

# Detector Design for a Muon Collider

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# About Me



## Research Experience

- PhD, Physics, Columbia University, 2022
  - ATLAS Experiment – LLP analyses, LAr HL-LHC upgrade, Run 2/Phase I operations
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## Research Interests and Activities

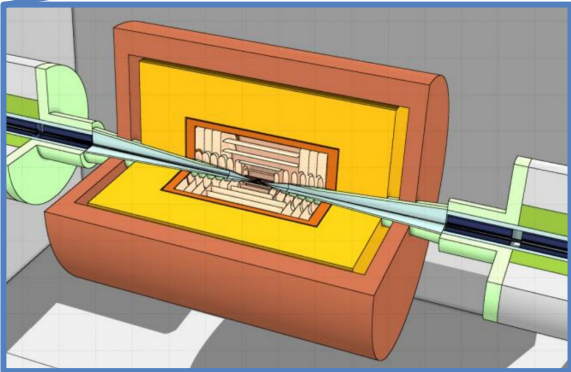
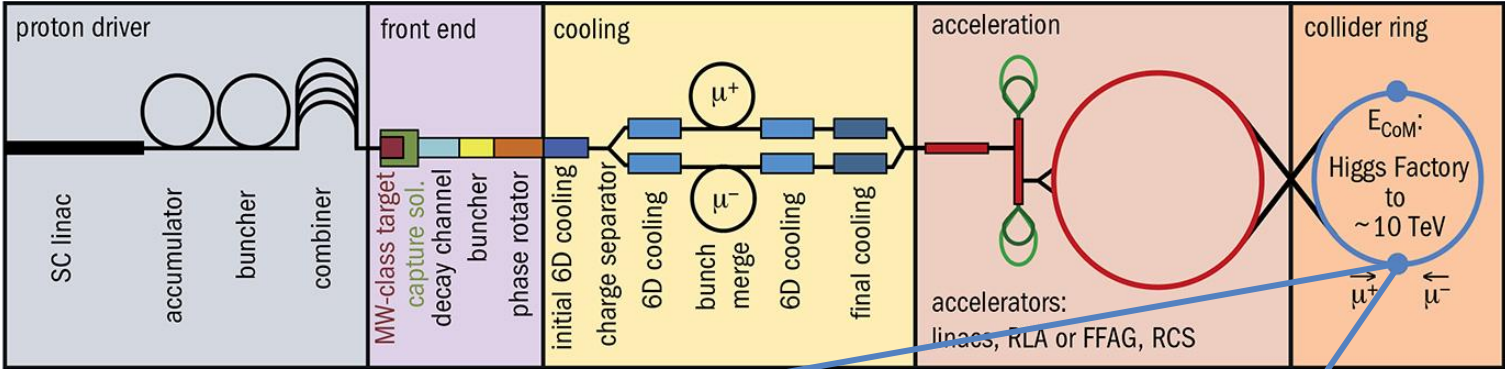
- CMS: LLP searches, outer tracker upgrade, trigger, ML
- Muon Collider: detector R&D studies

*Excited about the fastest path to 10 TeV  $\mu\mu$  and paving the way for the next era of particle physics!*



# Muon Collider Infrastructure

Title page: L. Lee, C. Bell  
3D renderings with Unreal Engine



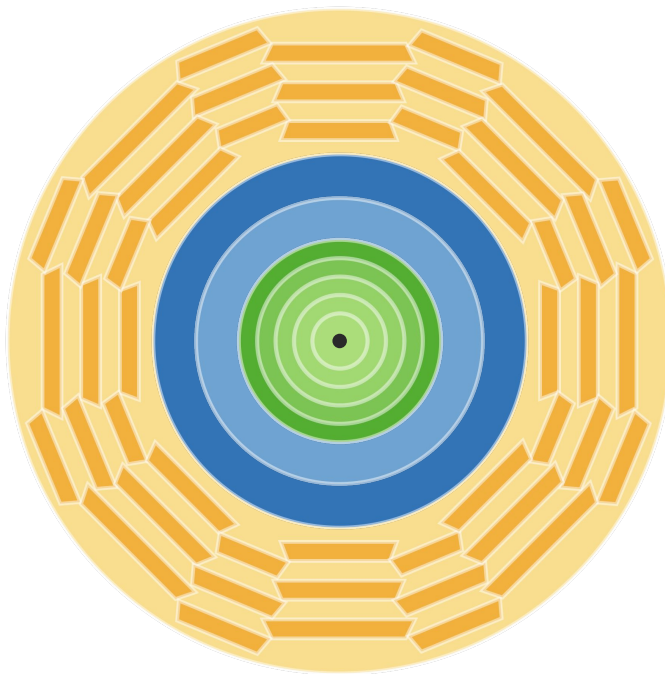
# Let's Build a Detector!

## Tracker

- Charged particles leave tracks
- Measure particle position & momentum, vertices

## Muon Spectrometer

- Muon tracks escape detector
- Measure position & momentum



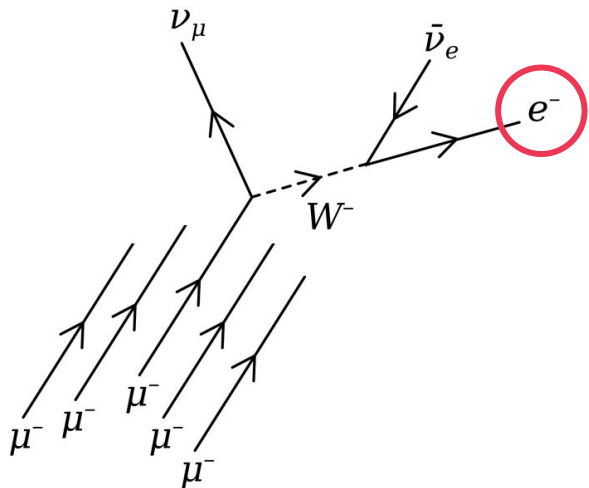
## Calorimeters

- Dense materials stop particles
- Separate ECAL and HCAL systems
- Measure particle position, energy

## Magnet System (not shown)

- Superconducting magnets provide B-field in tracker, muon spec.

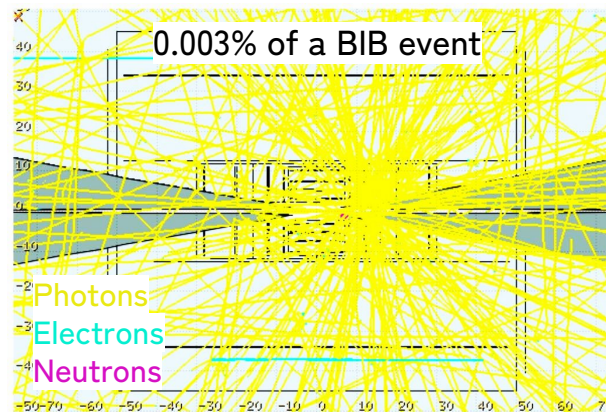
# Impact of Muon Decays on the Detector



Multi-TeV muon decays produce TeV-scale electrons

**Beam Induced Background (BIB)**

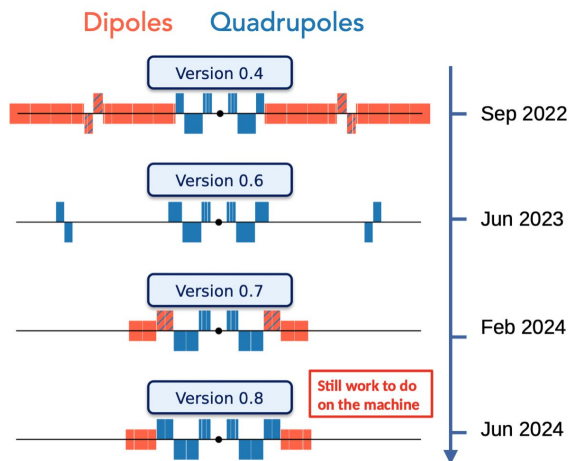
Electrons shower and make an EeV-scale mess in the detector  
(1 EeV =  $1e9$  GeV)



# First Steps in BIB Mitigation

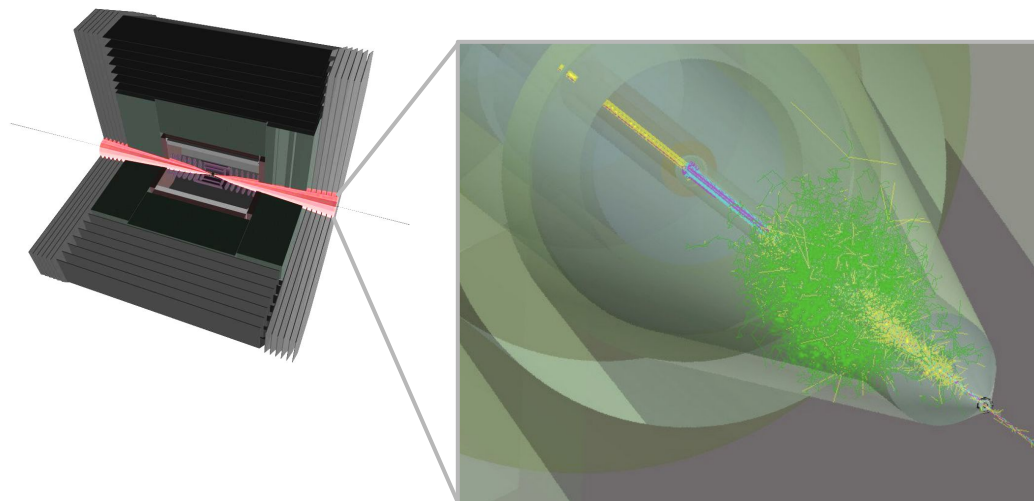
## 1. Collider lattice design

- Configure lattice near the interaction region (IR) to minimize BIB
- E.g. short straight section



## 2. Shielding via “nozzles”

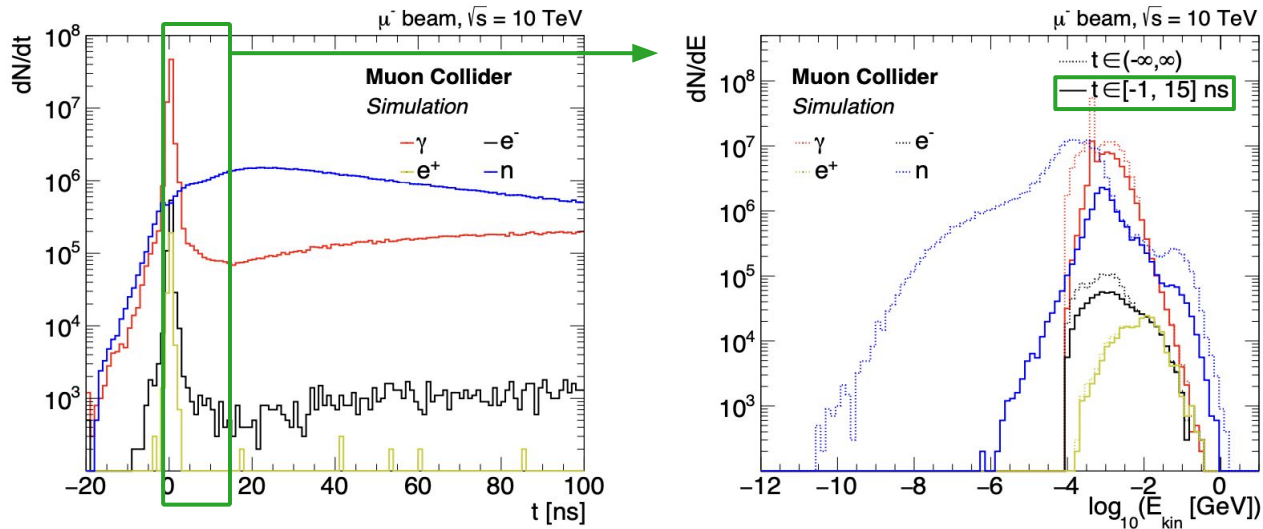
- Reduces BIB by several orders of magnitude
- Changes BIB composition (highly energetic particles → diffuse)



# First Steps in BIB Mitigation

## 3. Apply timing selection

- Can reduce BIB by ~orders of magnitude, especially low-energy contributions
- Precision timing  $O(10-100)$  ps critical to perform meaningful physics analyses



# Key Challenges + Goals for Detector Design

## 1. Robust against BIB

- Dominated by MeV-scale  $\gamma/n$ , generally out-of-time + non-projective

## 2. Sensitive to physics signatures of interest

- Multi-TeV objects from  $\mu^+\mu^-$  annihilation processes
- Exotic BSM physics signatures (e.g. long-lived particles)



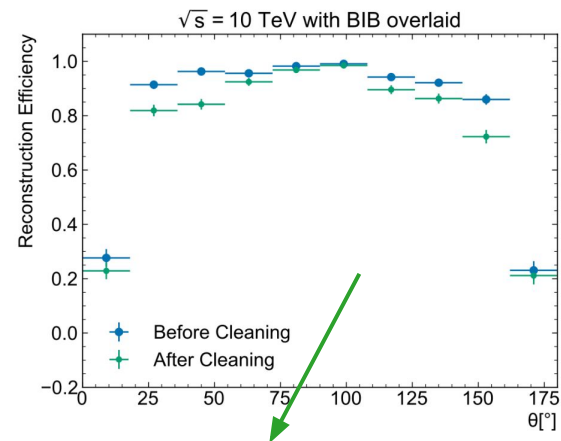
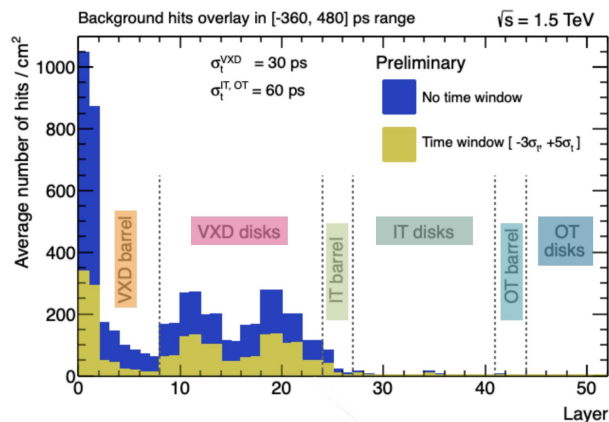
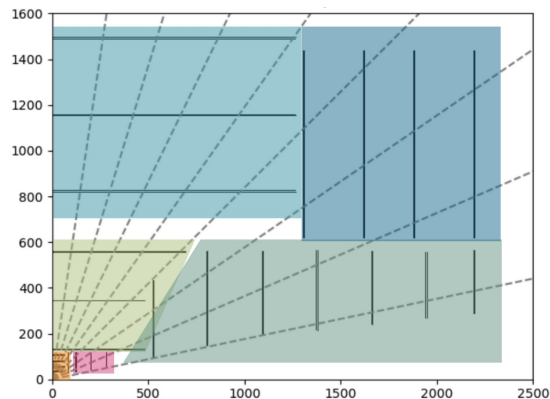
# Tracker Design + Performance

## Three Si Tracking Sub-Detectors

1. Vertex Detector (VXD) – Barrel, Endcap
2. Inner Tracker (IT) – Barrel, Endcap
3. Outer Tracker (OT) – Barrel, Endcap

## Key Challenge: occupancy

- Single event: O(100k) BIB hits vs O(10-100) signal hits
- Varies per layer → informs size + timing requirements



*Excellent tracking reconstruction efficiency in the barrel, even with BIB!*

# ECAL Design + Performance

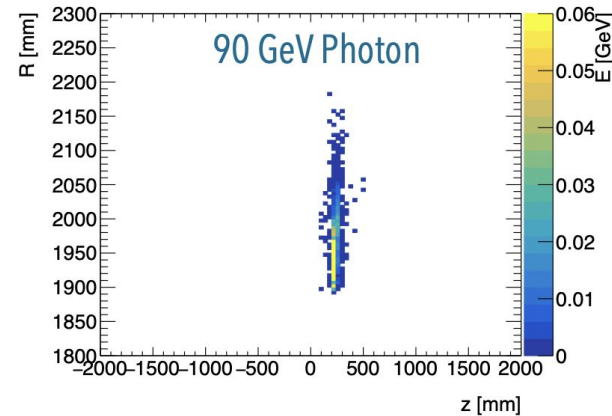
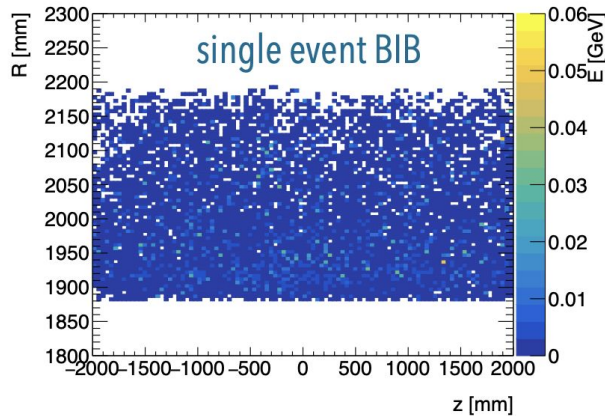
Various detector technologies being explored:

- W-Si: Tungsten-silicon
- Crilin: Lead fluoride crystal w/ depth segmentation

Key Challenge: large cell sizes + integration times

- 5D Calorimetry: high-granularity ( $\eta/\phi/\text{depth}$ ), excellent timing, good energy resolution

*High-energy signals “easy” to identify from diffuse BIB*



# HCAL Design + Performance

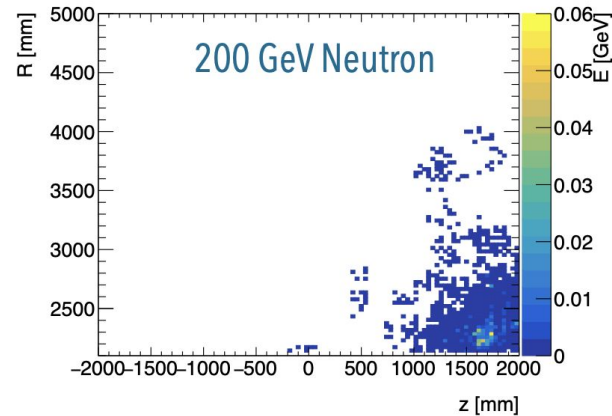
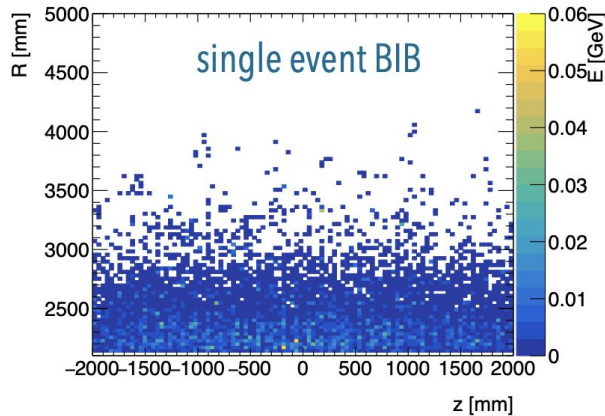
Detectors primarily using Fe/Steel+Scintillator

- 10 TeV: Iron as solenoid return yoke (magnet either inside ECAL or between ECAL/HCAL)

Key Challenge: large cell sizes + integration times

- 5D Calorimetry (same principles as ECAL)
- High-energy BIB neutrons tend to be out-of-time

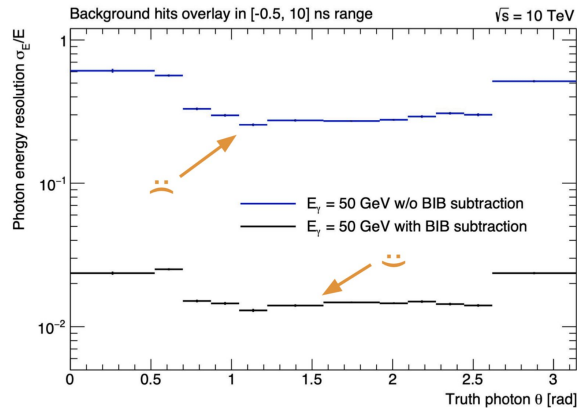
*Signal still distinct, but less pronounced than electromagnetic signatures*



# Physics Performance At-A-Glance

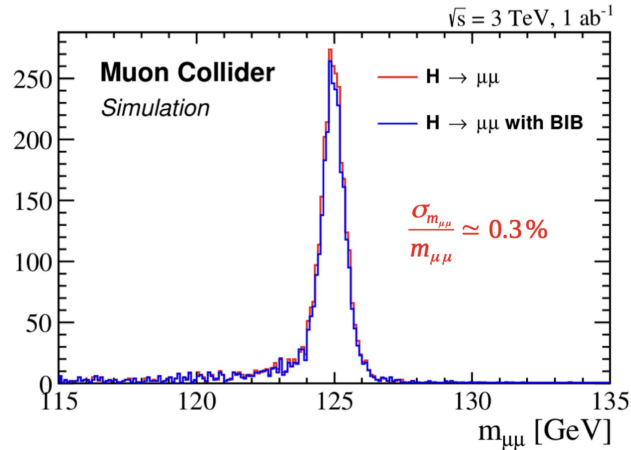
## BIB Subtraction

Improves photon energy resolution by  $\sim 30\times$



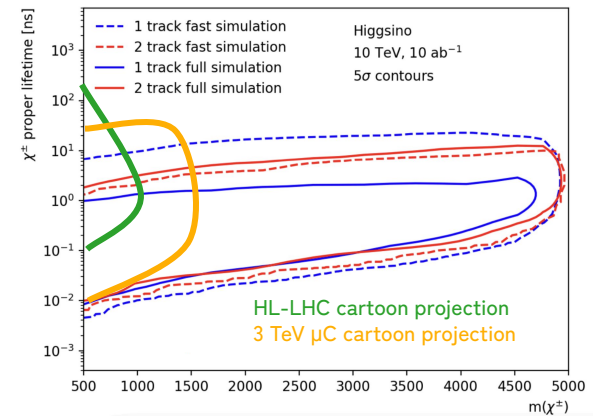
## Higgs Measurements

Excellent reconstruction of  $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ , even with BIB



## Exotic BSM Signatures

Extend sensitivity to disappearing tracks signals



# Many Open Questions + Ongoing Work!\*

*\*A non-exhaustive list*

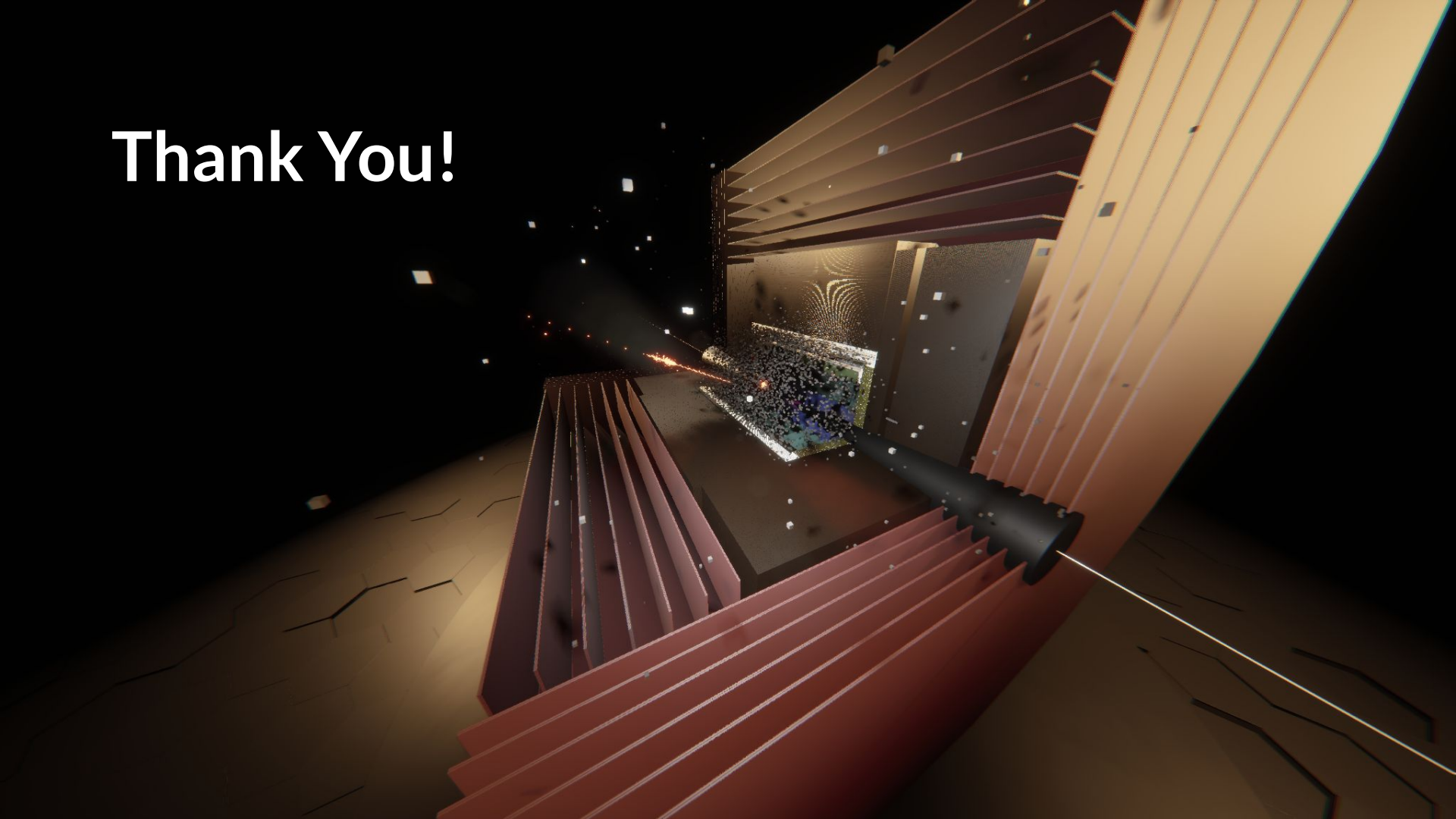
- **Detector optimization**
  - E.g. multiplicity and positions of various detector layers, magnet field strength(s) (at least for 10 TeV)
  - Must be done in conjunction with collider lattice design + nozzle optimization (“*Machine-Detector Interface*”)
- **Mechanical Requirements**
  - Room for services, cooling, and support infrastructure
  - Physical support for the nozzle
- **Software and Simulation**
  - BIB simulation extremely computationally intensive
  - Latest SW release built on key4hep stack
- **Physics in the forward region**
  - Forward muon tagging very important for VBF processes – how to detect these muons?
- **DAQ system**
  - Not much development done here yet...

# Conclusions + Outlook

- Established configurations for 1.5 and 3 TeV detector concepts, with ongoing work on 10 TeV muon collider detector concepts
  - Detector technologies themselves an active area of R&D
- BIB mitigation is critical – requires precision timing across detector subsystems, small cell sizes, calorimeter depth segmentation
- Despite the challenging background conditions, **we can do physics!**
- Many exciting physics studies to be done by the European Strategy deadline on **March 31, 2025!** → **It's an excellent time to get involved!**



**Thank You!**



**Backup**



# 3 TeV Detector Design

## hadronic calorimeter

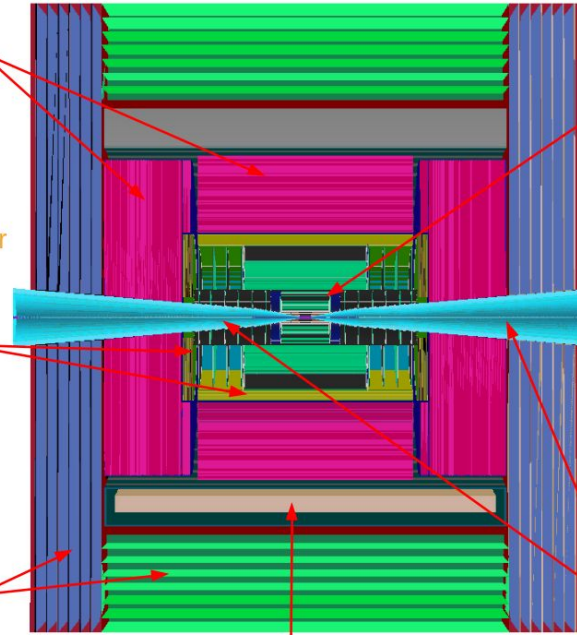
- ◆ 60 layers of 19-mm steel absorber + plastic scintillating tiles;
- ◆ 30x30 mm<sup>2</sup> cell size;
- ◆ 7.5  $\lambda_I$ .

## electromagnetic calorimeter

- ◆ 40 layers of 1.9-mm W absorber + silicon pad sensors;
- ◆ 5x5 mm<sup>2</sup> cell granularity;
- ◆ 22  $X_0 + 1 \lambda_I$ .

## muon detectors

- ◆ 7-barrel, 6-endcap RPC layers interleaved in the magnet's iron yoke;
- ◆ 30x30 mm<sup>2</sup> cell size.



superconducting solenoid (3.57T)

## tracking system

- ◆ **Vertex Detector:**
  - double-sensor layers (4 barrel cylinders and 4+4 endcap disks);
  - 25x25  $\mu\text{m}^2$  pixel Si sensors.
- ◆ **Inner Tracker:**
  - 3 barrel layers and 7+7 endcap disks;
  - 50  $\mu\text{m} \times 1 \text{ mm}$  macro-pixel Si sensors.
- ◆ **Outer Tracker:**
  - 3 barrel layers and 4+4 endcap disks;
  - 50  $\mu\text{m} \times 10 \text{ mm}$  micro-strip Si sensors.

## shielding nozzles

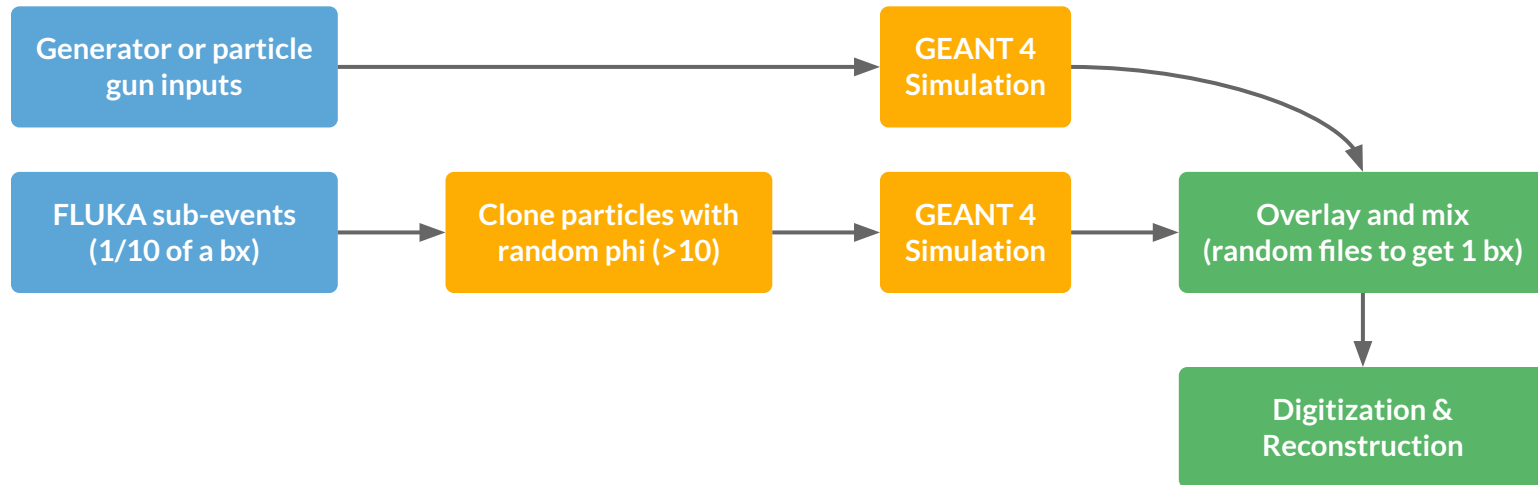
- ◆ Tungsten cones + borated polyethylene cladding.

# 10 TeV MAIA Detector Design

Subsystem	Region	R dimensions [cm]	Z  dimensions [cm]	Material
Vertex Detector	Barrel	3.0 – 10.4	65.0	Si
	Endcap	2.5 – 11.2	8.0 – 28.2	Si
Inner Tracker	Barrel	12.7 – 55.4	48.2 – 69.2	Si
	Endcap	40.5 – 55.5	52.4 – 219.0	Si
Outer Tracker	Barrel	81.9 – 148.6	124.9	Si
	Endcap	61.8 – 143.0	131.0 – 219.0	Si
Solenoid	Barrel	150.0 – 185.7	230.7	Al
ECAL	Barrel	185.7 – 212.5	230.7	W + Si
	Endcap	31.0 – 212.5	230.7 – 257.5	W + Si
HCAL	Barrel	212.5 – 411.3	257.5	Fe + PS
	Endcap	30.7 – 411.3	257.5 – 456.2	Fe + PS
Muon Detector	Barrel	415.0 – 715.0	456.5	Air + RPC
	Endcap	44.6 – 715.0	456.5 – 602.5	Air + RPC

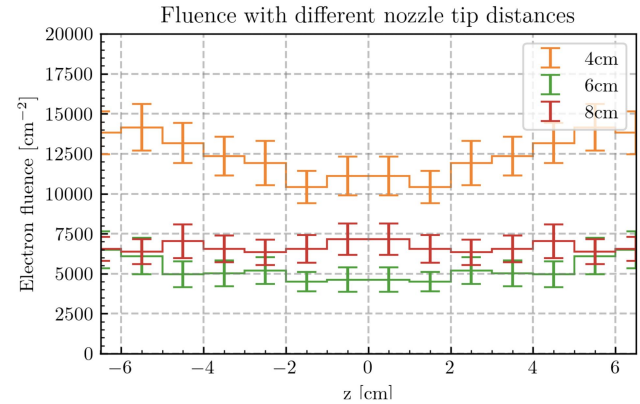
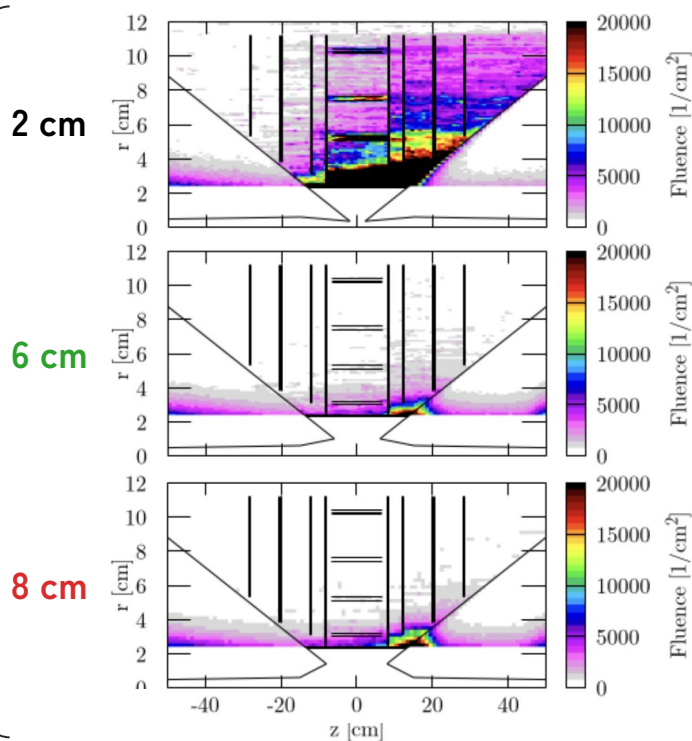
# BIB Simulation Workflow

- Using updated [FLUKA](#) 10 TeV BIB
  - Kinematics look very similar to 3 TeV; but MDI, nozzle optimization extremely important ([D. Calzolari](#))
- BIB simulation and overlay ([N. Bartosik](#))
  - Simulating the BIB contributions in FLUKA is computationally expensive, so employ overlay strategy:



# Nozzle Configuration Optimization Studies

Simulate BIB fluence  
with nozzle tip at  
different distances

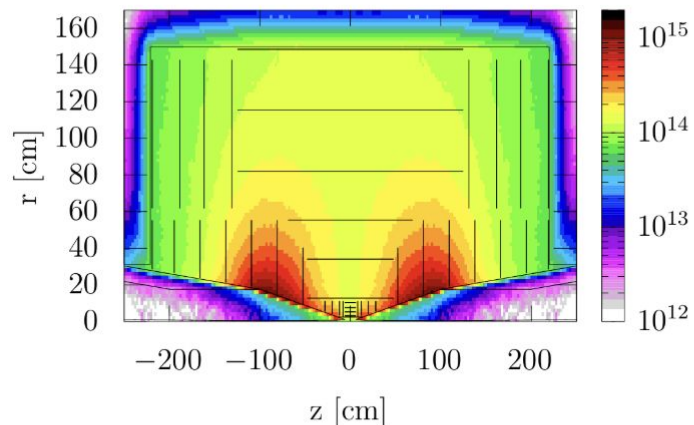


- Nozzle tip has a strong influence on the electron fluences
- Require nozzle distance  $> 4$  cm from origin to reduce EM showers
- Studies ongoing!

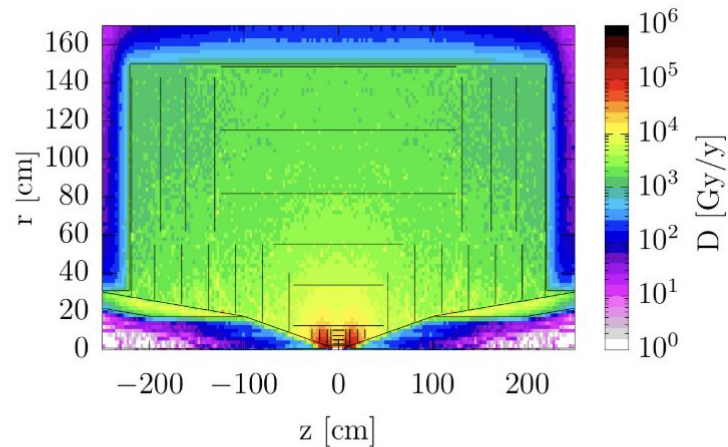
# Radiation Damage

- Radiation at 10 TeV comparable to HL-LHC and previous 3 TeV muon collider studies; much lower than FCC-hh (1018 1 MeV-neq/cm<sup>2</sup>) (2209.01318, 2105.09116)

1 MeV neutron equivalent in Silicon [n cm<sup>-2</sup> y<sup>-1</sup>]



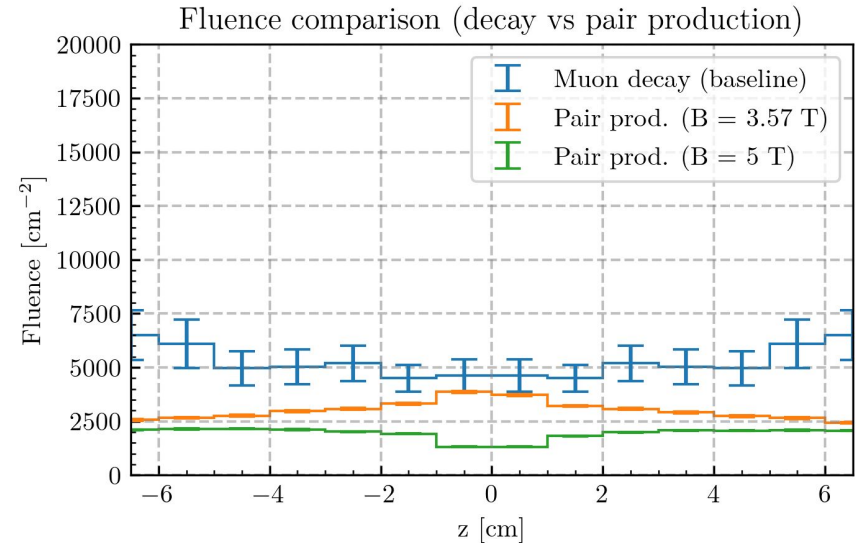
Total ionizing dose



	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 (3 TeV)	10	0.1	10 <sup>15</sup>	10 <sup>14</sup>
HL-LHC	100	0.1	10 <sup>15</sup>	10 <sup>13</sup>
<b>Muon Collider (10 TeV)</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>3 × 10<sup>14</sup></b>	<b>10<sup>14</sup></b>

# Solenoid – Design and Impact on Fluence

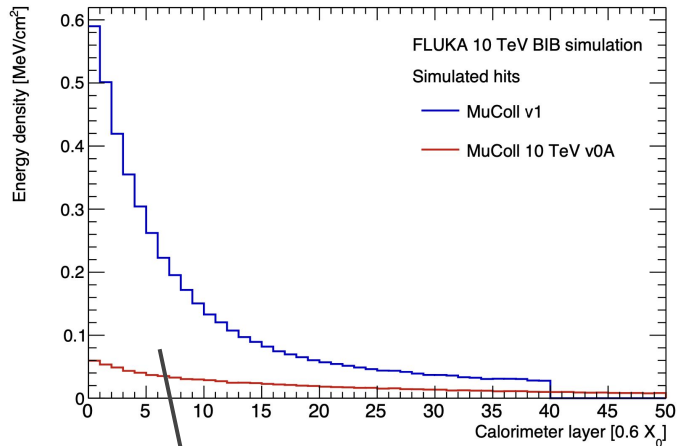
- **3 TeV design:** 3.57 T, outside calorimeters (“CMS-like”)
- **10 TeV design:** 5 T, inside calorimeters (“ATLAS-like”)
  - Higher solenoid B-field significantly reduces fluence (e<sup>+</sup>/e<sup>-</sup> results compared here)
  - BIB shielding for calorimeters
    - Adds ~265 mm of aluminum and thinner steel layers in barrel; additional steel layers in the endcap
    - Equivalent to  $\sim 4 X_0$
  - Caveat: feasibility studies needed here!



# Calorimeter BIB Energy Densities

## Energy Density of BIB in ECAL:

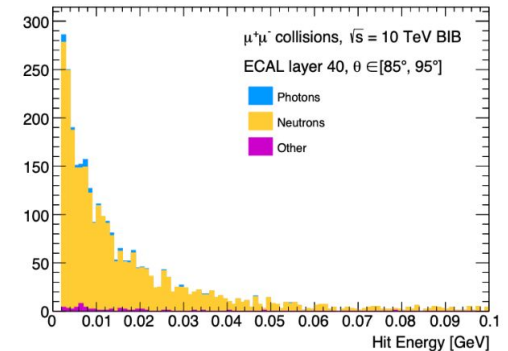
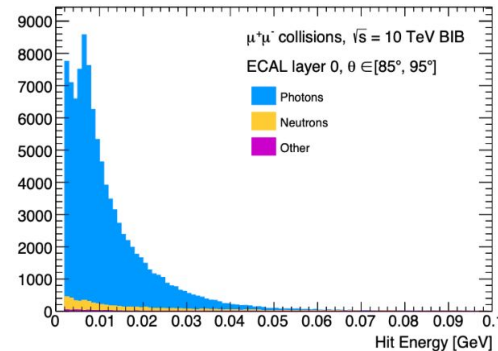
~3-10x lower than 1.5 TeV due to solenoid shielding



Further studies on impact of solenoid shielding needed, e.g.:

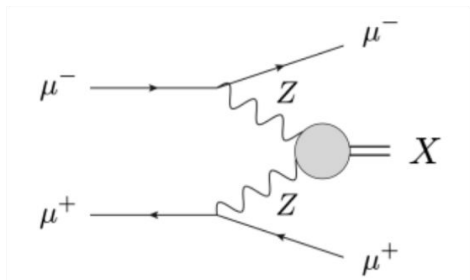
- Charged objects with particle flow
- Some clustering and track-cluster association issues in Pandora

BIB in the ECAL mostly due to **photons** and **neutrons**  
Most BIB so soft and diffuse that it is not possible to reconstruct  
Lower layers **photon**-dominated, deeper layers **neutron**-dominated



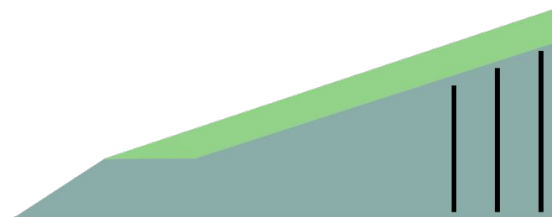
# Muon Spectrometer

- **Barrel and Endcap:** least impacted by BIB given shielding from calorimeters
  - Simplified, Air + RPC (both 10 TeV detectors)
  - To potentially replace with scintillator (CERN rule)
- **Forward Region:** challenging given position of nozzle
  - Important physics (VBF) — e.g. Higgs boson width
  - Dedicated forward muon detector candidates



## Silicon Layers in the Nozzle

*Small detector, high BIB background*



## Separate Forward Cavern

*Large detector, low background*

