



# Towards a muon collider

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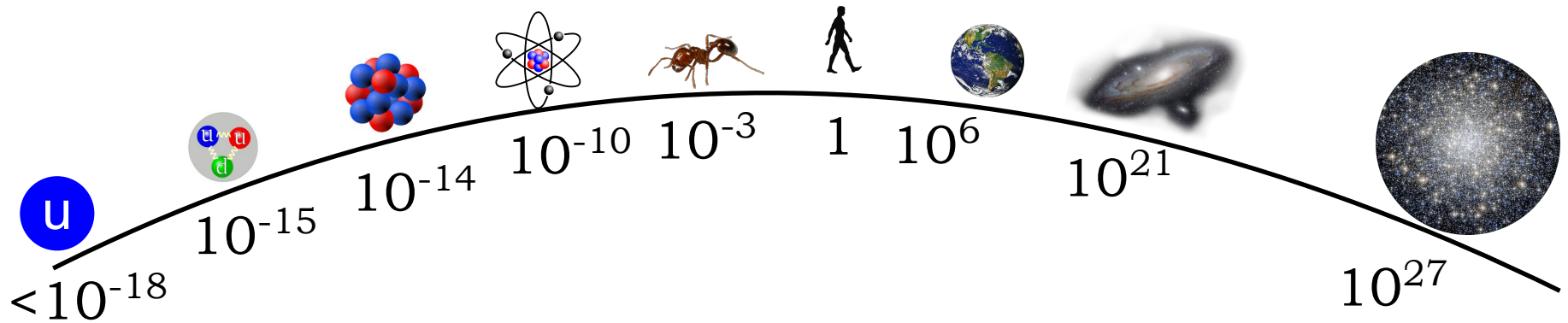
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# Exploring the energy frontier

## Universe scales in metres



$$\lambda \sim \frac{1}{p}$$

$$E = mc^2$$

# High-energy microscopes

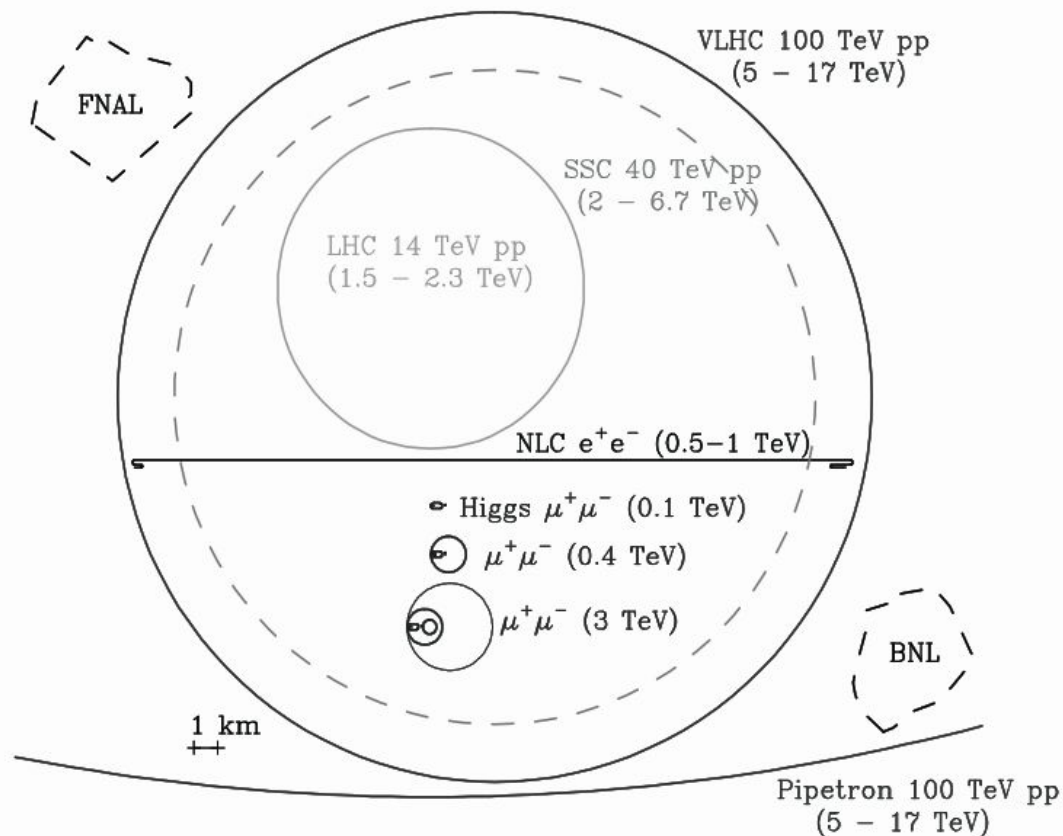
We conventionally probe shorter distances with either precision (indirect) or energy (direct)

## Muon colliders blur this dichotomy

The muon mass ( $105.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ ,  $207 \times e^\pm$  mass) means:

- Negligible synchrotron radiation emission
- Negligible beamstrahlung at collision

## Major technical challenges



# A brief history of muon colliders

## 1970/90 Initial proposal

G.I. Budker, *Accelerators and colliding beams*, 1969

A.N. Skirnsky, *Intersecting storage rings at Novosibirsk*, 1971

D. Neuffer, *Multi-TeV muon colliders*, 1986

## 2013 - LEMMA

- Propose positron-driven scheme

## 2019 - MICE

- Demonstrates ionisation cooling

IMCC

Time

## 2011 - 2014 US Muon Accelerator Program MAP

- Short- and long-baseline neutrino facilities
- Higgs factory with good energy resolution
- TeV-scale muon collider

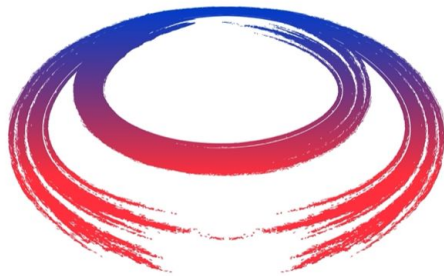
*Muon Accelerators for Particle Physics*

## European Strategy for Particle Physics Update 2020

- Set up an international collaboration



# The International Muon Collider Collaboration



**M** International  
UON Collider  
Collaboration

[Link to website](#)

## Objective

Establish whether the investment into a full CDR and a demonstrator is scientifically justified

It will provide a baseline concept, well-supported performance expectations, and assess the associated key risks as well as cost and power consumption drivers

## Scope

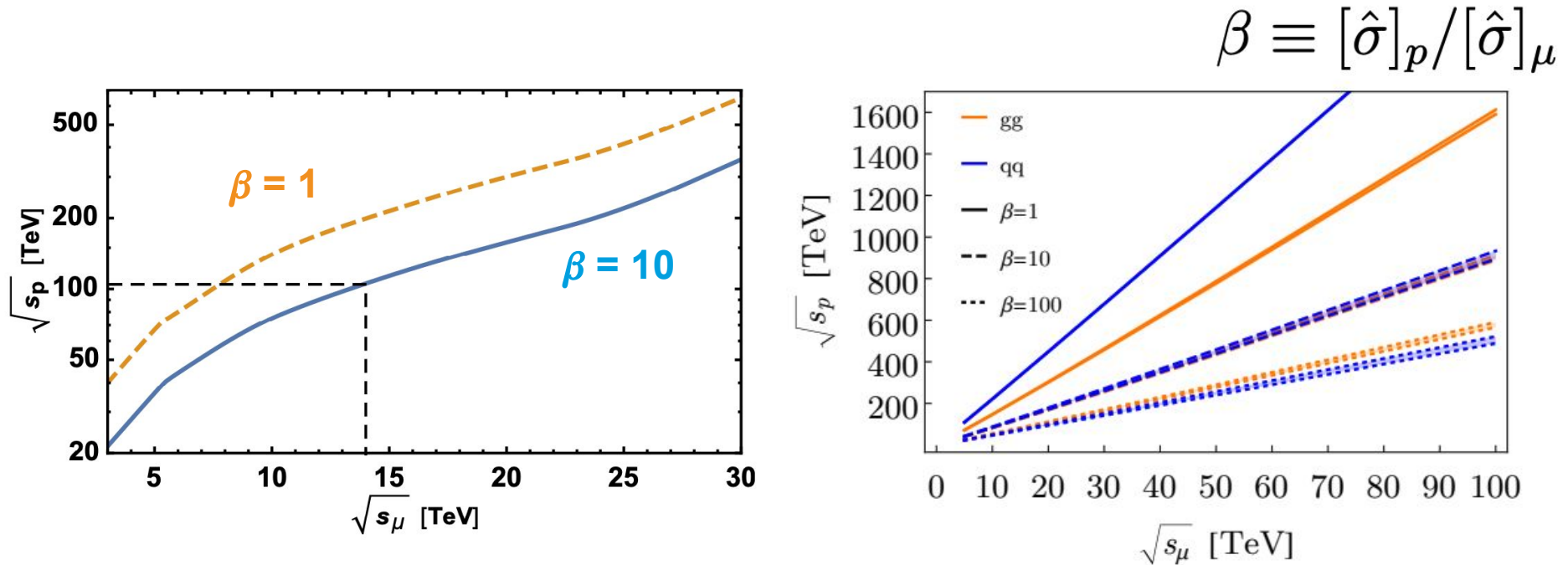
- Focus on two energy ranges:

3 TeV

10+ TeV

- Explore synergy with neutrino/higgs factory
- Define R&D path

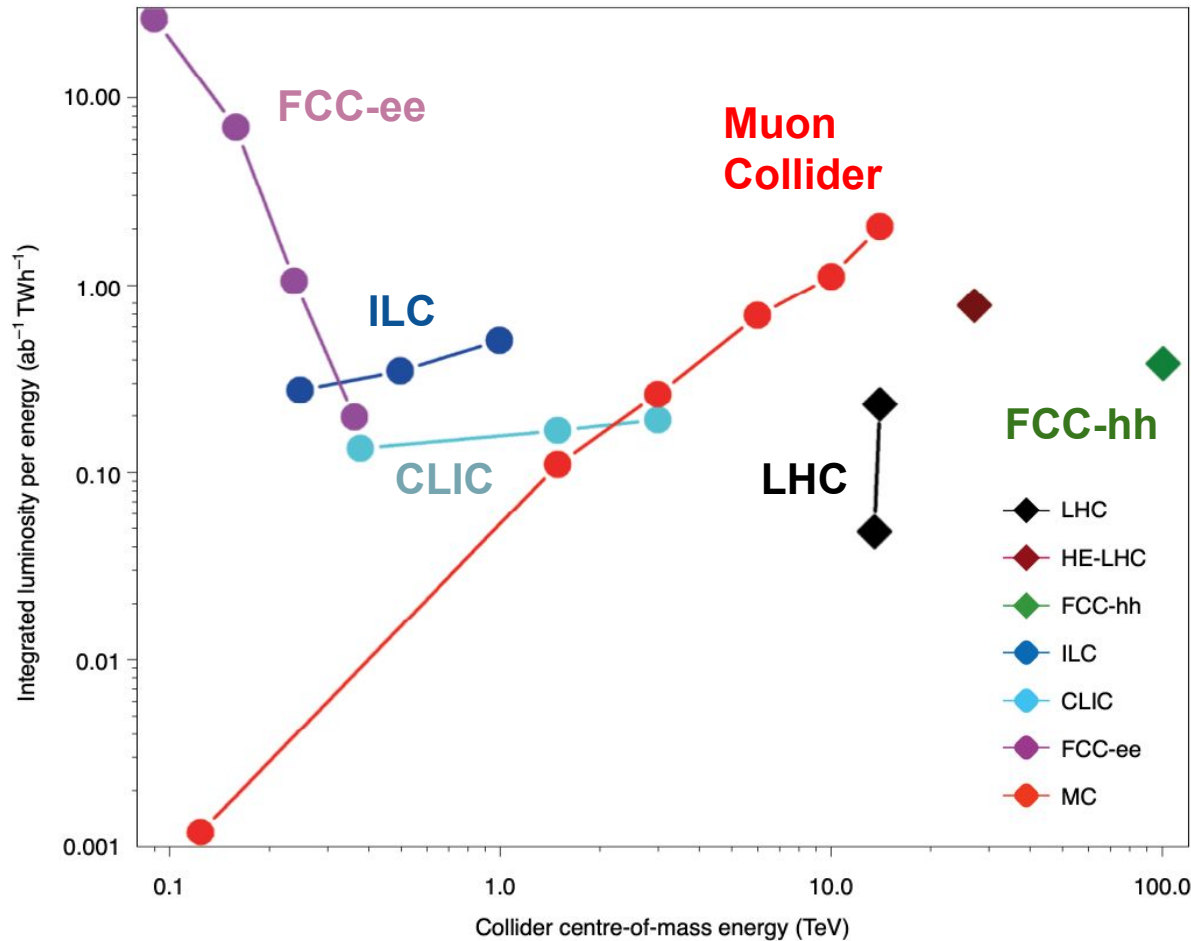
# Comparison to proton-proton machines



## Leptons are the ideal probes of short-distance physics

- All the energy is stored in the colliding particle
- No energy “waste” due to parton distribution functions
- High-energy physics probed with much smaller collider energy

# Sustainability



**ROUGH RULE OF THUMB**  
Cost  $\propto$  Energy  
Power  $\propto$  Luminosity

High luminosity with **reasonable wall plug power** needs ( $\sim 1/2$  CLIC)

Cost-effective construction and operation

**Possible staging / re-use of existing facilities**

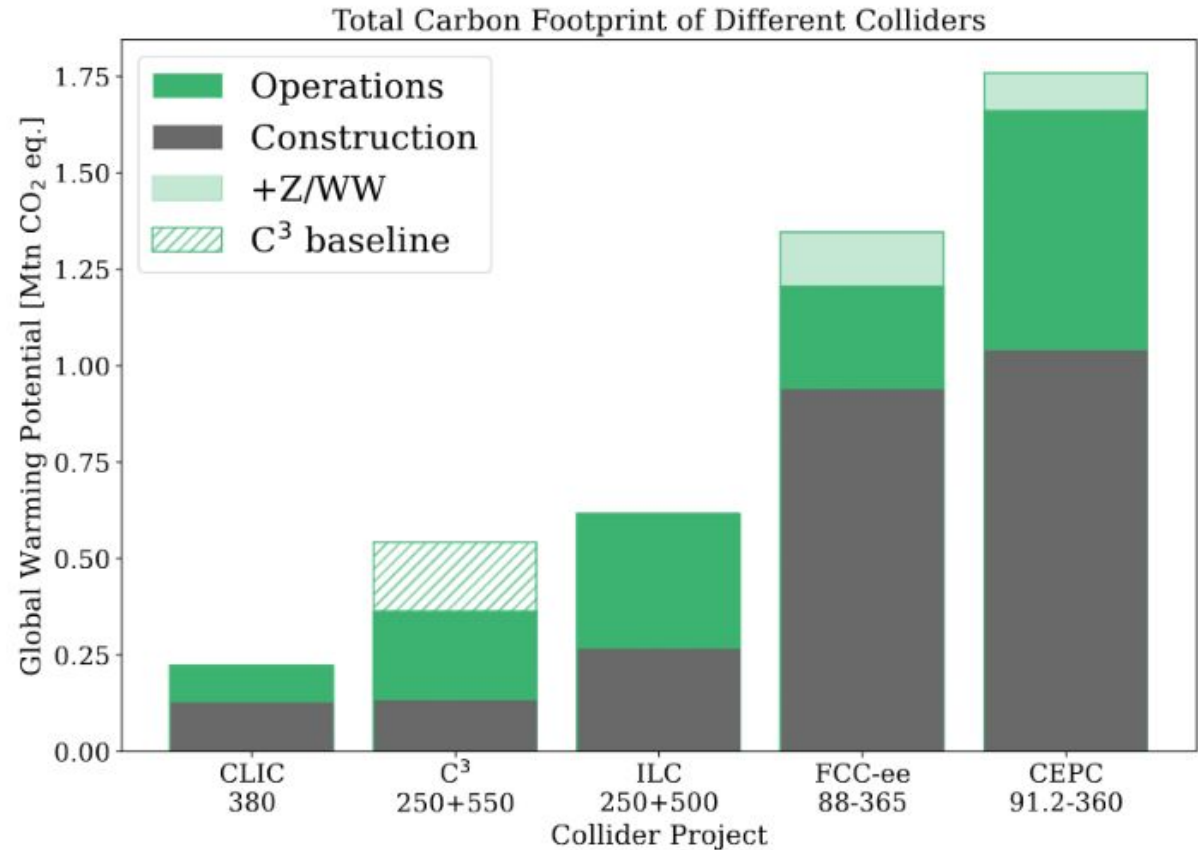
# Sustainability

Important aspect for next HEP projects

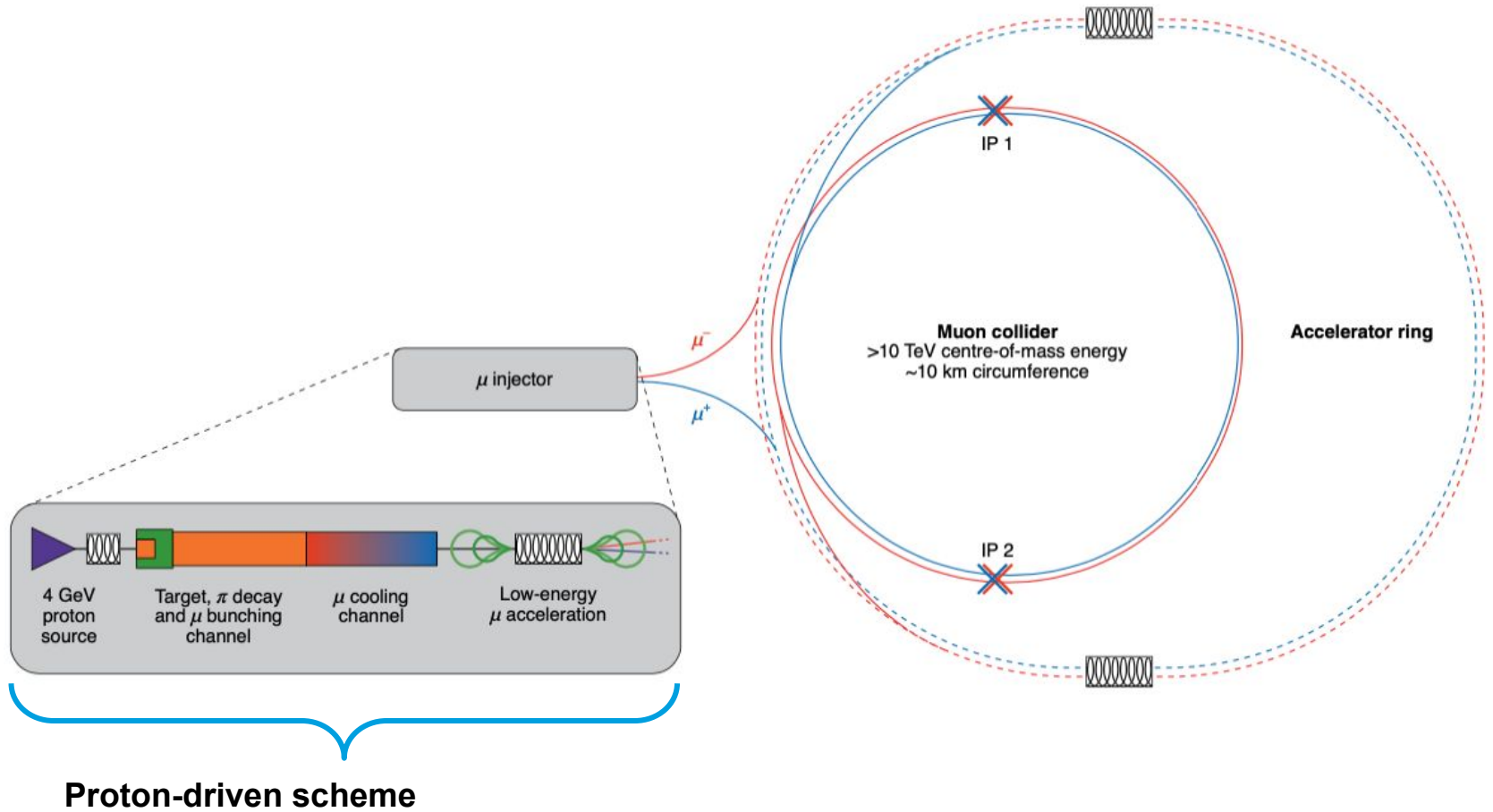
- Aim to progress in a sustainable way

Life-cycle assessment

- identify leading CO<sub>2</sub> sources



# Collider overview

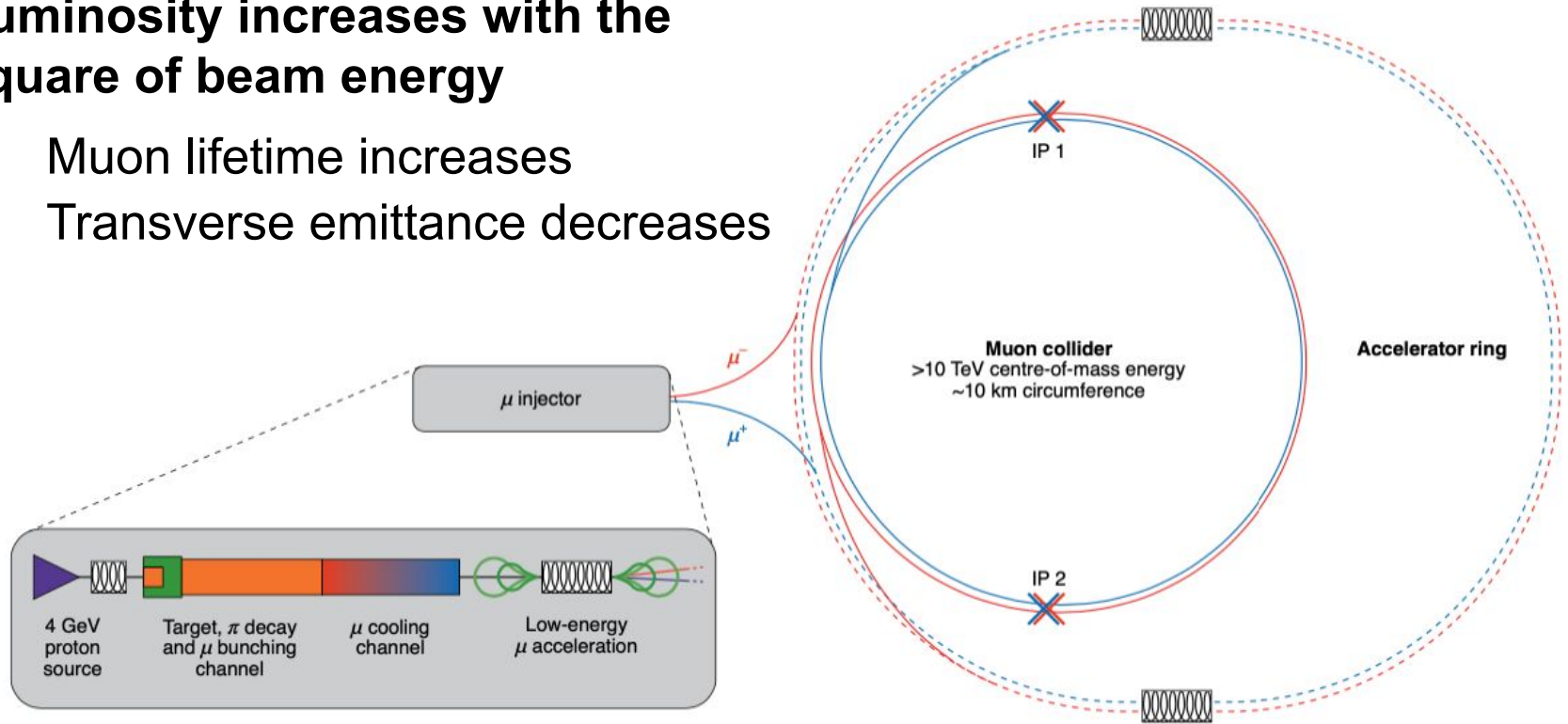


# Collision paradigm

Circulate two bunches and re-fill when they are depleted

**Luminosity increases with the square of beam energy**

- Muon lifetime increases
- Transverse emittance decreases



**1000 times lower collision rate than LHC!**

# Muon collider target parameters

Parameter	Symbol	Unit	Target value			CLIC
Centre-of-mass energy	$E_{\text{cm}}$	TeV	3	10	14	3
Luminosity	$\mathcal{L}$	$10^{34}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	1.8	20	40	5.9
Luminosity above $0.99 \times \sqrt{s}$	$\mathcal{L}_{0.01}$	$10^{34}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	1.8	20	40	2
Collider circumference	$C_{\text{coll}}$	km	4.5	10	14	—
Muons/bunch	$N$	$10^{12}$	2.2	1.8	1.8	0.0037
Repetition rate	$f_r$	Hz	5	5	5	50
Beam power	$P_{\text{coll}}$	MW	5.3	14.4	20	28
Longitudinal emittance	$\epsilon_L$	MeVm	7.5	7.5	7.5	0.2
Transverse emittance	$\epsilon$	$\mu\text{m}$	25	25	25	660/20
Number of bunches	$n_b$		1	1	1	312
Number of IPs	$n_{\text{IP}}$		2	2	2	1
IP relative energy spread	$\delta_E$	%	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.35
IP bunch length	$\sigma_z$	mm	5	1.5	1.07	0.044
IP beta-function	$\beta$	mm	5	1.5	1.07	
IP beam size	$\sigma$	$\mu\text{m}$	3	0.9	0.63	0.04/0.001

Beamstrahlung

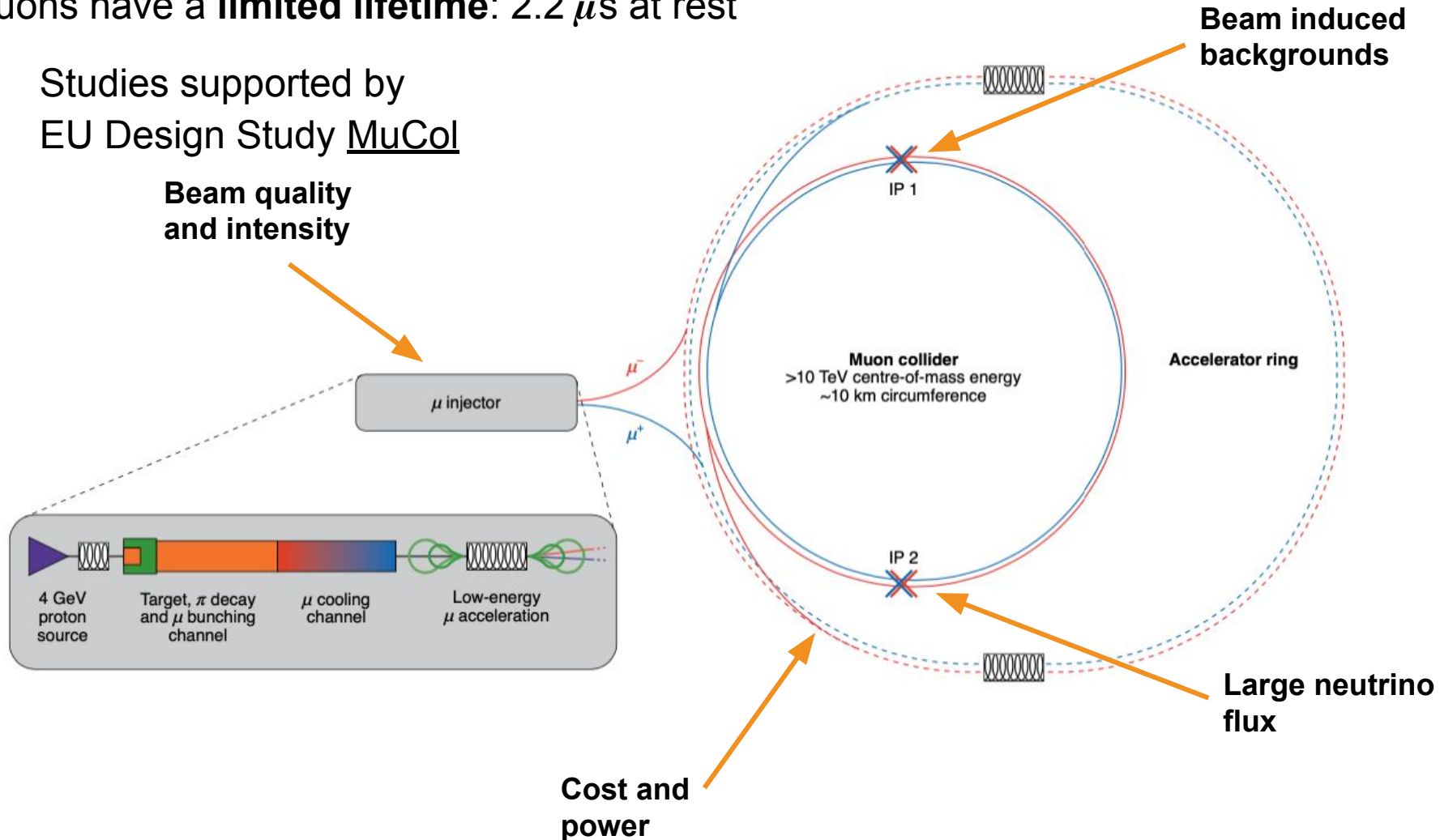
Based on extrapolation of the MAP parameters

- Plan to operate 5 years at each centre-of-mass energy (FCC-hh to operate for 25 years)

# Key challenges

Muons have a **limited lifetime**:  $2.2 \mu\text{s}$  at rest

- Studies supported by EU Design Study MuCol

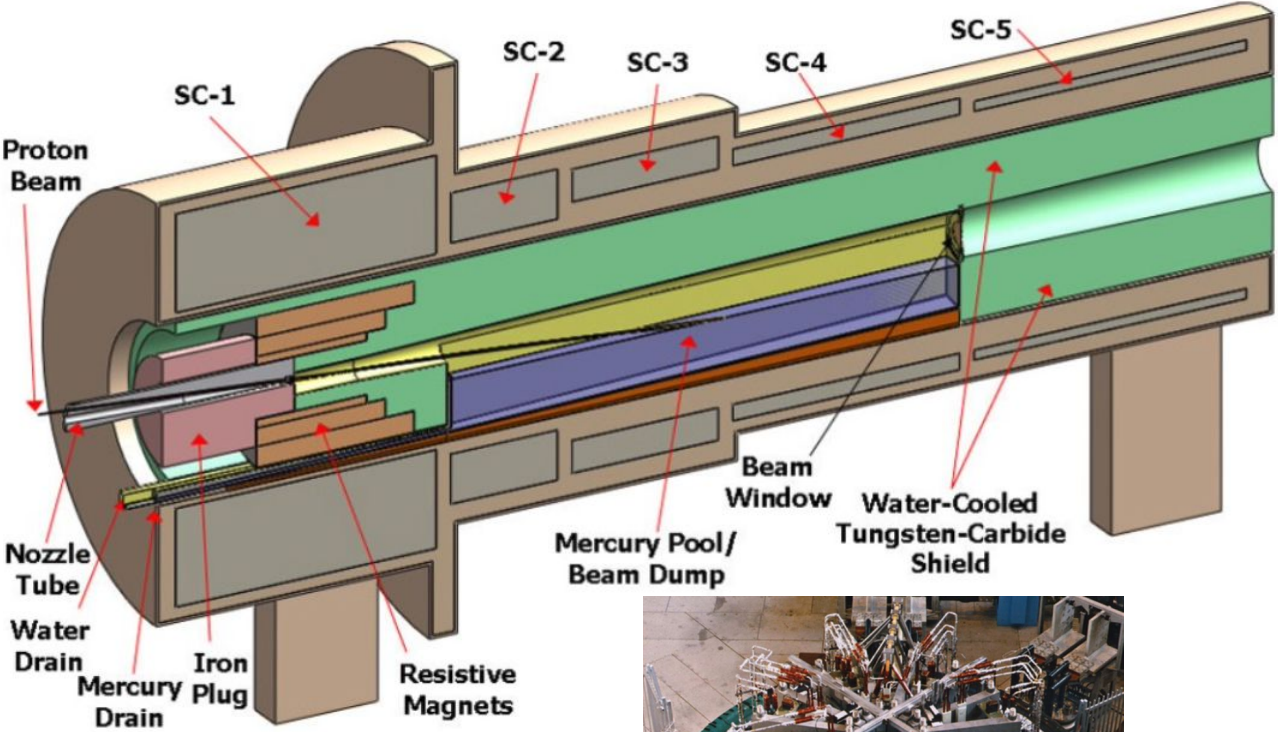




# Proton target

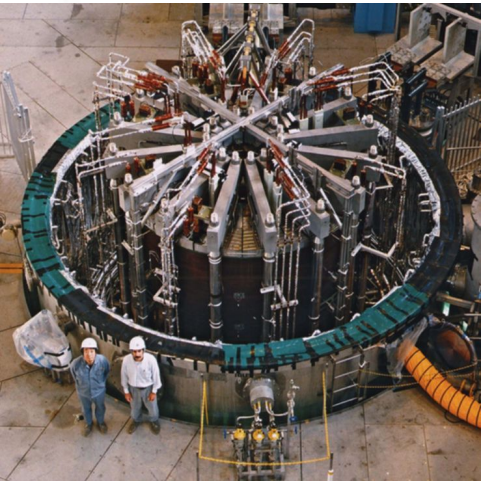


**High-field required** to efficiency collect pions and muons

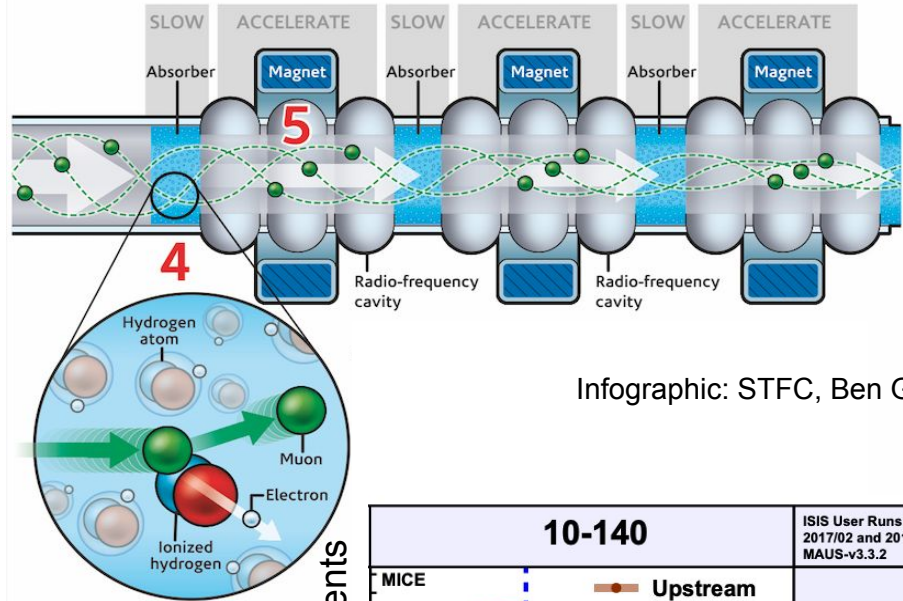
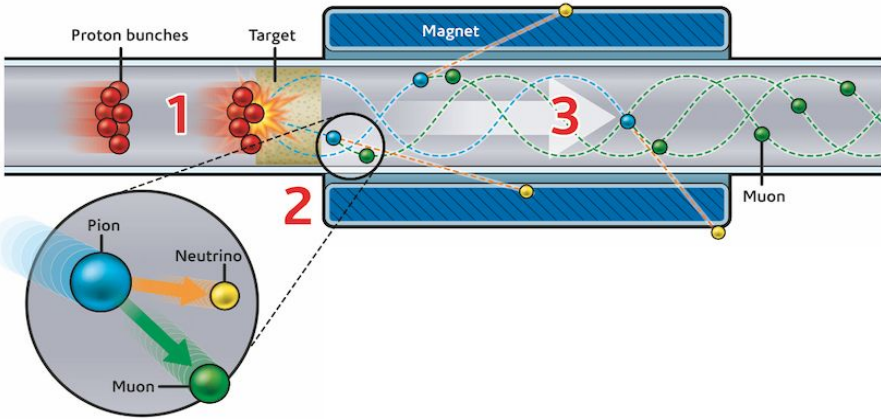


- 2-4 MW proton beam**
- Simulated graphite target ok
  - Operation at 2000°C

- Large aperture O(1m)** to allow shielding
- Synergy with ITER 13 T in 1.7 m



# Cooling the beams

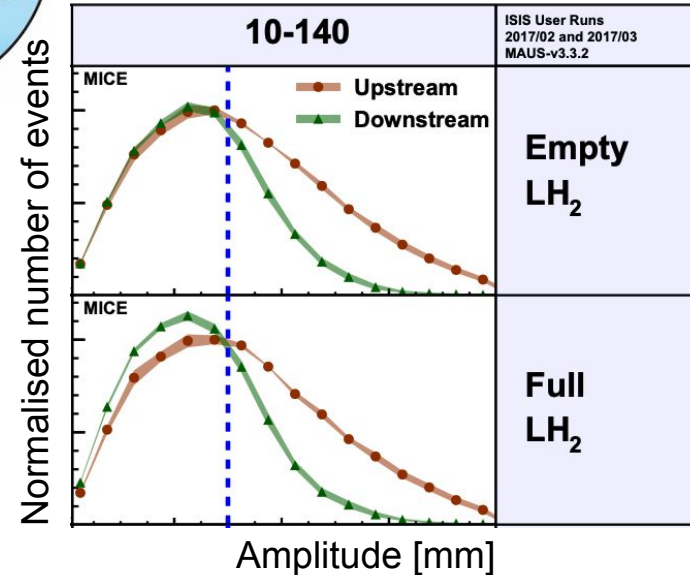


Infographic: STFC, Ben Gilliland

## MICE Muon Ionization Cooling Experiment

Need  $10^6$  emittance reduction!

- Demonstrator with RF and more than one stage required



# Accelerator ring

Ramp magnets to follow  $E_{\text{beam}}$

- **Fast-ramping synchrotron magnets** (-2T to 2T in 2 ms)

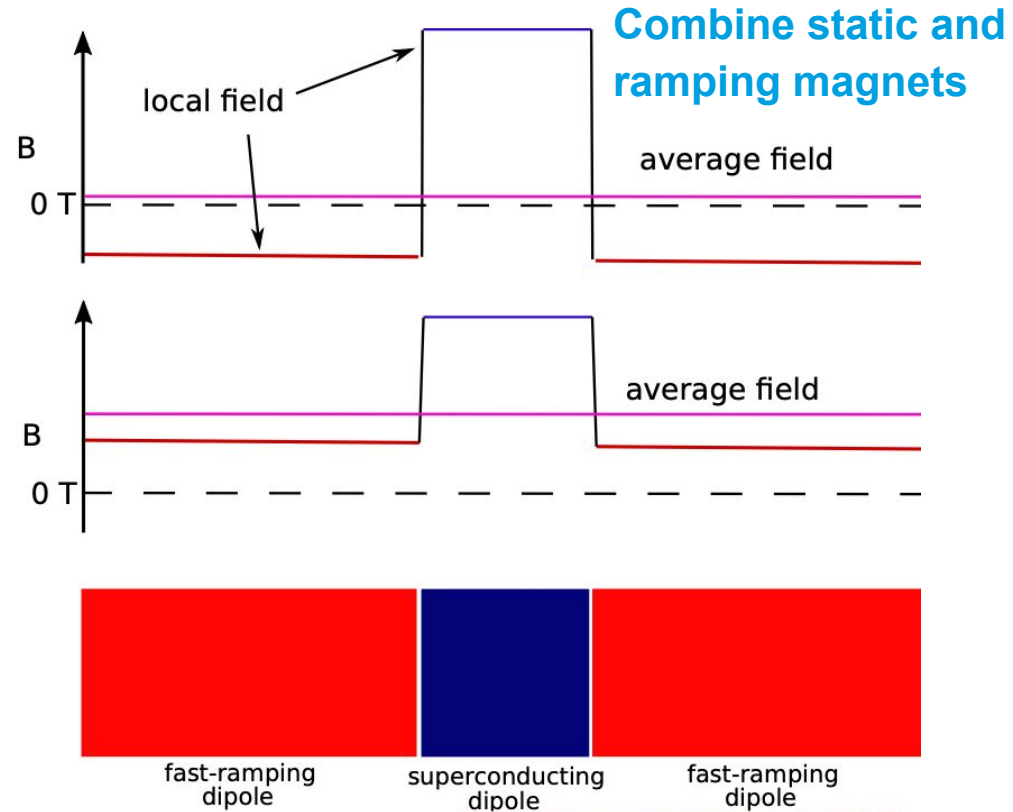
Demonstrated:

- Normal-conducting magnets (2.5 T/ms with peak of 1.81 T)
- HTS (12 T/ms, peak of 0.24 T)

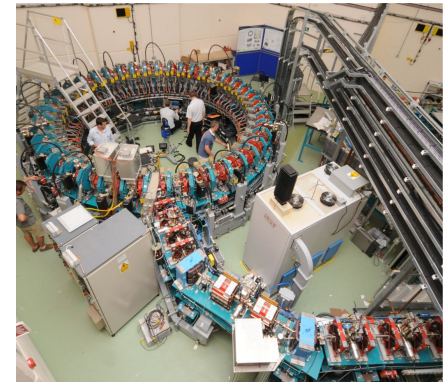
Need 5 km of 2T magnets per TeV or fast HTS dipoles

## Fixed-Field alternating gradient Accelerator (alternative)

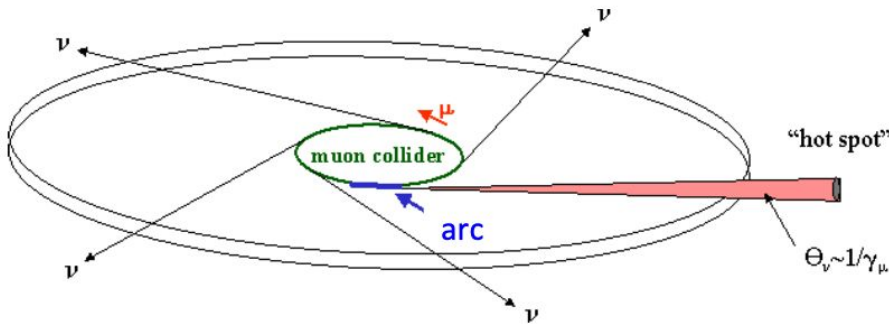
- Complex high-field magnets
- Challenging beam dynamics



EMMA proof of FFA principle

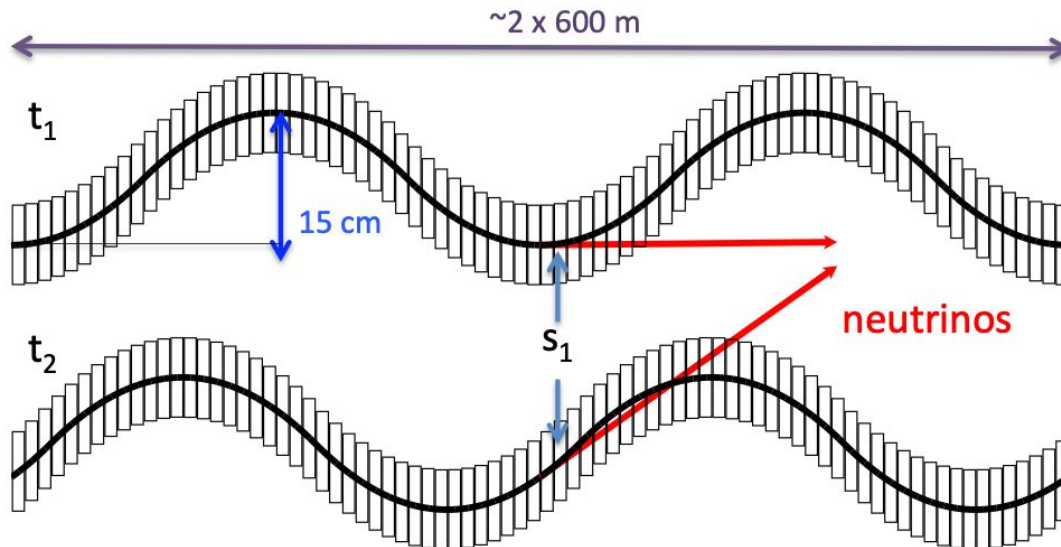


# Neutrino flux



<b>Legal limit:</b>	1 mSv/year
<b>MAP goal:</b>	< 0.1 mSv/year
<b>IMCC goal:</b>	arcs below threshold for legal procedure < 10μSv/year
<b>LHC achieved:</b>	< 5 μSv/year
<b>3 TeV, 200 m deep tunnel ~ OK</b>	

**Need mitigation in collider arcs at 10+ TeV:** move collider ring components  
 Example: vertical bending



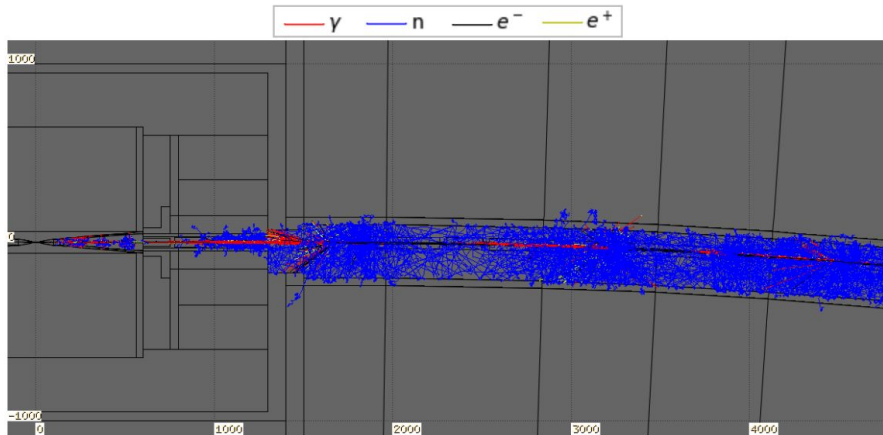
**Opening angle of 1 mradian makes 14 TeV collider comparable to LHC**

Need to engineer mover system and study impact on beams

Sketch credit: D. Schulte



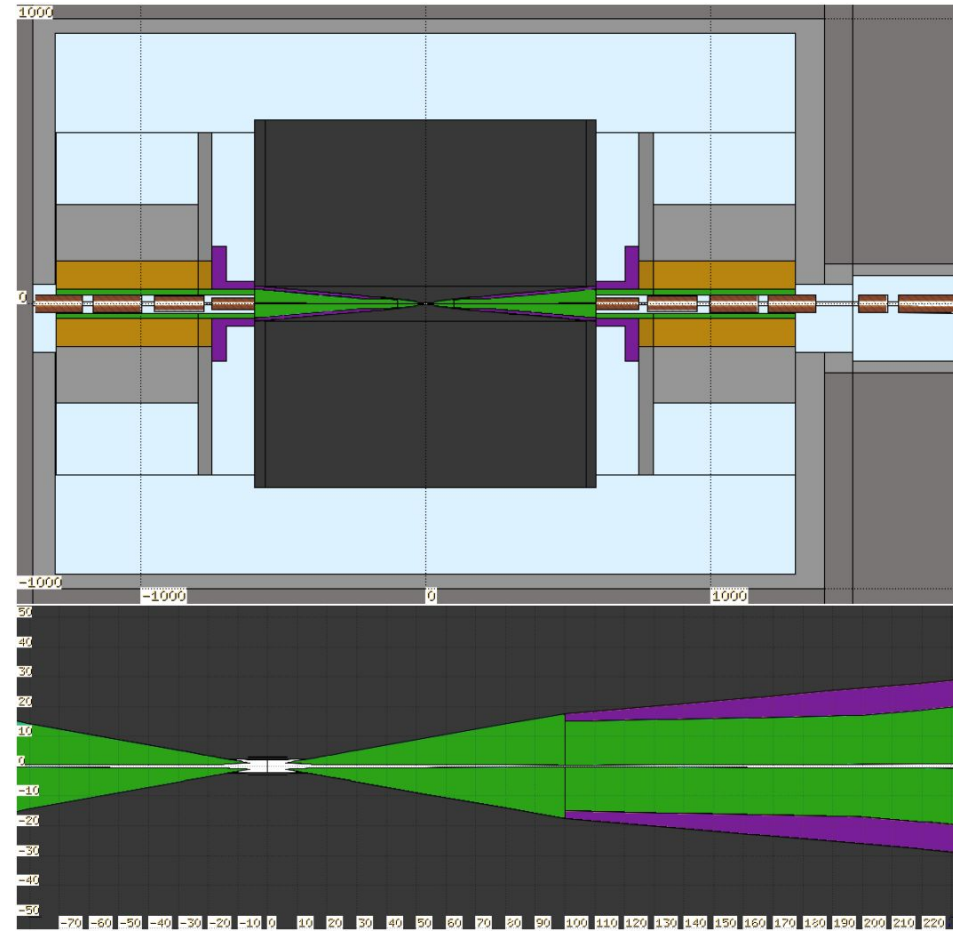
# The beam-induced backgrounds (BIB)



Huge number of particles from muon decays ( $4 \times 10^5$  per metre of lattice) and their byproducts

- Shielding with tungsten nozzles with borated polyethylene (BCH<sub>2</sub>) coating

**Unique challenge of Muon Colliders**



# Machine-Detector interface

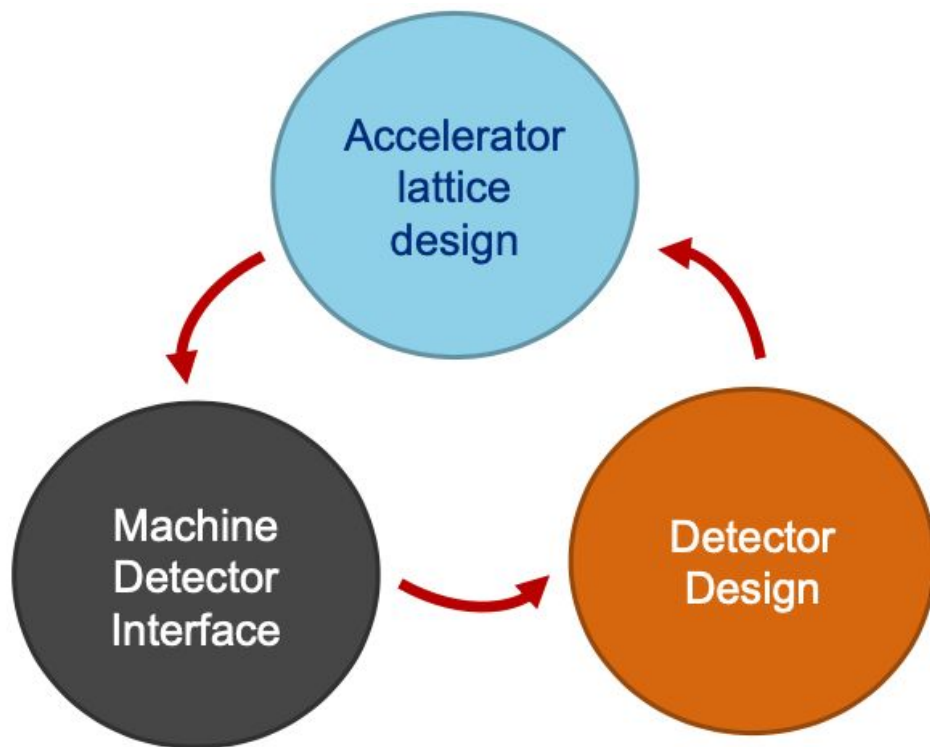


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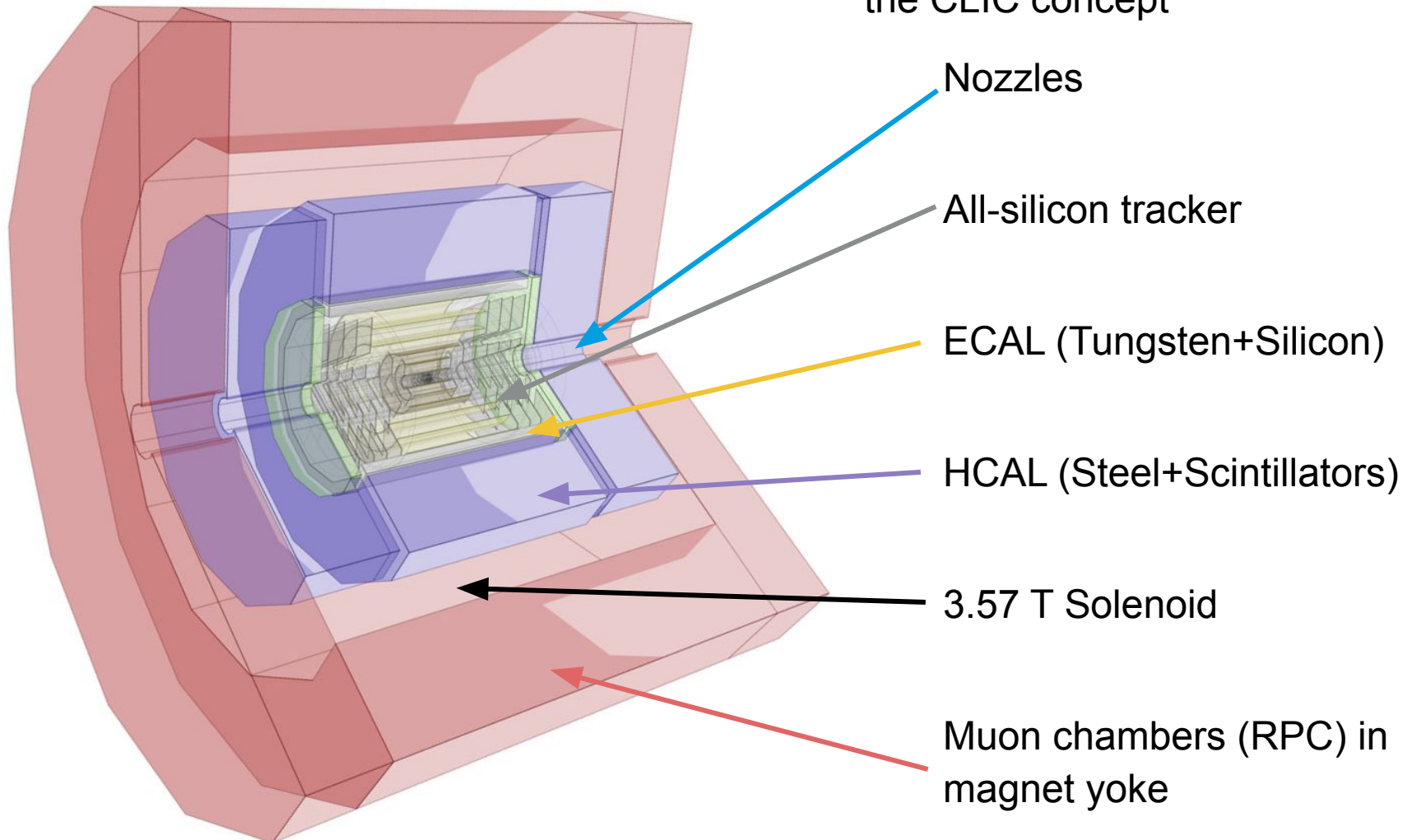
Muon Collider detector design has to be carried out in close collaboration with accelerator and MDI designers!

## STATUS

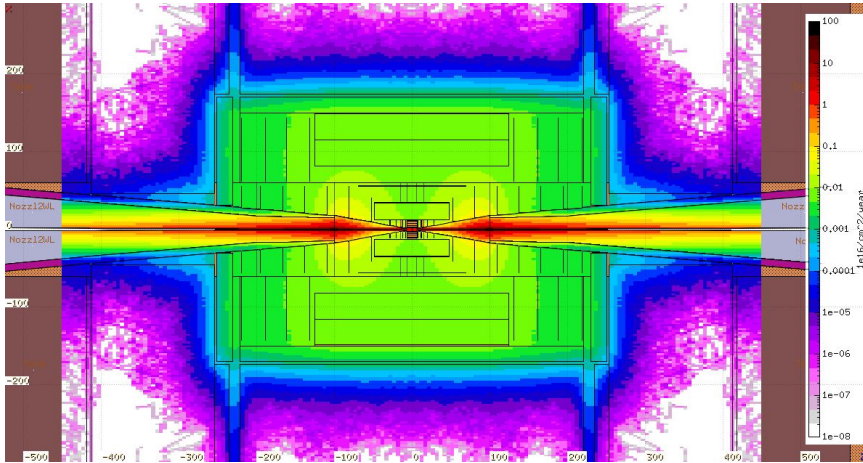
$\sqrt{s}$	IP design	MDI	Detector
3 TeV	✓	1.5 TeV BIB	✓
10 TeV	ongoing	ongoing	ongoing

# 3 TeV detector layout

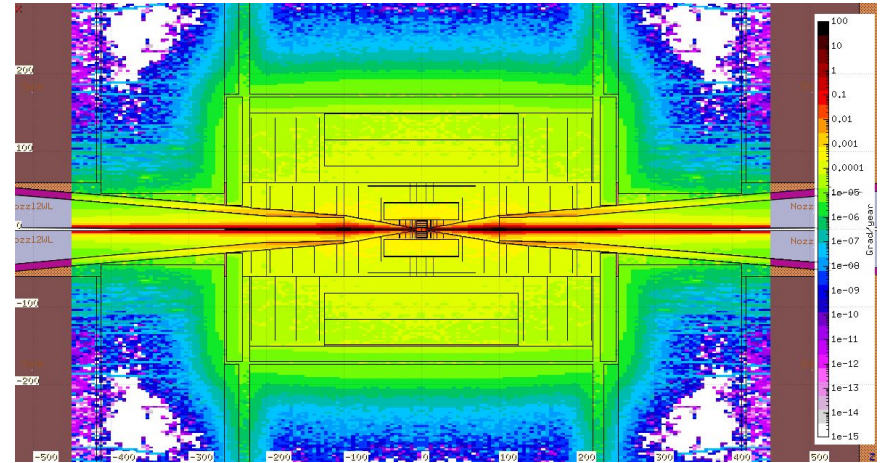
The detector model is based on the CLIC concept



# Detection Environment



1-MeV- $n_{eq}/cm^2$  fluence for 200 days of operation



Total Ionising Dose for 200 days of operation

	Maximum Dose (Mrad)		Maximum Fluence (1 MeV-neq/cm <sup>2</sup> )	
	R= 22 mm	R= 1500 mm	R= 22 mm	R= 1500 mm
Muon Collider	10	0.1	$10^{15}$	$10^{14}$
HL-LHC	100	0.1	$10^{15}$	$10^{13}$

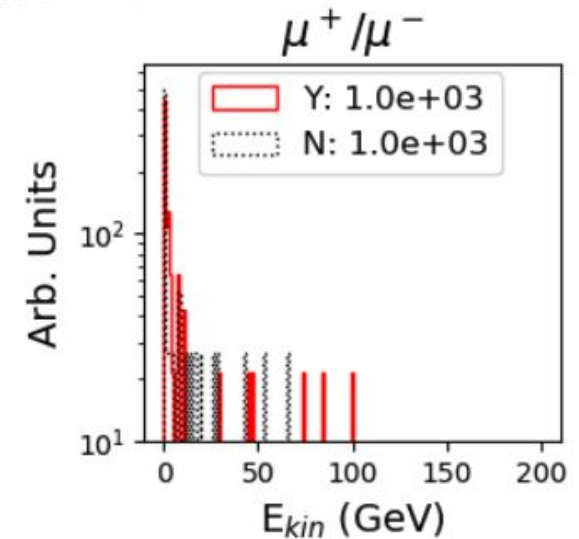
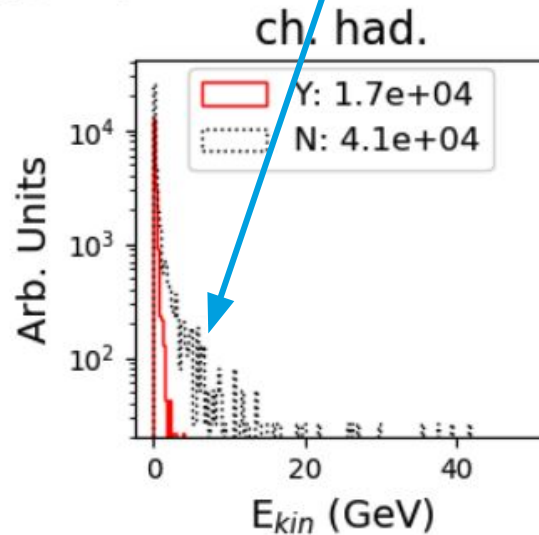
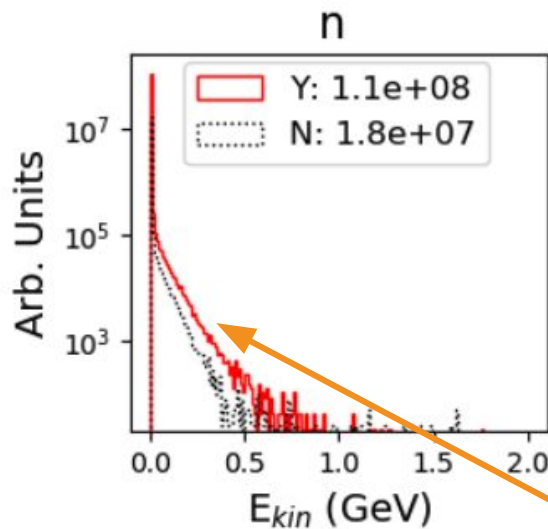
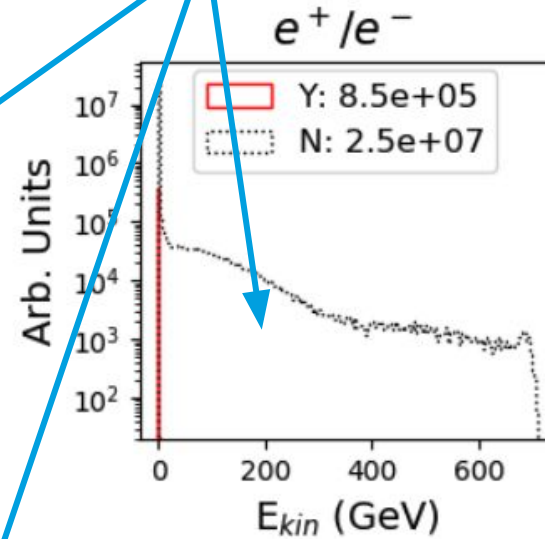
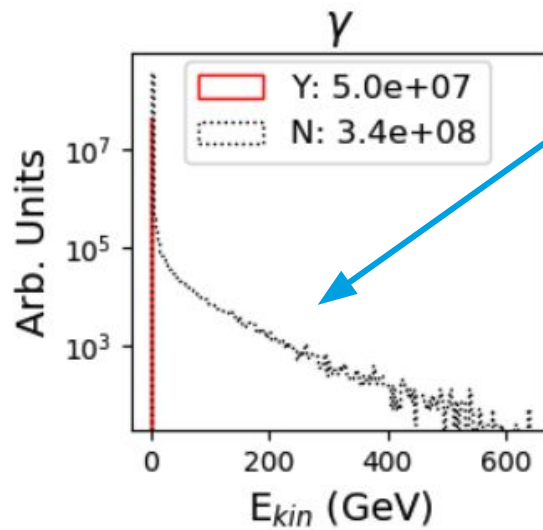
FCC-hh requirements  
 $\sim 10^{18}$  1 MeV- $n_{eq}/cm^2$



# Impact of nozzles

Y: with nozzle  
N: w/o nozzle

High-energy component absorbed



Increase in neutron flux

# Impact of nozzles

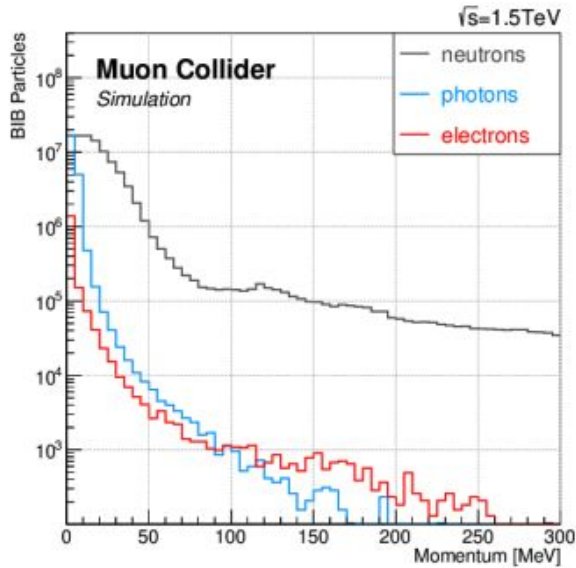
Monte Carlo simulator	MARS15	MARS15	FLUKA	FLUKA	FLUKA
Beam energy [GeV]	62.5	750	750	1500	5000
$\mu$ decay length [m]	$3.9 \cdot 10^5$	$46.7 \cdot 10^5$	$46.7 \cdot 10^5$	$93.5 \cdot 10^5$	$311.7 \cdot 10^5$
$\mu$ decay/m/bunch	$51.3 \cdot 10^5$	$4.3 \cdot 10^5$	$4.3 \cdot 10^5$	$2.1 \cdot 10^5$	$0.64 \cdot 10^5$
Photons ( $E_\gamma > 0.1$ MeV)	$170 \cdot 10^6$	$86 \cdot 10^6$	$51 \cdot 10^6$	$70 \cdot 10^6$	$107 \cdot 10^6$
Neutrons ( $E_n > 1$ MeV)	$65 \cdot 10^6$	$76 \cdot 10^6$	$110 \cdot 10^6$	$91 \cdot 10^6$	$101 \cdot 10^6$
Electrons & positrons ( $E_{e^\pm} > 0.1$ MeV)	$1.3 \cdot 10^6$	$0.75 \cdot 10^6$	$0.86 \cdot 10^6$	$1.1 \cdot 10^6$	$0.92 \cdot 10^6$
Charged hadrons ( $E_{h^\pm} > 0.1$ MeV)	$0.011 \cdot 10^6$	$0.032 \cdot 10^6$	$0.017 \cdot 10^6$	$0.020 \cdot 10^6$	$0.044 \cdot 10^6$
Muons ( $E_{\mu^\pm} > 0.1$ MeV)	$0.0012 \cdot 10^6$	$0.0015 \cdot 10^6$	$0.0031 \cdot 10^6$	$0.0033 \cdot 10^6$	$0.0048 \cdot 10^6$

The MDI optimised for the centre-of-mass energy of 1.5 TeV is assumed

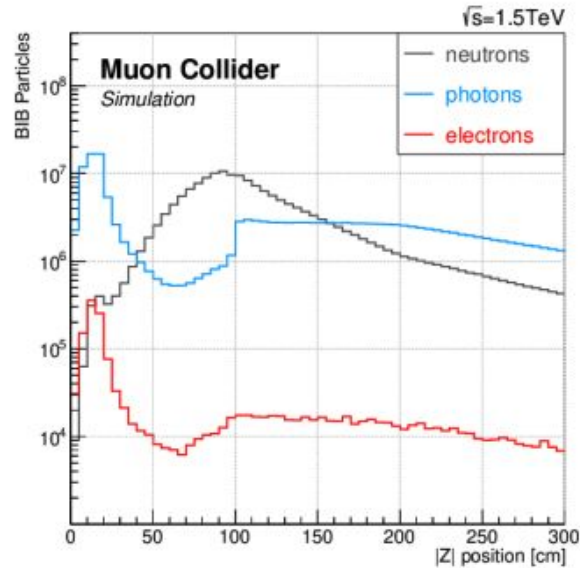
- Simulation available in MARS15 and FLUKA
- **BIB rates in detector volume approximately constant!**

→ higher centre-of-mass energies possible

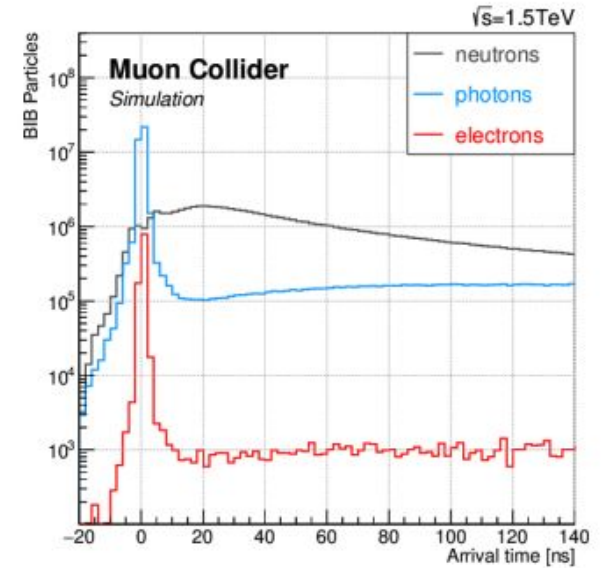
# Beam-induced background properties



Low momentum

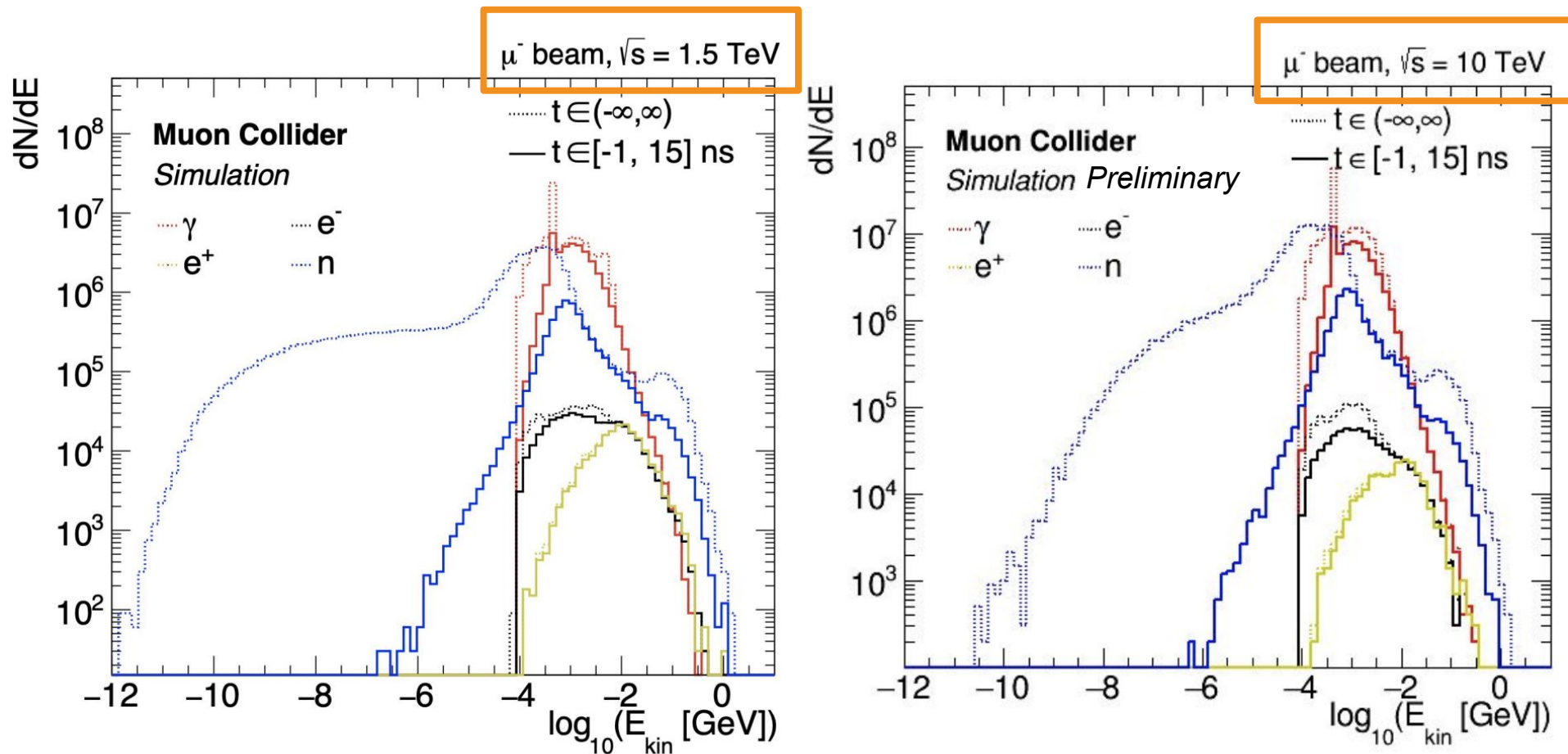


Origin and direction



Timing

# Preliminary look at 10 TeV BIB



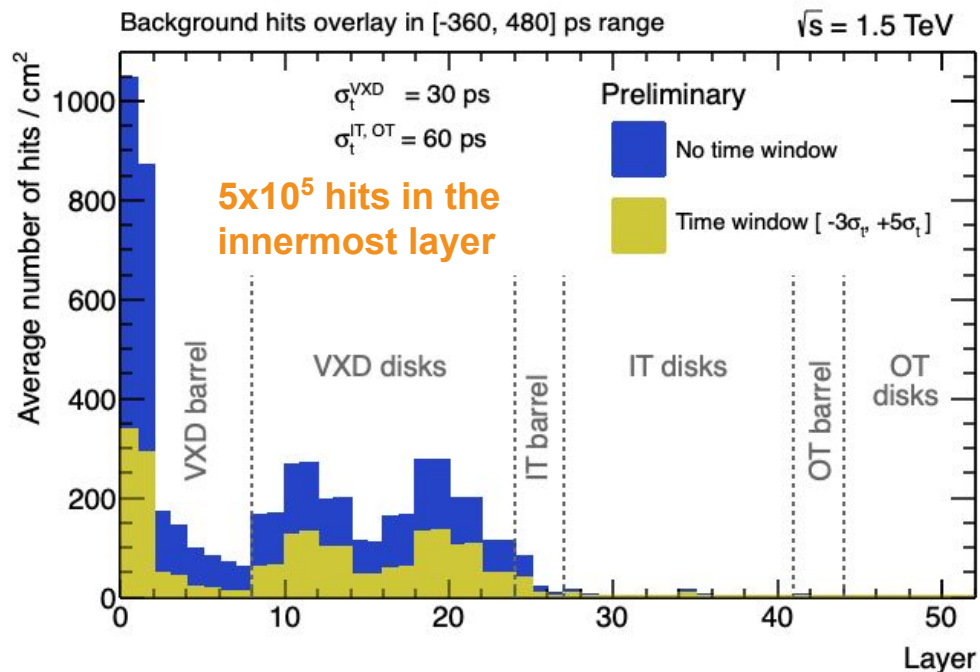
# Tracking detectors

**Goal: tracker occupancy < 1%**

- Other requirements are not unique: **low mass/power, radiation tolerance, low noise**

**On- and off-detector filtering:**

- **Timing**
- Clustering
- Energy deposition
- **Local track angle**
- Pulse shapes



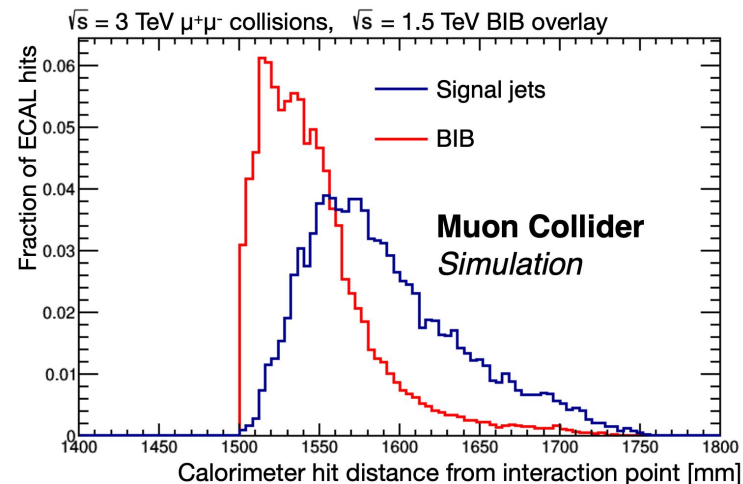
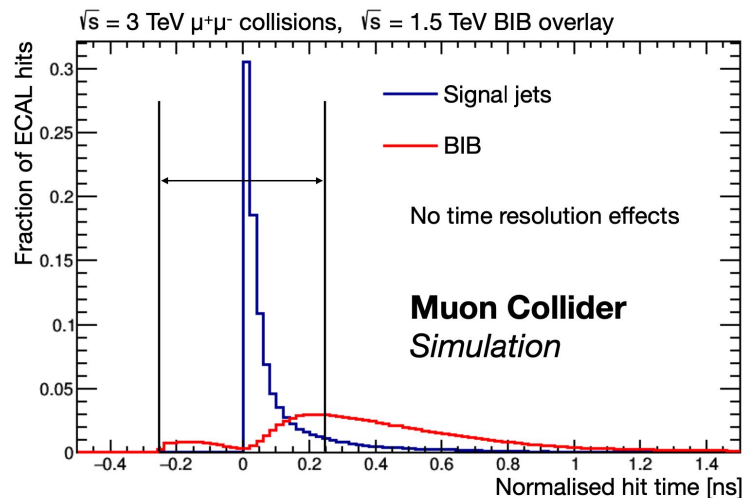
Detector Reference	Hit Density [mm <sup>-2</sup> ]		
	MCD	ATLAS ITk	ALICE ITS3
Pixel Layer 0	3.68	0.643	0.85
Pixel Layer 1	0.51	0.022	0.51

**Compared to HL-LHC**

~10x hit density

~1/1000 bunch crossing rate

# Calorimetry



BIB dominated by neutral particles: photons (96%) and neutrons (4%)

**Ambient energy about 50 GeV per unit area (~40 GeV in HL-LHC)**

- High granularity
- Precise hit time measurement  $O(100\text{ps})$
- Longitudinal segmentation
- Good energy resolution  $10\%/\sqrt{E}$  for photons and  $35\%/\sqrt{E}$  for jets or better



# Readout and DAQ

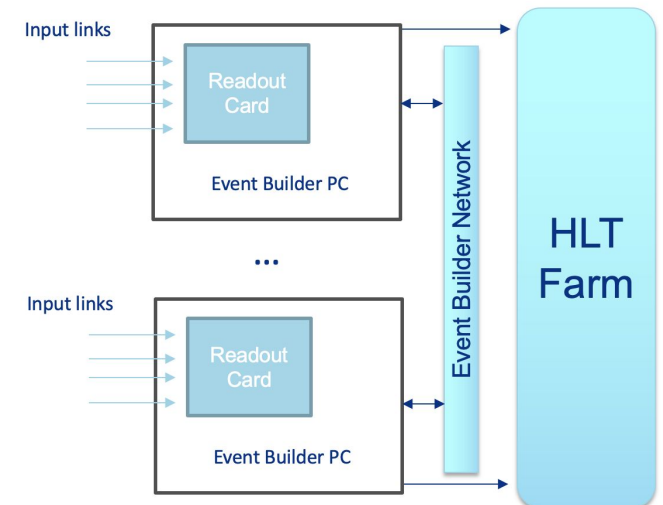
Instantaneous luminosity of  $10^{34}$ - $10^{35}$   $\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

Beam crossings **every 10  $\mu\text{s}$**

**Streaming approach:** availability of the full event data  $\rightarrow$  better trigger decision, easier maintenance, simplified design of the detector front-end...

	Hit	On-detector filtering	Number of Links (20 Gbps)	Data Rates
Tracker	32-bit	$t-t_0 < 1$ ns	$\sim 3,000$	30 Tb/s
Calorimeter	20-bit	$t-t_0 < 0.3$ ns $E > 200$ KeV	$\sim 3,000$	30 Tb/s

Table credit: S. Jindariani



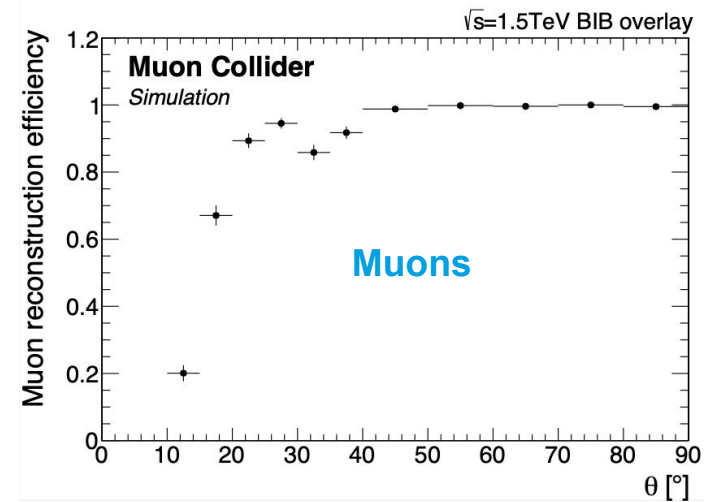
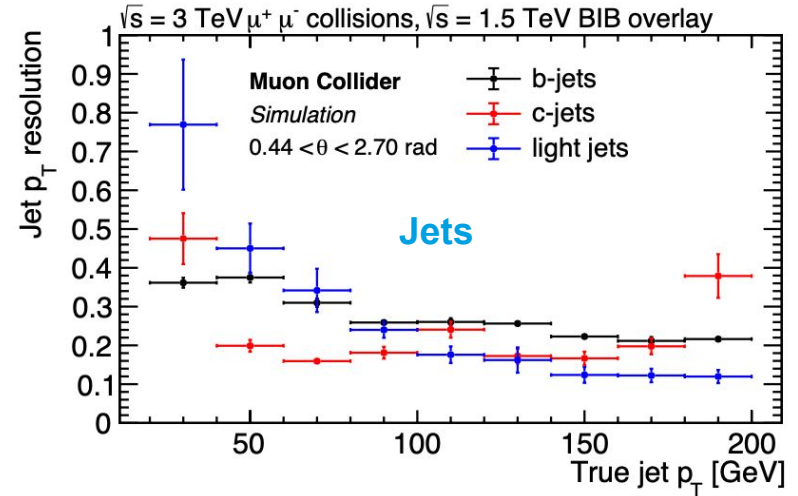
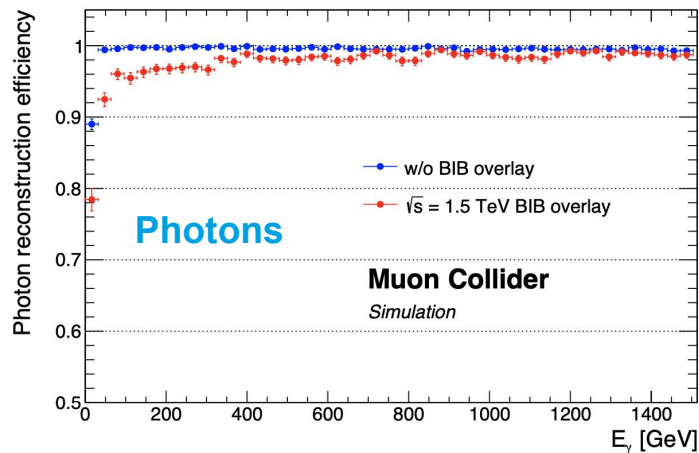
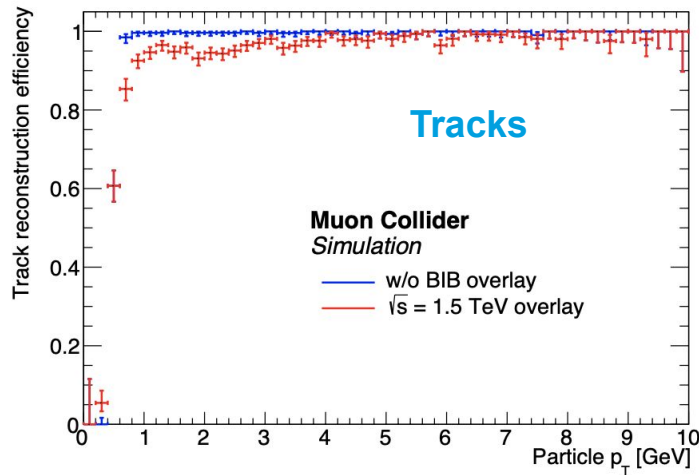
Total data rate similar to HLT at HL-LHC

- **Streaming operation likely feasible**

# Snapshot of 3 TeV performance

Achieved “LHC-level” performance without using dedicated techniques

- Huge potential to improve further





# R&D: 4D tracking detectors

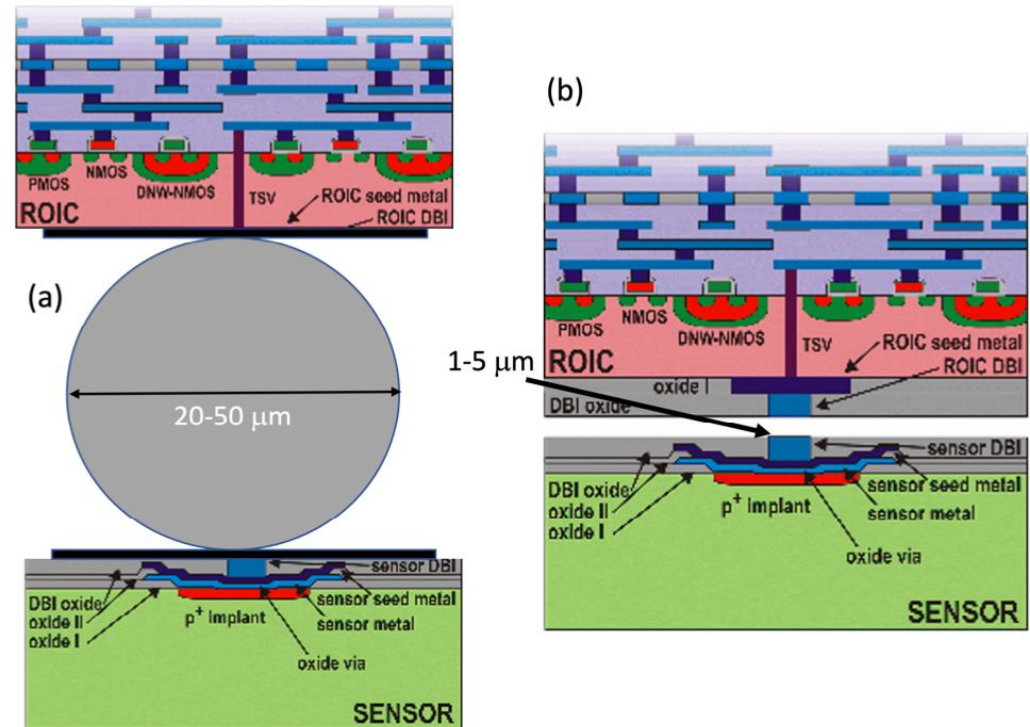
	Vertex Detector	Inner Tracker	Outer Tracker
Cell type	pixels	macropixels	microstrips
Cell Size	$25\ \mu\text{m} \times 25\ \mu\text{m}$	$50\ \mu\text{m} \times 1\ \text{mm}$	$50\ \mu\text{m} \times 10\ \text{mm}$
Sensor Thickness	$50\ \mu\text{m}$	$100\ \mu\text{m}$	$100\ \mu\text{m}$
Time Resolution	30 ps	60 ps	60 ps
Spatial Resolution	$5\ \mu\text{m} \times 5\ \mu\text{m}$	$7\ \mu\text{m} \times 90\ \mu\text{m}$	$7\ \mu\text{m} \times 90\ \mu\text{m}$

## R&D efforts crucial

Promising technologies exist

Example: Advanced hybrid bonding tech can give  $< 5\ \mu\text{m}$  pitch and low input capacitance

- 20-30 ps time resolution



# R&D and HL-LHC “technology transfer”

## Crilin calorimeter

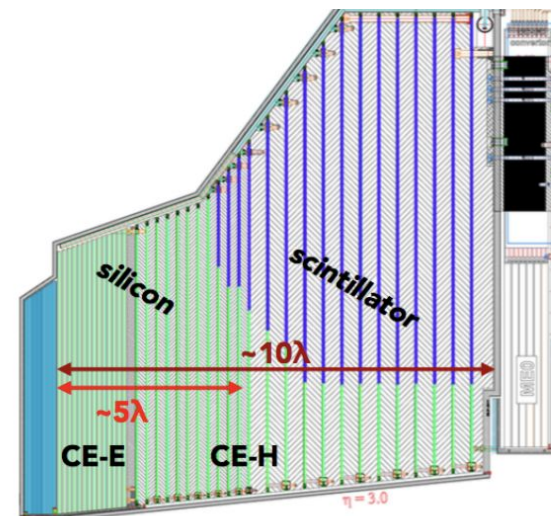
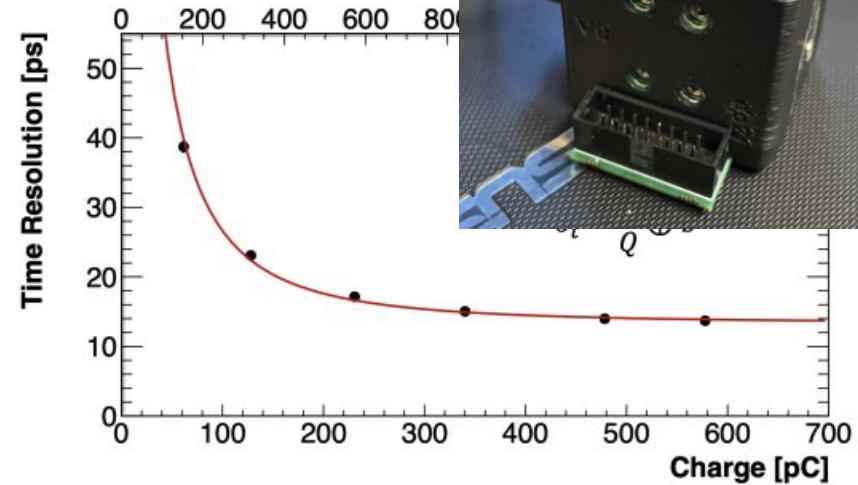
Semi-homogeneous calorimeter based on Lead Fluoride ( $\text{PbF}_2$ ) crystals

- Segmented longitudinally
- Stackable submodules composed of matrices of crystals

## CMS High-granularity Calorimeter

Mix of silicon and scintillator-based high-granularity cells (6.5M channels)

- Large-scale particle flow demonstration
- Achieves  $O(10)$  ps time resolution for multi-MIP signals



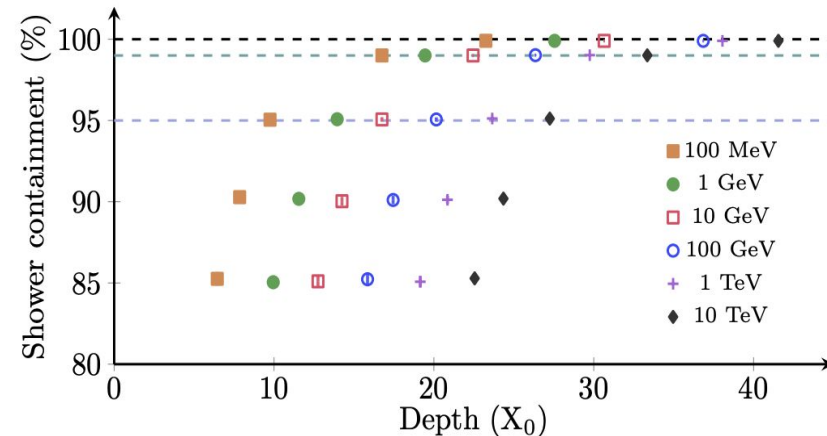
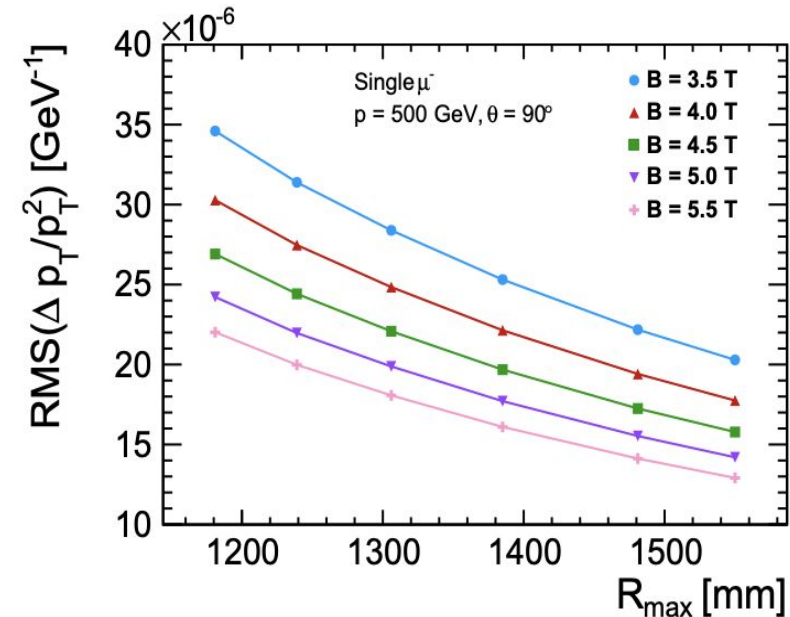
# Designing a 10 TeV detector

## Update the tracker

- Move innermost layer closer to beams
- Increase granularity at large radii
- Reconsider double layers
- Re-design endcap region

## Make the calorimeters thicker

- More radiation/interaction-lengths for containment
- Revisit cell energy thresholds, or think about some level of “BIB shielding”

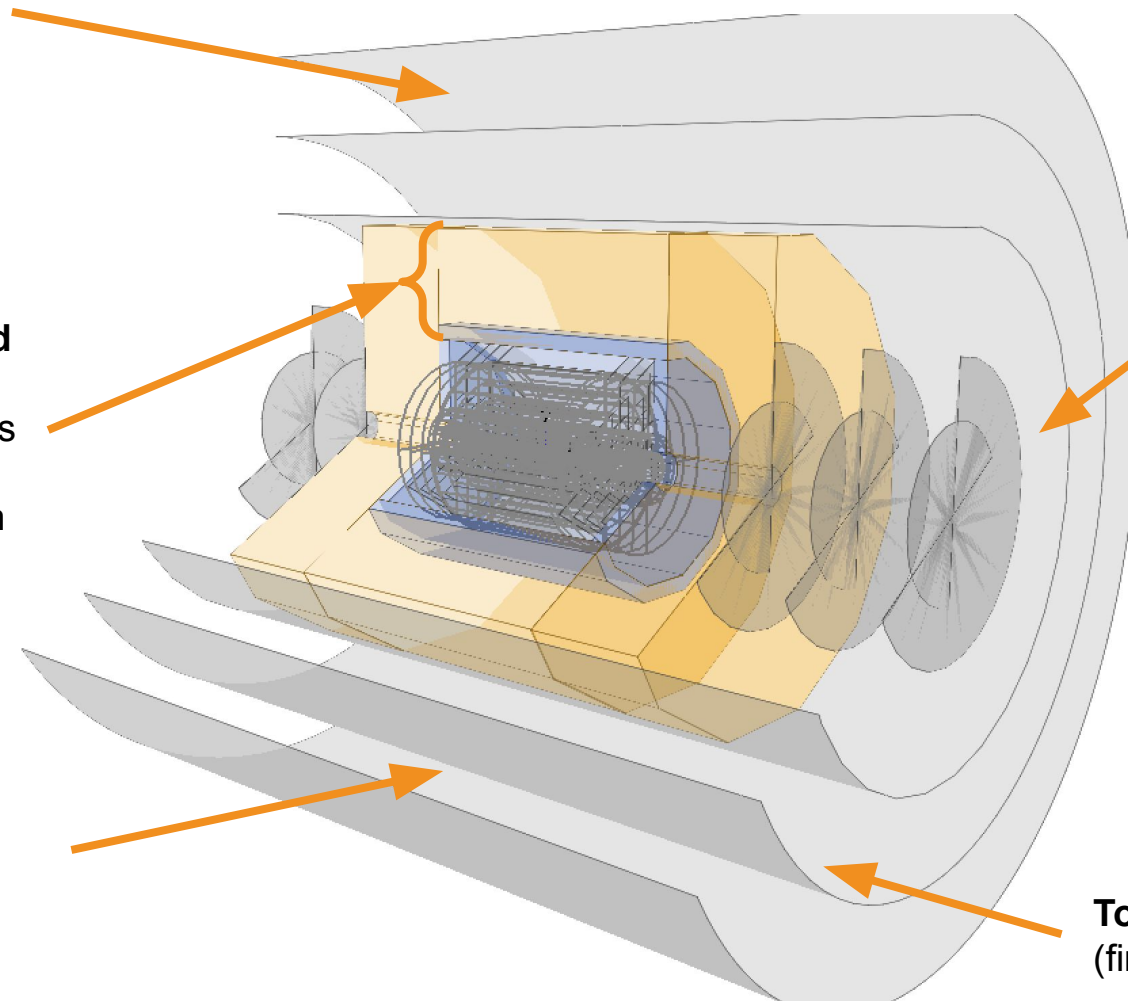


# Fast evolution from concept (March '23) ...

No need for a Yoke

Calorimeter depth optimised with photon and pion gun samples (changed both sampling fraction and  $N_{\text{layers}}$ )

Simplified muon system

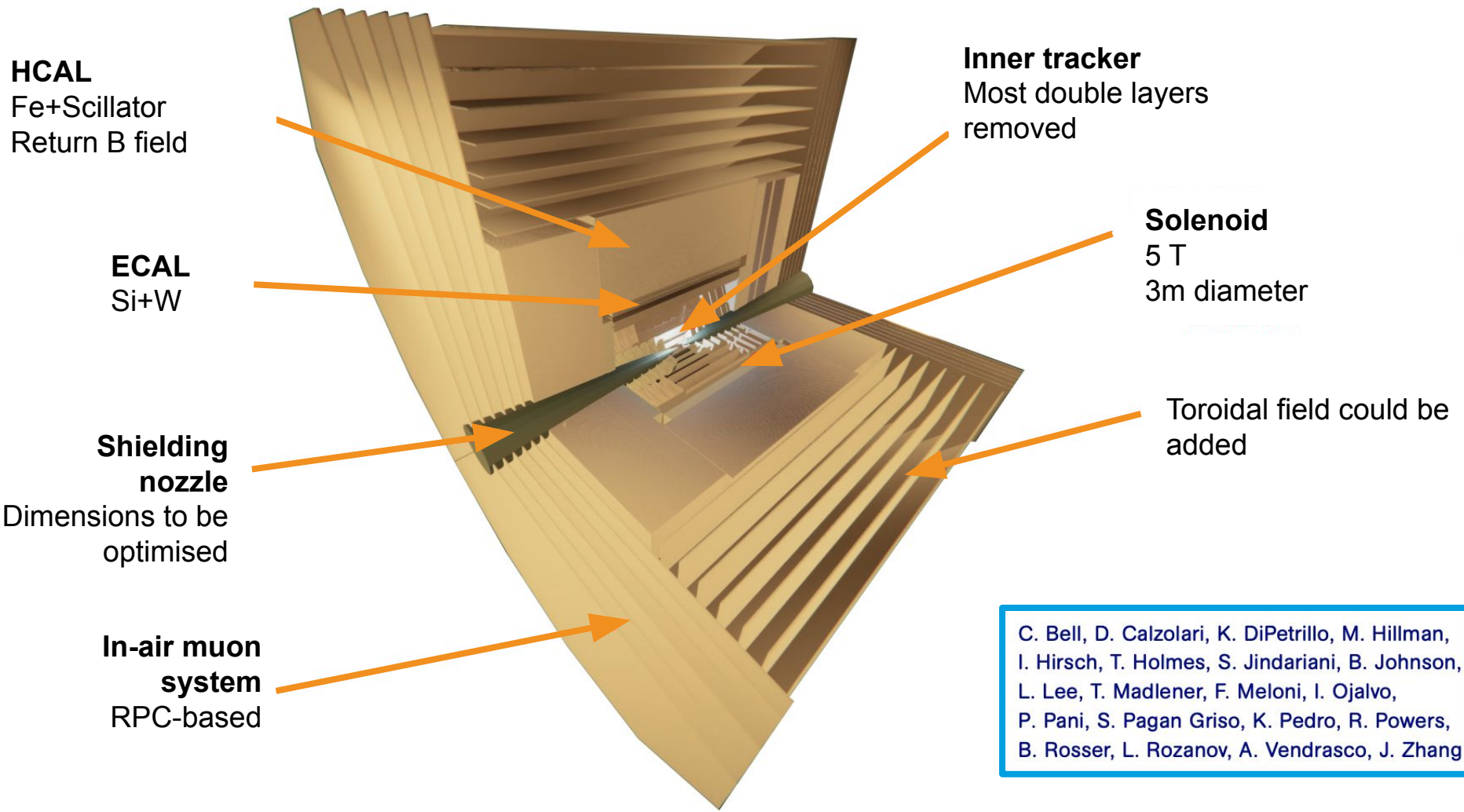


Visualisation glitch (extend up to the barrel)

Toroidal field (first time in key4hep)



# ... to design (October '23)



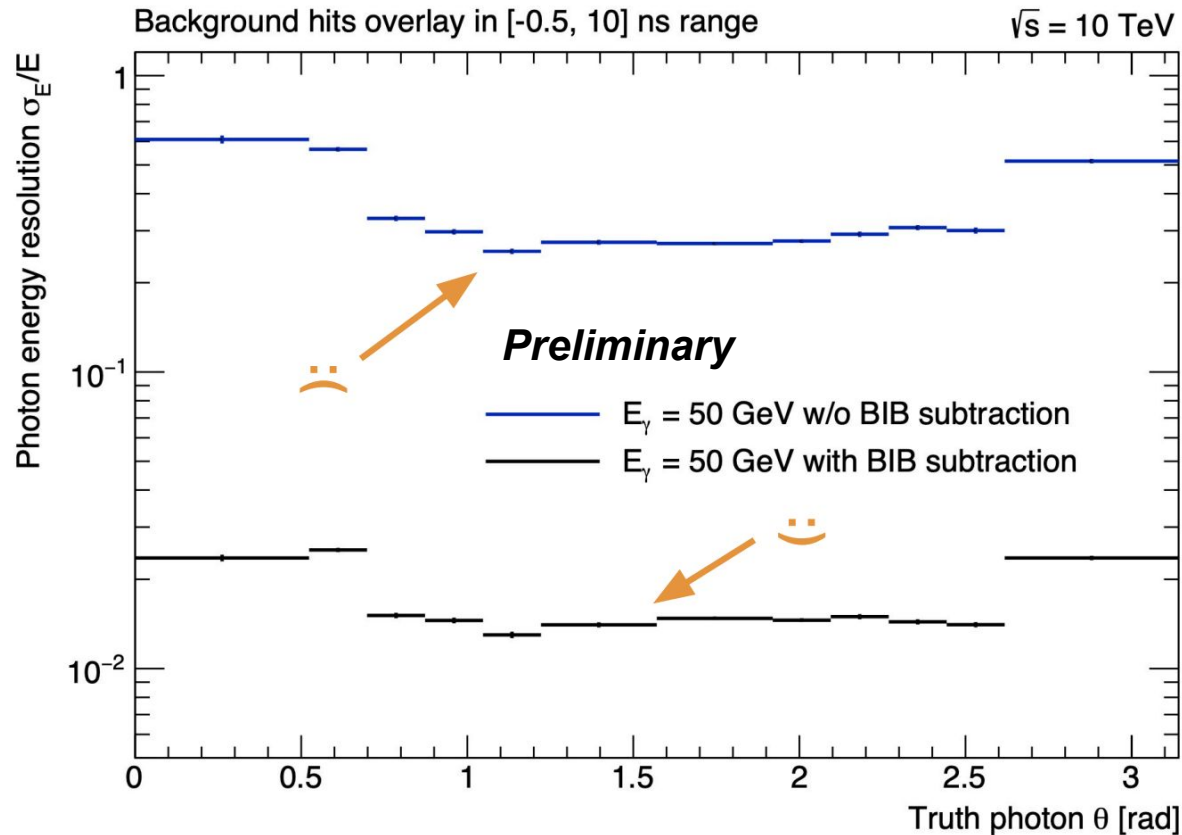
# Reconstruction evolving at the same speed

Developed calorimeter cluster selection methods and BIB subtraction

Test on particle particle gun samples

**Drastic improvement in energy resolution**

- Original targets surpassed



# Physics potential

A high-energy muon collider is a dream machine:

- Allows to probe unprecedented energy scales, exploring several different directions at once!

## Direct searches

Pair production,  
Resonances, VBF,  
Dark Matter, ...

## High-rate measurements

Higgs single and  
self-couplings, rare  
decays, top, ...

## High-energy probes

Di-fermion, di-boson,  
EFT, Higgs  
compositeness, ...

## Muon flavour physics

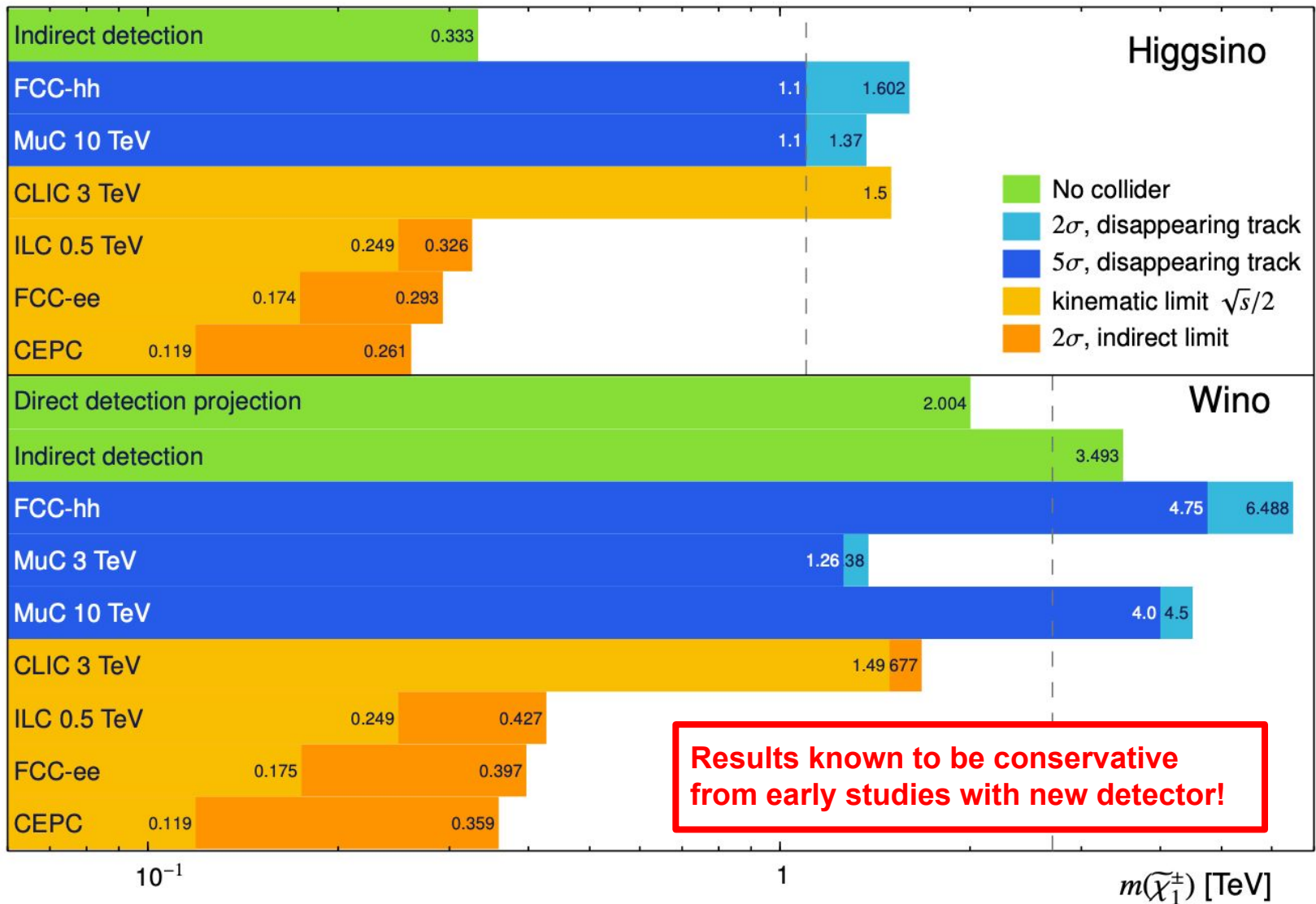
Lepton Flavor  
Universality,  
 $b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$ ,  $g-2$ , ...

Tens of papers submitted to the arXiv in the past few months!

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = 10 \text{ ab}^{-1} \times \left( \frac{E_{\text{cm}}}{10 \text{ TeV}} \right)^2$$

Required to perform  
measurements with  
%-level precision

# WIMP dark matter reach





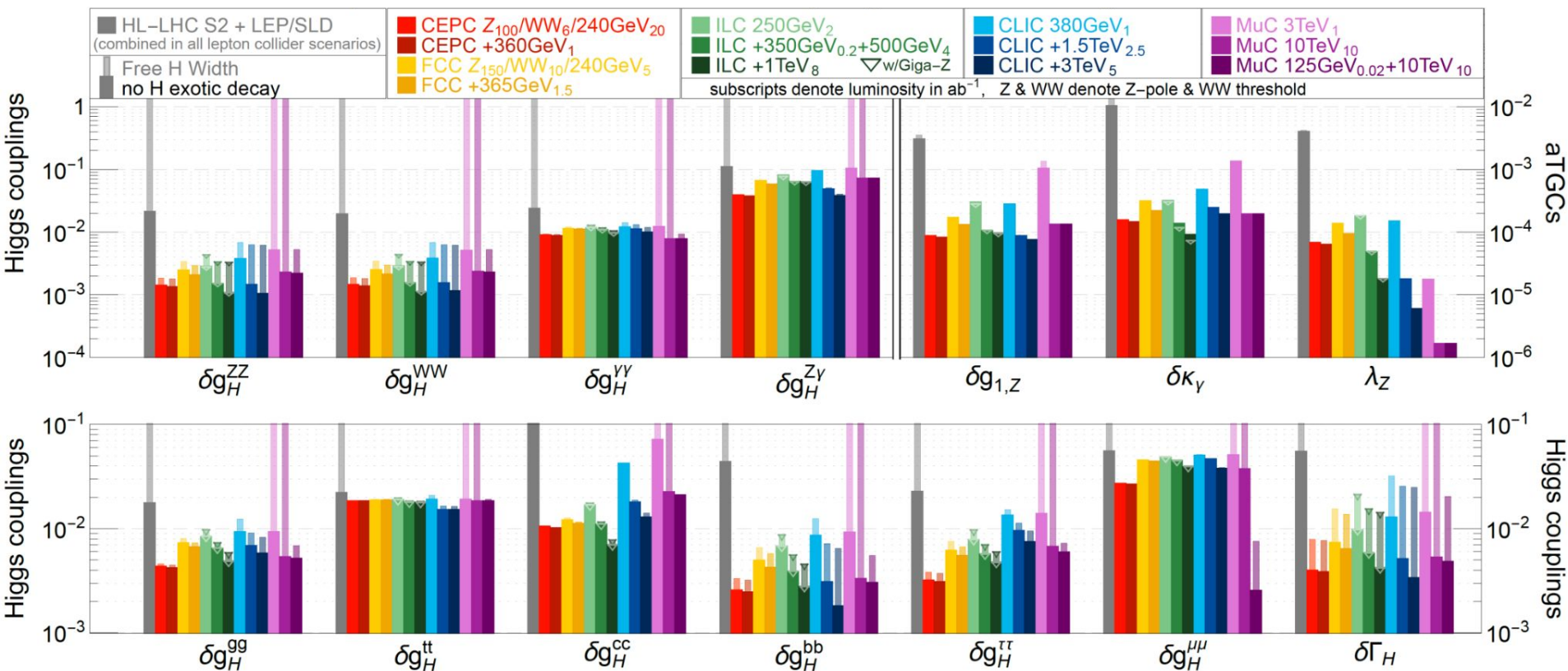
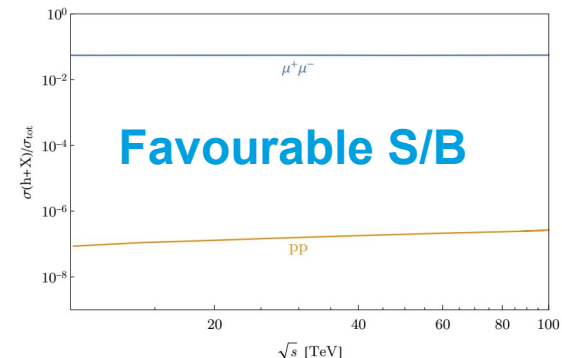
# The Higgs factory

Higgs single and self-couplings, rare decays, top, ...

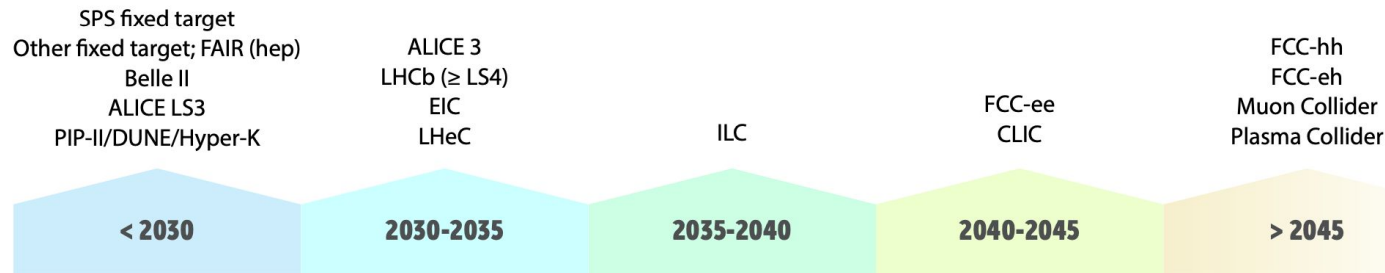
The Higgs itself is key

At 10 TeV, x10 Higgses wrt  $e^+e^-$  Higgs factories

- Great potential for exotic decays



# Accelerator roadmap

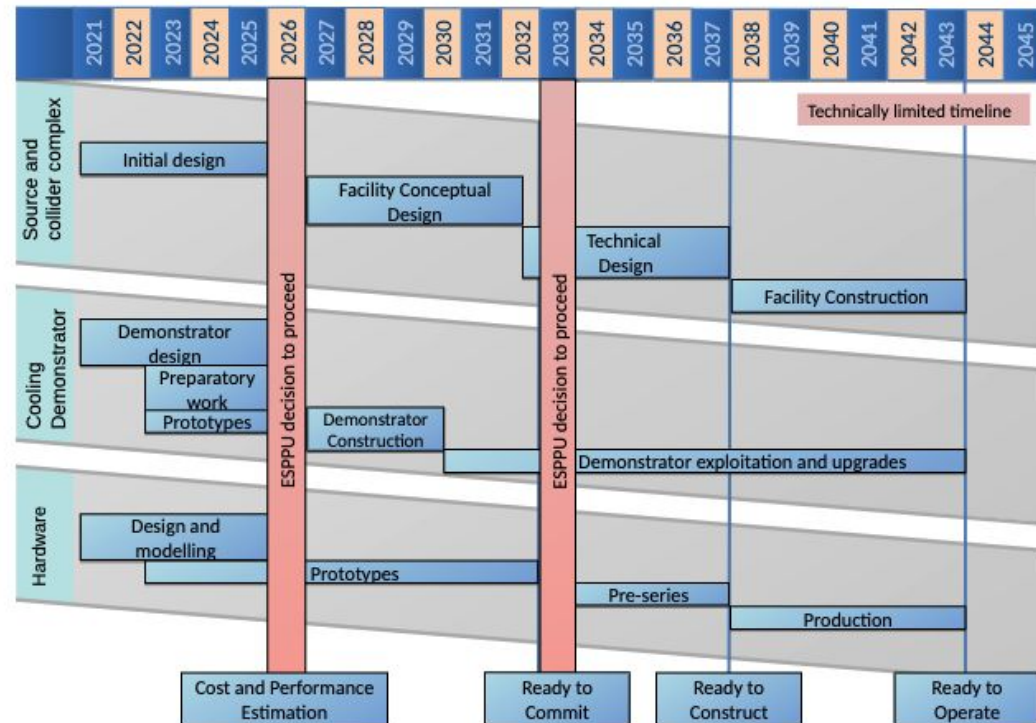


On request by CERN Council LDG developed R&D Roadmap

- Global community participated
- Estimates of resources

**No insurmountable obstacle found for the muon collider**

- Important need for R&D
- Implementation plan in the works

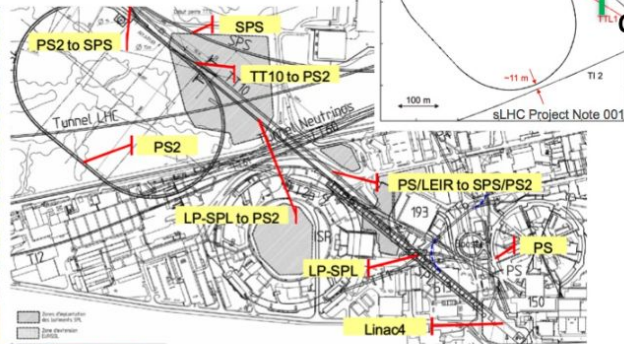
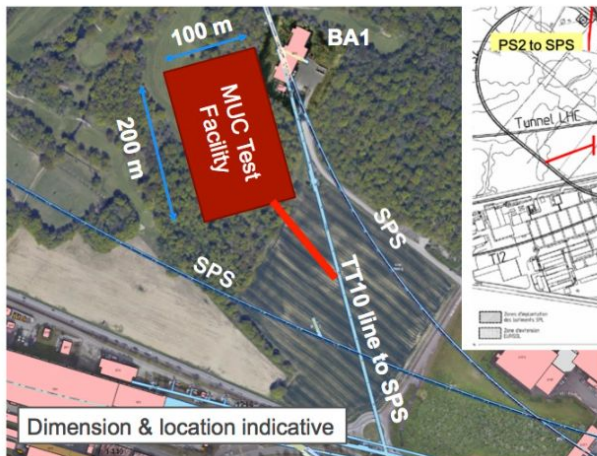
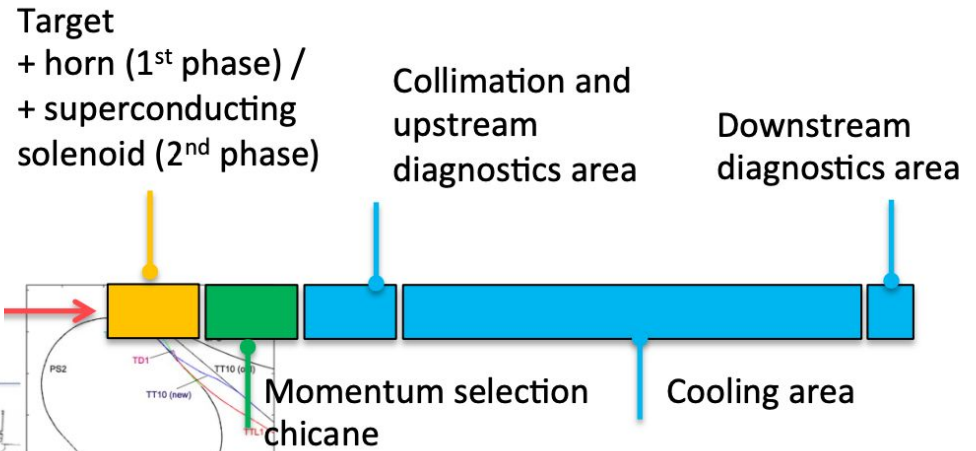


# Demonstrator programme

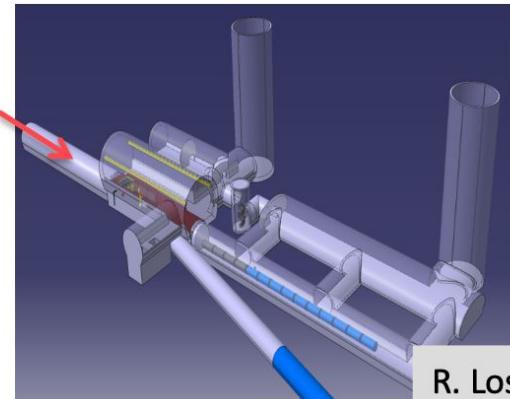
Planning demonstrator facility with muon production target and cooling

- Intensity below real collider (e.g. 10 kW target)

Suitable site exists on CERN land and can use PS proton beam

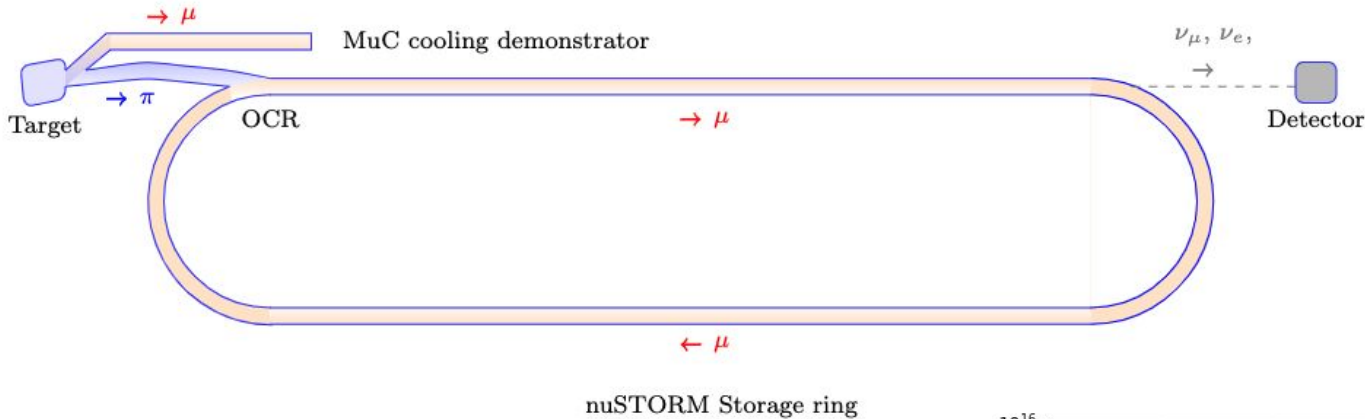


M. Benedikt, LHC Performance Workshop, Chamonix 2010  
CERN-AB-2007-061



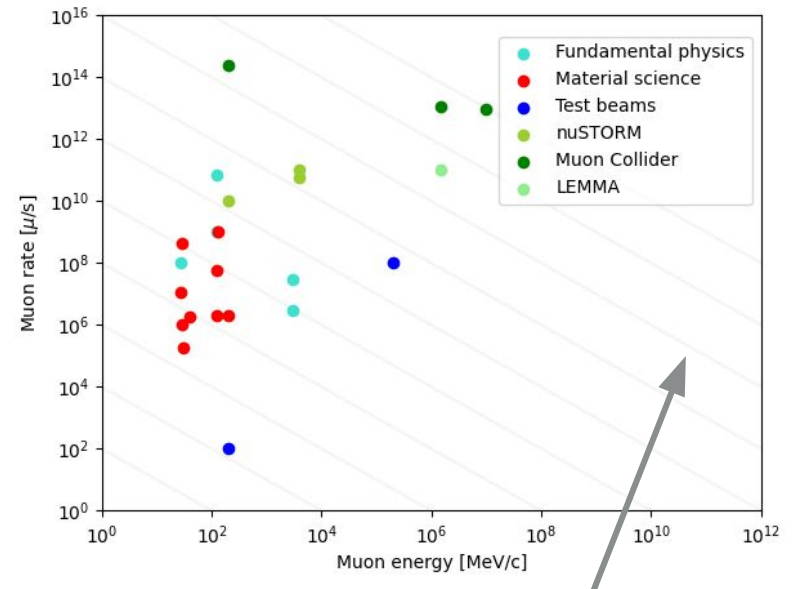
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# Demonstrator programme - synergies



Bright muon beams are the basis of neutrino physics facilities such as nuSTORM

- Potential to share an important part of the complex with a muon cooling demonstrator



Lines show equal beam power  
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# Summary

The muon collider presents **enormous potential for fundamental physics research** at the energy frontier

Need to develop concept to a maturity level that allows to make informed choices by the next ESPPU and other strategy processes

Important progress in development of workplan

Getting there won't be simple: the road ahead is filled with challenging and interesting R&D!

# Thank you!



## Contact

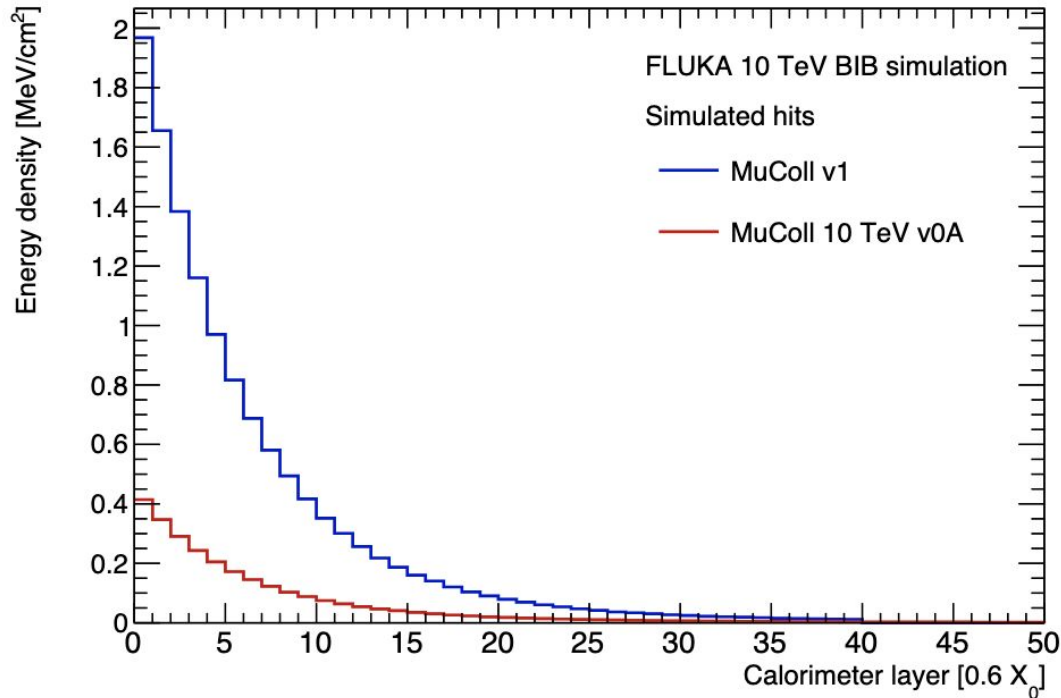
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# The 12 challenges of a MuC

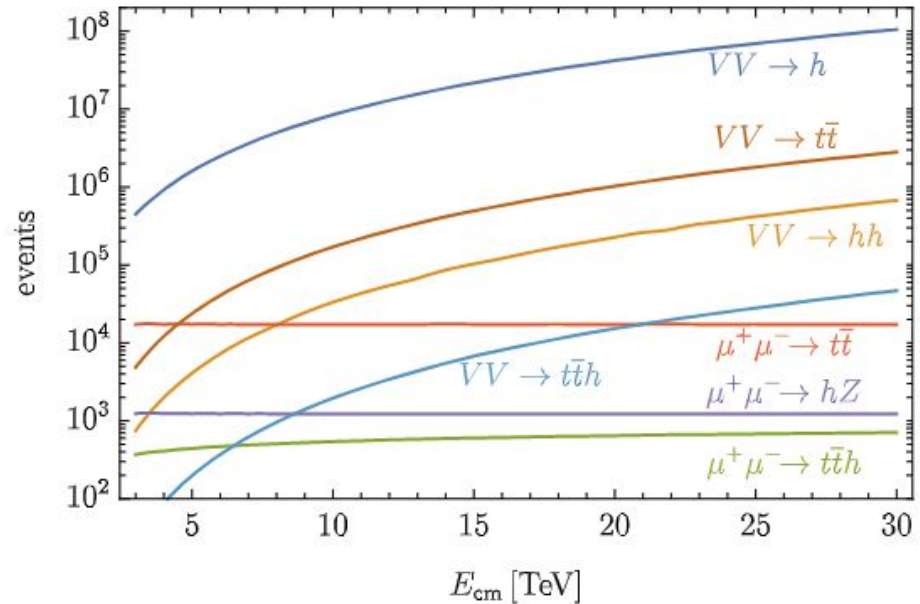
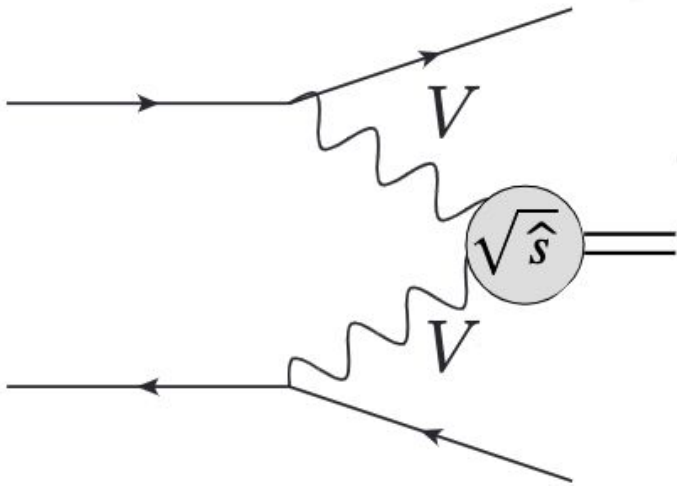
	Target	Status	Notes	Future work
<b>Pulse compression</b>	1-3 ns	SPS does O(1) ns	Need higher intensity. O(30) ns loses only factor 2 in the produced muons.	Refine design, including proton acceleration. Accumulation and compression of bunches.
<b>High-power targets</b>	2 MW	2 MW	Available for neutrino and spallation neutrons. Aim for 4 MW to have margin.	Develop target design for 2 MW, O(1) ns bunches create larger thermal shocks. Prototype in 2030s.
<b>Capture solenoids</b>	15 T	13 T	ITER central solenoid.	Study superconducting cables and validate cooling. Investigate HTS cables.
<b>Cooling solenoids</b>	50 T	30-40 T	30 T leads to a factor 2 worse transverse emittance with respect to design.	Extend designs to the specs of the 6D cooling channel. Demonstrator.
<b>RF in magnetic field</b>	>50 MV/m	65 MV/m	MUCOOL published results. Requires test in non-uniform B.	Design to the specs of 6D cooling. Demonstrator.
<b>6D cooling</b>	$10^{-6}$	0.9 (1 cell)	MICE result (no re-acceleration). Emittance exchange demonstrated at g-2.	Optimise with higher fields and gradients. Demonstrator.
<b>RCS dynamics</b>	-	-	Simulation. 3 TeV lattice design in place.	Develop lattice design for a 10 TeV accelerator ring.
<b>Rapid cycling magnets</b>	2 T/ms 2 T peak	2.5 T/ms 1.81 T peak	Normal conducting magnets. HTS demonstrated 12 T/ms, 0.24 T peak.	Design and demonstration work. Optimise power management and re-use.
<b>Ring magnets aperture</b>	20 T quads	12-15 T (Nb3Sn)	Need HTS or revise design to lower fields.	Design and develop larger aperture magnets, 12-16 T dipoles and 20 T HTS quads.
<b>Collider dynamics</b>	-	-	3 TeV lattice in place with existing technology.	Develop lattice design for a 10 TeV collider.
<b>Neutrino radiation</b>	10 $\mu$ Sv/year	-	3 TeV ok with 200 m deep tunnel. 10 TeV requires a mover system.	Study mechanical feasibility of the mover system impact on the accelerator and the beams.
<b>Detector shielding</b>	Negligible	LHC-level	Simulation based on next-gen detectors.	Optimise detector concepts. Technology R&D.

# Calorimeters: ECAL energy density



The presence of the solenoid acting as “BIB shield” can be seen in the calorimeter energy density.

# Muon colliders as vector boson colliders



Vector boson fusion dominates well above threshold due to logarithmic growth with centre-of-mass energy

**Opportunity to tag forward muons and distinguish between charged and neutral VBF processes is unique at muon colliders**

- Requires dedicated detector design!

# Status of components

Need cavities with **high accelerating gradient** and a **strong magnetic field**

**Very strong solenoids** required for final cooling

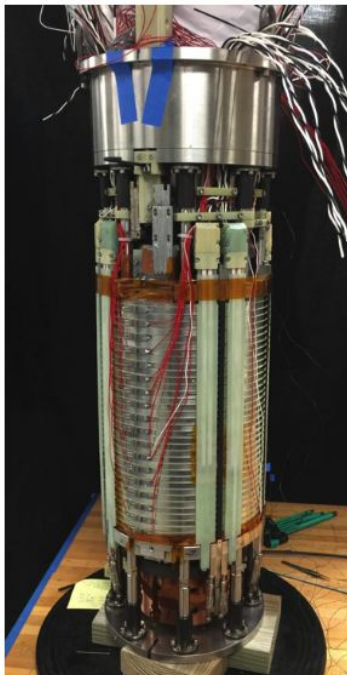
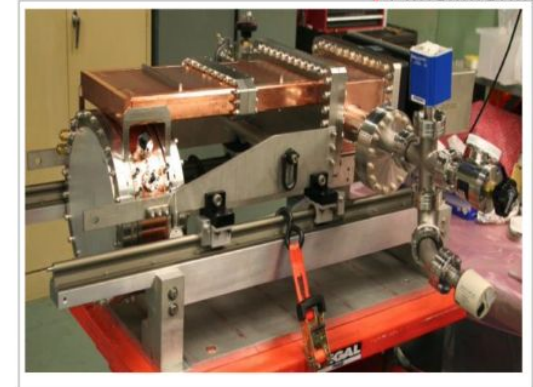
- Luminosity is proportional to the B field

**Promising prototypes, need more R&D**

**MuCool**  
>50 MV/m, 5 T field

Two solutions

- Copper cavities filled with hydrogen
- Be end caps

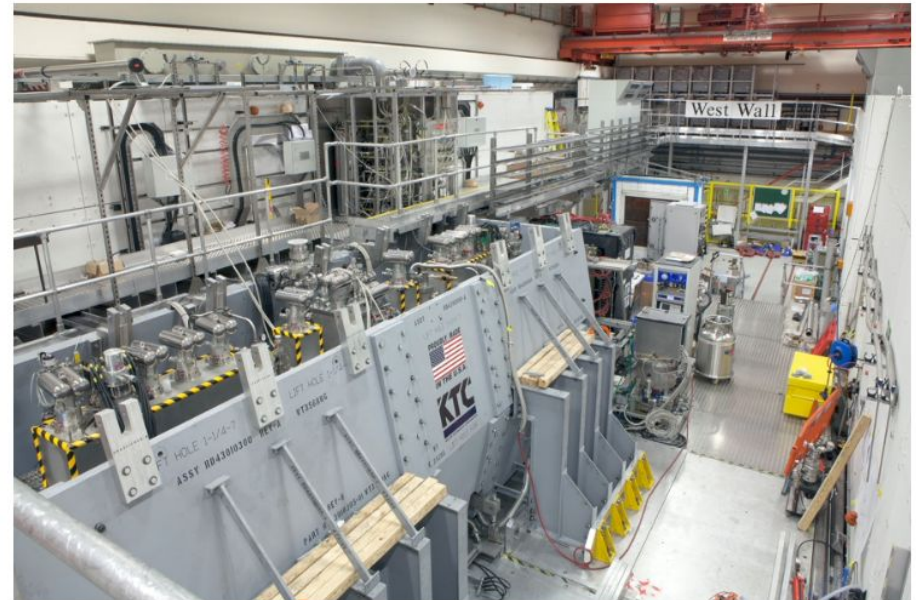


**National High Magnetic Field Laboratory**  
32 T solenoid with HTS

Several developments towards higher fields

Commercial MRI magnets are now available with fields of 28 T

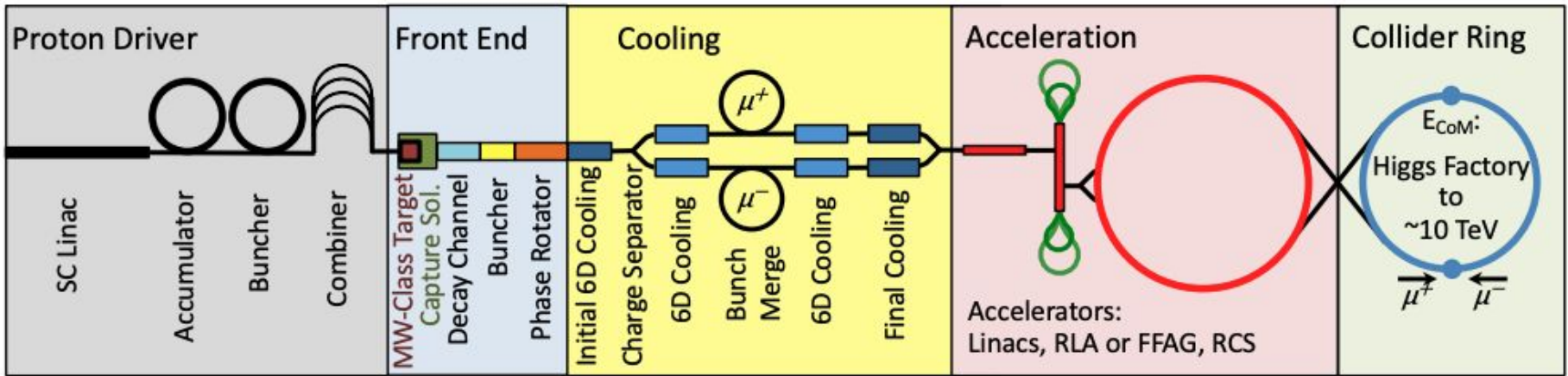
**MICE (UK)**





# Machine designs

## Proton or positron-driven sources?



### Proton-driven scheme from MAP

- Generally viable, needs novel cooling

### Positron-driven LEMMA

- Requires consolidation for higher muon intensities

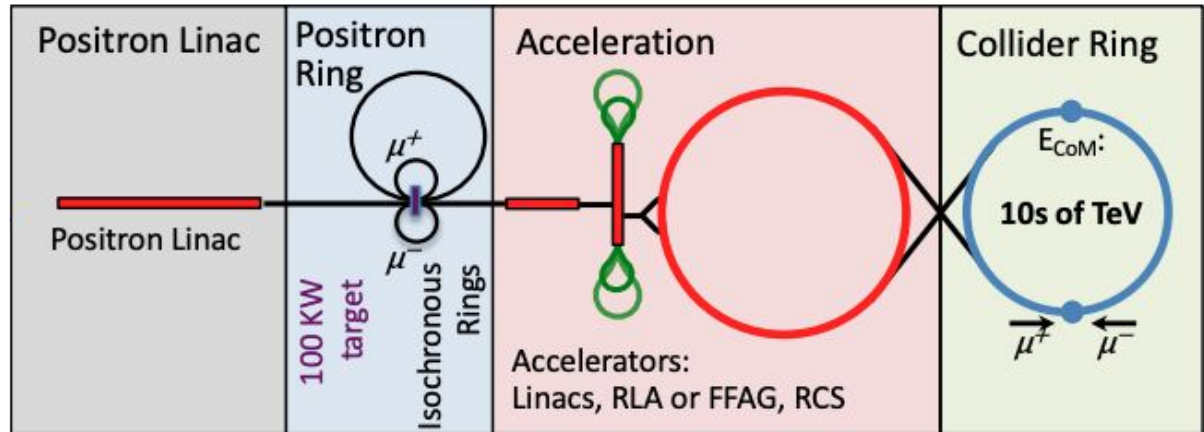


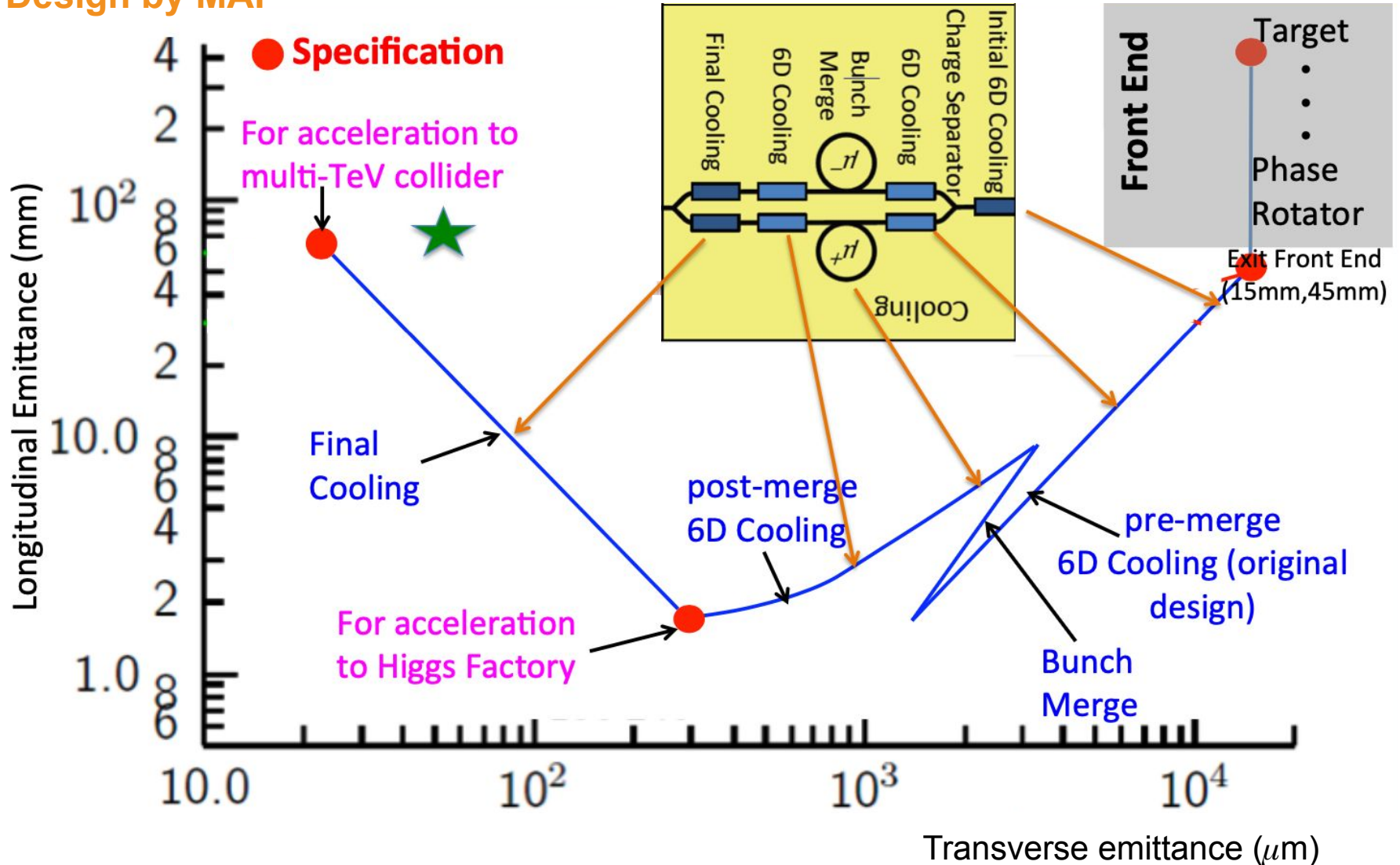
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# Cooling the beams



Achieved (simulations)

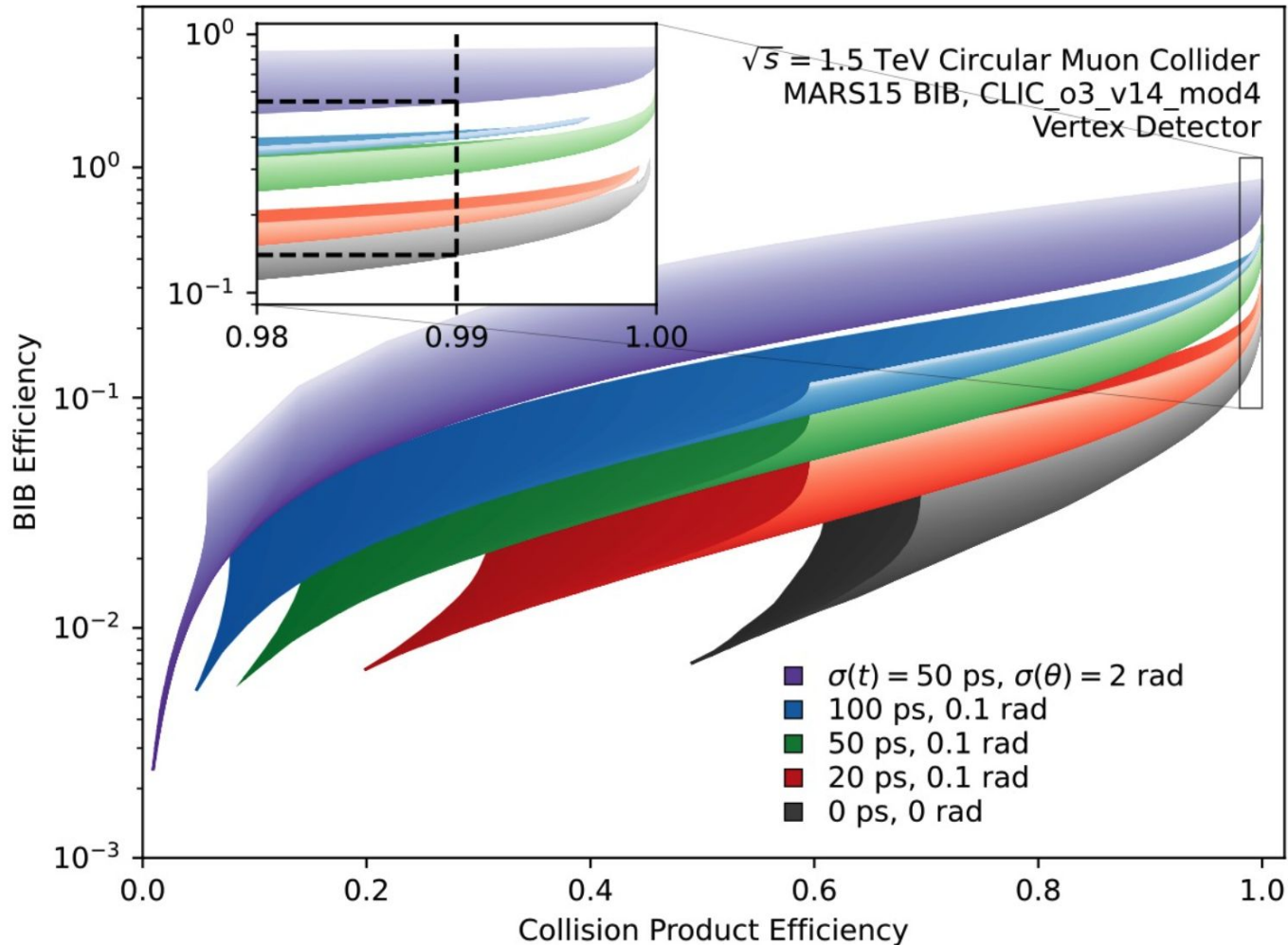
Design by MAP





# Beam-induced background rejection

Exploiting timing and pointing in the tracking detectors



# Power and space

Estimation of power constraints on vertex detector (assume  $25 \mu\text{m}^2$  pixels with four barrel layers and eight endcap disks, conventional scaled CMOS electronics and extrapolations of optical-based data transmission).

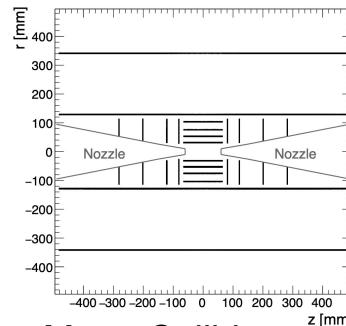
- 450 W for analog bias
- 100 W for sensor bias
- 1.5 kW for data transmission

New technologies might change the picture completely.

- Extrapolation of current LGAD technology to smaller pixel size would require reduction of  $O(10^2)$  to stay in same budget of ATLAS/CMS timing detectors.

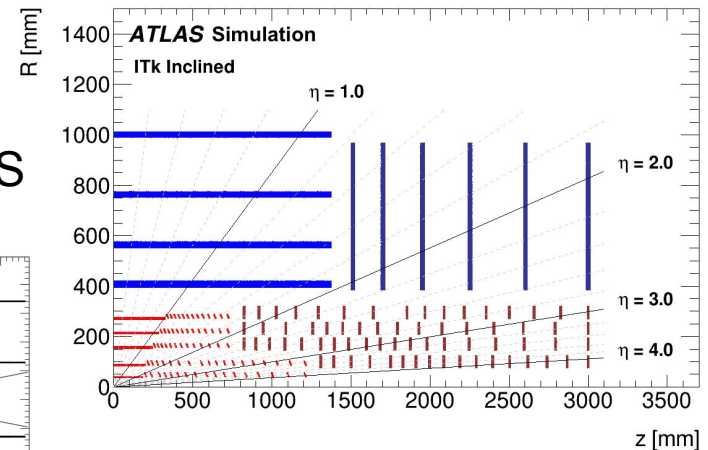
Furthermore, the detector is expected to be very compact.

- Need to **minimise space required by services**



Muon Collider tracker layout

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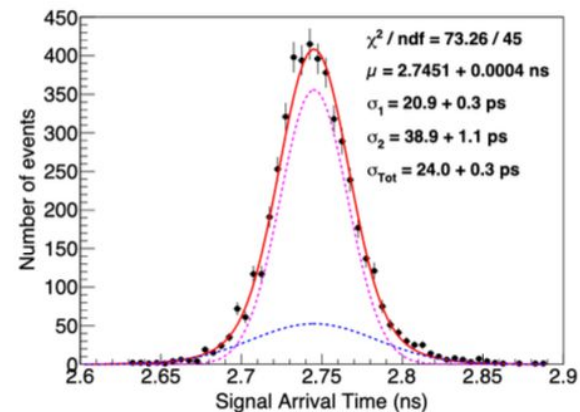
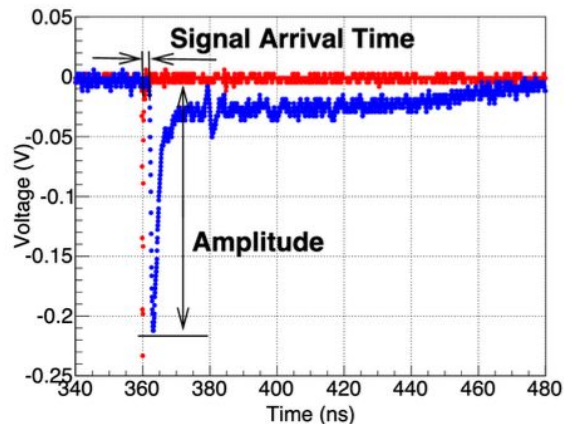
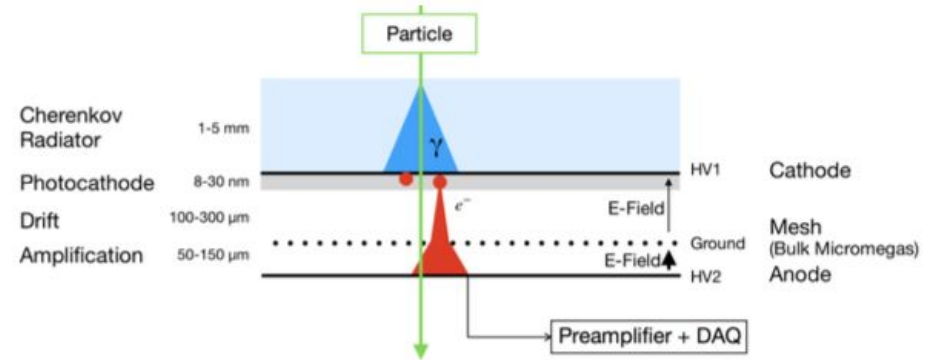


# R&D examples: PICOSEC

Detect charged particles through  
**UV Cherenkov photons.**

Absorbed at the photocathode and  
partially convert into electrons.

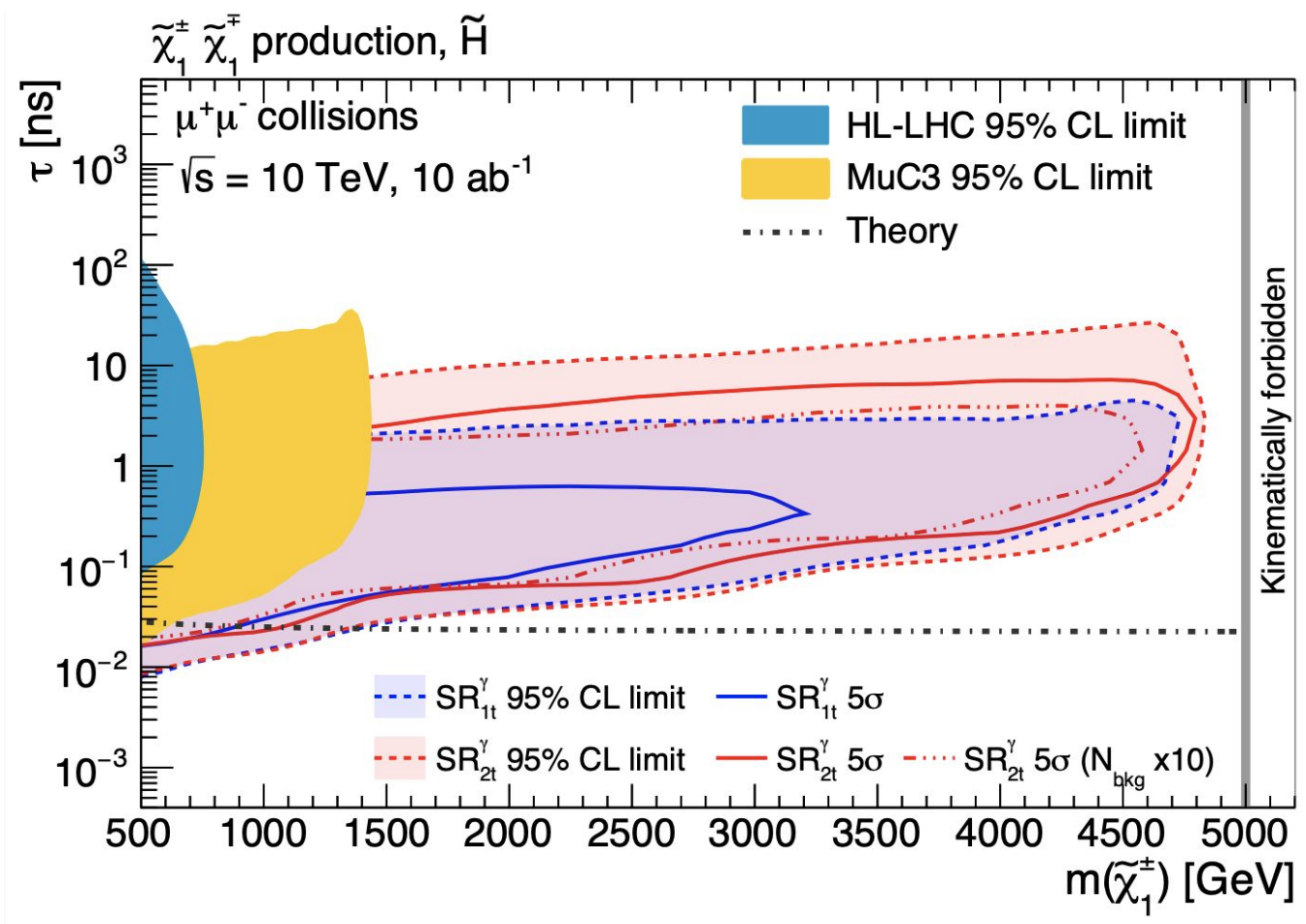
Electrons are then amplified in two  
high-field drift stages and induce a  
signal which is measured between the  
anode and the mesh.



# Expected sensitivity

## Pure higgsino models at MuC 10

3 TeV detector  
1.5 TeV BIB overlay  
Extrapolated to 10 TeV

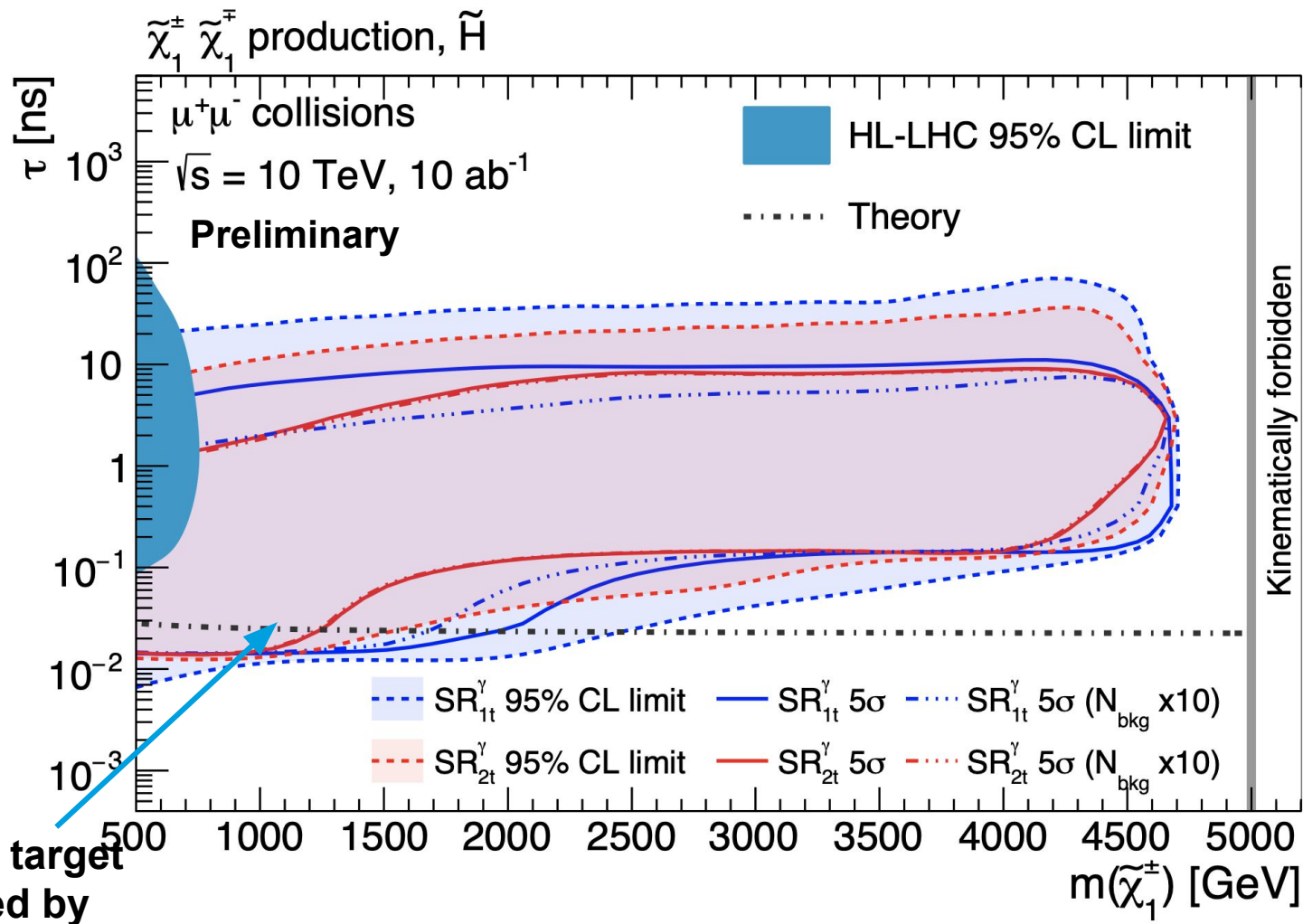


See also detailed comparison with fast sim results from Han, Liu, Wang, Wang [2009.11287, 2203.07351] in MuC Forum report [2209.01318]

# Expected sensitivity

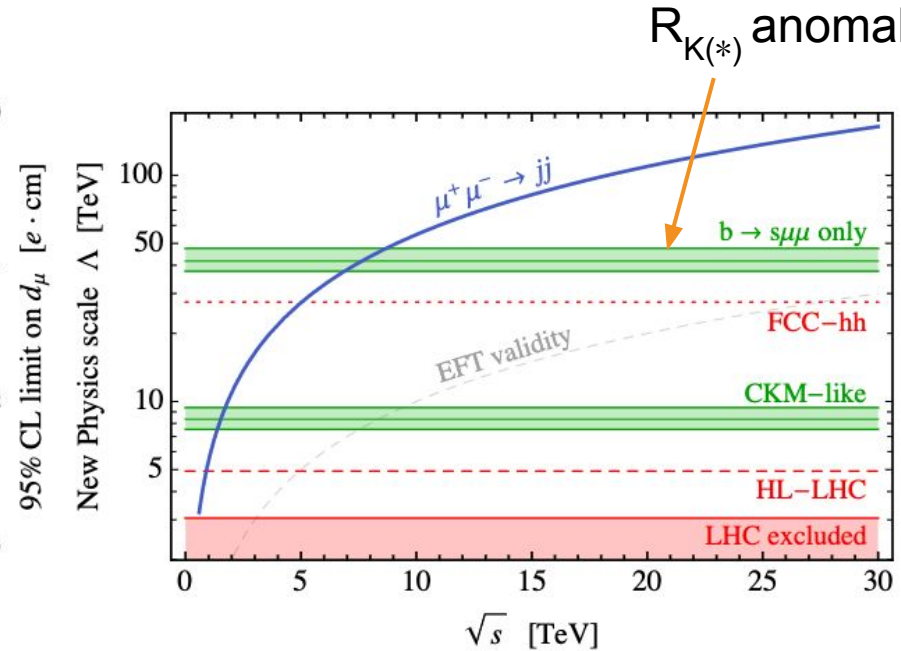
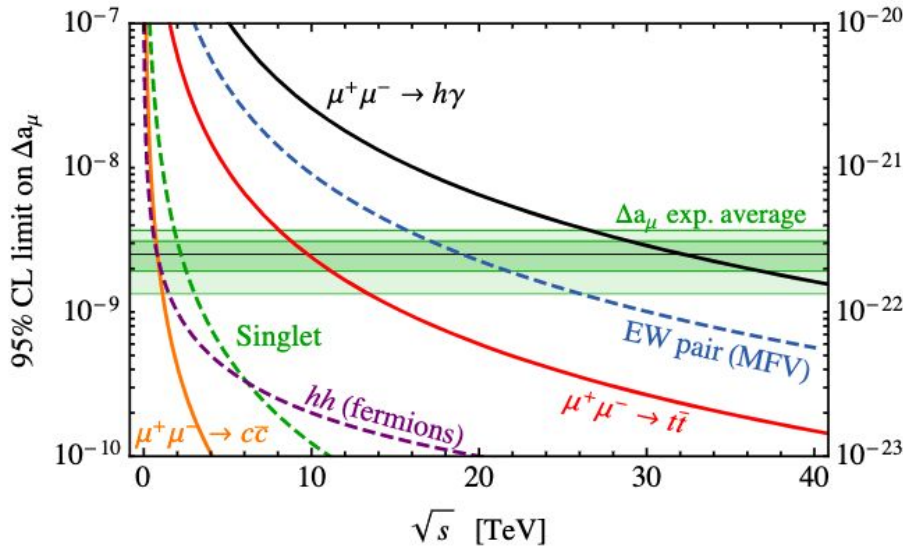
Pure higgsino models at MuC 10

10 TeV detector  
Preliminary 10 TeV BIB  
overlay



Thermal target covered by both selections

# Muon-related anomalies



## Model independent test of $g-2$

- Solid lines correspond to limits on contact interactions
- Dashed lines illustrate the sensitivity to specific classes of models

## Potential to probe flavour anomalies

Assuming EFT validity:

- Better reach than FCC-hh
- Realistic models accessible also at low centre-of-mass energies