

# **Preapproval of MUO-24-001: Identification of soft muons using multivariate techniques at the CMS experiment in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV**

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# Overview

**Aim:** Machine Learning based MVA techniques are developed to improve soft muon identification in Run3

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Identification of soft muons using multivariate techniques  
at the CMS experiment in proton-proton collisions at  
 $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$  TeV





# Motivation

- ❖ Identifying soft muons can be challenging due to the significant contribution of “fake” muons.
  - Predominantly produced by the decay in flight of kaons and pions.
  - The contribution decreases exponentially with  $p_T$ , becomes small by approximately 10 GeV.
  - Since those are real muons, separating them from signal is challenging
- ❖ The current soft muon MVA ID was initially developed using data from Run 2 collected in 2016. Because of the detector upgrade and running condition changes, it is not optimal for Run3, and we need to retrain a soft MVA ID for Run 3 analyses.
- ❖ The new ID benefits analyses involving soft muons ( $<10$  GeV).
  - Focus on improving performance especially at very low  $p_T$  ( $<4$  GeV)



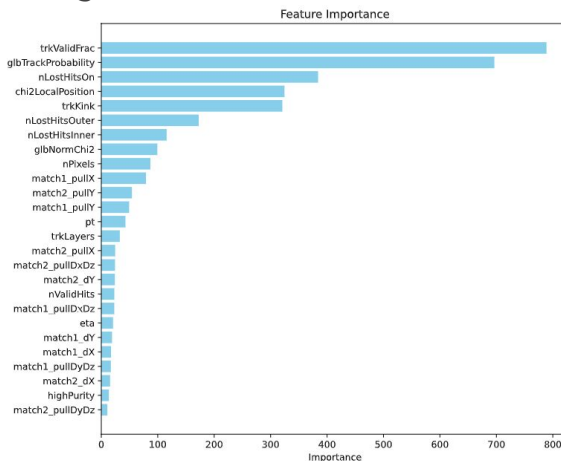
# Sample and Models:

- ❖ Samples:
  - Inclusive Dilepton MinBias MC sample: enriched in both signal and background muons  
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- ❖ Training Sample: **preselection applied : “isGlobal || isTracker”**
  - Background (decay in flight): muons from decays in flight of pions and kaons
  - Signal (genuine muons) : muons originating from heavy flavor decays (or J/Psi)
- ❖ Models:
  - A Deep Neural Network (DNN) and two flavors of Boosted Decision Trees (BDTs), [HGB](#), and XGBoost (XGB), are studied, XGB is selected in the end.
  - Input Variables:
    - DNN, HGB : [42 variables](#)
    - XGB : 26 variables



# Input Variables for XGB model

- ❖ Use variables related to quality of the inner and standalone muon tracks, as well as the matching between the two and the the global track
- ❖ 26 variables are used in the Xgb model.
- ❖ Feature Importance:



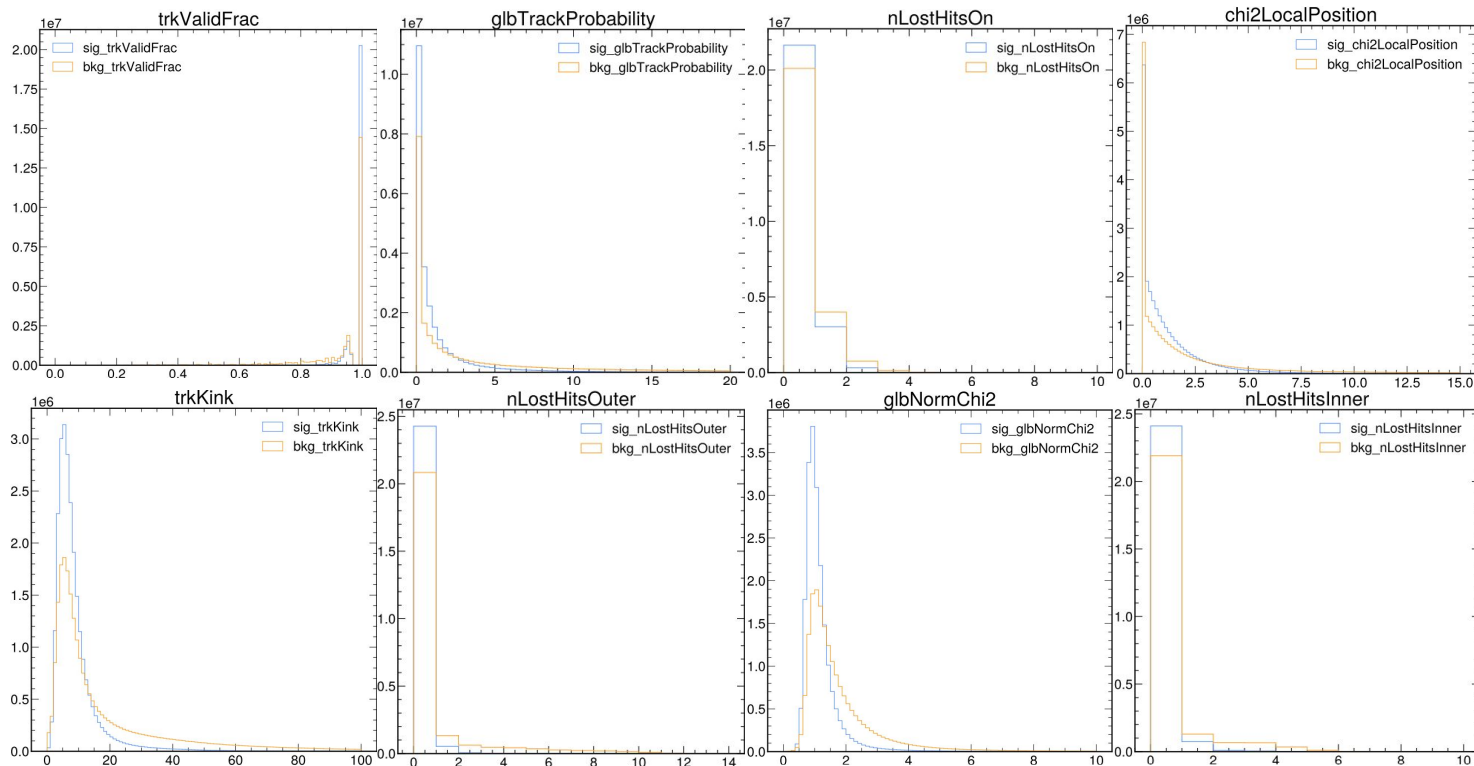
- ❖ Distributions for the most important features are shown on the next slide, but the others are in the [backup](#).

"pt",  
"eta",  
"trkKink",  
"glbTrackProbability",  
"chi2LocalPosition",  
"glbNormChi2",  
"trkValidFrac",  
"match1\_dX",  
"match1\_pullX",  
"match1\_pullDxDz",  
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"trkLayers",  
"highPurity"



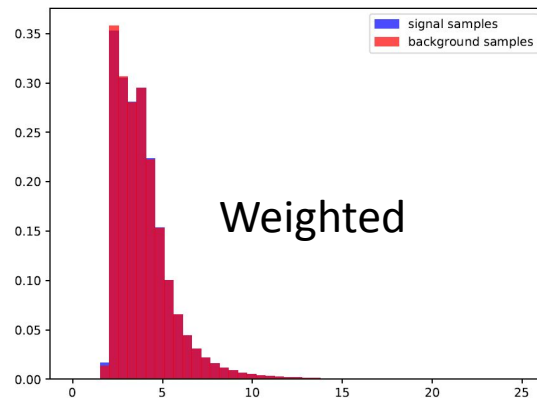
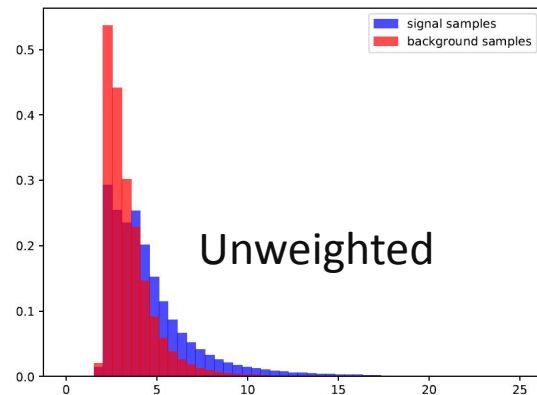
# Input feature distributions

- ❖ Shown are the 8 most sensitive inputs
- ❖ Background has real muons  
-> Differences not huge, rely on correlated differences in many input variables



# $p_T$ distribution reweighting

- ❖ The bkg and signal have different dependence on  $p_T$ .
  - As we want this ID to be general purpose, we don't want the model to associate higher  $p_T$  with signal
- ❖ We reweight the samples to have matching  $p_T$  distributions to erase the impact.
- ❖ Assign a weight value to each muon based on  $(p_T, \eta)$
- ❖  $SF(p_T, \eta) = \text{signal}(p_T, \eta) / \text{background}(p_T, \eta)$
- ❖ No direct weight functionality in training tools. Workaround is to randomly drop muons from the training samples
- ❖ Generate random value  $x$  between  $[0, 1]$ 
  - If  $SF > 1$ : drop from signal sample when  $x > 1/SF$
  - If  $SF < 1$ : drop from background sample when  $x > SF$
- ❖ N.B.: Still found it to be useful to keep  $p_T$  as an input feature due to its correlations with other variables





# Model and Training

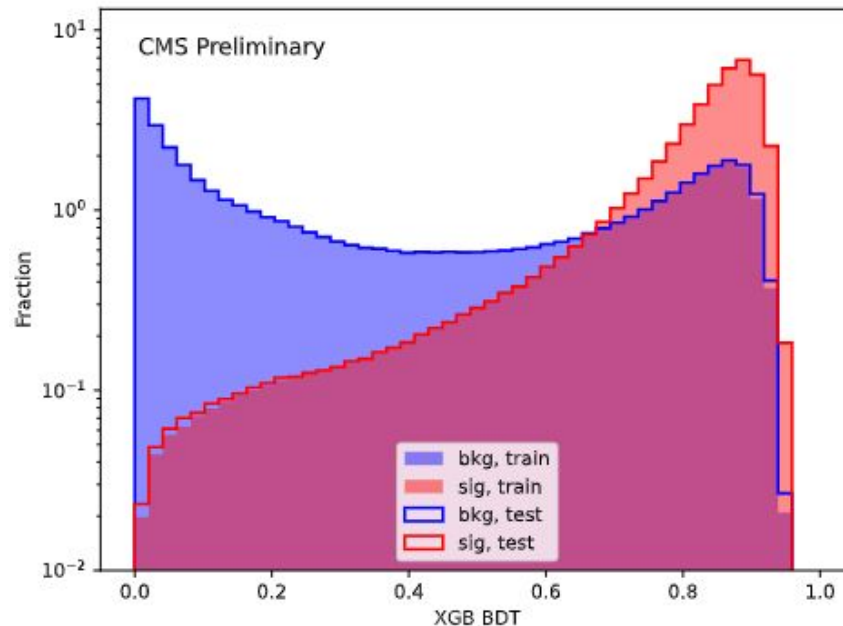
- ❖ Described here is the final model, information for the other two models we tested are in the [backup](#)
- ❖ Final model is a gradient boosted decision tree implement in XGBoost
- ❖ For the training, [Scikit-learn](#) is used.
- ❖ 10M muons are used for the training and another 5M are used for the validation to avoid overtraining.
- ❖ The parameters is tuned manually to achieve the best performance (AUCROC).
- ❖ Most of the parameters take the default values except for the following:

parameter	setting
eta	0.01
max_depth	10
silent	1
eval_metric	auc
subsample	0.6
alpha	8.0
gamma	2.0
lambda	1.0
min_child_weight	0.00001
colsample_bytree	1.0

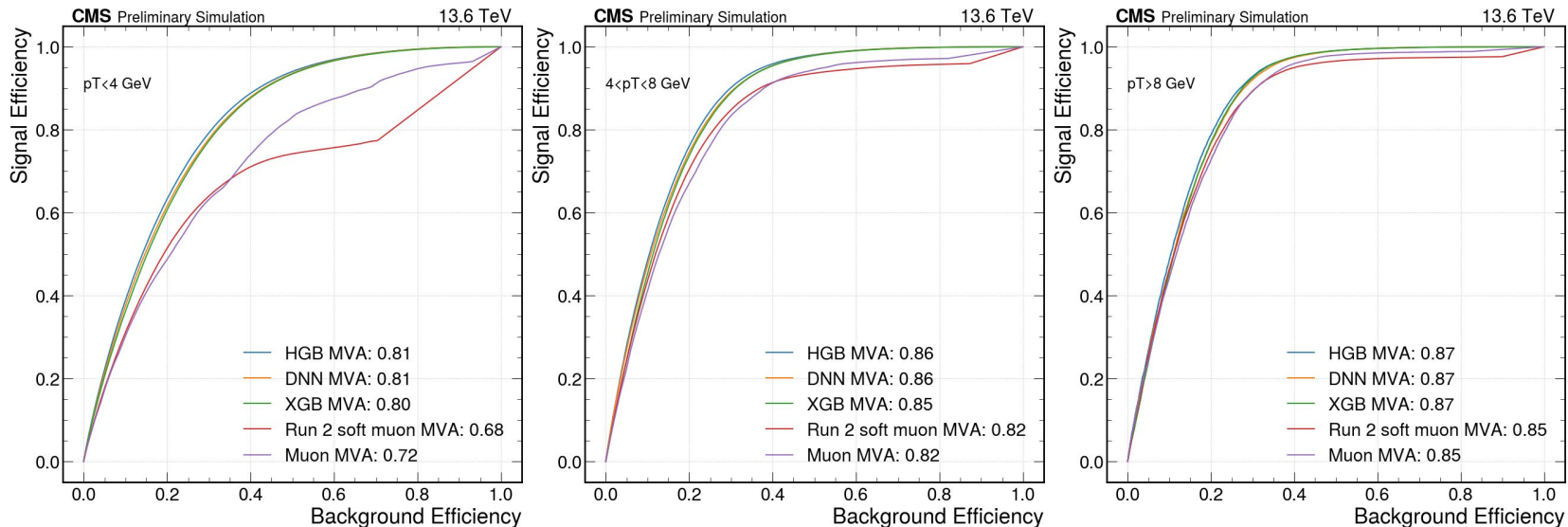


# Check for overtraining

- ❖ To check for signs of overtraining, compare the distribution of the classifier score in the training and validation samples
- ❖ The model has nearly identical performance in both samples  
-> No hint of overtraining



# Performance



- ❖ Test on muons selected from Inclusive Dilepton MC sample.
  - size for the three  $p_T$  windows:  $\sim 2M$ ,  $\sim 1M$ , and  $\sim 0.2 M$
- ❖ All Run3 MVAs are better than the Run 2 MVA, especially in the low  $p_T$  range.
- ❖ The Run3 models have similar performance.
  - We chose the XGB model as it uses fewer inputs and was easier to integrate in CMSSW



# Working Points

- ❖ In Run3, 4 working points are recommended.
- ❖ Medium working point is chosen to have ~same background rejection as the Run 2 MVA working point available in MiniAOD
- ❖ Other working points chosen so that the background rate scales by roughly a factor of 2 between them



name	classifier threshold
soft	$> 0.47$
loose	$> 0.63$
medium	$> 0.74$
tight	$> 0.83$



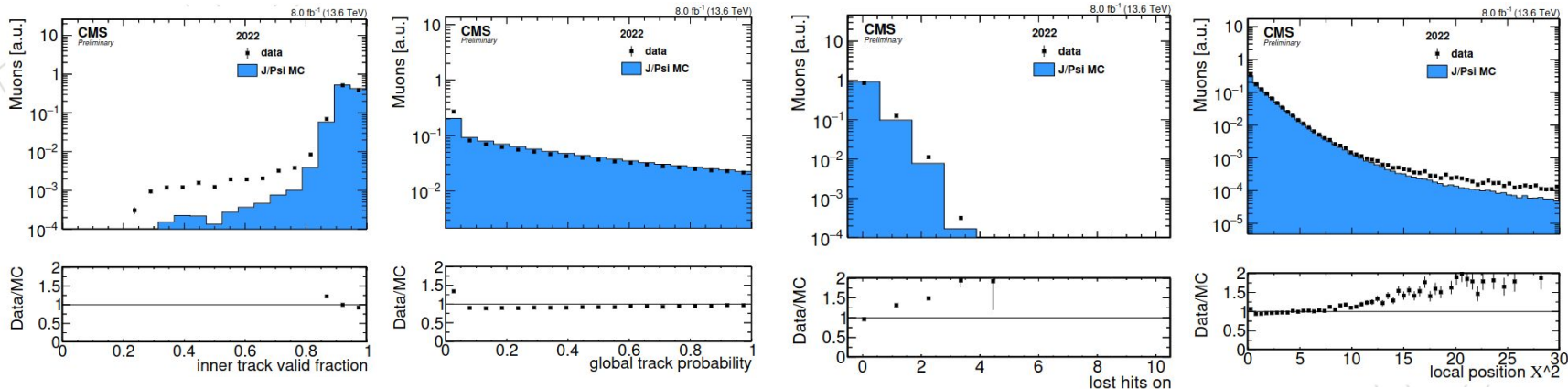
# Validation in data

- ❖ Run 3 soft muon MVA shows good performance in MC
- ❖ Validated in Run 3 collision data in three ways:
  - Data/MC comparisons of input variables and classifier scores
  - Efficiency to select signal muons is measured on J/Psi events
  - Background rate measured separately for  $\pi \rightarrow \mu$  and  $K \rightarrow \mu$  decays
- ❖ Full 2022 + 2023 datasets used

# Data/MC comparisons

- ❖ Use  $J/\Psi$ <sup>[1]</sup> events selected for efficiency measurement
  - Selection conditions are listed:
  - We are comparing to  $J/\Psi$  MC, and backgrounds are not subtracted from DATA.
  - We know that [pT spectrum](#) in data is somewhat harder than in the  $J/\Psi$  sample we use
- ❖ Generally, we observe quite good agreement in the modeling of all input variables
  - Shown here is 2022, very similar performance in other data taking periods
- ❖ Data/MC comparisons not intended for publication

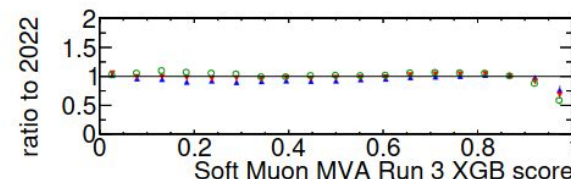
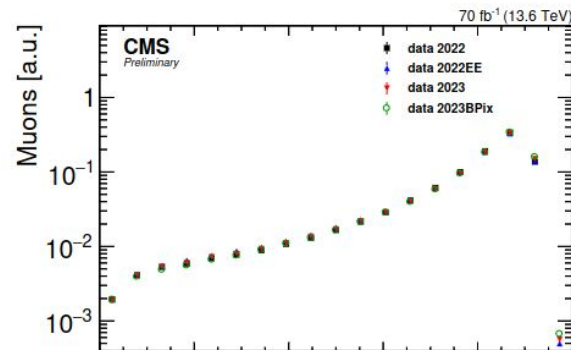
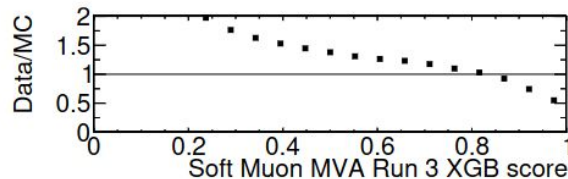
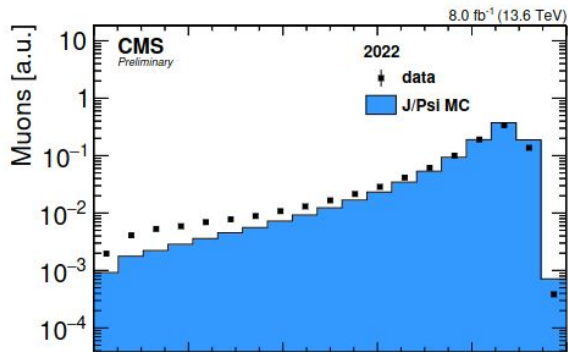
variable	selection
Tag selection	
$p_T$	$> 8 \text{ GeV}$
$ \eta $	$< 2.4$
ID	isTightMuon
trigger	HLT_Mu8 OR HLT_Mu15 OR HLT_Mu17 OR HLT_Mu19 OR HLT_Mu20 OR HLT_IsoMu24
Probe selection	
$p_T$	$> 2 \text{ GeV}$
$ \eta $	$< 2.4$
dZ	$< 0.5$
ID	isTrackerMuon OR isGlobalMuon
Pair selection	
charge	opposite sign
$\Delta R(\text{tag, probe})$	$> 0.3$
$m_{\mu\mu}(\text{tag, probe})$	$2.50 - 3.70 \text{ GeV}$



[1] //psiTo2Mu\_JpsiPt8\_TuneCP5\_13p6TeV\_pythia8/

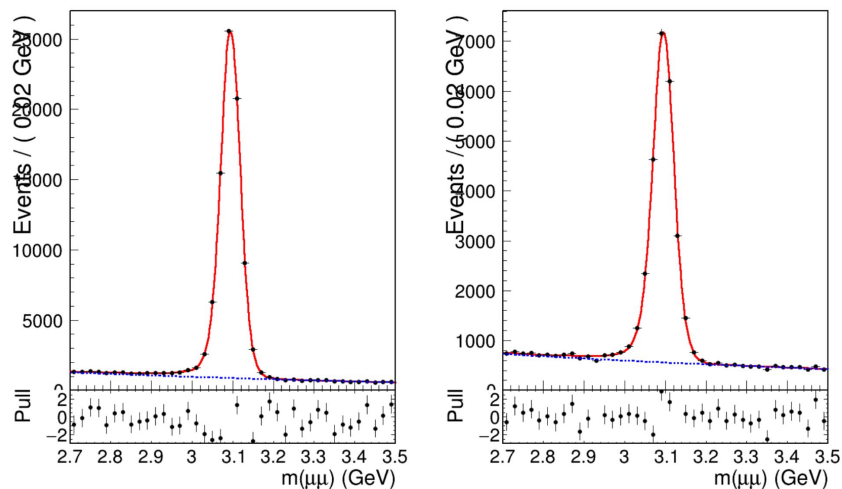
# Data/MC comparisons

- ❖ Classifier score is overall quite well modeled by MC
- ❖ Data performance expected to be very similar to simulation
- ❖ Classifier score distribution is the same for different data taking eras -> Stable performance throughout Run 3, no need for individual trainings for different detector conditions



# Efficiency Measurement

- ❖ Efficiency is measured on 2022 + 2023 data using Tag & Probe on  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  events
- ❖ POG spark tool is used with settings close to what is used for POG SFs for low- $p_T$  muons
- ❖ Different probe selection to match selection used for training of the model

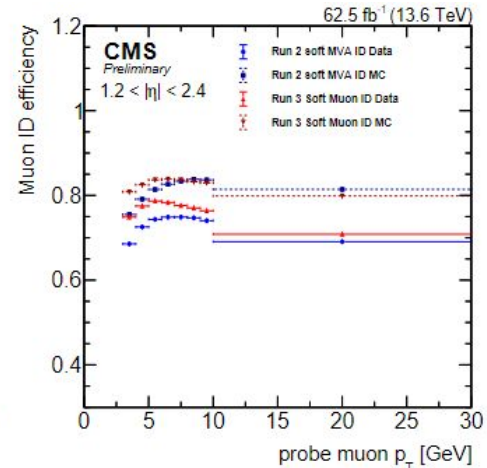
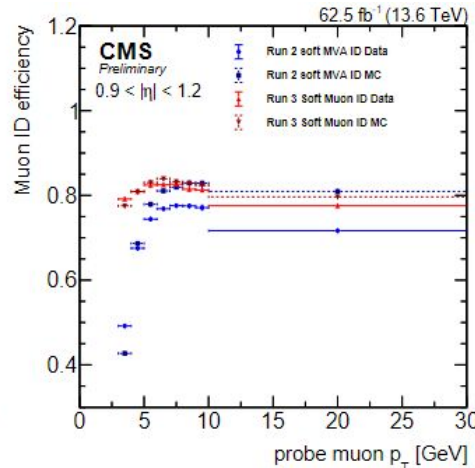
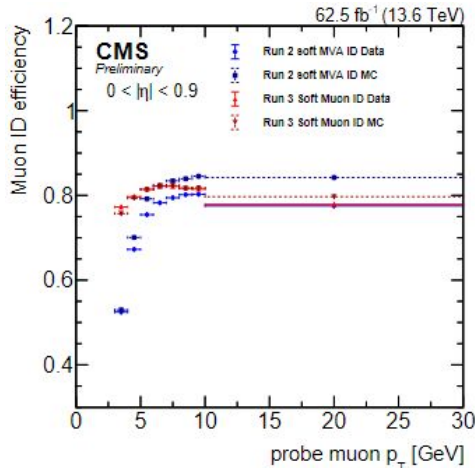


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Probe selection	
$p_T$	$> 2 \text{ GeV}$
$ \eta $	$< 2.4$
dZ	$< 0.5$
ID	isTrackerMuon OR isGlobalMuon
Pair selection	
charge	opposite sign
$\Delta R(\text{tag, probe})$	$> 0.3$
$m_{\mu\mu}(\text{tag, probe})$	$2.50 - 3.70 \text{ GeV}$

- ❖ Fits done to the passing probe and passing + failing probe distributions to extract efficiency
- ❖ Signal shape based on MC template
- ❖ Background modeled with CMS shape

# Efficiency Measurement

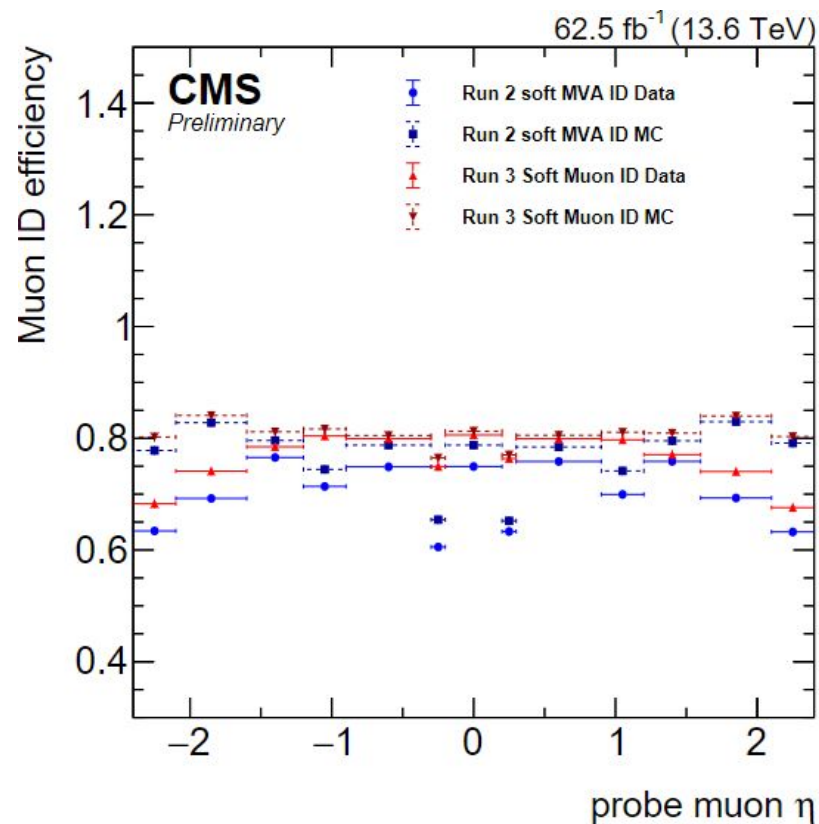
- ❖ Compare Run 2 and Run 3 MVA using medium WP for Run 3 MVA (~same background rejection)
- ❖ Run3 is better than Run2 at low  $p_T$  range in all  $\eta$  bins.
- ❖ Run 3 MVA shows some efficiency drop towards higher  $p_T$ 
  - Still better than Run 2
  - $p_T$  range not very relevant for analyses using this ID
- ❖ Much better Data/MC agreement for Run 3 MVA, except at high  $\eta$  due to CSC out of synch issues





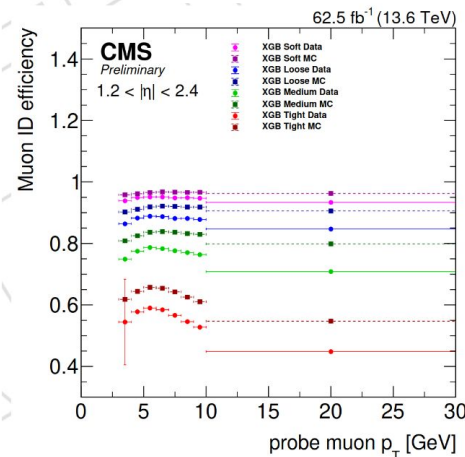
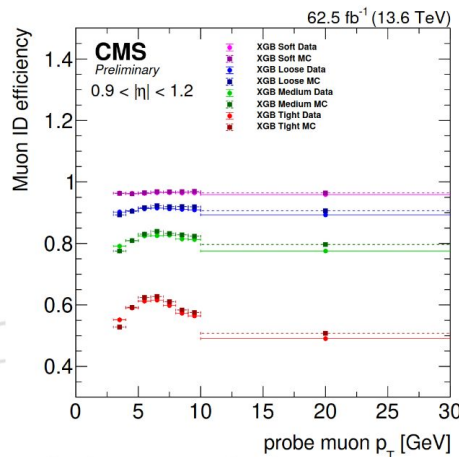
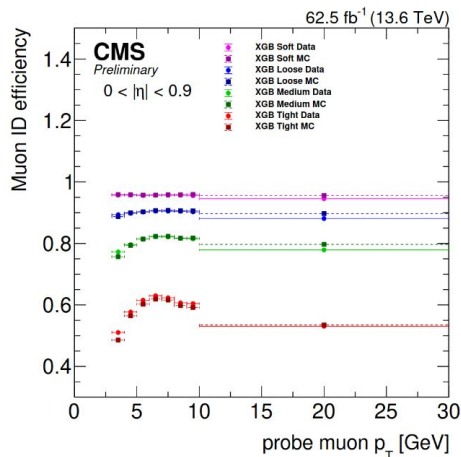
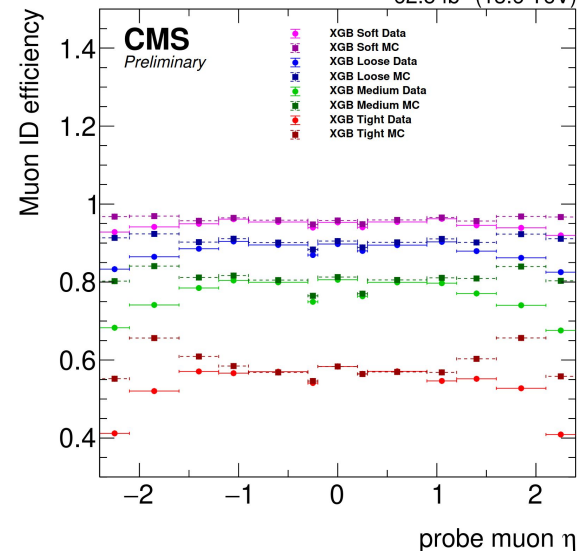
# Efficiency Measurement

- ❖ Efficiency integrated over  $p_T$  as a function of  $\eta$
- ❖ Confirms observations from previous slide



# Efficiency Measurement

- ❖ Efficiency for all four WPs of the Run 3 soft muon MVA
- ❖ Efficiency reduces by ~factors of 2 going from one WP to the next
- ❖ Good Data/MC agreement for all WPs for central muons
- ❖ Effect of CSC issues on data efficiency visible in the endcaps, more pronounced for tighter WPs

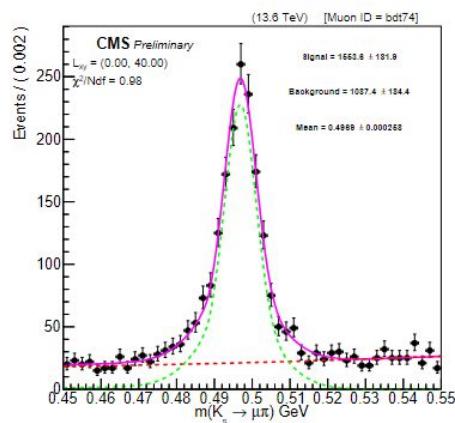
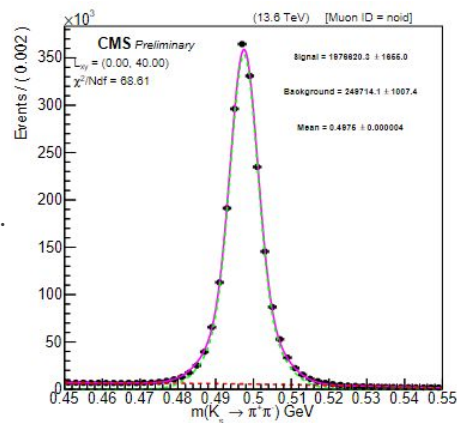




# Background Rate

- ❖ Background rate is measured in data and simulation for muons from  $\pi$  and K decays, separately.
- ❖ MC samples used :
- ❖ Background rate for  $\pi \rightarrow \mu\nu$  decays:
  - We perform a fit to  $\pi\pi$  and  $\mu\pi$  invariant mass distribution to extract the event yield of  $K_S^0 \rightarrow \mu\pi$  and  $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$
  - A Crystall Ball added to a Gaussian centered at the same mean and a 2nd order Bernstein polynomial function are used to fit signal and combinatorial background component.
  - We distinguish the cases of all and those where one is reconstructed as  $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$  a working point of the soft muon MVA. The background rate is defined as the ratio of number of  $\mu$  to the total number of  $\pi$ .

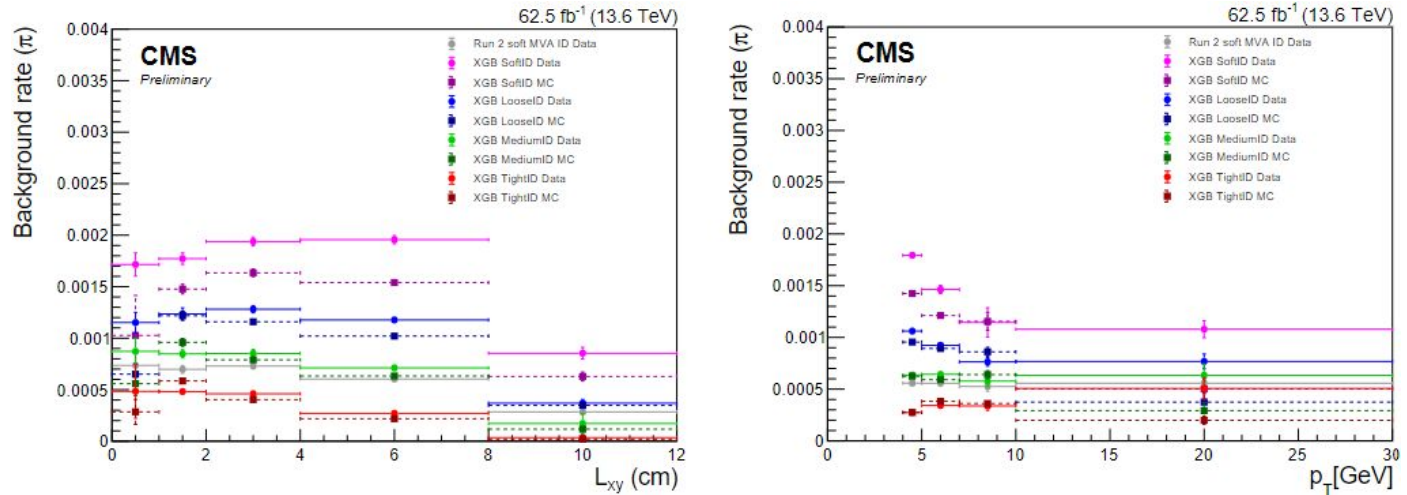
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e.g. 2022 DATA Fitting before (left) and after (right) passing the Medium ID.

# Background Rate

- ❖  $\pi \rightarrow \mu\nu$  Background rate is plotted in a function of pion flight length  $L_{xy}$  and muon  $p_T$ .



Data taking period	Soft XGB ID	Loose XGB ID	Medium XGB ID	Tight XGB ID
2022	$1.25 \pm 0.08$	$1.14 \pm 0.09$	$1.11 \pm 0.15$	$1.17 \pm 0.15$
2023	$1.22 \pm 0.07$	$1.10 \pm 0.13$	$1.05 \pm 0.16$	$1.07 \pm 0.13$

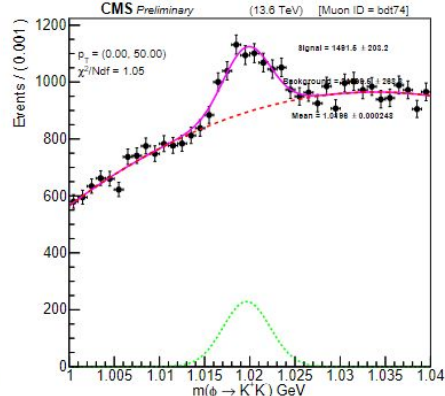
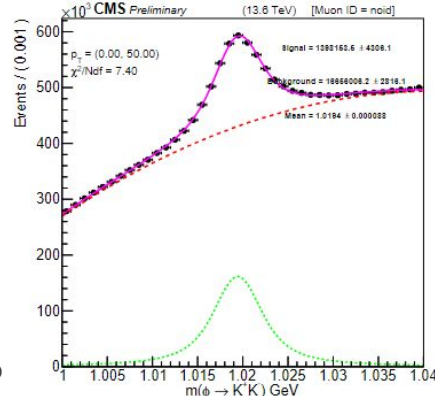
DATA/MC ratios for the  $\pi \rightarrow \mu$  fake rate

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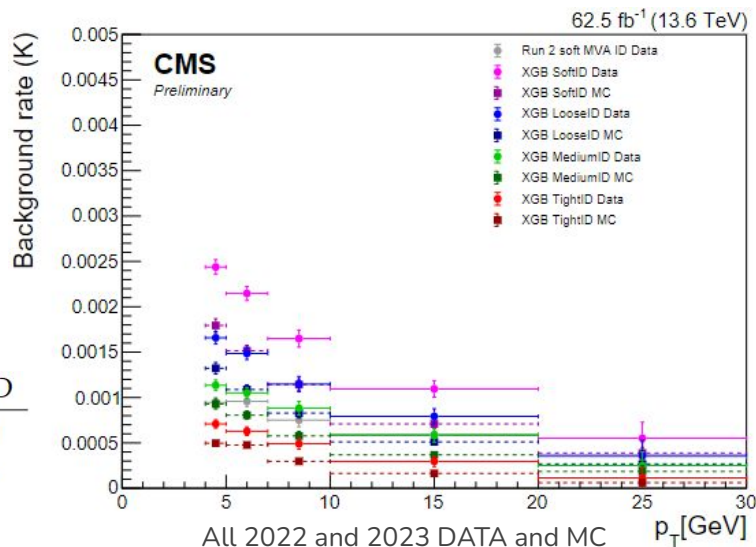
- ❖ Background rate for  $K \rightarrow \mu\nu$  decays:
  - We perform a fit to  $K+K^-$  and  $\mu K$  invariant mass distribution to extract the event yield of  $\Phi \rightarrow K+K^-$  and  $\Phi \rightarrow \mu K$  events.
  - A Voigtian function and a 2nd order Bernstein polynomial function are used to parameterize the signal and background components, respectively.
  - Calculate the ratio of number of muons and total number of kaons.
  - Background rates for muons from Kaons of different working points of the Run 3 softmuon MVA for 2022-2023 data and MC are plotted as a function of muon  $p_T$ .

Data taking period	Soft XGB ID	Loose XGB ID	Medium XGB ID	Tight XGB ID
2022	$1.08 \pm 0.24$	$0.88 \pm 0.20$	$0.93 \pm 0.24$	$0.94 \pm 0.30$
2023	$1.61 \pm 0.45$	$1.15 \pm 0.40$	$0.96 \pm 0.41$	$0.66 \pm 0.66$

DATA/MC ratios for the  $K \rightarrow \mu$  fake rate



e.g. 2022 data before (left) and after(right) medium ID cut.





# Summary

- ❖ Multivariate techniques based on Machine Learning were developed for the Run3 softMuon identification: A XGBoost model was selected in the end.
- ❖ The new Run3 ID has a general better performance than the Run2 ID especially for the low  $p_T$  region.
- ❖ Four working points, soft, loose, medium, and tight are recommended.
- ❖ Background rate was studied for the Run3 ID.
- ❖ Run3 ID has higher efficiency than the Run2 ID when back rejections are similar.
- ❖ The documentation is in place.
- ❖ We would like to kindly ask for pre-approval.



# BackUp

# Model Details of DNN and HGB

**DNN:** 8 hidden layers , 256 nodes, dropout=0.2,

**Forward:** Linear, **Activation:** LeakyReLU

**Loss:** 
$$\text{FocalLoss} = - \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \alpha_i (i - p_i)^\gamma \log_b(p_i)$$

**HGB:** sklearn

max\_iter=1200, max\_depth=10, other parameters take default values if any.

**Xgboost:** the same set up used in the Bmm study:

parameter	setting
eta	0.01
max_depth	10
silent	1
eval_metric	auc
subsample	0.6
alpha	8.0
gamma	2.0
lambda	1.0
min_child_weight	0.00001
colsample_bytree	1.0

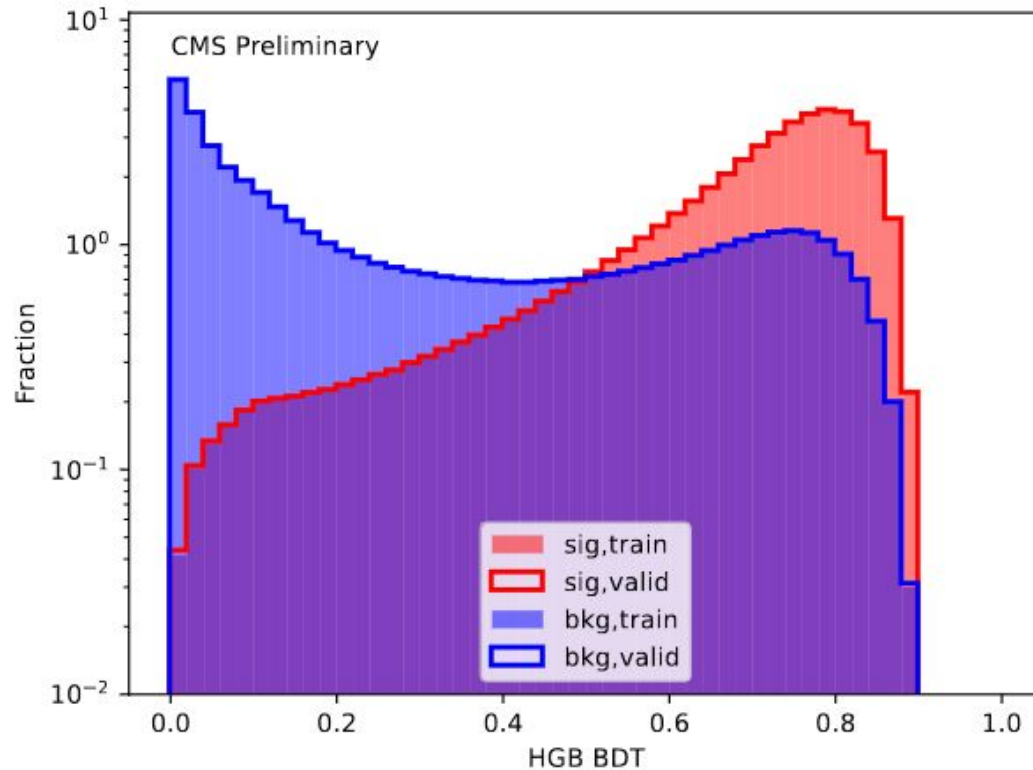




# Training for DNN and HGB

- ❖ After reweighting, balanced Dataset (35M signal + 35M background ), is used for DNN and HGB, and 5/7 is used for training and 2/7 for validation
- ❖ For the training, we use pytorch and [Scikit-learn](#)
- ❖ In the training of all the models, we tune the parameters manually to achieve the best performance.
- ❖ Reweight :
  - HGB: used the same reweight methods as XGB
  - DNN: Define  $\text{weight} = 1/\text{SF}$  for signal,  $\text{weight} = 1$  for background. and Multiply the weight in the loss function.

# Classifier score for HGB





# Input Variables for DNN and HGB

"eta",	"trkValidFrac",	"match1_pullY",	"nLostHitsInner",
"charge",	"chi2LocalMomentum",	"match1_pullDyDz",	"nLostHitsOn",
"chargeProduct",	"trkRelChi2",	"match2_dX",	"nLostHitsOuter",
"isGlobal",	"staRelChi2",	"match2_pullX",	"trkLayers",
"isTracker",	"trkNormChi2",	"match2_pullDxDz",	"trkLostLayersInner",
"isStandalone",	"staNormChi2",	"match2_dY",	"trkLostLayersOn",
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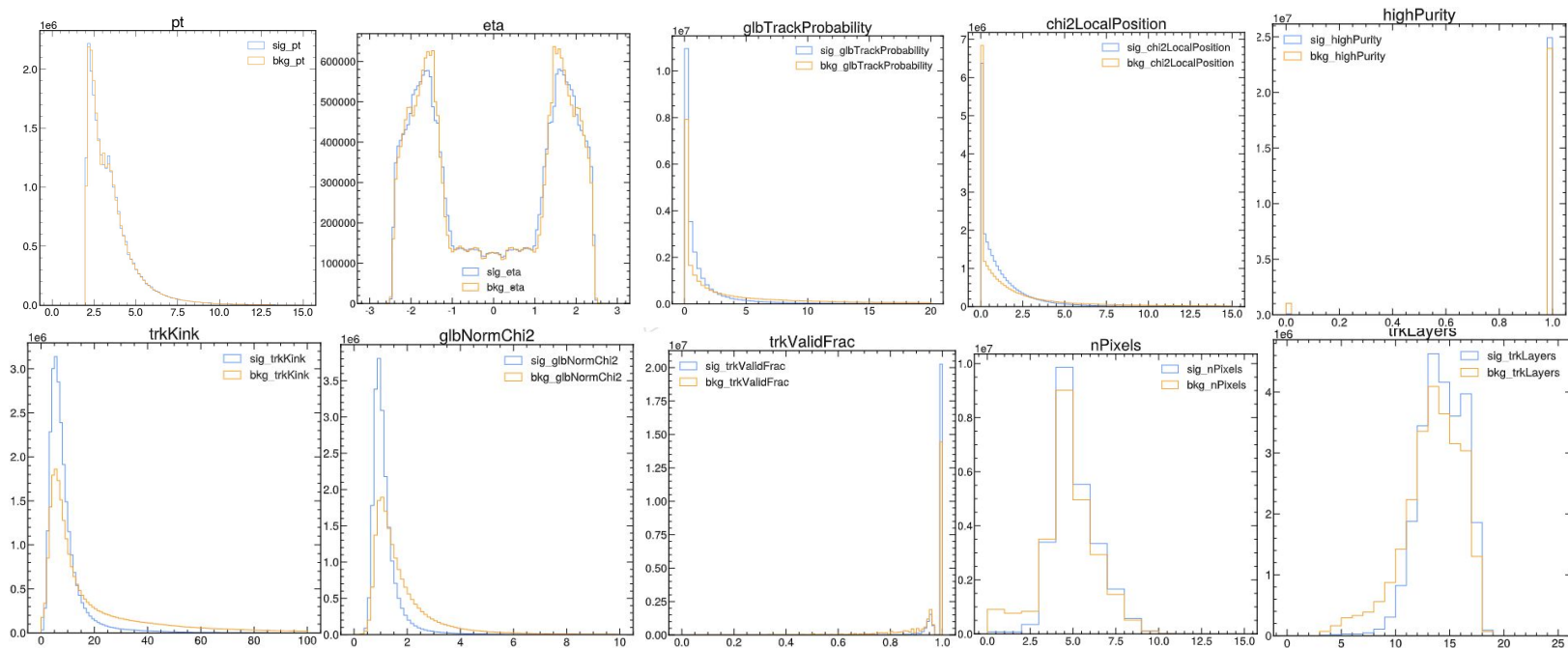
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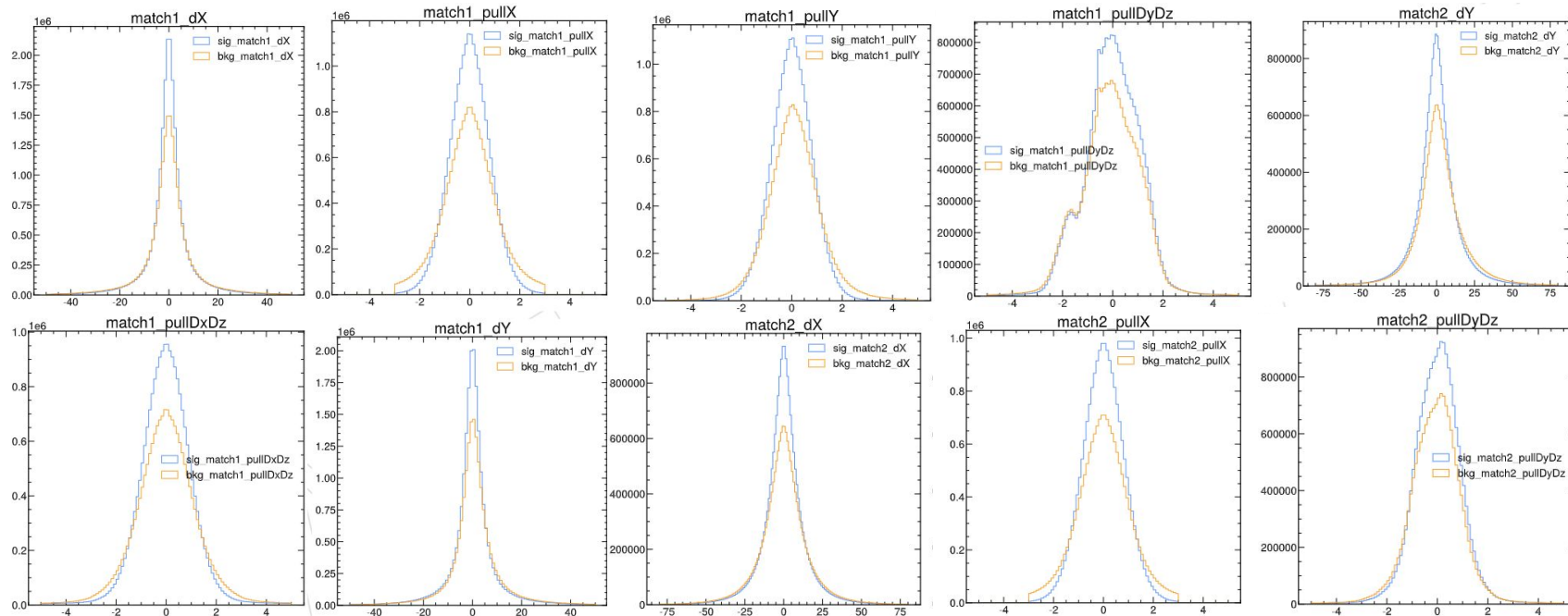
- Run 2 version of the soft MVA was trained on 2016 data
- Training dataset used global muons with  $p_T > 4$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 1.4$  where the inner track passes highPurity
- BDT trained with TMVA

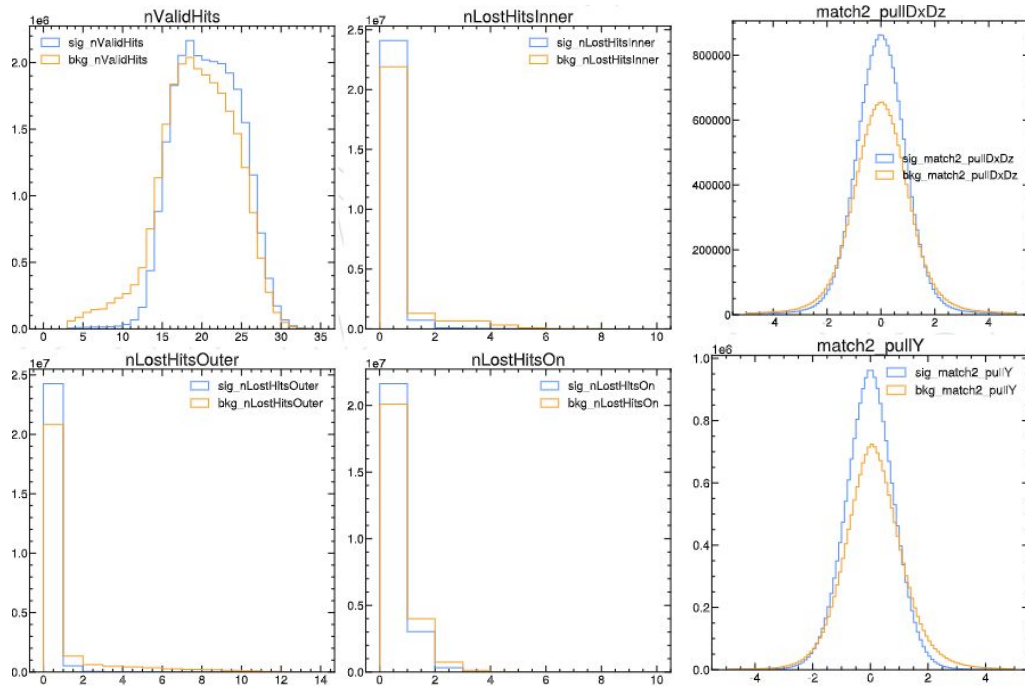
Table 4: Settings for BDT training in TMVA for the Run 2 soft muon MVA.

parameter	setting
nCuts	-1
MinNodeSize	1.5%
boostType	RealAdaBoost
adaBeta	0.3
muonFactor	2
maxDepth	12

# Variables distribution in the training sample







# Samples for J/Psi validation

2022	
MC	/JpsiTo2Mu_JpsiPT8_TuneCP5_13p6TeV_pythia8/Run3Summer22MiniAODv3-MUO.POG.124X_mcRun3_2022_realistic_v12-v2/MINIAODSIM
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MC	/Jpsito2Mu_JpsiPT8_TuneCP5_13p6TeV_pythia8/Run3Summer22EEMiniAODv3-MUO.POG.124X_mcRun3_2022_realistic_postEE_v1-v2/MINIAODSIM
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	/Muon/Run2022F-PromptReco-v1/MINIAOD
	/Muon/Run2022G-PromptReco-v1/MINIAOD
2023	
MC	/Jpsito2Mu_JpsiPT8_TuneCP5_13p6TeV_pythia8/Run3Summer23MiniAODv4-MUO.POG.130X_mcRun3_2023_realistic_v14-v2/MINIAODSIM
Data	/Muon0/Run2023B-22Sep2023-v1/MINIAOD
	/Muon1/Run2023B-22Sep2023-v1/MINIAOD
	/Muon0/Run2023C-22Sep2023_v1-v1/MINIAOD
	/Muon0/Run2023C-22Sep2023_v2-v1/MINIAOD
	/Muon0/Run2023C-22Sep2023_v3-v1/MINIAOD
	/Muon0/Run2023C-22Sep2023_v4-v1/MINIAOD
	/Muon1/Run2023C-22Sep2023_v1-v1/MINIAOD
	/Muon1/Run2023C-22Sep2023_v2-v1/MINIAOD
	/Muon1/Run2023C-22Sep2023_v3-v1/MINIAOD
	/Muon1/Run2023C-22Sep2023_v4-v1/MINIAOD
2023BPix	
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Data	/Muon0/Run2023D-22Sep2023_v1-v1/MINIAOD
	/Muon0/Run2023D-22Sep2023_v2-v1/MINIAOD
	/Muon1/Run2023D-22Sep2023_v1-v1/MINIAOD
	/Muon1/Run2023D-22Sep2023_v2-v1/MINIAOD





# Datasets for background rate measurement

- EGamma (2022) EGamma0 (2023) EGamma1 (2023)
- ParkingDoubleElectronLowMass
- DY samples
  - DYto2L-2Jets\_MLL-10to50\_TuneCP5\_13p6TeV\_amcatnloFXFX-pythia8
  - DYto2L-2Jets\_MLL-50\_TuneCP5\_13p6TeV\_amcatnloFXFX-pythia8
  - DYJetsToLL\_M-50\_TuneCP5\_13p6TeV-madgraphMLM-pythia8
  - DYto2E\_M-50\_NNPDF31\_TuneCP5\_13p6TeV-powheg-pythia8
- WtoLNu-2Jets\_TuneCP5\_13p6TeV\_amcatnloFXFX-pythia8
- TTo2J1L1Nu\_CP5\_13p6TeV\_powheg-pythia8



# Event selection for $\pi \rightarrow \mu$ background rate

- $p_T^{\pi_1} > 1 \text{ GeV}$
- $p_T^{\pi_2} > 4 \text{ GeV}$
- pion track is highPurity
- $m_{K_S^0} \in [0.45, 0.55]$
- flight length significance  $\ell_{xy}/\sigma(\ell_{xy}) > 3$
- Vertex probability greater than 0.001
- vertex displacement in XY plane wrt Beam Spot less than 8
- cosine of pointing angle in XY wrt BS greater than 0.999
- impact parameter significance of the candidate trajectory in 3D wrt PV less than 3
- 2D impact parameter significance for Track 1 and 2 wrt Beam Spot greater than 5
- kinematic vertex fit  $\chi^2/dof$  of the two track less than 3
- Fire the HLT\_Electron30 trigger



## Event selection for $K \rightarrow \mu$ background rate

- $p_T^K > 3 \text{ GeV}$
- kaon track is highPurity
- $m_\phi \in [1.00, 1.04]$
- vertex displacement in XY plane wrt Beam Spot less than 4
- vertex probability greater than 0.3
- impact parameter significance of the candidate trajectory in 3D wrt PV less than 1
- distance of closest approach of tracks less than 0.004



# DATA/MC comparison

