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# QCD with jets at FCC-ee

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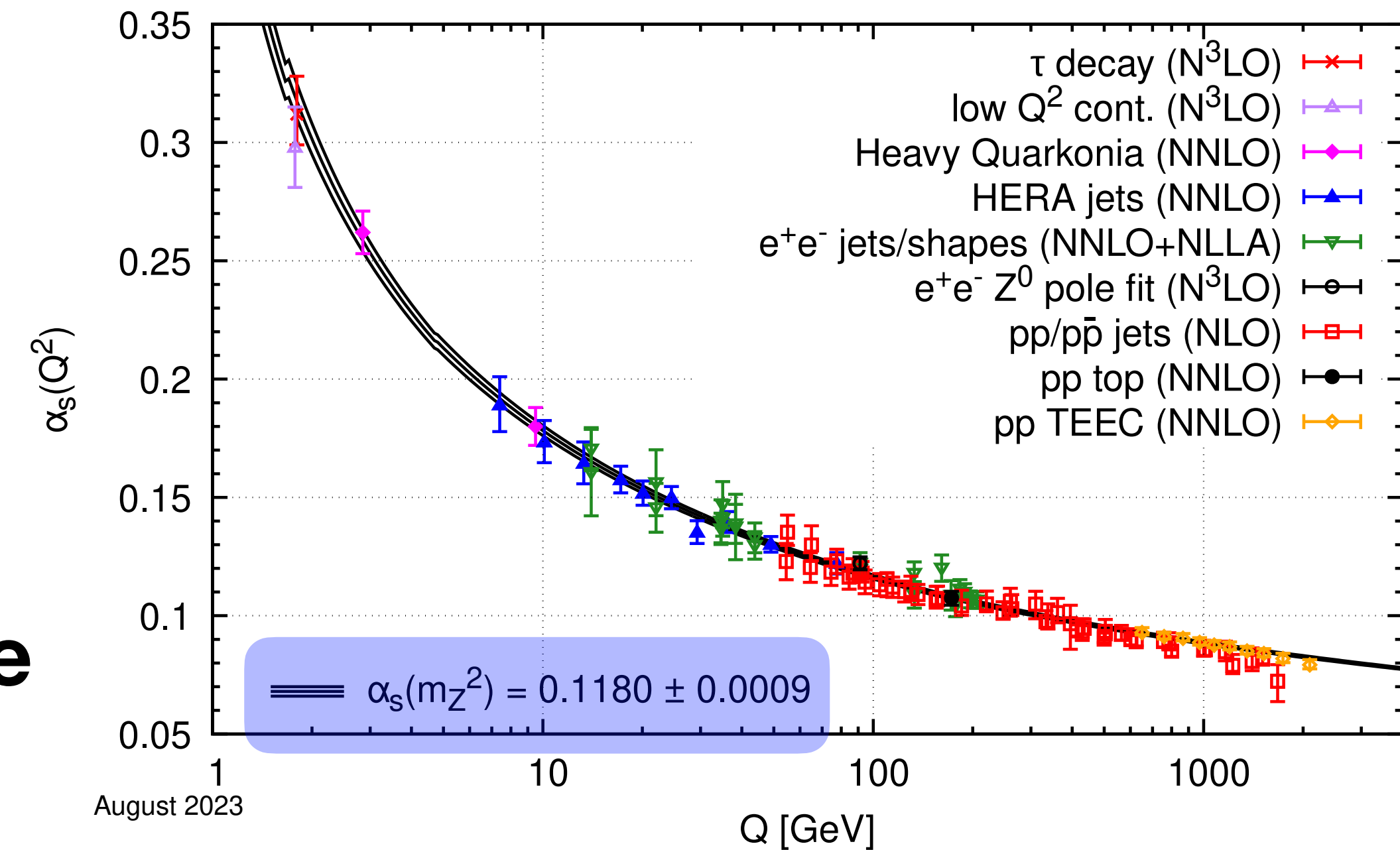
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*The slides are largely inspired from Lata's talk at the 2nd Italy & France workshop*



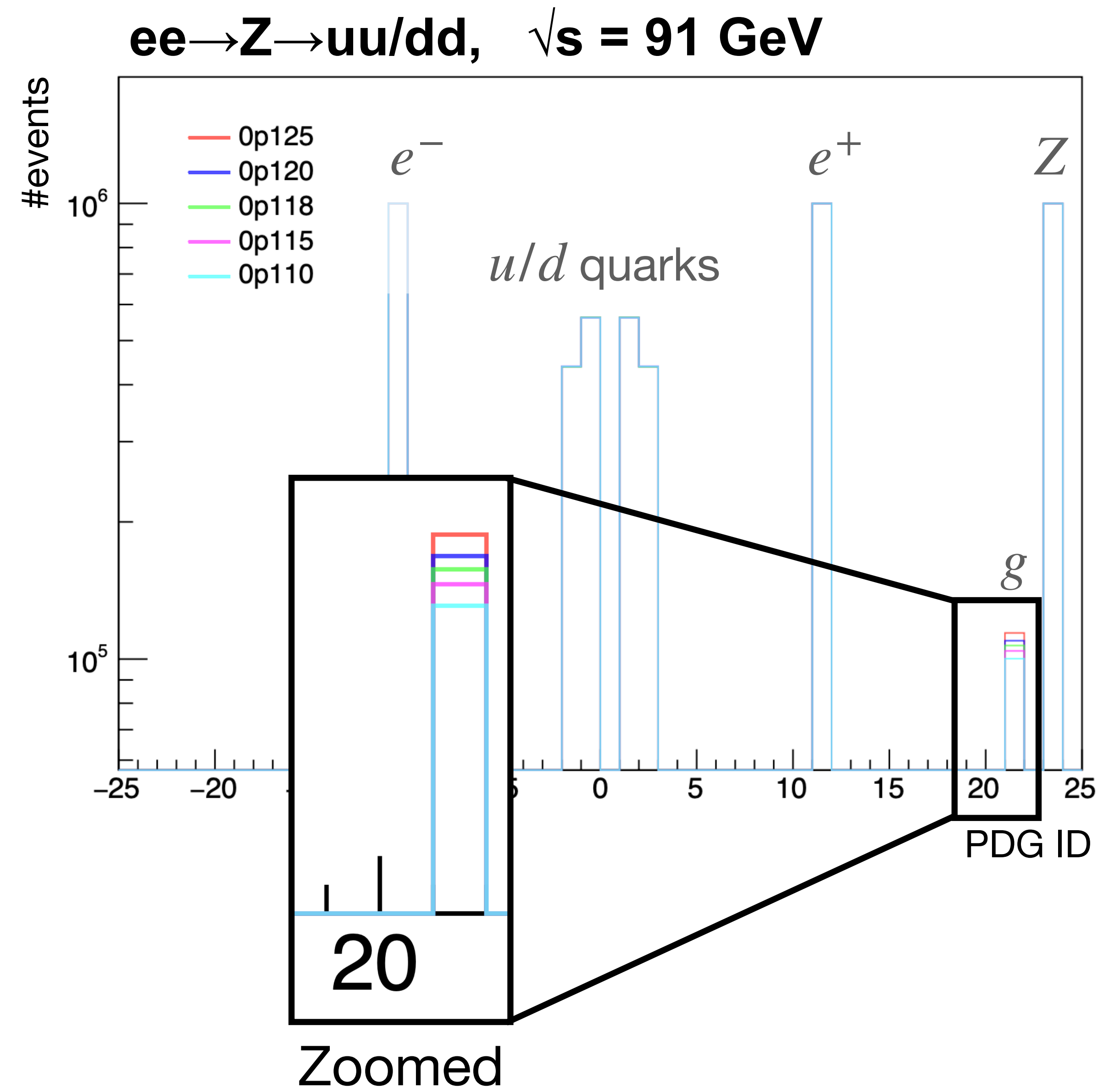
# Motivations

- Goal: study of **sensitivity to  $\alpha_s$**  and evolution as a function of the **RGE** at FCC-ee
- $\alpha_s$  impacts both **jet multiplicity** and **jet shape**  
 $\rightarrow R_{3/2} = \sigma_{\geq 3j} / \sigma_{\geq 2j}$ , **Lund Jet Plane**
- FCC-ee will provide **very high luminosity** and **clean collision environment**:
  - $10^6 \times$  LEP Data at Z-pole
  - Kinematically constrained initial and final states (no PDF & MPI; uncoloured initial state)
  - QCD radiations only in final state, well separated jets



# Samples

- Generating 10M  $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  ( $q=u$  or  $d$ ) events with **Madgraph** (MG5\_aMC@NLO)
- for 5 different  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$  values:  
[0.110, 0.115, **0.118**, 0.120, 0.125]
- Events are further simulated with **Pythia and Delphes**, using **IDEA detector card**
- Emitted gluons multiplicity increases with  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$





# Jet clustering

- Using **ee generalised  $k_T$  algorithm** (1111.6097)
- **Inputs:** Jet constituents within  $\theta$ -region  $[0.3, \pi - 0.3]$  (excluding particles that are close to beam)
- For truth jet clustering:
  - Final stable particles are used
  - Neutrinos from hadronic decays inside jets are excluded from clustering for better comparison with reco jets
  - Muons from pion decay are included

## 4.5 Generalised $k_t$ algorithm for $e^+e^-$ collisions

FastJet also provides native implementations of clustering algorithms in spherical coordinates (specifically for  $e^+e^-$  collisions) along the lines of the original  $k_t$  algorithms [24], but extended following the generalised  $pp$  algorithm of [14] and section 4.4. We define the two following distances:

$$d_{ij} = \min(E_i^{2p}, E_j^{2p}) \frac{(1 - \cos \theta_{ij})}{(1 - \cos R)}, \quad (9a)$$

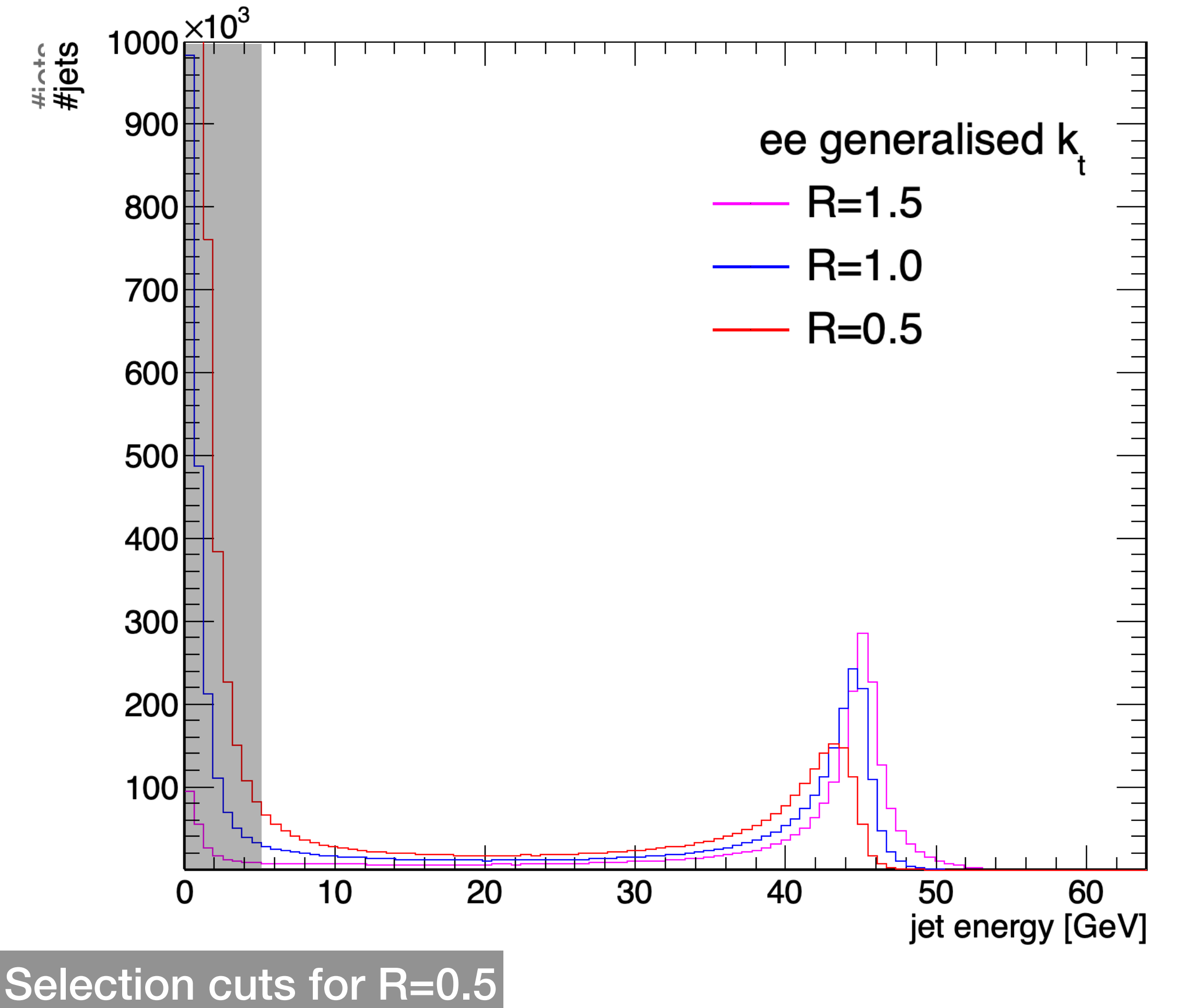
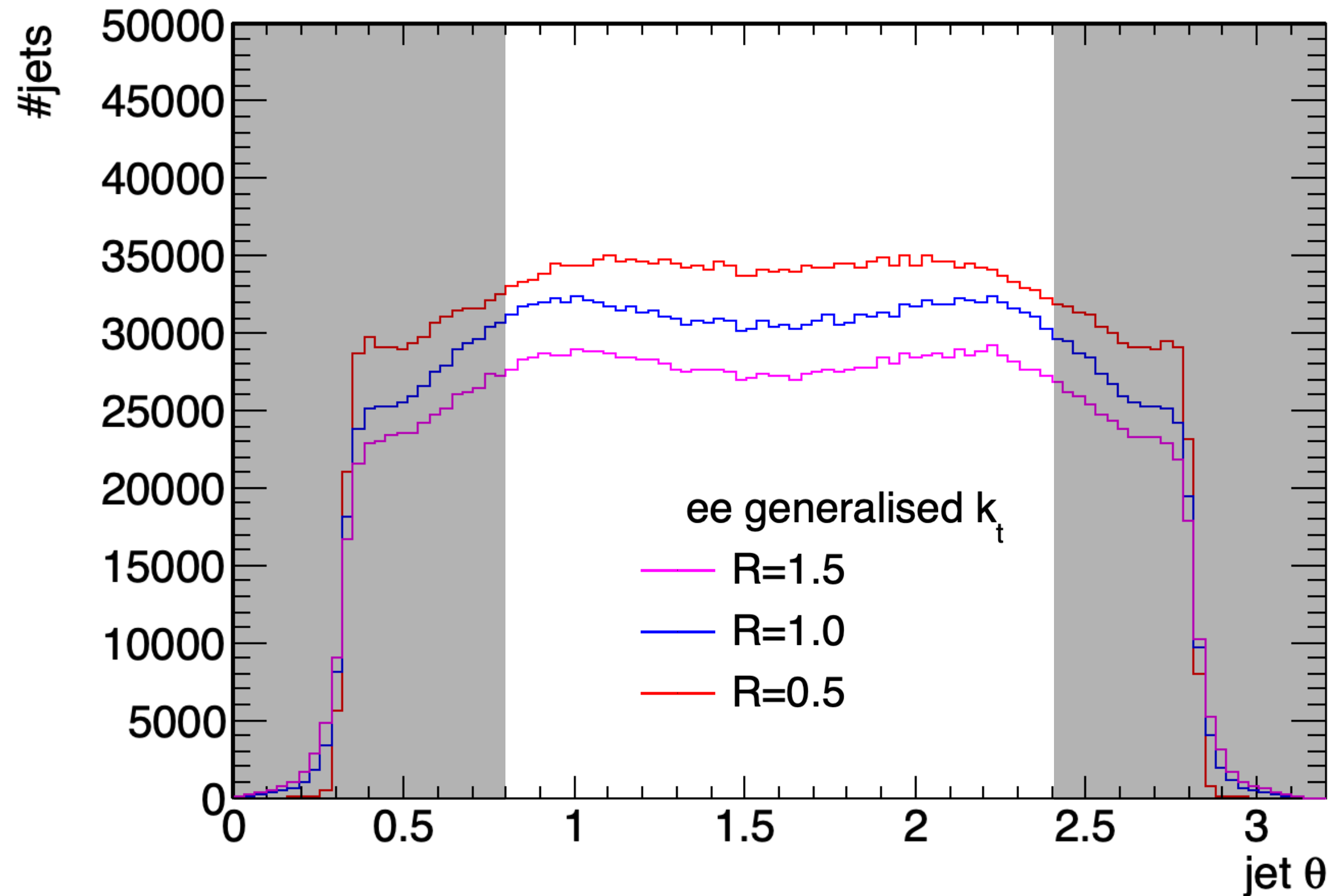
$$d_{iB} = E_i^{2p}, \quad (9b)$$

for a general value of  $p$  and  $R$ . At a given stage of the clustering sequence, if a  $d_{ij}$  is smallest then  $i$  and  $j$  are recombined, while if a  $d_{iB}$  is smallest then  $i$  is called an “inclusive jet”.

For values of  $R \leq \pi$  in eq. (9), the generalised  $e^+e^-$   $k_t$  algorithm behaves in analogy with the  $pp$  algorithms: when an object is at an angle  $\theta_{iX} > R$  from all other objects  $X$  then it forms an inclusive jet. With the choice  $p = -1$  this provides a simple, infrared and collinear safe way of obtaining a cone-like algorithm for  $e^+e^-$  collisions, since hard well-separated jets have a circular profile on the 3D sphere, with opening half-angle  $R$ . To use this form of the algorithm, define

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JetDefinition jet_def(ee_genkt_algorithm, R, p);
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# Reco jet selection

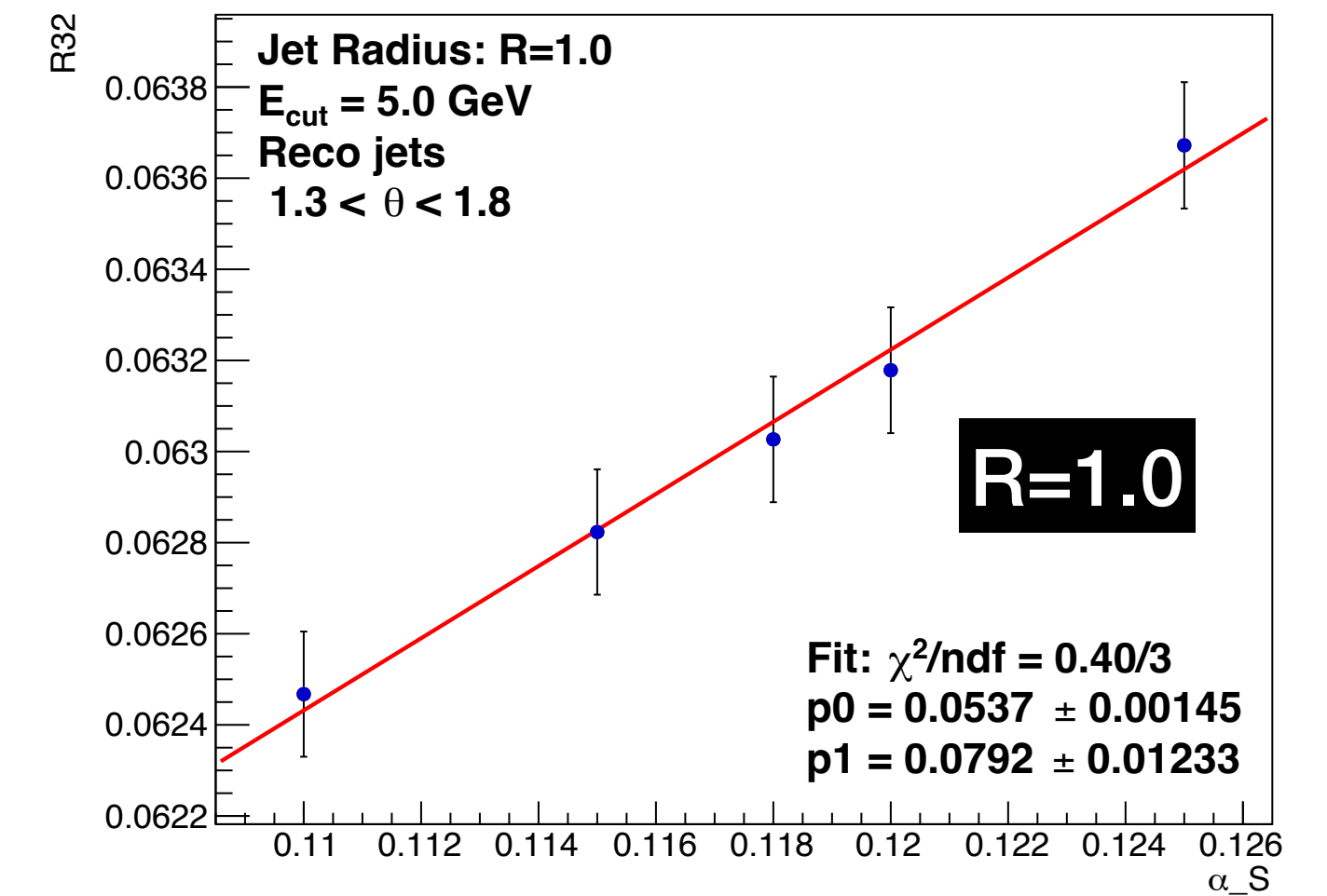
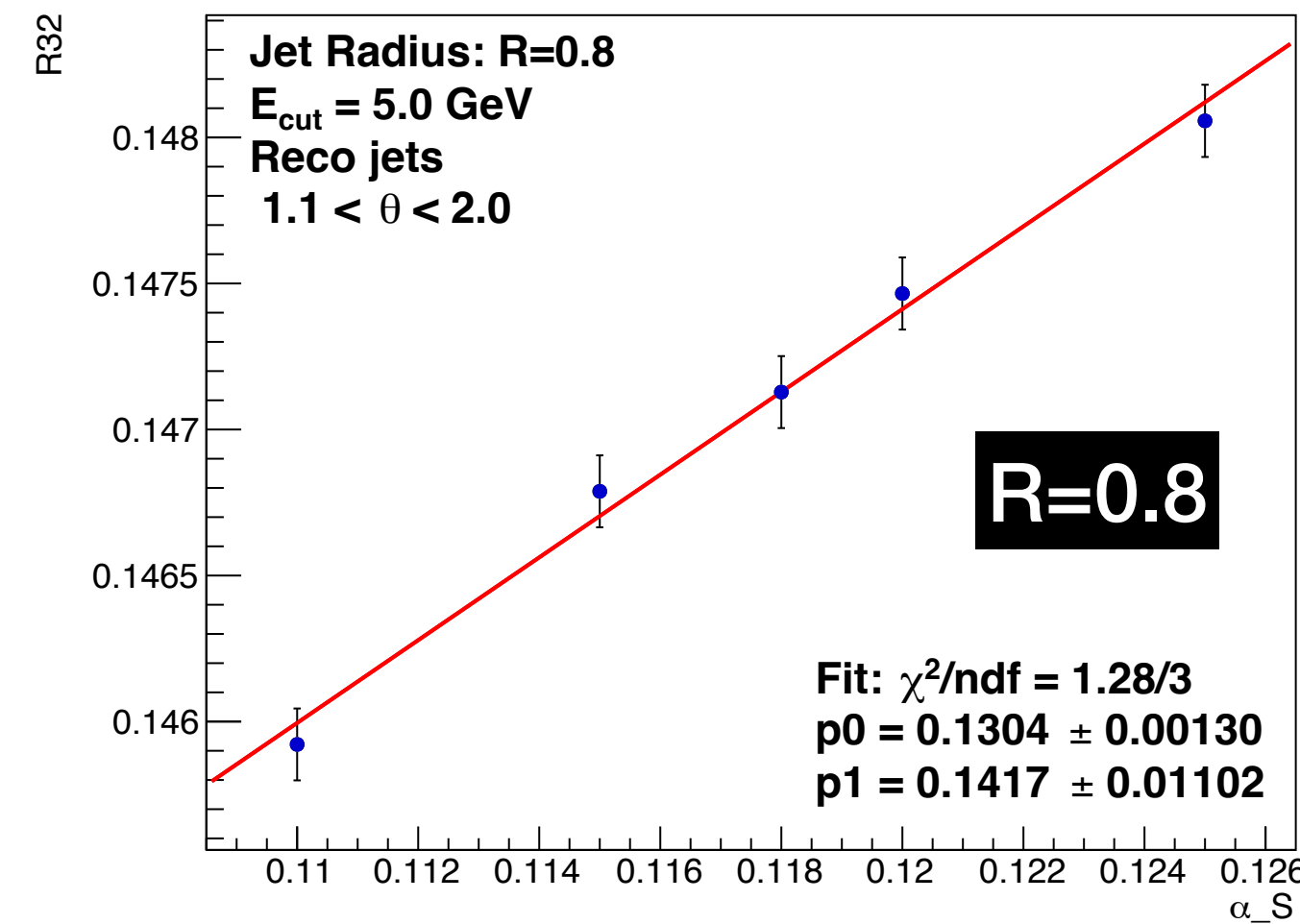
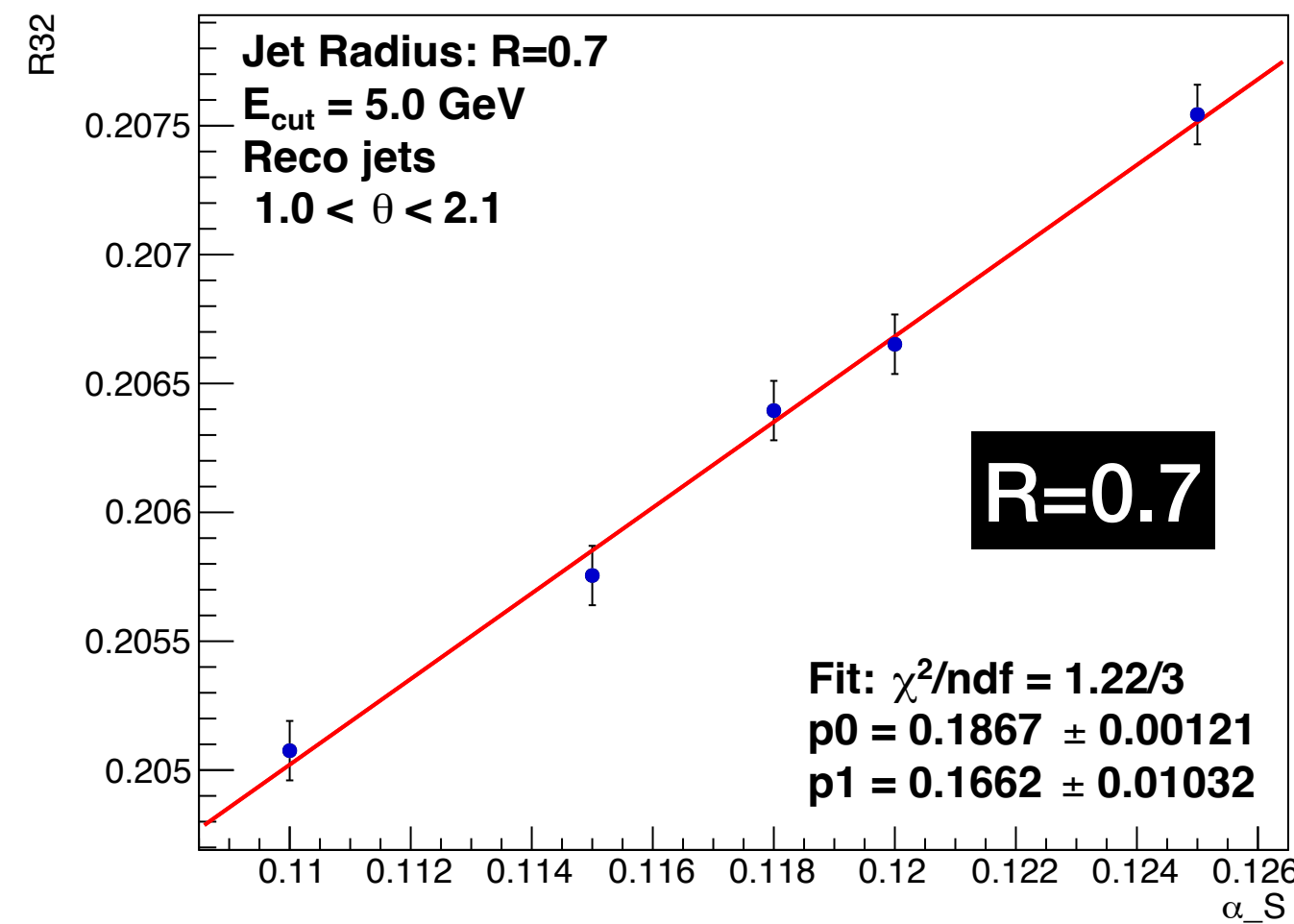
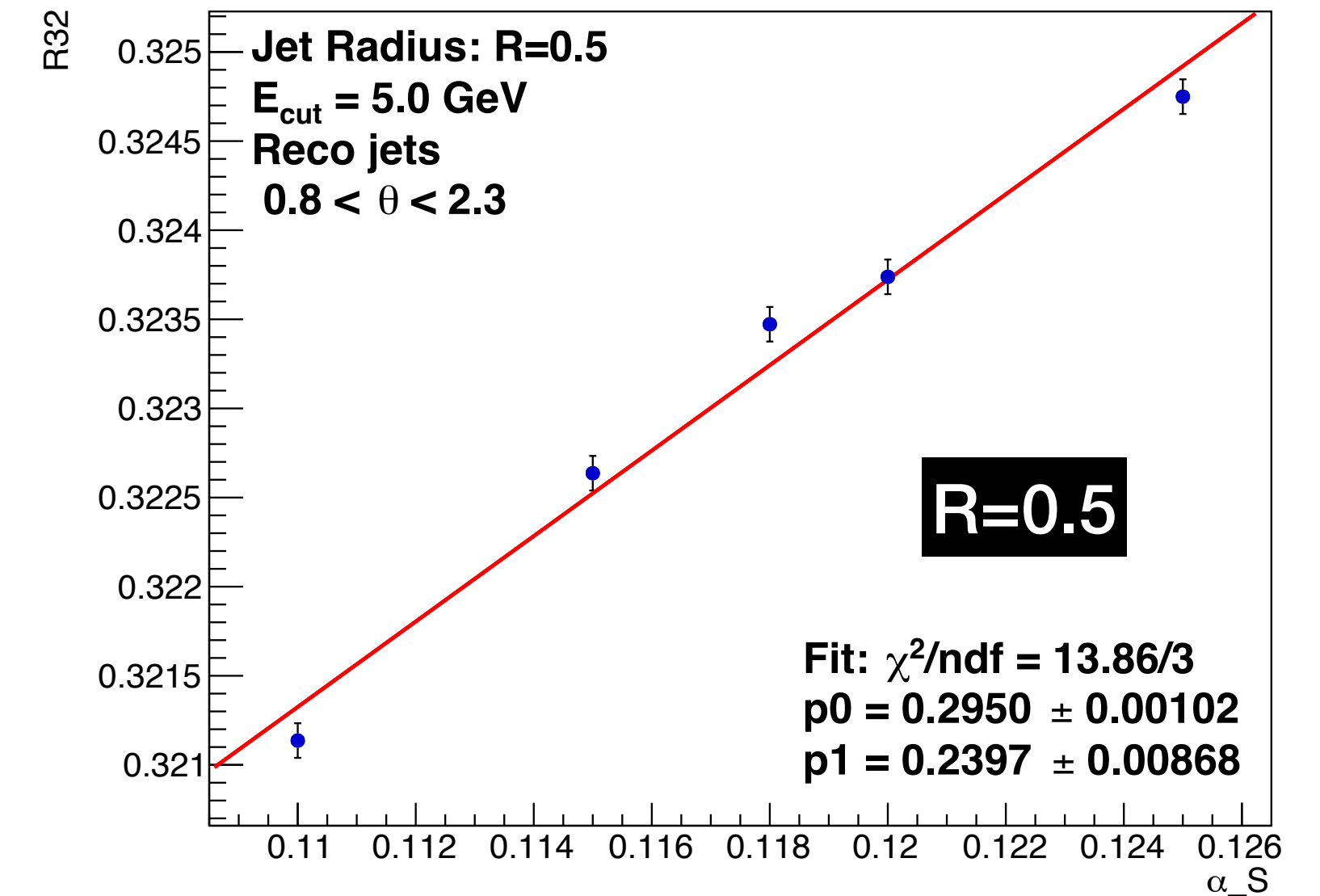


$E_{jet} > 5$  GeV,  $[0.3 + R, \pi - 0.3 - R]$  angular acceptance, #jets > 1



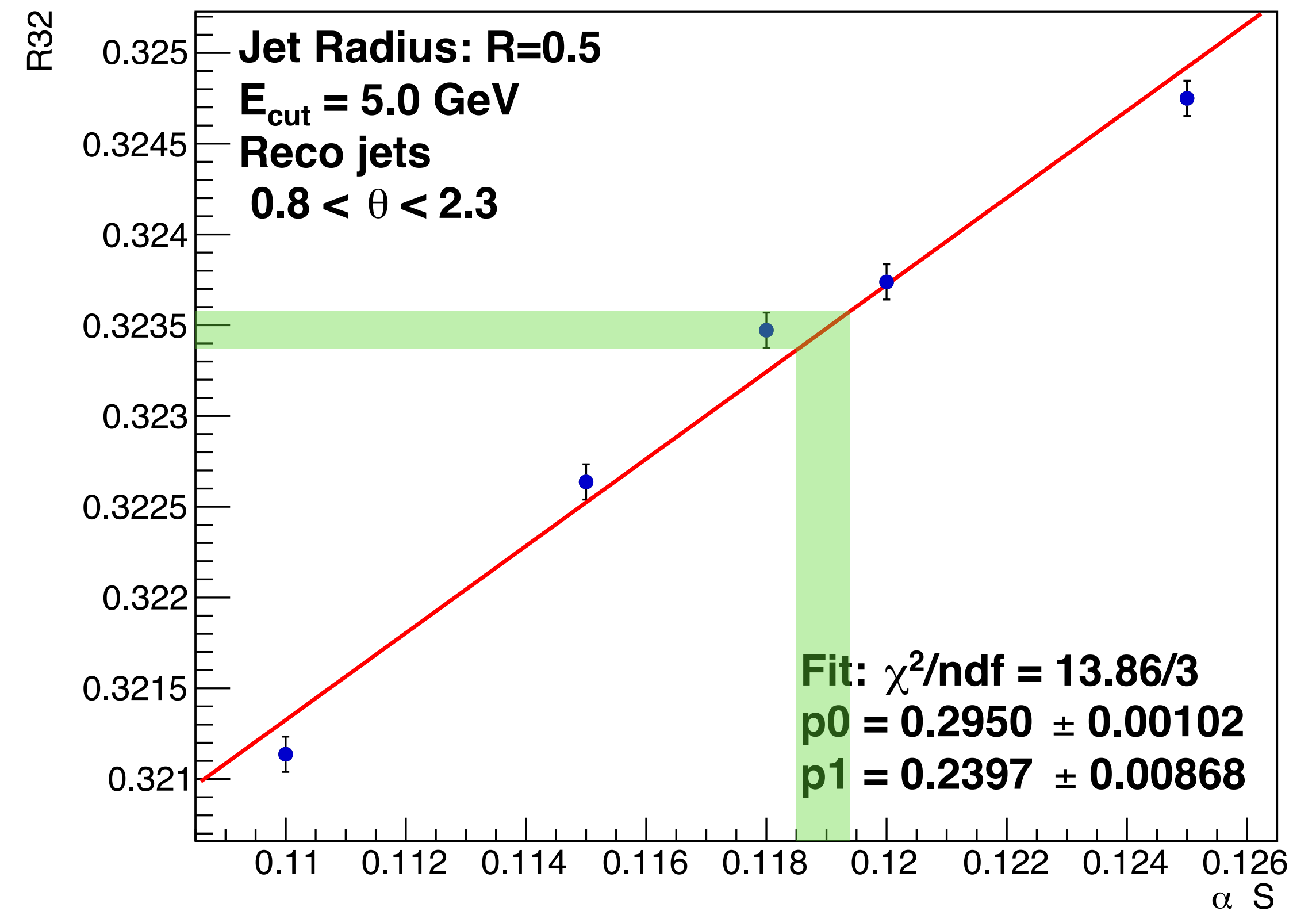
# $R_{3/2}$ study

- Jet cross section ratio between events with at least 3 jets over at least 2 jets
- Linear  $R_{3/2}$  dependency on  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$
- Study of impact of R: sensitivity decrease with R



# $R_{3/2}$ study

- Error bars represent stat. unc. only
- With  $10^7$  events generated, for  $\alpha_S(M_Z) = 0.118$ :  $\Delta R_{3/2}^{stat} = 0.03 \%$
- At the Z pole of FCC-ee,  $10^{13}$  Z produced,  $\sim 3 \times 10^{12}$  of them decaying to light quarks
- Expected statistical sensitivity to  $\alpha_S$   
 $\Delta \alpha_S^{stat} = 0.0002 \%$   
 $\rightarrow$  challenge for experimental and theoretical uncertainties



$$\delta R_{3/2} = (0.240 \pm 0.009) \delta \alpha_S$$

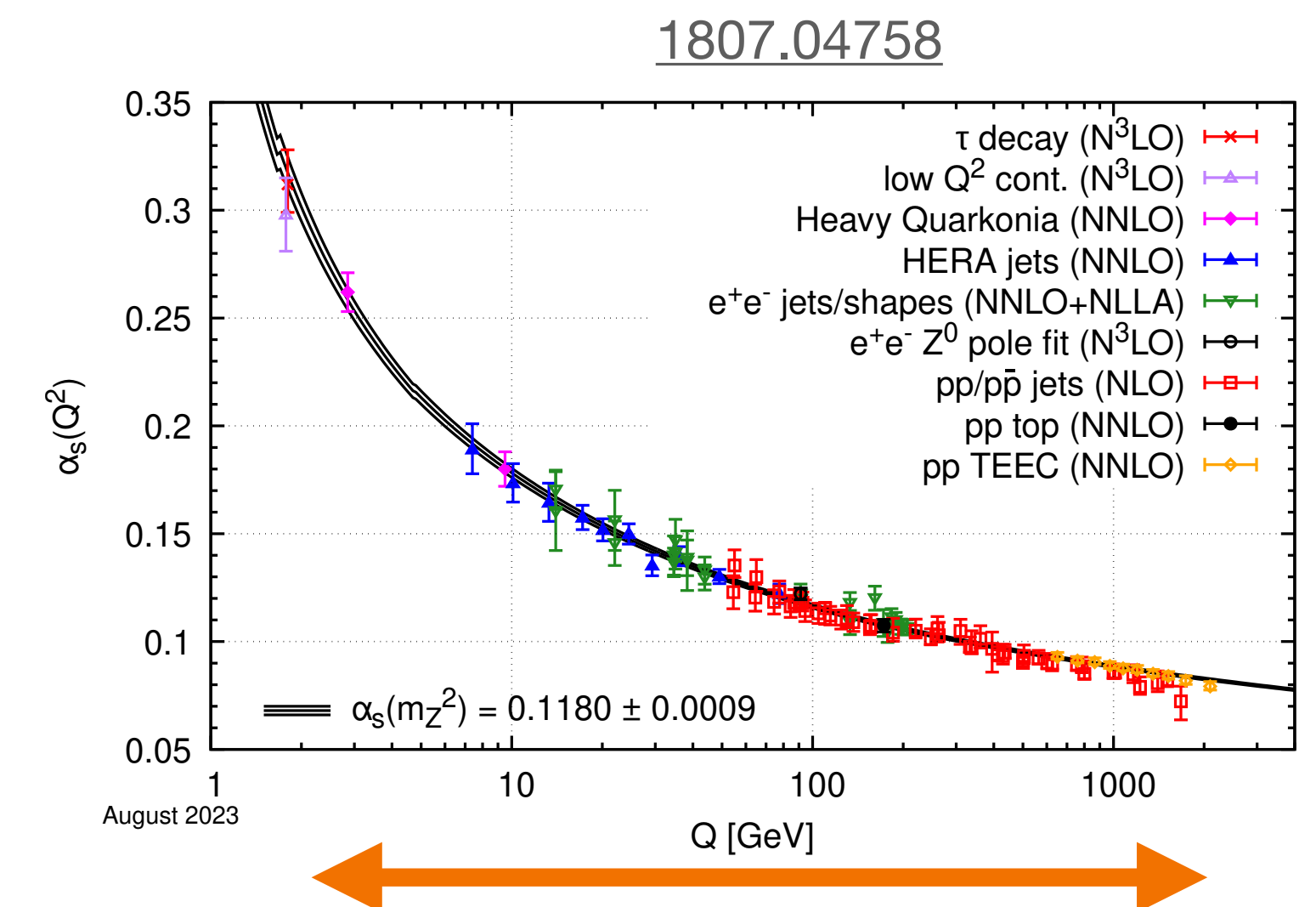
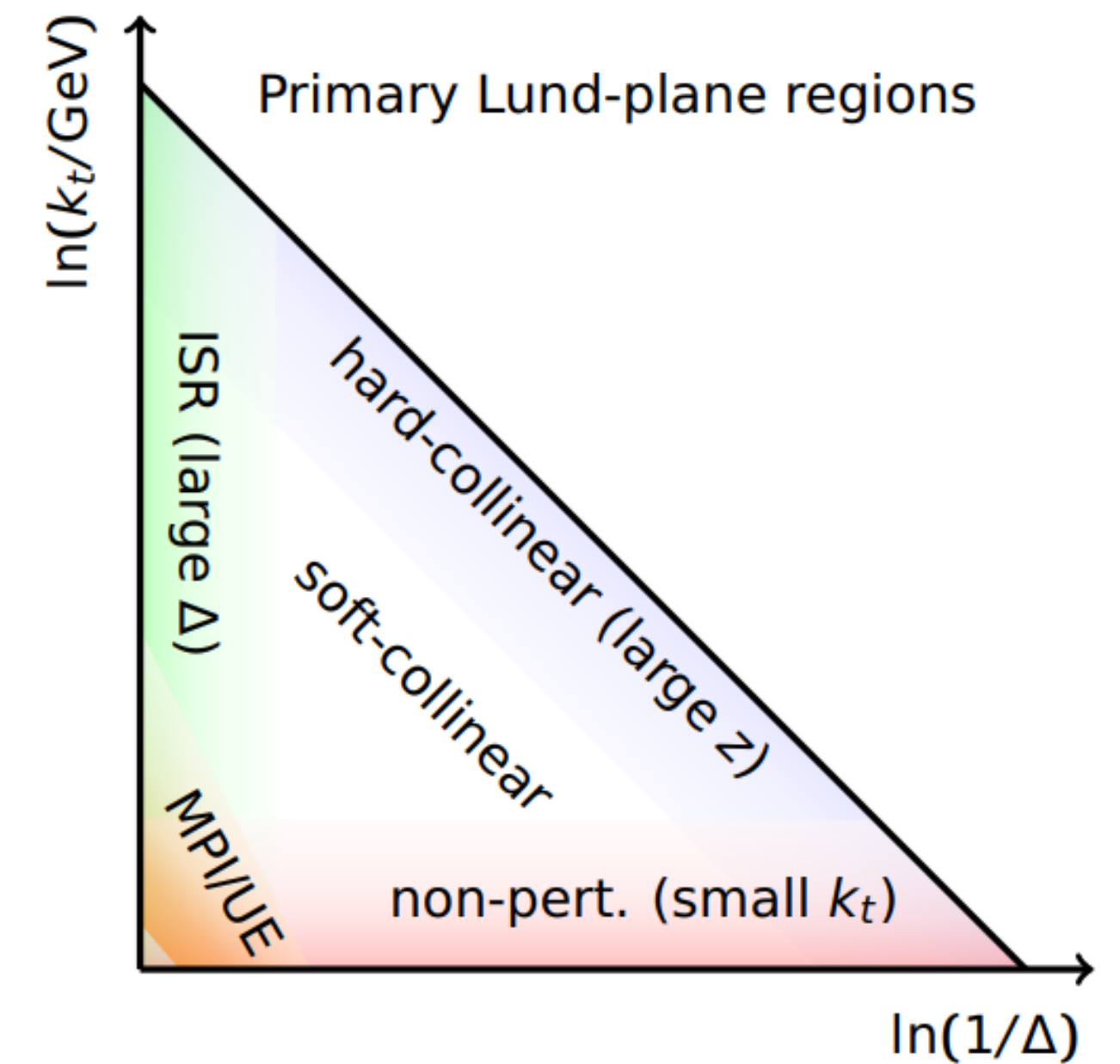


# The Lund Jet Plane

- LJP organises the emissions within a jet in terms of their **transverse momentum** and **angular separation**
- Widely used for jet modelling studies and jet tagging
- QCD processes behind jet formation are related to  $\alpha_s$   
→ LJP density + normalisation **sensitive to  $\alpha_s$**

$$\rho(k_t, \Delta R) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{jets}}} \frac{d^2(\# \text{emissions})}{d \ln(k_T/\text{GeV}) d \ln(R/\Delta R)} \approx \frac{2C_F \alpha_s(k_T)}{\pi}$$

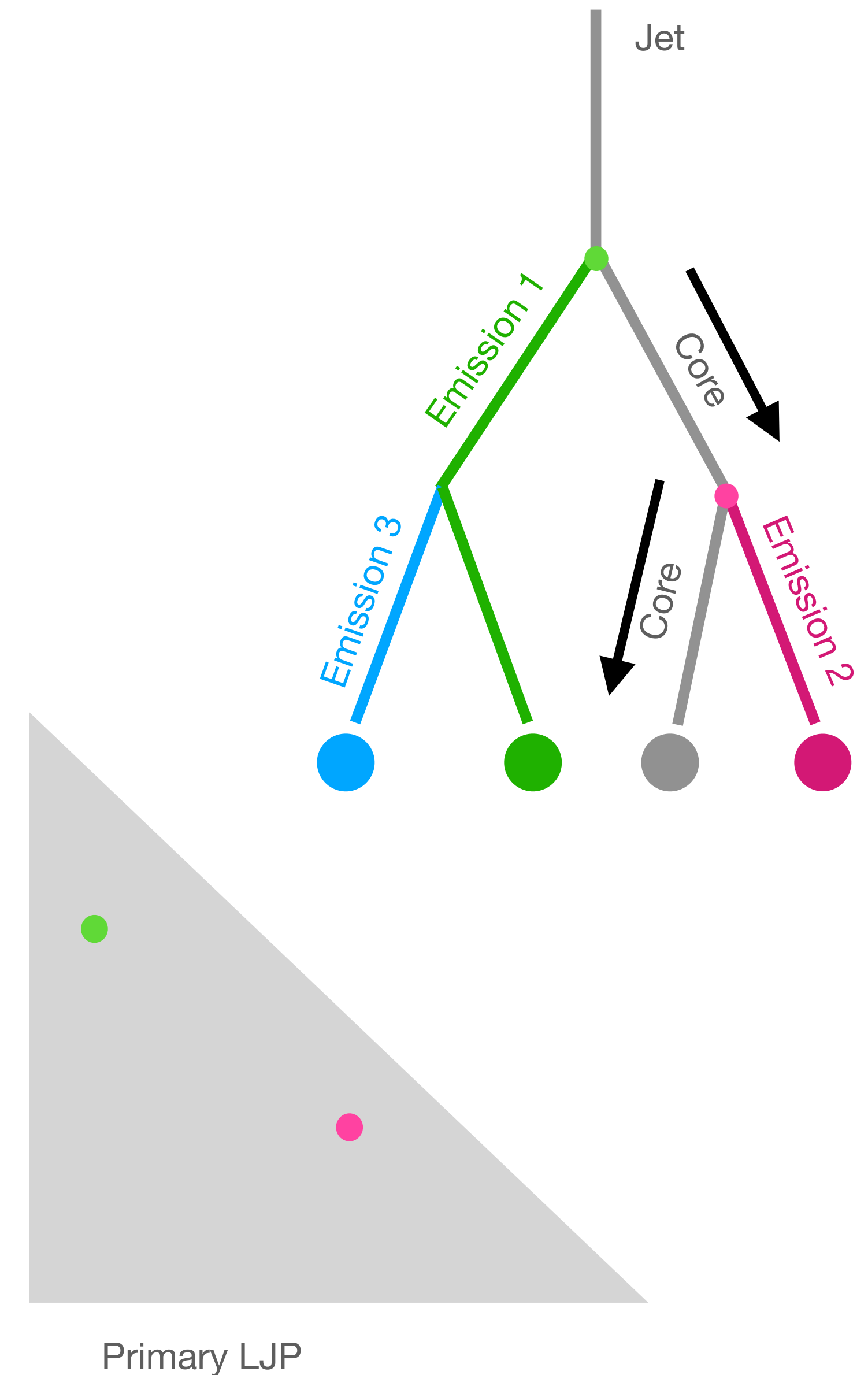
→ Broad range of scale covered to **test the running of  $\alpha_s$**  with coherent analysis of uncertainties





# LJP construction

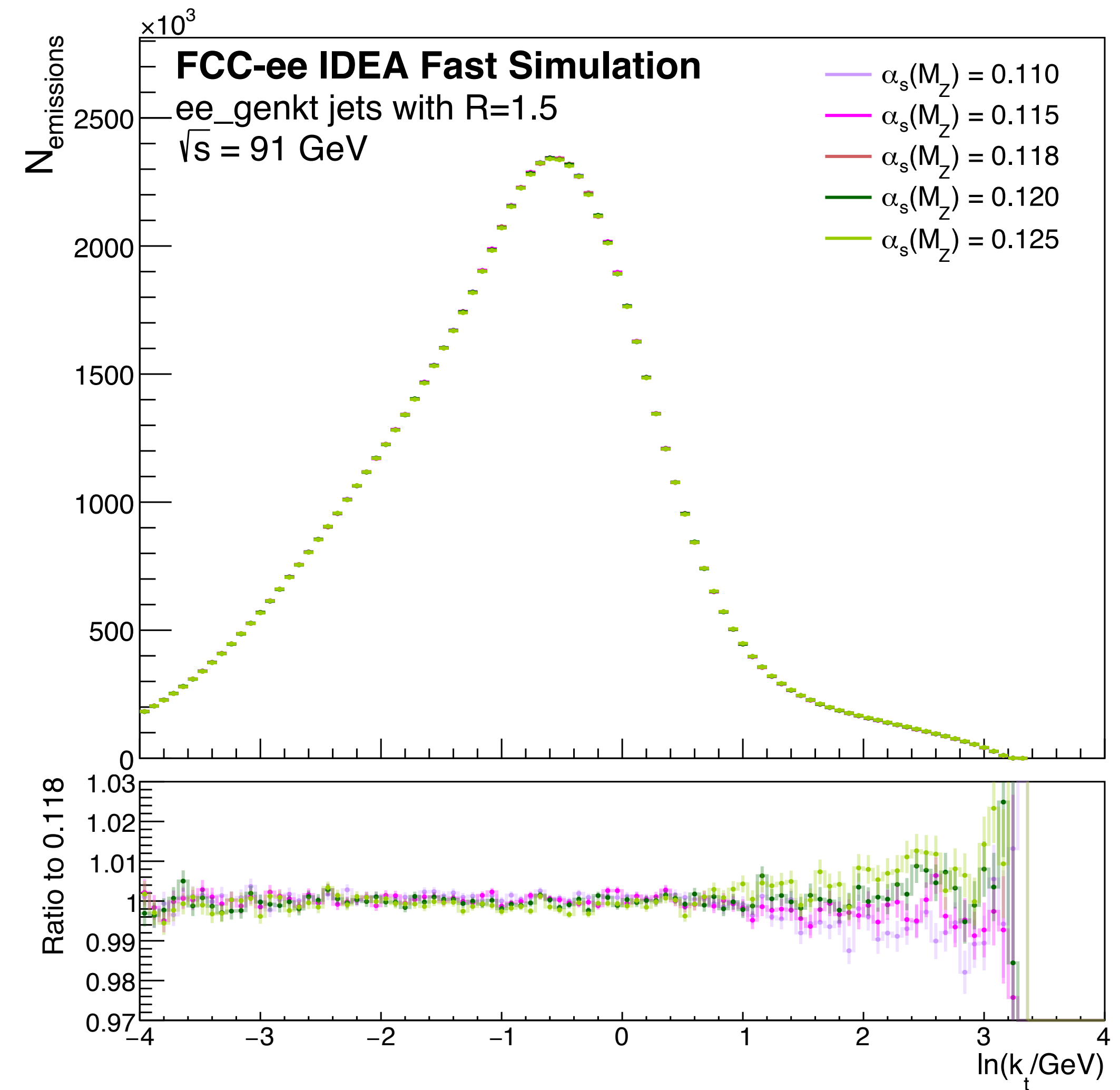
- Construction:
  - Clustering jet with **ee generalised- $k_T$  algorithm**
  - Reclustering the tracks inside the jets using **Cambridge-Aachen algorithm** (angular-ordered, adapted for ee study by parametrising  $\Delta R$  with  $\theta$  rather than  $y$ )
  - Declustering it and at each step compute  $\Delta R$  (angle between emission and emitter) and  $k_T$  (relative transverse momentum of the emission)
- Considering **Primary LJP** and **Secondary LJP** (built following first emission)





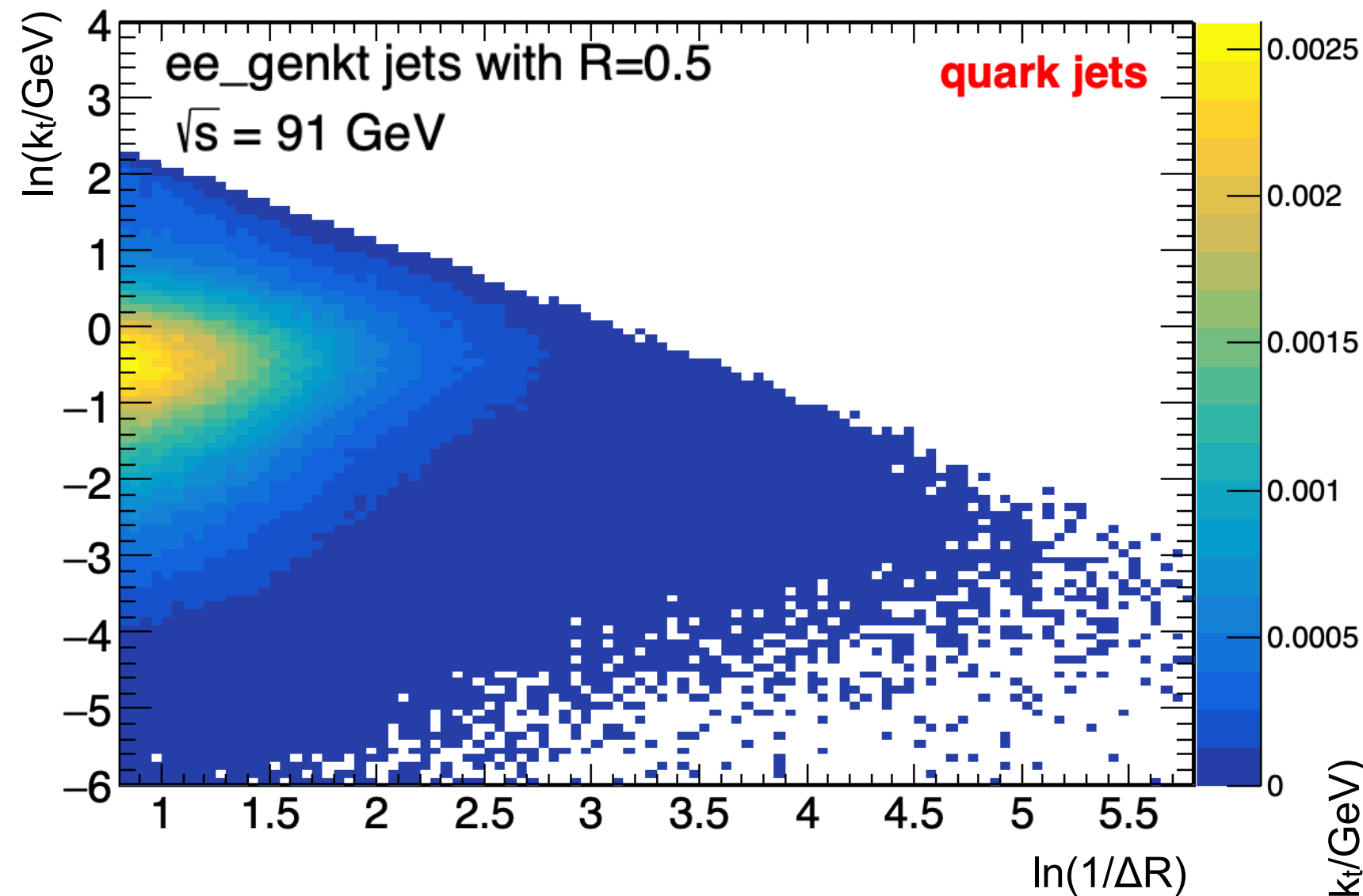
# Sensitivity to $\alpha_s(M_Z)$

- Prospective studies of the **Lund Jet Plane** in an FCC-ee environment with MC simulations (same samples as for the  $R_{3/2}$  study)
- Using large-R jets ( $R=1.5$ ), scan in  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$
- Hint of **sensitivity to  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$**  in LJP shape with increase of harder emissions with  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$
- Strong requirements on energy and angular resolution for the detectors, tracking and reconstruction algorithms (would need full simulations)



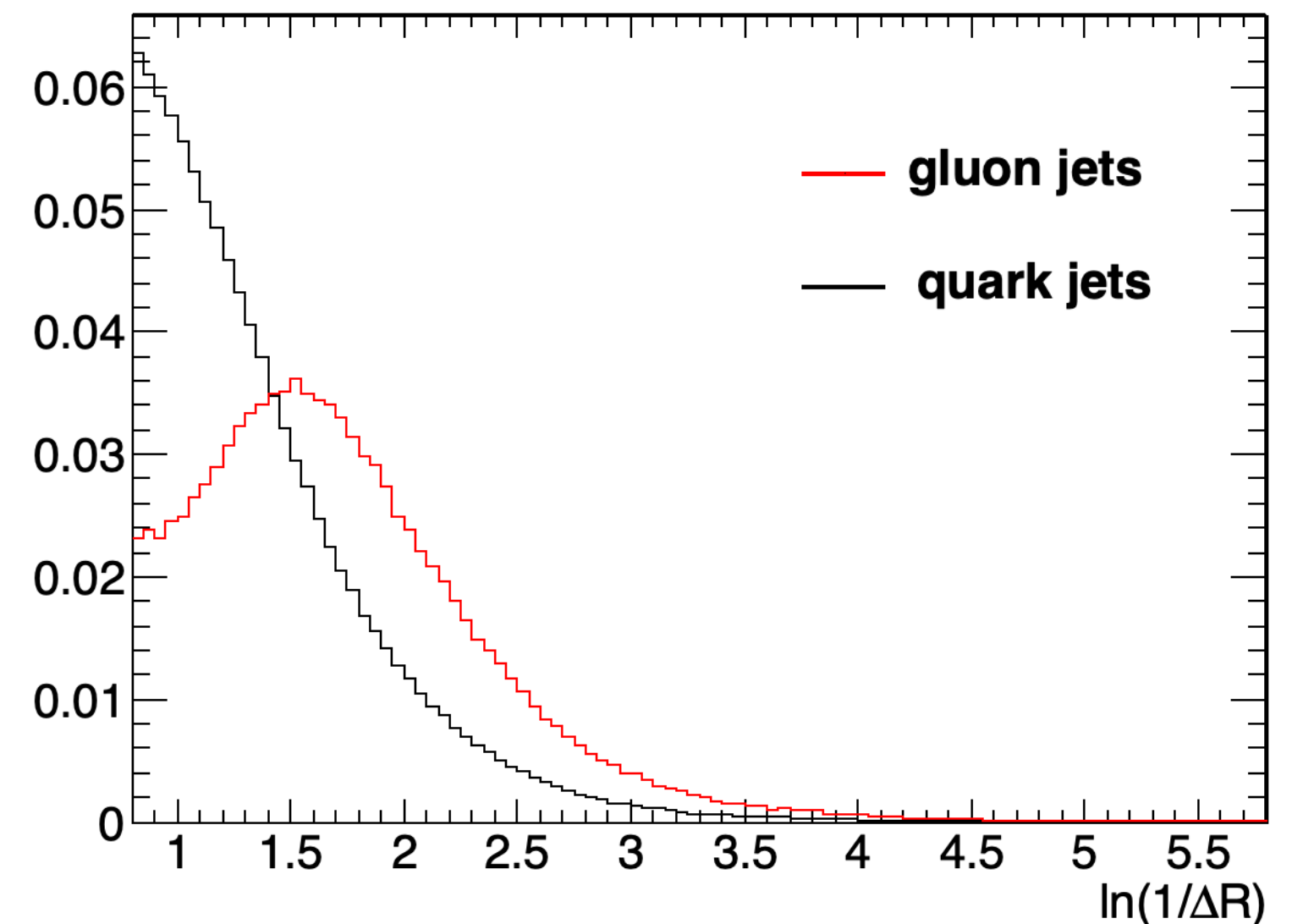
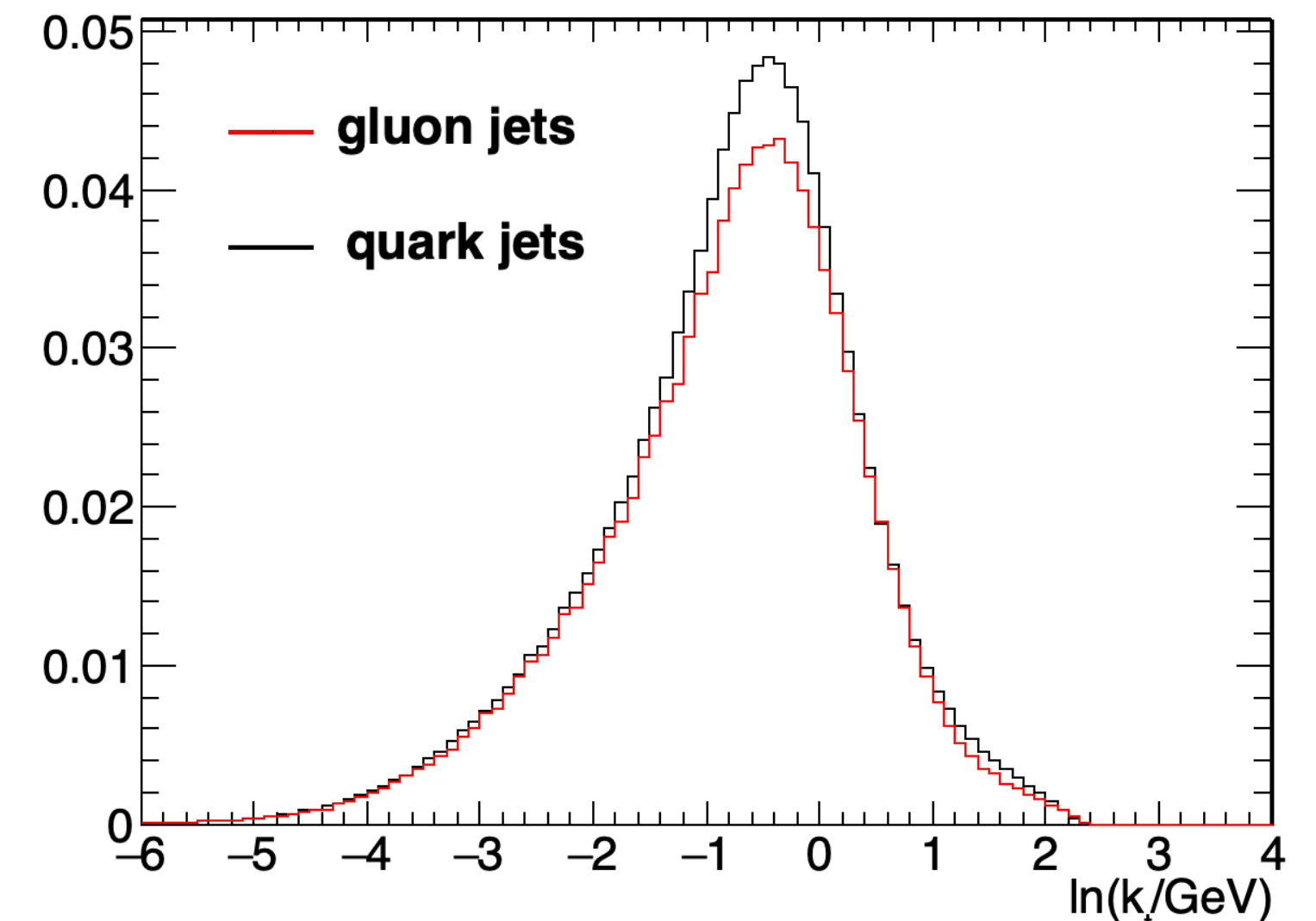
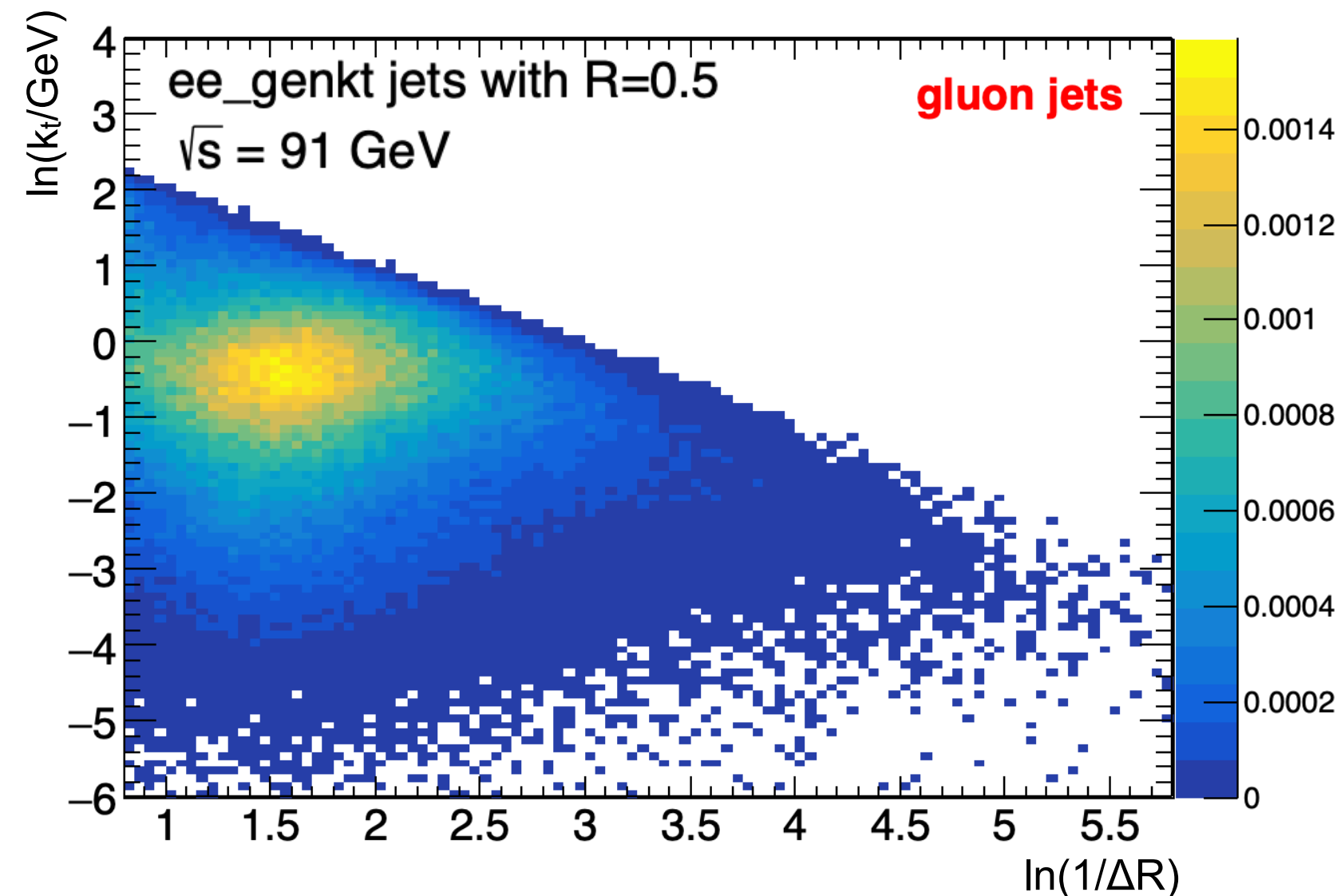


# Jet tagging potential



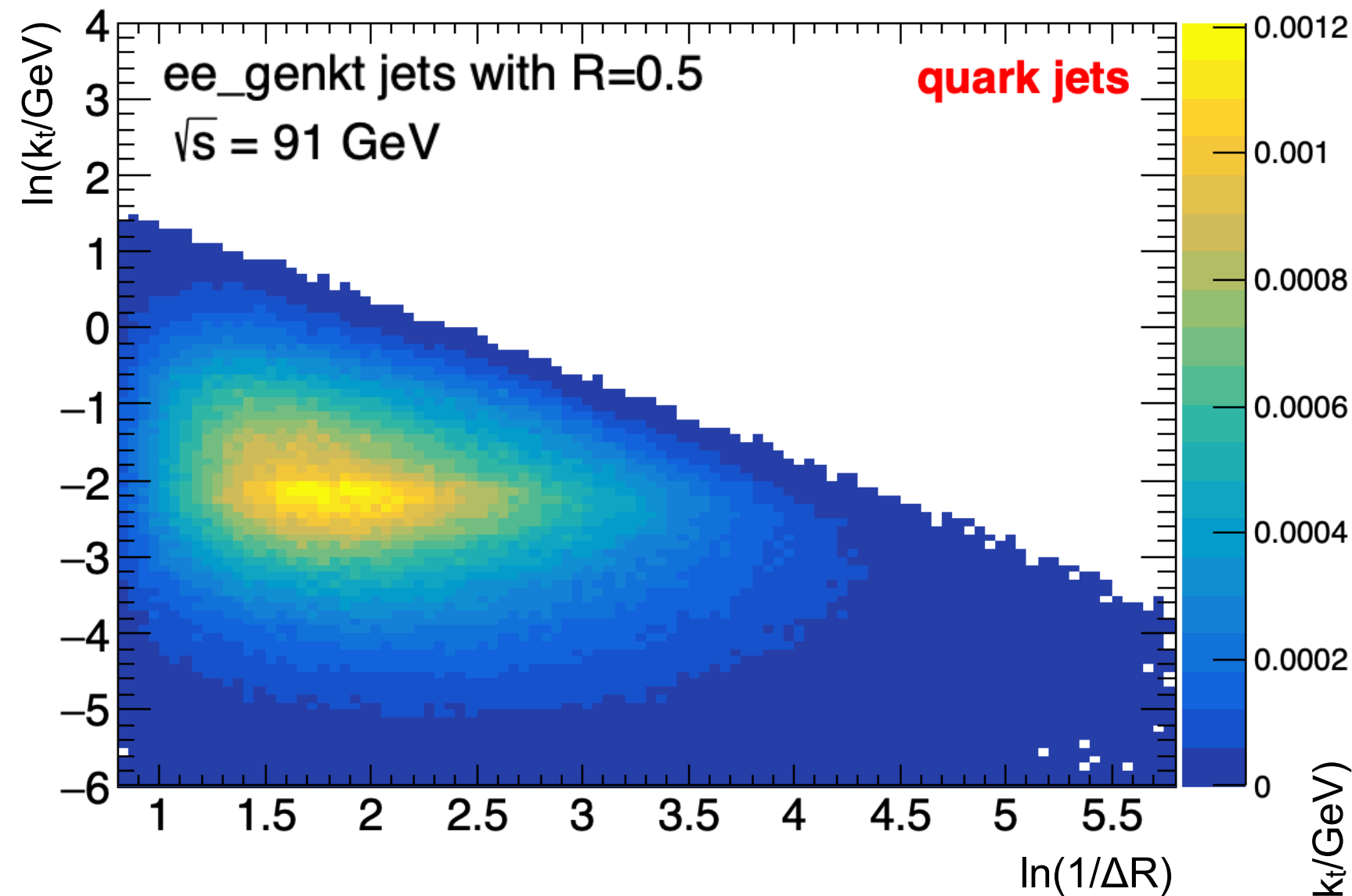
**Primary LJP for quark and gluon-induced jets;** can be extended to heavy ( $Z \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ) vs light flavor ( $H \rightarrow gg$ ) jets

Note: Gluons are emitted from quarks in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow u\bar{u}/d\bar{d}$  process

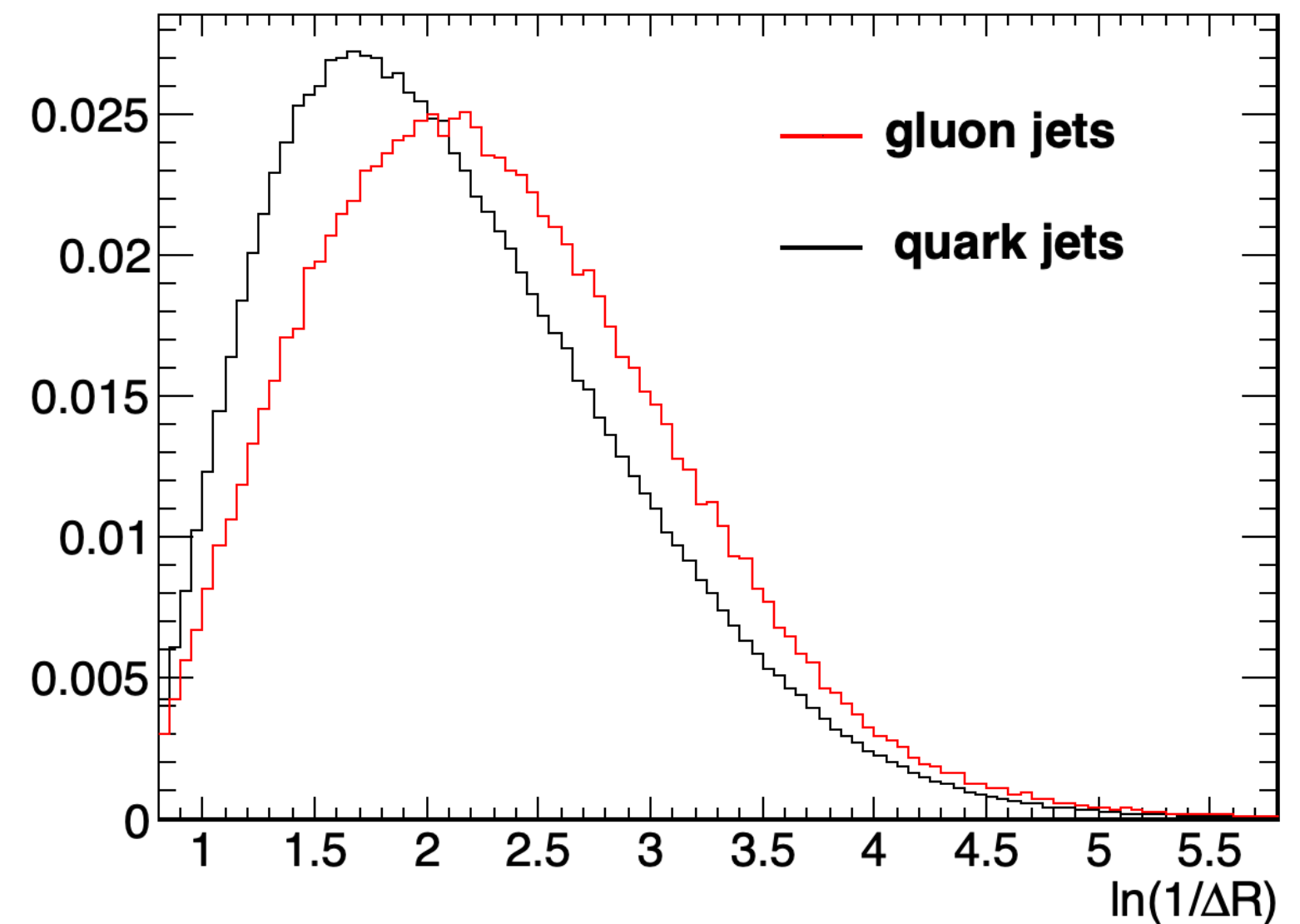
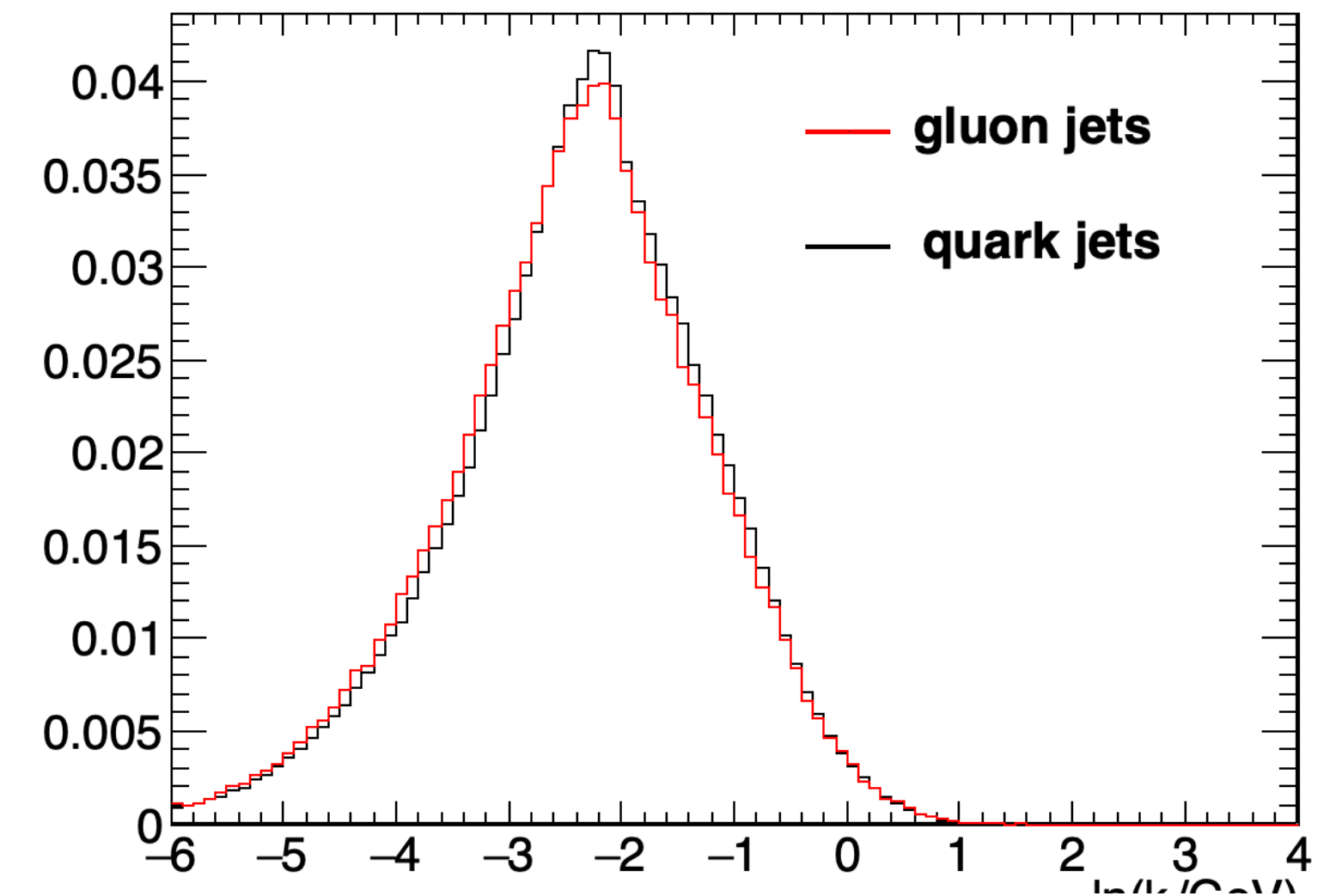
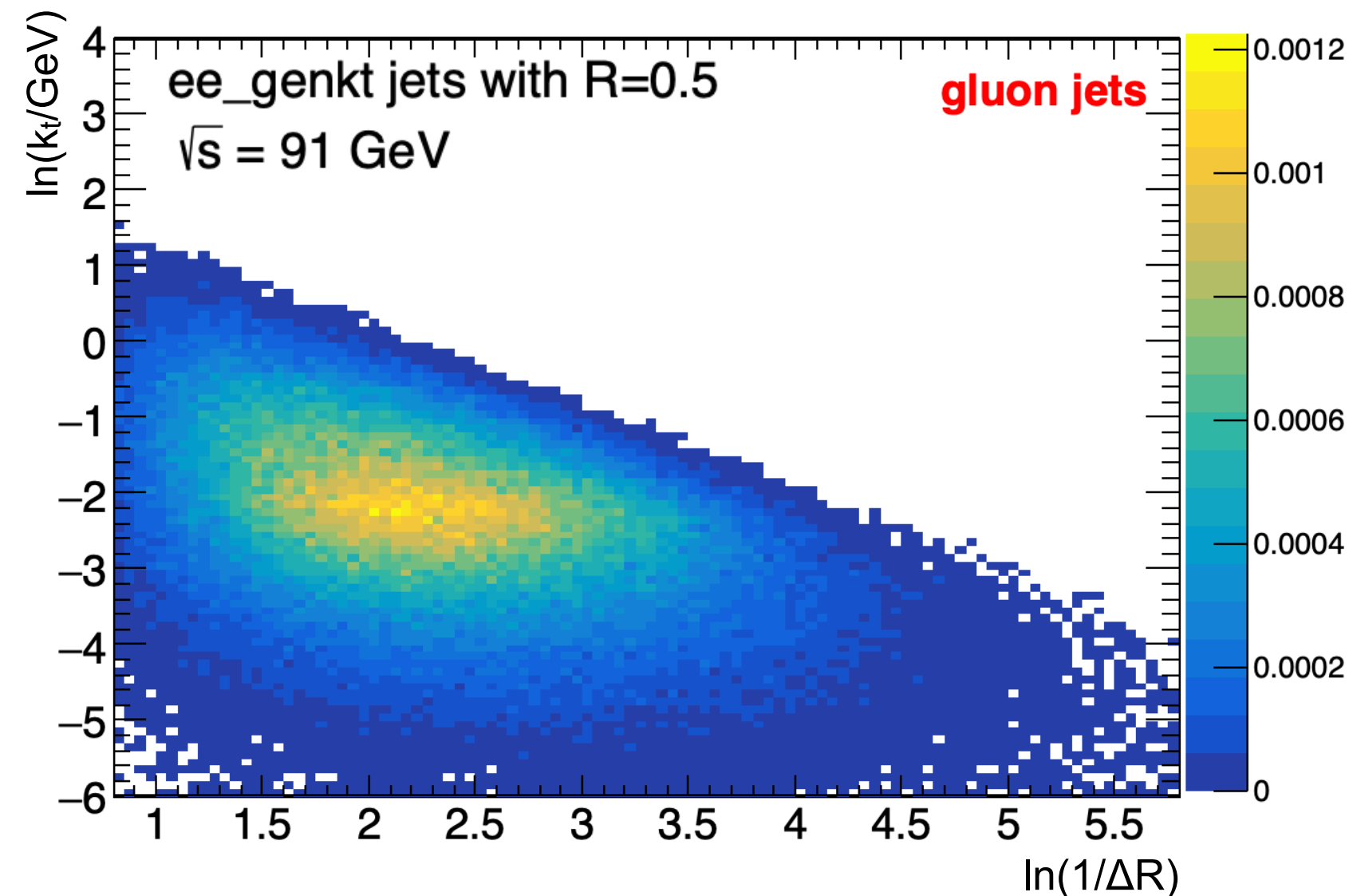




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# Conclusion

- Jet studies at FCC-ee motivated by the sensitivity to  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$  and test of the RGE
- $R_{3/2}$  study shows great sensitivity to  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$  at FCC-ee, with expected statistical sensitivity to  $\alpha_s$  of the order of  $\Delta\alpha_s = 0.0002 \%$
- **Lund Jet Plane** study shows hint of sensitivity to  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ 
  - Sensitivity to its running not explored
  - Potential for jet tagging
- Both study benefit from large statistics available at FCC-ee  
→ stringent demand on detector design and theoretical predictions to control systematics



An aerial photograph of a mountainous landscape. The foreground and middle ground show a valley with green fields, a winding river, and a large lake. The background is filled with rugged, snow-capped mountains under a clear blue sky. A large red oval highlights a significant portion of the valley, and a smaller blue oval highlights a specific area within the valley.

**Backup**



# High-precision gluon & quark jet studies

- Poorly known gluon radiation and fragmentation leads to **large discrepancy between MC generators** for gluon jets (Existing MC tuning relies mostly on **quark-enriched samples**)
- FCC-ee exploited as a **pure gluon factory**:
  - $H \rightarrow gg$  (8% BR, 120k extra-clean di-gluon events) vs  $Z \rightarrow qq$  ( $10^{10}$  events)
  - $Z \rightarrow bbg$  (g in one hemisphere recoiling against 2 b-jets in the other)
- Multiple high-precision analyses:
  - **q/g discrimination** (training on pure samples)
  - **Non-pQCD** (gluon fragmentation, colour reconnection...)
  - **pQCD** (NNLL PS tuning, *jet substructure*)

