

LOI to LHCC signed by 29 institutes from 11 countries - more in the process of joining

The aim of FP420 is to install high precision silicon tracking and fast timing detectors close to the beams at 420m from ATLAS and / or CMS

FP420 is basically a spectrometer using LHC magnets to bend protons with small momentum loss out of the beam (moveable silicon tracker ~ 8m long)

"The LHCC acknowledges the scientific merit of the FP420 physics program and the interest in its exploring its feasibility." - LHCC

"The panel believed that this offers a unique opportunity to extend the potential of the LHC and has the potential to give a high scientific return." - UK PPRP (PPARC)



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At low luminosity (~ 30 fb⁻¹) we can :

- Establish the quantum numbers of SM Higgs
- Be the discovery channel in certain regions of the MSSM
- Make high precision measurements of $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW / ZZ$ couplings
- Host of interesting QCD measurements (0.002 < x_{IP} < 0.015)



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In addition, at higher luminosity (~ 100 fb⁻¹) we can :

- Discover exotic bound states such as gluinoballs
- Make direct observation of CP violation in some SUSY Higgs scenarios
- Disentangle wide range of SUSY scenarios, including nearly degenerate Higgs sectors

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FP420 turns the LHC into a glue-glue (and $\gamma\gamma$) collider where you know the beam energy of the gluons to ~ 2 GeV.

CP violation in the Higgs Sector

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This example shows that exclusive double diffraction may offer unique possibilities for exploring Higgs physics in ways that would be difficult or even impossible in inclusive Higgs production. In particular, we have shown that exclusive double diffraction constitutes an efficient CP and lineshape analyzer of the resonant Higgs-boson dynamics in multi-Higgs models. In the specific case of CP-violating MSSM Higgs physics discussed here, which is potentially of great importance for electroweak baryogenesis, diffractive production may be the most promising probe at the LHC.

FP420 Schematic Outline

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FP420 Acceptance and Resolution

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The 420m region at the LHC







Cockcroft Institute + CERN + Torino



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Design underway with cryodesign effort from Cockcroft Institute (UK) + CERN design office funding (UK) and collaboration with CERN AT/CRI group (+ design effort from Torino)

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- @ 1 x 10³³ cm⁻² s⁻¹ expect ~ 100 $\mu^+\mu^-$ events / fill with standard trigger thresholds
- Simulations (Louvain) indicate precision is better than necessary (theoretical limit is LHC beam energy uncertainty , σ_0 = 0.77 GeV ~ 50 microns)

(also $\gamma\gamma WW$, $M_{\gamma\gamma} > 300 \text{ GeV}$, $\sigma \sim 100 \text{ fb} \rightarrow \text{very high sensitivity to anomalous}$ quartic couplings)



FP420 Key Milestones





FP420 Collaboration

FP420 : An R&D Proposal to Investigate the Feasibility of Installing Proton Tagging Detectors in the 420m Region at LHC

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- 7. The University of Glasgow
- 8. The University of Calabria and INFN
- 9. Bristol University
- 10. Brunel University
- 11. CERN
- 12. Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- 13. University of Turin and INFN-Turin
- 14. University of Lund
- 15. Rutherford Appleton Laboratory
- 16. Molecular Biology Consortium
- 17. DESY
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- 19. Helsinki Institute of Physics and University of Helsinki
- 20. University of Hawaii
- 21. University of Alberta
- 22. LAL Orsay
- 23. UC Louvain
- 24. Boston University
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- 27. Stony Brook University

We are at present reviewing FP420 membership, there are jobs still to be done.

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FP420 Summary

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• We have built a strong international collaboration with the manpower and expertise to deliver forward proton tagging at high luminosity to the LHC

•FP420 adds real discovery potential to ATLAS / CMS.

- 12 month R&D study fully funded from UK (and elsewhere) (~1000K CHF)
- Funding bids and significant manpower from Belgium, Italy, Germany, Finland, US, Canada
- Agreed list of key R&D areas (with CERN) to address machine safety issues and physics goals.
- Technical design by Feb 2007 (Manchester 2006) and (if successful) TDRs to LHCC from ATLAS / CMS spring 2007.
- First opportunity for installation is autumn 2008, dependent on LHC schedule.
- Physics returns potentially huge