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# Modified jet vertex for the consistent BFKL description of Mueller-Navelet jets

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# BFKL description of Mueller-Navelet jets

Mueller-Navelet jets as preferred testing ground for BFKL dynamics

$$p + p \rightarrow jet_1 + jet_2 + X$$

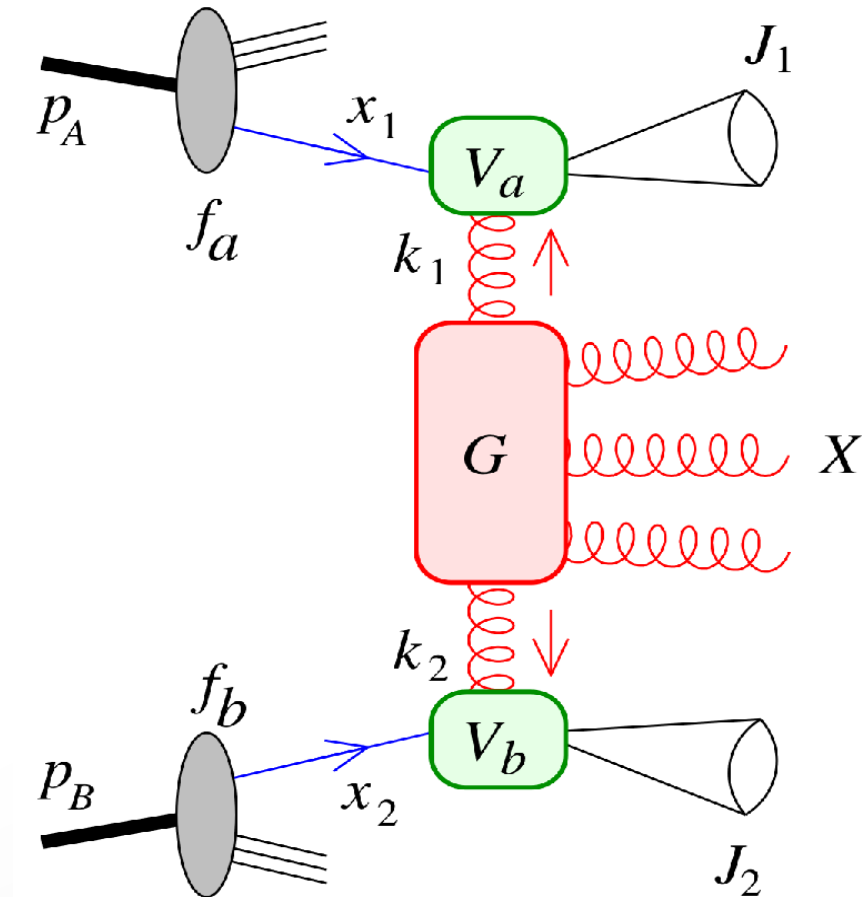
$X$  = anything else

High-energy factorization:

Convolution between BFKL gluon Green function  $G$  and the jet vertices  $V_{a,b}$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dJ_1 dJ_2} = \sum_{a,b} \int_0^1 dx_1 dx_2 f_a(x_1) f_b(x_2) \times \int d^2\mathbf{k}_1 d^2\mathbf{k}_2 V_a(\mathbf{k}_{J_1}, x_{J_1}, \mathbf{k}_1) G(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \hat{s}) V_b(\mathbf{k}_{J_2}, x_{J_2}, \mathbf{k}_2)$$

- $\mathbf{k}$  = transverse momentum



# BFKL description of MN jets at LL

- Gluon Green function  
All order resummation of ladder graphs
- gluon exchange in t-channel
- gluon emission in final state

Multi-Regge-Kinematics (MRK)

gluon emission strongly ordered in rapidity

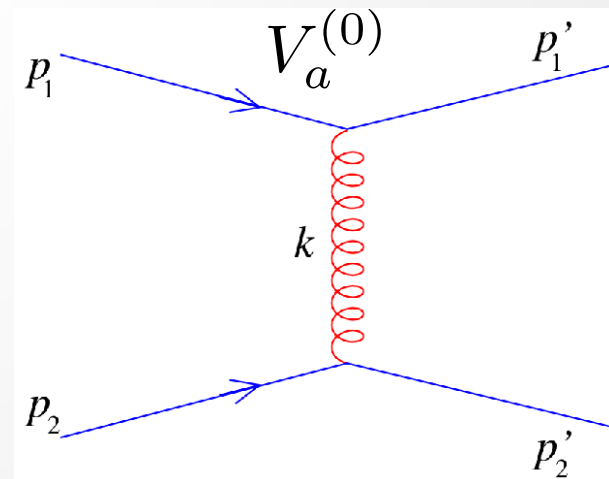
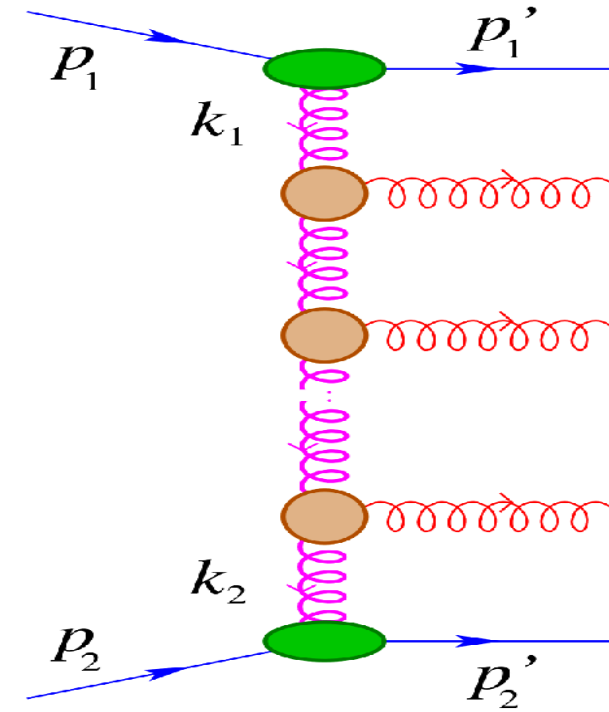
$$y'_1 \gg y_1 \gg \cdots \gg y_n \gg y'_2$$

- Jet vertex  $\rightarrow$  tree level

**Only one** outgoing parton per vertex

$$V_a^{(0)}(\mathbf{k}, x) = \frac{\alpha_s}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{C_{g/q}}{\mathbf{k}^2} S_J^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}; x)$$

$C_{g/q}$  color factor for incoming  
gluon/quark

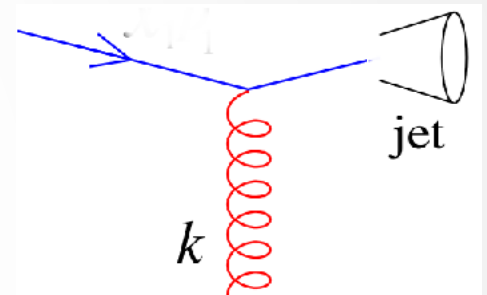


# Jet distribution function at LL

$S_J$  = jet distribution function, relates the kinematic variables of the jet identified as MN jet with its partonic constituents

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dJ_1 dJ_2} := \frac{d\sigma}{dy_{J_1} d\mathbf{k}_{J_1} dy_{J_2} d\mathbf{k}_{J_2}} := \int d\sigma S_{J_1} S_{J_2}$$

$$\text{where } S_J = S_J^{(1)} = \delta(y'_1 - y_{J_1}) \delta(\mathbf{k}'_1 - \mathbf{k}_{J_1})$$



$S_J$  is the theoretical counterpart of the jet algorithm used in the experimental analysis

For a more faithful jet reconstruction within the perturbative approach a low threshold  $E_0$  is imposed on the jet transverse energy

$$\mathbf{k}_J > E_0 = 35 \text{ GeV} \text{ in the CMS analysis}$$

No partons coming from the Green function participate to the MN jets

MRK  $\rightarrow$  vertex partons are the farthest away in rapidity

# MN jets at NLL approximation

## Gluon Green function

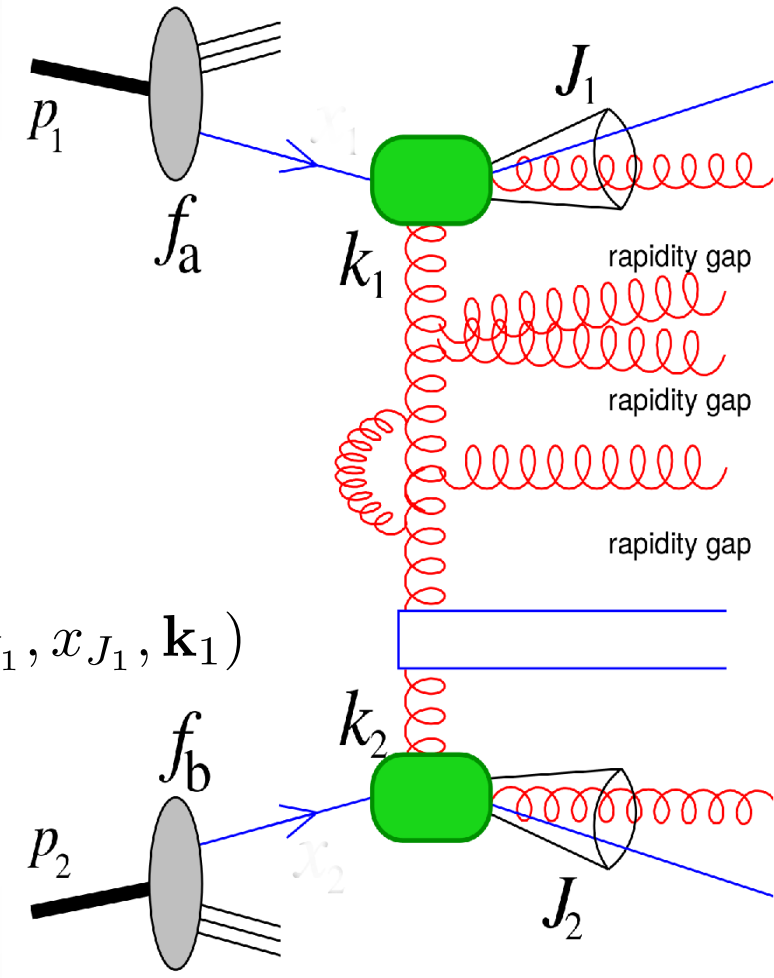
- Higher complexity structure of the contributing Feynman graphs
- Broader kinematic domain  
MRK  $\rightarrow$  Quasi-MRK

## Jet vertex correction $V^{(1)}$

$$V(\mathbf{k}_{J_1}, x_{J_1}, \mathbf{k}_1) = V^{(0)}(\mathbf{k}_{J_1}, x_{J_1}, \mathbf{k}_1) + \alpha_s V^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}_{J_1}, x_{J_1}, \mathbf{k}_1)$$

- Calculated by Bartels, Colferai and Vacca  
for an observable definition not completely  
consistent with the MN prescription

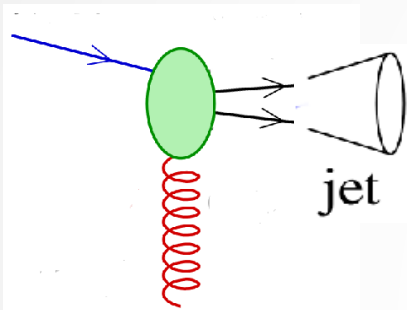
- QMRK  $\rightarrow$  **two** outgoing partons per vertex



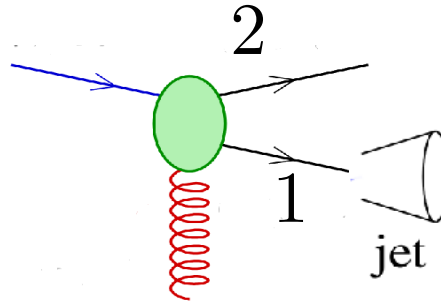
# Origin of the inconsistency

Two partons can give rise to one jet in three different ways

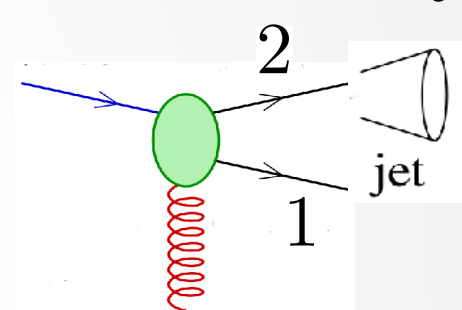
1) Composite jet



2) Parton 1 is the jet

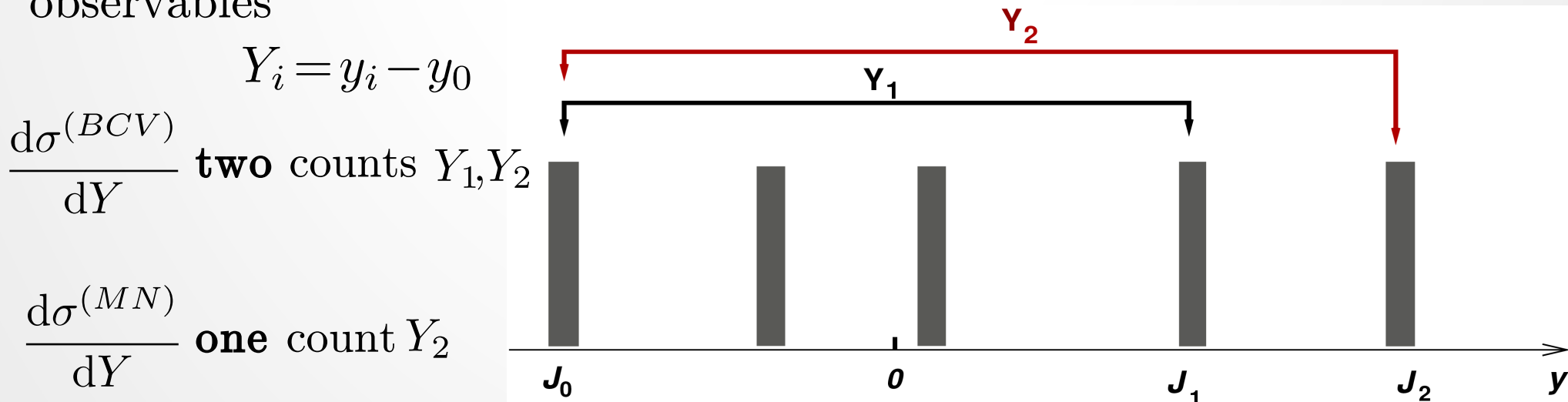


3) Parton 2 is the jet



BCV considered an  $S_J$  containing all three configuration, even though if e.g.  $y_2 > y_1$ , case 2) do not select the parton with larger rapidity

Same experimental situation contributes differently to BCV and MN observables

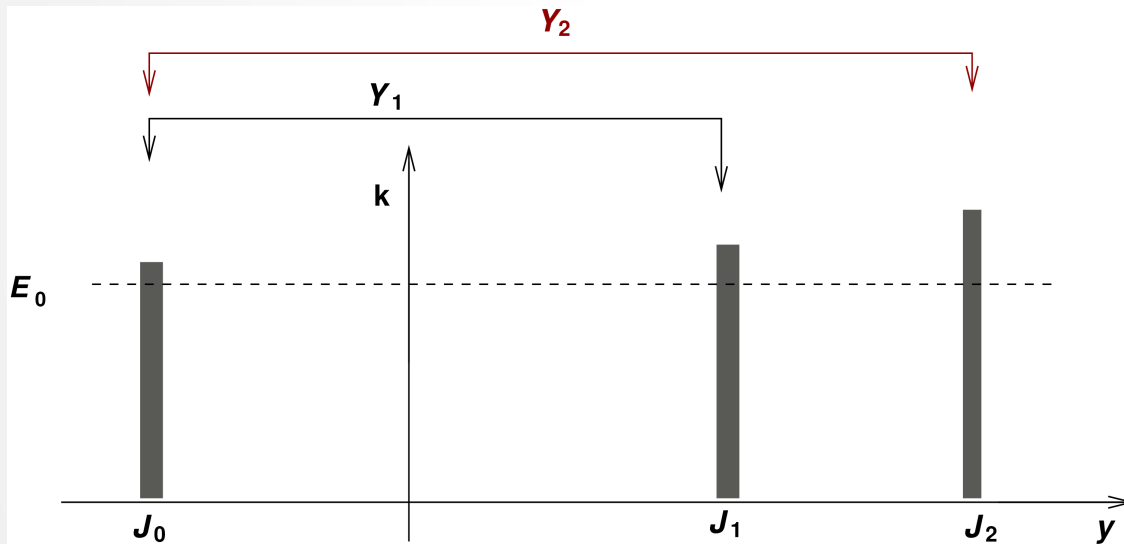


# Correction of the inconsistency

$$S_J^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, x_1, x_2) = S_J^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2, x_1 + x_2) \Theta(R^2 - R_{12}^2) +$$

- Case 2)  $S_J^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}_1, x_1) \Theta(R_{12}^2 - R^2) +$
- Case 3)  $S_J^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}_2, x_2) \Theta(R_{12}^2 - R^2)$

$K_t$  algorithm:  $R_{12}^2 < R^2 := \Delta^2 y_{12} + \Delta^2 \phi_{12} < R^2 \rightarrow$  composite jet



- Partonic configuration  
 $|\mathbf{k}_1|, |\mathbf{k}_2| > E_0, \quad y_2 > y_1$
- Case 2) is removed  
 $[1 - \Theta(|\mathbf{k}_2| - E_0) \Theta(y_2 - y_1)] = 0$
- Case 3) is unaltered  
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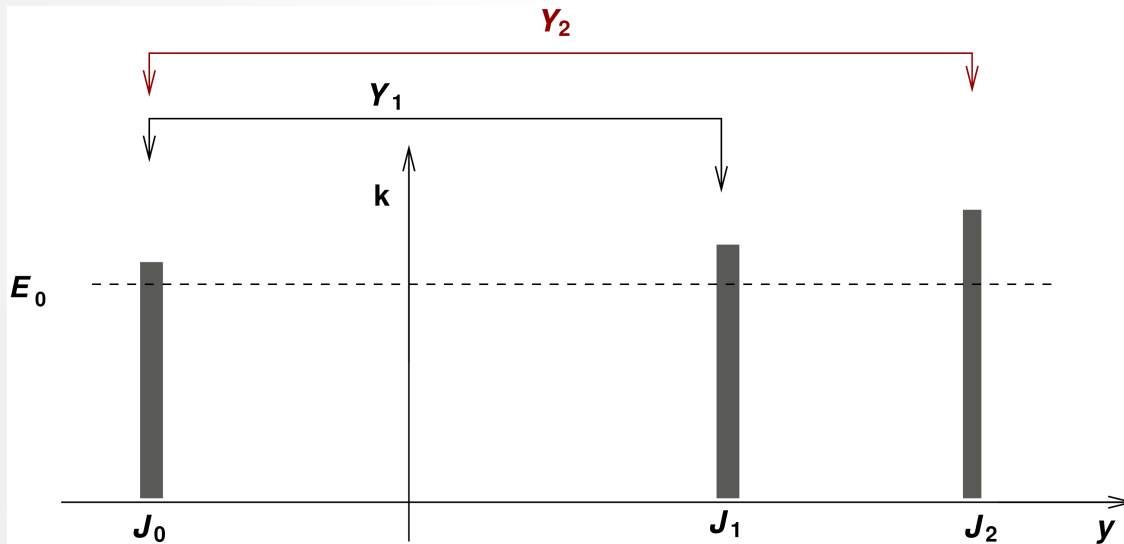
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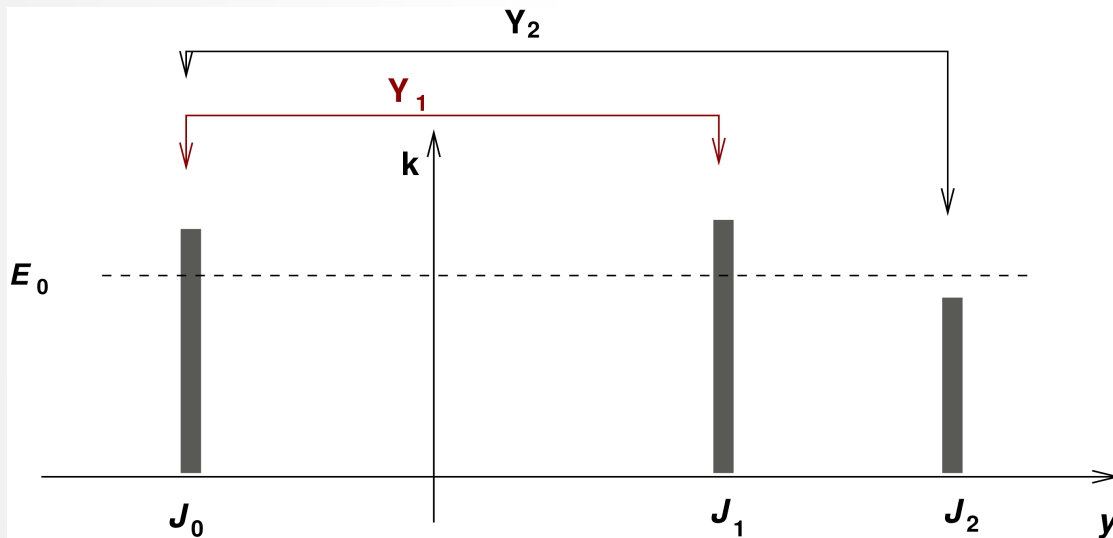


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If one parton does not have energy above the threshold the correction is not triggered



- Partonic configuration  
 $|\mathbf{k}_1| > E_0, |\mathbf{k}_2| < E_0, y_2 > y_1$
- Both cases unchanged  
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$$S_J^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}_1, x_1) \Theta(R_{12}^2 - R^2) + S_J^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}_2, x_2) \Theta(R_{12}^2 - R^2)$$

- Infrared safety of the parton radiation is preserved

# Analysis implementation

- Comparison between the full NLL BFKL prediction for BCV observable definition and the corrected definition
- Observables:  $\frac{C_1}{C_0}, \frac{C_2}{C_0}, \frac{C_2}{C_1}, \frac{C_0^{(MN)}}{C_0^{(BCV)}}$ , as function of rapidity difference  $Y$  between the tagged jets. Where  $C_m, m=1, 2$  are the first Fourier harmonics of the azimuthal decorrelation:

$$C_m(Y) = \sum_{a,b} \int_0^1 dx_1 dx_2 f_a(x_1) f_b(x_2) \int dy_1 dy_2 \delta(y_1 + y_2 - Y) \int d\phi_{J_1} d\phi_{J_2} \times \\ \cos(m(\phi_{J_1} - \phi_{J_2} - \pi)) \int d^2\mathbf{k}_1 d^2\mathbf{k}_2 V_a(\mathbf{k}_{J_1}, x_{J_1}, \mathbf{k}_1) G(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \hat{s}) V_b(\mathbf{k}_{J_2}, x_{J_2}, \mathbf{k}_2)$$

$$\frac{C_m}{C_0} = \langle \cos(m\Delta\phi) \rangle, \quad C_0 = \frac{d\sigma}{dY}$$

Two different kinematic domain:

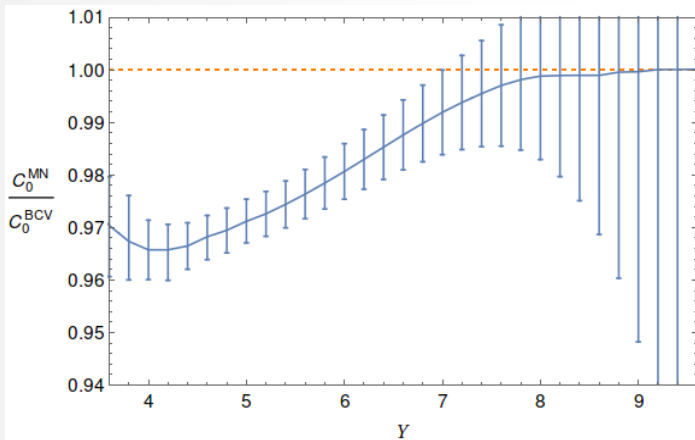
$$\text{run 1} = \sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}, \text{ run 2} = \sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$$

# Analysis results

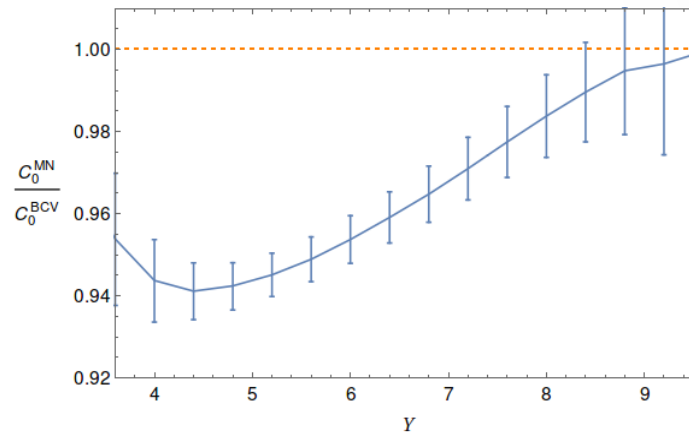
Jet rapidities  $|y_{J_i}| < 4.8 \rightarrow 0 < Y < 9.6 \rightarrow 4 < Y < 9.6$

Jet with fixed transverse energies  $|\mathbf{k}_{J_i}| = 35 \text{ GeV}$

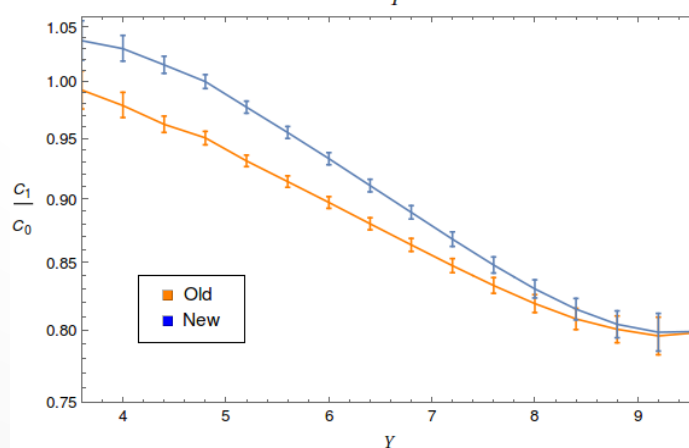
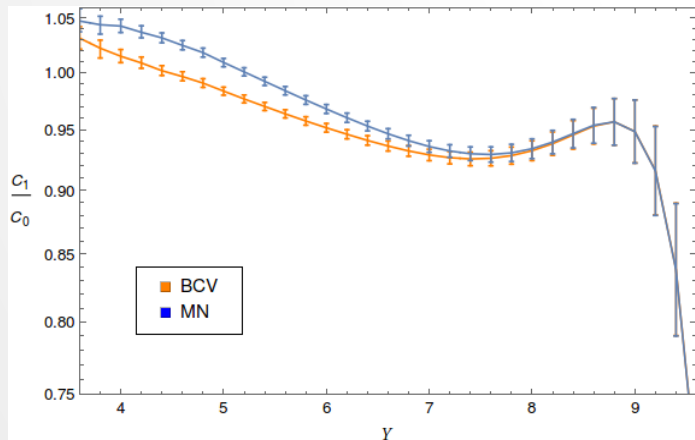
run 1



run 2



Corrected cross sections show a relative difference of at most 4% run 1, 6% run 2



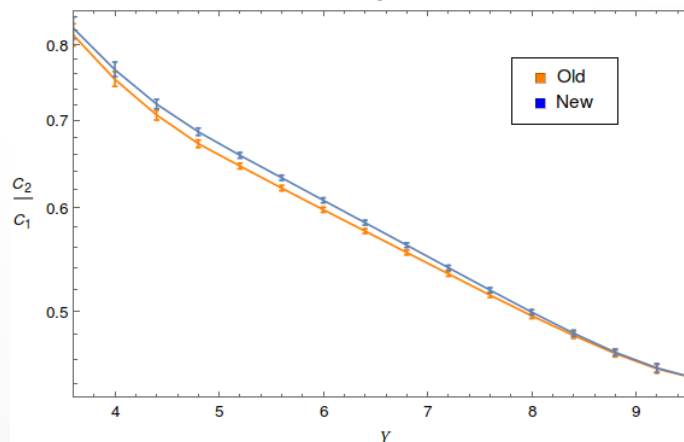
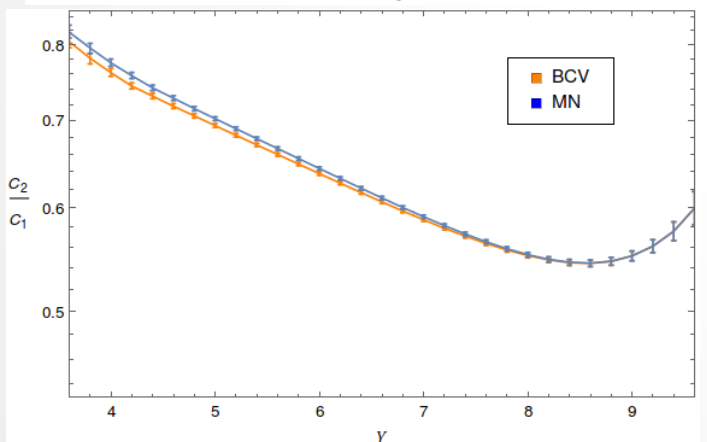
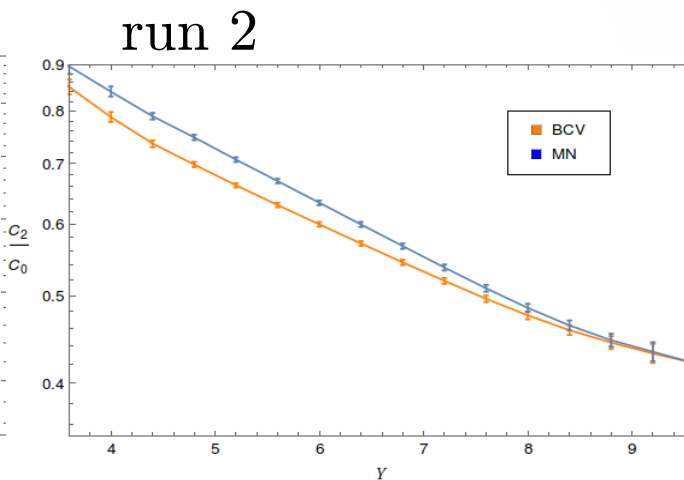
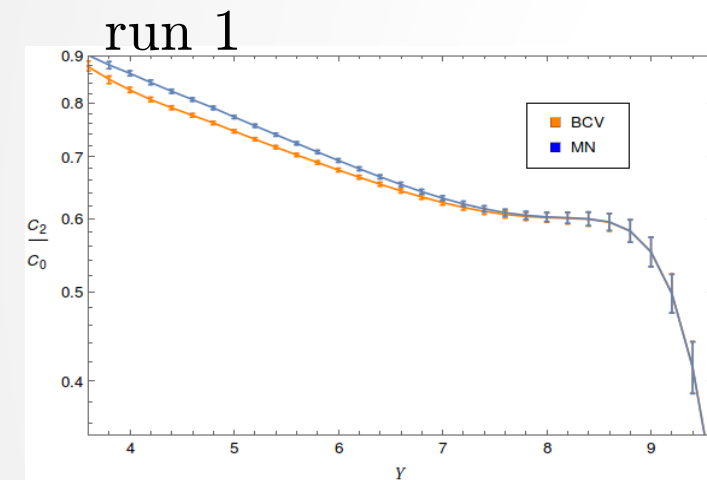
Cosine average greater than 1 for low  $Y$  because the density function is not positive definite

- Correction more evident in central rapidity region and for run 2

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Error bands display the MC error, uncertainties coming from PDFs and renorm/factoriz. scale choice not considered

Correction hardly visible for  $C_2/C_1$ , which is the only observable described with satisfactory accuracy by the BFKL approach

# Conclusive remarks

- We explored the origin of the inconsistency between the MN observable definition and the definition adopted in the NLL vertex calculation
- We proposed how to resolve the inconsistency
- We assessed the importance of our correction comparing the BFKL predictions at NLL for MN jet production in the BCF and MN observable definition.
- The comparison analysis was repeated for two runs 7, 13 TeV and showed that the relative difference is  $\approx 5\%$
- The next step will be to compare the consistent MN description to the CMS data to see whether our correction goes in the direction of a closer reproduction of experimental data.
- Either way we believe that the implementation of a consistent observable definition alone will not assure a perfect agreement with the experiment.
- Additional ingredients: matching, BFKL hadronization tools..