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**Total cross section measurements**  
A comparison of the ATLAS and TOTEM techniques  
to measure  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}$  and small angle elastic scattering

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Measurement of the total cross-section and soft diffraction by the  
ATLAS and TOTEM experiments at the LHC

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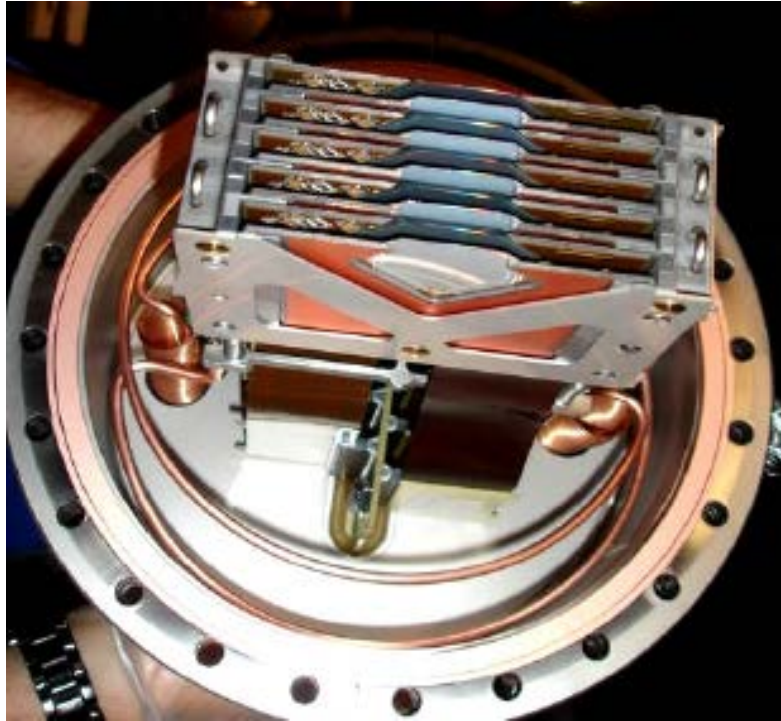
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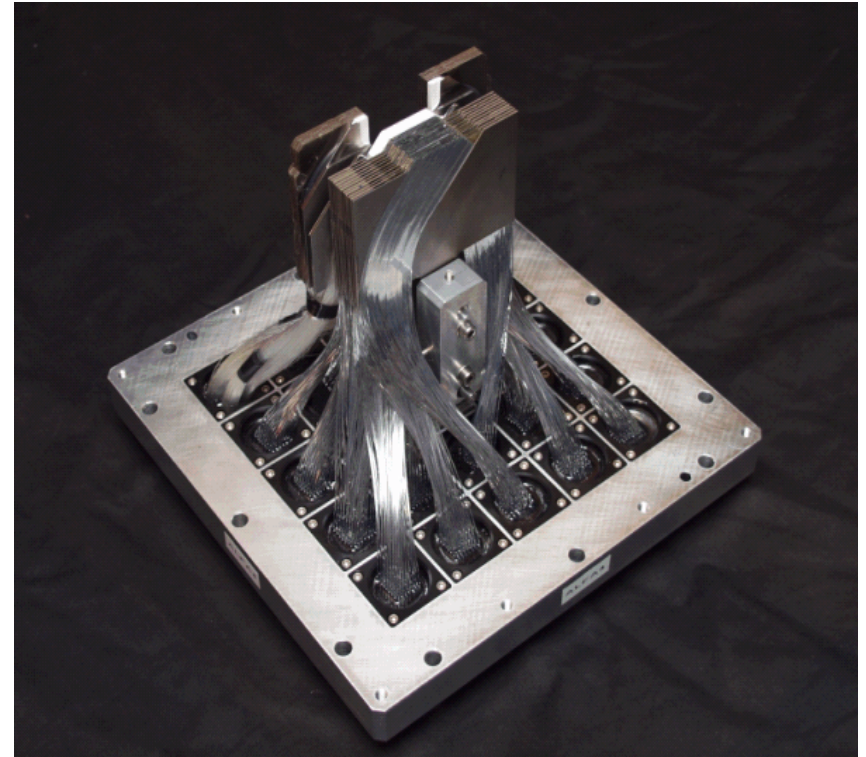
# Detectors

## TOTEM



Planar silicon detectors  
Stack of 10  
Insensitive region  $< 60\text{-}70\mu\text{m}$   
Space resolution  $11\mu\text{m}$  per stack

## ATLAS/ALFA

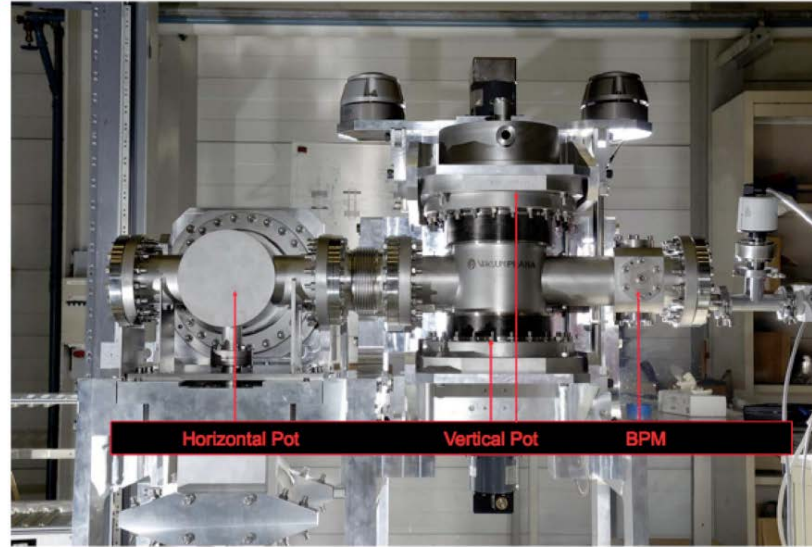


Scintillating fibres  
10 staggered planes  
Insensitive region  $< 20\text{-}30\mu\text{m}$   
Space resolution  $35\mu\text{m}$

# Roman Pots and their position

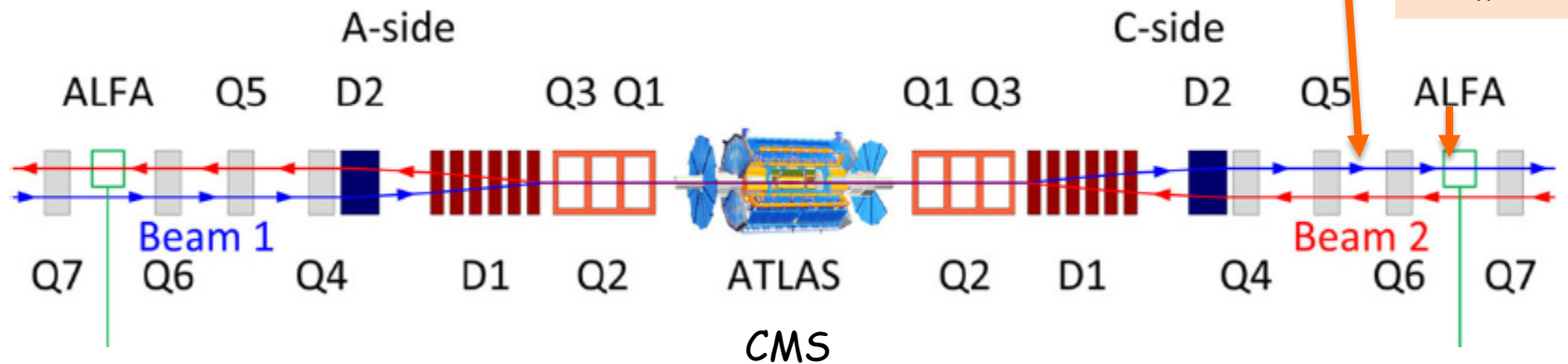


The Roman Pot Module



TOTEM  
Two units separated by 5 m at 220m

ATLAS  
Two units separated by 4 m at 240 m



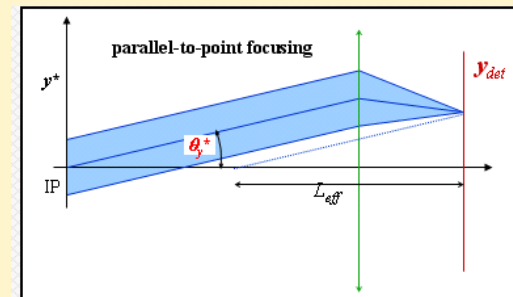


# Similarities and differences ATLAS/TOTEM measurements

## OPTICS

In general for small angle elastic scattering:

- Divergence smaller than angles to be measured  $\Rightarrow \sqrt{\epsilon}/\beta^*$  small  
 $\Rightarrow$  large  $\beta^*$ ; ATLAS/TOTEM used  $\beta^*=90\text{m}$
- "parallel to point" in at least one plane  
ATLAS/TOTEM in vertical plane
- Large effective lever arm in at least one plane for good  $t$ -resolution.  
 $\theta_y = y/L_y^{\text{eff}}$  ATLAS/TOTEM vertical plane



However

Difference in horizontal lever arm ( $\theta_x = x/L_x^{\text{eff}}$ )

TOTEM  $\sim 0$  m for clean separation of diffractives

ATLAS  $\sim 10$  m

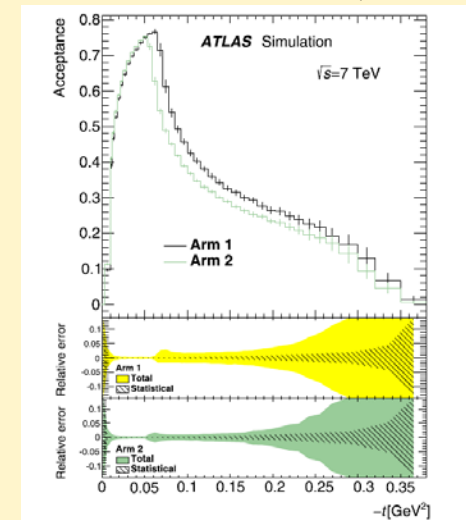
$\Rightarrow$  Different methods for  $t$ -reconstruction

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## Conditions for data taking and triggering

- 1-2 bunches with  $7 \times 10^{10}$  protons; some few low intensity bunches; one non-colliding bunch
- Luminosity typically  $5 \times 10^{27} - 10^{28} / \text{cm}^2 \text{s}$
- Detectors roughly 5 mm from the beam
- Basically the same acceptance
- $t$ -range  $5 \times 10^{-3} \rightarrow 0.4 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Triggers based upon back-to-back topology with  $>99\%$  eff.

ATLAS trigger scintillators covering the detector  
TOTEM OR's of 16 strips and loose track roads



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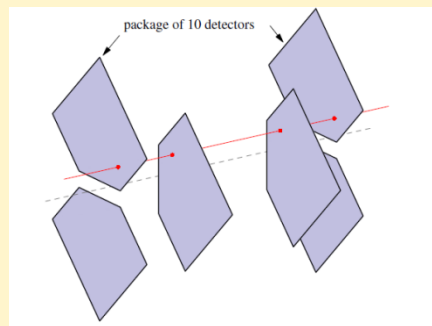
## Alignment

1. Pots relative to the beam.

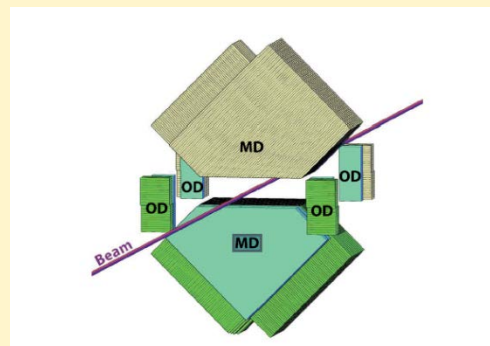
Define beam with sharp edge. Move in in small step and detect beam interactions with pot-window using Beam Loss Monitor

2. Relative position of each detector using tracks

TOTEM



ATLAS



3. Global alignment on both sides using the symmetry of the kinematics of elastics

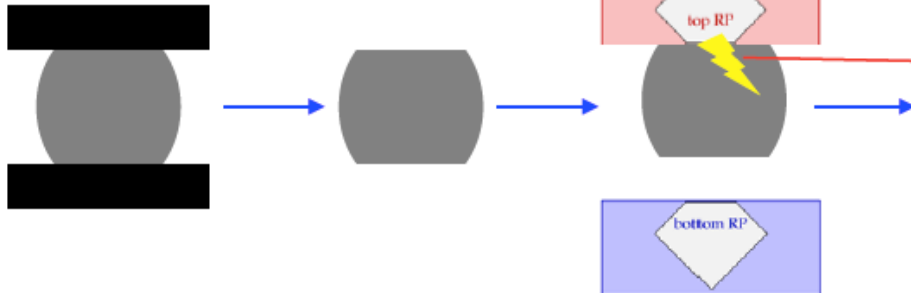
Precision:	Horizontal	Vertical
TOTEM	1-2 $\mu\text{m}$	30 $\mu\text{m}$
ATLAS	1-2 $\mu\text{m}$	80 $\mu\text{m}$

# Beam-Based Roman Pot Alignment (Scraping)

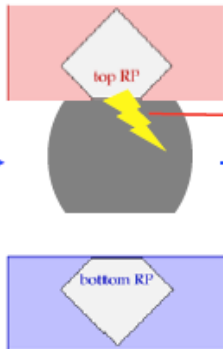
Standard Procedure for LHC Collimators



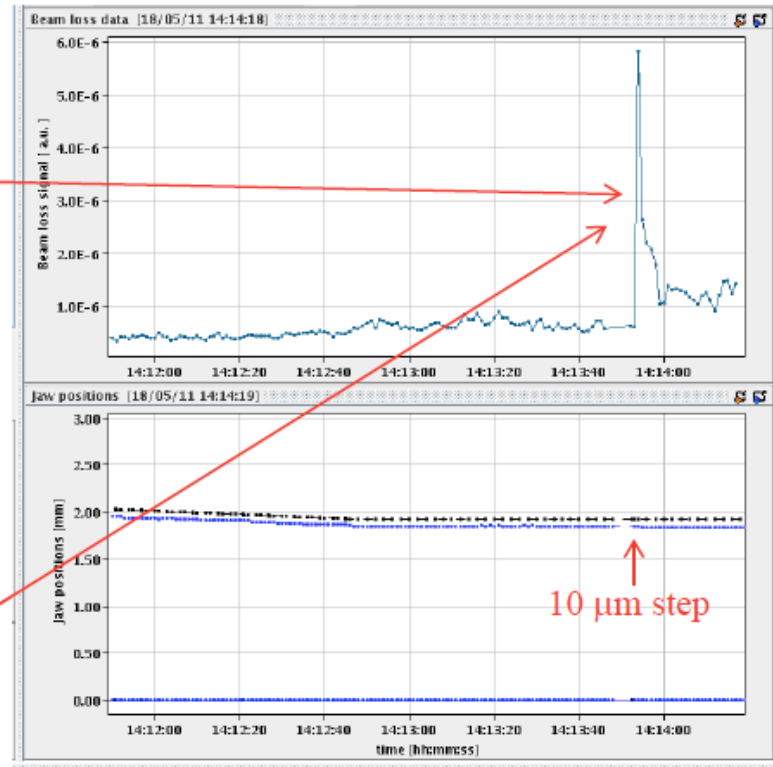
A primary collimator cuts a sharp edge into the beam, symmetrical to the centre



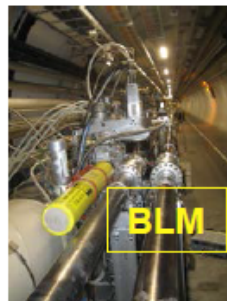
The top RP approaches the beam until it touches the edge



The last 10  $\mu\text{m}$  step produces a spike in a **Beam Loss Monitor** downstream of the RP



Slide from Mario Deile



# Similarities and differences ATLAS/TOTEM measurements

## $t$ - reconstruction

Here we have a clear difference ATLAS/TOTEM ...a bit tricky to explain...

- Several possibilities to reconstruct  $t$  from the measurement at the Roman Pot
- The problem is simplified by the back-to-back topology and identical vertex position for left and right protons.
- Using those simplifications the scattering angle at the IP can be calculated *either* from a measurement of the *position* or the *angle* at the Roman Pot.
- Which method is best depends on factors like resolution and sensitivities to the optics

### VERTICAL PLANE

The resolution in the vertical plane is determined by the beam divergence and thus the difference in spatial resolution between TOTEM and ATLAS does not matter


- the calculation of  $\theta_y$  at the IP is straight forward due to the "parallel to point" optics and the large lever arm.
- Best resolution and smallest sensitivity to optics is obtained by transforming the *position measurement* at *the RP* to an *angle at the IP*.
- TOTEM/ATLAS identical

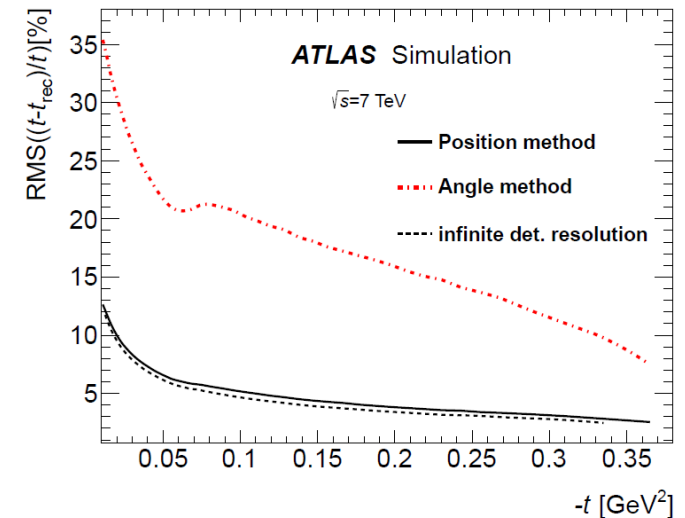


## HORIZONTAL PLANE TOTEM

- The effective lever arm small ( $\sim 0$  m)
- Thus TOTEM calculates  $\theta_x$  at the IP using *the horizontal angle at the RP*
- The  $\theta_x$  resolution at the IP depends strongly on the angular resolution at the RP
- TOTEM has relative good angular resolution ( 5-10  $\mu$ rad) at the RP.

## HORIZONTAL PLANE ATLAS

- The effective lever arm  $\sim 10$  m
- ATLAS has less good angular resolution at the RP 
- ATLAS has chosen as default method to determine the angle at the IP from the *position measurement at the RP* because of the better resolution in the position measurement.
- Drawback- higher sensitivity to Optics



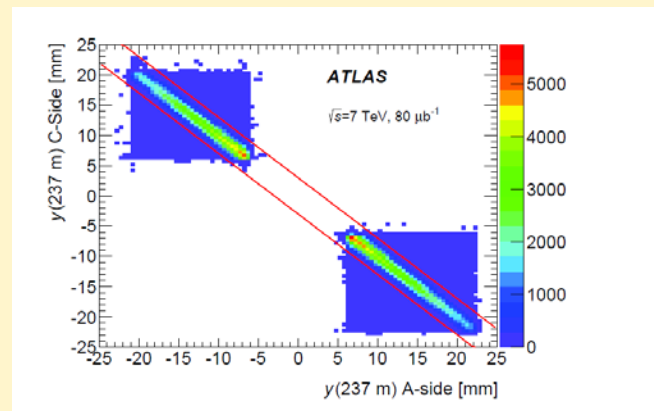
To overcome this difficulty and better understand the sensitivity to the optics, ATLAS has constrained the optics using the elastics and checked results by using four different methods to reconstruct  $t$

# Similarities and differences ATLAS/TOTEM measurements

## Event selection and background

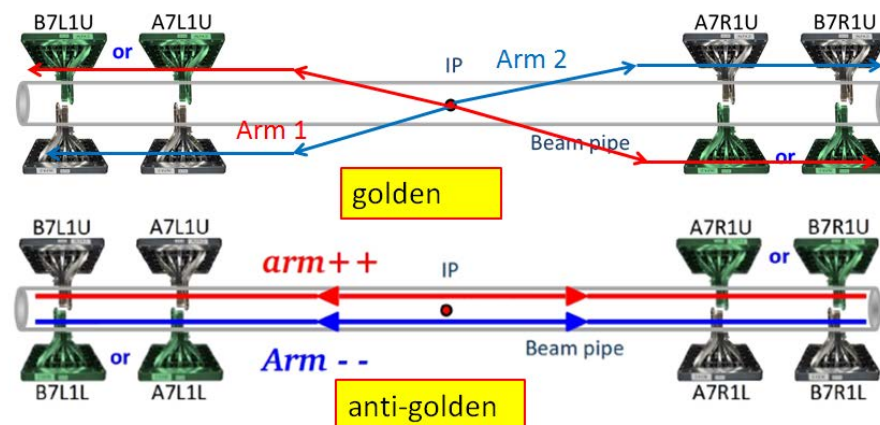
### Event selection - straight forward

- Back-to-back topology  
⇒ left-right correlation
- Position-angle correlation on each side independently
- TOTEM also uses horizontal vertex position ( L and R)



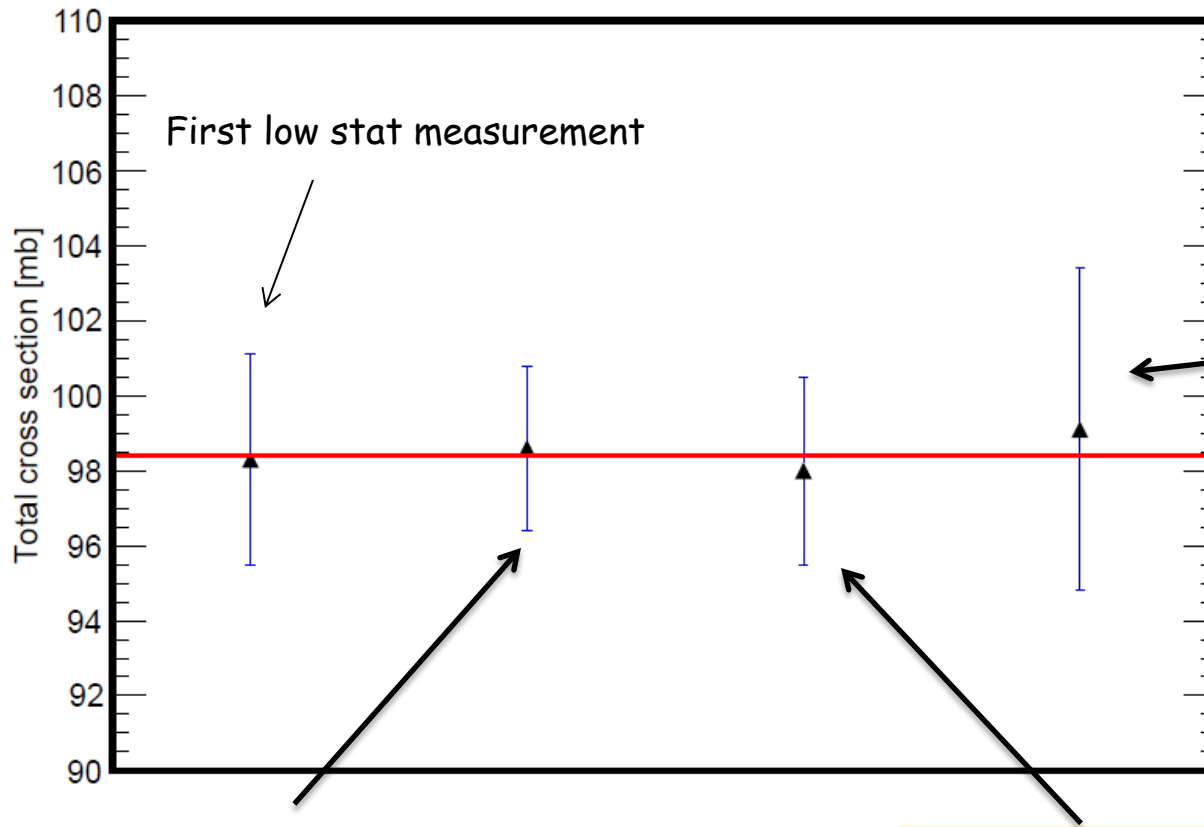
### Background - low

- TOTEM uses vertex dist. in X obtains  $0.8 \% \pm 0.4 \%$
- ATLAS uses topology left upper(lower)-right upper(low) obtains  $0.4 \% \pm 0.2 \%$



# The TOTEM results at 7 TeV

TOTEM measurements at 7 TeV



P-independent (not using the optical theorem)

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = \sigma_{\text{el}} + \sigma_{\text{inel}} = (N_{\text{EL}} + N_{\text{INEL}}) / L$$

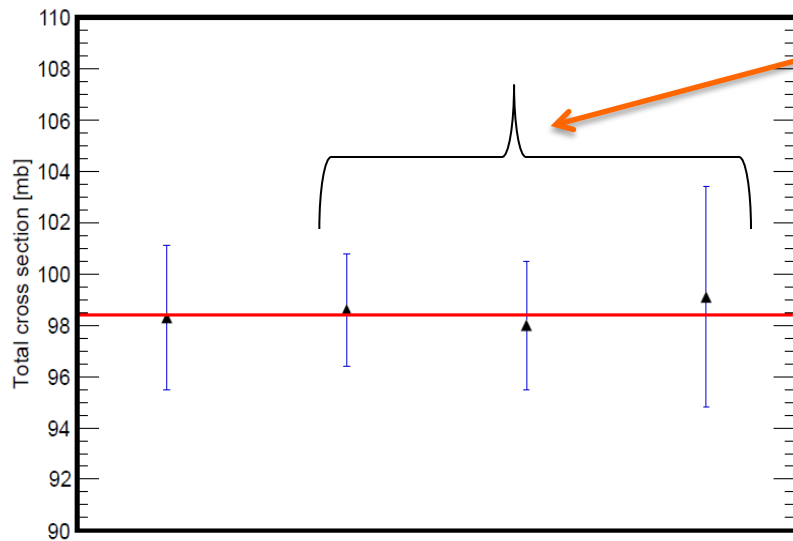
Luminosity dependent

Luminosity independent

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}^2 = \frac{16\pi}{1 + \rho^2} \frac{1}{L} \left( \frac{dN_{\text{el}}}{dt} \right)_{t=0} .$$

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = \frac{16\pi}{1 + \rho^2} \frac{(dN_{\text{el}}/dt)_{t=0}}{N_{\text{tot}}} .$$

TOTEM measurements at 7 TeV



The three measurements are obviously correlated  
Three independent ingredients are measured  
1) Luminosity,  
2) The inelastic rate,  
3) Differential elastic rate  
Each method use at least 2 out of 3 of the ingredients  
⇒ Correlations are unavoidable

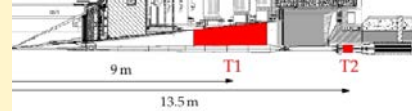
## However

- The fact that the three values are very close indicates that the measurements are basically correct
- A significant mistake in one of the three ingredients ⇒ two out of the three could agree but not the third
- In order to generate three values of the cross section so close to each other and still being significantly incorrect would require a conspiracy in the miss measurement of all three ingredients

# The ATLAS result

ATLAS  $\eta$ -coverage :  $-5 < \eta < 5$

( TOTEM covers with T2 :  $5.3 < |\eta| < 6.5$   
moreover with T1 tracking in :  $3.1 < |\eta| < 4.7$  )



- ⇒ Difficult to determine the inelastic rate precisely for ATLAS
- ⇒ Luminosity-independent and  $\rho$ -independent methods give large errors

The ATLAS result with the luminosity-dependent method:

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 95.35 \pm 1.36 \text{ mb.}$$

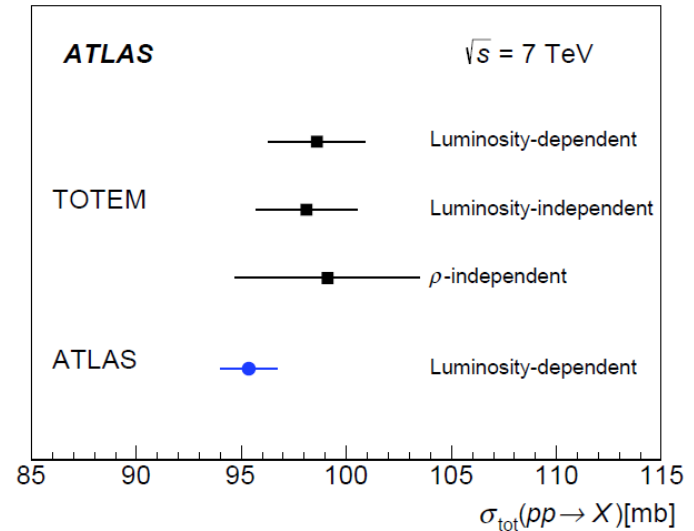


# Comparison of the ATLAS/TOTEM results

Luminosity-dependent: ATLAS/TOTEM  
1.3  $\sigma$  difference- basically OK

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{TOTEM}} / \sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{ATLAS}} = 1.03$$

$$\sigma_{\text{el}}^{\text{TOTEM}} / \sigma_{\text{el}}^{\text{ATLAS}} = 1.06$$



SPECULATION on possible explanation for the small discrepancy:

$\sigma_{\text{tot}}$  varies as  $\sqrt{s}$  with luminosity..... while  $\sigma_{\text{el}}$  varies linearly with luminosity  $\Rightarrow$  correction of relative luminosity of the two experiments of 6% would bring both ratios to 1.

Adjusting the TOTEM luminosity up one sigma of the luminosity uncertainty (4%) and the ATLAS luminosity down one sigma (2.3%) would do it!

Observe that after such an adjustment the  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}$  from the luminosity-independent measurement would be completely compatible with the other measurements.

## Comparison of the uncertainties in the ATLAS/TOTEM results

TOTEM

Luminosity-dependent

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 98.6 \pm 2.2 \text{ mb.}$$

Luminosity error 4 %  
completely dominant

TOTEM

Luminosity-independent

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 98.0 \pm 2.5 \text{ mb.}$$

Uncertainties from  
inelastic and elastic  
rate close to equal

TOTEM

P-independent

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 99.1 \pm 4.3 \text{ mb.}$$

Luminosity error  
completely dominant

ATLAS

Luminosity-dependent

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 95.35 \pm 1.36 \text{ mb.}$$

Luminosity error  
2.3 % dominant

# Further comparison of the uncertainties in the ATLAS/TOTEM results

The ATLAS result splits up in three components

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 95.35 \pm 1.36 \text{ mb.}$$

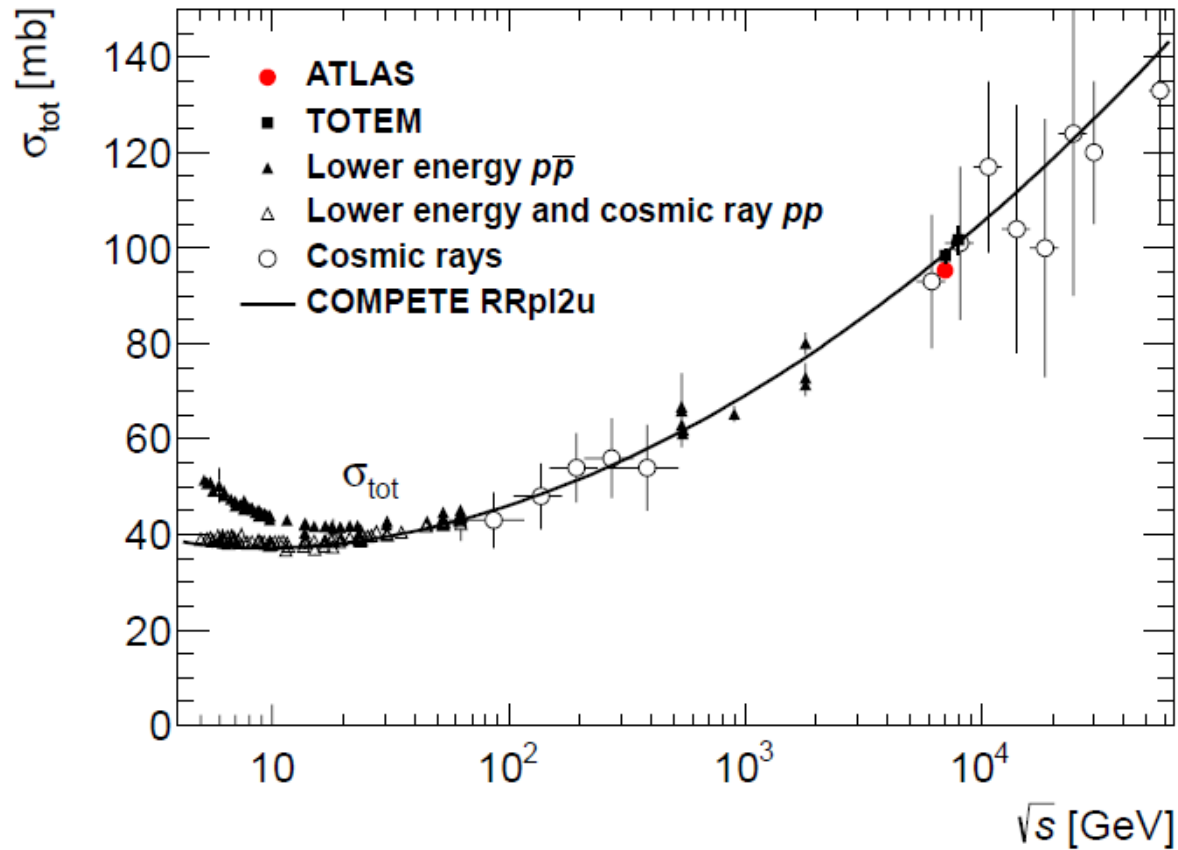
$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 95.35 \pm 0.38 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 1.25 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 0.37 \text{ (extr.) mb.}$$

Unfolding of the data introduce statistical correlation between the different  $t$ -bins and the resulting covariance matrix is calculated and included in the fit for  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}$ .  
TOTEM does not quote a statistical error.

Dominated by luminosity followed by beam energy (0.4 mb)  
TOTEM does not quote error from the beam energy.

From dependence of fit range.  
TOTEM does not see such dependence.

# Comparison of the ATLAS/TOTEM results with others



# The slope parameter $B$

Use pure exponential  $e^{-B|t|}$  to describe differential elastic cross section for small  $t$ - values

ATLAS with fit up  $-t = 0.1 \text{ GeV}^2$  obtains  $B = 19.73 \pm 0.14(\text{stat}) \pm 0.26(\text{syst}) \text{ GeV}^{-2}$

TOTEM with fit up  $-t = 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2$  obtains  $B = 19.9 \pm 0.3 (\text{syst}) \text{ GeV}^{-2}$

$$B = B_0 + 2\alpha_p^{\text{eff}} \ln(s/s_0)$$

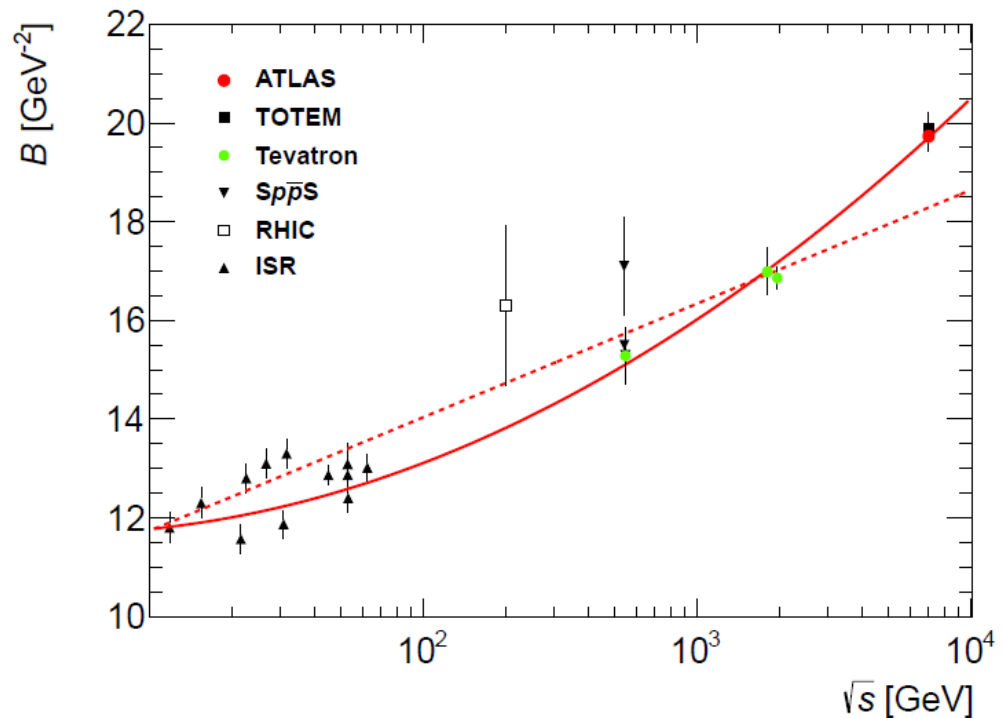
Dotted line:

Donnachie-Landshoff

$$\alpha_p^{\text{eff}} = 0.25 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

Full line:

Quadratic form from  
Schegelsky and Ryskin

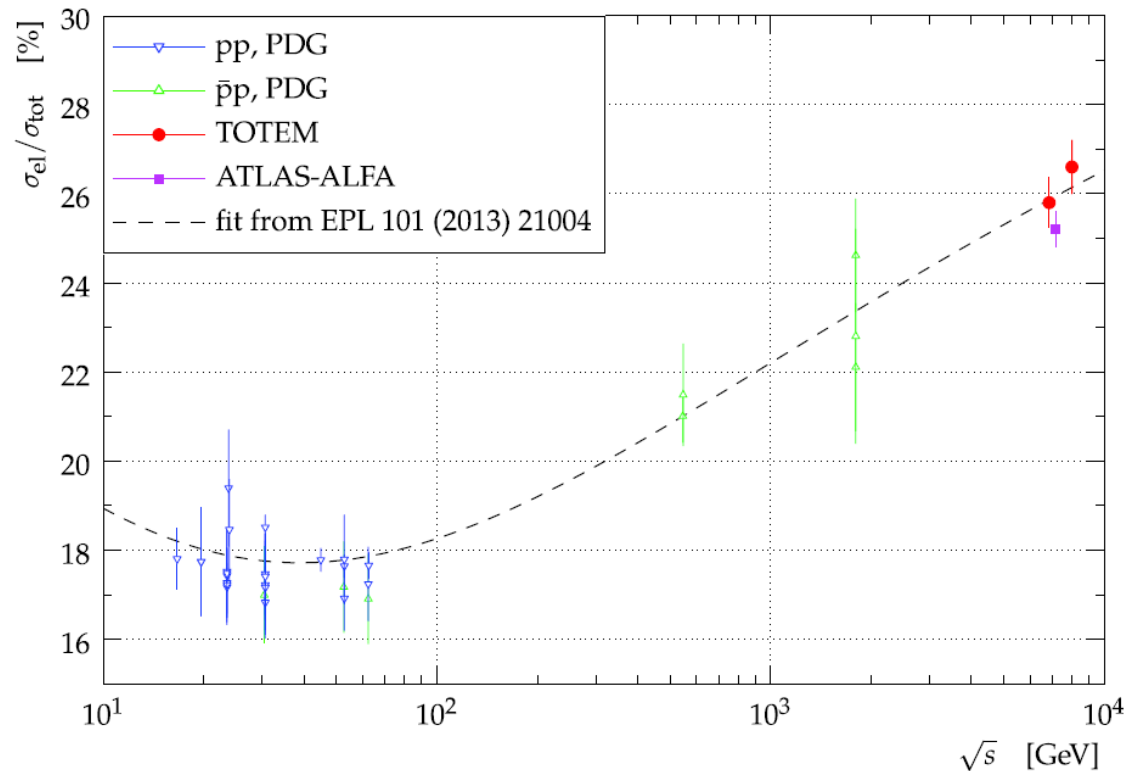




# The ratio $\sigma_{el}/\sigma_{tot}$

Measure of the opacity of the proton

The ratio  $\sigma_{el}/\sigma_{tot}$  would be  $\frac{1}{2}$  for the proton being opaque black disc



## Prospects and Future Plans

- ❑ Finish analysis of 8 TeV data (ATLAS)
- ❑ Measure  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}$  at 13 TeV
- ❑ Reach the Coulomb interference region to measure  $\rho$  (and the luminosity in yet a different way)

BACK-UP

# Similarities and differences ATLAS/TOTEM measurements

## Unfolding

Not evident that I will treat this...may be skip

## 7.2. *Other results on soft diffraction*