Measurement of the differential top-quark pair-production cross section for top quarks with high transverse momentum

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