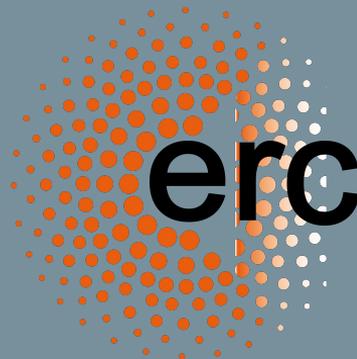


# Diffraction and forward physics measurements by CMS and CMS-TOTEM

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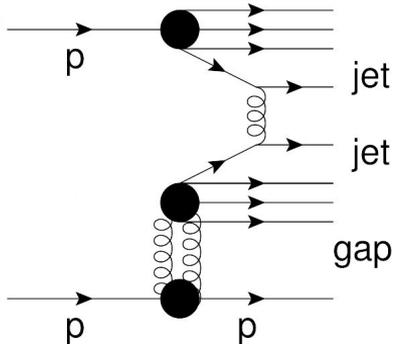
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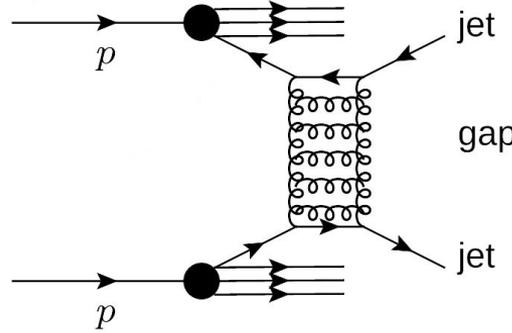
# What does CMS have to say on small-x and diffraction?

Selection of results in pp and pPb collisions by CMS from the last 2+ years

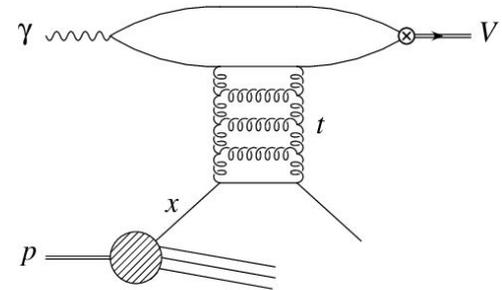
(⚠ personal bias). *G. Krintiras will cover CMS diffraction and UPC results in PbPb;*  
*M. Pitt discussed photon-induced processes with proton tagging.*



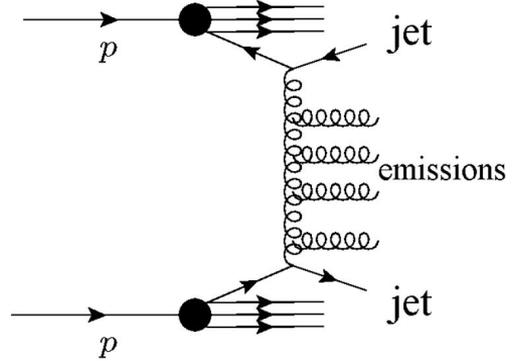
Diffractive dijet with an intact proton



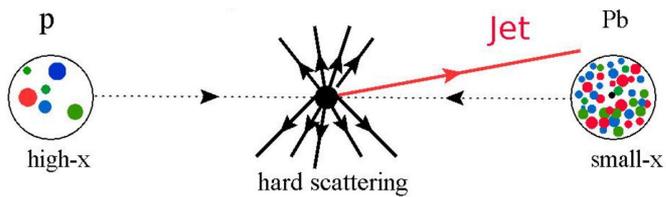
Jet-gap-jet



Diffractive vector meson

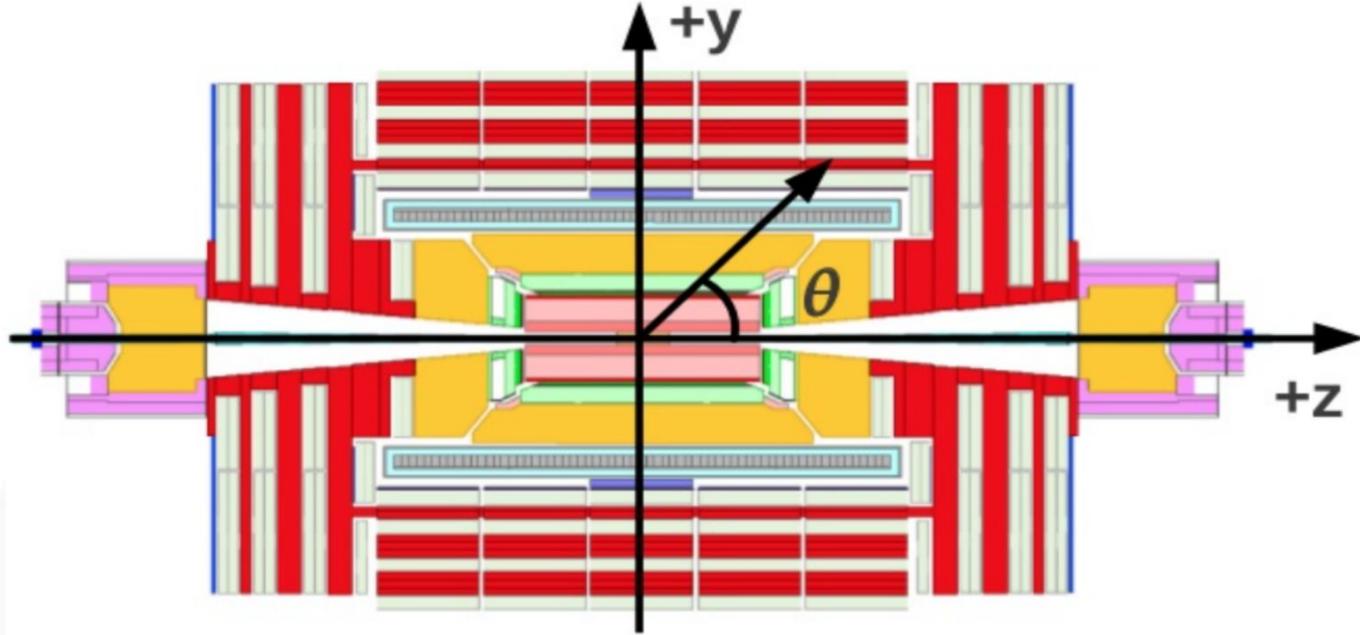


Mueller-Navelet jets



Forward jet measurement

# CMS detector

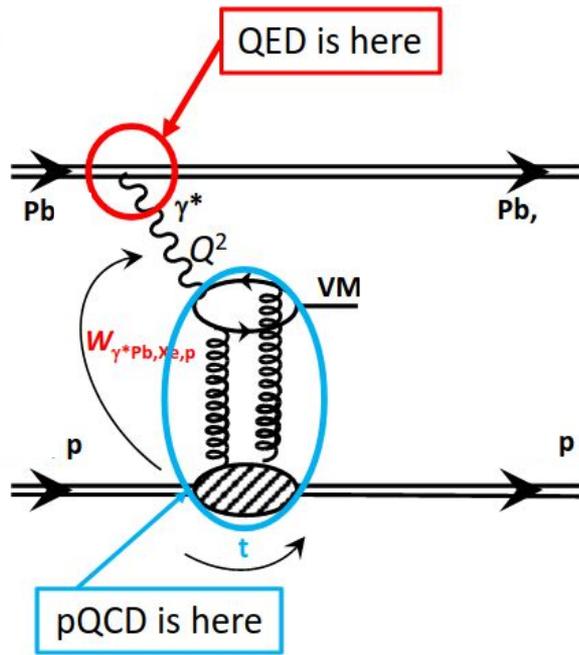


Tracker & muon chambers acceptance up to  $|\eta| < 2.5$ ;  $p_T > 200$  MeV for tracks  
hadronic calorimeter coverage up to  $|\eta| < 5.2$ ; noise threshold  $E \gtrsim 5$  GeV in fwd region

Jet reconstruction spans wide range in  $|\eta| < 4.7$  and as low as  $p_T > 20$  GeV

# Exclusive vector meson production in pPb collisions

Quasi-real photon exchange from Pb ion fluctuates into a color dipole that probes the proton



At LO in pQCD,

$$\sigma(\gamma^*p \rightarrow Vp) \sim [g(x, Q^2 = m_V^2)]^2$$

In principle, strong sensitivity to small- $x$  evolution of gluon PDFs

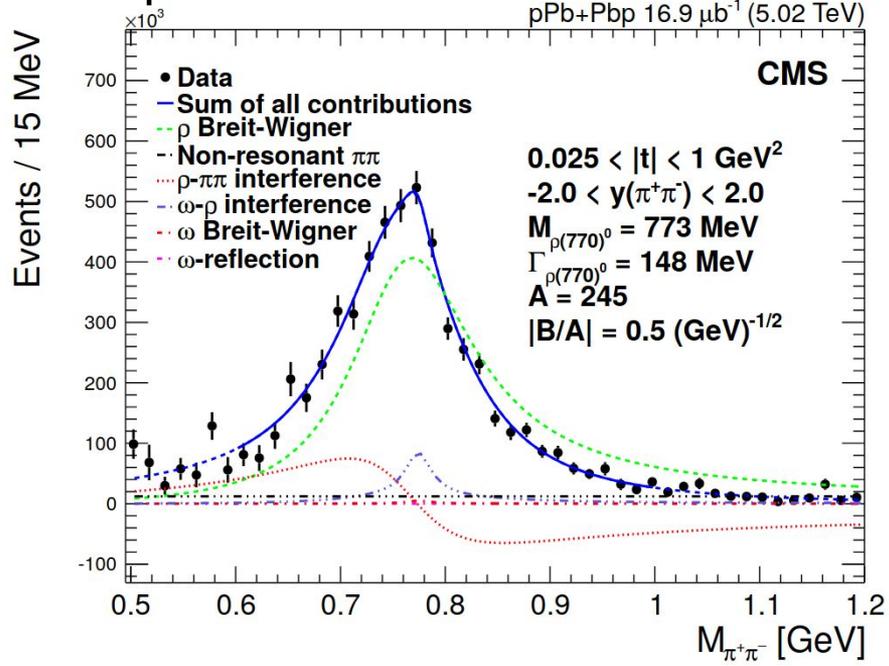
(NB: this is no longer true at NLO, *as discussed by V. Guzey in this conference*)

Physics *a la* EIC at the LHC (energetic “photon” beam, smaller photon virtualities)

# Exclusive vector meson production in 5.02 TeV pPb collisions

excl.  $\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$

[CMS, EPJC 79 \(2019\) 702](#)

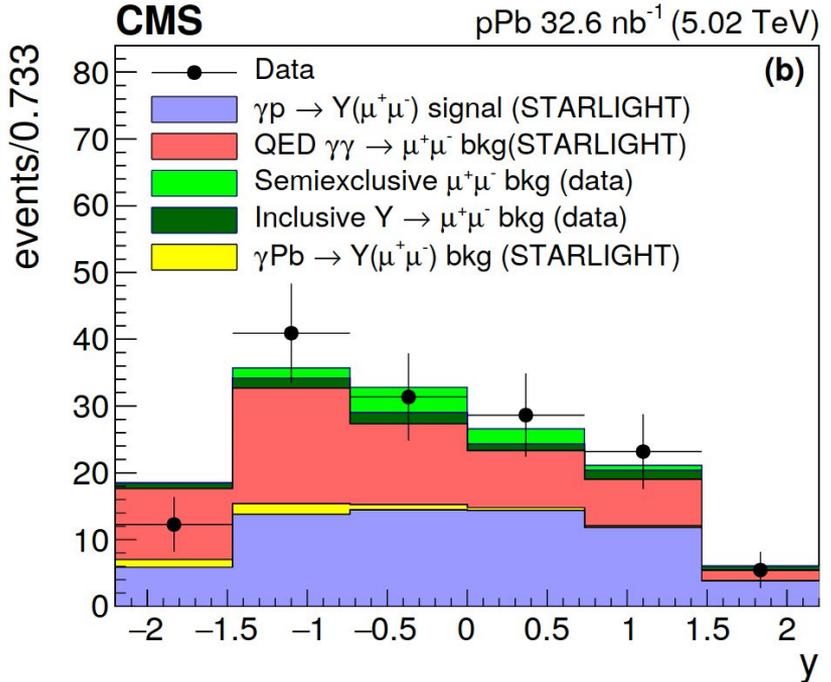


Exclusive  $\rho$  requires special treatment of backgrounds (+ interference with other states).

Different masses of vector mesons allows us to scan different color dipole sizes and different pQCD scales  
 → **Necessary if we want to establish universality properties.**

excl.  $Y \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

[CMS, EPJC 79 \(2019\)](#)

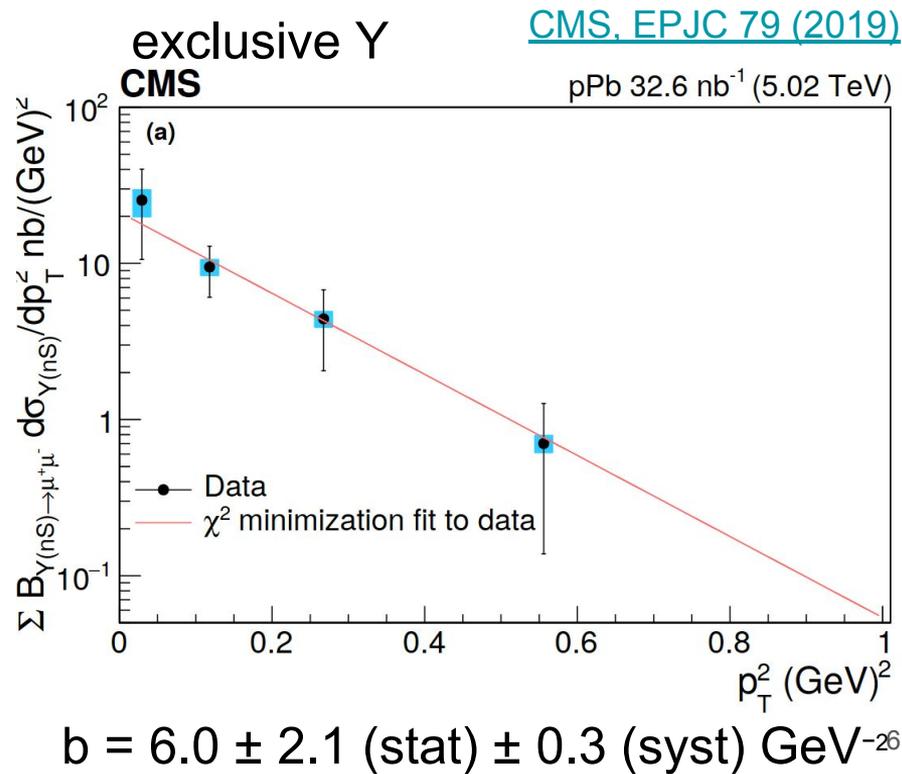
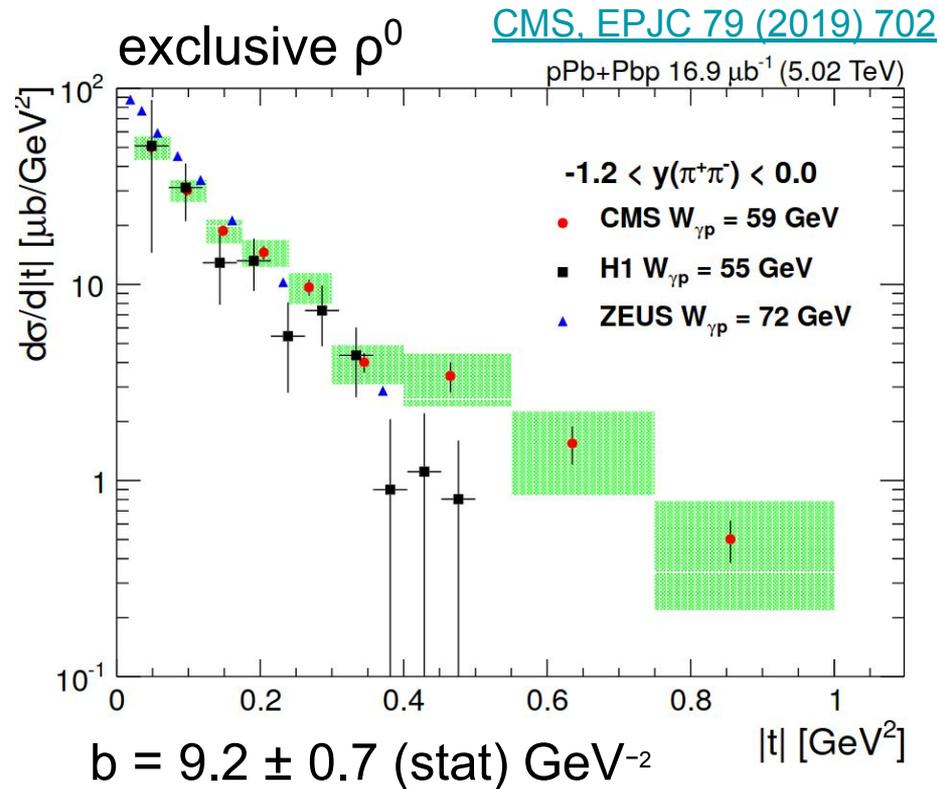


Critical to control  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  background

# $|t|$ distributions (corrected for smearing effects)

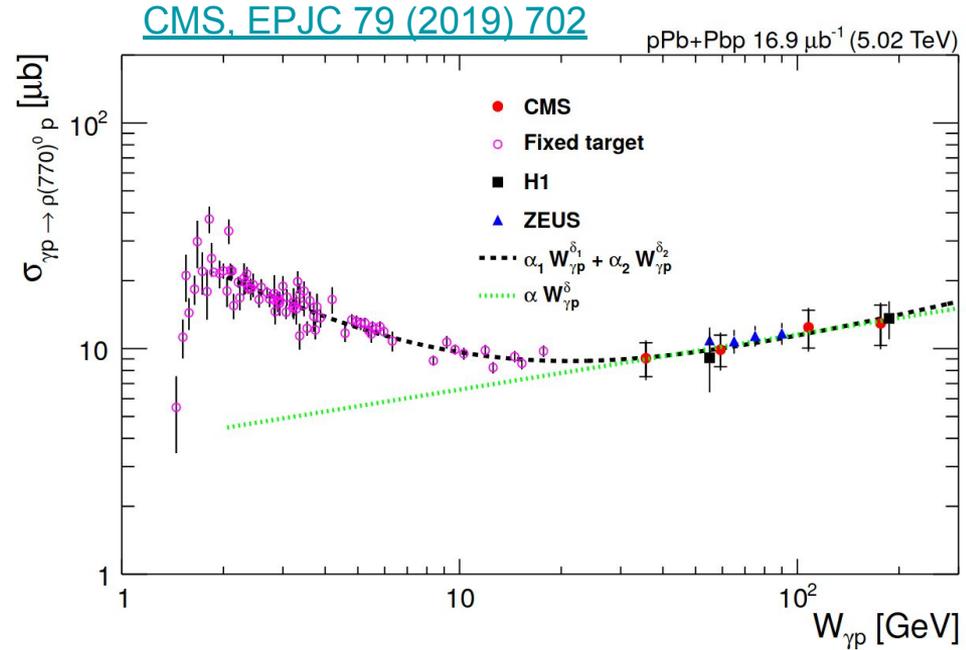
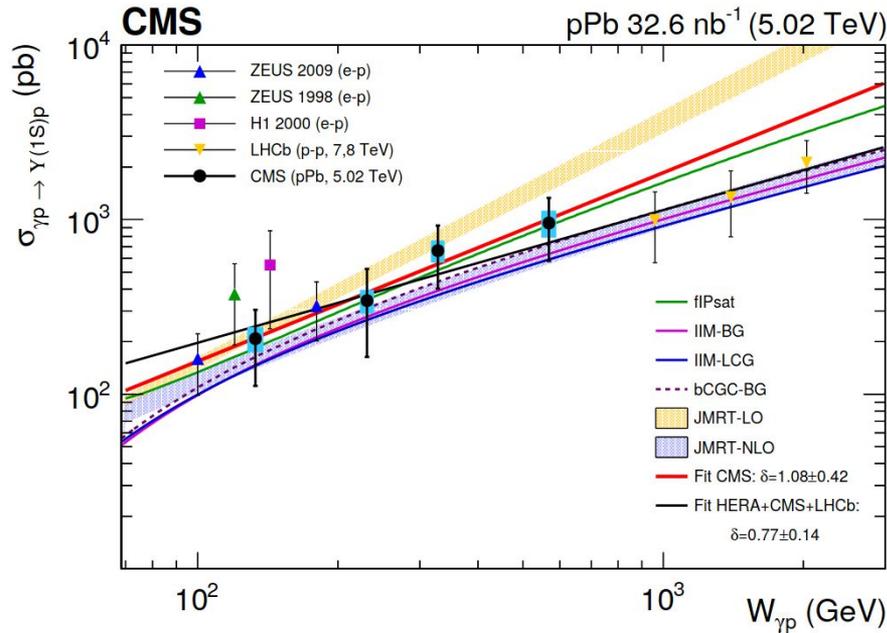
One can use the  $p_T^2$  of the vector meson as a proxy for  $|t|$ .

Provides info on impact parameter space ( $b$  and  $t$  are Fourier conjugate variables)



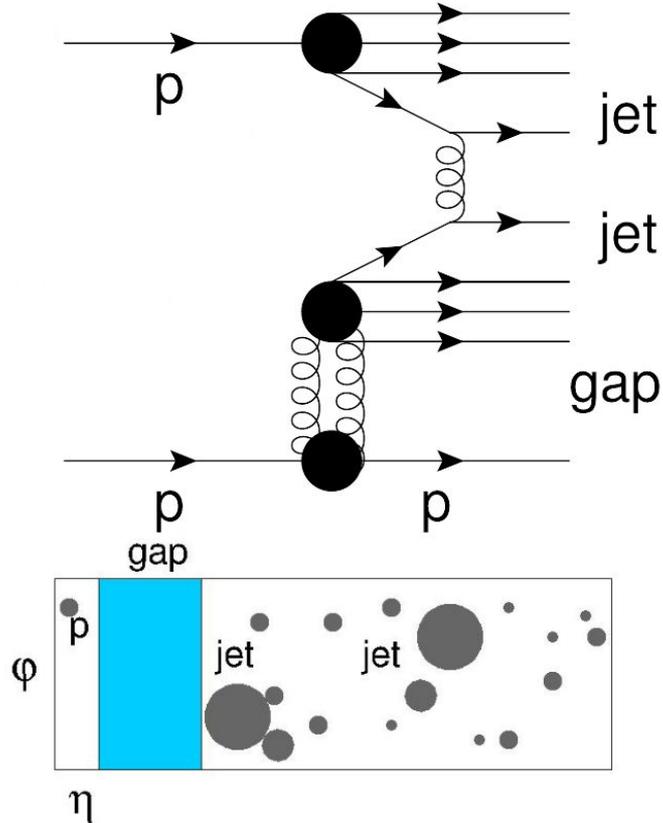
# Cross section in $\gamma^*p$ frame

Cross sections in pPb frame can be “unfolded” to photon-proton frame using the photon flux from the Pb ion as an input for a given rapidity bin.



**HERA+LHC data consistent with linear evolution.** To probe non-linear evolution effects, one needs to increase beam energy or increase number of nucleons ([see G. Krintira's talk on PbPb](#)).

# Hard diffraction with intact protons detected in Roman pots of TOTEM

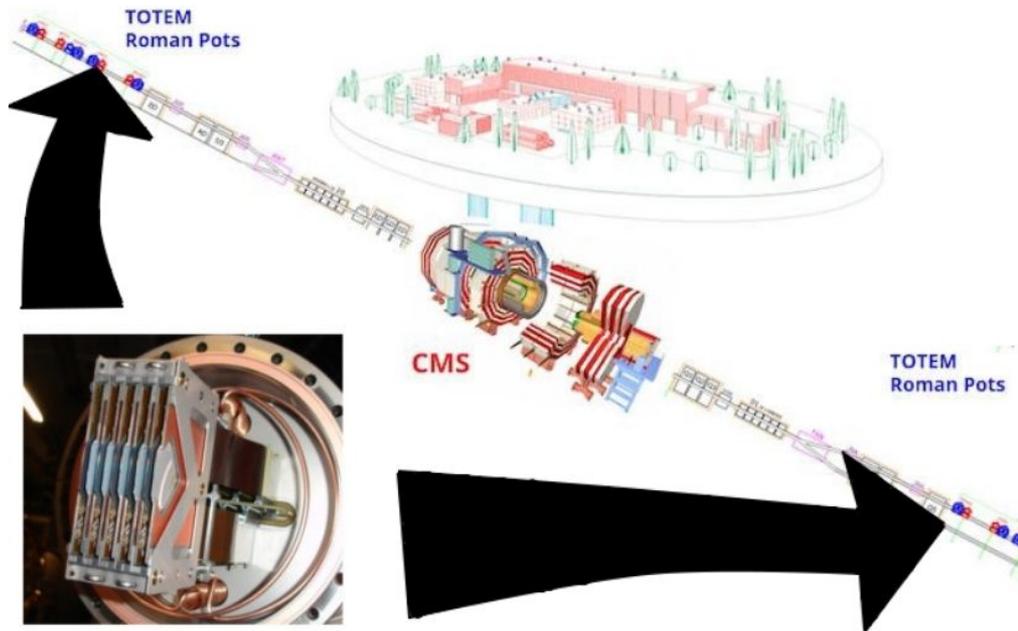


*Intact proton is an unambiguous signature of diffraction*

Proton detection gives direct access to:

- Four-momentum transfer at the proton vertex  $|t|$  ( $0.03 < |t| < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ )
- Fractional momentum loss  $\xi$  ( $x_P$  in HERA notation), proxy for the energy carried away by the pomeron/reggeon exchange. ( $0.0 < \xi < 0.1$  for Run-1 analysis)

# CMS-TOTEM setup



Roman pots:  
Near-beam Si tracker  
detectors

## CMS:

- ▶ General purpose detector at IP5 of the CERN LHC.
- ▶ Jets with  $R = 0.4$  reconstructed within  $|\eta^{\text{jet}}| < 4.7$ .

## TOTEM:

- ▶ **Roman pots:** Forward tracking detectors at  $\approx 220\text{m}$  w.r.t. IP5 that measure the protons scattered at small angles w.r.t. the beam.

# $|t|$ distribution for single-diffractive jets

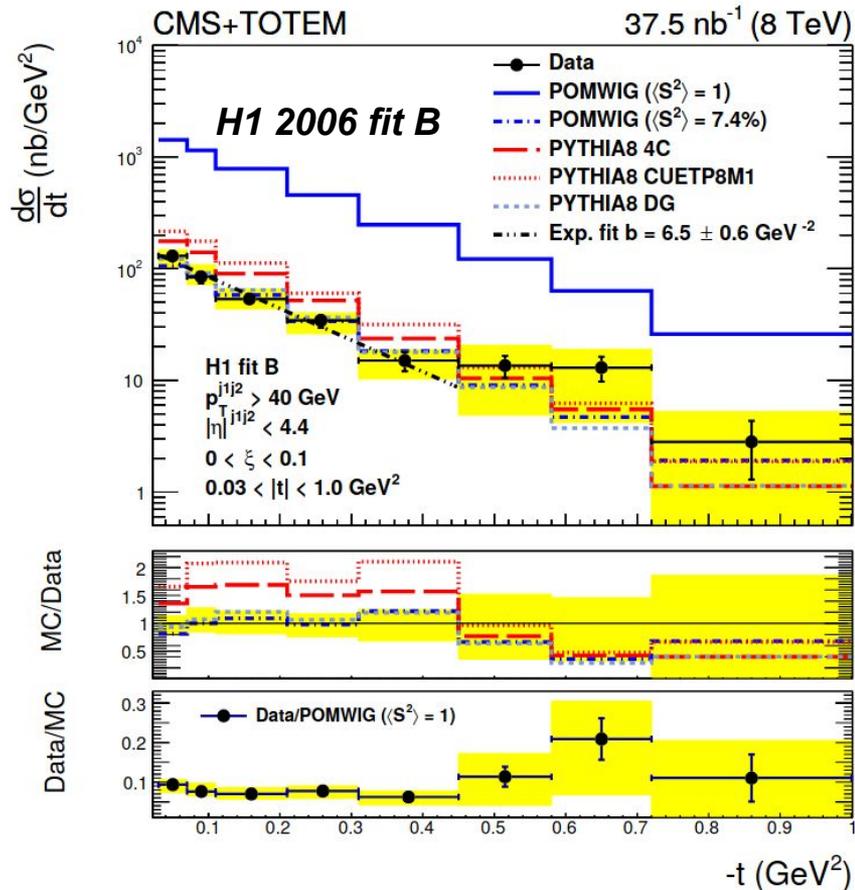
[CMS-TOTEM, EPJC 80, 1164 \(2020\)](#)<sup>10</sup>

Exponential slope  $b = 6.5 \pm 0.6 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$   
consistent with other hard diffraction probes.

**Bare POMWIG** overshoots data (requires **survival probability of 7.4%**), **stronger factorization breaking compared to CDF**.

**PYTHIA8** predictions systematically off by a factor of  $\sim 2$  at low  $|t|$ .

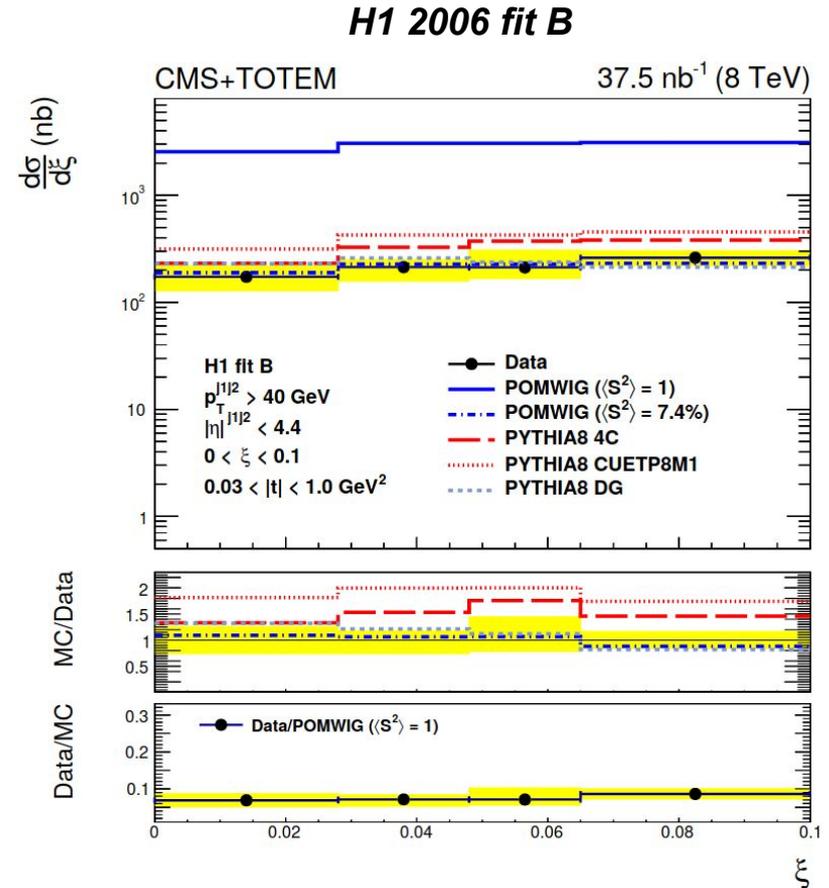
**PYTHIA8 with dynamical gap (DG) model** correctly describes the rate and shape of the distribution, **no additional correction factor**.



# Fractional momentum loss $\xi$ ( $x_{\mathbb{P}}$ in HERA notation) [CMS-TOTEM, EPJC 80, 1164 \(2020\)](#)

Significantly extending reach based on forward gaps only  $\xi < 0.01$ .

Pomeron and reggeon exchange (**POMWIG**) yield the same shapes as pomeron-only (**PYTHIA8**).



# Data corrected to particle-level

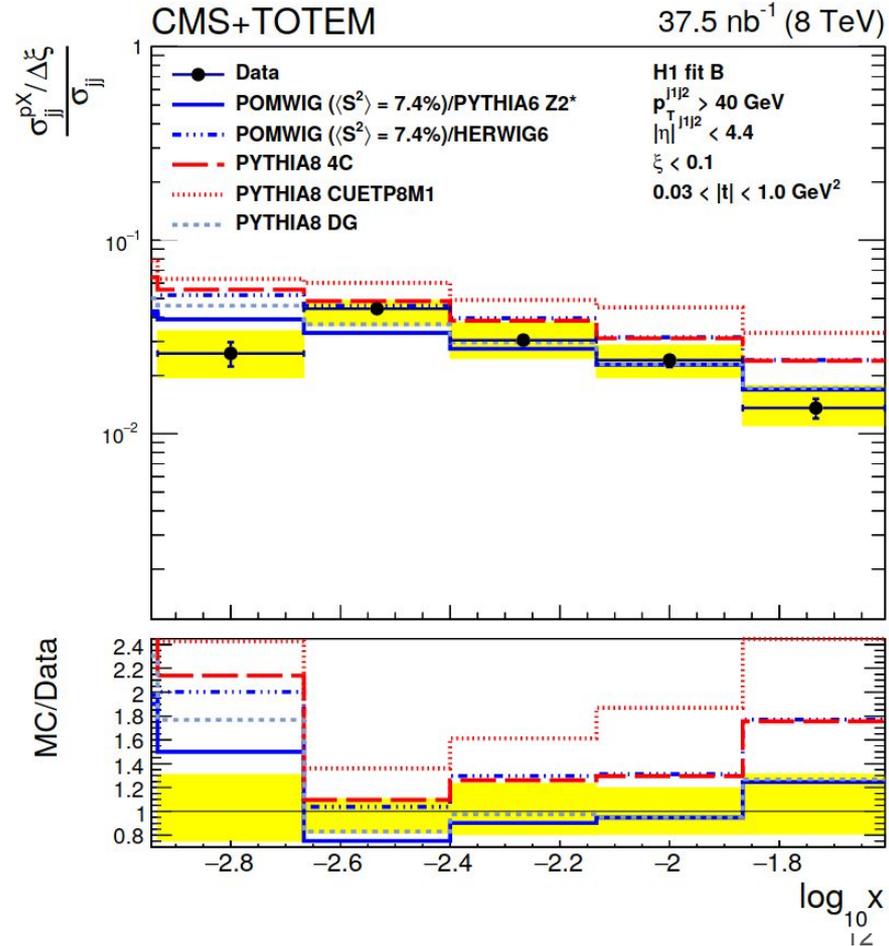
Proxy for parton momentum fraction can be estimated from jets kinematics:

$$x^\pm = \frac{\sum_{\text{jets}} (E^{\text{jet}} \pm p_z^{\text{jet}})}{\sqrt{s}},$$

**POMWIG** (with a survival probability of 7.4%) describe qualitatively well the shapes.

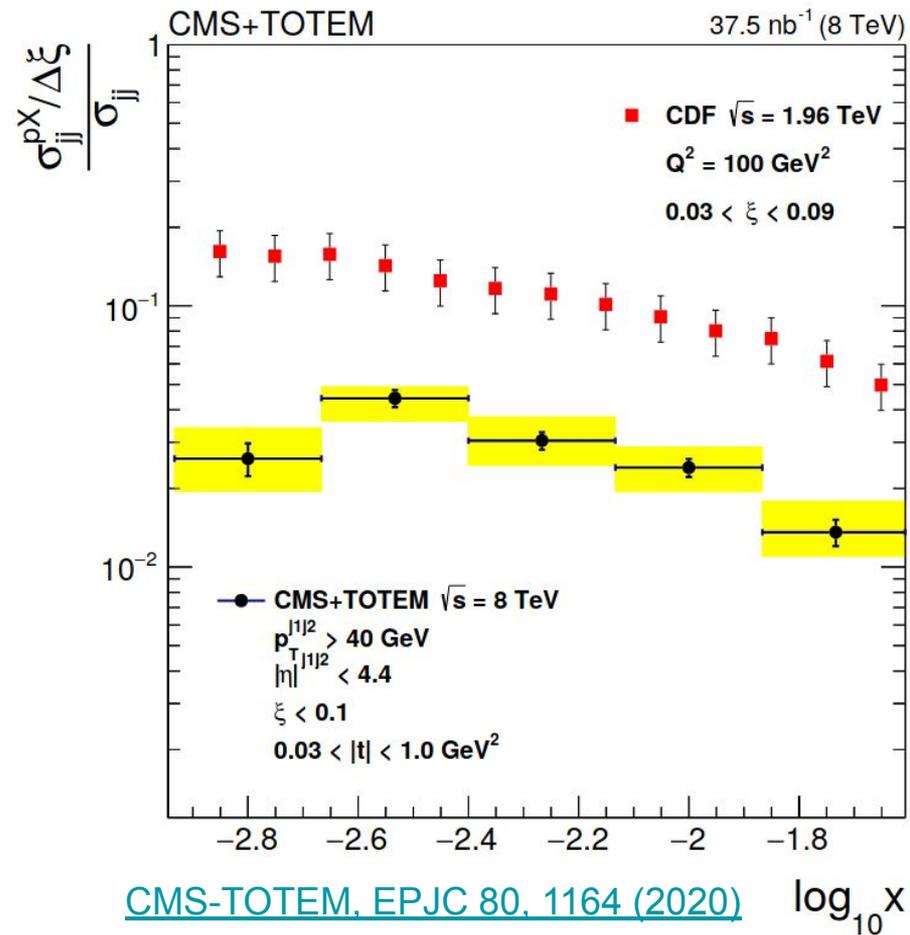
**PYTHIA8** predictions off at high- and low- $x$ .

**PYTHIA8 with dynamical gap** correctly describes the rate in data, no additional suppression factor is needed.

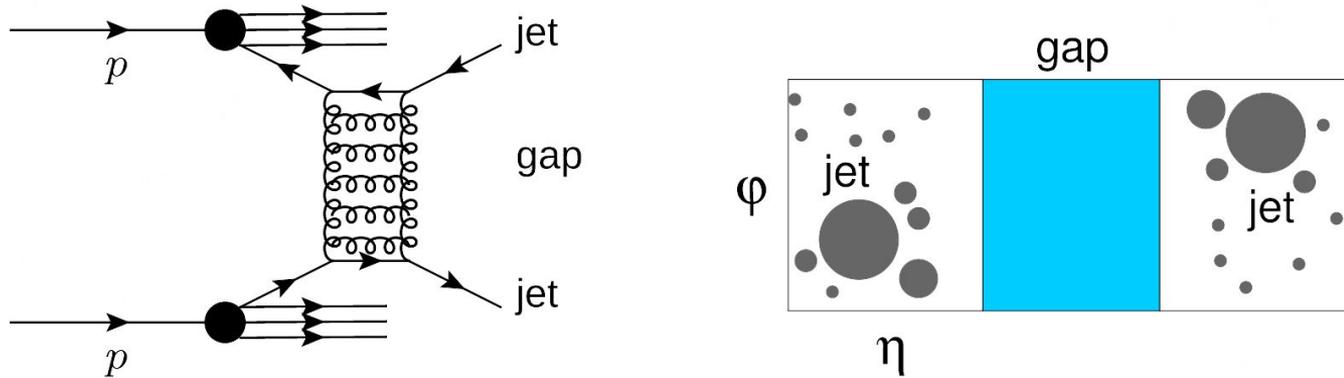


# Suppression of single-diffractive jets as a function of $\sqrt{s}$

Fraction of diffractive jets decreases with energy (**Tevatron**  $\rightarrow$  **LHC**), qualitatively expected from survival probability dependence on  $\sqrt{s}$ .



# Mueller-Tang jets (a.k.a., “jet-gap-jet”)

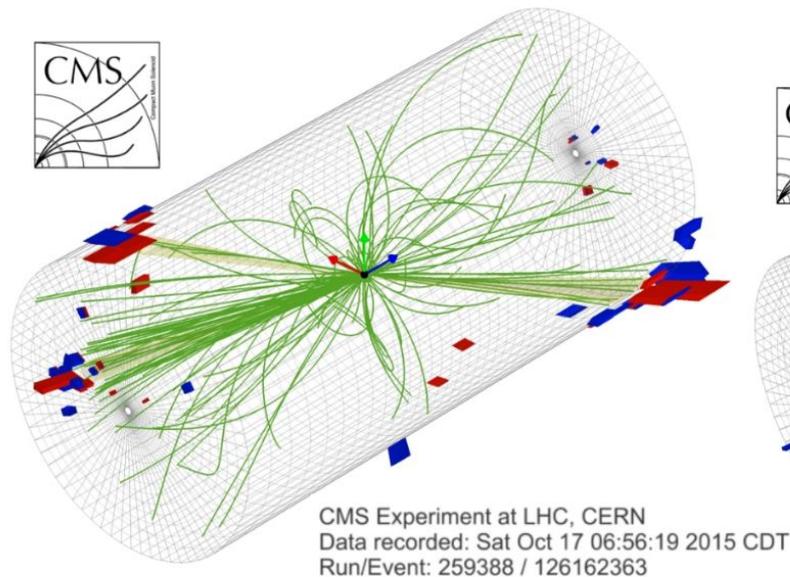


$t$ -channel color-singlet exchange between partons  $\rightarrow$  **rapidity gaps between final-state jets**

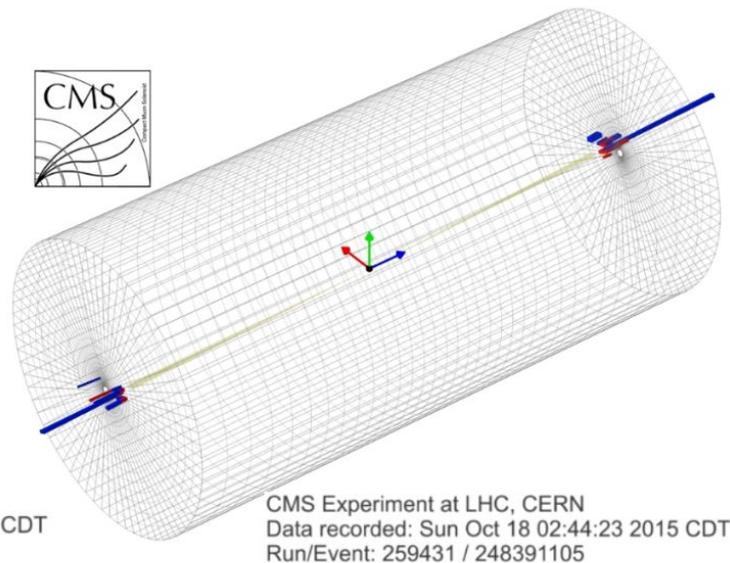
In the high-energy limit (large  $\Delta\eta_{jj}$ ), it is expected to be mediated by **BFKL pomeron exchange**. [A. Mueller and W-K. Tang, PLB 284 \(1992\) 123.](#)

Experimentally, a signal with a controllable QCD background.

# CMS event displays (low pileup data)



Color-exchange event candidate  
(Background-like)

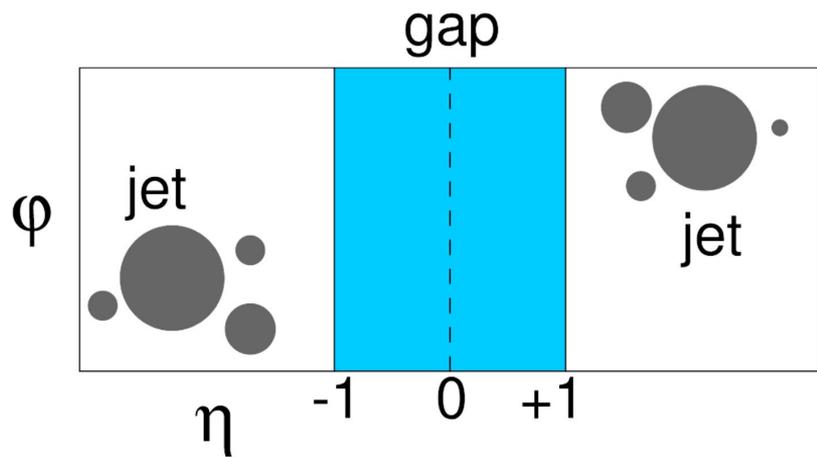


Color-singlet exchange event candidate  
(Signal-like)

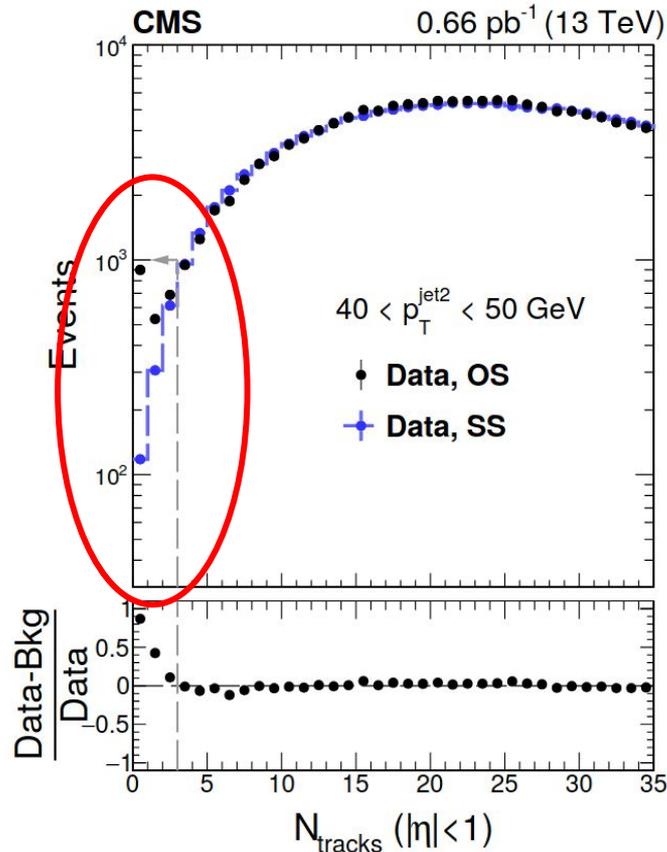
tracks with  $p_T > 0.2$  GeV are plotted here.

# Rapidity gap definition

Number of charged-particles with  $p_T > 200$  MeV in  $-1 < \eta < 1$  is measured, *rapidity gap corresponds to absence of  $N_{tracks}$*

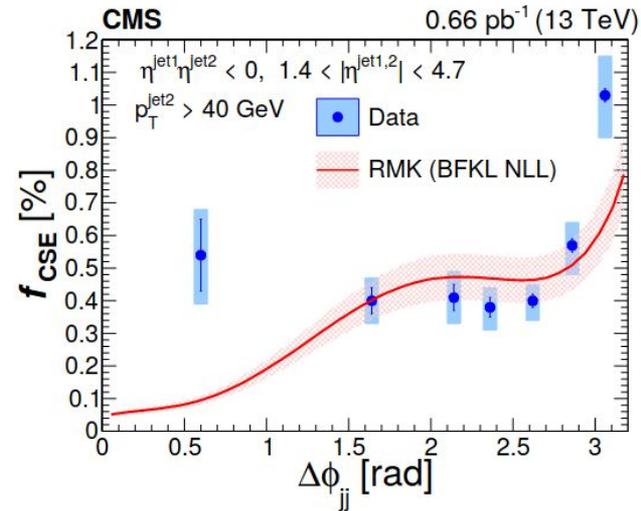
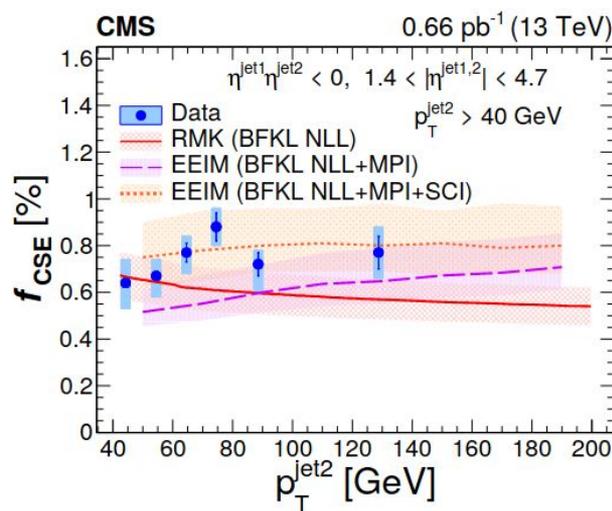
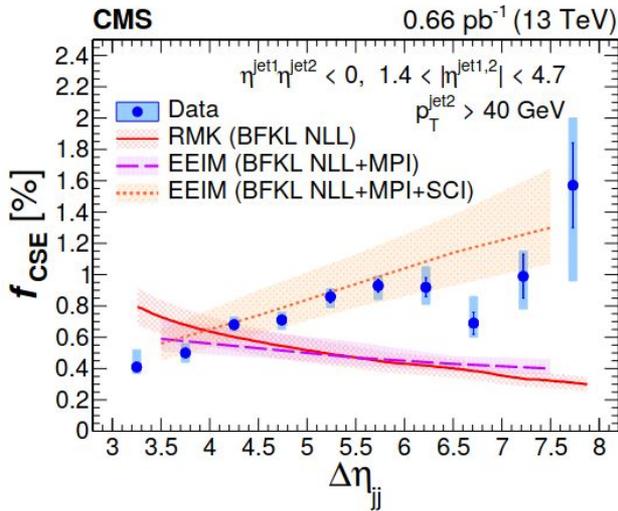


Each jet has  $|\eta_{jet}| > 1.4$ , with  $\eta_{jet1} * \eta_{jet2} < 0$ , with  $p_T > 40$  GeV.



Residual color-octet background is subtracted with data-driven methods.

# Color-singlet fraction $f_{\text{CSE}}$ by CMS at 13 TeV



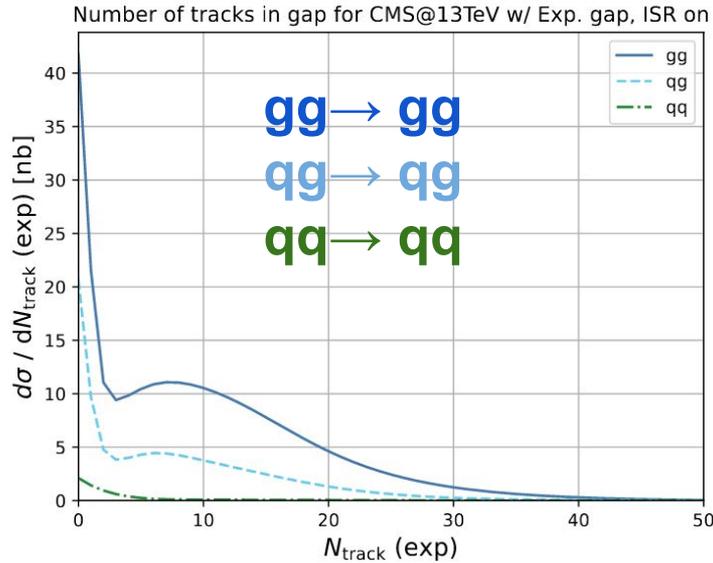
[CMS-TOTEM PRD 104, 032009 \(2021\)](#)

*About 0.6% of dijets are produced by hard color-singlet exchange, contribution neglected in modern MC generators.*

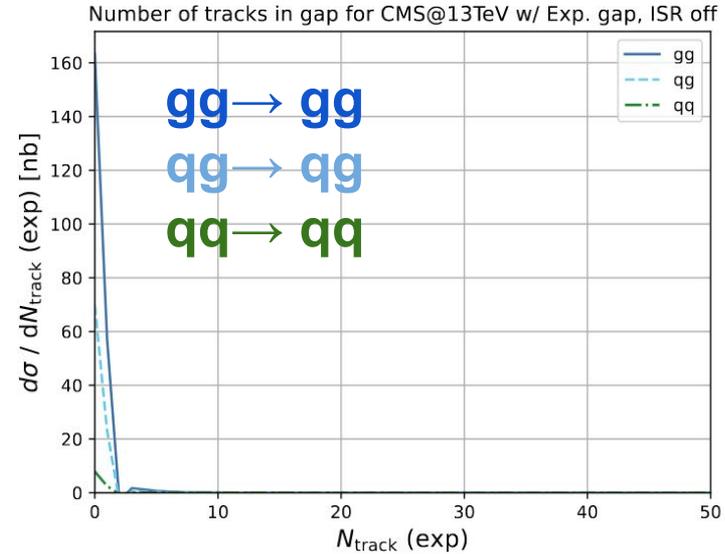
**Pure BFKL predictions** (or pure BFKL + MPI) get the trend with data wrong as a function of  $\Delta\eta_{jj}$  ([Royon, Marquet, Kepka, PRD 83:034036, 2011](#))

**BFKL + soft-color interaction** for gap survival probability correctly describes  $\Delta\eta_{jj}$  trend ([Ekstedt, Enberg, Ingelman, Motyka, arXiv:1703.10919](#))

# Number of particles in the gap for color-singlet signal events



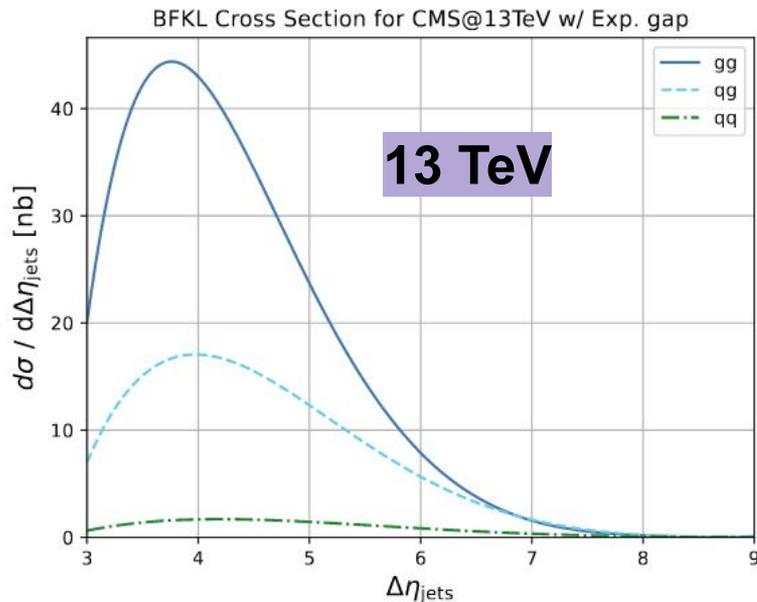
ISR = on → more particles between the jets.



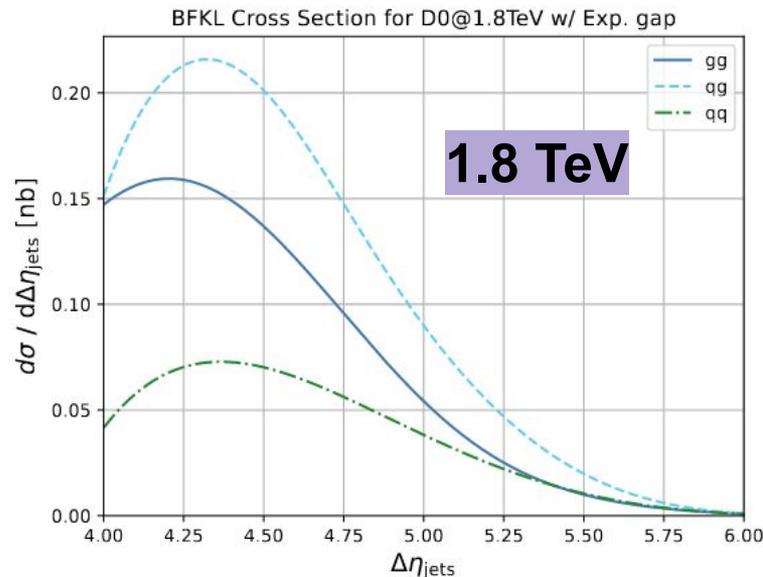
ISR = off → fewer particles between the jets (unclustered wide-angle hadrons).

***Unexpected sensitivity to ISR in central pseudorapidities.***

PDFs  $\otimes$  color structure for color-singlet exchange  $\otimes$  BFKL kinematical dependence



13 TeV



1.8 TeV

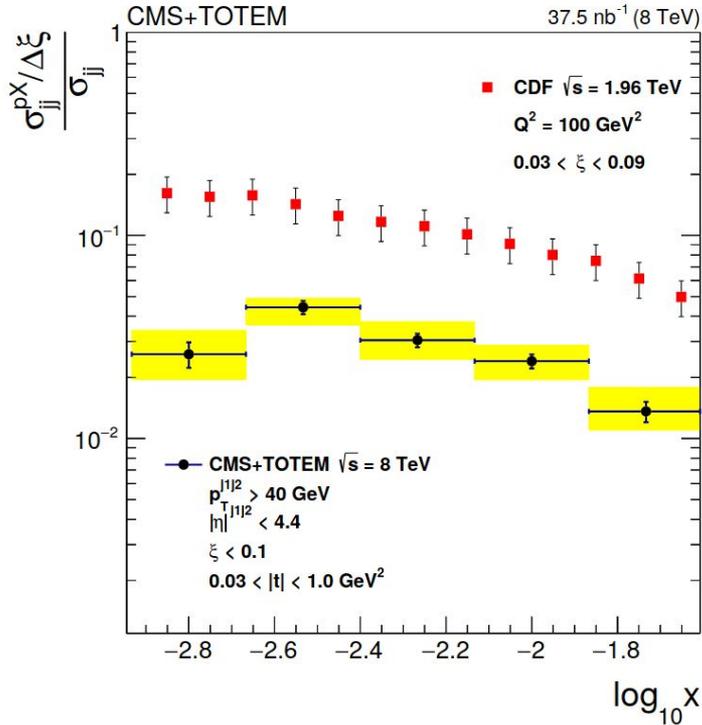
At 13 TeV,  $gg \rightarrow gg$  dominates over  $qg \rightarrow qg$  and  $qq \rightarrow qq$ . [CB, P. Gonzalez, M. Klasen, J. Salomon, C. Royon, JHEP 08 \(2022\) 250](#)

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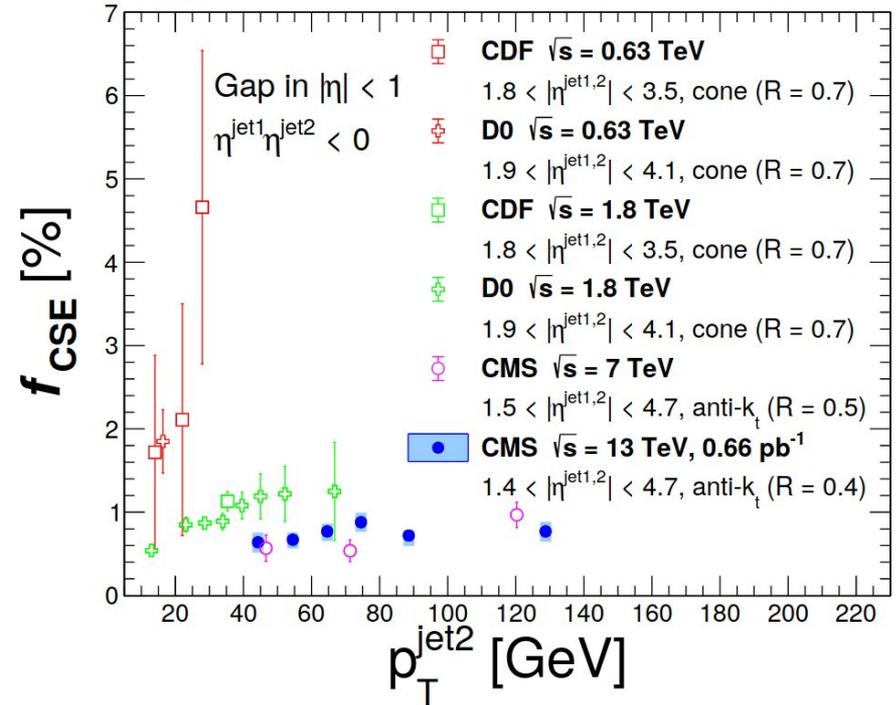
At 13 TeV, we are more sensitive to ISR effects for gluon-gluon processes.

# Suppression of jet-gap-jet fraction with $\sqrt{s}$

[CMS-TOTEM, EPJC 80, 1164 \(2020\)](#)



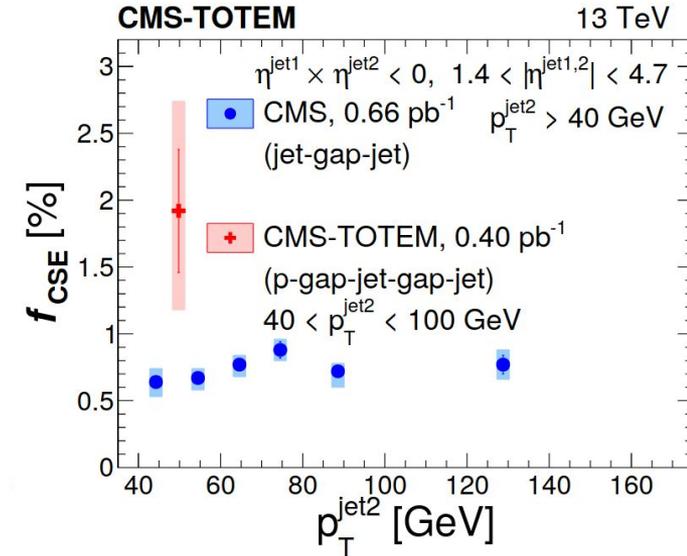
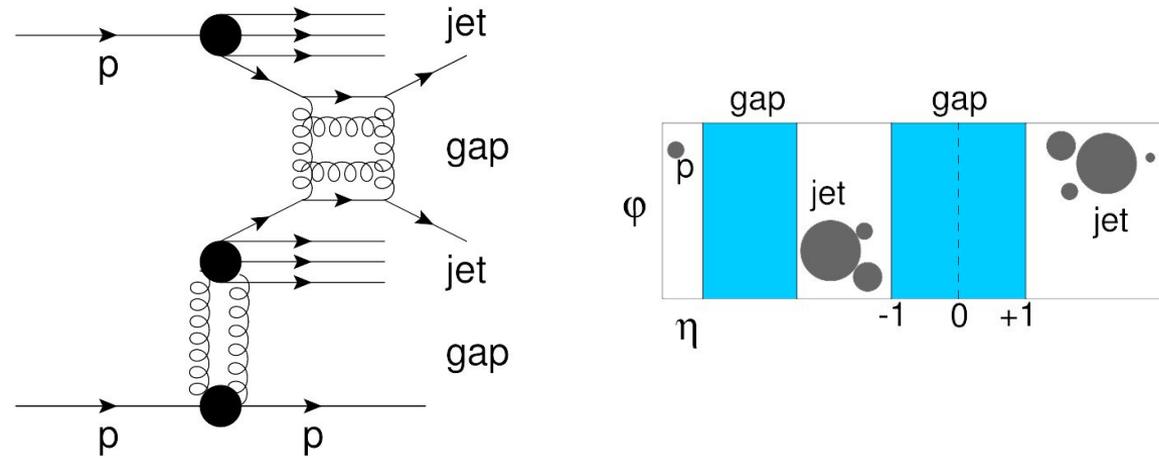
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Decrease from Tevatron to LHC energies, *consistent with diffractive dijet trend*

# Gap between jets with intact proton

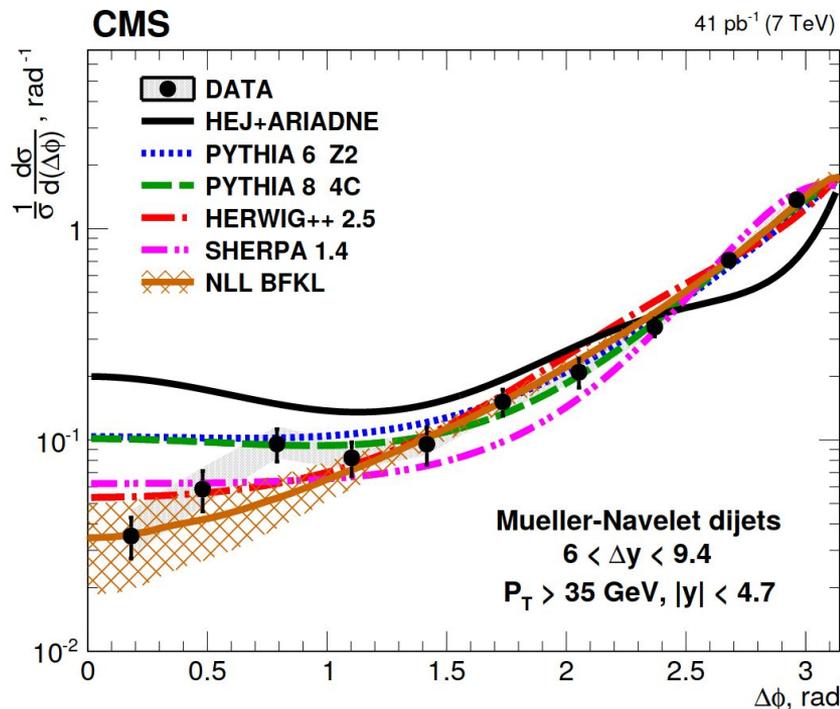
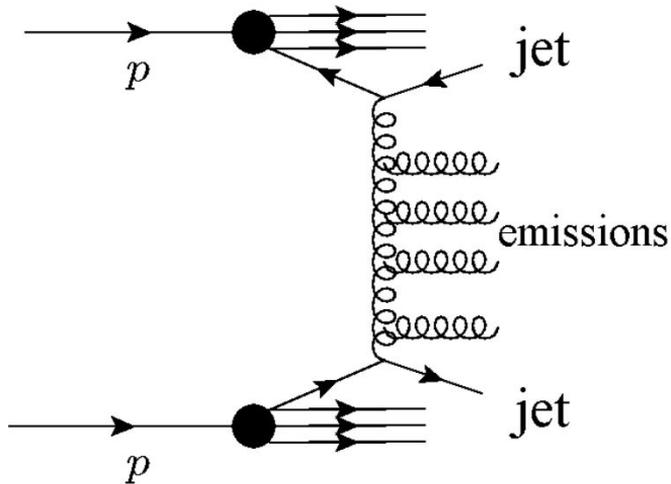
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Partial restoration of factorization; intact proton enhances the probability that the central gap “survives” the collision.

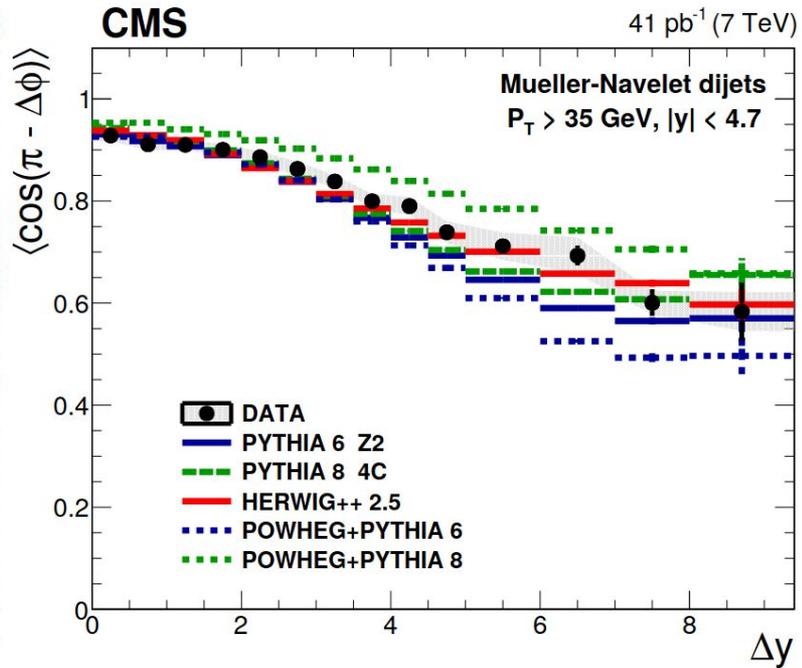
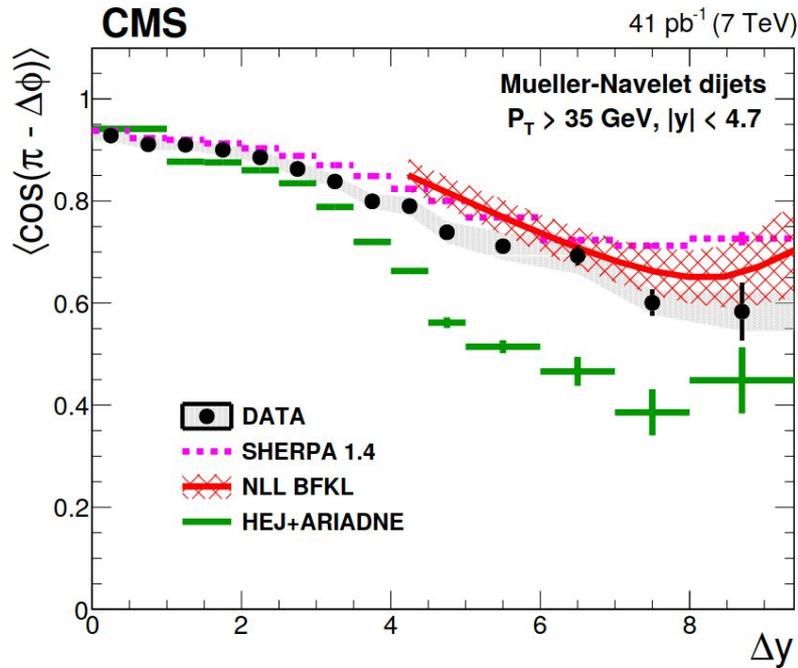
Analogous to restoration of factorization observed by [CDF Collaboration for double-pomeron exchange/single-diffractive dijets](#).

# Mueller-Navelet jets at 7 TeV



Forward-backward dijet configuration (BFKL limit) → Phase-space for additional radiation.

Multiple-gluon emissions induce large angular decorrelations between the forward-backward jets.



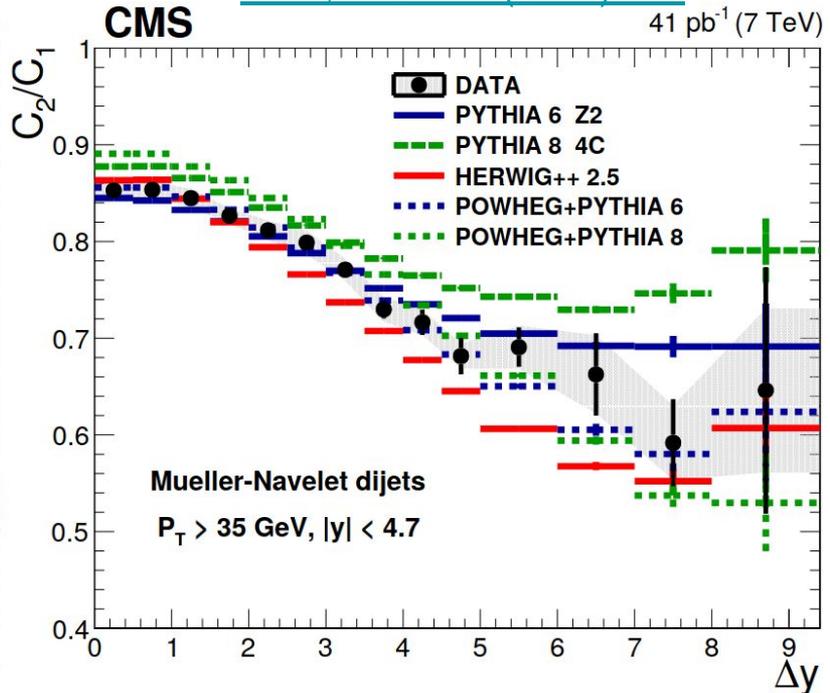
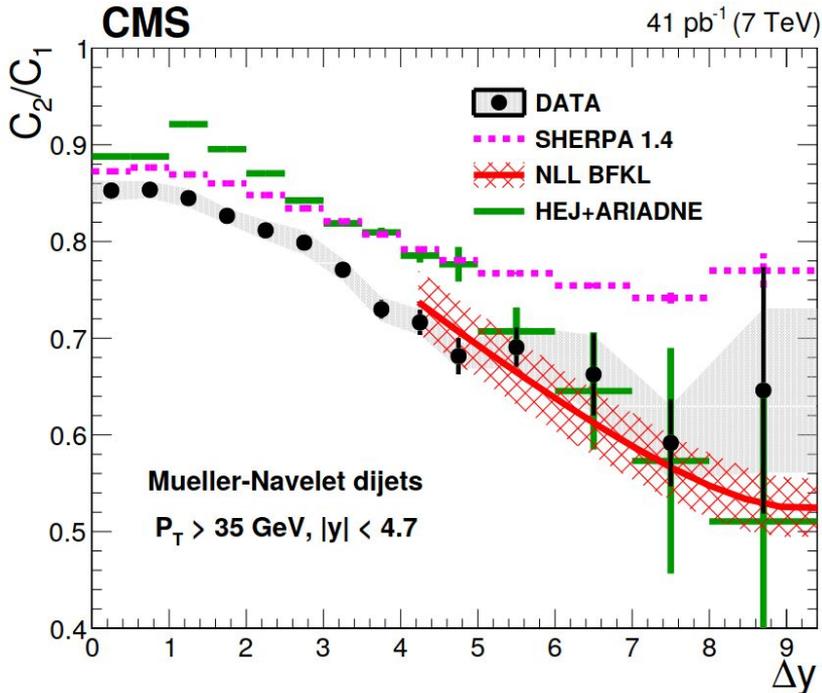
Predictions based on **BFKL resummation at NLL** are consistent with the data.

MC predictions based on fixed order pQCD + parton shower envelop the data in the entire  $\Delta y$  range.

*New observables required? Or could 7 TeV  $\rightarrow$  13.6 TeV change help probe BFKL limit?*

# Ratios of Fourier coefficients for further discrimination

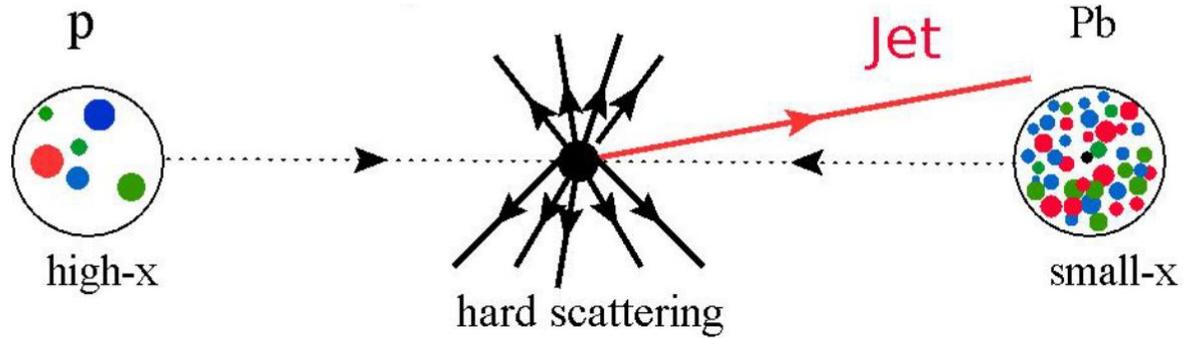
[CMS, JHEP 08 \(2016\) 139](#)



**BFKL calculations consistent with data.** Nevertheless, fixed order pQCD + PS still does a great job throughout the entire range.

Would 7 TeV  $\rightarrow$  13.6 TeV help? New observables? Asymmetric jet  $p_T$  cuts can help suppress DGLAP-like radiation.

# Forward single jet spectra in proton-Pb collisions



High-x parton from proton, low-x parton from Pb ion.

Saturation scale enhanced by  $A^{1/3} \sim 6$  relative to proton, potentially making it experimentally accessible at the LHC.

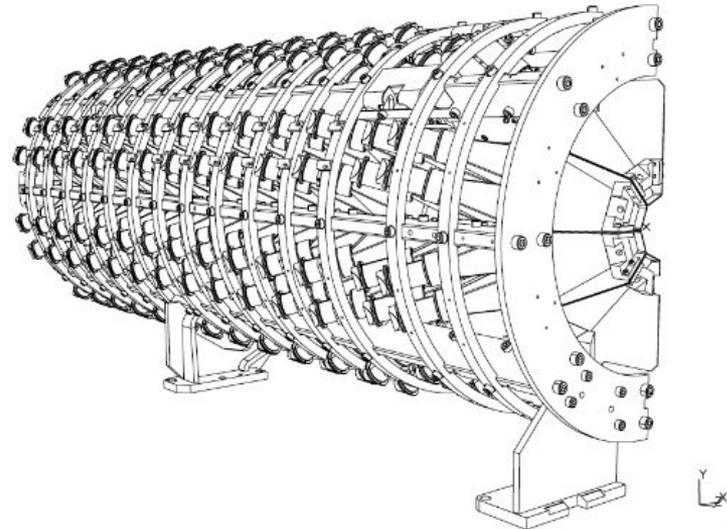
Requires *very* forward calorimetry + jet calibration under control.

# CASTOR calorimeter to extend $\eta$ acceptance

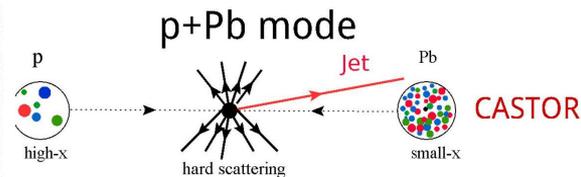
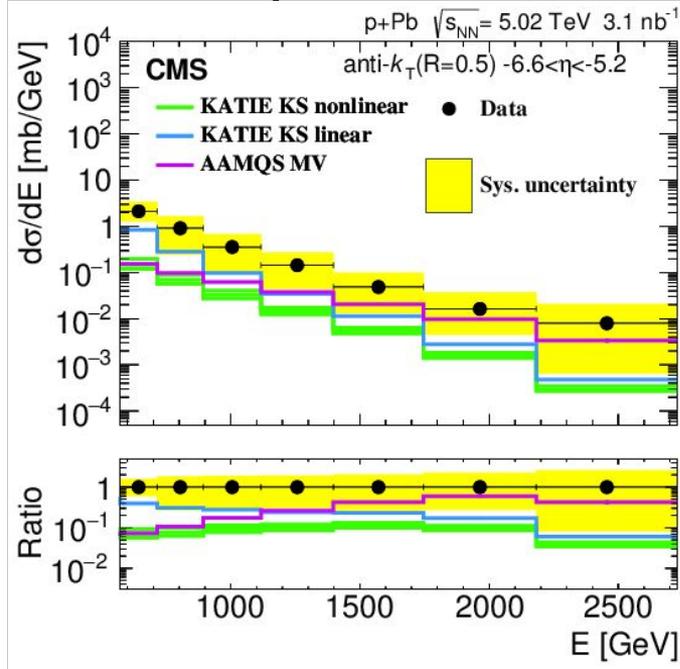
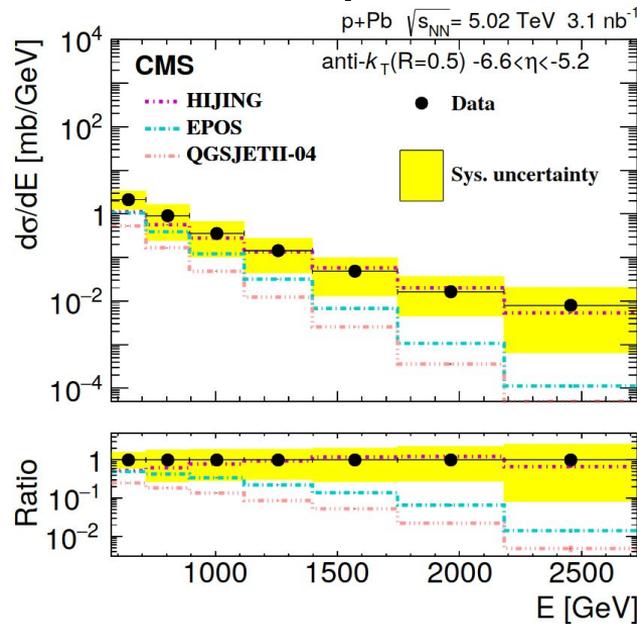
Forward calorimeter with unique access to low- $x$  and low  $Q^2$  kinematics at the LHC ( $-6.6 < \eta < -5.2$ , jet  $p_T \sim 3$  GeV).

Calorimeter installed in special runs (low PU pp, pPb, and PbPb)

Calorimeter introduced initially to search for Centauro events, not optimized for jet physics. **No  $\eta$ -segmentation.**



# Inclusive jet cross section in pPb mode [CMS, JHEP 05 \(2019\) 043](#)



$$p_T = E / \cosh(\eta)$$

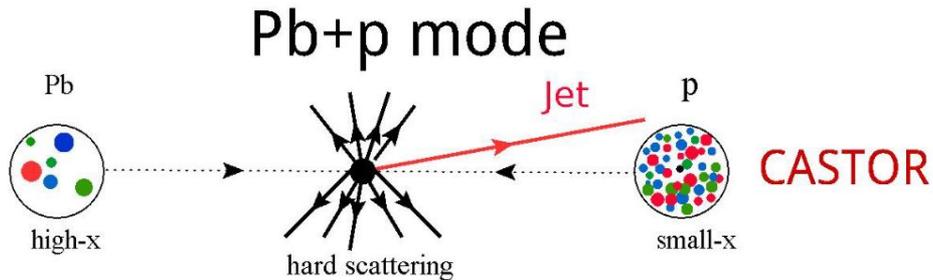
**EPOS** and **QGSJETII** incorporate saturation effects via pomeron self-interactions. **HIJING** implements nuclear shadowing parametrically.

KATIE predictions (TMD-based,  $2 \rightarrow 1$  matrix elements **linear evolution with BFKL eqn.** or **non-linear evolution with BK eqn.**)

**AAMQS MV** (TMD-based,  $2 \rightarrow 1$  matrix elements, **non-linear evolution with BK eqn.**)

*Predictions based on saturation effects undershoot the data.* Missing fragment remnants in forward region?

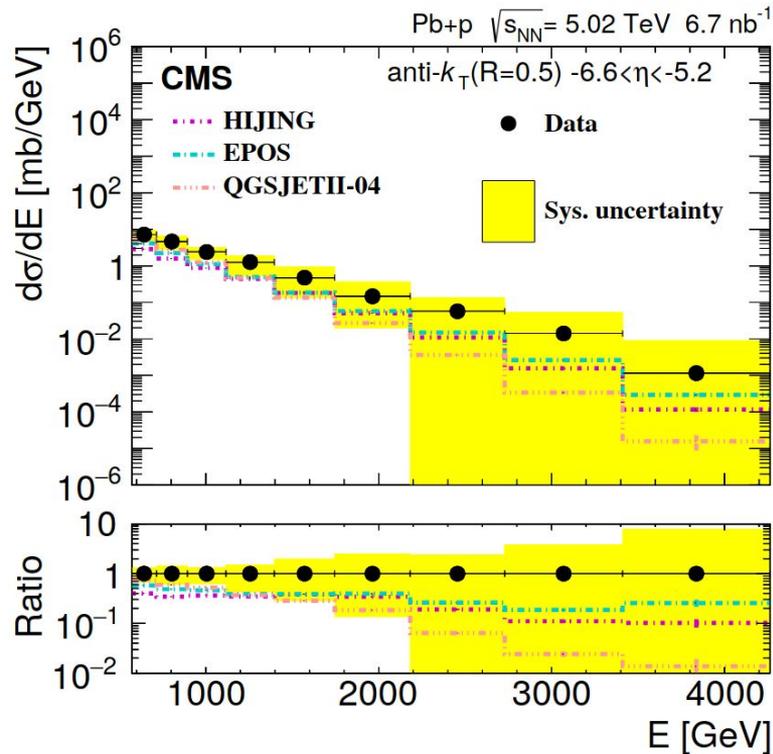
# Control measurement (Pb+p mode)



Jet detected on incoming proton-beam side.

MC-based predictions undershoot the data at low energies (down to ~40%).

Large uncertainties at higher energies due to alignment uncertainty and unfolding model dependence.



# Summary

- Numerous measurements of hard-scale forward and diffractive processes, corrected to stable-particle level.
- So far no “smoking gun” signature of small- $x$  evolution in forward jet data or diffractive vector meson production in pp and pPb collisions in CMS.
- ***Trade-off between clean experimental signatures/observables and control over the phenomenology.***

# High-energy limit of QCD

In the limit  $\hat{s} \gg -\hat{t} \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$ , the fixed order pQCD expansion breaks down.

It can be rearranged (symbolically) as,

$$d\hat{\sigma} \simeq \alpha_s^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_s^n \ln^n \left( \frac{\hat{s}}{|\hat{t}|} \right) + \alpha_s^3 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_s^n \ln^n \left( \frac{\hat{s}}{|\hat{t}|} \right) + \alpha_s^4 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_s^n \ln^n \left( \frac{\hat{s}}{|\hat{t}|} \right) + \dots$$

such that  $\alpha_s^n \ln^n (\hat{s}/|\hat{t}|) \lesssim 1$

Large logarithms are resummed with Balitsky–Fadin–Kuraev–Lipatov (BFKL) resummation to all orders in  $\alpha_s$ .

Same gluon radiation pattern emerges in the proton/nucleus (*small-x evolution*).

