

Low energy QCD parameters from $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$ and beyond

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Two flavour values:

		$Z(2)$	$X(2)$
Descotes-Genon et al. 2001	phenomenology	0.89 ± 0.03	0.81 ± 0.07
Bernard et al. 2012	lattice+Re χ PT	0.86 ± 0.01	0.89 ± 0.01
FLAG 2013 $N_f=2$	lattice	0.87 ± 0.01	0.86 ± 0.09
FLAG 2013 $N_f=2+1$	lattice	0.886 ± 0.004	0.84 ± 0.14

Three flavour values:

phenomenology		$Z(3)$	$X(3)$
Bijnens, Ecker 2014	NNLO χ PT (main fit)	0.59	0.63
Bijnens, Ecker 2014	NNLO χ PT (free fit)	0.51	0.48
Amoros et al. 2001	NNLO χ PT ("fit 10")	0.89	0.66
Descotes-Genon 2007	Re χ PT $\pi\pi+\pi K$	>0.2	<0.8
lattice			
Bernard et al. 2012	RBC/UKQCD+Re χ PT	0.54 ± 0.06	0.38 ± 0.05
Ecker et al. 2013	RBC/UKQCD+large N_c	0.91 ± 0.08	
MILC 2009	MILC 09A	0.72 ± 0.06	0.62 ± 0.07

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Mass parameters (3 flavour):

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Isospin breaking parameter R :

phenomenology		R
Dashen's theorem	LO	44
Dashen's theorem	NNLO	37
Bijnens et al. 2007	$\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$ NNLO χ PT	41.3
Kampf et al. 2012	$\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$ dispersive	37.8 ± 3.3
lattice		
FLAG 2013 $N_f=2$	lattice average	40.7 ± 4.3
FLAG 2013 $N_f=2+1$	lattice average	35.8 ± 2.6

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Chiral perturbation theory ($N_f=3$)

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- to first order in isospin breaking, EM effects neglected
- physical mixing angles to all chiral orders and first in $1/R$

Direct remainder expansion around the Dalitz plot center

$$\Delta_{G_D} = \Delta_A + \Delta_B(s - s_0) + \Delta_C(s - s_0)^2 + \Delta_D[(t - s_0)^2 + (u - s_0)^2]$$

19 parameters:

- LO: X, Z, r, R
- NLO: L_1, L_2, L_3
- direct rem.: $\Delta_A, \Delta_B, \Delta_C, \Delta_D$
- indirect rem.: $\Delta_{M_\pi}, \Delta_{F_\pi}, \Delta_{M_K}, \Delta_{F_K}, \Delta_{M_\eta}, \Delta_{F_\eta}, \Delta_{M_{38}}, \Delta_{Z_{38}}$

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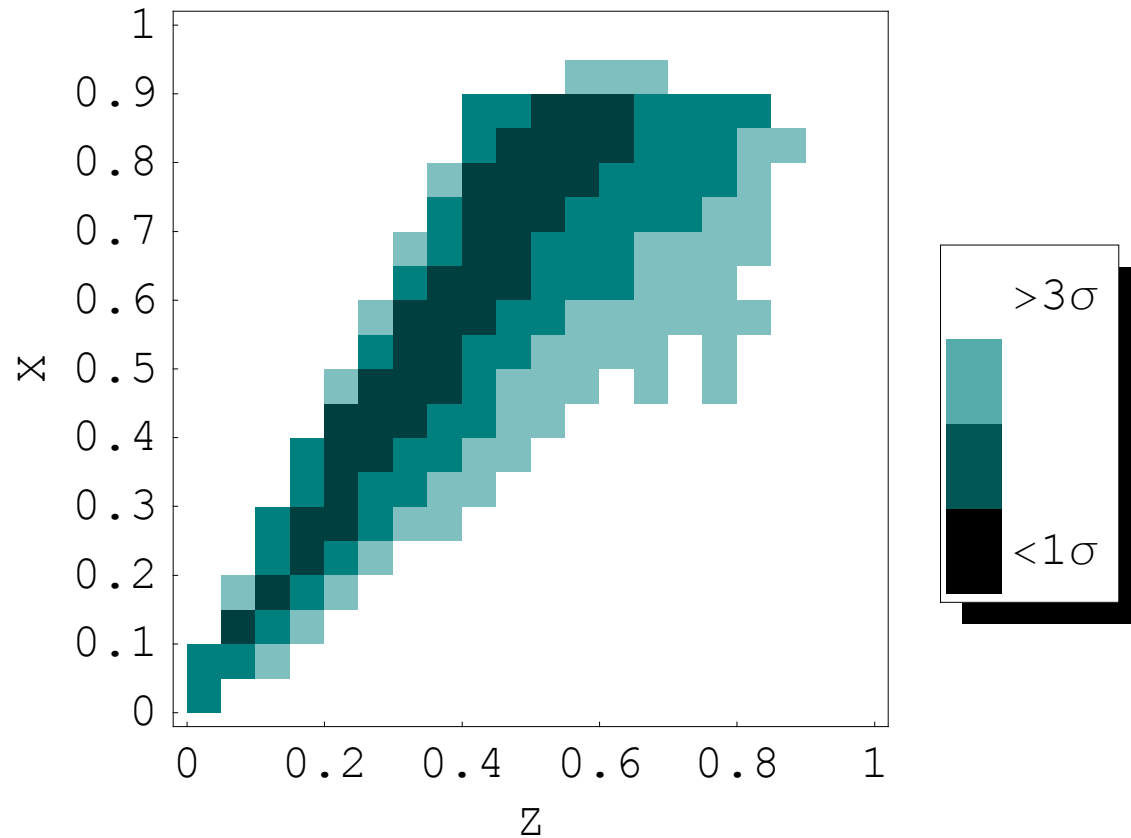
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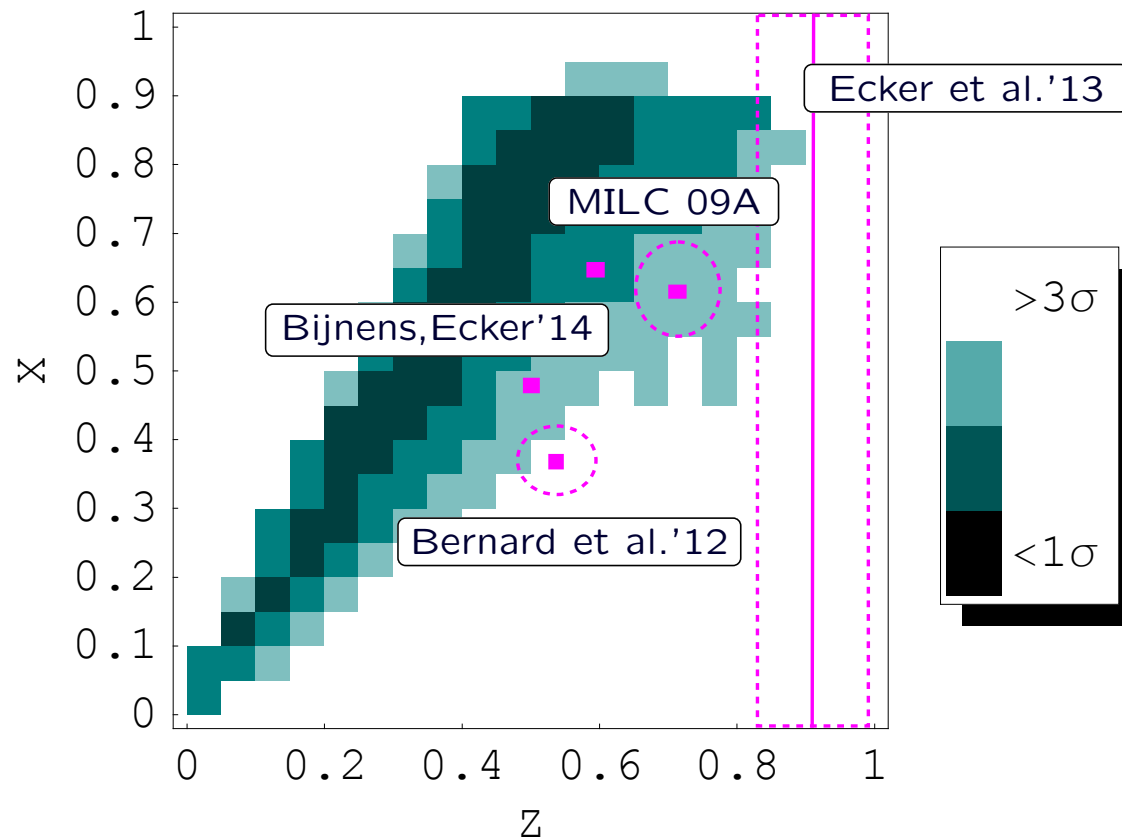
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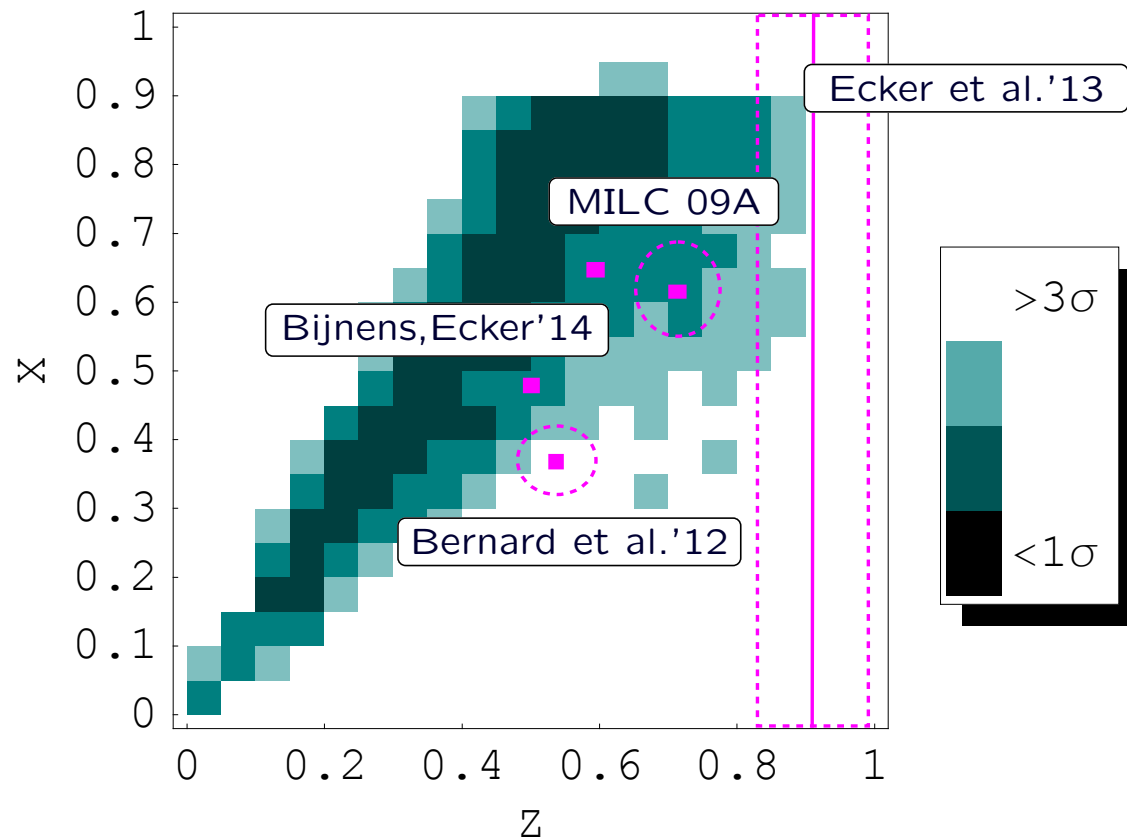
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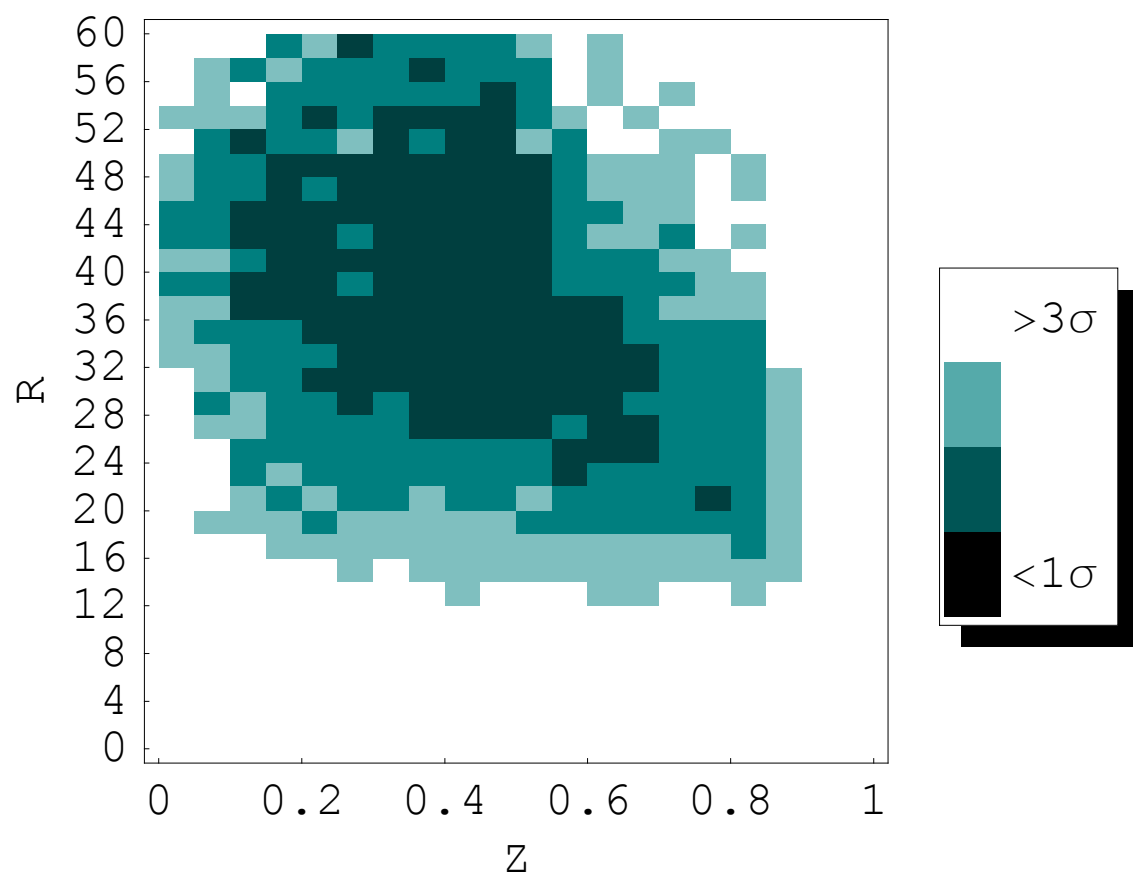
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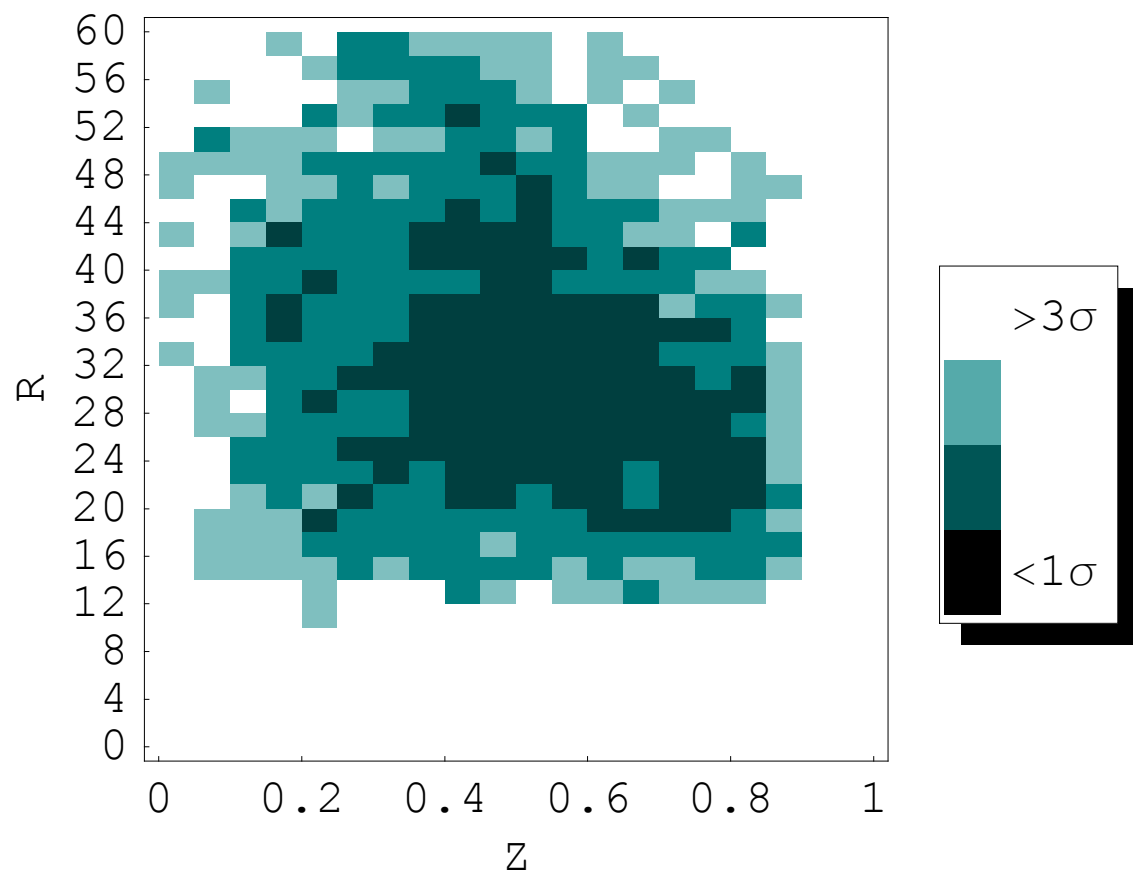
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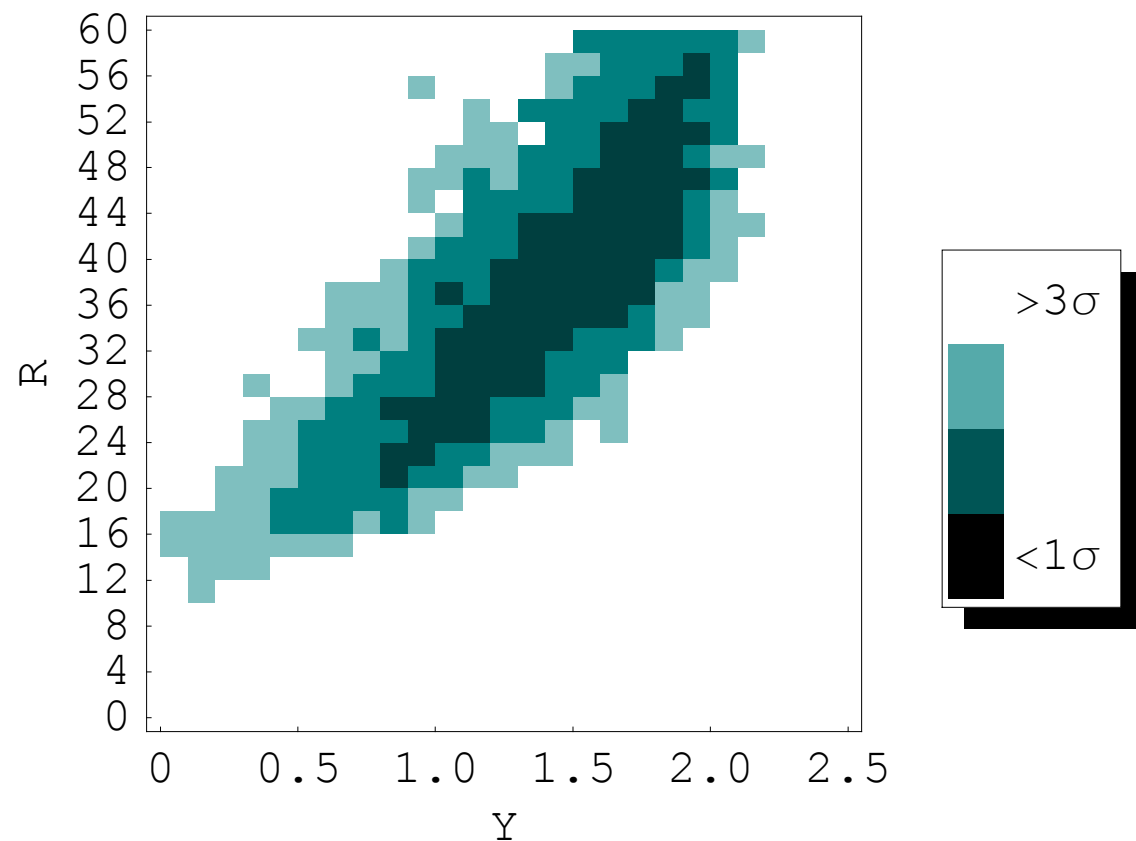
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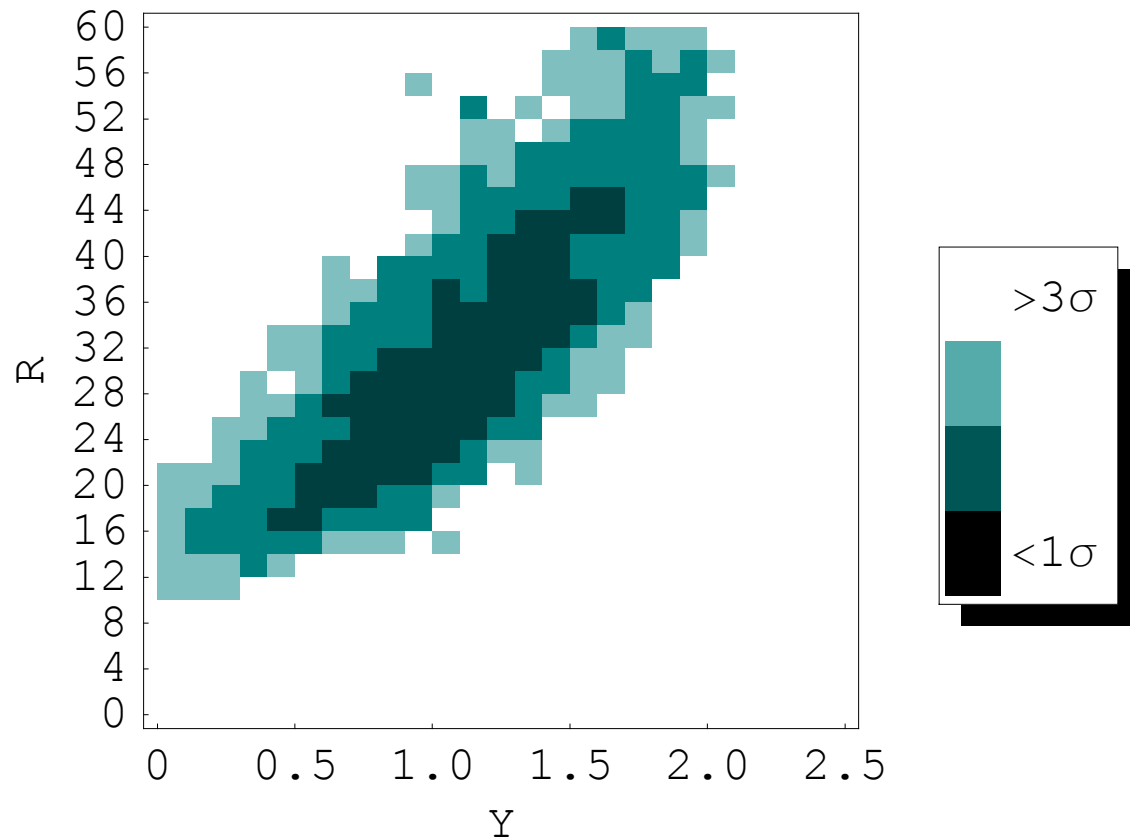
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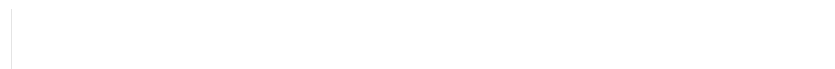
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