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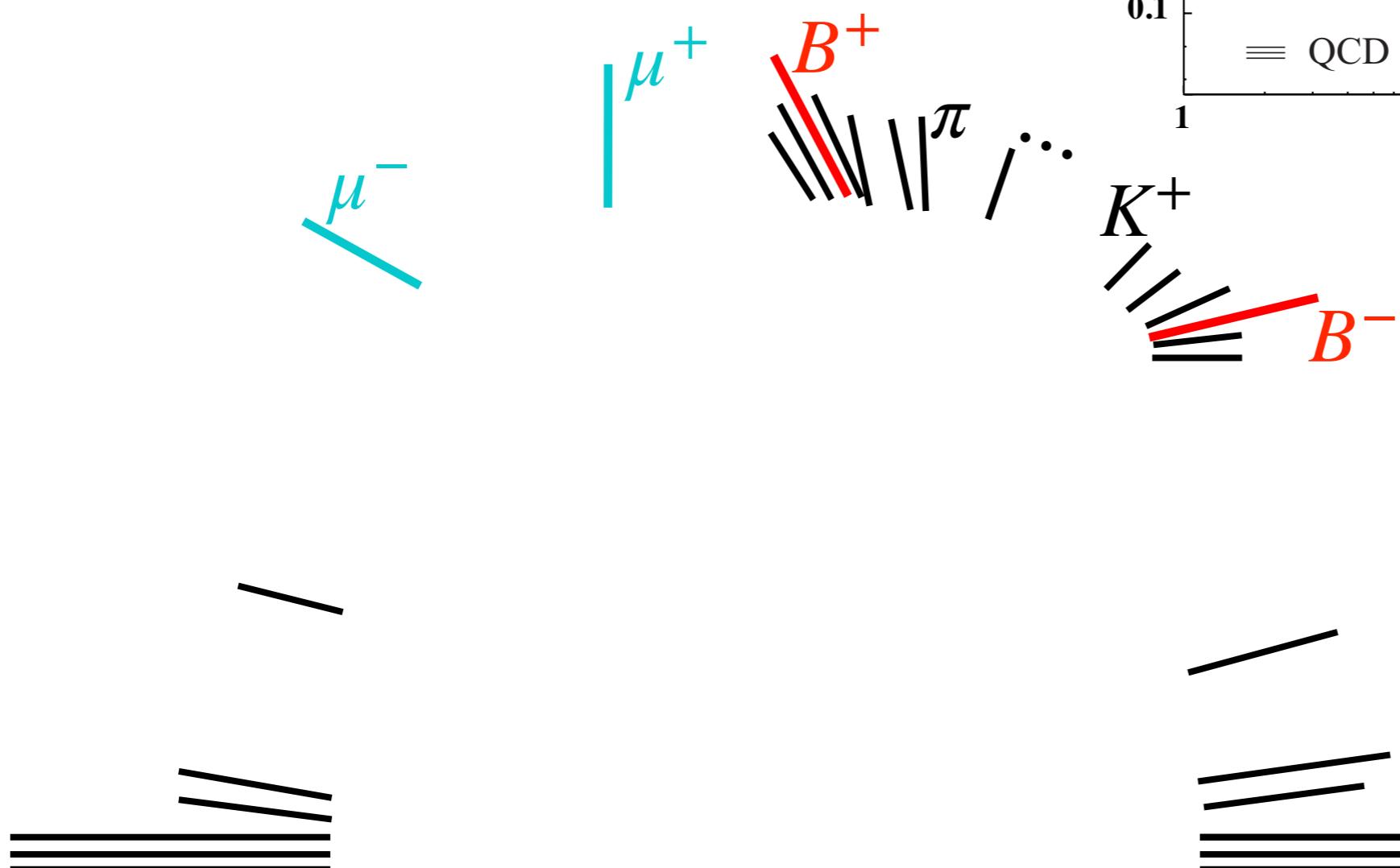
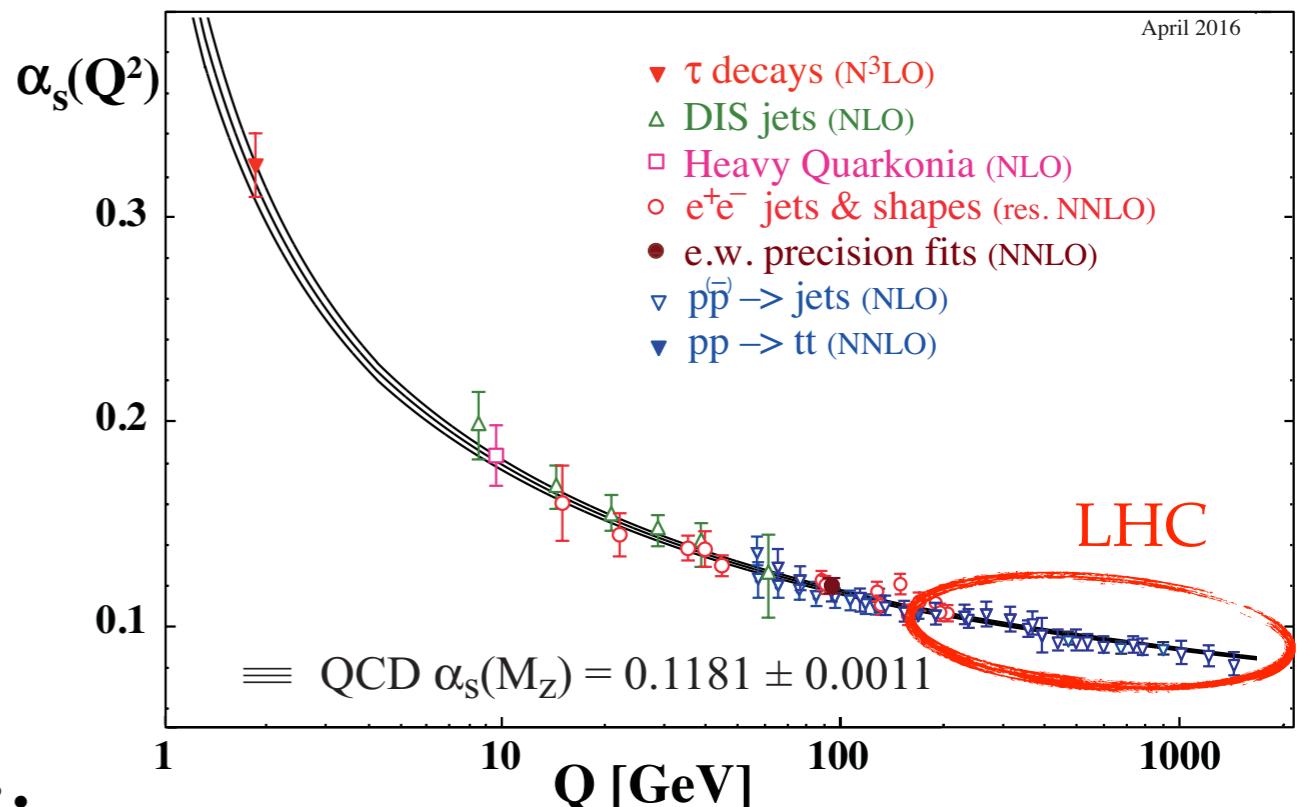
## Lectures 4 & 5: jets

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Fabrizio Caola, Jack Helliwell and Peter Skands

(with extensive use of material by  
Matteo Cacciari and Gregory Soyez)

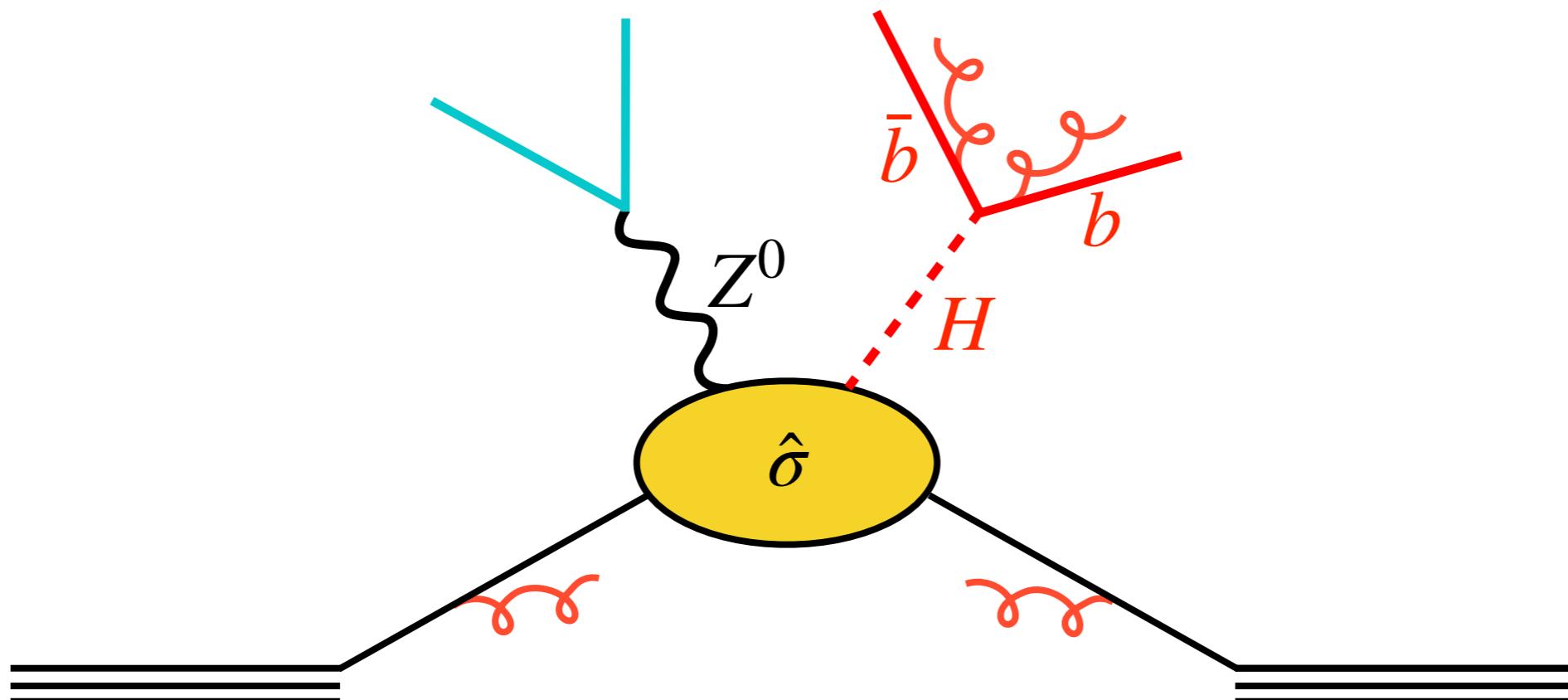
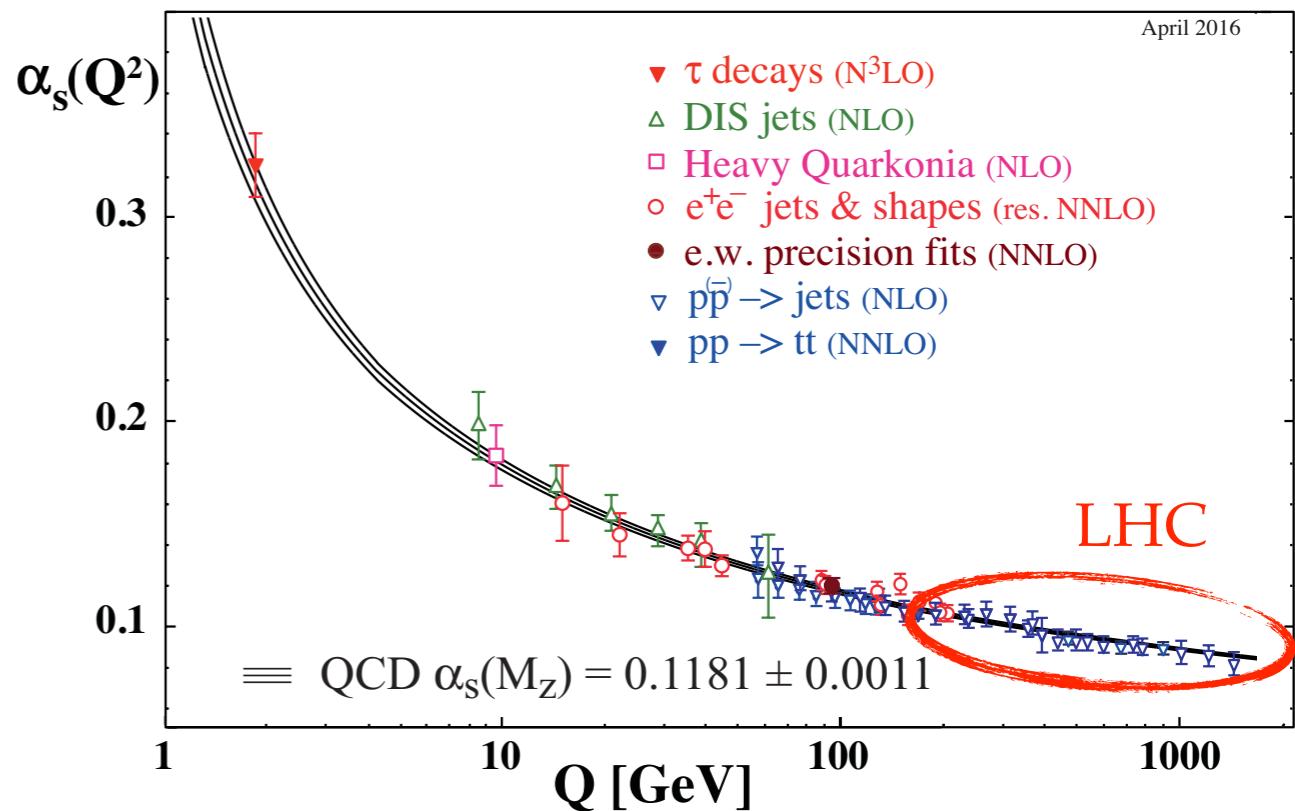
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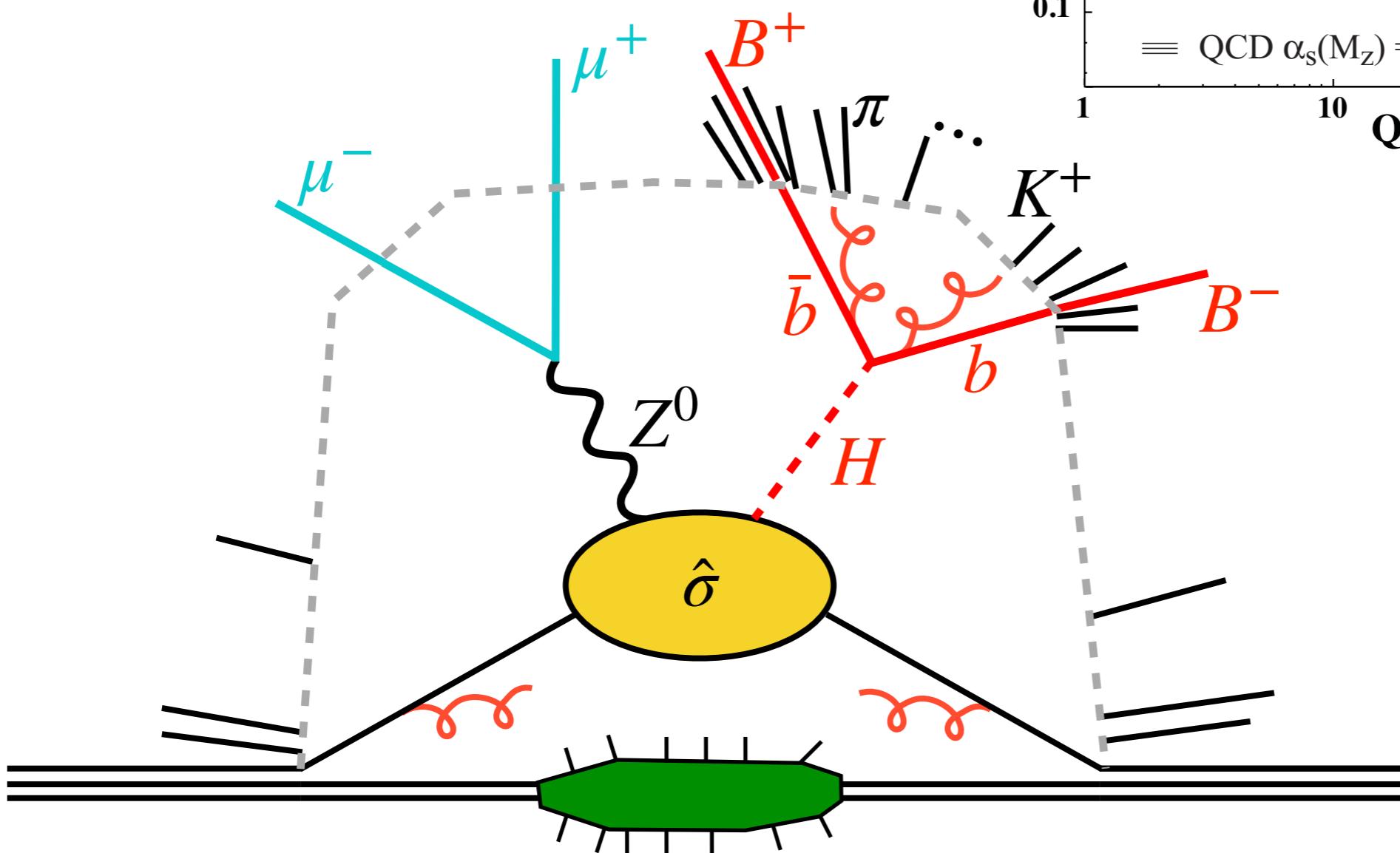
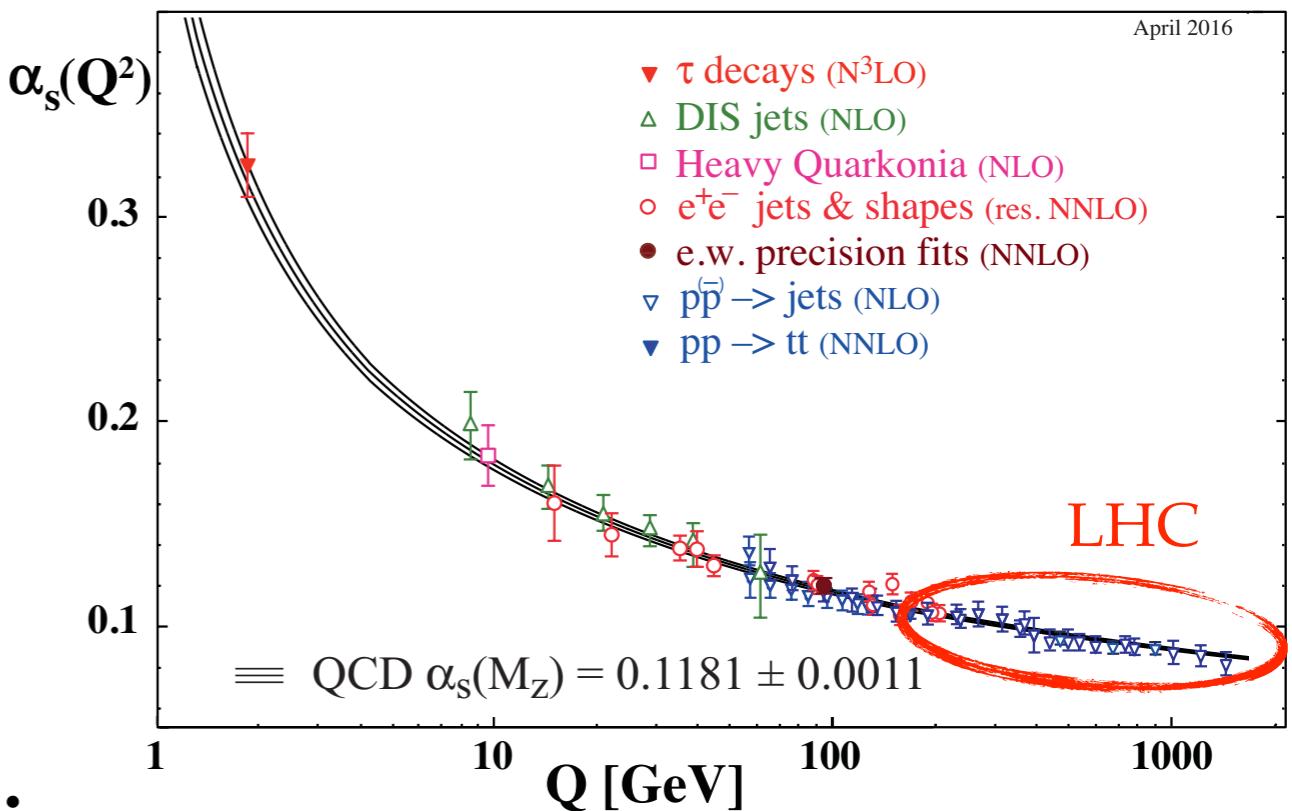
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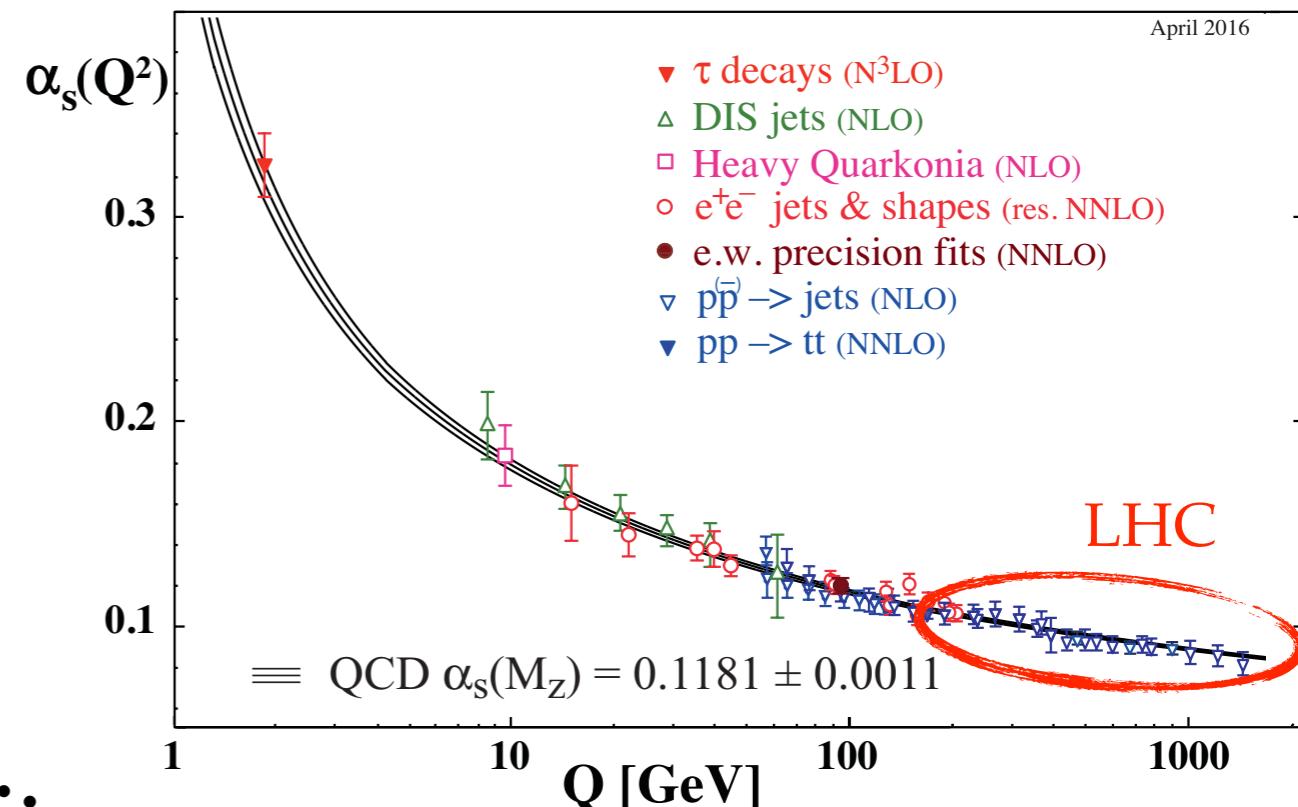
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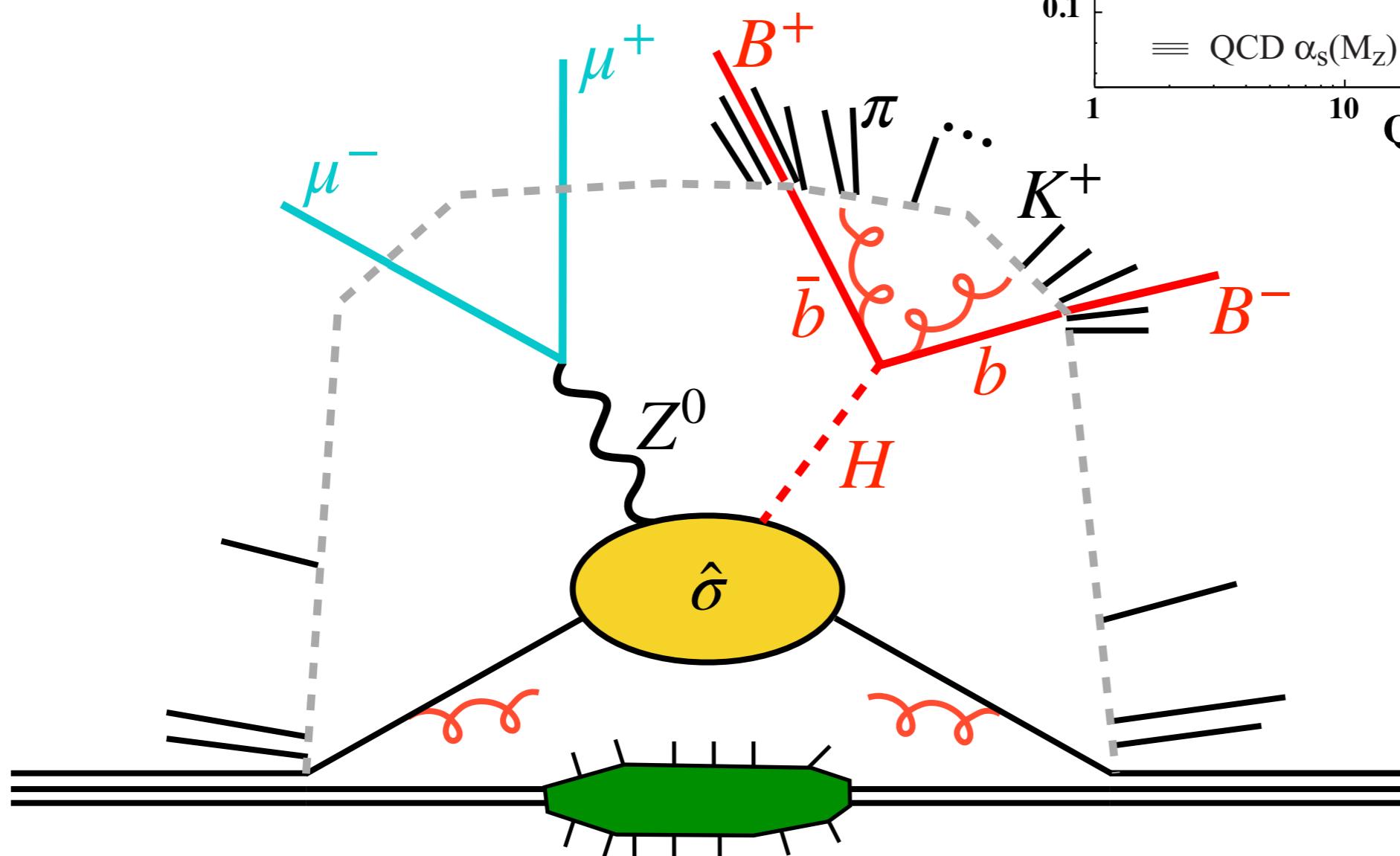
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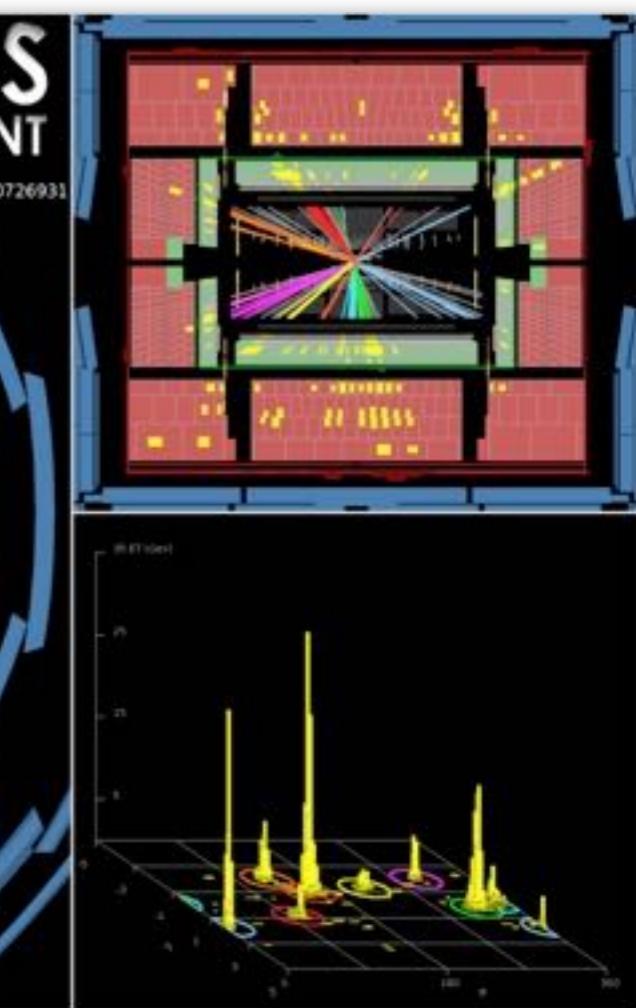
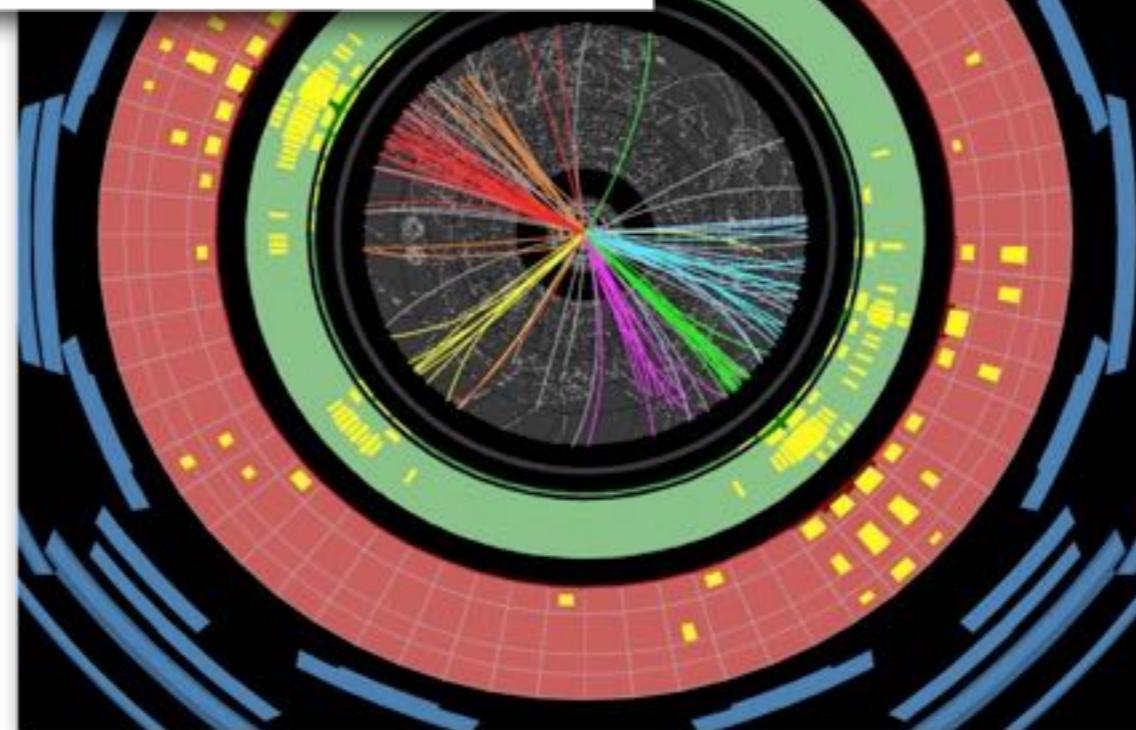
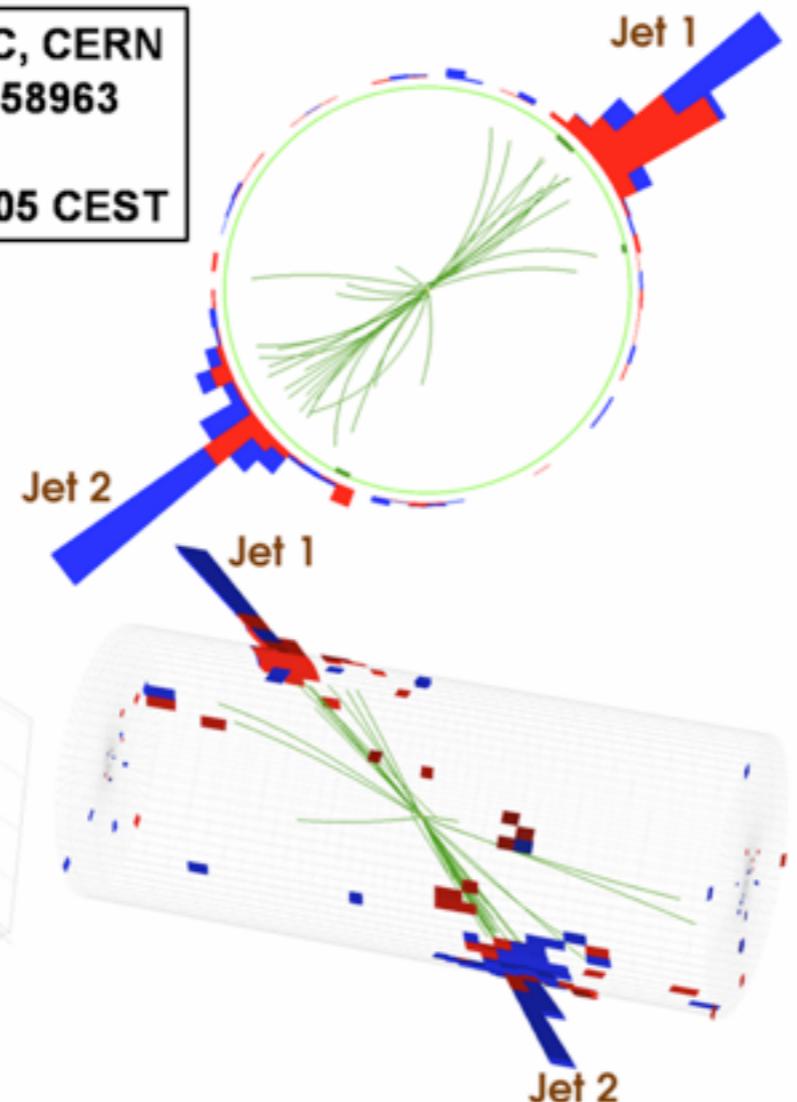
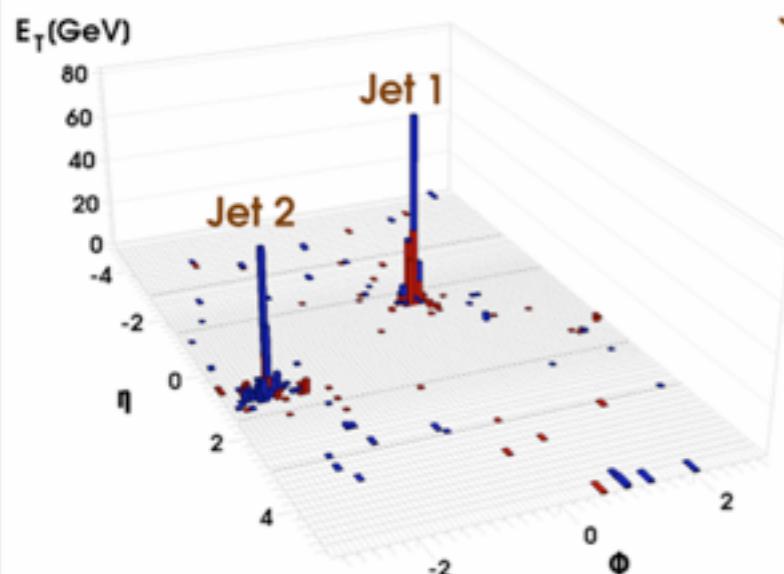
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Weeks 7 & 8: QCD simulation (Helliwell, Skands)





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**JETS**  
Collimated,  
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of particles

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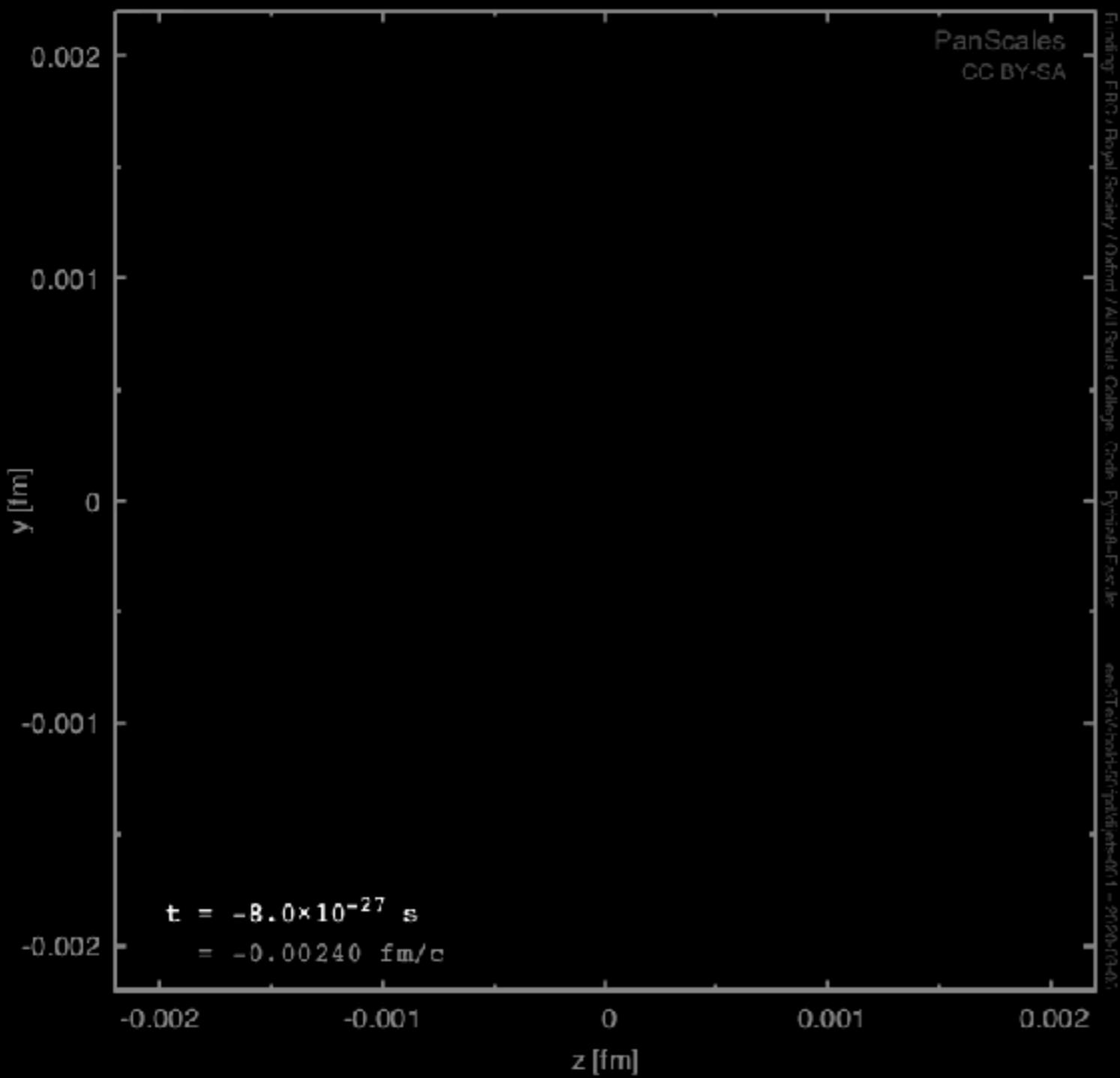
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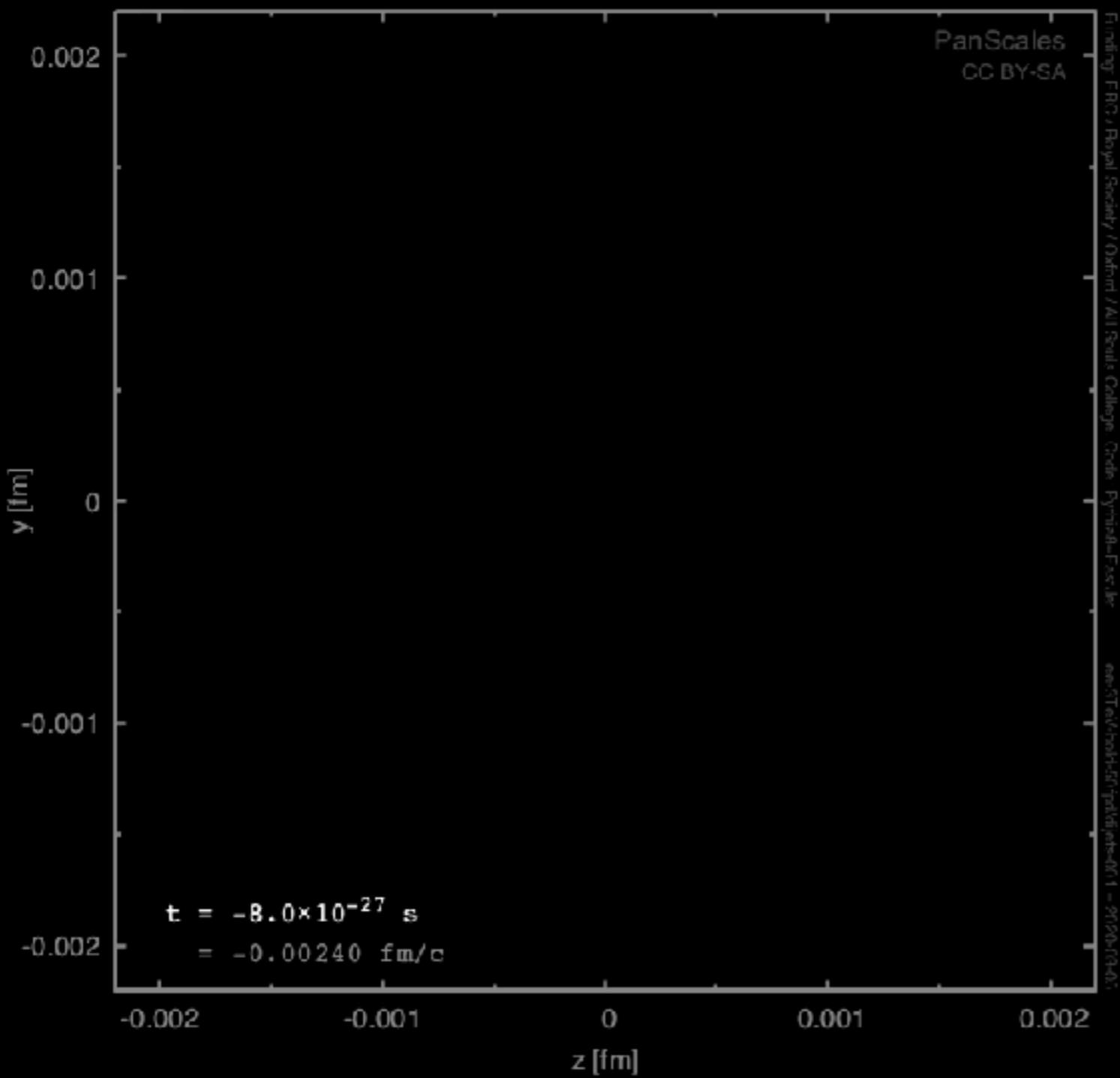
> 60% of papers use jets!



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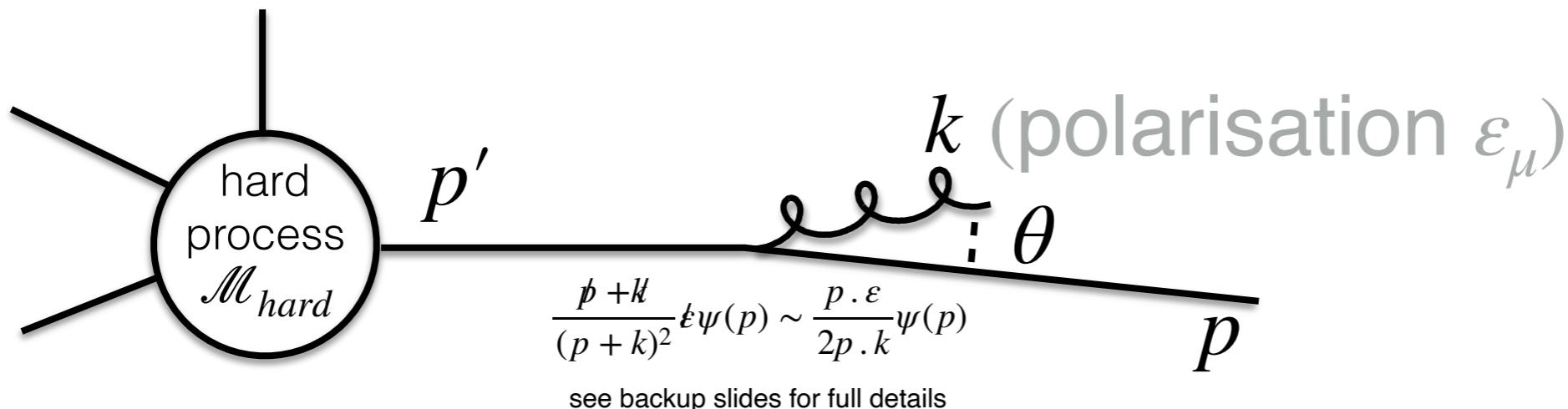
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why do quarks and  
gluons fragment into jets?

# Soft & collinear gluon emission



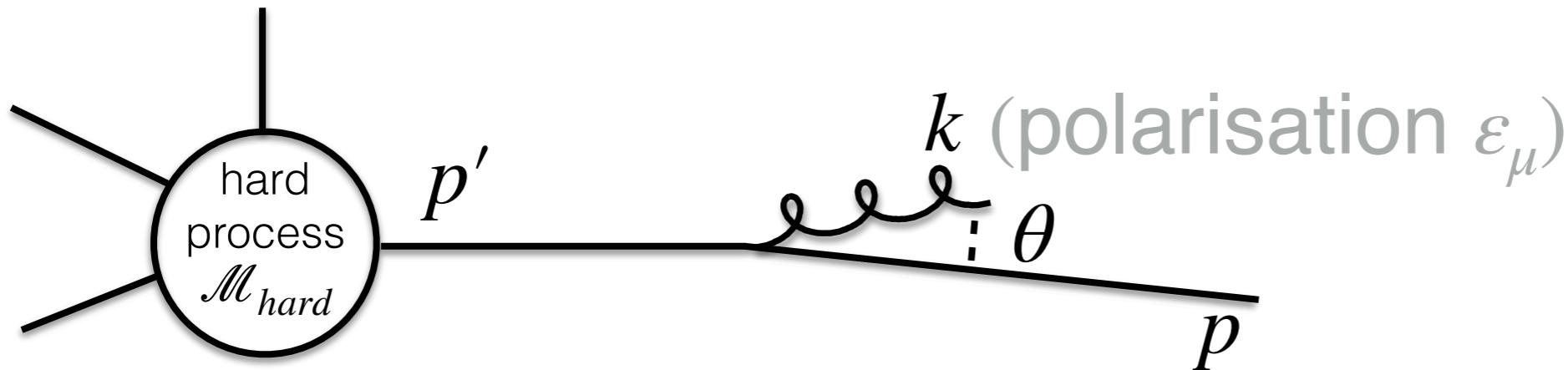
- **soft limit:** low-energy gluon emission:  $E_k \ll E_p$
- **collinear limit:** small-angle emission,  $\theta \ll 1$
- amplitude: (leaving out colour factors)

$$\mathcal{M} \propto \mathcal{M}_{hard} \cdot g_s \frac{p \cdot \varepsilon}{p \cdot k} \simeq \mathcal{M}_{hard} \cdot g_s \frac{\sin \theta}{E_k(1 - \cos \theta)} \simeq \mathcal{M}_{hard} \cdot g_s \frac{2}{E_k \theta}$$

- phase space:

$$d\Phi \simeq d\Phi_{hard} \frac{E_k^2 dE_k}{(2\pi)^3 2E_k} d(\cos \theta) d\phi \simeq d\Phi_{hard} \cdot E_k dE_k \frac{\theta d\theta}{4\pi^2} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi}$$

# Soft & collinear gluon emission



- Full result:

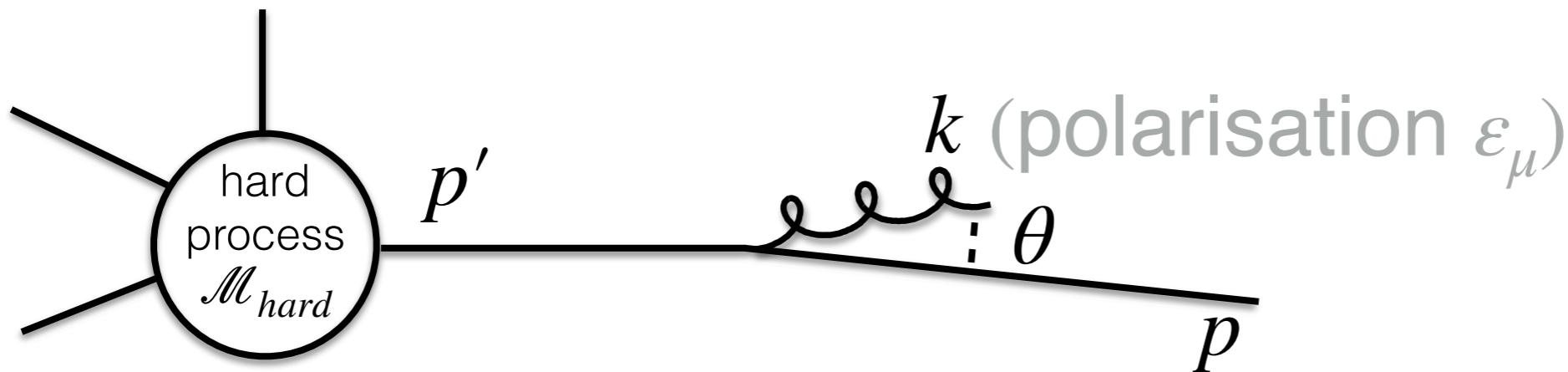
$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 d\Phi \simeq |\mathcal{M}_{hard}|^2 d\Phi_{hard} \cdot \frac{2C_F \alpha_s}{\pi} \frac{dE_k}{E_k} \frac{d\theta}{\theta}$$

- **factorises** into product of original hard matrix element and an additional soft-gluon emission probability

$$dP_{soft-gluon-emission} = \frac{2C_F \alpha_s}{\pi} \frac{dE_k}{E_k} \frac{d\theta}{\theta}$$

- **diverges** in soft ( $E_k \rightarrow 0$ ) and collinear ( $\theta \rightarrow 0$ ) limits

# total probability of gluon emission



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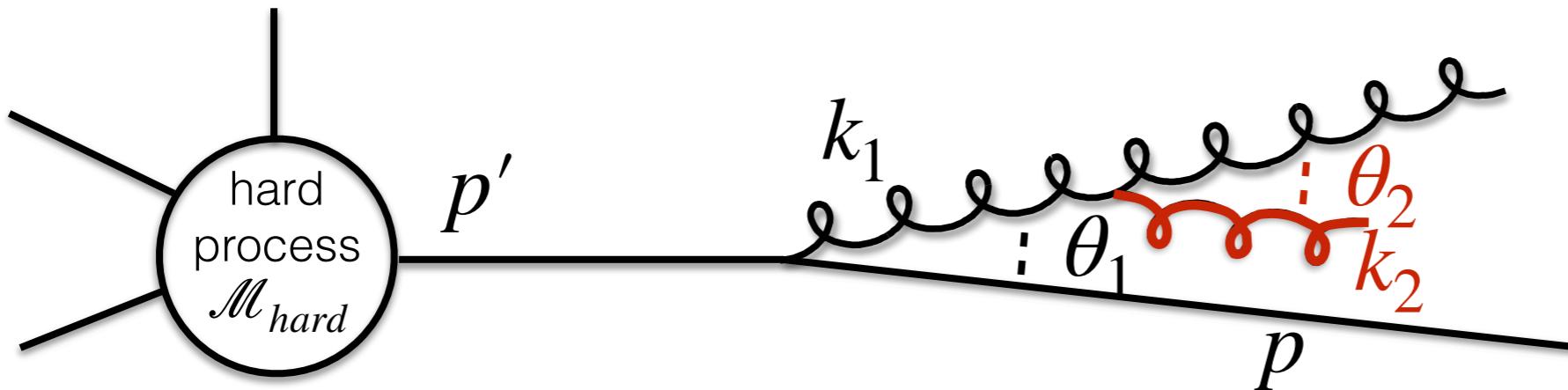
$$\langle N_{gluon} \rangle \simeq P_{gluon-emission} = \int dP = \frac{2\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \int_{\Lambda_{QCD}/E_p}^1 \frac{d\theta}{\theta} \int_{\Lambda_{QCD}/\theta}^{E_p} \frac{dE_k}{E_k} = \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \ln^2 \frac{E_p}{\Lambda_{QCD}}$$

Suppose (~wrongly!) that scale of the coupling is given by  $E_p$ , i.e. use  $\alpha_s(E_p) = (2b_0 \ln E_p / \Lambda_{QCD})^{-1}$ , then

$$\langle N_{gluon} \rangle \simeq P_{gluon-emission} \simeq \frac{C_F}{\pi b_0} \ln \frac{E_p}{\Lambda_{QCD}} \sim \frac{1}{\alpha_s} \gg 1$$

i.e. gluon emission is bound to happen and the average number of gluons is large

# emission of gluon from gluon?



Emission of gluon 1 from gluon 2 also **factorises**, with colour factor  $C_A = 3$ , instead of  $C_F = 4/3$ :

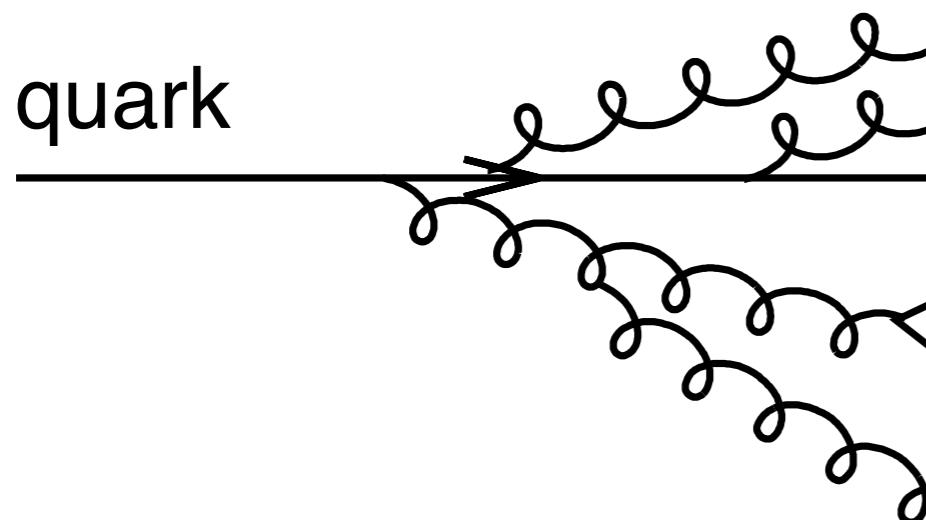
$$dP_{\text{gluon-2-from-gluon-1}} = \frac{2C_A \alpha_s}{\pi} \frac{dE_2}{E_2} \frac{d\theta_2}{\theta_2}$$

Additional gluon radiation due to emission from gluon 1 is confined within a cone of angle  $\theta_2 \lesssim \theta_1$  (a.k.a. **Angular Ordering**) and will have energy  $E_2 \lesssim E_1$

Total extra number of gluons emitted from gluon 1:

$$\frac{\alpha_s C_A}{\pi} \ln^2 \frac{E_1 \theta_1}{\Lambda_{QCD}}$$

# Why do we see jets?

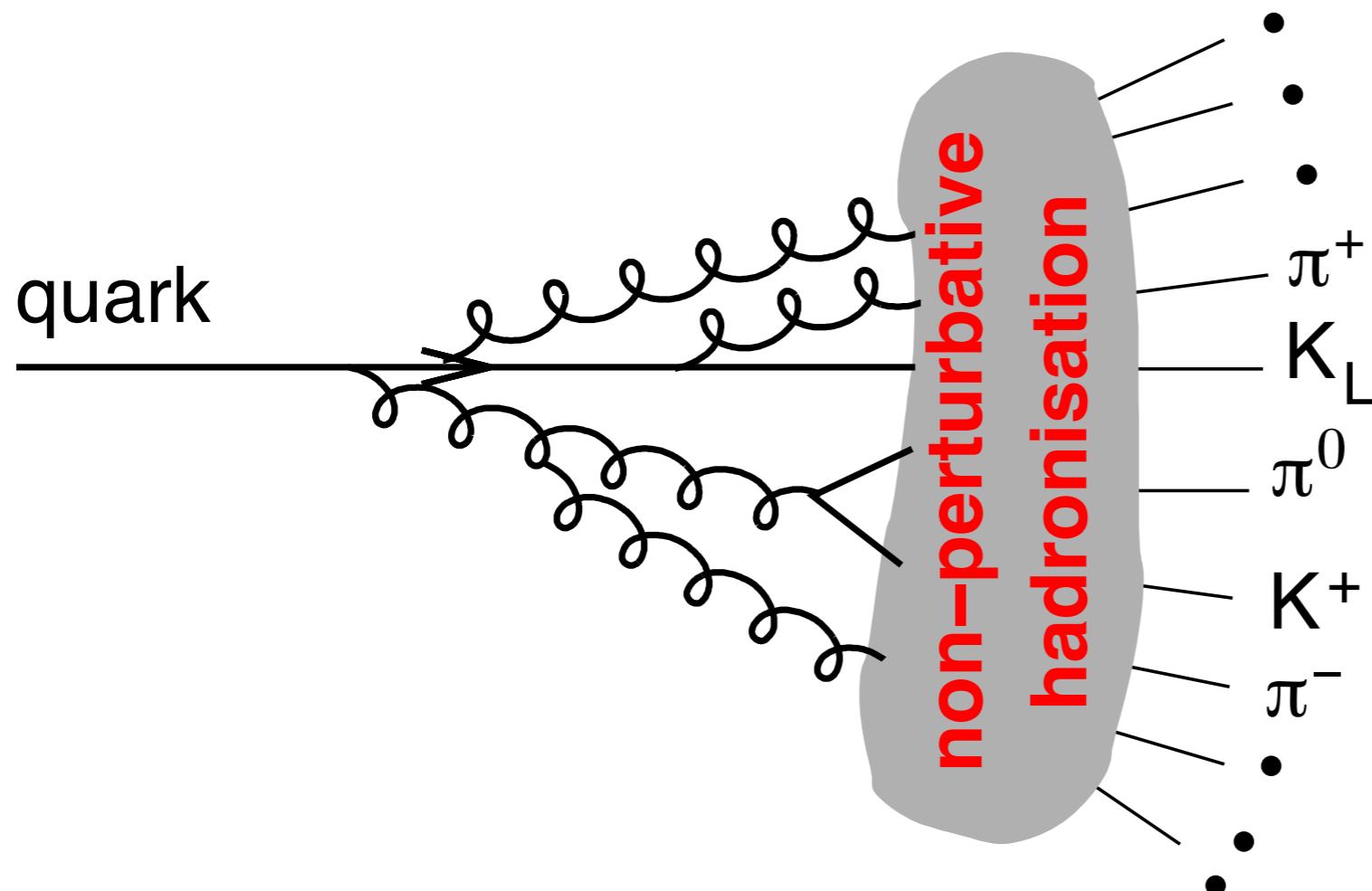


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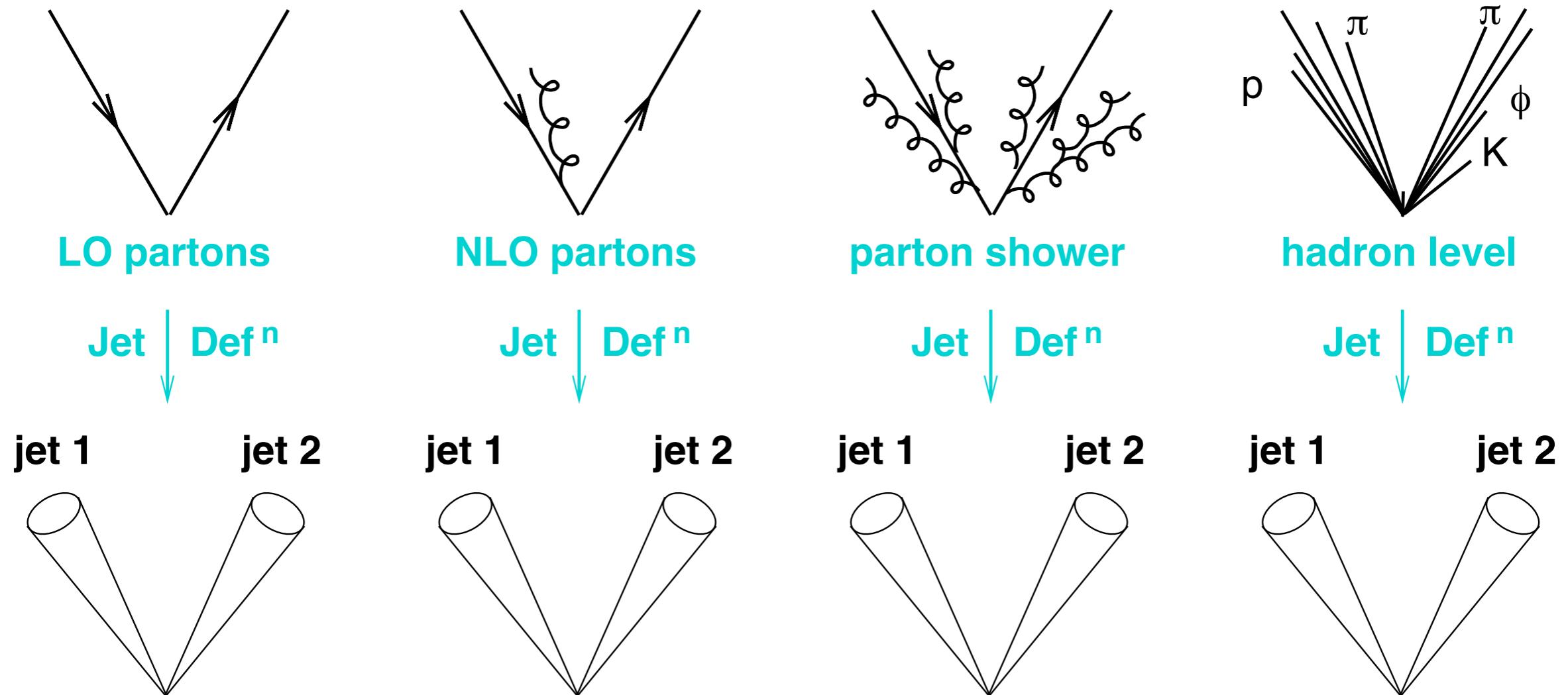
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When the partons become separated by a distance  $\sim 1/\Lambda_{QCD}$  they **confine** into hadrons.  
The hadrons go in similar directions to the partons

giving a collimated jet of partons (mostly gluons)

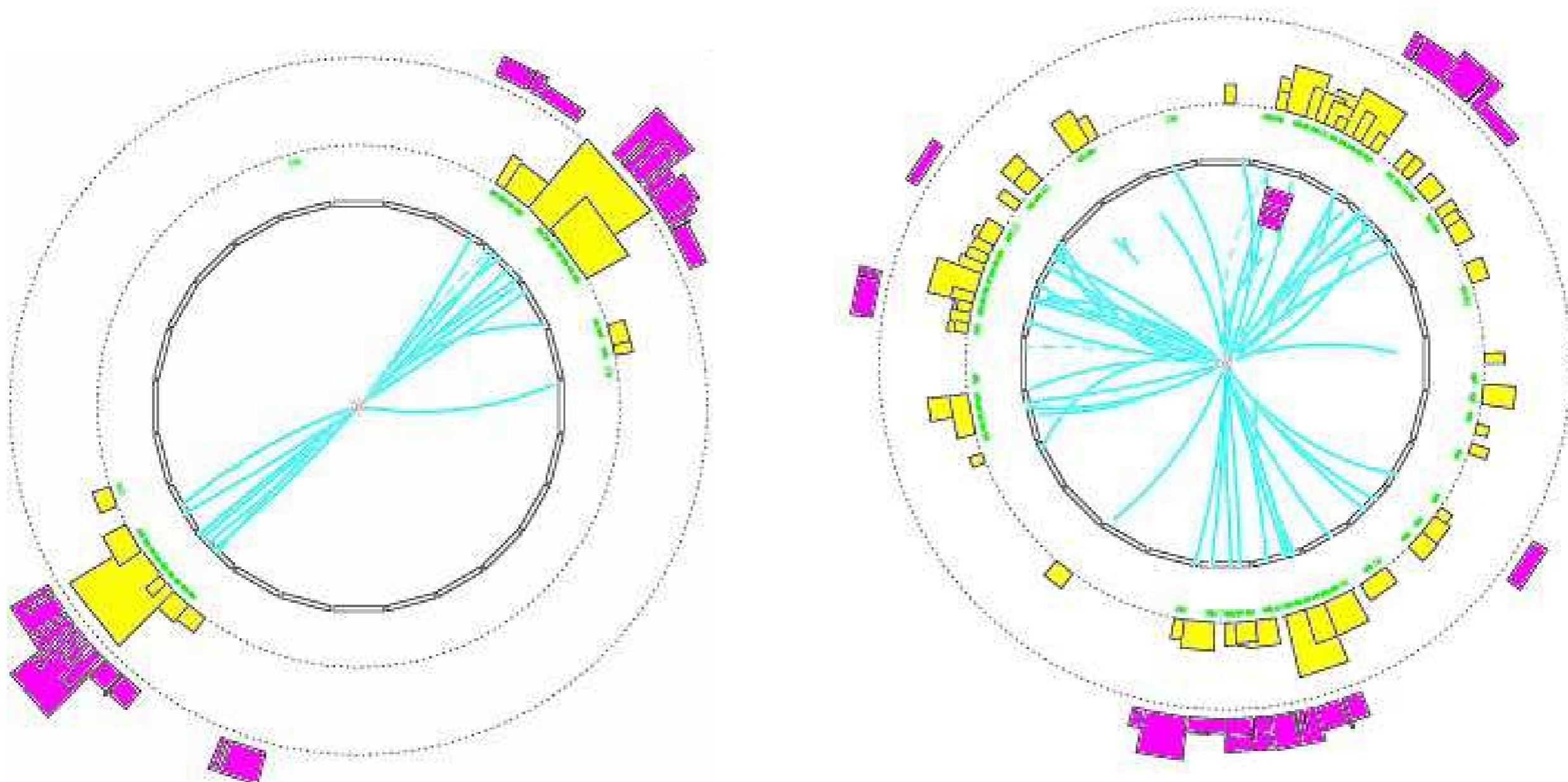
# core ideas in jet reconstruction

# Jet finding as a form of projection

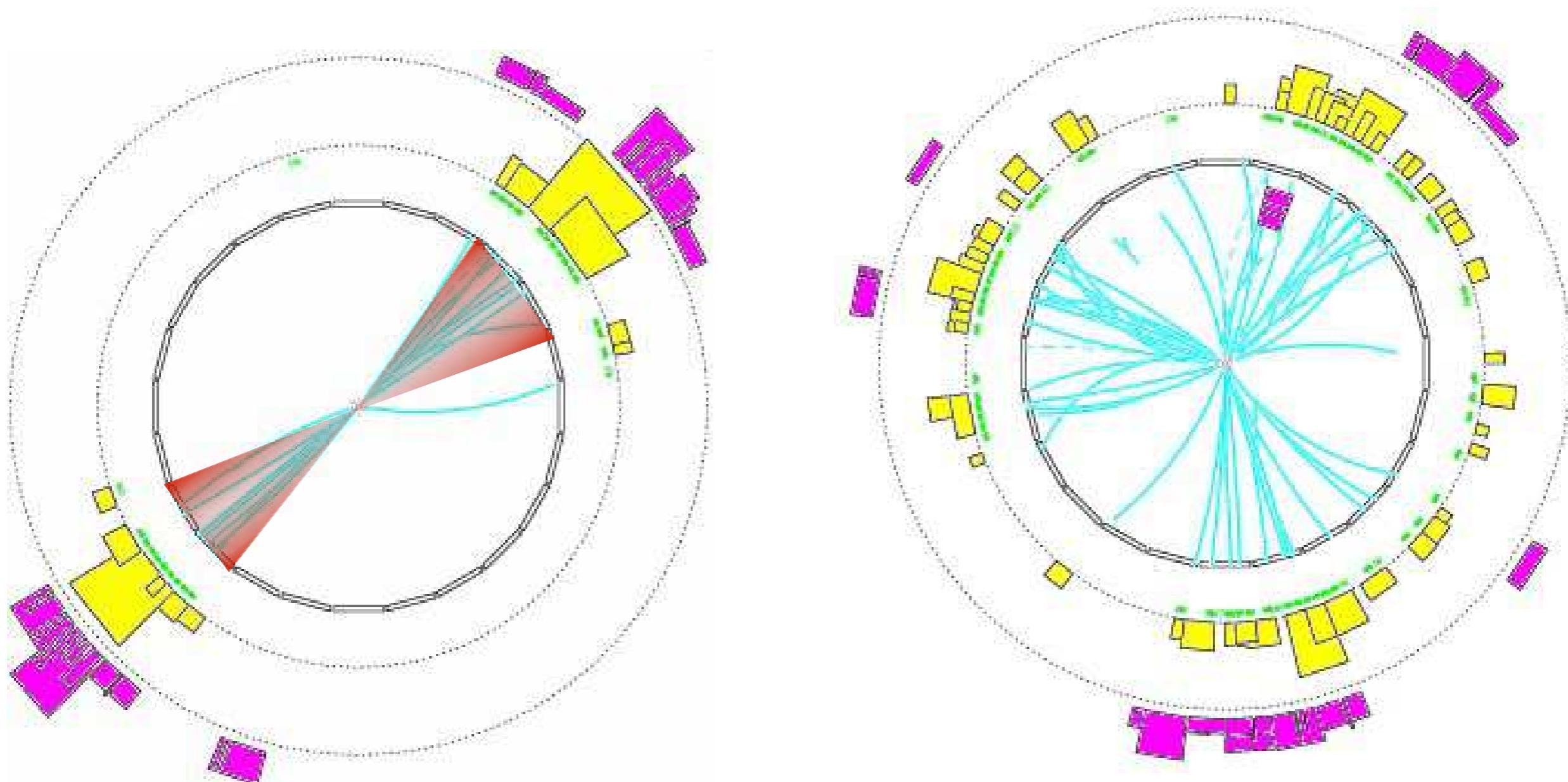


Projection to jets should be resilient to QCD effects

# Reconstructing jets is an ambiguous task

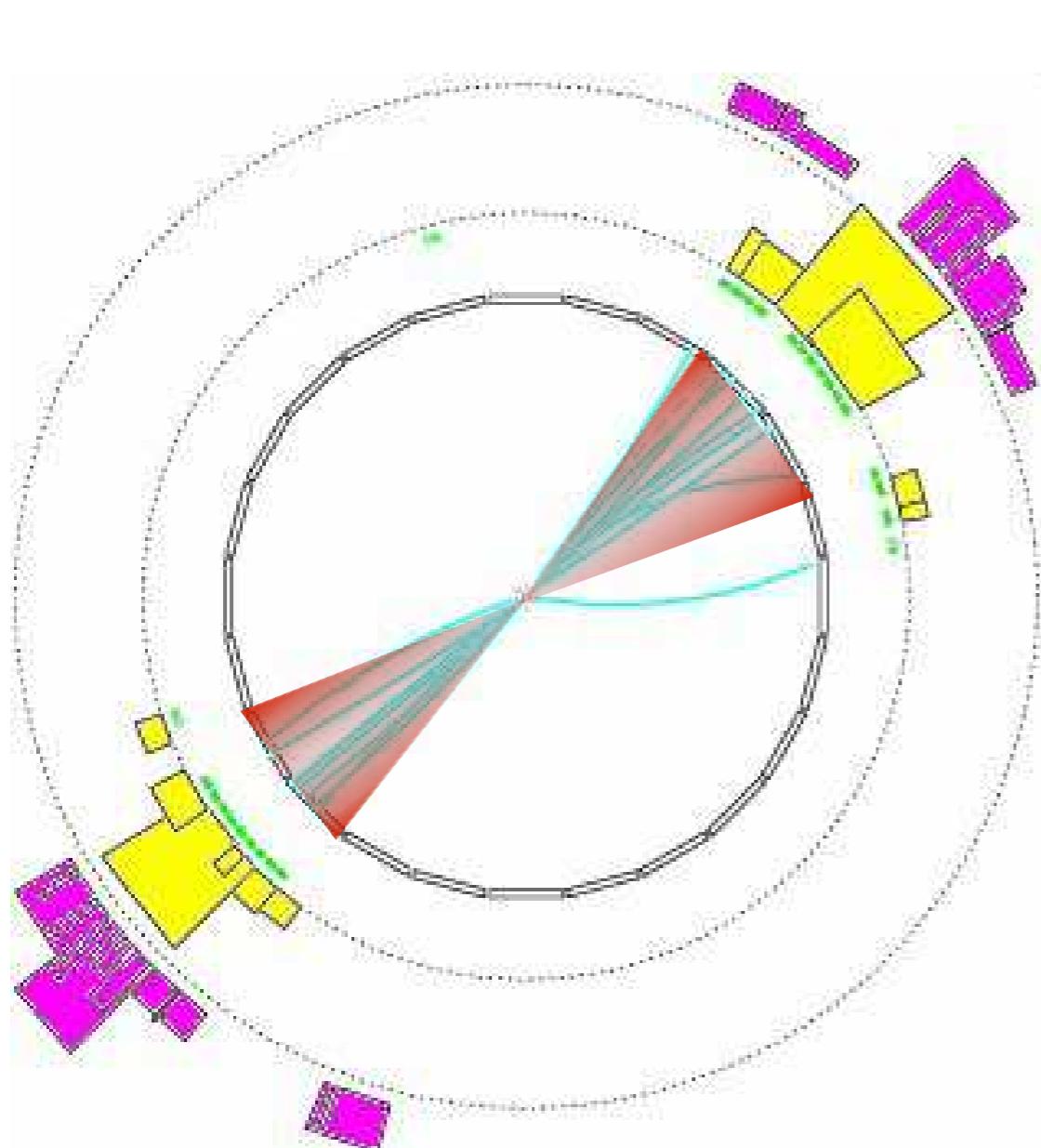


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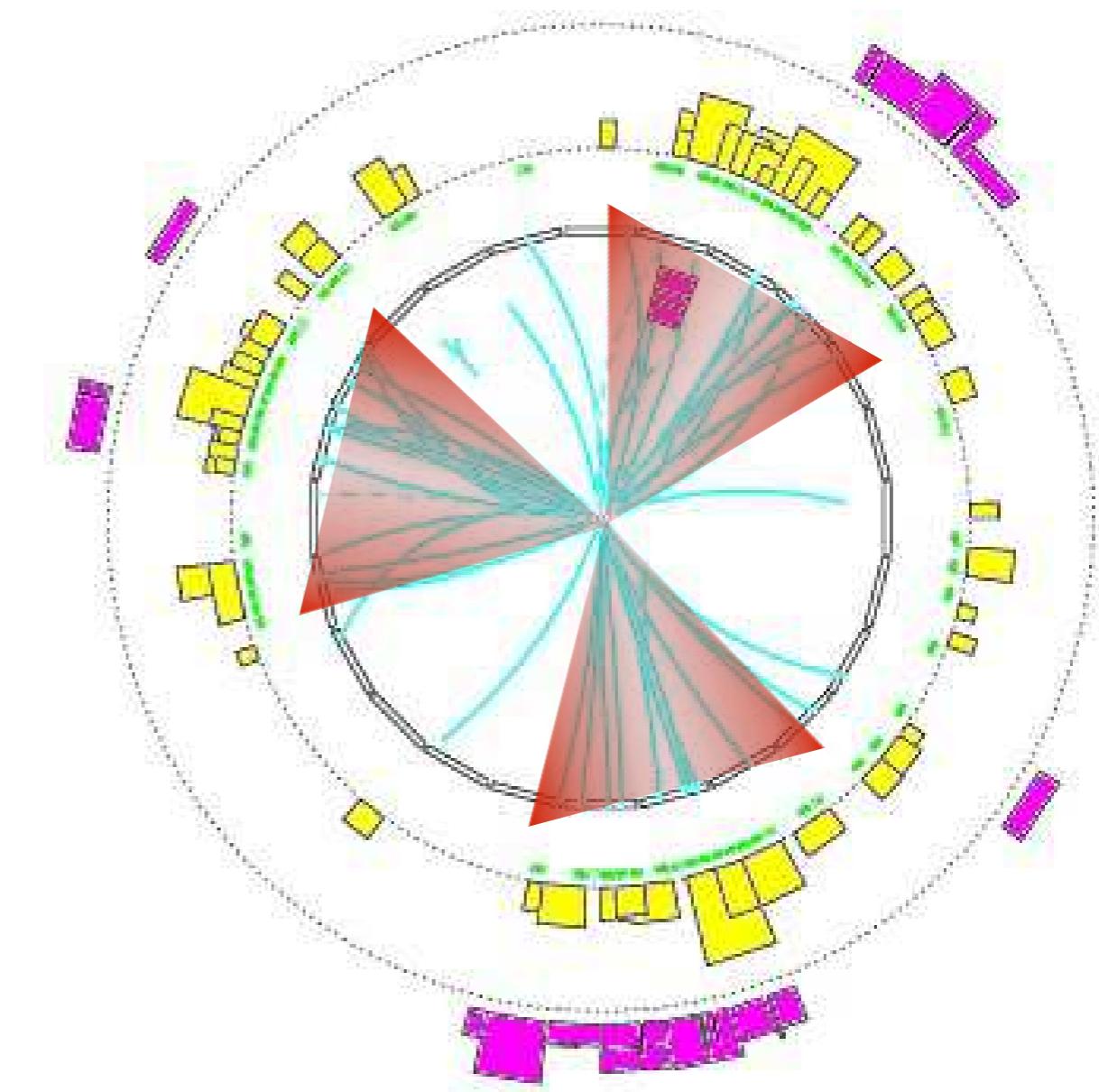


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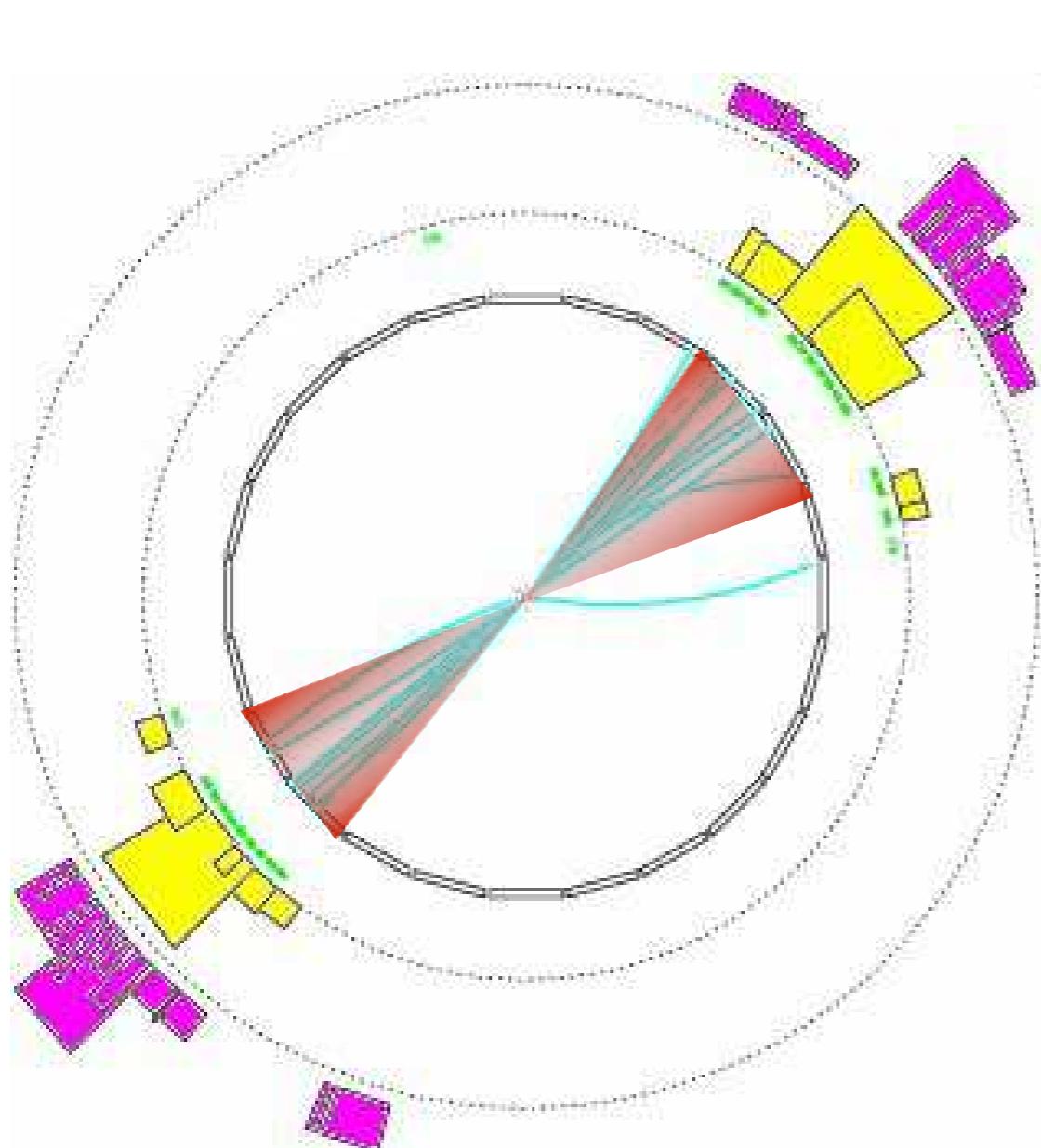


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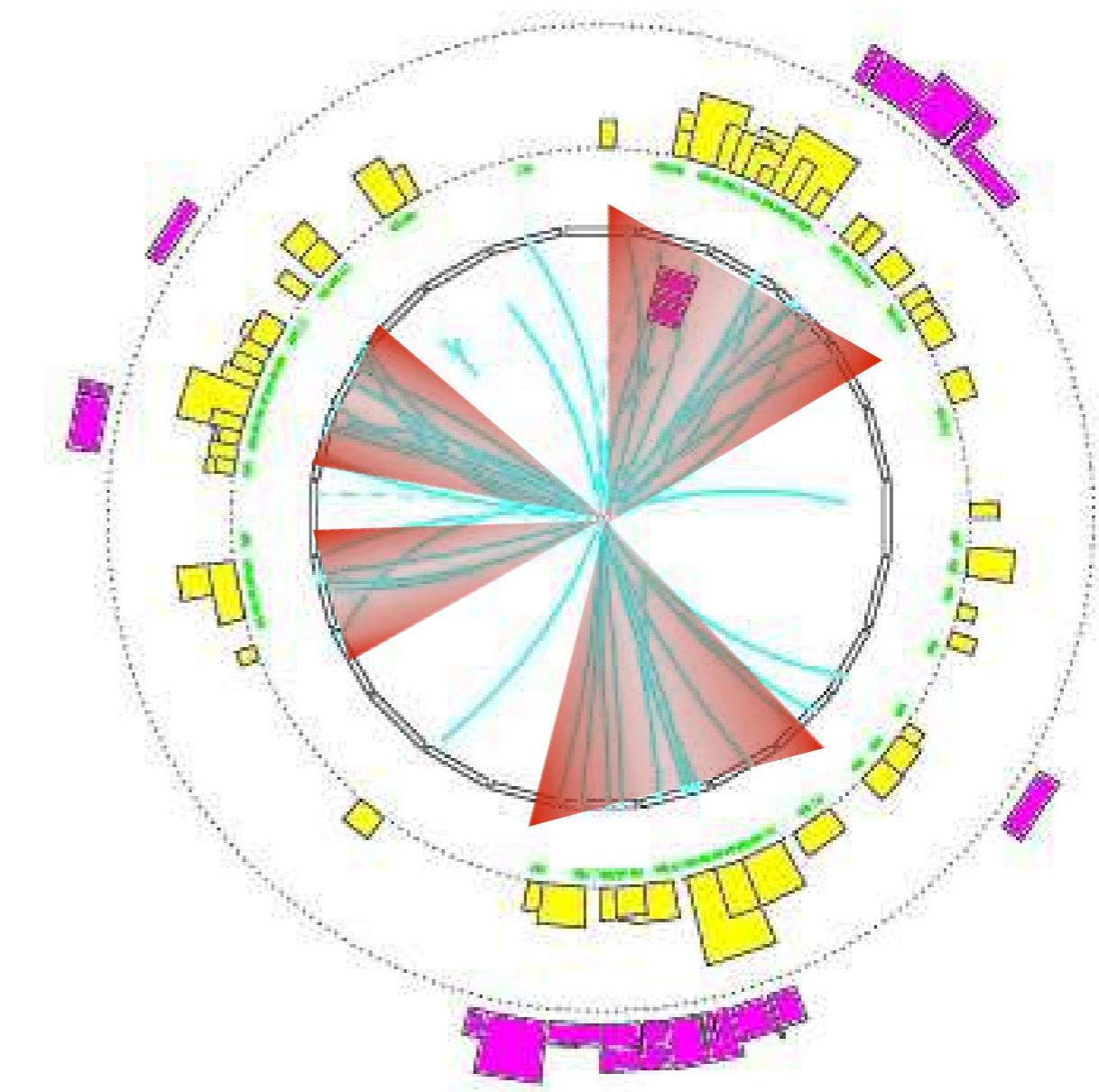


3 jets?

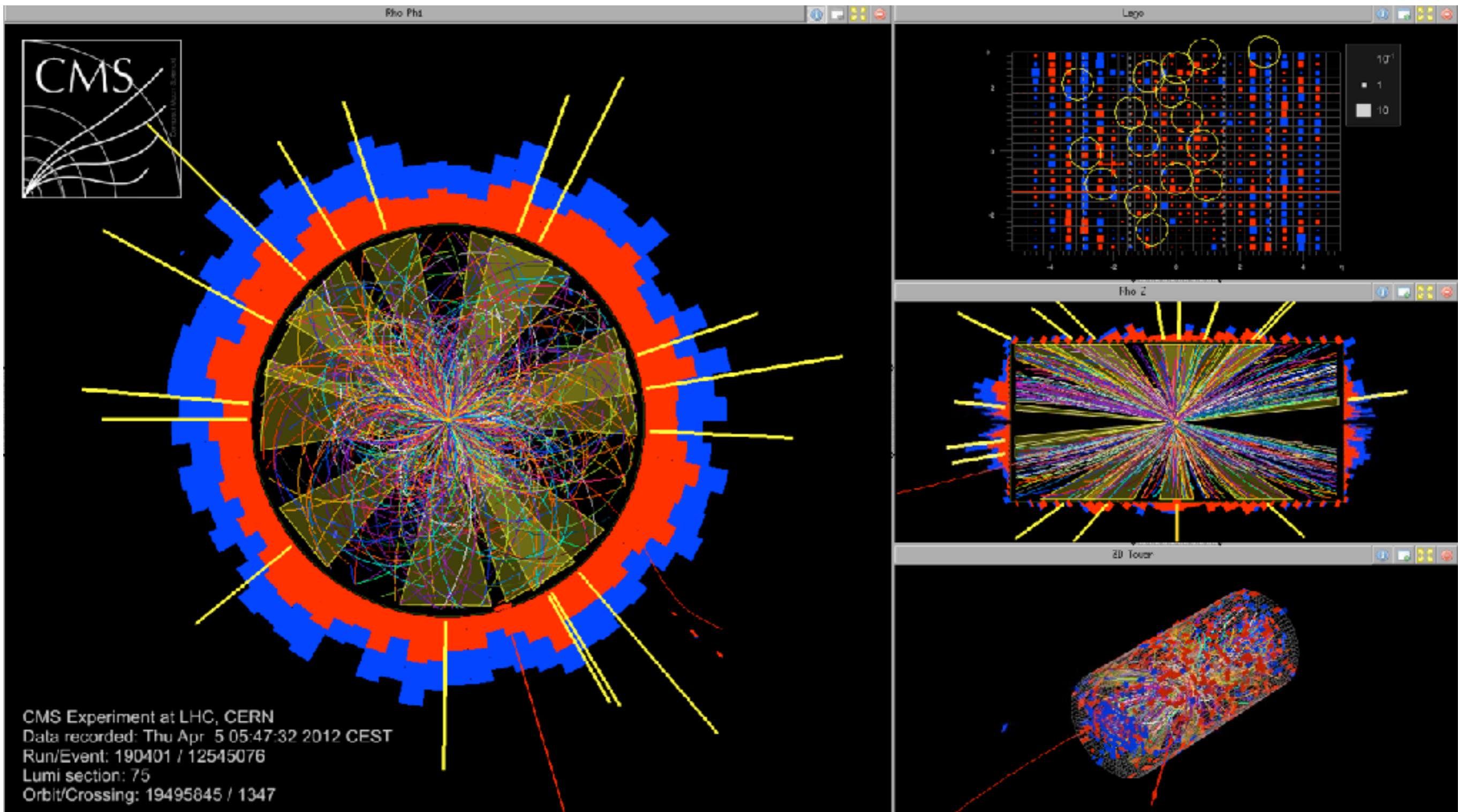
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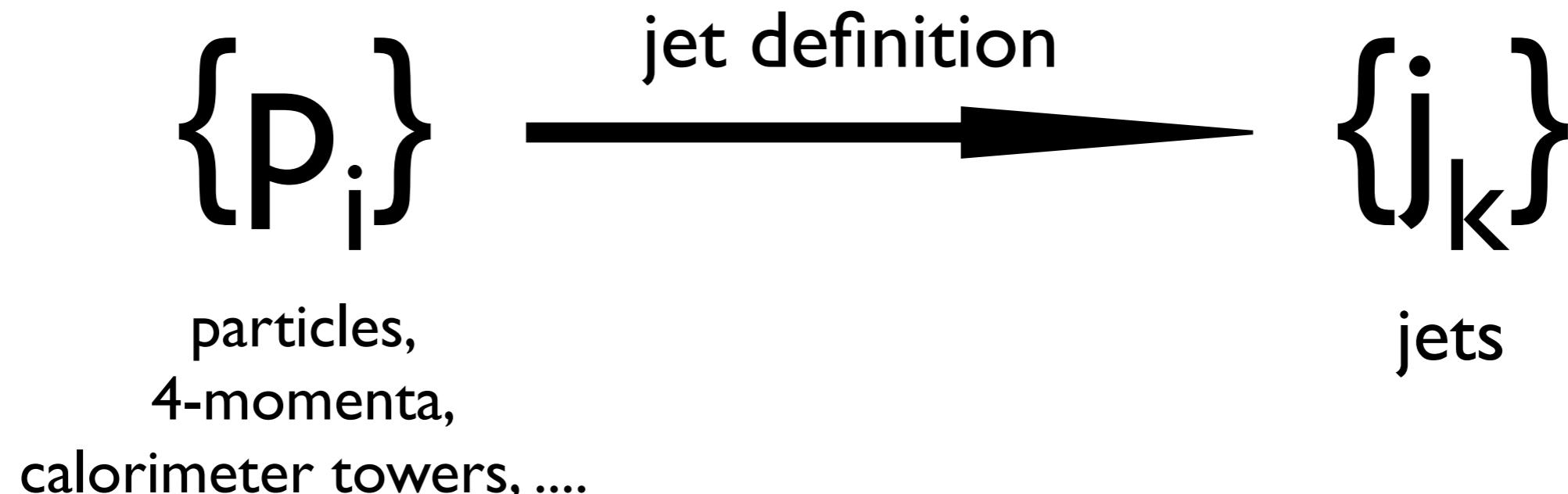
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3 jets?  
or 4 jets?



# Make a choice: specify a jet definition



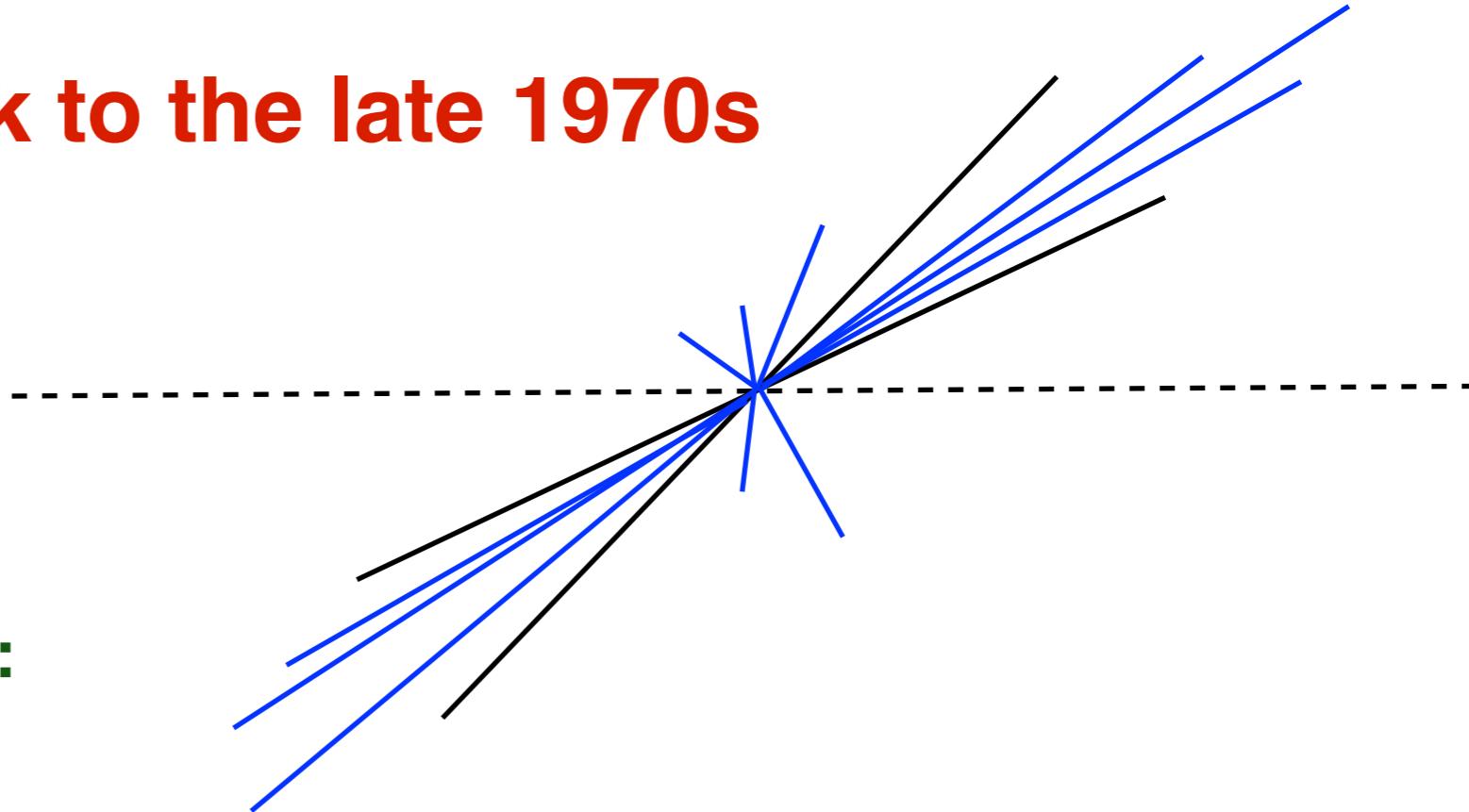
- Which particles do you put together into a same jet?
- How do you recombine their momenta  
(4-momentum sum is the obvious choice, right?)

*“Jet [definitions] are legal contracts between theorists and experimentalists”*  
-- MJ Tannenbaum

They're also a way of organising the information in an event  
1000's of particles per events, up to 40.000.000 events per second

# Jet definitions date back to the late 1970s

Sterman and Weinberg,  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 39, 1436 (1977):

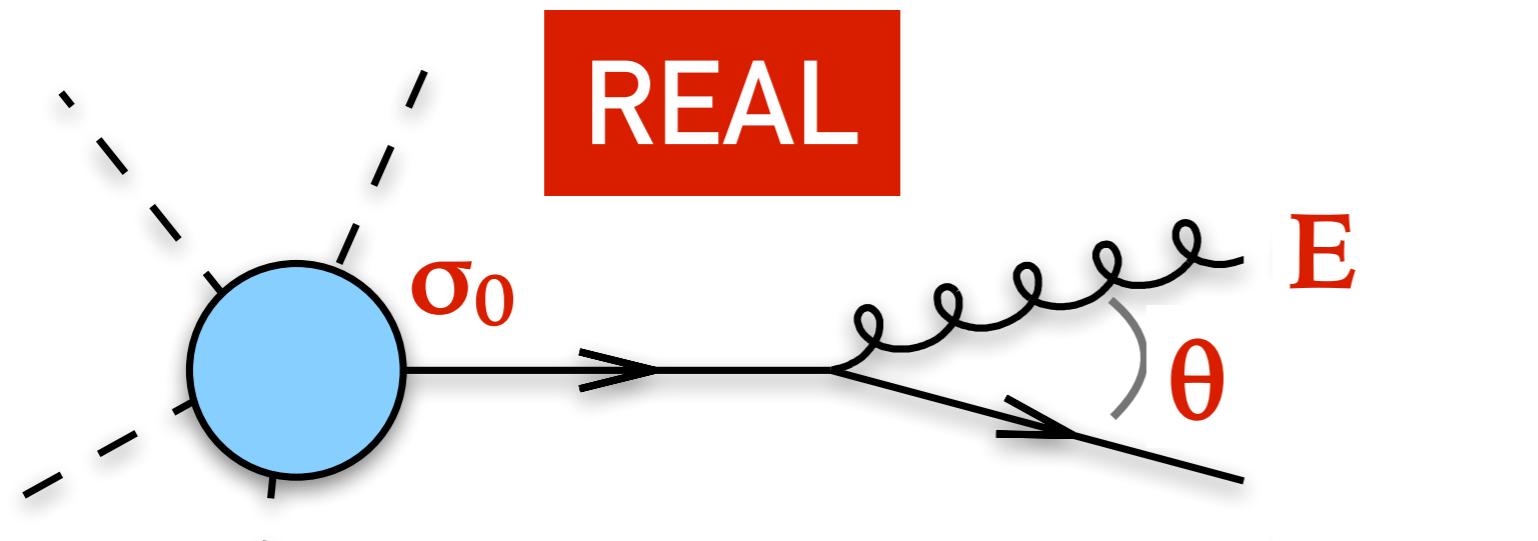


To study jets, we consider the partial cross section

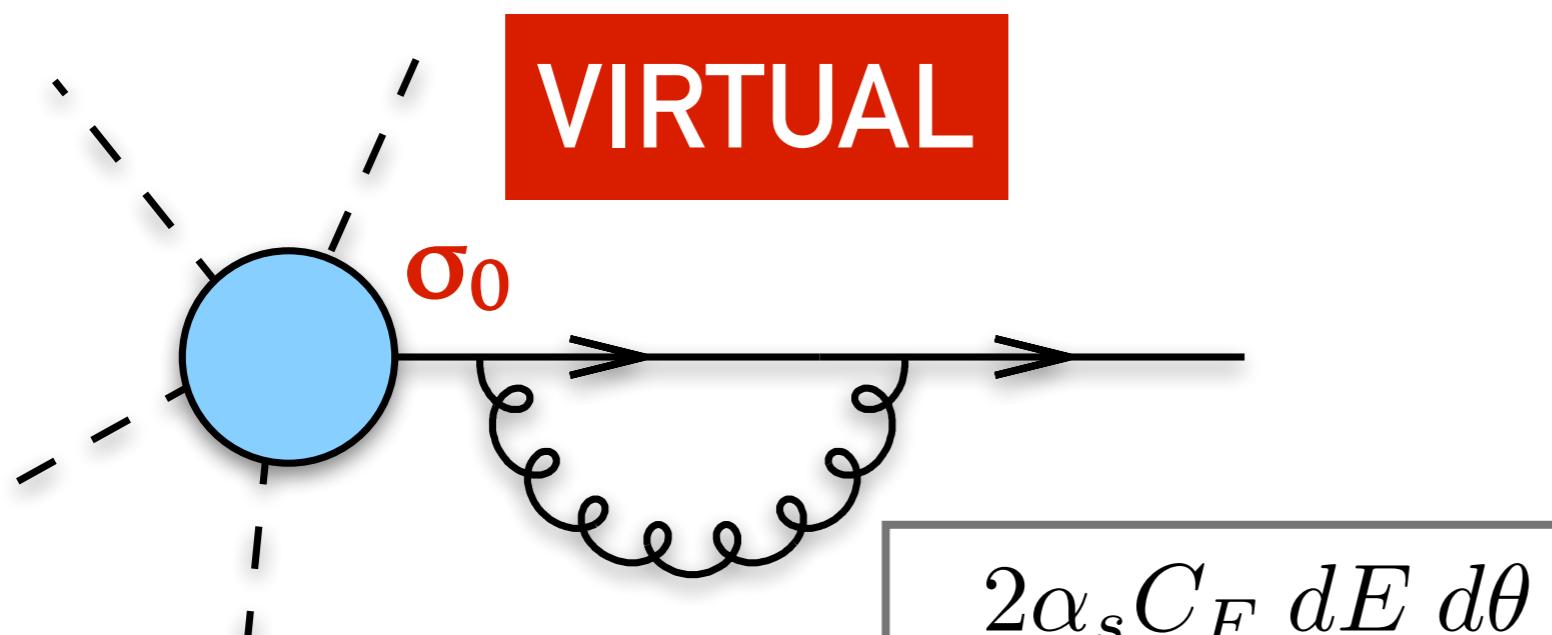
$\sigma(E, \theta, \Omega, \epsilon, \delta)$  for  $e^+e^-$  hadron production events, in which all but  
a fraction  $\epsilon \ll 1$  of the total  $e^+e^-$  energy  $E$  is emitted within  
some pair of oppositely directed cones of half-angle  $\delta \ll 1$ ,  
lying within two fixed cones of solid angle  $\Omega$  (with  $\pi\delta^2 \ll \Omega \ll 1$ )  
at an angle  $\theta$  to the  $e^+e^-$  beam line. We expect this to be measur-

$$\sigma(E, \theta, \Omega, \epsilon, \delta) = (\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega})_0 \Omega \left[ 1 - (g_E^2/3\pi^2) \left\{ 3\ln \delta + 4\ln \delta \ln 2\epsilon + \frac{\pi^3}{3} - \frac{5}{2} \right\} \right]$$

# How do we ensure we get finite cross sections in perturbative QCD?



$$+ \frac{2\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \frac{dE}{E} \frac{d\theta}{\theta}$$



$$- \frac{2\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \frac{dE}{E} \frac{d\theta}{\theta}$$

Divergences are present in both real and virtual diagrams.

If you are “**infrared and collinear safe**”, i.e. your measurement doesn’t care whether a soft/collinear gluon has been emitted then the **real and virtual divergences cancel**.

# Beyond inclusive cross sections: infrared and collinear (IRC) safety

*For an observable's distribution to be calculable in [fixed-order] perturbation theory, the observable should be infra-red safe, i.e. insensitive to the emission of soft or collinear gluons. In particular if  $\vec{p}_i$  is any momentum occurring in its definition, it must be invariant under the branching*

$$\vec{p}_i \rightarrow \vec{p}_j + \vec{p}_k$$

*whenever  $\vec{p}_j$  and  $\vec{p}_k$  are parallel [collinear] or one of them is small [infrared].*

[QCD and Collider Physics (Ellis, Stirling & Webber)]

## Examples

Multiplicity of gluons is not IRC safe

[modified by soft/collinear splitting]

Energy of hardest particle is not IRC safe

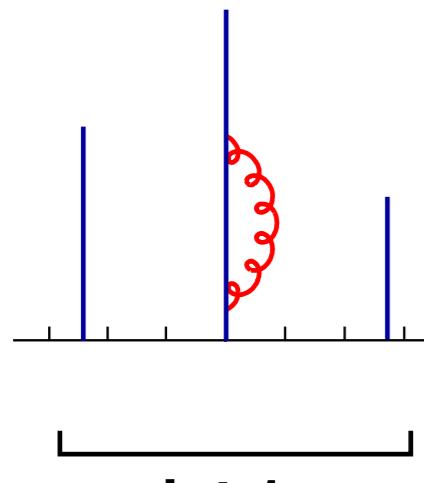
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Energy flow into a cone is IRC safe

[soft emissions don't change energy flow, collinear emissions don't change its direction]

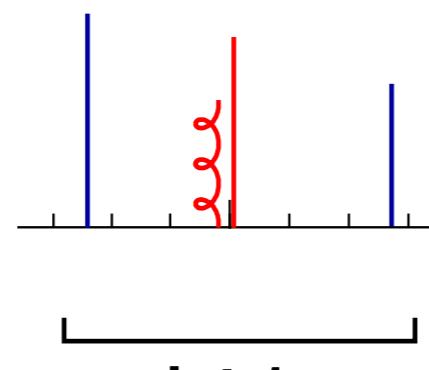
# Key requirement: infrared and collinear safety

## Collinear Safe



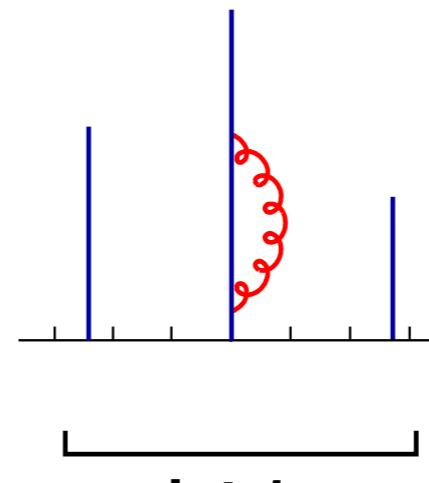
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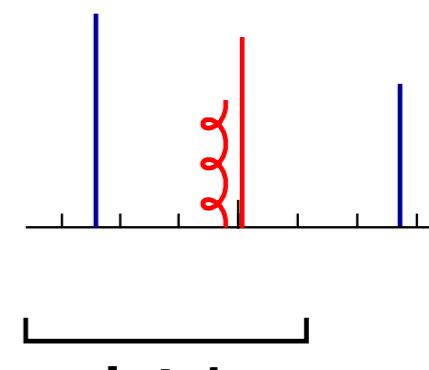
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## Collinear Unsafe



$$\alpha_s^n \times (-\infty)$$

**Infinities do not cancel**



$$\alpha_s^n \times (+\infty)$$

**Invalidates perturbation theory**

# hadron collider jet algorithms

**Two parameters,  $R$**  (jet opening angle) **and  $p_{t,min}$**   
(These are the two parameters in essentially every widely used hadron-collider jet algorithm)

## Sequential recombination algorithm

$$d_{ij} = \min(p_{ti}^2, p_{tj}^2) \frac{\Delta R_{ij}^2}{R^2},$$

$$d_{iB} = p_{ti}^2, \quad \Delta R_{ij}^2 = (y_i - y_j)^2 + (\phi_i - \phi_j)^2$$

Define  $d_{ij}$  distance between every pair of particles as squared transverse momentum ( $k_t$ ) of softer of  $i$  and  $j$  relative to harder one.

It will be small when particles are collinear ( $\Delta R_{ij} \ll 1$ ) or if one of the particles is soft ( $p_{ti}$  or  $p_{tj} \ll$  hard scale).

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If a particle  $i$  has no neighbours  $j$  within a distance  $\Delta R_{ij} \leq R$ , then  $d_{iB} < \text{all } d_{ij}$ , and  $i$  becomes a jet.

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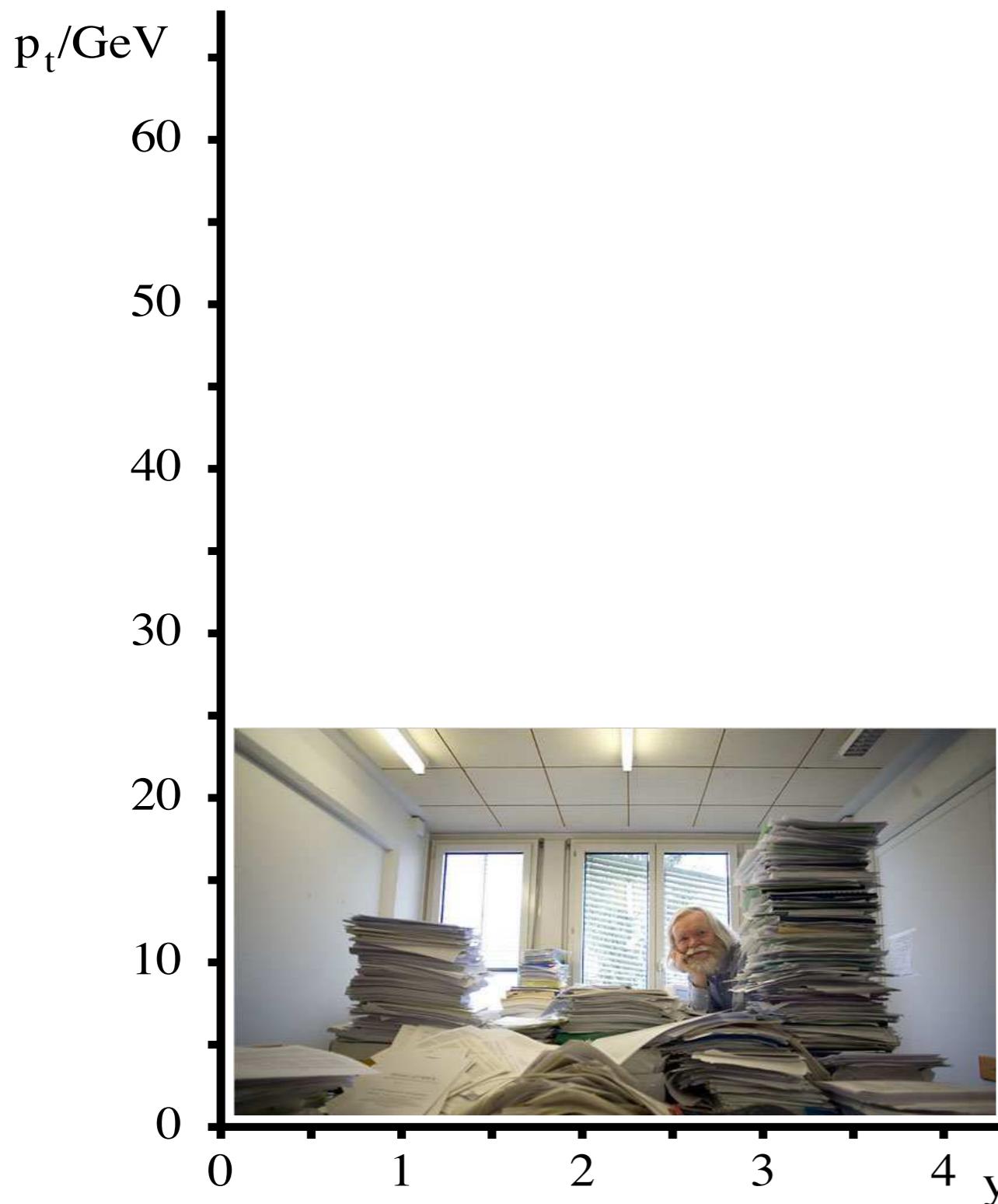
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Example clustering with  $k_t$  algorithm,  $R = 1.0$

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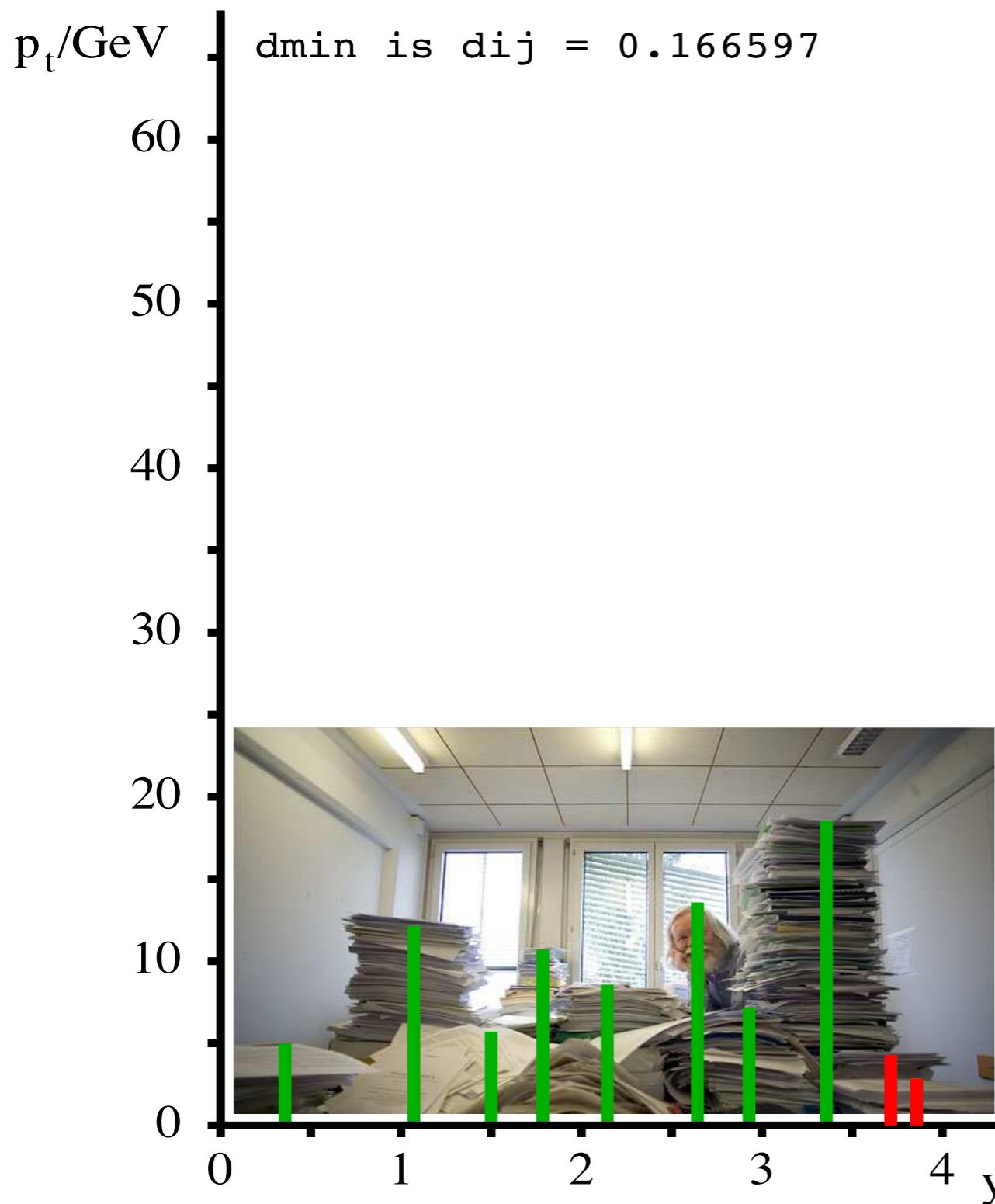
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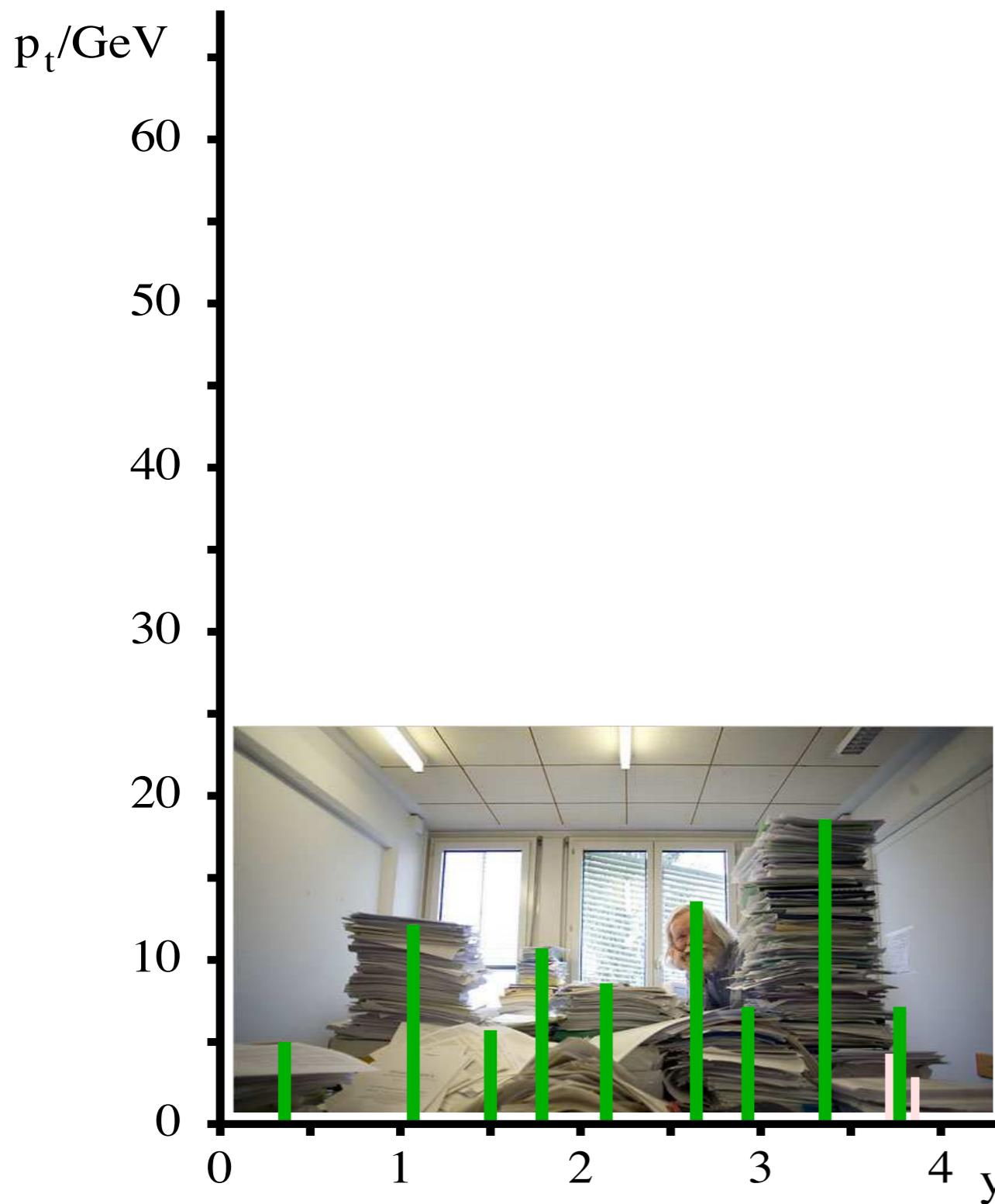
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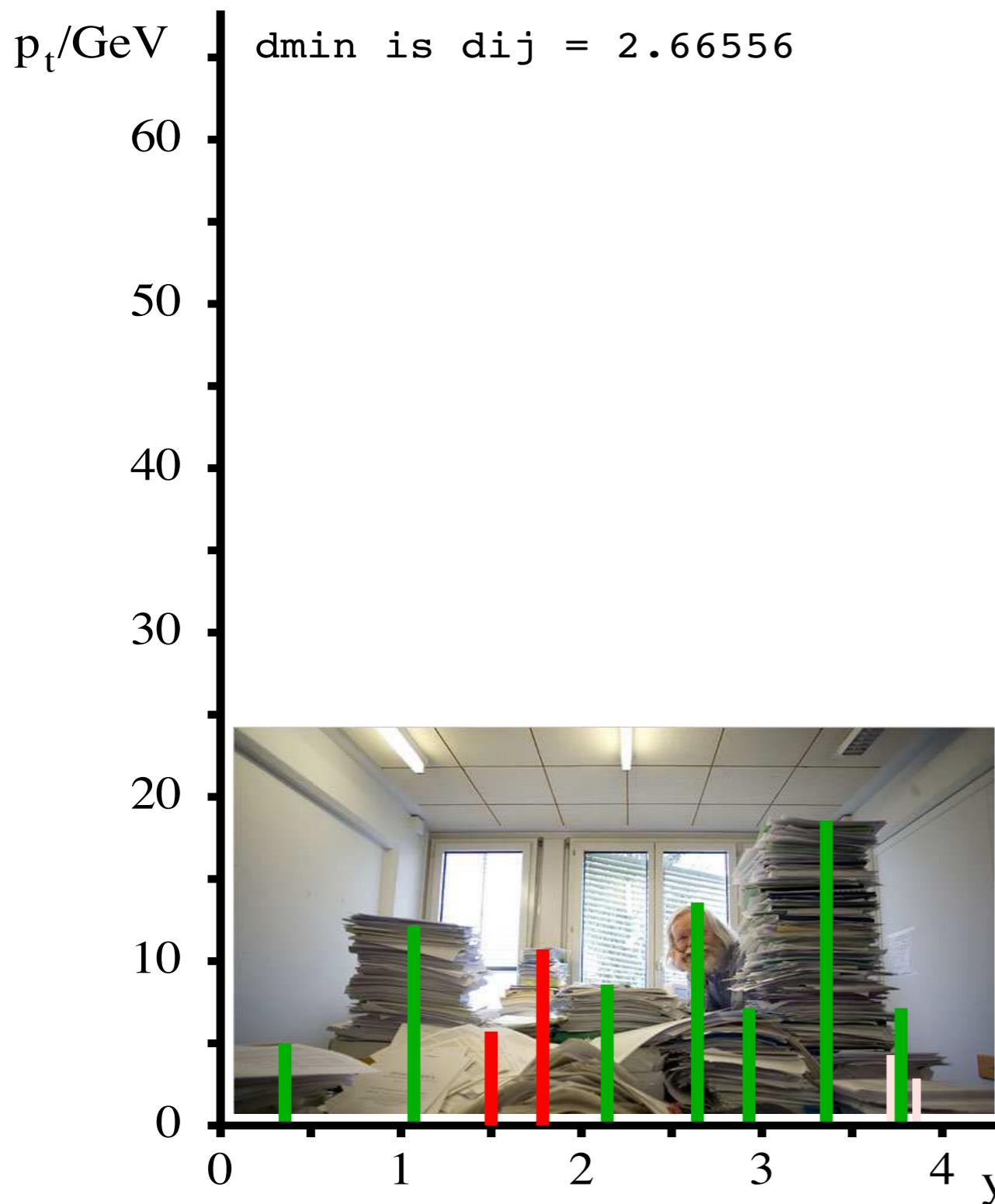
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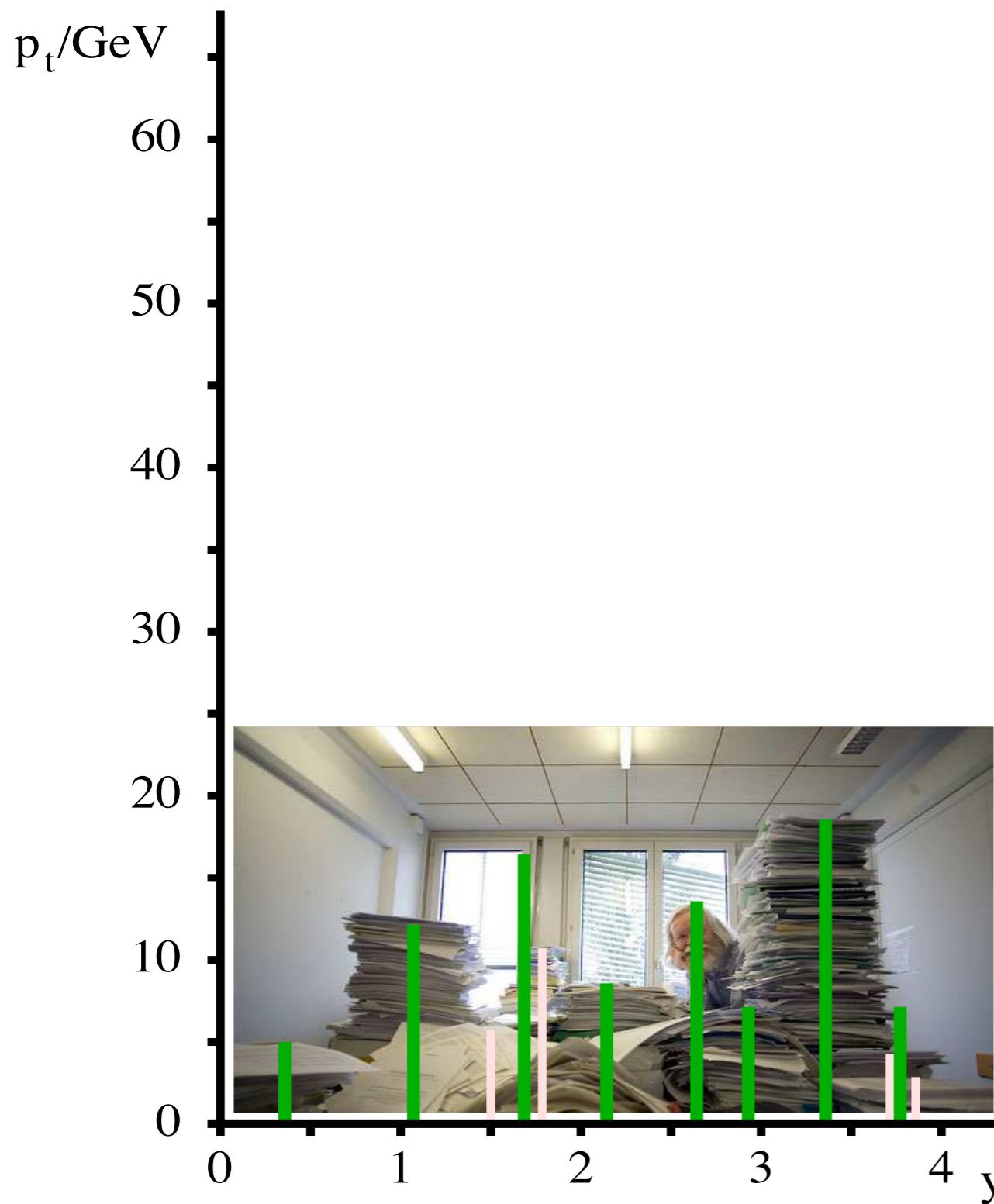
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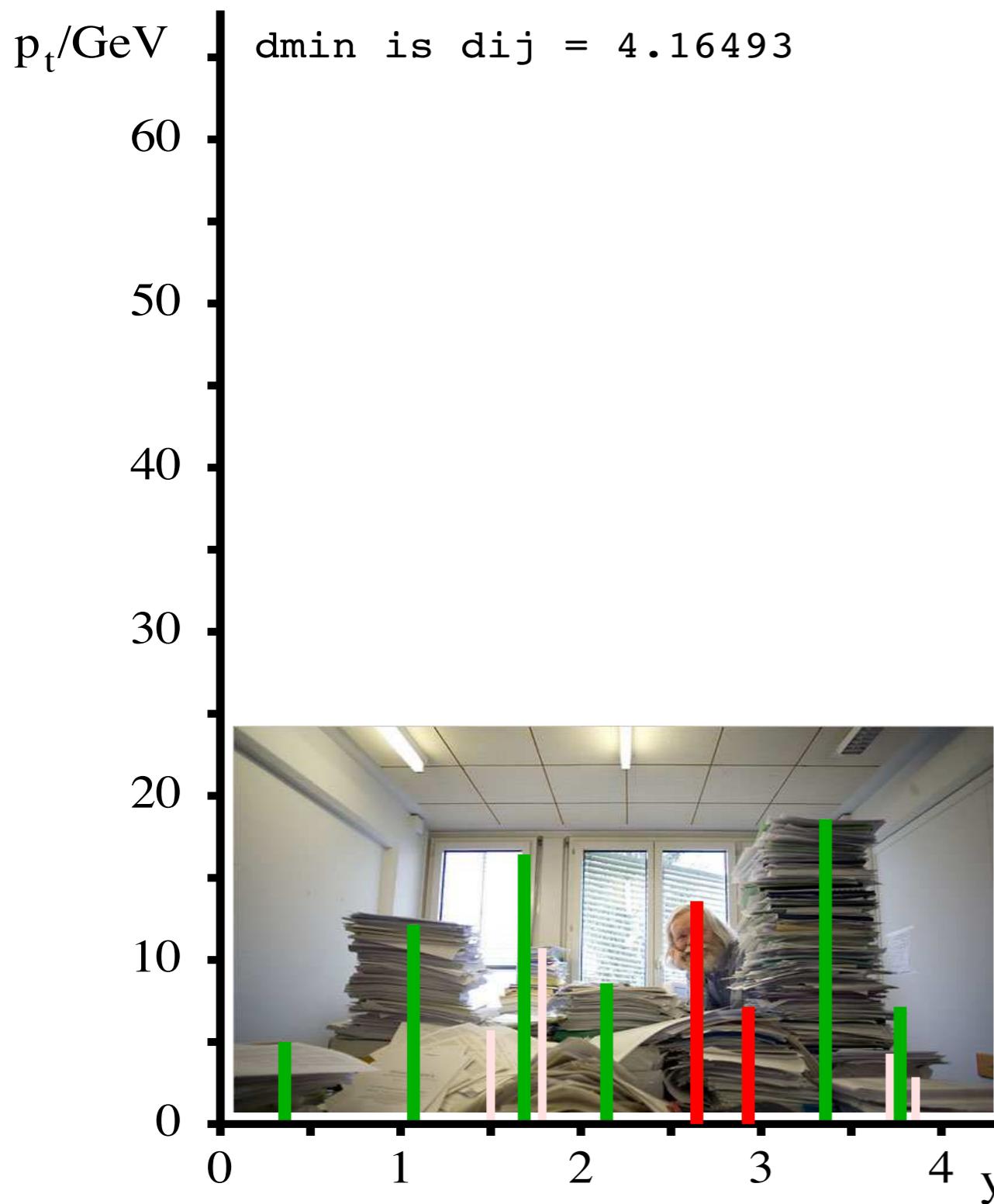
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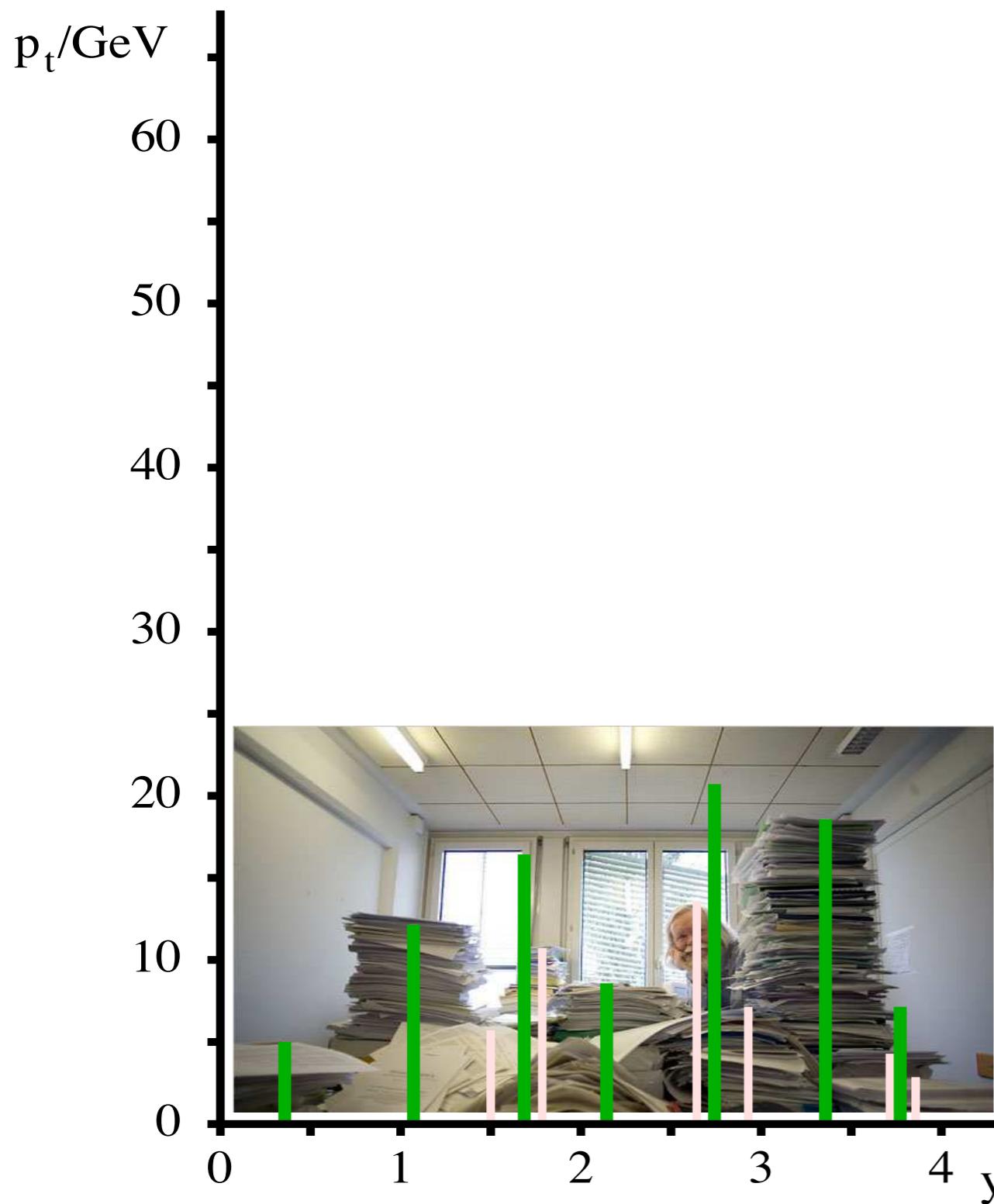
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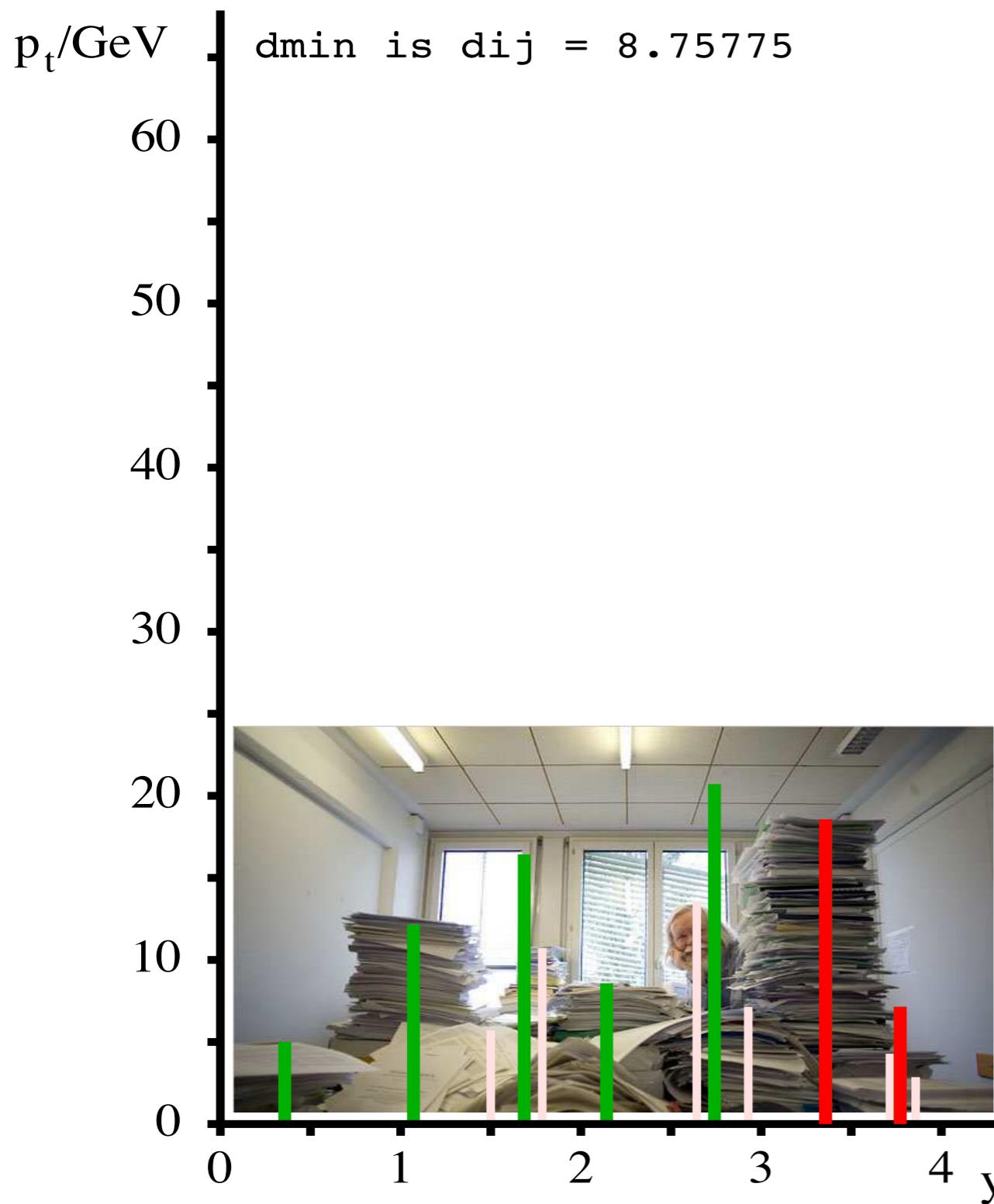
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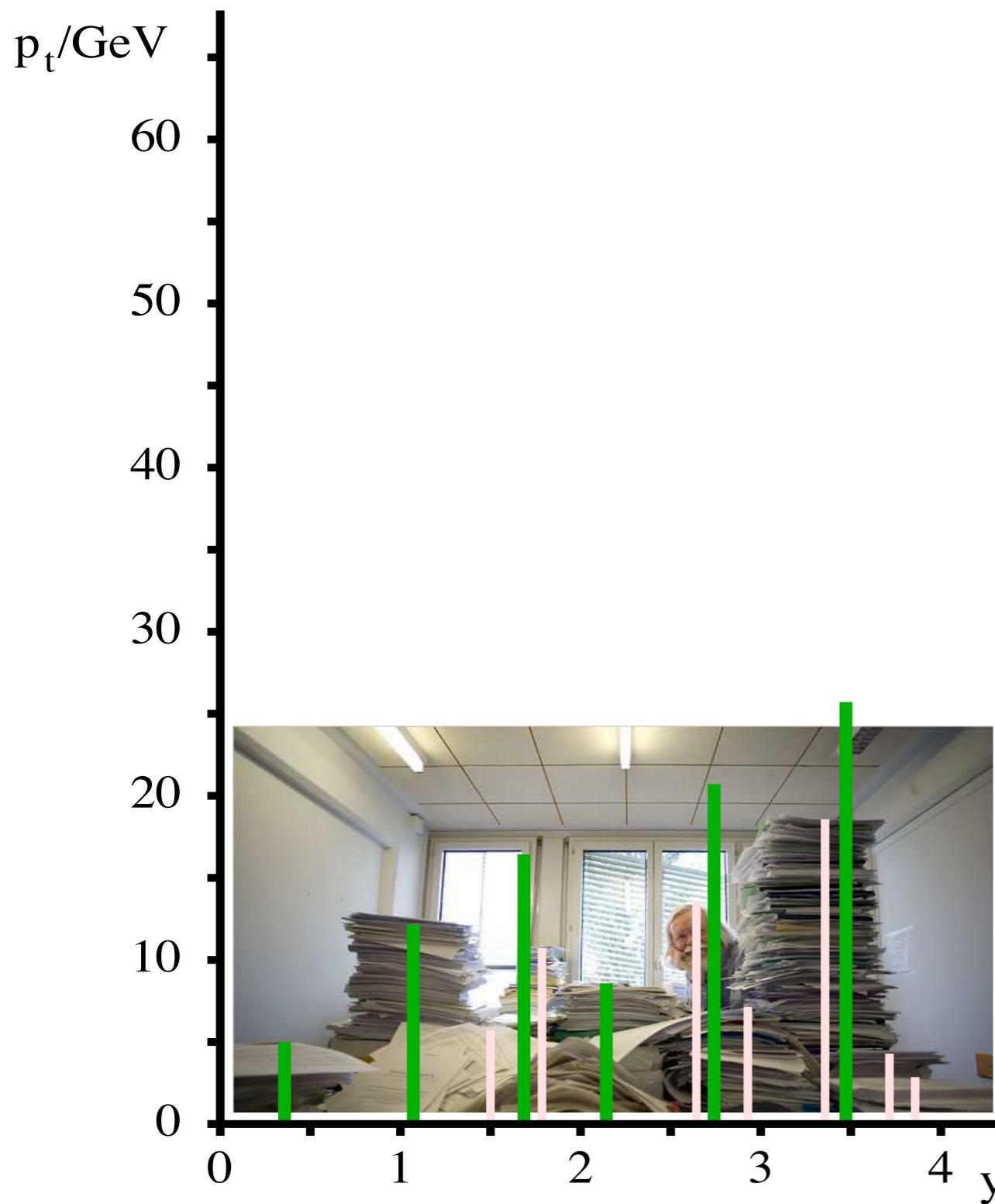
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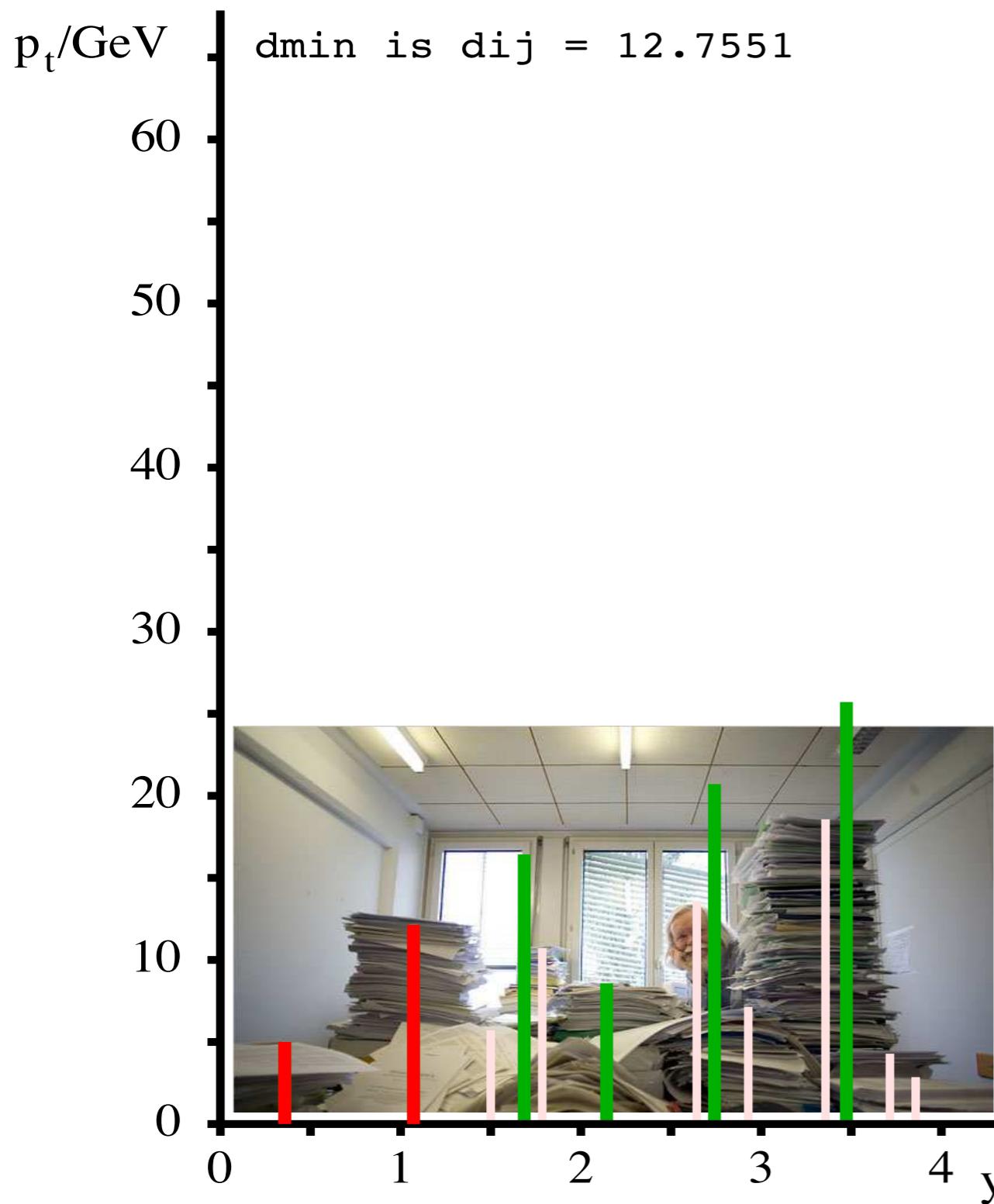
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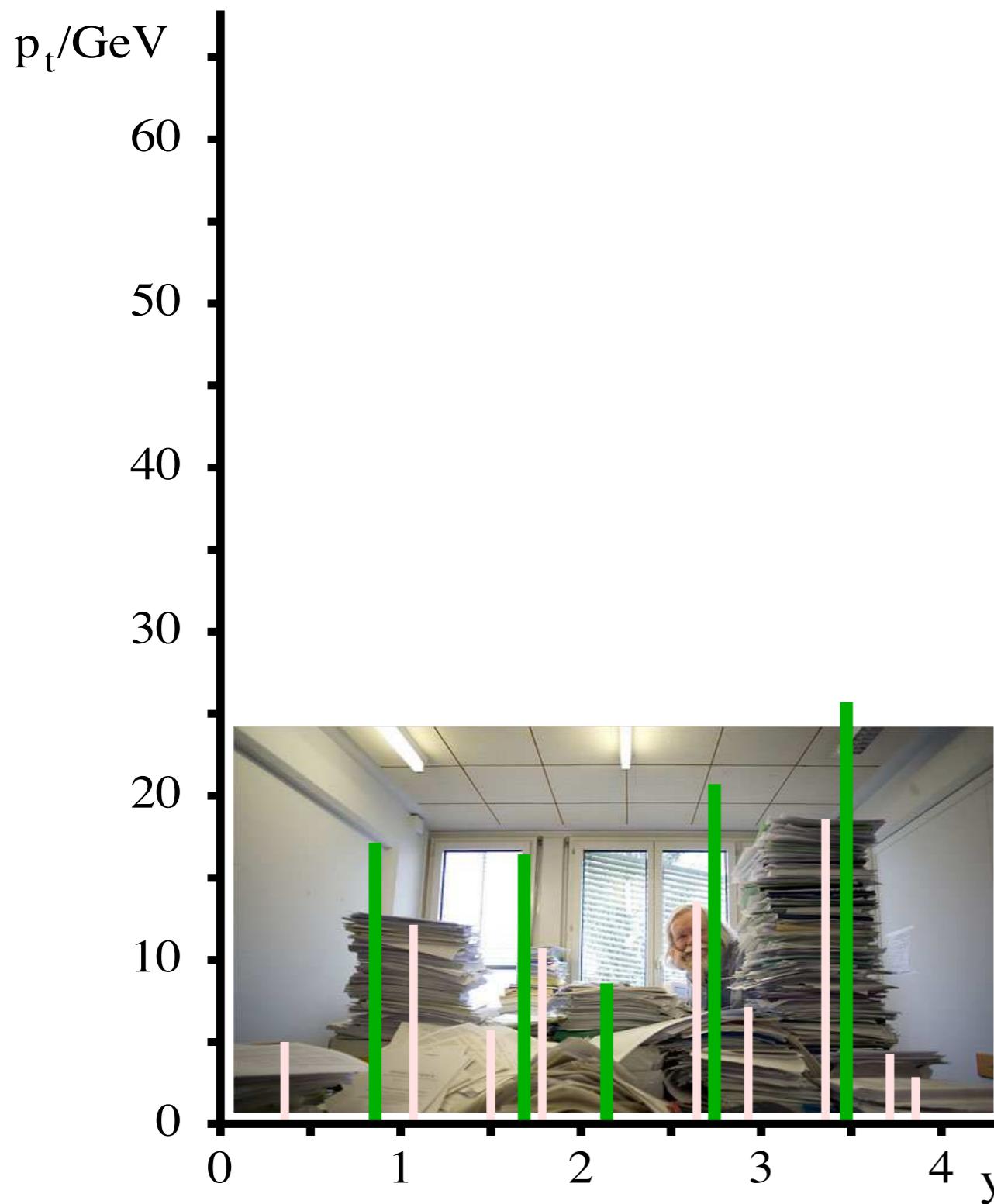
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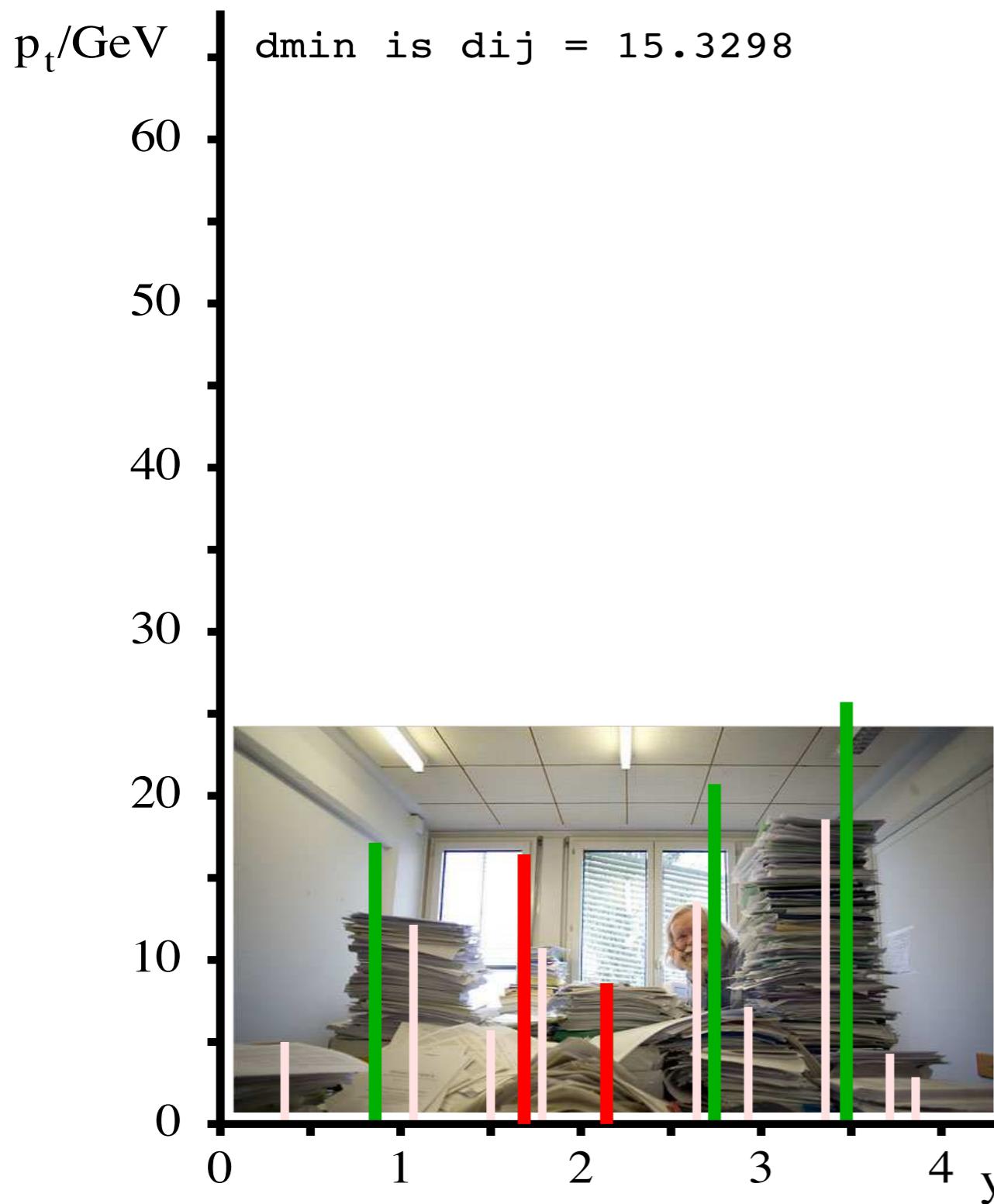
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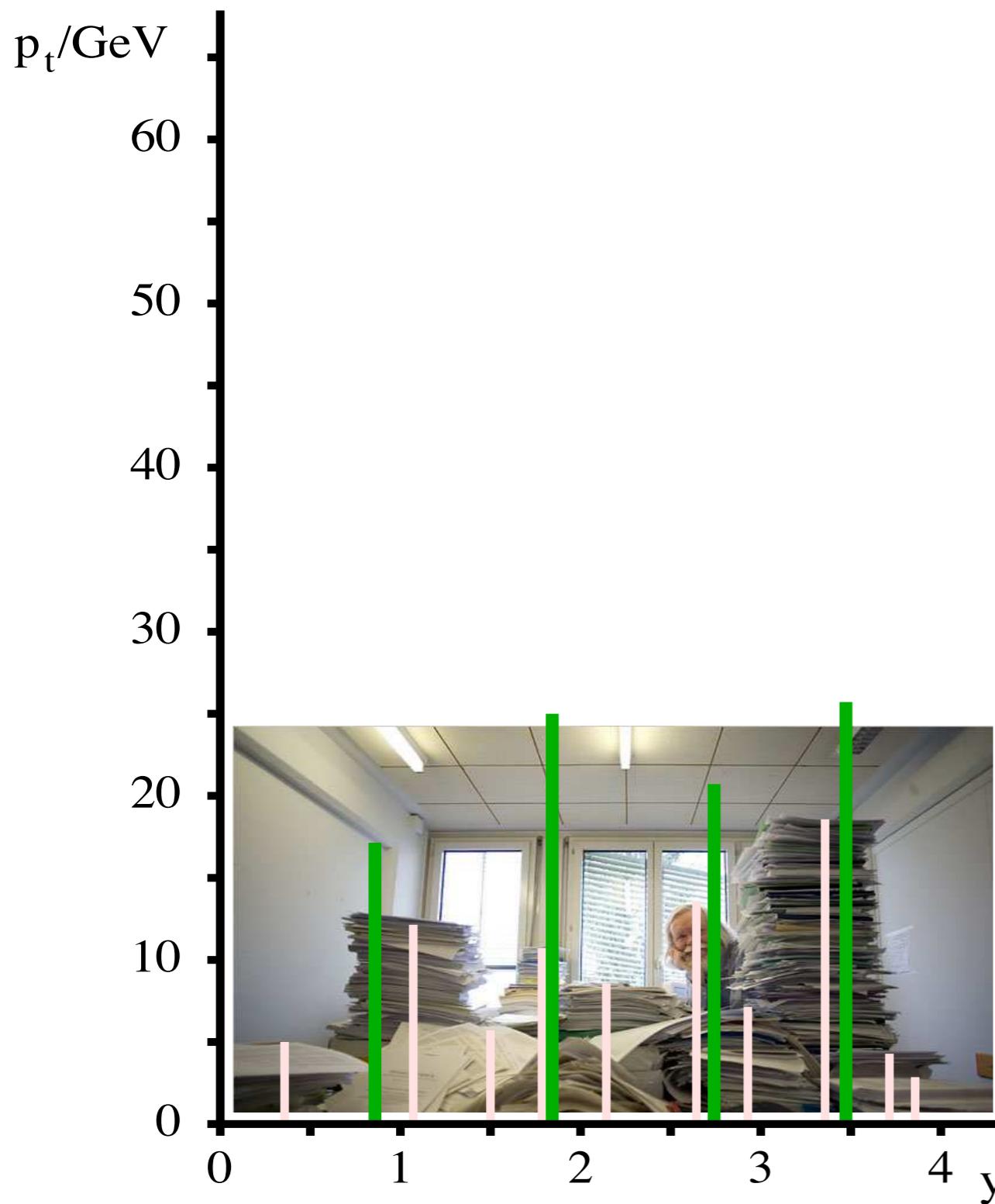
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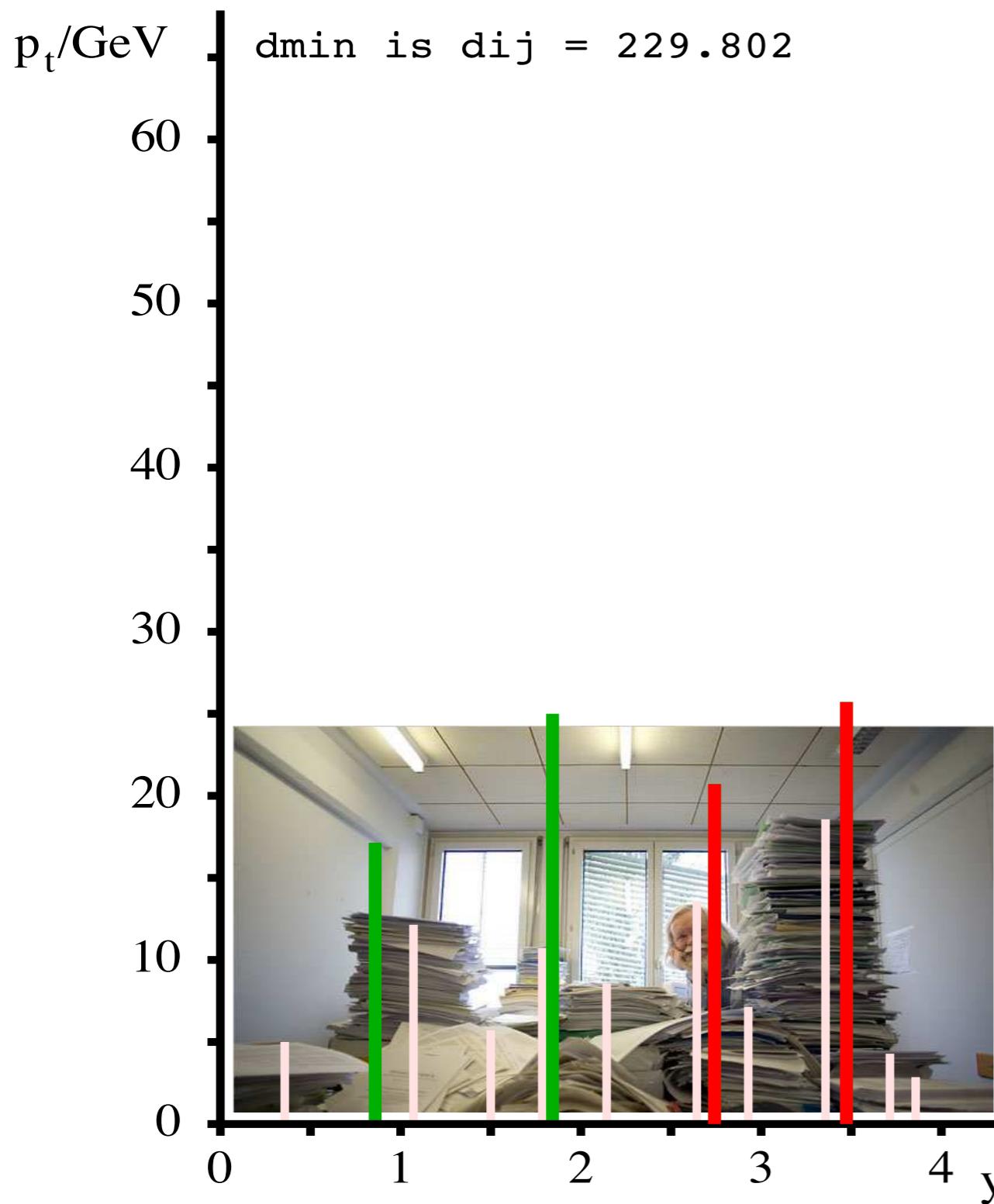
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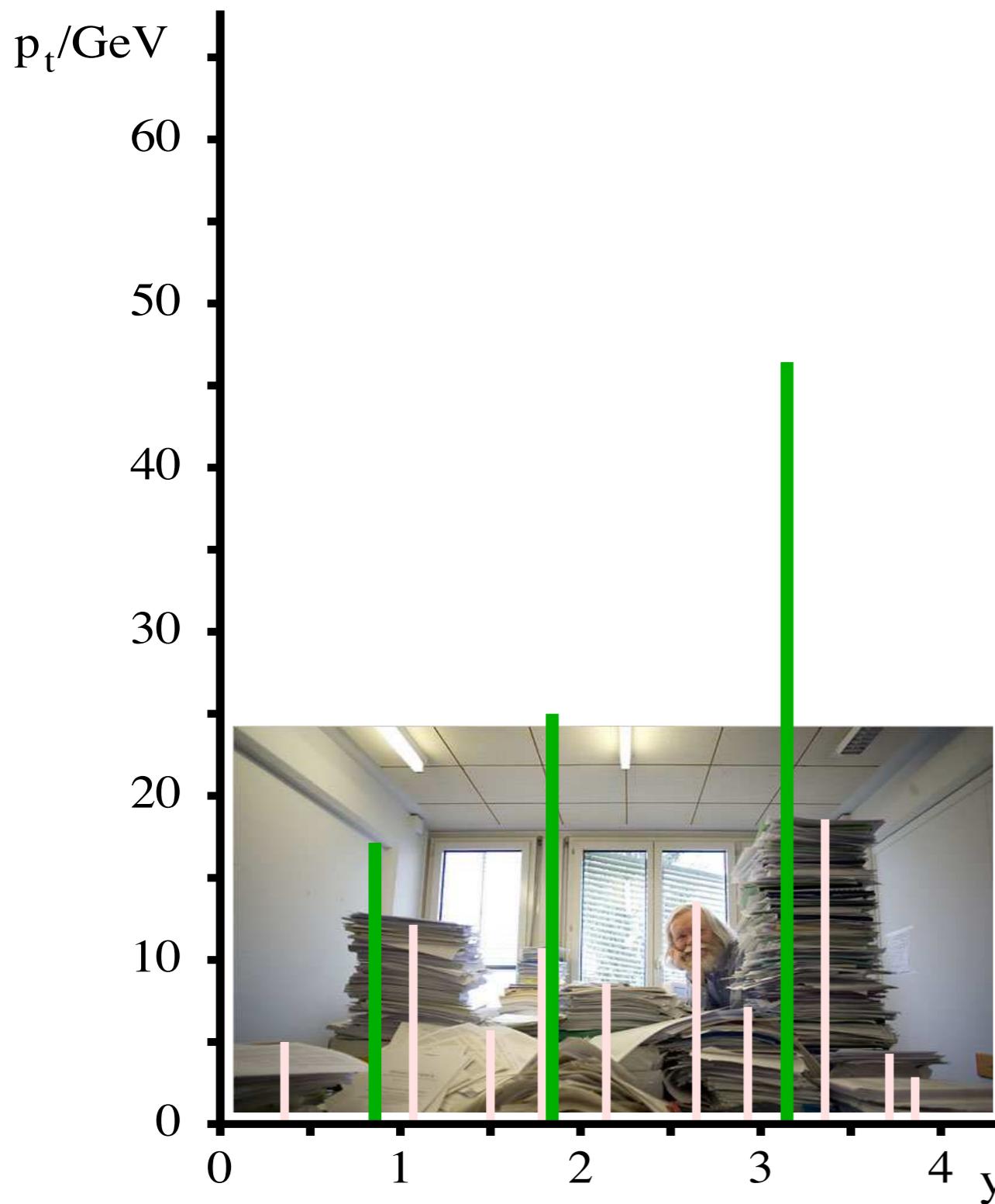
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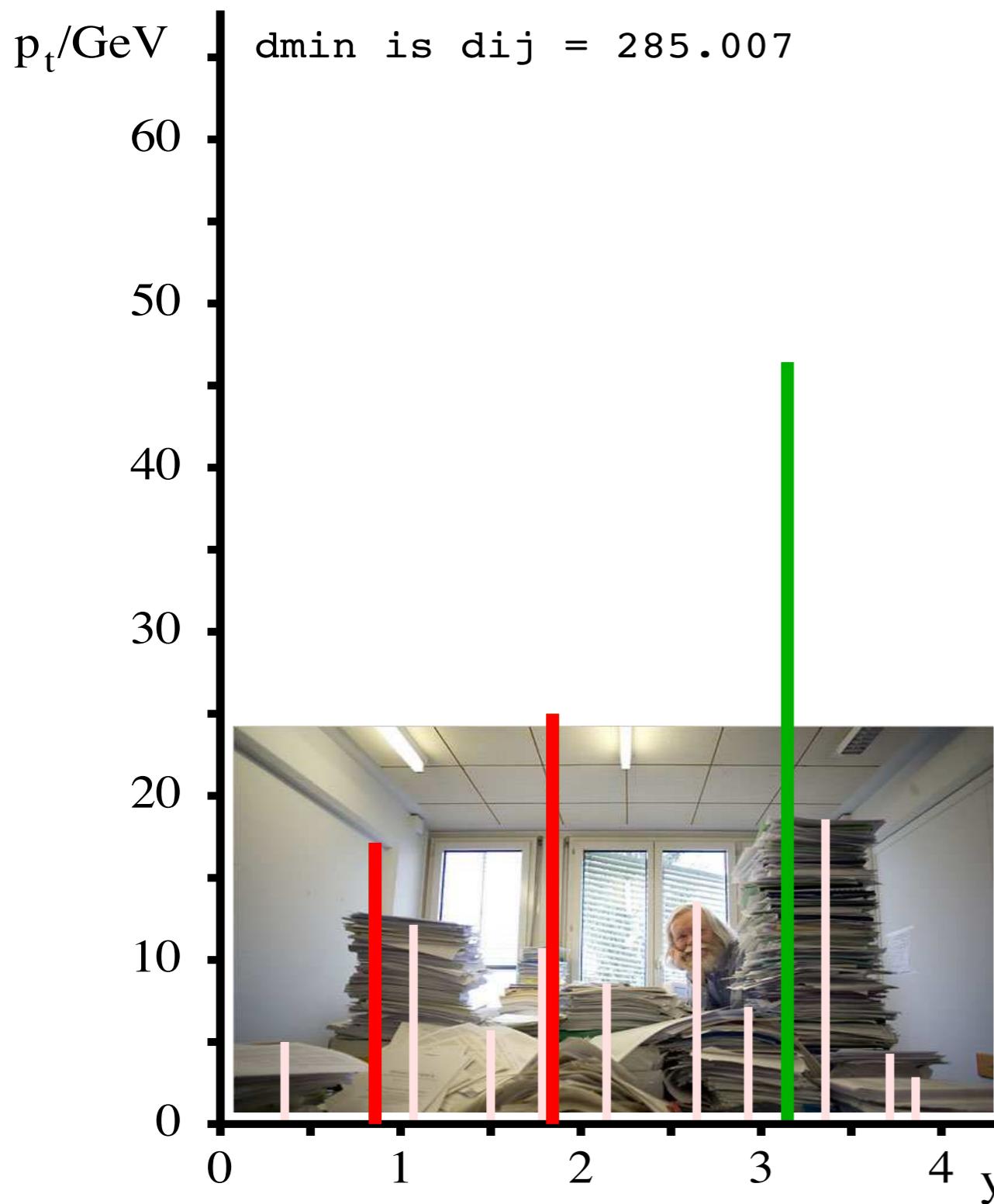
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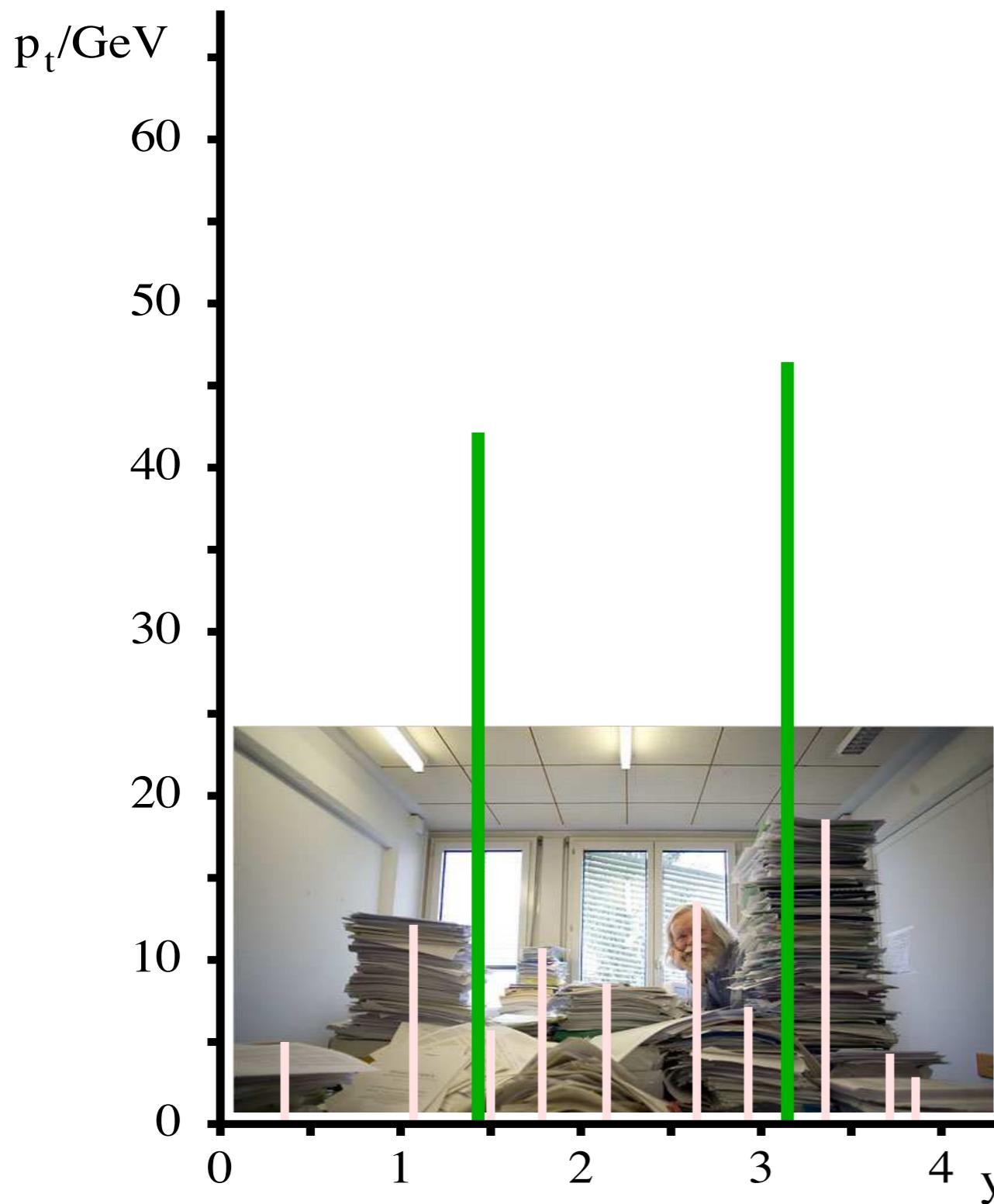
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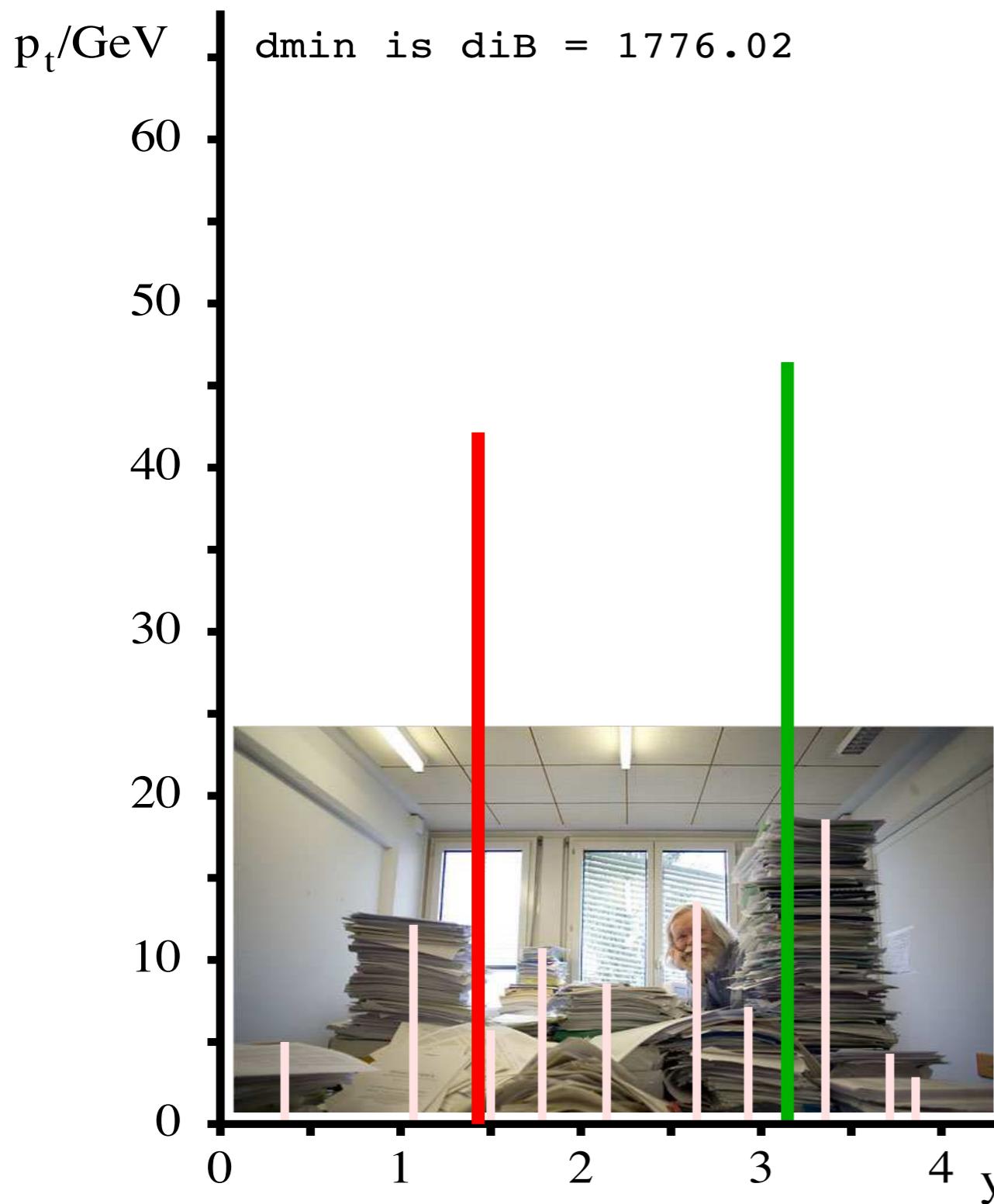
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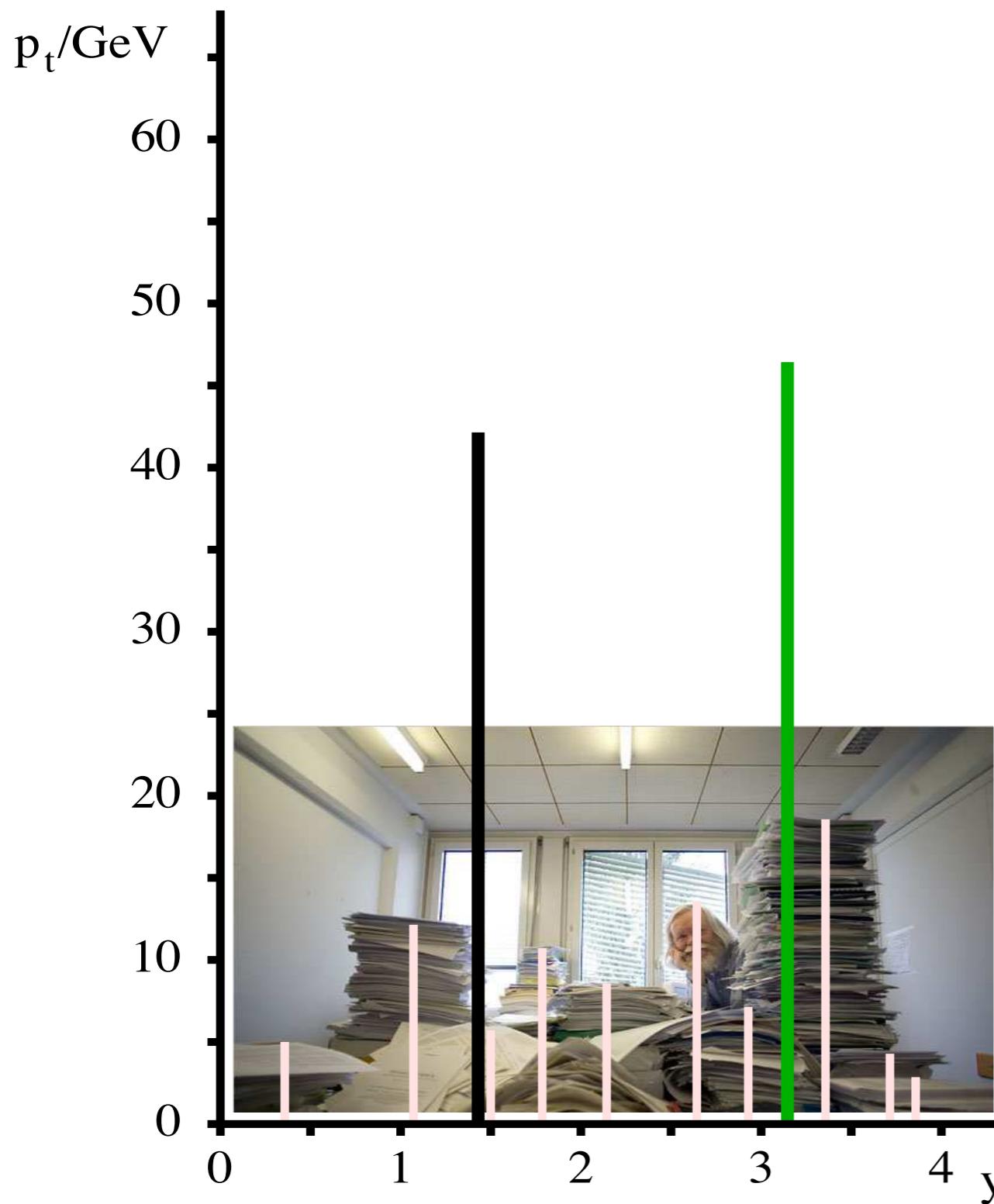
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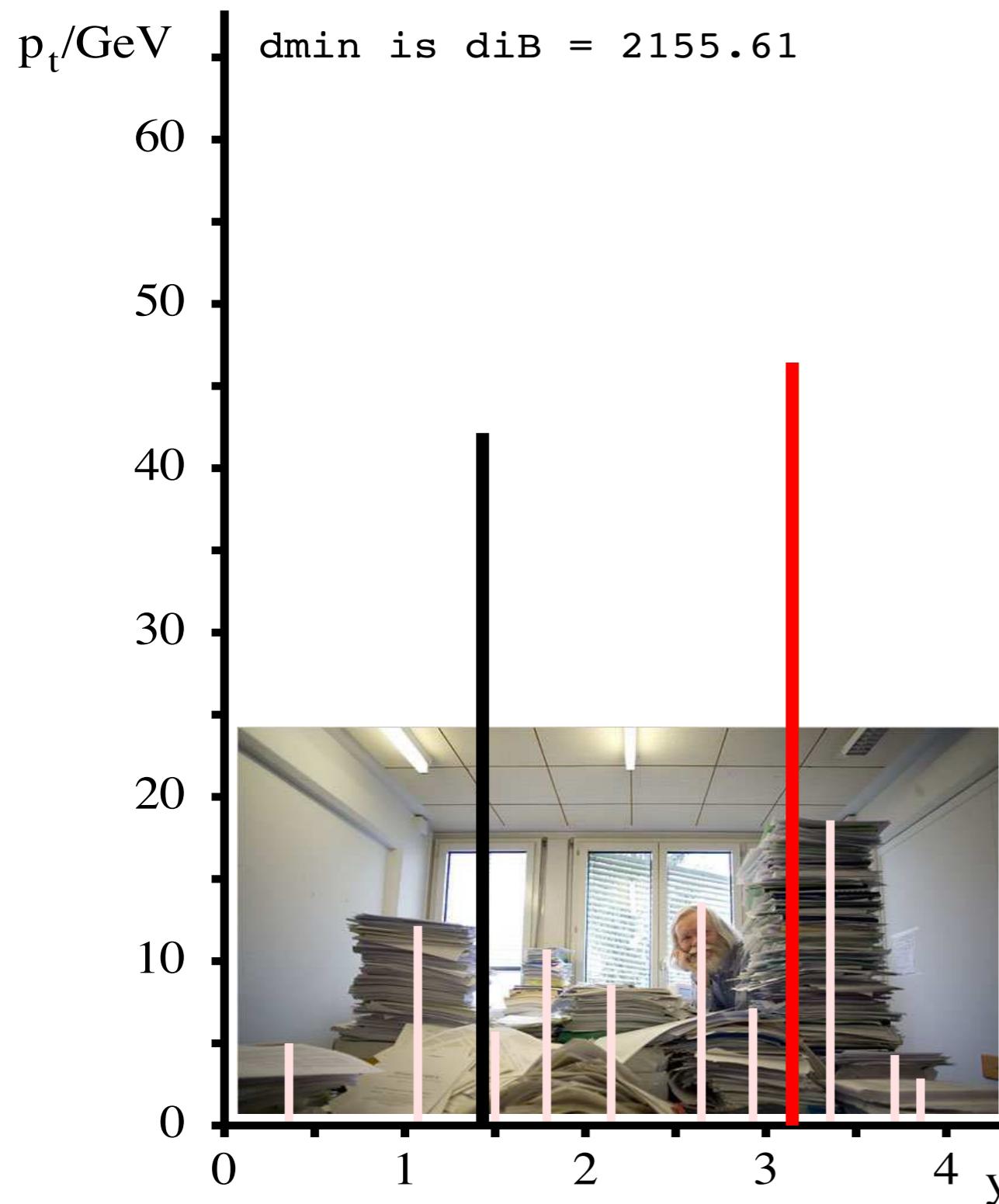
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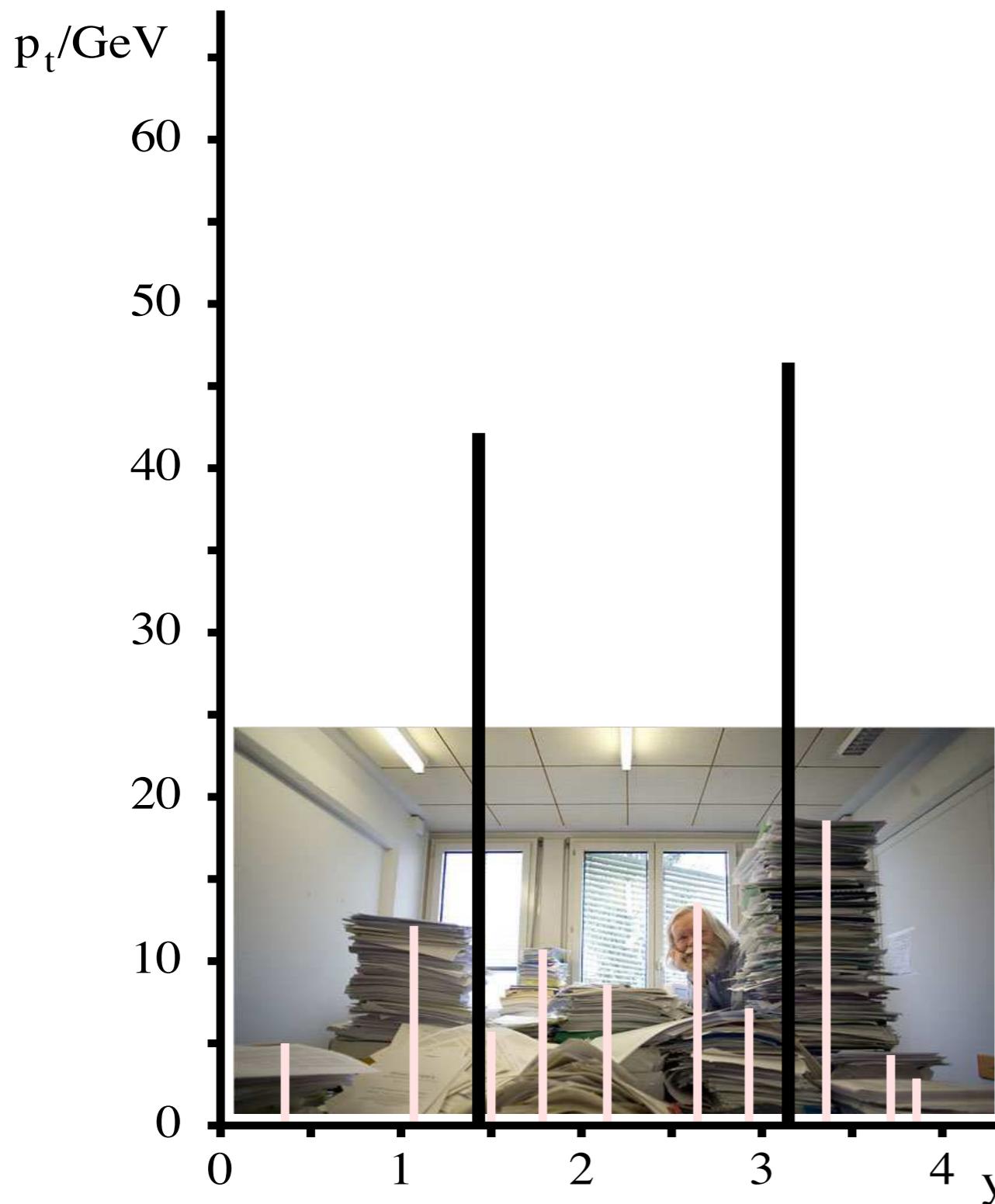
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# Sequential recombination variants

## Cambridge/Aachen: the simplest of hadron-collider algorithms

- Recombine pair of objects closest in  $\Delta R_{ij}$
- Repeat until all  $\Delta R_{ij} > R$  – remaining objects are jets

Dokshitzer, Leder, Moretti, Webber '97 (Cambridge): more involved e+e- form

Wobisch & Wengler '99 (Aachen): simple inclusive hadron-collider form

One still applies a  $p_{t,\min}$  cut to the jets, as for inclusive  $k_t$

C/A privileges the collinear divergence of QCD;  
it ‘ignores’ the soft one

Anti- $k_t$ : formulated similarly to inclusive  $k_t$ , but with

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Cacciari, GPS & Soyez '08 [+Delsart unpublished]

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Most pairwise clusterings involve at least one hard particle

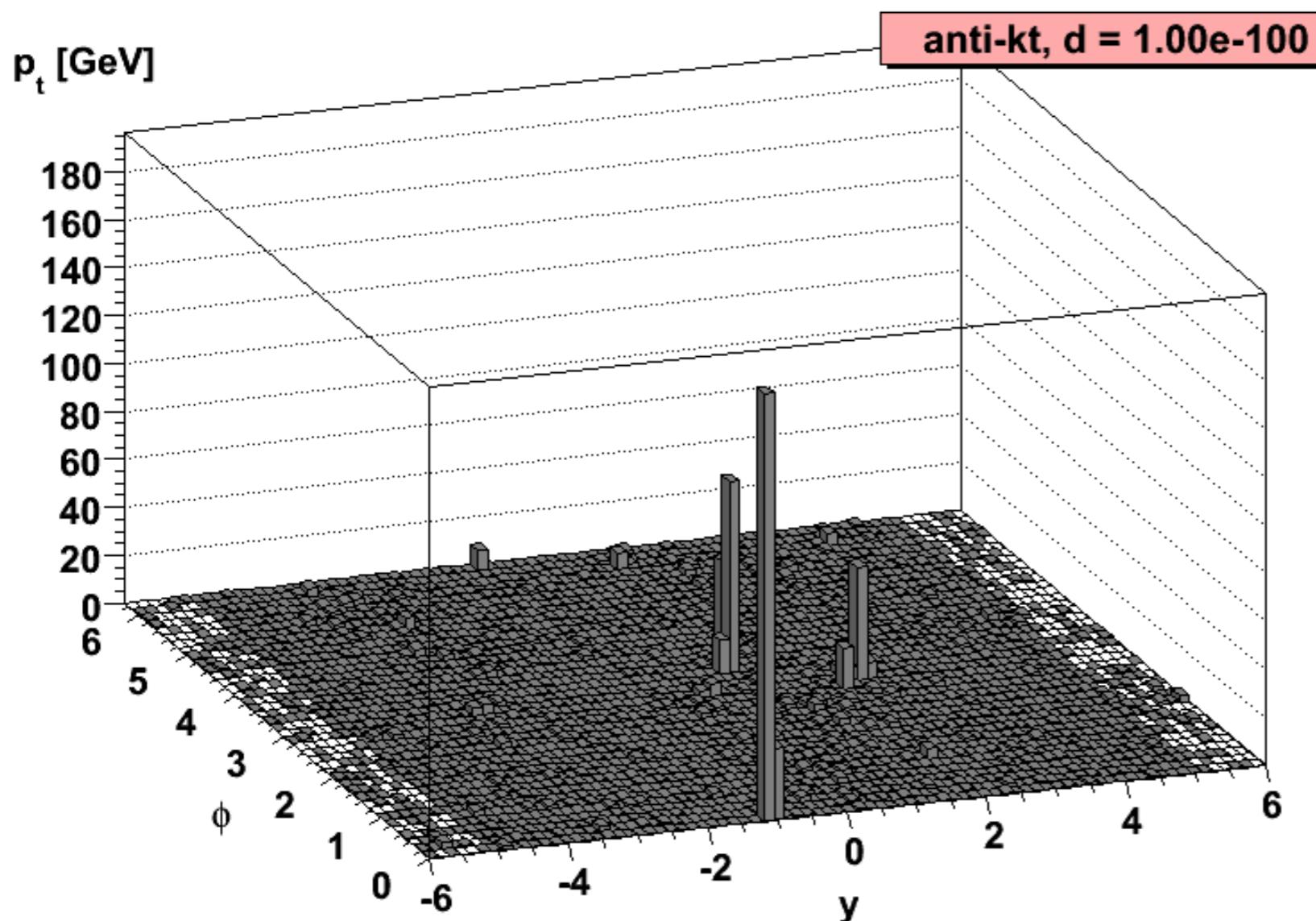
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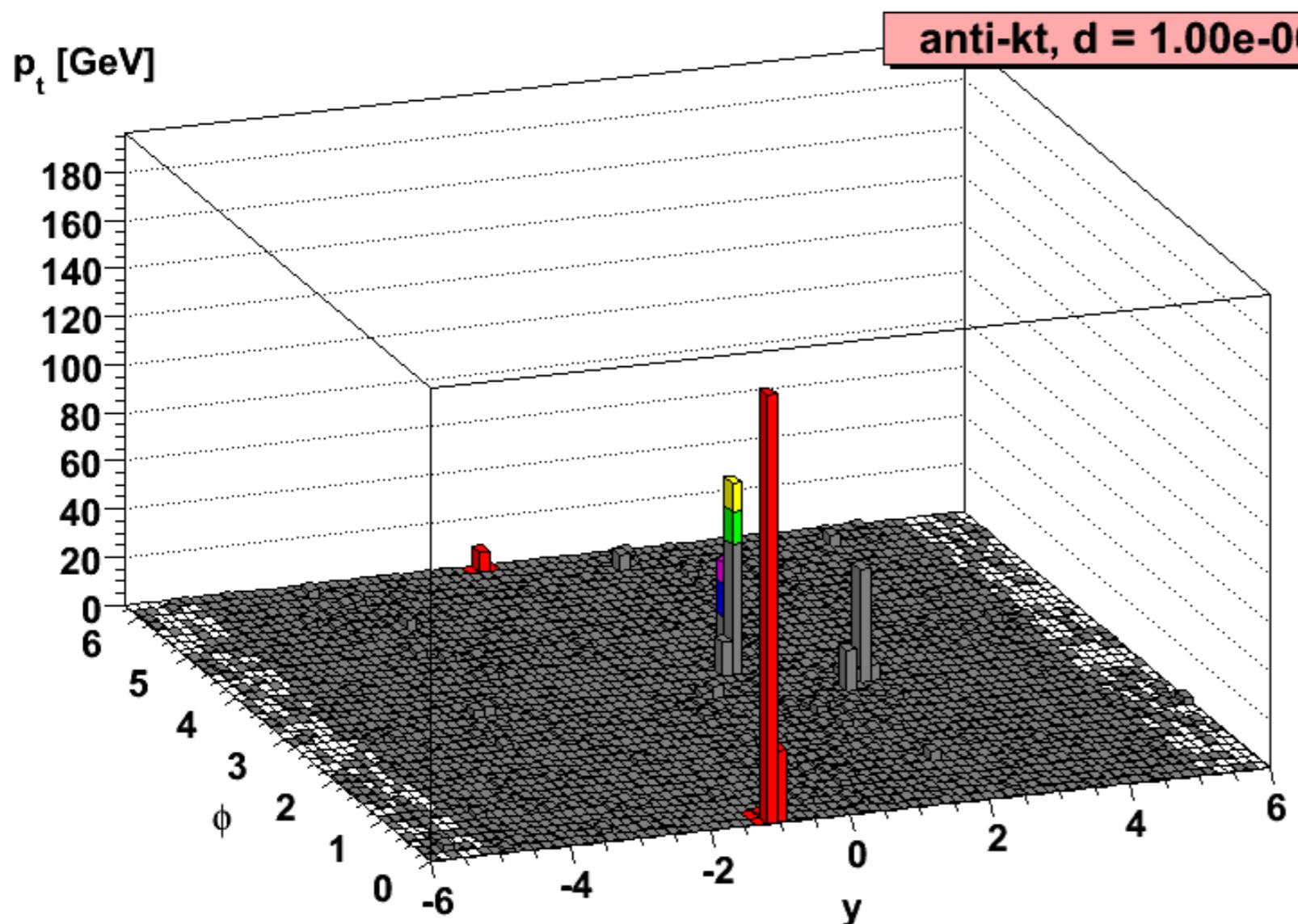
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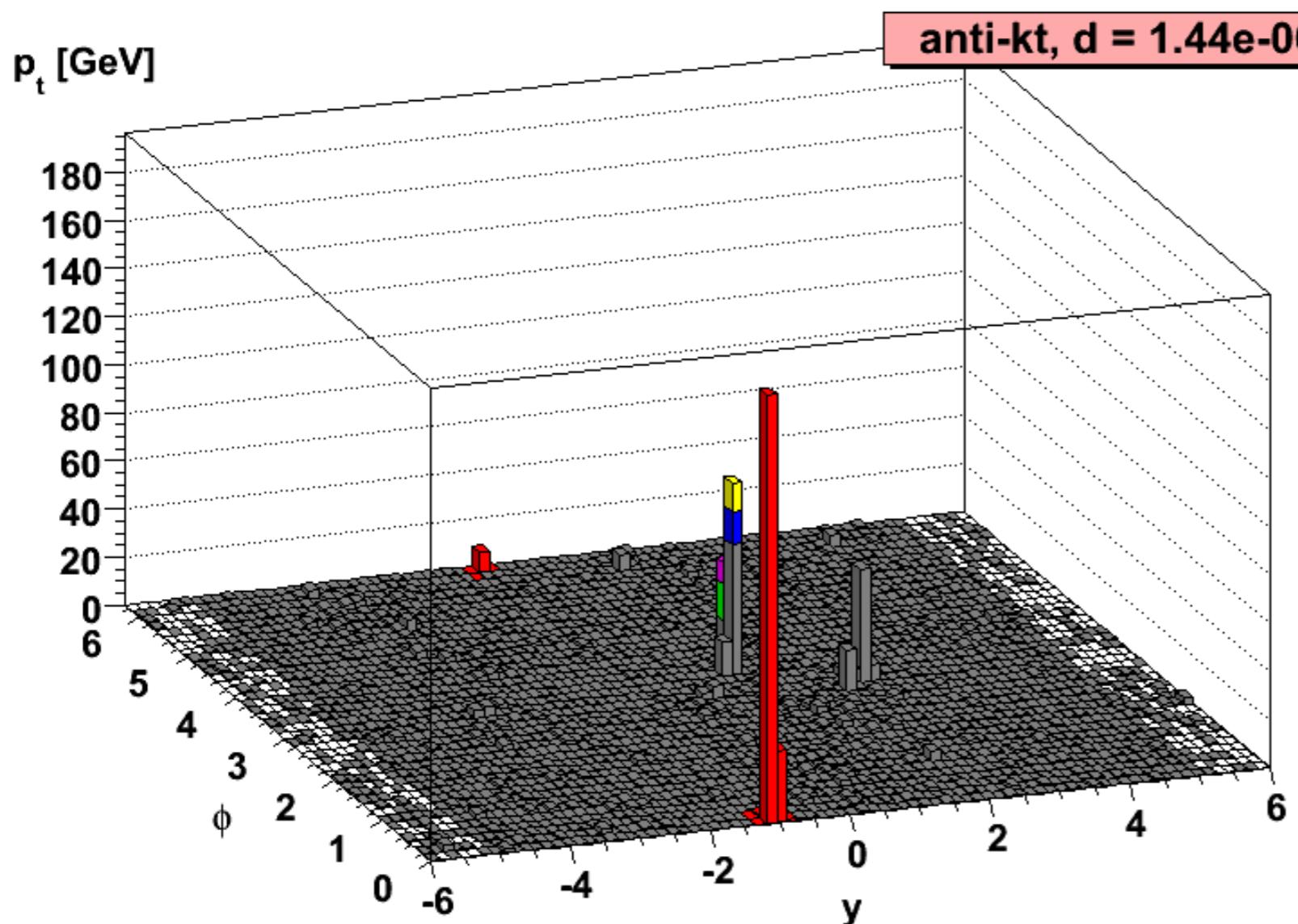
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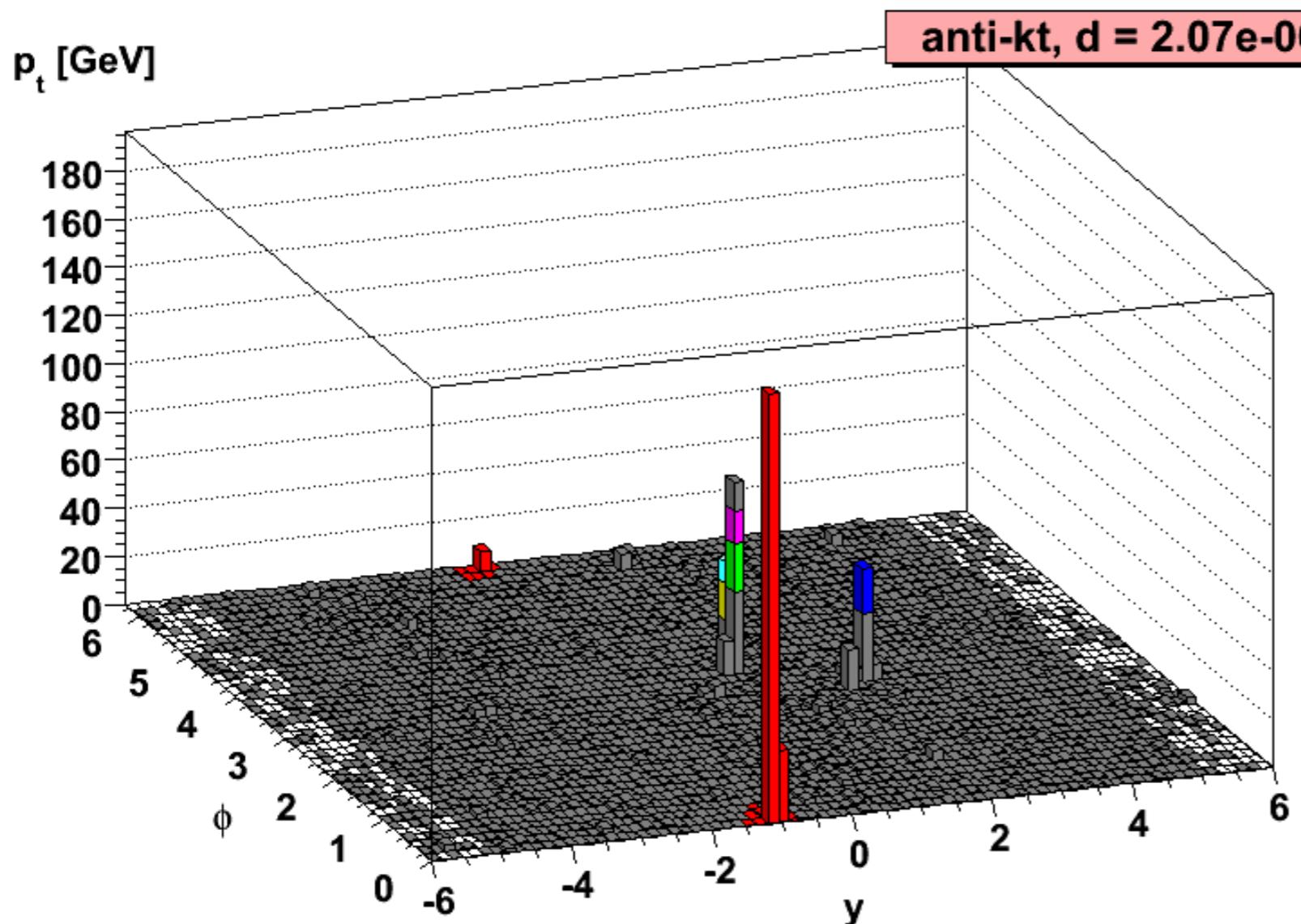
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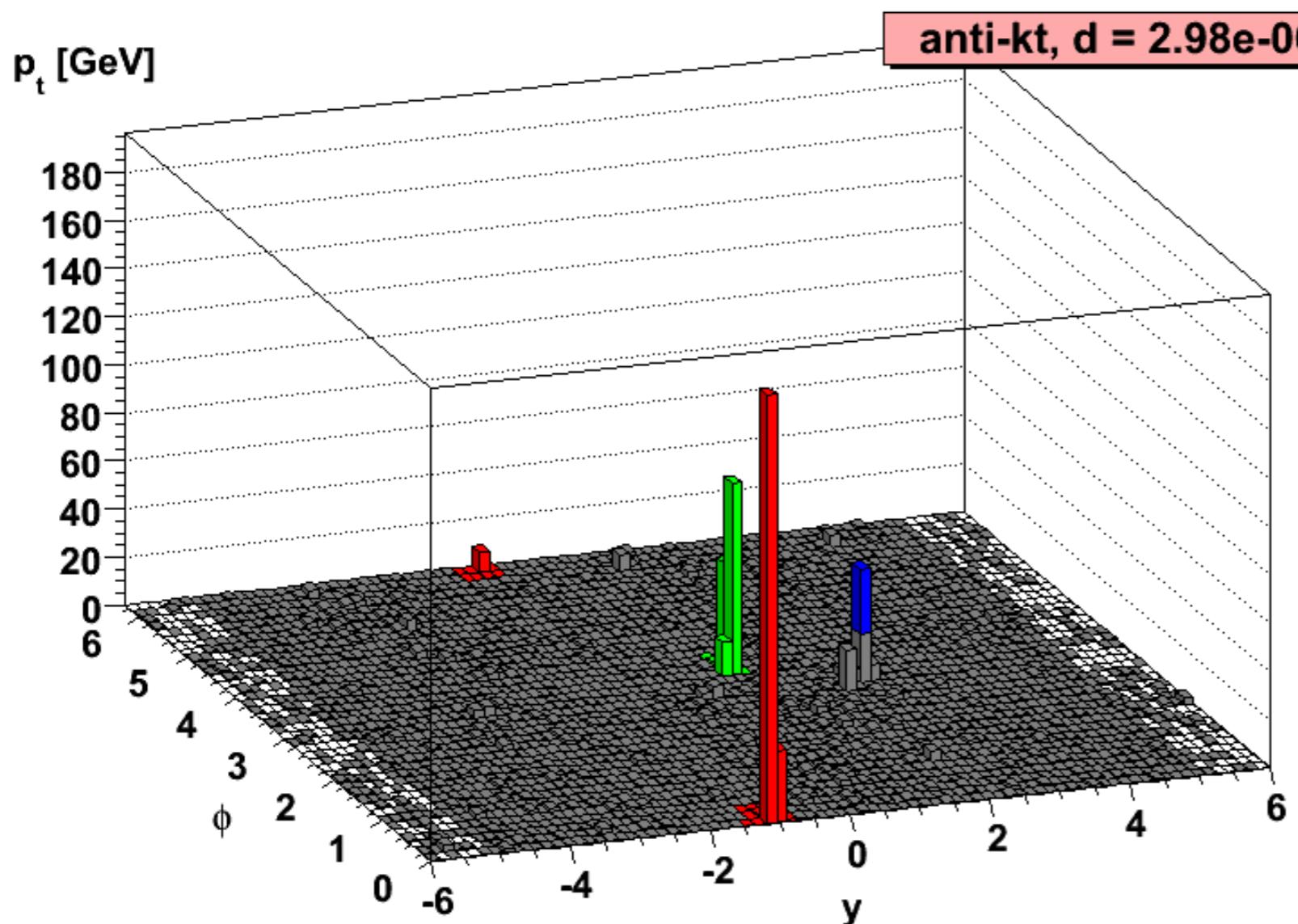
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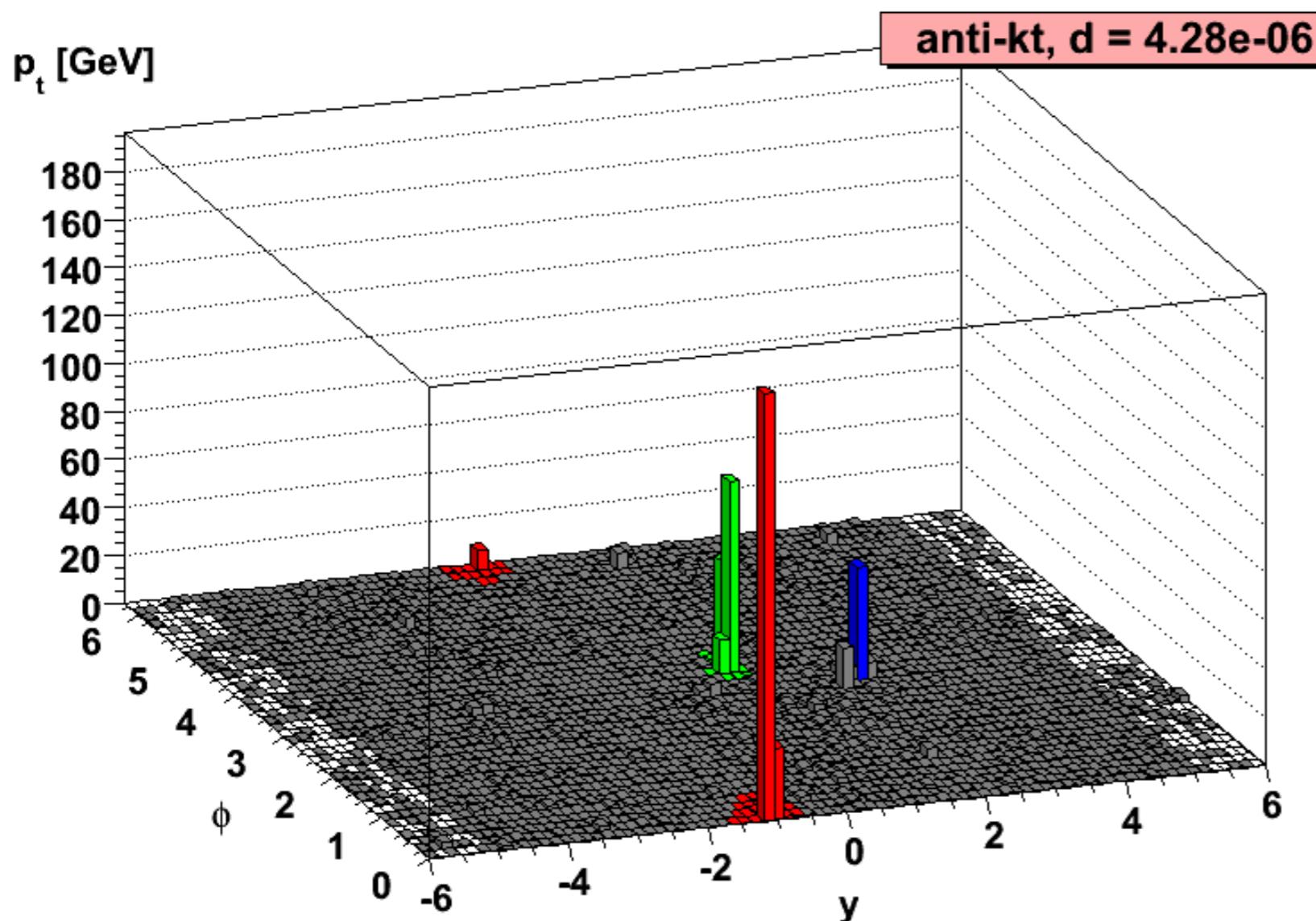
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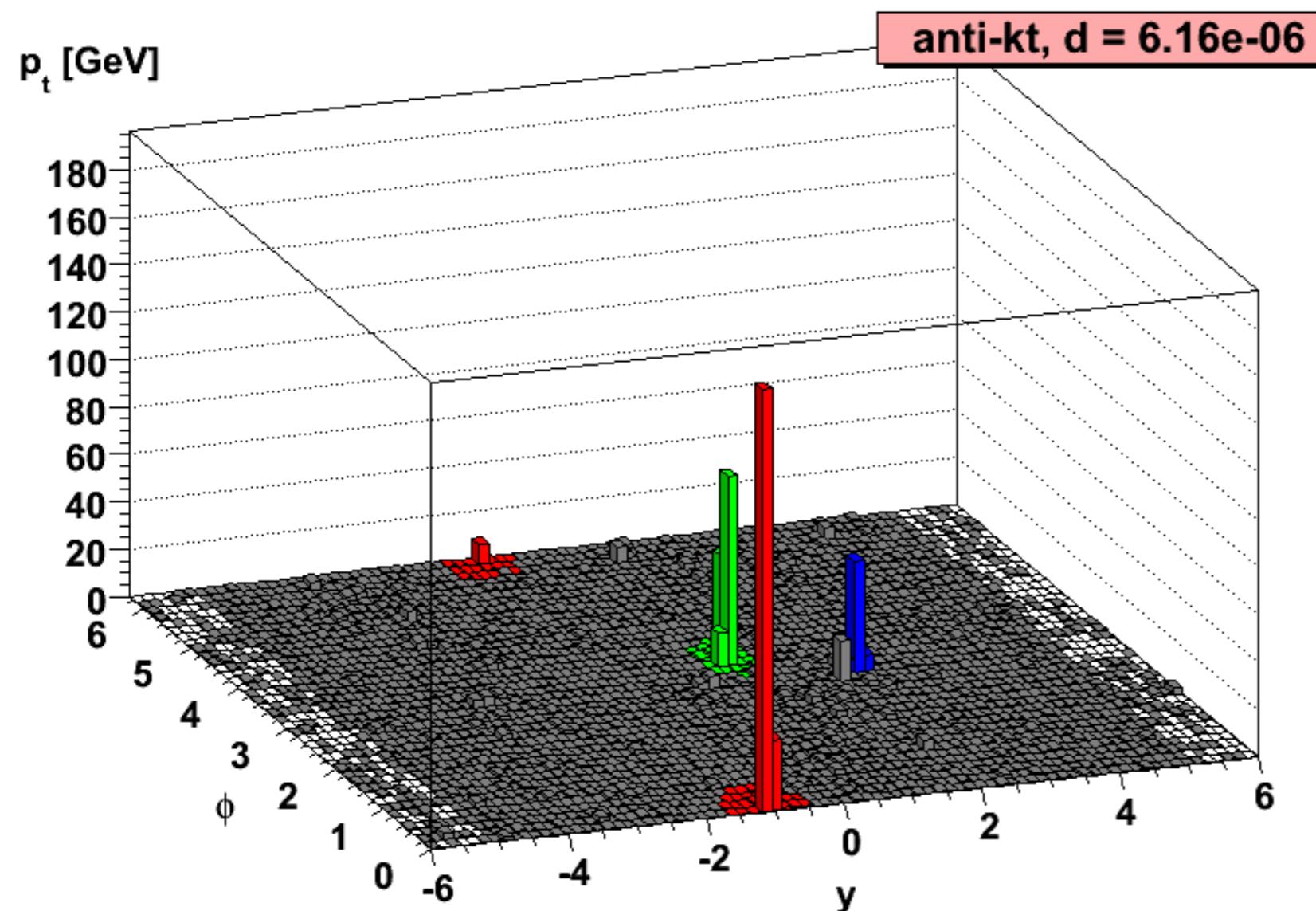
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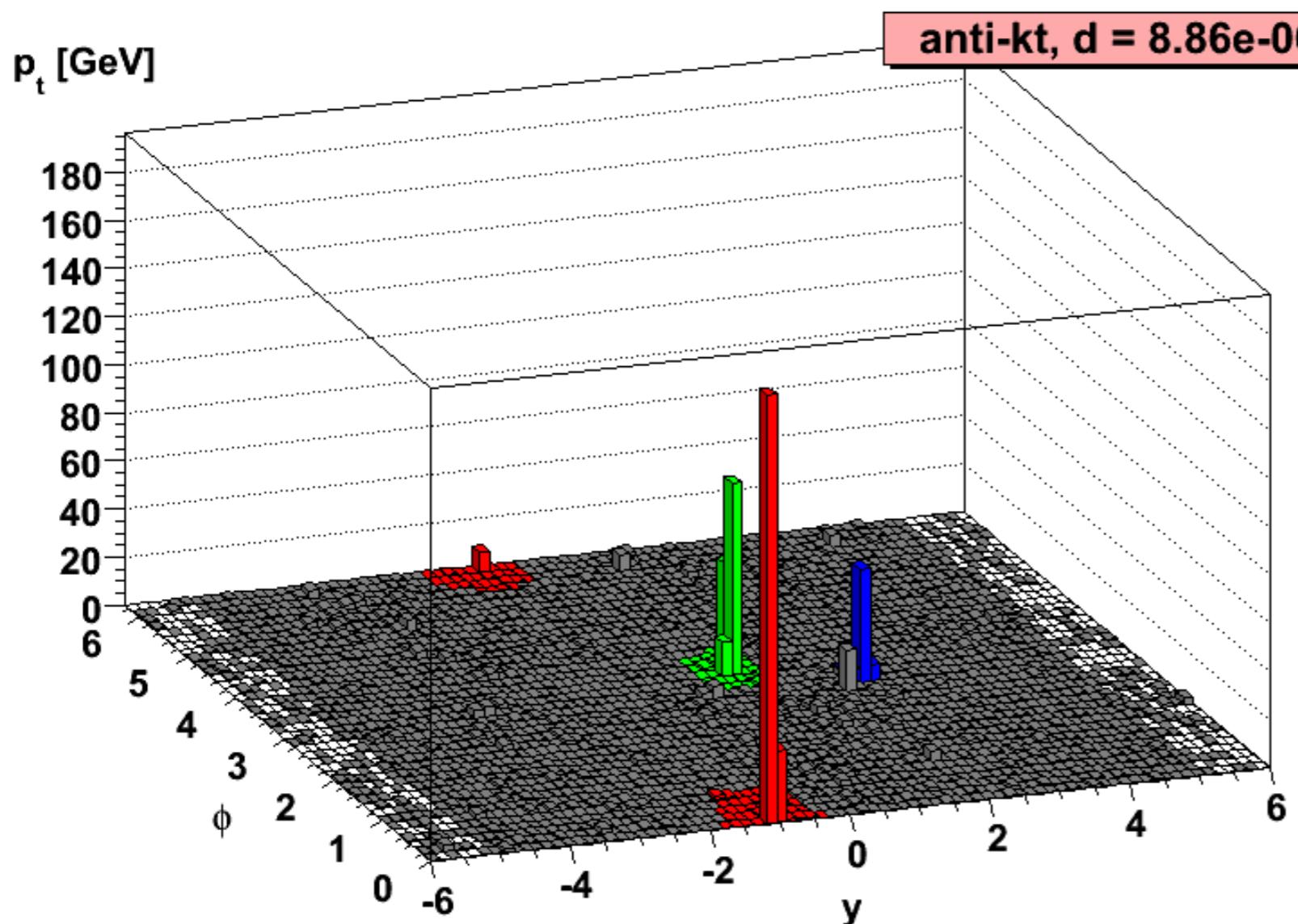
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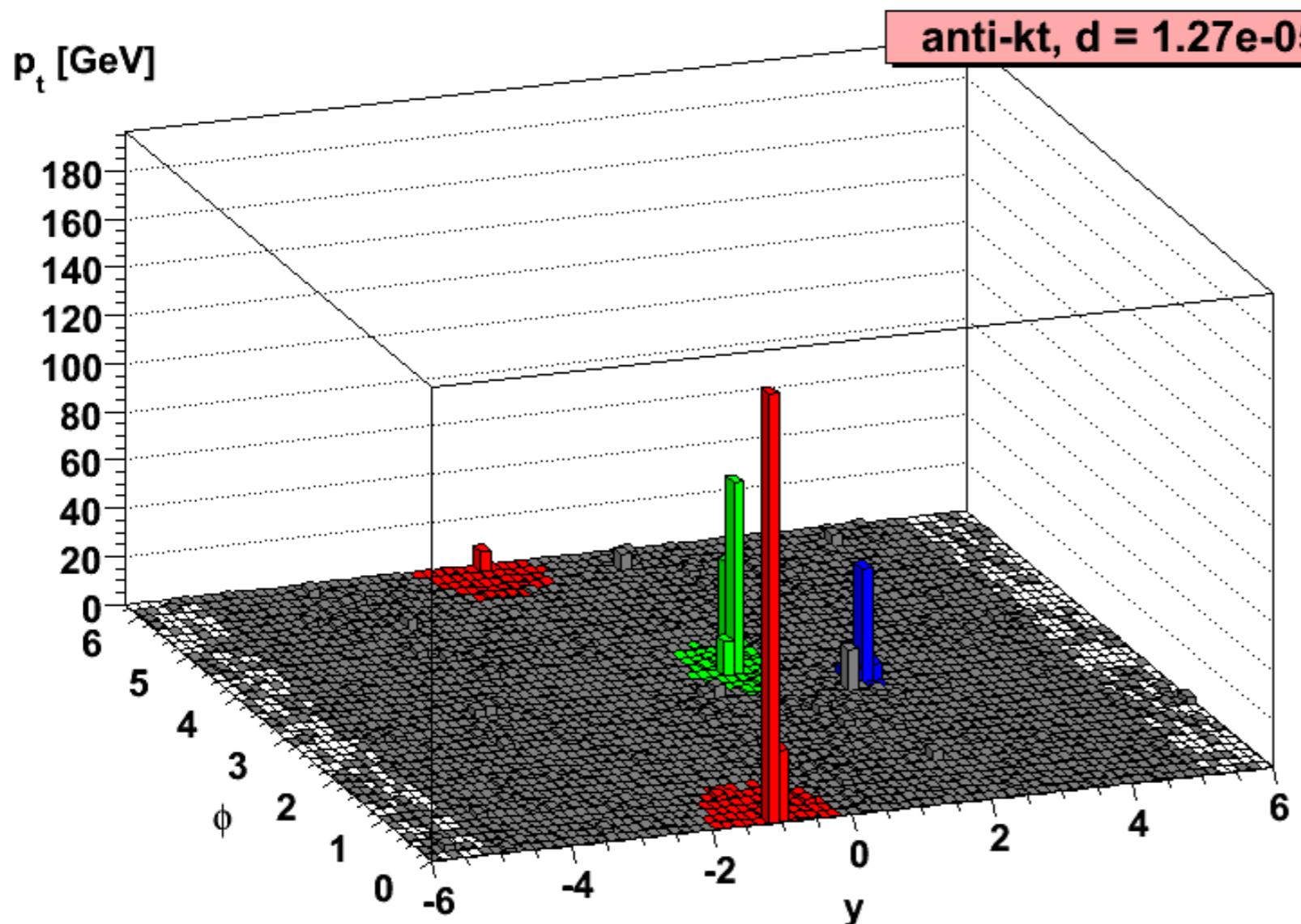
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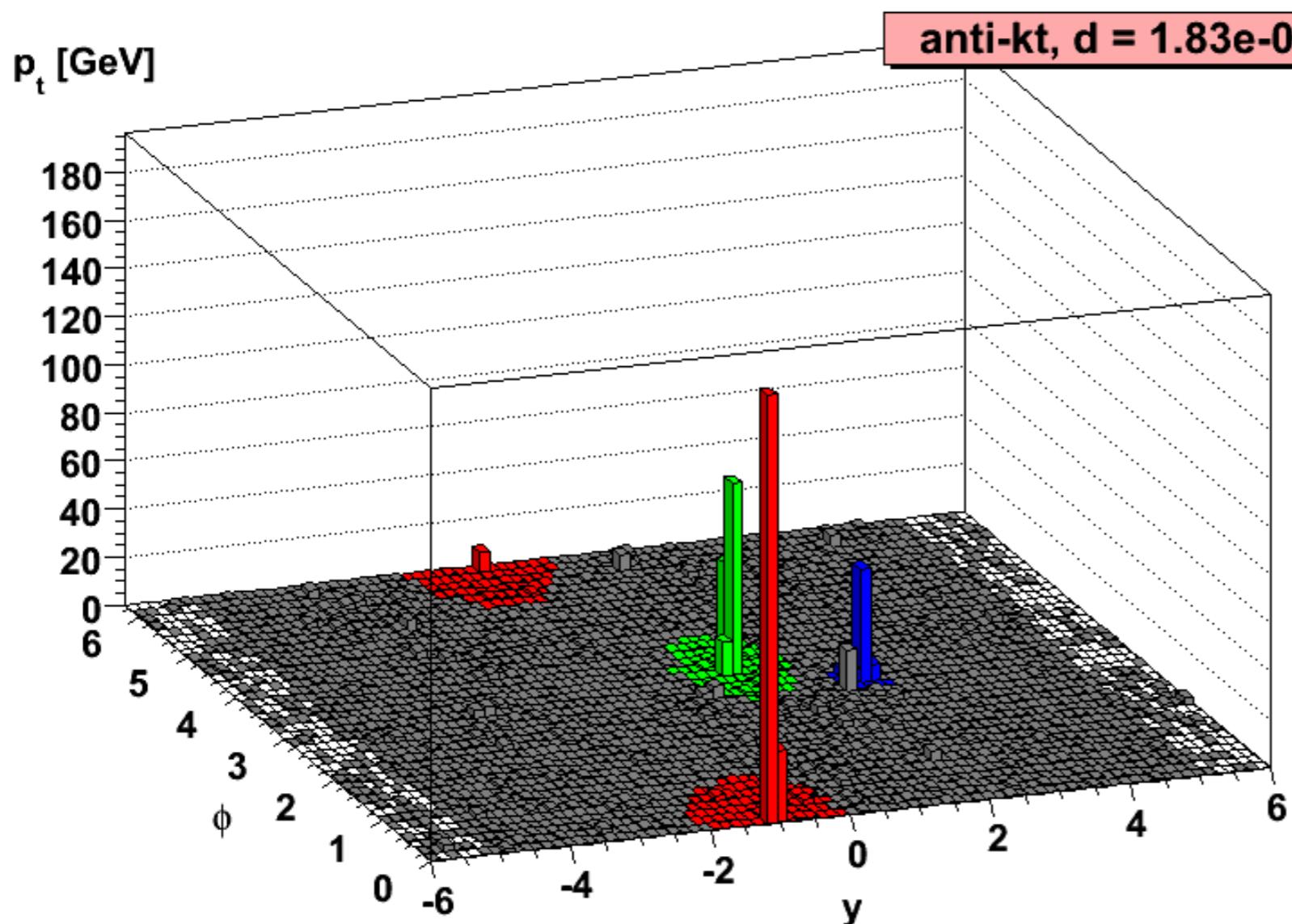
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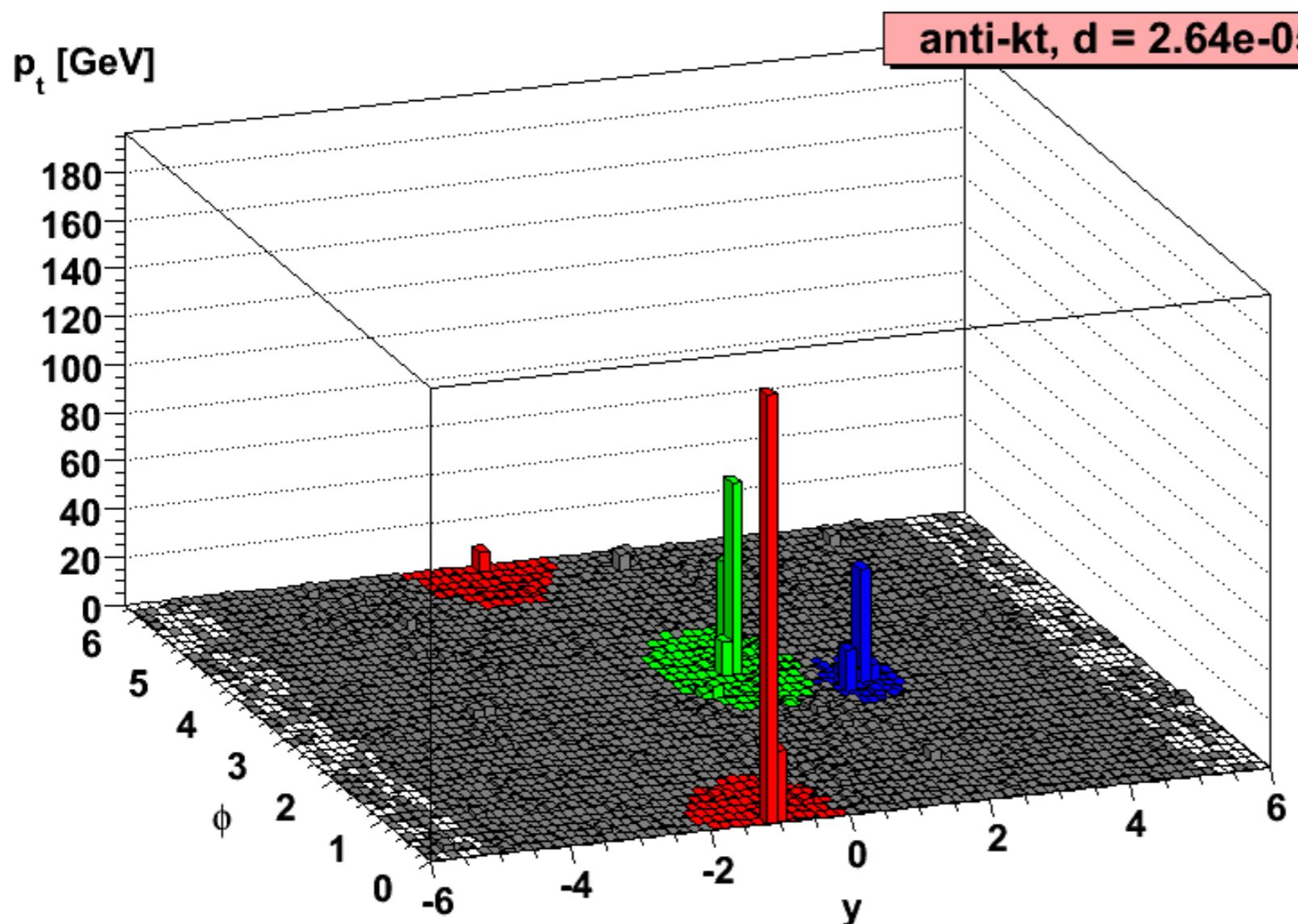
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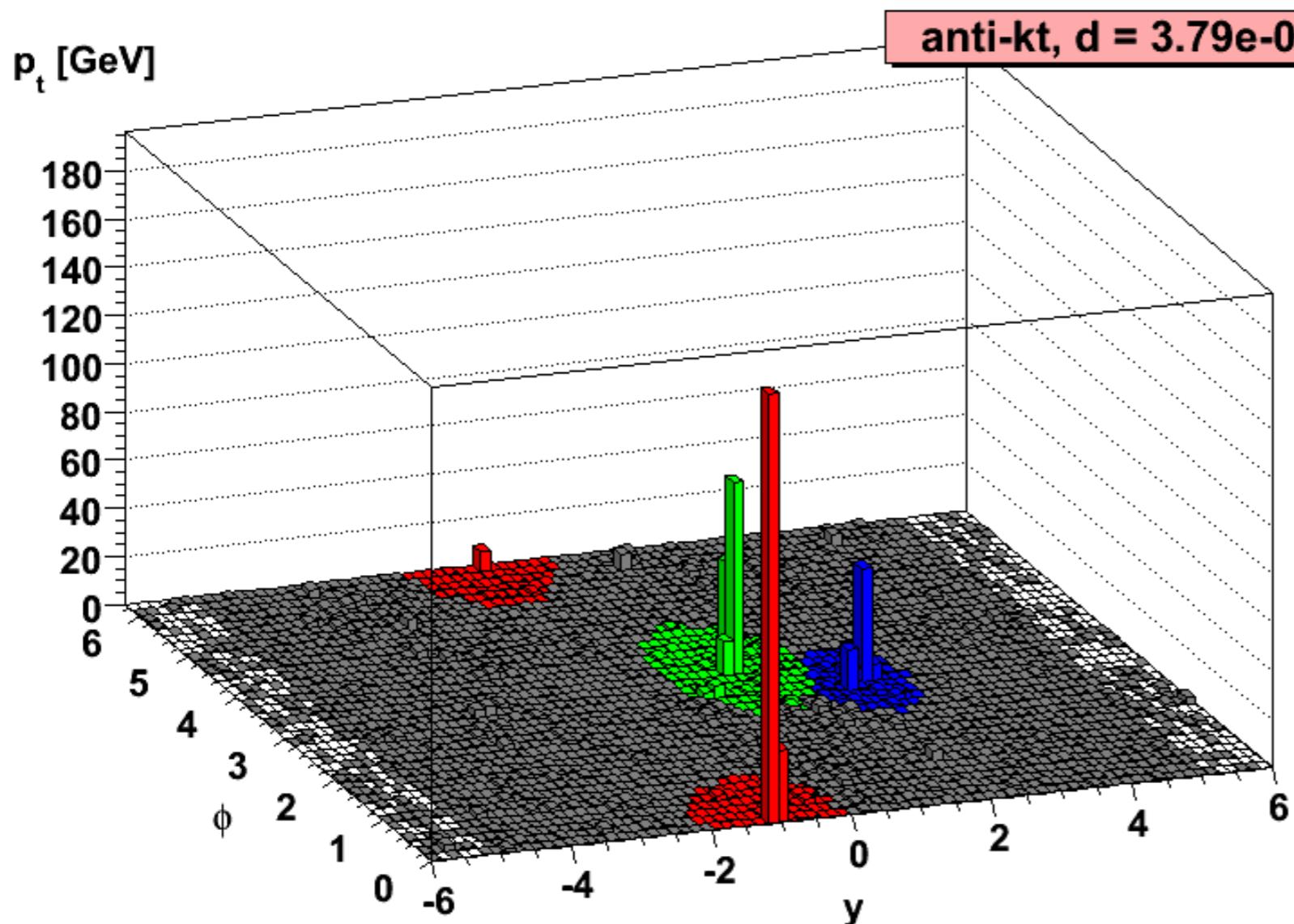
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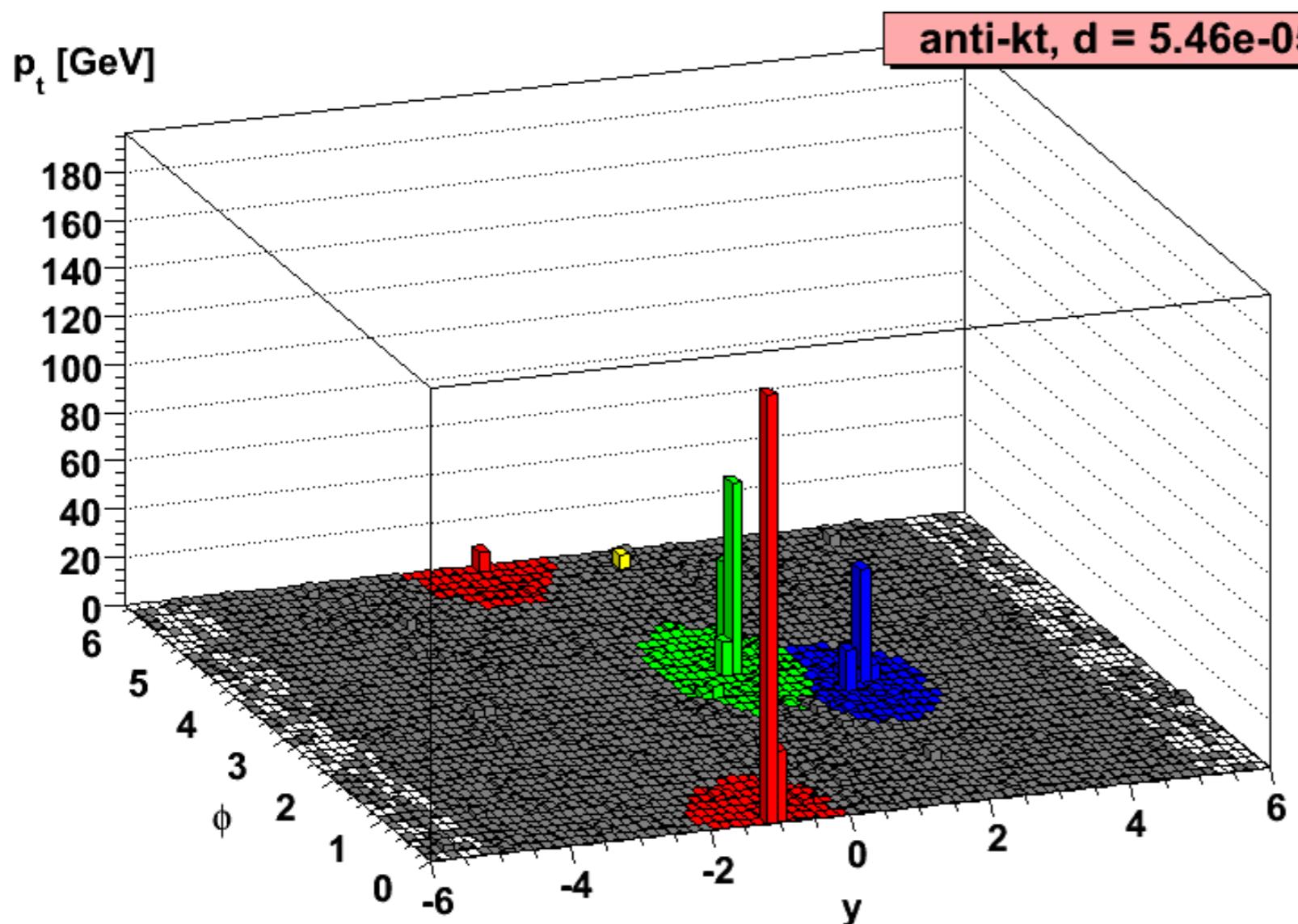
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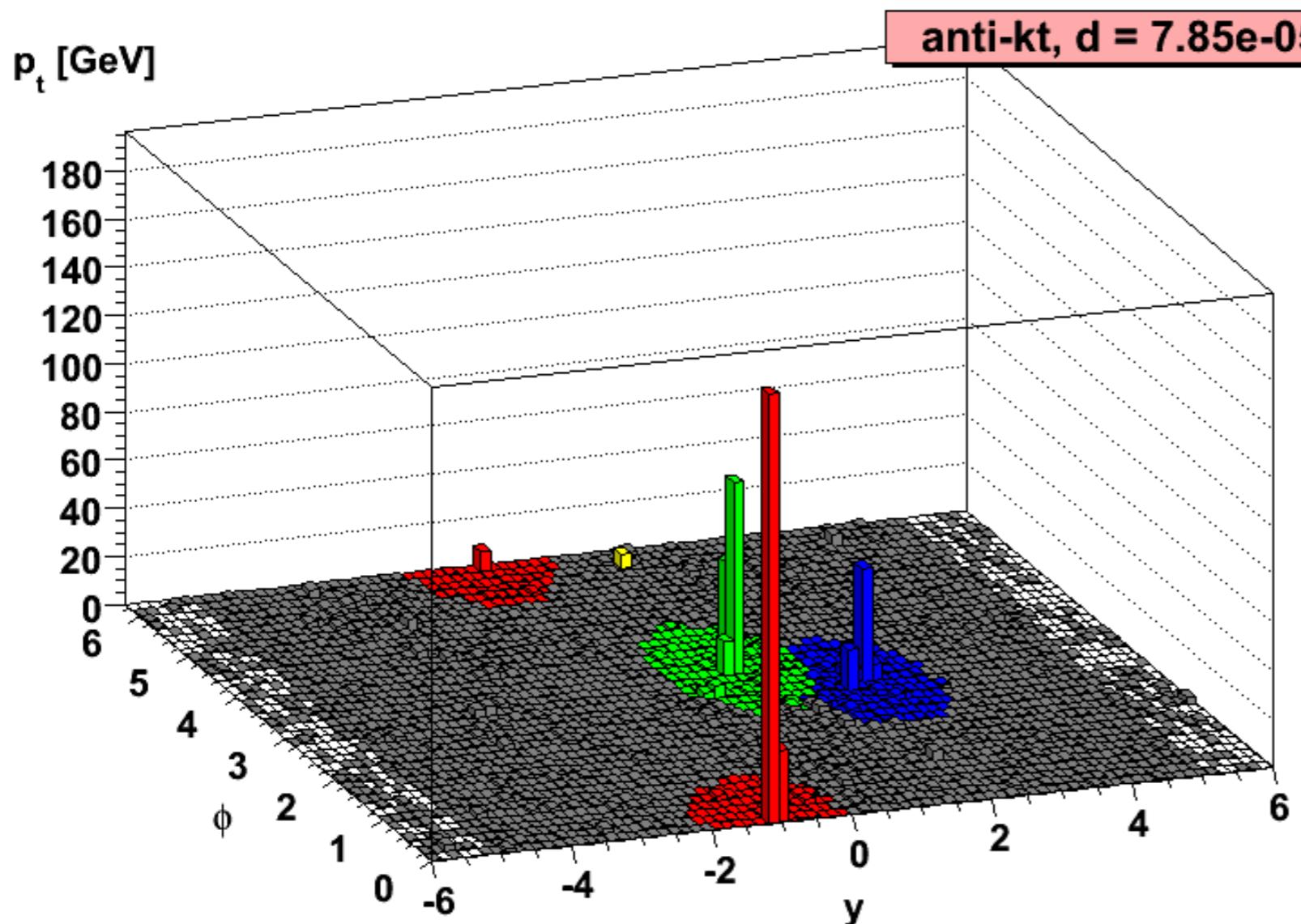
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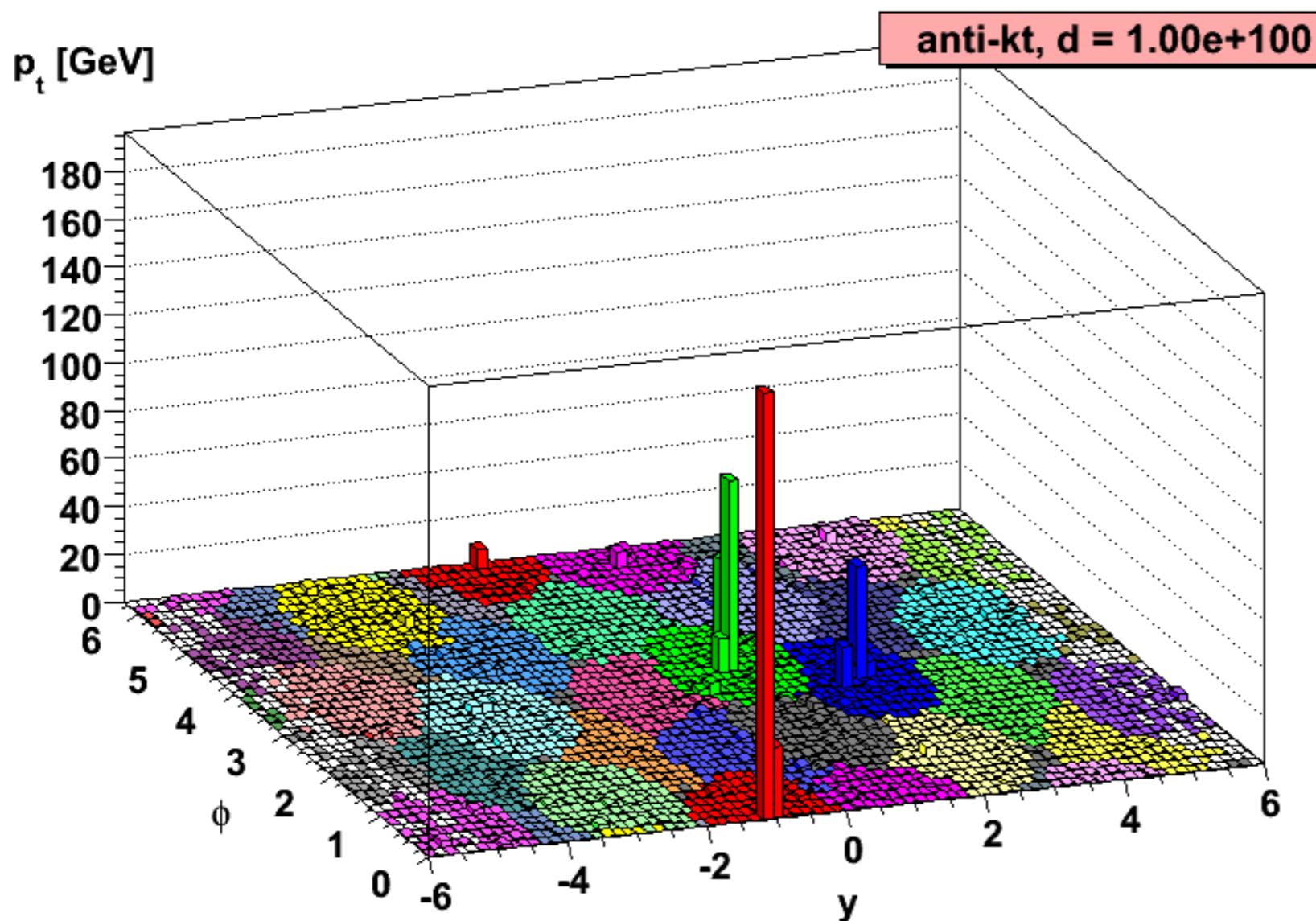
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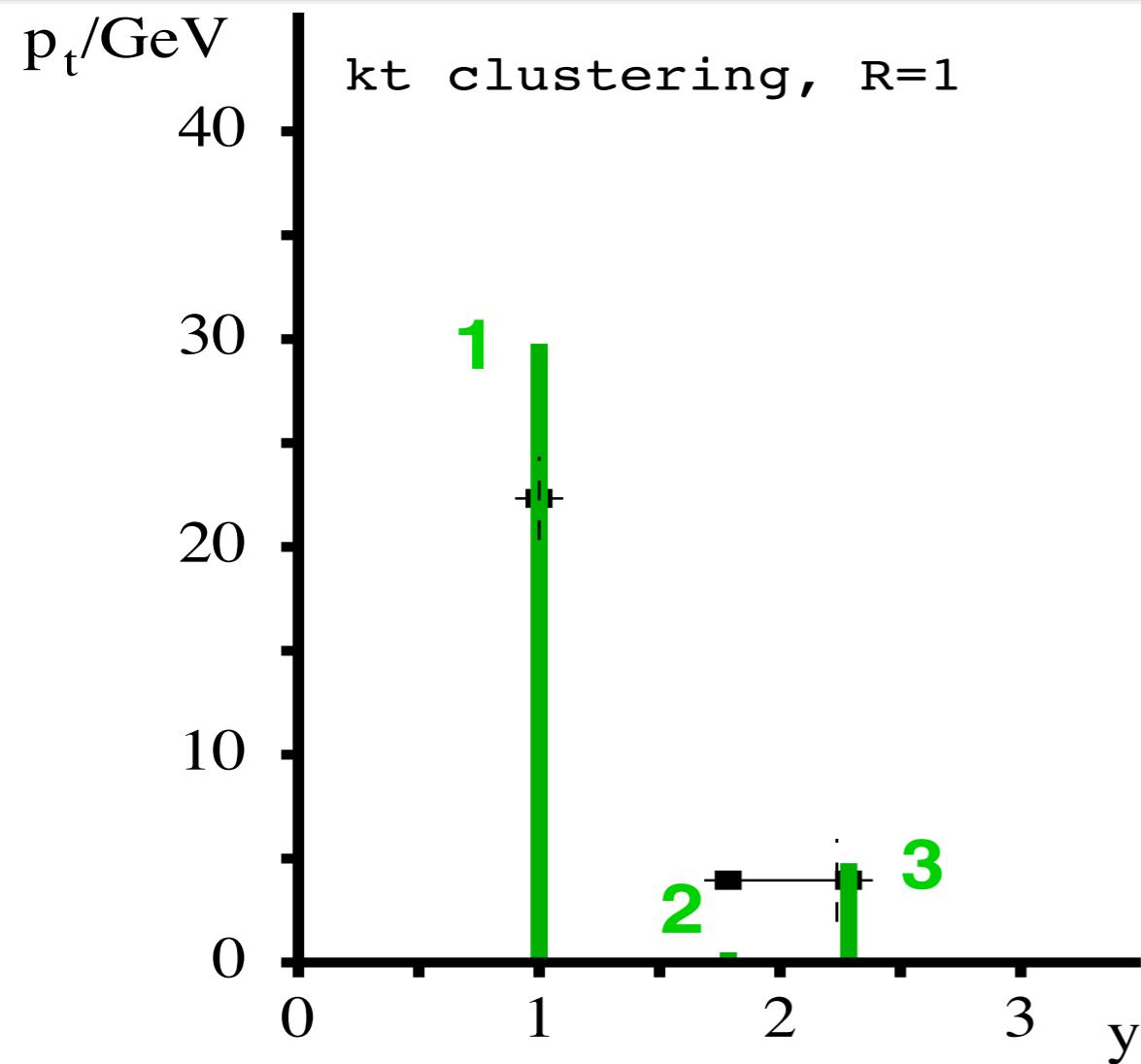
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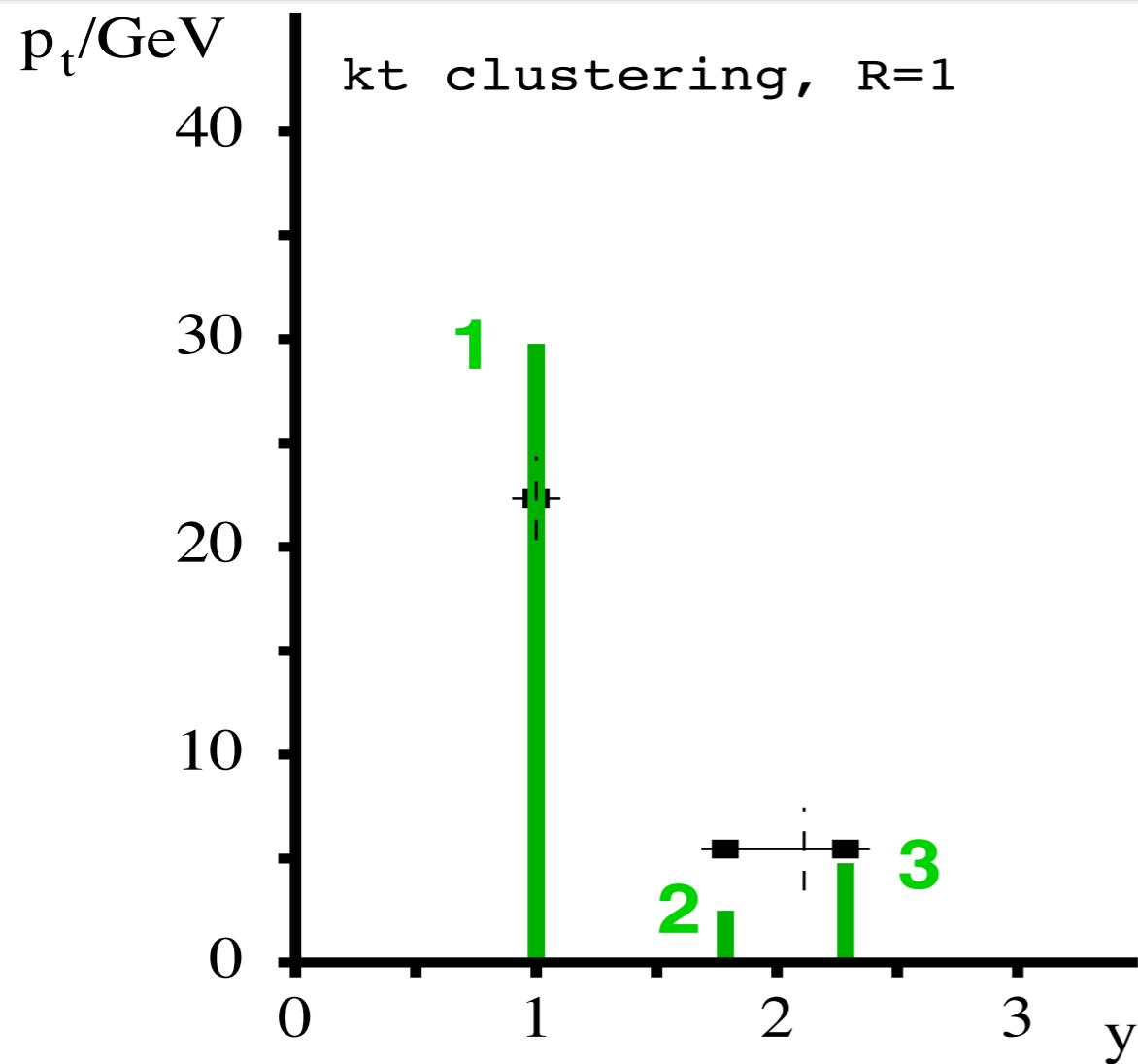


Anti- $k_t$  gives circular jets (“cone-like”) in a way that’s infrared safe

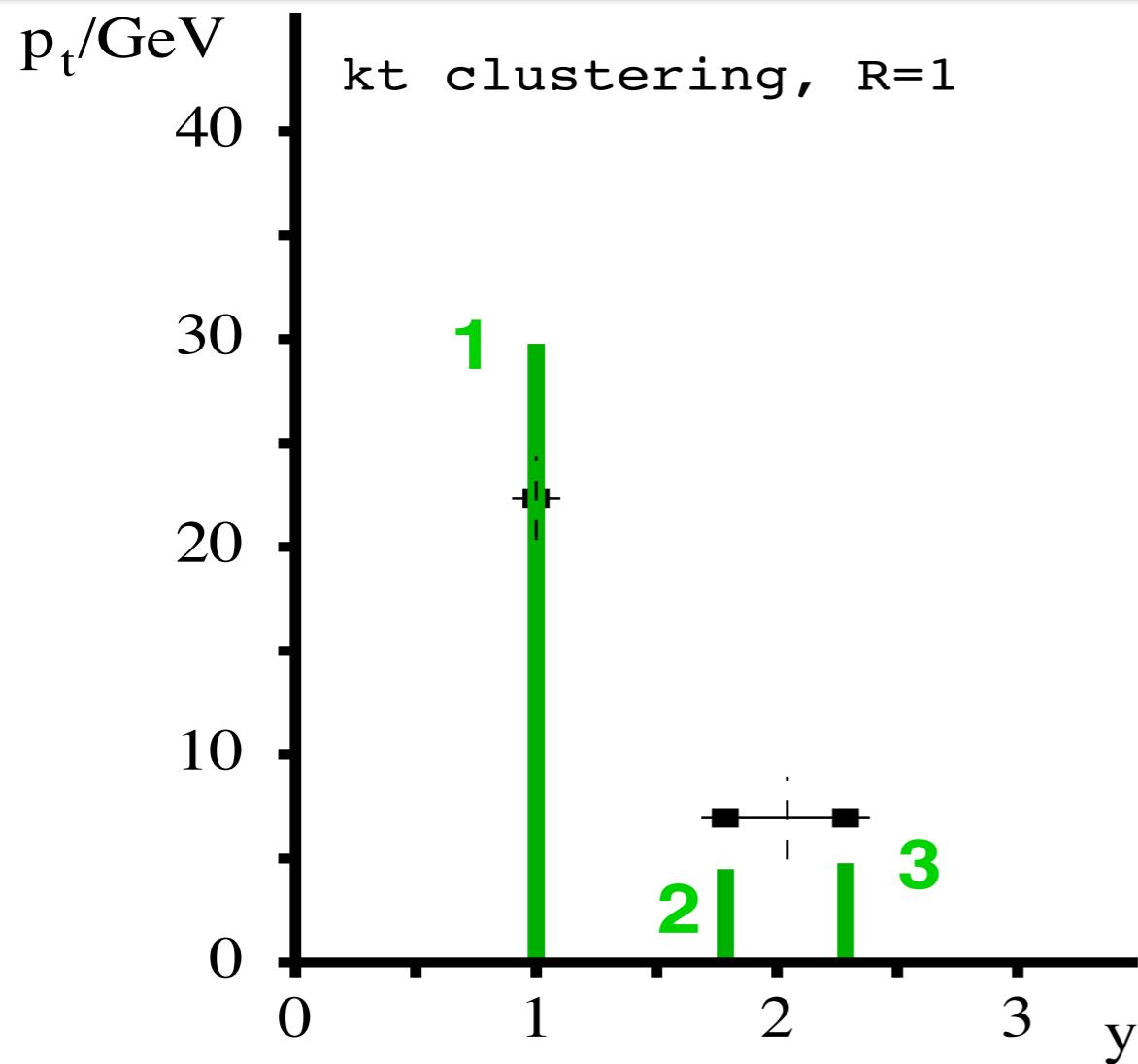
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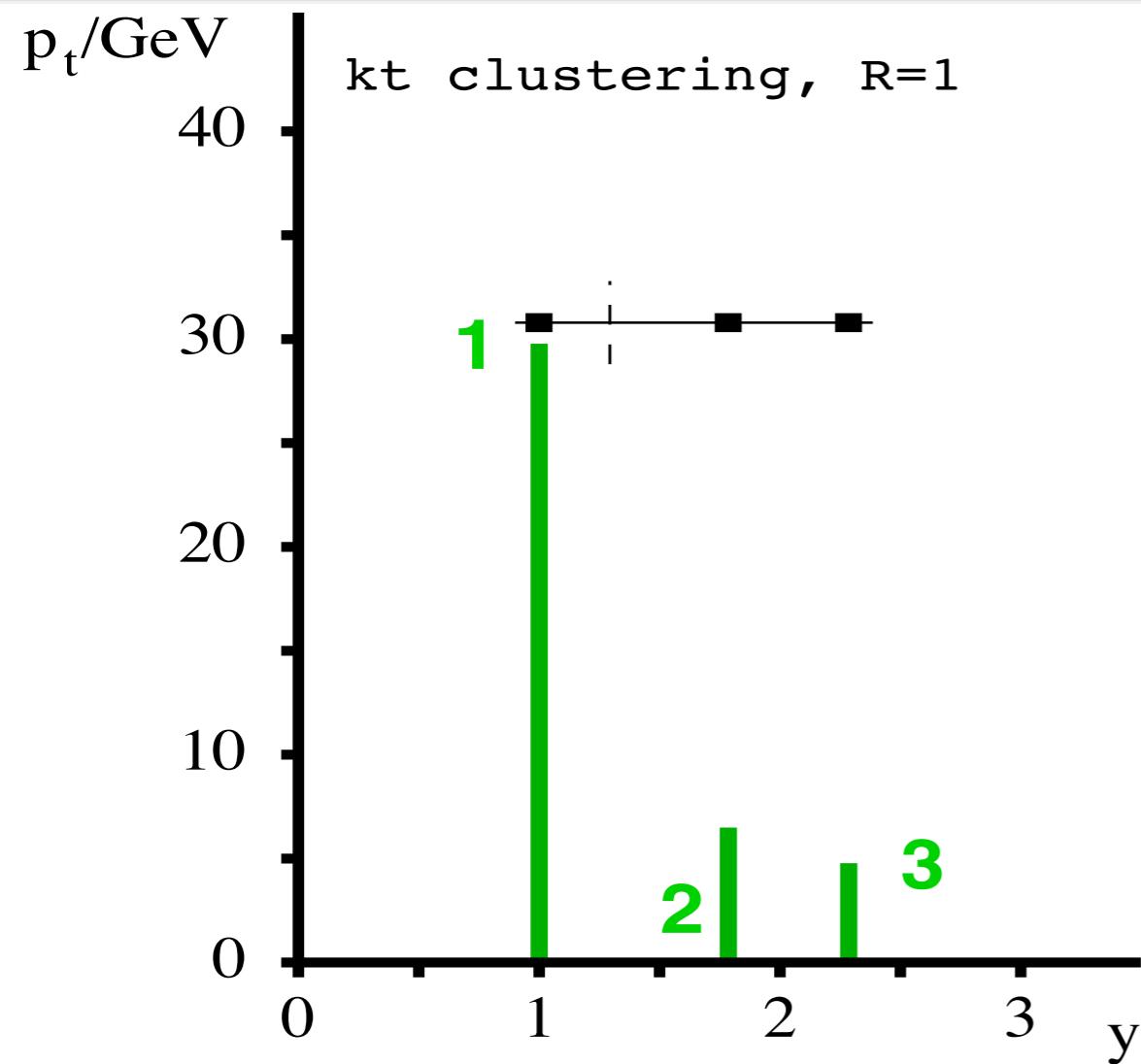
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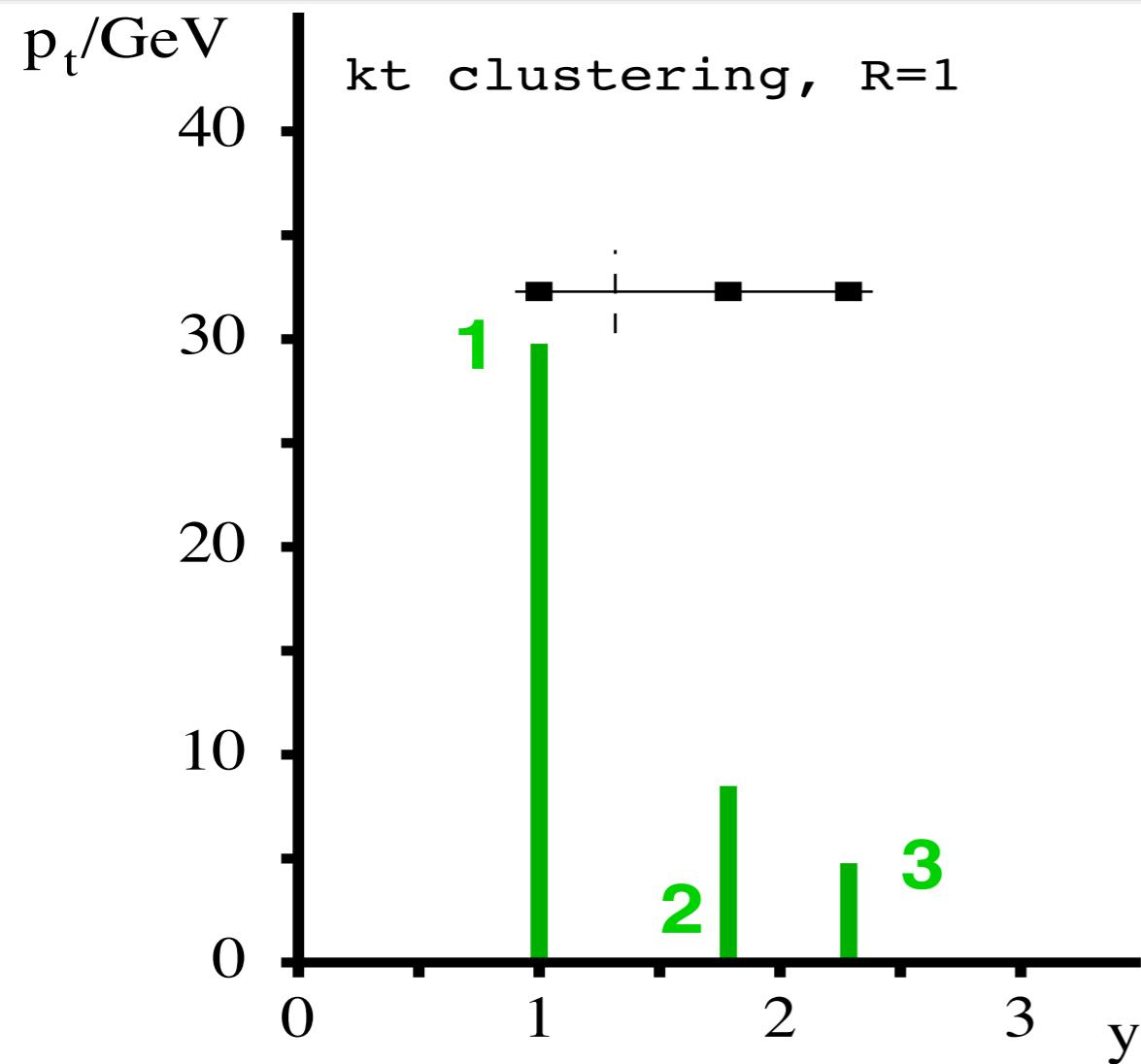
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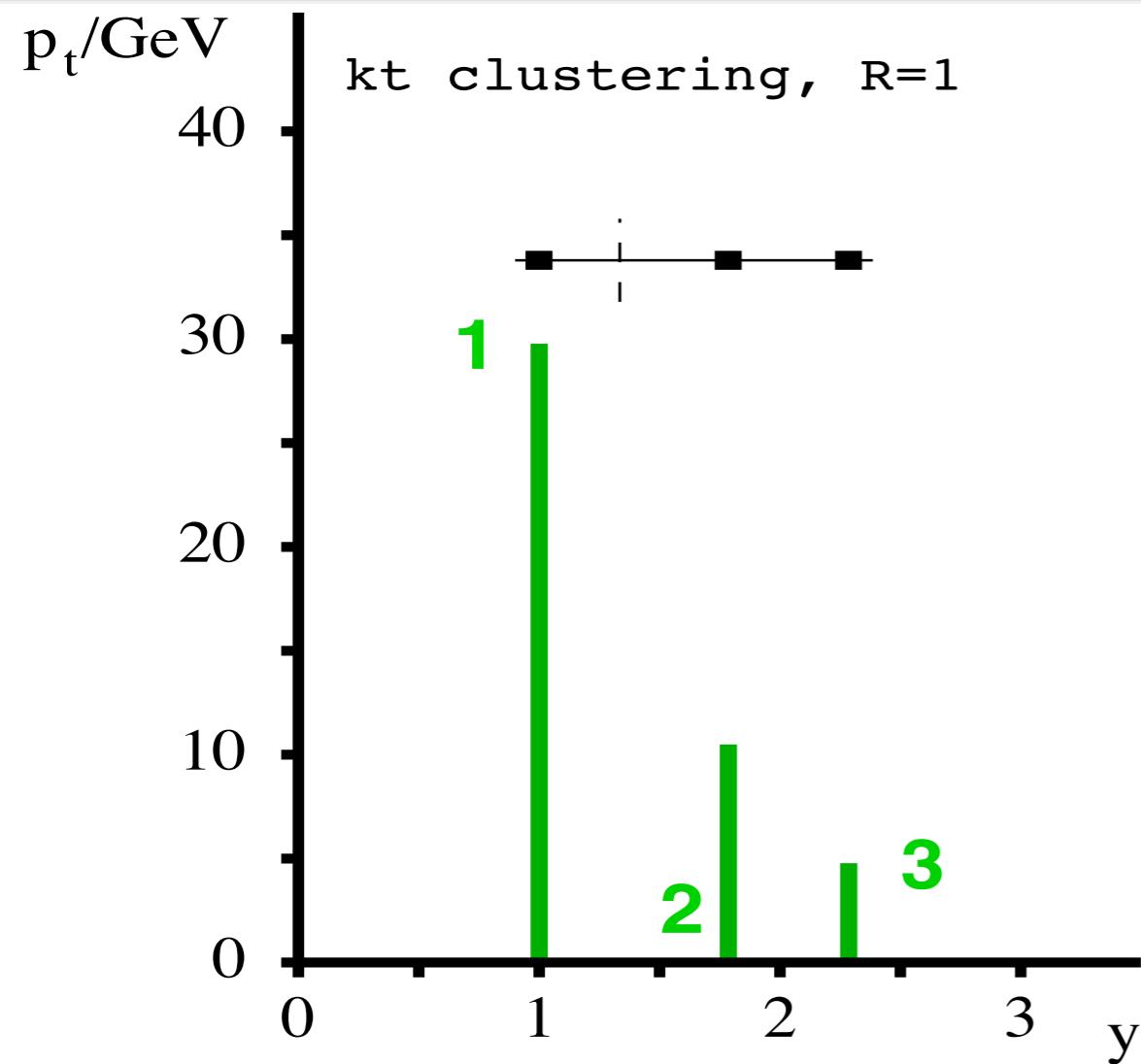
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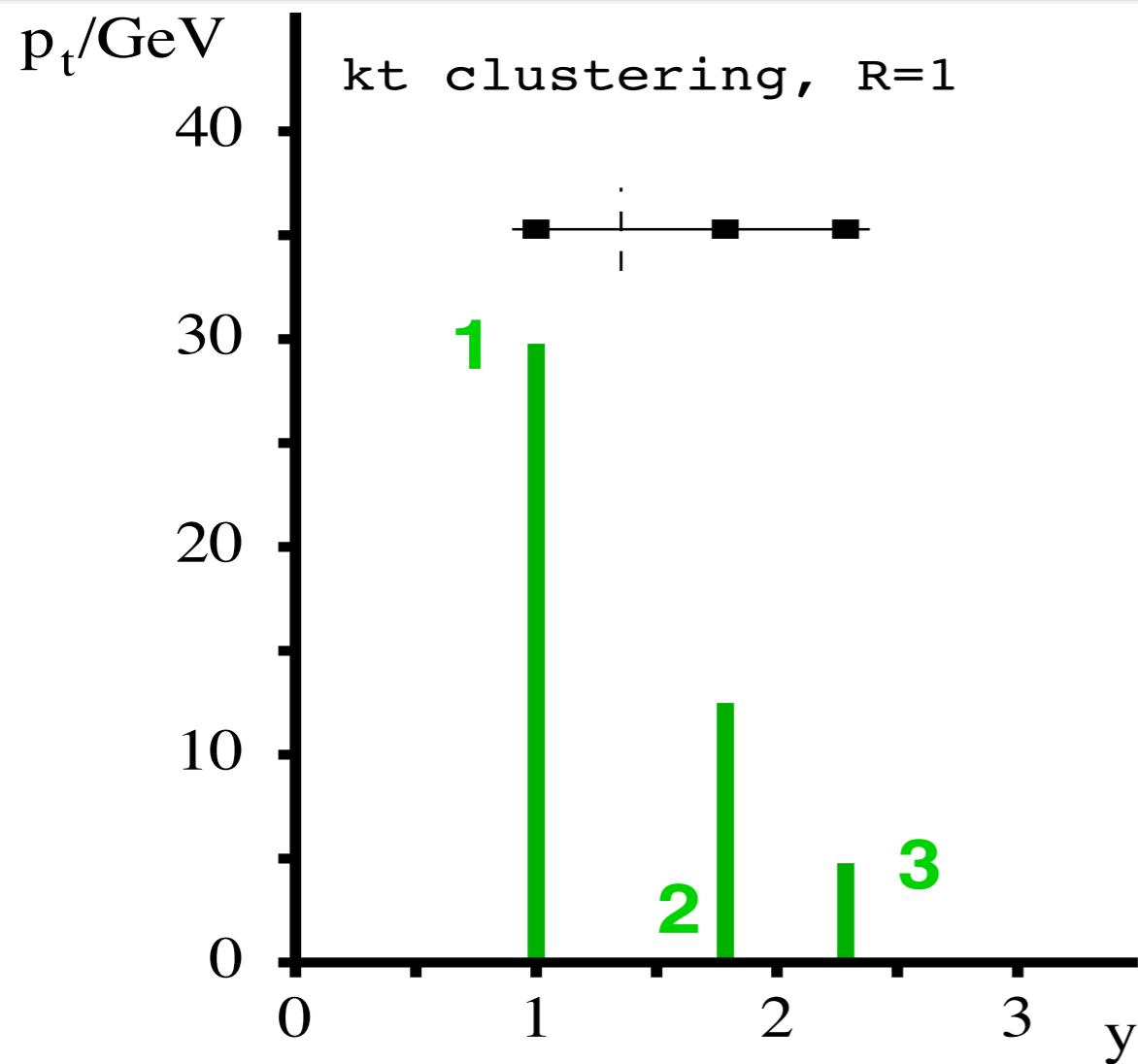
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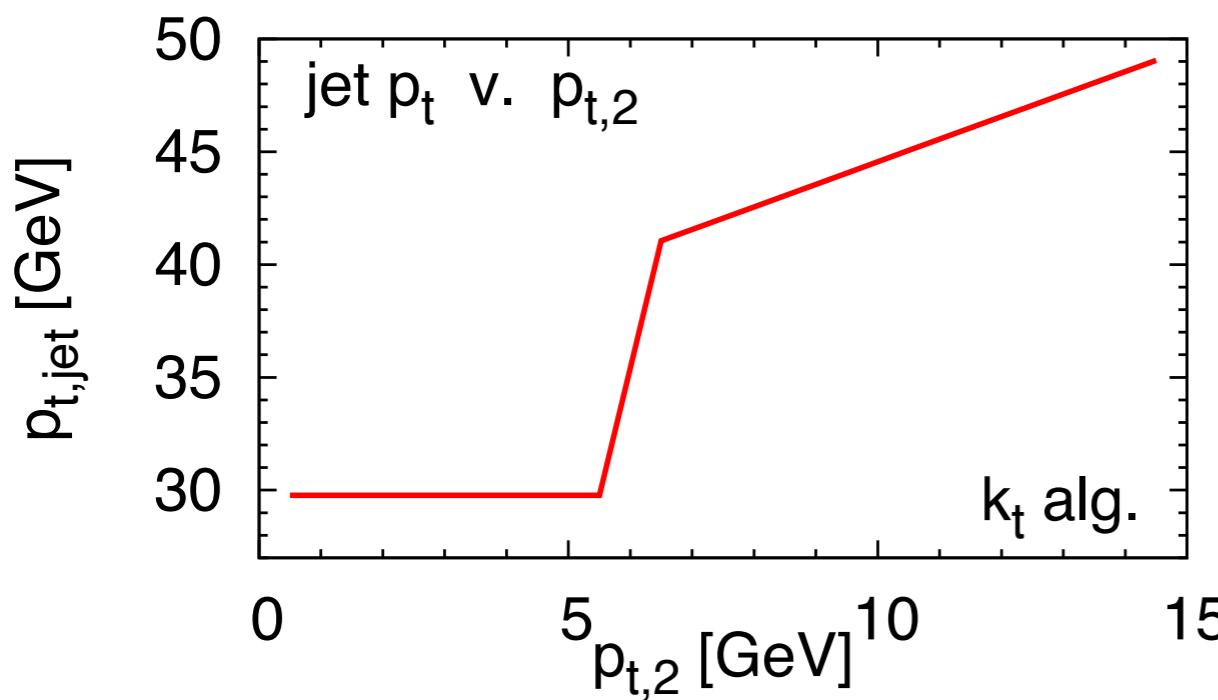
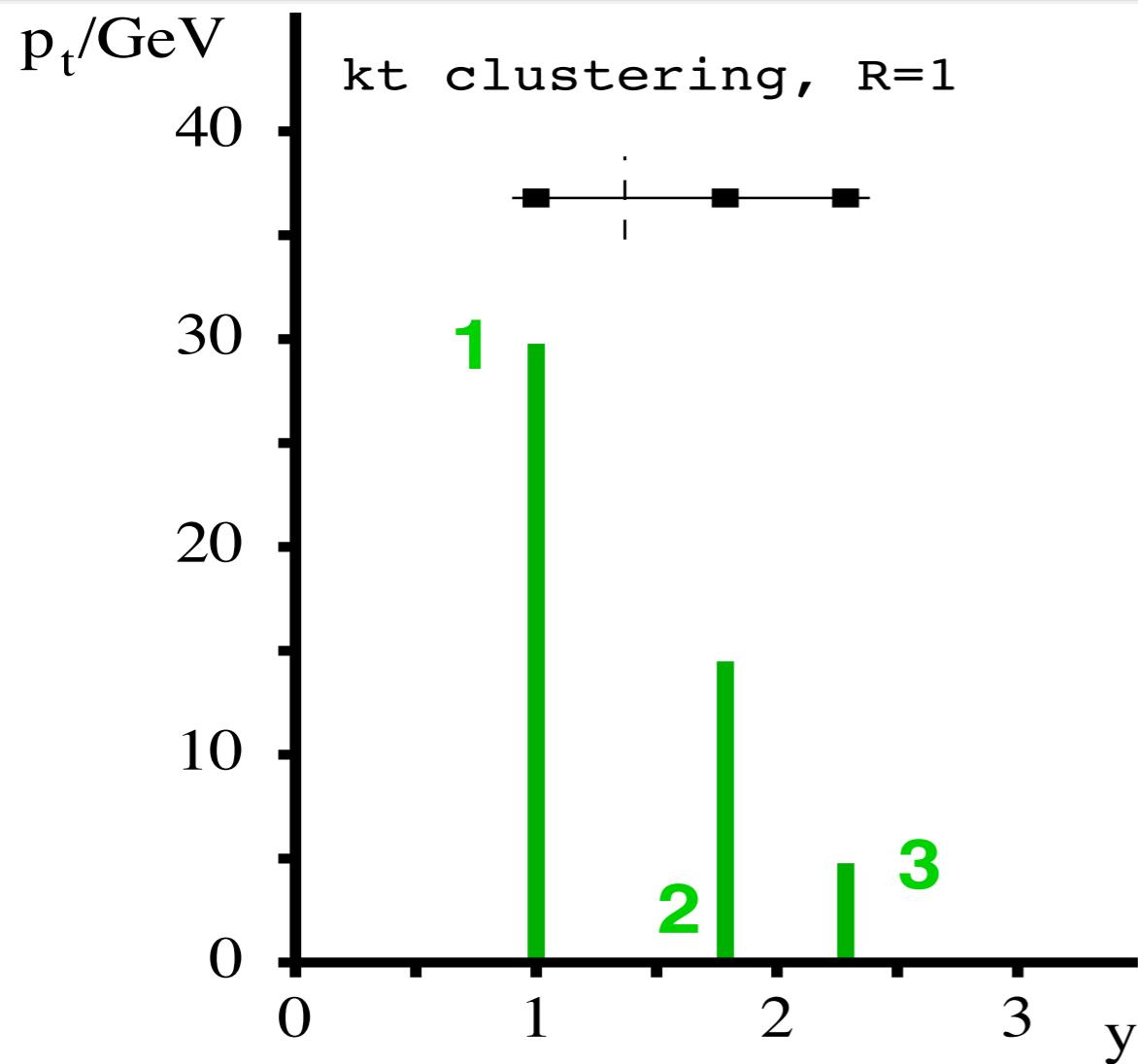
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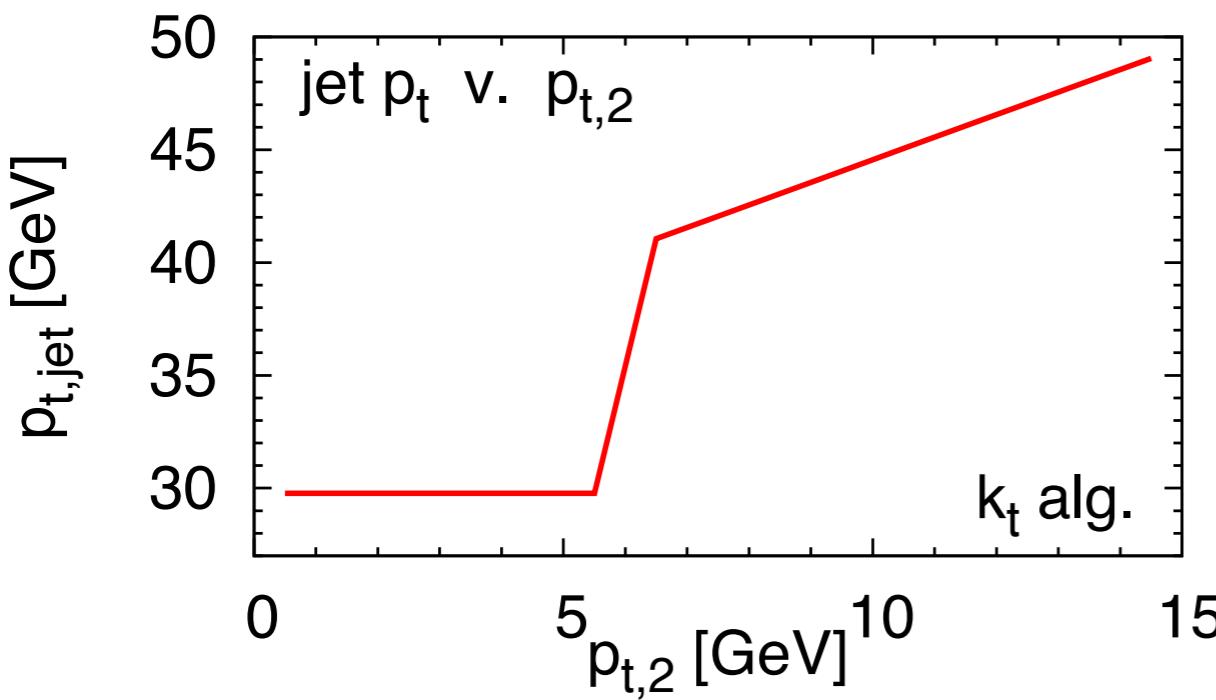
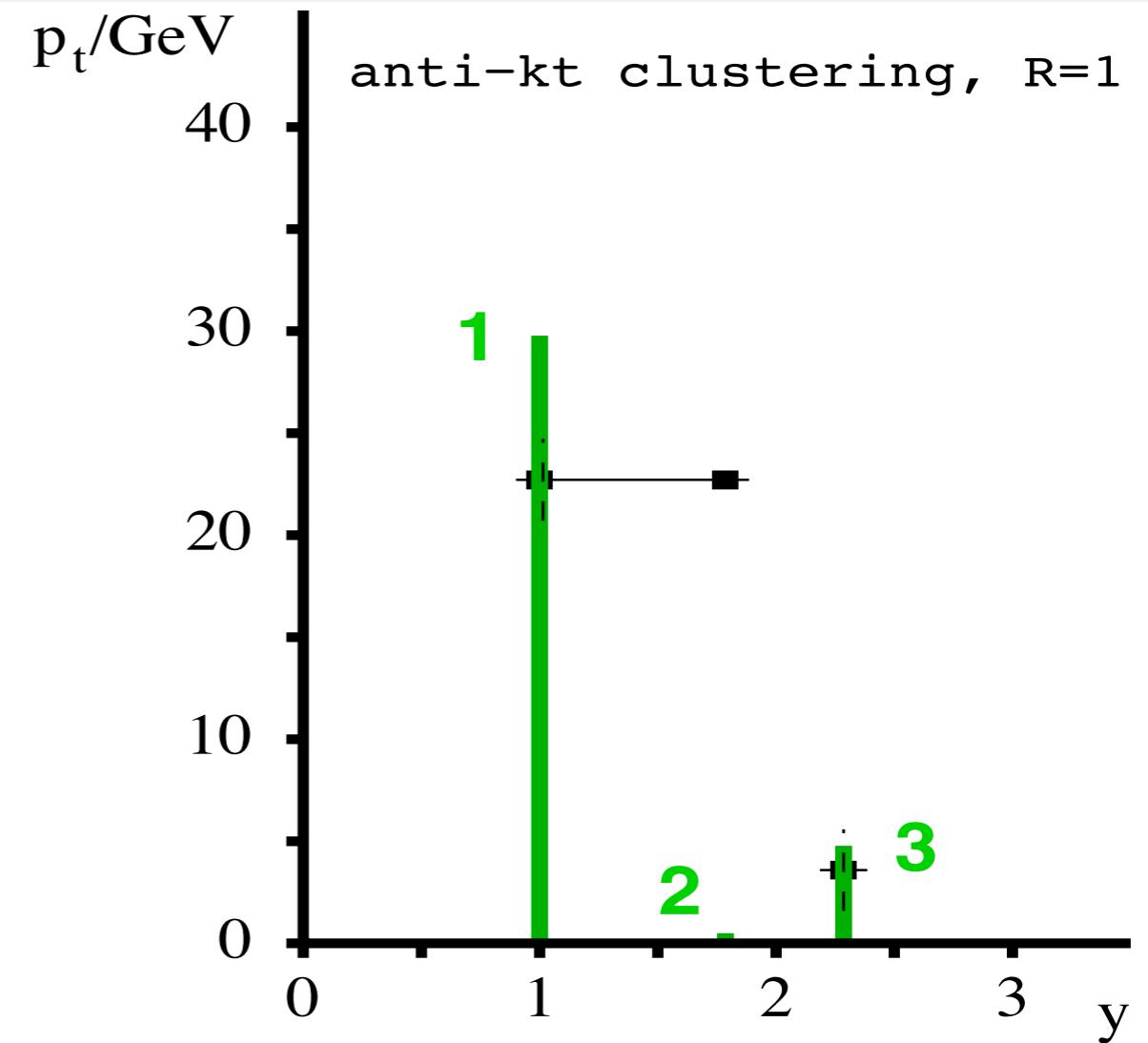
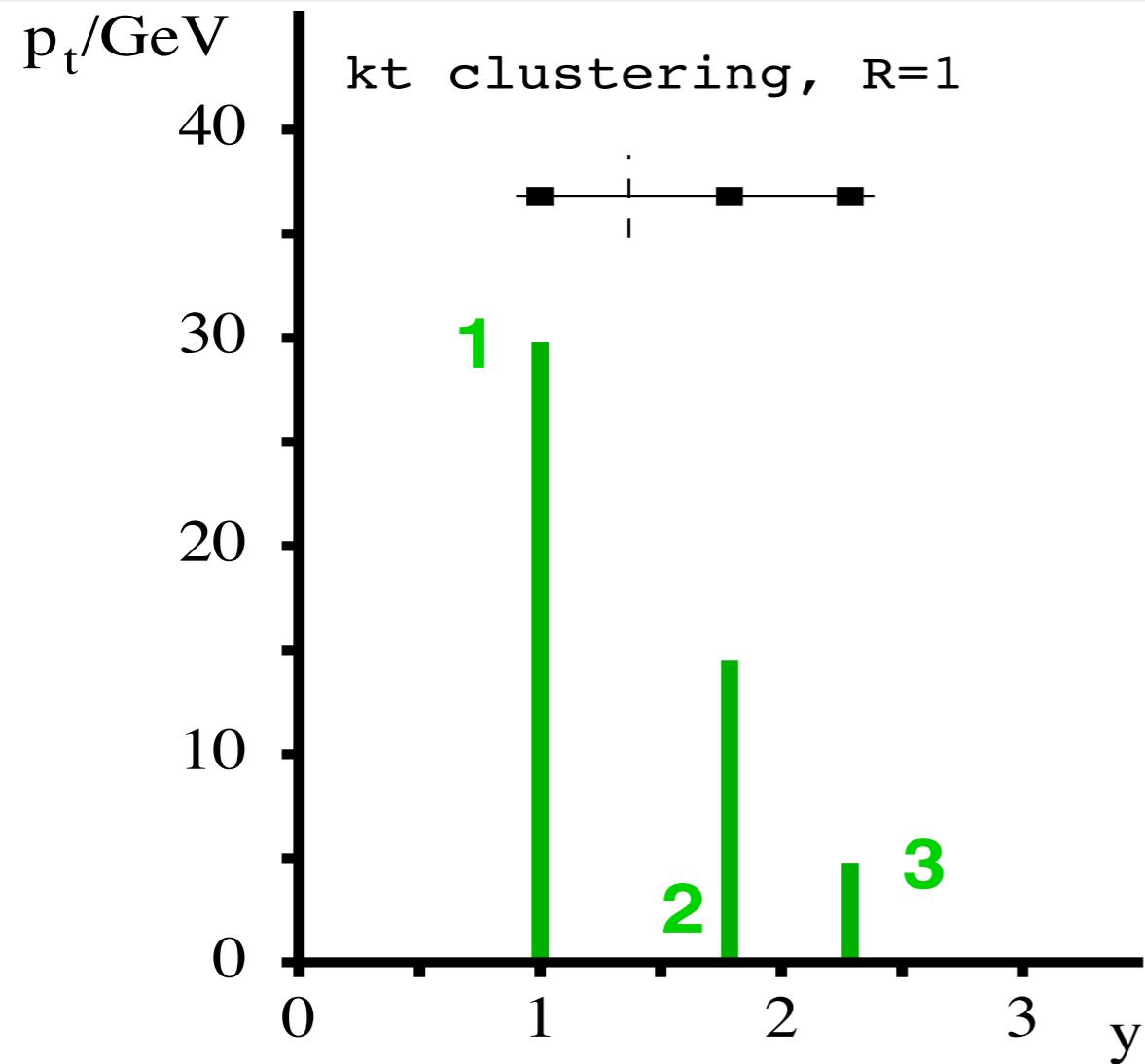
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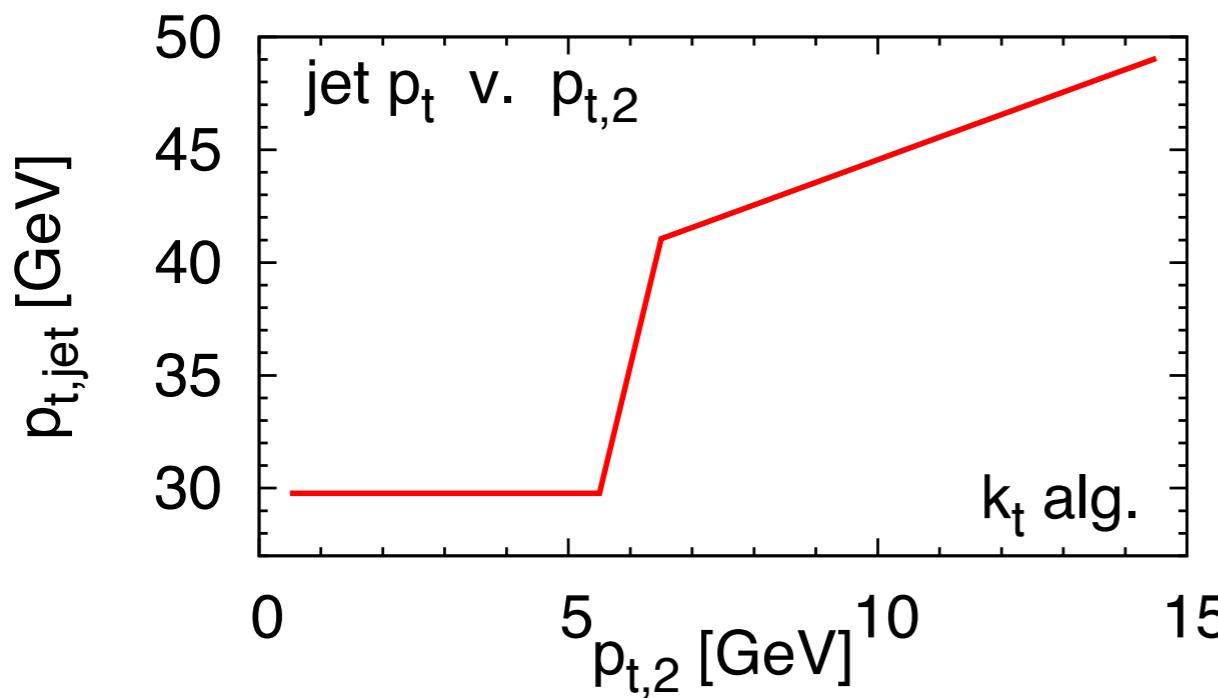
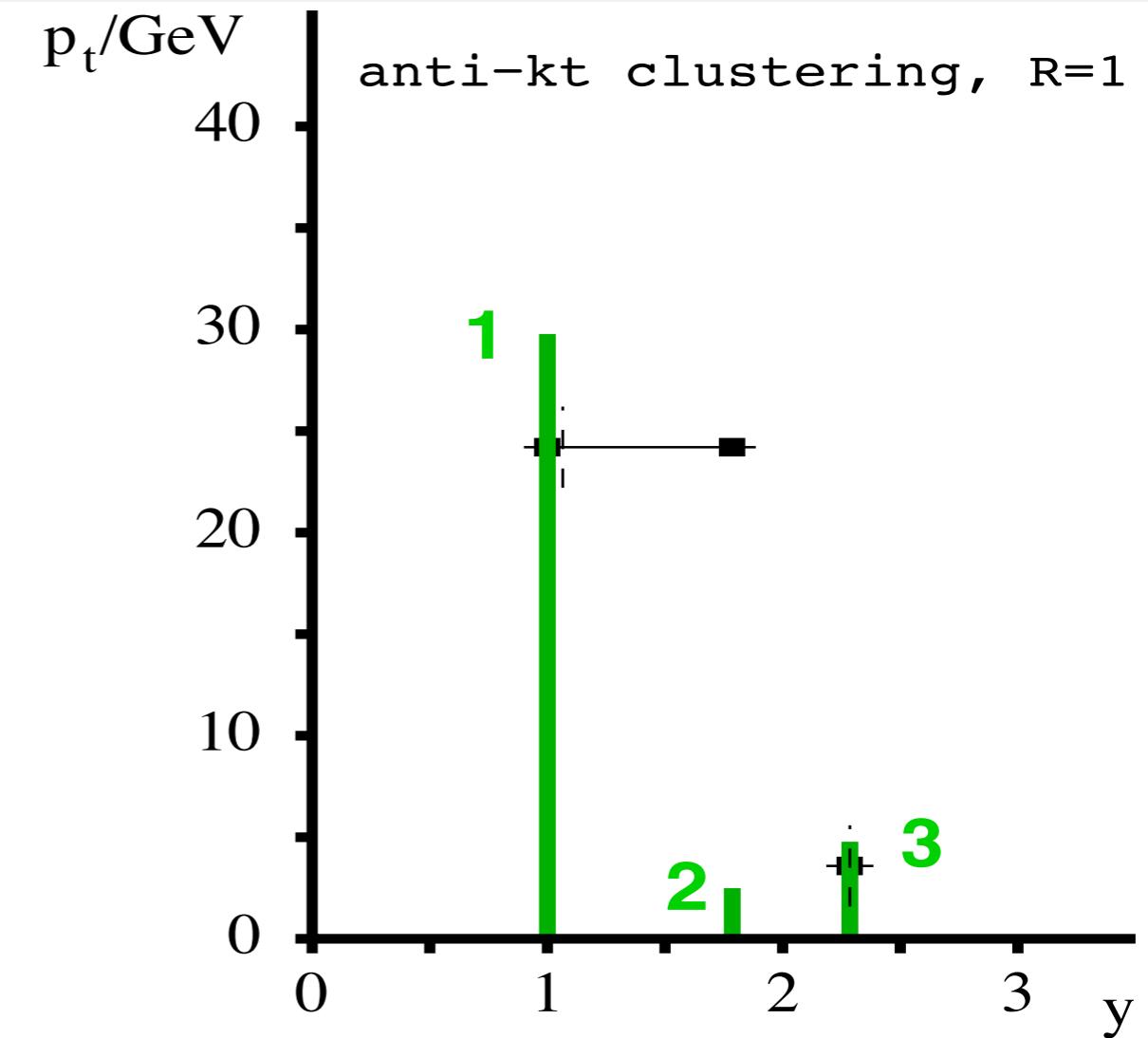
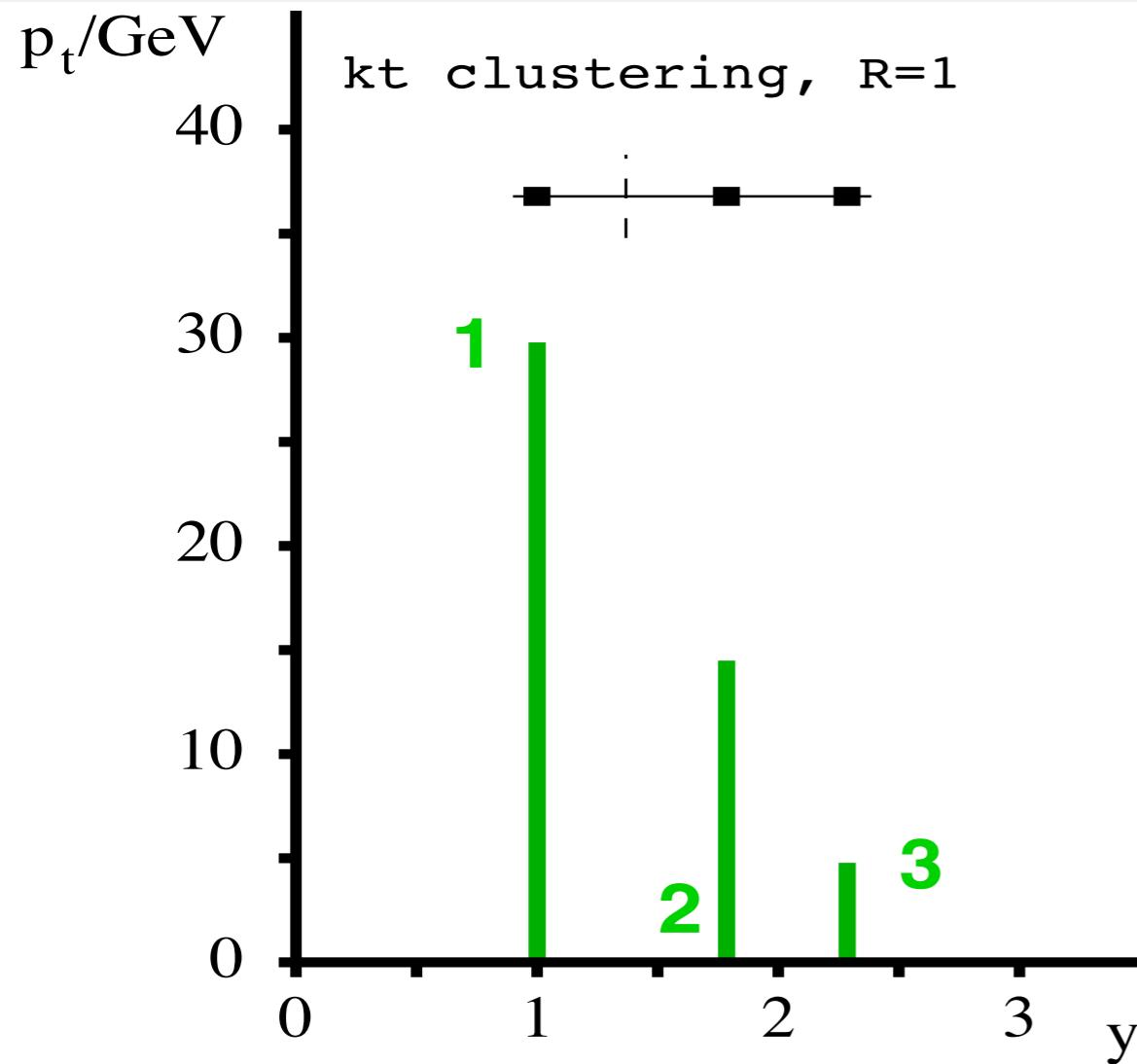
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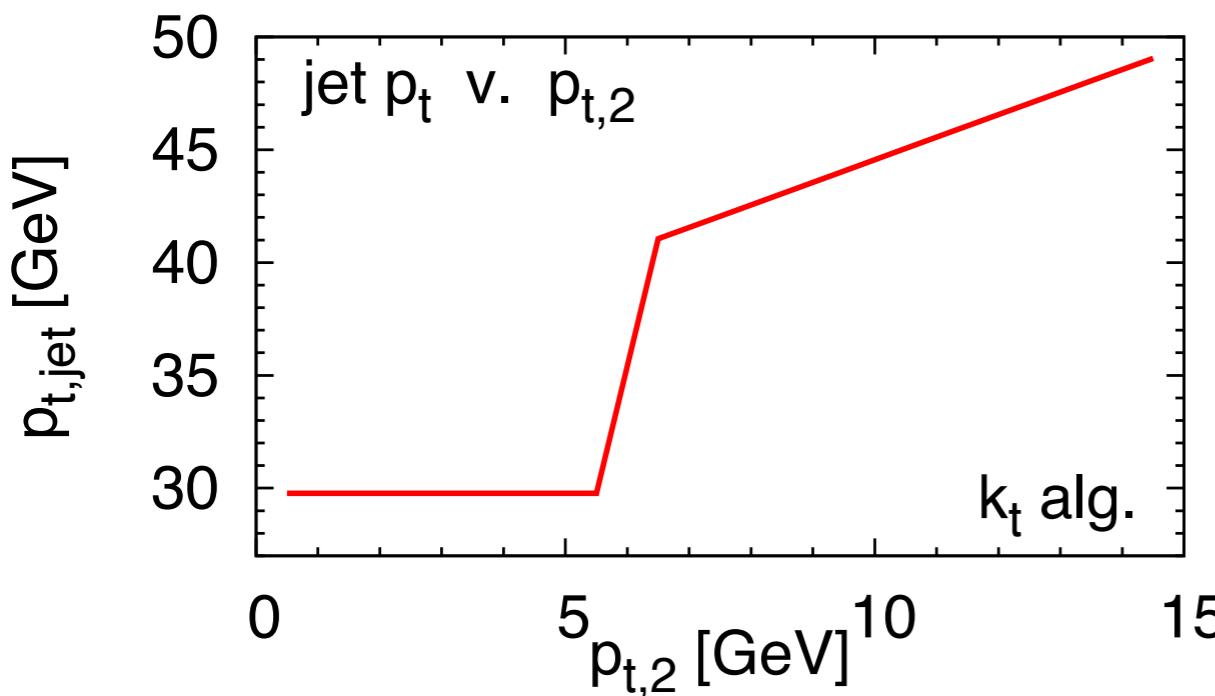
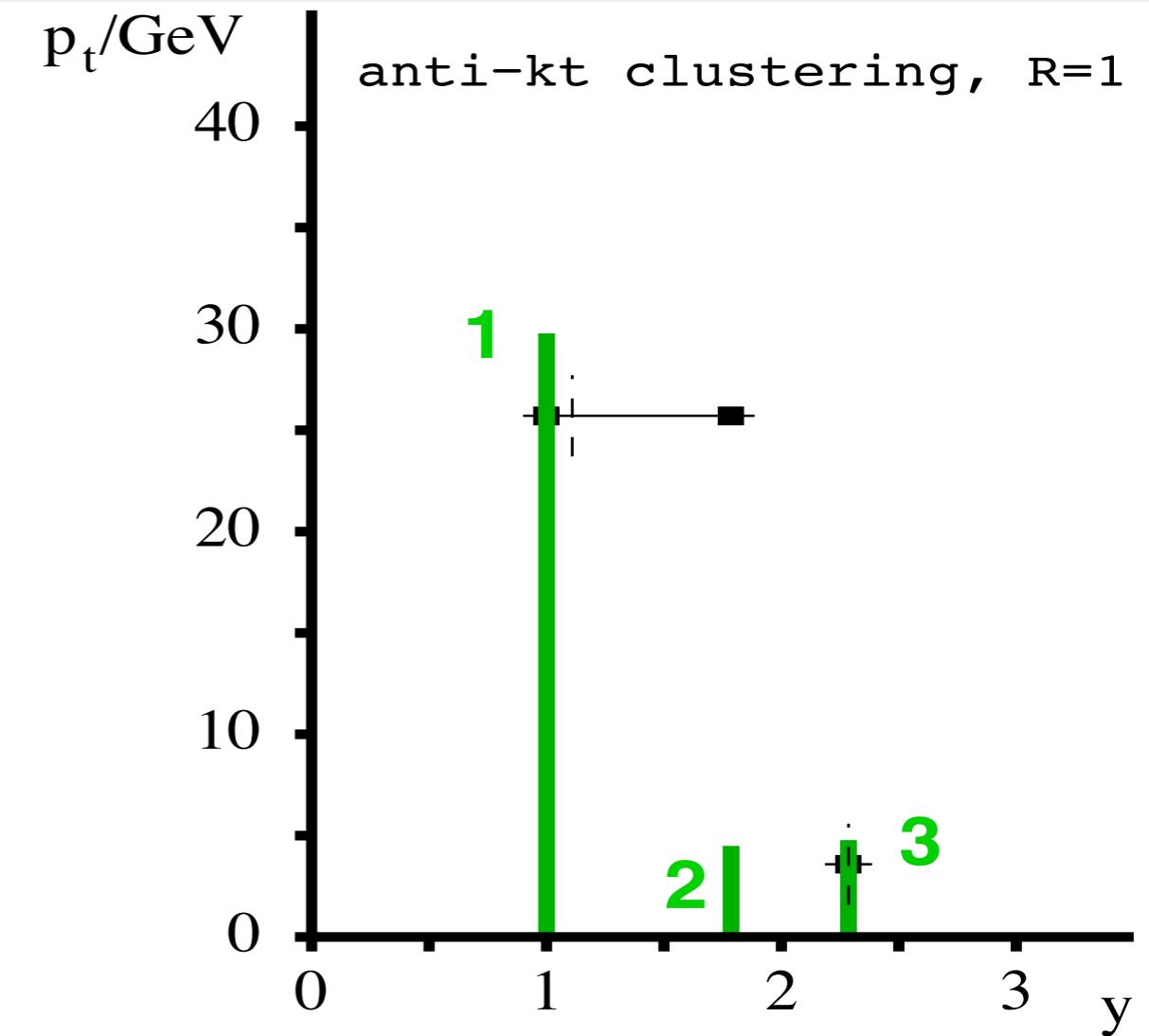
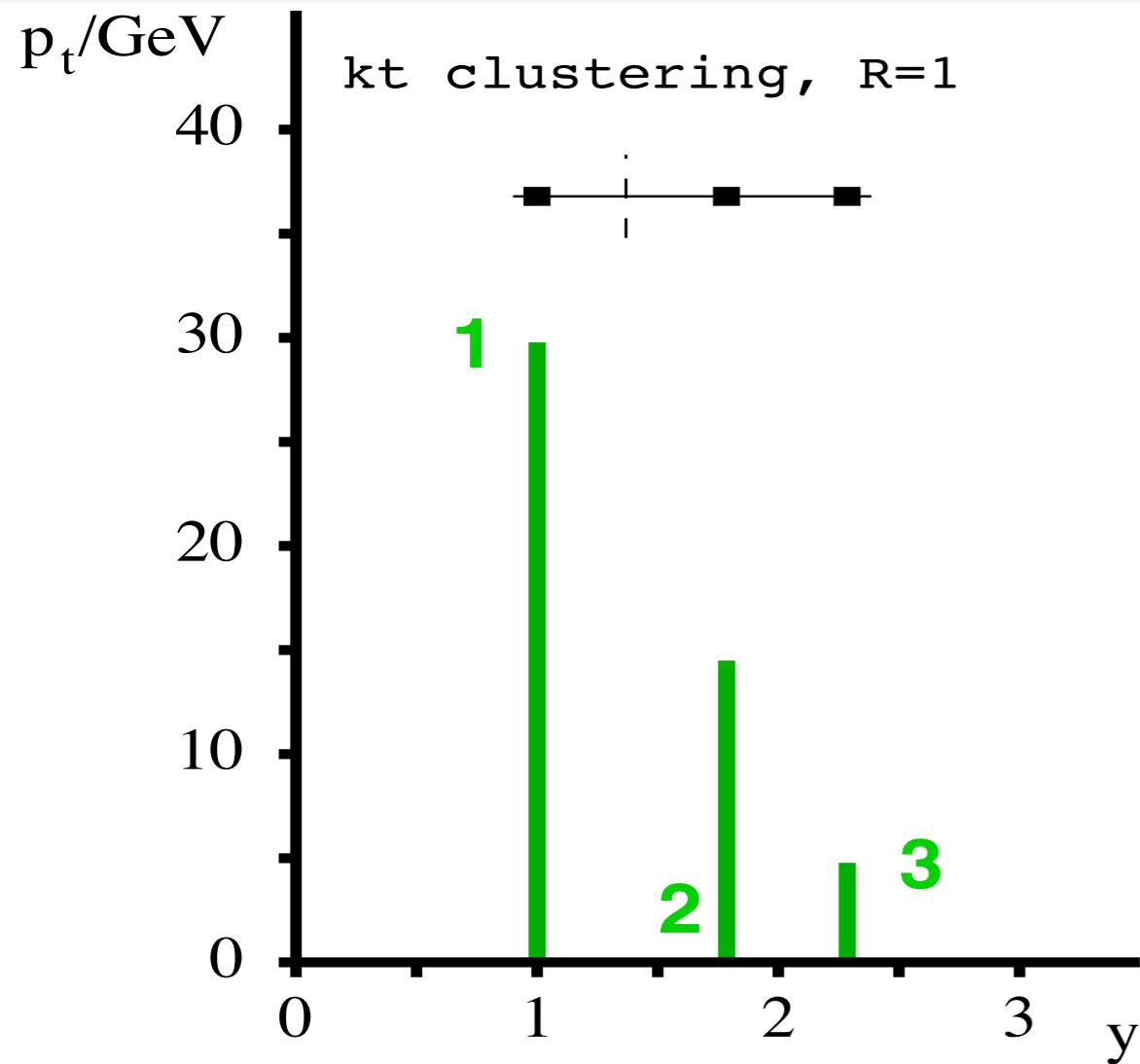
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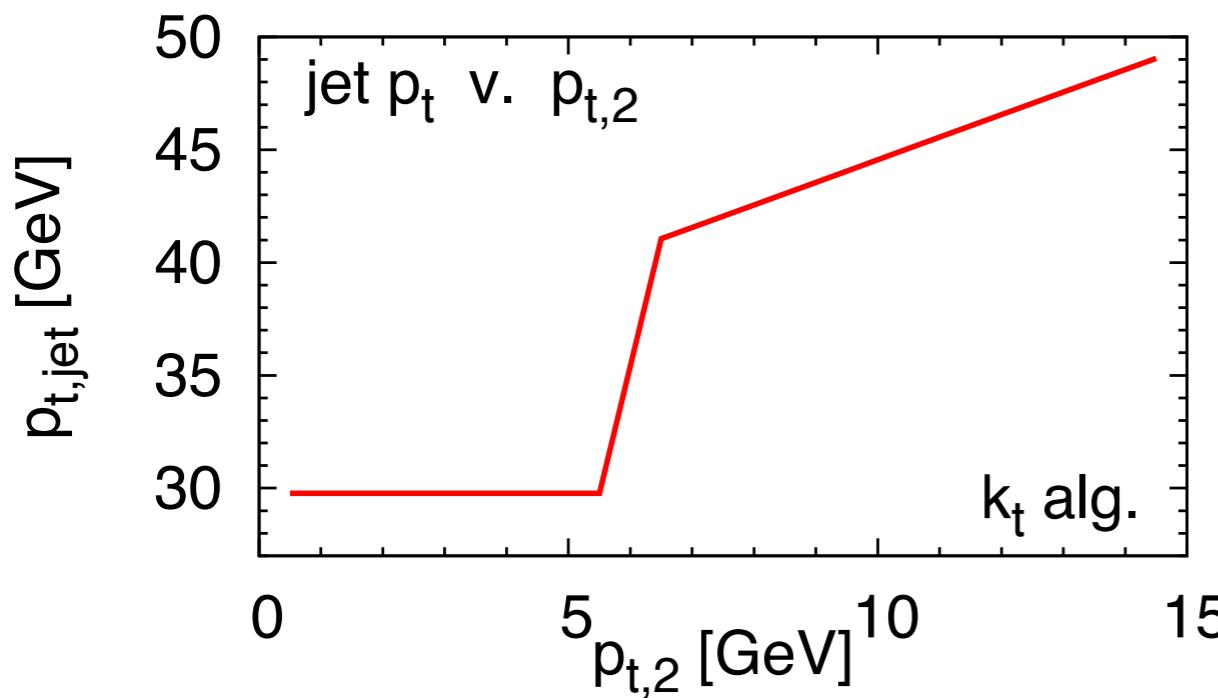
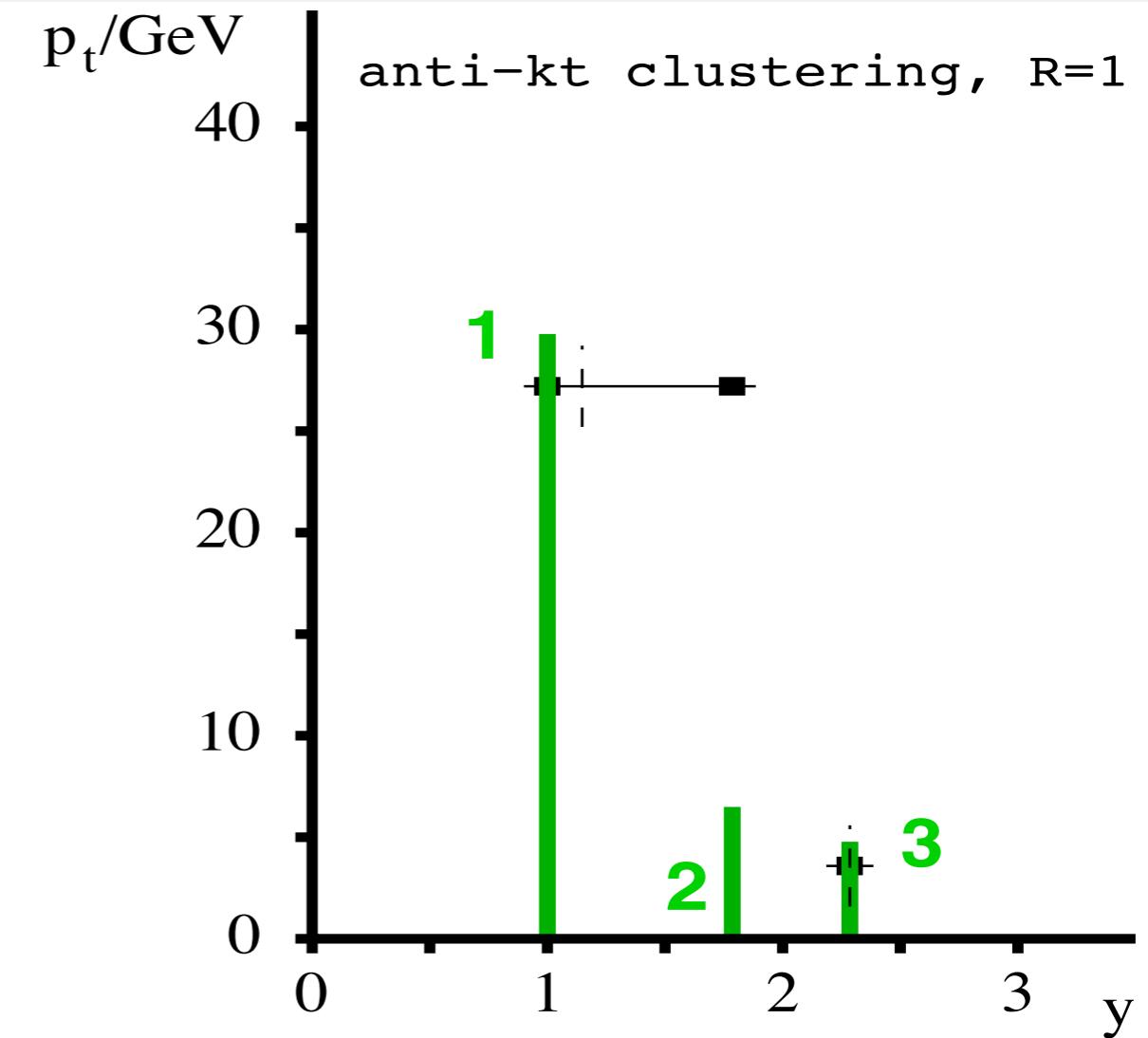
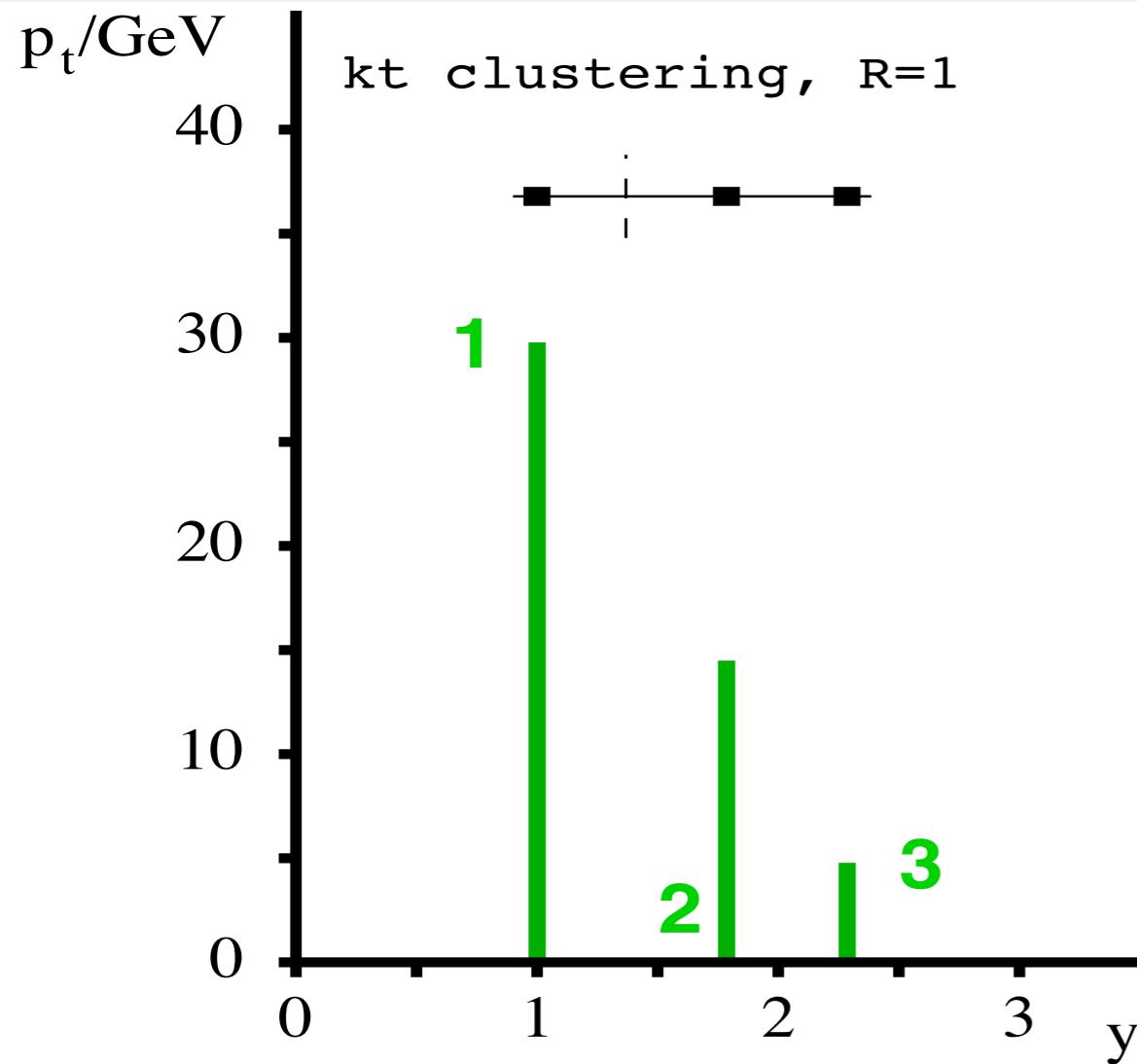
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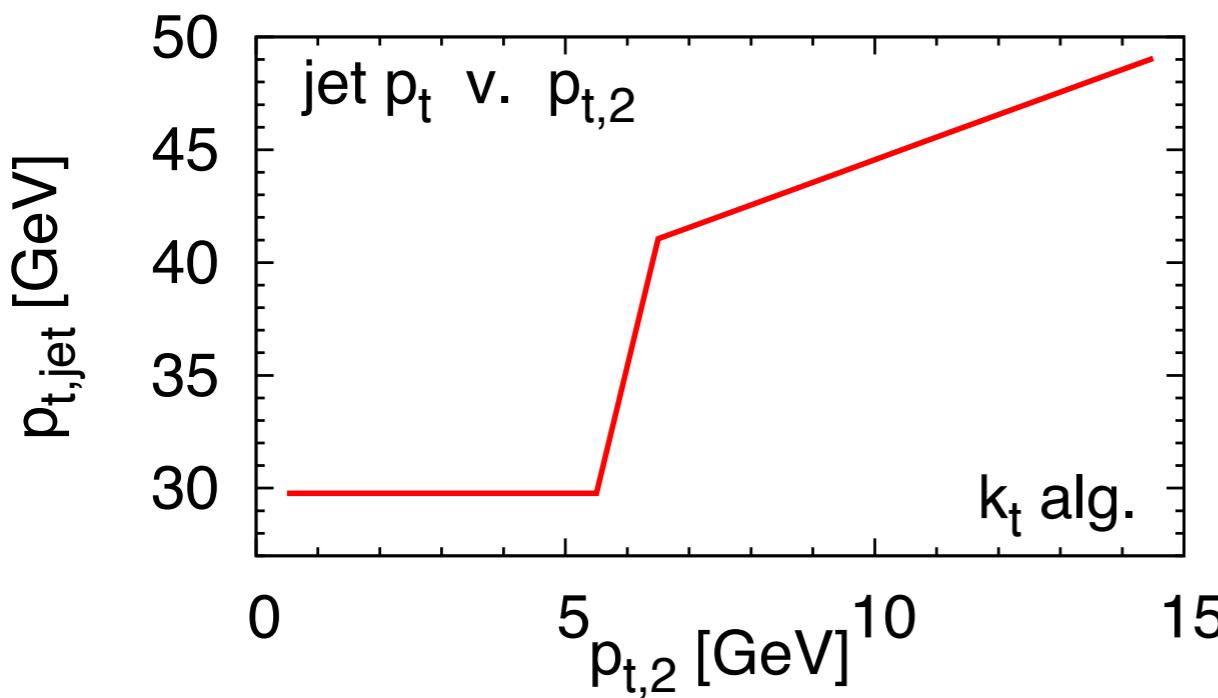
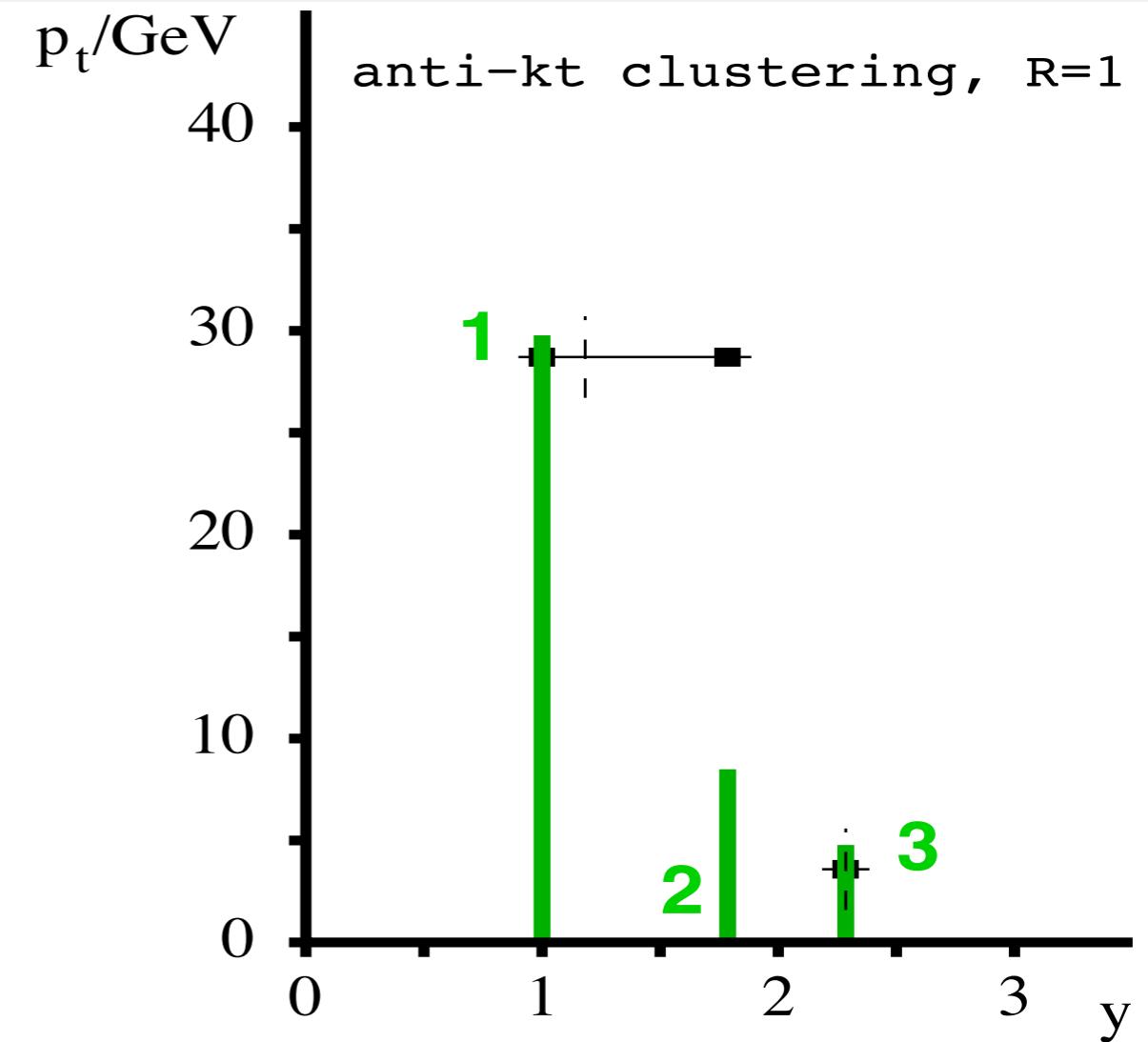
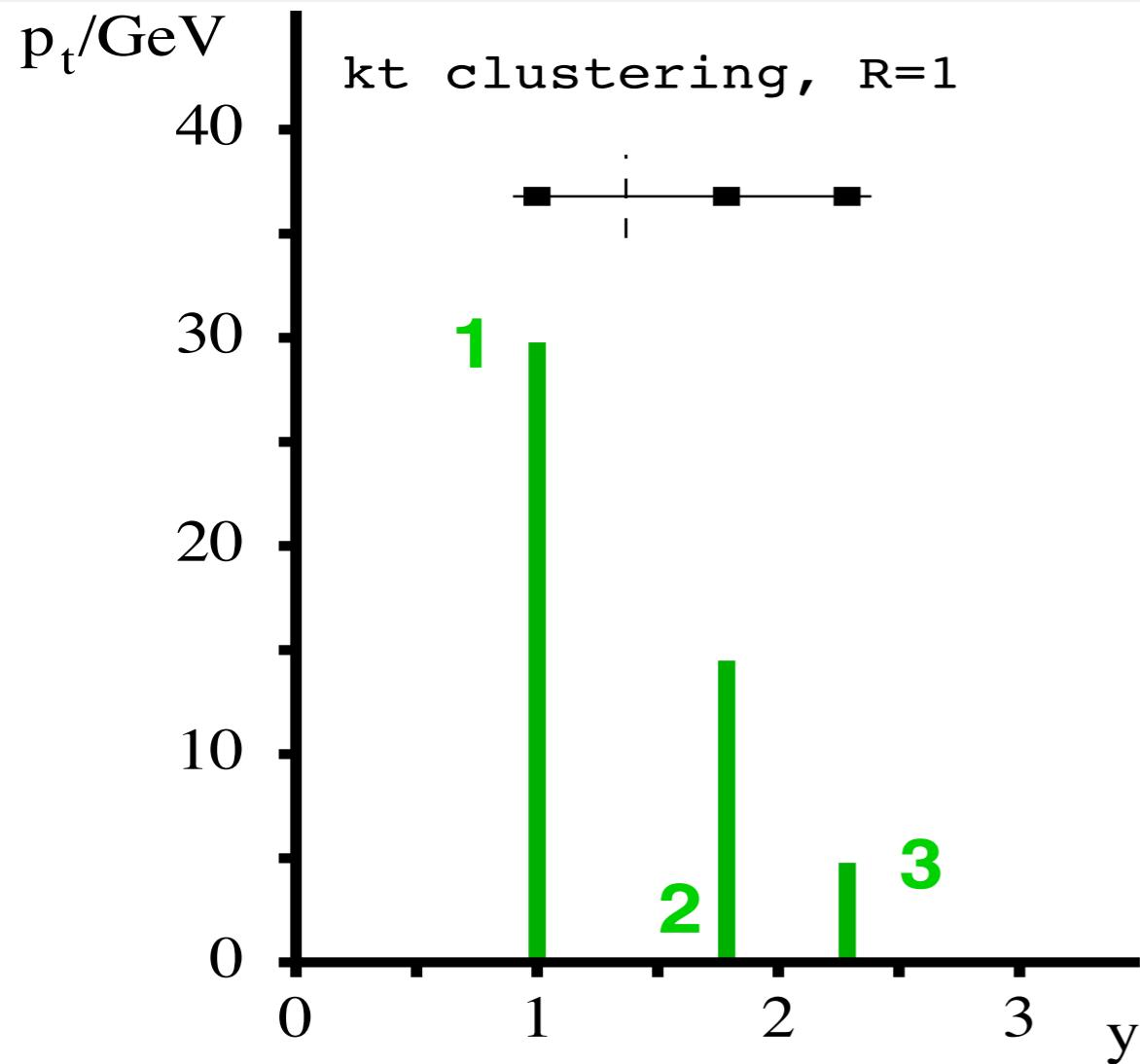
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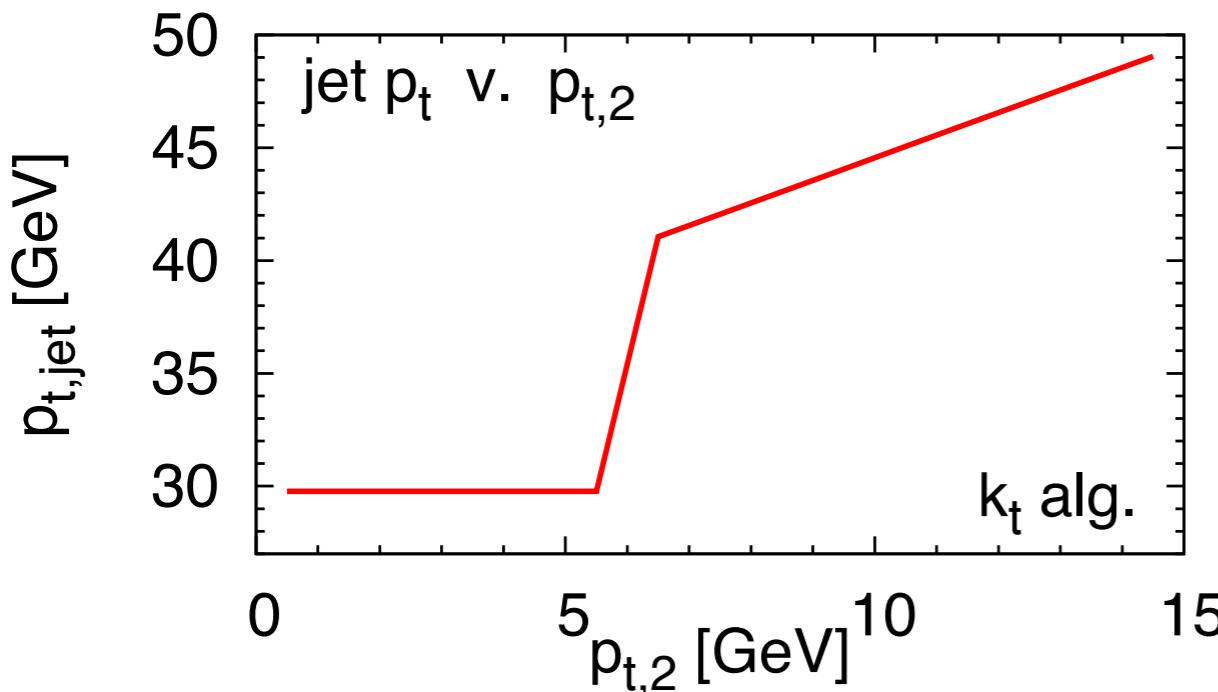
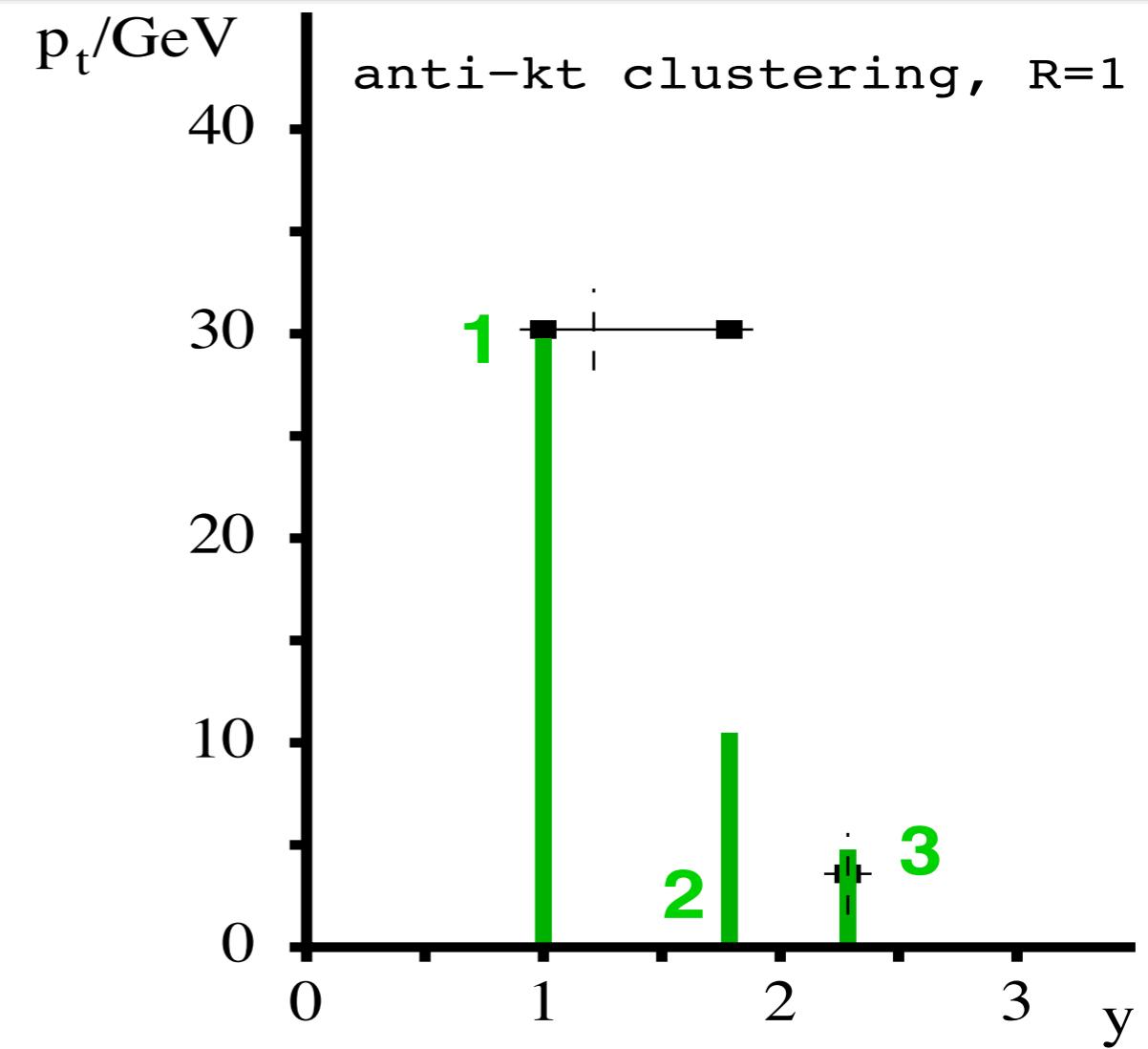
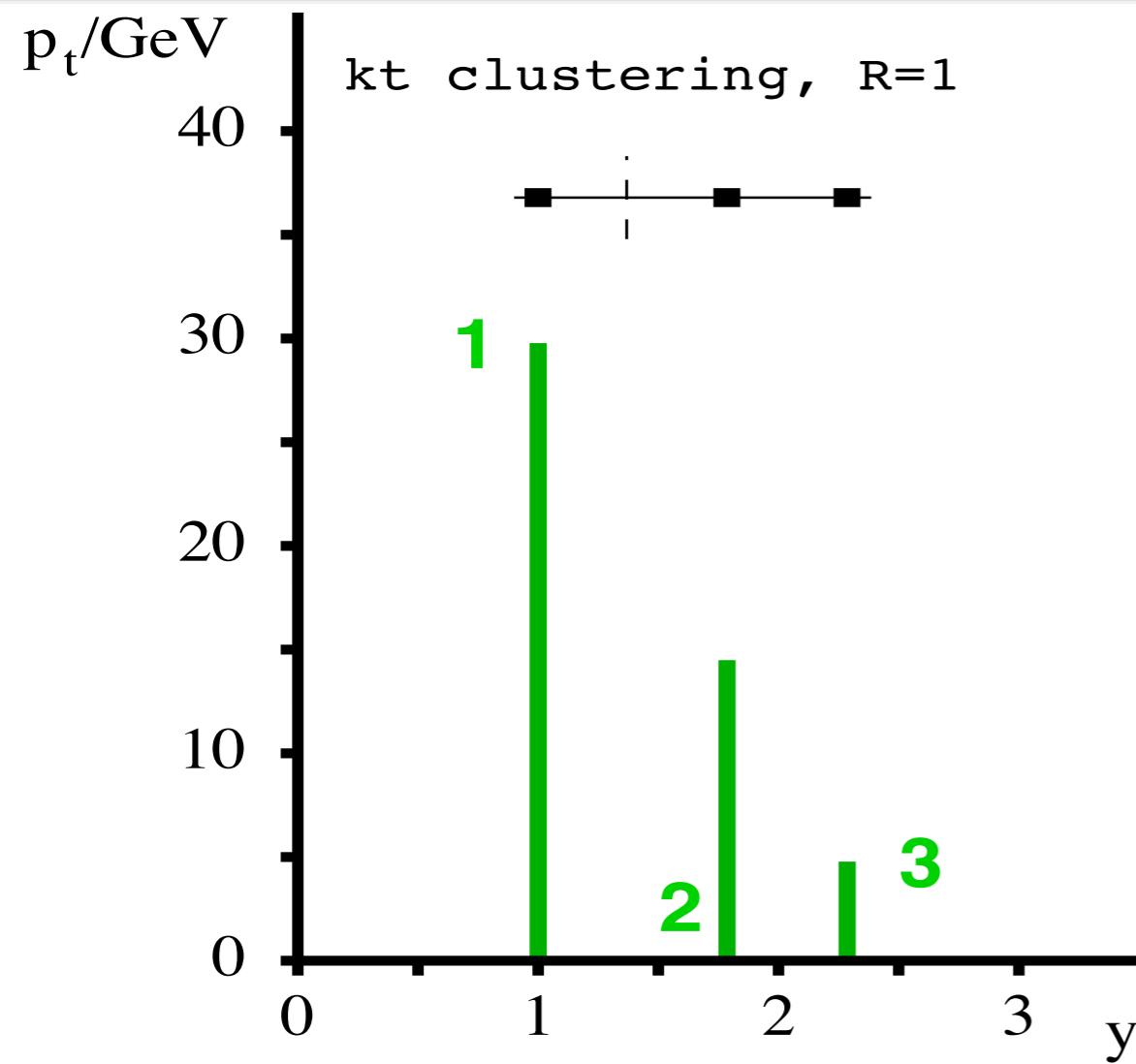
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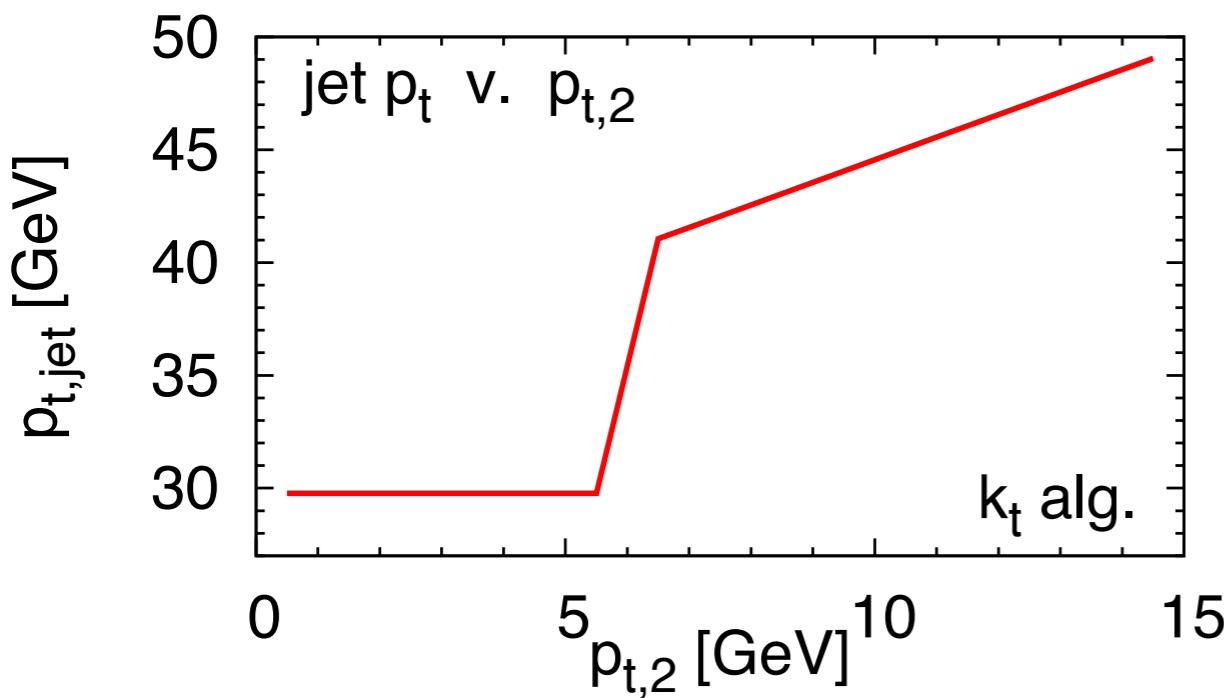
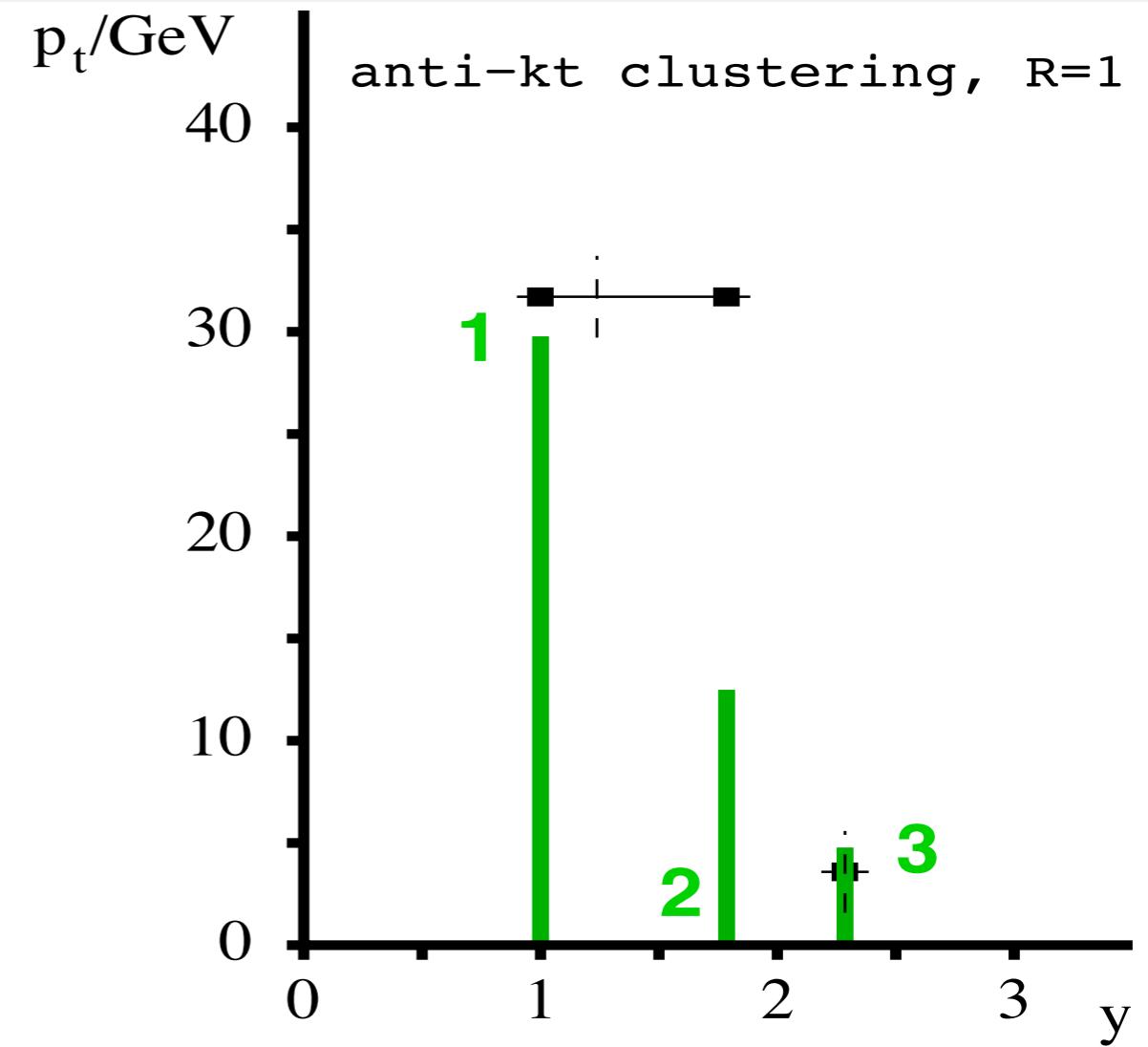
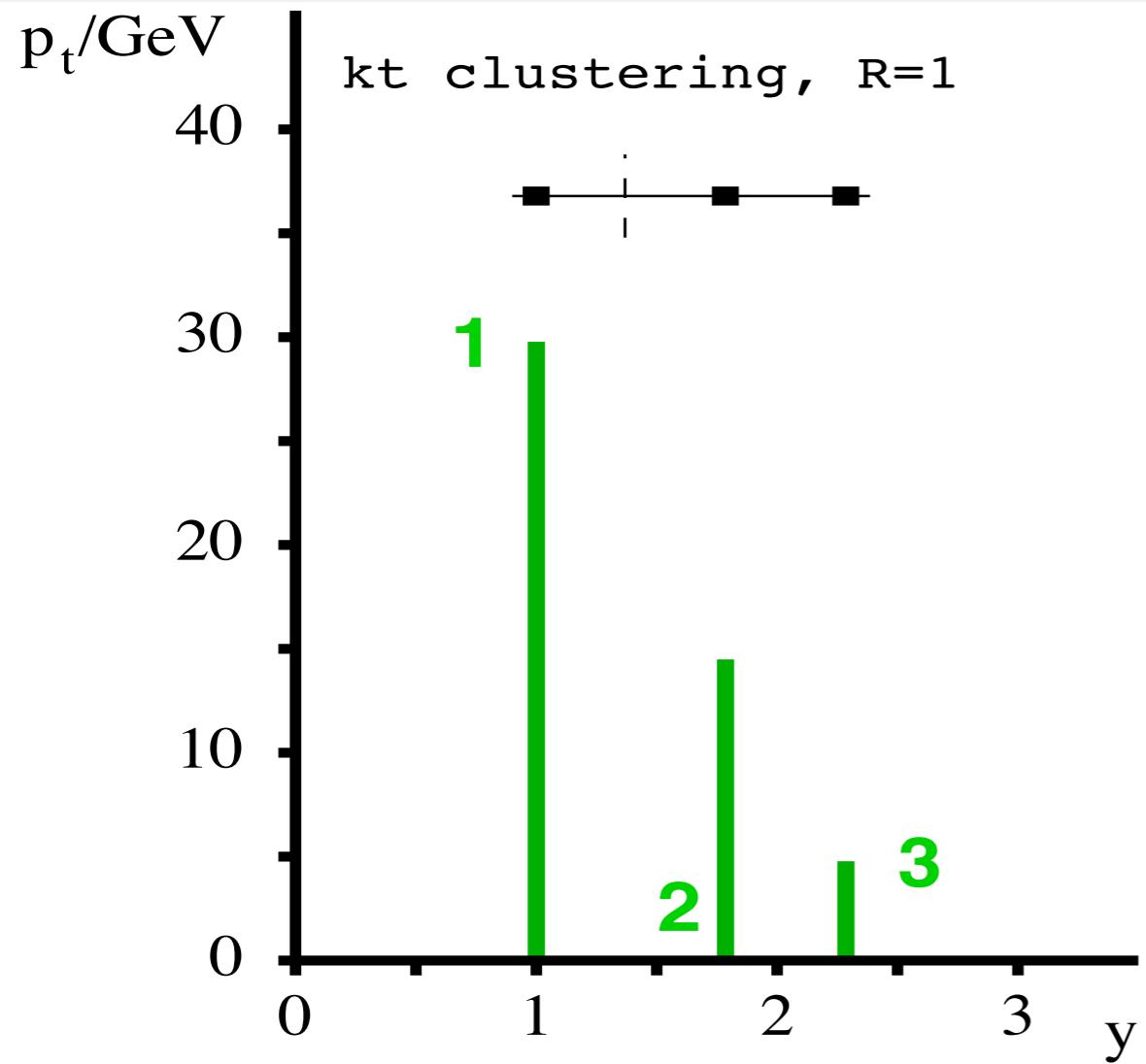
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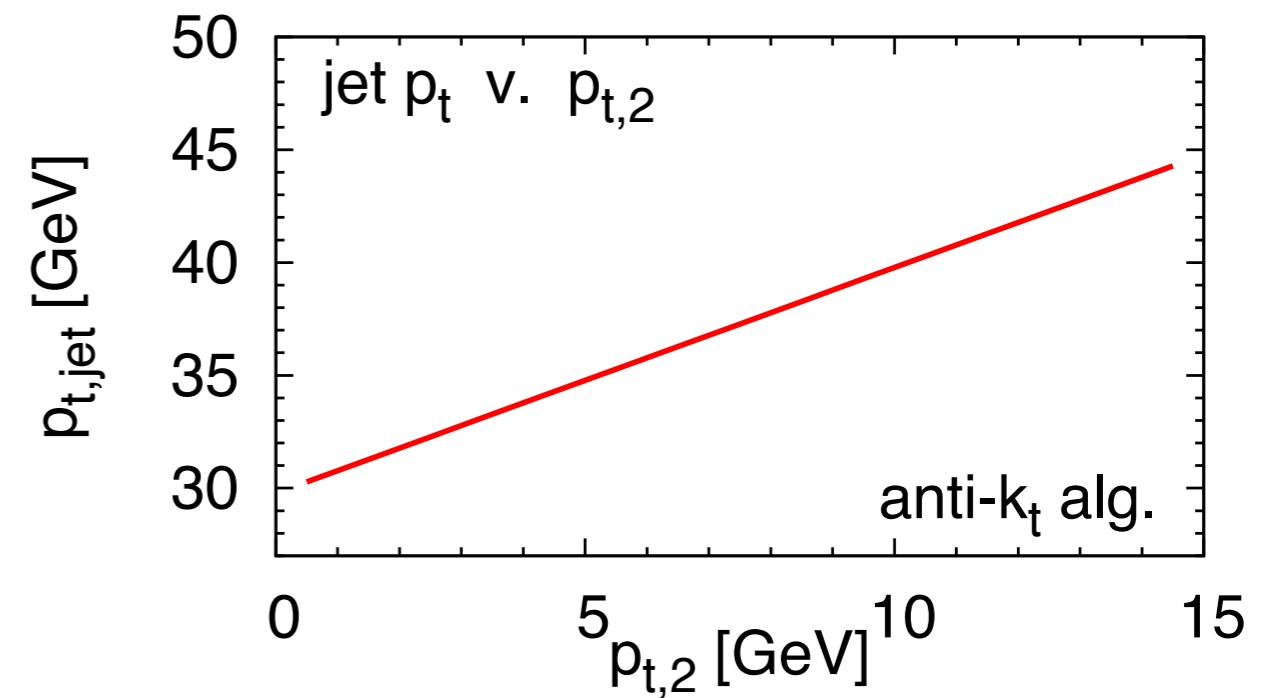
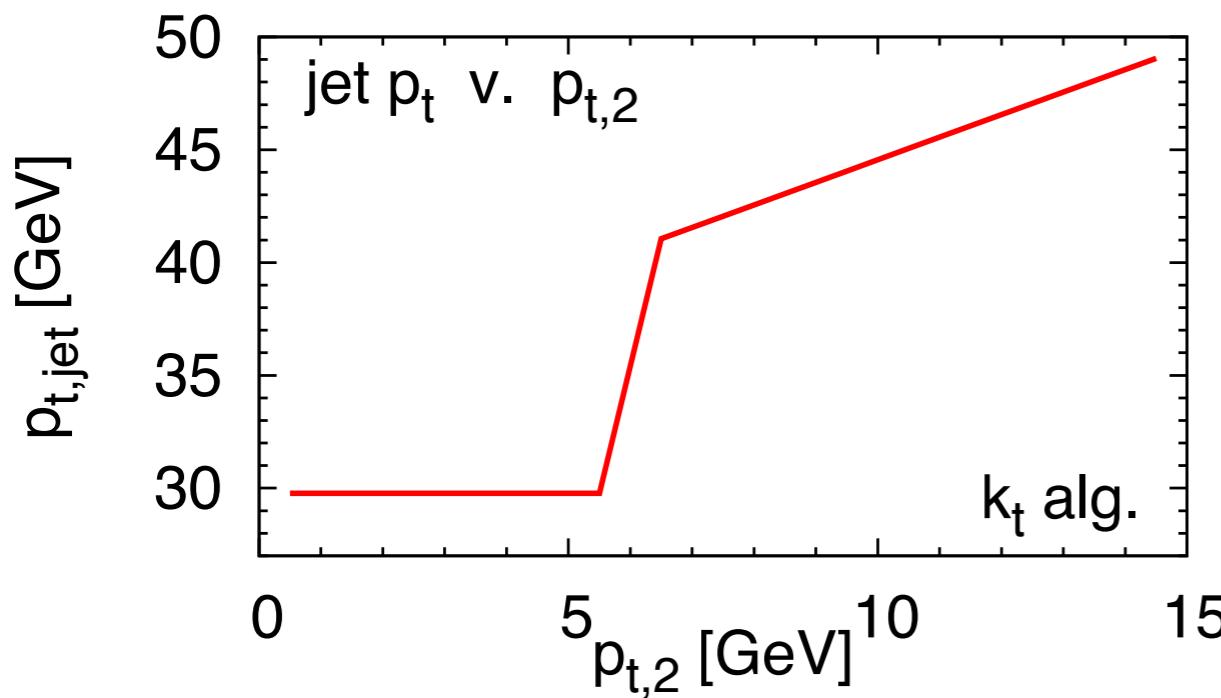
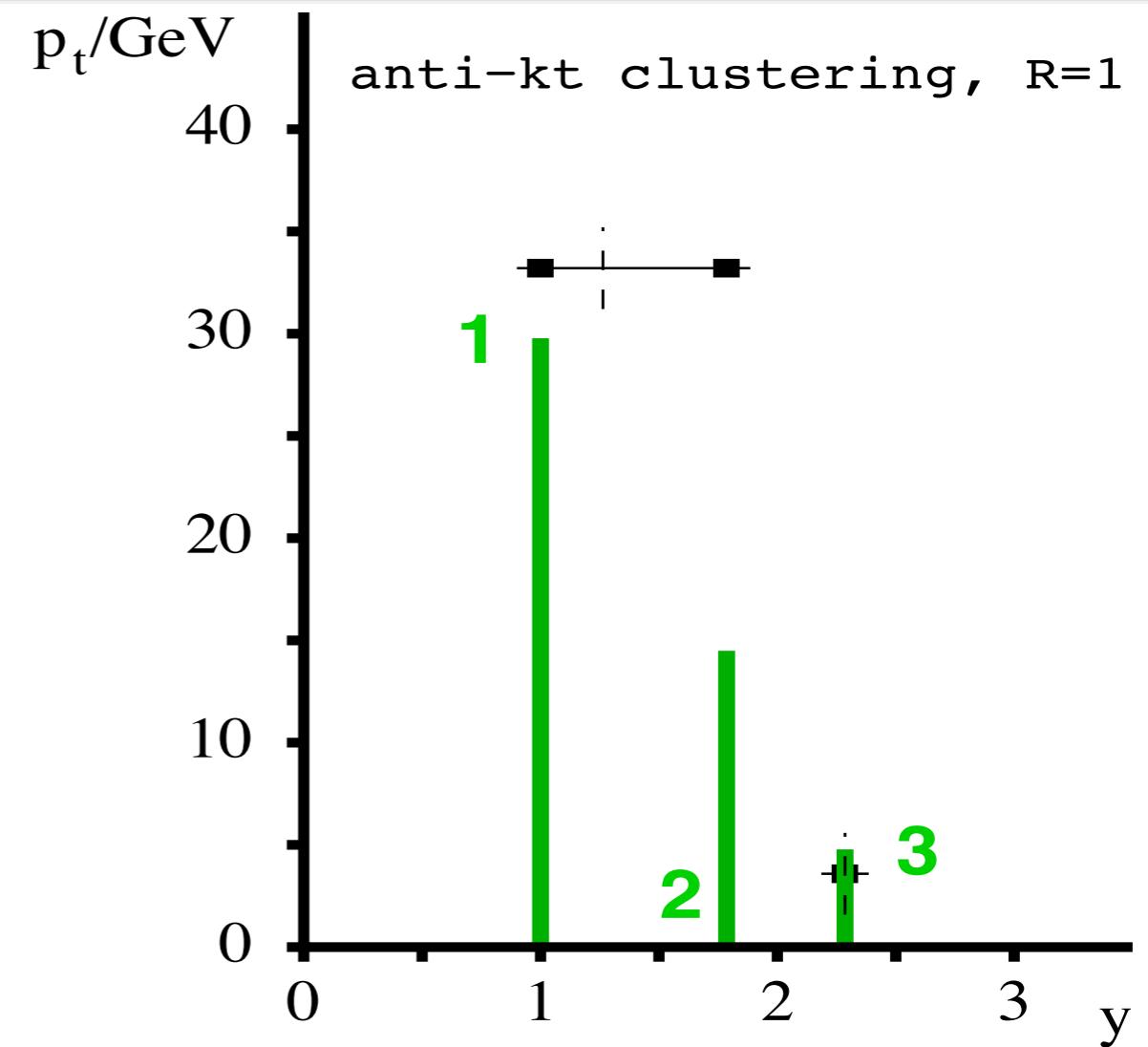
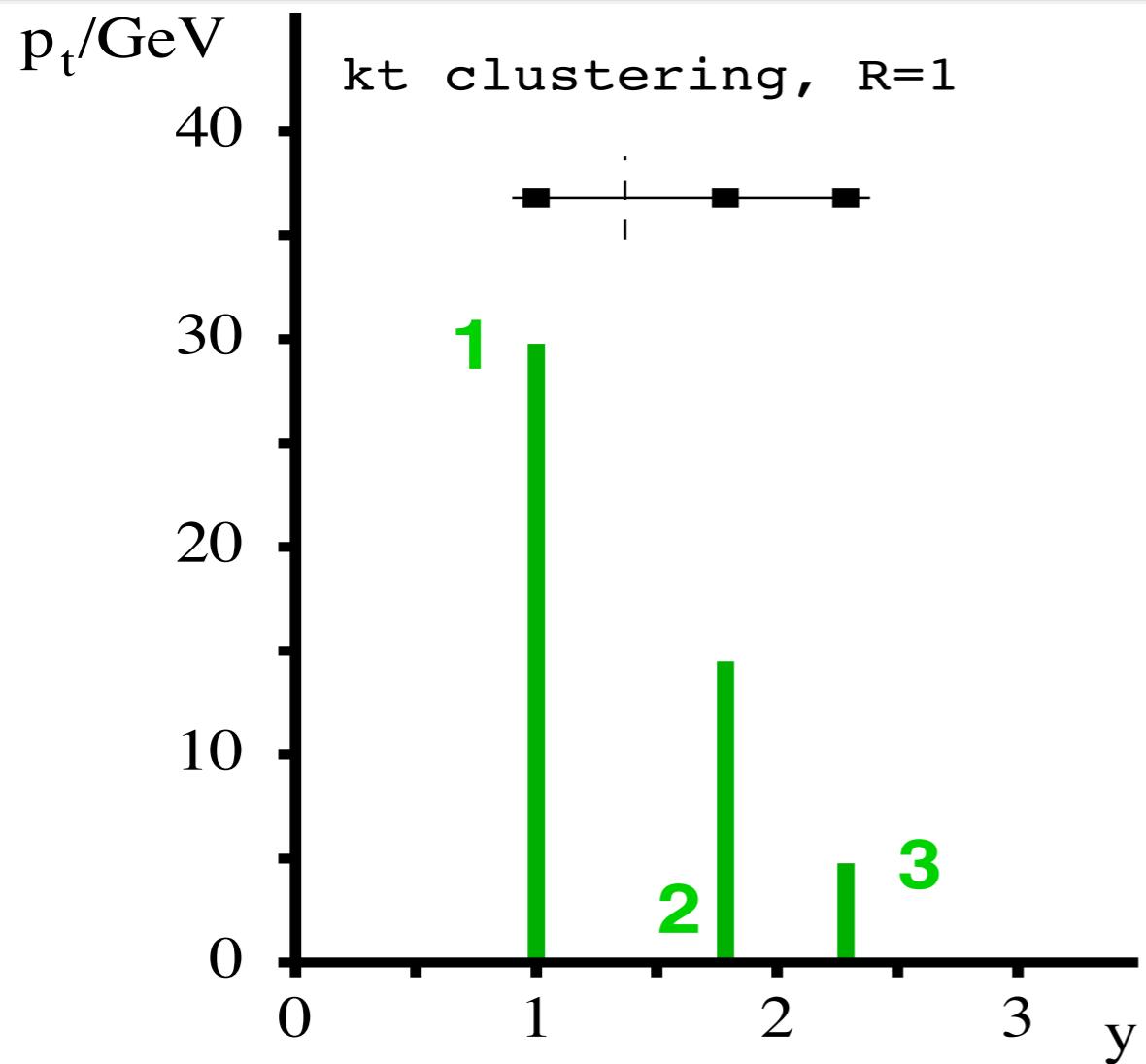
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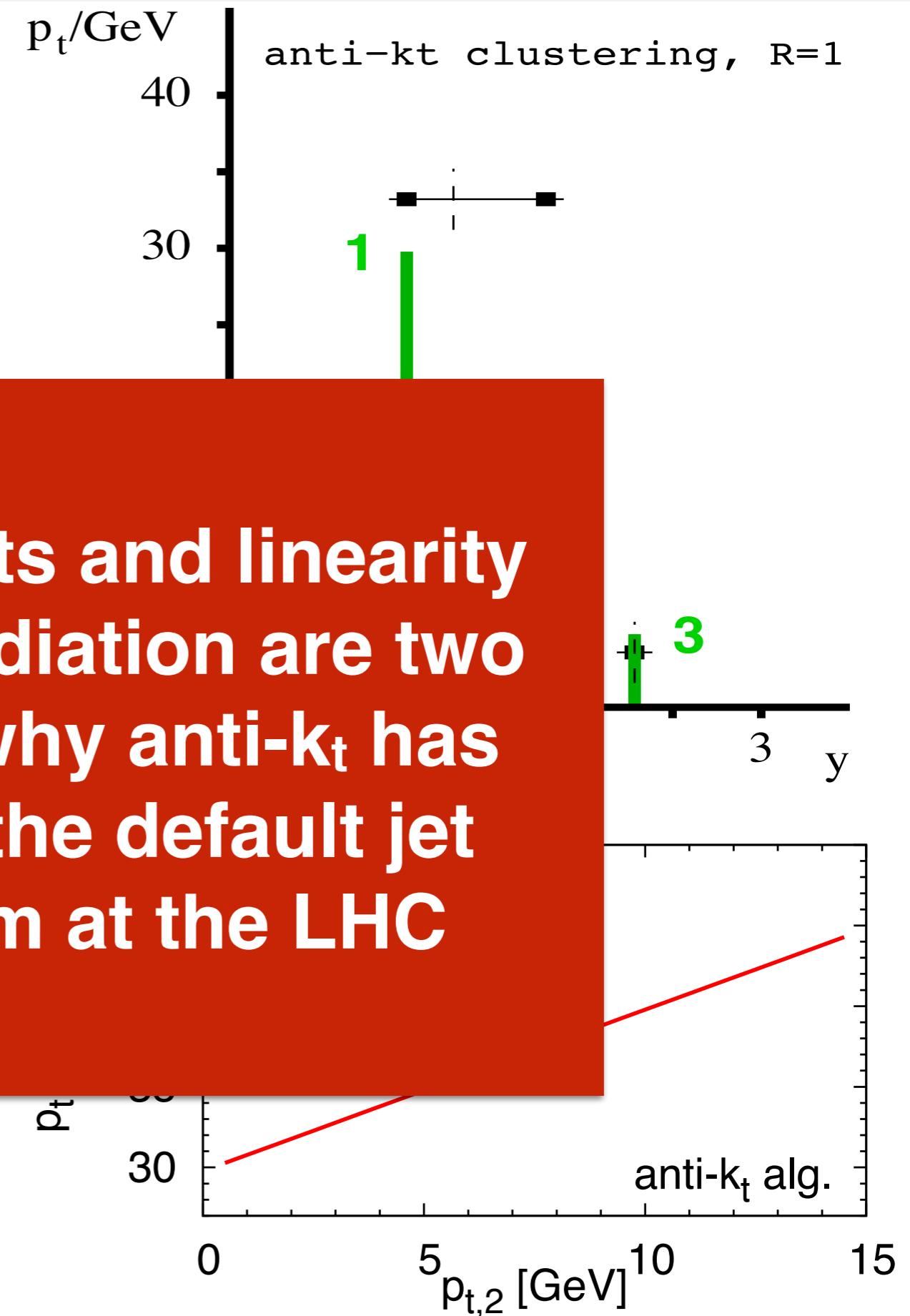
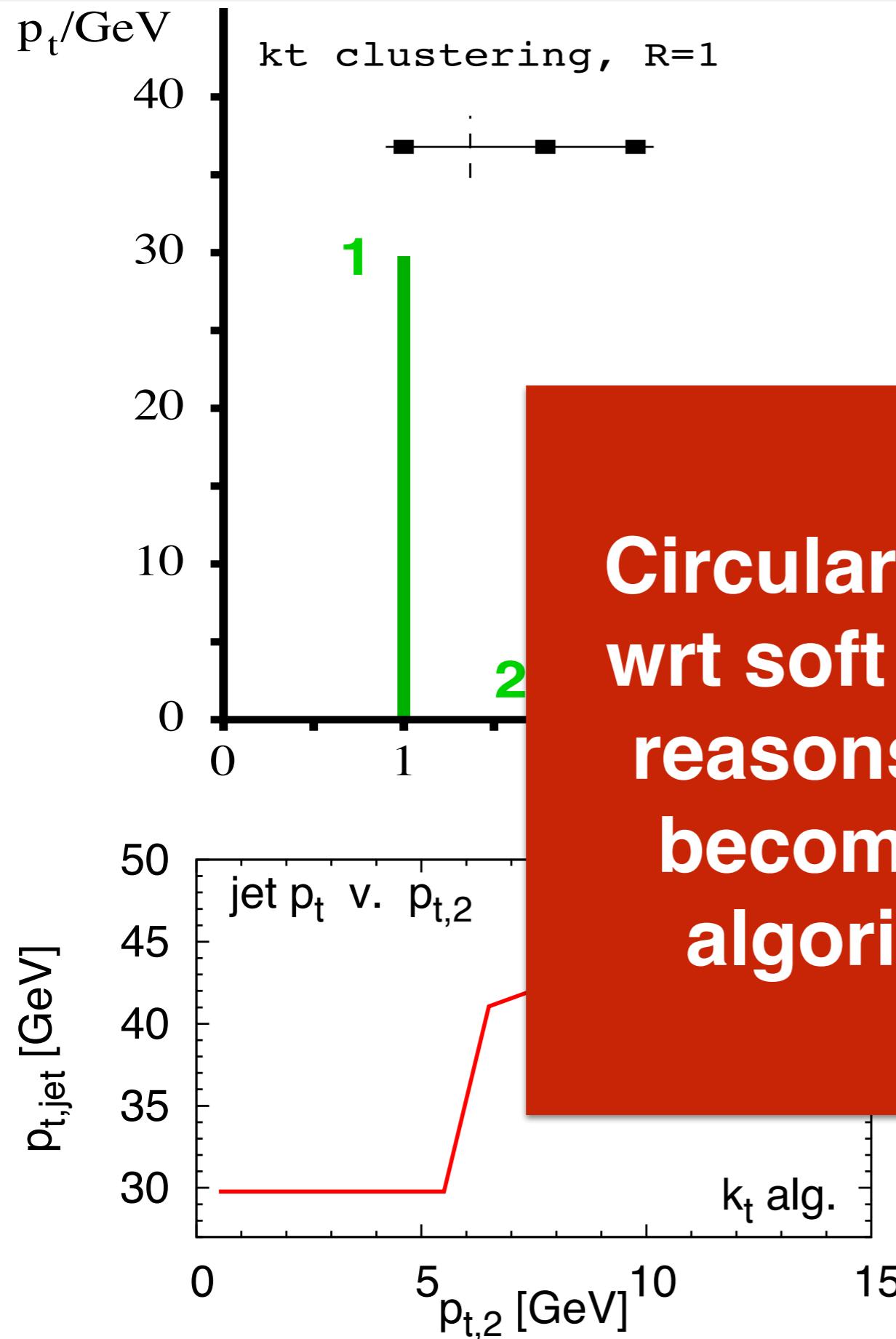
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vector<PseudoJet> jets = jet_def(input_particles);  
  
// pt of hardest jet  
double pt_hardest = jets[0].pt();  
  
// constituents of hardest jet  
vector<PseudoJet> constituents = jets[0].constituents();
```

# hadron collider jet reconstruction parameters

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Calorimeter towers,  $\rightarrow$   
increasingly replaced with

## Particle/Unified Flow Objects



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ideal detector image by Matthew Low

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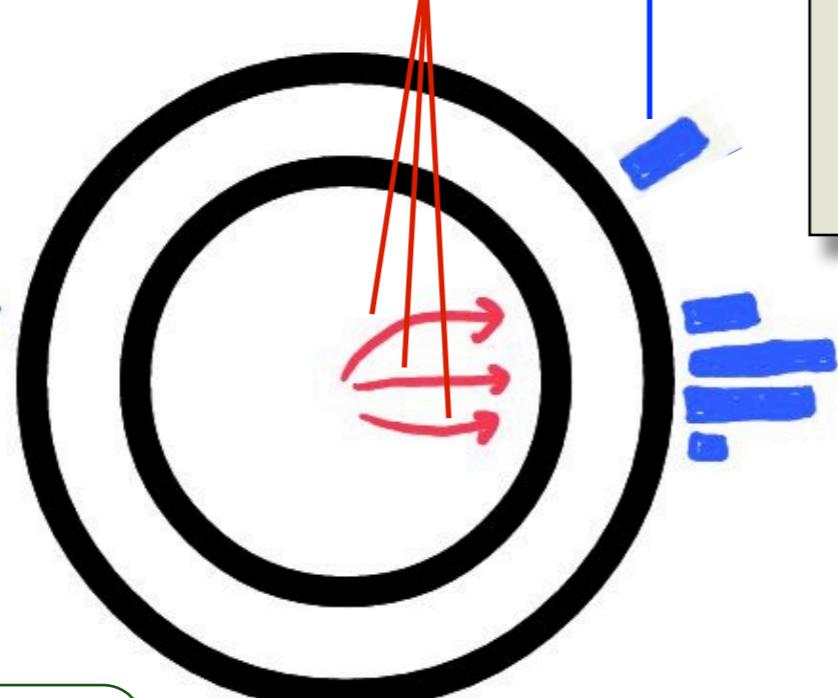
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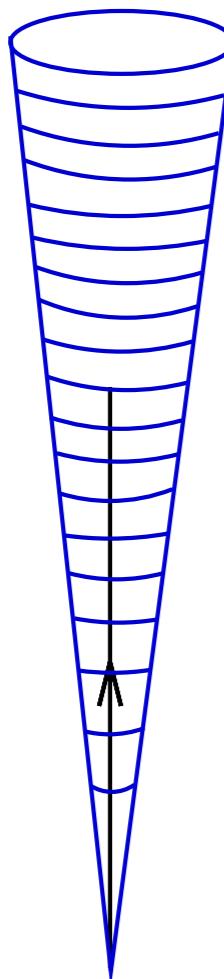
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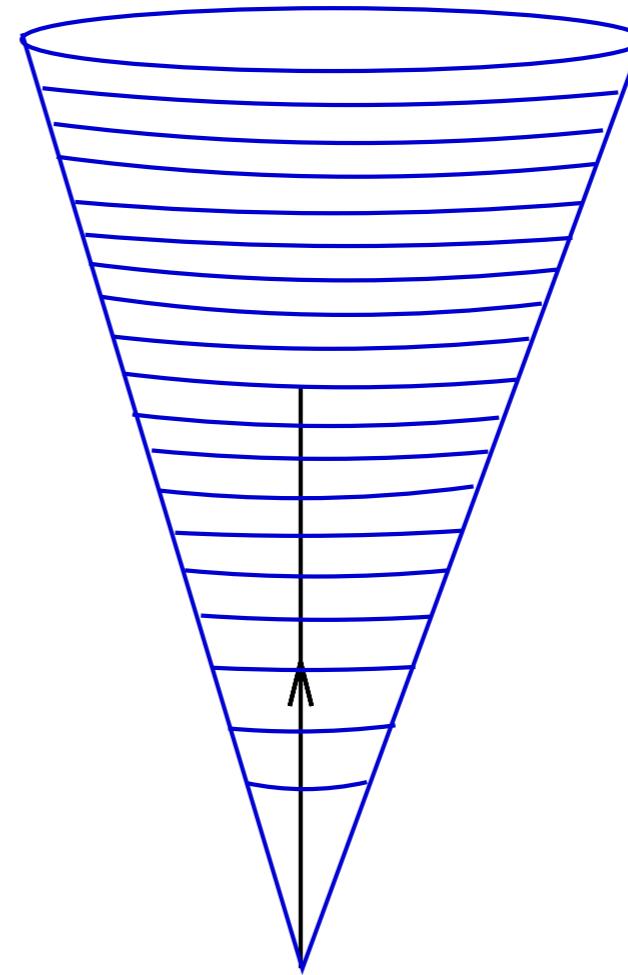
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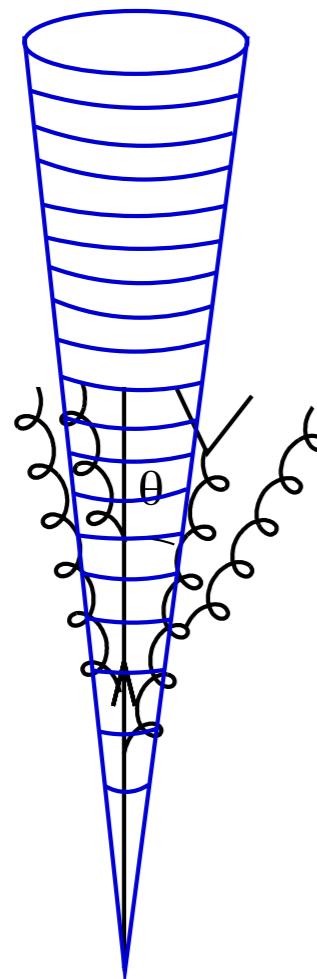


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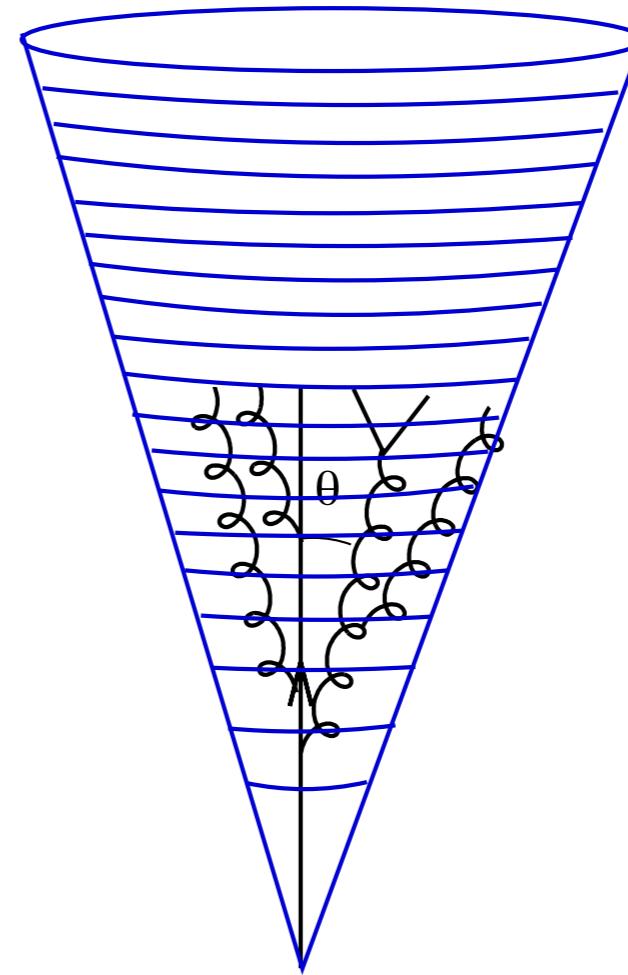


single parton @ LO: **jet radius irrelevant**

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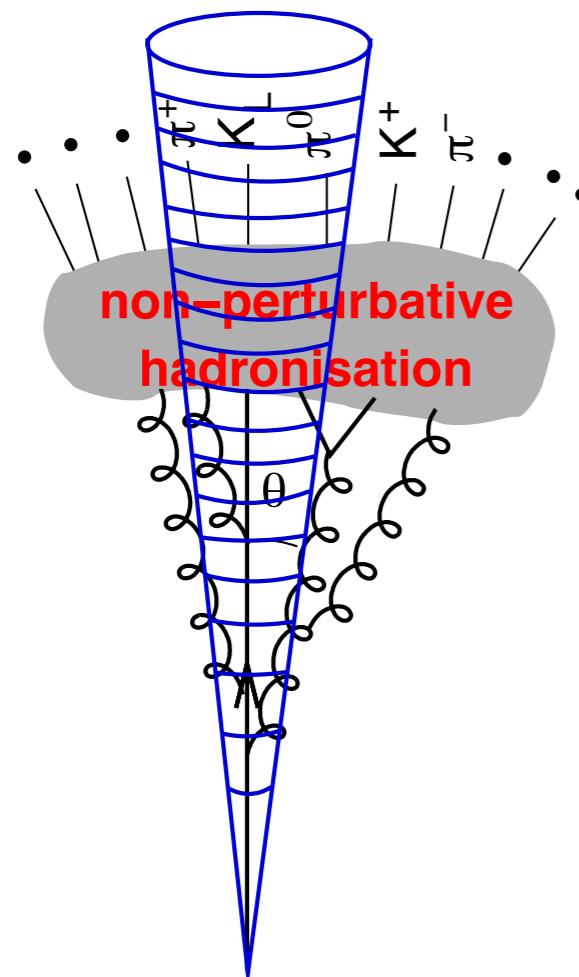


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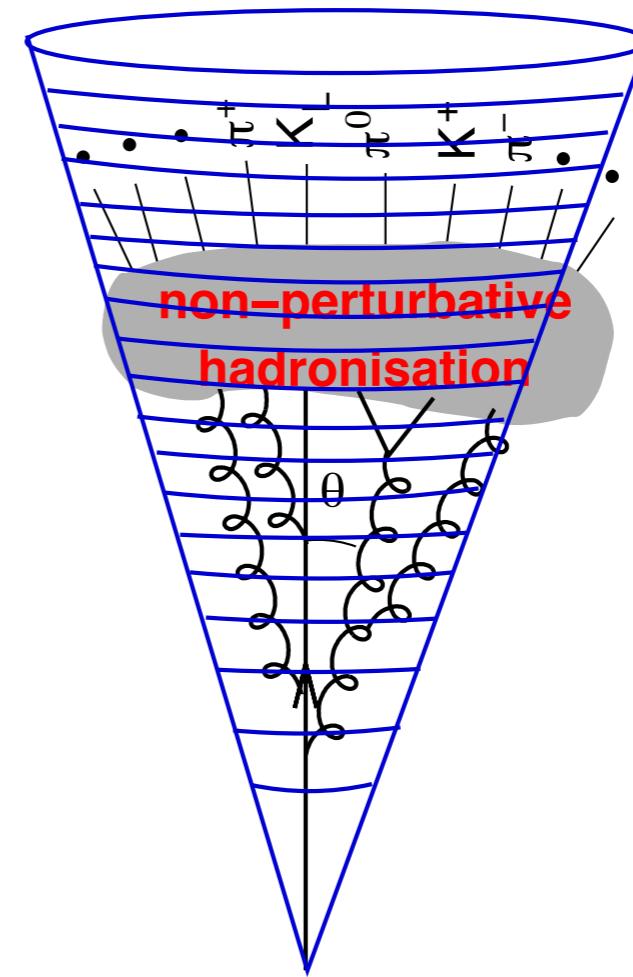


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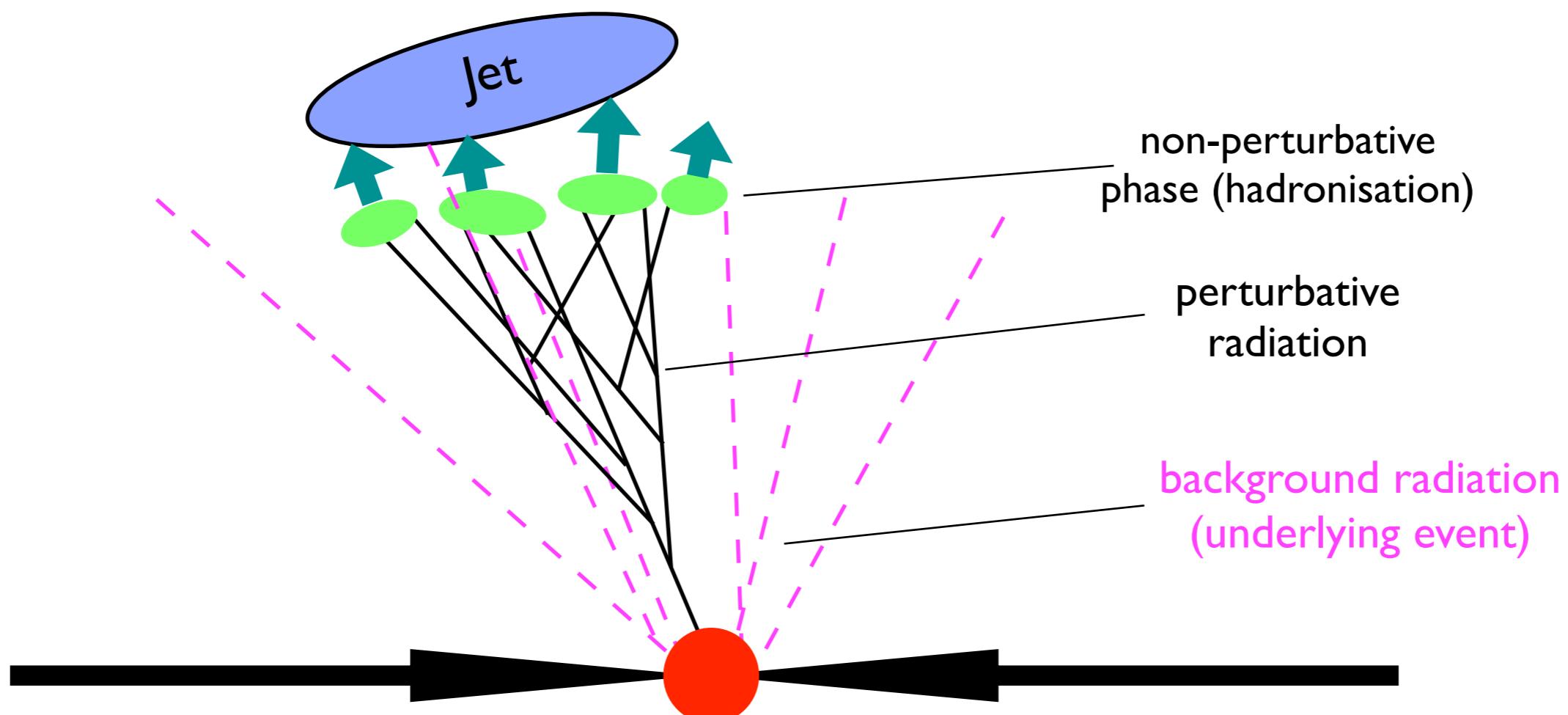
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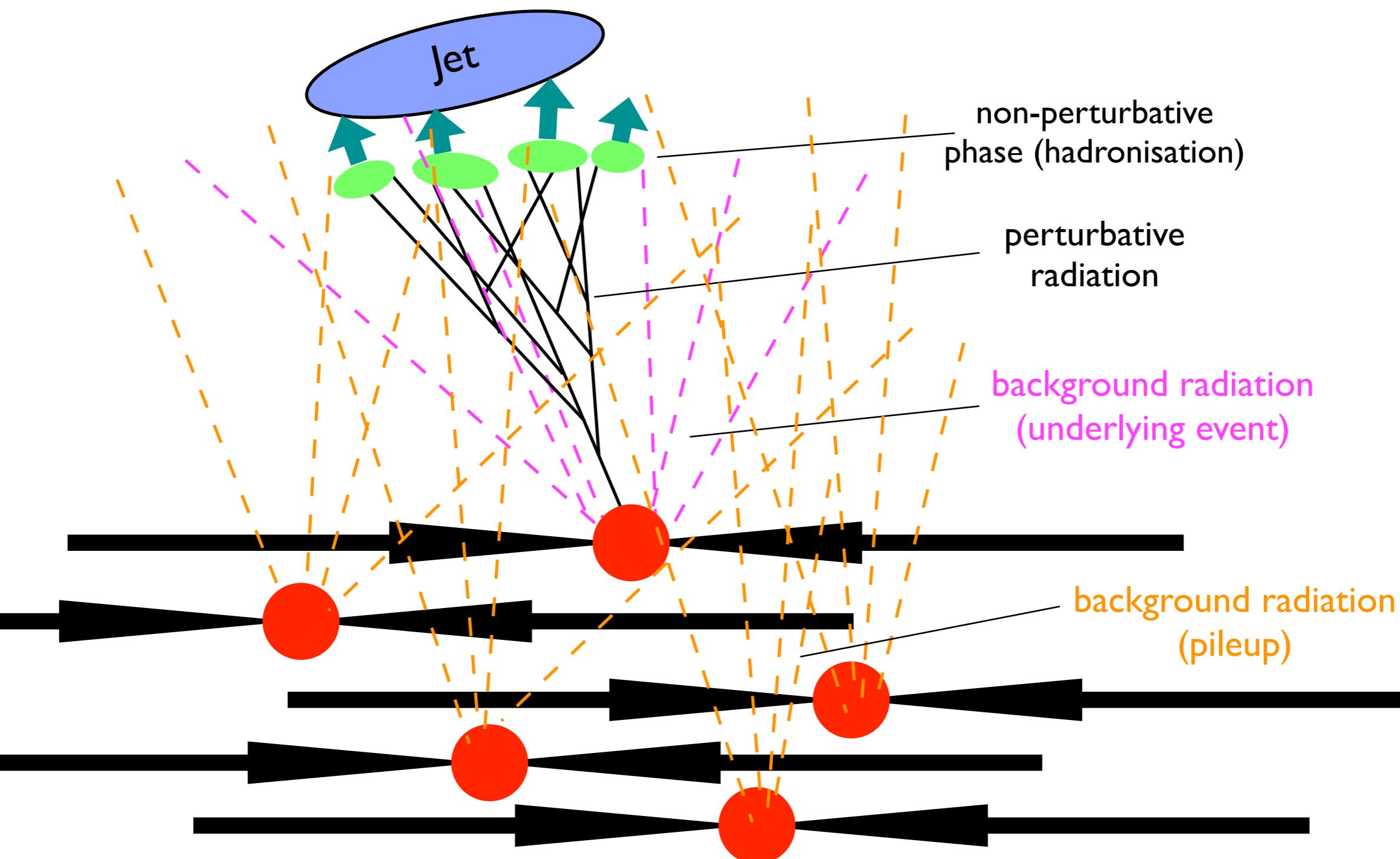


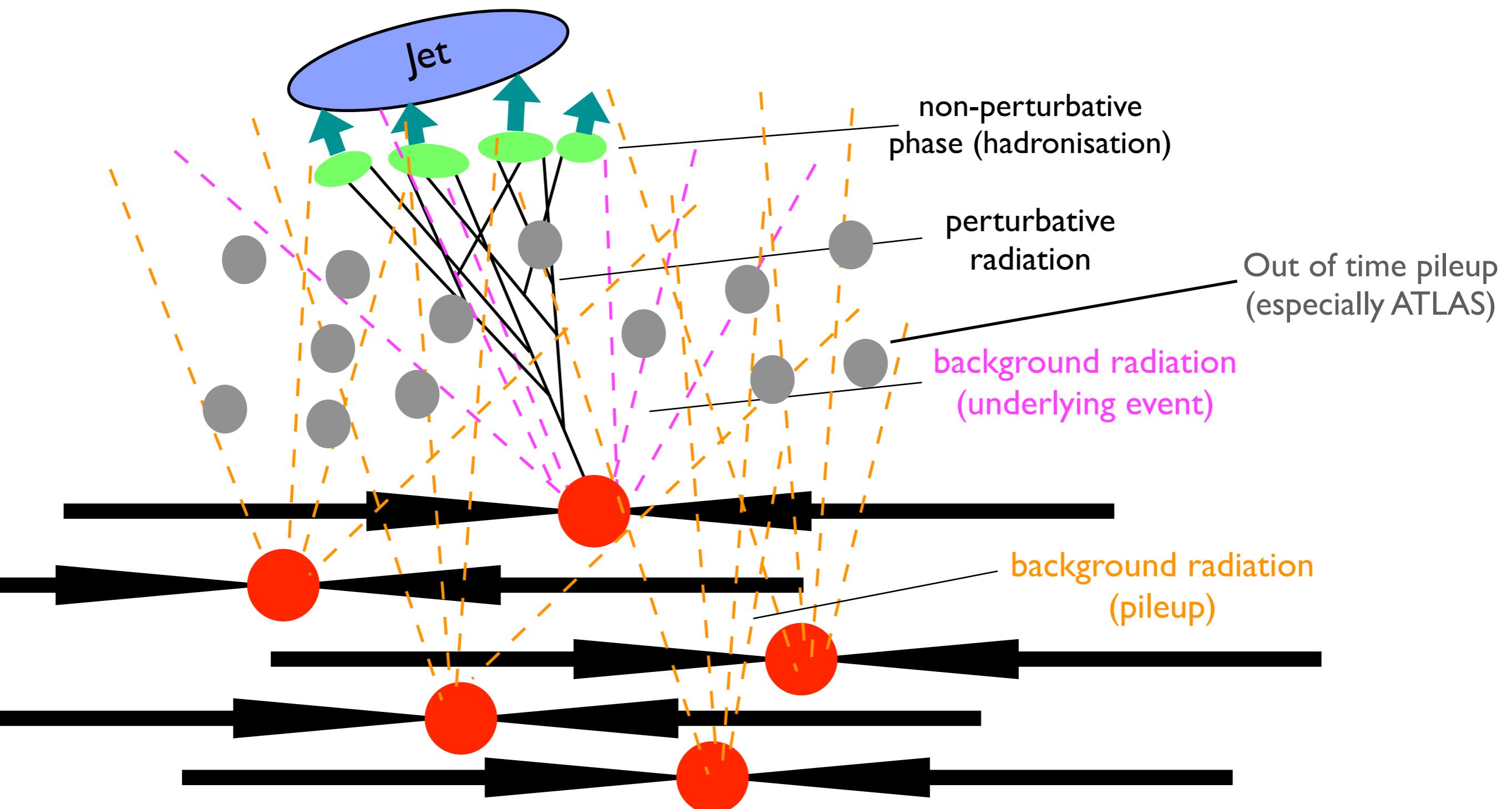
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non-perturbative fragmentation: **large jet radius better**  
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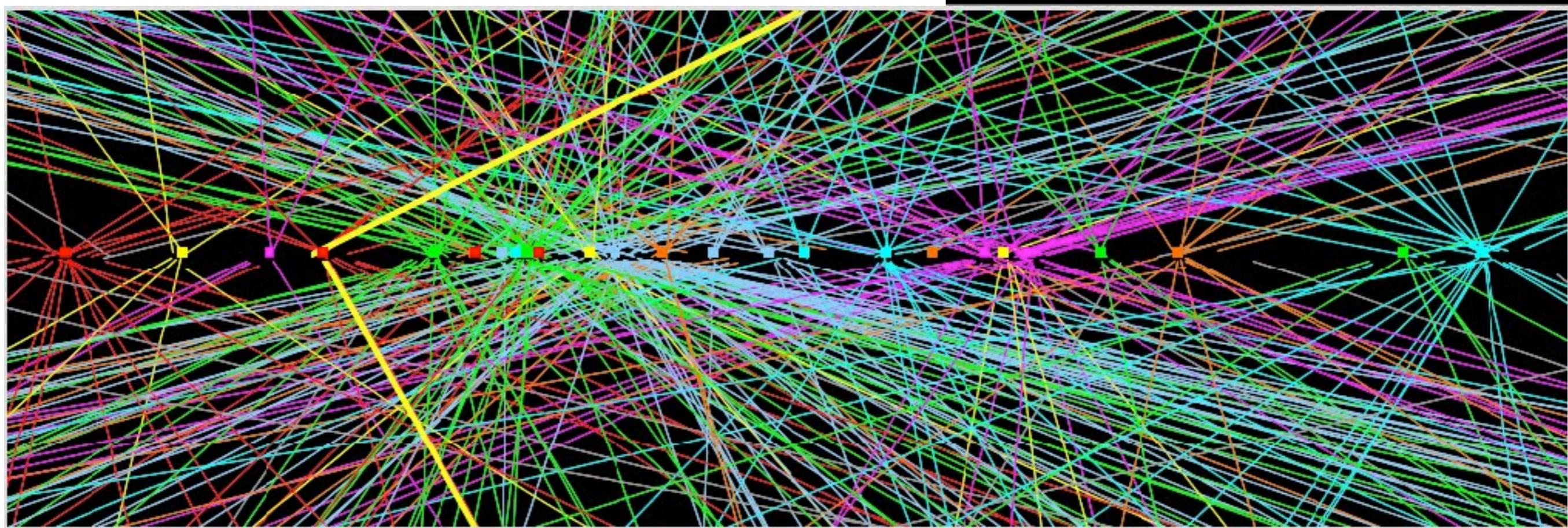
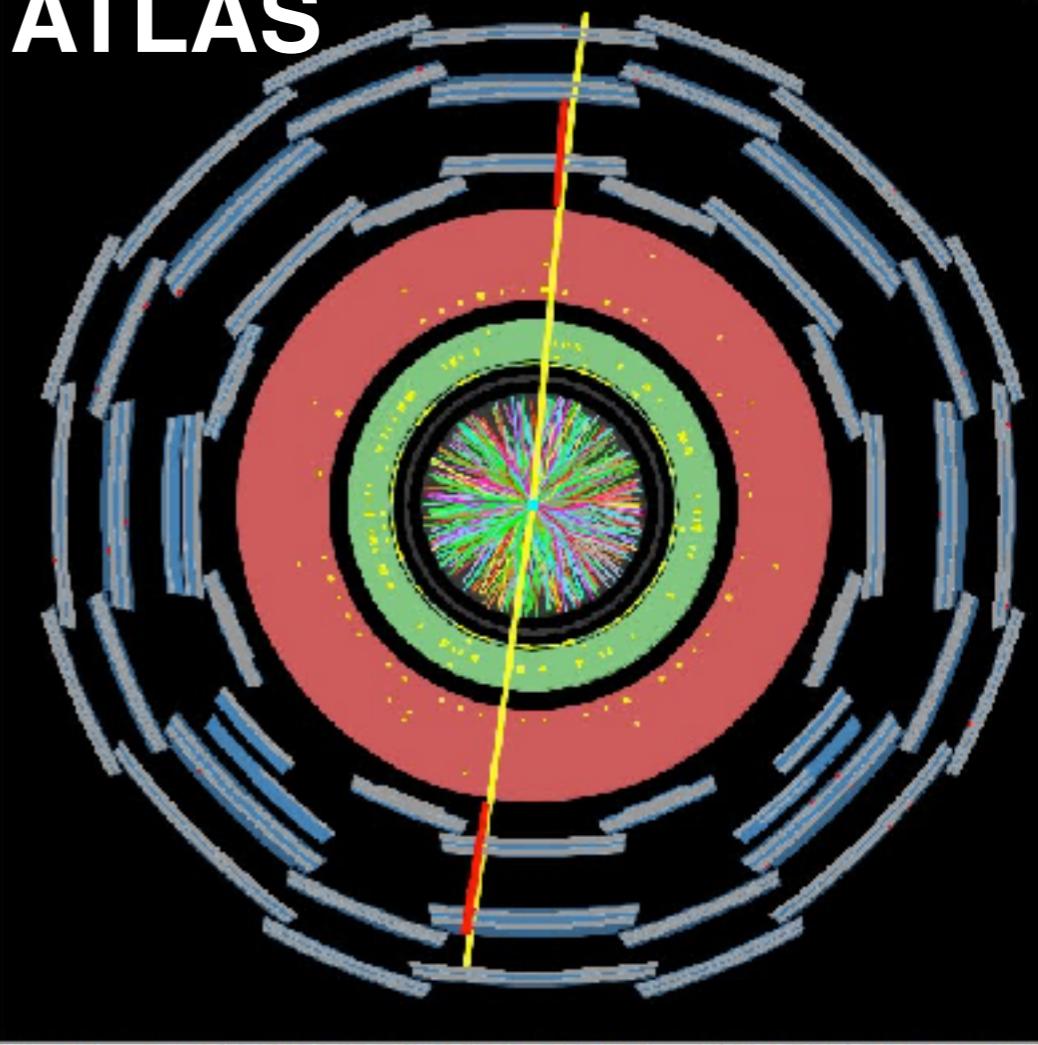




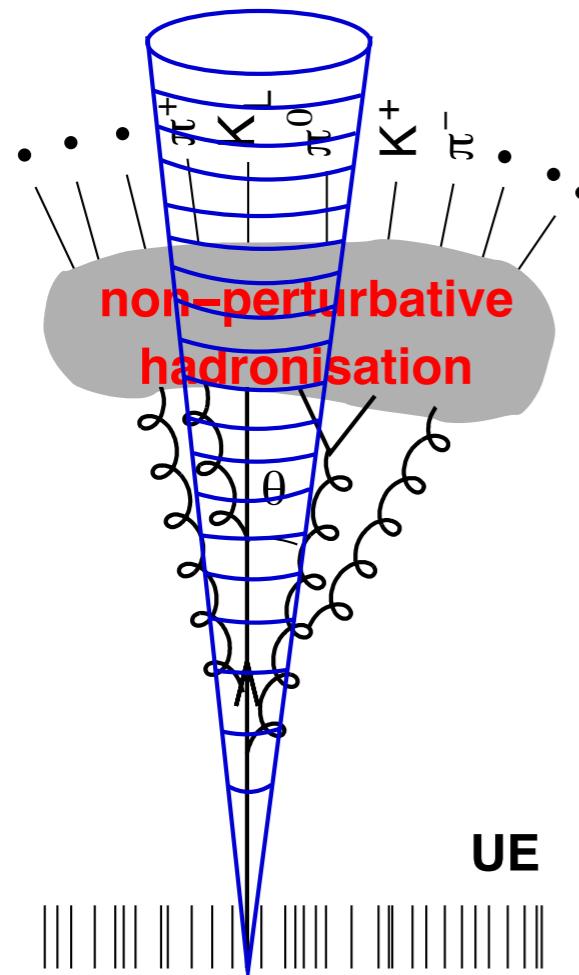
# Pileup for real

a few cm

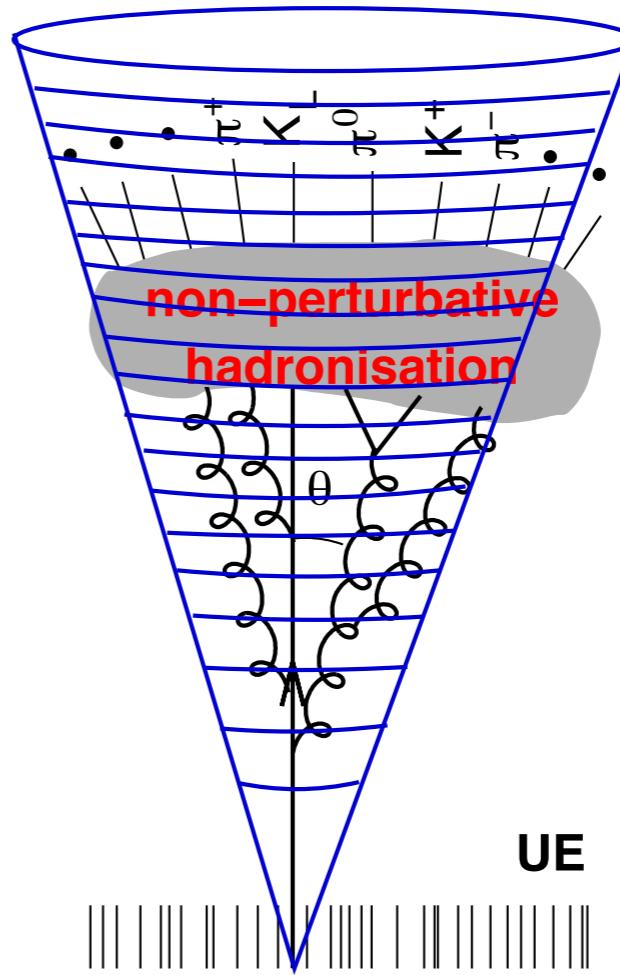
~ 20 m



## Small jet radius



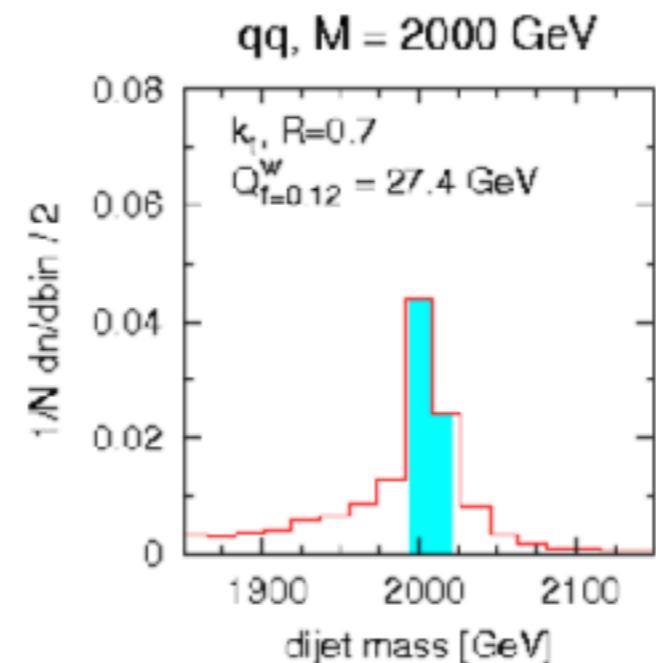
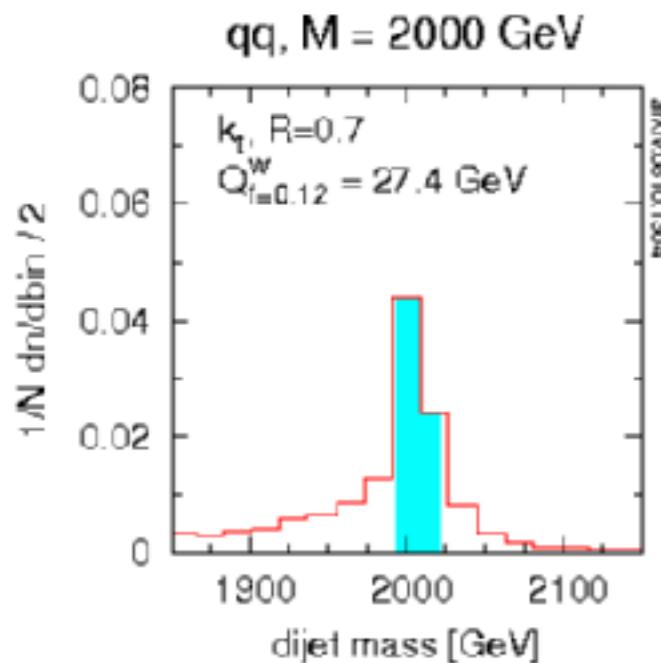
## Large jet radius



underlying ev. & pileup “noise”: **small jet radius better**  
 (it captures less)

## Testing jet definitions: qq & gg cases

by M. Cacciari, J. Rojo, G.P. Salam and G. Soyez, arXiv:0810.1304



$k_t$   C/A  anti- $k_t$   SIScone  C/A-filt

R = 0.7  +  → all R

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qq  gg

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This page is intended to help visualize how the choice of jet definition impacts a dijet invariant mass reconstruction at LHC.

The controls fall into 4 groups:

- the jet definition
- the binning and quality measures
- the jet-type (quark, gluon) and mass scale
- pileup and subtraction

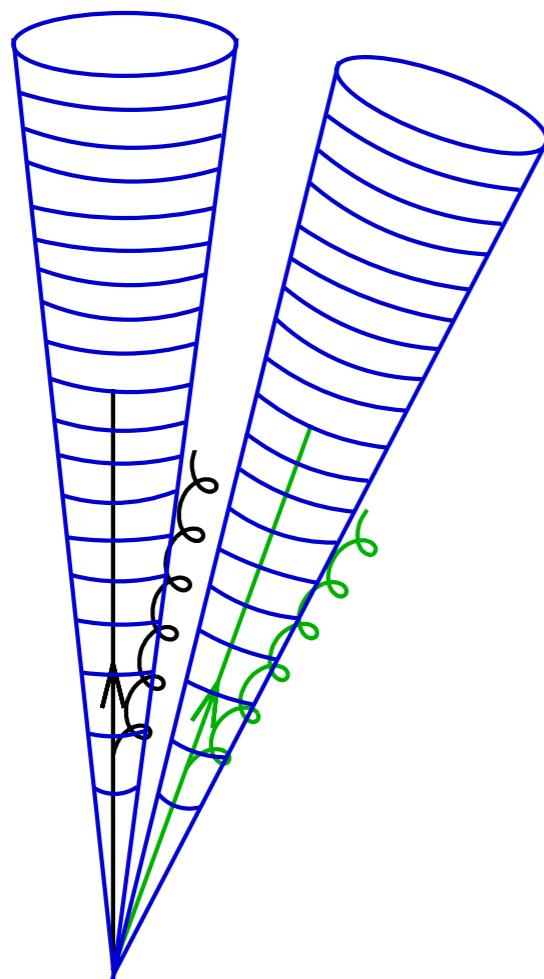
The events were simulated with Pythia 6.4 (DWT tune) and reconstructed with FastJet 2.3.

For more information, view and listen to the **flash demo**, or click on individual terms.

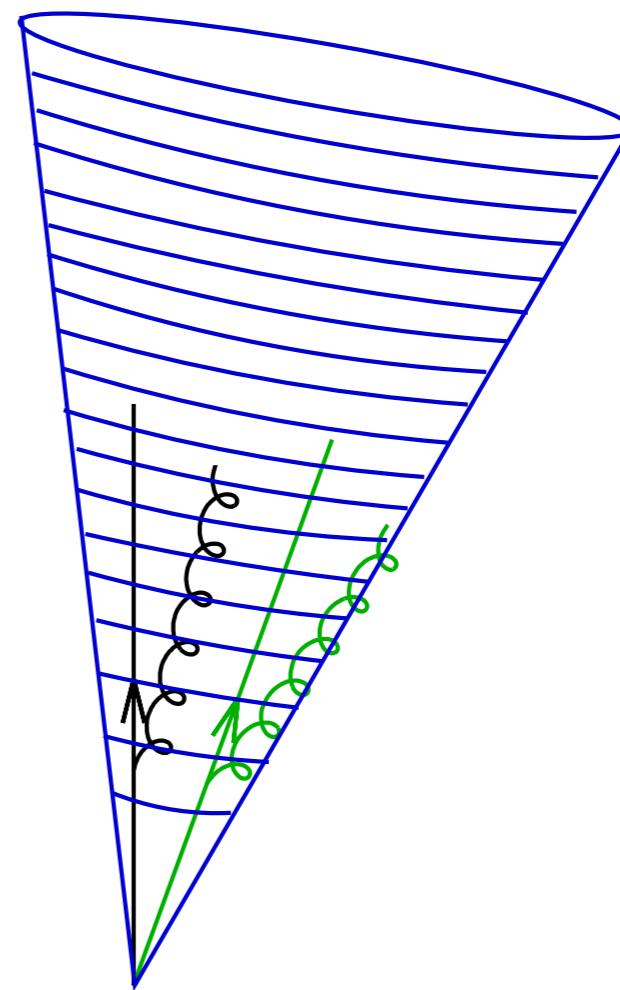
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Reset

## Small jet radius



## Large jet radius



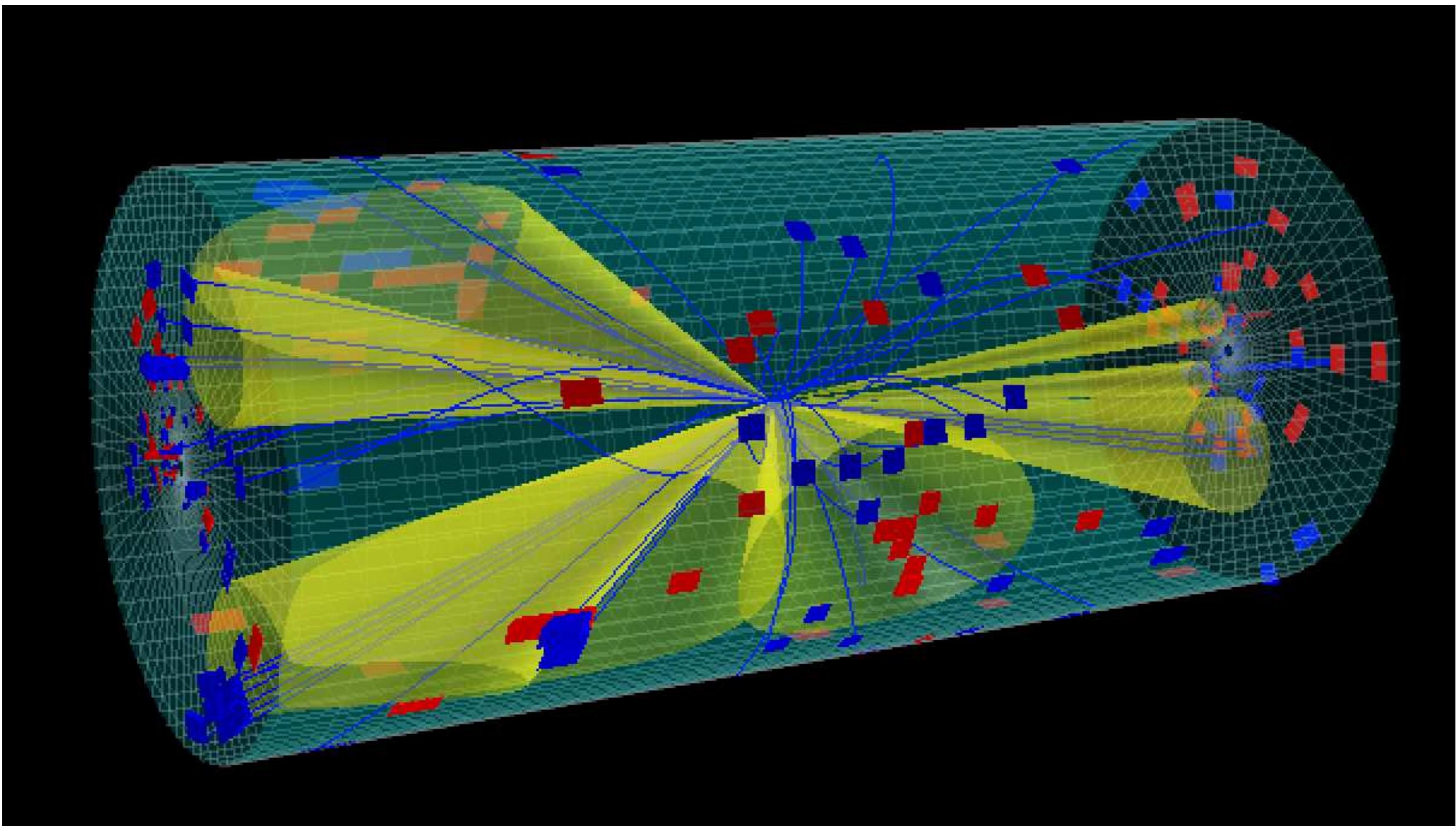
multi-hard-parton events: **small jet radius better**  
(it resolves partons more effectively)

Can we capture all quarks and gluons?

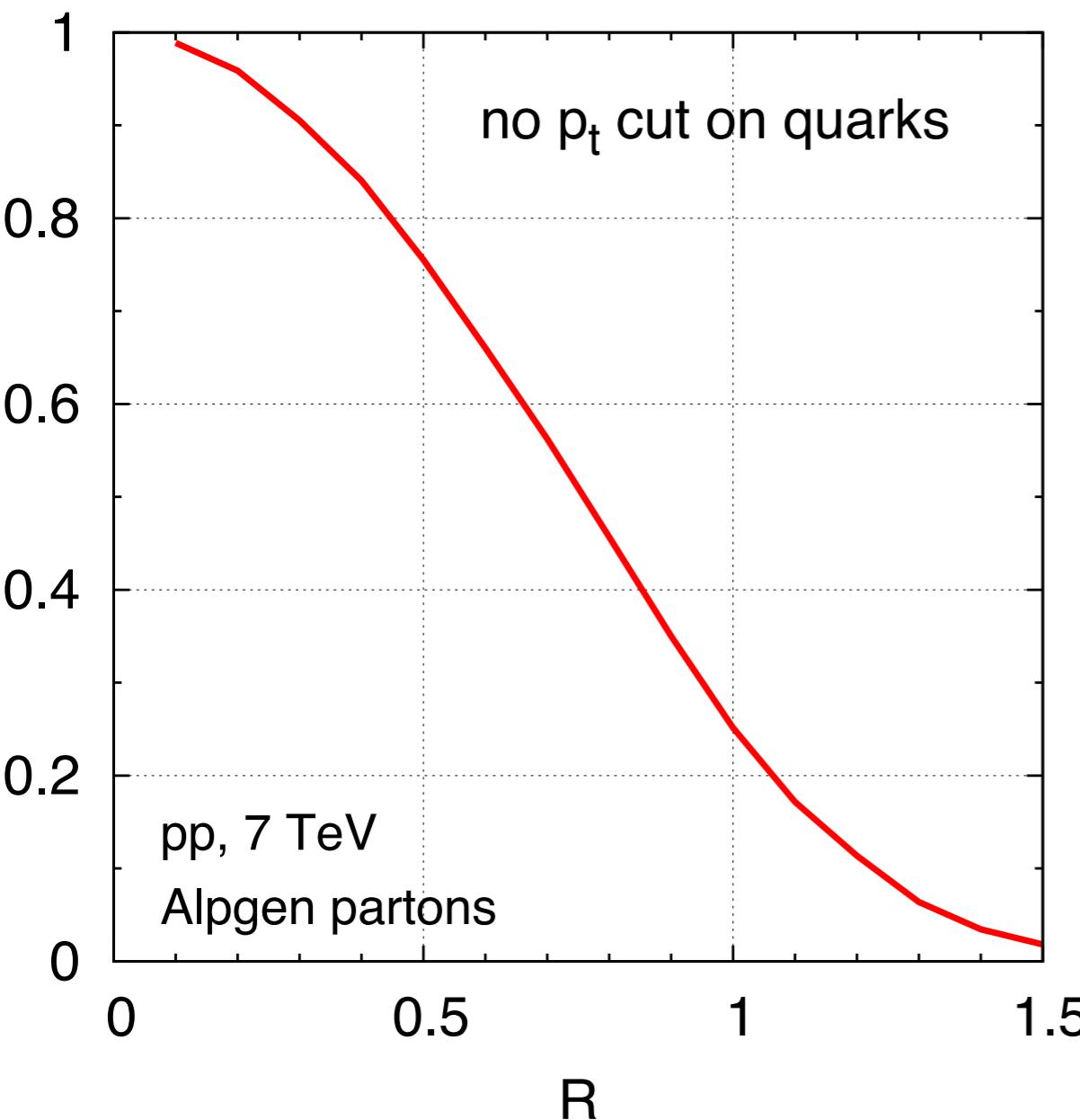
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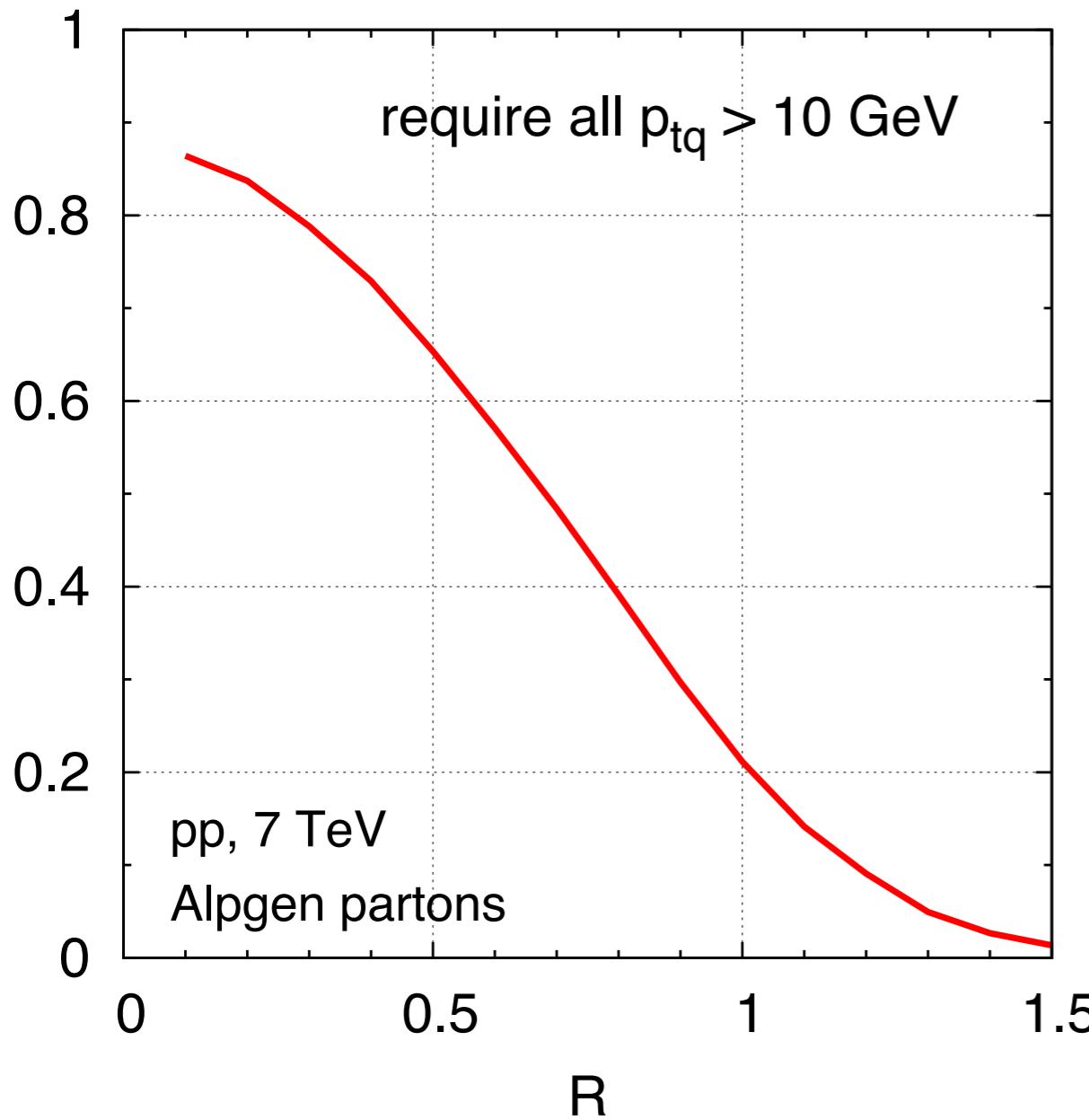
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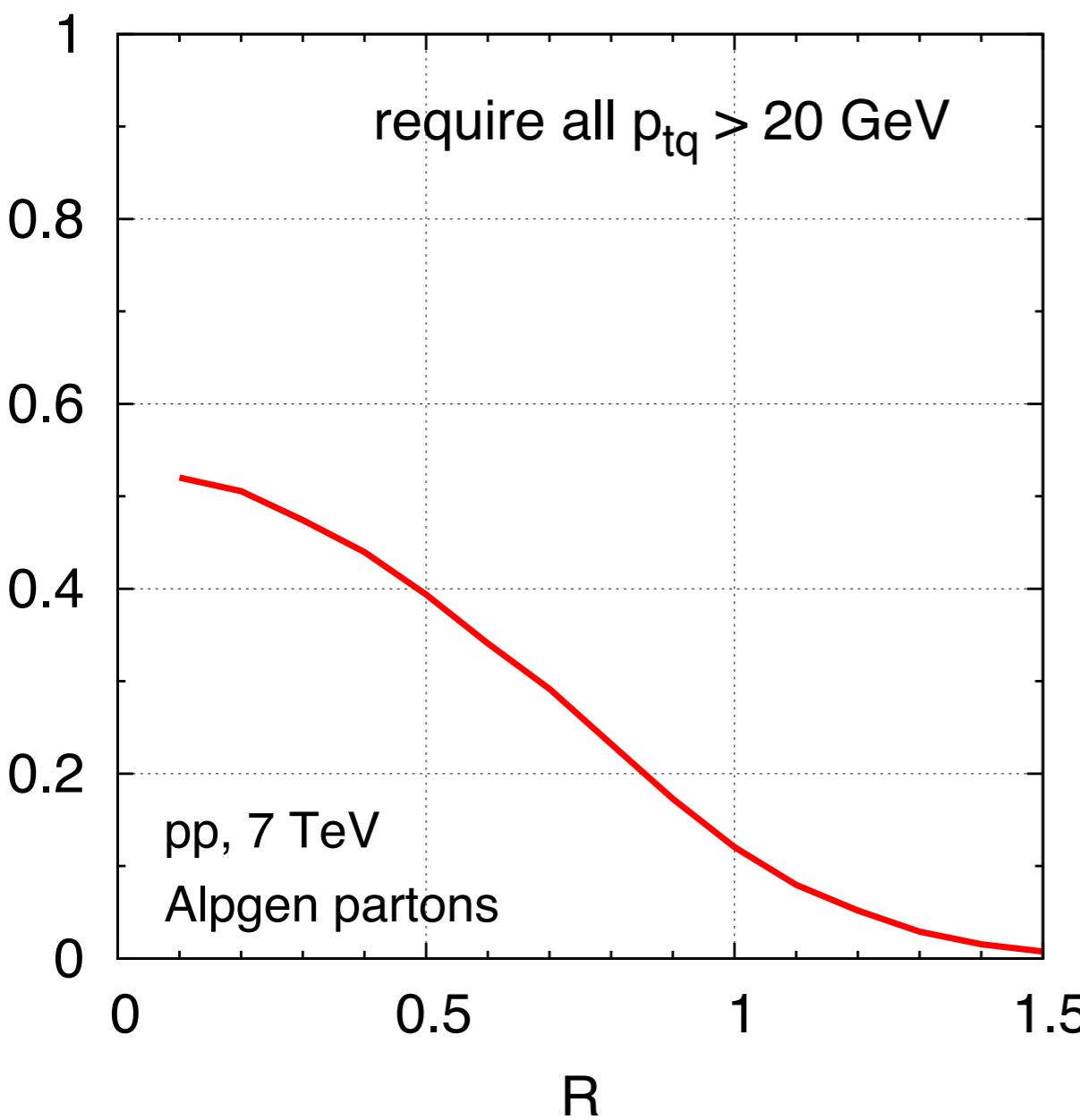
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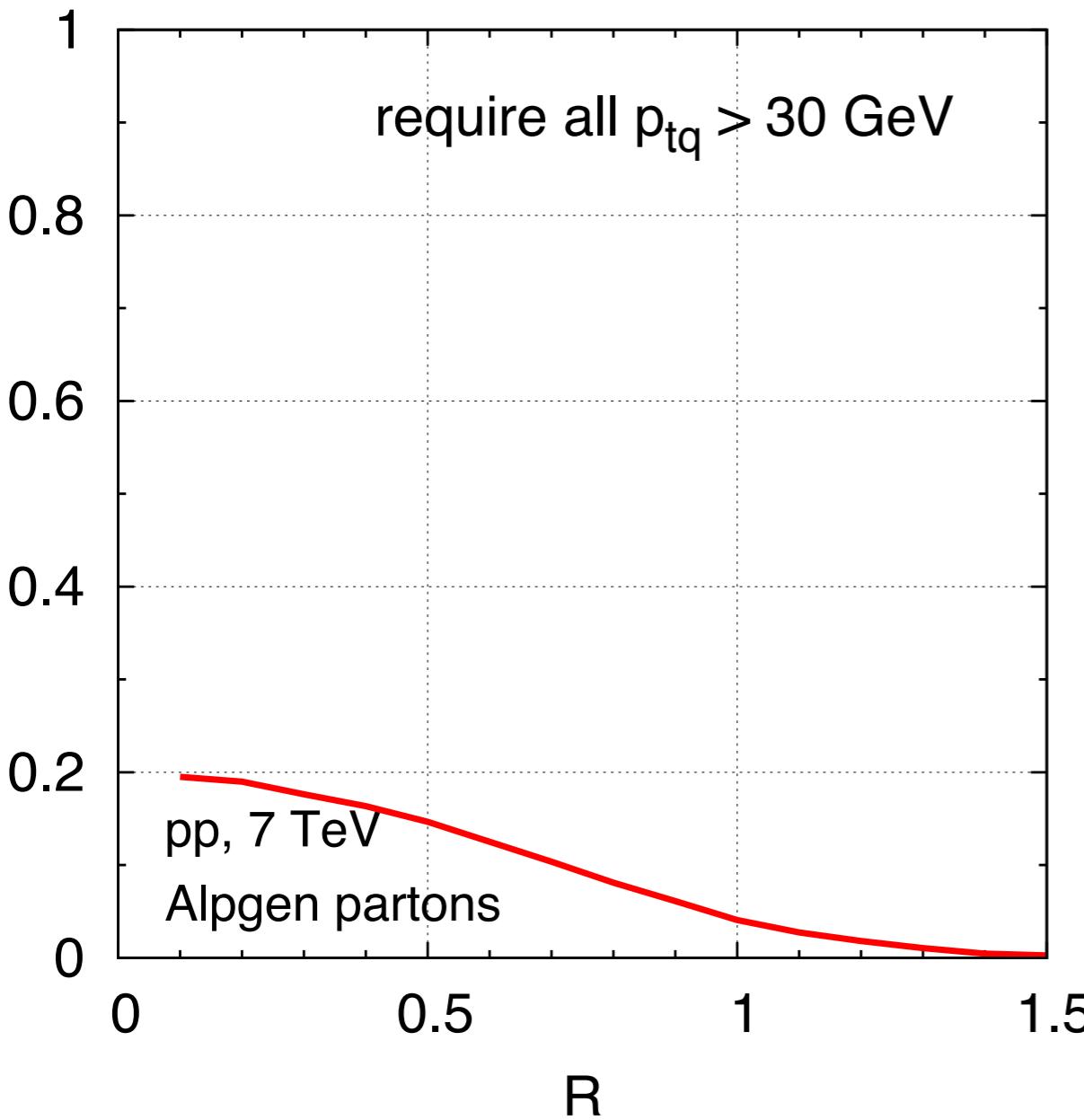
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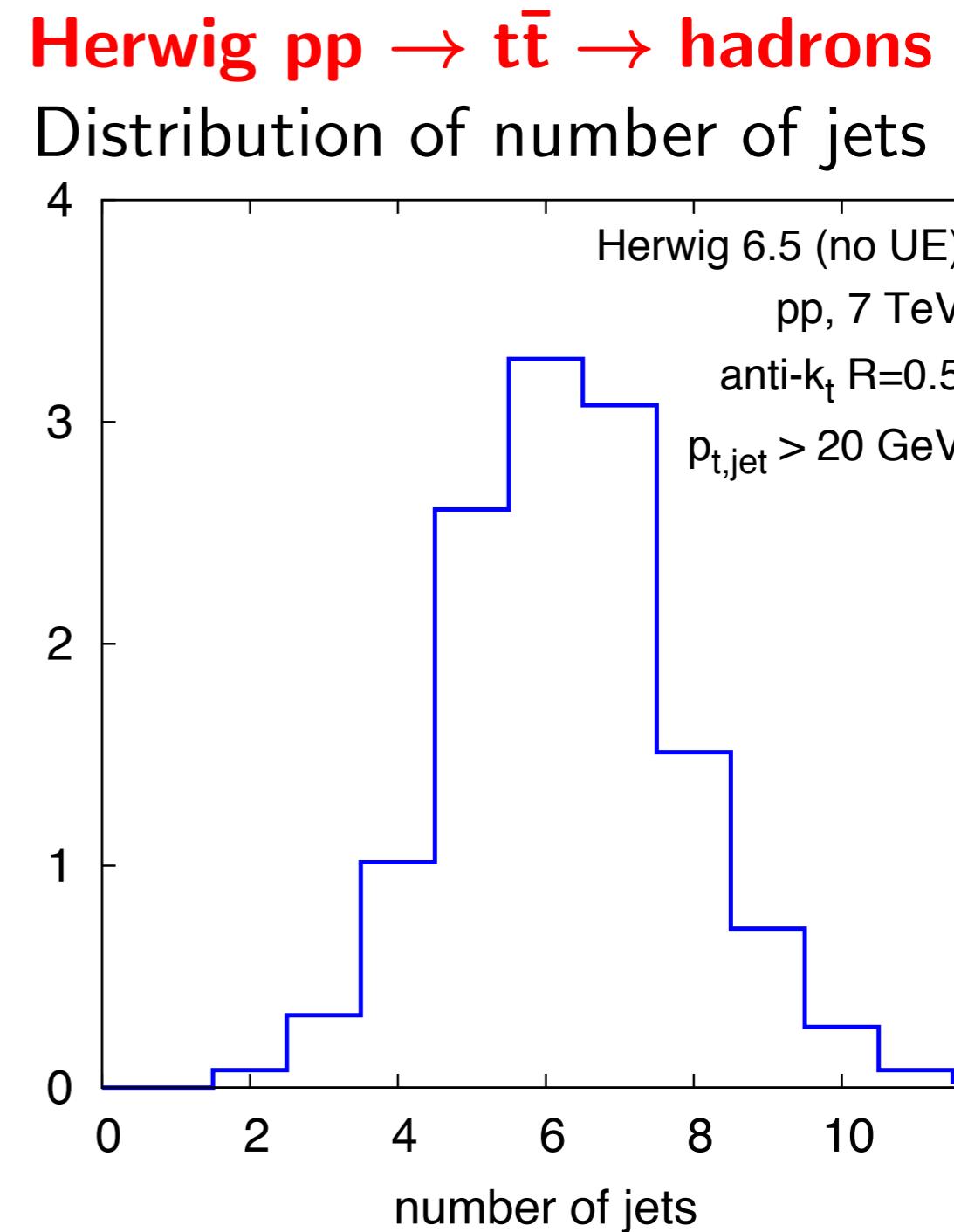
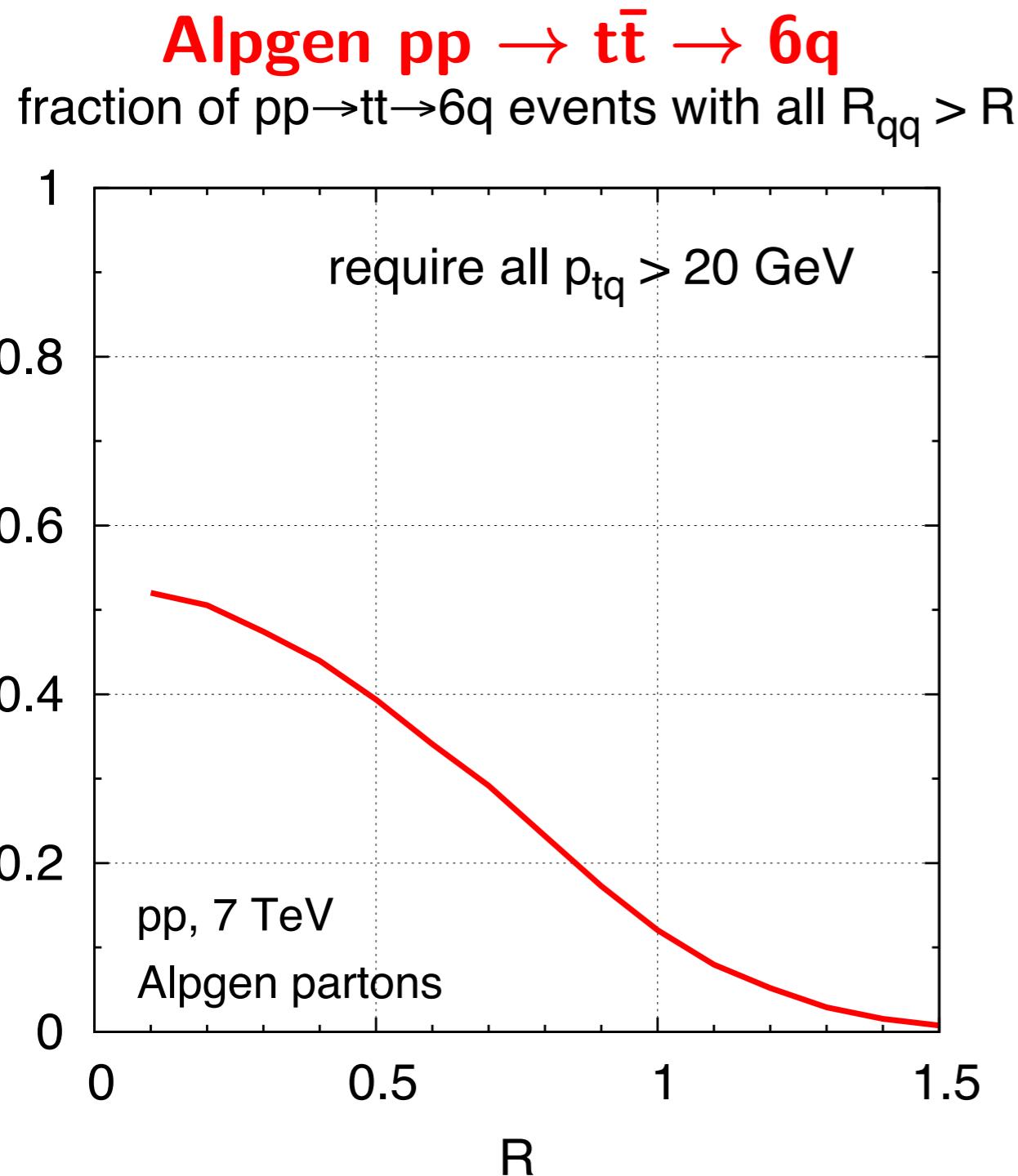


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# Standard LHC jet finding

- Uses the anti- $k_t$  algorithm
- Uses a jet radius  $R=0.4$
- Uses a transverse momentum threshold that is typically at least 20 GeV (exact value depends on the analysis)

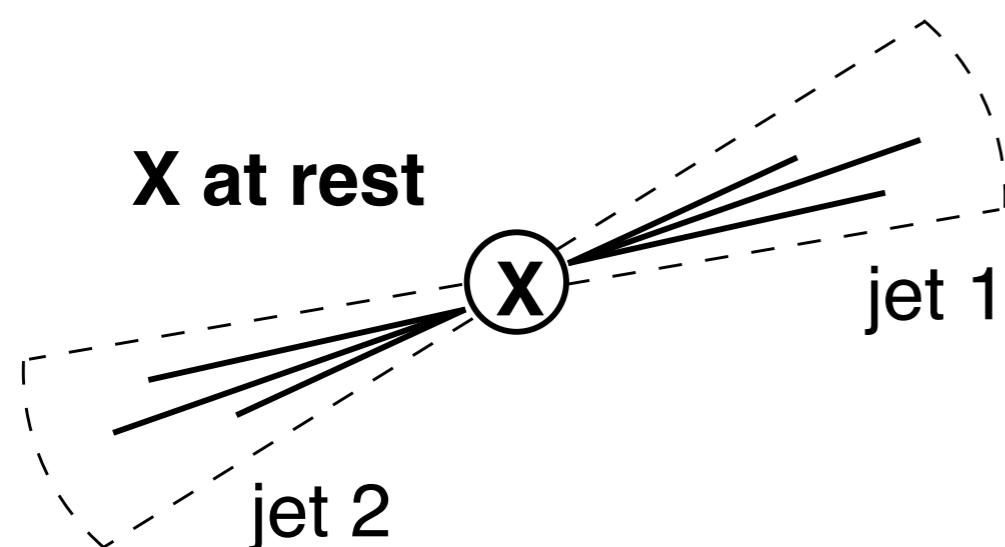
Radius and  $p_T$  threshold choices give a good compromise between

- ability to resolve multi-jet physics
- loss of radiation from jets
- additional spurious jets
- contamination from pileup

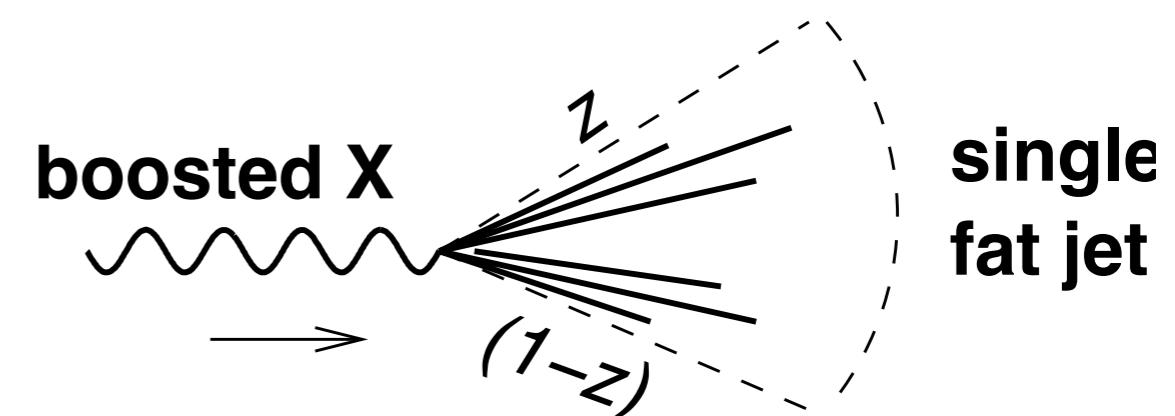
# boosted object reconstruction

# Boosted EW scale objects

Normal analyses: two quarks from  $X \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  reconstructed as two jets



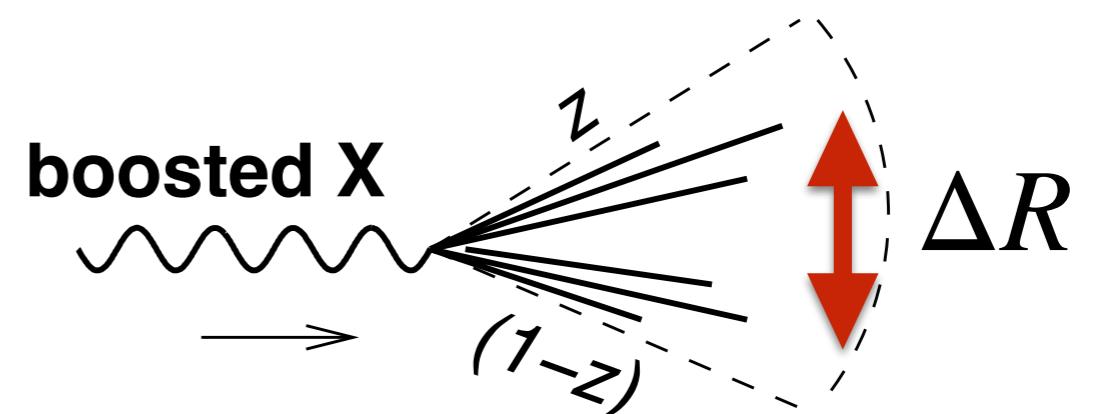
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$$\begin{aligned} m_X^2 &\simeq E_X^2 \cdot z(1-z) \cdot 2(1 - \cos \theta) \\ &\simeq p_{tX}^2 \cdot z(1-z) \cdot \Delta R^2 \end{aligned}$$



The two prongs end up in a single jet if

$$\Delta R \simeq \frac{m}{p_t} \frac{1}{\sqrt{z(1-z)}} \sim \frac{2m}{p_t} < R \text{ or } p_t \gtrsim \frac{2m}{R}$$

E.g. W-boson with  $p_t > 400$  GeV ends up collimated in a single jet.

# Tagging & Grooming

Two widely used terms  
though there's not a  
consensus about  
what they mean

## Tagging

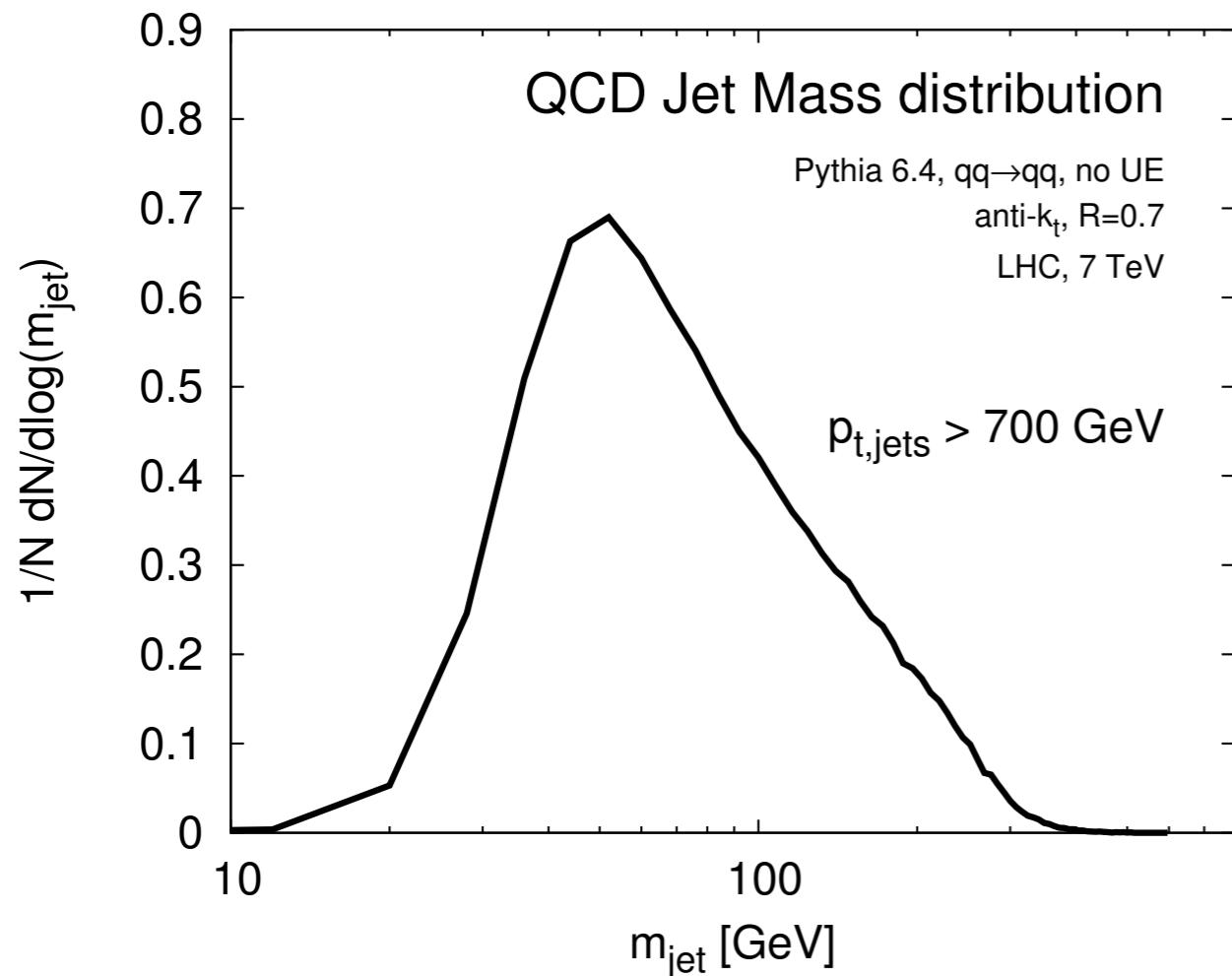
- reduces the background, leaves much of signal
- you can tag with underlying hard n-prong structure and based on radiation pattern

## Grooming

- improves signal mass resolution (removing pileup, etc.), without significantly changing background & signal event numbers

# One core idea for tagging

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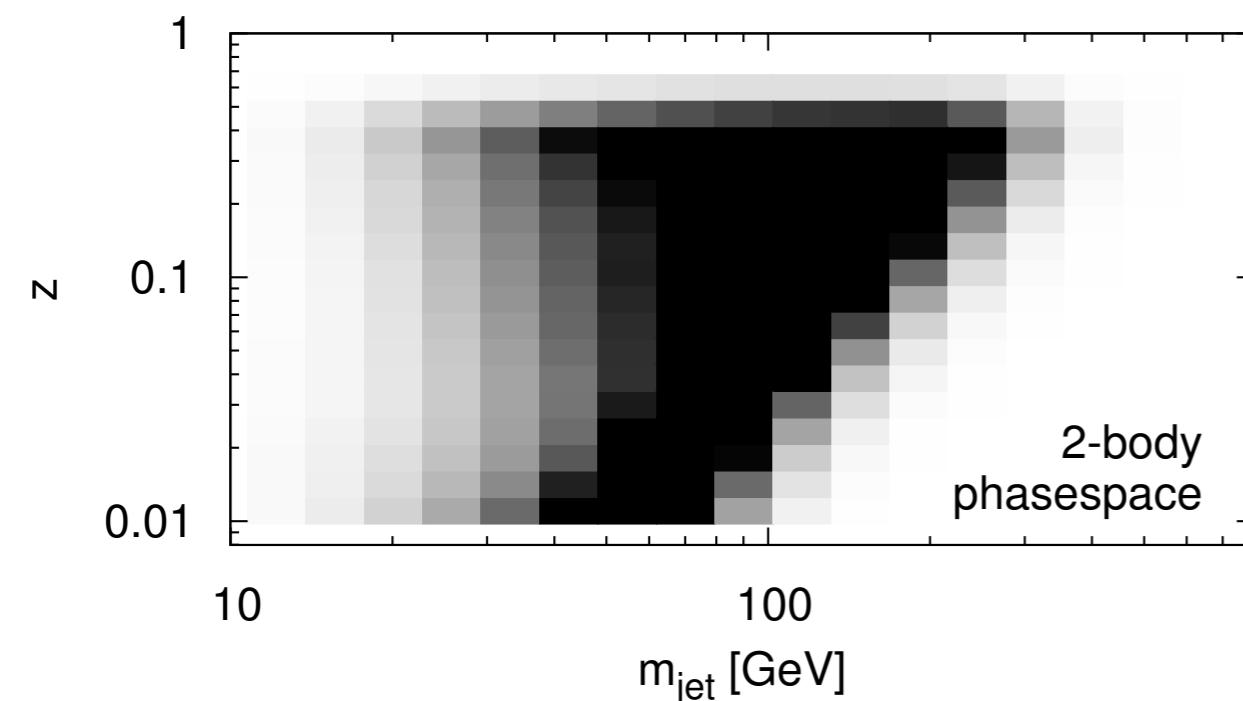
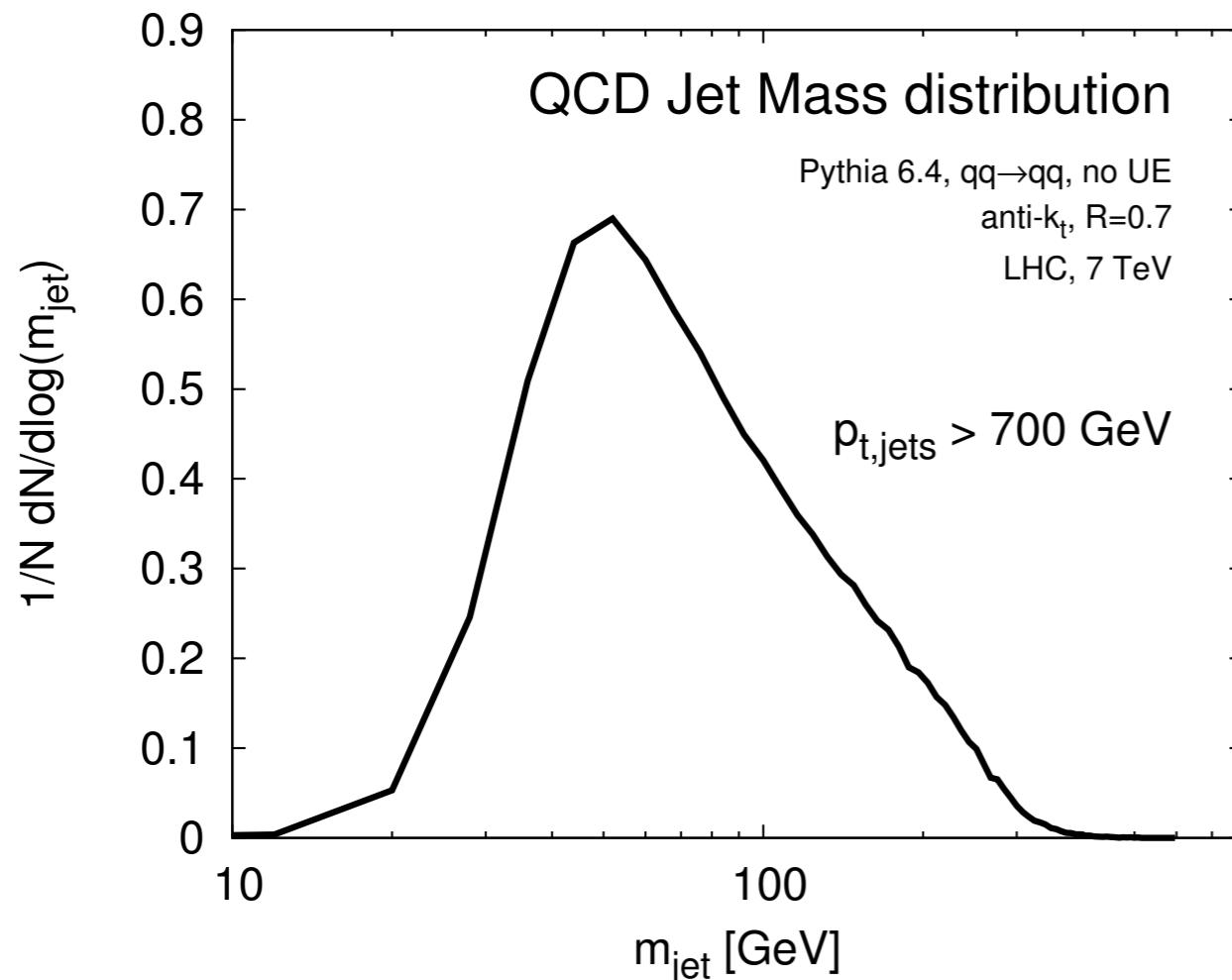


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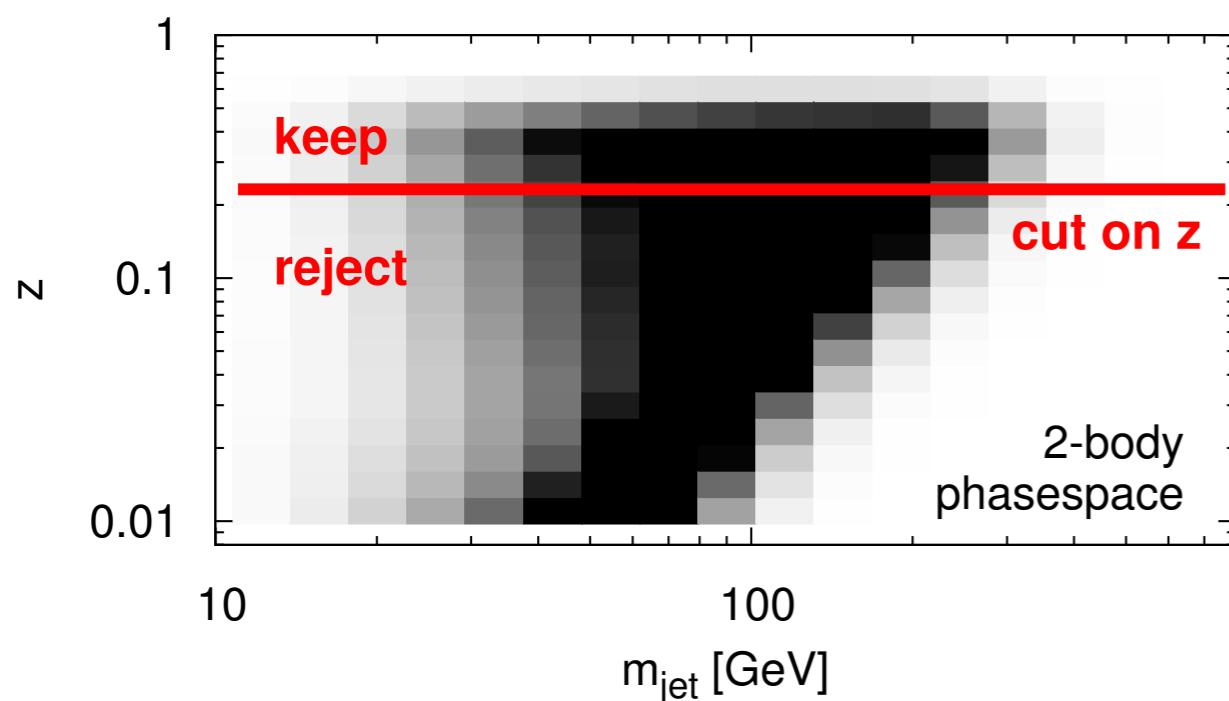
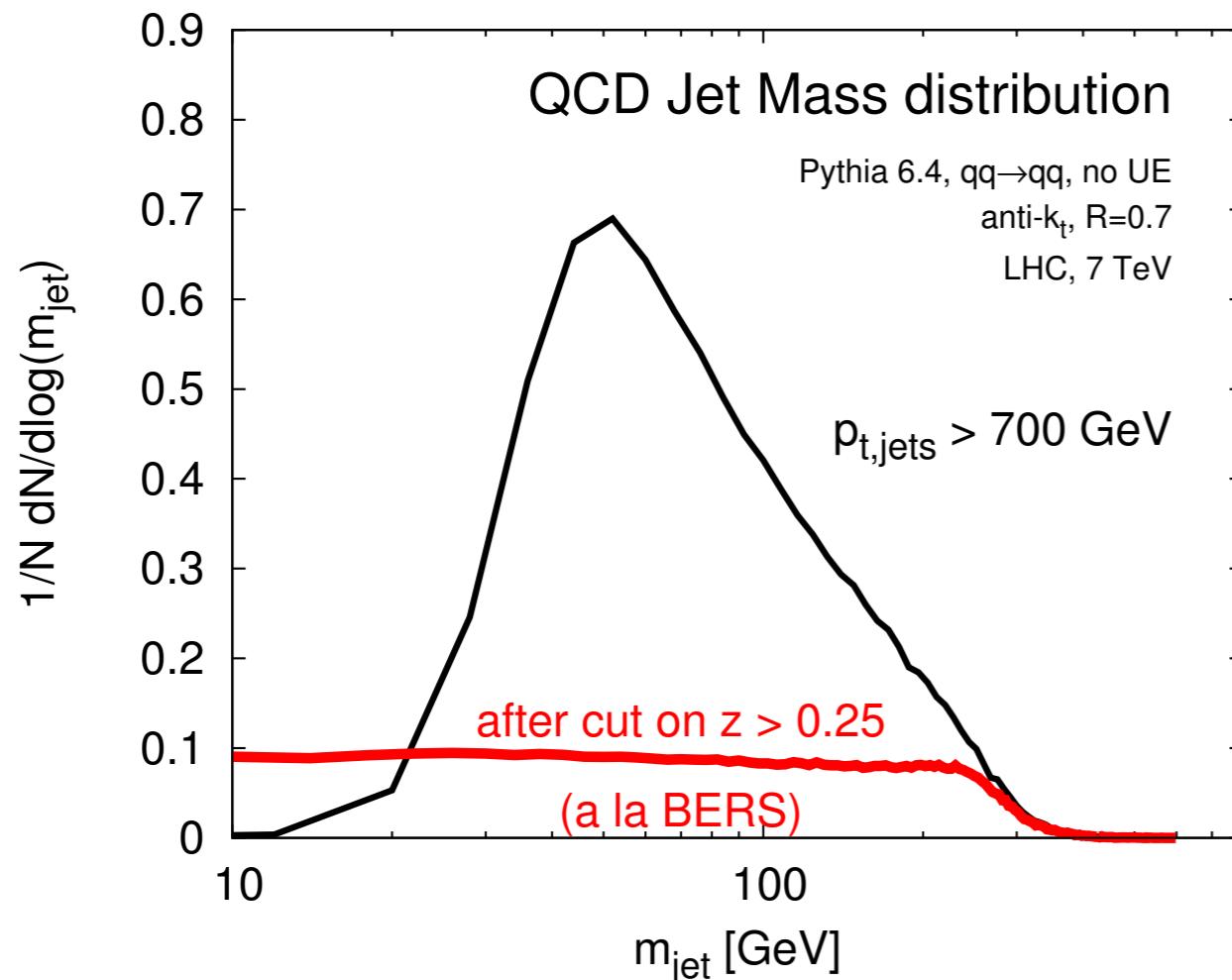
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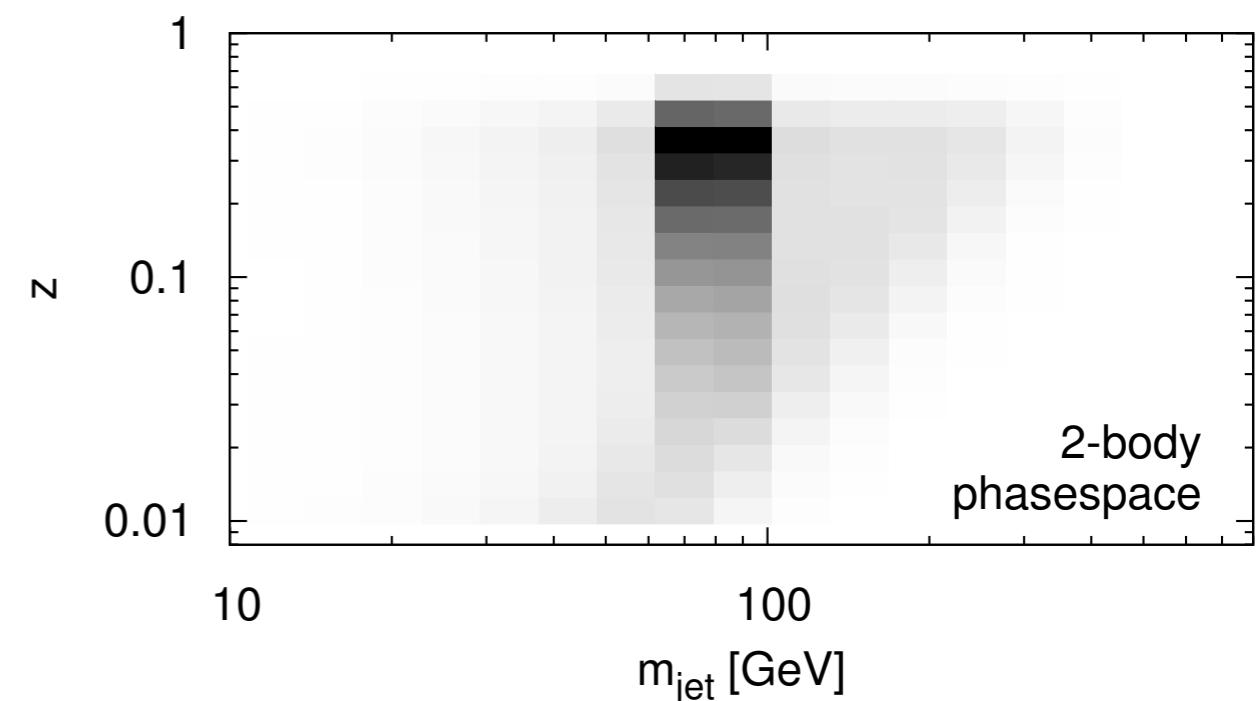
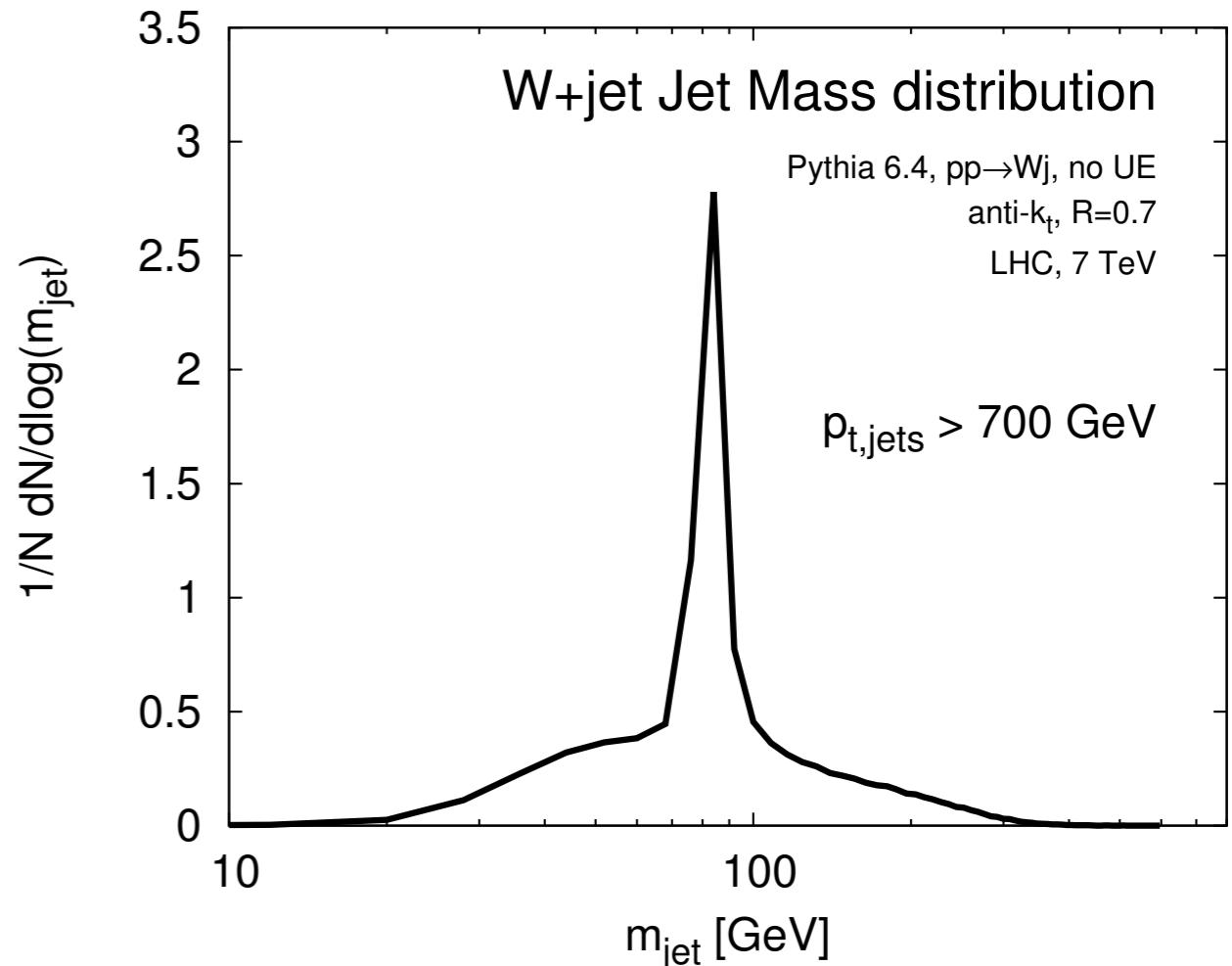
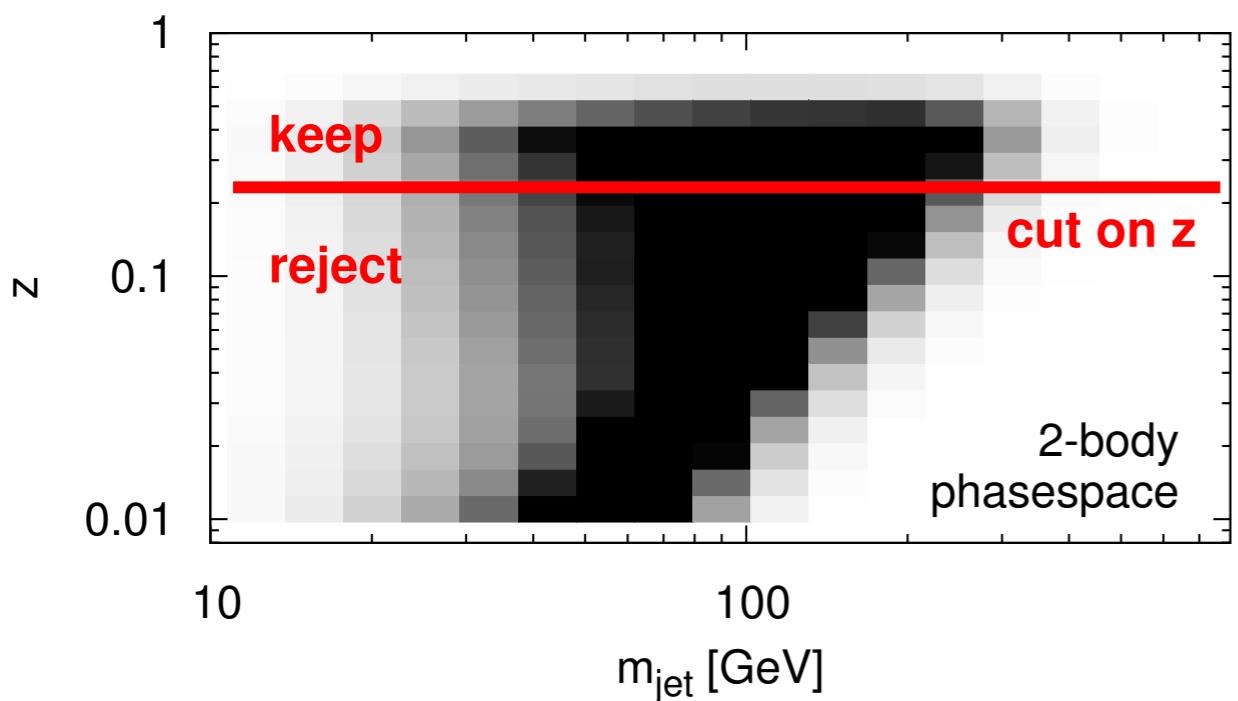
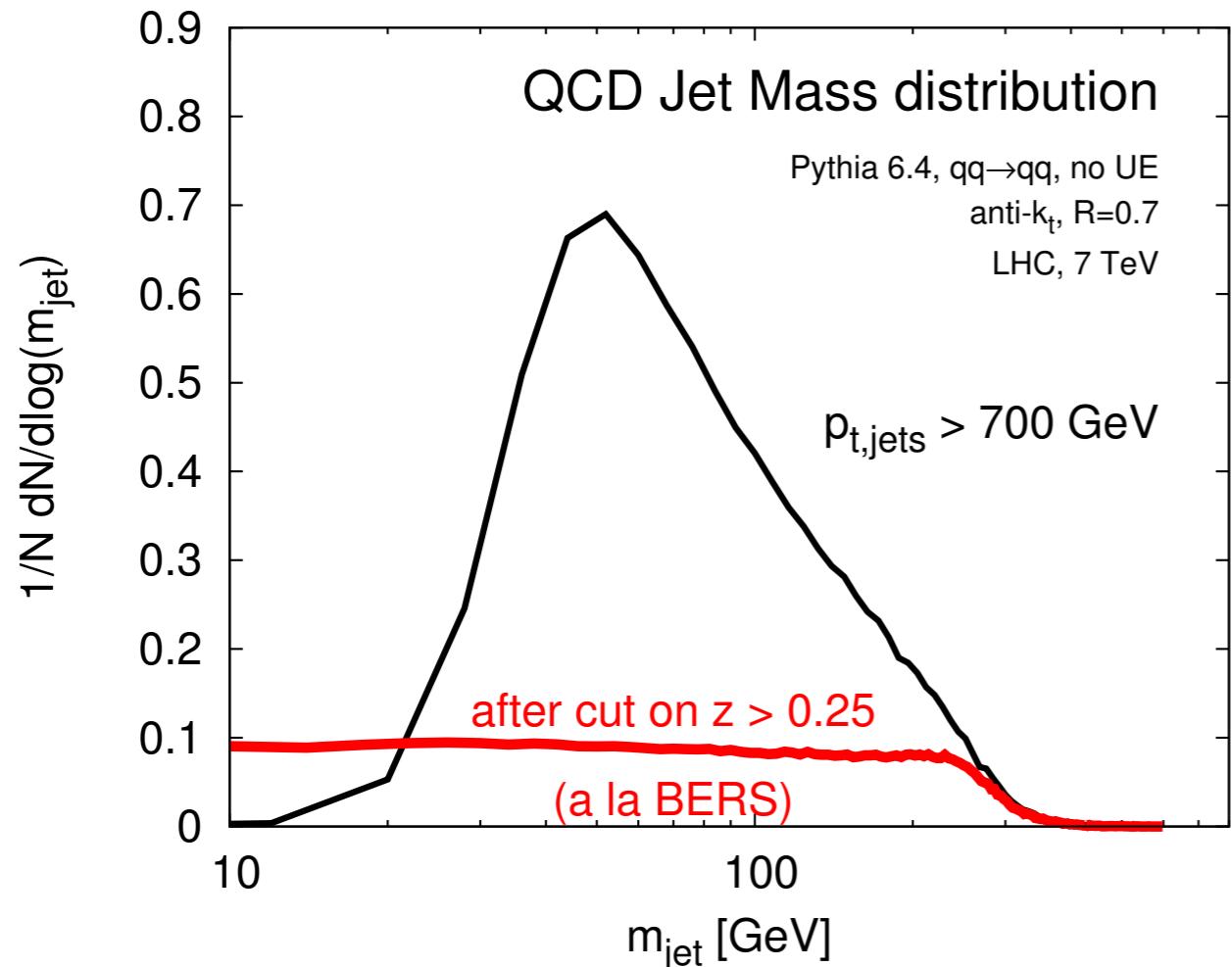
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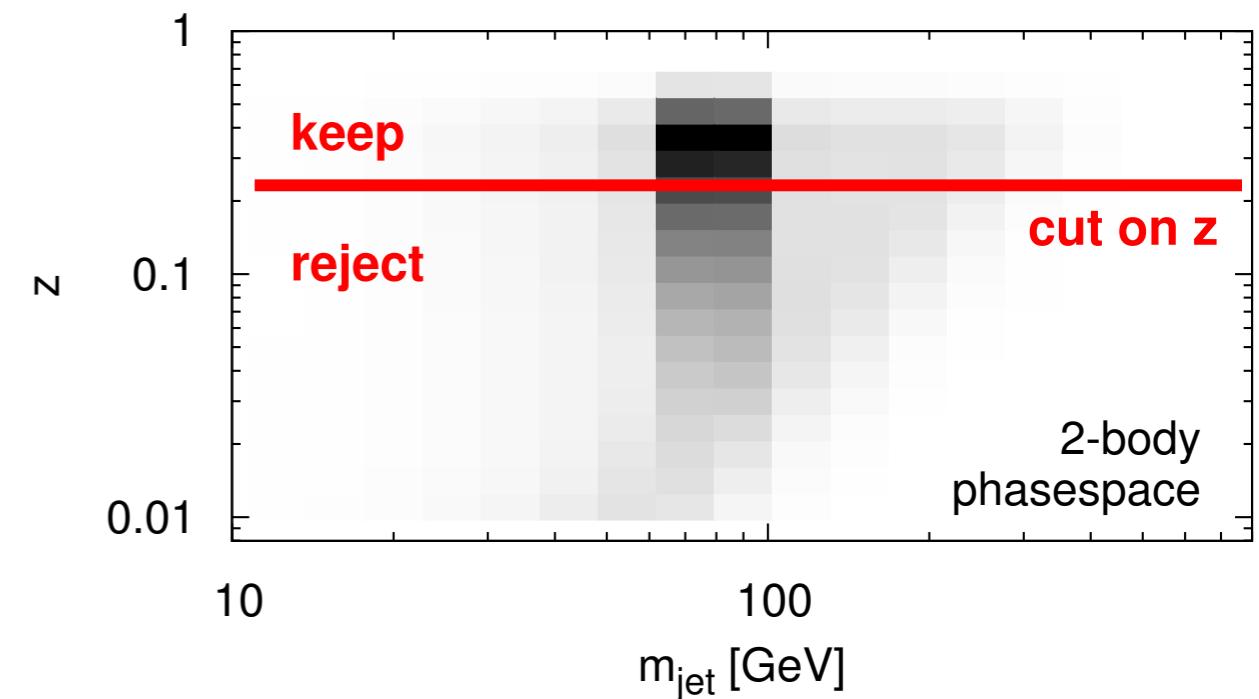
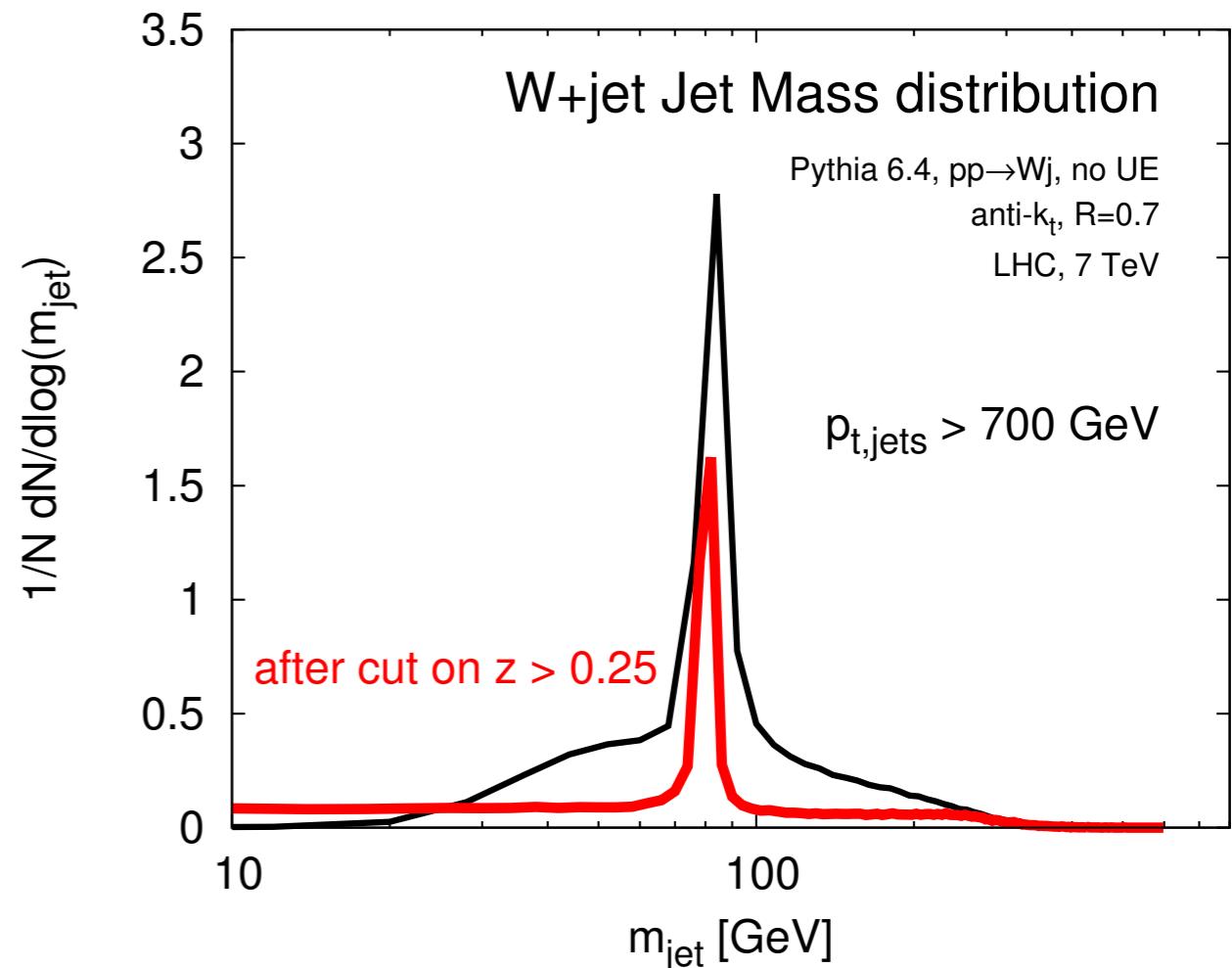
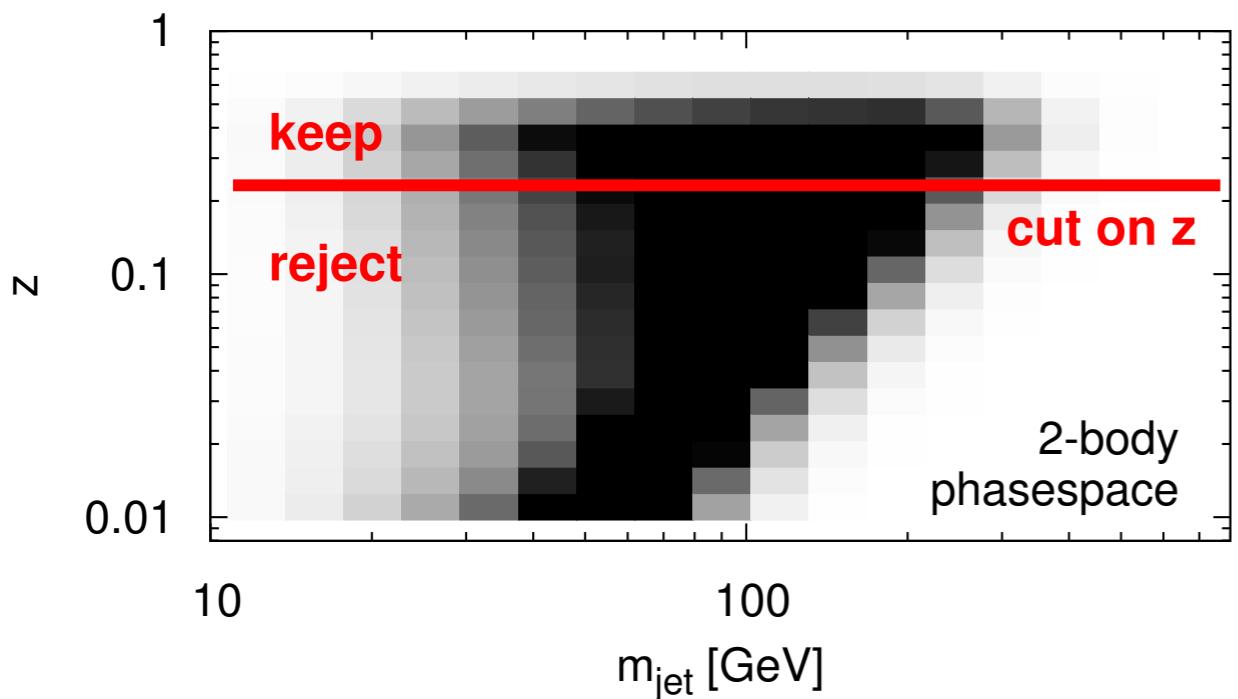
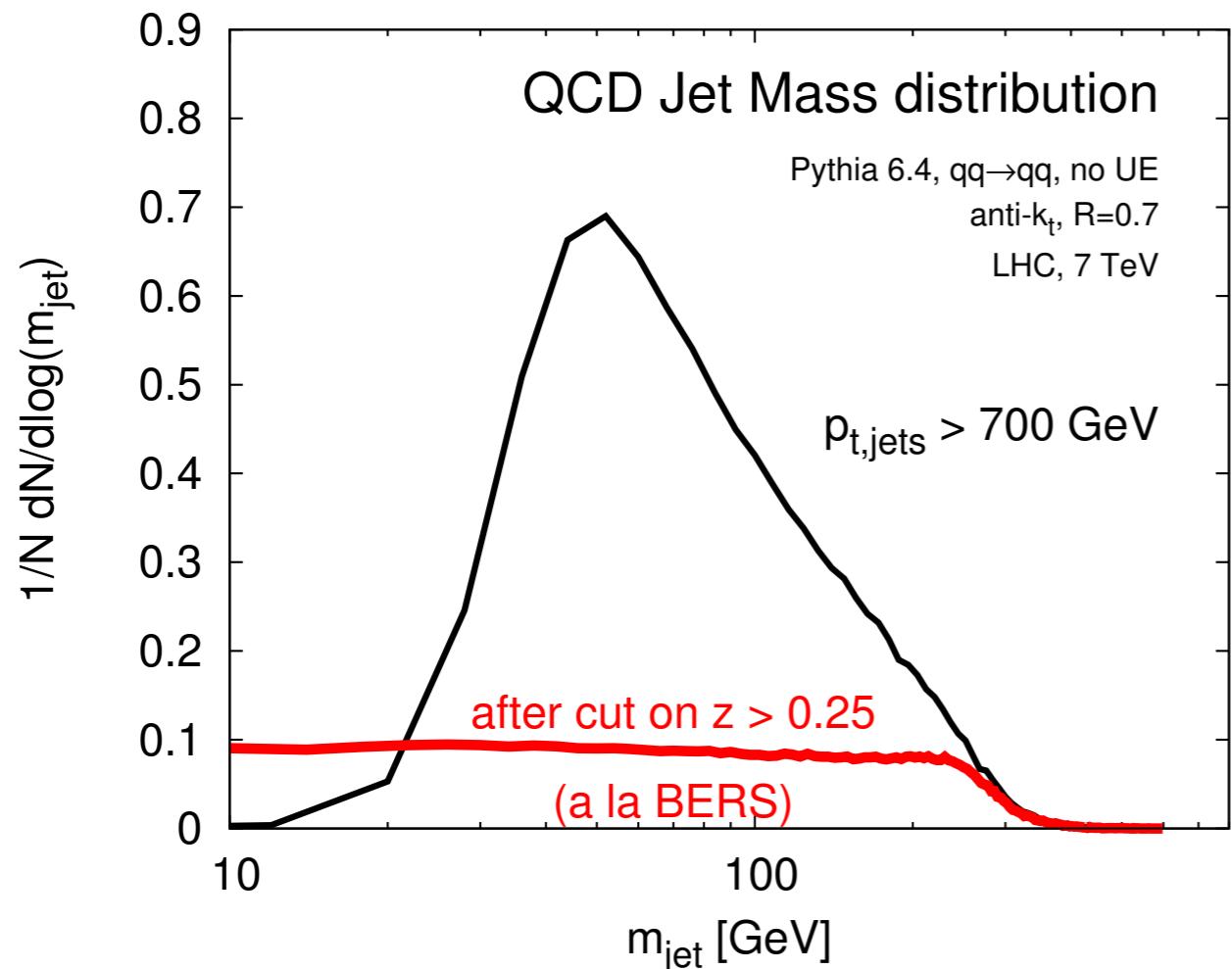
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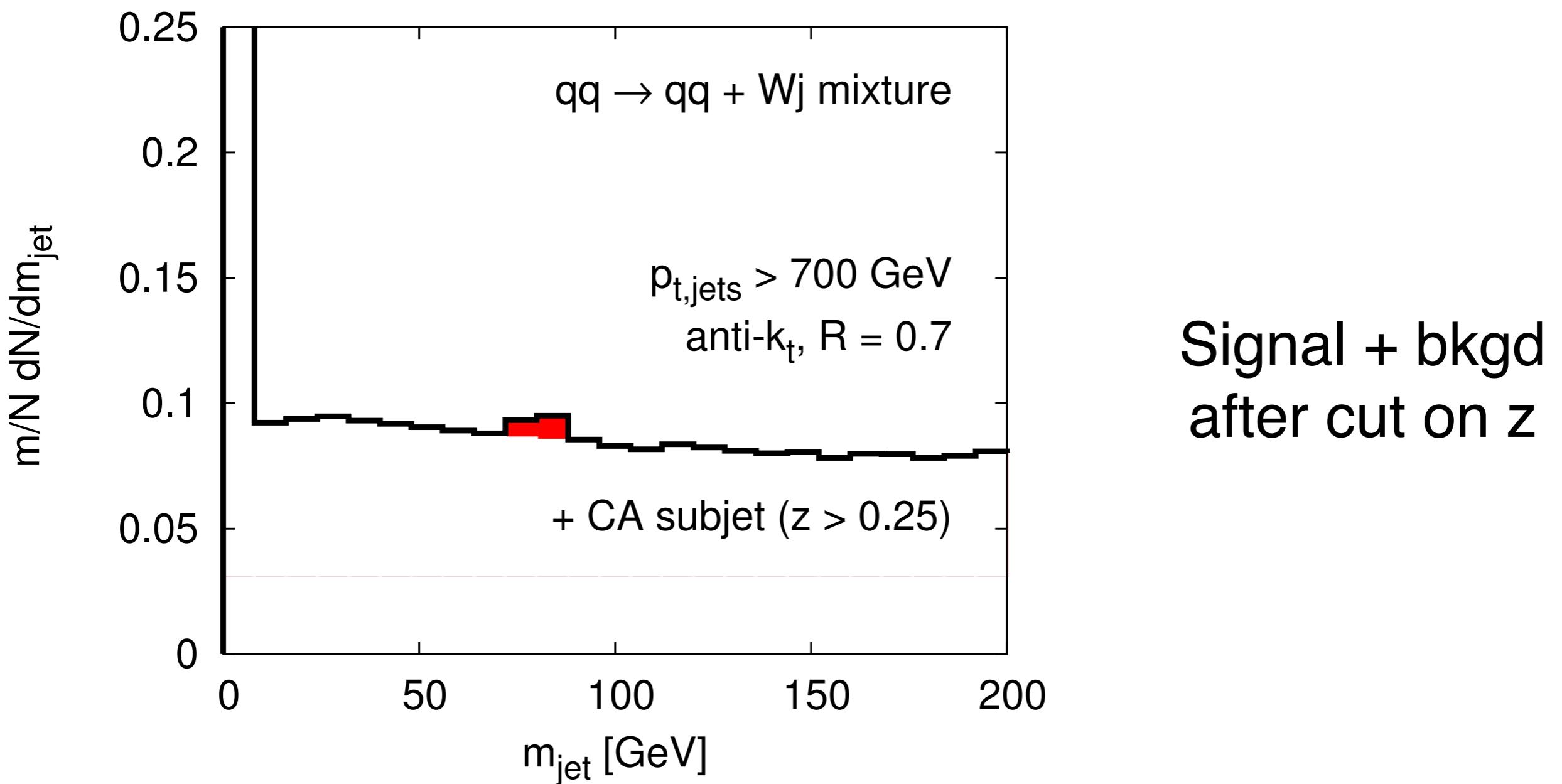
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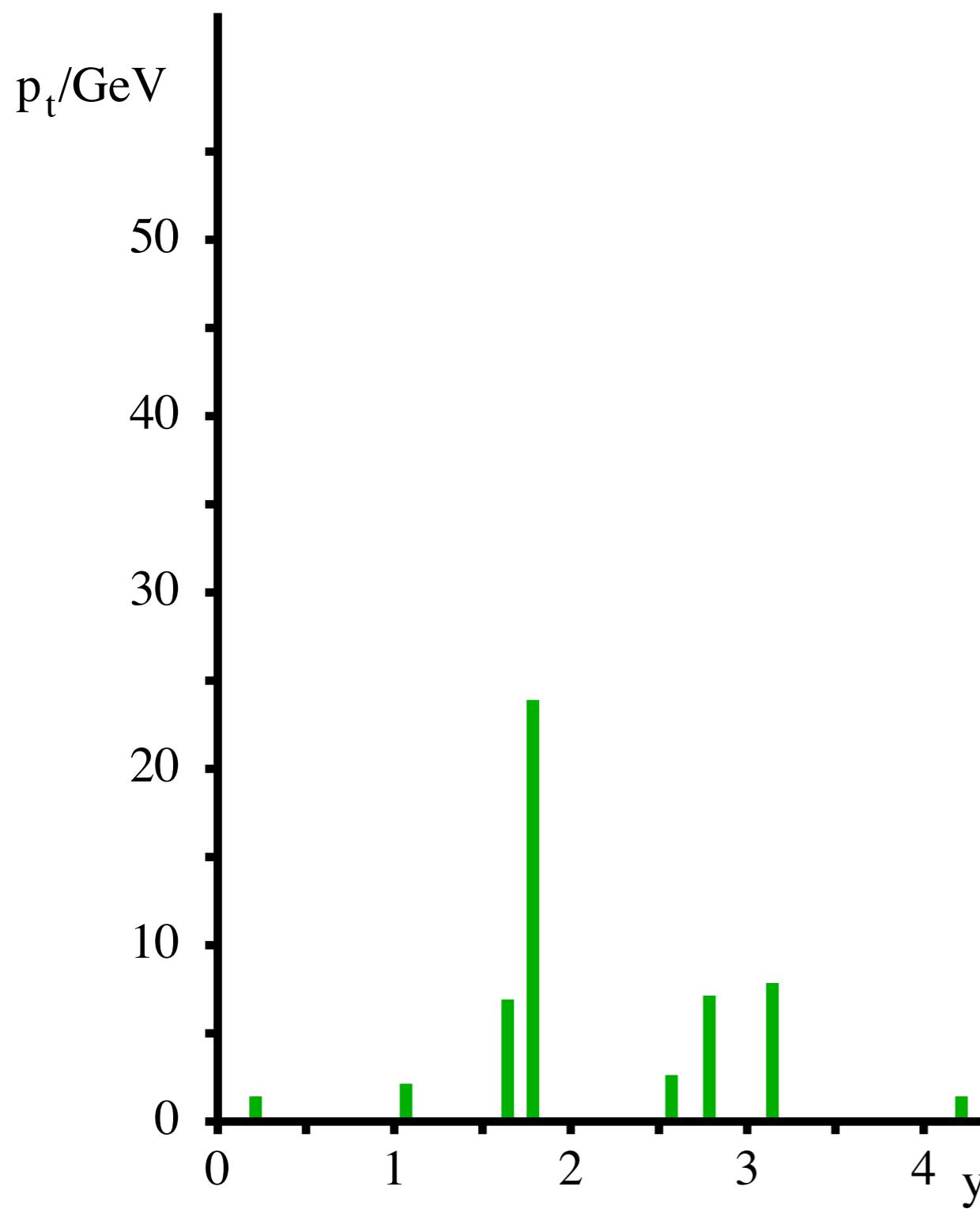
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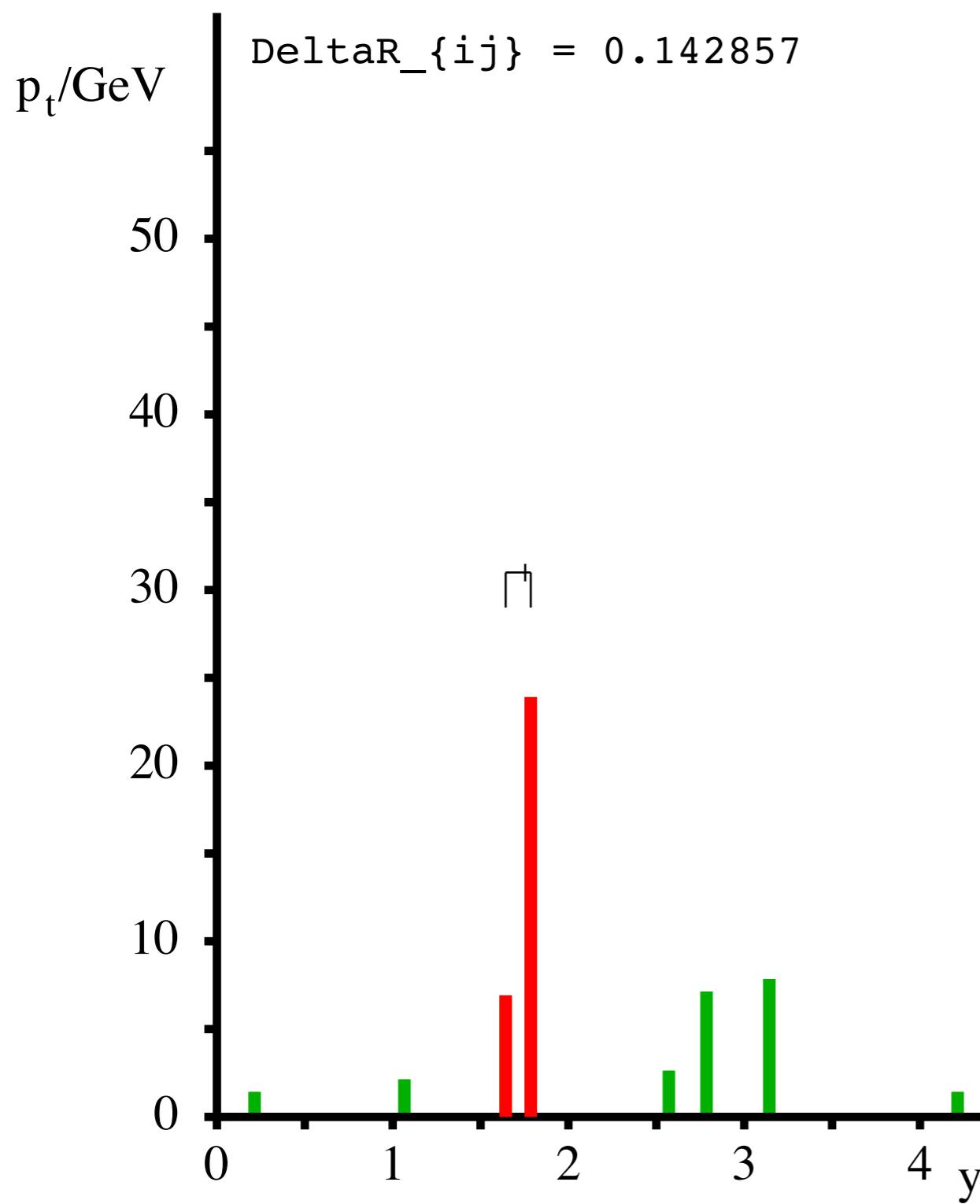
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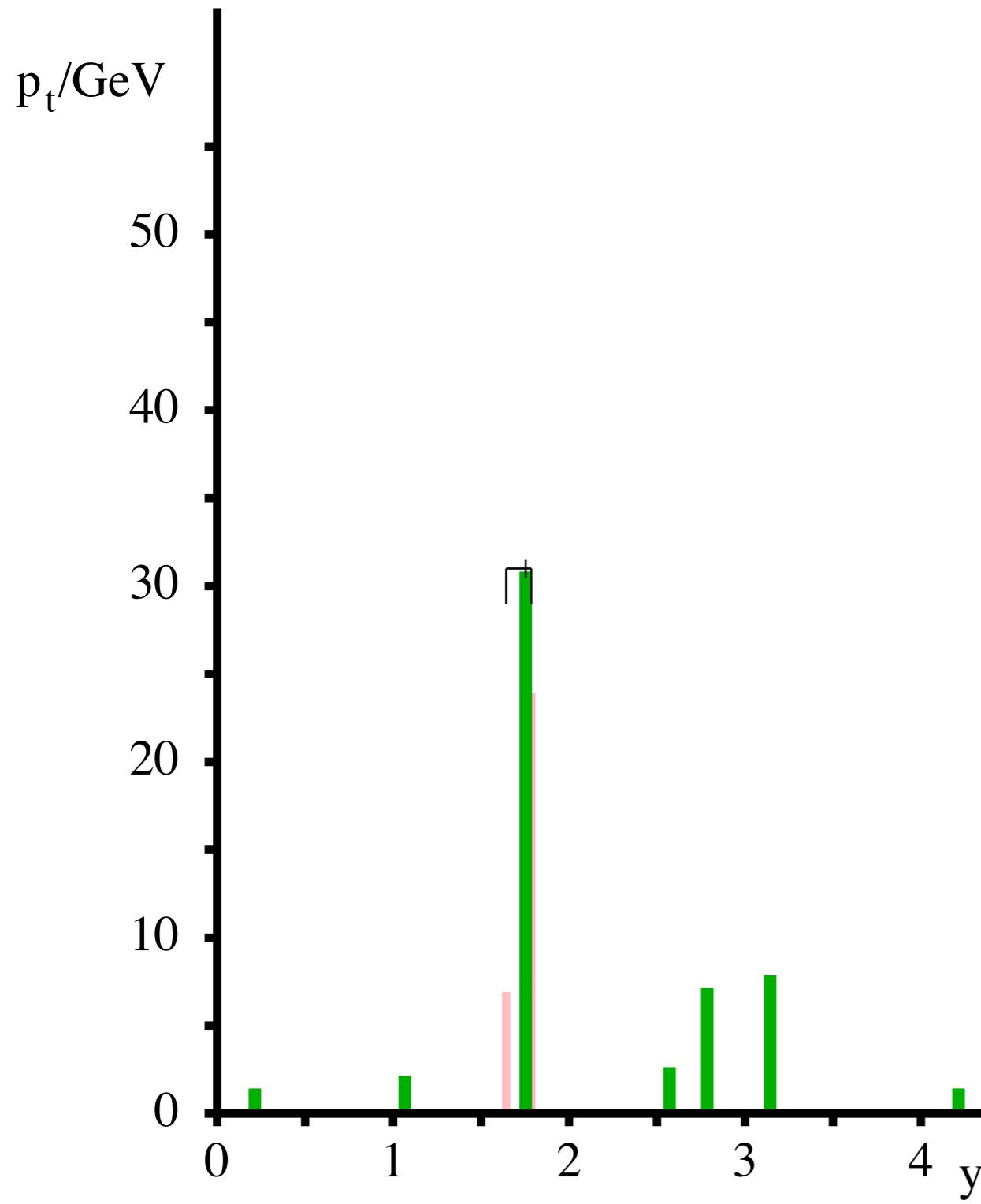
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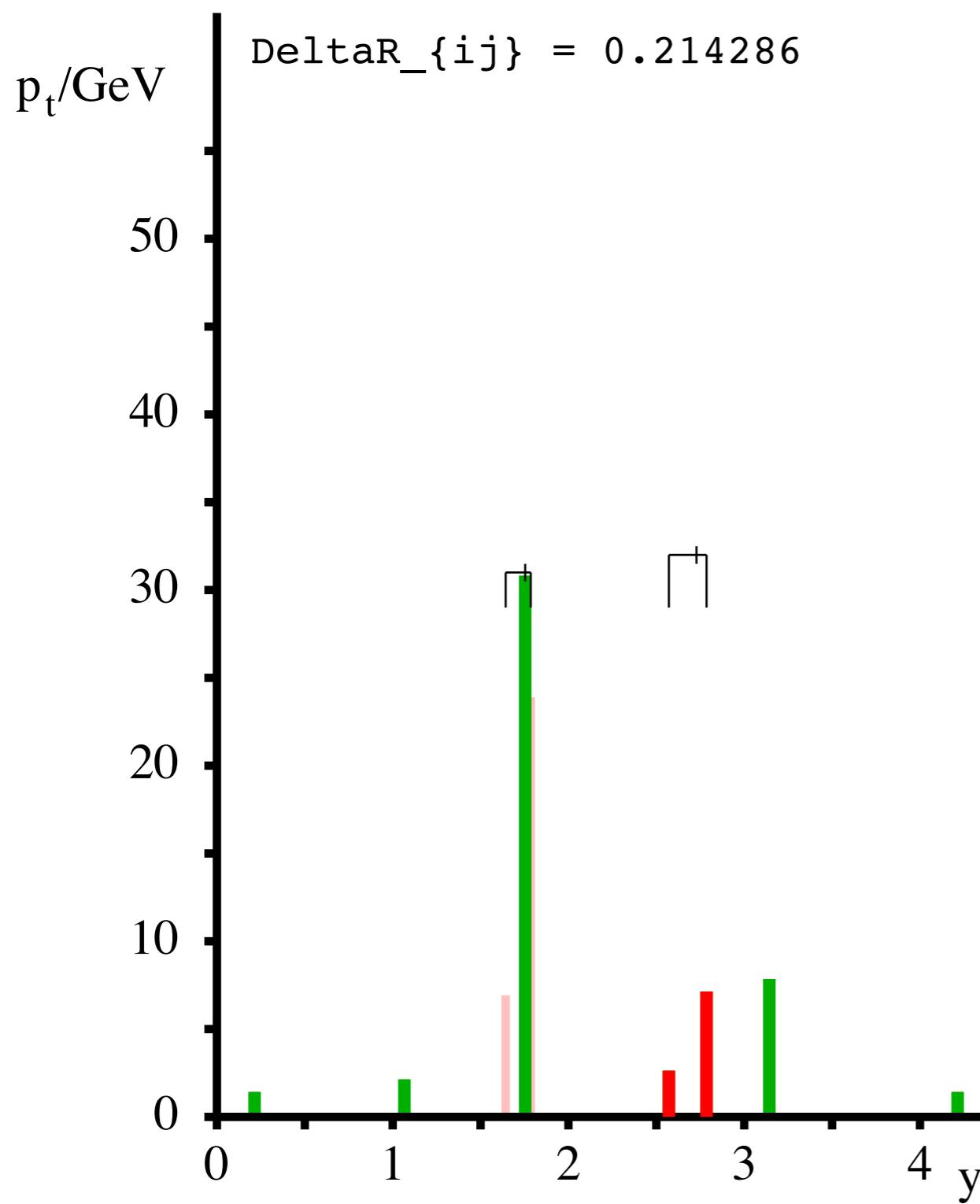
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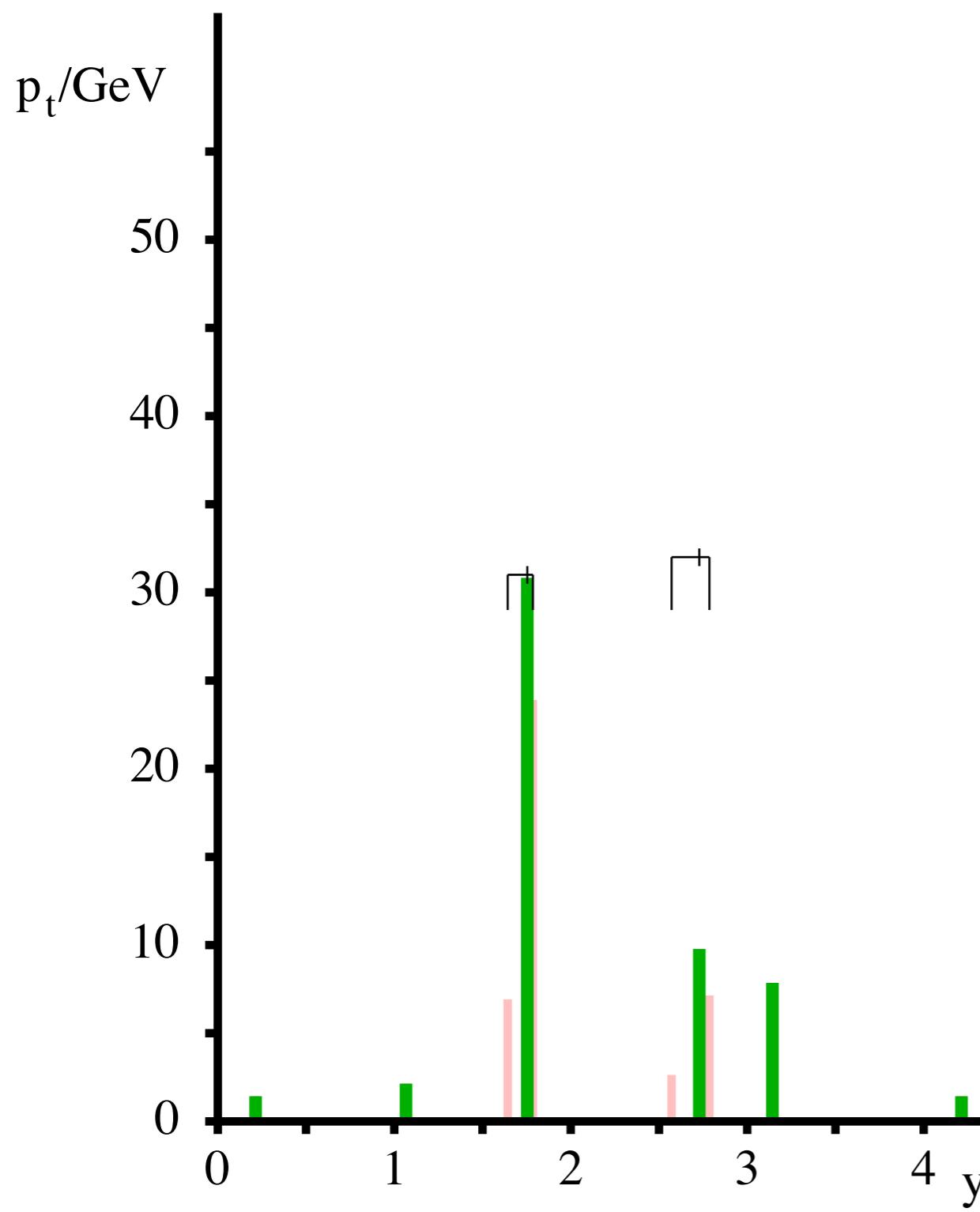
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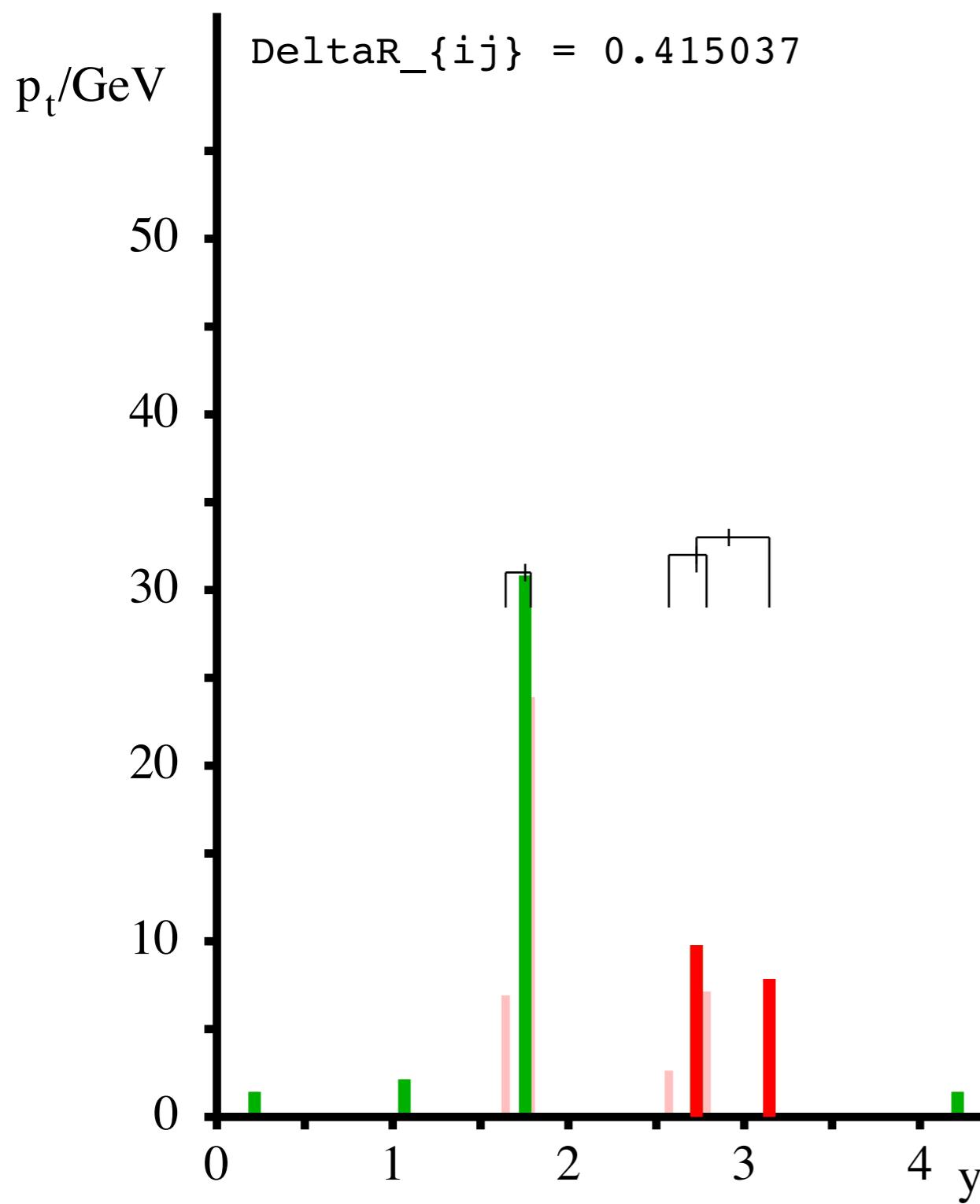
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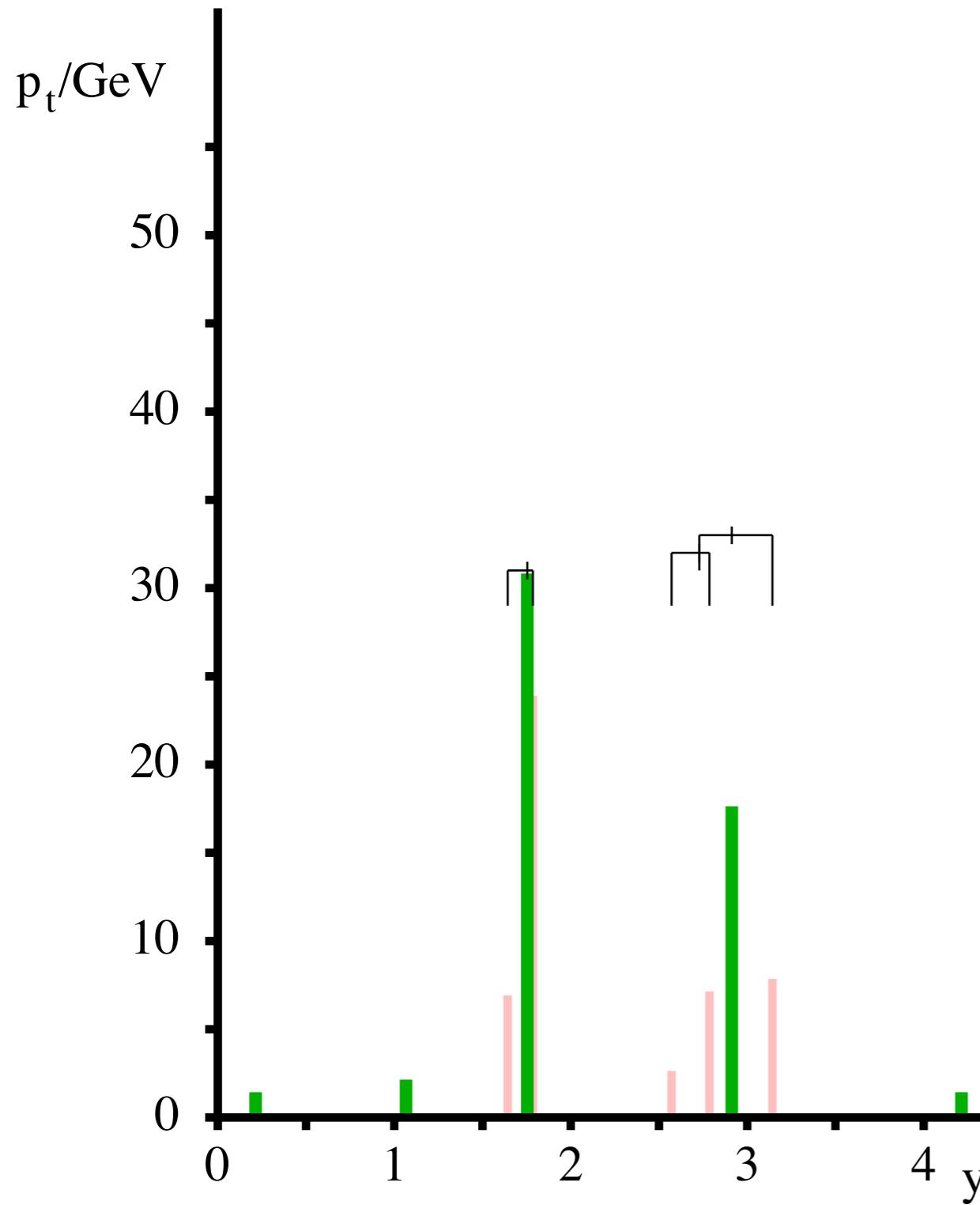
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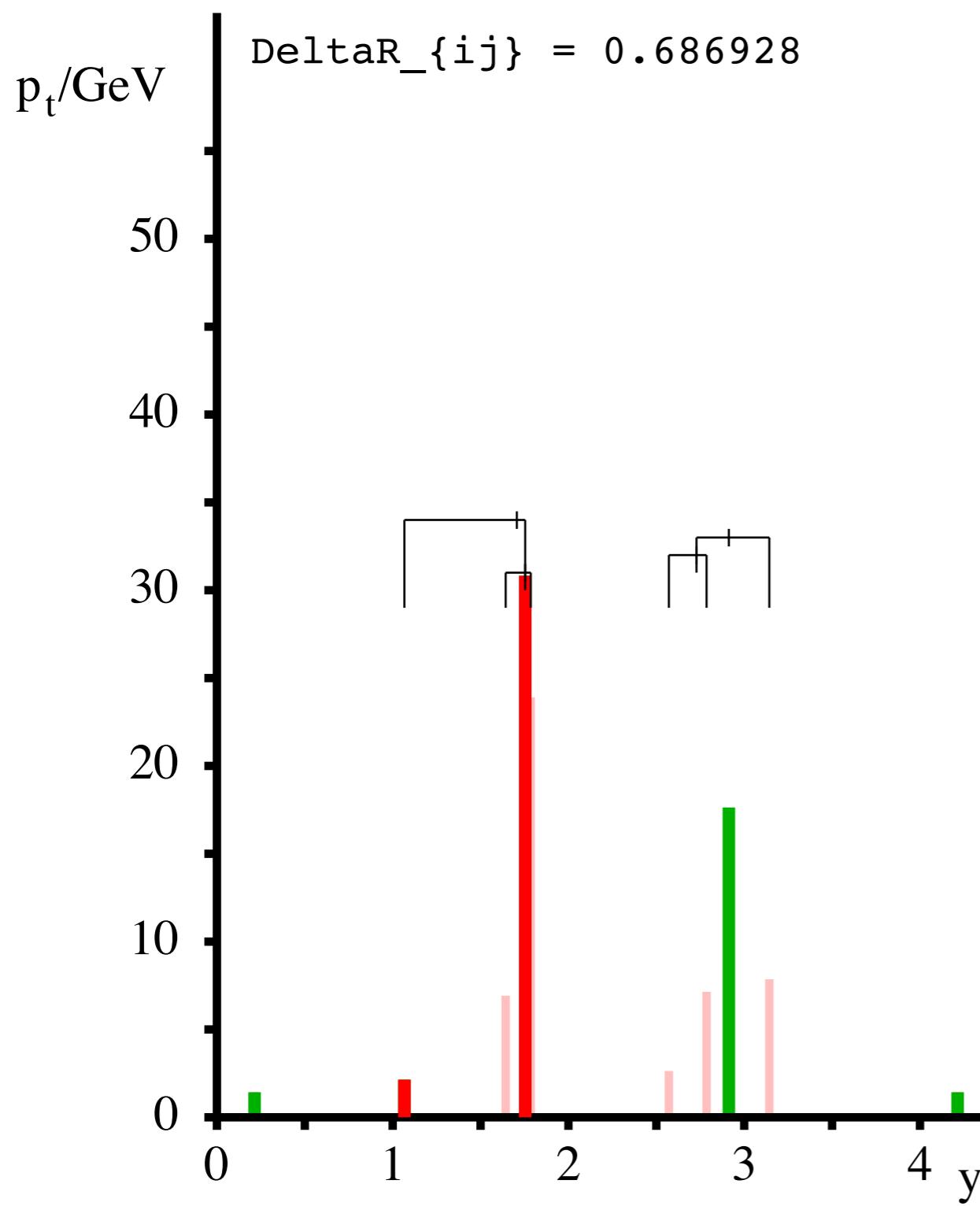
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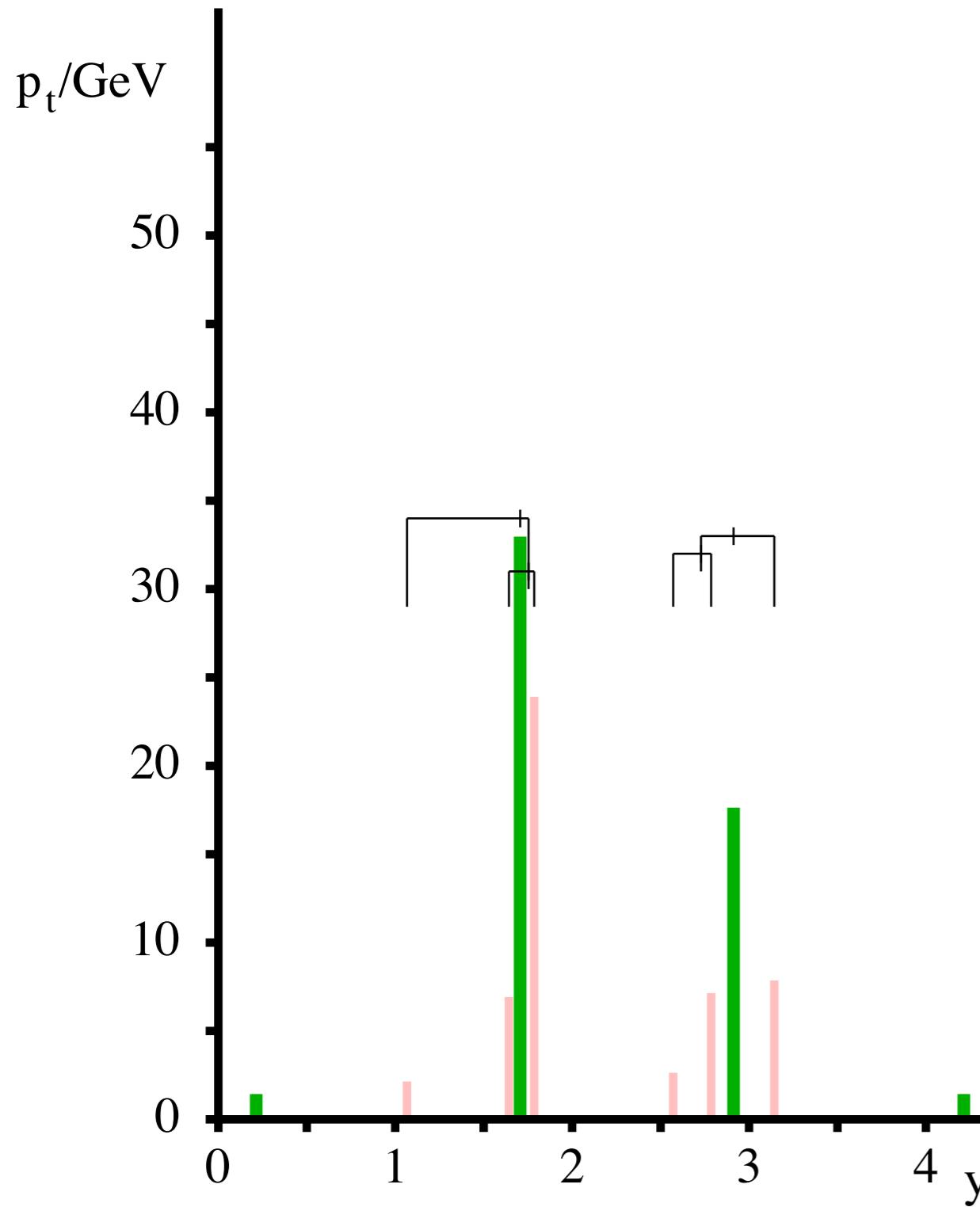
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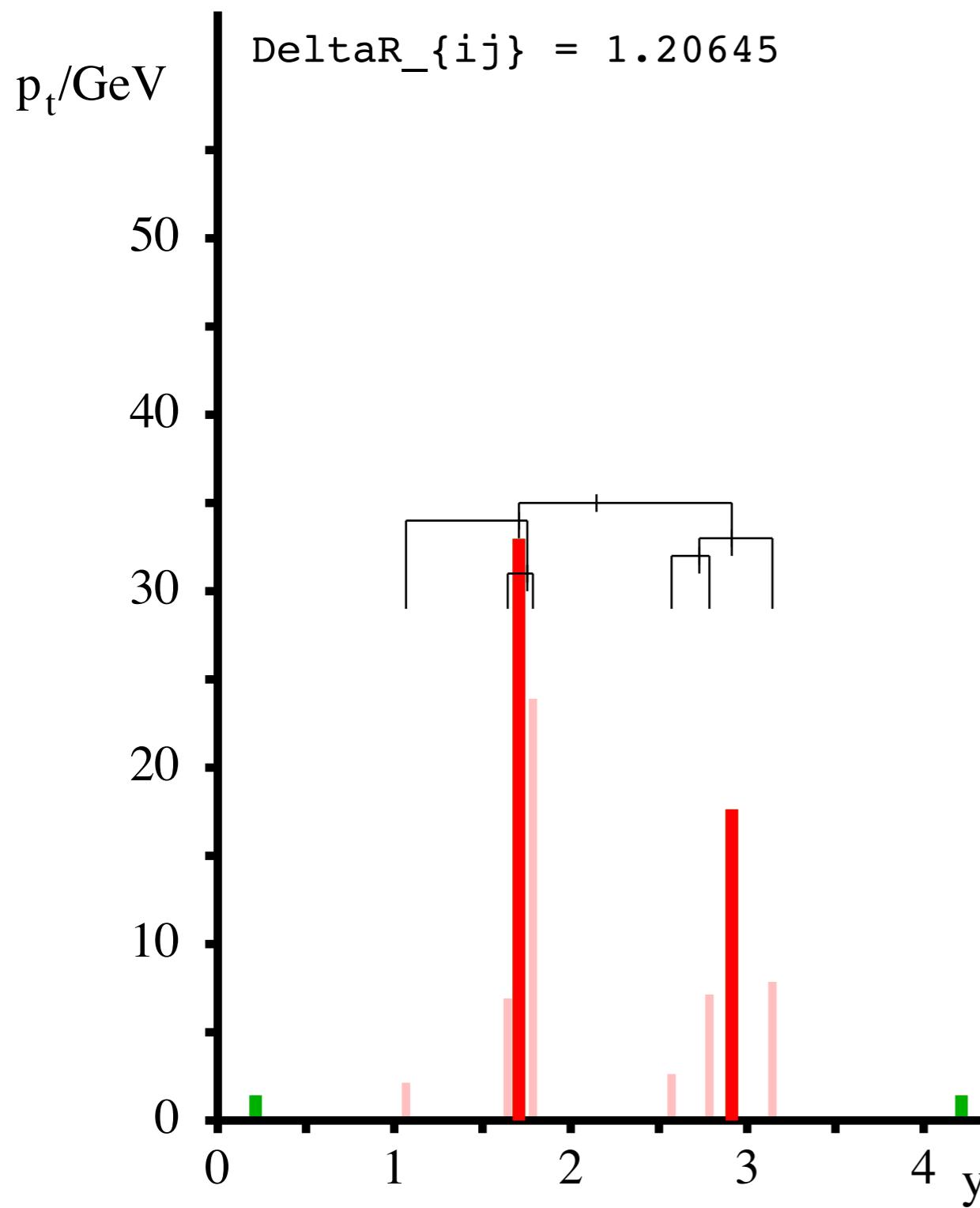


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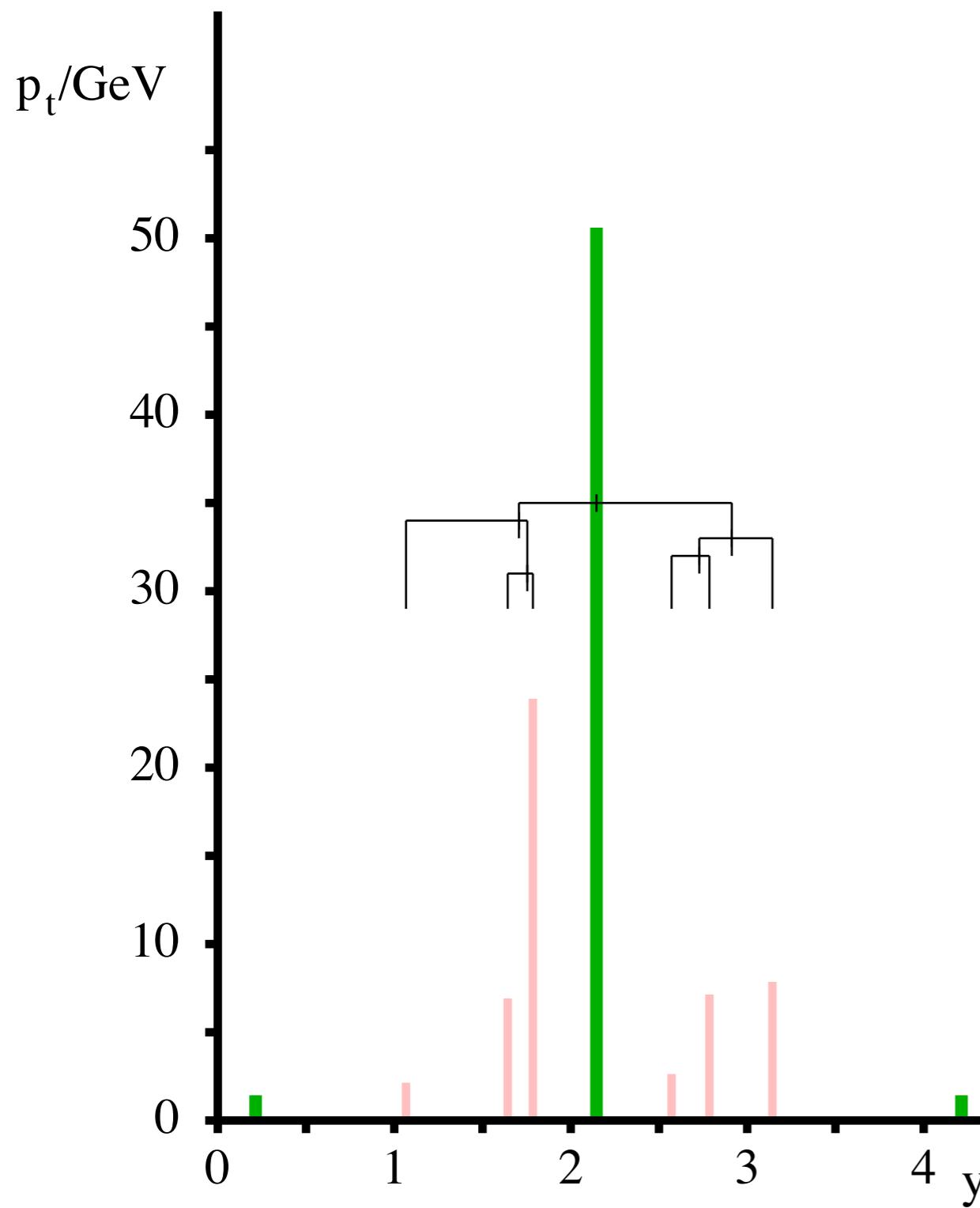


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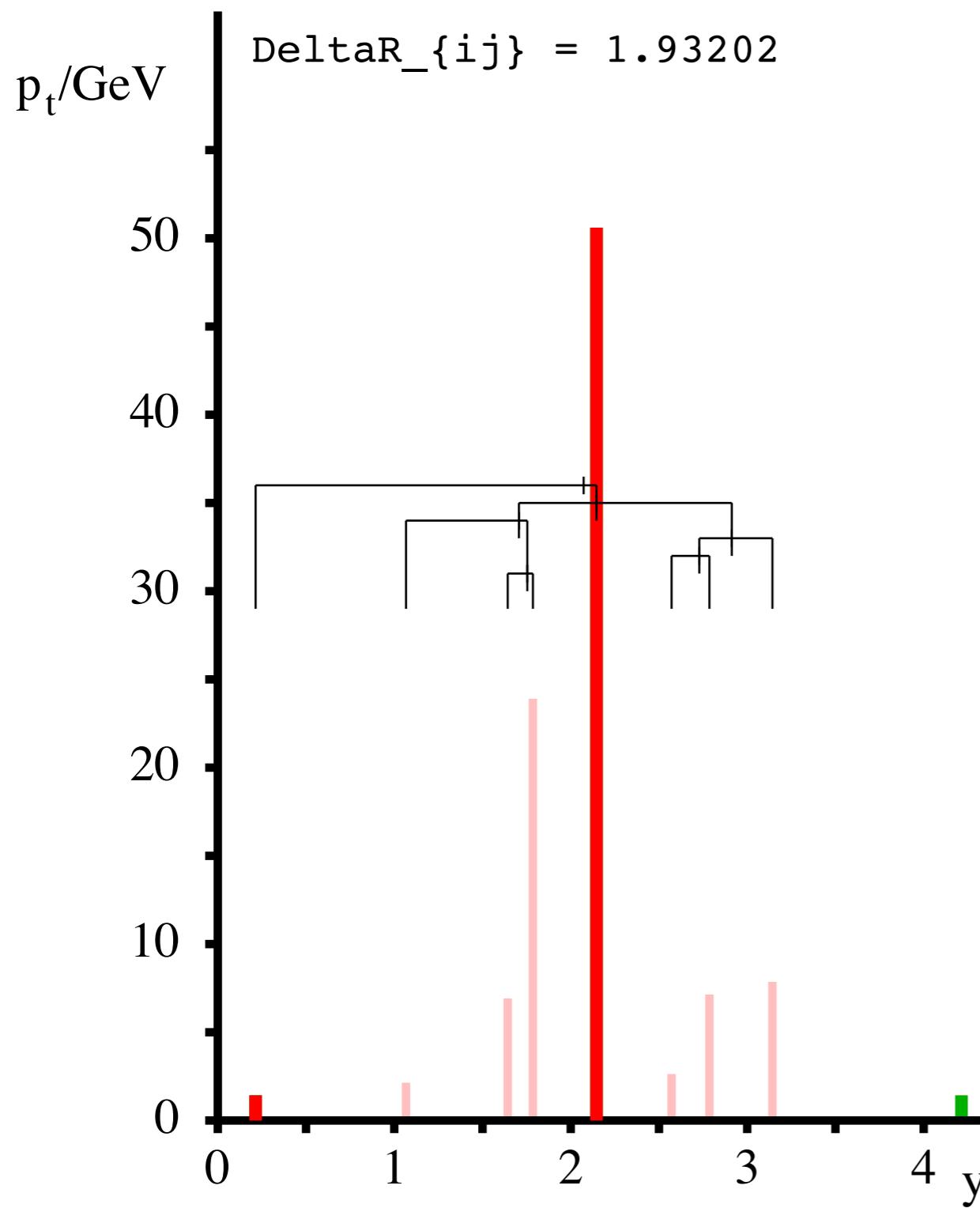


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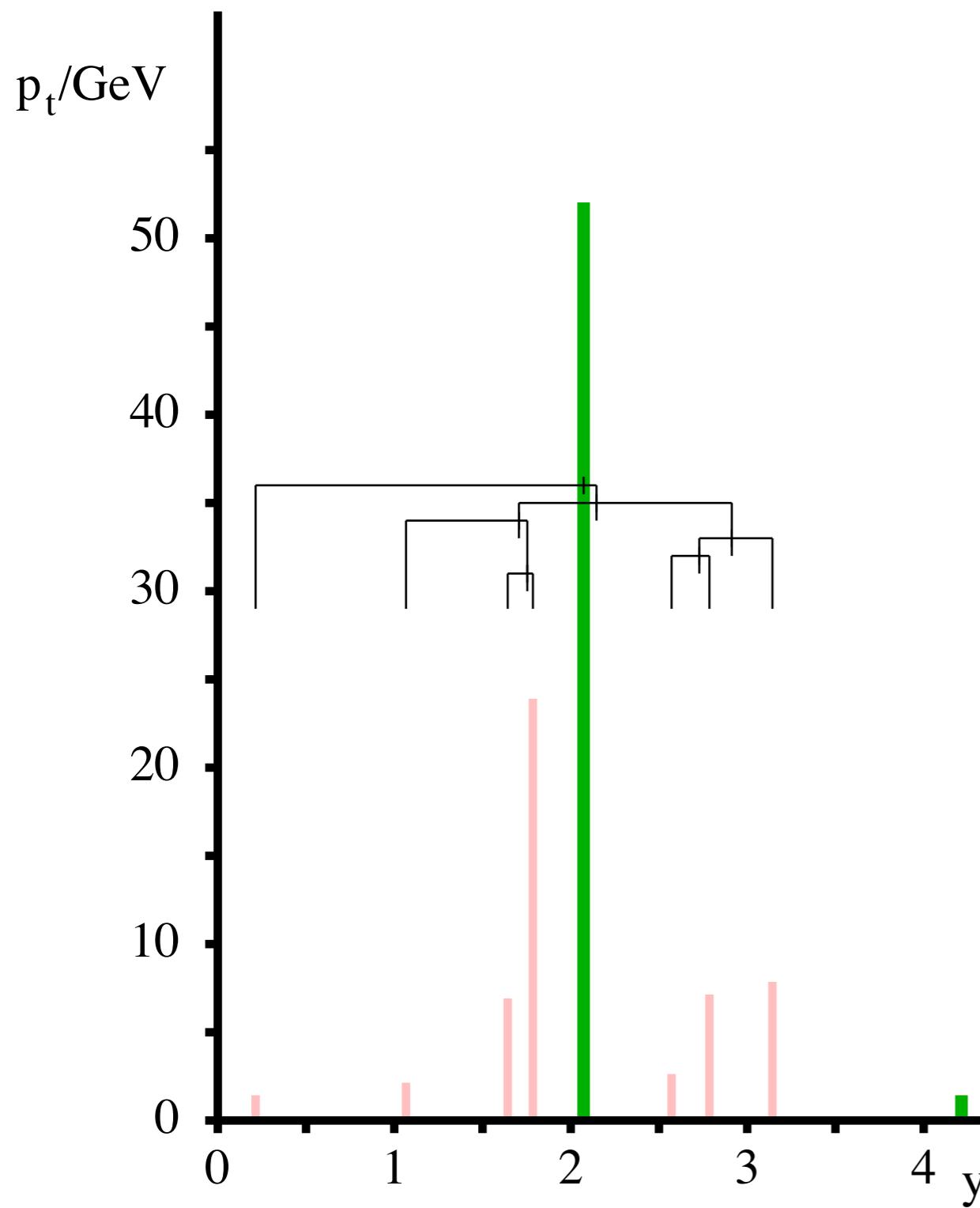


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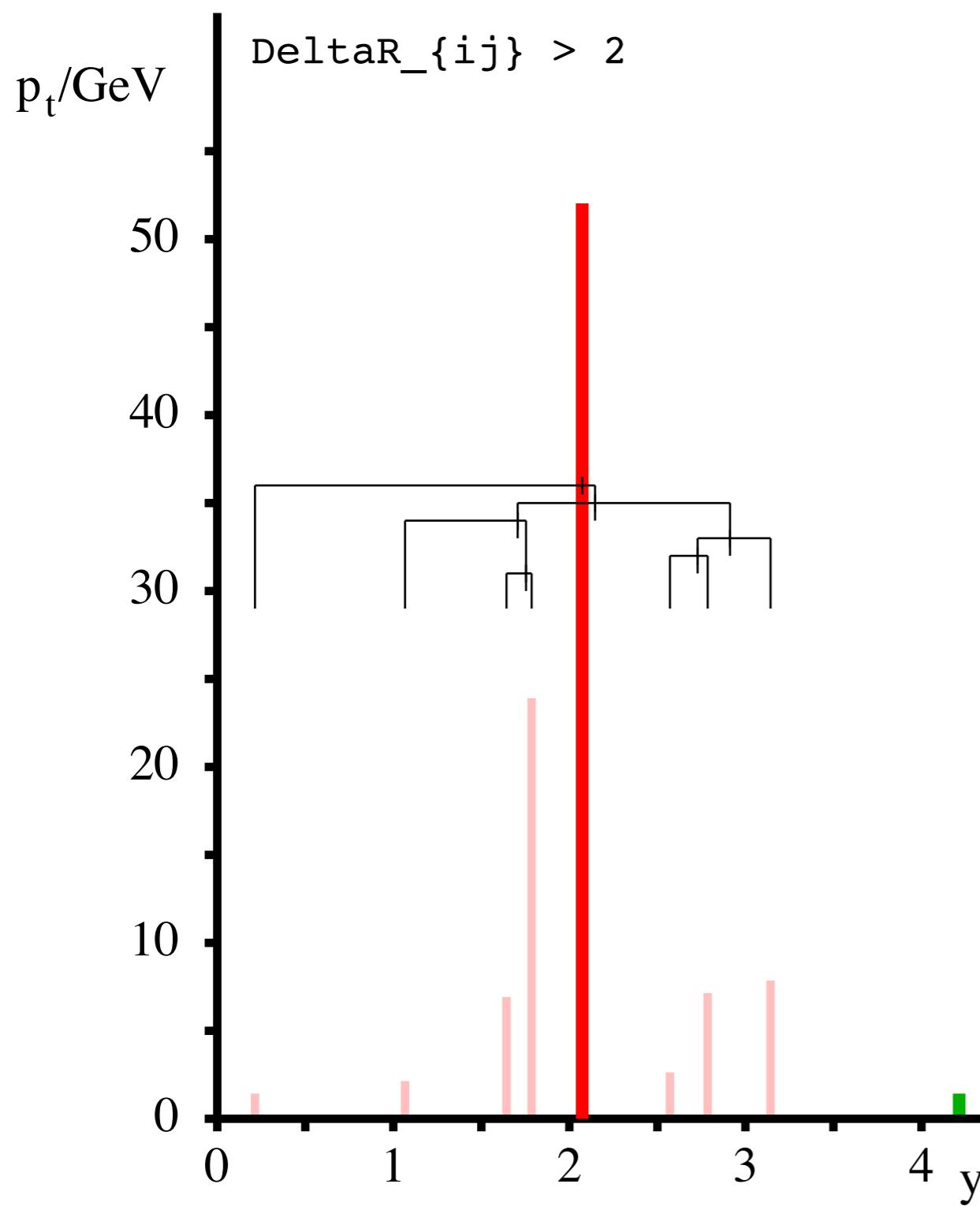


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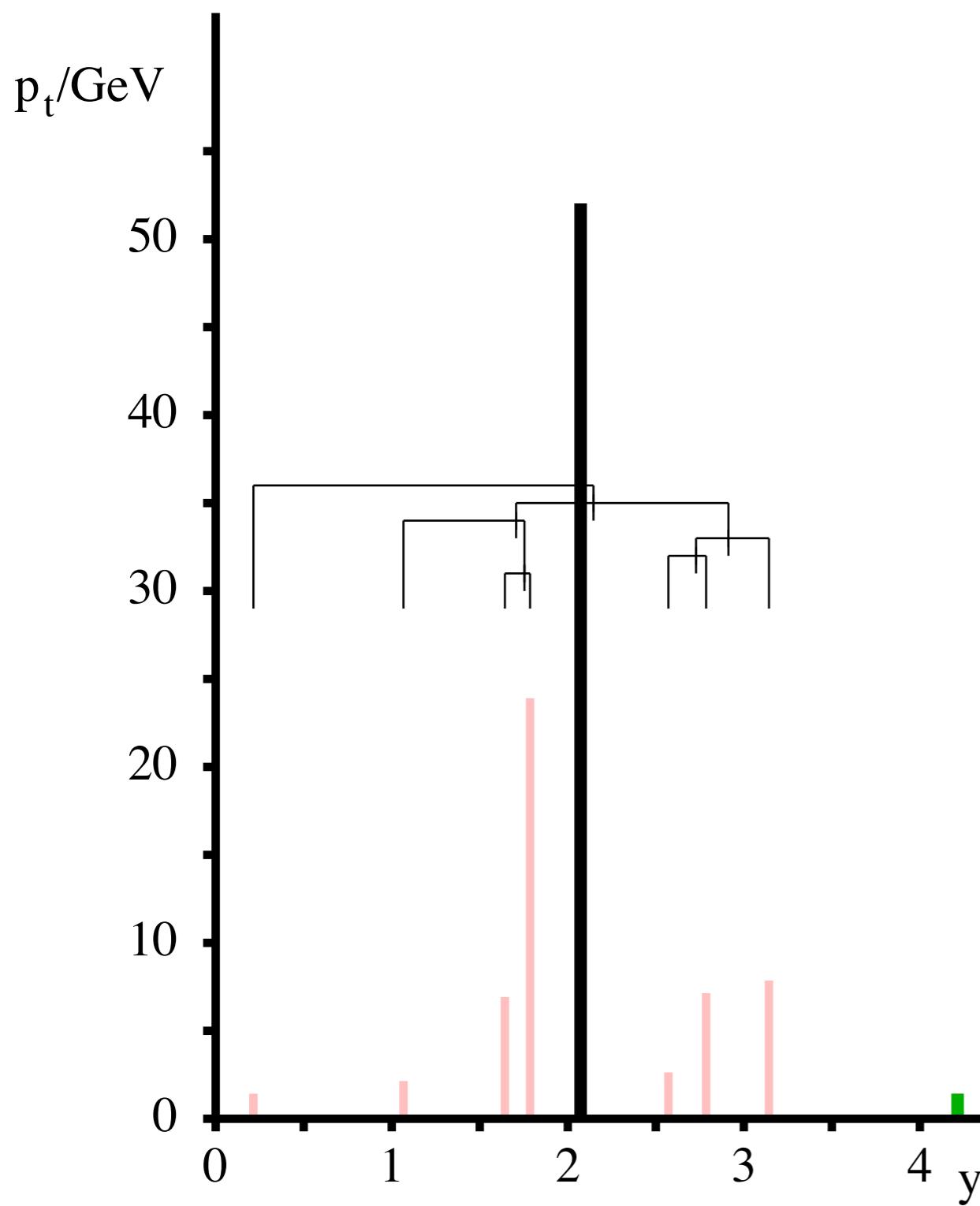


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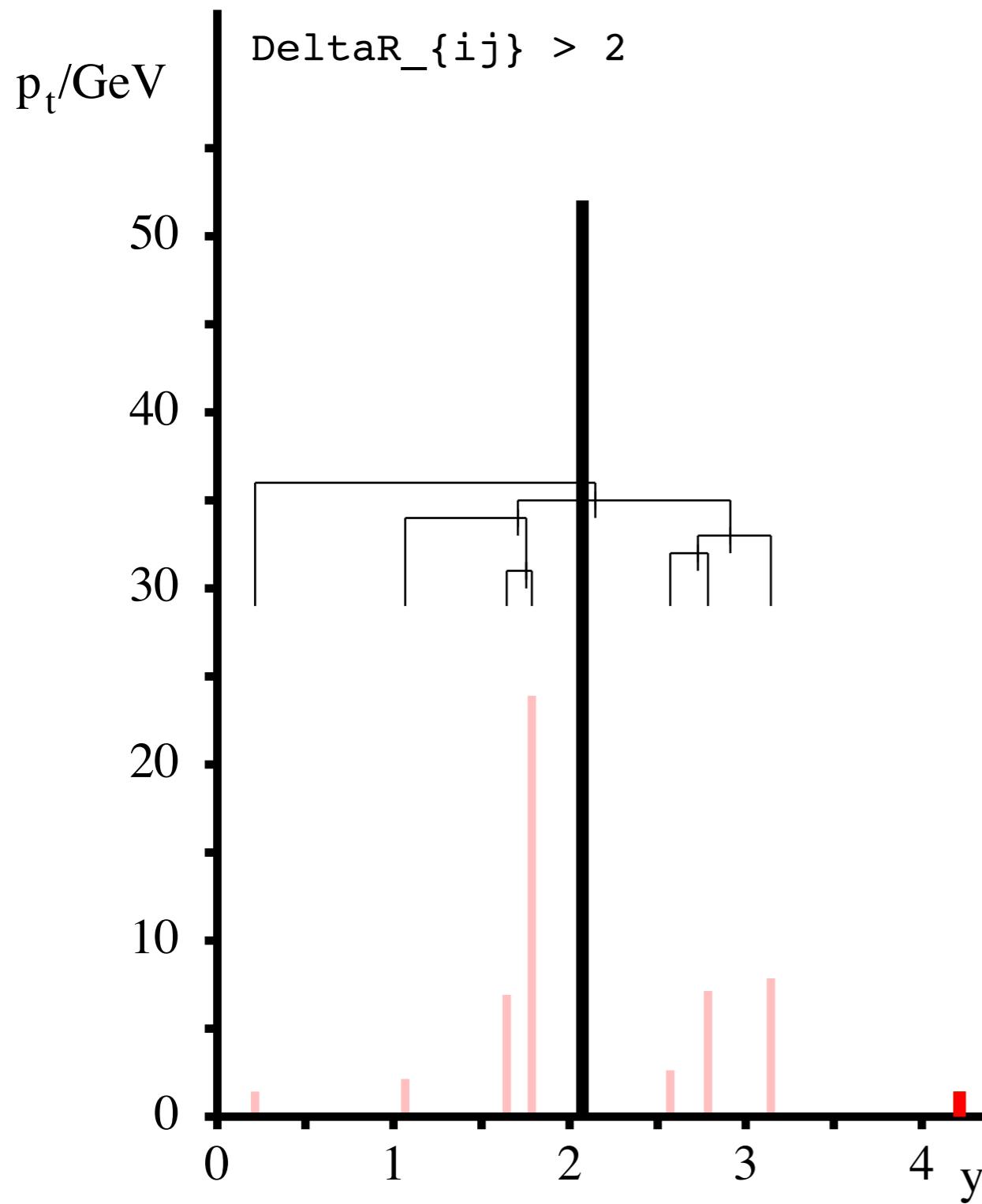


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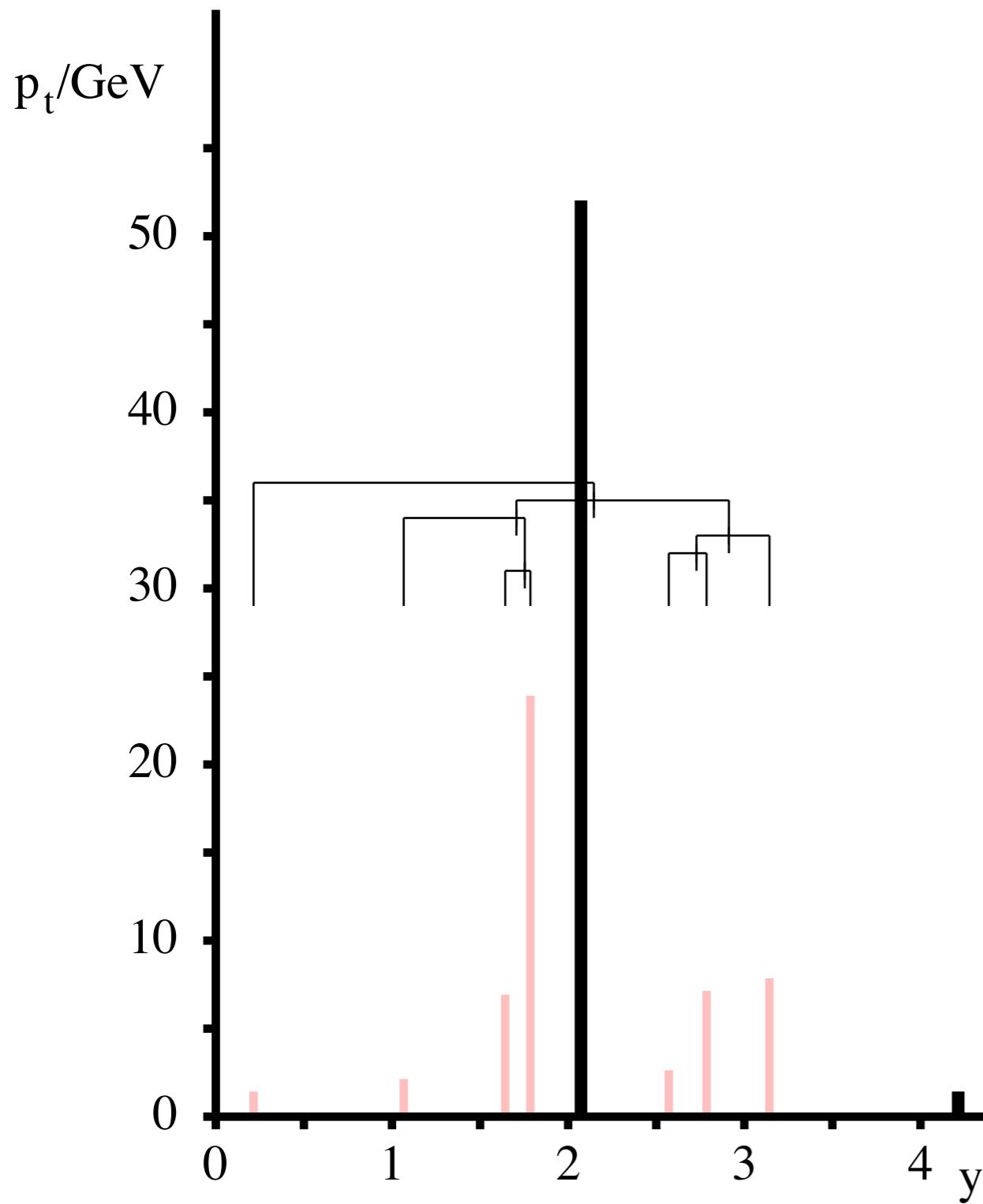


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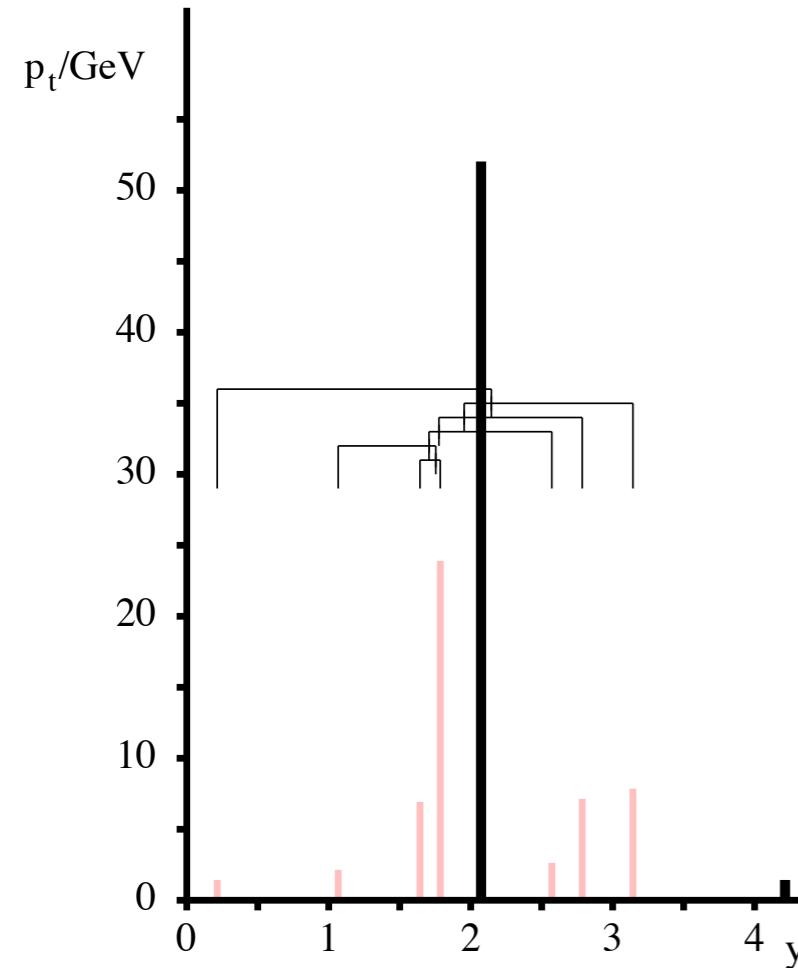
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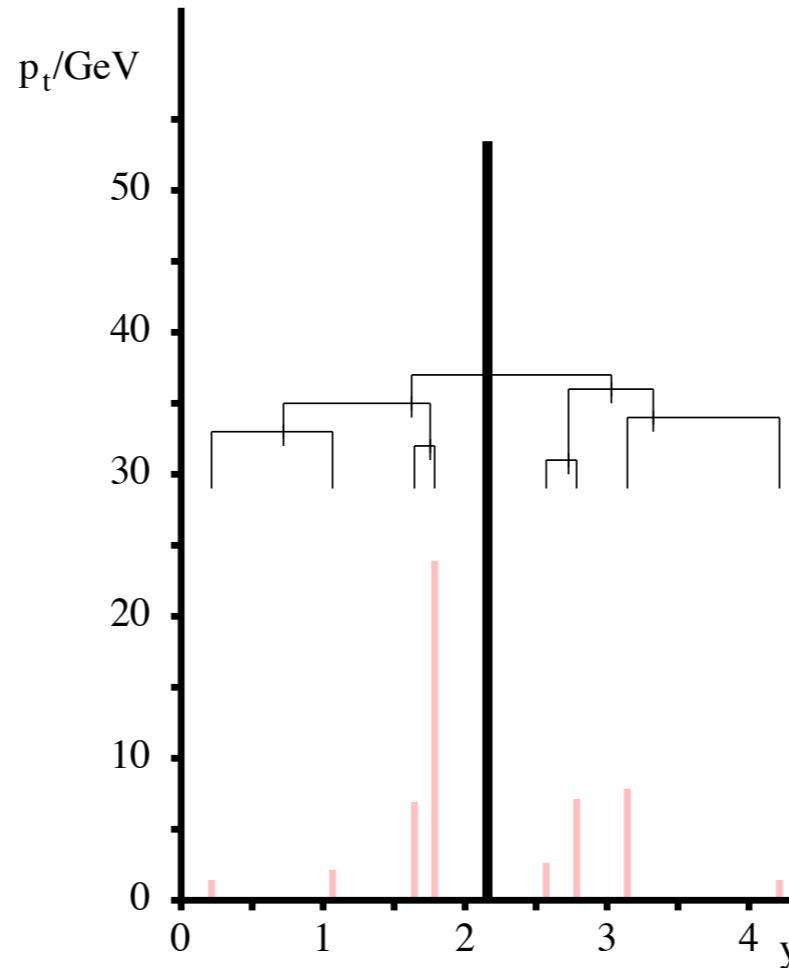
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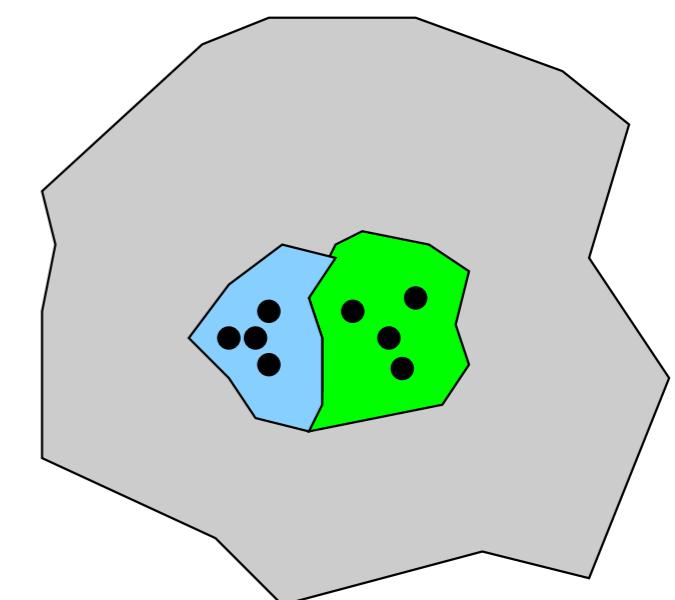
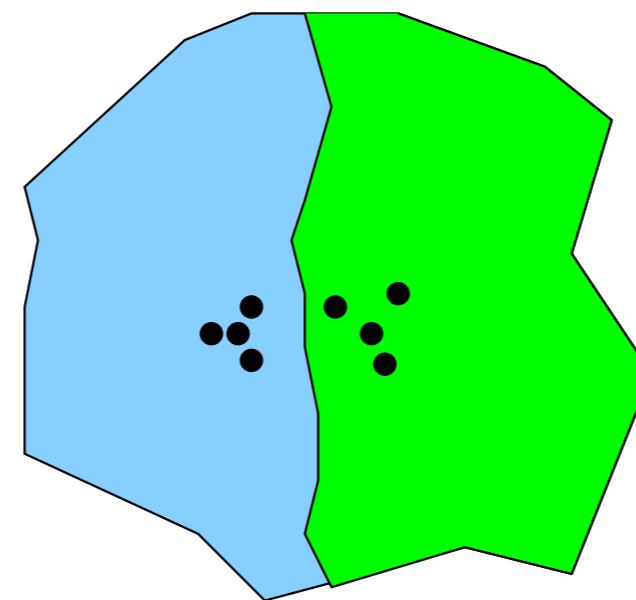
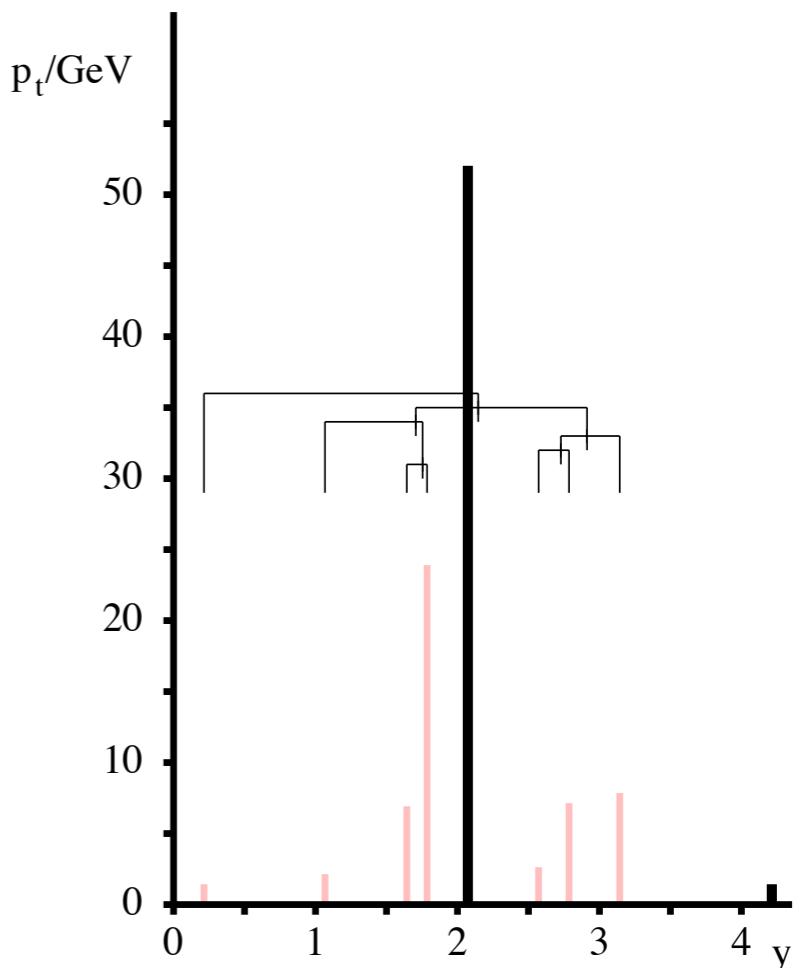
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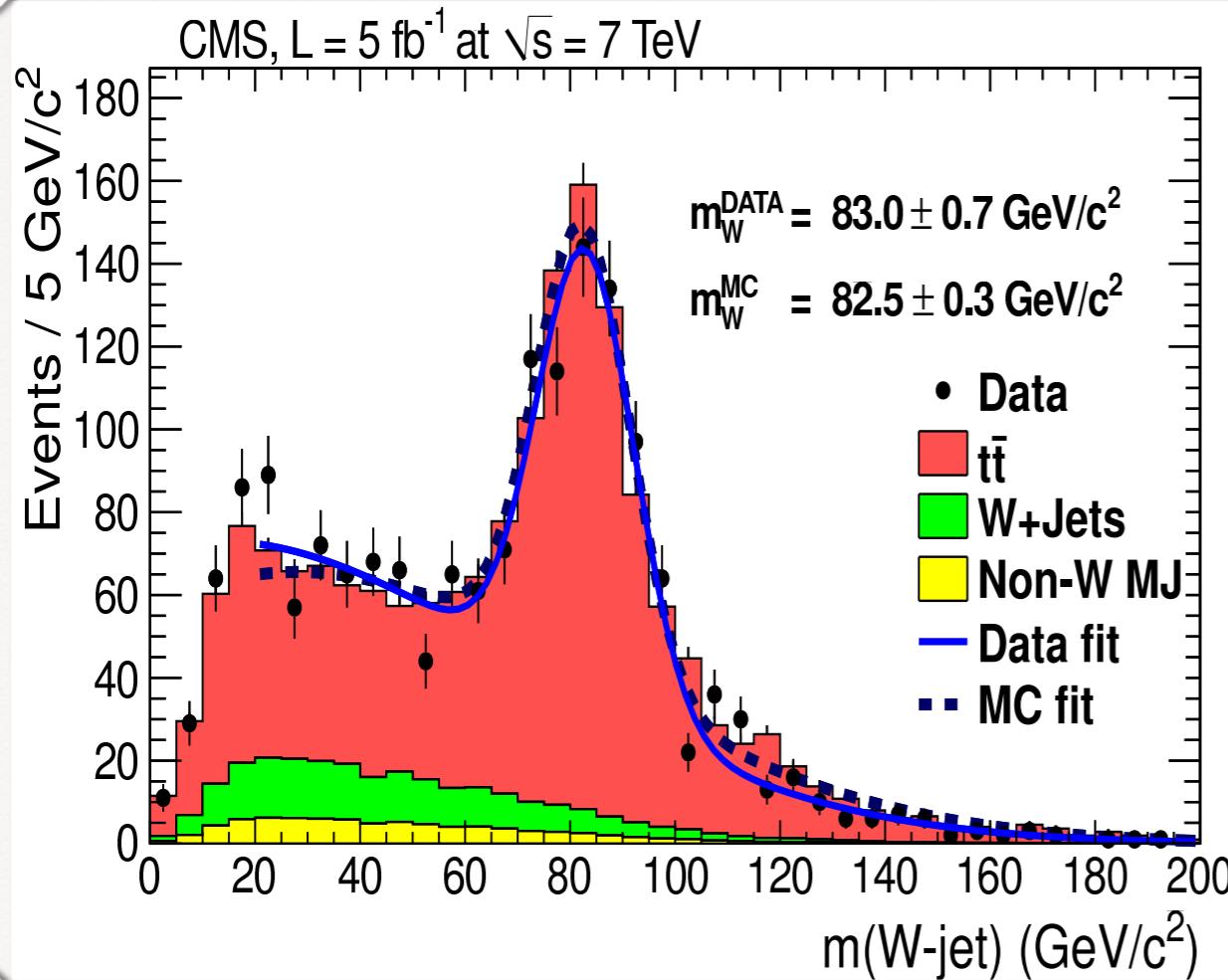
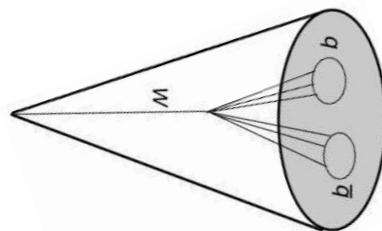


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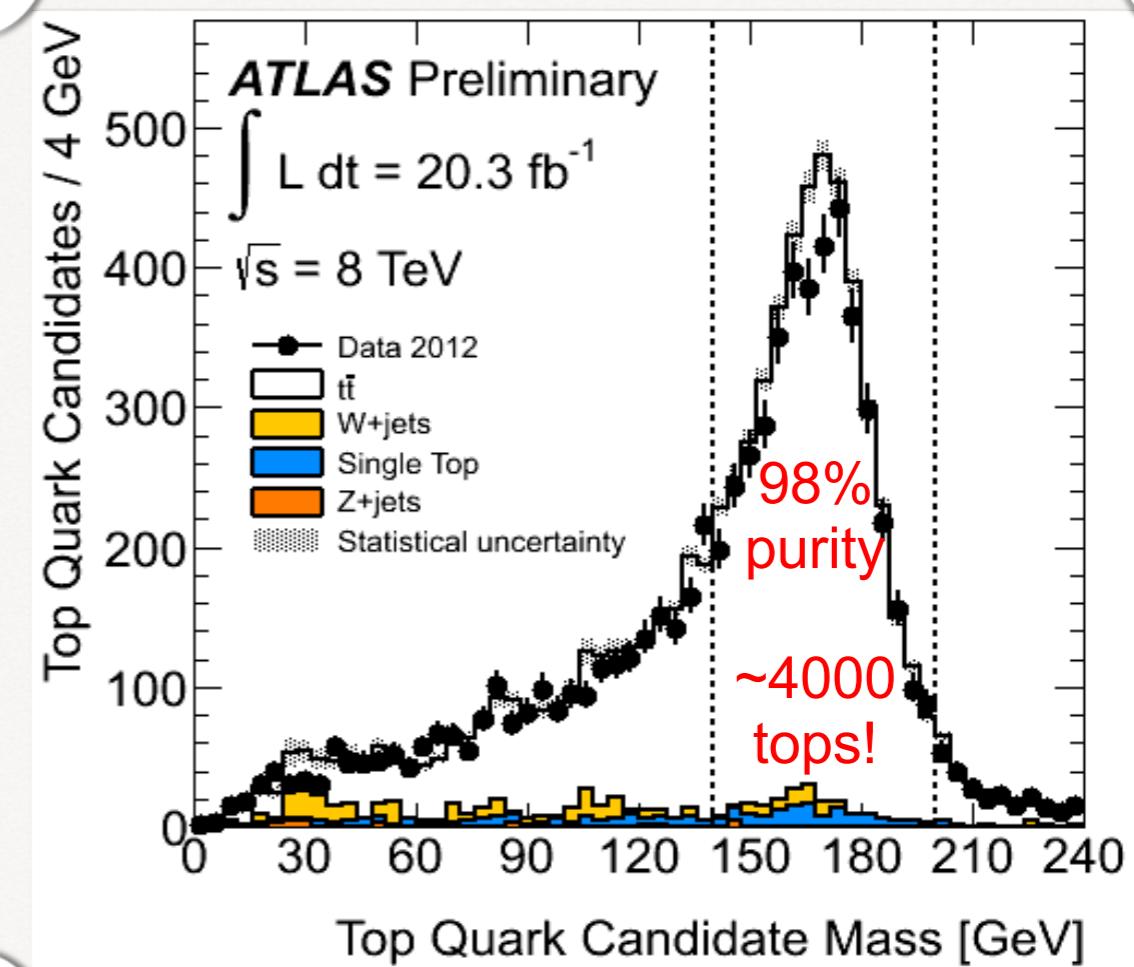
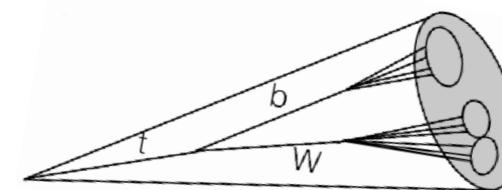


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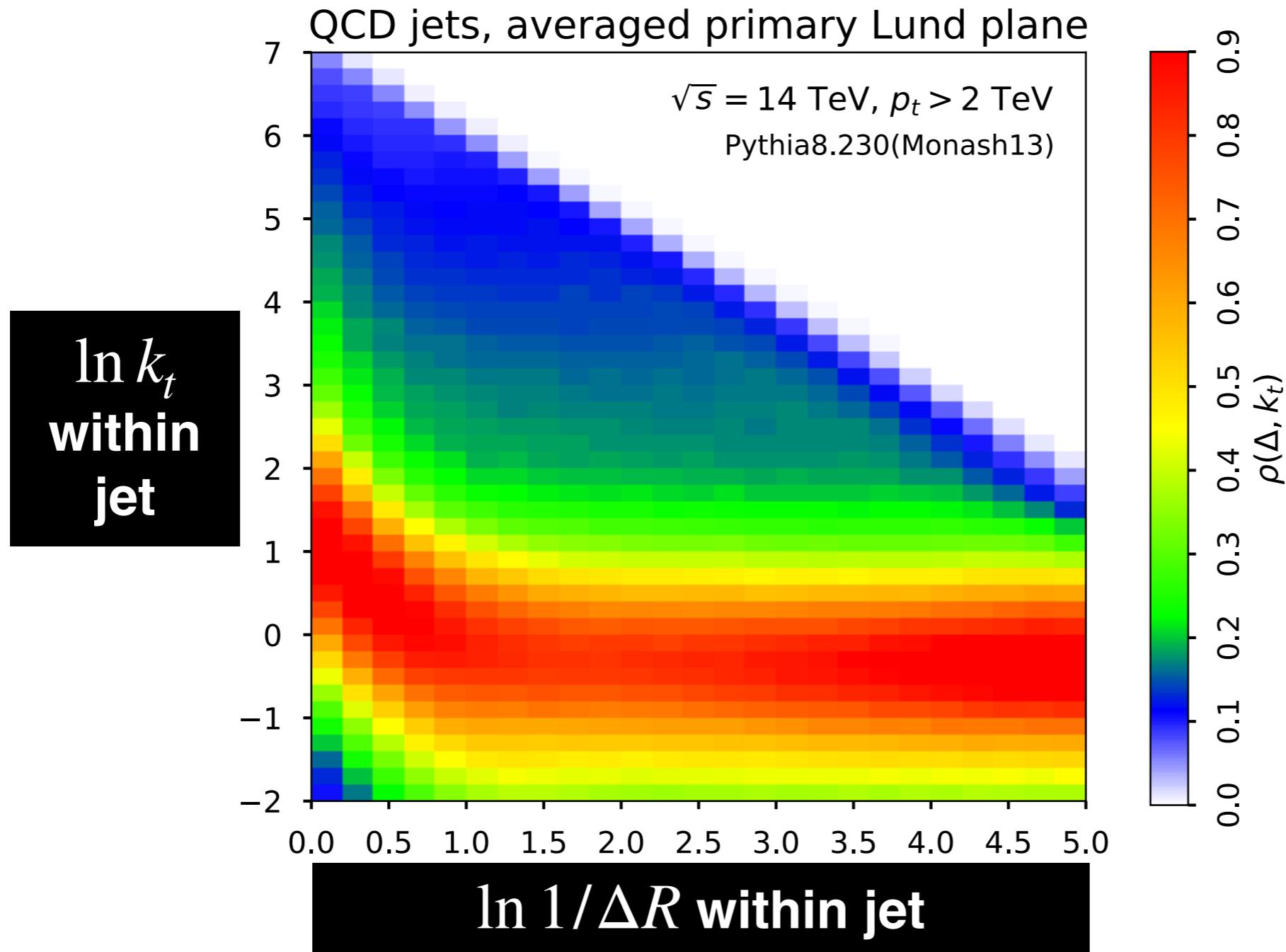
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# today's jet substructure tools

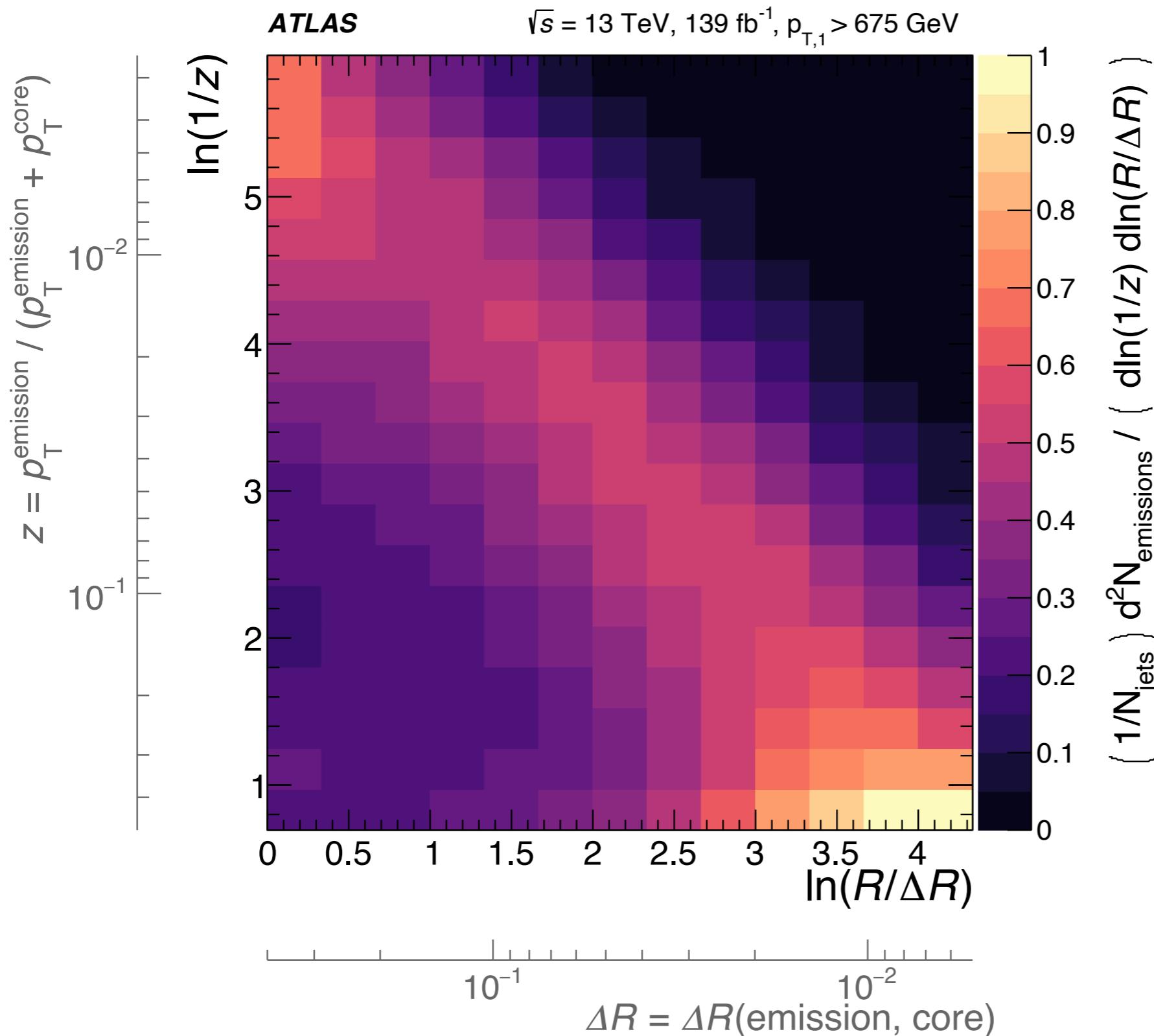
- **SoftDrop:** uses the same key ideas of C/A declustering, but with better theoretical properties and more flexibility in phasespace
- **Subjettiness / energy-energy-correlations / energy-flow polynomials / Lund Plane structure:** all try to measure the energy flow around the core n-prong structure of a jet (e.g. 2-prong for Higgs decay)
- **Machine learning:** jet substructure is one of the most dynamic playgrounds for ML, with large gains to be had in pulling out all info from jets

# density of intrajet emissions in QCD jets



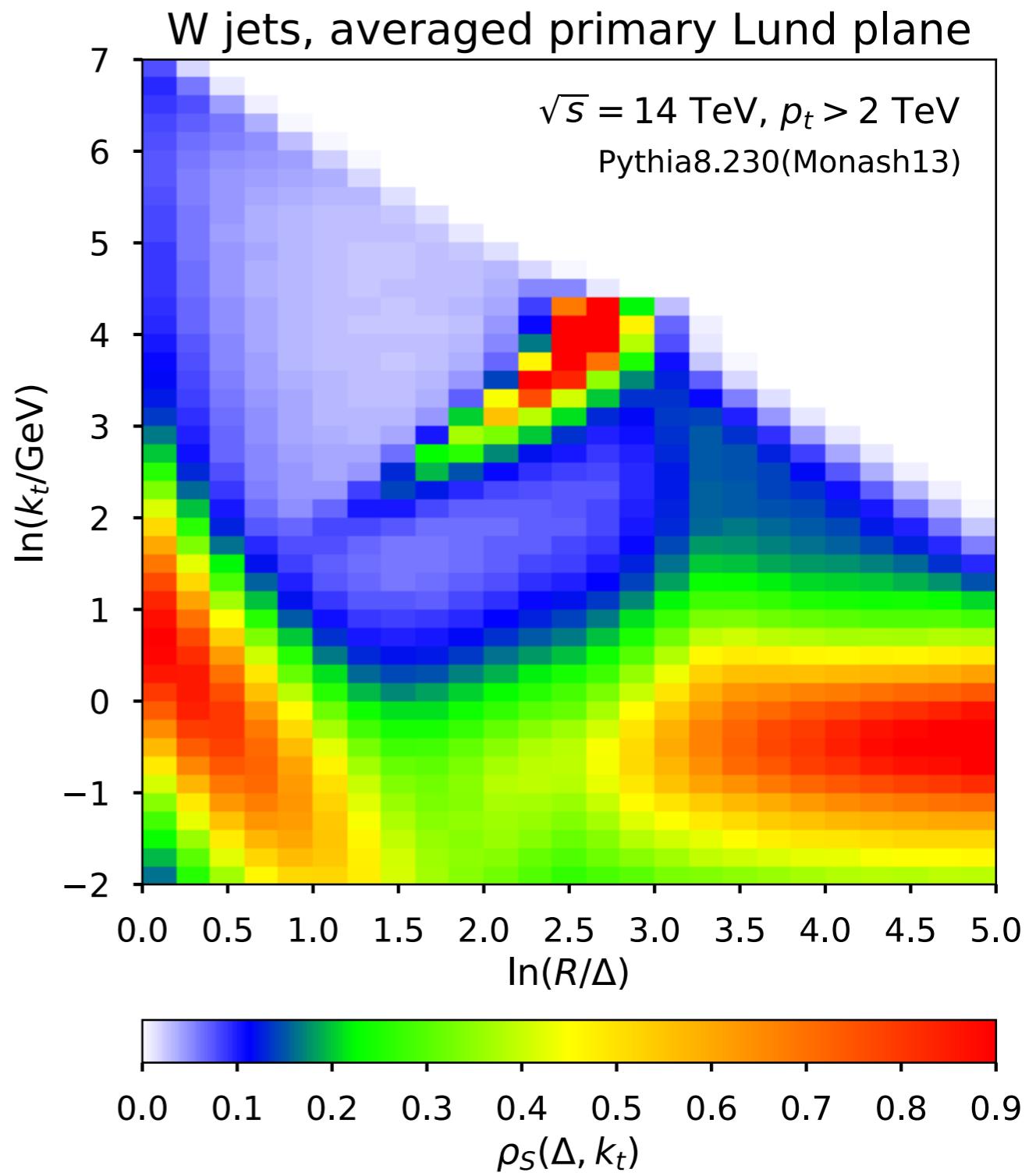
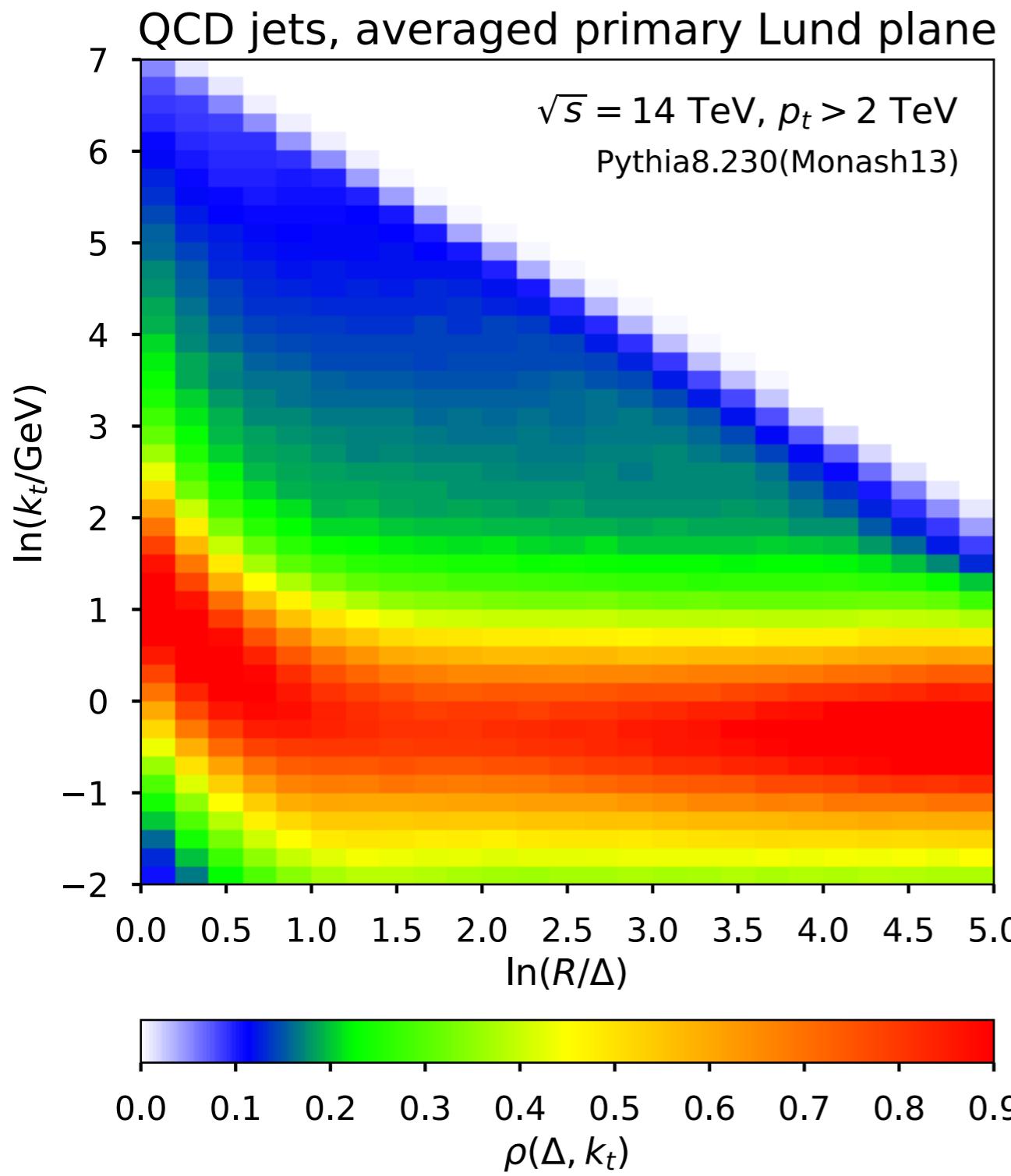
Dreyer, GPS & Soyez, [1807.04758](#); Lifson, GPS & Soyez, [2007.06578](#)

# ATLAS measurement of Lund jet plane



ATLAS  
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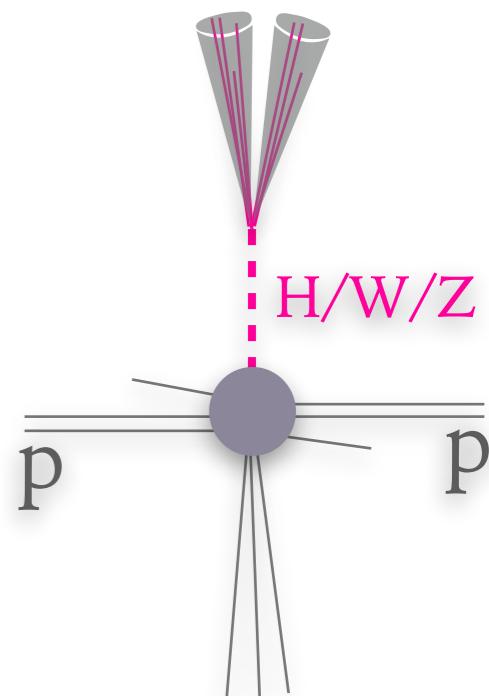
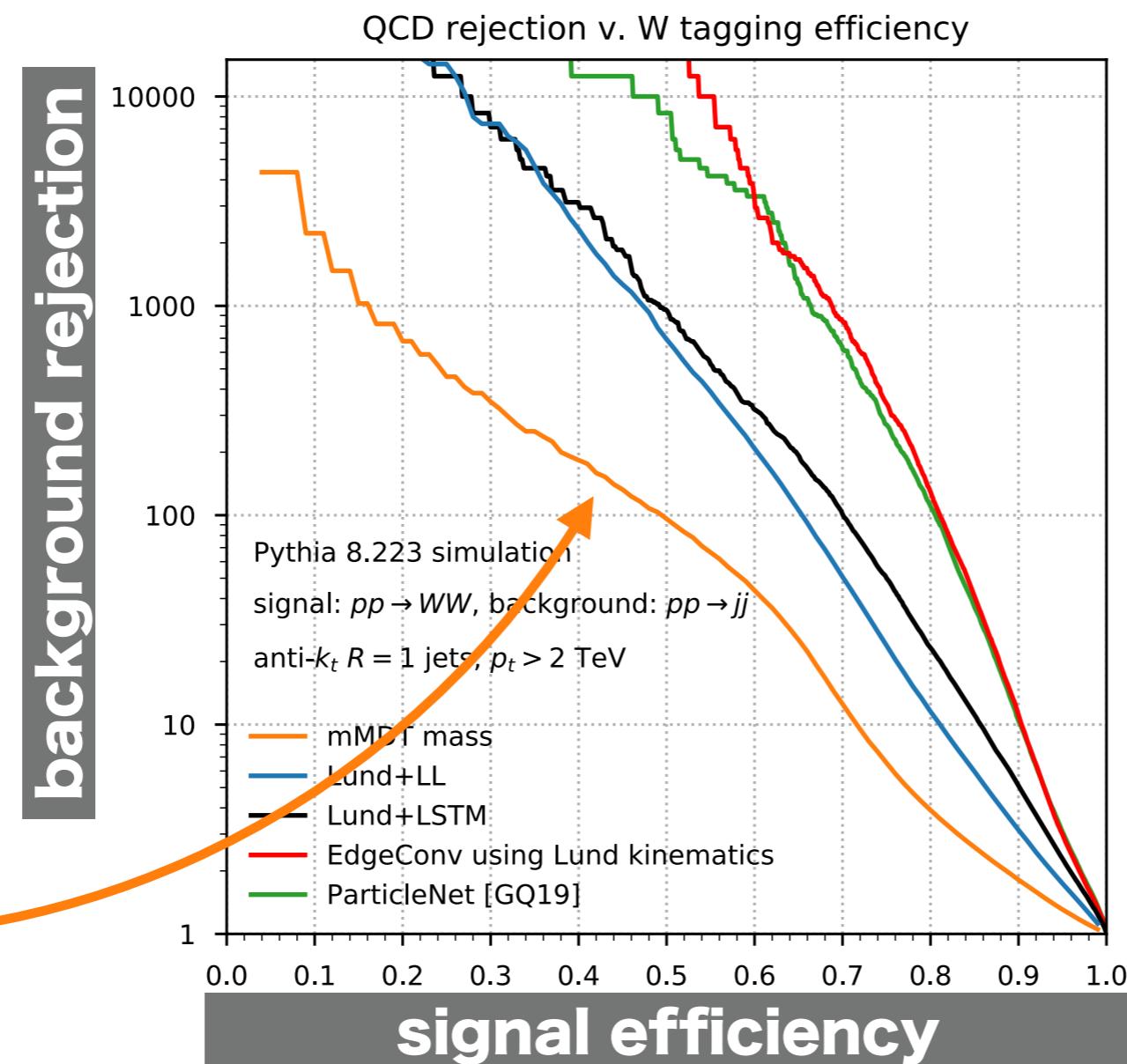
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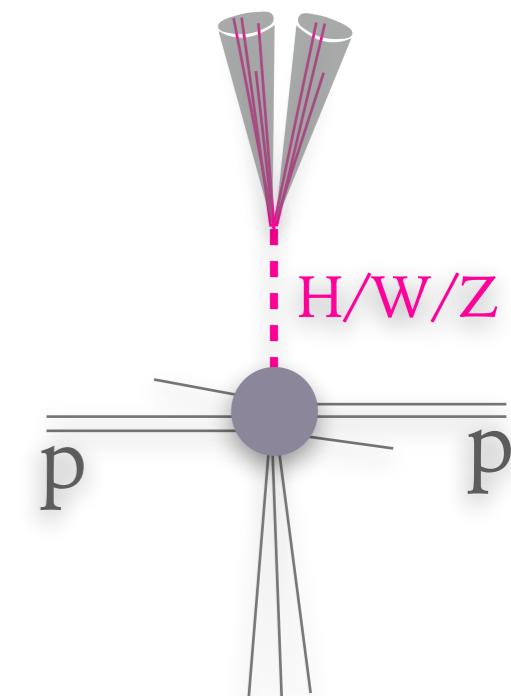
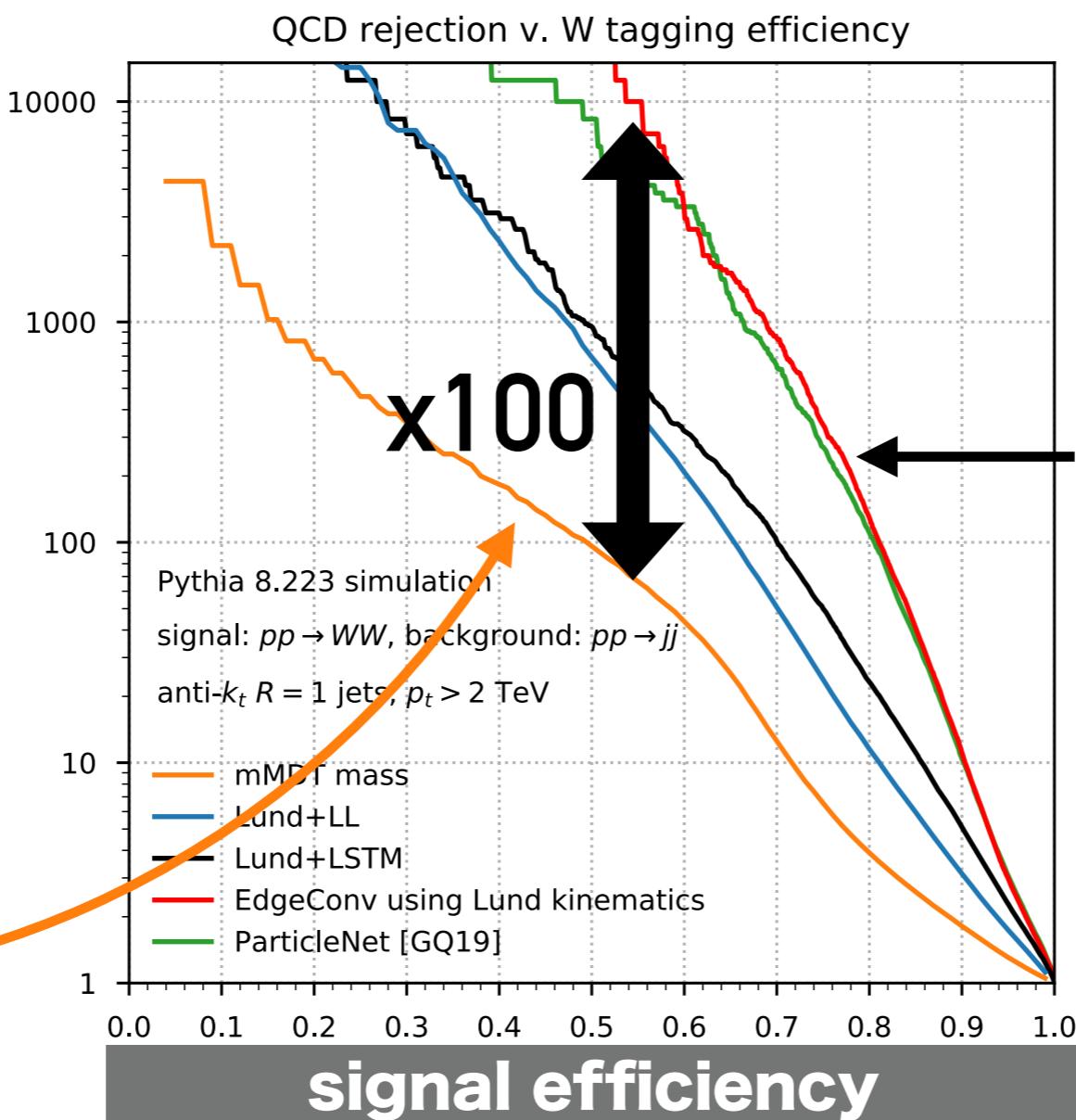


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**background rejection**



*QCD rejection  
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(2019 tools)*

*100x better*

*First started to be  
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Van Tilburg with “N-  
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# Take-home messages

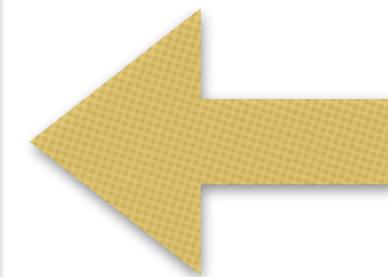
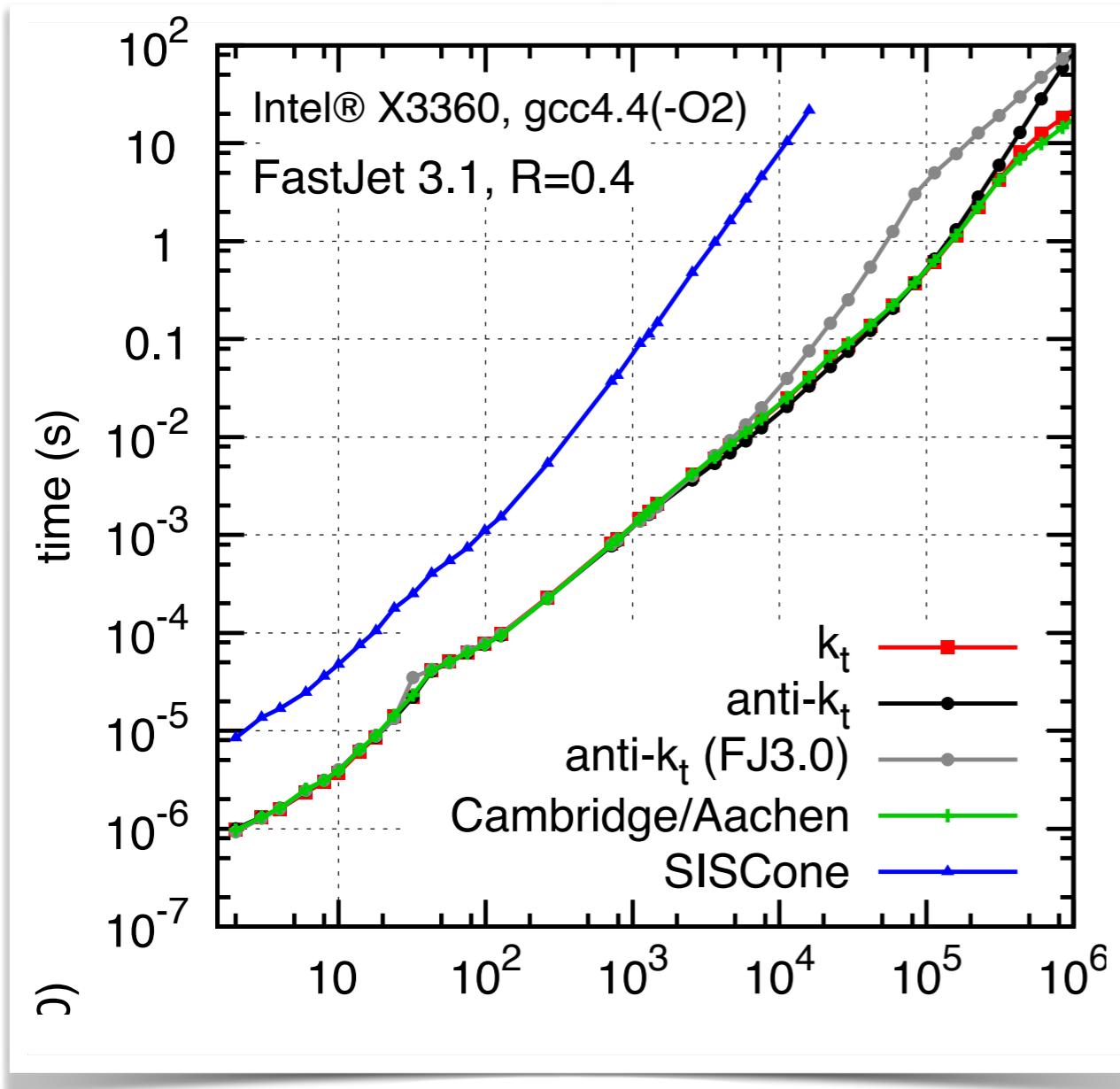
- Jets are a consequences of the soft & collinear enhancements of gluon emission (even at small coupling), followed by hadronisation
- There are myriad approaches to jet finding
- For applications with a single moderately hard scale (e.g. ttbar), anti- $\text{kt}$ ,  $R=0.4$ , with a  $p_t$  cut of a few tens of GeV is often a good default
- For problems with multiple hard scales (e.g. highly boosted top / W / H / etc.) one needs to look at events on multiple angular scales: jet substructure

# References with more info

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# EXTRAS

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# FJContrib packages

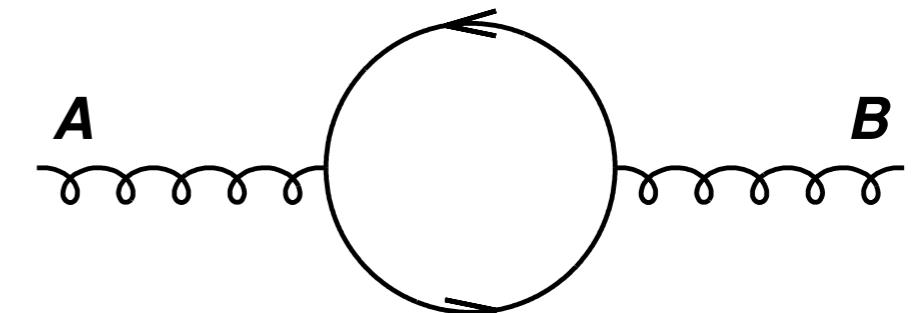
Version 1.045 of FastJet Contrib is distributed with the following packages

Package	Version	Release date	Information
Centauro	1.0.0	2020-08-04	<a href="#">README</a> <a href="#">NEWS</a>
ClusteringVetoPlugin	1.0.0	2015-05-04	<a href="#">README</a> <a href="#">NEWS</a>
ConstituentSubtractor	1.4.5	2020-02-23	<a href="#">README</a> <a href="#">NEWS</a>
EnergyCorrelator	1.3.1	2018-02-10	<a href="#">README</a> <a href="#">NEWS</a>
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GenericSubtractor	1.3.1	2016-03-30	<a href="#">README</a> <a href="#">NEWS</a>
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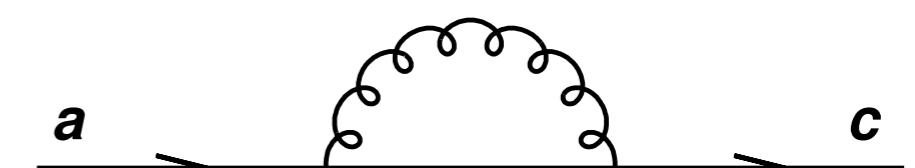
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# Quick guide to colour algebra

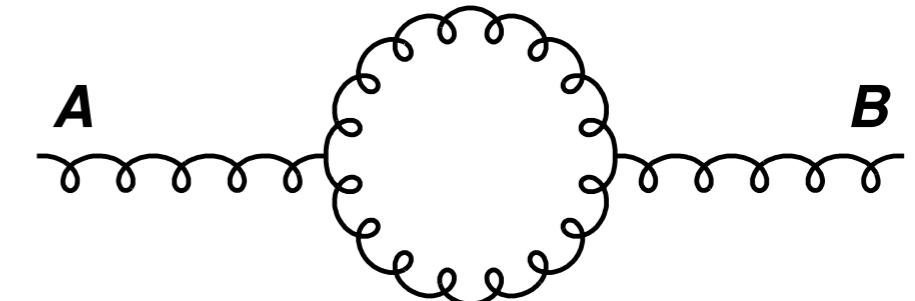
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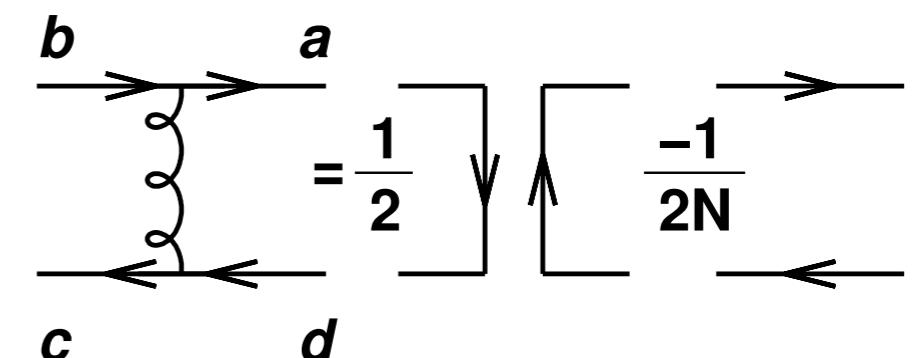
$$\sum_A t_{ab}^A t_{bc}^A = C_F \delta_{ac}, \quad C_F = \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} = \frac{4}{3}$$



$$\sum_{C,D} f^{ACD} f^{BCD} = C_A \delta^{AB}, \quad C_A = N_c = 3$$



$$t_{ab}^A t_{cd}^A = \frac{1}{2} \delta_{bc} \delta_{ad} - \frac{1}{2N_c} \delta_{ab} \delta_{cd} \quad (\text{Fierz})$$

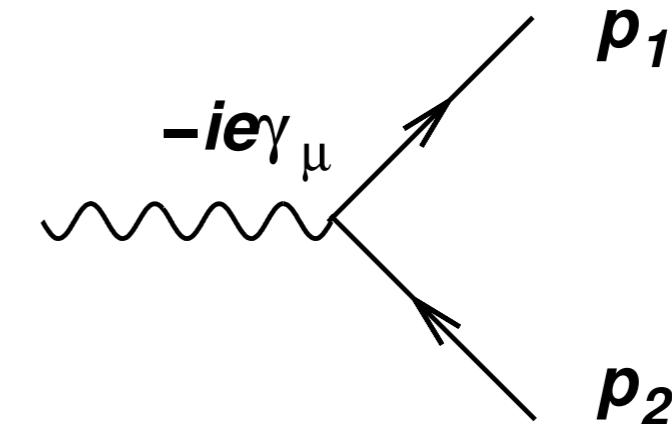


$N_c \equiv \text{number of colours} = 3 \text{ for QCD}$

## Soft gluon amplitude

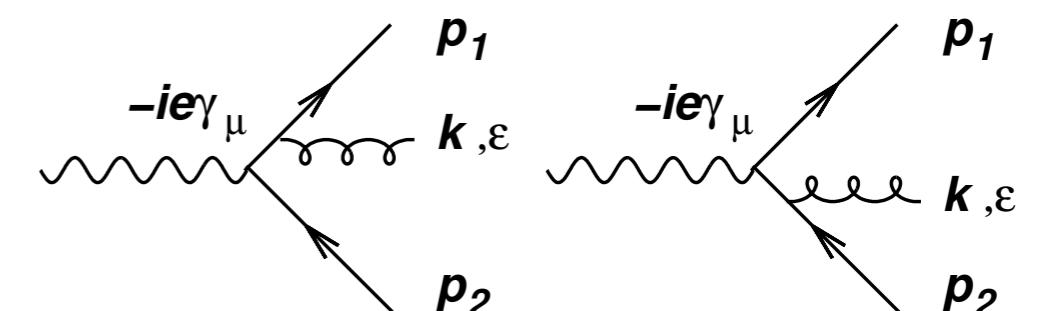
Start with  $\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ :

$$\mathcal{M}_{q\bar{q}} = -\bar{u}(p_1)ie_q\gamma_\mu v(p_2)$$



Emit a gluon:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_{q\bar{q}g} &= \bar{u}(p_1)ig_s\epsilon t^A \frac{i}{p'_1 + k} ie_q\gamma_\mu v(p_2) \\ &\quad - \bar{u}(p_1)ie_q\gamma_\mu \frac{i}{p'_2 + k} ig_s\epsilon t^A v(p_2) \end{aligned}$$



Make gluon **soft**  $\equiv k \ll p_{1,2}$ ; ignore terms suppressed by powers of  $k$ :

$$\mathcal{M}_{q\bar{q}g} \simeq \bar{u}(p_1)ie_q\gamma_\mu t^A v(p_2) g_s \left( \frac{p_1 \cdot \epsilon}{p_1 \cdot k} - \frac{p_2 \cdot \epsilon}{p_2 \cdot k} \right)$$

$p'v(p) = 0,$ $p'k + k'p = 2p \cdot k$
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Start with  $\gamma^* \rightarrow g\bar{g}$ :

$$\bar{u}(p_1)ig_s \not{t}^A \frac{i}{\not{p}_1 + \not{k}} i e_q \gamma_\mu v(p_2) = -ig_s \bar{u}(p_1) \not{\epsilon} \frac{\not{p}_1 + \not{k}}{(p_1 + k)^2} e_q \gamma_\mu t^A v(p_2)$$

Use  $\not{A}\not{B} = 2\not{A.B} - \not{B}\not{A}$ :

$$= -ig_s \bar{u}(p_1) [2\epsilon.(p_1 + k) - (\not{p}_1 + \not{k})\not{\epsilon}] \frac{1}{(p_1 + k)^2} e_q \gamma_\mu t^A v(p_2)$$

Use  $\bar{u}(p_1)\not{p}_1 = 0$  and  $k \ll p_1$  ( $p_1, k$  massless)

$$\simeq -ig_s \bar{u}(p_1) [2\epsilon.p_1] \frac{1}{(p_1 + k)^2} e_q \gamma_\mu t^A v(p_2)$$

$$= -ig_s \frac{p_1 \cdot \epsilon}{p_1 \cdot k} \underbrace{\bar{u}(p_1) e_q \gamma_\mu t^A v(p_2)}_{\text{pure QED spinor structure}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |M_{q\bar{q}g}^2| &\simeq \sum_{A,\text{pol}} \left| \bar{u}(p_1) i e_q \gamma_\mu t^A v(p_2) g_s \left( \frac{p_1 \cdot \epsilon}{p_1 \cdot k} - \frac{p_2 \cdot \epsilon}{p_2 \cdot k} \right) \right|^2 \\
 &= -|M_{q\bar{q}}^2| C_F g_s^2 \left( \frac{p_1}{p_1 \cdot k} - \frac{p_2}{p_2 \cdot k} \right)^2 = |M_{q\bar{q}}^2| C_F g_s^2 \frac{2 p_1 \cdot p_2}{(p_1 \cdot k)(p_2 \cdot k)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Include phase space:

$$d\Phi_{q\bar{q}g} |M_{q\bar{q}g}^2| \simeq (d\Phi_{q\bar{q}} |M_{q\bar{q}}^2|) \frac{d^3 \vec{k}}{2E(2\pi)^3} C_F g_s^2 \frac{2 p_1 \cdot p_2}{(p_1 \cdot k)(p_2 \cdot k)}$$

Note property of **factorisation** into hard  $q\bar{q}$  piece and soft-gluon emission piece,  $dS$ .

$$dS = E dE d\cos \theta \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{2\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \frac{2 p_1 \cdot p_2}{(2p_1 \cdot k)(2p_2 \cdot k)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &\equiv \theta_{p_1 k} \\ \phi &= \text{azimuth} \end{aligned}$$

