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## Strategies for btagging calibration using data at CMS

The CMS Collaboration is studying several algorithms to discriminate jets coming from the hadronization of b quarks from the lighter background. These will be used to identify top quarks and in searches of the Higgs boson and non-Standard Model processes. A reliable estimate of the performance of these algorithms is therefore crucial, and methods to estimate efficiencies and mistag rates directly on data are needed. While on simulated data it was shown the btagging algorithms reach adequate performance for 'standard model and beyond' analyses, when searching for the better b efficiency / light rejection, it is definitely not trivial to extract and validate these figures on real data. The CMS Monte Carlo simulation, even if tuned for more than 10 years, is in fact not expected to be reliable on the first data, and large discrepancies can also come from the experimental inputs on the production of heavy flavours. The CMS b-tagging group has prepared several strategies to extract efficiencies and rejection rates from data, which should work even on the first data expected during the 2008 running period (10 pb<sup>-1</sup>). Three methods are described that take into account startup conditions expected from both the LHC machine (luminosity) and the CMS detector (alignment/calibration).

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