QCD (for Colliders)
Lecture 3

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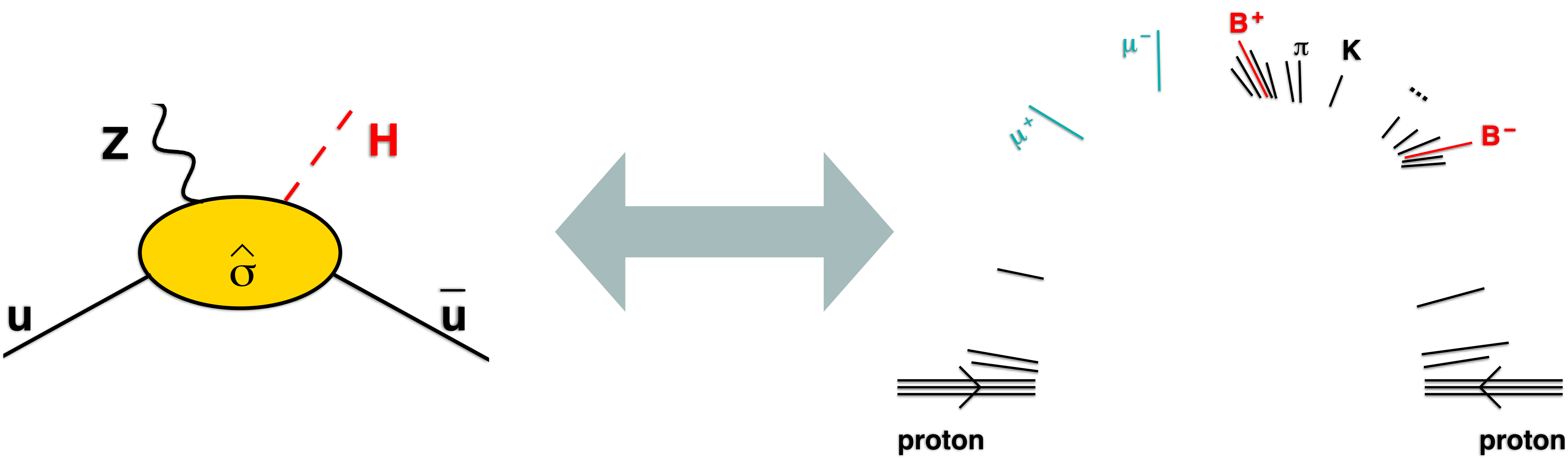
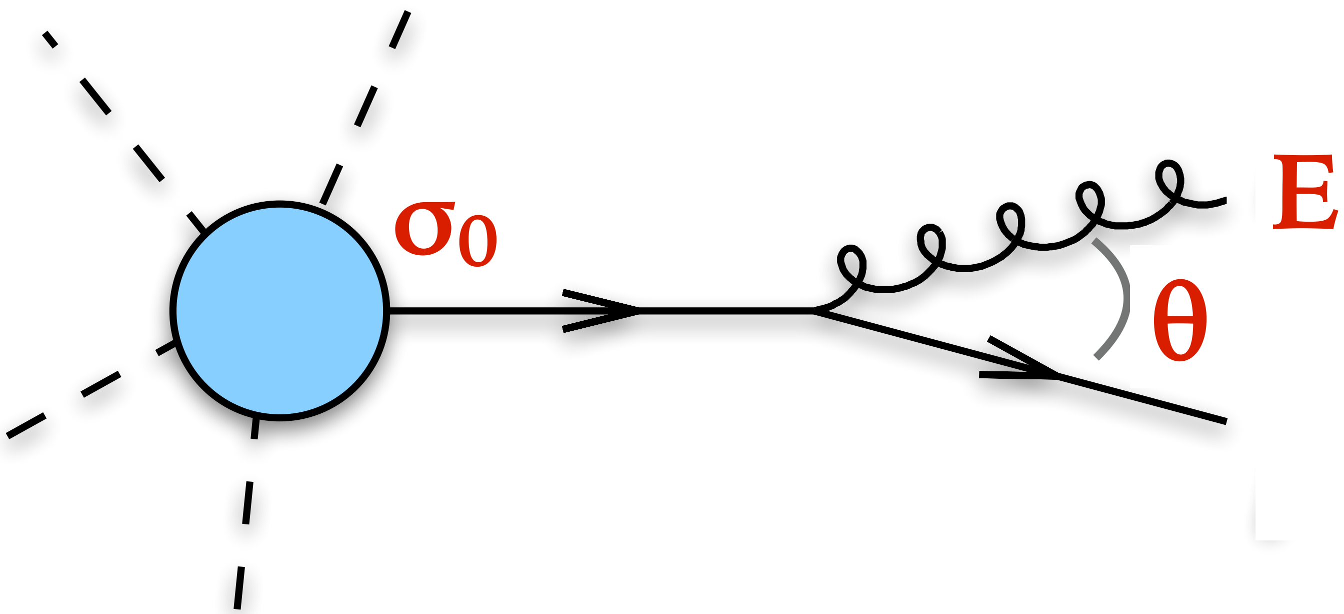
the real world?



GLUON EMISSION FROM A QUARK



Consider an emission with

- energy $E \ll \sqrt{s}$ ("soft")
- angle $\theta \ll 1$ ("collinear" wrt quark)

Examine correction to some hard process with cross section σ_0

$$d\sigma \simeq \sigma_0 \times \frac{2\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \frac{dE}{E} \frac{d\theta}{\theta}$$

This has a divergence when E→0 or θ→0

[in some sense because of quark propagator going on-shell]

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$$P_g \simeq \frac{2\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \int^Q \frac{dE}{E} \int^1 \frac{d\theta}{\theta} \Theta(E\theta > Q_0)$$

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Suppose we take $Q_0 \sim \Lambda_{QCD}$, what do we get?

Let's use $\alpha_s = \alpha_s(Q) = 1/(2b \ln Q/\Lambda)$
[Actually over most of integration range this is optimistically small]

$$P_g \simeq \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \ln^2 \frac{Q}{Q_0} \;\to\; \frac{C_F}{2b\pi} \ln \frac{Q}{\Lambda_{QCD}} \;\to\; \frac{C_F}{4b^2\pi\,\alpha_s}$$

Put in some numbers:

$Q = 100$ GeV, $\Lambda_{QCD} \simeq 0.2$ GeV, $C_F = 4/3$, $b(\equiv b_0) \simeq 0.6$

$$P_g \simeq 2.2$$

This is supposed to be an $O(\alpha_s)$ correction.

But the final result $\sim 1/\alpha_s$

QCD hates to not emit gluons!

correct way of doing it: with running coupling inside the integral

Adding running coupling is straightforward: just use $\alpha_s(p_t)$ with $p_t = E\theta$, in the integrand:

$$P_g = \frac{2C_F}{\pi}\int_{Q_0}^{Q}\frac{dp_t}{p_t}\,\alpha_s(p_t)\int_{p_t/Q}^{1}\frac{dz}{z} = \frac{C_F}{\pi b_0}\left(\ln\frac{Q}{\Lambda}\ln\ln\frac{Q}{\Lambda} + \cdots\right)$$

Structure of answer changes a bit: it's larger than $1/\alpha_s(Q)$, by a factor ln ln Q/Λ.

But to keep expressions simple in these lectures we'll often restrict ourselves to a fixed-coupling approximation.

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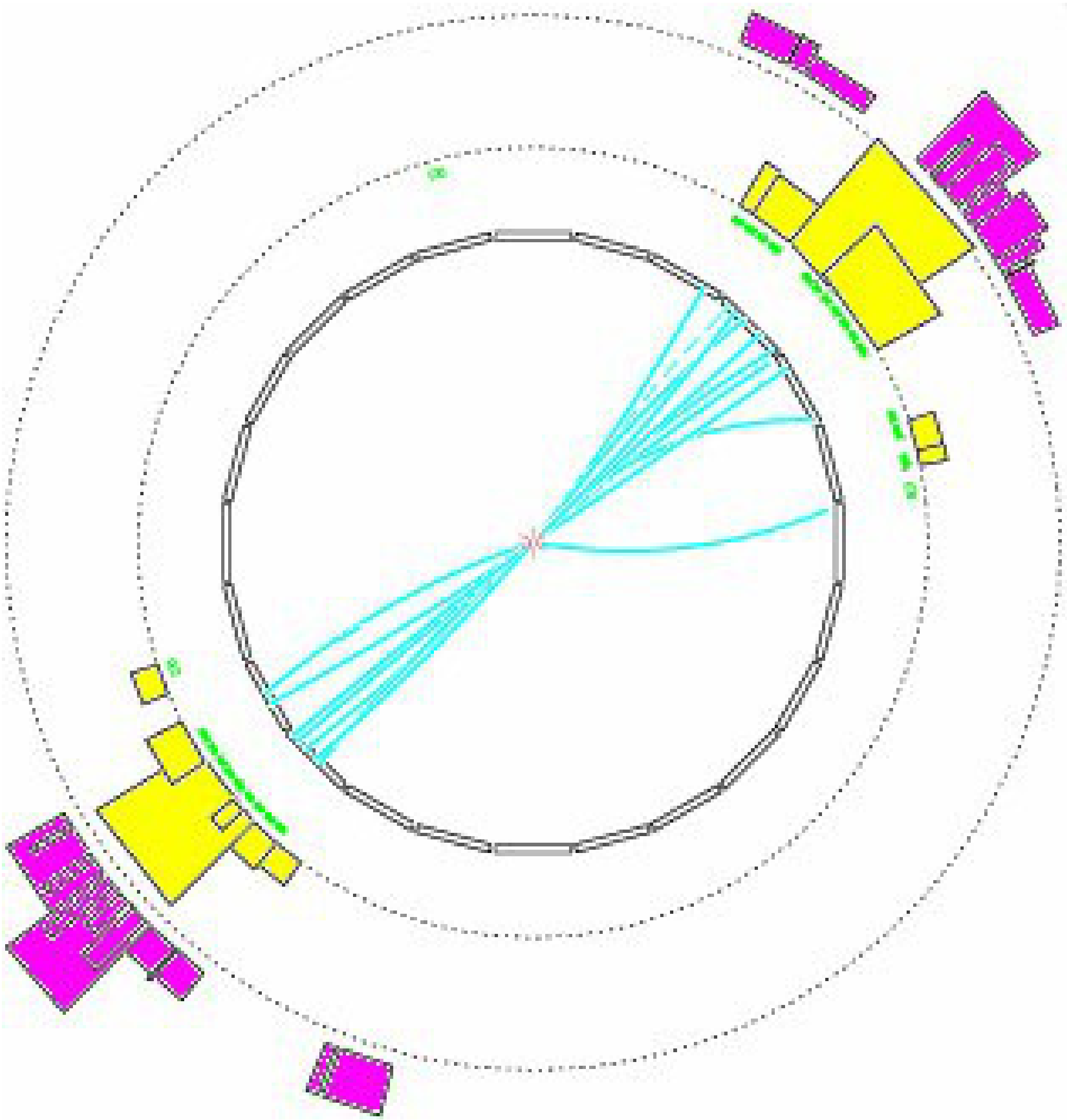

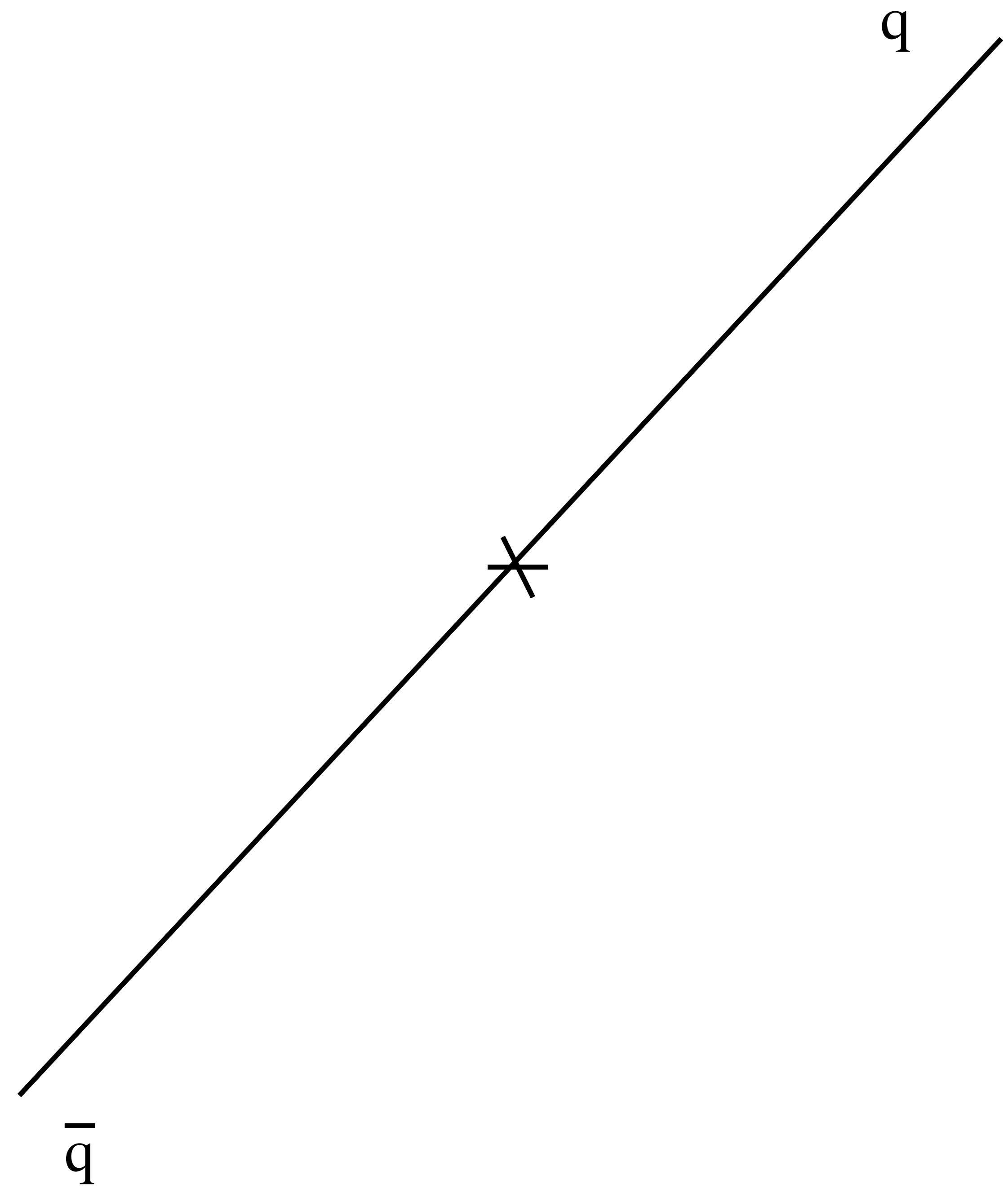

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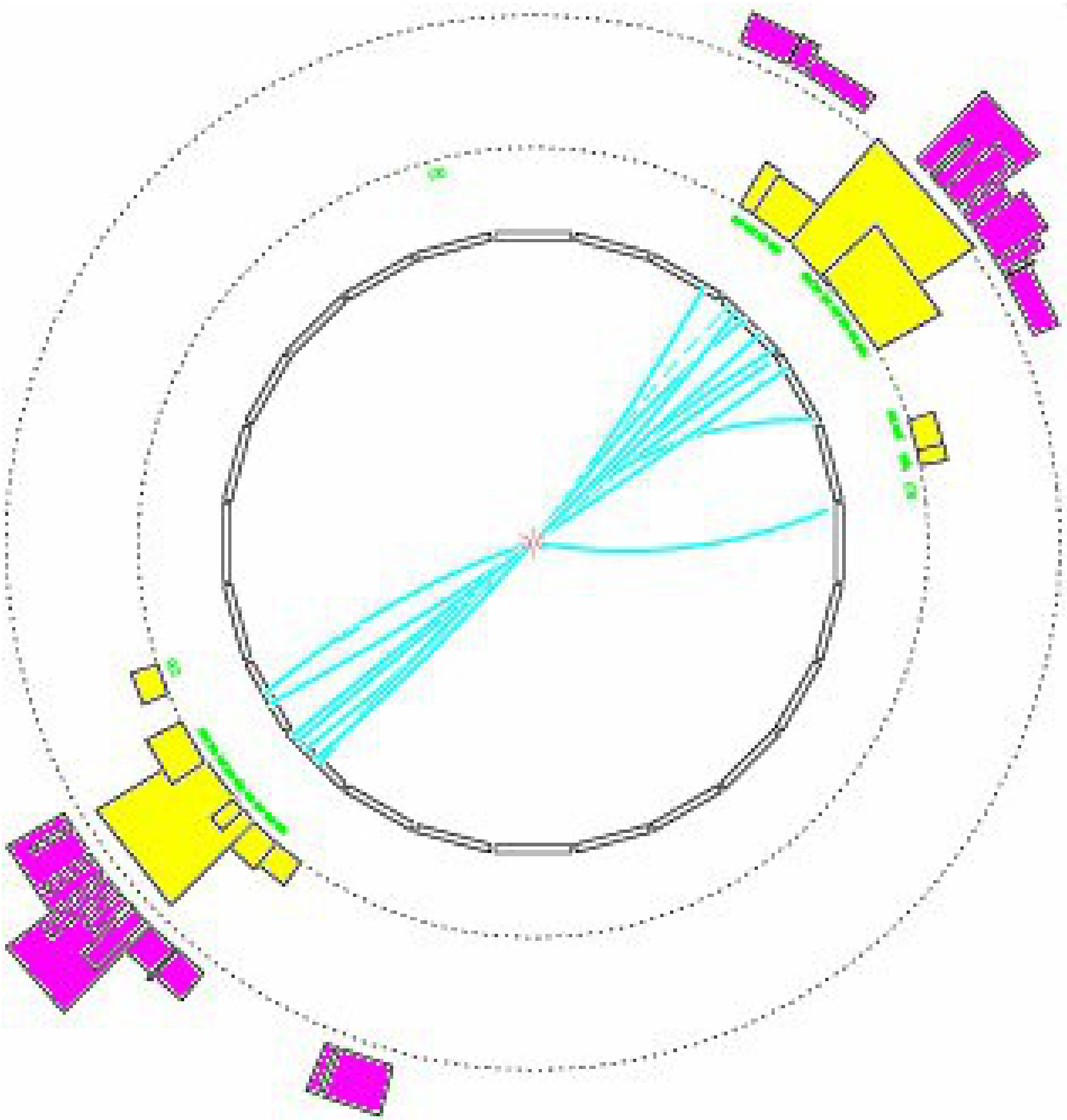

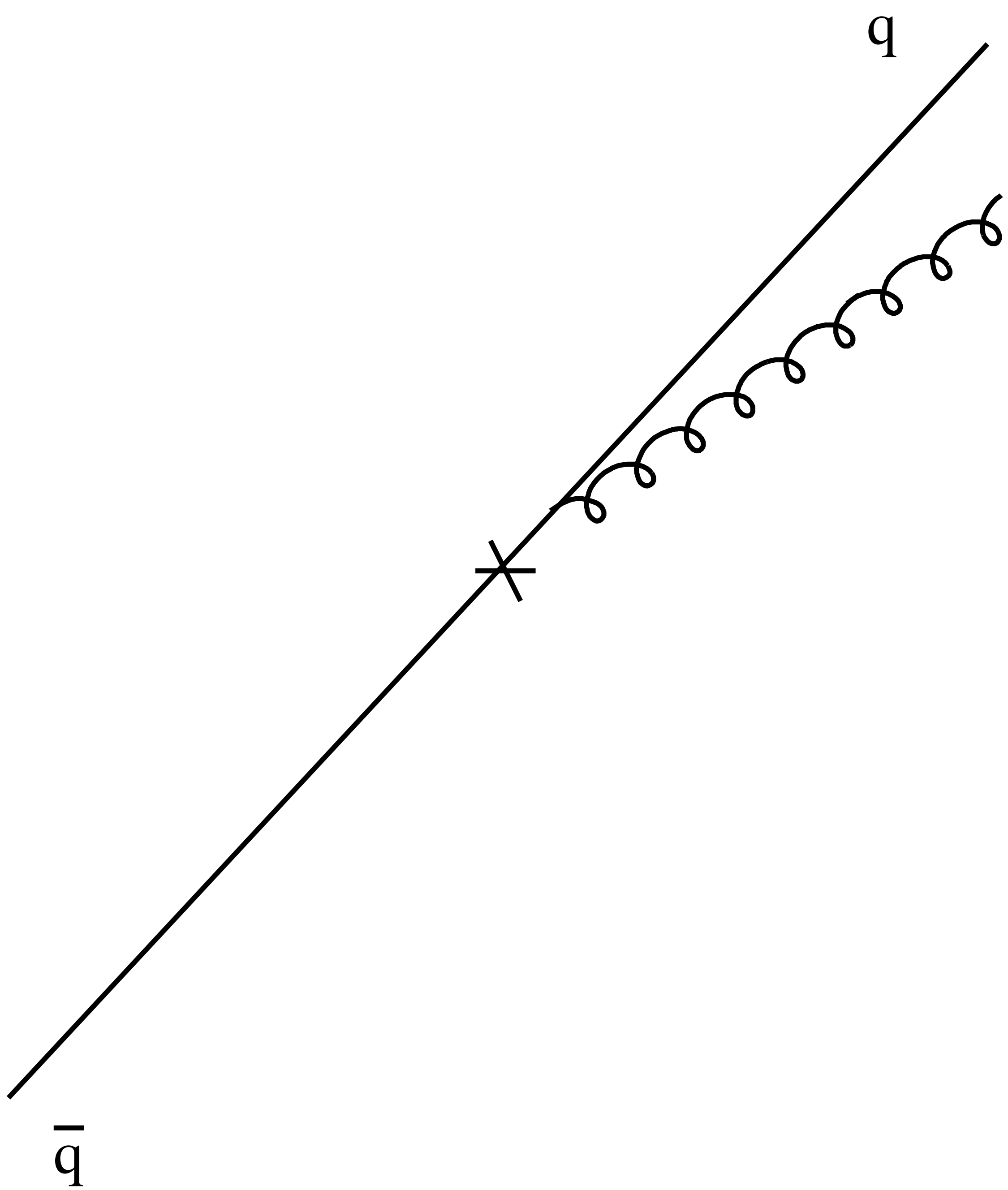

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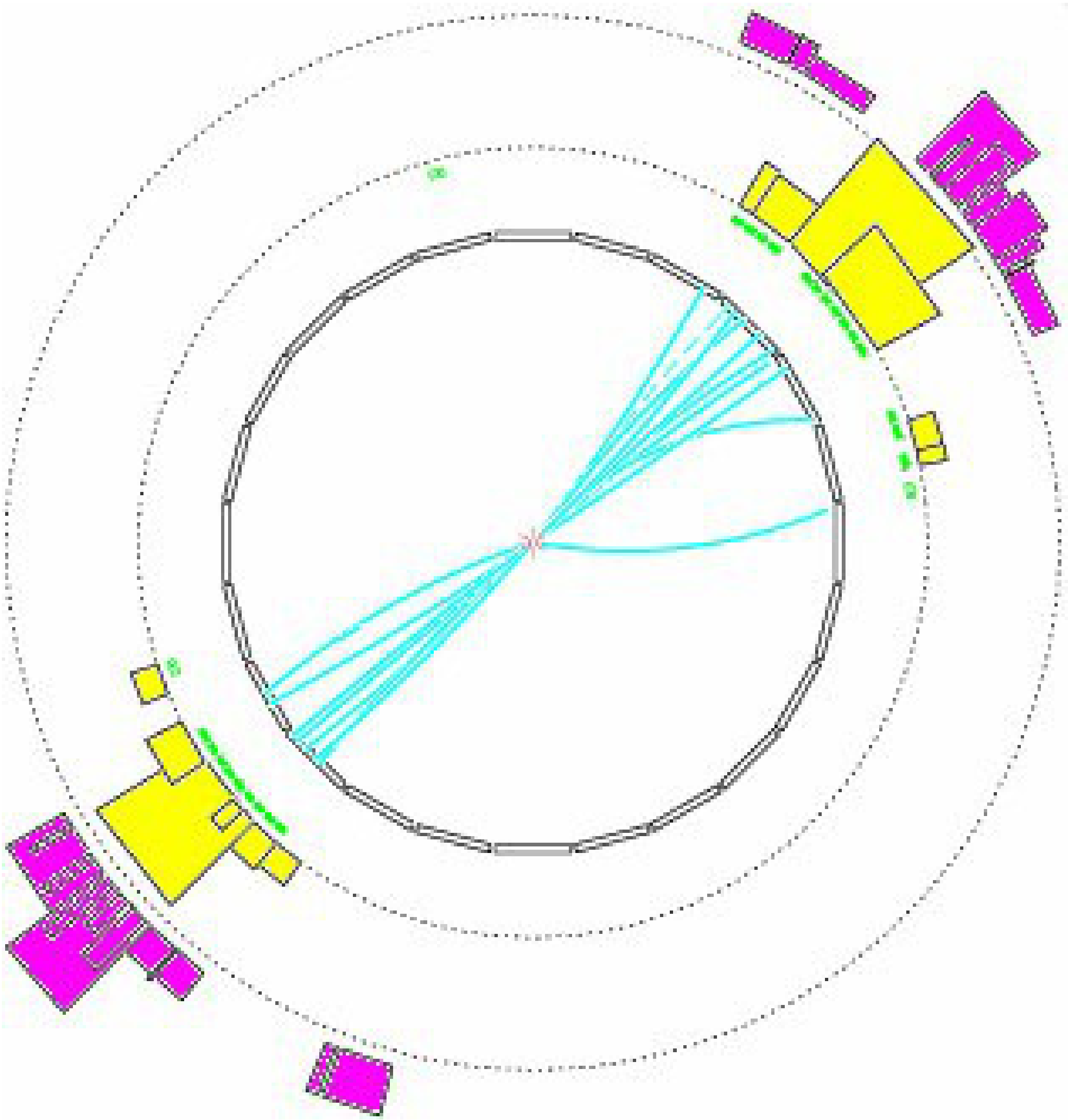

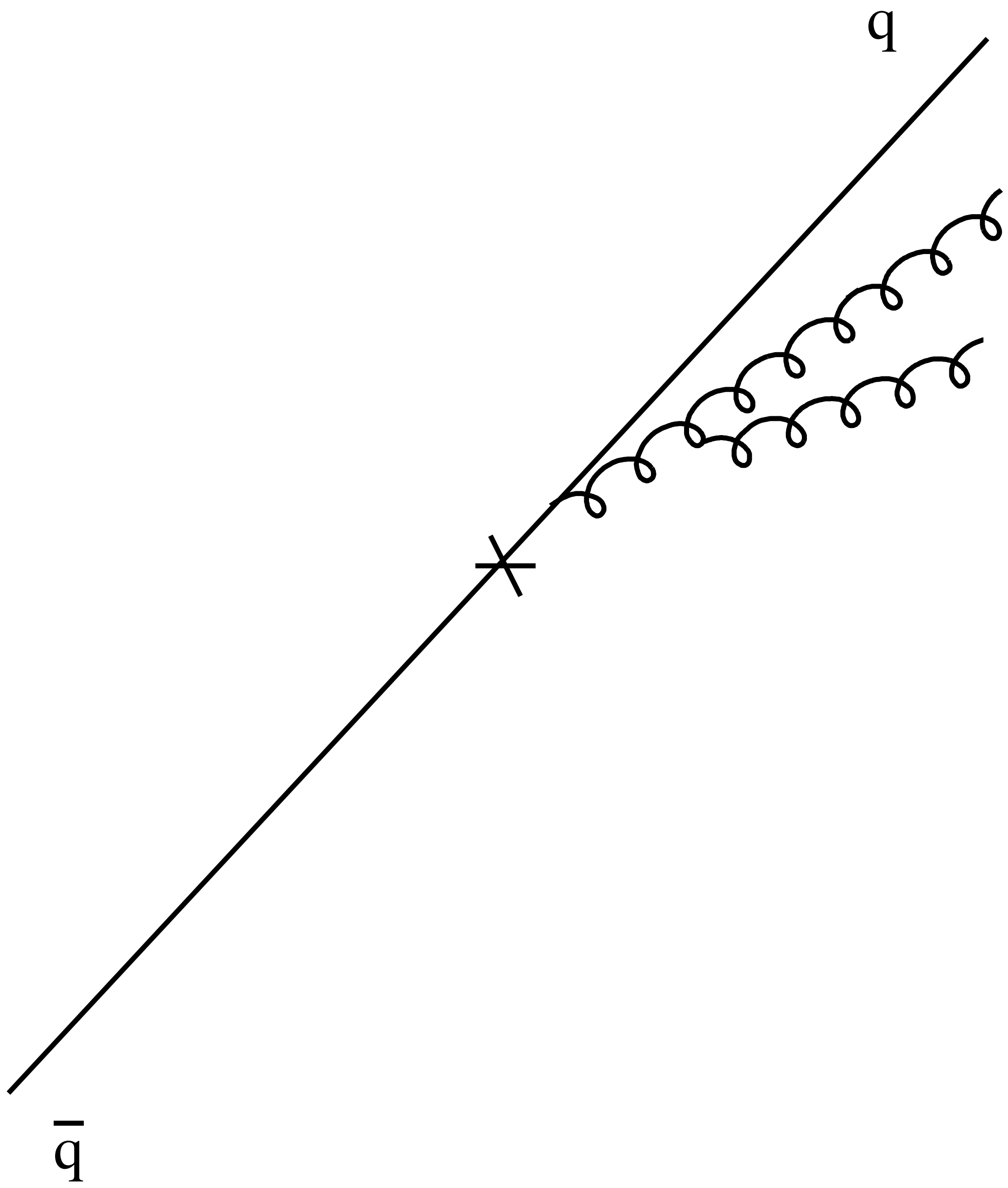

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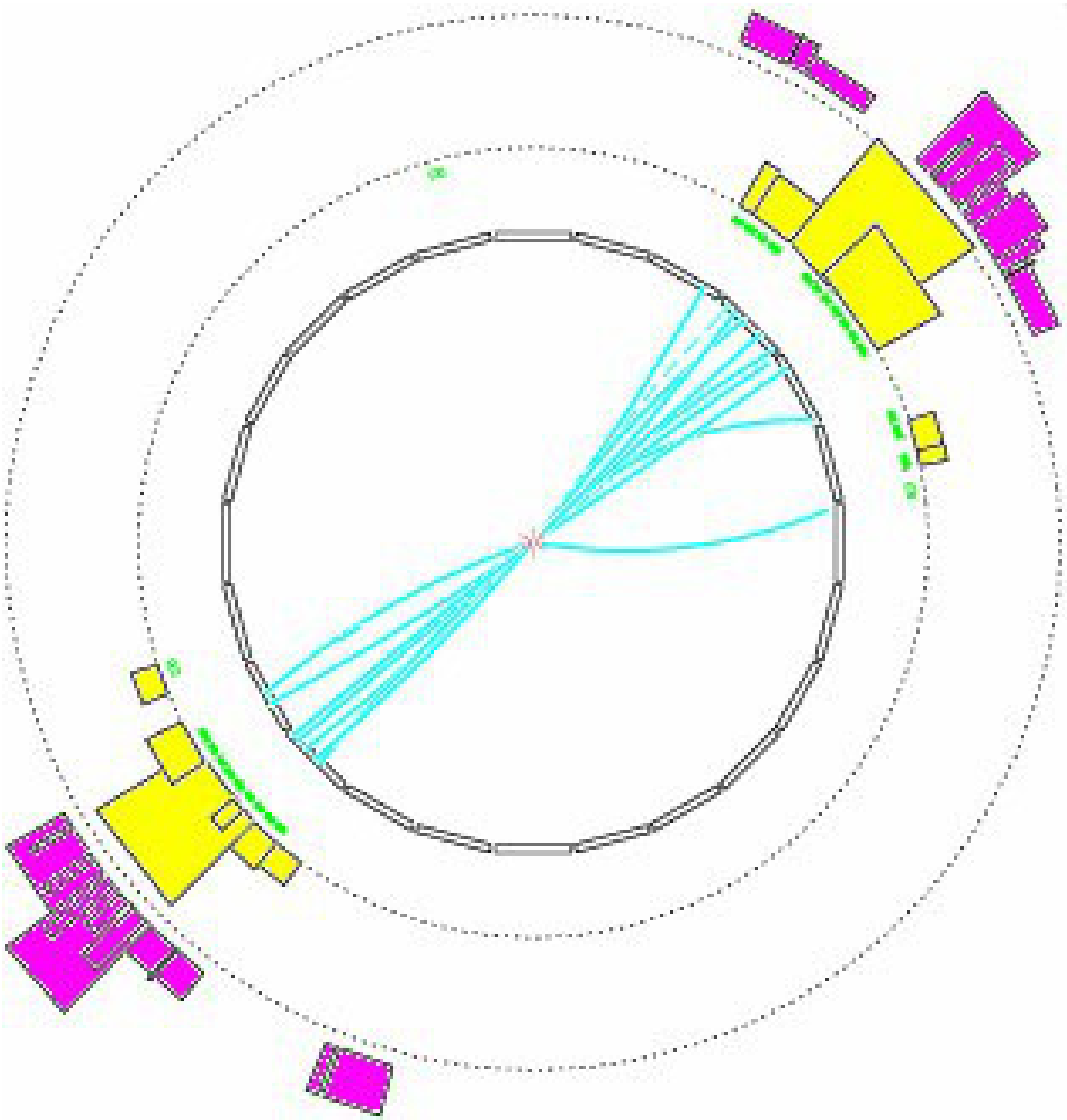

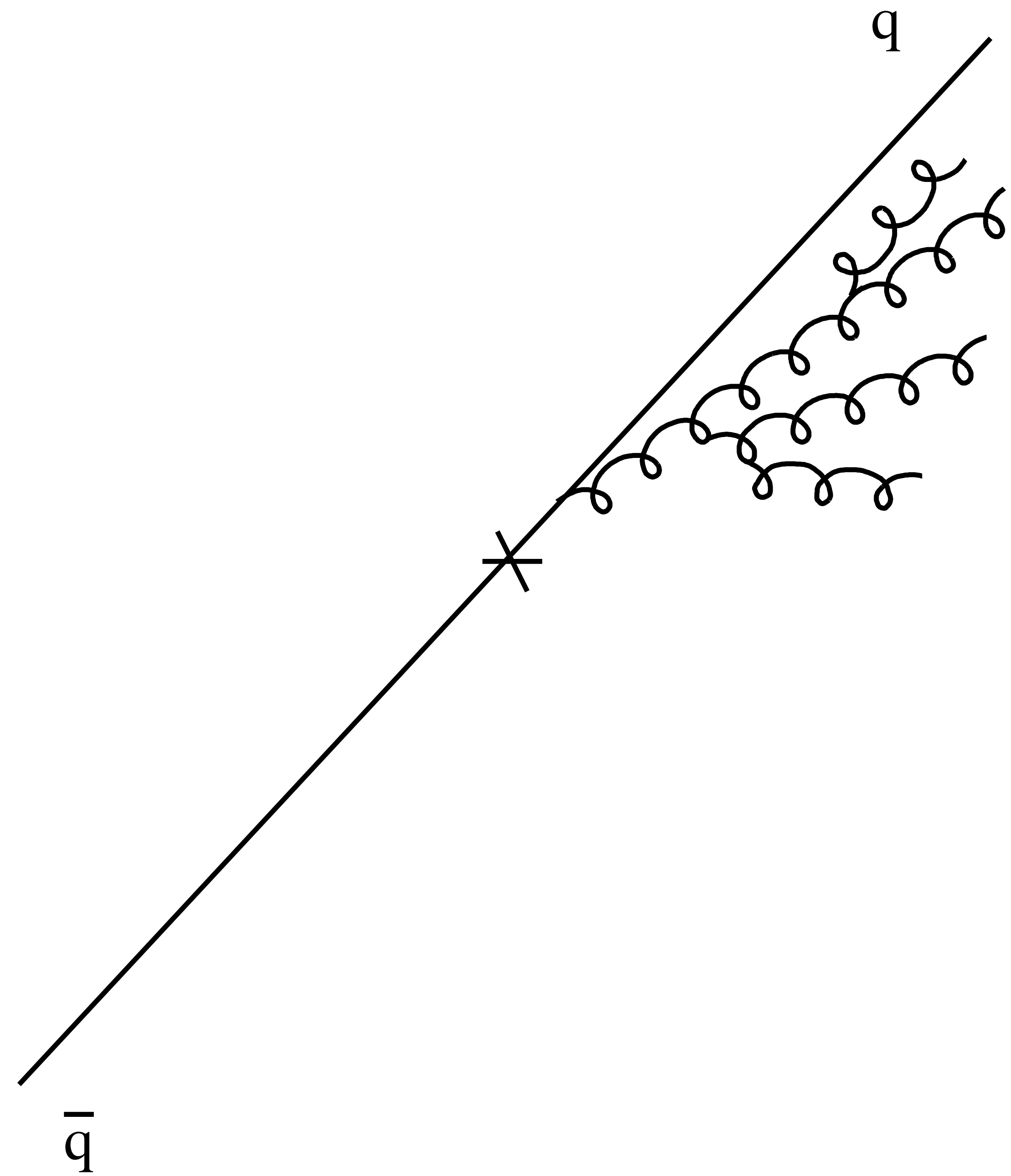

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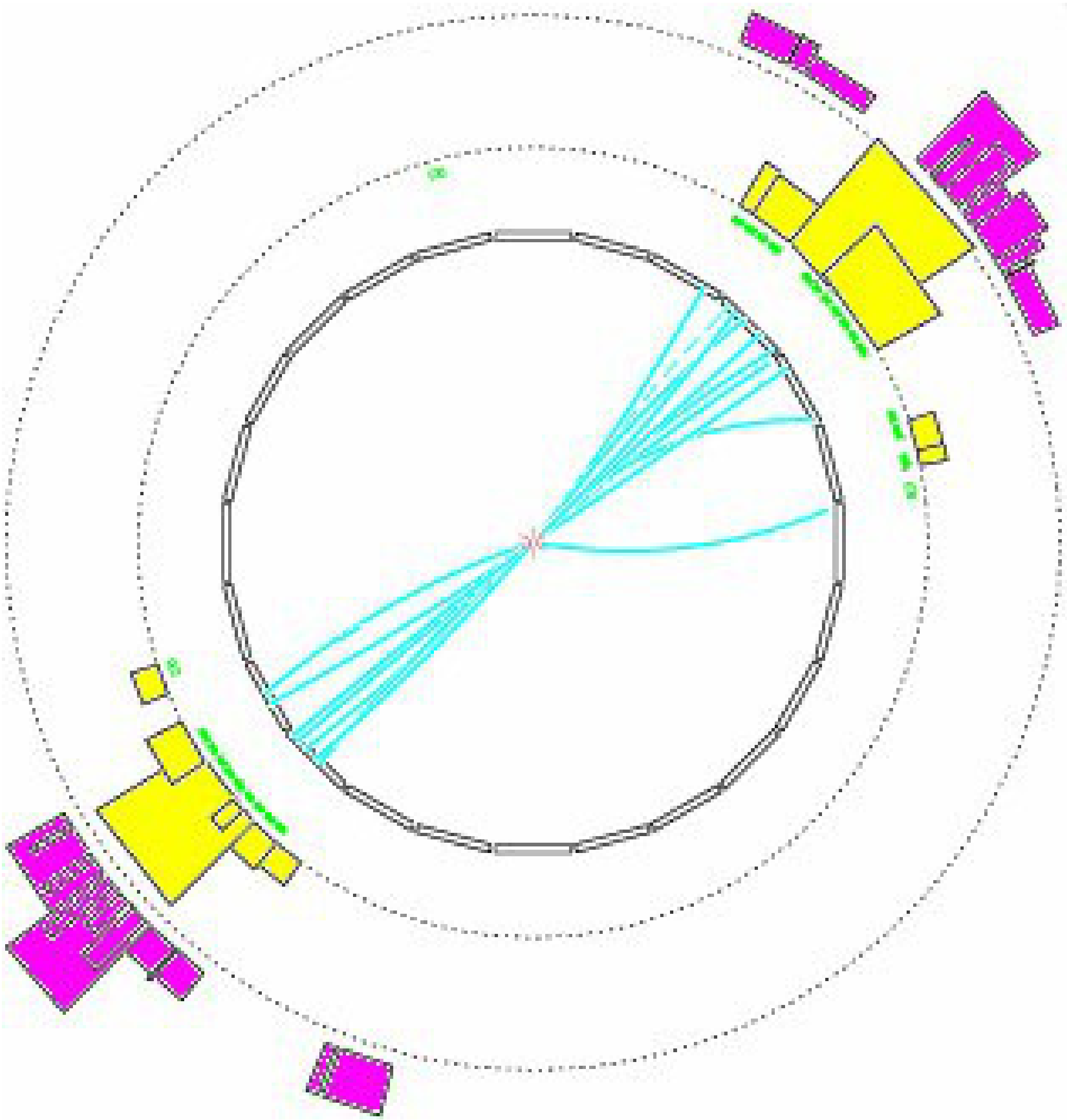

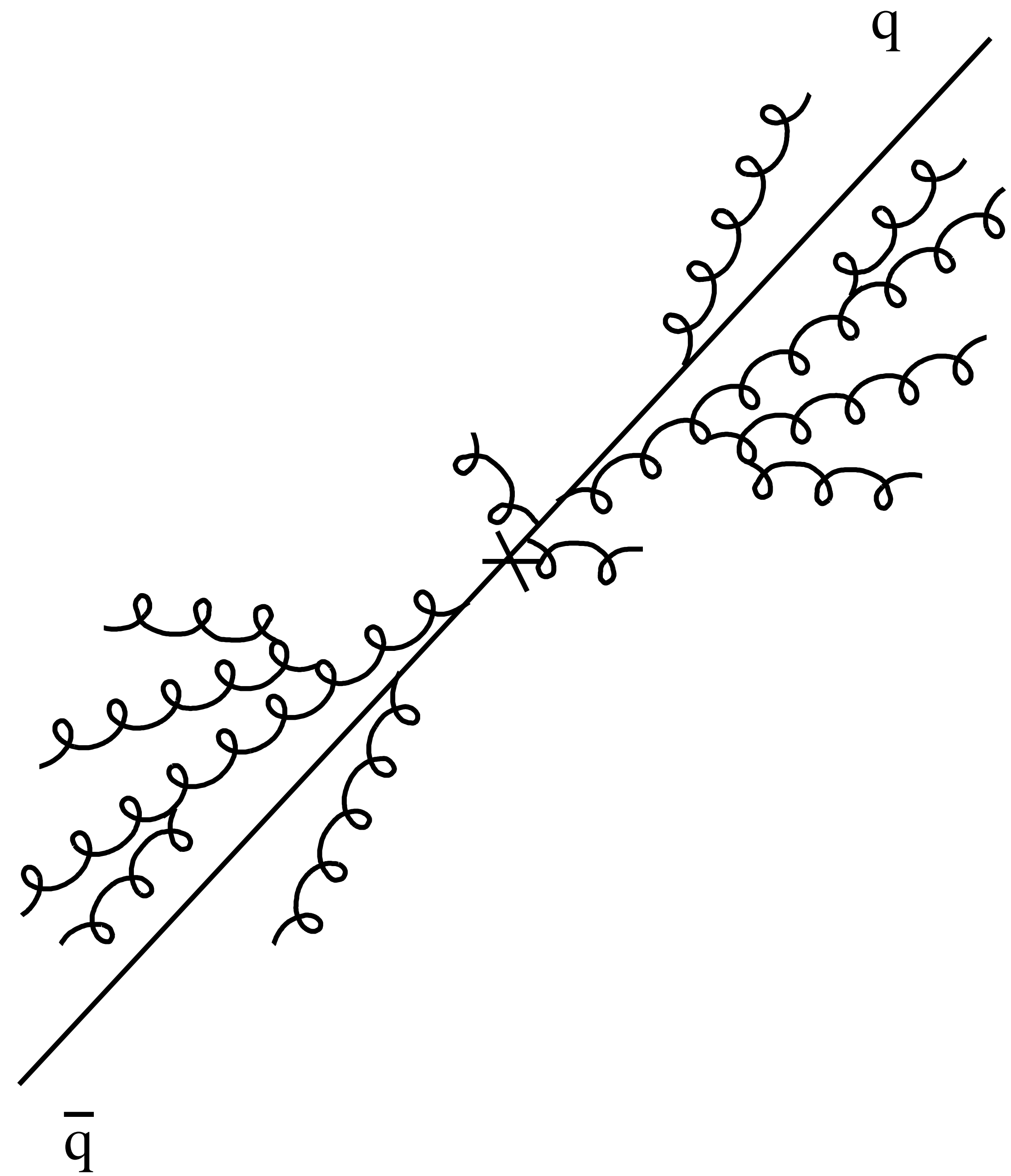

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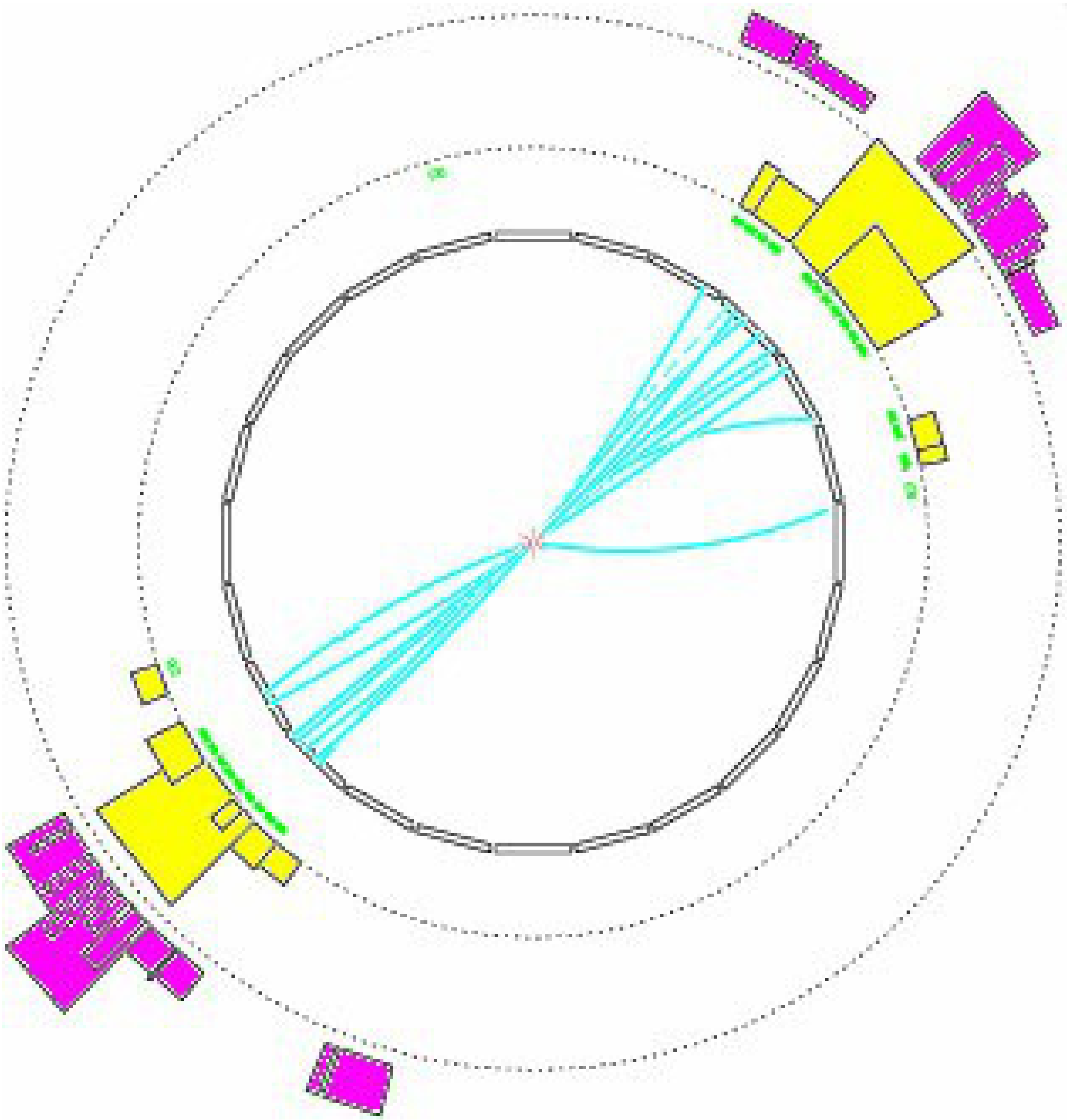

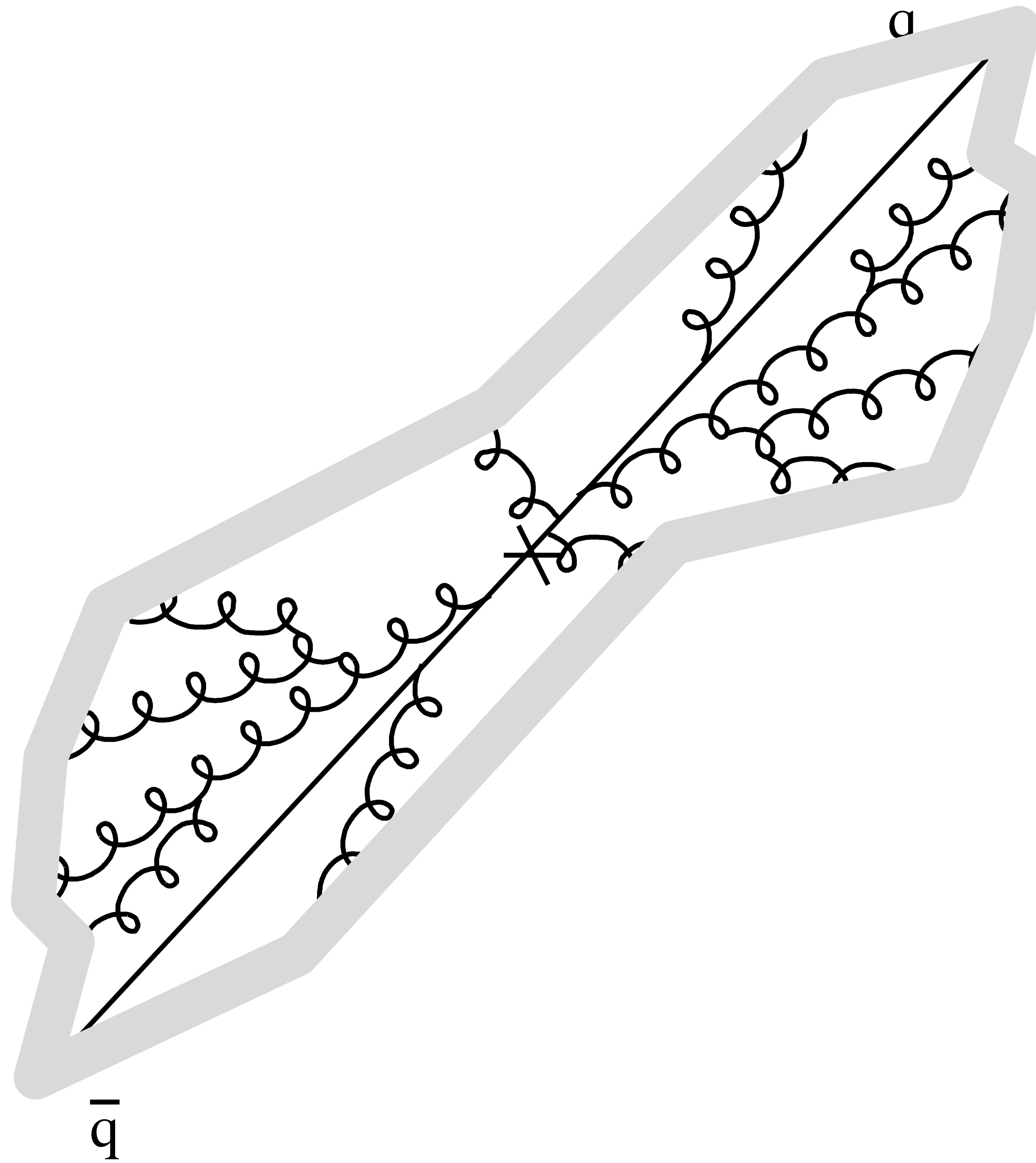

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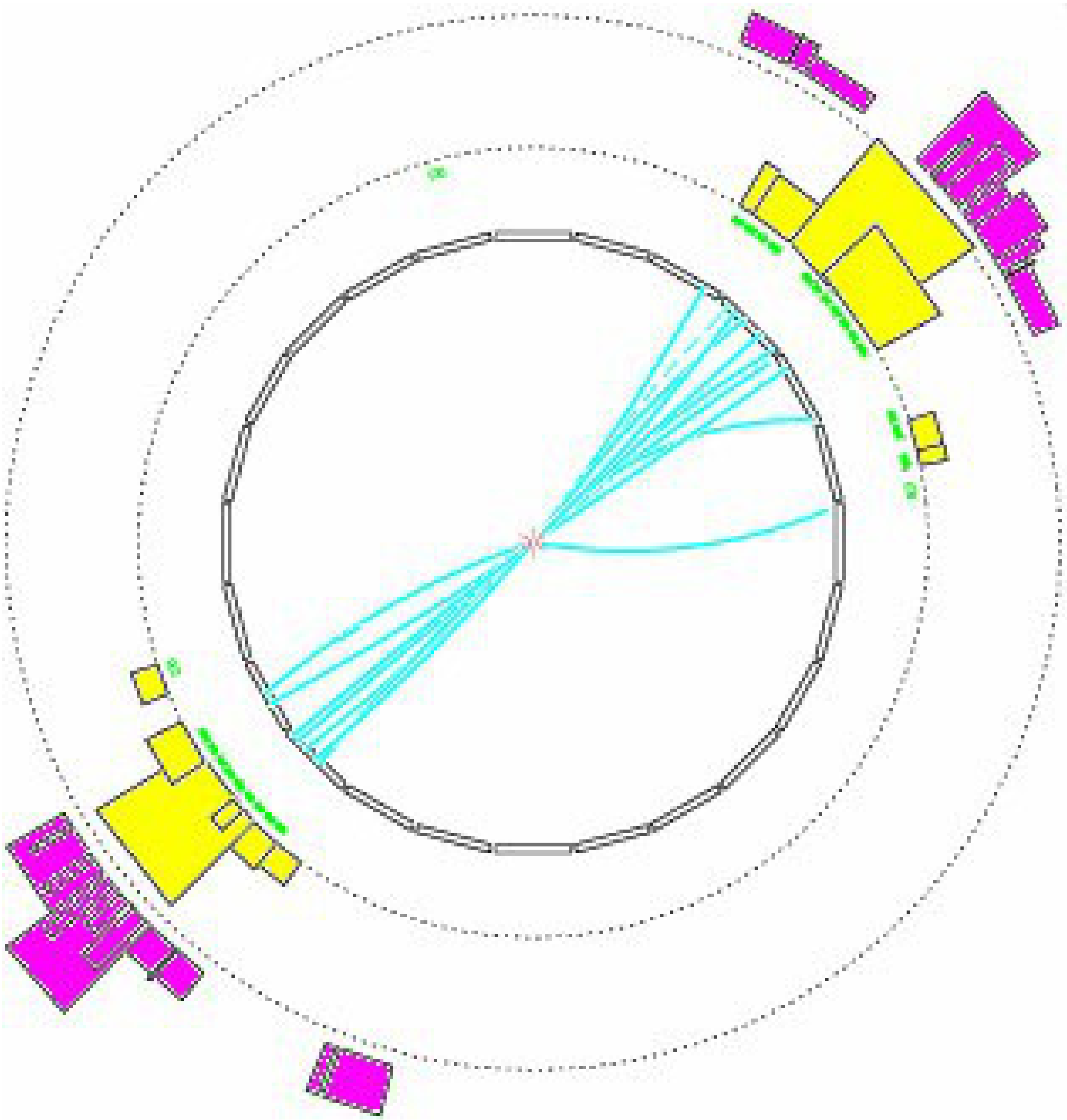

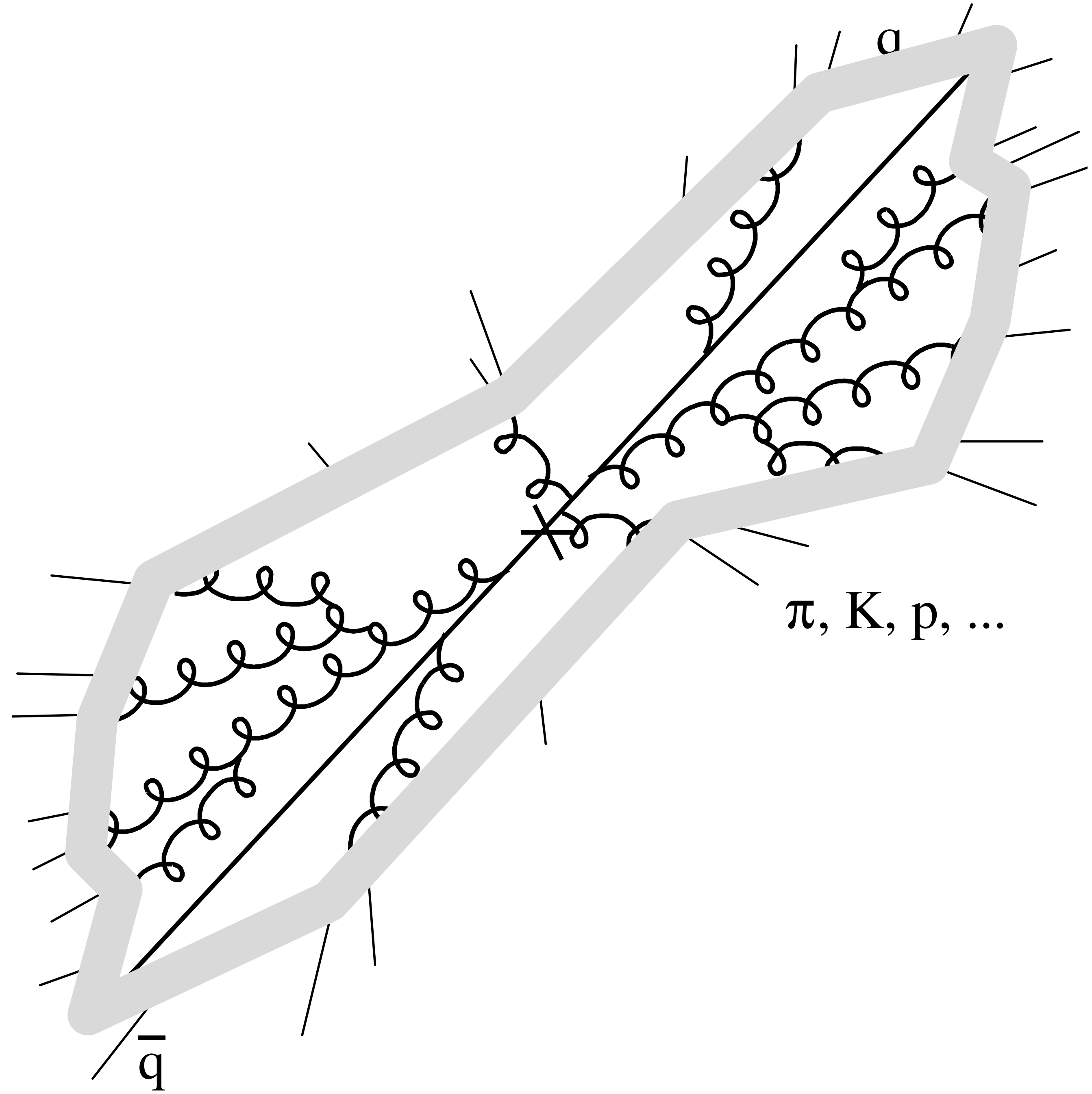

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giving a pattern of hadrons that "remembers" the gluon branching

(hadrons mostly produced at small angles wrt qqbar directions — two **"jets"**)

resummation and parton showers

the previous slides applied in practice

Resummation

Analytical, or semi-numerical, calculation of dominant logarithmically enhanced terms, to all orders in the strong coupling. **Applies when you place a strong constraint on an observable.**

Calculations are often specific to a single observable.

Parton shower Monte Carlo

Simulation of emission of arbitrary number of particles, usually ordered in angle or p_t.

Underlying algorithm should reproduce many of the singular limits of multi-particle QCD amplitudes, including virtual corrections.

Can be used to calculate arbitrary observables.

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constraint from observable, involves just real gluons

Resummation example result

- It's common to ask questions like *"what is the probability that a Z boson is produced with transverse momentum < p_T"*
- Answer is given (~) by a "**Sudakov form factor**", i.e. the probability of not emitting any gluons with transverse momentum > p_T.

$$P(Z \text{ trans.mom.} < p_T) \simeq \exp\left[-\frac{2\alpha_s C_F}{\pi}\ln^2\frac{M_Z}{p_T}\right]$$

- when p_T is small, the logarithm is large and compensates for the smallness of α_s — so you need to resum log-enhanced terms to all orders in α_s.

What do we know about resummation?

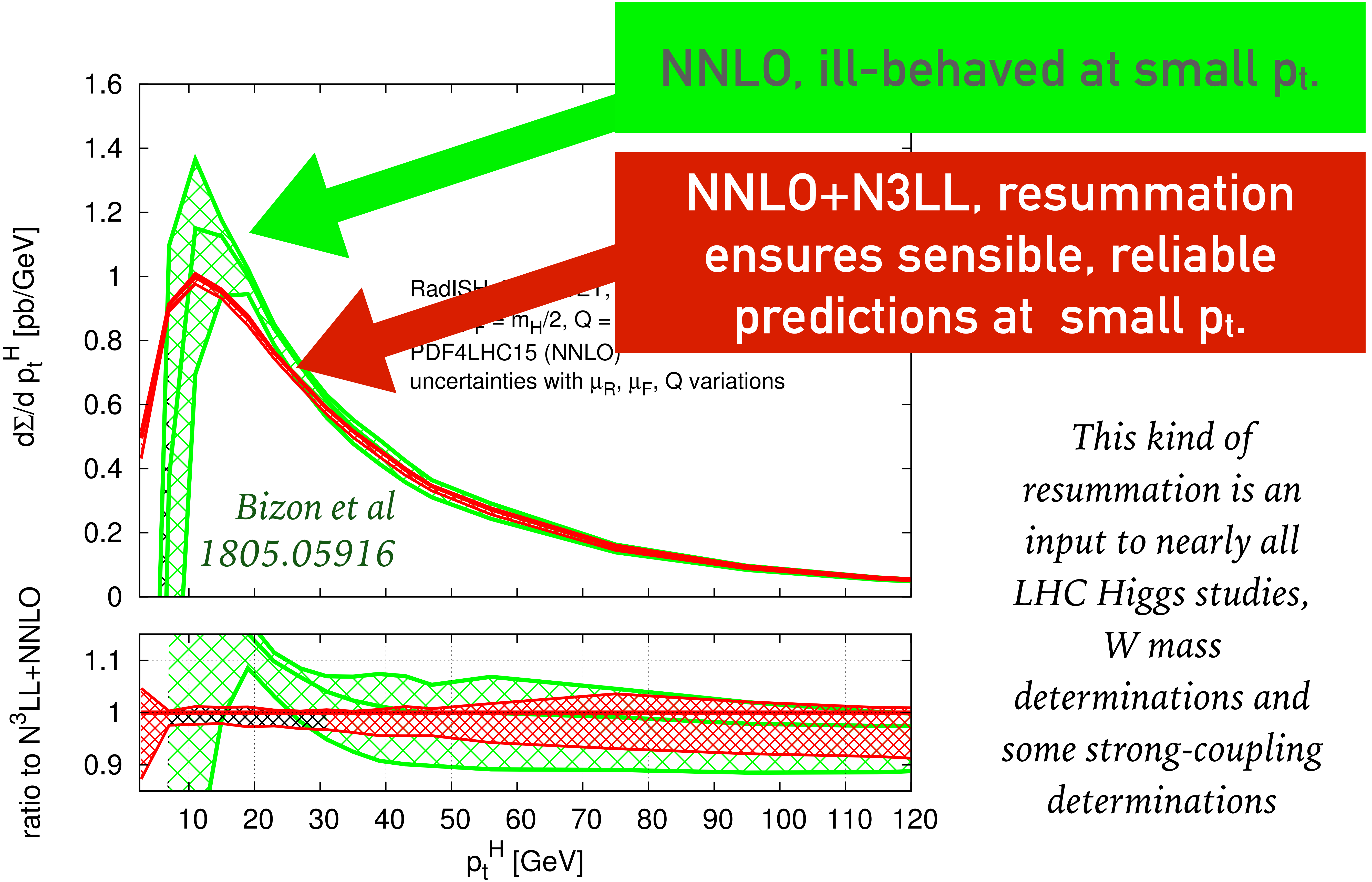
- You'll sometimes see mention of "NNLL" or similar
- This means next-next-to-leading logarithmic
- Most common definition of Leading logarithmic (LL): you sum all terms with p=n+1 (for n=1…∞) in

$$\exp\left[-\sum_{n,p} \alpha_s^n \ln^p \frac{M_H}{p_T}\right]$$

- NLL: include all terms with p=n (for n=1…∞)
- NNLL: include all terms with p=n–1 (for n=1…∞)

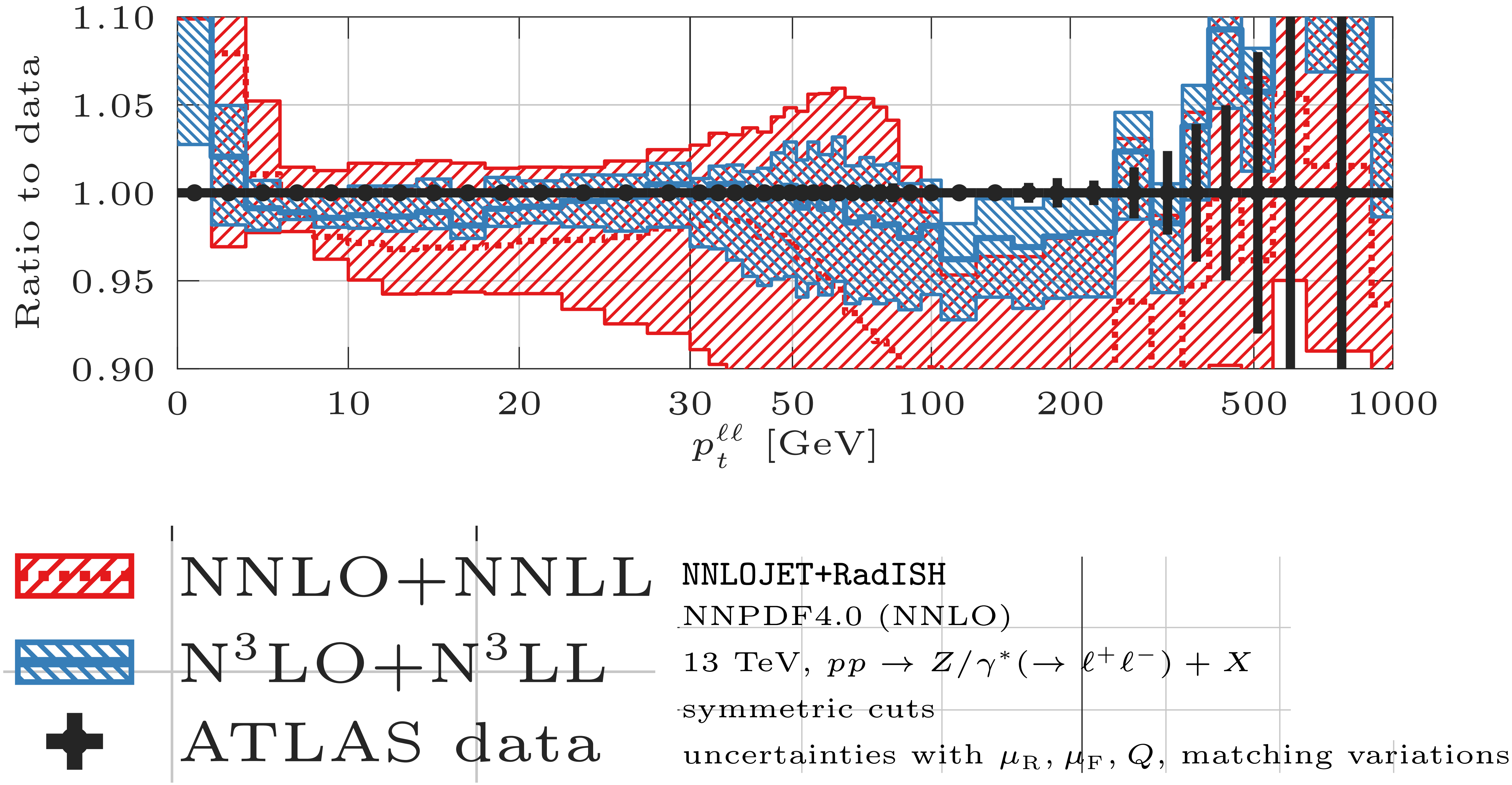
In real life, the function that appears in the resummation is sometimes instead a Fourier or Mellin transform of an exponential

Resummation of Higgs p_T spectrum (same formula, with $C_F \to C_A$)



This kind of resummation is an input to nearly all LHC Higgs studies, W mass determinations and some strong-coupling determinations

Resummation of Z p_T spectrum v. data



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resummation v. parton showers (the basic idea, ignoring secondary emsn. from gluons)

- a resummation predicts **one observable** to high accuracy
- a parton shower takes the same idea of a Sudakov form factor and uses it to generate emissions
- from probability of not emitting gluons above a certain p_T, you can deduce p_T distribution of first emission

1. use a random number generator (r) to sample that p_T distribution

$$\text{deduce } p_T \text{ by solving } r = \exp\left[-\frac{2\alpha_s C_A}{\pi}\ln^2\frac{p_{T,\max}^2}{p_T^2}\right]$$

2. repeat for next emission, etc., until p_T falls below some non-perturbative cutoff

very similar to radioactive decay, with time t ~ 1/p_T and a decay rate ~ (log t) / t

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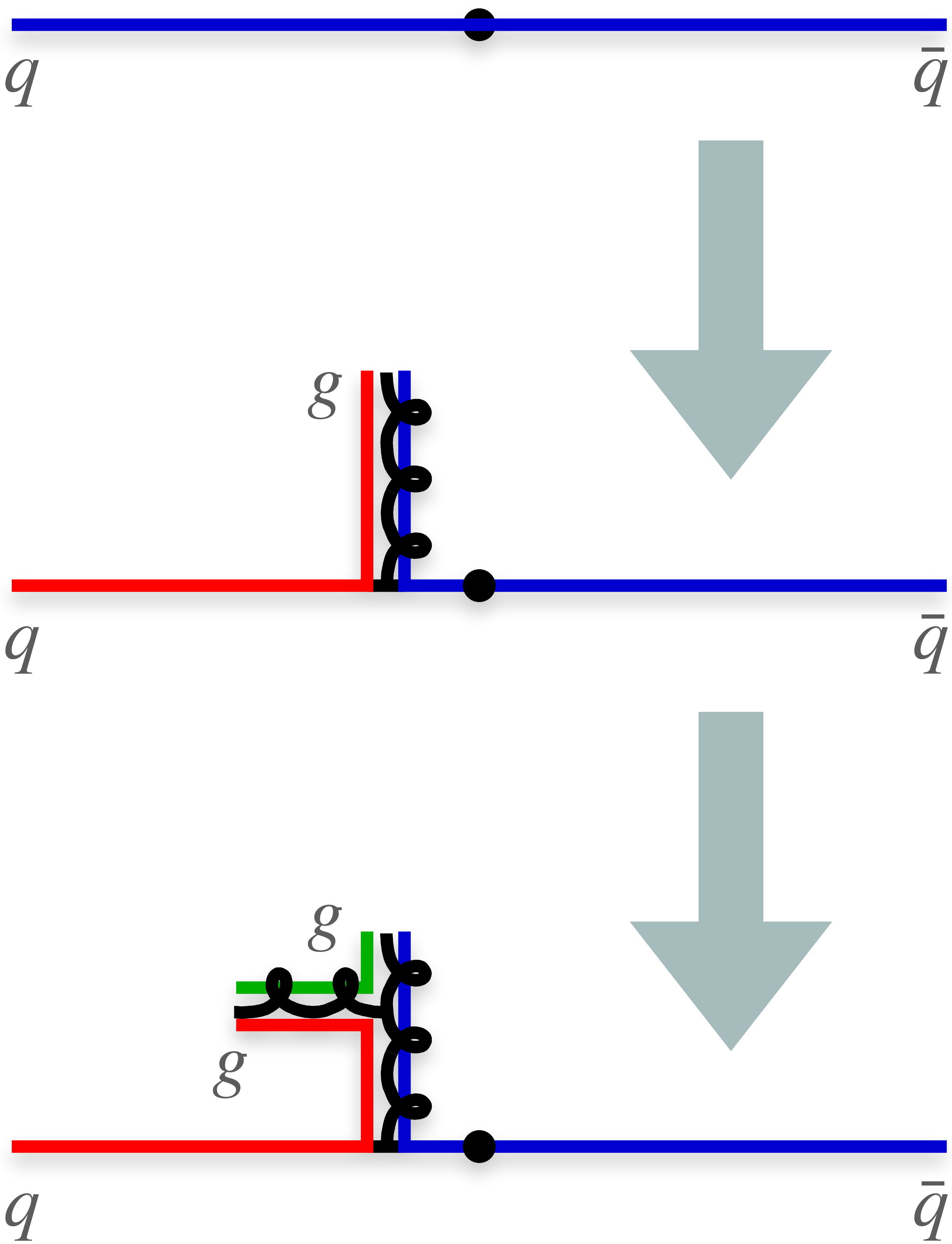
If you want to play: replace C_A=3 (emission from gluons) with C_F=4/3 (emission from quarks) and see how pattern of emissions changes (multiplicity, p_T of hardest emission, etc.)

Secondary, tertiary gluons: many showers use colour dipoles (Pythia, Sherpa & option in Herwig)

Original dipole MC: Ariadne (90's)



- Use large-N_C idea of colour structure
- Initial $q\bar{q}$ event = 1 colour dipole.
- Radiated gluon turns 1 dipole → 2 dipoles
- Each dipole then radiates independently (different colour ≡ no interference), creating new colour dipoles at each step

Event record from a real-world shower (Herwig6 — old shower with compact record)

IHEP	ID	IDPDG	IST	MO1	MO2	DA1	DA2	P-X	P-Y	P-Z	ENERGY	MASS
9	UQRK	94	141	4	6	11	16	2.64	-9.83	592.2	590.2	-49.07
10	CONE	0	100	4	5	0	0	-0.27	0.96	0.1	1.0	0.00
11	GLUON	21	2	9	12	32	33	-1.02	3.59	5.6	6.7	0.75-
12	GLUON	21	2	9	13	34	35	0.25	1.46	3.6	4.0	0.75-
13	GLUON	21	2	9	14	36	37	-0.87	1.62	4.7	5.1	0.75-
14	GLUON	21	2	9	15	38	39	-0.81	4.17	3611.7	3611.7	0.75-
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19	GLUON	21	2	17	20	43	44	1.60	0.58	-2.1	2.8	0.75
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21	UQRK	2	2	17	32	46	45	0.63	-1.02	-4076.9	4076.9	0.32
22	Z0/GAMA*	23	195	7	22	251	252	-257.66	-219.68	324.8	477.5	88.56
23	UQRK	94	144	8	6	25	31	258.06	210.29	33.9	345.5	86.10
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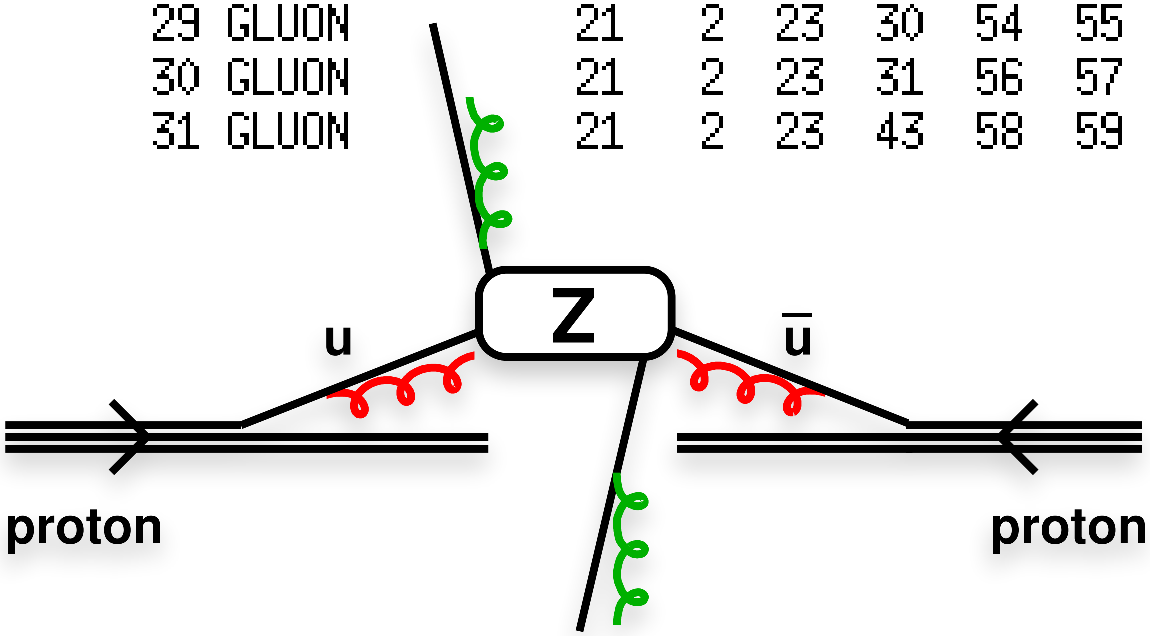
INITIAL STATE SHOWER

FINAL STATE SHOWER



simulations use General Purpose Monte Carlo event generators

THE BIG 3

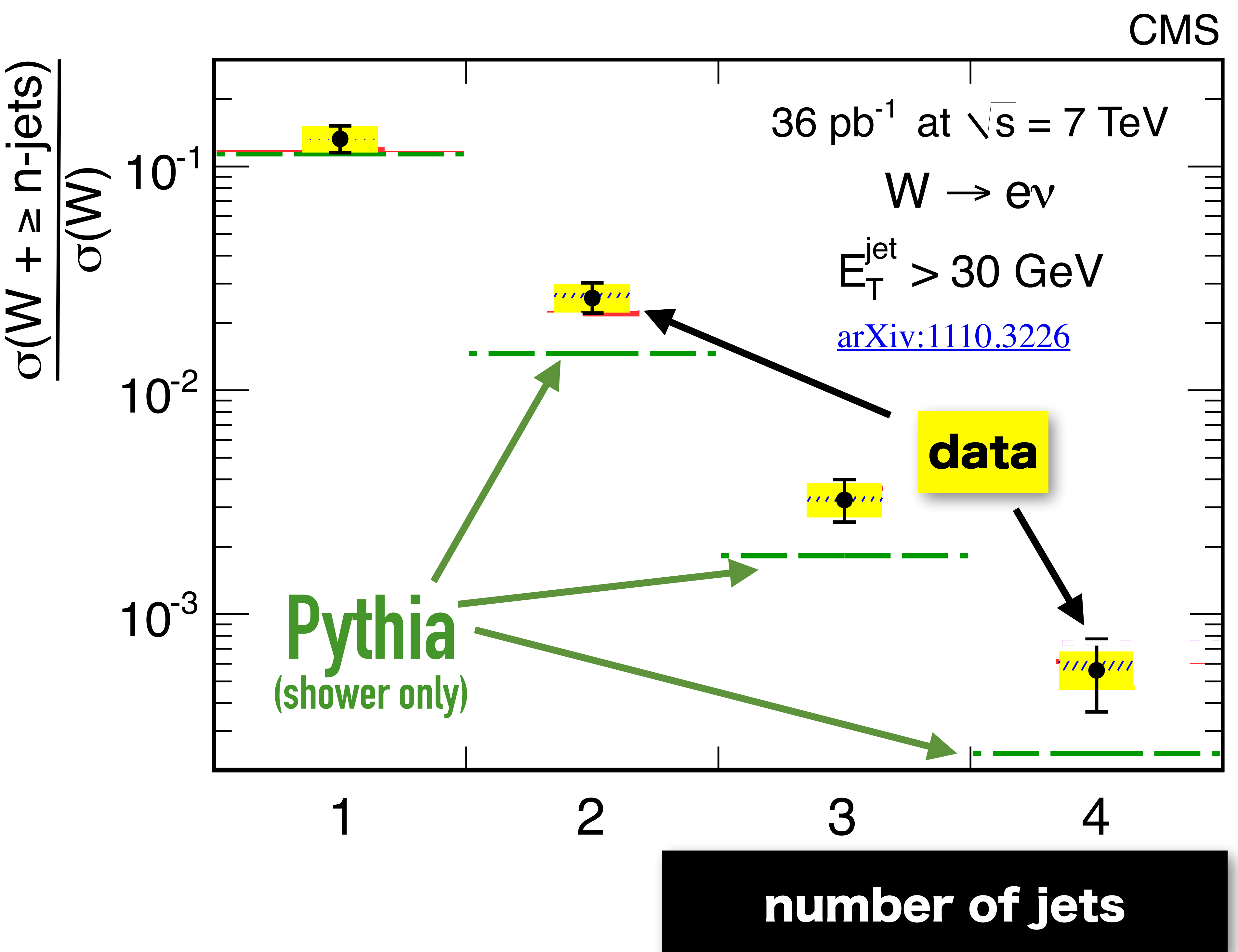
Herwig 7 | Pythia 8 | Sherpa 3

used in ~95% of ATLAS/CMS publications
they do an amazing job simulating vast swathes of data;
collider physics would be unrecognisable without them

combining
showers & fixed order

essential for accurate cross sections
& multijet states

E.g. jet multiplicity in events with a W v. Pythia



shower MCs on their own cannot reproduce pattern of hard multijet states

(there are topologies that are almost inaccessible via showering)

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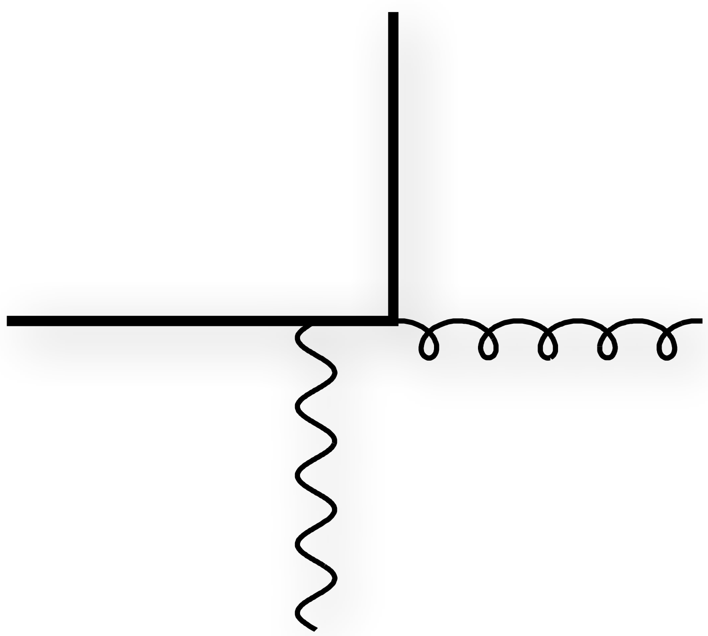

Z+parton

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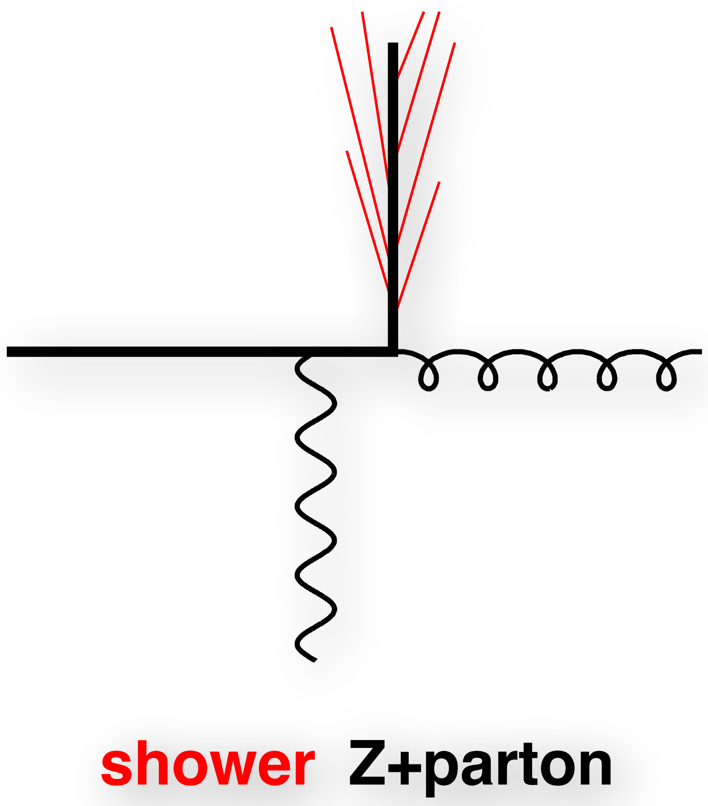

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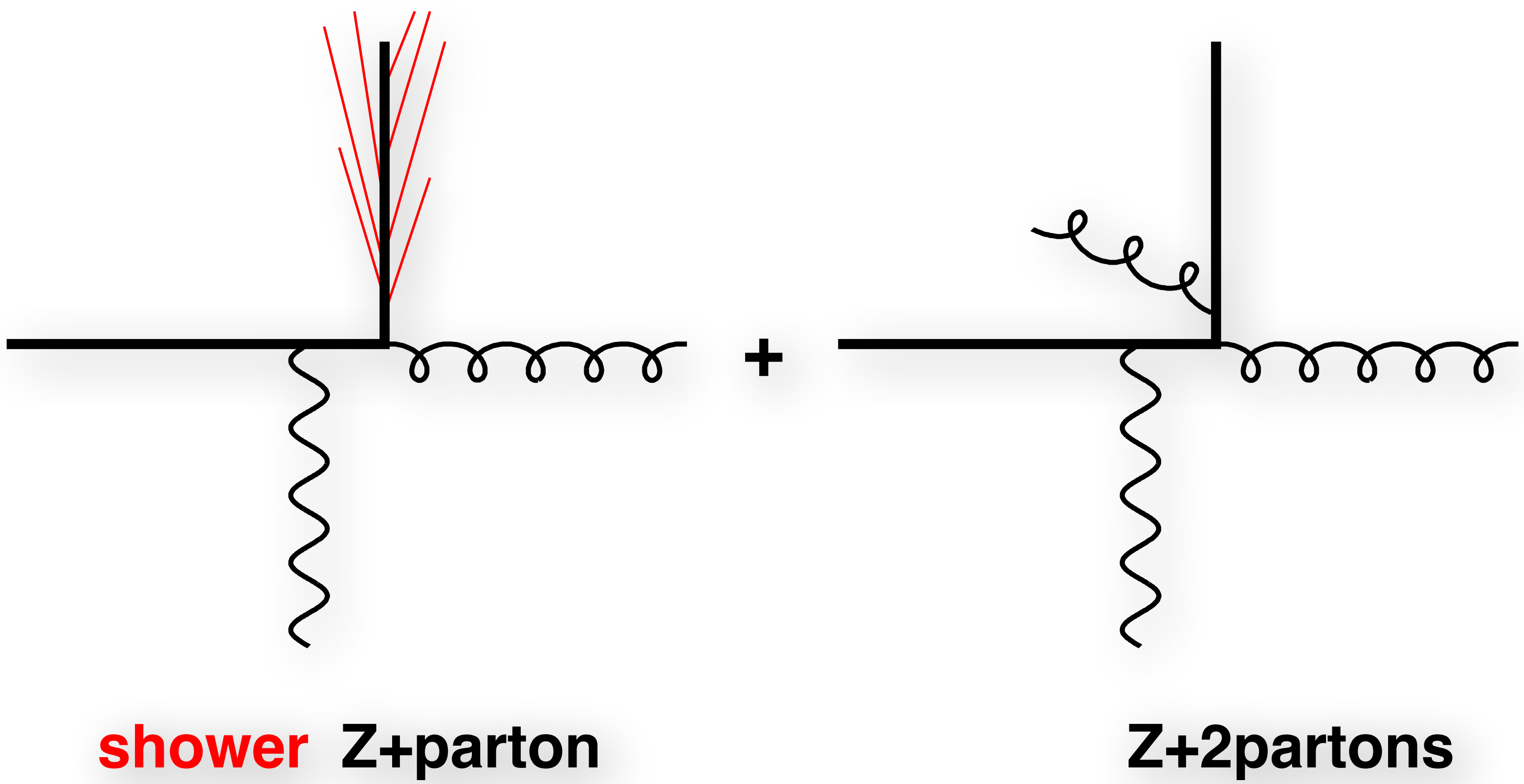

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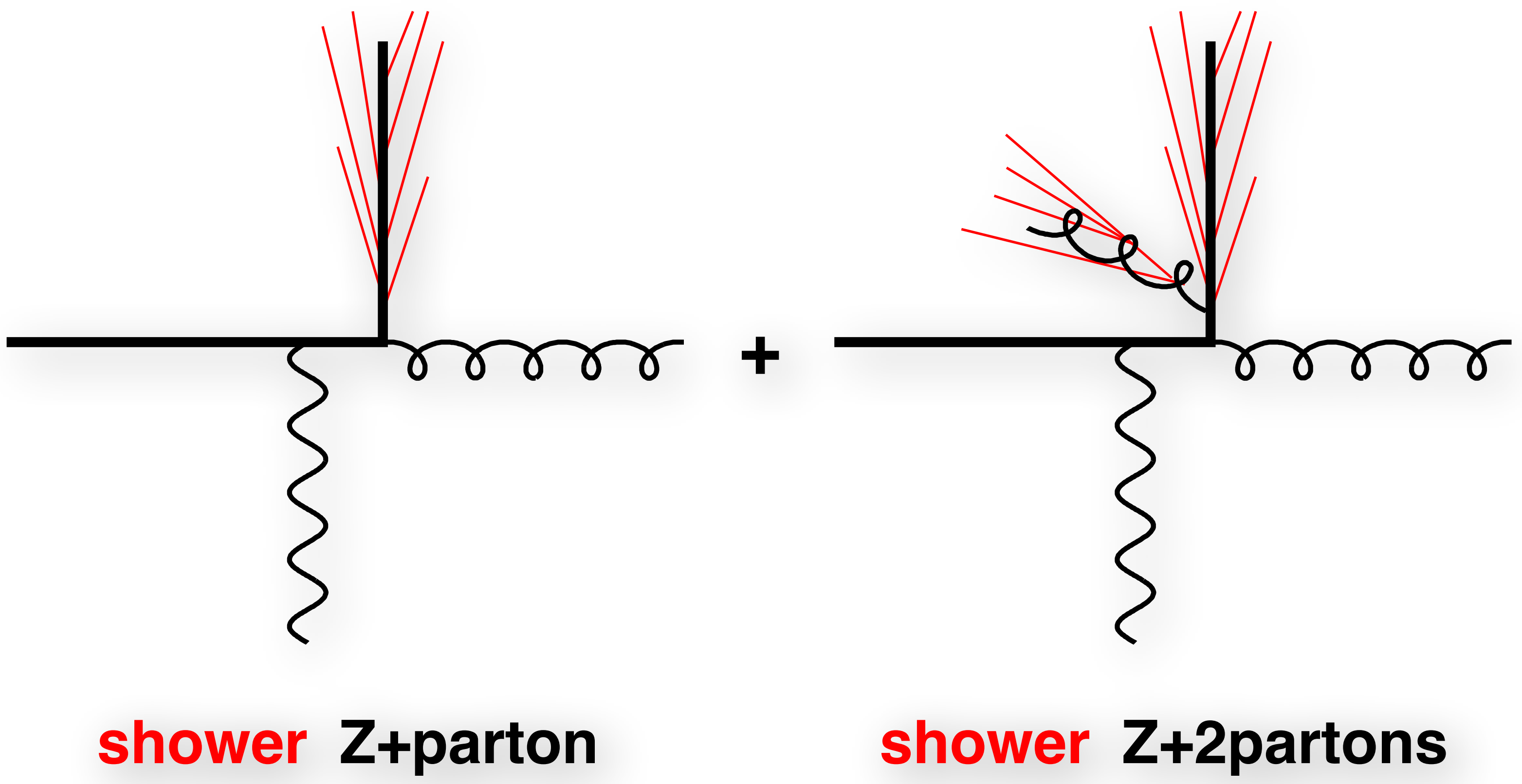

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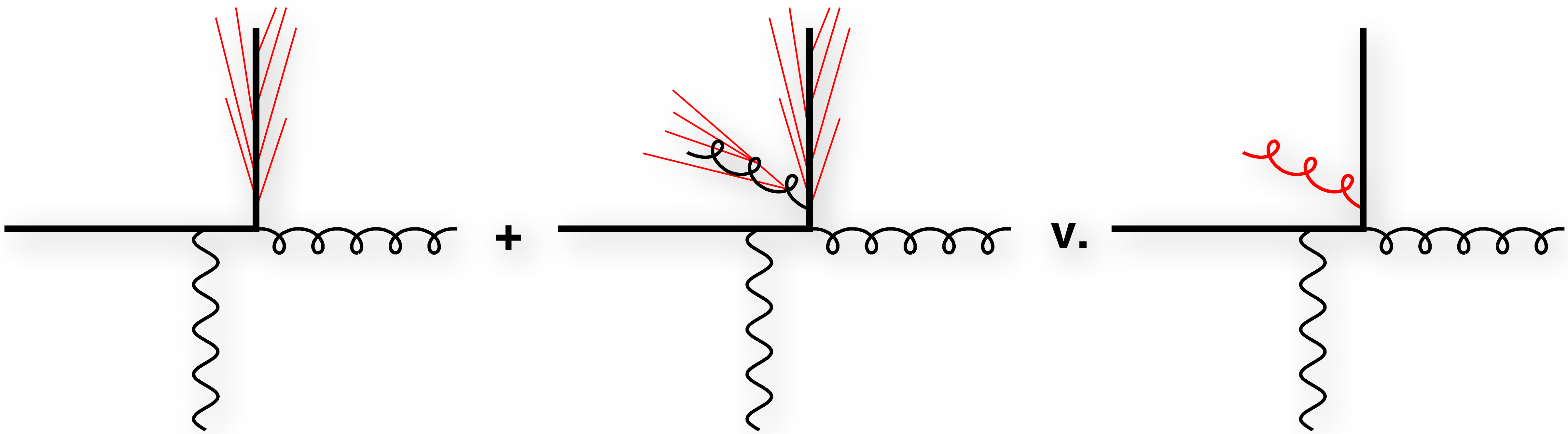

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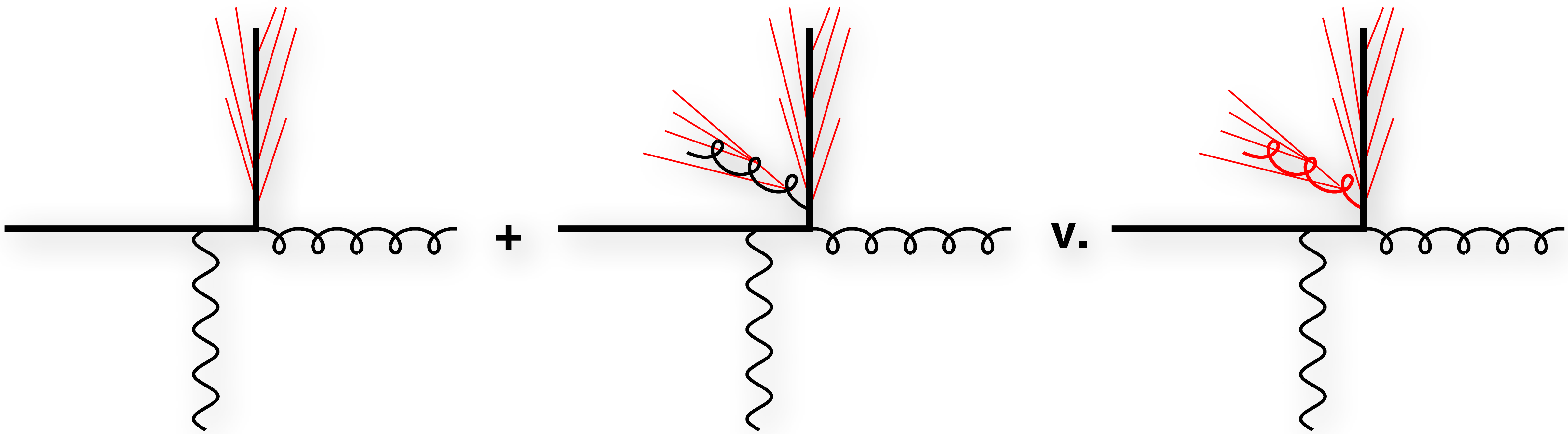

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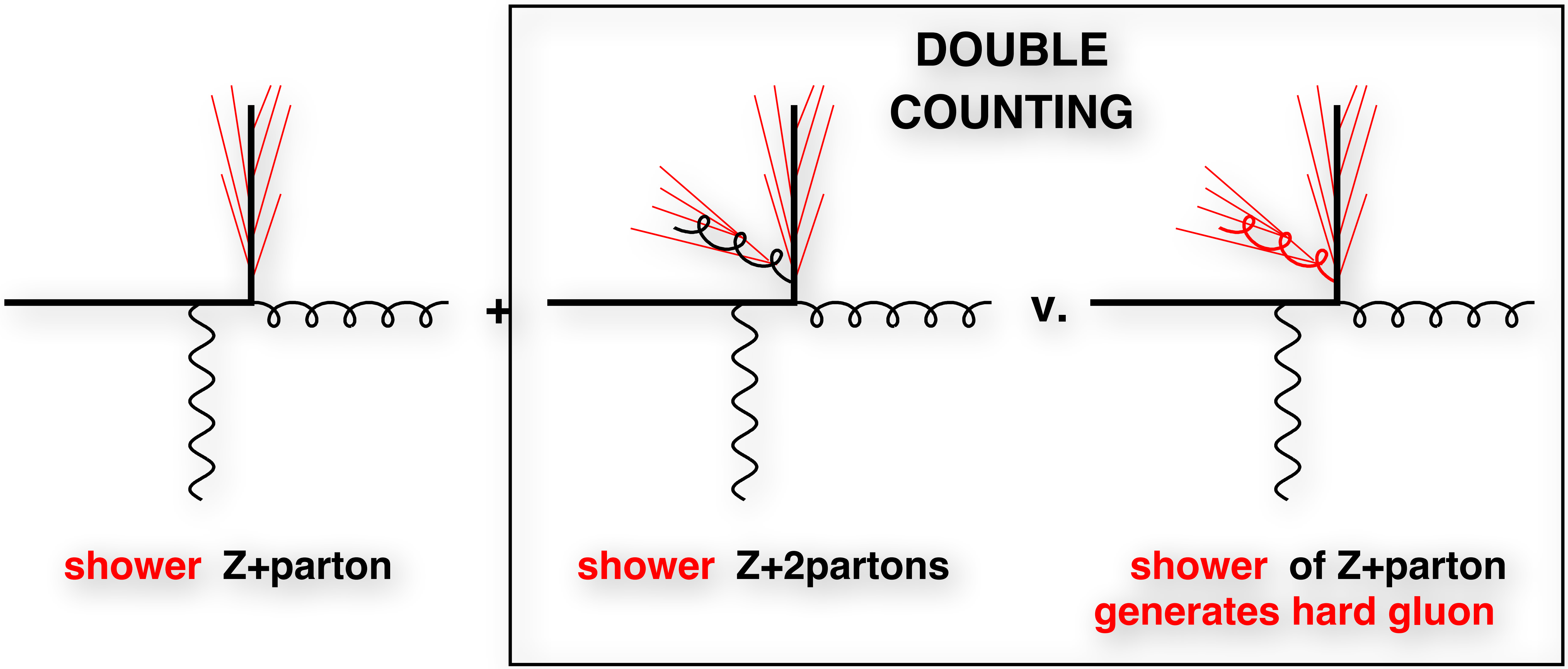

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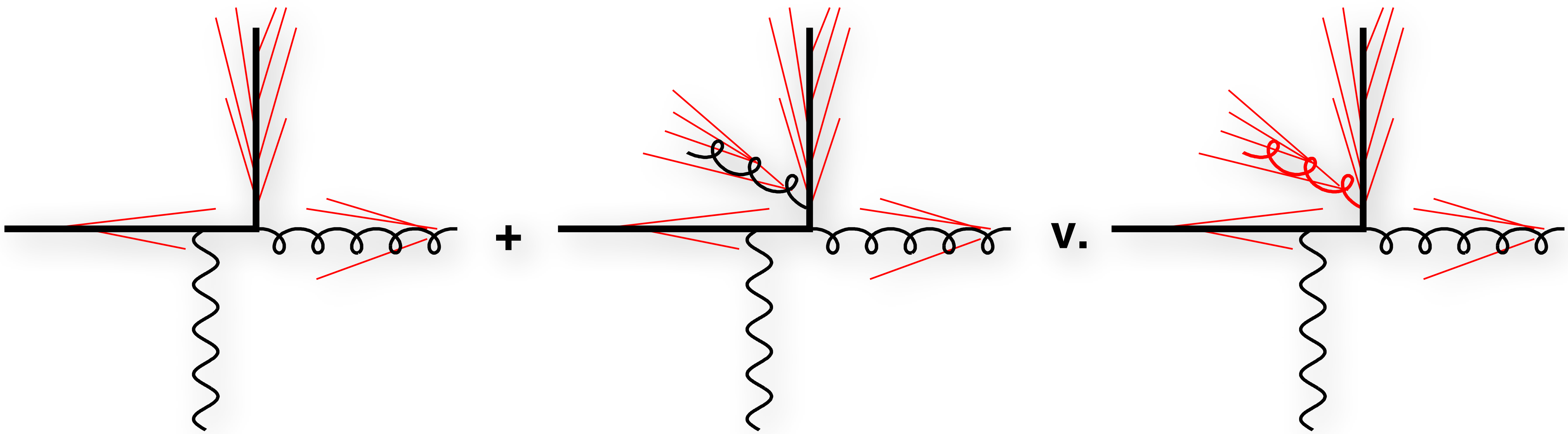

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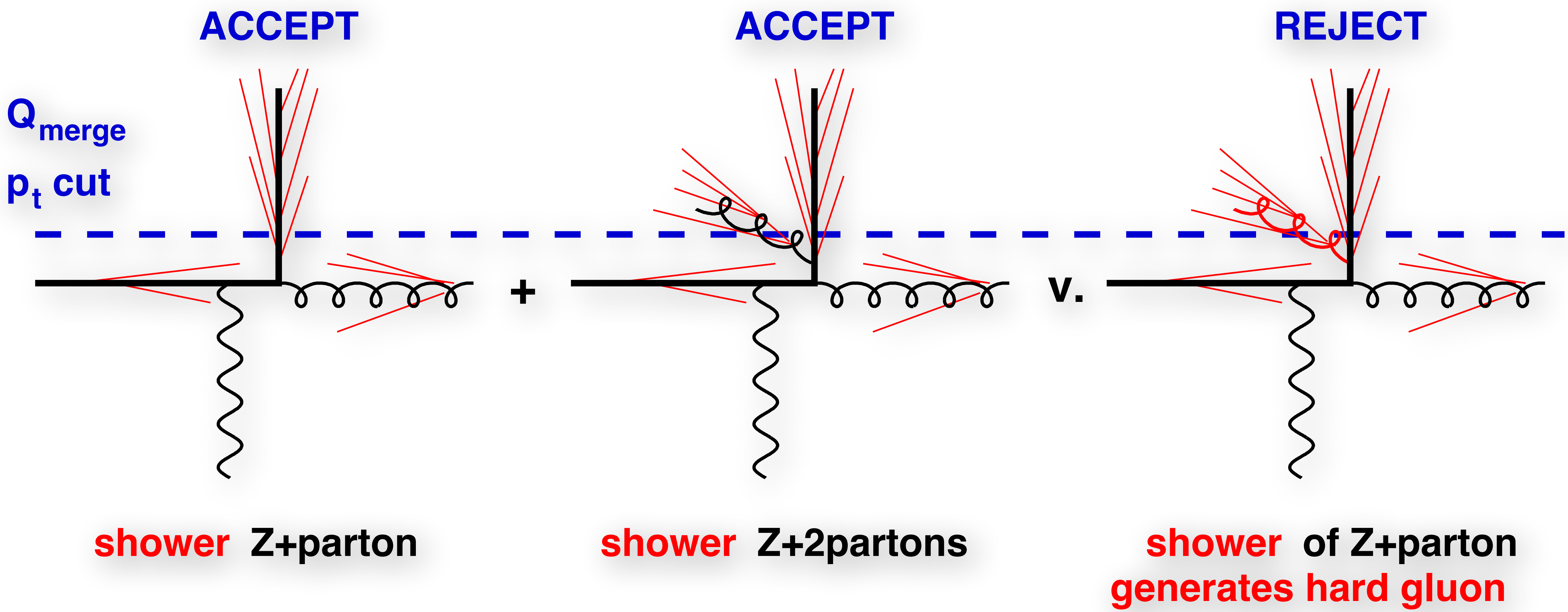


- Hard jets above scale Qmerge have distributions given by tree-level ME
- Rejection procedure eliminates “double-counted” jets from parton shower
- Rejection generates Sudakov form factors between individual jet scales

*An alternative approach is called **CKKW** (similar in spirit, Sudakov put in manually)*

Combining NLO accuracy with parton showers (1)

MC@NLO ideas

Frixione & Webber '02

- Expand your Monte Carlo branching to first order in α_s

  Rather non-trivial – requires deep understanding of MC

- Calculate differences wrt true $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$

  both in real and virtual pieces

- If your Monte Carlo gives correct soft and/or collinear limits, those differences are **finite**

- Generate extra partonic configurations with phase-space distributions proportional to those differences and shower them

$$\text{MC@NLO} = \text{MC} \times \left(1 + \alpha_s(\sigma_{1V} - \sigma_{1V}^{MC}) + \alpha_s \int dE(\sigma_{1R}(E) - \sigma_{1R}^{MC}(E))\right)$$

All weights finite, but can be ± 1

almost any process can be generated automatically in MadGraph5_aMCatNLO (+ Pythia); also in Sherpa & Herwig

Combining NLO accuracy with parton showers (2)

POWHEG ideas

Aims to work around MC@NLO limitations — Nason '04

- the (small fraction of) negative weights
- the tight interconnection with a specific MC

Principle

- Write a simplified Monte Carlo that generates **just one emission** (the hardest one) which alone gives the correct NLO result.

  Essentially uses special Sudakov

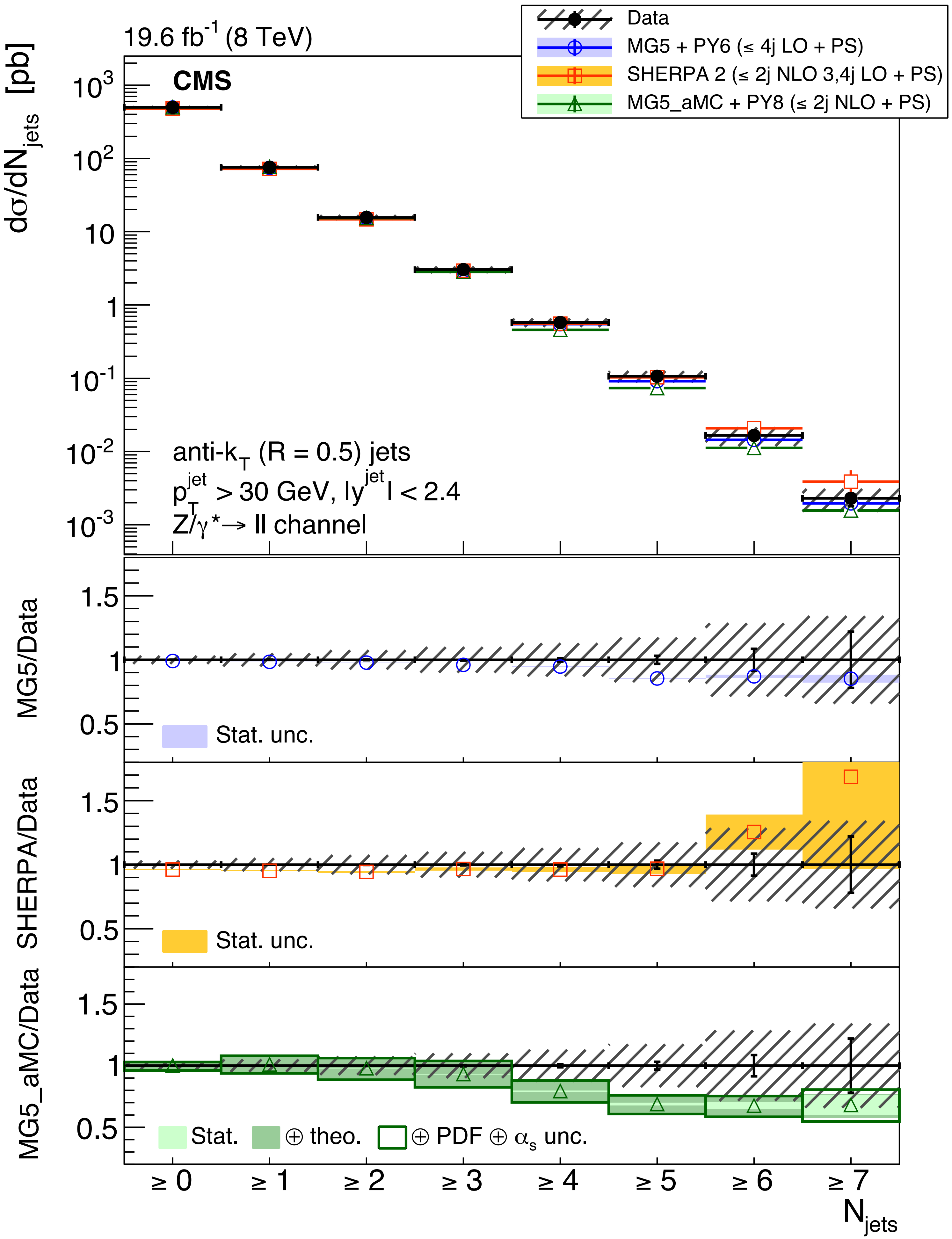
  $\Delta(k_t) = \exp(-\int \text{exact real-radition probability above } k_t)$

- Lets your default parton-shower do branchings below that k_t.

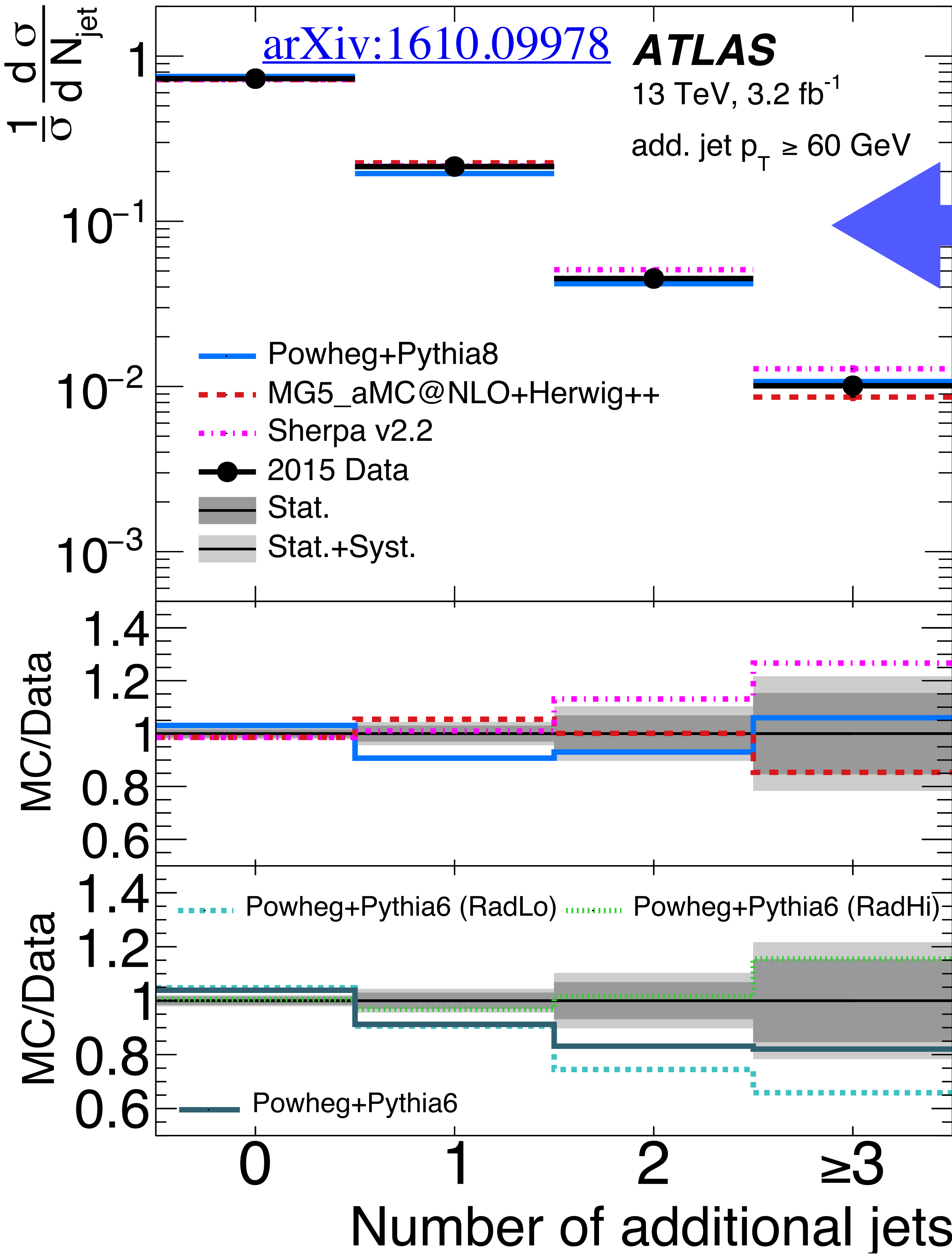
most processes available in the POWHEGBox (+Pythia or Herwig; or natively in Herwig)

Other advances & research directions

- (Much) more efficient ways of combining tree-level and showers: Vincia
- Getting shower samples that are simultaneously NLO accurate at different multiplicities (FxFx, Sherpa NLO matching)
- Showers with NNLO fixed order: MiNNLO, Geneva, [UNNLOPS]
- Showers that are NLL accurate: PanScales, Alaric, Apollo, FHP
- Steps towards NNLL accurate showers: PanScales
- Understanding interplay of matching & log accuracy, subleading colour accuracy in showers, etc.

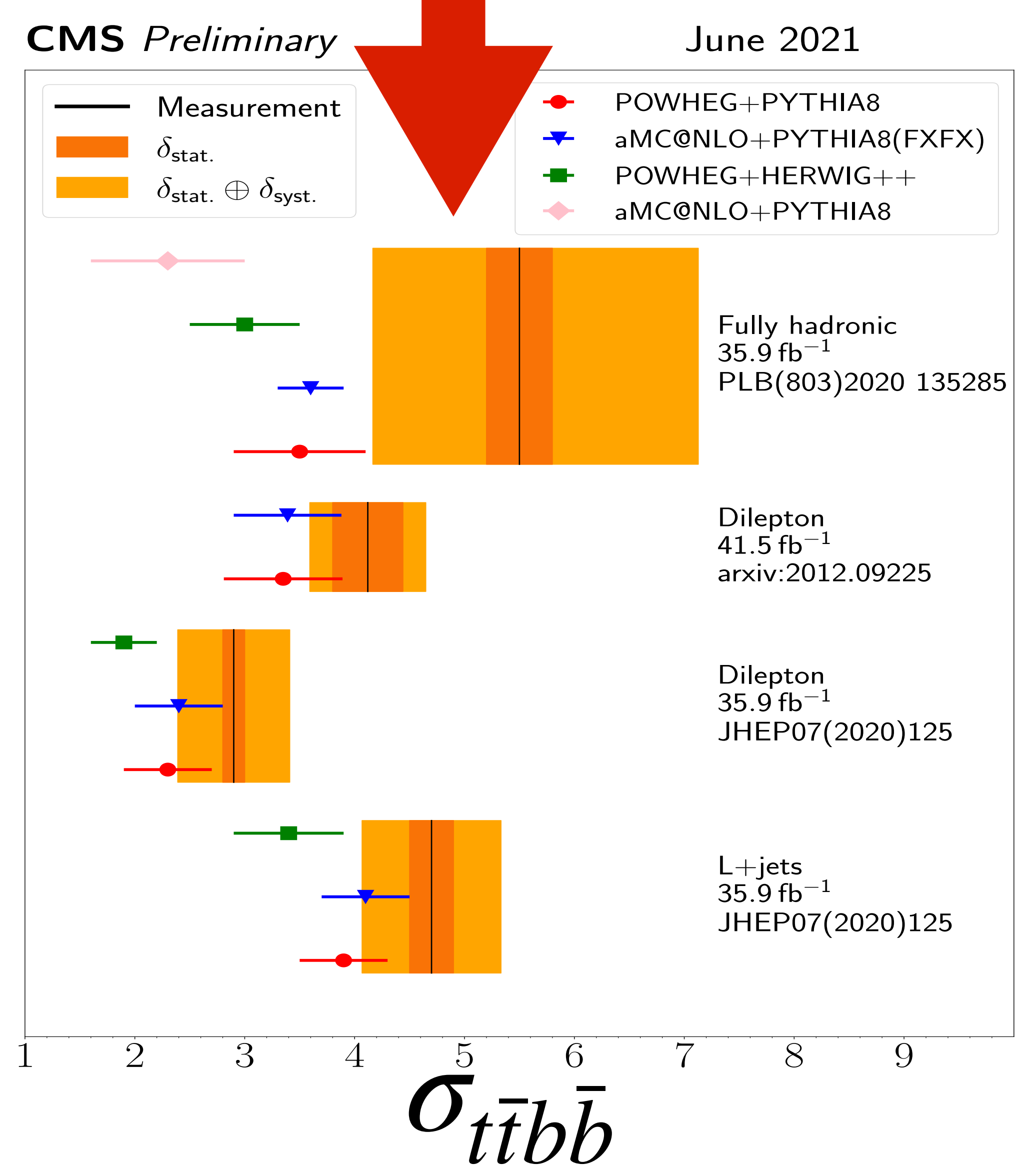


- Modern tools give good predictions for multijet rates **with vector bosons**
- (up to ~ 4 jets, sometimes beyond)



Modern tools → decent predictions for **top quarks + jets**

top quarks + heavy-flavour a bit worse?



hadronisation & MPI

essential models for realistic events
i.e. events with hadrons

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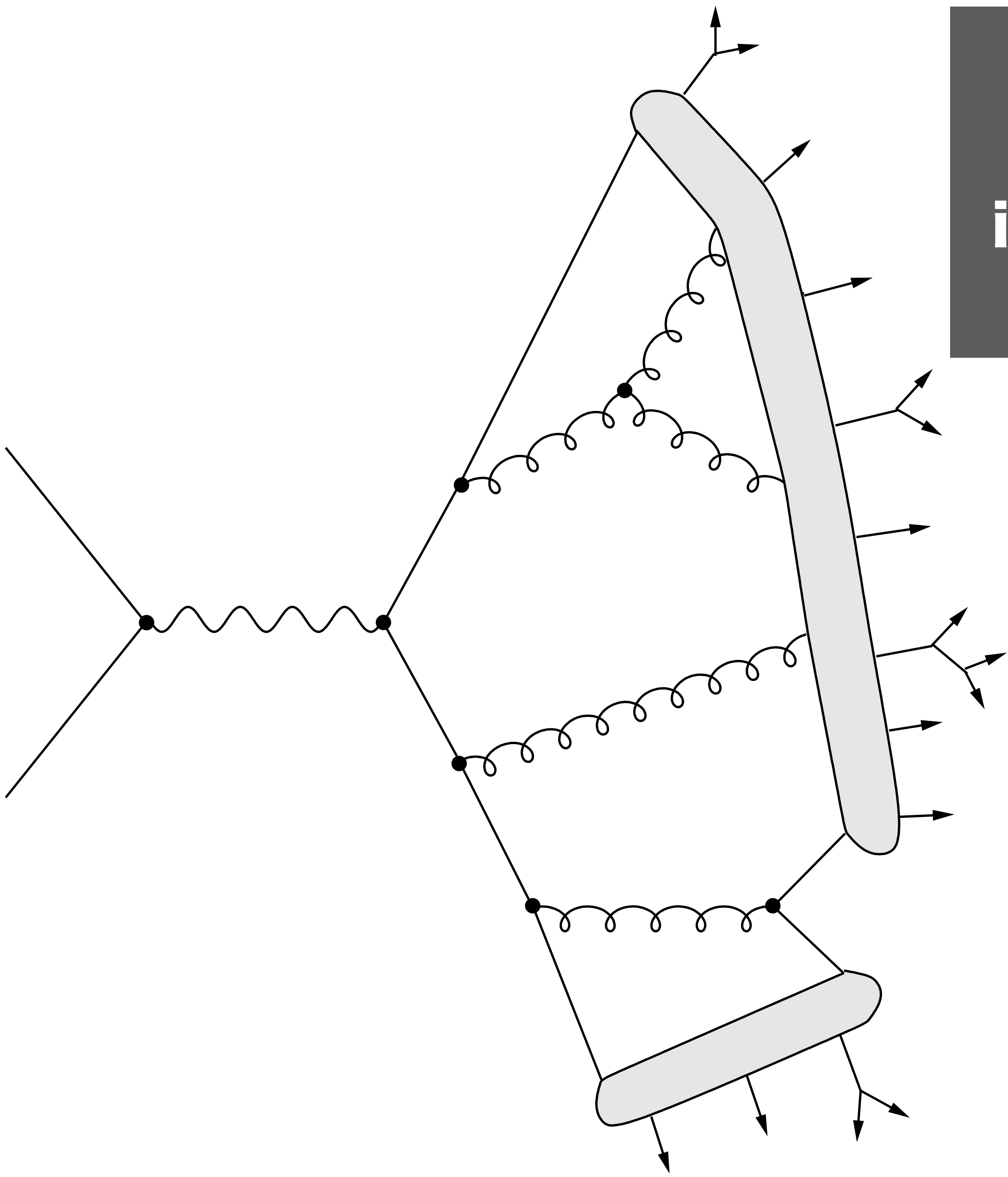
reorganise coloured partons into colour-singlet hadrons



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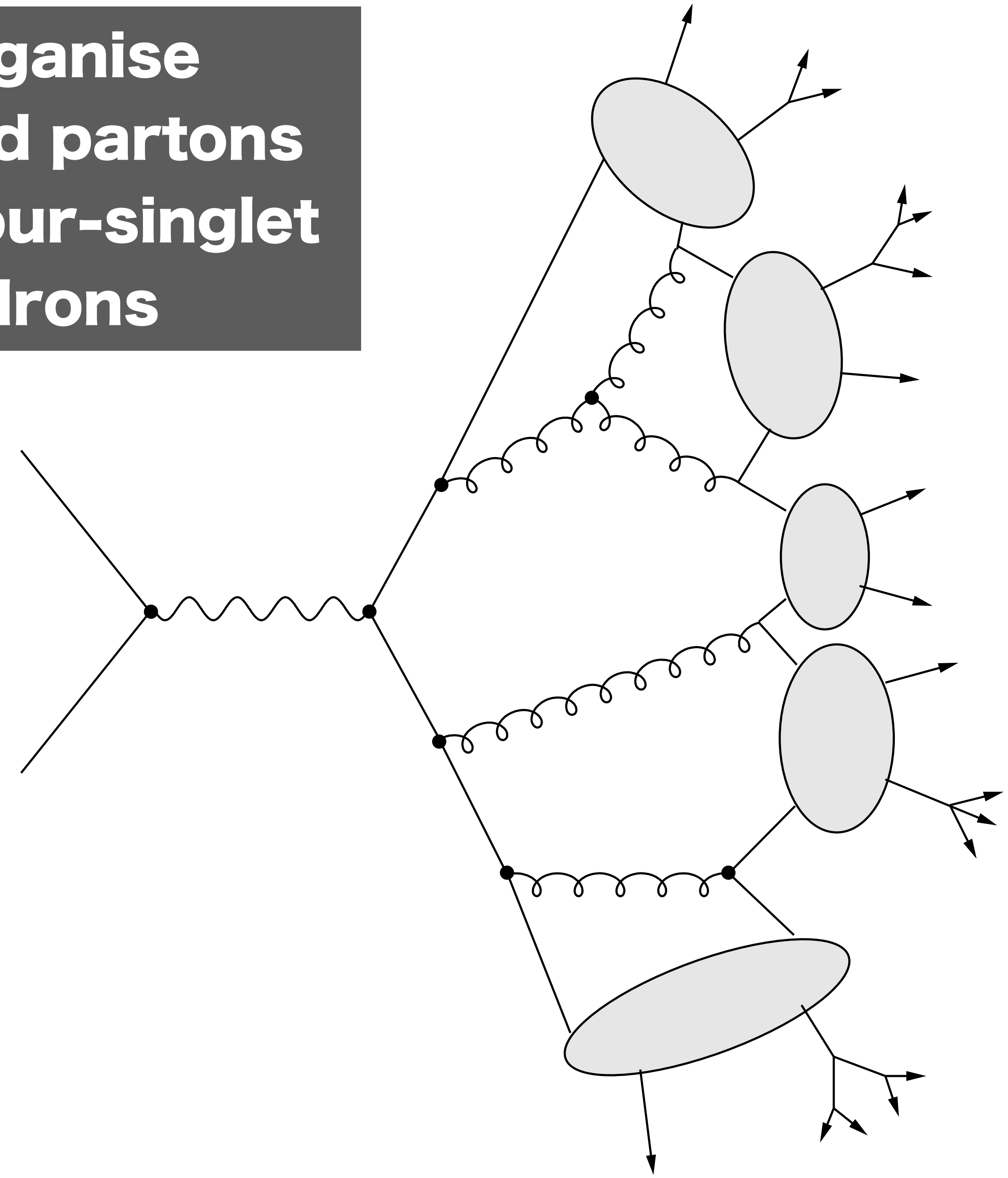

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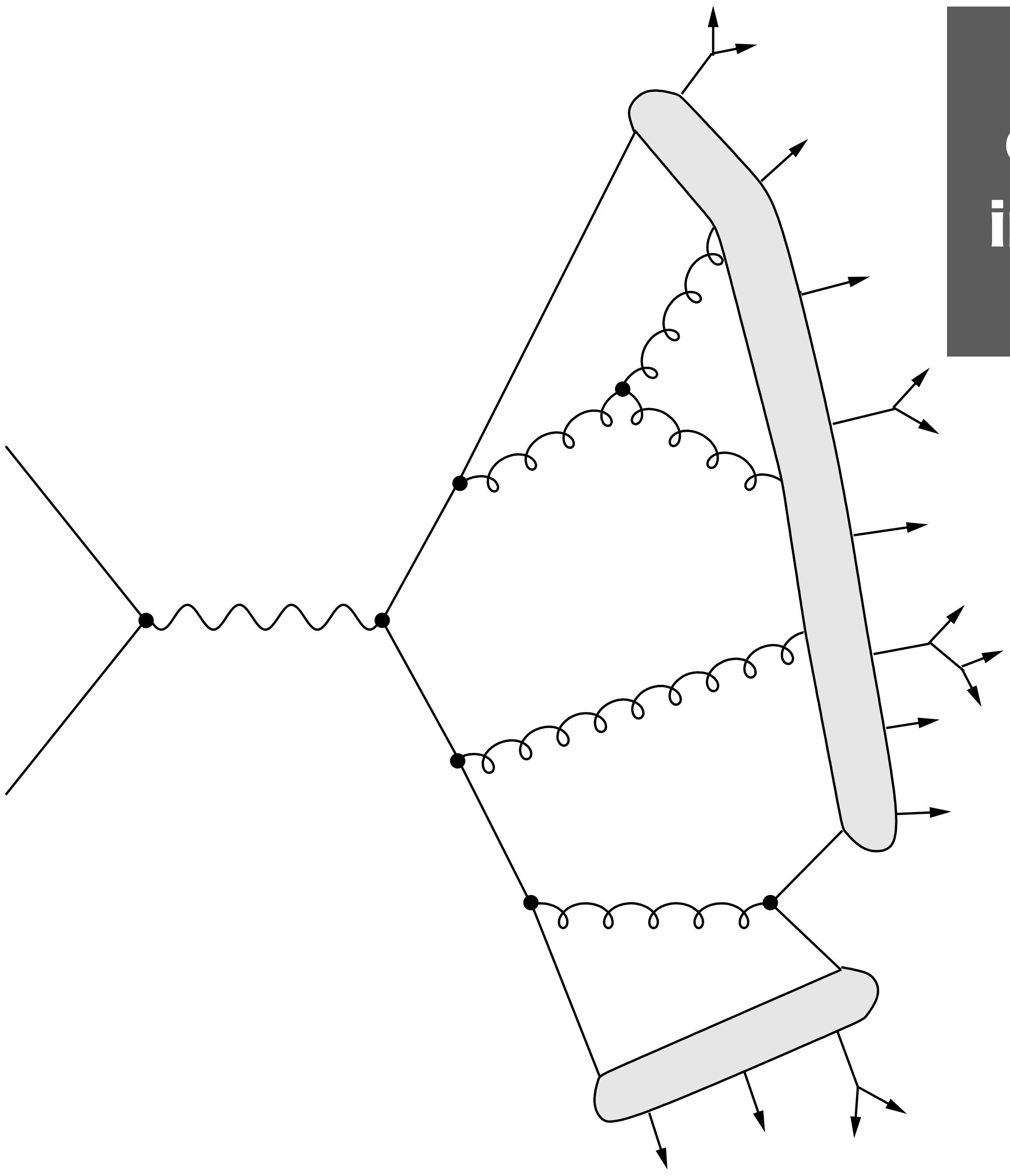

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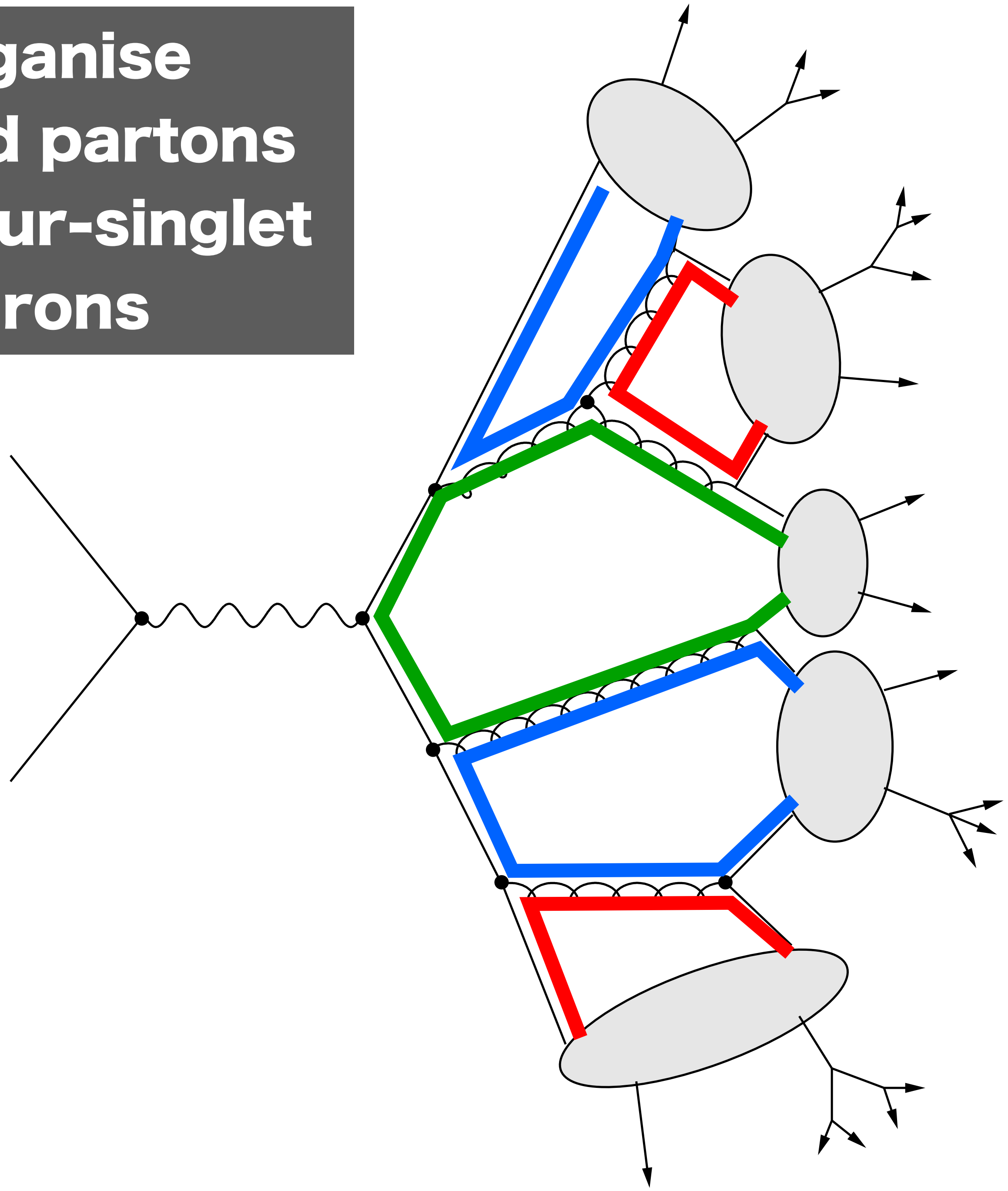

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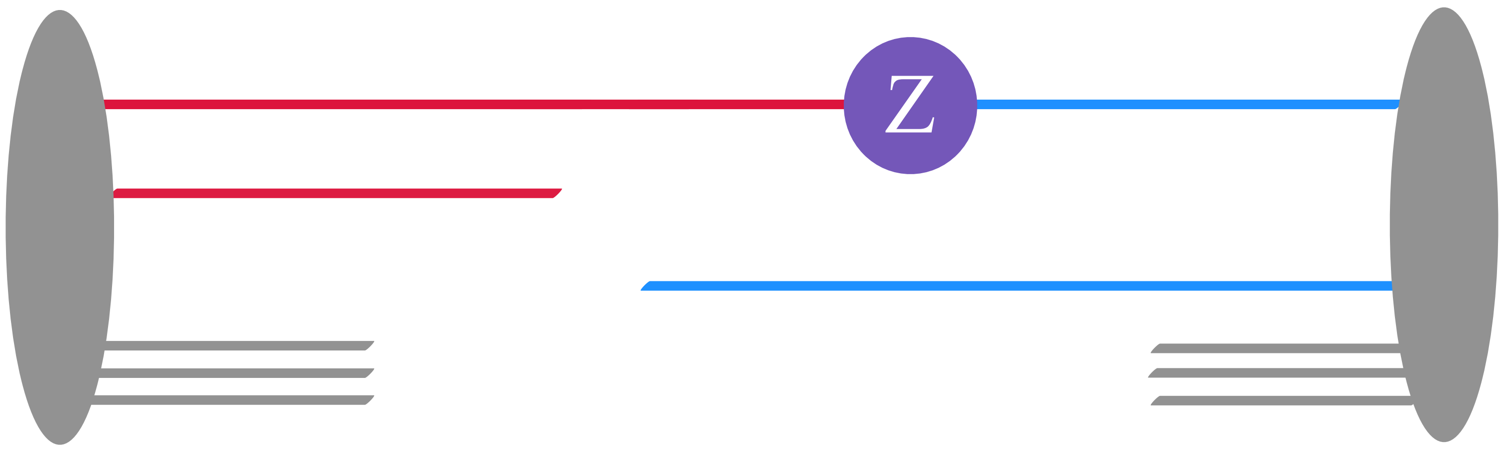

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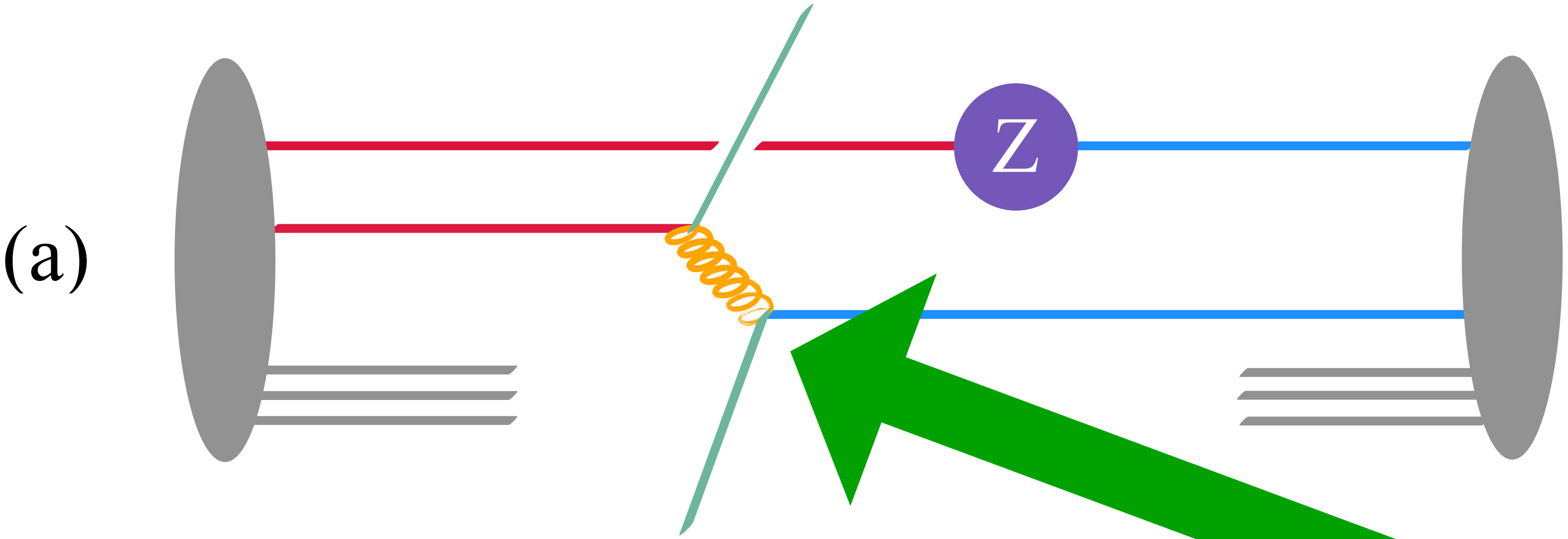

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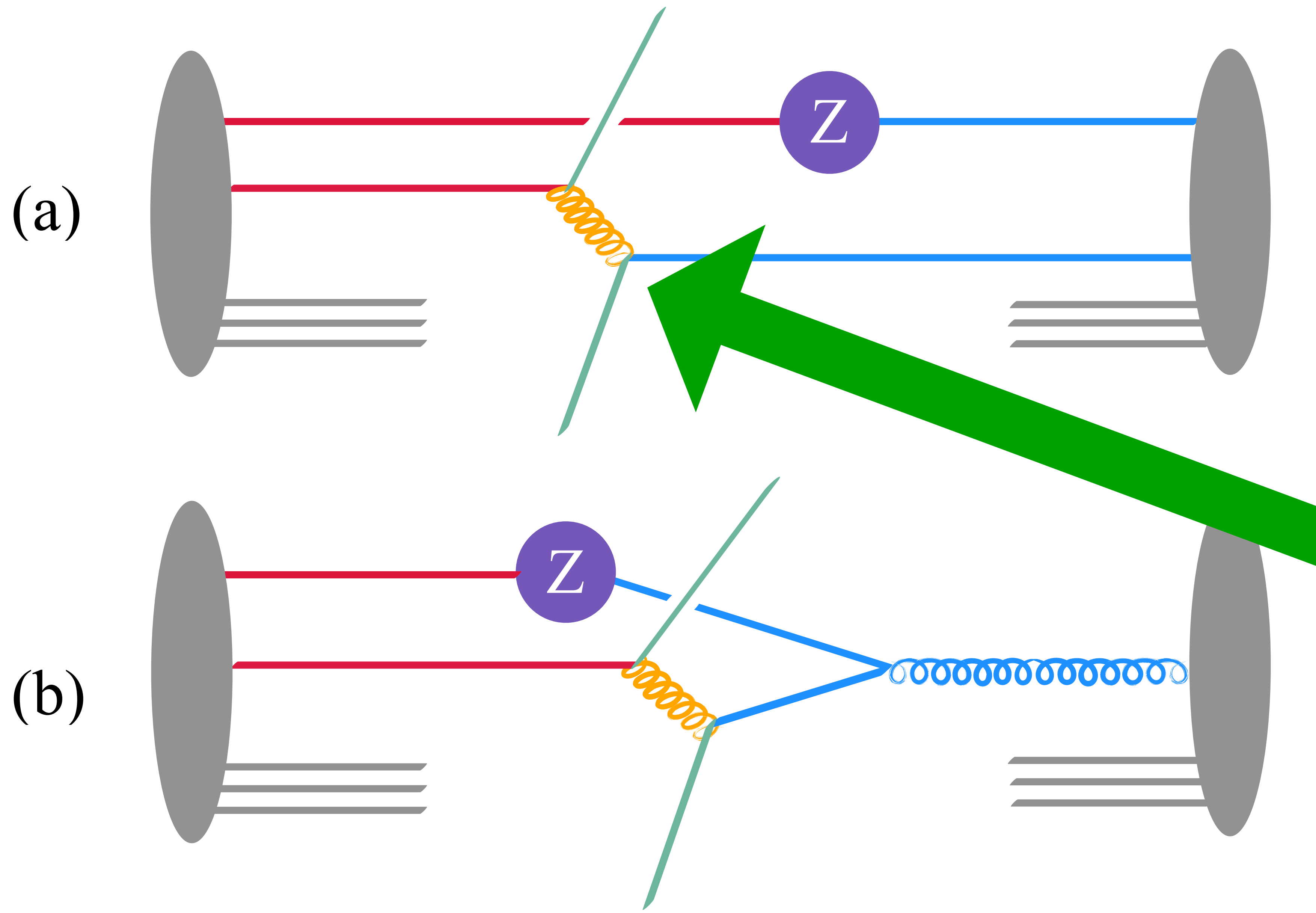

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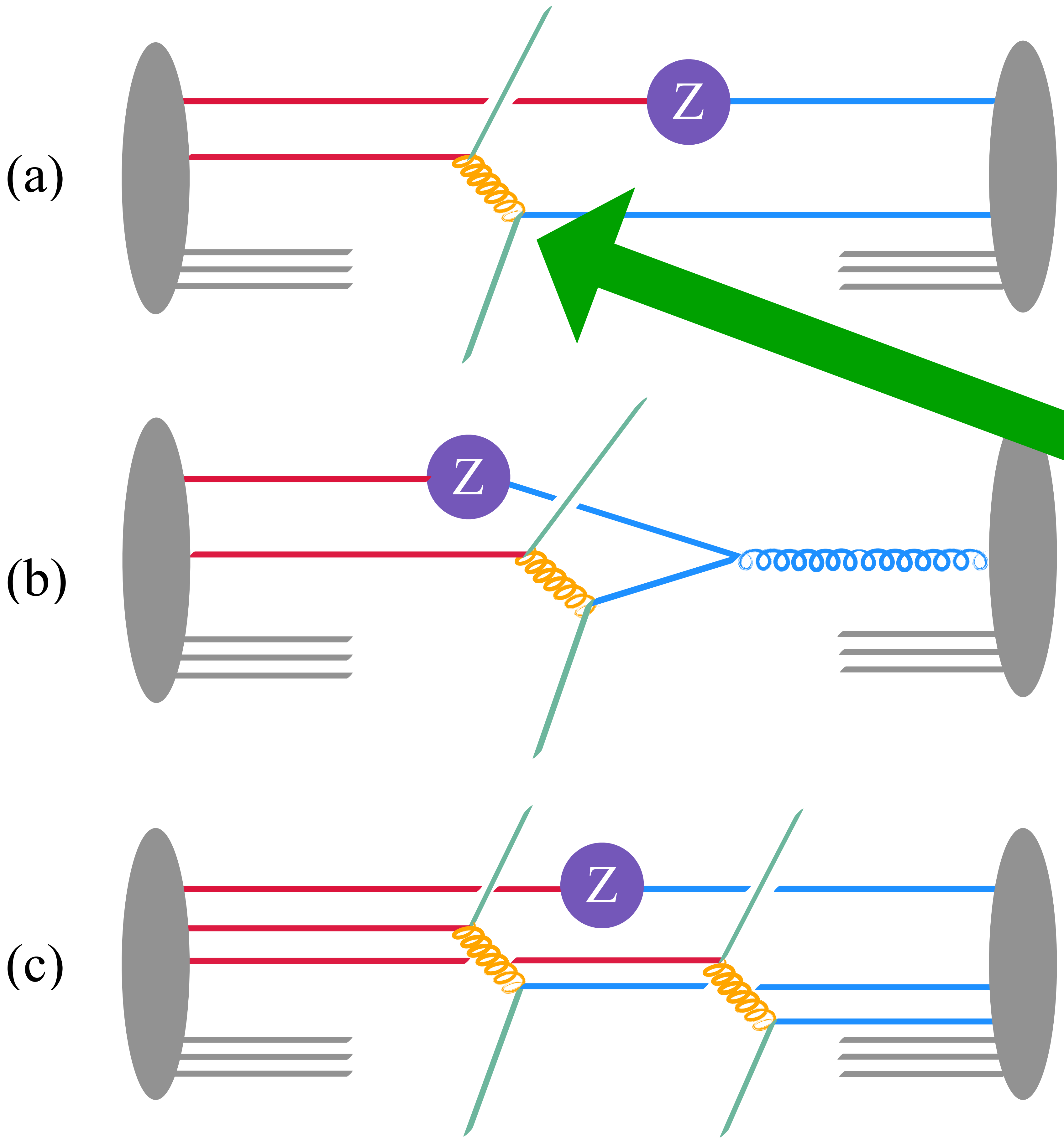

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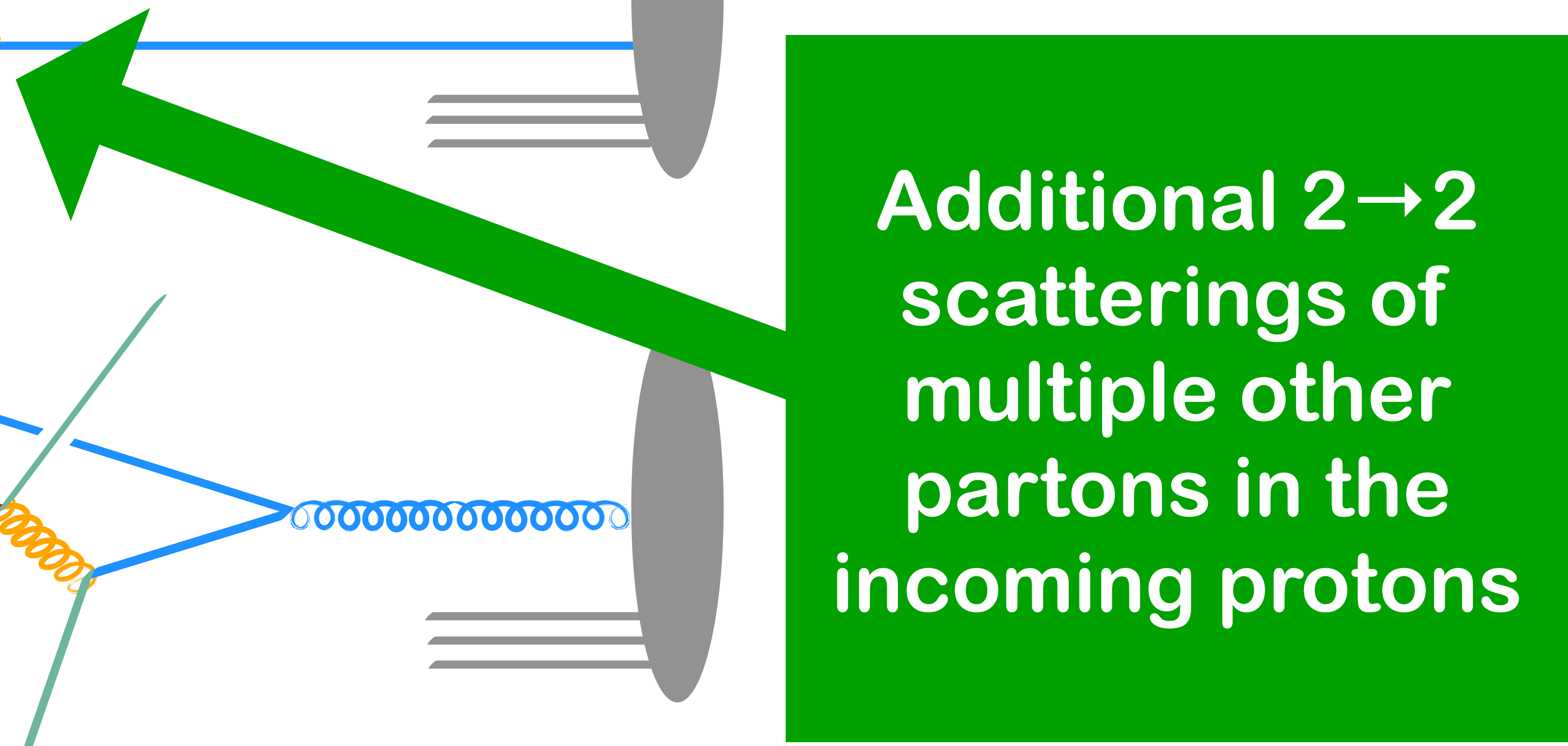

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Underlying event properties v. MCs

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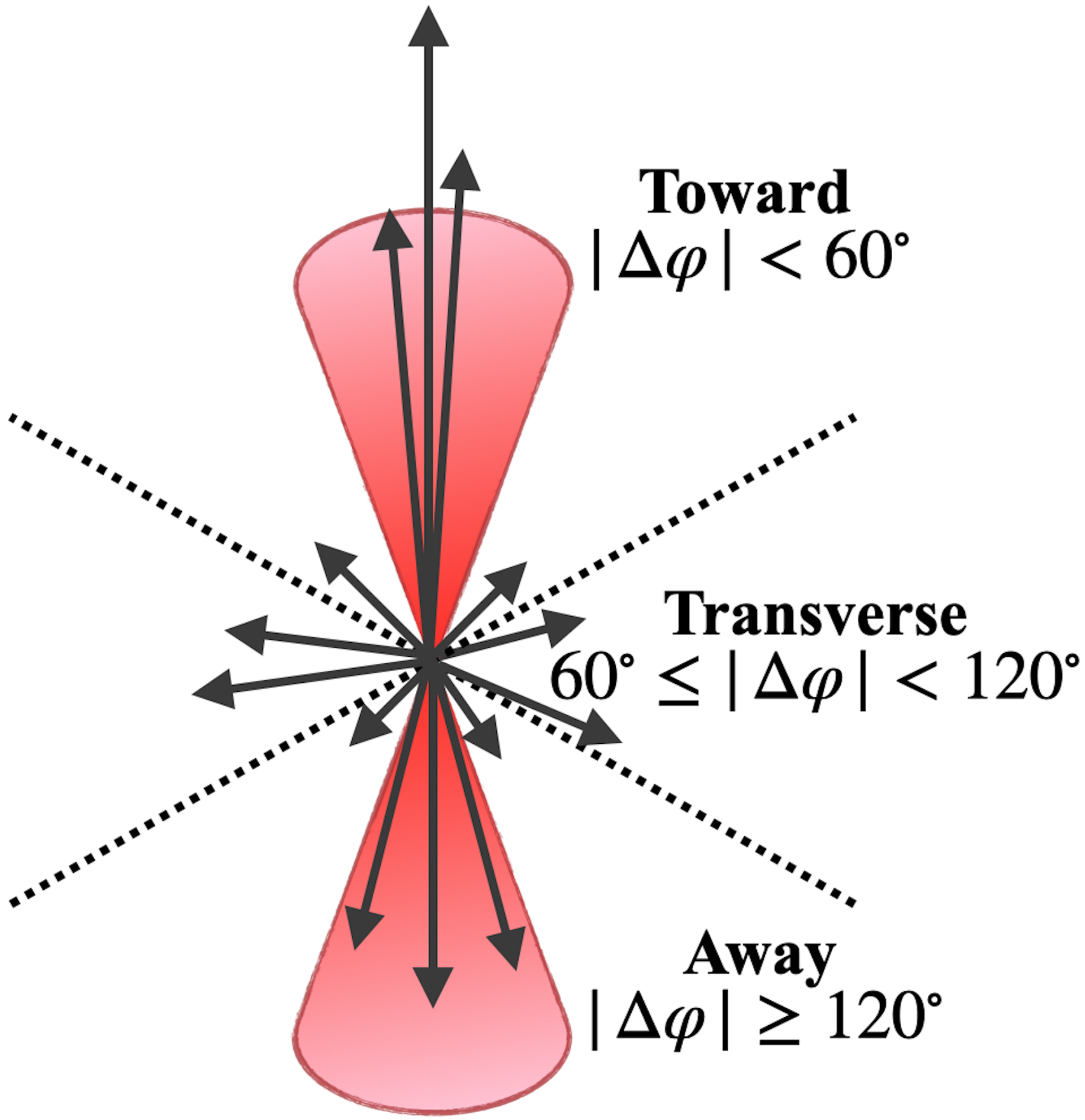

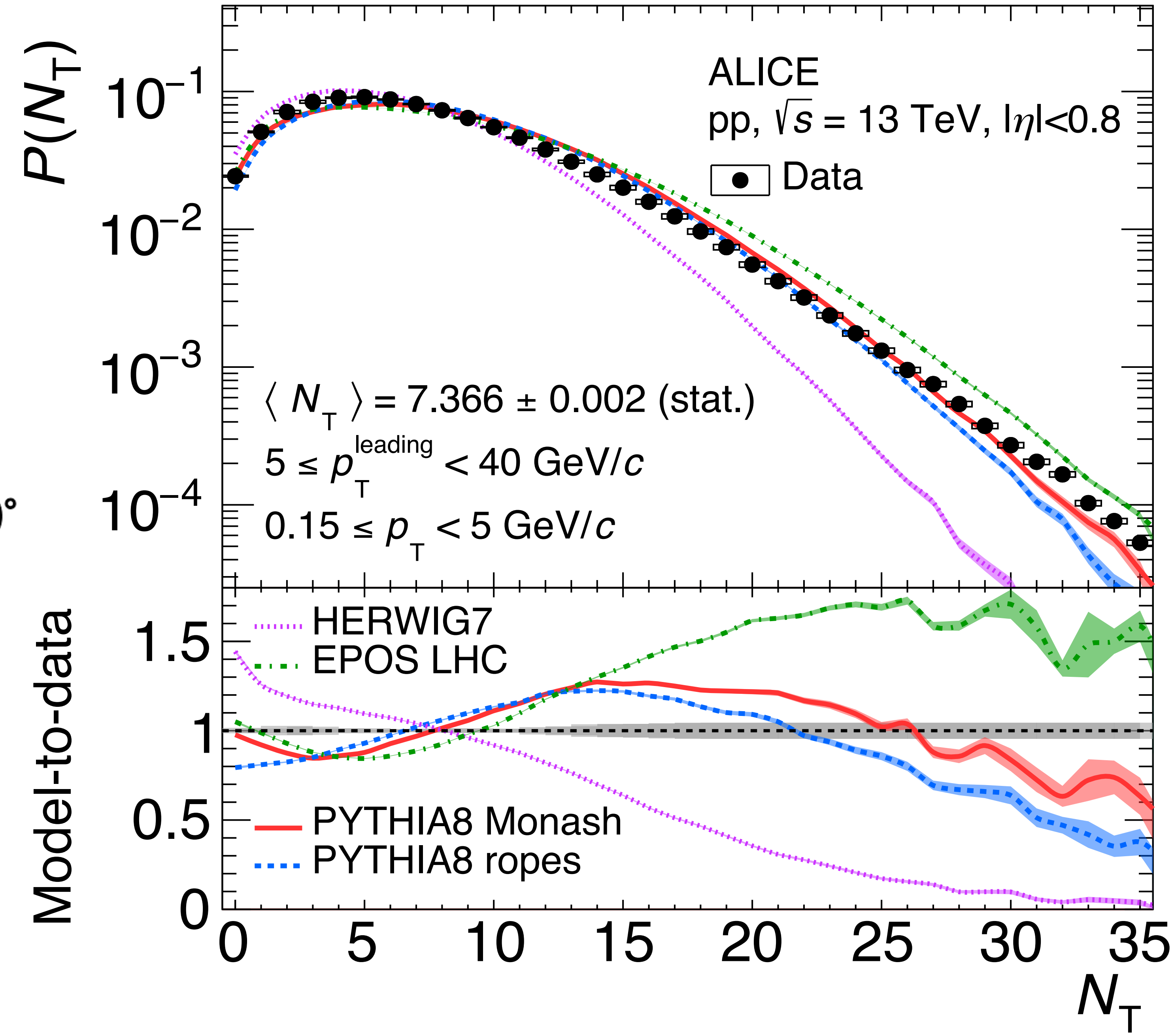

N_T = charged particle multiplicity in the transverse region

jets

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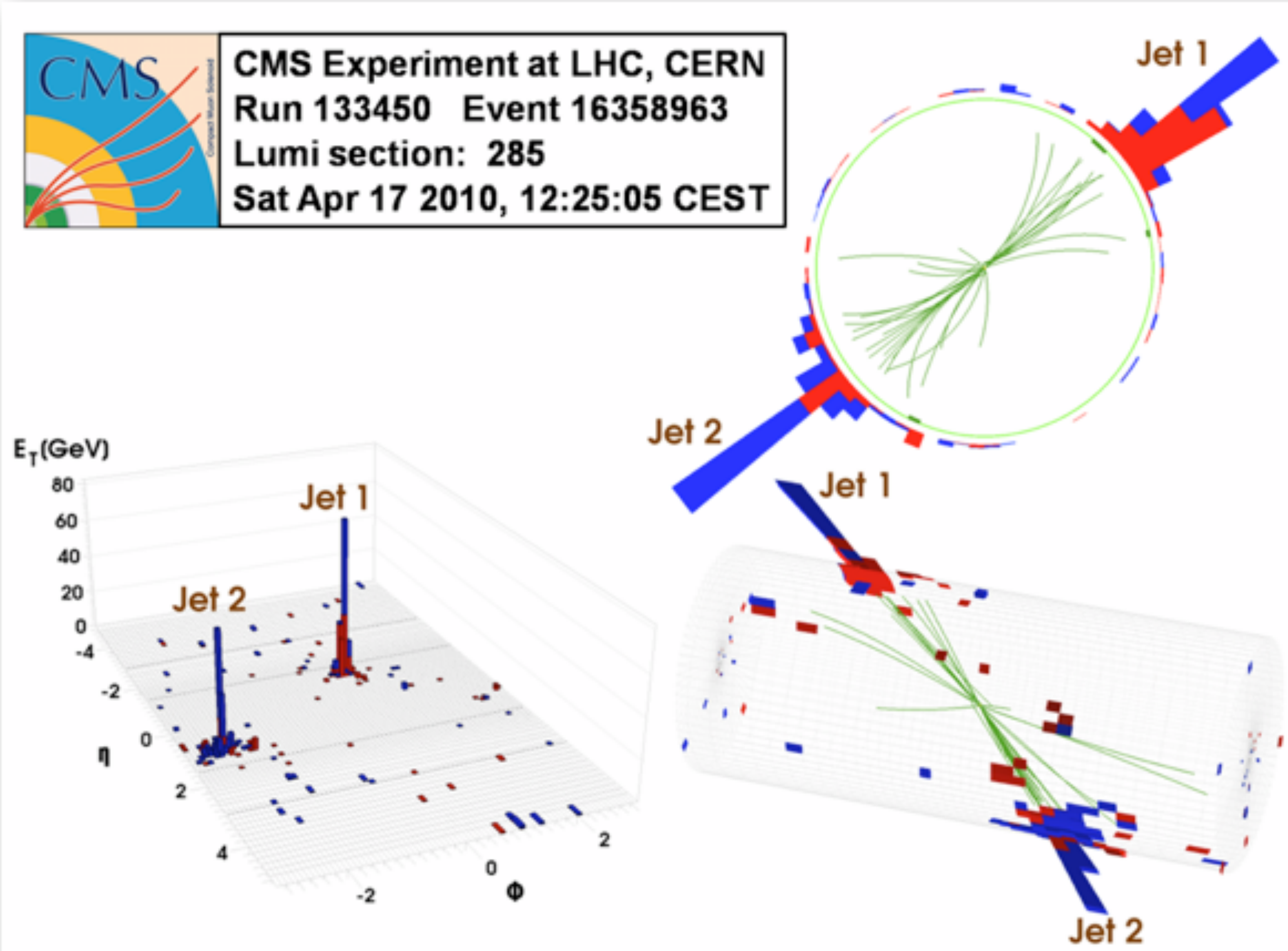

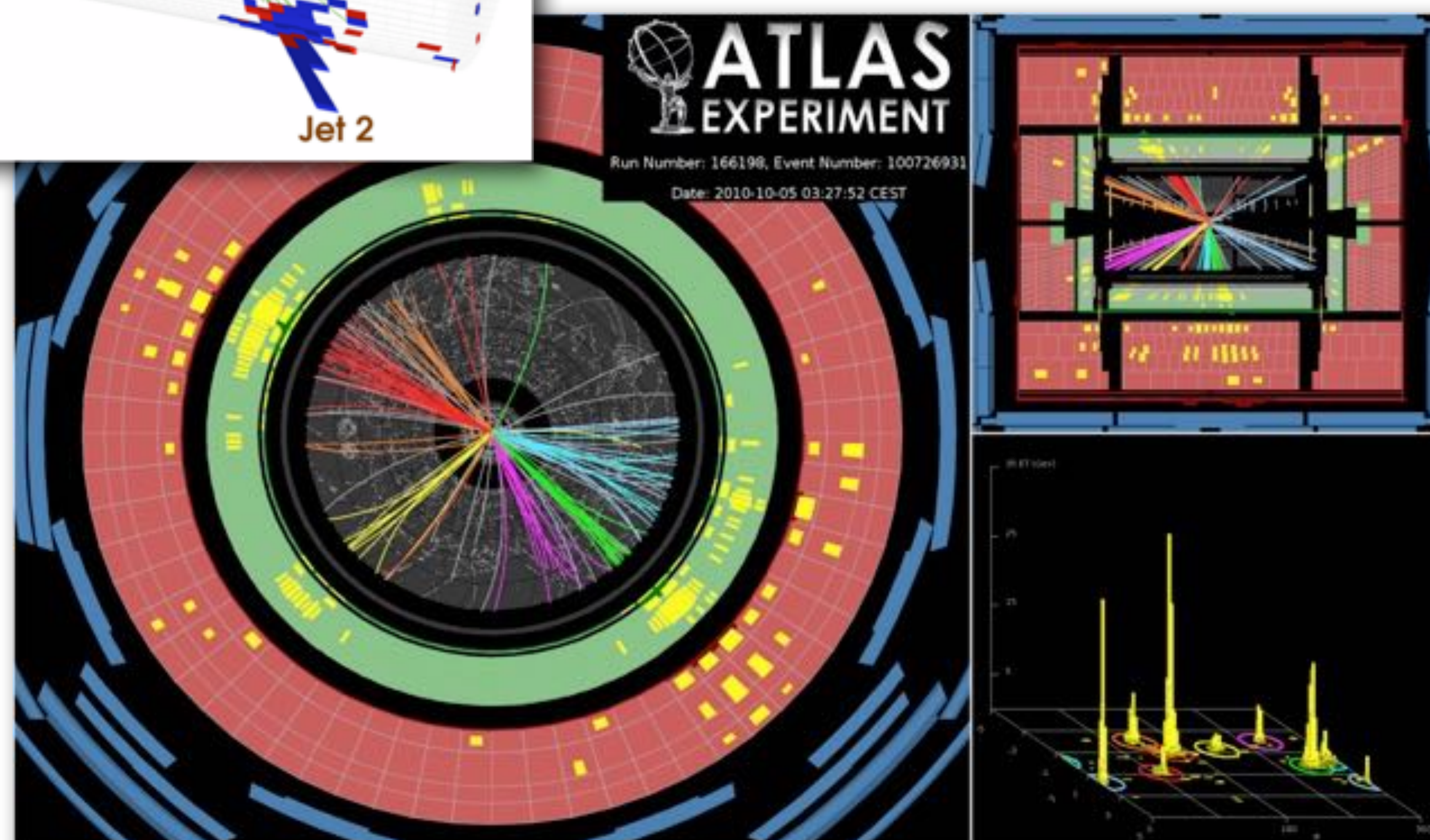

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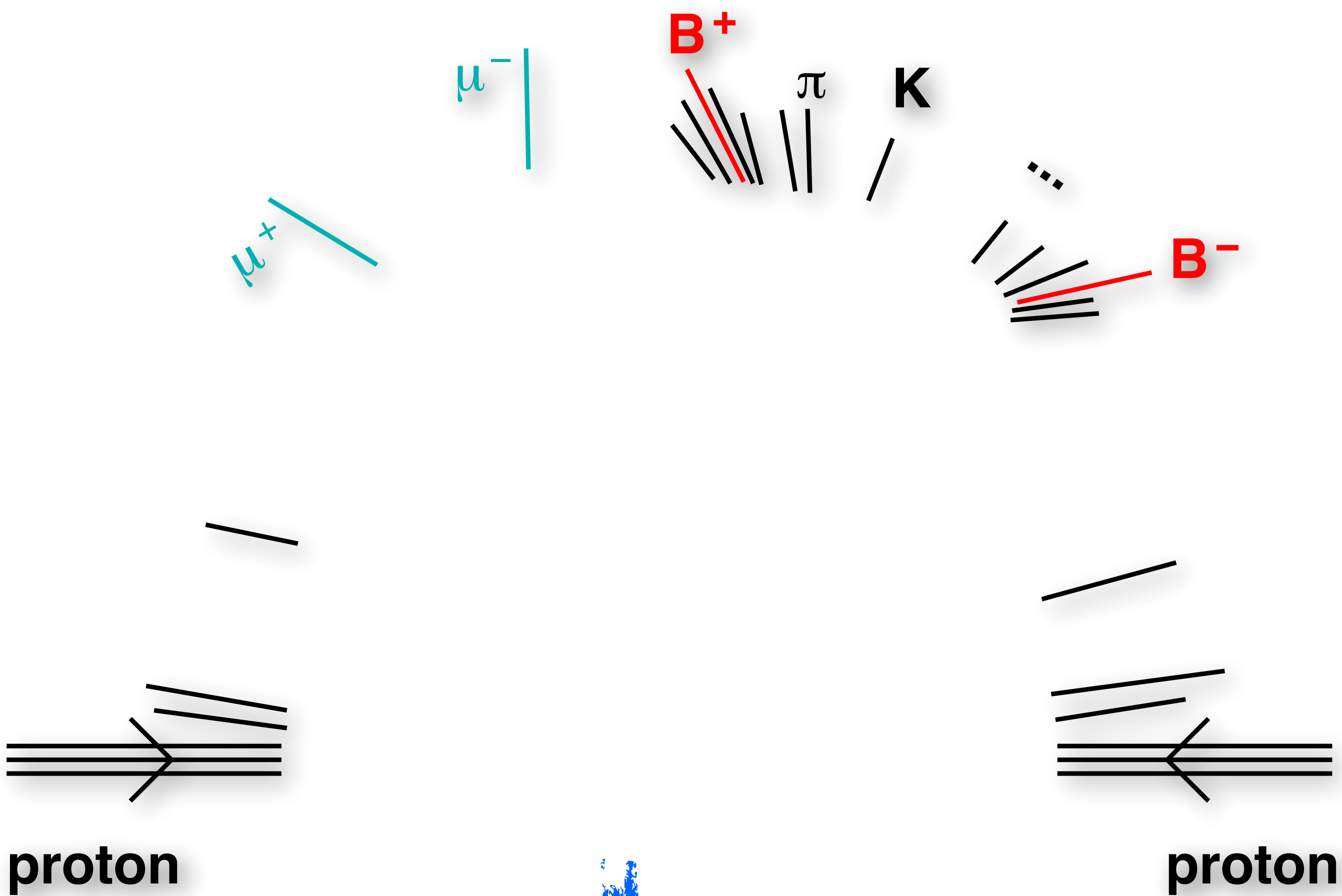

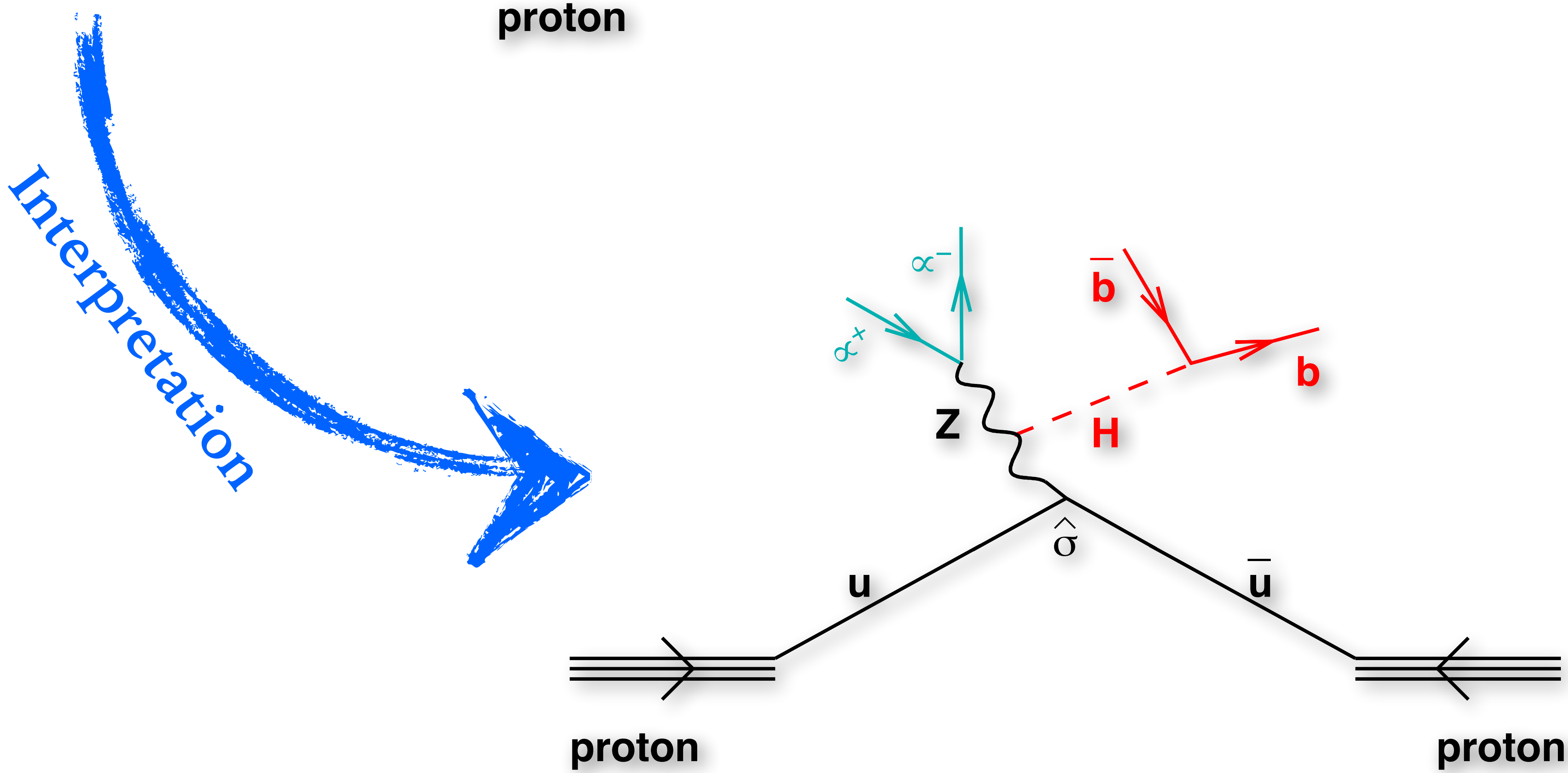

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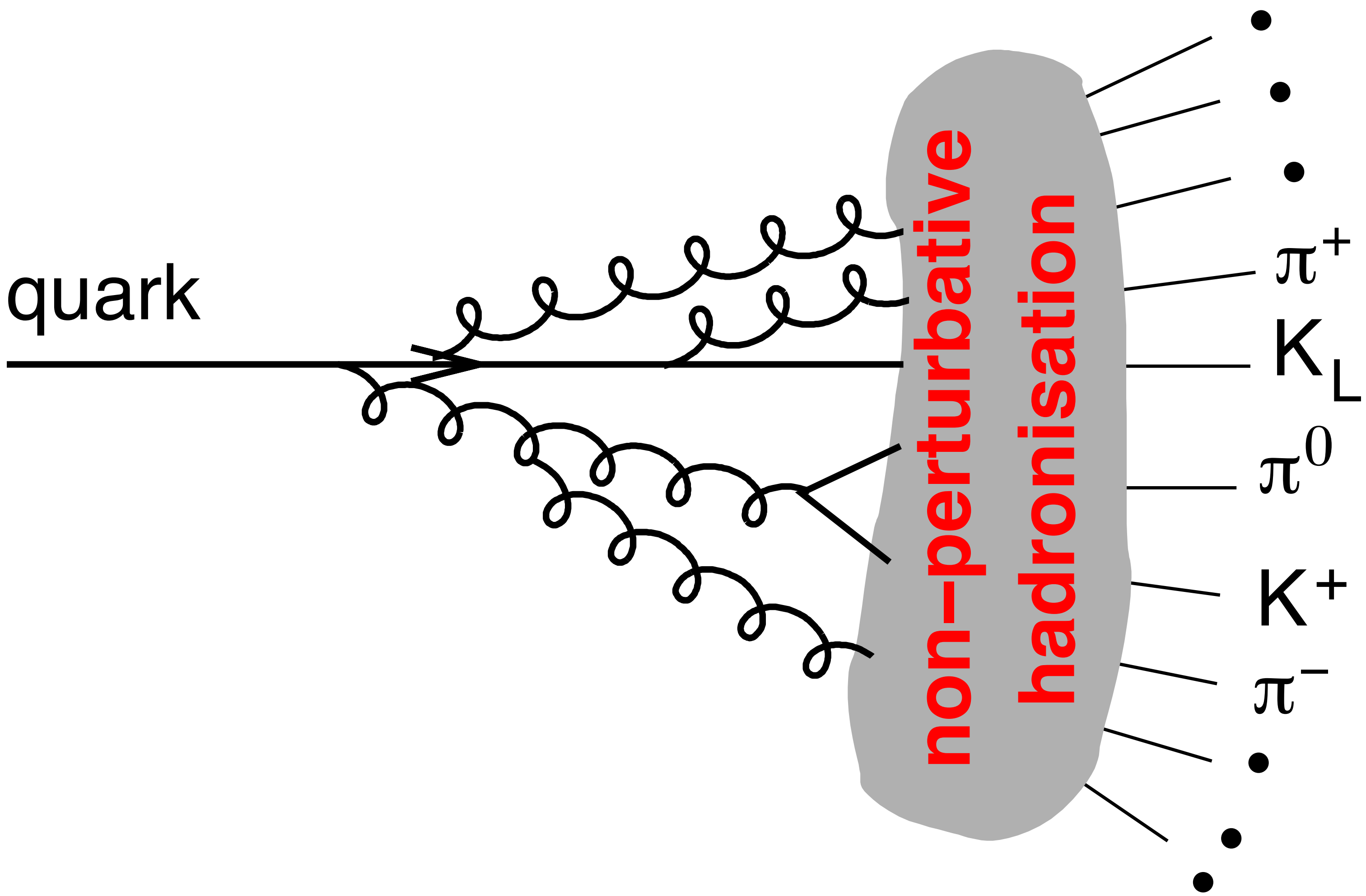

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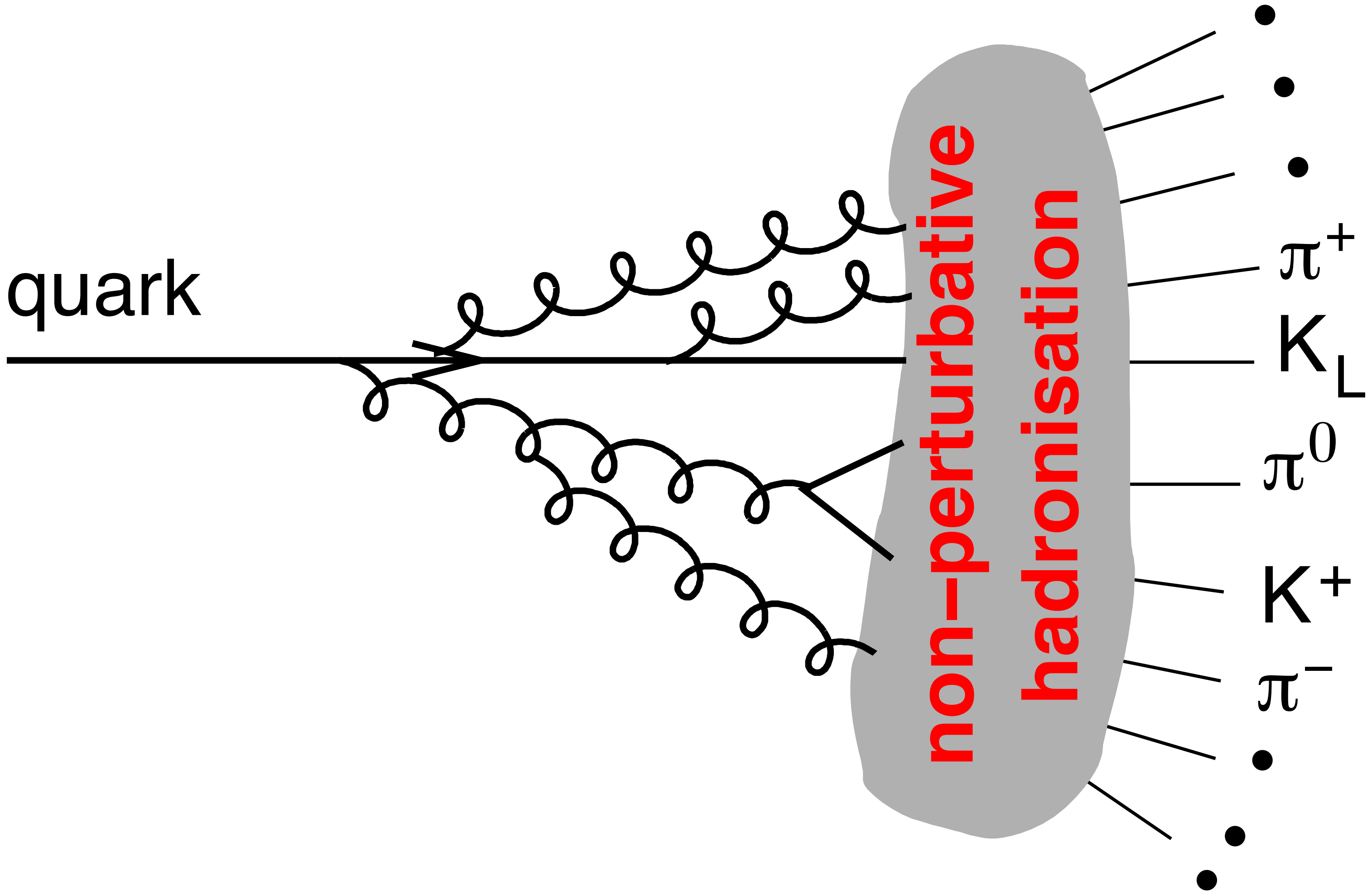

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While you can see jets with your eyes, **to do quantitative physics**, you need an algorithmic procedure that **defines what exactly a jet is**

make a choice, specify a Jet Definition

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

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

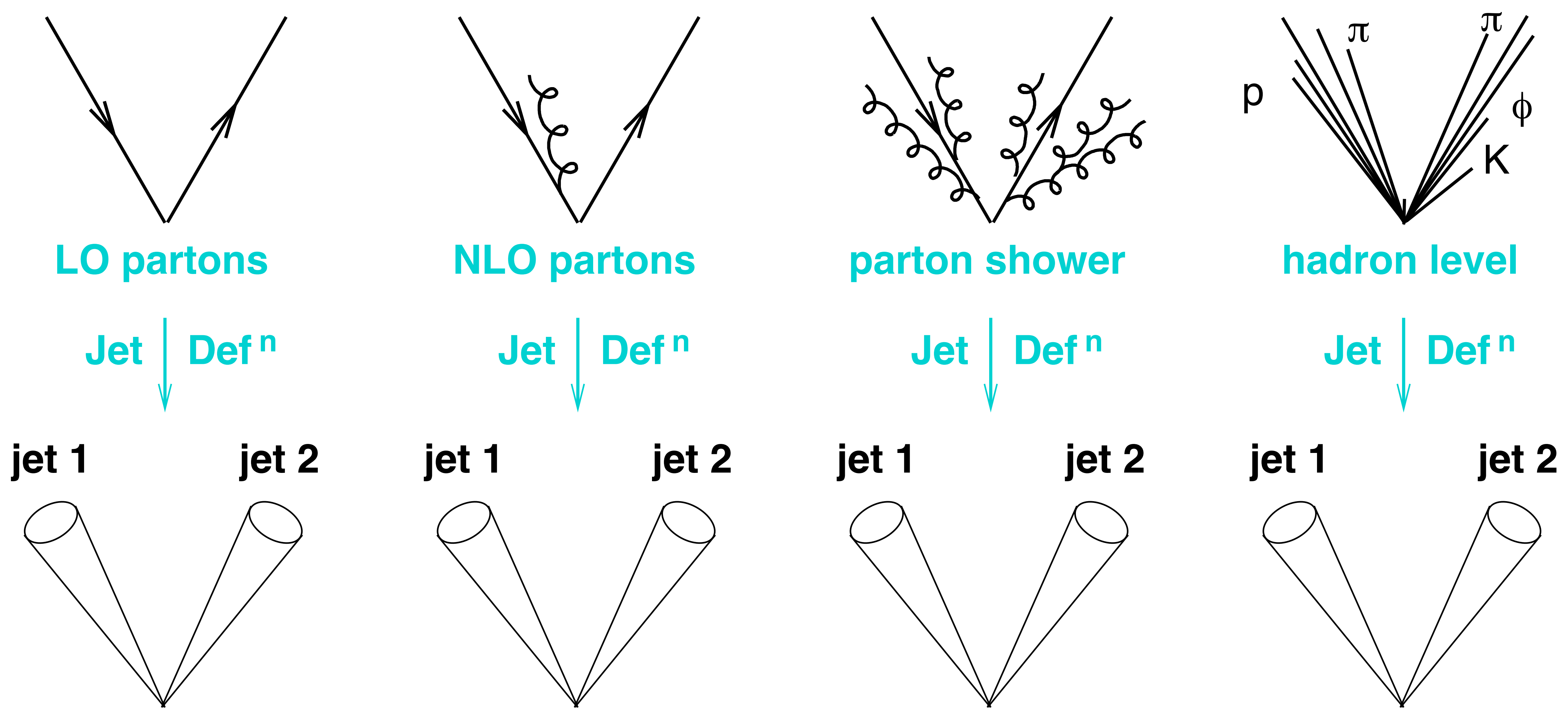
jets

- 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

what should a jet definition achieve?



projection to jets should be resilient to QCD effects

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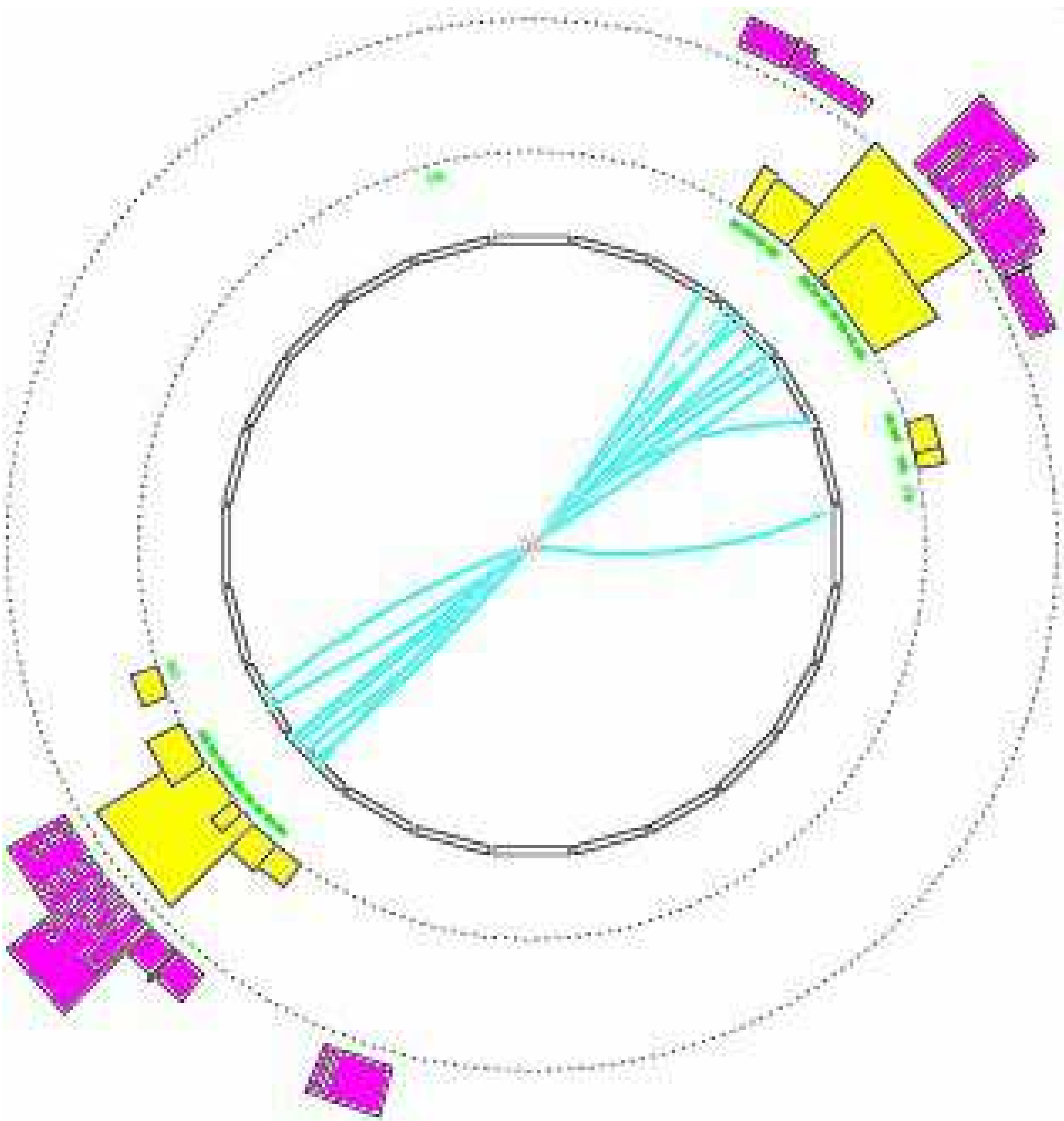

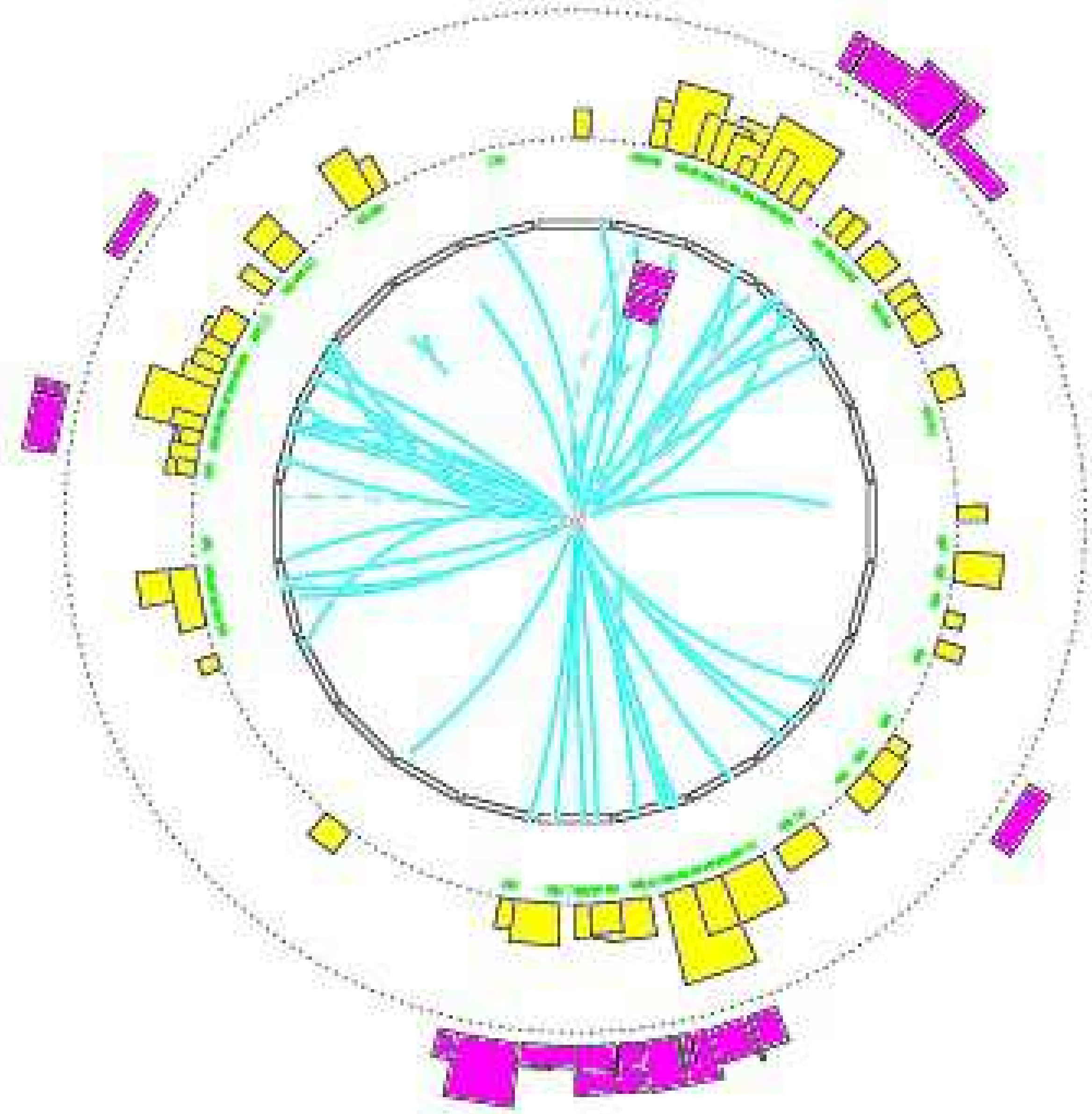

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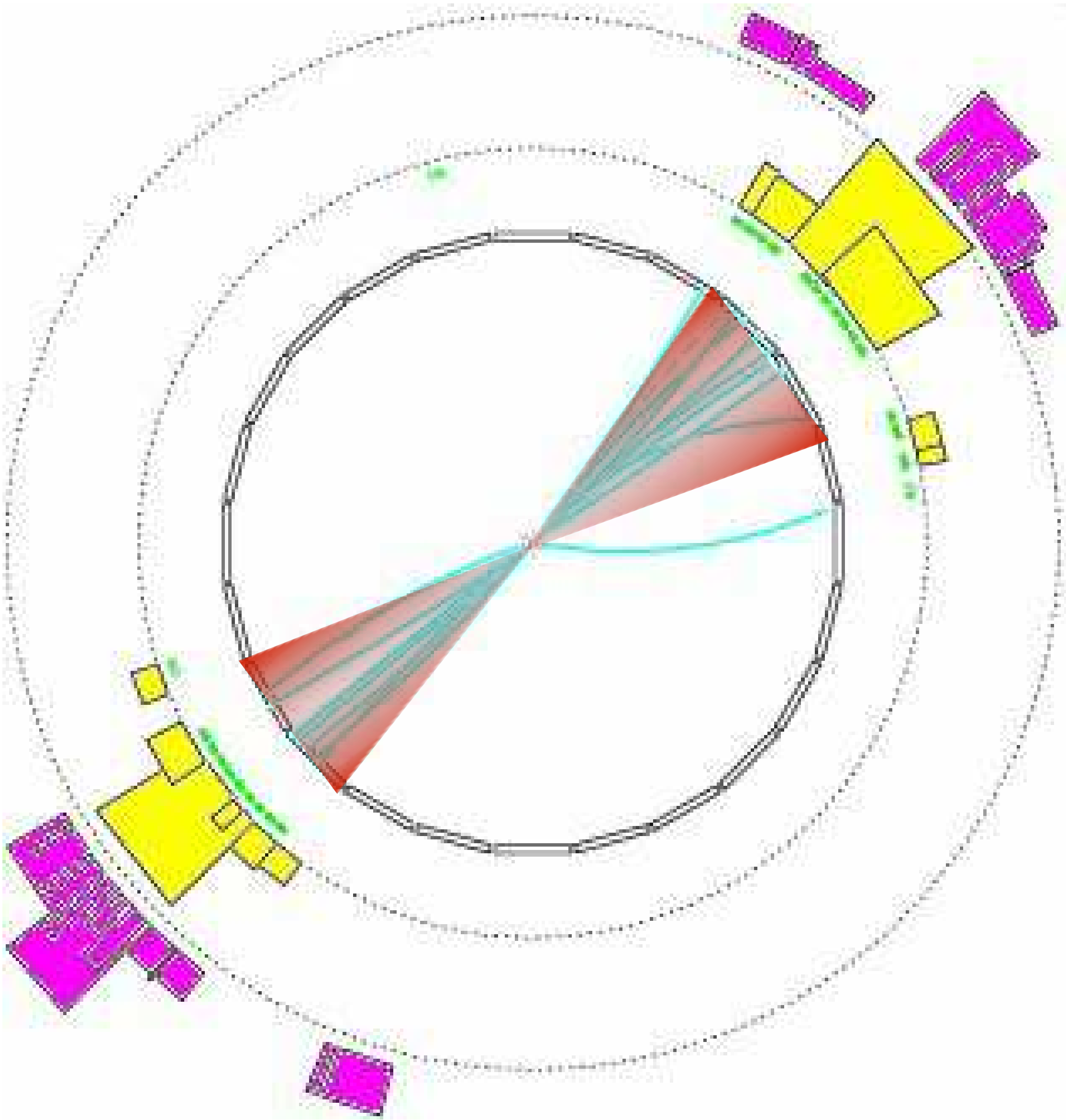

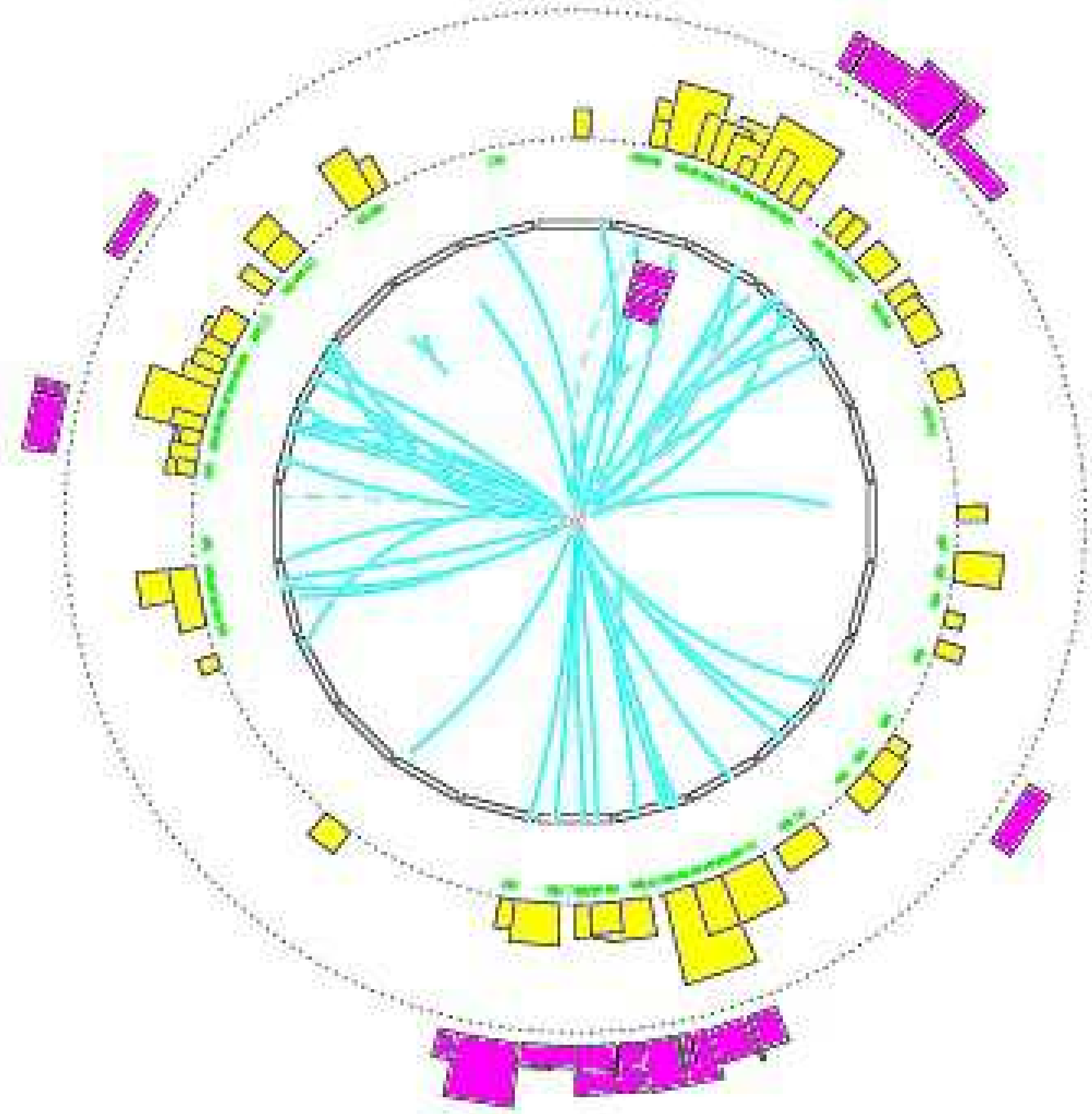

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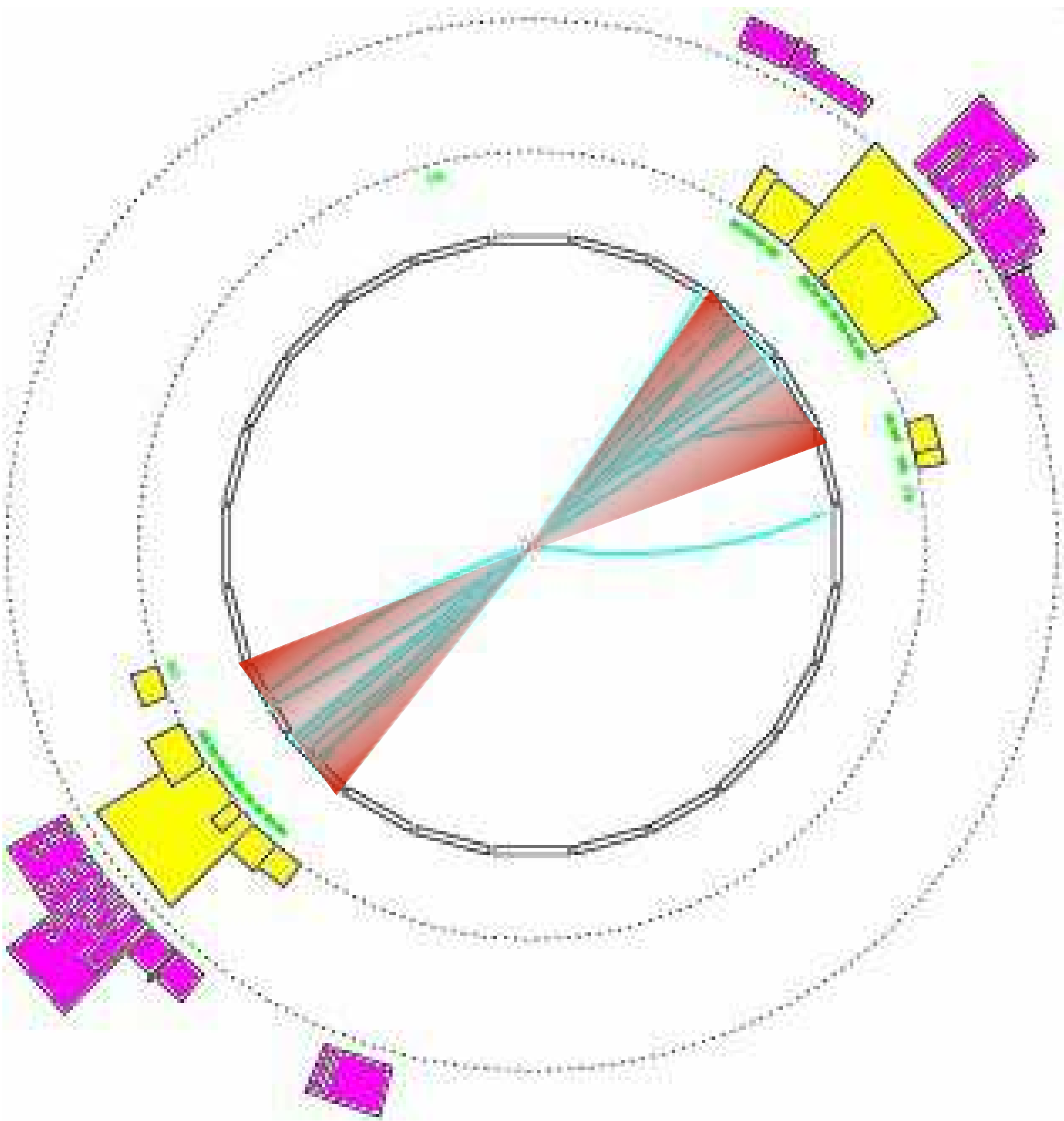

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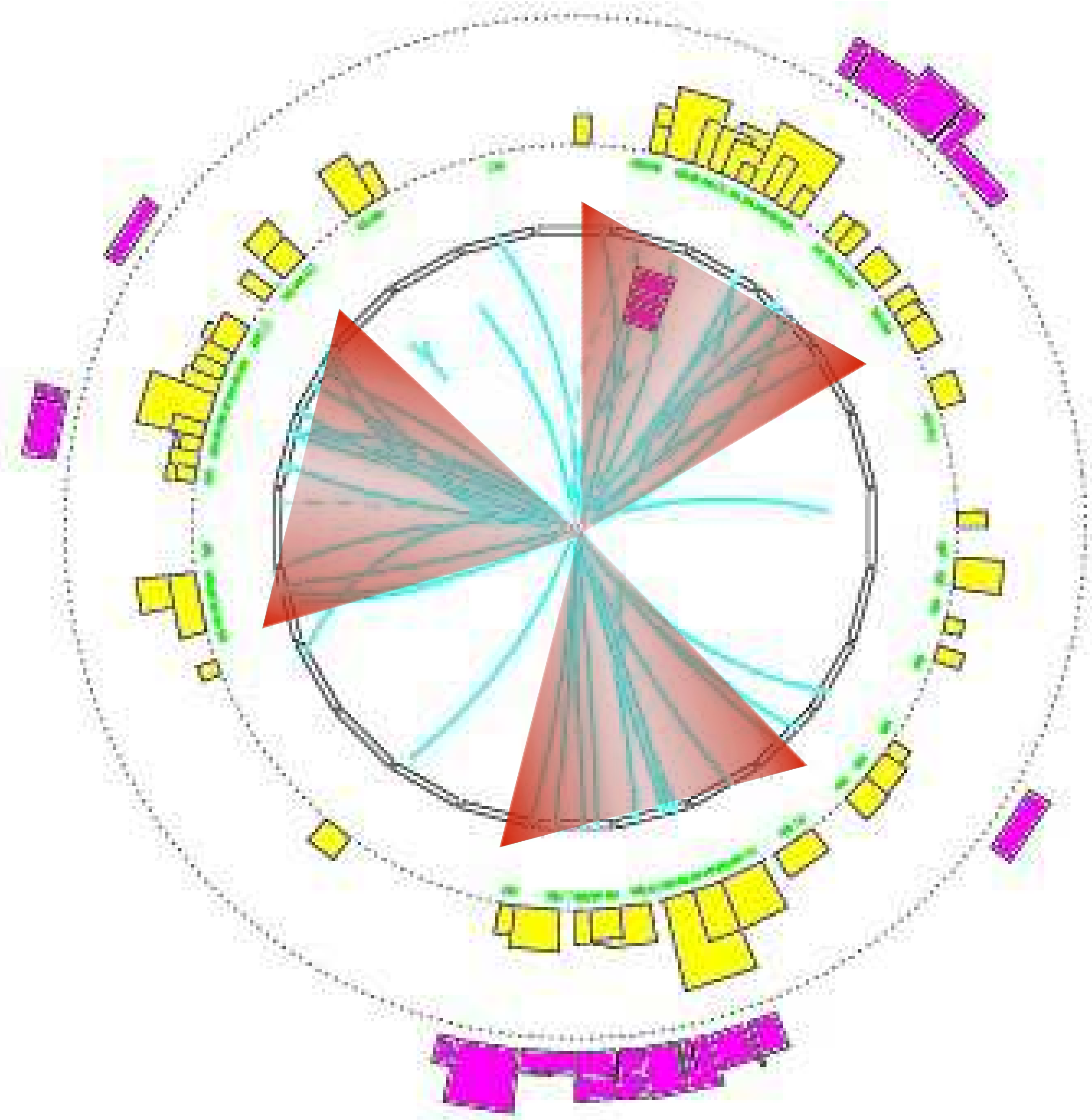

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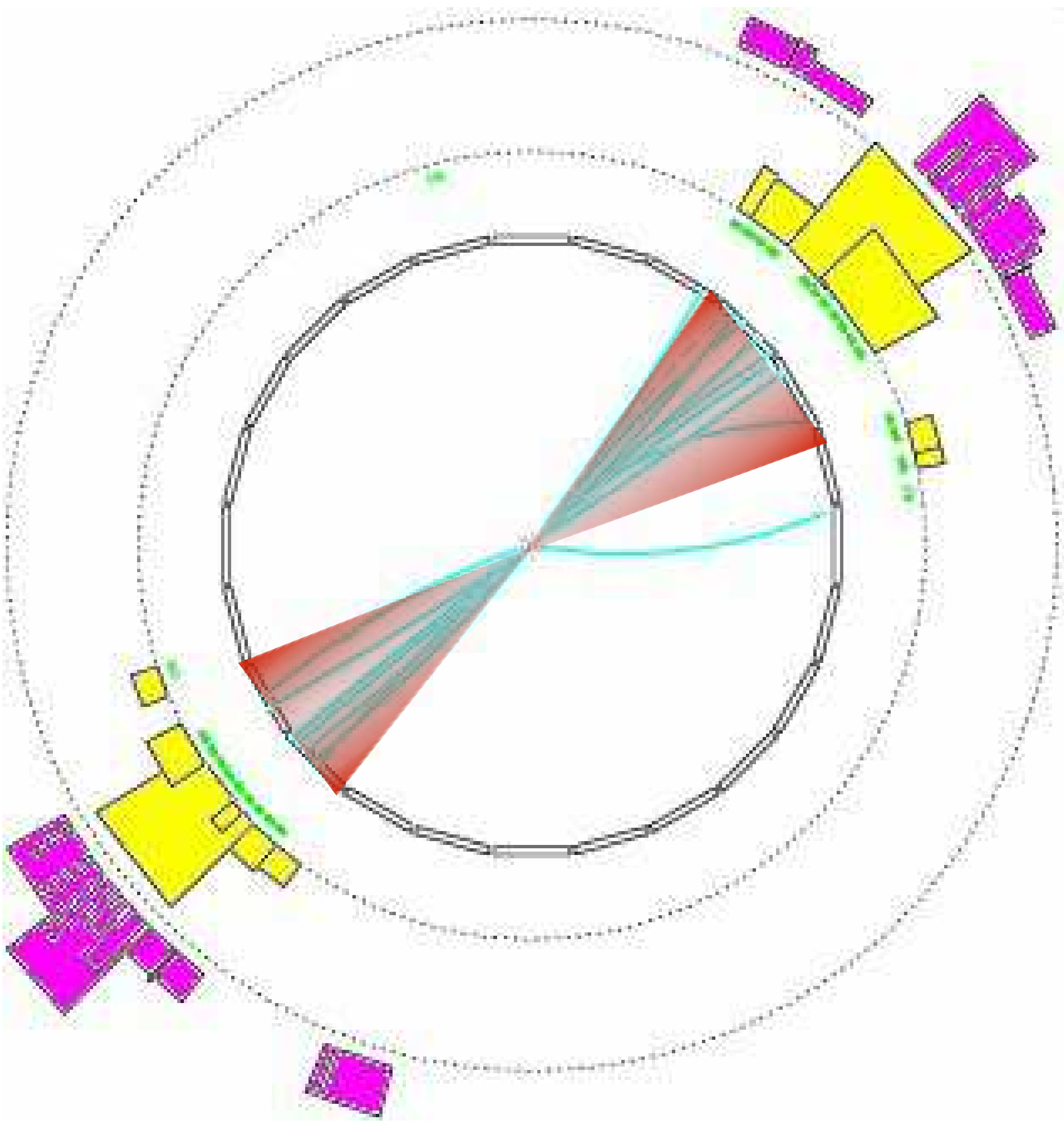

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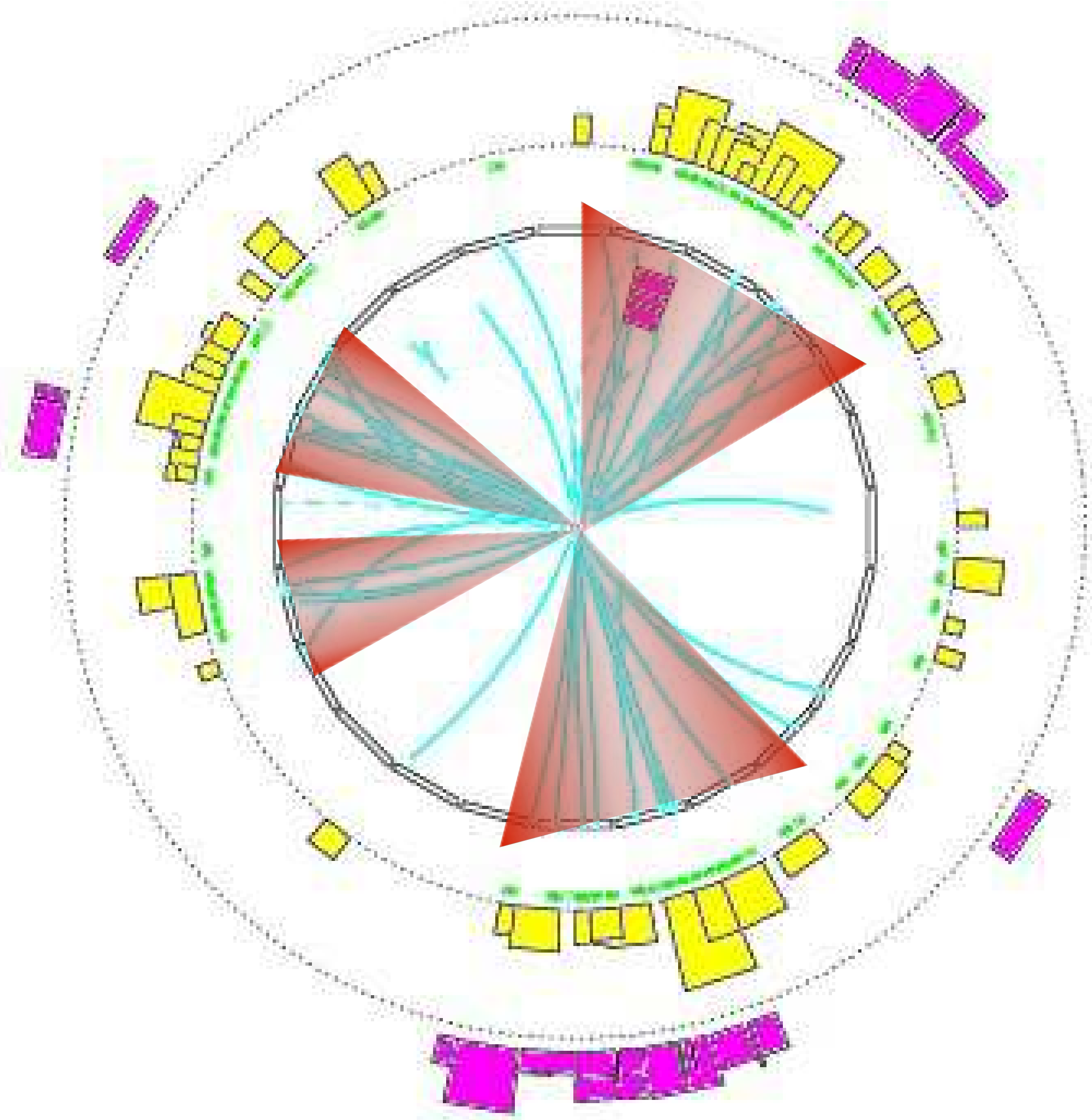


3 jets?

or 4 jets?

Jet definition ingredients

Jet algorithm

A set of rules that you apply to combine particles into jets

Jet algorithm parameters

Thresholds that help specify when two particles belong to the same jet or not.

Most hadron collider jet algorithms have two threshold parameters:

- **Jet angular radius parameter R**:
  particles closer in angle than R get recombined
  (NB: usually implemented as a condition on the distance parameter on the standard hadron collider rapidity-azimuth [y,φ] cylinder)
- **Transverse momentum threshold**:
  jets should have $p_T > p_{T,min}$

$$\Delta R_{ij}^2 = (y_i - y_j)^2 + (\phi_i - \phi_j)^2$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z}$$

A Sequential recombination algorithm

Involves calculating "clustering distance" between pairs of particles

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

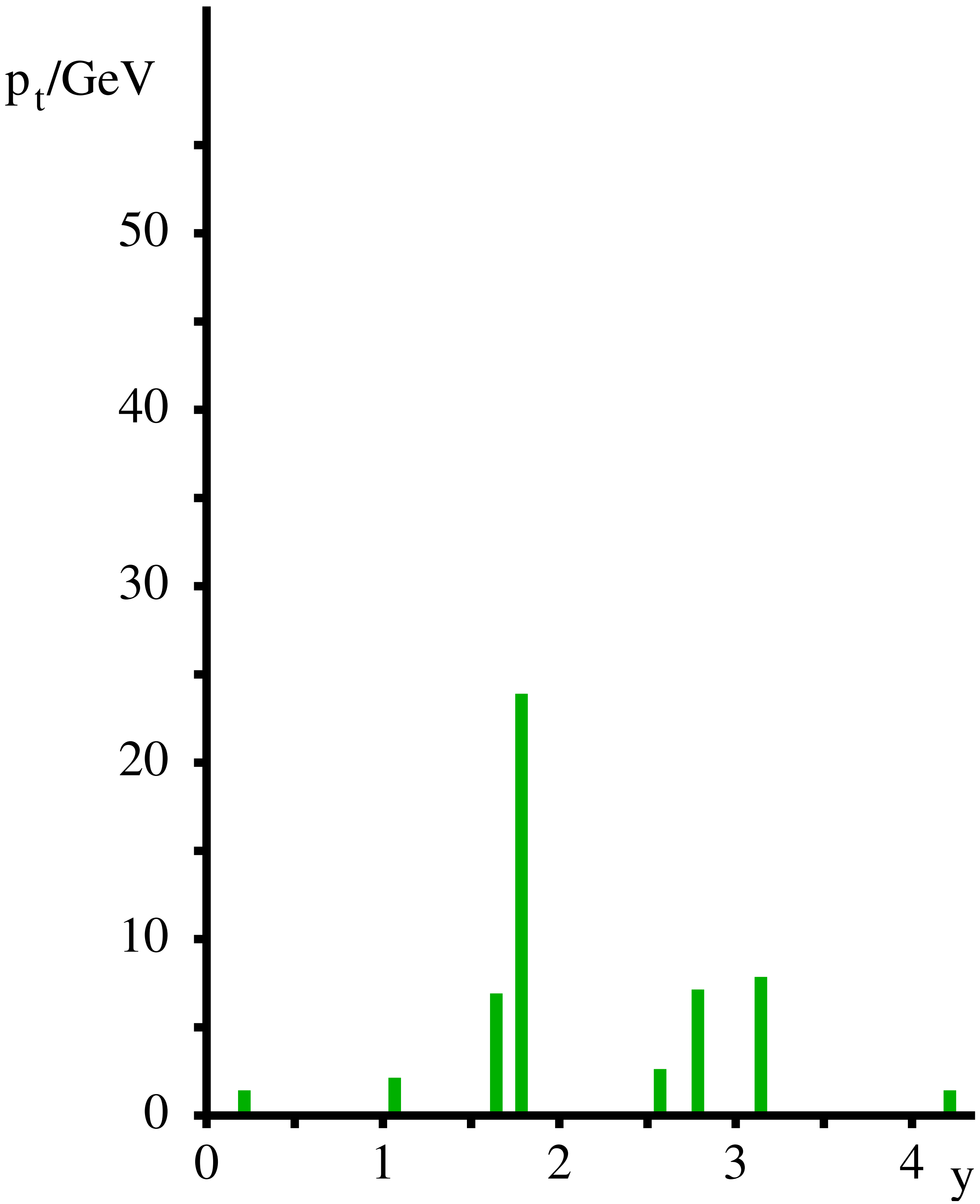
1. Find smallest of d_{ij}, d_{iB}
2. If ij, recombine them
3. If iB, call i a jet and remove from list of particles
4. repeat from step 1 until no particles left

Only use jets with $p_t > p_{t,min}$

anti-k_t algorithm

Cacciari, GPS & Soyez, 0802.1189

Anti-k_t jet clustering example



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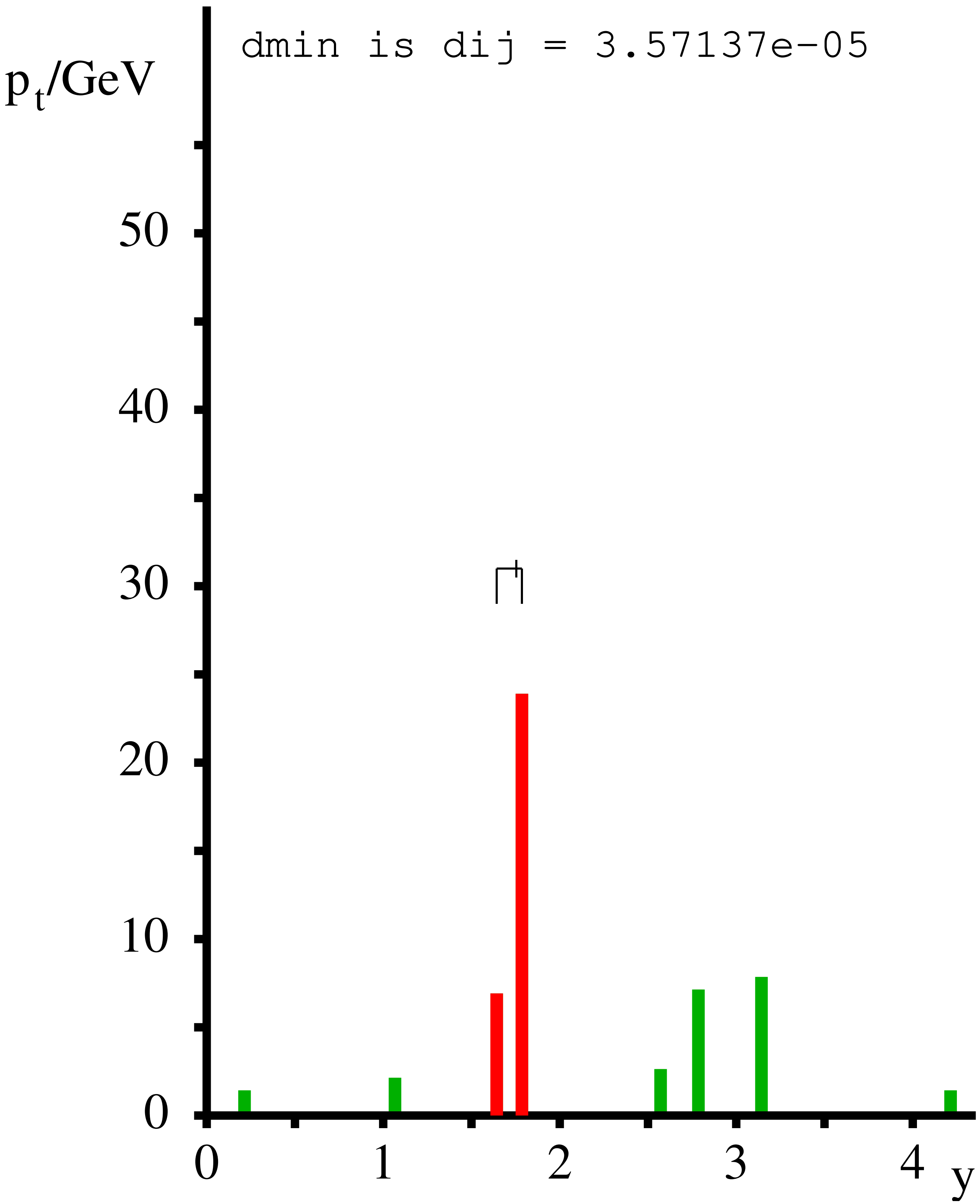

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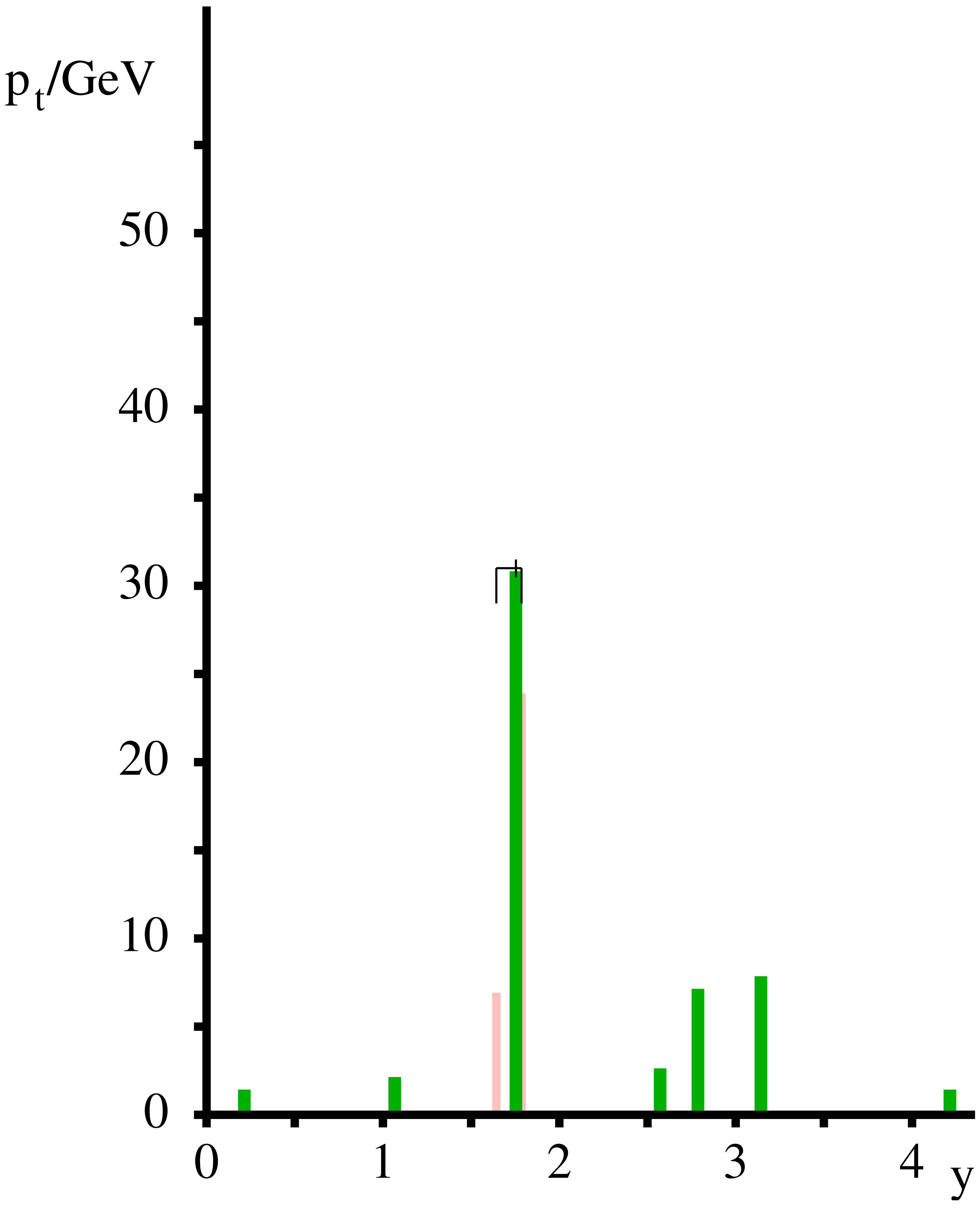

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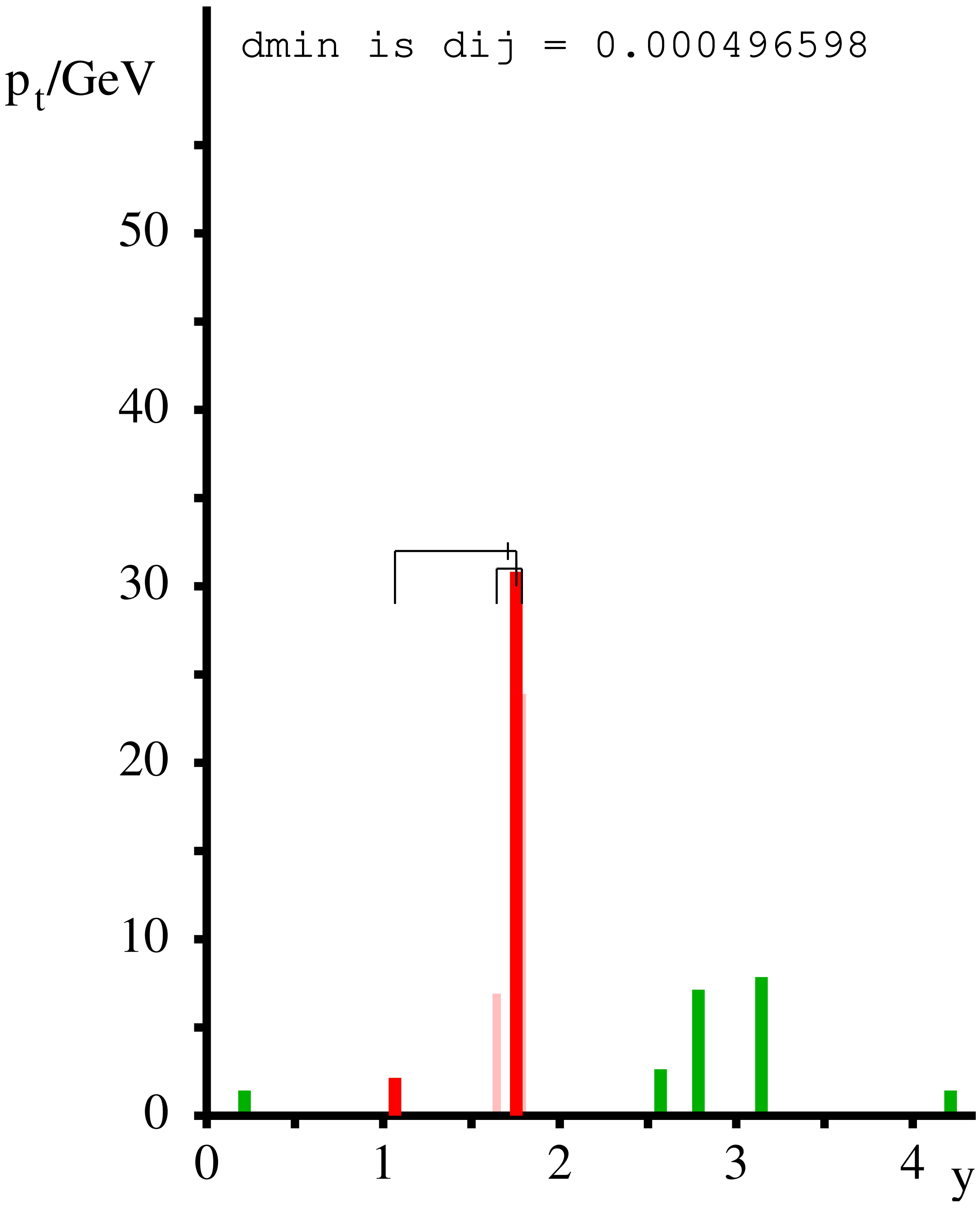

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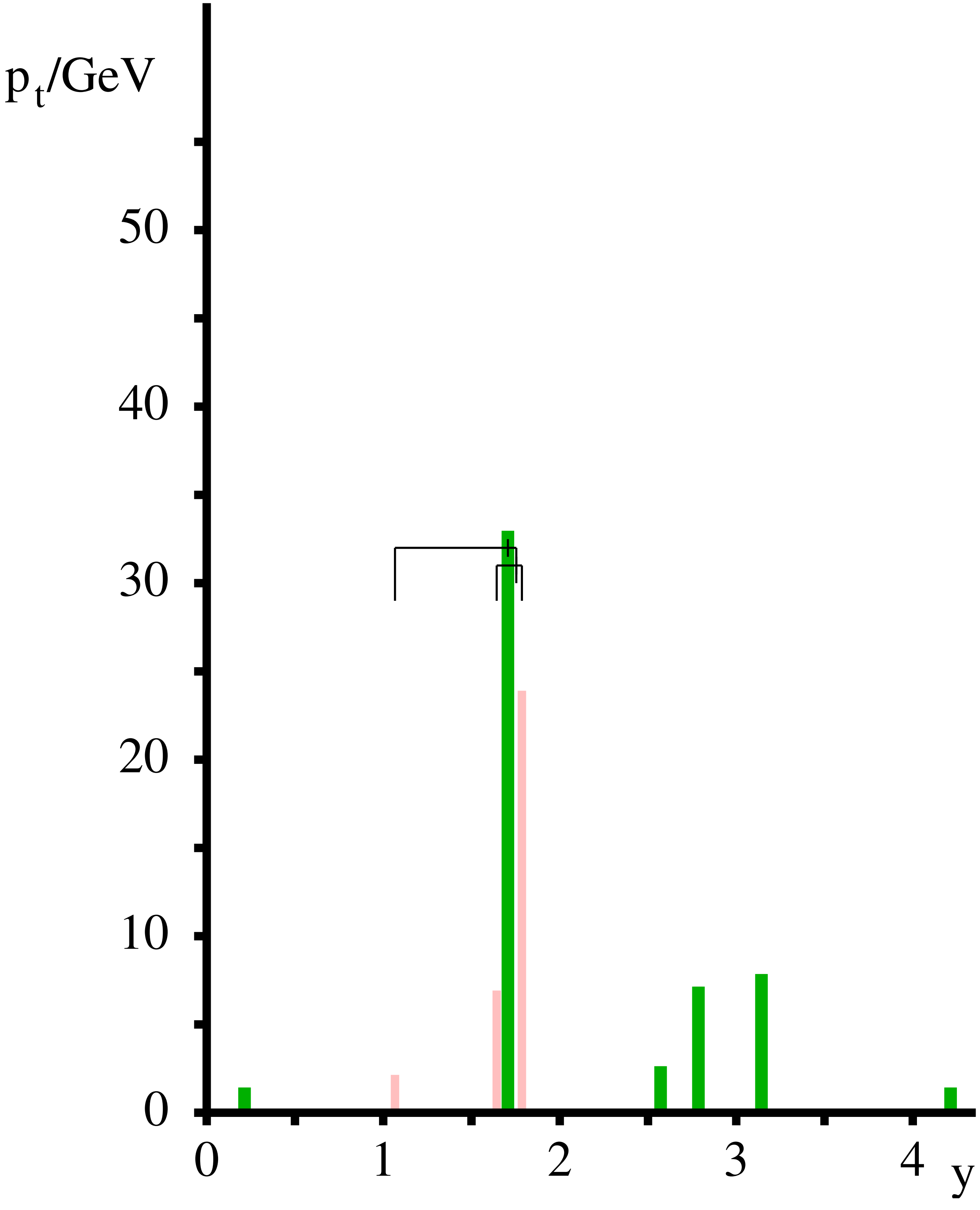

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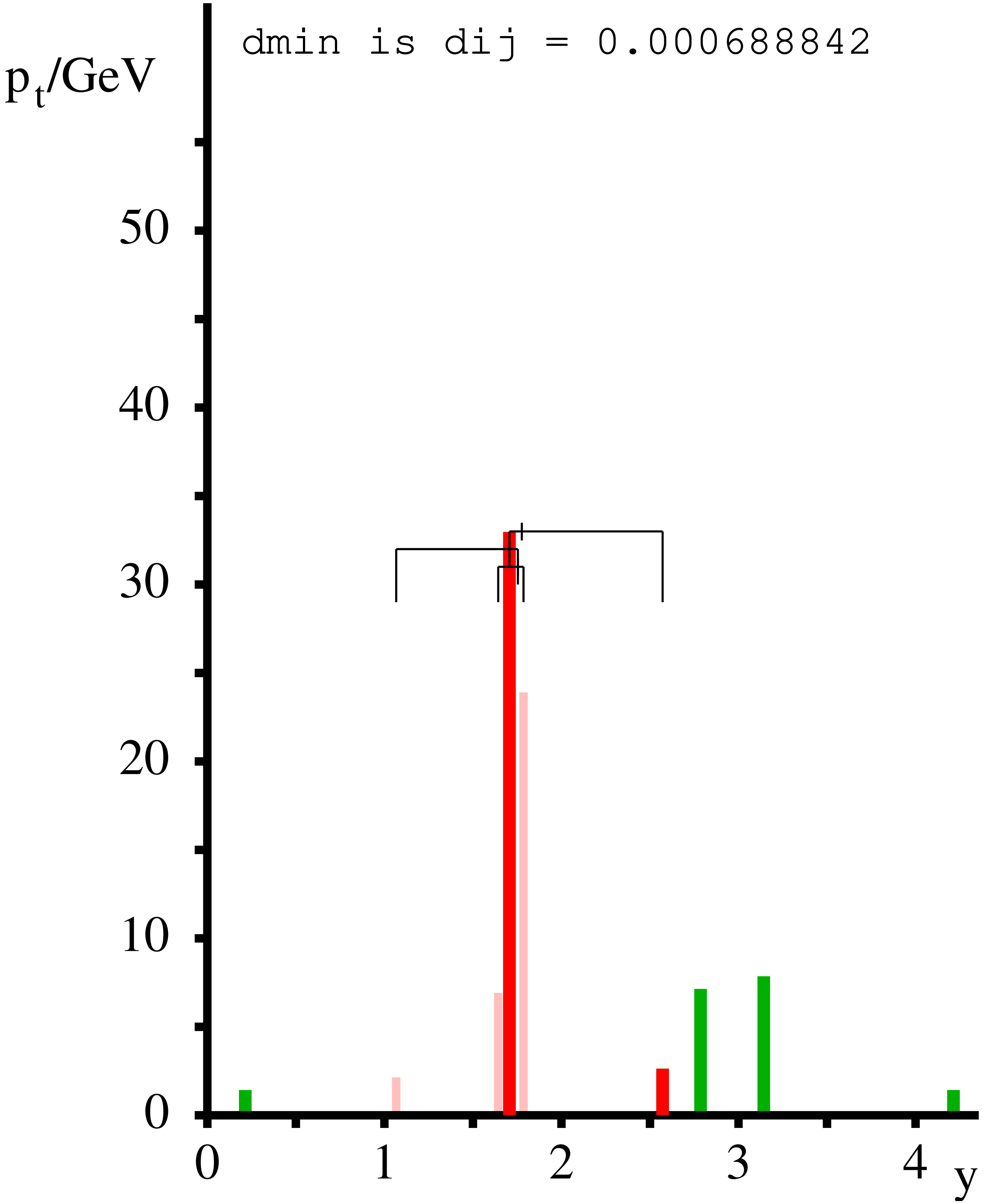

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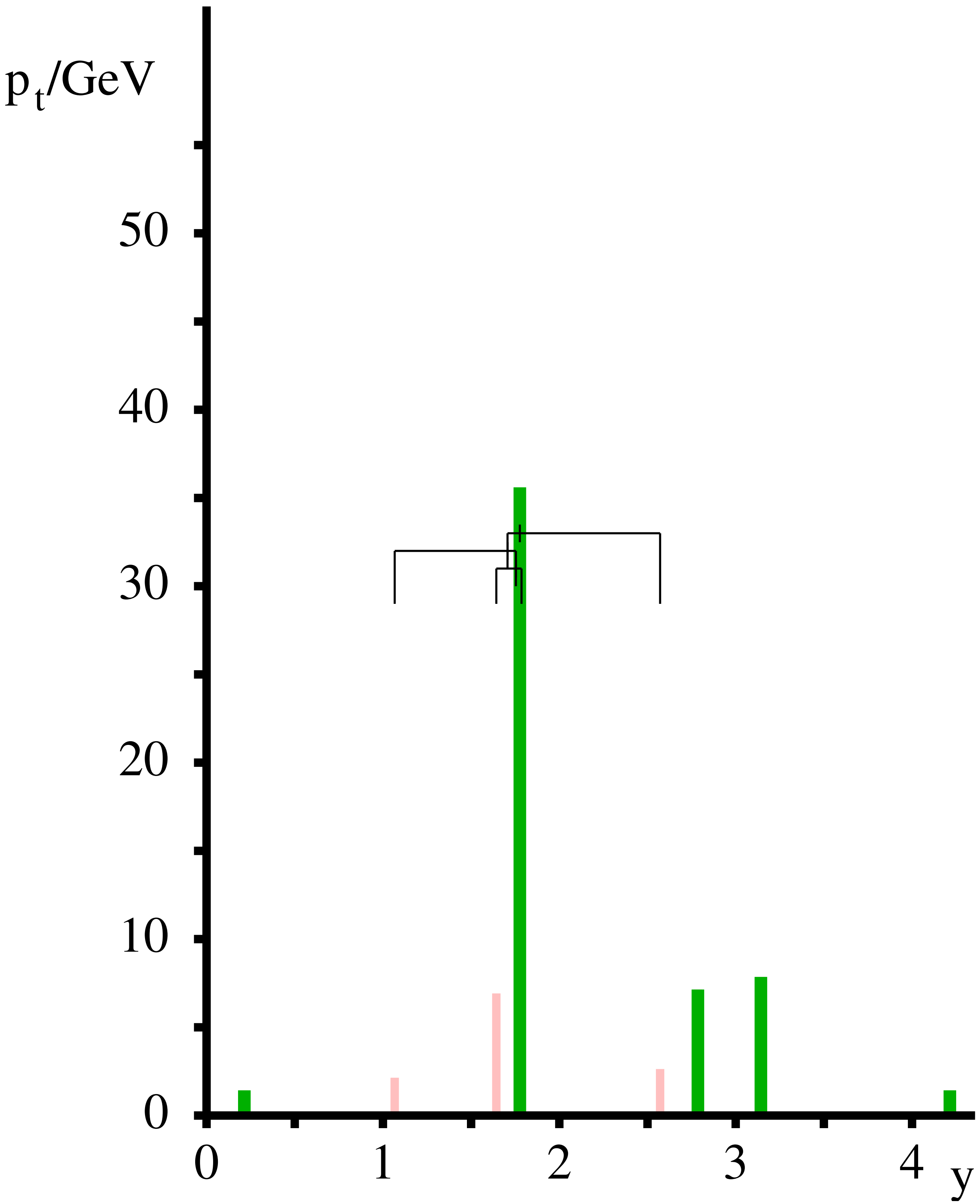

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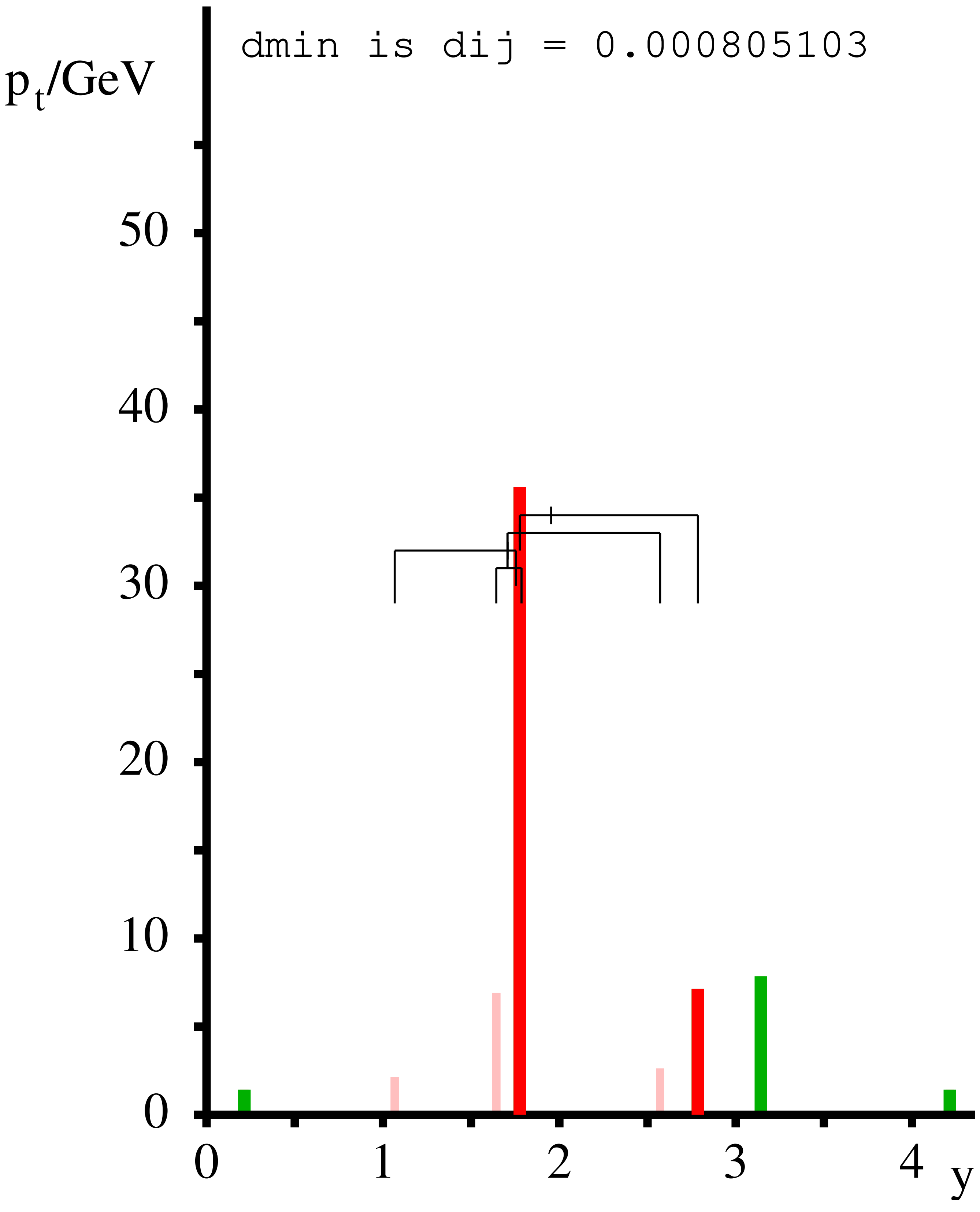

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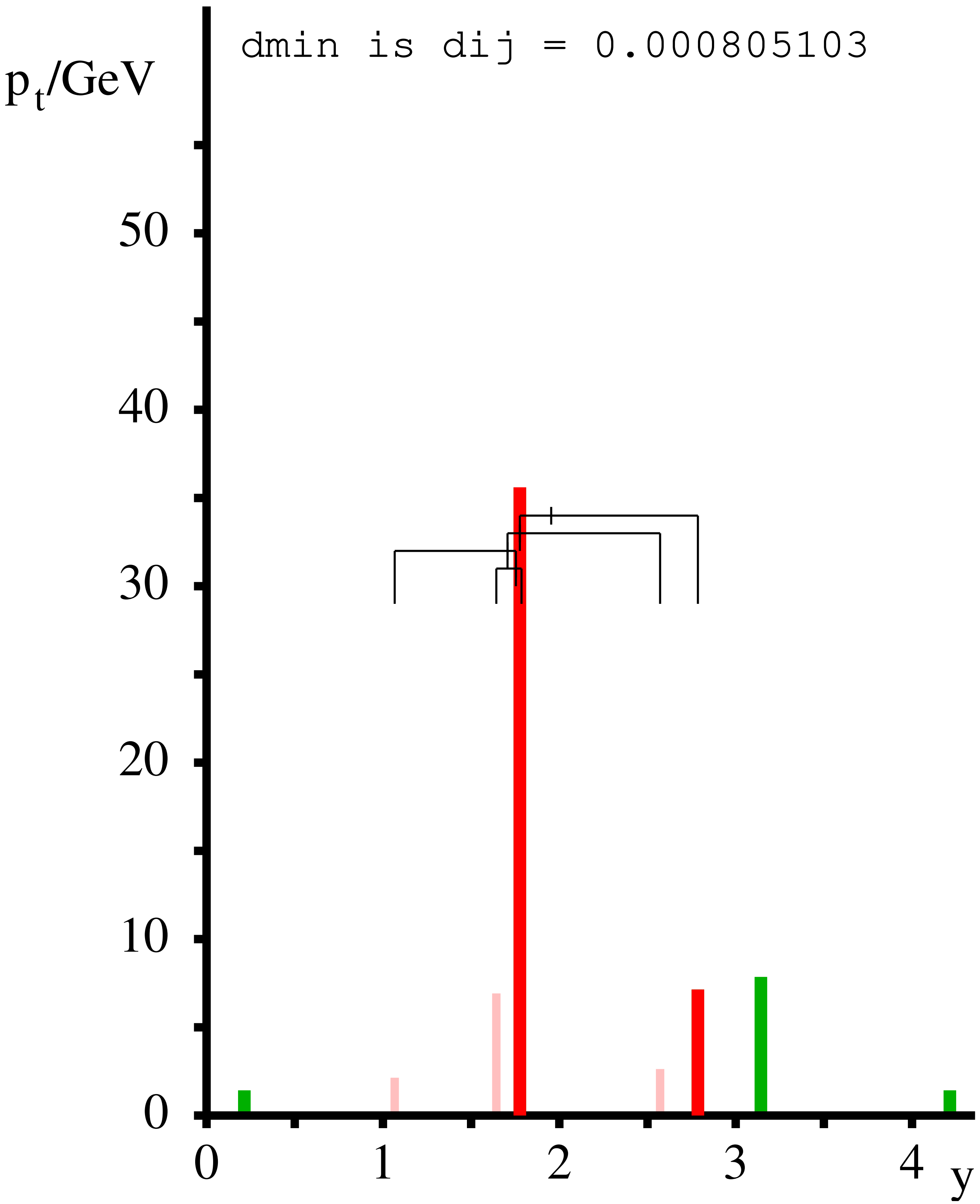

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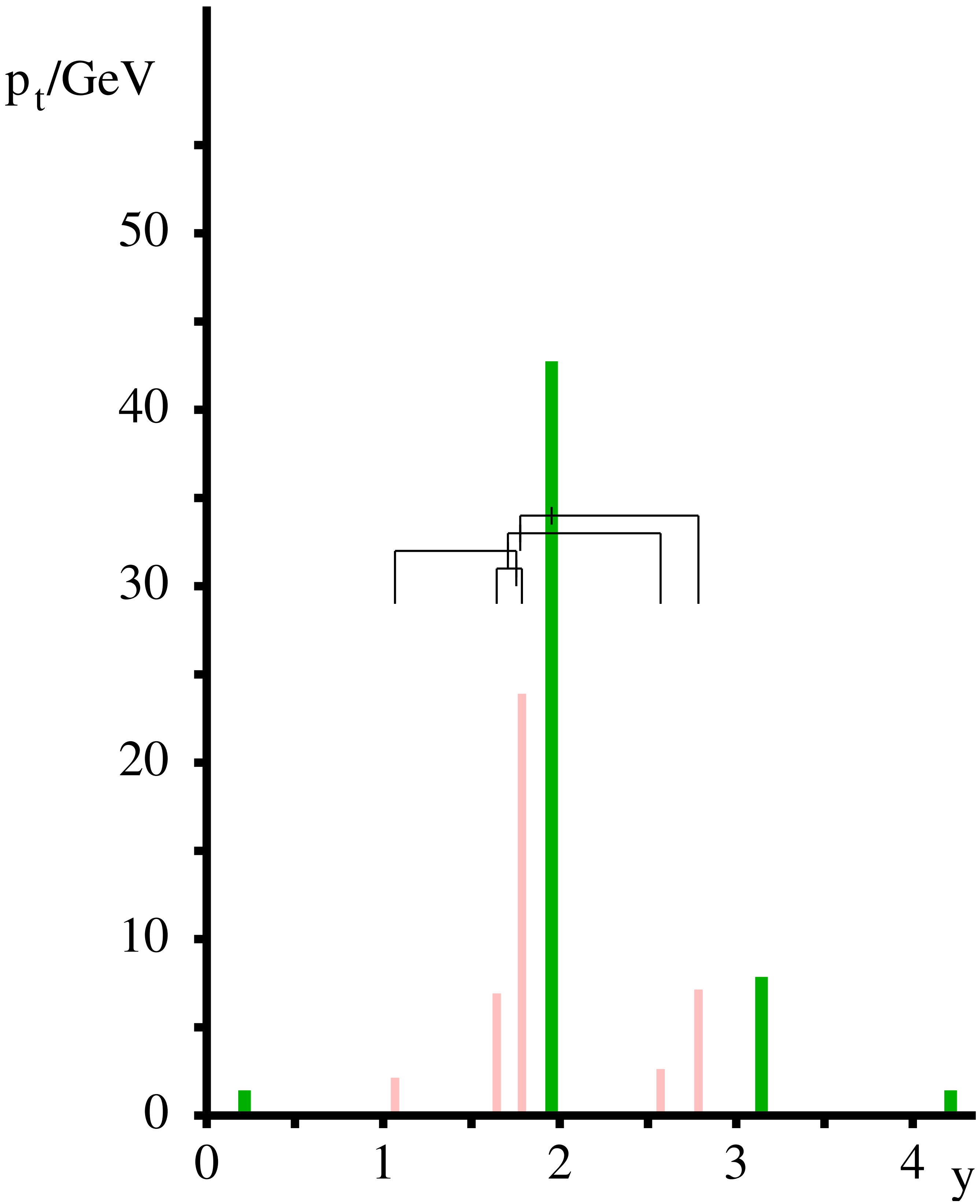

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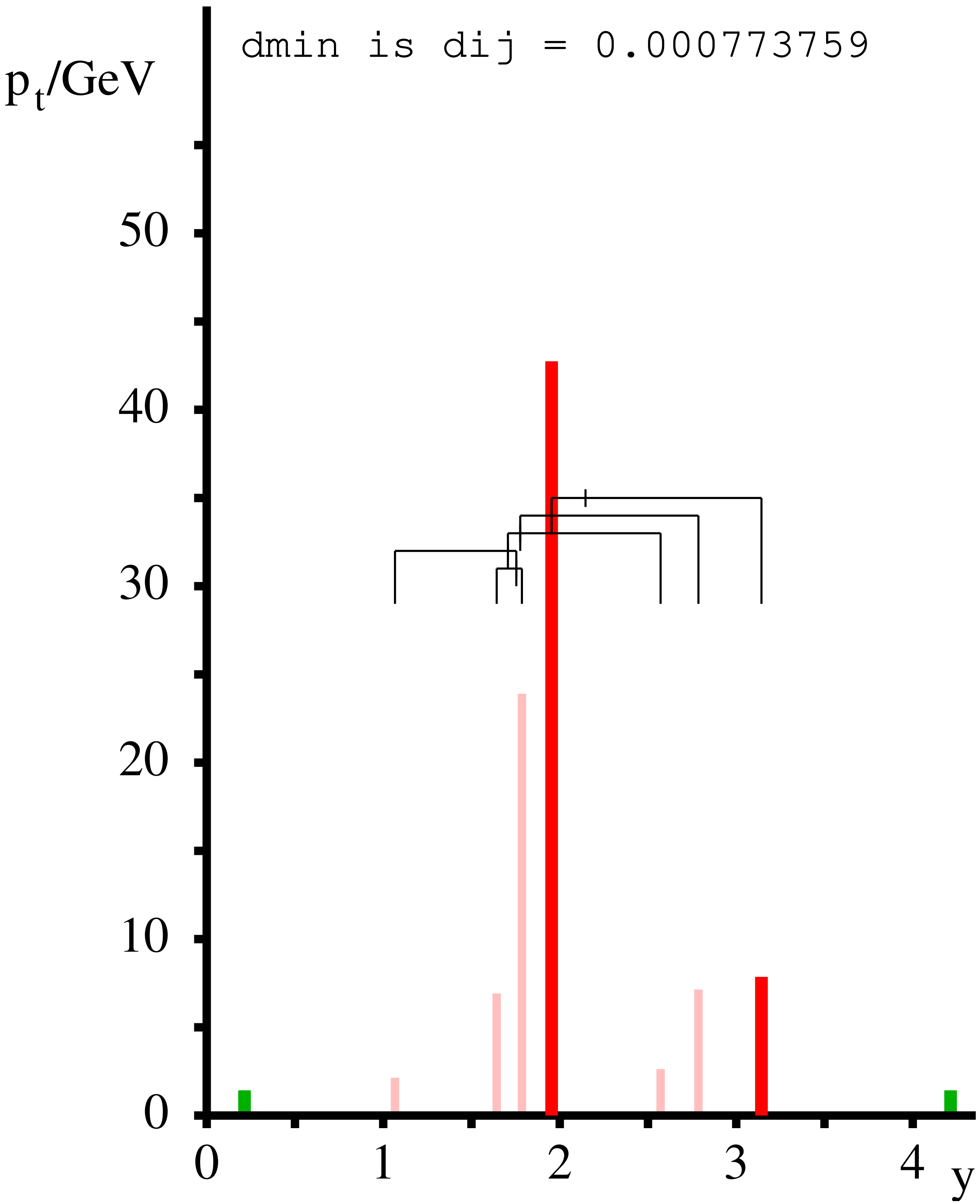

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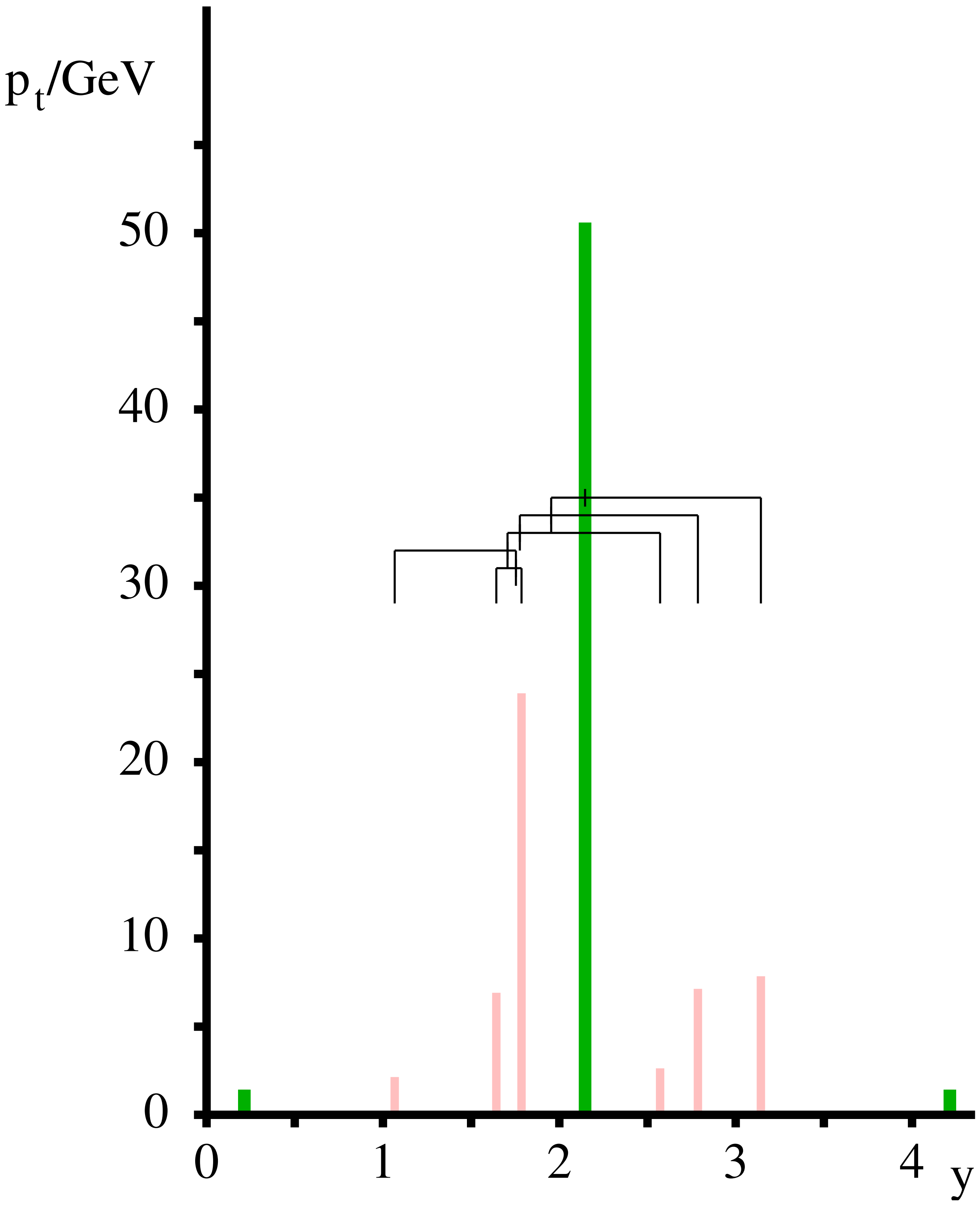

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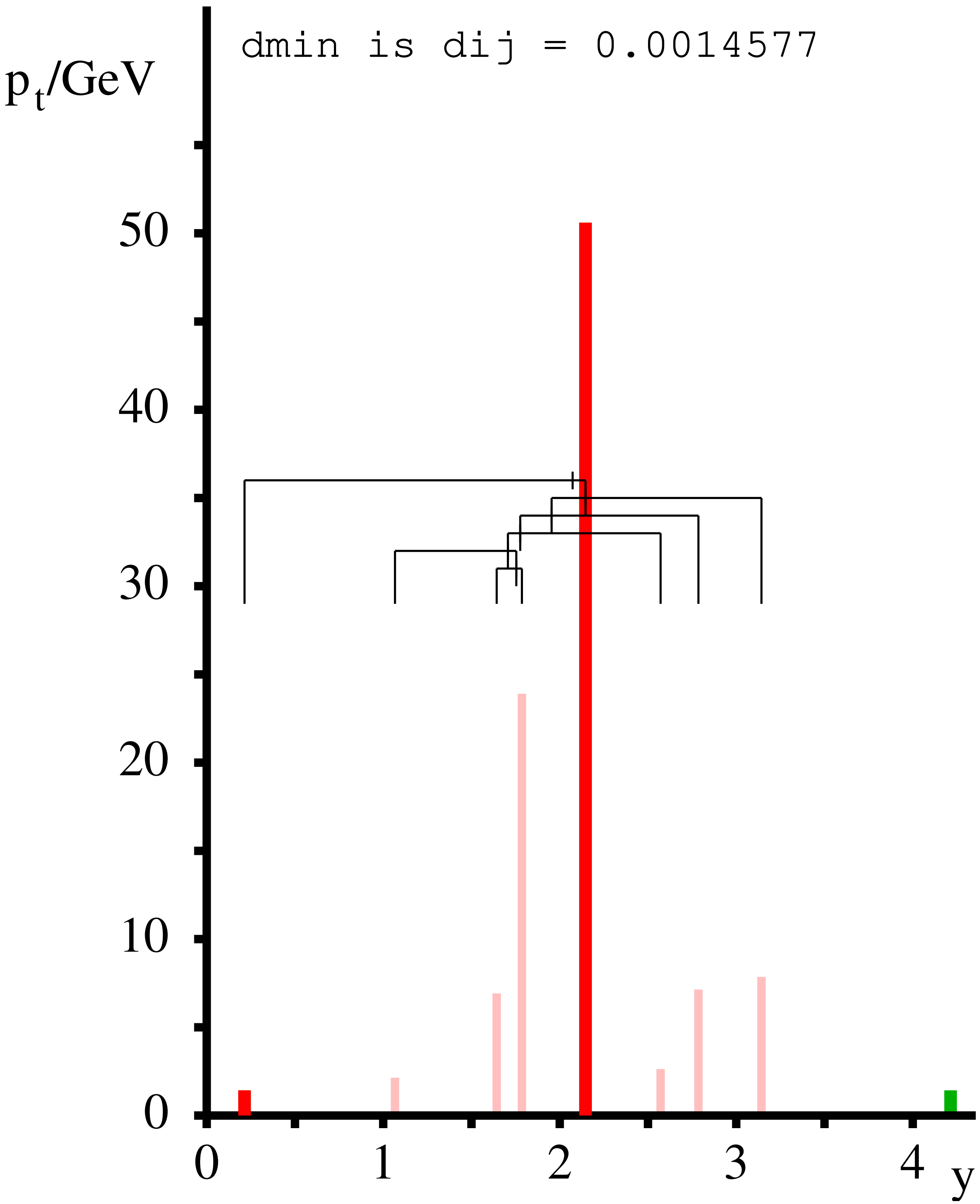

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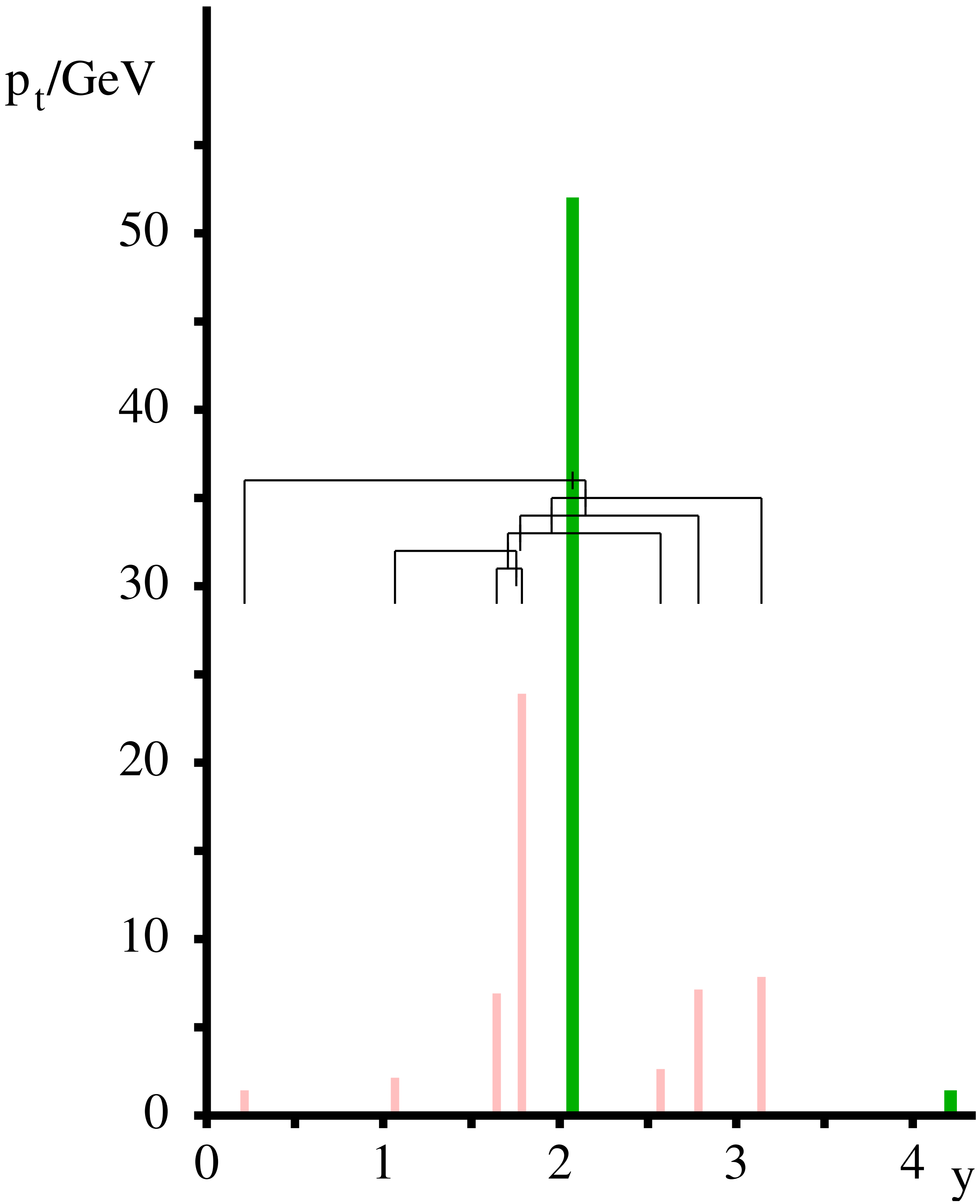

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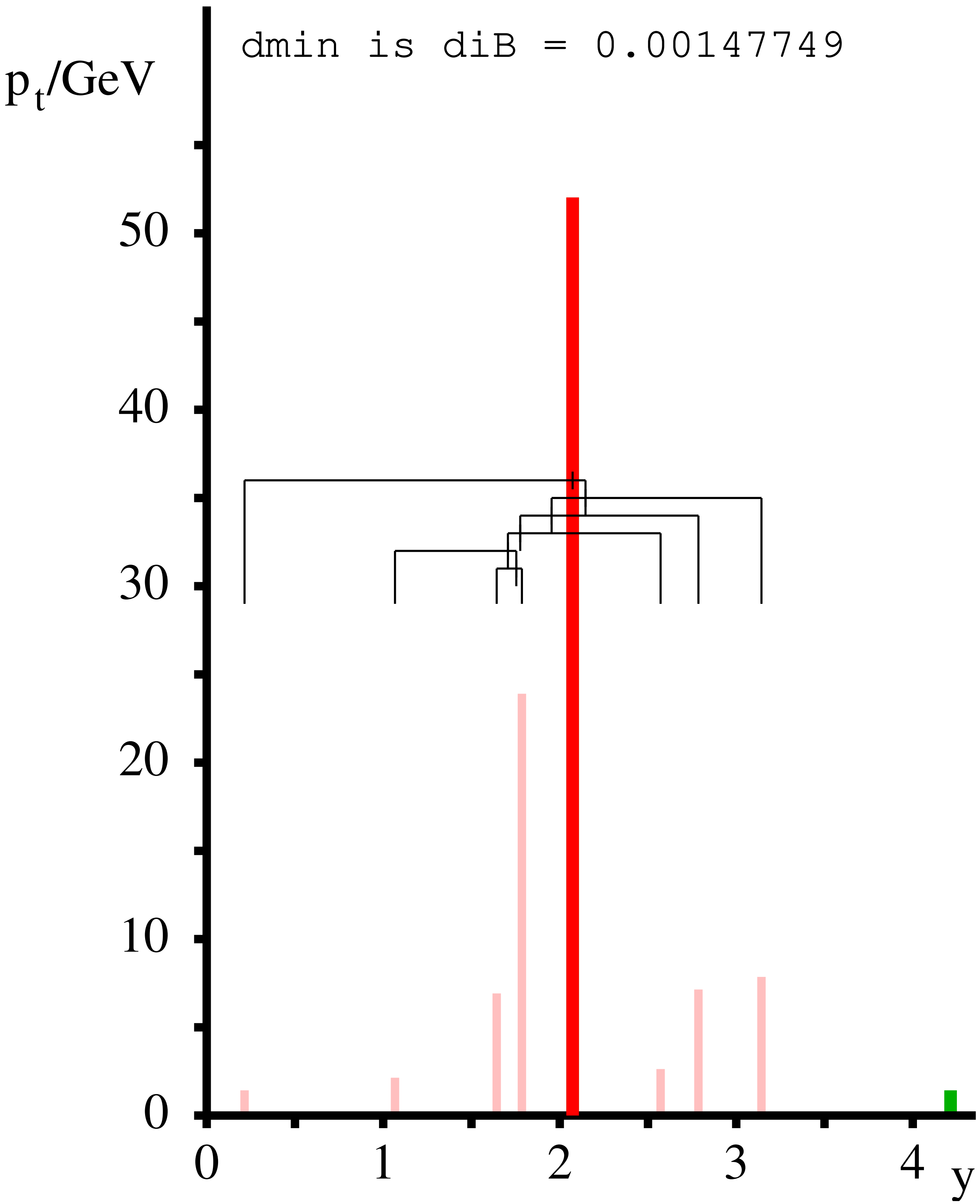

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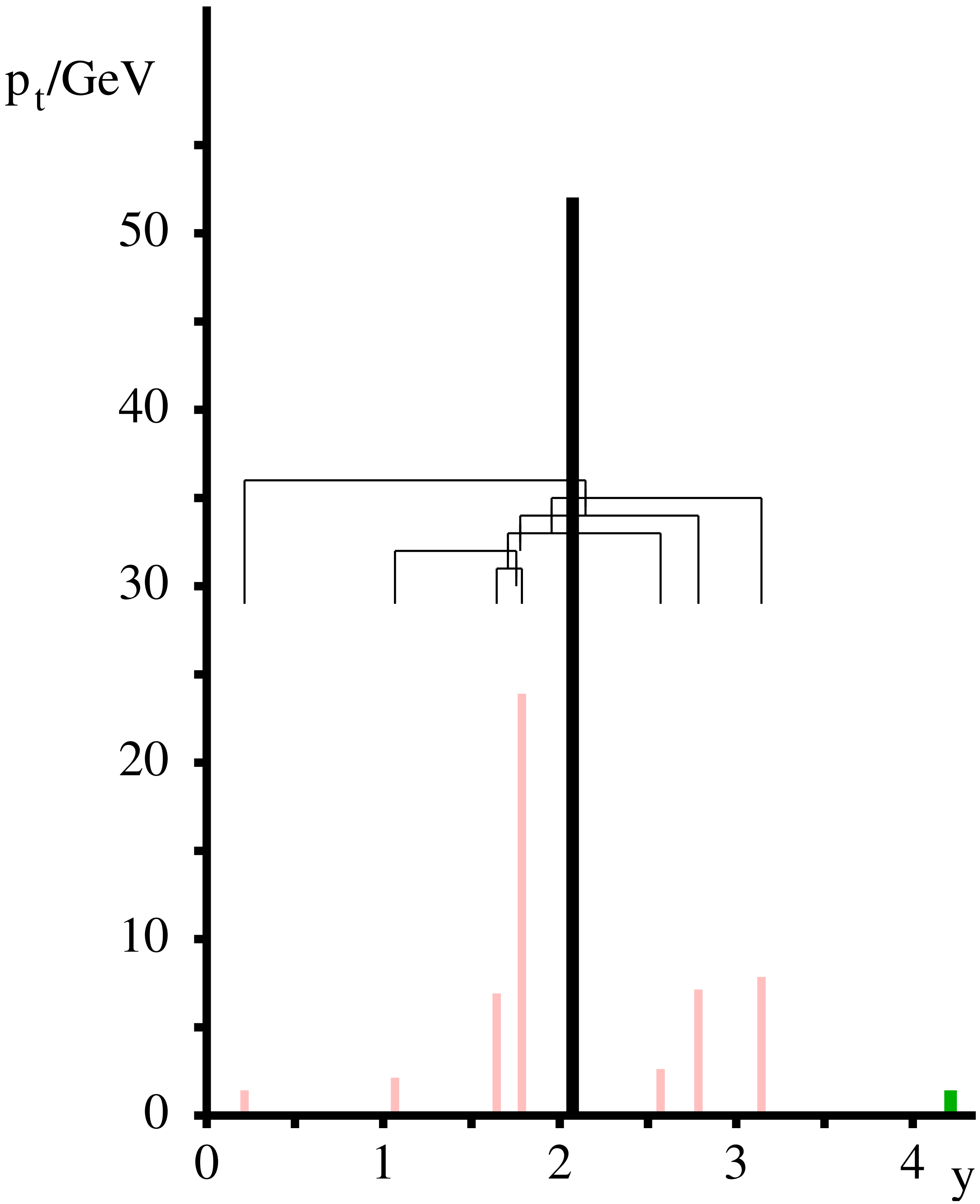

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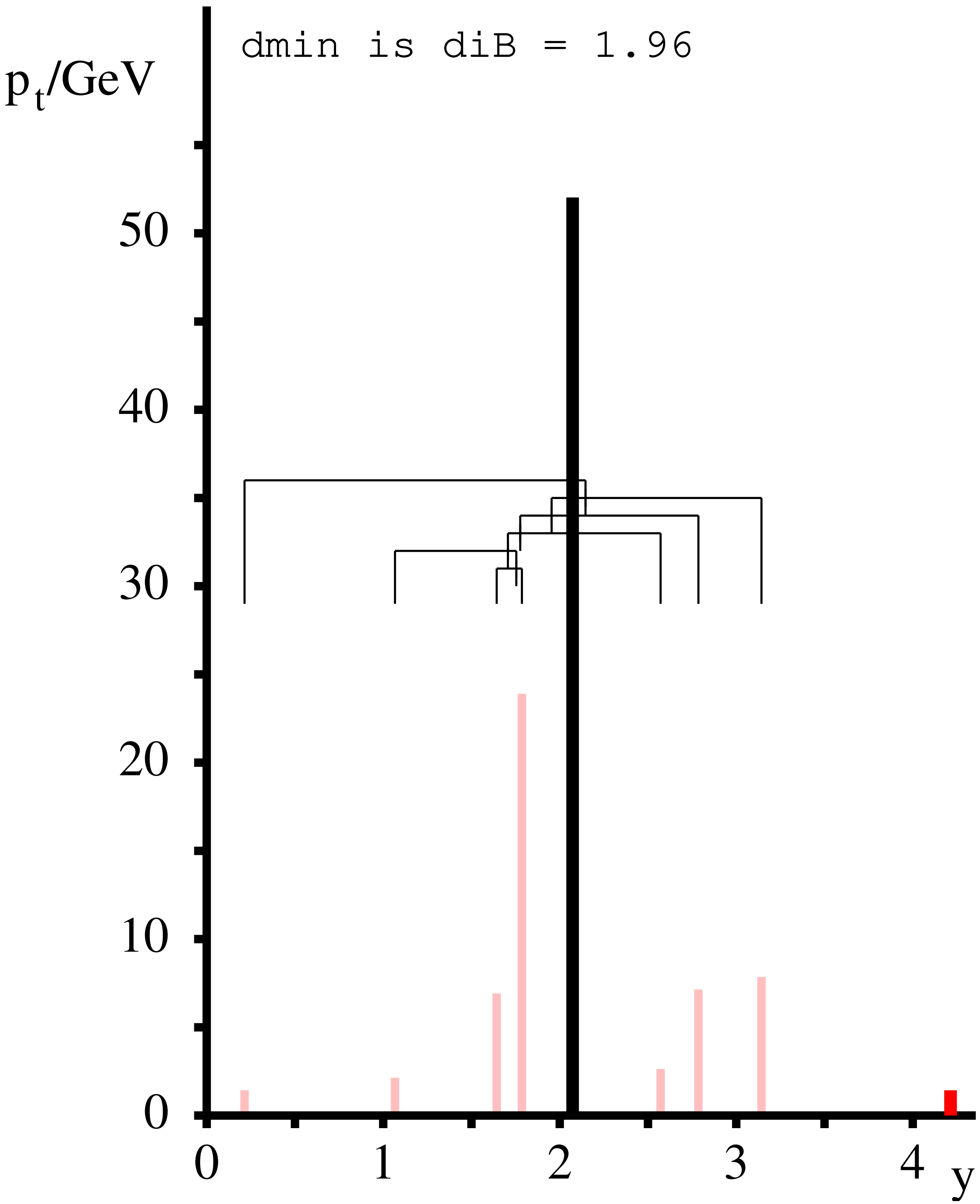

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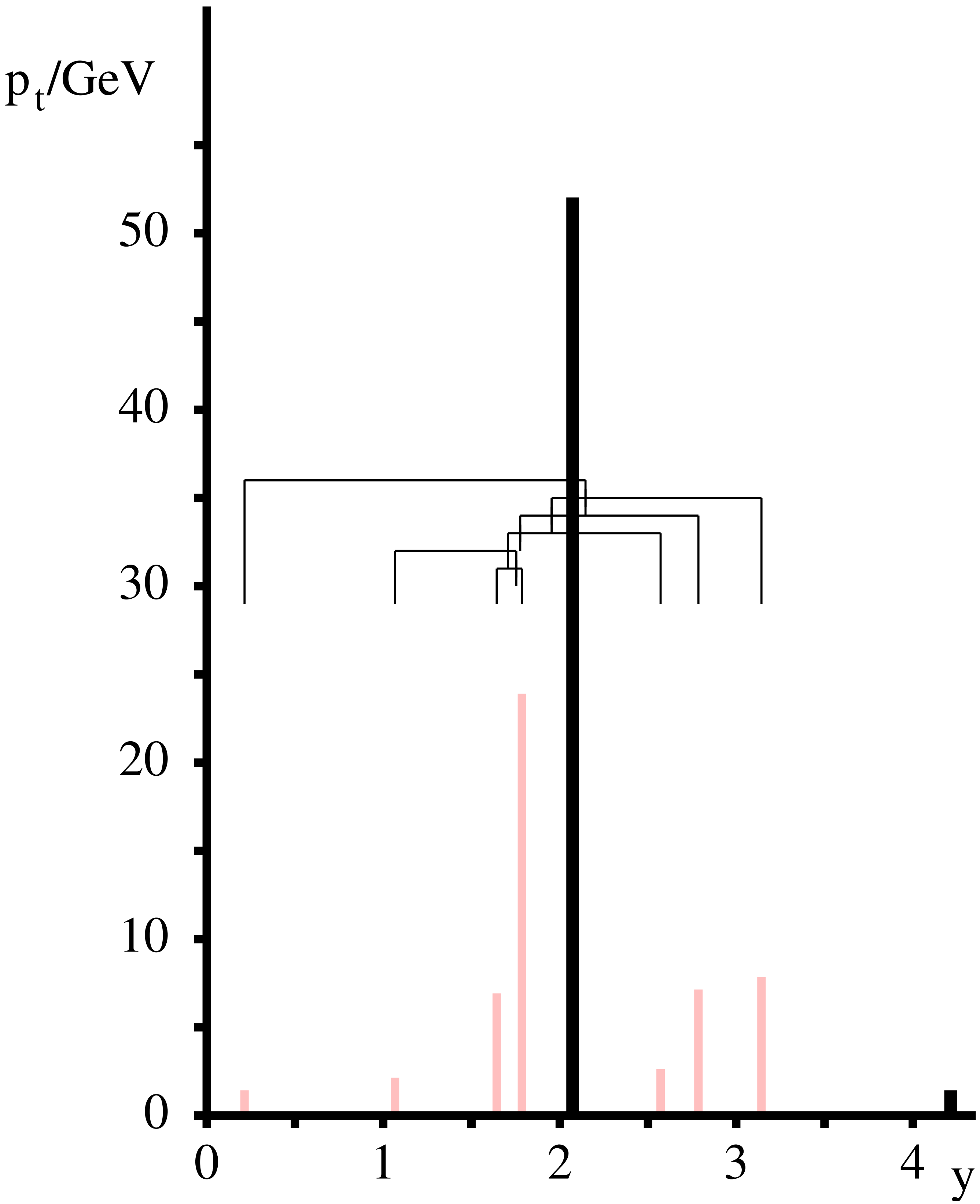

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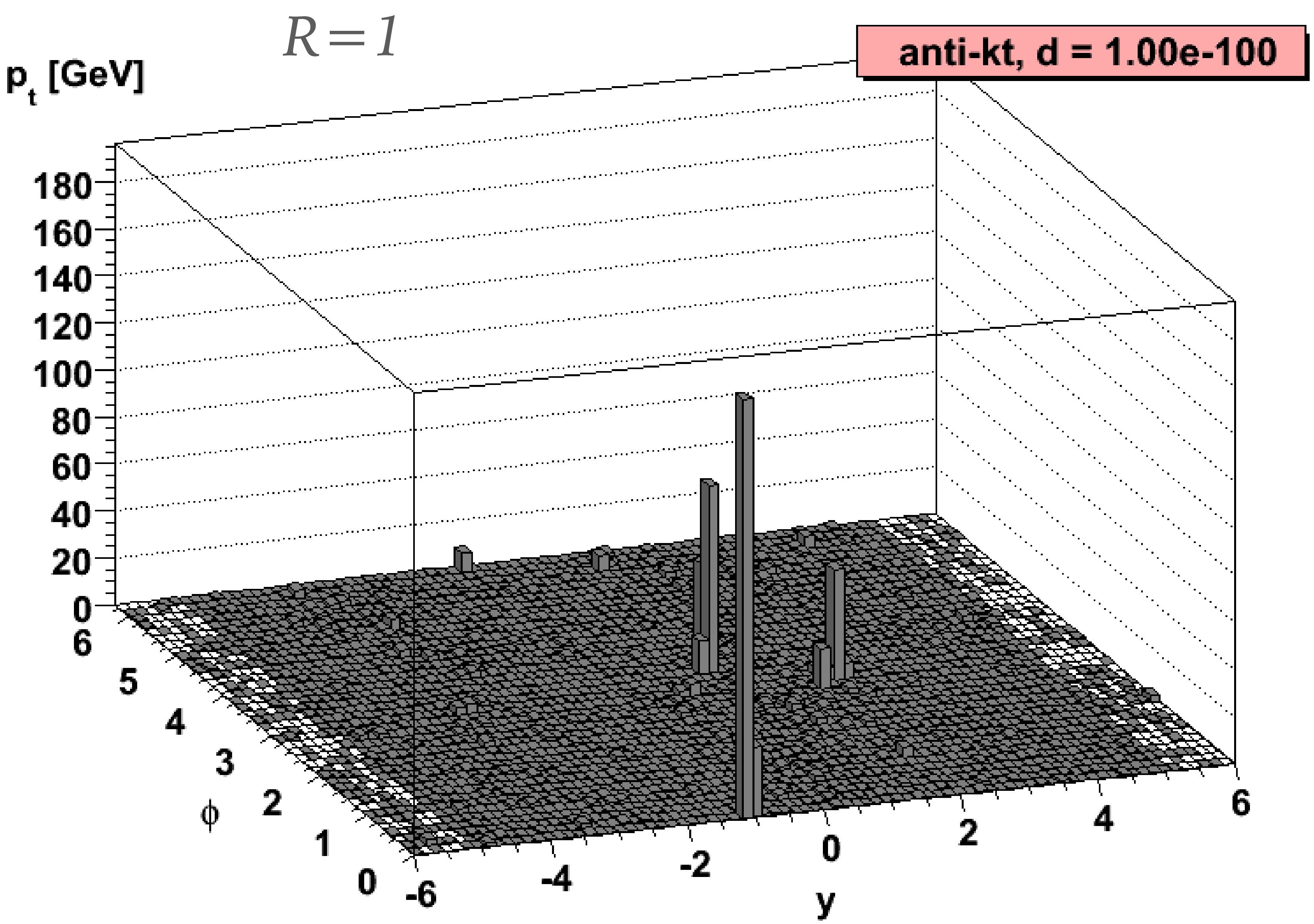

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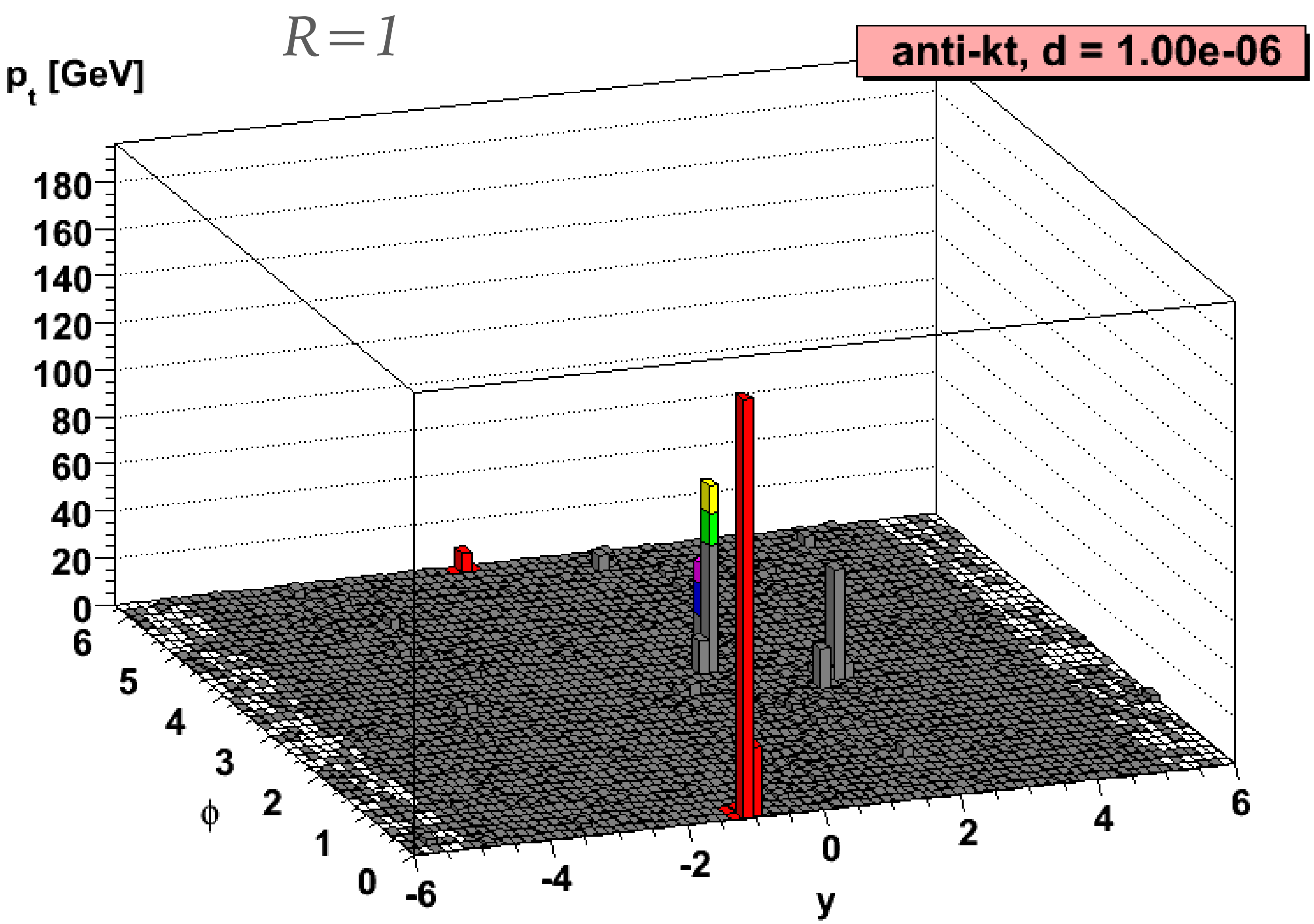

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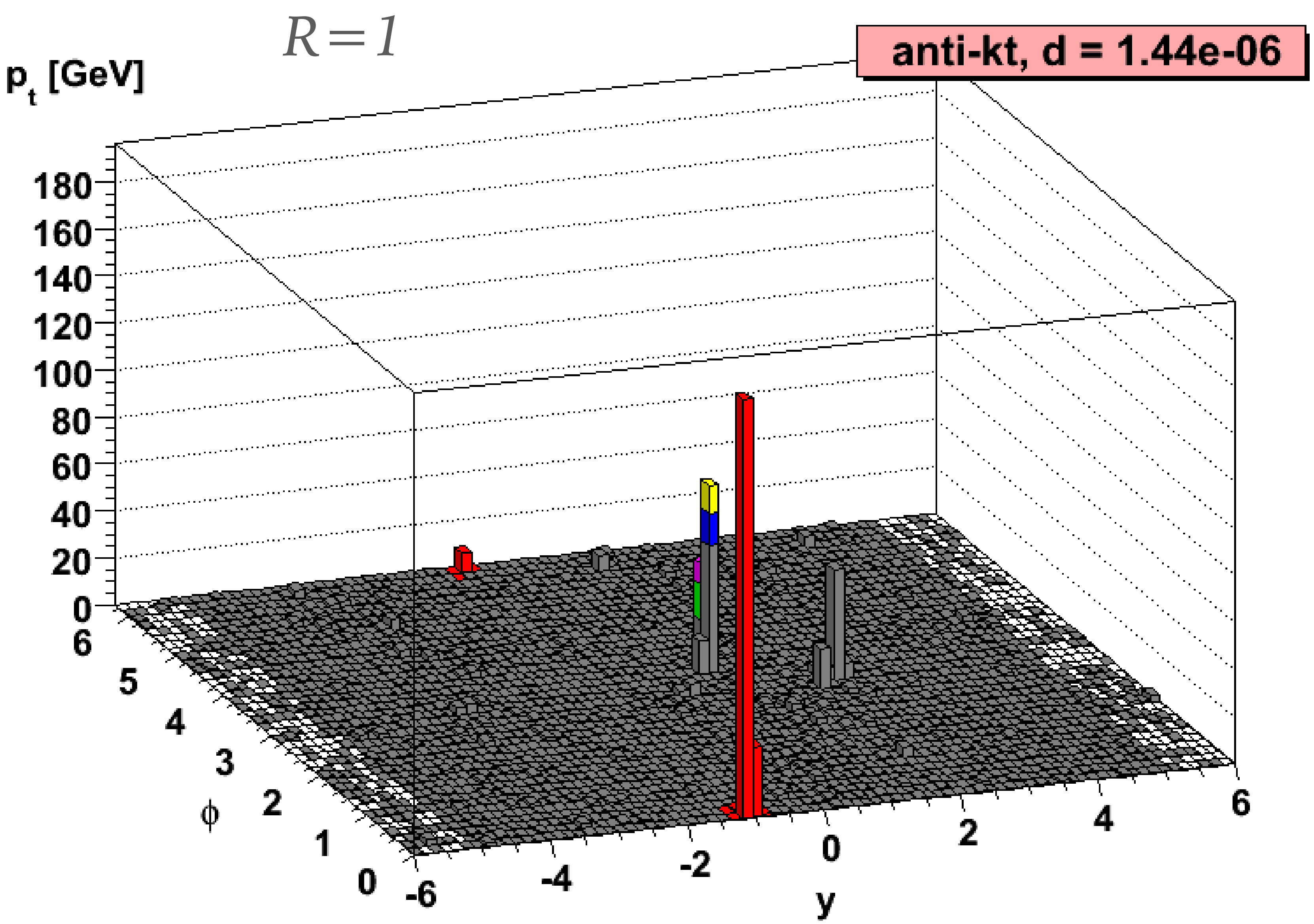

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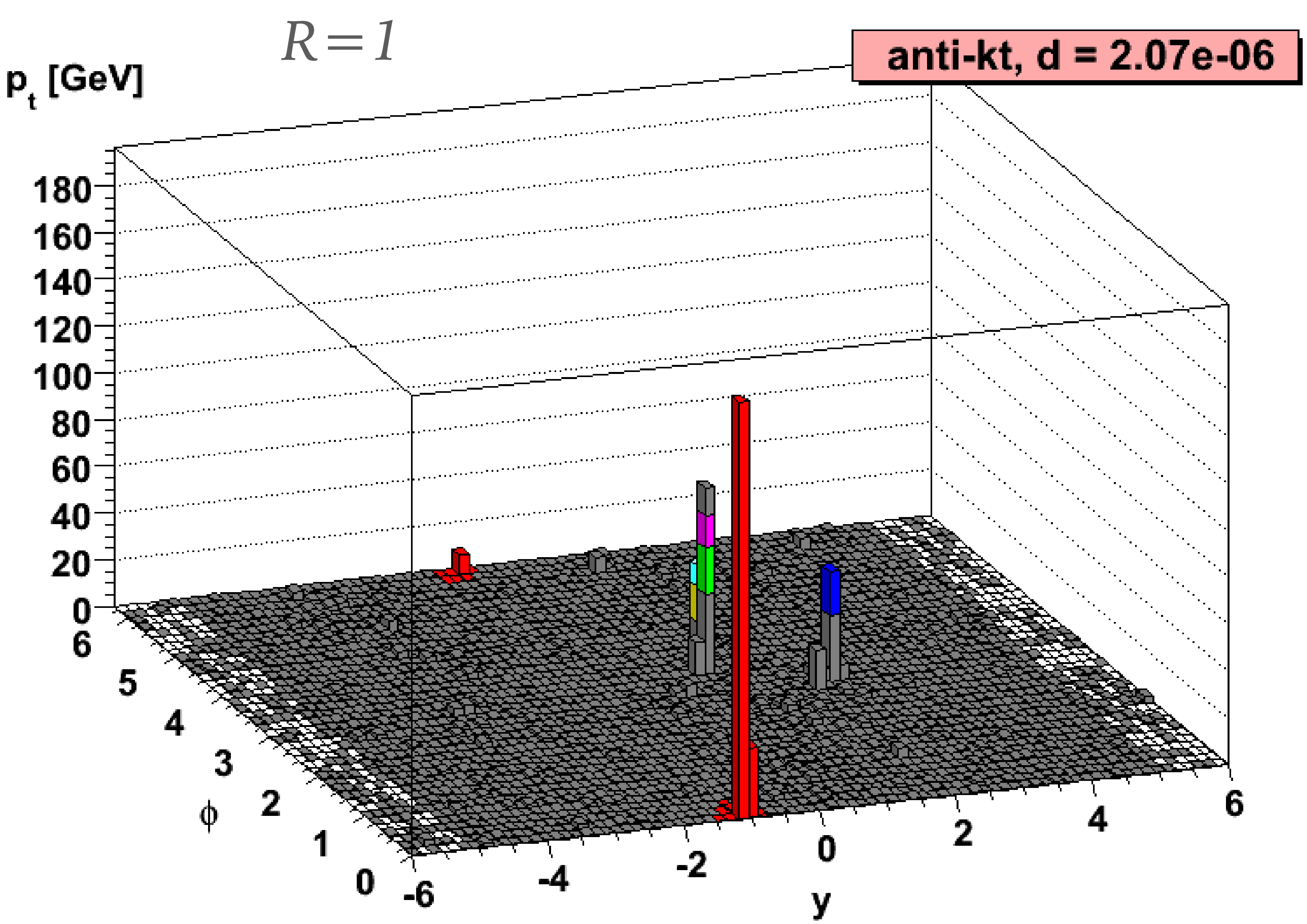

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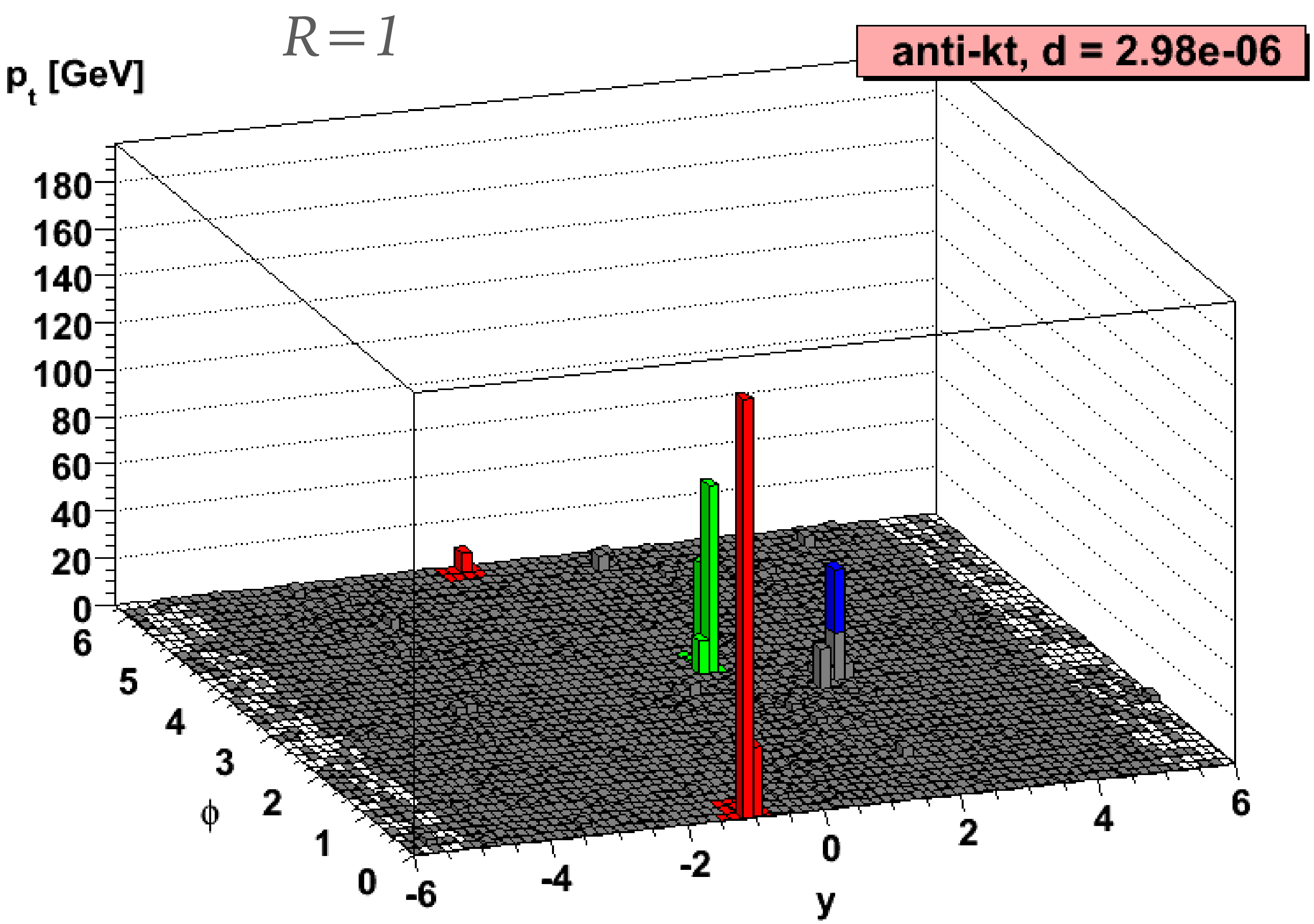

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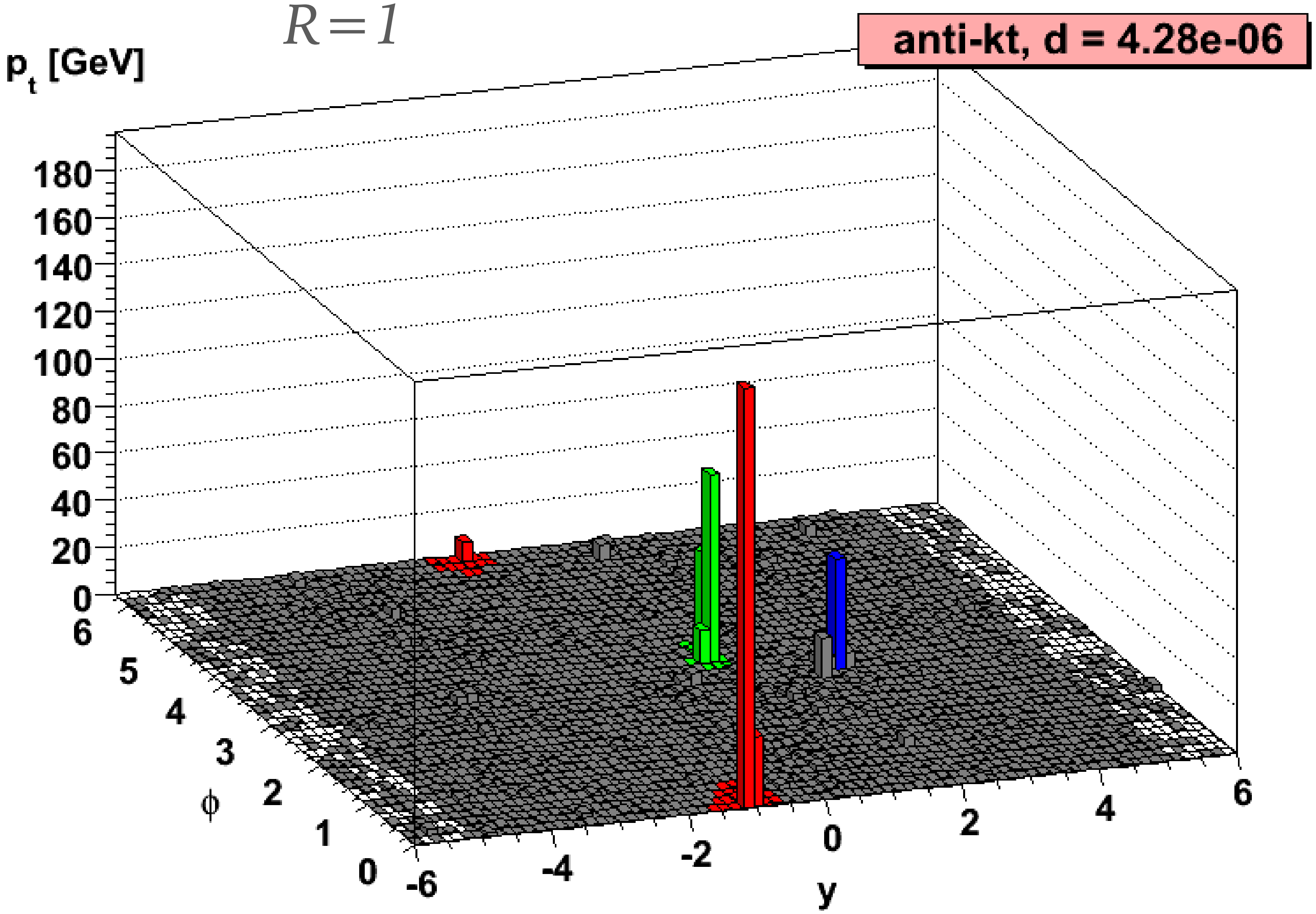

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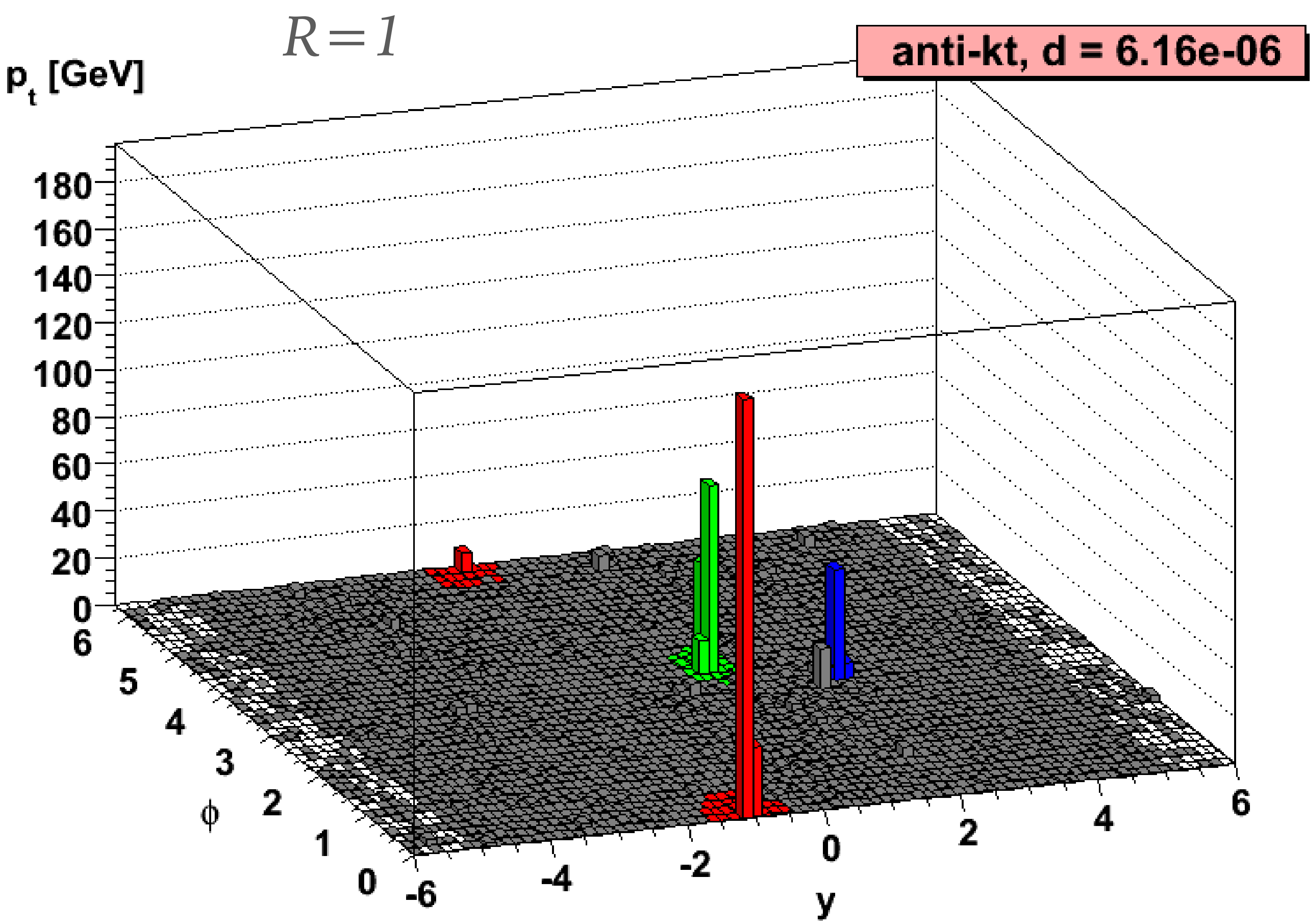

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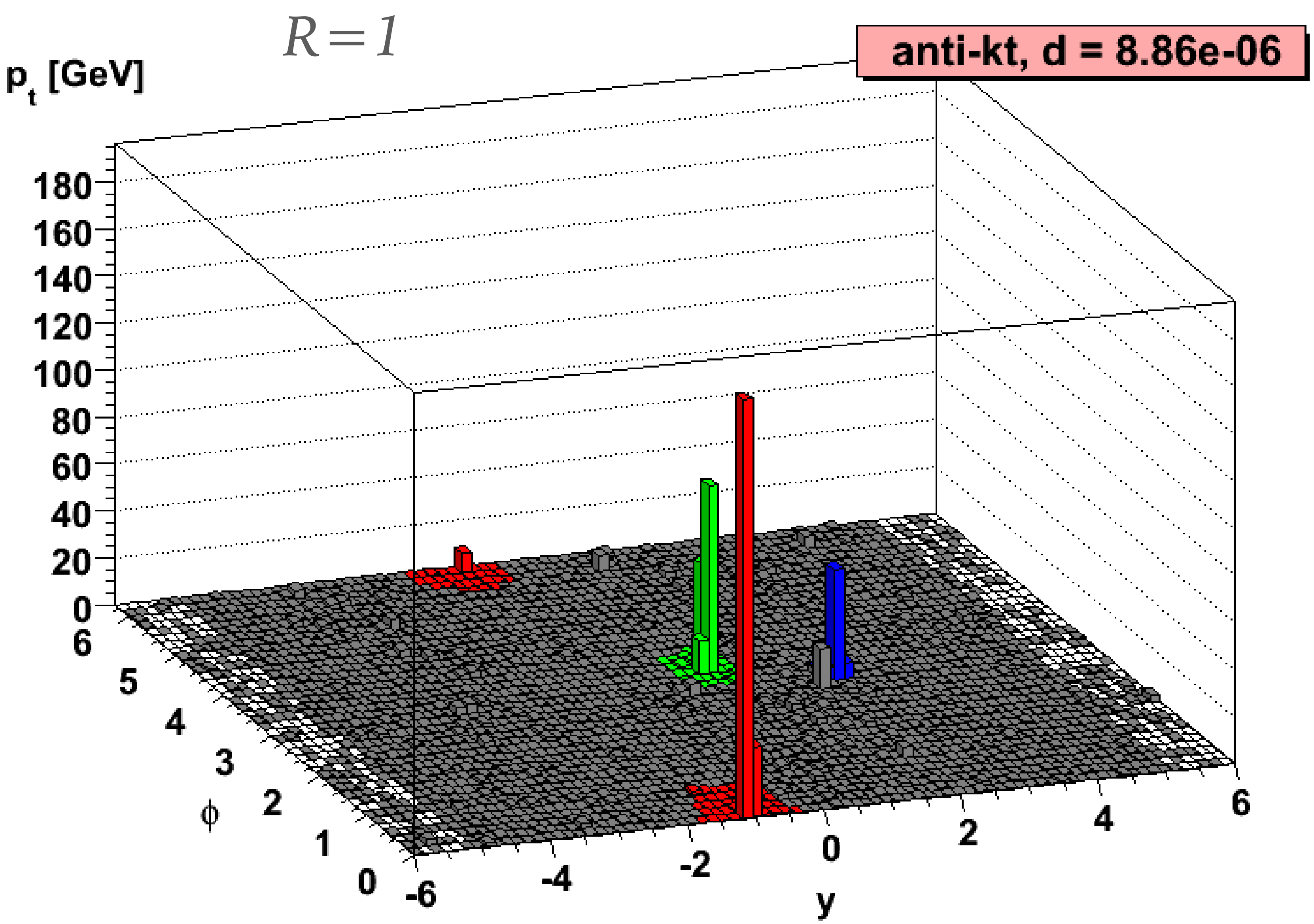

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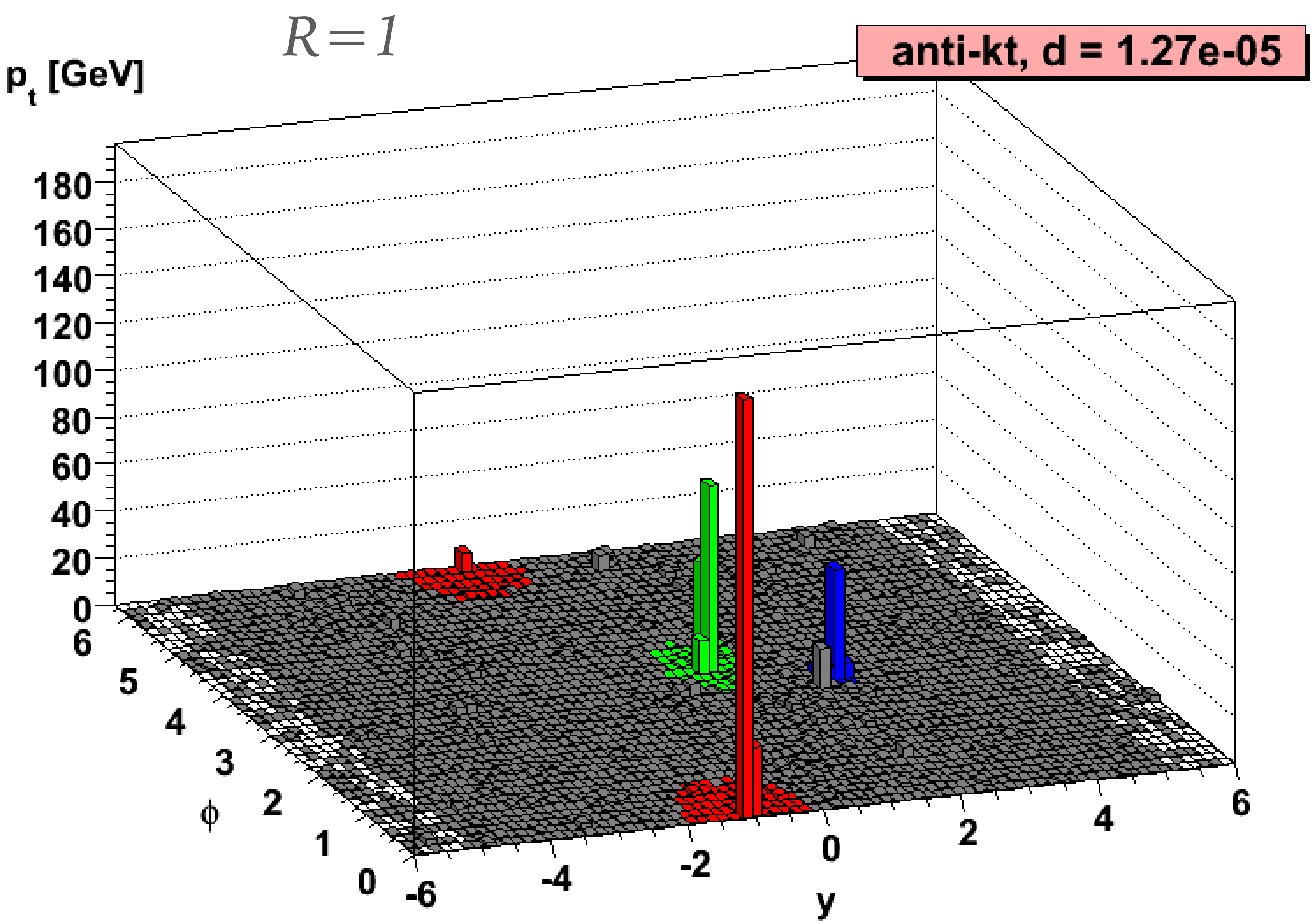

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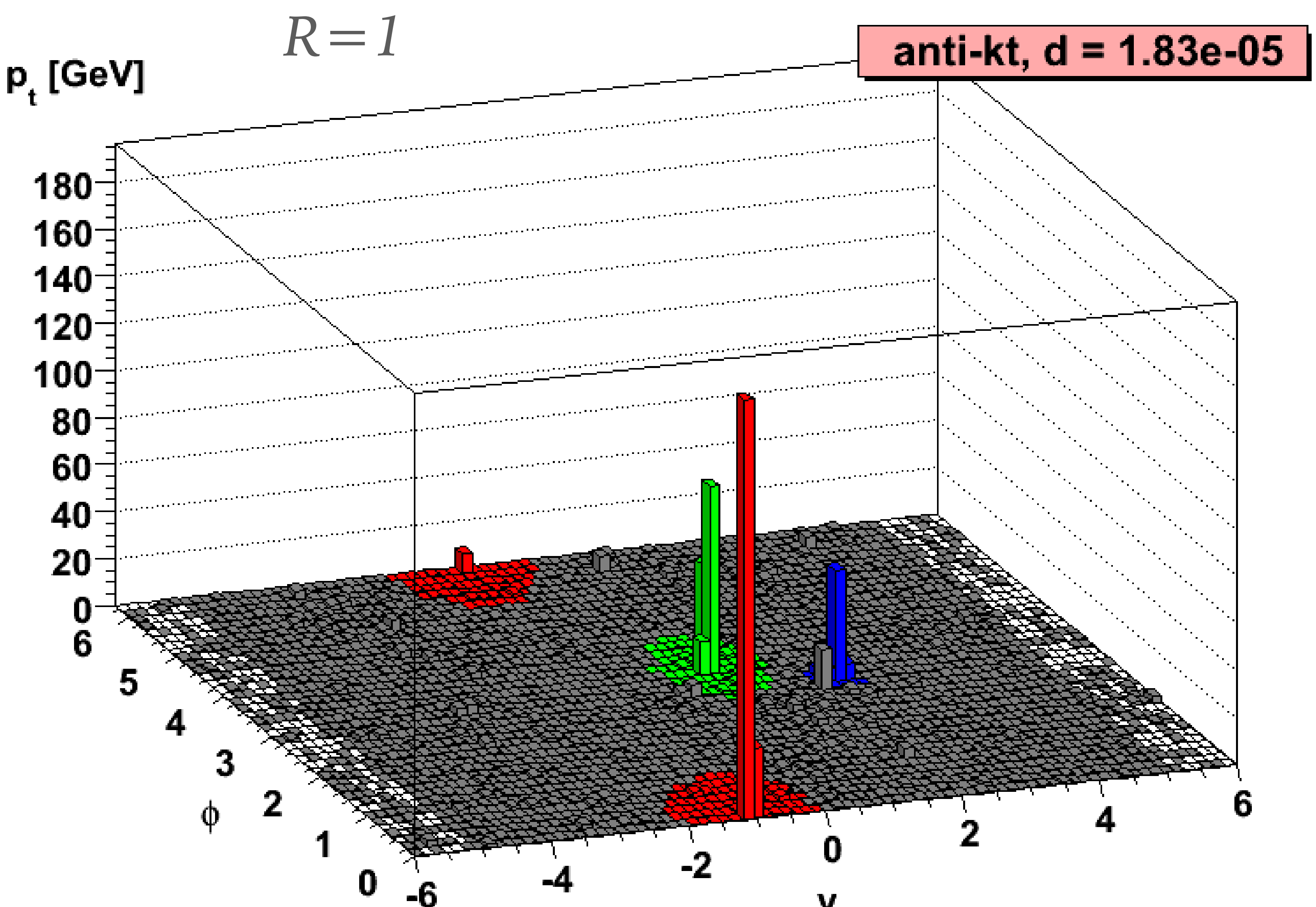

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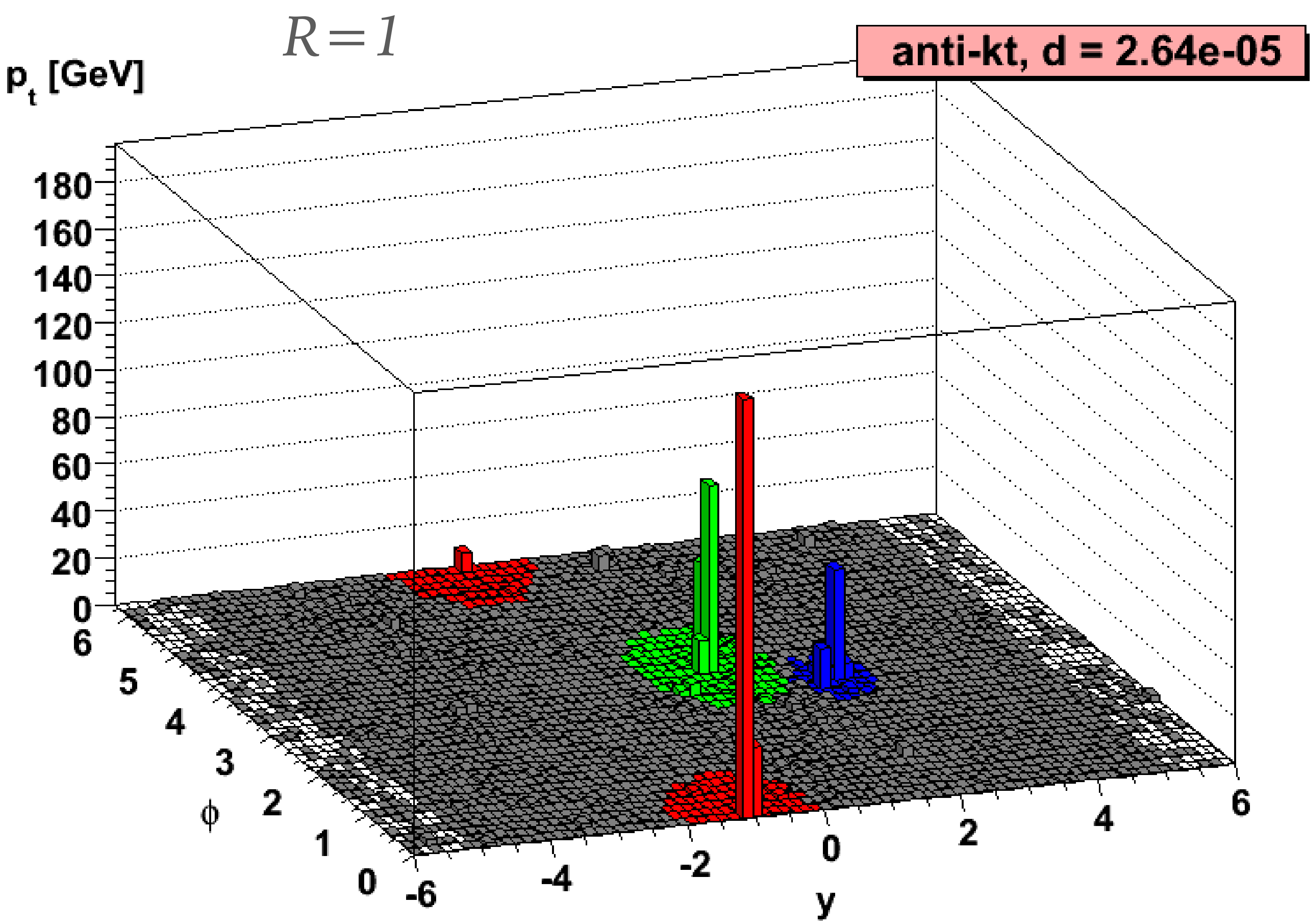

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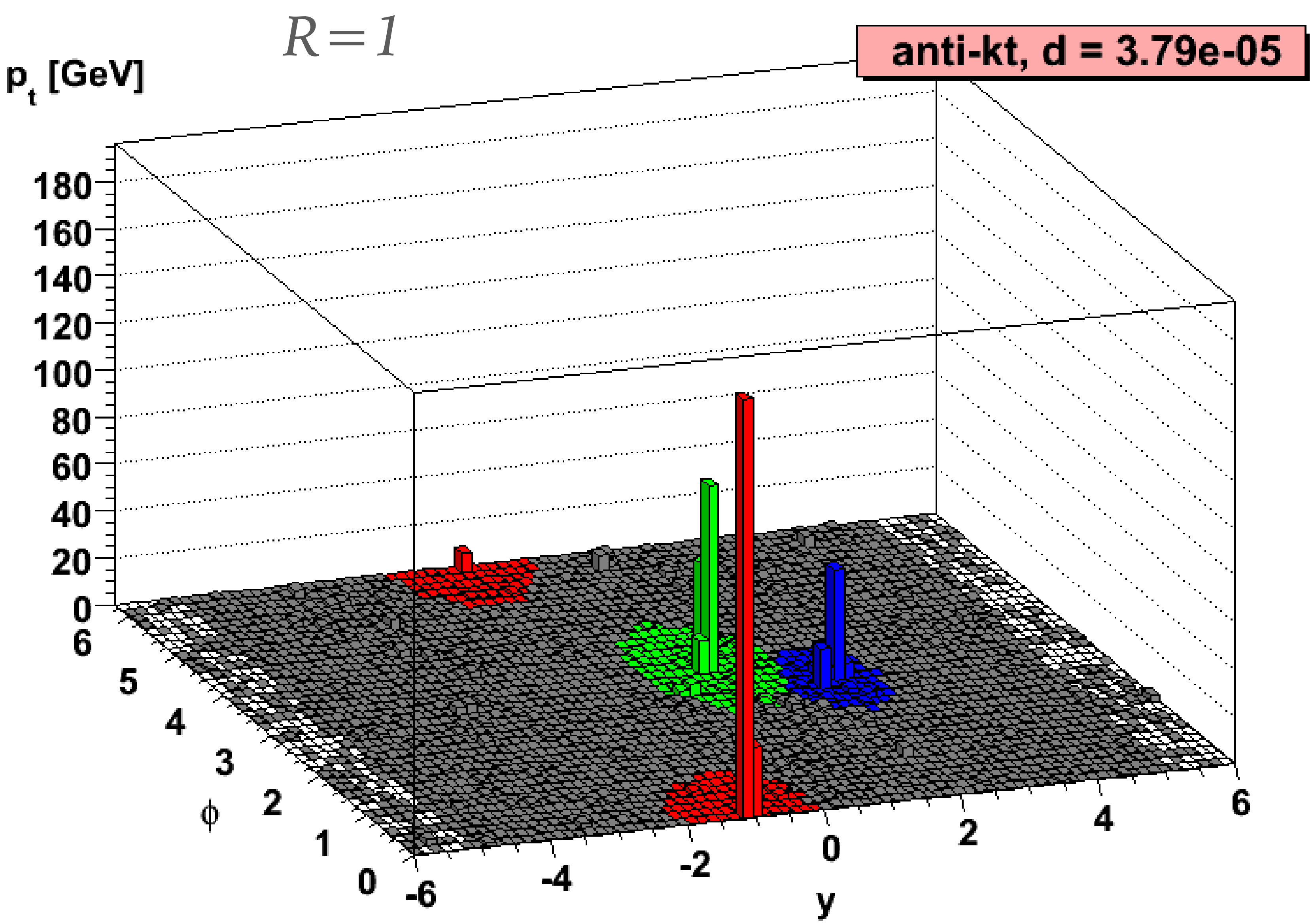

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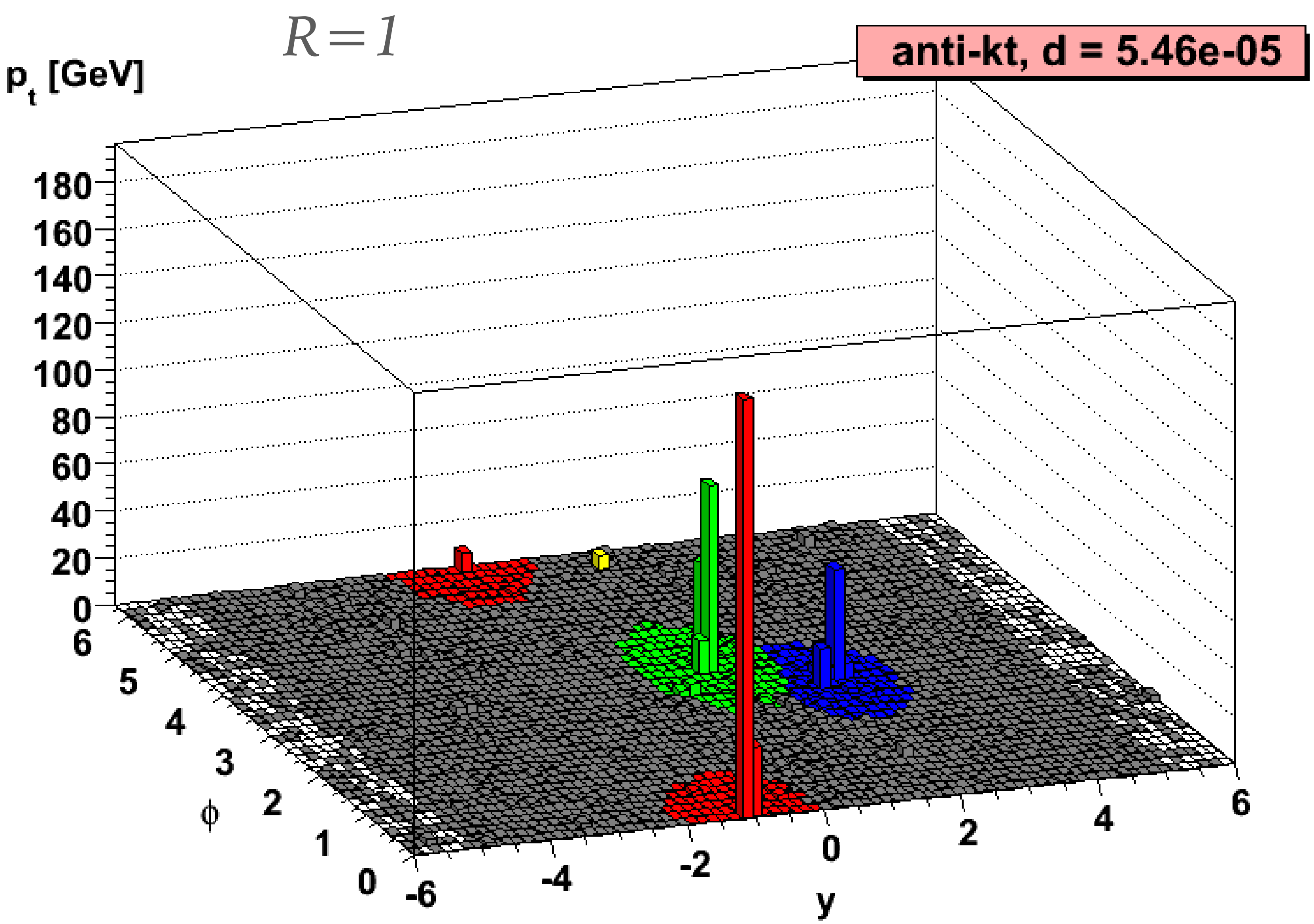

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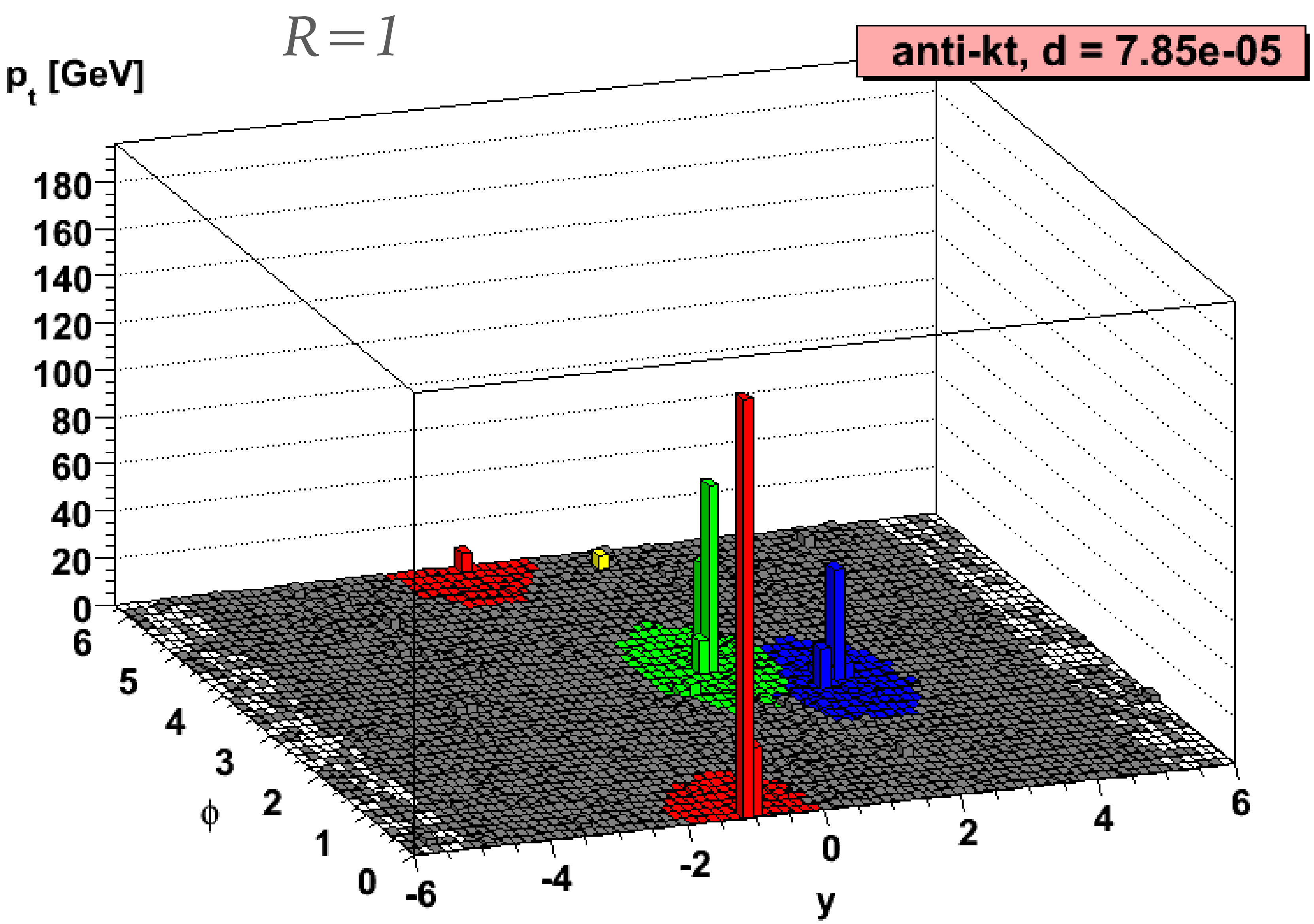

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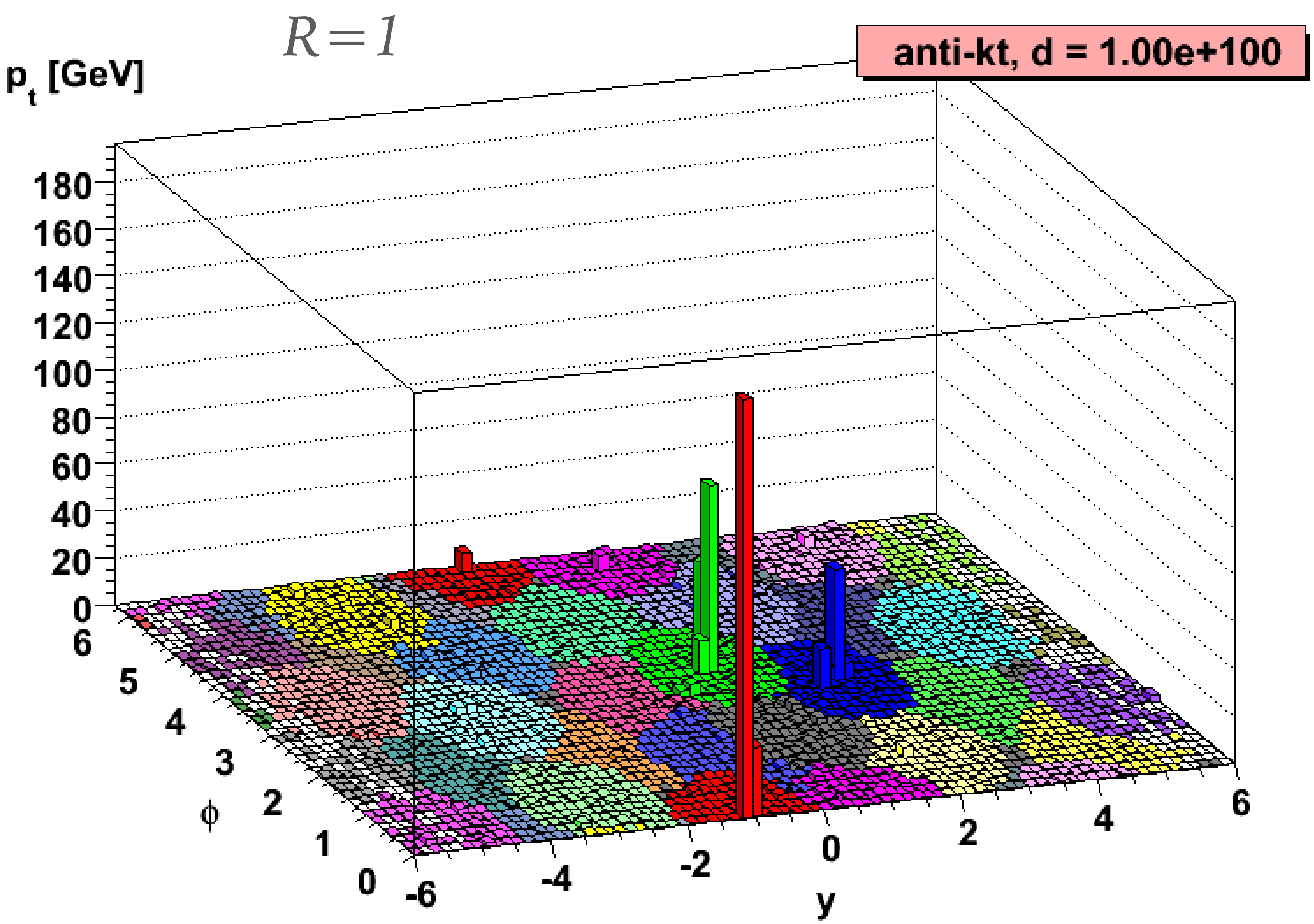

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Seeing W's and tops in a single high-p_T jet

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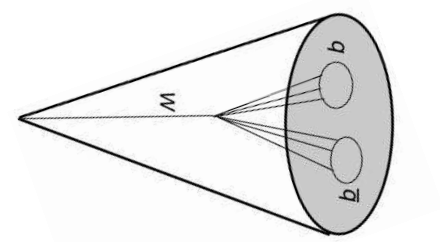

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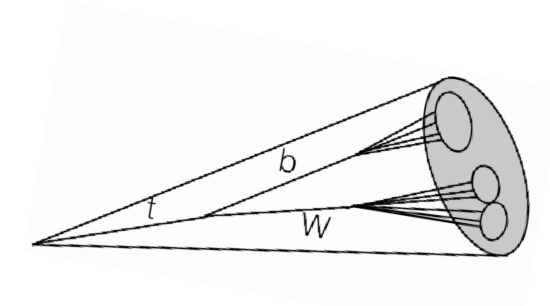

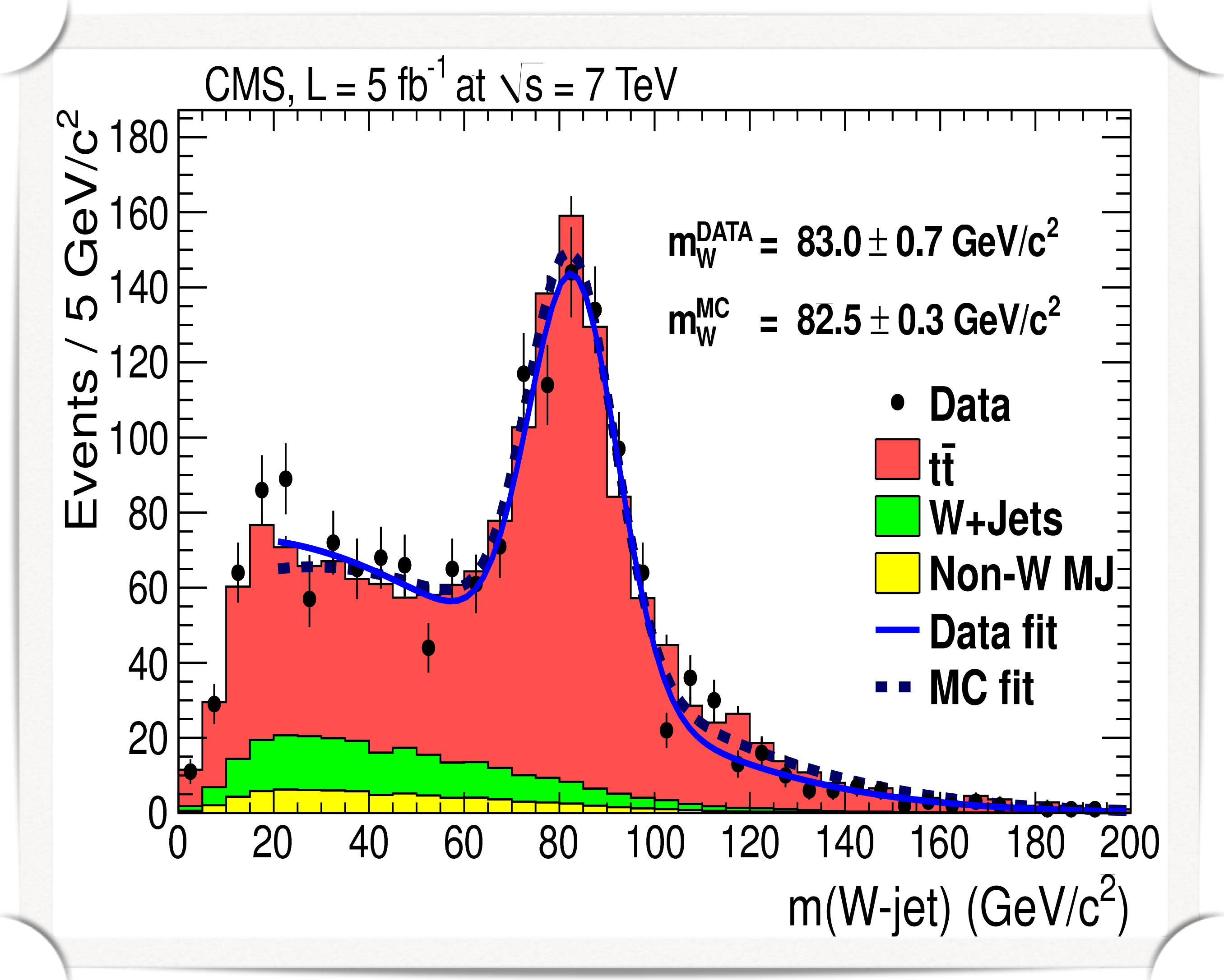

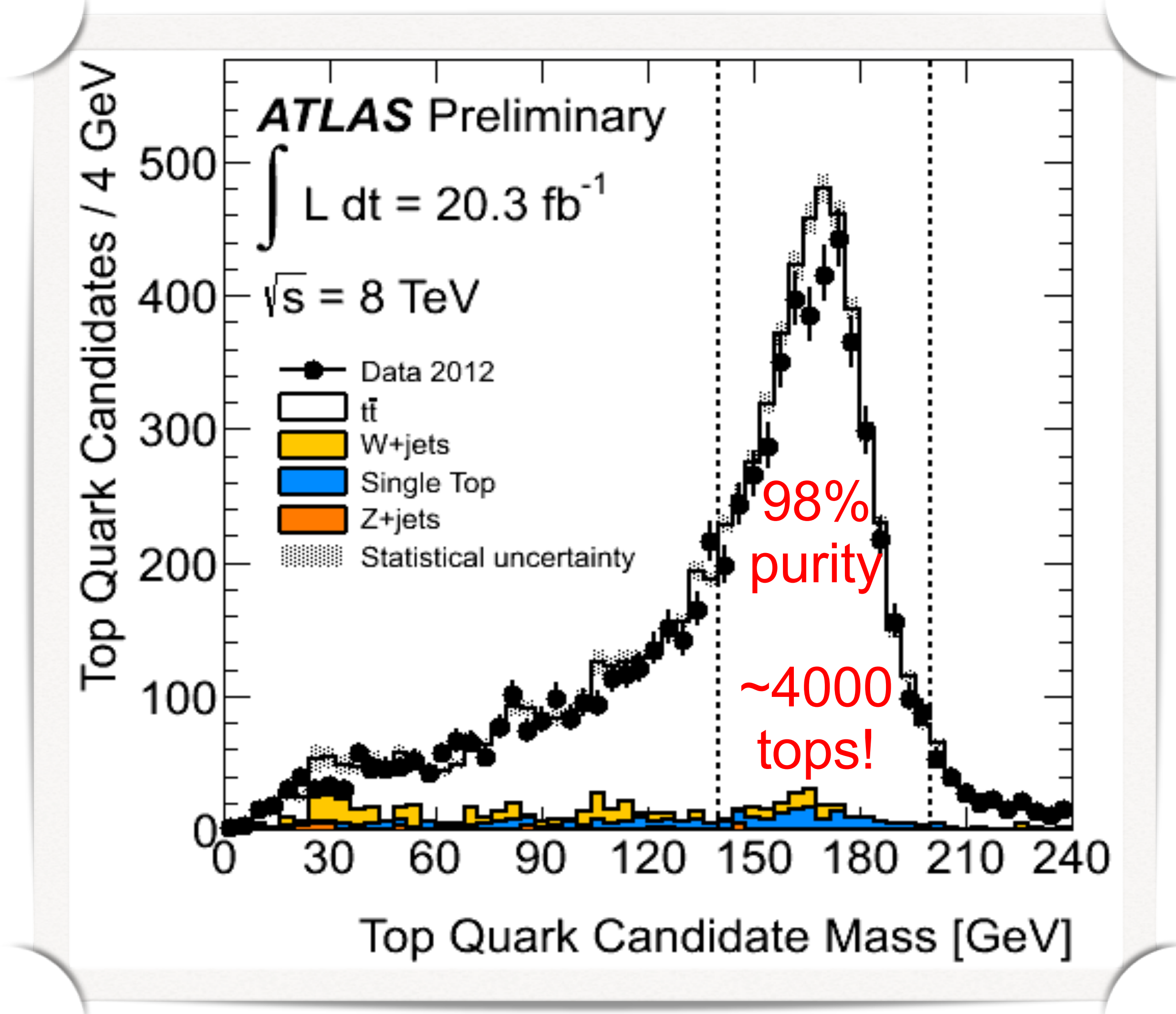

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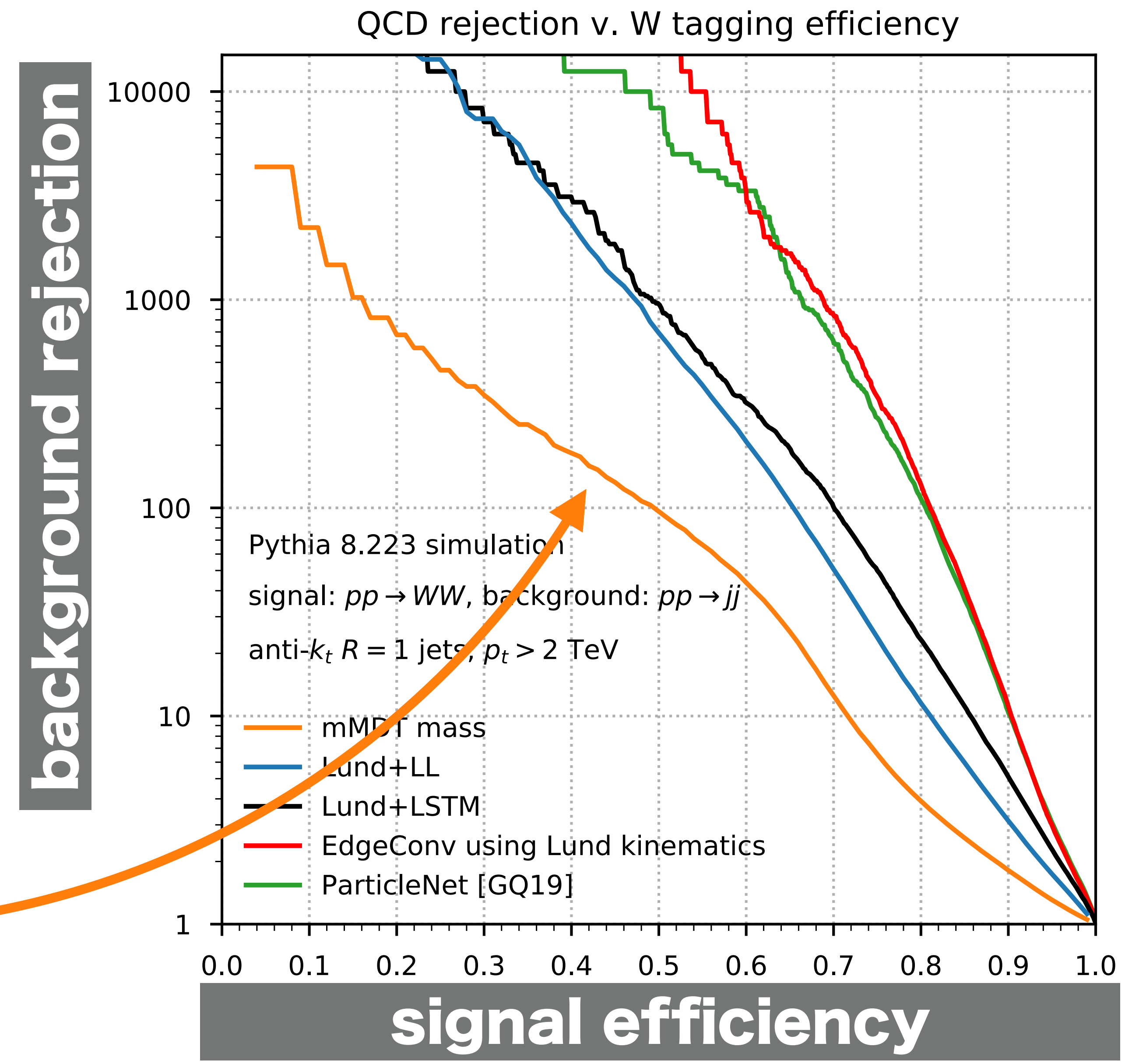

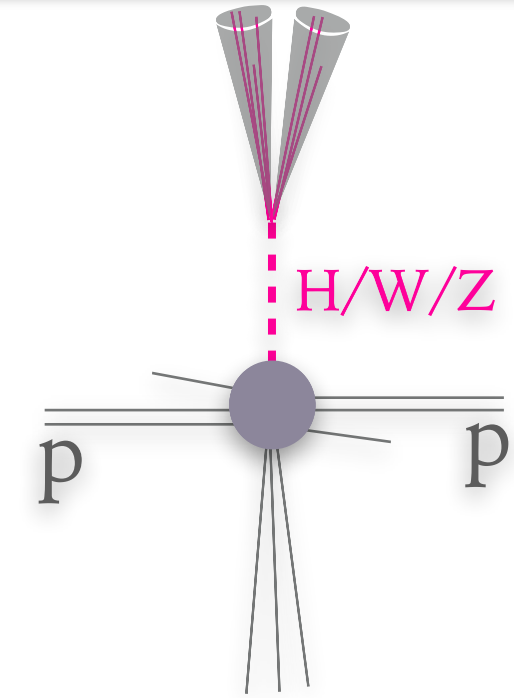

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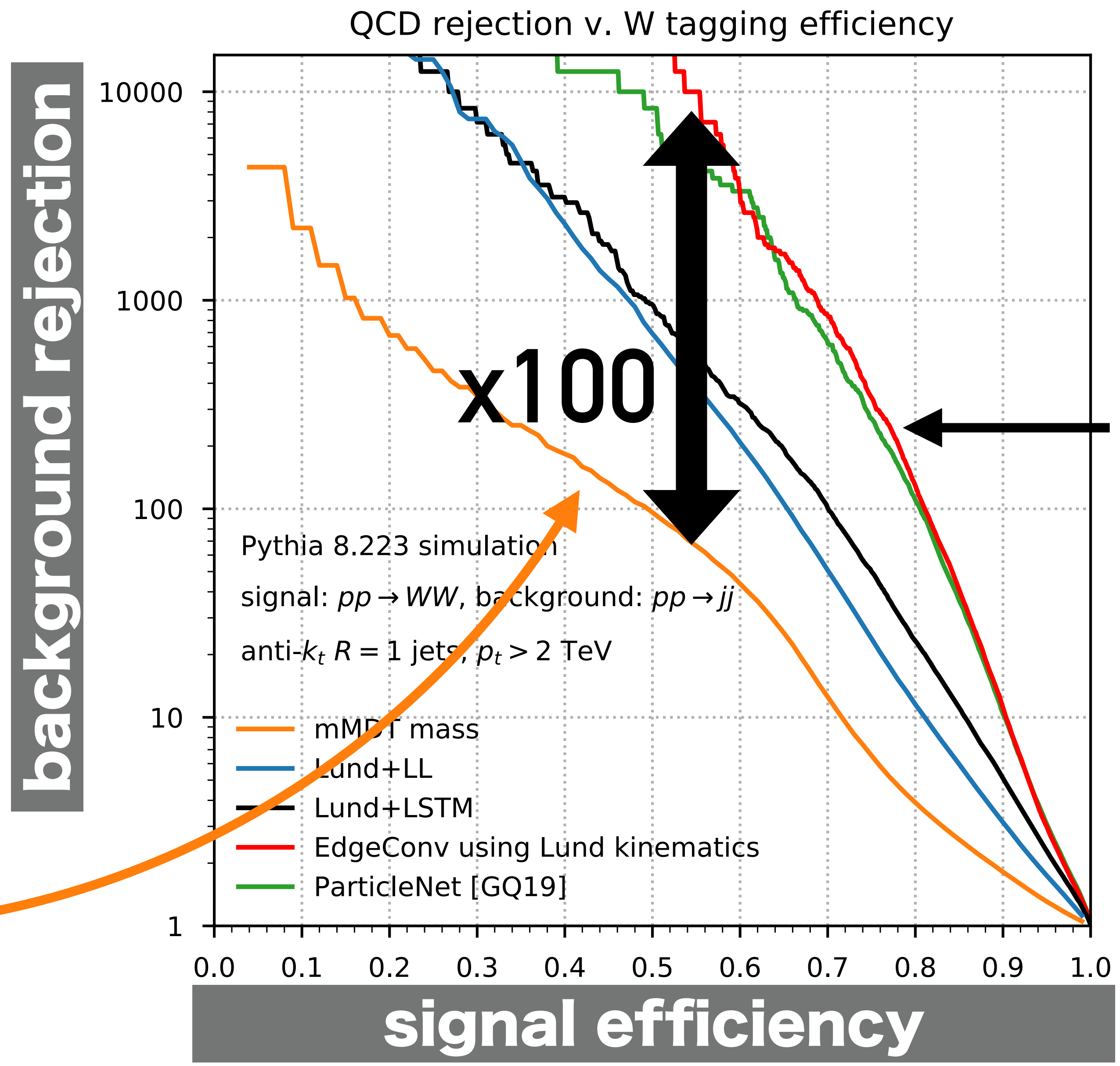

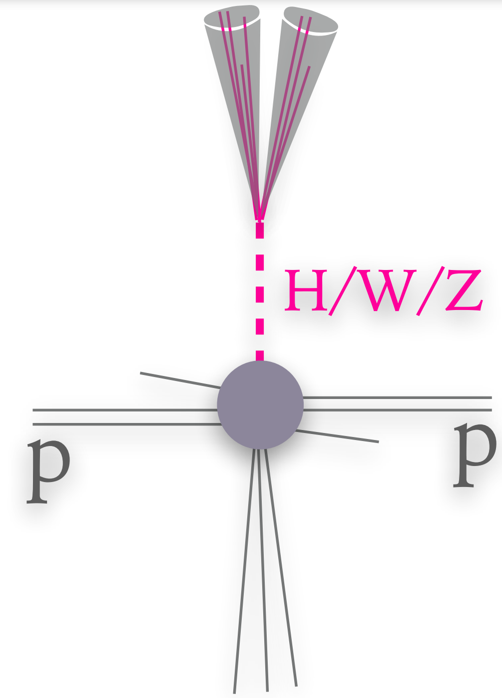

QCD rejection with use of full jet substructure (2019 tools)

100x better

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

conclusions

ATLAS H →WW* ANALYSIS [1604.02997]

3 Signal and background models

The ggF and VBF production modes for $H \to WW^*$ are modelled at next-to-leading order (NLO) in the strong coupling α_S with the Powheg MC generator [22–25], interfaced with Pythia8 [26] (version 8.165) for the parton shower, hadronisation, and underlying event. The CT10 [27] PDF set is used and the parameters of the Pythia8 generator controlling the modelling of the parton shower and the underlying event are those corresponding to the AU2 set [28]. The Higgs boson mass set in the generation is 125.0 GeV, which is close to the measured value. The Powheg ggF model takes into account finite quark masses and a running-width Breit–Wigner distribution that includes electroweak corrections at NLO [29]. To improve the modelling of the Higgs boson p_T distribution, a reweighting scheme is applied to reproduce the prediction of the next-to-next-to-leading-order (NNLO) and next-to-next-to-leading-logarithm (NNLL) dynamic-scale calculation given by the HRes 2.1 program [30]. Events with ≥ 2 jets are further reweighted to reproduce the p_T^H spectrum predicted by the NLO Powheg simulation of Higgs boson production in association with two jets (H + 2 jets) [31]. Interference with continuum WW production [32, 33] has a negligible impact on this analysis due to the transverse-mass selection criteria described in Section 4 and is not included in the signal model.

Jets are reconstructed from topological clusters of calorimeter cells [50–52] using the anti-k_t algorithm with a radius parameter of $R = 0.4$ [53]. Jet energies are corrected for the effects of calorimeter non-

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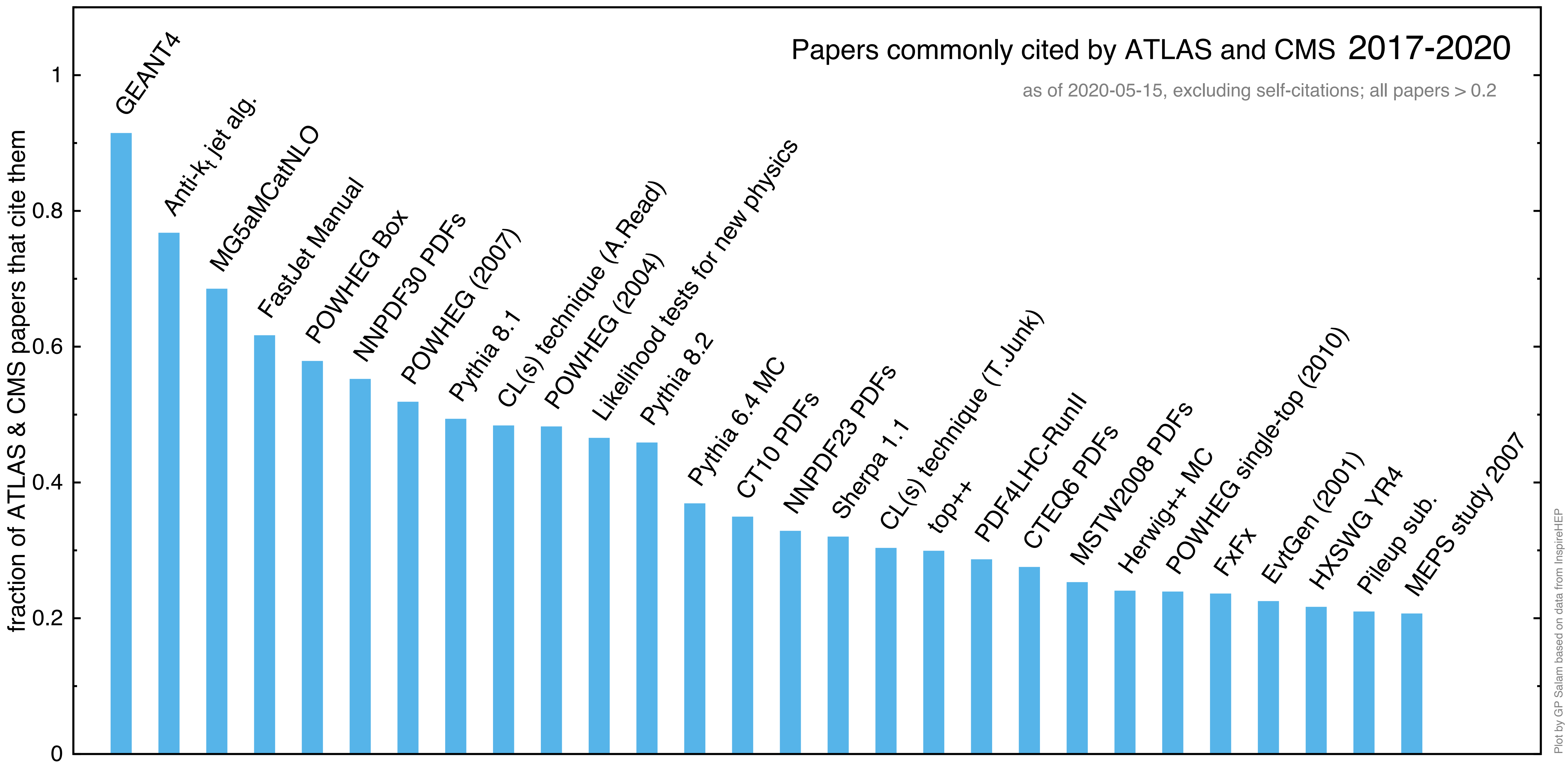

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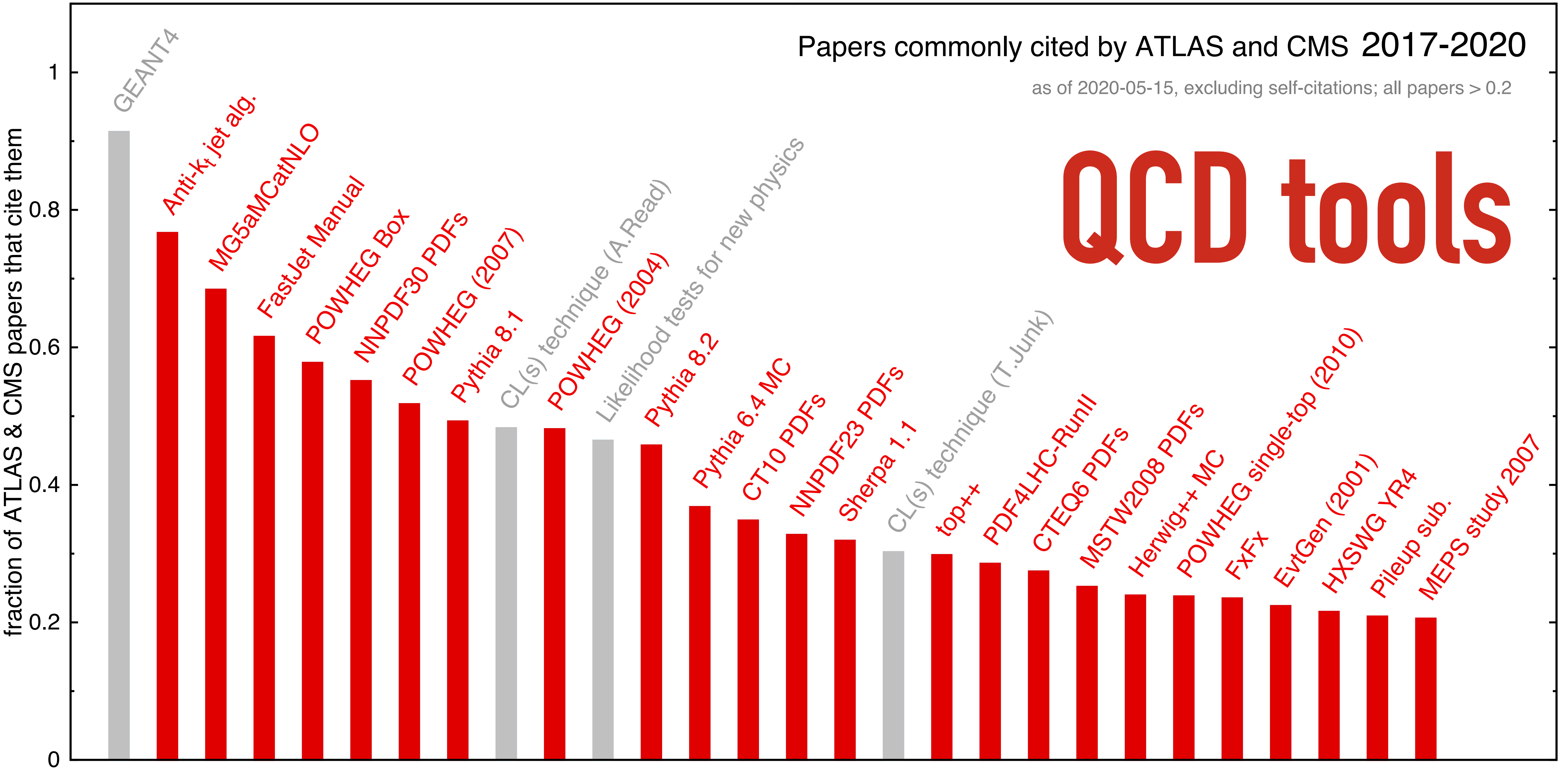
in the last 2 lectures we've seen a good number of the tools used at LHC



CONCLUSIONS

- A huge number of ingredients goes into hadron-collider predictions and studies (α_s, PDFs, matrix elements, resummation, parton showers, non-perturbative models, jet algorithms, etc.)
- a key idea is the separation of (time) scales, “factorisation”
  - short timescales: the hard process
  - long timescales: hadronic physics
  - in between: parton showers, resummation, DGLAP
- as long as you ask the right questions (e.g. look at jets, not individual hadrons), you can exploit this separation for quantitative, accurate, collider physics
- maximising accuracy and information extracted is today’s research frontier

Extra resources

Introductory level

QCD lecture notes from CERN schools, e.g.

- Peter Skands, arXiv:1207.2389
- GPS, arXiv:1011.5131 (getting increasingly dated!)

More advanced

Slides from QCD and Monte Carlo specific schools

- CTEQ schools: https://www.physics.smu.edu/scalise/cteq/#Summer
- MCNet schools: https://www.montecarlonet.org/schools/

Books

- QCD and collider physics, Ellis, Stirling & Webber
- The Black Book of Quantum Chromodynamics, Campbell, Huston & Krauss

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