#### Prospects For Photon-Photon Measurements with CMS PPS

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The LHC was built as a discovery machine, but we've found a way to do precision physics



- The CMS Precision Proton Spectrometer (PPS) provides an opportunity for new searches and measurements
- Possibility of a very strong background suppression using intact protons
- Outline
  - 1. Short description of PPS
  - 2. First physics results
  - 3. Prospects: Anomalous Couplings, Axion-Like Particles, etc.

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### CMS Precision Proton Spectrometer



- LHC magnets bend scattered protons outside of the beam envelope
- Detect protons at about ± 200 m from IP5
- Near and far stations on both sides
- Reconstruct  $\xi = 1 p_f/p_i$
- Central system mass acceptance 350 GeV < M<sub>X</sub> < 2 TeV</li>
- Collected ~ 10 fb<sup>-1</sup>, 40 fb<sup>-1</sup>, 58 fb<sup>-1</sup> in 2016, 2017, 2018 respectively

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# Layout of PPS



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### Detectors - Year By Year

#### 2016

TOTEM silicon strip detectors

Single track capability

#### 2017

One station with silicon strips, one station with 3D pixels

- Pixel detectors with multi-tracking capability
- UFSD timing (one per side)

#### 2018

All stations with 3D pixel detectors

- 3D pixel detectors
- Diamond timing detectors (one per side)



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### PPS Alignment



#### Alignment Procedure

- RP moved very close to beam for alignment fill
- Use low luminosity, elastic runs for reference
- Correct physics run to reference runs
- Full documentation at CERN-TOTEM-NOTE-2017-001

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#### Available Phase Space



## Luminosity





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#### **Dilepton Analysis**



- First observation of the process at high mass using intact protons
- Observed 13 signal events (5.1σ) consistent with the SM expectation
- Performed at normal optics and pileup conditions
- Proof that the alignment, optics, trigger, proton tagging, etc are working





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### Anomalous Quartic Guage Couplings



Photon induced processes with intact protons in forward regions

- Exclusive processes with a very clean signal
- > PPS provides the best sensitivity to anomalous couplings due to proton tagging

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### Motivations for AQGC

- Warped Extra Dimensions solve hierarchy problem of the SM
- Predicted by Composite Higgs, Kaluza Klein, Extra Dimensional models
- Couplings can be probed independently of models
- Effective 4-photon couplings  $\zeta_i \sim 10^{-14}$   $10^{-13}~{\rm GeV^{-4}}$  possible



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#### Backgrounds

- Requesting two protons identified in forward detectors + two converted photons in central detector
- All backgrounds considered (DPE diphoton production, H→ γγ, exclusive γγ production, dilepton + dijet misidentification, PU, Drell-Yan, ...)
- Pileup is the main source of background



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# Pile Up In PPS



- The LHC collides packets of protons
- PU causes interference from particles generated at unrelated vertices
- For conditions of the LHC in 2016, can have up to 60 PU vertices

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### Dealing with pileup



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### **Potential For Limits**



Cross section scales as a function of the coupling values  $\zeta_1,\zeta_2$ 

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2 s} \left(s^2 + t^2 + st\right)^2 \left[48 \left(\zeta_1\right)^2 + 40\zeta_1 \zeta_2 + 11 \left(\zeta_2\right)^2\right]$$

- Based on 9.41 fb<sup>-1</sup> of data from 2016
- Assume signal and background obey a Poisson distribution
- Assume expected background is 0 and observed events is 0

$$\sqrt{48\zeta_1^2 + 40\zeta_1\zeta_2 + 11\zeta_2^2} \ge 5.8 \times 10^{-13} \text{GeV}^{-4}$$



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### Search For Axion-Like Particles

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- Study the production of ALPs via photon exchange with intact protons
- Sensitivity is enhanced since ALP production rate increases with m<sub>γγ</sub>
- PPS provides sensitivity that is competitive and complimentary to other collider searches above 600 GeV
- Existing limits on ALP production<sup>1</sup>



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# Summary

- With its 2016 operation, PPS has proven for the first time the feasibility of operating a near-beam proton spectrometer at a high luminosity hadron collider on a regular basis
- First observation of  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \ell\ell$  with single proton tag
- Prospects for anomalous couplings, ALP searches, and more
- ▶ PPS has  $> 110 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  and has plans for Run 3



# Questions?



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### Standard Model $\gamma\gamma$ Exclusive Production

- QED process dominates at high m<sub>γγ</sub>
- Cross section is well known
- W boson loop is the most significant at high  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$



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#### **Dispersion Matrix**





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