



*Probing the QCD Dynamics in  
Photon Induced interactions at the LHC*

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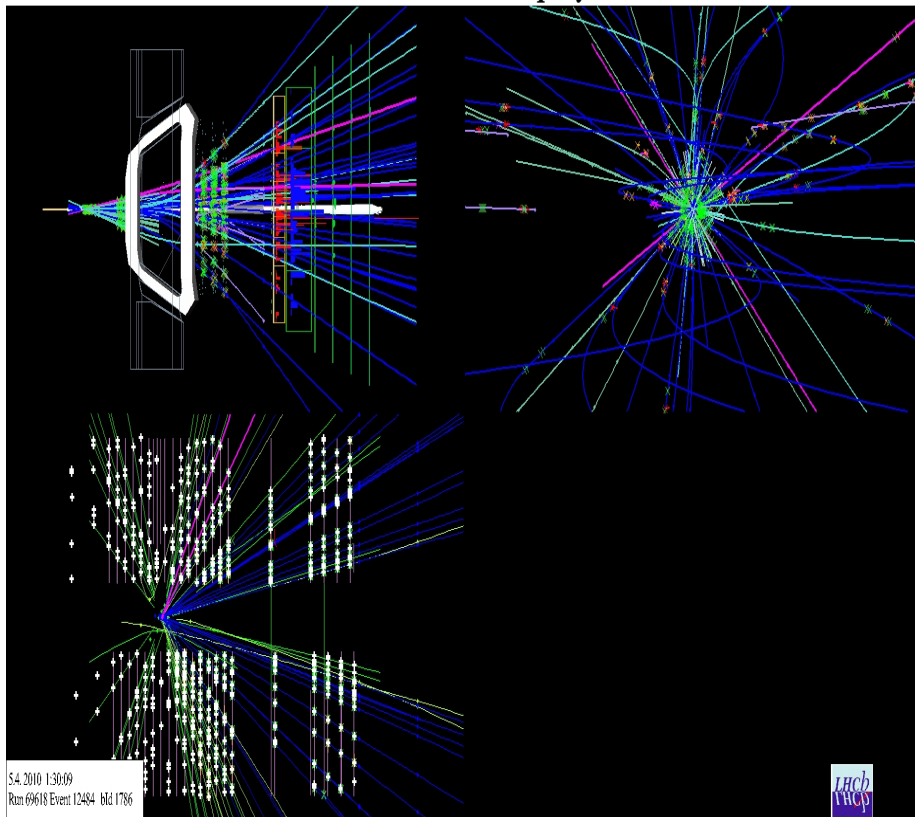
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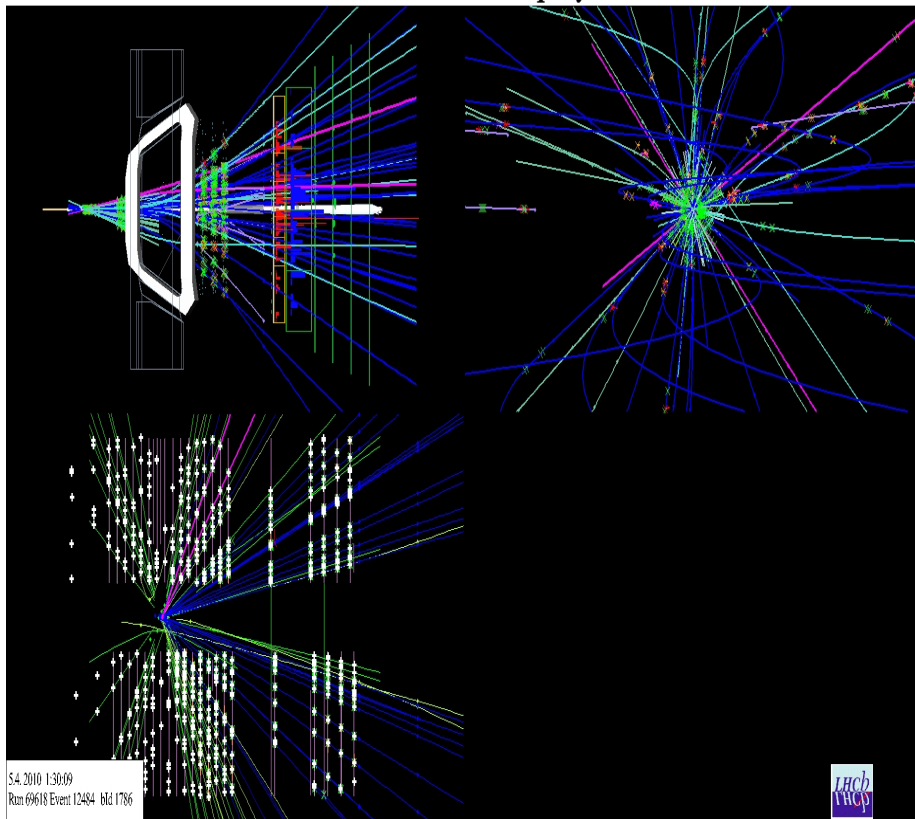
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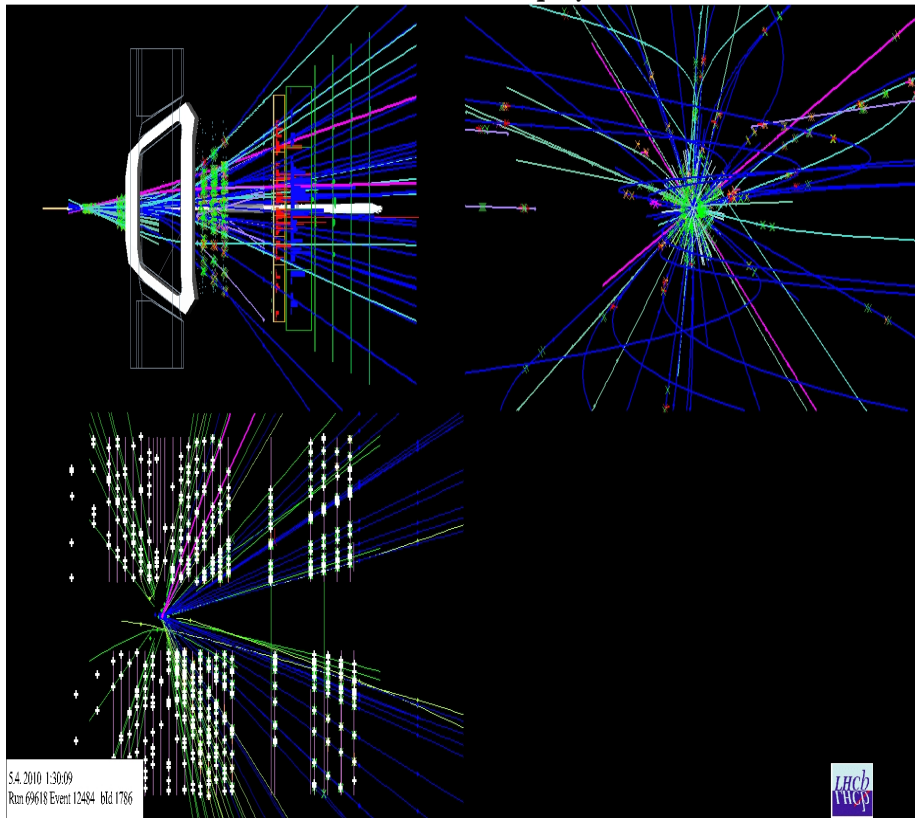


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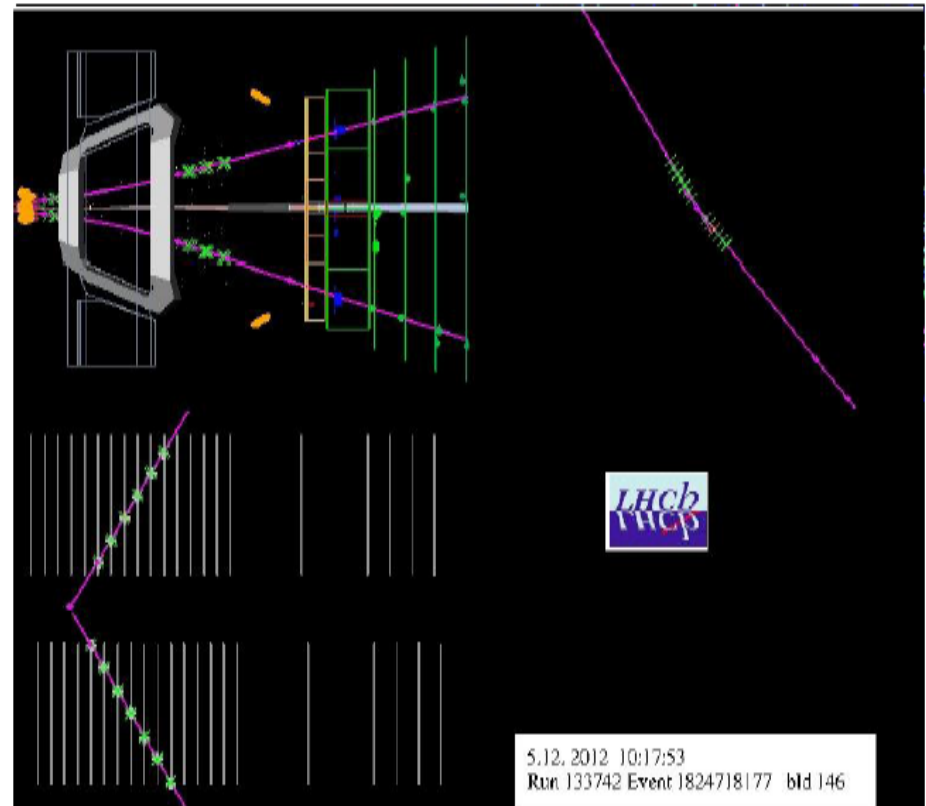
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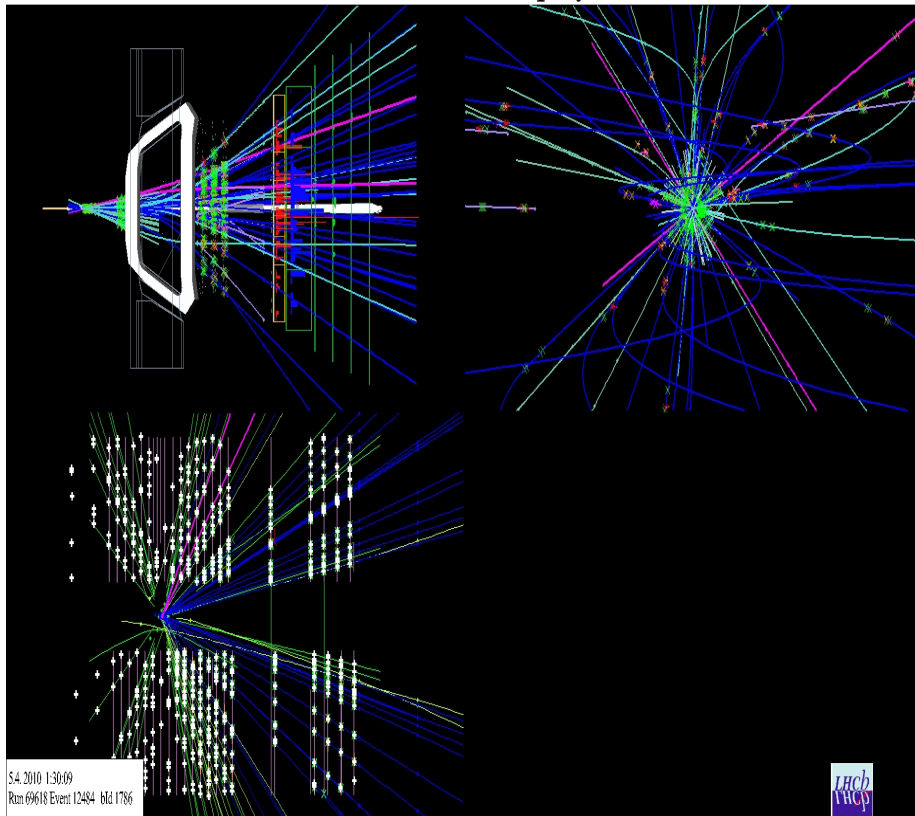


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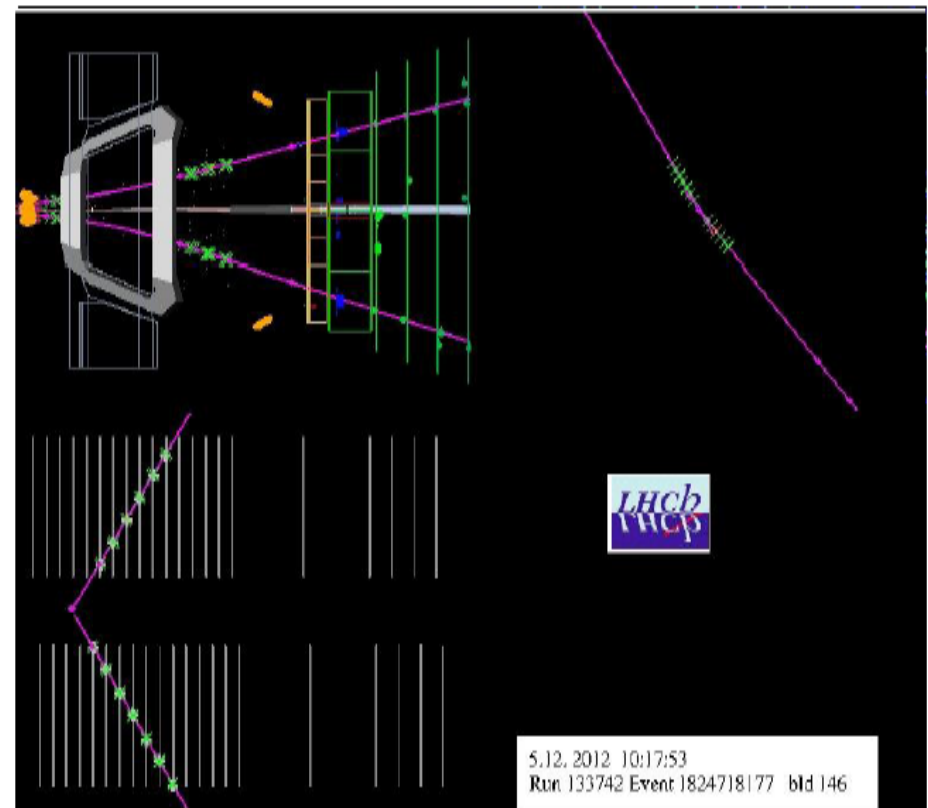
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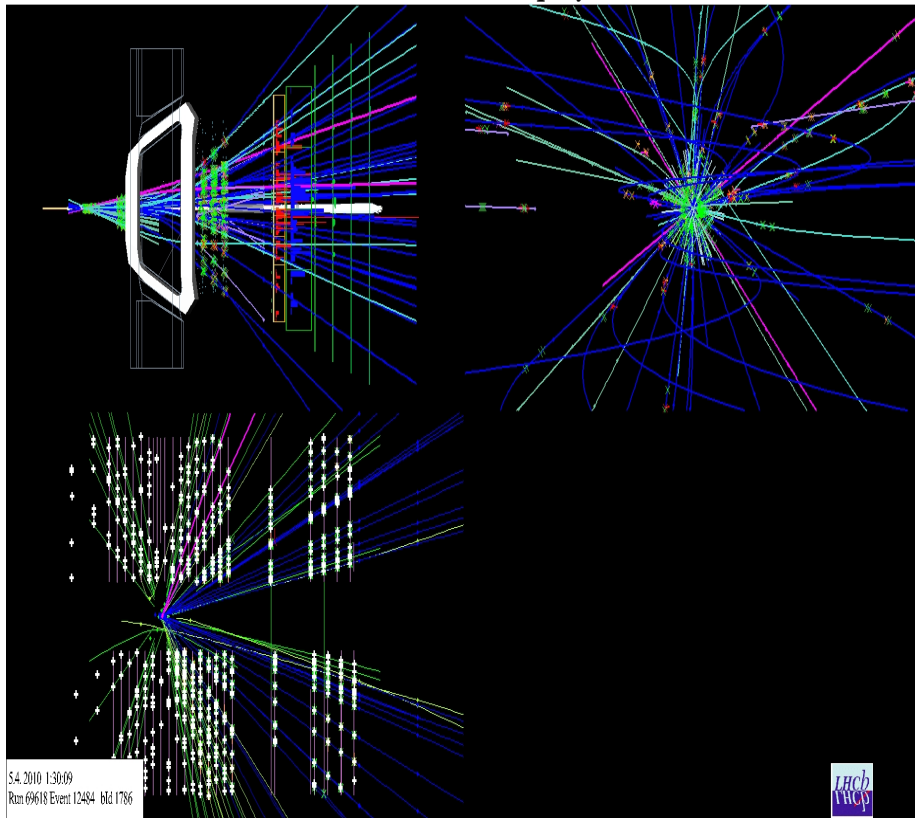


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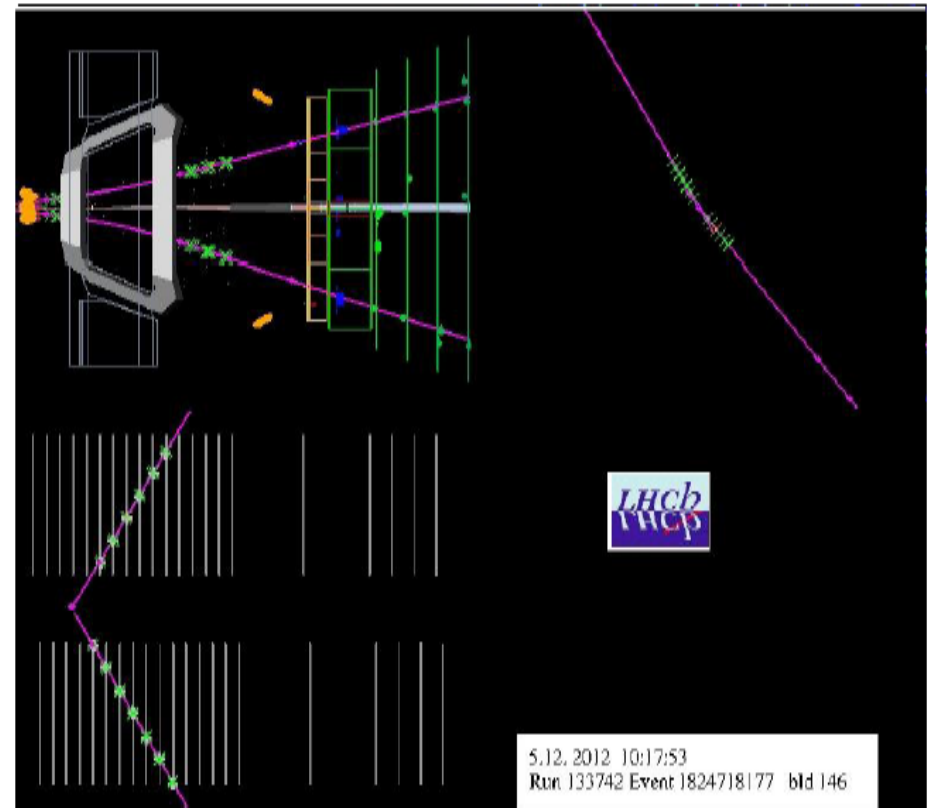
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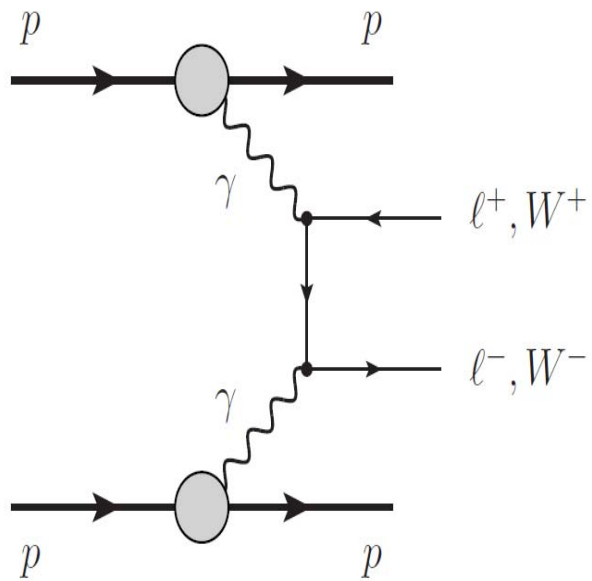
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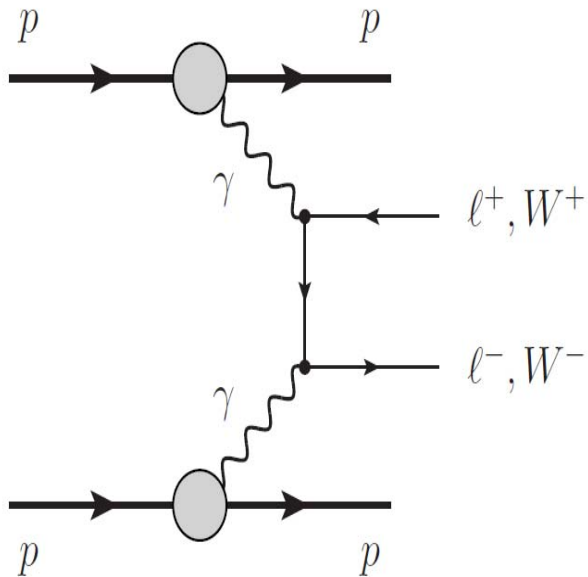
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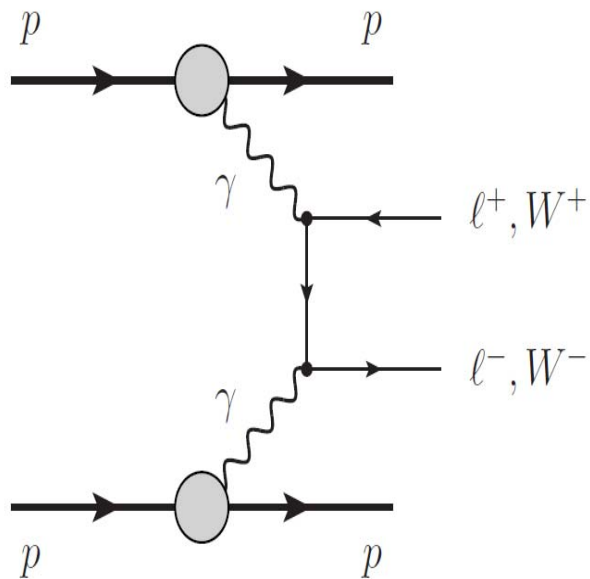
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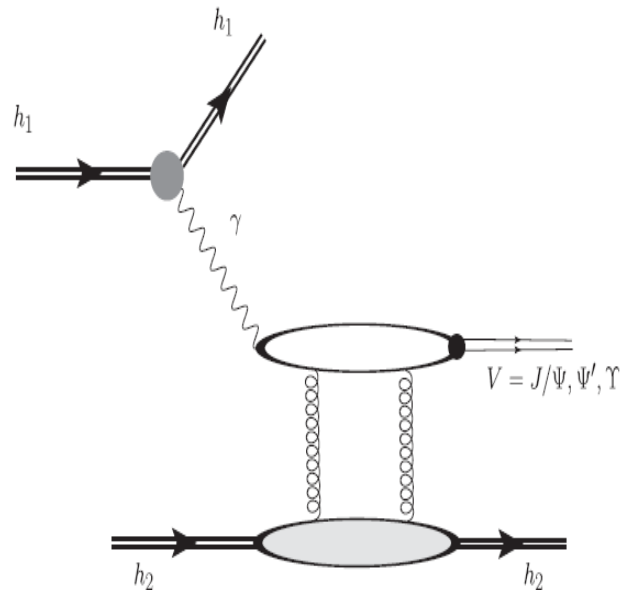


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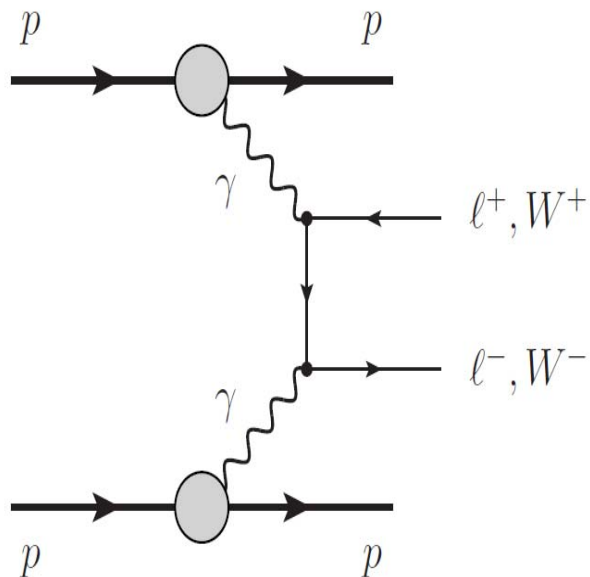
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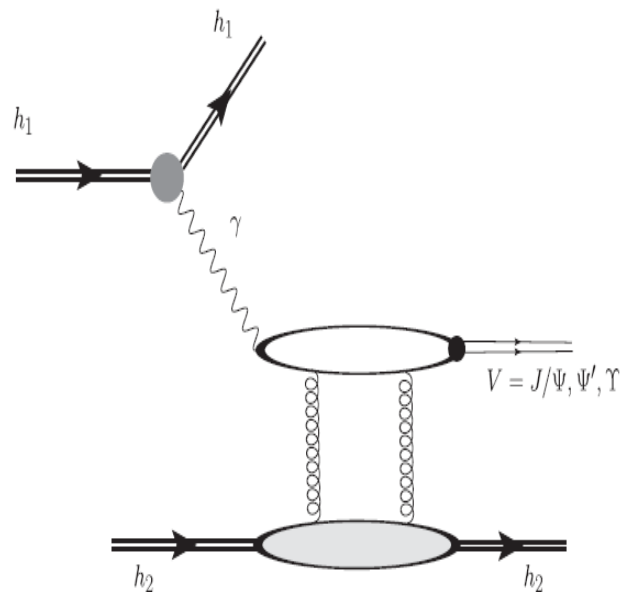
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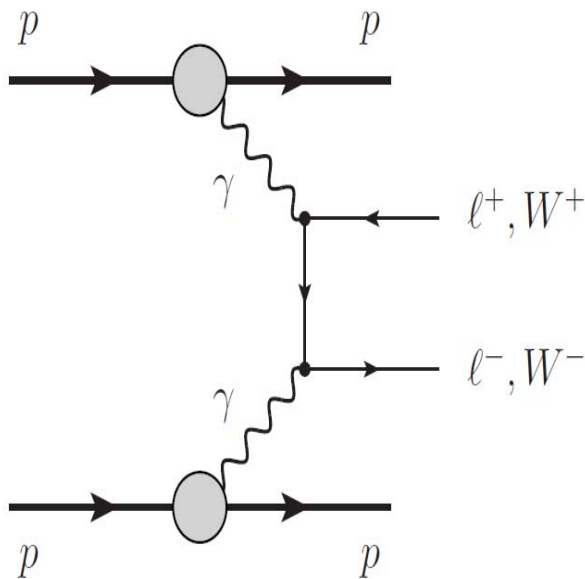
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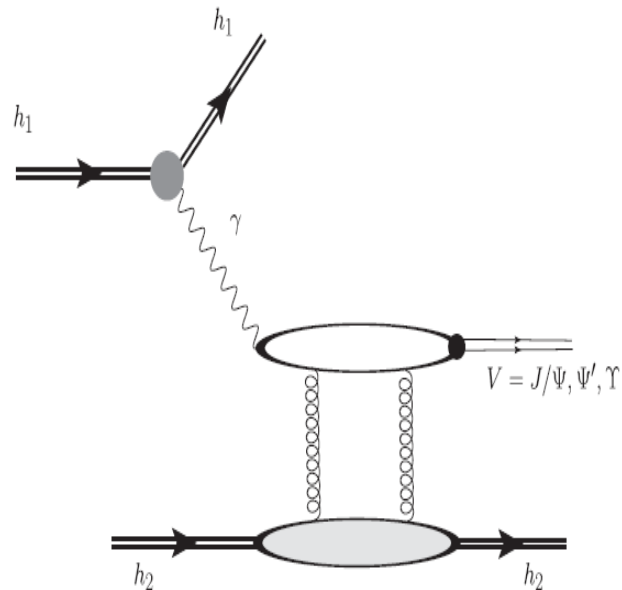
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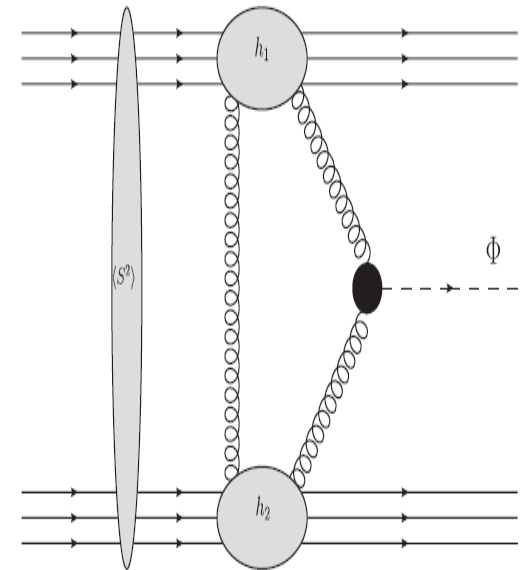
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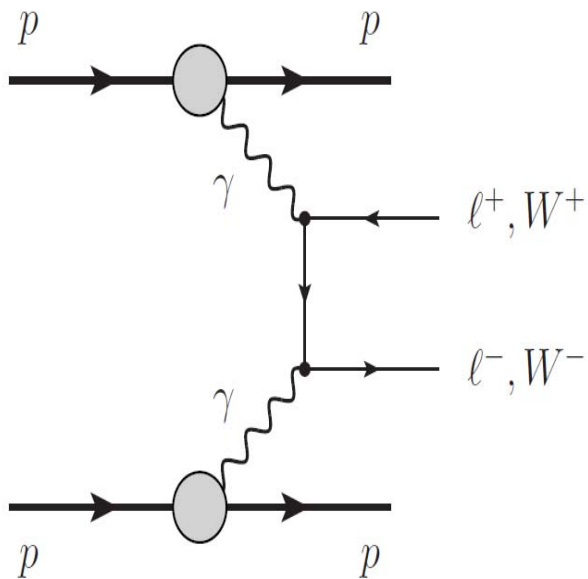
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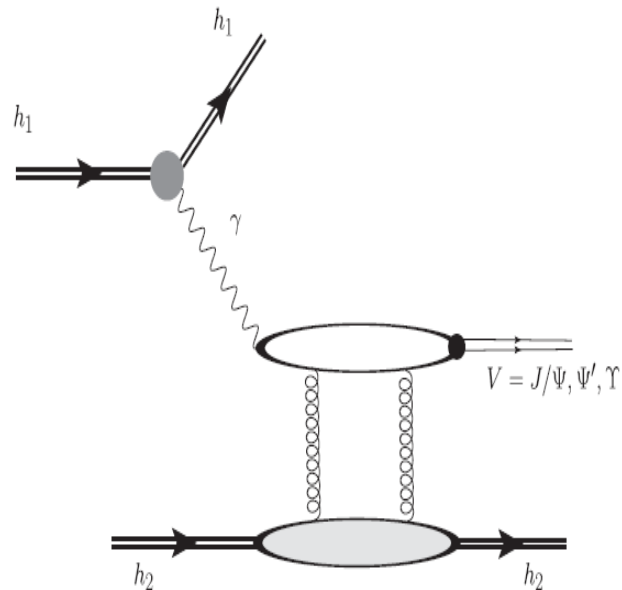
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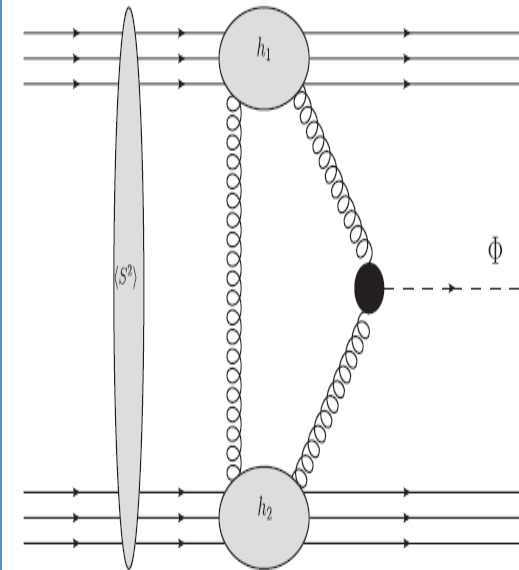
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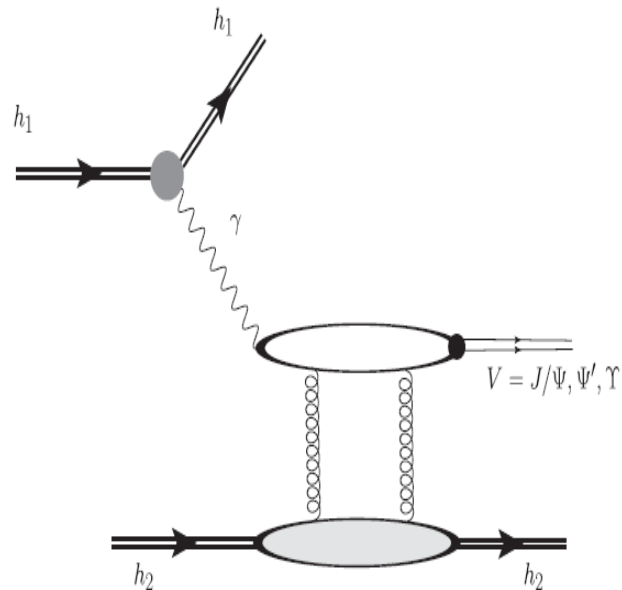
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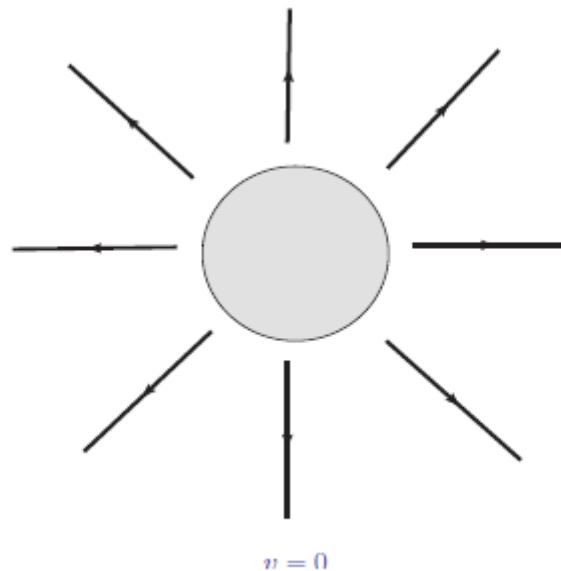
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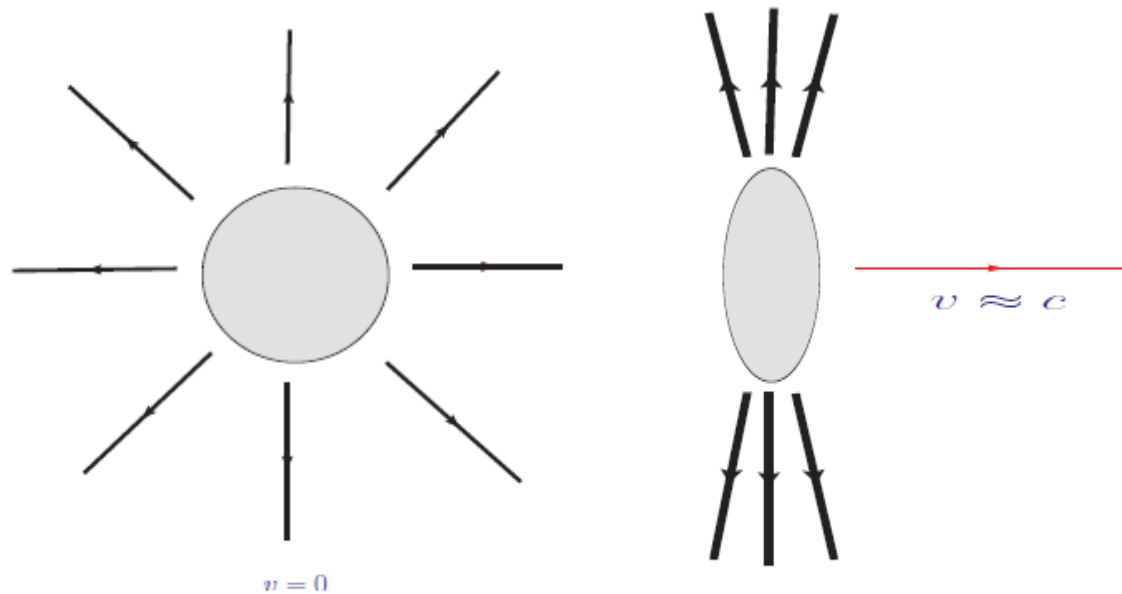
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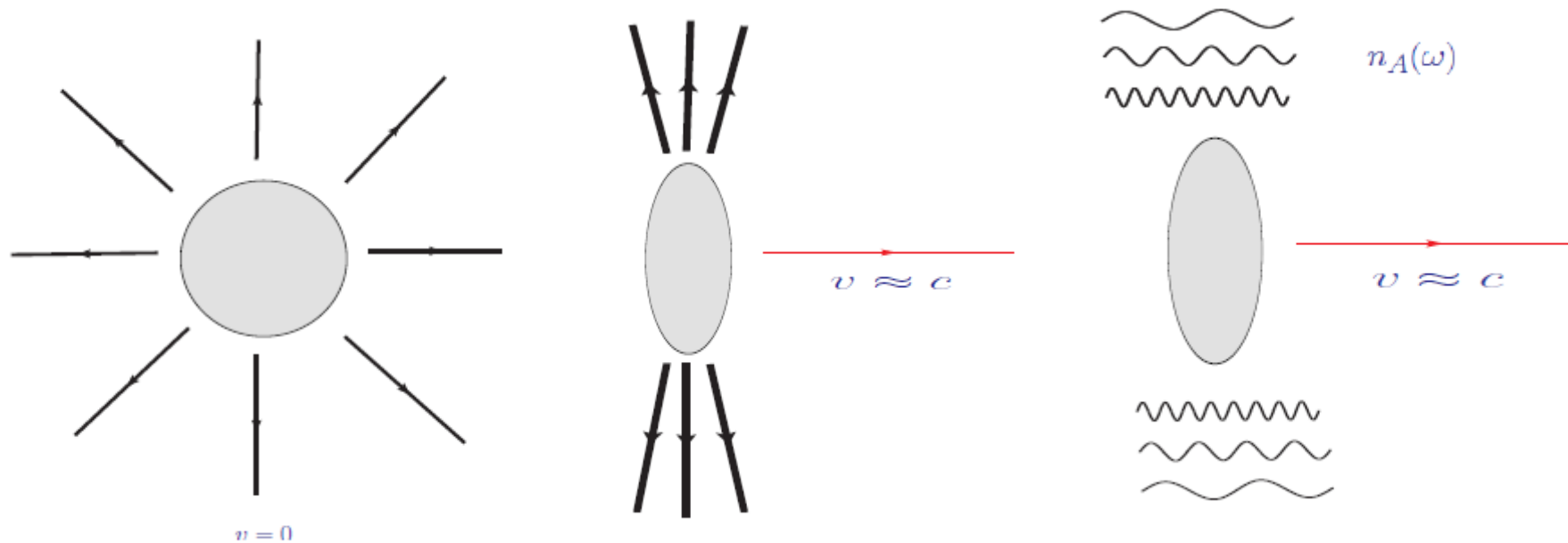
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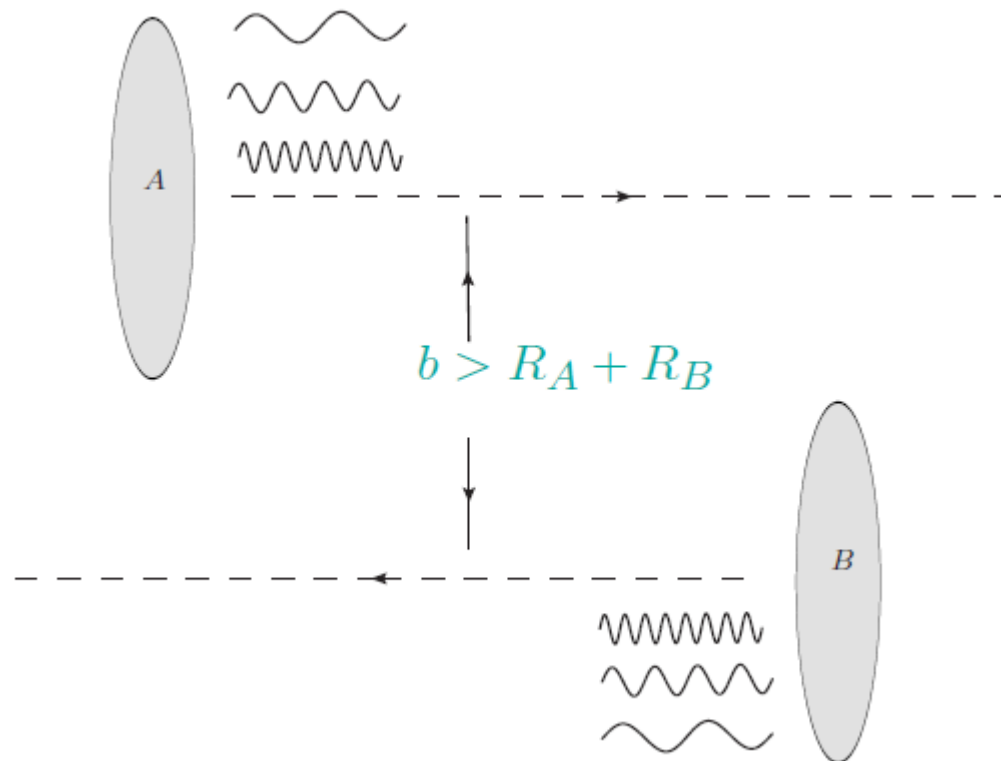
- Since the electric and magnetic field associated to the nucleus take on the same absolute value, this transverse electromagnetic field can be simulated by an equivalent swarm of photons <sup>a</sup>.



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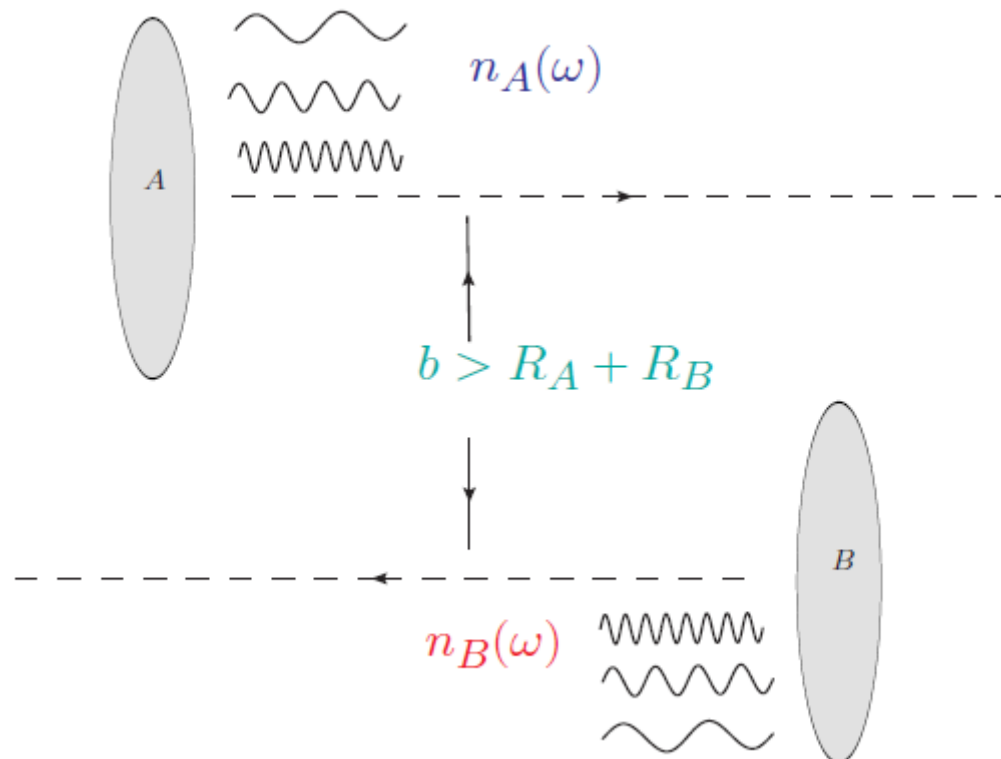
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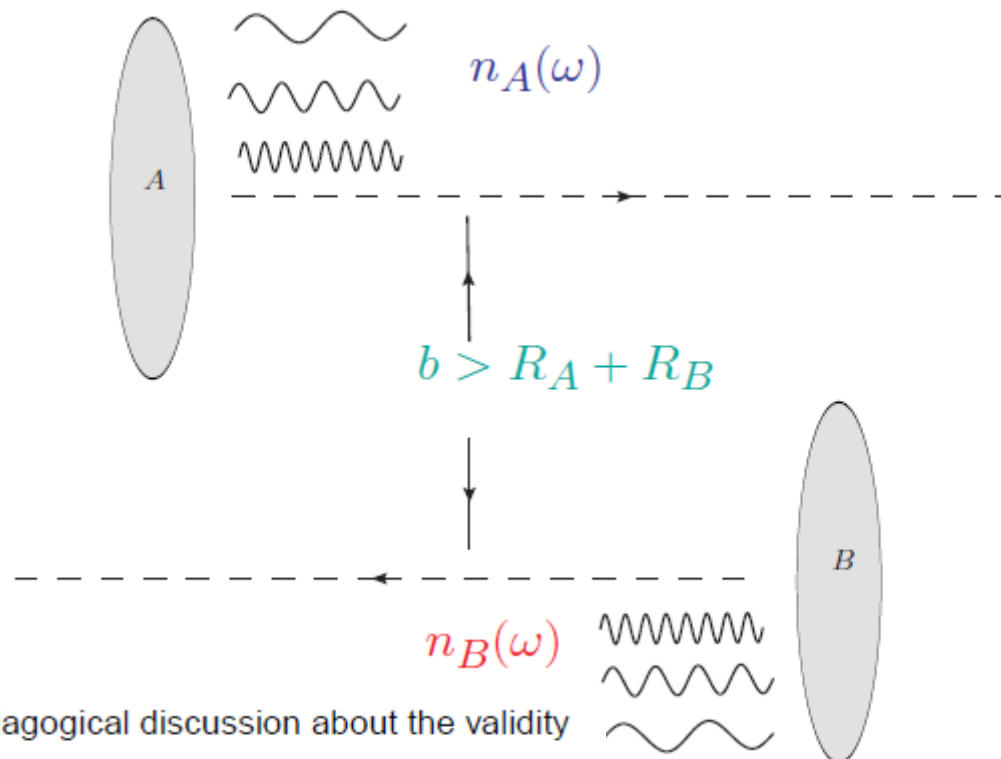
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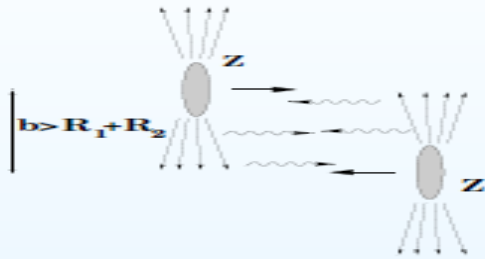
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- For a detailed and pedagogical discussion about the validity of the EPA see Budnev, Ginzburg, Meledin and Serbo, Phys. Rep. 15, 181 (1975).

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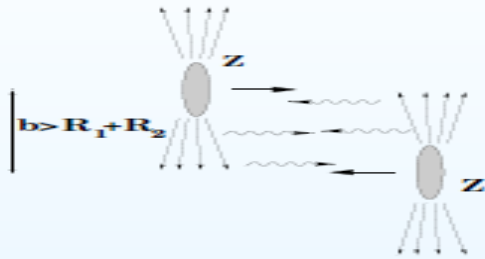
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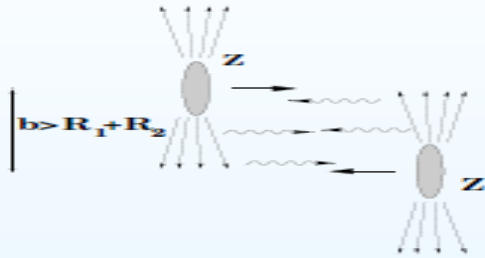


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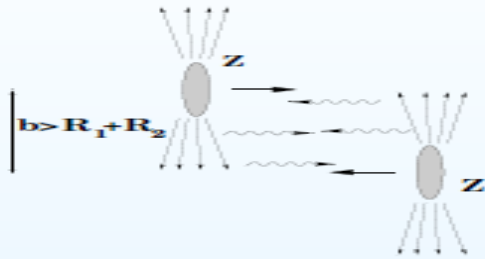
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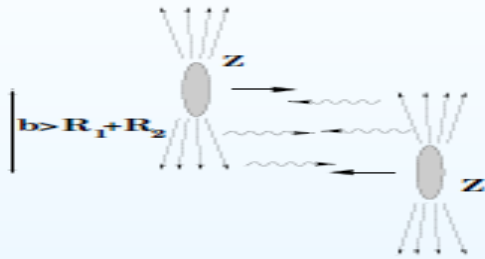


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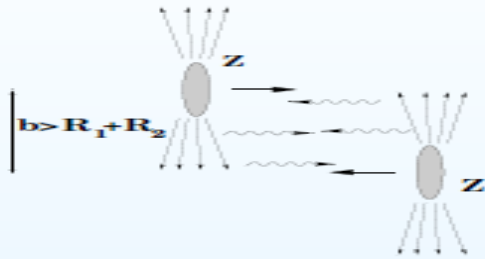
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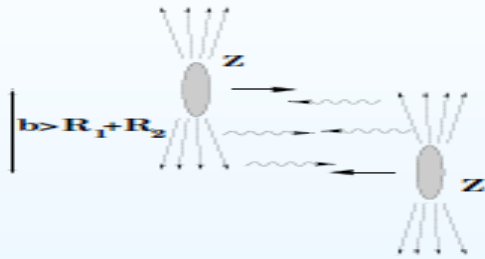
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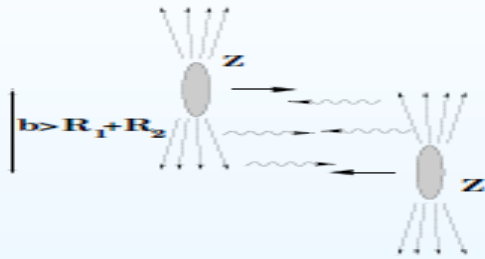
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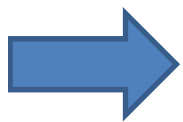
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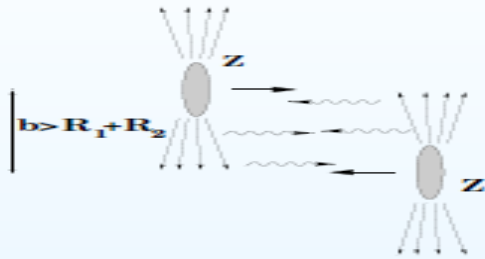
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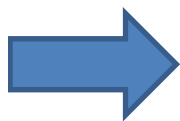


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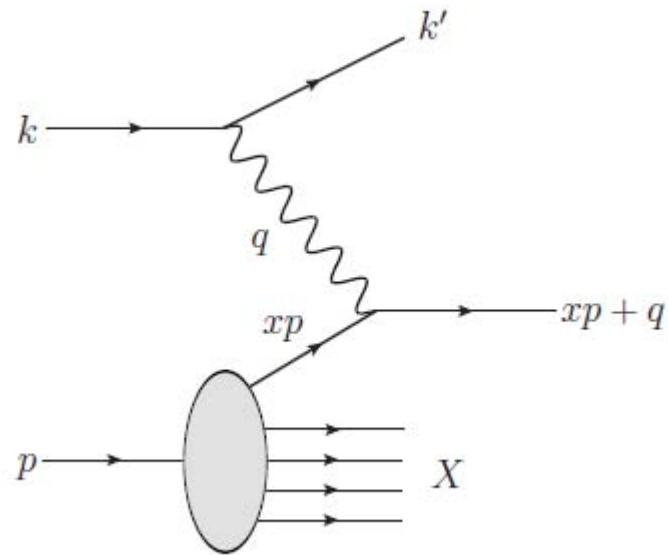


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# **Open questions in the QCD dynamics at high energies**

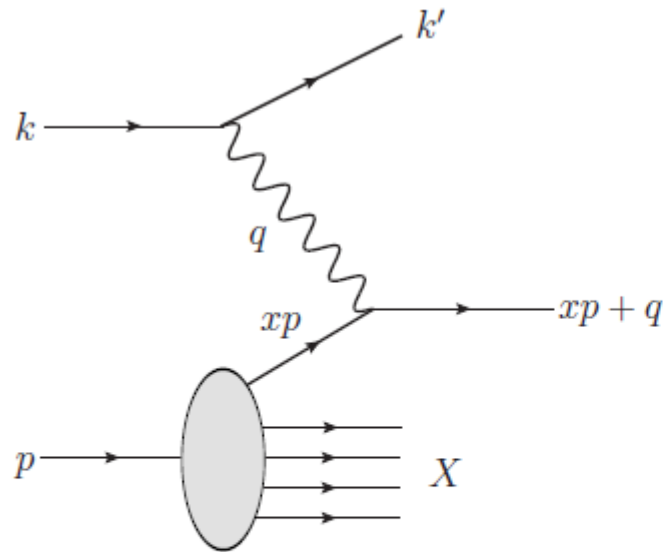
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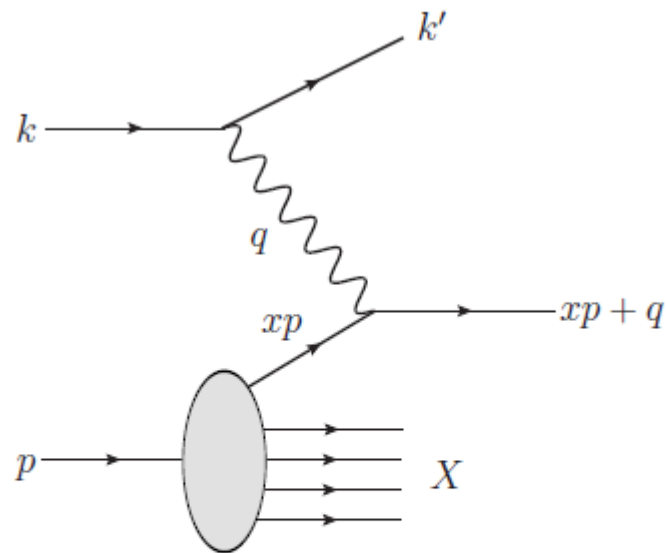


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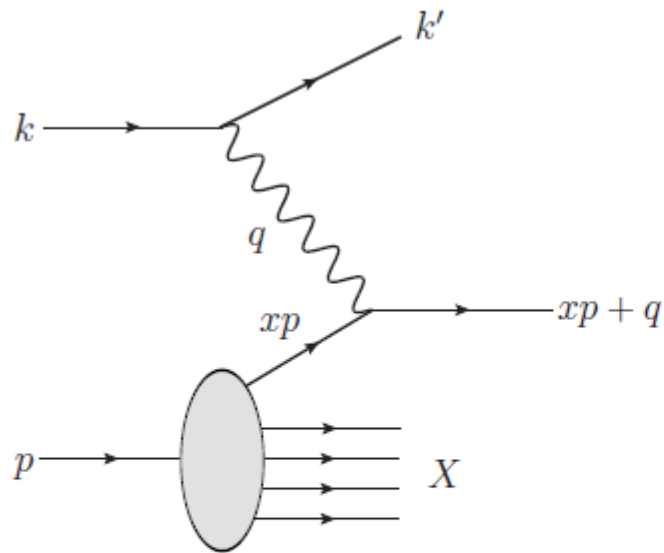
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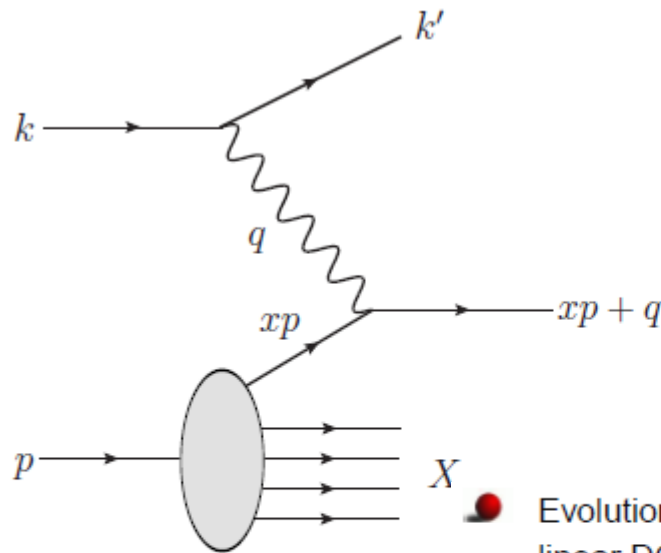
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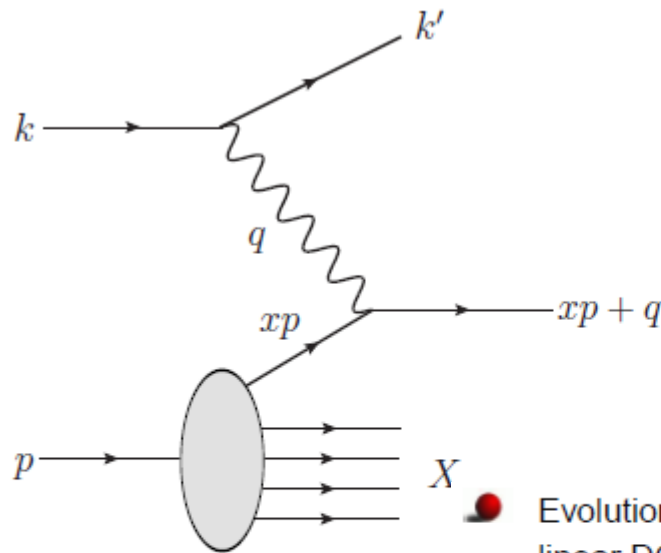
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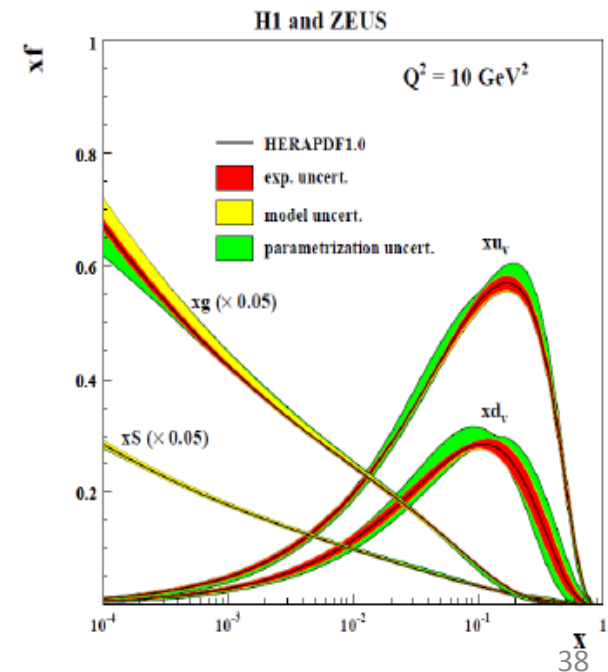
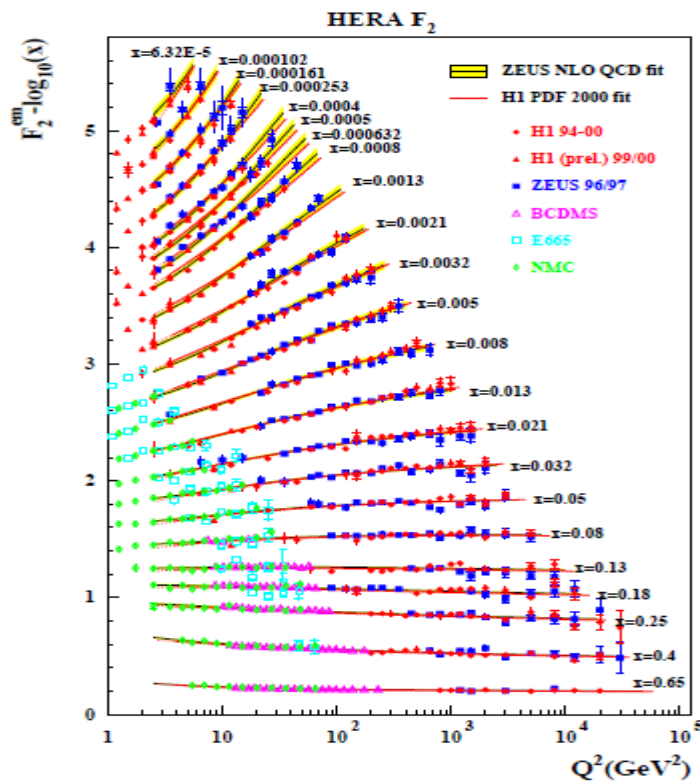
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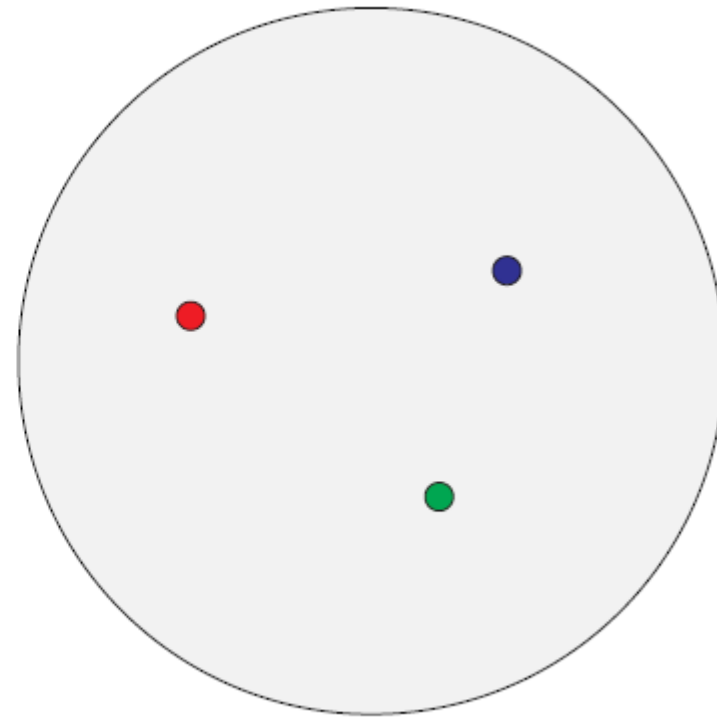
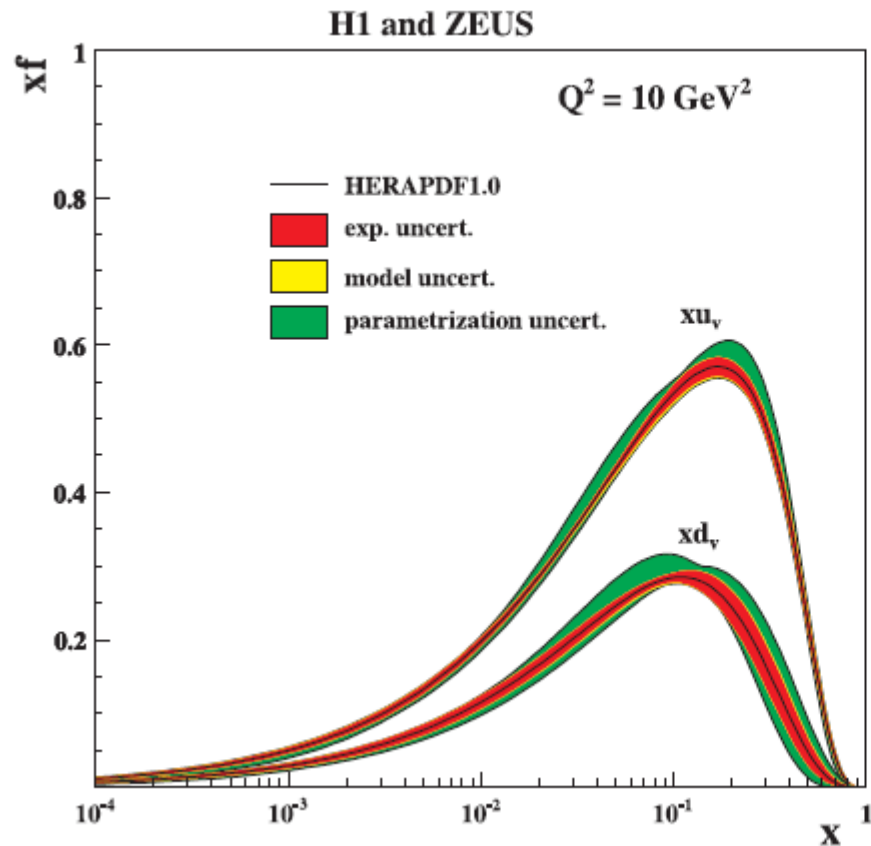
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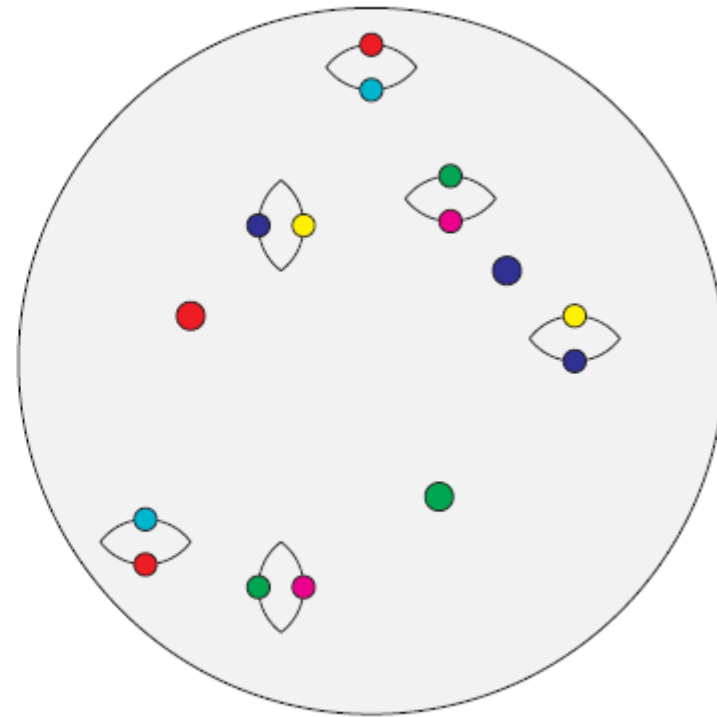
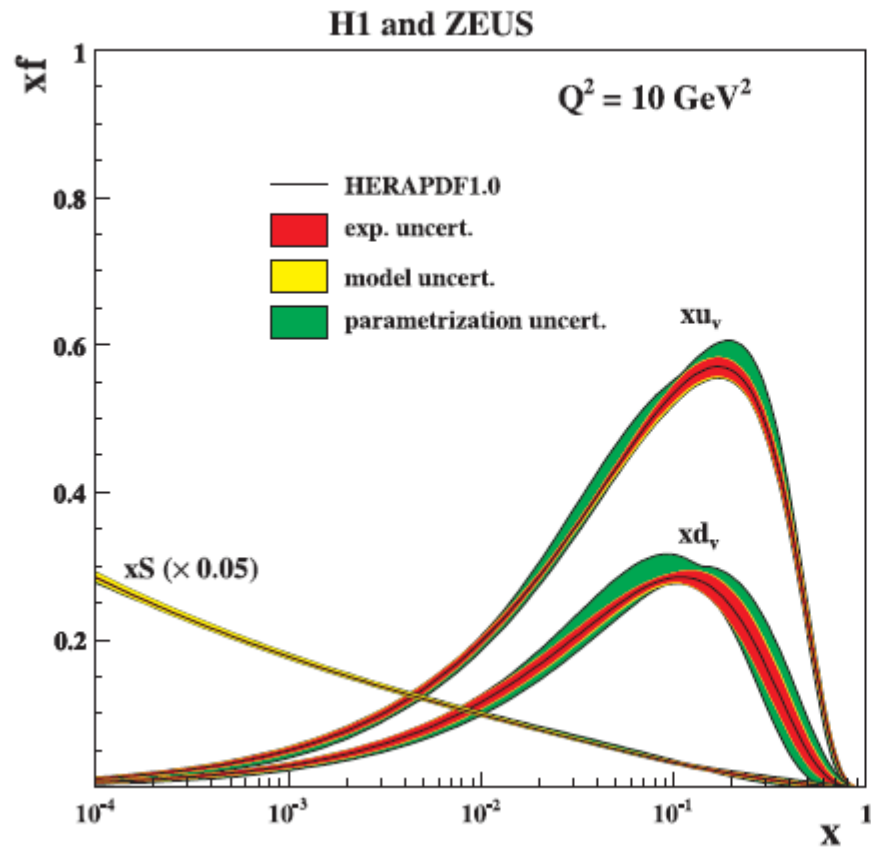
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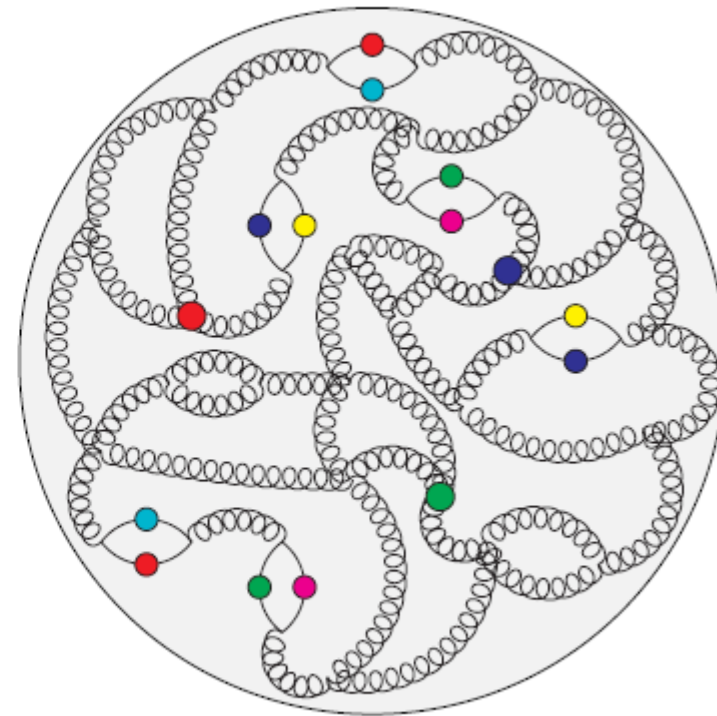
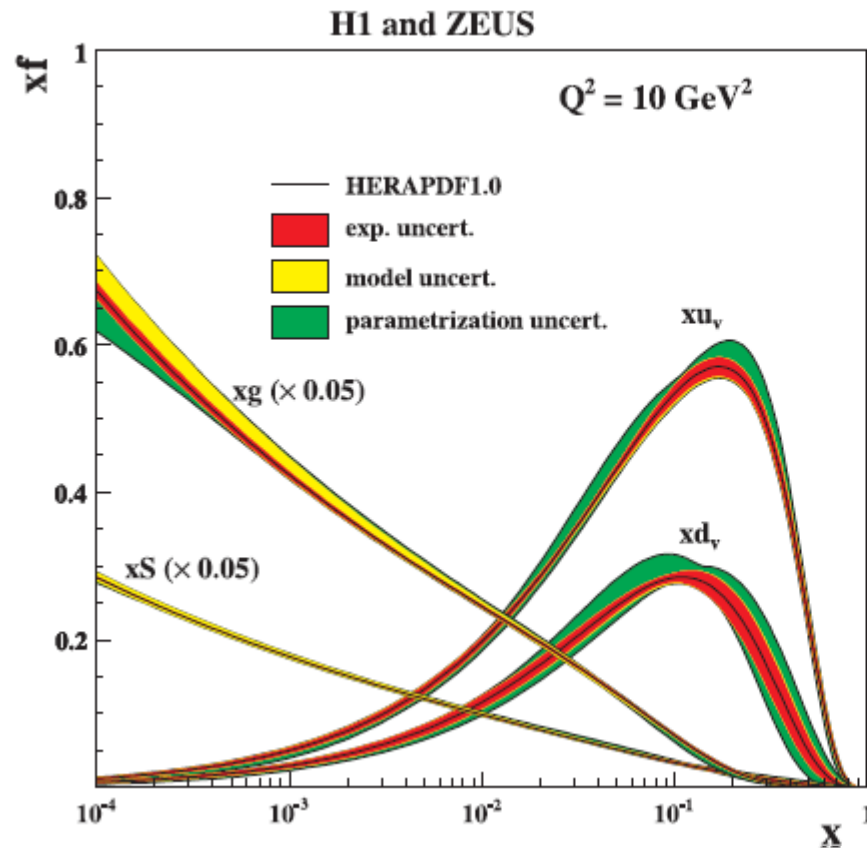
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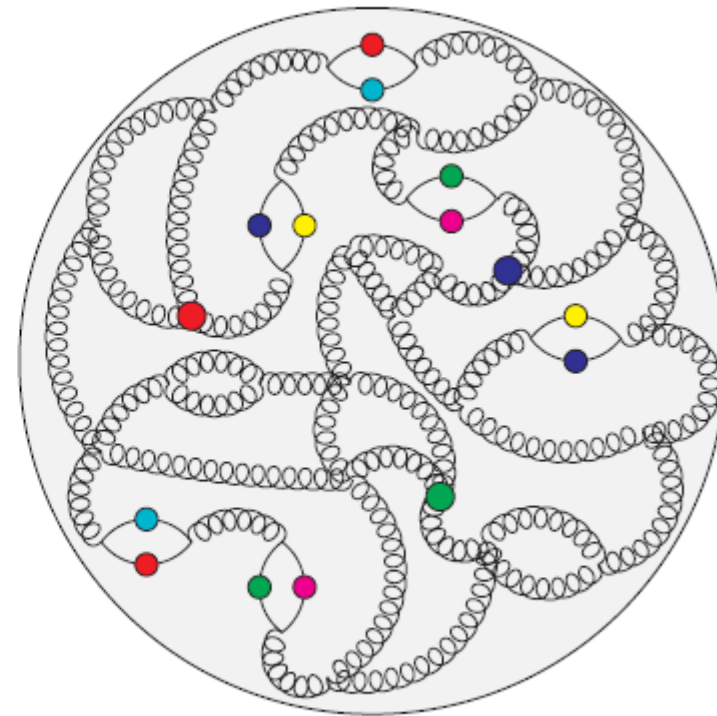
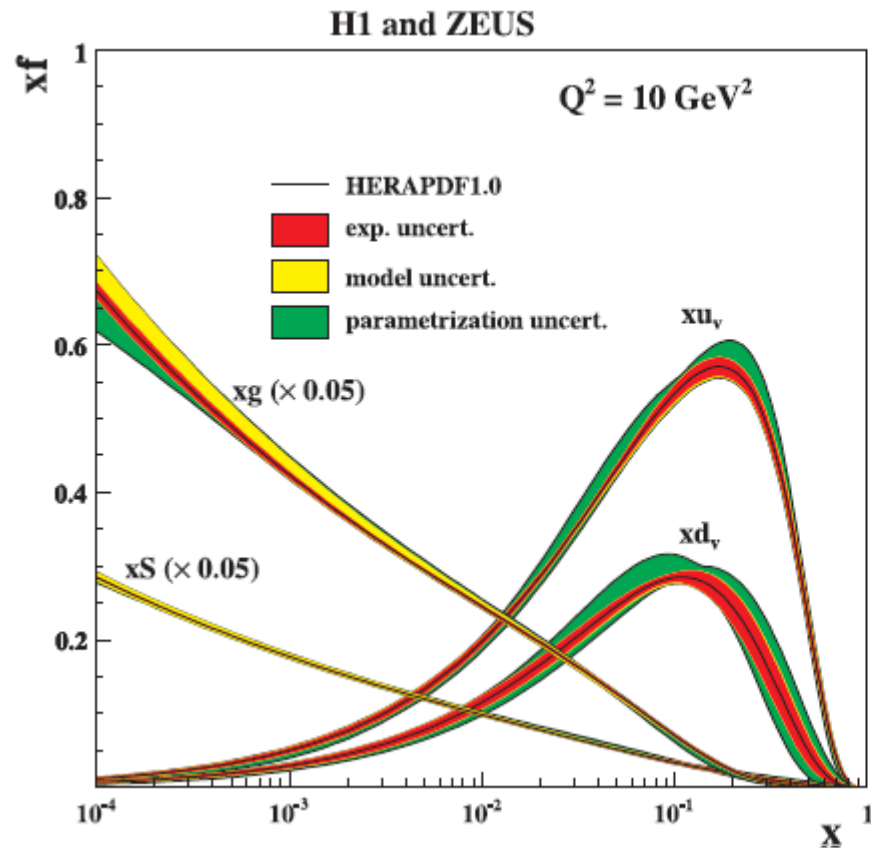


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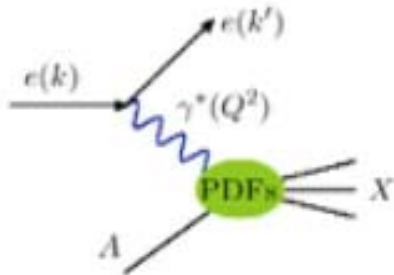
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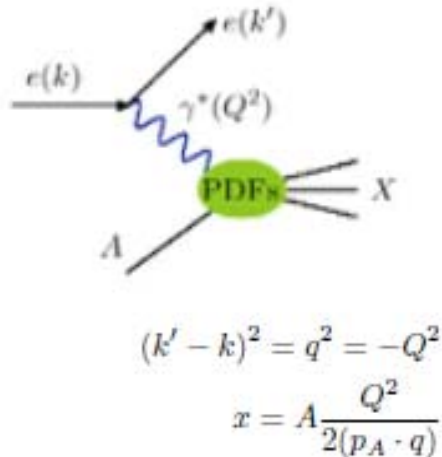
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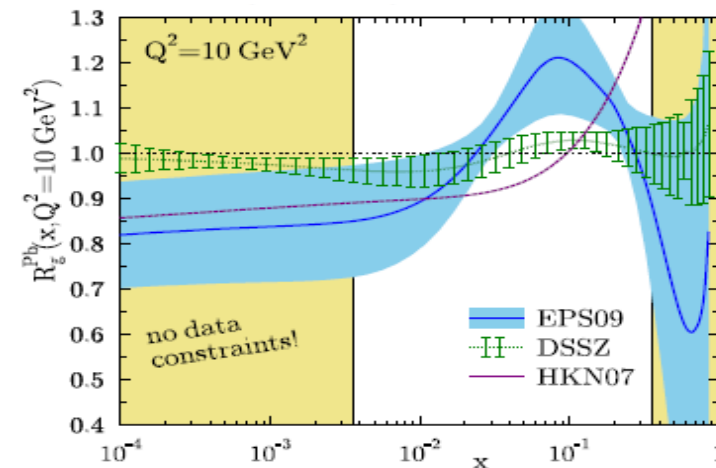


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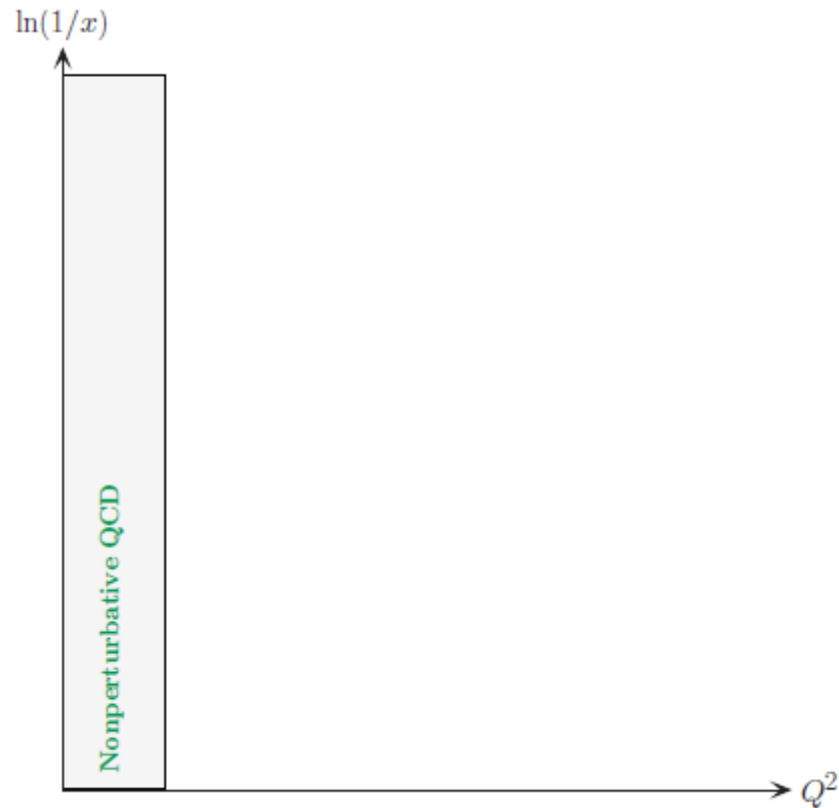


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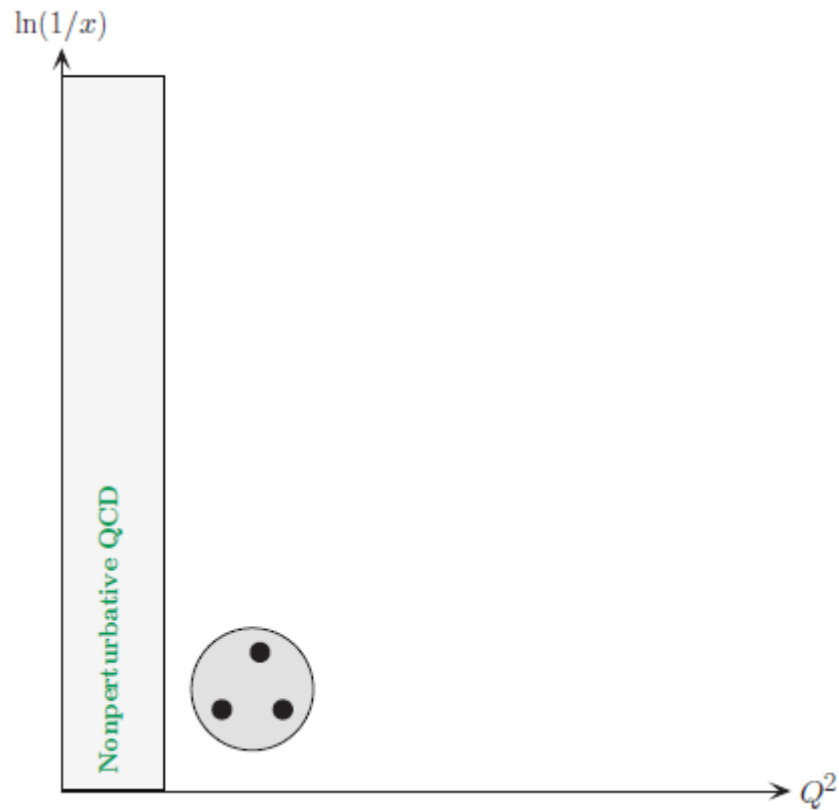
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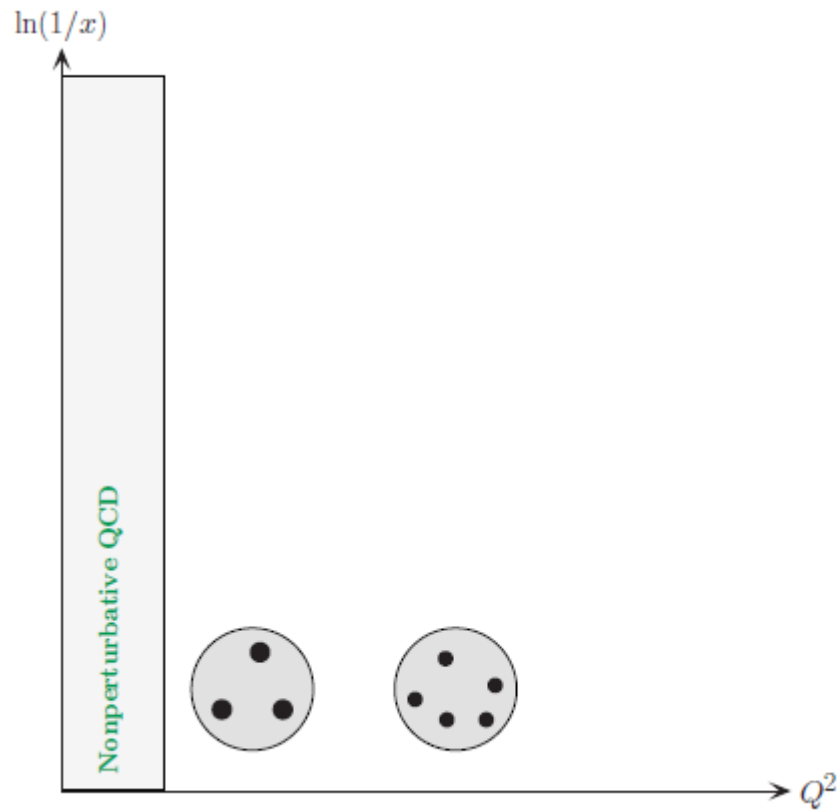
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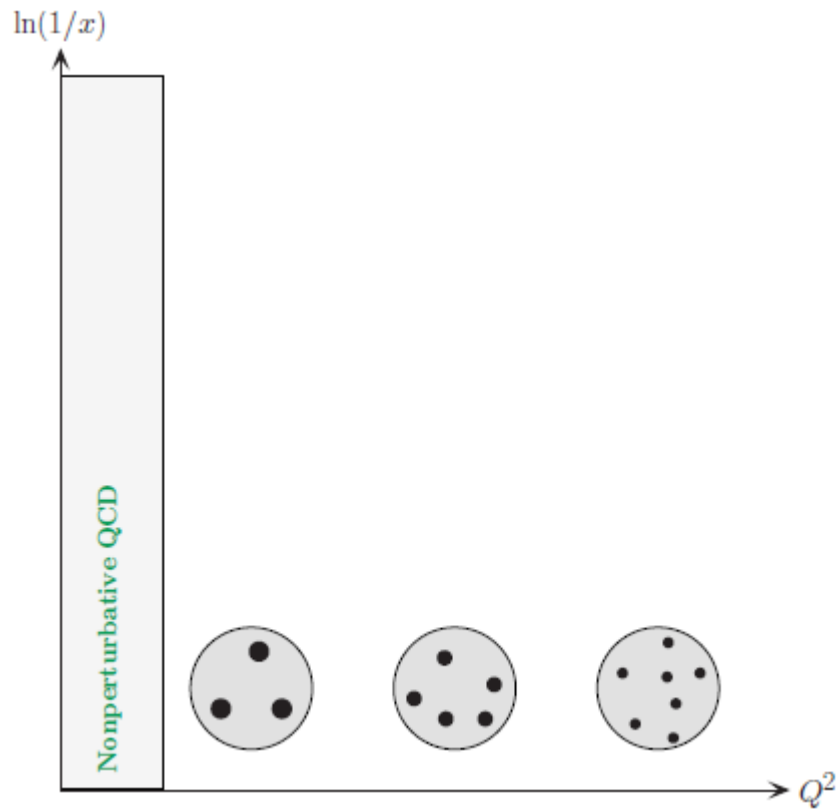
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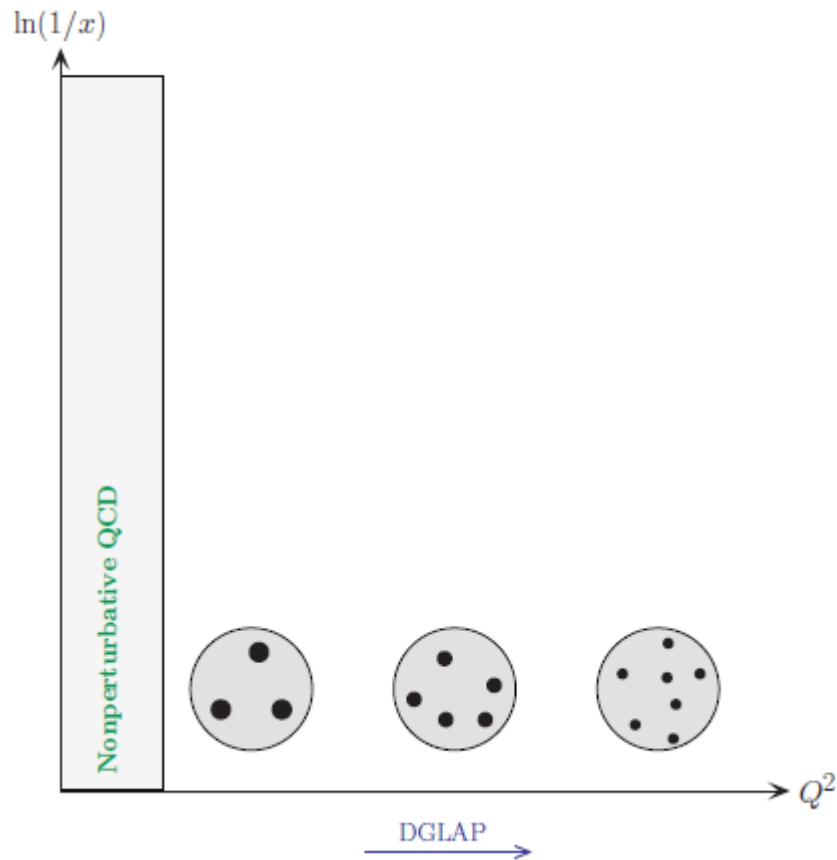
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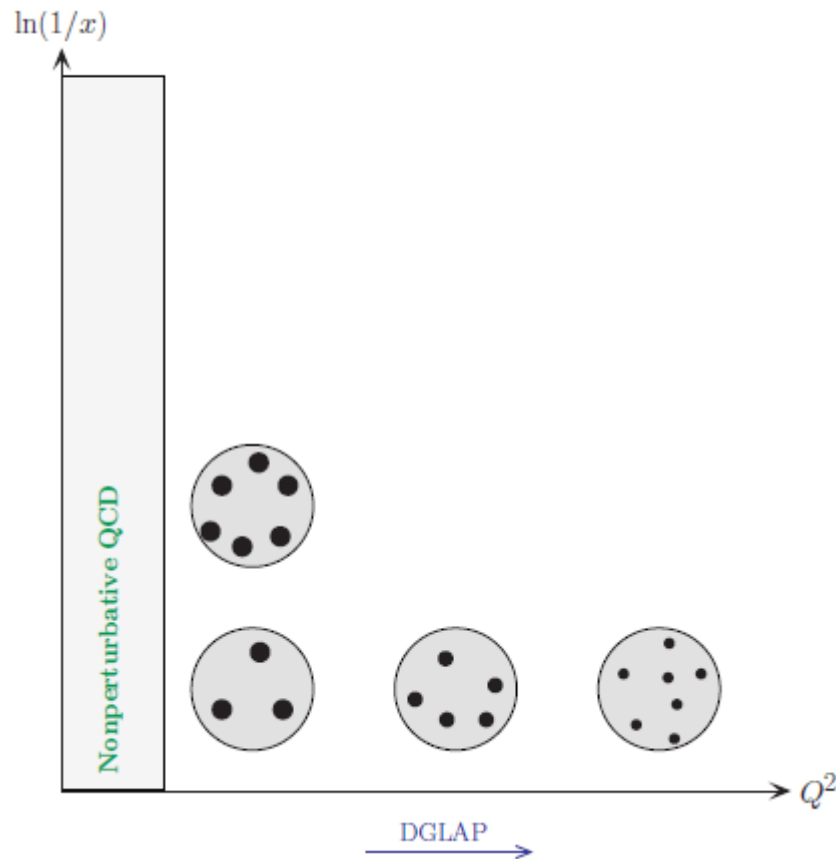
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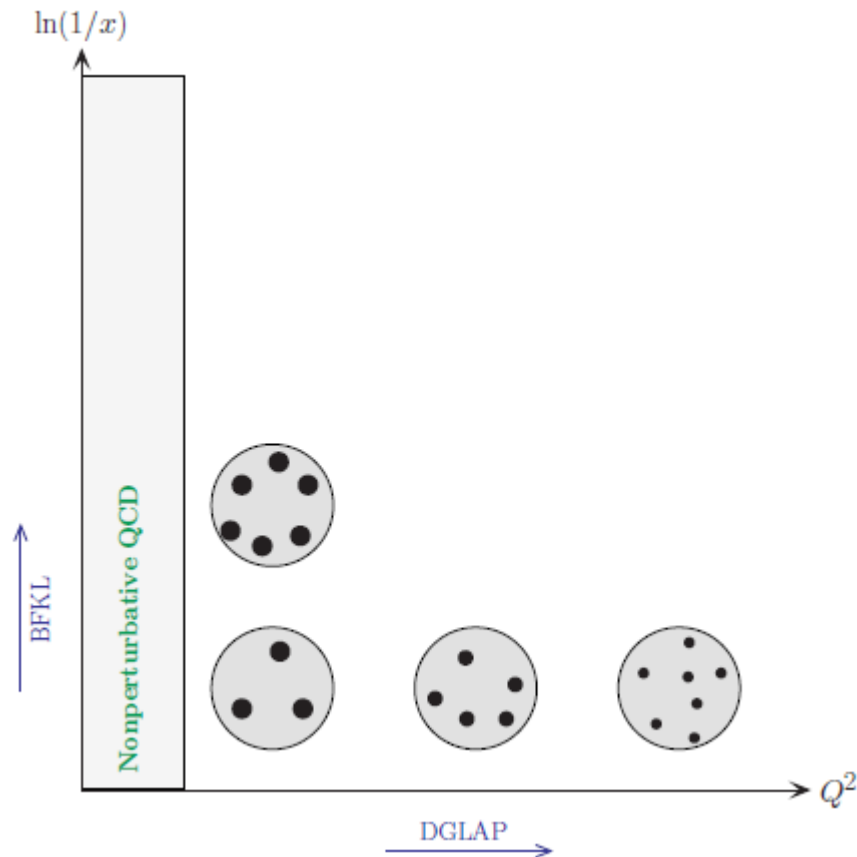
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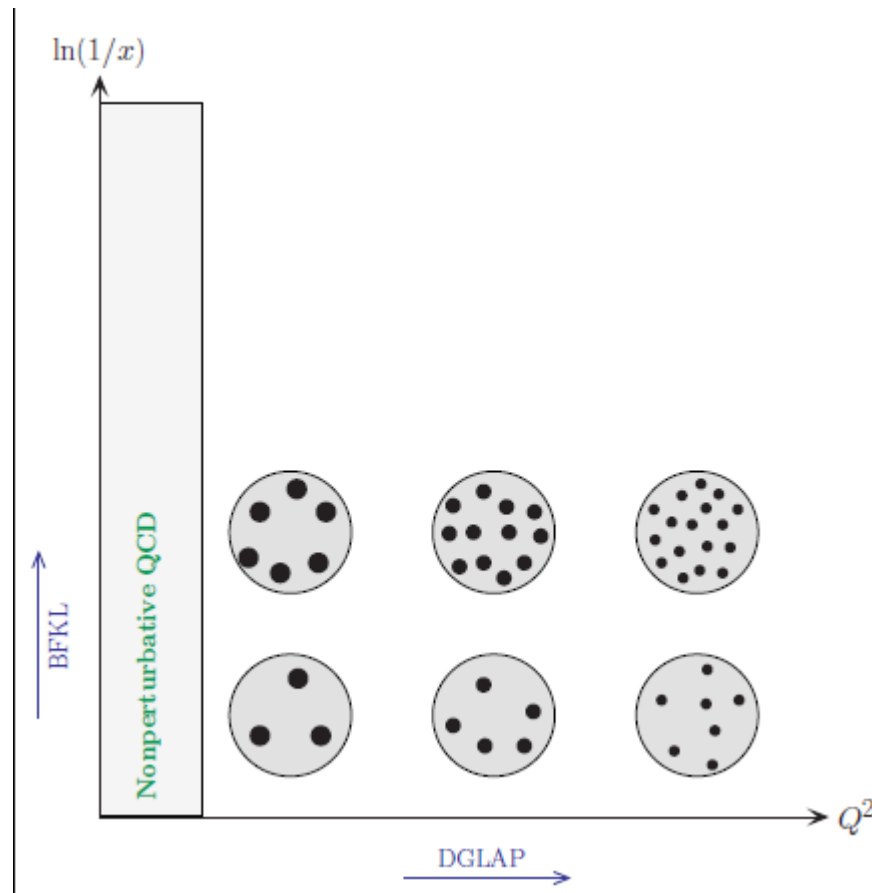
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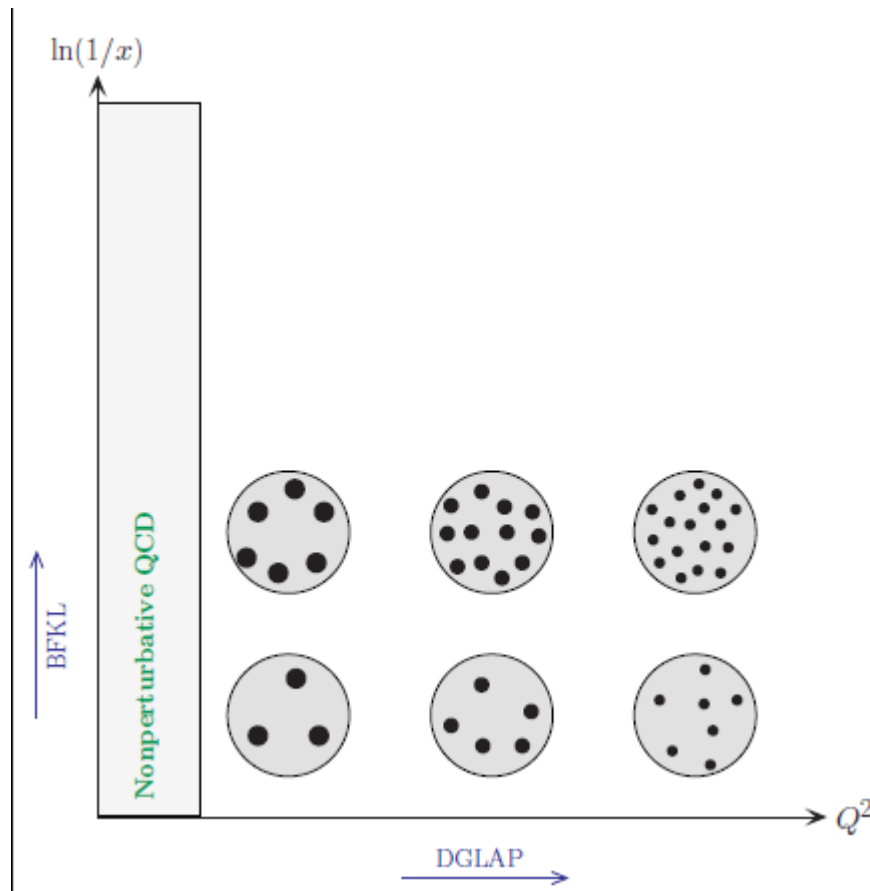
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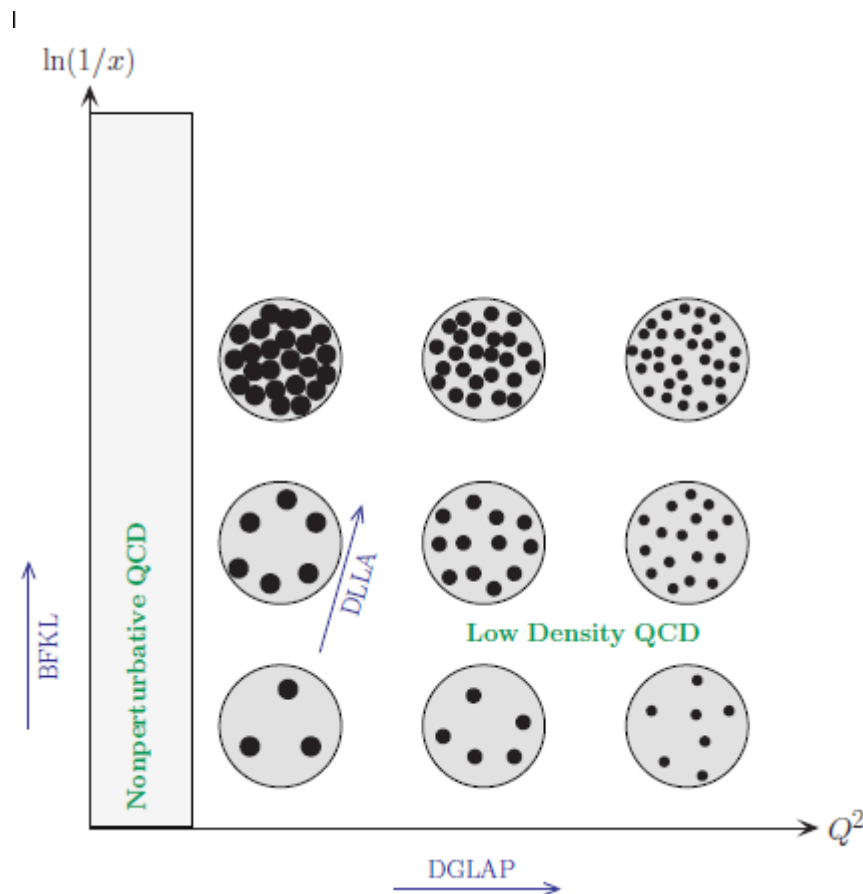


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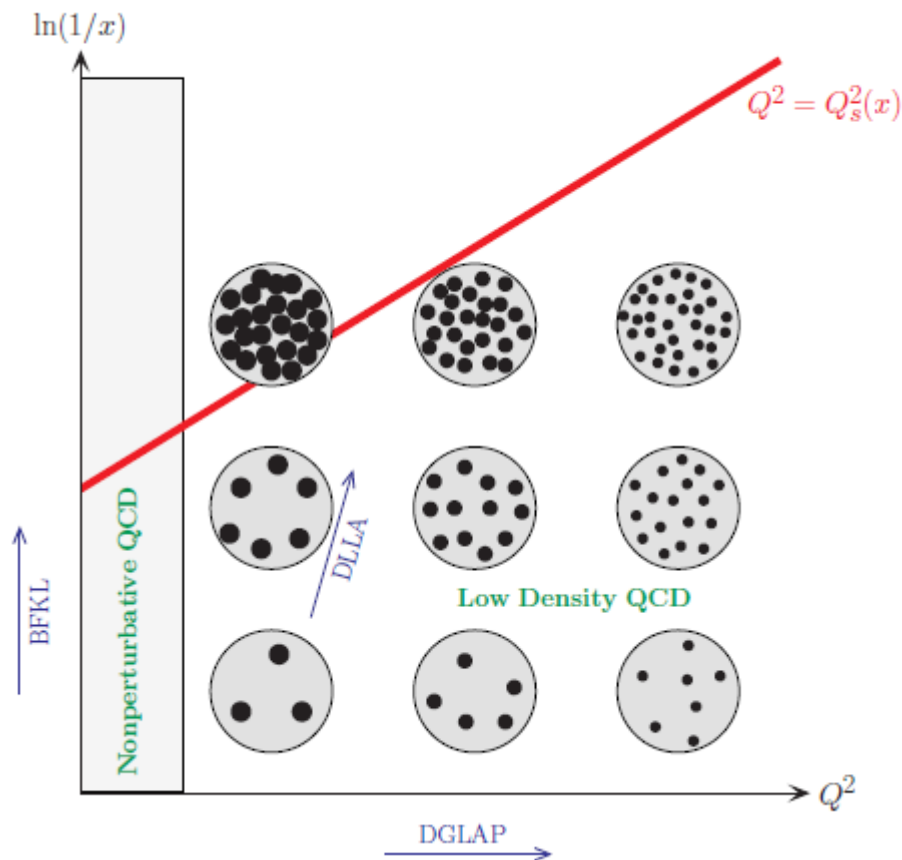


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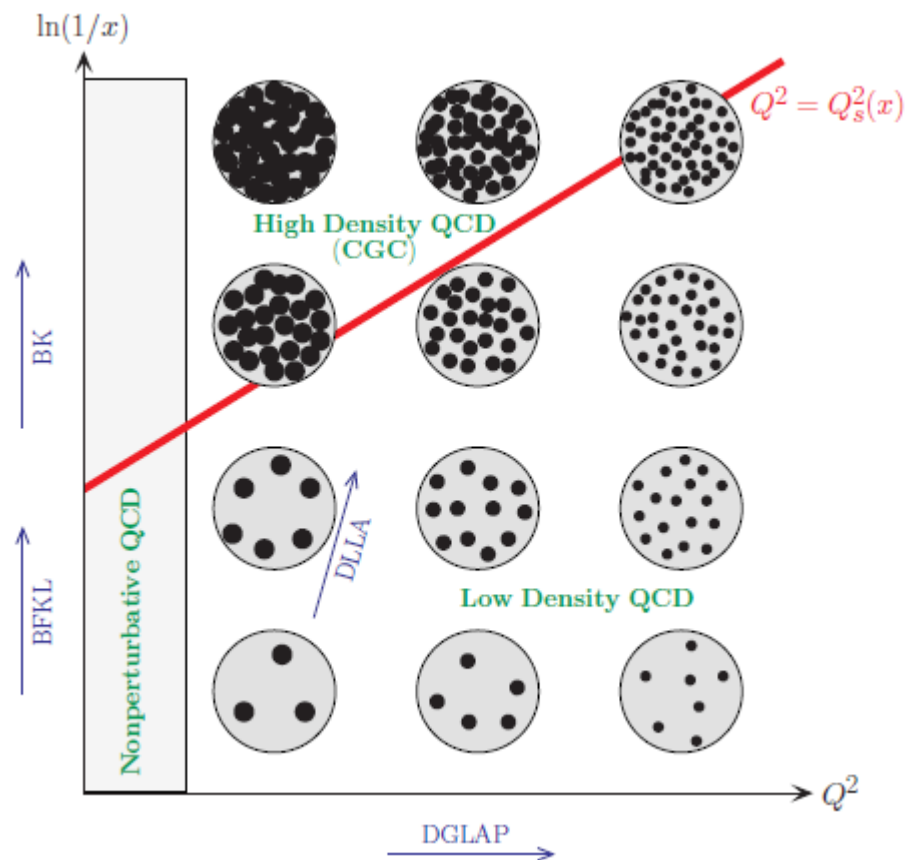
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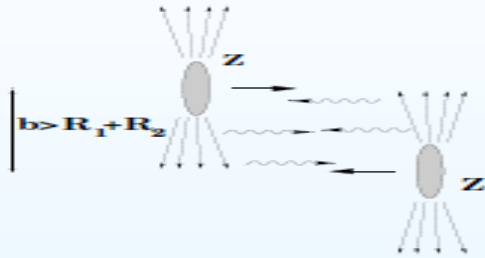
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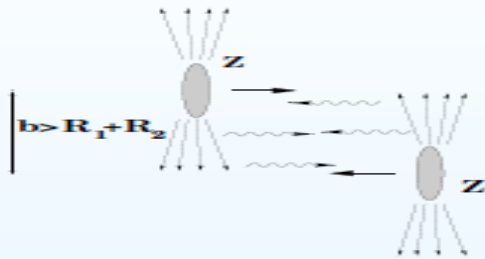
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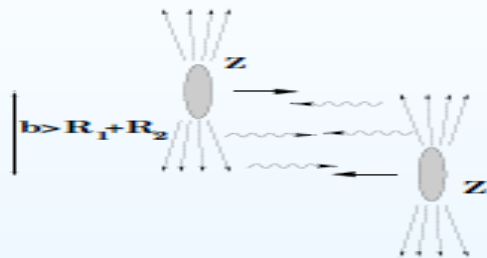
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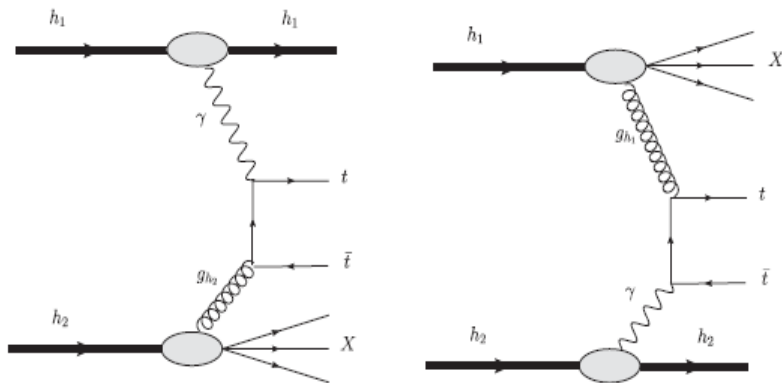


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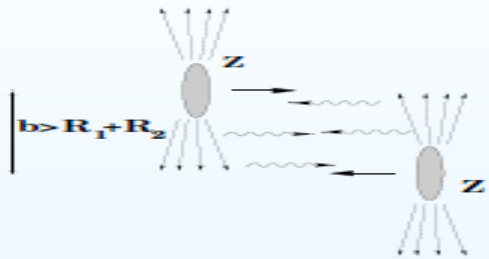
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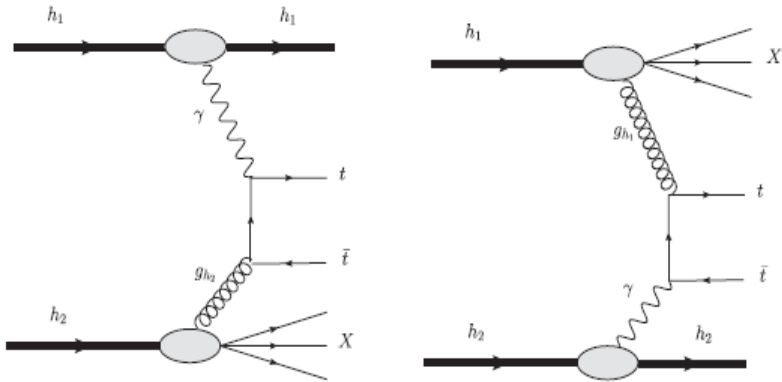


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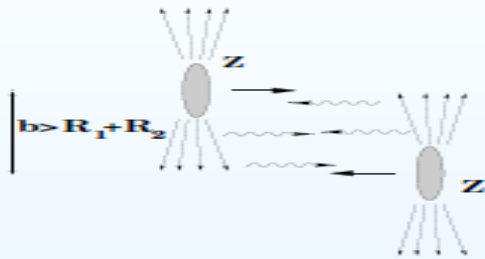
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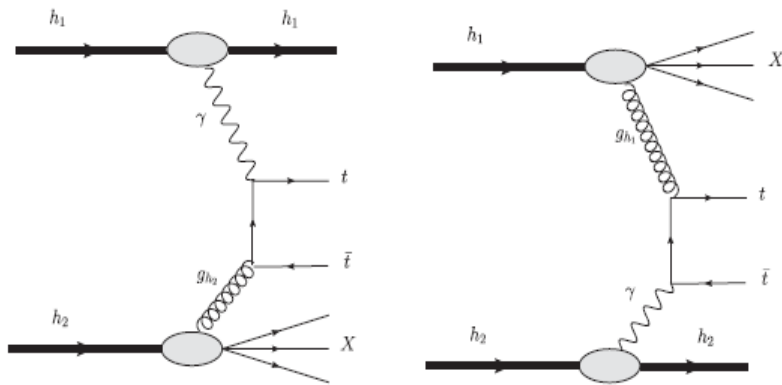
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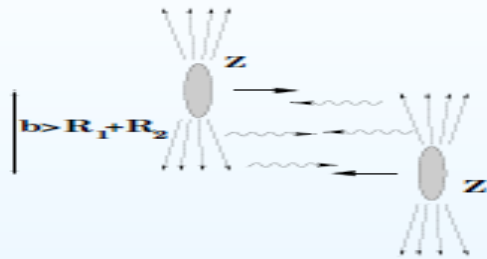


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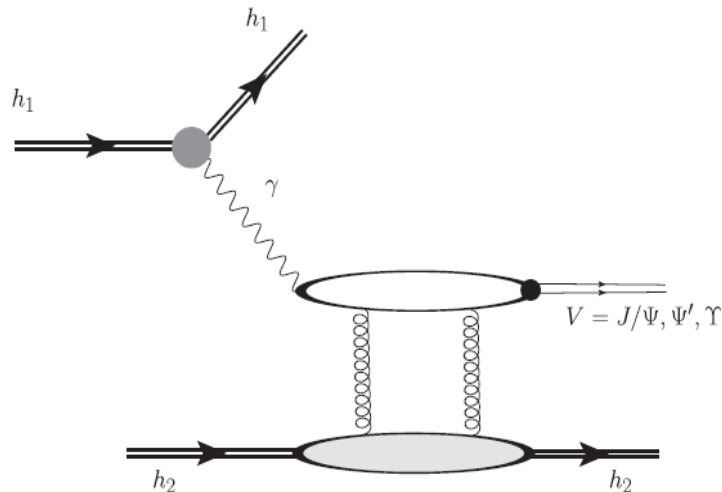
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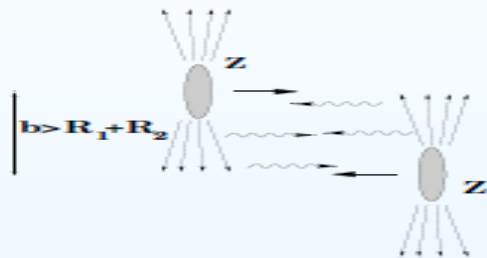
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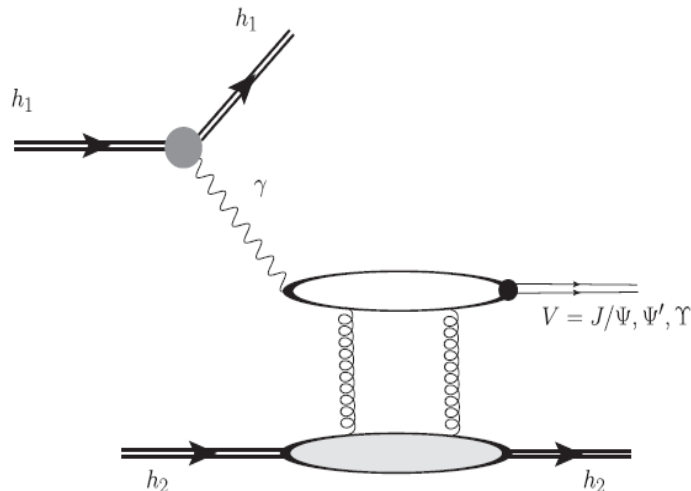
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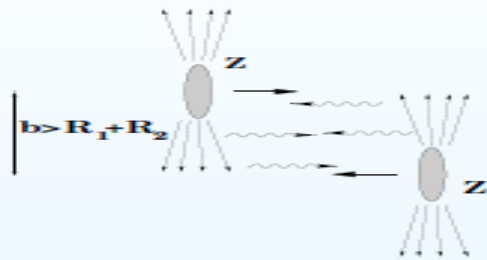
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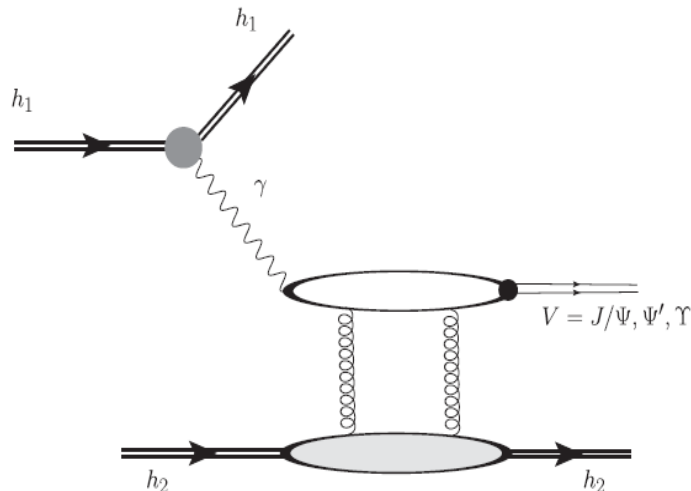
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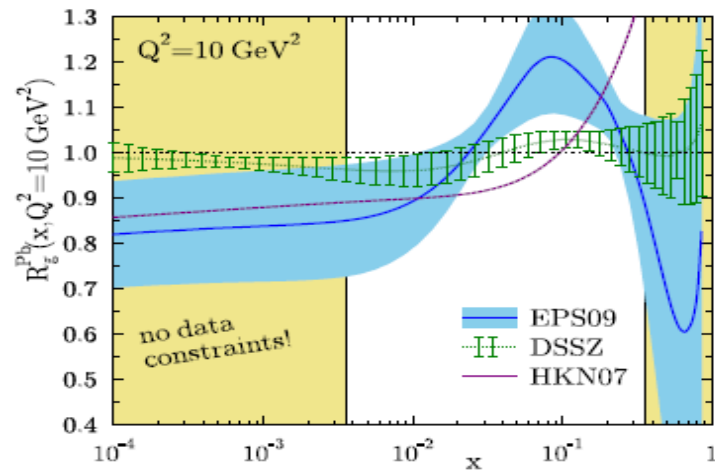
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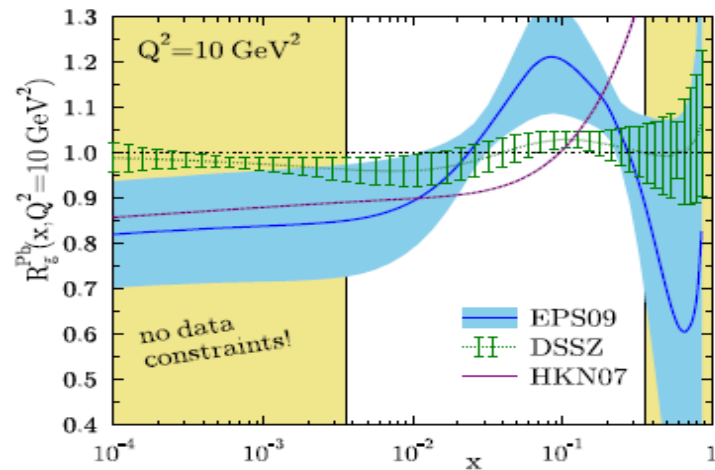
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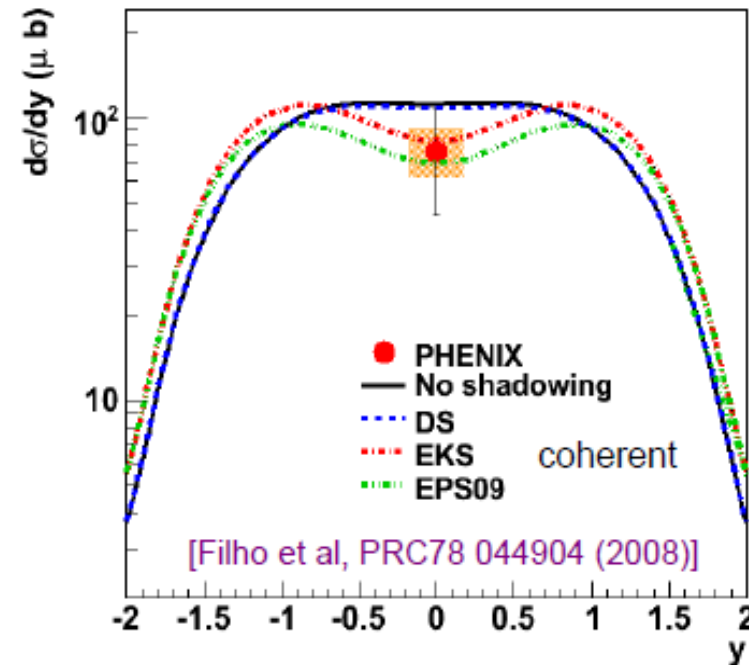
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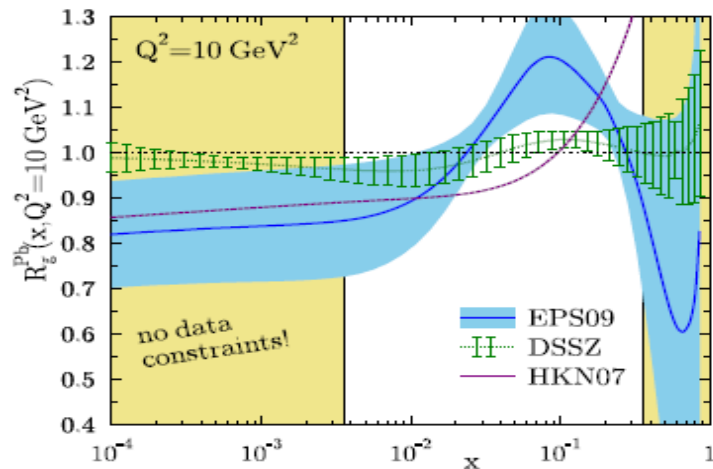




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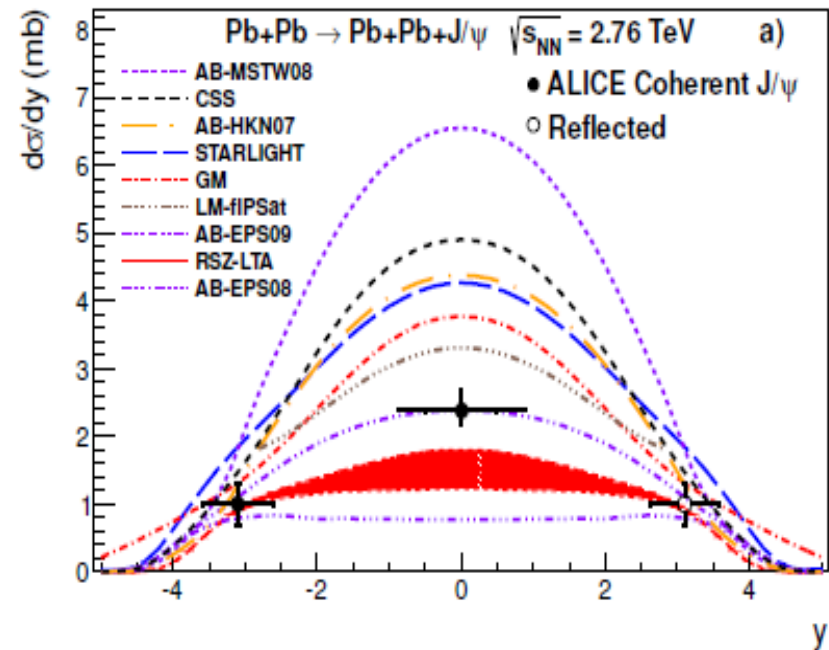
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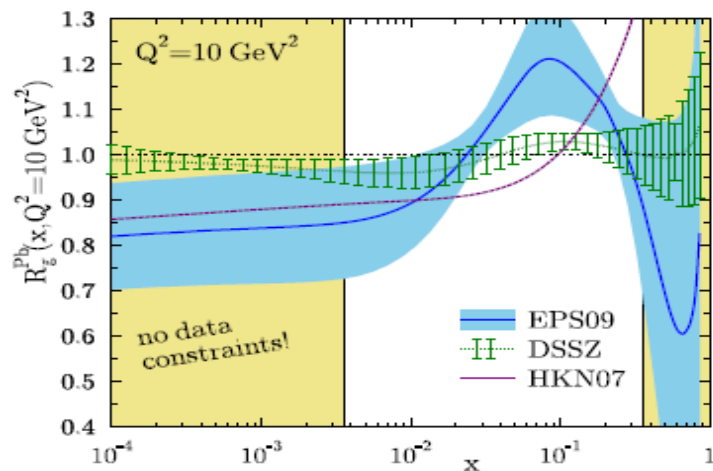
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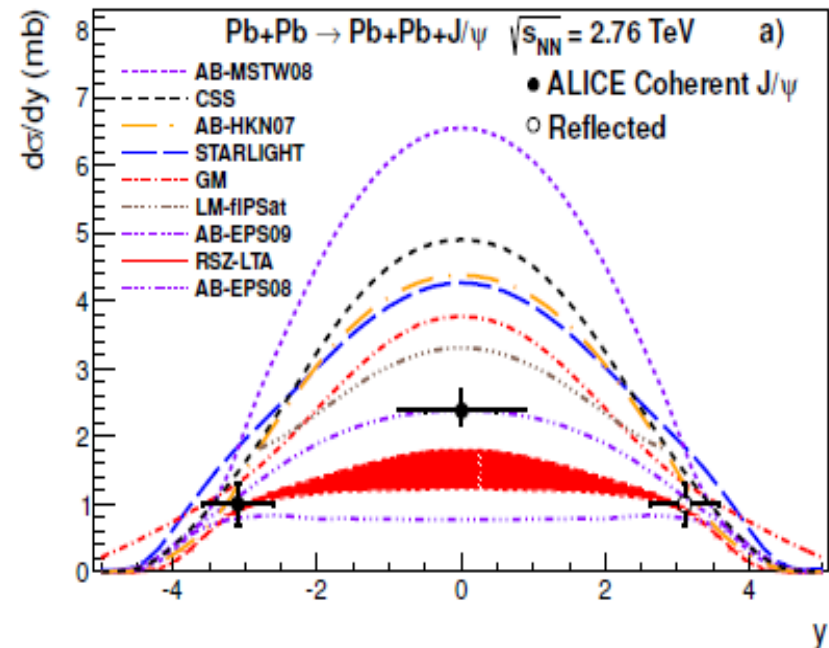
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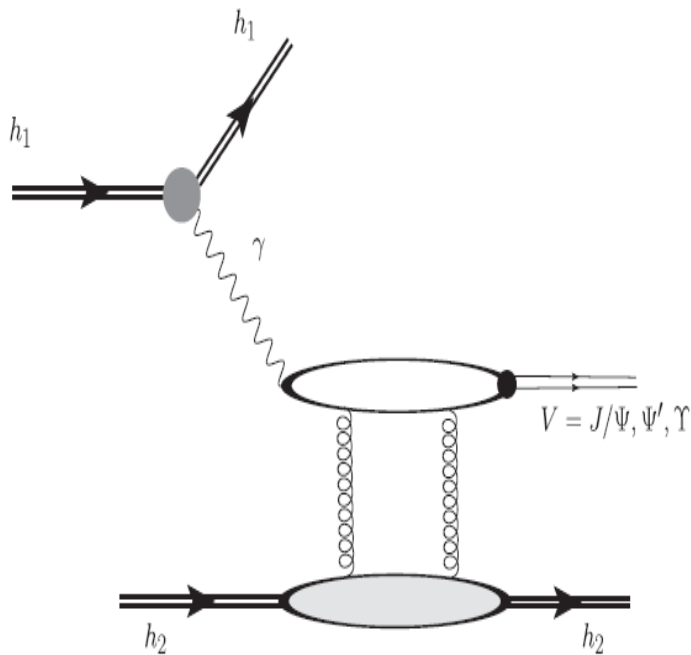
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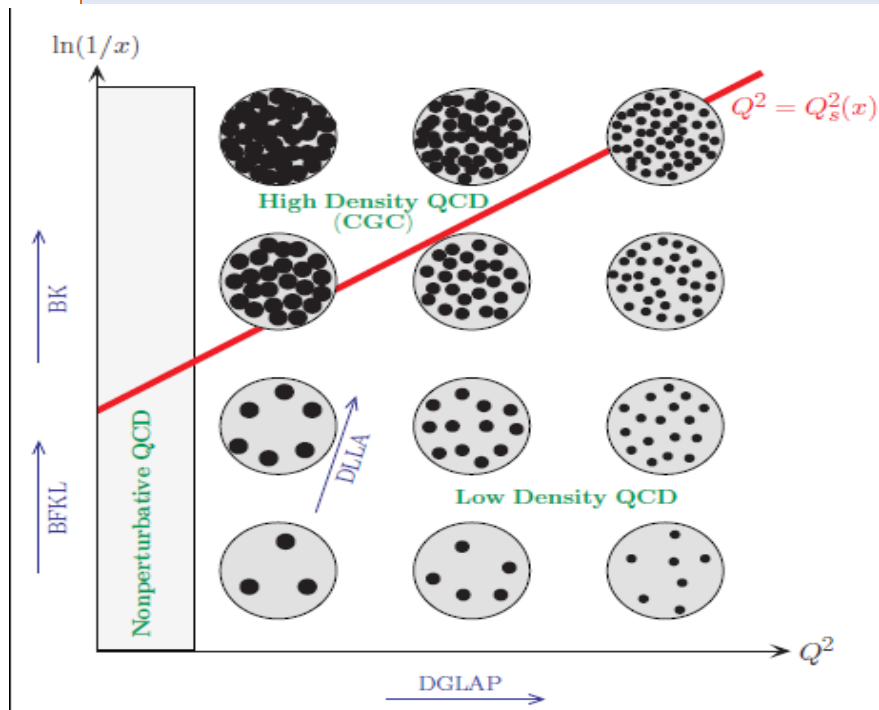
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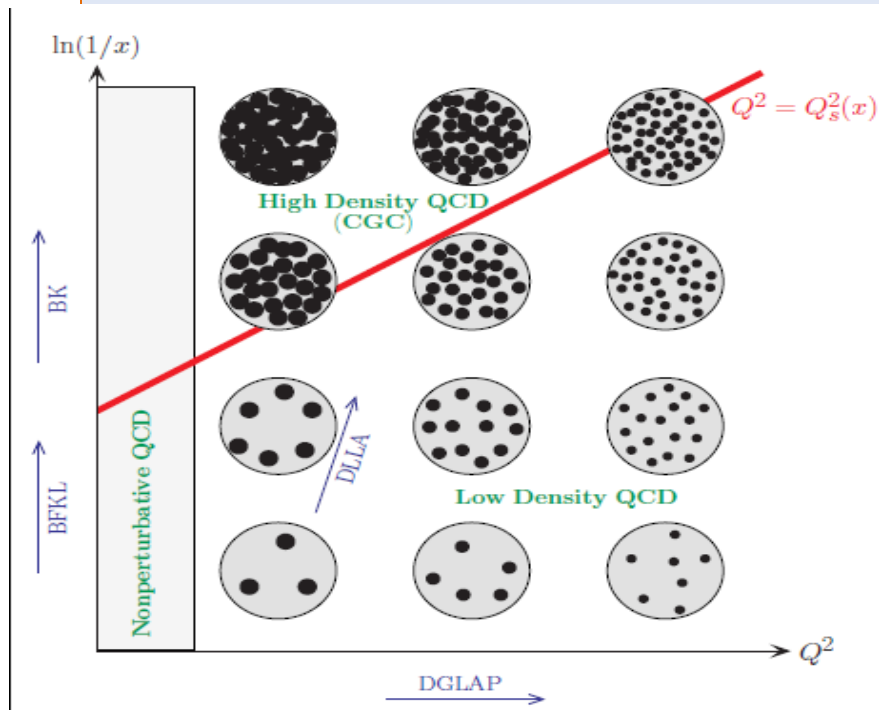
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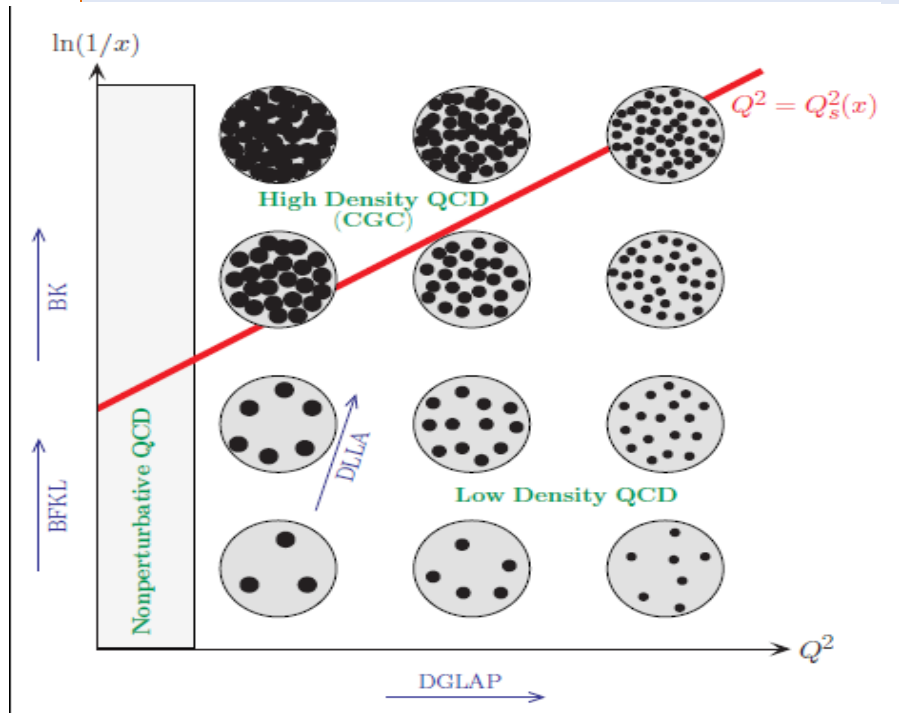
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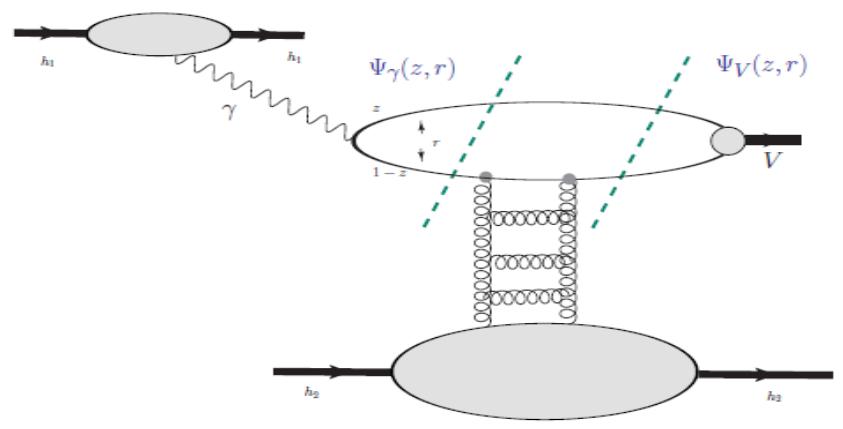
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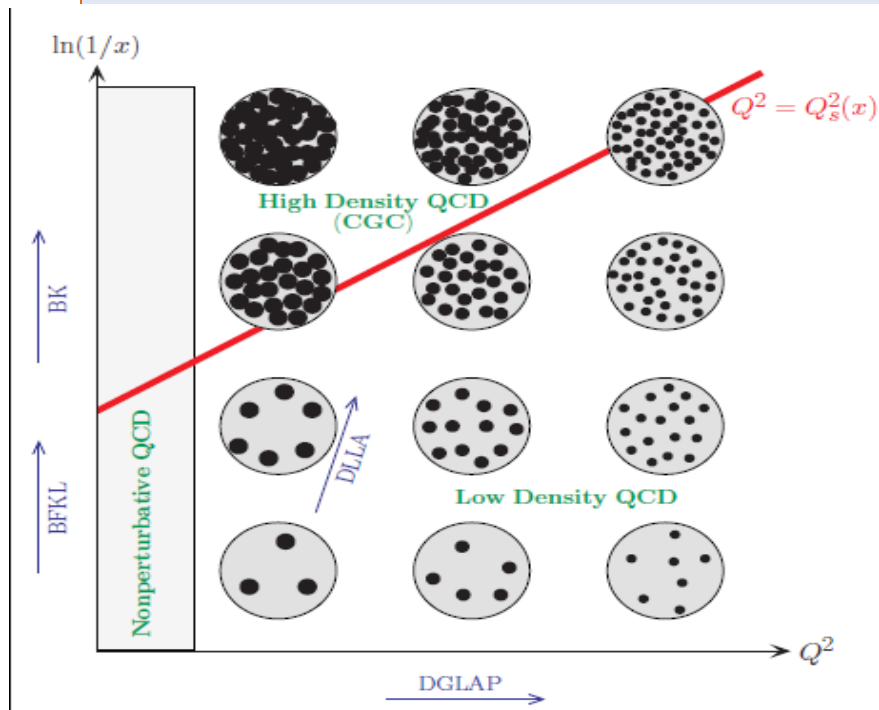
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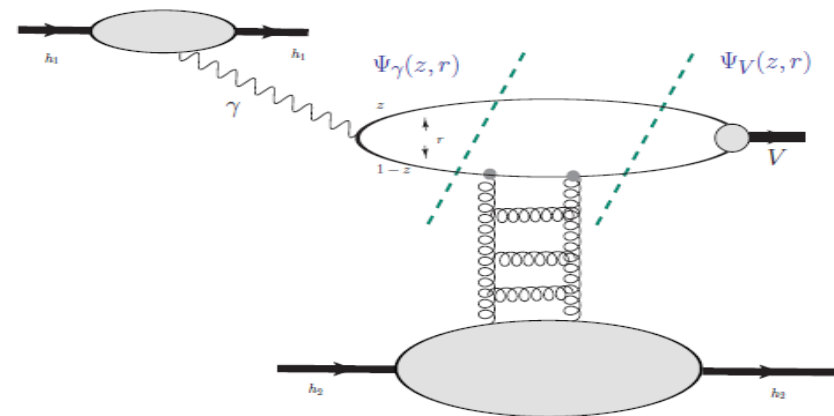
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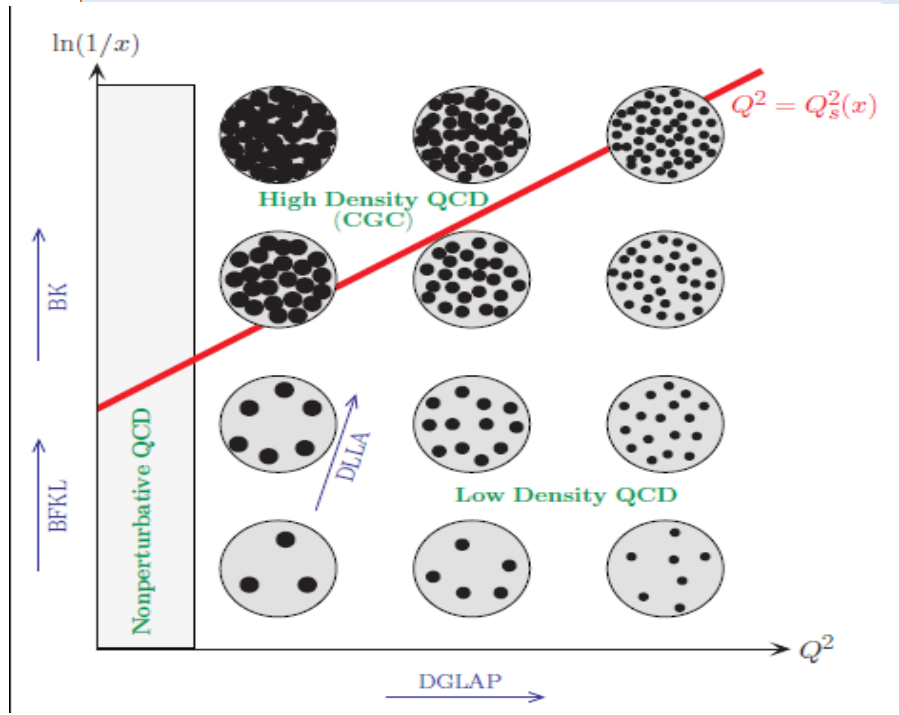
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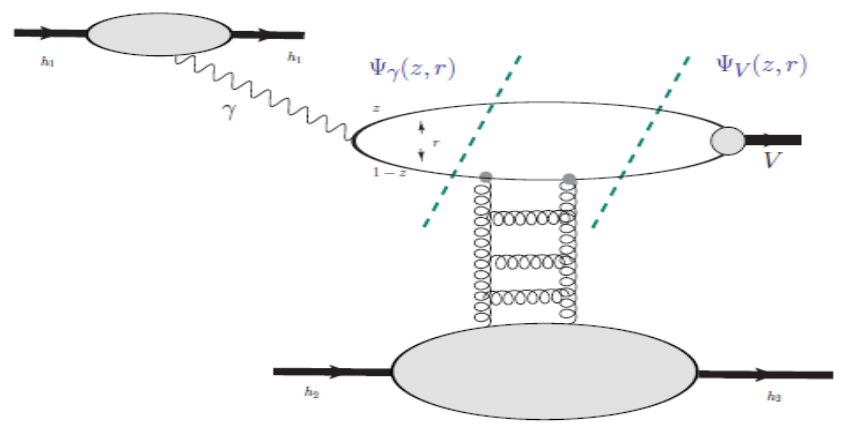


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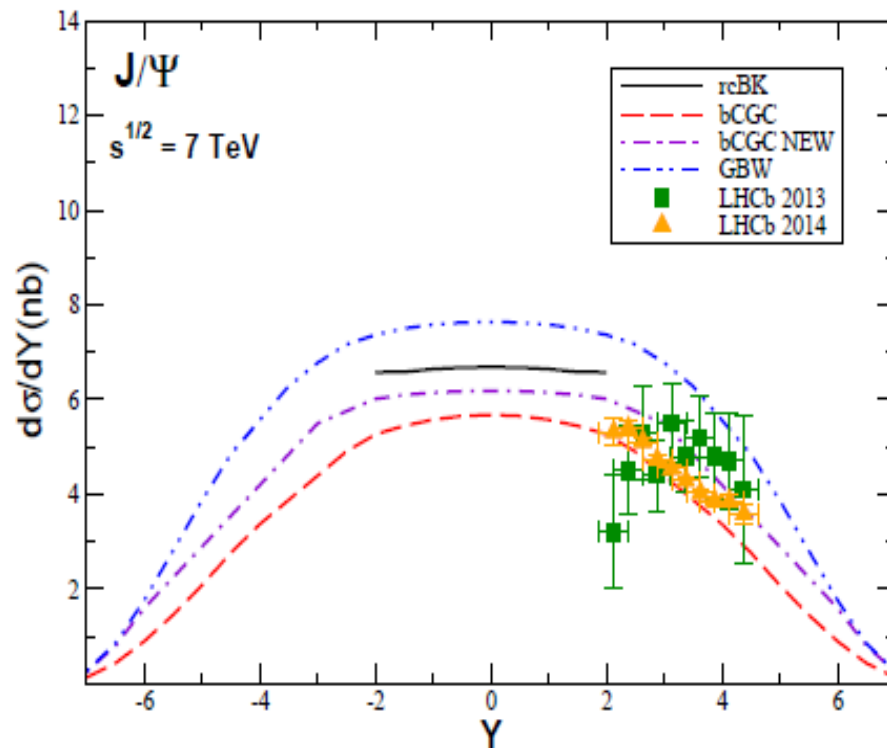
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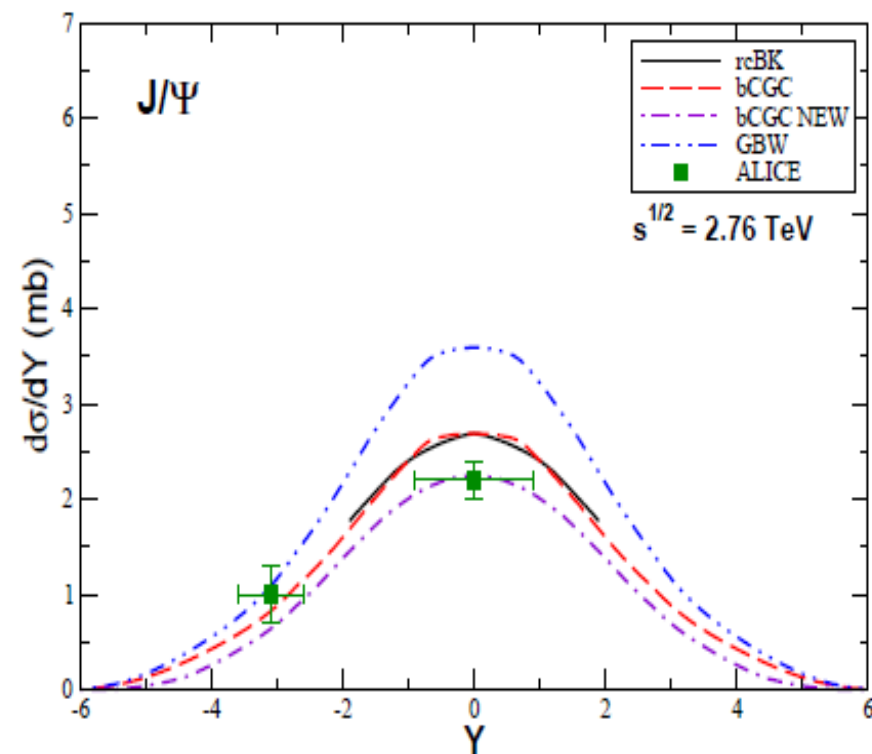
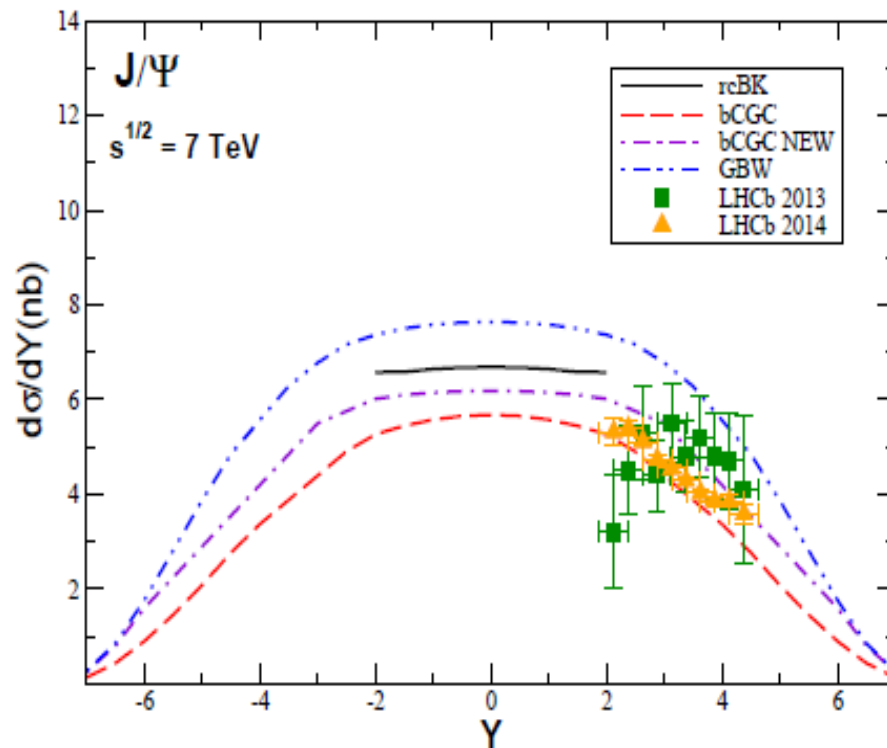
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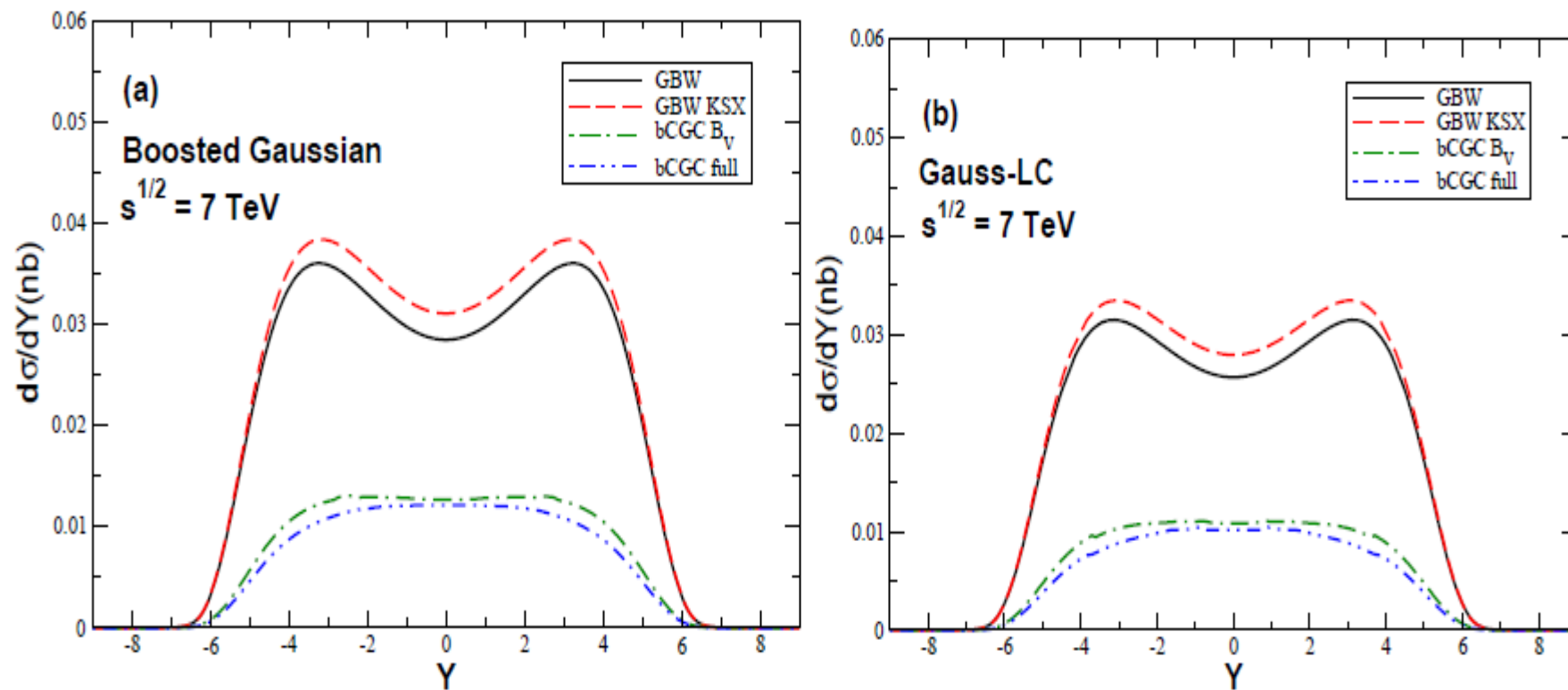
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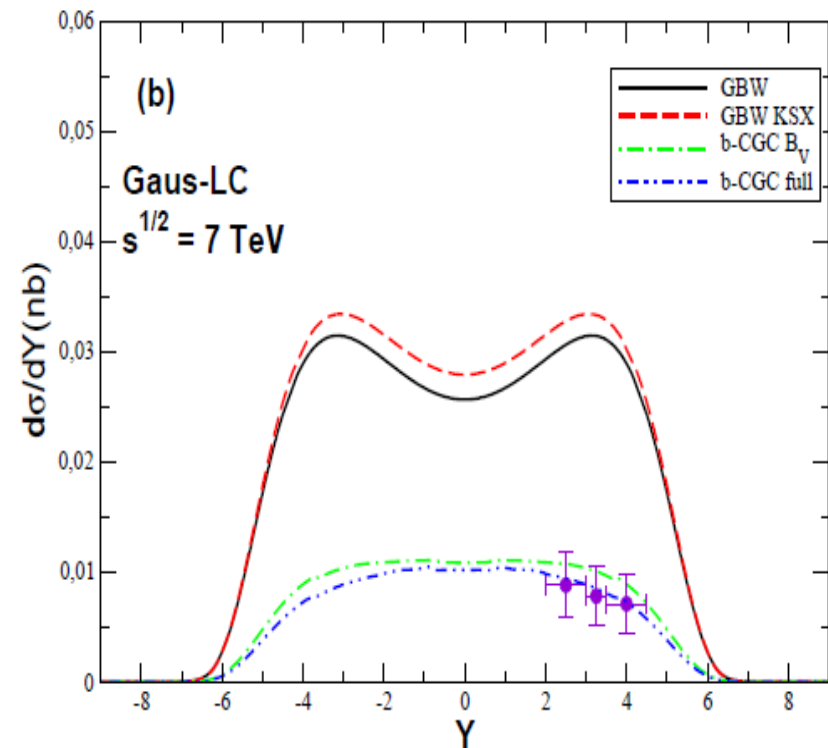
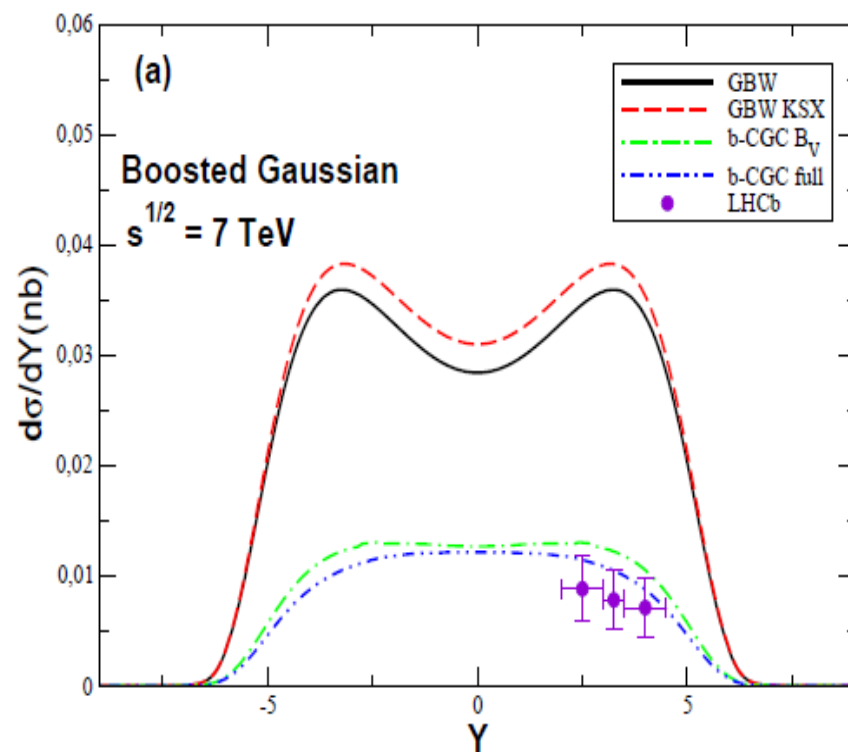
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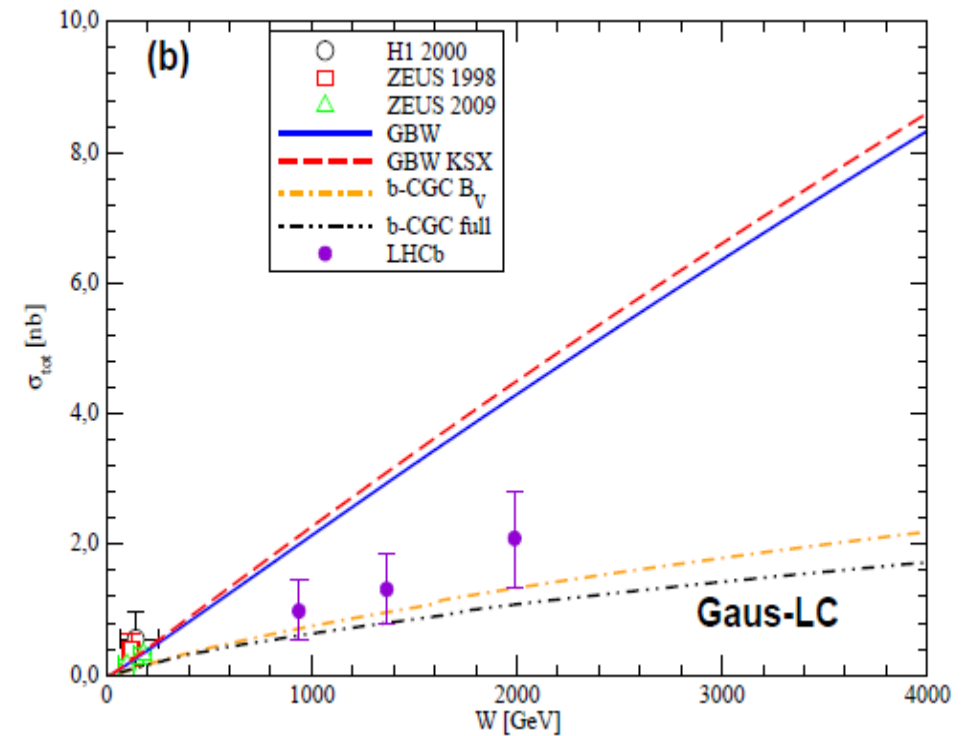
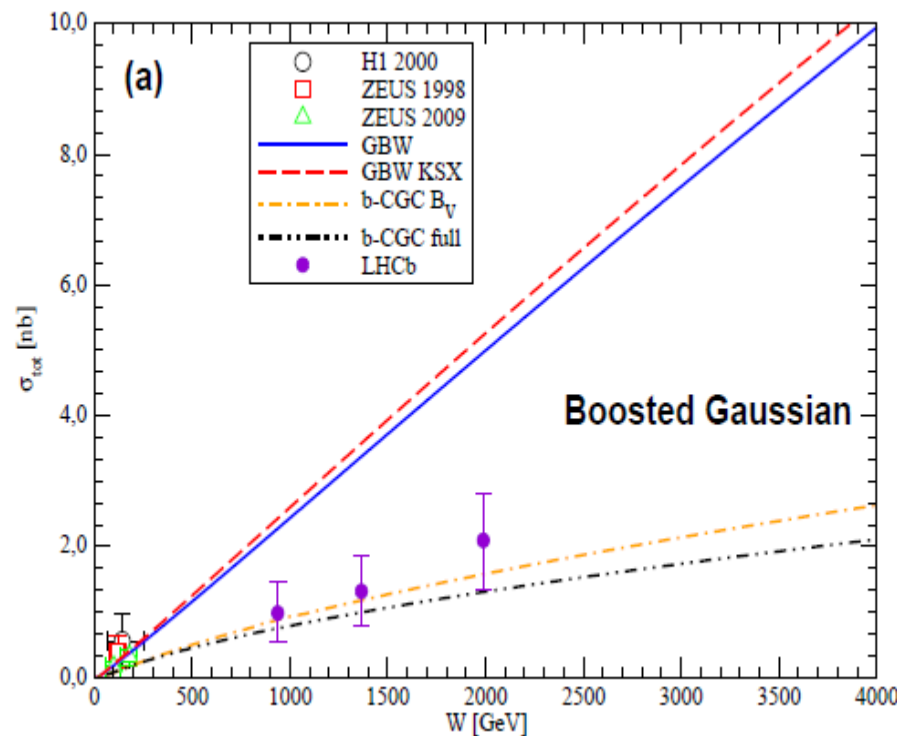
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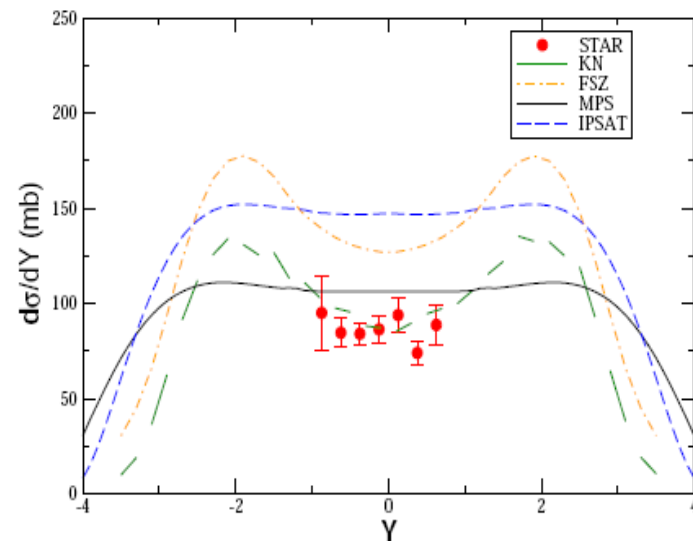


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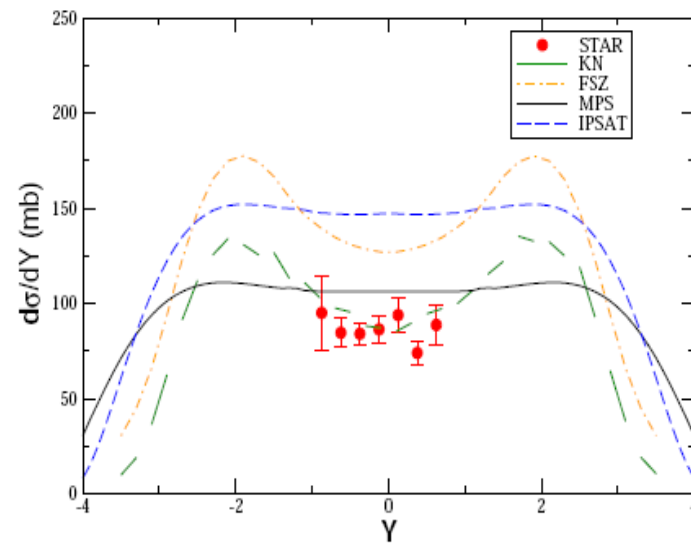
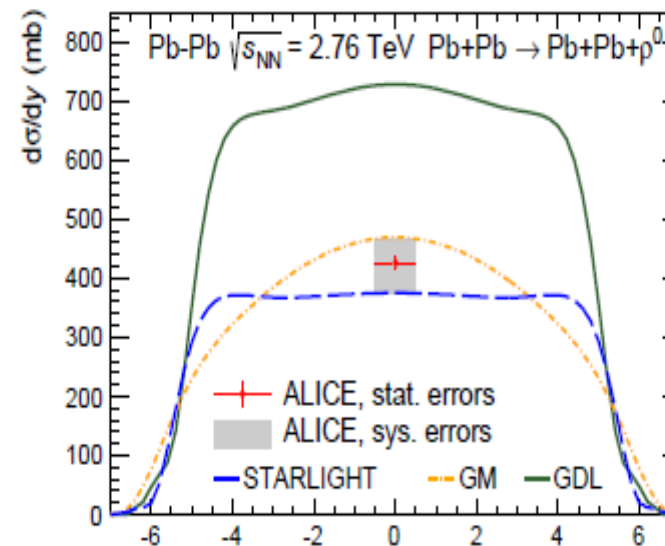


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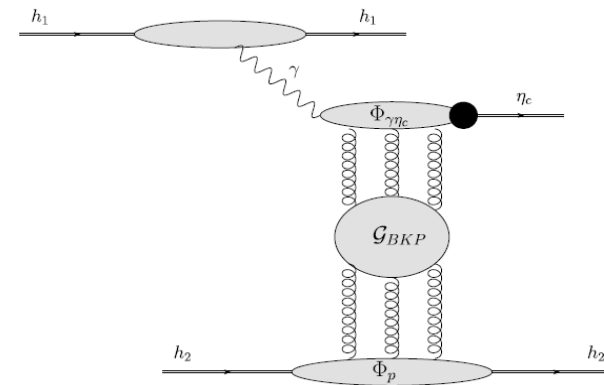
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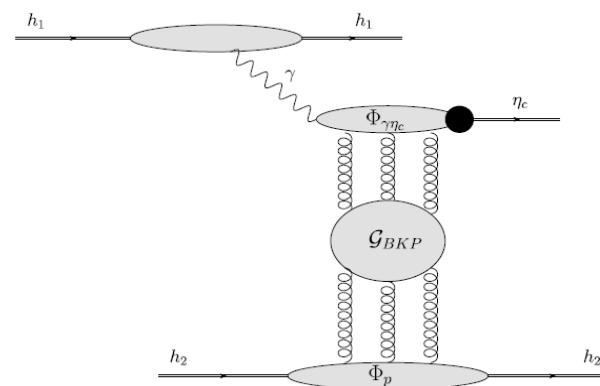




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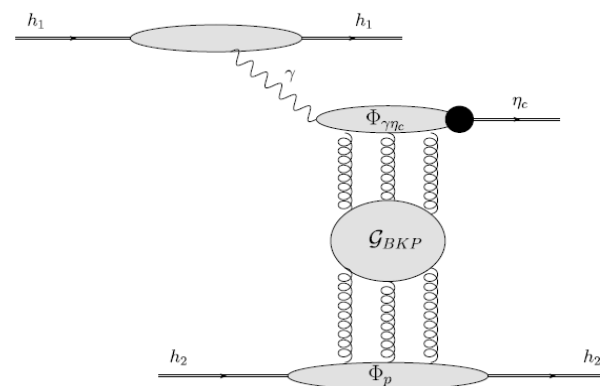


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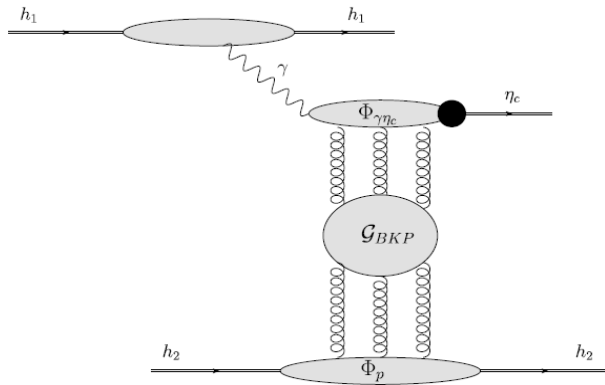
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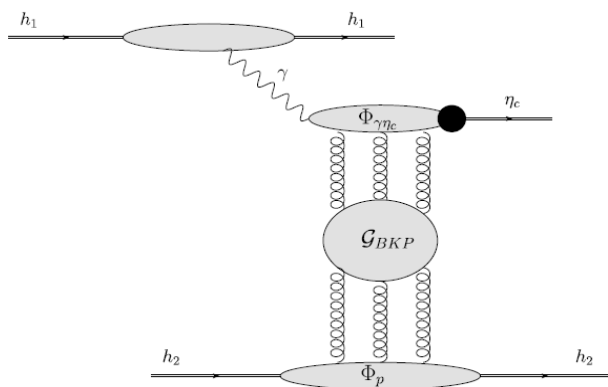
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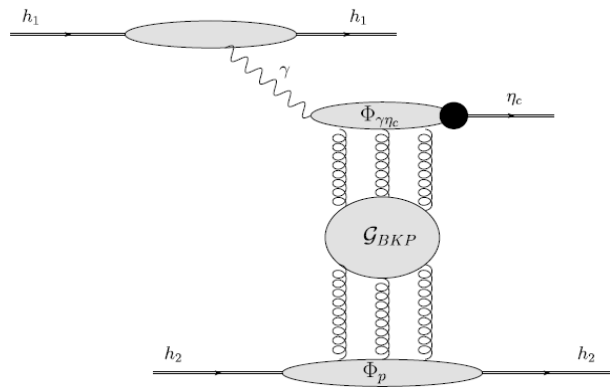
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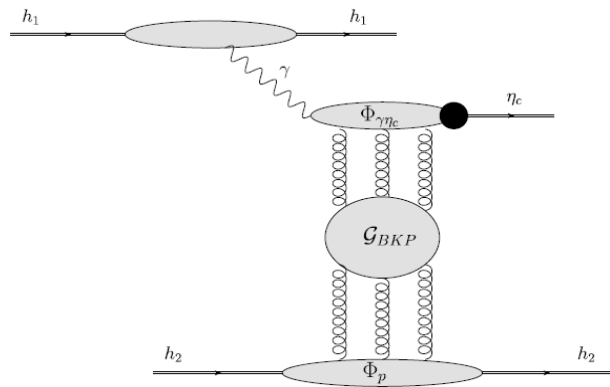
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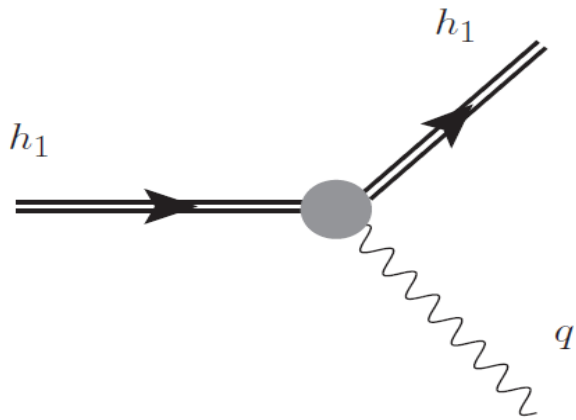
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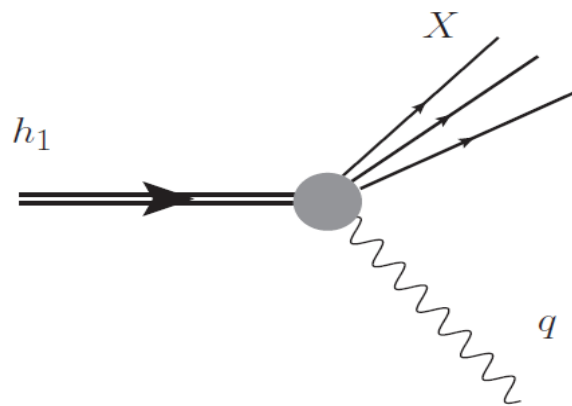
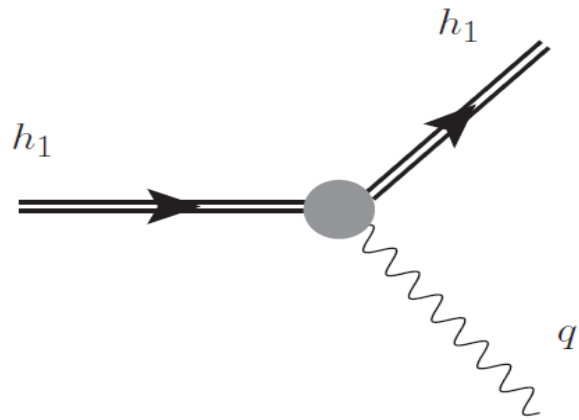
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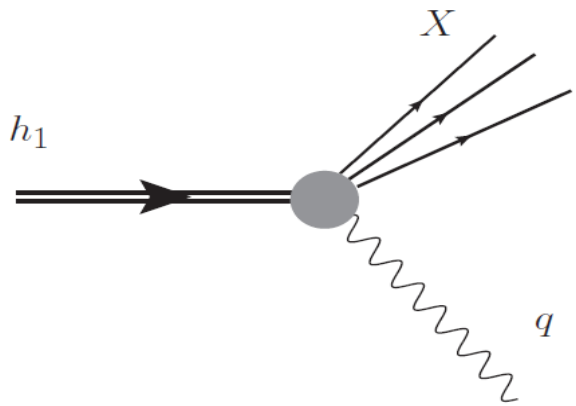
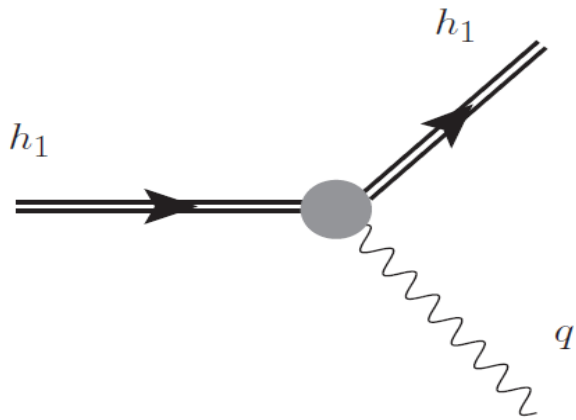


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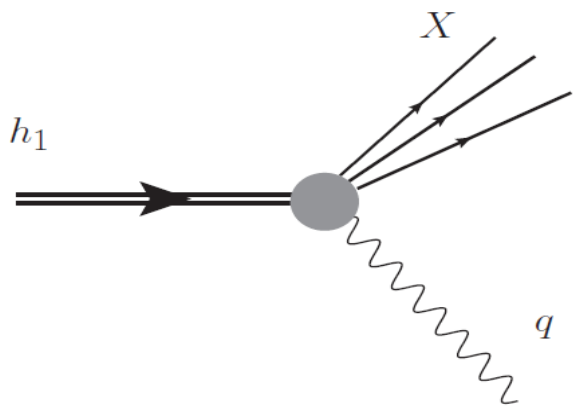
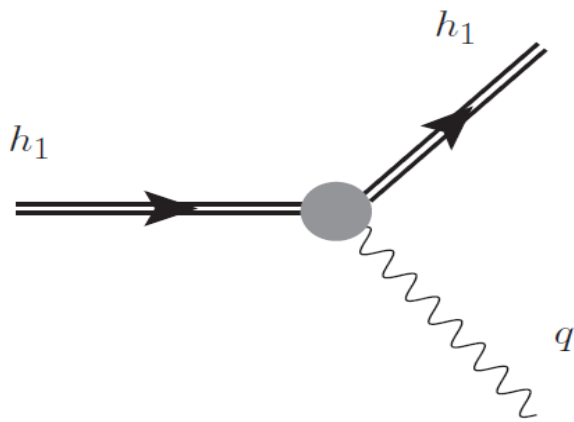
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and momentum is conserved:

$$\int_0^1 dx x \left\{ \sum_i q_i(x, \mu^2) + g(x, \mu^2) + \gamma(x, \mu^2) \right\} = 1.$$

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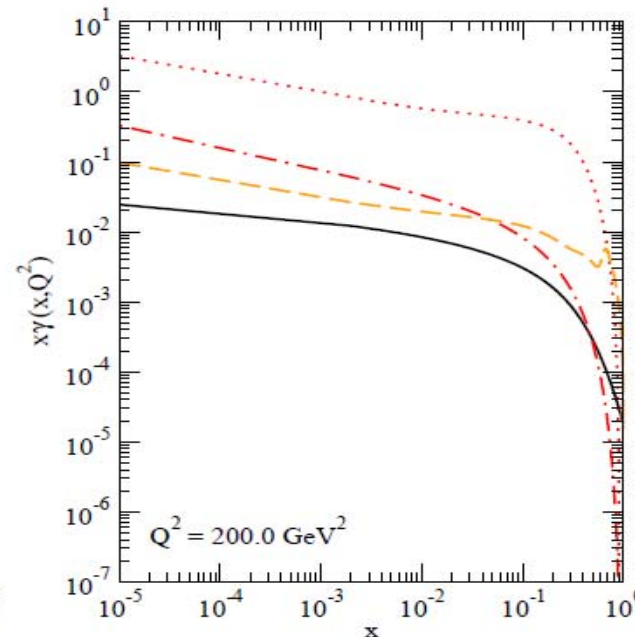
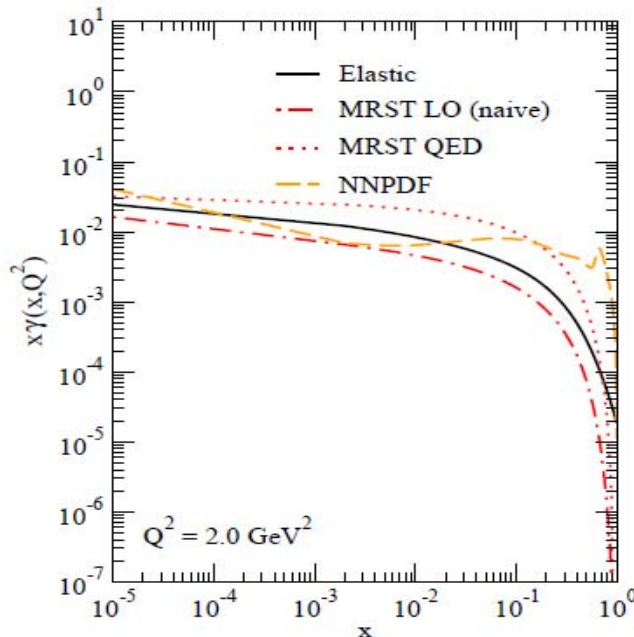
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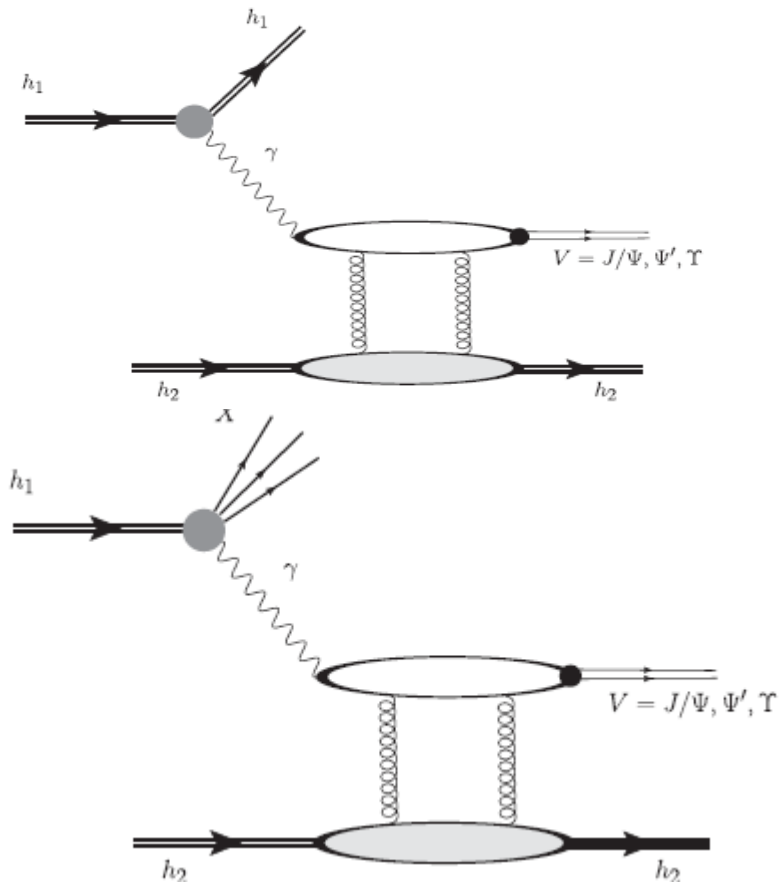
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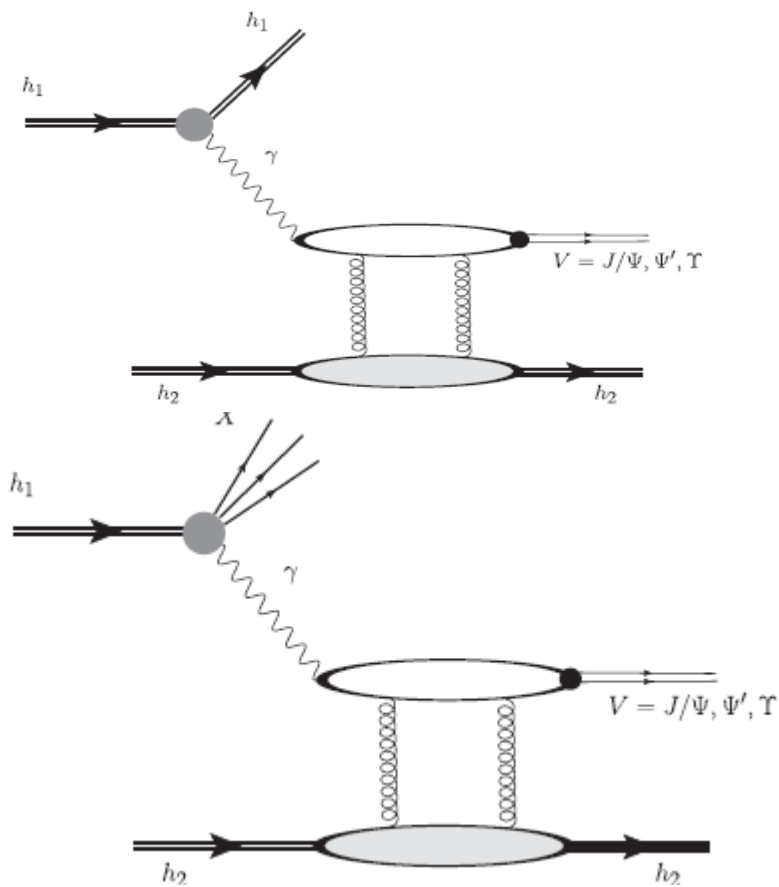
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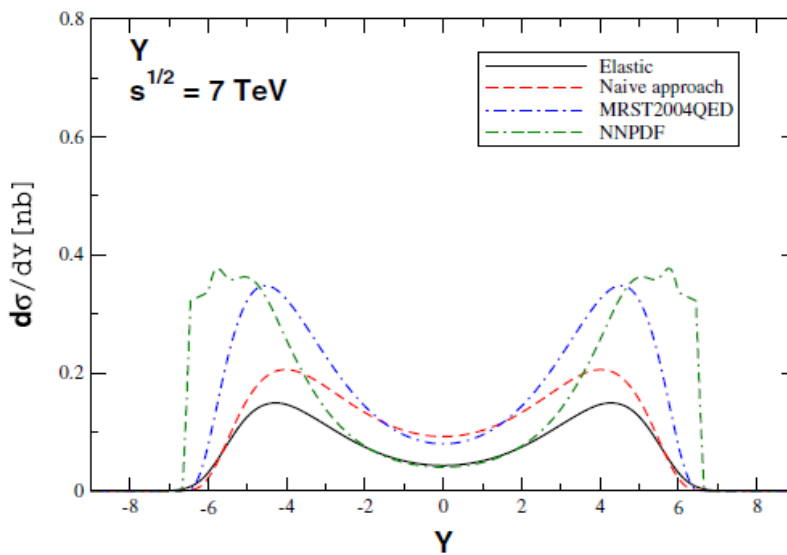
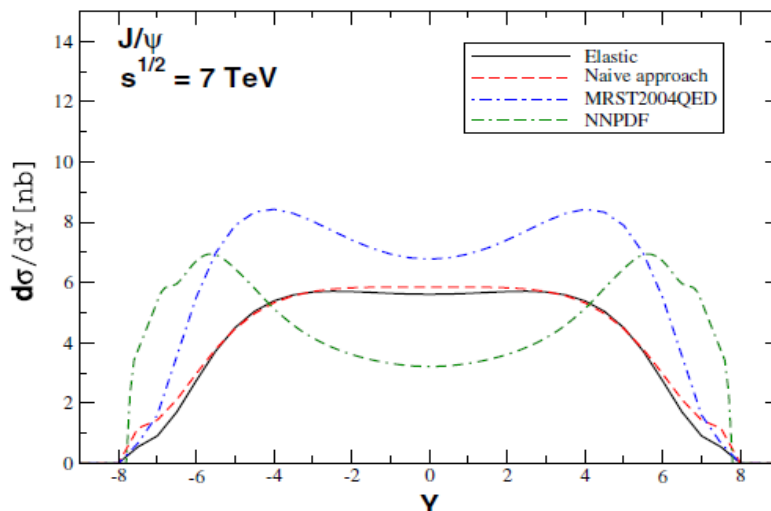
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**Thank you for your attention !**

# Extras

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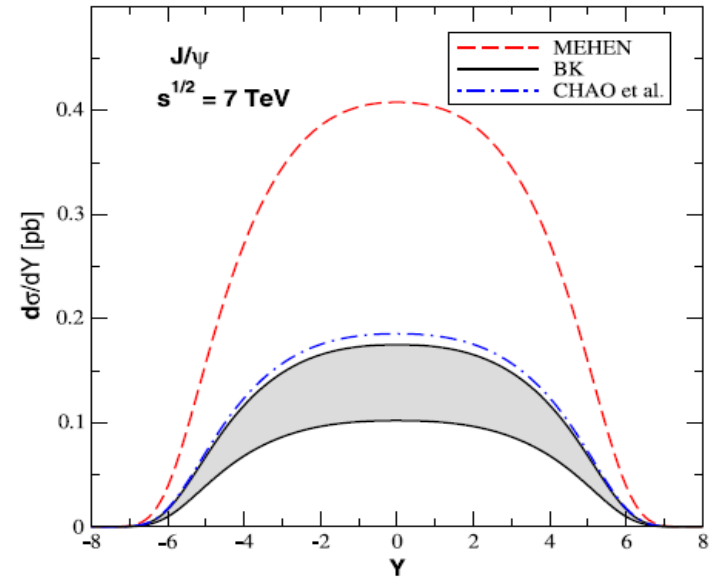


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$\gamma + \gamma$	BFL	BSV
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# Inelastic Quarkonium production in photon – induced interactions (\*)

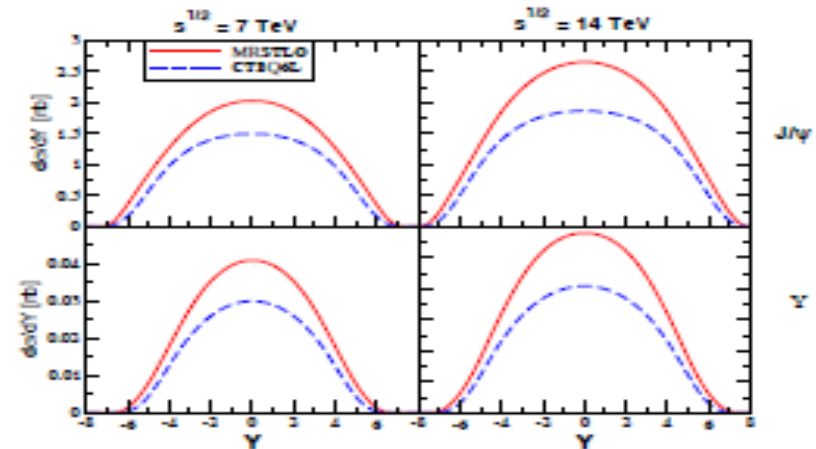
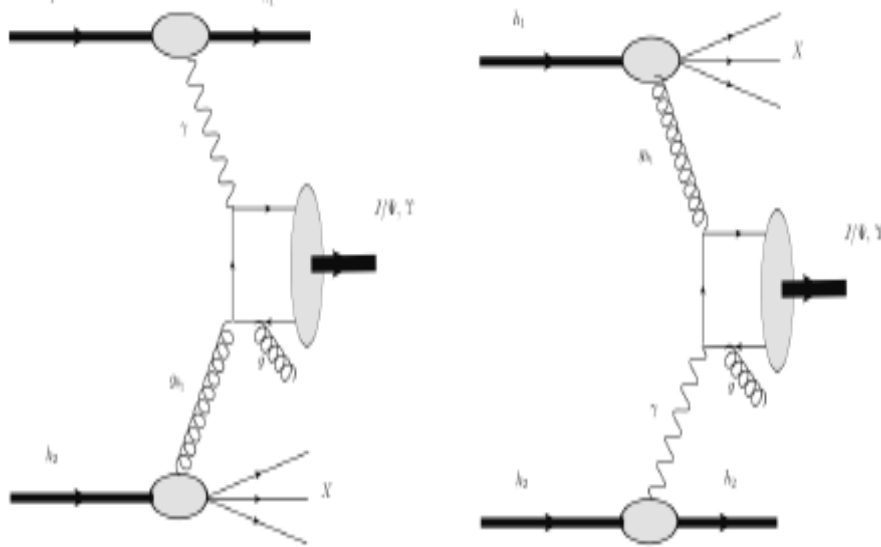


Fig. 4. Rapidity distribution for the  $J/\psi$  and  $\gamma$  production in coherent  $pp$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV (left panels) and 14 TeV (right panels) considering two different parametrizations for

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$J/\psi$	MRSTLO	CTEQ6L
$\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV	18.0 nb ( $1.8 \times 10^8$ )	13.0 nb ( $1.3 \times 10^8$ )
$\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV	25.0 nb ( $2.5 \times 10^8$ )	18.0 nb ( $1.8 \times 10^8$ )
$\gamma$	MRSTLO	CTEQ6L
$\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV	0.30 nb ( $30 \times 10^6$ )	0.21 nb ( $21 \times 10^6$ )
$\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV	0.47 nb ( $47 \times 10^6$ )	0.33 nb ( $33 \times 10^6$ )

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