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# Studies of dijet pseudorapidity distributions and transverse momentum balance in pPb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02$ TeV

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## Abstract

Dijet production has been measured in pPb collisions at a nucleon-nucleon centre-of-mass energy of 5.02 TeV. A data sample corresponding to an integrated luminosity of  $35 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  was collected using the Compact Muon Solenoid detector at the Large Hadron Collider. The dijet transverse momentum balance, azimuthal angle correlations, and pseudorapidity distributions are studied as a function of the transverse energy in the forward calorimeters ( $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{HF}[|\eta|>4]}$ ). For pPb collisions, the dijet transverse momentum ratio and the width of the distribution of dijet azimuthal angle difference are comparable to the same quantities obtained from a simulated pp reference and insensitive to  $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{HF}[|\eta|>4]}$ . In contrast, the mean value of the dijet pseudorapidity is found to change monotonically with increasing  $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{HF}[|\eta|>4]}$ , indicating a correlation between the energy emitted at large pseudorapidity and the longitudinal motion of the dijet frame. The pseudorapidity distribution of the dijet system is compared with next-to-leading-order perturbative QCD predictions obtained from both nucleon and nuclear parton distribution functions, and the data more closely match the latter.

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## 1 Introduction

Relativistic heavy ion collisions allow to study the fundamental theory of strong interactions—Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)—under extreme conditions of temperature and energy density. Lattice QCD calculations [1] predict a new chirally-symmetric form of matter that consists of an extended volume of deconfined quarks and gluons above the critical energy density of the phase transition, about  $1 \text{ GeV}/\text{fm}^3$  [2–5]. One of the most interesting experimental signatures of the formation of this novel matter, the quark-gluon plasma (QGP), is “jet-quenching” resulting from the energy loss of hard-scattered partons passing through the medium. Back-to-back dijets have long been proposed as a particularly useful tool for studying the QGP properties [6, 7]. In PbPb collisions at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), the effects of this medium were observed in the first jet measurements as a dijet transverse momentum imbalance.

Recent data at the LHC for jets [8–12], correlations between jets and single particles [13–15], and charged-particle measurements [16, 17], provide unprecedented information about the jet-quenching phenomenon. For head-on collisions, a large broadening of the dijet transverse momentum ratio ( $p_{T2}/p_{T1}$ ) and a decrease in its mean is observed where, as is the case for all the dijet observables in the following discussion, the subscripts 1 and 2 in the kinematical quantities refer to the leading and subleading jets (the two highest- $p_T$  jets), respectively. This observation is consistent with theoretical calculations that involve differential energy loss of back-to-back hard-scattered partons as they traverse the medium [18–20]. At leading order (LO) and in the absence of parton energy loss in the QGP, the two jets have equal transverse momenta ( $p_T$ ) with respect to the beam axis and are back-to-back in azimuth (e.g. with the relative azimuthal angle  $\Delta\phi_{1,2} = |\varphi_1 - \varphi_2| \approx \pi$ ). However, medium-induced gluon emission in the final state can significantly unbalance the energy of leading and subleading jet and decorrelate the jets in azimuth.

Studies of dijet properties in pPb collisions are of great importance to establish a QCD baseline for hadronic interactions with cold nuclear matter [21, 22]. This is crucial for the interpretation of the PbPb results, which could include the effects of both cold nuclear matter and a hot partonic medium. The dijet production rates as a function of jet pseudorapidity ( $\eta$ ) have also been proposed as a tool to probe the nuclear modifications of the parton distribution functions (PDFs) [23–28]. Pseudorapidity  $\eta$  is defined as  $-\ln[\tan(\theta/2)]$ , where  $\theta$  is the polar angle with respect to the proton beam direction.

In this paper, the first dijet transverse momentum balance and pseudorapidity distribution measurements in pPb collisions are presented as a function of the transverse energy in the forward calorimeters ( $E_T^{\text{HF}[|\eta|>4]}$ ). This analysis uses pPb data recorded with the Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) detector in 2013, corresponding to an integrated luminosity of  $35 \pm 1 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ . The lead nuclei and protons had beam energies of 1.58 TeV per nucleon and 4 TeV, respectively, corresponding to a nucleon-nucleon centre-of-mass energy of  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$ .

## 2 The CMS detector

A detailed description of the CMS experiment can be found in Ref. [29]. The silicon tracker, located in the 3.8 T magnetic field of the superconducting solenoid is used to measure charged particles within the pseudorapidity range  $|\eta| < 2.5$ . It provides an impact parameter resolution of  $\approx 15 \mu\text{m}$  and a  $p_T$  resolution of about 1.5% for particles with  $p_T = 100 \text{ GeV}/c$ . Also located inside the solenoid are an electromagnetic calorimeter (ECAL) and a hadron calorimeter (HCAL). The ECAL consists of more than 75 000 lead tungstate crystals, arranged in a quasi-projective geometry, and distributed in a barrel region ( $|\eta| < 1.48$ ) and in two endcaps that

extend up to  $|\eta| = 3.0$ . The HCAL barrel and endcaps are sampling calorimeters composed of brass and scintillator plates, covering  $|\eta| < 3.0$ . Iron hadron-forward (HF) calorimeters, with quartz fibers read out by photomultipliers, extend the calorimeter coverage up to  $|\eta| = 5.2$  and are used to differentiate between central and peripheral pPb collisions. Calorimeter cells are grouped in projective towers of granularity in pseudorapidity and azimuthal angle given by  $\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi = 0.087 \times 0.087$  close to midrapidity, having a coarser segmentation at large rapidities. An efficient muon system is deployed for the reconstruction and identification of muons up to  $|\eta| = 2.4$ . The detailed Monte Carlo (MC) simulation of the CMS detector response is based on GEANT4 [30].

Because of the different energies of the two beams, the nucleon-nucleon centre-of-mass frame in pPb collisions is not at rest in the detector frame. Results are presented in the laboratory frame, where the higher energy proton beam is defined to travel in the positive  $\eta$  direction ( $\theta = 0$ ). Therefore, a massless particle emitted at  $\eta_{\text{cm}} = 0$  in the nucleon-nucleon centre-of-mass frame will be detected at  $\eta_{\text{lab}} = +0.465$  in the laboratory frame. During part of the data taking period, the directions of the proton and lead beams were reversed. For the dataset taken with the opposite direction proton beam, the standard CMS definition of  $\eta$  was flipped so that the proton always moves towards positive  $\eta$ .

### 3 Jet reconstruction

Offline jet reconstruction is performed using the CMS “particle-flow” algorithm [31, 32]. By combining information from all sub-detector systems, the particle-flow algorithm attempts to identify all stable particles in an event, classifying them as electrons, muons, photons, charged and neutral hadrons. These particle-flow objects are first grouped into “pseudo-towers” according to the CMS HCAL granularity. The transverse-energy of the pseudo-towers is calculated from the scalar sum of the transverse-energy of the particle-flow objects, assuming zero mass. Then, jets are reconstructed based on the pseudo-towers, using the anti- $k_T$  sequential recombination algorithm provided in the FASTJET framework [33, 34] with a distance parameter  $R = 0.3$ .

To subtract the underlying event (UE) background in pPb collisions, an iterative algorithm described in Ref. [35] is employed, using the same implementation as in the PbPb analysis [11]. The energies of the particle-flow candidates are mapped onto projective towers with the same segmentation as the HCAL, and the mean and the dispersion of the energies detected in rings of constant  $\eta$  are subtracted from the jet energy. Jets reconstructed without UE subtraction are used to estimate the systematic uncertainty associated with the subtraction algorithm.

The measured jet energies are then corrected to the energies of the corresponding true particle jets using a factorized multi-step approach [36]. The MC jet energy corrections which remove the non-linearity of the detector response are derived using simulated PYTHIA events [37] (tune D6T with PDFs CTEQ6L1 used for 2.76 TeV, tune Z2 for pp 7 TeV). The residual corrections, accounting for the small differences between data and simulation, are obtained from dijet and photon+jet data and simulated events.

## 4 The Monte Carlo simulation

In order to study the jet reconstruction performance in pPb collisions, dijet events in pp collisions are first simulated with the PYTHIA MC generator (version 6.423, tune Z2) [38] and later embedded in the simulated pPb underlying events. A minimum hard-interaction scale ( $\hat{p}_T$ )

selection of  $30 \text{ GeV}/c$  is used to increase the number of dijet events produced in the momentum range studied. To model the pPb underlying event, minimum bias pPb events are simulated with the HIJING event generator [39], version 1.383 [40]. The parameters used in the HIJING simulation are tuned to reproduce the total particle multiplicities and charged-hadron spectra, and to approximate the underlying event fluctuations seen in data.

The complete detector simulation and analysis chain is used to process PYTHIA dijet events and these events are then embedded into HIJING events (denoted as PYTHIA + HIJING). The effects of the pPb underlying event on the jet position resolution, jet energy scale, and jet finding efficiency are studied as a function of the total transverse energy detected by the HF calorimeter, jet pseudorapidity and transverse momentum. These effects are small and do not require specific corrections to the measurements, but they are considered as systematic uncertainties.

## 5 Event selection

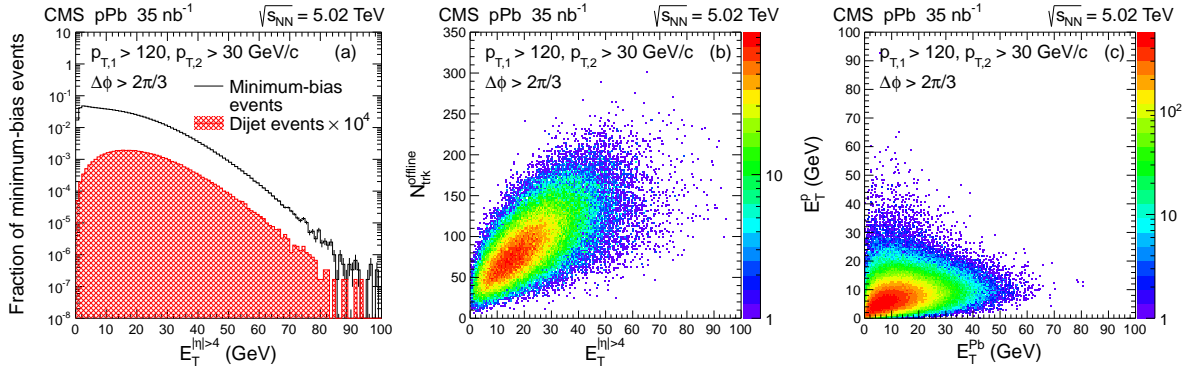


Figure 1: (a) Raw transverse energy measured by the HF detector in the pseudorapidity interval  $4.0 < |\eta| < 5.2$  for minimum-bias collisions (black open histogram) and dijet events passing the dijet selection defined in this analysis (red hatched histogram) (b) Correlation between the raw number of reconstructed primary tracks ( $N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{offline}}$ ) with  $|\eta| < 2.4$  and  $p_T > 0.4 \text{ GeV}/c$  and raw transverse energy measured by the HF detector in the pseudorapidity interval  $4.0 < |\eta| < 5.2$  ( $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$ ) (c) Correlation between the raw transverse energy measured by the HF in proton ( $E_T^P$ ) and lead ( $E_T^{Pb}$ ) directions.

The CMS online event selection employs a hardware-based Level-1 trigger and a software-based high-level trigger (HLT). Events are selected using an inclusive single-jet trigger in the HLT, requiring a calorimeter-based jet with transverse momentum  $p_T > 100 \text{ GeV}/c$ . The trigger becomes fully efficient for events with a leading jet with  $p_T > 120 \text{ GeV}/c$ . In addition to the jet data sample, a minimum-bias event sample is selected by requiring at least one track with  $p_T > 0.4 \text{ GeV}/c$  to be found in the pixel tracker coincident with the pPb bunch crossing.

In the offline analysis, an additional selection of hadronic collisions is applied by requiring a coincidence of at least one of the HF calorimeter towers, with more than 3 GeV of total energy, from the HF detectors on both sides of the interaction point. Events are required to have at least one reconstructed primary vertex. The primary vertex is formed by two or more associated tracks and is required to have a distance from the nominal interaction region of less than 15 cm along the beam axis and less than 0.15 cm in the transverse plane. If there are more than 10 tracks in the event, the fraction of good-quality tracks originating from the primary vertex is required to be larger than 20% in order to suppress beam backgrounds [41].

In addition to the selection of inelastic hadronic collisions, the analysis has extra requirements

on the leading and subleading jet, which are the jets with largest and second largest  $p_T$  in  $|\eta| < 3$  interval, respectively. These requirements are  $p_{T,1} > 120 \text{ GeV}/c$ ,  $p_{T,2} > 30 \text{ GeV}/c$ , and  $\Delta\phi_{1,2} > 2\pi/3$ . Only offline reconstructed jets within  $|\eta| < 3$  in the lab frame are considered in this analysis. In order to remove events with residual HCAL noise that are missed by the calorimeter noise rejection algorithms [42, 43], either the leading or subleading jet is required to have at least one track with  $p_T > 4 \text{ GeV}/c$ .

The selected minimum-bias and dijet events are divided into HF activity classes according to the raw transverse energy measured in the HF detectors within the pseudorapidity interval  $4.0 < |\eta| < 5.2$ , denoted as  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$ . This pseudorapidity interval is chosen in order to separate the transverse energy and dijet measurements by a pseudorapidity gap of at least one unit ( $3.0 < |\eta| < 4.0$ ). The HF transverse energy distribution for the selected dijet events in comparison to that for minimum-bias events is shown in Fig. 1(a). It can be seen that the selection of a high- $p_T$  dijet leads to a bias in the  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$  distributions toward higher values. The correlation between  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$  and the raw number of primary tracks ( $N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{offline}}$ ) with  $|\eta| < 2.4$  and  $p_T > 0.4 \text{ GeV}/c$  (before the tracking efficiency correction) is shown in Fig. 1(b). A broader correlation between the two quantities is observed compared to data from PbPb collisions [11]. The correlation between the raw transverse energy measured by the HF detector in the pseudorapidity interval  $4.0 < \eta < 5.2$  (in the proton direction,  $E_T^{\text{P}}$ ) and in the pseudorapidity interval  $-5.2 < \eta < -4.0$  (in the lead direction,  $E_T^{\text{Pb}}$ ) is also shown in Fig. 1(c). It can be seen that  $E_T^{\text{P}}$  and  $E_T^{\text{Pb}}$  are only loosely correlated. In the sample of selected dijet events, 2% contain at least one additional jet with  $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}/c$  and  $4.0 < |\eta| < 5.2$ . The potential bias due to the presence of forward jets is found to be negligible and is included in the systematic uncertainty estimation.

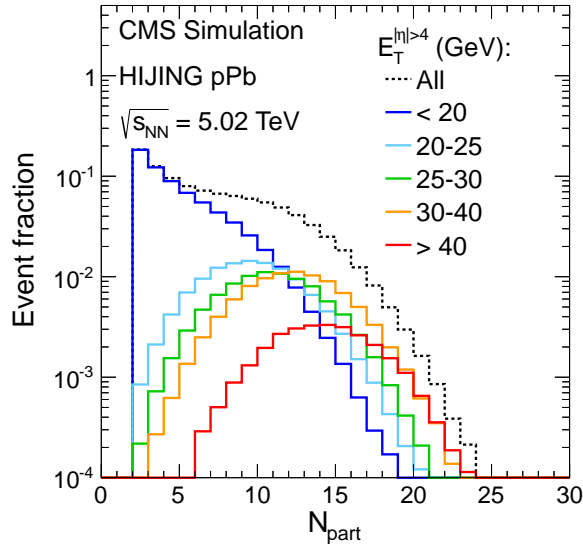


Figure 2: Number of participating nucleons ( $N_{\text{part}}$ ) in the HIJING MC simulations for five different  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$  bins and the cumulative distribution without any requirement on  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$ .

The analysis is performed in five  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$  bins, separated by the boundaries 20, 25, 30 and 40 GeV. The same analysis is also performed with inclusive data without  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$  selection, where the mean value of  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$  is 14.7 GeV. The total number of selected events in data are corrected for the difference between the double-sided selections using particle- and detector-level information in MC. The particle-level selection is very similar to the actual selection described above:

at least one particle (proper life time  $\tau > 10^{-18}$  s) with  $E > 3$  GeV in the pseudorapidity range  $-5 < \eta < -3$  and one in the range  $3 < \eta < 5$ ; this selection is referred to as “double-sided” (DS) selection [44]. The efficiency-corrected fractions of minimum-bias events with DS selection [44], as well as the selected dijet events from the jet-triggered sample falling into each HF activity class are provided in Table 1. In order to study the correlation between the collision geometry and forward calorimeter energy, the distributions of number of participating nucleons ( $N_{\text{part}}$ ) in the HIJING Monte Carlo simulation in the five  $E_{\text{T}}^{|\eta|>4}$  bins are shown in Fig. 2. While the mean of the  $N_{\text{part}}$  distribution is found to be increasing monotonically as a function of  $E_{\text{T}}^{|\eta|>4}$ , the fluctuation of  $N_{\text{part}}$  is found to be large in each HF activity class.

The instantaneous luminosity of the pPb run in 2013 resulted in a 3% probability of at least one additional interaction occurring in the same bunch crossing. Events with more than one interaction are referred to as “pileup events”. Since the event classes are typically determined from the forward calorimeter information, the energy deposits from each collision in a given pileup event cannot be separated. Therefore, a pileup rejection algorithm developed in Ref. [45] is employed to select a clean single-collision sample. The pileup rejection efficiency of this filter is greater than 90% in minimum-bias events and it removes a very small fraction (0.01%) of the events without pileup. The fraction of pileup events after pileup rejection is increasing as a function of  $E_{\text{T}}^{|\eta|>4}$ . This fraction is found to be smaller than 2% in the highest  $E_{\text{T}}^{|\eta|>4}$  bins.

Table 1: Fractions of the data sample for each HF activity class calculated for the minimum-bias data passing DS selection and for the jet-triggered data passing dijet selection. The fourth column shows the average multiplicity of reconstructed charged particles per bin with  $|\eta| < 2.4$  and  $p_{\text{T}} > 0.4$  GeV/c ( $N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{corrected}}$ ) after efficiency, acceptance, and misreconstruction corrections as described in Ref. [44]. The fifth column gives the mean HF activity in each class calculated from DS events.

$E_{\text{T}}^{ \eta >4}$ range (GeV)	Fraction of DS data	Fraction of dijet data	$\langle N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{corrected}} \rangle$ in DS data	$\langle E_{\text{T}}^{ \eta >4} \rangle$ (GeV) in DS data
<20	73.1%	52.6%	$33 \pm 2$	9.4
20–25	10.5%	16.8%	$75 \pm 3$	22.4
25–30	7.1%	12.7%	$89 \pm 4$	27.3
30–40	6.8%	13.0%	$108 \pm 5$	34.1
>40	2.5%	4.9%	$140 \pm 6$	46.3

## 6 Results and discussion

This analysis, motivated by the observation of transverse momentum imbalance in PbPb collisions [11], aims at measuring the dijet transverse momentum ratio and the azimuthal angle correlation in pPb collisions. The dijet pseudorapidity distributions in pPb collisions, which are sensitive to a possible modification of the parton distribution function of the nuclei (nPDF) with respect to that of the nucleons, are also studied.

### 6.1 Dijet transverse momentum balance

As a function of collision centrality (i.e. the degree of overlap of the two colliding nuclei), dijet events in PbPb collisions were found to have an increasing transverse momentum imbalance for more central events compared to a pp reference [8, 11, 12]. The same analysis is performed in pPb collisions. To characterize the dijet transverse momentum balance (or imbalance) quantitatively, the dijet transverse momentum ratio  $p_{\text{T},2}/p_{\text{T},1}$  is used. As shown in Fig. 3,  $p_{\text{T},2}/p_{\text{T},1}$  distri-

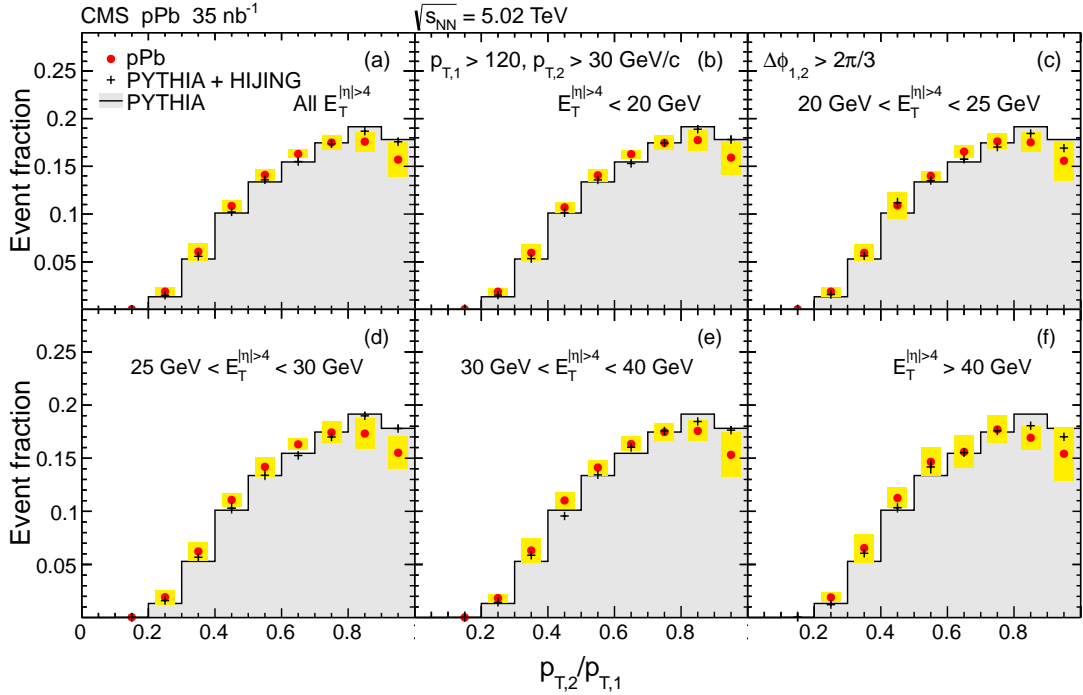


Figure 3: Dijet transverse momentum ratio ( $p_{T,2}/p_{T,1}$ ) distributions for leading jets with  $p_{T,1} > 120$  GeV/c, subleading jets with  $p_{T,2} > 30$  GeV/c, and  $\Delta\phi_{1,2} > 2\pi/3$  are shown (a) without any selection on the HF transverse energy  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$ , and (b)–(f) for different  $E_T^{HF[|\eta|>4]}$  classes. Results for pPb events are shown as the red solid circles, while the crosses show the results for PYTHIA + HIJING simulated events. Results for the simulated PYTHIA events are shown as the grey histogram which is replicated in all the panels. The error bars for the statistical uncertainties are smaller than the marker size and the total systematic uncertainties are shown as yellow boxes.

butions measured in pPb data and PYTHIA agree within the systematic uncertainty in different  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$  intervals, including the event class with the largest forward calorimeter activity. The residual difference in the dijet transverse momentum ratio between data and PYTHIA + HIJING simulation can be attributed to a difference in the jet energy resolution, which is better in the MC simulation by about  $\sim 1$ – $2\%$  compared to the data [36].

In order to compare results from pPb and PbPb data, PbPb events which pass the same dijet criteria are selected for further analysis with an additional requirement on the forward activity  $E_T^{|\eta|>4} < 60$  GeV, since the bulk of the pPb events satisfy this condition, as can be seen in Fig. 1(b). The measured mean value of  $p_{T,2}/p_{T,1}$  from these PbPb data is  $0.711 \pm 0.007$ , which is slightly higher than that in inclusive pPb collisions. The difference between the  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$  distributions for pPb and PbPb data, which results in a higher mean  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$  value for PbPb events (35 GeV), as well as the difference in centre-of-mass energy, should be taken into account in this comparison.

The predicted  $\langle p_{T,2}/p_{T,1} \rangle$  is 6% higher at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$  than that at 5.02 TeV in PYTHIA MC simulations.

The main contributions to the systematic uncertainties of  $\langle p_{T,2}/p_{T,1} \rangle$  include the uncertainties in the jet energy scale, the jet reconstruction efficiency and the effects of the UE subtraction. The uncertainty in the subtraction procedure is estimated by considering the difference between the



$p_T$  ratio results from reconstructed jets with and without UE subtraction, which is close to 1%. The residual jet energy scale uncertainty is estimated by varying the transverse momentum of the leading and subleading jets independently and is found to be at the 1 – 2% level. Uncertainties associated with jet reconstruction efficiency are found to be at the 0.1% level based on Monte Carlo simulation.

## 6.2 Dijet azimuthal correlations

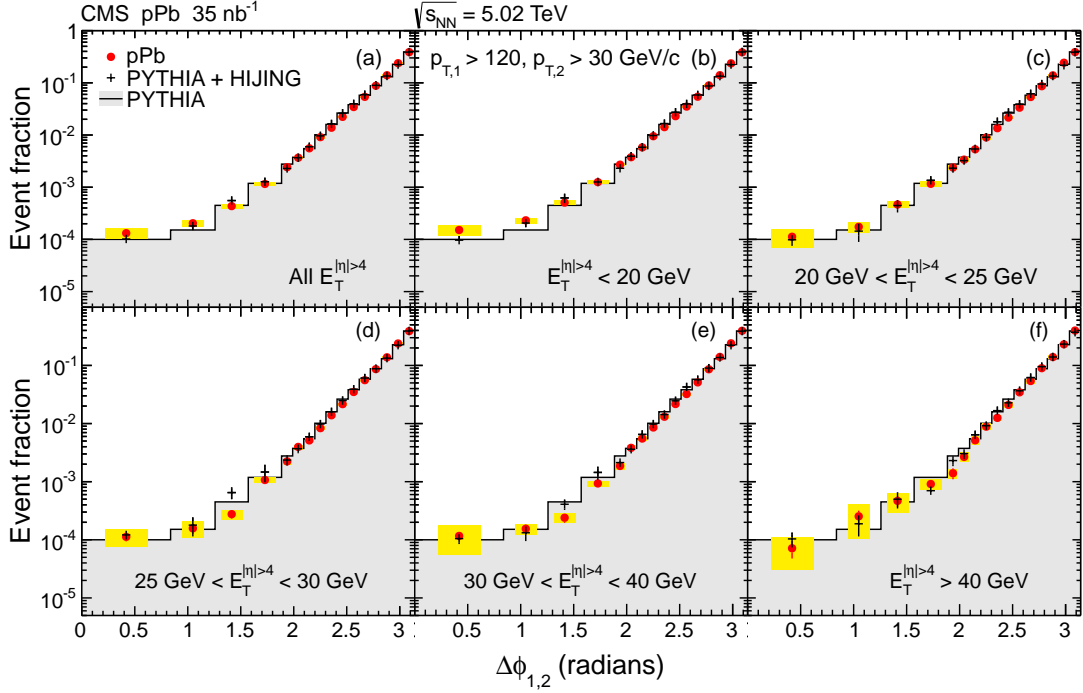


Figure 4: Distributions of the azimuthal angle difference  $\Delta\phi_{1,2}$  between the leading and subleading jets for leading jets with  $p_{T,1} > 120$  GeV/c and subleading jets with  $p_{T,2} > 30$  GeV/c are shown (a) without any selection on the HF transverse energy  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$ , and (b)–(f) for different  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$  classes. Results for pPb events are shown as the red solid circles, while the crosses show the results for PYTHIA + HIJING simulated events. Results for the simulated PYTHIA events are shown as the grey histogram which is replicated in all the panels. The error bars for the statistical uncertainties are smaller than the marker size and the total systematic uncertainties are shown as yellow boxes.

Earlier studies of the dijet and photon-jet events in heavy-ion collisions [8, 9, 11, 12] have shown very small modifications of dijet azimuthal correlations despite the large changes seen in the dijet transverse momentum balance. This is an important aspect of the interpretation of energy loss observations [46].

The distributions of the relative azimuthal angle  $\Delta\phi_{1,2}$  between the leading and subleading jets that pass the respective  $p_T$  selections in six HF activity classes, compared to PYTHIA and PYTHIA + HIJING simulations, are shown in Figure 4. The distributions from pPb data are in good agreement with the PYTHIA reference. To study the evolution of the shape, the distributions are fitted to a normalized exponential function:

$$\frac{1}{N_{\text{dijet}}} \frac{dN_{\text{dijet}}}{d\Delta\phi_{1,2}} = \frac{e^{(\Delta\phi - \pi)/\sigma}}{(1 - e^{-\pi/\sigma})\sigma} \quad (1)$$

The fit is restricted to the region  $\Delta\phi_{1,2} > 2\pi/3$ . In the data, the width of the azimuthal angle difference distribution ( $\sigma$  in Eq. (1)) is  $0.226 \pm 0.007$ , and its variation as a function of  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$  is smaller than the systematic uncertainty, which is 3–4%. The width in the data is also found to be 4–7% narrower than that in the PYTHIA simulation.

### 6.3 Dijet pseudorapidity

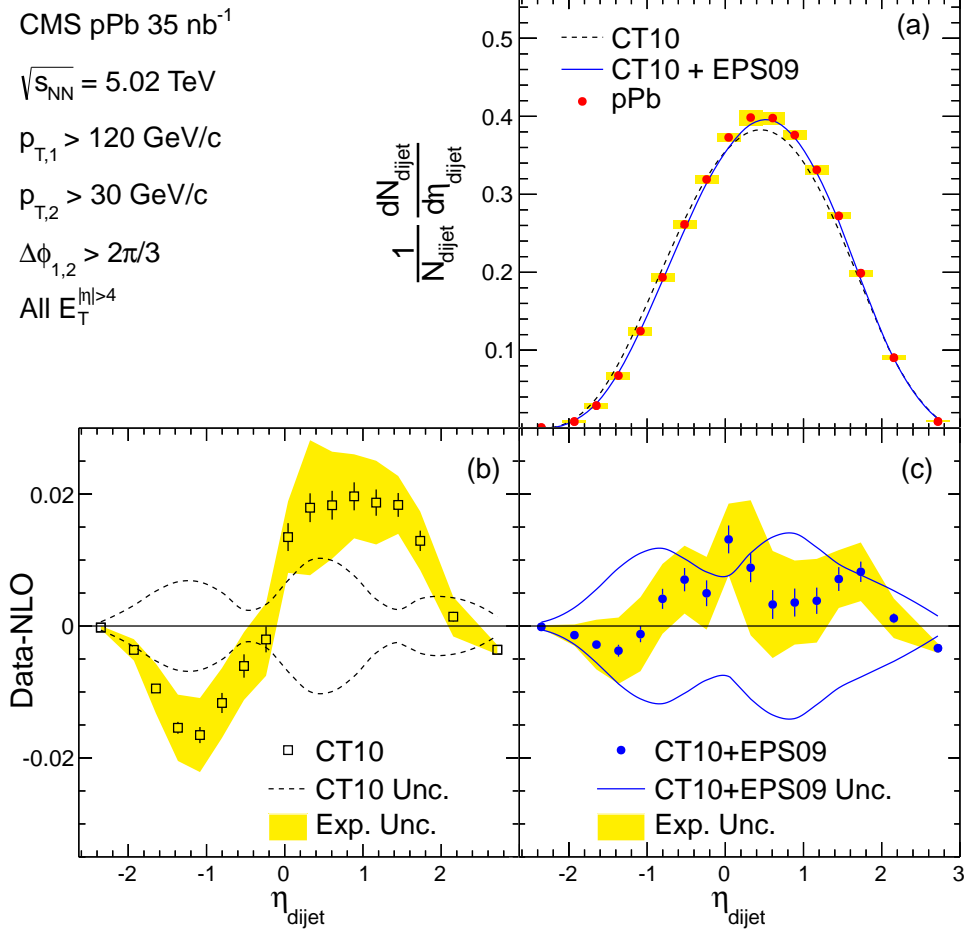


Figure 5: (a) Distribution of dijet pseudorapidity ( $\eta_{\text{dijet}} = [\eta_1 + \eta_2]/2$ ) is shown for pPb dijet events with  $p_{T,1} > 120$  GeV/c,  $p_{T,2} > 30$  GeV/c, and  $\Delta\phi_{1,2} > 2\pi/3$  as the red solid circles. The results are compared to NLO calculations using CT10 (black dashed curve) and CT10 + EPS09 (blue solid curve) PDFs. (b) The difference between  $\eta_{\text{dijet}}$  in data and the one calculated with CT10 proton PDF. The black squares represent the data points, and the theoretical uncertainty is shown with the black dashed line. (c) The difference between  $\eta_{\text{dijet}}$  in data and the one calculated with CT10+EPS09 nPDF. The blue solid circles show the data points and blue solid curve the theoretical uncertainty. The yellow bands in (b) and (c) represent experimental uncertainties. The experimental and theoretical uncertainties at different  $\eta_{\text{dijet}}$  values are correlated due to normalization to unit area.

The normalized distributions of dijet pseudorapidity  $\eta_{\text{dijet}}$ , defined as  $(\eta_1 + \eta_2)/2$ , are studied in bins of  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$ . Since  $\eta_{\text{dijet}}$  and the longitudinal-momentum fraction  $x$  of the hard-scattered parton from the Pb ion are highly correlated, these distributions are sensitive to possible modifications of the PDF for nucleons in the lead nucleus when comparing  $\eta_{\text{dijet}}$  distributions in pp and pPb collisions. As discussed previously, the asymmetry in energy of the pPb collisions

at the LHC causes the mean of the *unmodified* dijet pseudorapidity distribution to be centred around a positive value. However, due to the limited jet acceptance (jet  $|\eta| < 3$ ) it is not centred around  $\eta = 0.465$ , but at  $\eta \sim 0.4$ . The major systematic uncertainty for the  $\langle \eta_{\text{dijet}} \rangle$  measurement comes from the uncertainty in the jet energy correction. Varying the transverse momentum of the jets by  $< 2\%$  up (down) for the jet at positive (negative)  $\eta$  results in a shift of the  $\langle \eta_{\text{dijet}} \rangle$  value by  $\pm 0.03$ . The uncertainty associated with the HF activity selection bias is estimated from the difference between PYTHIA without HF activity selection and PYTHIA + HIJING with HF activity selection. The uncertainty is found to be in the range 0.002–0.020. The uncertainty associated with the UE subtraction is studied by comparing the results with and without subtraction, which causes a shift of 0.01 in the two highest HF activity classes. Due to the normalisation to unity, a change in one data point moves the other points in the opposite direction on average, which results in a correlation of the systematic uncertainties at different  $\eta_{\text{dijet}}$  values.

The normalized  $\eta_{\text{dijet}}$  distribution measured in inclusive pPb collisions, which is compared to next-to-leading-order (NLO) perturbative QCD predictions [47] using the CT10 [48] and EPS09 [24] PDFs, is shown in Fig. 5. The measurement and the NLO calculation based on CT10 + EPS09 PDFs are consistent within the quoted experimental and theoretical uncertainties in the whole  $\eta_{\text{dijet}}$  range. On the other hand, the calculation using CT10 alone, which did not account for possible nuclear modifications of the PDFs, gives a poorer description of the observed distribution. This also shows that  $\eta_{\text{dijet}}$  in pPb collisions could be used to better constrain the nPDFs by including the measurement in standard global fits of parton densities.

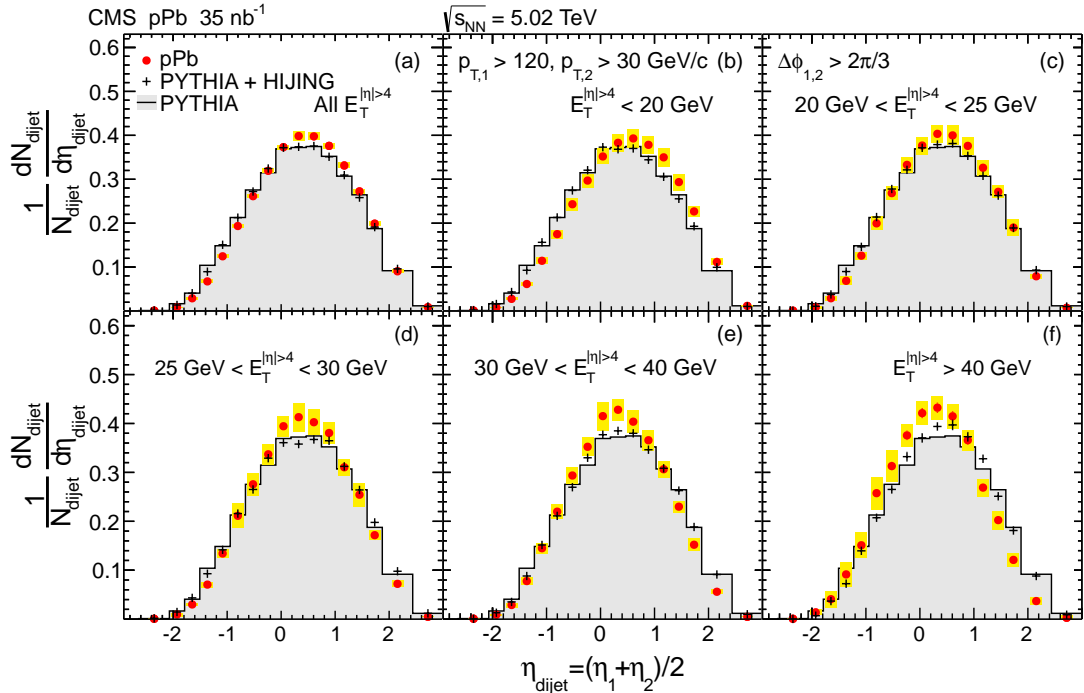


Figure 6: Distributions of the dijet pseudorapidity ( $\eta_{\text{dijet}}$ ) for leading jets with  $p_{T,1} > 120 \text{ GeV}/c$  and subleading jets with  $p_{T,2} > 30 \text{ GeV}/c$  are shown (a) without any selection on the HF transverse energy  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$ , and (b)–(f) for different  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$  classes. Results for pPb events are shown as the red solid circles, while the crosses show the results for PYTHIA + HIJING simulated events. Results for the simulated PYTHIA events are shown as the grey histogram which is replicated in all the panels. The error bars for the statistical uncertainties are smaller than the marker size and the total systematic uncertainties are shown as yellow boxes.

The  $\eta_{\text{dijet}}$  distributions are also studied in different HF activity classes, as shown in Fig. 6. The

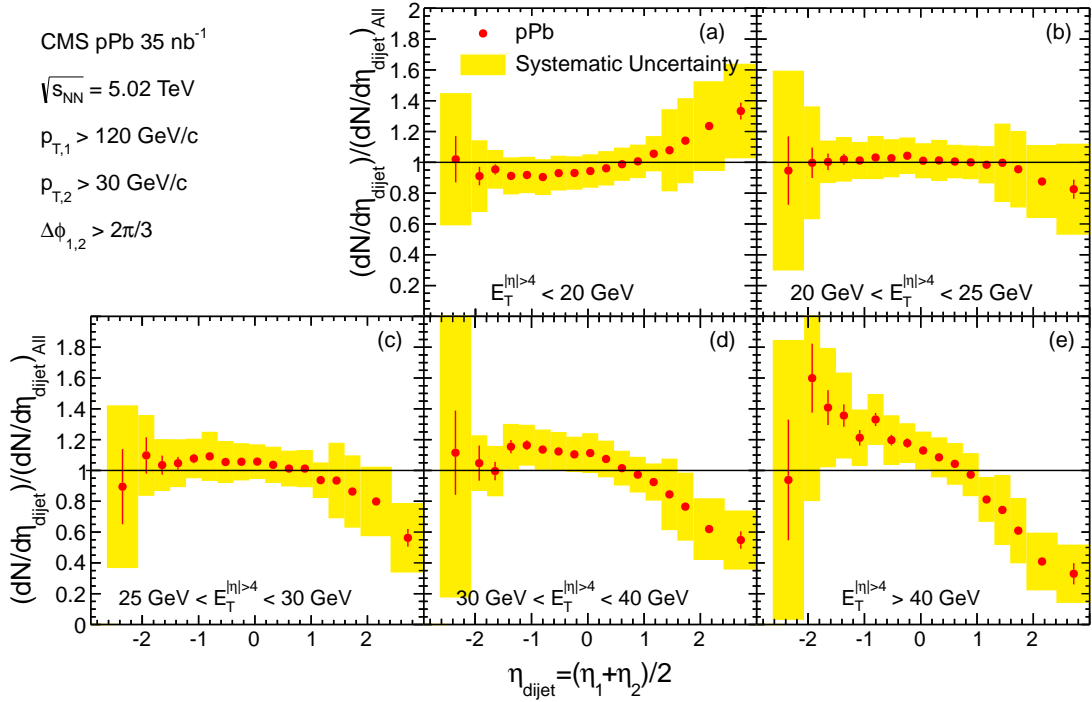


Figure 7: Ratio of the dijet pseudorapidity distribution from each  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$  class shown in panels (b)–(f) of Fig. 6 to the spectrum from the inclusive  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$  bin shown in panel (a). The error bars represent the statistical uncertainties and the total systematic uncertainties are shown as yellow boxes.

pPb data are compared to PYTHIA and PYTHIA + HIJING simulations. Deviations of the  $\eta_{dijet}$  distributions in each class are observed with respect to the PYTHIA reference without HF activity selection. The analysis was also performed using the PYTHIA + HIJING simulation in the same HF activity classes and no sizable deviation was observed with respect to the PYTHIA reference. This shows that the PYTHIA + HIJING embedded sample, which assumes that hard and soft scatterings are independent, does not describe the correlation between the dijet pseudorapidity distribution and forward calorimeter energy. To illustrate the observed deviation in each HF activity class with respect to that in the inclusive pPb collisions, the ratio of the dijet pseudorapidity distribution from each  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$  class to the distribution without HF requirements is presented in Fig. 7. A reduction of the fraction of dijets in the  $\eta_{dijet} > 1$  region is observed in events with large activity measured by the forward calorimeter. The magnitude of the observed modification is much larger than the predictions from the NLO calculations based on impact-parameter dependent nPDFs [49]. Note that theory calculations are based on impact parameter, which can take a large range of values in each HF activity class.

The pPb distributions for different HF activity classes, from panels (b)–(f) of Fig. 6, are overlaid in Fig. 8. As shown in Fig. 8a, a systematic monotonic decrease of the average  $\eta_{dijet}$  as a function of the HF transverse energy  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$  is observed. A decrease in the longitudinal momentum carried by partons that participate in hard scattering coming from the proton, or an increase in the longitudinal momentum of partons from the lead nucleus, with increasing HF transverse energy  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$  would result in a shift in this direction. In order to compare the shape of the  $\eta_{dijet}$  distributions in the interval  $\eta_{dijet} < 0$  the spectra from pPb data are normalized by the number of dijet events with  $\eta_{dijet} < 0$  in the corresponding HF activity class. In inclusive pPb collisions, this interval roughly corresponds to  $x > 0.1$  for partons in lead, a region where the

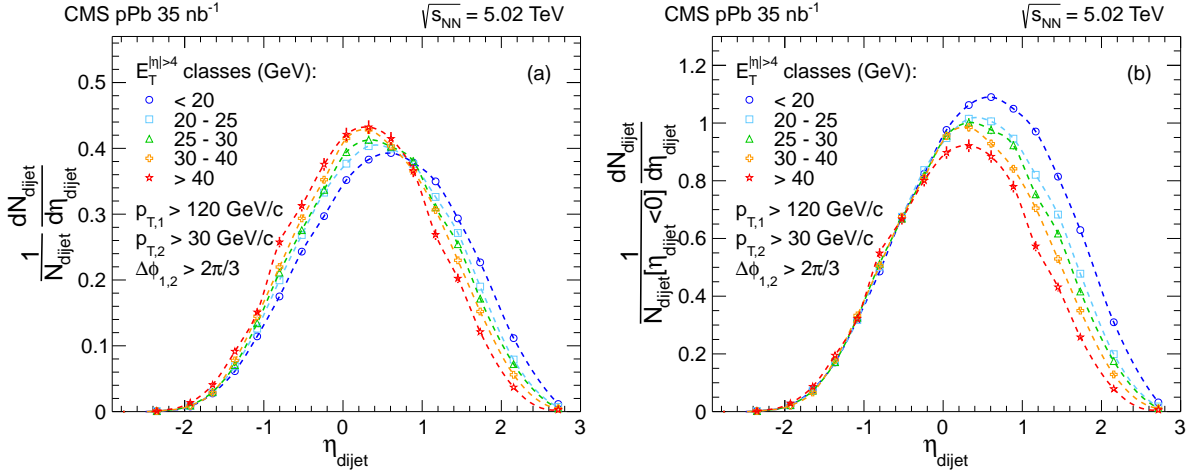


Figure 8: Dijet pseudorapidity distributions in the five HF activity classes. (a) The distributions are normalized by the number of selected dijet events. (b) The distributions are normalized by the number of dijet events with  $\eta_{\text{dijet}} < 0$ .

measurement is sensitive to the nuclear EMC effect [50]. Using this normalization, the shapes of the  $\eta_{\text{dijet}}$  distributions in the region  $\eta_{\text{dijet}} < 0$  are found to be similar, as is shown in Fig. 8(b).

Figure 9 summarizes all of the  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$  dependent dijet results obtained with pPb collisions. A nearly constant width in the dijet azimuthal angle difference distributions and transverse momentum ratio of the dijets as a function of  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$  is observed. The lower panels show the mean and standard deviation of the dijet pseudorapidity distribution, measured using jets in the pseudorapidity interval  $|\eta| < 3$  in the laboratory frame, as a function of the HF transverse energy. Those quantities change significantly with increasing forward calorimeter transverse energy, while the simulated pp dijets embedded in HIJING MC, representing pPb collisions, show no noticeable changes.

One possible mechanism which could lead to the observed modification of the  $\eta_{\text{dijet}}$  distribution in events with large forward activity is the kinematical constraint imposed by the selection. Jets with a given transverse momentum at larger pseudorapidity will have a larger energy ( $E = \cosh(\eta)p_T$ ). If a large part of the available energy in the collision is observed in the forward calorimeter region, jets above a certain transverse momentum threshold are restricted to be in mid-rapidity, which leads to a narrower dijet pseudorapidity distribution. Moreover, the modification of the PDFs due to the fluctuating size of the proton, as well as the impact parameter dependence of the nuclear PDFs, may further contribute to the observed phenomenon. Therefore, the  $\langle \eta_{\text{dijet}} \rangle$  is also studied as a function of the forward calorimeter activity in the lead direction ( $E_T^{\text{Pb}}$ ) at fixed values of forward activity in the proton direction ( $E_T^{\text{P}}$ ).

The correlation between  $\langle \eta_{\text{dijet}} \rangle$  and  $E_T^{\text{Pb}}$  in different  $E_T^{\text{P}}$  intervals is shown in Fig. 10. With low forward activity in the proton direction ( $E_T^{\text{P}} < 5$  GeV, blue circles and solid lines near the top of the figure), the  $\langle \eta_{\text{dijet}} \rangle$  is around 0.6 and only weakly dependent on the forward activity in the lead direction. The observed high  $\langle \eta_{\text{dijet}} \rangle$  indicates that the mean  $x$  of the parton from the proton in the low  $E_T^{\text{P}}$  events is larger than that in inclusive pPb collisions. With high forward activity in the proton direction ( $E_T^{\text{P}} > 11$  GeV, red stars and solid lines near the bottom of the figure), the  $\langle \eta_{\text{dijet}} \rangle$  is found to be decreasing as a function of  $E_T^{\text{Pb}}$ , from 0.37 to 0.17. These results indicate that the degree of modification of the  $\eta_{\text{dijet}}$  distribution is highly dependent on the amount of forward activity in the proton direction.

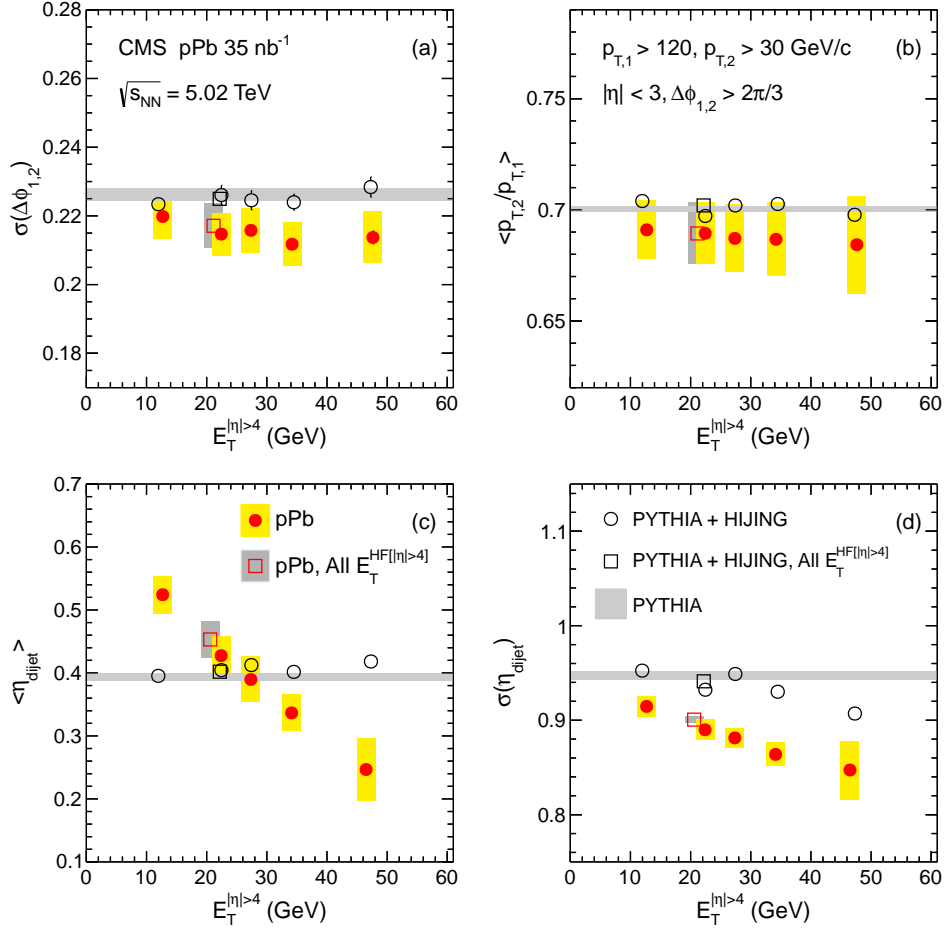


Figure 9: Summary of the dijet measurements as a function of  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$ . (a) Fitted  $\Delta\phi_{1,2}$  width ( $\sigma$  in Eq. (1)). (b) Average ratio of dijet transverse momentum. (c) Mean of the  $\eta_{dijet}$  distribution. (d) Standard deviation of the  $\eta_{dijet}$  distribution. All panels show pPb data (red solid circles) compared to the PYTHIA + HIJING (black open circles) and PYTHIA (light grey band, where the band width indicates statistical uncertainty) simulations. The inclusive HF activity results for pPb and PYTHIA + HIJING are shown as red and black empty squares respectively. The yellow and grey boxes indicate the systematic uncertainties and the error bars denote the statistical uncertainties. Note that the legend is spread over the four subfigures.

## 7 Summary

The CMS detector has been used to study dijet production in pPb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV. The anti- $k_T$  algorithm with a distance parameter of 0.3 was used to reconstruct jets based on the combined tracker and calorimeter information. Events containing a leading jet with  $p_{T,1} > 120$  GeV/c and a subleading jet with  $p_{T,2} > 30$  GeV/c in the pseudorapidity range  $|\eta| < 3$  were analyzed. Data were compared to PYTHIA as well as PYTHIA + HIJING dijet simulations. In contrast to what is seen in head-on PbPb collisions, no significant dijet transverse momentum imbalance is observed in pPb data with respect to the simulated distributions. These pPb dijet transverse momentum ratios confirm that the observed dijet transverse momentum imbalance in PbPb collisions is not originating from initial-state effects.

The dijet pseudorapidity distributions in inclusive pPb collisions are compared to NLO calculations using CT10 and CT10 + EPS09 PDFs, and the data more closely match the latter. A strong

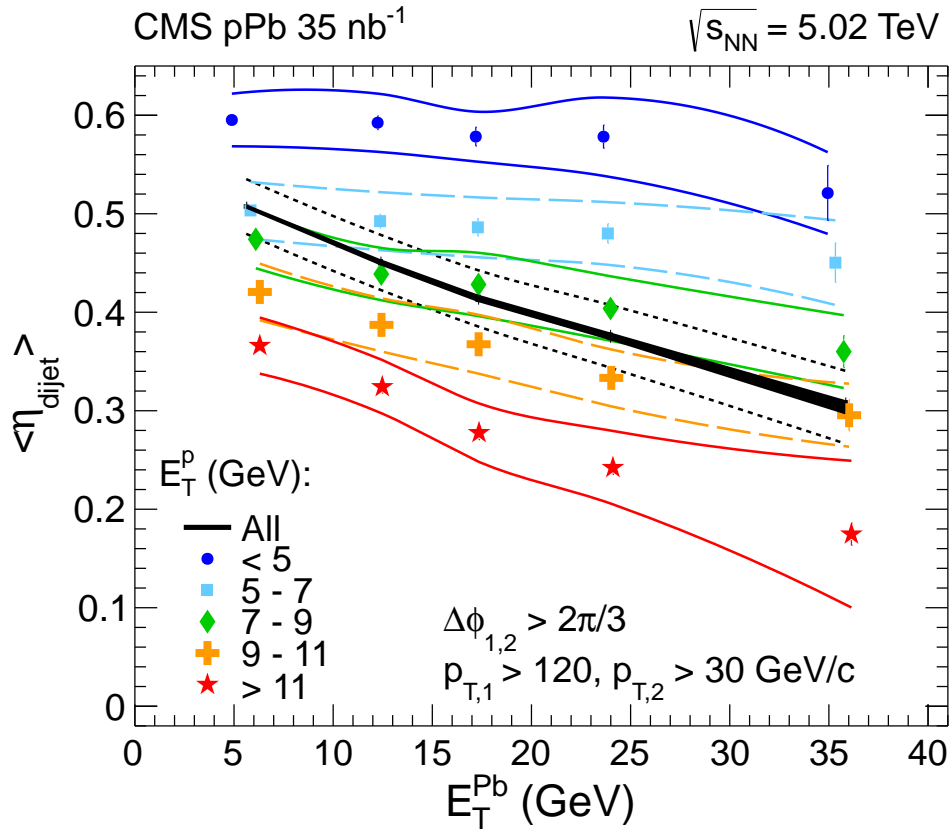


Figure 10: Mean of  $\eta_{\text{dijet}}$  distribution as a function of the raw transverse energy measured in the HF calorimeter in the lead direction ( $E_T^{\text{Pb}}$ ) in bins of forward transverse energy in the proton direction ( $E_T^{\text{p}}$ ). The lines indicate the systematic uncertainty and the error bars denote the statistical uncertainties. The results without selection on ( $E_T^{\text{p}}$ ) are also shown as a black line with statistical uncertainties represented by the line width.

modification of the dijet pseudorapidity distribution is observed as a function of forward activity. The mean of the distribution shifts monotonically as a function of  $E_T^{|\eta|>4}$ . This indicates a strong correlation between the energy emitted at large pseudorapidity and the longitudinal motion of the dijet frame.

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