

# Diffractive results from CMS

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# Outline

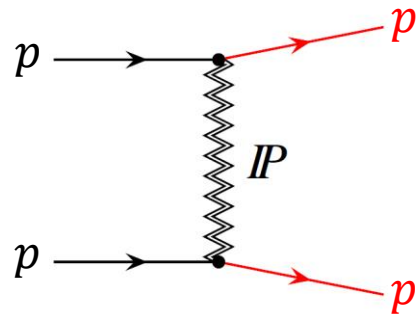
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- basic diffractive scattering events in pp collisions
- the CMS and TOTEM detectors at LHC
- nonresonant central exclusive production of charged-hadron pairs in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV [Phys. Rev. D \*\*109\*\* \(2024\) 112013](#)
- dijet events with hard color-singlet exchange (jet-gap-jet events) in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV [Phys. Rev. D \*\*104\*\* \(2021\) 032009](#)
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- summary

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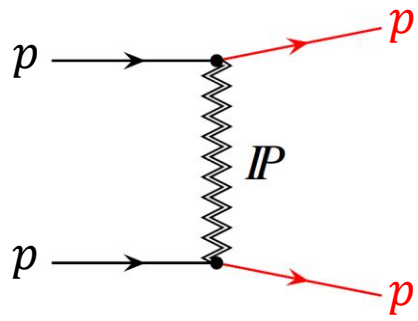
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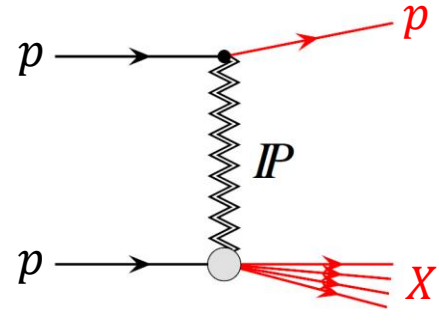


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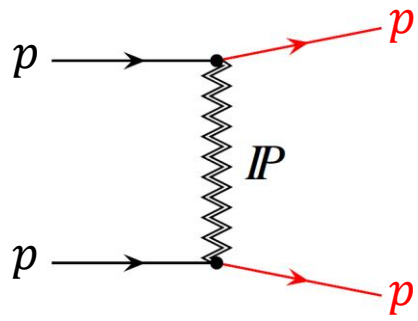


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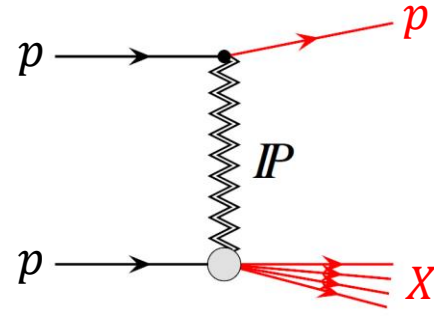


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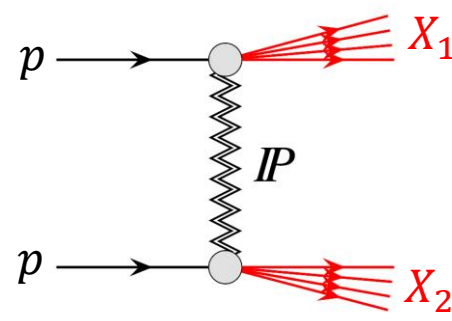
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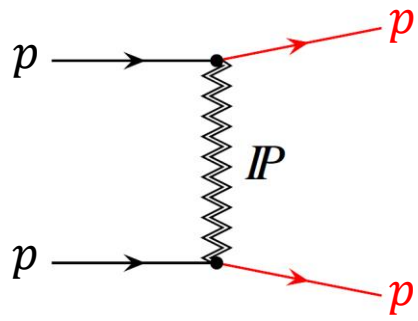


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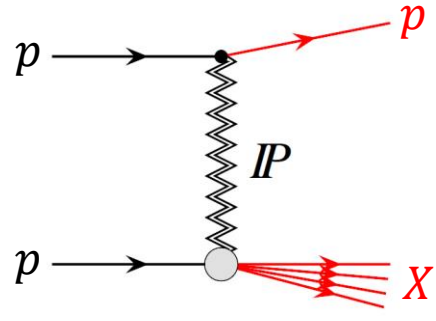


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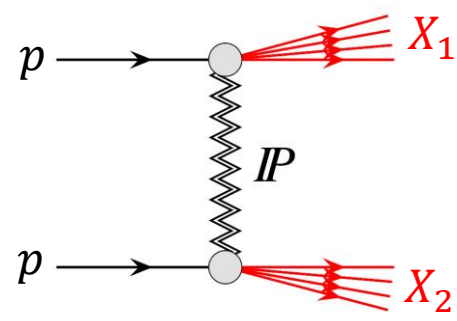
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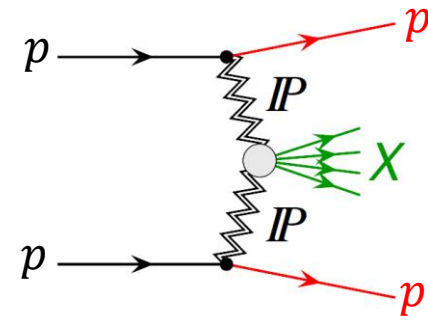
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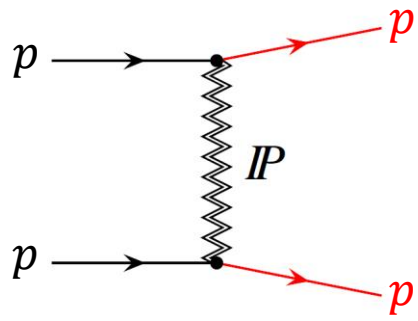


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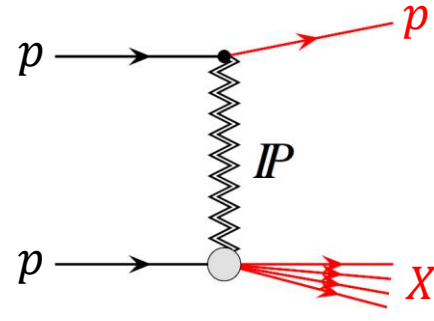


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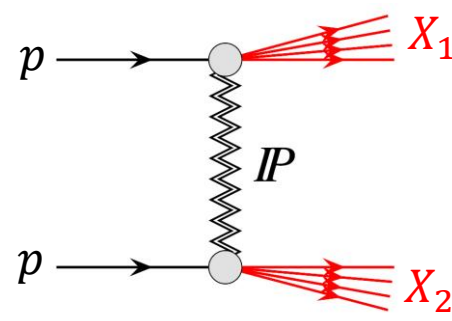
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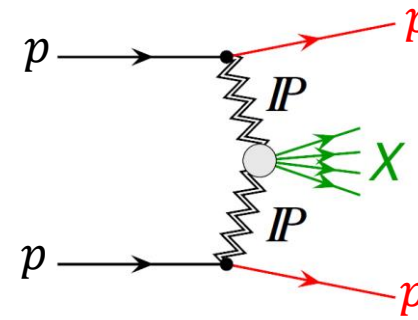
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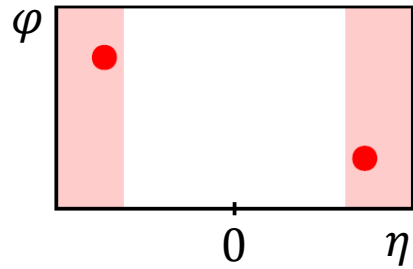
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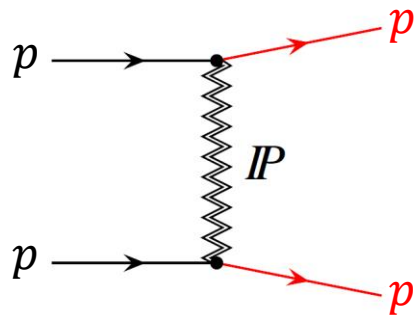


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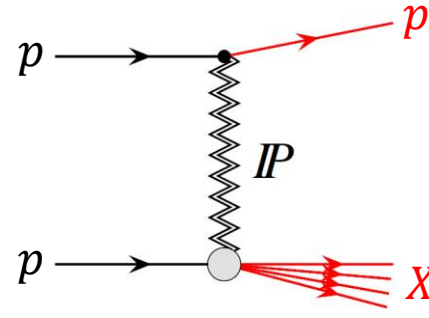
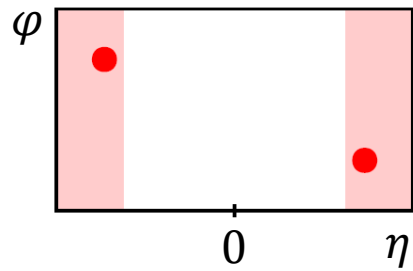




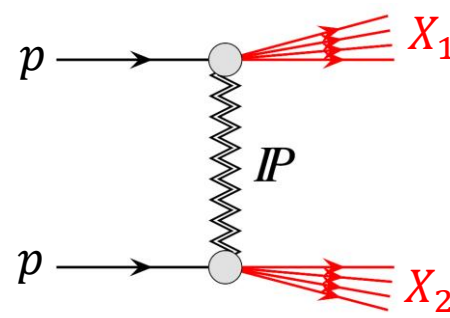
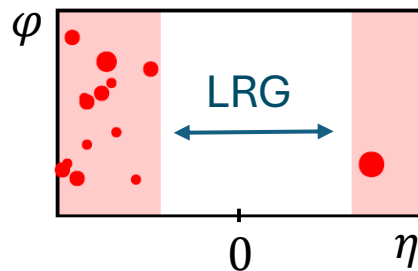
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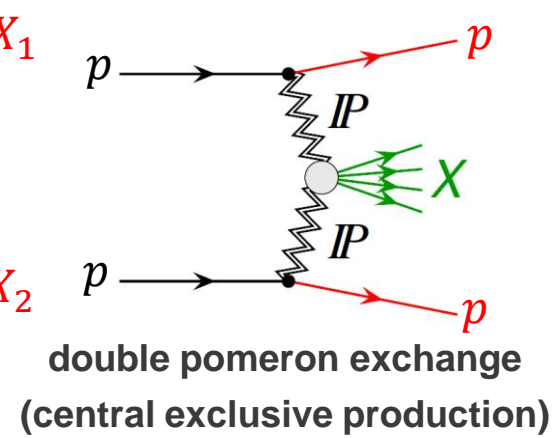
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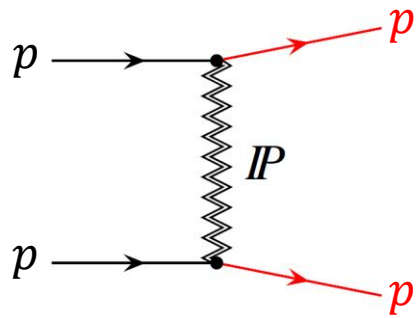


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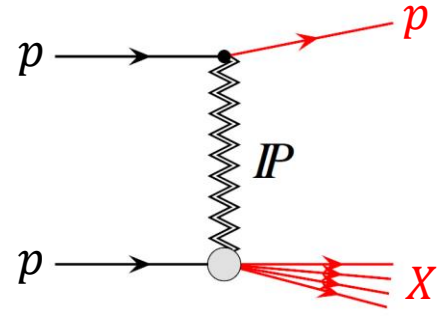
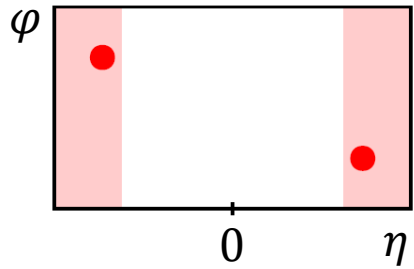


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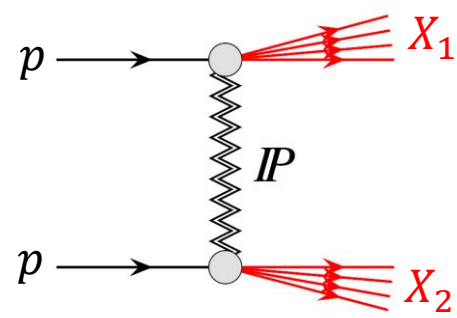
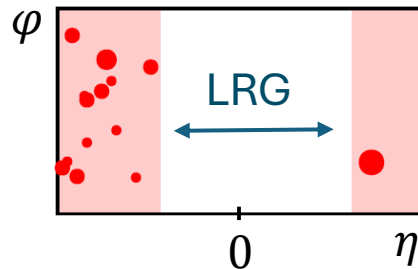
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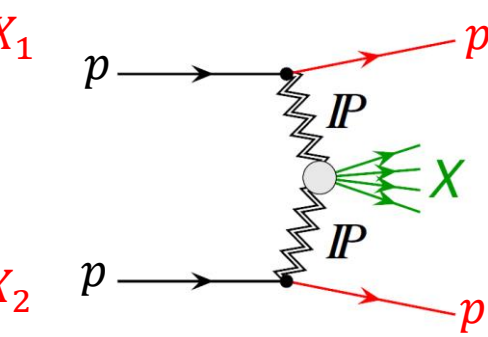
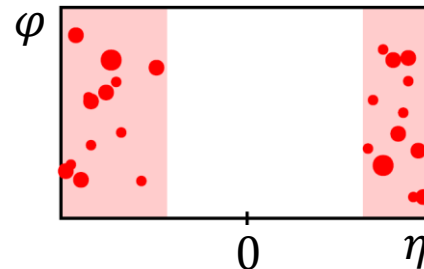
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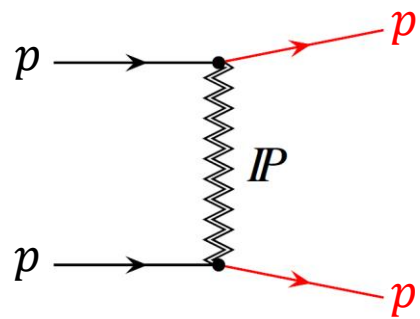


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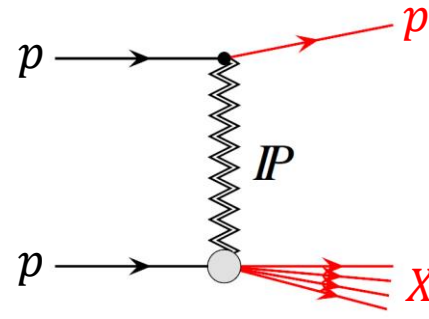
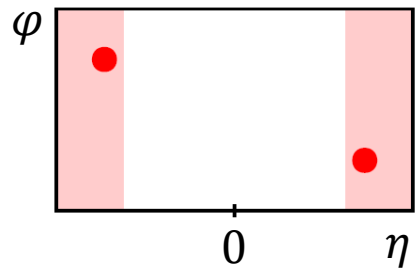


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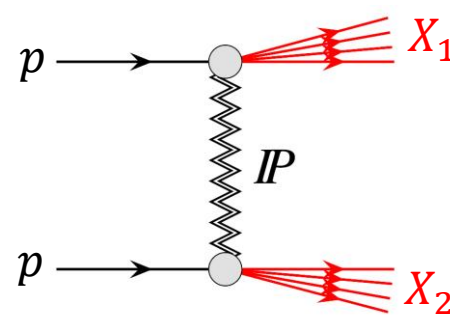
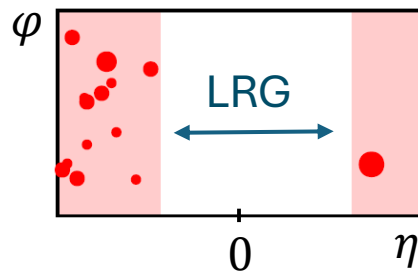
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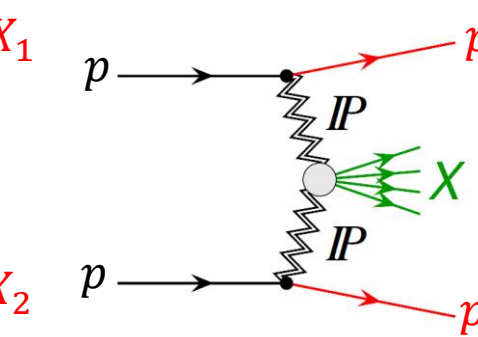
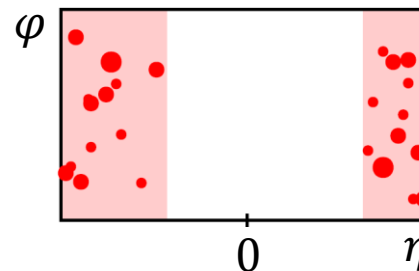
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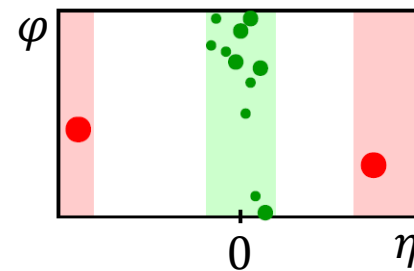
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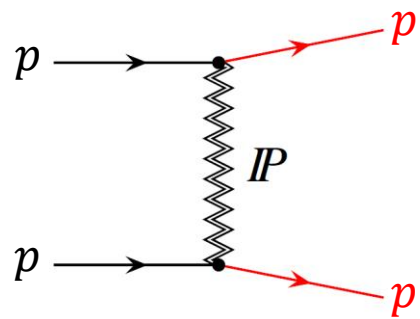
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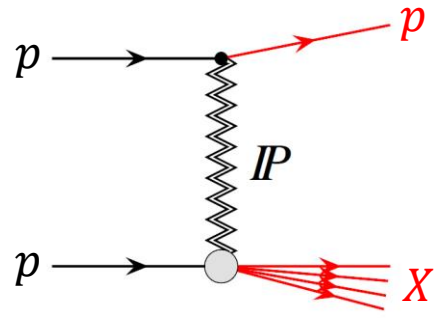
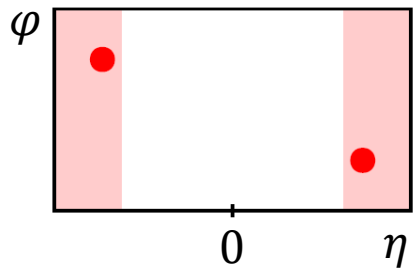
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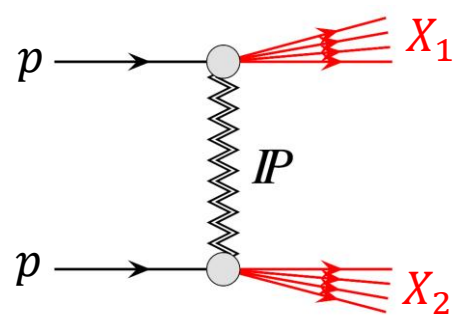
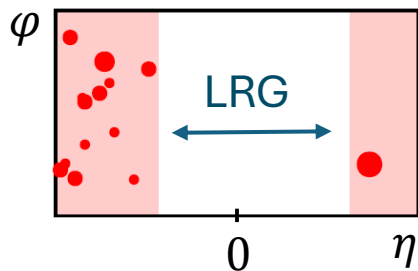
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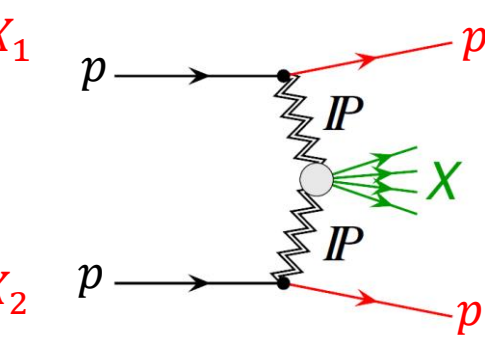
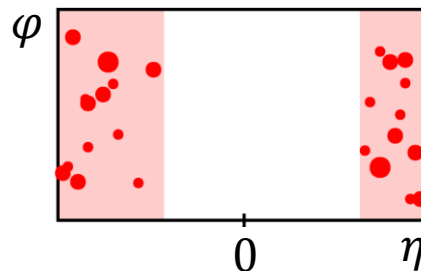
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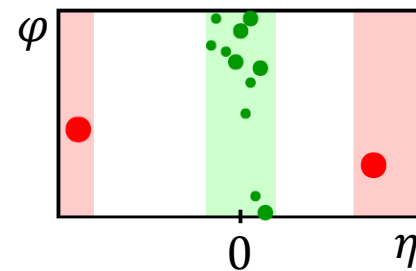
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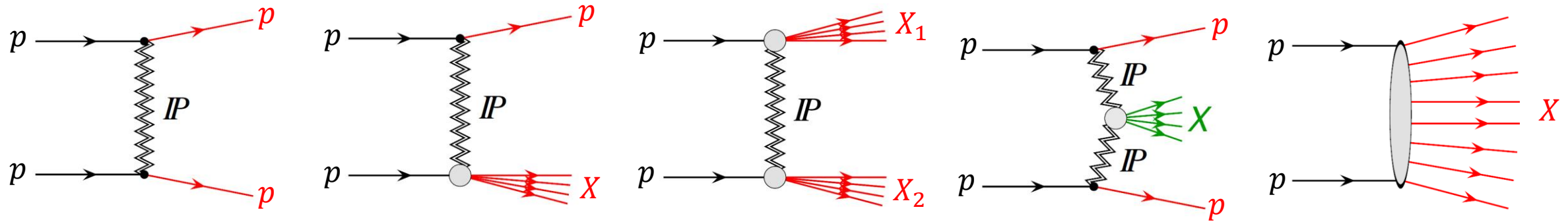


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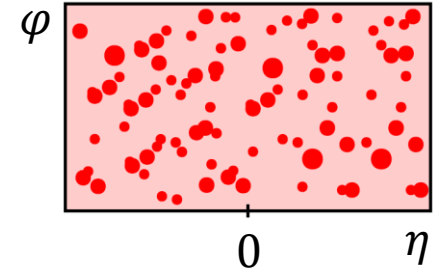
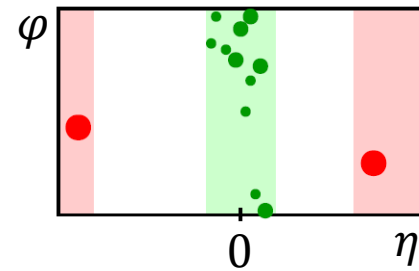
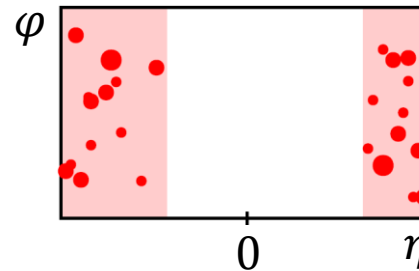
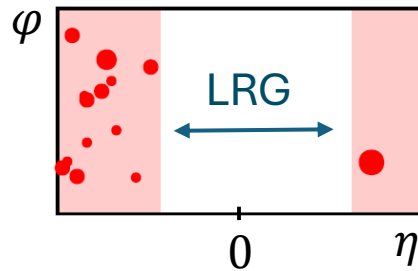
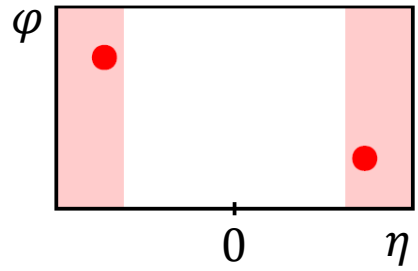
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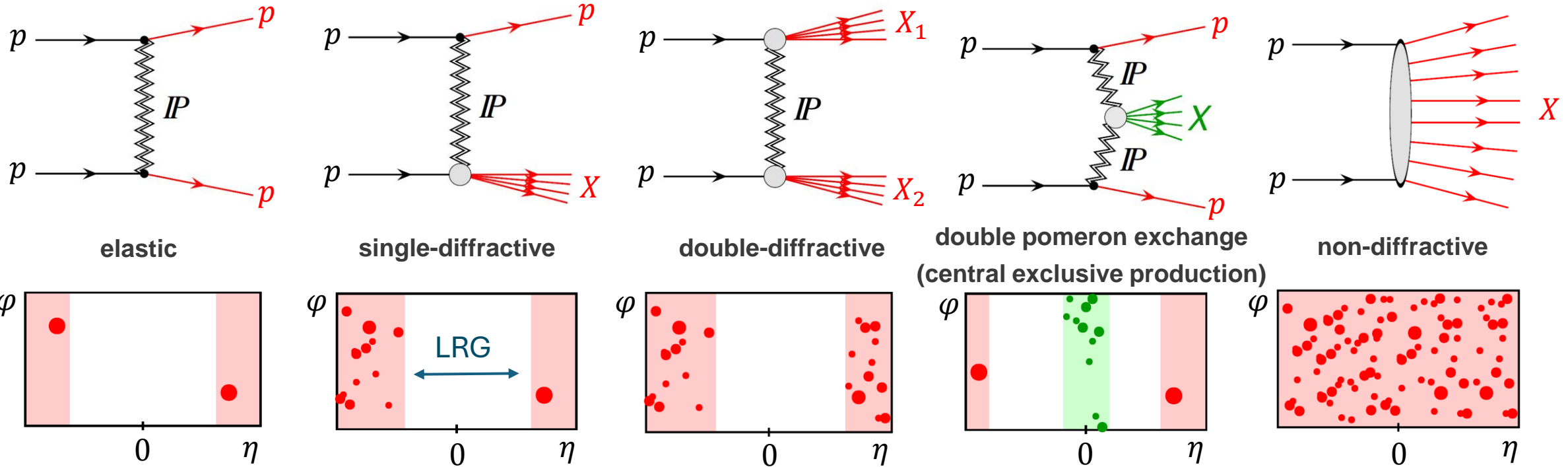
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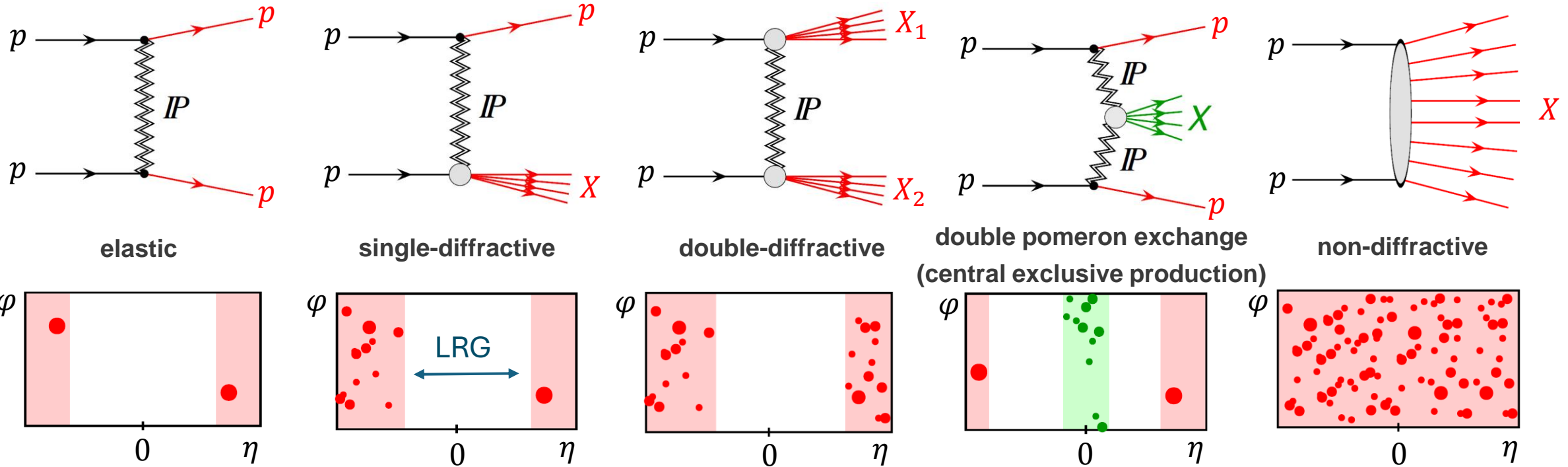
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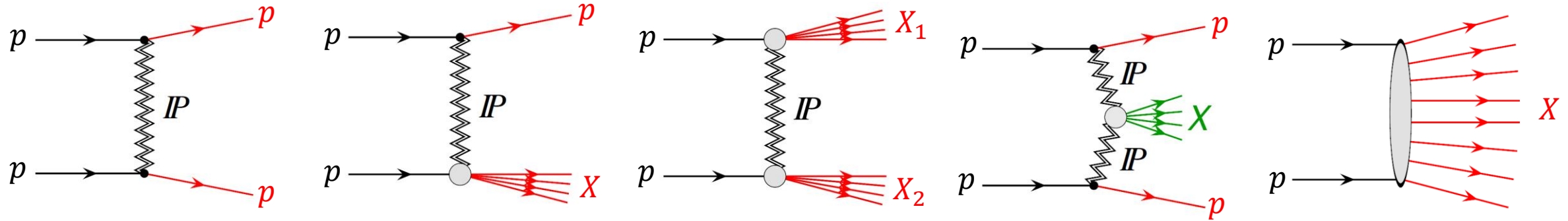


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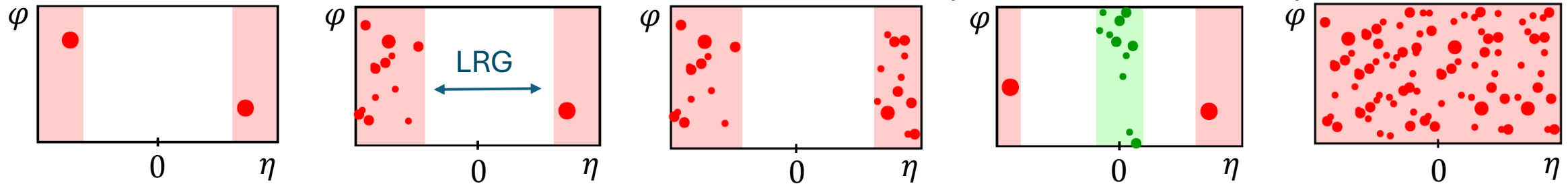
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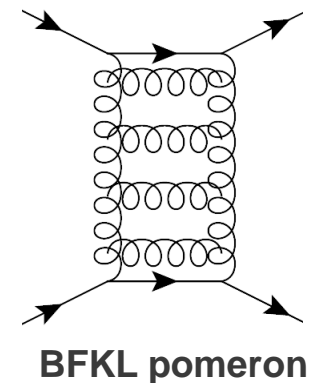
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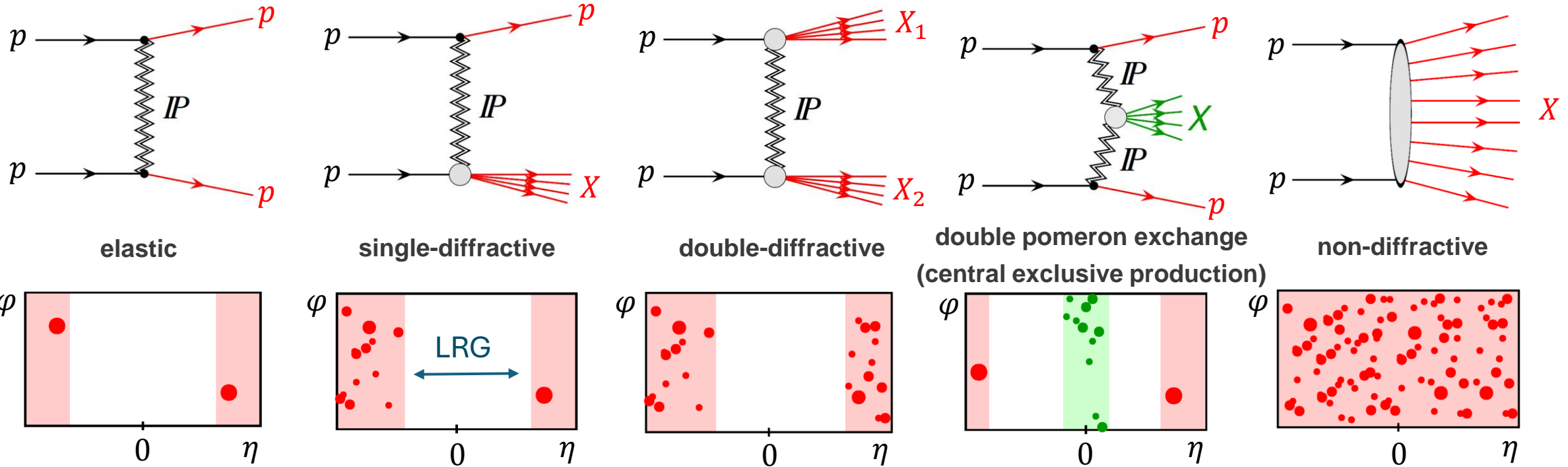
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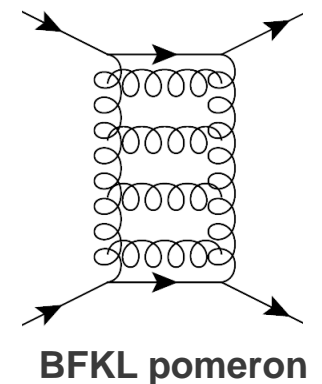


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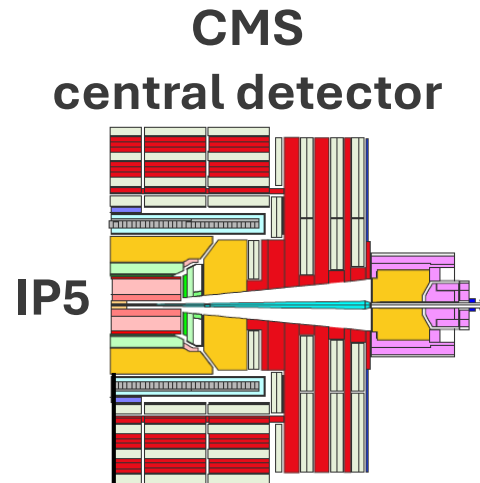
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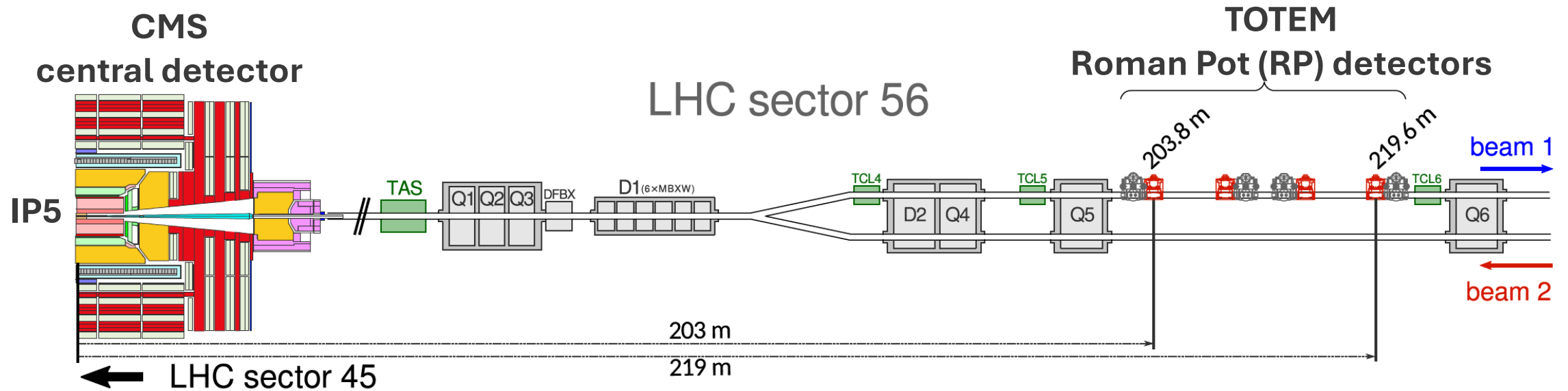
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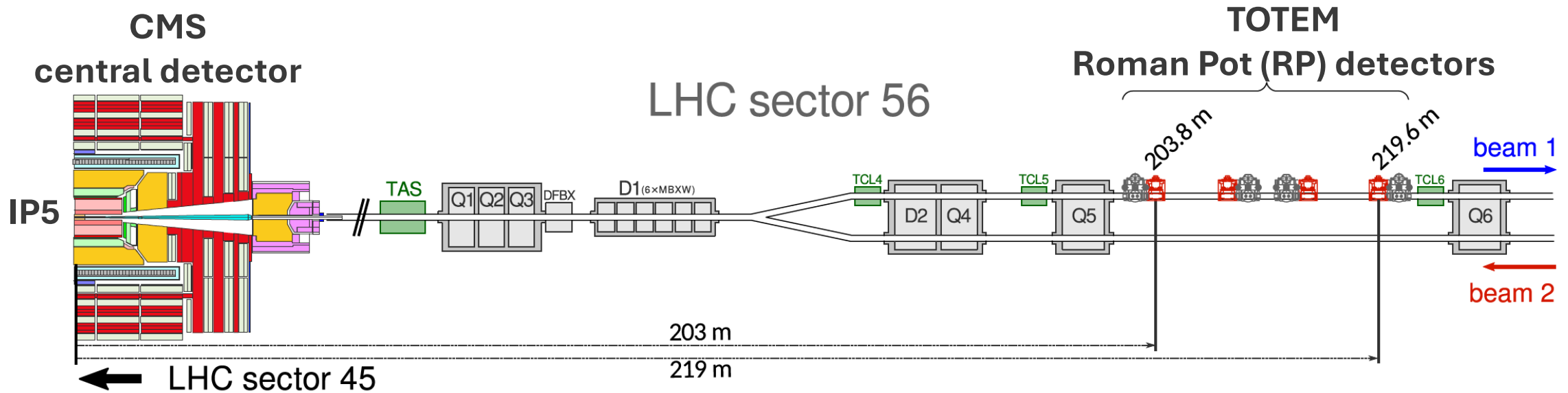
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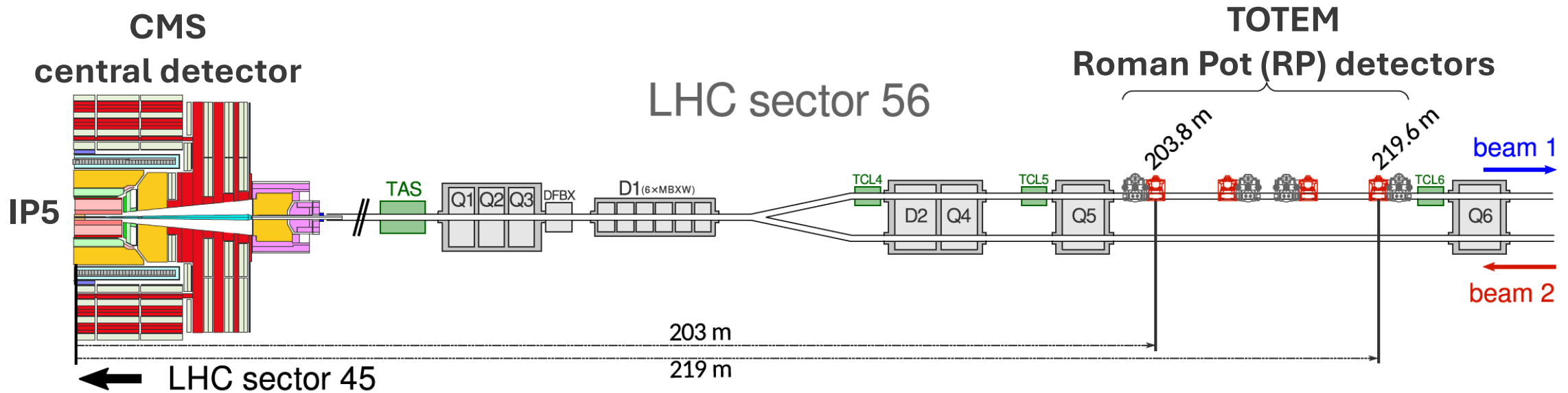


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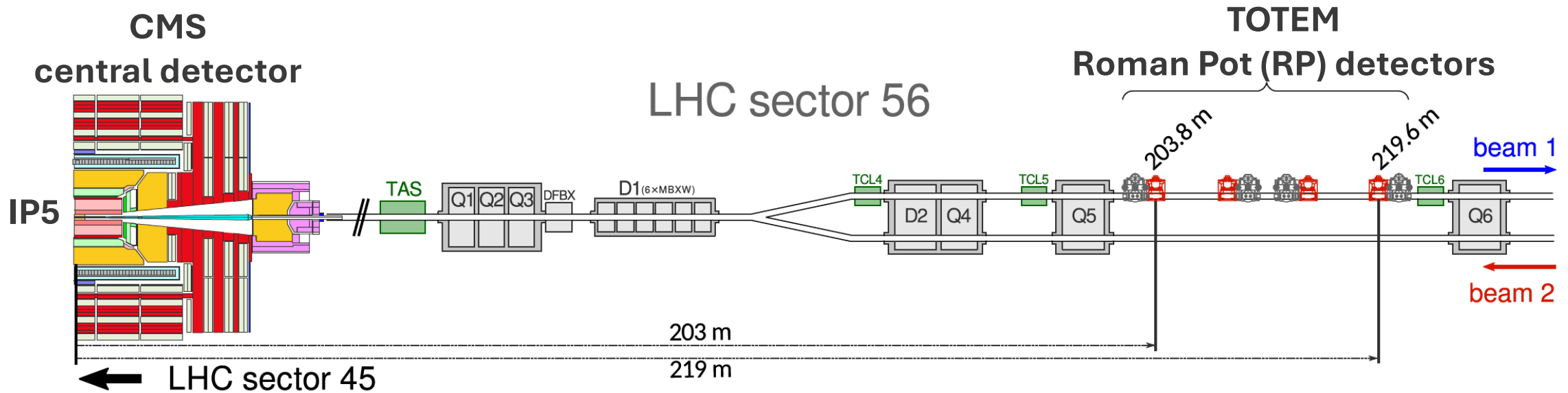
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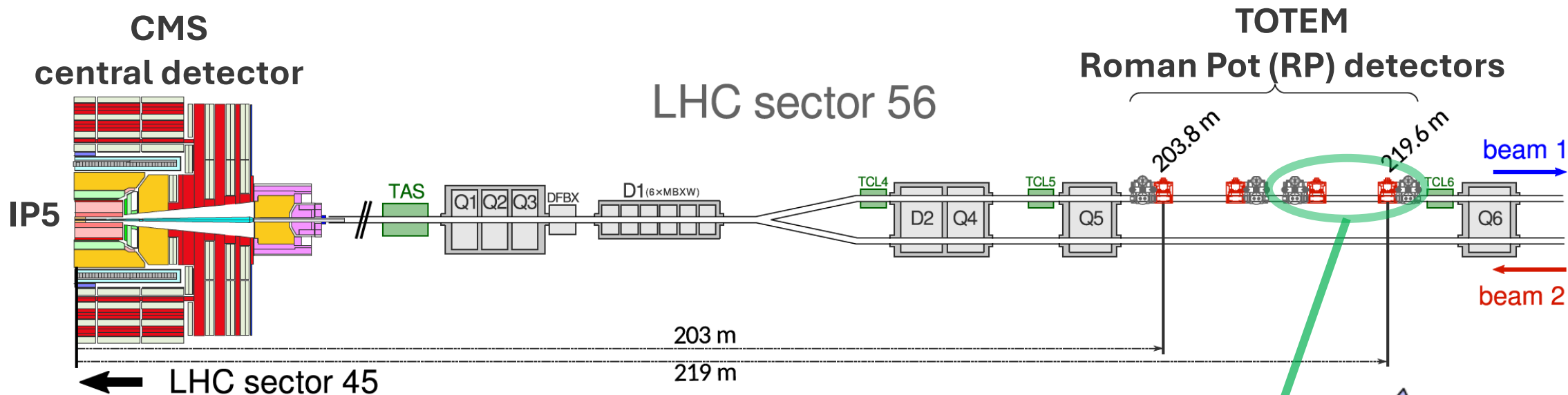


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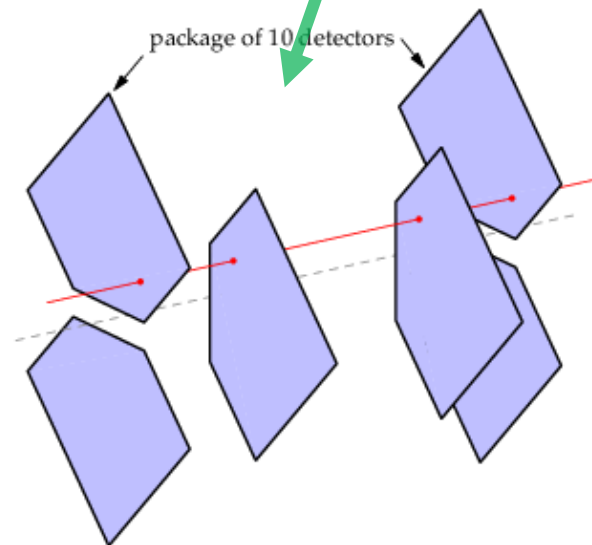
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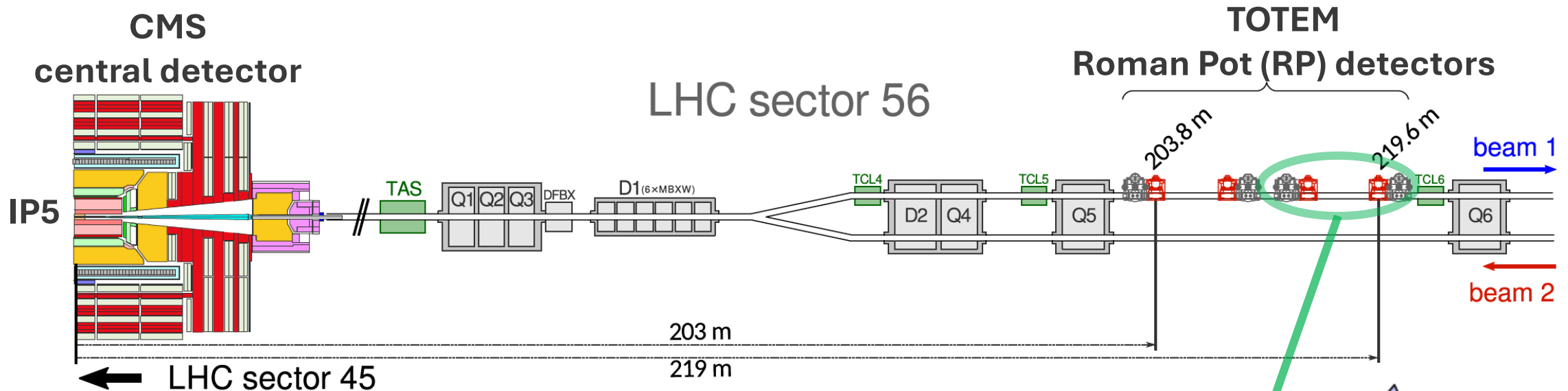
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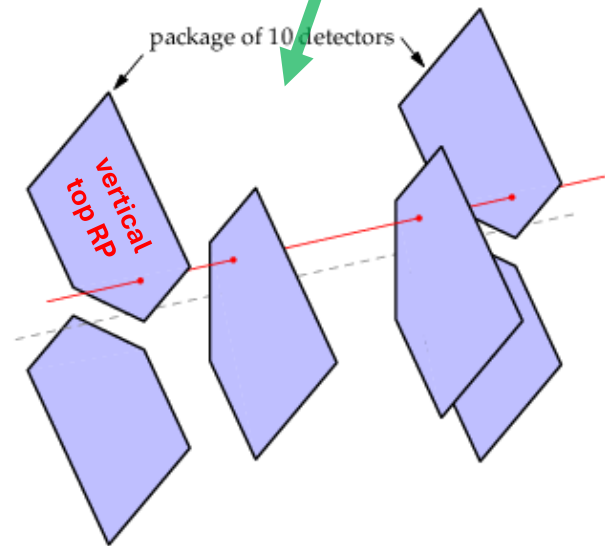
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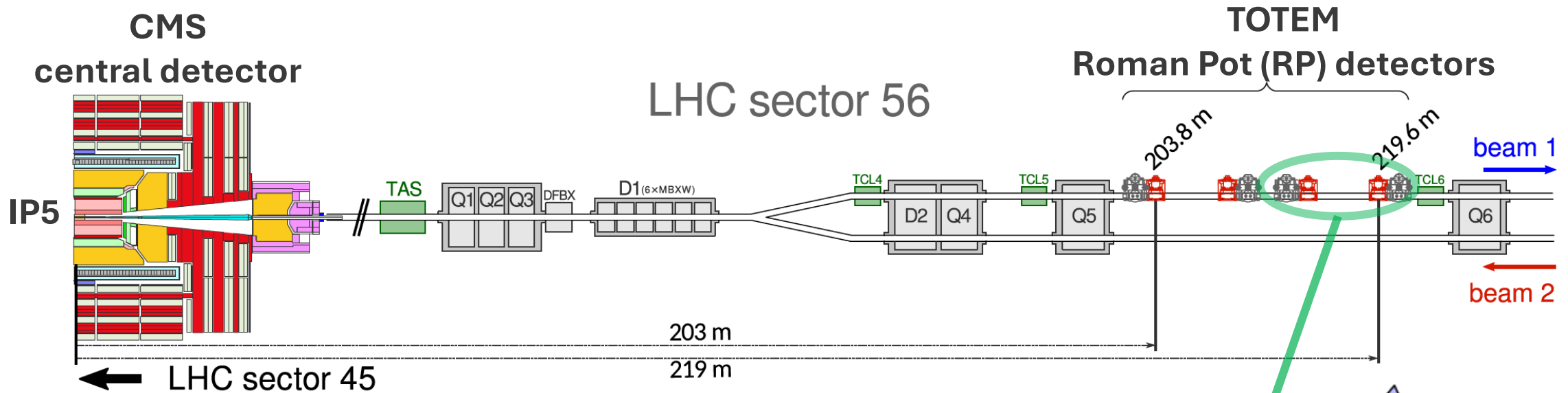
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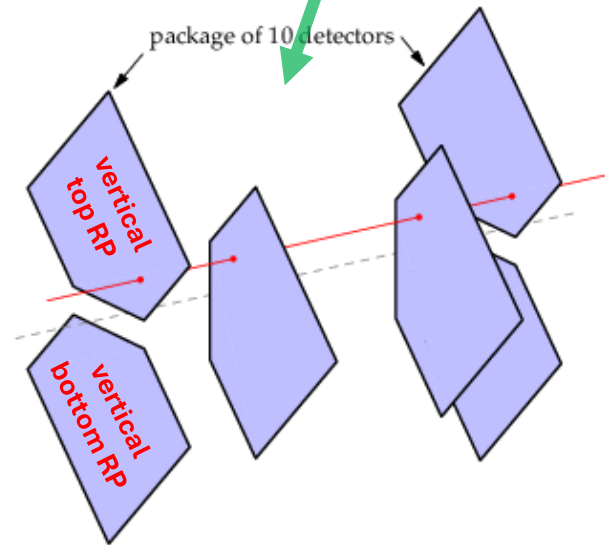
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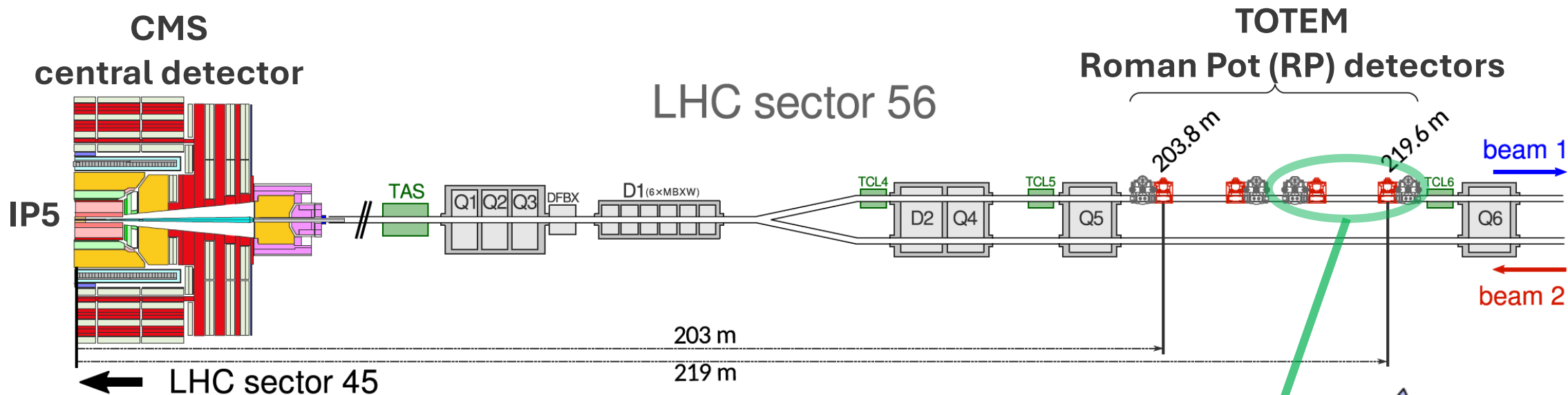
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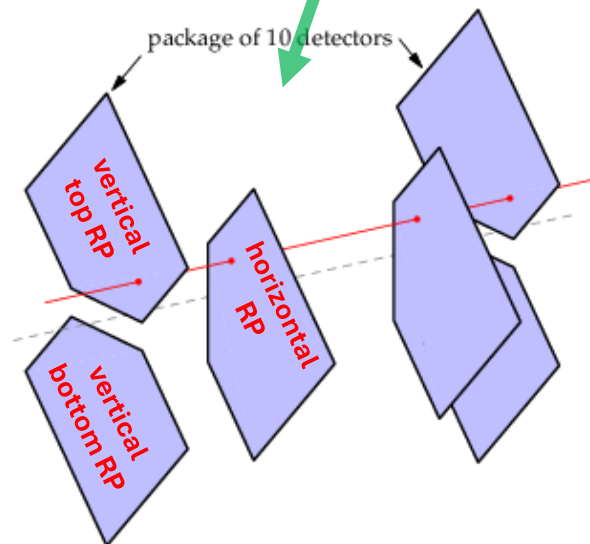
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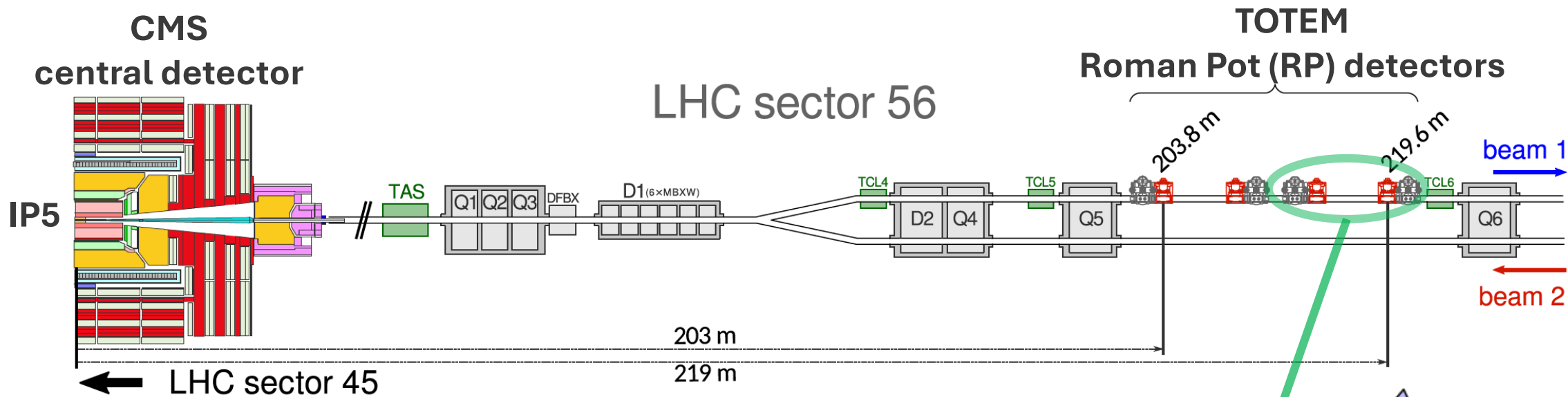
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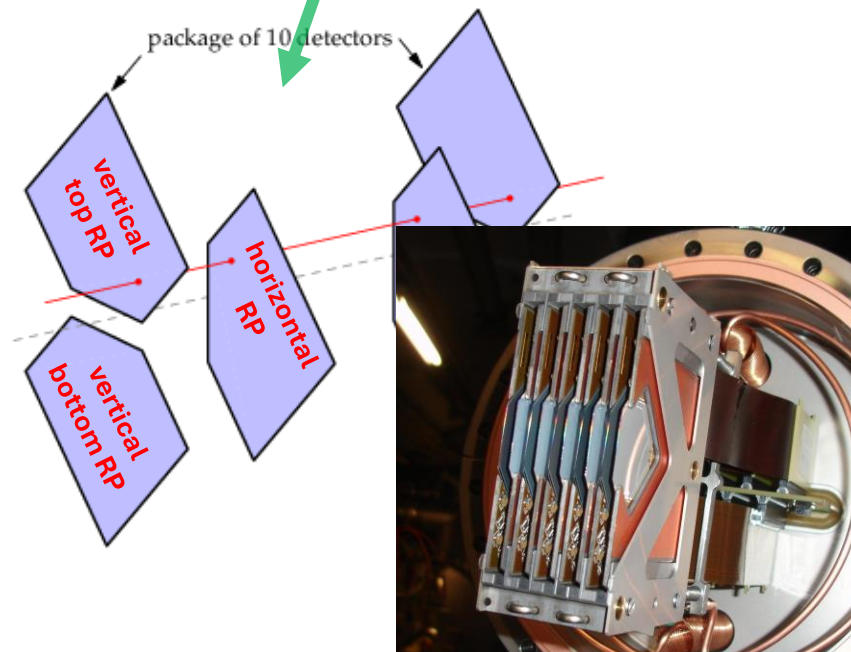
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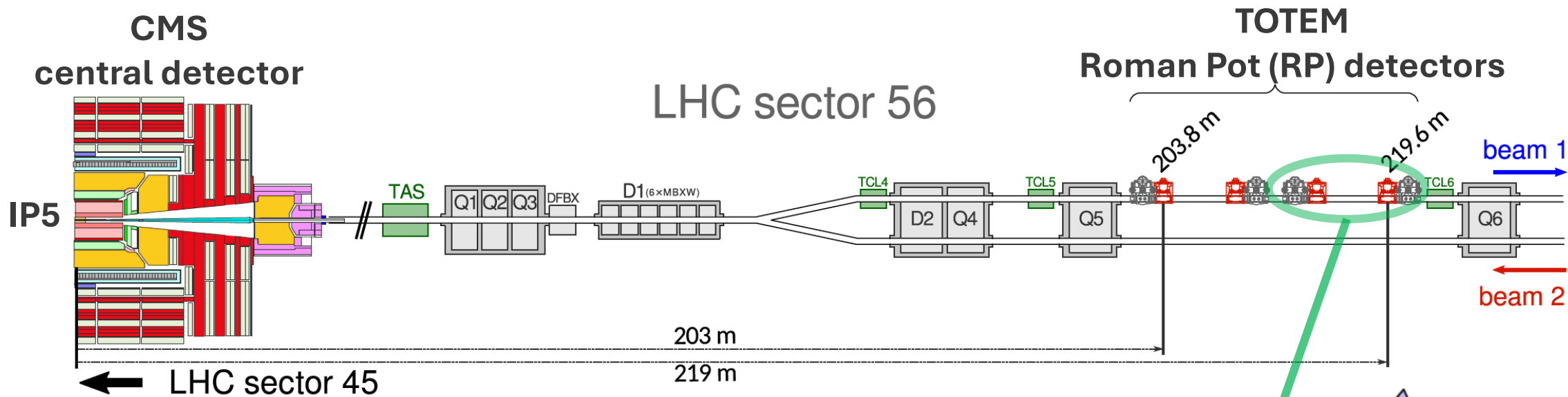
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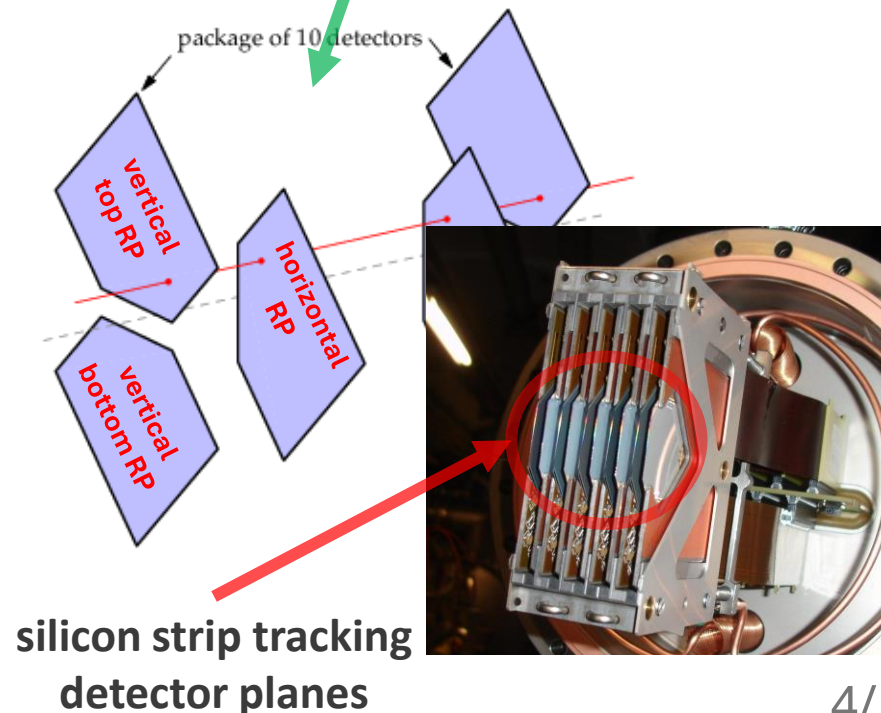
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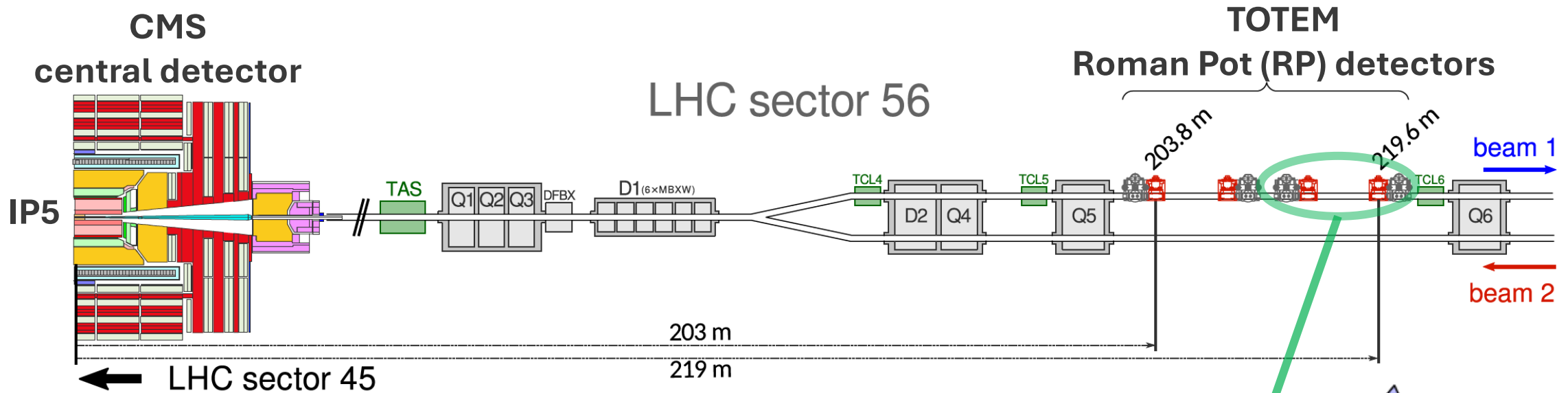
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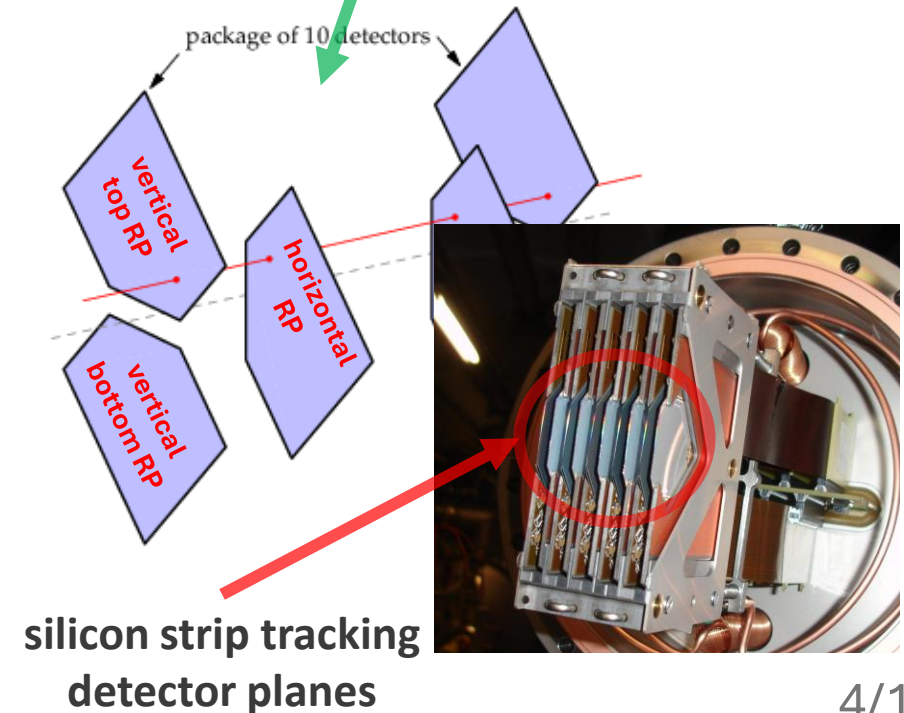
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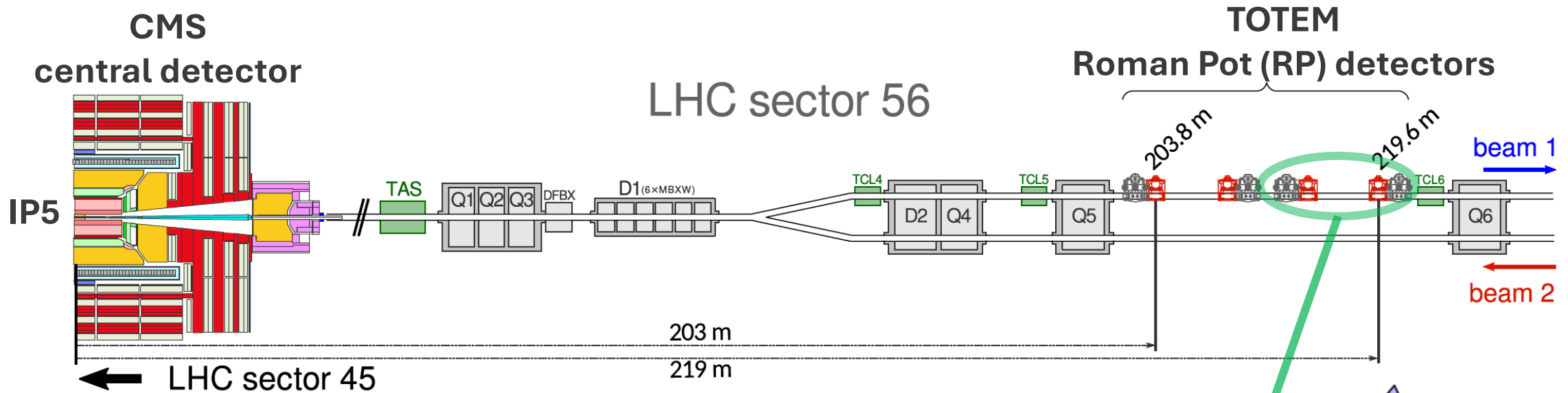
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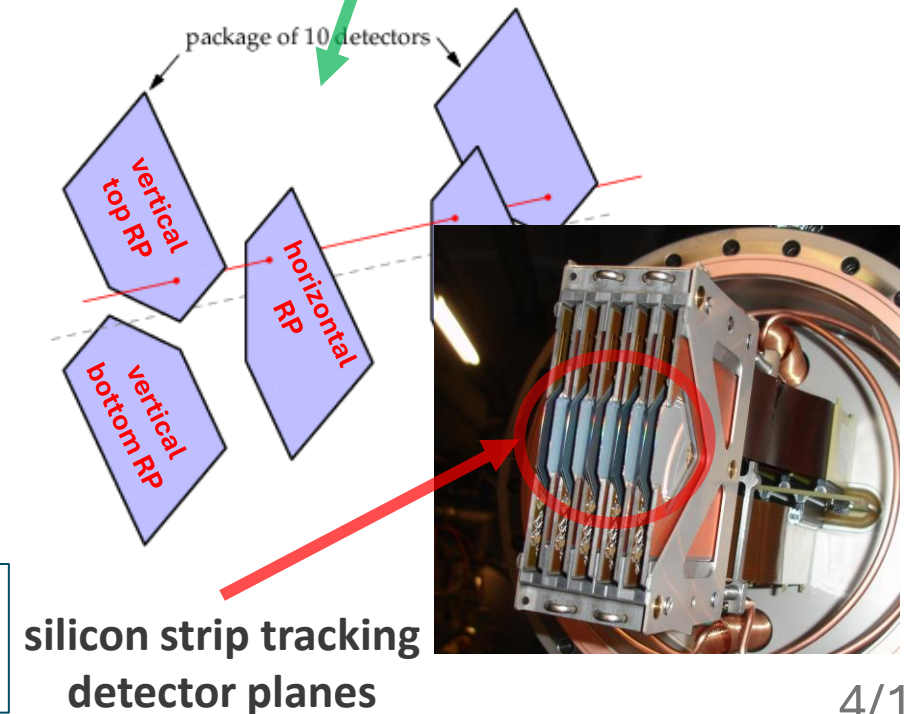


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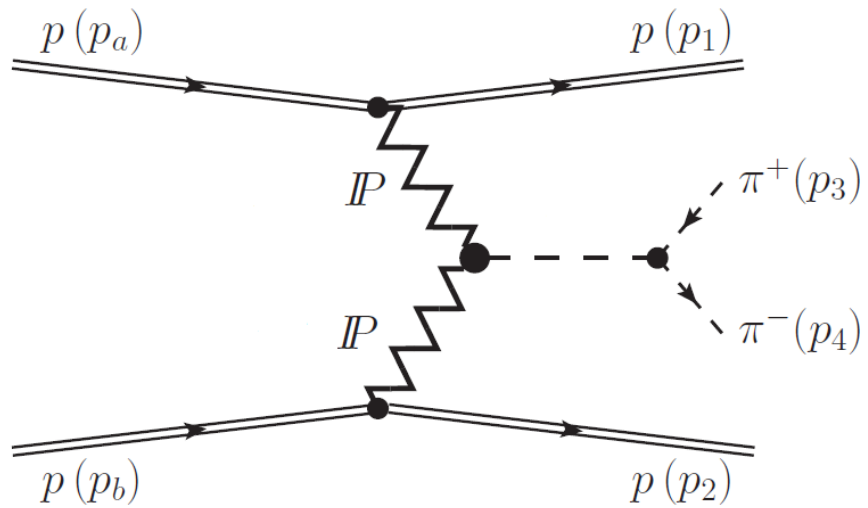
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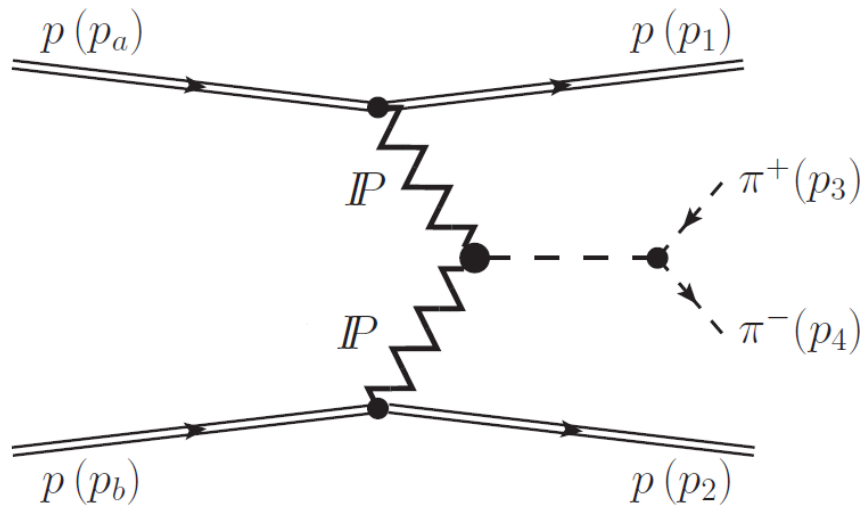
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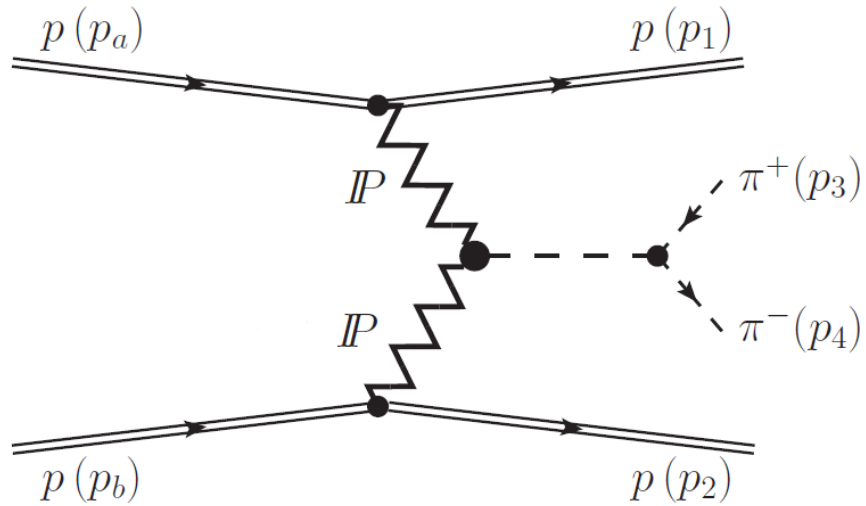
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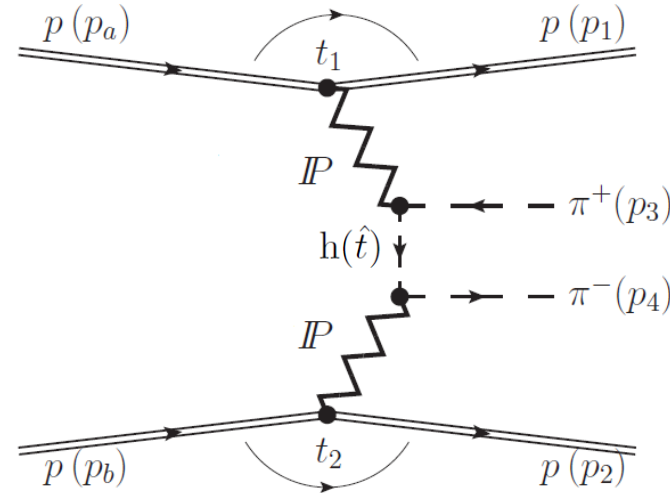
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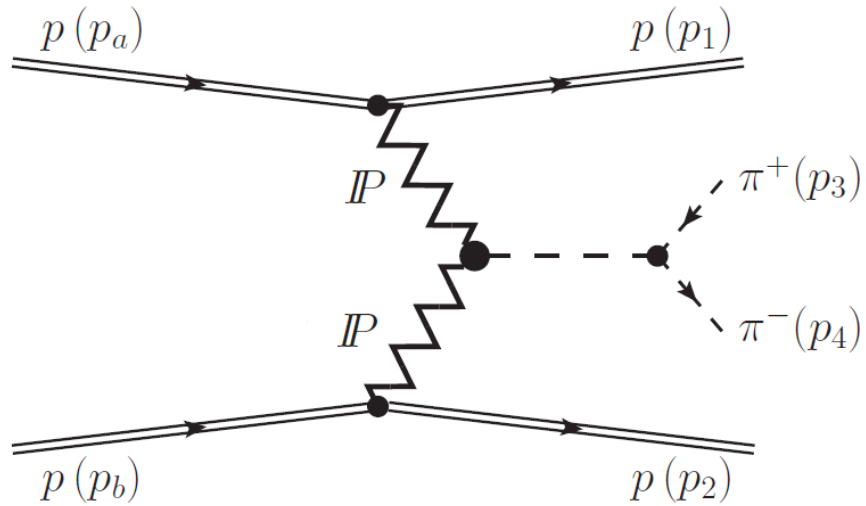


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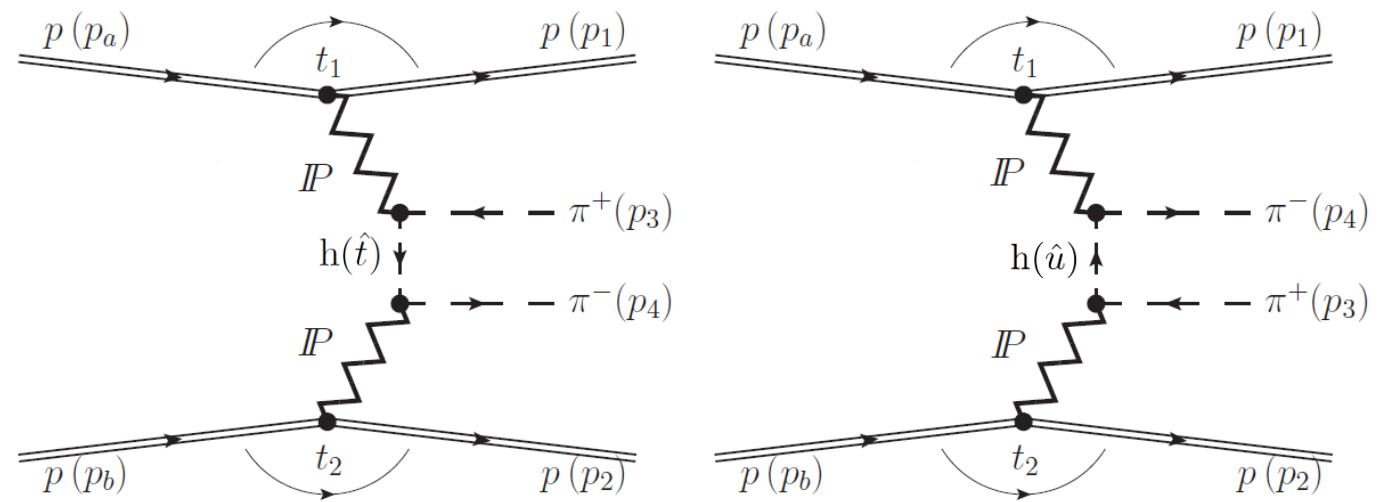


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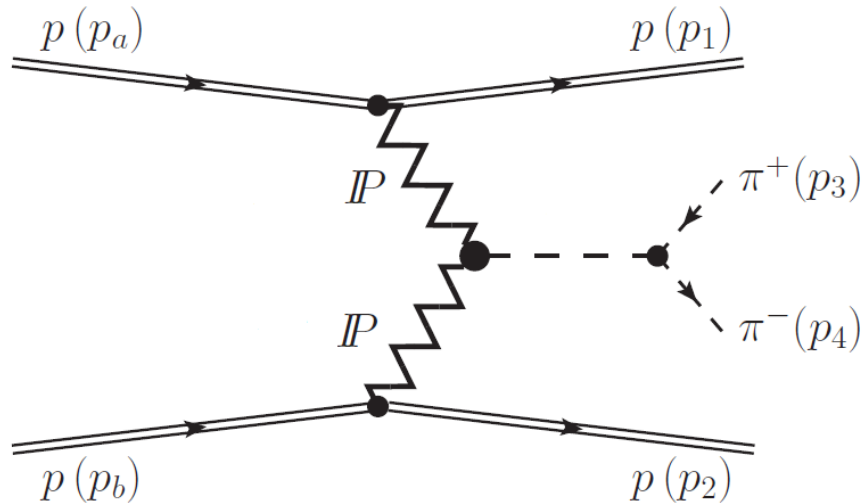


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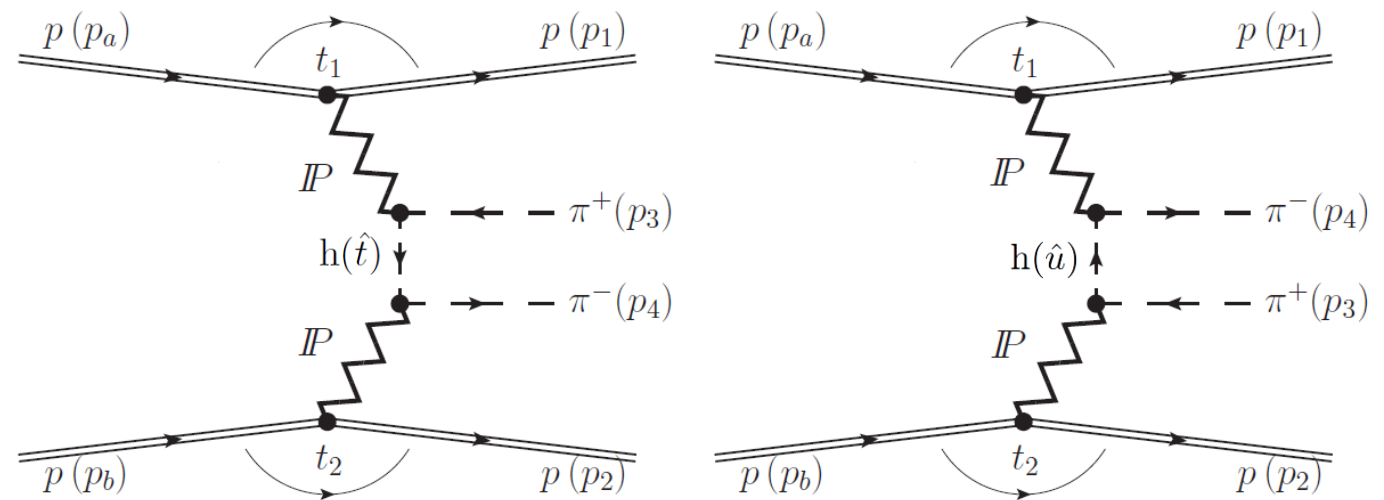


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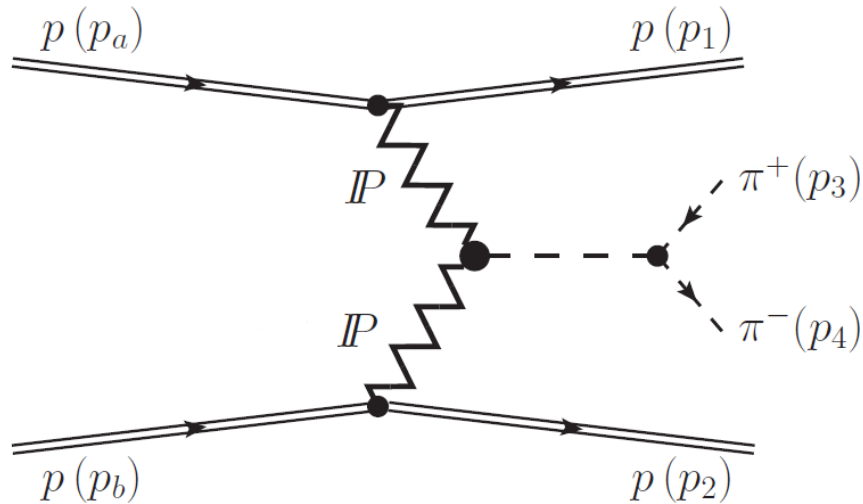


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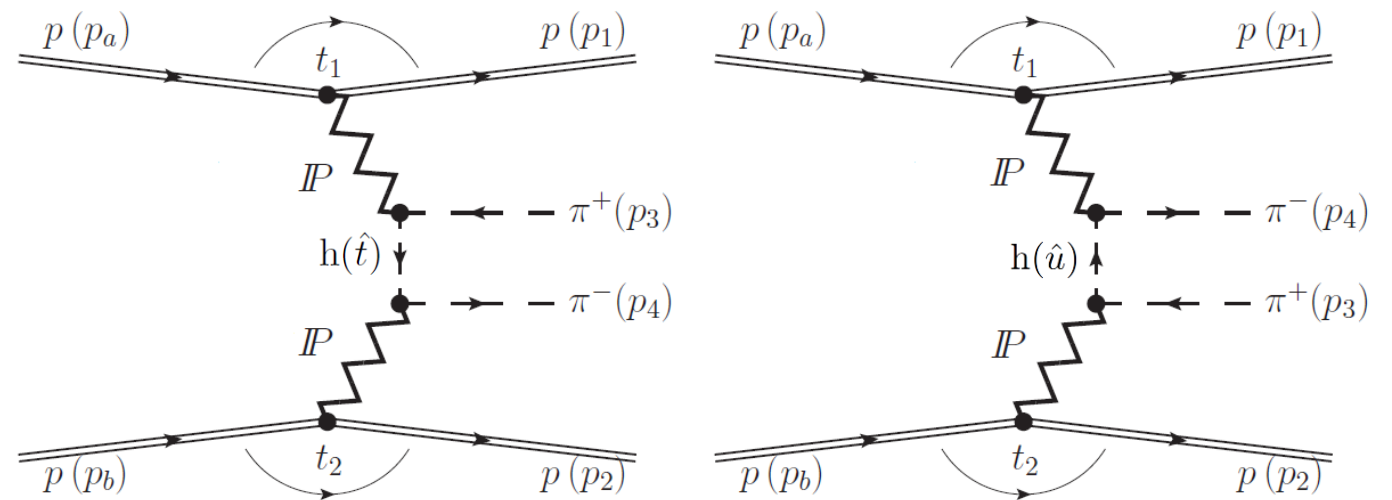
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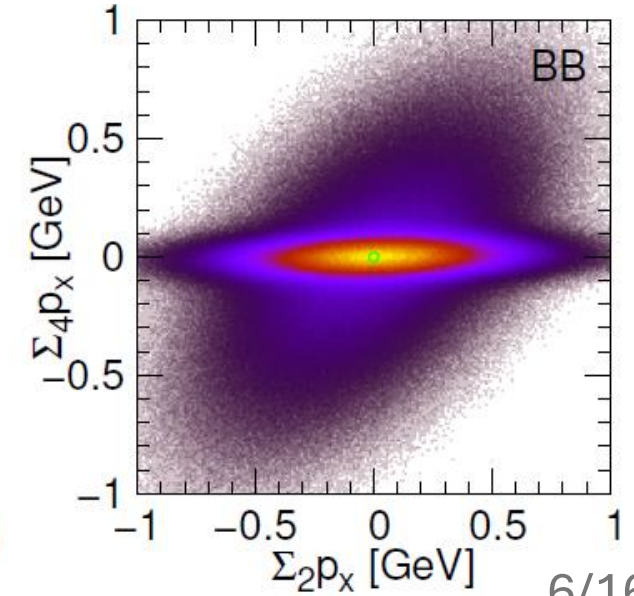
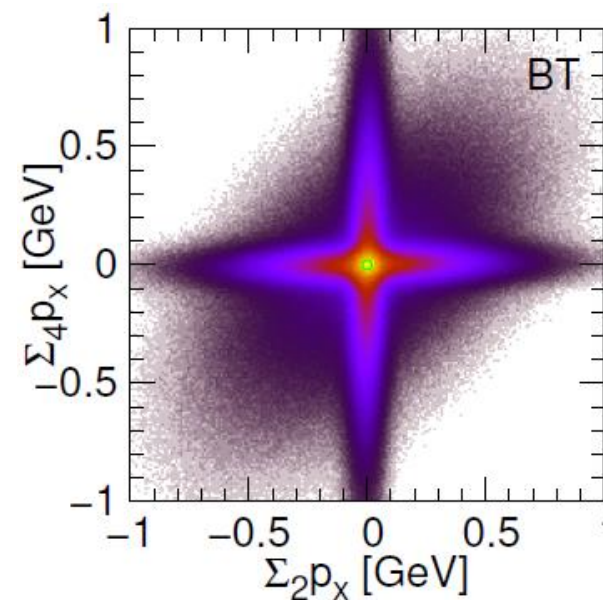
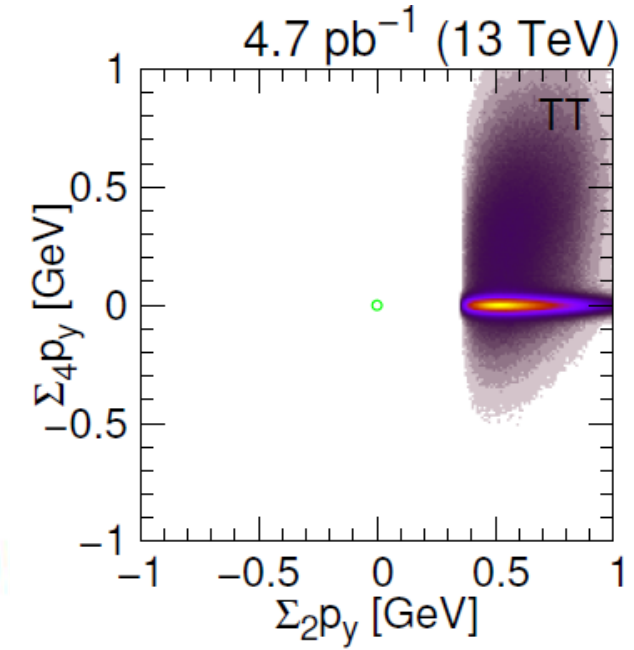
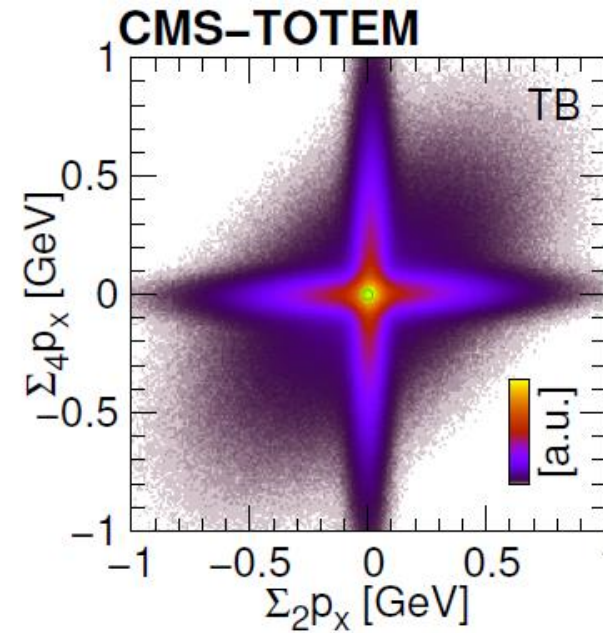
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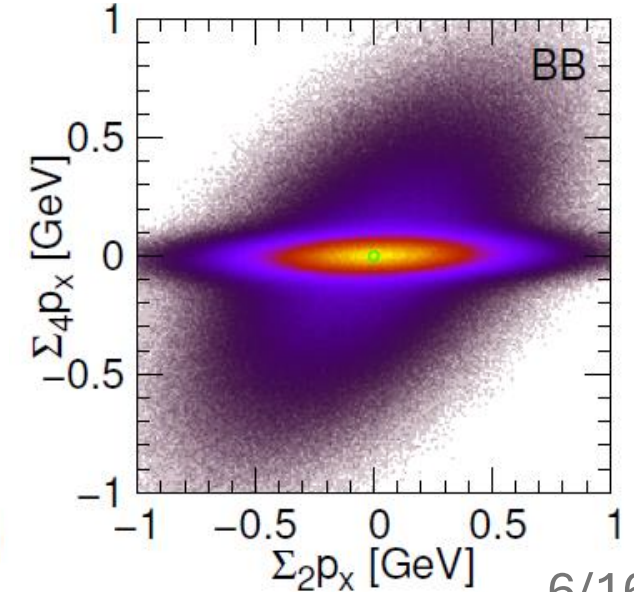
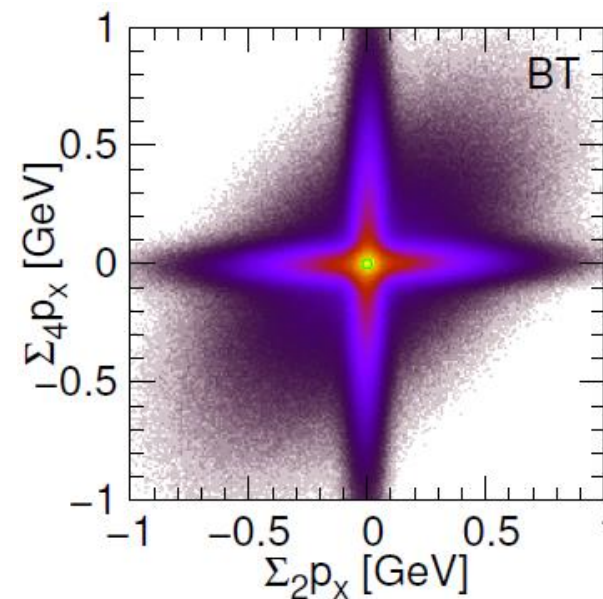
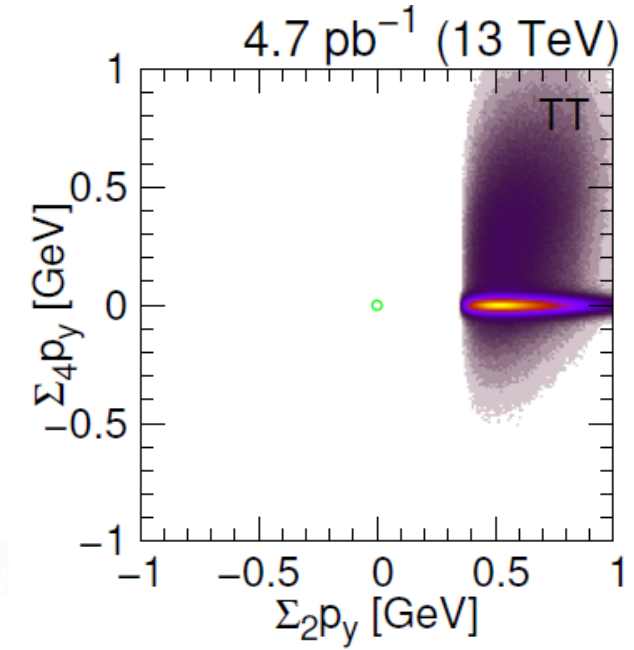
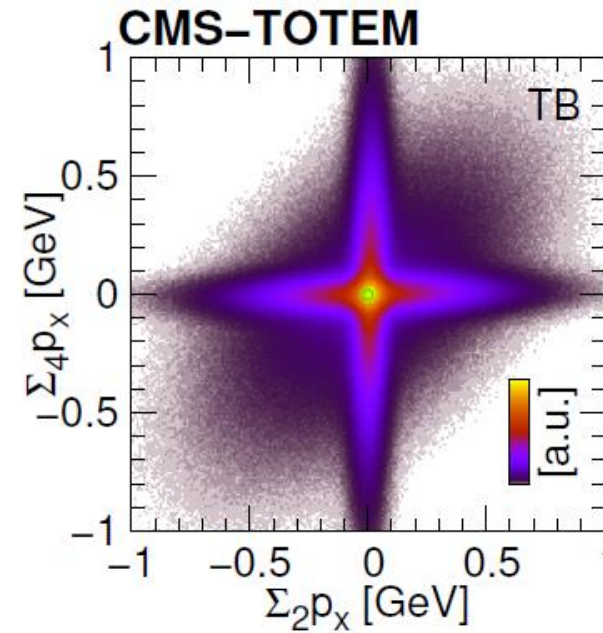
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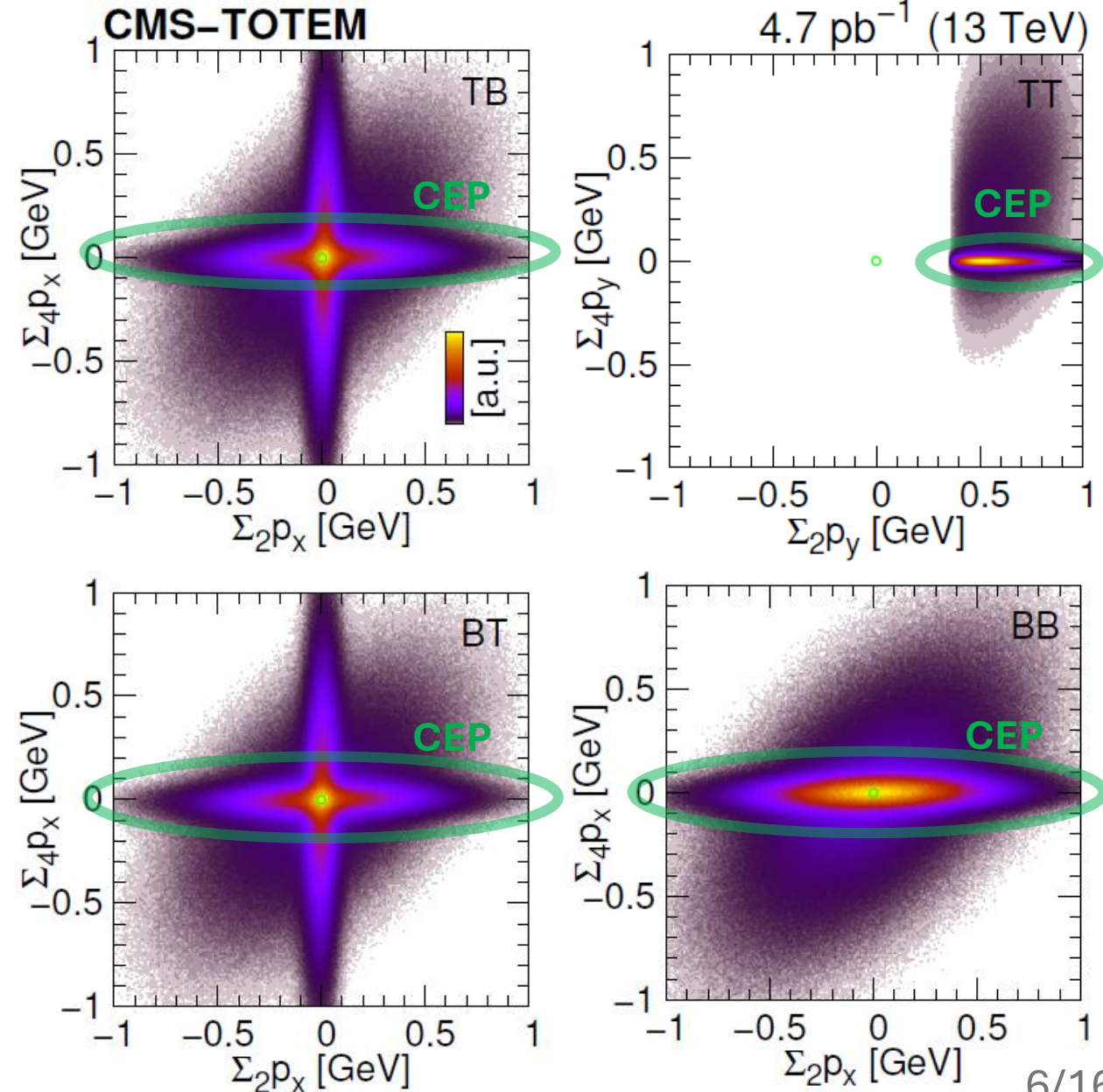
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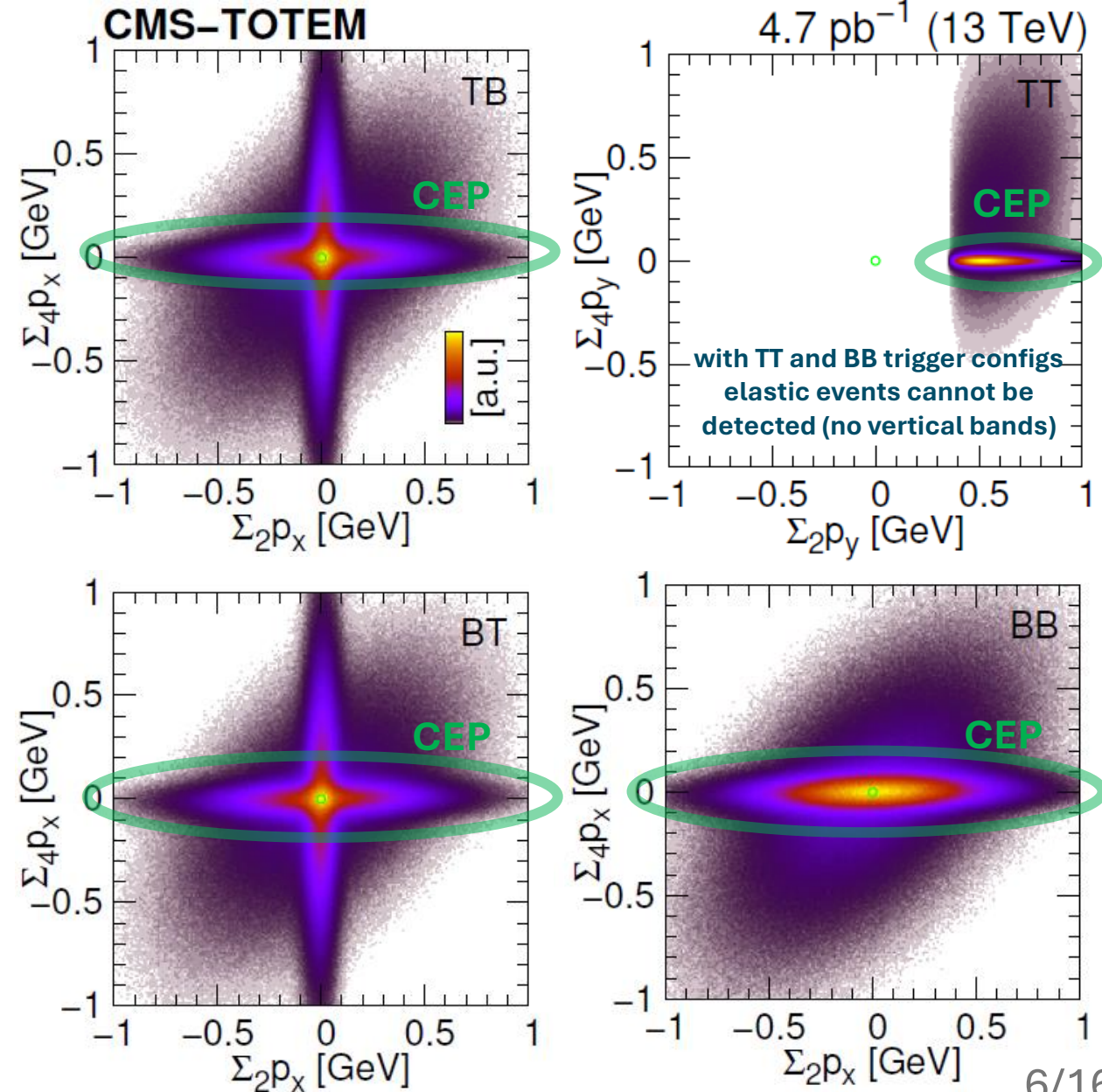
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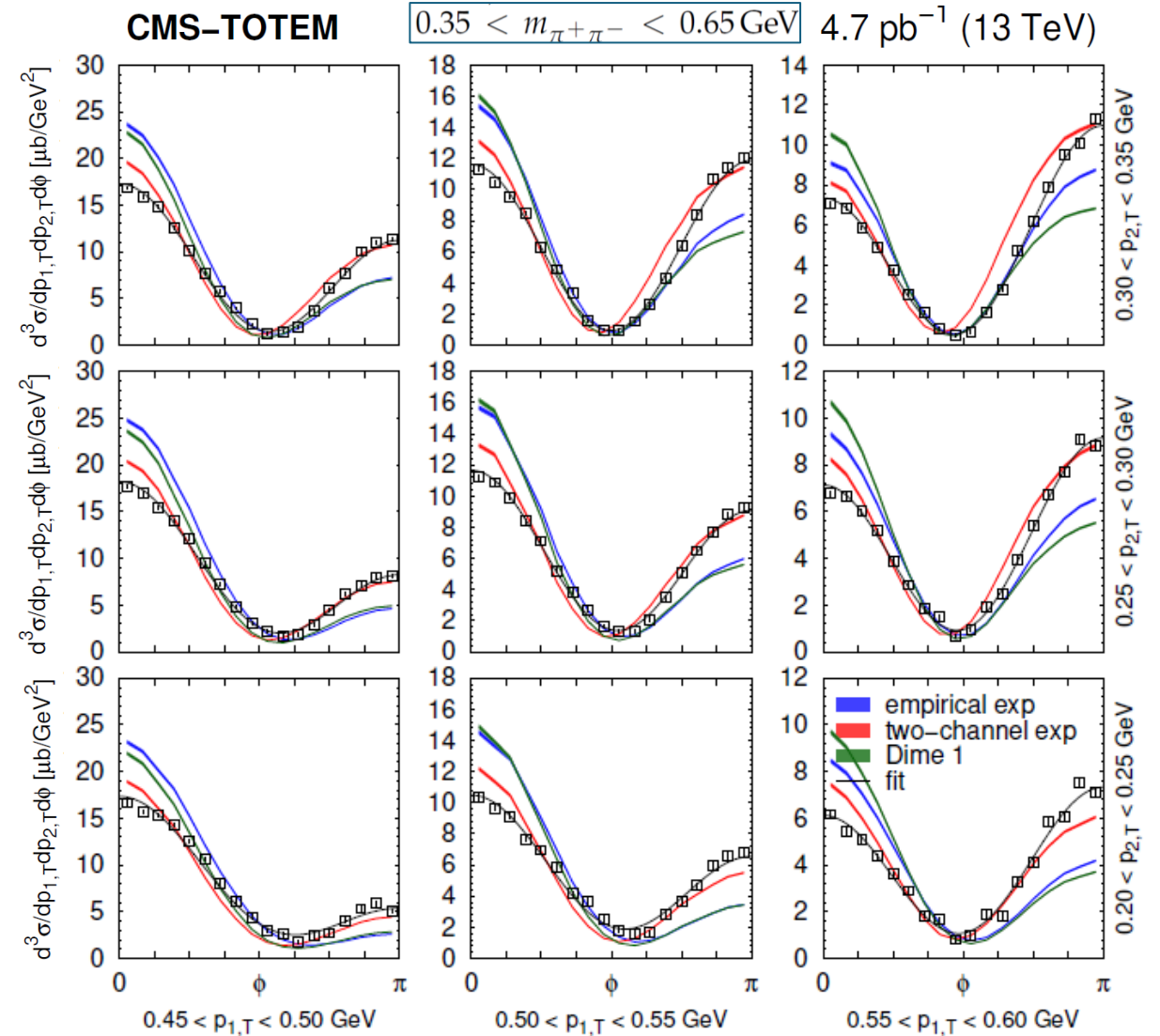
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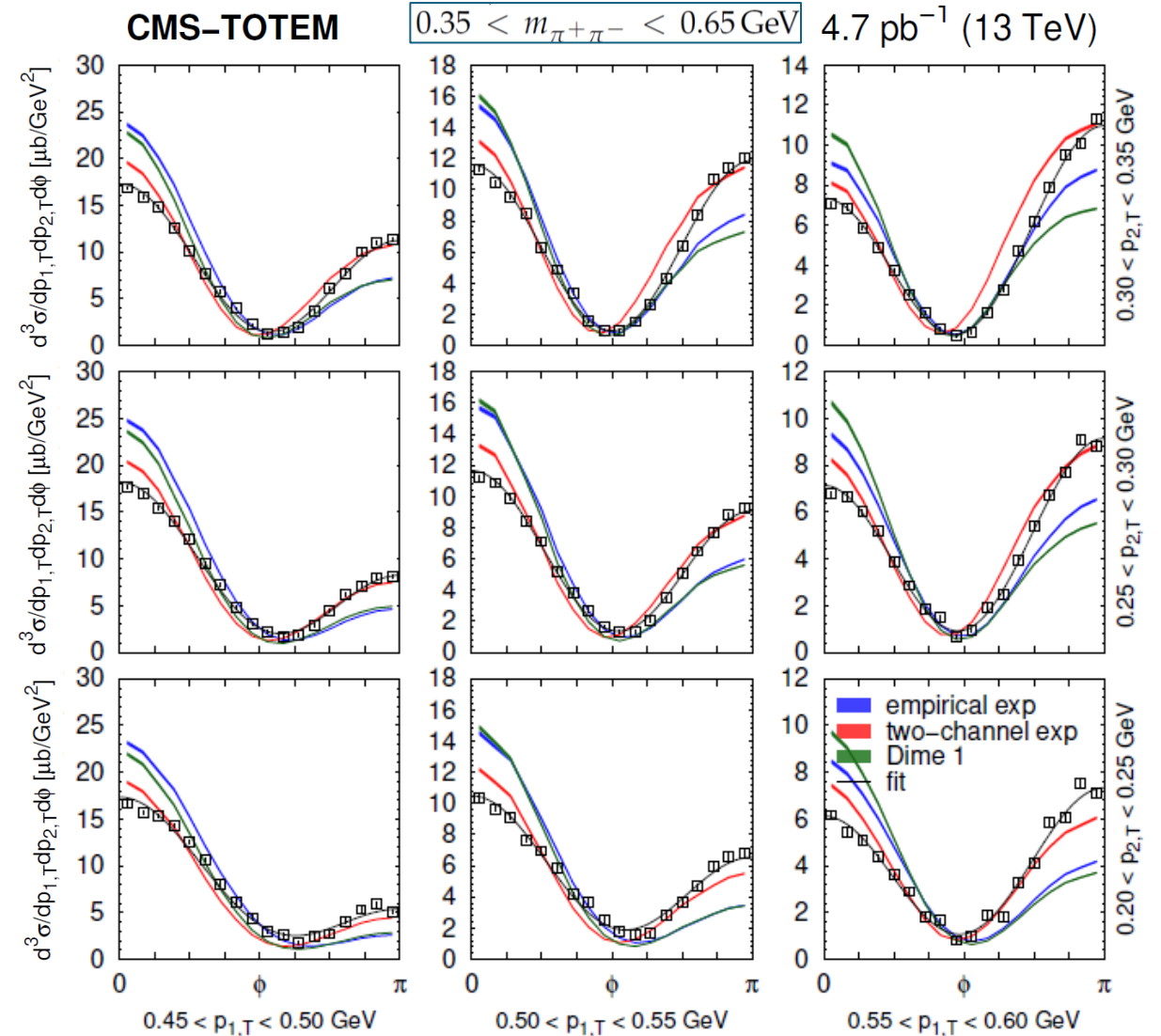
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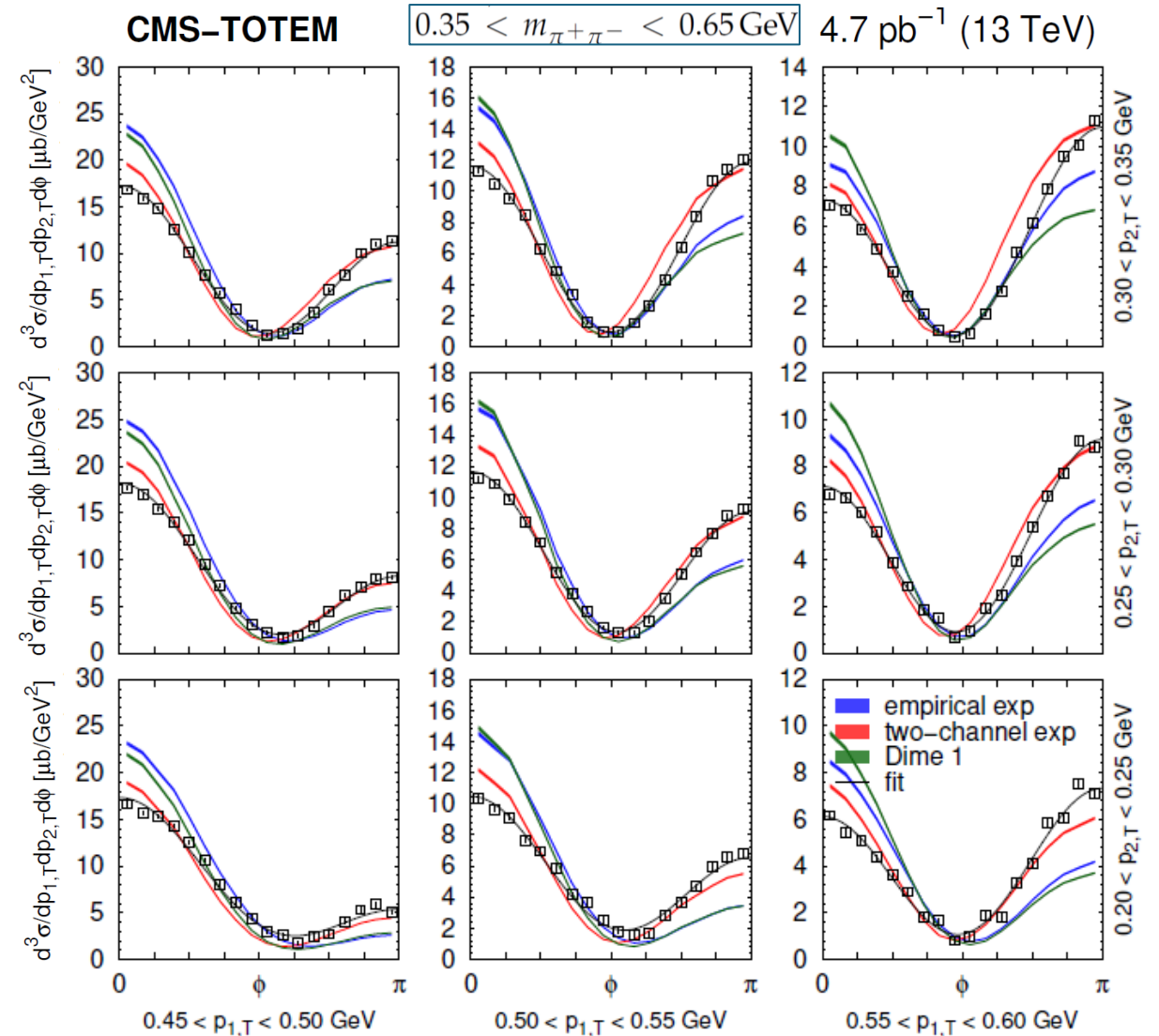
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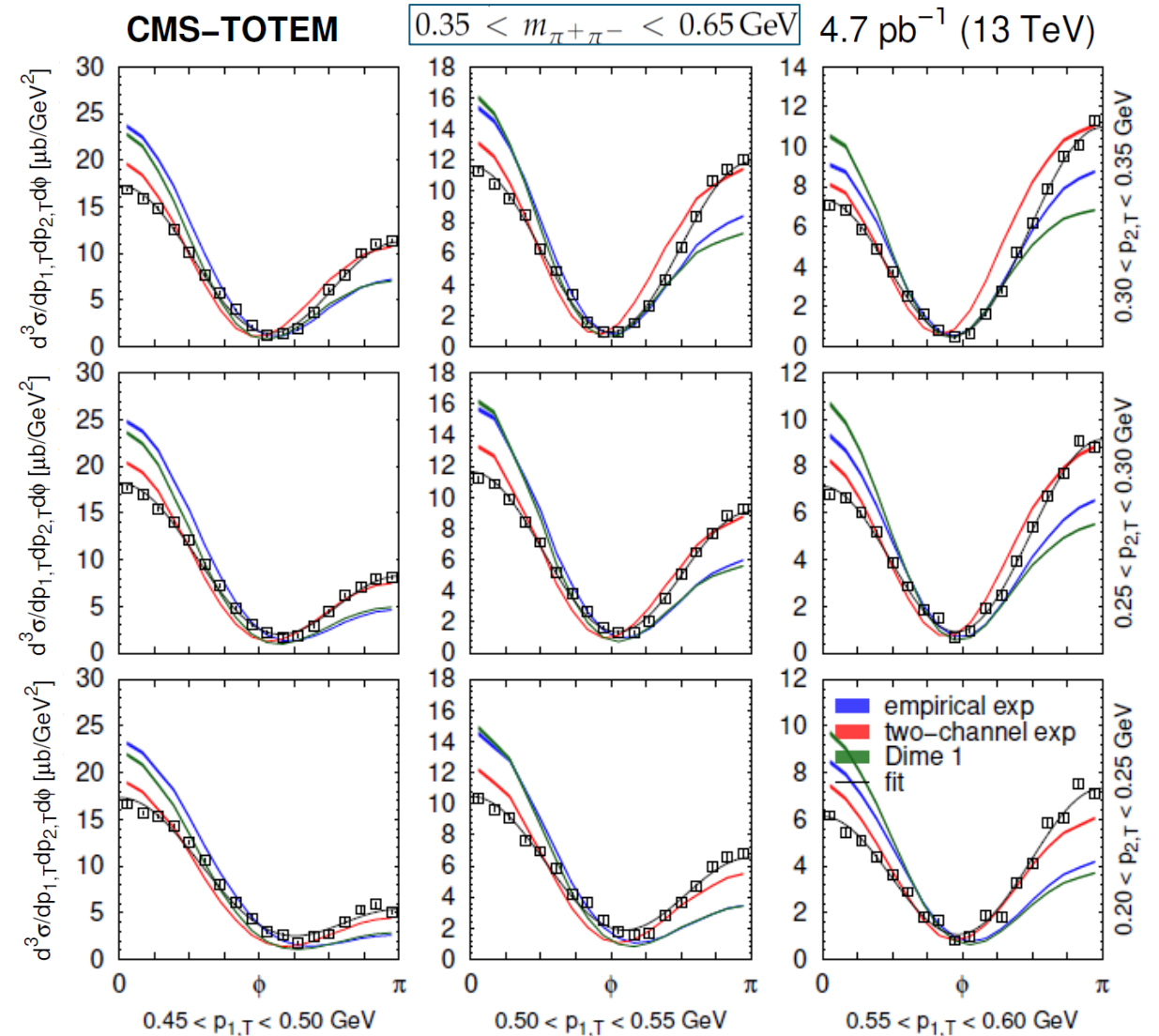
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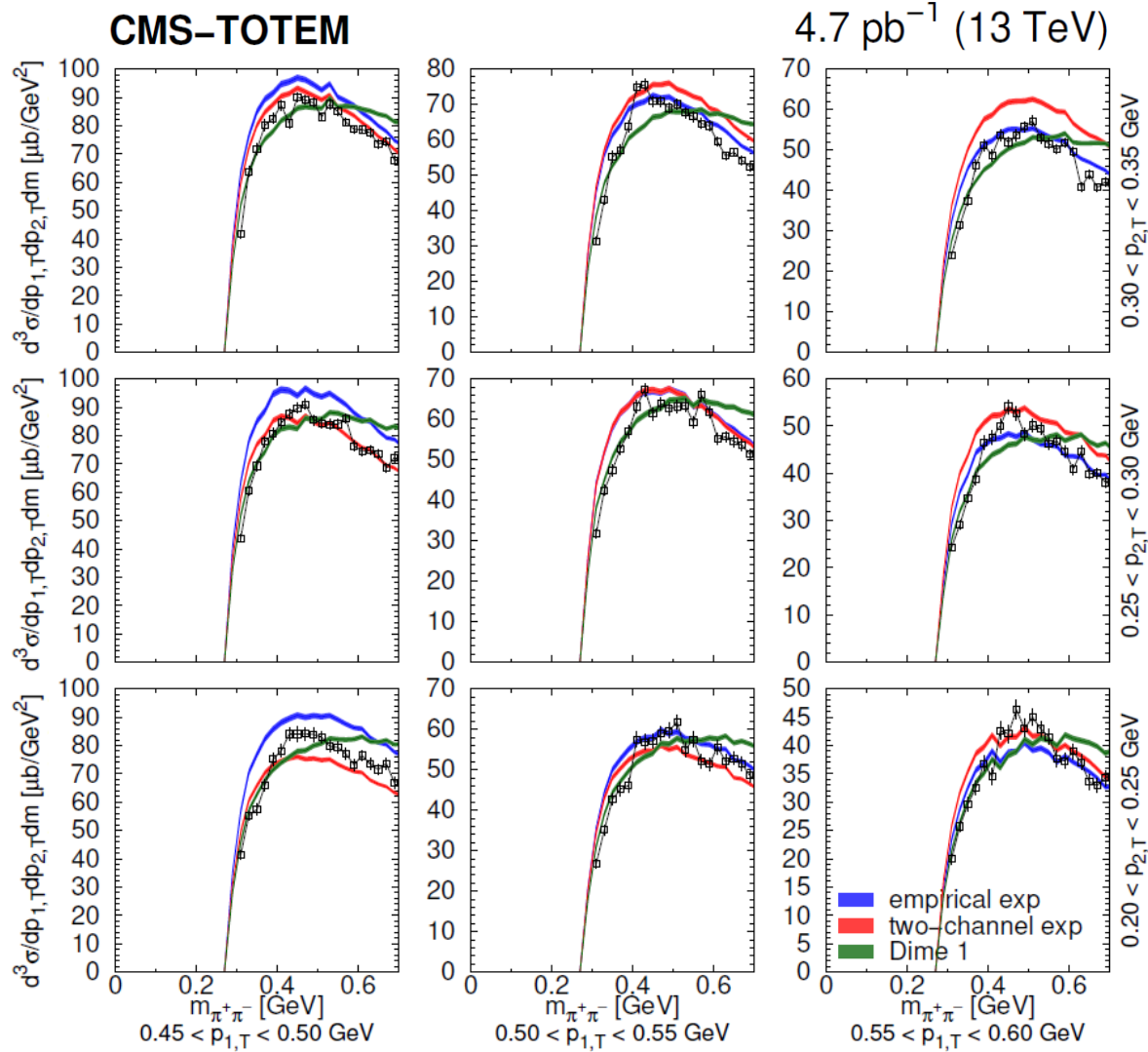


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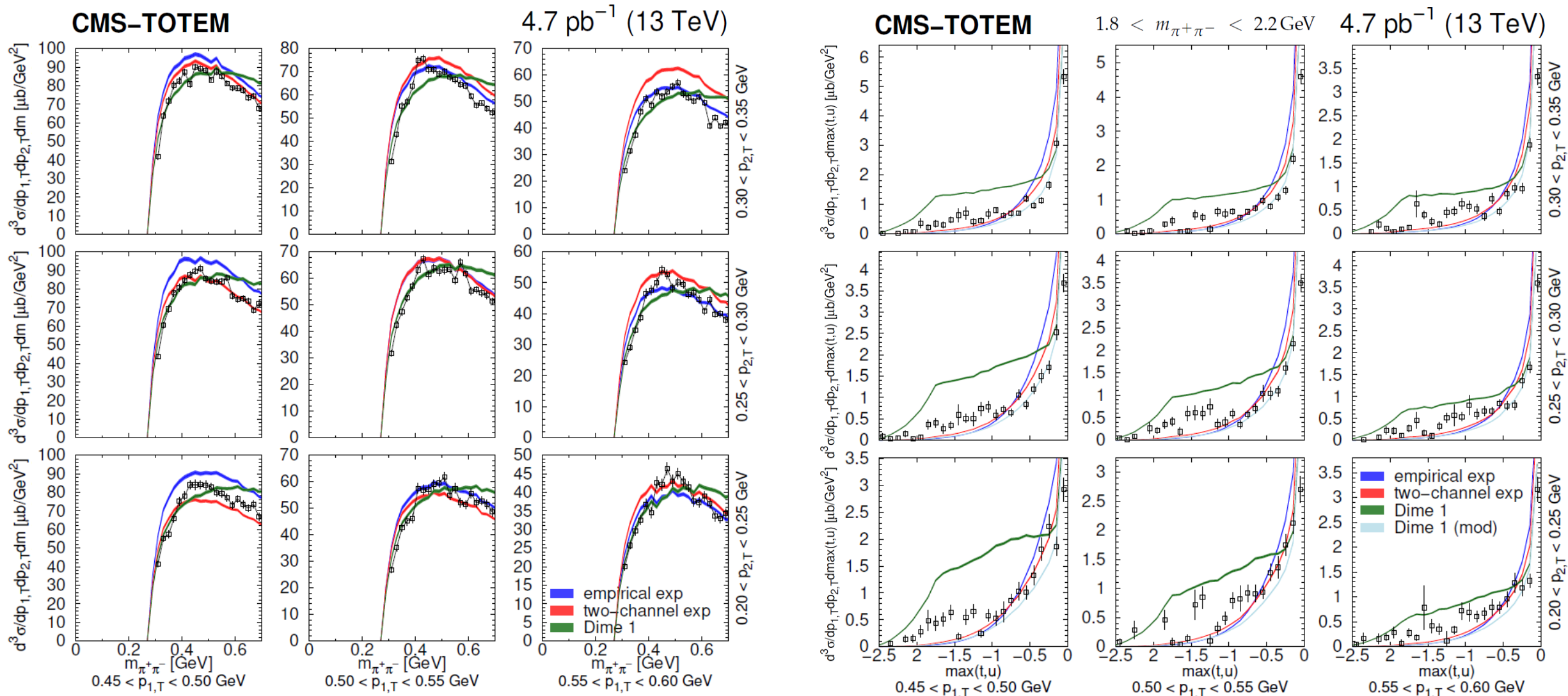
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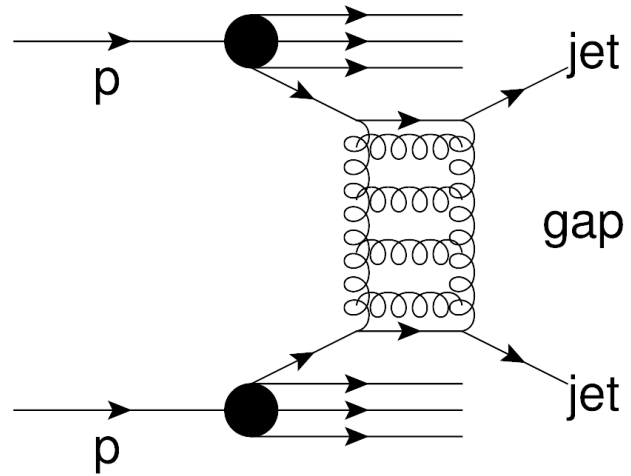




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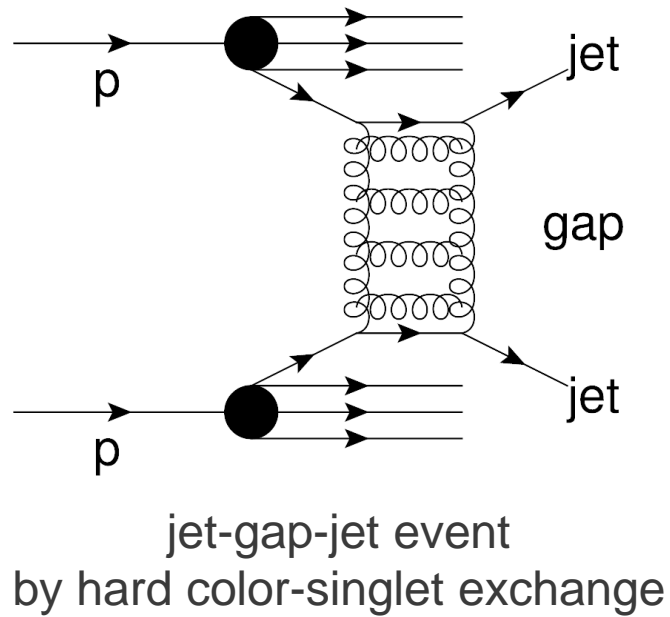
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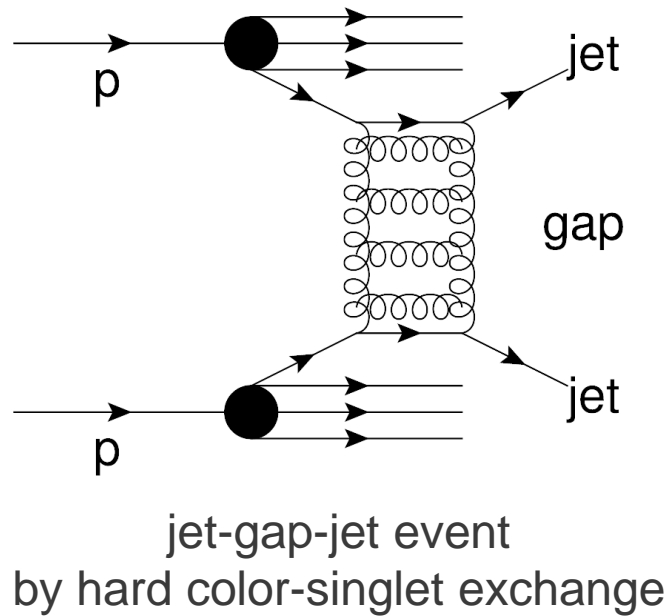
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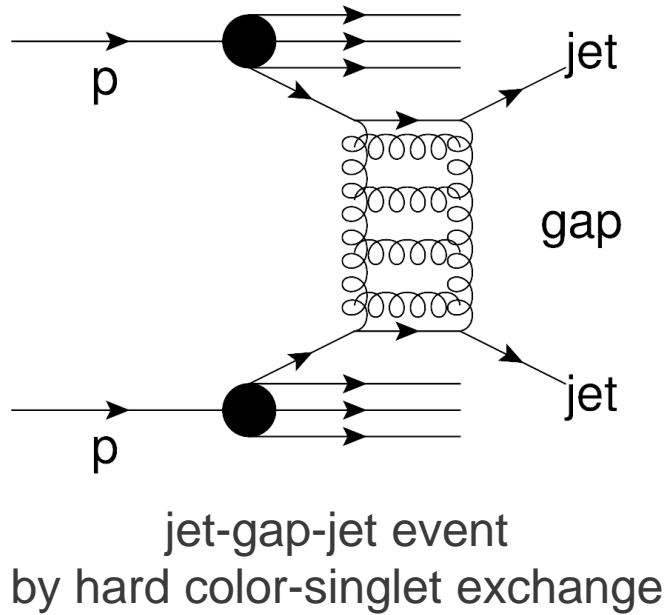
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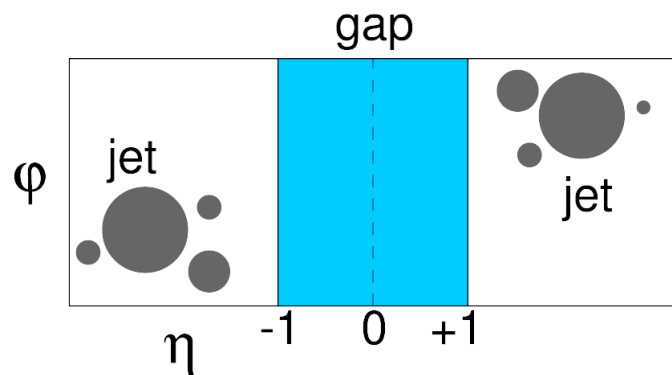
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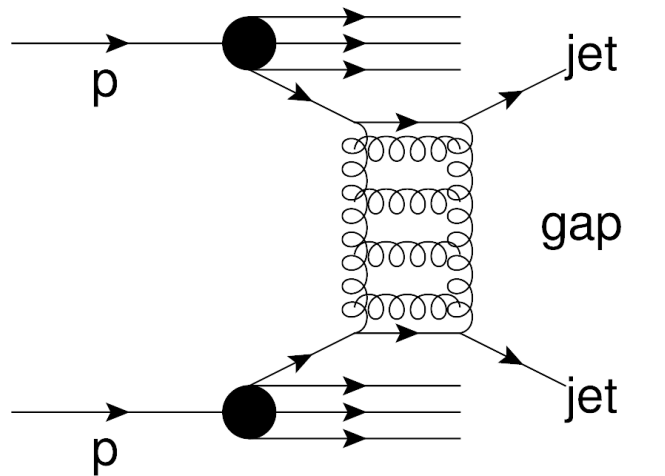
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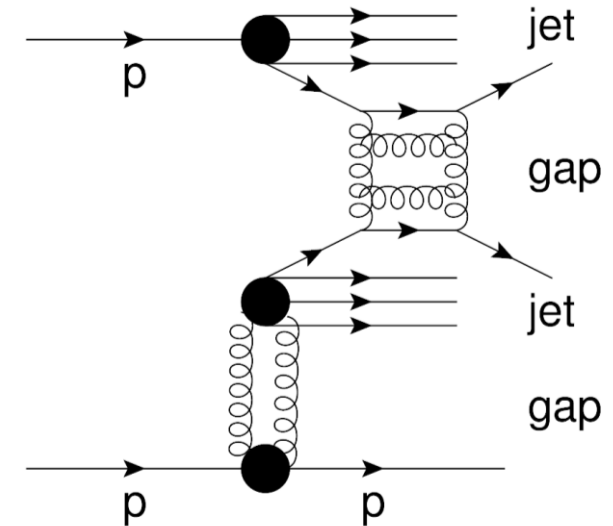
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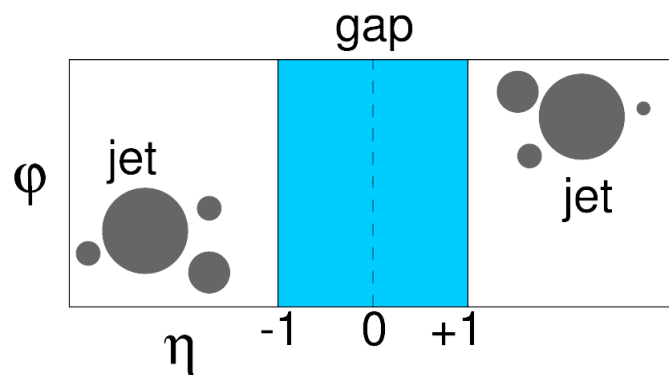
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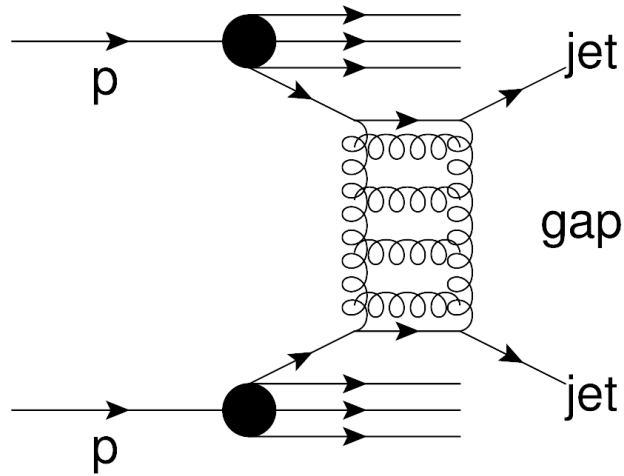
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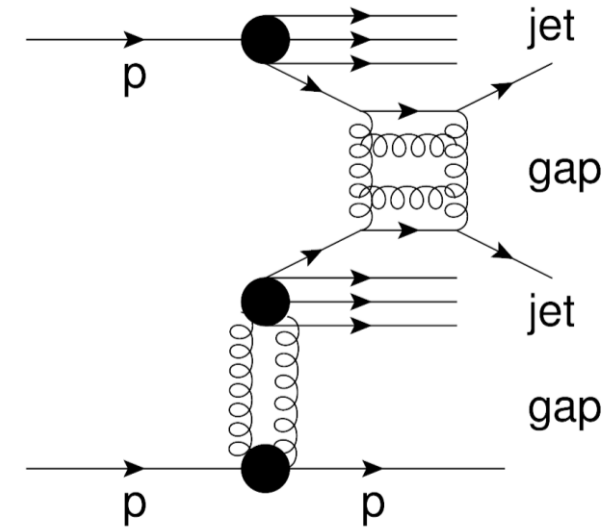
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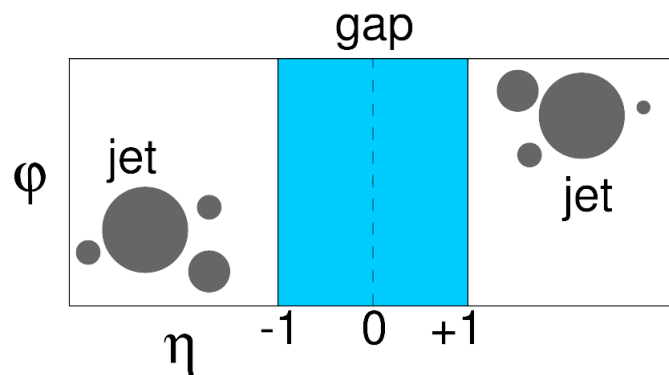
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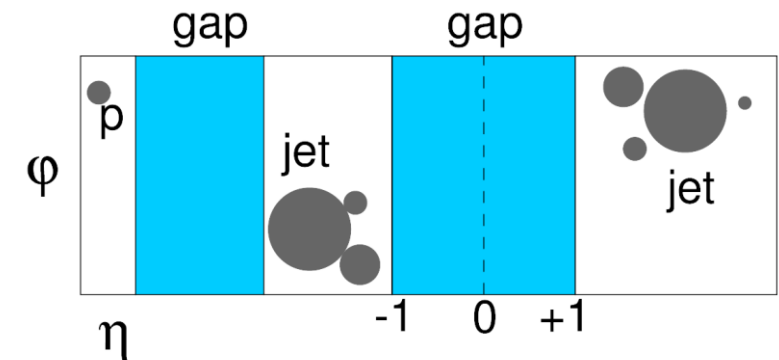


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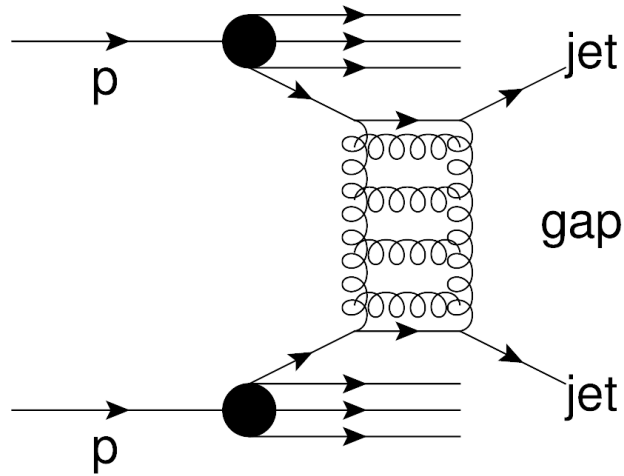
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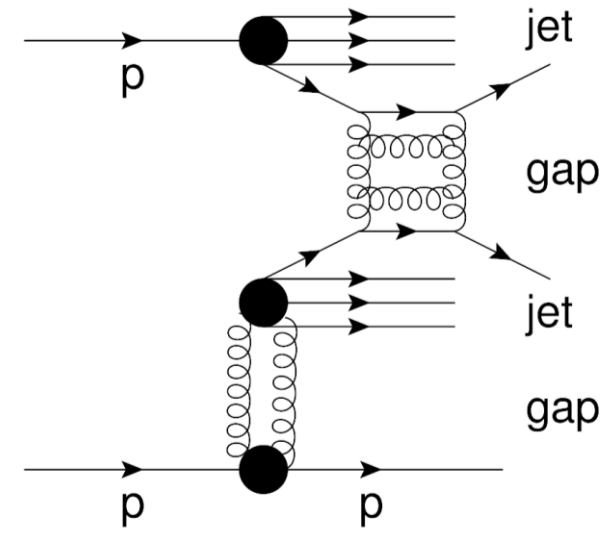
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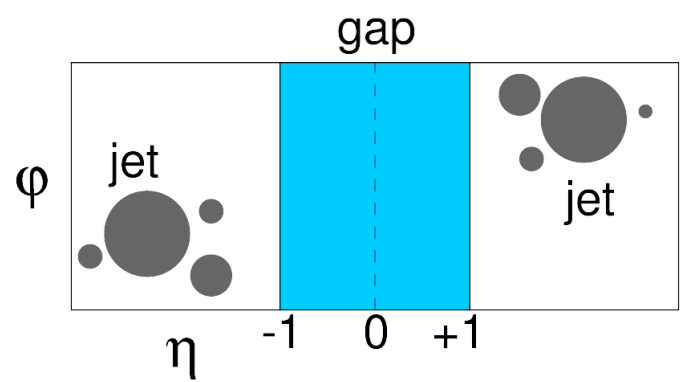
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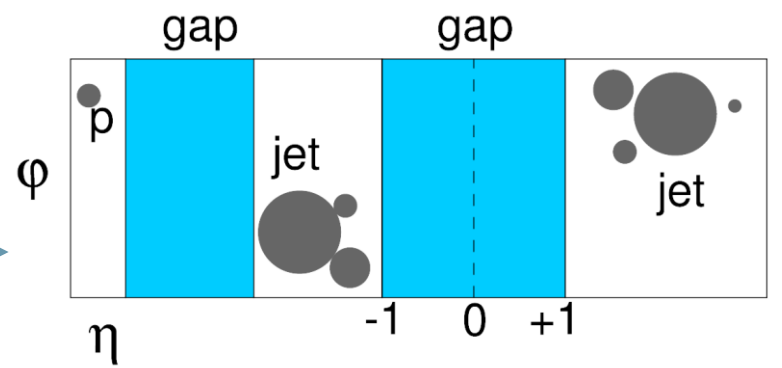
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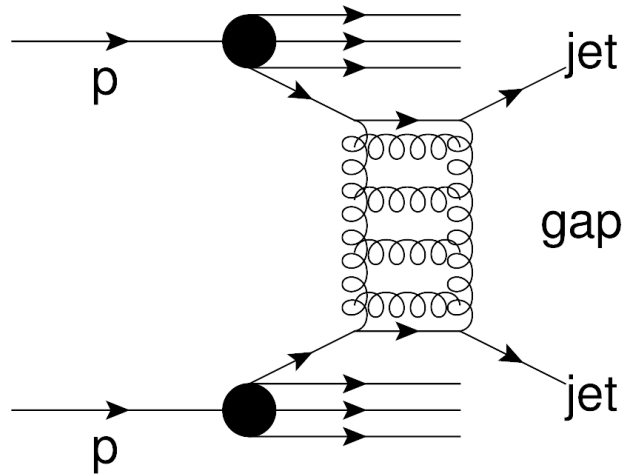
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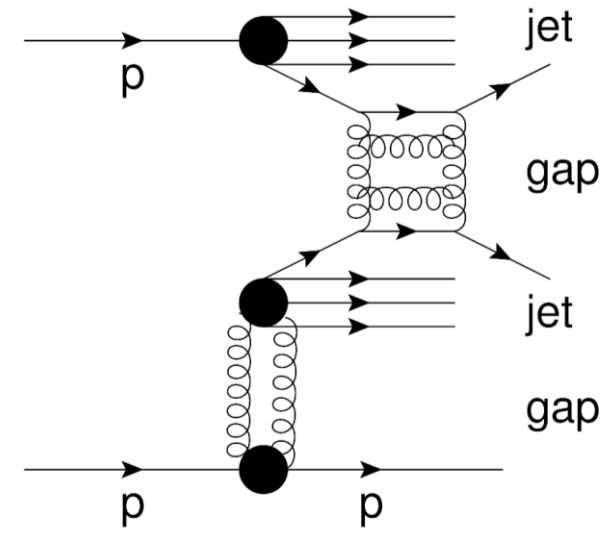
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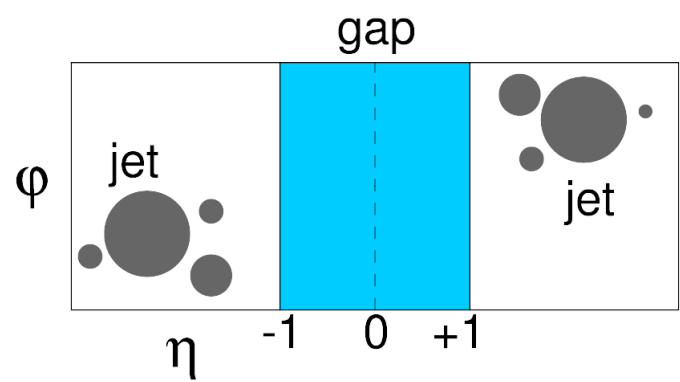
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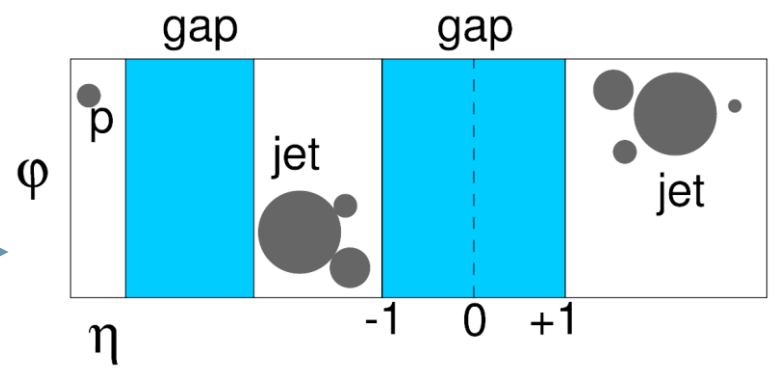
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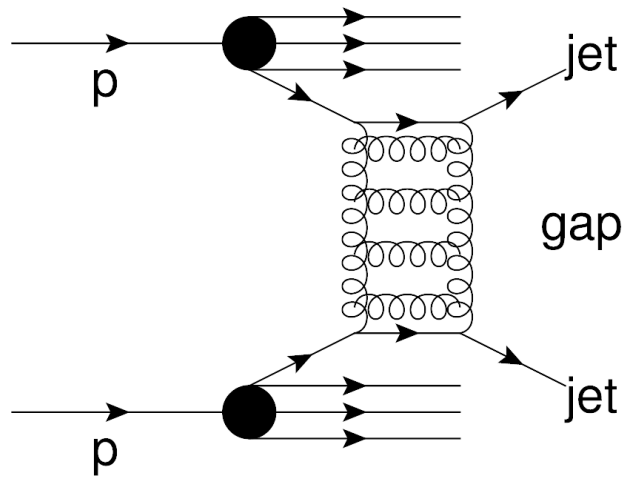
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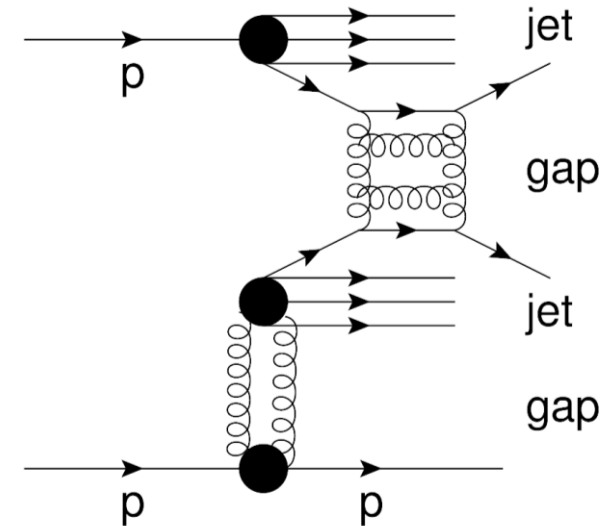
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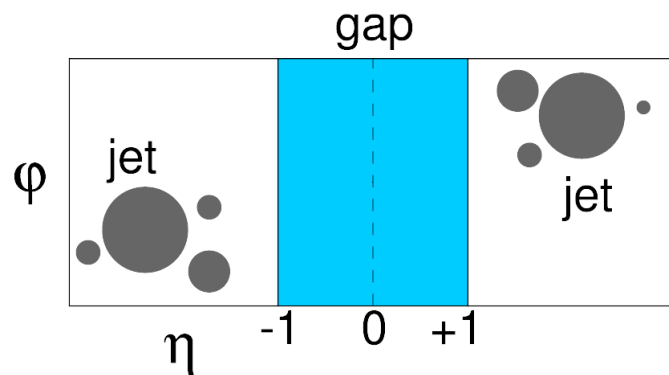
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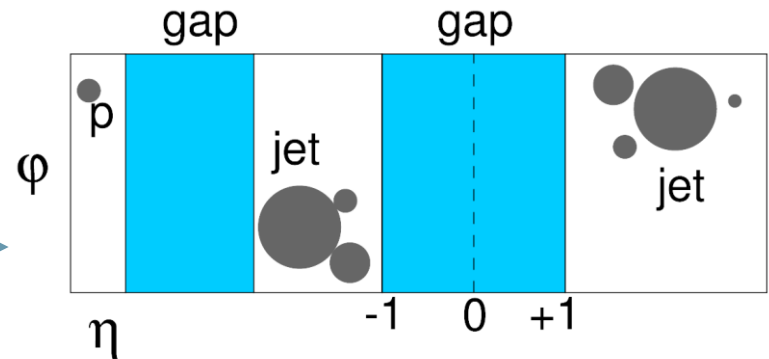
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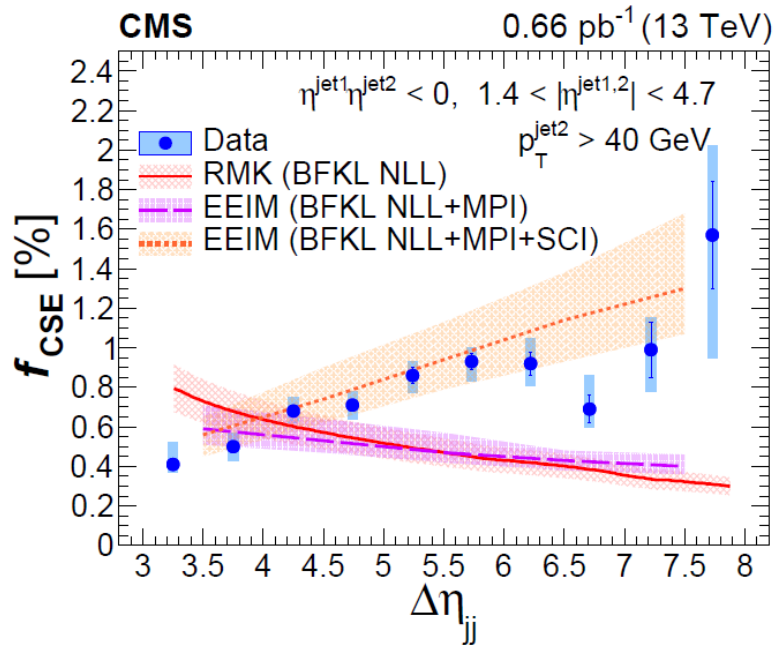
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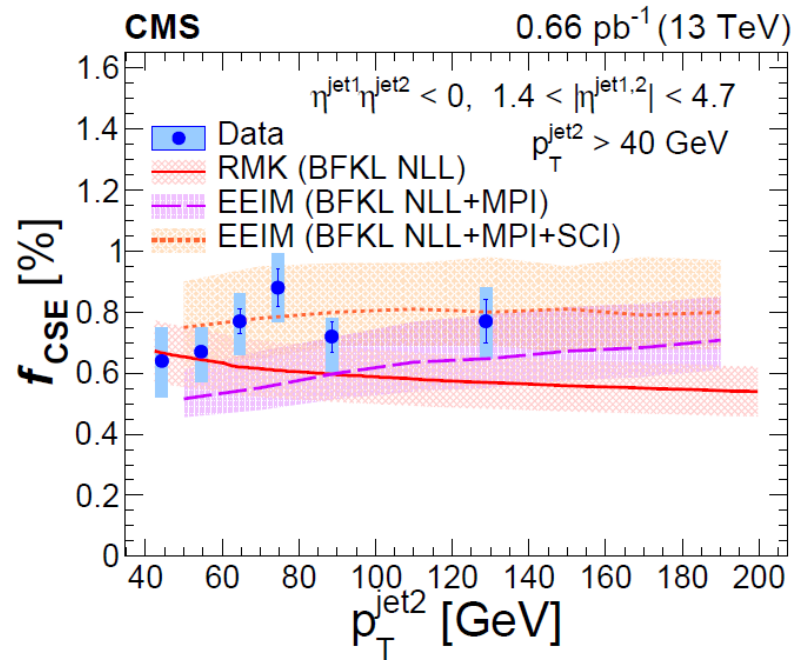
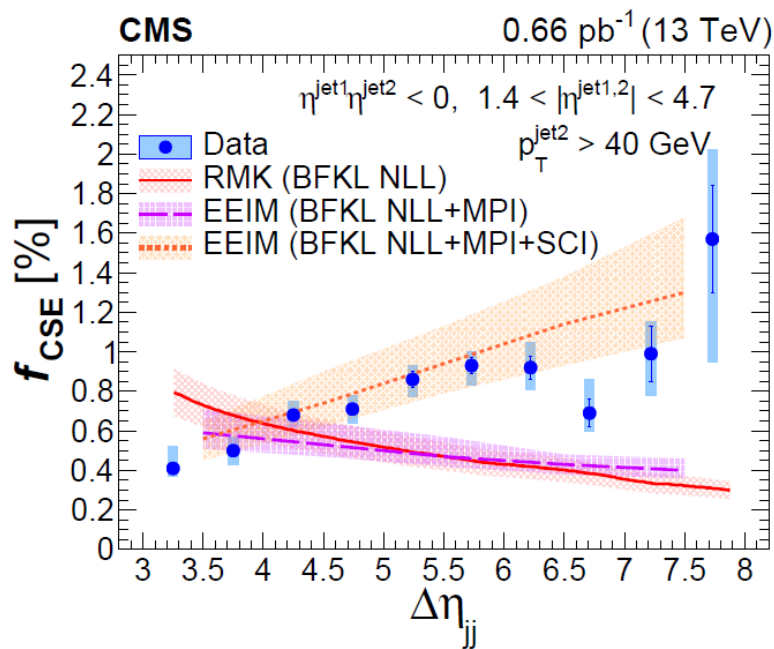
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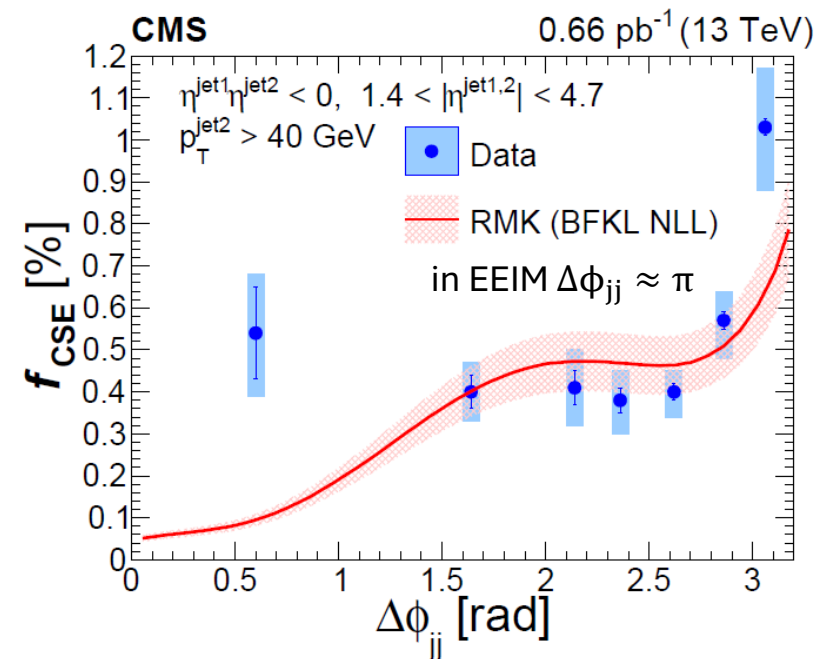
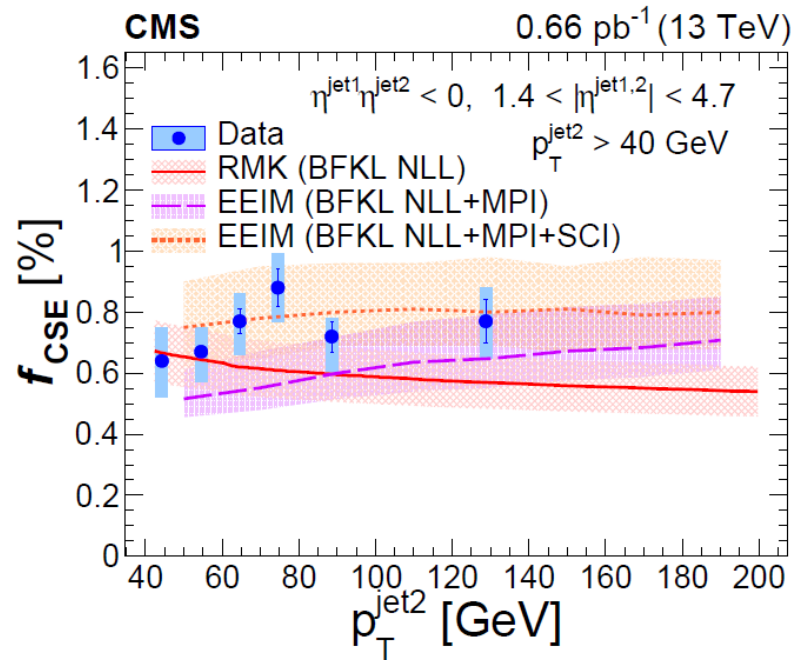
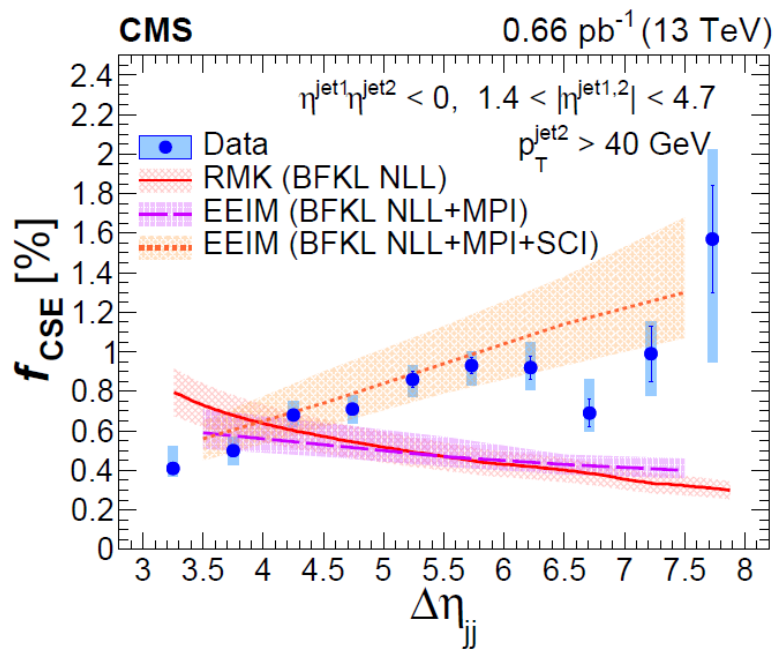
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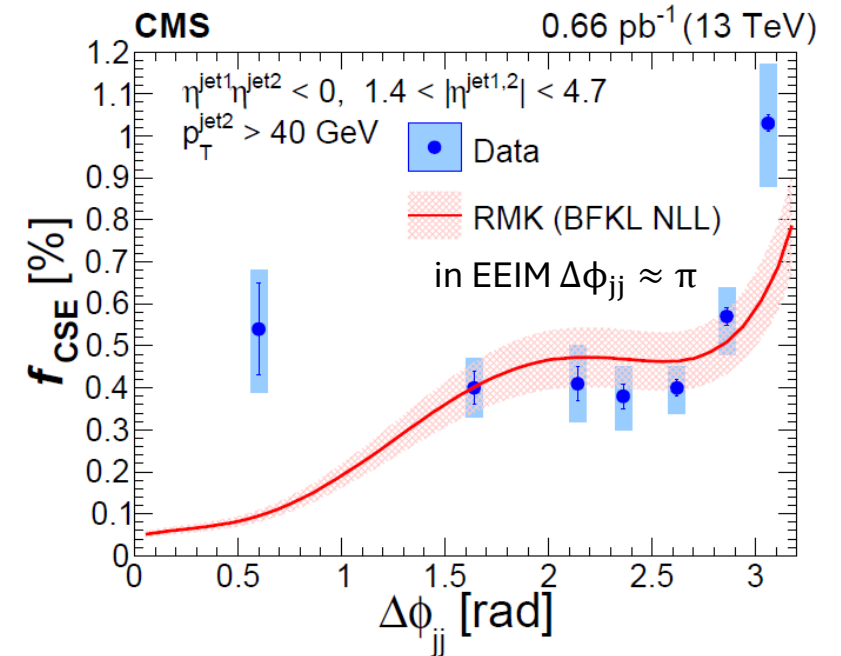
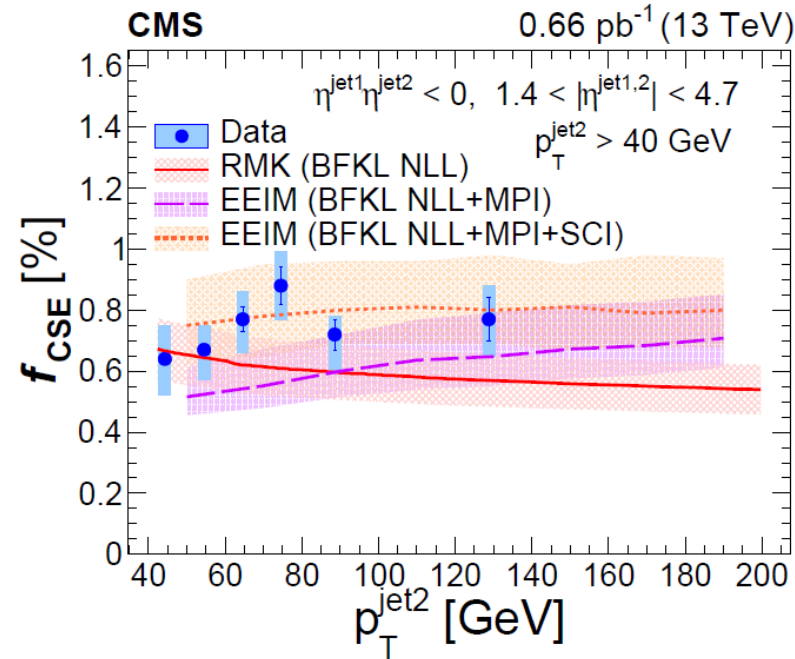
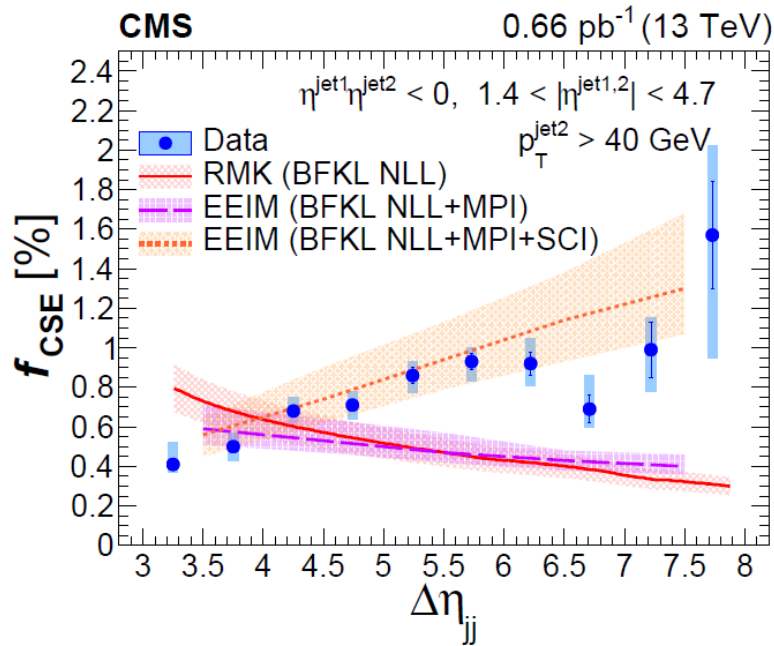
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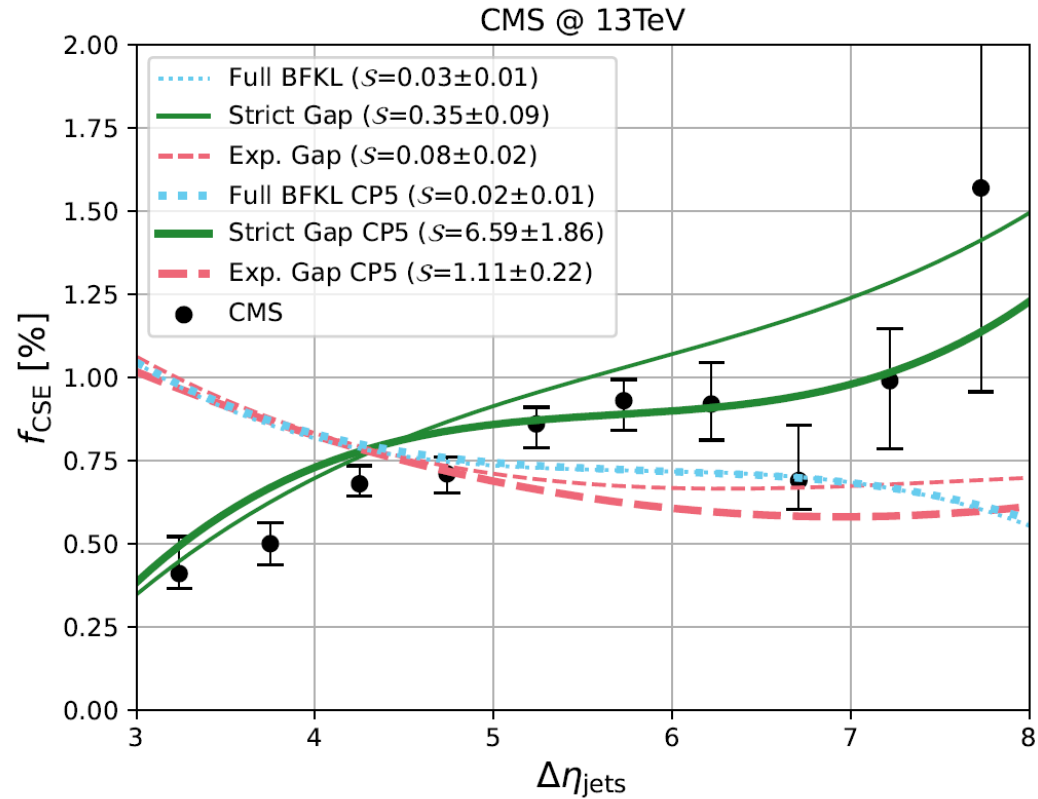
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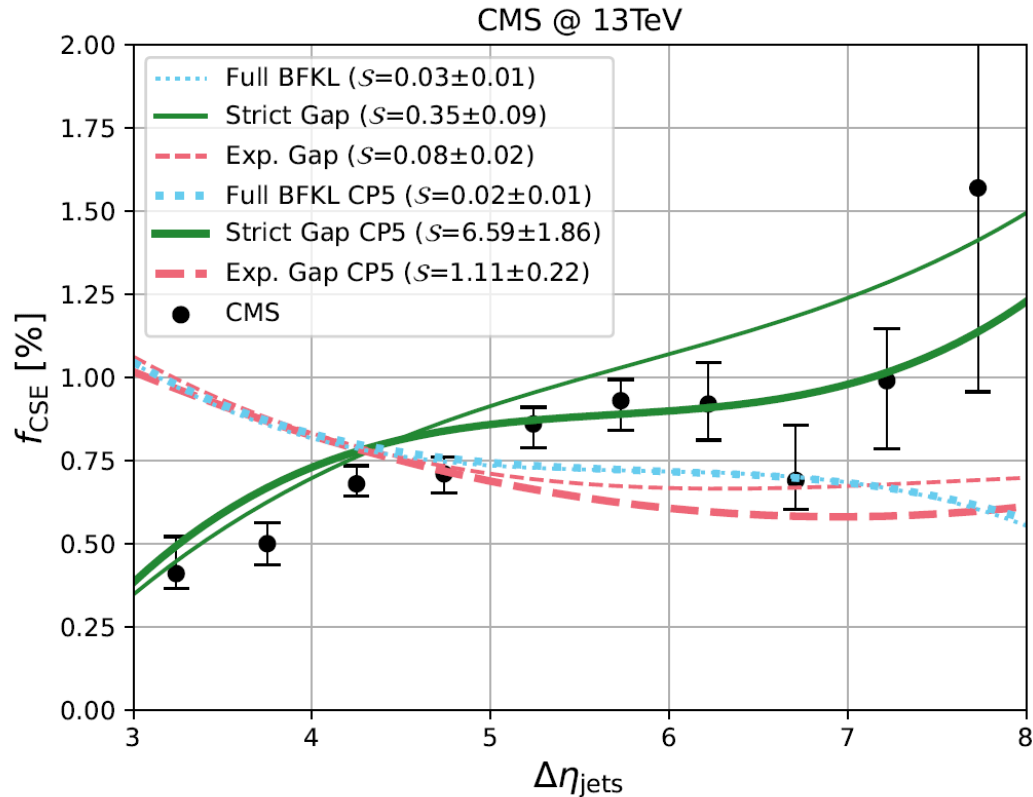
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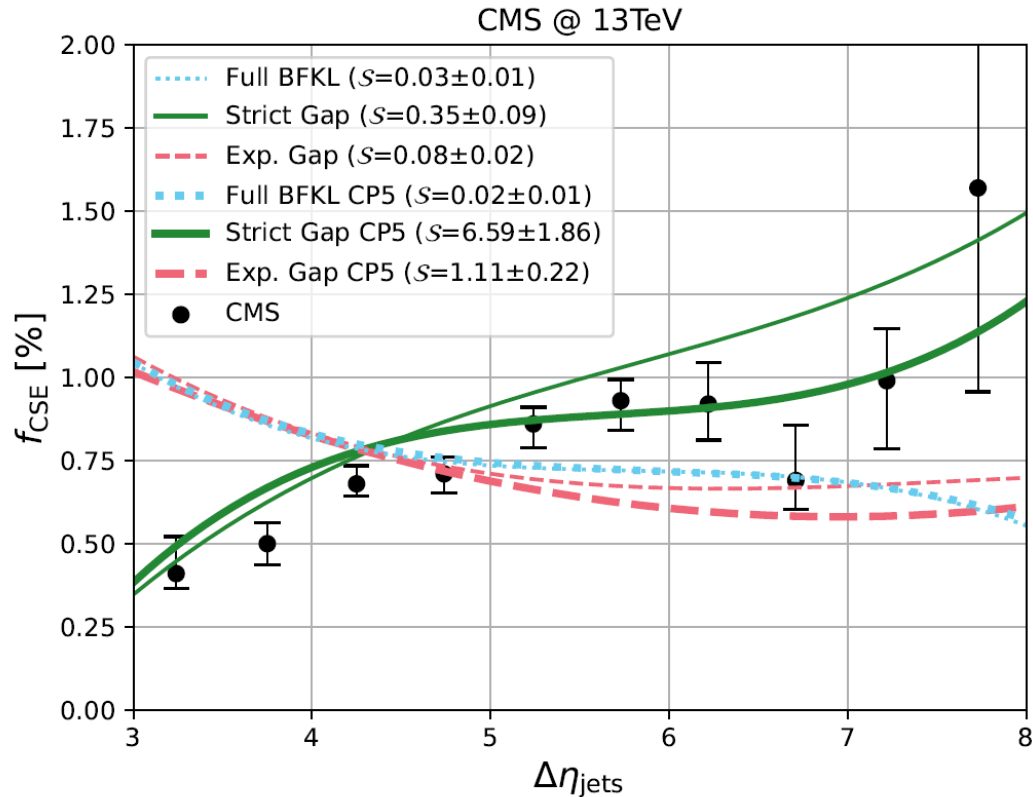


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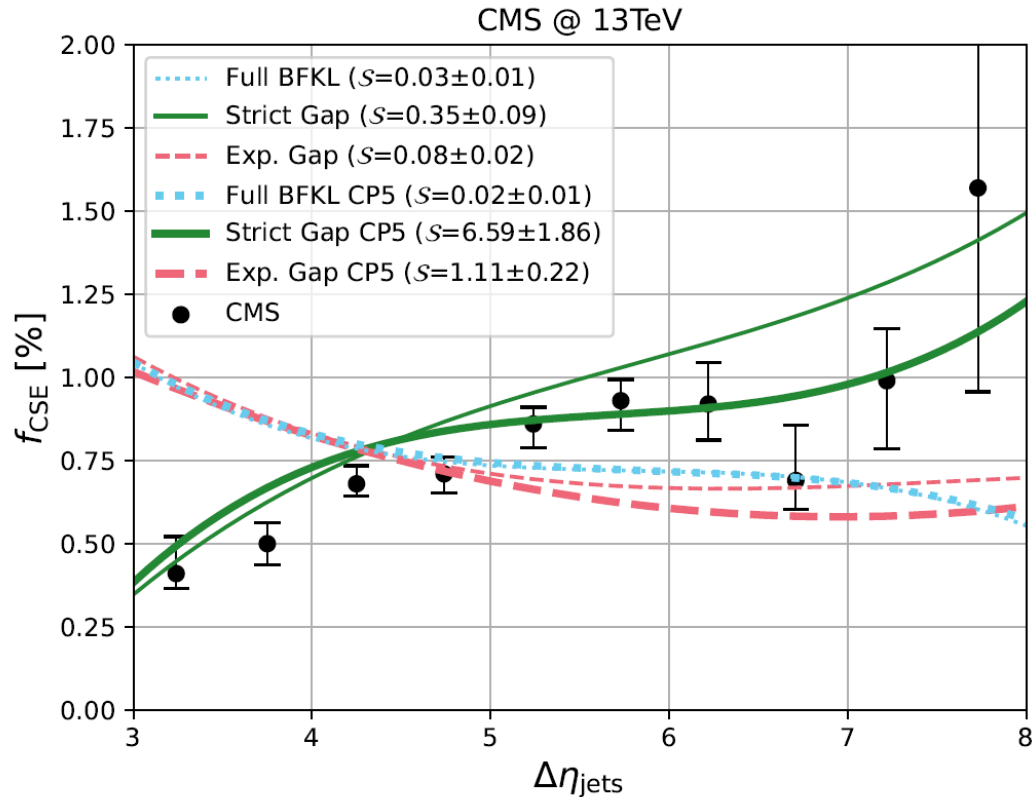
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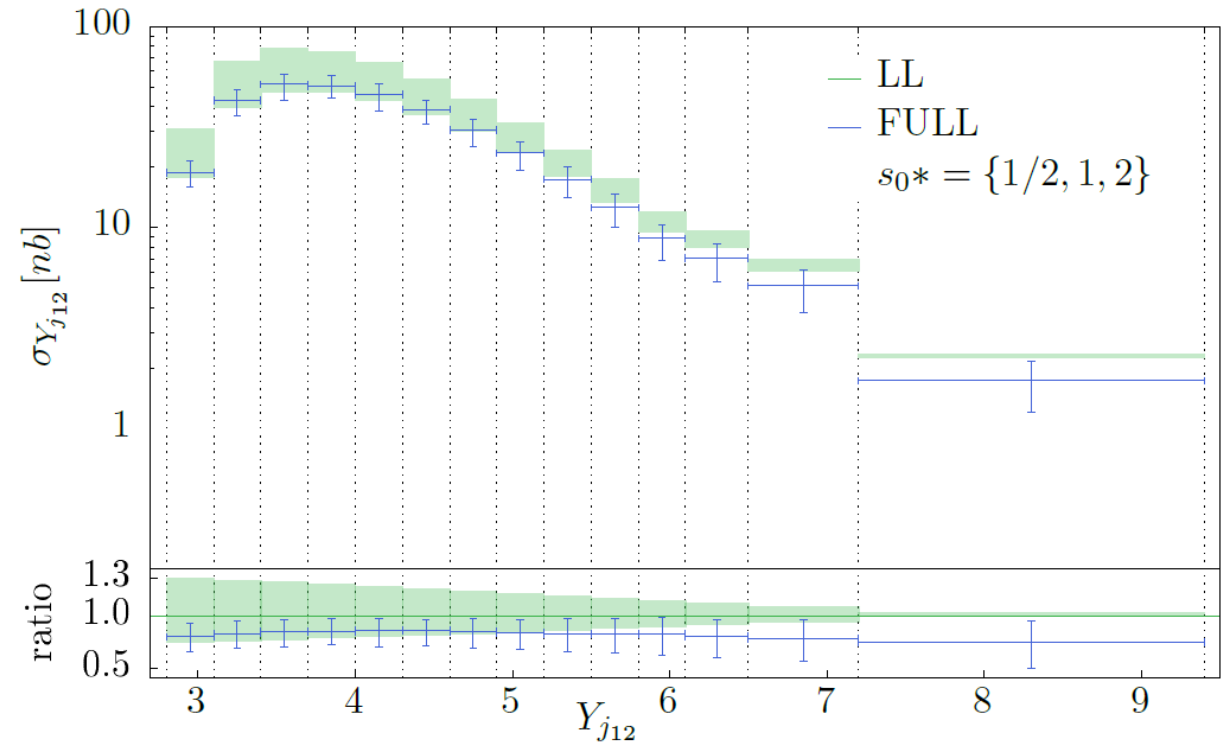
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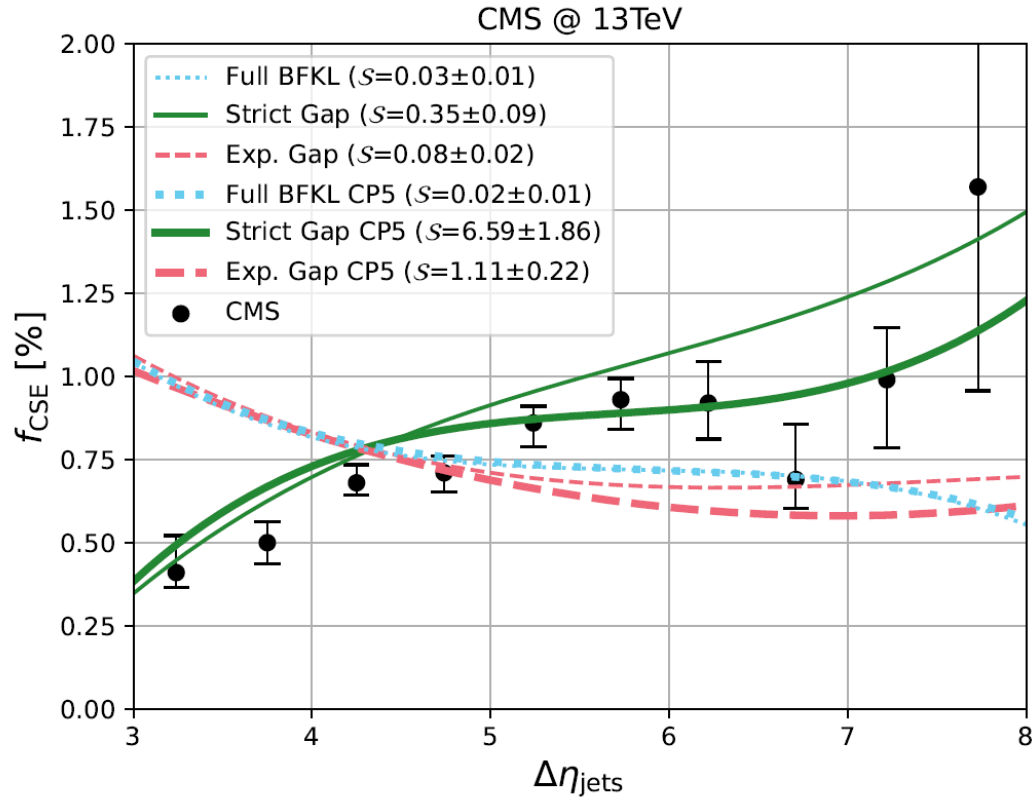
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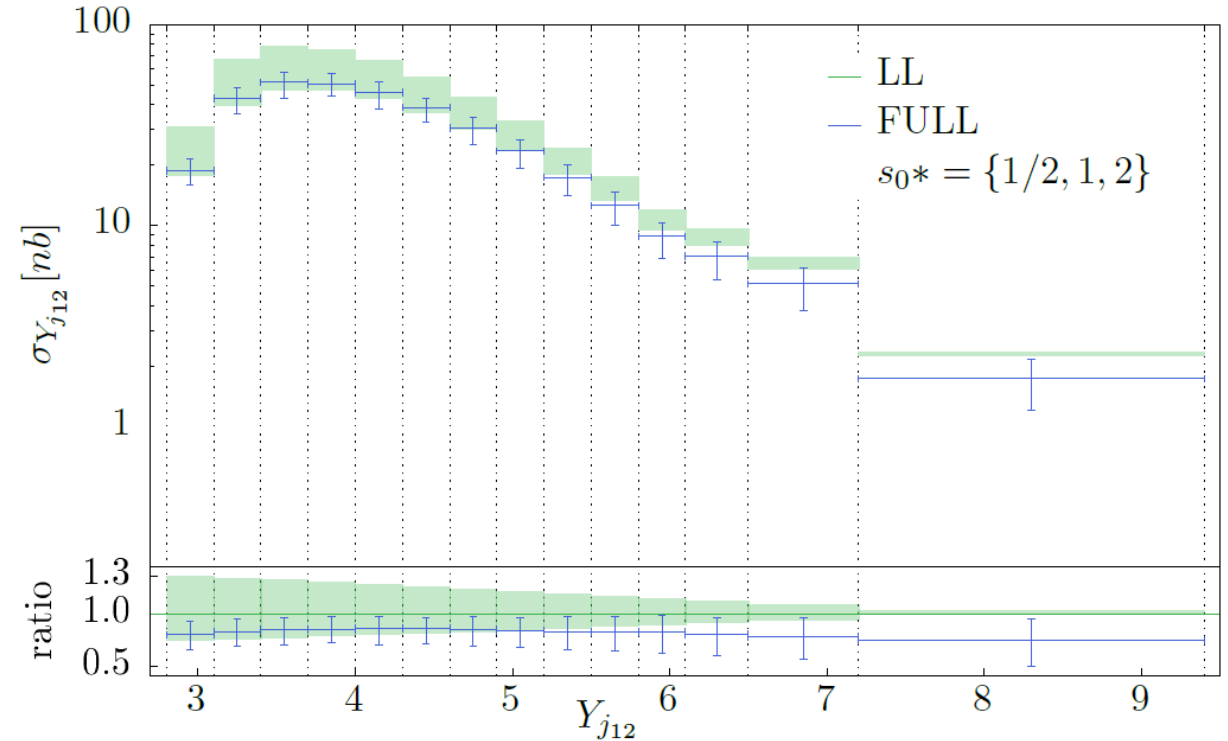
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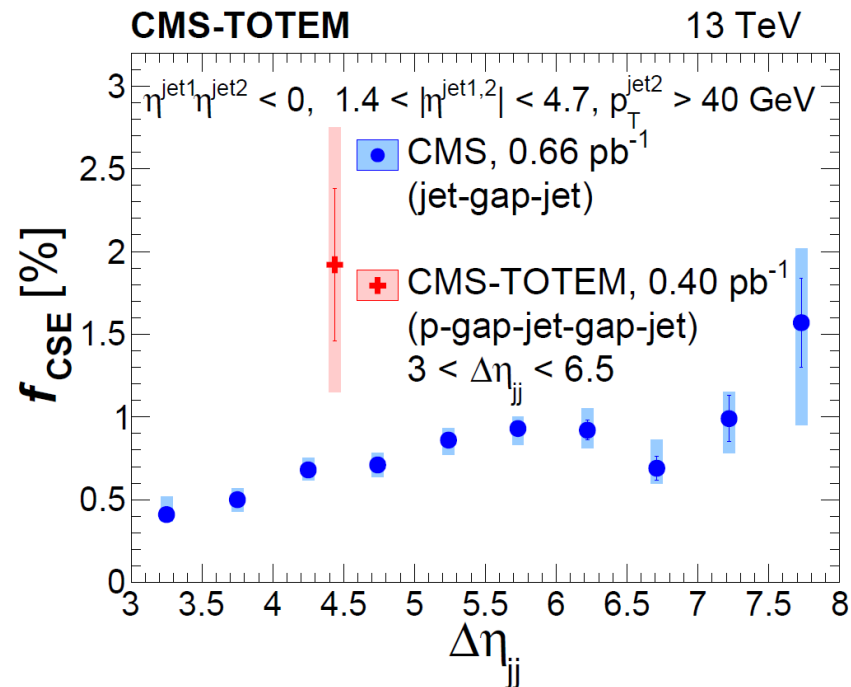
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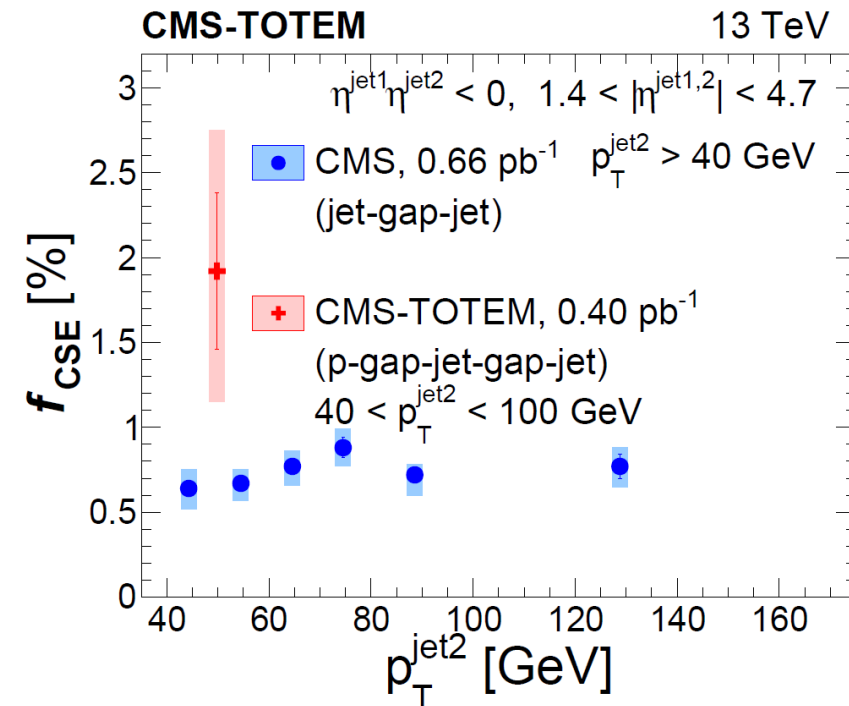
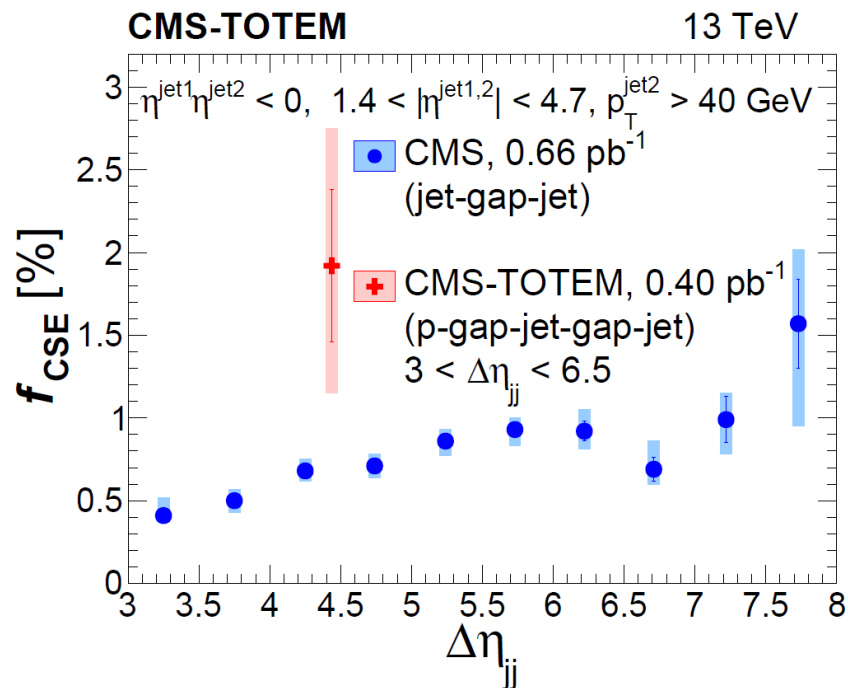
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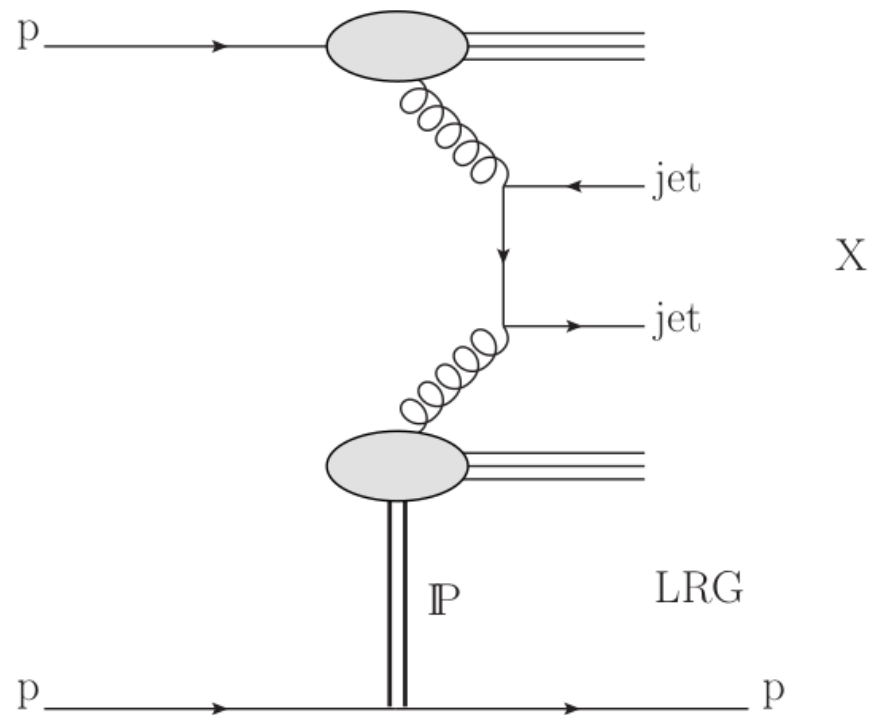
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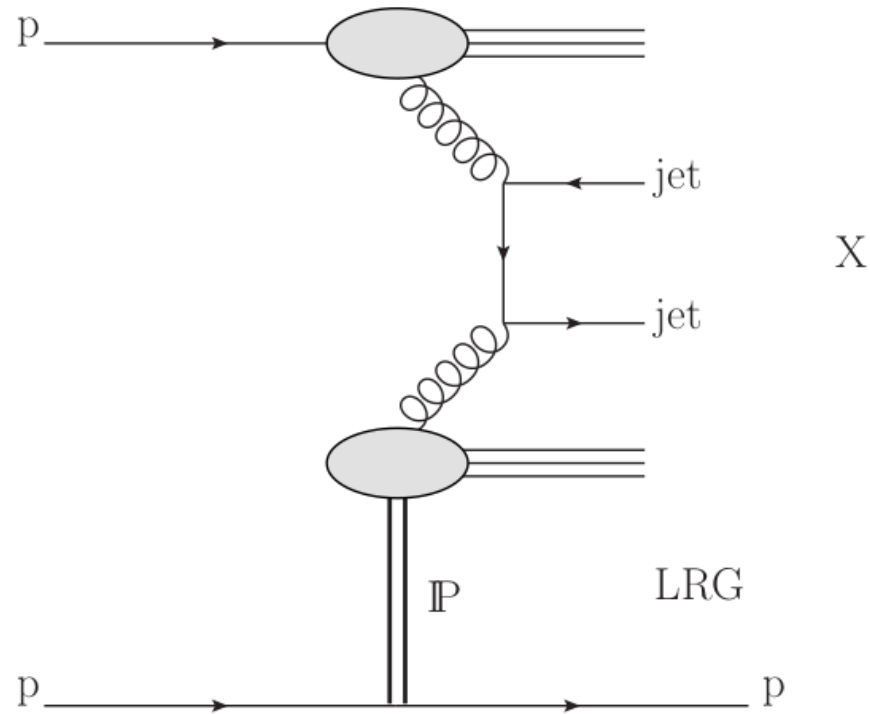
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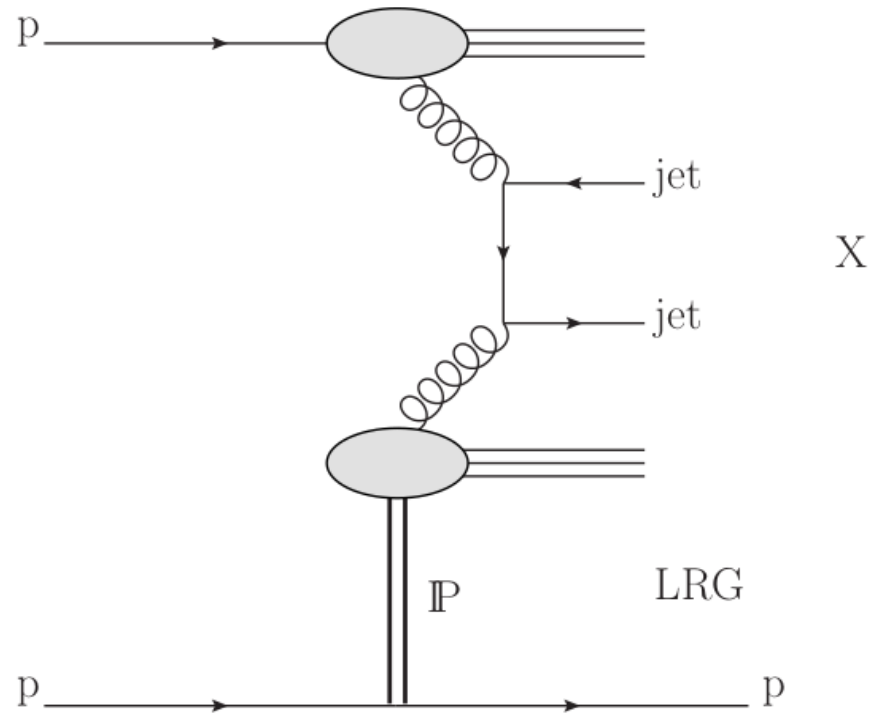
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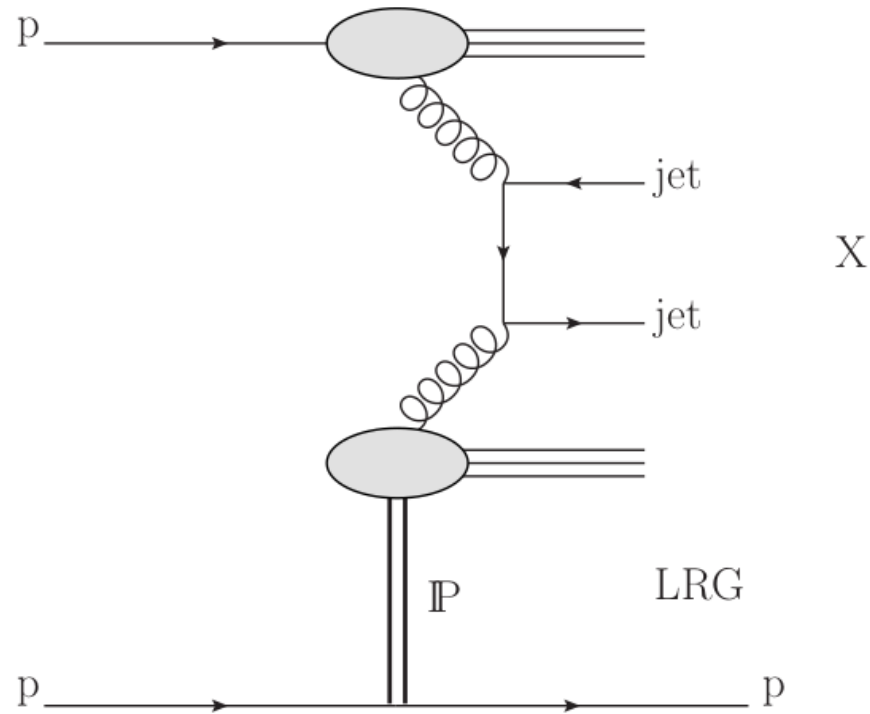


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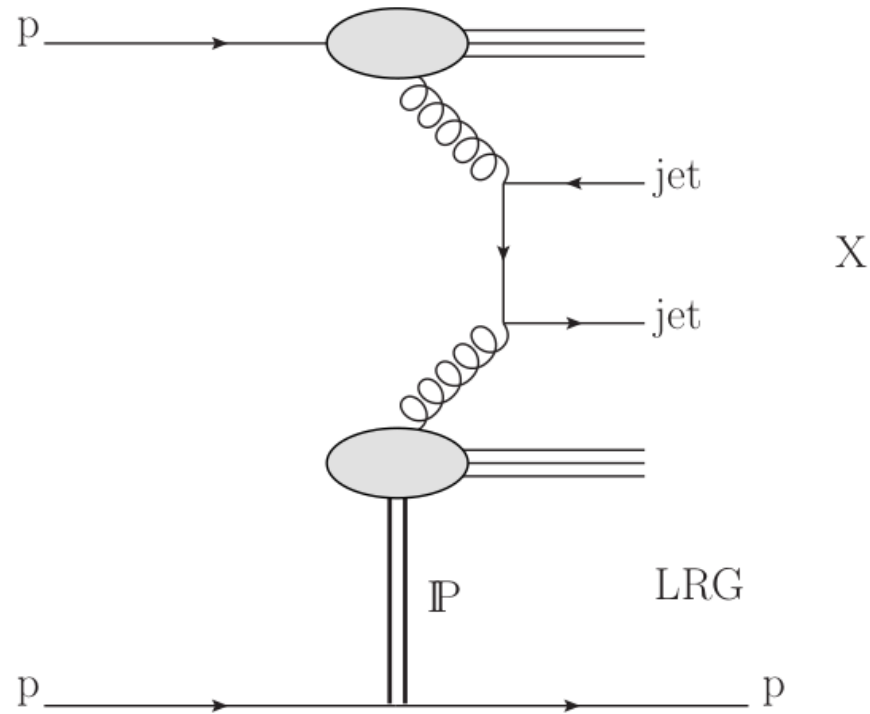
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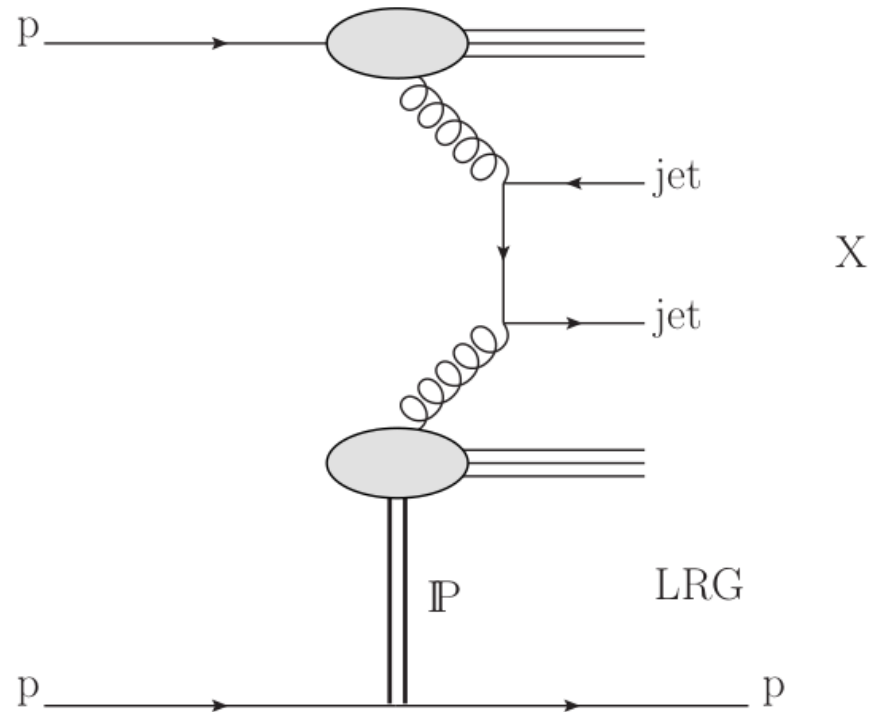
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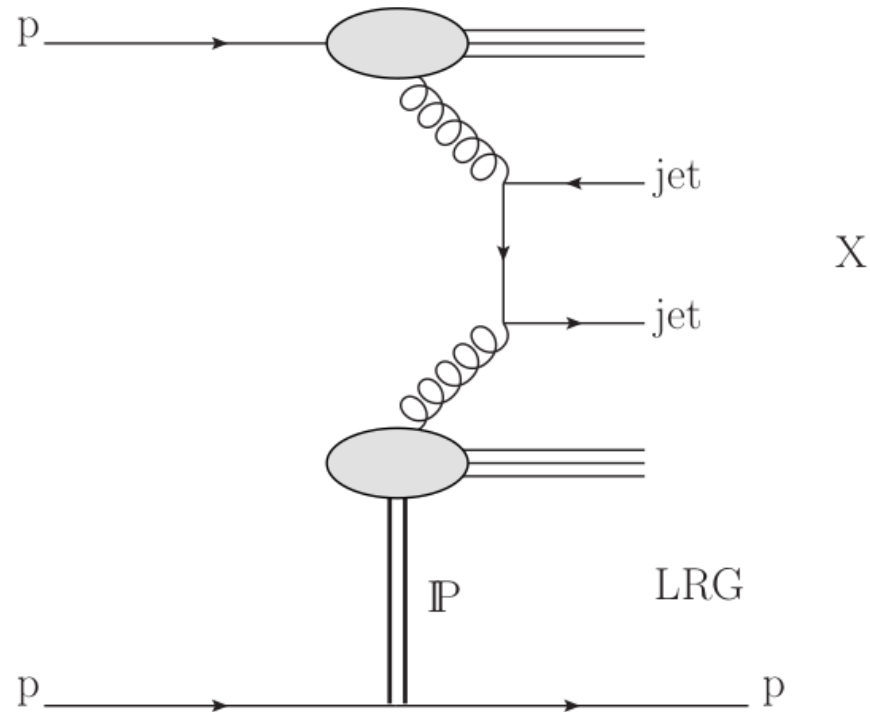
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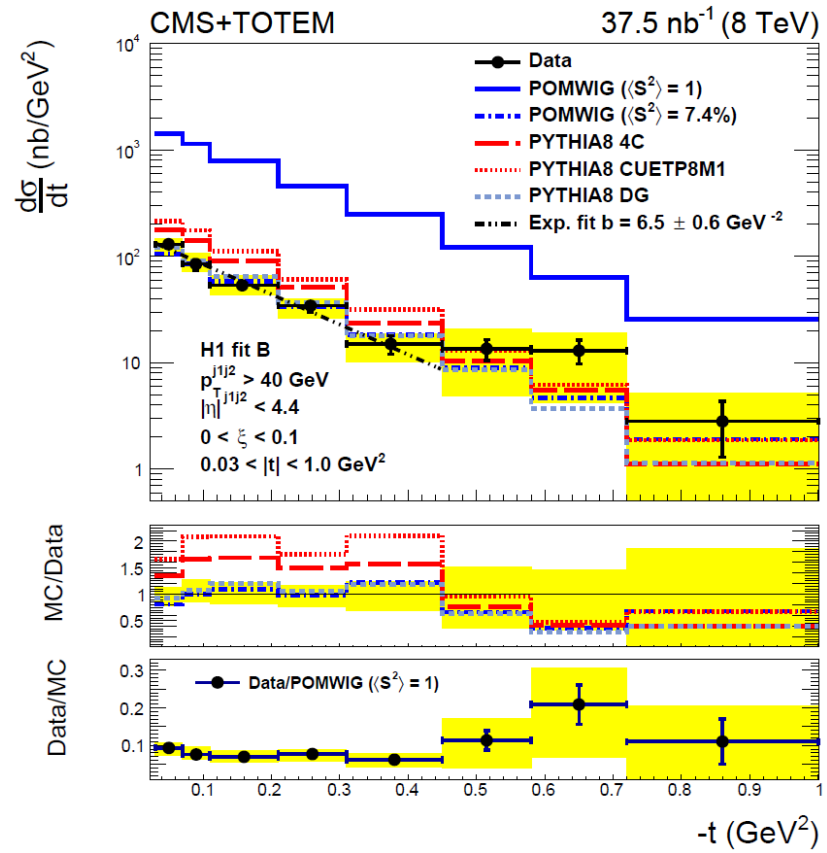
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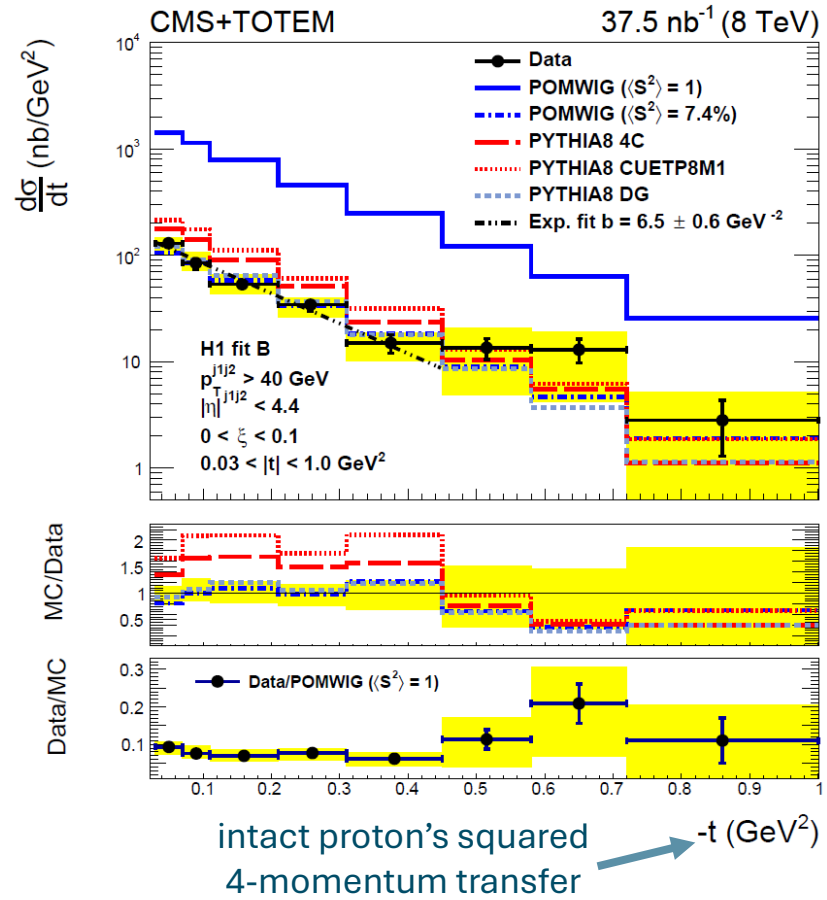
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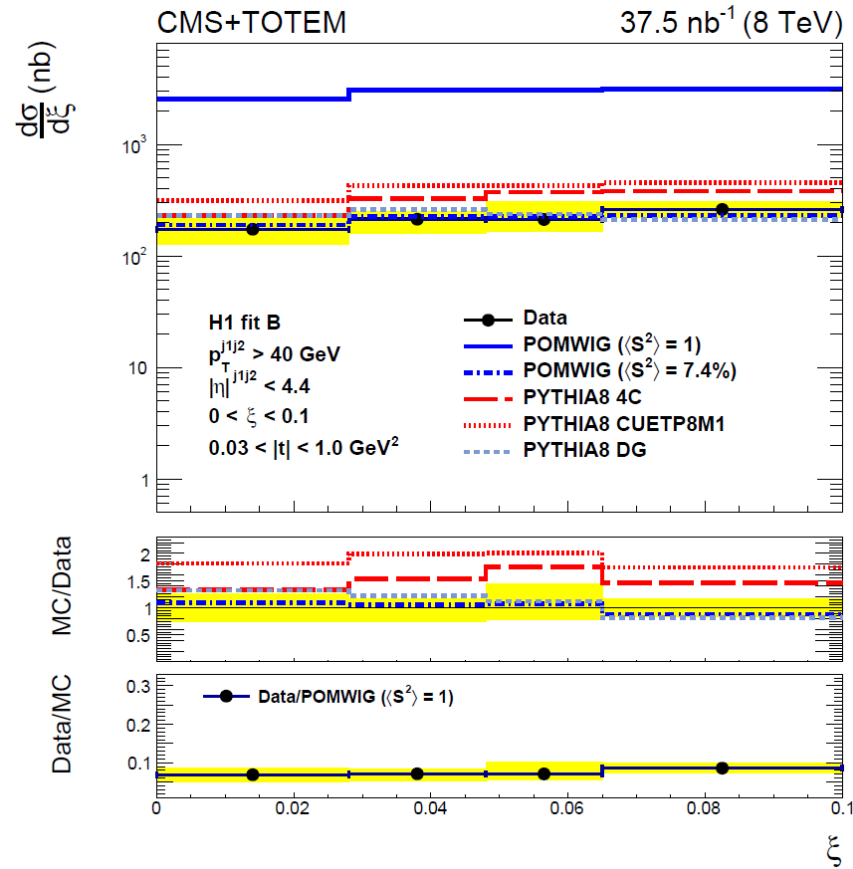
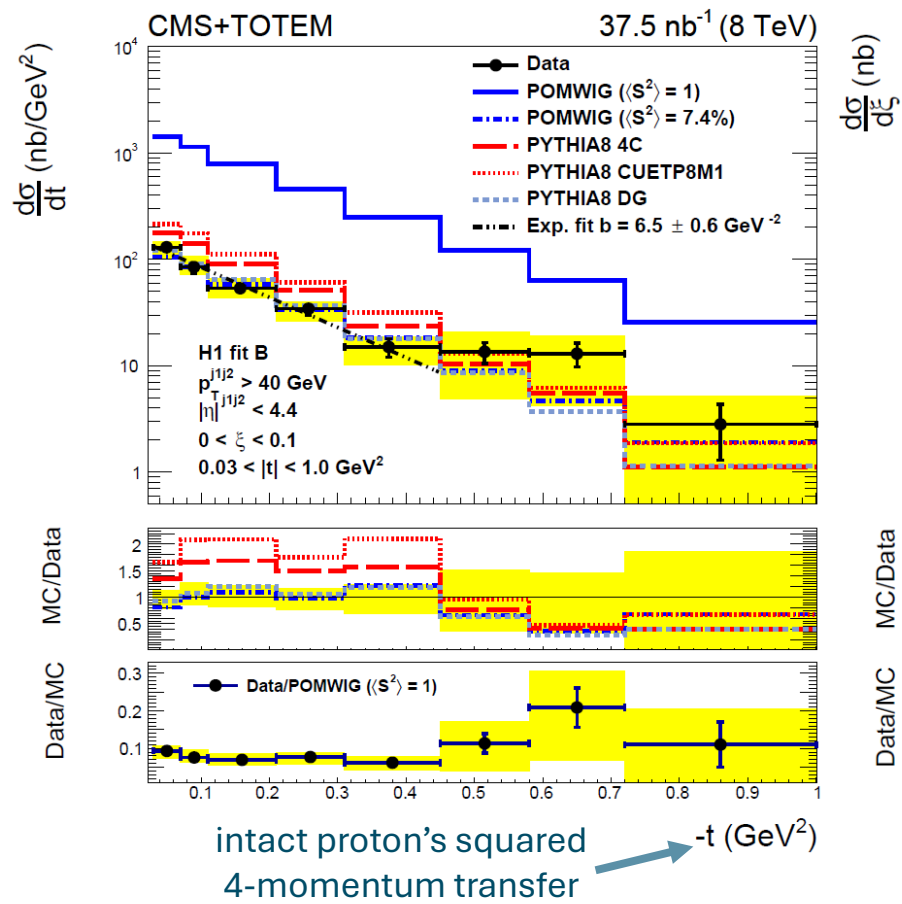
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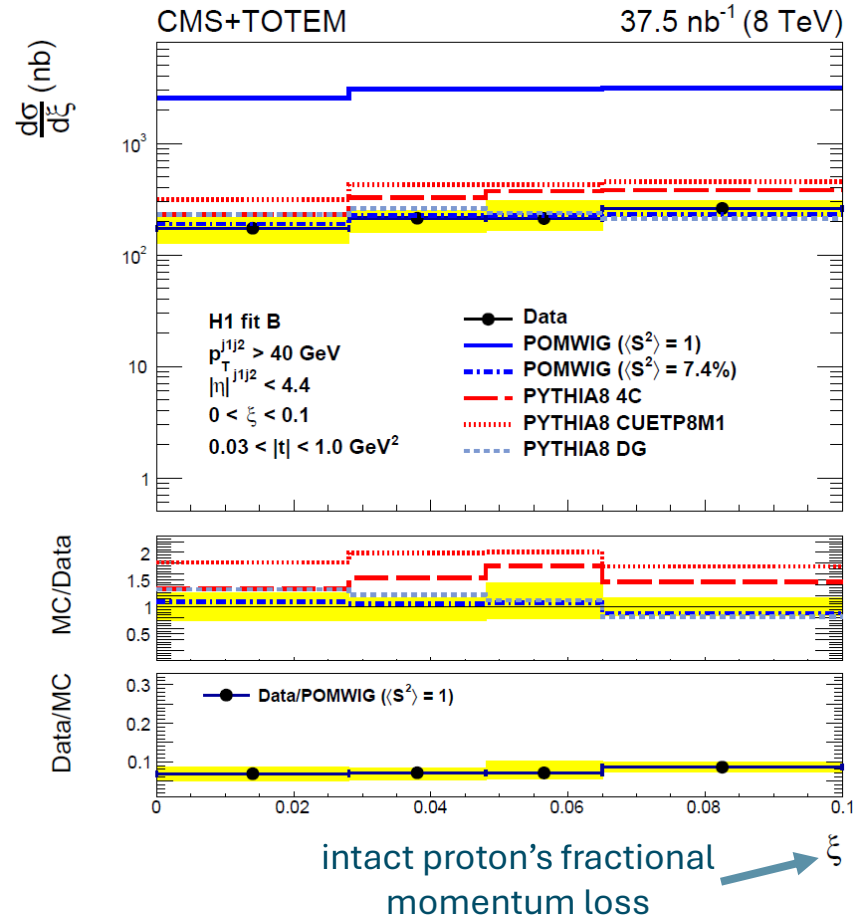
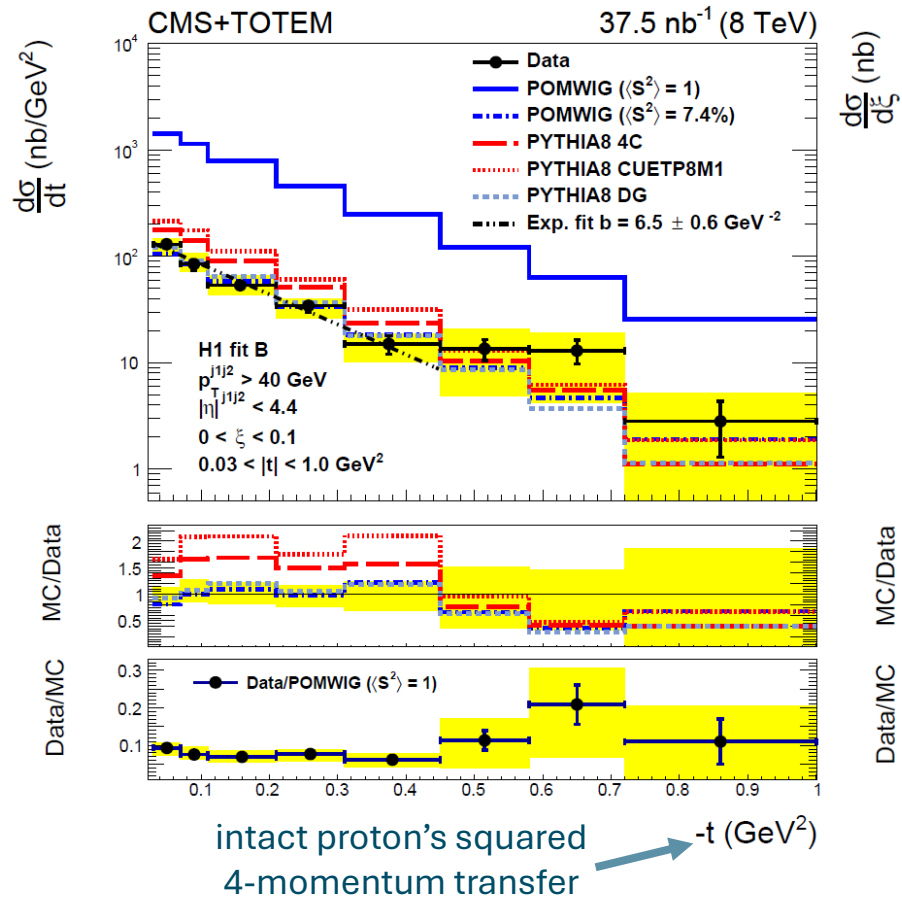
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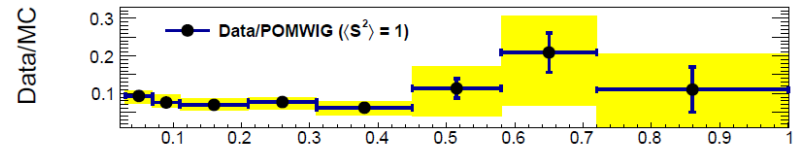
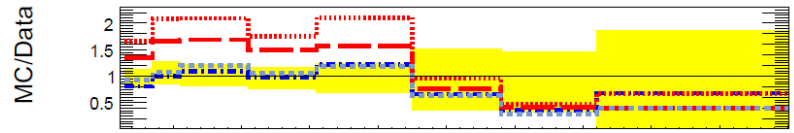
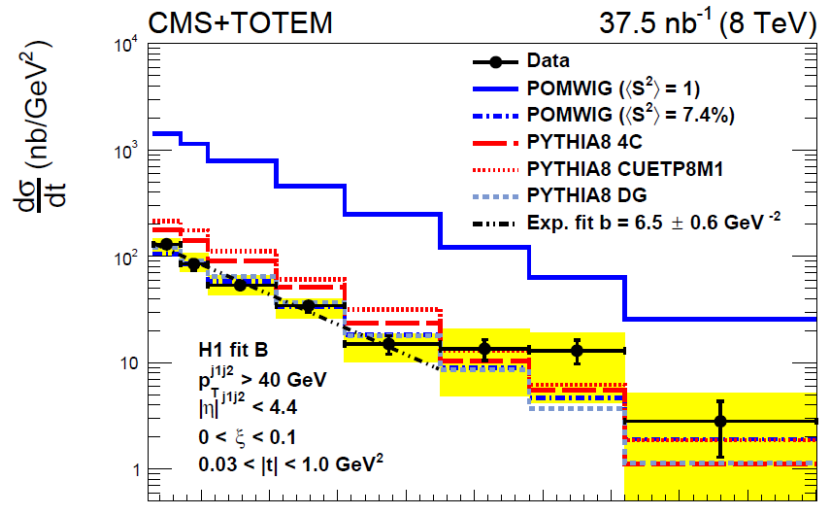


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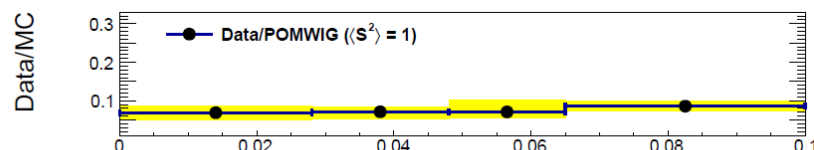
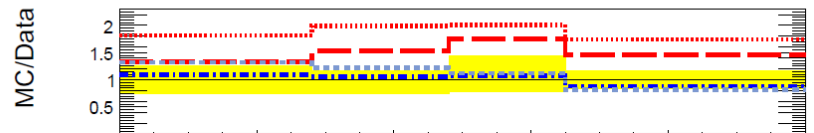
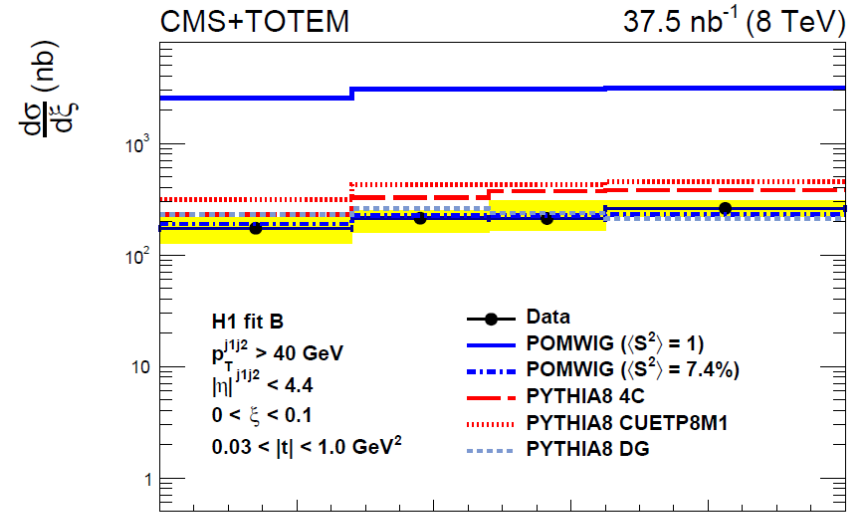




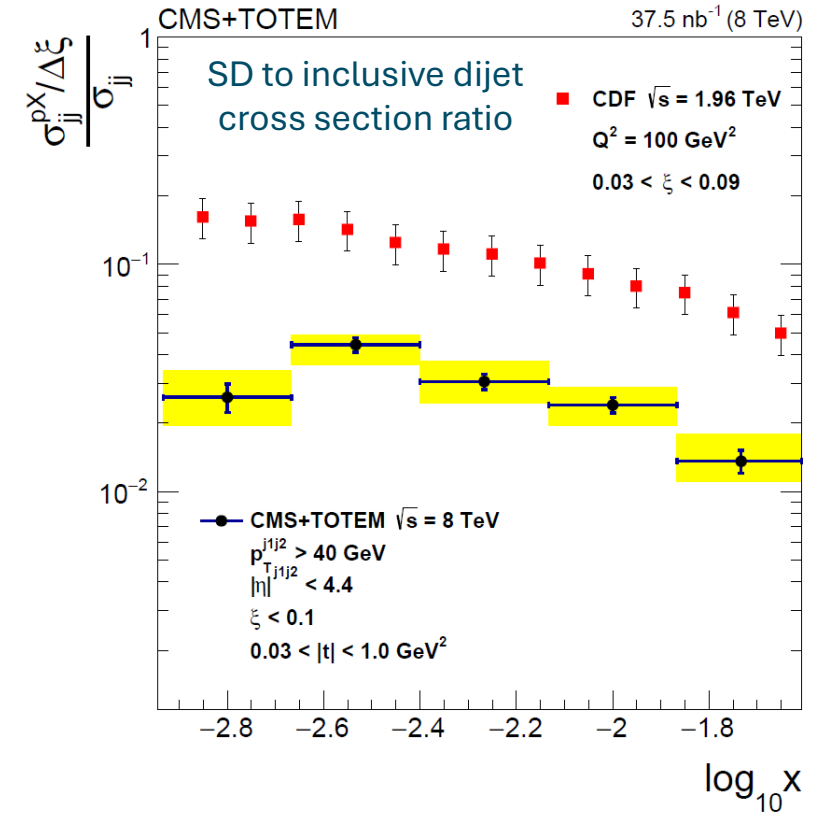
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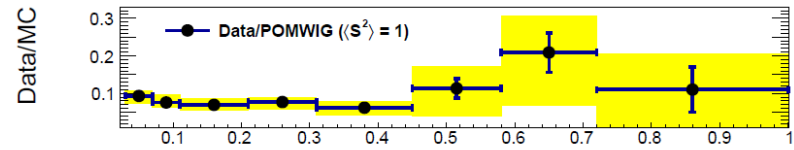
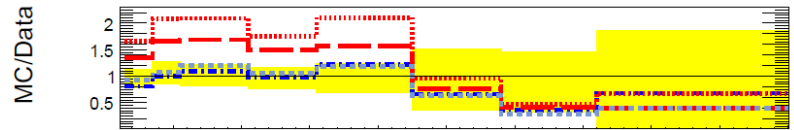
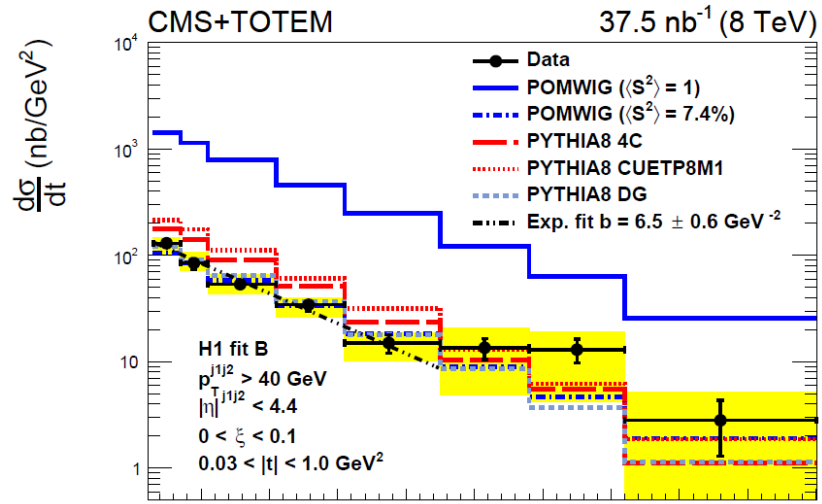
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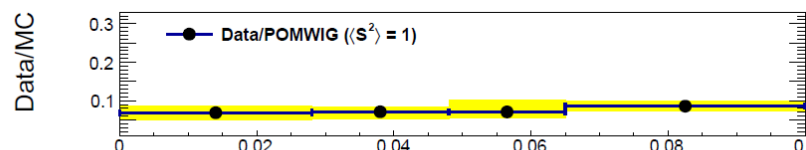
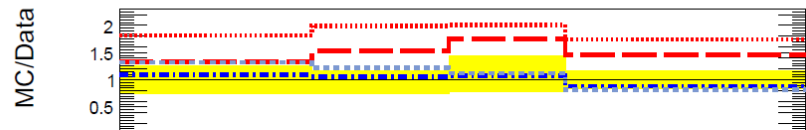
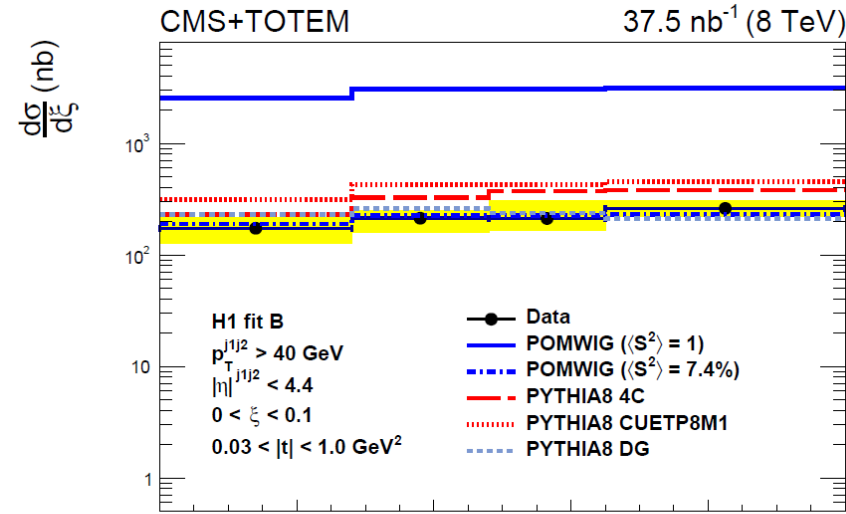
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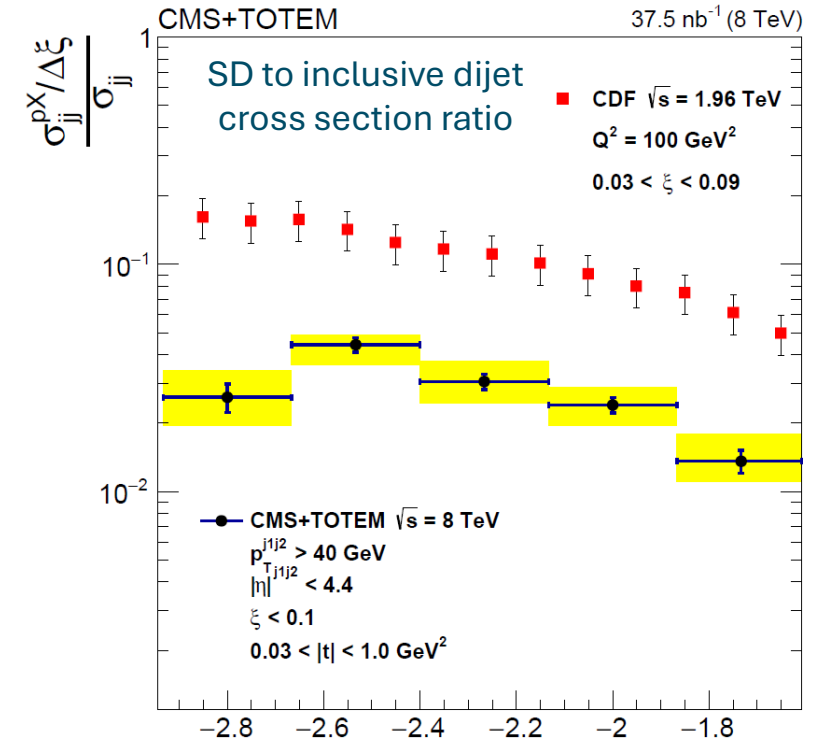
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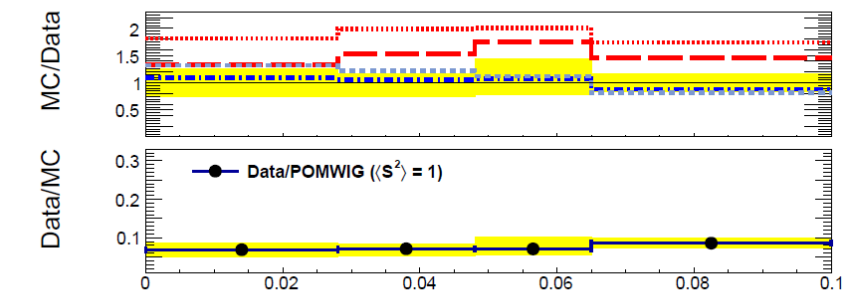
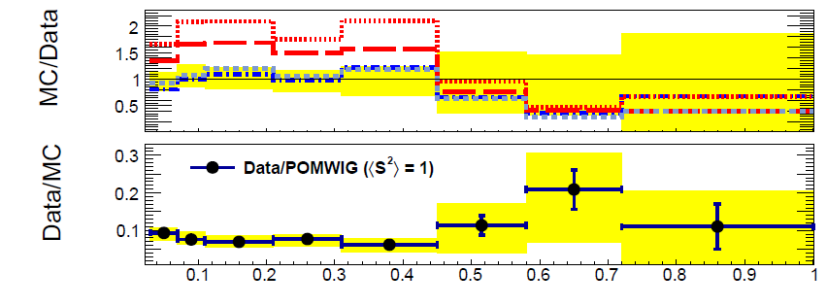
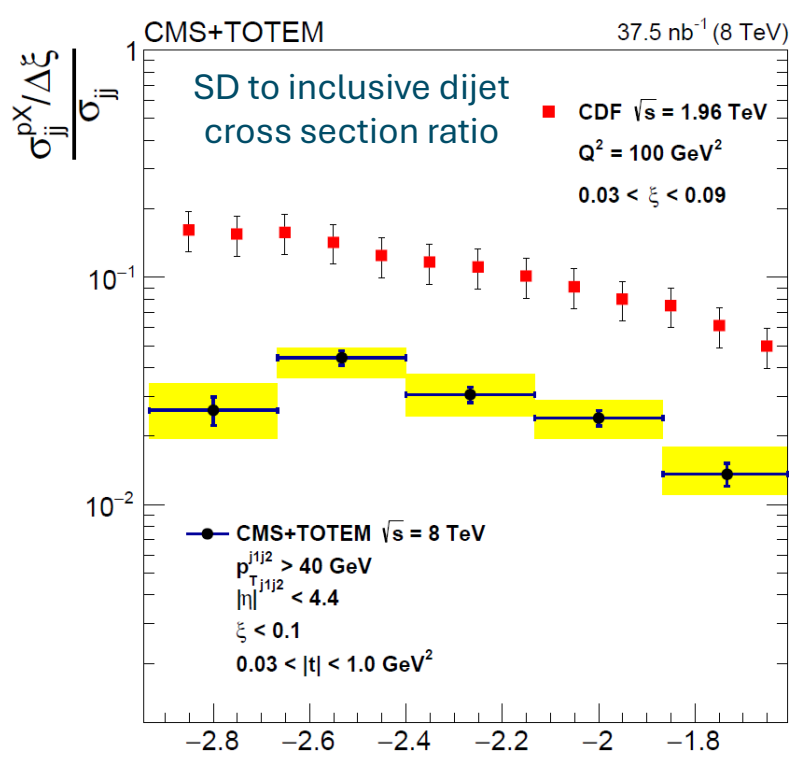
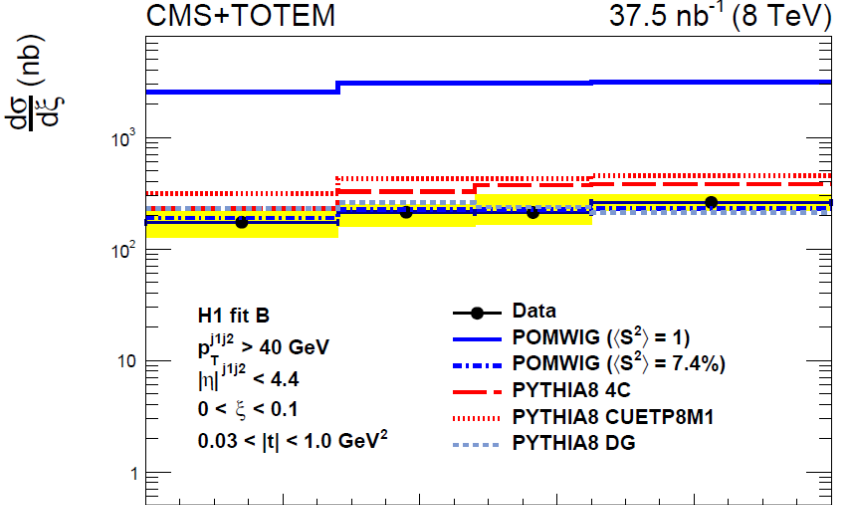
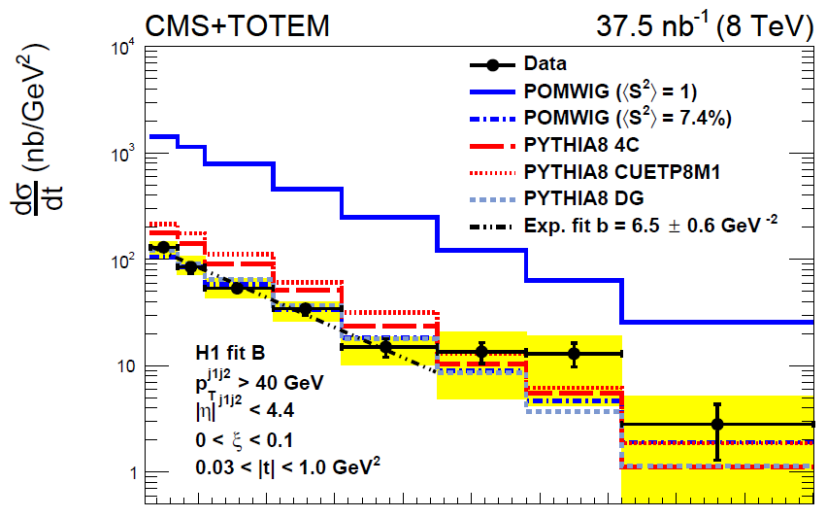


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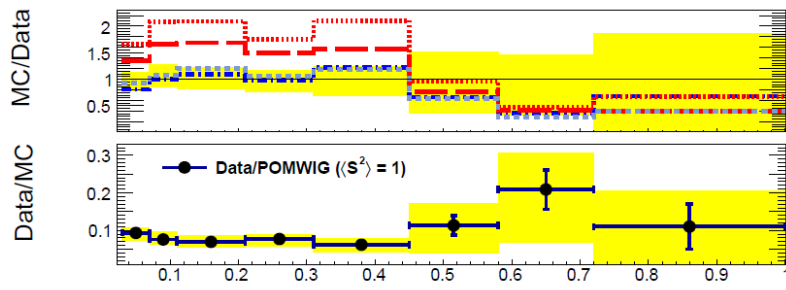
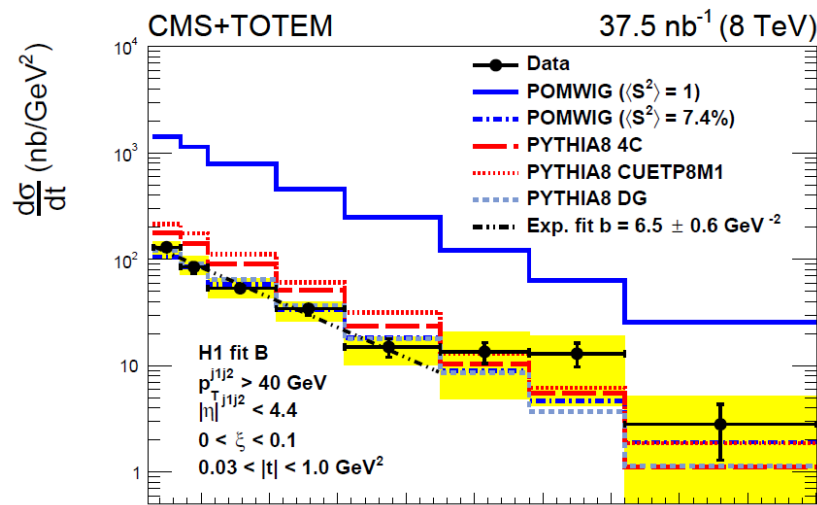
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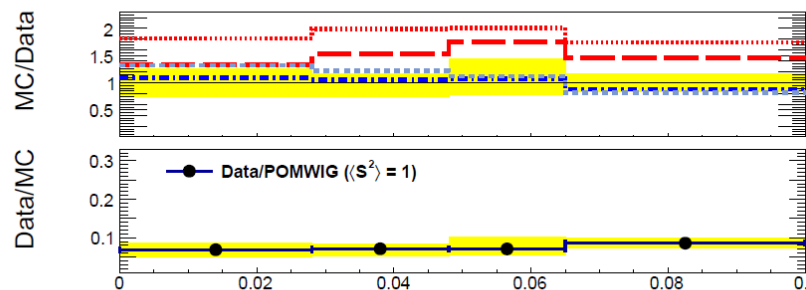
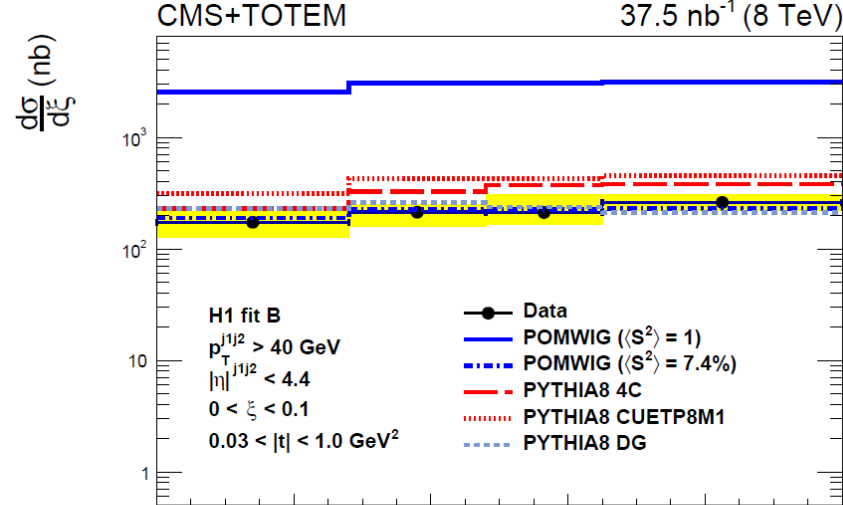
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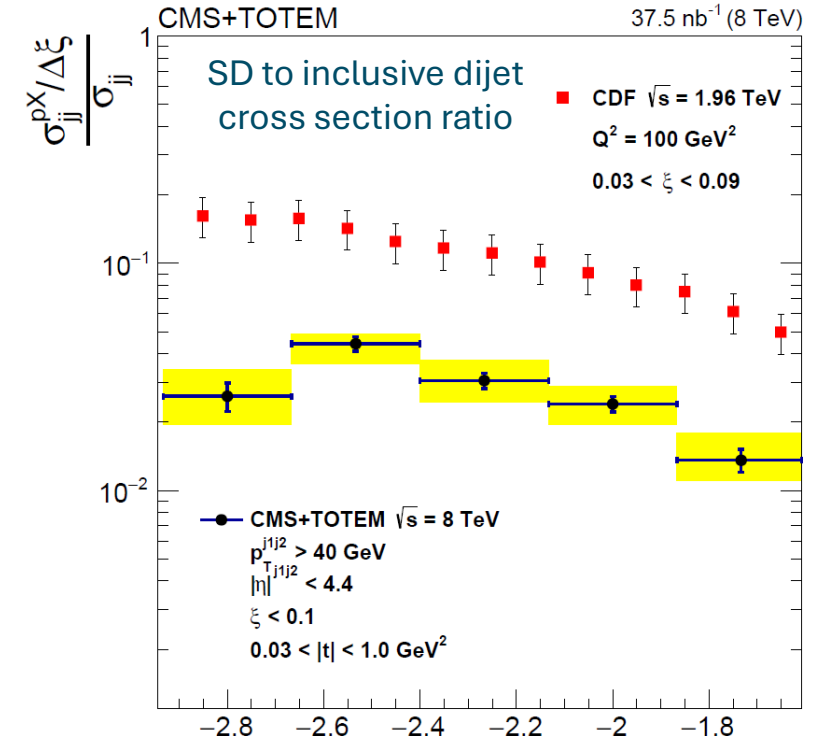
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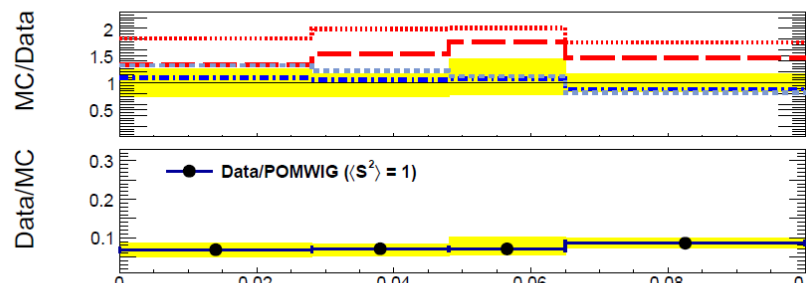
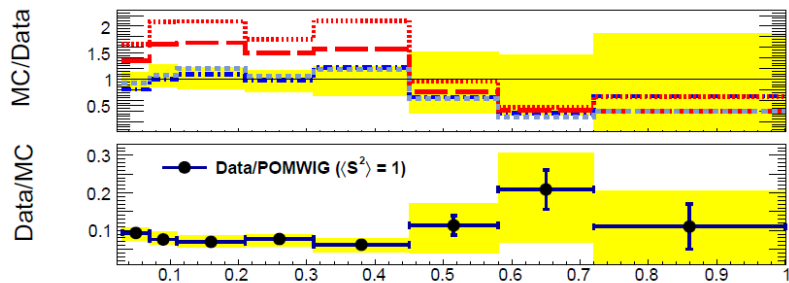
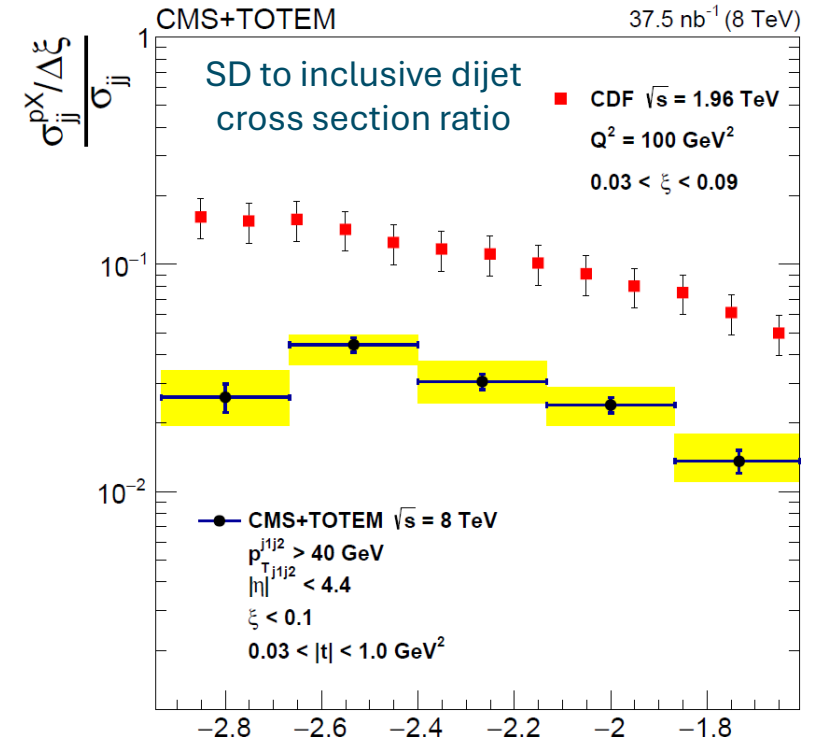
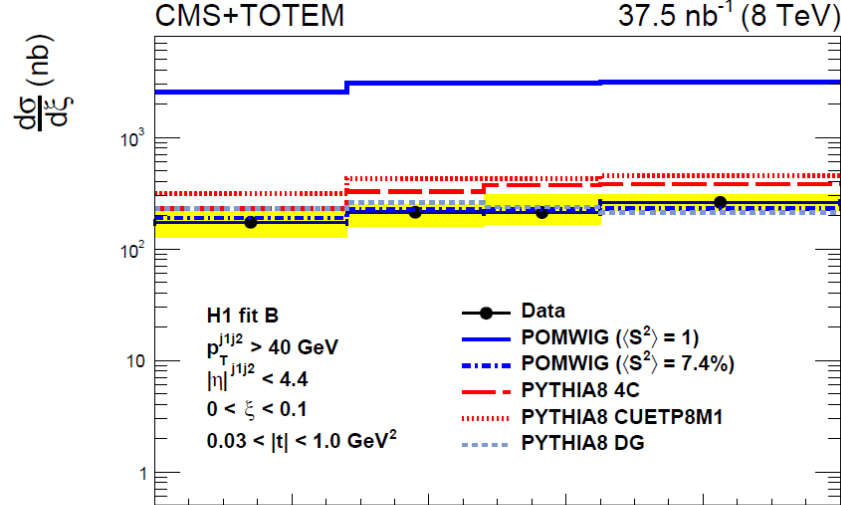
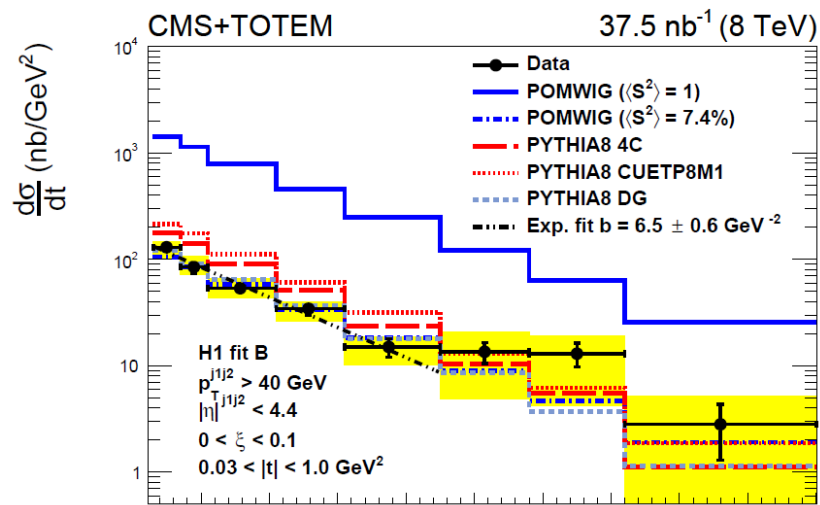


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# Summary

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- first time observation of a parabolic minimum in the distribution of the azimuthal angle difference of the final state protons in central exclusive production;
- various physical parameters related to pomeron physics extracted/tuned
- good agreement between BFKL and jet-gap-jet measurements
- first measurement of hard diffraction with a measured intact proton at LHC

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