PPS Experimental Program



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Overview of PPS

symmetric on the other side



Near-beam tracking and timing detectors, installed in the LHC tunnel ~200m from the central CMS detector

Detects intact protons from high-energy $\gamma\gamma$ interactions, to study a variety of Standard Model and BSM processes

The LHC magnets are used to bend the protons between the CMS IP and PPS

In signal events the full collision energy can be reconstructed: closure of event kinematics, missing mass searches, etc.



Physics results from LHC Run 2





To detect protons scattered at very small angles, the detectors must be brought very close to the beam

PPS began as a joint project of the CMS+TOTEM collaborations in Run 2, using the Roman Pots developed for TOTEM

Detectors are kept in movable vessels under secondary vacuum, separated from the beampipe by a "thin window" of 200-300µm

View from inside beampipe





Roman Pots retracted

Roman Pots inserted



Detectors are moved to within ~2mm of the beam at full intensity

Operated successfully in almost all LHC fills since 2016

PPS Detectors

Very small detectors, at most a few cm² active area per plane

Opportunity to use new/ innovative detectors, at small scales under extreme conditions

First dedicated precision timing detector at the LHC

First use of 3D pixels for tracking in CMS

One complete PPS pixel detector plane (Run 2 version)



PPS Radiation Environment



Due to close proximity to the LHC beam, PPS detectors experience a very difficult radiation environment

Both in terms of maximum dose, and non-uniformity

Peak of O(1E14) p/cm² per fb⁻¹

 \Rightarrow O(5E15) p/cm² per year

Factor of >10 gradient over a distance of ~10mm (~1 pixel ROC)

PPS Detector technologies

Year	Tracking	Timing
2016	Si-strips	
2017	Si-strips + 3D pixels	Single diamonds (3 planes/arm) + UFSD/LGADs (1 plane/arm)
2018	3D pixels	Single diamonds (2 planes/arm) + Double diamonds (2 planes/arm)
2022	3D pixels	Double diamonds (4 planes/arm)
2023	3D pixels	Double diamonds (7 planes/arm in 2 stations)

Improvements to keep pace with evolving LHC luminosity & pileup conditions

Since 2018 primarily 3D pixels (tracking) & double diamonds (timing)

Tracking

3D pixels chosen for radiation hardness, resolution, and ability to reconstruct multiple protons in the same LHC bunch crossing

Now also chosen for innermost layer of the central CMS pixel detector at HL-LHC

Run 3: "single side" sensors from FBK, with junction and ohmic columns on the same side of the wafer

Total of 12 planes, in 4 Roman Pots (2 on each side of CMS)





Tracking: evolution of 3D pixel efficiencies

Sensitivity mainly from the readout chips (PSI46 in Run 2, PROC600 in Run 3) the 3D pixels are bonded to

Inefficiencies due to signal slewing into the next bunch crossing are visible

In good agreement with non-uniform X-ray irradiation tests of the ROC

Not a large effect, but leads to ~1mm inefficient area after 1 year of LHC running



For LHC Run 3, a new vertical movement system has been deployed, to distribute the irradiation over a larger vertical area

Timing



Variable segmentation to deal with non-uniform fluxes: from 700 µm close to the beam to 2350 µm farther from the beam Synthetic single-crystal CVD diamonds chosen for radiation hardness, segmentation, low material budget

3-4 diamonds per plane, with further 1-d segmentation achieved by metallization

Readout via NINO+HPTDC



Timing: double diamonds

Since 2018 "double diamonds" have been used, with pads of 2 diamond crystals connected to the same pre-amplification channel

Nearly doubles collected charge, with similar noise level (dominated by pre-amp)

Sensor resolution of 50-60 ps/plane in testbeams





Timing

After Run 2, Diamonds exposed to 50-100fb⁻¹ of LHC data were retested



Observed 30-40% overall resolution degradation, not correlated with distance to beam, due to irradiation of pre-amplifiers

10% localized resolution loss in most irradiated regions

For LHC Run 3:

Hybrid board modifications to place pre-amplifiers farther from the beam, i2c control of amplifier LV settings to compensate performance losses

Parallel full waveform sampling readout (SAMPIC) of selected channels at lower rates

2nd timing station instrumented: increase from 4 to 7 double diamond planes/arm



PPS has successfully operated a near-beam forward proton spectrometer since 2016, with tracking+timing detectors

First of it's kind at a high-energy hadron collider, with several unique physics results published

Proximity to the beam and highly non-uniform irradiation is a major challenge

Also an opportunity to adapt new developments on a relatively small scale

Run 3 underway with 12 planes of 3D pixels for tracking + 7 planes of double-diamonds for timing on each arm, plus studies underway for HL-LHC

Extra

Tracking: pixel track multiplicity vs. pileup





Use of timing in collision data

Main background for many analyses is combinatorial: central system combined with unrelated protons from pileup

In signal events the difference of proton times is correlated with the spatial position of the signal vertex

$$z_{vtx} = (c/2) * \Delta t_{PPS}$$



Correlations verified in p-p collisions in short runs with low pileup

Tracking: Si strip detector efficiencies

