# Jet fragmentation at the LHC (low- $p_{\rm T}$ )

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- Sensitive to QCD and its backgrounds (e.g., "underlying event")

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- Sensitive to rare SM processes (e.g.,  $H \rightarrow b\overline{b}$ )



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- Significant tension with no-IC model at large y(Z)

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• How does QCD turn quarks and gluons into jets?

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How to separate?

- Mass effects
- Quark vs. gluon fragmentation



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 $\dot{p}_{jet} \cdot \dot{p}_B$ 

 $p_{jet}$ 

 $\vec{p}_{\rm B}$ 

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Z =

#### Bottom-tagged jets

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Peak at large z welldescribed by models at medium jet  $p_{\rm T}$ 







 $\vec{p}_{\rm B}$ 



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Similarity between mid- and forwardrapidity jets

CMS: "data show a relatively large degree of surrounding jet activity, indicative of  $J/\psi$  production inside of parton showers."



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  - Systematically probe nonperturbative effects such as hadronization



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Models within uncertainties

$$x_{\rm F}({\rm c}) = \frac{2|p_z({\rm c})|}{\sqrt{s}}$$



 $q_i \xrightarrow{x}$ 

 $v^+$ 



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