

# Jet Substructure at the LHC

with the Template Overlap Method

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# Boosted objects

→ A heavy object ( $Z'$ , KK gluon, ..) decays into light ones ( $t$ ,  $H$ ,  $W/Z$ ), which then come out with a boost

→ At the LHC, a heavy particle ( $t$ ,  $H$ ,  $W/Z$ ) can be produced at high transverse momentum by recoiling against another energetic object.

(See Christoph and José's talks)

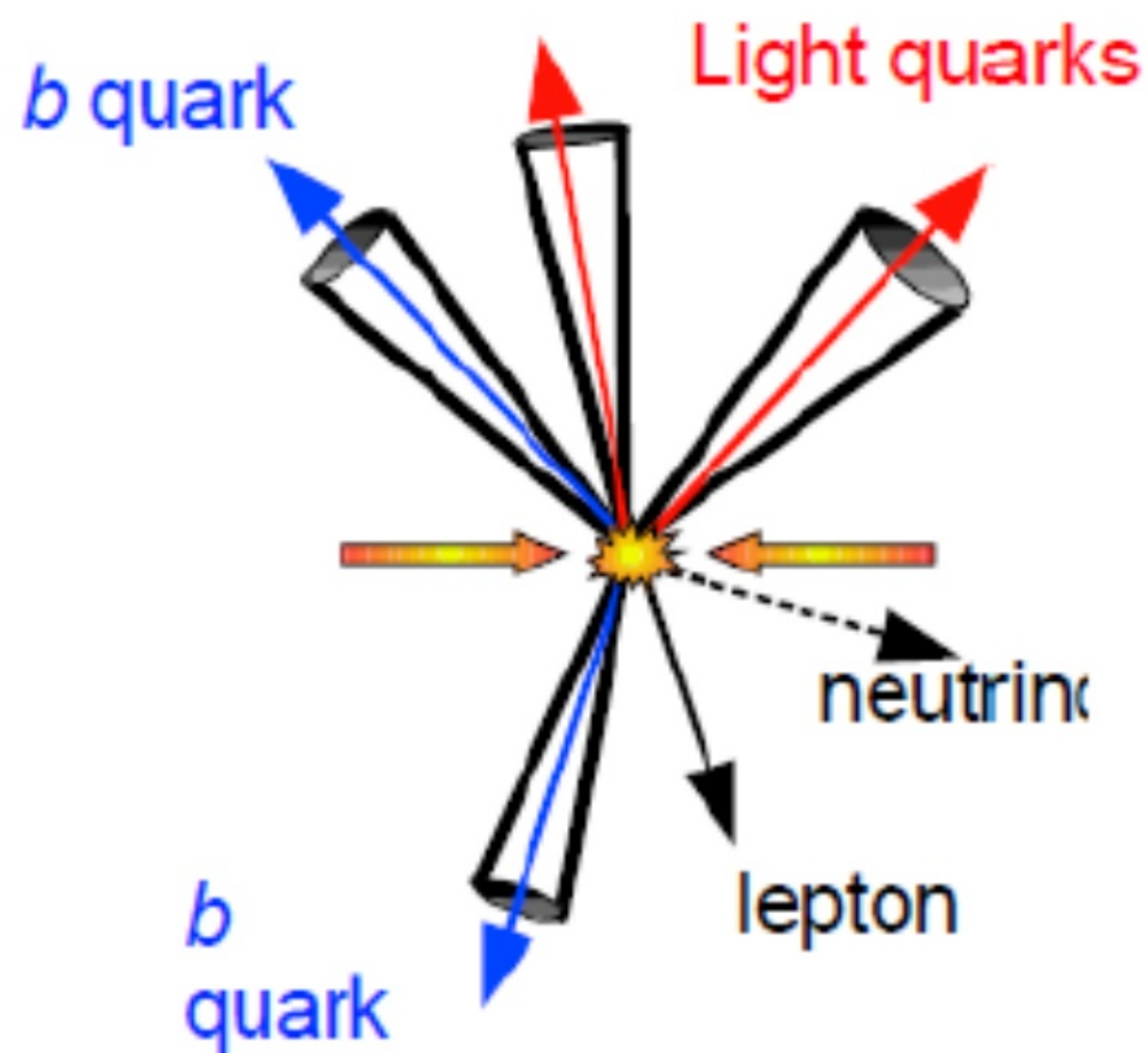
→ Jets with high transverse momentum and high mass are a playground for testing perturbative QCD (pQCD)

# Boosted massive particles

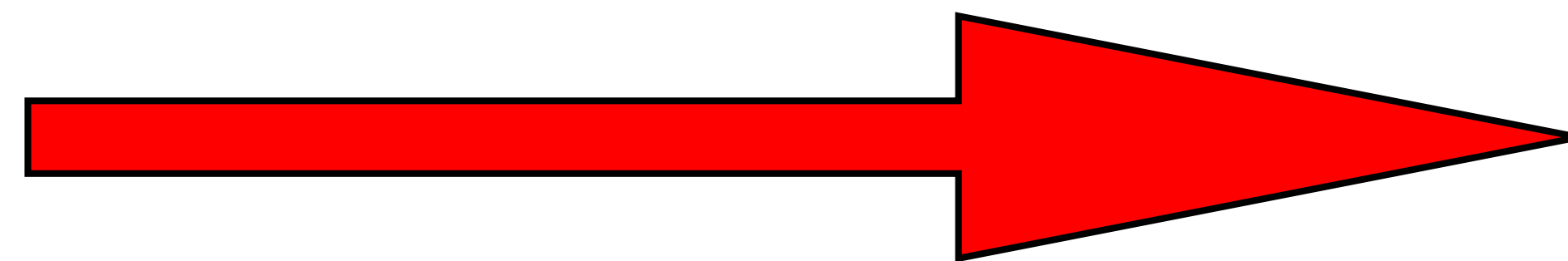
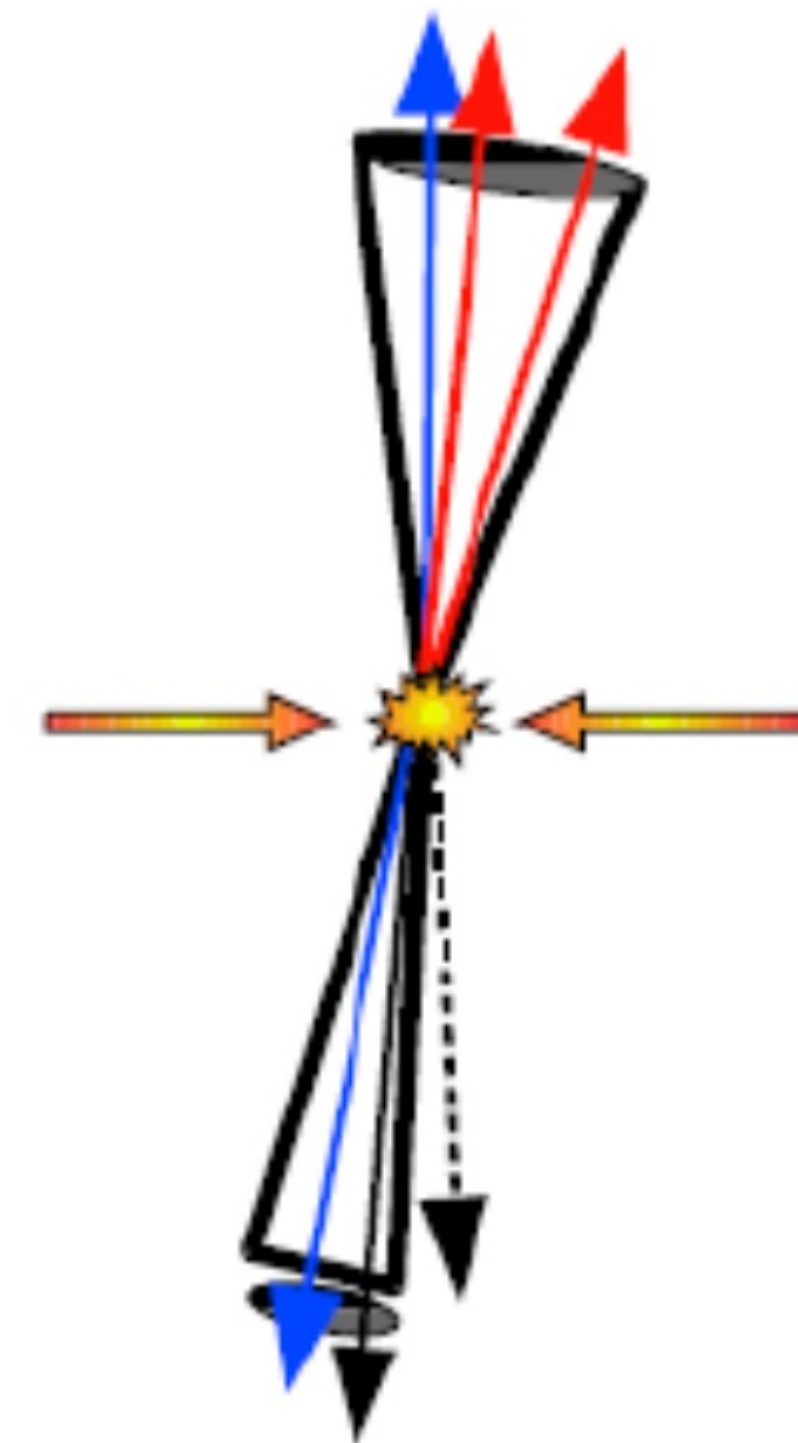
Classical “resolved” algorithms run into problems for highly boosted objects:

- At high enough  $p_T$ , decay products not resolved by jet algorithms
- Isolation of leptons

## Resolved



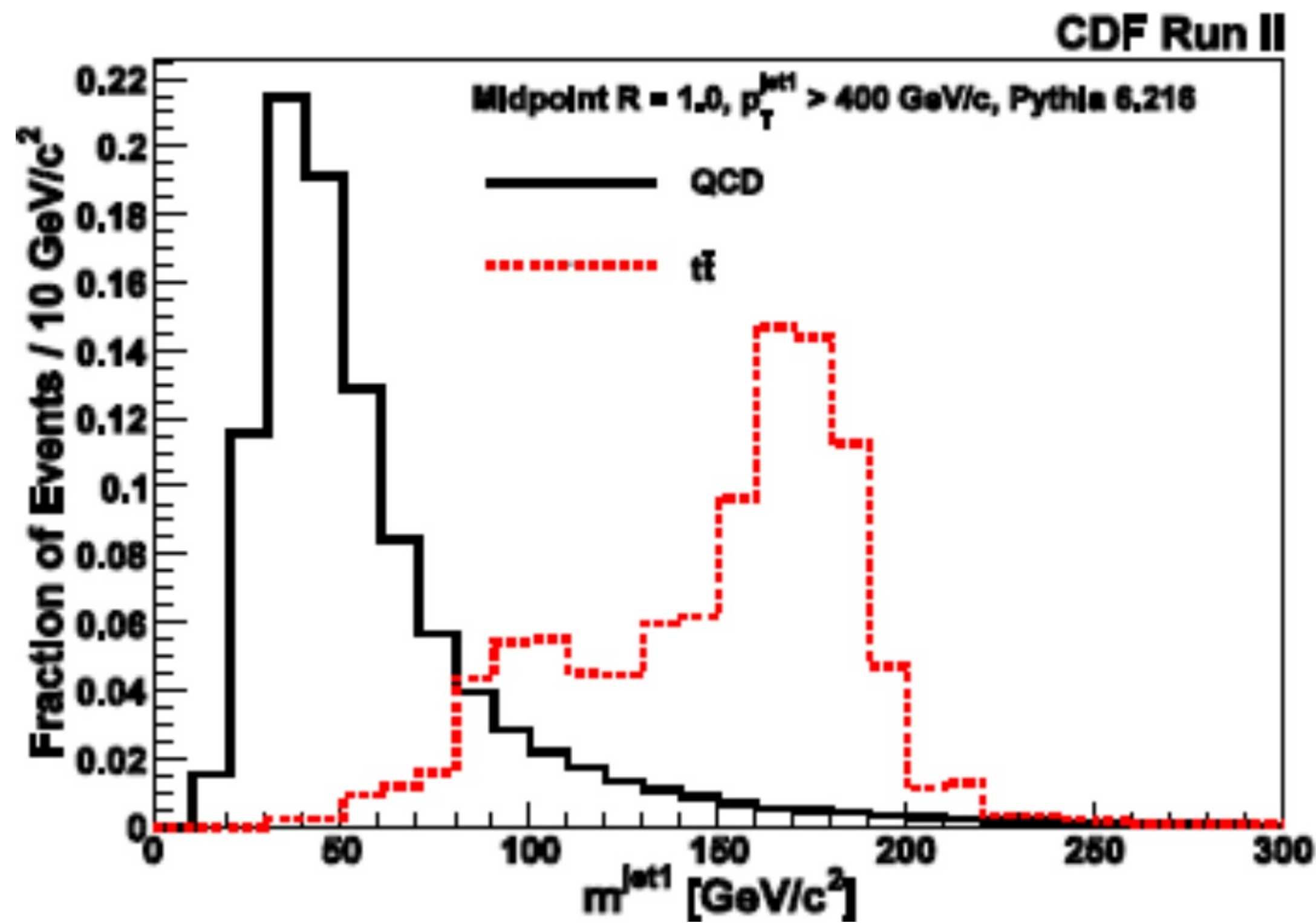
## Unresolved



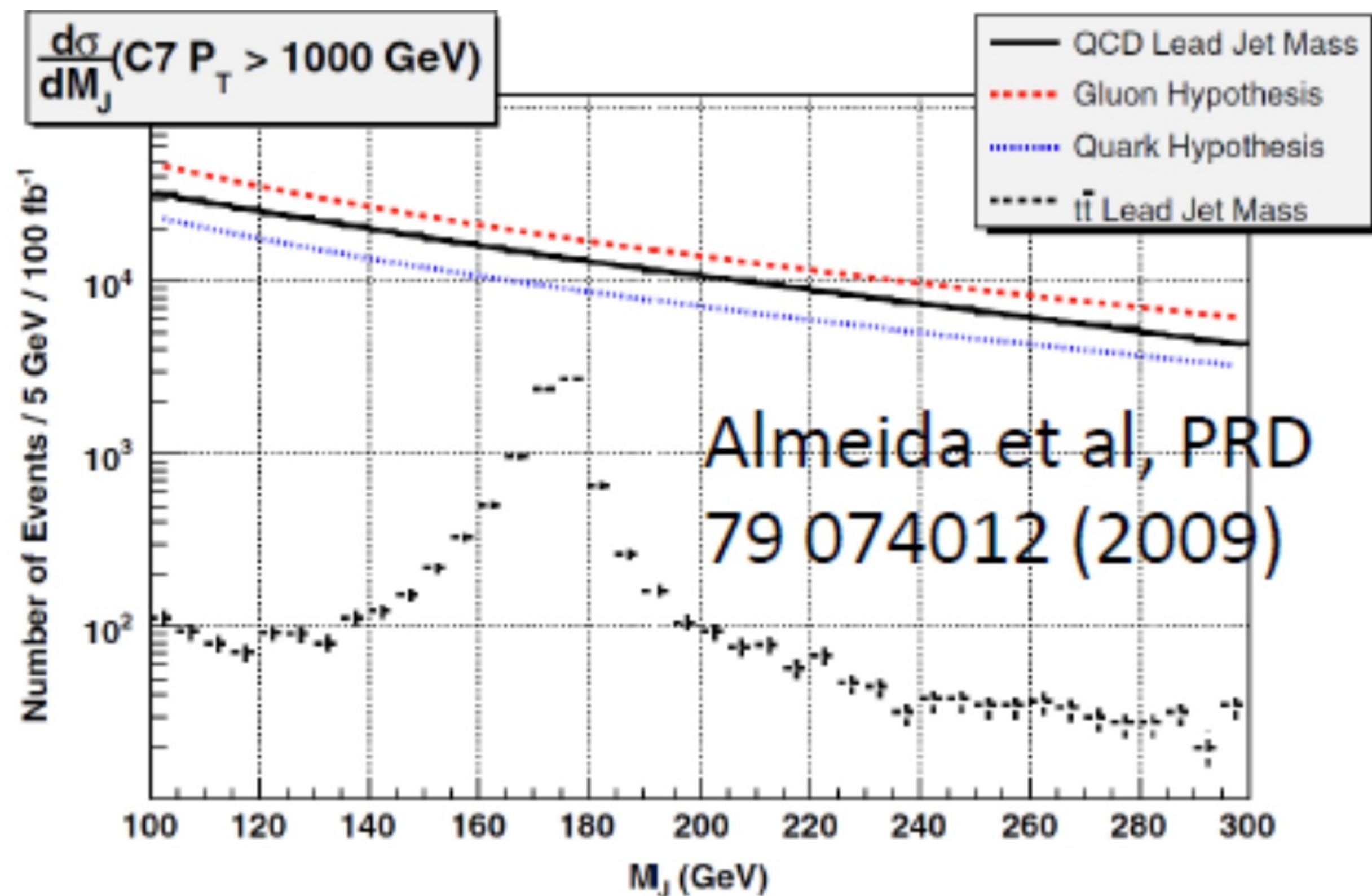
# $p_T$



# But QCD is our enemy...



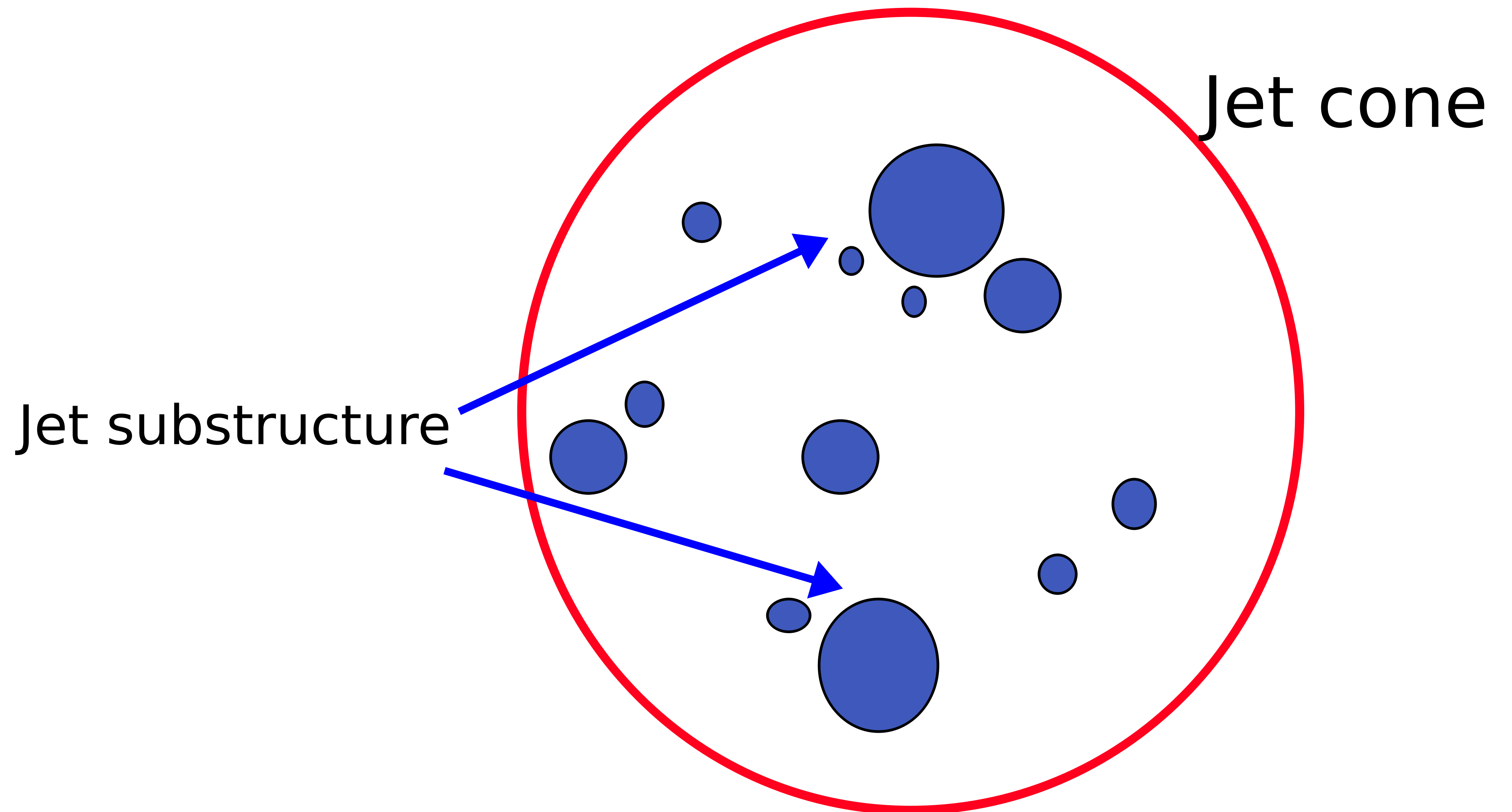
- Simplest observable is the jet mass
- Even such exotic states will coexist with a large tail of the mass distribution of light parton QCD jets



So how do we proceed?

# Jet Substructure

Thus, it will generally be necessary to use **jet substructure** systematically to identify the states that initiated the jets



# Background rejection: basic approaches

*Not an exhaustive list*

- Subjet/grooming techniques

Filtering (Butterworth et al. 2008)

Pruning (Ellis et al. 2009)

Trimming (Krohn et al. 2010)

y-splitter (Butterworth et al.)

John Hopkins tagger (Kaplan et al.)

HEP Top tagger (Pehn et al.)

tree less approach (Jankowiak et al.)

- Energy flow methods

Template Overlap (Almeida et al. 2010)

Jet shapes (Thaler and Wang)

(Almeida et al.)

(Gallicchio, Schwartz)

- Hybrids

Dipolarity (Hook, Jankowiak,)

N-subjettiness (Thaler, Van Tilburg)

- And more ...

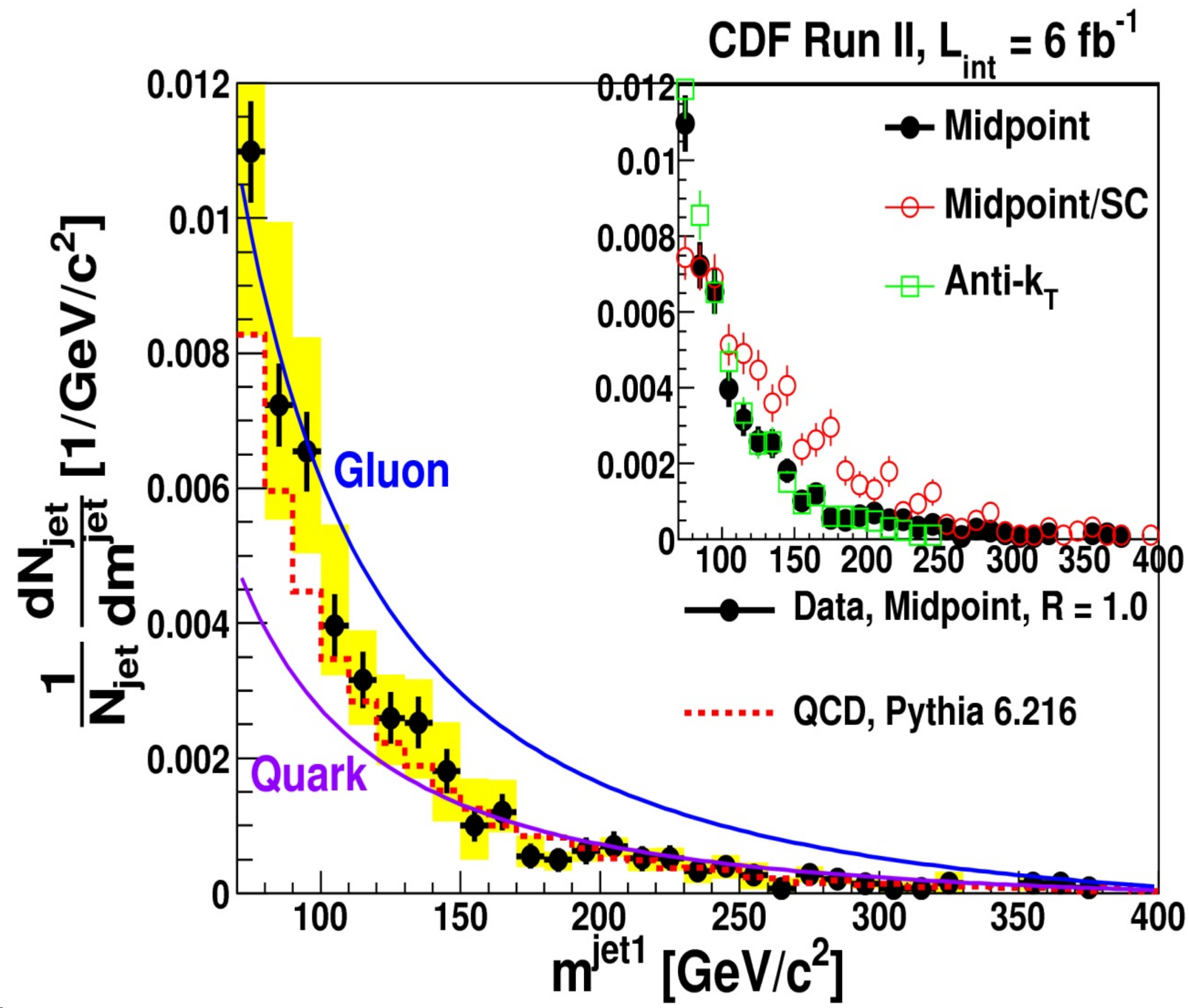
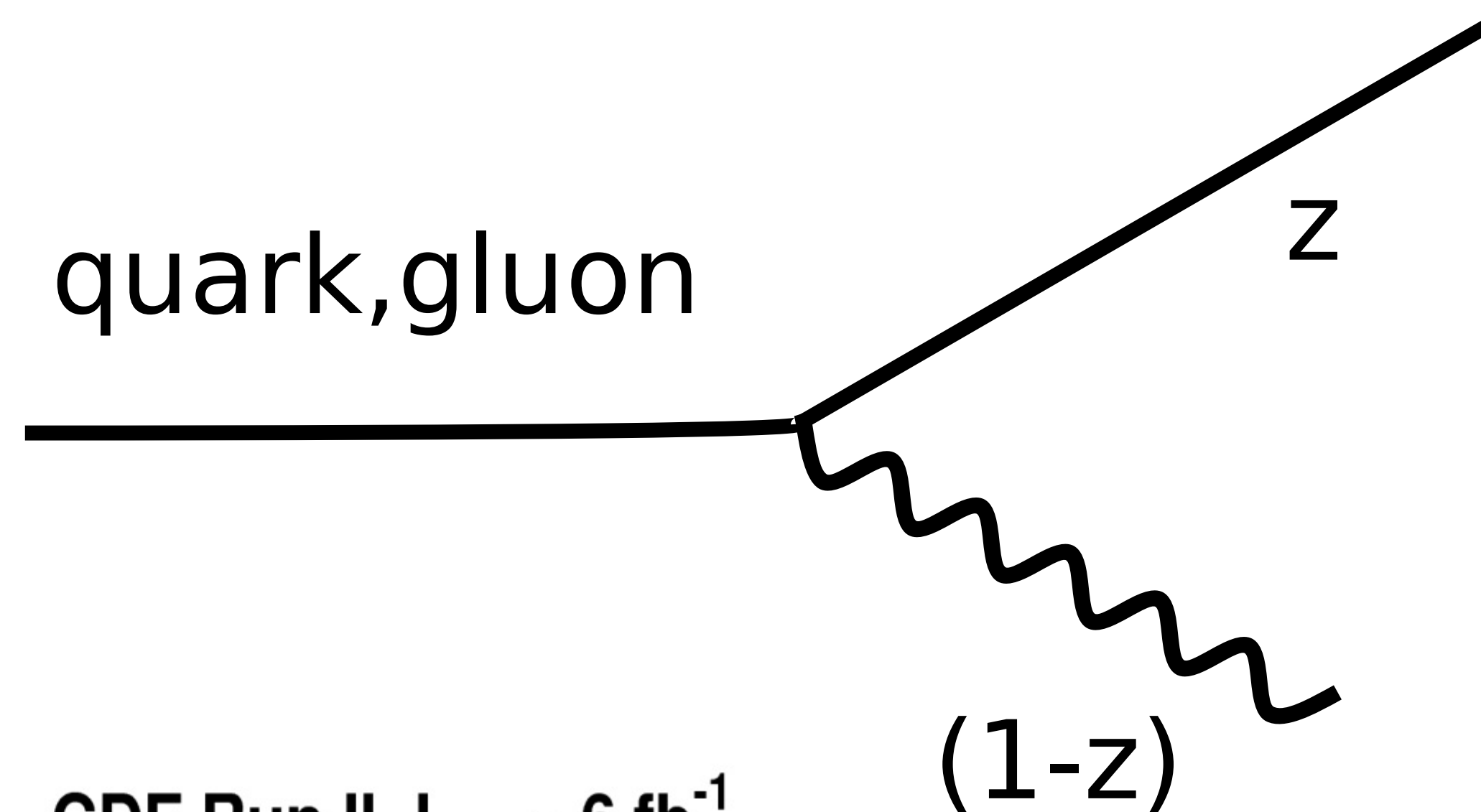
Shower deconstruction (Soper et al., 2011)

Multivariate (Gallicchio et al.)



# Warm-up: QCD jet mass distribution

Almeida, Lee, Perez, Sterman, Sung (2008)

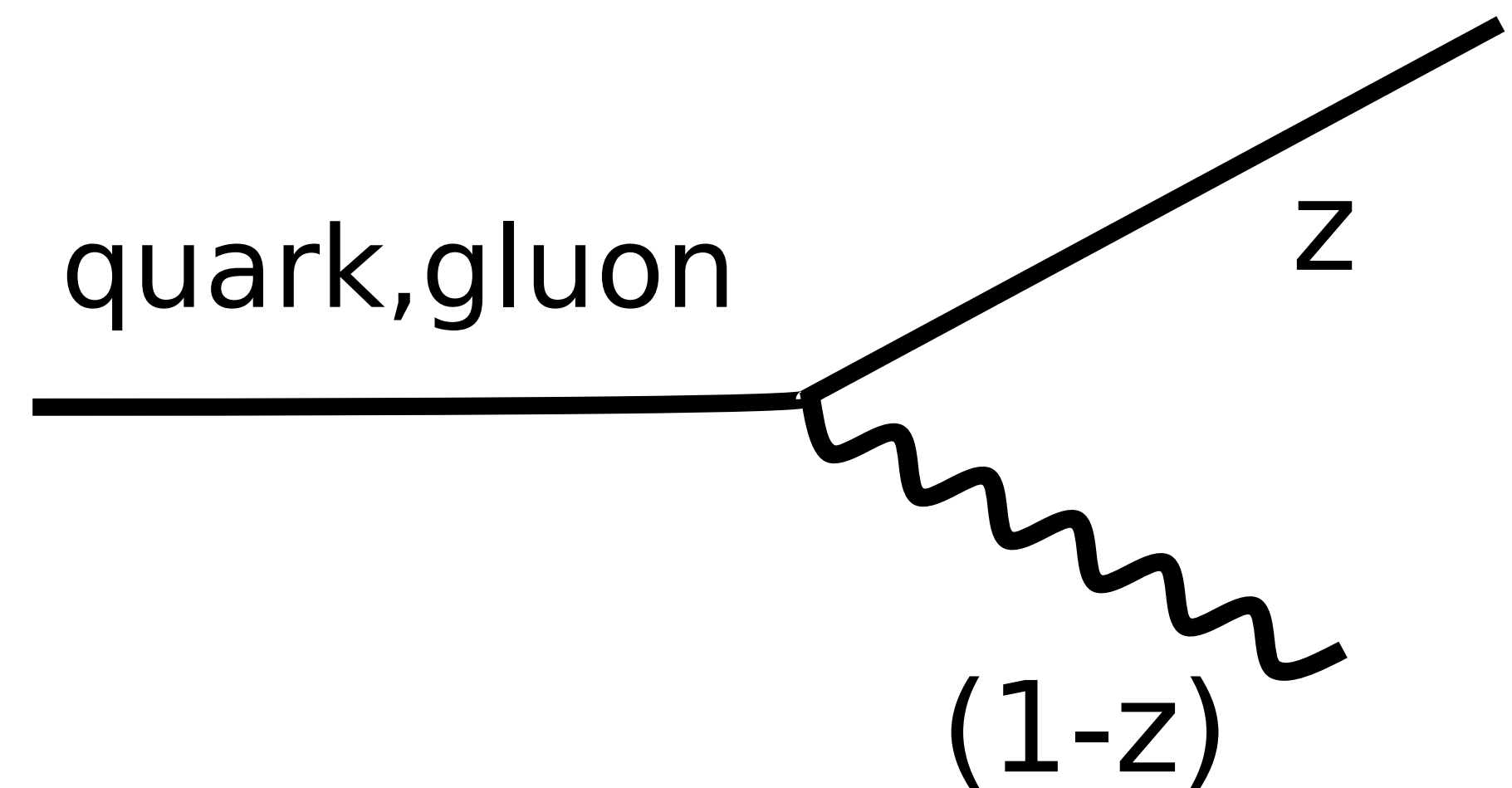
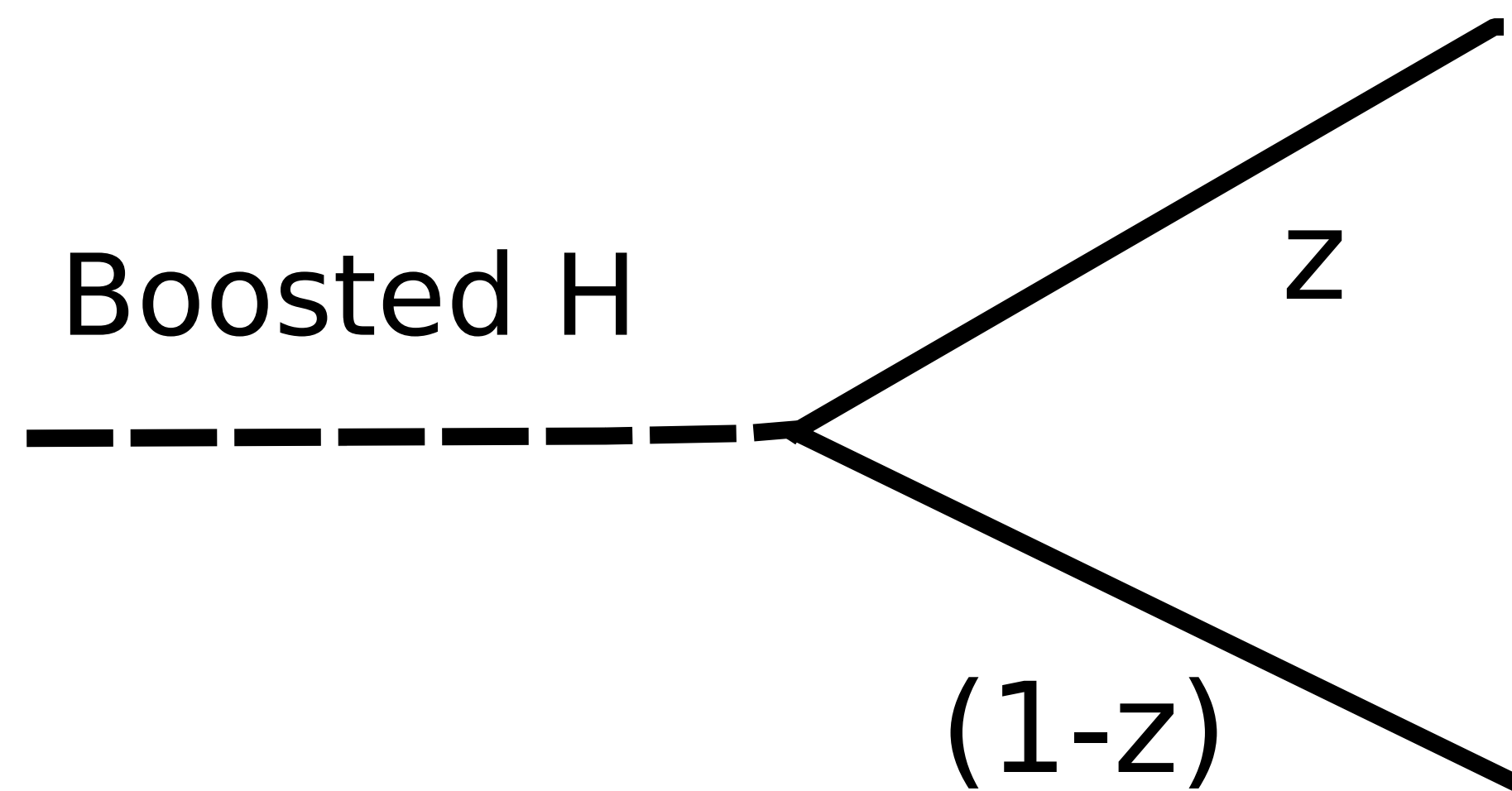


$$\frac{d\sigma}{dm_J^2} \propto \frac{C_F}{m_J^2} \ln \left( \frac{E^2 R^2}{m_J^2} \right)$$

Acceptable agreement with data

# Beyond jet mass

- One more variable to LO (Energy ratio or angle)
- Higgs decays are democratic, sharing energy evenly

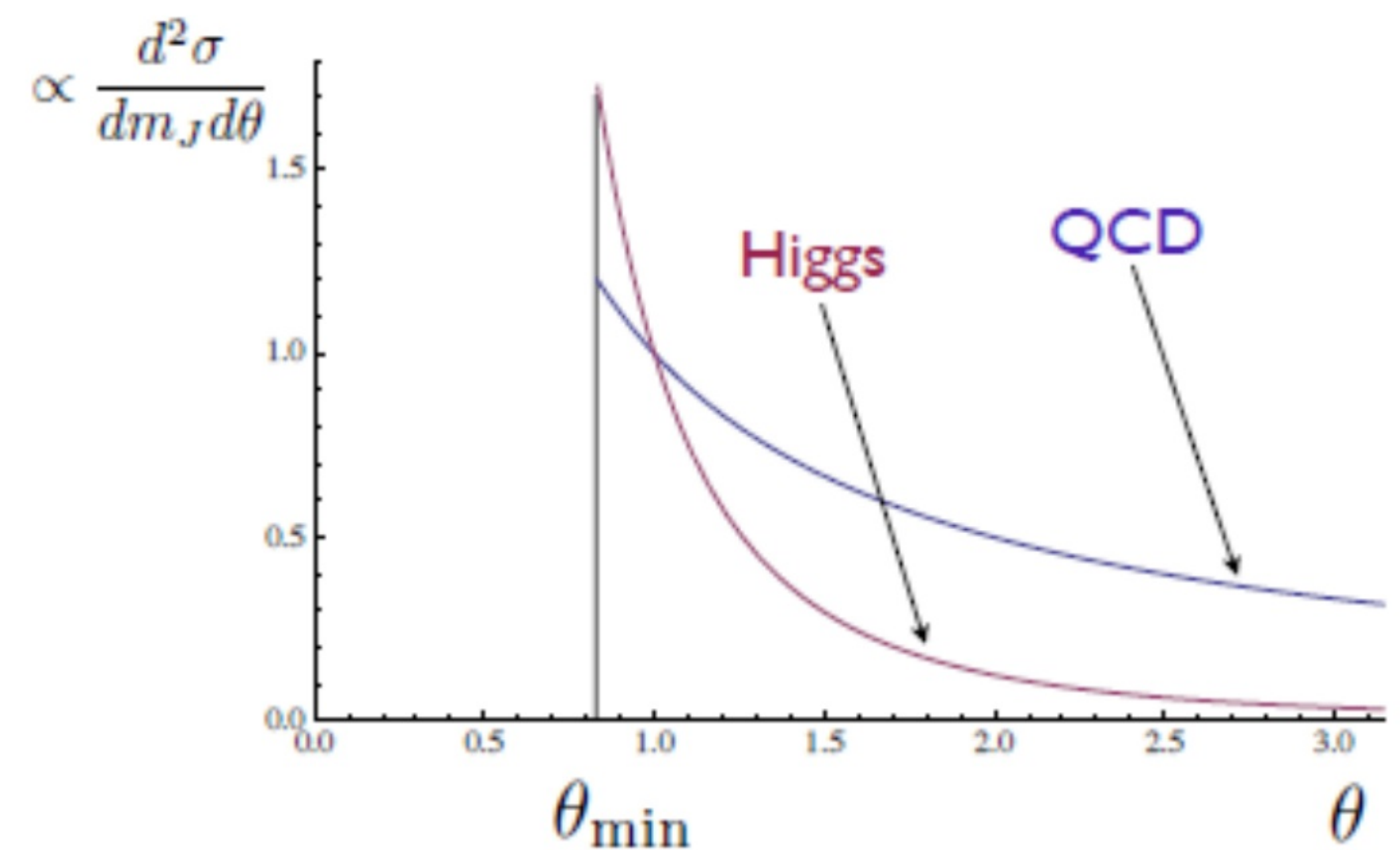


QCD

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dm_J^2 d\theta} \propto \alpha_s \frac{C_F}{m_J^2} \frac{1}{\theta} \Big|_{R > \theta > \frac{m_J}{E_J}}$$

Higgs

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dm_J^2 d\theta} \propto \delta(m_J^2 - m_H^2) \frac{1}{\theta^3} \Big|_{R > \theta > \frac{m_J}{E_J}}$$



Almeida et al. 08



# Need to understand energy flow inside jets

## Guiding principles

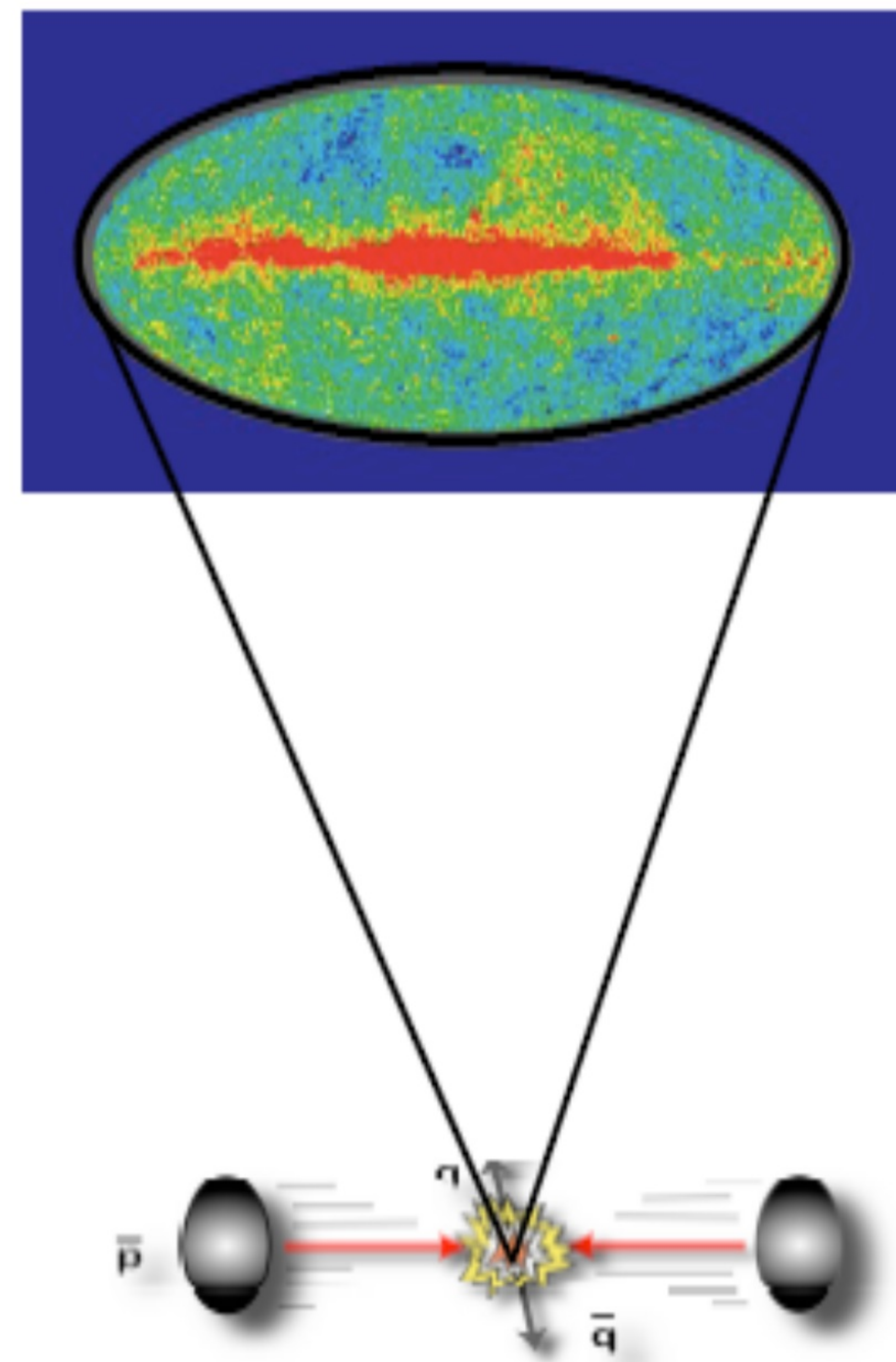
- Particle decays are "democratic", sharing energy evenly
- Angular ordering implies that the majority of QCD radiation emitted by the color-singlet objects is within cones of radius  $\Delta R$  (See Jason's talk for color radiation from colored objects)
- The spiky hard part of the signal should be insensitive to the diffuse QCD radiation from UE/Pileup

Can we use the partonic decay information, comparing directly to data, to tell us about the substructure of massive jets?

# Template Overlap: basic idea

*Almeida, Lee, Perez, Sterman, Sung (2010)*

- We can characterize the signal via spikes of energy, that we can calculate in perturbation theory: **templates**
- Build catalog of all partonic boosted decays of our signal
- Search for a configuration that give us a good match to the current jet.
- The best-matched partonic decay gives us information about the likelihood that the jet is signal or background



# Template Overlap Method

*Almeida, Lee, Perez, Sterman, Sung (2010)*

Functional measure for the quantitative comparison of the energy flow of observed jets at high- $p_T$  with the flow of a selected sets (**the templates**) of partonic states

$$\langle j|f \rangle = \mathcal{F} \left[ \frac{dE(j)}{d\Omega}, \frac{dE(f)}{d\Omega} \right]$$

Our Templates will be sets of partonic momenta

$$\sum_{i=1}^N p_i = P, \quad P^2 = M^2$$

For a given  $j$ , we determine the template state  $f[j]$  for which the measure is maximized:

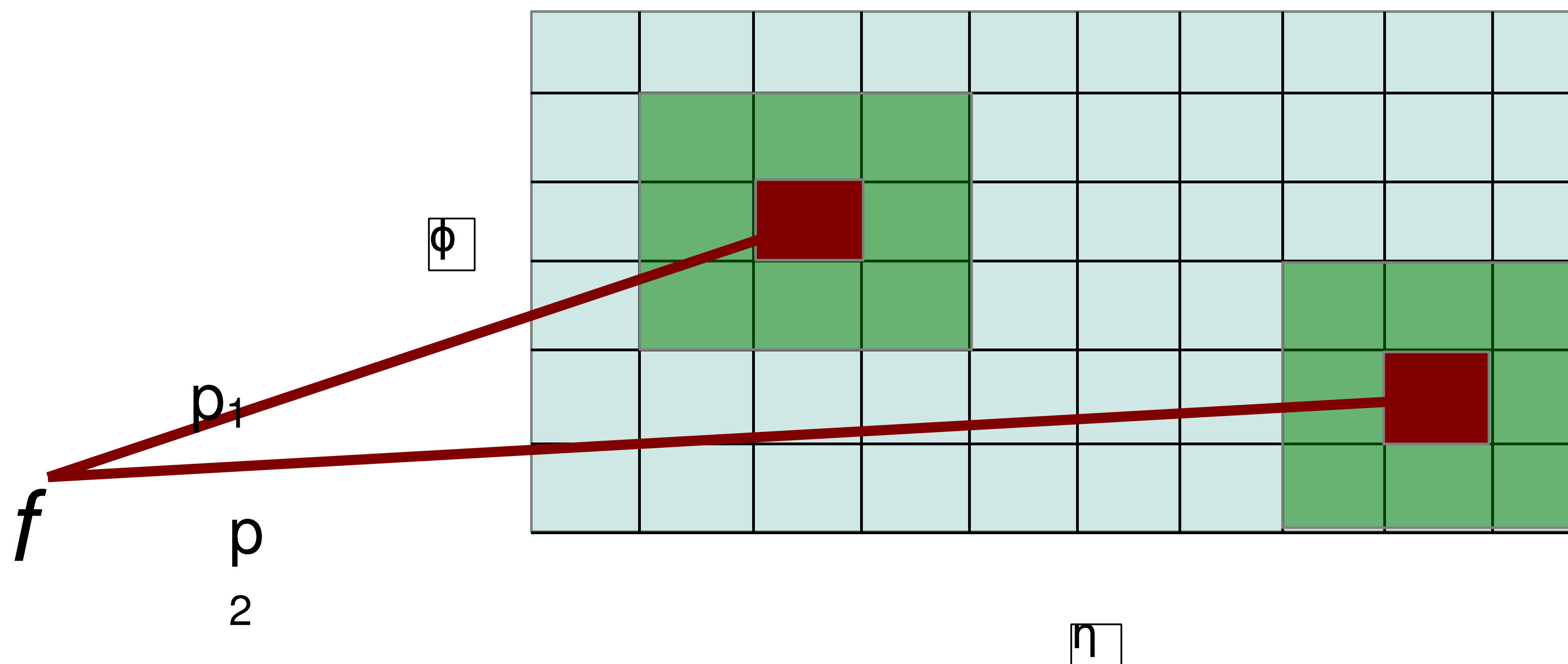
$$Ov(j, f) = \max_{\{f\}} \mathcal{F}(j, f)$$



# Templates with data discretization

We compute the overlap between data state  $j$  and N-body template  $f$  from the sum of the energy in the nine cells of state  $j$  surrounding and including the cells of template  $f$

$$Ov_N(j, f) = \max_{\tau_N^{(R)}} \exp \left[ - \sum_{a=1}^N \frac{1}{2\sigma_a^2} \left( \sum_{k=i_a-1}^{i_a+1} \sum_{l=j_a-1}^{j_a+1} E(k, l) - E(i_a, j_a)^{(f)} \right)^2 \right]$$



# Initial jet selection

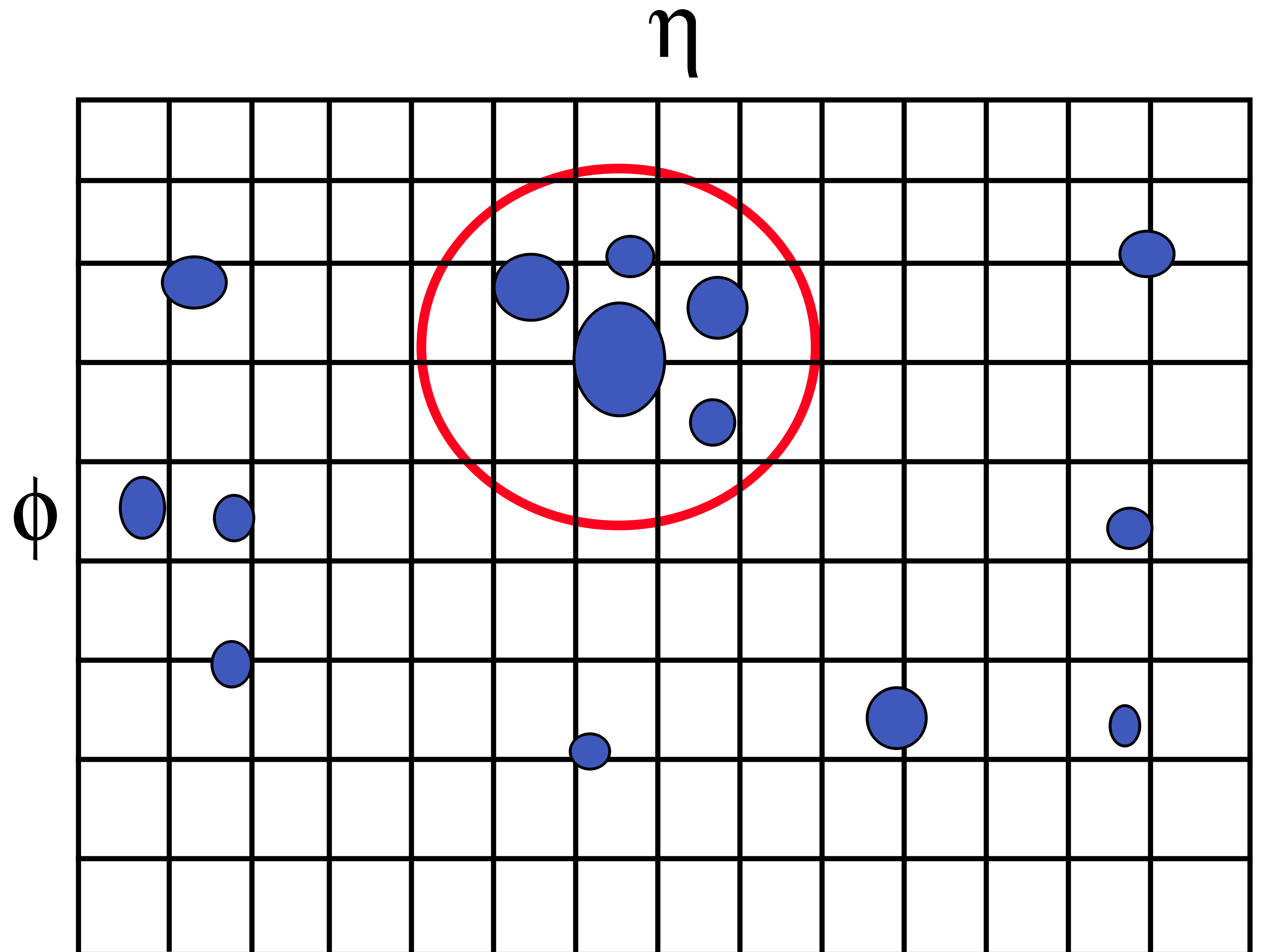
Build anti- $k_T$  jets  
with large cone  
sizes  
( $R=1.0, 1.2, 1.4$ )

Impose jet selection  
cuts

$p_{T,jet} > 200 \text{ GeV}$

$|\eta| < 2.5$

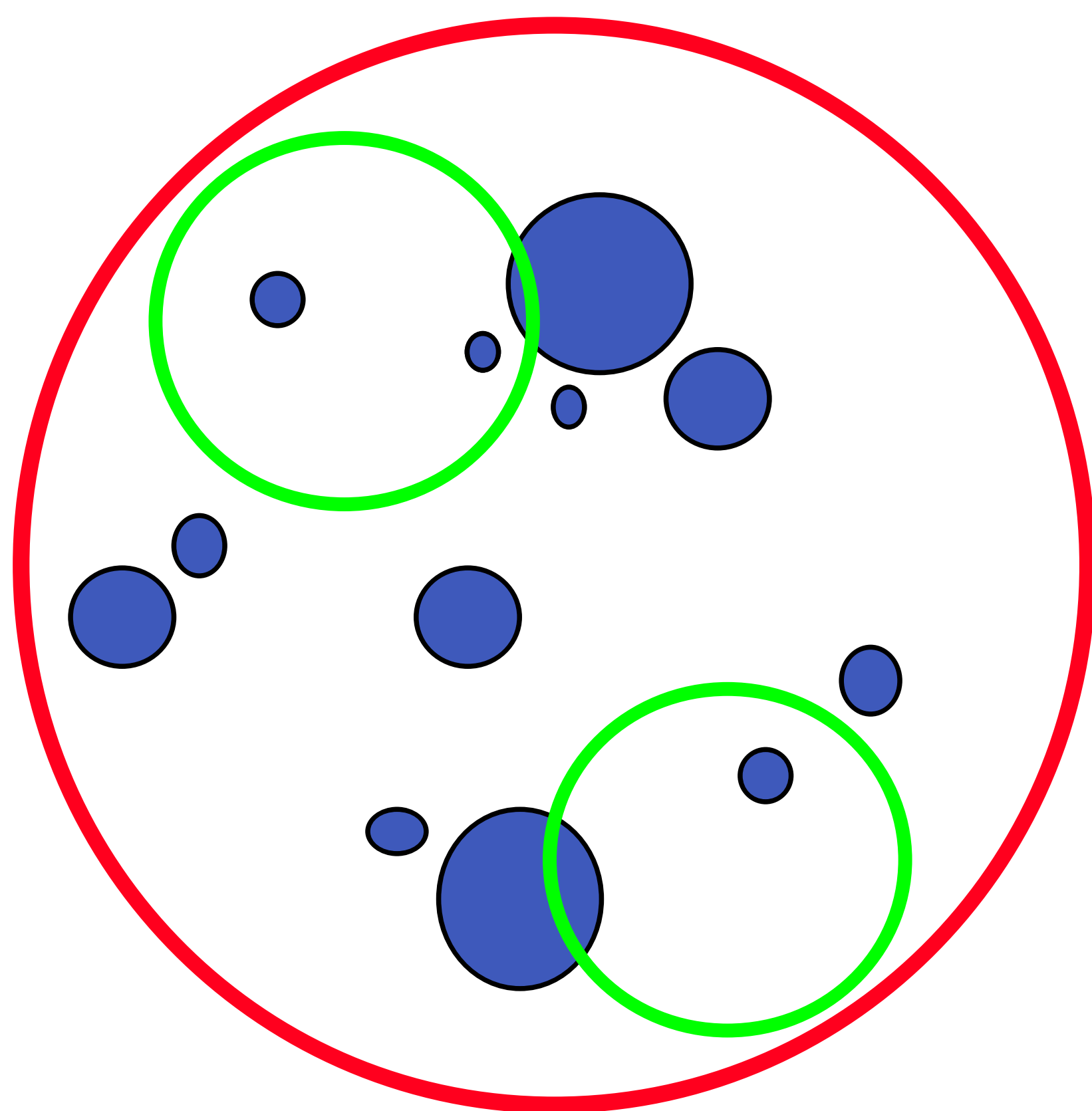
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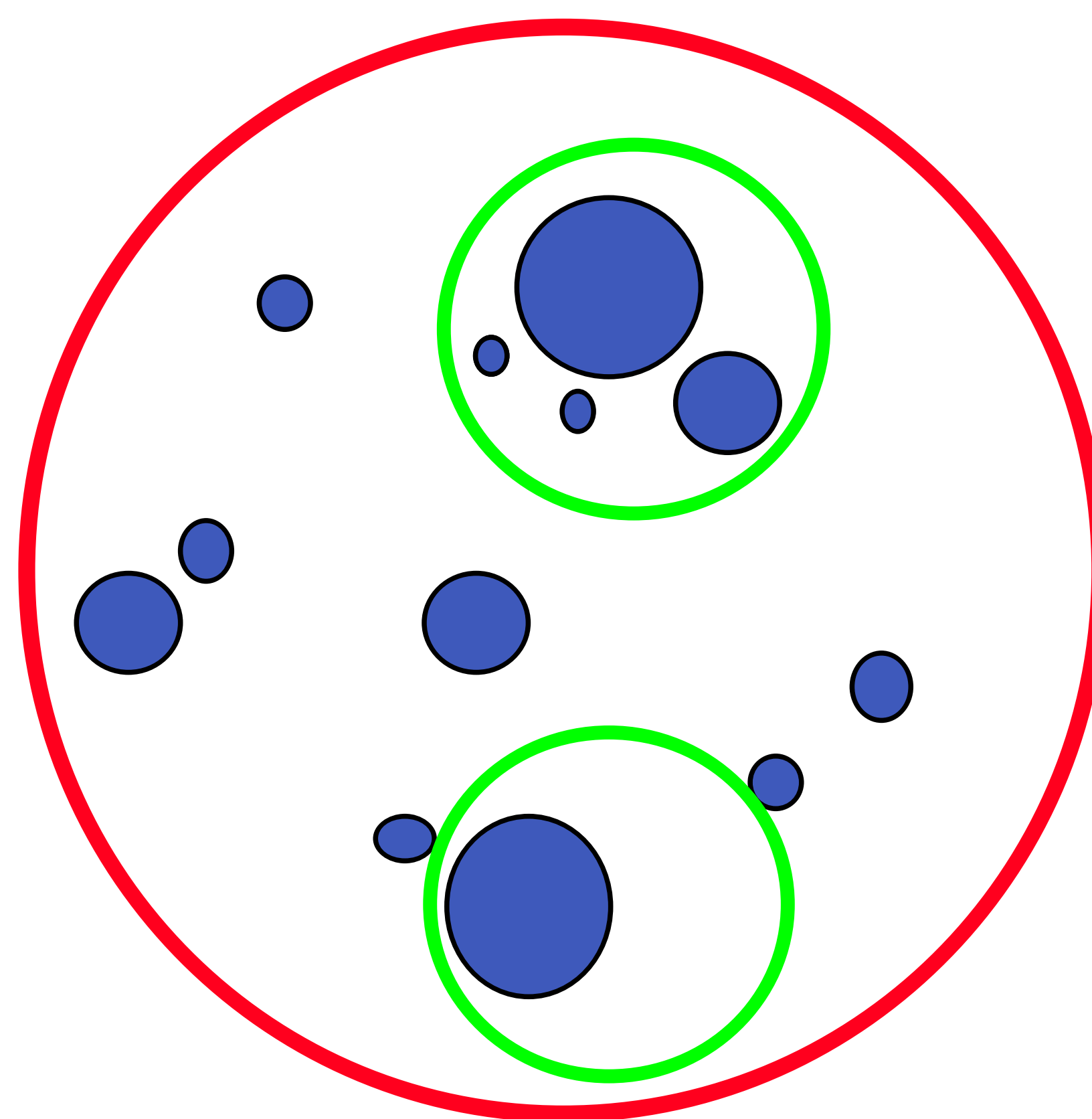
# Template Overlap: implementation

Build catalog of all boosted partonic decays of the signal

Check to see if there is a template that matches the current jet



Poor overlap  $Ov \sim 0$



Good overlap  $Ov \sim 1$

$$Ov \sim \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2E_t^2} \sum_N \left( \sum_{j \in t} E_j - E_t \right)^2 \right)$$



# Application of the template method

Highly boosted signal, 3-pronged  
top tagging

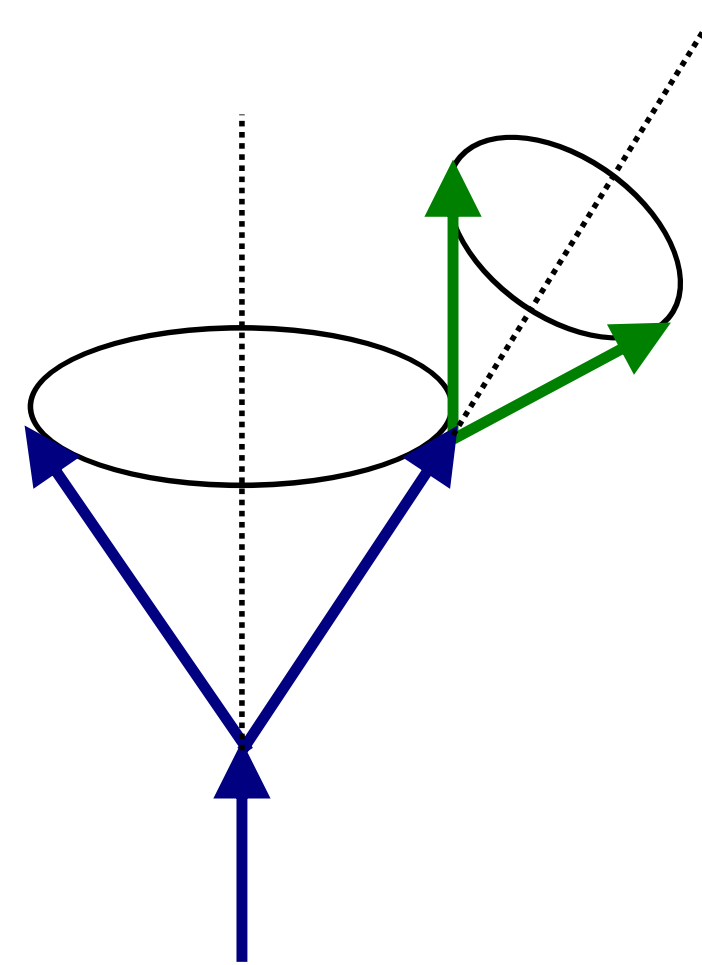
Mildly boosted signal, 2-pronged  
Search for boosted Higgs, in VH channel

# Three-particle templates and top decay

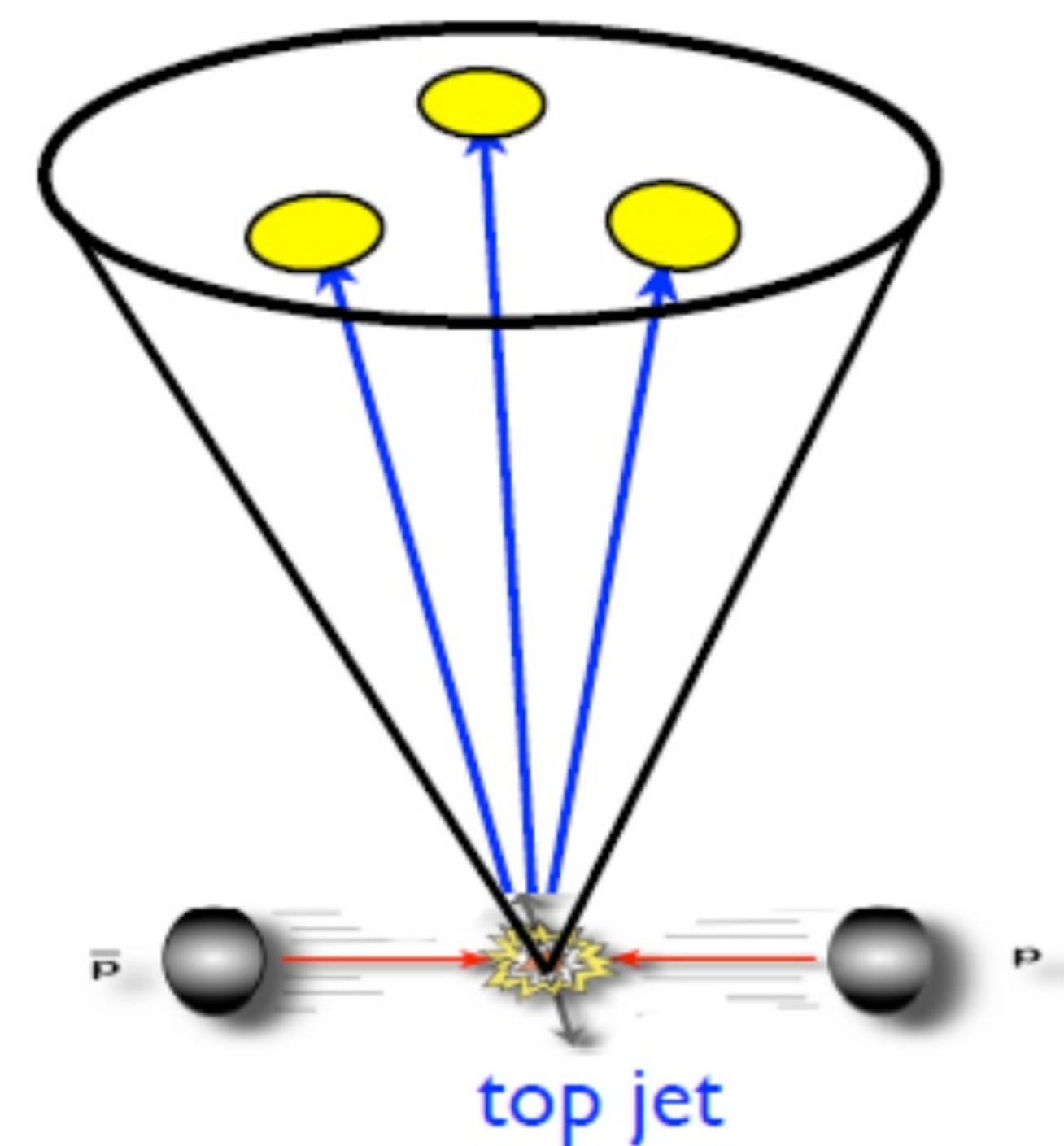
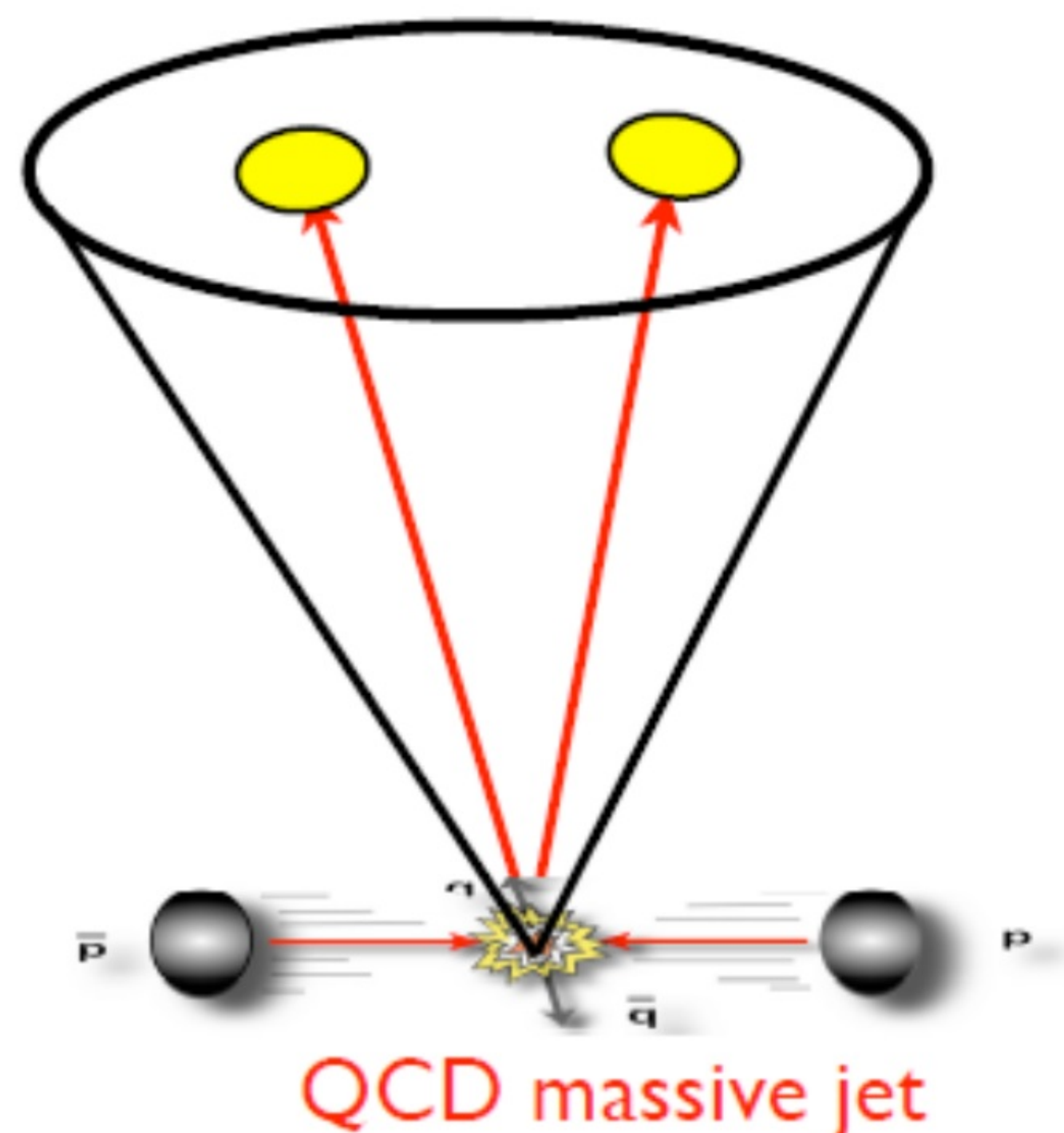
*Almeida, Lee, Perez, Sterman, Sung (2010)*

- At LO, top decay has a simple three-body kinematics

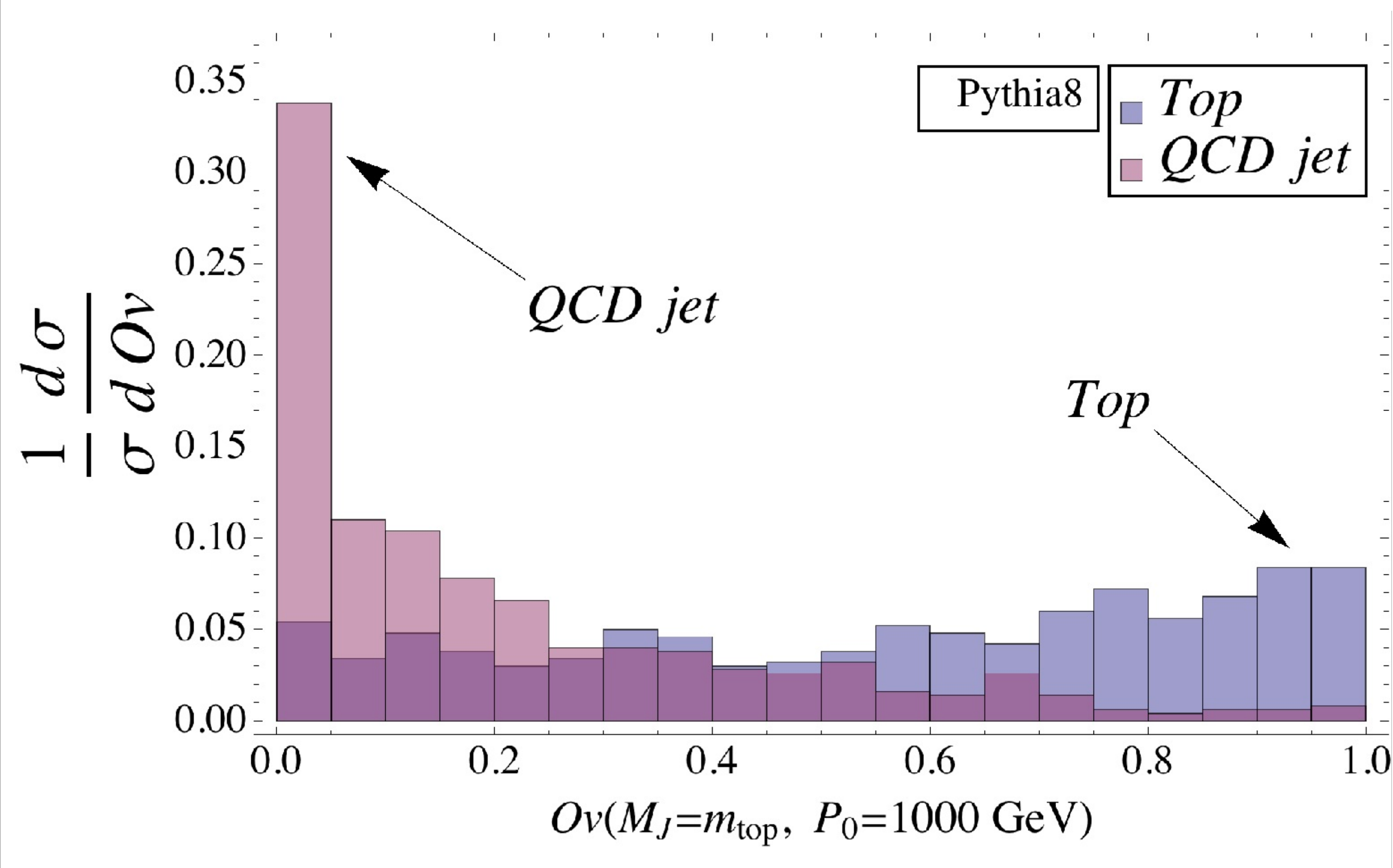
$$t \rightarrow b + W \rightarrow b + q + \bar{q}. \quad (p_q + p_{\bar{q}})^2 = M_W^2$$



- While we expect high mass, QCD jets have a two-subjet topology



# Three-particle templates and top decays



Jet mass and pT:

$160 \text{ GeV} < m_J < 190 \text{ GeV}$ ,  
 $950 \text{ GeV} < E_J < 1050 \text{ GeV}$

Jets found with anti-kt  
algorithms  $D=0.5$

Can be combined with jet  
shapes (planar flow, pull) to  
distinguish between many  
three-jet events with large  
overlap.

eff. 13 %, fake 1%

Rejection power  $\sim O(10^2)$



# Boosted Higgs searches

*Butterworth, Davison, Rubin, Salam (2008)*

Look for associated VH production

Use the leptonic mode of the W/Z to suppress the QCD background

$$h \rightarrow b\bar{b}$$

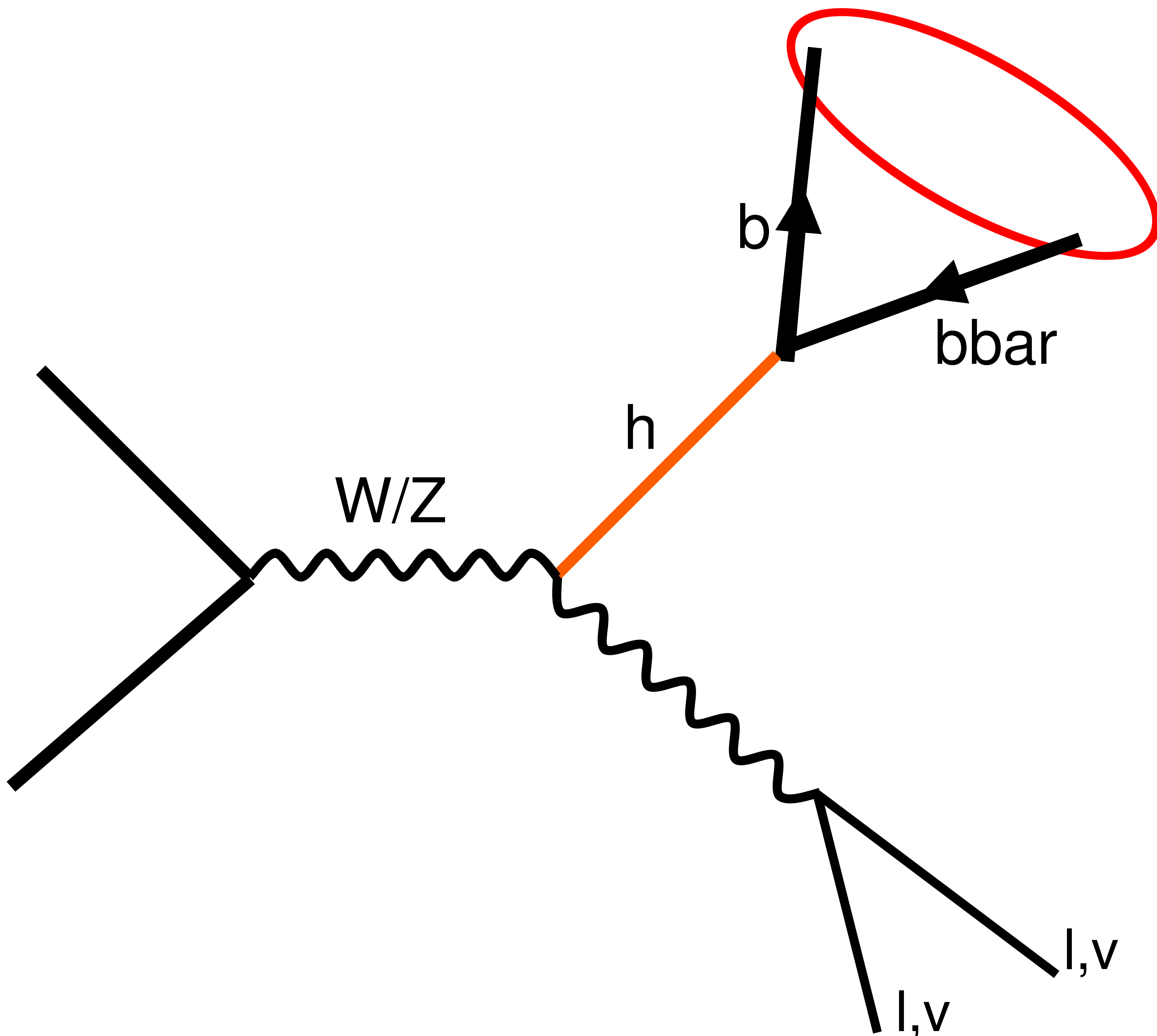
$$\Delta R \sim 2m_H / p_T$$

$$p_T^j = 200 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta R \sim 1.2$$

Typical jet size

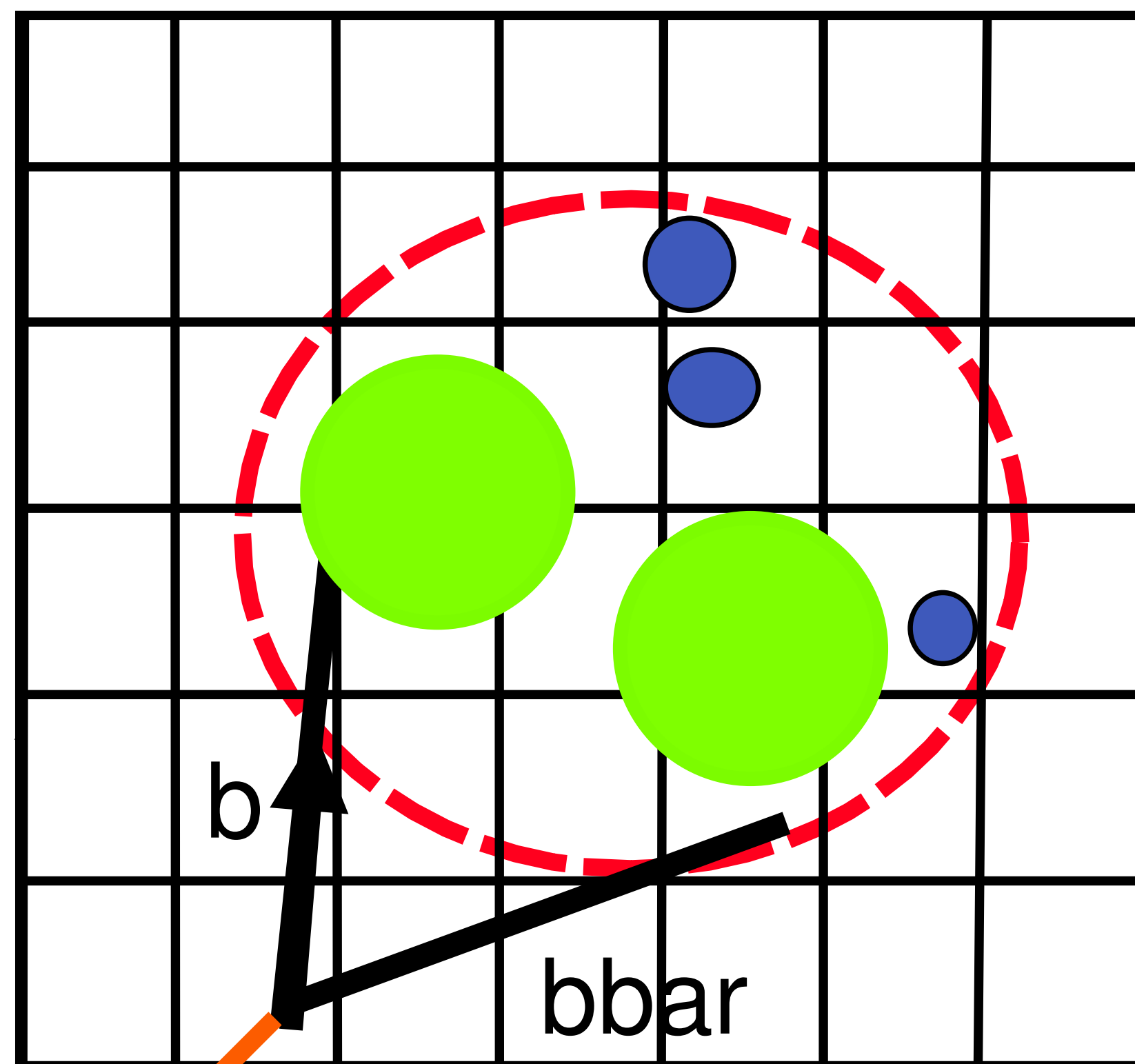
$$\Delta R \sim 1.2$$



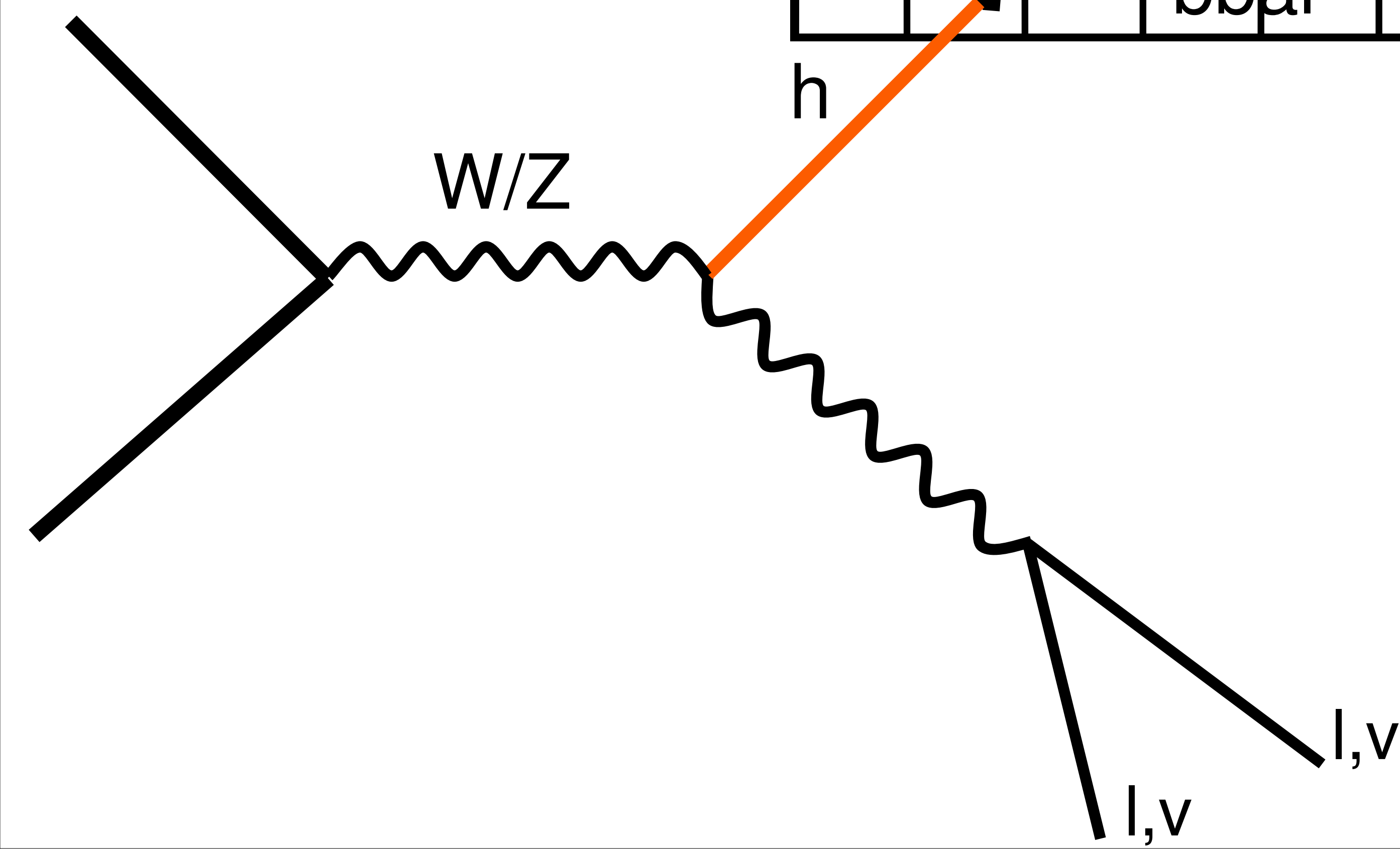
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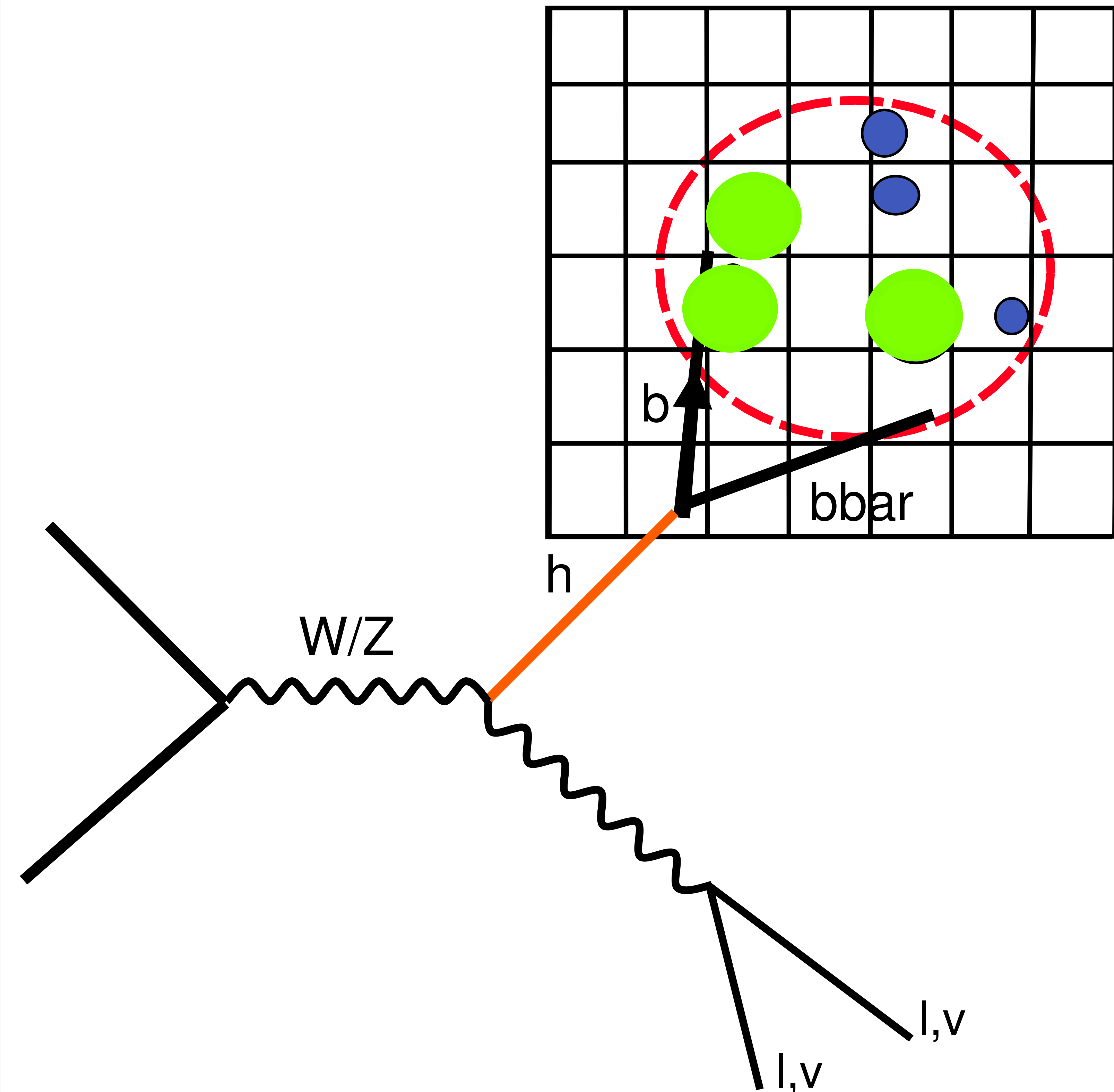


Use 2 body  
templates find hard  
substructure



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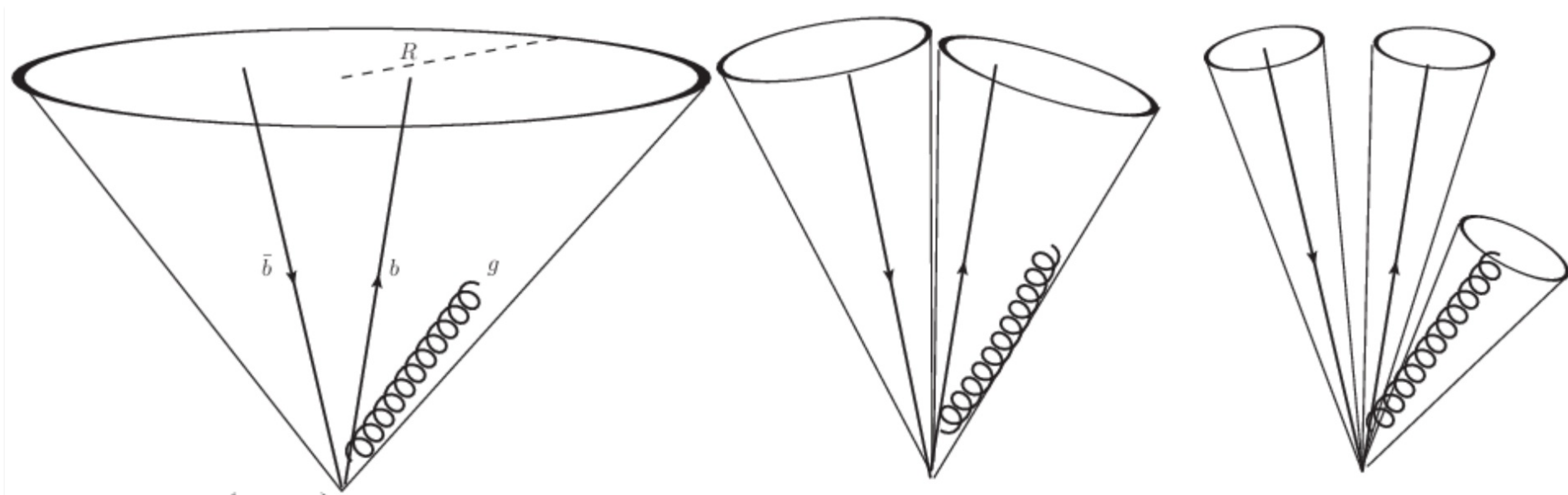
Templates with more than the minimum number of particles allow us to resolve finer details of the substructure

Smaller cone insensitive to incoherent noise (Pileup/UE)



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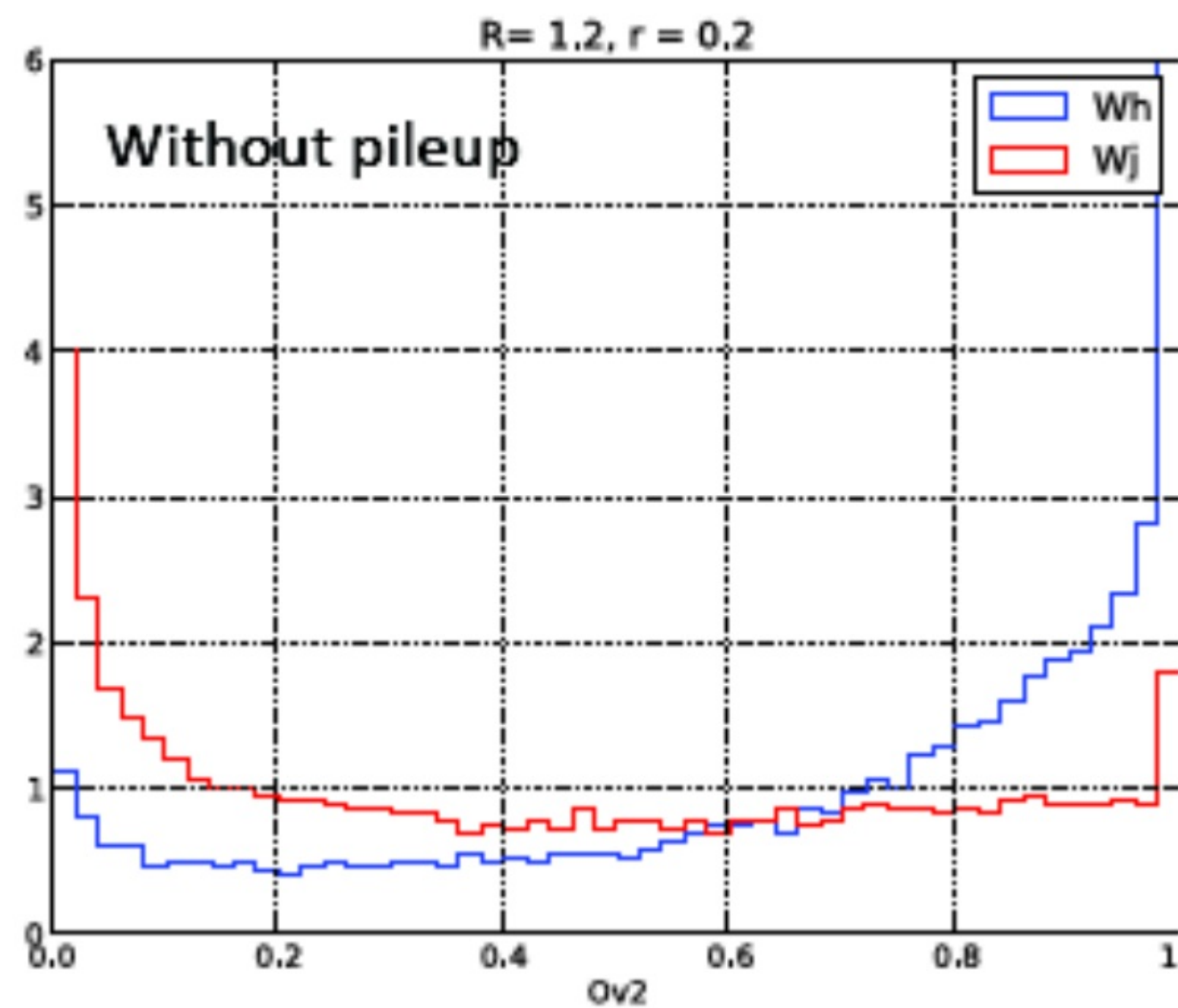
*Backovic, JJ, Perez, Winter in preparation*



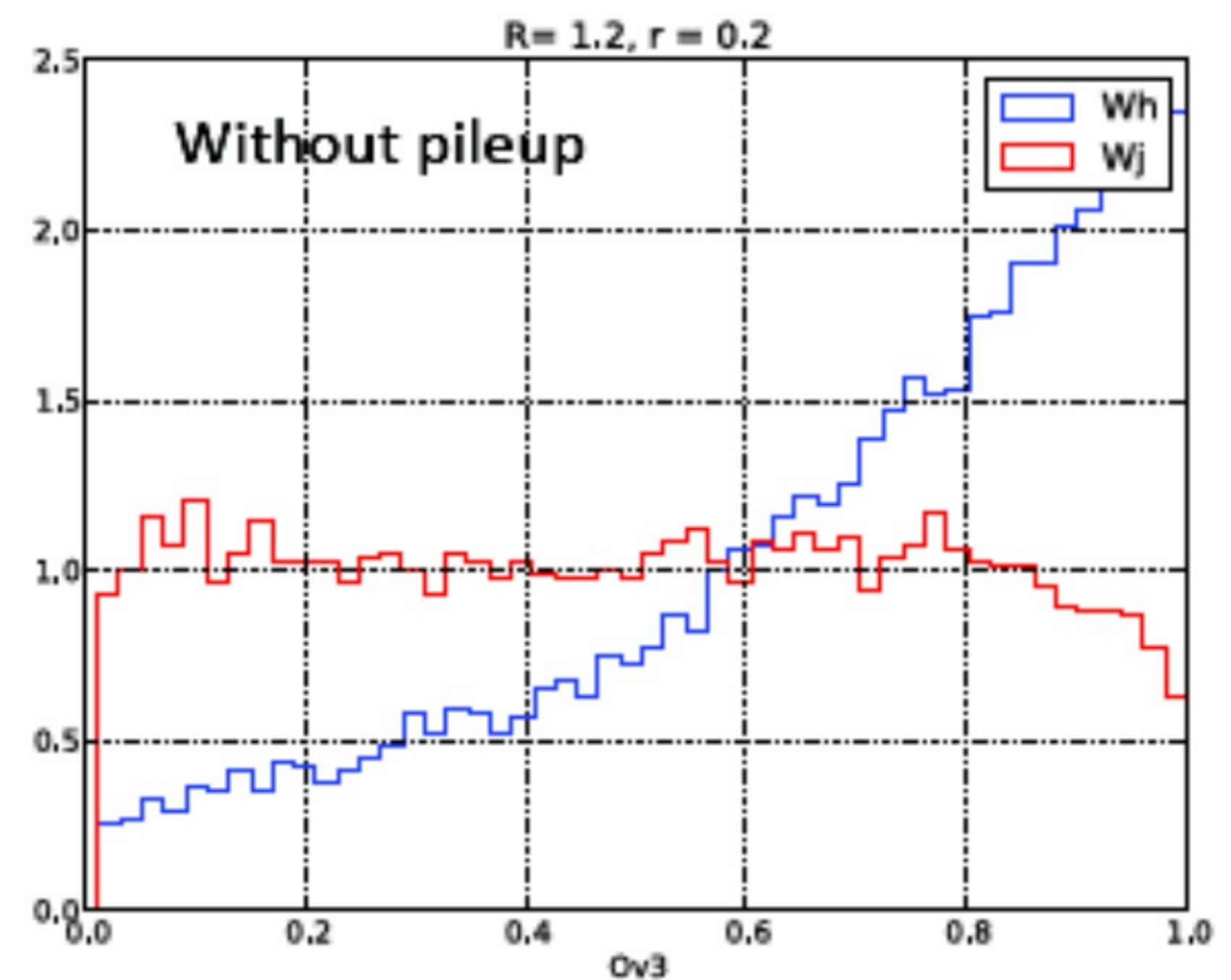
$$|f\rangle = |h\rangle^{(\text{LO})} = |p_1, p_2\rangle$$

$$|f\rangle = |h\rangle^{(\text{NLO})} = |p_1, p_2, p_3\rangle$$

$p_T \sim 200 \text{ GeV}$



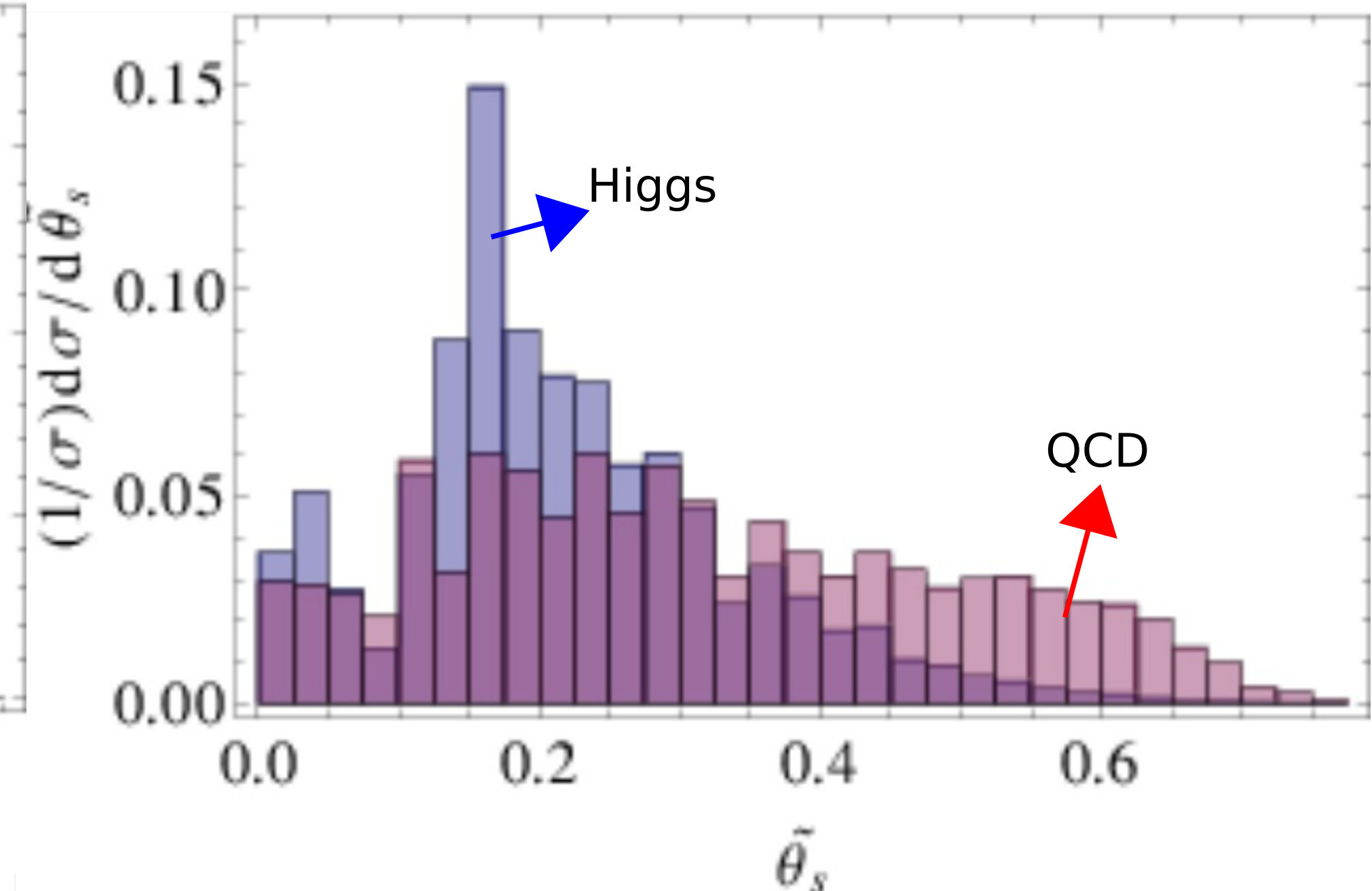
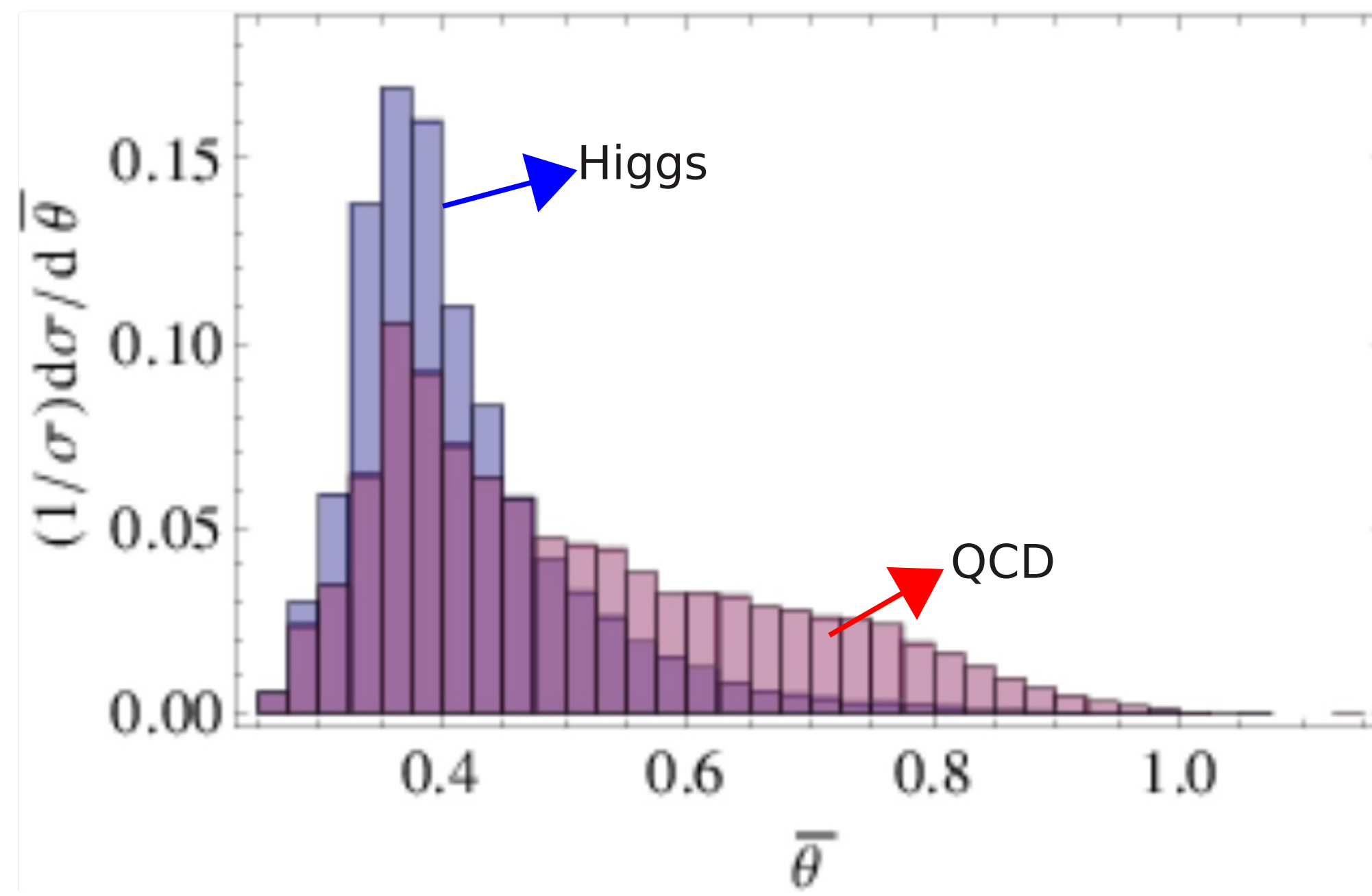
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# Boosted Higgs searches

We can analyze angular distributions of best-matched templates

Kinematical variables  $|f\rangle$   $\xleftrightarrow{\text{Max. Ov: } f[j]}$  Jets  $|j\rangle$



$$\bar{\theta} = \sum_i \sin \theta_{iJ}$$

$$\theta_s = \min \{ \theta_{iJ} \}$$



Preliminary

# Rejection power

*Backovic, JJ, Perez, Winter in preparation*

	$WH$	$WZ$	$Wt$	$Wb\bar{b}$	$t\bar{t}$	$\frac{S}{B}$	$\frac{S}{\sqrt{B}}$
$\sigma[fb]$	8.42	13.08	41.43	72	7200	-	-
$K$ factor	1.3	3.2	2	1.3	1.8	-	-
$15fb^{-1}$	13	23	1	23	124	0.07	1
Fake % (Eff 10%)	-	0.1	2.6	1.6	0.3	0.6	0.8
Fake % (Eff. 20%)	-	0.2	1.3	1.8	0.3	0.5	1.1
Fake % (Eff. 30%)	-	0.3	1.2	1.2	0.4	0.4	1.2

- LHC 8 TeV;  $15 fb^{-1}$
- Pythia with "Atlas" tune
- 75% b tag; 1% mistag
- Only HW channel

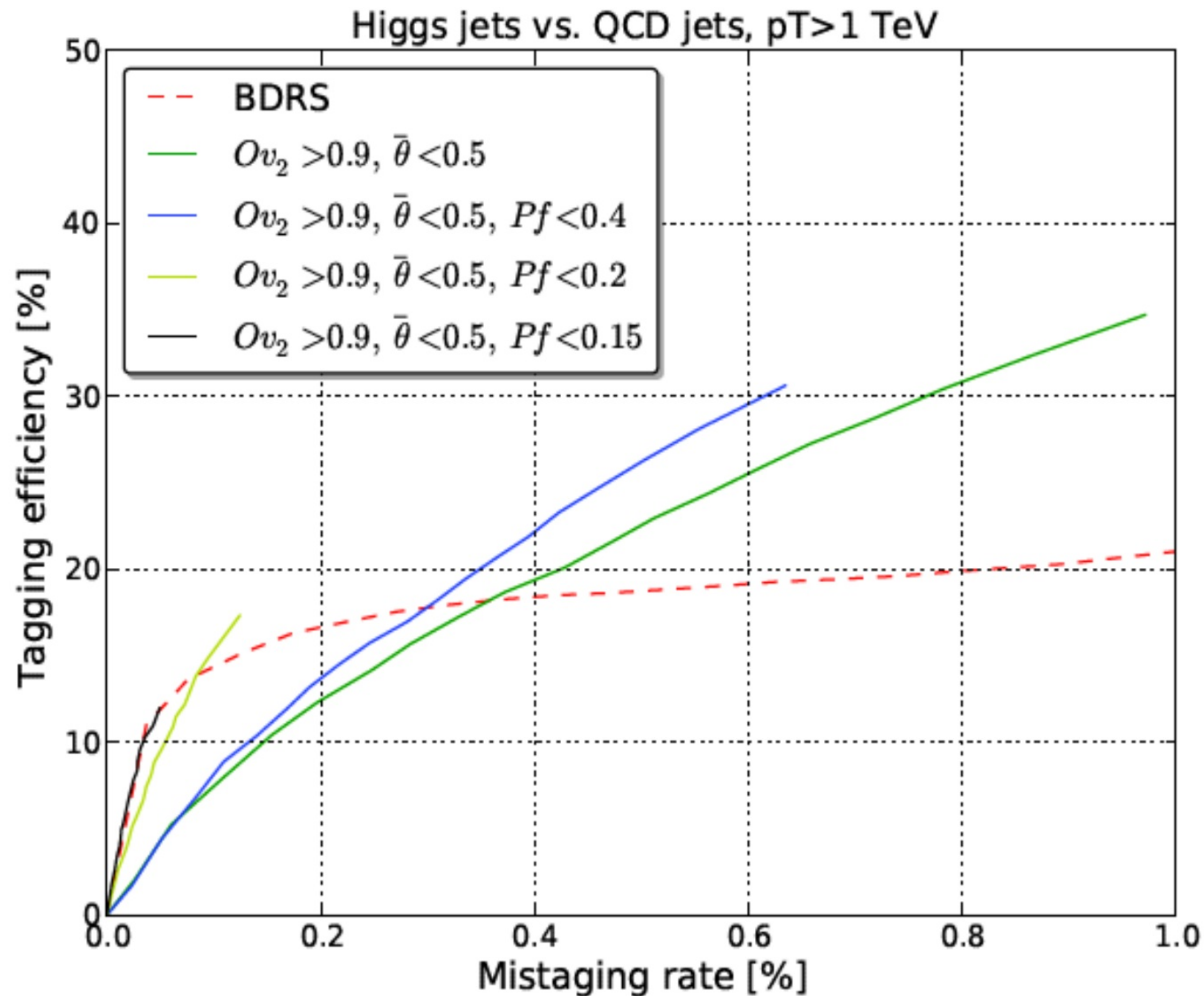
Table 1: Results for  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV. Jets selected with anti- $k_T$   $R = 1.4$ ,  $p_T^{\text{jet}} > 220$  GeV,  $|y| < 2.5$ ,  $p_T(\text{lepton} + \text{MET}) > 150$  GeV. We also require exactly 2  $b$ -tagged jets inside the fatjet, and 0 jets outside. Quoted fake rates correspond to the rejection given by Template Overlap, after the set of minimal kinematic cuts.  $S/\sqrt{B}$  values correspond to  $15 fb^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity.



# Summary

- ◆ Top/Higgs/W/Z jets play key role in new physics searches
- ◆ Boosted configurations can improve searches
- ◆ Template Overlap is a general, flexible method for jet substructure
- ◆ Code soon to be public. Available upon request.

# Comparison of the techniques



BDRS: Butterworth, Davison, Rubin, Salam, PRL 100 (2008)

Fat jet: CA with  $R = 0.7$ ,  
 $p_T j > 1000$  GeV

Filtering with  $R_{\text{filt}} = R_{\text{bb}}/2$ ,  $\mu = 0.667$ ,  $y_{\text{cut}} > 0.09$