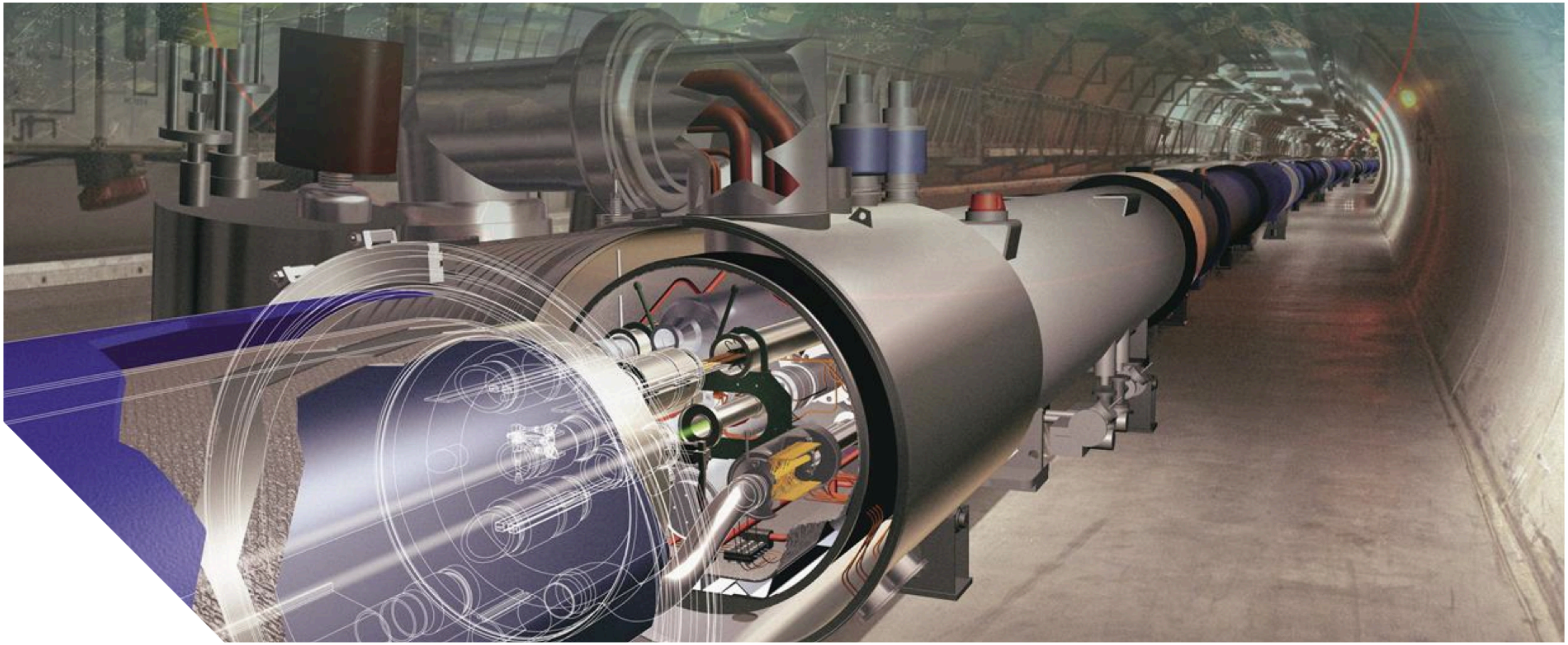

QCD lecture 8: jets

Gavin Salam, Oxford, February 2021
as part of Claire Gwenlan's QCD PhD course
(http://www-pnp.physics.ox.ac.uk/~gwenlan/teaching/qcd.html)

(with extensive use of material by
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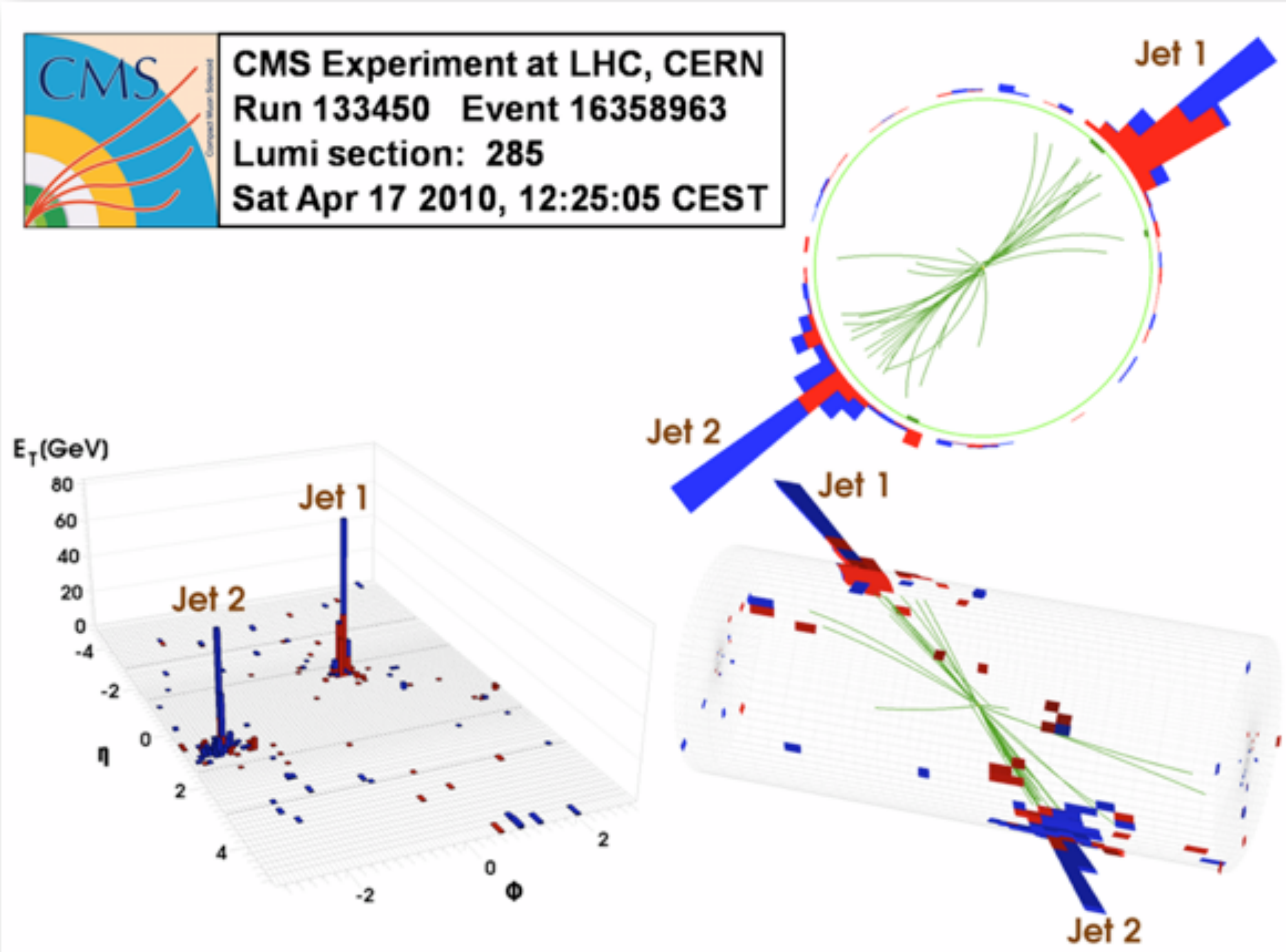

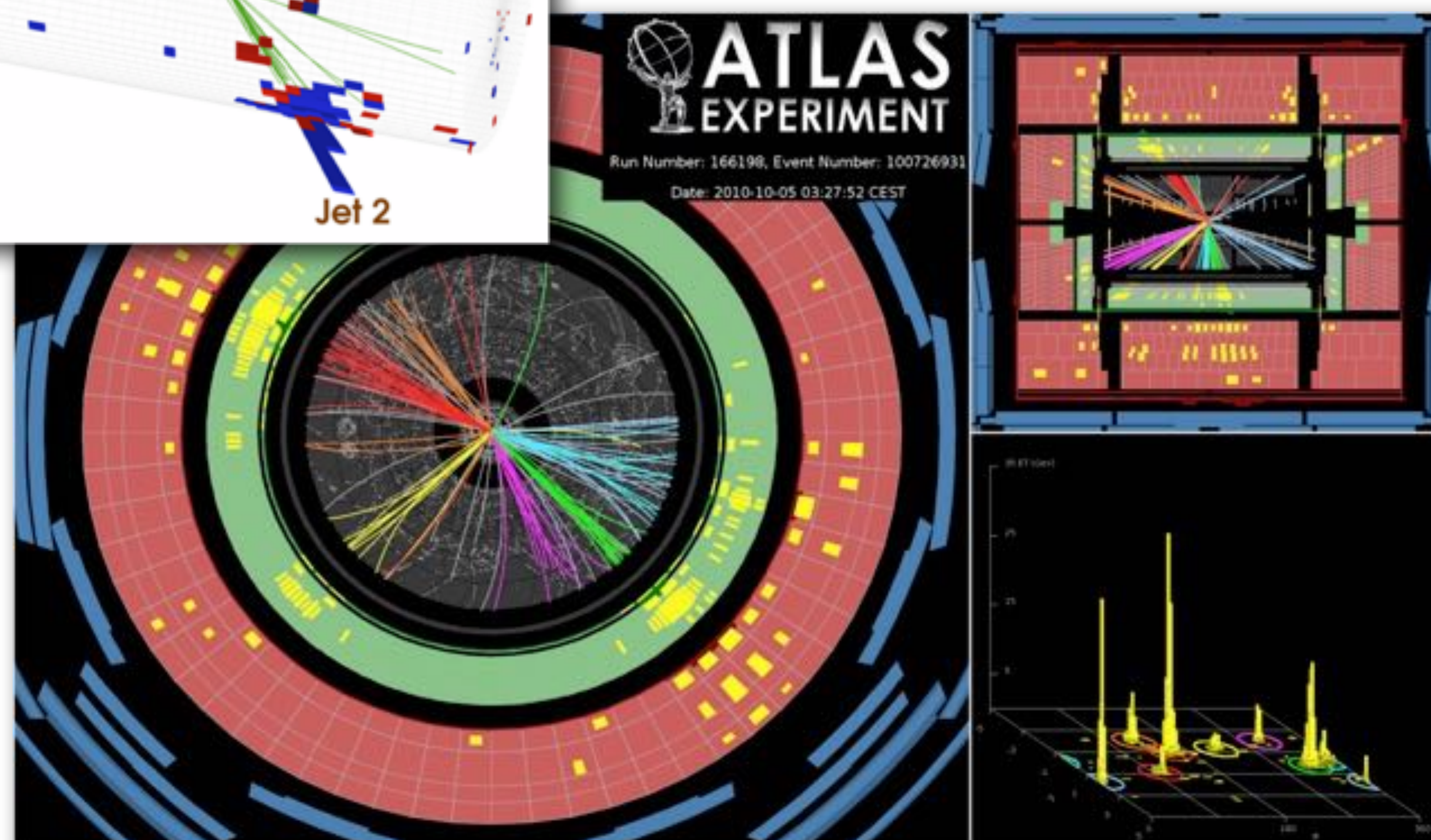

JETS

Collimated,
energetic bunches
of particles

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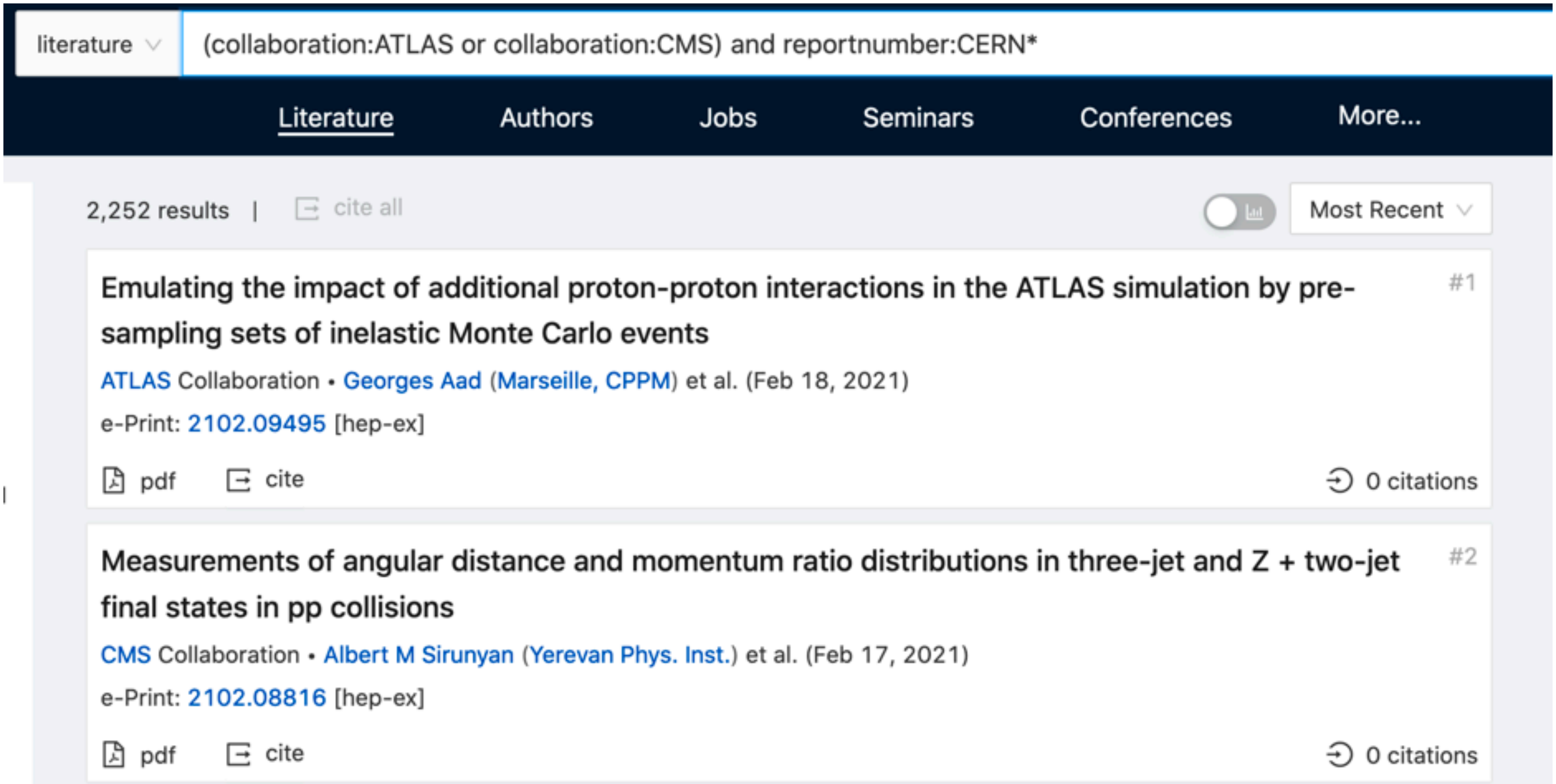

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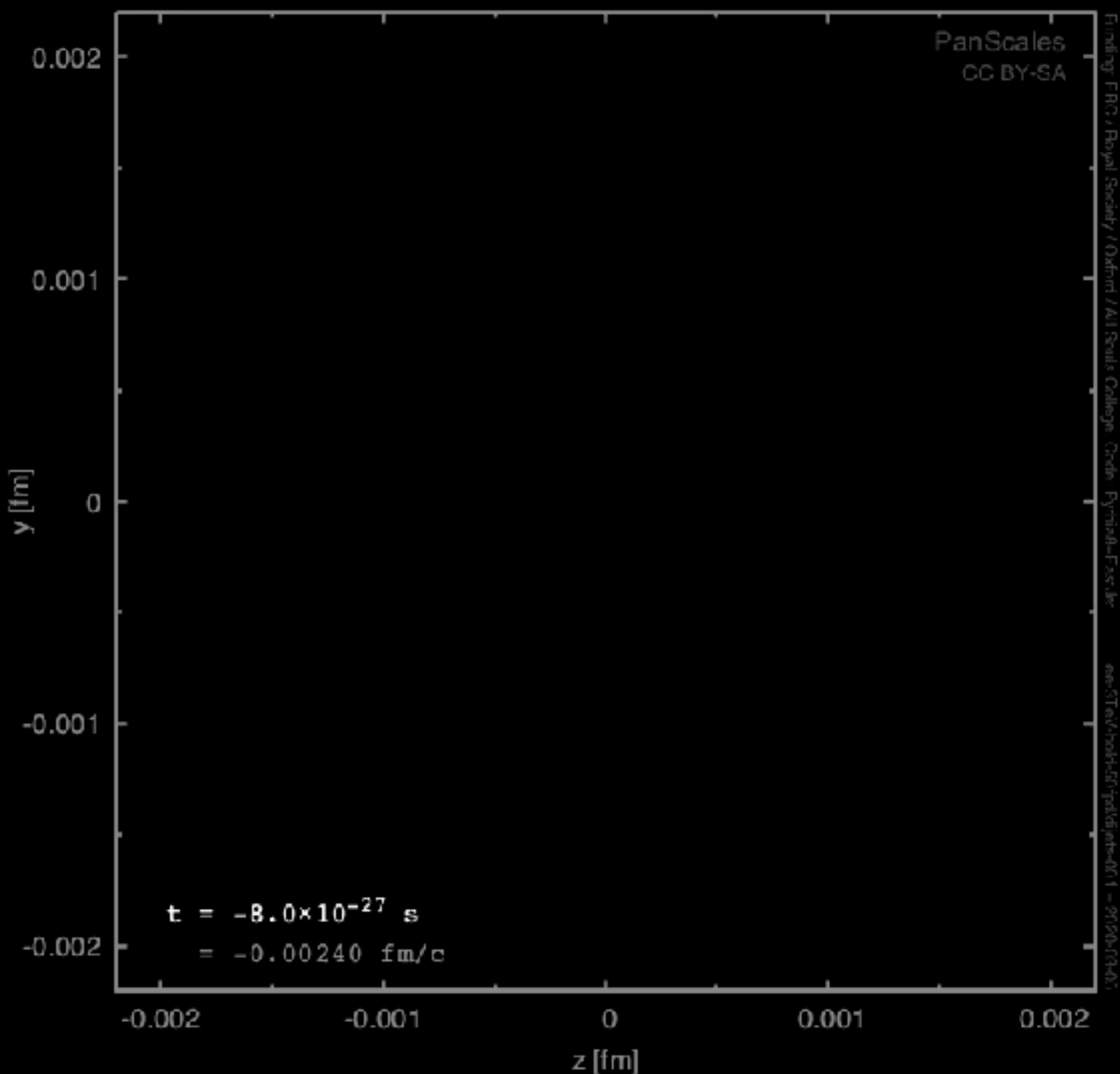
> 60% of papers use jets!



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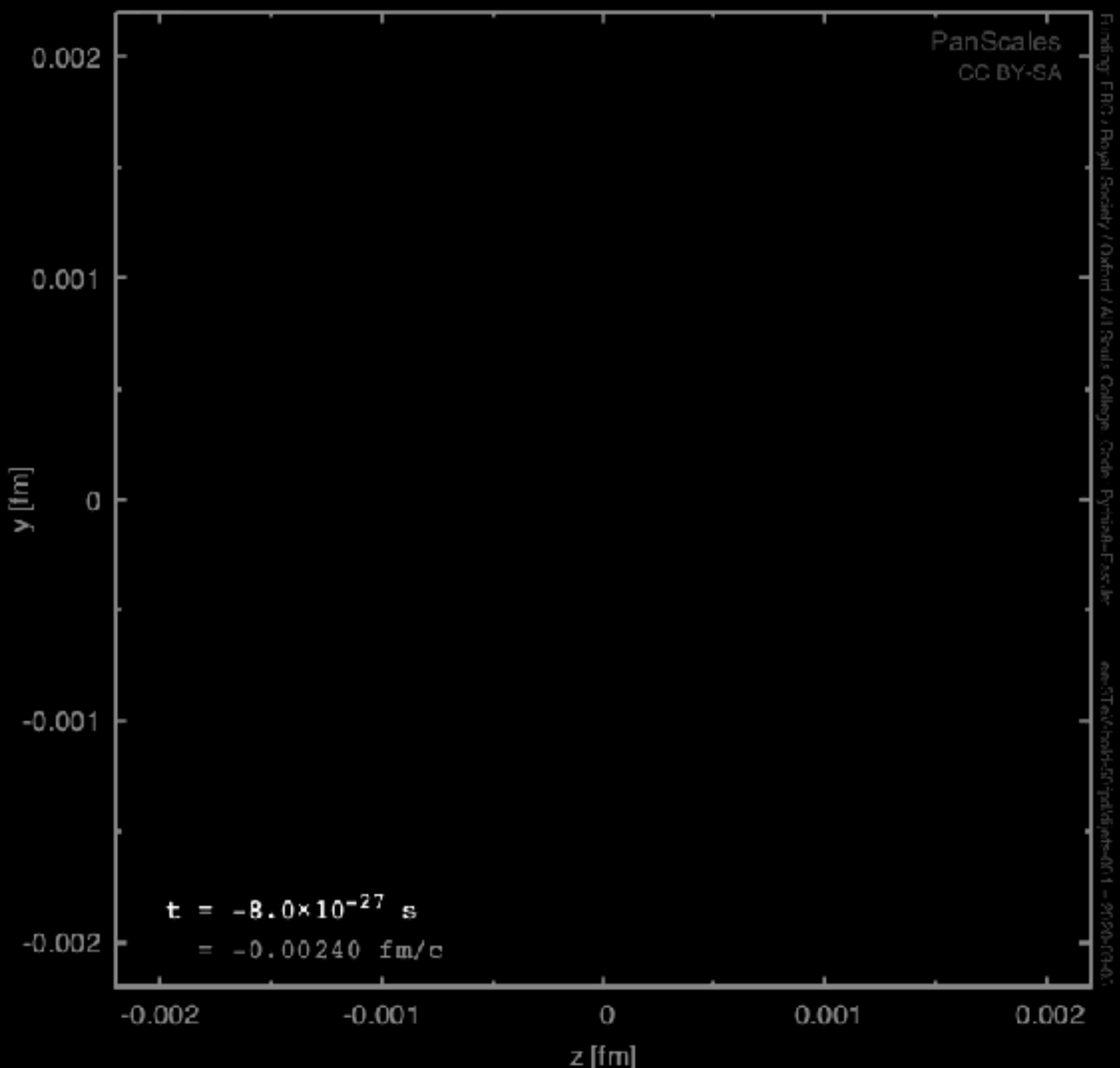

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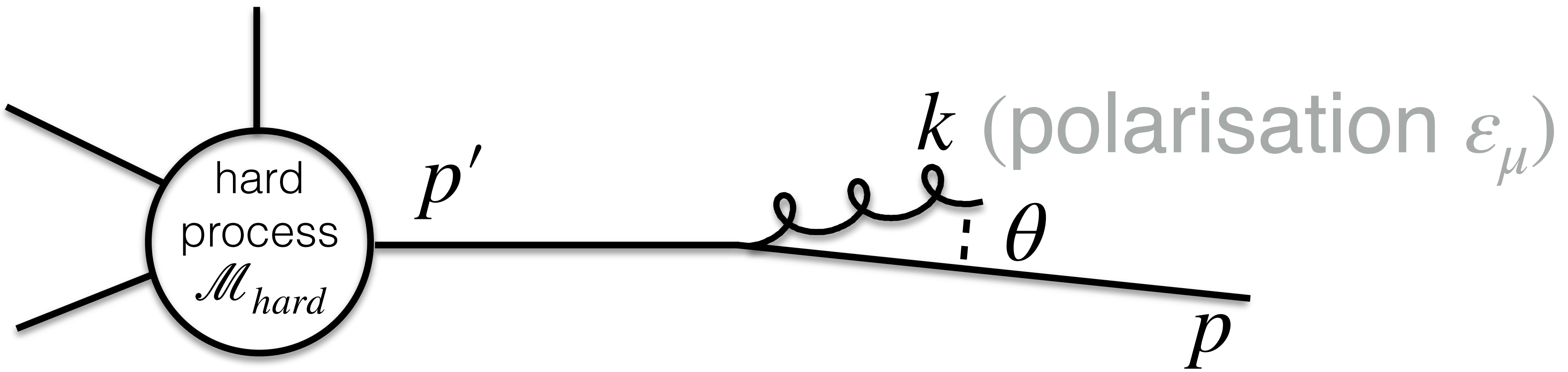
why do quarks and gluons fragment into jets?

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)

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

- phase space:

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

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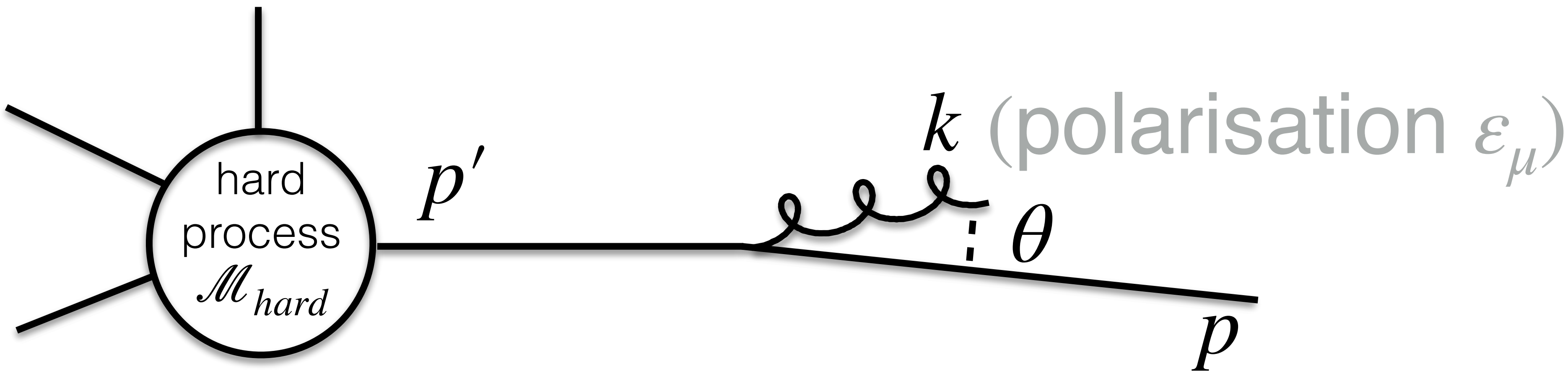

- Full result:

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

- **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 ($E_k \to 0$) and collinear ($\theta \to 0$) limits

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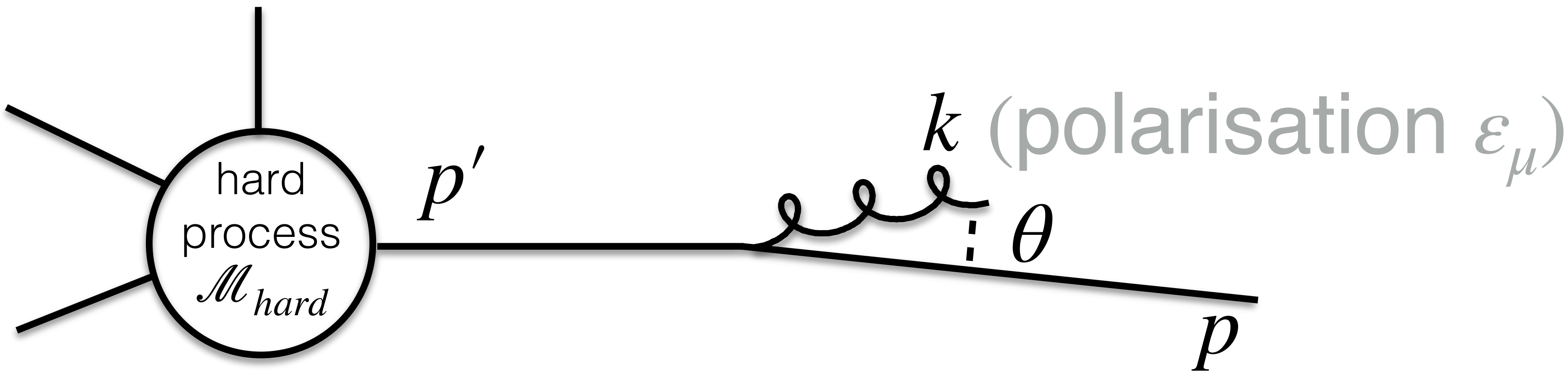


Total probability of gluon emission:

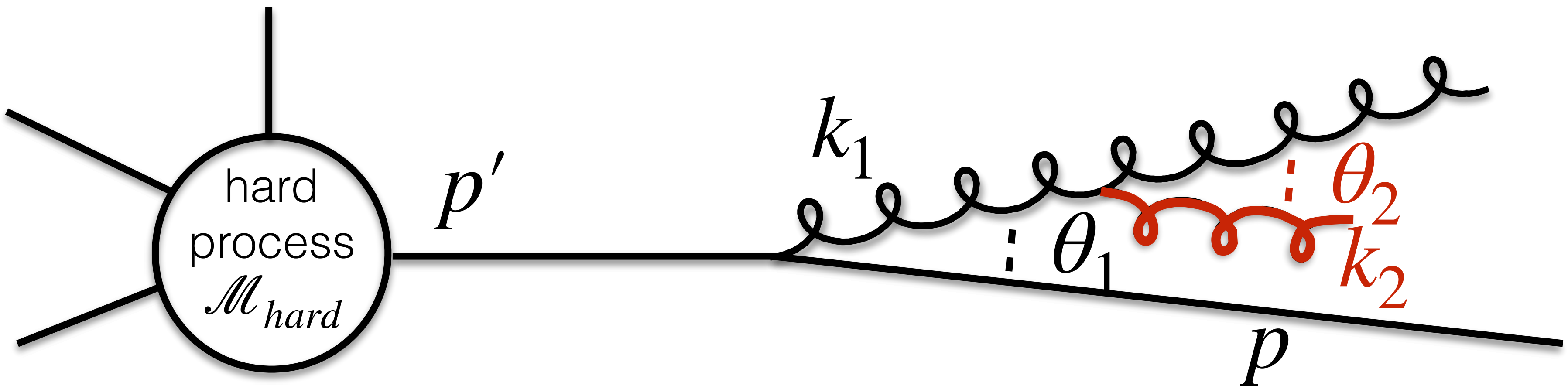
$$\langle N_{gluon} \rangle \simeq P_{gluon-emission} = \int dP = \frac{2\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \int_{\Lambda_{QCD}/E_p}^{1} \frac{d\theta}{\theta} \int_{\Lambda_{QCD}/\theta}^{E_p} \frac{dE_k}{E_k} = \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \ln^2 \frac{E_p}{\Lambda_{QCD}}$$

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 $C_F = 4/3$:

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

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:

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

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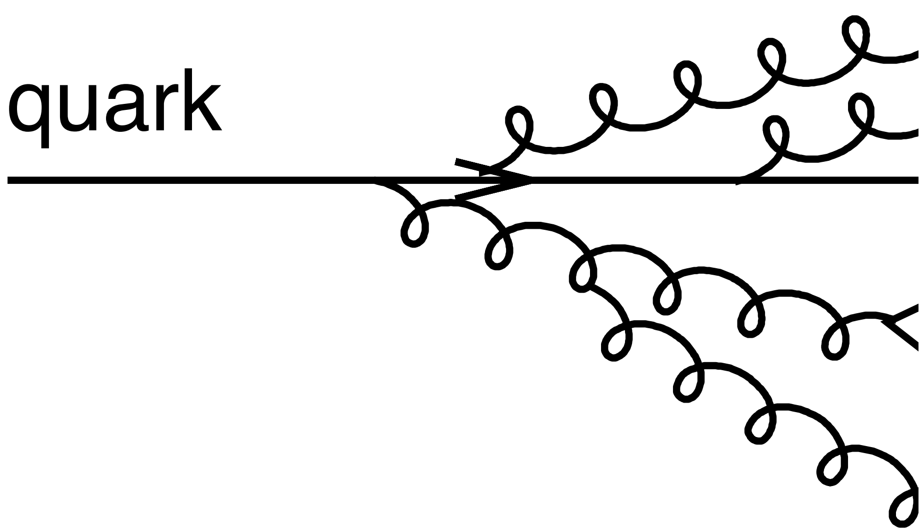

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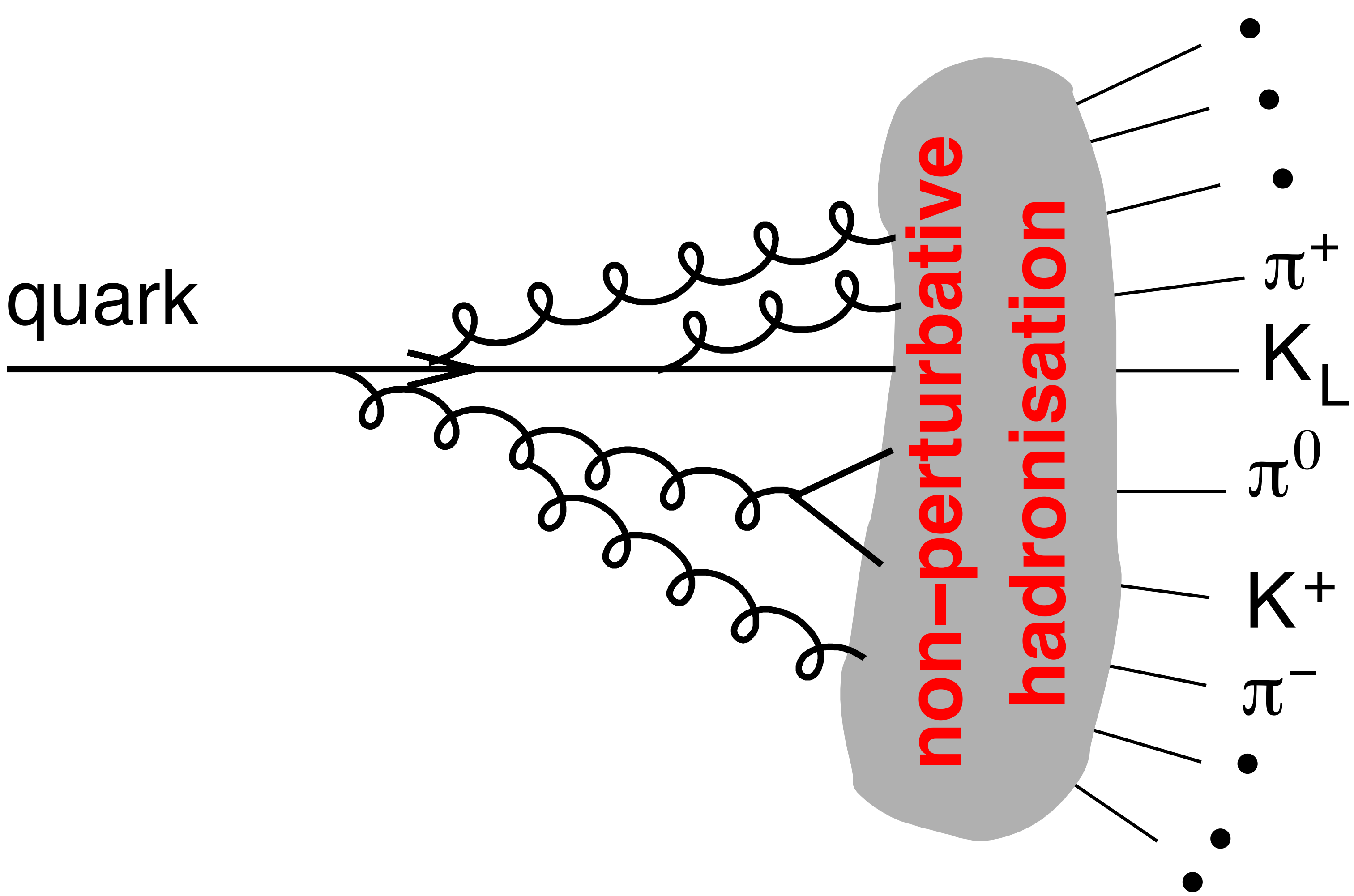

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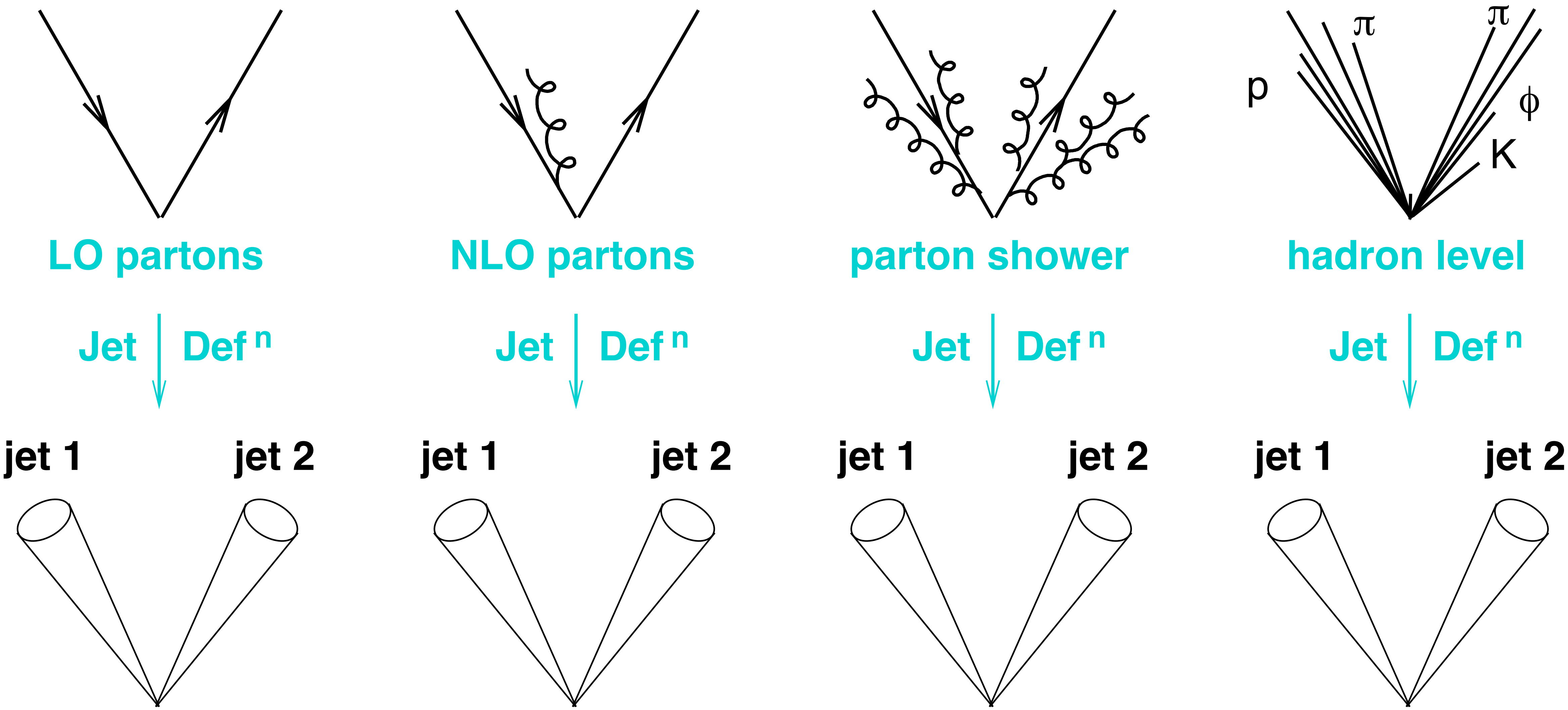
When the partons become separated by a distance $\sim 1/\Lambda_{QCD}$ they **confine** into hadrons.

The hadrons go in similar directions to the partons

core ideas in jet reconstruction

Jet finding as a form of projection



Projection to jets should be resilient to QCD effects

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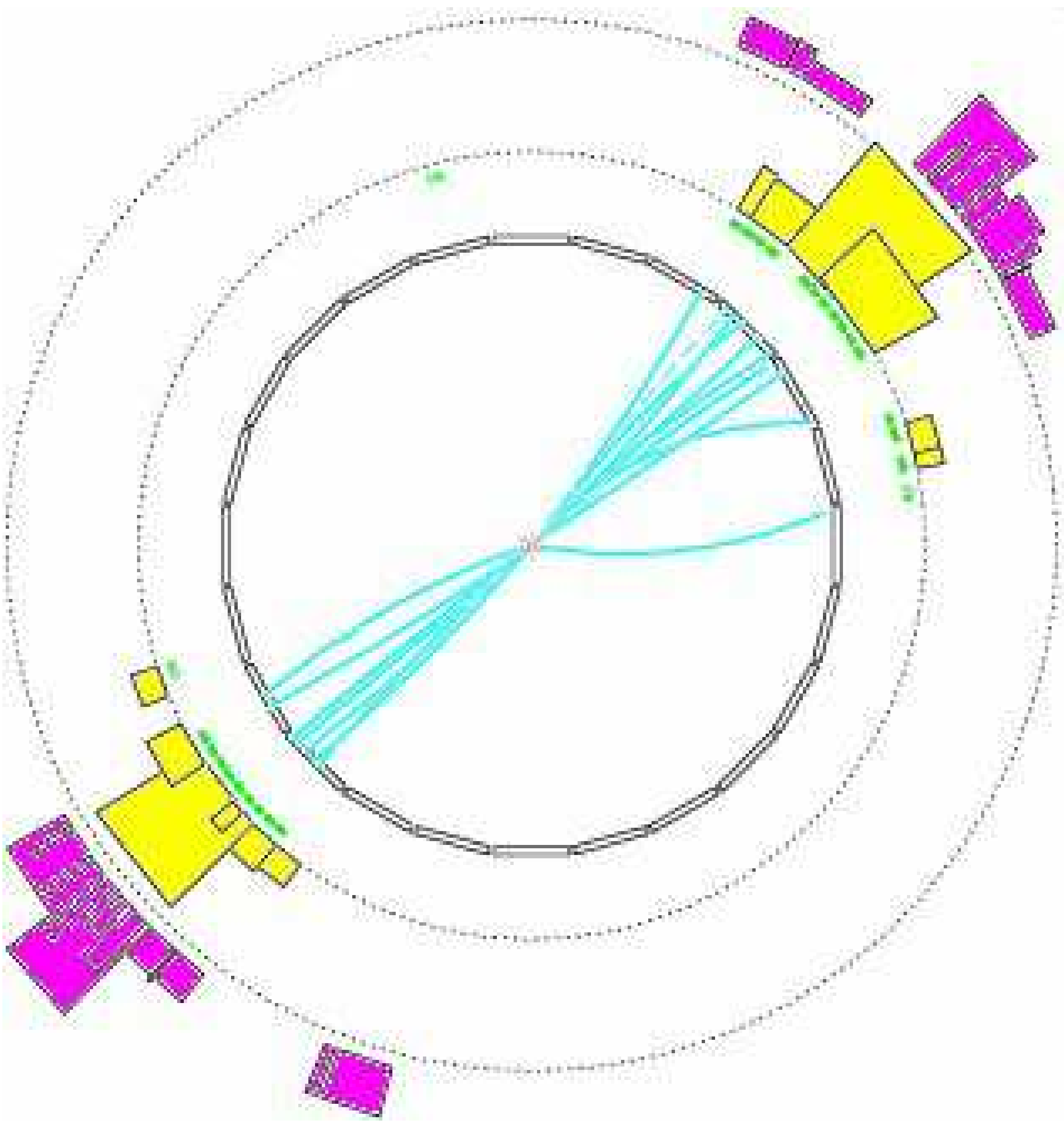

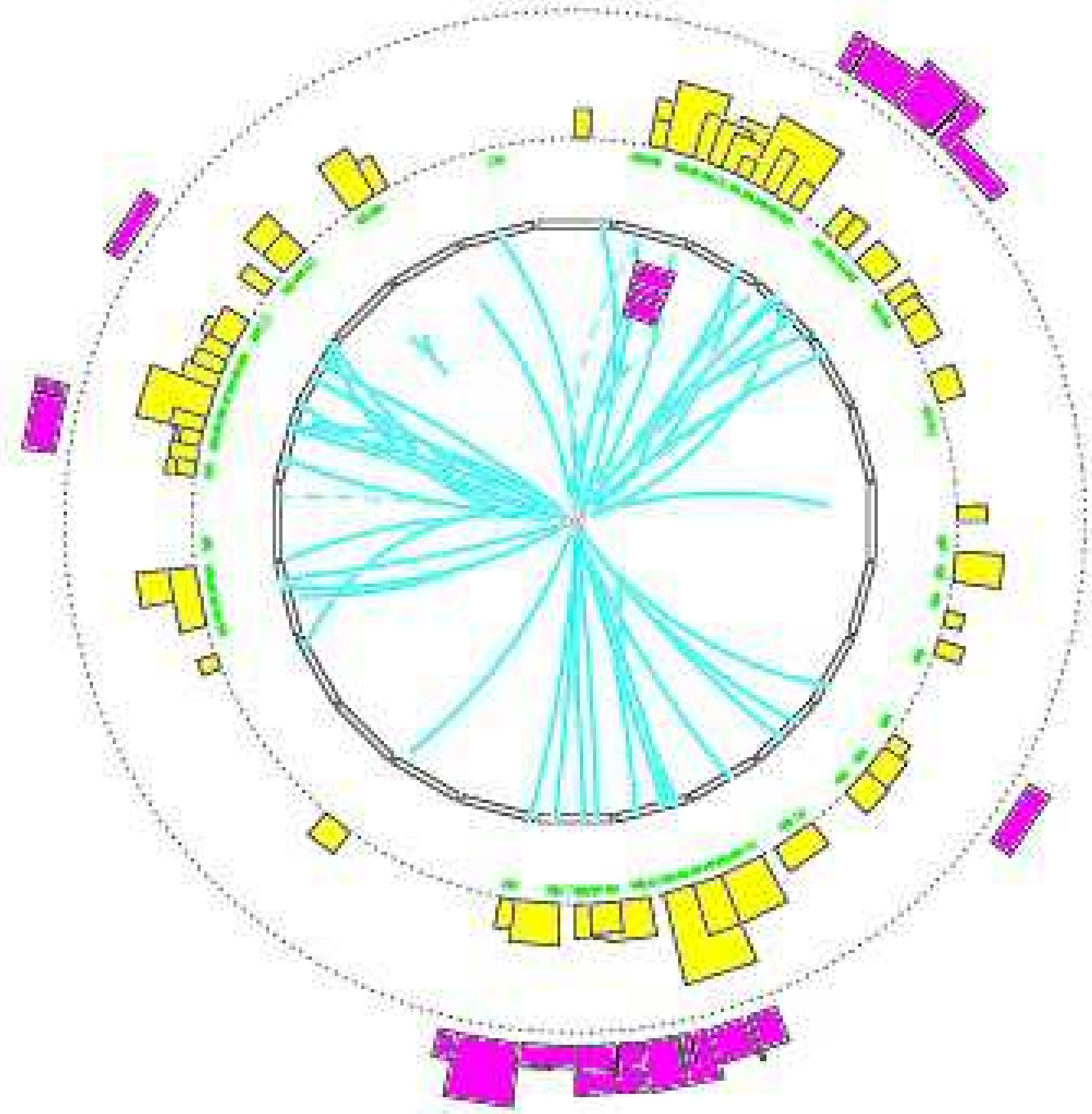

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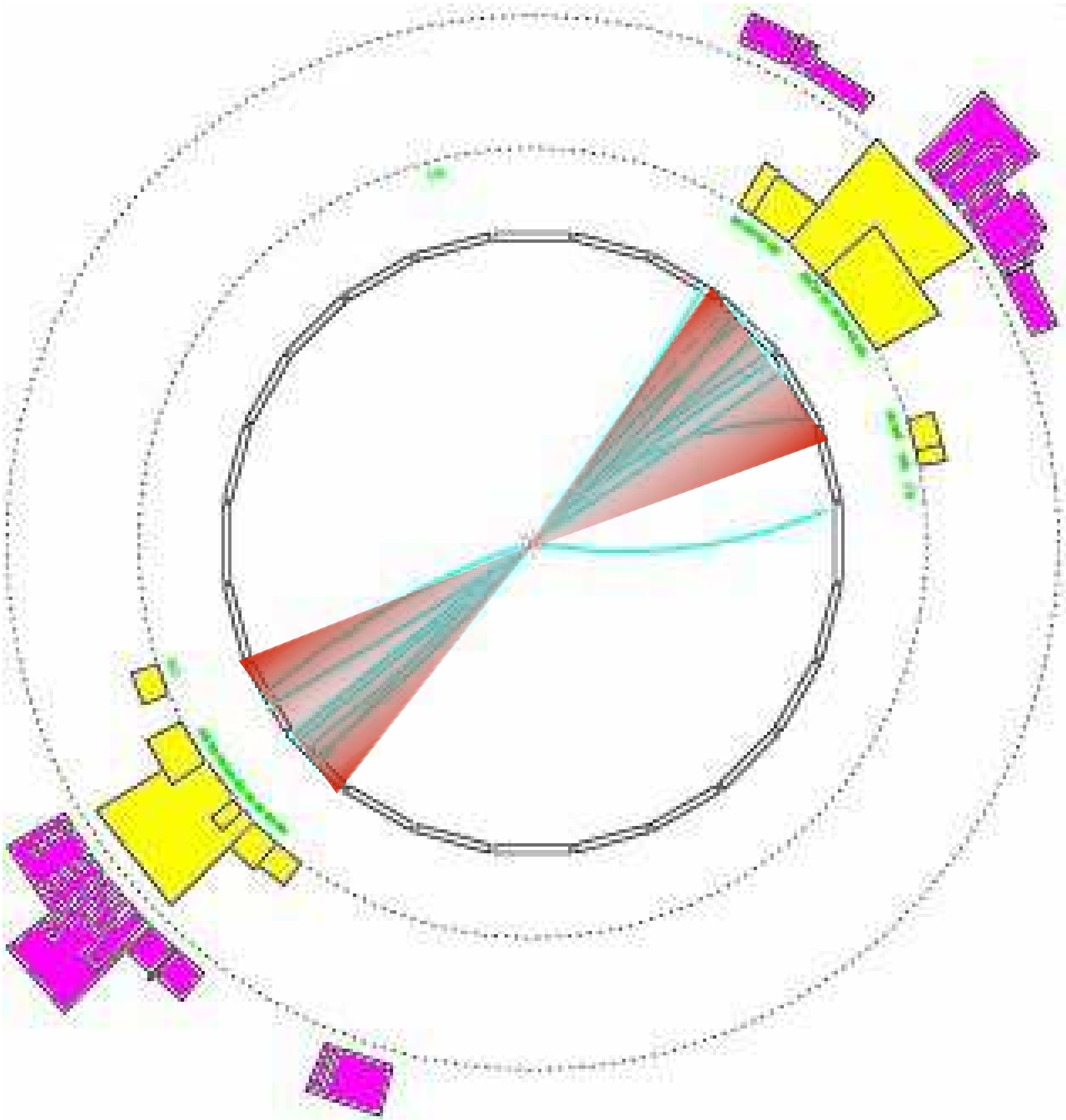

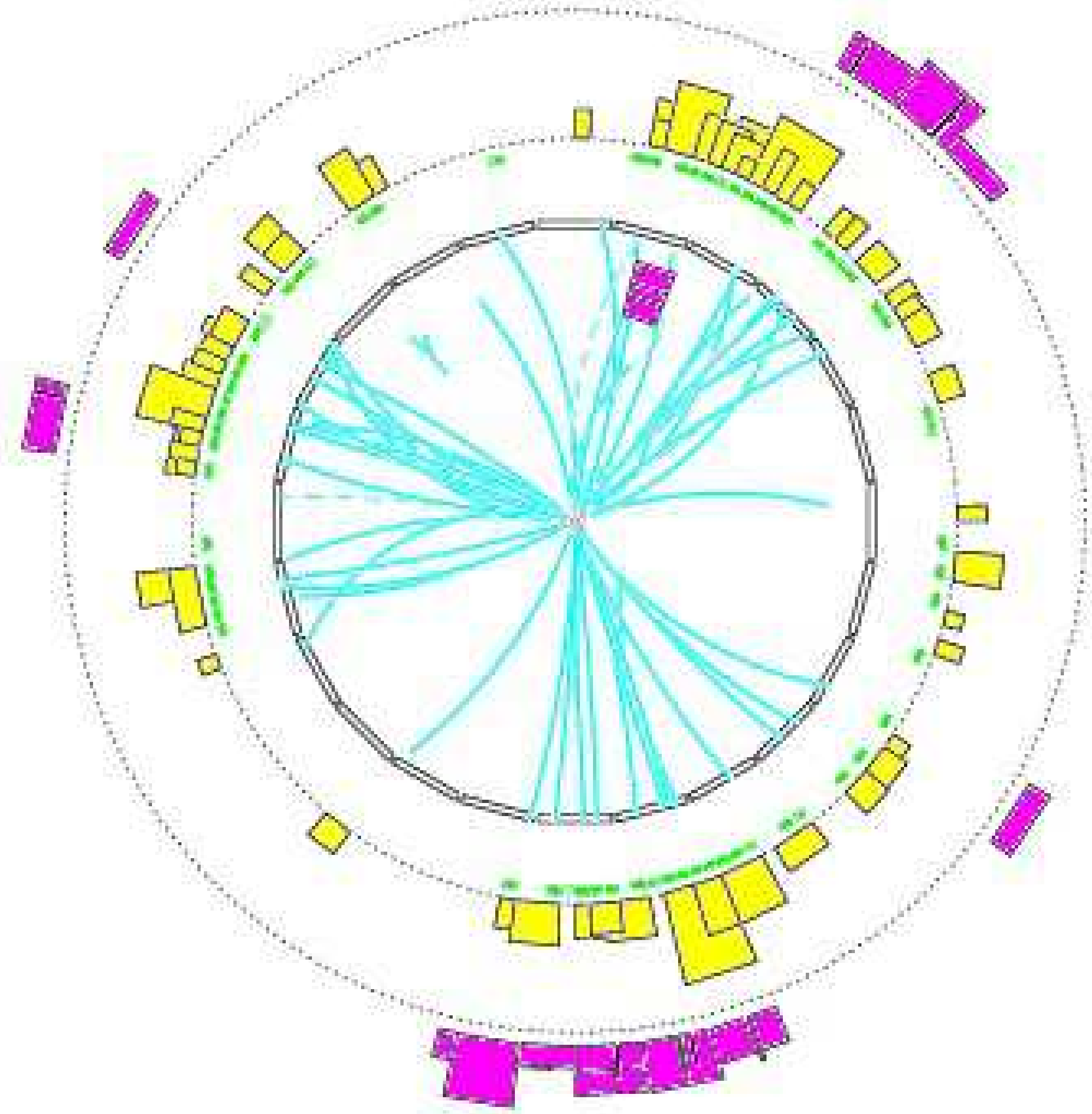

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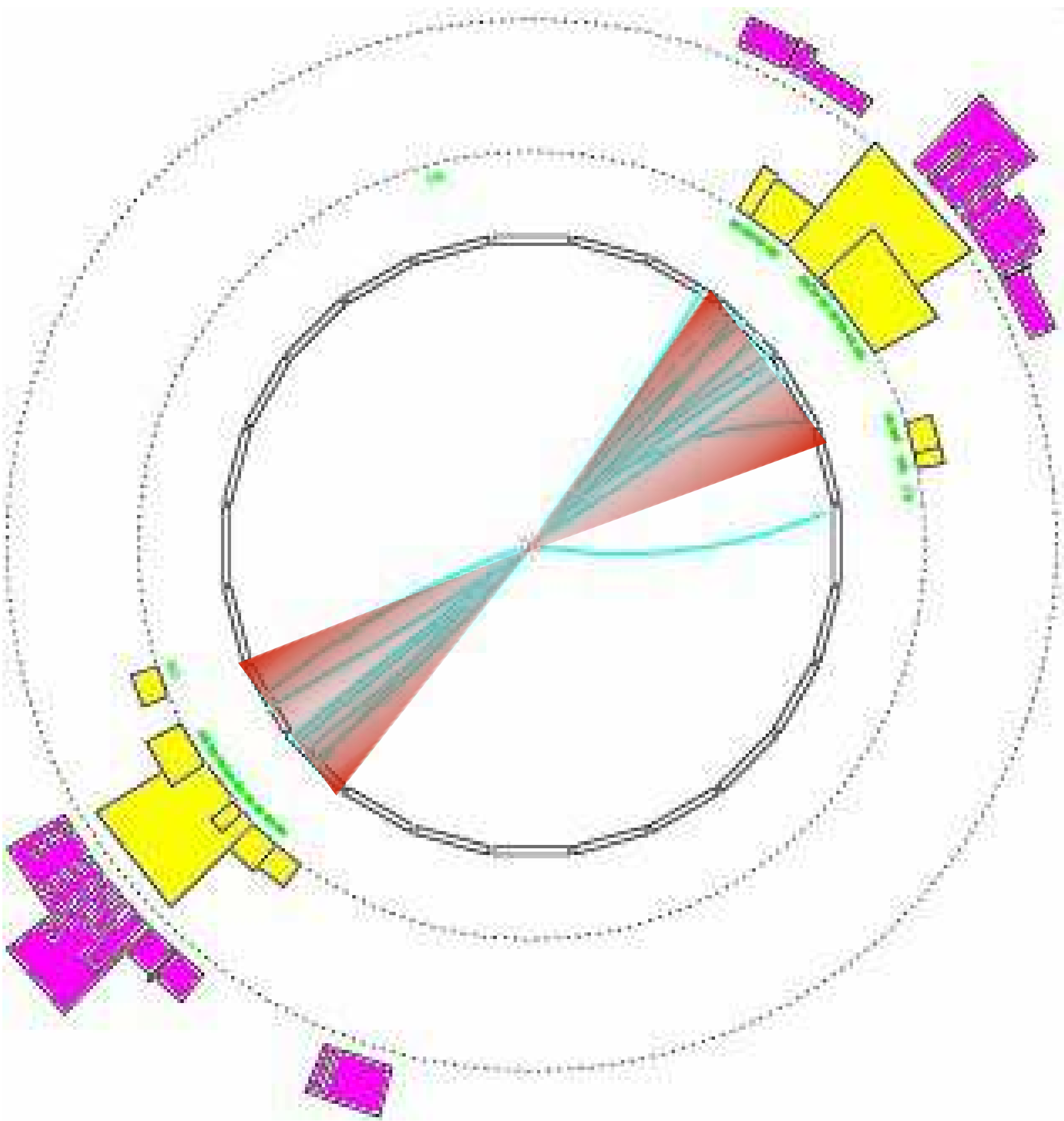

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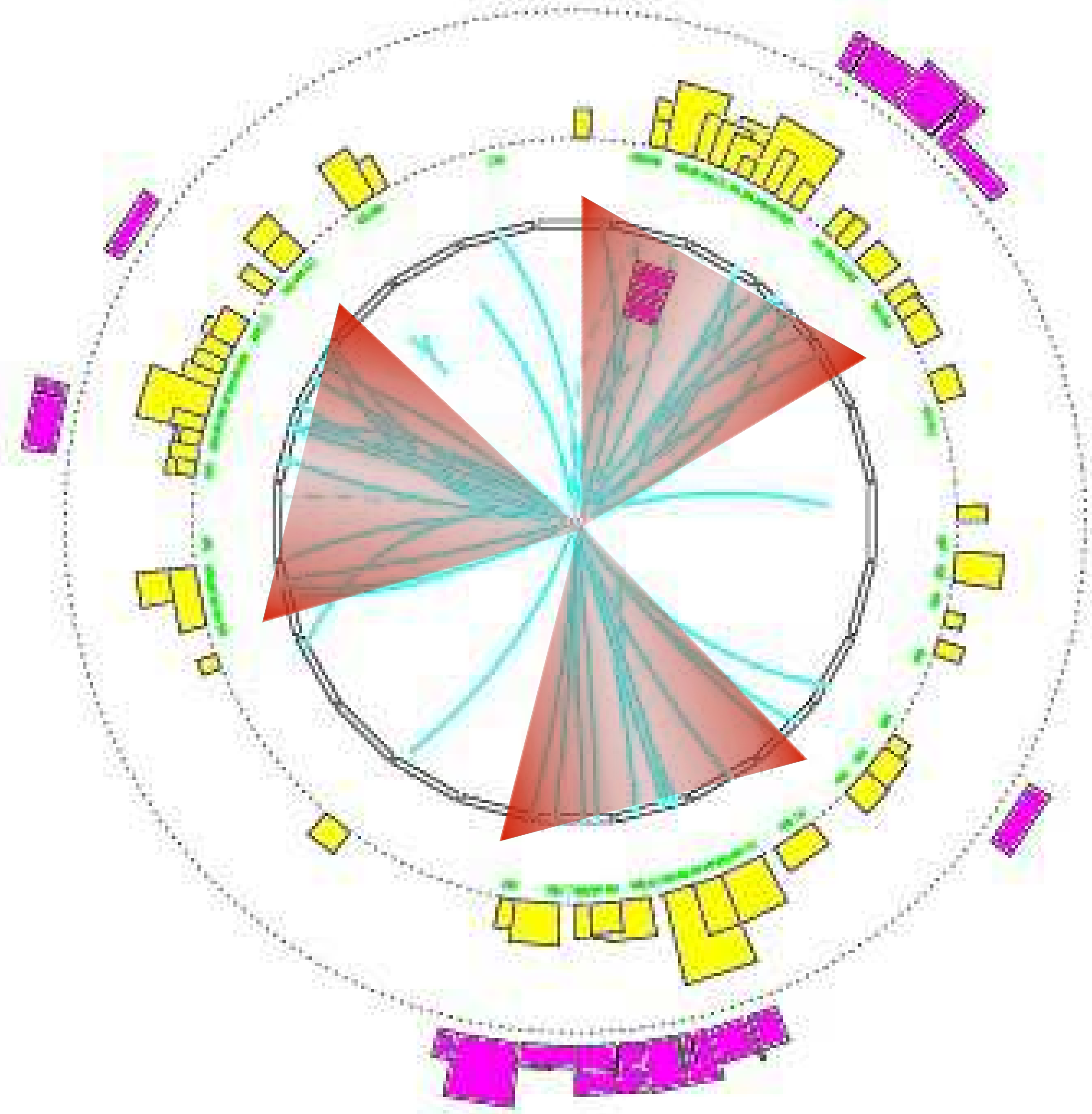

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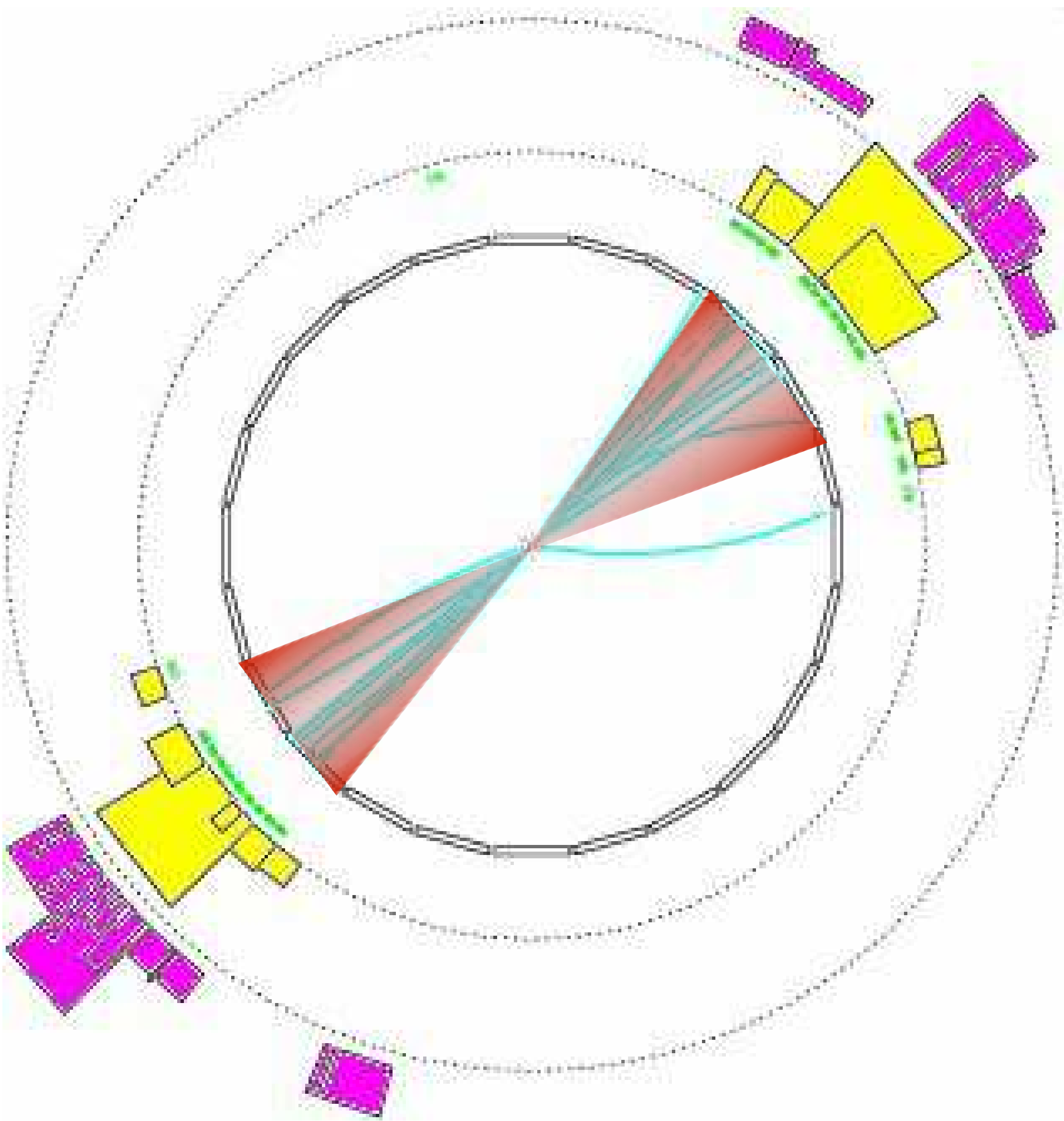

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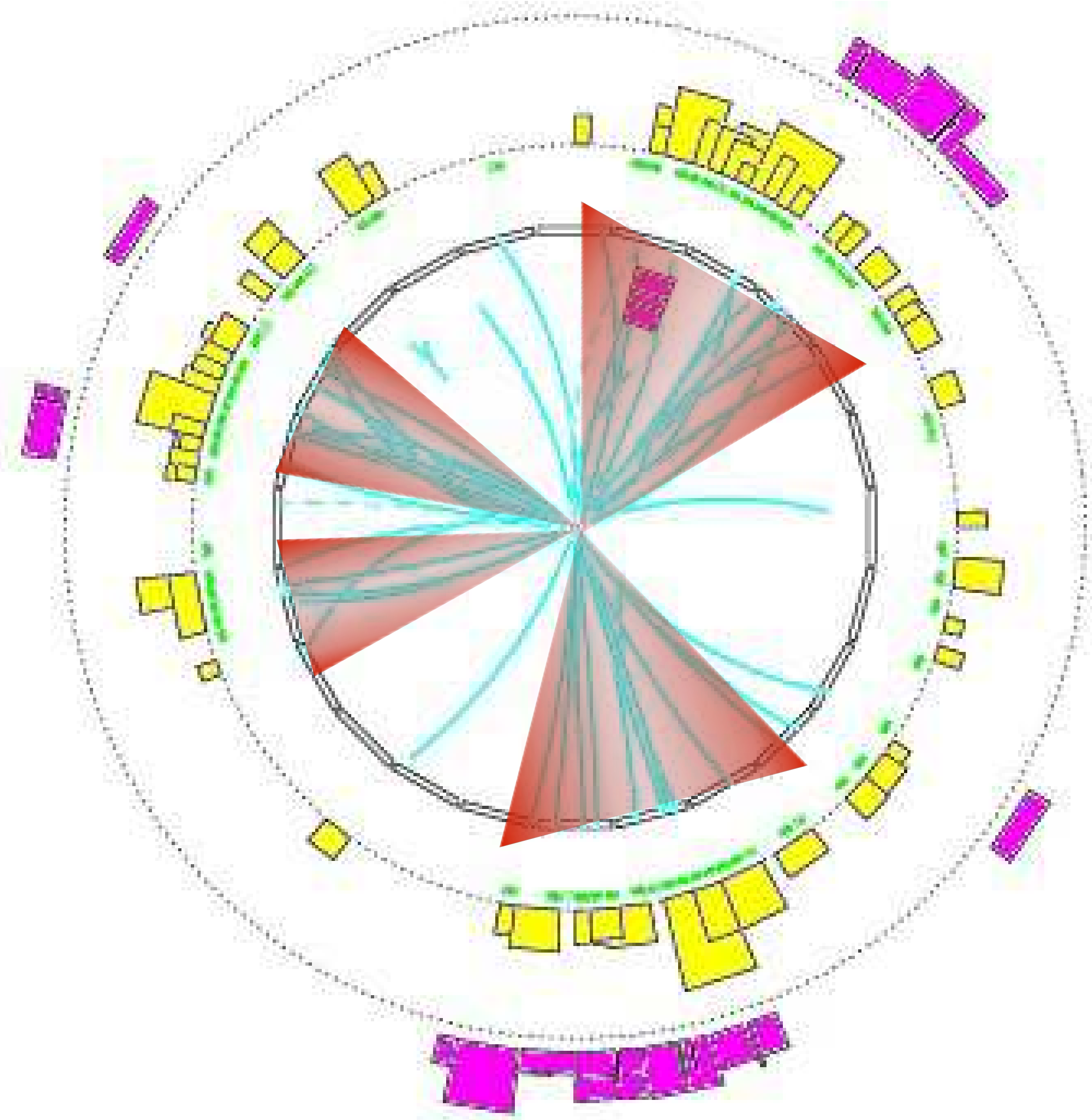
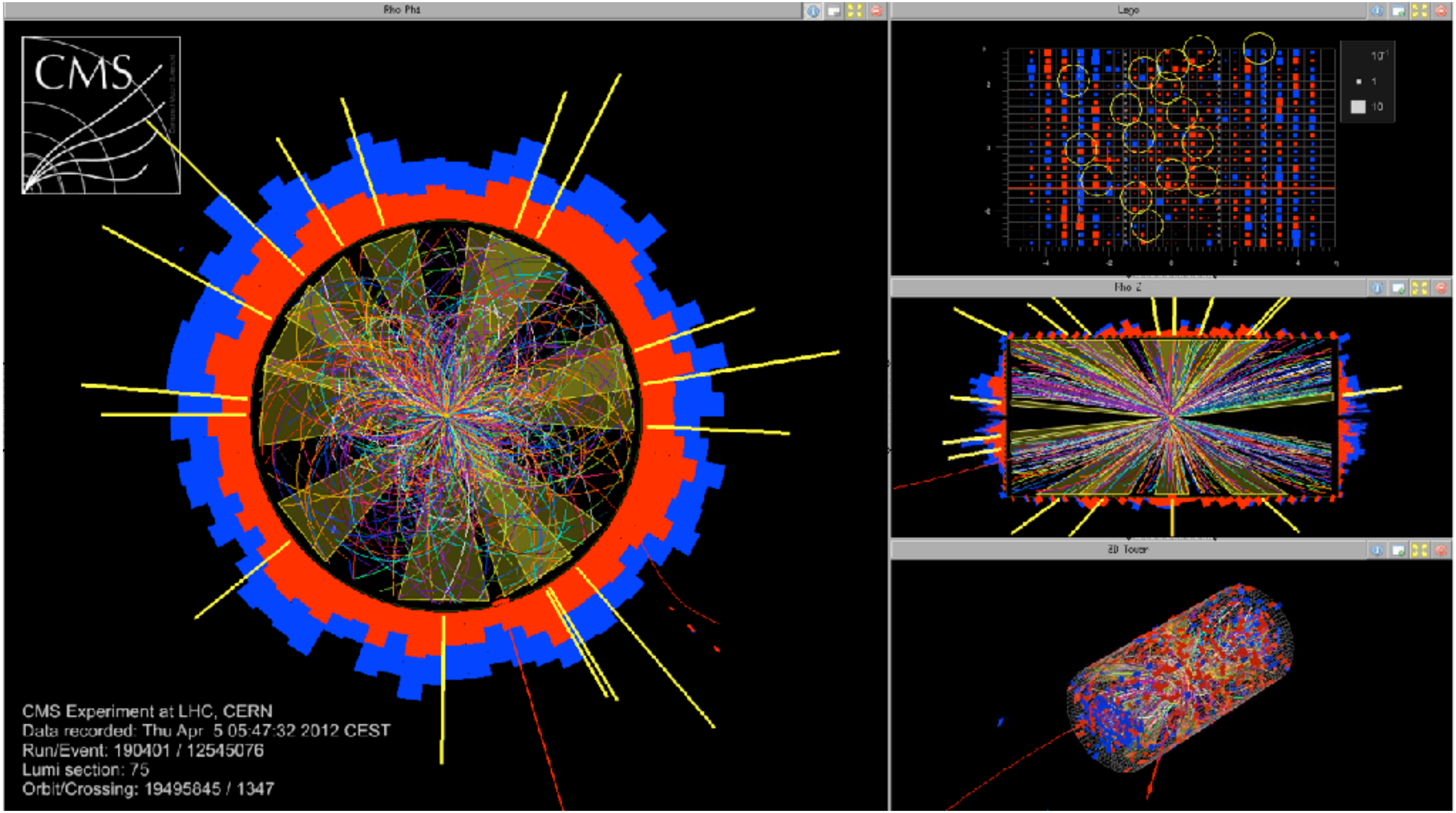


3 jets?
or 4 jets?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Make a choice: specify a jet definition

$$\{p_i\} \xrightarrow{\text{jet definition}} \{j_k\}$$

particles,
4-momenta,
calorimeter towers, ...

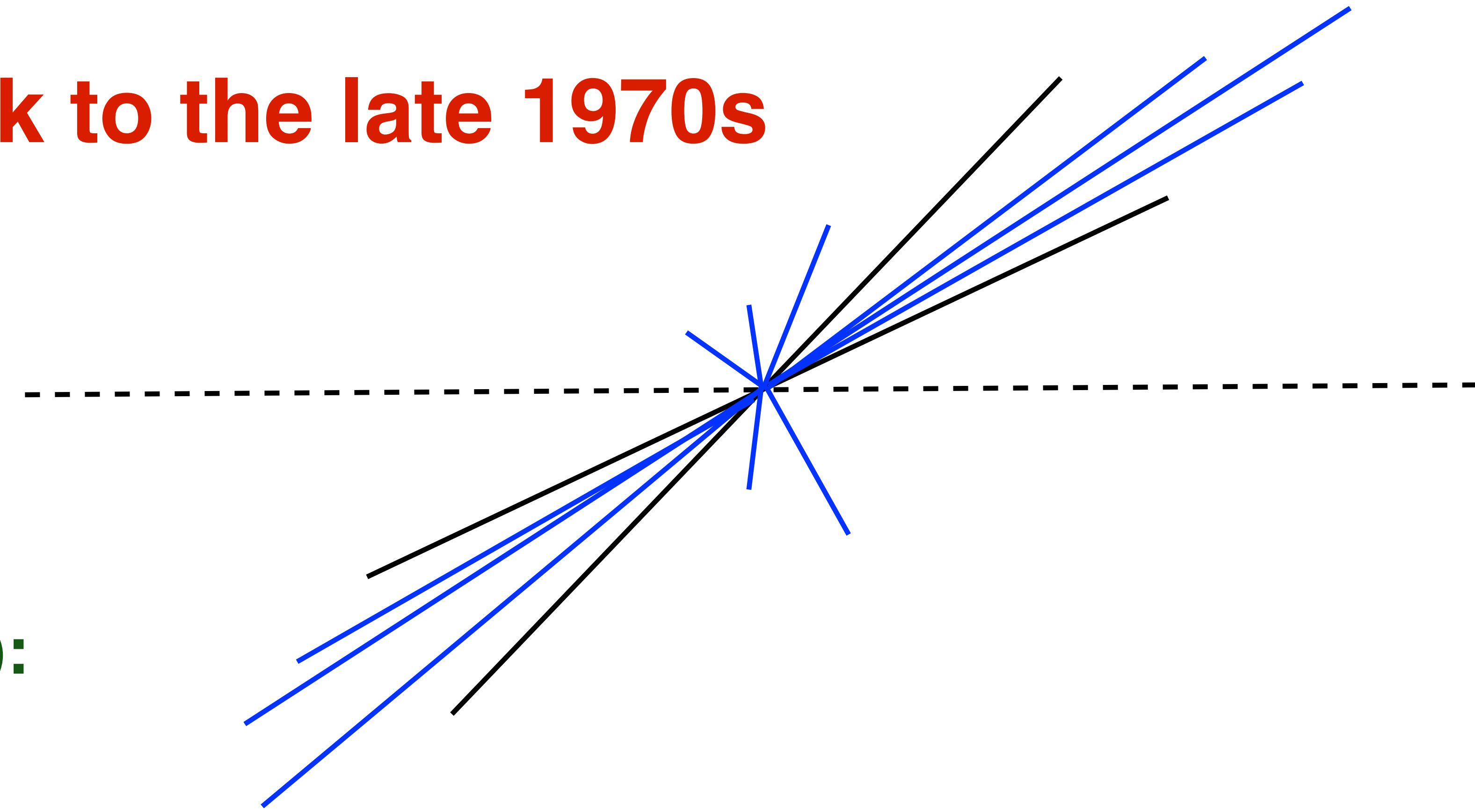
jets

- 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



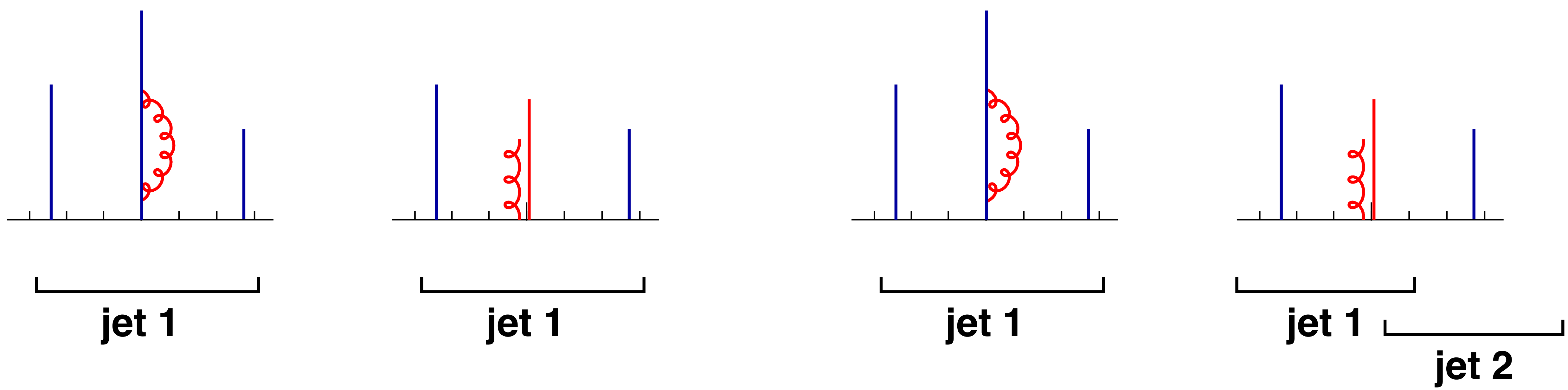
Sterman and Weinberg,
Phys. Rev. Lett. 39, 1436 (1977):

To study jets, we consider the partial cross section $\sigma(E,\theta,\Omega,\varepsilon,\delta)$ for e^+e^- hadron production events, in which all but a fraction $\varepsilon \ll 1$ 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 Ω (with $\pi\delta^2 \ll \Omega \ll 1$) at an angle θ to the e^+e^- beam line. We expect this to be measur-

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

Collinear Safe

Collinear Unsafe



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Infinities cancel

Infinities do not cancel

Invalidates perturbation theory

hadron collider jet algorithms

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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 $\Delta R_{ij} \le R$, then $d_{iB} <$ all d_{ij}, and i becomes a jet.

k_t in action

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Example clustering with k_t algorithm, $R = 1.0$

ϕ assumed 0 for all towers

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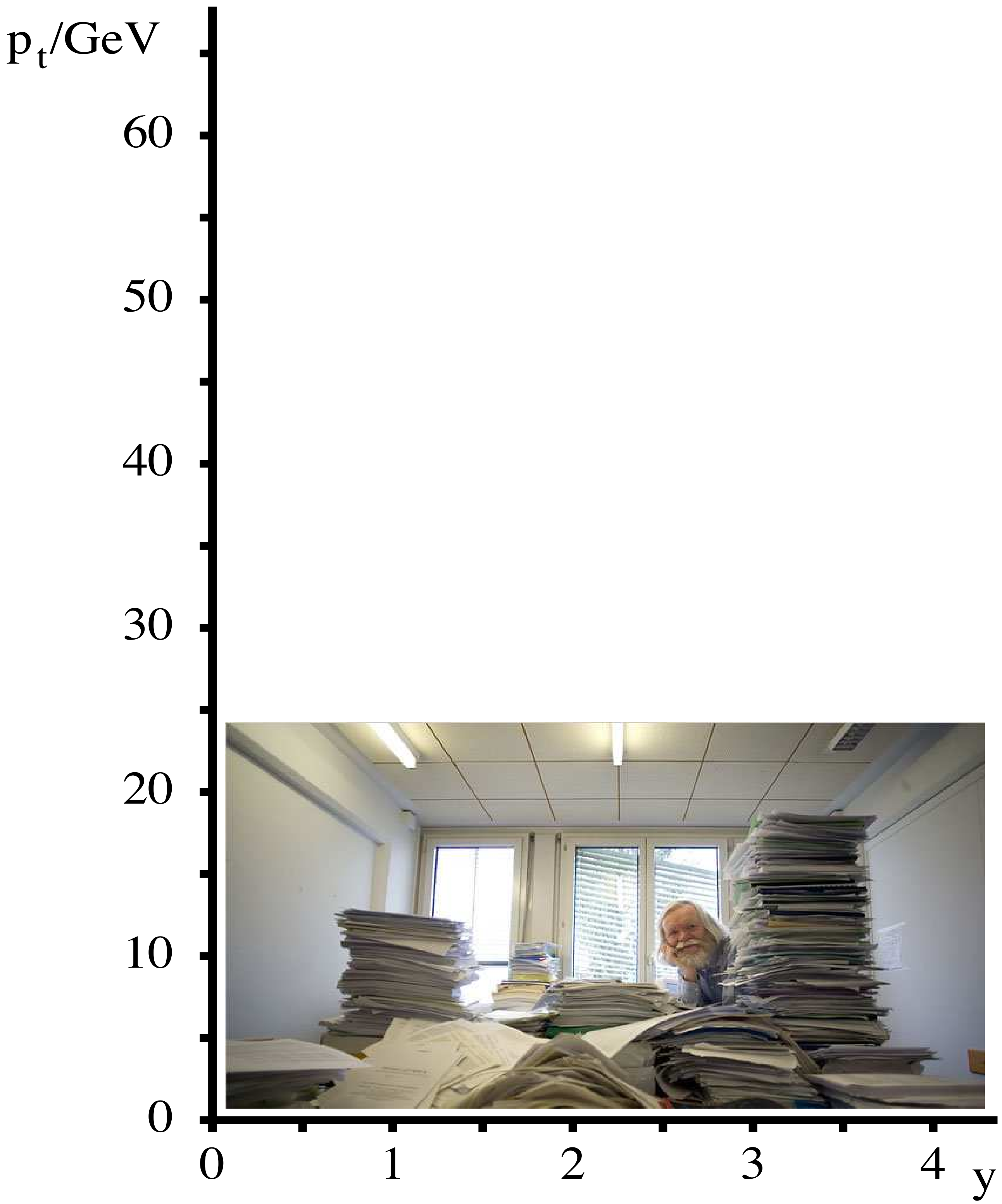

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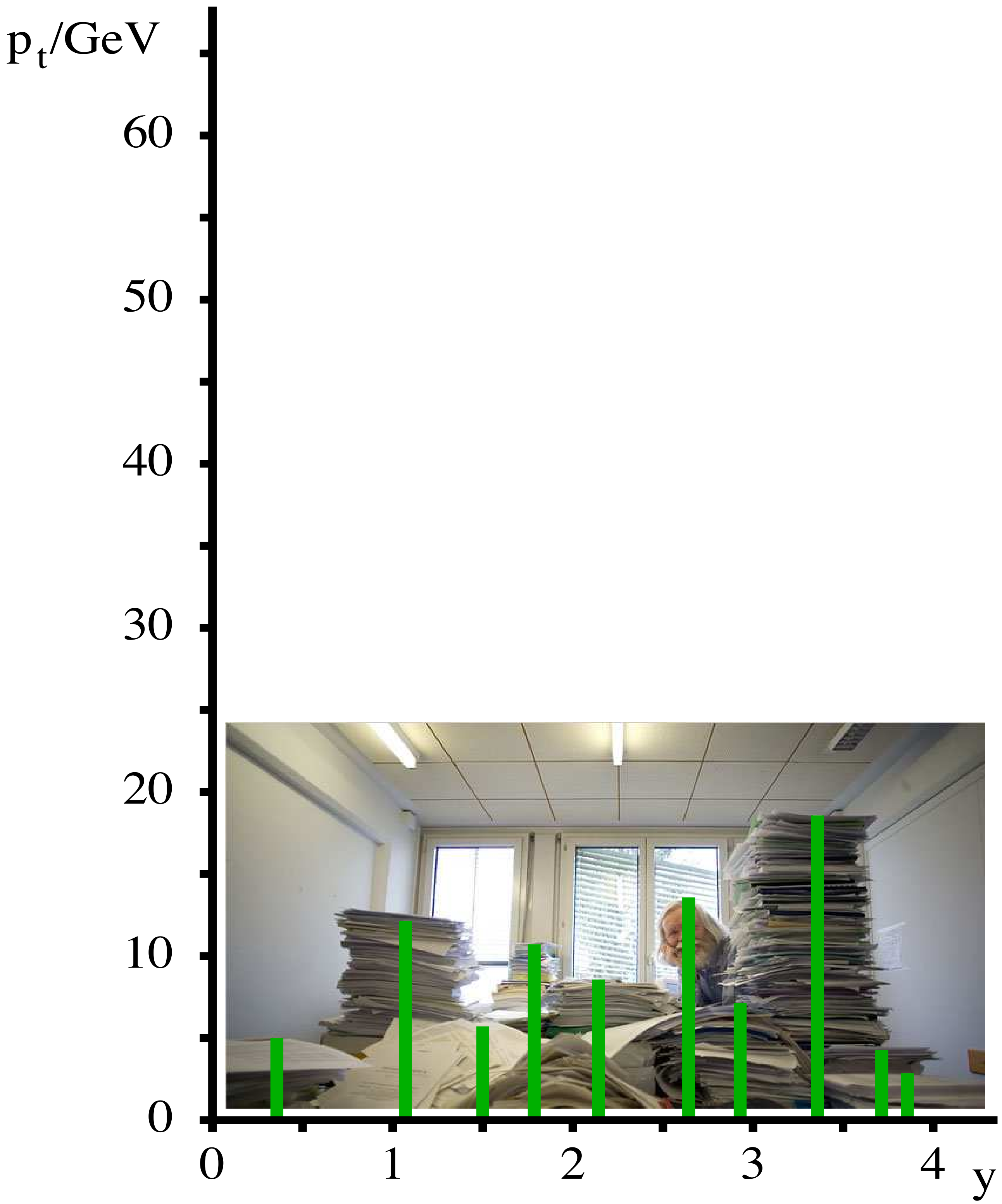

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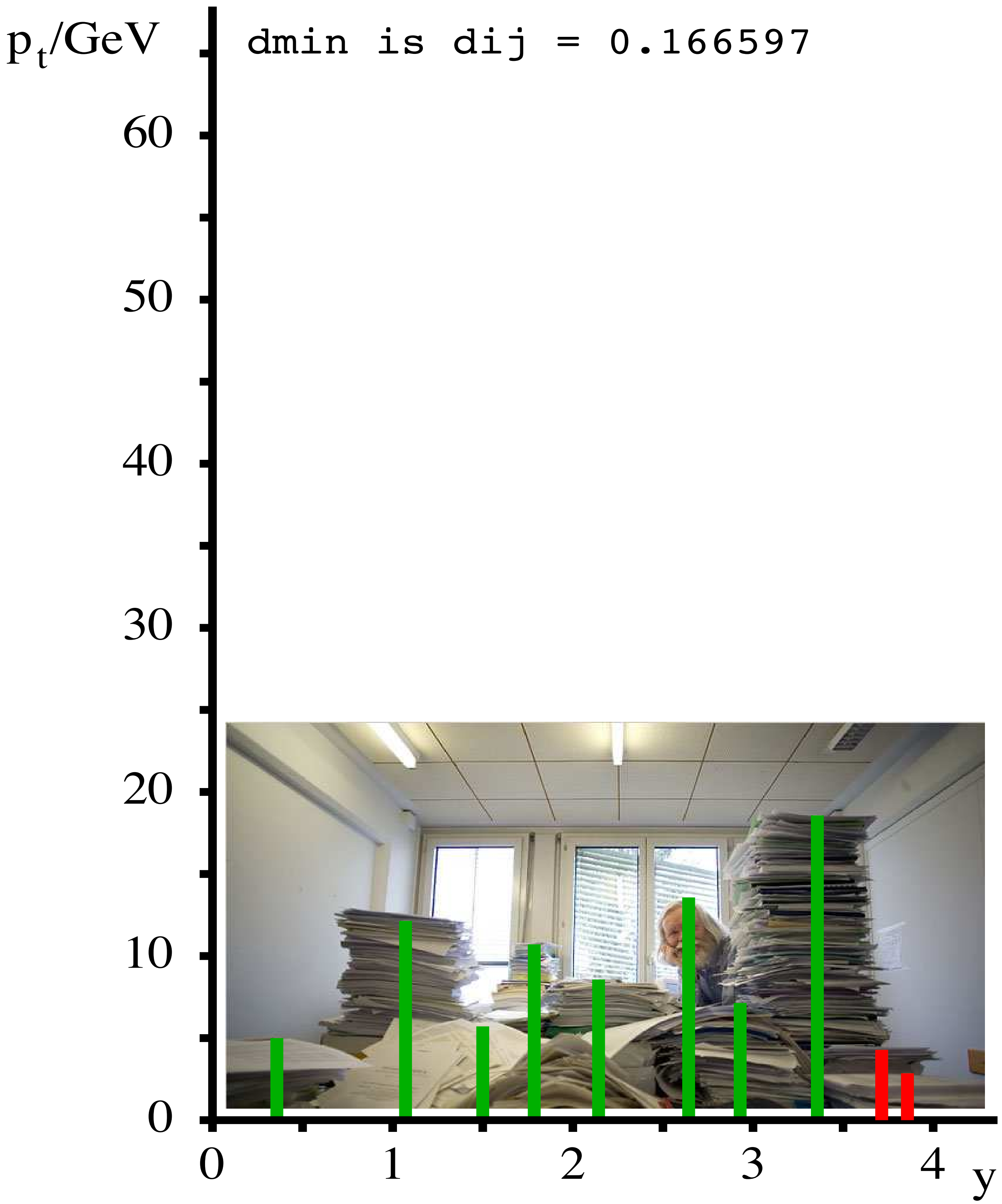

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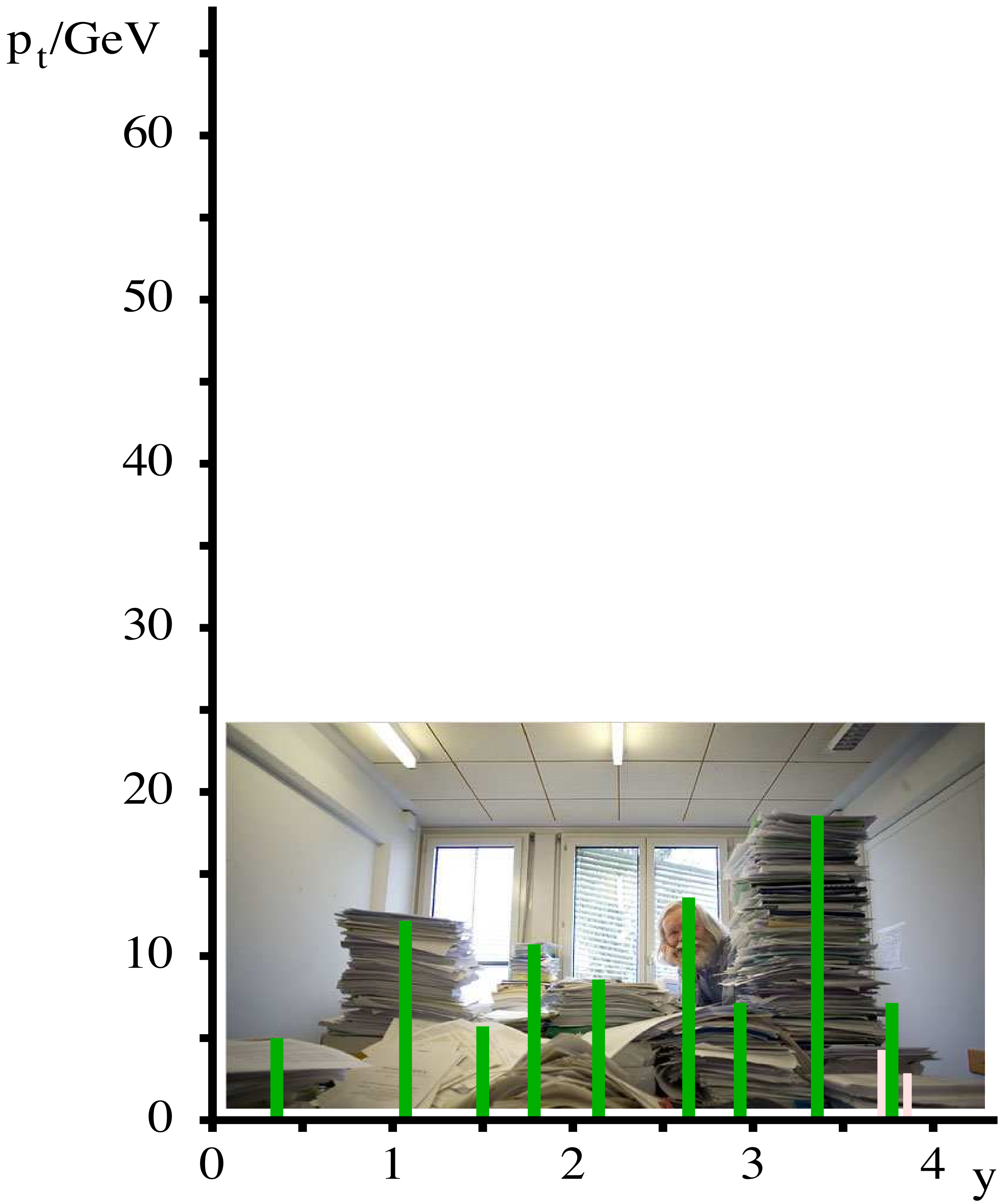

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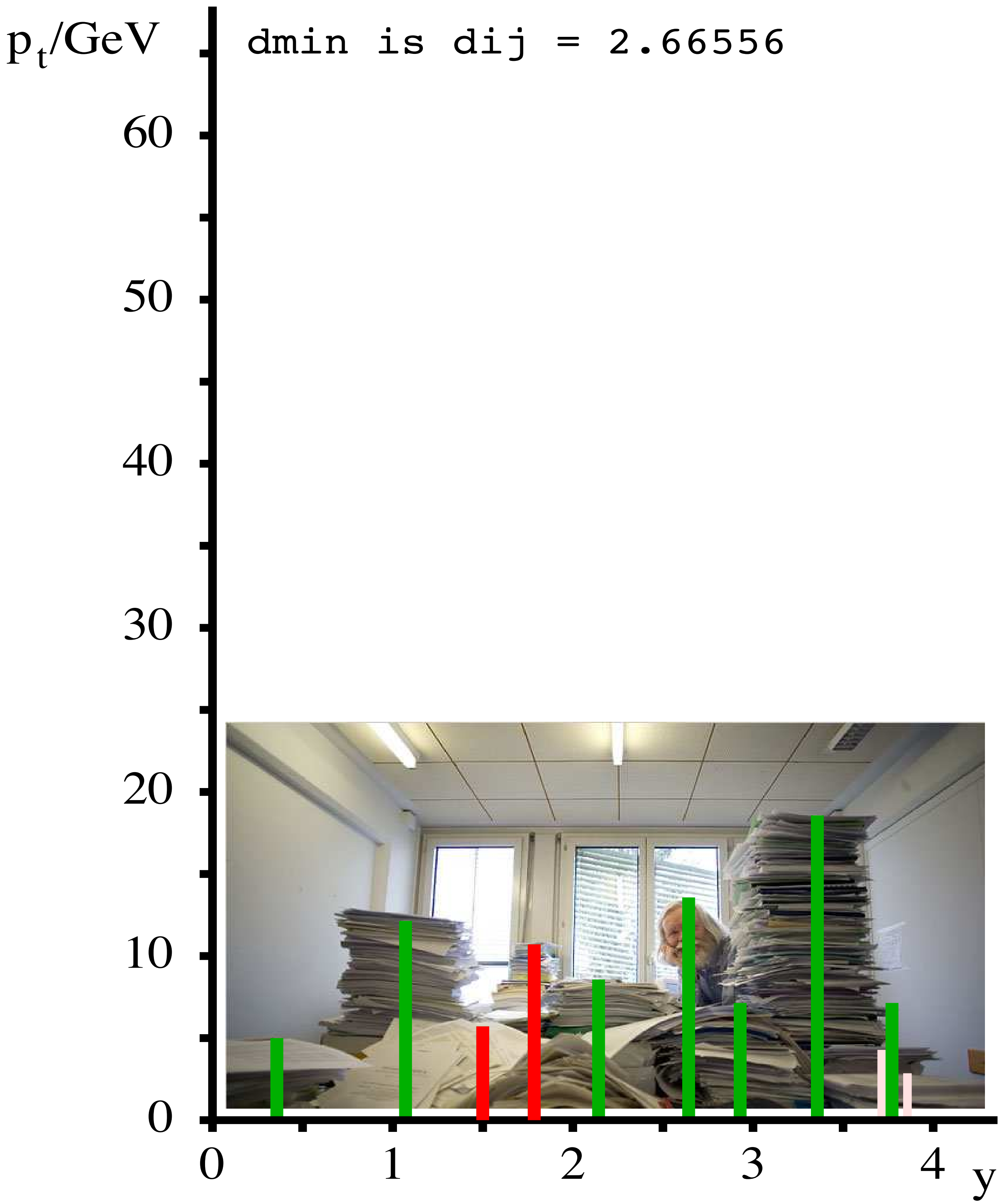

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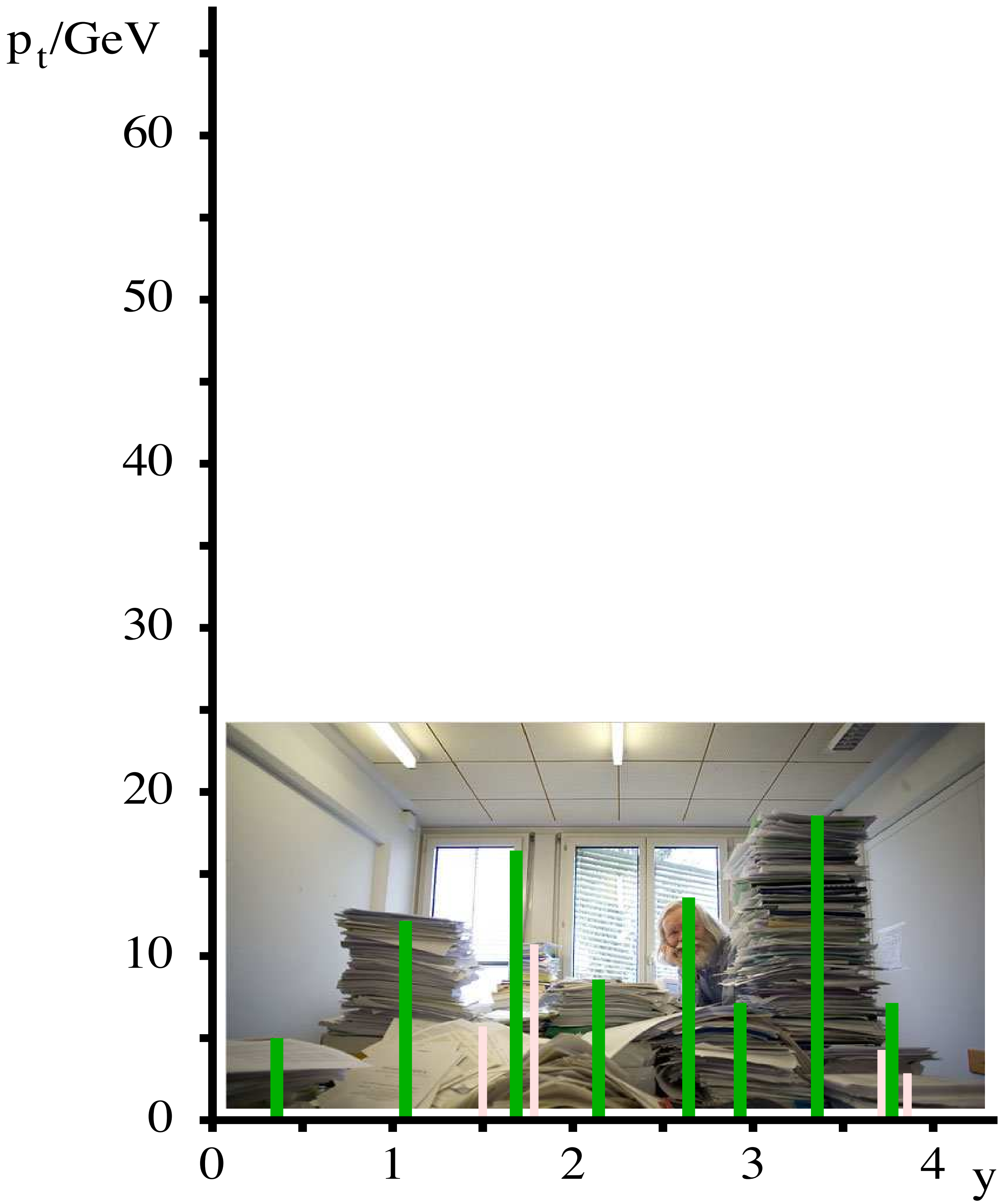

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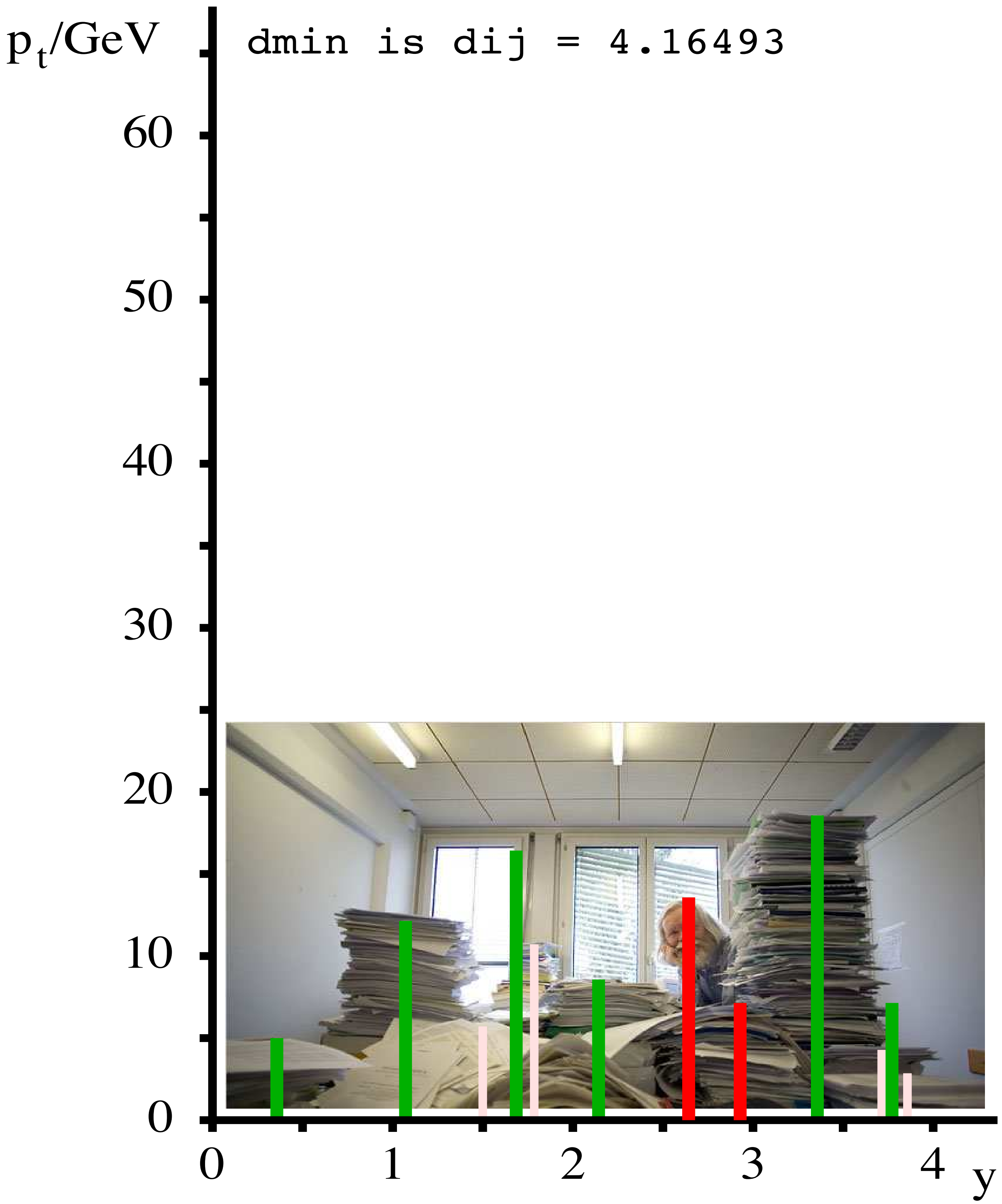

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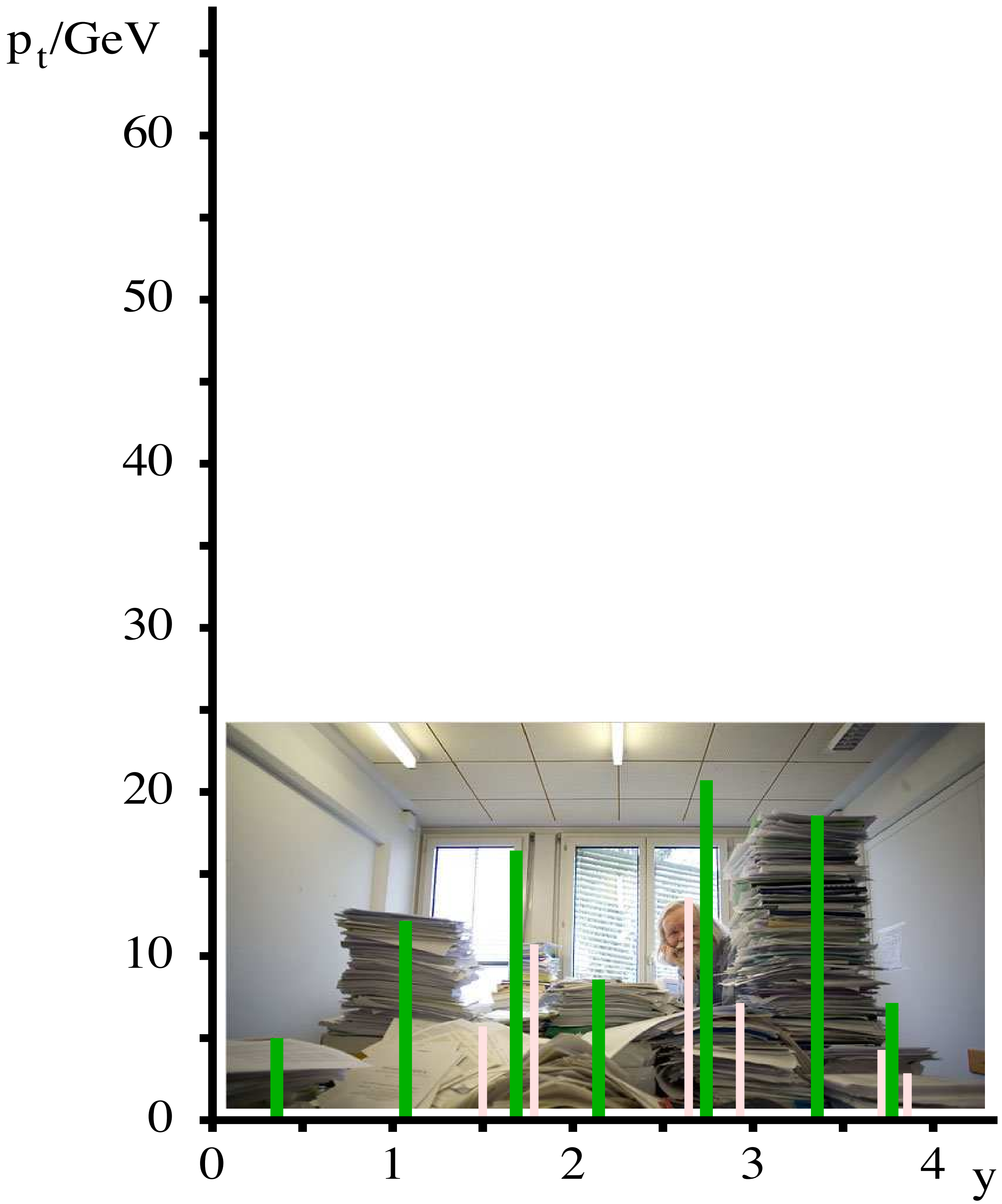

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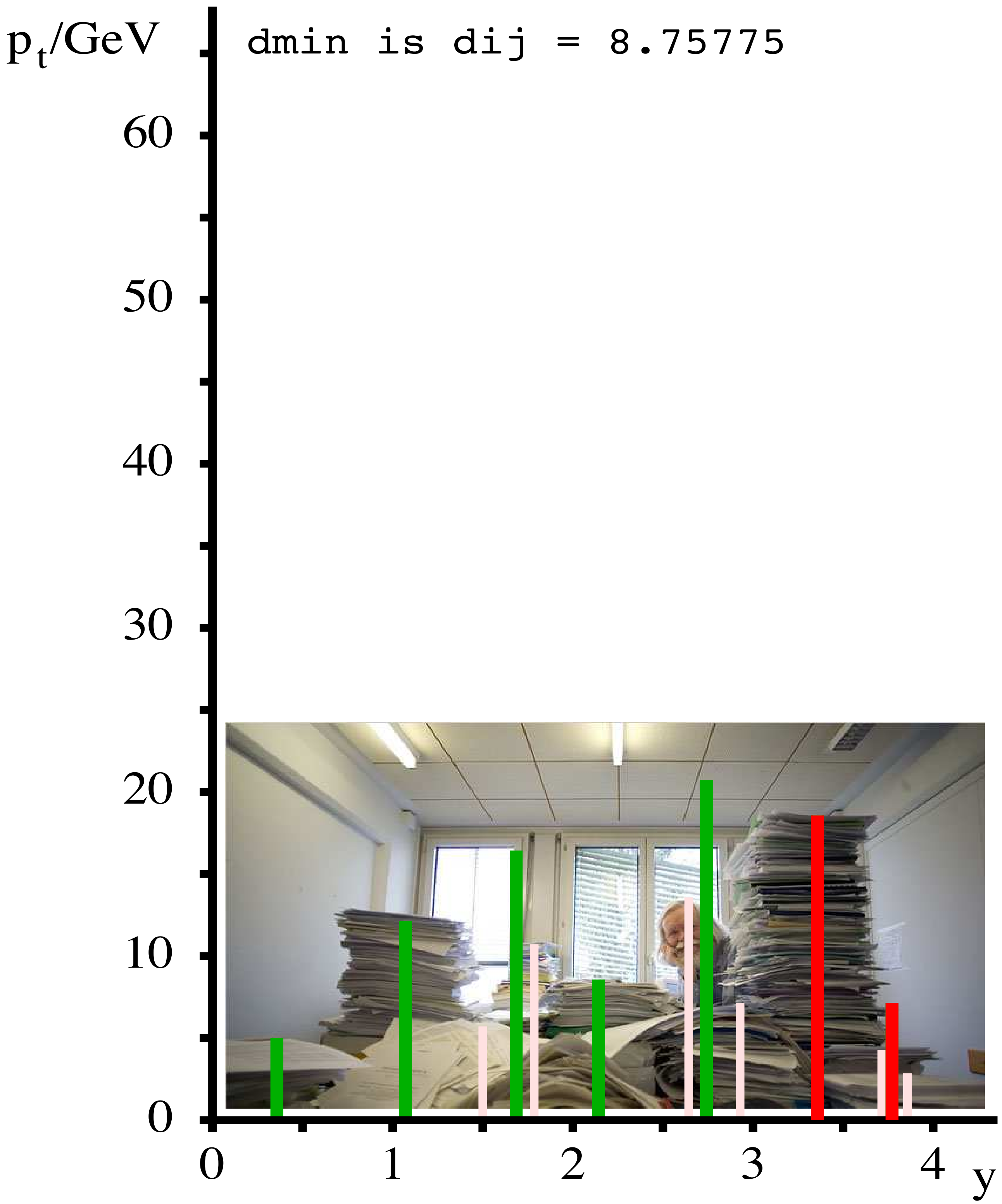

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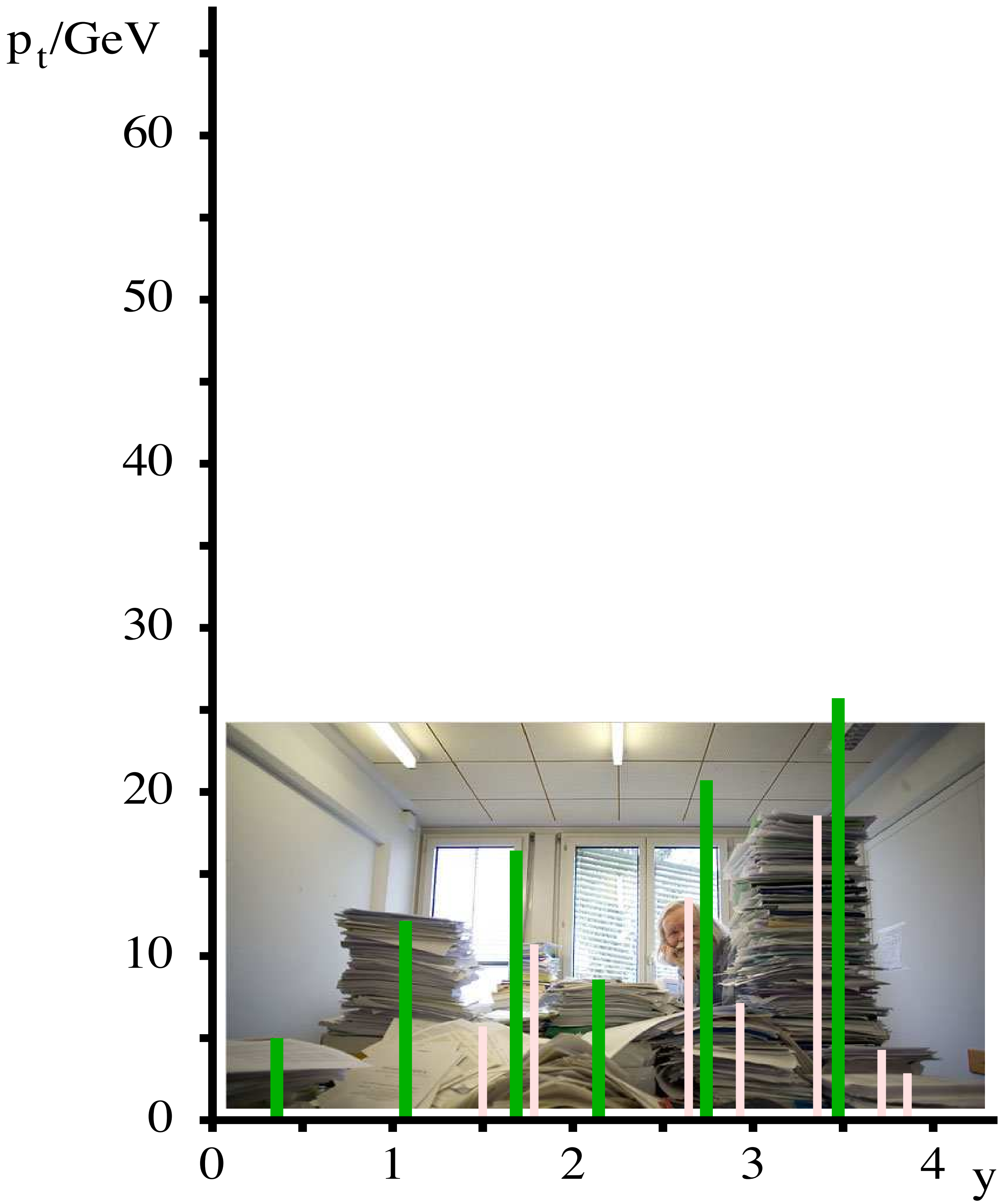

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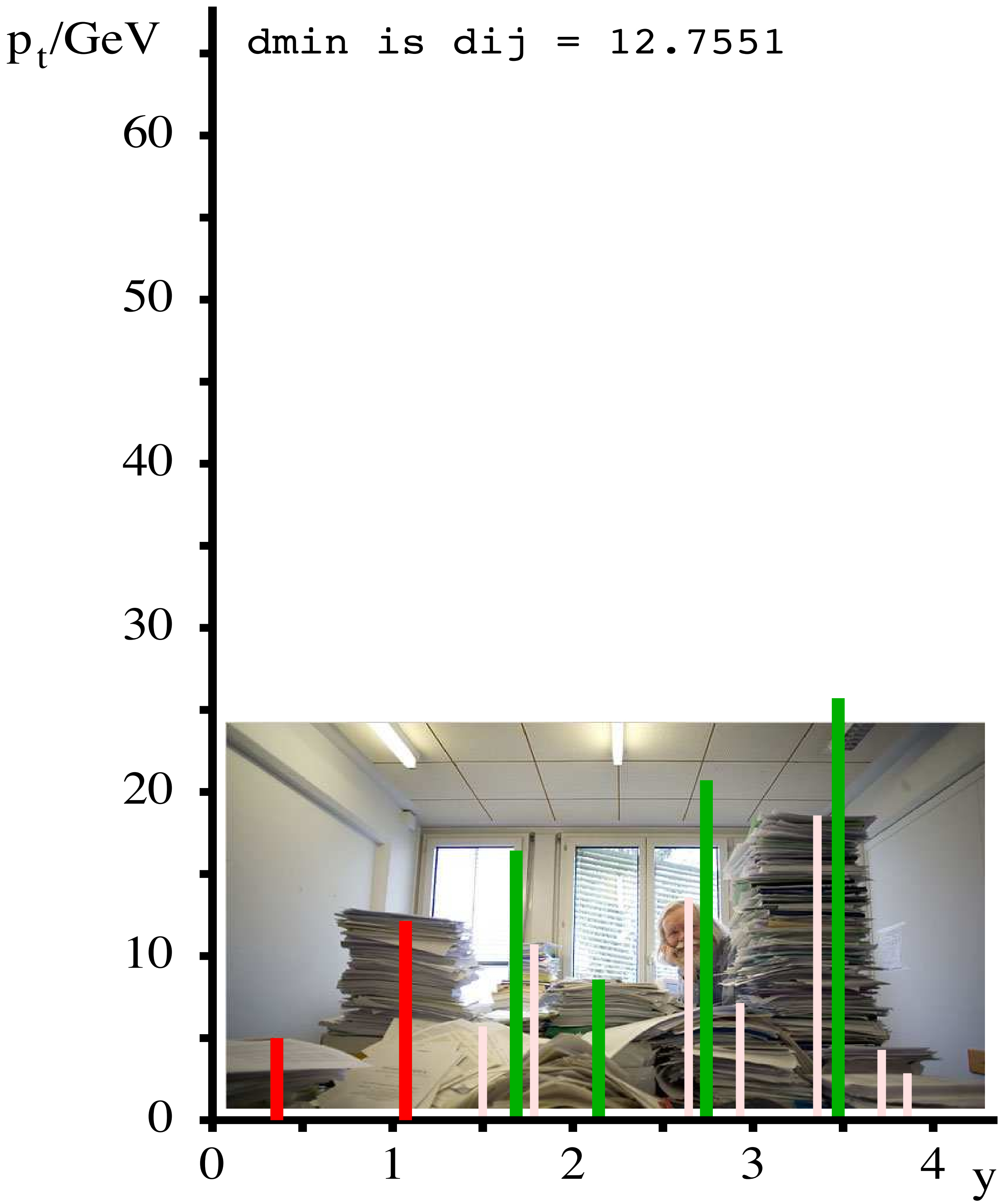

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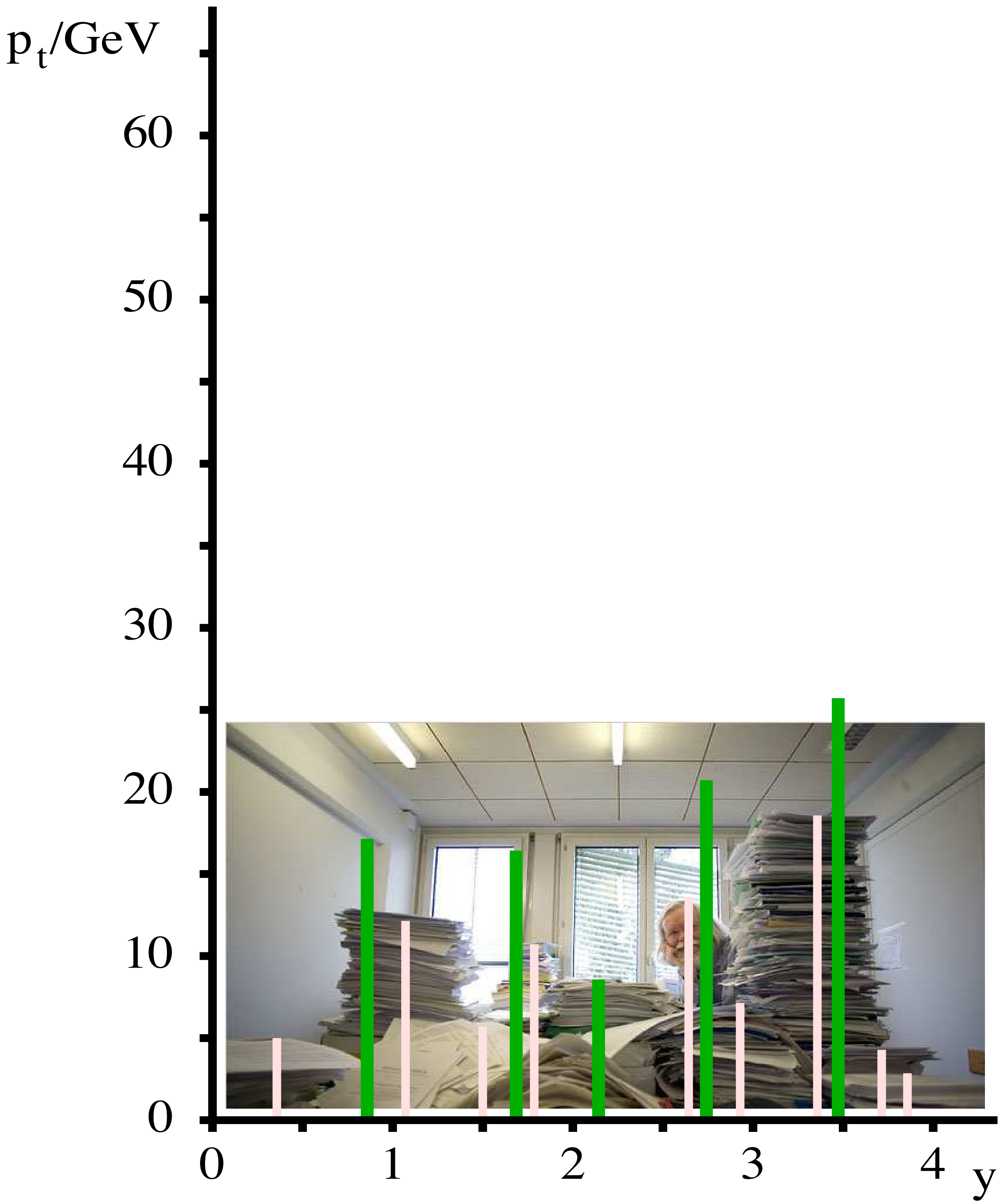

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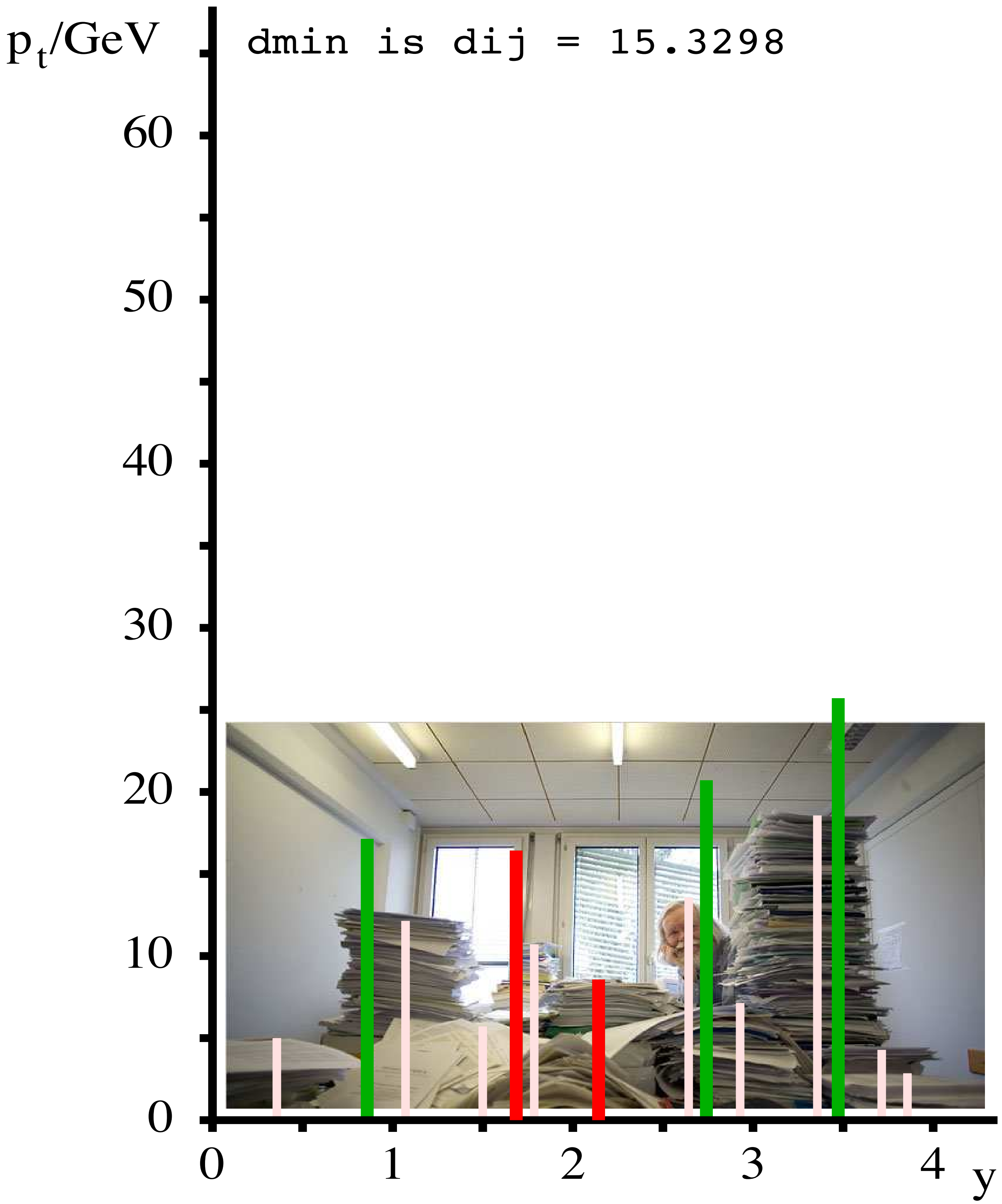

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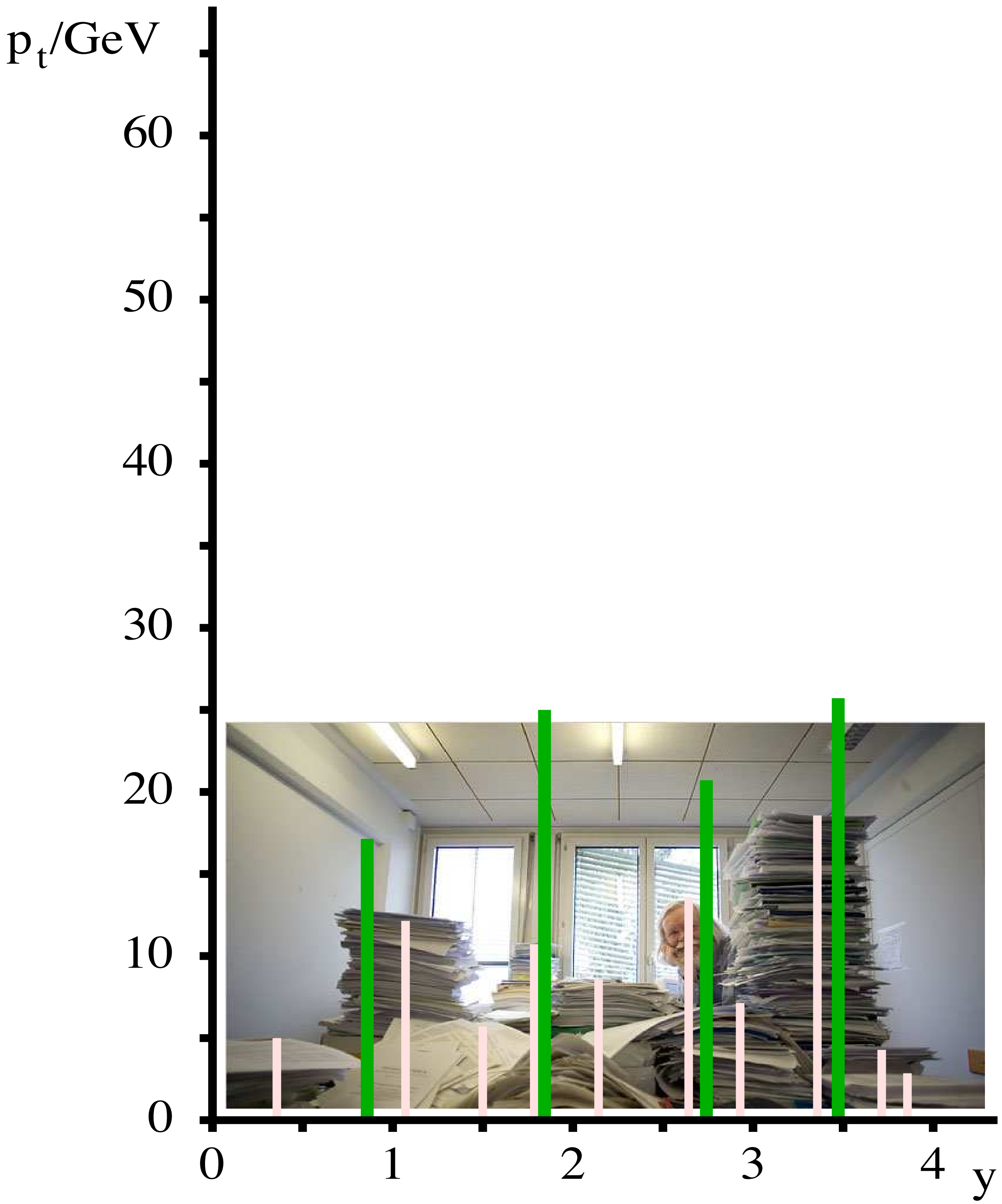

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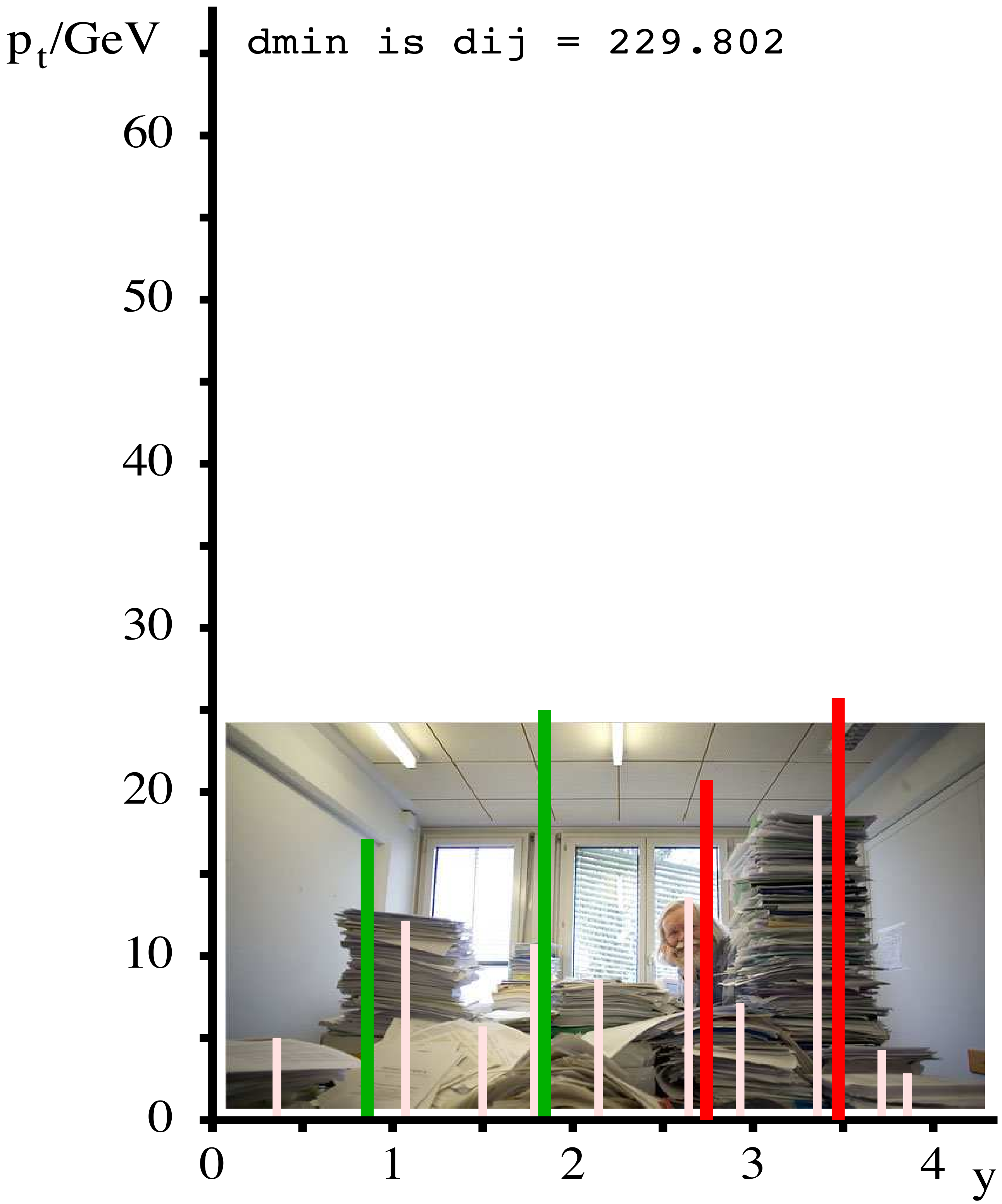

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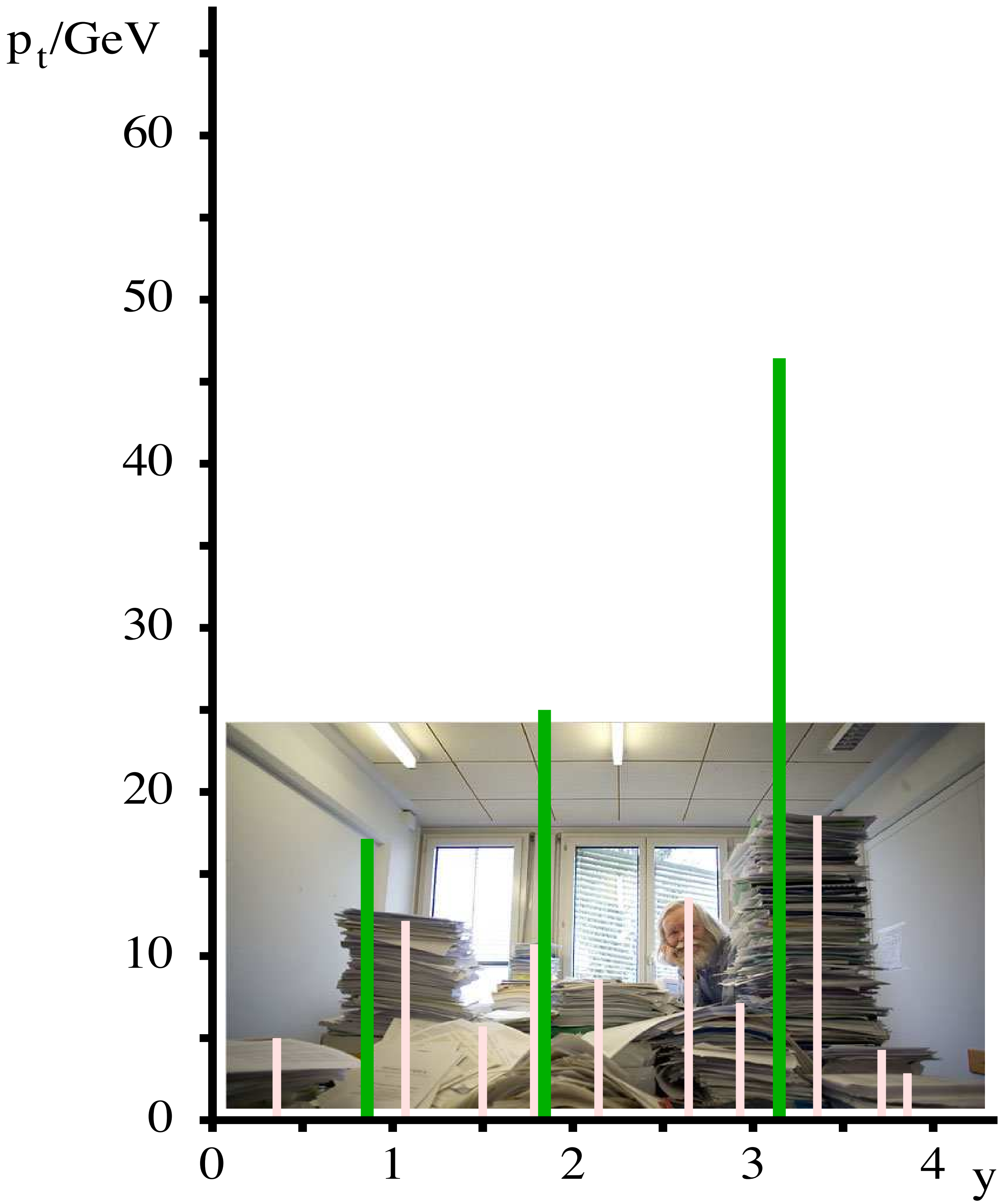

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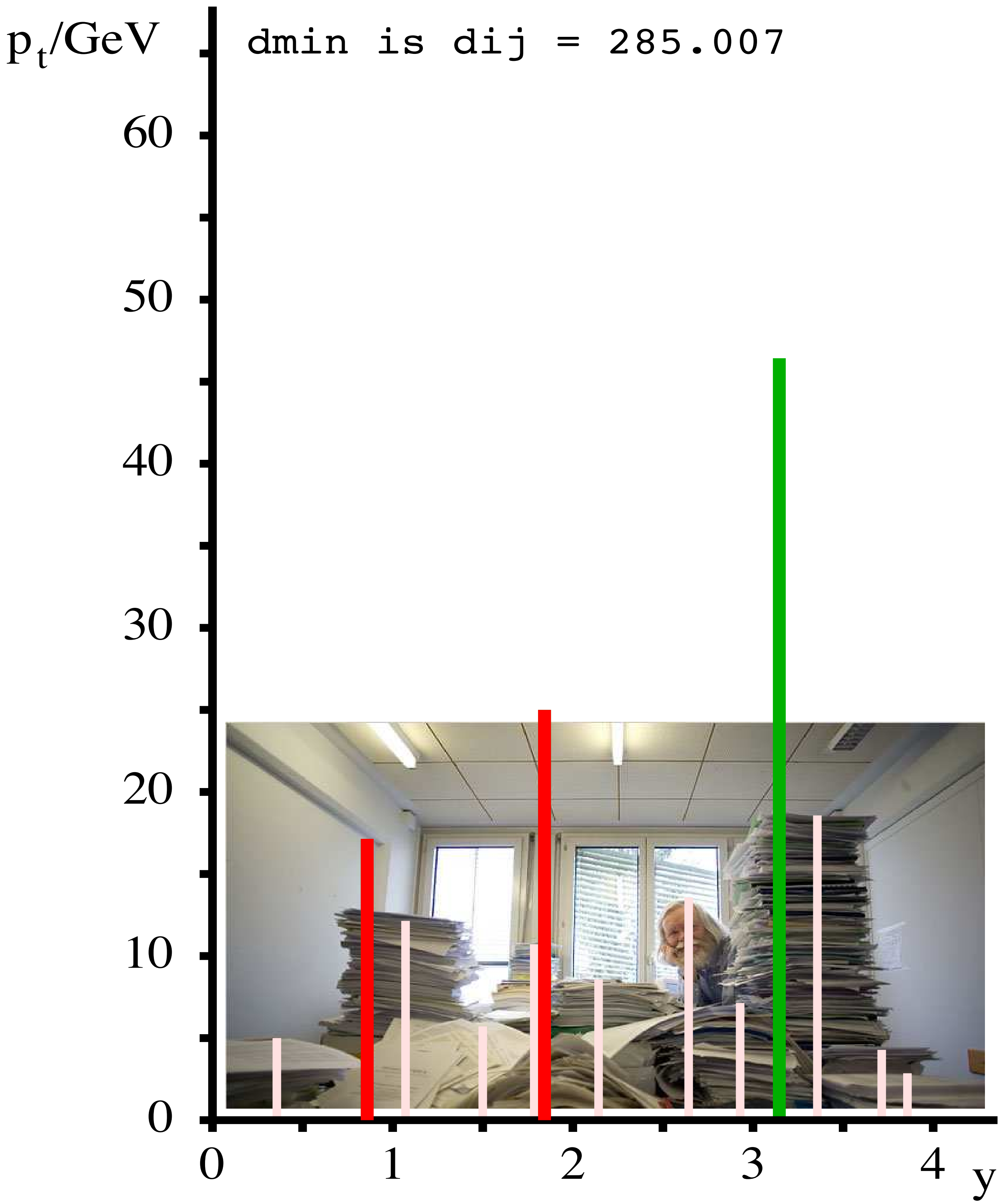

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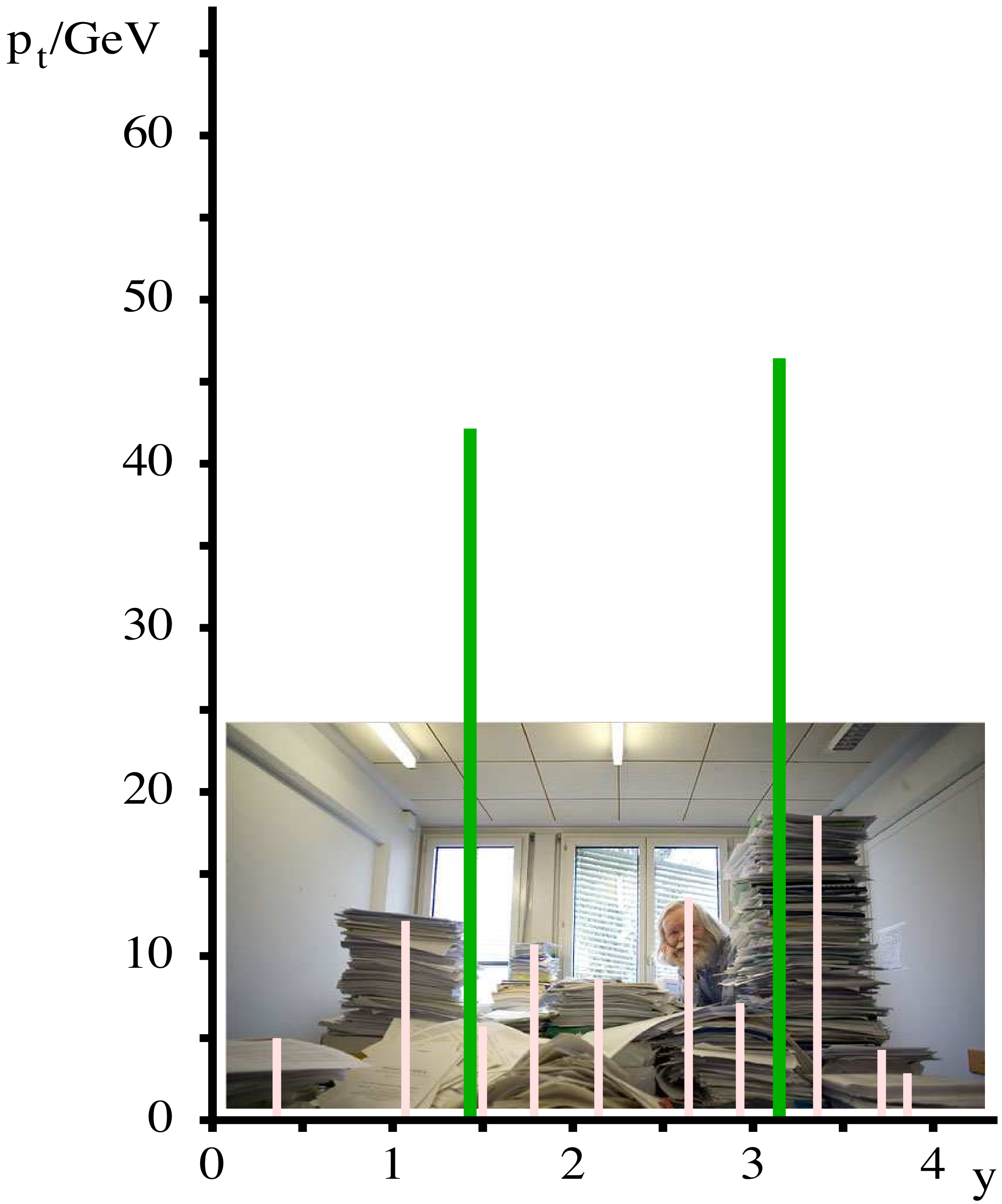

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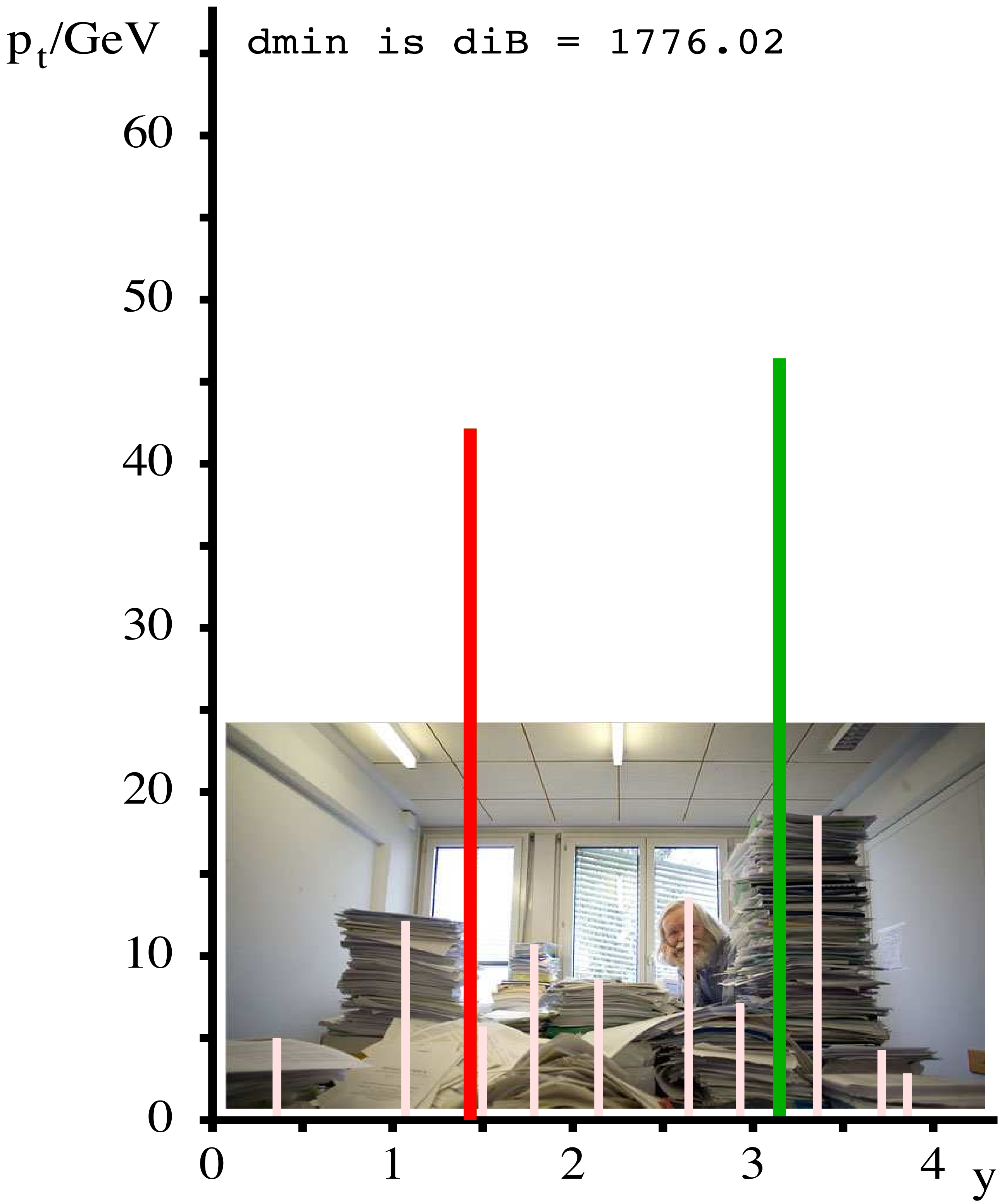

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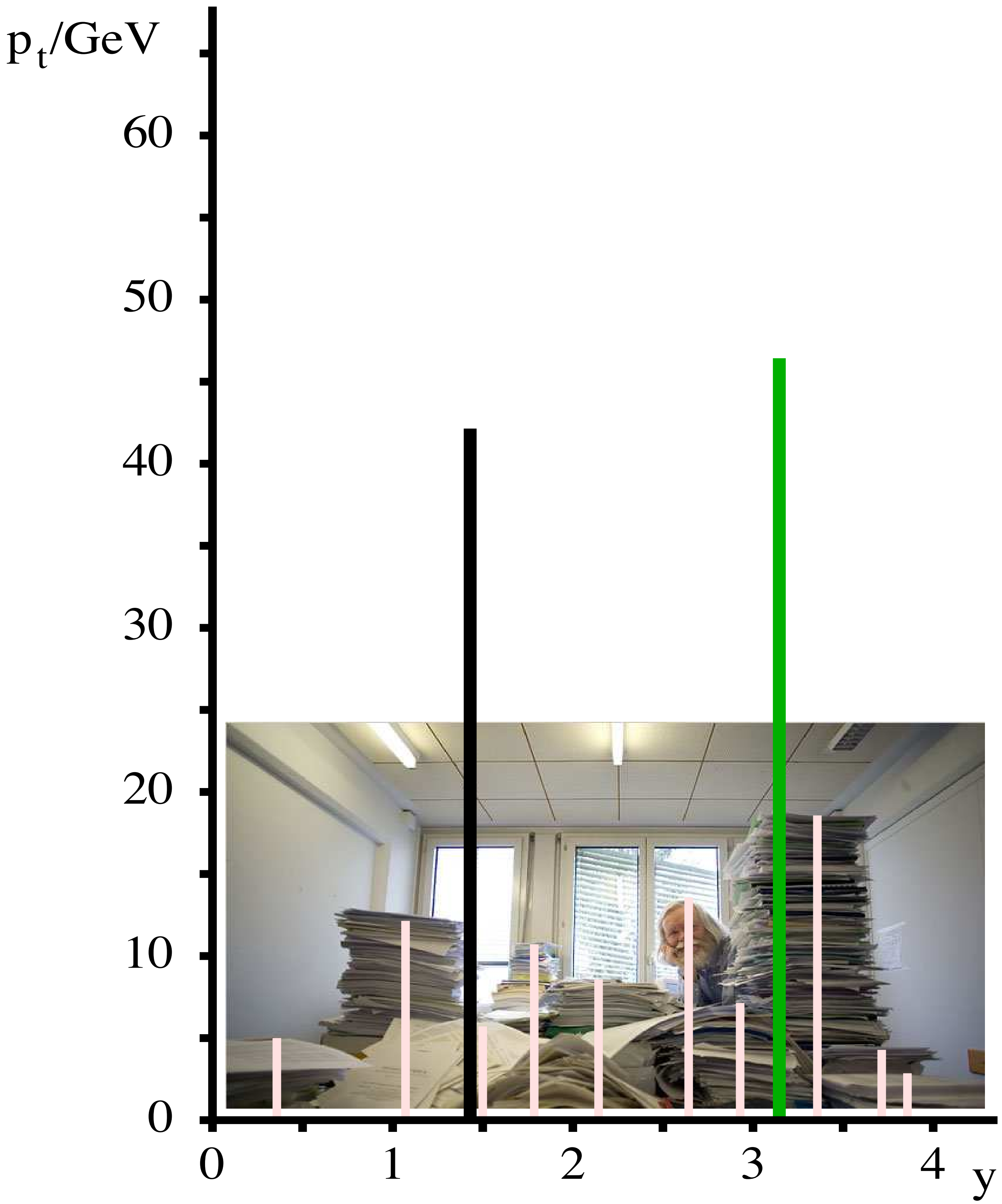

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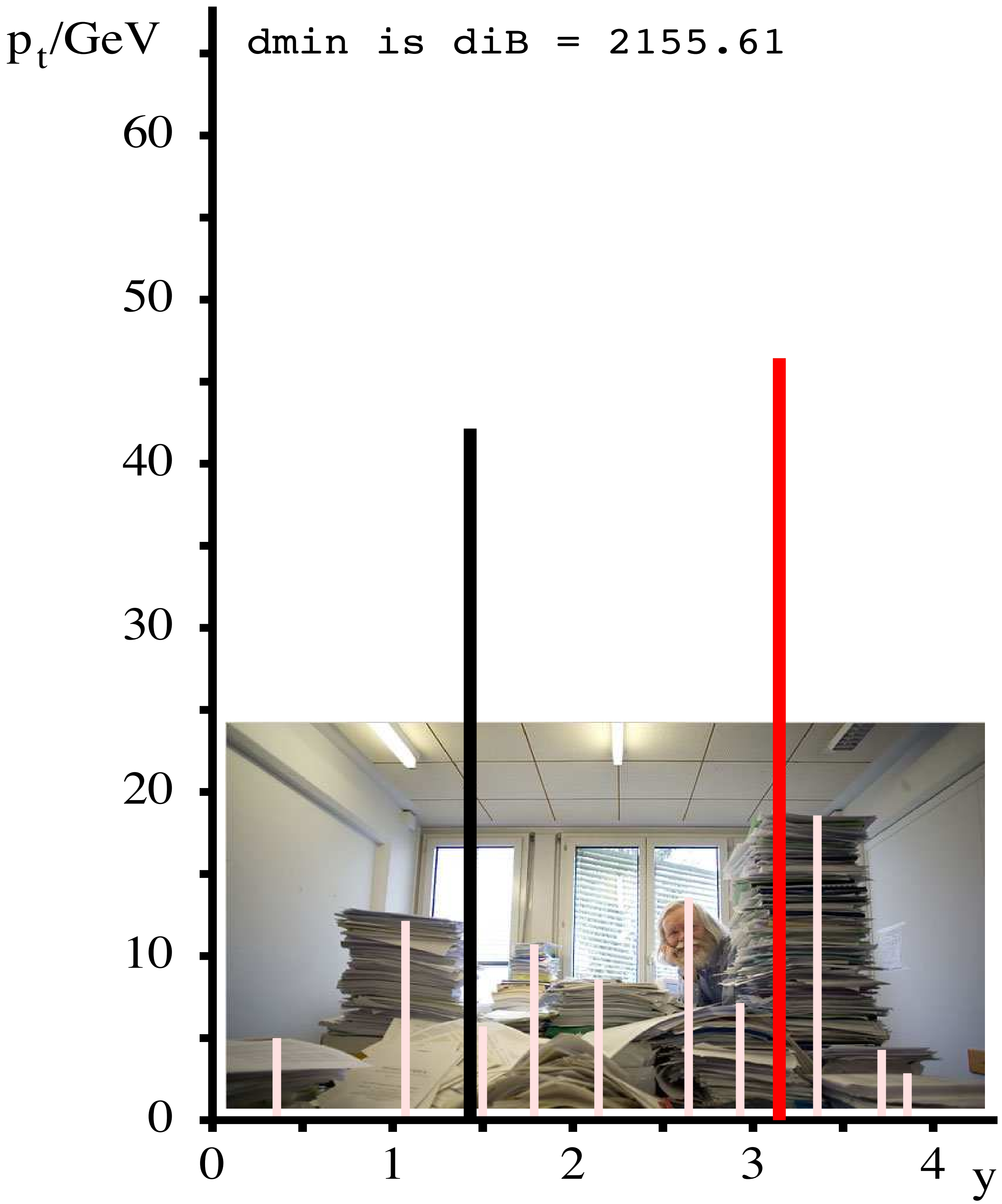

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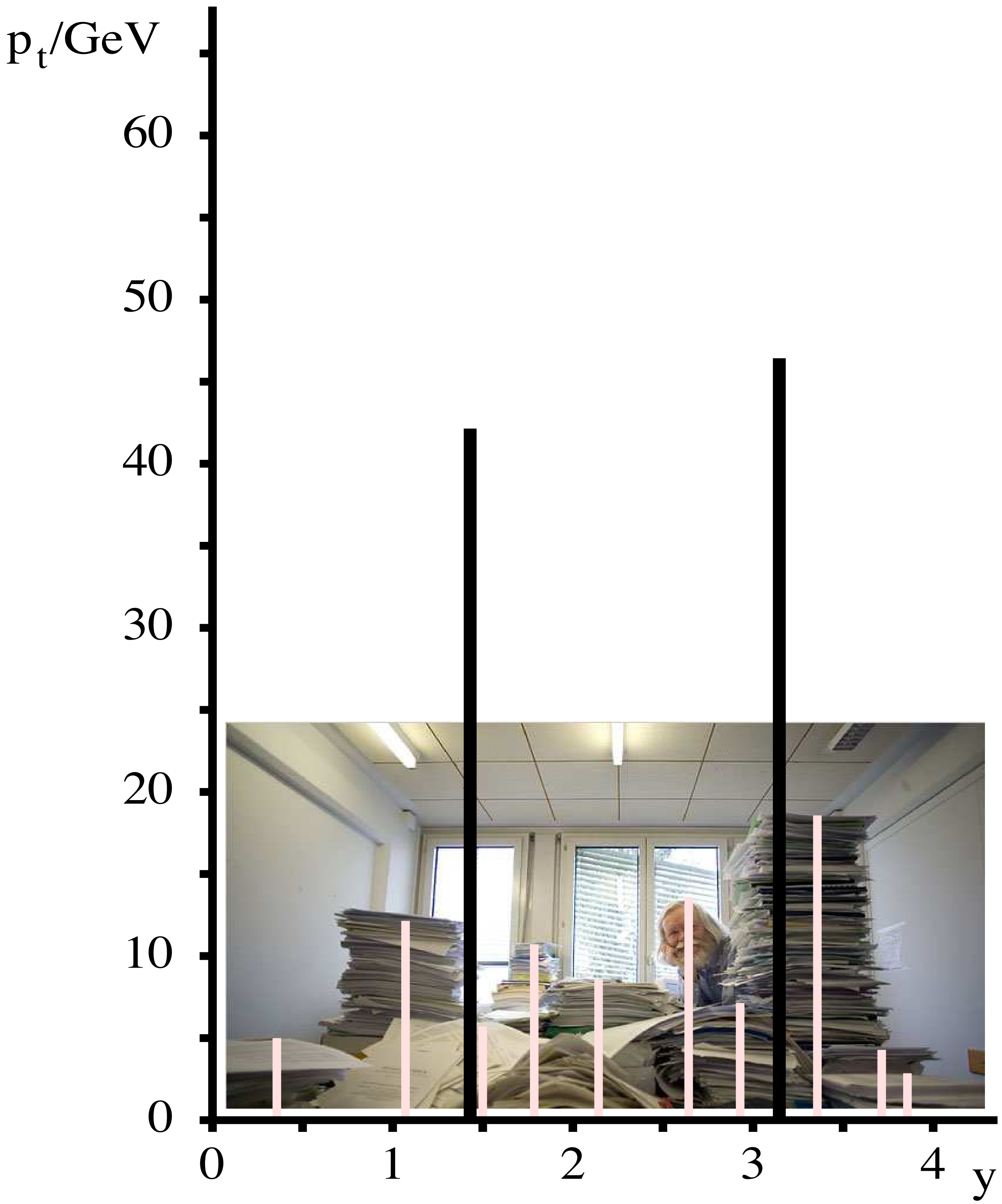

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Cambridge/Aachen: the simplest of hadron-collider algorithms

- Recombine pair of objects closest in ΔR_{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

$$d_{ij} = \frac{1}{\max(p_{ti}^2, p_{tj}^2)} \frac{\Delta R_{ij}^2}{R^2}, \qquad d_{iB} = \frac{1}{p_{ti}^2}$$

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

Anti-k_t privileges the collinear divergence of QCD and disfavours clustering between pairs of soft particles

Most pairwise clusterings involve at least one hard particle

Anti-k_t in action

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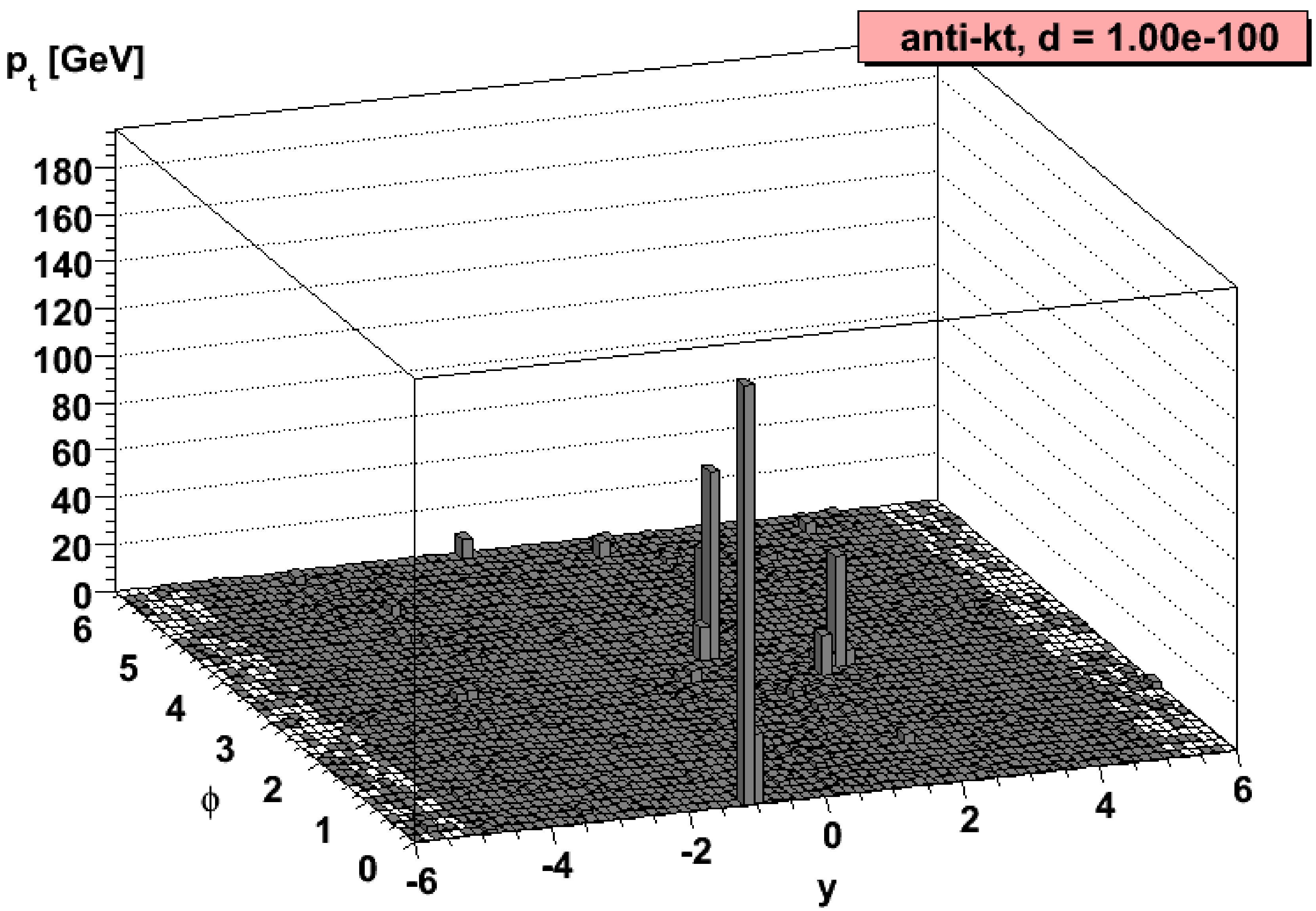

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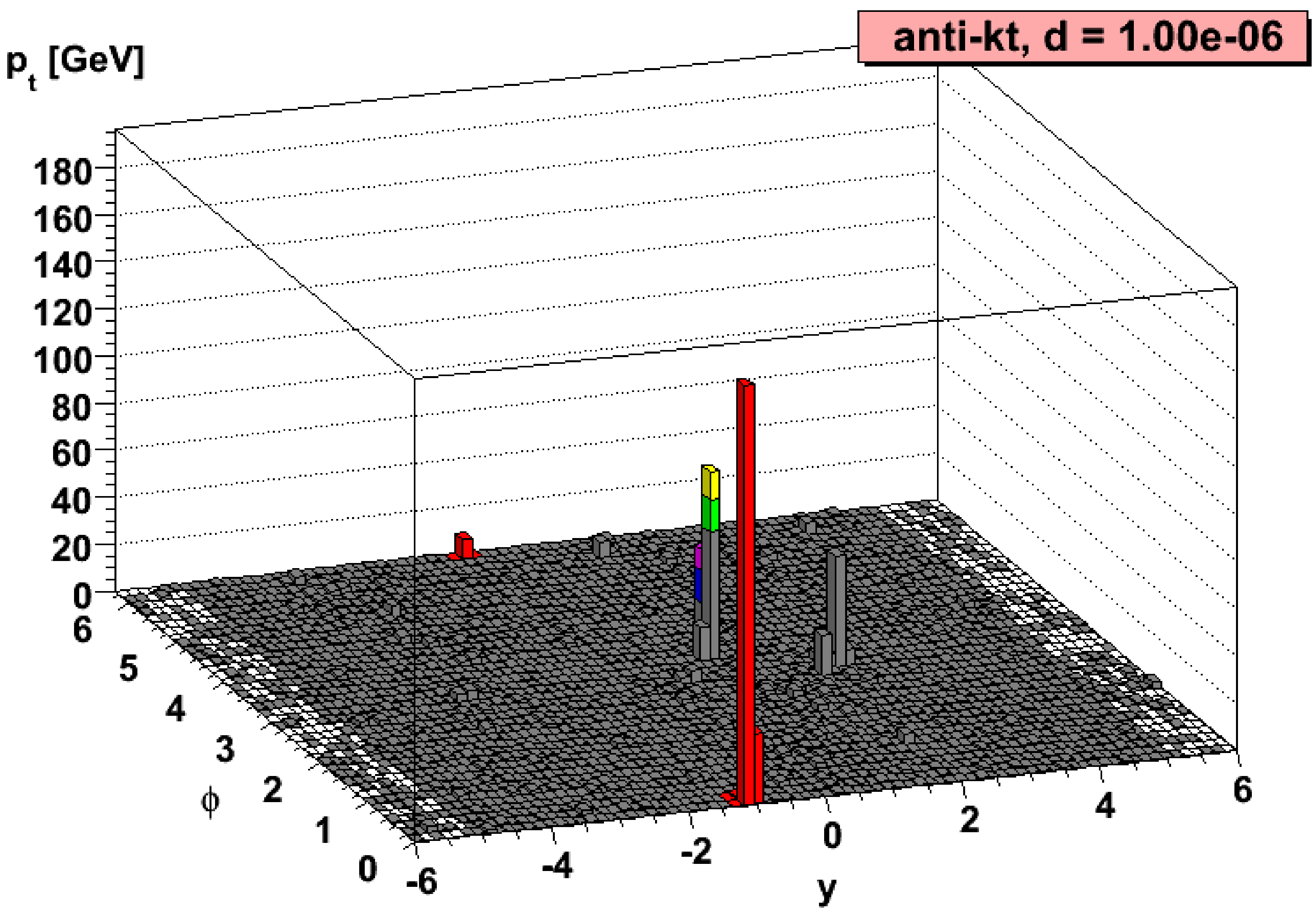

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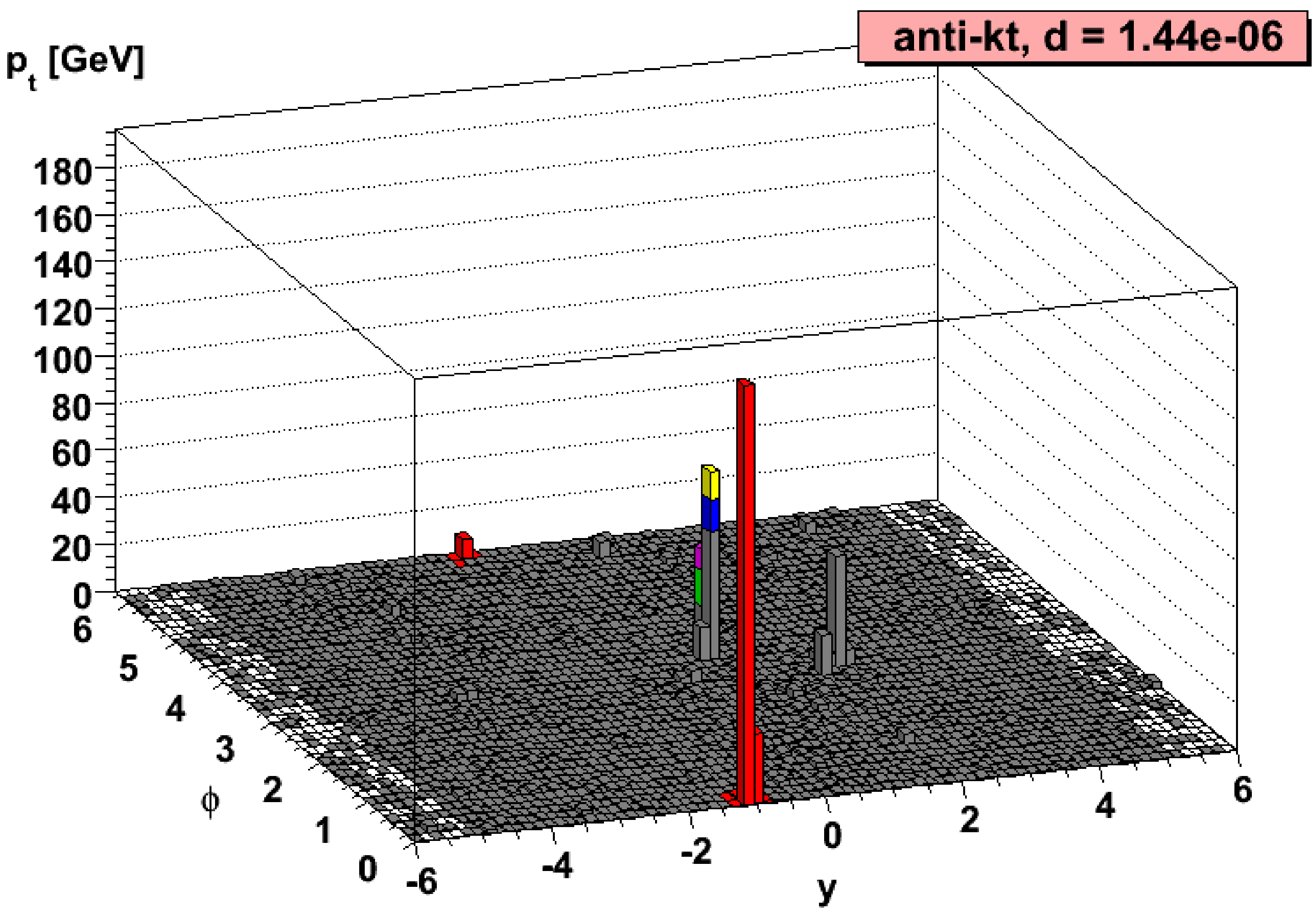

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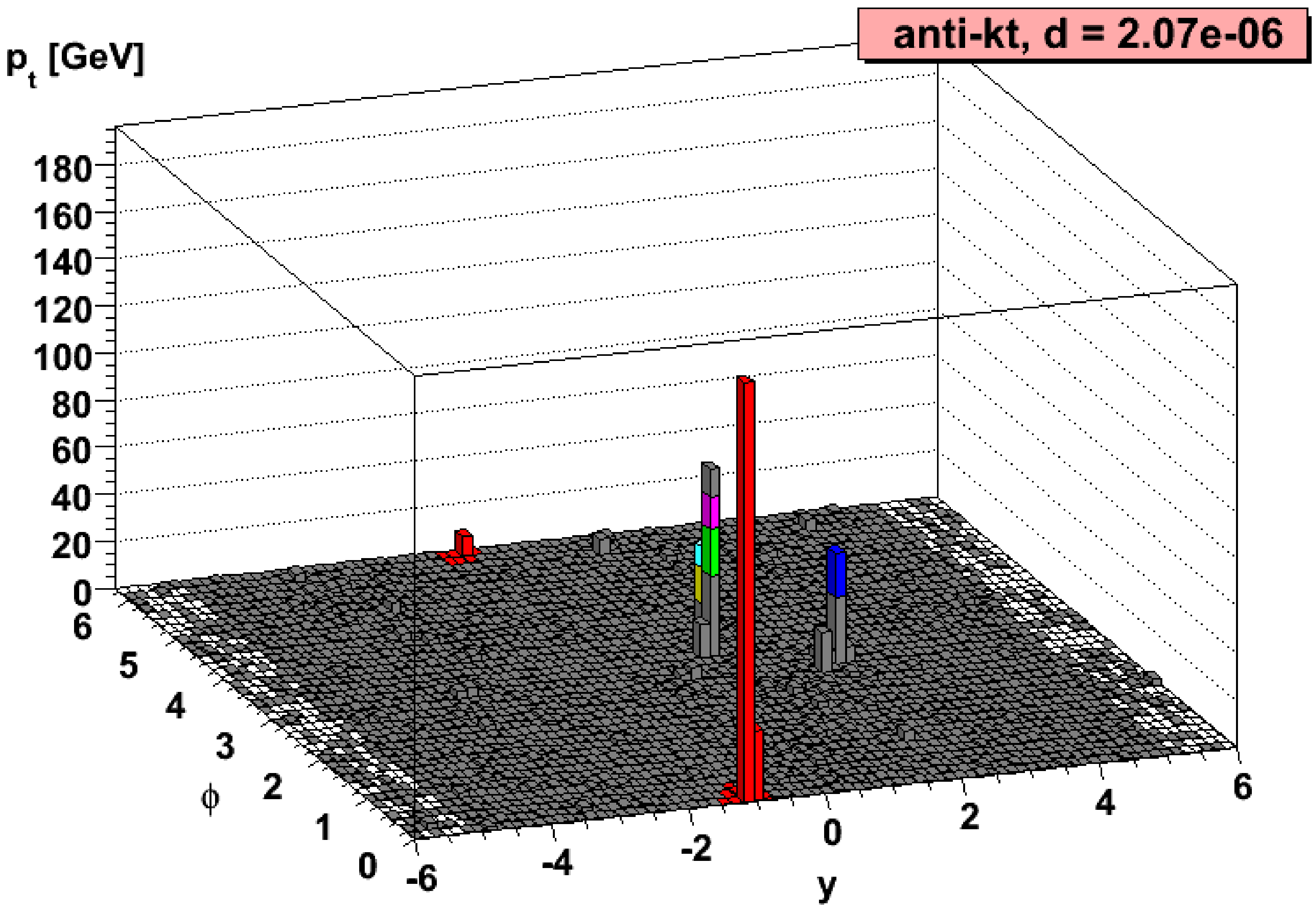

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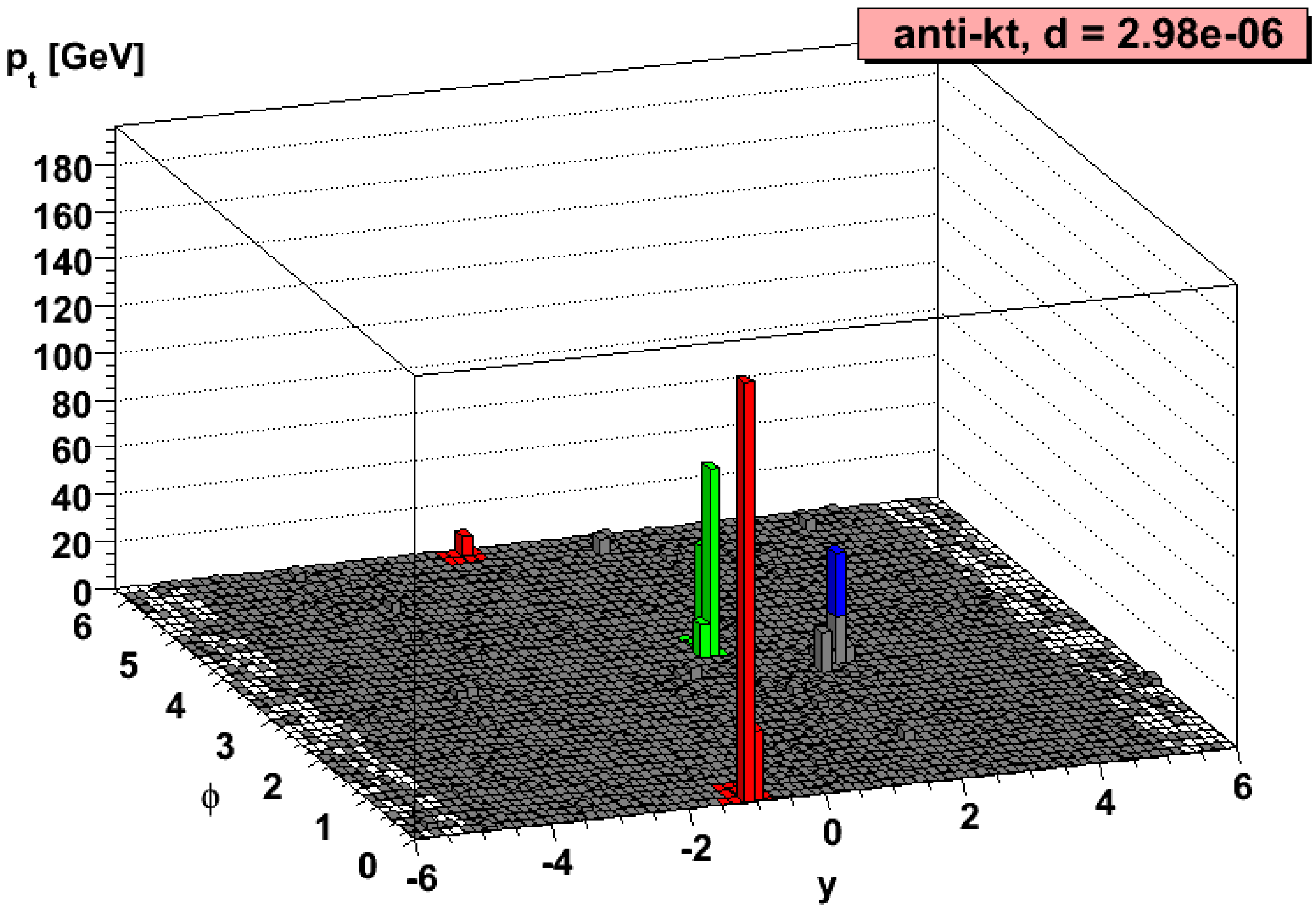

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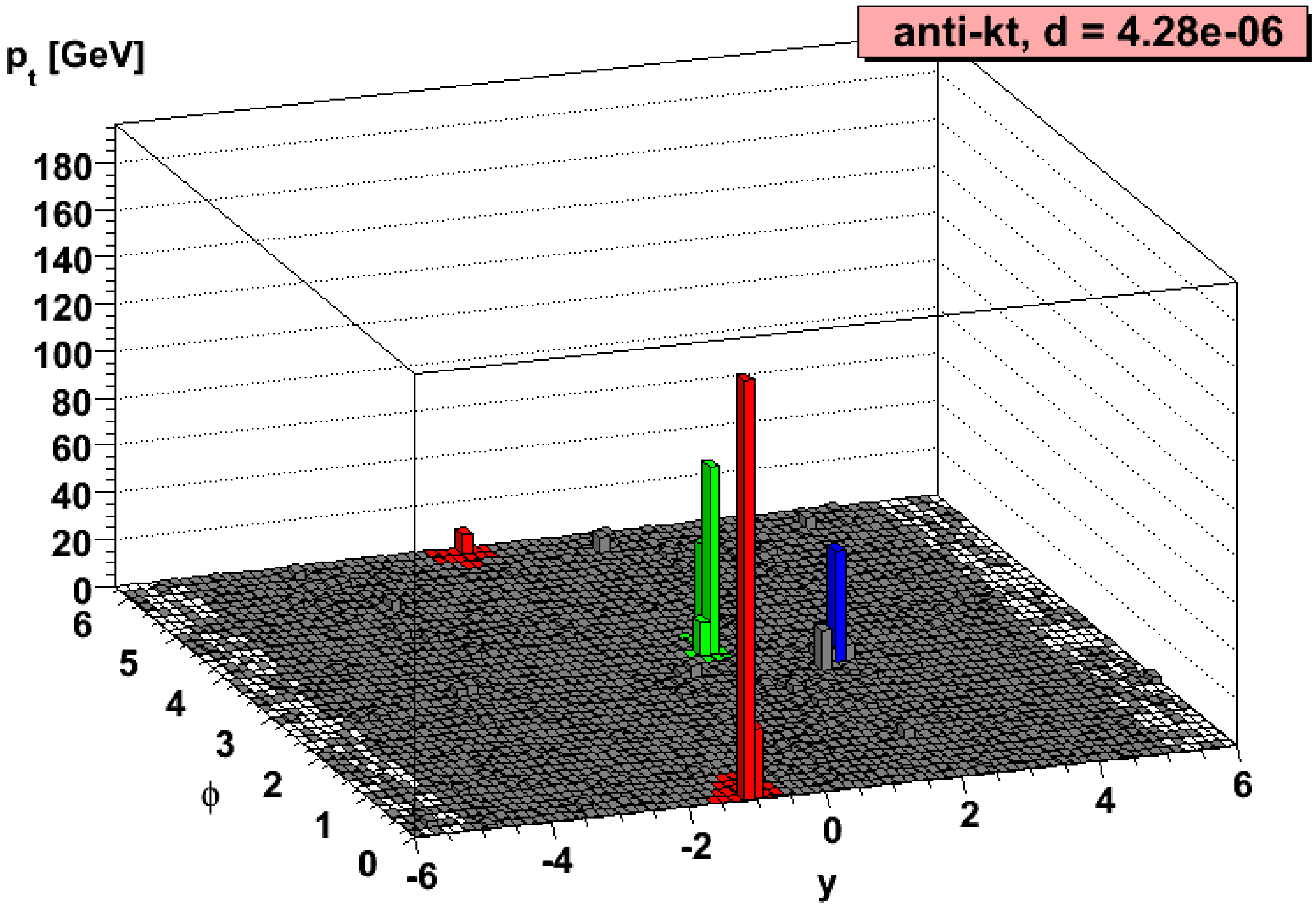

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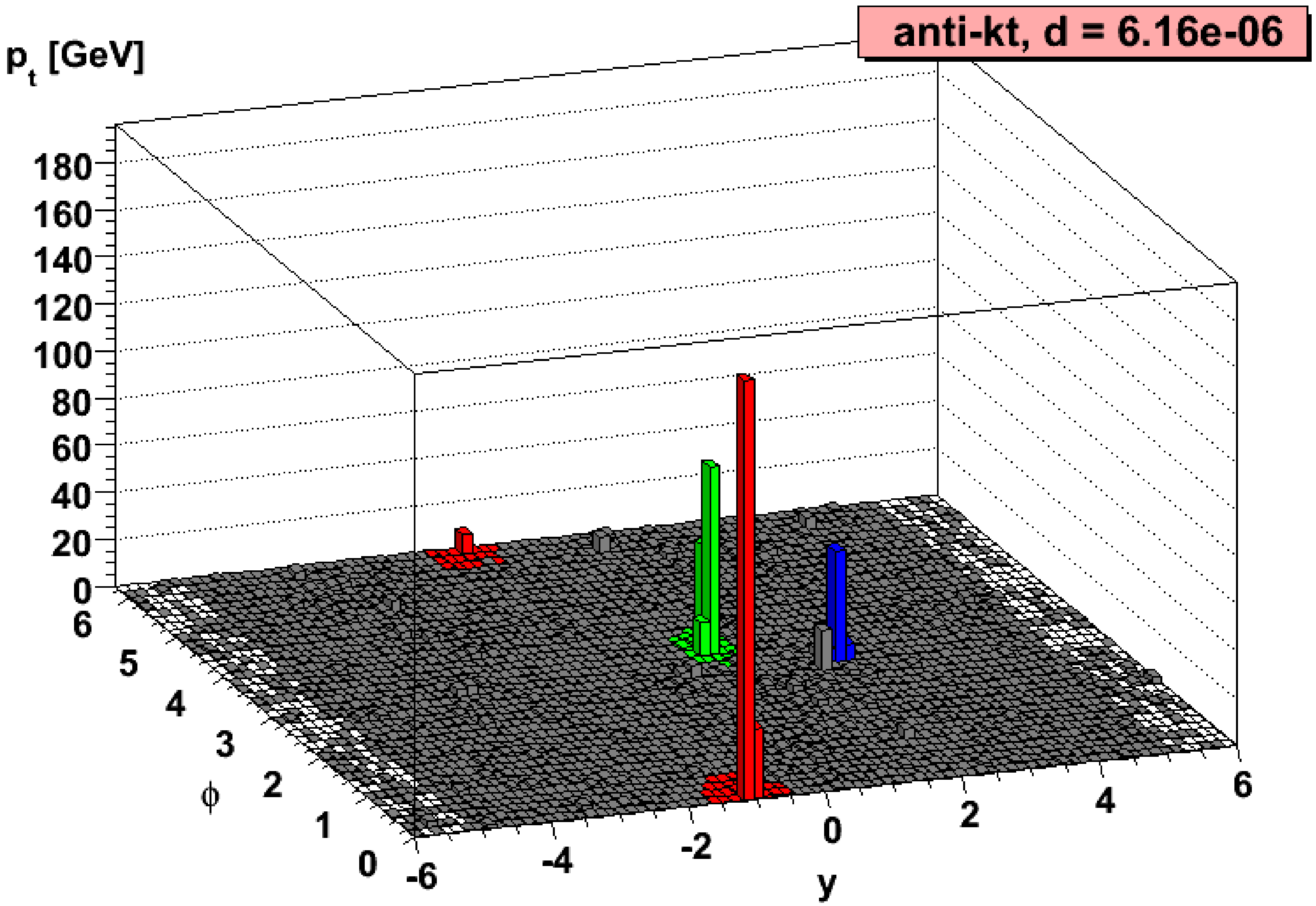

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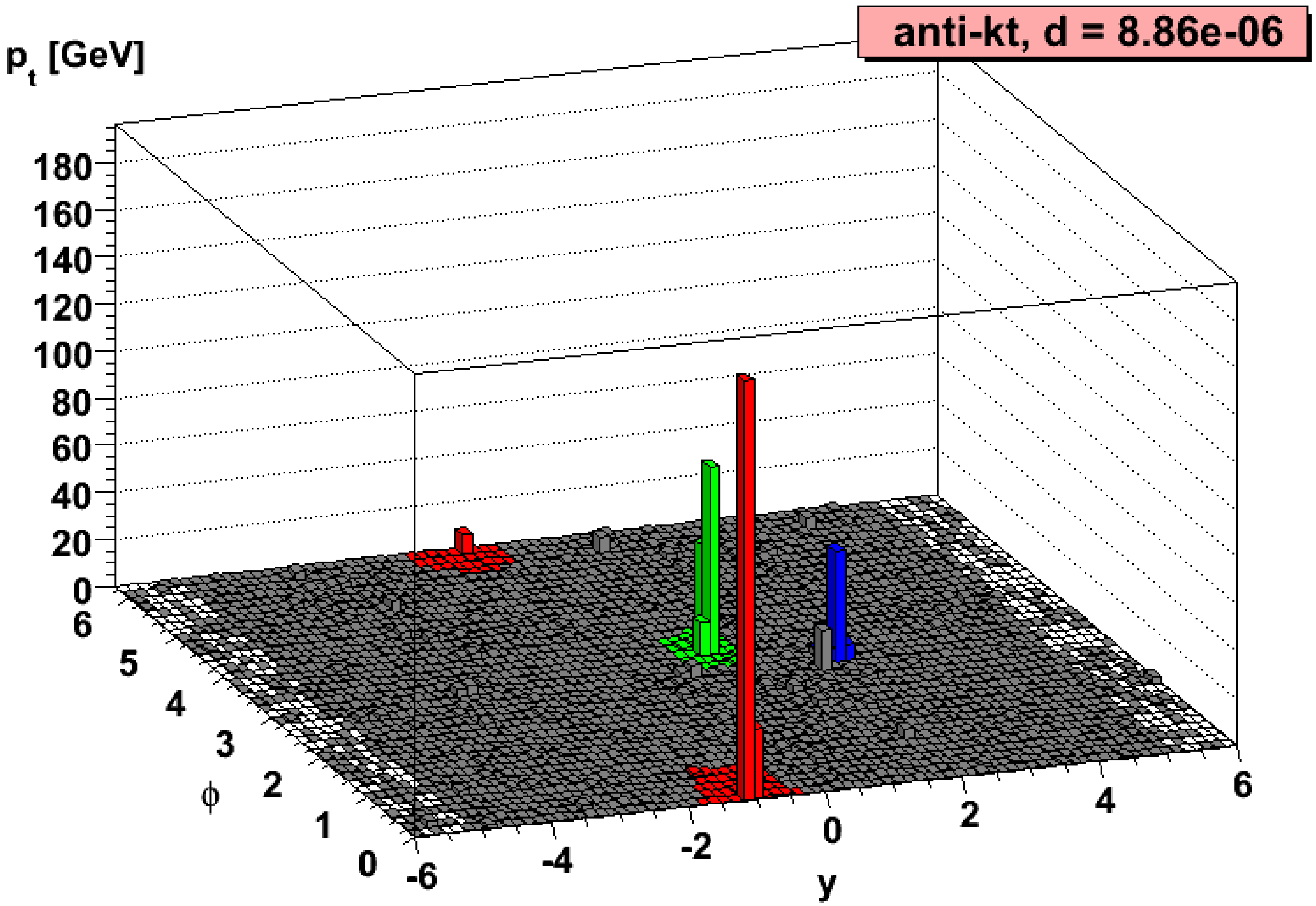

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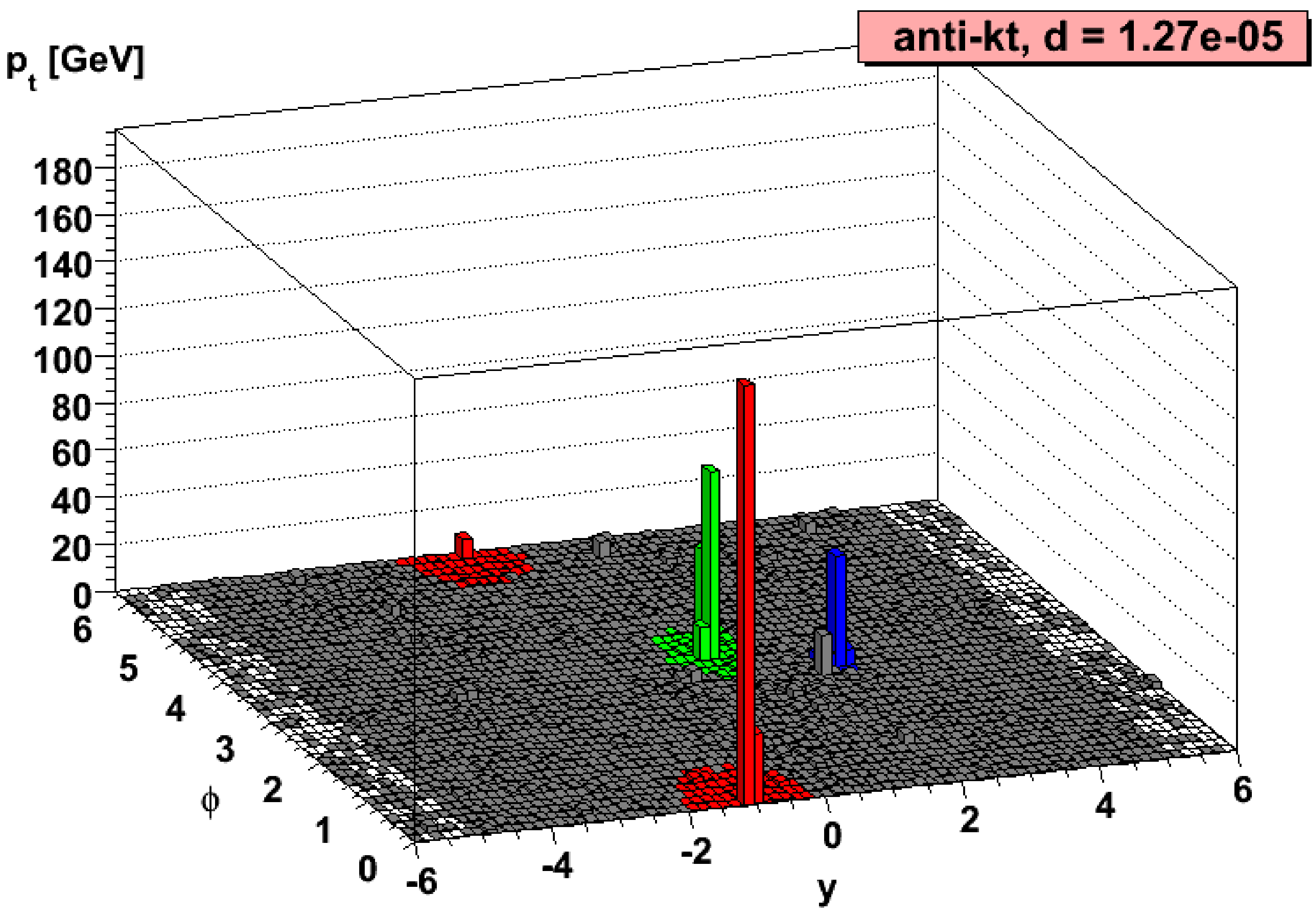

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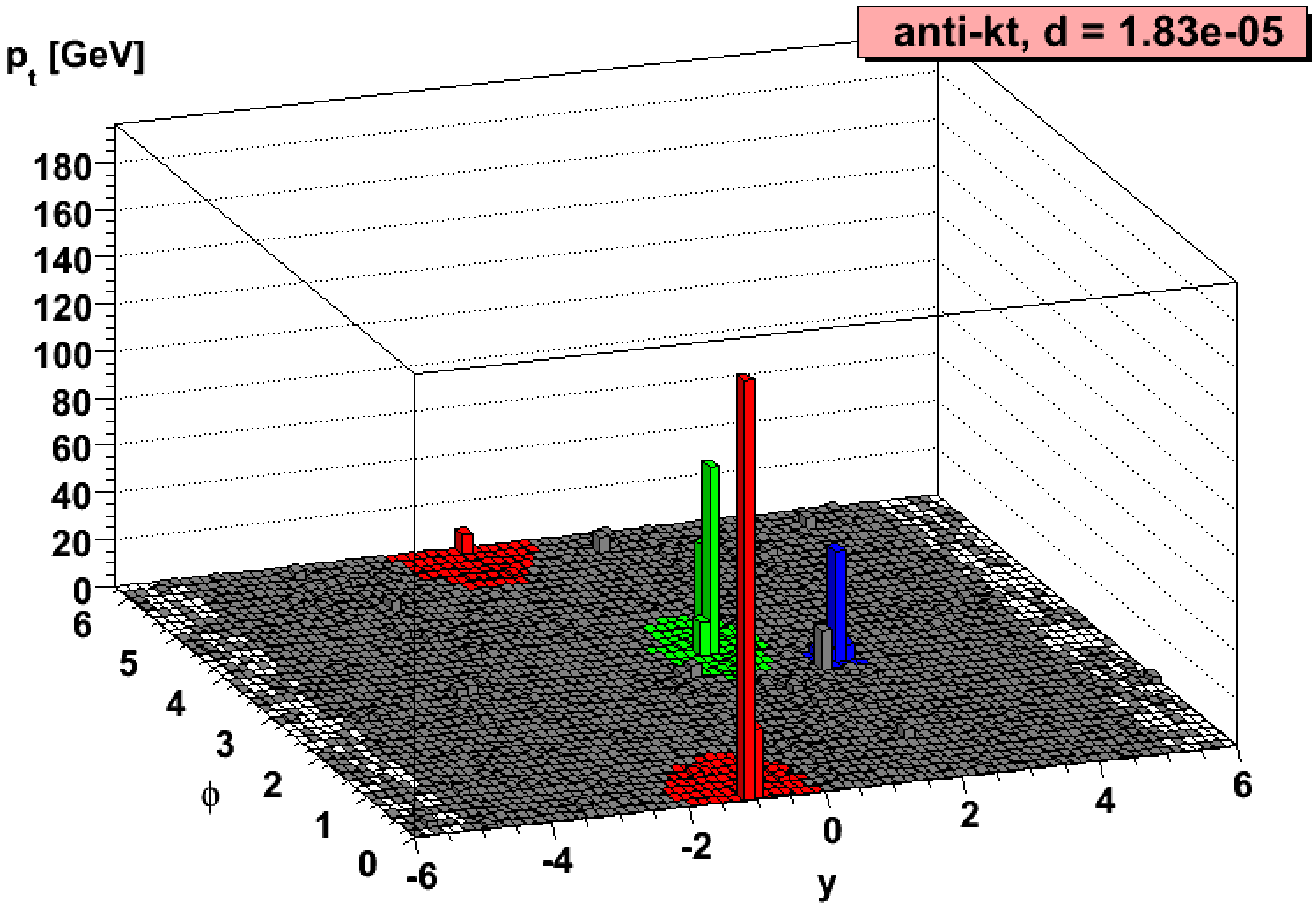

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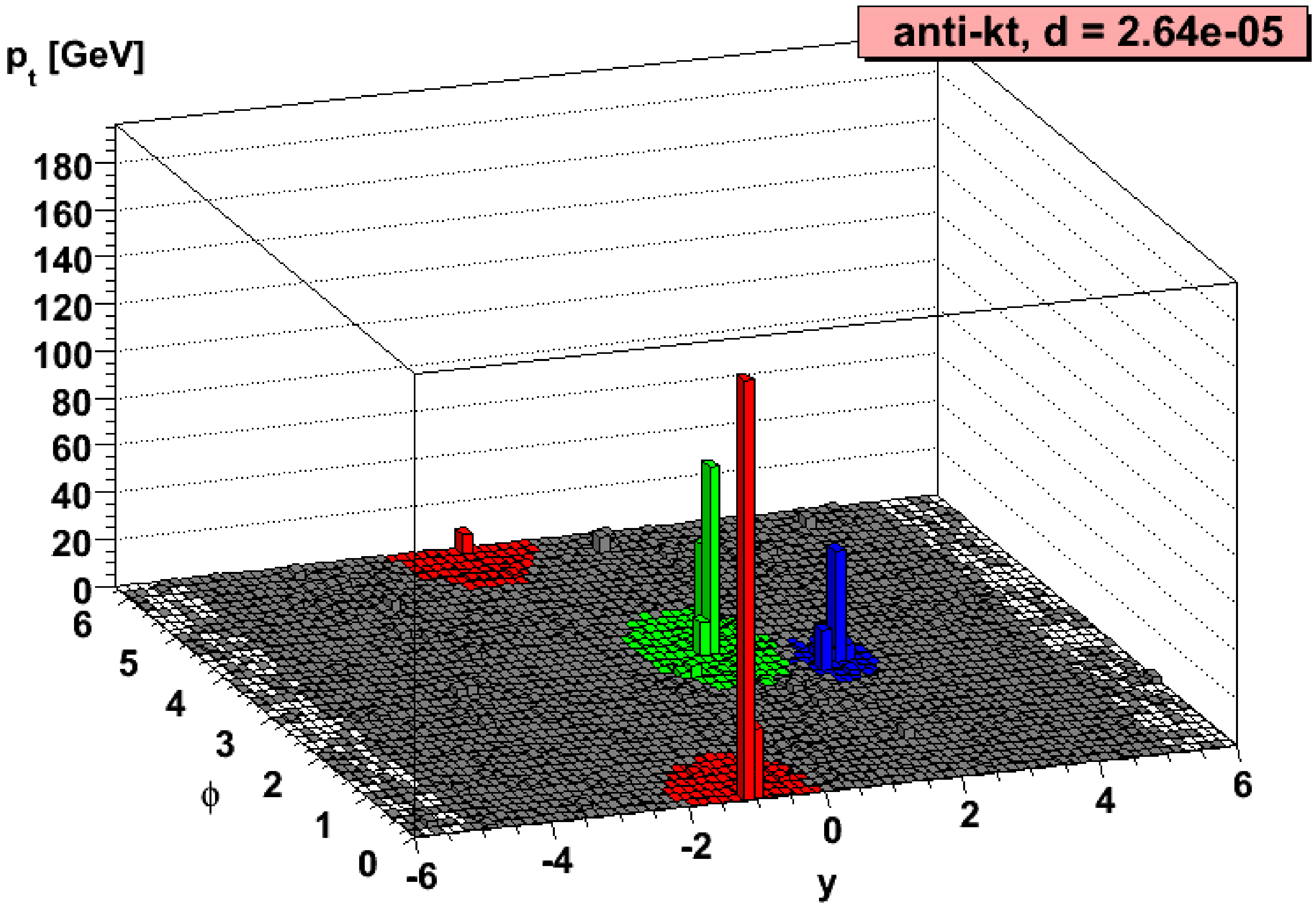

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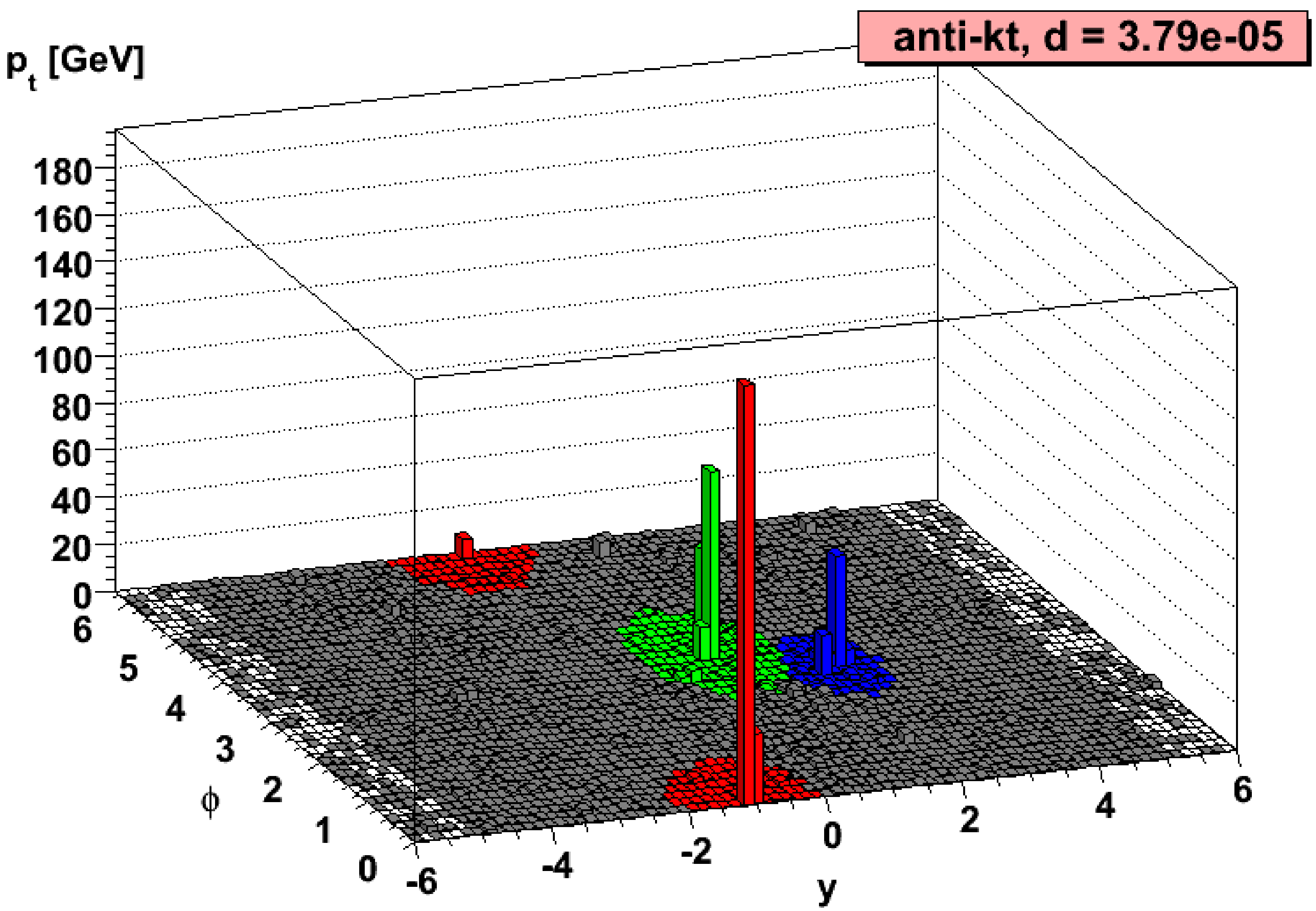

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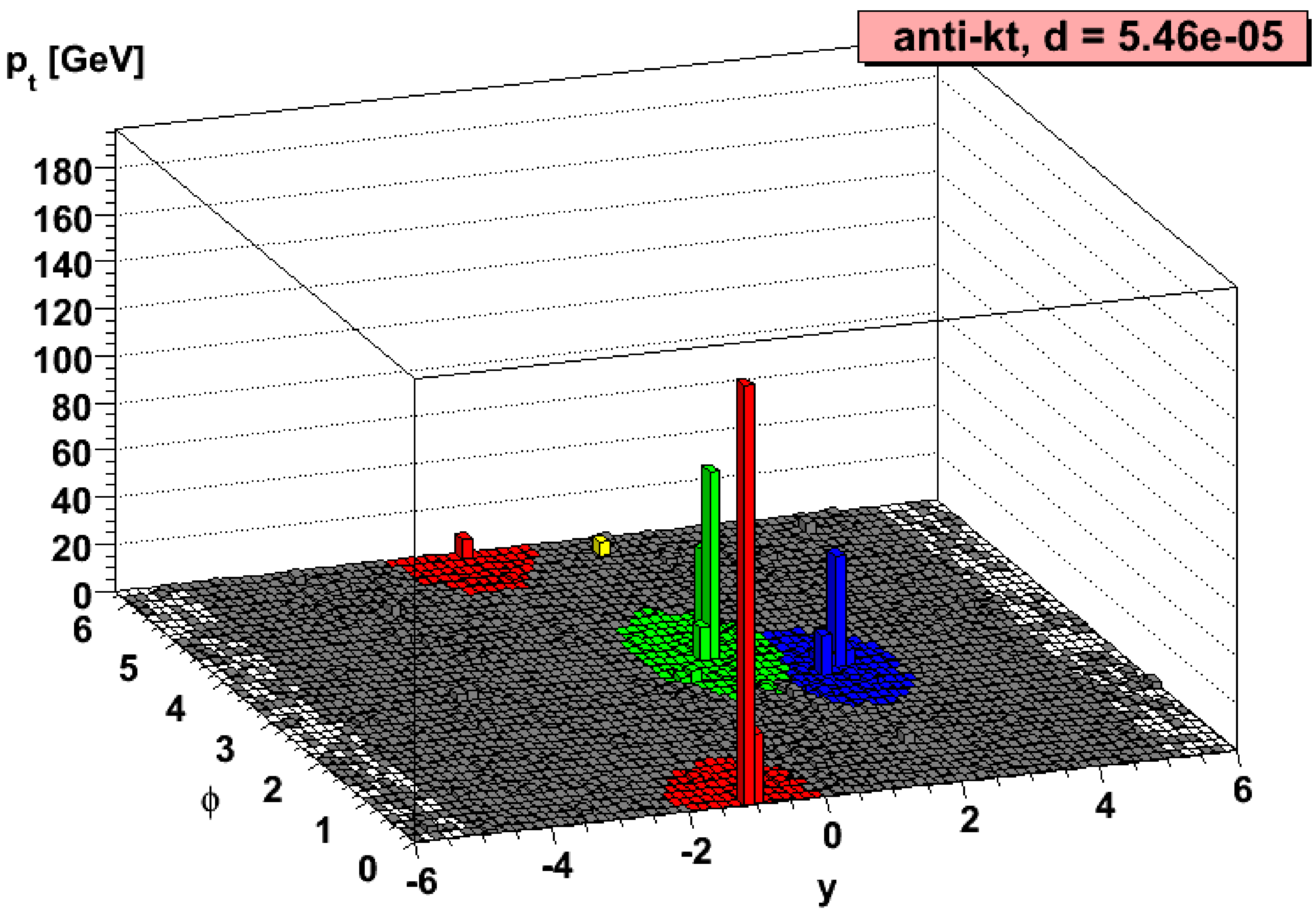

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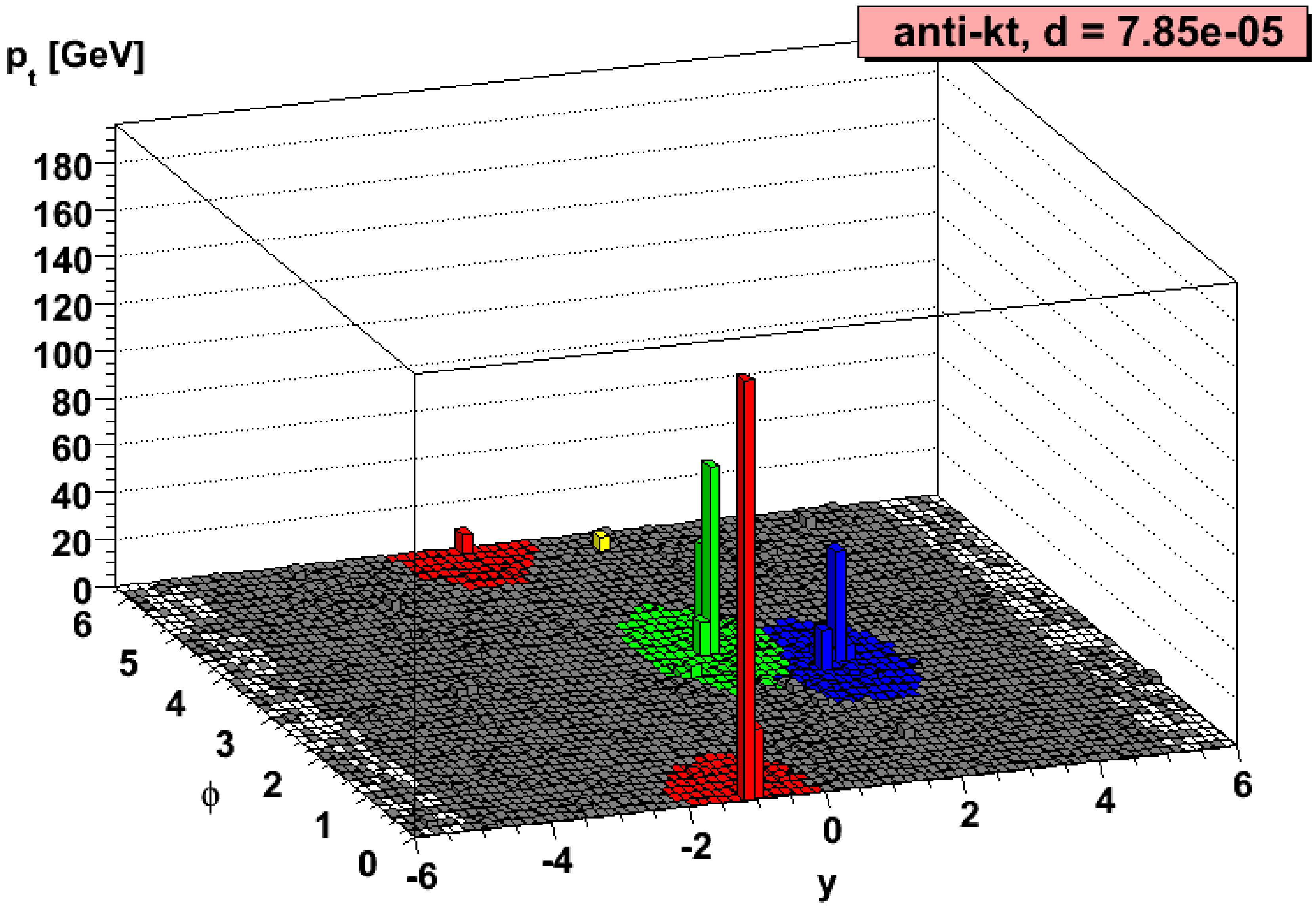

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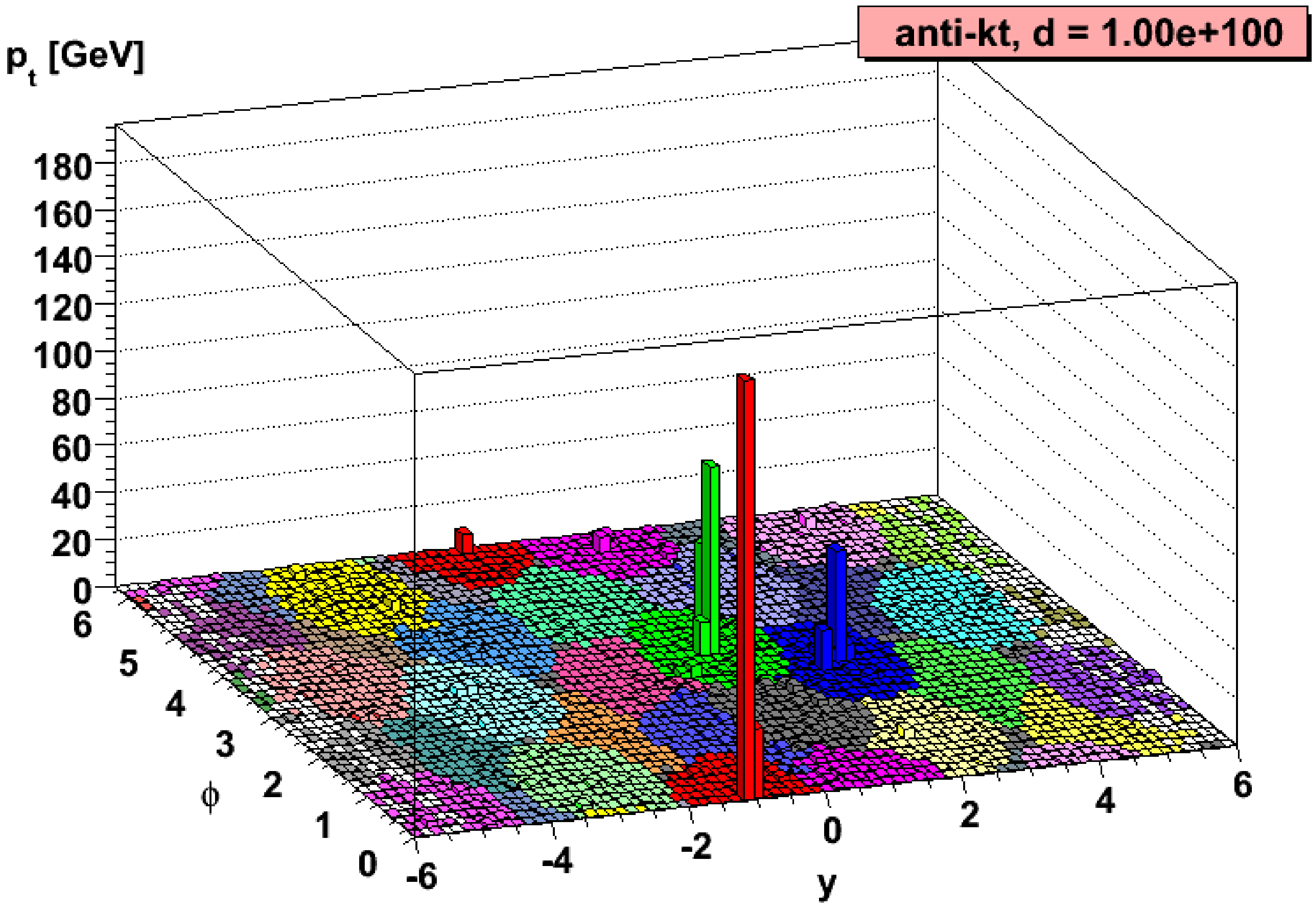

Anti-k_t gives circular jets ("cone-like") in a way that's infrared safe

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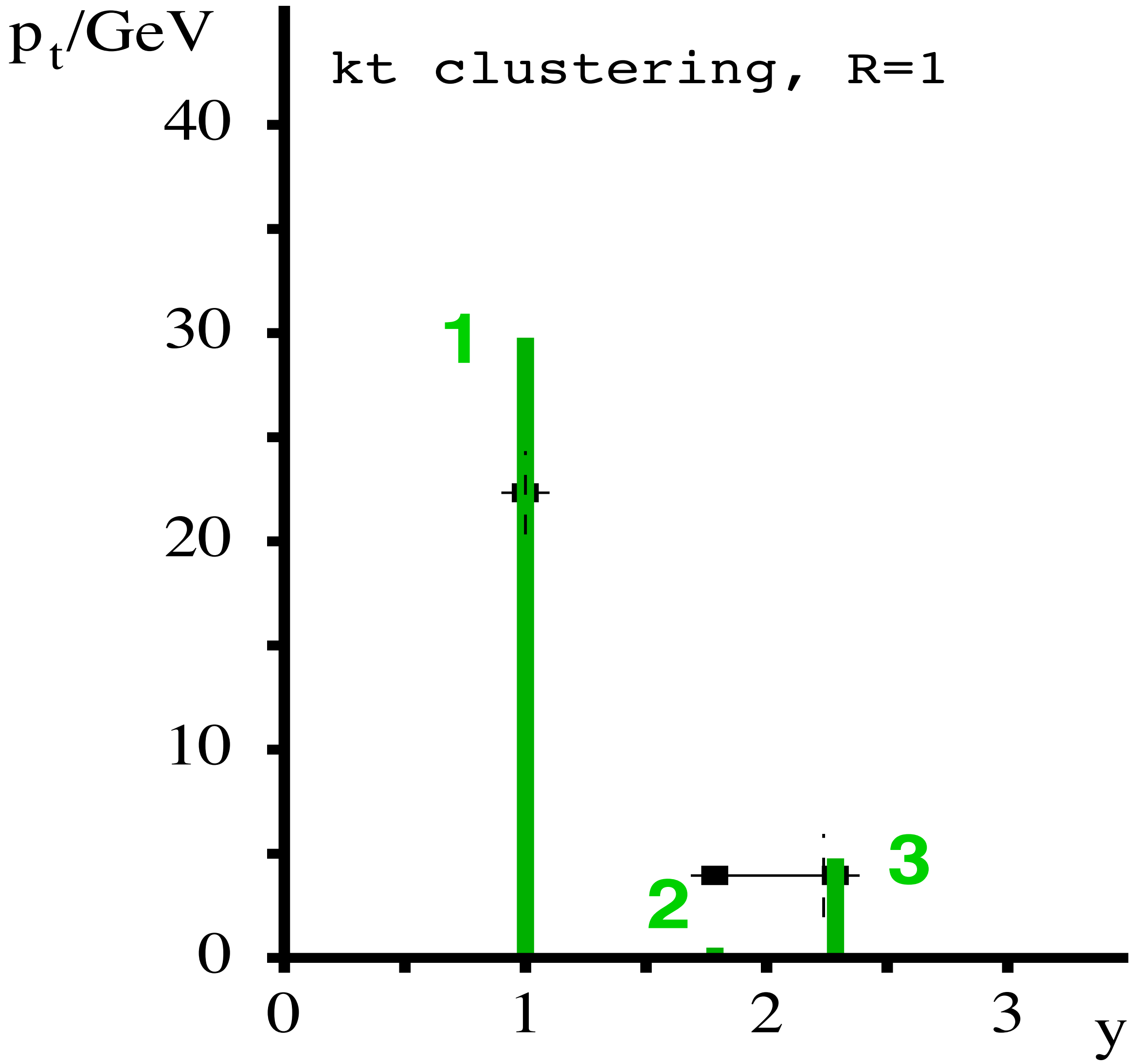

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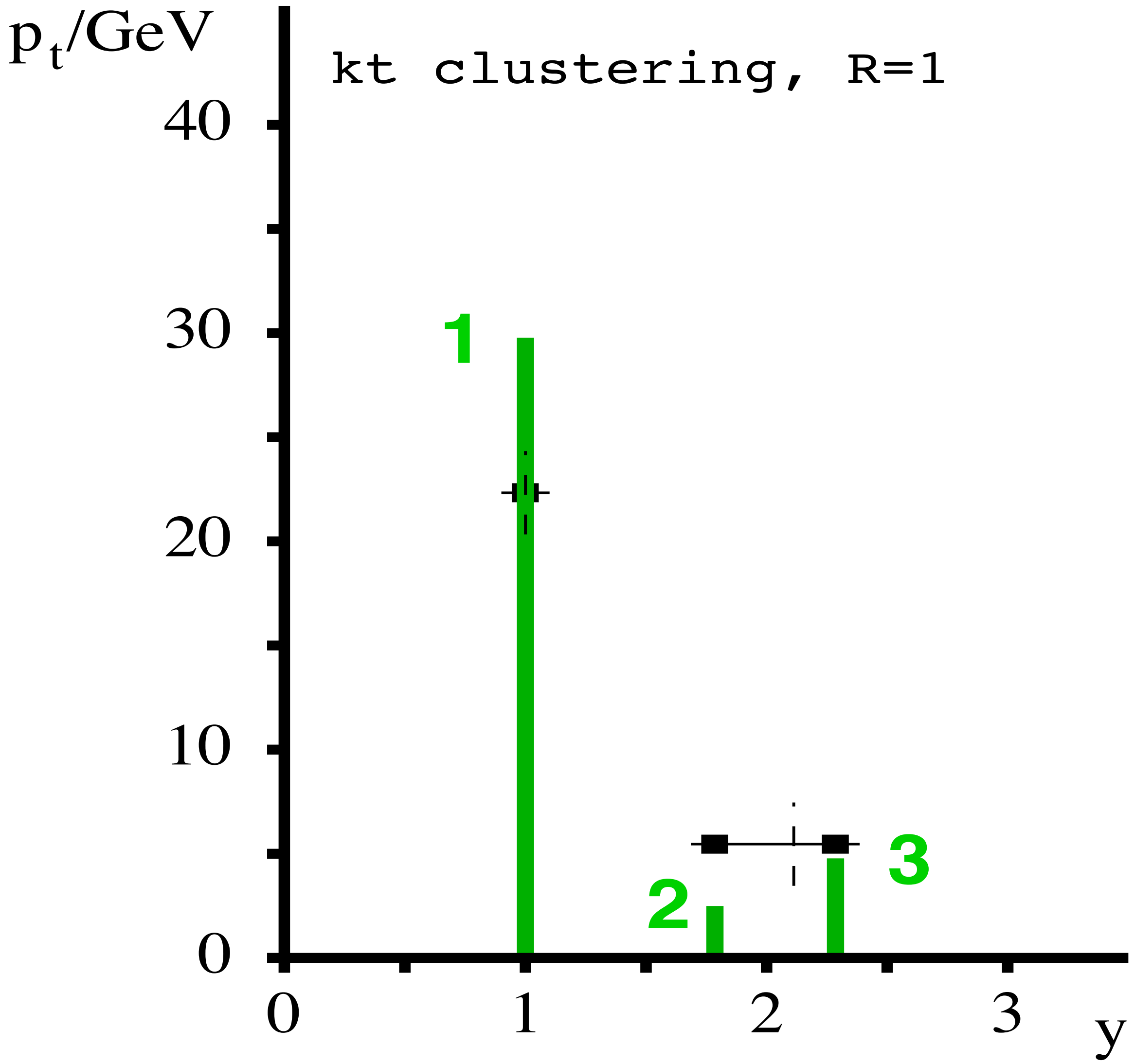

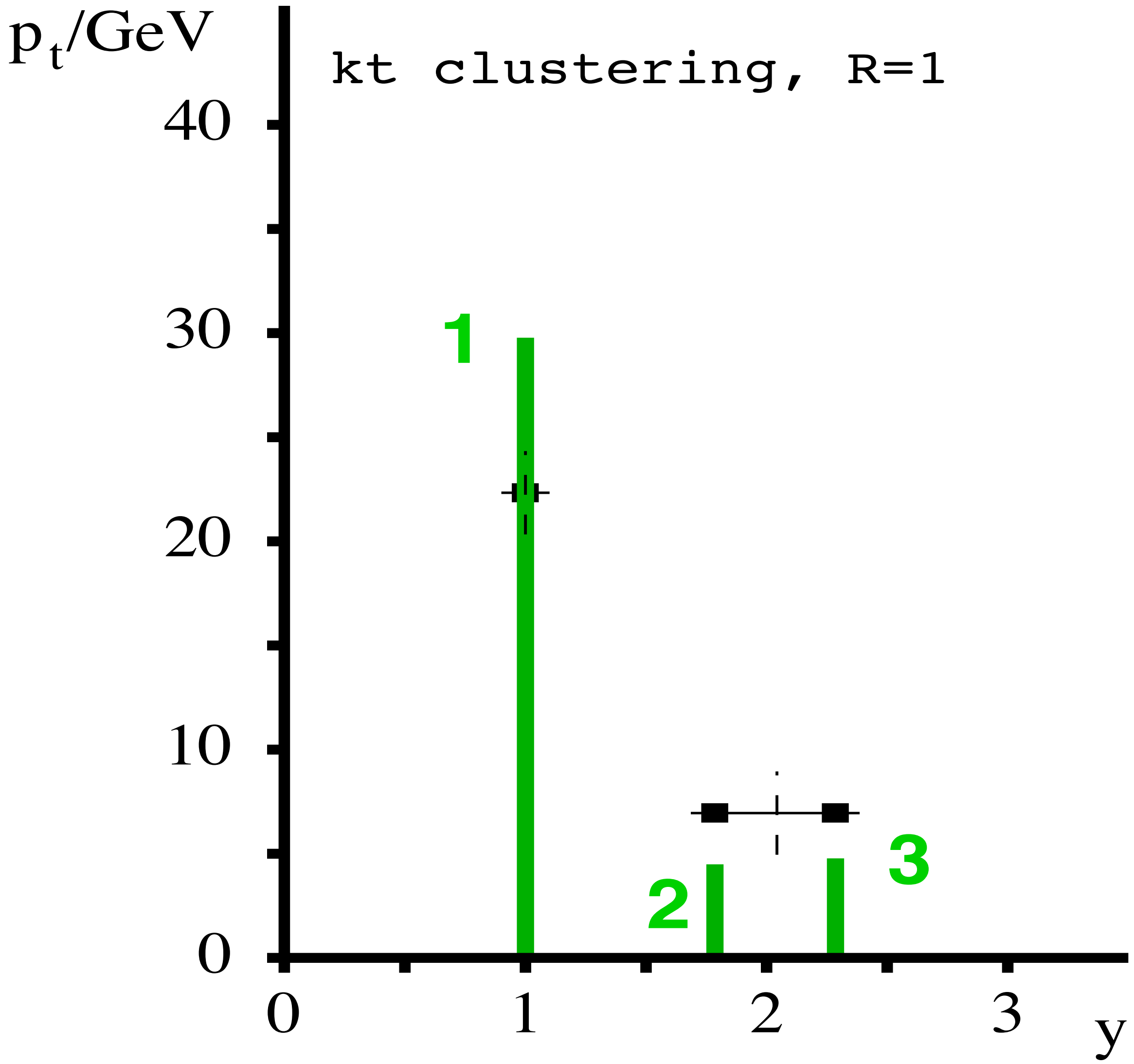

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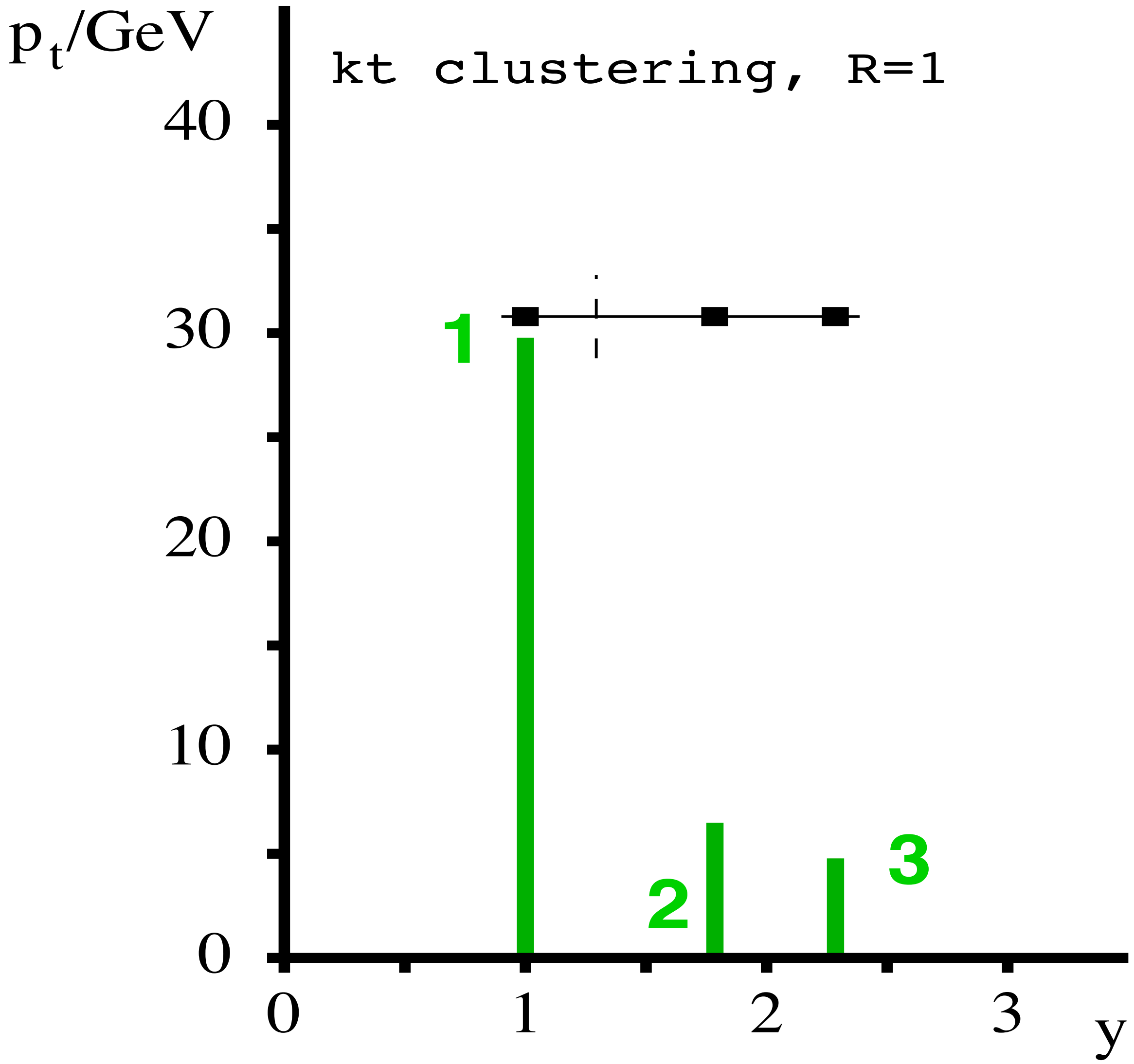

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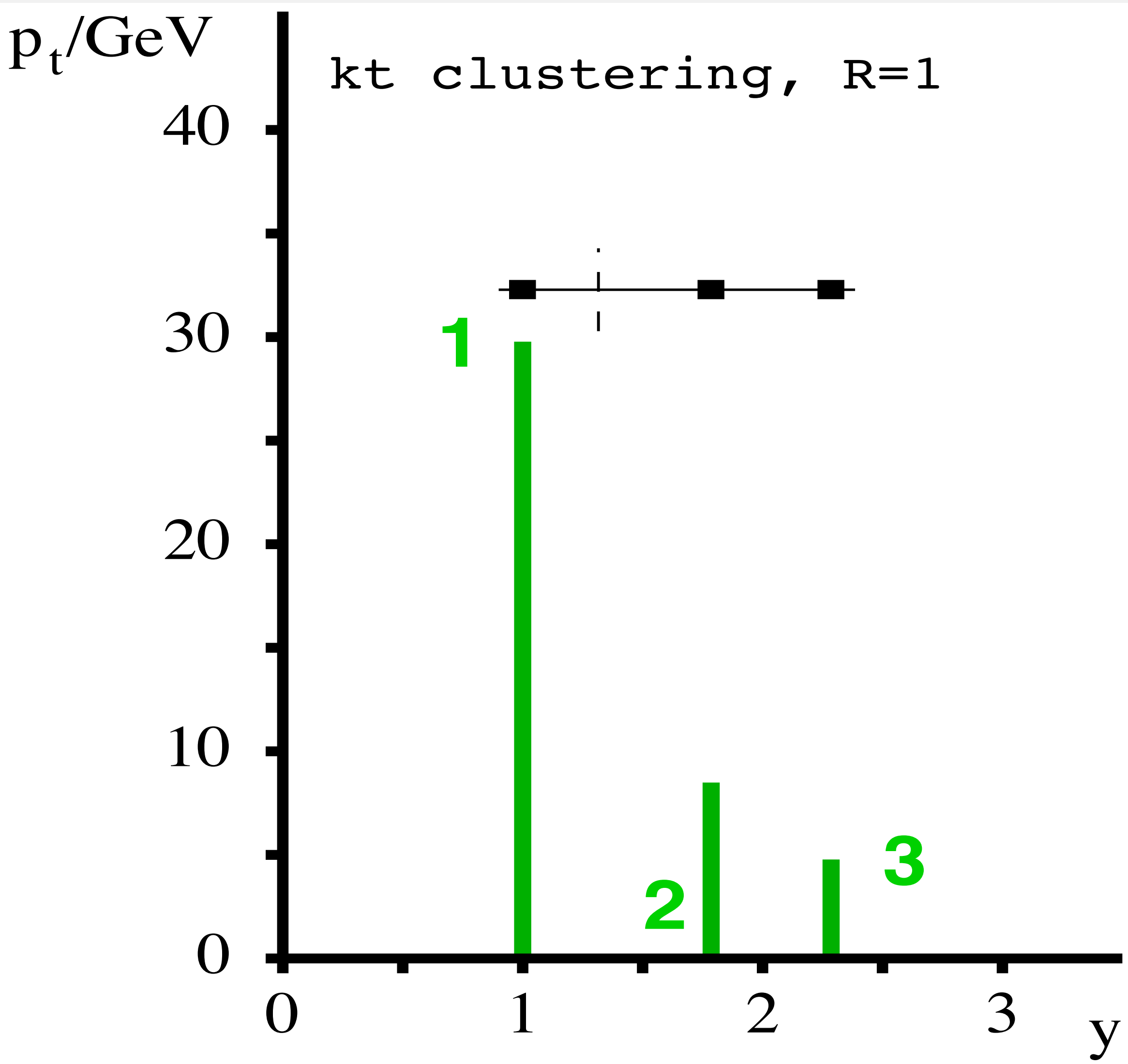

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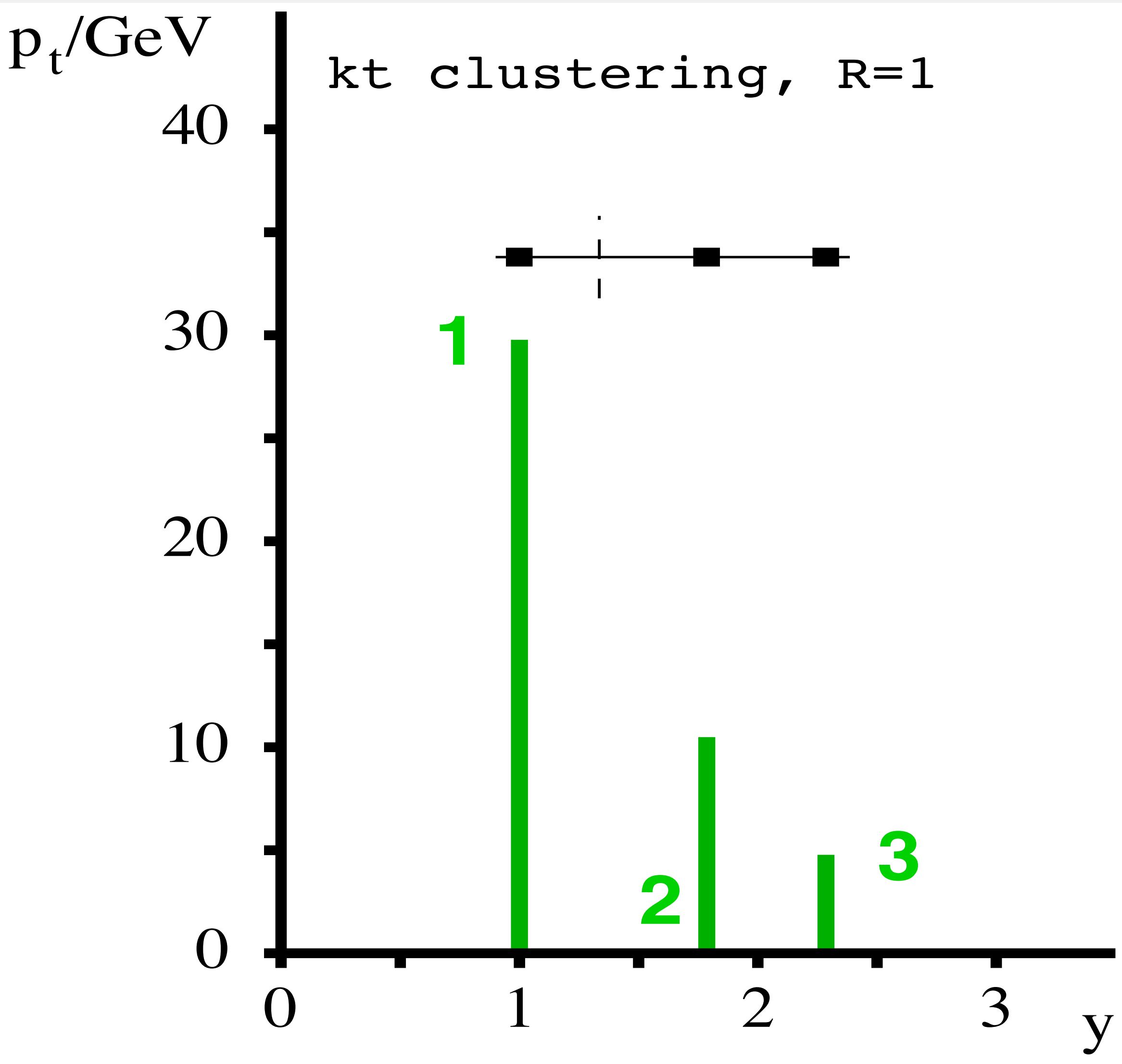
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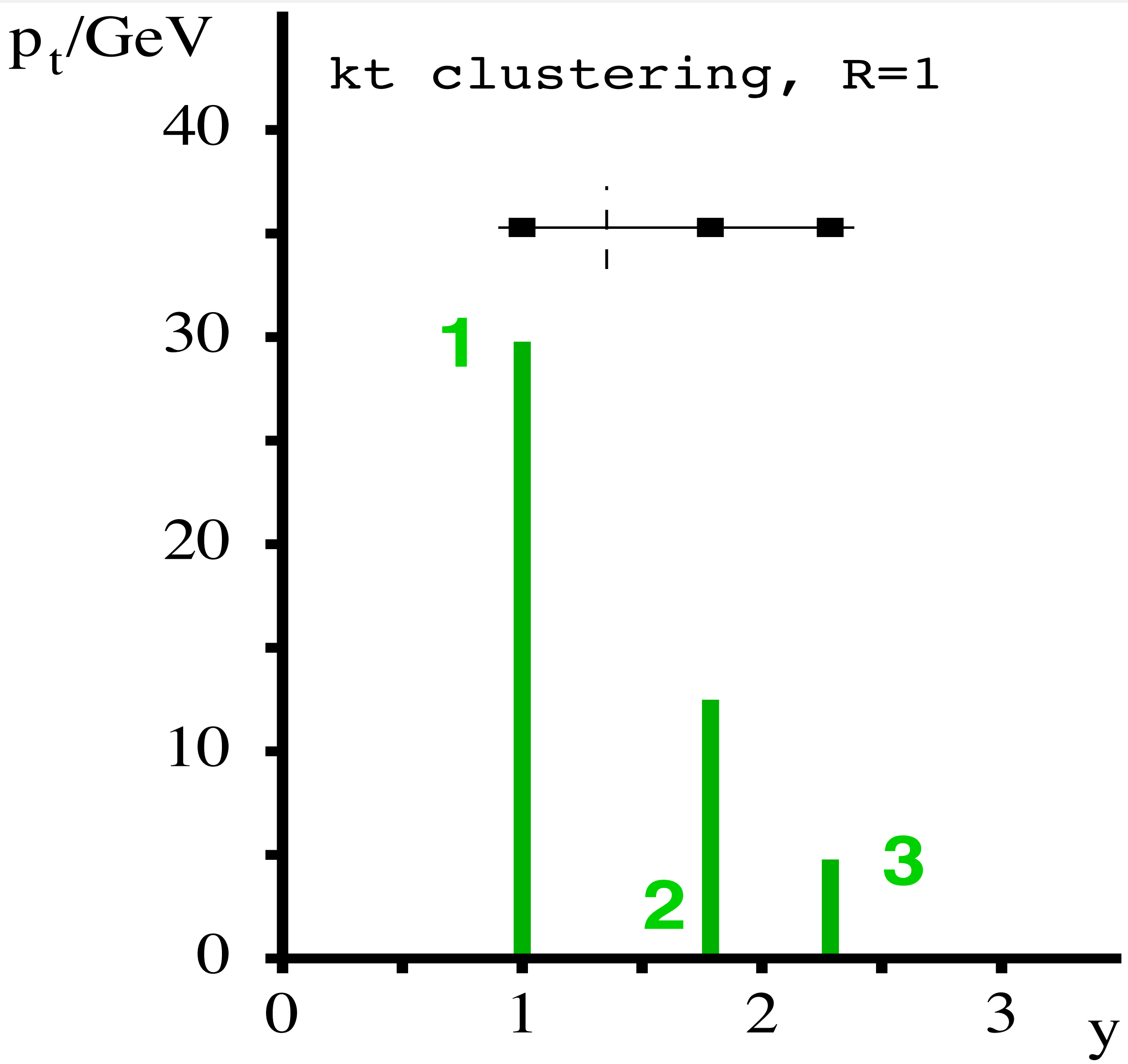

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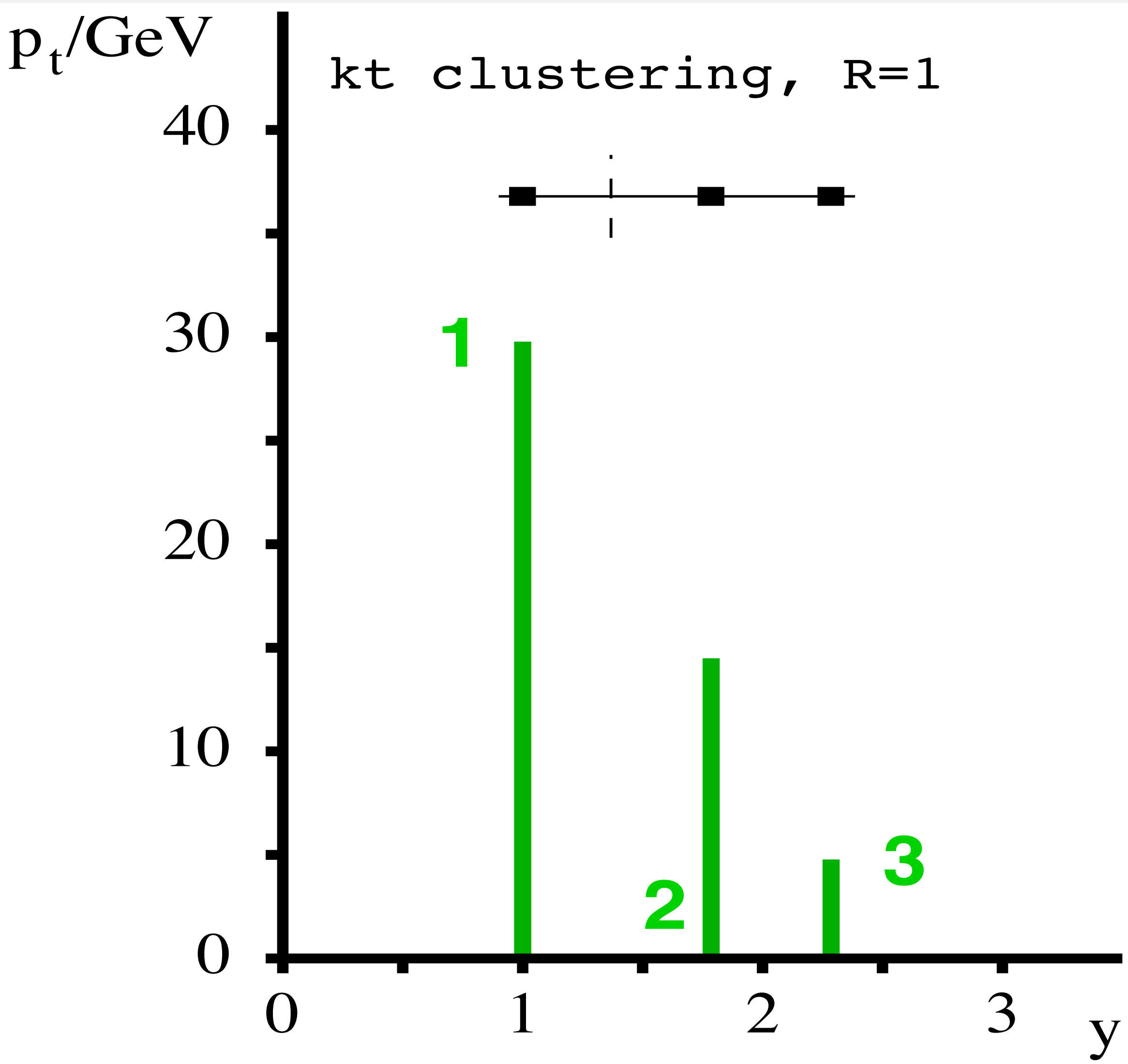

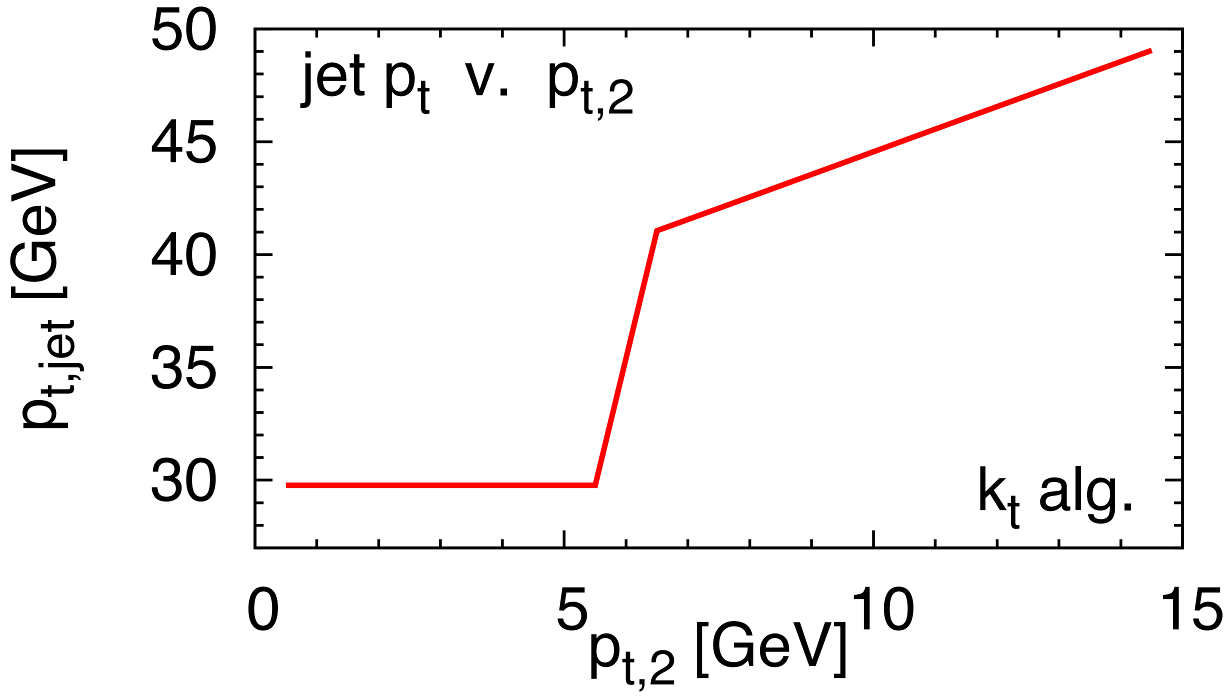

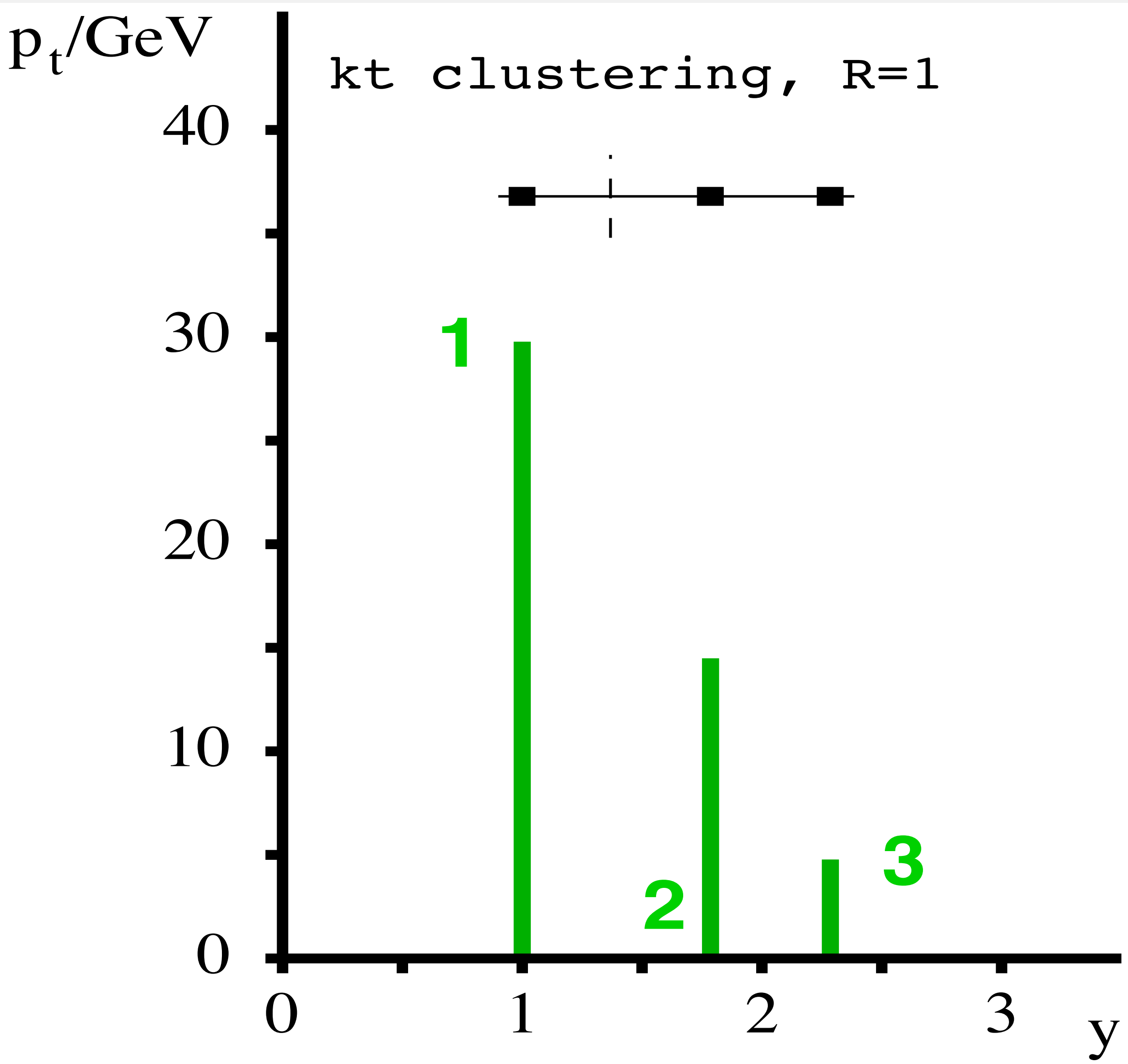
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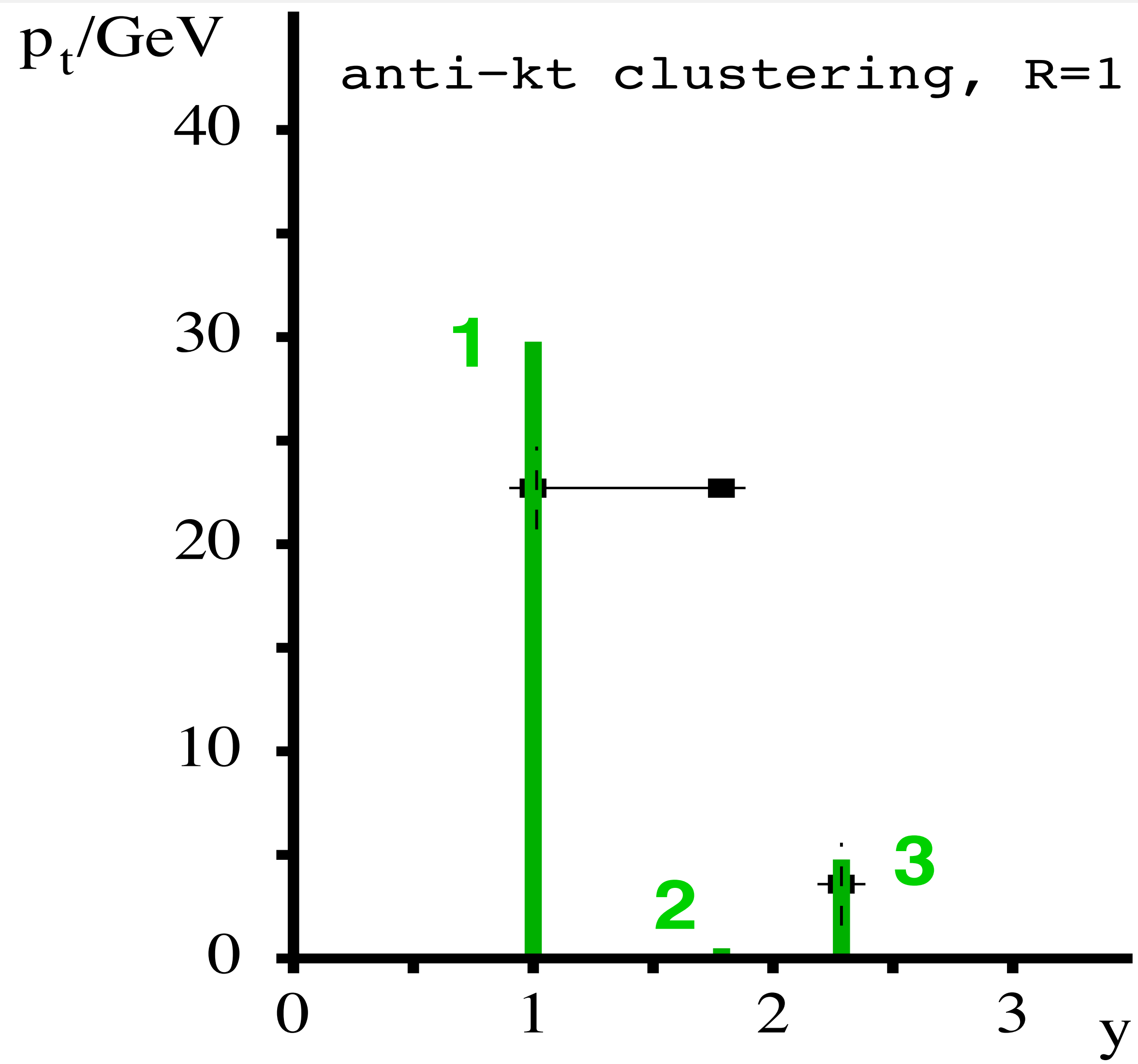
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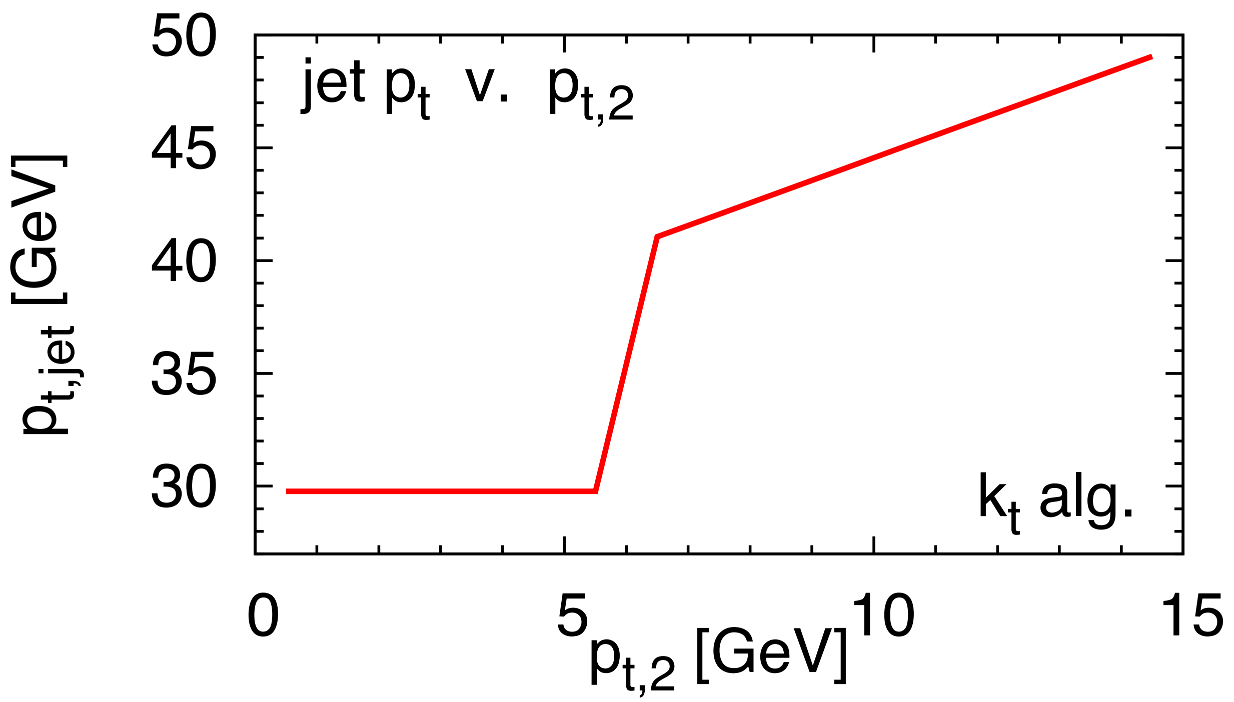
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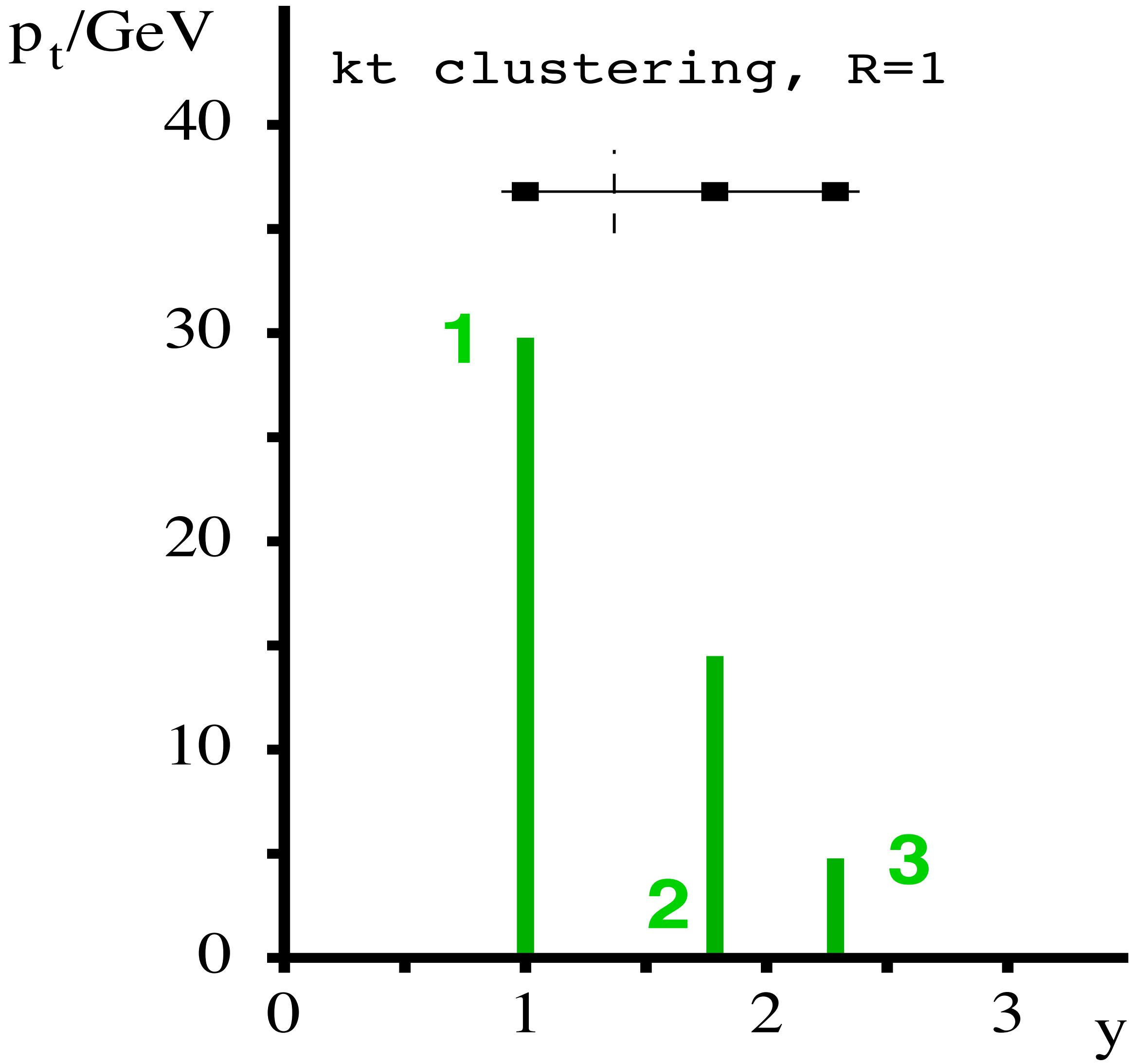
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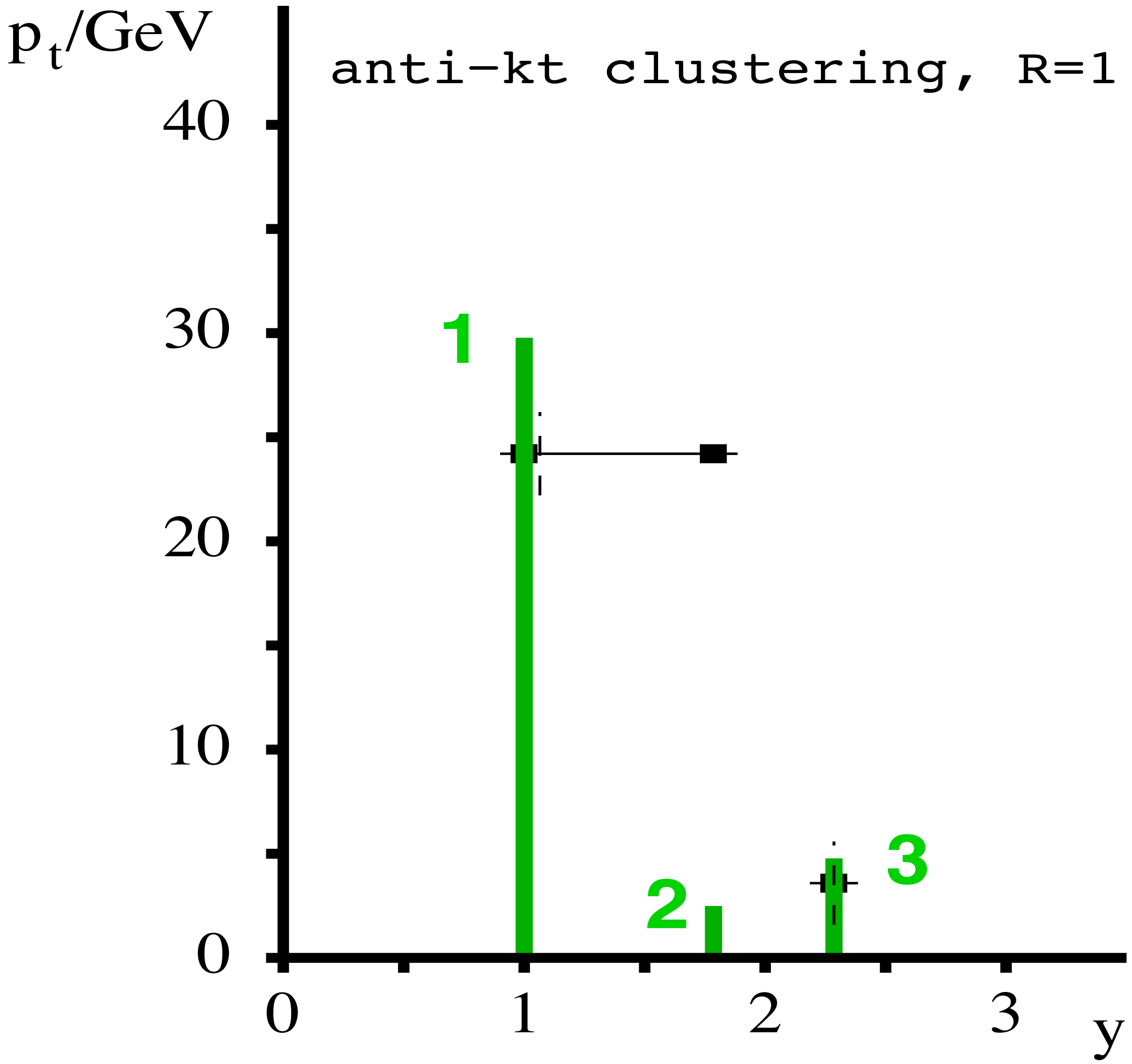
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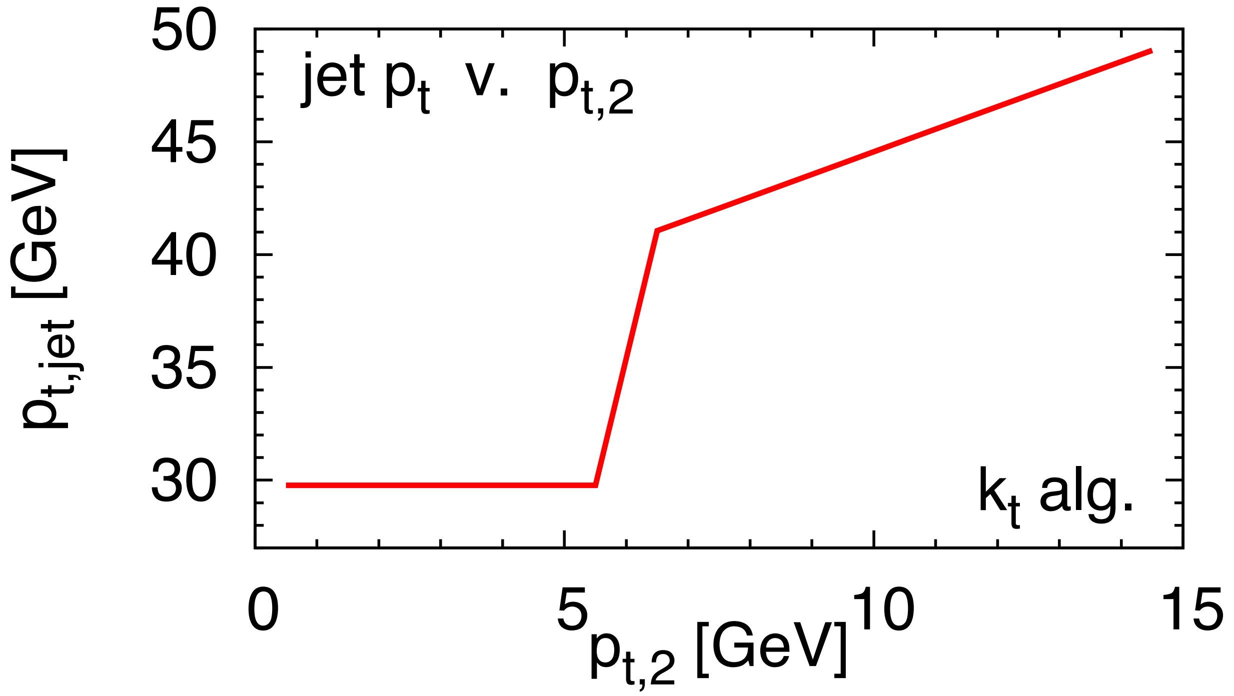
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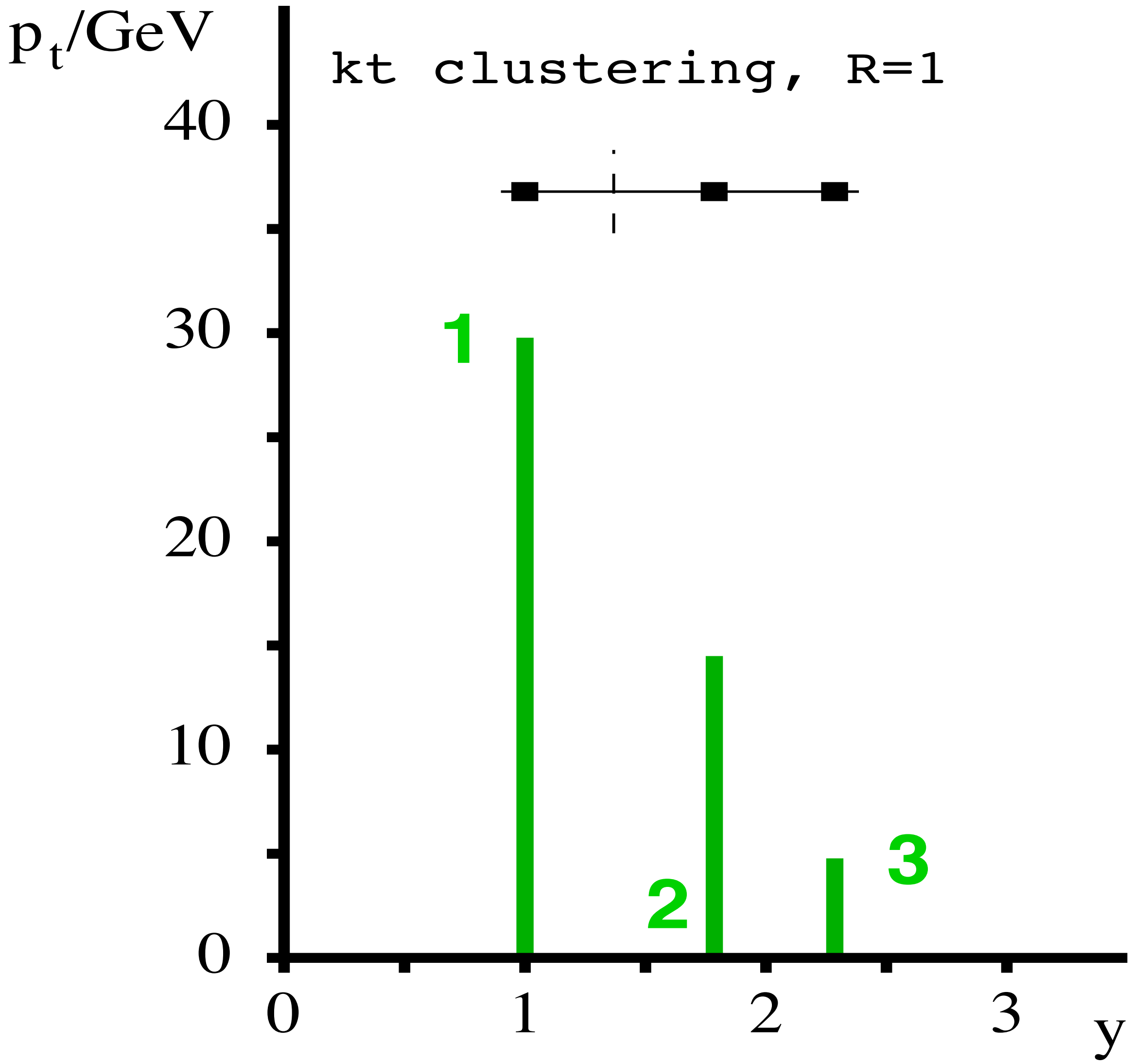
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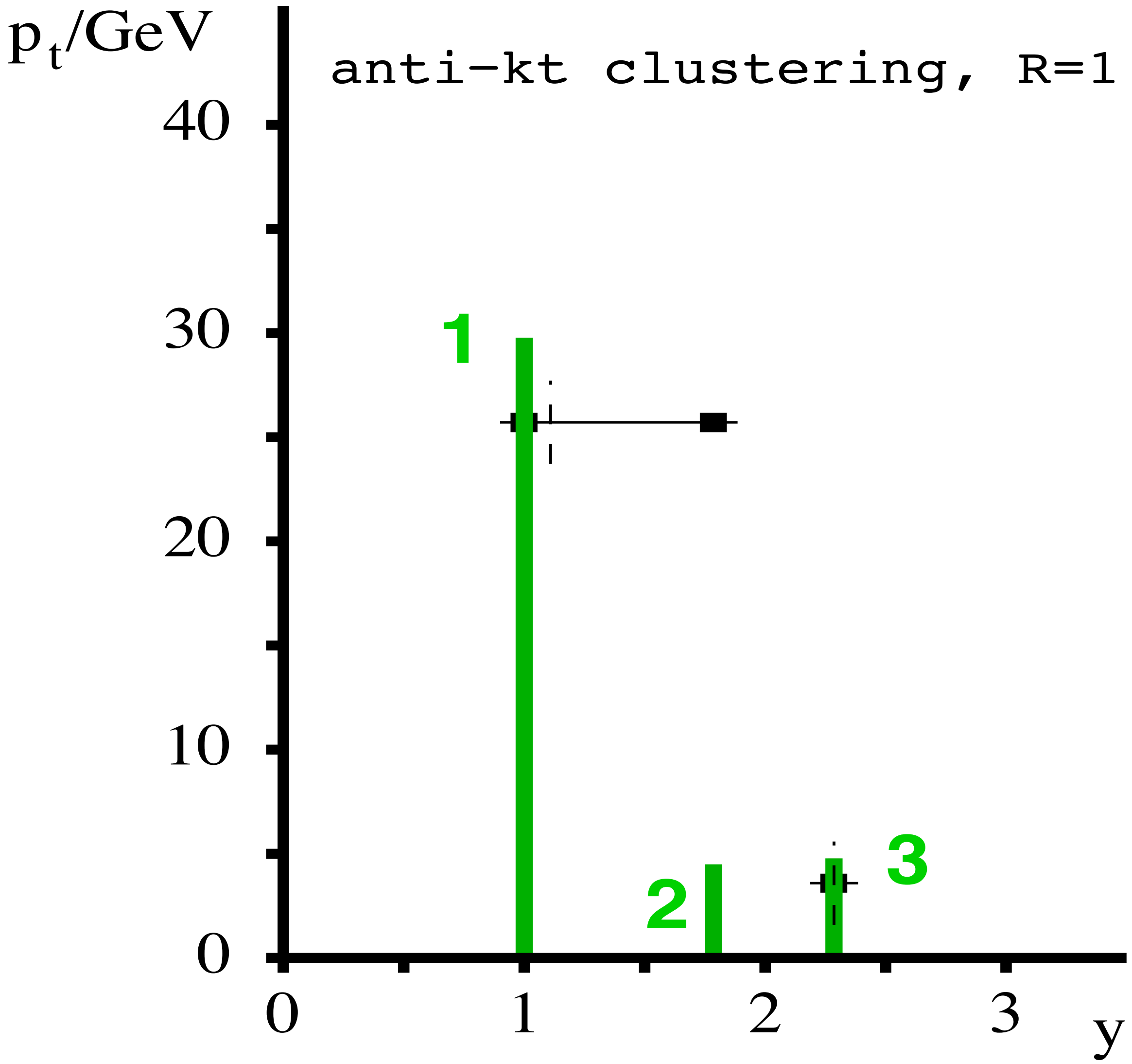
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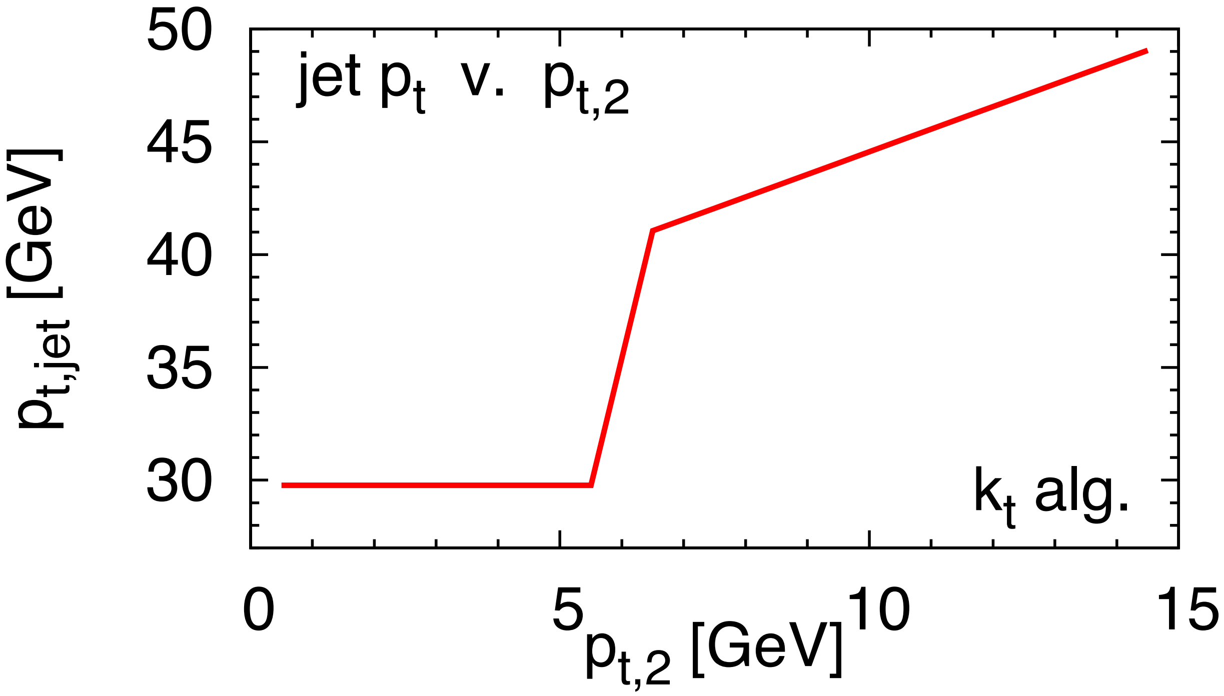
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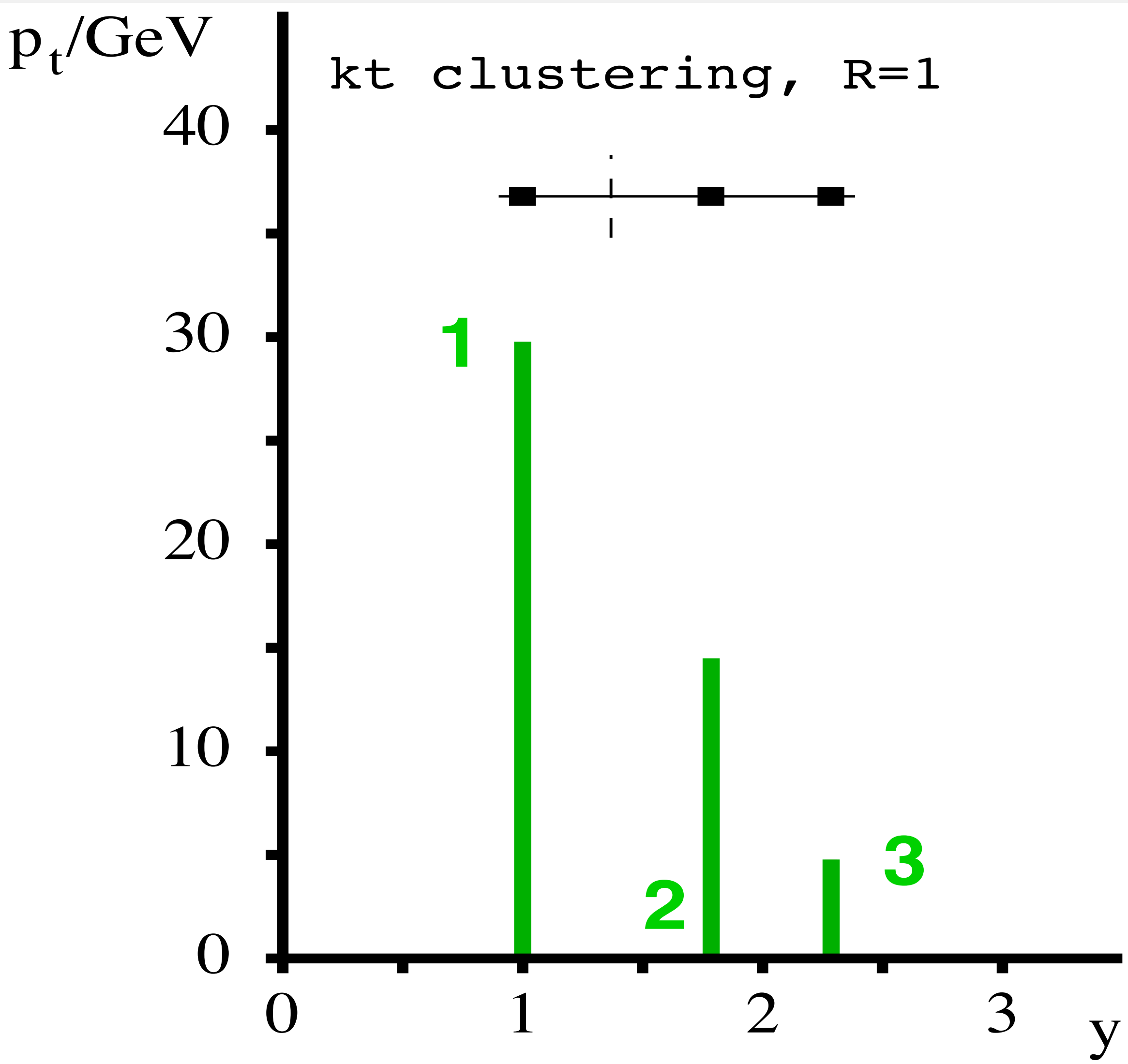
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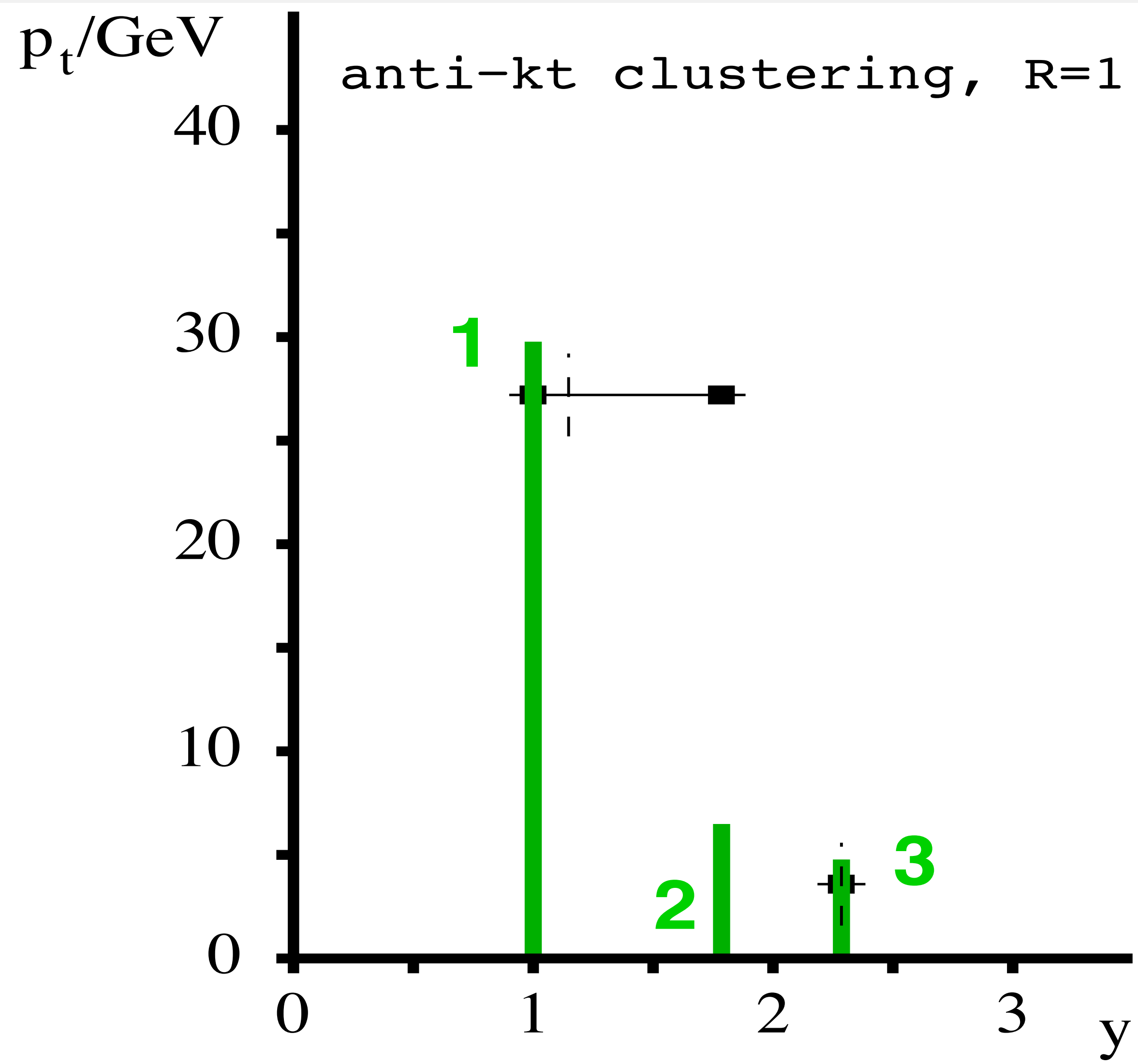
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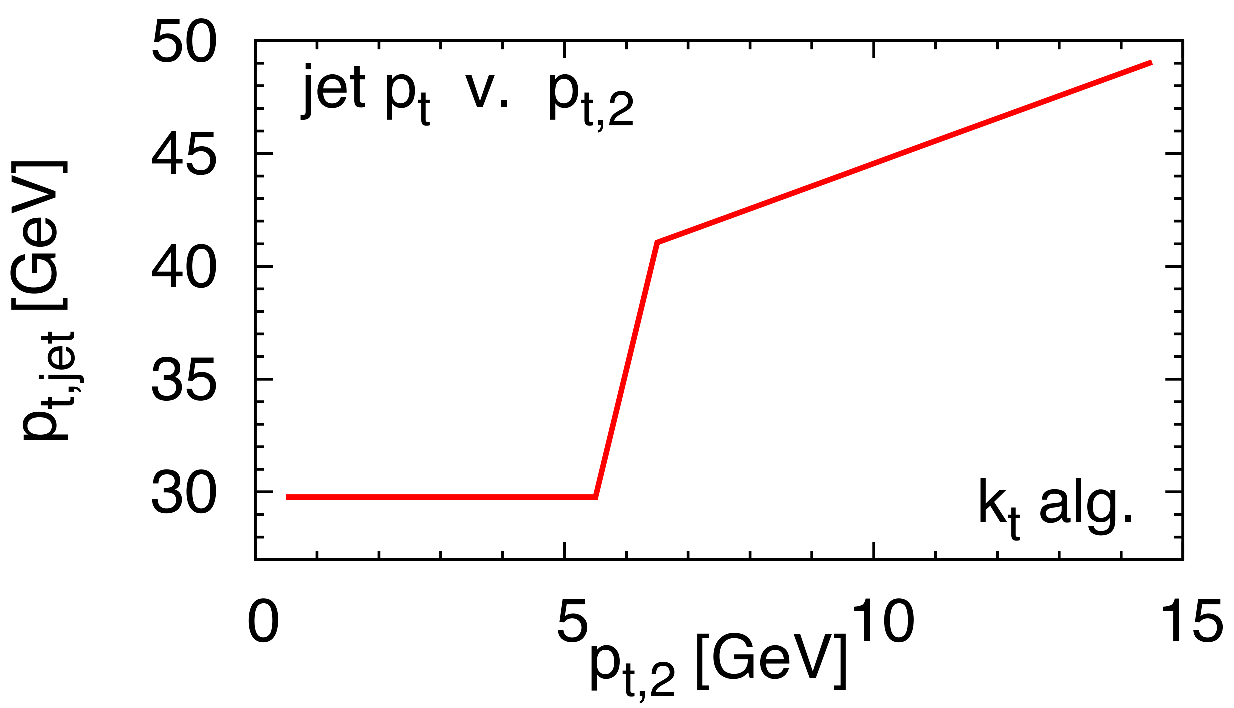
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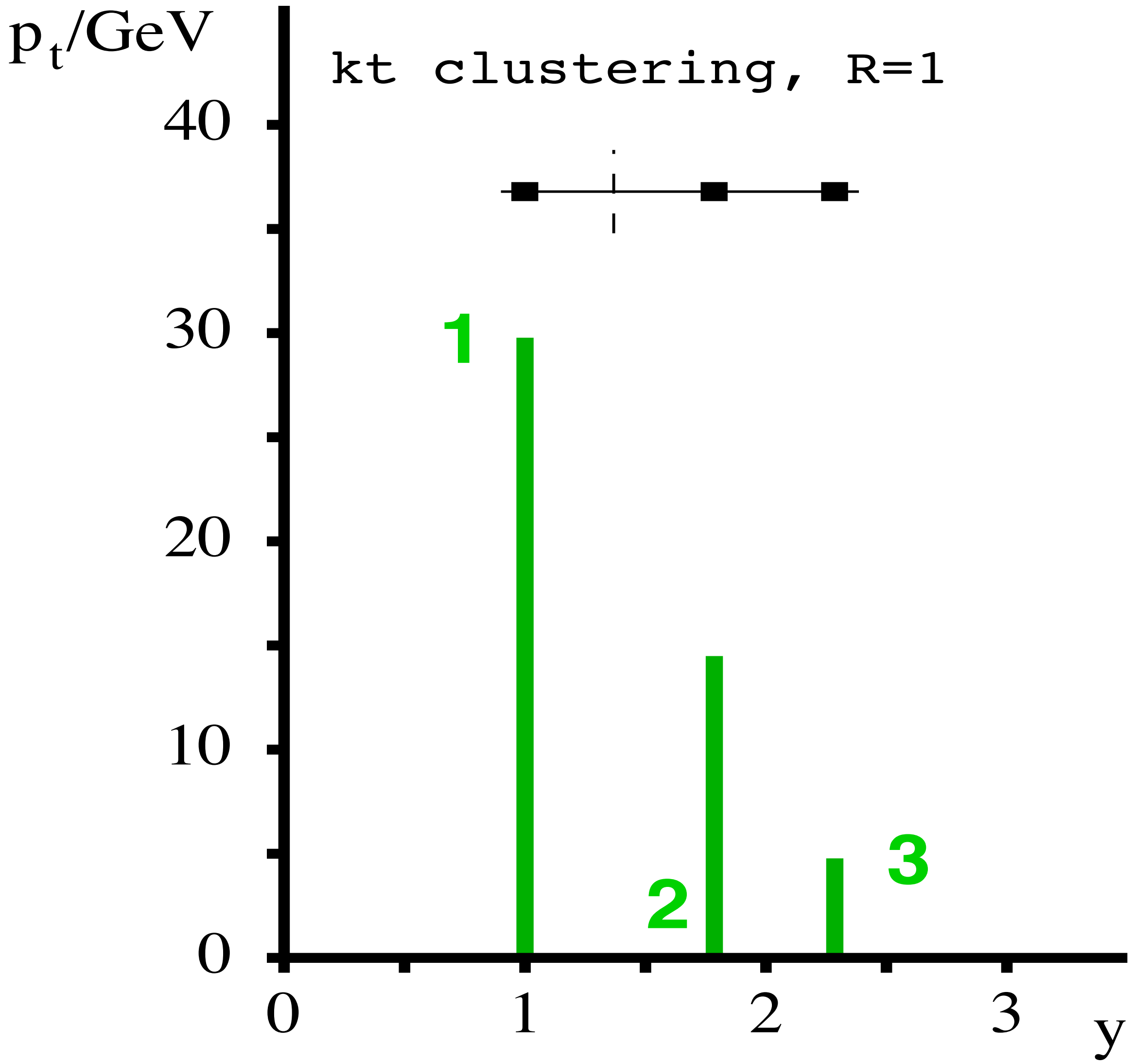

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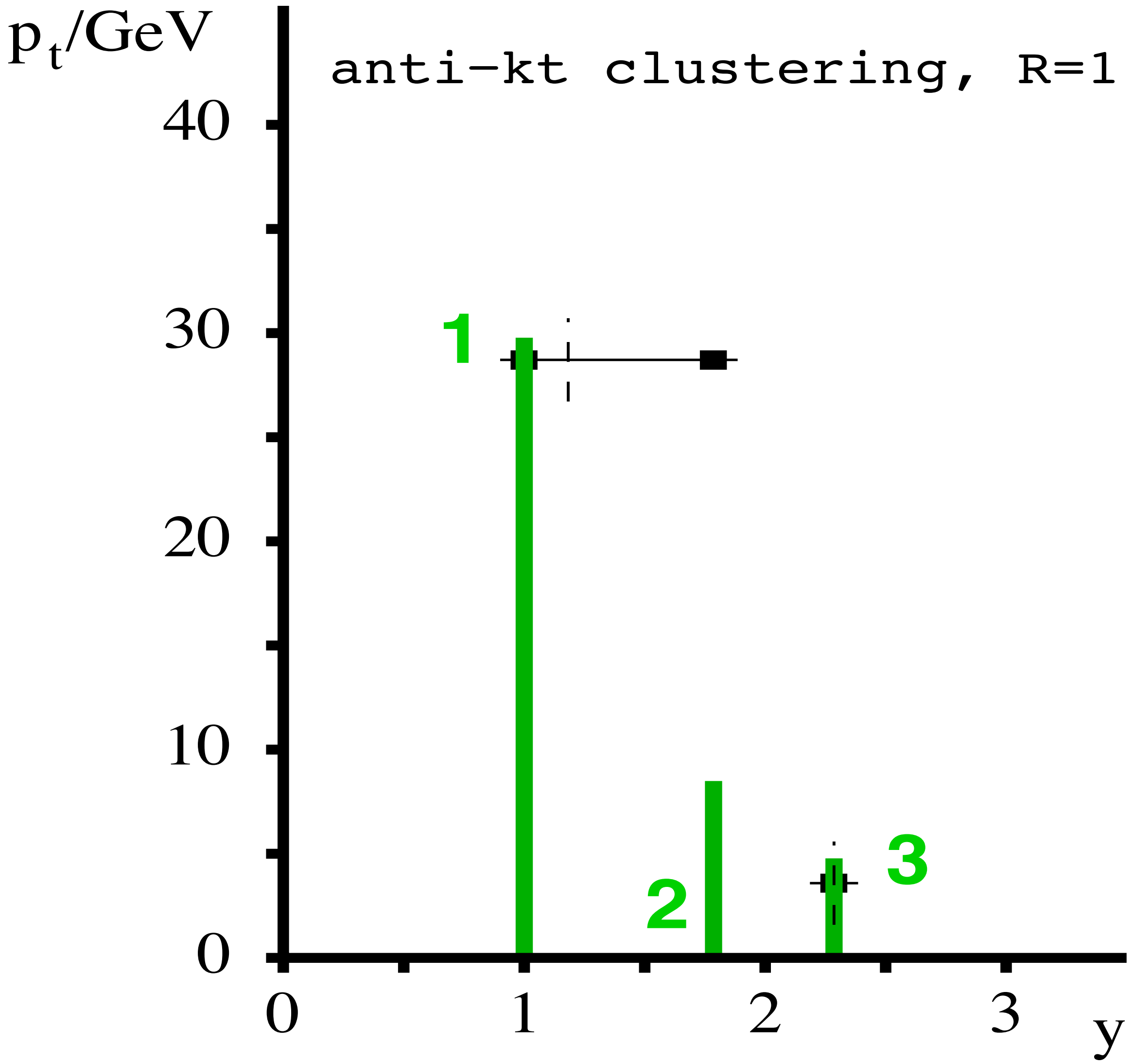

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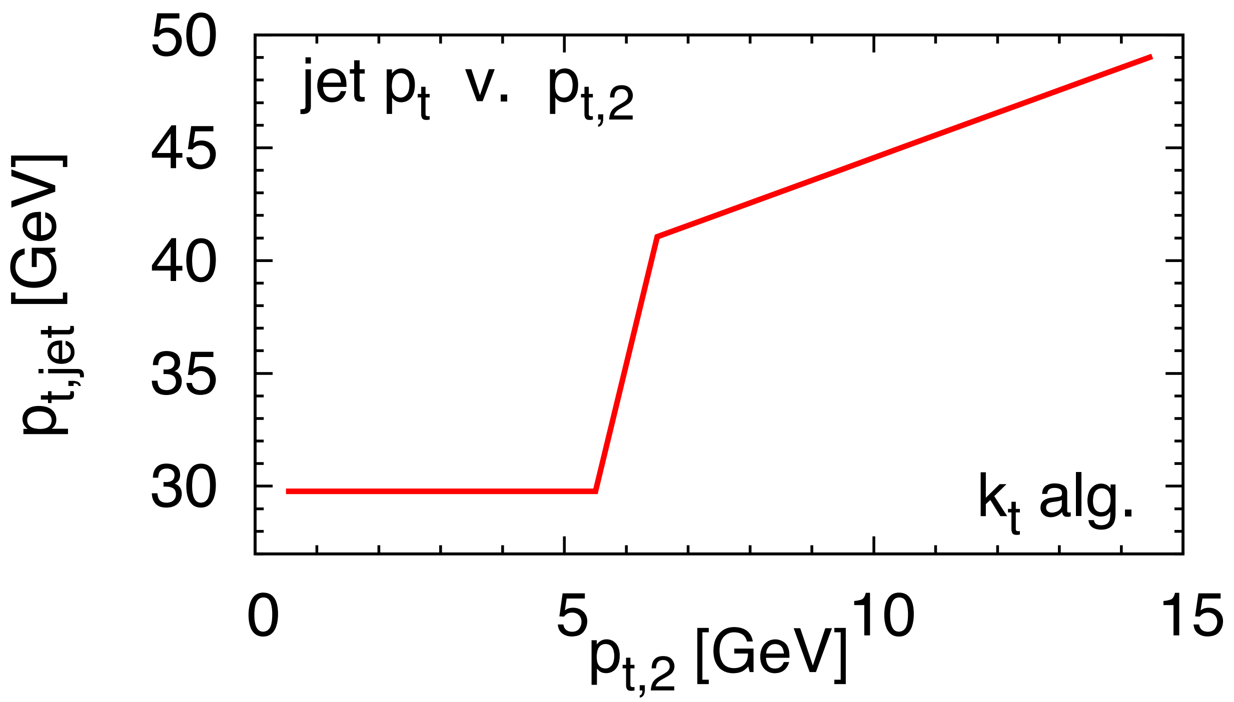

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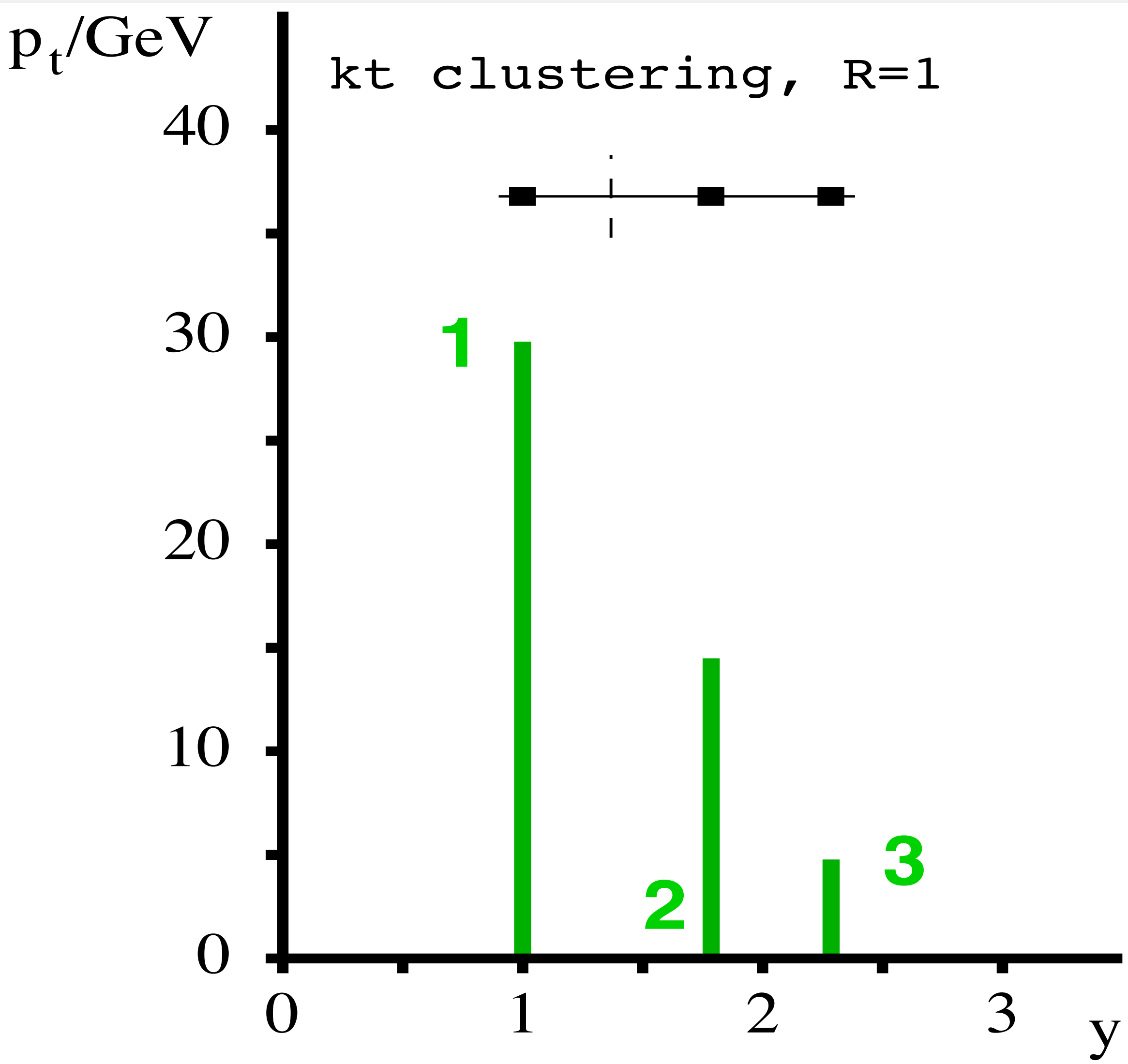

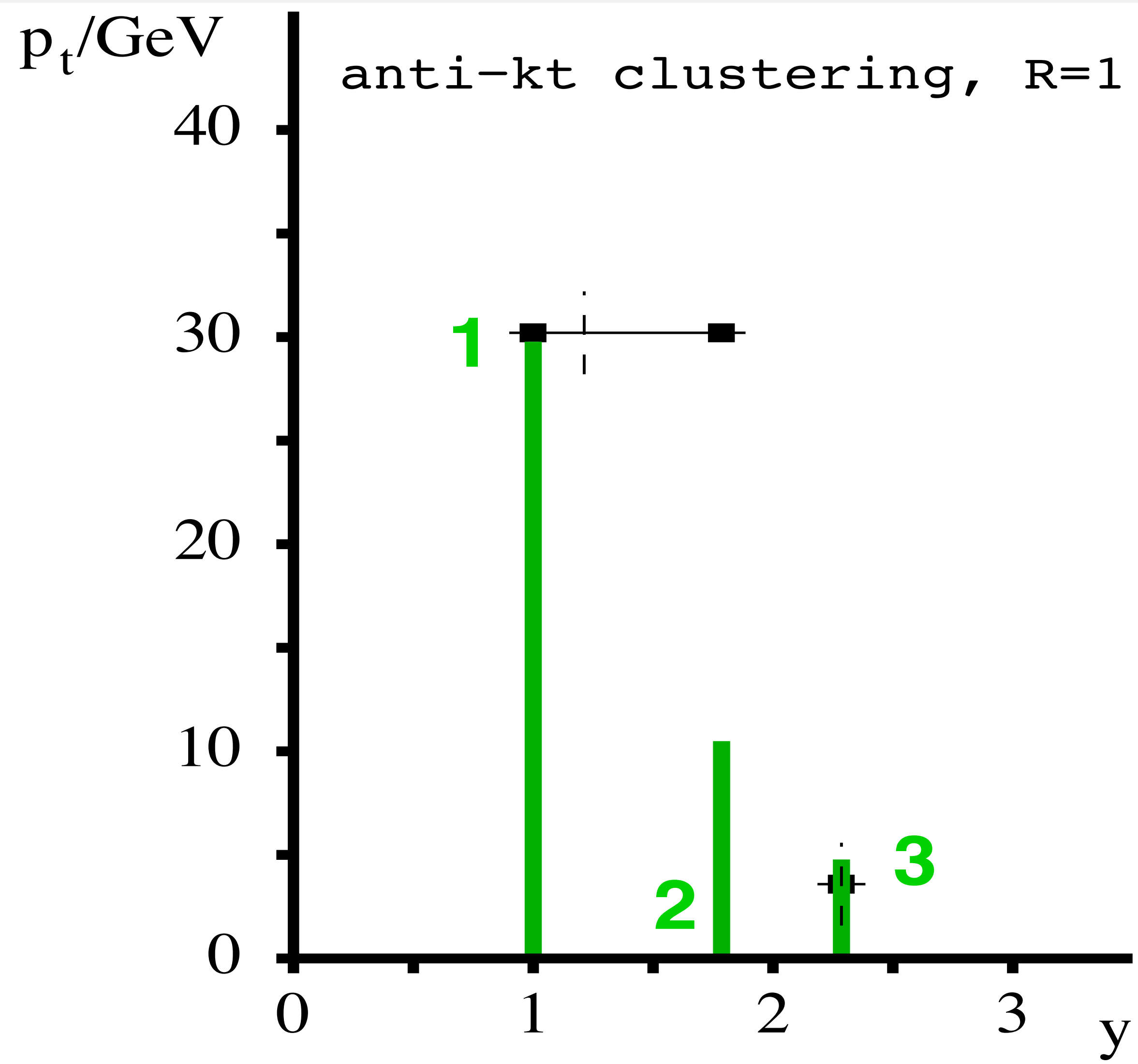

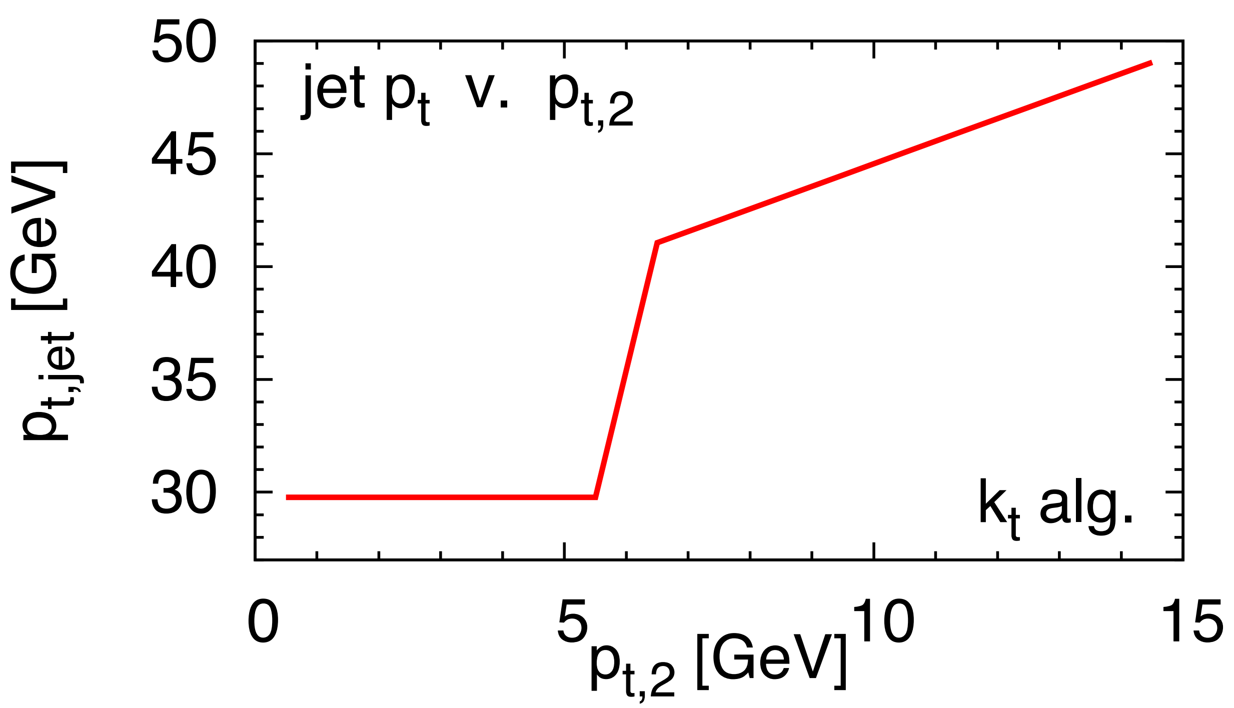

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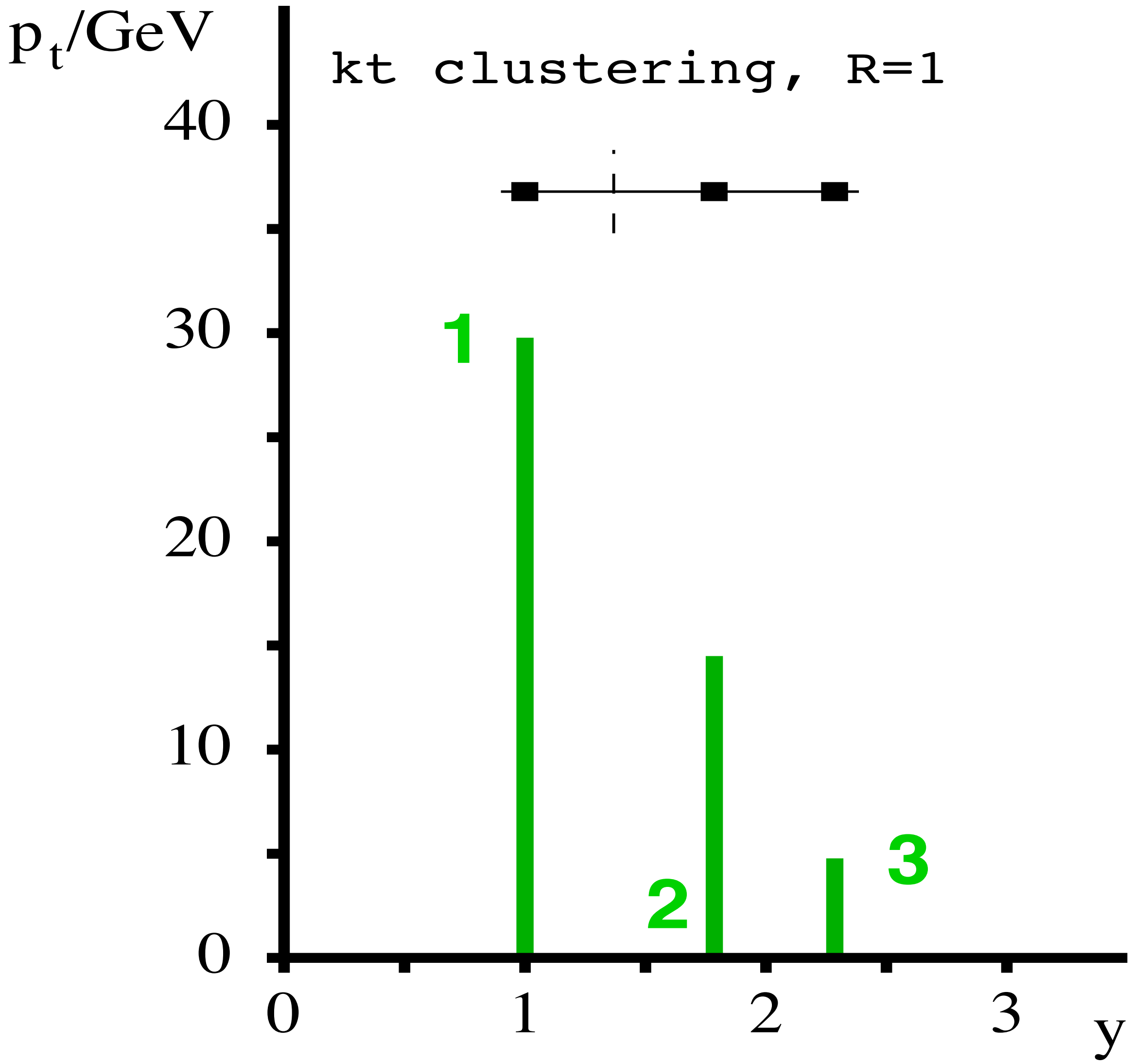

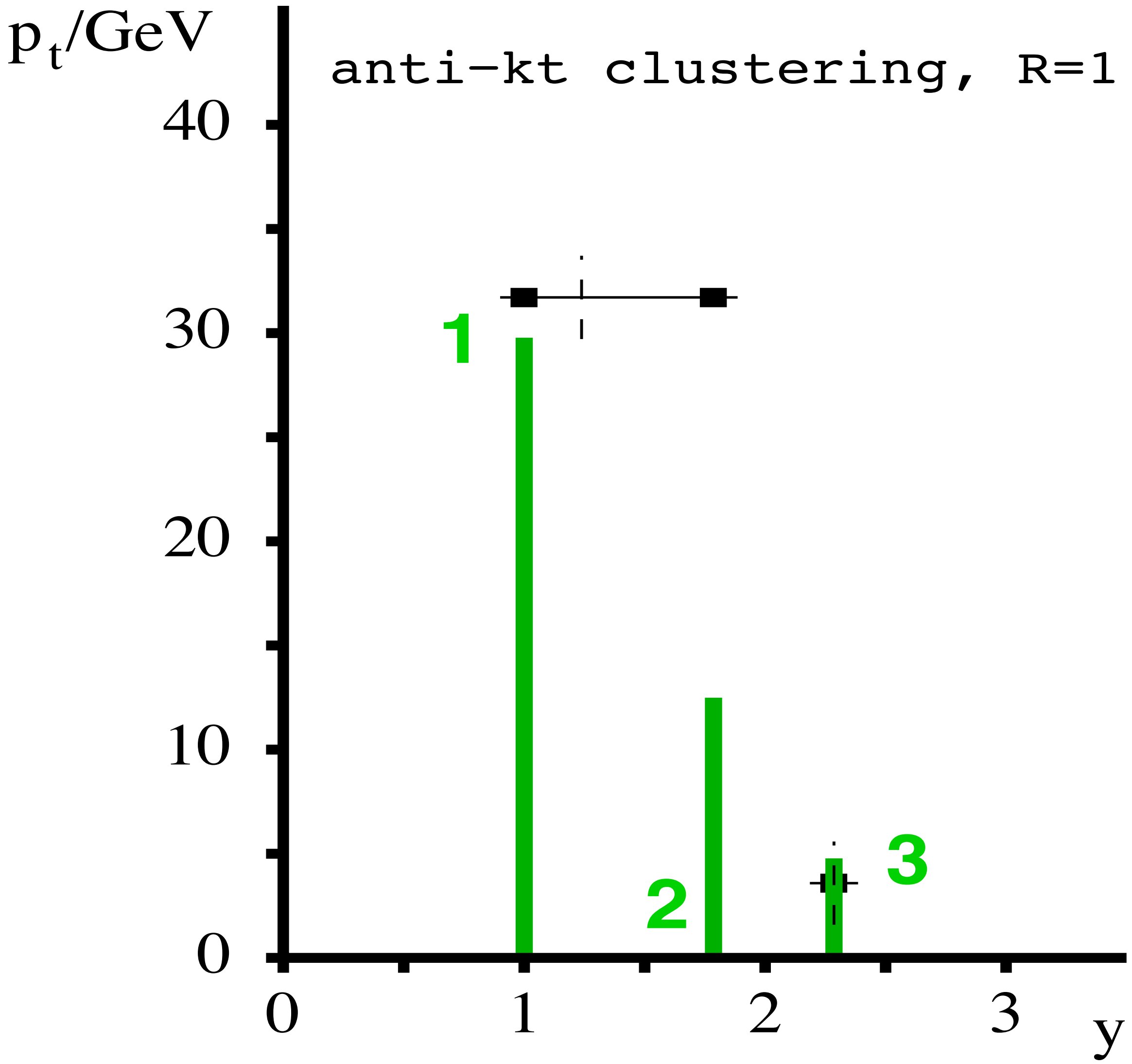

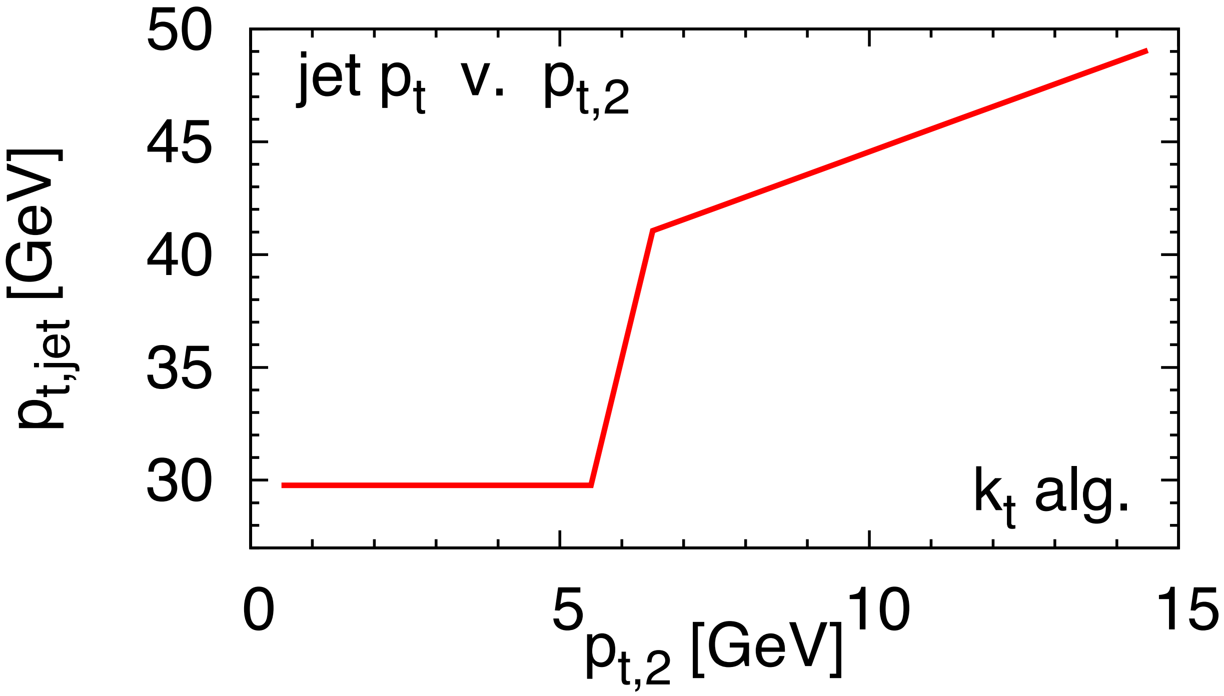

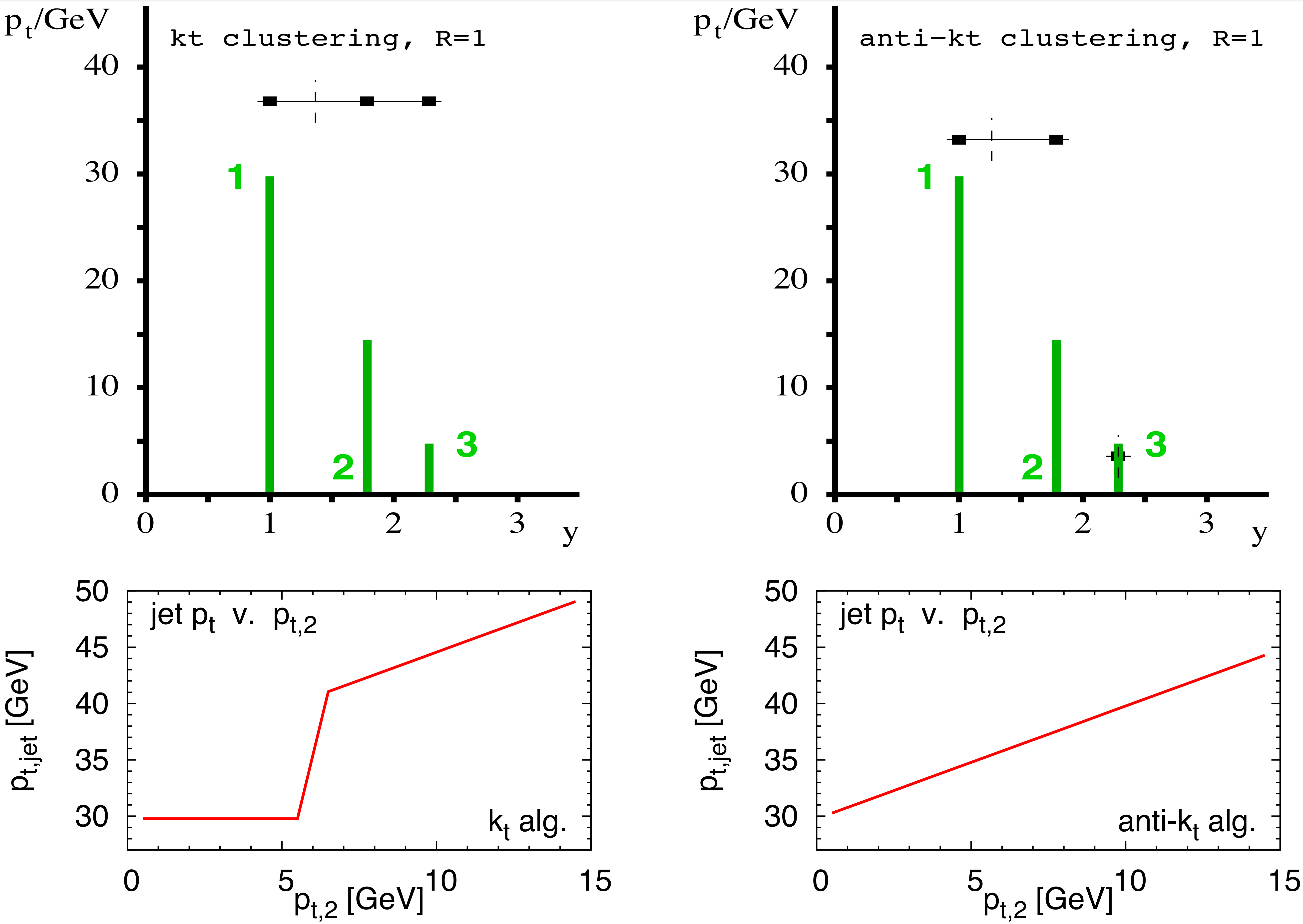
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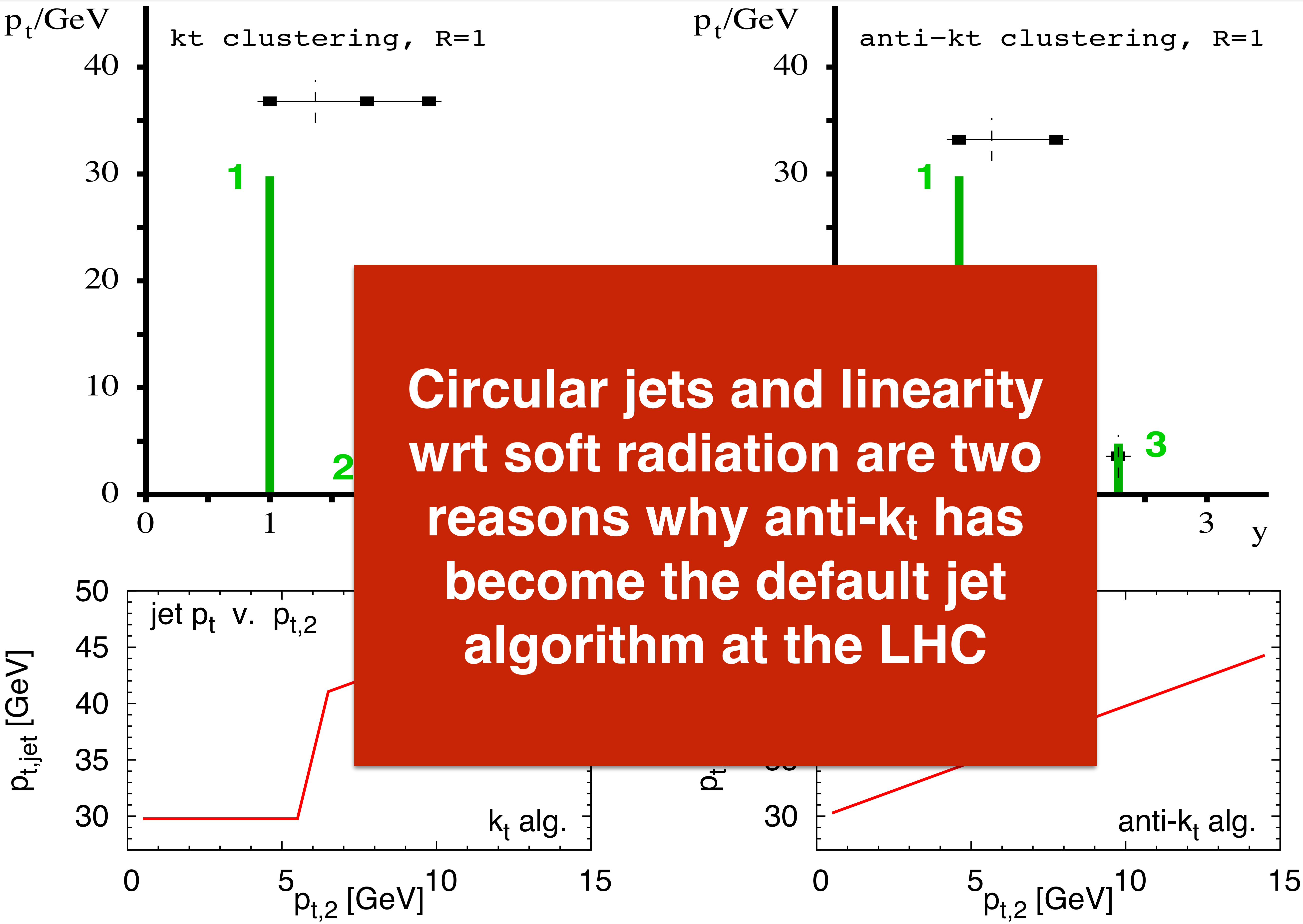

Circular jets and linearity wrt soft radiation are two reasons why anti-k_t has become the default jet algorithm at the LHC

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// extract the jets
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();
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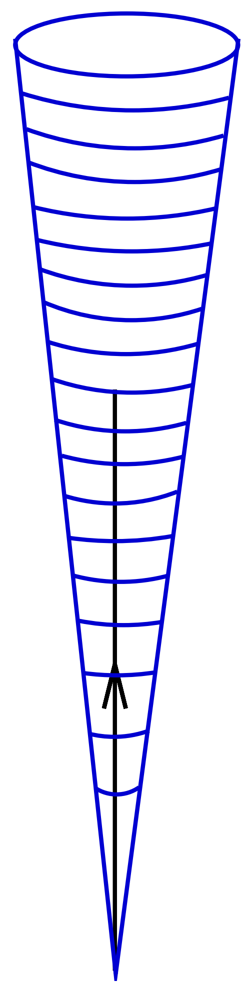
hadron collider jet reconstruction parameters

Small jet radius



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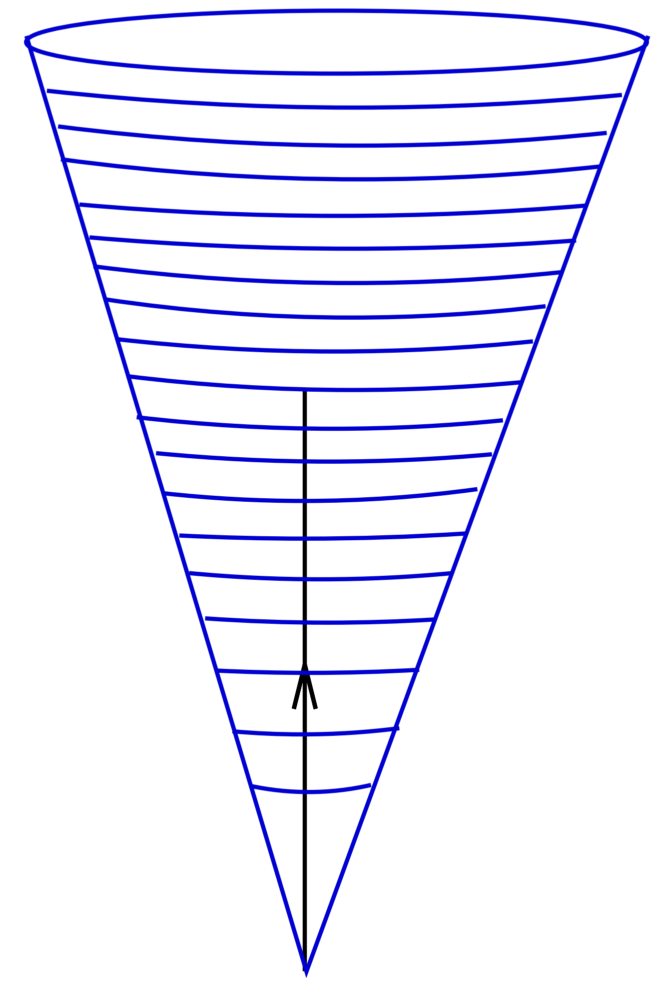
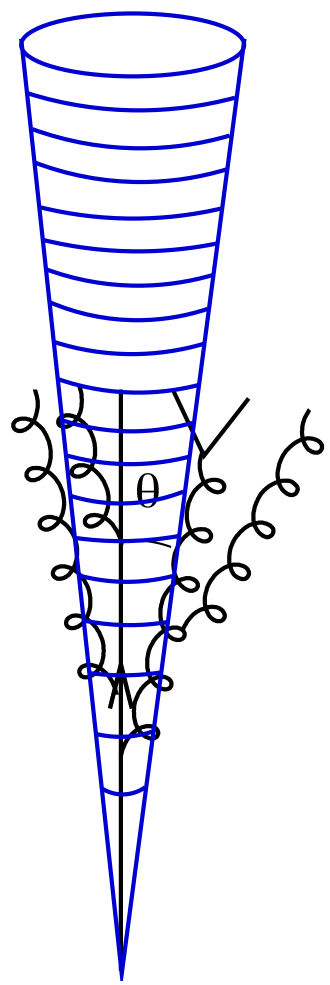
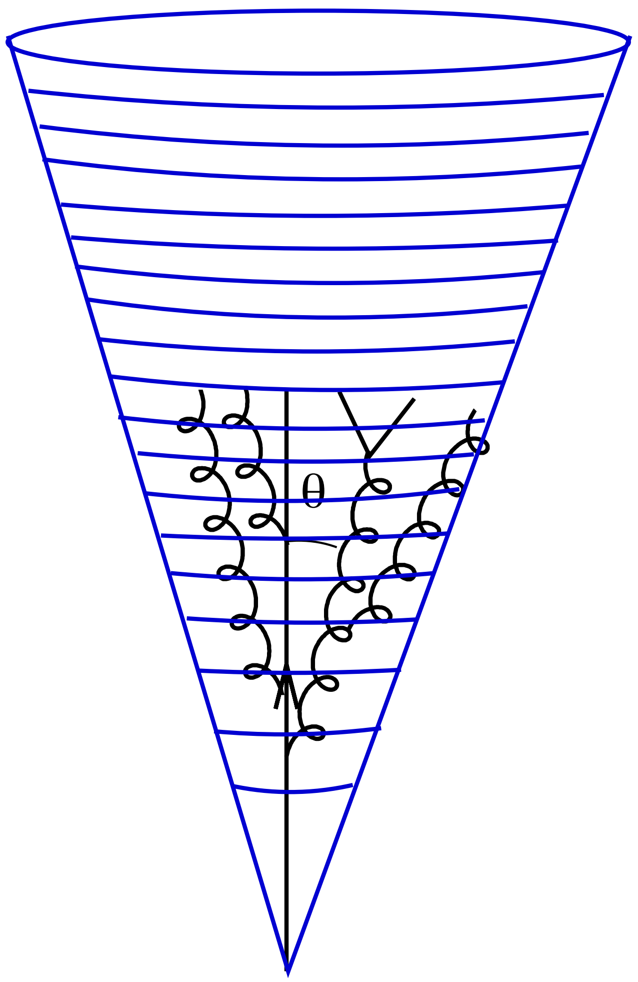


single parton @ LO: **jet radius irrelevant**

Small jet radius **Large jet radius**





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(it captures more)

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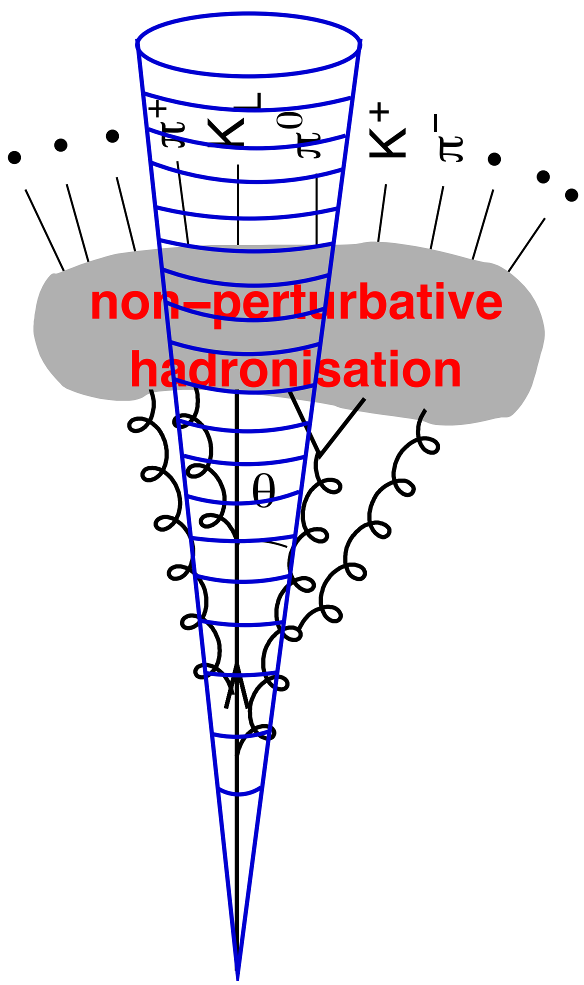

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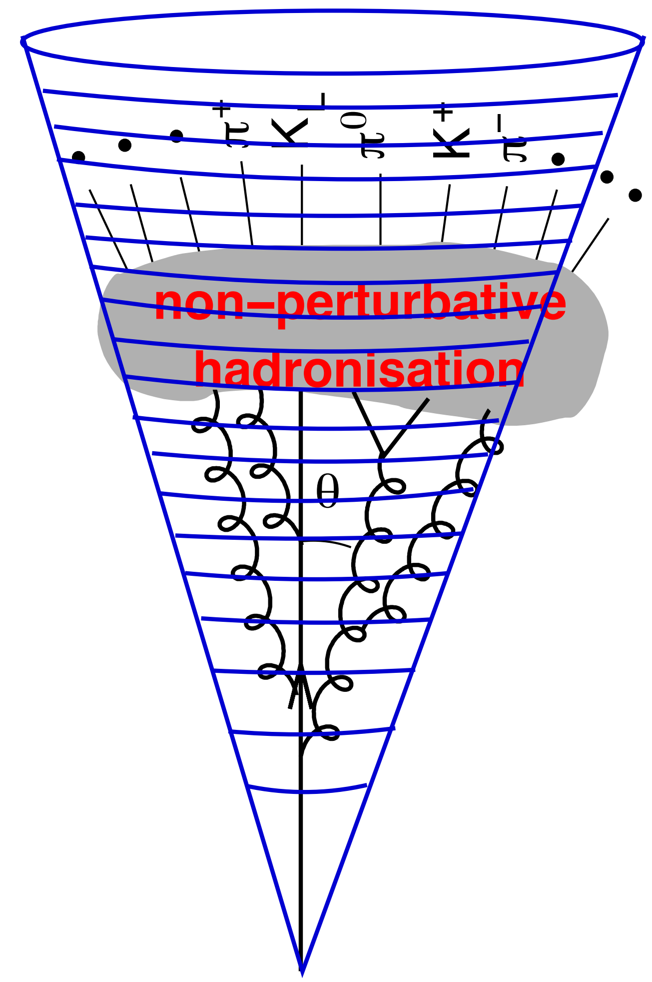

non-perturbative fragmentation: **large jet radius better**

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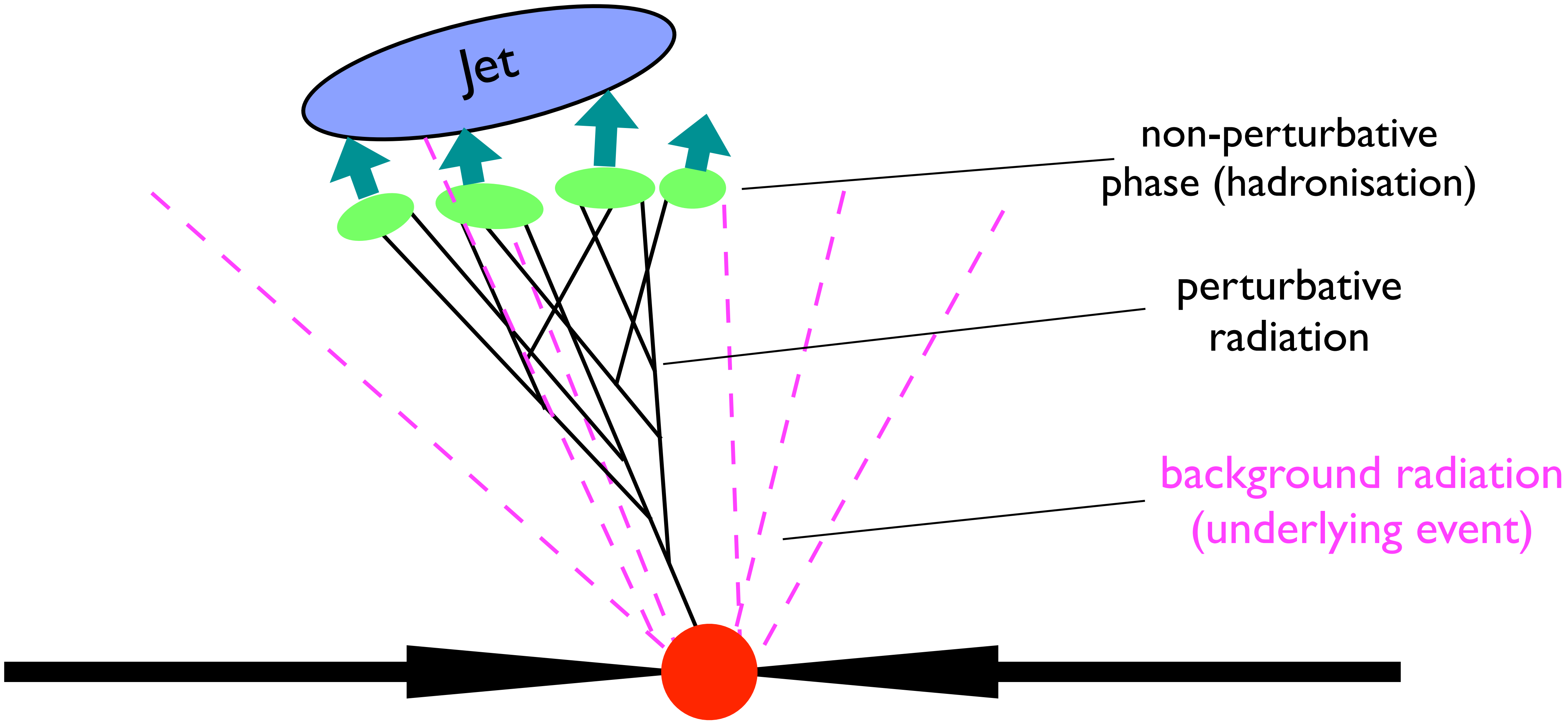
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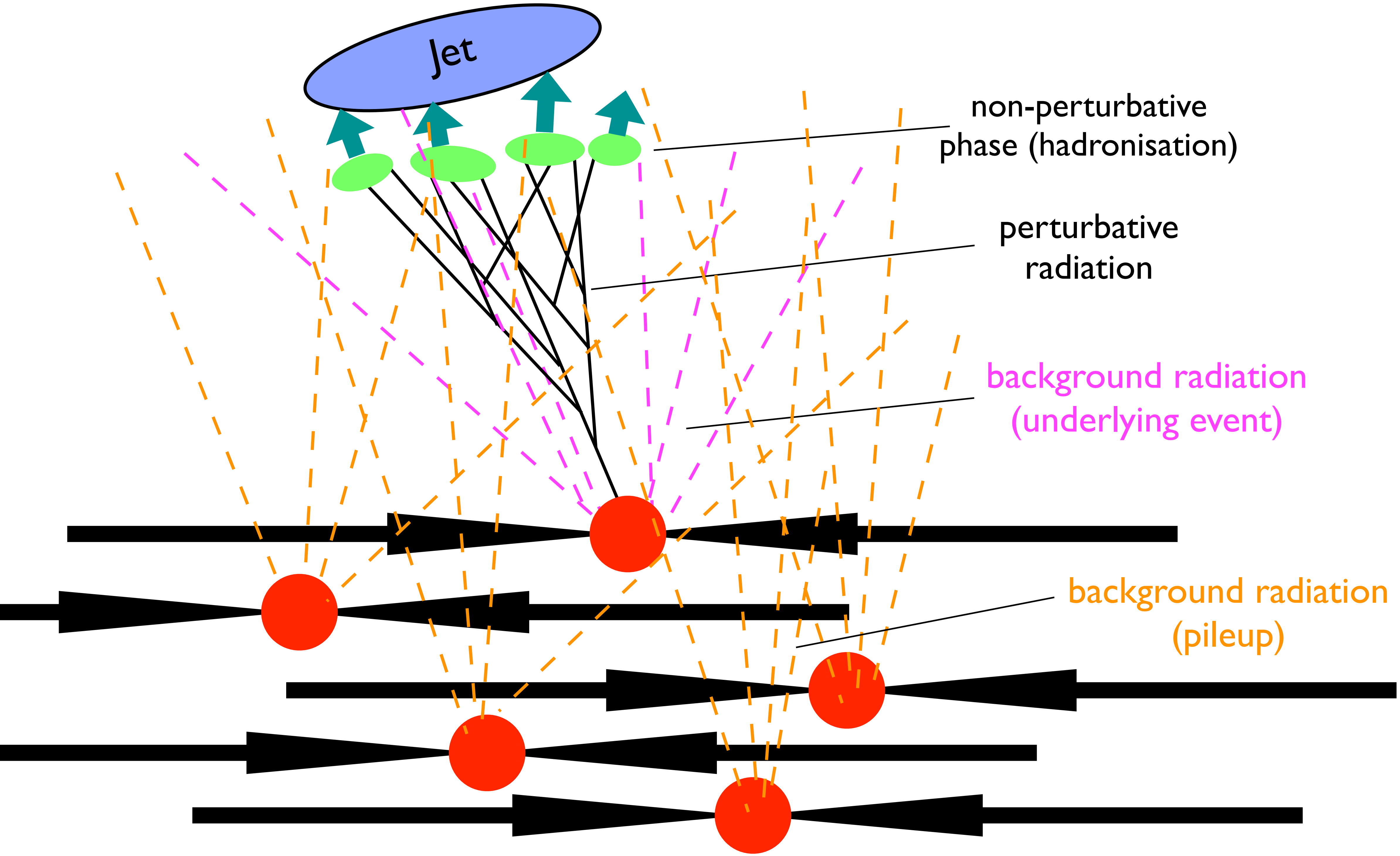
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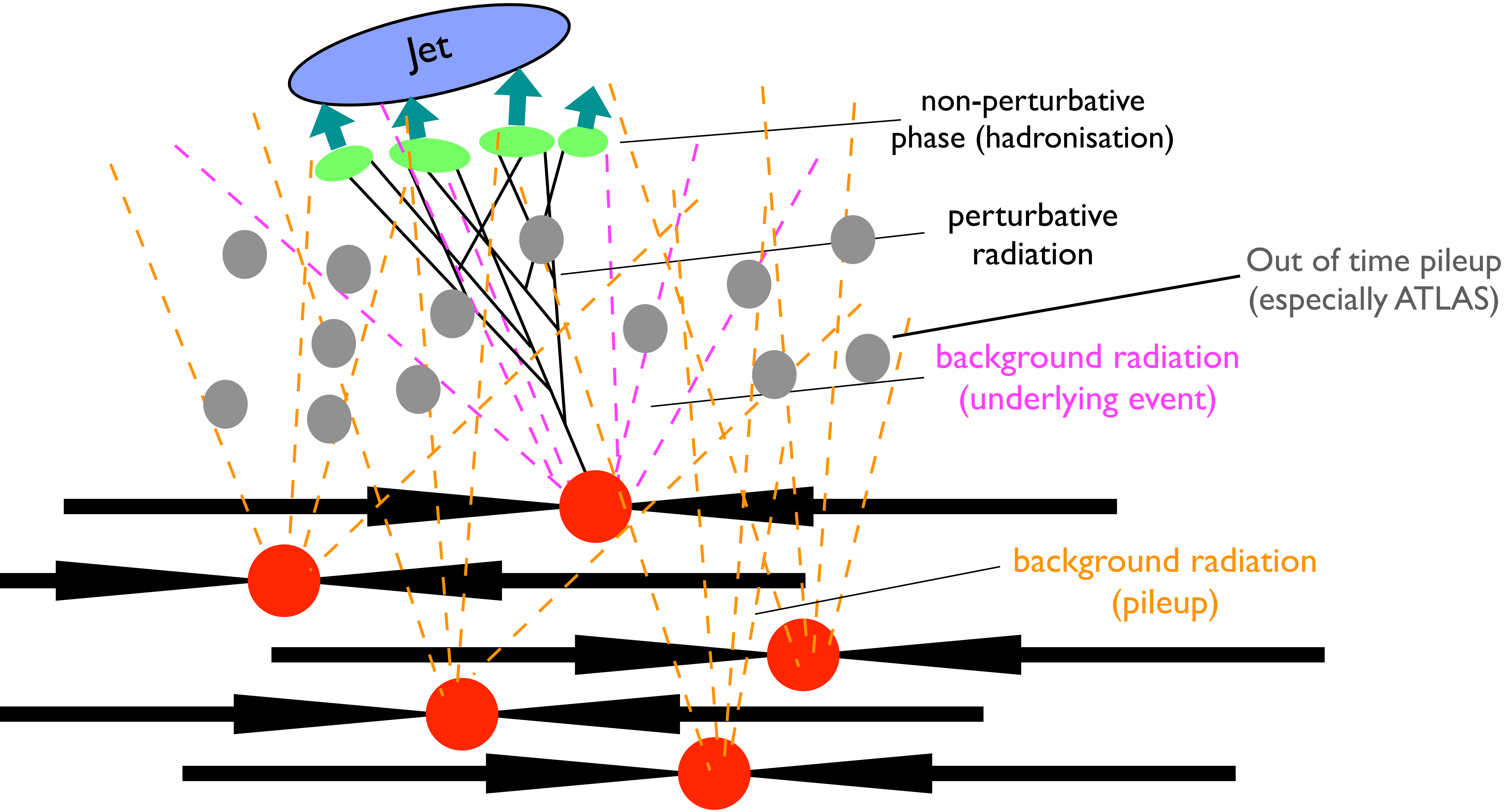
Pileup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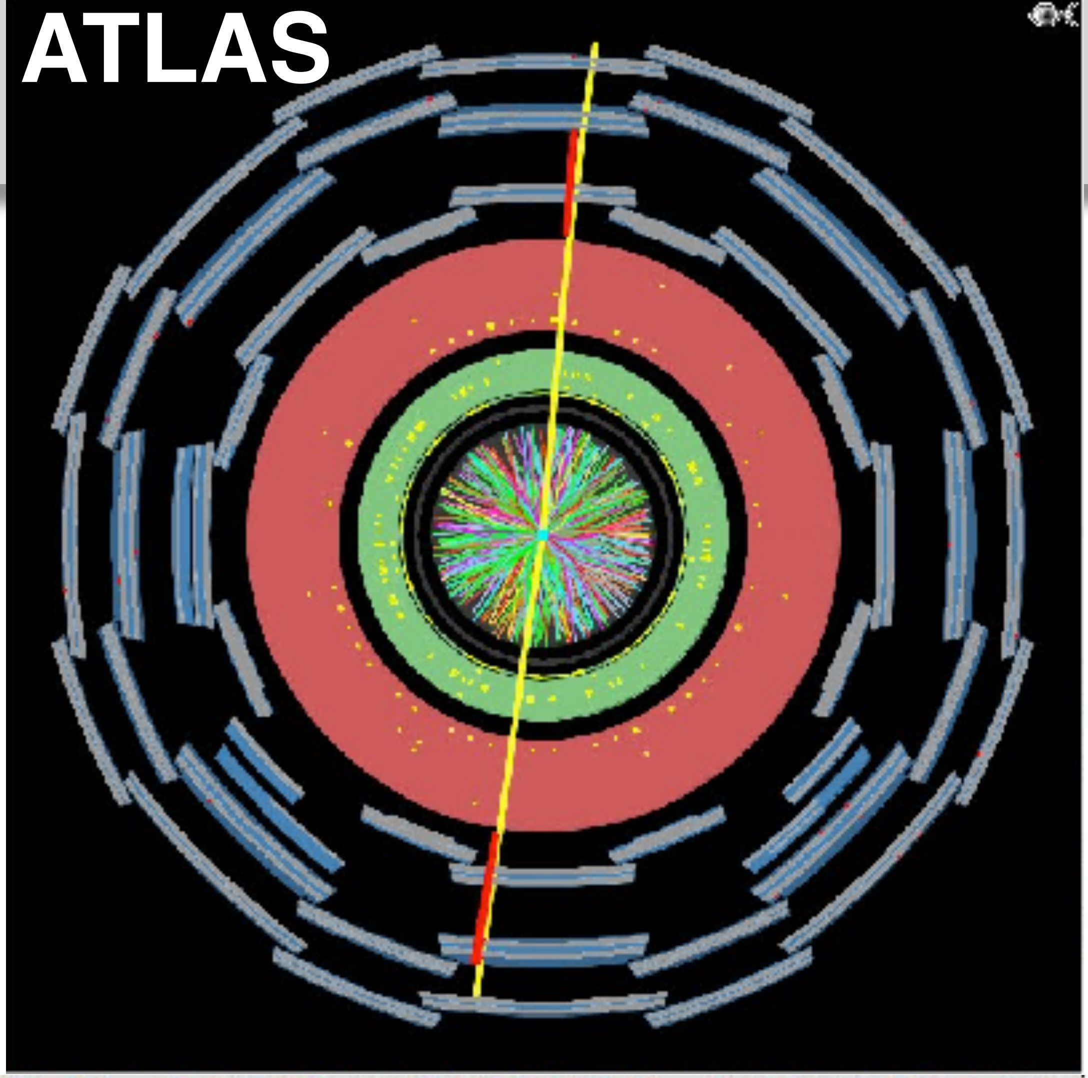
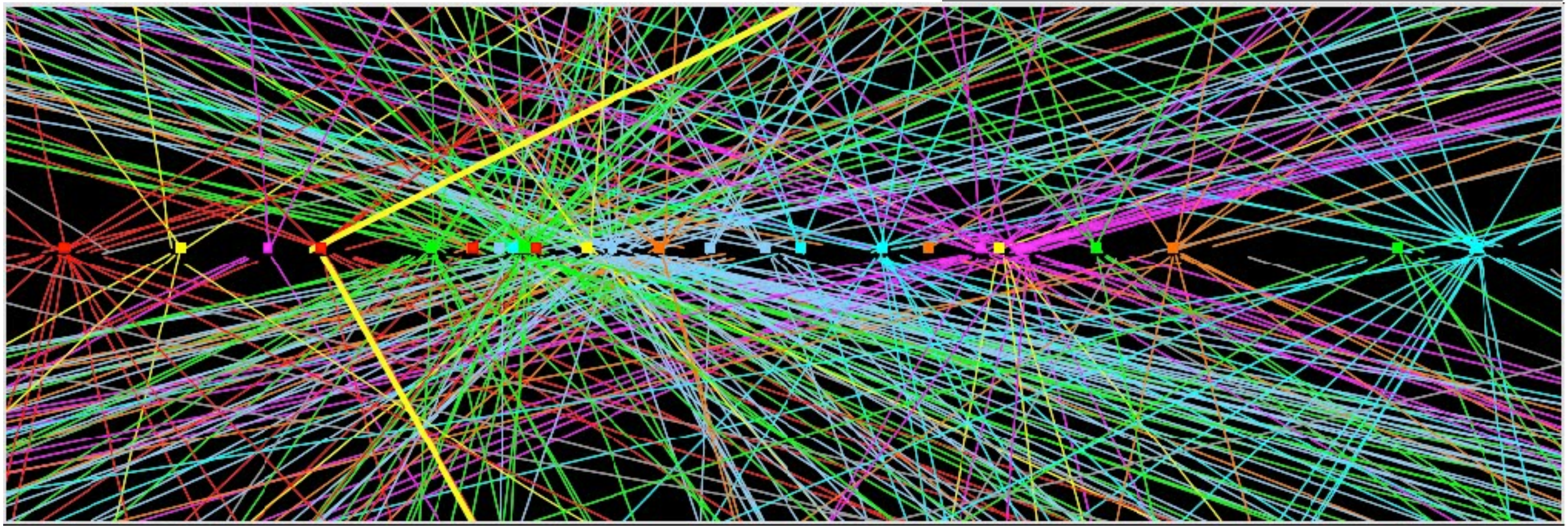
Pileup for real

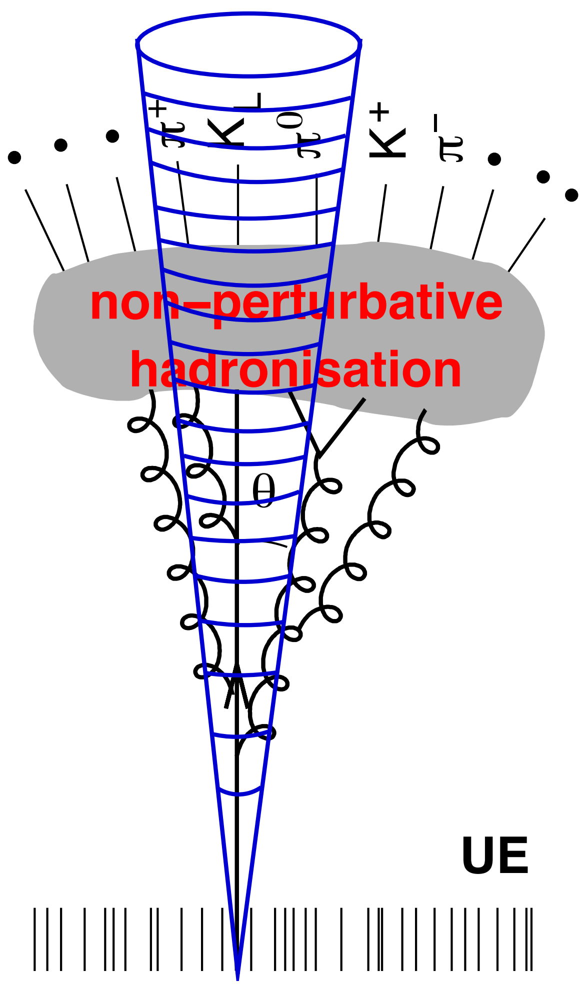


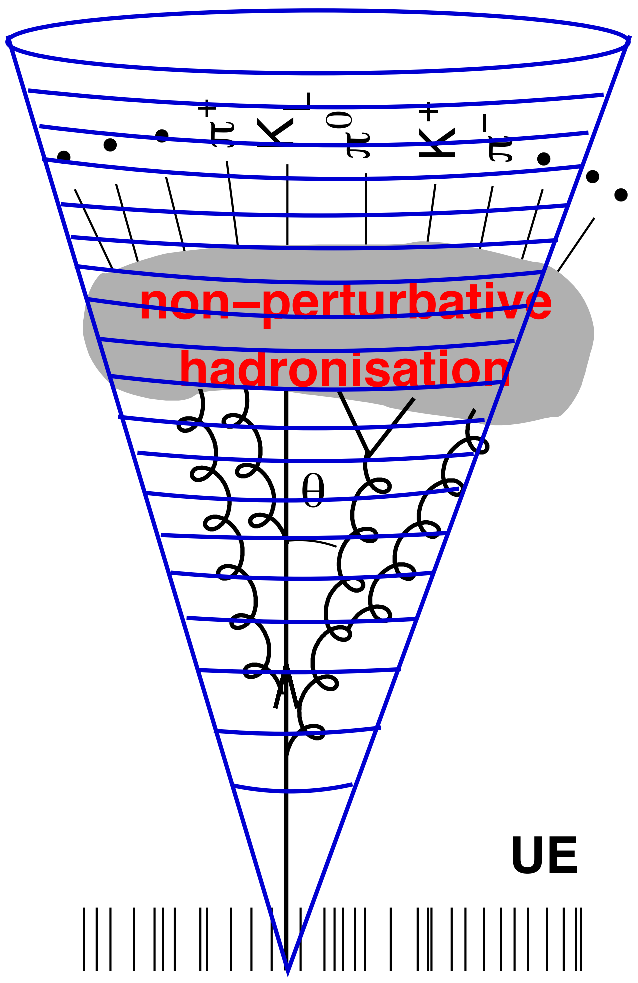
~ 20 m

a few cm



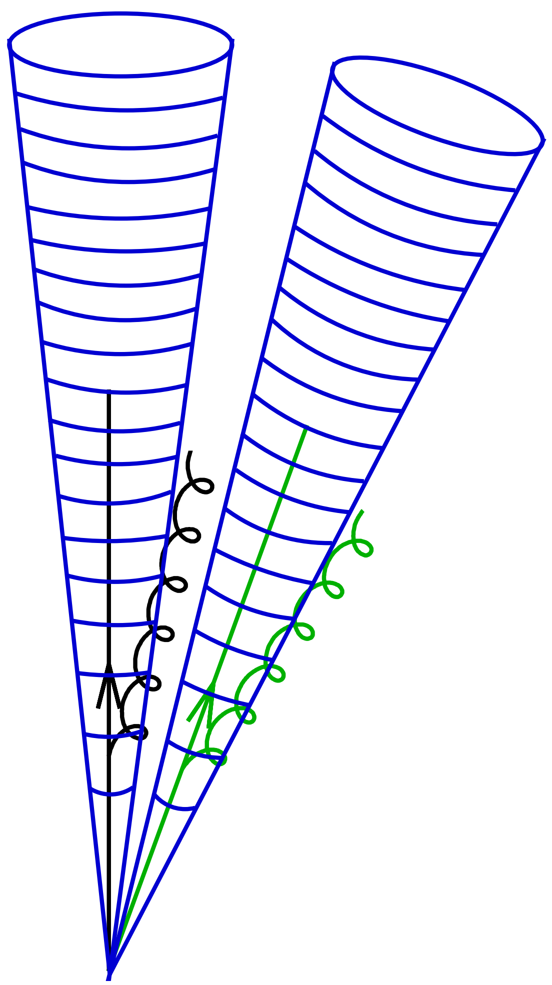
Small jet radius | **Large jet radius**

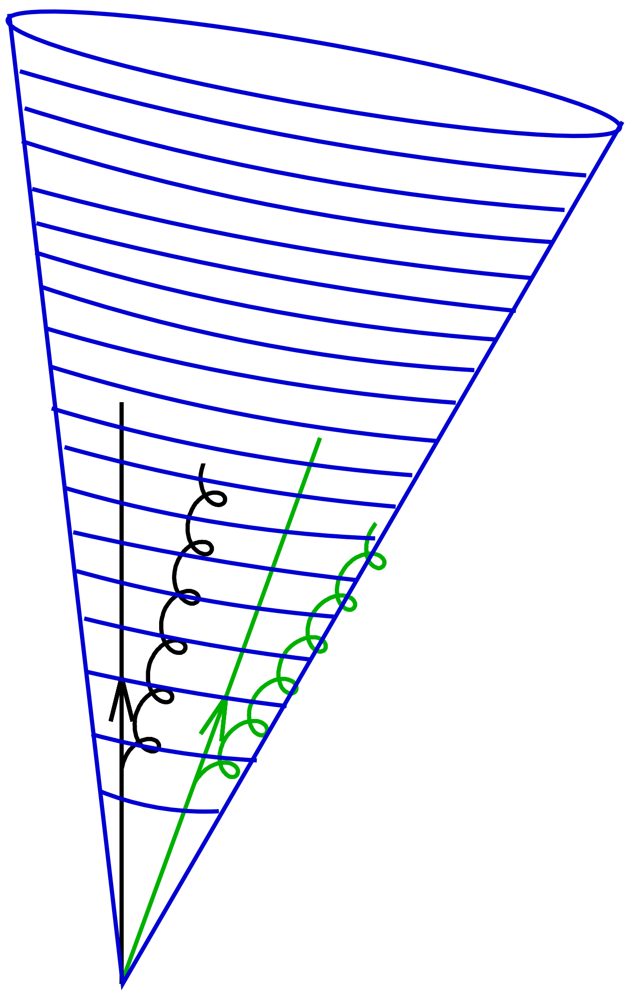




underlying ev. & pileup "noise": **small jet radius better**
(it captures less)

Small jet radius **Large jet radius**





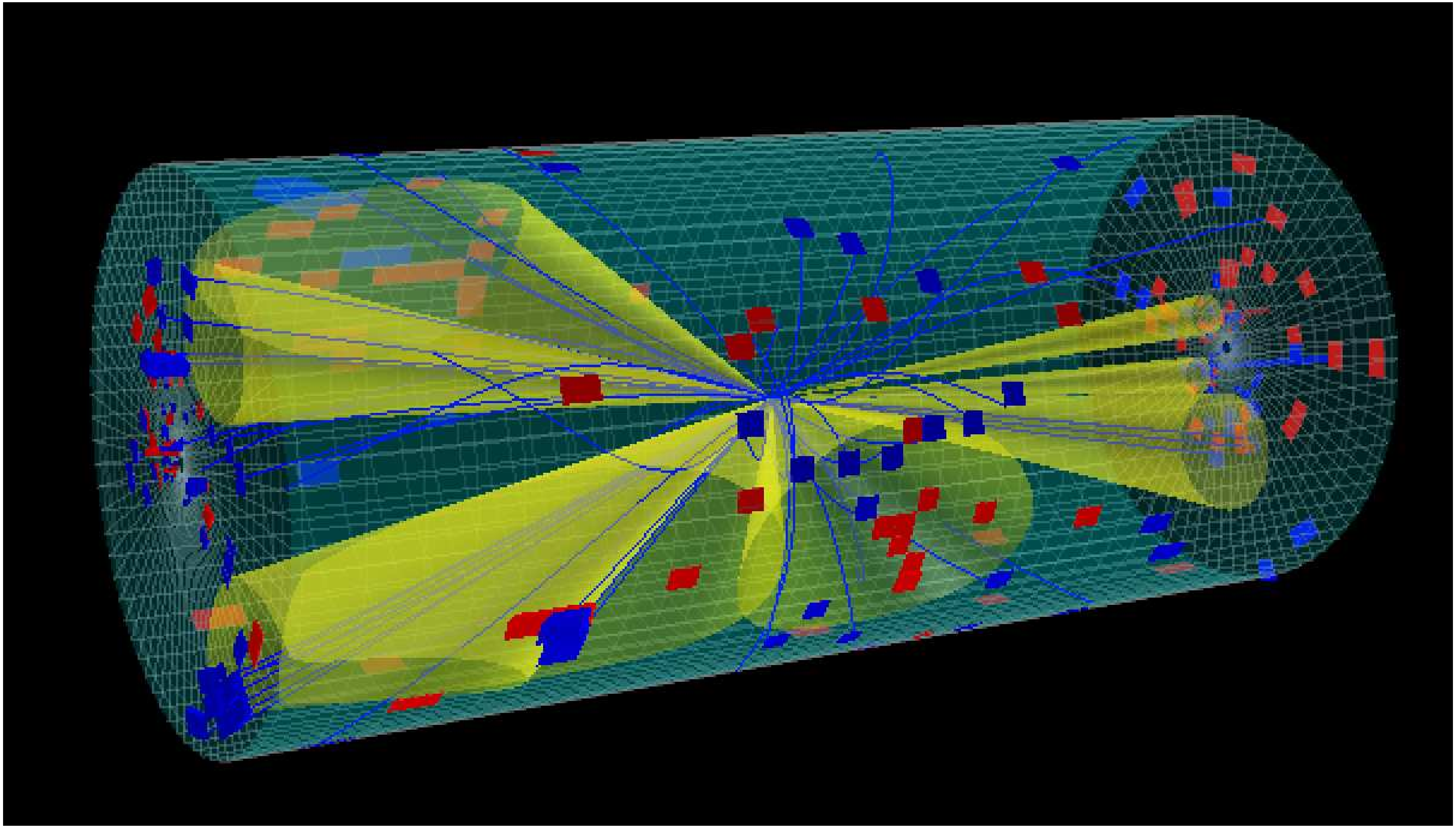
multi-hard-parton events: **small jet radius better**
(it resolves partons more effectively)

Can we capture all quarks and gluons?

Should we capture all quarks and gluons?

$pp \to t\bar{t}$

simulated with Pythia, displayed with Delphes



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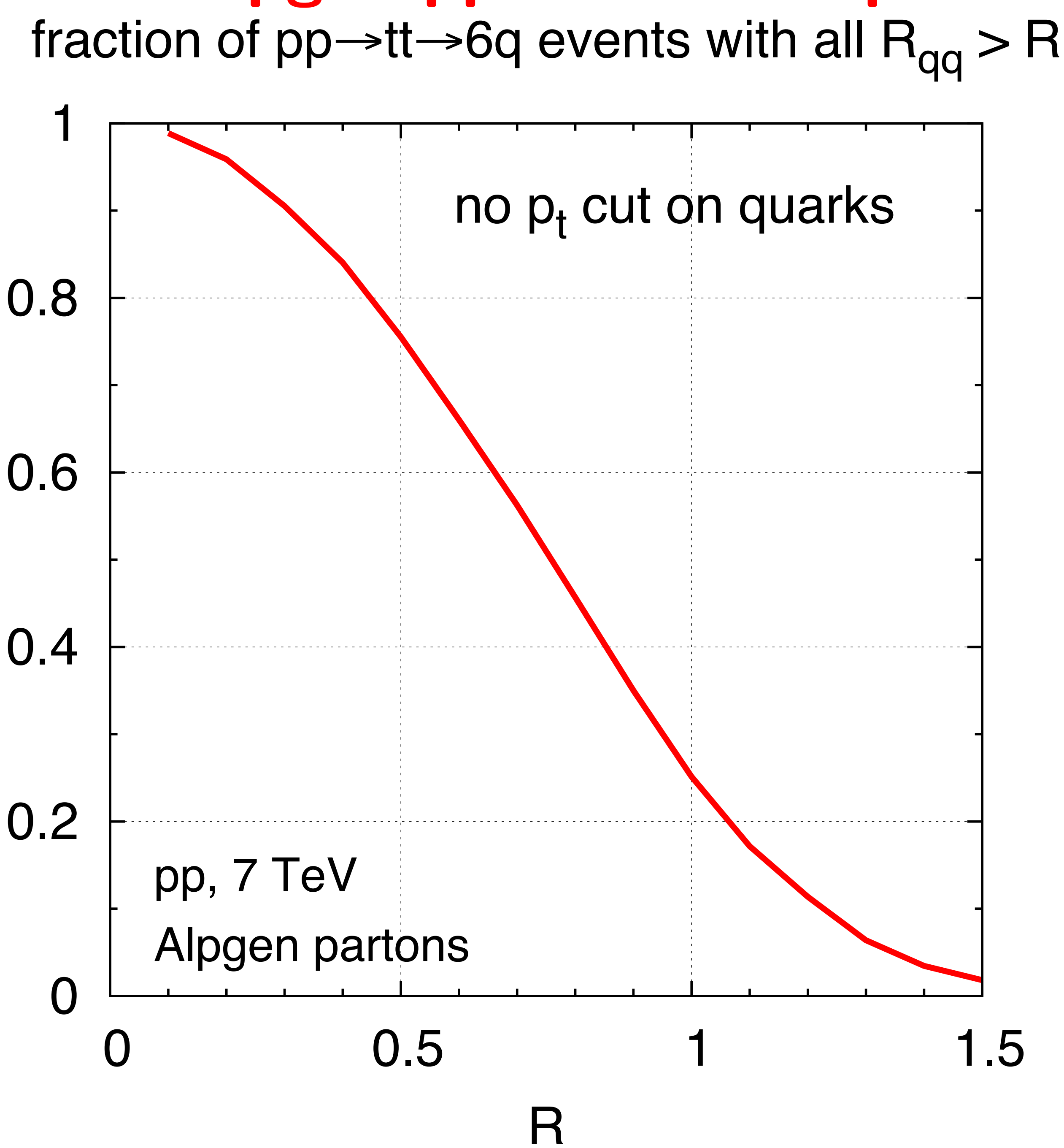

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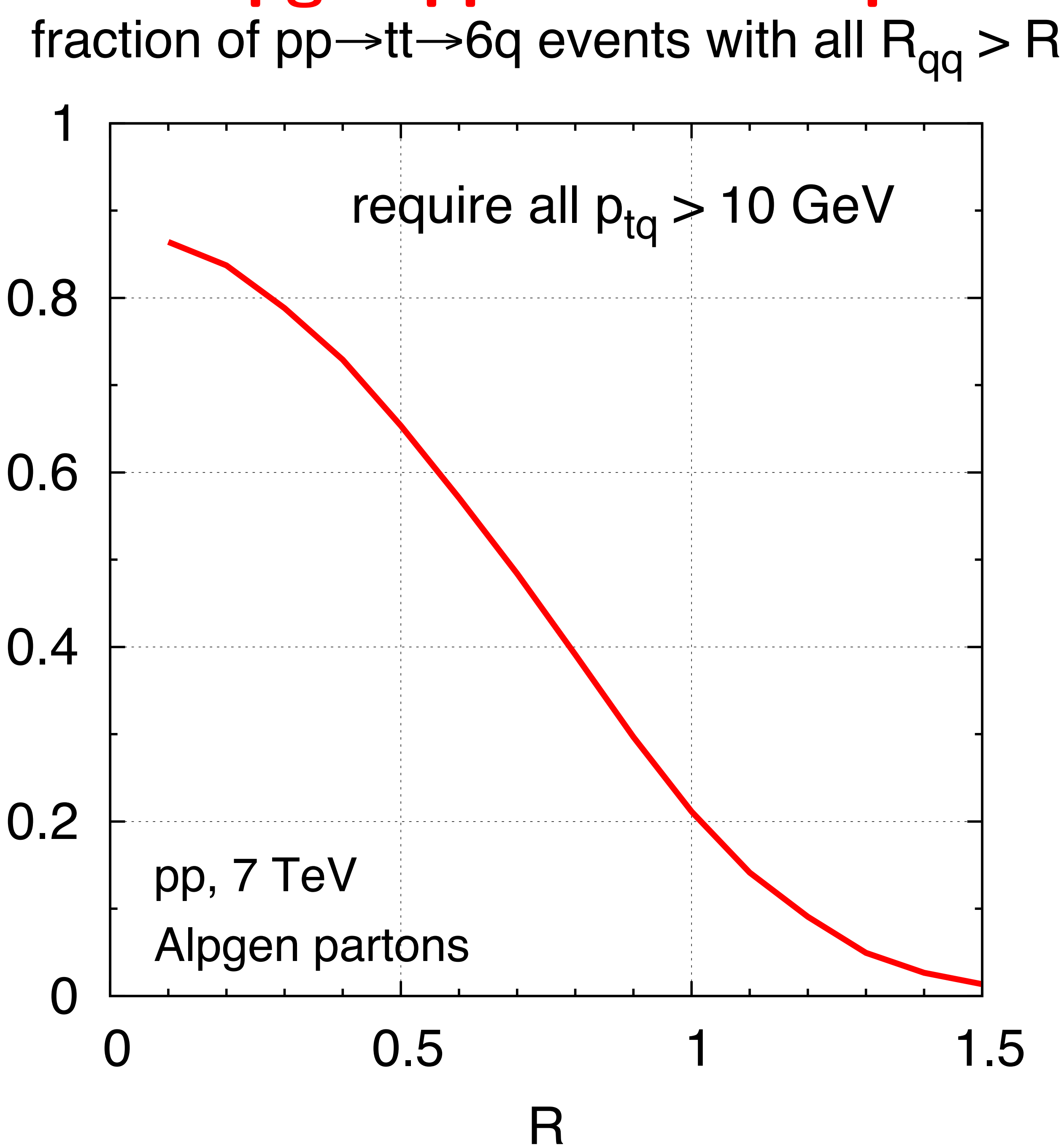

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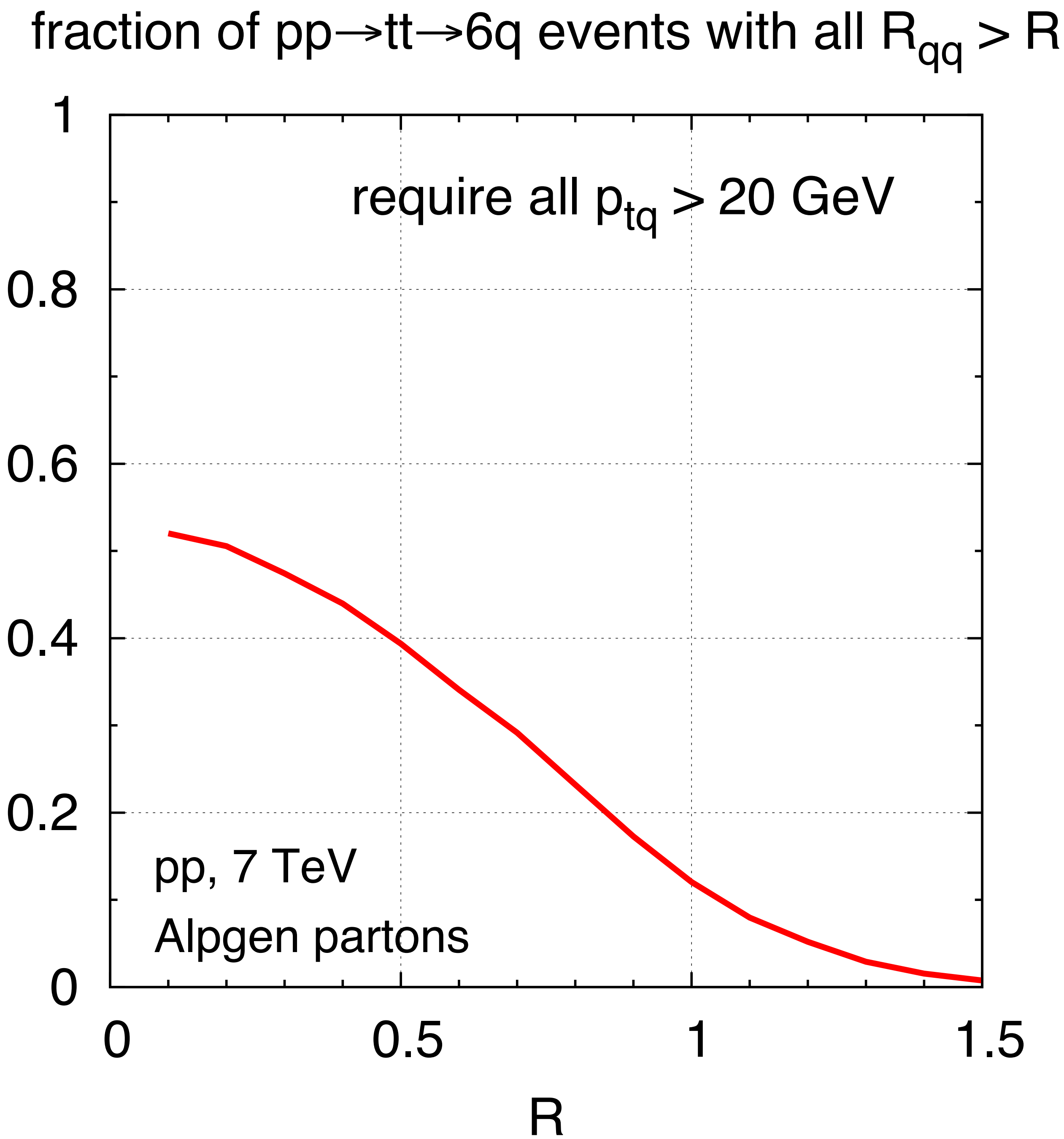

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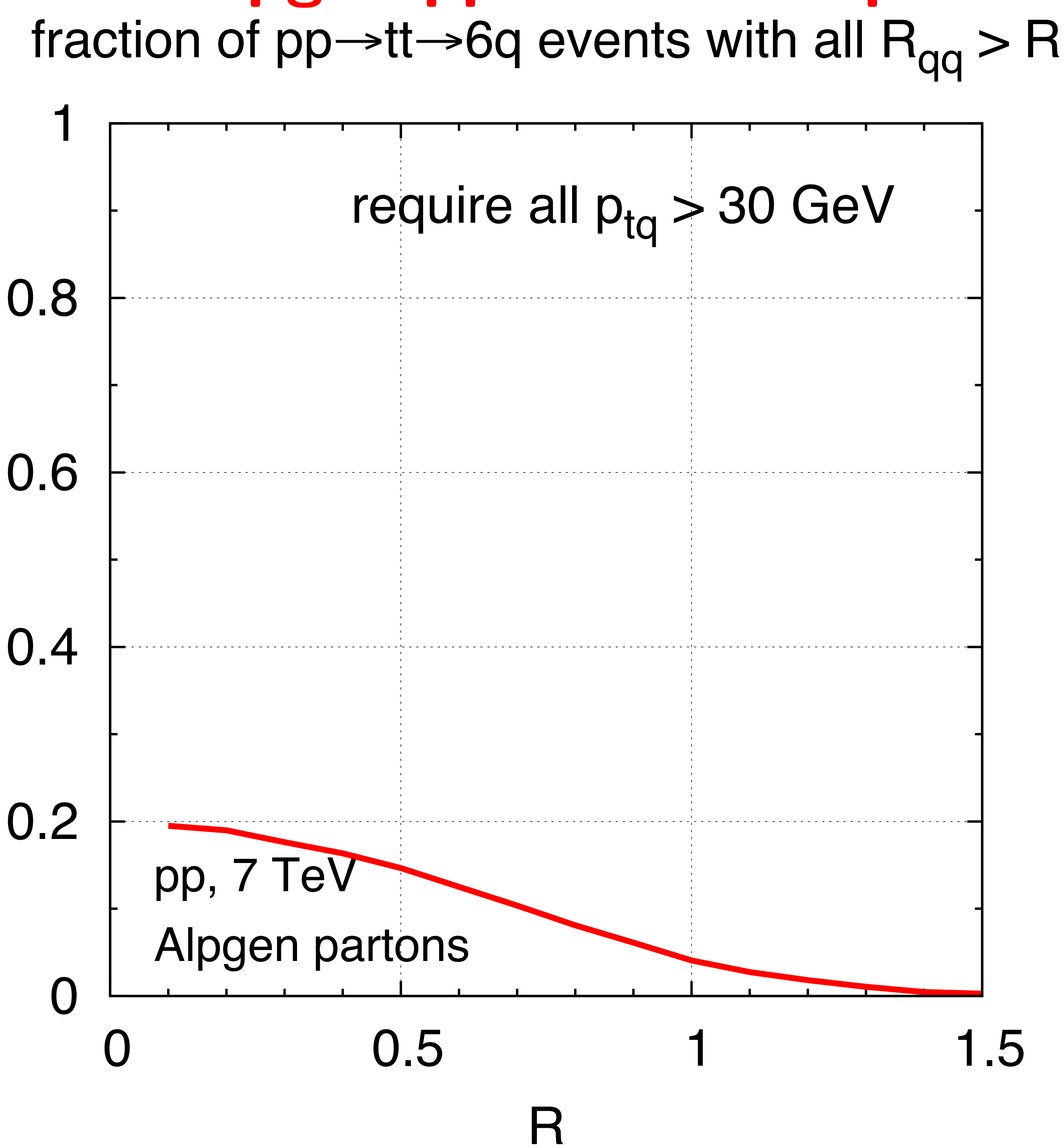

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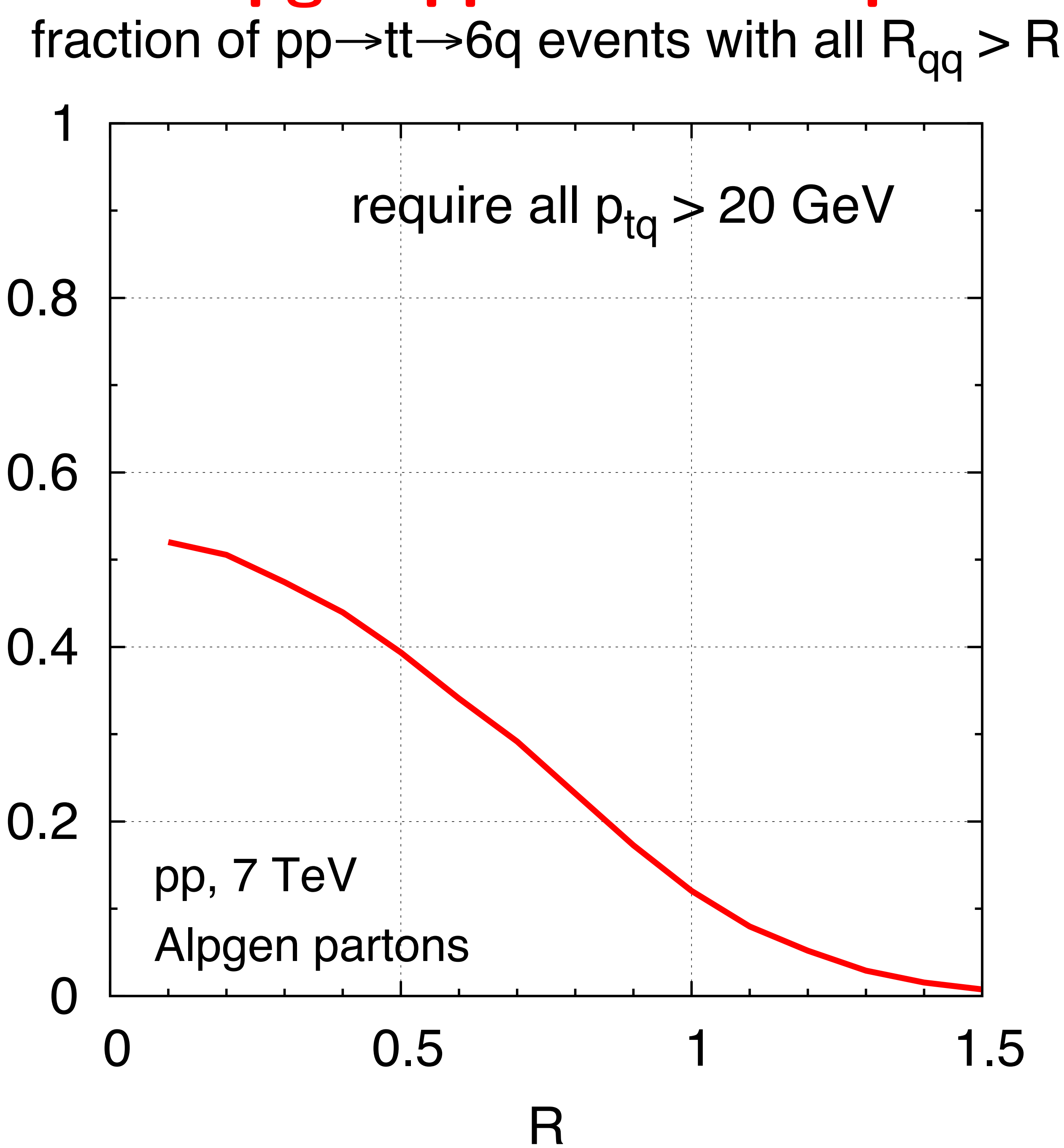
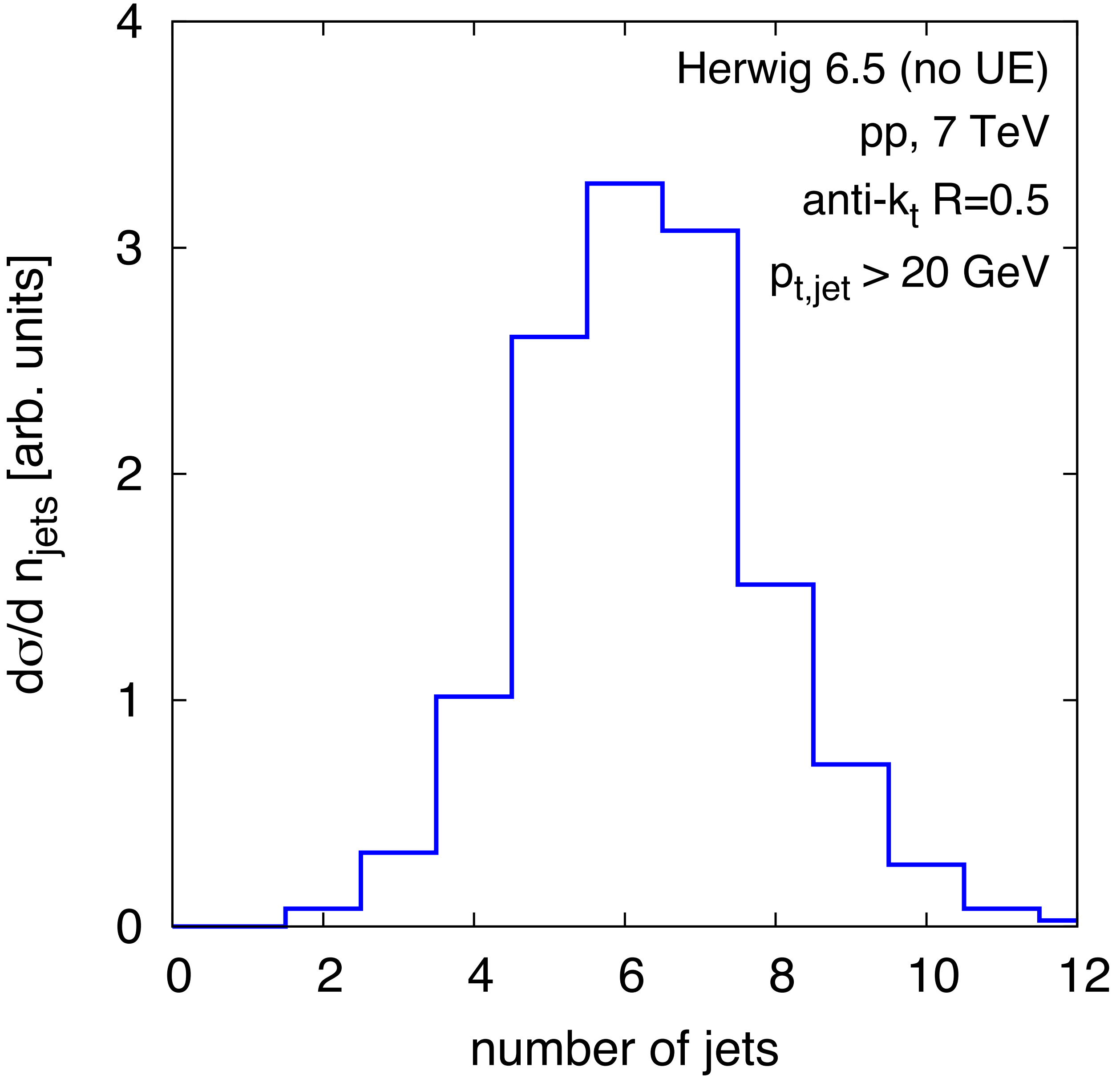


Herwig $pp \to t\bar{t} \to$ hadrons

Distribution of number of jets



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)

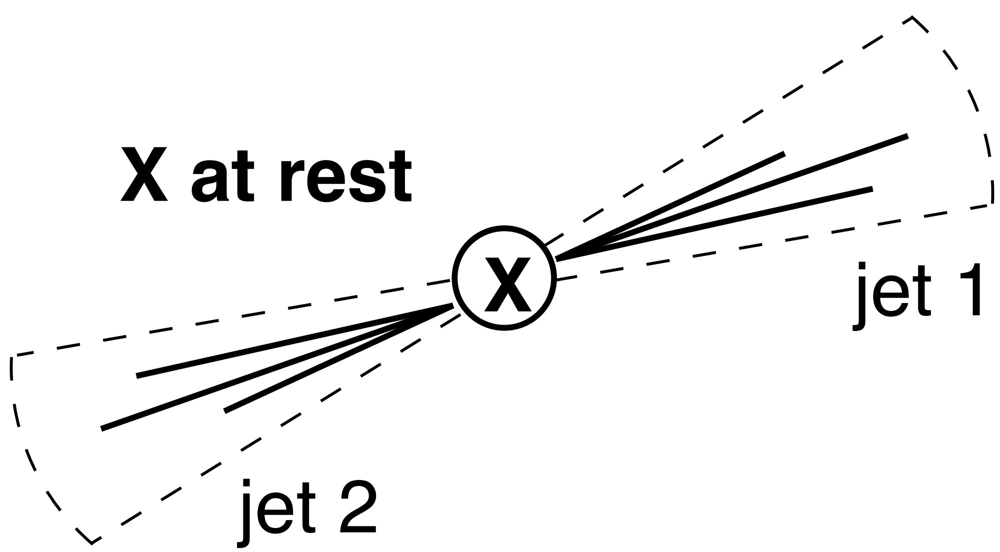
Radius and p_T threshold choices give a good compromise between

- 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 $X \to q\bar{q}$ reconstructed as two jets



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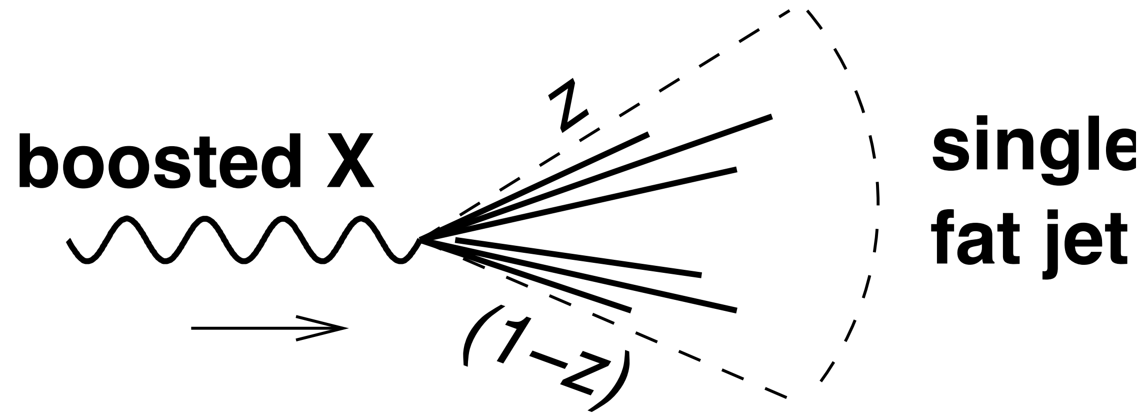

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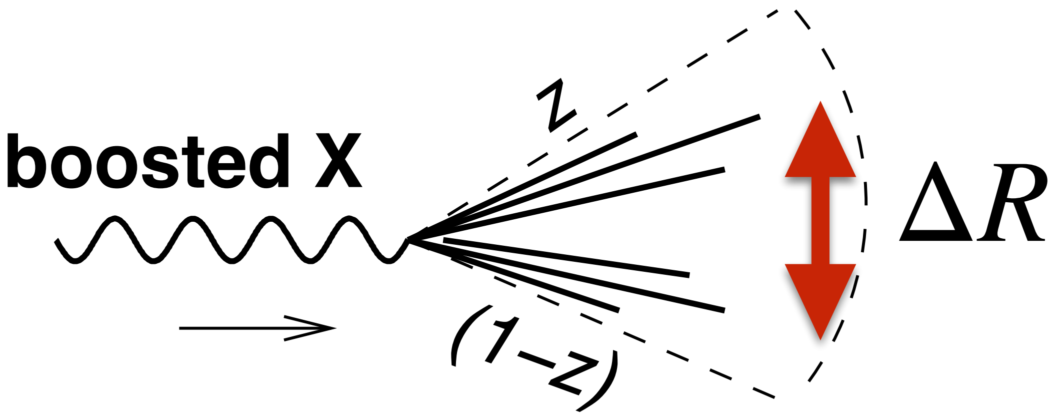
$$m_X^2 \simeq E_X^2 \cdot z(1-z) \cdot 2(1-\cos\theta)$$
$$\simeq p_{tX}^2 \cdot z(1-z) \cdot \Delta R^2$$



The two prongs end up in a single jet if

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

E.g. W-boson with $p_t > 400\,\mathrm{GeV}$ ends up collimated in a single jet.

Tagging & Grooming

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

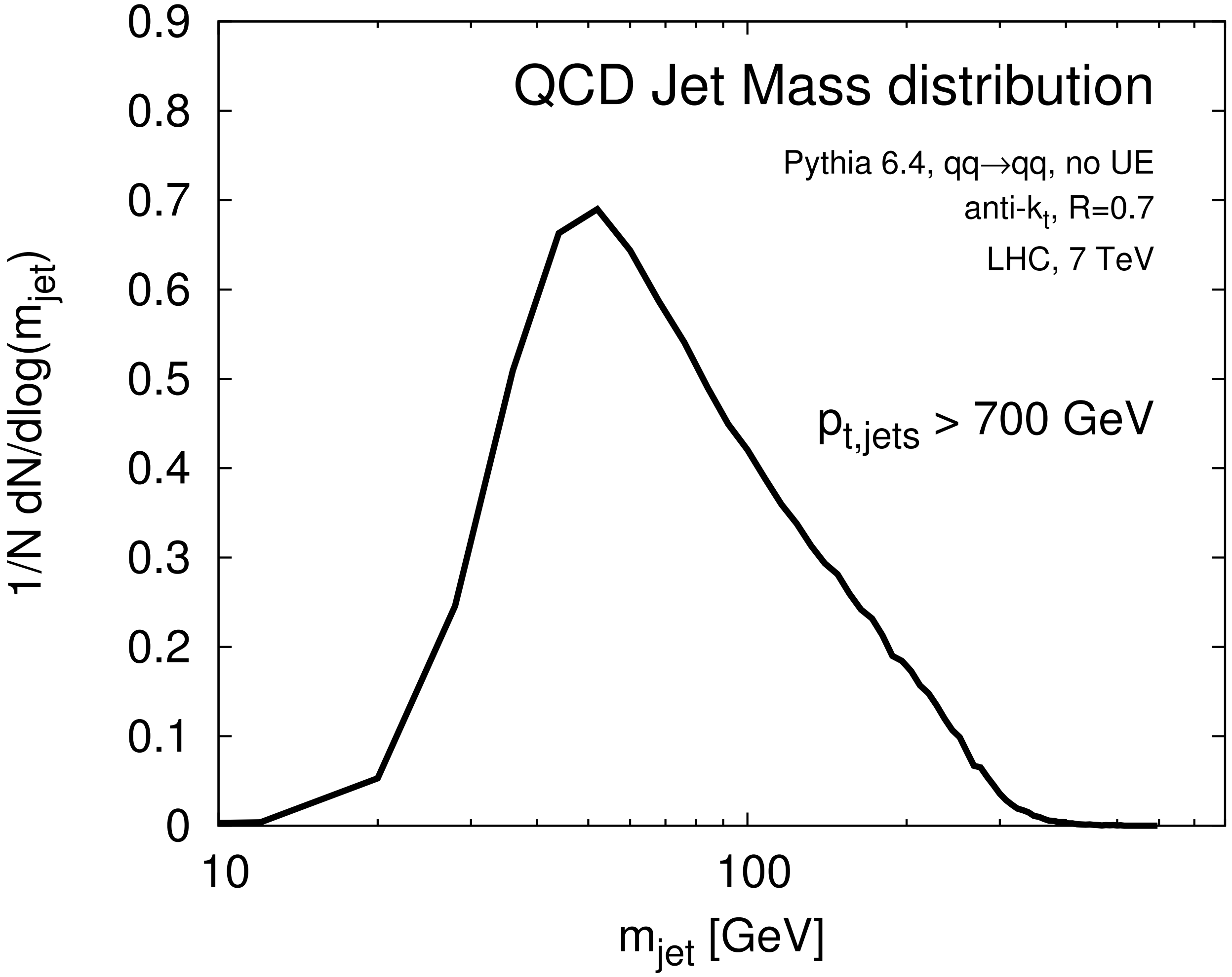
Tagging

- 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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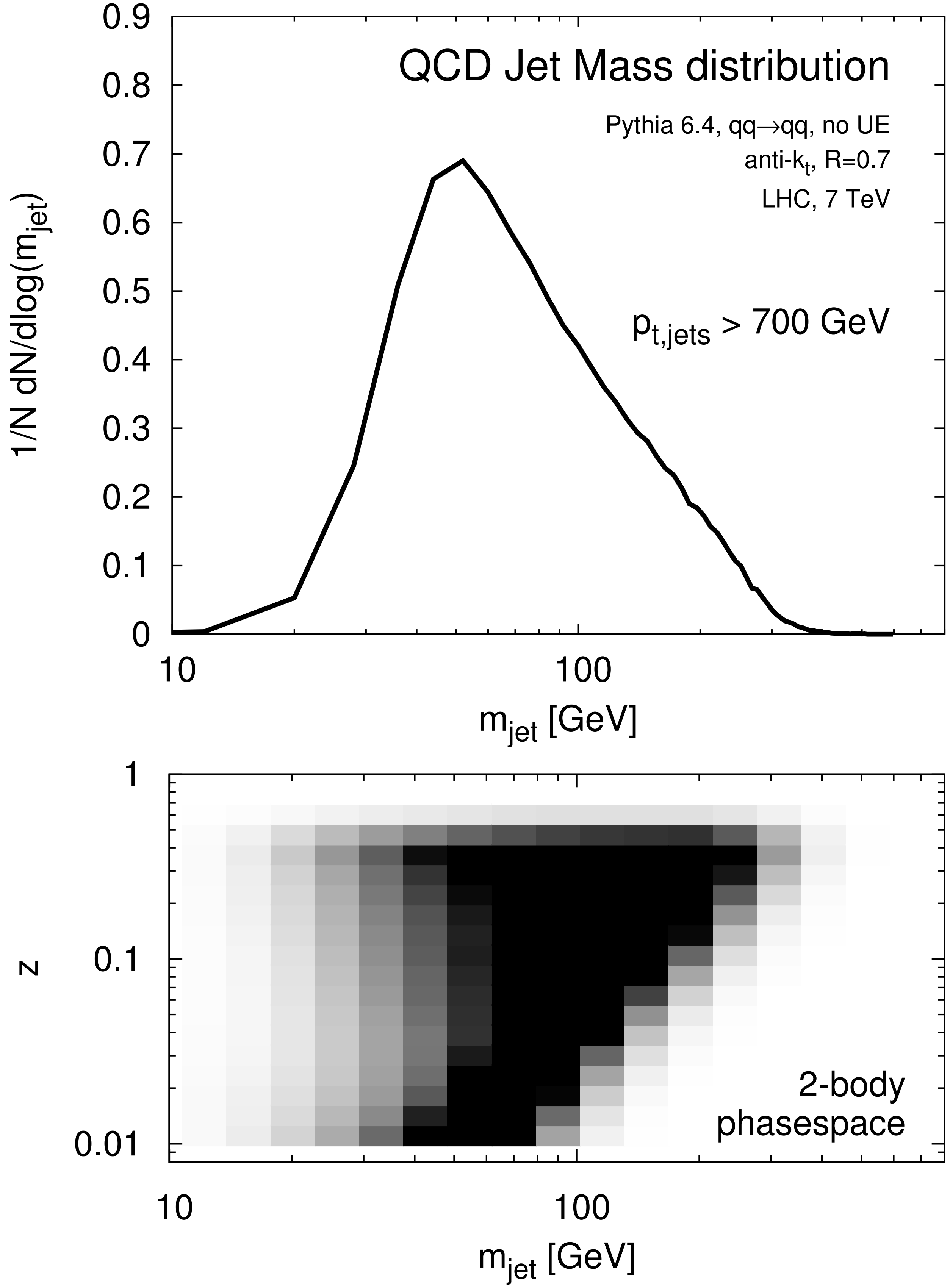

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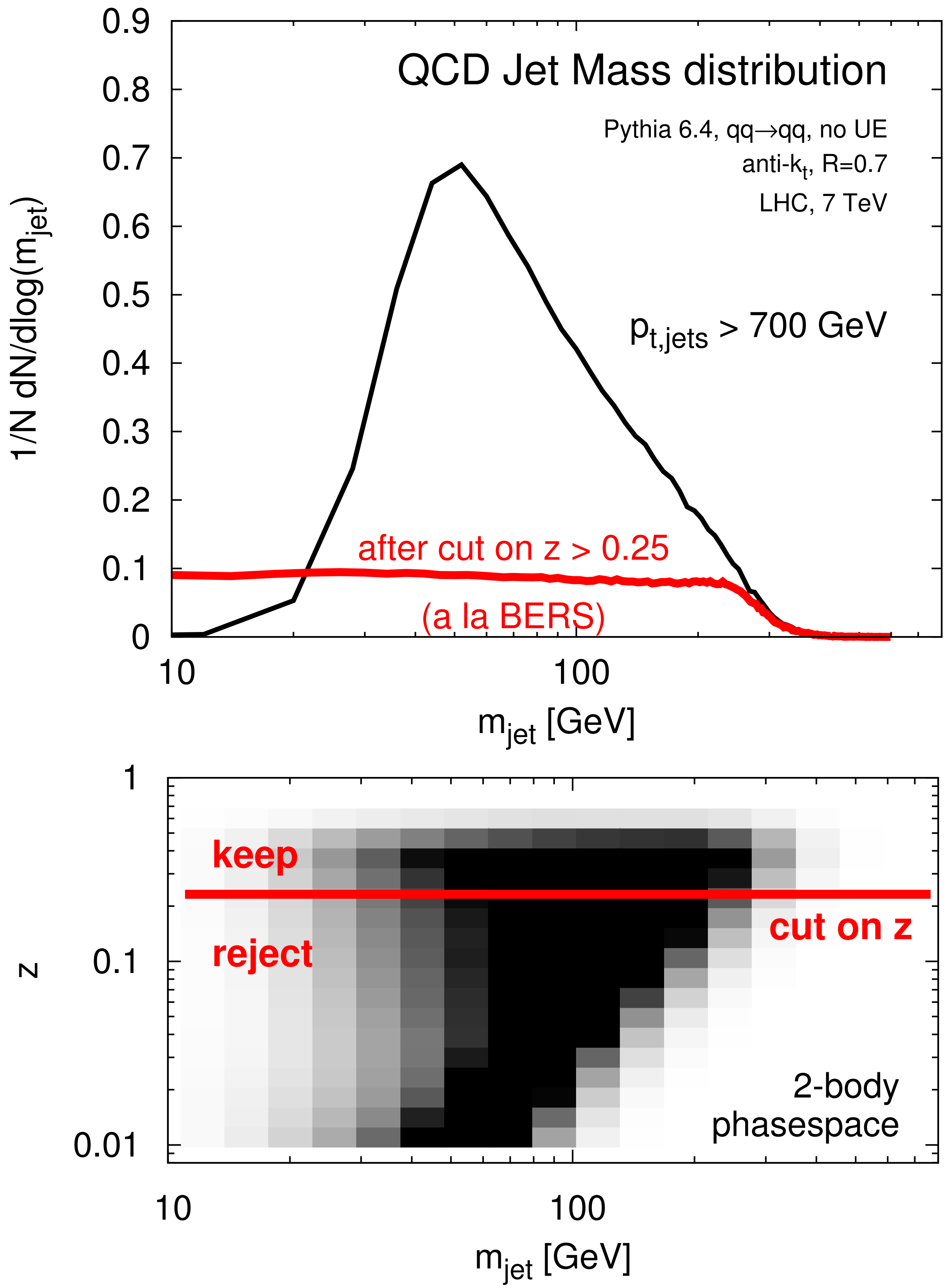

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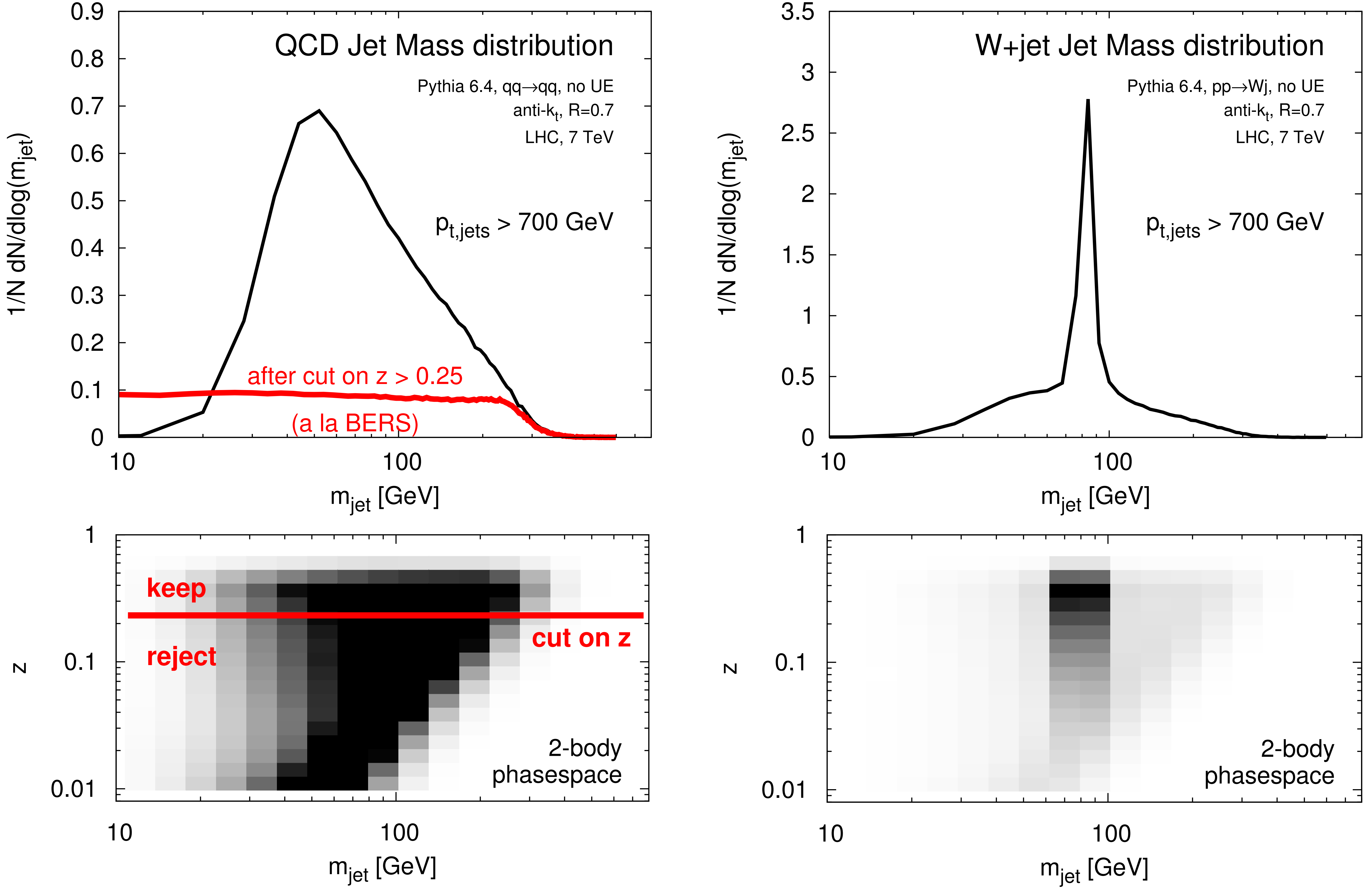
A hard cut on z reduces QCD background & simplifies its shape


QCD Jet Mass distribution
Pythia 6.4, qq→qq, no UE
anti-k_t, R=0.7
LHC, 7 TeV
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after cut on z > 0.25
(a la BERS)
1/N dN/dlog(m_{jet})
m_{jet} [GeV]
W+jet Jet Mass distribution
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cut on z
2-body
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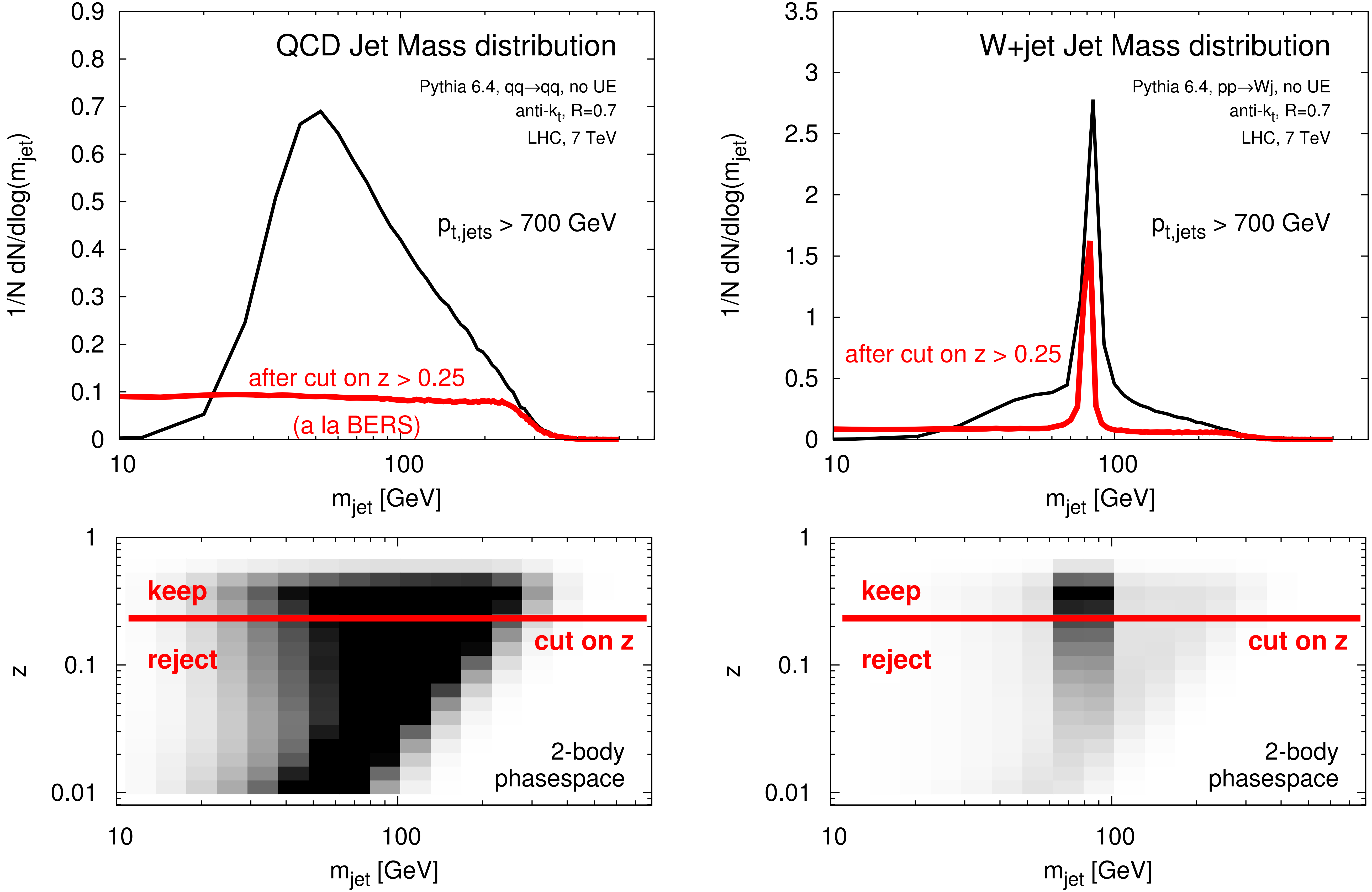
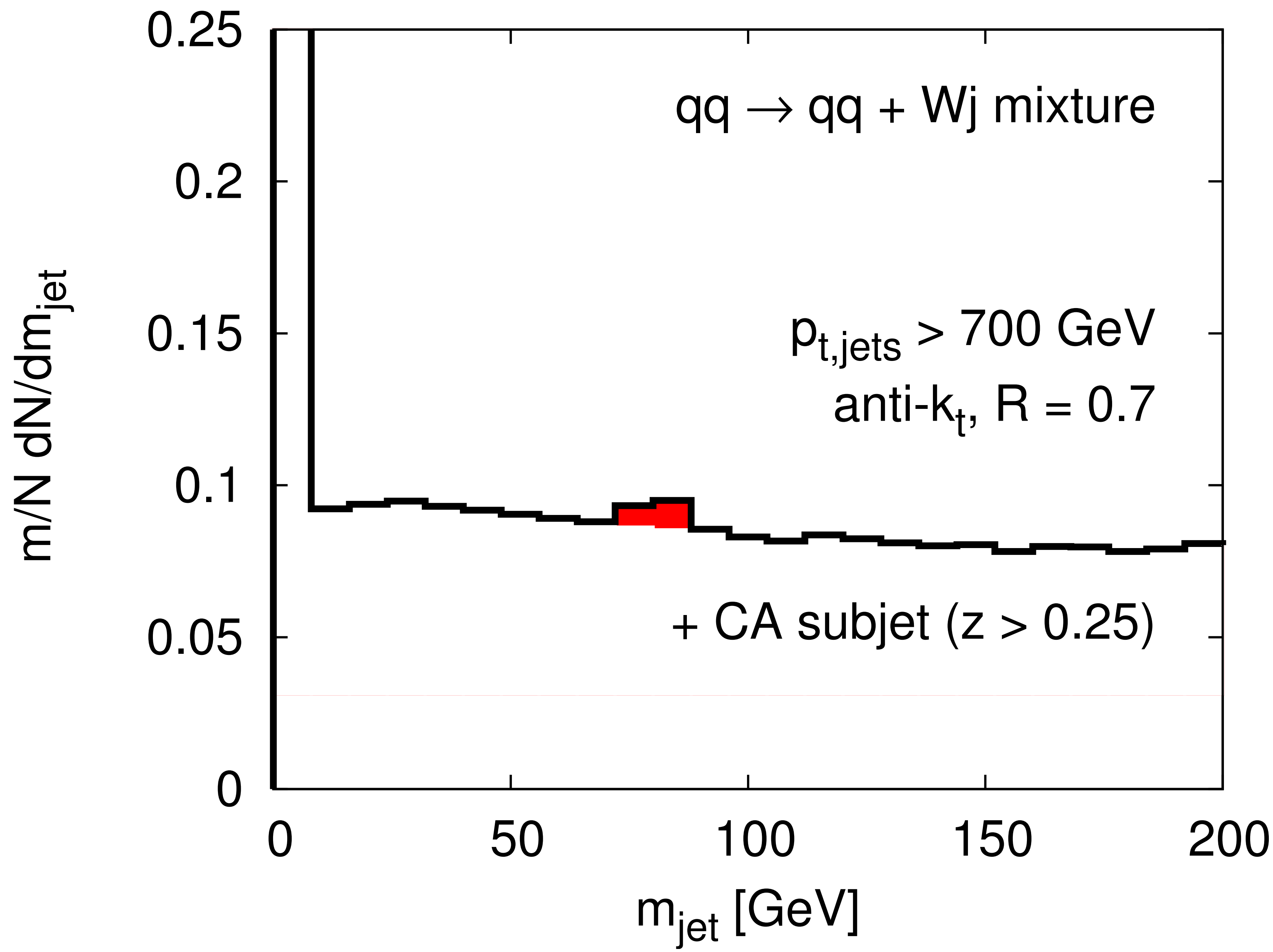
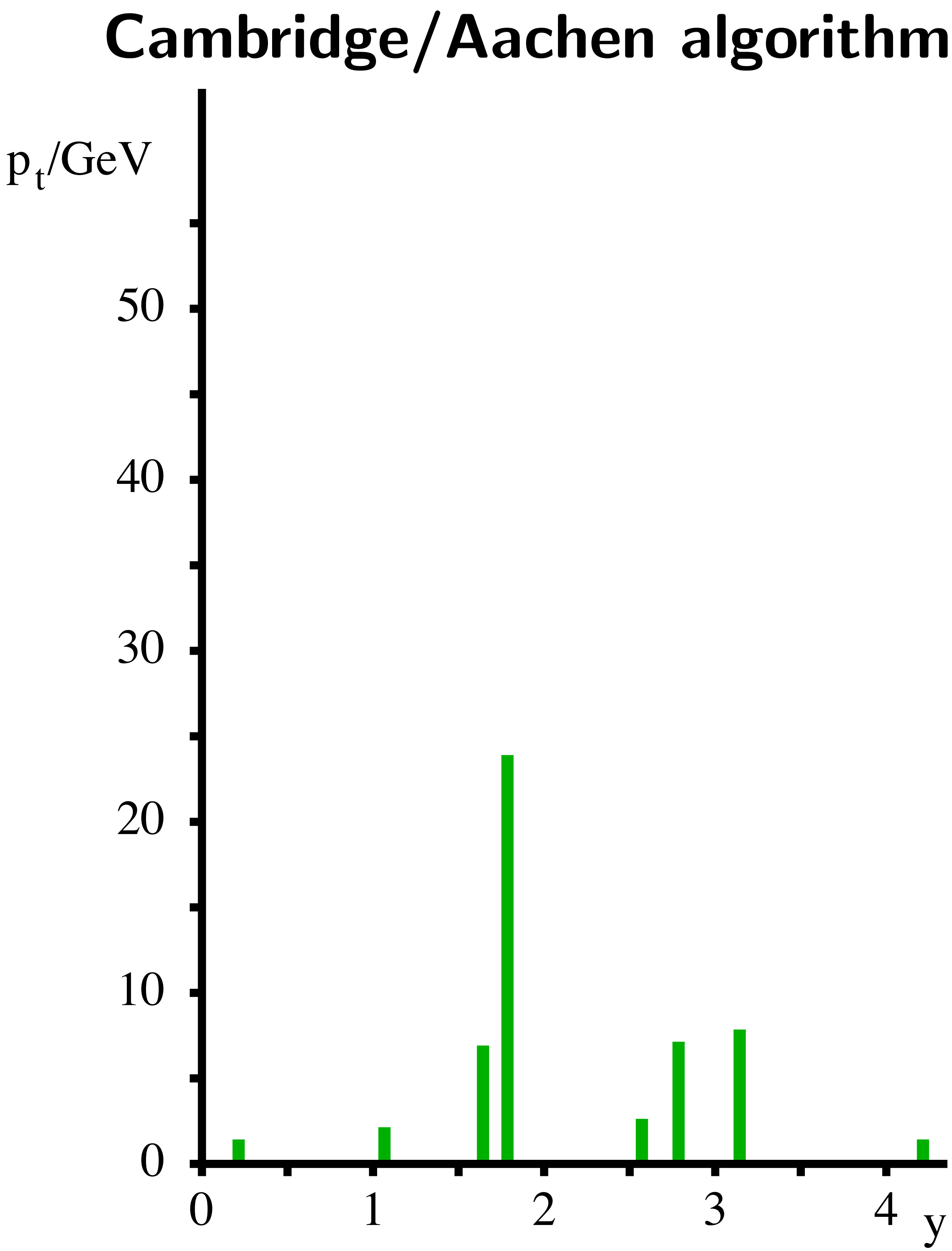
z

Inside the jet mass





Signal + bkgd after cut on z



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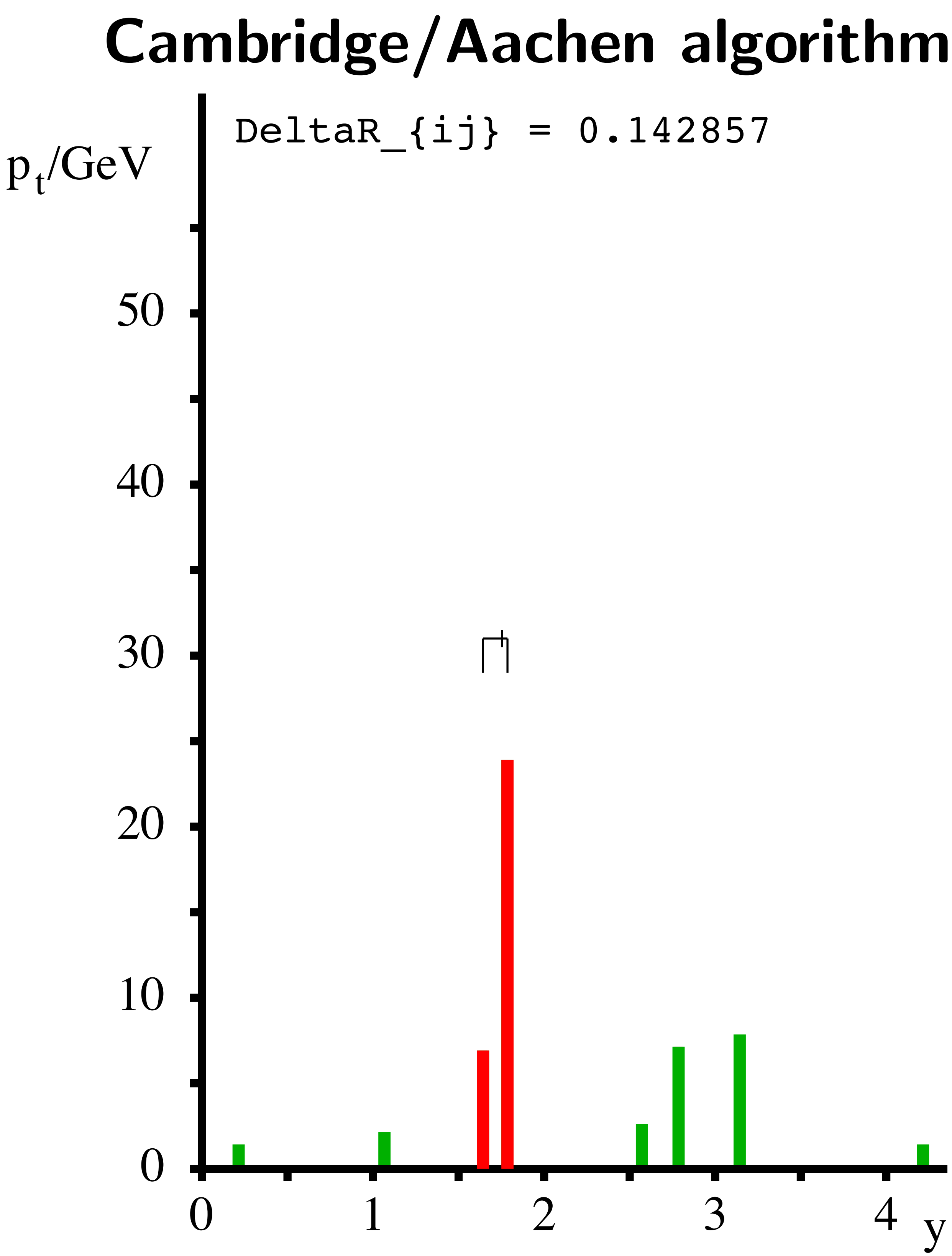

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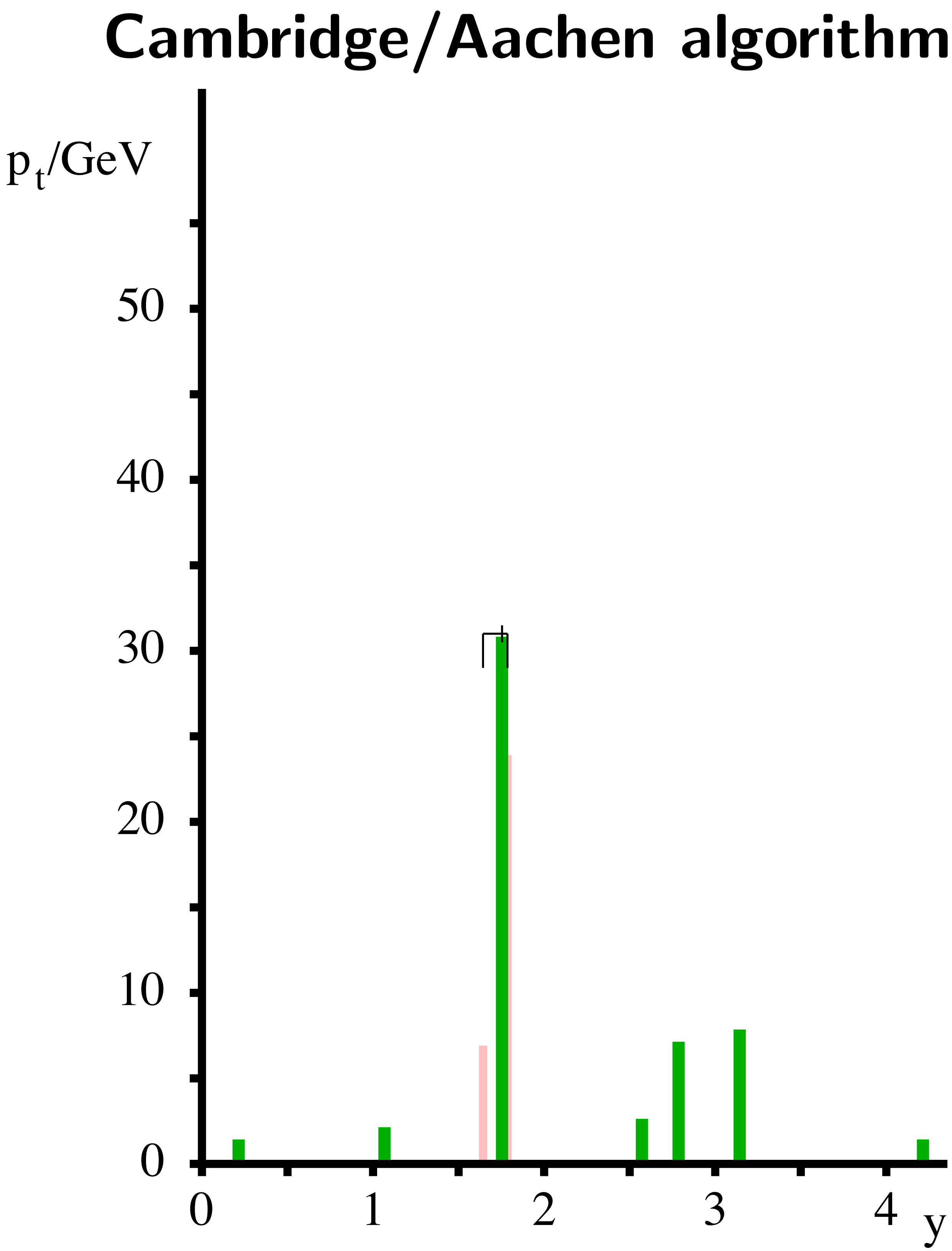

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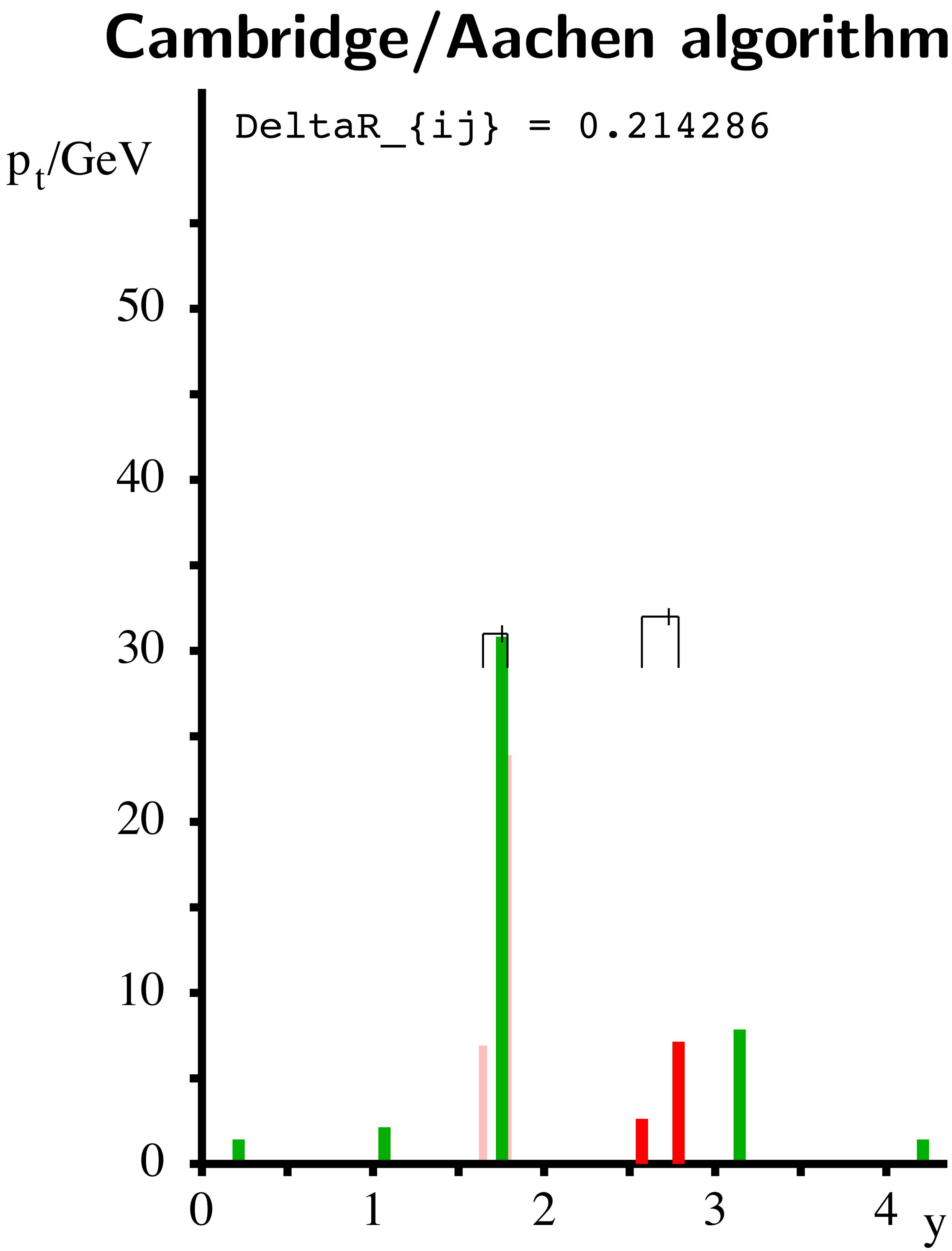

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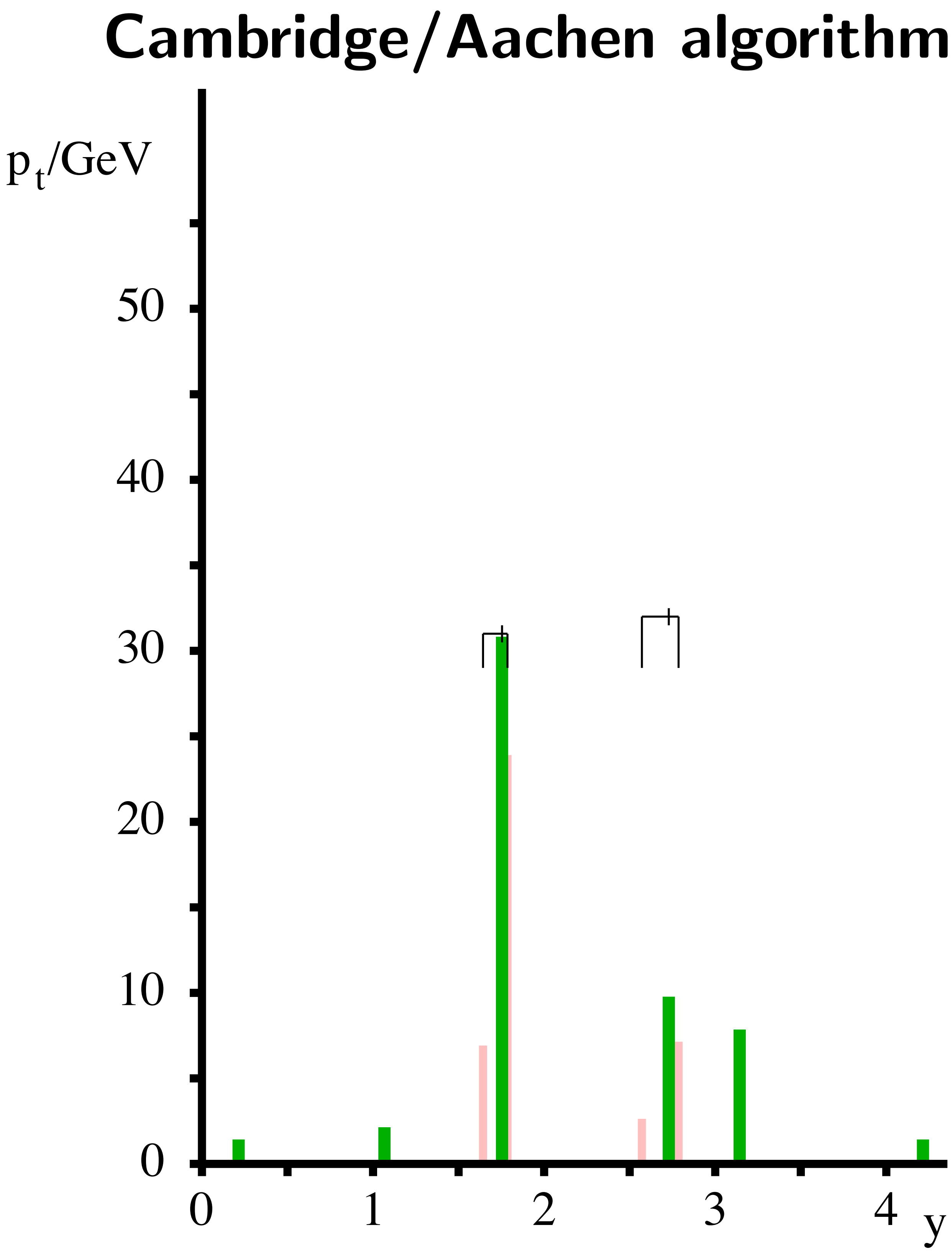

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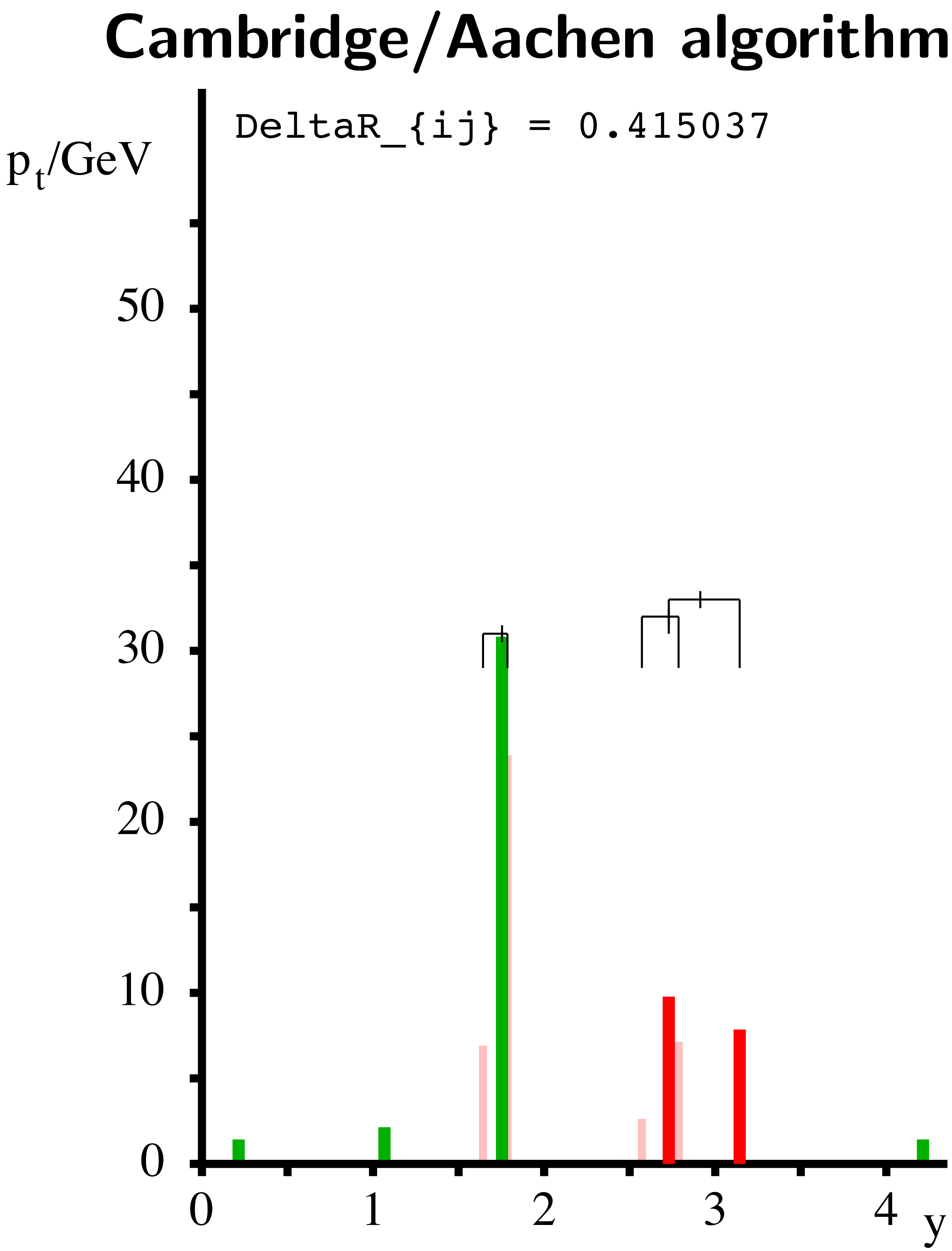

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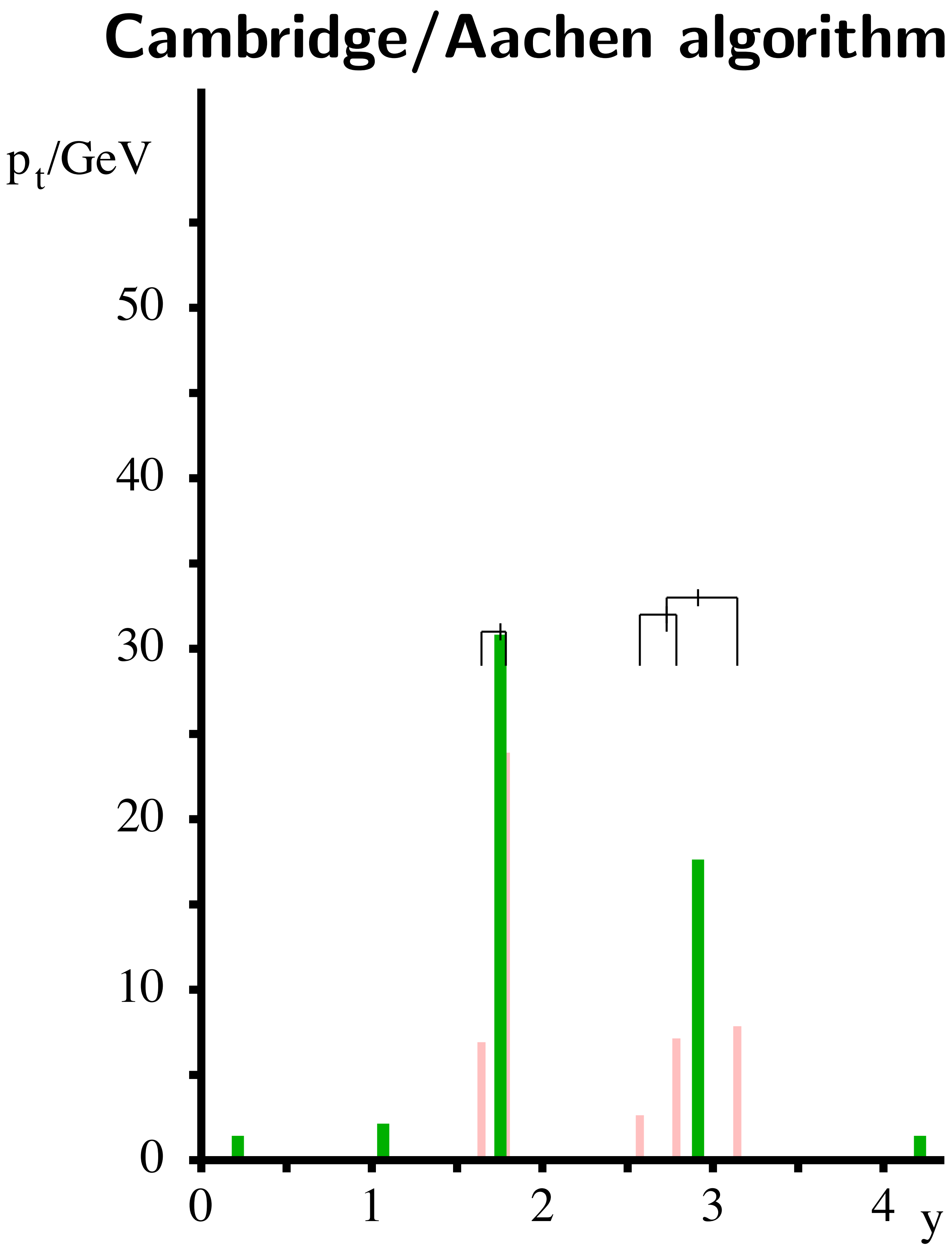

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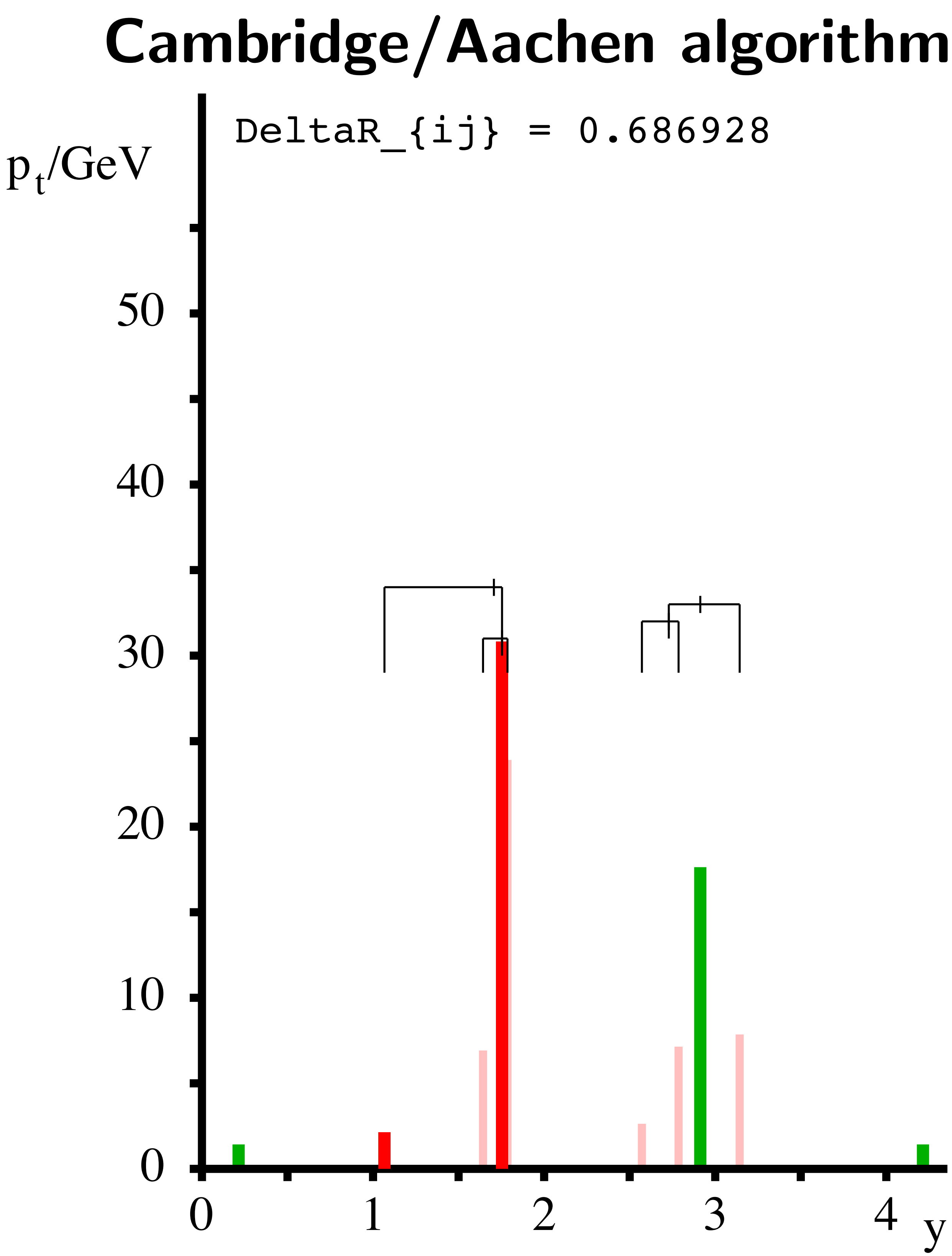

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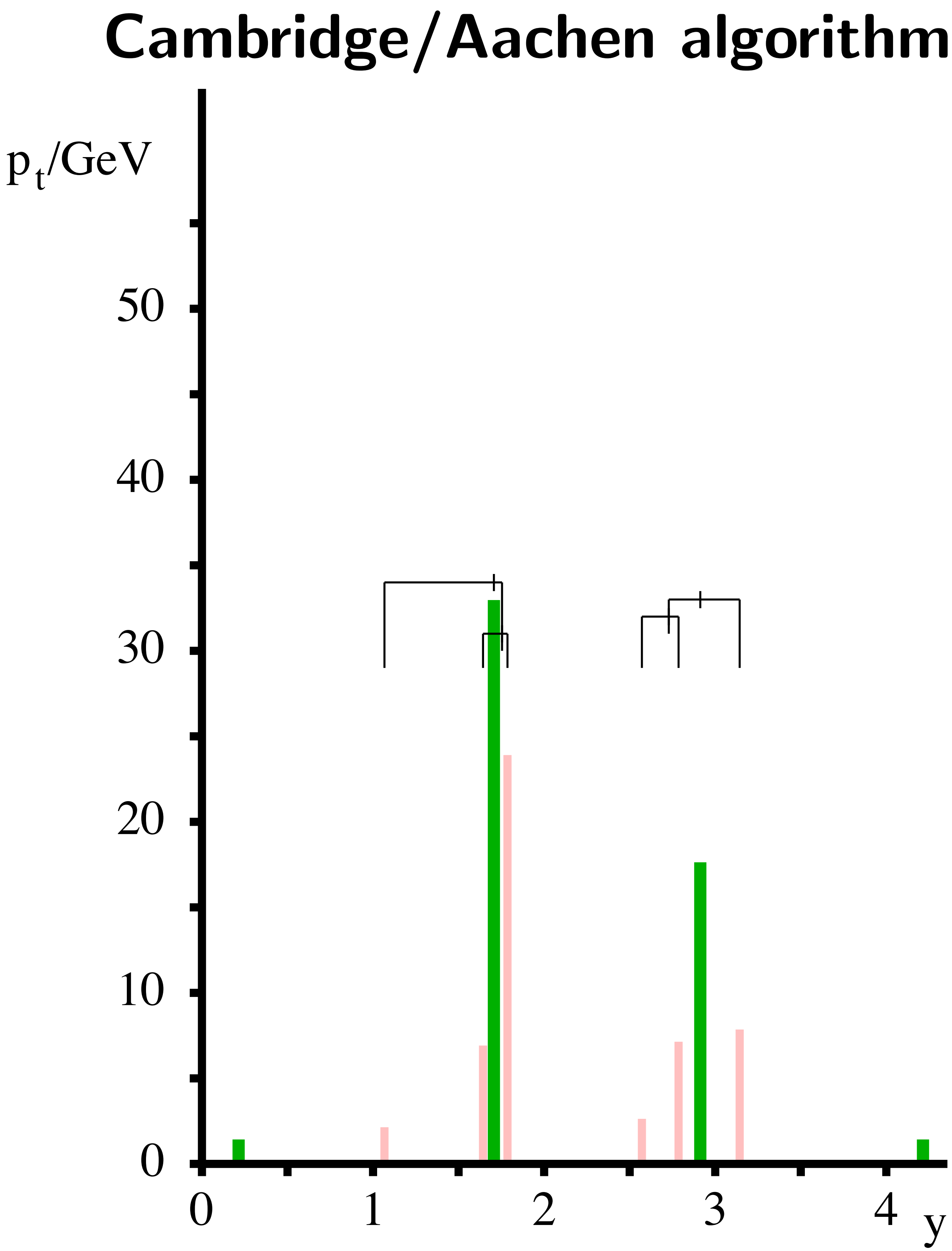

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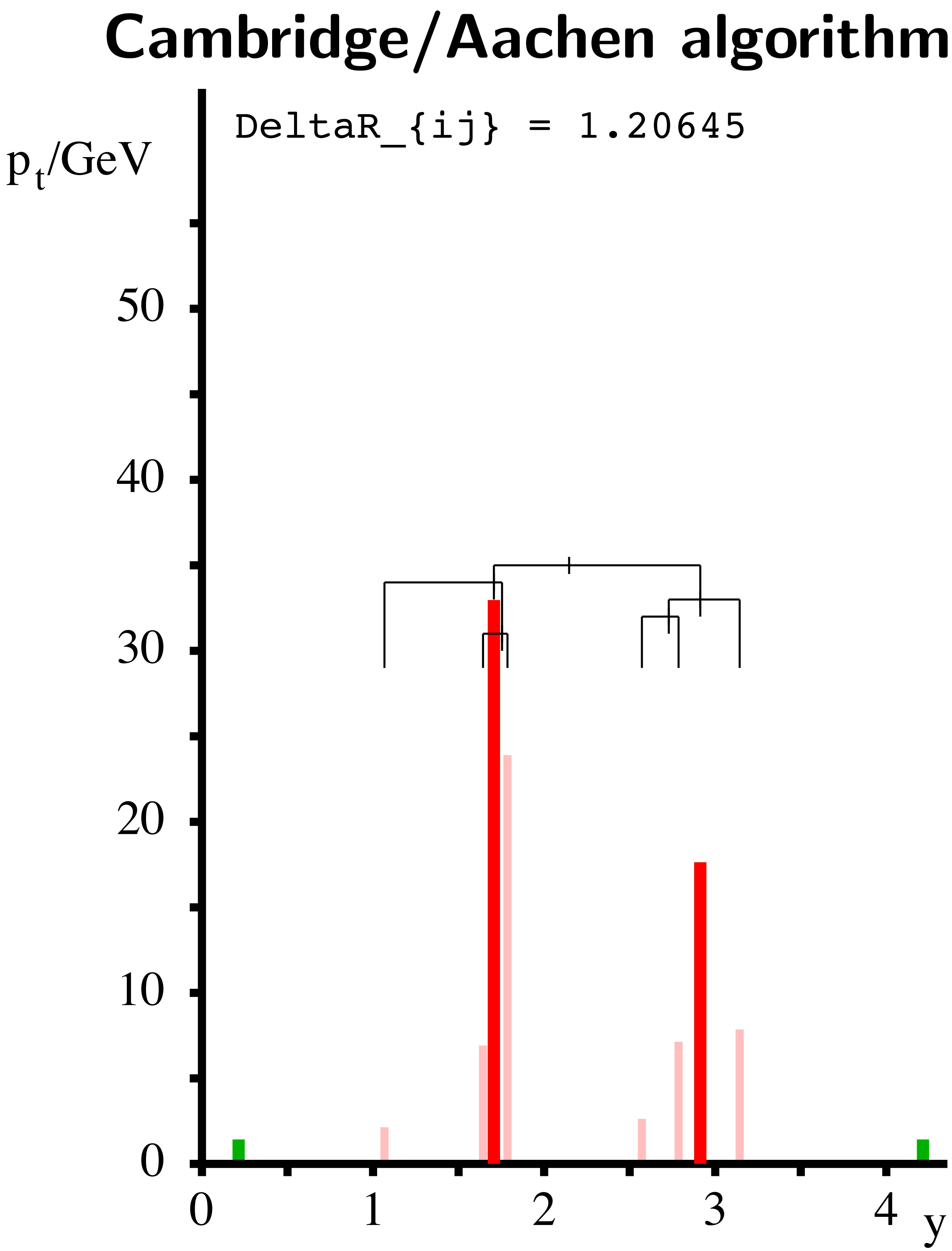

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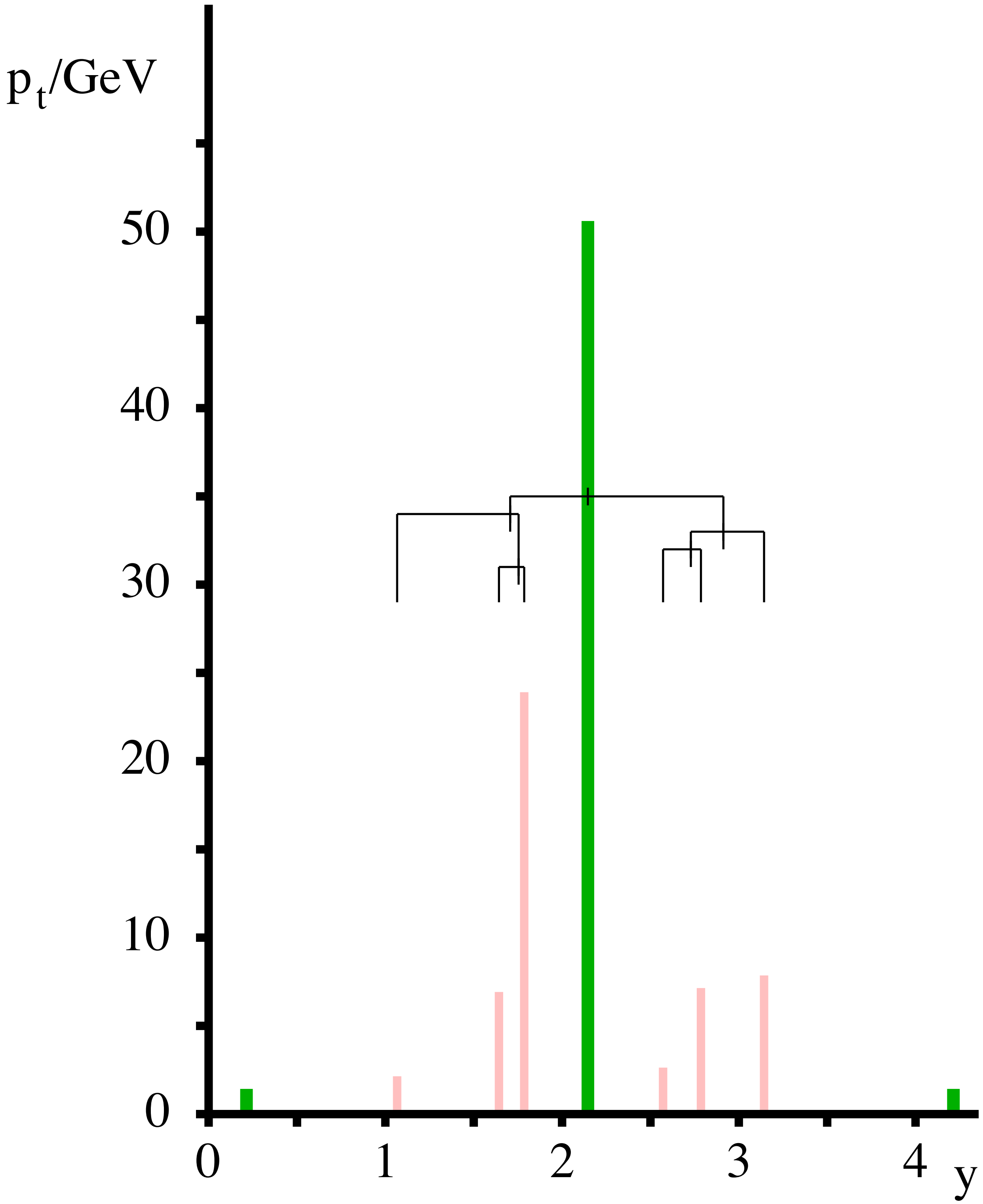

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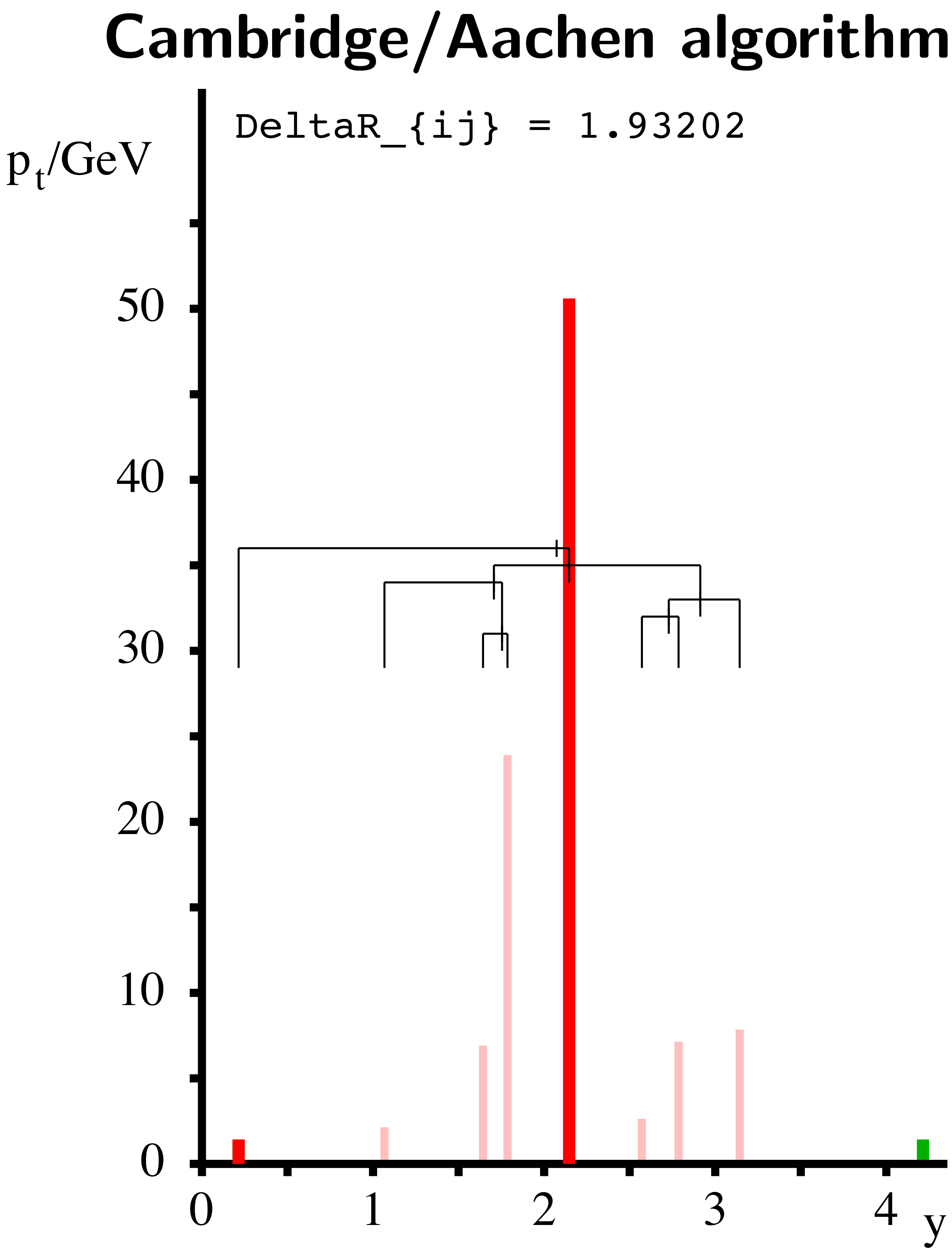

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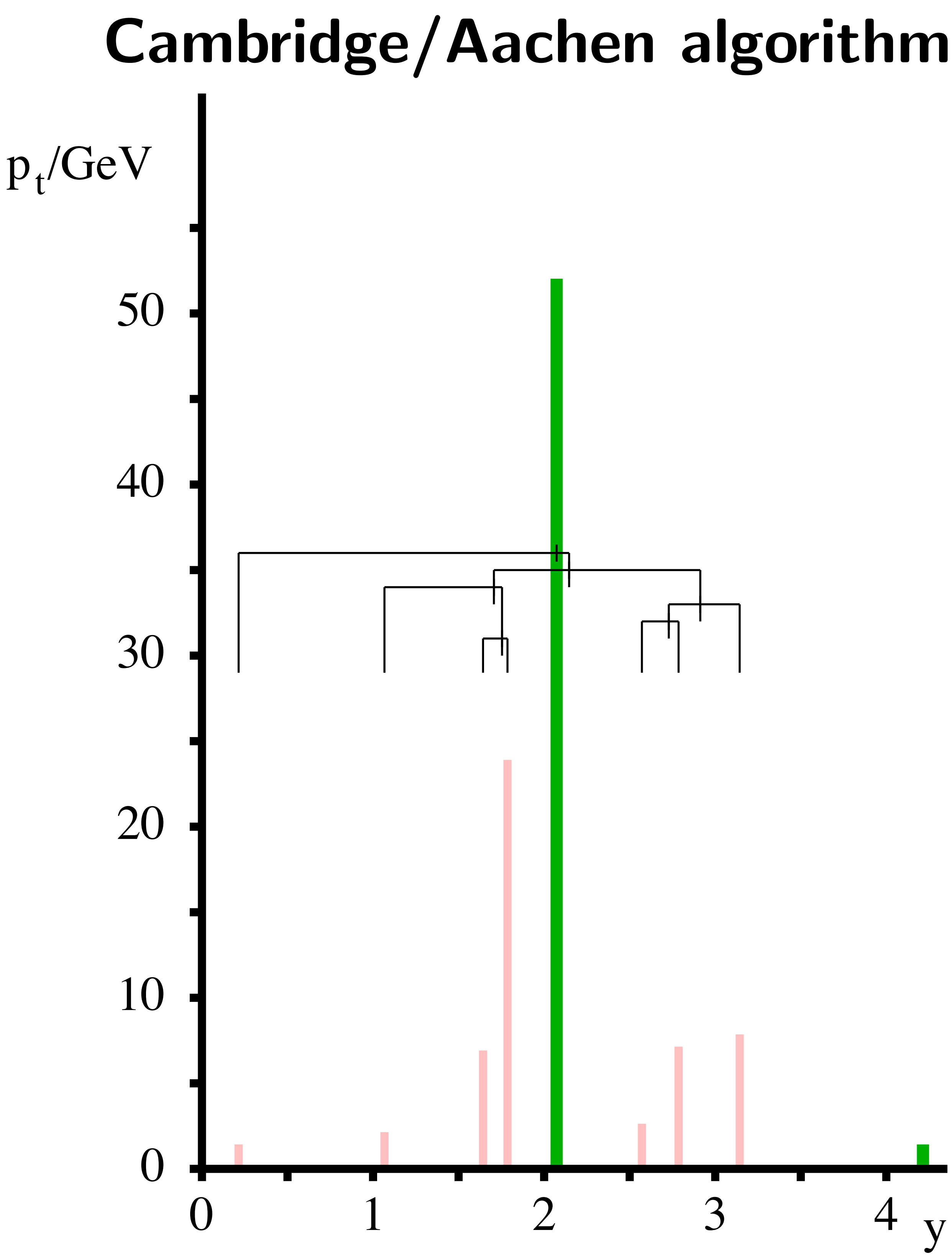

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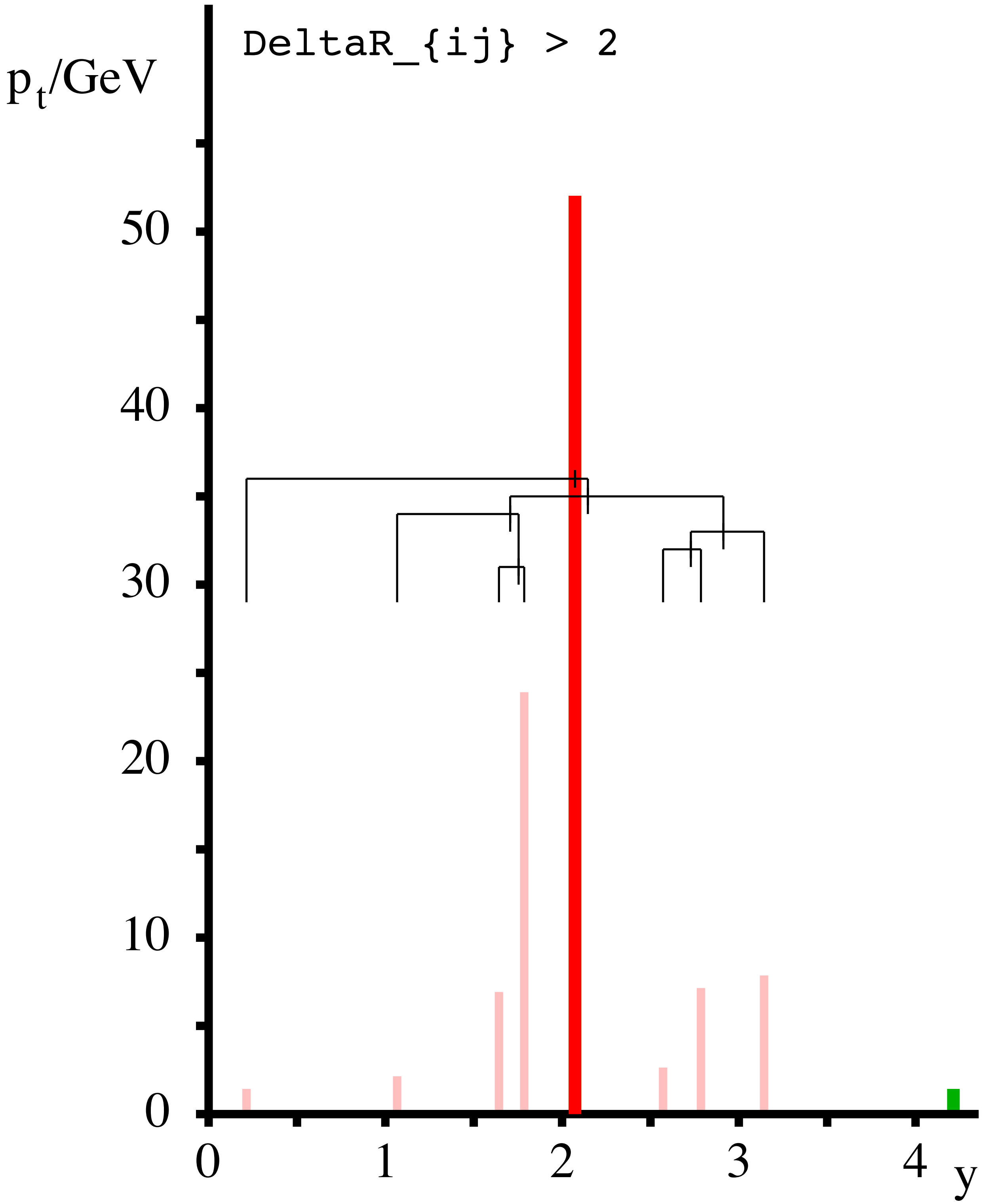

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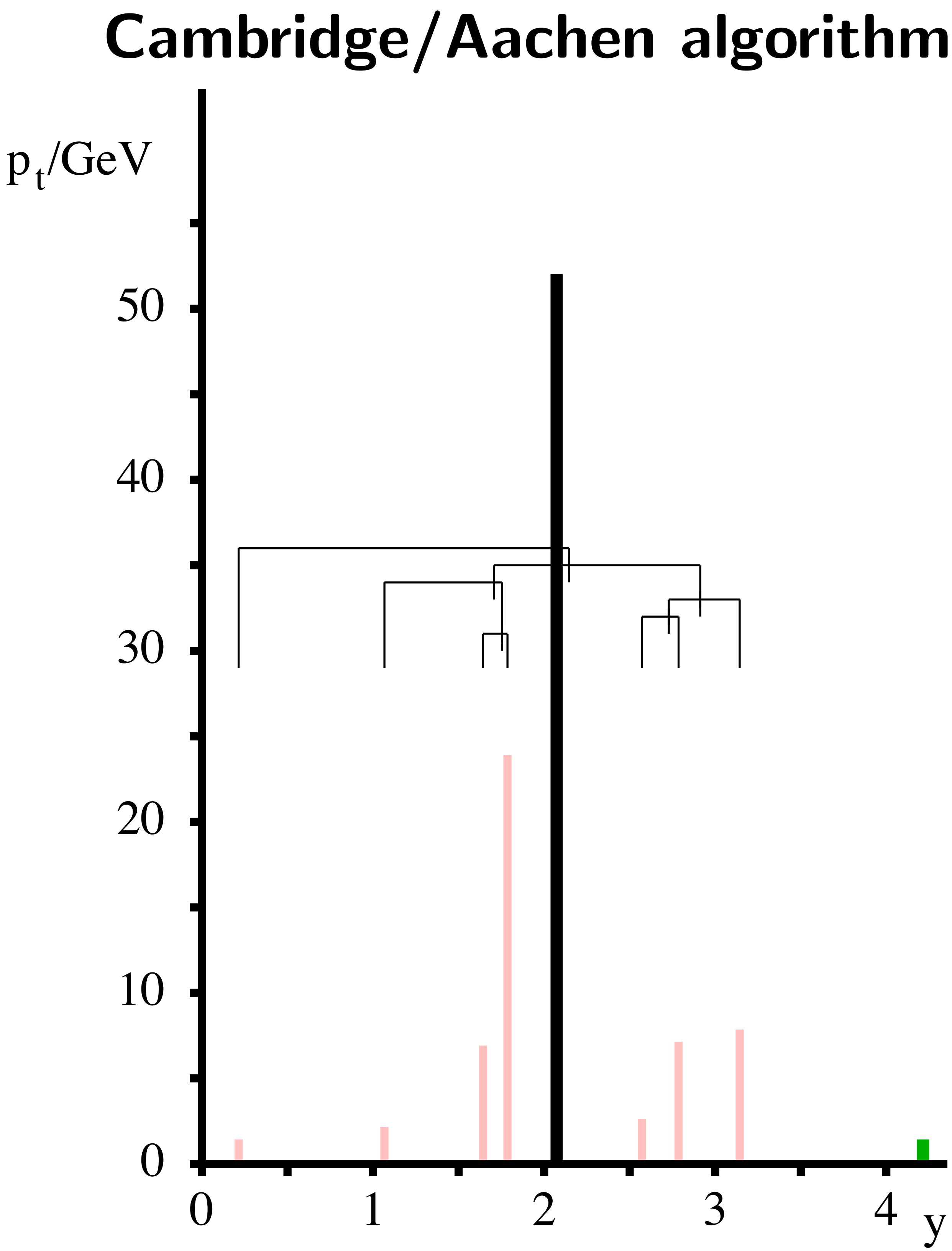

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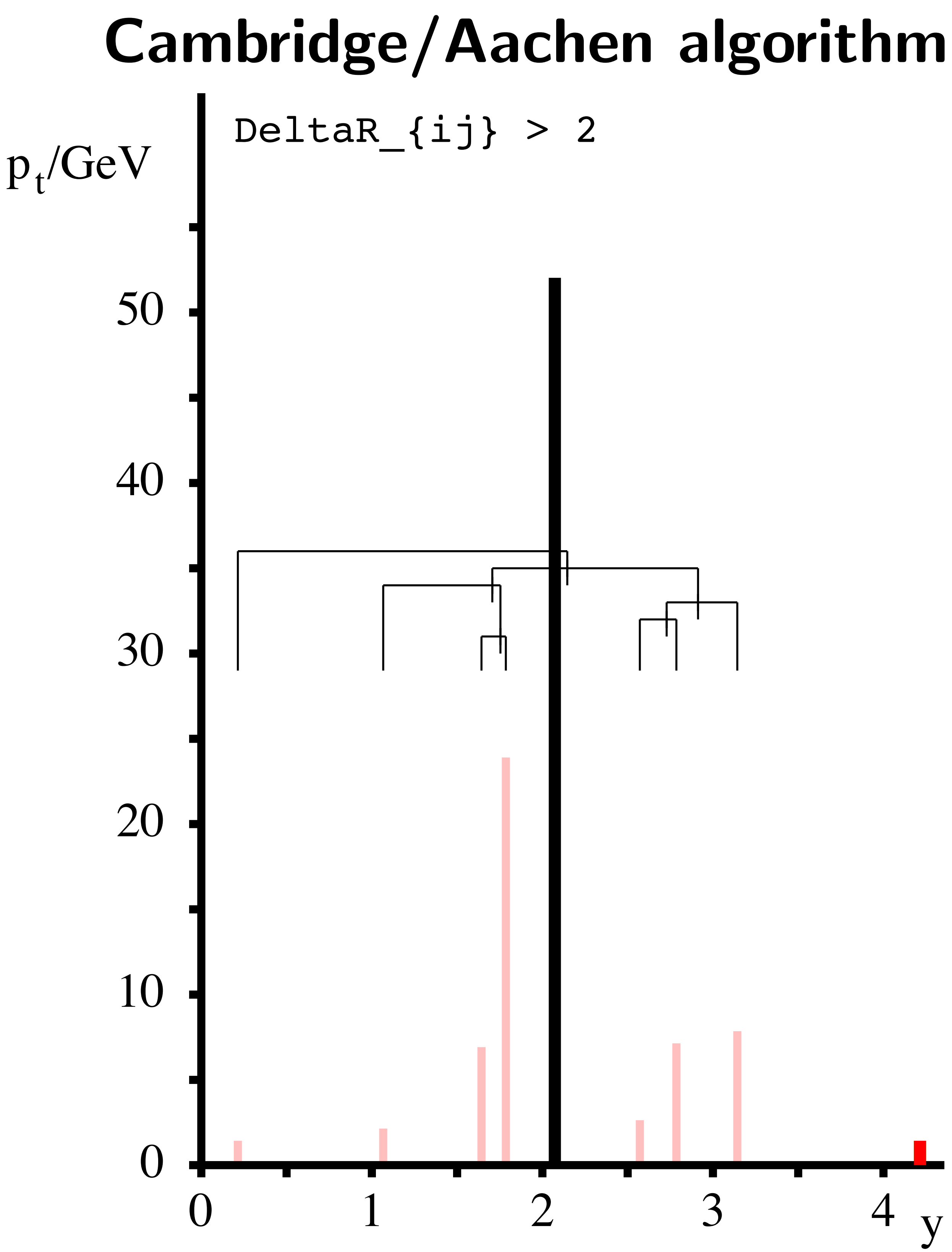

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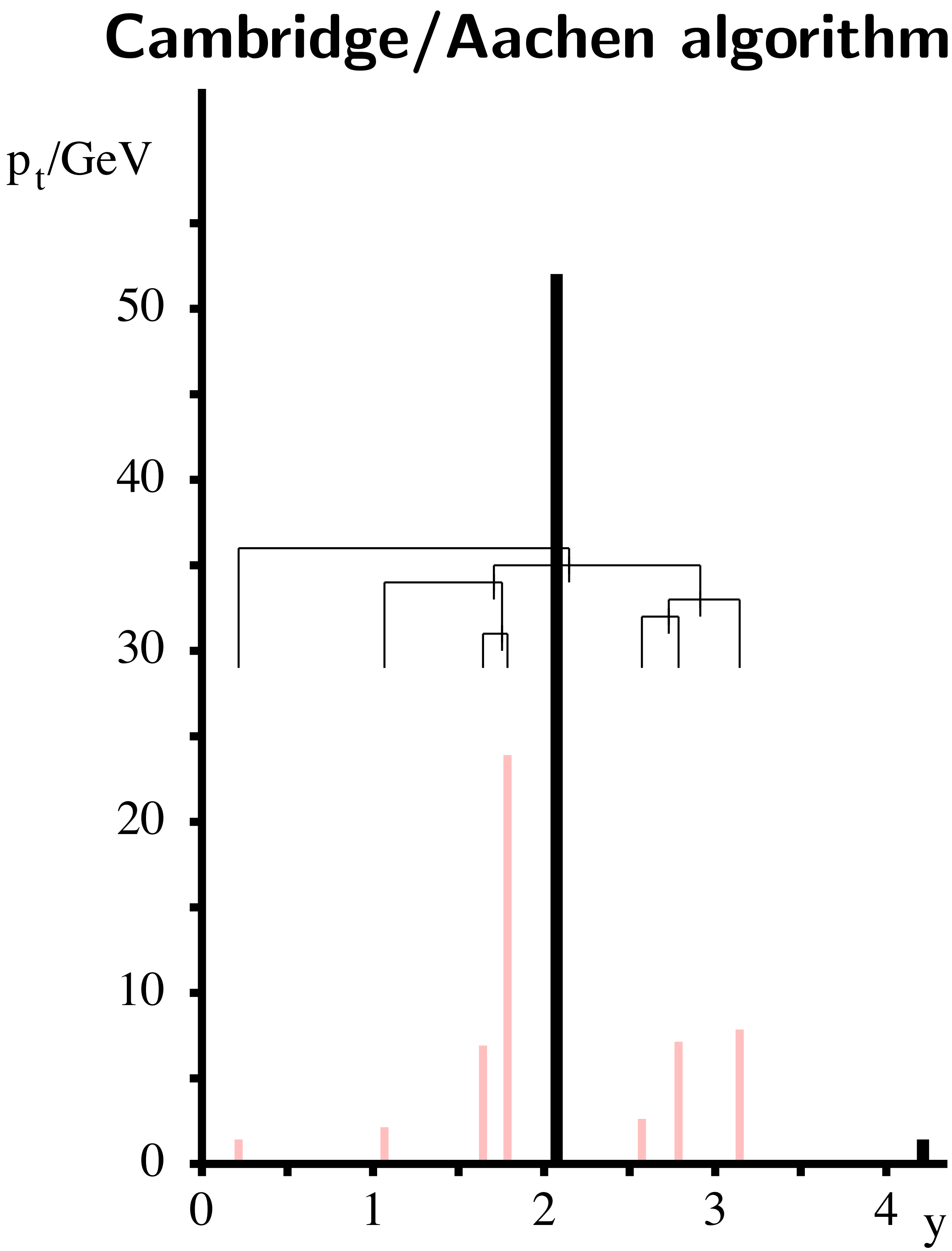

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The interesting substructure is buried inside the clustering sequence — it's less contaminated by soft junk, but needs to be pulled out with special techniques

Butterworth, Davison, Rubin & GPS '08
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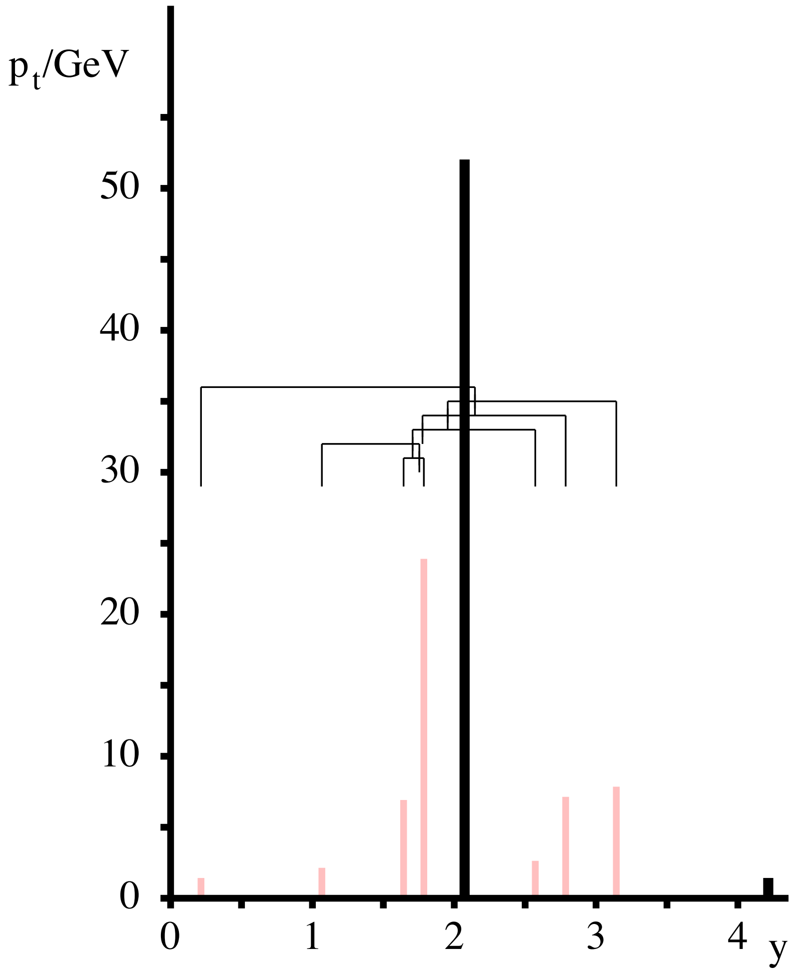

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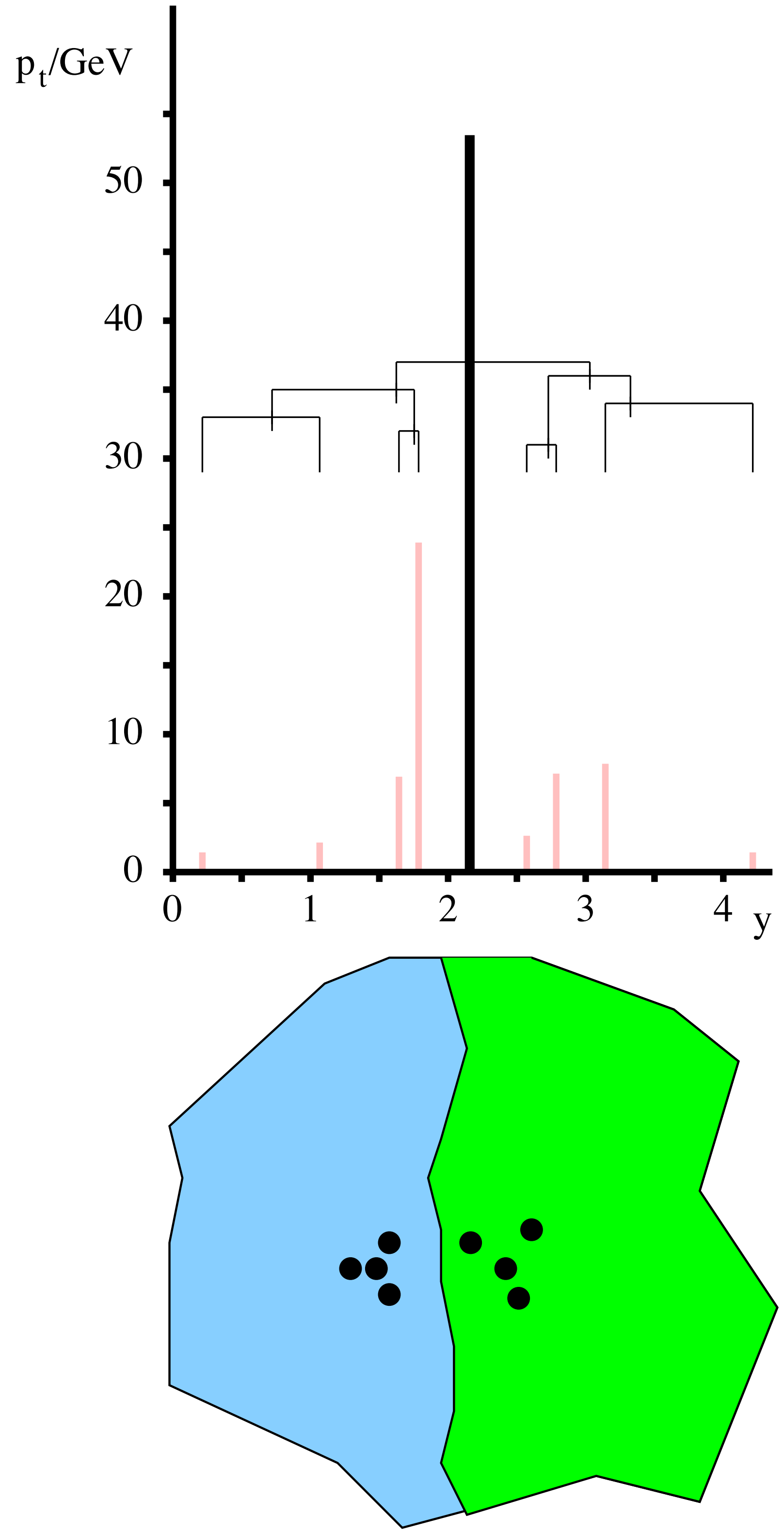

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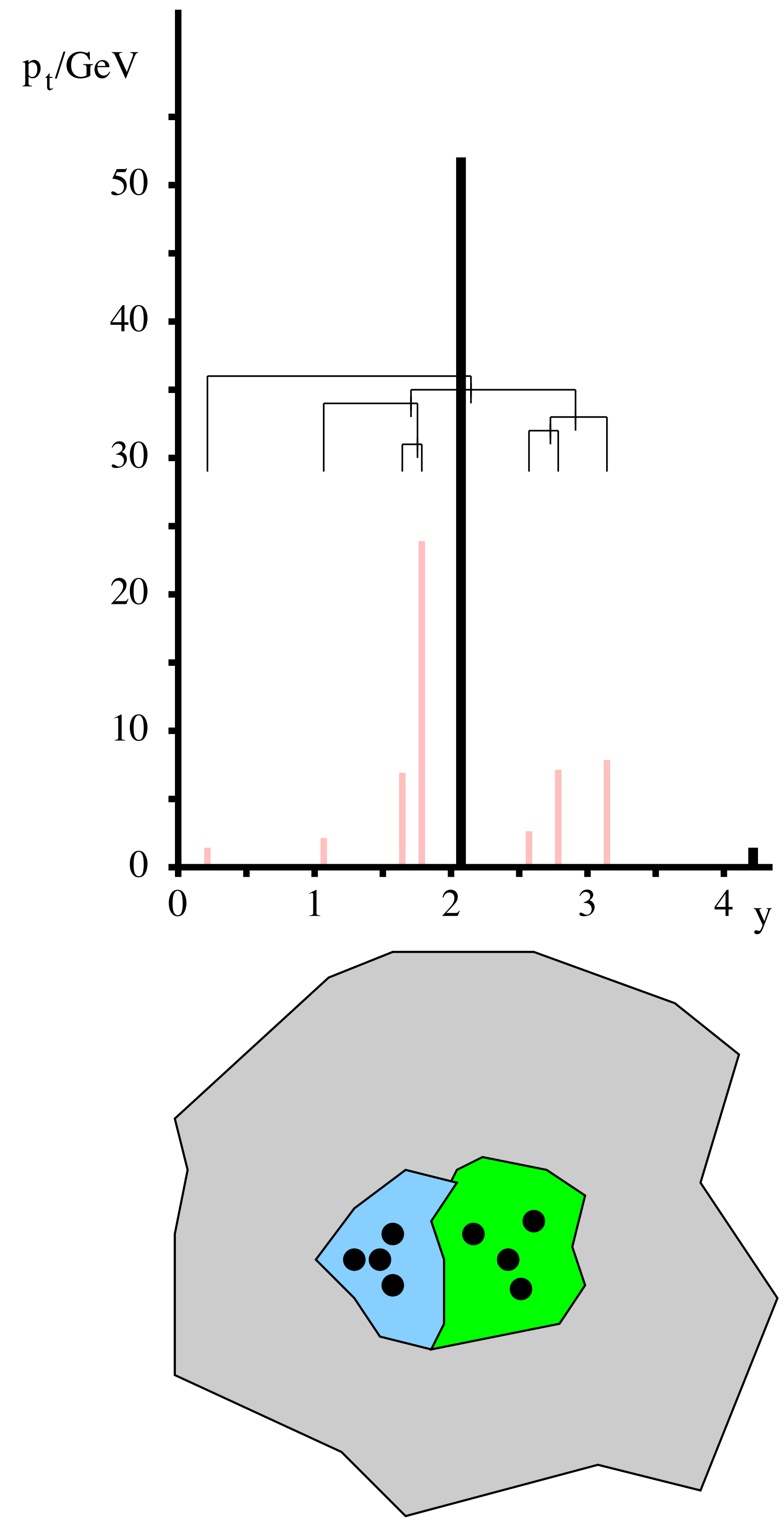
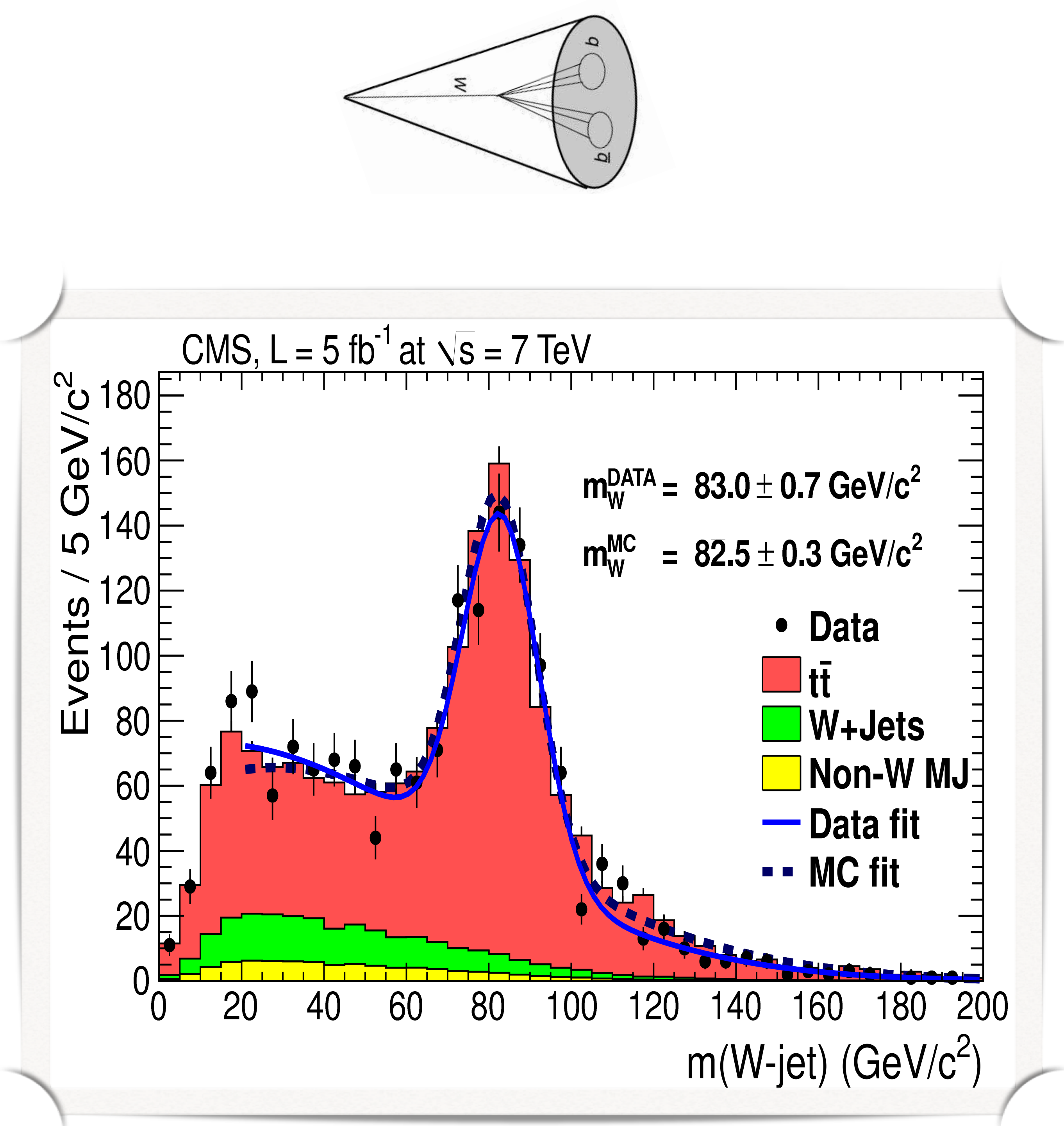


Seeing W's and tops in a single jet

W's in a single jet



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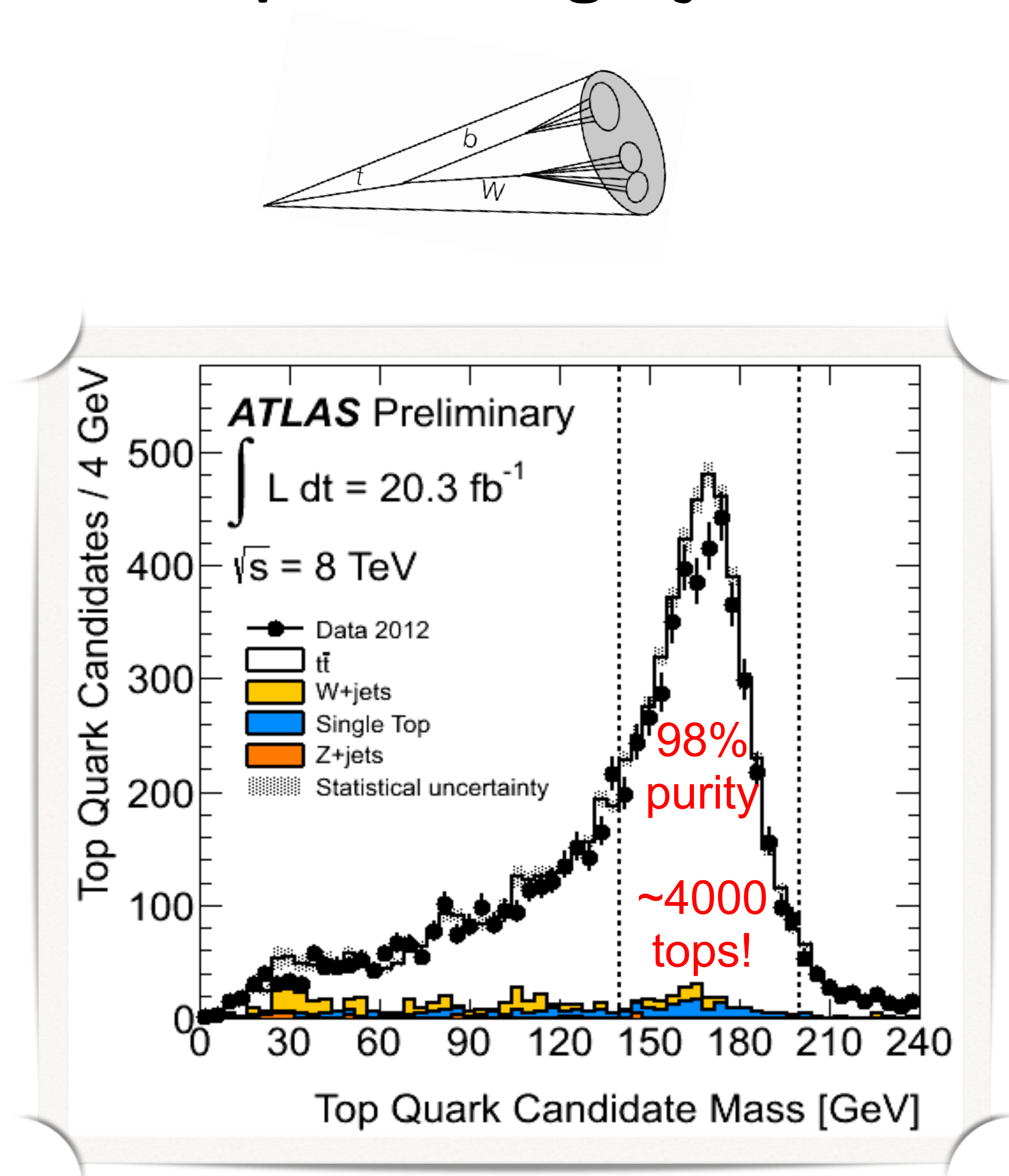
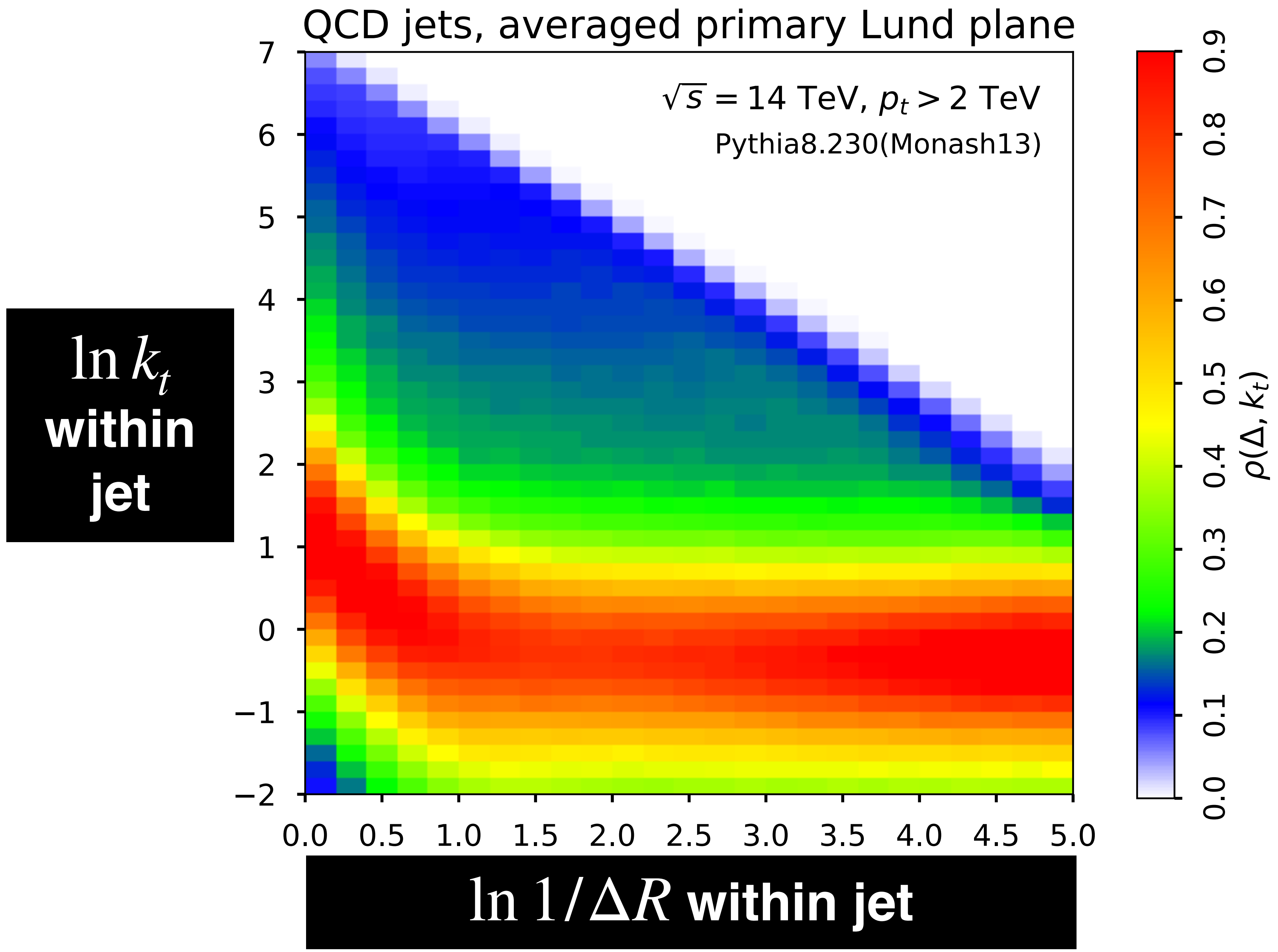


today's jet substructure tools

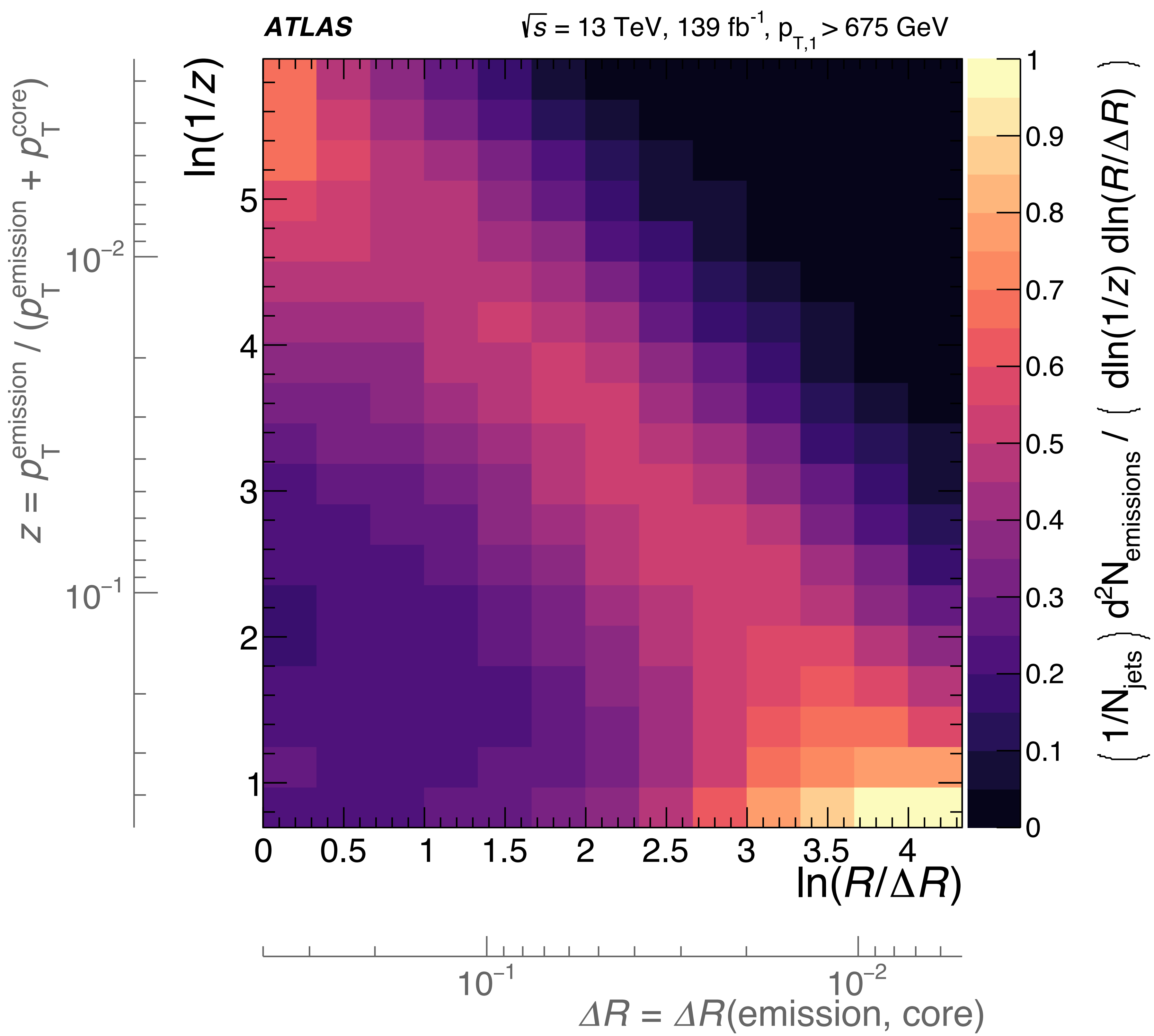
- **SoftDrop:** uses the same key ideas of C/A declustering, but with better theoretical properties and more flexibility in phasespace
- **Subjettiness / energy-energy-correlations / energy-flow polynomials / Lund Plane structure:** all try to measure the energy flow around the core n-prong structure 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



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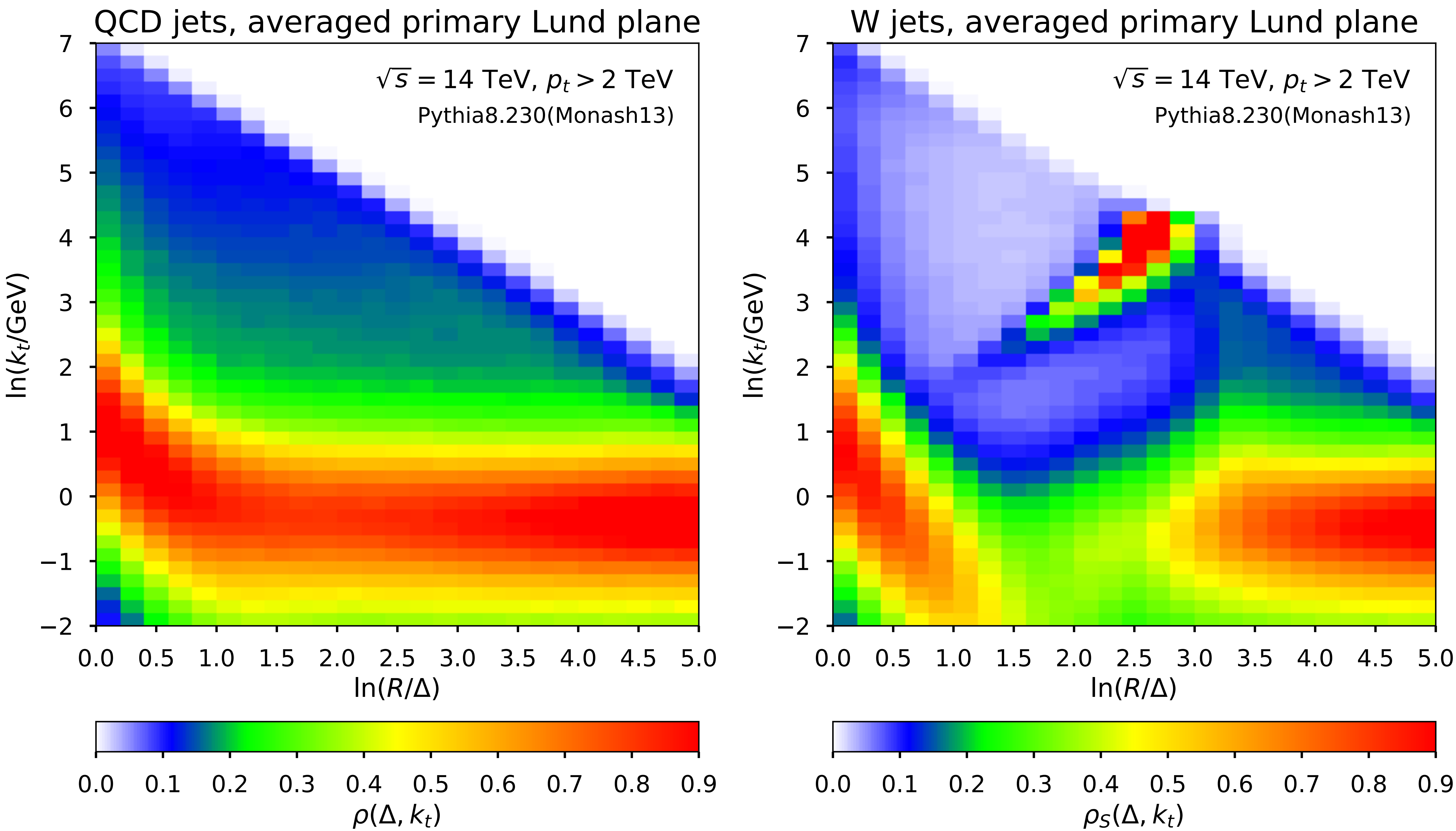
NB: vertical axis is $\ln z$ rather than $\ln k_t$

intrajet energy flow for QCD jets & W jets



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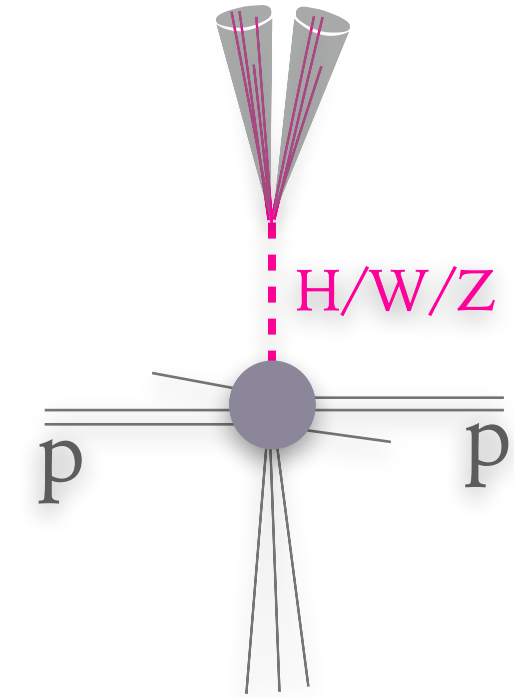

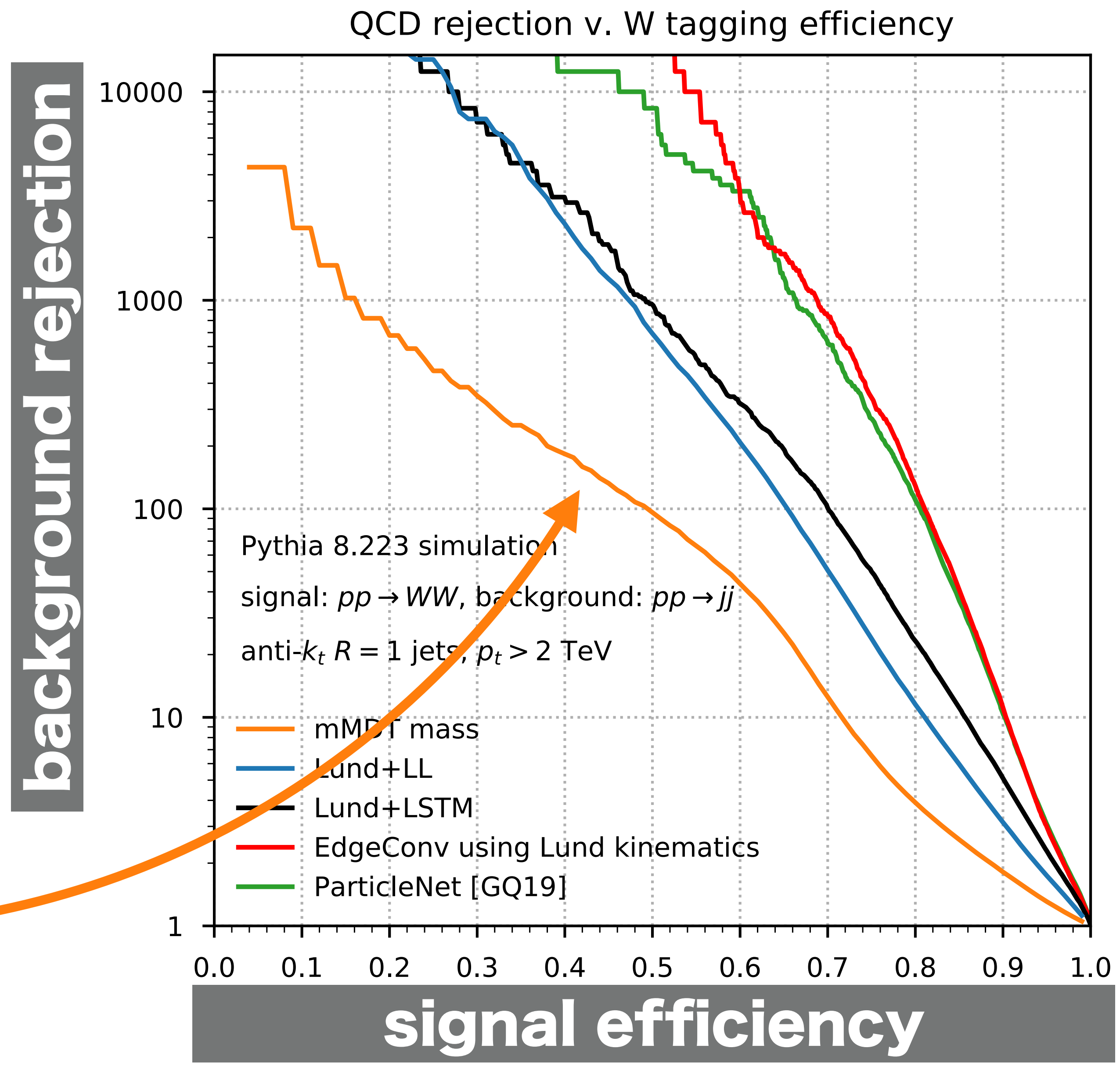

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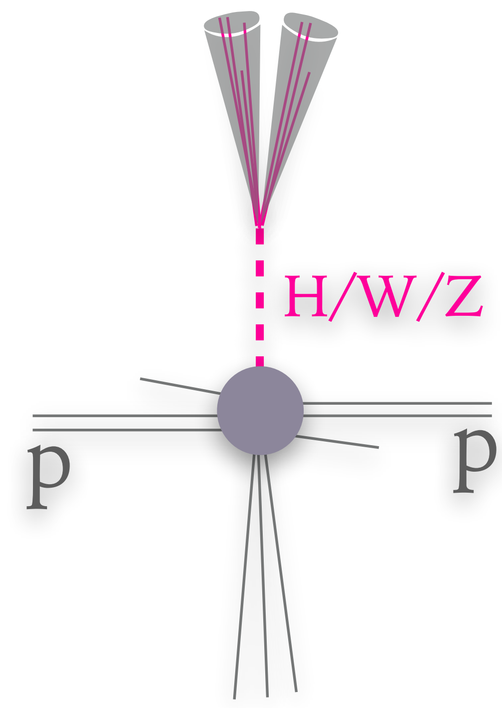

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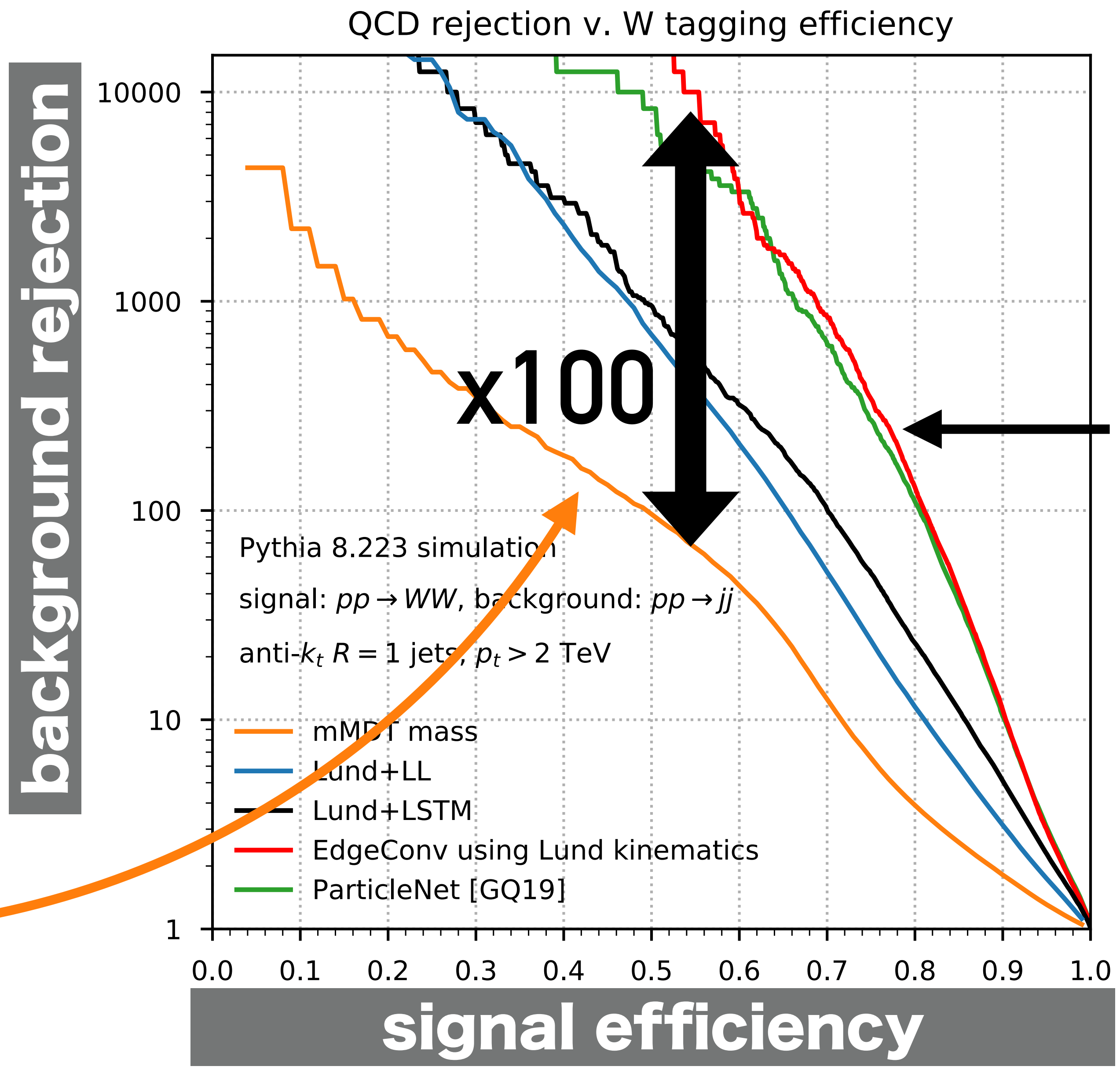

QCD rejection with use of full jet substructure (2019 tools)

100x better

First started to be exploited by Thaler & Van Tilburg with "N-subjettiness" (2010/11)

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-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

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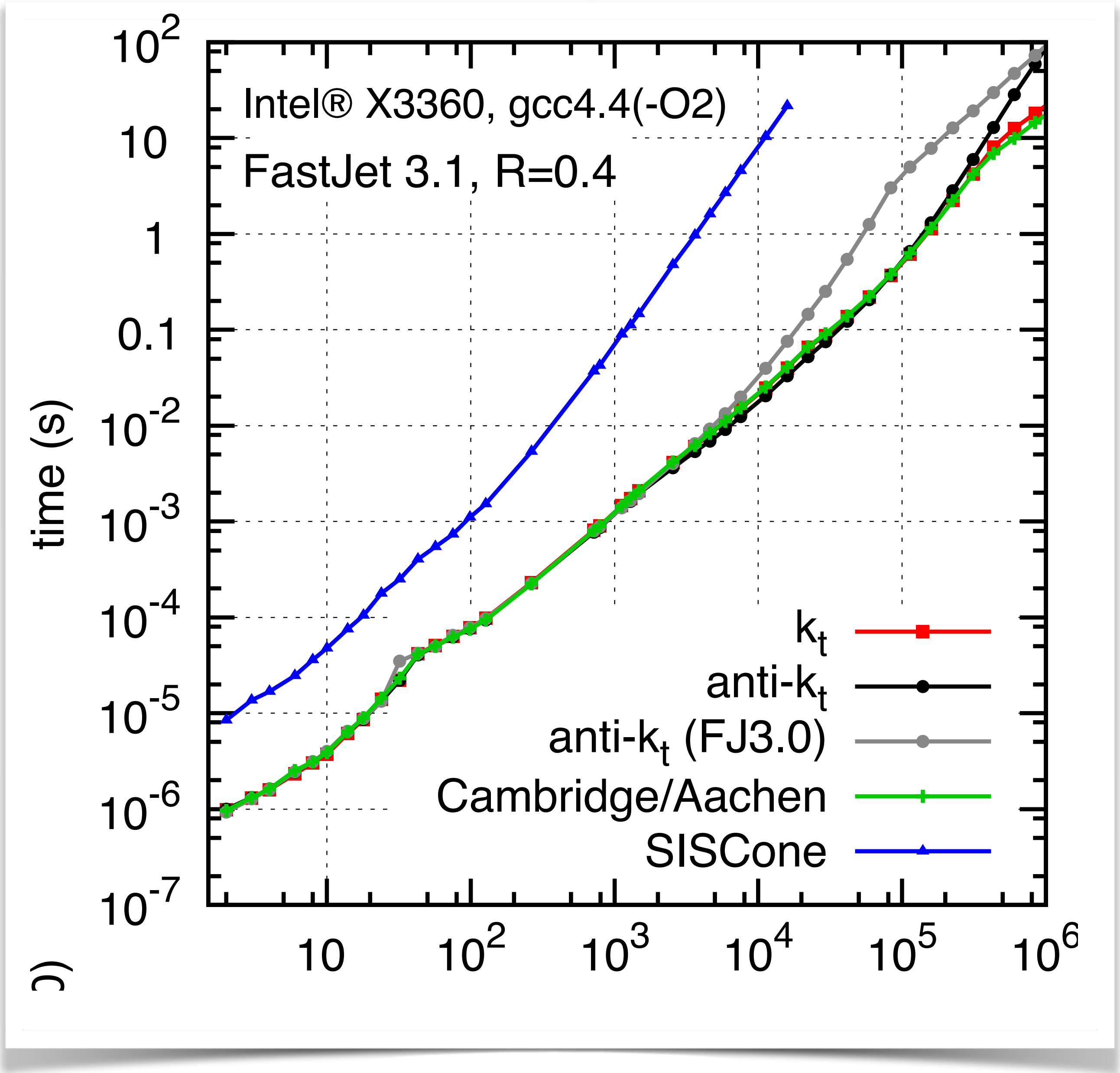

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FJContrib packages

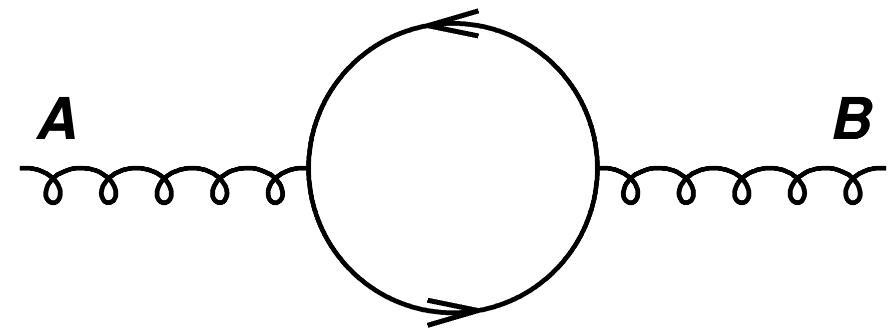
Version 1.045 of FastJet Contrib is distributed with the following packages

Package	Version	Release date	Information
Centauro	1.0.0	2020-08-04	README NEWS
ClusteringVetoPlugin	1.0.0	2015-05-04	README NEWS
ConstituentSubtractor	1.4.5	2020-02-23	README NEWS
EnergyCorrelator	1.3.1	2018-02-10	README NEWS
FlavorCone	1.0.0	2017-09-07	README NEWS
GenericSubtractor	1.3.1	2016-03-30	README NEWS
JetCleanser	1.0.1	2014-08-16	README NEWS
JetFFMoments	1.0.0	2013-02-07	README NEWS
JetsWithoutJets	1.0.0	2014-02-22	README NEWS
LundPlane	1.0.3	2020-02-23	README NEWS
Nsubjettiness	2.2.5	2018-06-06	README NEWS
QCDAwarePlugin	1.0.0	2015-10-08	README NEWS
RecursiveTools	2.0.0	2020-03-03	README NEWS
ScJet	1.1.0	2013-06-03	README NEWS
SoftKiller	1.0.0	2014-08-17	README NEWS
SubjetCounting	1.0.1	2013-09-03	README NEWS
ValenciaPlugin	2.0.2	2018-12-22	README NEWS
VariableR	1.2.1	2016-06-01	README NEWS

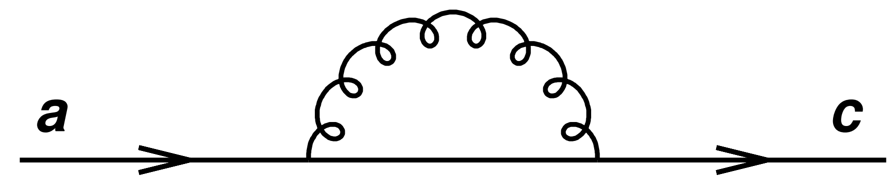
more details on soft emission

Quick guide to colour algebra

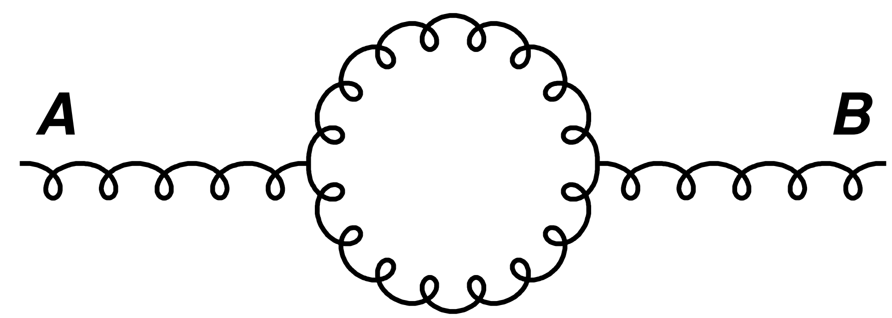
$$\mathrm{Tr}(t^A t^B) = T_R \delta^{AB}\,, \qquad T_R = \tfrac{1}{2}$$



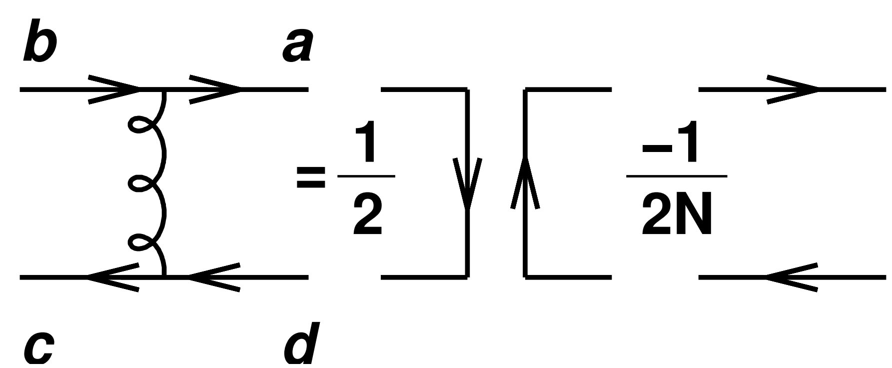
$$\sum_A t^A_{ab} t^A_{bc} = C_F \delta_{ac}\,, \qquad C_F = \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} = \frac{4}{3}$$



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



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

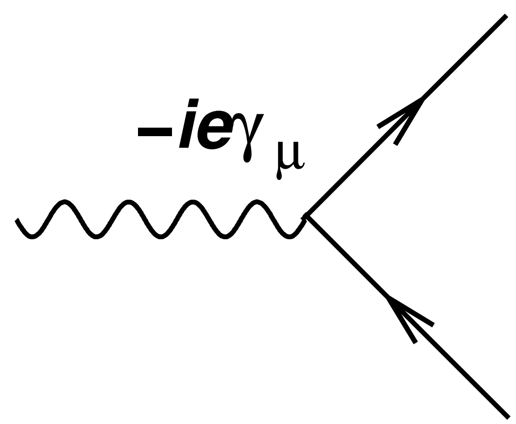


$N_c \equiv$ number of colours $= 3$ for QCD

Soft gluon amplitude

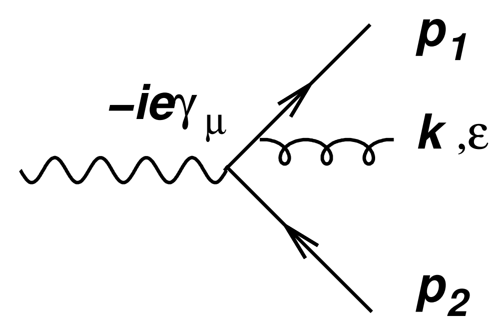
Start with $\gamma^* \to q\bar{q}$:

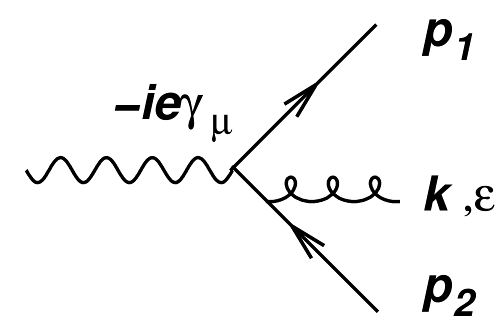
$$\mathcal{M}_{q\bar{q}} = -\bar{u}(p_1) i e_q \gamma_\mu v(p_2)$$



Emit a gluon:

$$\mathcal{M}_{q\bar{q}g} = \bar{u}(p_1) i g_s \not{\epsilon} t^A \frac{i}{\not{p}_1 + \not{k}} i e_q \gamma_\mu v(p_2) - \bar{u}(p_1) i e_q \gamma_\mu \frac{i}{\not{p}_2 + \not{k}} i g_s \not{\epsilon} t^A v(p_2)$$





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

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

$$\not{p} v(p) = 0,$$
$$\not{p}\not{k} + \not{k}\not{p} = 2p.k$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

Squared amplitude

$$|M^2_{q\bar{q}g}| \simeq \sum_{A,\text{pol}} \left| \bar{u}(p_1) i e_q \gamma_\mu t^A v(p_2)\, g_s \left(\frac{p_1.\epsilon}{p_1.k} - \frac{p_2.\epsilon}{p_2.k} \right) \right|^2$$

$$= -|M^2_{q\bar{q}}| C_F g_s^2 \left(\frac{p_1}{p_1.k} - \frac{p_2}{p_2.k} \right)^2 = |M^2_{q\bar{q}}| C_F g_s^2 \frac{2p_1.p_2}{(p_1.k)(p_2.k)}$$

Include phase space:

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

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

$$\boxed{d\mathcal{S} = EdE\, d\cos\theta\, \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{2\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \frac{2p_1.p_2}{(2p_1.k)(2p_2.k)}}$$

$\theta \equiv \theta_{p_1 k}$
$\phi =$ azimuth