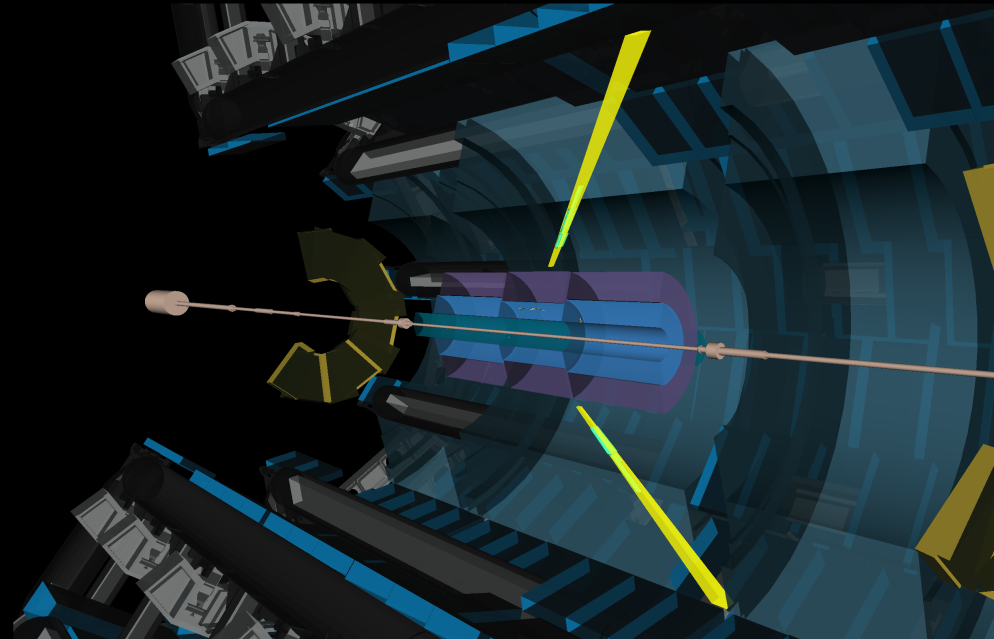
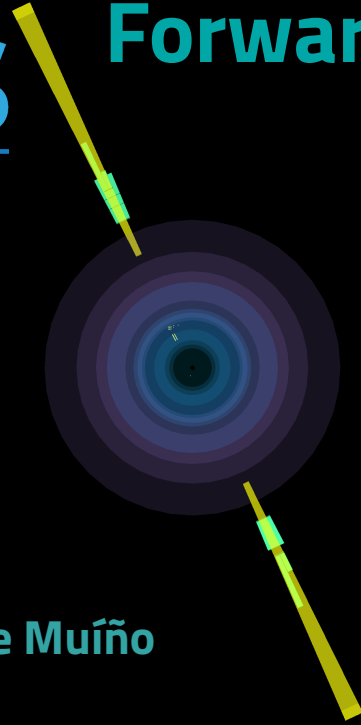




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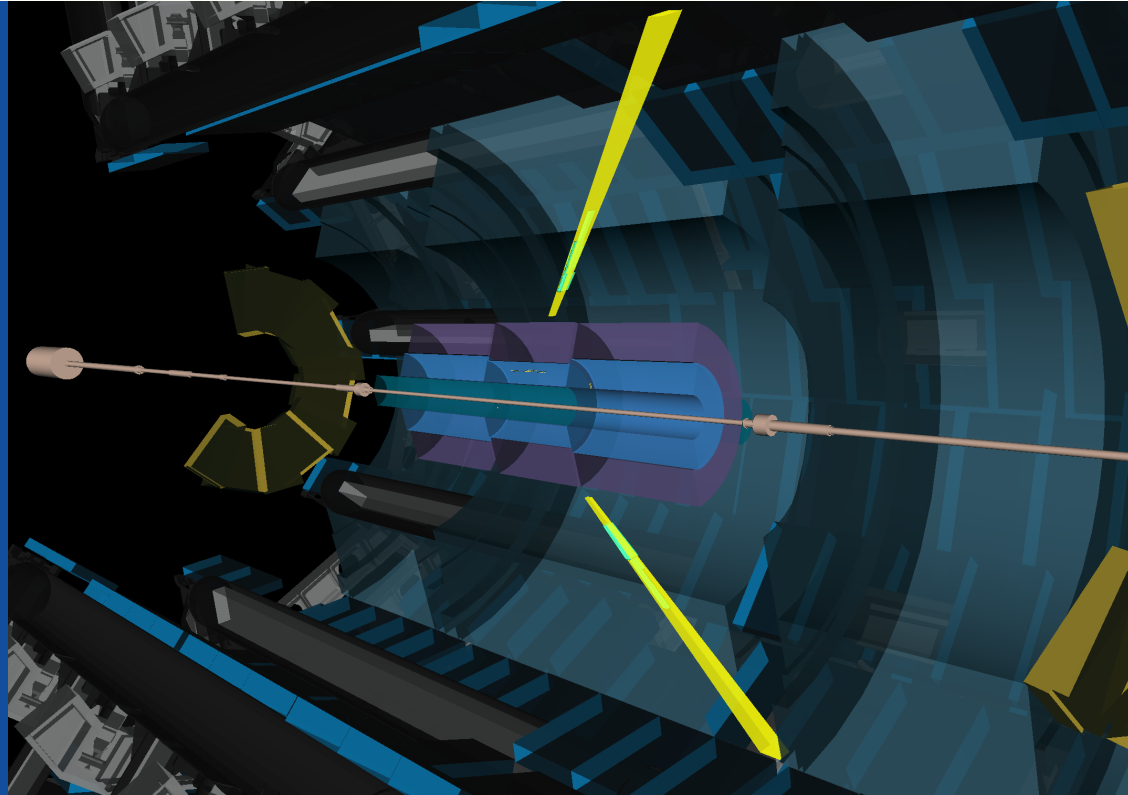
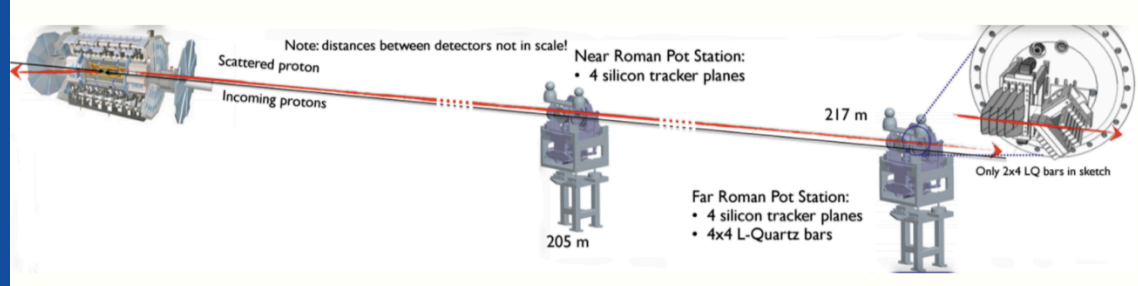
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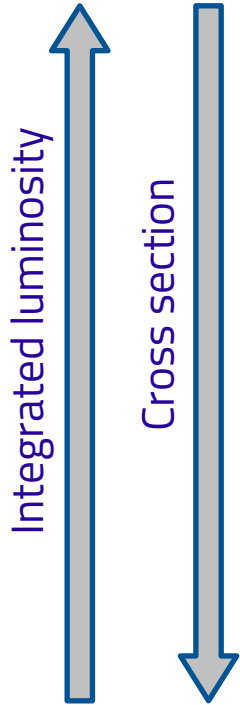
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# Diffracted p?

- Soft interaction between p
  - ▶ No dissociation
  - ▶ Continue moving in the beam pipe
  - ▶ Detected far away from the interaction point

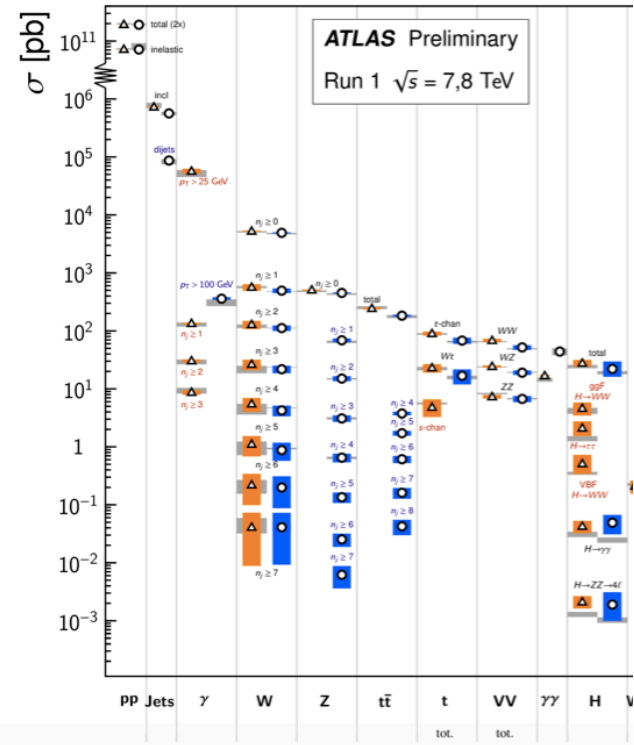


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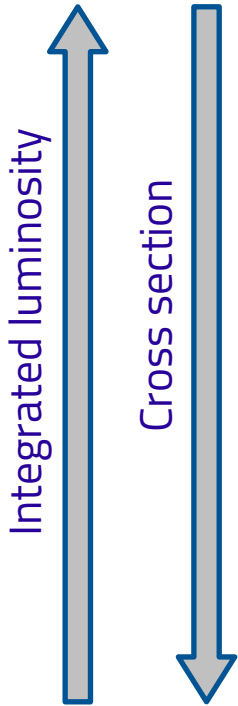


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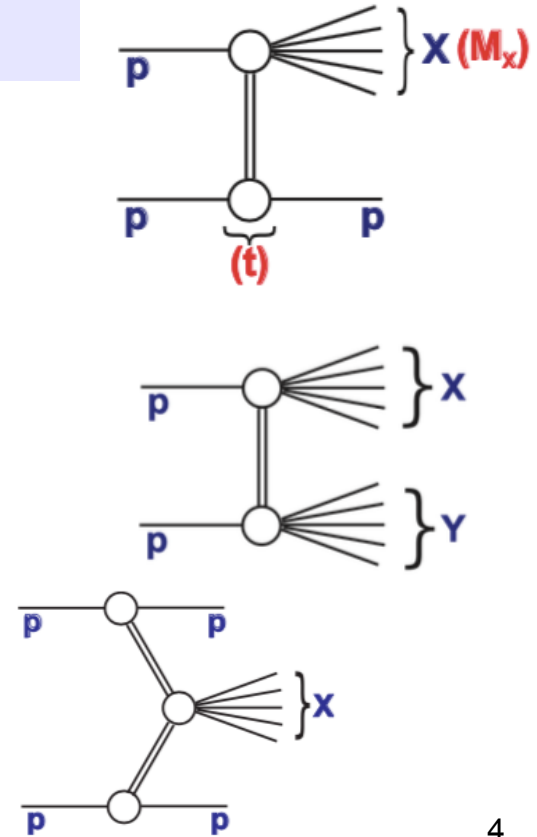
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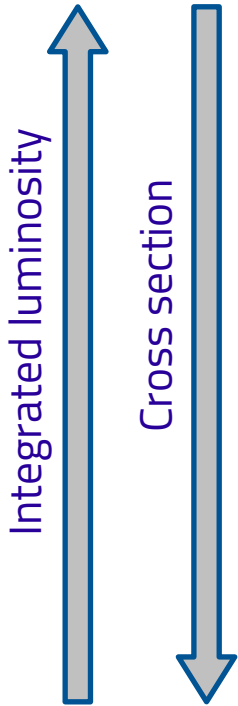


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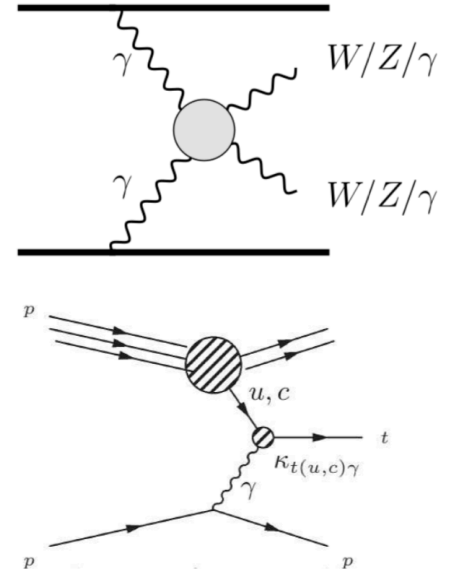




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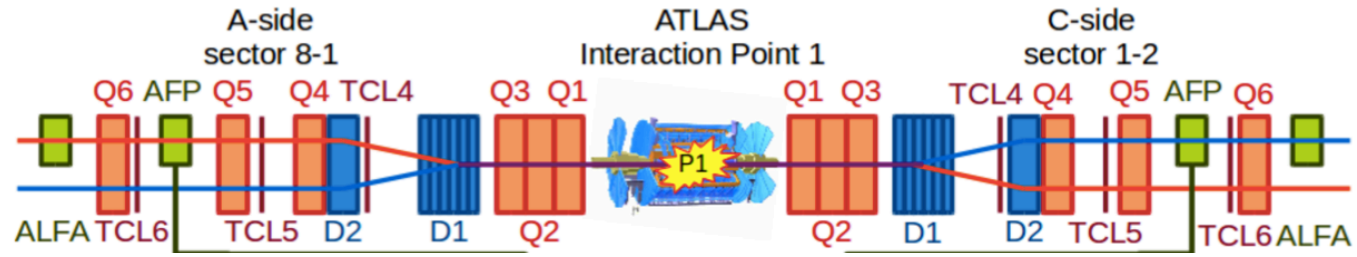


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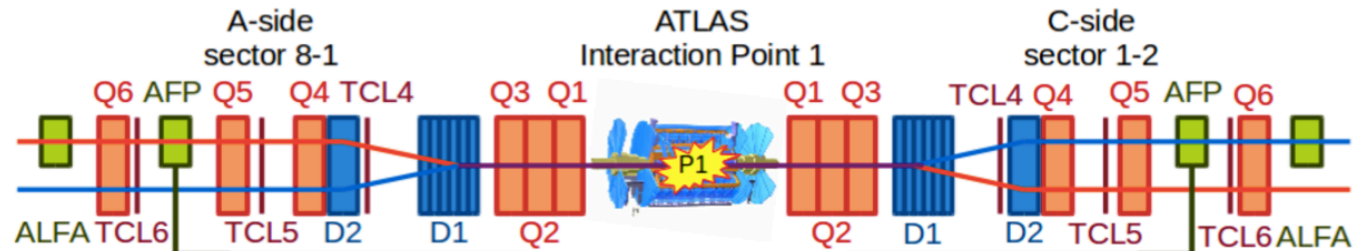
# ARP Detectors

# ATLAS Roman Pot Detectors

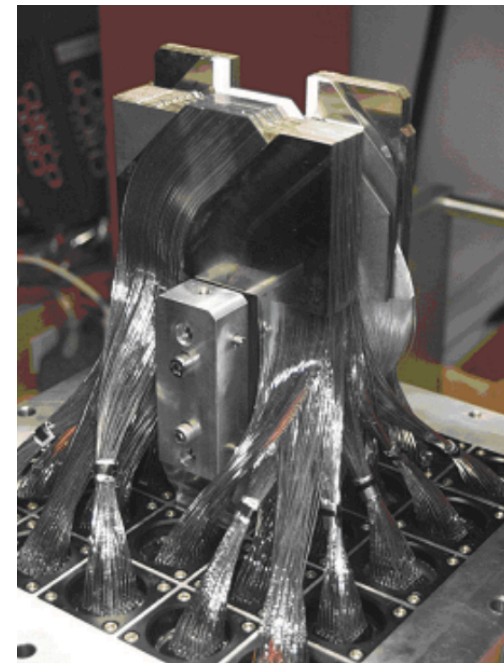
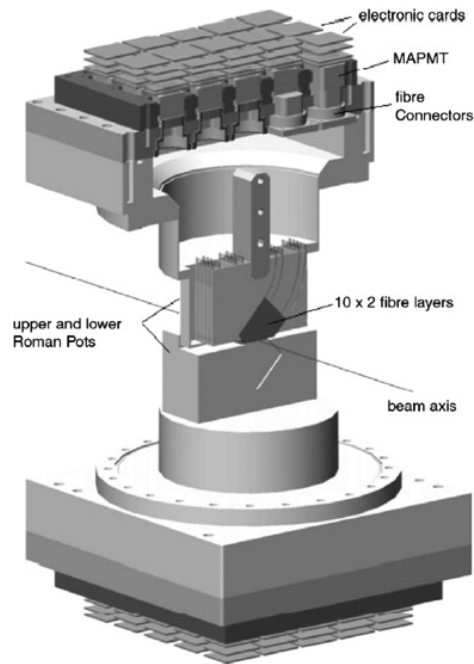


- Two sets of detectors
  - ▶ ATLAS Forward proton tagging detectors (AFP)
  - ▶ Absolute Luminosity detector (ALFA)

# ATLAS Roman Pot Detectors

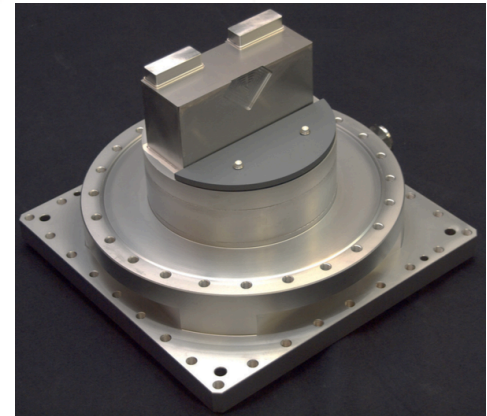
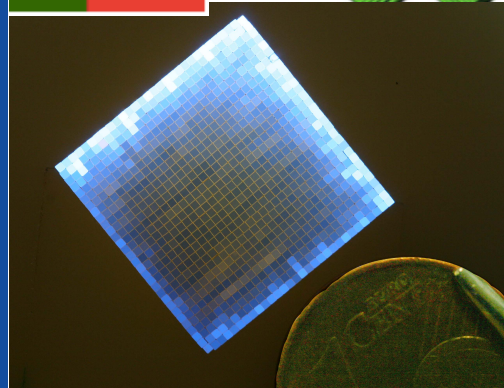
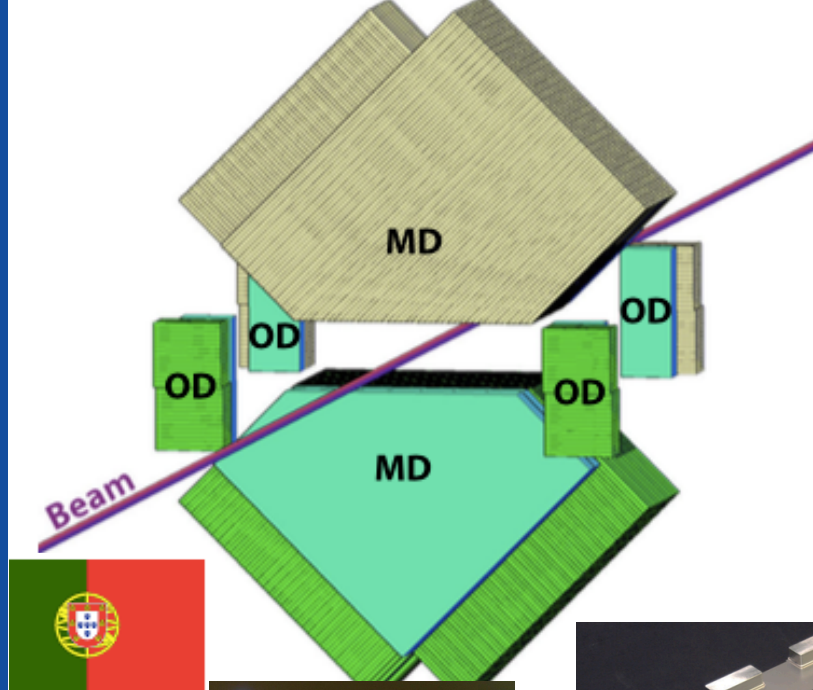


Luminosity  
detector (ALFA)



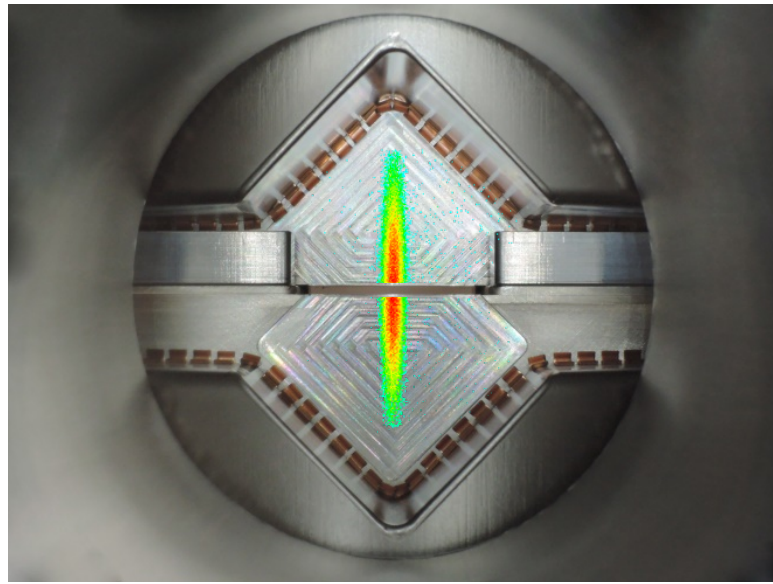
# ALFA

- Measure scattered  $p$  at mm distance from beam
  - ▶ Resolution:  $30\ \mu\text{m}$  in  $x, y$
  - ▶ Precise alignment
    - Overlap detector  $10\ \mu\text{m}$  precision
- Square scintillating fibres
  - ▶ aluminised (body, top)
  - ▶ Staggered layers
- Read out by MAPMTs

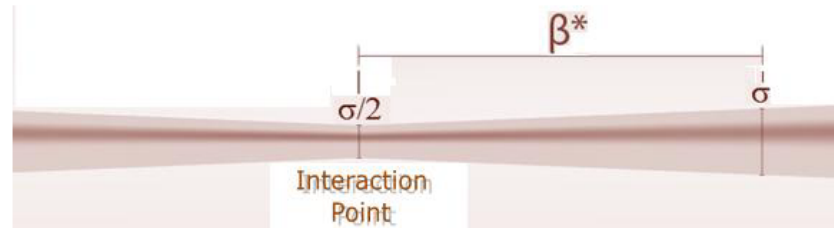


# ALFA

- Housed in Roman Pots to approach the beam
- Operates at low luminosity and with special optics
  - ▶  $L = 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
  - ▶ High  $\beta^*$

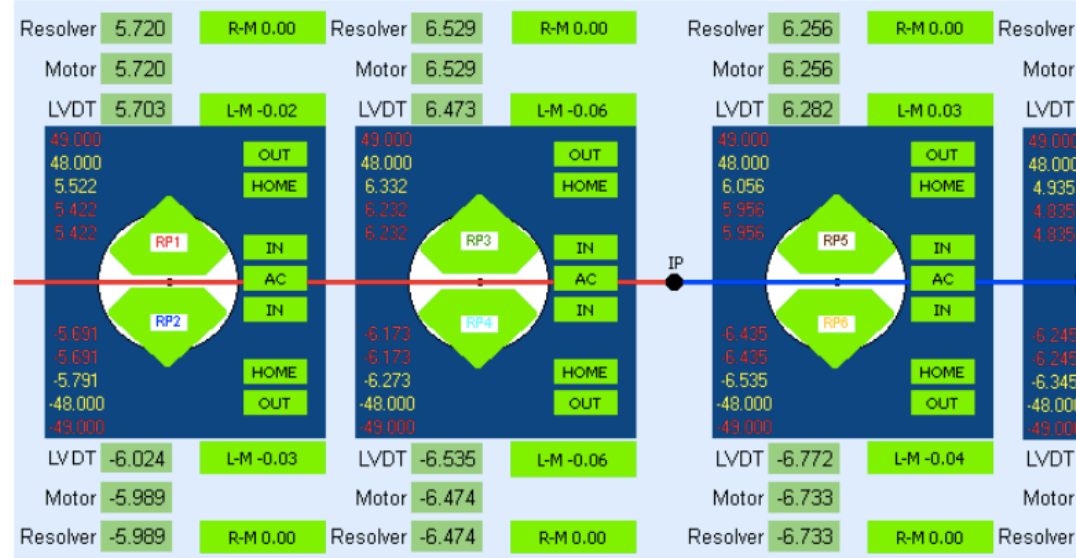


$$\text{Luminosity: } L = \frac{N_1 \cdot N_2 \cdot n \cdot f \cdot \gamma}{4 \cdot \pi \cdot \epsilon \cdot \beta^*} F$$



# Detector Control System

- Main Portuguese responsibility for years
- Provides
  - ▶ Safe operation of the detector
  - ▶ Monitoring and control



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B1	B2
User P1	T T
User P2	T T
Inj. P	T F
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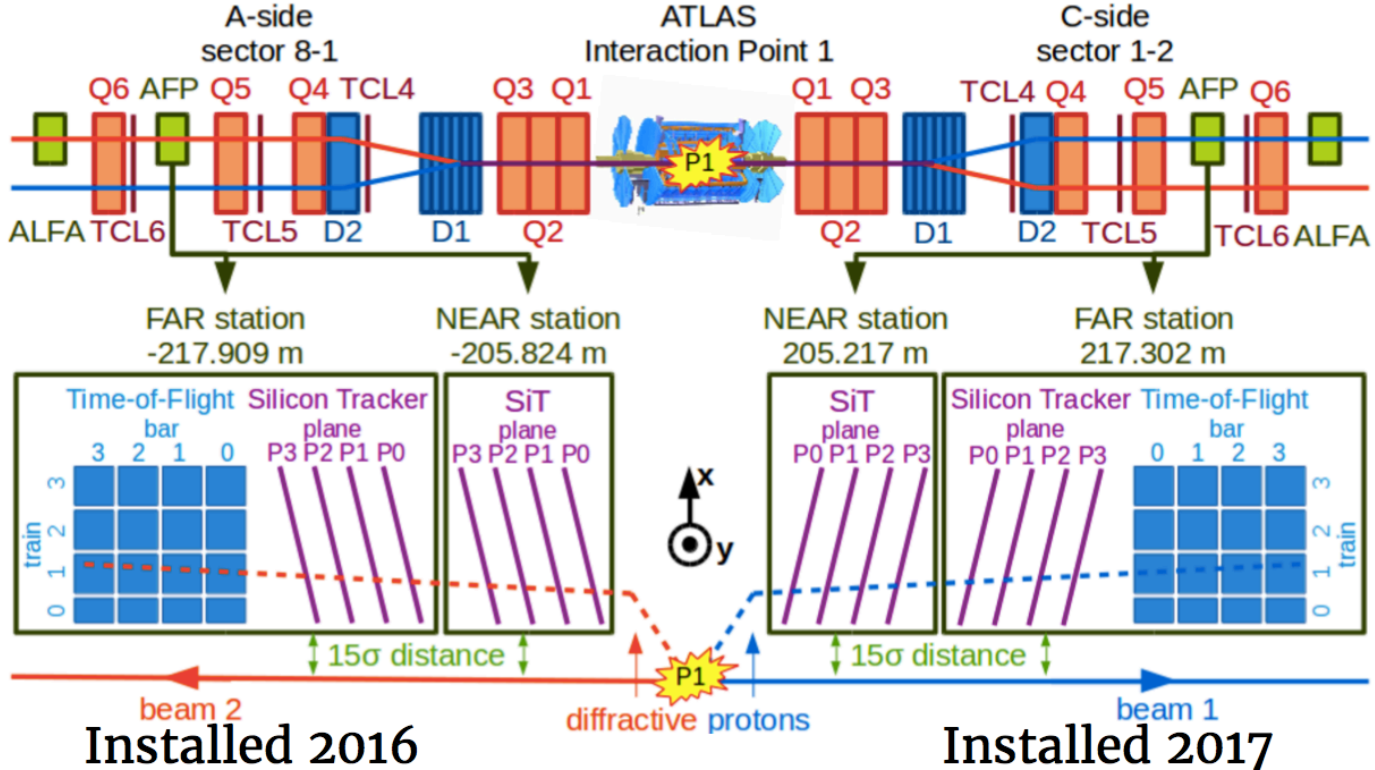
SECTOR 8-1			SECTOR 1-2		
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RP3 (A7L1U)	READY	OK	RP7 (B7R1U)	READY	OK
RP4 (A7L1L)	READY	OK	RP8 (B7R1L)	READY	OK

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Notification
[Green Box]

SERVERS			
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VME	MB Monitor	ISEG	
ALIVE	ALL	ALIVE	

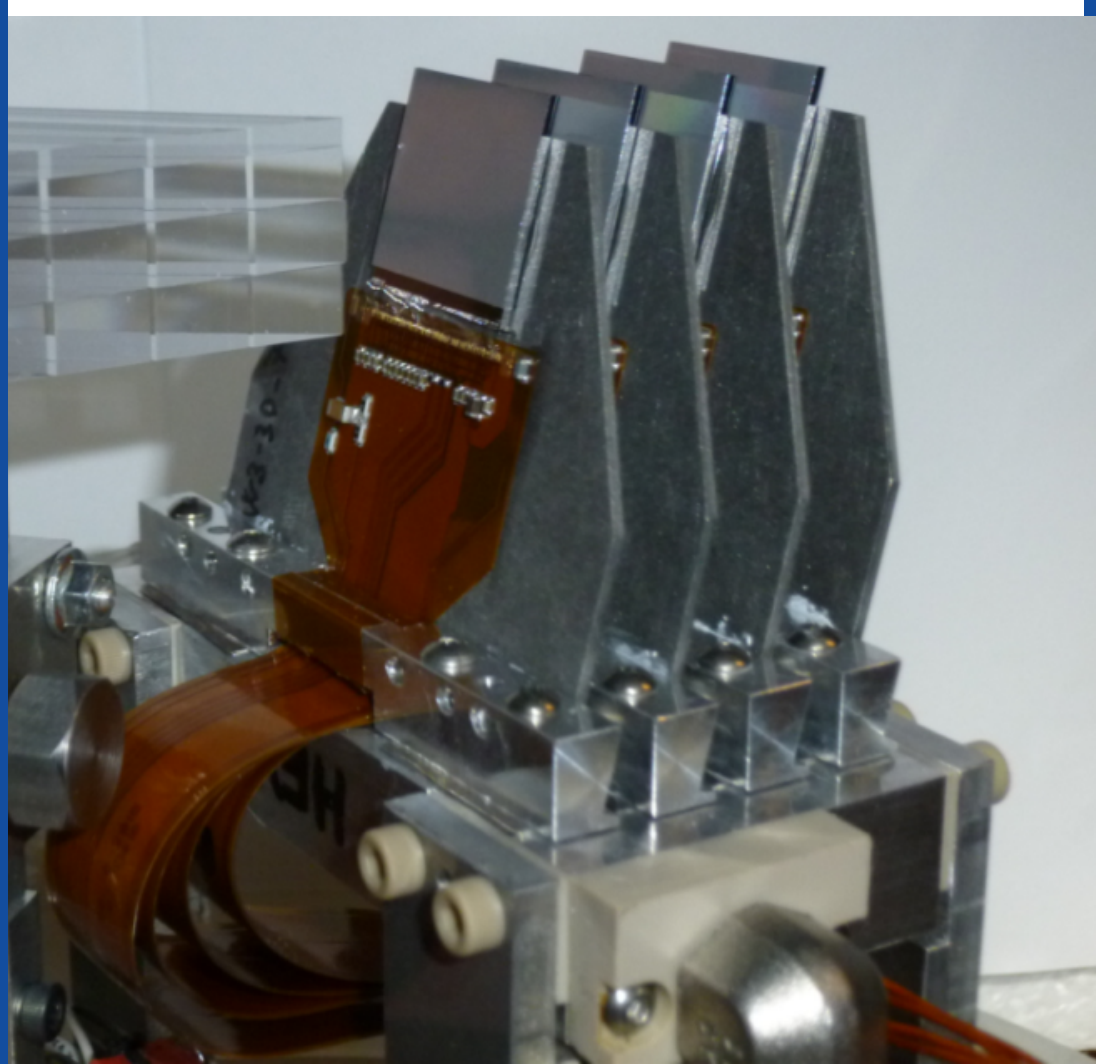
# ATLAS Forward Proton Tagging Detectors





# AFP

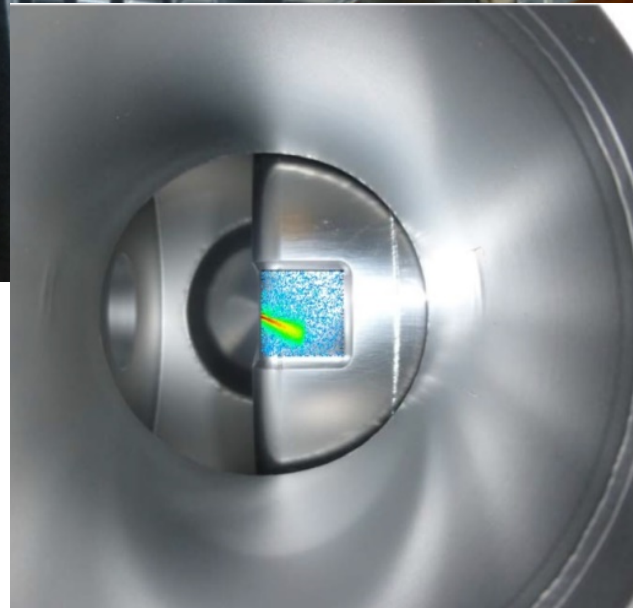
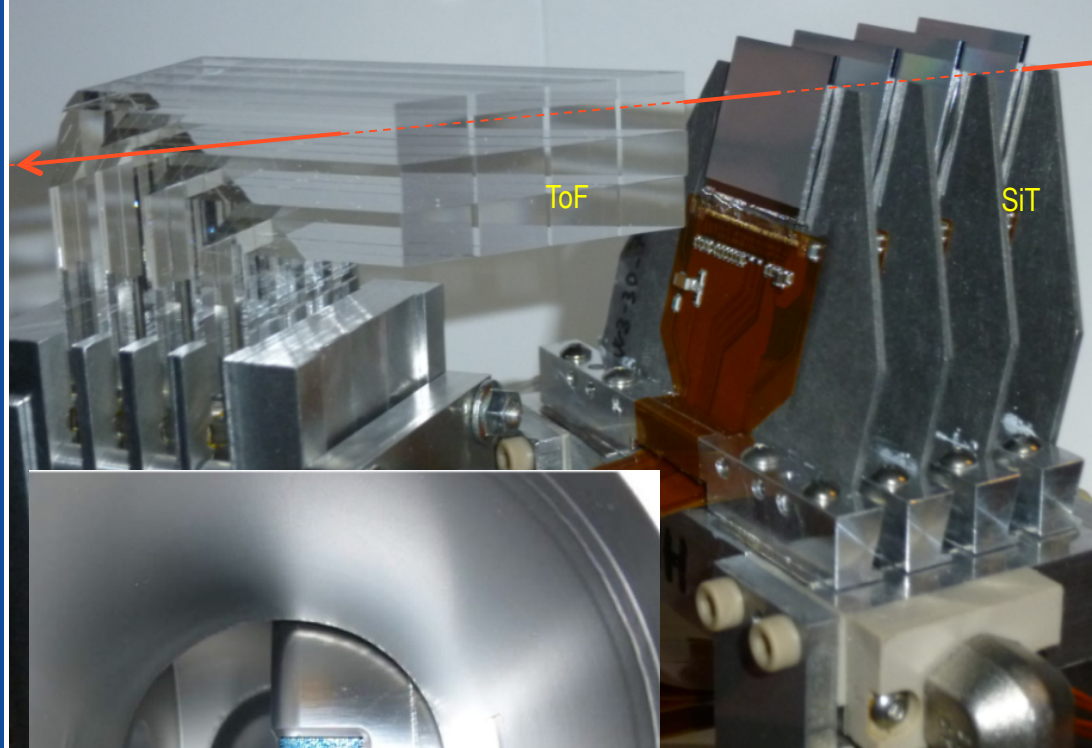
- Tracking detectors:
  - ▶ slim-edge 3D ATLAS IBL pixel sensors bonded with FE-I4 readout chips.
  - ▶  $\sigma_x = 6 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\sigma_y = 30 \mu\text{m}$
  - ▶ Trigger: majority vote (2 out of 3)



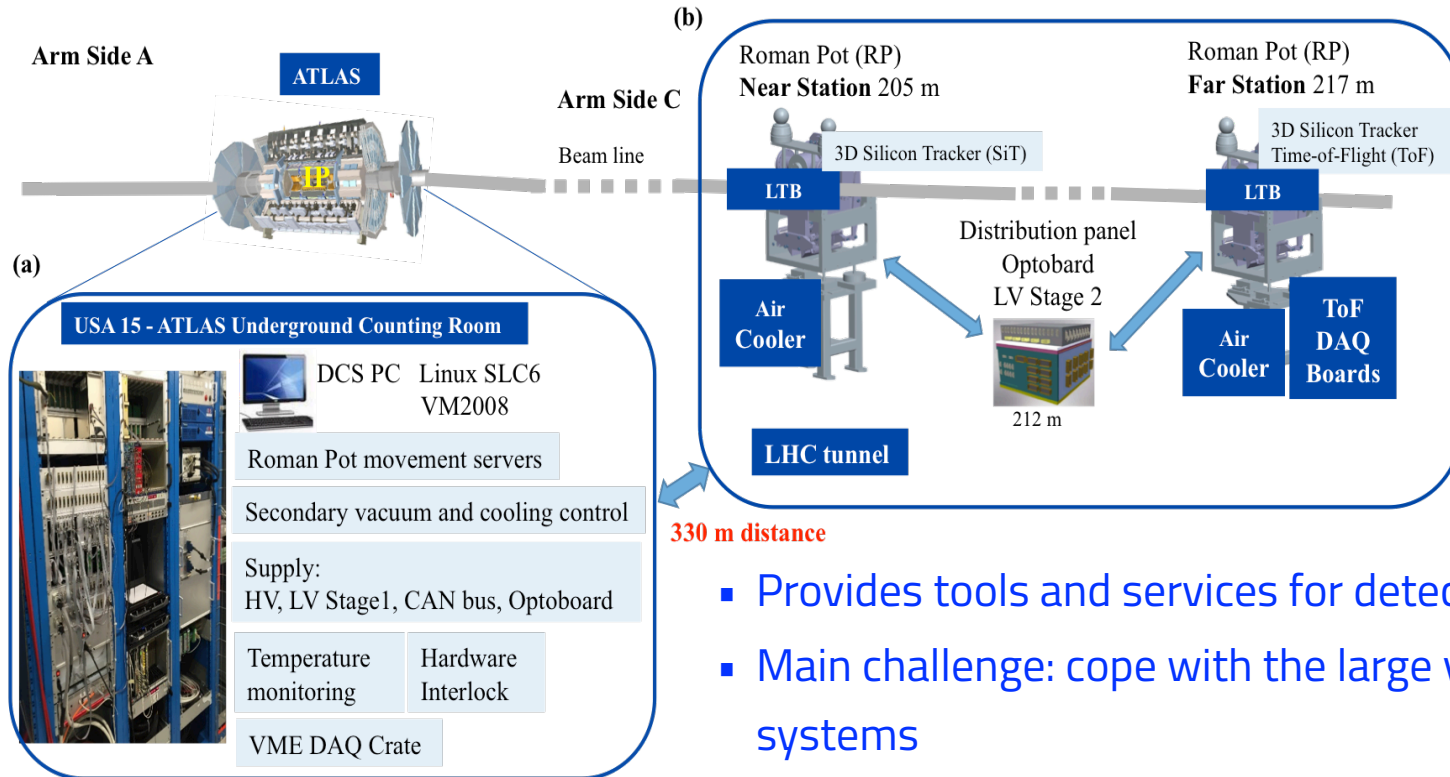


# AFP

- Time of flight measurement
  - ▶ Pile-up suppression  
primary vertex  $z_{ID}$  and  $z_{ToF}$
  - ▶  $\sigma_t \sim 20$  ps
- Quartz bars @ Cerenkov angle
- Readout by Photonis MCP-PMT
- Horizontally inserted RP



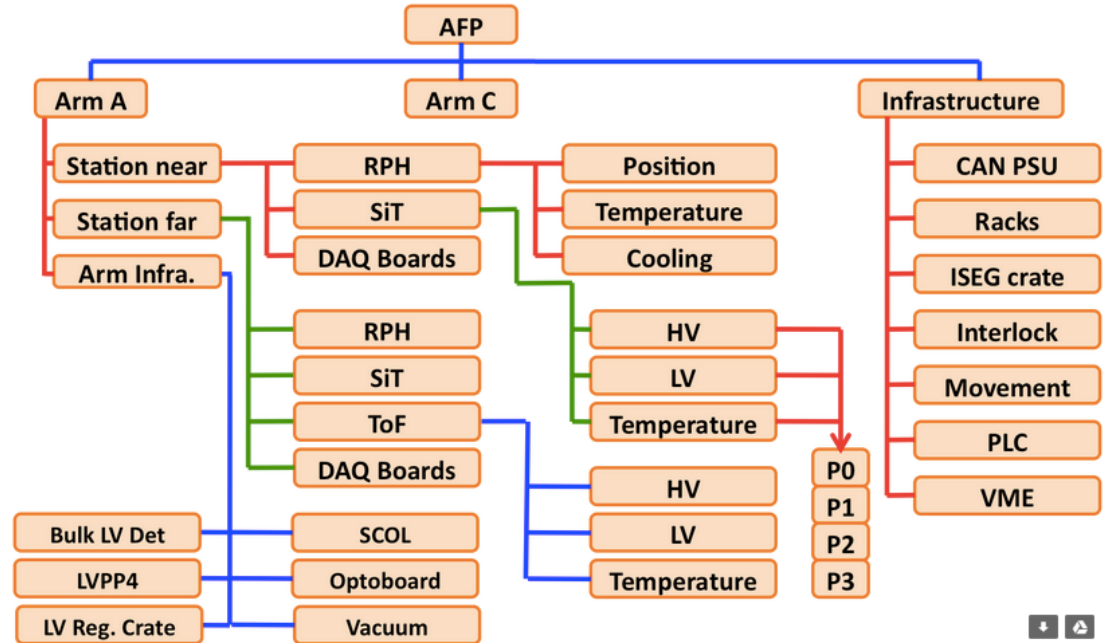
# AFP Detector control system



- Provides tools and services for detector operation
- Main challenge: cope with the large variety of sub systems

# AFP Detector Control System

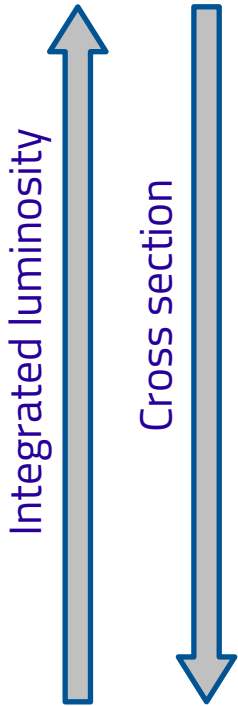
- FiniteStateMachine
- Archiving
- Alerts
- Graphical user interfaces



# AFP installation and data taking

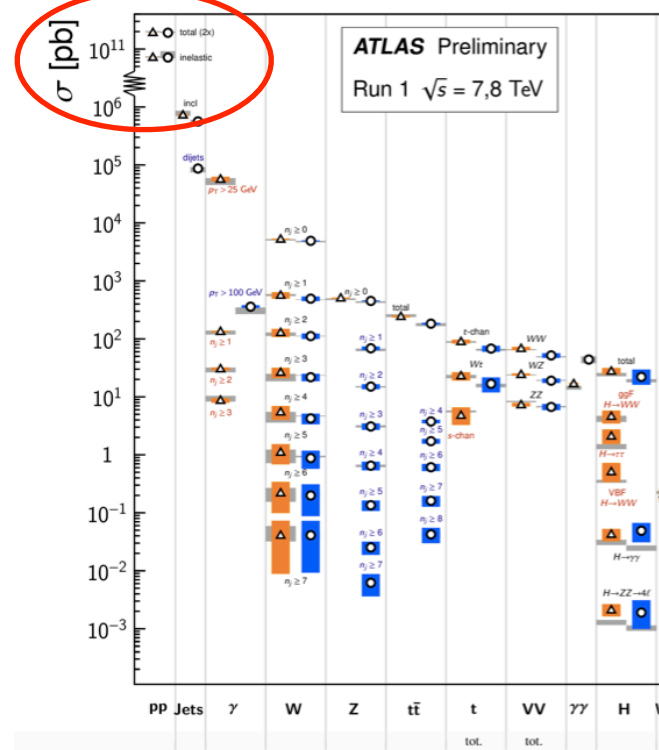
- Staggered installation
  - ▶ First arm in YETS 2016
  - ▶ Second arm and ToF detector in YETS 2017
- Operation experience
  - ▶ No ToF measurement due to problems with MCP-PMT
    - Solutions in place for Run 3
  - ▶ Very low ToF efficiency but good timing resolution ( $\sigma_t=20-25$  ps/p)
- 2017 data available for physics studies
- For Run 3:
  - ▶ New ToF detectors
  - ▶ Out-of-vacuum PMT solution —> long lifetime of the PMT
  - ▶ picoTDC: improve the timing!

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Standard Model Production Cross Section Meas



# Total Production Cross Section Measurement

arXiv:1408.5778    arXiv:1607.06605

- Fundamental parameter of the strong interaction
- Study its evolution as  $\sqrt{s}$  increases
- Measured using the optical theorem
  - ▶ Needs independent luminosity measurement
- As small  $t$  as possible
  - ▶ minimize model dependence!
  - ▶ special optics needed
    - $\beta^* = 90$  m

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 4\pi \text{Im} [f_{\text{el}}(t \rightarrow 0)]$$

Elastic scattering amplitude  
Extrapolated to zero momentum  
Transfer

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi} |f_{\text{N}}(t) + f_{\text{C}}(t)e^{i\alpha\phi(t)}|^2$$

$$f_{\text{C}}(t) = -8\pi\alpha\hbar c \frac{G^2(t)}{|t|},$$

$$f_{\text{N}}(t) = (\rho + i) \frac{\sigma_{\text{tot}}}{\hbar c} e^{-B|t|/2}$$

# Total Production Cross Section Measurement

- 4-momentum transfer:

$$-t = (\theta^\star \times p)^2$$

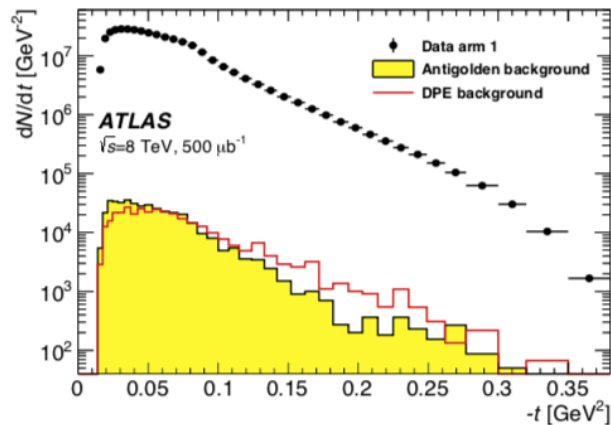
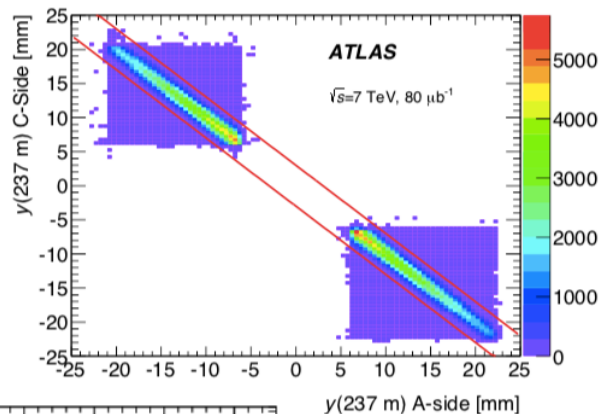
- Use matrix method

$$w = \{x, y\}$$

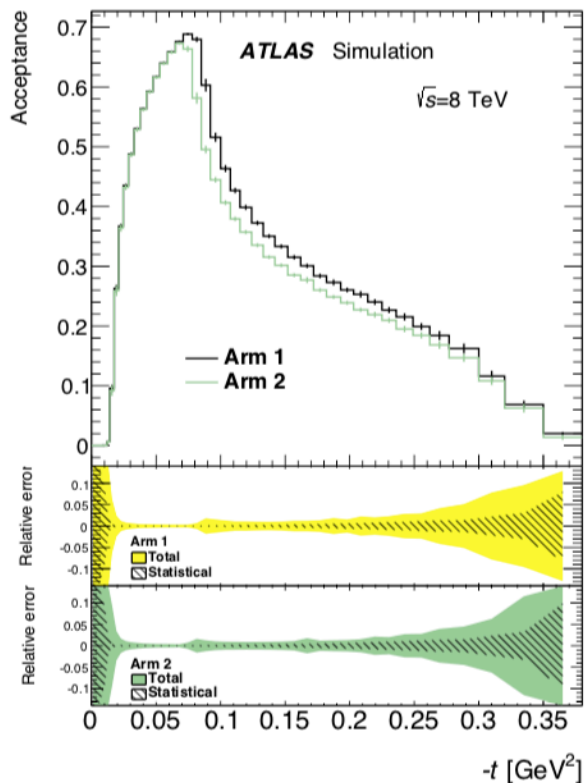
$$\theta_w^\star = \frac{w_A - w_C}{M_{12,A} + M_{12,C}}$$

- Back-to-back p tracks

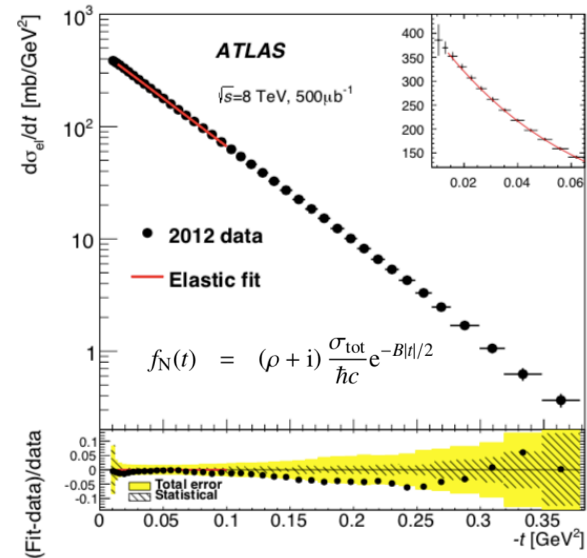
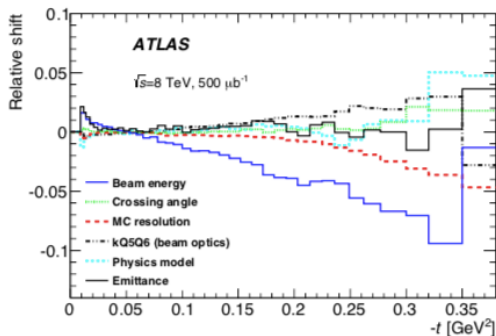
- Reduce beam-halo backgrounds



# Total Production Cross Section Measurement



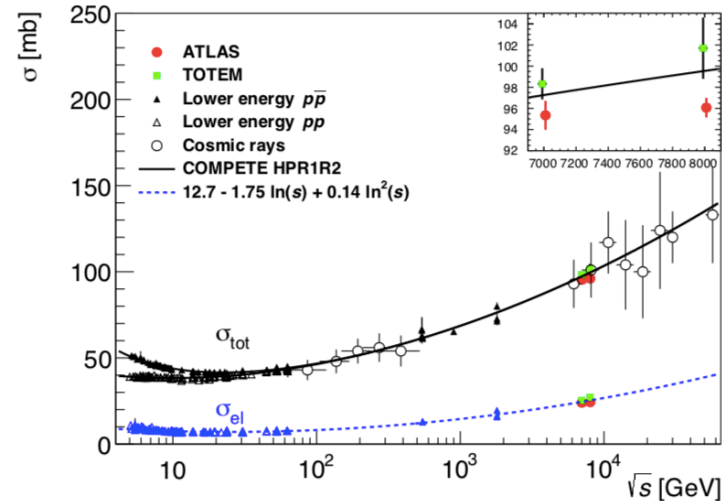
- Correct for acceptance and reconstruction efficiency
- Luminosity from Van der Meer scans calibrated at  $10^{30} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ 
  - Precision 1.5%
- Dominating uncertainties:
  - beam momentum, luminosity





# Total Production Cross Section Measurement

- Significant improved measurement with respect to previous ATLAS publications!

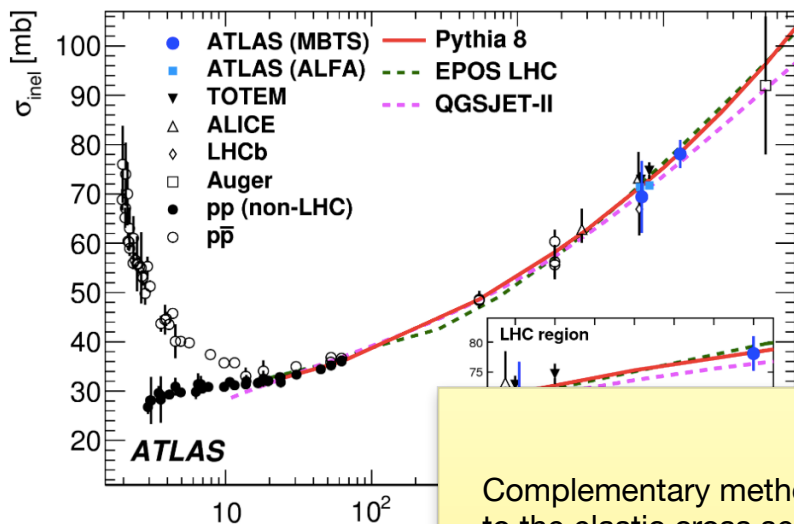


$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 96.07 \pm 0.18 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.85 \text{ (exp.)} \pm 0.31 \text{ (extr.) mb}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{el}} = 24.33 \pm 0.04 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.39 \text{ (syst.) mb}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{inel}} = 71.73 \pm 0.15 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.69 \text{ (syst.) mb}$$

# Inelastic cross sections measurements



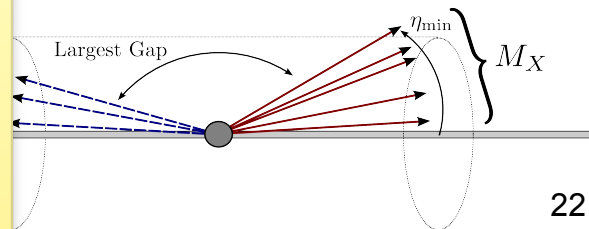
Complementary method, not sensitive to the elastic cross section  
Only sensitive to inelastic events (including single diffraction)

- ALFA measurements at 7 and 8 TeV
- Other measurements using MinBias scintillators and rapidity gaps

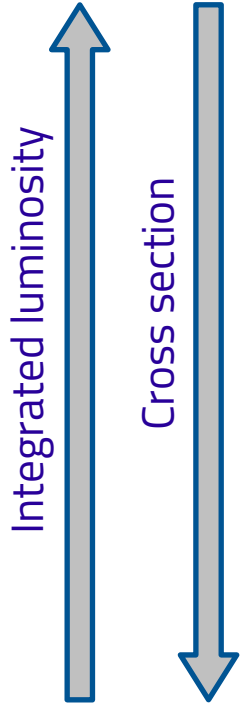
- Sensitive to events with

$$M_X > 13 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\xi = M_X^2/s > 10^{-6}$$

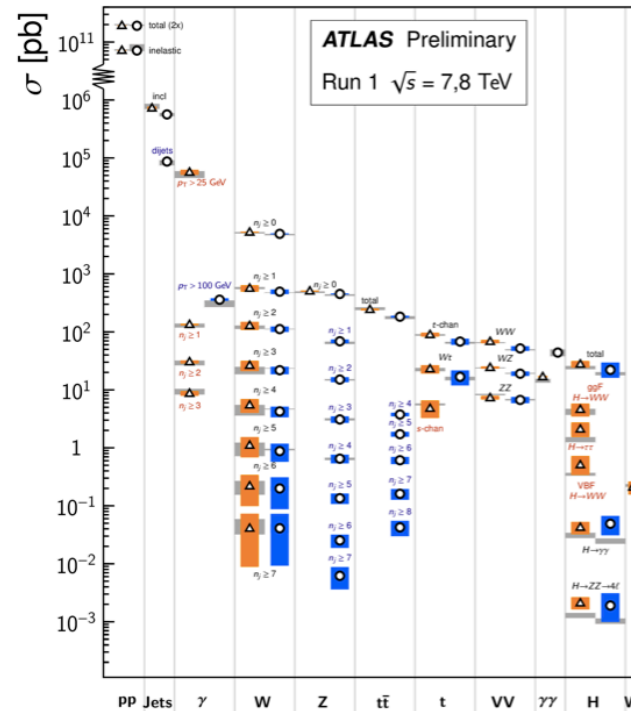


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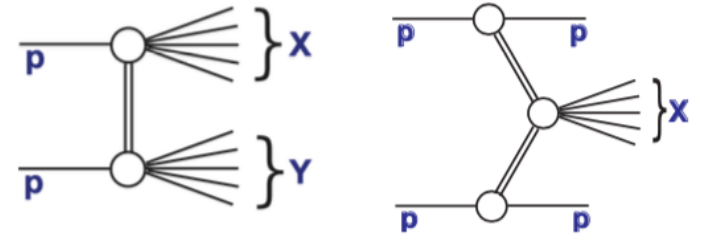
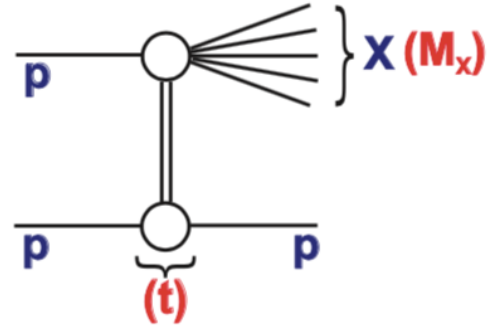
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# Single Diffractive Differential Cross Sections

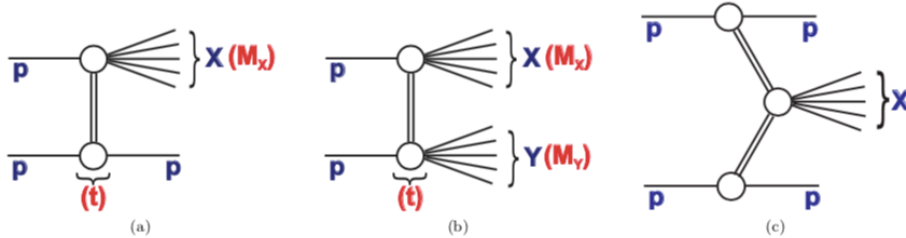
arXiv:1911.00453

- Diffraction important to understand
  - ▶ Low-x proton structure
  - ▶ Cosmic ray air showers
  - ▶ Pile-up modelling
  - ▶ ...
- Phenomenologically described by the exchange of a pomeron
- Large uncertainties on predictions for the LHC
- Previous ATLAS measurements exploited large rapidity gaps

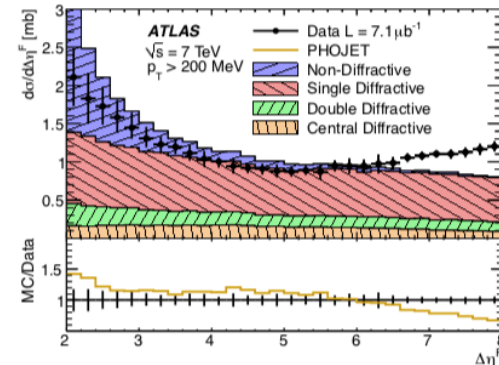
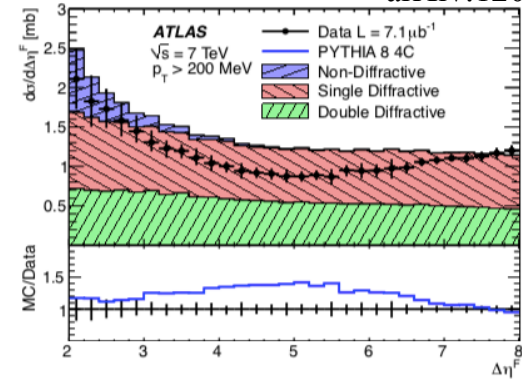


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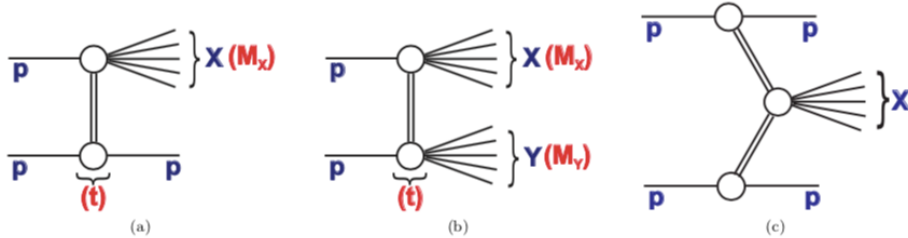
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- Previous ATLAS measurements: inelastic cross section as a function of rapidity gap
  - ▶ Clearly establish the presence of diffractive component
  - ▶ Cannot distinguish between single and double diffraction
  - ▶ Large uncertainty on model predictions!!
- Forward proton tagging can see the differences!



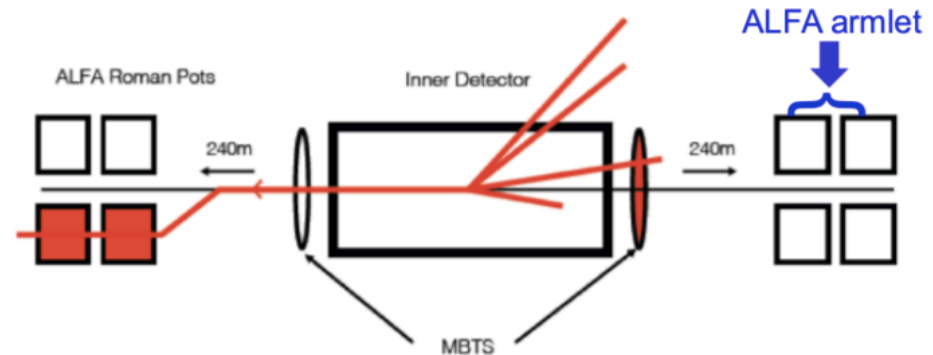
# Diffractive Differential Cross Sections @ 8 TeV



- Recent measurement of single diffraction
  - Exclude double diffraction/non-diffractive
  - Identify intact final state proton with ALFA
    - Local precision:  $30 \mu\text{m}$  ( $x, y$ )
- Dedicated data taking in 2012 (high  $\beta^*$ )
  - ALFA measurement of 4-momentum transfer  $t$  and

$$\xi = \frac{M_X^2}{s}$$

ID (Inner Detector) = Central tracker



# Diffraction Differential Cross Sections @ 8 TeV

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- p E loss reconstructed from ID:

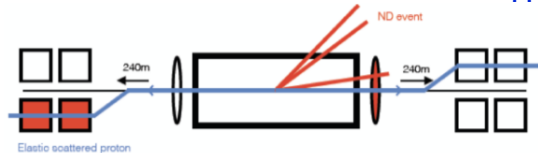
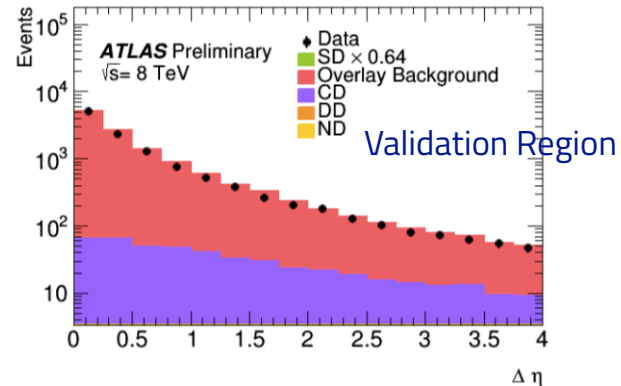
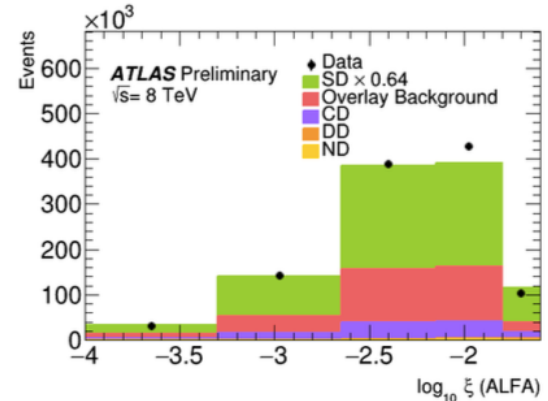
$$\xi^{\varepsilon} \simeq \frac{\sum_i E^i \pm p_z^i}{\sqrt{s}}$$

- ▶ Min pT 100 MeV
- ▶ Corrected for neutral particles
- ▶ Cross-checked using ALFA

- Backgrounds:

- ▶ Central diffraction: estimated from MC
- ▶ Overlay: pile-up, beam background, ...
  - Data driven: activity in all MBTS, accidental p
- ▶ Modelling cross checked with validation region

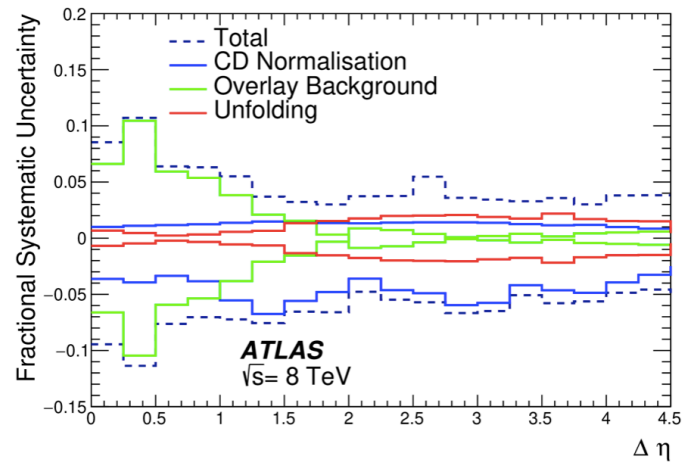
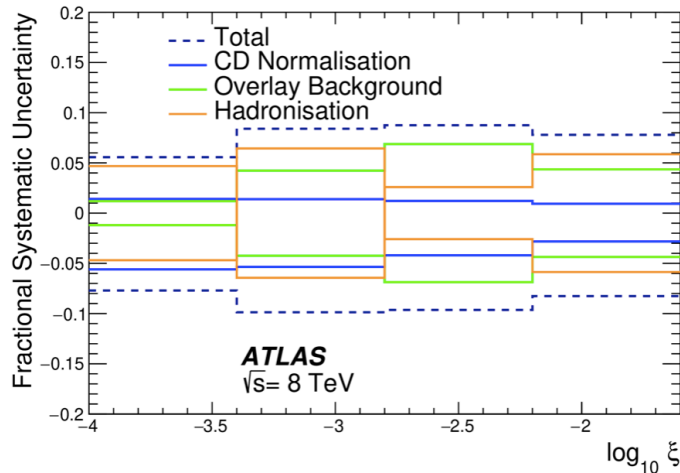
$$\xi_p = 1 - \frac{E_{p'}}{E_p}$$



# Diffraction Differential Cross Sections @ 8 TeV

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- Bayesian iterative unfolding
- Dominant systematics





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## Pythia 8 A3:

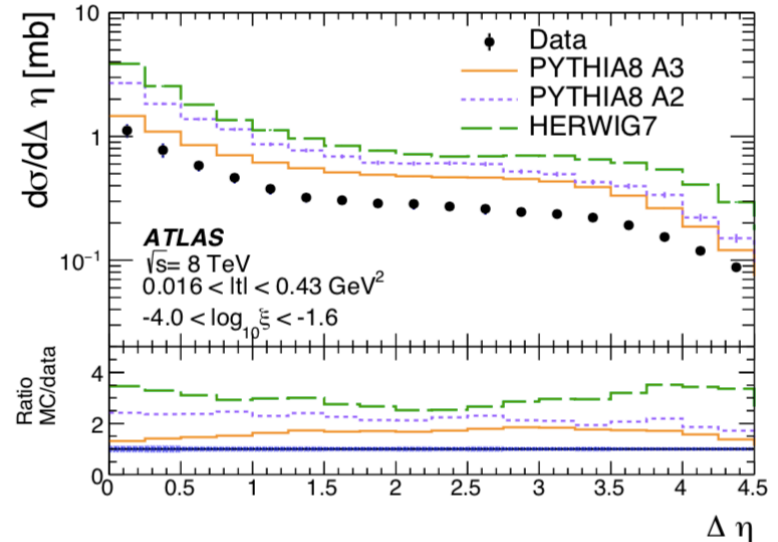
- ▶ Triple Regge formalism
- ▶ Pomeron with trajectory  $\alpha(t) = \alpha(0) + \alpha't$
- ▶ 'Donnachie–Landshoff' pomeron flux factor  
 $\alpha(0) = 1.07$

## Pythia 8 A2:

- ▶ Schuler–Sjöstrand pomeron flux factor  $\alpha(0) = 1$

## H1 2006 Fit B diffractive pdfs

- ▶ Herwig7: similar model to Pythia A3 but final state particle dissociation according to multi-peripheral model

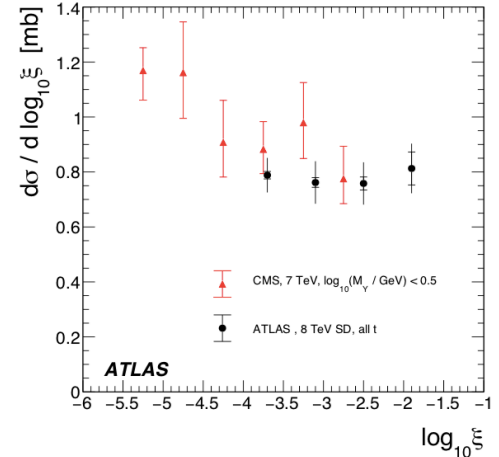
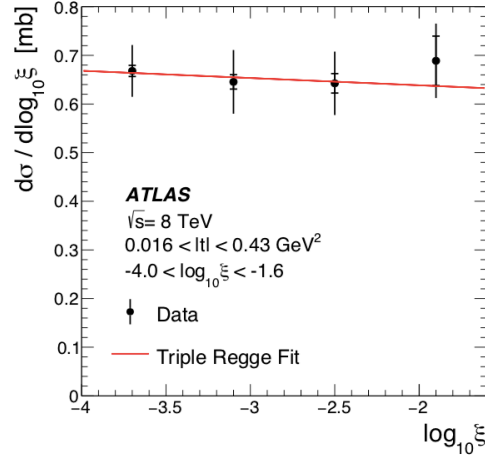
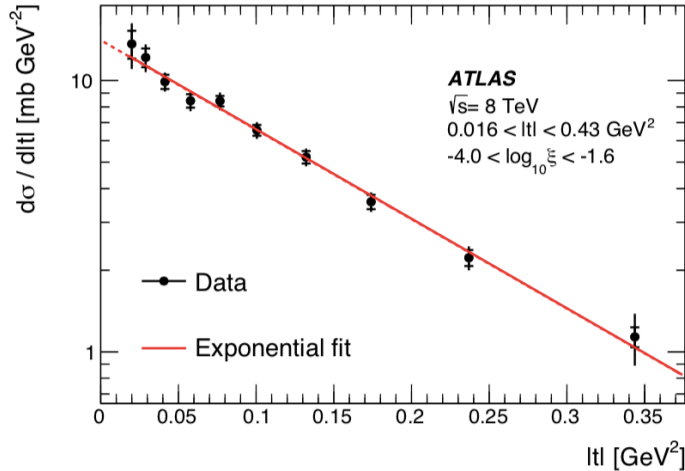


$$-4.0 < \log_{10} \xi < -1.6$$

$$0.016 < |t| < 0.43 \text{ GeV}^2$$

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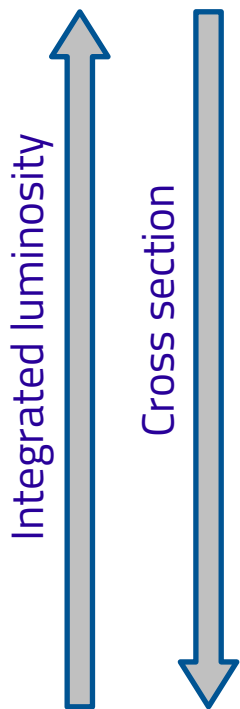
- Exponential fit:

$$B = 7.65 \pm 0.26(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.22(\text{syst.}) \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

- Agreement with Donnachie–Landshoff/Schuler–Sjöstrand within  $1.6\sigma/0.5\sigma$

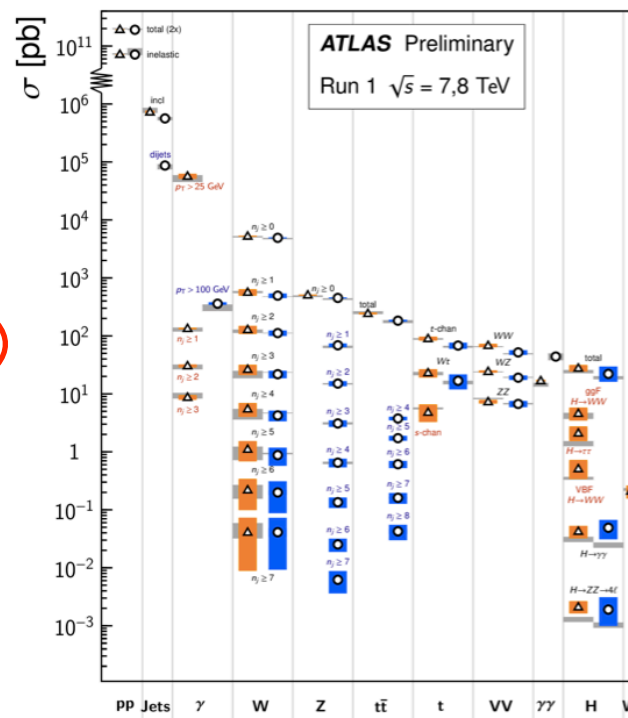
$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\xi dt} \propto \left(\frac{1}{\xi}\right)^{2\alpha(t)-1} (M_X^2)^{\alpha(0)-1} e^{B_0 t}$$

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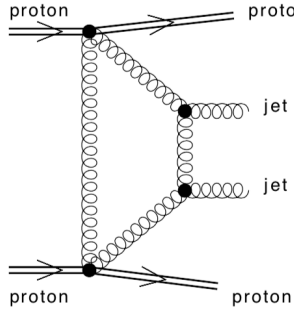
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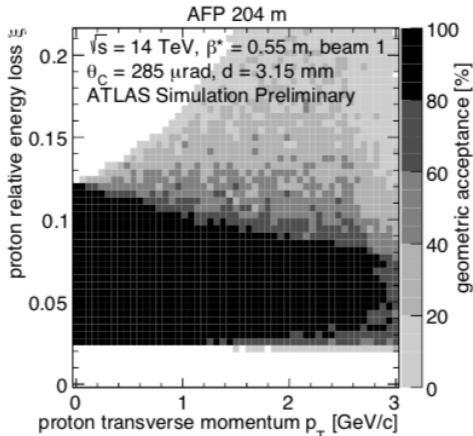


# Central-exclusive di-jet production

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- Exclusive: only di-jet system produced centrally
  - ▶ No colour exchange between p
  - ▶ Central system:  $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$  state
- Measurement requires AFP detector
  - ▶ High luminosity needed
  - ▶ Proton kinematics measurement
  - ▶ Proton-vertex reconstruction  $\rightarrow$  ToF
    - Background rejection



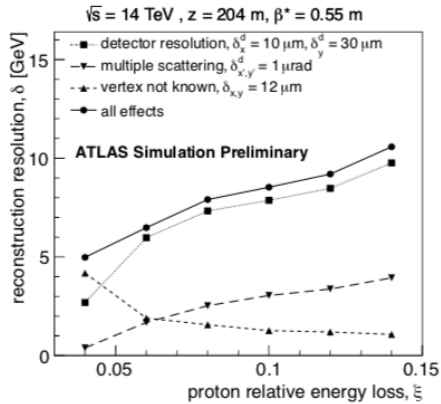
$$\xi_p = 1 - \frac{E_{p_{proton}}}{E_{p_{beam}}}$$

$$z_{vtx} = c(t_A - t_C)$$

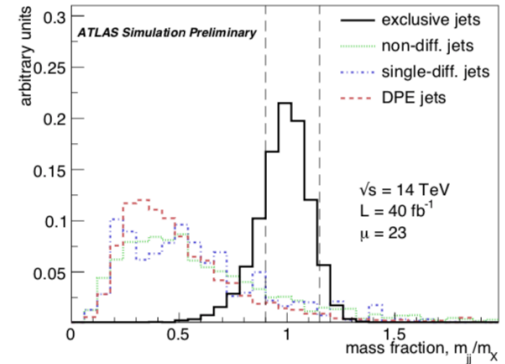
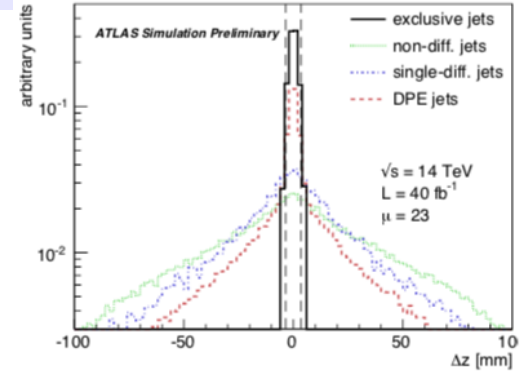
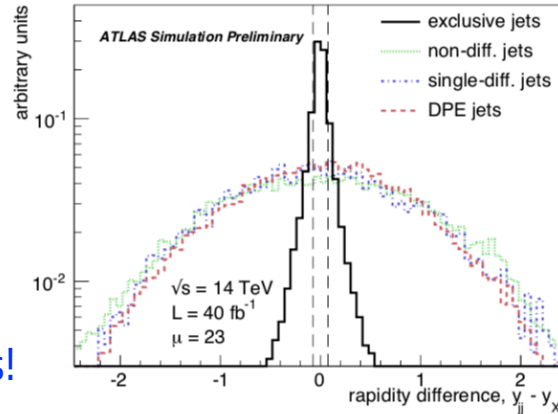
# CEP dijet expectations at ATLAS

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- p energy resolution:



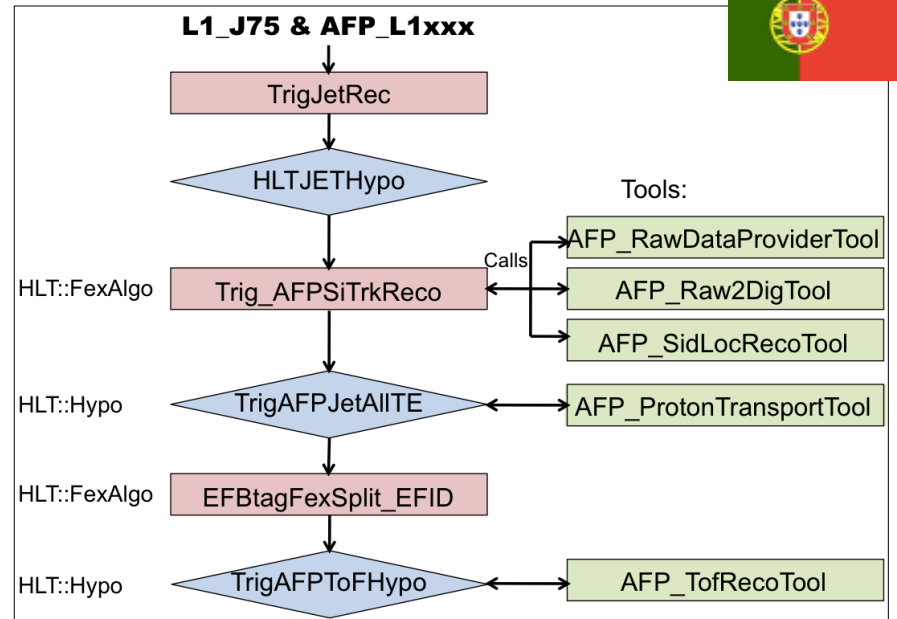
- Event selection based on exclusivity



- Requires especial triggers!

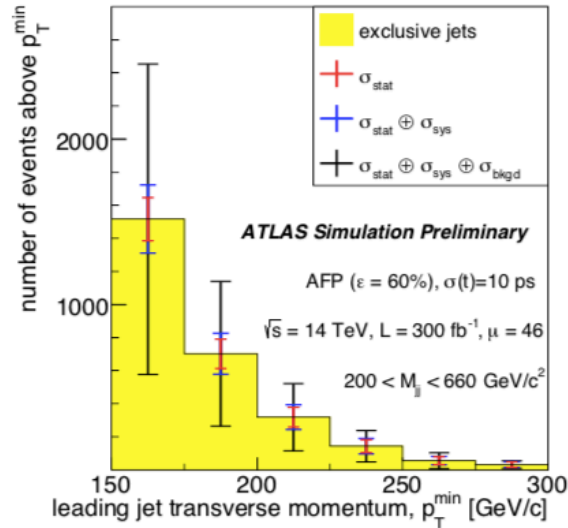
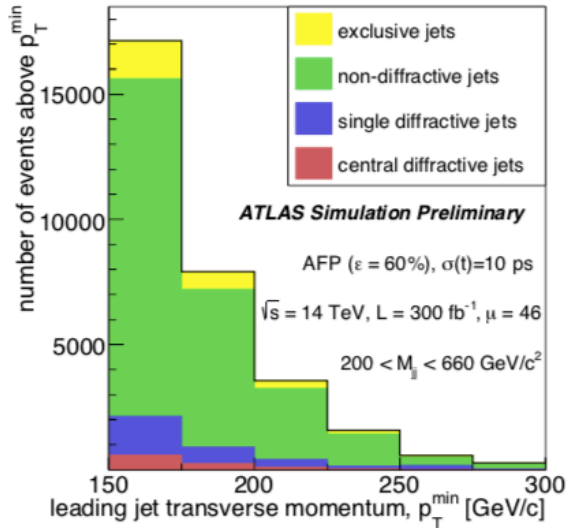
# AFP Central Exclusive Production di-jet trigger

- Being developed at LIP
  - Start from coincidence L1 and AFP
  - Reconstruct HLT jets
    - pT threshold on jets
  - Reconstruct AFP tracks
    - Require two good tracks
    - Match track kinematics to di-jet system
  - Reconstruct proton vertex using ToF
    - Match to primary vertex reconstructed with ID tracks
- Can be the base for new AFP based triggers



# CEP dijet expectations at ATLAS

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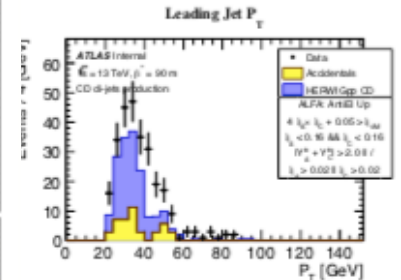
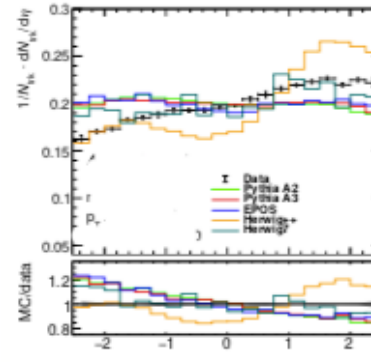
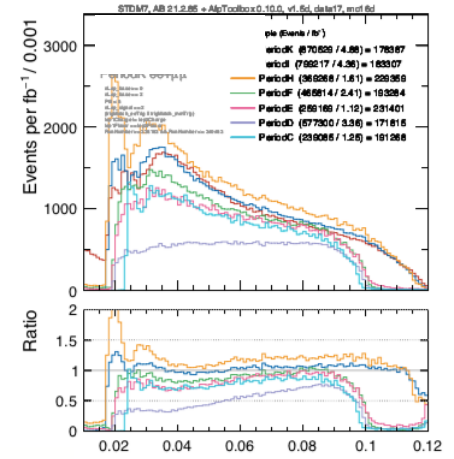
Dominant uncertainties from combinatorial background (ND events)

Improvements require

- ▶ improved background measurements
- ▶ Good timing resolution

# Other physics topics

- Diffractive jets with ALFA
- Charged particle distributions in diffractive events
- Single diffraction at 13 TeV
- Exclusive dilepton production
- Exclusive pion production
- Strange production in diffractive events
- And more results to come...





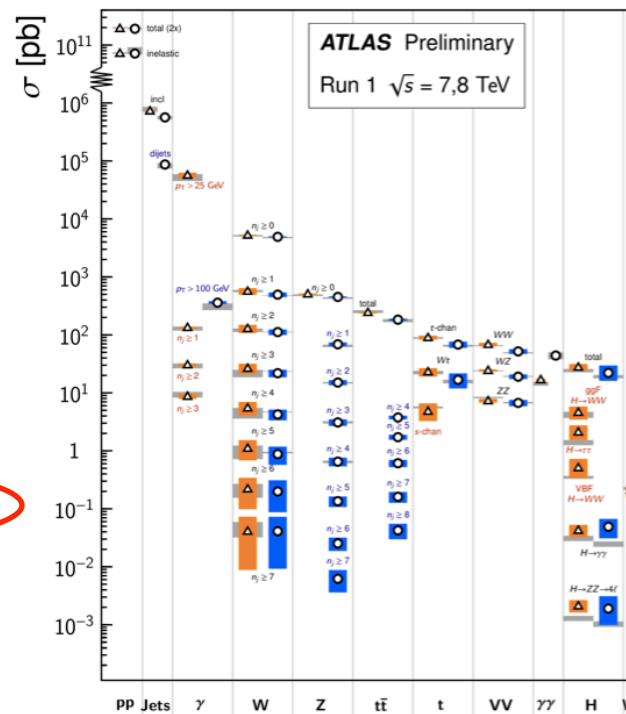
# Physics with diffracted protons

Integrated luminosity

Cross section

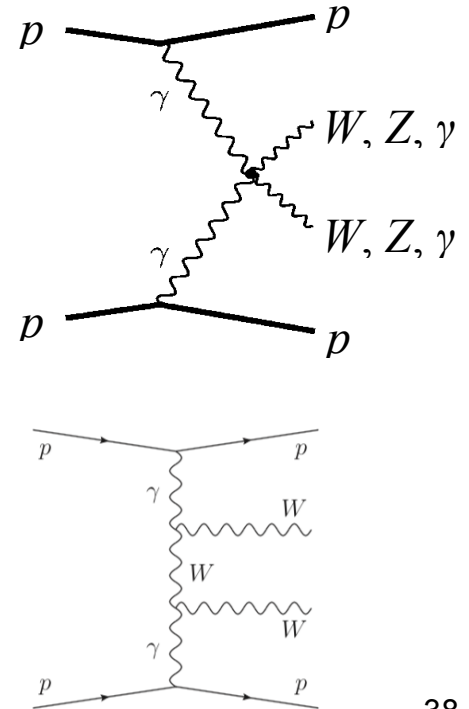
- High cross section processes:
  - Total cross section with ALFA
  - Single diffractive differential distributions
  - Other processes
- Medium cross section:
  - central exclusive di-jet production
- Low cross section:
  - Quartic Gauge Boson Couplings
  - FCNC in top quark production
  - Searches: dark matter

Standard Model Production Cross Section Meas



# Quartic gauge boson couplings

- AFP converts the LHC in a photon-photon collider!
- Triple and Quartic Gauge Boson Couplings introduced in the SM due to the non abelian nature of the EW symmetry
- Very precise predictions:
  - ▶  $WWWW, \gamma\gamma WW, WWZZ$  exist
  - ▶  $ZZZZ, \gamma\gamma ZZ$ : only at loop level
  - ▶ Might be modified by BSM physics
- Exclusive production
  - ▶ Match kinematic properties of central system and in AFP
  - ▶ Timing information important for vertex reconstruction and pile-up suppression



# Search for $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ anomalous couplings

- New physics at a mass scale  $\Lambda \gg E$  accessible

$$\mathcal{L}_{\gamma\gamma\gamma} = \xi_1^\gamma F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma} F^{\rho\sigma} + \xi_2^\gamma F_{\mu\nu} F^{\nu\rho} F_{\rho\sigma} F^{\sigma\mu}$$

- ▶ Effective Lagrangian with new operators (dim-8 for photons)

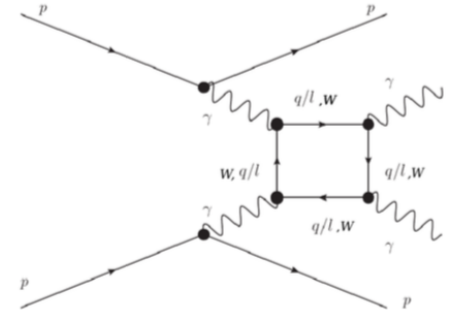
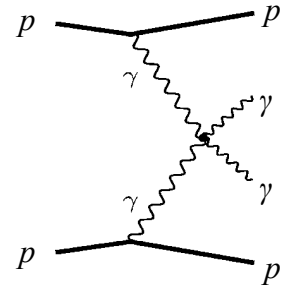
- Loops of heavy charged particles could contribute
- Proportional to (charge)<sup>4</sup>

Enhanced for particles with large charges (composite Higgs models)

- Extra dimensions models, strongly coupled conformal extensions of the SM predict couplings  $\sim 10^{-13}, 10^{-14}$

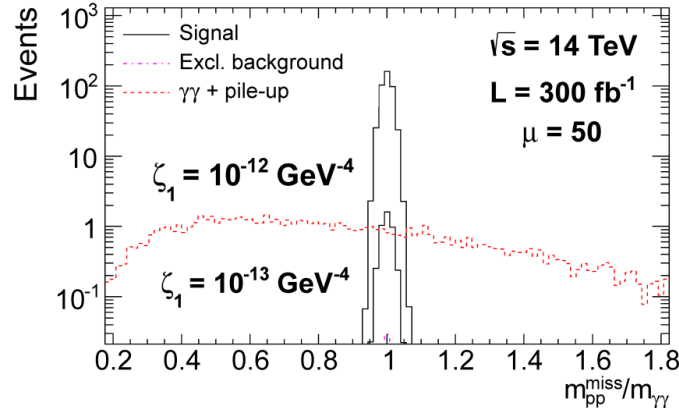
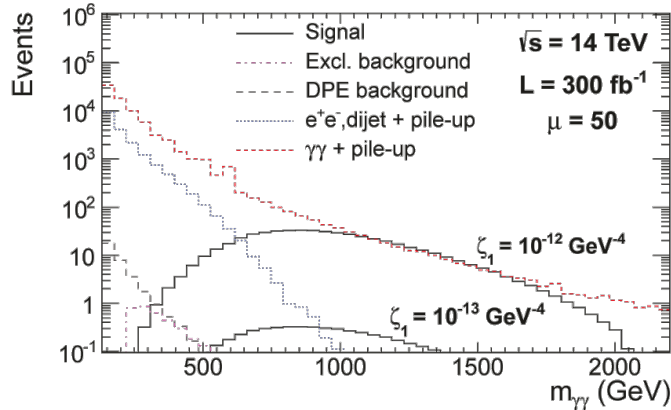
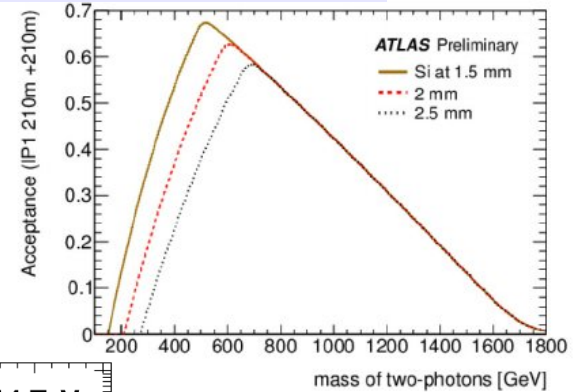
- ▶ Backgrounds:

- SM  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  produced via gluon/quark loops,  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow ee$
- CEP  $\gamma\gamma$  production
- CEP di-jets misidentified
- Accidental coincidence of non-diffractive  $\gamma\gamma$  + diffractive proton interactions



# Search for $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ anomalous couplings

- Background rejection:
  - Large invariant di-photon mass
  - Matching pp kinematics to di-photon system
    - Rapidity, missing mass, vertex

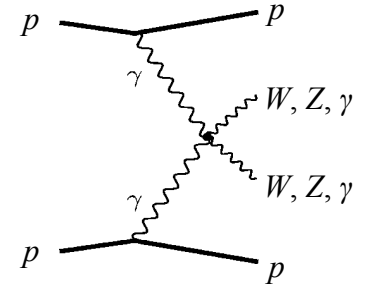


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- Sensitivity reaching extra-dimensions models with  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of collected luminosity!

Luminosity	$300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
pile up ( $\mu$ )	50	50	50	200
coupling ( $\text{GeV}^{-4}$ )	$\geq 1 \text{ conv. } \gamma$ $5 \sigma$	$\geq 1 \text{ conv. } \gamma$ 95% CL	all $\gamma$ 95% CL	all $\gamma$ 95% CL
$\zeta_1$ f.f.	$1 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$9 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$5 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$2.5 \cdot 10^{-14}$
$\zeta_1$ no f.f.	$3.5 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$2.5 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$7 \cdot 10^{-15}$
$\zeta_2$ f.f.	$2.5 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$1 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$4.5 \cdot 10^{-14}$
$\zeta_2$ no f.f.	$7.5 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$5.5 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$3 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-14}$



# Quartic gauge boson couplings $\gamma\gamma WW, \gamma\gamma ZZ$

- Similar process
- Allow to impose limits on dim-6 operators:

$$\mathcal{L}_6^0 = \frac{-e^2}{8} \frac{a_0^W}{\Lambda^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} W^{+\alpha} W_{\alpha}^{-} - \frac{e^2}{16 \cos^2 \theta_W} \frac{a_0^Z}{\Lambda^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} Z^{\alpha} Z_{\alpha}$$

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- Improve LEP sensitivity by more than 4 orders of magnitude
- AFP improves the results obtained with central detector only by 2 orders of magnitude
- Reaches the sensitivity needed for extra-dimensions models!!

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- Current CMS limits using forward p tagging

$$-0.00015 < a_0^W / \Lambda^2 < 0.00015 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

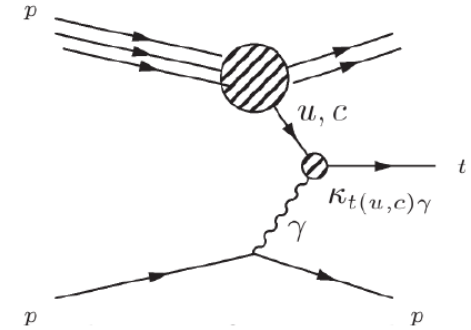
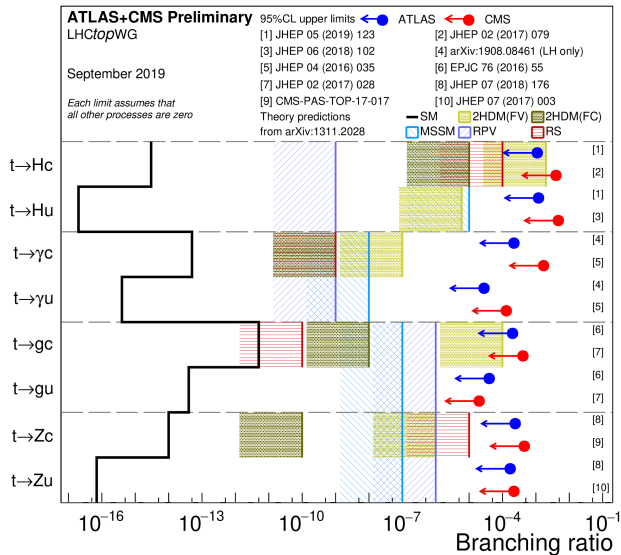
$$-0.0005 < a_C^W / \Lambda^2 < 0.0005 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

$$(a_C^W / \Lambda^2 = 0, \Lambda_{\text{cutoff}} = 500 \text{ GeV}),$$

$$(a_0^W / \Lambda^2 = 0, \Lambda_{\text{cutoff}} = 500 \text{ GeV}).$$

# Flavour Changing Neutral Currents in top production

- FCNC top quark interactions strongly suppressed in the SM
  - Can be considerably enhanced in New Physics



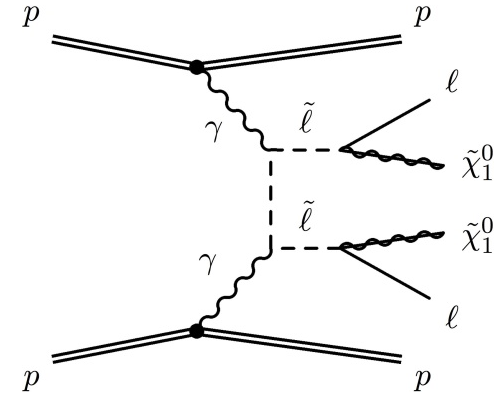
- Probing  $u\gamma$  and  $c\gamma$  couplings
- Single diffractive mode
- Main irreducible backgrounds:  $\gamma p$  interactions producing a  $W$ +jets
- Complements other analysis done at ATLAS



# Search for dark matter

- SUSY compressed mass scenario
  - ▶ Small mass splitting between neutralino and stau
    - small MET, low lepton momentum
- Photo-production of electroweakinos
  - ▶ Well defined initial state, precise mass measurement
  - ▶ Clear signatures!
- Truth-level study

Need dedicated triggers!



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Di-lepton	$5 < p_{T,l_1,l_2} < 40 \text{ GeV}$	$ \eta_{1,l_2}  < 2.5 \text{ (4.0)}$
	$A_{co} \equiv 1 -  \Delta\phi_{l_1 l_2} /\pi > 0.13 \text{ (0.095)}$	$2 < m_{l_1 l_2} < 40 \text{ GeV}$
	$\Delta R(l_1, l_2) > 0.3$	$ \eta_{l_1} - \eta_{l_2}  < 2.3$
	$\bar{\eta} \equiv  \eta_{l_1} + \eta_{l_2} /2 < 1.0$	$  p_{T\vec{l}_1}  -  p_{T\vec{l}_2}   > 1.5 \text{ GeV}$
	$W_{\text{miss}} > 200 \text{ GeV}$	
FPD	$0.02 < \xi_{1,2} < 0.15$	$p_{T,\text{proton}} < 0.35 \text{ GeV}$
No-charge	No hadronic activity	z-veto

Event yields / $\mathcal{L} = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$\langle \mu \rangle_{PV}$		
	0	10	50
Excl. sleptons	0.6–3.9	0.5–3.3	0.3–1.9
Excl. $l^+l^-$	1.4	1.2	0.7
Excl. $K^+K^-$	~ 0	~ 0	~ 0
Excl. $W^+W^-$	0.7	0.6	0.3
Excl. $c\bar{c}$	~ 0	~ 0	~ 0
Excl. $gg$	~ 0	~ 0	~ 0
Incl. ND jets	~ 0 (~ 0)	0.1(0.1)	1.8(2.4)

# Conclusions

- Forward proton tagging enlarges the physics topics of ATLAS
  - ▶ Single diffraction, central diffraction, ...
  - ▶ Searches for anomalous quartic gauge boson couplings, dark matter, FCNC in top quark production, ...
- The Portuguese ATLAS group has contributed to
  - ▶ Fibres preparation for ALFA
  - ▶ Detector control system (ALFA, AFP)
  - ▶ Exclusive trigger implementation and performance
- Preparations for the Run 3 are going
  - ▶ Expect a wealth of data to analyse
  - ▶ Small group of people —> help is needed!

# Thanks!



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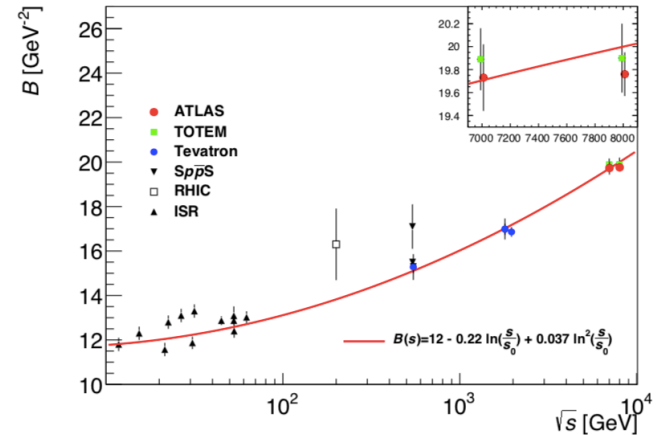
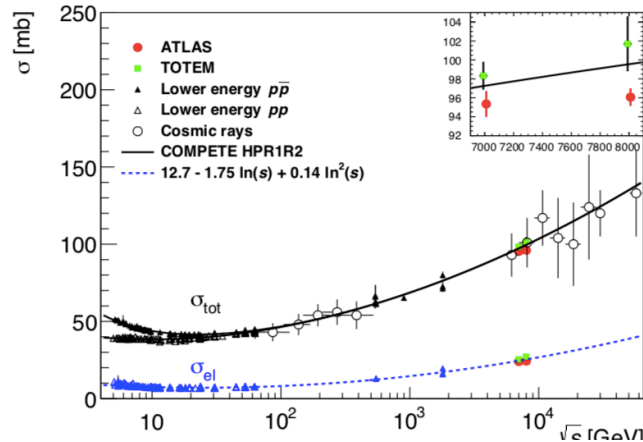
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# Backup

# Total Production Cross Section Measurement



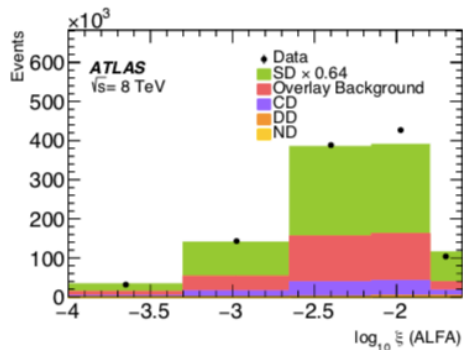
$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 96.07 \pm 0.18 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.85 \text{ (exp.)} \pm 0.31 \text{ (extr.) mb}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{el}} = 24.33 \pm 0.04 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.39 \text{ (syst.) mb}$$

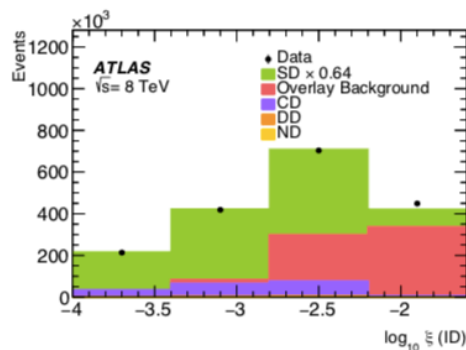
$$\sigma_{\text{inel}} = 71.73 \pm 0.15 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.69 \text{ (syst.) mb}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{el}} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{tot}}^2}{B} \frac{1 + \rho^2}{16\pi(\hbar c)^2}$$

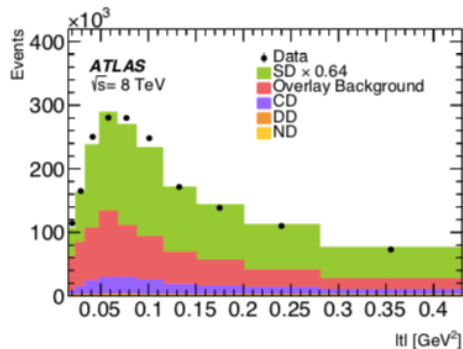
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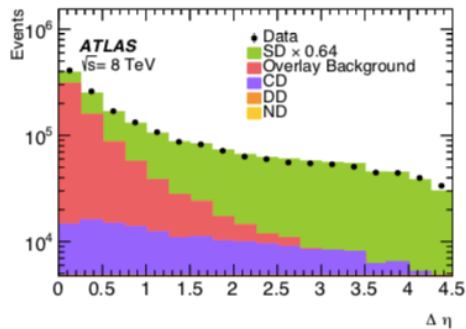
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(b) Nominal Sample



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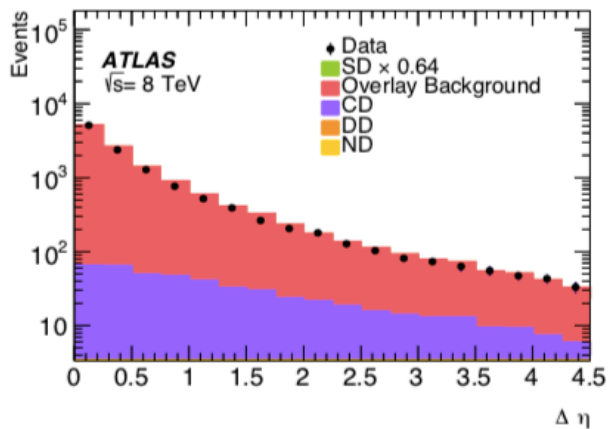


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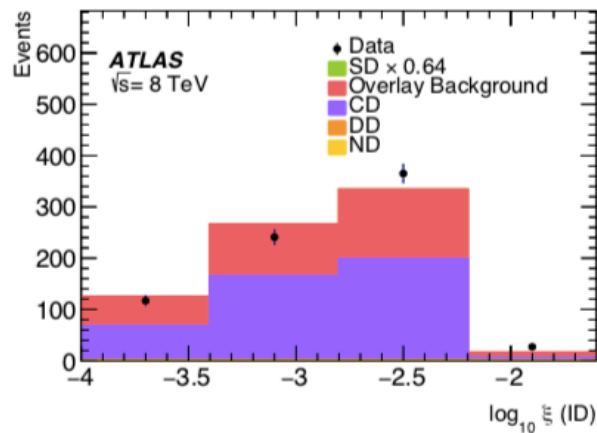
- Distributions before unfolding

# Diffractive dissociation

- Control regions



(e) Control Region 1



(f) Control Region 2

# CEP di-jets

Table 2: Requirements used to separate exclusive jet signal from backgrounds.

Requirement	Value
Two good quality leading jets with the transverse momentum of the leading jet.	$p_T > 150 \text{ GeV}/c$
Distance between the hard interaction vertex reconstructed by ATLAS and from the one obtained from the AFP time measurement.	$ \Delta z  < 3.5 \text{ mm}$
Azimuthal angle between two leading jets.	$2.9 < \Delta\phi < 3.3$
Difference of rapidity of the jet system and rapidity of the proton system.	$ y_{jj} - y_X  < 0.075$
Ratio of mass of the jet system to missing mass.	$0.9 < \frac{m_{jj}}{m_X} < 1.15$
Missing mass.	$m_X < 550 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
Mass fraction which aims to reduce the effects of hard final state radiation.	$0.9 < R_j < 1.3$
Number of tracks outside of the jet system in $\eta$ .	$n_{trk}^{\eta} < 5$
Number of tracks perpendicular to the leading jet in $\phi$ .	$n_{trk}^{\phi} < 2$