

# RDataFrame and jitting

Runtime comparison of jitted vs compiled code

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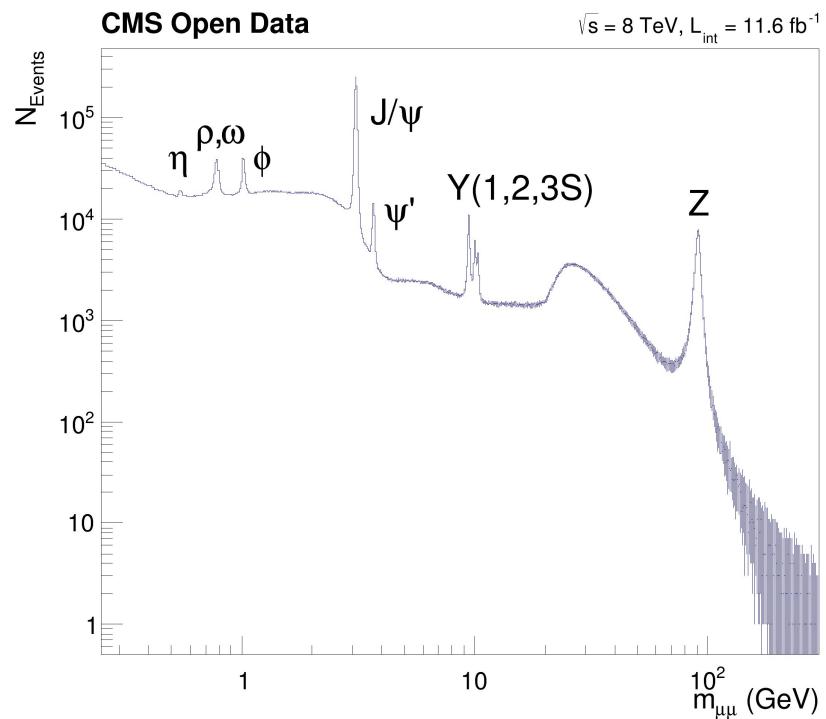
# What is the problem?

- RDF performs considerably worse in Python, which requires jitting parts of the computation graph
- Pressing issue since Python is the language of choice for most RDF users
- **Today:**  
Putting out reproducers and numbers to pin down the issue



# The baseline

- Using the tutorial [df102](#) as the benchmark
- All measurements are single threaded, repeated 5 times and the minimal runtime is reported
- Data read from local SSD with hot cache
- ROOT configuration:
  - RelWithDebInfo
  - All other settings on default
  - On state of Dec 17, 2020





# C++: Compiled RDF

```
#include "ROOT/RDataFrame.hxx"
#include "ROOT/RVec.hxx"

int main()
{
    ROOT::RDataFrame df("Events", "Run2012BC_DoubleMuParked_Muons.root");
    auto df_2mu = df.Filter(
        [](unsigned int n){ return n == 2; },
        {"nMuon"});
    auto df_os = df_2mu.Filter(
        [] (ROOT::RVec<int>& c){ return c[0] != c[1]; },
        {"Muon_charge"});
    auto df_mass = df_os.Define("Dimuon_mass",
        ROOT::VecOps::InvariantMass<float>,
        {"Muon_pt", "Muon_eta", "Muon_phi", "Muon_mass"});
    auto h = df_mass.Histo1D<float>({ "", "", 30000, 0.25, 300}, "Dimuon_mass");
    h.GetValue();
}

void df102() {
    main();
}
```

Compiled with **g++ -O3 df102.cxx \$(root-config --cflags --libs)**  
or run interpreted with **root -l -q df102.cxx**



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    auto df_2mu = df.Filter("nMuon == 2");
    auto df_os = df_2mu.Filter("Muon_charge[0] != Muon_charge[1]");
    auto df_mass = df_os.Define("Dimuon_mass", "InvariantMass(Muon_pt, Muon_eta, Muon_phi, Muon_mass)");
    auto h = df_mass.Histo1D({ "", "", 30000, 0.25, 300}, "Dimuon_mass");
    h.GetValue();
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void df102() {
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```
import ROOT

df = ROOT.RDataFrame("Events", "Run2012BC_DoubleMuParked_Muons.root")
df_2mu = df.Filter("nMuon == 2")
df_os = df_2mu.Filter("Muon_charge[0] != Muon_charge[1]")
df_mass = df_os.Define("Dimuon_mass", "InvariantMass(Muon_pt, Muon_eta, Muon_phi, Muon_mass)")
h = df_mass.Histo1D((" ", " ", 30000, 0.25, 300), "Dimuon_mass")
h.GetValue()
```

Run with `python3 df102.py`



# Runtimes

C++ **compiled** with **templated RDF**:

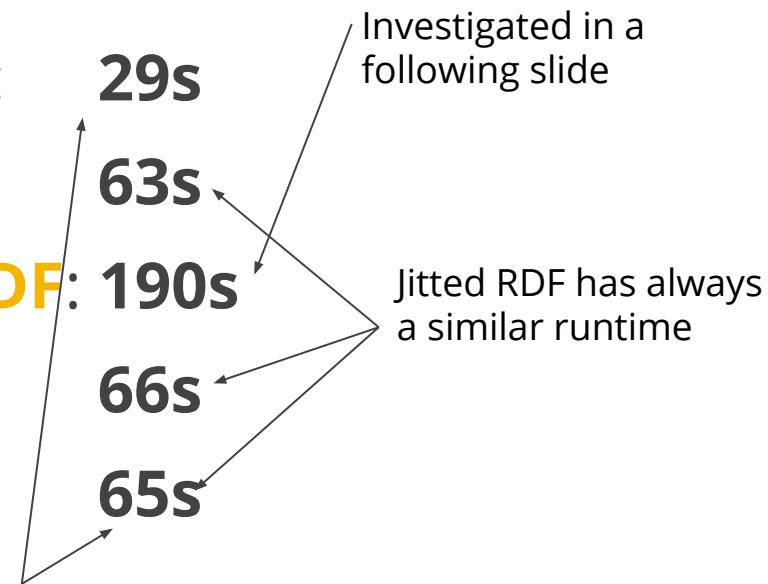
C++ **compiled** with **jitted RDF**:

C++ **interpreted** with **templated RDF**: 190s

C++ **interpreted** with **jitted RDF**:

Python:

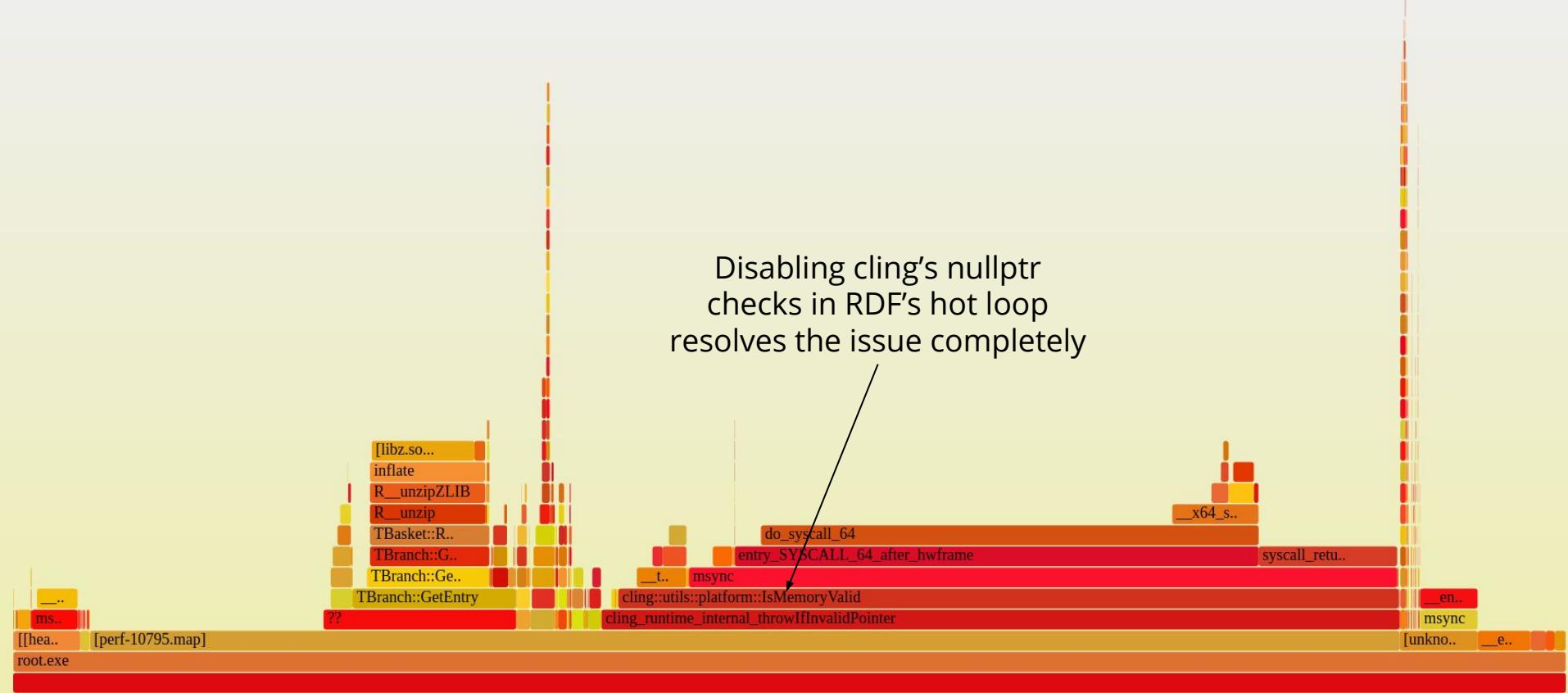
Python is 2x slower  
than the fully compiled  
C++ version





# Interpreted C++ with templated RDF

Disabling cling's nullptr  
checks in RDF's hot loop  
resolves the issue completely





# Runtimes after fixing the nullptr checks

C++ **compiled** with **templated RDF** (O3): **29s**

C++ **compiled** with **templated RDF** (O0): **61s**

C++ **compiled** with **jitted RDF**: **63s**

C++ **interpreted** with **templated RDF**: **61s**

C++ **interpreted** with **jitted RDF**: **66s**

Python: **65s**

now fixed





# Impact of compiler optimizations

- Investigate the impact of the compiler optimization level (00, 01, 02 and 03) on the runtime
- Use the version with **compiled C++** and **templated RDF** as benchmark
- Runtime with 03: **29s**
- Runtime with 02: **30s**
- Runtime with 01: **30s**
- Runtime with 00: **60s**

About the same runtime  
as the jitted RDF version.  
**01 already improves  
the runtime by 50%**



# Jitted vs compiled RDF: Step by step

```
auto df_2mu = df.Filter("nMuon == 2");
1) replaced by
auto df_2mu = df.Filter(
[](unsigned int n){ return n == 2; }, {"nMuon"});  
  
auto df_os = df_2mu.Filter("Muon_charge[0] != Muon_charge[1]");
2) replaced by
auto df_os = df_2mu.Filter(
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auto df_mass = df_os.Define("Dimuon_mass",
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3) replaced by
auto df_mass = df_os.Define("Dimuon_mass",
ROOT::VecOps::InvariantMass<float>,
{"Muon_pt", "Muon_eta", "Muon_phi", "Muon_mass"});  
  
auto h = df_mass.Histo1D({ "", "", 30000, 0.25, 300},
"Dimuon_mass");
4) replaced by
auto h = df_mass.Histo1D<float>({ "", "", 30000, 0.25, 300},
"Dimuon_mass");
```

- Each jitted RDF node is replaced one by one until the full graph is compiled
  - Always run with compiled C++
  - Runtime **compiled C++** with **fully jitted RDF: 63s**
  - Runtime **compiled C++** with **fully templated RDF: 29s**
1. New runtime: **57s**
  2. New runtime: **49s**
  3. New runtime: **32s**
  4. New runtime: **29s**  
Same as the **fully templated RDF** version



# What about pragma cling optimize?

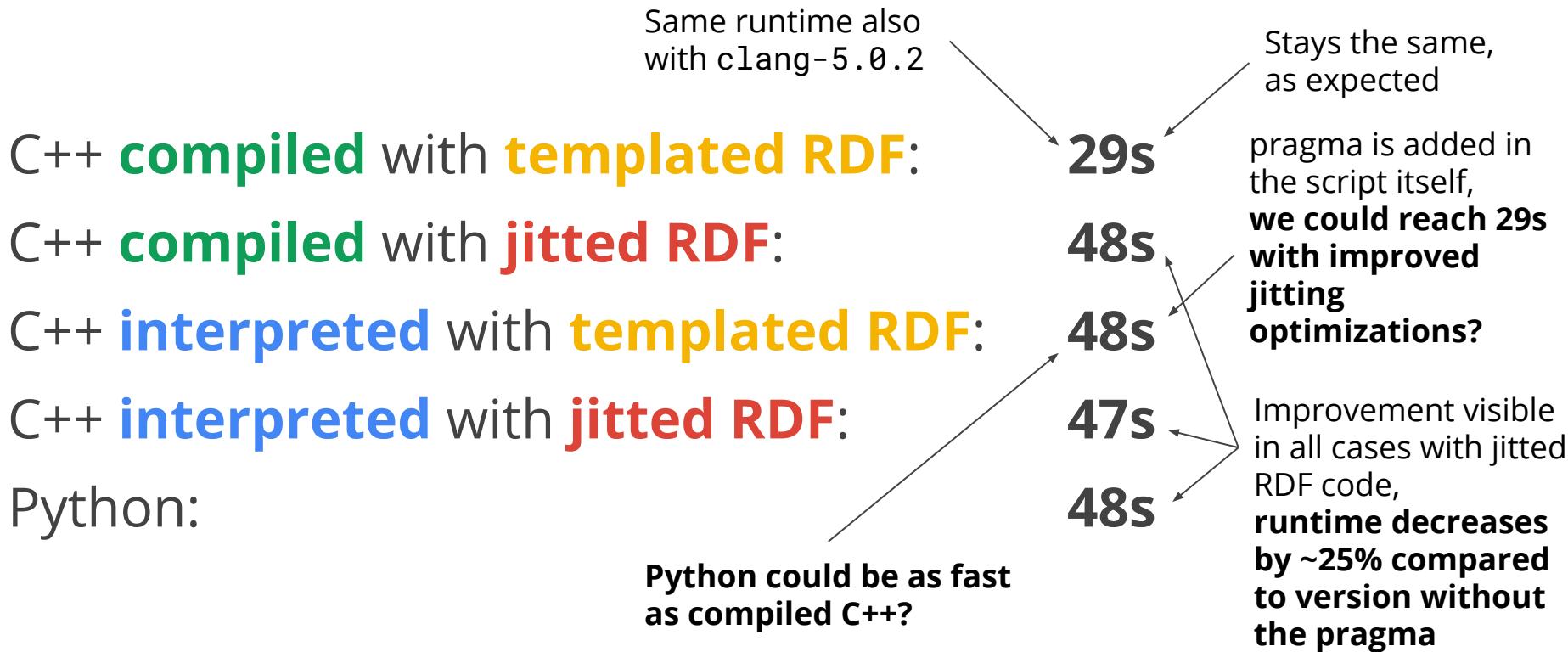
```
diff --git a/tree/dataframe/src/RDFUtils.cxx b/tree/dataframe/src/RDFUtils.cxx
index bb12b3db6d..6199dd8b98 100644
--- a/tree/dataframe/src/RDFUtils.cxx
+++ b/tree/dataframe/src/RDFUtils.cxx
@@ -297,9 +297,11 @@ std::vector<std::string> ReplaceDotWithUnderscore(const std::vector<std::string>
    return newColNames;
}

+static const auto opt = "#pragma cling optimize(3)\n";
+
void InterpreterDeclare(const std::string &code)
{
-  if (!gInterpreter->Declare(code.c_str())) {
+  if (!gInterpreter->Declare((opt + code).c_str())) {
    const auto msg =
        "\nRDataFrame: An error occurred during just-in-time compilation. The lines above might indicate the cause of "
        "the crash\n All RDF objects that have not run an event loop yet should be considered in an invalid state.\n";
@@ -310,7 +312,7 @@ void InterpreterDeclare(const std::string &code)
Long64_t InterpreterCalc(const std::string &code, const std::string &context)
{
    TInterpreter::EErrorCode errorCode(TInterpreter::kNoError);
-  auto res = gInterpreter->Calc(code.c_str(), &errorCode);
+  auto res = gInterpreter->Calc((opt + code).c_str(), &errorCode);
    if (errorCode != TInterpreter::EErrorCode::kNoError) {
        std::string msg = "\nAn error occurred during just-in-time compilation";
        if (!context.empty())
```

Put a **#pragma cling optimize(3)** everywhere in the RDF internal jitting



# Runtimes with #pragma cling optimize





# cling + O3: integration benchmarks

	no pragma	pragma
gbenchmark-df102_NanoAODDimuonAnalysis_noimt	47.2	41.9
gbenchmark-df102_NanoAODDimuonAnalysis/8	11.3	11.2
BM_RDataFrame_h1Analysis	4.4	6.1
BM_RDataFrame_h1Analysis_MT/8	1.4	2.8
pytest_df102_NanoAODDimuonAnalysis_noimt	65.6	48.9
pytest_df102_NanoAODDimuonAnalysis_imt	17.9	16.7
df103_NanoAODHiggsAnalysis_noimt	16.0	16.3
df103_NanoAODHiggsAnalysis_imt/8	6.0	6.7
df103_NanoAODHiggsAnalysis_rungraphs/8	4.5	5.3
test_df103_NanoAODHiggsAnalysis_noimt	16.6	16.4
pytest_df103_NanoAODHiggsAnalysis_imt	11.0	14.1
pytest_df103_NanoAODHiggsAnalysis_rungraphs	5.2	6.3
pytest_df104_HiggsToTwoPhotons_noimt	51.8	39.4
pytest_df104_HiggsToTwoPhotons_imt	14.2	11.9
pytest_df104_HiggsToTwoPhotons_rungraphs	15.2	12.4
LoopSUSYFrame	6.5	12.1
wmass_noimt	28.3	31.2
wmass_imt	29.7	30.1

Jitting time  
goes from  
4s to 10s



# Take aways

- cling's nullptr checks are expensive - must remember to disable them in our internal templated code!
- Compiler optimization levels improve the runtime significantly (in this example O1 is 50% faster than O0)
- (at least part of) Python's performance loss seems to be due to missing compiler optimizations (O3 vs O0)
- `pragma cling optimize(3)` restores the inefficiency only partially (just 25% faster than vanilla jitting with O0). Why?
- speeding up jitted RDF == speeding up RDF in Python ?



# Food for thought

- Optimized jitted code improves the hot loop runtimes but adds a constant offset.
  - Jitting optimized code is probably a better default. Should this be a knob users can turn?
- Exploratory analyses on just few events might feel very slow. RDF+Python benchmarks below ~20s will be skewed by jitting times. An issue for initial adoption?



# Interpreted C++ with templated RDF

```
$ date && /usr/bin/time root -l -q df102_compiled.cxx
```

Di 5. Jan 12:14:42 GMT 2021 # from date

Start of the macro

Processing df102\_compiled.cxx... # entering the macro in ROOT

Enter RLoopManager::Run

Date/Time = Tue, 05 Jan 2021 12:14:44 +0000 (GMT) +480968000 nsec

Start of the hot loop

Start event loop

Date/Time = Tue, 05 Jan 2021 12:14:44 +0000 (GMT) +549038000 nsec

End of the hot loop,  
**spent 191s in the hot loop**

Leave RLoopManager::Run

Date/Time = Tue, 05 Jan 2021 12:17:55 +0000 (GMT) +556587000 nsec

**Total runtime of 192s**  
matches timestamps

151.86user 40.68system 3:12.73elapsed # from /usr/bin/time