

# Charm-jet tagging at LHCb

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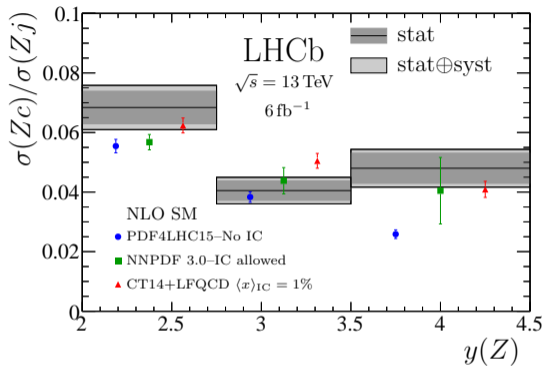
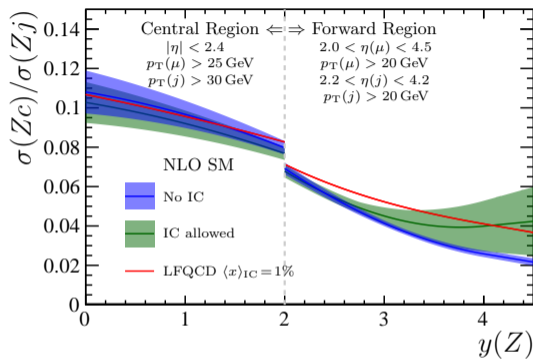
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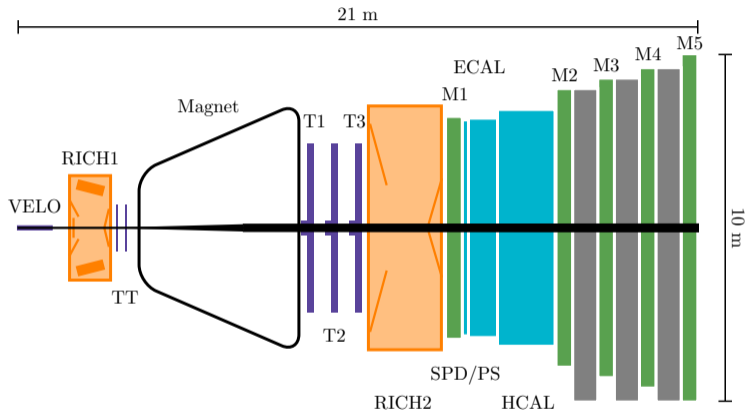
# Motivation: Forward $Z + c$ production ([arXiv:2109.08084](https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.08084))



- Ideal probe of valence-like intrinsic charm ([PRD \*\*93\*\*, no.7, 074008 \(2016\)](#))
- Observe an enhancement at high  $y(Z)$ , consistent with IC
- $b/c$ -jet tagging also used to search for  $H \rightarrow c\bar{c}/b\bar{b}$ :  
 $y^b < 7y_{\text{SM}}^b$  and  $y^c < 80y_{\text{SM}}^c$  ([LHCb-CONF-2016-006](#))

# The LHCb detector (*Int. J. Mod. Phys. A* 30, 1530022 (2015))

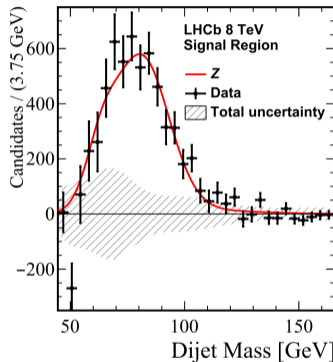
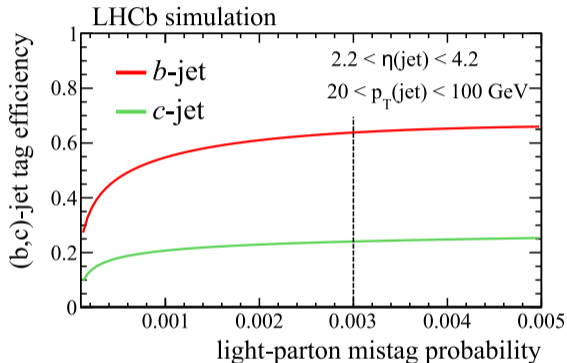
- Forward spectrometer:  
 $2 < \eta < 5$
- tracking, calorimetry,  
RICH, muon systems
- Excellent vertex resolution  
(10 – 50  $\mu\text{m}$  in  $x$  and  $y$ )
- Track  $\sigma(p)/p \sim 0.5 - 1.0\%$



Optimized for heavy flavor physics  $\rightarrow$  ideal for identifying heavy flavor jets

# Heavy flavor jet tagging in Run 1 (JINST 10 P06013)

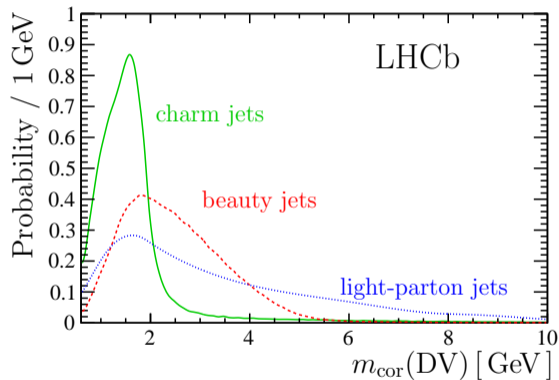
$Z \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  (Phys. Lett. B776 (2018) 430)



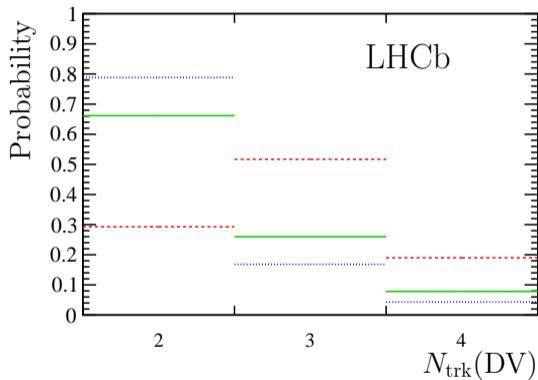
- Jets are identified using displaced secondary vertices and two BDTs:  $BDT_{bc|udsq}$  and  $BDT_{b|c}$
- $b$  ( $c$ ) jets tagged with 65% (25%) efficiency with 0.3% mistag probability
- Not optimized for Run 2 + Can improve  $c$ -tagging performance with a dedicated algorithm.

# Charm jet tagging with Displaced Vertices in Run 2

$$m_{\text{cor}} \equiv \sqrt{m^2 + (p \sin \theta)^2} + p \sin \theta$$

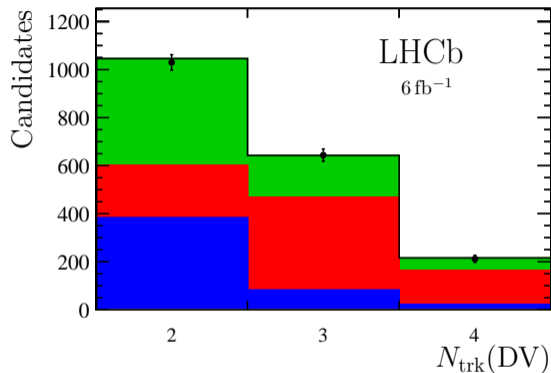
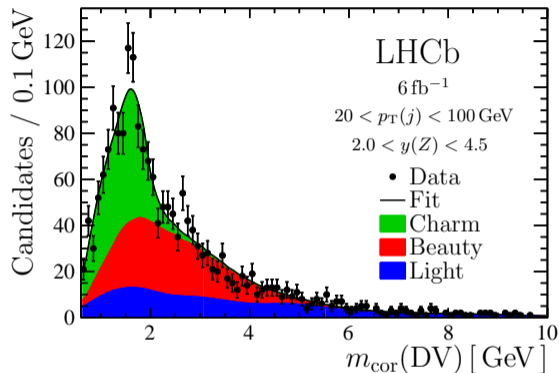


$$N_{\text{trk}} \equiv \text{number of tracks in DV}$$



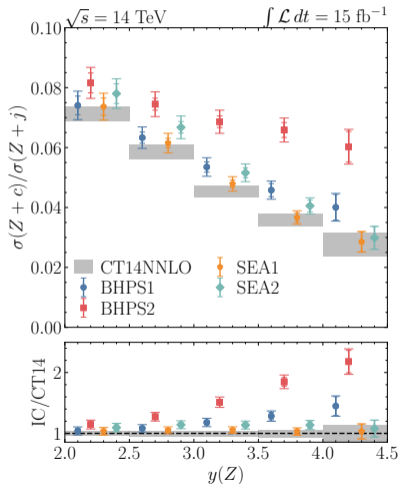
- “Tag” jets with a 2, 3, or 4-track displaced vertex (DV)
- Determine the composition of the tagged jets using a 2D fit to  $m_{\text{cor}}$  and  $N_{\text{trk}}$

# Tagging charm jets in $Z + c$



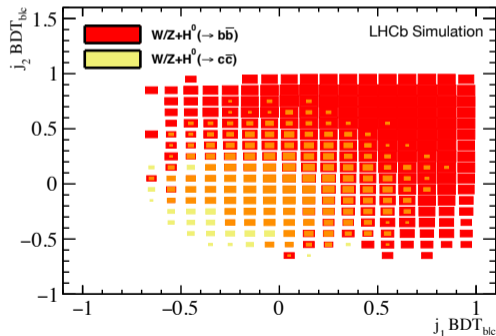
- Efficiency is measured using a tag-and-probe method with a dijet calibration sample
- Total  $c$ -jet yield determined using fully reconstructed  $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$  and  $D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$
- Efficiency is about 24% for  $20 < p_{\text{T}}(j) < 100 \text{ GeV}$

PRD **93**, no.7, 074008 (2016)



## LHCb is uniquely suited for studying charm jets

- Run 3: factor of  $\sim 3$  increase in sensitivity to intrinsic charm in  $Z + c$  production
- $V + H(\rightarrow c\bar{c})$  with  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  at LHCb potentially sensitive to  $y_c$  as small as  $\sim 2y_c^{\text{SM}}$  (see Davide's talk)



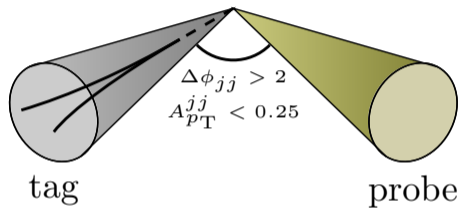
arXiv:1808.08865

Thank You!

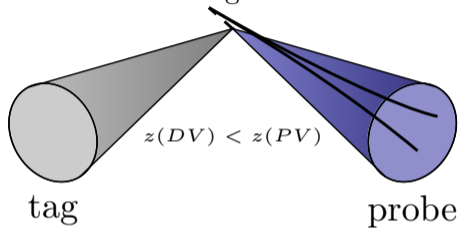


# Tag-and-Probe

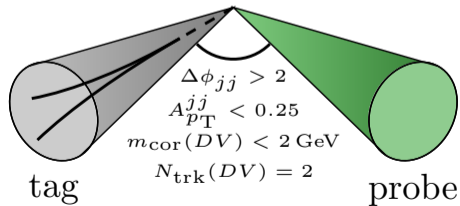
## Heavy Flavor



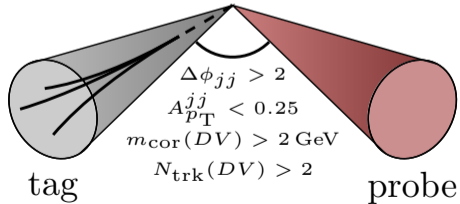
## Light



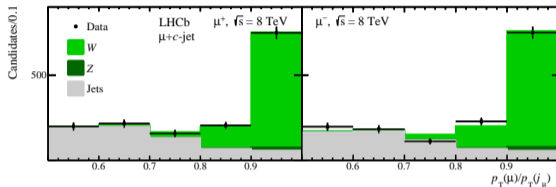
## Charm



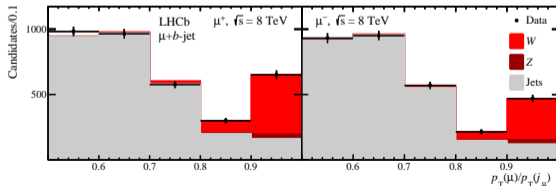
## Beauty



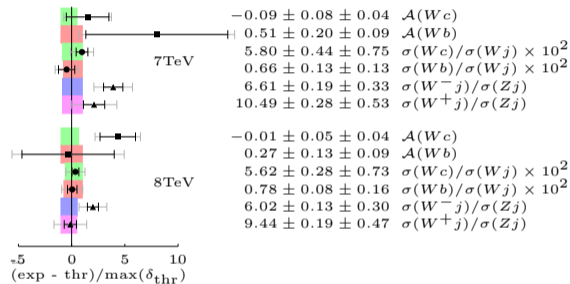
## Probes $s/\bar{s}$ PDFs via $gs \rightarrow Wc$



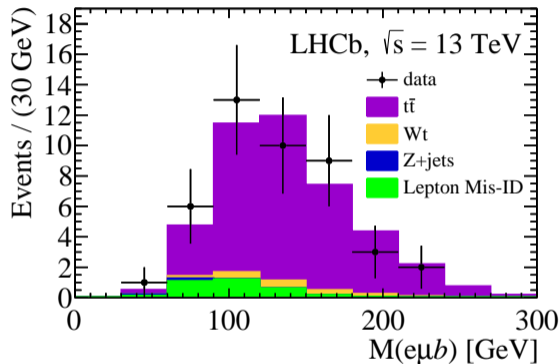
## Probes $b/\bar{b}$ PDFs via $qb \rightarrow Wbq'$



## $Wc, Wb, W^-j, W^+j$



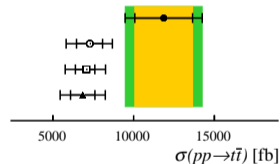
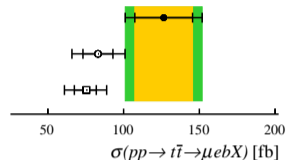
$\sim 2\sigma$  tension in  $\mathcal{A}(Wc)$  could point to an asymmetry between  $s$  and  $\bar{s}$  PDFs



- Measured in the  $\mu + e + b$  final state
- Probes the gluon PDF at high- $x$

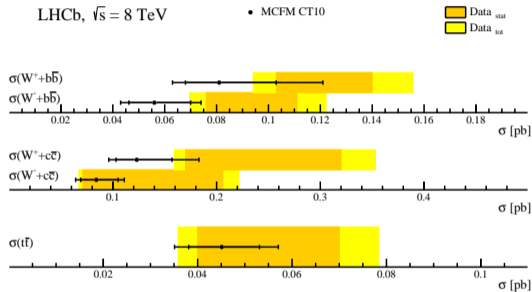
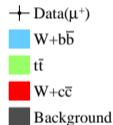
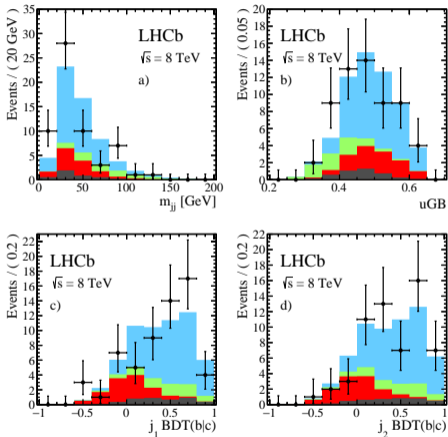
LHCb

$\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV



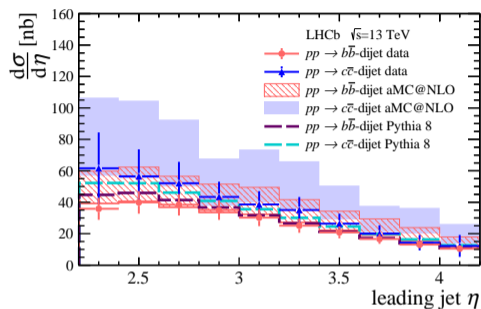
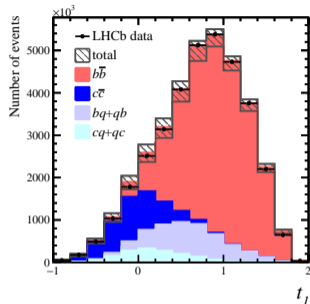
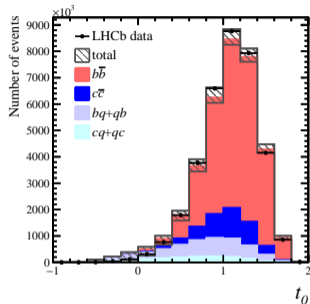
- Syst. and stat. uncertainties are similar
- Syst. uncertainties dominated by  $b$ -tagging efficiency

# $t\bar{t}$ , $W + c\bar{c}$ , and $W + b\bar{b}$ (Phys. Lett. B767 (2017) 110)



First ever measurement of  $W + c\bar{c}$  cross-section

# $c\bar{c}$ and $b\bar{b}$ at 13 TeV (JHEP 02 (2021) 023)



- Yields determined using template fits to jet tagging BDT outputs:

$$t_0 = BDT_{bc|uds g}(j_0) + BDT_{bc|uds g}(j_1)$$

$$t_1 = BDT_{b|c}(j_0) + BDT_{b|c}(j_1)$$

- Theoretical uncertainties dominated by scale uncertainties