The cookbook for jets in heavy-ion collisions?

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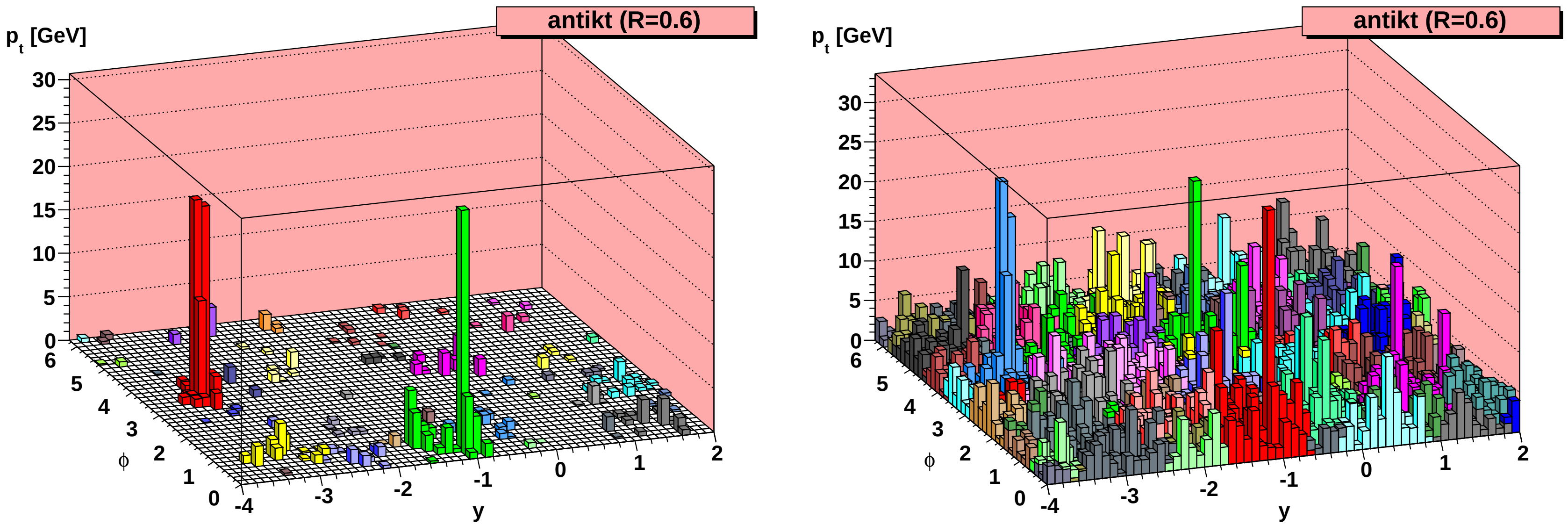
Plan

How to “see” jets in a soft background



Valid for many backgrounds

- UE in pp (~ 1 GeV)
- pileup in pp (~ 10 GeV)
- UE in AA (~ 100 GeV)

(Hopefully) for everyone

- Standard method
- New hints
- comments for experts

Central formula

One basic formula for **background subtraction for a single event**

$$p_{t,\mathrm{jet}}^{(\mathrm{sub})} = p_{t,\mathrm{jet}} - \rho_{\mathrm{bkg}} A_{\mathrm{jet}}$$

assumes that the background is uniform

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[Cacciari, Salam, 07]

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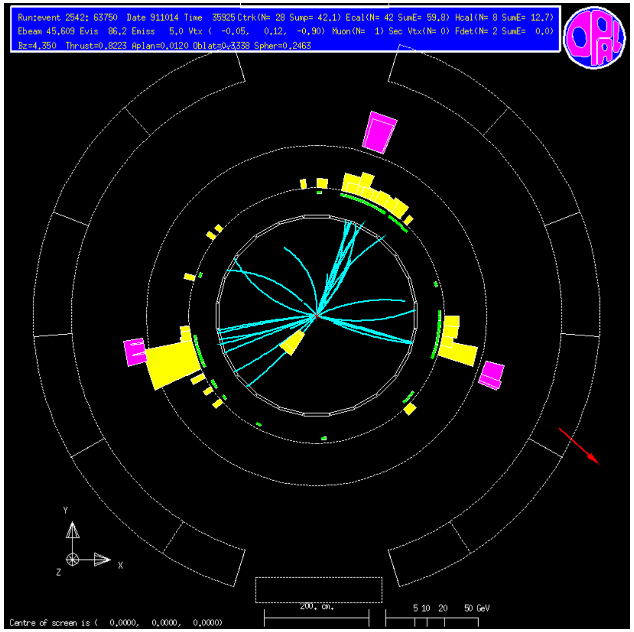

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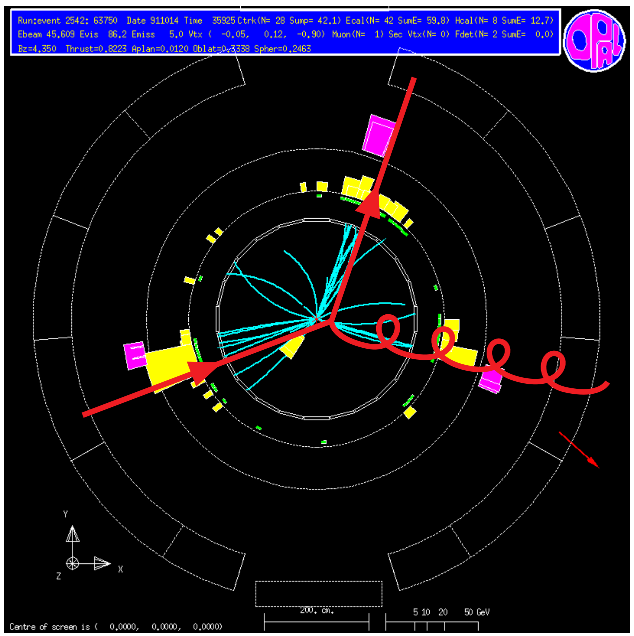

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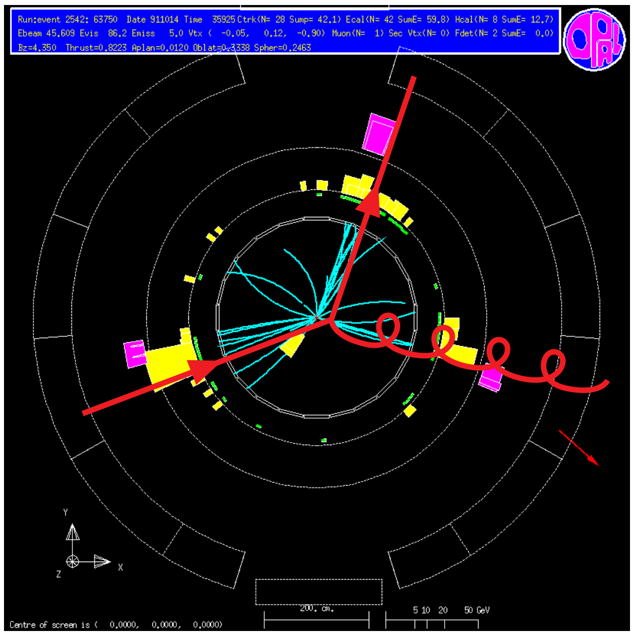

In practice: use a <u>jet definition</u>

particles $\{p_i\}$ $\xrightarrow[\textbf{definition}]{\textbf{jet}}$ jets $\{j_k\}$

algorithm: the recipe (insufficient!)

definition: algorithm + params

Jet=hadron is too simplistic: NLO? What opening for "collimated"?

Examples of jet definitions

- Recombination: successively recombine the closest pair

$$d_{ij} = \min(k_{t,i}^{2p}, k_{t,j}^{2p})(\Delta y_{ij}^2 + \Delta\phi_{ij}^2)$$

  Stop at distance R

  - $p = 1$: k_t algorithm (very close to QCD)

    [Catani, Dokshitzer, Seymour, Webber, 93]

  - $p = 0$: Cambridge/Aachen (C/A) algorithm (substructure studies)

    [Dokshitzer, Leder, Moretti, Webber, 93]

  - $p = -1$: anti-k_t algorithm (the default at the LHC)

    [Cacciari, Salam, GS, 08]

- Cone: $\approx$ flow of energy in a cone (of fixed R) centred on the cone centre: SISCone

  [Salam, GS, 07]

Final perturbative cross-section: only consider infrared-and-collinear-safe algorithms

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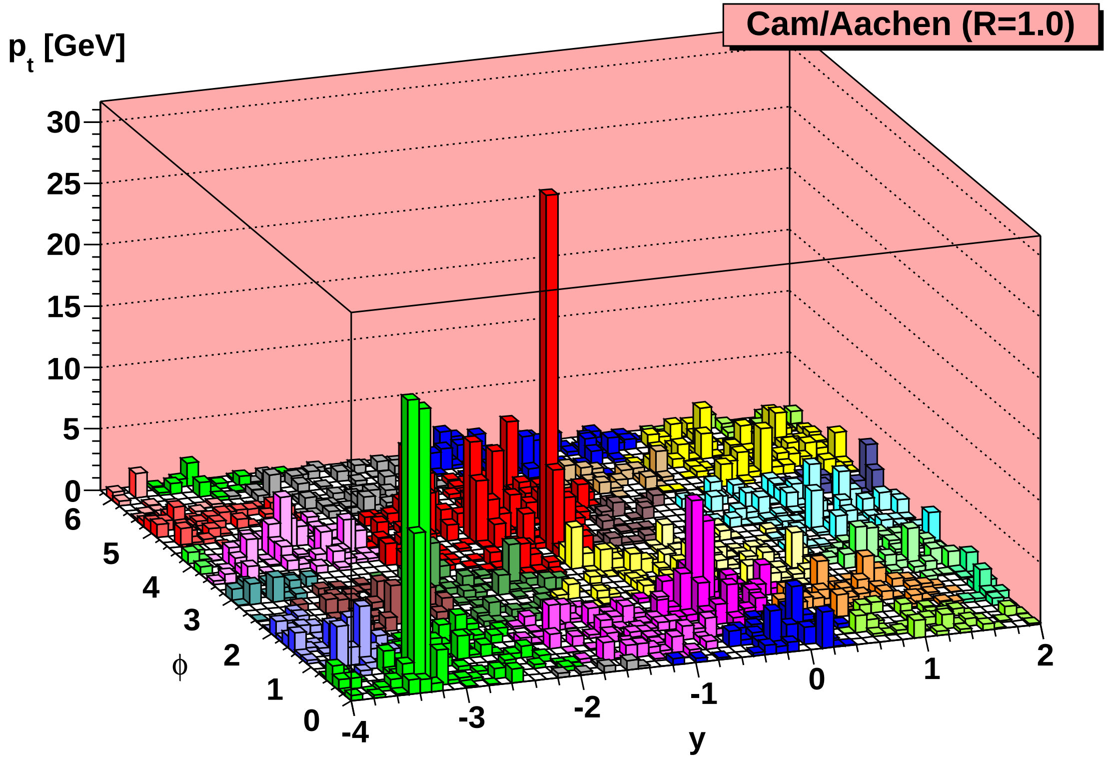

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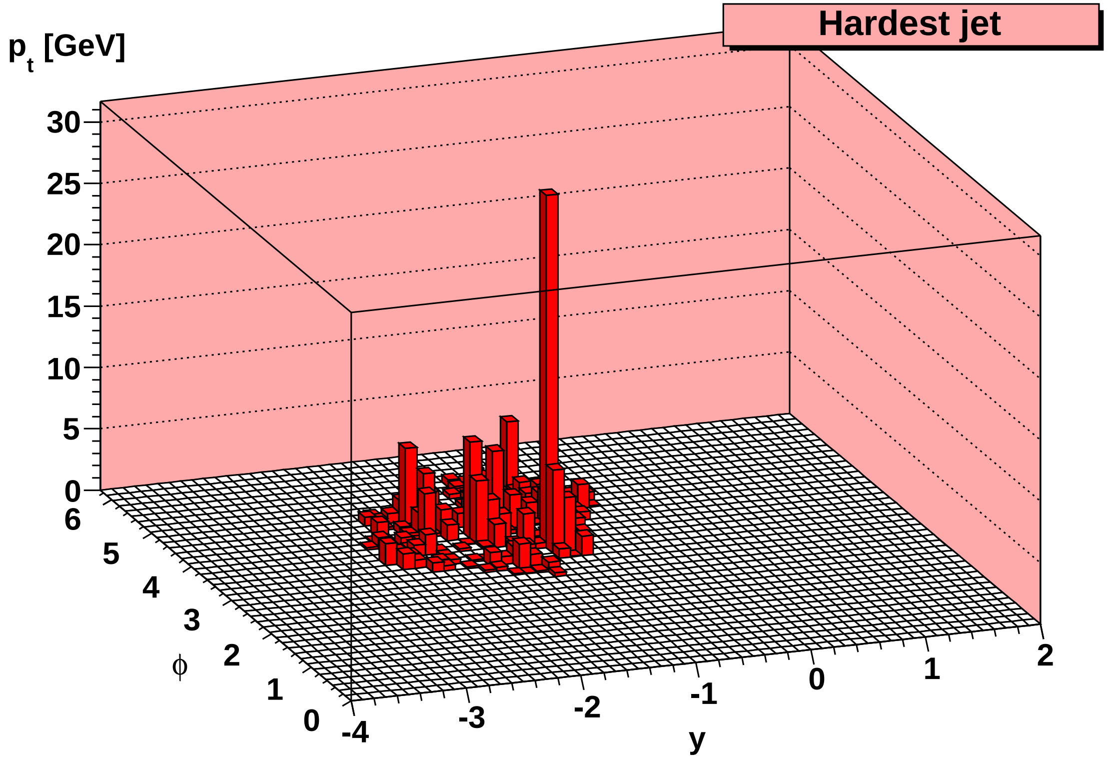

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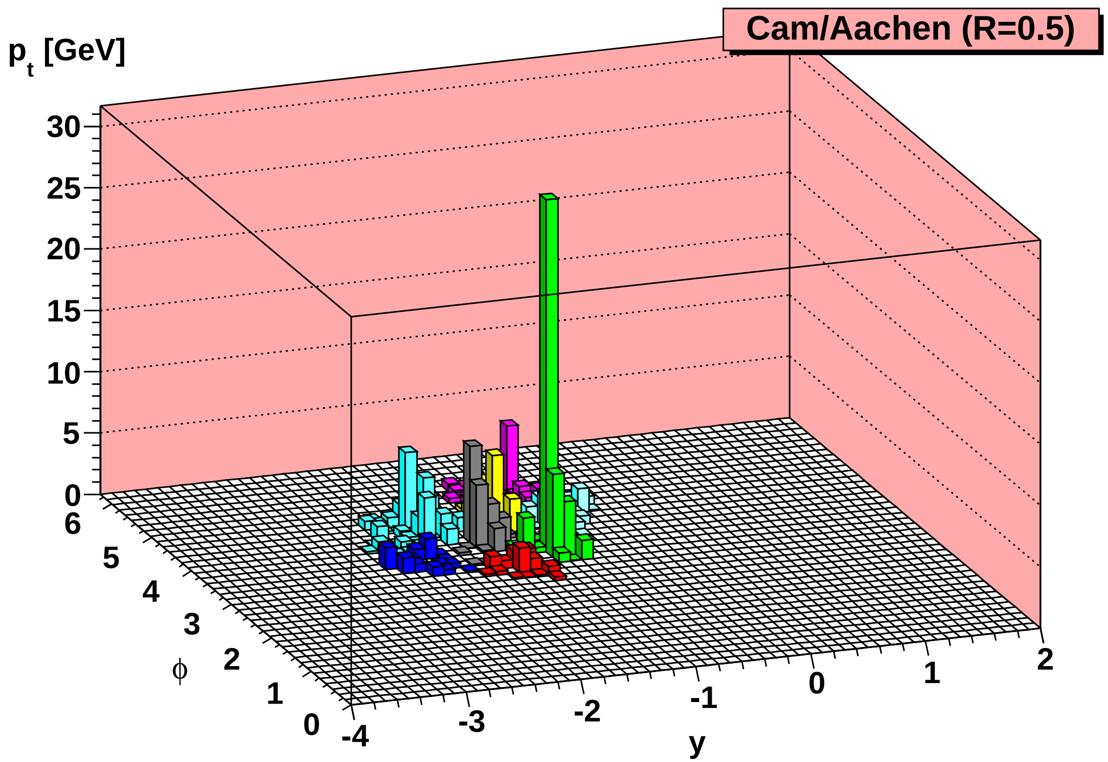

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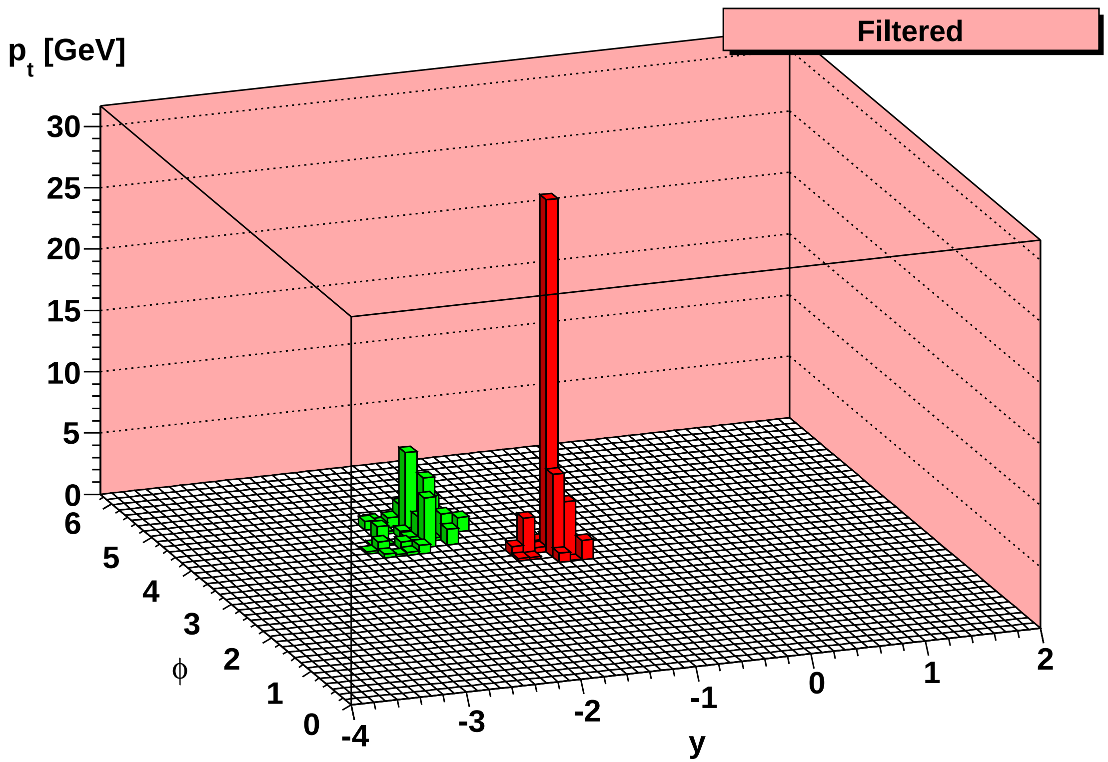

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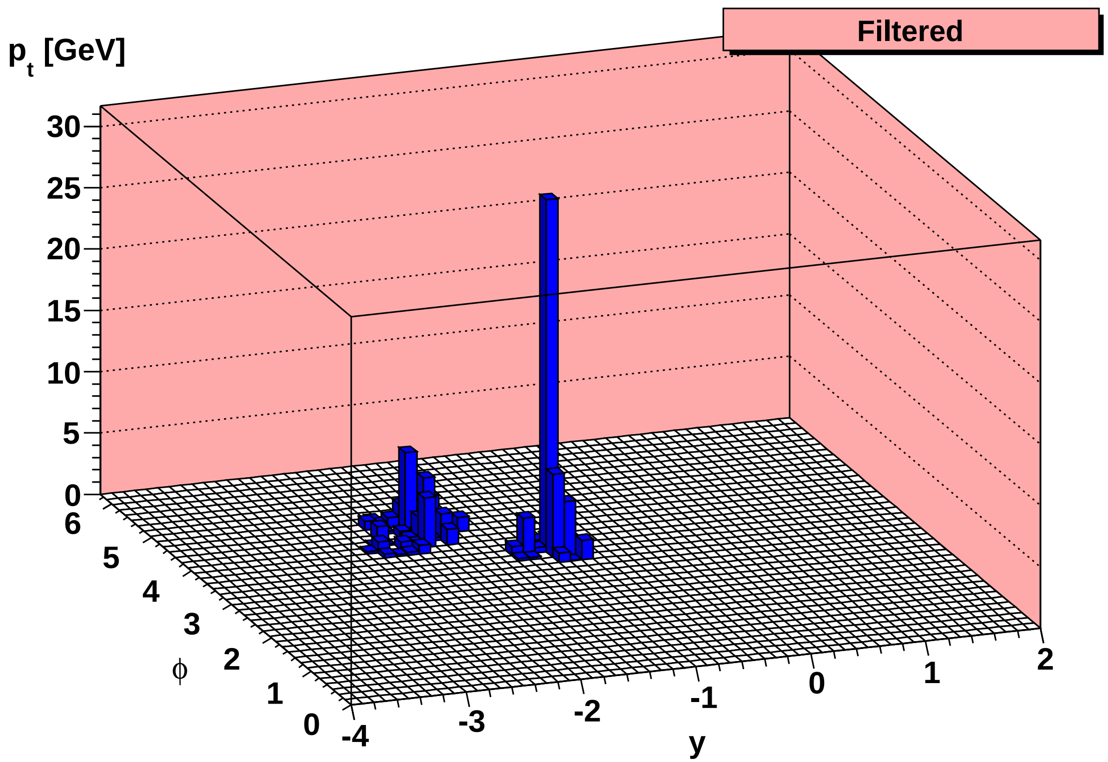

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Idea:

✓ keep perturb. radiation

✓ remove UE

- Proven useful for boosted jet $H \to b\bar{b}$ tagging

  [J.Butterworth, A.Davison, M.Rubin, G.Salam, 08]

- Proven useful for kinematic reconstructions

  [M.Cacciari, J.Rojo, G.Salam, GS, 08]

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Area definitions

[M.Cacciari, G.Salam, GS, 08]

Area $\equiv$ region where the jet catches soft particles

- Recipe: add a dense coverage of infinitely soft particles (**ghosts**)

  (active) area = region where a jet catches the ghosts

- Idea: ghost $\approx$ background particle

  $\Rightarrow$ area where catching ghost $\equiv$ area where catching background

- Advantages:
  - generic/universal definition (*e.g.* independent of a calorimeter)
  - allow for analytic computations

- Notes for experts:
  - put ghosts up to at least $y_{\mathrm{jet,max}} + R$
  - preferably use a “4-vector” definition of the area (sum ghost 4-momenta)
  - require an IRC-safe algorithm!
  - alternative: passive area (equivalent for large multiplicities)
  - Better handling with active_area_explicit_ghosts

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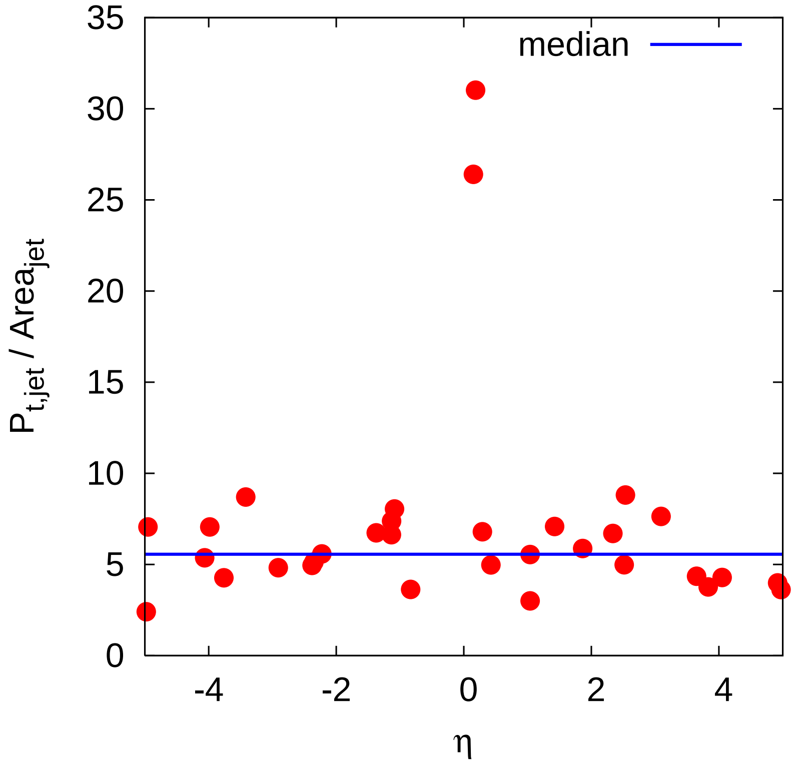
Example: $\rho_{\rm bkg}$ from jets

Recipe for estimating $\rho_{\rm bkg}$:

- Cluster with k_t of C/A with “radius” R_ρ
- Estimate $\rho_{\rm bkg}$ using

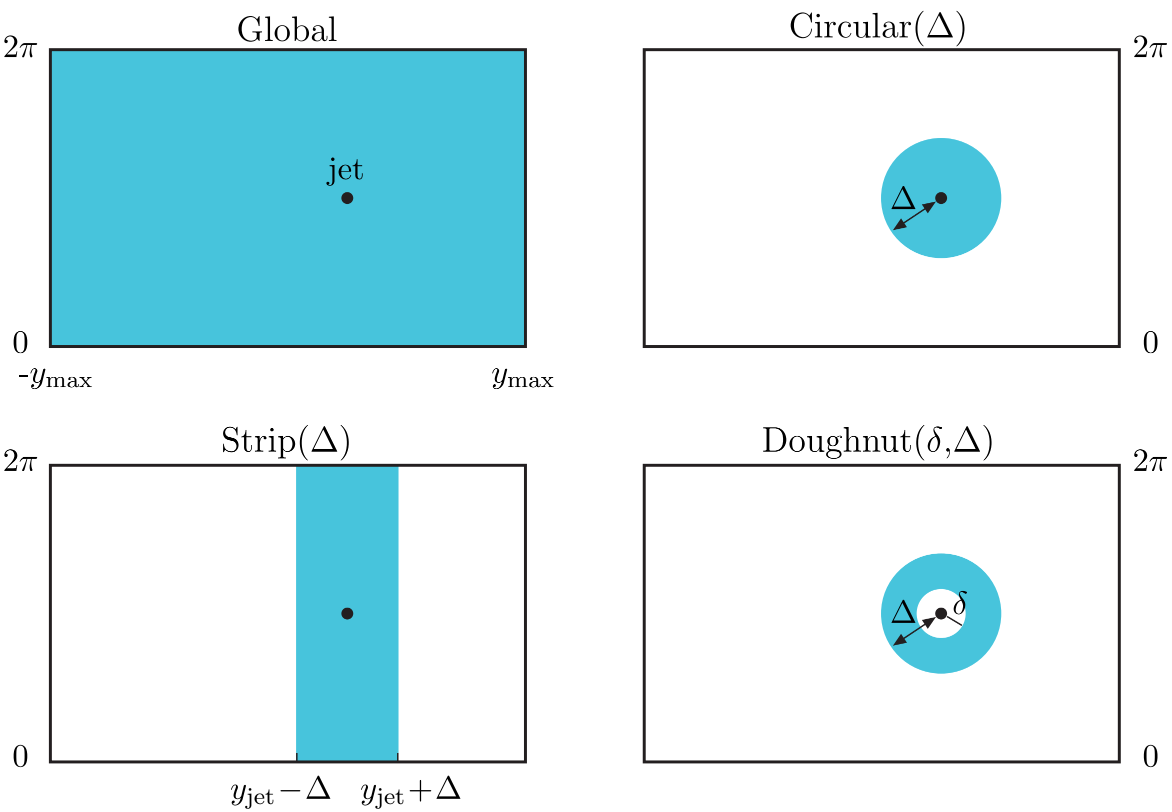
$$\rho_{\rm bkg} = \underset{j \in \rm jets}{\rm median} \left\{ \frac{p_{t,j}}{A_j} \right\}$$



- Notes for experts
  - Other algorithms produce unwanted jets with small area
  - Typically, R_ρ between 0.3 and 0.6 is OK (I’ll take 0.5)

New suggestion #2: Use a local range

Fluctuating background (*e.g.* rapidity dependence) $\rightarrow$ **local range**



$$\rho_{\text{bkg}}(j) = \\ = \underset{j' \in \mathcal{R}(j)}{\text{median}} \left\{ \frac{p_{t,j'}}{A_{j'}} \right\}$$

Also:
exclude the n (typically 2) hardest jets in the event

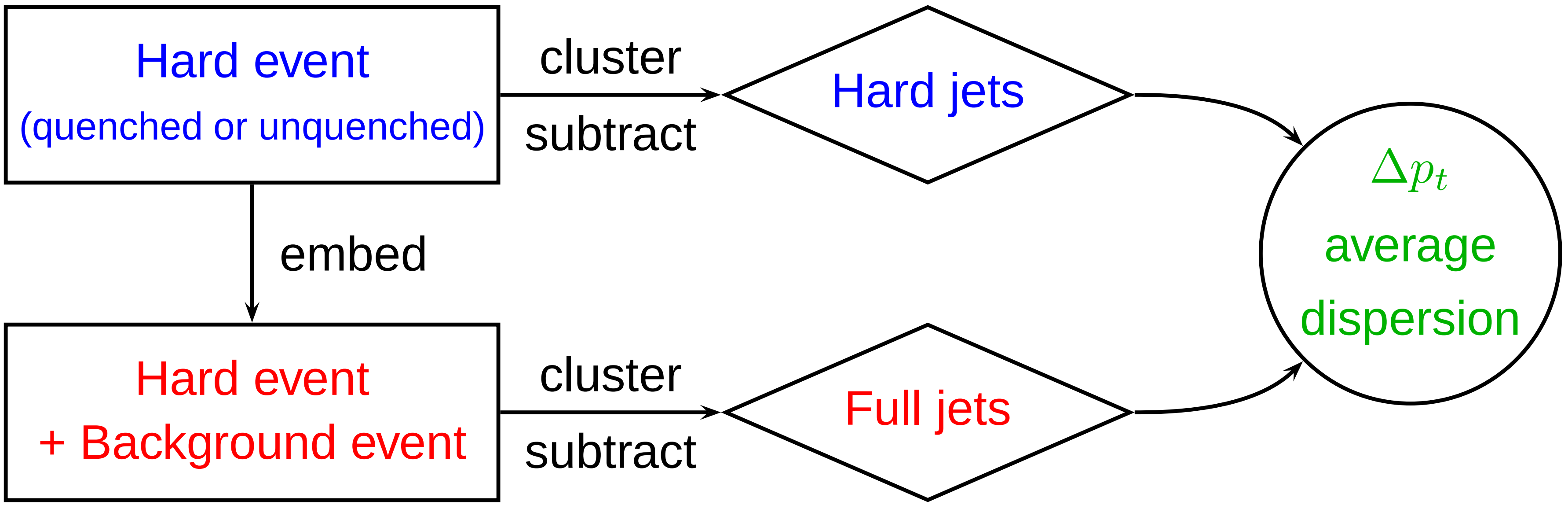
Notes for experts:

- Limited acceptance $\equiv$ local range
- Put ghosts at least up to $|y_{\text{jet,max}}| + \Delta + R$

Subtraction efficiency: what precision may we hope for?

[Cacciari, Rojo, Salam, GS, in prep.]

Framework for study



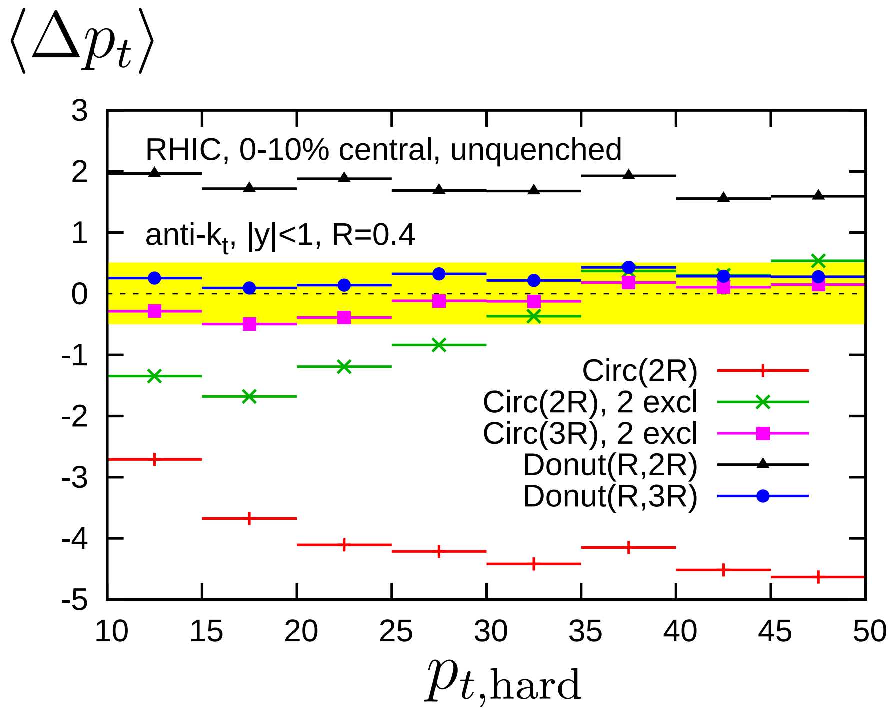
- Hard event: Pythia(v6.4) or Pythia(v6.4)+PyQuen(v1.5)
- Background: Hydjet++(v2.1) (cross-checked with others)
- Analysis: FastJet(v2.4) (http://www.fastjet.fr [Cacciari, Salam, GS])
  Ideally: smallest average shift $\langle \Delta p_t \rangle$, smallest dispersion $\sigma_{\Delta p_t}$
- Note: in what follows, R fixed to 0.4

Effect of choosing a local range

Number of jets in a range

range	area	$n_{\rm jets}$
Circ(2R)	$4\pi R^2$	4.5
Circ(3R)	$9\pi R^2$	10
Donut(R,2R)	$3\pi R^2$	3.5
Donut(R,3R)	$8\pi R^2$	9
Strip(2R)	$4\pi R$	11

$(R = 0.4, R_\rho = 0.5)$

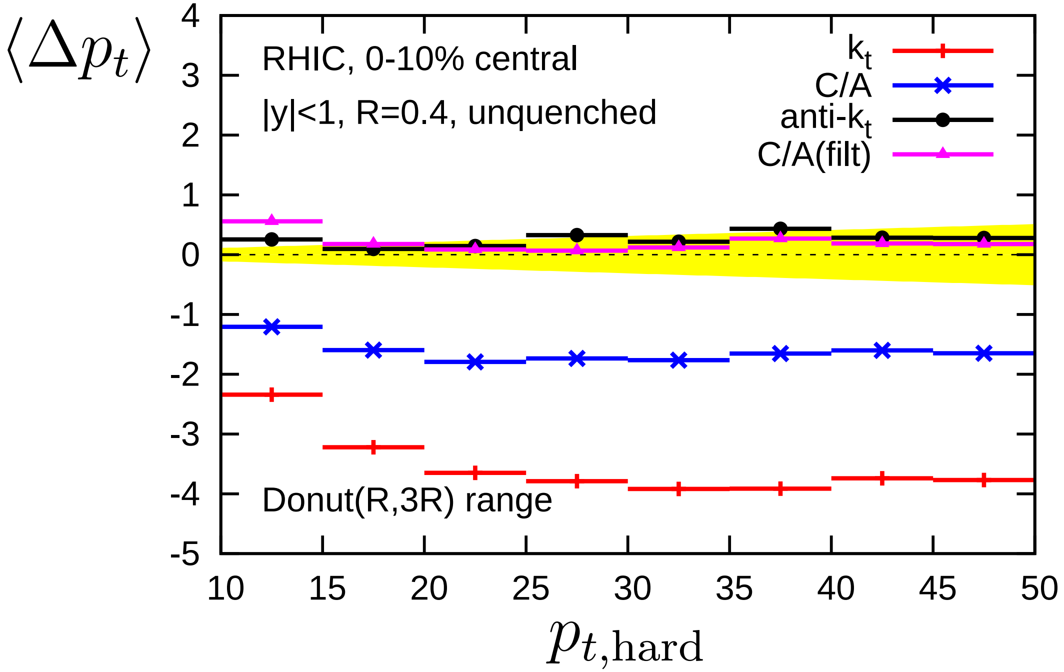


- rule of thumb: at least 8 jets needed to estimate ρ
- different ranges $\longrightarrow$ estimate of the undertainty

Note for experts: Analytic estimate show that at least 8 jets
$\Rightarrow$ less than 10% of $\sigma_{\Delta p_t}$ due to ρ misestimation

Differences between algorithms

- *Average shift*: preference for anti-k_t and C/A+filt$^{(*)}$



500 MeV precision for a contamination of $\sim$ 50 GeV!

Notes for experts:

- C/A & k_t: offset due to *back-reaction*
- $^{(*)}$ C/A+filt: watch out: cancellation between back-reaction and filtering bias

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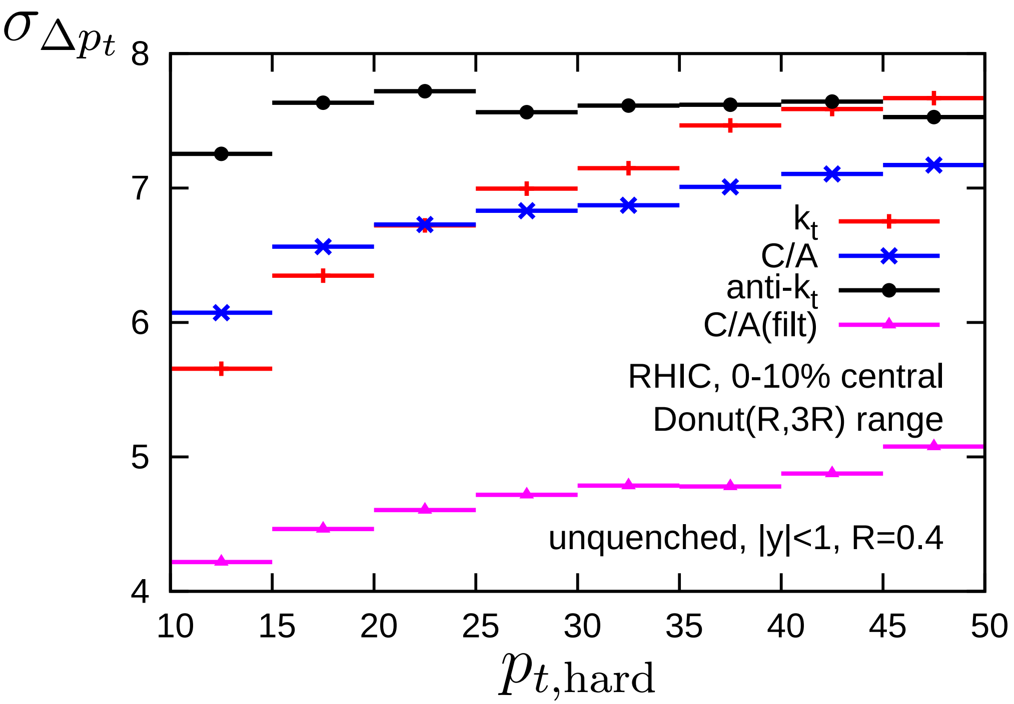

$$A_{\mathrm{C/A+filt}} \approx \frac{1}{2} A_{\mathrm{C/A,anti-}k_t} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sigma_{\Delta p_t}^{(\mathrm{C/A+filt})} \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sigma_{\Delta p_t}^{(\mathrm{anti-}k_t)}$$

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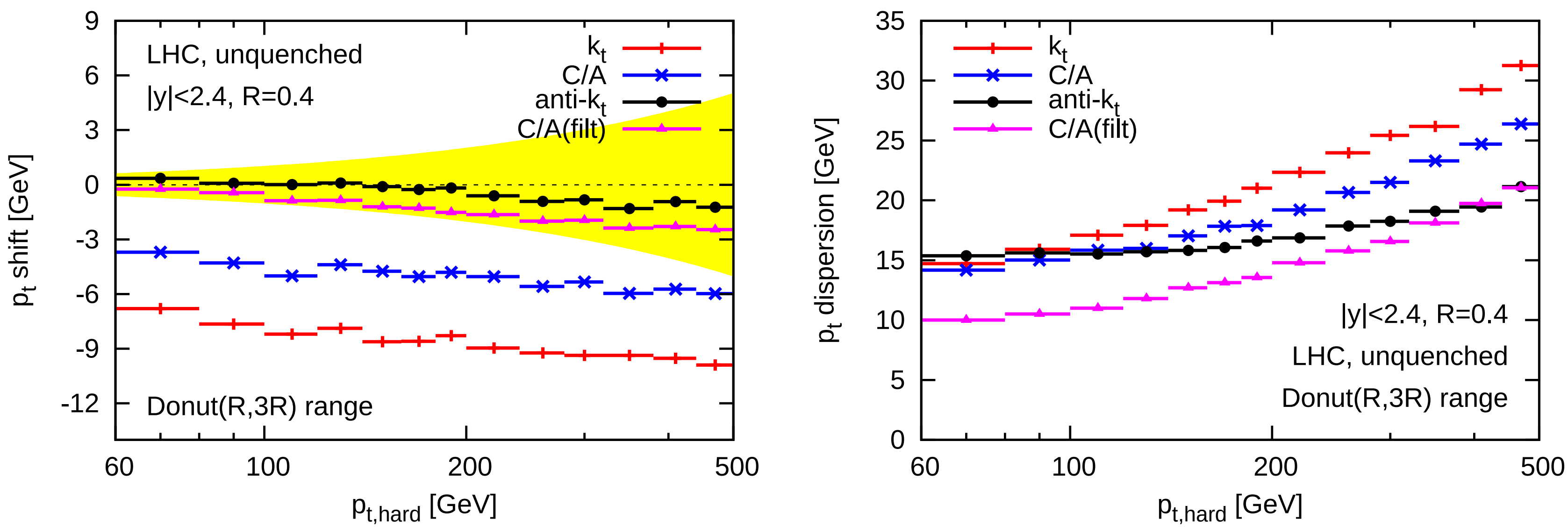
- Same conclusions for the LHC (anti-k_t a bit better)



- No subtraction bias due to quenching (at most a 2% effect at the LHC)
- Valid for non-central collisions (smaller background but v_2)

Example: inclusive jet cross-section

Original hard spectrum:

$$\frac{d\sigma^{(0)}}{dp_t} = \mu\sigma_0\, e^{-p_t/\mu}$$

In the background, after subtraction

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_t} = \frac{d\sigma^{(0)}}{dp_t} \otimes \mathrm{Gaussian}(\langle \Delta p_t \rangle, \sigma_{\Delta p_t})$$

$$= \frac{d\sigma^{(0)}}{dp_t}\, \exp\left(\mu \langle \Delta p_t \rangle + \frac{\mu^2 \sigma^2_{\Delta p_t}}{2}\right)$$

In practice, we have $\mu \approx 0.3$ GeV^{-1} for RHIC

$R = 0.4$	$\langle \Delta p_t \rangle$	$\sigma_{\Delta p_t}$	$\frac{d\sigma/dp_t}{d\sigma^{(0)}/dp_t}$
anti-k_t	0	7.5	12
C/A+filt	0	4.8	3

Summary

- The recipe: $p_{t,\text{jet}}^{(\text{sub})} = p_{t,\text{jet}} - \rho_{\text{bkg}} A_{\text{jet}}$
  - Define a jet: use an IRC-safe one
  - Define the area of a jet: ghost-based active area
  - Obtain ρ_{bkg}, the background p_t density per unit area: median of $\{pt, j/A_j\}$
- New hints:
  1. Use filtering: reduce sensitivity to background (smaller $\sigma_{\Delta p_t}$)
  2. Use local ranges:

     handle non-uniform backgrounds + estimate subtraction error
- Efficiency:
  - At least $\approx$ 8 jets in a local range
  - anti-k_t and C/A+filt give $\langle \Delta p_t \rangle \approx 0$ ($\langle \Delta p_t \rangle / p_t \lesssim 1\%$)
  - C/A+filt has a reduced $\sigma_{\Delta p_t}$