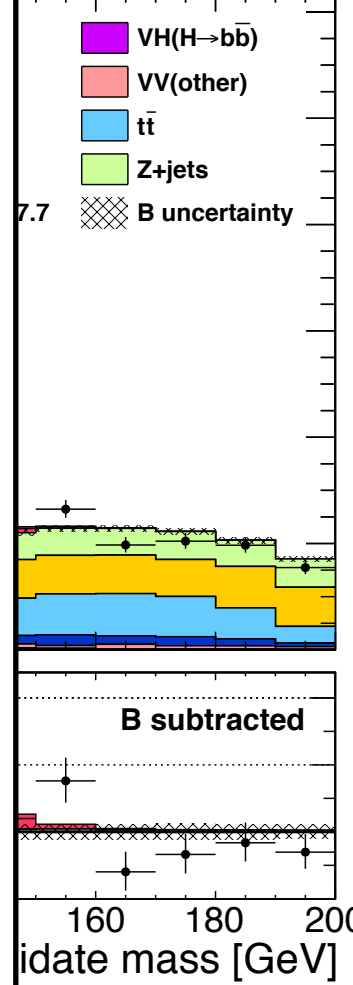
Observation



First observation  
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# CMS: Charm-Jet Calibration

arXiv > hep-ex > arXiv:2111.03027

High Energy Physics - Experiment

[Submitted on 4 Nov 2021 (v1), last revised 21 Mar 2022 (this version, v2)]

A new calibration method for charm jet identification validated with proton-proton collision events at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV

CMS Collaboration

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.03027>

Efficiencies measured double differential in CvL and CvB

- Separately for b, c and light

MC Corrections derived iteratively in 2D bins in (CvL , CvB)

- Constrained by data in three control regions (*next slides*)
- Iterative approach used for convergence

Adaptive 2D Binning + Interpolation

- Fix width CvL bin / CvB bins optimized on observed statistics
- Fit SF to minimize data/MC differences
- Repeat with fixed width CvB bins
- Resulting SF maps combined interpolated in full 2D plane





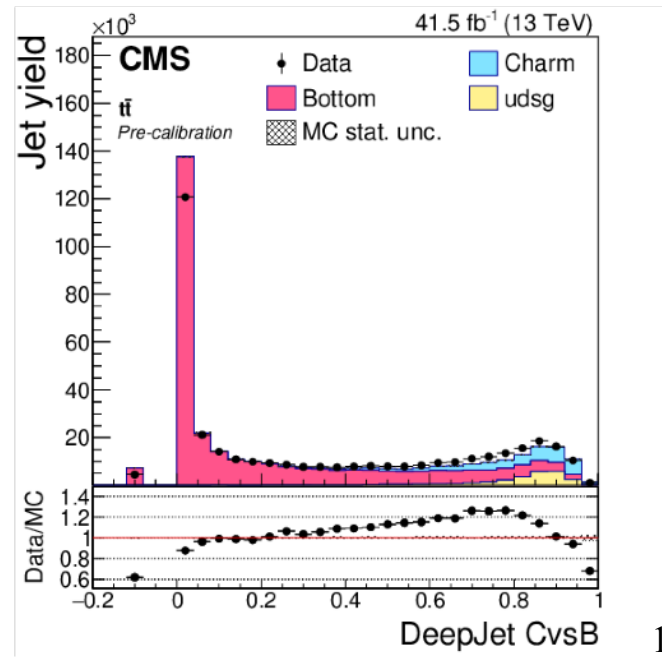
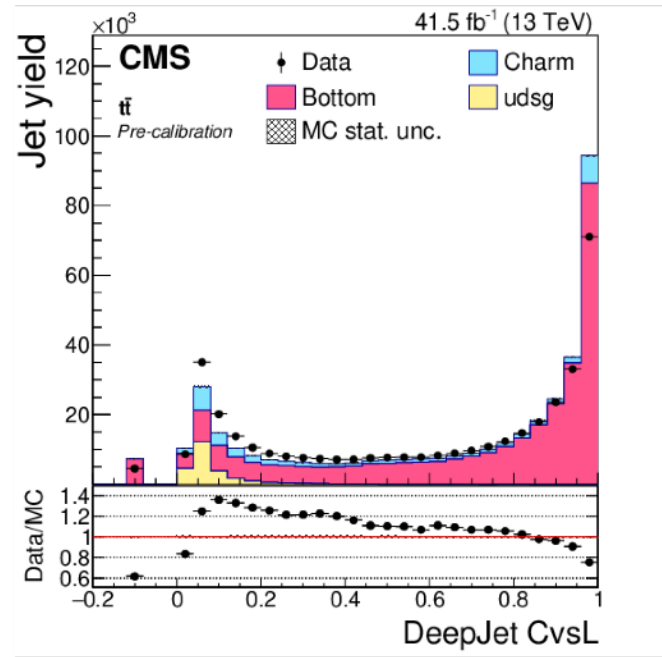
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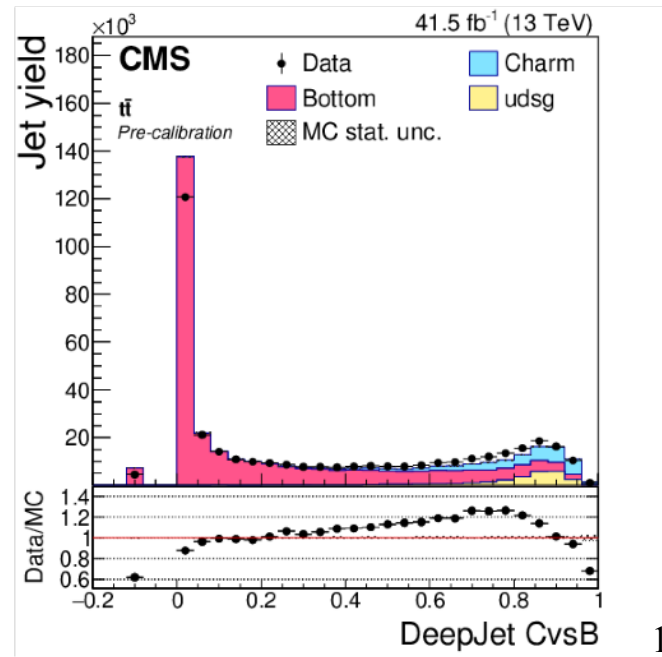
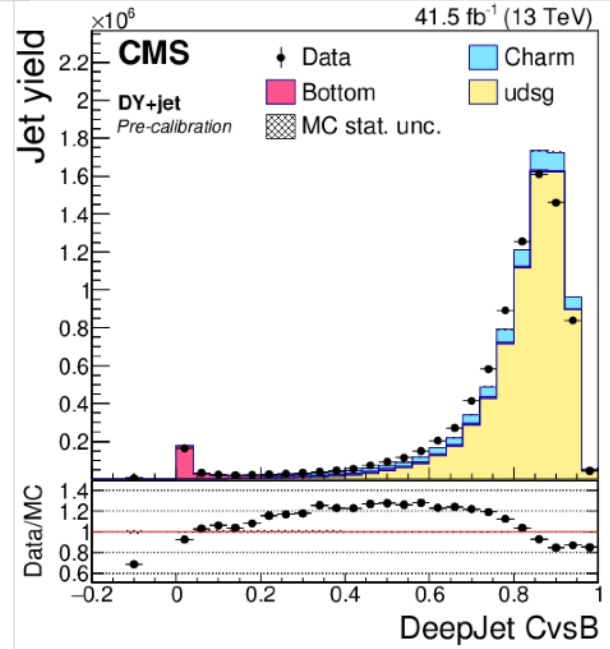
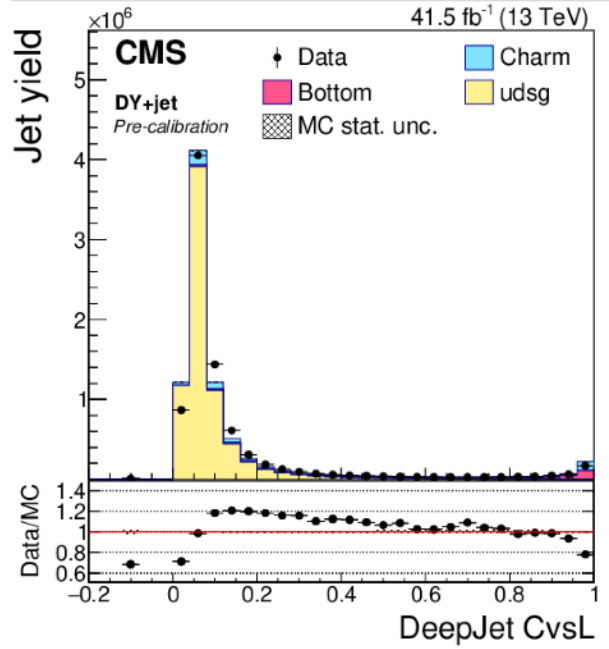
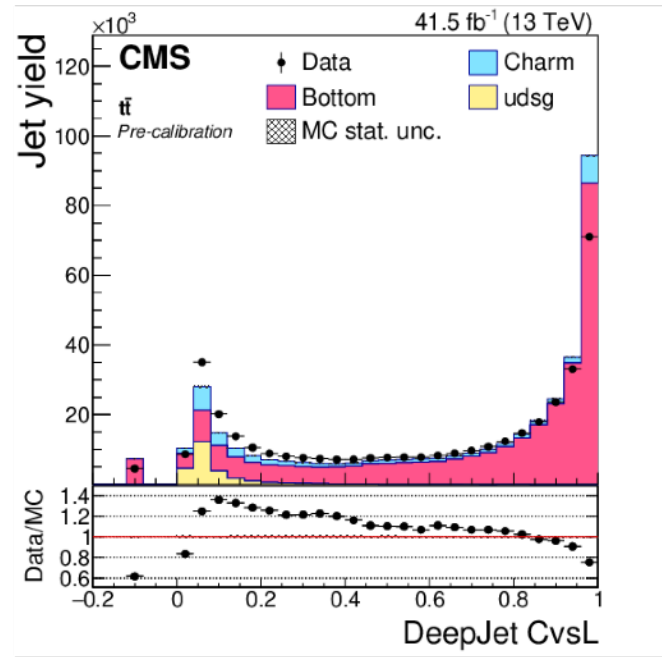
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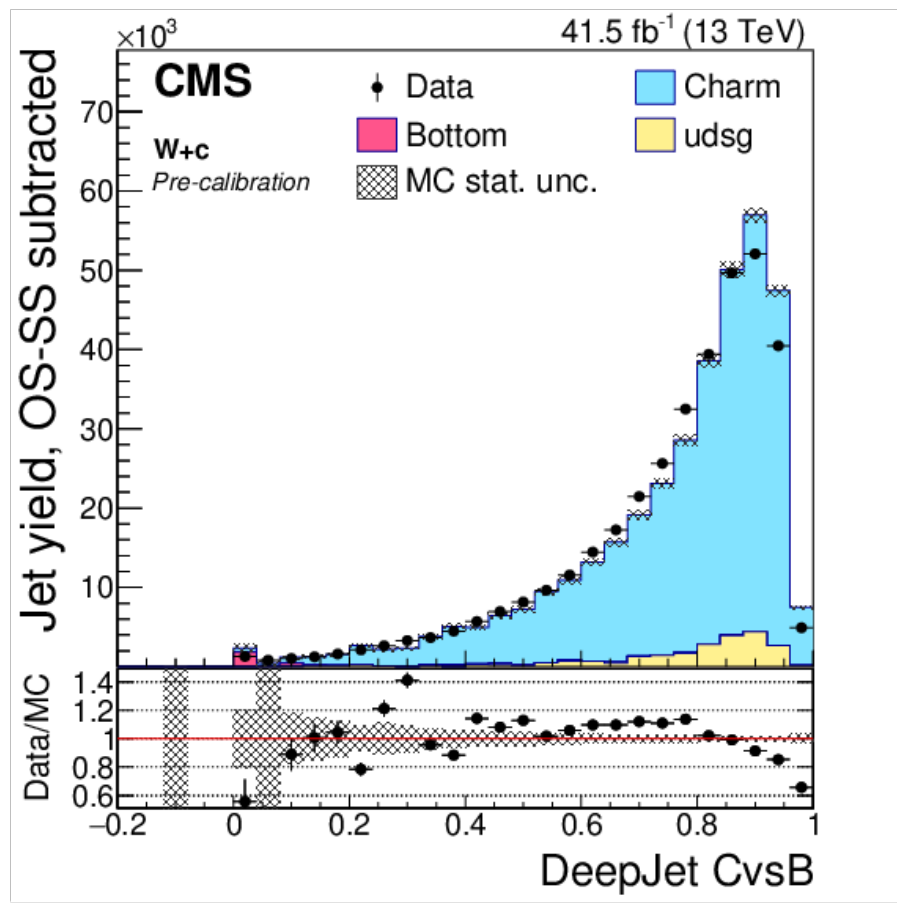
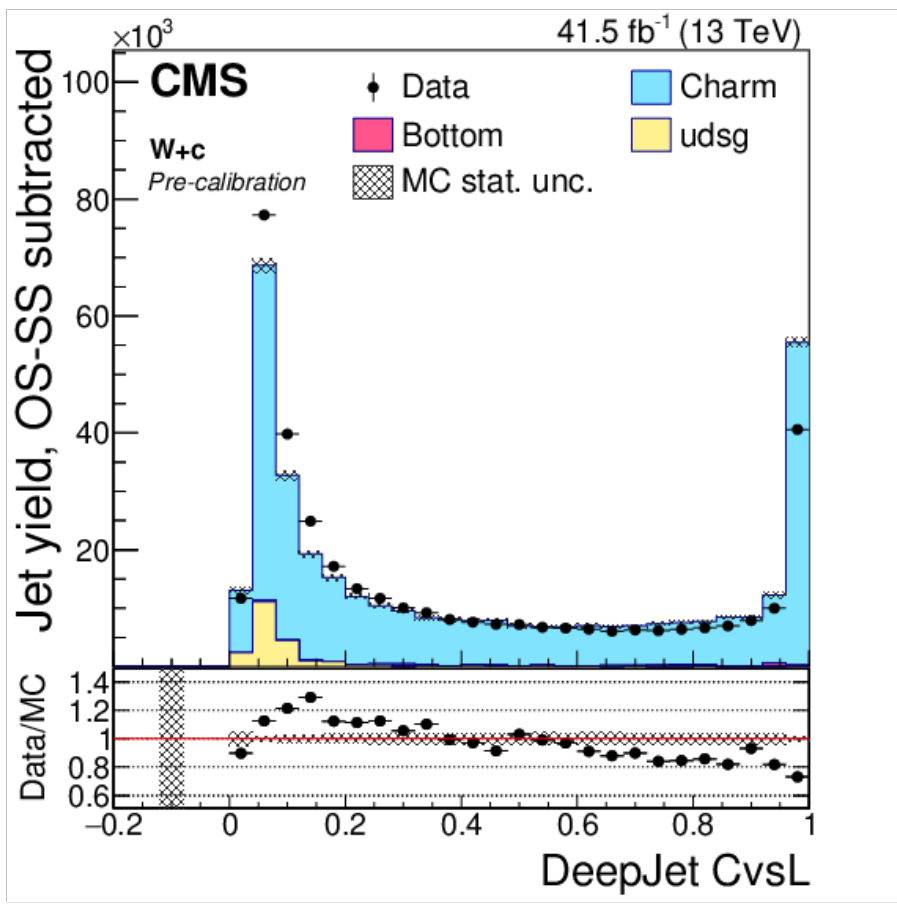
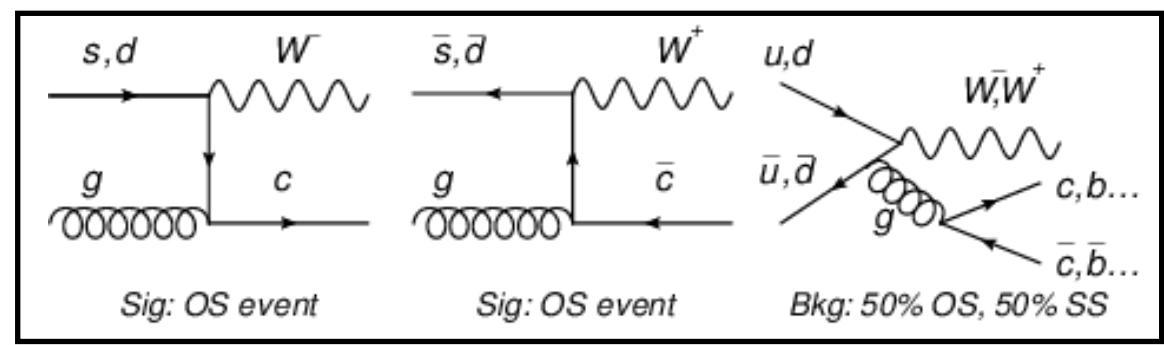




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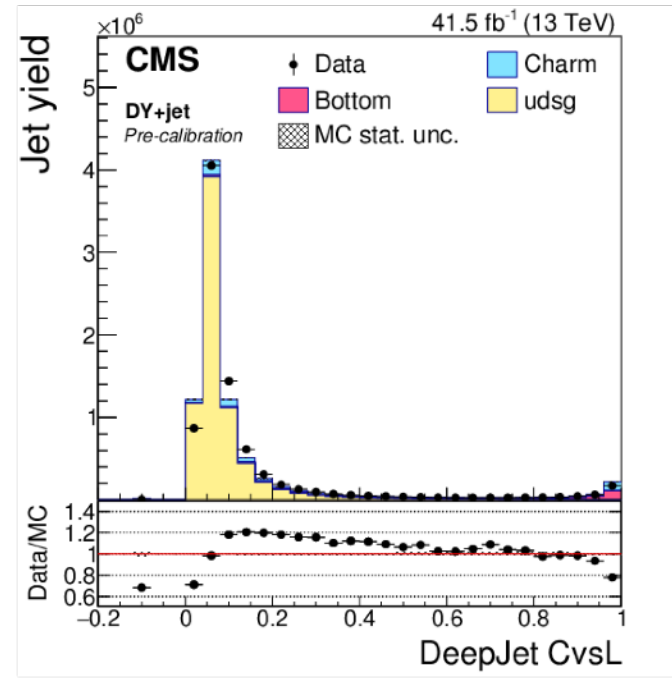
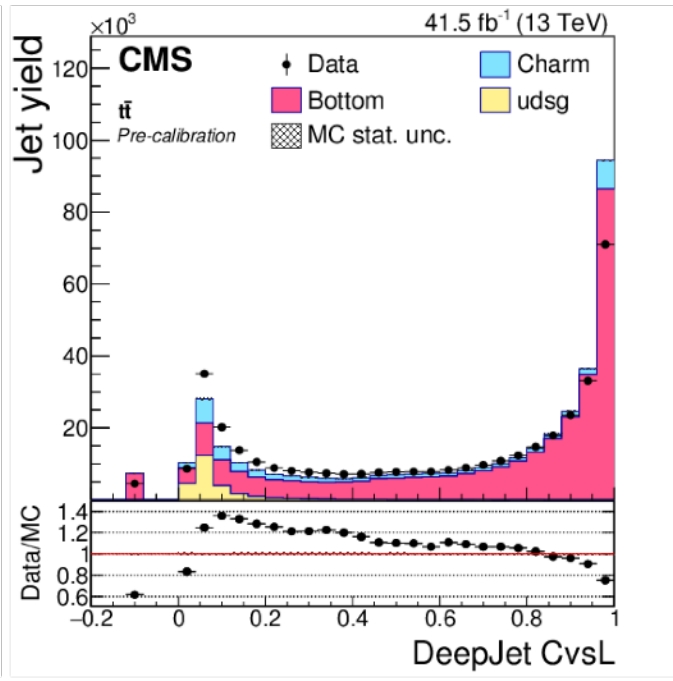
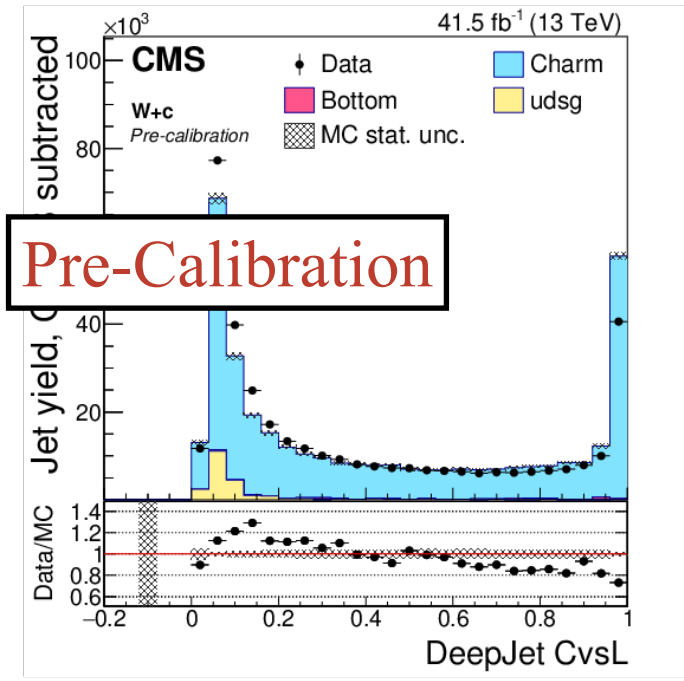
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$W \rightarrow lv + \text{soft-}\mu \text{ tagged jet.}$   
 Use charge to subtract Bkg



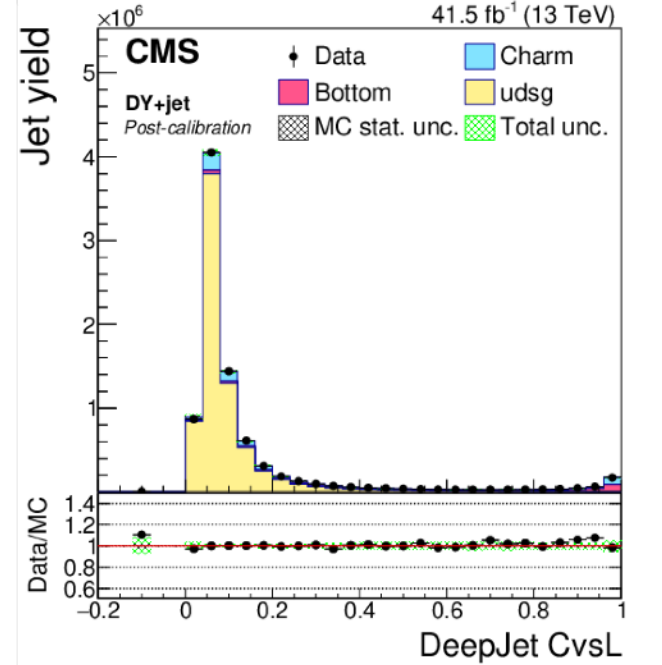
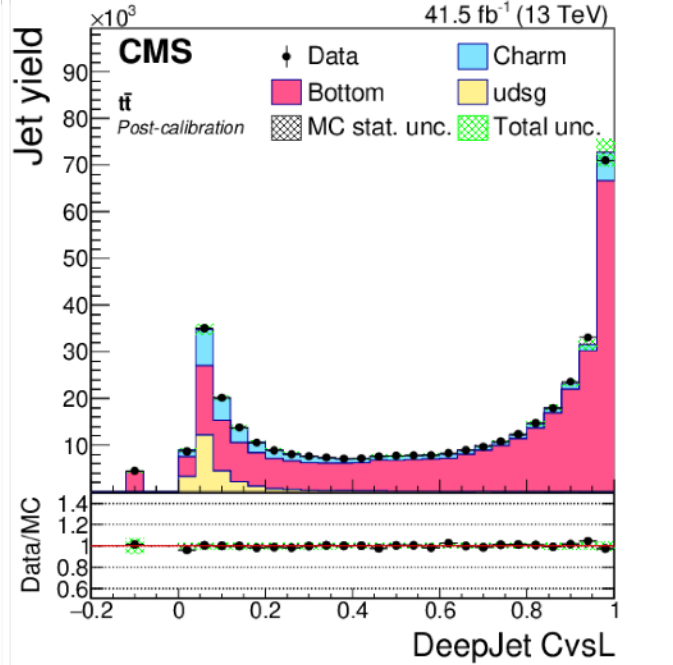
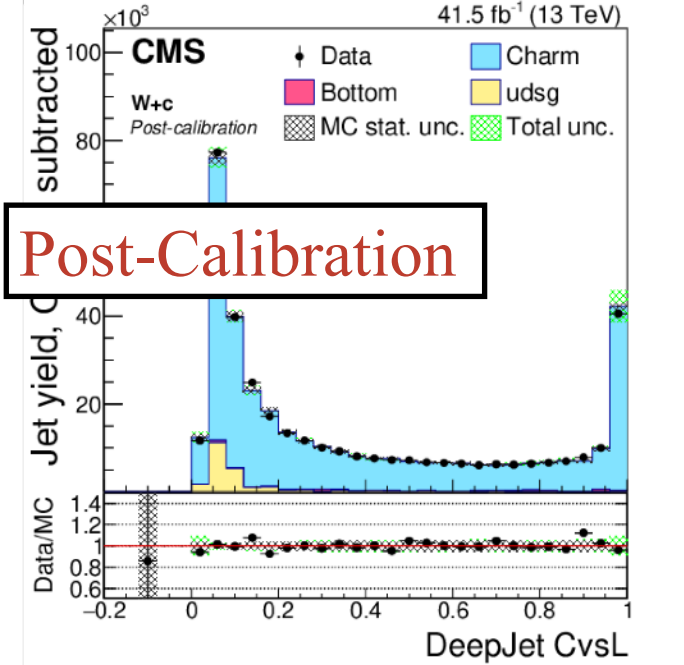
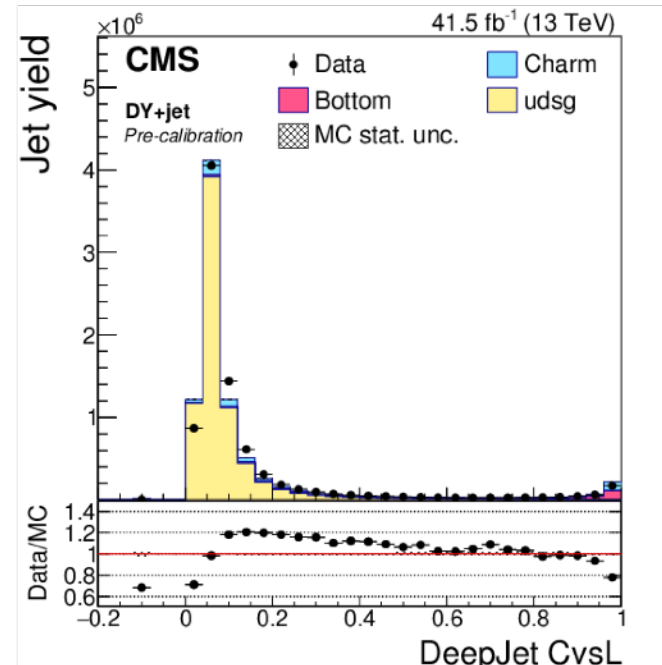
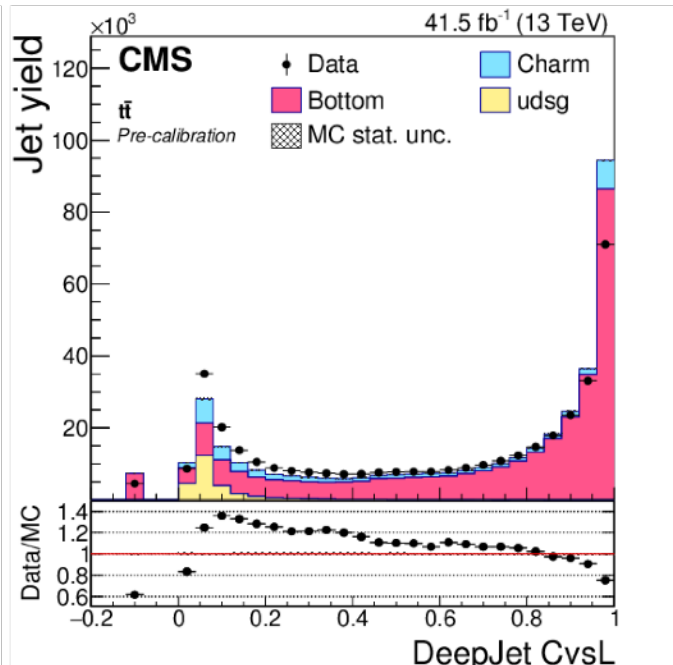
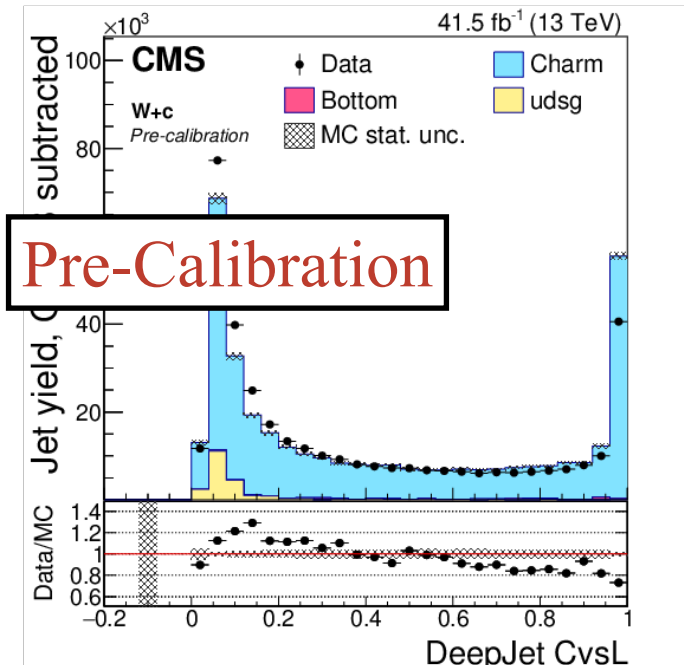


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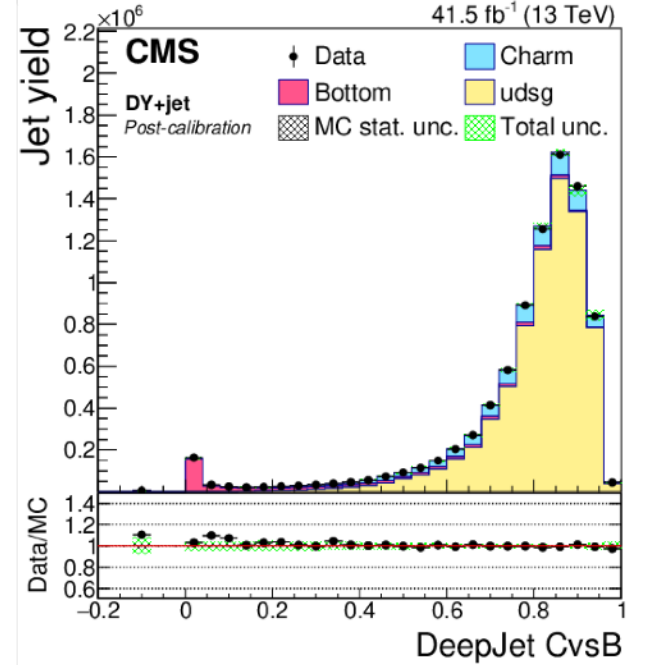
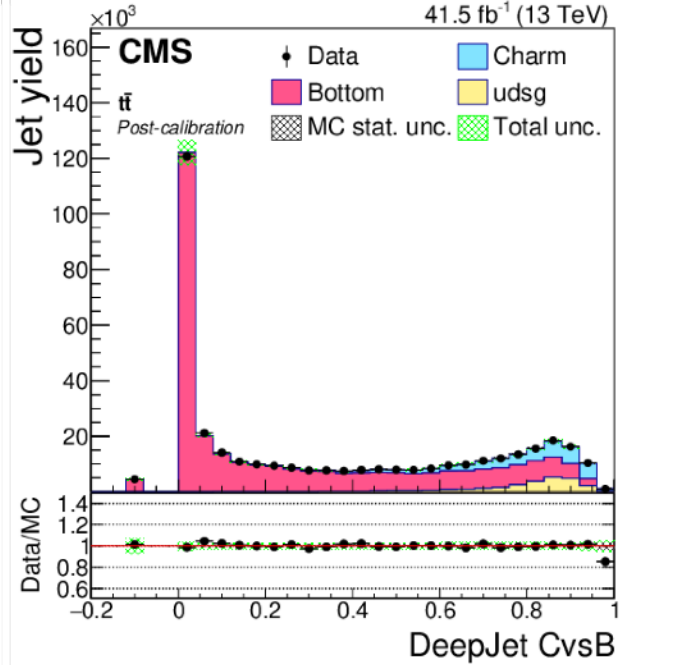
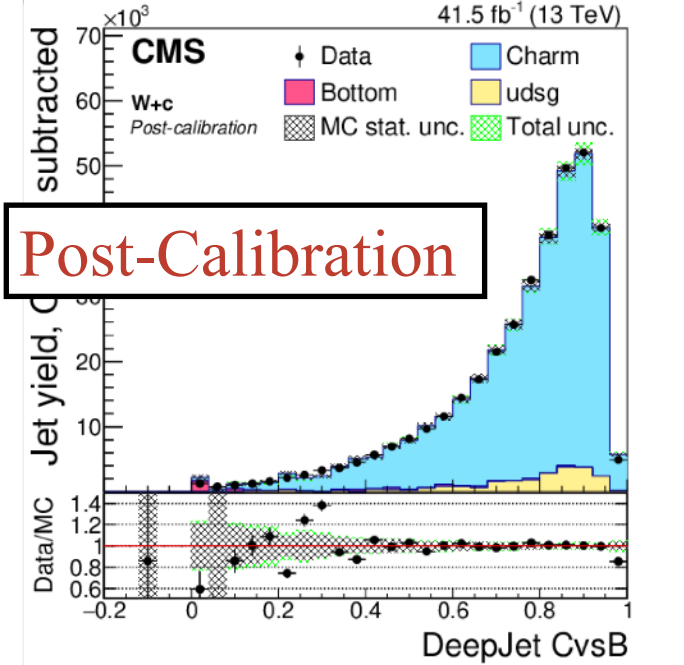
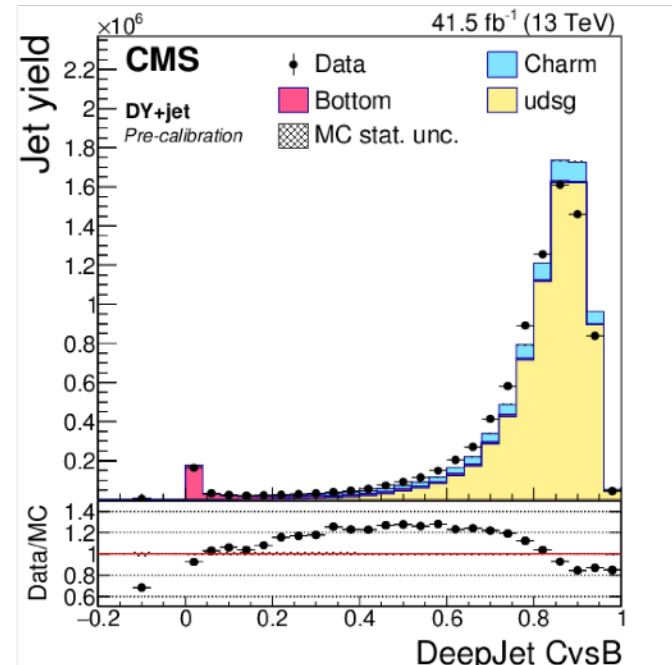
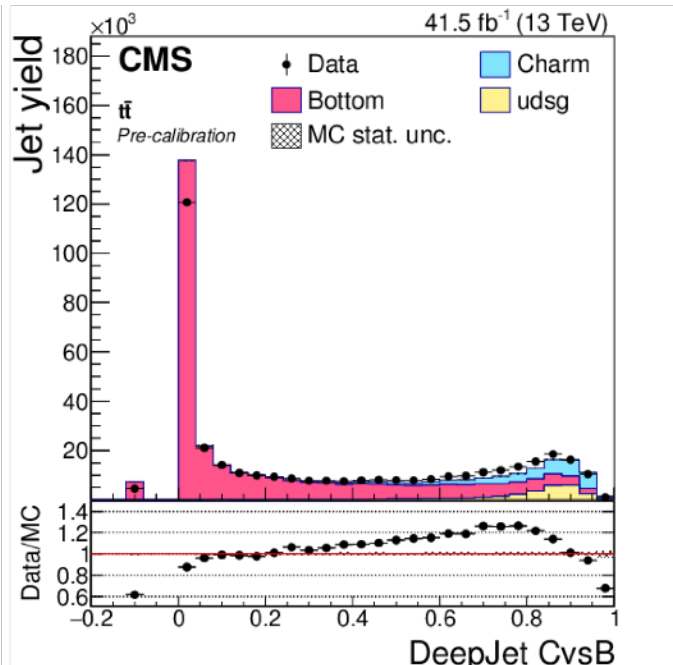
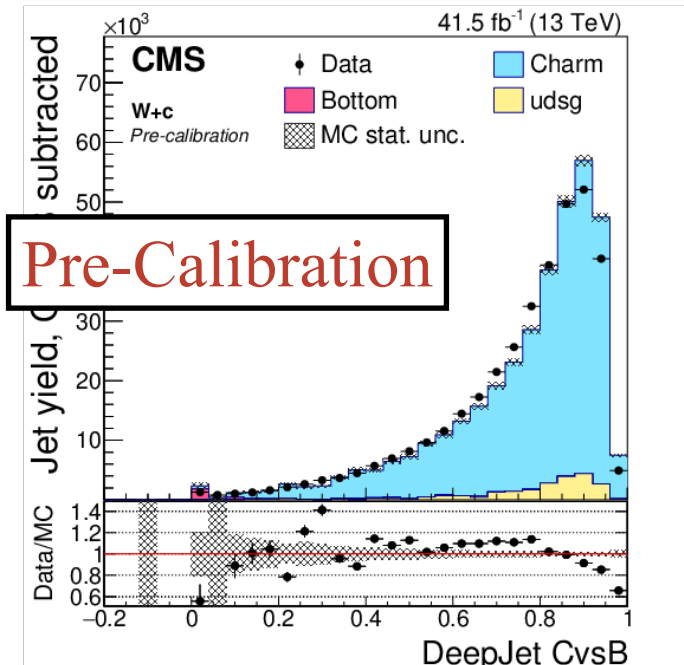


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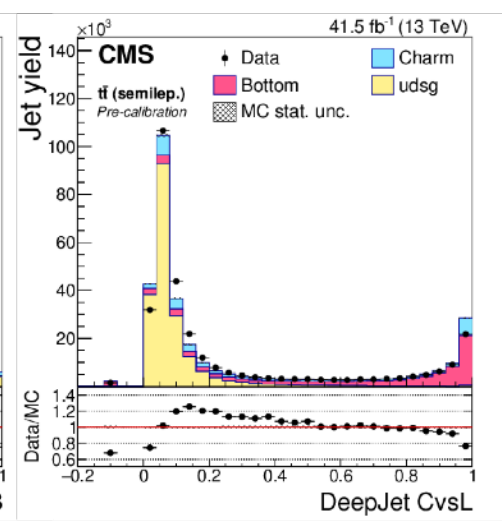
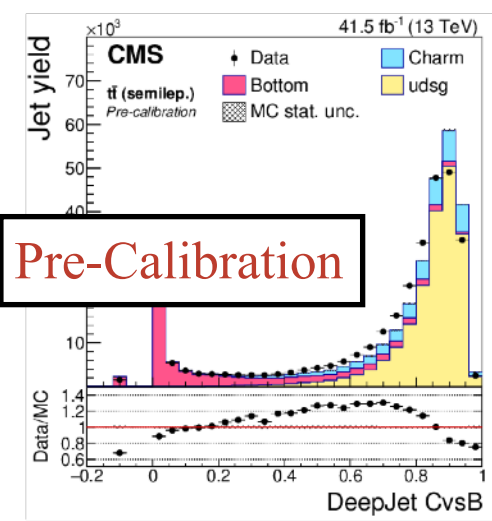
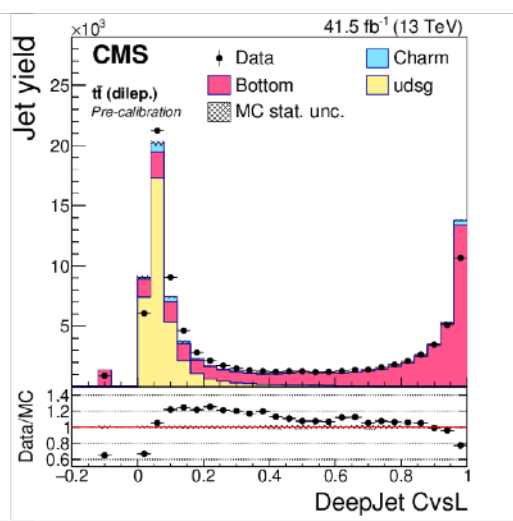
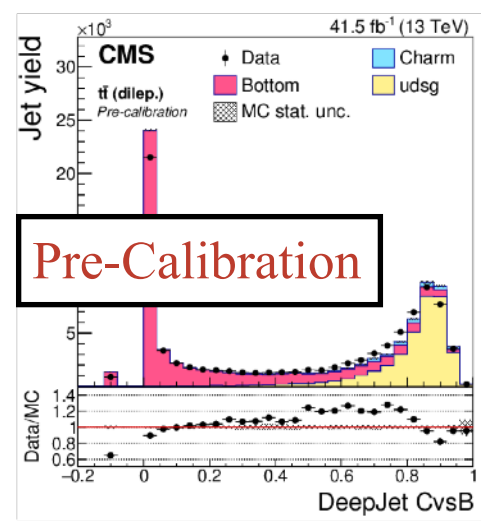


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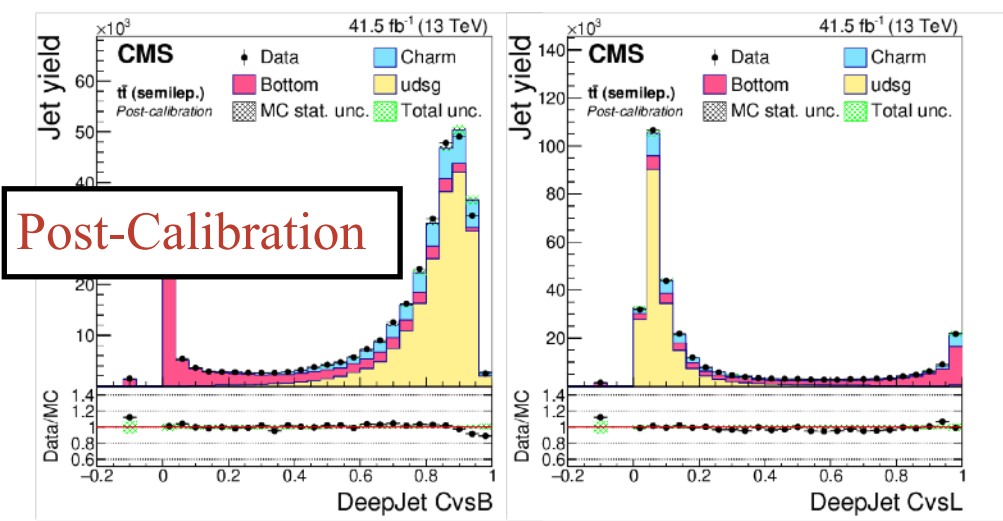
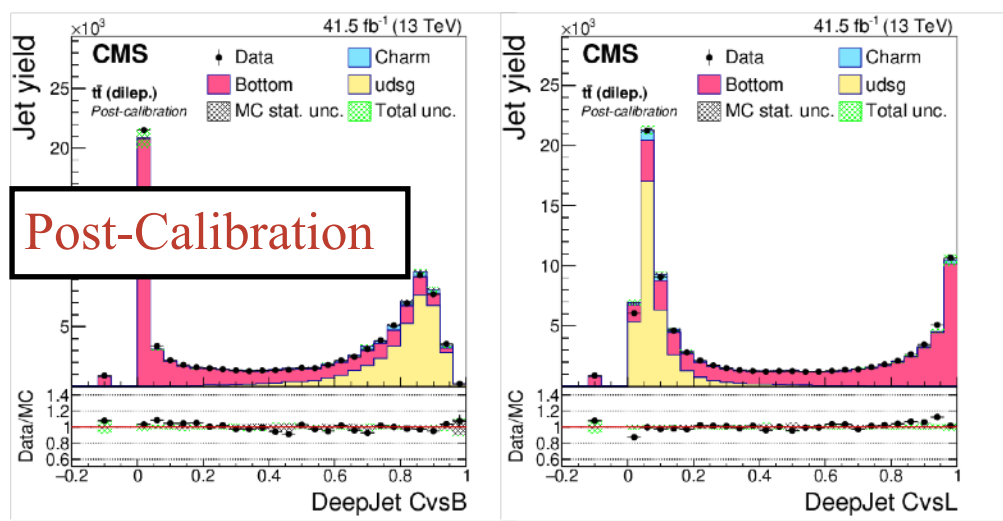
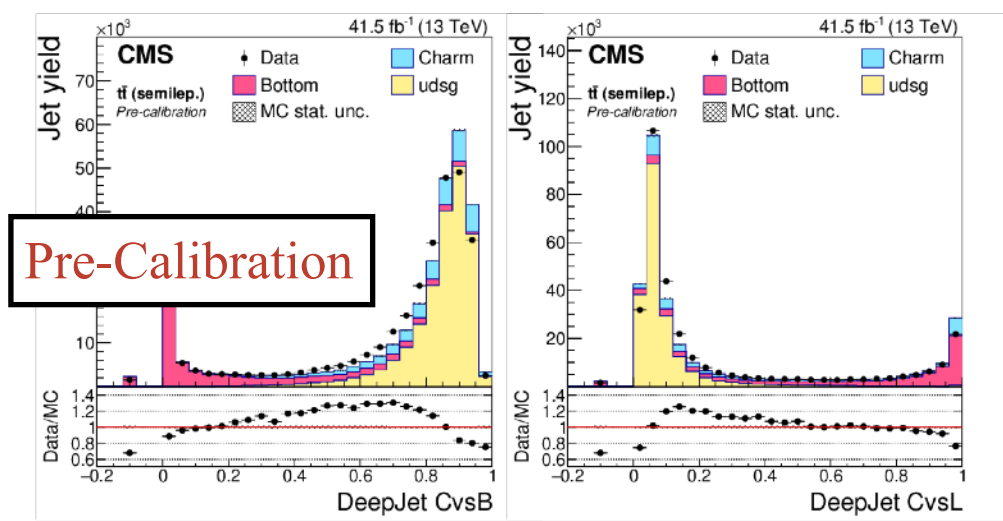
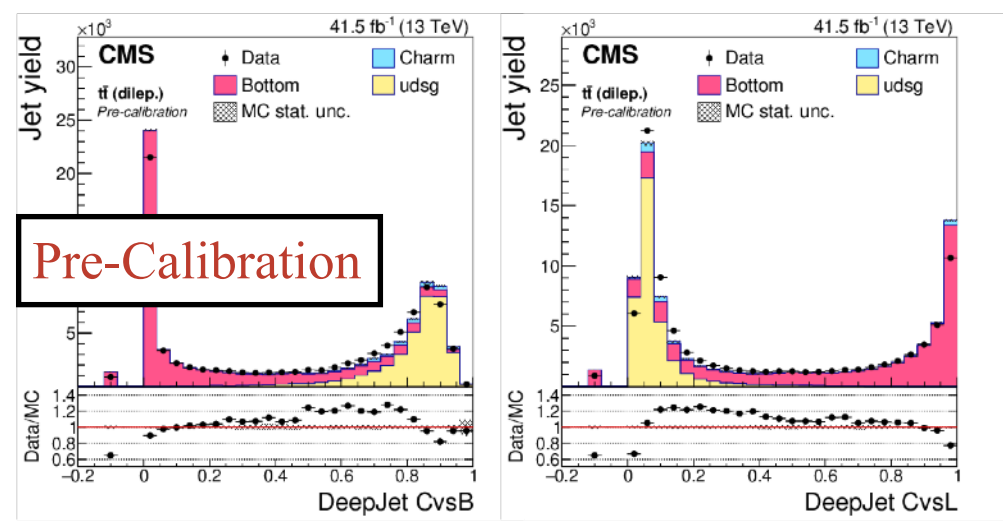


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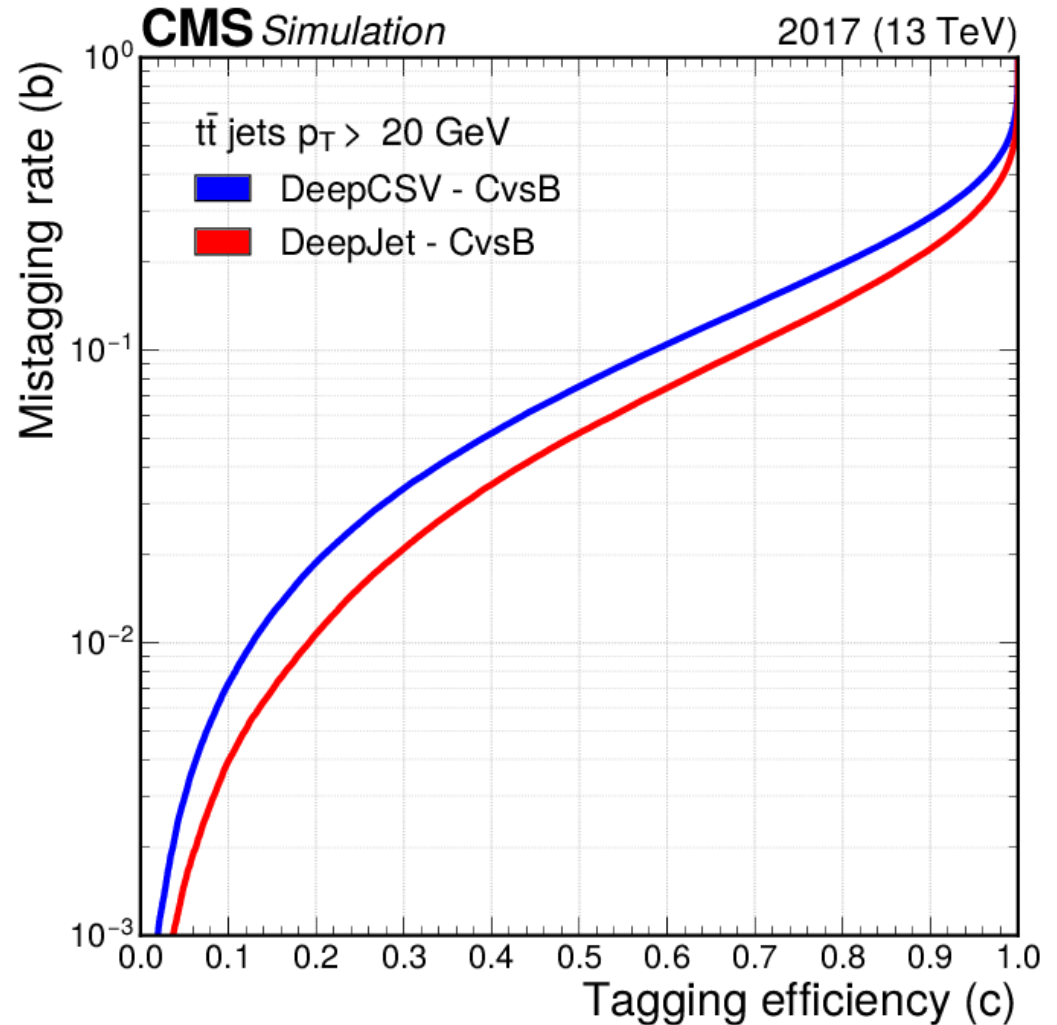
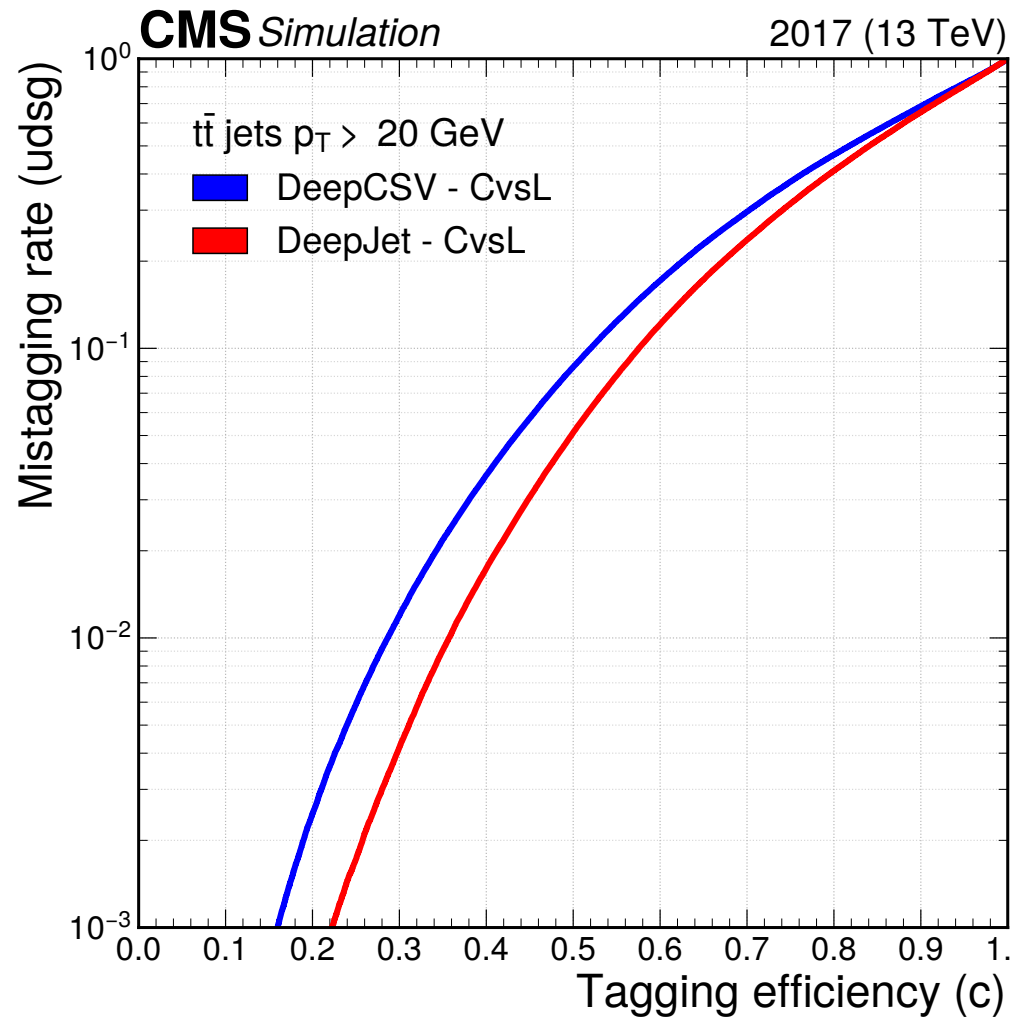
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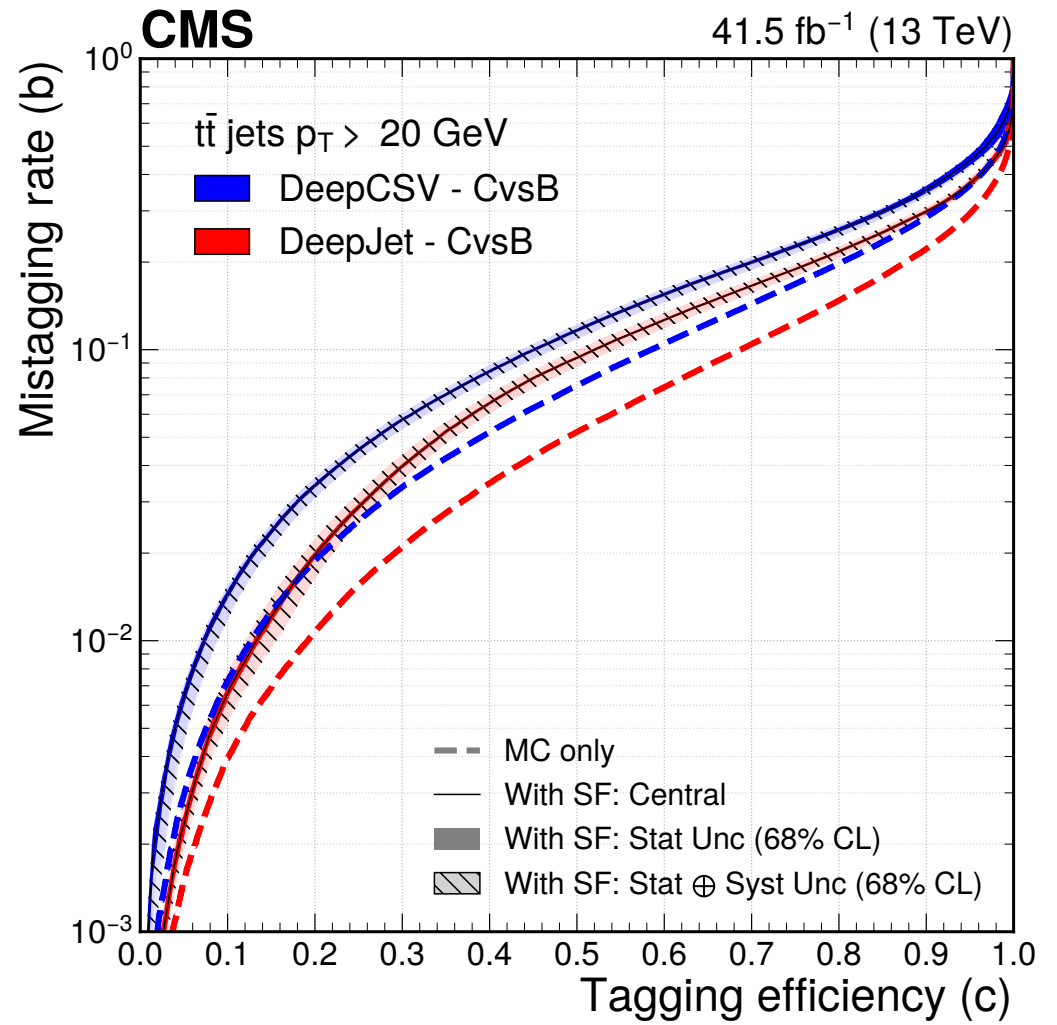
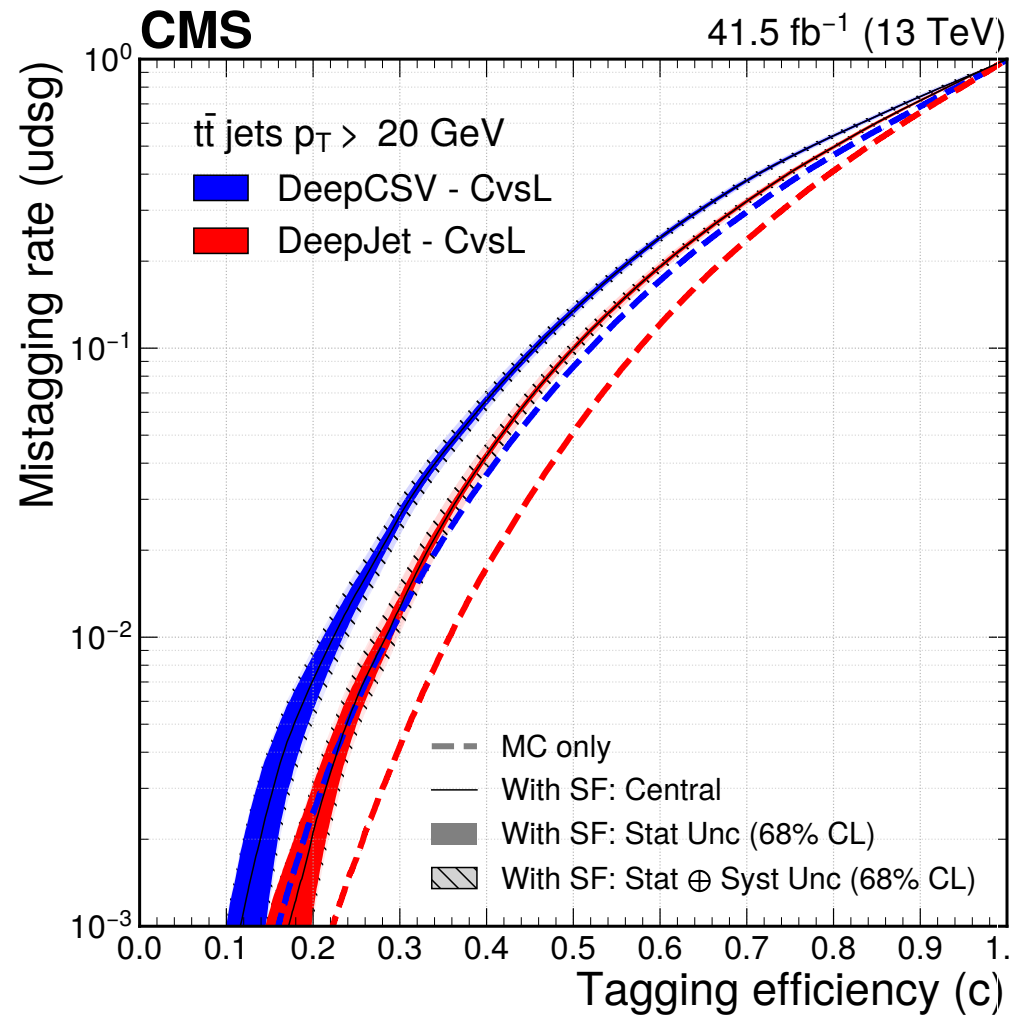


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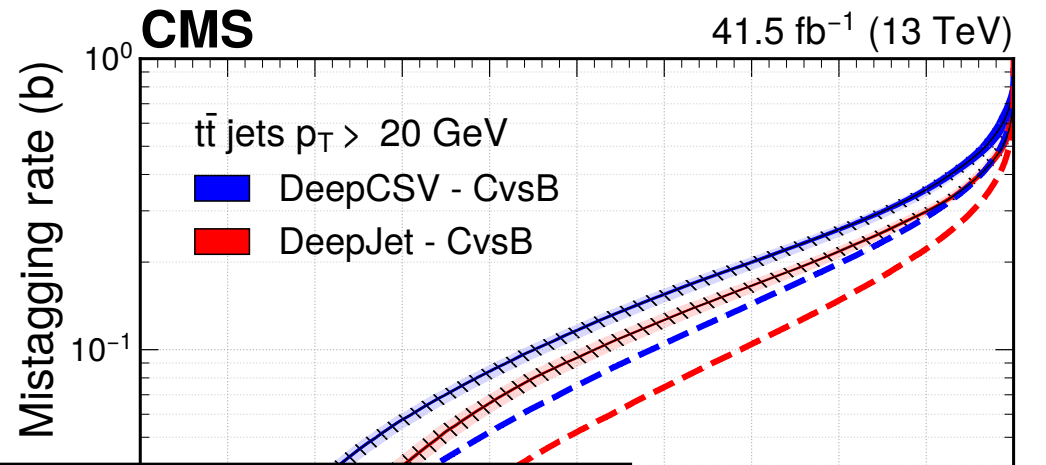
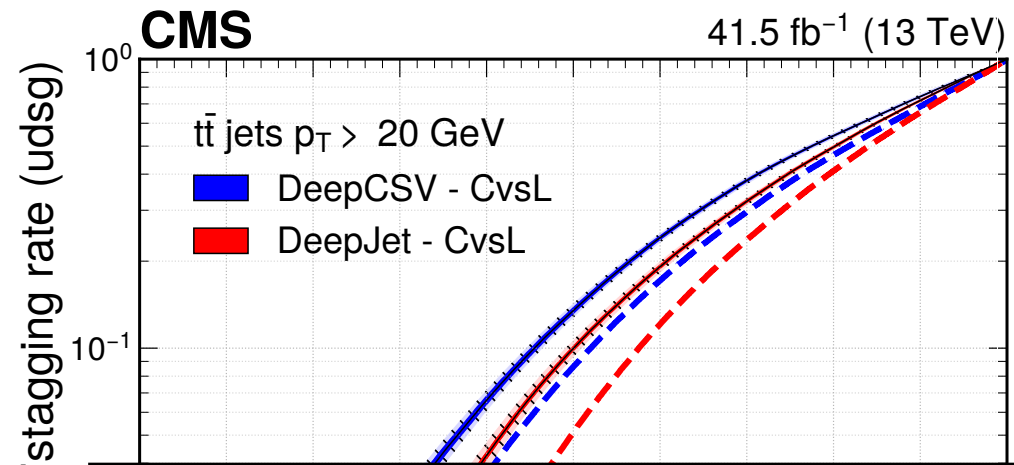


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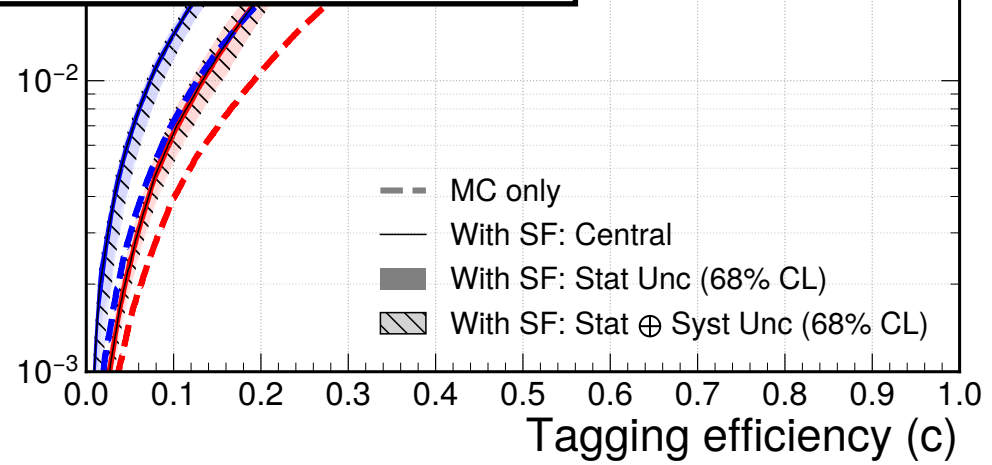
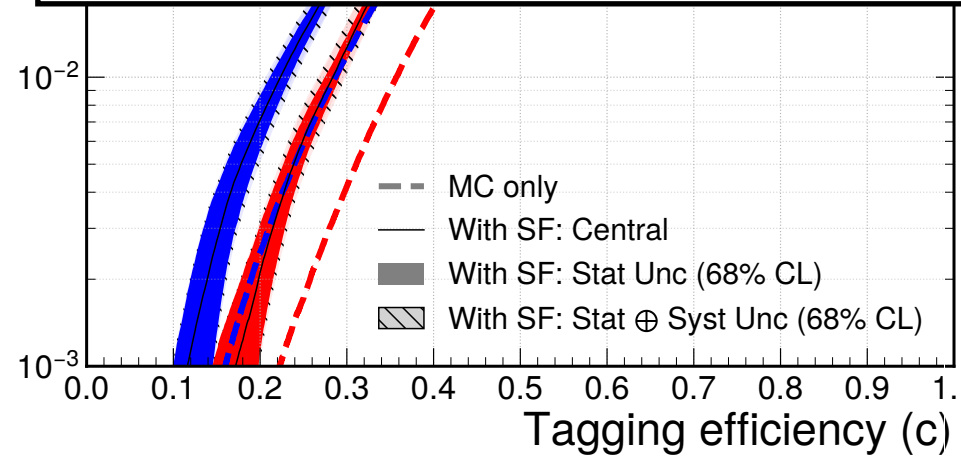




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Obvious next step, train to optimize performance in data.





# ATLAS: Charm-Jet mis-ID

arXiv > hep-ex > arXiv:2109.10627 Search...  
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High Energy Physics – Experiment

[Submitted on 22 Sep 2021 (v1), last revised 8 Feb 2022 (this version, v2)]

**Measurement of the  $c$ -jet mistagging efficiency in  $t\bar{t}$  events using  $pp$  collision data at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV collected with the ATLAS detector**

ATLAS Collaboration

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.10627>

- Analysis to measure the  $\epsilon$  with which  $c$ -jets are mistagged as  $b$ -jets
- Select semi-leptonic  $t\bar{t}b\bar{c}$ . Large ( $\sim 30\%$ )  $W \rightarrow cs$  BR
- Kinematic likelihood: optimizes assignment of jets to decay products
- $b$ -tagging discriminant compared to data (*differential in jet  $p_T$* )
- Advantage: measures inclusive  $c$ -decays



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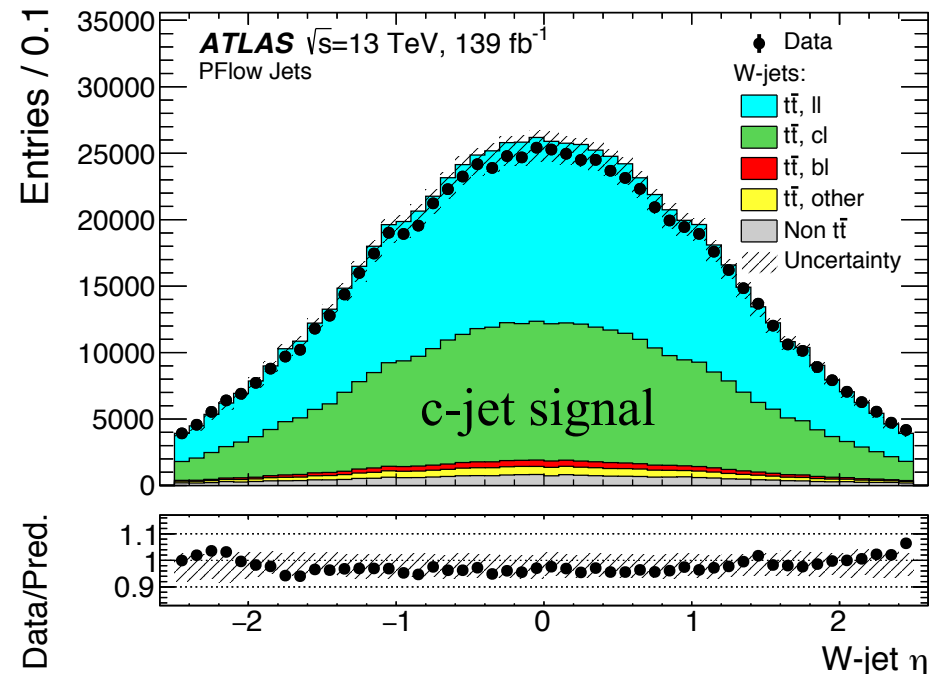
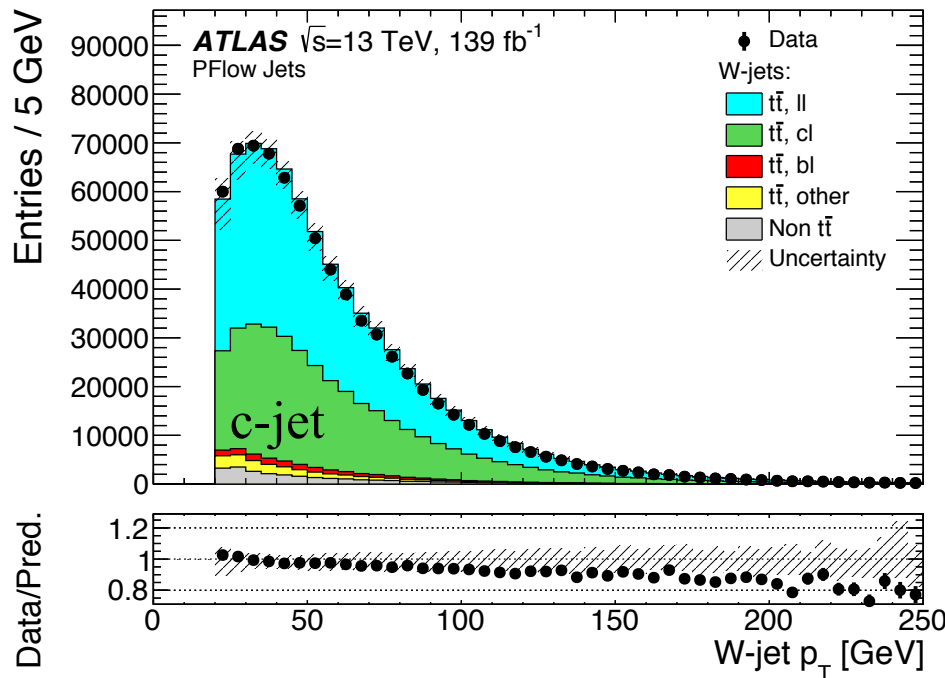
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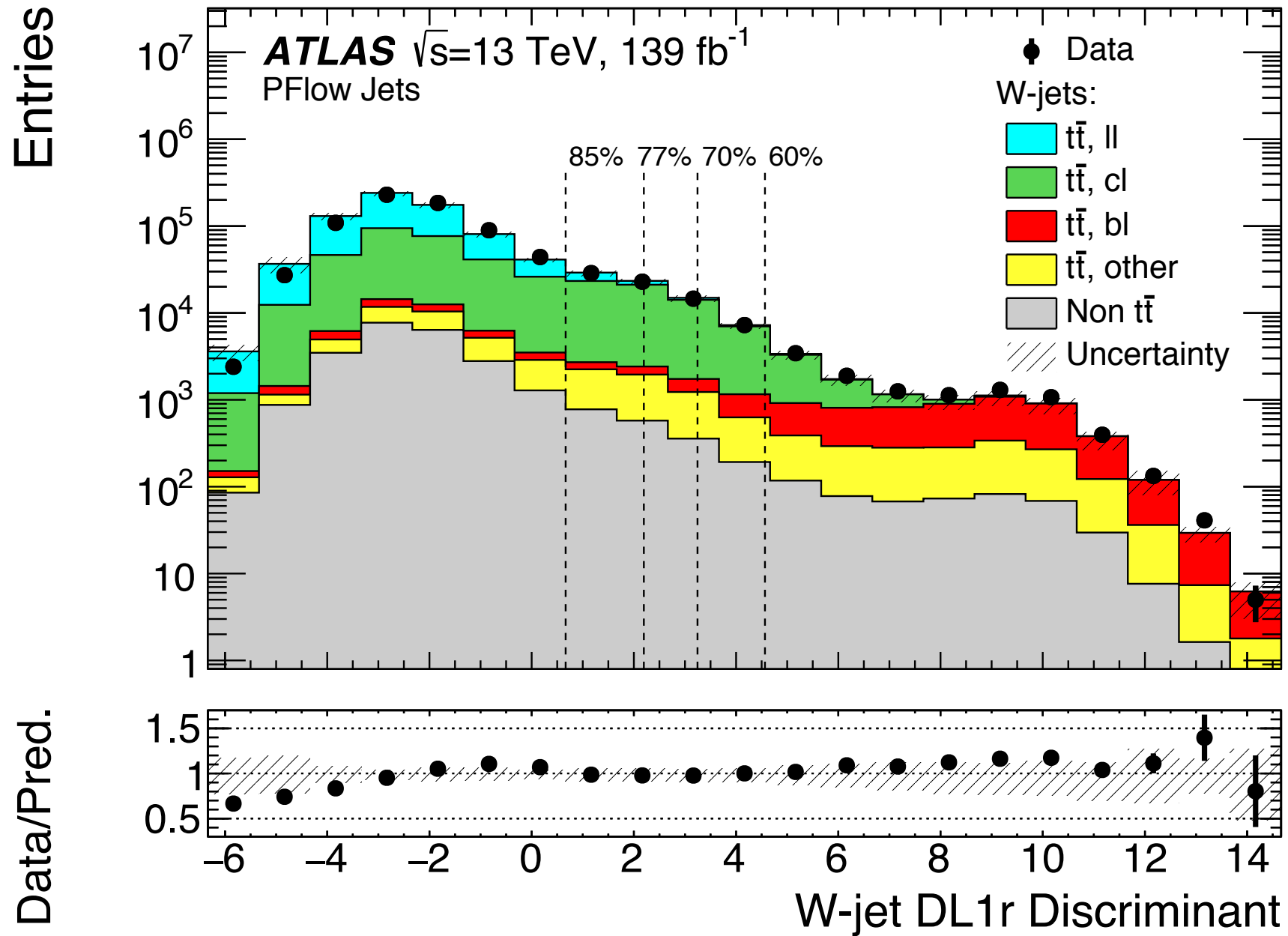
## tt-bar Likelihood:

- Inputs: MeT + jets/lepton 4-vectors (no b-tagging information)
- Optimizes jet assignment using invariant masses of the top and W
- After fit, require “top-jets” to be b-tagged. (~99% correct assignment)





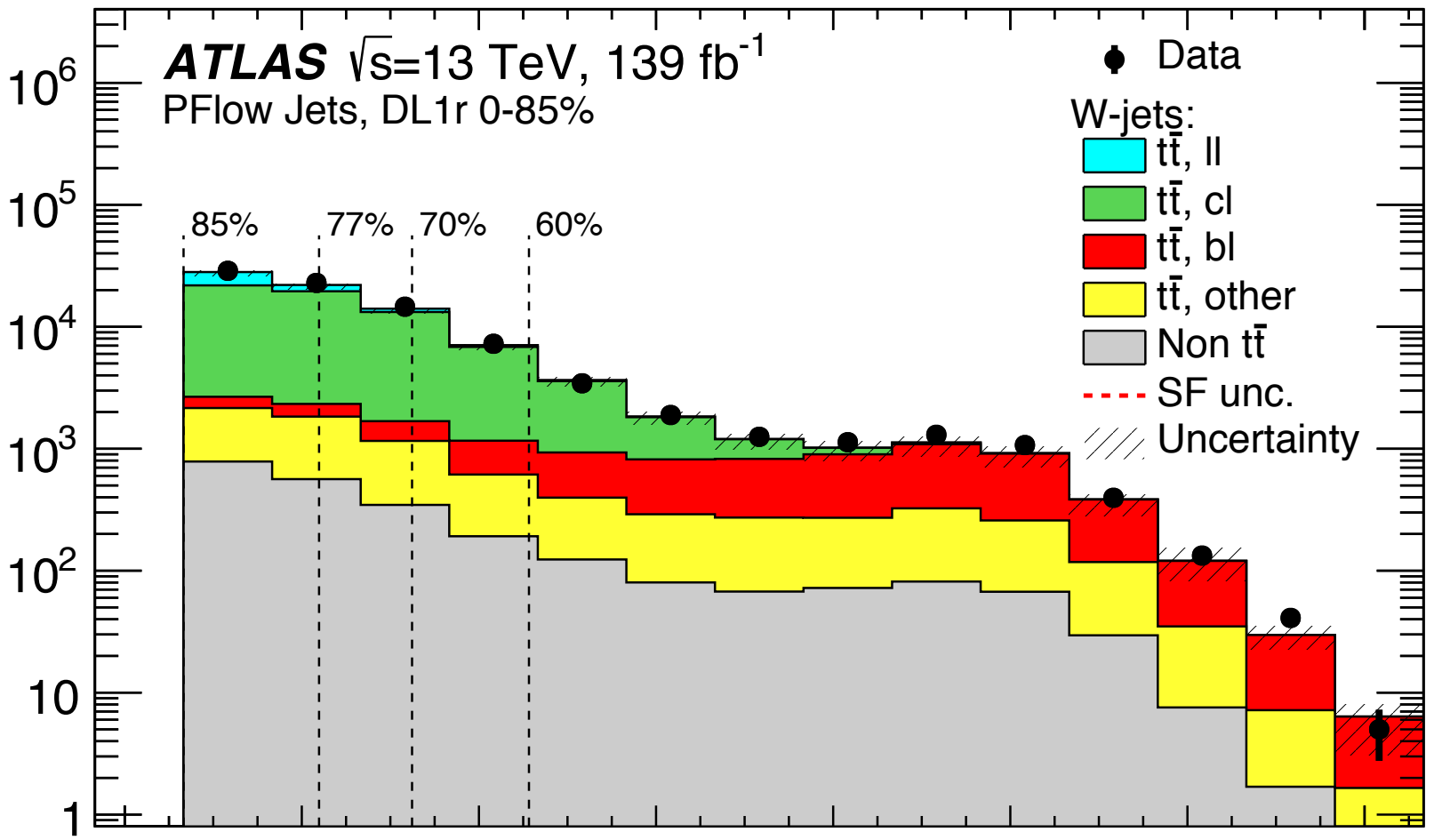
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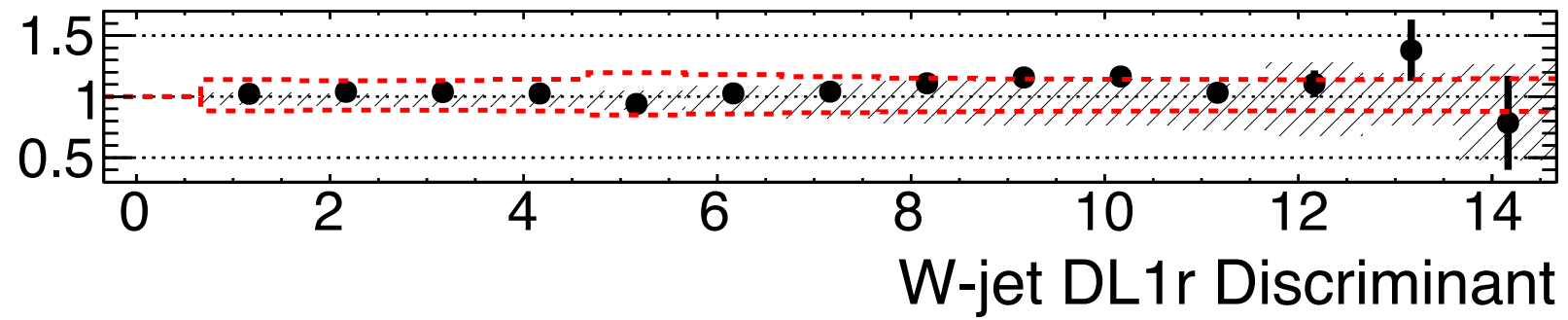


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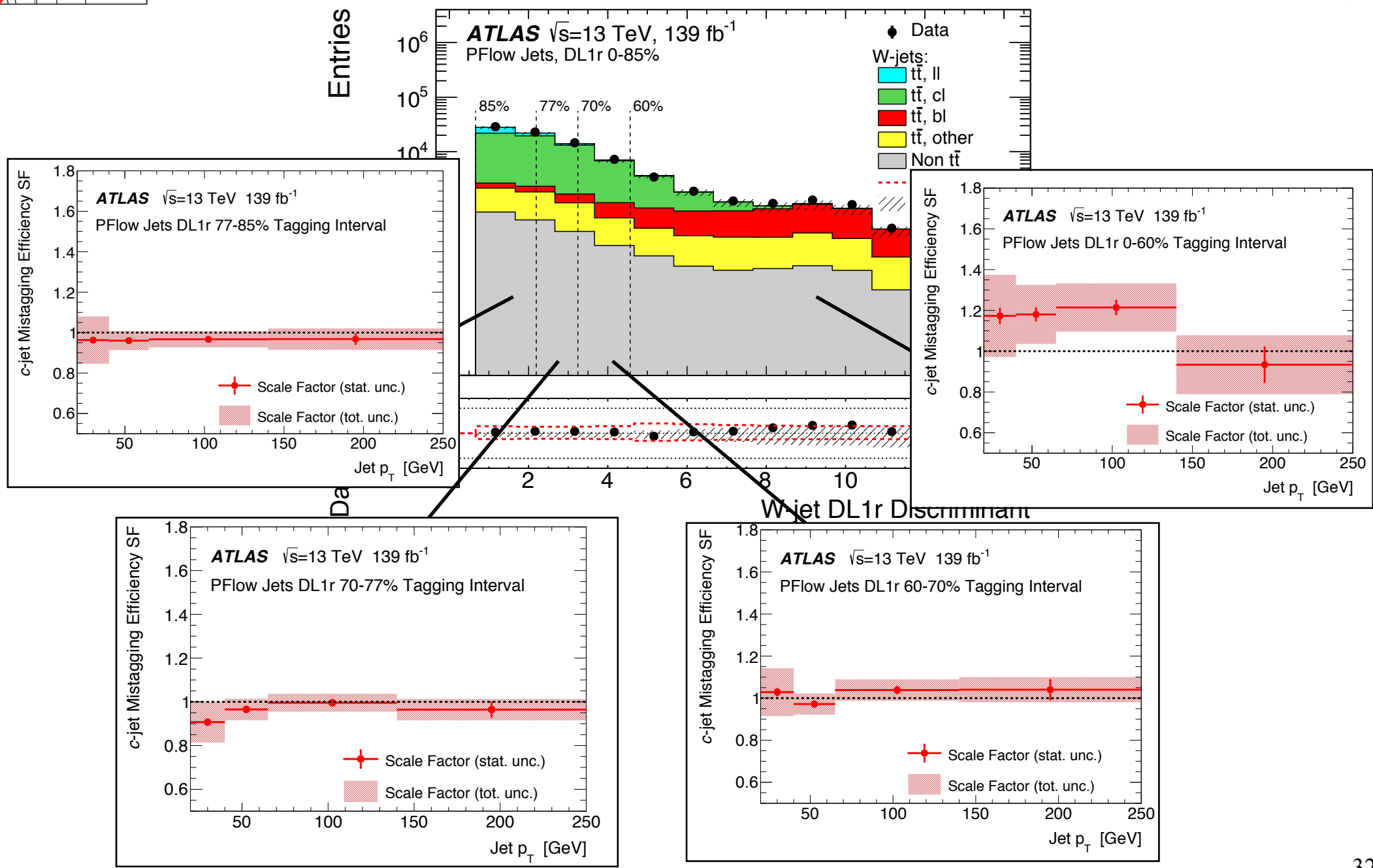


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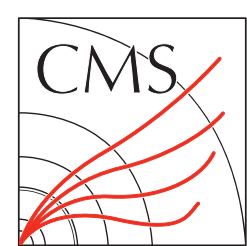




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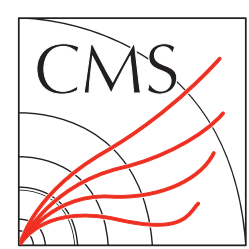






# Conclusions

- Heavy flavor tagging a key component of the LHC physics program
- [ATLAS-CMS Flavour Tagging Workshop](#) comprehensive picture
- Charm tagging coming into its own in physics analyses
- Precise and differential measurements of tagging performance  
Both  $\epsilon$  and fake rates, separated by jet flavor
- Future:
  - Deeper, more sophisticated taggers
  - Improvements in training to mitigate Data/MC differences
  - Better precision and more differential calibrations



# Backup

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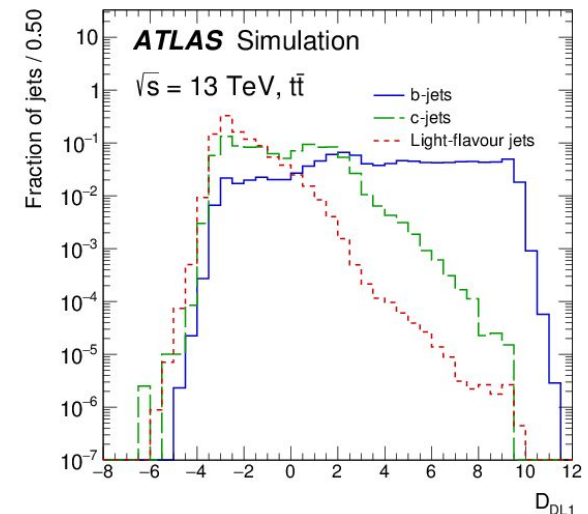
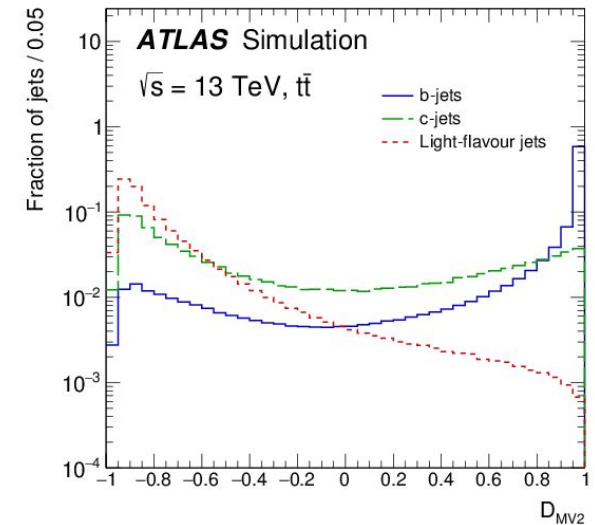
## High-level tagger

Basic principle: classified training with labels from MC; output then corrected with data-to-simulation scale factors

Different high-level taggers recommended over time

- MV2 is a BDT-based algorithm, the workhorse for years
- DL1 is a more recent ML-based algorithm
- DL1r is the most recent evolution with improved architecture and inclusion of RNN inputs
- Training for a long time on  $t\bar{t}$  events, now on  $t\bar{t}$  events up to 250 GeV and flat-mass  $Z'$  beyond 250 GeV

$$D_{\text{DL1}} = \ln \left( \frac{p_b}{f_c \cdot p_c + (1 - f_c) \cdot p_{\text{light}}} \right)$$

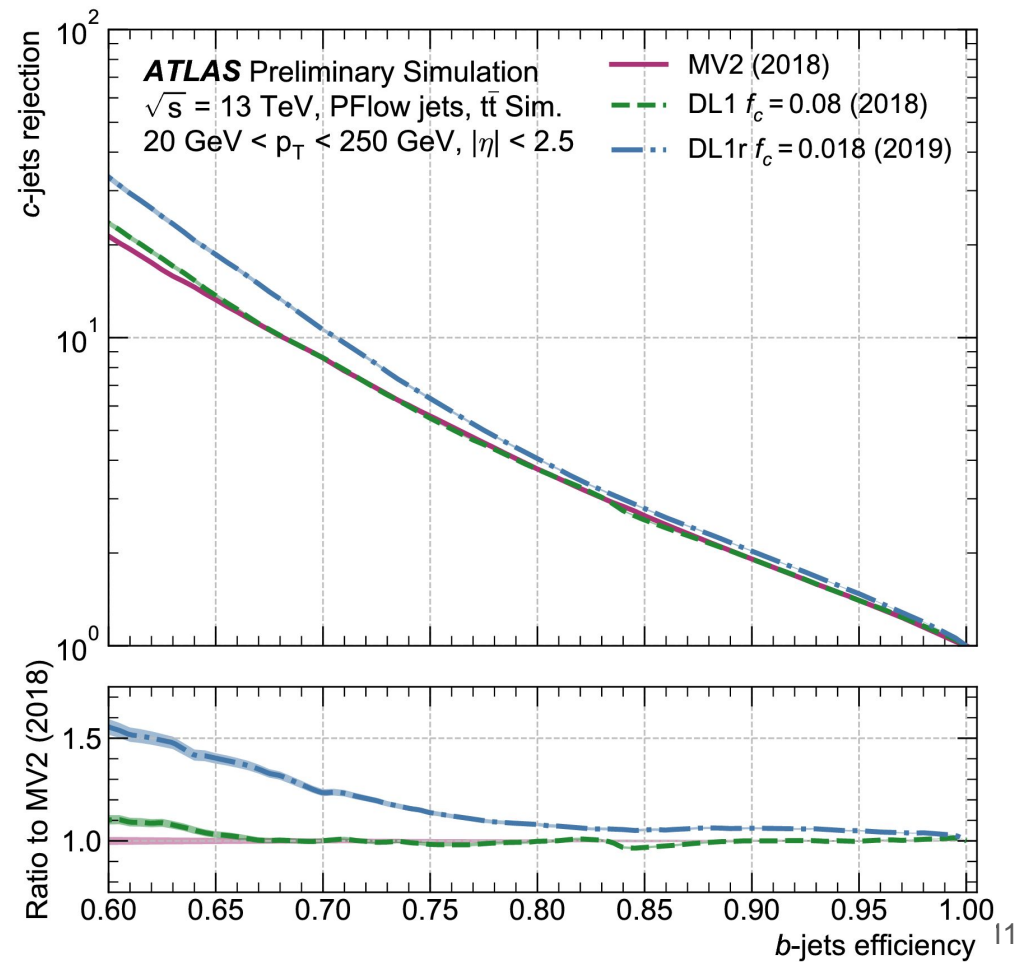
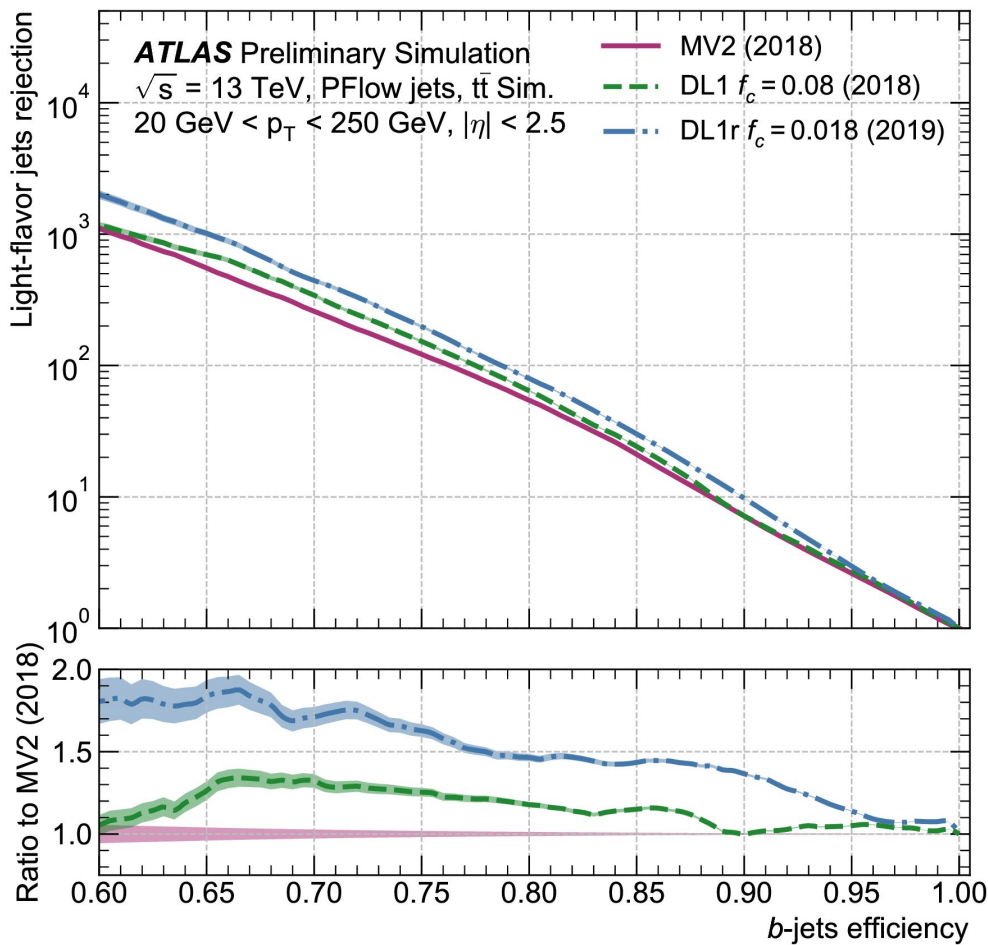


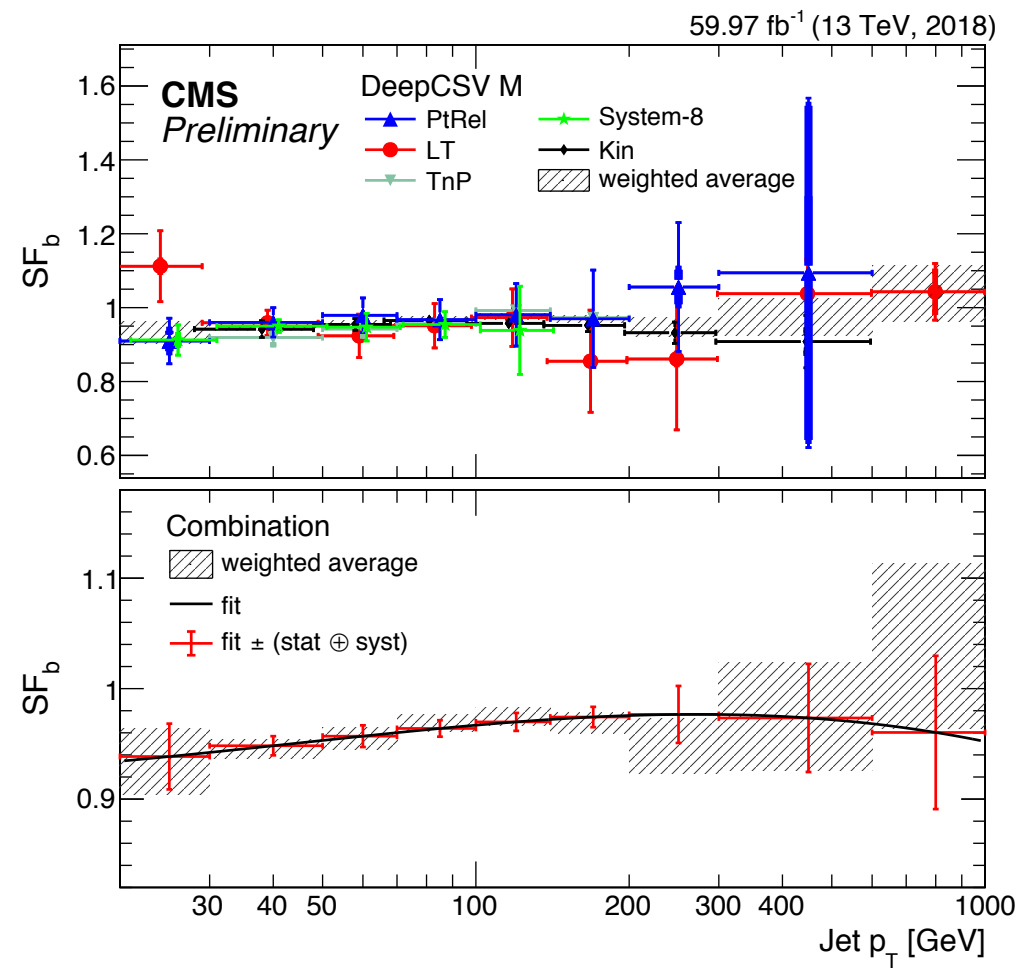
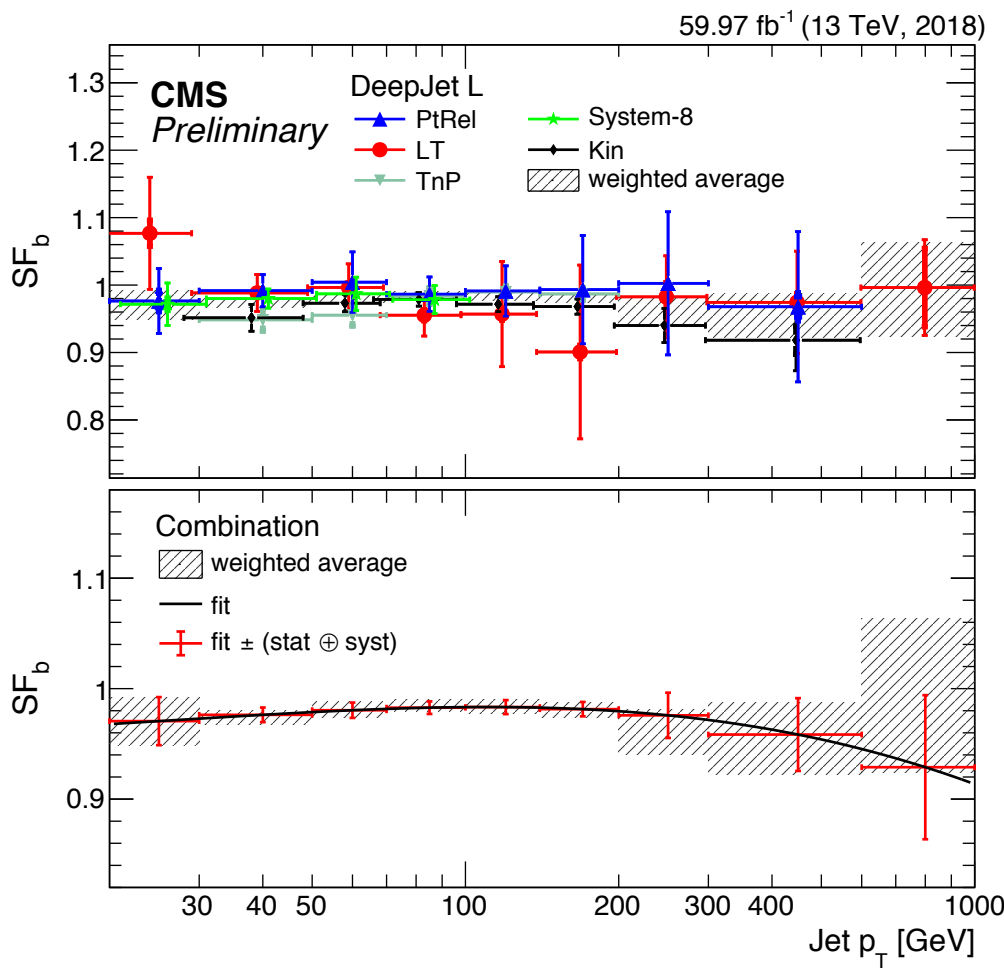
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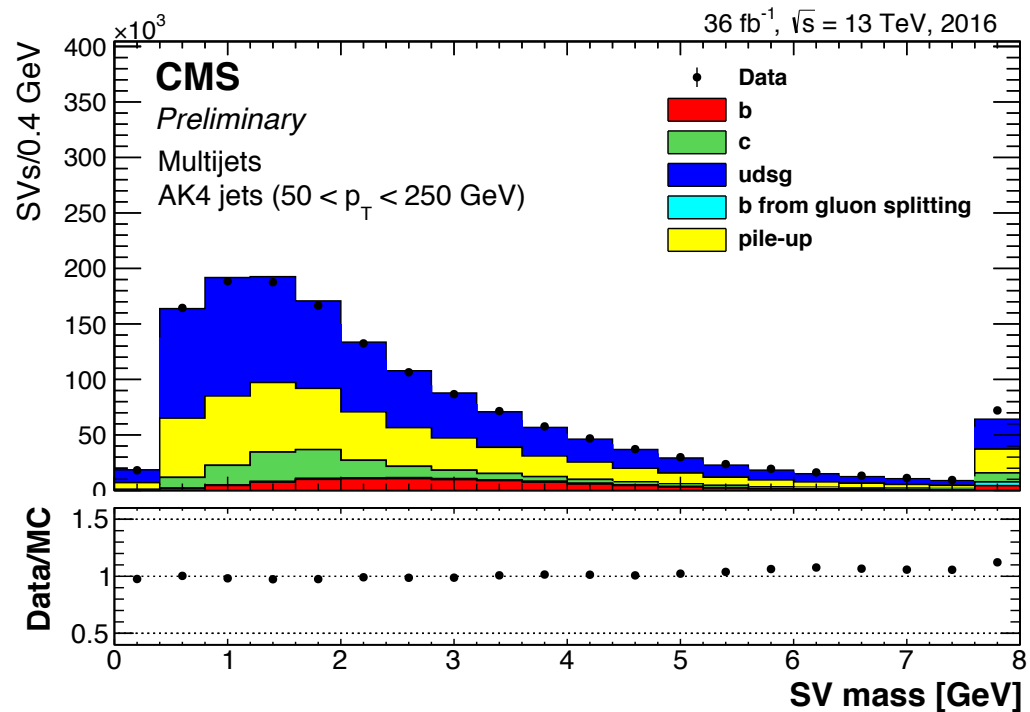
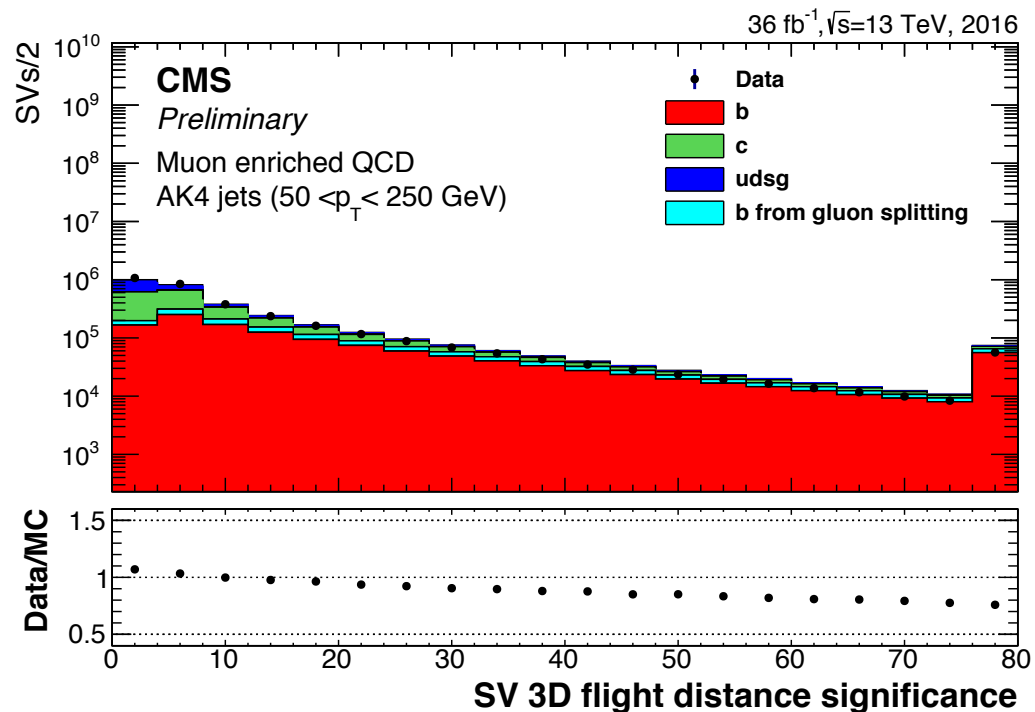
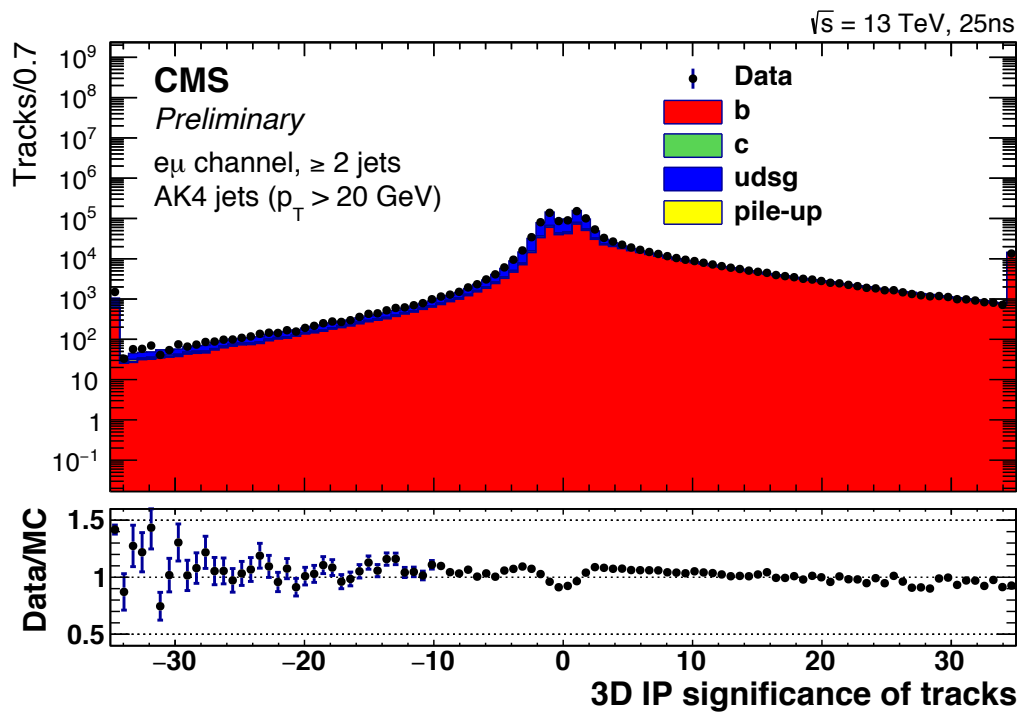
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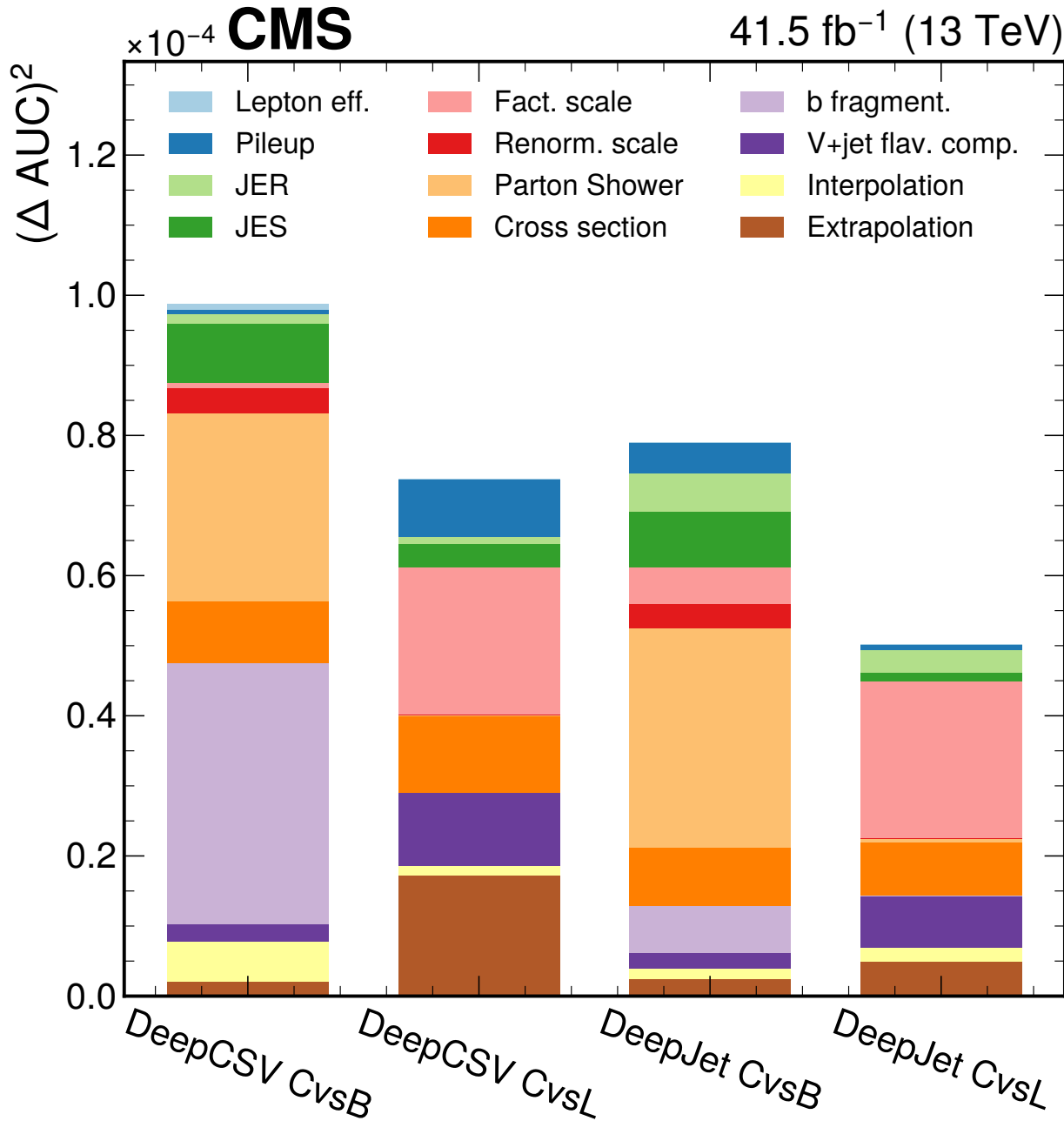
# Performance







# CMS: Charm-Jet Calibration





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Table 2: The contributions to the  $c$ -jet pseudo-continuous mistagging efficiency scale factor systematic uncertainties for particle-flow jets. Listed are the uncertainties related to the  $t\bar{t}$  modelling, the jets and  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ , the light-flavour jet scale factor, the  $b$ -jet scale factor, and all other sources.

| Tagging interval | Jet $p_T$ range [GeV] | Systematic uncertainty in SF |                          |           |          |       |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|----------|-------|
|                  |                       | $t\bar{t}$ mod.              | Jet/ $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ | Light tag | $b$ -tag | Other |
| 85%–100%         | 20–40                 | 5.3%                         | 0.8%                     | 2.3%      | –        | 0.1%  |
| 85%–100%         | 40–65                 | 2.1%                         | 0.3%                     | 1.2%      | –        | –     |
| 85%–100%         | 65–140                | 1.9%                         | 0.2%                     | 0.9%      | –        | 0.1%  |
| 85%–100%         | 140–250               | 2.0%                         | 0.4%                     | 0.9%      | –        | 0.1%  |
| 77%–85%          | 20–40                 | 8.3%                         | 3.1%                     | 8.2%      | –        | 0.3%  |
| 77%–85%          | 40–65                 | 3.0%                         | 1.0%                     | 3.5%      | –        | 0.1%  |
| 77%–85%          | 65–140                | 3.2%                         | 0.5%                     | 2.4%      | –        | 0.2%  |
| 77%–85%          | 140–250               | 3.9%                         | 0.9%                     | 2.3%      | –        | 0.3%  |
| 70%–77%          | 20–40                 | 9.7%                         | 1.2%                     | 2.5%      | –        | 0.4%  |
| 70%–77%          | 40–65                 | 4.7%                         | 0.8%                     | 1.1%      | –        | 0.1%  |
| 70%–77%          | 65–140                | 3.7%                         | 0.4%                     | 0.8%      | –        | 0.2%  |
| 70%–77%          | 140–250               | 3.1%                         | 1.0%                     | 0.9%      | –        | 0.1%  |
| 60%–70%          | 20–40                 | 11%                          | 0.8%                     | 1.6%      | –        | 0.4%  |
| 60%–70%          | 40–65                 | 4.7%                         | 0.6%                     | 0.9%      | –        | 0.1%  |
| 60%–70%          | 65–140                | 4.4%                         | 0.4%                     | 0.6%      | –        | 0.2%  |
| 60%–70%          | 140–250               | 2.6%                         | 1.4%                     | 0.8%      | 0.2%     | 0.2%  |
| 0%–60%           | 20–40                 | 17%                          | 3.1%                     | 0.8%      | 0.2%     | 1.5%  |
| 0%–60%           | 40–65                 | 11%                          | 3.7%                     | 0.4%      | 0.1%     | 0.9%  |
| 0%–60%           | 65–140                | 8.7%                         | 3.0%                     | 0.2%      | –        | 0.7%  |
| 0%–60%           | 140–250               | 9.7%                         | 7.1%                     | 0.7%      | –        | 1.7%  |