At 7 TeV both experiments used the luminosity dependent method (TOTEM in addition also used the luminosity independent method).

Using the luminosity dependent method one can easily show that if there is a normalisation error in the scale of the differential elastic cross section (best candidates are luminosity and track efficiency) of the order of 2ε i.e. $Scale_{el}^{True} = (1+2\varepsilon) Scale_{el}^{measured}$

then

$$\sigma_{tot}^{True} / \sigma_{tot}^{Measured} = 1+\epsilon$$

$$\sigma_{el}^{True} / \sigma_{el}^{Measured} = 1+2\epsilon$$

$$\sigma_{inel}^{True} / \sigma_{inel}^{Measured} = 1+2/3\epsilon$$

7 TeV

A scale error of one experiment relative the other of $2 \varepsilon = 0.06 = 6 \%$ describes well the data

$$\sigma_{tot}^{TOTEM}/\sigma_{tot}^{ATLAS} = 1+\epsilon$$
 = 1.03 (If ϵ =0.03)
 $\sigma_{el}^{TOTEM}/\sigma_{el}^{ATLAS} = 1+2\epsilon$ = 1.06
 $\sigma_{inel}^{TOTEM}/\sigma_{inel}^{ATLAS} = 1+2/3\epsilon$ =1.02

Data 7 TeV
$$\sigma_{tot}^{TOTEM}/\sigma_{tot}^{ATLAS} = 98.6 / 95.35 = 1.034$$

$$\sigma_{el}^{TOTEM}/\sigma_{el}^{ATLAS} = 25.43 / 24.0 = 1.06$$

$$\sigma_{inel}^{TOTEM}/\sigma_{inel}^{ATLAS} = 73.15 / 71.3 = 1.026$$

8 TeV

At 8 TeV the comparison is more complicated because ATLAS still uses the luminosity dependent method while TOTEM used only the luminosity independent method .

However it turns out that one gets similar (though not identical) formulae for the luminosity independent method replacing the scale error of the differential elastic cross section with a measurement error in the inelastic rate,

With 2ε being the relative mistake in the inelastic rate i.e. $N_{inel}^{True} = (1-2\varepsilon) N_{inel}^{measured}$ in a similar way one gets

$$\sigma_{tot}^{True} / \sigma_{tot}^{Measured} = 1+3/2\epsilon$$

$$\sigma_{el}^{True}/\sigma_{el}^{Measured}$$
 =1+3 ϵ

$$\sigma_{\text{inel}}^{\text{True}}/\sigma_{\text{inel}}^{\text{Measured}}$$
 = 1+ ϵ

8 TeV

$$\sigma_{tot}^{TOTEM} / \sigma_{tot}^{ATLAS} = 1+\epsilon$$
 = 1.06 (If $\epsilon = 0.06$)

$$\sigma_{el}^{TOTEM} / \sigma_{el}^{ATLAS} = 1+2\epsilon$$
 = 1.12

$$\sigma_{\text{inel}}^{\text{TOTEM}} / \sigma_{\text{inel}}^{\text{ATLAS}} = 1 + 2/3 \epsilon$$
 = 1.04

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{TOTEM}} / \sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{ATLAS}} = 1+3/2\varepsilon$$
 = 1.06 (If $\varepsilon = 0.04$)

$$\sigma_{el}^{TOTEM} / \sigma_{el}^{ATLAS} = 1+3\epsilon$$
 = 1.12

$$\sigma_{\text{inel}}^{\text{TOTEM}} / \sigma_{\text{inel}}^{\text{ATLAS}} = 1 + \varepsilon$$
 = 1.04

A scale error of 12 % using the luminosity dependent method

These are equivalent

An error of the inelastic rate of 8 % For the luminosity independent method

Data 8 TeV

$$\sigma_{tot}^{TOTEM} / \sigma_{tot}^{ATLAS} = 101.7 / 96.1 = 1.06$$

$$\sigma_{el}^{TOTEM} / \sigma_{el}^{ATLAS} = 27.1/24.3 = 1.12$$

$$\sigma_{\text{inel}}^{\text{TOTEM}} / \sigma_{\text{inel}}^{\text{ATLAS}} = 74.7/71.7$$
 =1.04

DEMOCRATIC SHARING

A scale error of the differential elastic cross section of ATLAS of 6% and an error in the inelastic rate of TOTEM of 4 % gives perfect agreement with data