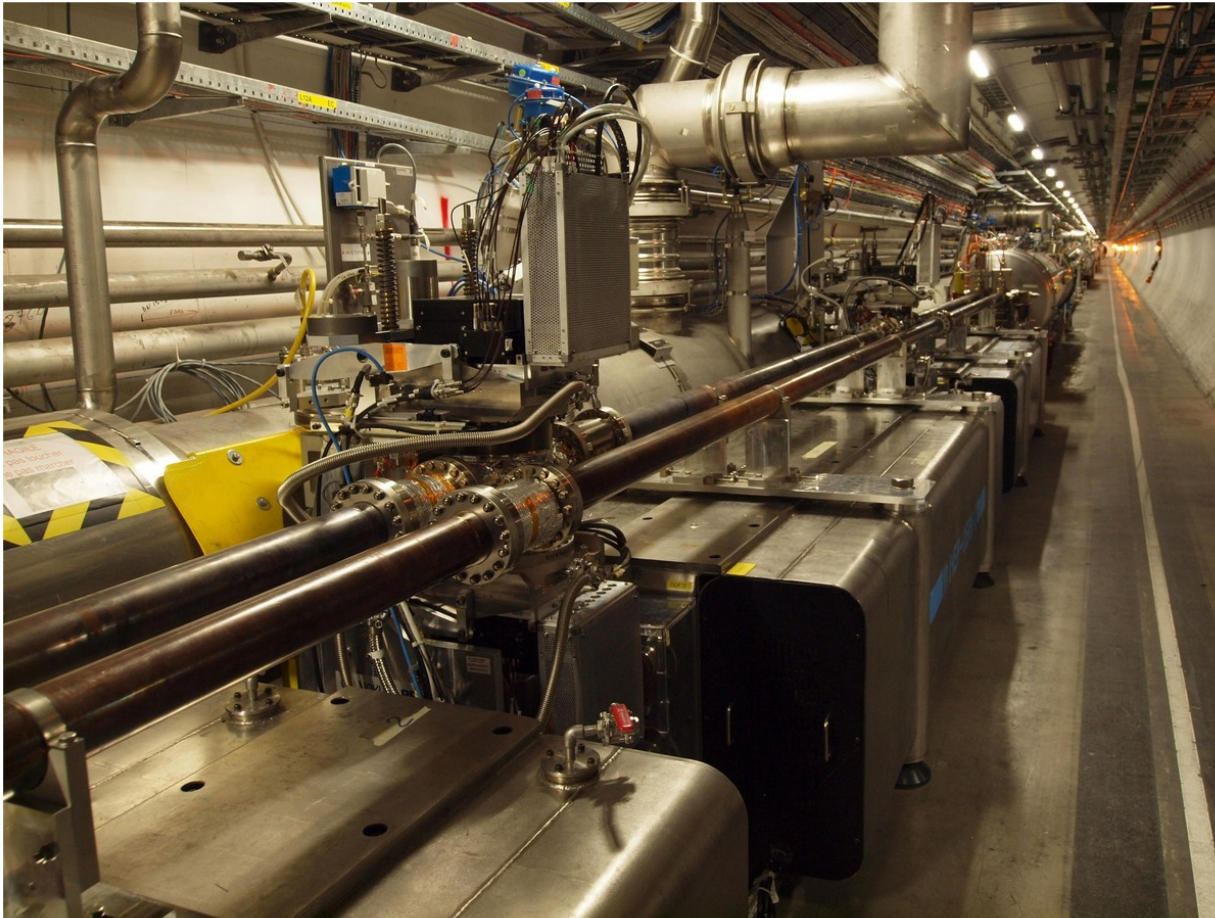


# Track-based alignment of the ATLAS-ALFA detectors

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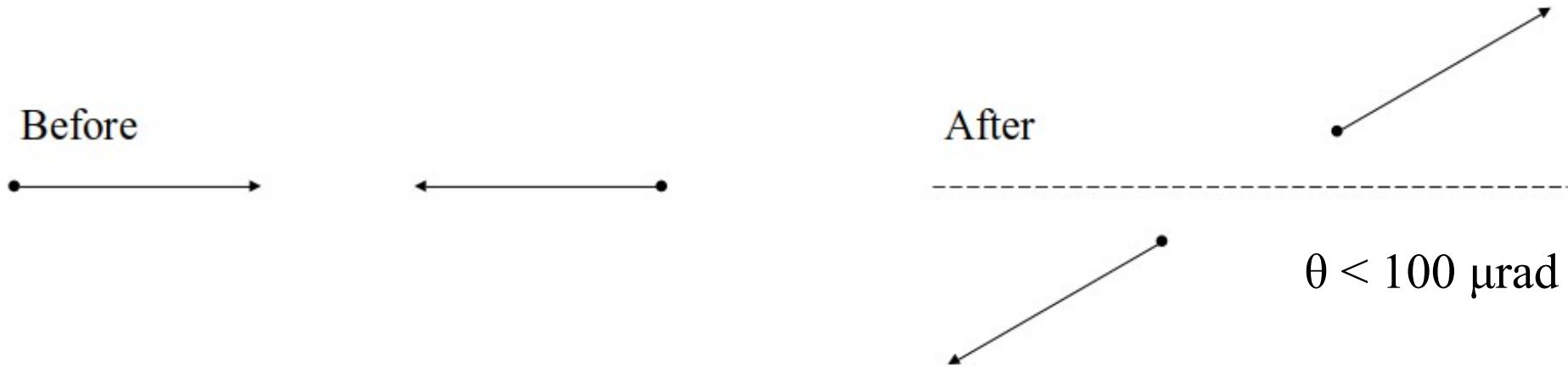
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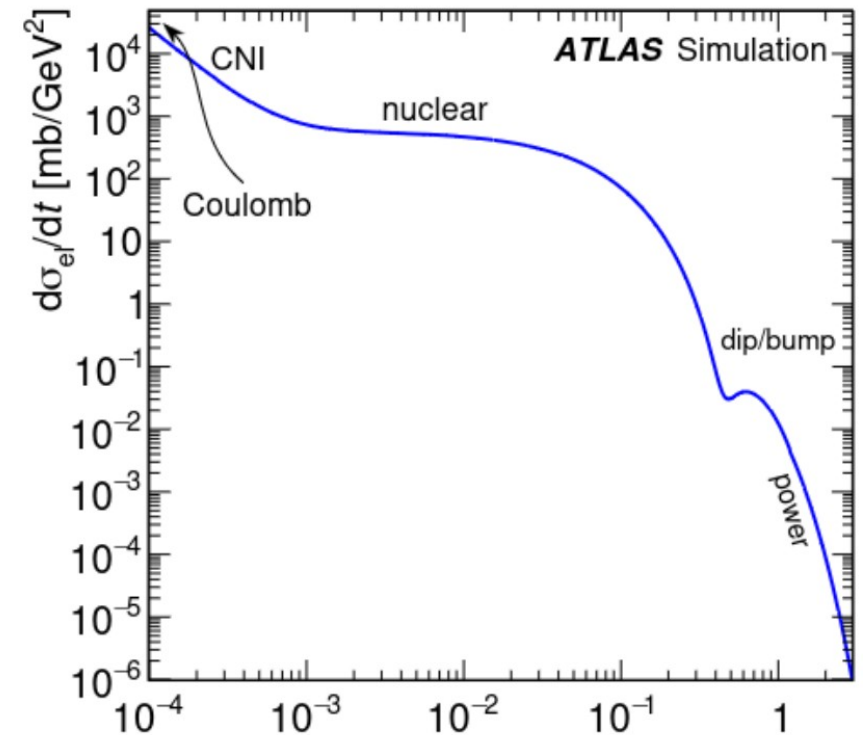
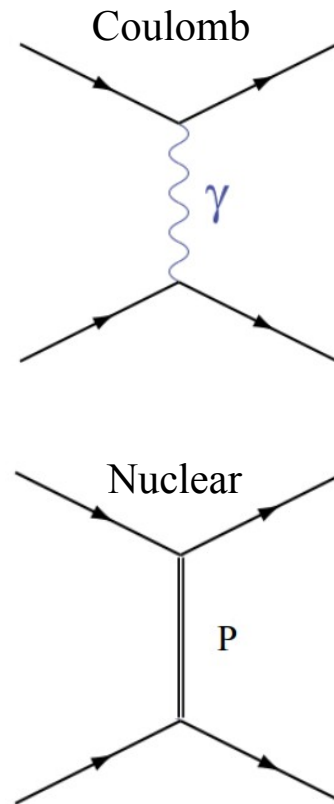
- ◆ Elastic proton-proton scattering
- ◆ ALFA detector
- ◆ Alignment

# Elastic pp scattering, $pp \rightarrow pp$

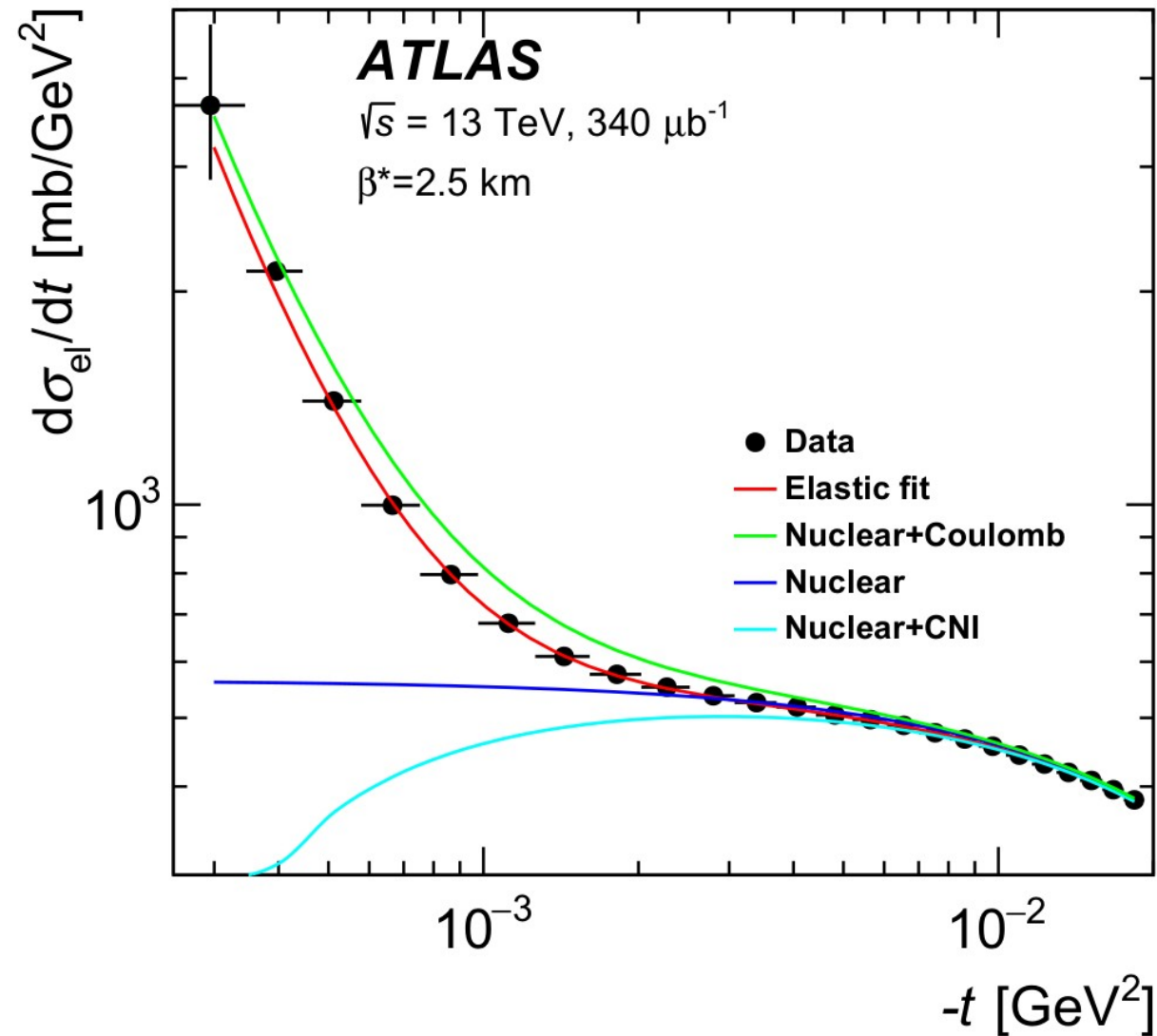


Energy and momentum conservation

- Two kinematic degrees of freedom:  $\varphi, \theta$
- $\varphi$  – trivial (uniform)
- $t \approx -p^2\theta^2 = -p_T^2$
- Low  $|t| \approx$  large distance, high  $|t| \approx$  small distance



# Differential cross section

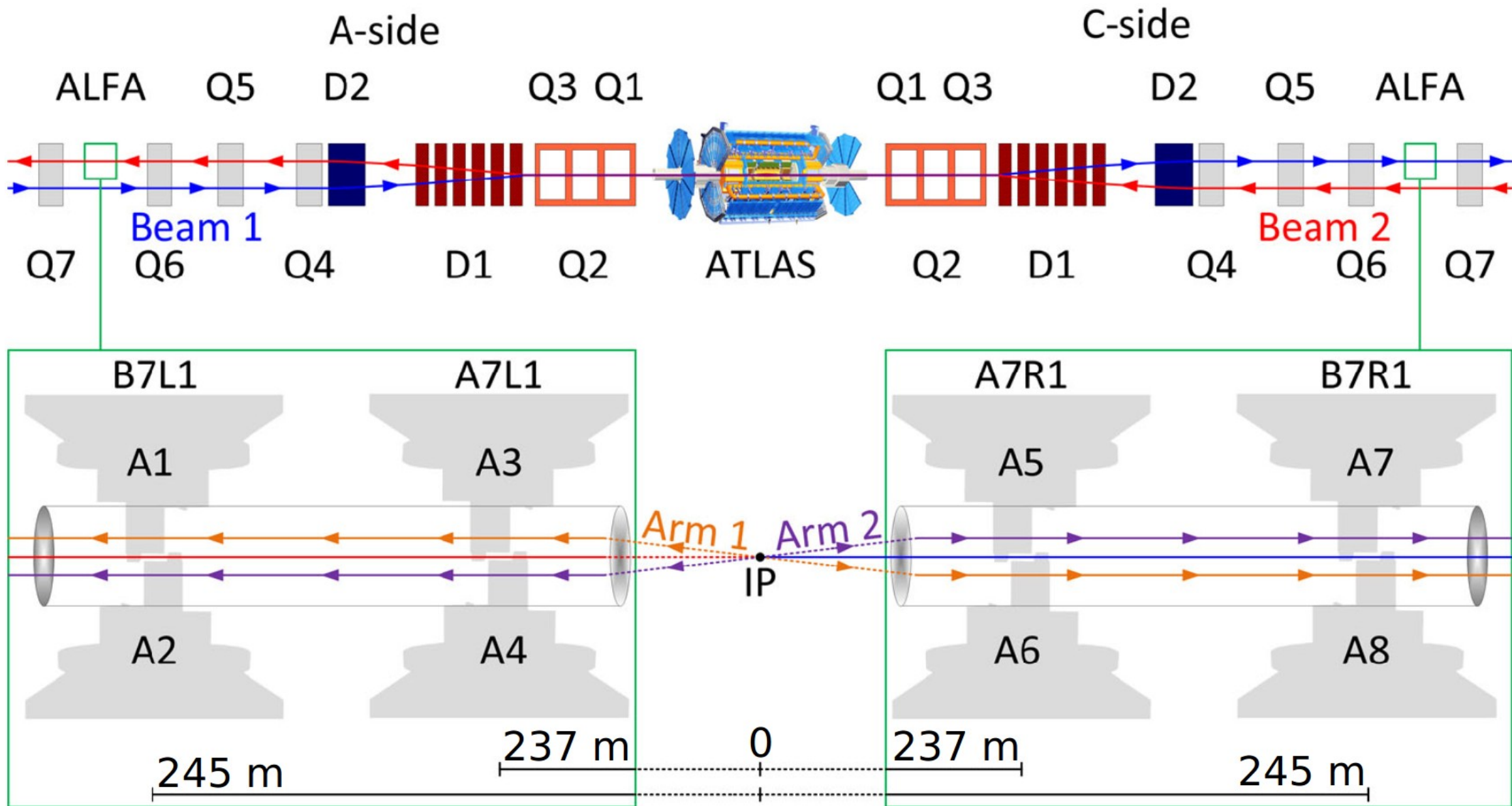


$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma_{\text{el}}}{dt} &= |F_C(t)e^{i\alpha\phi(t)} + F_N(t)|^2 \\ &= \left| -\frac{2\sqrt{\pi}\alpha G^2(t)}{|t|} e^{i\alpha\phi(t)} + (\rho + i) \frac{\sigma_{\text{tot}}}{4\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\Omega(t)/2} \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{4\pi\alpha^2 G^4(t)}{|t|^2} \\ &\quad - \sigma_{\text{tot}} \frac{\alpha G^2(t)}{|t|} [\rho \cos(\alpha\phi(t)) + \sin(\alpha\phi(t))] e^{-\Omega(t)/2} \\ &\quad + \sigma_{\text{tot}}^2 \frac{(\rho^2 + 1)}{16\pi} e^{-\Omega(t)}, \end{aligned}$$

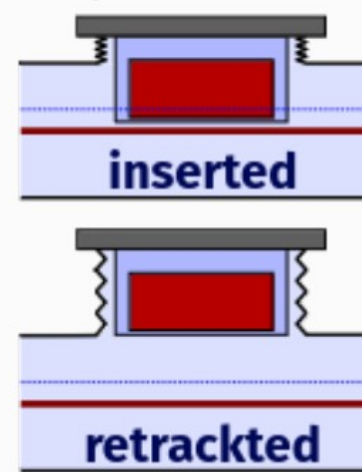
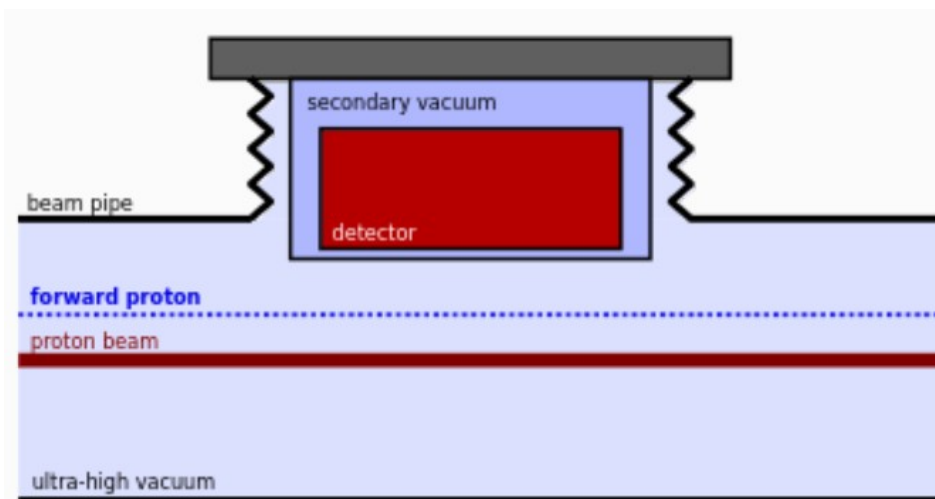
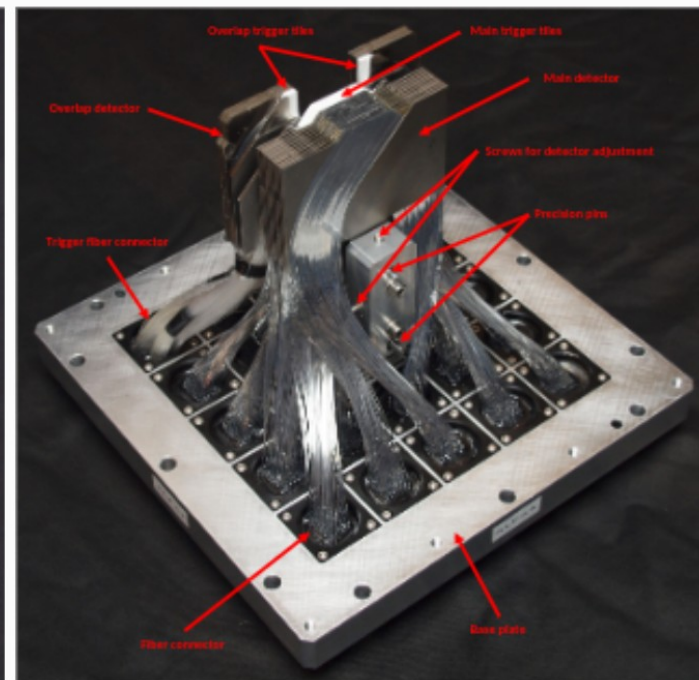
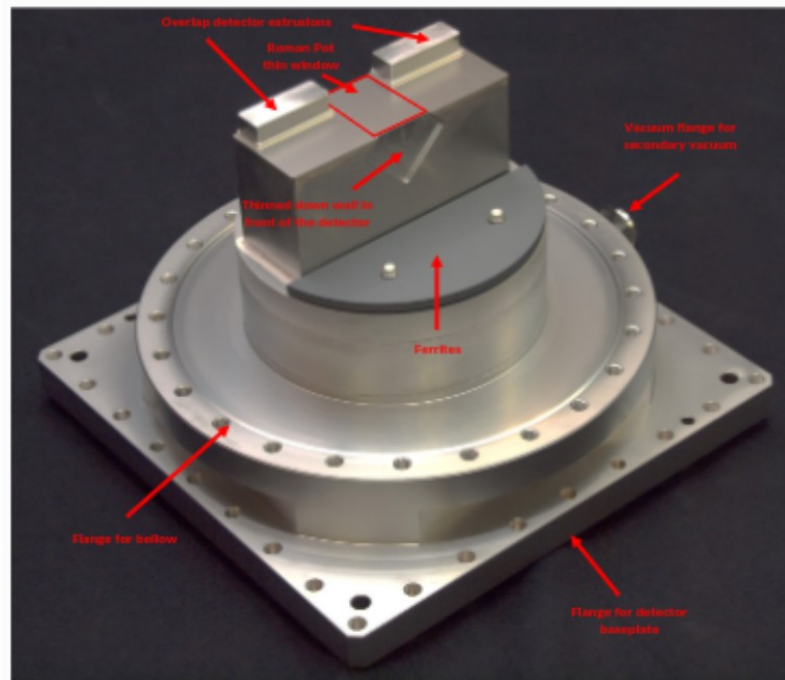
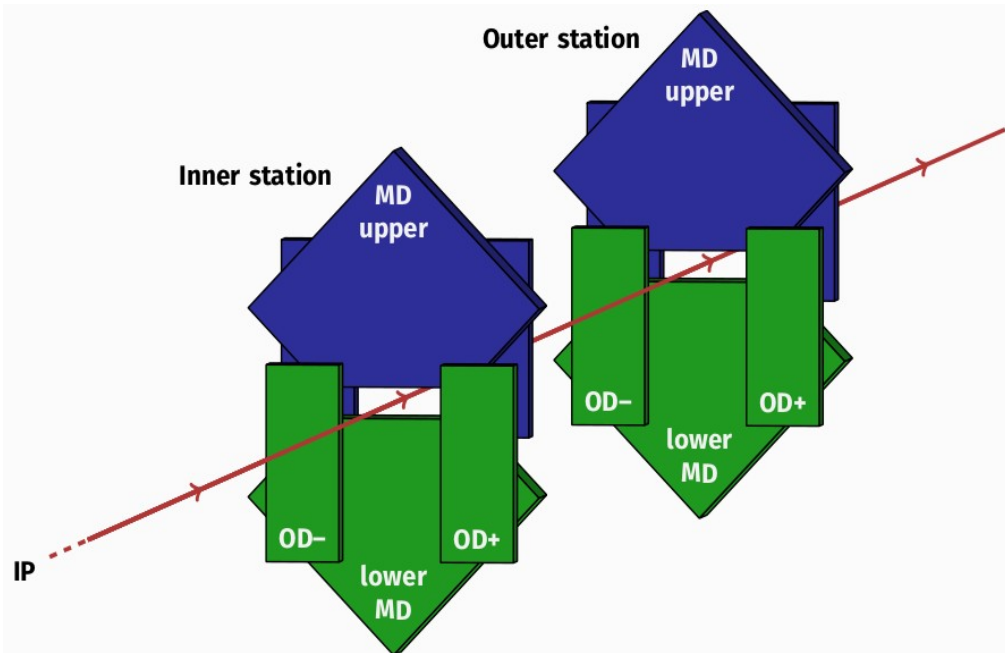
$$\rho \equiv \frac{\text{Re}F_N(t=0)}{\text{Im}F_N(t=0)}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 4\sqrt{\pi} \text{Im}F_N(t \rightarrow 0)$$

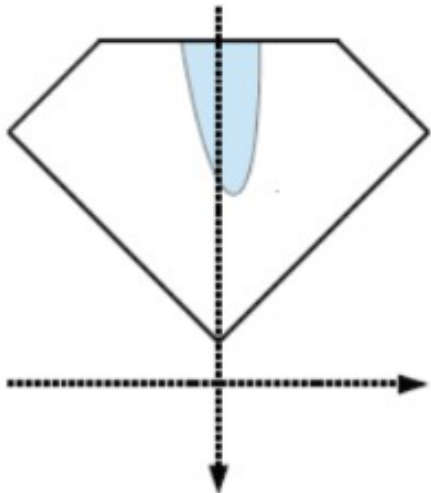
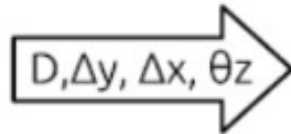
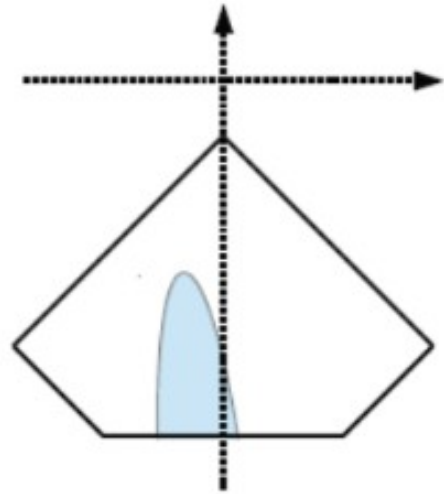
# ALFA detector



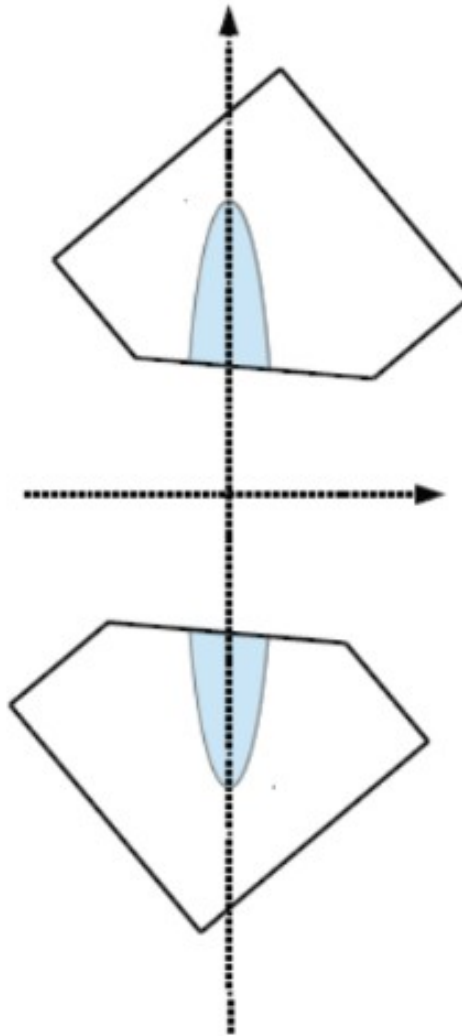
# ALFA detector



# ALFA alignment parameters



Detector coordinate system



Beam coordinate system

$D$  : Distance between upper and lower detectors

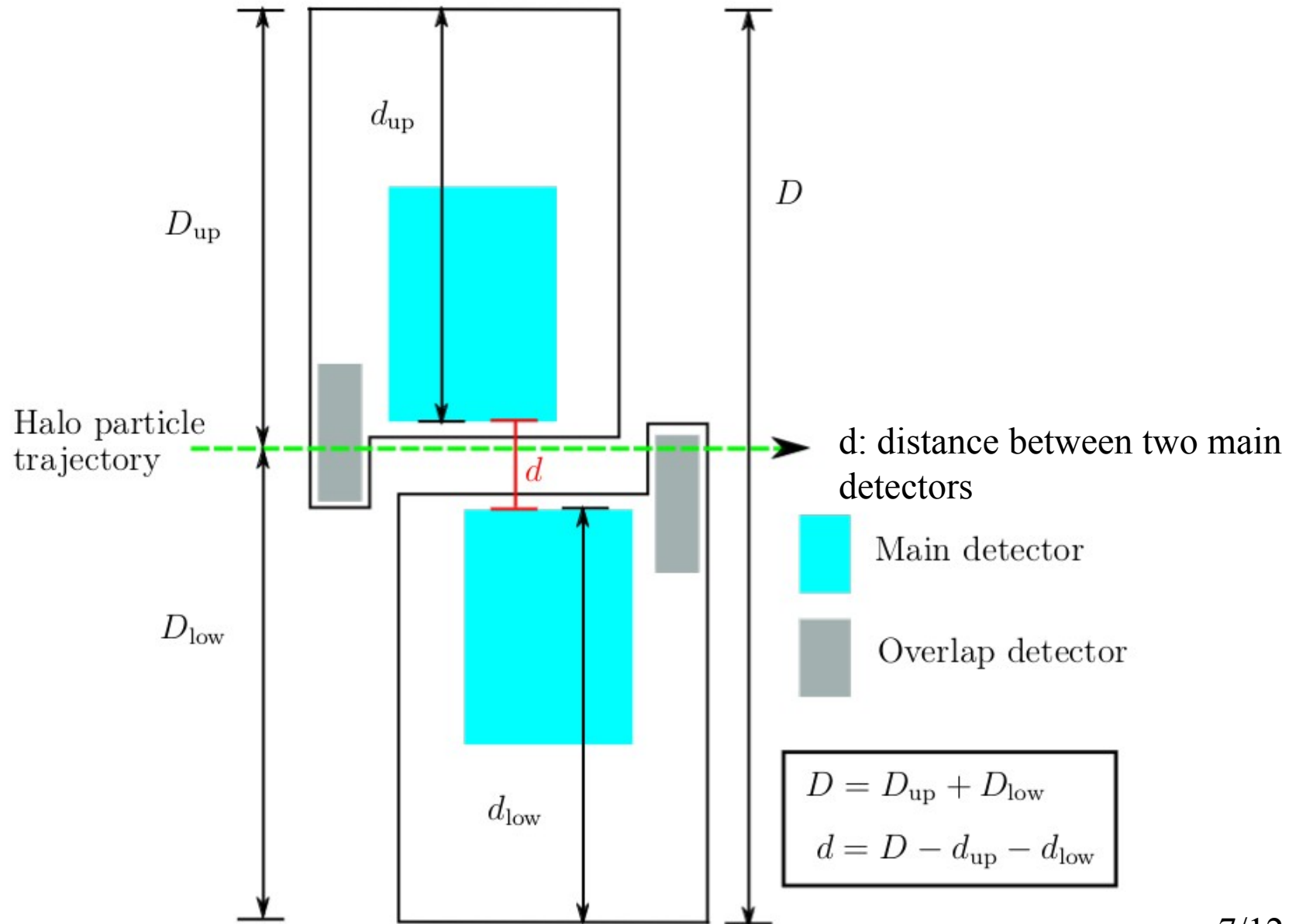
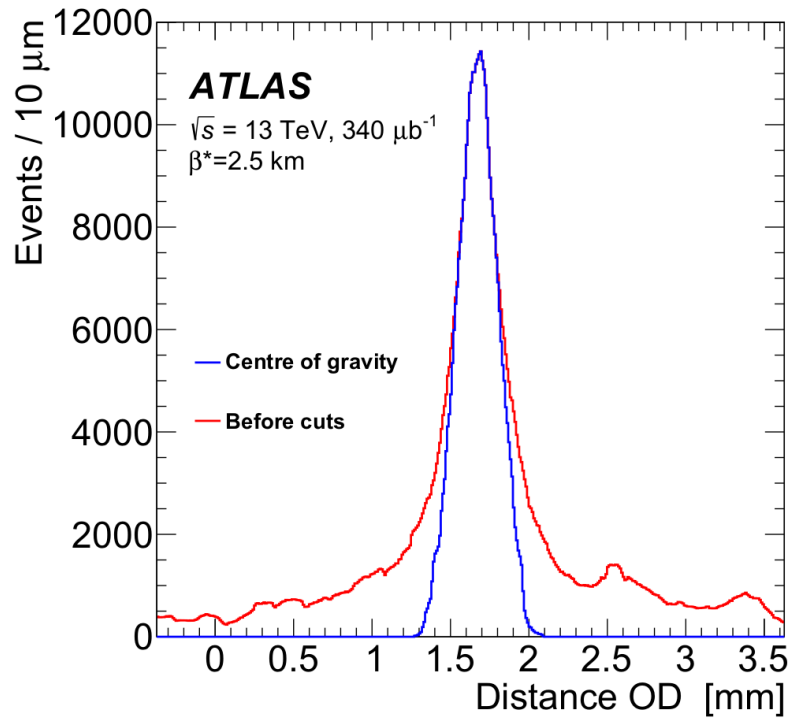
$\Delta y$  : Vertical offset

$\Delta x$  : Horizontal offset

$\theta_z$  : Rotation around z axis

# Distance measurement

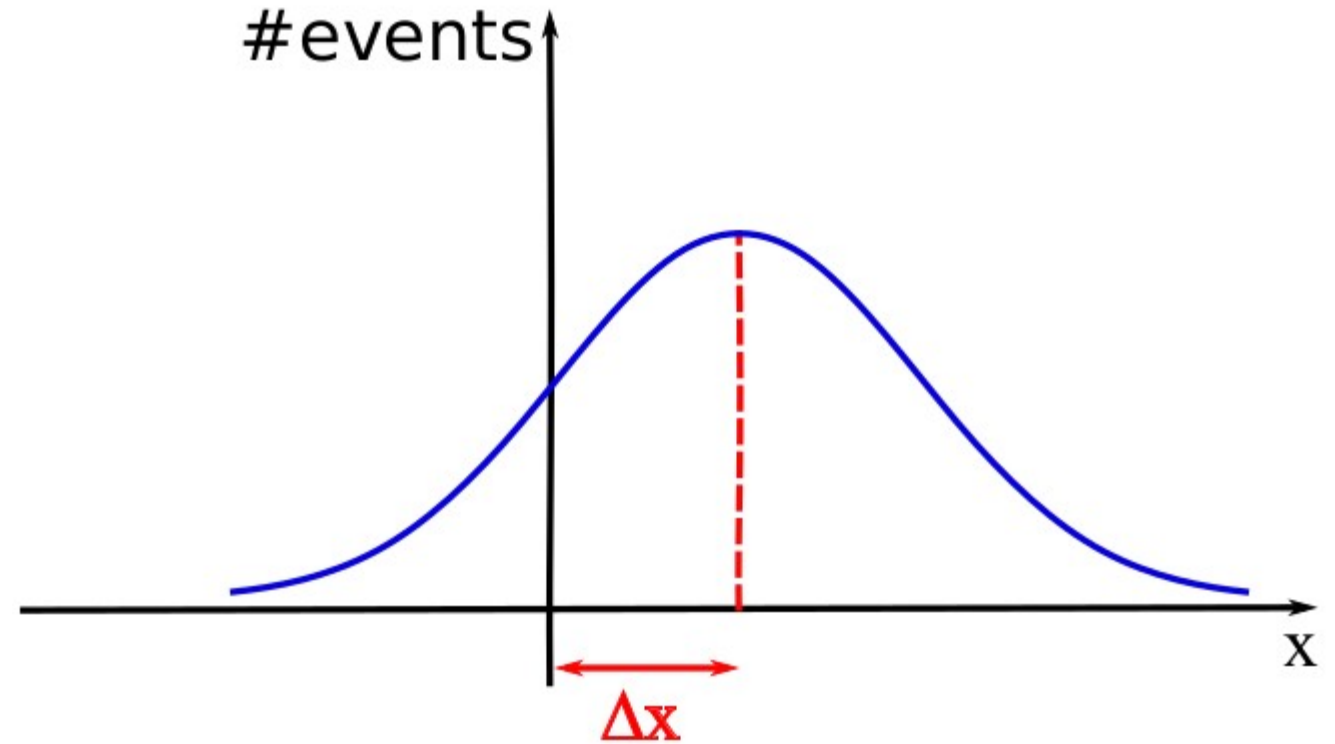
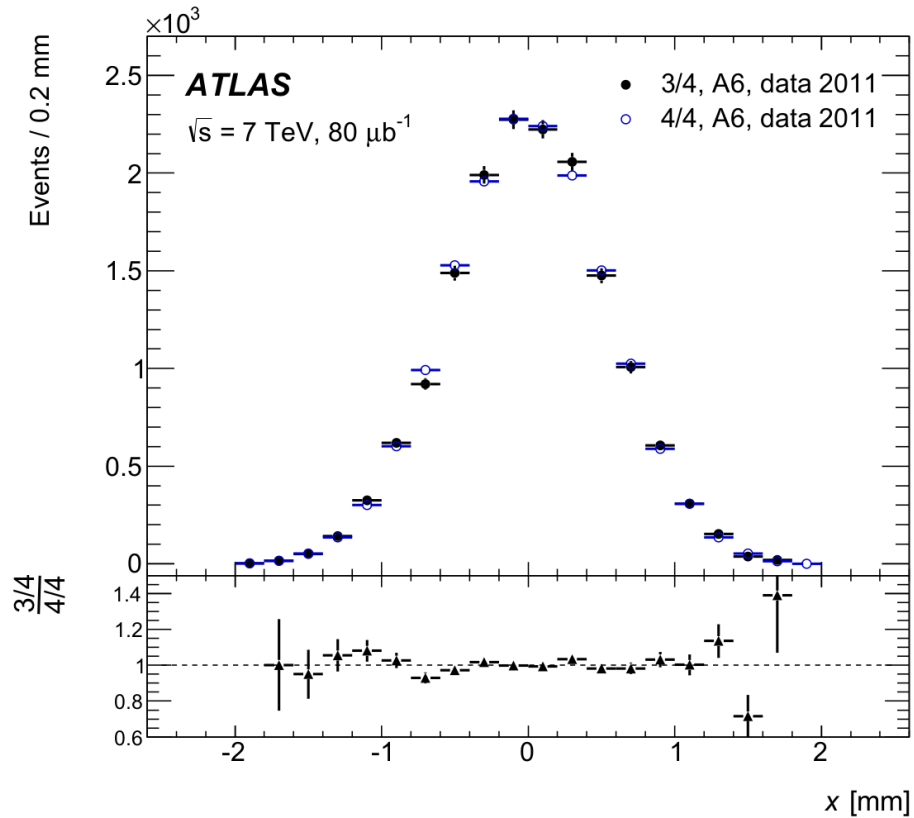
A real example of distance distribution:



# Horizontal alignment

Horizontal alignment, minimizes the mean value of the x-distribution of elastic protons for each detector.

A real example of x-distribution:

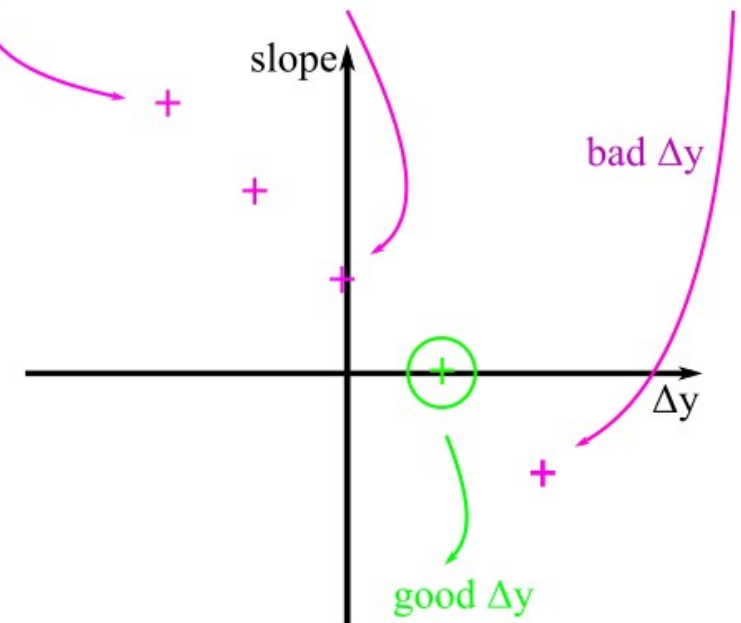
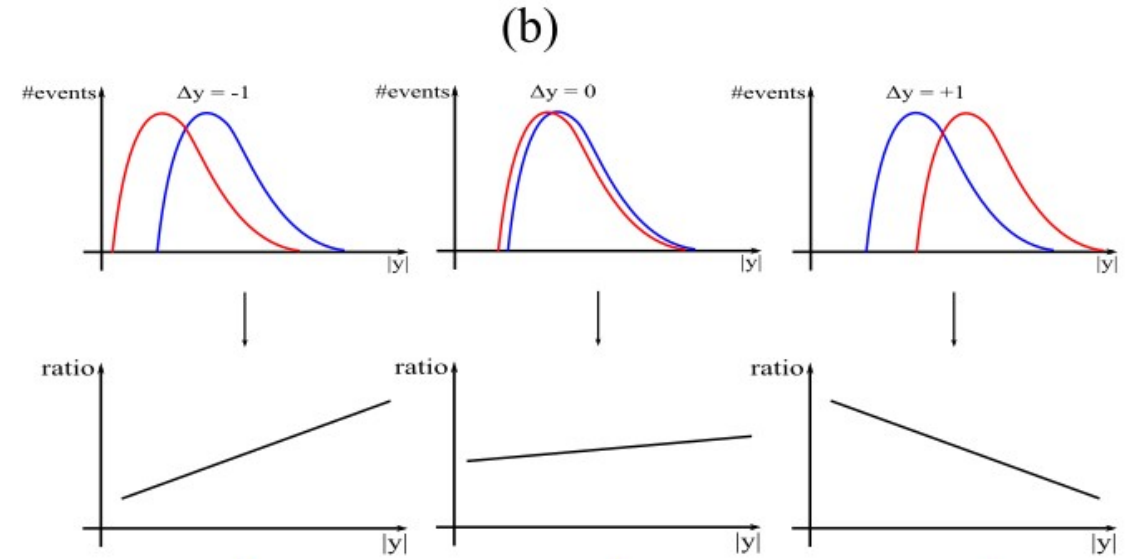
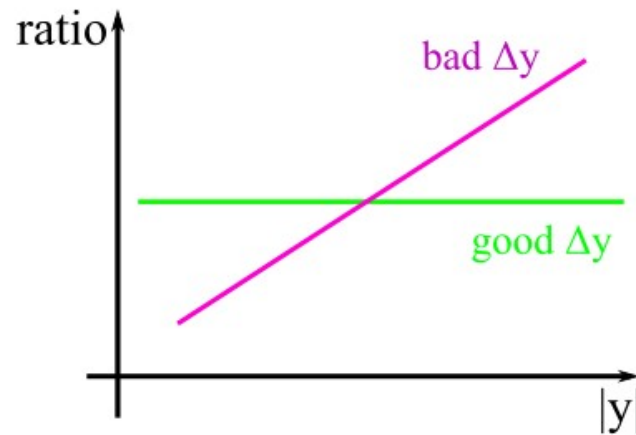
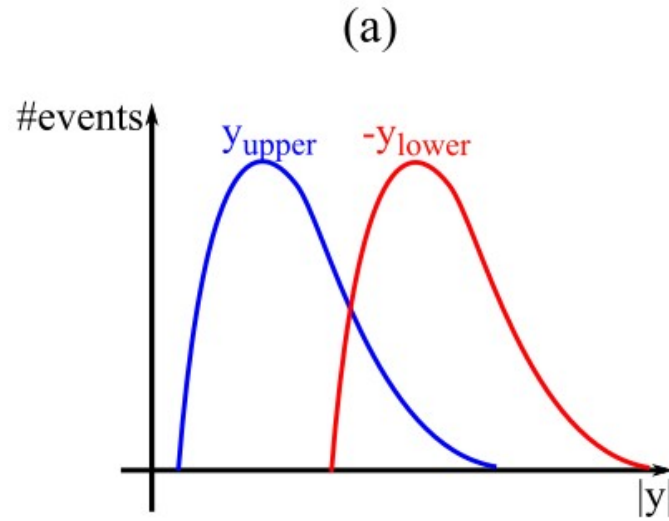
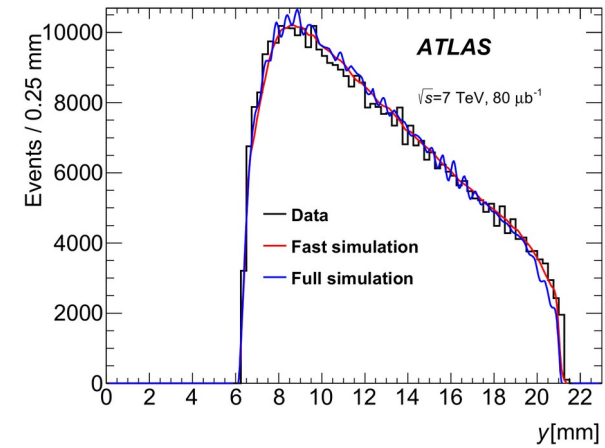




# Vertical alignment

Vertical alignment, minimizes the root of the fitting line in the slope-shift plot for each station.

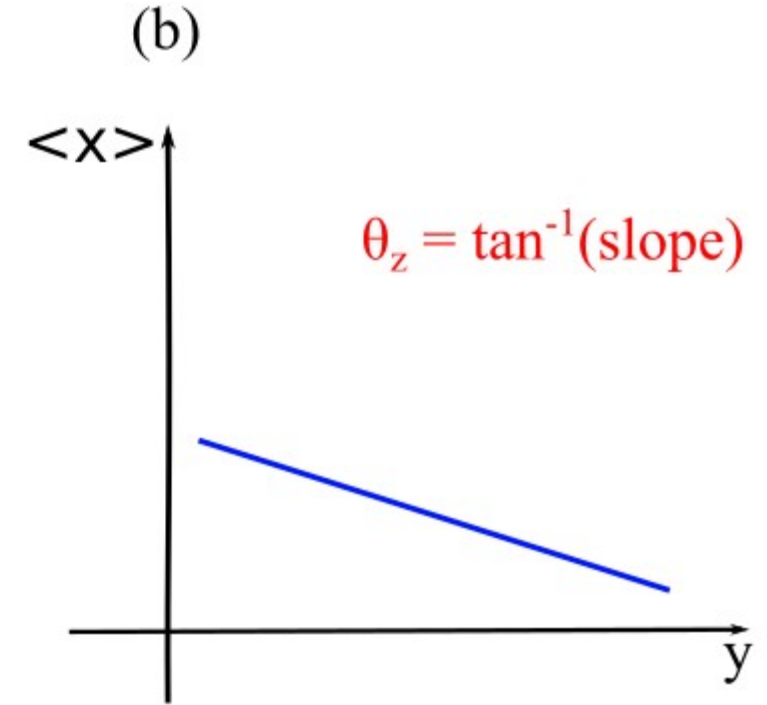
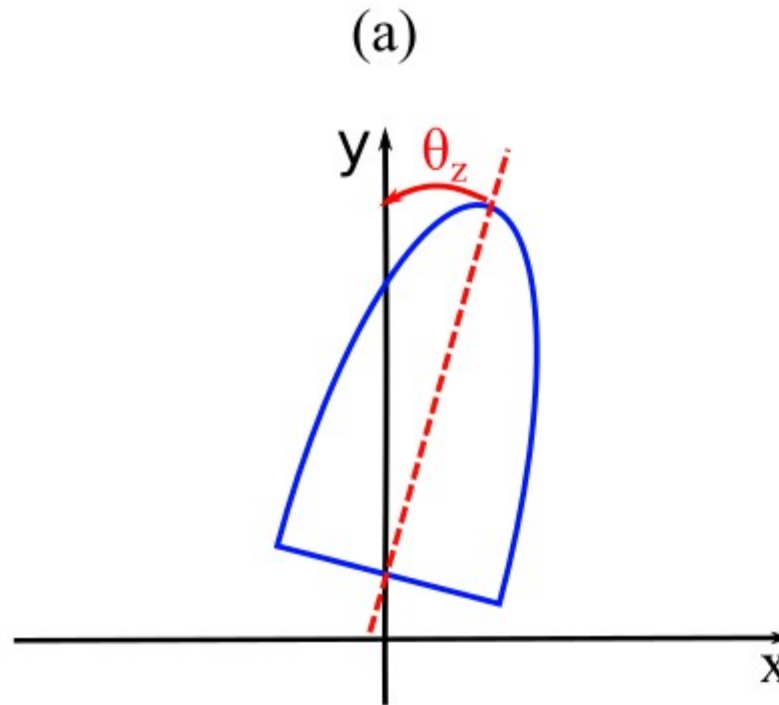
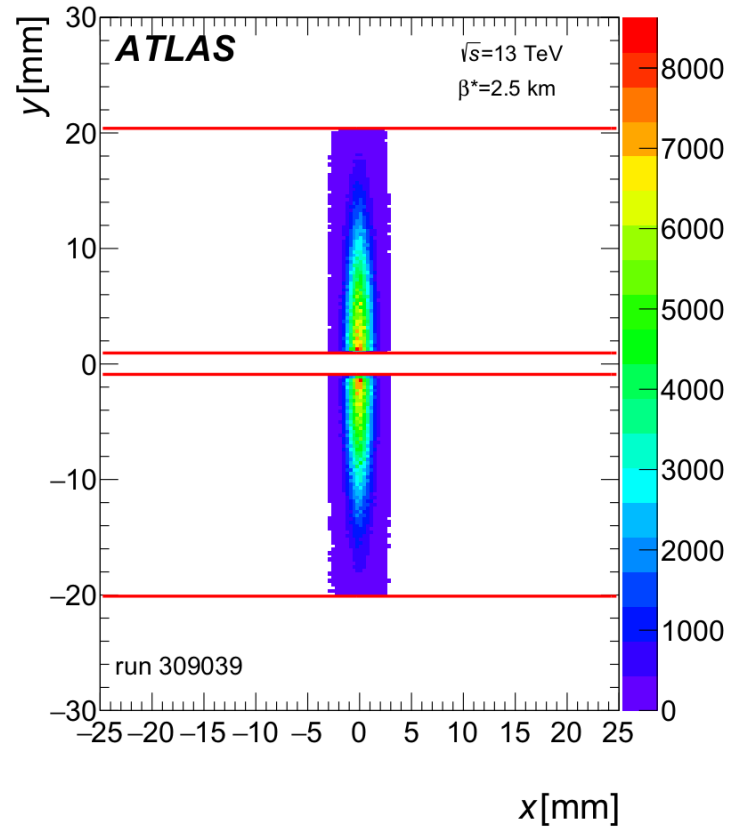
A real example of  $y$ -distribution:



# Rotational alignment

Rotational alignment, minimizes the rotation angle for each detector.

A real example of (x,y) distribution:



# Summary

- ◆ The interesting physics behind elastic proton-proton collisions.
- ◆ The experimental set-up of the ATLAS-ALFA detector.
- ◆ The concepts of distance measurement, horizontal and vertical alignments, as well as rotational alignment.

