

b-jet Trigger at ATLAS

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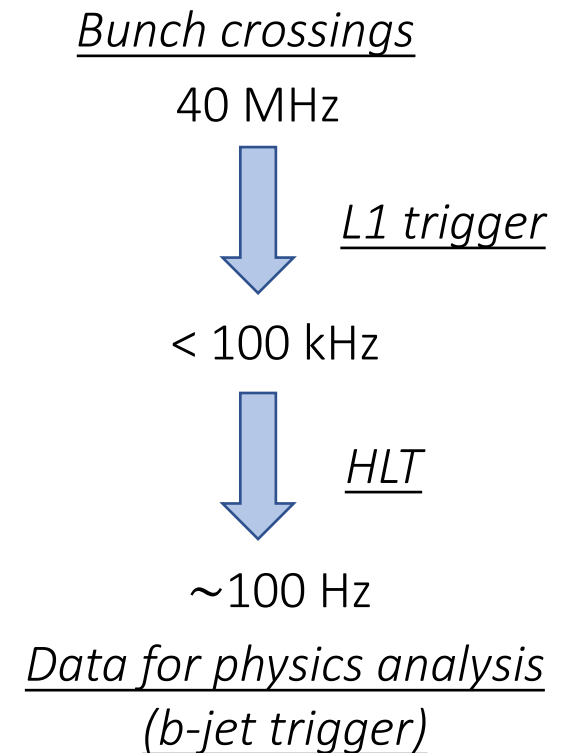
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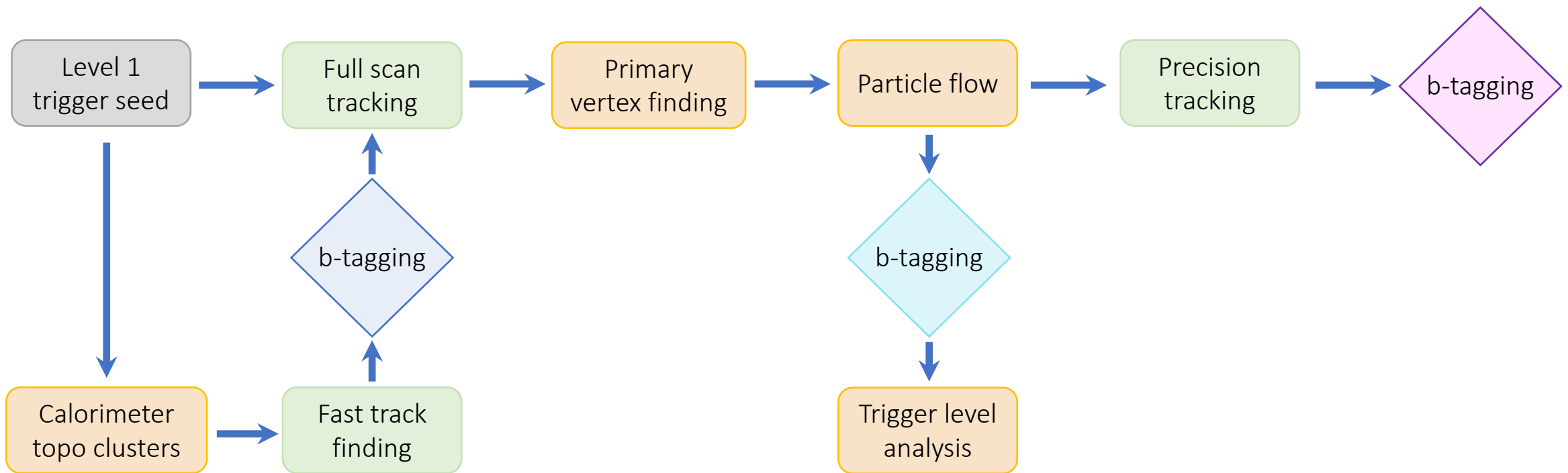
Overview

- b-jets are important in many physics searches (e.g. $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$)
- b-tagging algorithms exploit the b-hadron decay properties to identify b-jets
 - Used in multiple stages in the b-jet trigger preselection
 - With many updates in Run 3!
- $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ trigger strategy update
 - Gain in efficiency from delayed stream
- Challenges in HL-LHC and HHH searches
 - Specific kinematic phase space currently not within reach?
 - More final-state specific triggers?



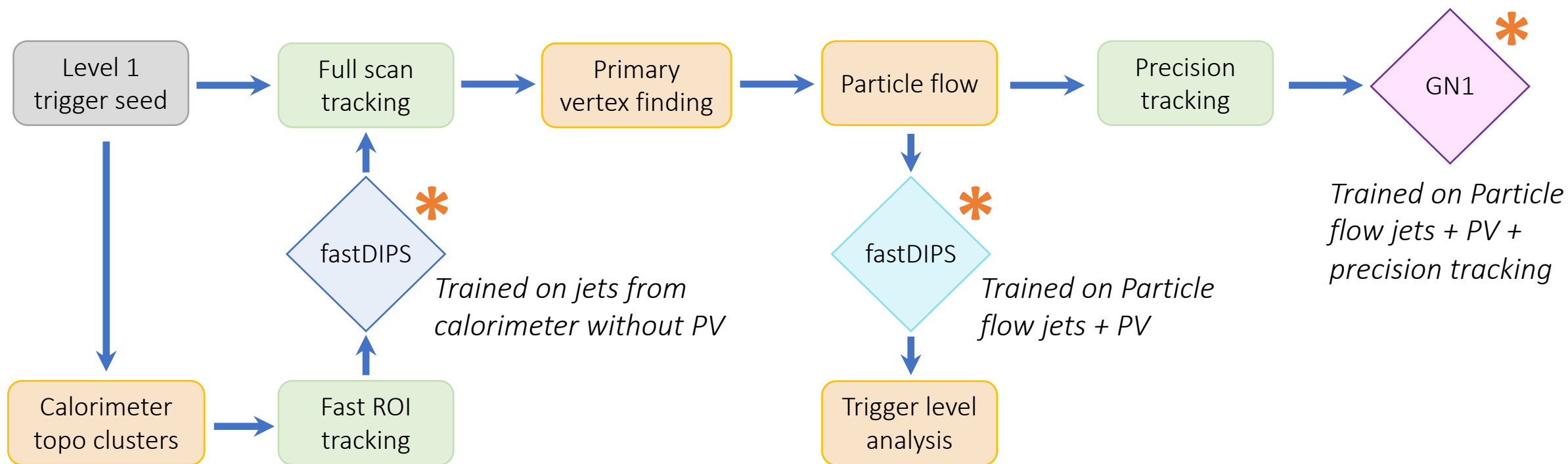
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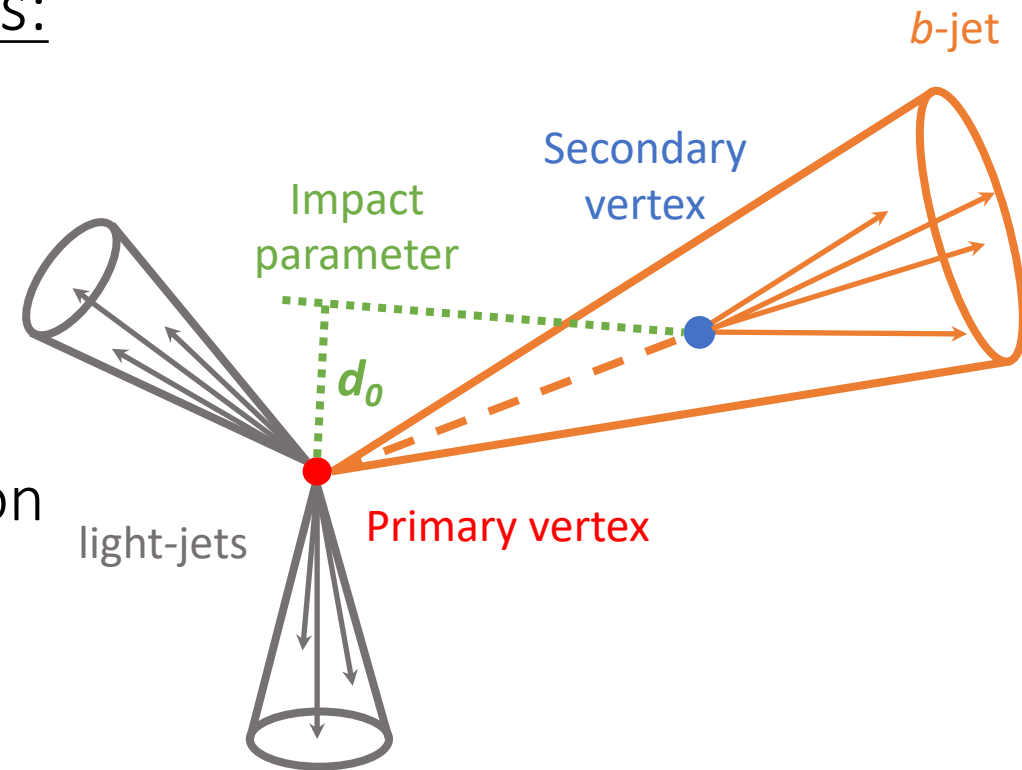
b-tagging algorithm

b-tagging exploits the b-hadron decay properties:

- Hard b -quark fragmentation
 - $\sim 70\%$ of the b -quark energy goes to the B-hadron
- Relatively long lifetime: $\sim 1.5\text{ps}$
- Displaced secondary vertex
- Large transverse impact parameter (d_0) in B-hadron decay tracks
- Large decay multiplicity

Objective:

- Classify jets originating from b-quarks, c-quarks and light-flavour quarks



DNN → GNN (represents jets with variable number of unordered tracks naturally)

- Previously: DL1d relies on "low-level" algorithms

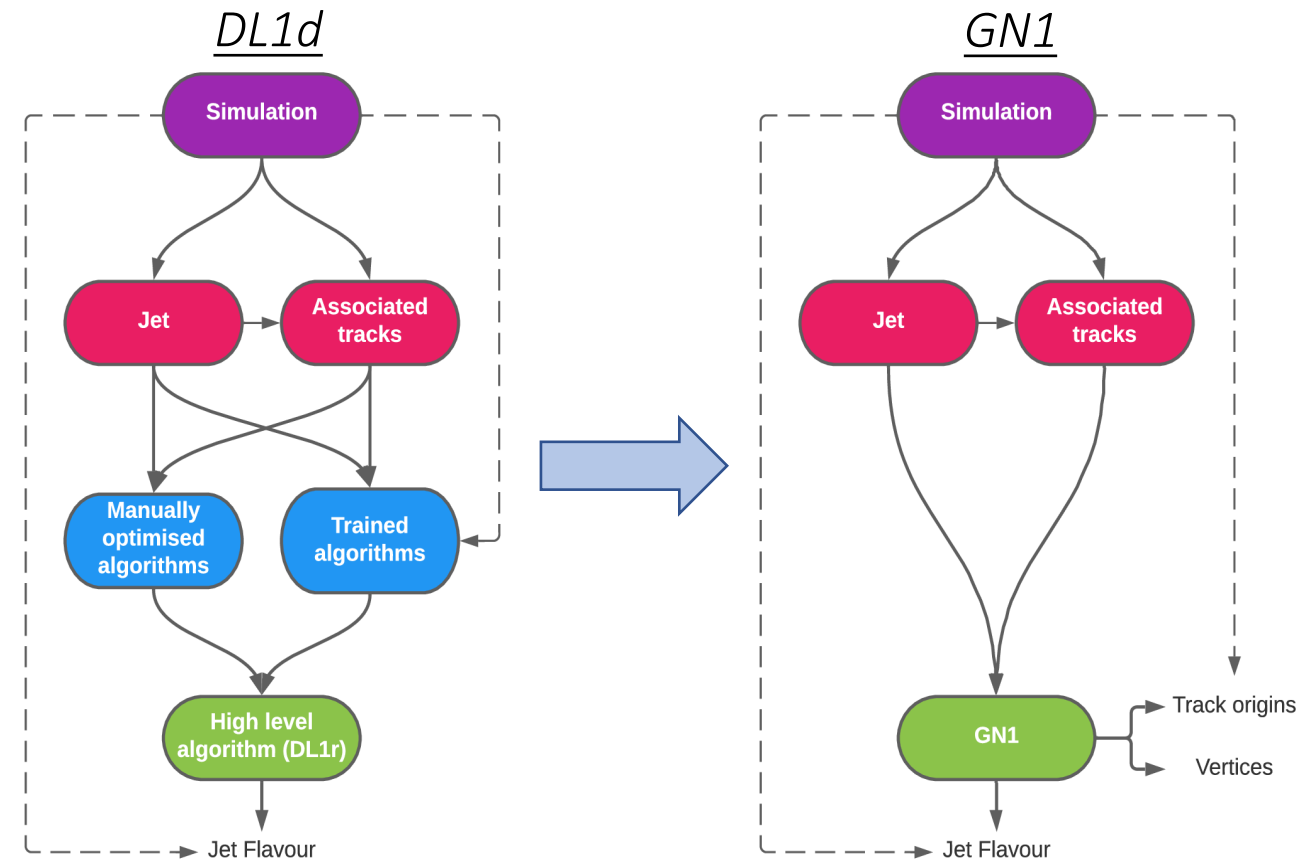
- Now: GN1 – a single algorithm

- Uses auxiliary tasks to learn jet substructure

1. Group tracks from common vertices
2. Predict physics origins of tracks

- Benefits:

- Better background rejection
- No "low-level" algorithms to retune/maintain
- Useful auxiliary tasks outputs



GN1 performance

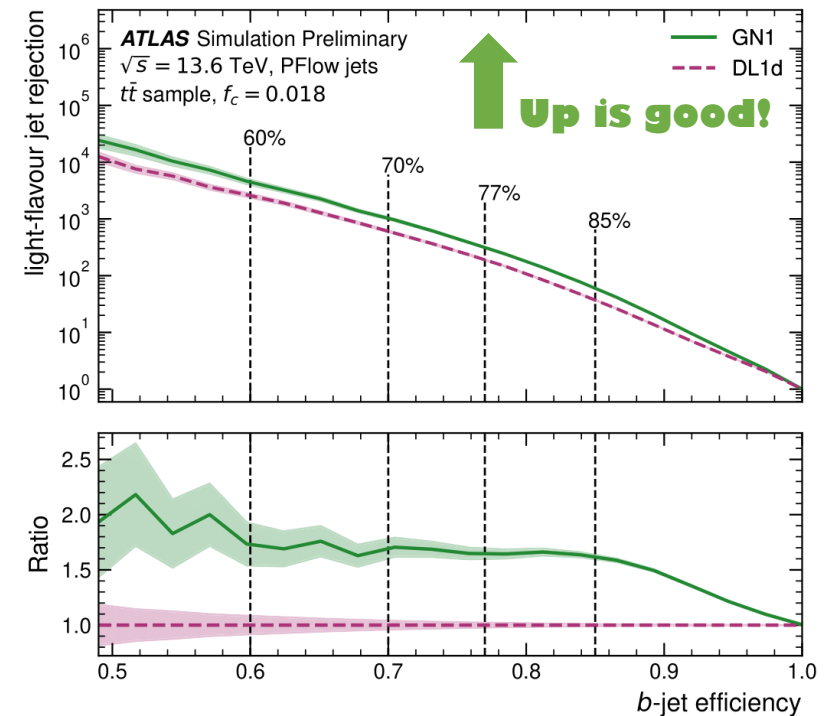
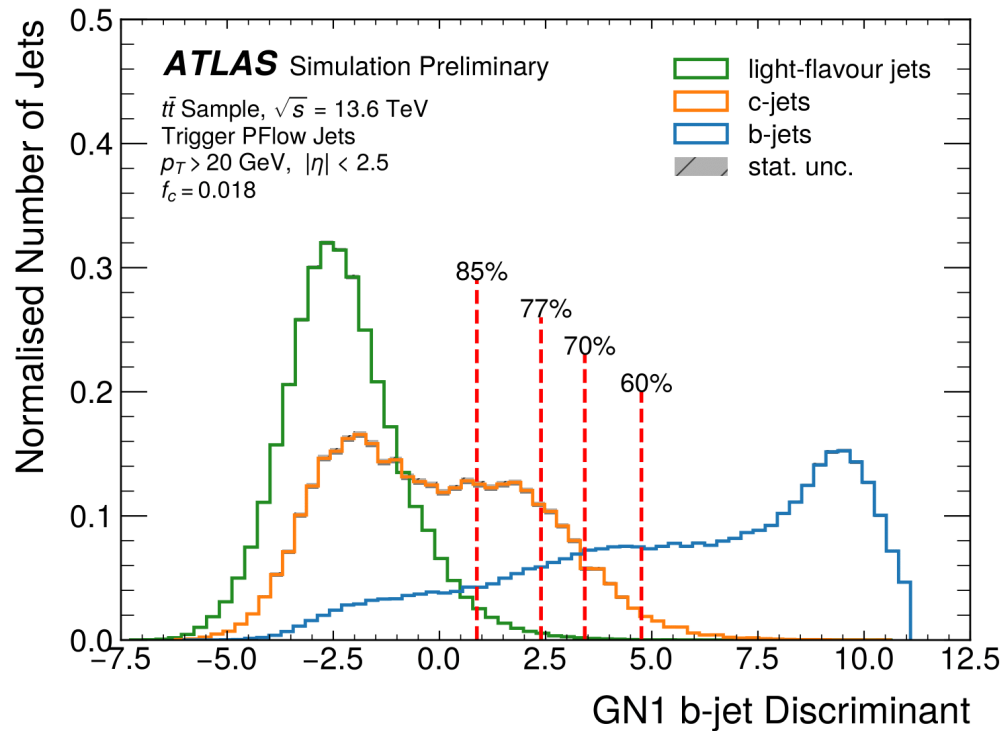
Combine the GNN outputs p_b , p_c , p_{light} into a single discriminant:

$$D_b = \log \left(\frac{p_b}{(1 - f_c) * p_{light} + f_c * p_c} \right)$$

f_c - effective charm fraction

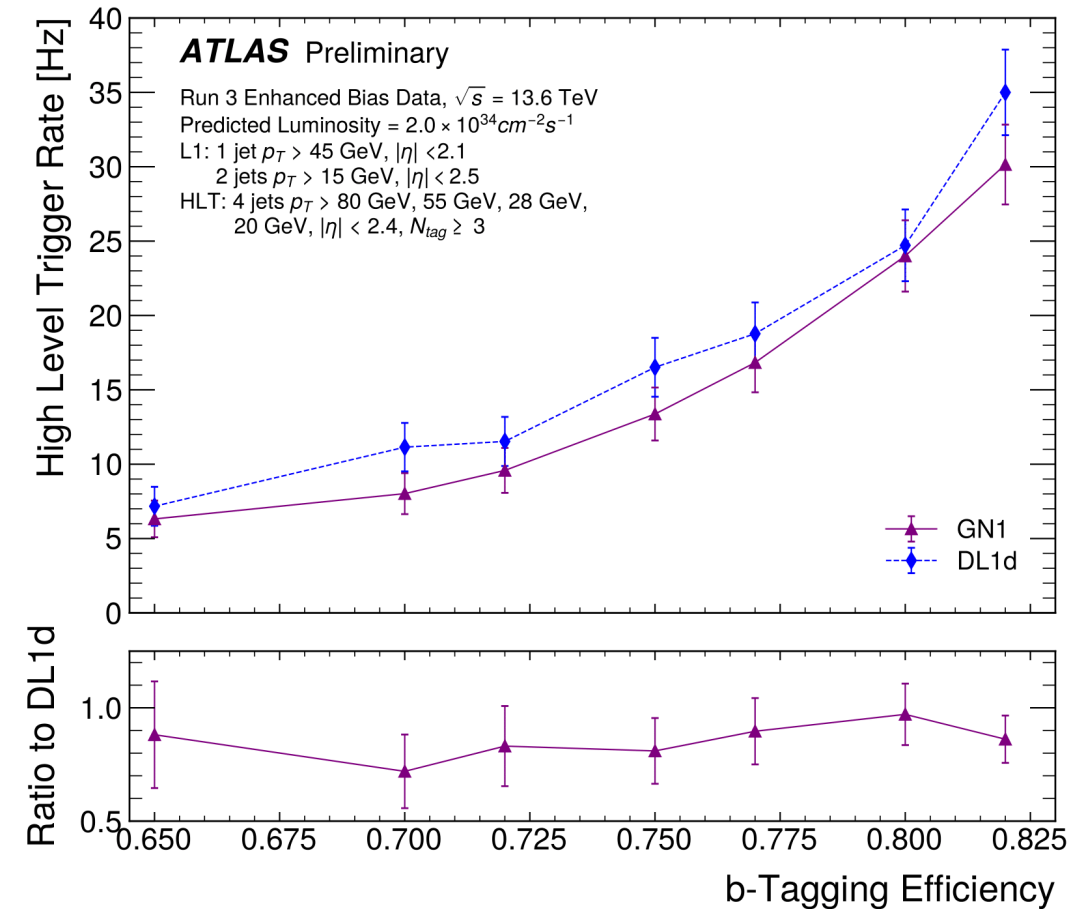
Define working points for b-jet efficiency:

Evaluate background rejection:



Higher background rejection means lower trigger rates!

- Rates estimated by rerunning the Run 3 HH4b trigger on Run 3 Enhanced Bias data
- Replacing DL1d with GN1 in the same trigger
- At most a 20% reduction in readout rate
→ highly relevant in HL-LHC



$g \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ rejection – DL1dbb

[DL1dbb public results](#)

Rejecting bb-jets from $g \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ splitting can further reduce readout rates

- Currently bb-jets are identified as b-jets by GN1
- DL1dbb – a dedicated DNN to separate b-jets and bb-jets

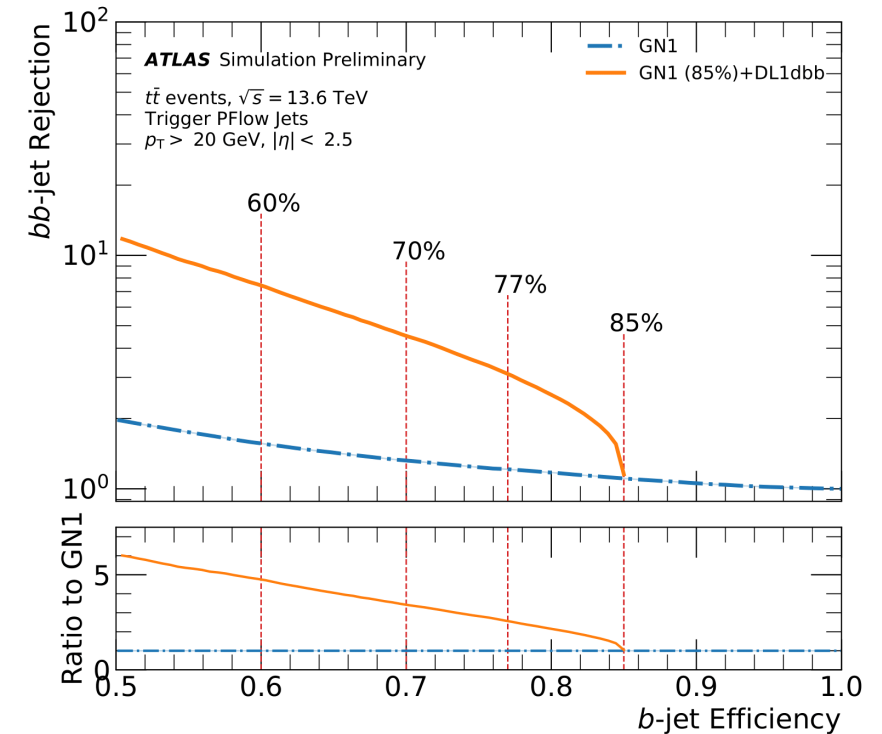
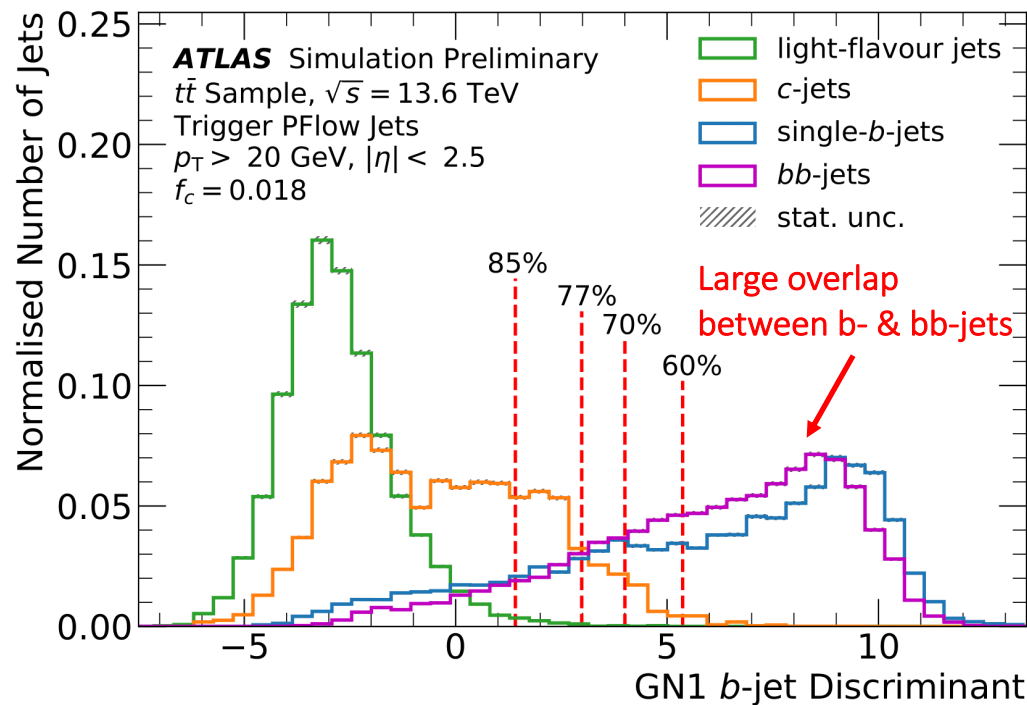
Trigger jets

GN1

Mostly b- & bb-jets

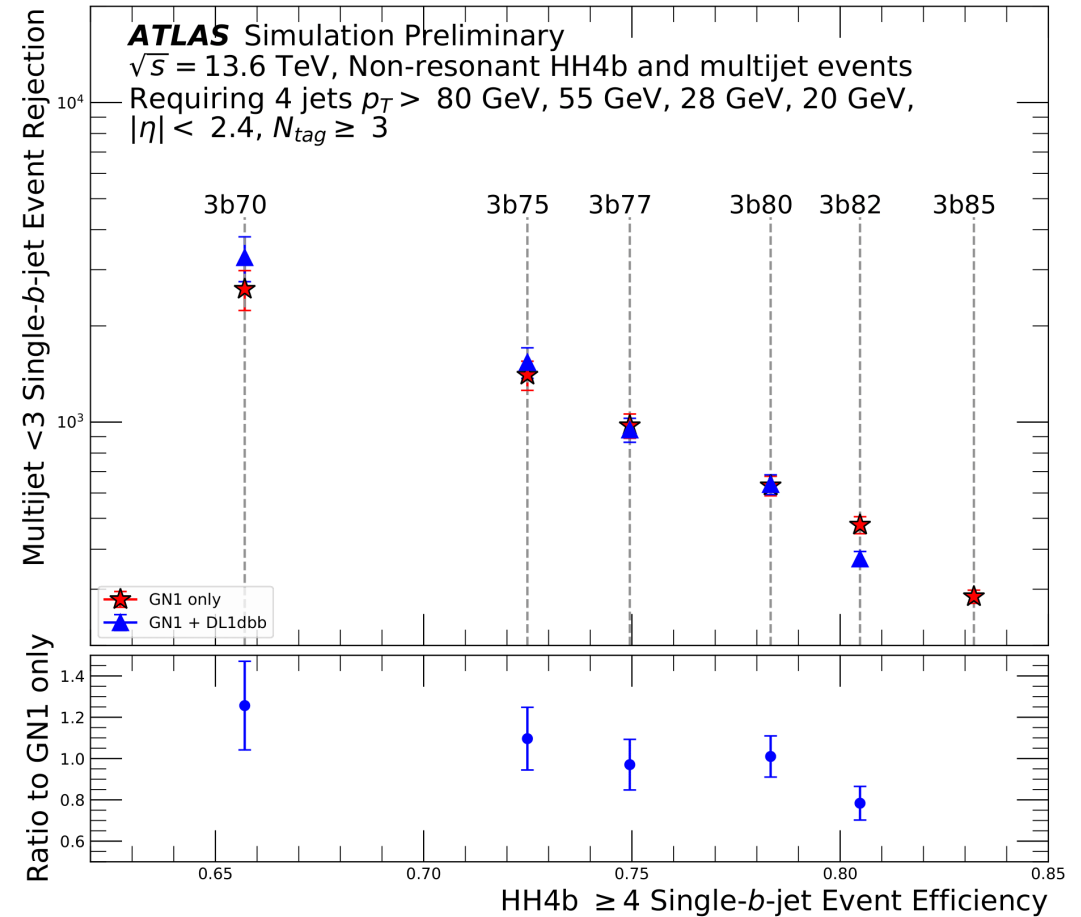
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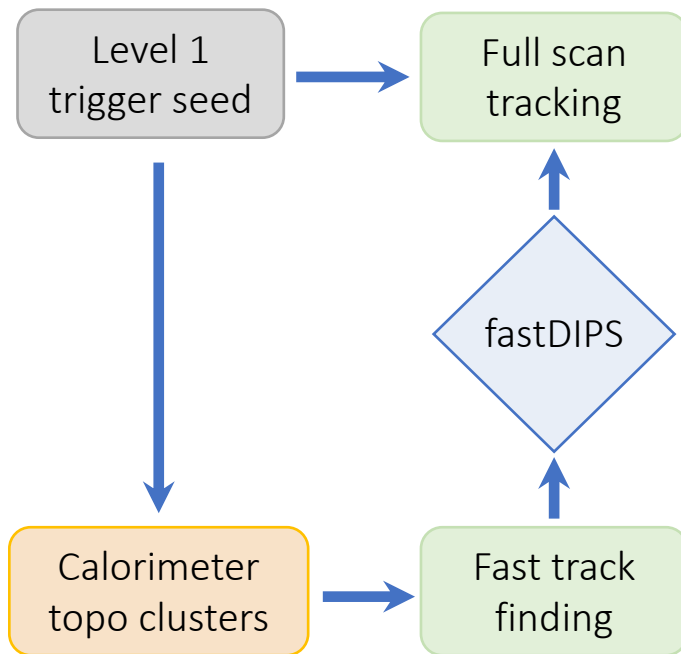
Combining GN1 + DL1dbb:

- Higher background rejection while maintaining HH4b signal efficiency
- Most significantly at tighter GN1 b-tagging working points
- Reduce readout rates, and maintain high signal purity for final states with multiple b-jets



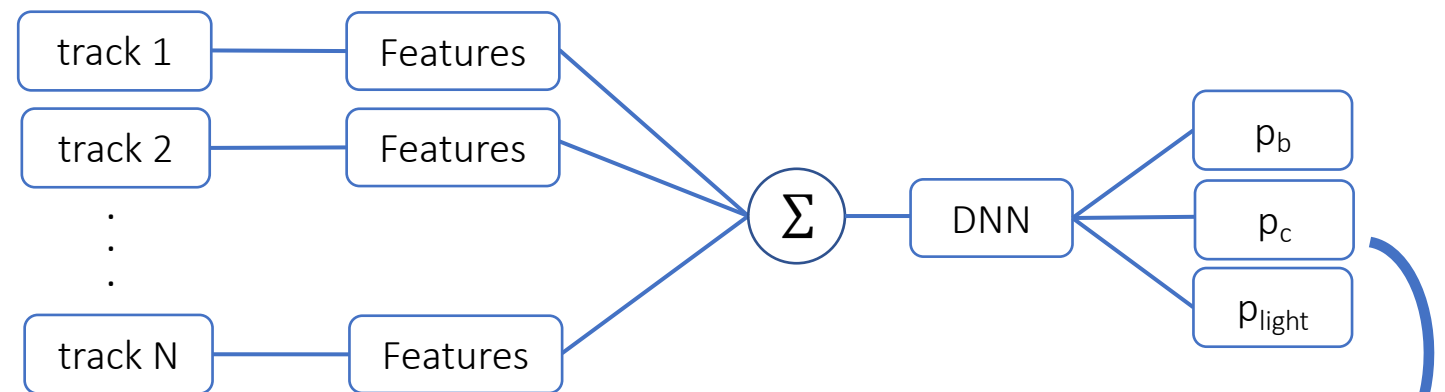
FastDIPS algorithm

- Run 3 triggers use full scan tracking to reconstruct PFlow objects
 - Better reconstruction but CPU intensive
- Fast track finding + fastDIPS: reduces tracking to high-energetic jets only



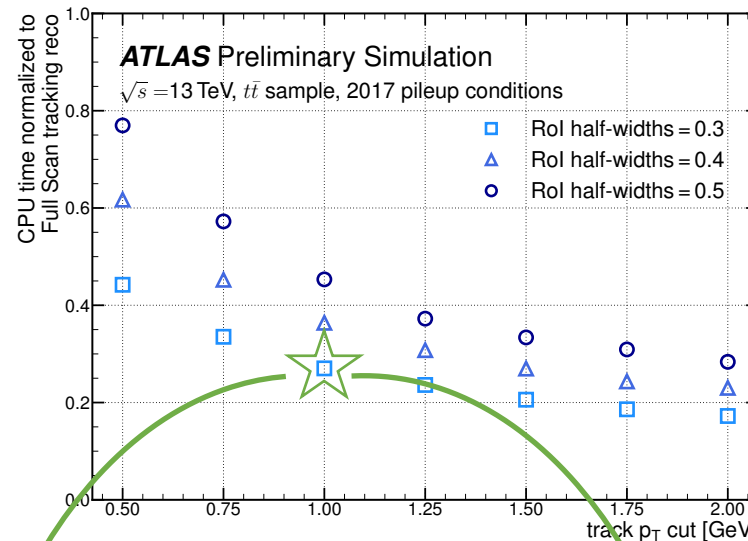
FastDIPS architecture – deep sets network

[DIPS paper](#)



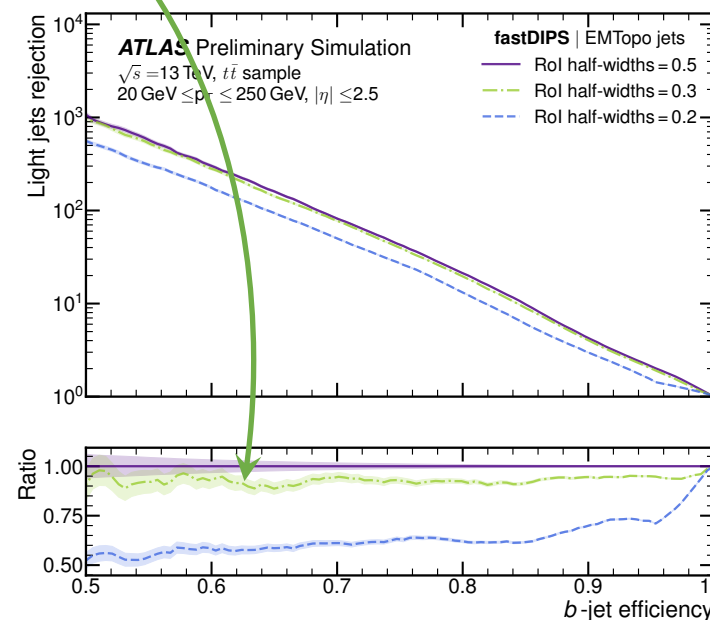
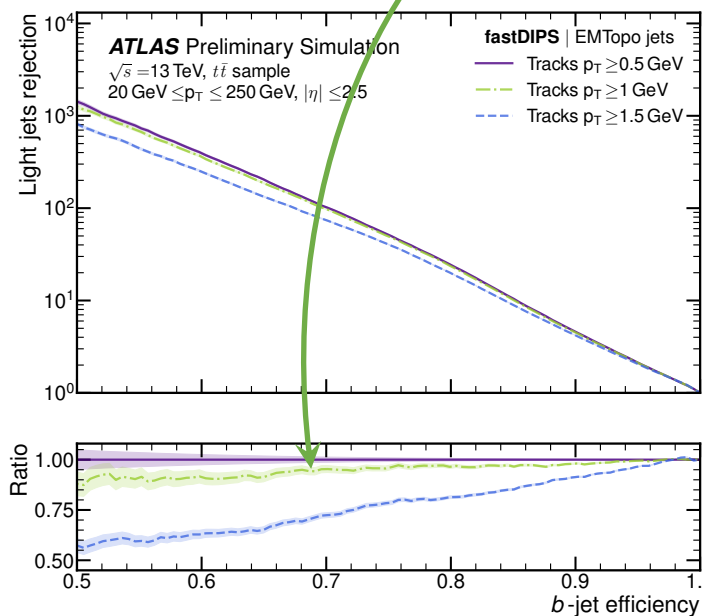
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FastDIPS pre-selection



Fast tracking finding + FastDIPS – 30% of CPU cost

Rol width for fast track finding – 0.5 to 0.3
 Track p_T threshold – 0.5 to 1 GeV



Smaller Rol width + higher track p_T cut: no large degradation in light-jet rejection

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- From tightening the working point on fastDIPS from 85% to 80%
 - Very small impact on $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ signal trigger acceptance (-2%)
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ATLAS Preliminary

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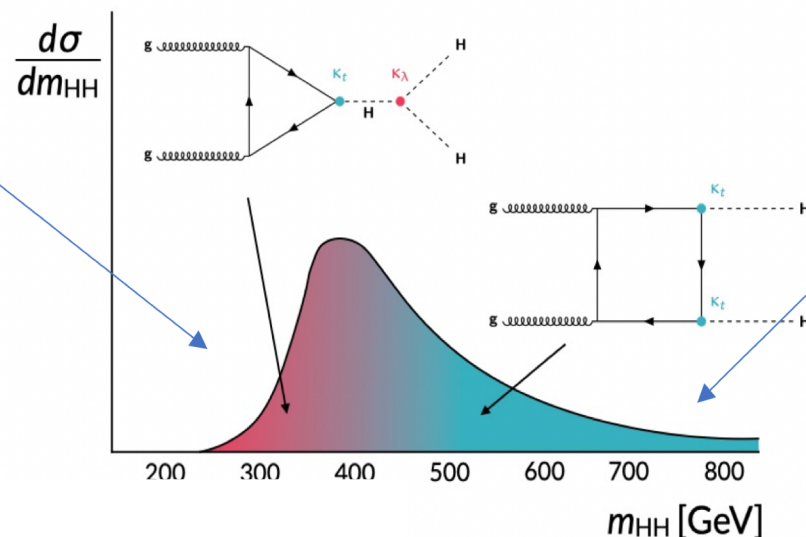
Run 3 $HH \rightarrow 4b$ trigger strategy

- $HH \rightarrow 4b$ is challenging due to all-hadronic final state
 - Analysis operates on trigger turn-on region
 - Several multi-jet triggers for acceptance across m_{HH}

Non-resonant analysis:

$2b2j$ – 2 35GeV b -tagged jets *
+ 1 35GeV extra jet

$2b1j$ – 2 55 GeV b -tagged jets
+ 1 100-150 GeV extra jet



Run 3 $HH \rightarrow 4b$ trigger strategy

Run 3 expected HH4b
trigger performance

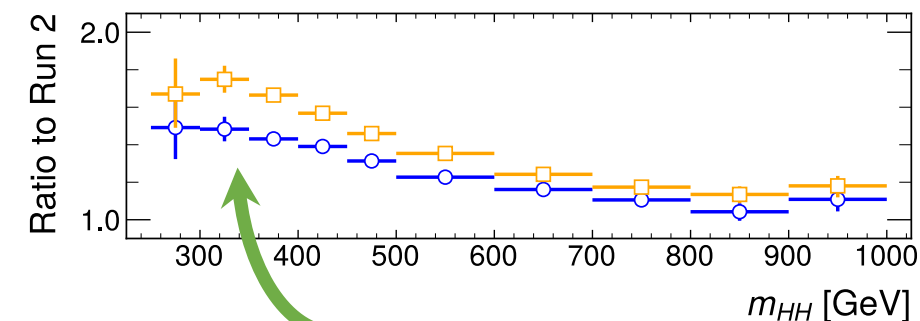
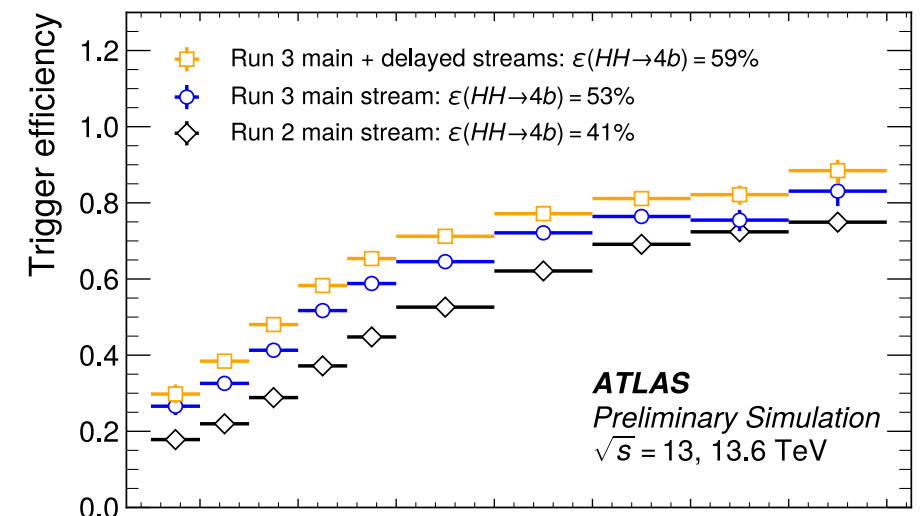
Changes in L1:

Run 2:

- Sensitivity limited by requiring 4 jets with $p_T > 15$ GeV
- Plateaus at 65 GeV in offline \rightarrow low acceptance for the 4th soft jet

Run 3:

- Pre-selection upgrade allows for more L1 accept rates
 - \rightarrow requiring 2 jets $p_T > 15$ GeV, 1 jet $p_T > 45$ GeV
 - \rightarrow lower L1 threshold for 4th soft jet



Largest improvement in the low m_{HH} region

Run 3 $HH \rightarrow 4b$ trigger strategy

[Run 3 expected HH4b trigger performance](#)

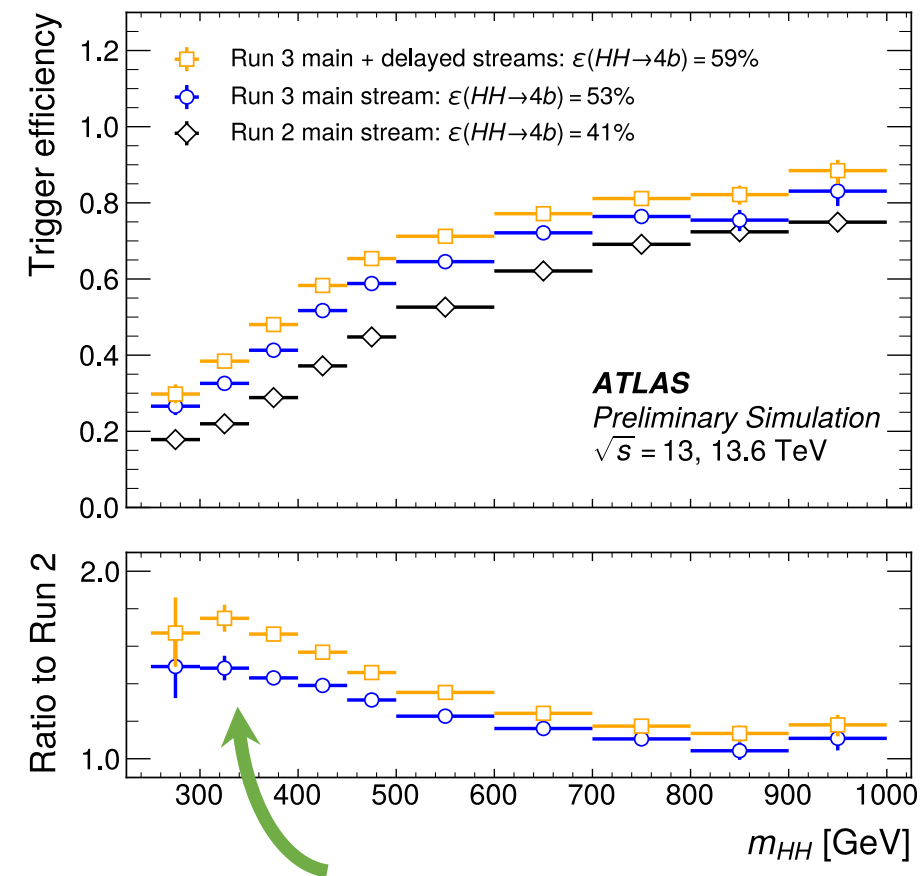
Changes in HLT:

Run 2:

- Symmetric triggers: same p_T cut on triggered jets ($p_T > 35$ GeV)

Run 3:

- Asymmetric trigger: different p_T cuts on triggered jets ($p_T > 80$ GeV, 55 GeV, 28 GeV, 20 GeV)
→ reduces trigger rates
- Delayed stream – events stored for later reconstruction



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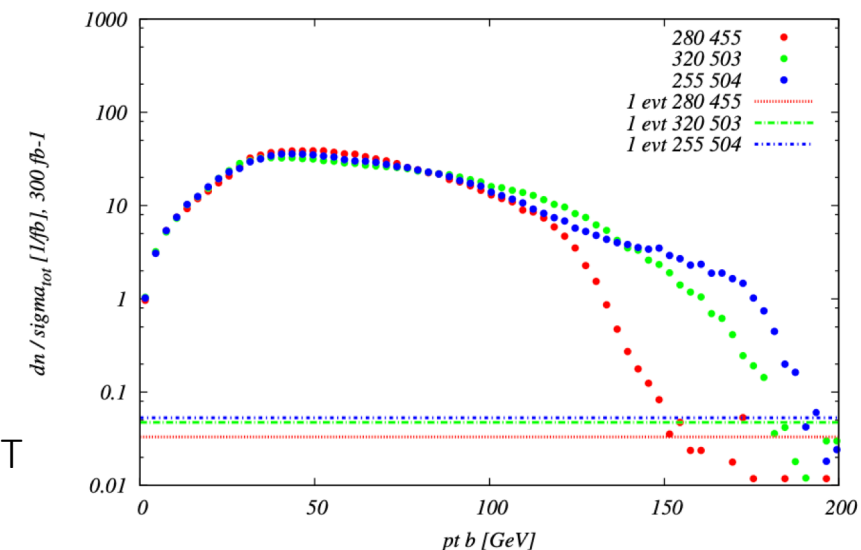
Conclusion & HHH trigger challenges

- Upgrades to reduce readout rates and maintain signal purity are highly relevant for HL-LHC, where HHH signatures might become accessible
- Upgrades in $HH \rightarrow 4b$ trigger strategies also relevant for HHH
- However HHH signatures are more challenging
 - More b-quarks in the final states ($HHH \rightarrow 6b$)
 - Softer b-quarks in the final states in many BSM models
→ Tania will give an overview on a range of models

Challenges to consider:

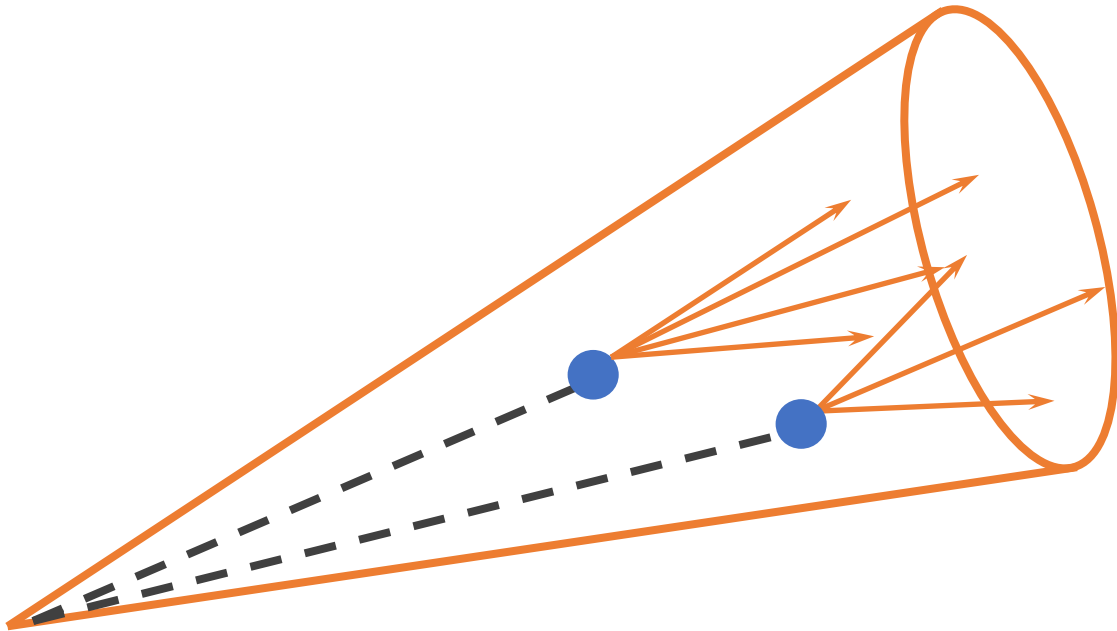
- Challenges to calibrate b-tagging for b-jets at very low p_T
- How much can we rely on delayed stream in HL-LHC?
- More final-state-specific trigger strategies for more complex signatures?

TRSM BP3 $b P_T$ distribution



Backup

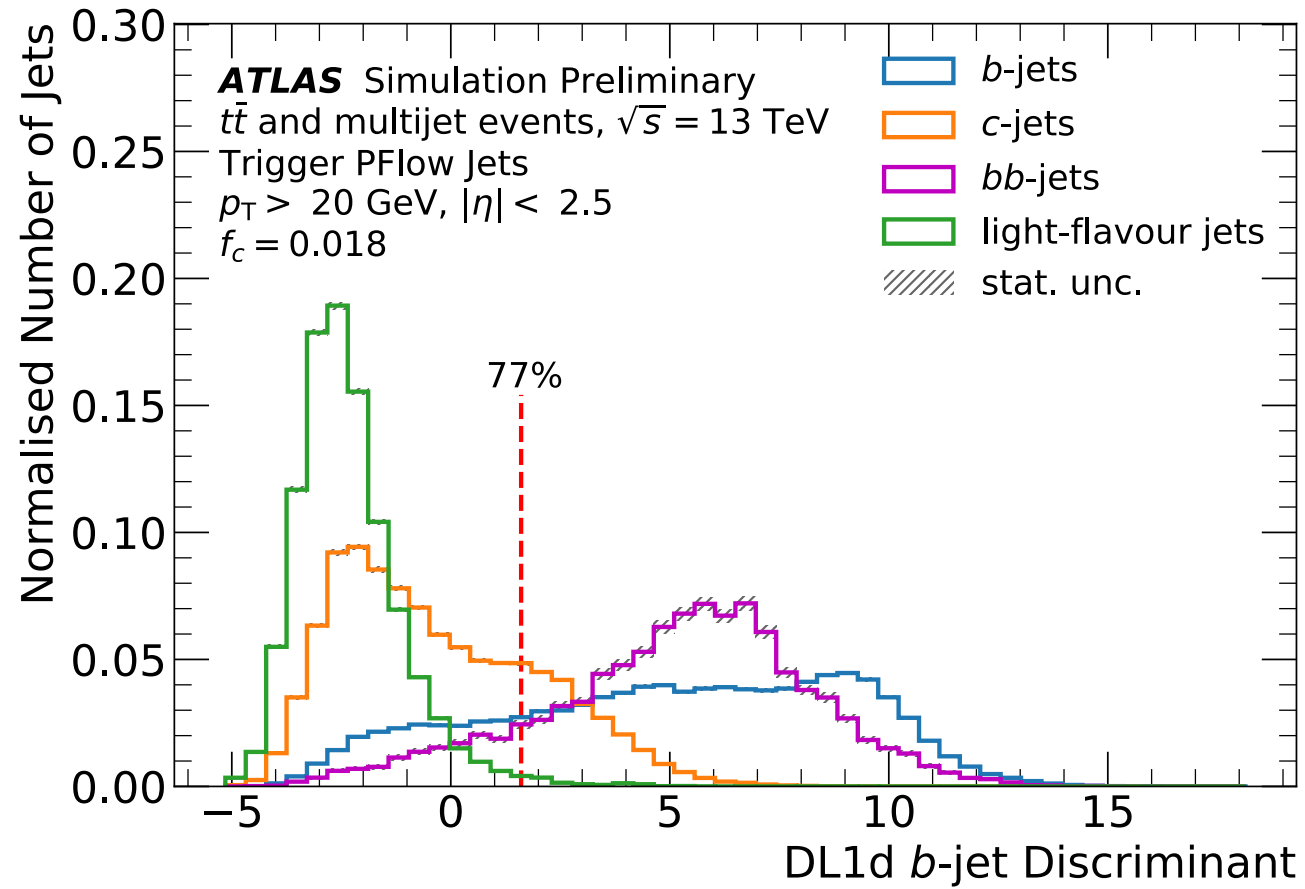
bb-jet features



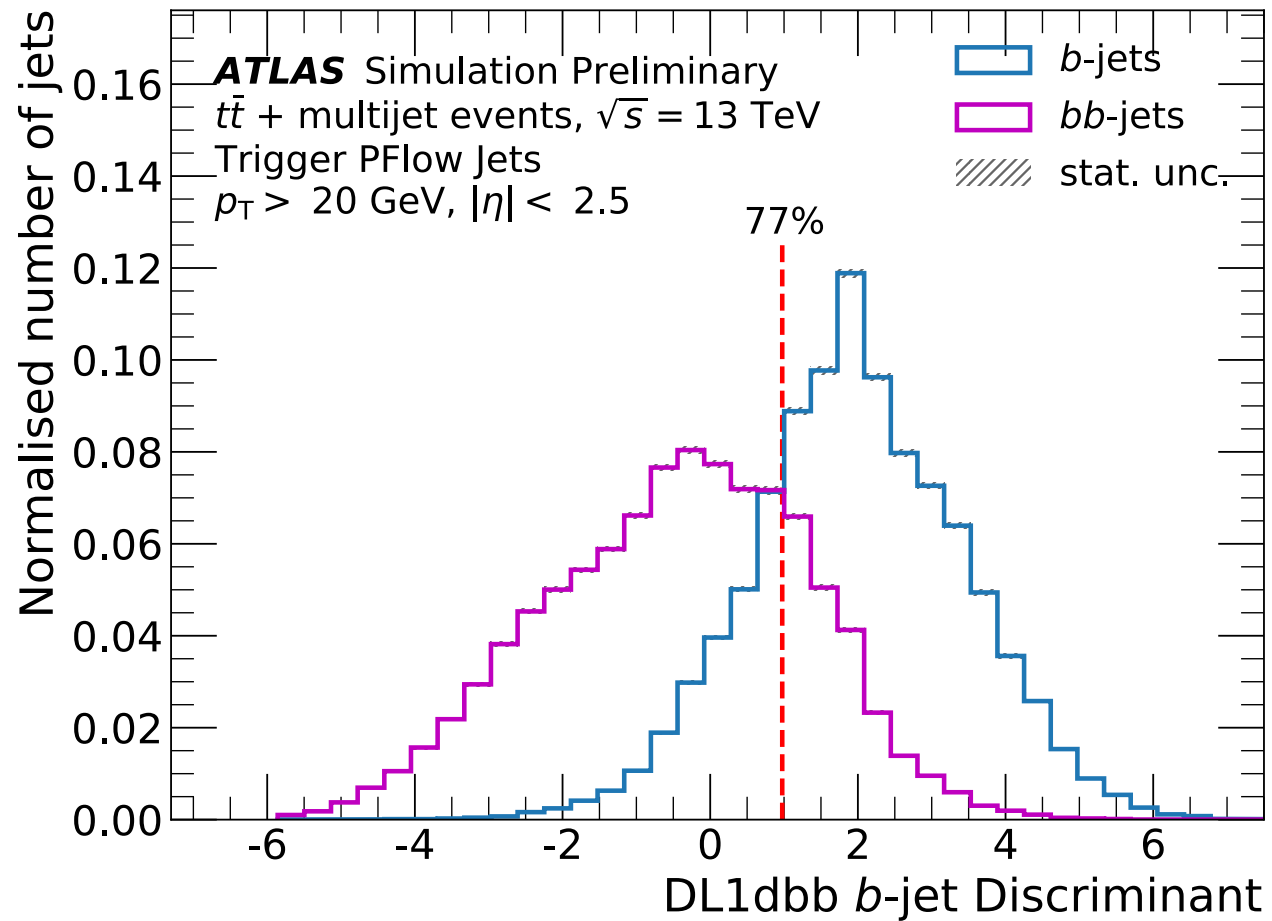
Compared to b -jets:

- Contains 2 b -hadrons instead of 1
- Larger track multiplicity within the jet cone
- Lower fraction of energy carried by tracks from b -hadron decay
- Larger jet width

DL1d discriminant

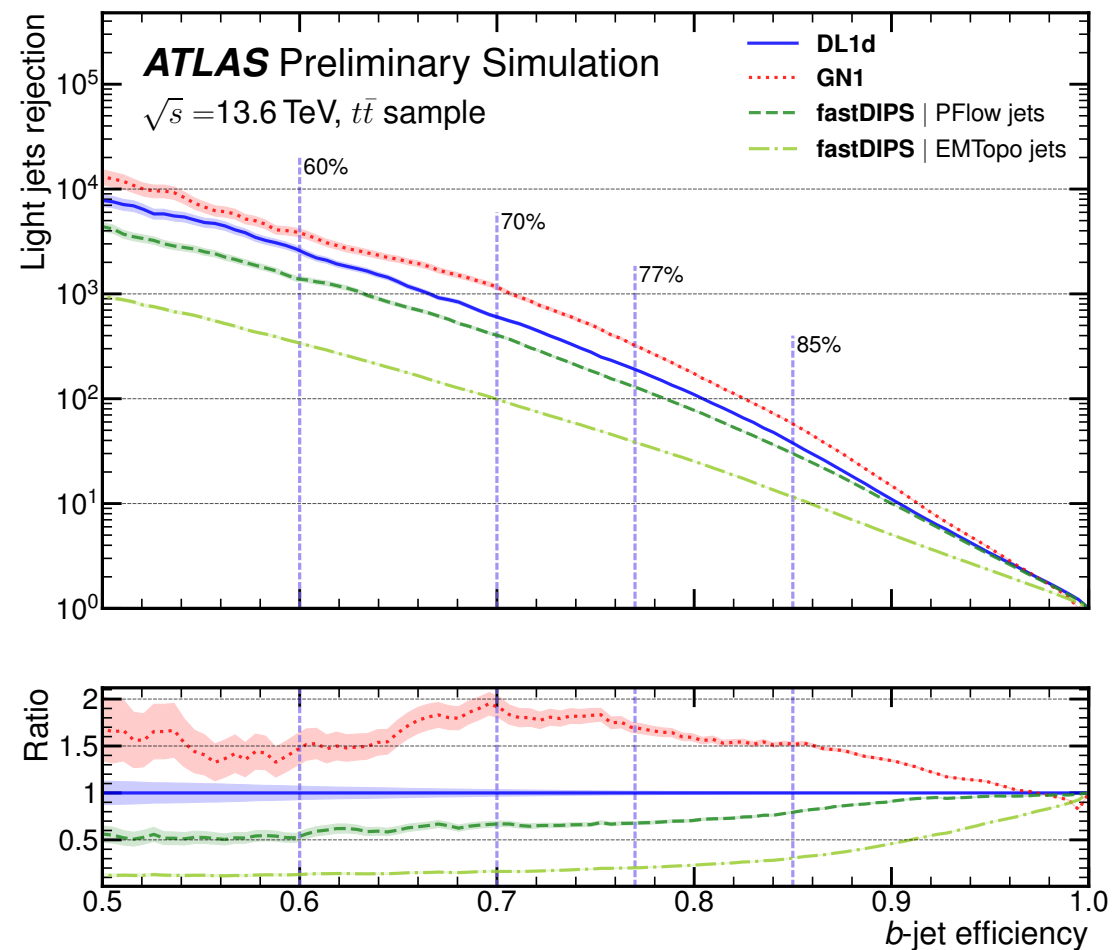


DL1dbb discriminant



fastDIPS performance

- fastDIPS | EMTopo jets is not trained with any primary vertex info
- However still decent performance in light-jet rejection compared to precision b-tagging algorithms



L1 jet turn-on

3J15 at L1 plateaus at 65 GeV for offline jet

- L1 jet energy resolution is low, therefore jet E_T at L1 spreads more widely at offline jet p_T
- The 65 GeV threshold limits the acceptance of the 4th soft jet in the HH4b signal

