

The Precision Proton Spectrometer at CMS

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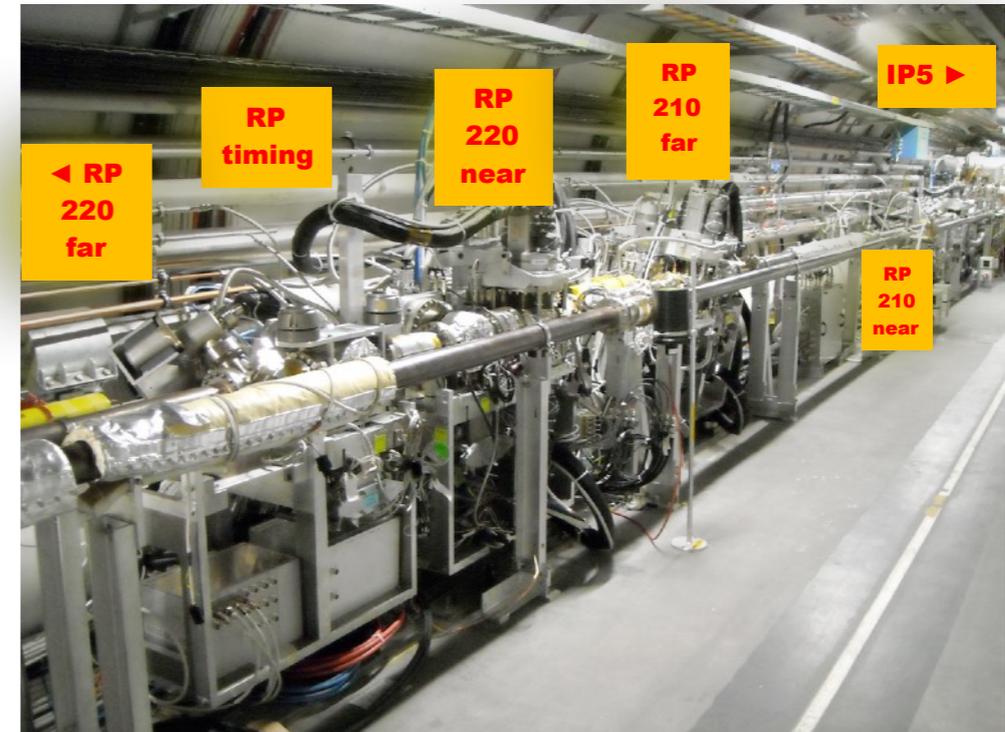
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PPS (“Precision Proton Spectrometer”)

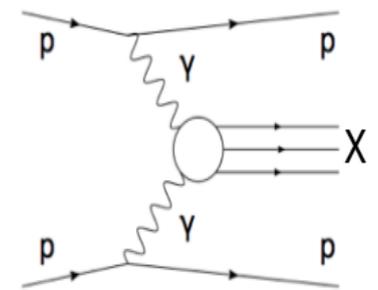
- **Near-beam tracking and timing detectors, housed in moveable “Roman Pot” installations in the LHC beam-line**
 - ~210-220 m from the CMS interaction point
 - **Detectors must be moved to within ~2mm of the LHC beam at top energies - extreme constraints on control/safety systems**
- **Selects intact protons from “exclusive” interactions**
 - Currently PPS acceptance mostly sensitive to $\gamma\gamma$ collisions
 - Allows reconstruction of the $\gamma\gamma$ collision energy and kinematics in proton-proton collisions



Proton kinematics:

$$\xi = 1 - \frac{|\mathbf{p}_f|}{|\mathbf{p}_i|} \quad M_X = \sqrt{s\xi_1\xi_2}$$

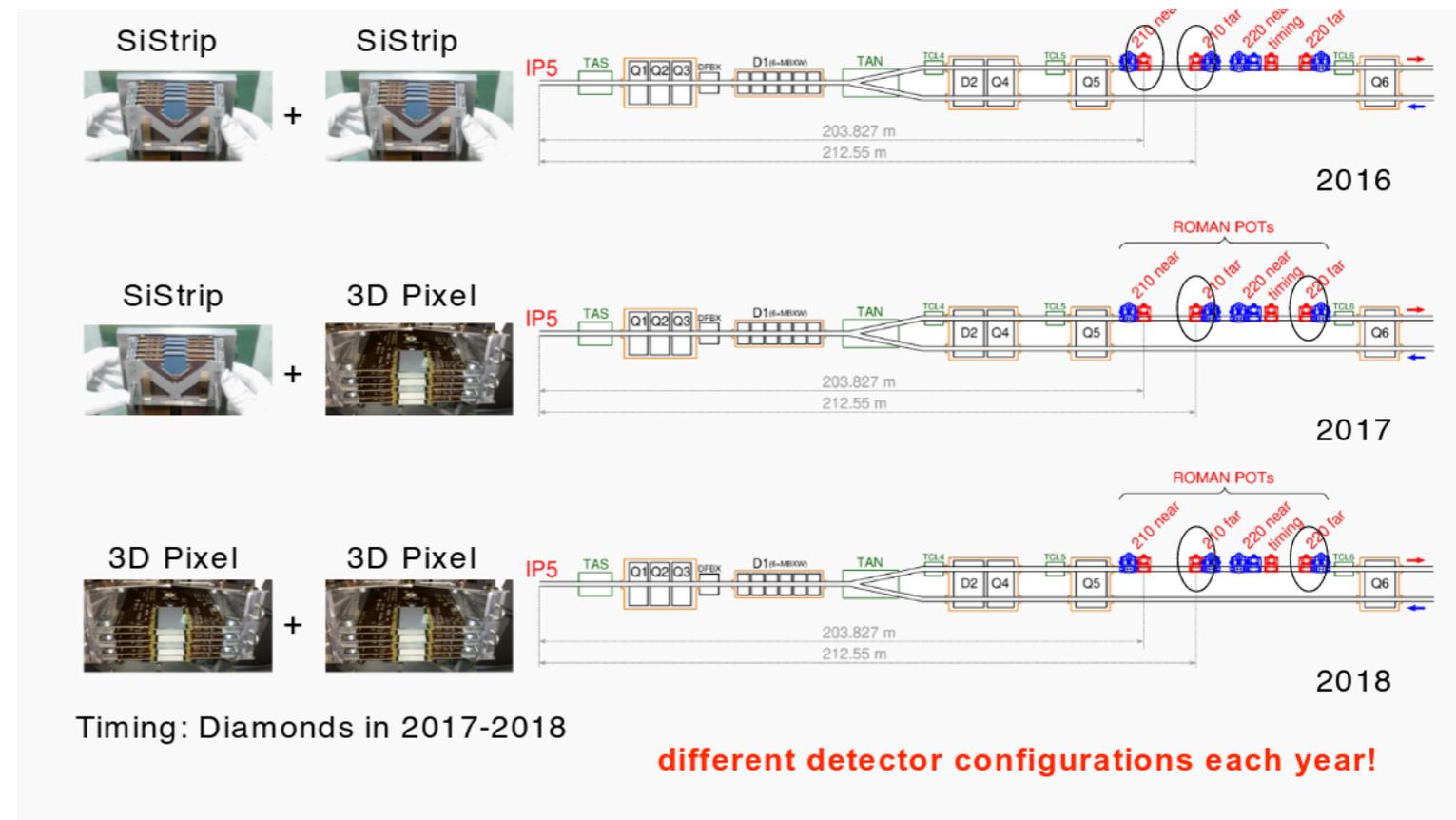
$$t = (p_f - p_i)^2 \quad y_X = \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{\xi_1}{\xi_2}\right)$$



- **Unique ability to cleanly probe Electroweak and Beyond Standard Model physics in $\gamma\gamma$ collisions at very high energies (Anomalous Gauge Couplings, direct production of resonances/exotics, etc.)**

PPS in LHC Run 2

- Initially a joint project of CMS+TOTEM - TDR in 2014, started taking data at the beginning of 2016
 - Full CMS sub-detector project since 2018
- Small detectors - periodic upgrades every year
 - Tracking evolved from non-radiation hard Si-strips to 3D pixels from 2016-2018
 - Timing detectors (diamonds) operated in 2017-2018 to allow matching of protons with central vertex



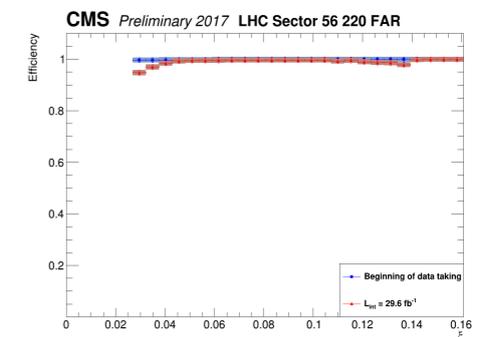
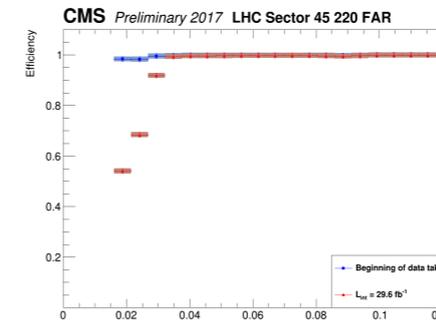
- Total of $>100\text{fb}^{-1}$ recorded in Run2 (PPS + rest of CMS), with increasing availability every year:
 - 2016: ~41% of CMS total
 - 2017: ~90% of CMS total
 - 2018: ~93% of CMS total

PPS detectors, performance, and reconstruction

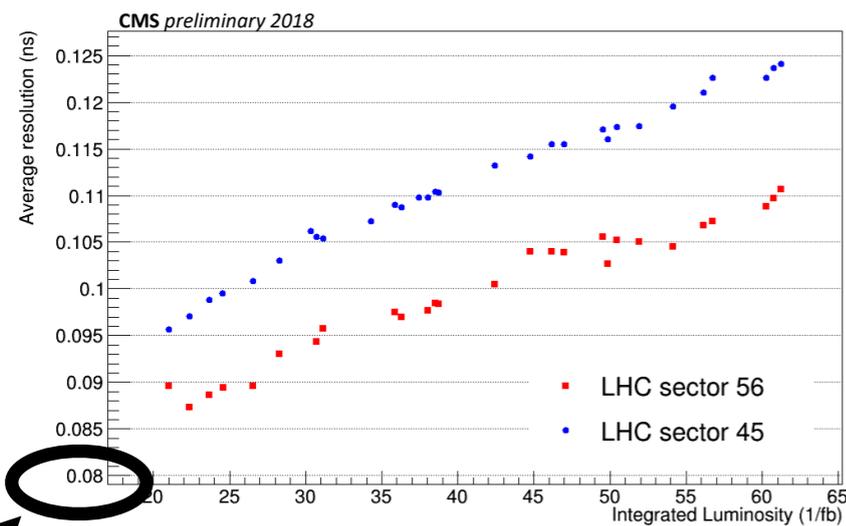
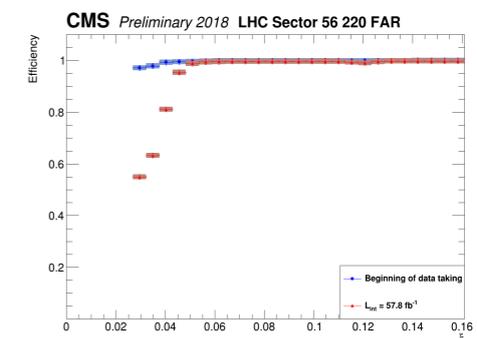
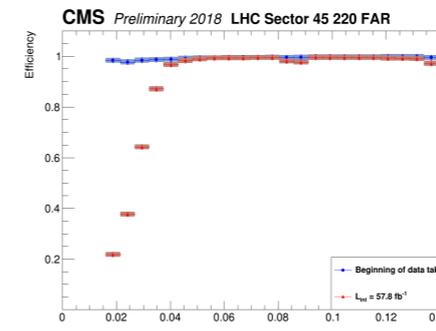
- First use of rad-hard “3-d” pixel tracking detectors in CMS**

- Good experience with sensors - 2 years of data-taking with $\sim 100\%$ efficiency over most of the active area
- Inefficiencies at low proton momentum loss “ ξ ” due to non-uniform irradiation of readout chips near the beam

RP efficiency vs ξ (2017)



RP efficiency vs ξ (2018)



Suppressed
zero

1 track in both pixel tracker stations & 4 diamond planes & 1 pad per plane

- First dedicated fast timing detector in CMS (single-crystal synthetic diamond)**

- Major challenges in commissioning and understanding performance of full system
- Reached $\sim 90\text{-}120\text{ps}$ resolution for 2018 data

LIP highlights: Electronics/DAQ, Operations, proton reconstruction

- **Major LIP contribution to PPS DAQ/online software+electronics**
 - Design of HPTDC mezzanine boards for timing, firmware for timing digitizer boards, + contributions to online SW for timing, tracking, & DAQ
 - Most components tested in LIP@CERN facilities before installation in LHC

- LIP responsibility for overall data-taking operations in LHC Run 2, plus many 24-hour on-call shifts

- After Run 2, large effort to put reconstructed protons on the same footing with other physics objects in CMS (muons, electrons, jets, etc.) - Leadership from LIP group since 2019
 - **On-going “Ultra-legacy” reconstruction of Run 2 CMS data includes PPS protons as a standard physics object for the first time**
 - Several improvements for Run 3 under development - High-level triggers, automated calibrations, etc.

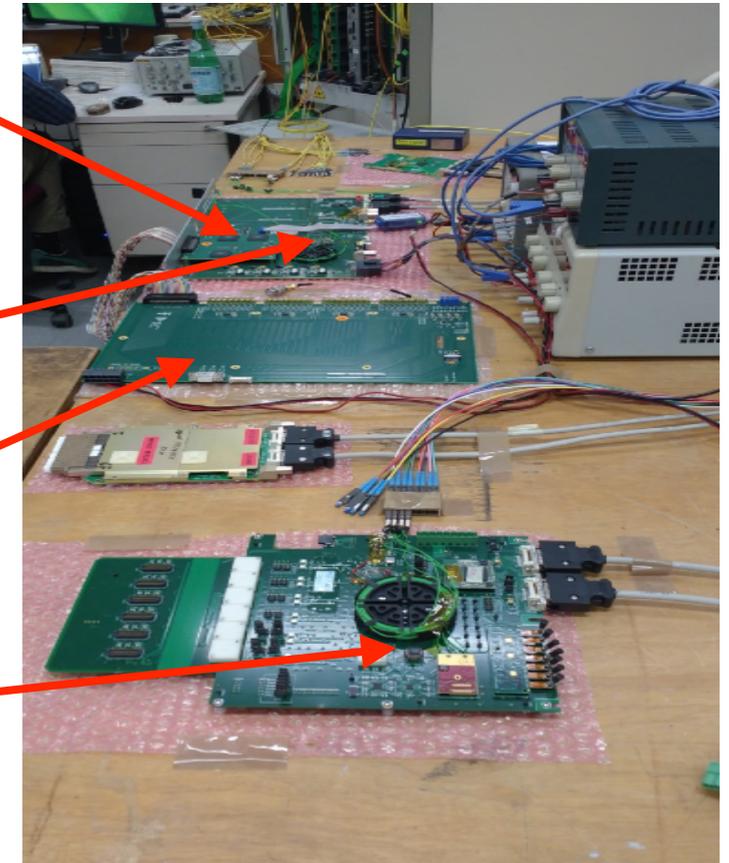
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Timing: HPDTC mezzanine board (LIP design)

Timing: Digitizer motherboard (LIP firmware, control software)

Timing: NINO discriminator board (LIP contributions to control software, testing)

Tracking: Pixel portcard (LIP contributions to control software, testing)



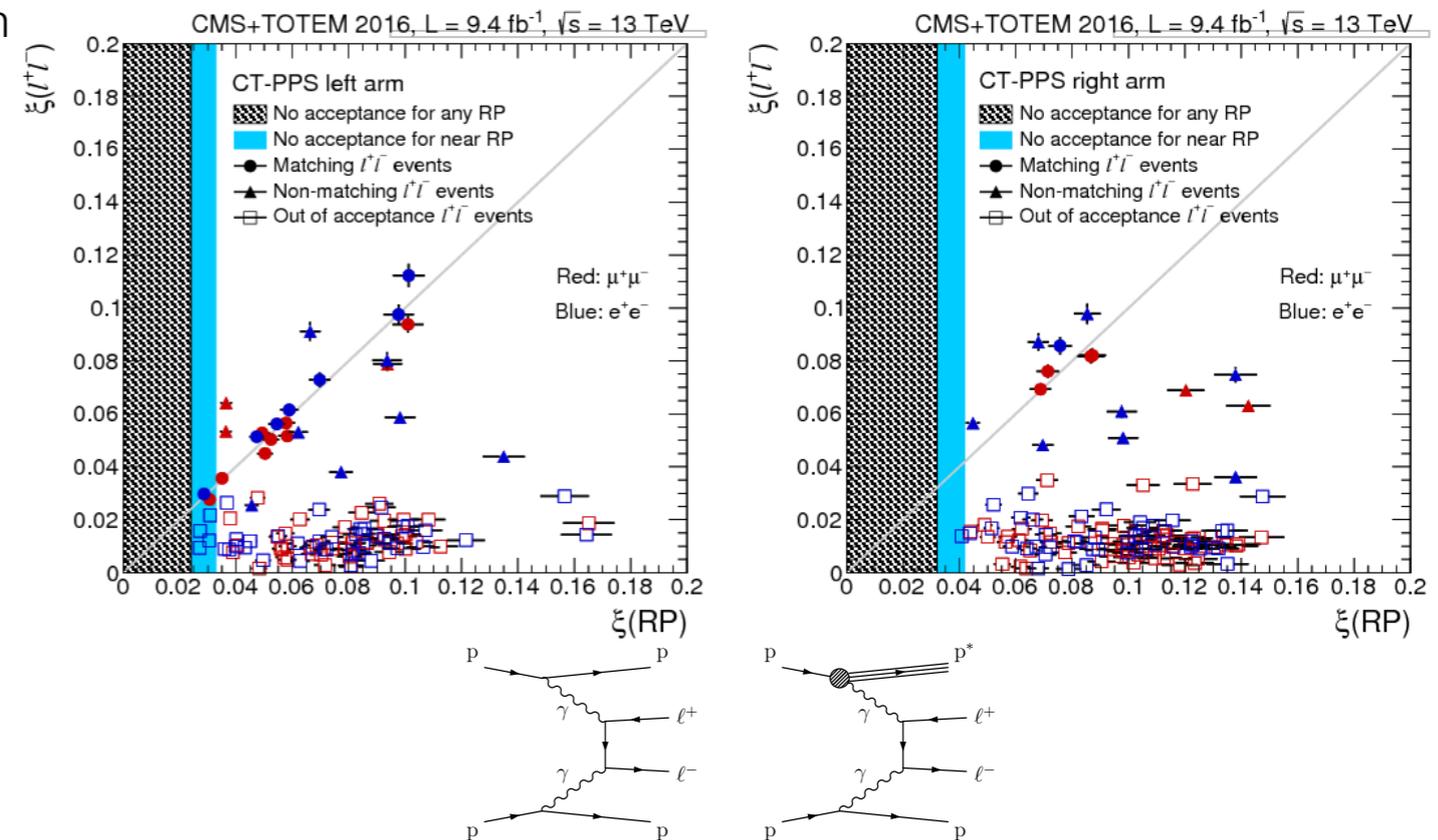
Physics with PPS

- First CMS paper using PPS for physics: Observation of $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$ and $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow ee$ with single-arm protons (**JHEP 1807 (2018) 153**) based on 2016 data

- Important “standard candle” for high-mass $\gamma\gamma$ interactions with intact protons

- Now used as a calibration sample with 10x more data

- **Leading contribution from LIP members:**
K. Shchelina, J. Hollar, L. Llorett (former)



- **Several Beyond-SM searches and Standard Model analyses now started using PPS Run 2 data in CMS**

- **Example: Exclusive t-tbar with leptonic decays in 2017 data**

- **MS thesis by B. Ribeiro (LIP, now at DESY) + M. Gallinaro (supervisor)**

- Other analyses in progress : searches for $\gamma\gamma$, WW, ZZ, missing masses, t-tbar (semi-leptonic), plus $\mu\mu/ee$ cross sections

The future

- LHC finished Run 2 in 2018 and is currently in “Long Shutdown 2” until 2021
- **PPS will continue running as a standard CMS sub-detector through at least LHC Run 3 (2021-2024)**



- **Program of upgrades for Run 3 ongoing**
 - RP's moved for installation of a second timing station: 8 double-diamond planes in total
 - Optimization of front-end boards/amplifiers for timing readout
 - Aim for improved timing resolution in Run 3

- Addition of vertical movement system for pixel-tracking detectors, to mitigate radiation on ROCs
- Development of High-level triggers using protons, automated calibration procedures

Summary

- **PPS was the first new high-luminosity detector installed/commissioned/integrated by CMS since the LHC startup in 2010**
- **During LHC Run 2 PPS established the ability to operate near-beam Roman Pot detectors in the LHC at the highest luminosities, from 2016-2018**
 - **Over 100fb⁻¹ collected for physics during Run 2**
 - One physics paper and several performance notes already public, other analyses ongoing/in internal review
 - Operated technologies/concepts considered for HL-LHC (3-D pixels, fast timing detectors)
- Upgrades for Run 3 in progress, with focus on improving timing resolution, radiation mitigation for tracking
- **LIP has had a major impact on almost all aspects of PPS (coordination/DAQ/electronics/timing/operations/reconstruction/physics...)**

LIP-CMS role in PPS

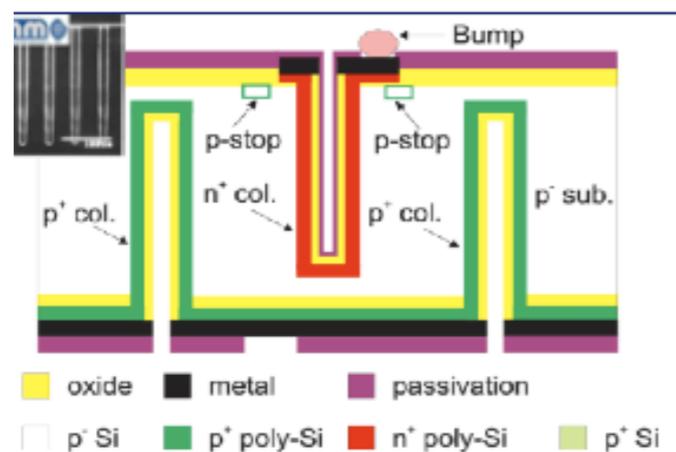
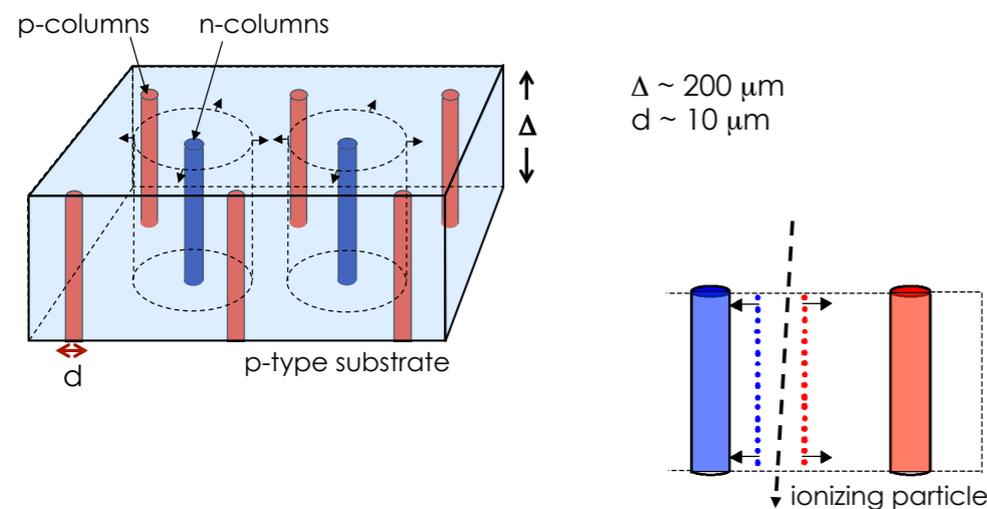
- **Current** and **former** group members
 - Project manager: **J. Varela** (2014-2018)
 - Deputy Project manager: **J. Hollar** (2018-present)
 - Proton Physics Object Group convenor: **K. Shchelina** (2019-present)
 - Timing detector coordinator: **M. Gallinaro** (2014-2018)
 - DAQ and detector operations coordinator: **J. Hollar** (2016-2018)
 - Electronics/firmware/DAQ/online software: **J. Carlos Da Silva, C. Carpinteiro, L. Llorett, B. Galinhas**
 - Proton reconstruction, High-level trigger: **K. Shchelina, M. Araujo, C. Da Cruz E Silva**
 - Alignment, timing detector testbeams: **G. Strong, A. Toldayev**
 - Detector on-call shifts: **K. Shchelina, C. Carpinteiro, L. Llorett, J. Hollar**
 - Physics analyses: **K. Shchelina, M. Gallinaro, B. Ribeiro, L. Llorett, P. Silva**

Extra

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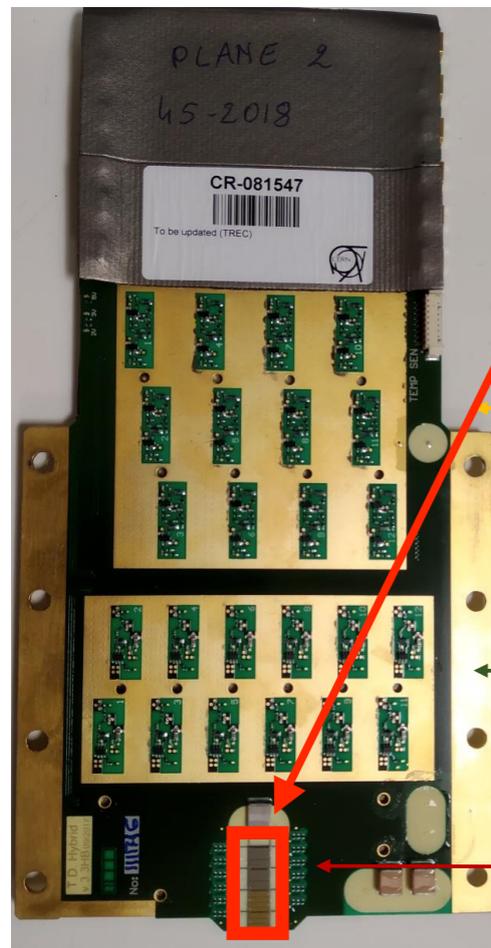
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“3-d” silicon pixels for tracking

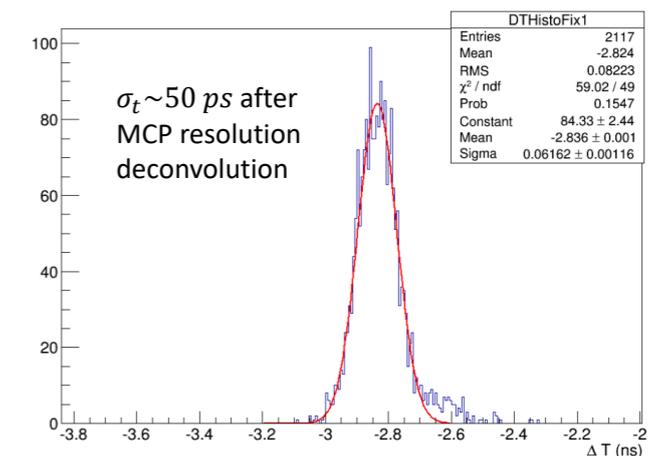


- Electrodes in vertical columns through the substrate, instead of planes
- Small collection distance without reducing wafer thickness/signal amplitude
- Low trapping probability - high radiation hardness
 - Est. up to $\sim 5 \cdot 10^{15}$ protons/cm² in 100 fb⁻¹
- Low power dissipation
- Efficiency losses mainly due to highly non-uniform irradiation of readout chips, not sensors
 - Mitigated by vertically shifting detectors manually in Run 2, to be automated in Run 3

Diamond timing detectors



- Based on synthetic single-crystal carbon vapor deposit diamonds
- In 2017: 3 planes/arm of “single-diamonds” + 1 plane of ultra-fast silicon sensors
- In 2018: 2 planes of single-diamonds + 2 planes of double-diamonds/arm

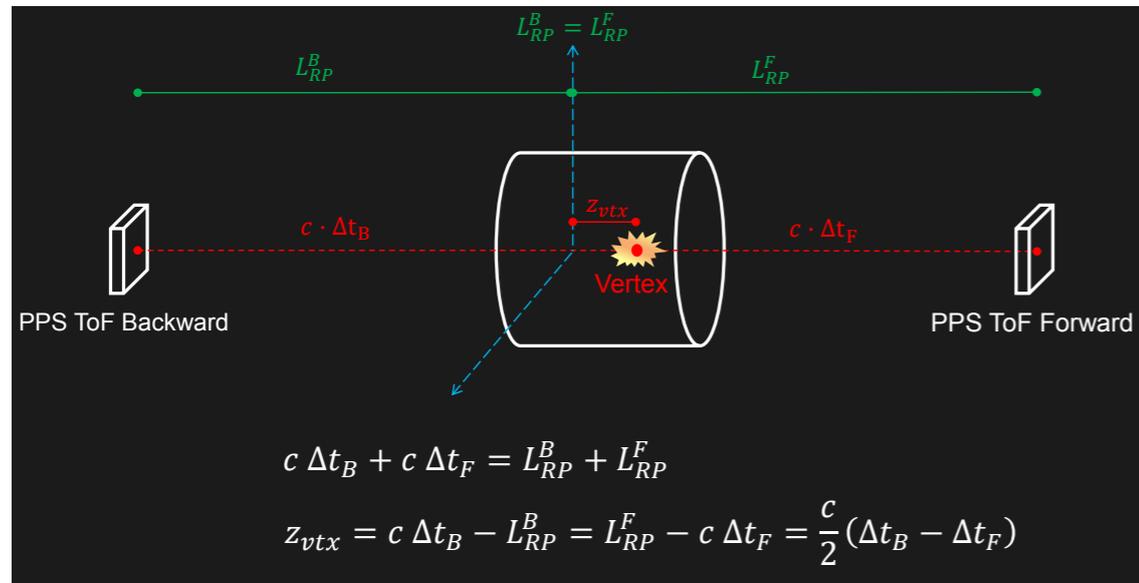


Time difference distribution between DD and reference MCP ($\sigma_{t,MCP} \sim 40 \text{ ps}$)

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- Double diamonds: signal from 2 diamonds connected to same amplification channel
 - Larger signal amplitude => improved timing resolution
 - Up to 50ps/plane in ideal testbed conditions (oscilloscope readout, nominal LV and HV)
- For Run 3: 8 planes of double-diamonds/arm (in 2 stations)

Proton timing-vertex matching



- Basic idea: the time-of-flight difference (Δt) of the 2 protons is correlated with the z position of the vertex
- For real signal events with 2 protons

- Studies in simulation:
 - Strong correlation for signal events
 - Random distribution for combinatoric background events

