The CMS High Level Trigger System

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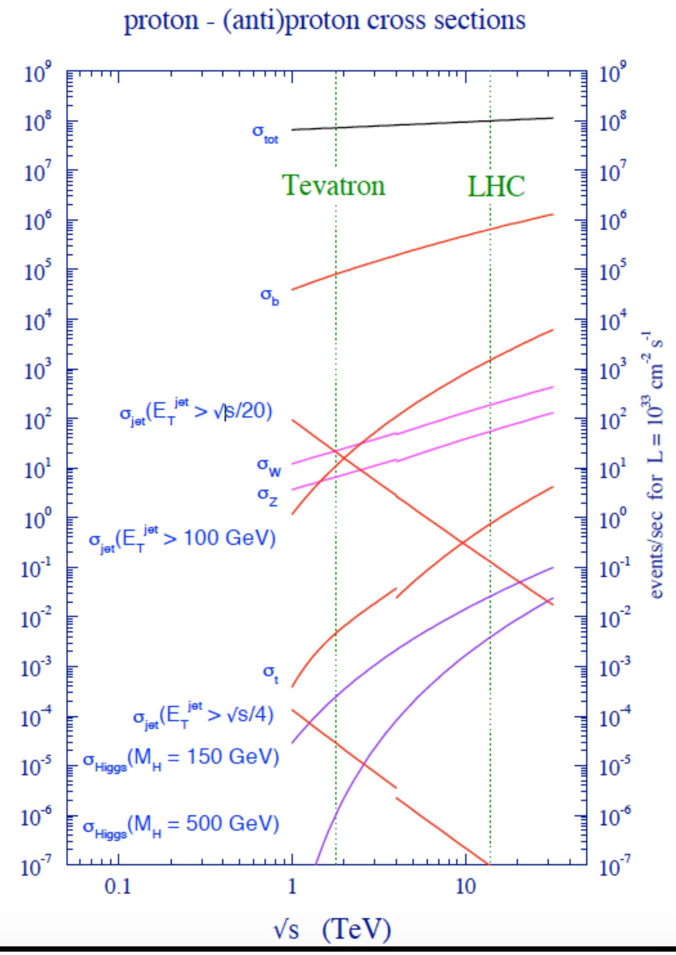
Outline

- Brief overview of the trigger system of CMS experiment
- The CMS Trigger design, architecture & implementation
- The performance of the CMS High Level Trigger system
- The trigger menus at CMS to select the interesting data
- HLT processing time and the GPU - based acceleration
- The another approach: data scouting and data parking
- Summary and Outlook in the view of the ongoing Run-3

The CMS Detector and Rates of Physics Processes

- CMS is general purpose detector at the CERN LHC
- Sub - detectors to identify particles & Particle Flow
- Real time decision to store interesting events (Trigger)

https://arxiv.org/pdf/1002.0274.pdf



Lumi: 2 x 10^{34} cm^2 s^{-1} in the Run2

2556 bunches, 2.5x10^{11} p/bunch

Total collision rate around 2 GHz

b-quark production rate 10 MHz

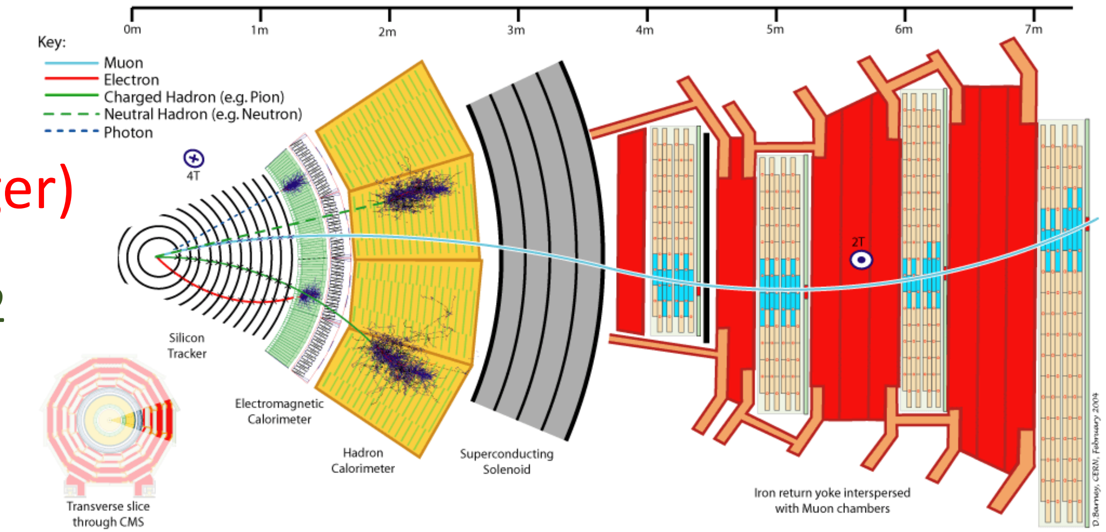
W boson production rate 4 kHz

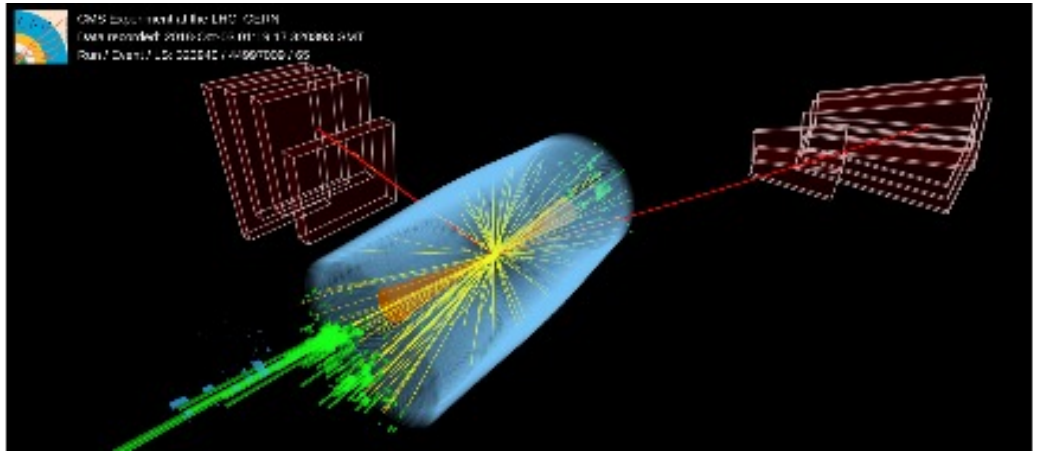
Top quark production rate 20 Hz

Higgs boson prod. rate only 1 Hz

SUSY rate(m@TeV) below 0.1 Hz

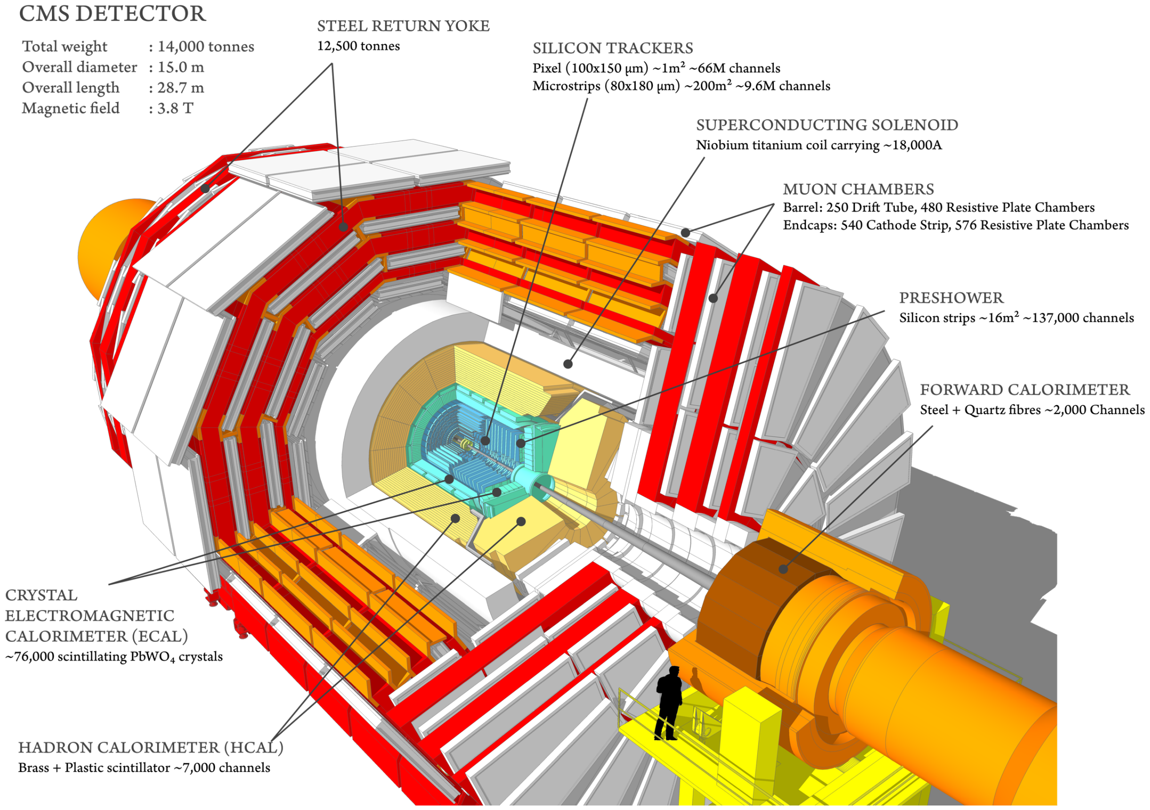
Interesting events at low rates!





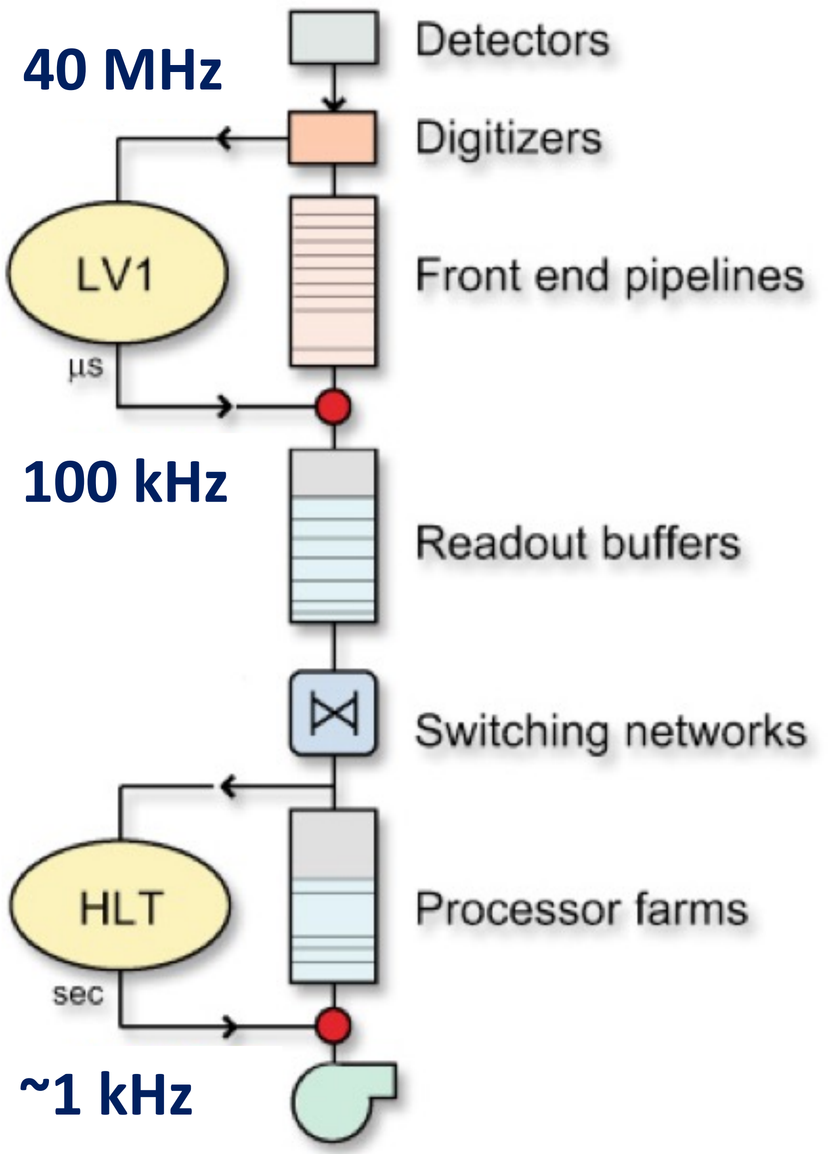
The CMS Trigger System: Overview

- Selective read out of data by experiments in real time is performed by trigger system
- Cannot take all data (storage + processing)
  - bunches collide at 40 MHz rate at LHC
  - may generate 50 terabytes per second



- Each physics analysis starts at the trigger level
- Once event rejected by trigger it is lost forever
  - more than 99.998% LHC data thrown away
  - around 1.5 KHz kept from the 40 MHz rate w/ full event content & prompt reconstruction
- Efficient and clean decision; Trigger universality
- Rate & Time constrains: DAQ bandwidth, buffer

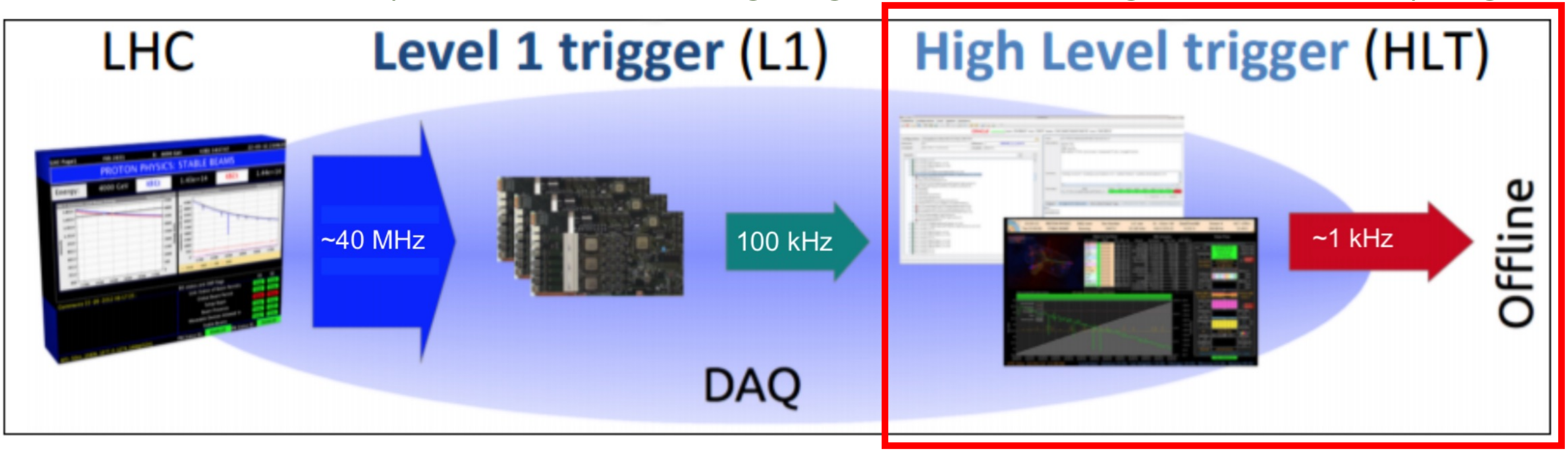
The CMS Trigger System: Design



- The CMS Trigger System is organized in two tiers/levels:
  - **Level-1 Trigger** based on custom-made electronics to reduce the data/event rate from the crossing rate of 40 MHz to no more than 100 kHz, with 4µs latency
  - **High Level Trigger (HLT)** filtering events with software running on computing farm based on commercial CPU and now also GPUs, to further reduce the event rate for storage to 1 kHz (in the Run2), now around 1.5 kHz

The High Level Trigger: Overview

- High Level Trigger is set to reduce the event rate from 100 kHz to ~1(1.5) kHz in LHC Run 2(3)
  - the output rate from offline computing data processing constrains and storage capacities
  - uses offline reconstruction algorithms and code, but optimized so it's around 100x faster
  - total 30,000 CPU cores used in the High Level Trigger system at the end of the LHC Run 2
  - hundreds of HLT paths constructed, targeting the broadest range of the event topologies



The High Level Trigger: Tracking

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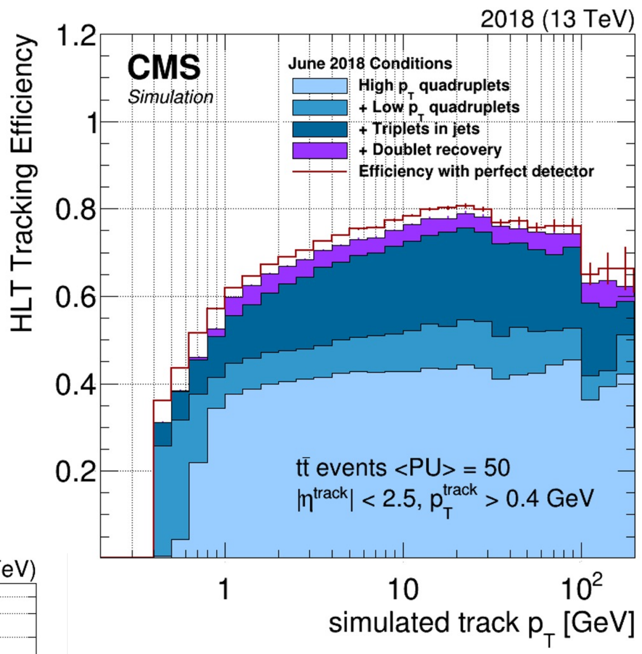
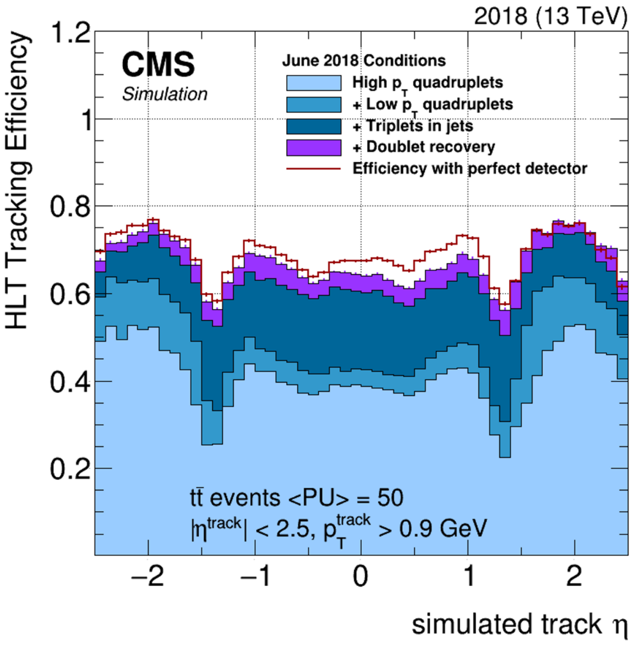
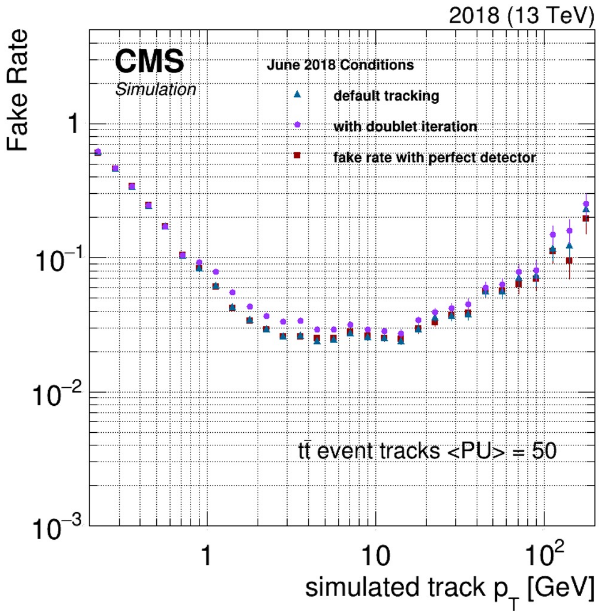
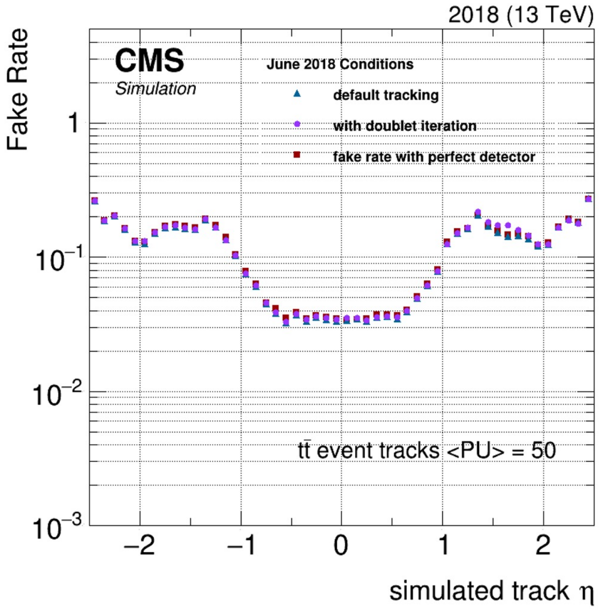
- Tracking at HLT simplified from the offline
  - reduced # iterations (10 in the offline)
  - regional tracking (eg. at high deposits)
  - after all iter. close to perfect detector!
  - efficient for low pT tracks (to 0.4 GeV)









- Tracking fake rate largest in forward region
- Also fake rate grows at the low and high p_T
- Not much increase with doublet recovery iteration

The HLT Performance: Electrons and Photons

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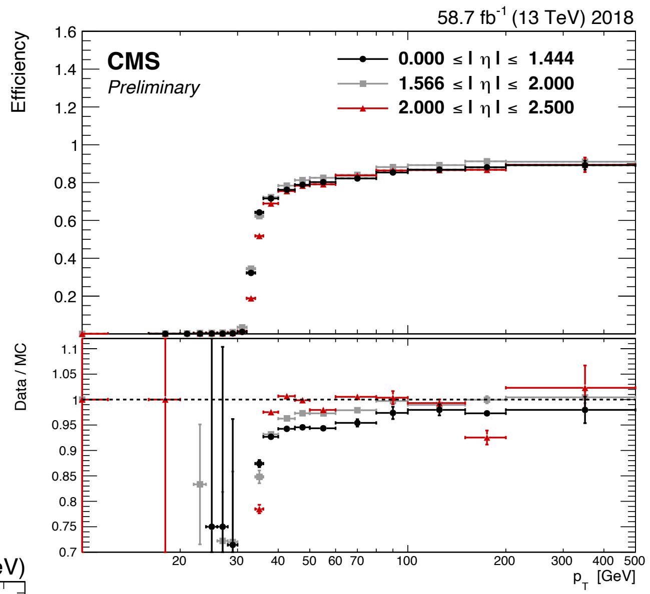
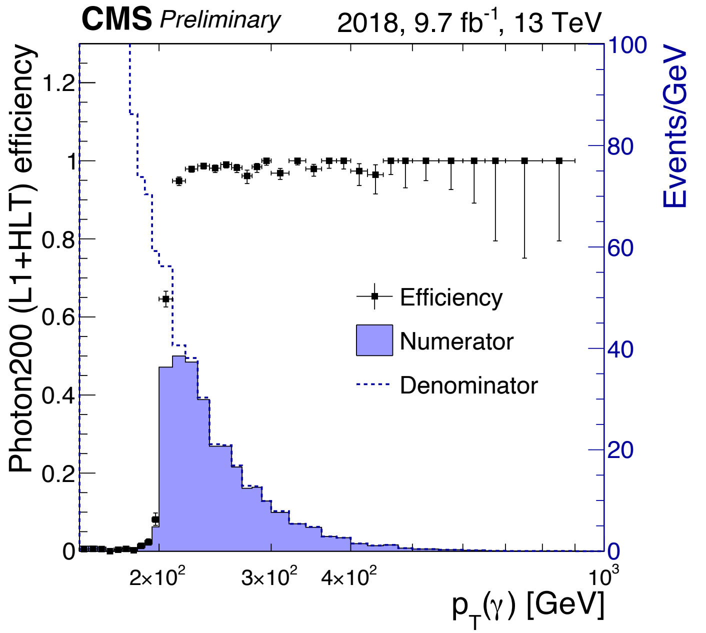
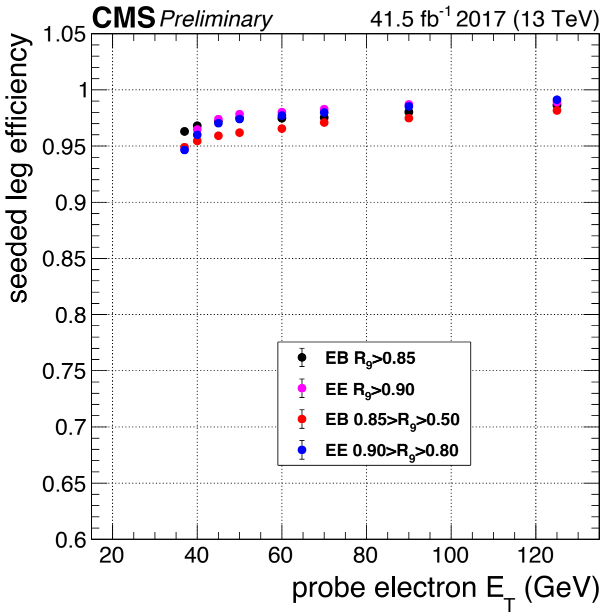
[CMS DP-2018/049](#)
[CMS DP-2018/039](#)

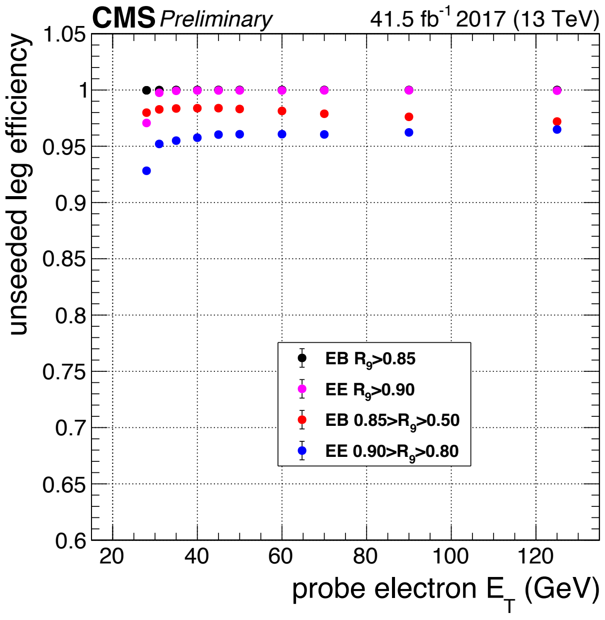
- **Efficiency of HLT_Ele32_WPTight_Gsf** with respect to offline candidates for different η

- **Efficiency of HLT path that requires a photon with p_T > 200 GeV (used in SUSY, also others)**





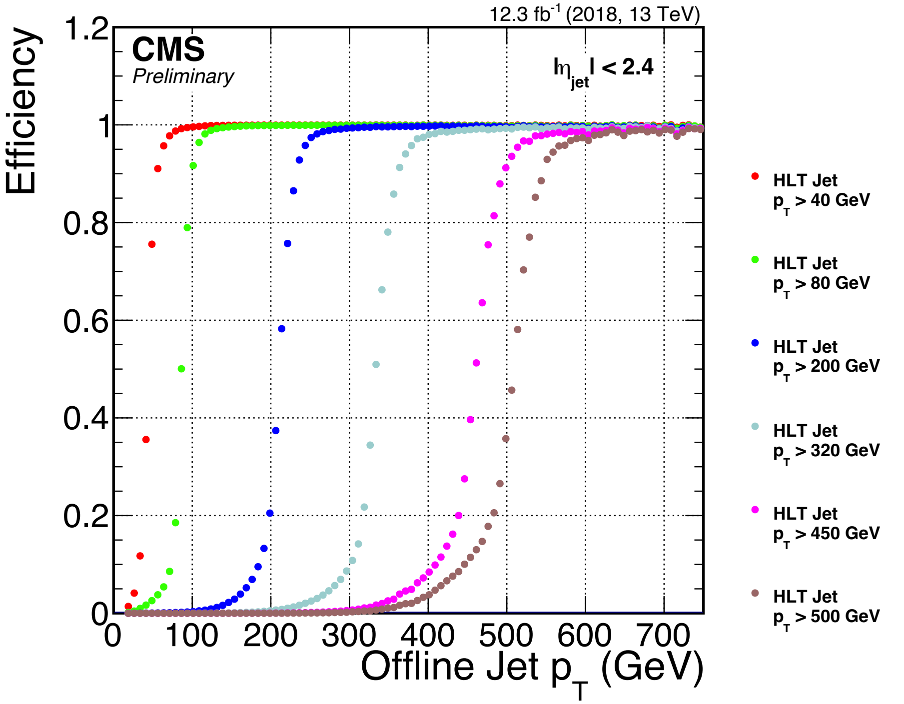


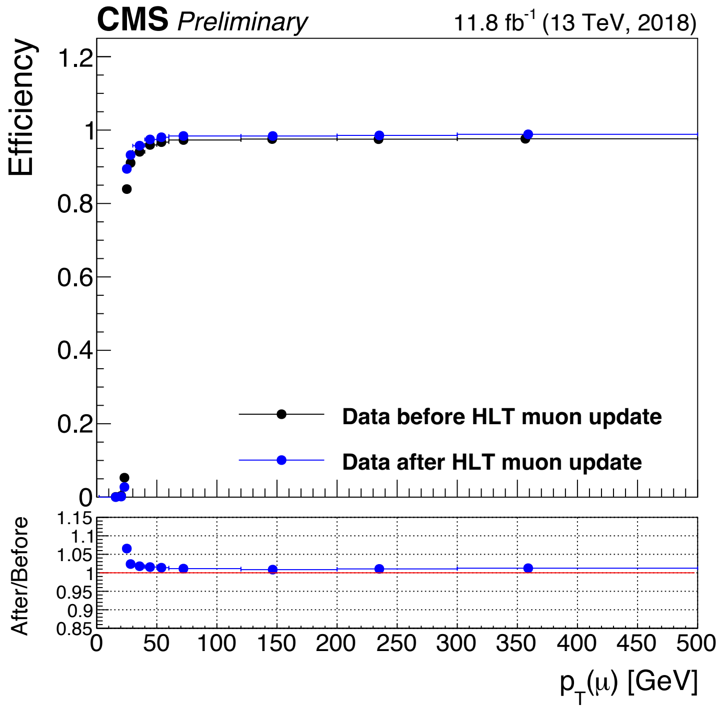


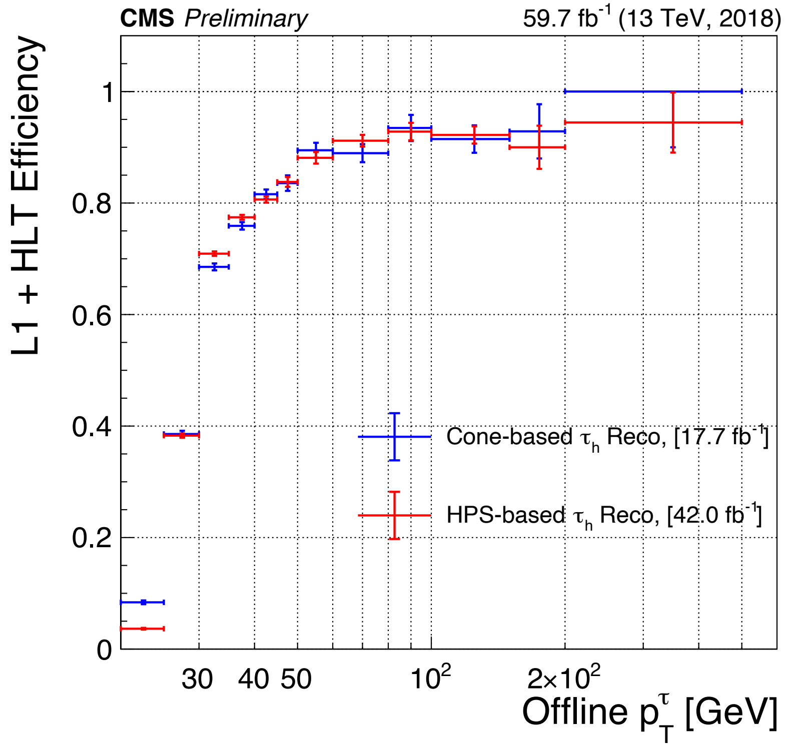
- Efficiency w.r.t probe electron transverse energy of the seeded (left) and unseeded (right) leg of the di-photon trigger for 4 analysis categories, defined w.r.t probe R9 (E_{5x5}/E_{SC}) and η, measured on data for Z->ee events using the tag-and-probe method

The HLT Performance: Jets, Muons and Taus

- Efficiency of jet triggers w.r.t offline candidates in |η|< 2.4
- Efficiency of trigger requiring iso single μ with p_T > 24 GeV





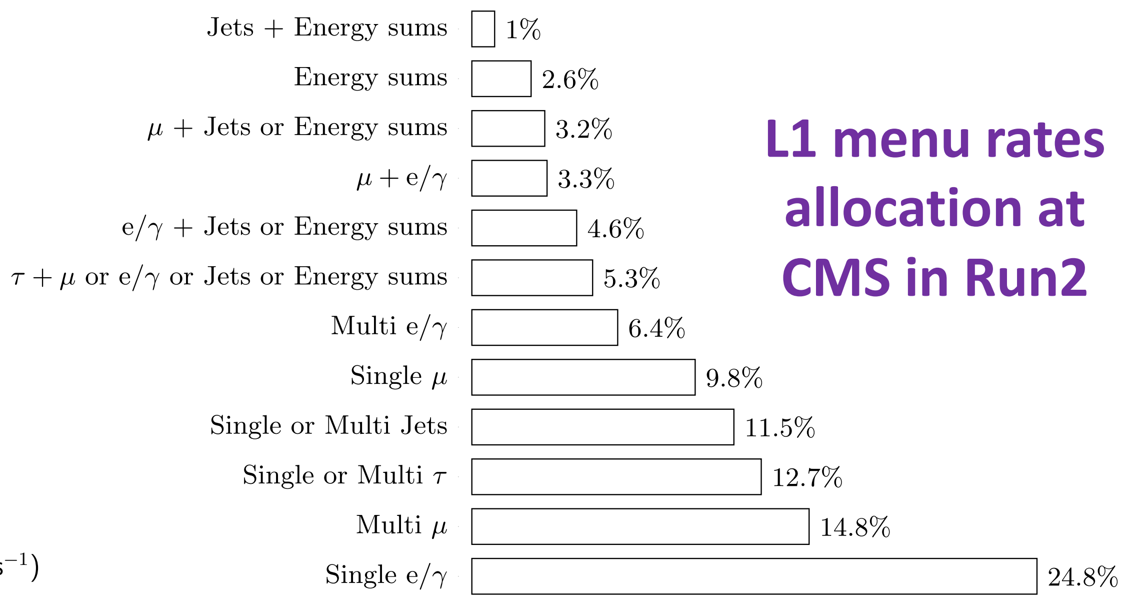


- The efficiency of a hadronic tau leg of the mu-tau trigger shown as a function of offline tau pT for the 17.7 fb^{-1} data taken with the cone-based tau reconstruction and for 42.0 fb^{-1} data collected with the HPS-based algorithm in 2018
- The combined L1 and HLT efficiency of the τ_{had}-leg shown

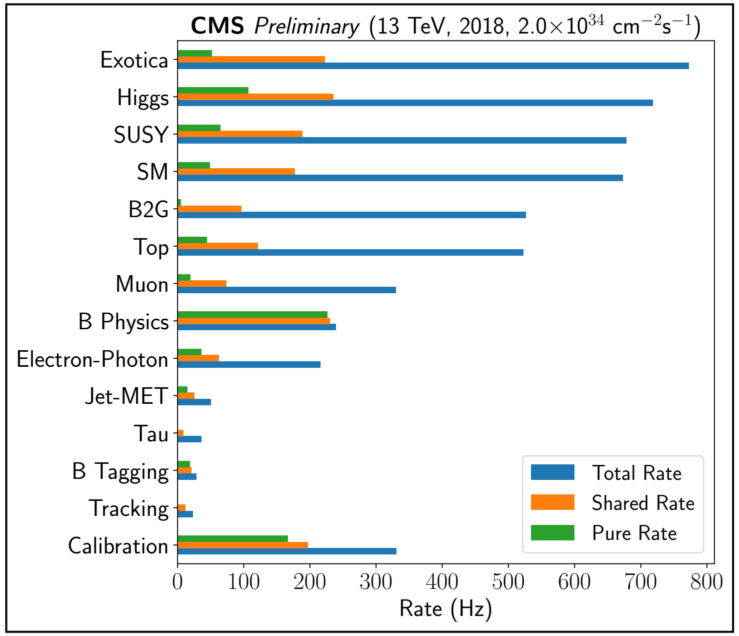
The Trigger Menus: How to Select Your Data

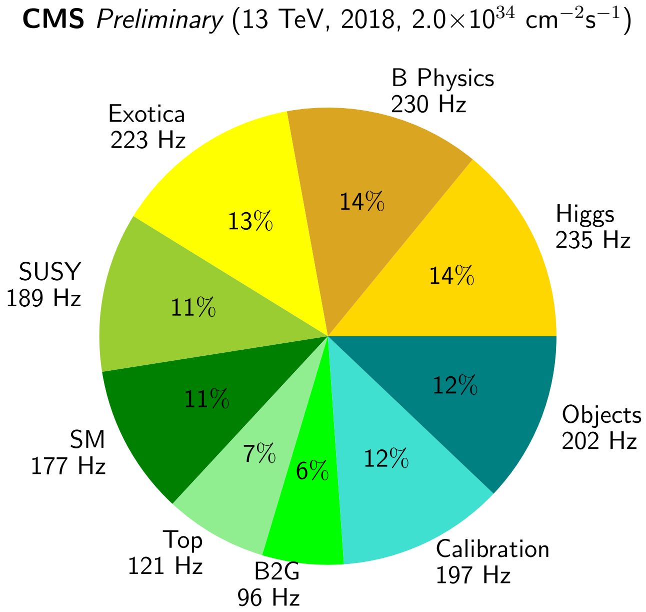
JINST 15, P10017 (2020)
CMS DP-2018/057

- **Trigger menu** represents a large set of selection criteria enabling to fulfill broad physics program
- General triggers, some very specific and backup
- Separate L1 / HLT menus with ~ 300 / 600 items
- Level-1 menu: single/multi/cross path fractions



L1 menu rates allocation at CMS in Run2



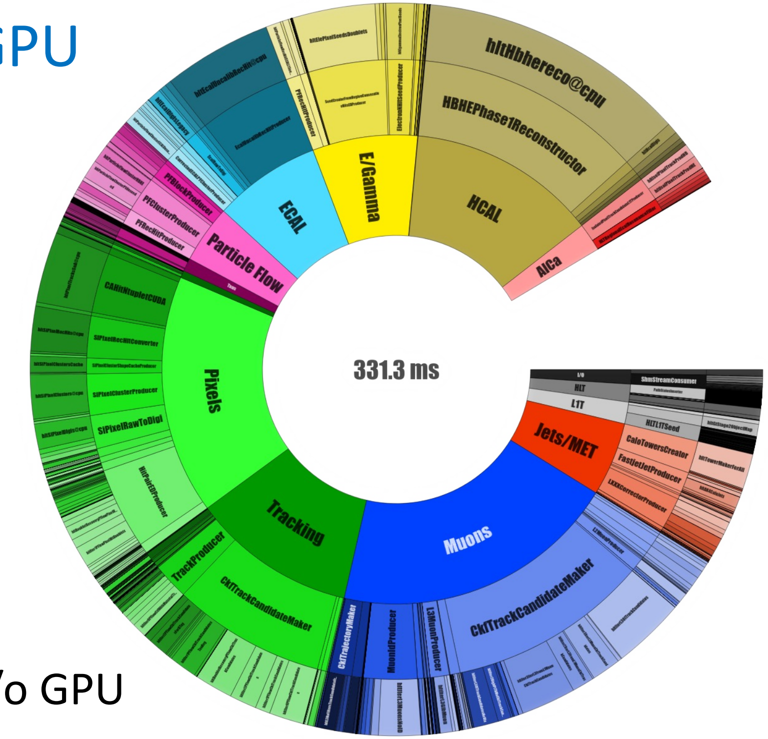


- HLT rates distribution by physics groups
  - measured at 1.2e34, scaled to 2e34
  - total, shared and pure rates shown
- The pie chart also displays rate allocated to each physics group for a lumi of 2e34

The CMS Trigger System: GPU Acceleration

CMS DP-2021/013

- Starting to use a heterogeneous architecture in online reconstruction, based on CPU and GPU
  - pixel and pixel - based tracking, ECAL & HCAL local reco have already been ported to GPUs
  - 25% CPU time offload to GPU
- Planned to **port more reco code (like Particle Flow)** to the GPU in the near future
- **GPU reco much faster** and will allow tracking on more events, improving scouting at Level - 1 for low masses



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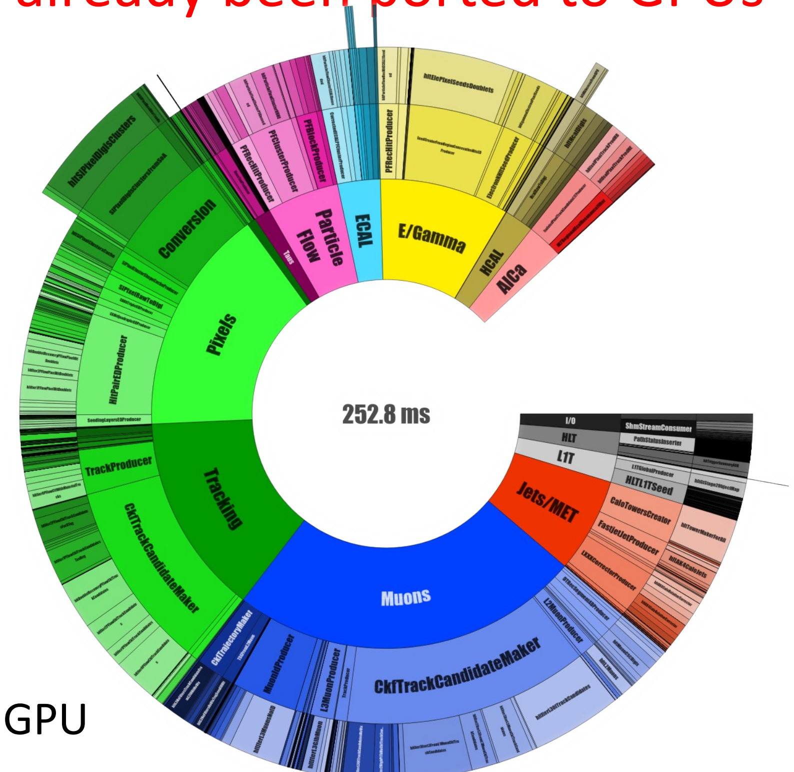

w/ GPU

NVIDIA T4

The timing is measured on pileup 50 events from Run2018D running 4 jobs in parallel, with 32 threads each, on a full node (2× AMD "Rome" 7502) with SMT enabled.

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The CMS Trigger System in LHC Run 3: Tracking at HLT

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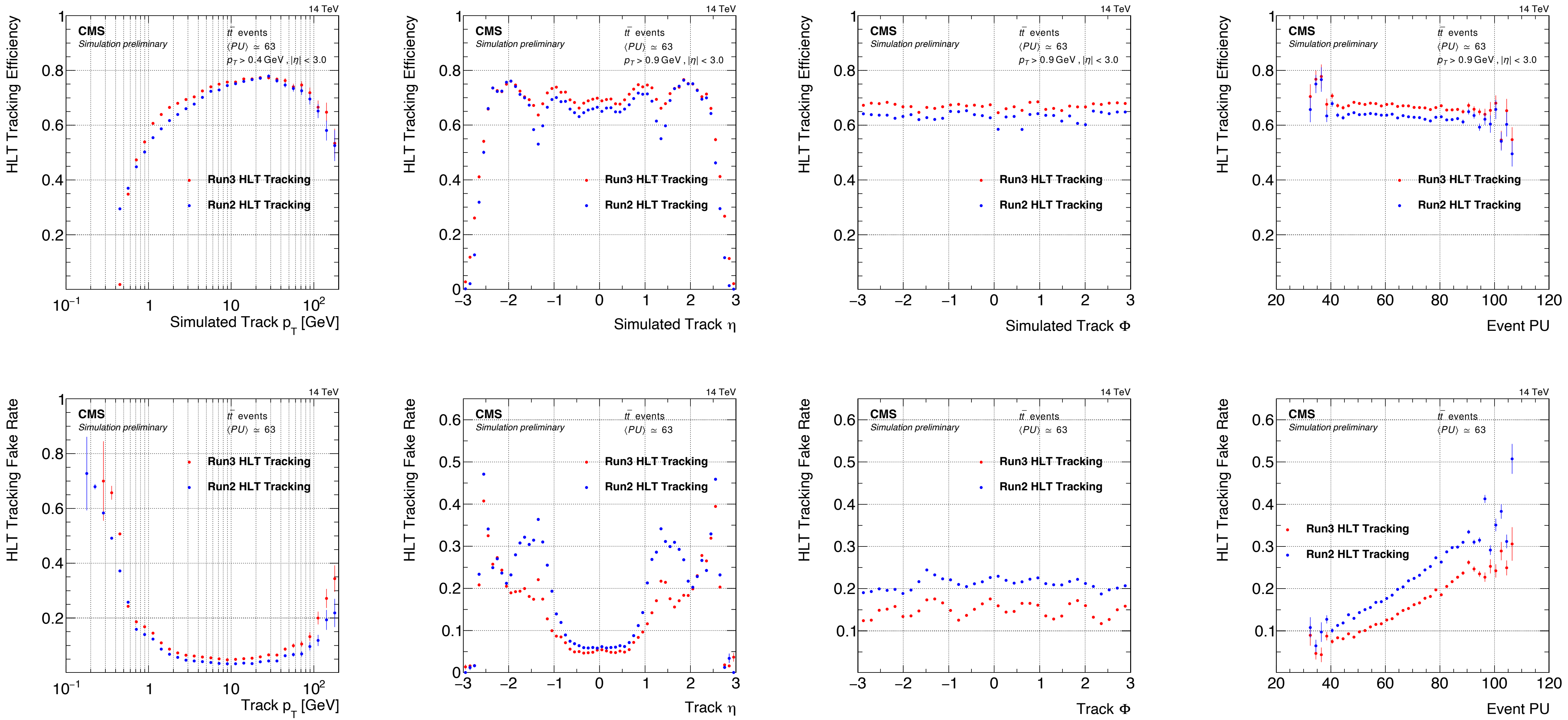
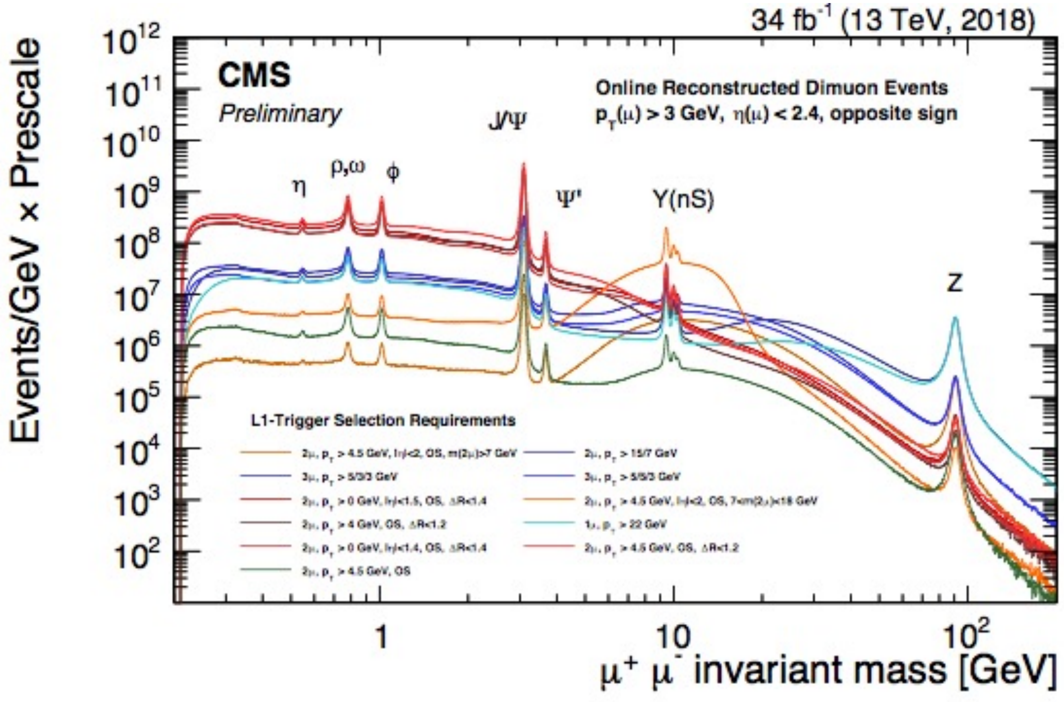
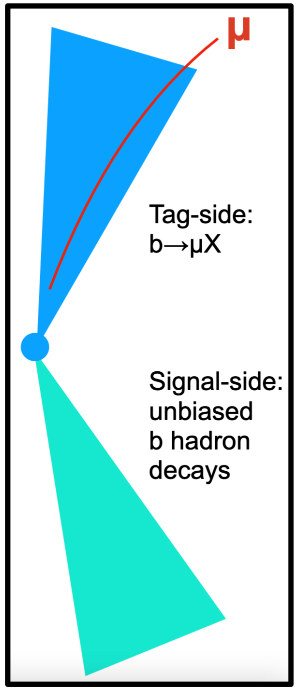


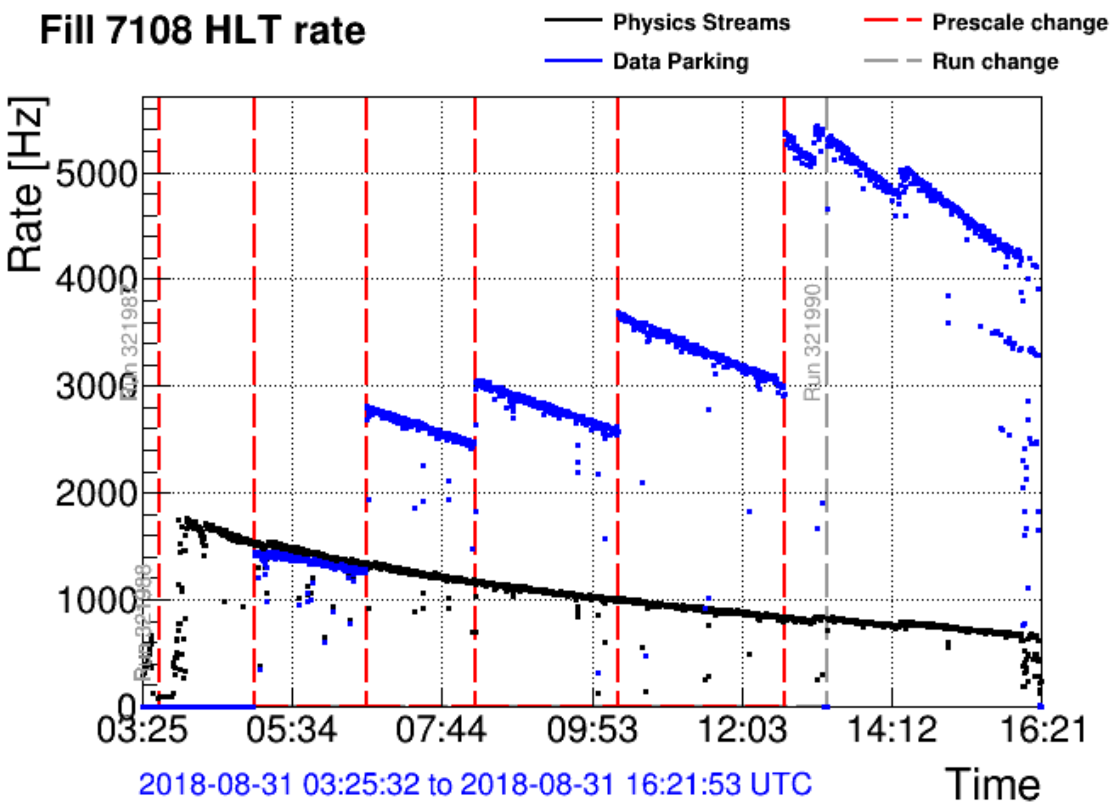
The CMS Trigger System in LHC Run 3: Parking & Scouting

CMS-DP-2019-043
CMS-DP-2018-055

- Computing resources limited at HLT:
  - up to 1 kHz in Run2, 1.5kHz Run3
  - limited bandwidth to ~5Gb/s and also storage (disk & tape) limited
- Reduce event size w/ Scouting: save online obj. used directly in analyses







- Reduce computing resources w/ Parking, i.e. “park” data on tape, skip prompt reco & reconstruct it later
- In Run 3, expanding reach to high rates and more exotic phase spaces; dedicated LLP triggers at L1

Summary and Outlook

- The CMS Trigger System is robust, flexible and proven in Run 1 and Run 2
  - able to deal with large number of events to fulfill the CMS physics goals
- Excellent performance in Run2: sharp turn-ons, small pileup dependence
- Integrated new technologies (LS2), improved/inovated trigger algorithms
- Additional improvements for the Run3, eg heterogeneous reconstruction comprising on CPU and GPU; further non-conventional triggers (like LLPs)

- Run 3 is starting right now -> new data (& exciting physics) around the corner!

BACKUP SLIDES

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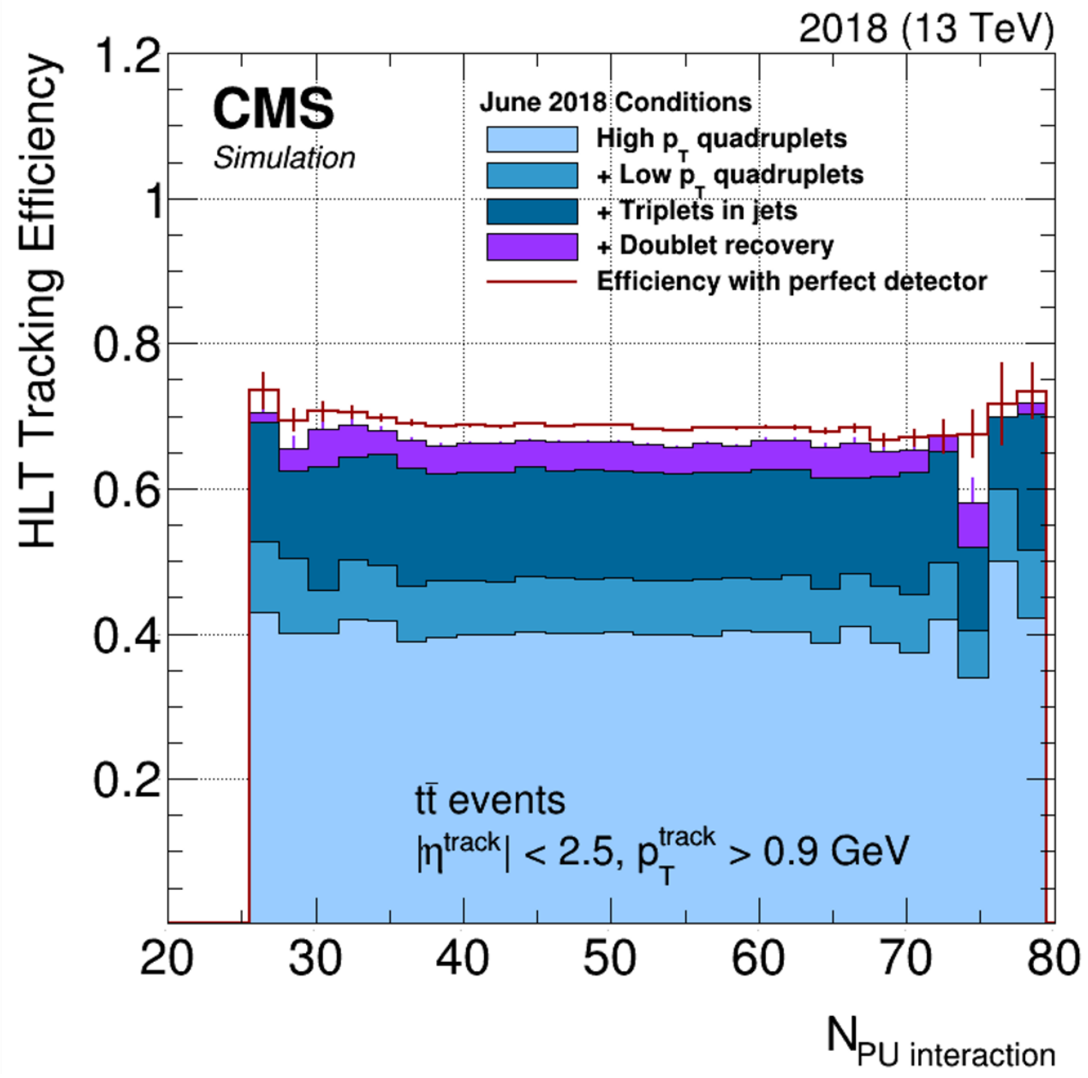
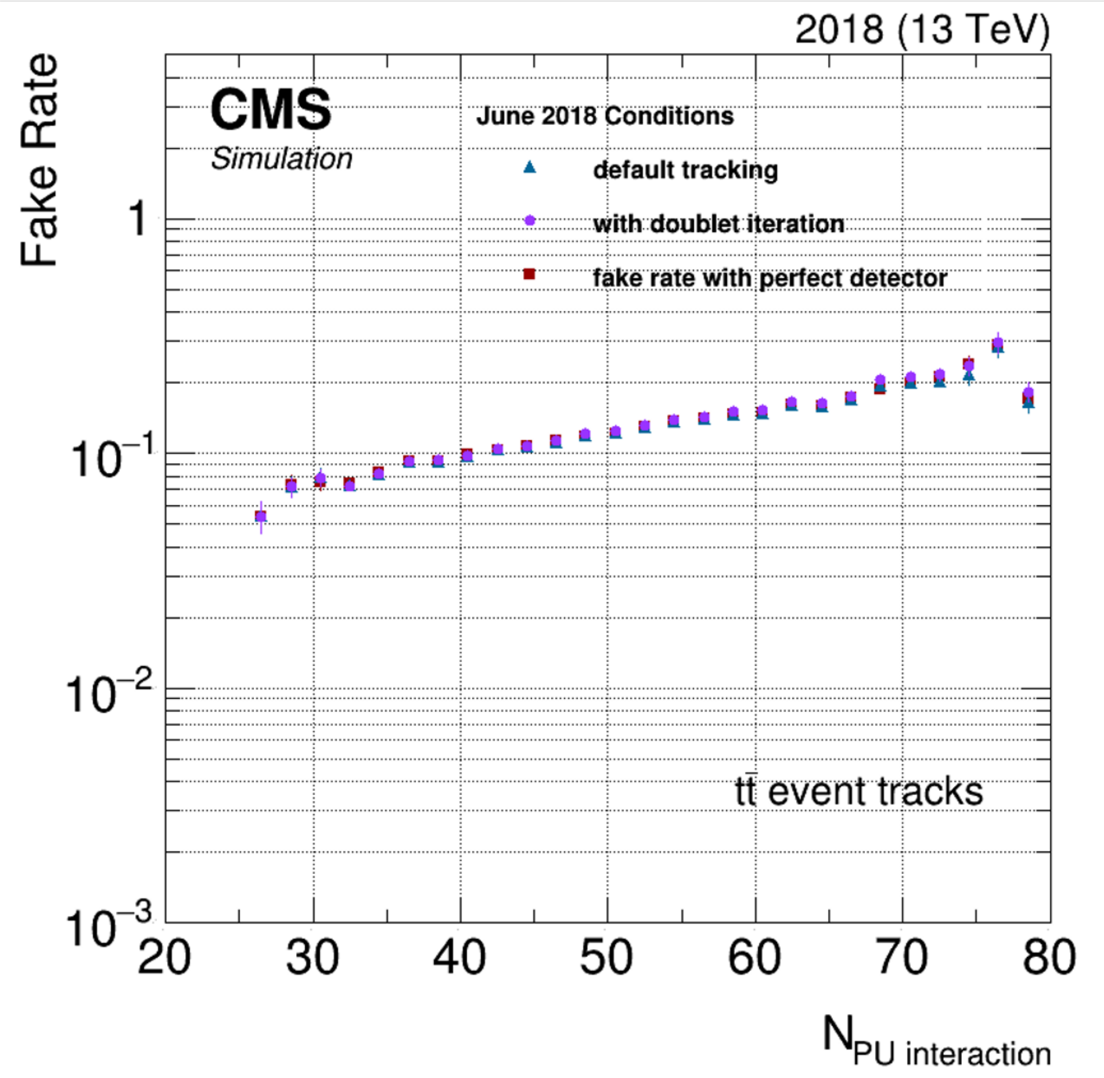
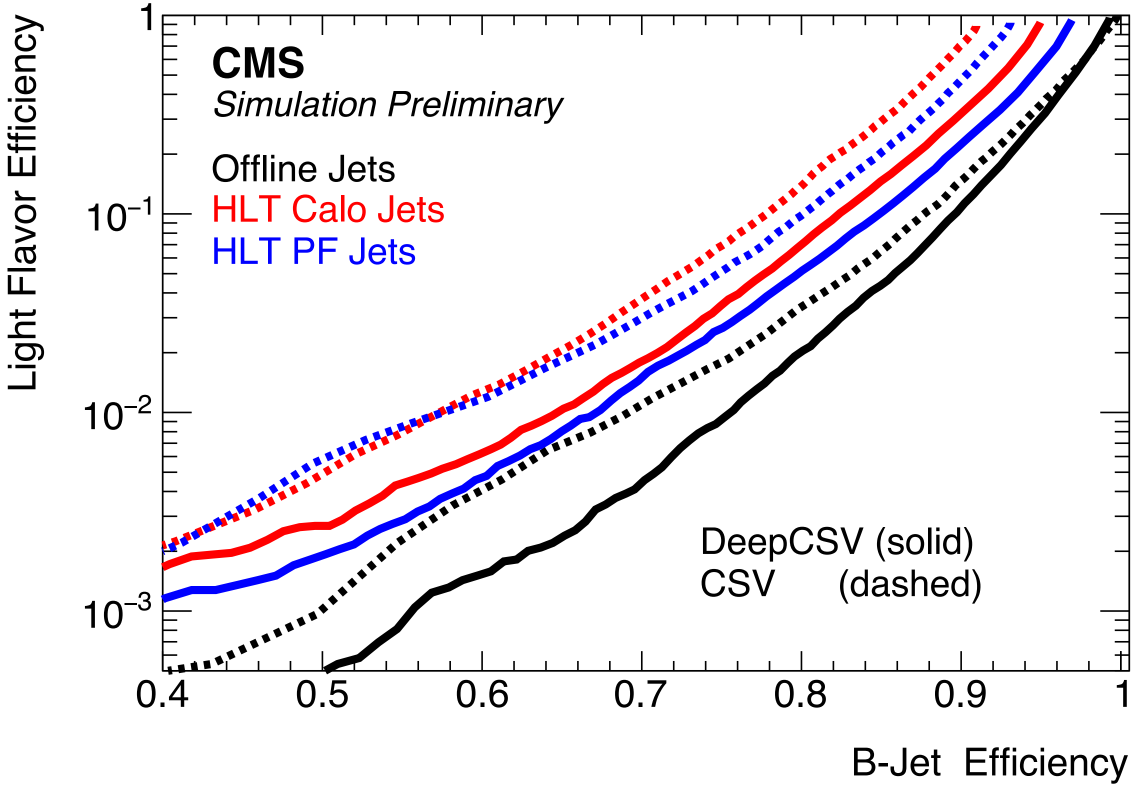




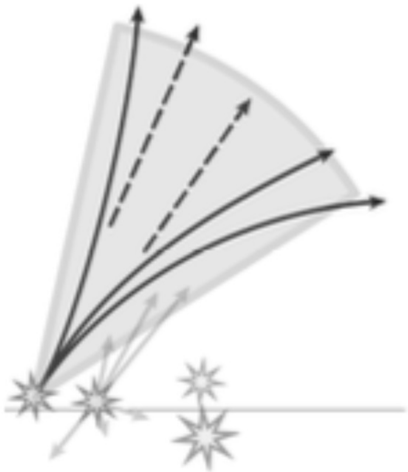
The High Level Trigger: B-Tagging

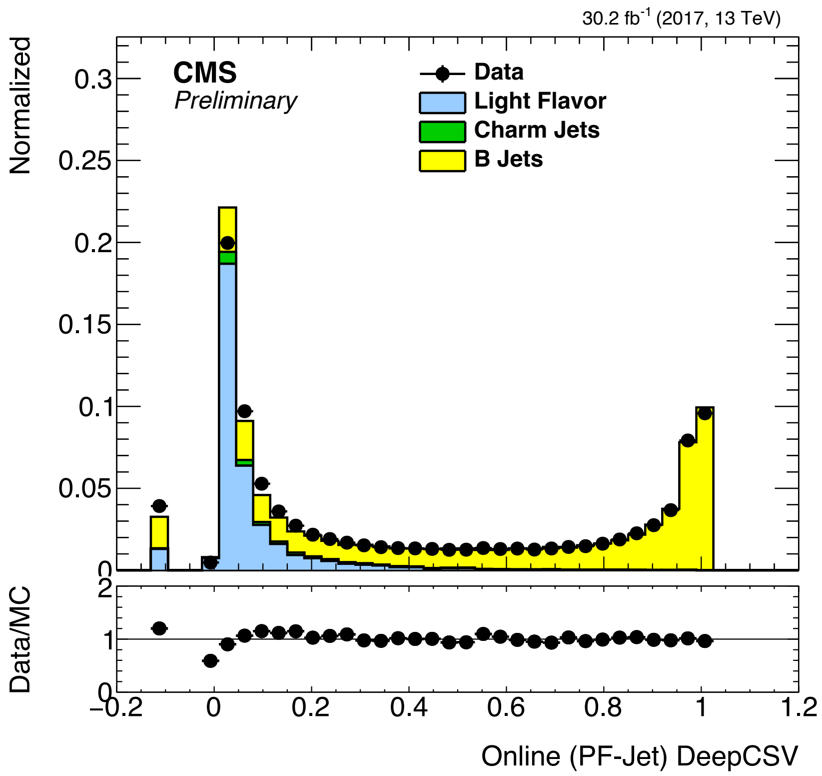
CMS-DP-2019-042

- Neural network based classifier (Deep CSV) used since 2017 to identify the b-tagged AK4 jets



- ○ Online and offline b-jet identification efficiency
- ○ Improved b-tagging efficiency over previous CSV algorithms 5-15% for fixed light flavor efficiency





- The DeepCSV discriminator distribution for online (PF-Jets)-> different colors show the contributions in simulations from different jet flavors

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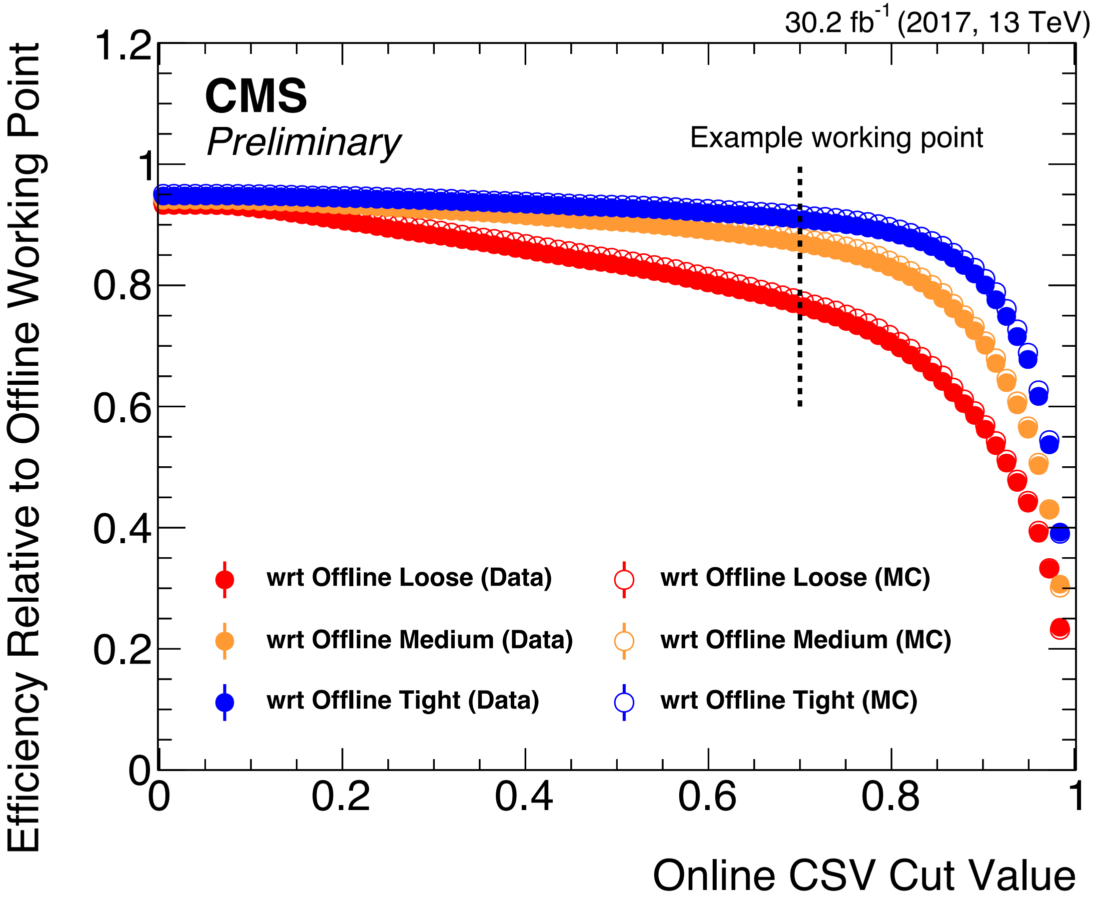

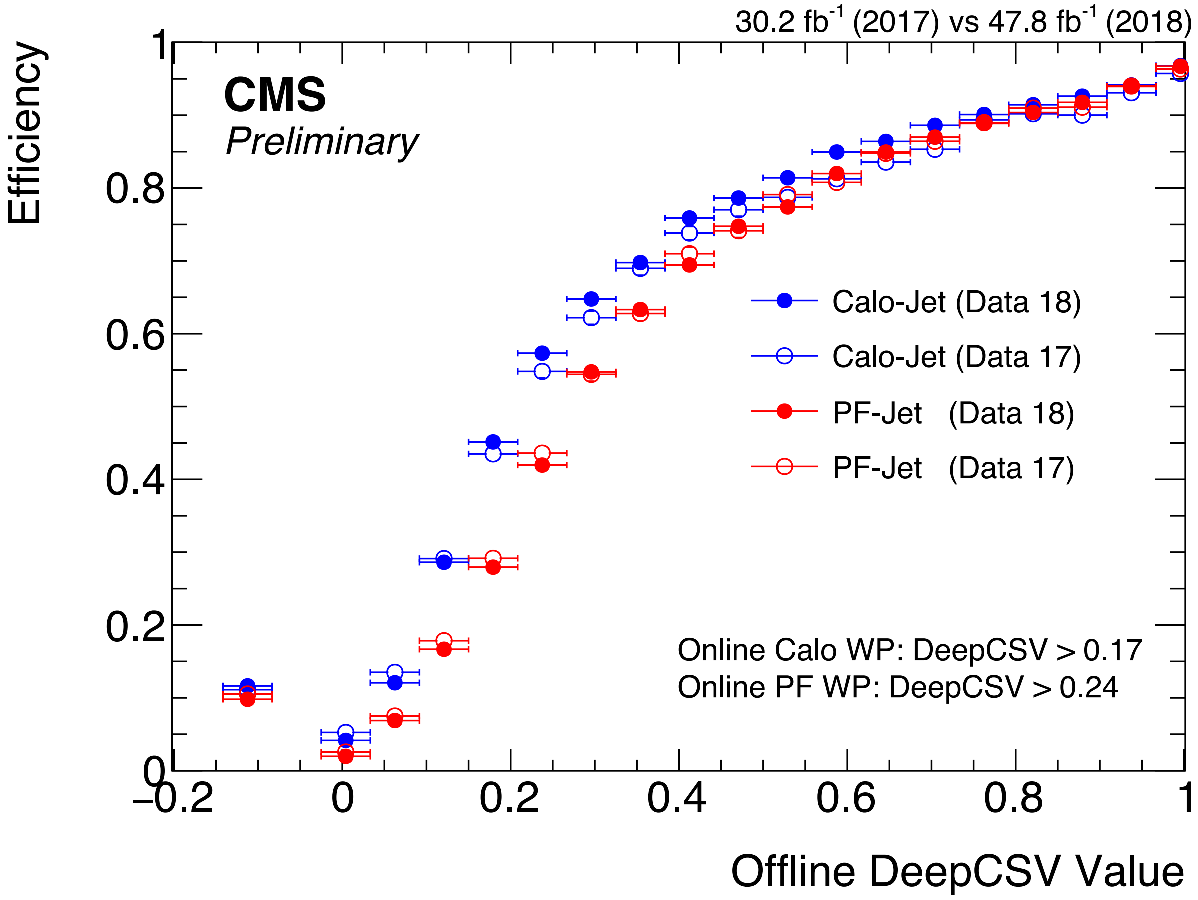

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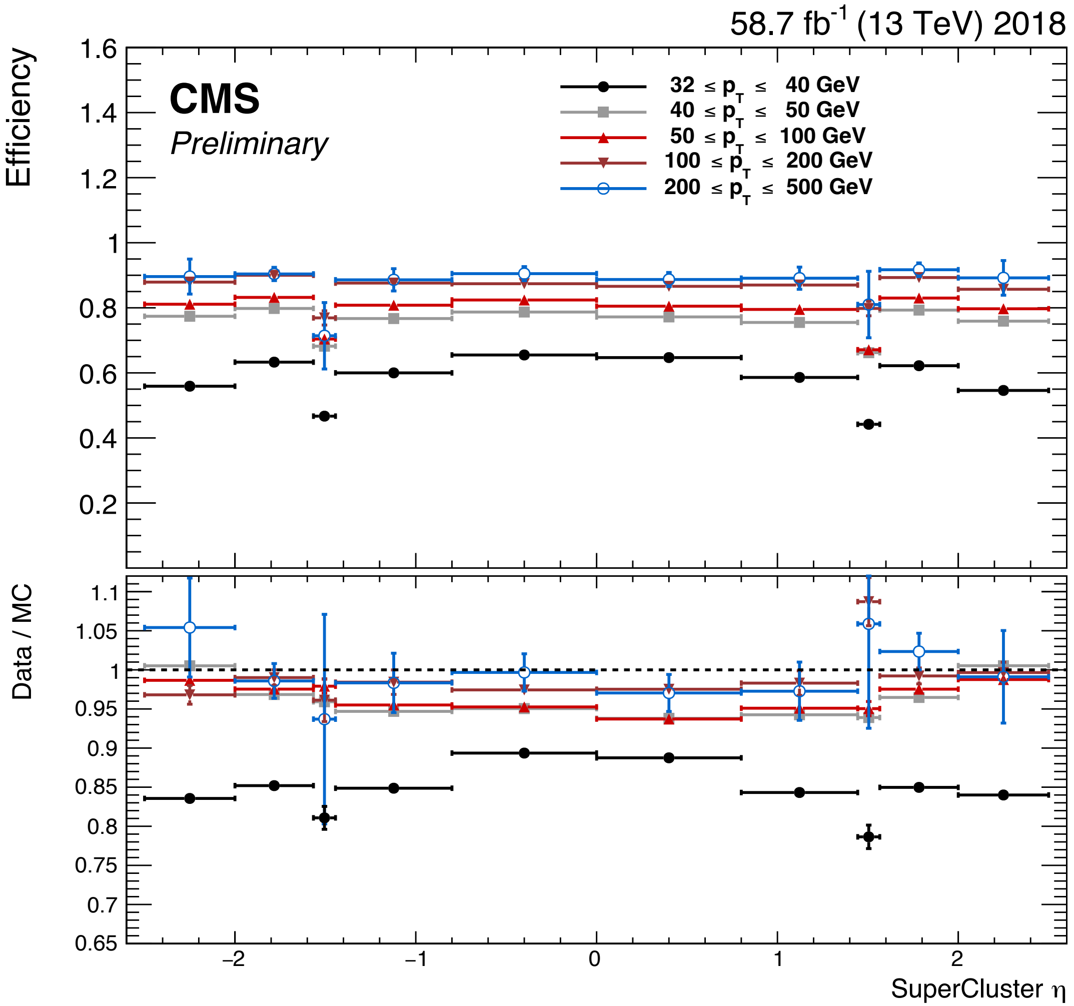

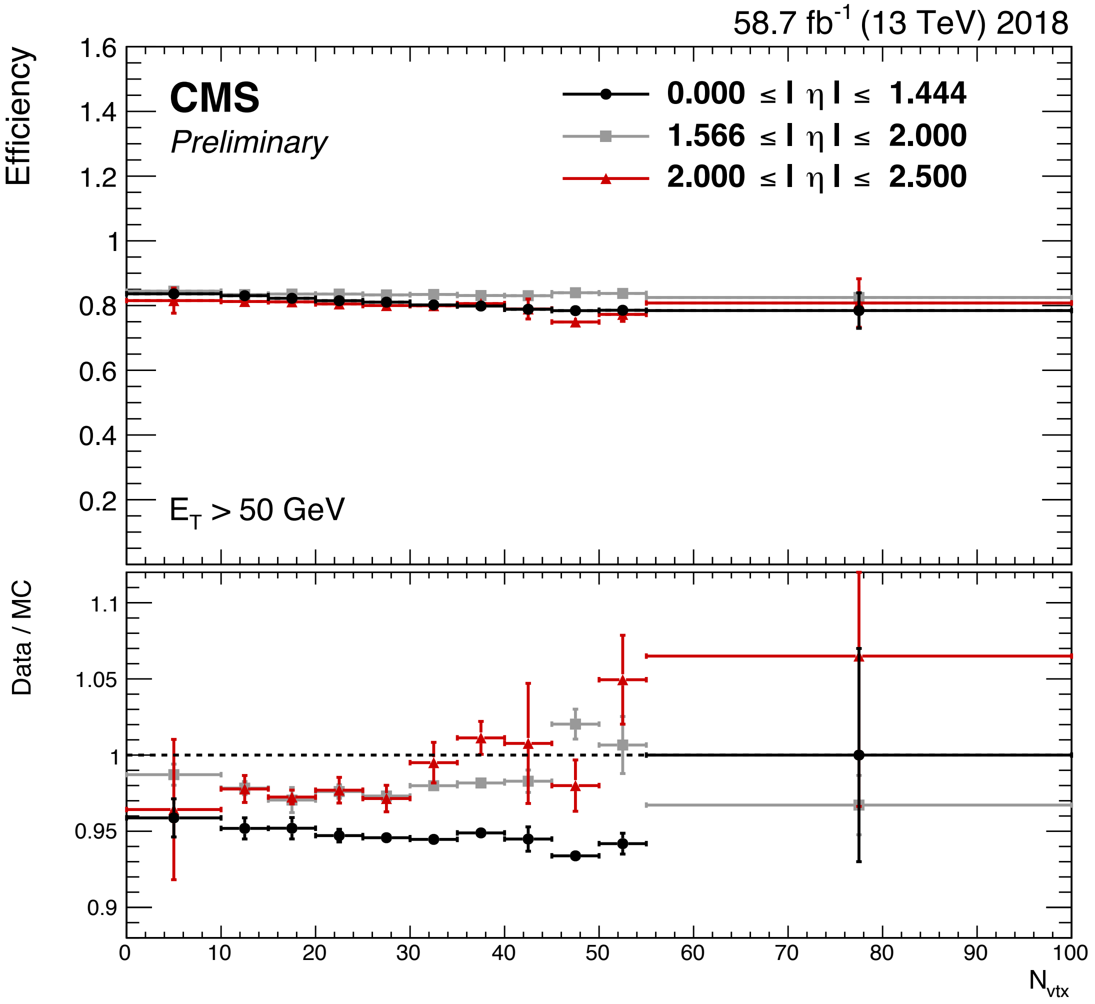

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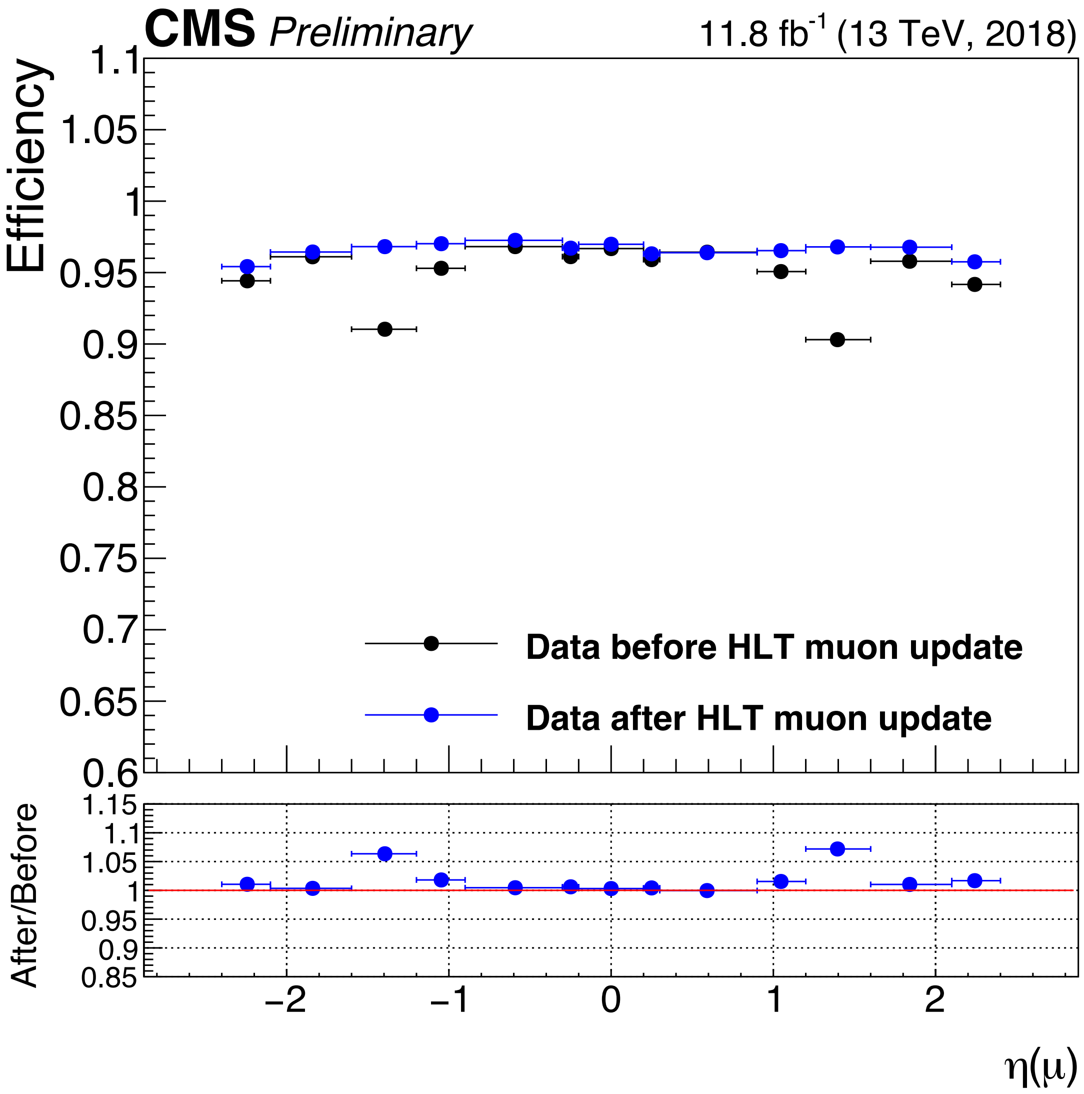

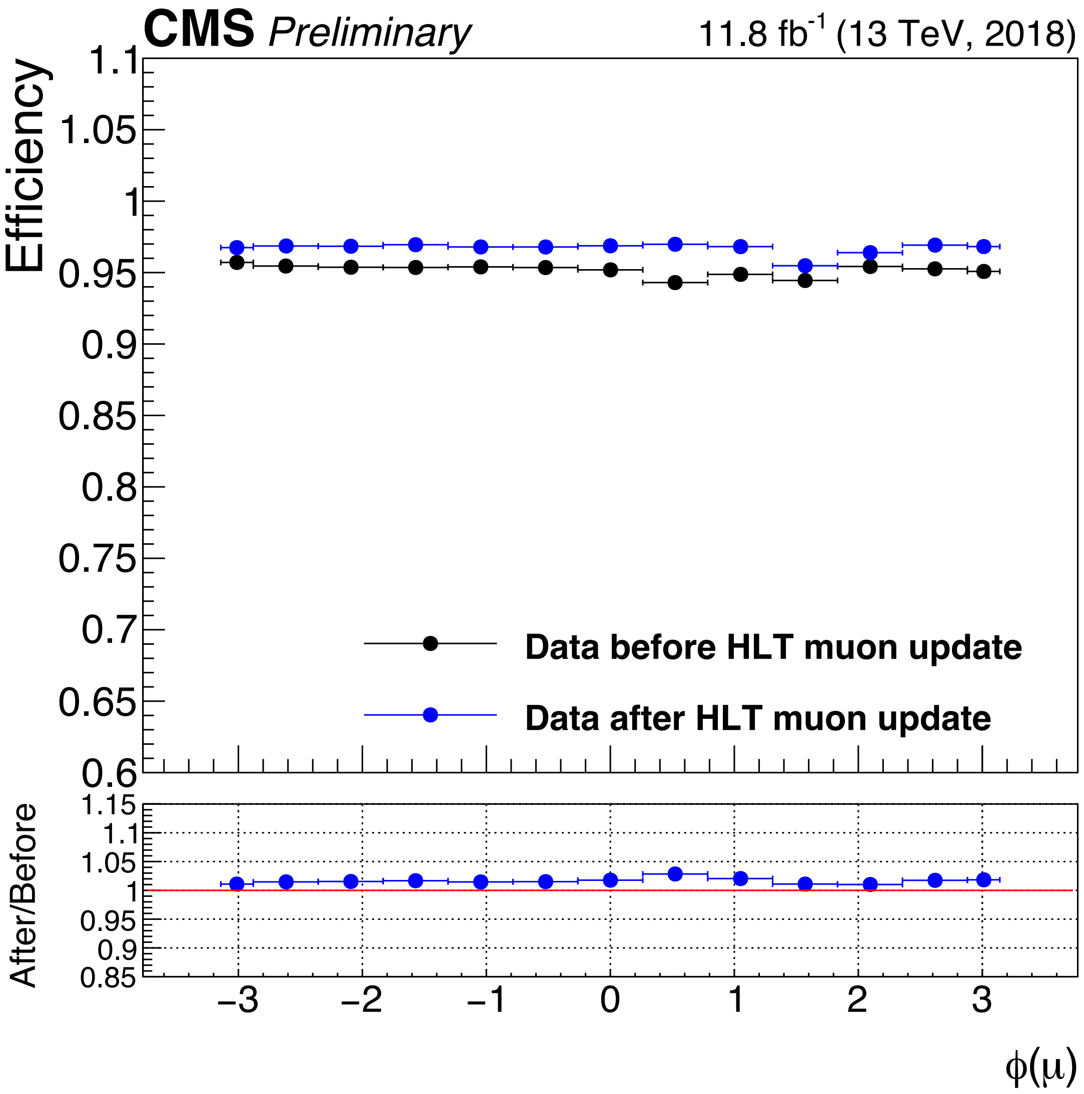

The Trigger Menus: How to Select Your Data

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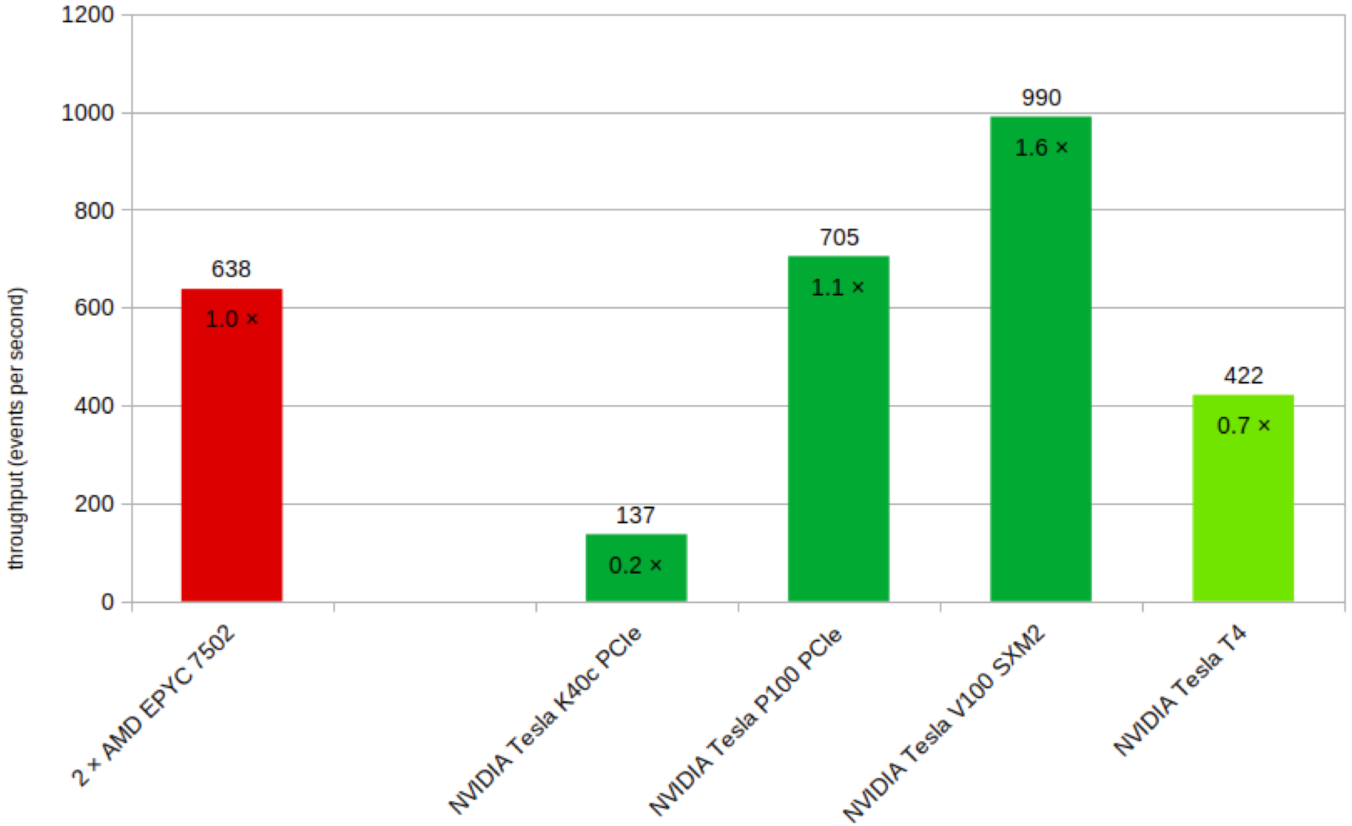
Algorithm	Requirements (p_T, E_T, $m_{\mu\mu}$, and m_{jj} in GeV)
Muons	
Single μ	$p_T > 22$ & Tight quality
Double μ	$p_T > 15, 7$ & Medium quality
Double μ	$p_T > 15, 5$ & Tight quality
Double μ	$p_T > 8, 8$ & Tight quality
Double μ + mass	$p_T > 4.5$ & $\lvert\eta\rvert < 2.0$ & Tight quality & OS & $m_{\mu\mu} > 7$
Double μ + ΔR	$p_T > 4$ & Tight quality & OS & $\Delta R < 1.2$
Double μ + ΔR	$p_T > 0$ & $\lvert\eta\rvert < 1.5$ & Tight quality & OS & $\Delta R < 1.4$
Double μ + BX	$p_T > 0$ & $\lvert\eta\rvert < 1.4$ & Medium quality & Non-colliding BX
Triple μ	$p_T > 5, 3, 3$ & Medium quality
Triple μ	$p_T > 3, 3, 3$ & Tight quality
Triple μ + mass	$p_T > 5, 3.5, 2.5$ & Med. qual.; two μ OS & $p_T > 5, 2.5$ & $5 < m_{\mu\mu} < 17$
Triple μ + mass	Three μ any qual.; two μ & $p_T > 5, 3$ & Tight qual. & OS & $m_{\mu\mu} < 9$
Electrons / photons	(e/γ)
Single e/γ	$p_T > 60$
Single e/γ	$p_T > 36$ & $\lvert\eta\rvert < 2.5$
Single e/γ	$p_T > 28$ & $\lvert\eta\rvert < 2.5$ & Loose isolation
Double e/γ	$p_T > 25, 12$ & $\lvert\eta\rvert < 2.5$
Double e/γ	$p_T > 22, 12$ & $\lvert\eta\rvert < 2.5$ & Loose isolation
Triple e/γ	$p_T > 18, 17, 8$ & $\lvert\eta\rvert < 2.5$
Triple e/γ	$p_T > 16, 16, 16$ & $\lvert\eta\rvert < 2.5$
Tau leptons (τ)	
Single τ	$p_T > 120$ & $\lvert\eta\rvert < 2.1$
Double τ	$p_T > 32$ & $\lvert\eta\rvert < 2.1$ & Isolation
Jets	
Single jet	$p_T > 180$
Single jet + BX	$p_T > 43$ & $\lvert\eta\rvert < 2.5$ & Non-colliding BX
Double jet	$p_T > 150$ & $\lvert\eta\rvert < 2.5$
Double jet + $\Delta\eta$	$p_T > 112$ & $\lvert\eta\rvert < 2.3$ & $\Delta\eta < 1.6$
Double jet + mass	$p_T > 115, 35$; two jets $p_T > 35$ & $m_{jj} > 620$
Double jet + mass	$p_T > 30$ & $\lvert\eta\rvert < 2.5$ & $\Delta\eta < 1.5$ & $m_{jj} > 300$
Triple jet	$p_T > 95, 75, 65$; two jets $p_T > 75, 65$ & $\lvert\eta\rvert < 2.5$
Energy sums	
E_T^{miss}	$E_T^{miss} > 100$ (Vector sum of p_T of calorimeter deposits with $\lvert\eta\rvert < 5.0$)
H_T	$H_T > 360$ (Scalar sum of p_T of all jets with $p_T > 30$ and $\lvert\eta\rvert < 2.5$)
E_T	$E_T > 2000$ (Scalar sum of p_T of calorimeter deposits with $\lvert\eta\rvert < 5.0$)

Terms used
Tight quality: muons with hits in at least 3 different muon stations.
Medium quality: muons with hits in at least 2 different muon stations.
The "non-colliding BX" requirement selects beam-empty events.
$\Delta R \equiv ((\Delta\phi)^2 + (\Delta\eta)^2)^{1/2}$, and phi is the azimuthal angle in radians.
OS: Opposite Sign (of electric charge).
E_T: Scalar sum of p_T of calorimeter deposits.
H_T: Scalar sum of p_T of jets.
Isolation and loose isolation: The isolation requires an upper limit on the transverse calorimeter energy surrounding the candidate. The limit depends on the pileup, the Level-1 candidate E_T and $\lvert\eta\rvert$. Details are given in Sections ?? and ??.

Algorithm	Requirements (p_T, E_T, $m_{\mu\mu}$, and m_{jj} in GeV)
Two objects	
Single μ + Single e/γ	$p_T(\mu) > 20$ & Tight quality(μ) & $p_T(e/\gamma) > 10$ & $\lvert\eta(e/\gamma)\rvert < 2.5$
Single μ + Single e/γ	$p_T(\mu) > 7$ & Tight quality(μ) & $p_T(e/\gamma) > 20$ & $\lvert\eta(e/\gamma)\rvert < 2.5$
Single μ +	$p_T(\mu) > 18$ & $\lvert\eta(\mu)\rvert < 2.1$ & Tight quality(μ) &
Single τ	$p_T(\tau) > 24$ & $\lvert\eta(\tau)\rvert < 2.1$
Single μ + H_T	$p_T(\mu) > 6$ & Tight quality(μ) & $H_T > 240$
Single e/γ +	$p_T(e/\gamma) > 22$ & $\lvert\eta(e/\gamma)\rvert < 2.1$ & Loose isolated(e/γ) &
Single τ	$p_T(\tau) > 26$ & $\lvert\eta(\tau)\rvert < 2.1$ & Isolated(τ) & $\Delta R > 0.3$
Single e/γ +	$p_T(e/\gamma) > 28$ & $\lvert\eta(e/\gamma)\rvert < 2.1$ & Loose isolated(e/γ) &
Single jet	$p_T(jet) > 34$ & $\lvert\eta(jet)\rvert < 2.5$ & $\Delta R > 0.3$
Single e/γ + H_T	$p_T(e/\gamma) > 26$ & $\lvert\eta(e/\gamma)\rvert < 2.1$ & Loose isolated(e/γ) & $H_T > 100$
Single τ + E_T^{miss}	$p_T(\tau) > 40$ & $\lvert\eta(\tau)\rvert < 2.1$ & $E_T^{miss} > 90$
Single jet + E_T^{miss}	$p_T(jet) > 140$ & $\lvert\eta(jet)\rvert < 2.5$ & $E_T^{miss} > 80$
Three objects	
Single μ	$p_T(\mu) > 12$ & $\lvert\eta(\mu)\rvert < 2.3$ & Tight quality(μ) &
Double jet + ΔR	$p_T(jet) > 40$ & $\Delta\eta$(jet,jet) < 1.6 & $\lvert\eta(jet)\rvert < 2.3$ & $\Delta R(\mu, jet) < 0.4$
Single μ +	$p_T(\mu) > 3$ & $\lvert\eta(\mu)\rvert < 1.5$ & Tight quality (μ) &
Single jet + E_T^{miss}	$p_T(jet) > 100$ & $\lvert\eta(jet)\rvert < 2.5$ & $E_T^{miss} > 40$
Double μ + H_T	$p_T(\mu) > 3$ & Tight quality(μ) & $H_T > 220$
Double μ +	$p_T(\mu) > 0$ & Medium quality(μ) & $\Delta R(\mu, \mu) < 1.6$ &
Single jet + ΔR	$p_T(jet) > 90$ & $\lvert\eta(jet)\rvert < 2.5$ & $\Delta R(\mu, jet) < 0.8$
Double μ + Single e/γ	$p_T(\mu) > 5$ & Tight quality(μ) & $p_T(e/\gamma) > 9$ & $\lvert\eta(e/\gamma)\rvert < 2.5$
Double e/γ + Single μ	$p_T(e/\gamma) > 12$ & $\lvert\eta(e/\gamma)\rvert < 2.5$ & $p_T(\mu) > 6$ & Tight quality(μ)
Double e/γ + H_T	$p_T(e/\gamma) > 8$ & $\lvert\eta(e/\gamma)\rvert < 2.5$ & $H_T > 300$
Four objects	
Double μ + Double e/γ	$p_T(\mu) > 3$ & Medium quality(μ) & OS(μ) & $p_T(e/\gamma) > 7.5$
Double μ + Double e/γ	$p_T(\mu) > 5$ & Medium quality(μ) & OS(μ) & $p_T(e/\gamma) > 3$
Five objects	
Double μ + E_T^{miss} +	$p_T(\mu) > 3$ & Tight quality(μ) & $E_T^{miss} > 50$ &
Single jet OR	($p_T(jet) > 60$ & $\lvert\eta(jet)\rvert < 2.5$) OR
Double jet	($p_T(jet) > 40$ & $\lvert\eta(jet)\rvert < 2.5$)
H_T + Quad jet	$H_T > 320$ & $p_T(jet) > 70, 55, 40, 40$ & $\lvert\eta(jet)\rvert < 2.4$



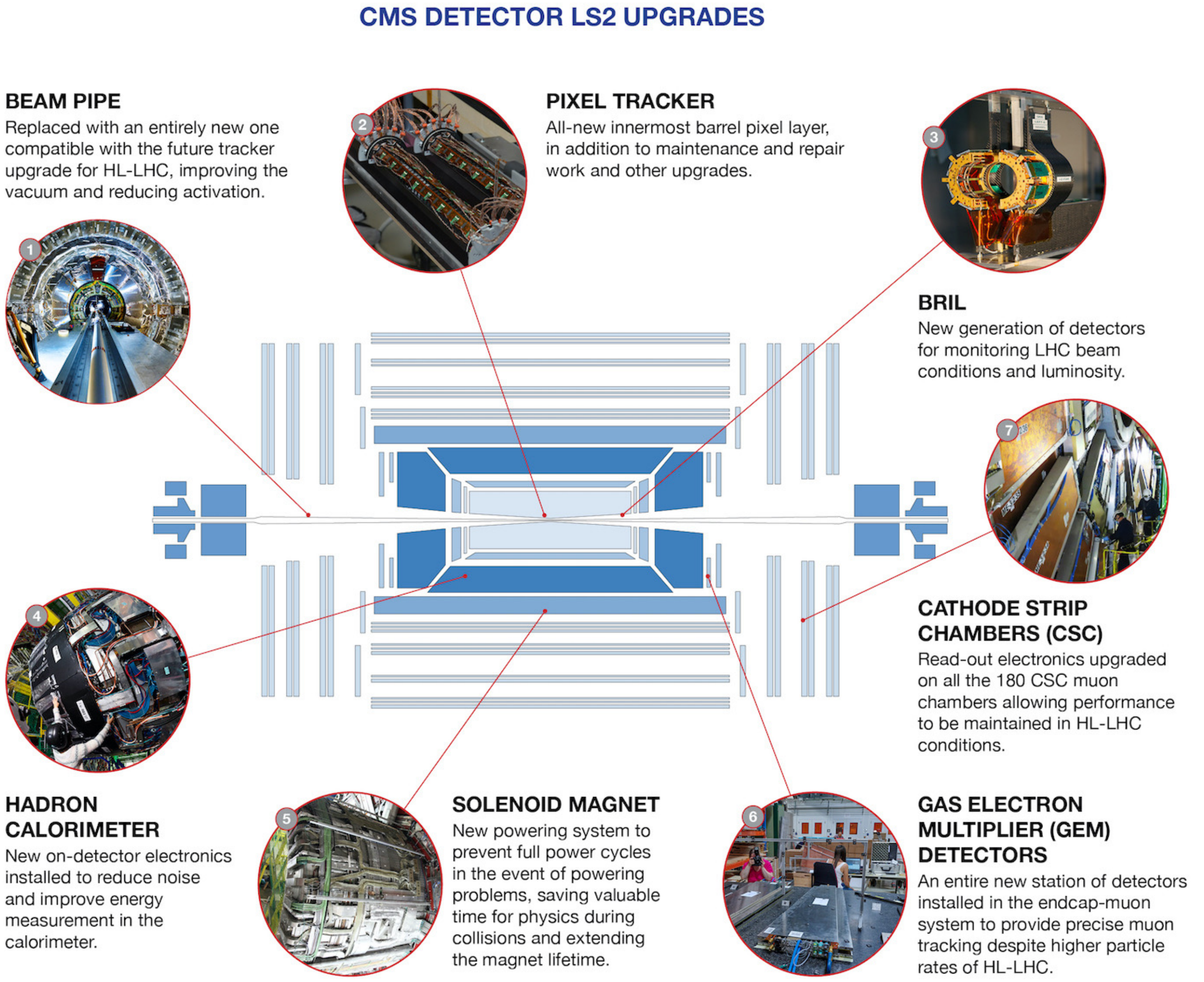
GPU vs CPU throughput

The histogram shows the absolute and relative throughput of the part of the HLT reconstruction that can be offloaded to GPUs, running on different hardware:

- the reference, in red, is a dual processor machine with 2× AMD “Rome” EPYC 7502 CPUs (from 2019);
- three generations of high power (250 W), dual-slot NVIDIA datacenter GPUs are shown in dark green: a Tesla K40 (from 2013), a Tesla P100 (from 2017), and a Tesla V100 (from 2018);
- the performance of a low power (70 W), single slot NVIDIA datacenter Tesla T4 (from 2019) is shown in light green.

The CMS Detector Phase-I Upgrade

- Significant upgrades of the CMS detector during the course of Run 2 and in the LS2
- **Level-1 Trigger upgrades:**
  - Phase-I L1 trigger upgrade [CMS-TDR-12] in 2016: finer calorimeter granularity --> improved energy and position resolution while remaining within rate constraints
  - Pileup subtraction in Run-2 at benefit of L1 performance [JINST 15 (2020) P10017]
- **High Level Trigger upgrades**:
  - Phase-I Pixel Upgrade [CMS-TDR-11] during the LHC EYETS in 2016-2017
  - Phase-I HCAL Upgrade [CMS-TDR-10]
    - ❖ Endcap included in 2018 (not used in trigger); Barrel completed in 2019



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