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# A new algorithm for $b$ tagging very high $p_T$ jets via pixel hit multiplicities

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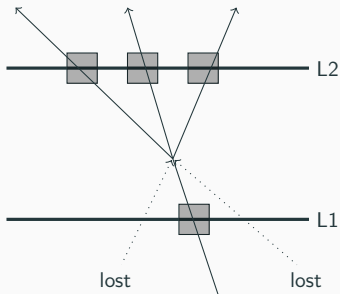
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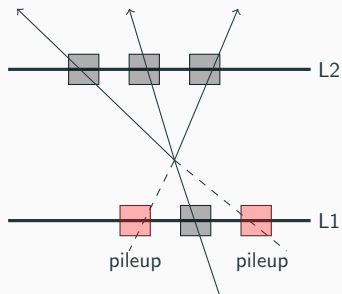
# Motivation

- decay of highly boosted  $B$  hadrons between pixel detection layers causes a lack of hits in the earlier layer
- efficiency loss in track reconstruction at extreme  $p_T$  due to missing hits

lost tracks

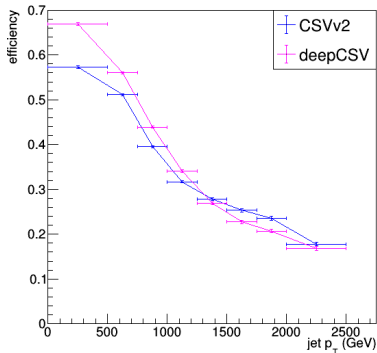
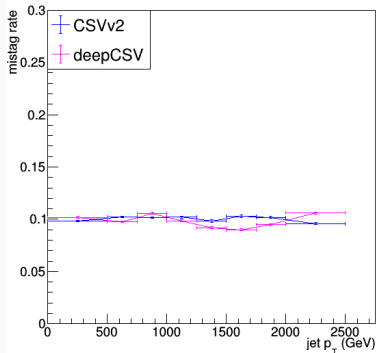


wrongly reconstructed tracks



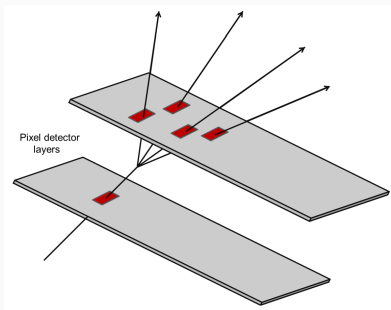
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- all state-of-the-art taggers in CMS like CSV are based on PF candidates which in turn are based on tracks
- degrading  $b$  tagging performance at very high  $p_T$
- what if we want to tag 6 or 8 TeV resonances in Full Run-II searches?



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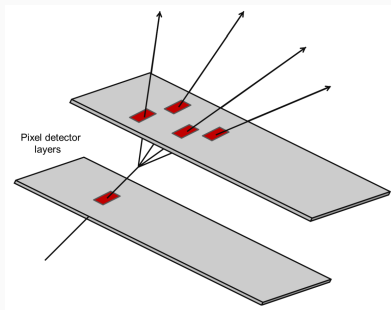
- alternative approach by B. Todd Huffman et al. (*arXiv:1604.05036* and *arXiv:1701.06832*)
- count pixel hits inside a small cone around the jet axis in each layer
- build tagging variables based on the increase in hit multiplicity in subsequent detector layers



*arXiv:1604.05036*

# Aim of the study

1. check if a hit multiplicity increase is found for high  $p_T$   $B$  hadrons on a CMS detector simulation
2. develop a simple cut-based  $b$  tagger from this
3. check if such a tagger is competitive to the CSV at very high  $p_T$
4. further develop the tagger with MVA techniques to maximize the performance

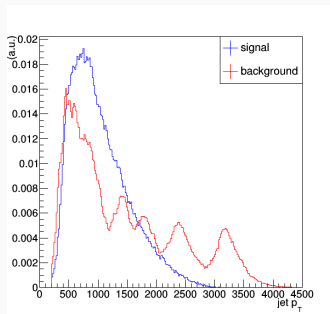


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1. generate high- $p_T$   $b$  jets ( $p_T > 500$  GeV)
2. geometrically match hits in each layer to the jets
3. construct hit-based variables
4. compare the variables of  $b$  jets (signal) to those of light-flavor jets (background)
5. develop discriminants to distinguish signal from background

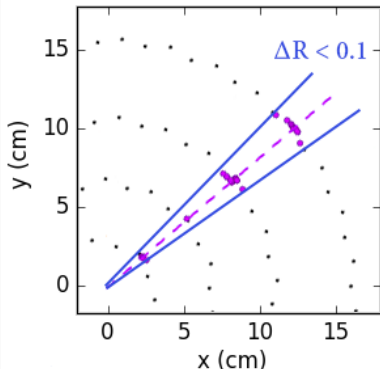
# Monte Carlo samples

- signal:  $Z' \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  at 9 mass points from 2 to 6 TeV, 2017 and 2018
- background: QCD samples produced in pT-bins, *TuneCUETP8M1 (102X)*, 2018
- momentum threshold of 350 GeV imposed on outgoing particles
- jets within  $200 \text{ GeV} < p_T < 2500 \text{ GeV}$  selected
- with respect to the previous presentation, the samples have been updated to more realistic conditions
- $p_T$  distributions before reweighting:



# Pixel cluster matching

- hits given by clusters: adjacent pixels in the silicon pixel detector whose charge exceeds a pre-defined readout threshold
- clusters are counted for each jet and layer if they lie inside a cone of fixed  $\Delta R \equiv \sqrt{\Delta\eta^2 + \Delta\phi^2}$  around the jet axis
- different values for  $\Delta R$  were tested: 0.04, 0.06, 0.08, 0.10, 0.16 (see later)



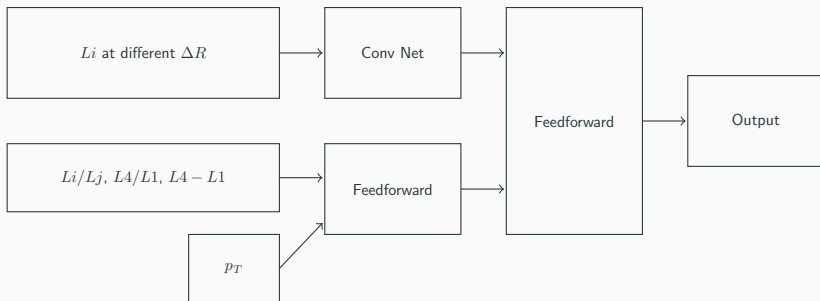


# MANtag structure

Multiplicity-based Artificial Neural network tagger (MANtag)

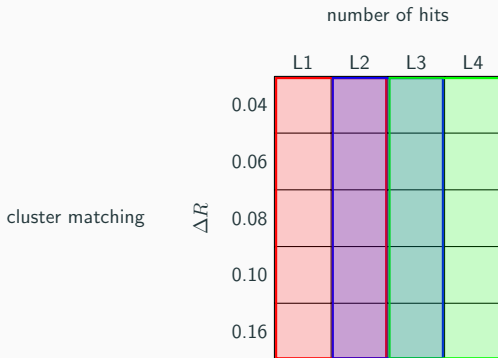
input variables:

- number of hits in each Layer  $L_i$  matched at 5 different  $\Delta R$
- ratio of hits for consecutive layer:  $L_2/L_1$ ,  $L_3/L_2$ ,  $L_4/L_3$
- variables from previous discussion:  $L_4/L_1$ ,  $L_4 - L_1$
- $p_T$  as input variable  $\rightarrow$  need to reweight  $p_T$  profiles



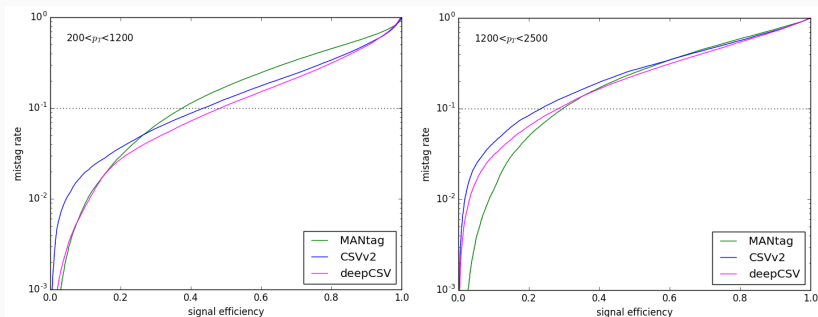
# Convolutional layer

- $L_i$  and cone size arranged in a  $5 \times 4$  matrix
- convolutional  $5 \times 2$  filter sliding over input matrix
- take advantage of spatial structure



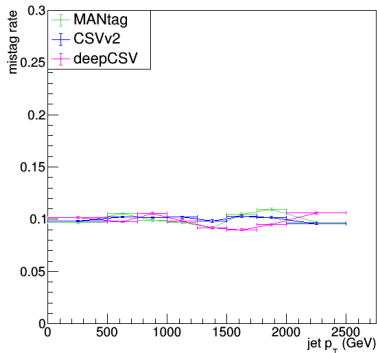
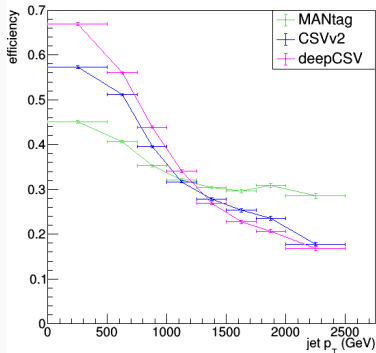
# ROC curves

- hit-based approach more stable at higher  $p_T$  than the CSVs
- MANTag yields a higher efficiency than CSV at low mistag rates



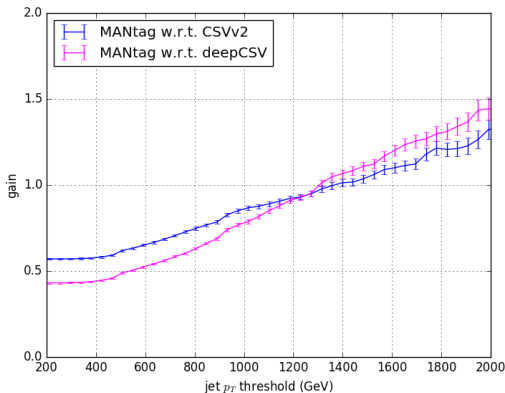
# Efficiency vs $p_T$

- At a flat 10% mistag rate working point, the MANTag efficiency exceeds the CSVs at  $p_T > 1200$  GeV



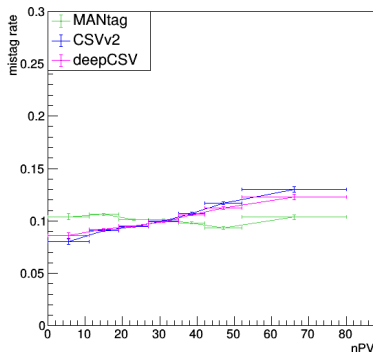
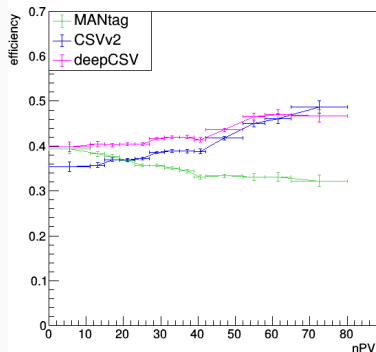
# Relative gain

- relative gain = (additionally tagged jets) / (already tagged by CSV)
- at a flat 10% mistag rate, a significant relative gain could be reproduced
- gain with respect to deepCSV more strongly dependent on the  $p_T$  threshold



# Stability with respect to pileup

- again considering the same flat 10% mistag rate working point
- efficiency and mistag rate of MANTag are relatively flat at an increasing number of primary vertices



# Conclusion and outlook

Counting hits in a small angular region around the jet axis in each pixel detection layer...

- ...results in remarkably simple variables.
- ...yields a significant potential for improving  $b$  tagging at extreme  $p_T$ .
- ...has a stable absolute performance with respect to pileup.

Next steps:

- short-term: add the information to CMSSW for further studies with the Ultra-Legacy re-reco
- long-term: provide pixel hit multiplicity information to DeepJet if improvements are confirmed

read more at: [github.com/msommerh/bTag\\_HitCount](https://github.com/msommerh/bTag_HitCount)

or see: [github.com/cms-sw/cmssw/issues/27286](https://github.com/cms-sw/cmssw/issues/27286)