### **Search for Emerging Jets at CMS**



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# Outline



- Theoretical motivation
  - Dark-sector model for asymmetric dark matter
  - Long-lived particle signatures arising from dark-sector models
- Search for emerging jets at CMS:
  - Signature of emerging jets in detectors
  - Background estimation using data-based methods
  - Discussion about the ML-based methods
- Latest results using CMS data<sup>+</sup>
- Outlook to beyond the EMJ analysis

#### "WIMP"-based approach: a dark sector (DS) of particles with a SU( $N_{dark}$ ) interaction. Let us assume this interaction is "QCD-like" SU( $N_{dark}$ =3):

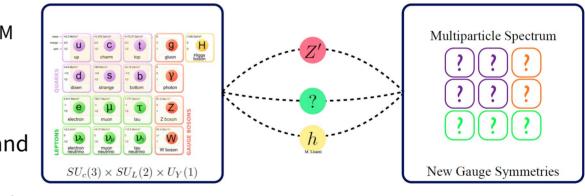
An alternate proposal for the particle nature of dark matter (DM) compared to the traditional

Visible Sector

- Dark color confinement binds dark fermions into proton-like "dark hadron" states
  - Stable dark hadrons will be astronomical DM candidates
  - Confinement enforces compatibility with astronomical constraints
- "Mediator" particles couple to both SM and DS, allowing for searches at colliders
- Asymmetric Dark Matter<sup>+</sup> (ADM) also predicts DM v.s. visible matter density (Ω<sub>DM</sub> ~ 5Ω<sub>B</sub><sup>‡</sup>) in cosmology through a process similar to baryogenesis

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### Strongly coupled hidden sectors



Portal

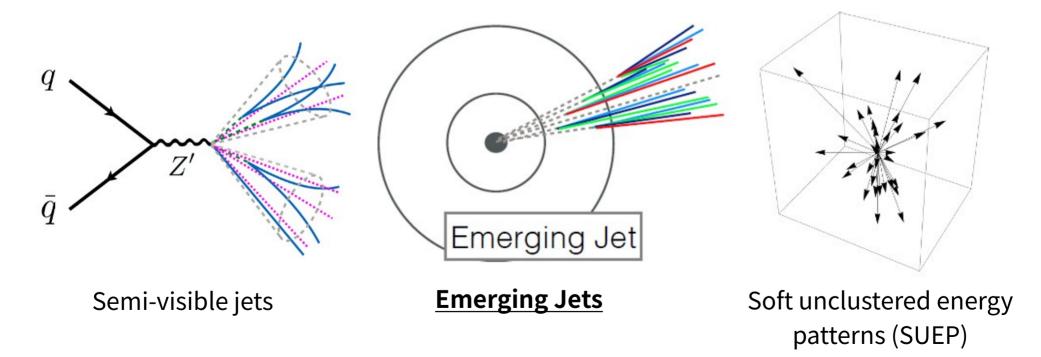


Dark Sector

### Dark QCD searches



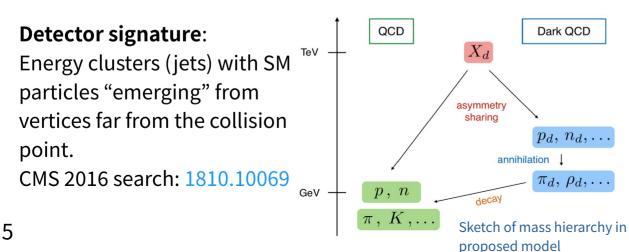
Different phenomenological signatures arise depending on the assumption of the dark sector ↔ SM interaction vs. dark sector gauge interactions

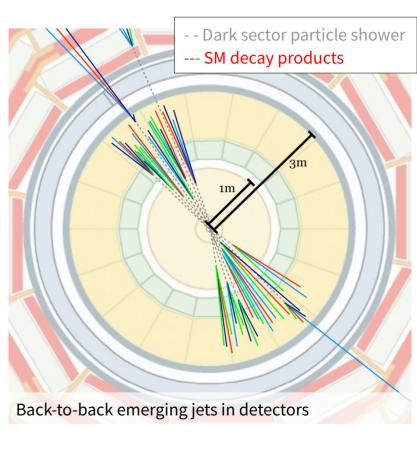


# Emerging jets (EMJ) – LLP showering



- Dark sector has color confinement at low-energy scale Λ<sub>dark</sub> (generates dark sector particle shower like SM hadronization)
- Dark "pions" ( $\pi_{dark}$ ) have masses  $m_{SM} < m_{\pi,dark} \lesssim \Lambda_{dark}$
- Heavy mediator (X<sub>dark</sub>) couples both to SM and dark sector, allowing dark pions to decay to SM particles
- Mainly concerned with long-lived particle (LLP) shower generated from dark fermion production
  - $m_{\pi,dark} \sim O(1-10)$ GeV (Shower-like dark sector "jet")
  - $c\tau_{\pi,d} \sim 10^{-3}$ -1 m (Tracker geometry of LHC experiments)





Images from "Emerging Jets" (arXiv:1502.05409)

# Flavored dark sector EMJ

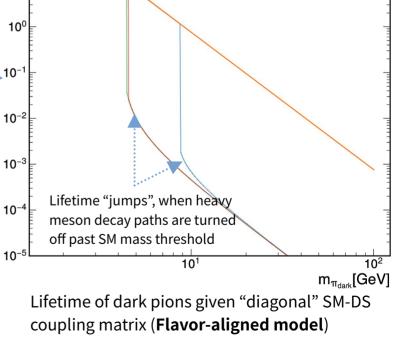


Existing search \* for EMJ was limited to an "unflavored" model:
All DS mesons have the same lifetime 10<sup>3</sup>  $\pi_{dark}$  are stable for  $m_X = 1 TeV, \kappa_0 = 1$  $m_{\pi,dark} < m_b$  ("Semi- $--\overline{Q}_iQ_i \rightarrow \overline{q}q$ 10<sup>2</sup> visible" jets) --  $\overline{Q}_1 Q_2 \rightarrow \overline{ds}$ All DS mesons have the same lifetime  $--\overline{Q}_2Q_3 \rightarrow \overline{s}b$ 10 A more generic model<sup>+</sup> will have DS fermions with non-zero  $--\overline{Q}_1Q_3 \rightarrow \overline{d}b$ coupling to different SM quarks through a coupling matrix: 10<sup>0</sup>  $\mathcal{L} = -\kappa_{i\alpha} \overline{q}_i Q_{\alpha} X + h.c. \quad \text{effective coupling}$ 10-1 results SM-DS Yukawa coupling SM quarks DS quark Mediator  $10^{-2}$ 

Even if dark mesons have roughly degenerate masses:

- DS mesons now have a lifetime spectrum driven by the SM quark mass spectrum
- Detector-level signature: a mix of LLP-displaced, b-displaced, and prompt tracks from DS particle shower

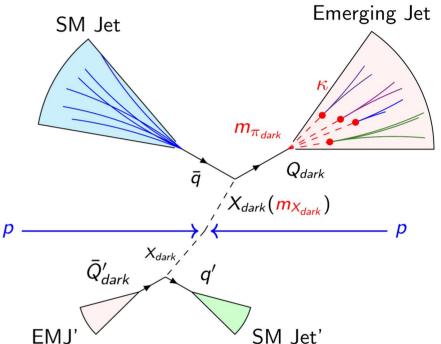
#### Full list of signal model parameters given in backup



#### **Detector signature of EMJ**

Search strategy:

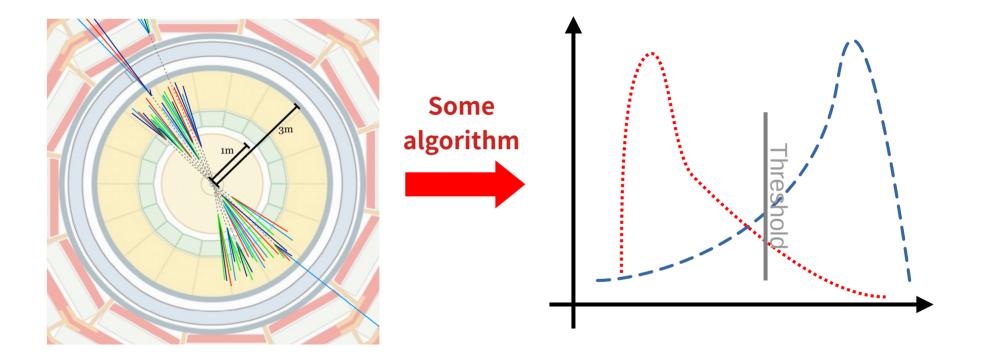
- Look for <u>mediator pair production</u>, with mediators decaying to SM quark (q) and DS quark (Q).
  - SM quarks ensure a reliable trigger is available
- Look for jets containing <u>displaced tracks</u>
  - More resilient to reconstruction deficiencies compared with secondary vertex reconstruction
  - Transverse/Longitudinal displacement:  $IP_{\text{2D}}\,/\,IP_z$
  - SM Background: pileup jets, heavy-flavored jets
- Search space (full list given in backup)
  - Mediator mass: m<sub>X,dark</sub> (~1TeV-2.5TeV)
  - Dark meson mass: m<sub>π,dark</sub> (~5GeV-20GeV)
  - Dark meson lifetime:
    - Unflavored model: cτ<sub>π,dark</sub> (1mm-10<sup>3</sup>mm)
    - Flavored-aligned model (diagonal Yukawa): κ<sub>0</sub> / cτ<sub>π,dark,max</sub>



#### Primary event signatures:

4 energetic jets, 2 of which have displaced constituents

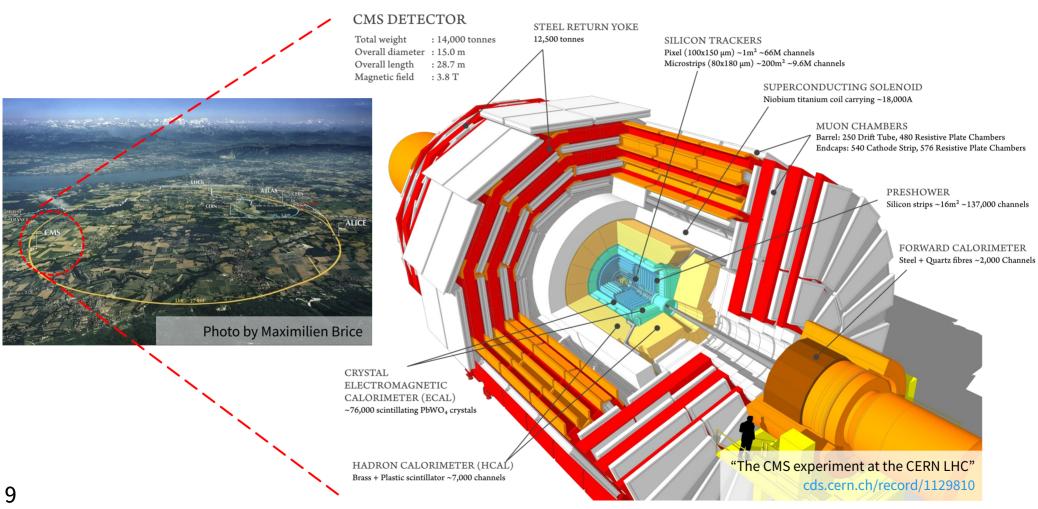




# **Defining detector signatures**

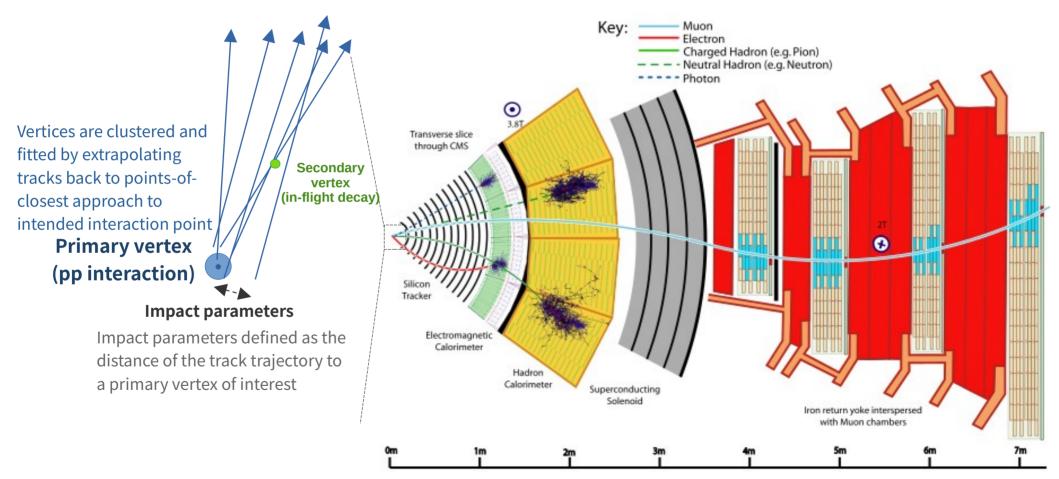
#### **The CMS detector**





### Particle-flow reconstruction at CMS





"Particle-flow reconstruction and global event description with the CMS detector," (arXiv: 1706.04965)

# **Physics object selection at reconstruction level**



Work with standard CMS reconstructed objects; this ensures uncertainties are well studied with minimum surprises

#### Trigger

Lowest unprescaled, pure H<sub>T</sub> trigger

- 2016: H<sub>T</sub> > 900 GeV
- 2017, 2018: H<sub>T</sub> > 1050 GeV

#### **Track selection**

Standard CMS fitted tracks<sup>§</sup>

- High-purity fitting flag must be true
- p<sub>T</sub> > 1.0 GeV

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Re-associate to jets with angular matching

#### **Primary vertex**

Leading primary vertex (largest  $\Sigma p_T^2$ ) is always used for track displacements calculation Additional quality cuts:

- |z<sub>PV</sub>| < 15 cm
- N(tracks | d<sub>z</sub> < 0.01 cm) / N(tracks) > 0.1

#### Jets

CMS anti-k<sub>T</sub> jet with R=0.4 jets with charge hadron subtraction<sup>§</sup> (standard "AK4" CMS jet)

- $p_T > 100 \text{ GeV}, |\eta| < 2.0$  (η=-ln( $\theta/2$ ),  $\theta$  polar angle)
- At least 1 associated track
- Standard Jet ID selection

<sup>†</sup> "Primary vertices ordering in CMS". Details given in link. <sup>§</sup> "Particle-flow reconstruction and global event description with the CMS detector" arXiv:1706.04965.

#### **Event and object selection**

#### Primary signal topology and energy scale:

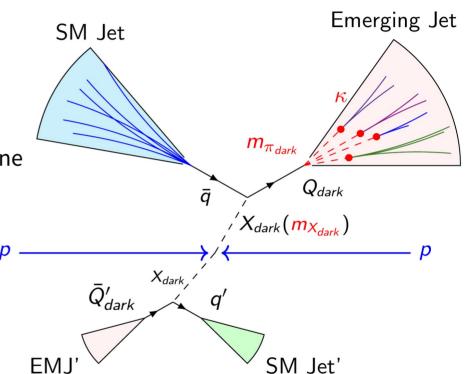
- At least 4 jets with high  $p_T$
- Event  $H_T$  (scalar sum of all jet  $p_T$ )
- Additional leading jet p<sub>T</sub> selection

#### EMJ signature selection:

- At least 2 jets tagged as EMJ using tracks within jet cone
- To avoid displaced tracks from being dropped in standard CMS jet clustering algorithm, tracks are associated with jets angular matching with the jet energy center:

 $\Delta R = ((\Delta \varphi)^2 + (\Delta \eta)^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} < R_{cut}$ 

- Key track displacement variables:
  - Transverse impact parameter (IP<sub>2D</sub>)
  - Longitudinal impact parameter (IP<sub>z</sub>)





#### EMJ tagging using standard reconstruction objects

- Tracks associated to jets via  $\Delta R$  matching to energy centers
- Attempting to summarize jet-level track displacement measures of associated tracks

For Unflavored model with single  $c\tau_{\pi,dark}$   $\leftarrow$  SM ... EMJ  $\rightarrow$ lifetime, we use  $R_{cut}$ =0.4 matching • Median of  $|IP_{2D}|$  of all associated tracks

•  $p_T$ -weighted prompt track fraction  $\alpha_{3D}$ :

$$\alpha_{3D} = \frac{\sum_{\text{track}|D_N < D_{\text{cut}}} p_{\text{T}}}{\sum_{\text{track}} p_{\text{T}}}$$

with normalized significance

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$$D_N = \sqrt{\sigma_{IP_{2D}}^2 + \left(\frac{IP_z}{0.01 \text{cm}}\right)^2}$$

 Maximum |IP<sub>z</sub>| requirement to reject jets from pileup interactions (PU jets)

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> Example of jet level variable used for unflavored model EMJ tagging Events only require trigger and 4 jets with p<sub>T</sub>>100GeV



 $\leftarrow EMJ \dots SM \rightarrow$ 

#### EMJ tagging using standard reconstruction objects (2)



Data

SM multijet

Jet girth

Flavored models generate mixed track displacements: this requires us to design a separate tagging method.  $\underline{R_{cut}} = 0.8$  used for jet track association, as model has wider particle shower from both heavier dark meson and heavier SM decay products.



 $\leftarrow$  SM ... EMJ  $\rightarrow$ 

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> Example of jet level variable used for flavored-model EMJ tagging Events only require trigger and 4 jets with p<sub>T</sub>>100GeV

# EMJ tagging – Machine Learning (GNN)

• Speeds up ML training

EdgeConv



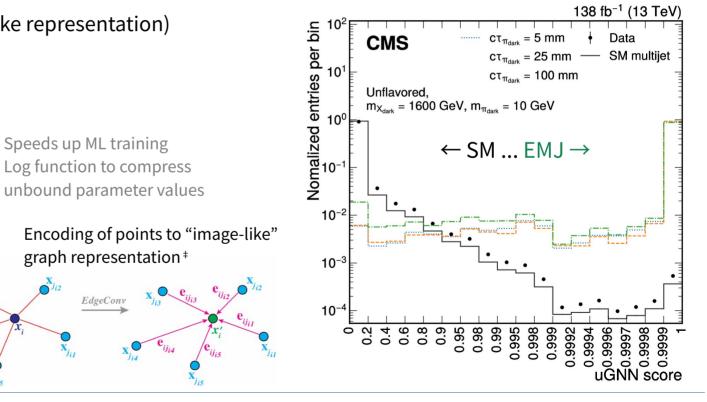
Employing Graph Neural Networks (GNN) for jet tagging<sup>+</sup>: encoding discrete, unordered jet constituents information into image-like representation; train 2 GNNs for distinguishing between flavor-aligned signal model jets v.s. QCD jets (aGNN) and unflavored signal model jets v.s. QCD jets (uGNN)

"Coordinates" features (for image-like representation)

- Δη, Δφ relative to jet center
- Training features

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- ΔR relative to jet center
- $\log(p_T), \log(p_T / (\Sigma p_T))$
- $\operatorname{sign}(\operatorname{IP}_{xv}) \cdot \log(1 + \operatorname{IP}_{xv}/1 \operatorname{cm})$  •
- $sign(IP_z) \cdot log(1 + IP_z / 1cm)$



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# EMJ tagging – Cut point determination



Cut values for event selection and tagging determined by grid search, optimizing significance:

 $\frac{S}{\sqrt{S+B+0.1B^2}}$ 

The "0.1" term is a rough estimate of the expected uncertainty that is not counting uncertainty

- Optimization is performed for all signal model surveyed
- Cut values are grouped to reduce the number of calculations required
- Full cut values can be found in following slides

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Signal acceptance as a function of model parameters, numbers in the cell indicate different cut sets used

### EMJ tagging – Cut point values



#### Example of cut values using cut-based EMJ tagging

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u-set 3	1600	200, 150, 100, 100	0.4	5.0	10-1.2	8	0.25
u-set 4	1500	200, 150, 100, 100	0.4	5.0	10-1.2	12	0.15
u-set 5	1200	200, 250, 100, 100	0.4	5.0	10-1.0	12	0.15

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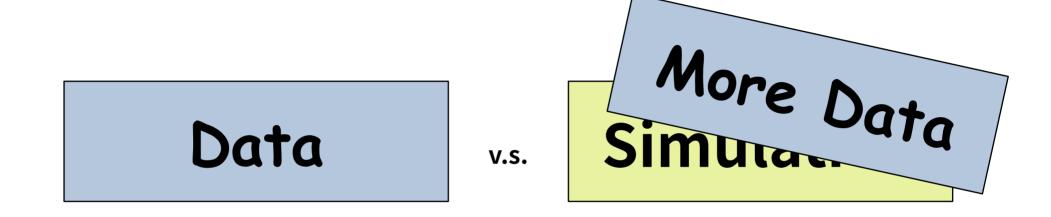


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In general, GNN yields higher signal acceptance. More discussion on the implications of ML will be given later!

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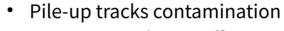
### Why data-based methods?

# Challenges – sources of displaced tracks

Background events from SM jets being mistagged as EMJs from various displaced track sources

#### SM hard-scattering process:

• Heavy mesons production

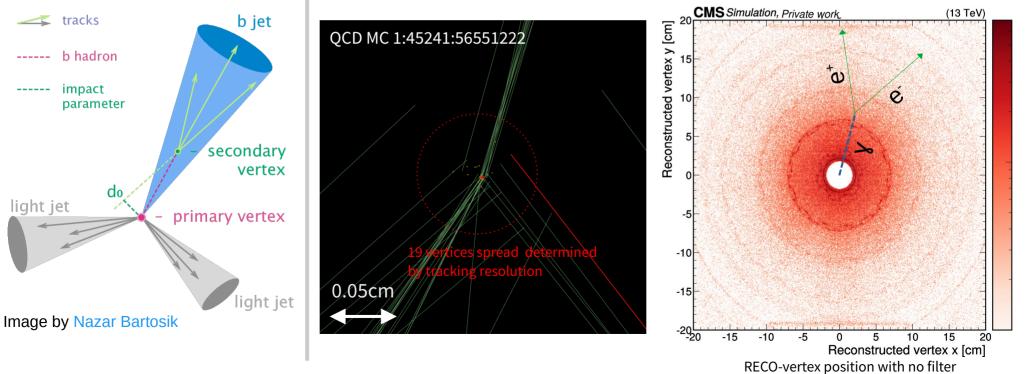


Detector resolution effects

#### "Random" sources

Material interaction

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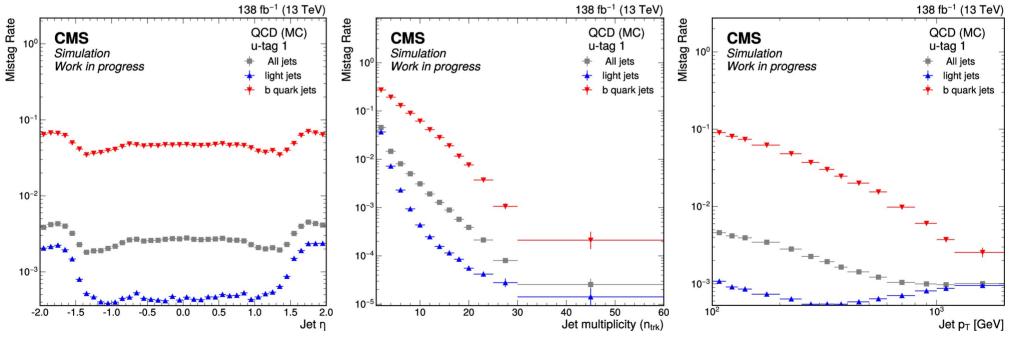




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- How much do we trust MC to get mistag rate dependence correct?
- Can we try to evaluate EMJ mistagging in data?

Example unflavored mistag rate using cut-based tagging

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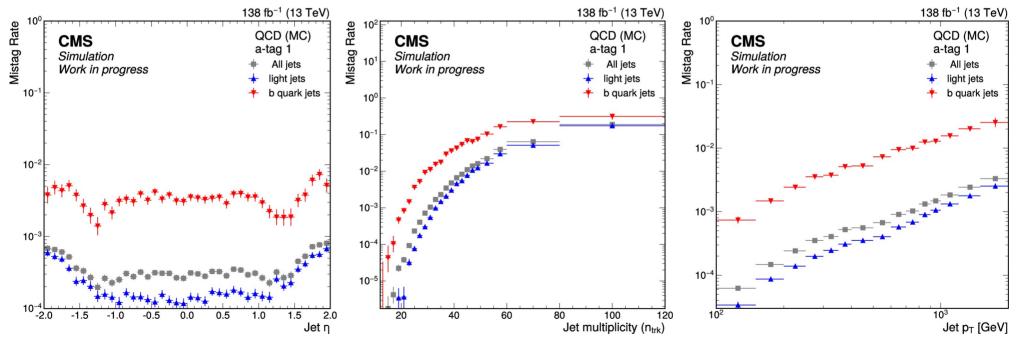


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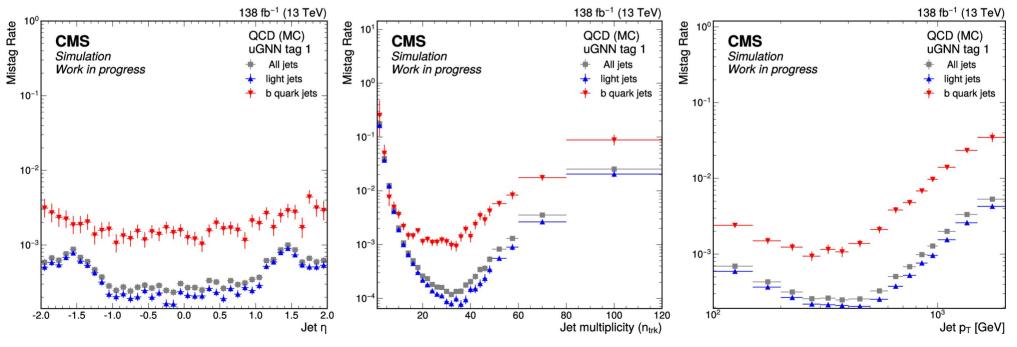




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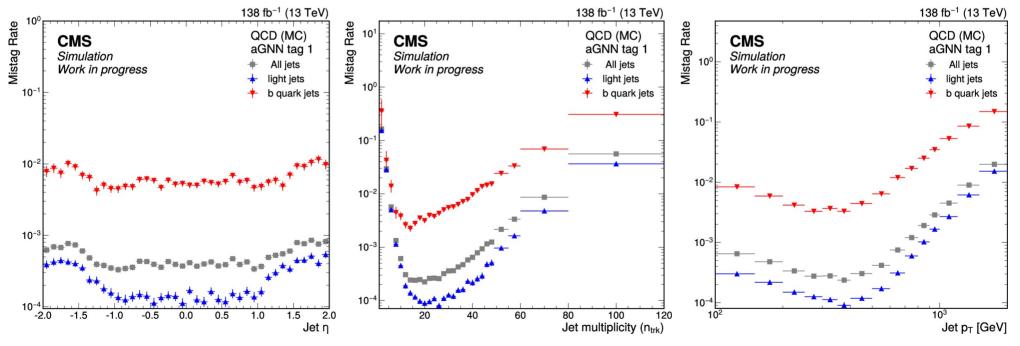


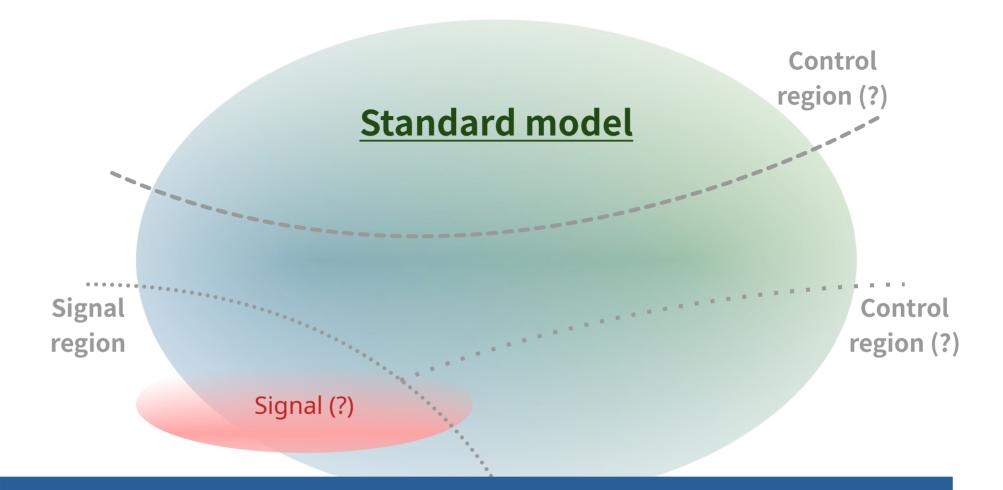
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# **Defining control regions**

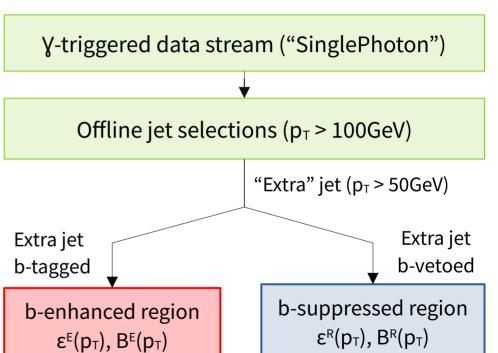
#### EMJ mistagging in data – Construction of FR

Signal-free region (FR) constructed using γ-triggered data stream with high-p⊤ photon (>200GeV) All jets in this region are assumed to be from SM processes

- Mistag rate can be evaluated as a function of jet kinematics just by running the tagging algorithm
- For determining flavor dependence, we split the region by b-tagging results of extra jet; b jet fraction of "primary" jets is shifted without explicit kinematic cuts on primary jets
- Mistag rate of primary jets follows linear relation:

 $\begin{cases} \epsilon^E(p_{\rm T}) = B^E(p_{\rm T})\epsilon(b, p_{\rm T}) + (1 - B^E(p_{\rm T}))\epsilon(l, p_{\rm T}) \\ \epsilon^R(p_{\rm T}) = B^R(p_{\rm T})\epsilon(b, p_{\rm T}) + (1 - B^R(p_{\rm T}))\epsilon(l, p_{\rm T}) \end{cases}$ 

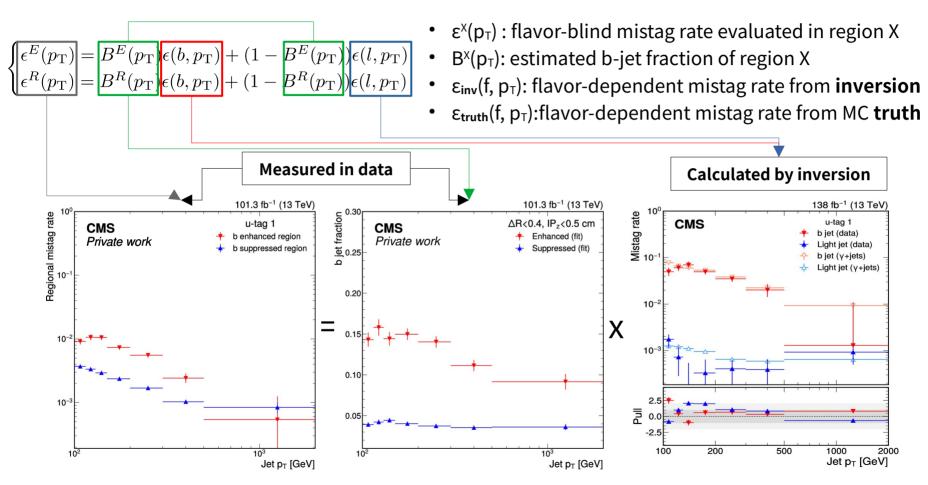
*Relation can be inverted to obtain flavor-dependent mistag rate!* 





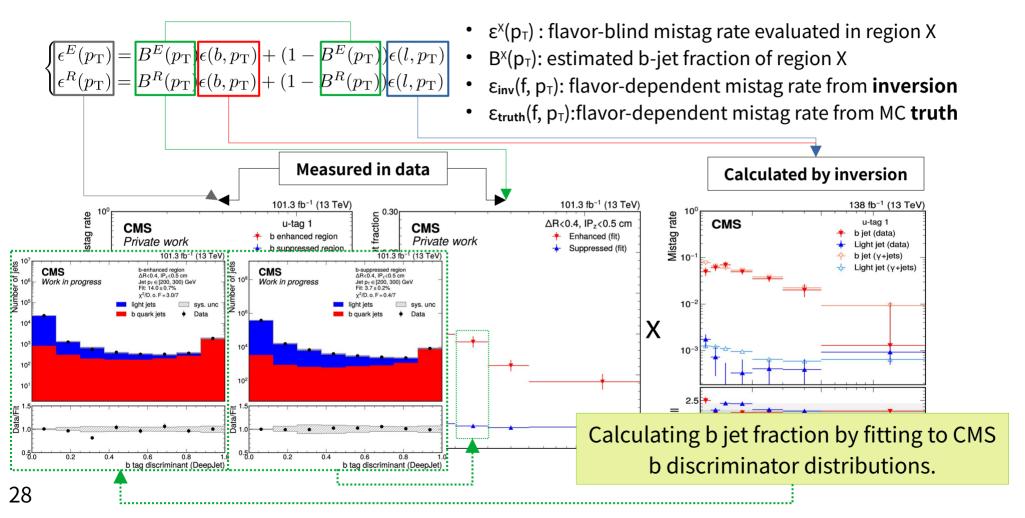
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#### Evaluation of mistag rate can be used to map control region events (C) to signal region

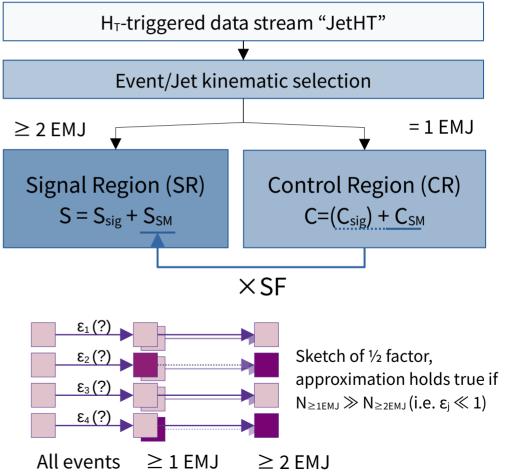
background ( $S_{SM}$ ) by some scale factor calculated from mistag rates SF({ $\epsilon_j$ })

$$\operatorname{Est}_{S_{SM}} = \sum_{events \in C_{SM}} SF(\{\epsilon_j\}) \sim \sum_{events \in C} SF(\{\epsilon_j\})$$

Assuming that SM jets in SR/CR is identical, we can work out SF to be:

$$SF(\{\epsilon_j\}) \sim rac{1}{2} \sum_{j \notin EMJ} \epsilon_j$$
  
Factor of ½ comes from  
combinatorical factor (see right)

29 Full calculation will be given in backup slides





# Scale factor method – flavor assignment

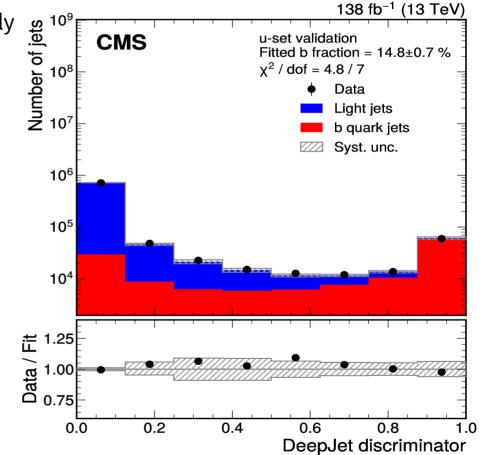
The mathematical formula for scale factor SF( $\{\epsilon_j\}$ ) is only true if EMJ mistagging of jets within an event is uncorrelated up to mistag rate parameterization  $\epsilon(f, p_T)$ 

$$SF(\{\epsilon_j\}) \sim \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j \notin EMJ} \epsilon(f_j, p_{\mathrm{T},j})$$

In practice, since it is difficult to parameterize jets in "flavor" when calculating SF, a flavor-averaged mistag rate would be employed for calculation:

$$SF_{\text{avg}}(\{\epsilon_j\}) \sim \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j \notin EMJ} B^{CR} \epsilon(b, p_{\mathrm{T},j}) + (1 - B^{CR}) \epsilon(l, p_{\mathrm{T},j})$$

where B<sup>CR</sup> is the estimated b jet fraction of the nontagged jets in the CR



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### **Background estimation – notations**



Lots of moving parts to keep track of...

**S**: Where the SR/CR is constructed

- H<sub>T</sub>-triggered data ("JetHT")
- QCD (MC)

F: Where the mistag rate is calculated

- Photon-triggered data "SP"
- QCD (MC)
- GJets (MC)

CR × SF = 
$$\operatorname{Est}_{\underline{\alpha}}^{\underline{S}}(\epsilon_{\underline{\beta}}^{\underline{F}}(p_{\mathrm{T}}))$$

**α**: How flavor assignment is performed in SF calculation

- MC truth
- Flavor-averaged ("avg.")

 $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ : How flavor dependence is evaluated

- MC truth
- Linear relation inversion ("inv.")

Background estimation for fully data-based calculation:  $\mathrm{Est}_{\mathrm{avg.}}^{\mathrm{JetHT}}(\epsilon_{\mathrm{inv.}}^{\mathrm{SP}}(p_{\mathrm{T}}))$ 

Alternate results will be used for uncertainty evaluation



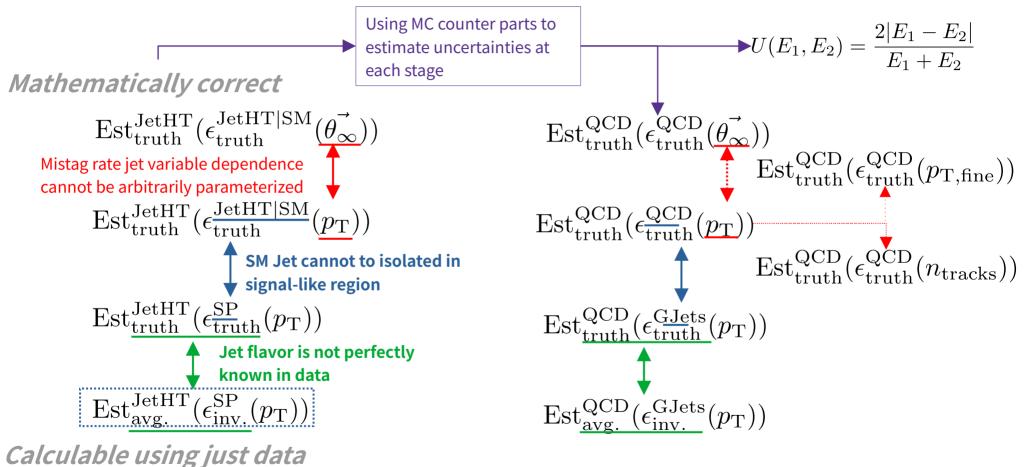
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# Uncertainty

# Limitations of data-based methods

### **Data-based methods – limitations**



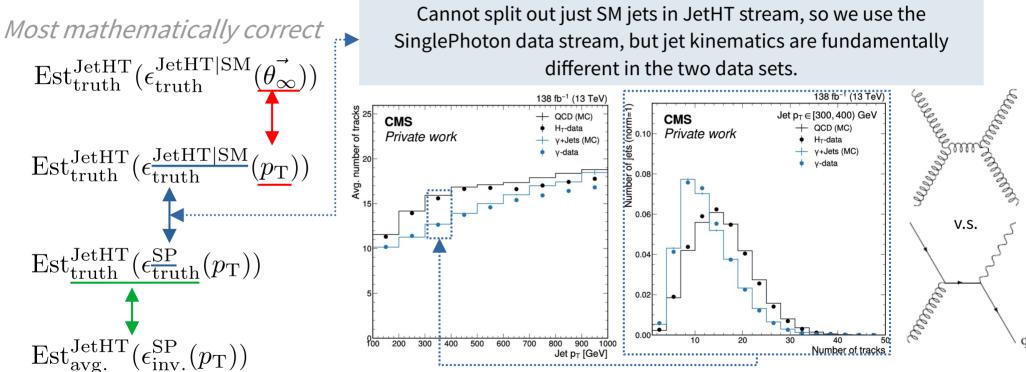


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### Data-based methods – limitations (2)



"A control region that eliminates exactly one physics process cannot exist"



Calculable using just data

While data and MC do not perfectly match, QCD/GJets discrepancies capture primary features of  $H_T/\gamma$ -triggered data set differences MC events used to estimate impact on final estimation

#### compare SR events (black points) to $CR \times SF$ results

Since SM MC is by definition "signal free", we can

• Run calculation on MC identically as what will be

(color points) up to uncertainties

### performed on data

•  $H_T$ -triggered data  $\rightarrow$  QCD MC

- y-triggered data  $\rightarrow$  Gjets MC
- SM MC events as stand-in for data events:
- perfectly match SR =  $CR \times SF$  calculation

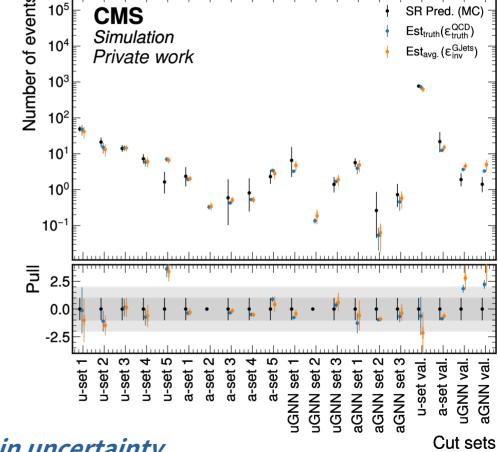
calculation is correct?



Q: How can we be sure our background estimation

A signal-free data stream should have SM events

### **Data-based methods – validation using MC**



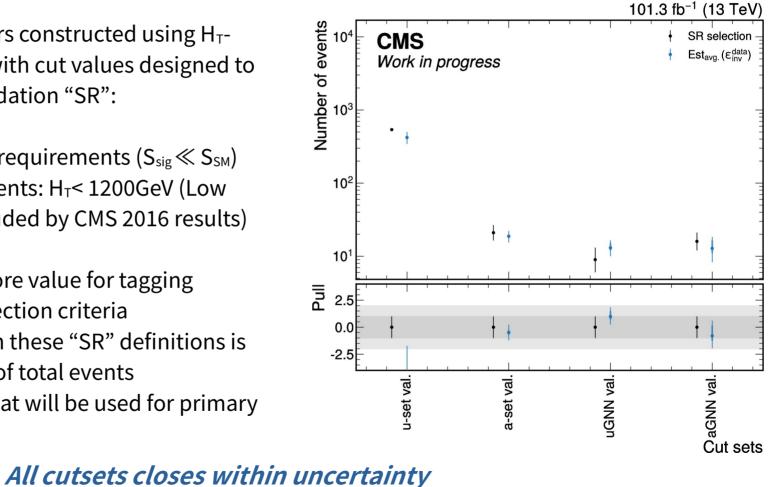


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# Data-based method – validation using data

- Validation "SR/CR" pairs constructed using H<sub>T</sub>triggered data stream with cut values designed to be signal diluted in validation "SR":
  - Cut-based strategy:
    - Relax EMJ tagging requirements ( $S_{sig} \ll S_{SM}$ )
    - Invert H<sub>T</sub> requirements: H<sub>T</sub>< 1200GeV (Low m<sub>X.med</sub> models excluded by CMS 2016 results)
  - GNN strategy:
    - Side-band GNN score value for tagging
    - Relax H<sub>T</sub>/Jet p<sub>T</sub> selection criteria
  - Signal contribution in these "SR" definitions is expected to be < 1% of total events
- Same calculation as what will be used for primary SR/CR calculations



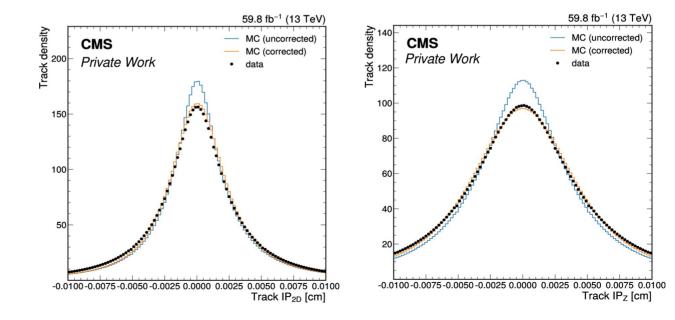


### **Signal modeling MC uncertainties**



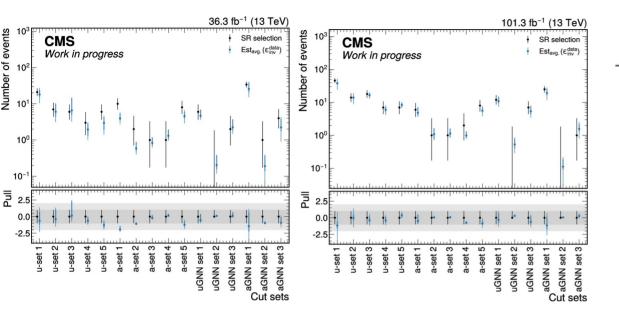
Tracks in MC typically have too good of a resolution when compared with data: remedied by injecting randomness to IP<sub>2D</sub> and IP<sub>z</sub> of MC tracks such that the final distribution matches data.

- Distribution obtained with only trigger selection, evaluated per year
- Correcting small displacement resolution effects
  - Additional discussion given in backup



- MC track reconstruction modeling
- Luminosity
- Trigger efficiency
- Pileup
- Jet energy corrections and resolutions
- PDF/α<sub>s</sub>

## **Opening the box...**



No significant excess was observed.

Interpreting results as setting an upper limit on dark mediator production cross section

#### Results from arXiv:2403.01556

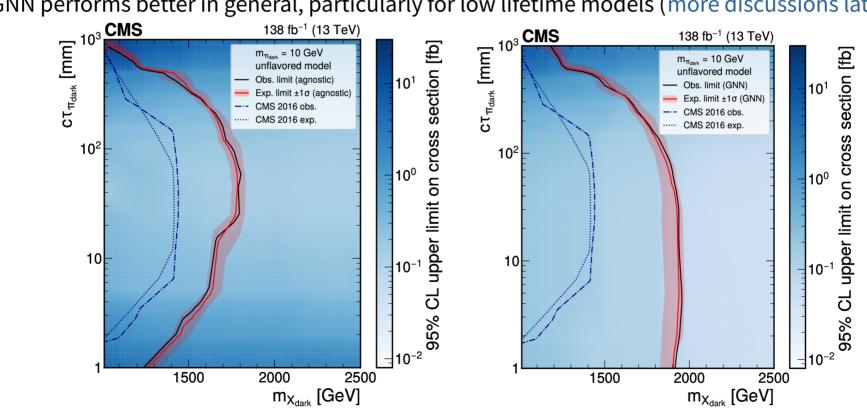
Selection set	Estimation $\pm$ stat. $\pm$ syst.	Observed yield
u-set 1	$56  {}^+ \; {}^9_5  \pm \; 20$	67
u-set 2	$20.0 \ \ {}^+_{-} \ \ {}^{4.3}_{2.5} \ \pm \ \ 7.0$	21
u-set 3	22.9 $^+_{-2.1}$ $^+_{2.1}$ $\pm$ 4.9	24
u-set 4	7.9 $^+_{-1.6}$ $^+_{1.6}$ $\pm$ 2.2	10
u-set 5	11.3 $^+_{-1.9}$ $^+_{1.9}$ $\pm$ 2.0	13
a-set 1	$8.8 \ ^+_{-} \ ^{2.4}_{1.0} \ \pm \ 2.0$	16
a-set 2	$1.67 \ {}^+ \ {}^{0.49}_{0.23} \pm \ 0.38$	3
a-set 3	$1.97 \ {}^+ \ {}^{0.47}_{0.22} \ {}^+ \ 0.37$	2
a-set 4	$2.30 \ {}^+_{-} \ {}^{0.81}_{0.30} \ {}^+_{-} \ 0.39$	3
a-set 5	10.2 $^+$ $^+$ $^{2.3}$ $\pm$ 3.4	16
uGNN set 1	15.6 $^+_{-1.9}$ $^+_{1.9}$ $\pm$ 3.8	18
uGNN set 2	$0.73 \ {}^+ \ {}^{0.44}_{0.16} \pm \ 0.27$	0
uGNN set 3	7.6 $^+_{-1.3}$ $^{3.5}_{\pm}$ $\pm$ 2.3	9
aGNN set 1	$45  {}^{+ \ 18}_{- \ 8}  \pm  16$	59
aGNN set 2	$0.30 \ ^+_{-} \ \ ^0.07_{-} \ \pm \ \ 0.18$	1
aGNN set 3	$3.8 \ ^+_{-} \ ^2.2_{0.7} \ \pm \ 2.0$	5

#### CL<sub>s</sub> limit – extending sensitivity using Run 2



CMS results are preparing for publication! Getting a comparison with the existing CMS results by computing CLs limit with expected background using MC samples.

- Cut-based analysis limit reach extended by ~300GeV in m<sub>X,Dark</sub>
- GNN performs better in general, particularly for low lifetime models (more discussions later!)

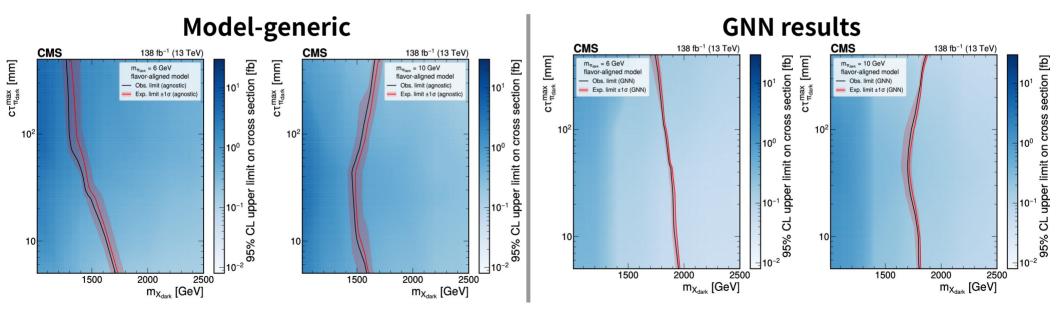


#### CLs limits – flavored DS models



#### First look at the sensitivity to flavored EMJ models at CMS!

- Flatter cτ dependencies compared with unflavored, fixed-displacement signatures
  - Tension between which signature the detector is sensitive to: Longest lifetime particles v.s. SM heavy meson production
- GNN performs "better" than the model-generic approach

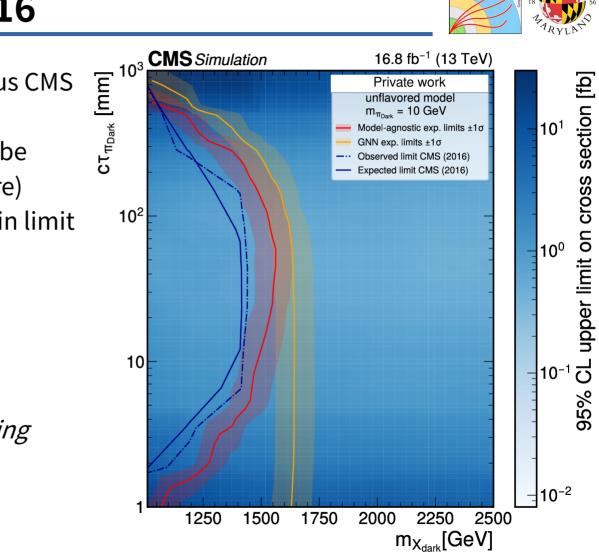




#### **Improvements since 2016**

Comparison of new limits with previous CMS search (16.8fb<sup>-1</sup>, 2016)

- Poor limit reach at large  $c\tau_{\pi,dark}$  is to be expected (no tracker-based signature) Model-generic method: Slight boost in limit reach
- Slightly higher H<sub>T</sub>, jet p<sub>T</sub> selection thresholds
- More detailed uncertainty studies **GNN-based method:** "Is ML better at selecting 'signature' or better a selecting 'model'?'

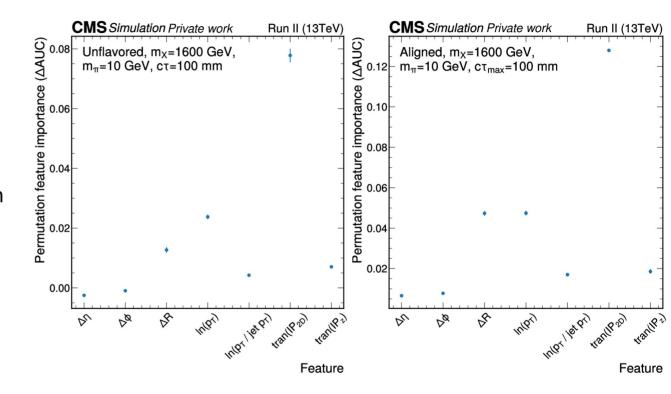


## Interrogating ML results



Attempt to extract "what" the GNN is attempting to learn: reorder singular track variables in collection

- Ensures distribution of input variables are unchanged
- Decorrelate one single variable from all other inputs
- Check which variable impacts the GNN output the most (using ΔAUC measure, the change in area under ROC curve)



#### $IP_{\text{2D}}$ is still the most important feature used in the GNN

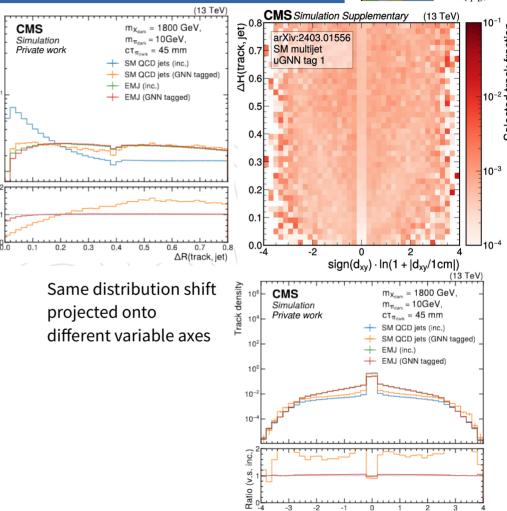
- The GNN indeed looks for displacement signatures.
- But what is it doing differently at lower mass points?

## Take a look at variable shifts before and after GNN

score selection.

- Signal jet distribution shifts very little (expected, since signal selection efficiency is high)
- SM background jets have significant shifts:
  - GNN-tagged jets have large displacements (target signature)
  - GNN-tagged jets have wider jet shower!
    - See the wider ∆R distribution and the smaller p<sub>T</sub> fraction distribution
    - Double checking 2D distribution, this jet showering is primarily used for small IP<sub>2D</sub> tracks
    - Consequence training GNN using heavy DS mesons masses

### What can be mistaken to be an EMJ?



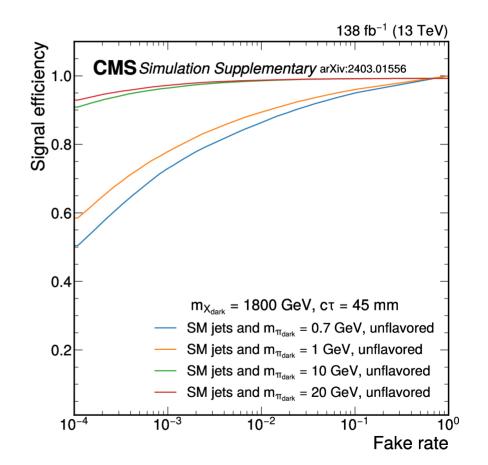


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#### Can the GNN be tricked?

Would there be cases where the GNN can be tricked to yield false negatives?

- Comparing the GNN performance on samples not used for training ( $m_{\pi,dark}$  =1GeV, unflavored) shows a clear degradation in the GNN performance, even with a clear "emerging jet" signature ( $c\tau_{dark}$  = 45mm).
- Is this a feature or a bug?
  - For flavored DS models, m<sub>π,dark</sub> models are constrained by flavor-changing neutral current observations. This class of model will likely have a larger m<sub>π,dark</sub>, which should be used as a target signature.
  - For a generic BSM signatures, this is not necessarily desirable (The "alignment problem" of using ML tools)

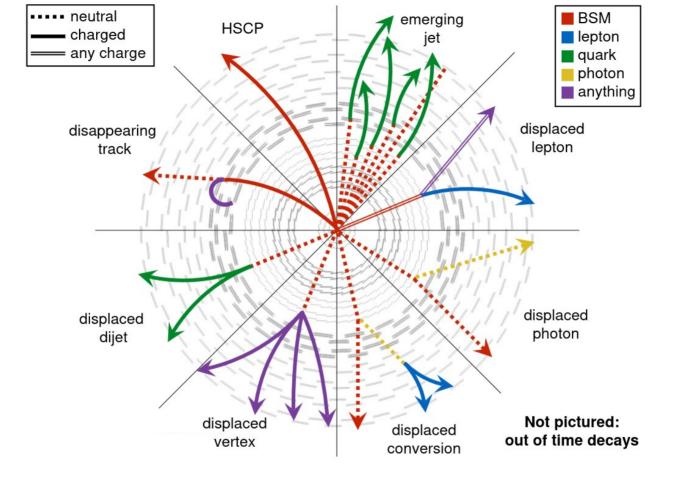








- Presented current work for searching for the EMJ signatures in CMS
  - Defined and explored variables useful for defining jet displacement measures
  - Explored the distinguishing power of a ML-based jet tagging techniques
- Presented sensitivity using fully data-based method for estimating SM background
  - First look at flavored dark sector sensitivity using CMS data
  - Extending sensitivity of unflavored scenario by mediator mass ~300GeV (~500GeV) compared with previous CMS results
- Results are now officially public, submitted to JHEP



### **Beyond the EMJ analysis**

#### **Brief summary of complementary analyses**

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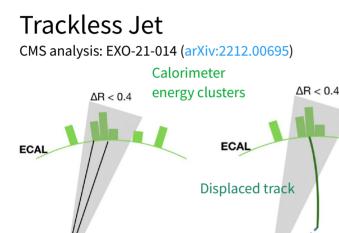
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#### **Phenomenological complements**



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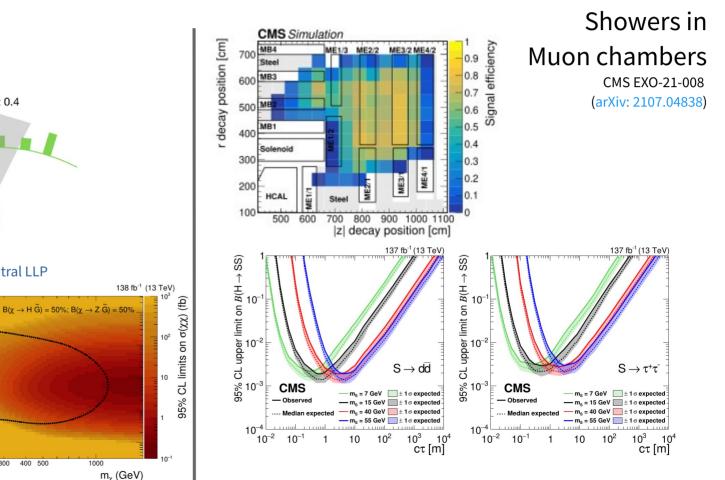
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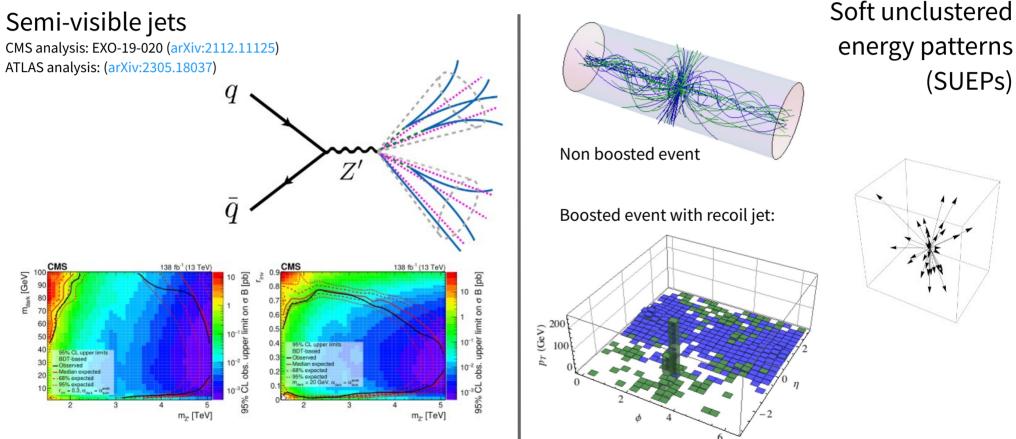


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#### Brief summary of complementary analyses

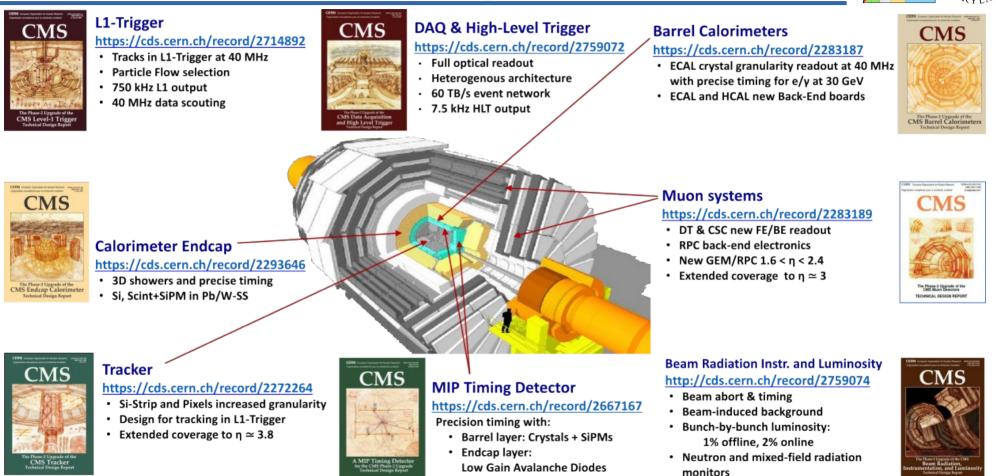


#### Alternate dark sector scenarios



#### **Outlook to CMS Phase-2 upgrade**

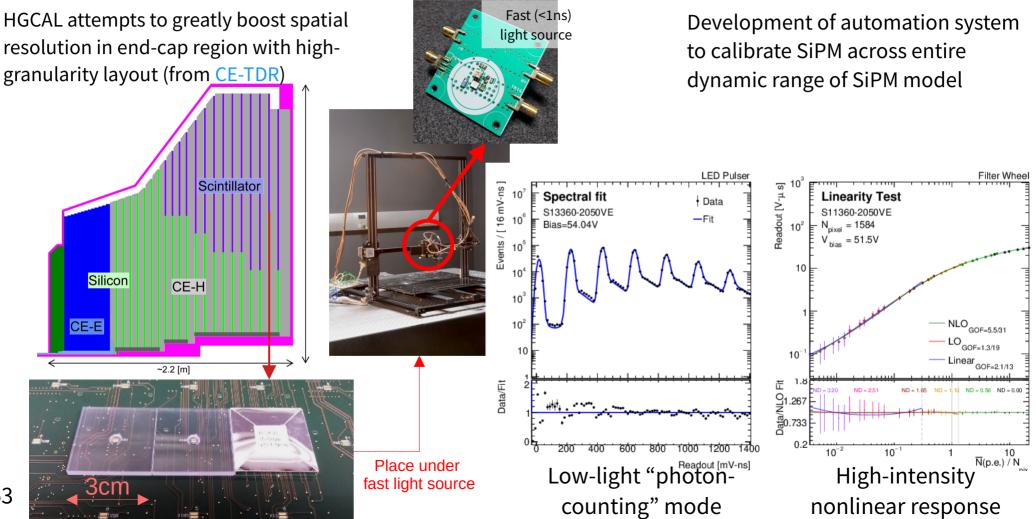




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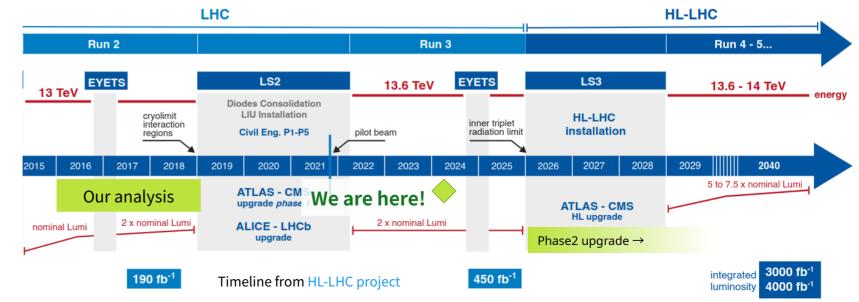
#### **Personal works with HGCAL**





### **Outlooks to future efforts at colliders**

- Long-lived particle searches continue to be of great interest!
  - Alternate beyond standard model theories with parameter space previously unconstrained
  - Predicted phenomenological signatures challenge many existing analysis paradigms
- Continued efforts from experiments to enable exotic signature searches:
  - Dedicated object trigger (Run 3 and ongoing)
  - Timing layer for additional particle in-flight information (Phase 2)
  - Higher resolution and coverage many subsystems (Phase 2)





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# Thanks for you attention!

# **Backup slides**

### More details on the EMJ analysis

#### Full list of survey EMJ signal models



#### Unflavored model:

Assuming SU(N<sub>dark</sub>=3) QCD-like interaction, number of dark fermions N<sub>f</sub>=7 with degenerated mass, and couples exclusively to SM down quark. Samples a full grid on the following 3 free parameters:

- m<sub>dark</sub> [GeV]: 10, 20
- M<sub>X,dark</sub> [GeV]: 1000, 1200, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1800, 2000, 2200, 2400, 2500
- $c\tau_{\pi,dark}$  [mm]: 1, 2, 5, 25, 45, 60, 100, 150, 225, 300, 500, 1000

**Flavor-aligned model:** Assuming SU( $N_{dark}$ =3) QCD-like interaction, number of dark fermions  $N_f$ =3 with degenerate mass, and couples with SM down-type quark (d, c, b) with a diagonal Yukawa matrix with common term  $\kappa_0$ , the longest-lived lifetime and we can calculate this as:

$$0.761309\kappa_0^{-4} \left(\frac{1\text{TeV}}{m_X}\right)^4 \left(\frac{m_{\pi_{\text{dark}}}}{1\text{GeV}}\right)^3$$

We scan over 3 free parameters:  $m_{dark}$ ,  $M_{X,dark}$ ,  $\kappa_0$ , such that  $c\tau_{\pi,dark,max}$  falls on the following grid values:

- m<sub>dark</sub> [GeV]: 6, 10, 20
- M<sub>X,dark</sub> [GeV]: 1000, 1200, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1800, 2000, 2200, 2400, 2500
- $c\tau_{\pi,dark}$  [mm]: 5, 25, 45, 100, 500 ( $\kappa_0$ =1)



- HLT trigger paths:
  - JetHT datastream@2016 HLT\_PFHT900\_v\* | HLT\_PFJet450\_v\*
  - JetHT datastream@2017, 2018, HLT\_PFHT1050\_v\*
  - SinglePhoton datastream@2016 HLT\_Photon165\_HE10\_v\*
  - SinglePhoton datastream@2017, 2018 HLT\_Photon200\_v\*
- Primary Vertex collection: "slimmedPrimaryVertices"
  - IsGood & !isFake()
- Tracks collection (extracted from "packedPFCandidate" collection)
- AK4 Jets "slimmedJets"
  - JetID = 1
  - DeepFlavor variable for b jet tagging and distribution fitting

### Background estimation – Scale factor details (1)



Consider all background events with 4 jets of interest, each jet having independent probability  $\epsilon_j$  of being mistagged as an EMJ. The fraction of jets with N EMJ-tagged jet P(N), can be calculated by combinatoric:

$$P(0) = \prod_{j} (1 - \epsilon_{j})$$

$$P(1) = \sum_{i} \left( \epsilon_{i} \prod_{j \neq i} (1 - \epsilon_{j}) \right)$$

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$$P(2) = \frac{1}{2!} \sum_{i} \epsilon_{i} \left( \sum_{j \neq i} \left( \epsilon_{j} \sum_{k \neq i, j} (1 - \epsilon_{k}) \right) \right)$$

$$P(3) = \frac{1}{3!} \sum_{i} \epsilon_{i} \left( \sum_{j \neq i} \epsilon_{j} \left( \sum_{k \neq i, j} \epsilon_{k} \left( \prod_{l \neq i, j, k} (1 - \epsilon_{l}) \right) \right) \right)$$

$$P(4) = \frac{1}{4!} \sum_{i \neq j \neq k \neq l \dots} \epsilon_{i} \epsilon_{j} \epsilon_{k} \epsilon_{l} = \prod_{i} \epsilon_{i}$$

- Factors of (1/n!) appear from the use of an unordered sum (Σ<sub>i≠j</sub> instead of something like Σ<sub>j>i</sub>) The use of unordered sum will be important later
- If the CR/SR comparison of interest uses the N<sub>EMJ</sub>=0 and N<sub>EMJ</sub>≥1, then the scale factor of interest will be calculated as:

$$SF = \frac{P(1) + P(2) + P(3) + P(4)}{P(0)} \sim \sum_{j} \epsilon_{j}$$

#### Background estimation – Scale factor details (2)



Since our control region of interest also has 1 least 1 EMJ tagged jet, the calculation from the previous page should has take a subset of conditional combinatorics. Let us label the EMJ-tagged jet index as T, and the fraction of events with N EMJ-tagged jets as Q(N)

$$Q(0) = 0$$

$$Q(1) = \epsilon_T \left( \prod_{i \neq T} (1 - \epsilon_i) \right)$$

$$Q(2) = \frac{1}{2!} \epsilon_T \left( \sum_{i \neq T} \left( \epsilon_i \sum_{j \neq T, i} (1 - \epsilon_k) \right) \right)$$

$$Q(3) = \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon_T \left( \sum_{i \neq T} \epsilon_i \left( \sum_{j \neq i, T} \epsilon_j \left( \prod_{k \neq i, j, T} (1 - \epsilon_k) \right) \right) \right)$$

$$Q(4) = \frac{1}{4!} \epsilon_T \sum_{T \neq i \neq j \neq k...} \epsilon_j \epsilon_k \epsilon_l$$

- Unordered sum allows us to quickly extract the subset of combinatorics where the T-th jet is EMJ tagged.
- Since the CR/SR comparison of interest uses the N<sub>EMJ</sub>=1 and N<sub>EMJ</sub>≥2, the scale factor of interest will be calculated as:

$$SF = \frac{Q(2) + Q(3) + Q(4)}{Q(1)} \sim \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j \neq T} \epsilon_j$$

#### **Background estimation – key requirements**



In the calculations of SF, we have only labeled mistag rate as  $\epsilon_j$  for each jet in the event for convenience. In actuality, mistag rate is shown to be a function of the various jet variables ( $p_T$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $n_{tracks}$ ... etc). The use of simple, unweighted combinatorics when calculating SF is only correct if the follow two assumptions are true:

- 1) The Mistag rate of jets within the same event is uncorrelated up to the parameterization of the mistag rate  $\epsilon(\theta)$
- 2) The jets parameters used for mistag rate can be correctly assigned for each jet

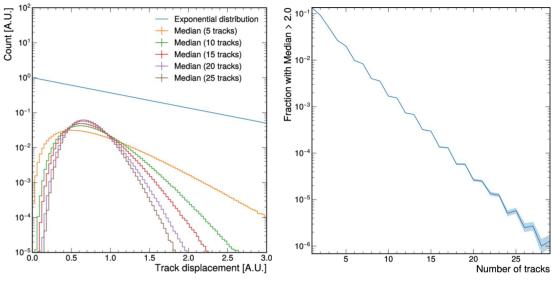
Neither of the assumptions is strictly true for what can be reasonably obtained in the the data-based calculation. We should then carefully evaluate the optimal methods of getting correct results in our calculations, and assign appropriate uncertainties.

#### Updating the analysis – ε parameterization

Since correlation in jet flavor is an irreducible, physics-based correlation from the hard-scatter process, we opt to always choose to parameterize mistag rate as  $\varepsilon(f,v)$  where v is some jet kinematic variable. The parameter v is then chosen taking into account the following criteria:

- Which variable best encapsulates the mistag rate correlation?
- Which variable dependence is "physics driven"?
  - Has irreducible factors, flavor dependence?
  - Best encompasses the potential physics differences between the H<sub>T</sub> data stream, and the γ-triggered data stream?

Simple numerical experiment demonstrate the steep n<sub>track</sub> dependence of u-tag\* taggers can be driven purely by the median algorithm ("central median theorem")

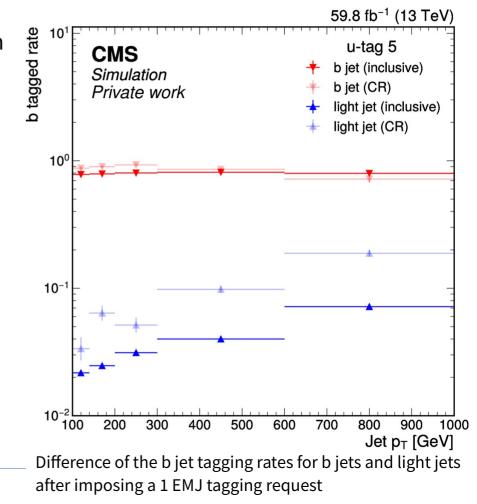




### Updating the analysis – jet flavor assignment

The flavor averaged methods only strictly works when the SR and CR has similar b jet fractions. The calculation is known to fail if we attempt a  $(N_{EMJ}=0) \rightarrow (N_{EMJ}\geq 2)$  SF calculation (b jets typically comes in pairs from gluon splitting). In an attempt to solve this, a per-jet flavor assignment using Bayesian inference with b-tagging result was attempted.

Assuming the underlying flavor being U, and the b tagging results T, we can attempt to calculate P(U|T) from P(T|U) using Bayes theorem, and weigh the scale factor results with an assumed underlying flavor. This attempt ultimately failed, because b-tagging results will have significant shifts in distribution after imposing additional jet-level selections.



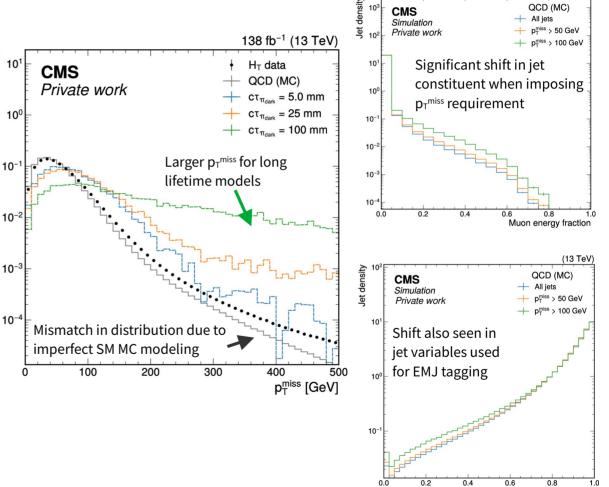
#### Updating the analysis – p<sub>T</sub><sup>miss</sup> selection

Events (A. U.)

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In the previous analysis, we attempted to boost signal sensitivity using a minimum p<sub>T</sub><sup>miss</sup> requirements. This was found to significantly shift the jet population, meaning that the uncertainty will be much larger when comparing mistag rates evaluated in y-triggered data sets.

Ultimately, the limit gain was limited, so we opted to remove this event selections.



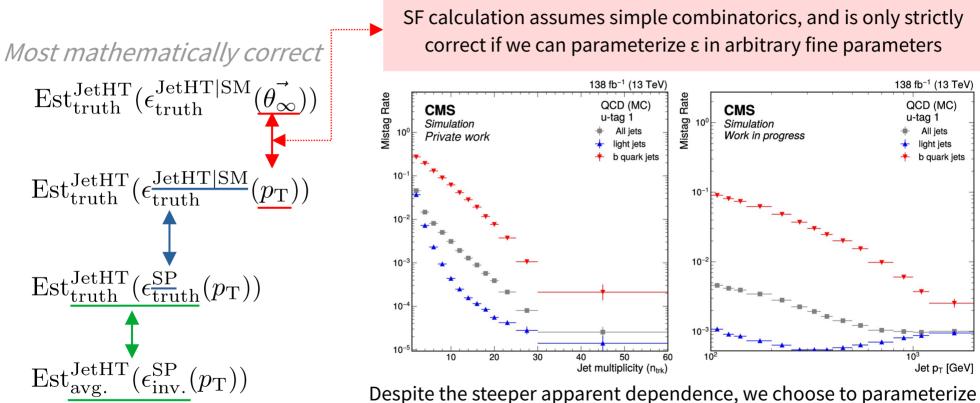
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#### Data-based methods – variable choice uncertainty



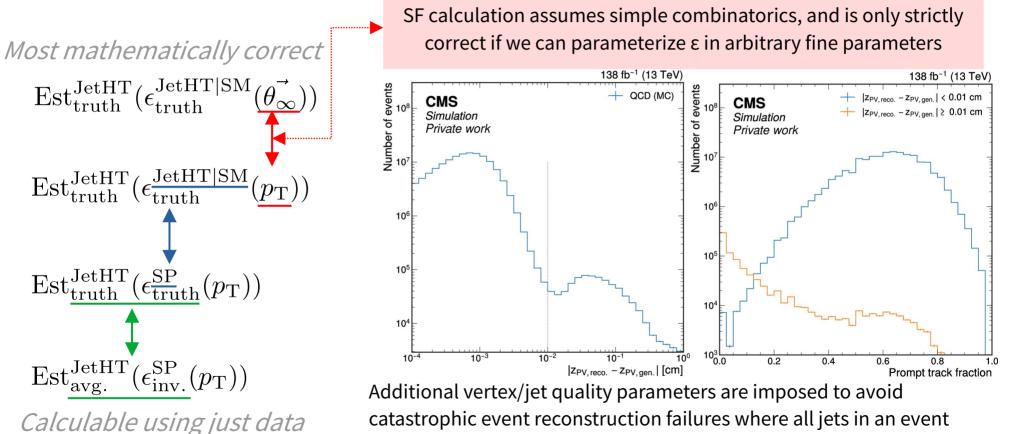


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Despite the steeper apparent dependence, we choose to parameterize  $\epsilon$  in  $p_T$ , as it better reflects tagging correlation driven by physics. An uncertainty should be associated with this choice.

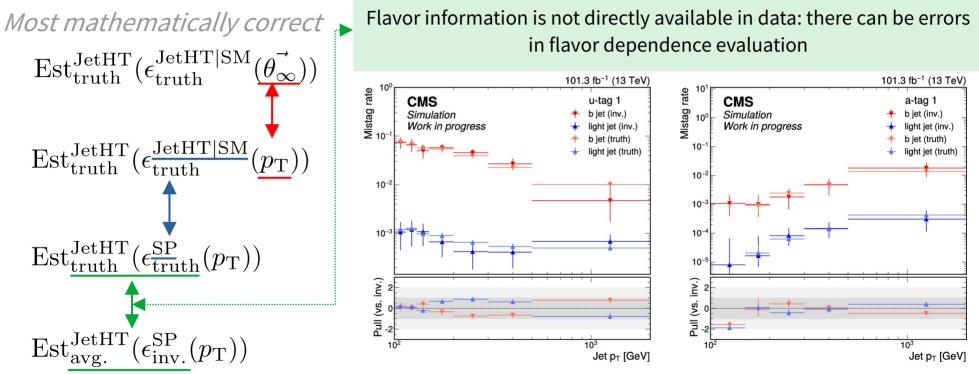
#### Data-based methods – event-level oddities





appears "displaced"





Calculable using just data

MC events are used to estimate potential differences, where we can compare direct and indirect flavor computations.

#### Track modeling uncertainty



While MC is used to guide the analysis choices, the final analysis results will use a fully data-based approach. This means that discrepancies between data and MC samples are less critical for the evaluation of background contamination, but potential impacts to calculation routines should be carefully evaluated

#### SM background

- Detector effect discrepancies (resolutions, efficiency)
  - Correctness is handled by the data-based estimate
  - Final selection cut values might be suboptimal
  - No additional actions will be done for a search analysis
- Physics-driven uncertainty (missing physics in MC set)
  - Does this introduce tagging correlations? If no, this will be largely handled by the data-based estimate
  - Non-QCD processes expected to contribute <0.1 event for all cut sets. No additional action will be taken

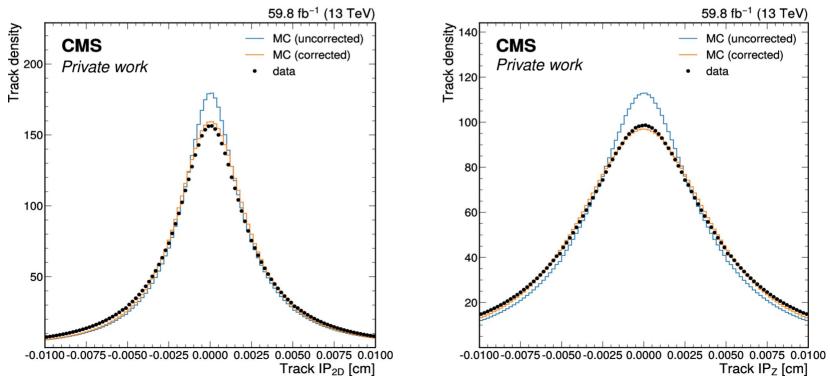
#### Signal events

- How much does it change the signal selection efficiency?
- Can we give estimate such discrepancies?
  - This is usually handled by the the CMS physics object groups
  - The only nonstandard discrepancies are the track displacements measures

#### Track modeling – small displacement effect



For tracks with small displacements (<10<sup>-1</sup> cm), we expect that the tracking algorithm has nearly 100% reconstruction efficiency, the differences between data and MC are mainly driven by track/vertex resolution effects. This is what is used as an analysis uncertainty presented in the main presentation



### Track modeling – large displacement effect

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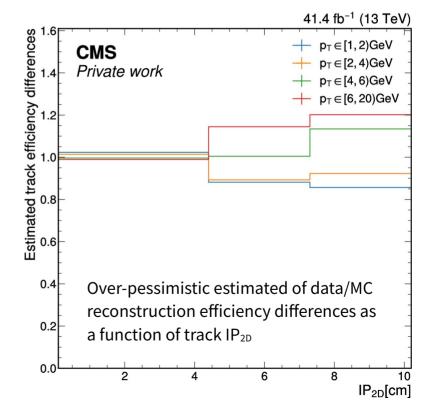
For large displacements effects, two effects may drive data/MC discrepancies:

- Missing physics processes: generation of heavy flavor mesons, or potentially signal effects
  - Data/MC needs to be evaluated in signal-free region (using photon-triggered data stream)
- Reconstruction efficiency effects

Reconstruction efficiency is **very** difficult to evaluate in data, we use the normalized  $IP_{xy}$  distribution in data/MC and assume:

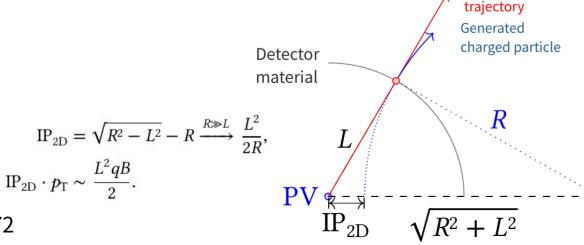
- Reconstruction efficiency with  $IP_{xy} < 0.1$ cm is 100%
- Event-level track multiplicity distribution as a function of IP<sub>xy</sub> is only caused by reconstruction efficiency mismatches
- Perform a track-level reweighting when computing displacement measure
- Signal efficiency was found to at most be impacted by 2%, with the typical change being ~0.3%

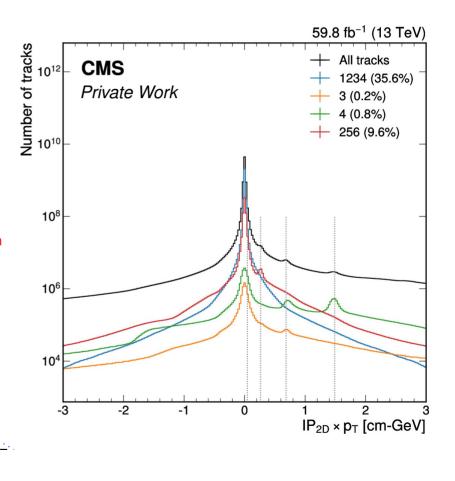
## *No additional uncertainties are included in the final calculation*



#### Interesting consequence of material interaction

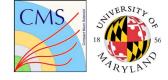
- Material interaction generates tracks with peaking structures in the  $IP_{2D} \times p_T$ spectrum (only on the positive side!)
- Purely geometrically result!
  - Argument is given in the diagram below
  - Peaking features can be isolated by limiting tracks with particular hit patternsrgy photon



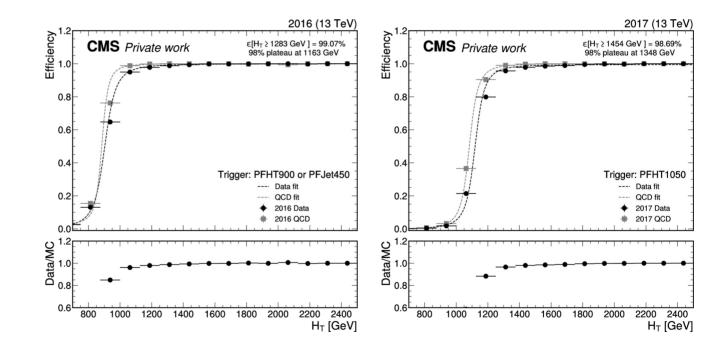




#### Additional signal systematics calculated



- Relative trigger efficiencies calculated compared to HLT\_Mu50
- Evaluated data/QCD MC difference evaluated per-data collection era
- MC track reconstruction modeling
- Luminosity
- Trigger efficiency
- Pileup
- Jet energy corrections and resolutions
- PDF/α<sub>s</sub>



#### Additional signal systematics calculated



- Other effects uses POG provided correction values
- Shift kinematic/event weights by  $\pm 1\sigma$ , and compare the variation in final event count
- Summary of signal systematics below (units in %) model-agnostic/GNN

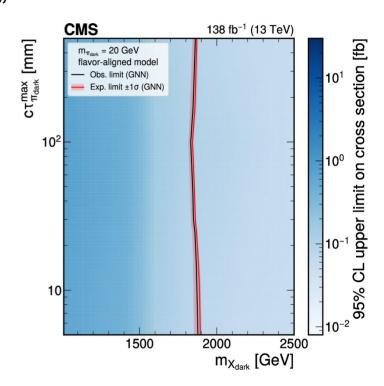
	Unflavored model		Flavor-aligned model	
	mean	std.	mean	std.
MC track modelling	0.2/0.3	0.3/0.8	1.4/0.5	1.8/0.6
Pileup reweighting	1.6/0.9	1.4/0.8	1.4/1.0	1.2/0.9
JEC	1.0/1.3	1.3/0.9	0.8/0.7	0.7/0.4
JER	0.3/0.2	0.4/0.3	0.3/0.2	0.3/0.1
Trigger efficiency	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1
Luminosity	1.8	0.6	1.8	0.6
PDF variation	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Matrix element scale	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1

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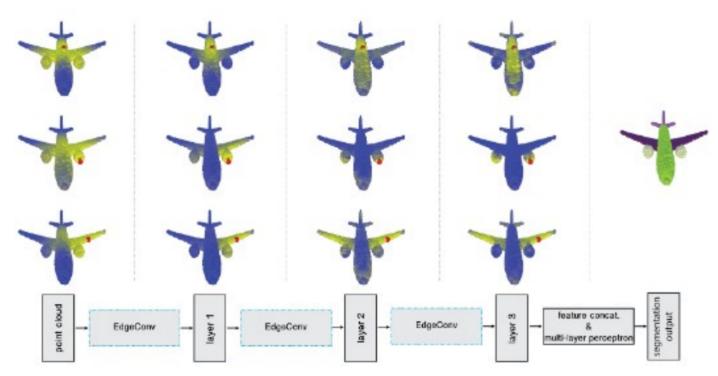
#### More discussion on sensitivity (Flavor-aligned)

#### Common Question: why is the sensitivity of the flavor-aligned "better" at long lifetimes and poorer at the center of the volume tracker?

- Recall that tagging feature aimed at displaced track multiplicity, with "displaced" set at around b-meson scale
- cτ<sub>max,dark</sub> is parameterized by the longest lifetime dark meson, b-meson producing dark mesons have lifetime 10<sup>-4</sup> compared with this:
  - There is tension between longest lifetime SM products being generated outside the tracker volume, and b-meson producing signatures generating distinguishable displaced signatures
- Similar sensitivity curve using GNN tagging indicates that the modelagnostic feature is not missing any simple features that can boost sensitivity.
- For this analysis, we have demonstrated the flatter dependence on coupling strength.
  - Is it worth it so scan a wider region in parameter space? That would be a good question for Run-3 analyses with newer modelling







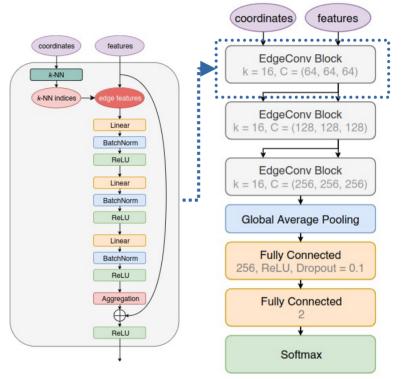
Original use-case for GNNs: 3-dimensional object classification (arXiv:1801.07829)

#### More details on GNNs

#### <sup>+</sup> "Dynamic Graph CNN for Learning on Point Clouds", arXiv:1801.07829

#### Detailed description of the GNN topology

- A "edge convolution" layer graph encodes spatial "point-like" information into a dense "image-like" information suitable for CNN inference<sup>+</sup>
- Suitable for jet classification, as jets are a sparse list of objects belonging the same cluster
- Now serving as the ParticleNet b jet tagger used for standard b tagging in Run 3 @ CMS



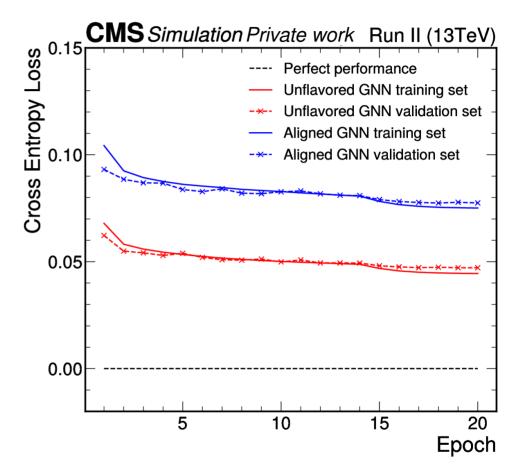
Topology of GNN network used for jet tagging. (From arXiv:1902.08570)



### Training and validating the GNN



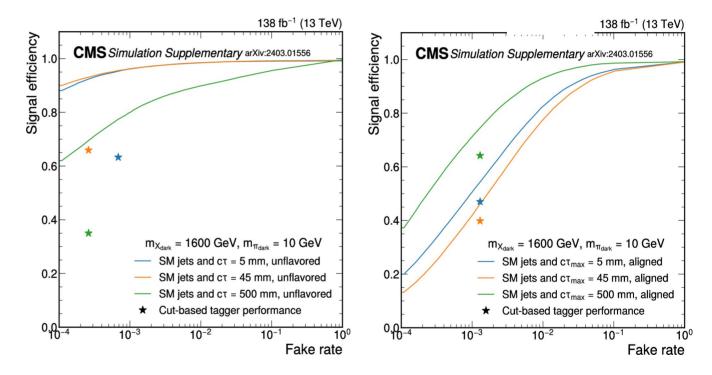
- 1) Jets-track clustering is ran with R<sub>cut</sub><0.8 association scheme for events passing trigger requirements in QCD and signal samples
- 2) Jets classified using truth information as unflavored signal/flavor-aligned signal/SM jets
  - All signal samples of the same model are grouped into the same class of jets together
- 3) QCD jets selected to match the number of signal jets used
- 4) 60% of used for training, 15% used for validation, 25% used for calculate model performance



#### **Comparing the GNN performance**



- Comparing the ROC curve, the GNN performance is better than the cut-based taggers
- Performance varies with lifetime:
  - Unflavored model: significant degrading for long lifetime (expected)
  - Flavor-aligned model: more uniform performance, "best" performance is towards longer section (see discussion regarding flavored model limit sensitivity)



#### **Checking GNN input**



Comparison of variable correlation can also serve to distinguish what features may be important to the GNN. Large correlation differences can be an indication that these variables can be used for distinguish jet types

 p<sub>T</sub> fraction and angular width driven by physics processes: Hadronic showing v.s. DS showering v.s. DS→SM showering

