Search for Vector-like Quarks using a Combination of Decay Channels in pp Collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV Collected with the ATLAS Detector

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