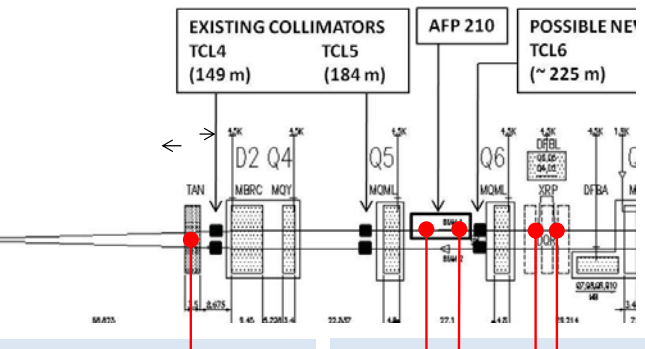
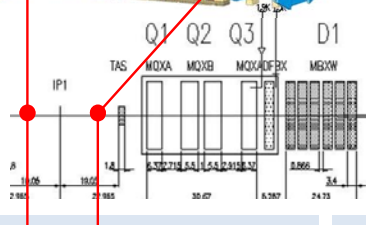
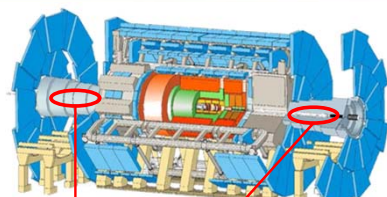


The ATLAS Forward Proton Project



LUCID ~17m
Proton remnants, low p_T particles

ZDC
140m
Proton/Ion remnants: γ, π^0, n

AFP
206 m-214 m
Diffractive protons

ALFA
237 m-241 m
Elastic protons

AFP Physics:

Low Luminosity Program ($\mu \approx 1$):
1 week \approx 100 hrs at $\mu \approx 1 \rightarrow \sim 100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

Conditionally approved by ATLAS

- Single Diffraction**
- Jets, W, Z: Soft survival probability
- Double-Pomeron Exchange (DPE)**
- Dijet: constrain gluon content of P
 - γ +Jet: constrain quark content of P
 - Jet-gap-Jet: test BFKL P

Low- μ analysis	Luminosity [pb^{-1}]	Optimal μ	Optics β^* [m]	L1 Trigger
Particle Spectra in diffraction	1	<0.05	90 (ALFA/AFP) 0.55	AFP-Single Tag AFP-Double Tag
Rapidity Gap Spectra	1	<0.05	90 (ALFA/AFP) 0.55	AFP-ST AFP-DT
SD jj	0.1 - 1	0.01 - 1	90 - 0.55	AFP-ST && Jet
SD W	10 - 100	0.1 - 1	90 - 0.55	AFP-ST && Lepton && MET
DPE jj	1 - 10	0.5 - 5	90 - 0.55	AFP-DT && Jet
DPE ν_j/ν_{jj}	>200	1 - 2	90 - 0.55	AFP-DT && Jet/Photon
DPE j-gap-j	>100	0.1 - 2	90 - 0.55	AFP-DT && Jet

High Luminosity Program ($\mu \geq 50$): 1 week \approx 100 hrs at $\mu \approx 50 \rightarrow \sim 5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Not approved; to be reviewed after successful running at Low Luminosity ...

- Central Exclusive Production**
- Dijets, Trijets: constrain predictions for CEP Higgs production
 - S^2 , Sudakov suppression, unintegrated f_g
- Double-Photon Exchange**
- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW/ZZ/\gamma\gamma$: Anomalous quartic couplings: sensitivity $\sim 100\times$ larger with AFP
 - $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$: calibration/alignment of AFP

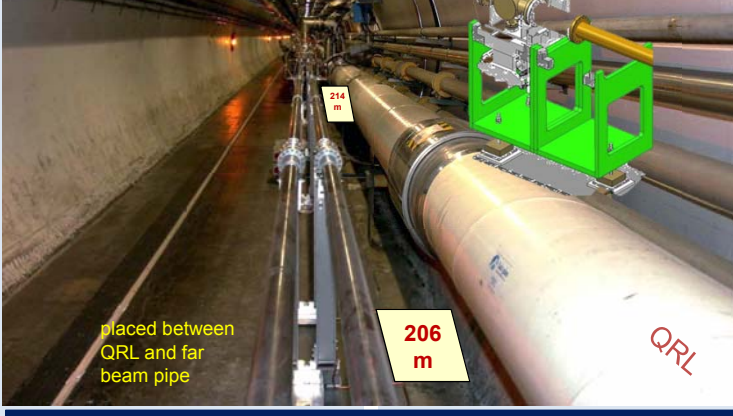
Example: $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$ anomalous quartic $\gamma\gamma WW$ coupling:

- Best limits from LEP(OPAL): $\sim 0.02-0.04 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ (PRD 70 (2004) 032005)
- Predicted sensitivities at the LHC a few 10^{-4} GeV^{-2} (P.J. Bell; ArXiv:0907.5299)
- Recent papers from DØ and CMS for $\gamma\gamma WW$: $\sim 10^{-4} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ ($100\times$ better than LEP) (CMS-PAS-FSQ-12-010)
- Sensitivity predicted with AFP: $100\times$ better
- e.g. for 30 events per fb (1 yr run in 2016):

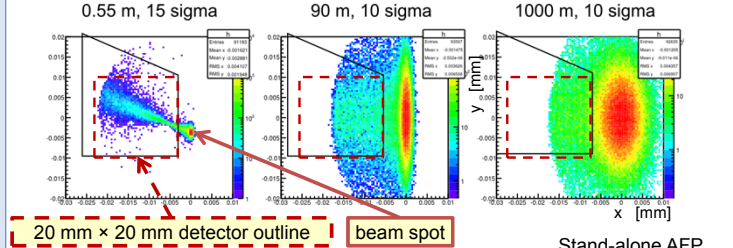
C. Royon and O. Kepka; PRD 78 (2008)
E. Chapon, C. Royon, O. Kepka; PRD 81 (2010)

		limits [10^{-6} GeV^{-2}]			
form factor		a_0^W/Λ^2	a_C^W/Λ^2	a_0^Z/Λ^2	a_C^Z/Λ^2
95% c.l.	$\Lambda_{cut} = \infty$	1.2	4.2	2.8	10
	$\Lambda_{cut} = 2 \text{ TeV}$	2.6	9.4	6.4	24
3σ evidence	$\Lambda_{cut} = \infty$	1.6	5.8	4.0	14
	$\Lambda_{cut} = 2 \text{ TeV}$	3.6	13	9.0	34
5σ discovery	$\Lambda_{cut} = \infty$	2.3	9.7	6.2	23
	$\Lambda_{cut} = 2 \text{ TeV}$	5.4	20	14	52

AFP Apparatus:



AFP y - x hit patterns for $\beta^* = 0.55 \text{ m}, 90 \text{ m}, 1000 \text{ m}$:



The need for Picosecond Timing

Example: DPE jj Full Simulation

- at high $\mu \geq 1$, protons from single-diffraction pile-up events begin to dominate the two-proton sample
- accurate proton time-of-arrival measurements can reject the pile-up background:

$$z_{vx} = (t_{\text{Right}} - t_{\text{Left}})/(2c)$$

\rightarrow if $\sigma_t = 10 \text{ ps}$, then $\sigma_z = 2.1 \text{ mm}$

Stand-alone AFP simulations using MadX tracking

Fermilab beam test results (2012):

