ATLAS AFP: Status and Prospects

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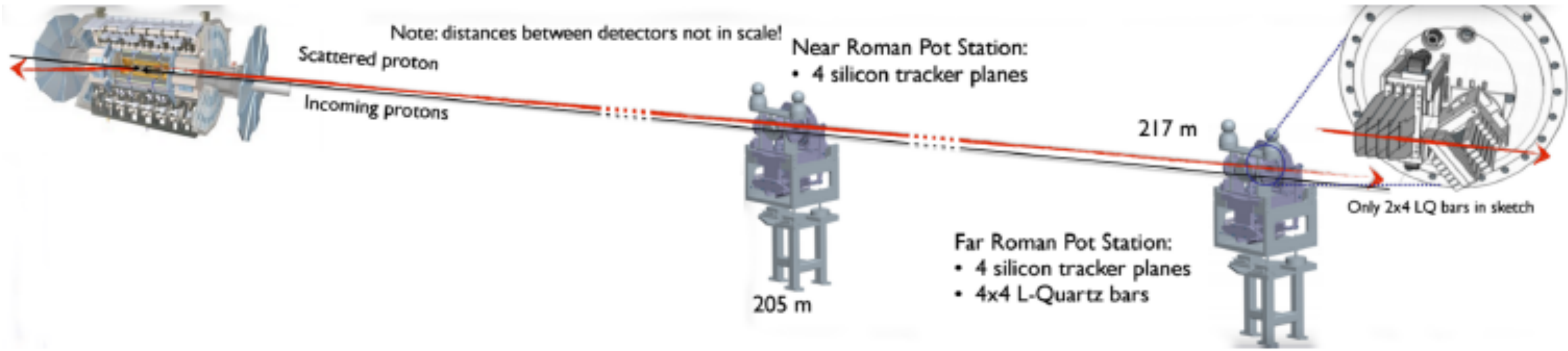
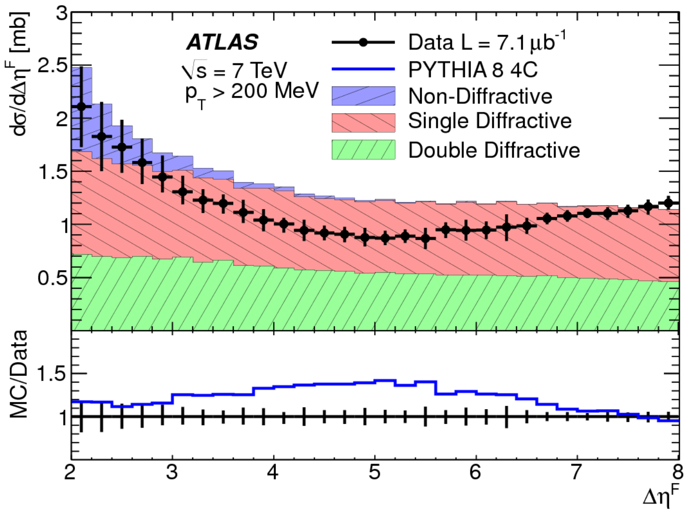
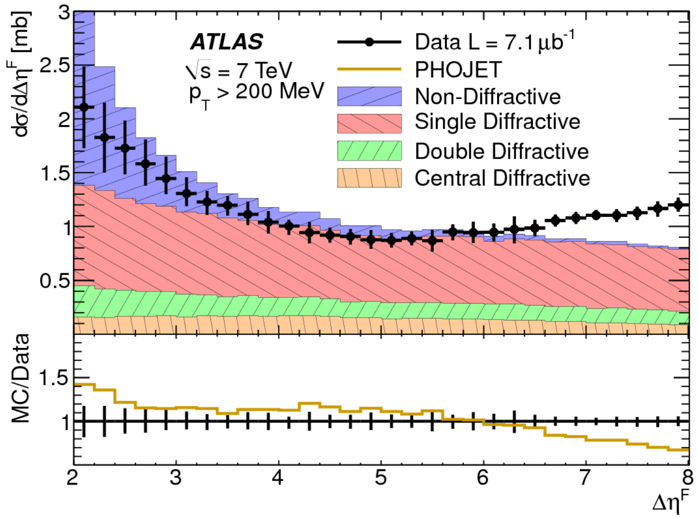


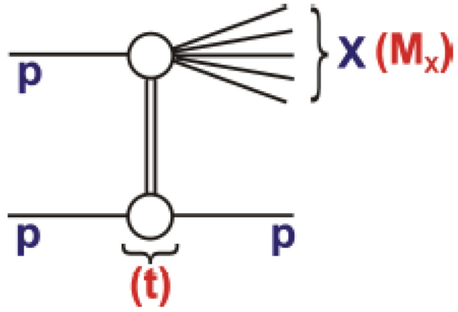
ATLAS Diffractive Rapidity Gap Results

Existing ATLAS data dogged by lack of proton tagging …

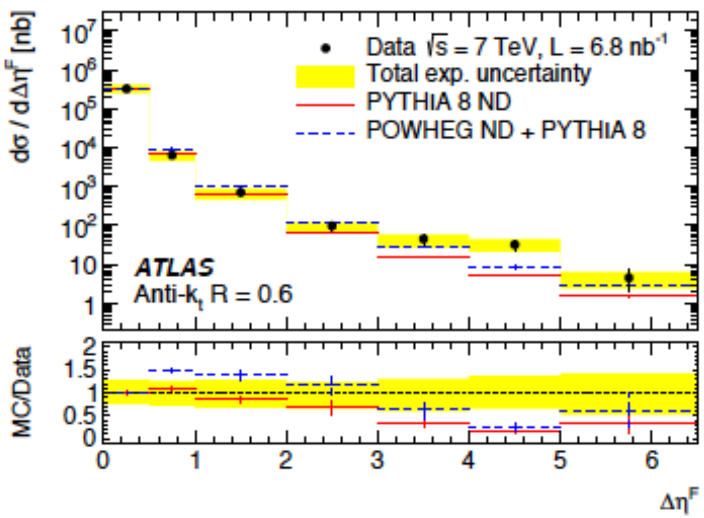
Inclusive single diffractive dissociation: DD, ND contributions?

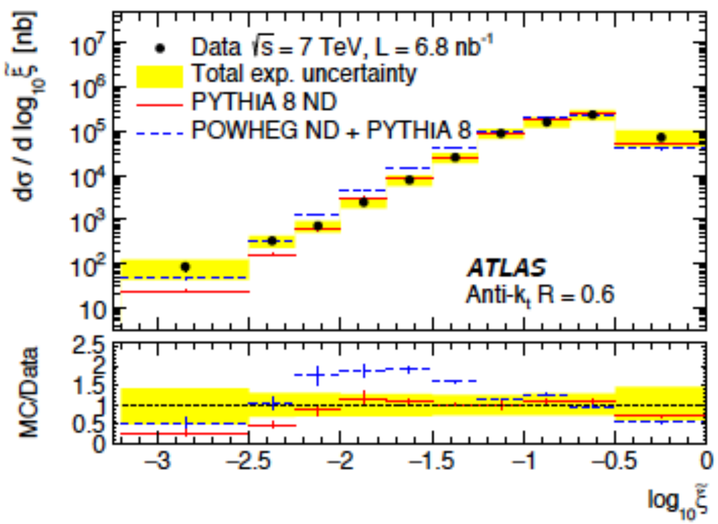


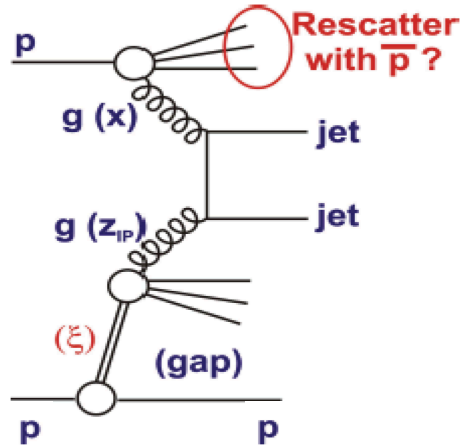




Single diffractive dijets: Signal barely visible above ND



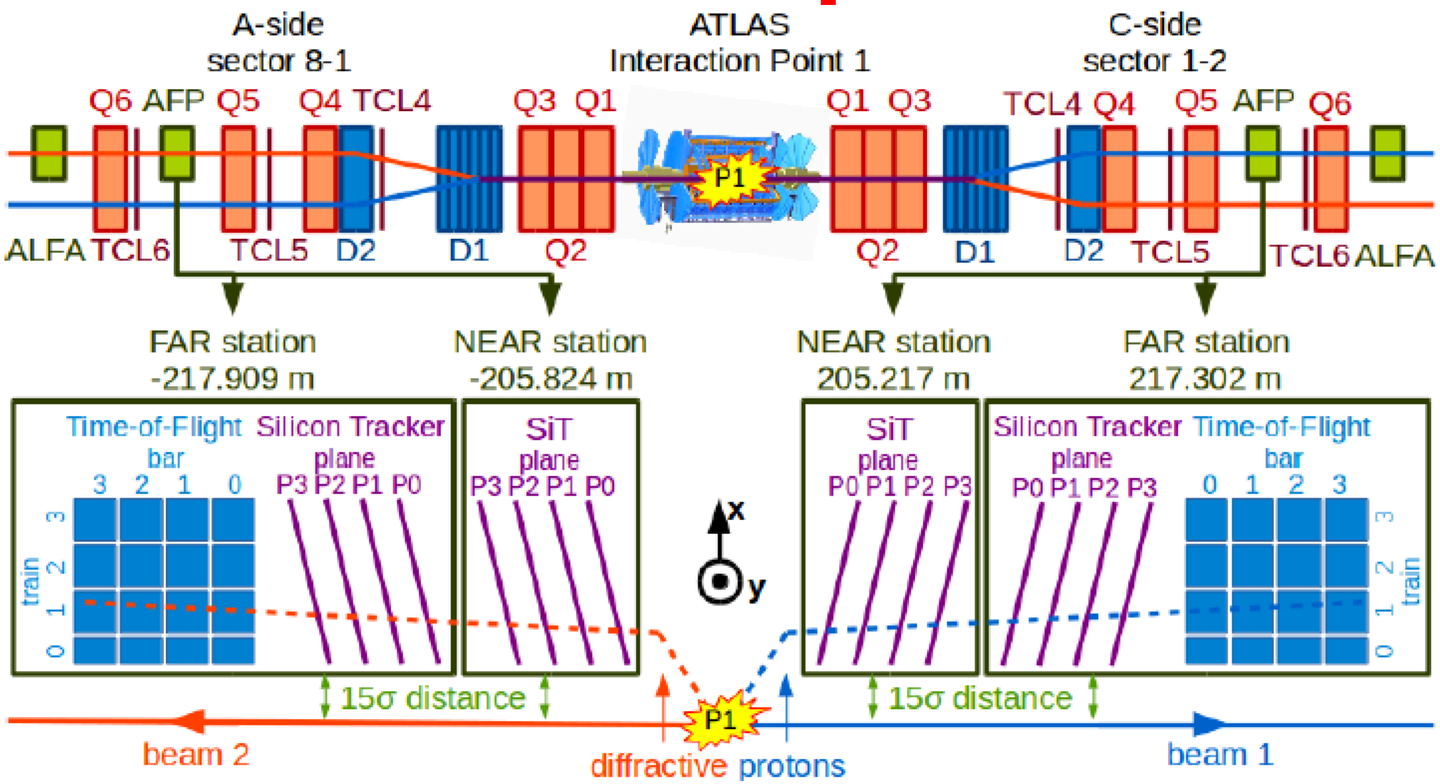




Proton Spectrometers in ATLAS

ALFA: pairs of Roman pots housing non-rad-hard scintillating fibres. Vertical approach to beam → σ_{tot}, soft diffraction

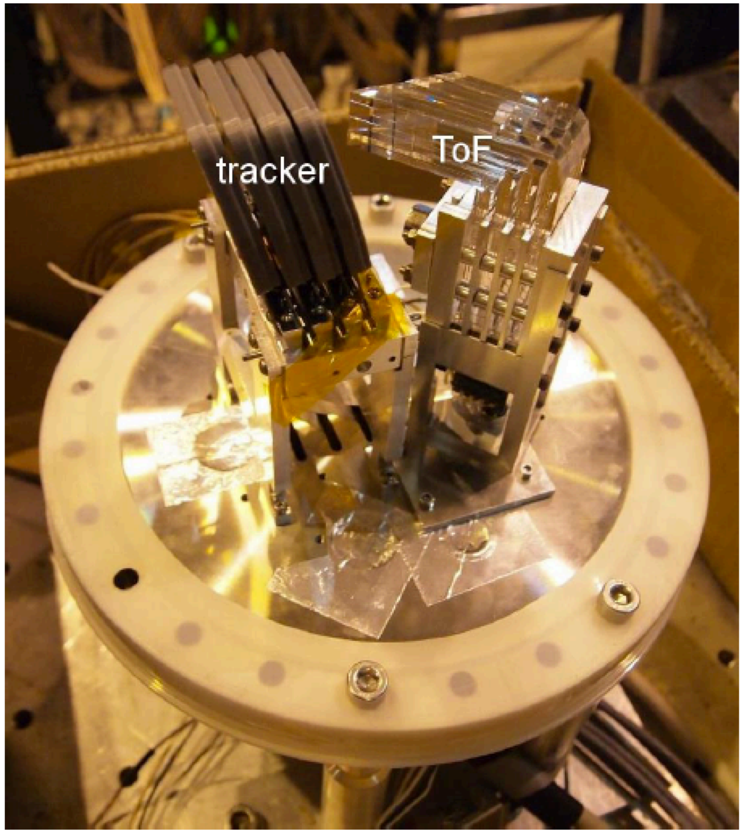
[See Per Grafstrom on Friday]



AFP: pairs of Roman pots with silicon precision spatial detectors & Cerenkov time-of-flight detectors to suppress pile-up (vertex constraint). Horizontal approach to beam → high lumi physics

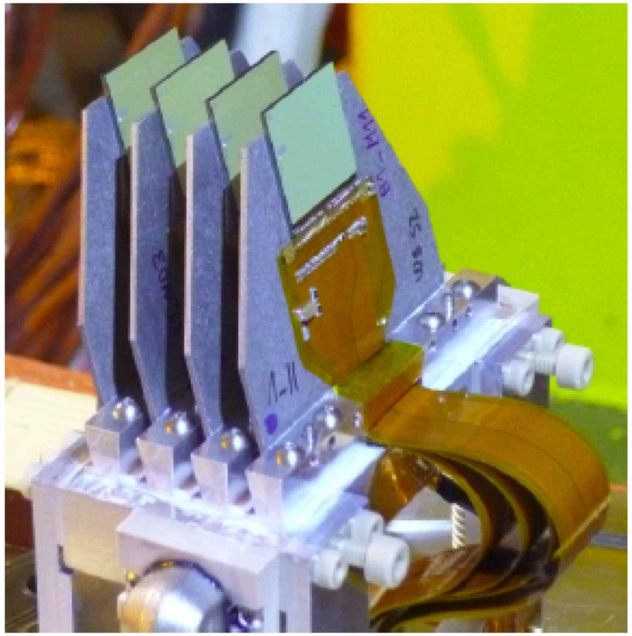
- Phase 1 (2016) single side
- Phase 2 (2017-) double sided

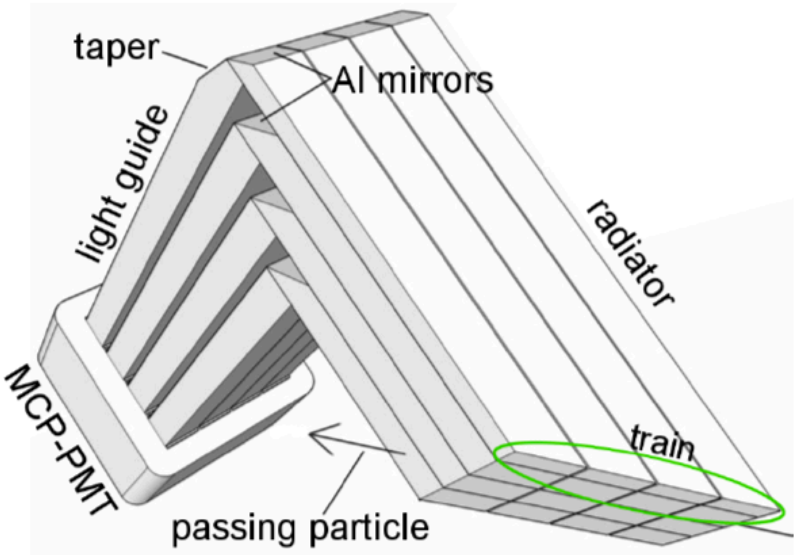
AFP Detectors



Tracking: four slim-edge 3D pixel sensor planes per station (IBL)
- Pixel sizes 50x250 μm
- 14° tilt improves x resolution (hence ξ)
  → δx = 6 μm, δy = 30 μm
- Trigger capability

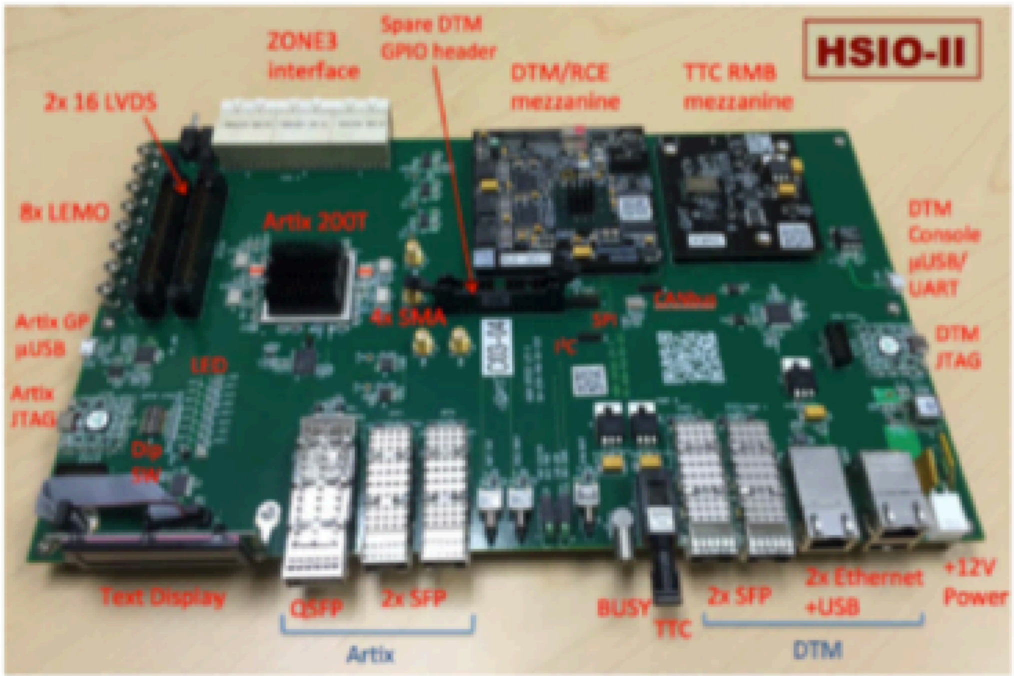
Timing: 4x4 quartz bars at Cerenkov angle to beam. Light detected in PMTs
  → expected resolution 25ps

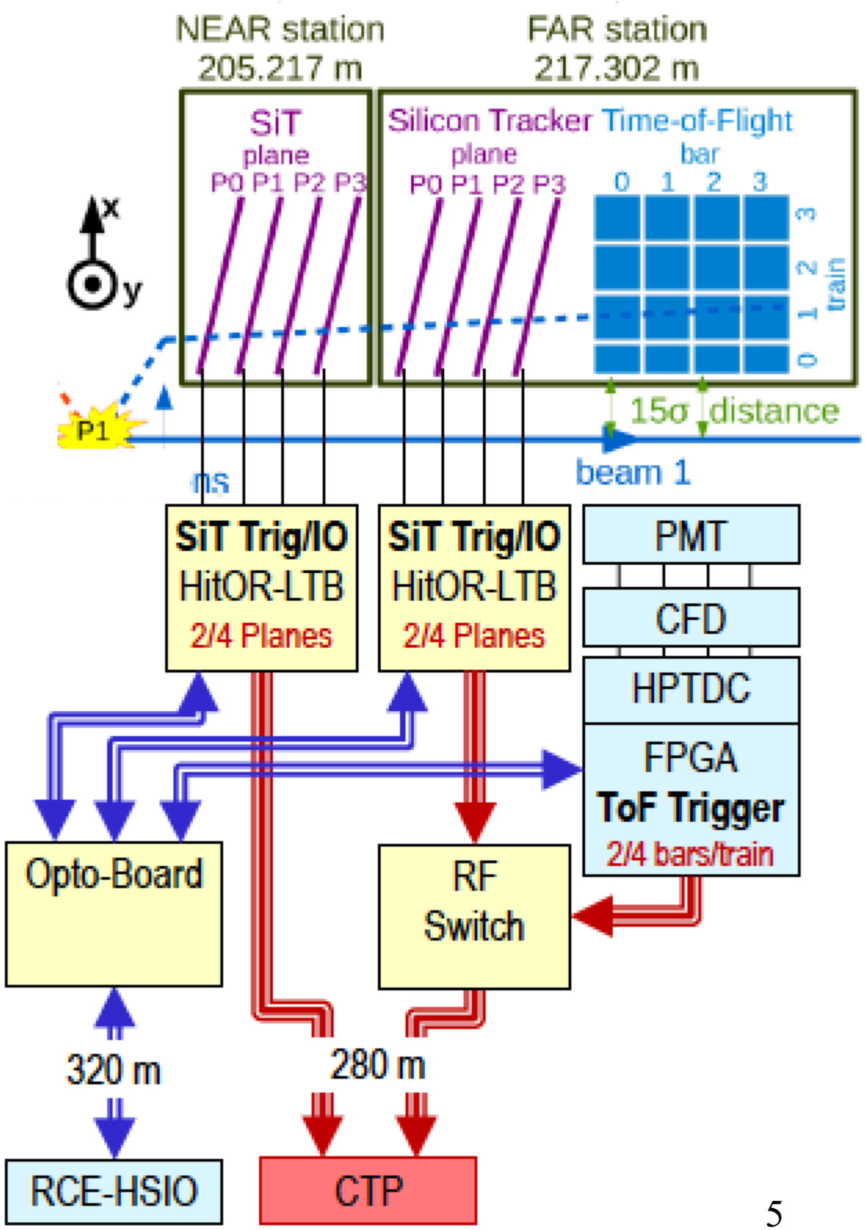




Trigger and Data Acquisition

AFP fully integrated into ATLAS TDAQ system and able to deliver first level triggers within the 85 bunch crossing latency (fast air-core cables) according to field-programmable criteria.



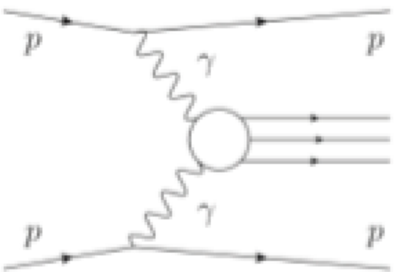


Acceptance

- Spectroscopic effect of beam optics gives dispersion in ξ and t.

- Excellent ξ resolution, via x

… translates into excellent mass resolution on exclusively produced states.



$$m = \sqrt{s\xi_1\xi_2}$$

Beautifully illustrated in the following [with thanks to Maciej Trzebinski]

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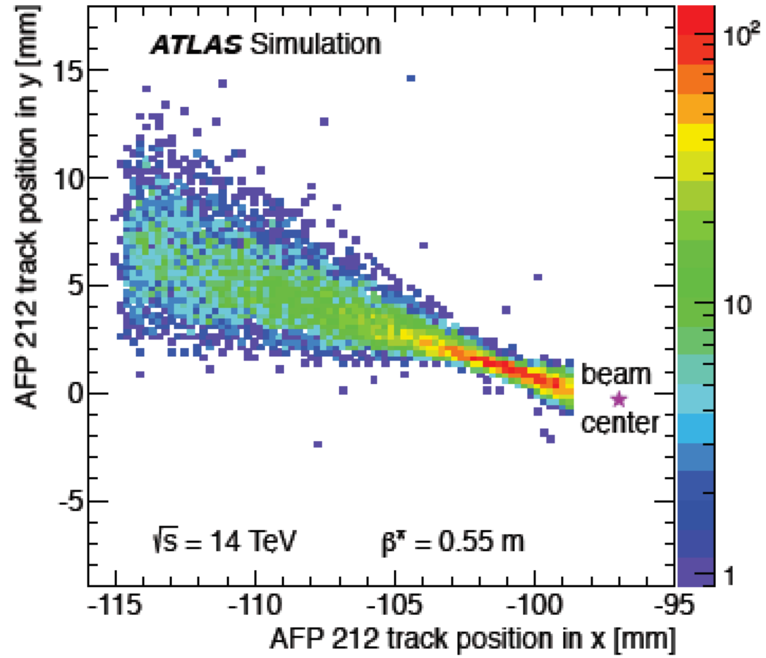

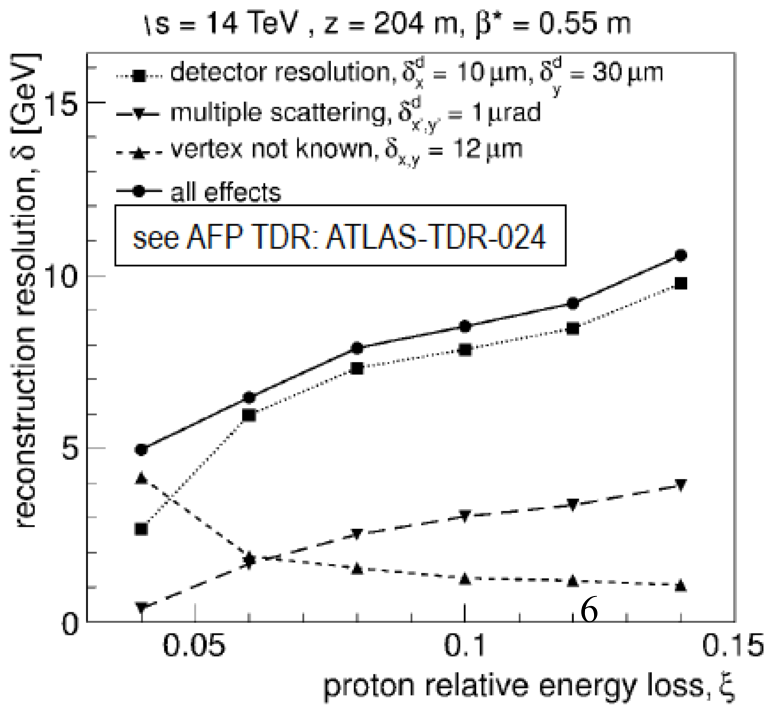

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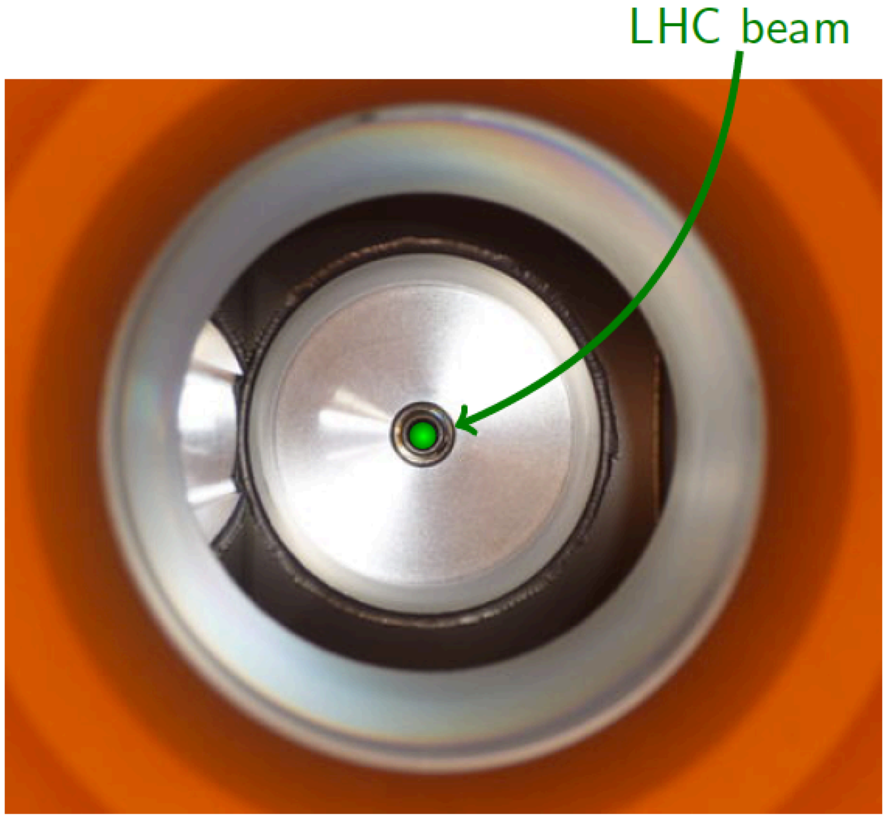

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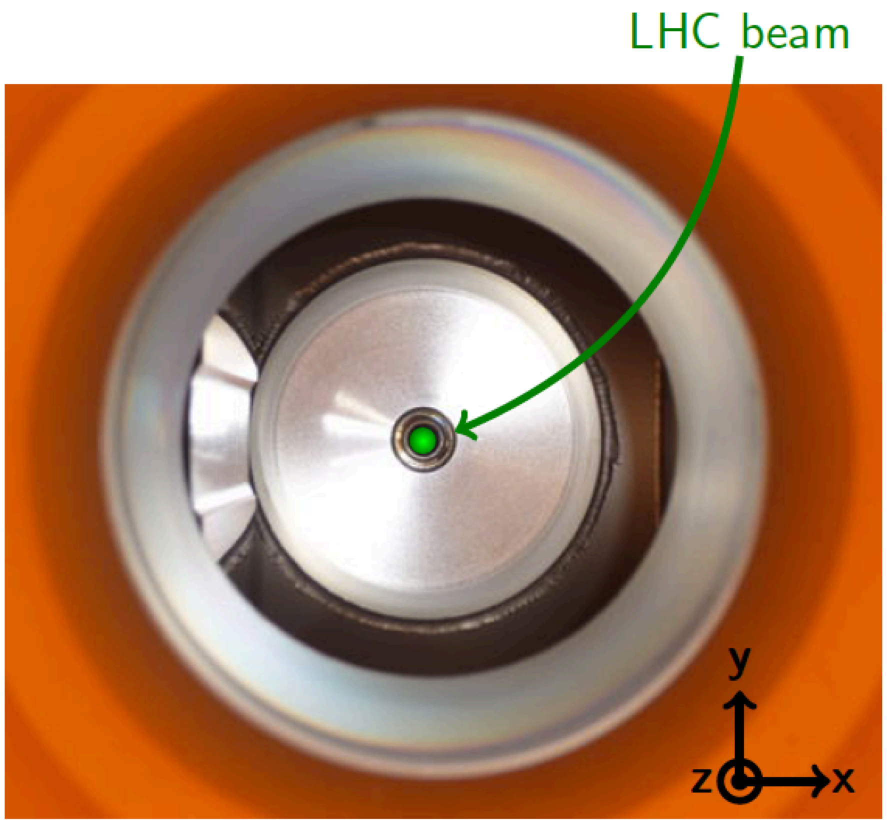

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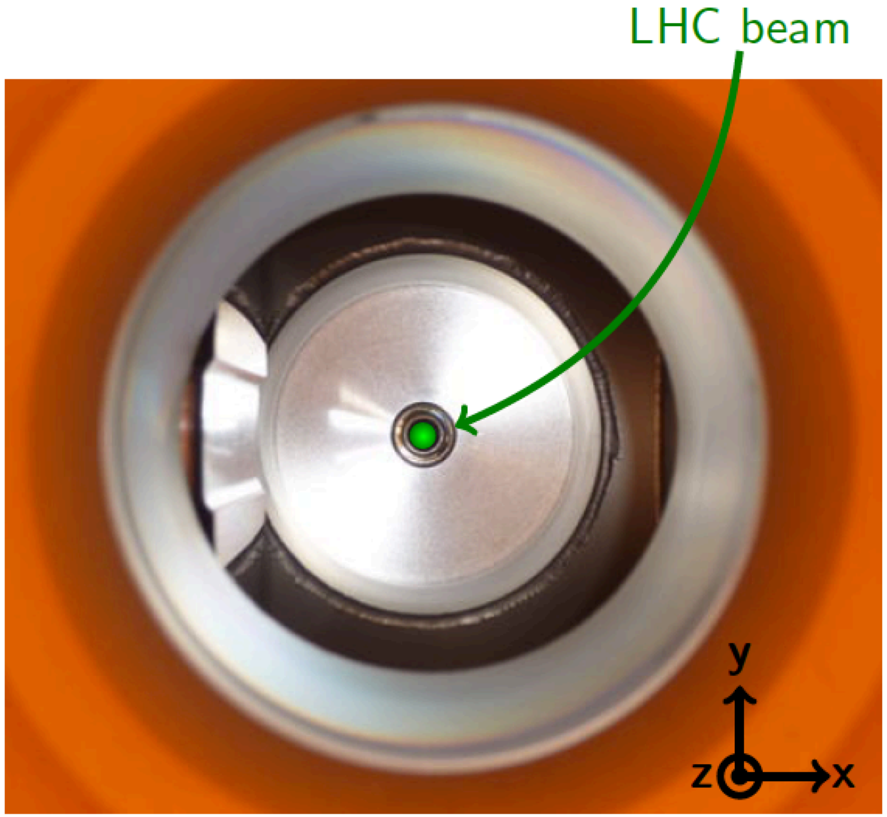

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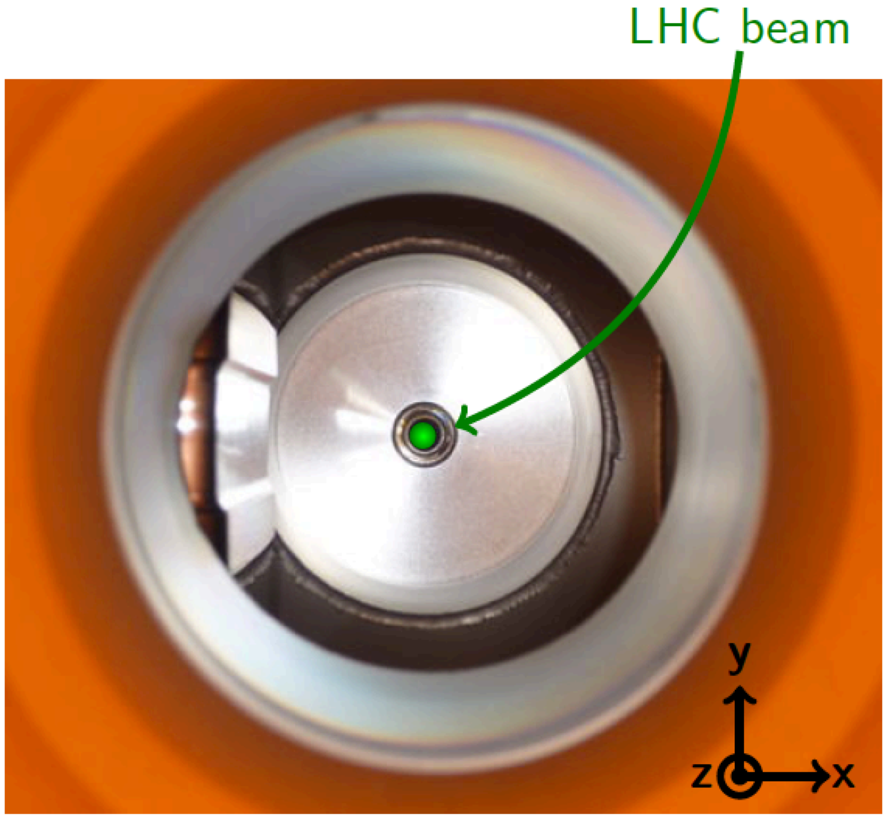

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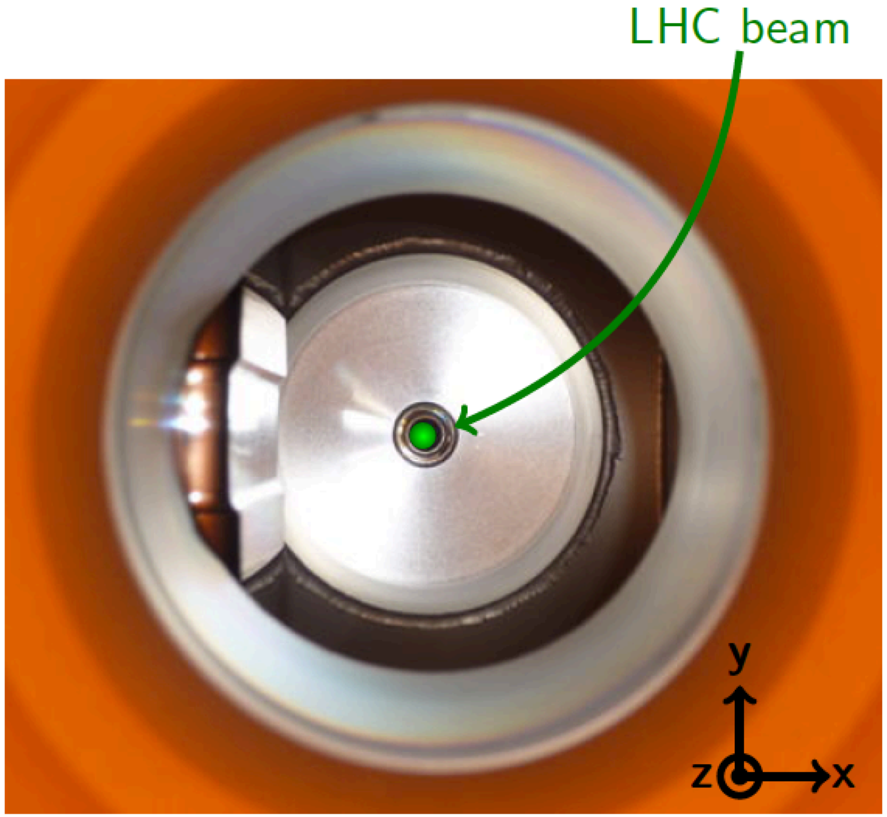

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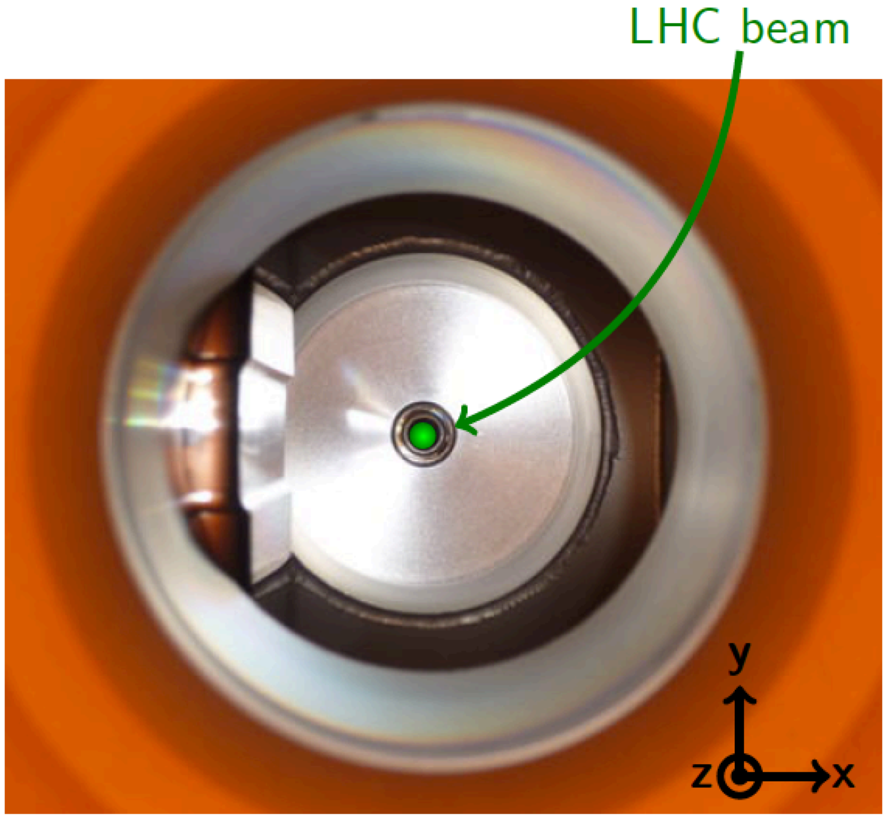

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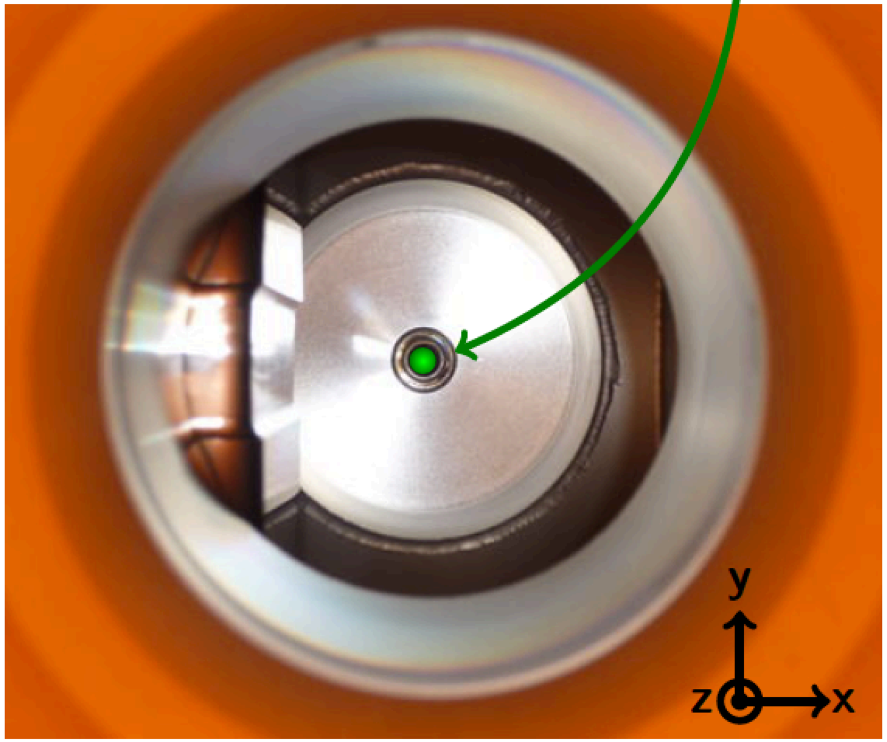

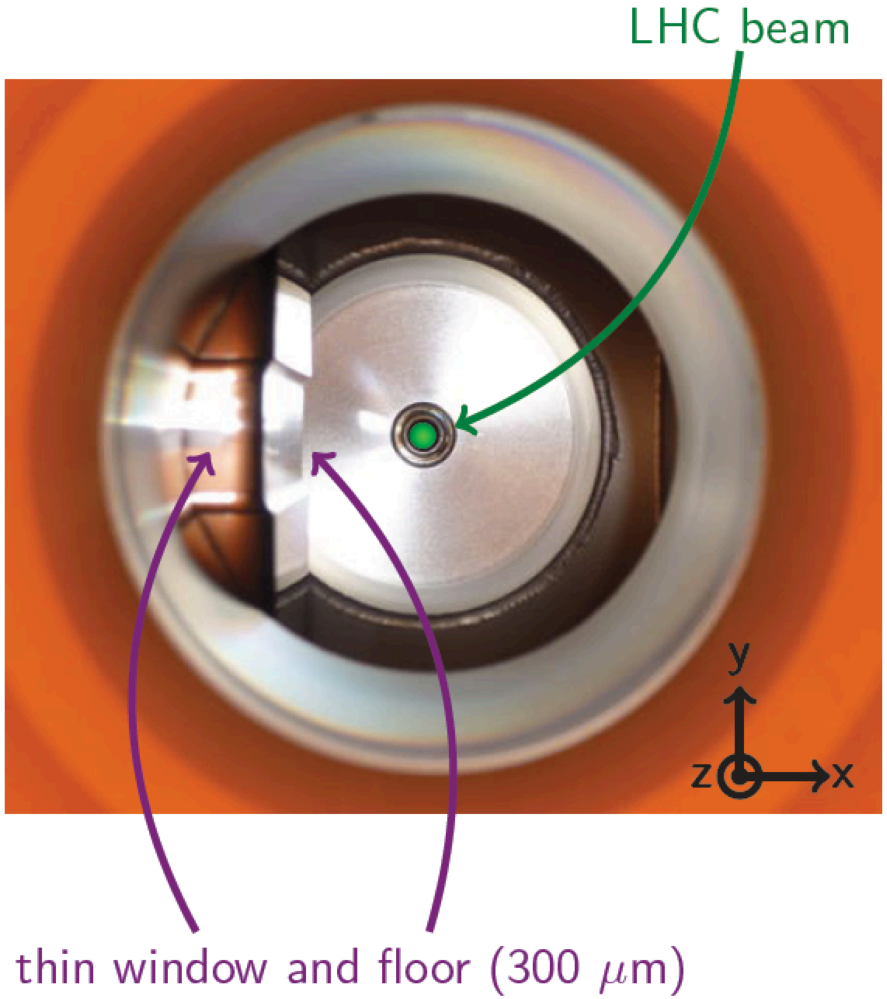
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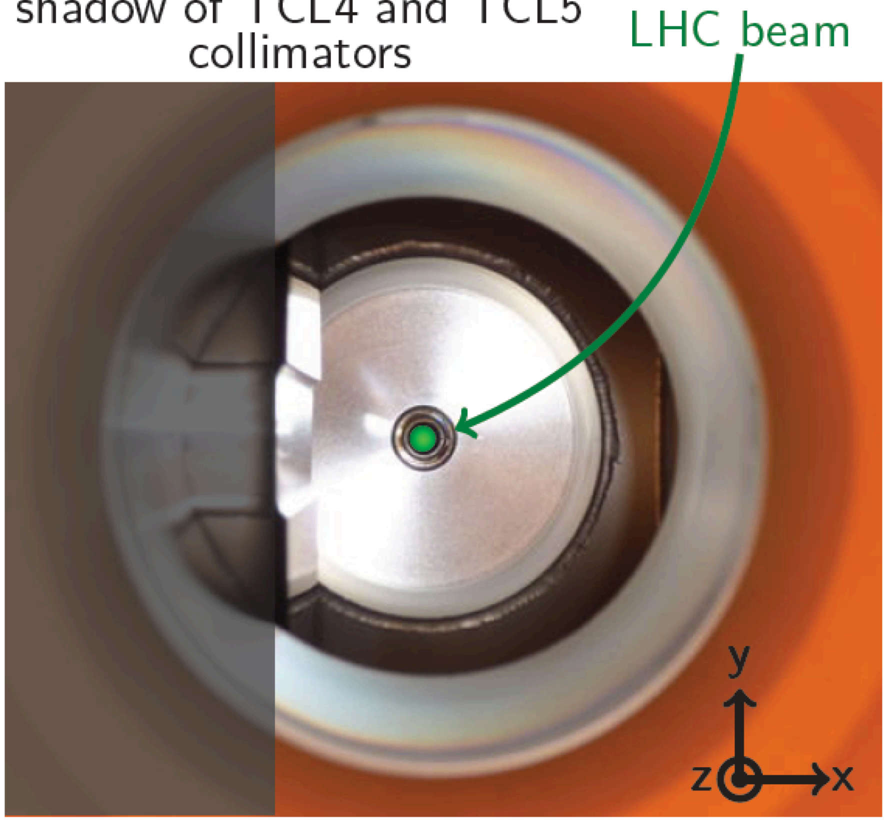

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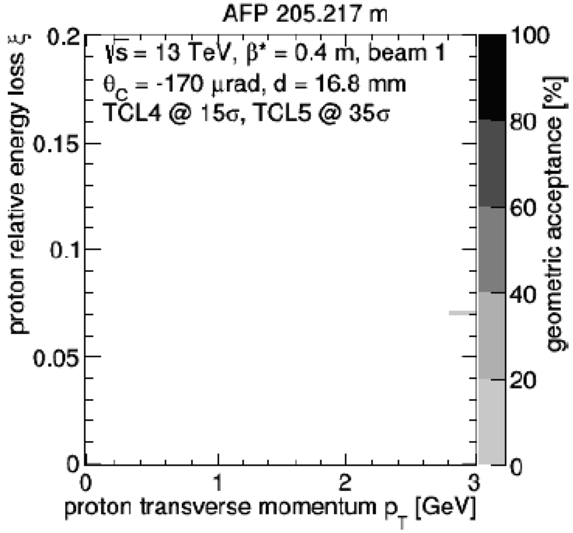

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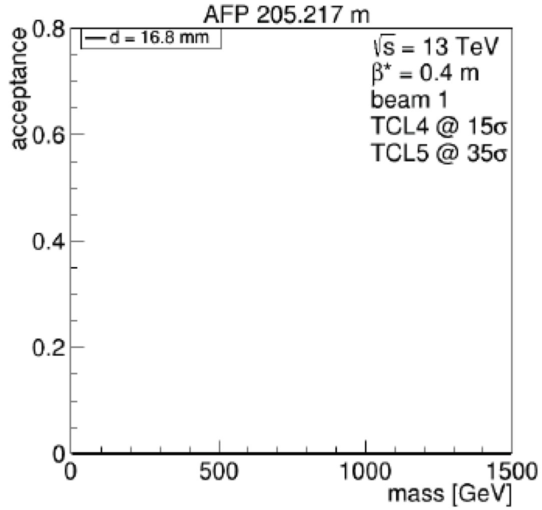

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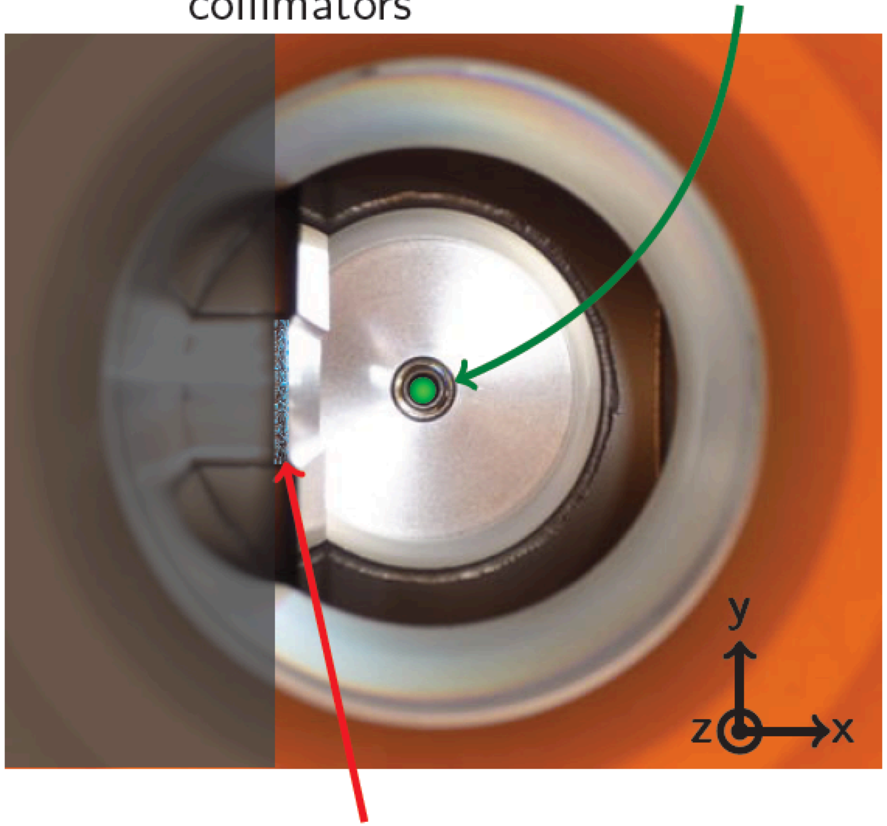

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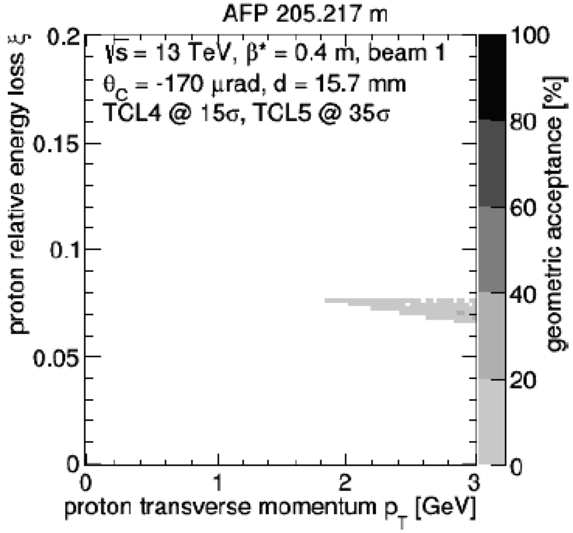

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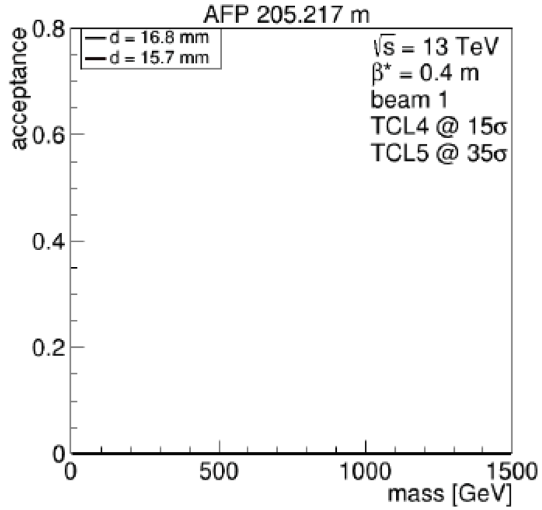

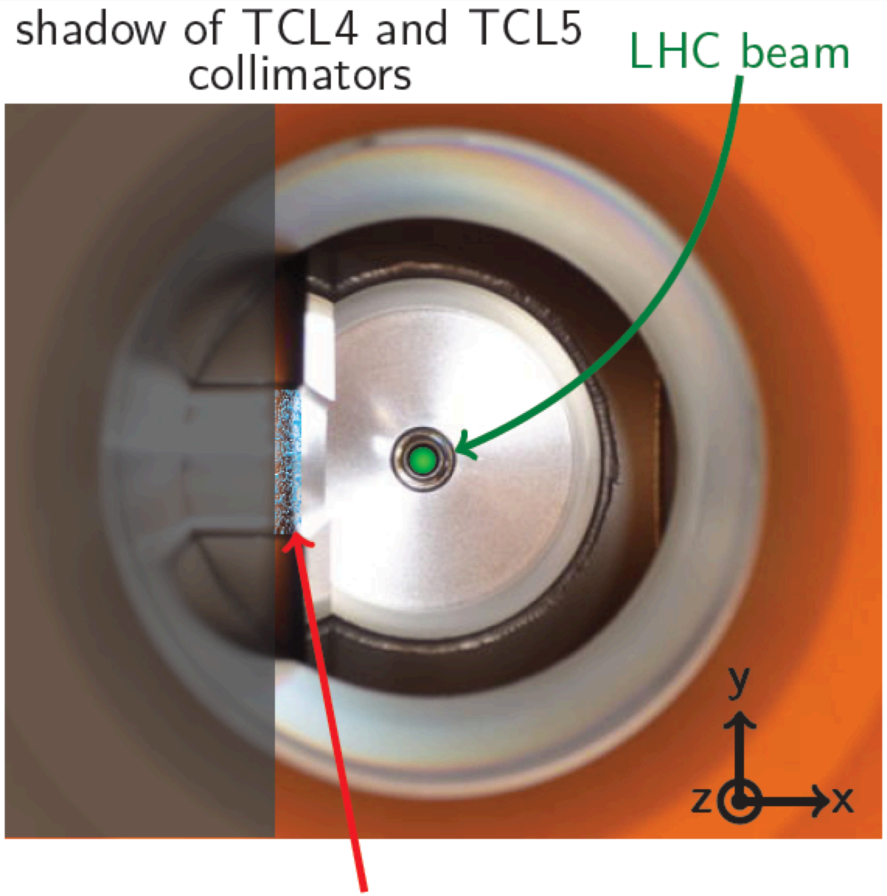

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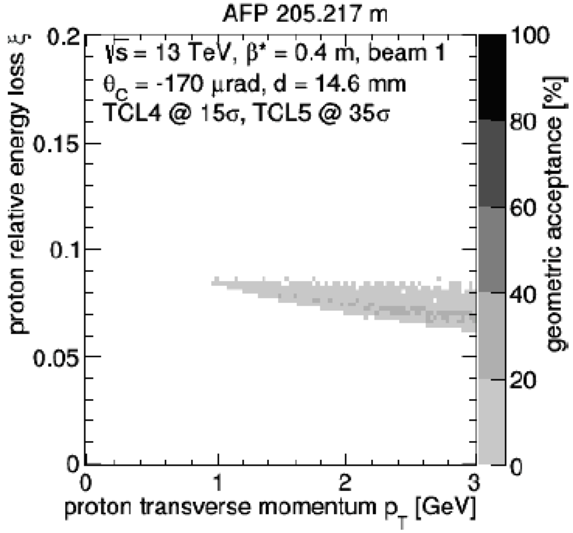

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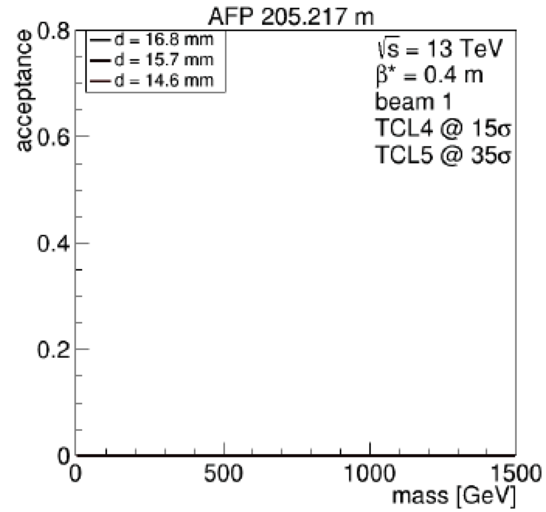

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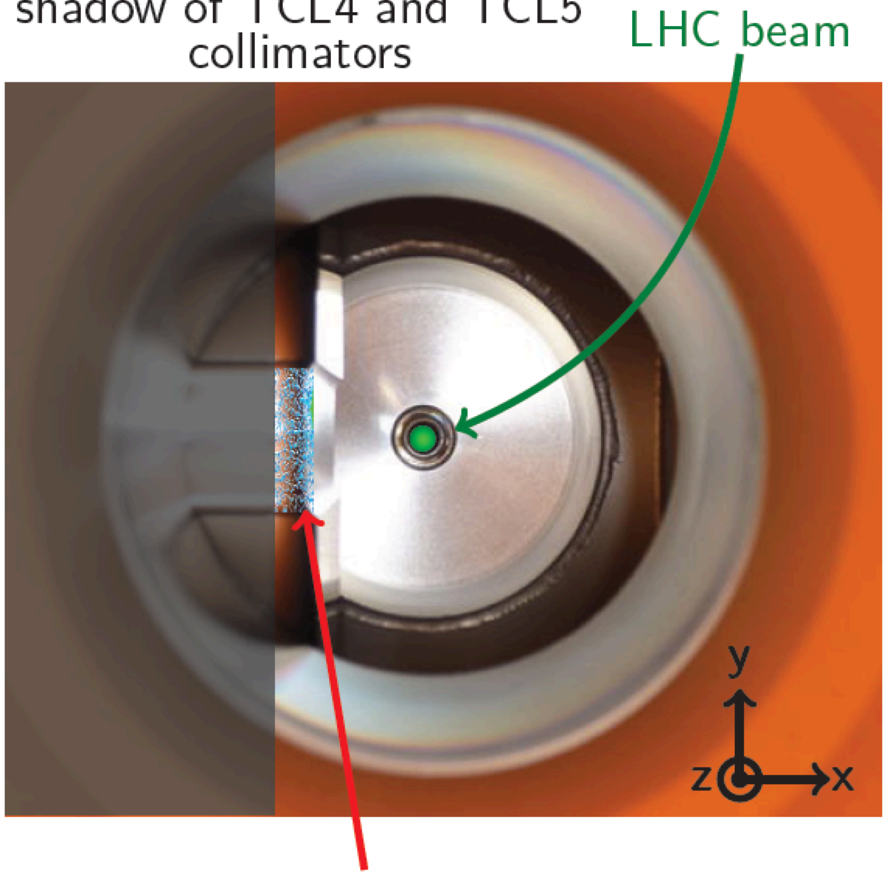

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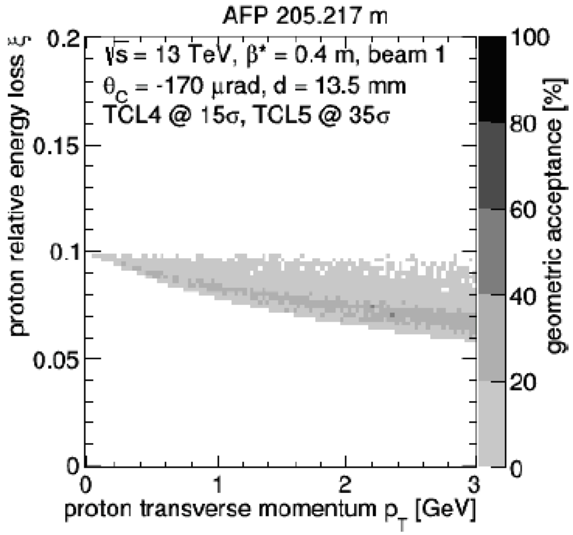

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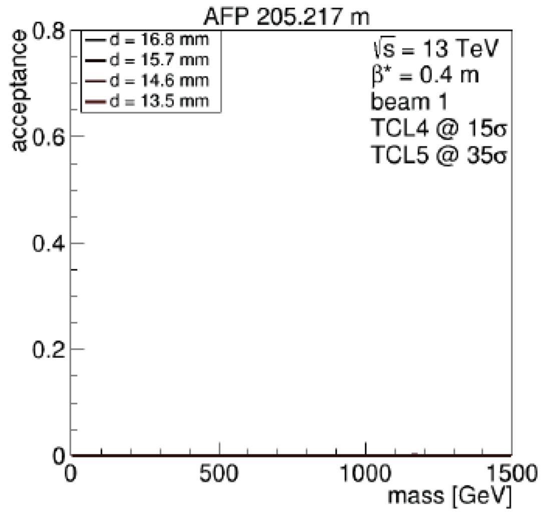

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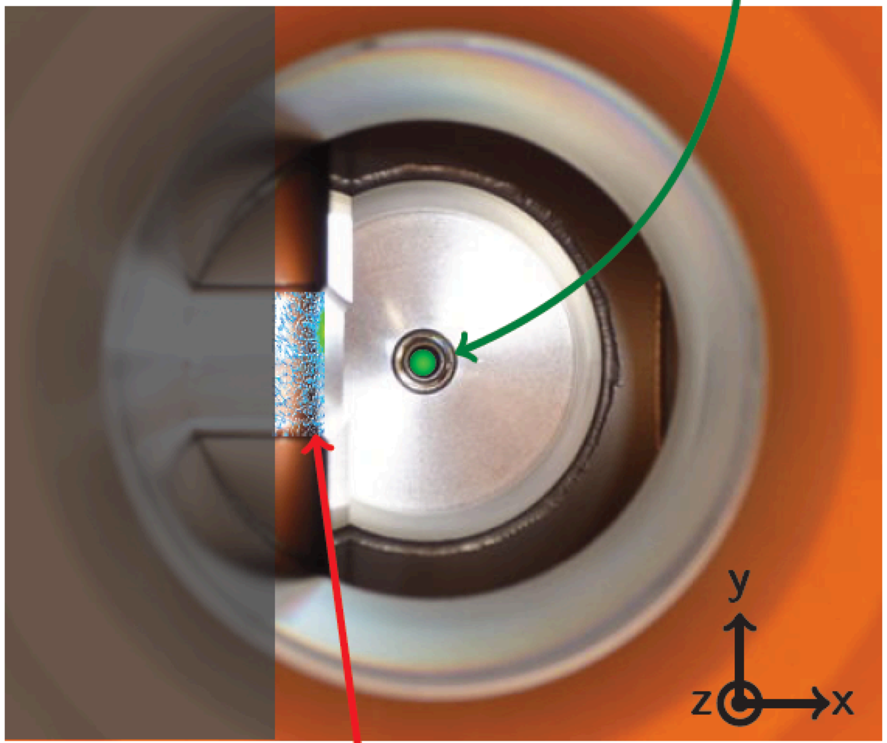

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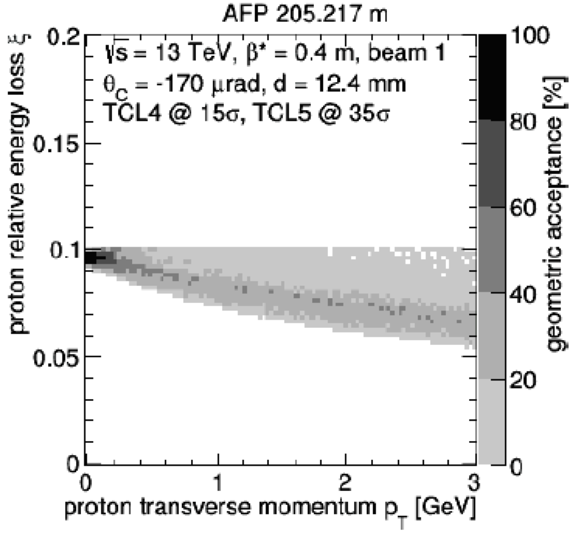

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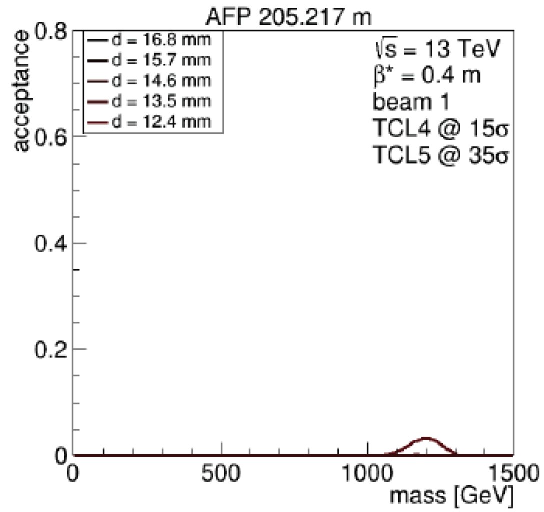

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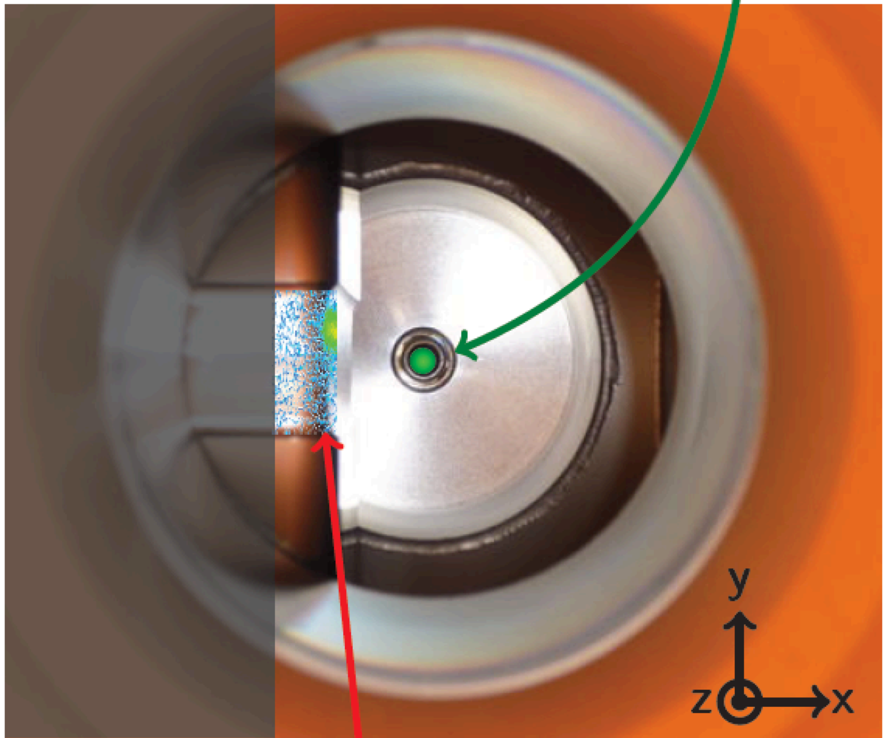

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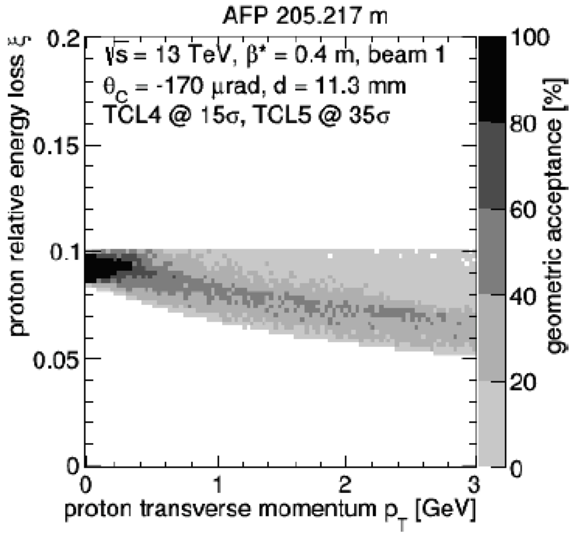

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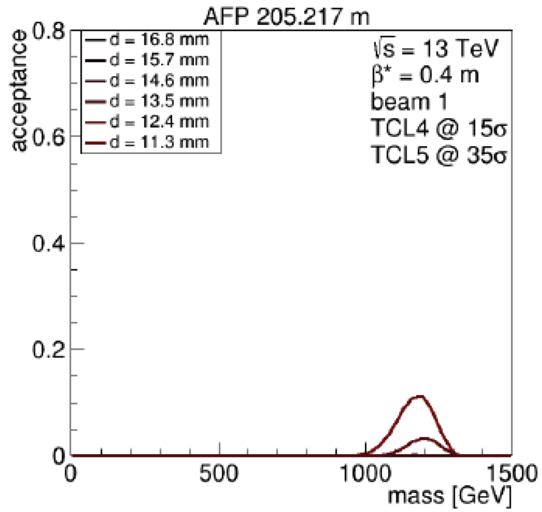

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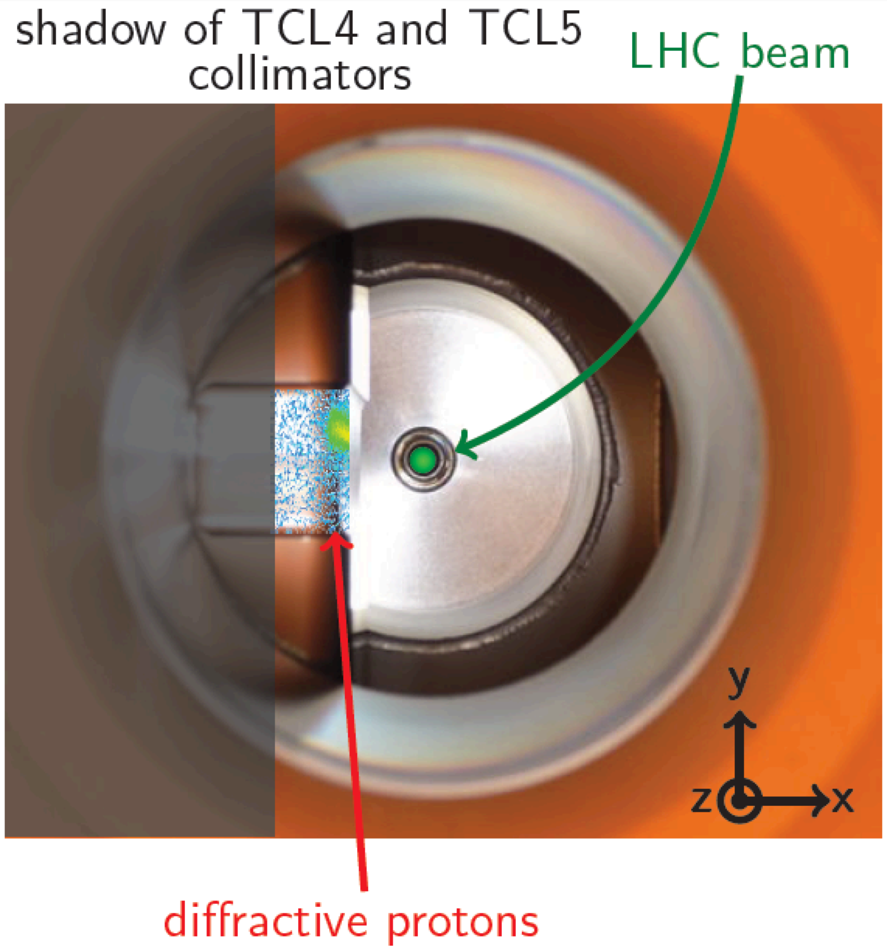

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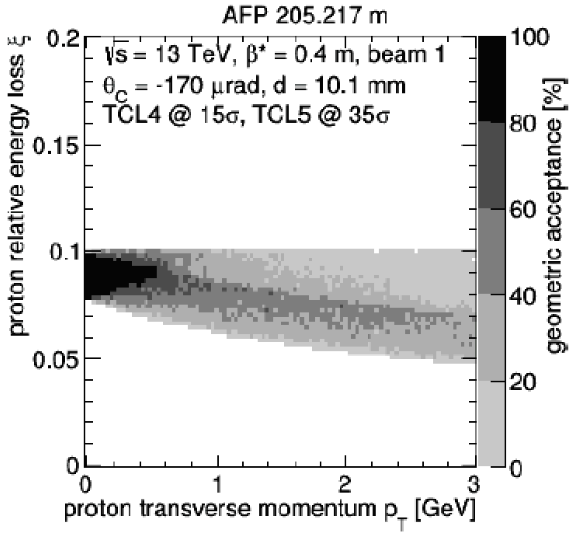

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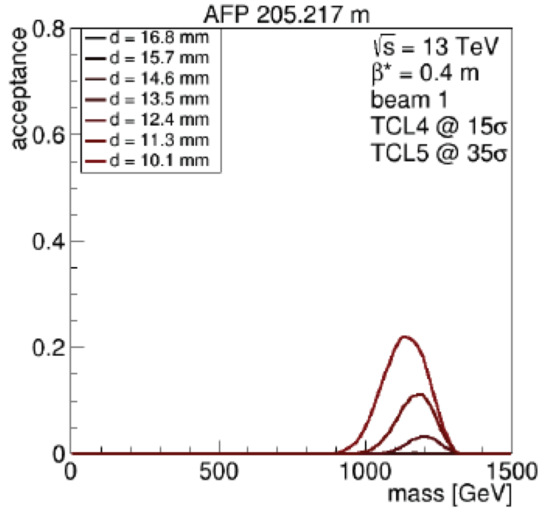

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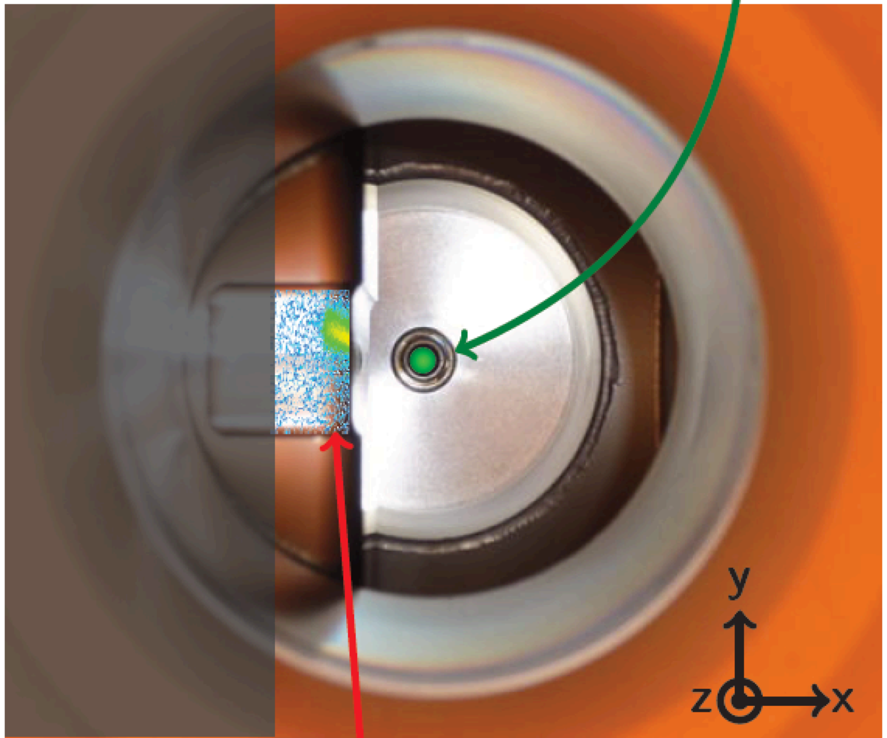

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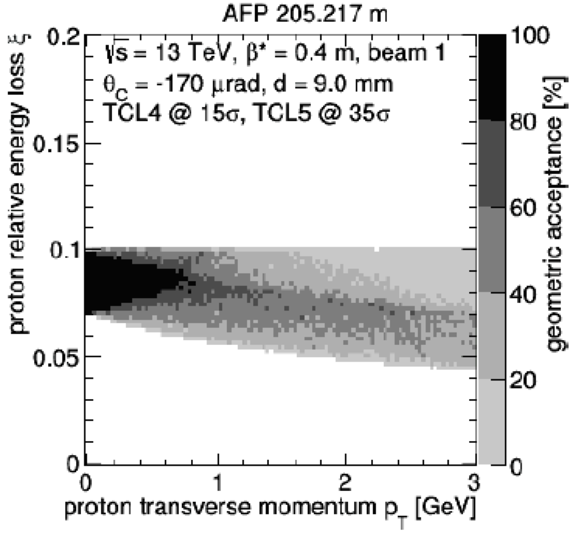

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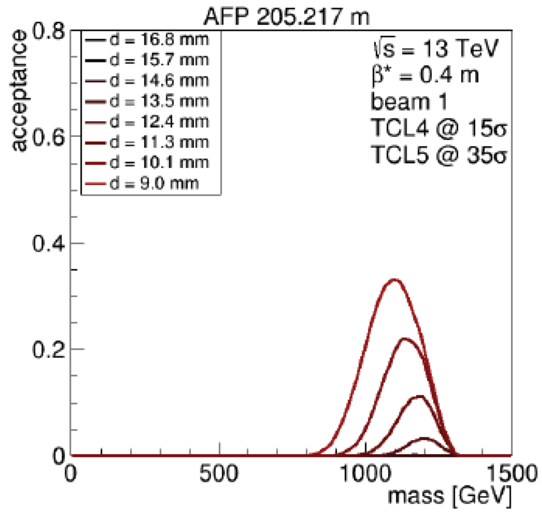

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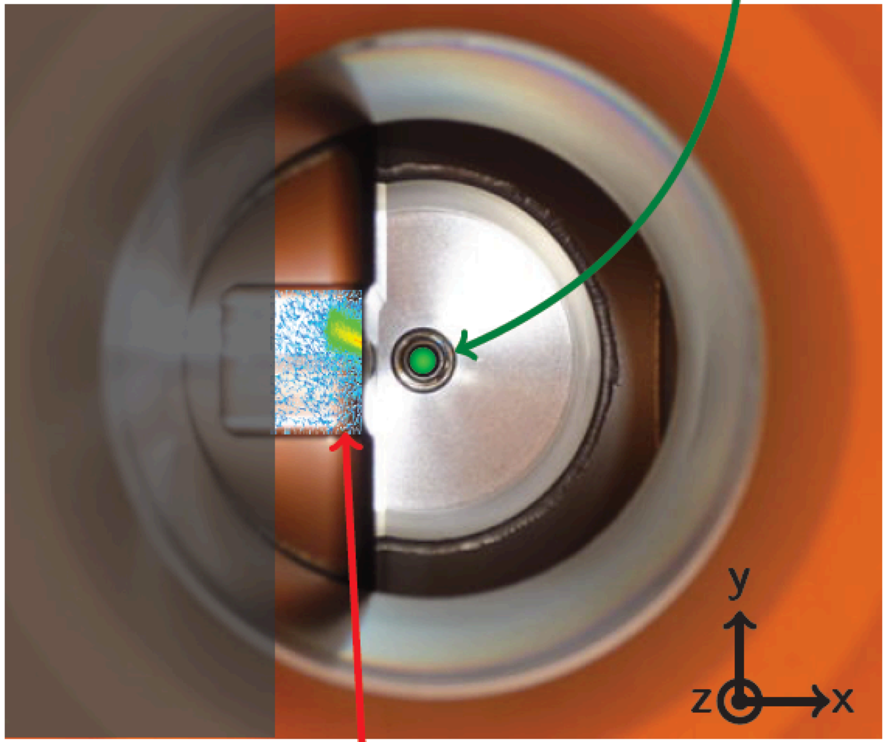

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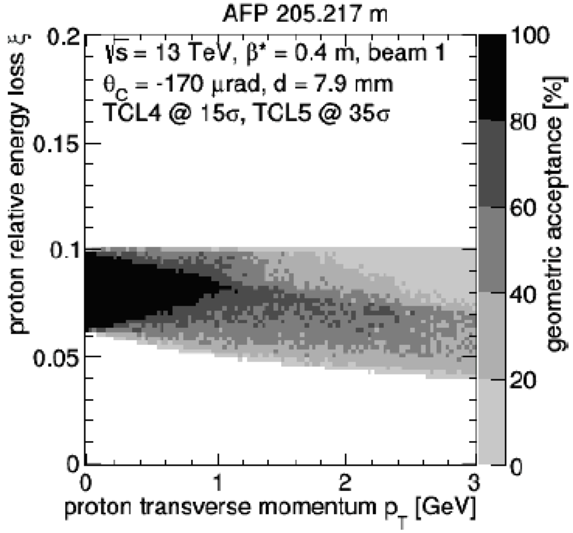

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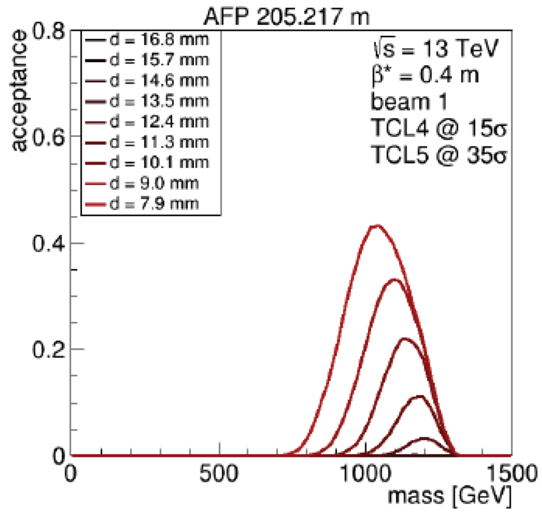

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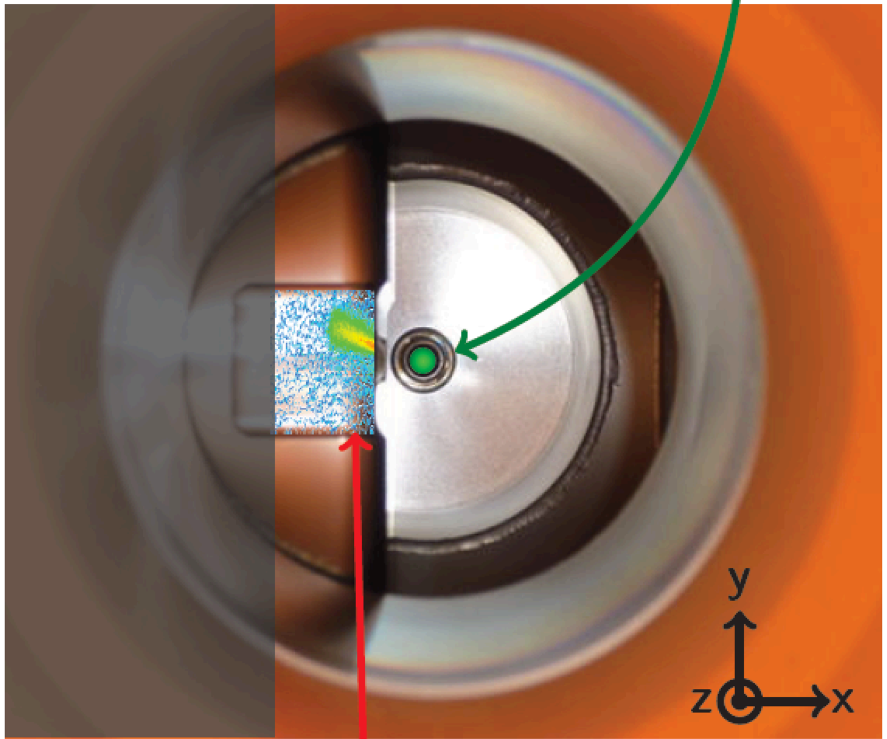

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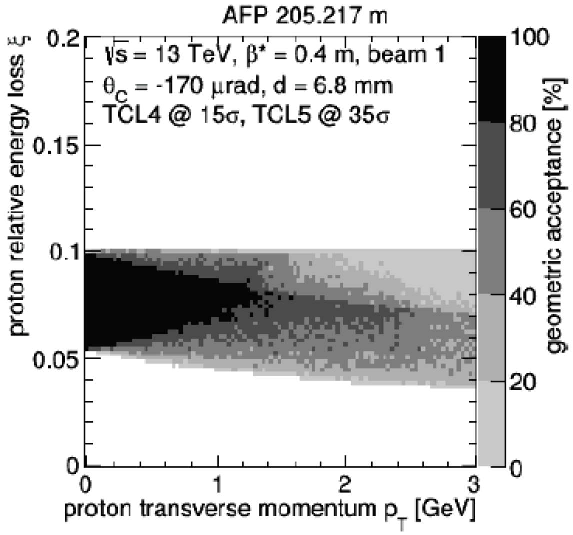

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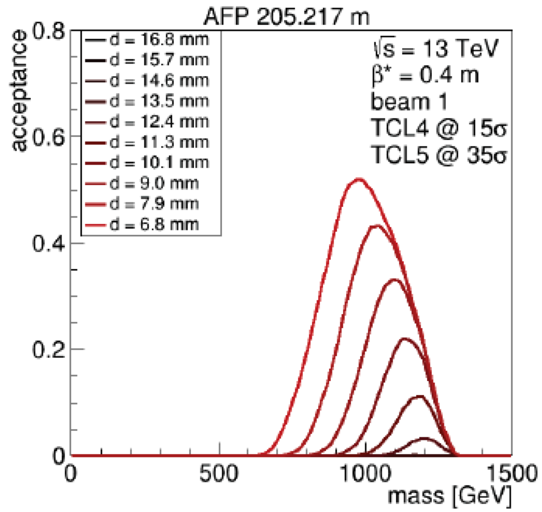

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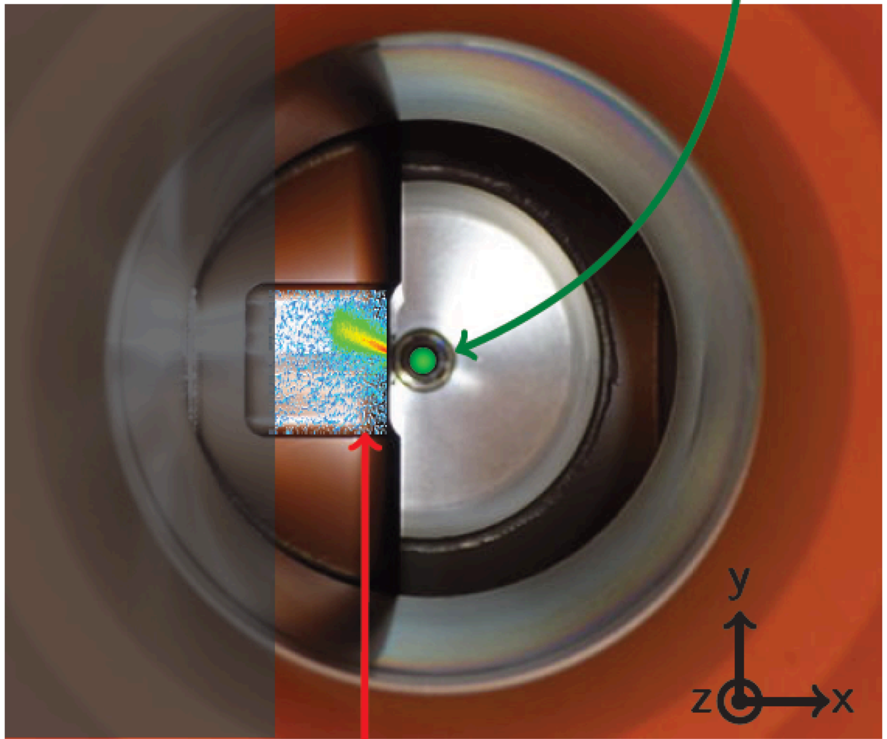

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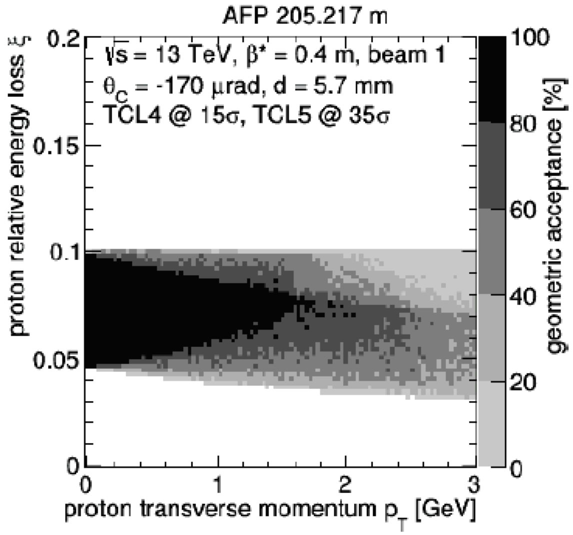

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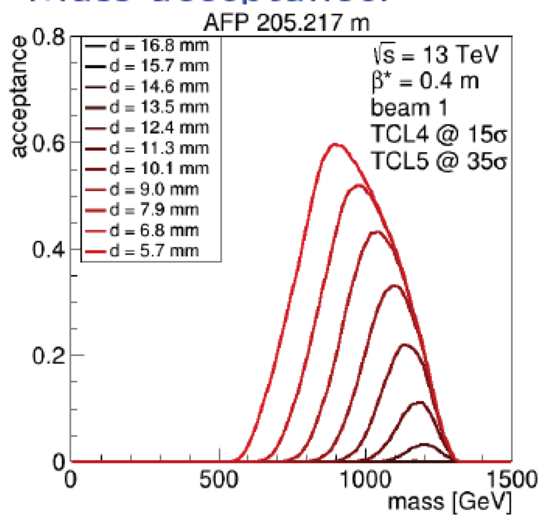

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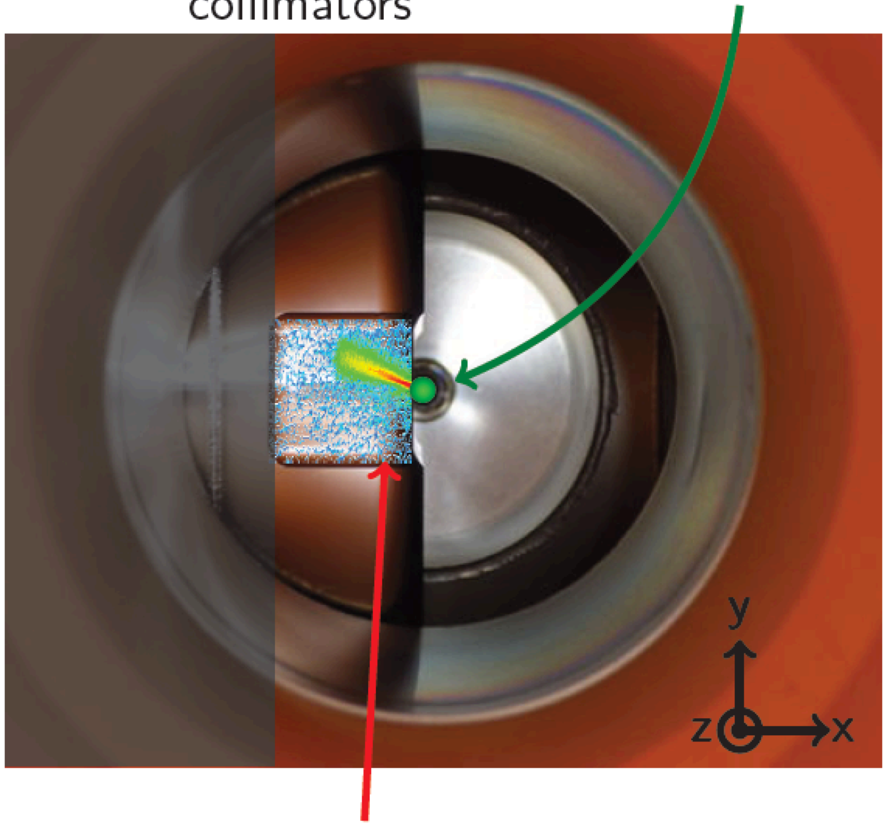

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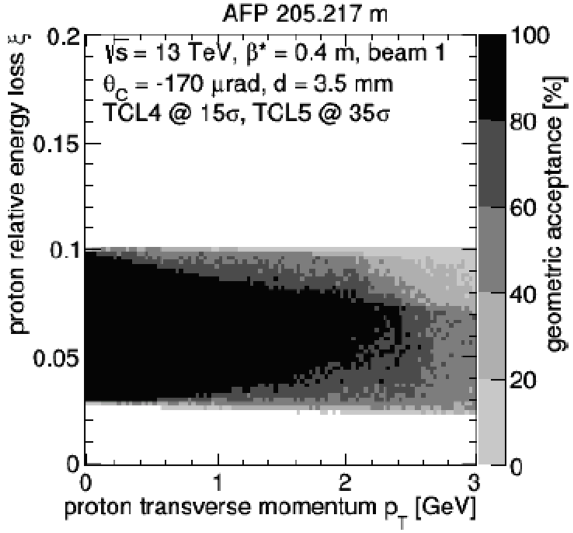

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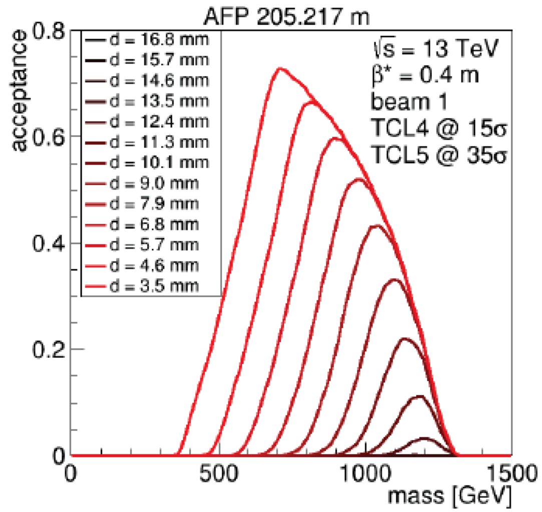
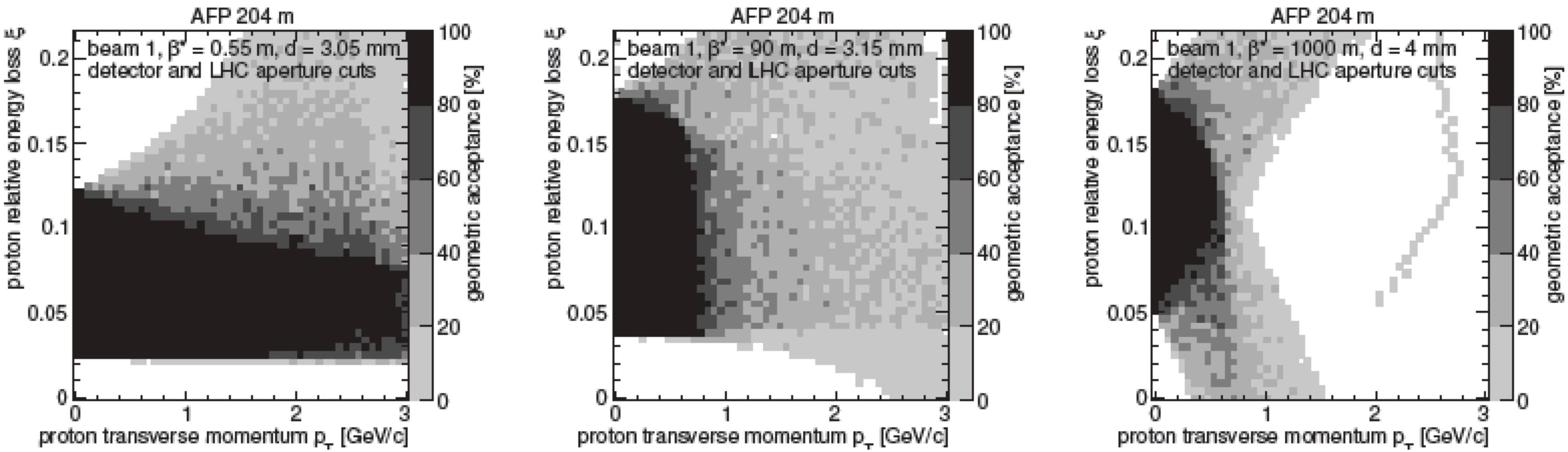


Acceptance for Different Beam Set-ups

Acceptance is a strong function of beam conditions
By increasing β*, change acceptance, reduced luminosity, but can approach closer to the beam
(Collimator restriction at large ξ not shown)



$\beta^* = 0.55$ m
nominal (*collision*)
distance: 15σ

$\beta^* = 90$ m
special (*high*-β^*)
distance: 5σ

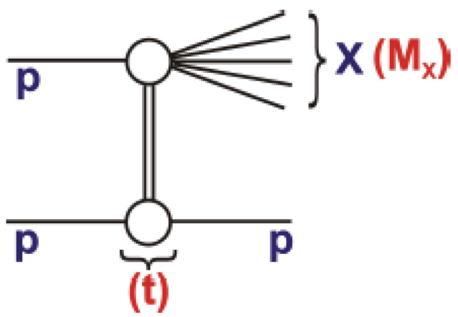
$\beta^* = 1000$ m
special (*high*-β^*)
distance: 5σ

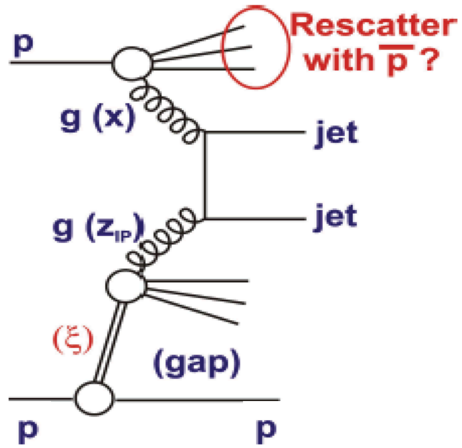
Special runs at high , low lumi have little / no pile-up and easier trigger conditions

AFP Physics Programme 1 - Special Runs

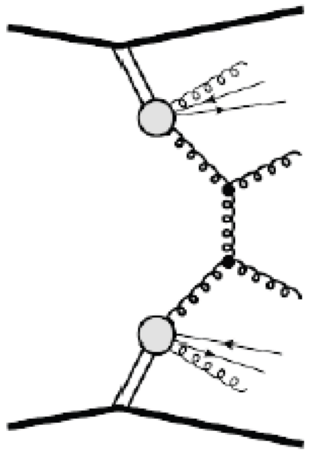
→ Soft phenomenology → Diffractive PDFs → Gap survival

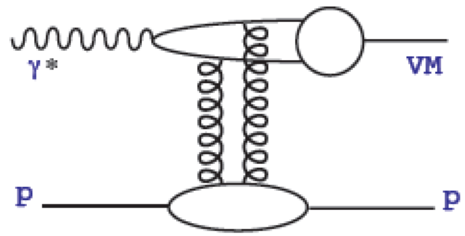
Single Tags: Single diffractive dissociation





Double Tags: Inclusive central production and low mass exclusive production





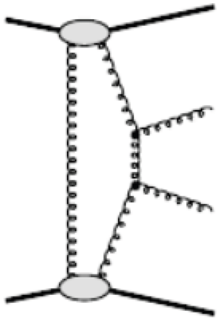
- Inclusive differential cross sections
- Particle flow and spectra, event shapes
- Resonance searches (eg glueballs)
- Hard scattering with jets, heavy flavour, W, Z signatures
- Ultra-peripheral collisions → diffractive photoproduction
- Heavy ion physics (p in pA, nuclear fragments in AA)

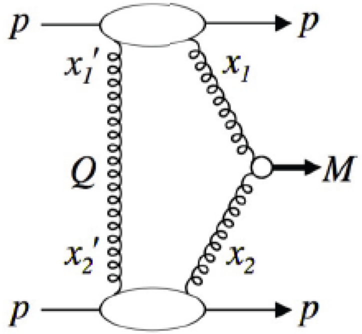
AFP Physics Programme 2 - Nominal Runs

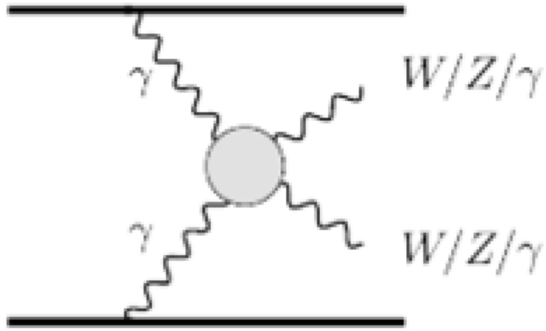
→ Uncharted QCD territory

→ Rare and exotic EW physics

→ Searches for New Physics

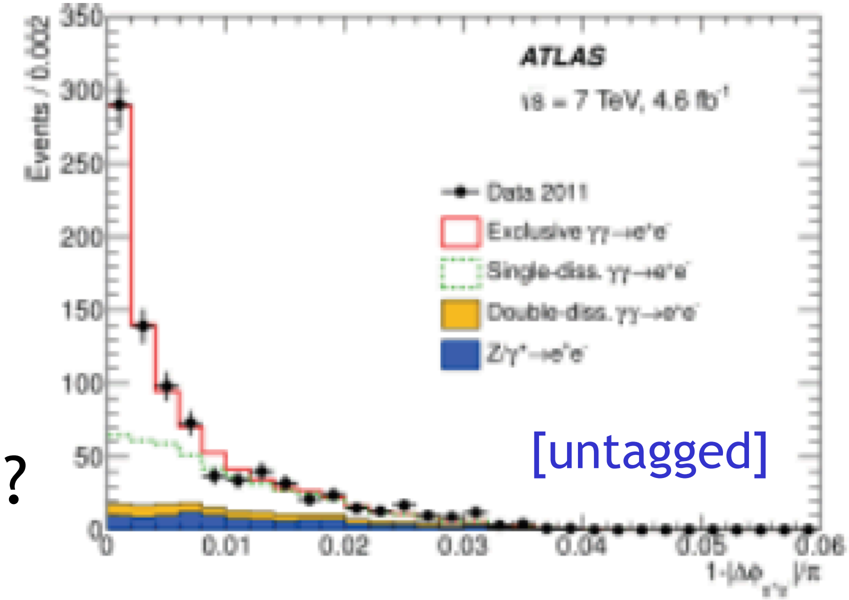






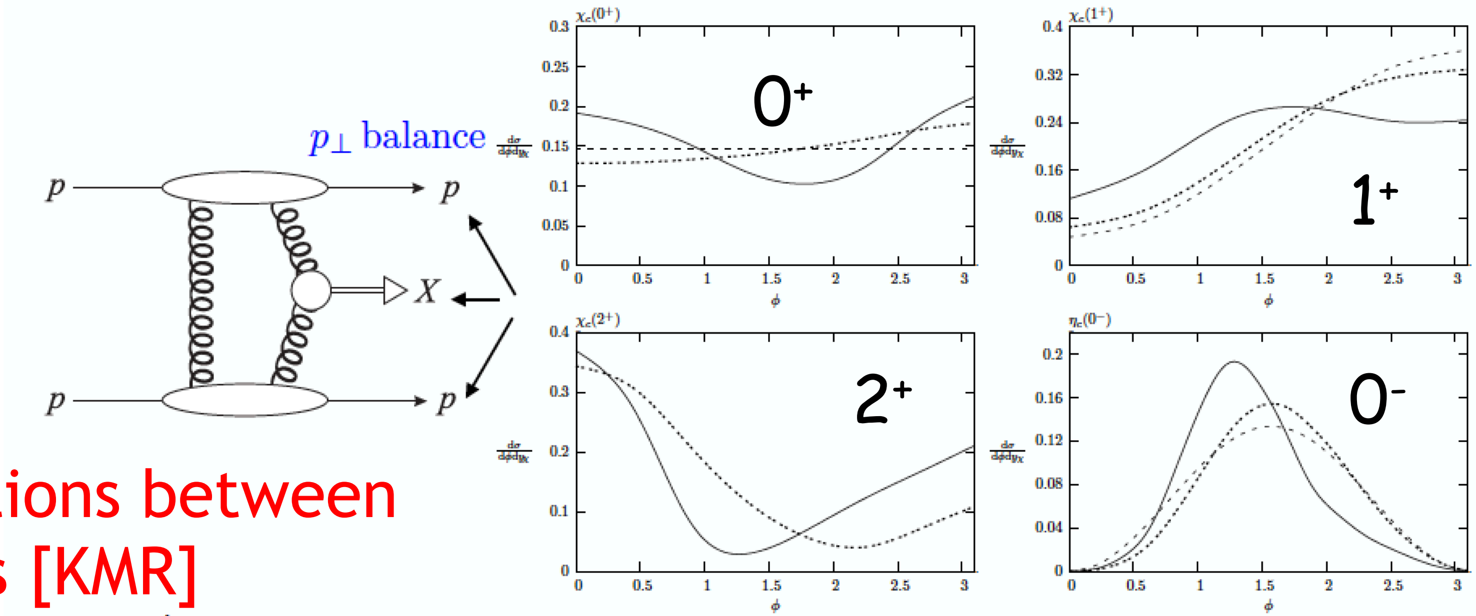
- **Central Exclusive QCD Production** of dijets, γ-jet and other strongly produced high mass systems

- **Two photon physics** → exclusive dileptons, dibosons & anomalous multiple gauge couplings, exclusive t-tbar → top mass via threshold scan?



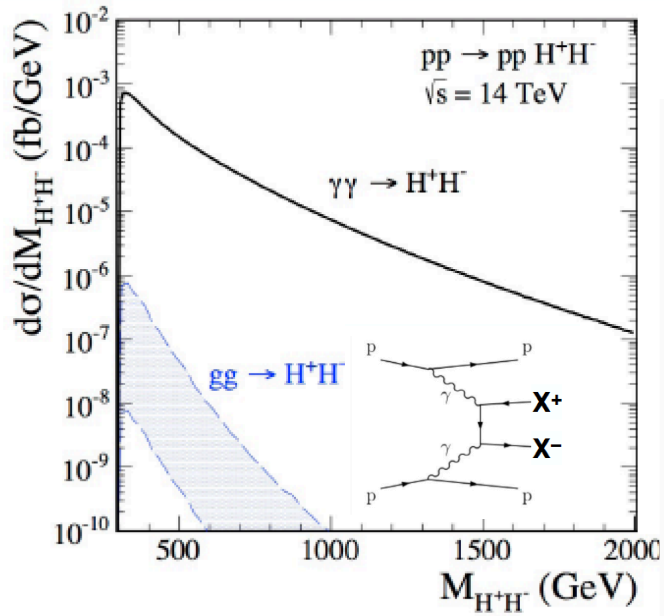
- **Searches for new heavy particles** (axions, WIMPS, charged and double-charged Higgs, vector-like fermions …)

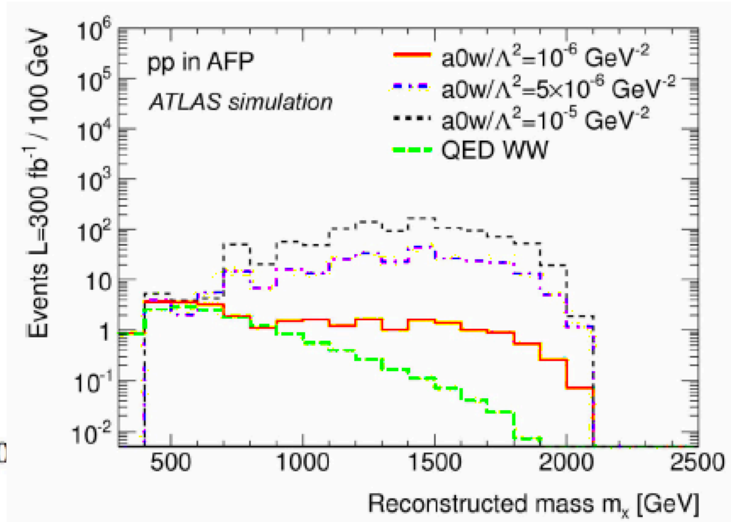
Nominal Runs ctd

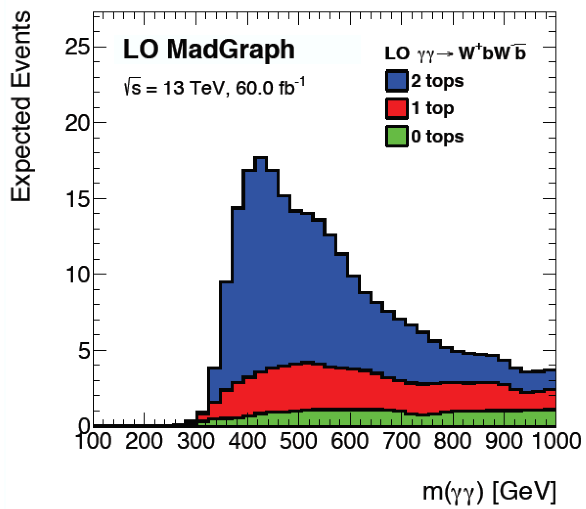


- Spin parity analysis via angular distributions between outgoing protons [KMR]
- Pair produced BSM states (eg $H^{+/-}$, Lebiedowicz, Szczurek)
- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$, best sensitivity to anomalous quartic coupling
- Top mass via threshold scan in exclusive $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow tt$ (Howarth)

… but event rates are always v. small!







AFP Operation So Far

2016

- $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV, $\beta^* = 0.4$ m
- Only two stations installed (one side)
- Only single tagged events
- Data taken during BBA:
  - two runs
  - closer to the beam than during standard running
  - very useful for alignment and optics studies
- Data taken during special runs:
  - $\mu \sim 0.03$:
    - int. lumi.:~40 nb^{-1}
    - main goal: soft diffraction
  - $\mu \sim 0.3$:
    - int. lumi.:~500 nb^{-1}
    - main goal: low-p_T jets
- Data taken during standard runs: AFP was inserted only when the number of bunches was not greater than 600 (ramp-up)

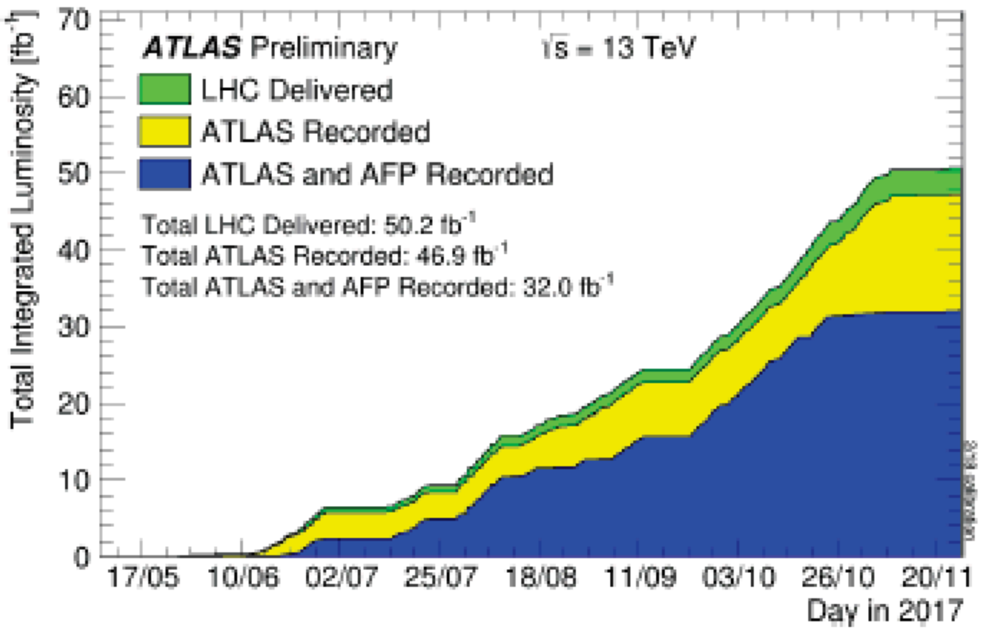
2017

- $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV, $\beta^* = 0.3$ and 0.4 m
- Full system ready
- Single and double tagged events
- Data taken during BBA:
  - two runs
- Data taken during special runs:
  - $\mu \sim 0.05$:
    - int. lumi.:~65 nb^{-1}
    - main goal: soft diffraction
  - $\mu \sim 1$:
    - int. lumi.:~640 nb^{-1}
    - main goal: low-p_T jets
  - $\mu \sim 2$:
    - int. lumi.:~150 pb^{-1}
    - goals: hard diffraction
- Data taken during standard runs: AFP was inserted on regular basis, usually few minutes after stable beams were declared

2017 Performance / 2018 Programme

- AFP operated routinely through most of high luminosity running, approaching beam to 11.5σ + 0.3mm by the end

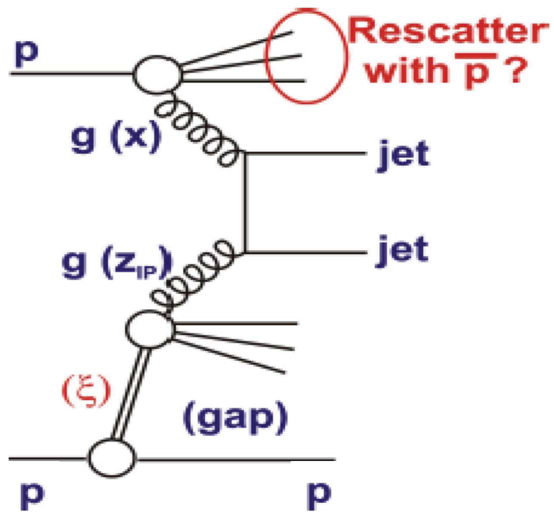
- Periods of stand-alone running for ToF commissioning



- 32fb^{-1} accumulated in total in 2017.
  → Tracking detectors and DAQ functioning well
  → Problems with ToF … poor efficiencies of PMTs

- Winter shutdown work completed; AFP is ready for restart.
- ToF problems still under study
  → aim to implement in first technical stop (June 18).
  → initial physics focus on lepton and photon signatures

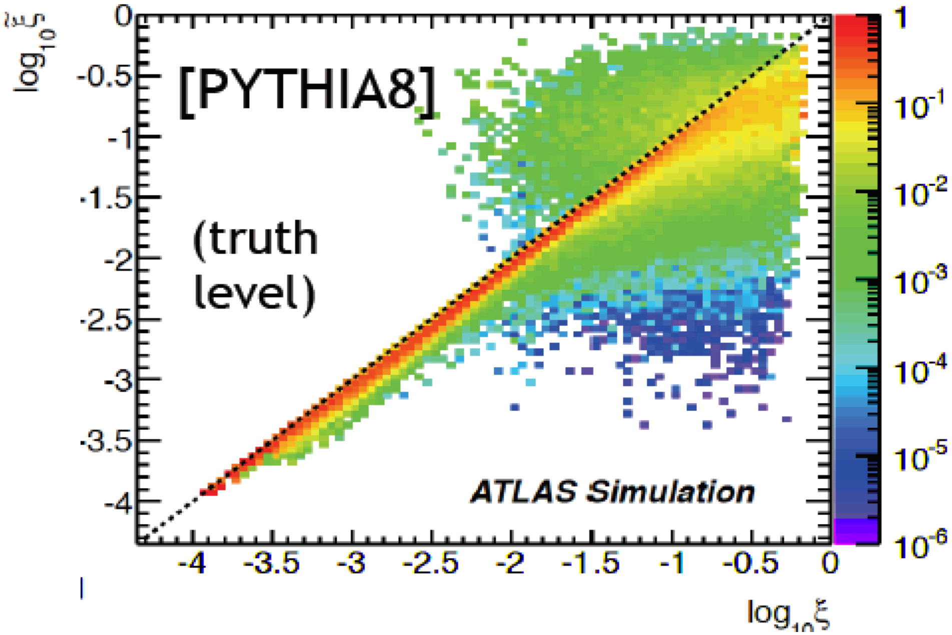
First Physics Study: Single Diffractive Dijets

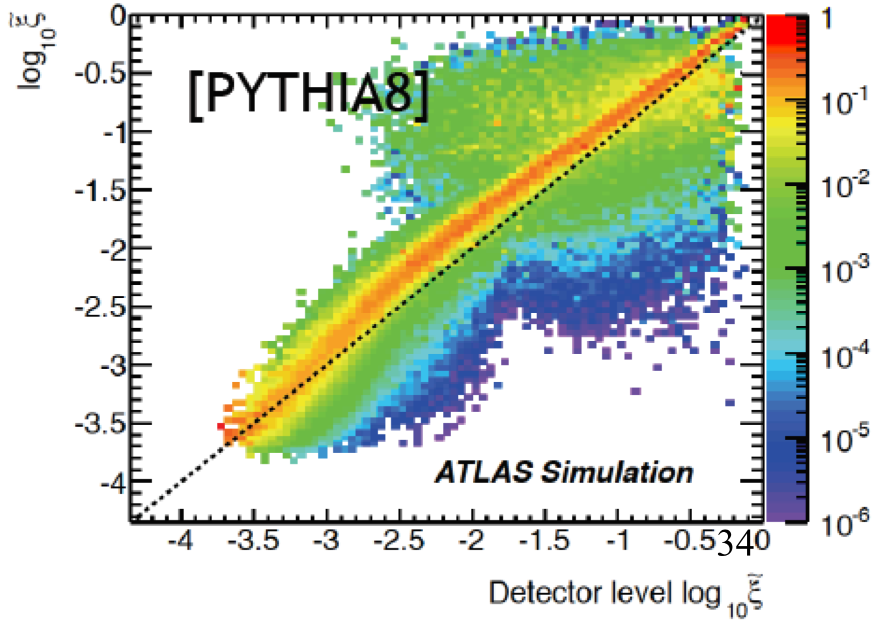


… using techniques from ATLAS rapidity gap based analysis …

$$\tilde{\xi} \simeq M_X^2/s = \sum p_T e^{\pm\eta}/\sqrt{s}$$ = ξ_{Cal} here

… well resolved and good rec-truth correlation over wide range





Data and Selection

Special run taken in October 2016, μ ~ 0.3, $\beta^* = 0.4$ m

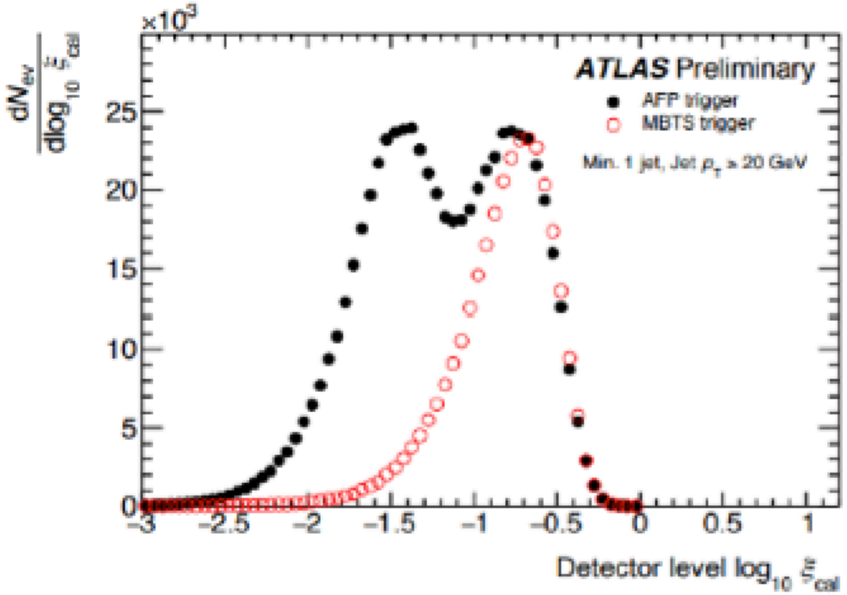
Trigger:

- signal sample – triggered with AFP (SiT, near and far)
- background sample – triggered with minimum bias trigger

Event selection:

- at least one jet with $p_T > 20$ GeV and $|\eta| < 3$
- exactly one reconstructed primary vertex
- at least two tracks associated with vertex
- for signal sample – clean signal in AFP (no more than one cluster in each plane, at least 5 planes with a cluster)

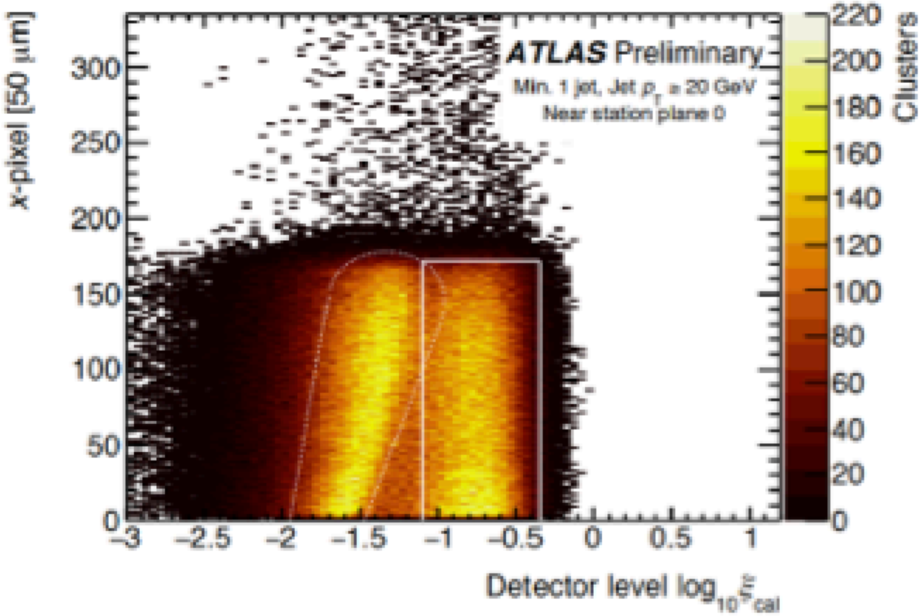
Results

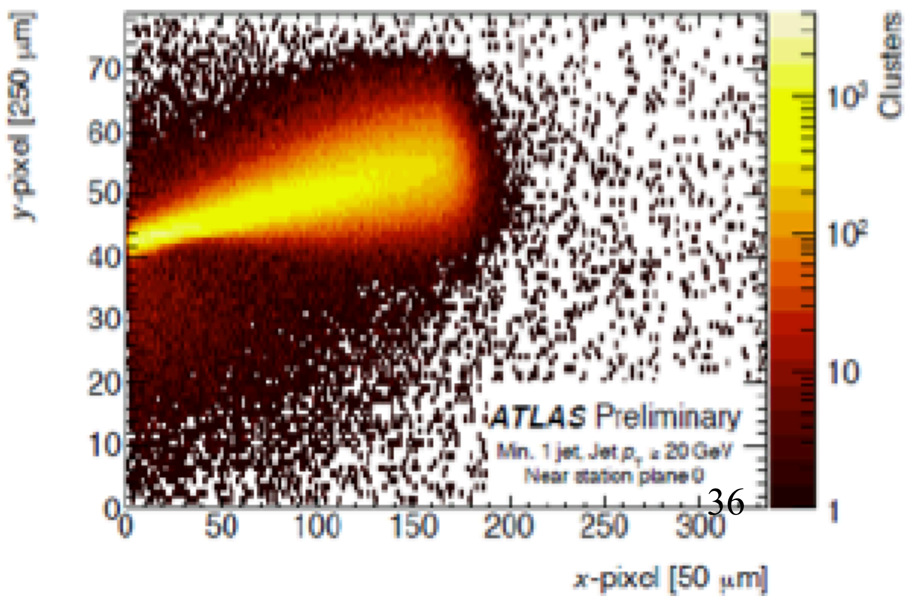


Clear enhancement in low ξ_{Cal} diffractive region for AFP-triggered data over MBTS data + common pile-up contribution

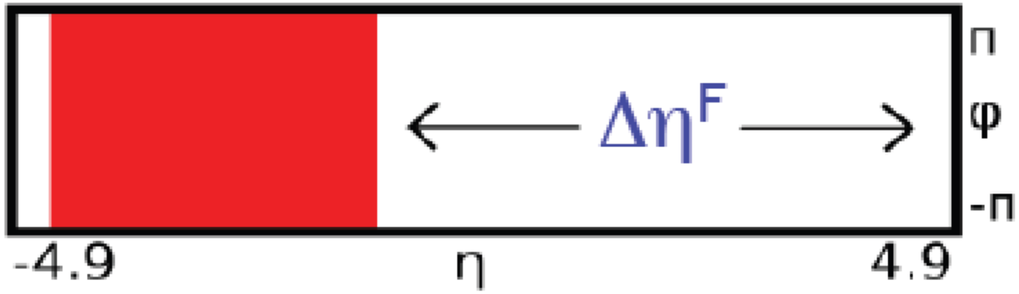
Low x data exhibit expected x-y correlation in AFP pixels and correlation between pixel x position and ξ_{Cal}

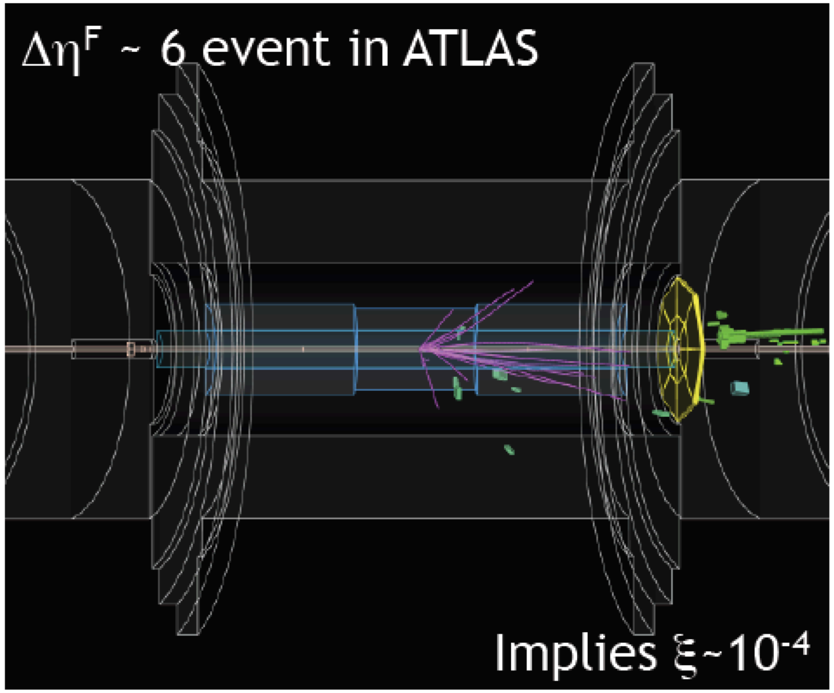
→ Clear diffractive signature





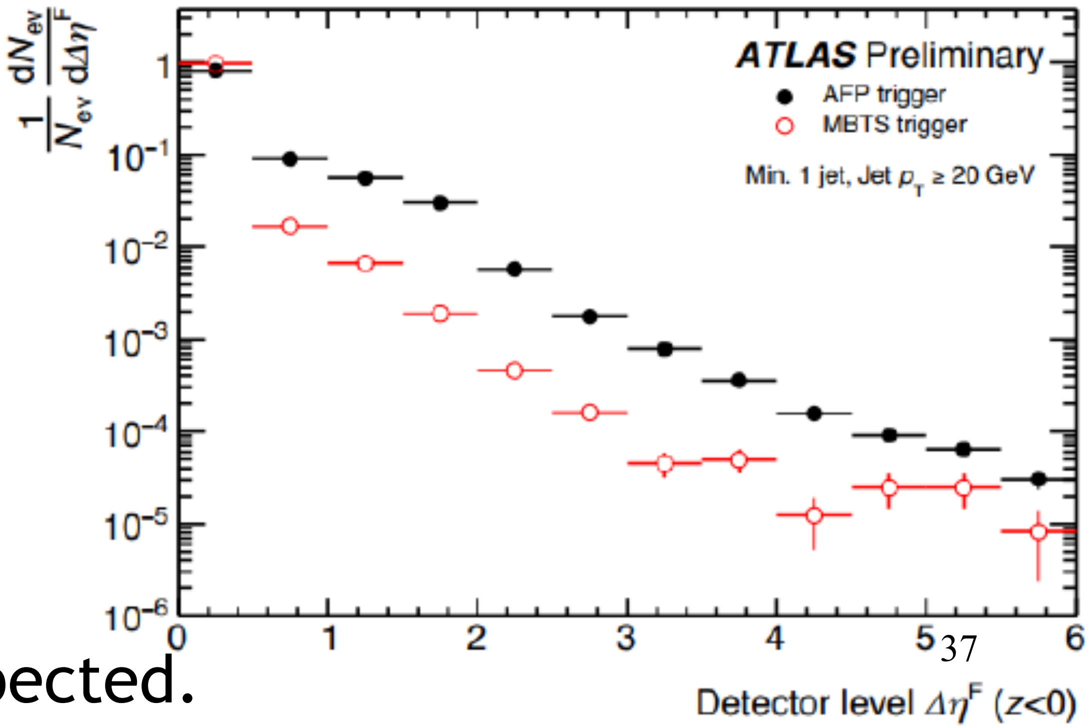
Rapidity Gaps?





$\Delta\eta^F$ defined by size of empty region between edge of calorimeter acceptance and first calorimeter cell above noise threshold or central track.

Clear enhancement of high $\Delta\eta^F$ tail in AFP-triggered data
→Correlation between proton-tags and gaps as expected.



ATLAS Proton Spectrometry at HL-LHC?

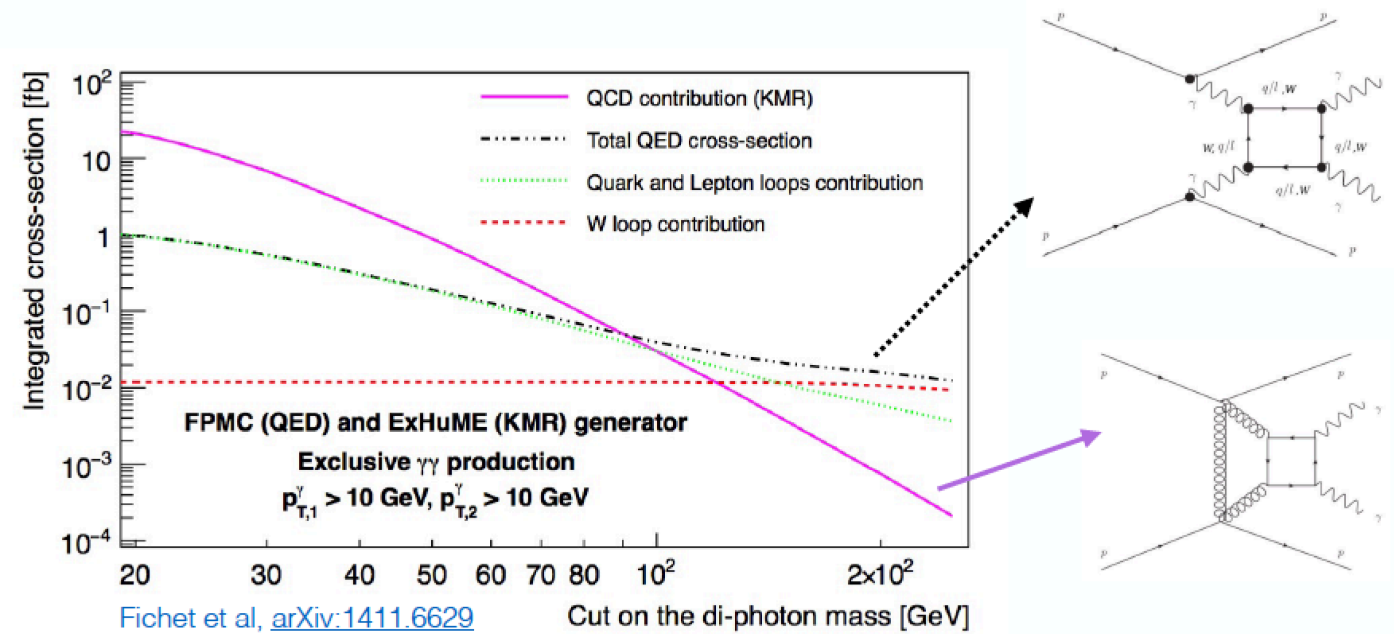
- Physics case and technical feasibility of running at pile-up of 200 post LS3 are under investigation

    → 3000 fb^{-1} by late 2030s?

Motivation:

- Observing many AFP processes marginal at SM rates pre-HL-LHC
- $\gamma\gamma$ dominates at large mass … need smaller ξ for QCD processes

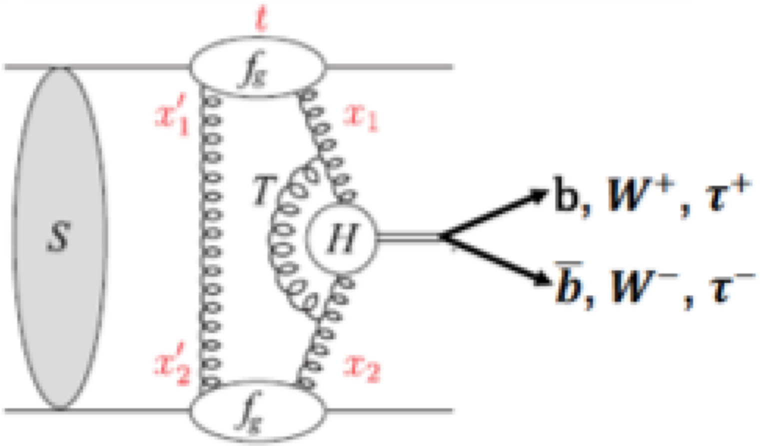
e.g. light-by-light scattering



[Slide from M. Mangano]

=> O(1) event/100fb^{-1} at m($\gamma\gamma$)>200 GeV

More HL-LHC Physics Motivation



Exclusive Higgs production

- High resolution on mass,
- b-bbar mode
- 0^{++} confirmation, CP structure,
- QCD production mechanism.

→ Search for high mass recurrences with AFP-like set-up
→ SM Higgs would need stations in cold section (cf FP420)

QCD Central Exclusive Production

- eg High stats exclusive jets

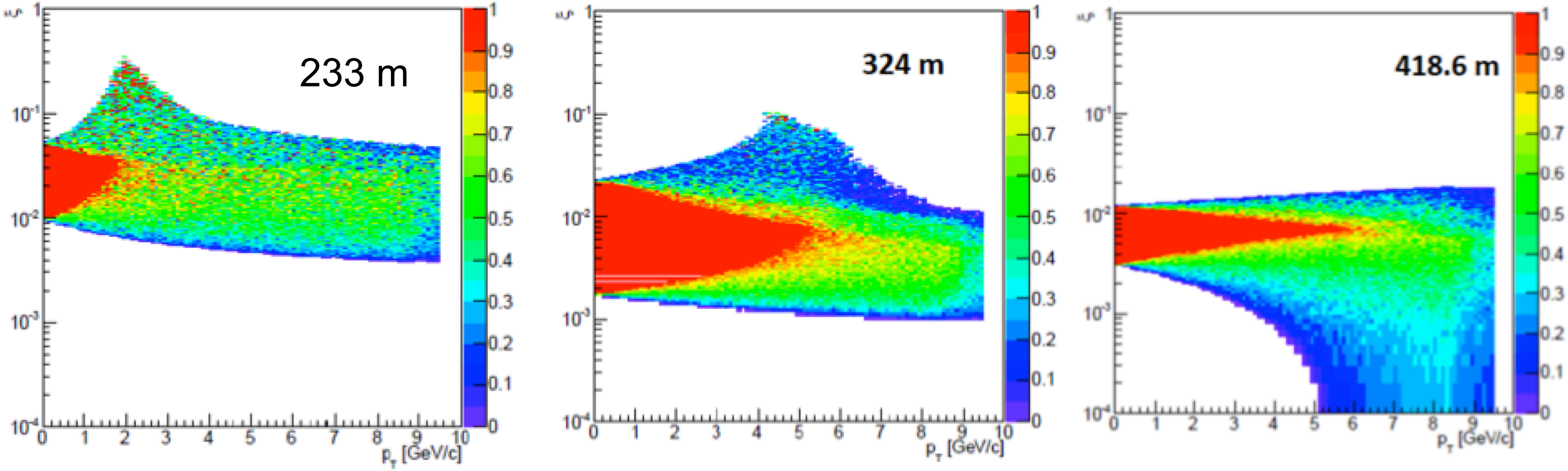
Exotica in $\gamma\gamma$ Processes

- eg high stats $\gamma\gamma$ → dibosons, $\gamma\gamma$ → invisibles (Dark Matter)

Potential for ongoing special runs programme

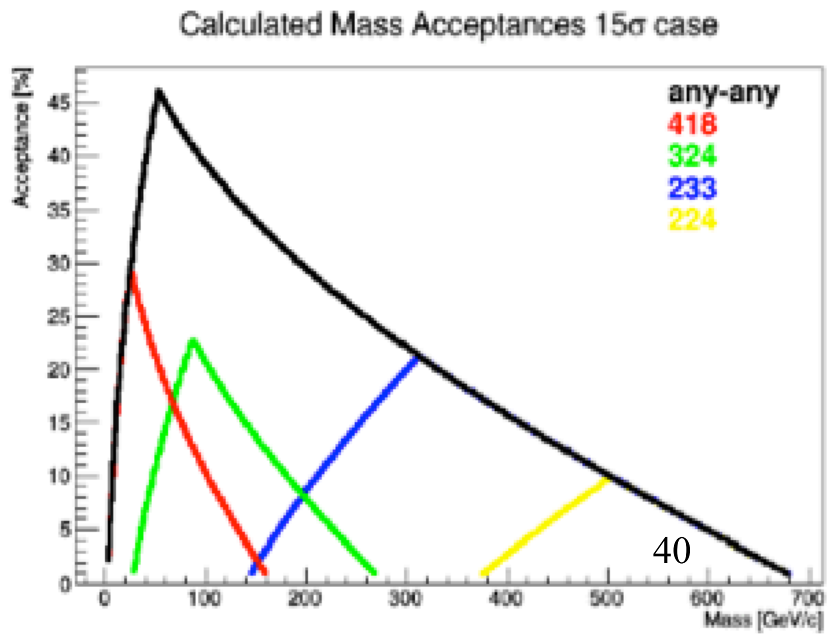
First Studies with nominal HL-LHC Optics

Acceptances for 2x2cm detector @ 15σ+0.5mm, no collimators



233m: Reduced ξ acceptance relative to that now in AFP region

324,420m: Attractive ξ acceptance extending into SM Higgs region and very wide t range at possible deployment points in cold sections



Summary

- AFP operated in 2017 as two sided system and took 32fb^{-1} under nominal running conditions

- Tracking detectors performing well

- Timing detectors still being commissioned → operation expected in second half of 2018

- First physics study (single sided) → observation of diffractive dijets

- Rich run 2 and 3 physics programme, diffraction / QCD, γγ, exotics

- Studies of prospects for HL-LHC system are underway