



Resistive MPGDs for a hadronic calorimeter

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Proposal: micro-pattern gaseous detectors as readout layers for a sampling hadronic calorimeter

Why using MPGDs?

- **cost-effectiveness** for large area instrumentation
- radiation hardness up to several **C/cm²**
- **discharge rate** not impeding operations
- rate capability **O (MHz/cm²)**
- high granularity
- time resolution of **few ns**

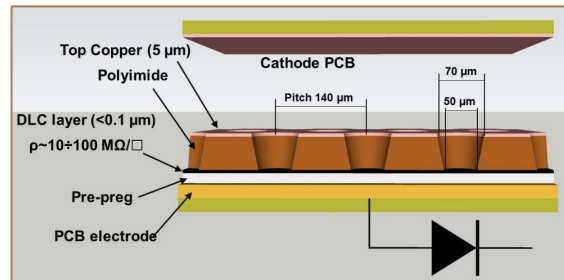
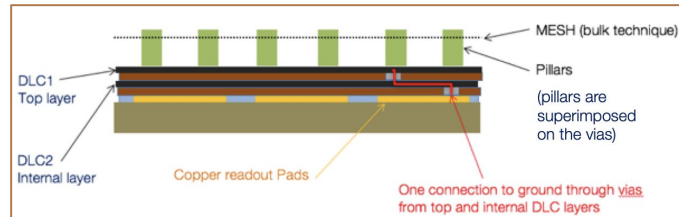
Resistive MPGDs

Past work:

- **CALICE collaboration:** a sampling calorimeter using **gaseous detectors** (RPC) but also tested MicroMegas
- **SCREAM collaboration:** a sampling calorimeter combining RPWELL and resistive MicroMegas

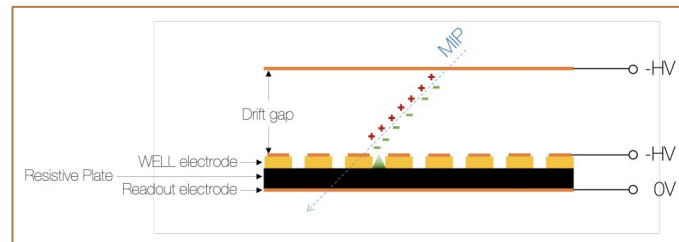
Our plan → systematically **compare** three MPGD technologies for hadronic calorimetry: resistive MicroMegas, μ RWELL and RPWELL, while also investigating **timing**

Micromegas (MM)



μ RWELL

RPWELL



INFN Target case: muon collider

A $\mu^+\mu^-$ collider for precision SM measurements and BSM searches

Large rate of asynchronous **beam-induced background** in experiments

- At $\sqrt{s} = 3$ TeV, $10^{12} - 10^{13}$ cm⁻² / year 1-MeV n equivalent
- TID 100 Gy / year

Goal for HCAL: 3-4 % jet energy resolution for hadronic Z decays obtainable through particle flow algorithm \rightarrow 60%/ \sqrt{E} resolution for HCAL

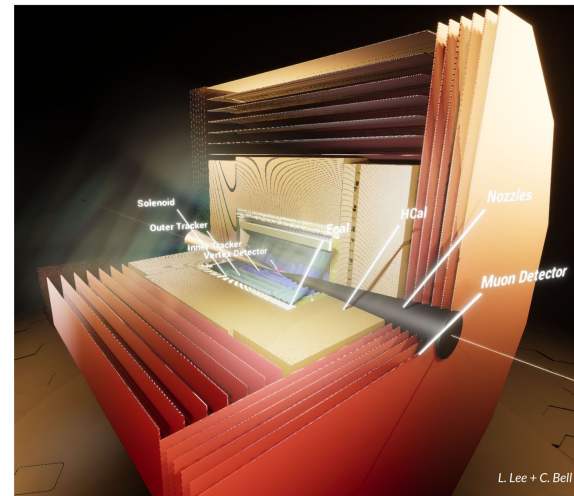
BIB in barrel hadron calorimeter

- Mostly **neutrons** (photon component absorbed by ECAL)
- Large **asynchronous** component
- Occupancy: 0.06 hits / cm²

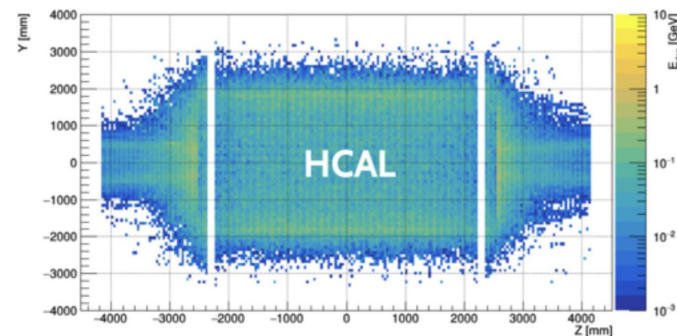
Detector requirements

- Longitudinal **segmentation** for BIB rejection
- High **granularity** (1x1 - 3x3 cm²)
- Single layer **timing** of few ns

Not limited to muon collider (technology suitable for FCC-ee as well)



Muon collider detector design at $\sqrt{s} = 10$ TeV

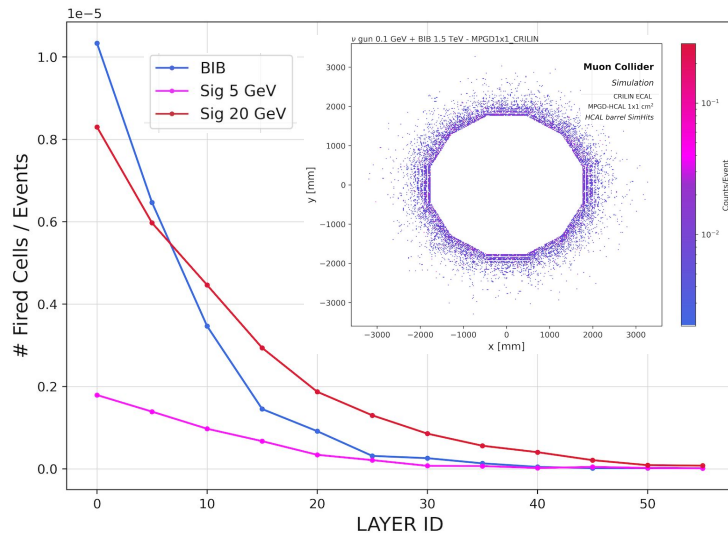


Energy deposited by BIB in HCAL for a single bunch crossing

Simulation: 60 layers of Iron (19mm) + Ar (3mm)

Hit Occupancy:

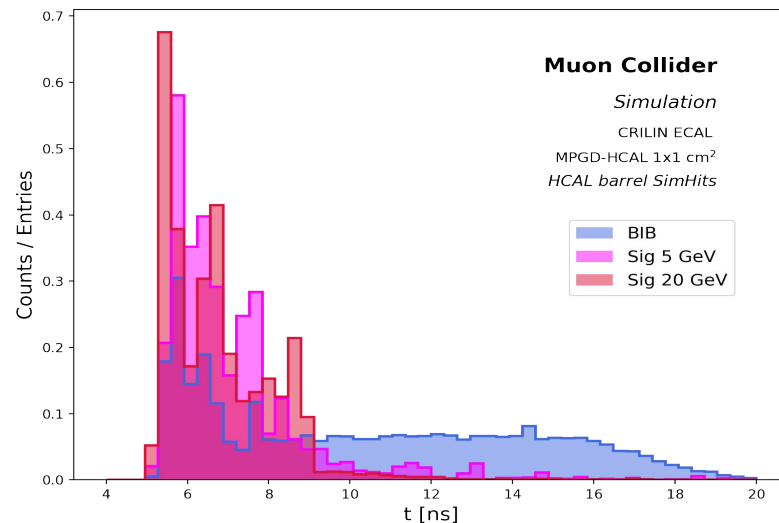
- **BIB** containment within the **first 20 layers** of HCAL
- Probability of a cell to be fired in the first layer :
 - **BIB** : $\sim 1 \times 10^{-5}$
 - **π^\pm 5 GeV** : $\sim 0.2 \times 10^{-5}$
 - **π^\pm 20 GeV** : $\sim 0.8 \times 10^{-5}$
- Challenge for low energy pion reconstruction



Arrival time:

- **BIB** arrival time distribution uniform in the **range 7-20 ns**;
- **signal** arrival time peaks at **~ 6 ns**;
- discrimination possible for $t > 9/10$ ns \rightarrow **achievable with MPGD**

See [Lisa's talk](#) at SIF 2024

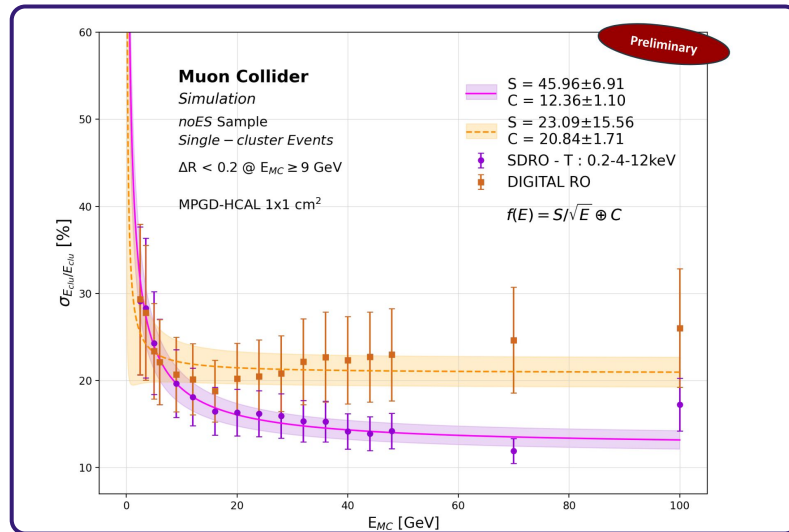
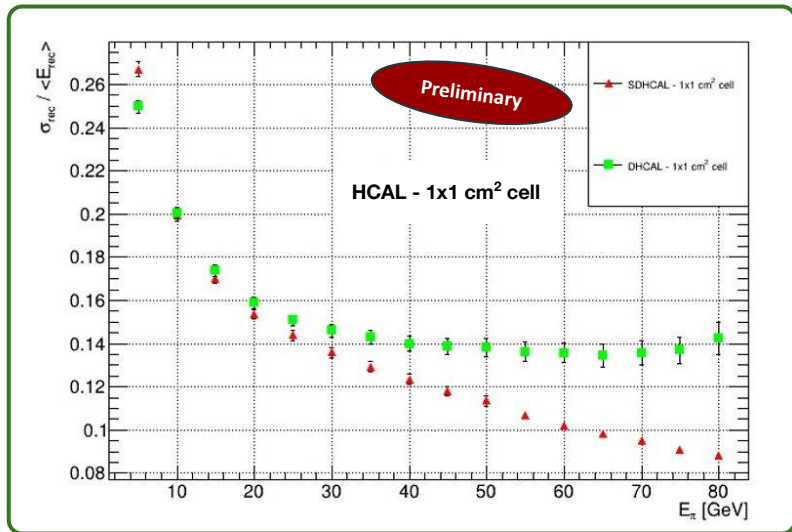


Simulation: digital and semi-digital HCAL

HCAL energy resolution simulated with **standalone Geant4** and with **full muon collider software**

- SDHCAL shows better resolution for $E_{\pi} > 40$ GeV
 - At $E_{\pi} = 80$ GeV, **DHcal** ~ 14%, **SDHcal** ~ 8%
 - DHCAL suffers from **saturation effect** for $E_{\pi} > 40$ GeV
- Comparable results for granularity of $1 \times 1 \text{ cm}^2$ (~9% at 80 GeV) and $3 \times 3 \text{ cm}^2$ (~11% at 80 GeV)

Ongoing work: implementing **particle flow algorithm** to measure the final jet energy resolution



INFN MPGD prototypes

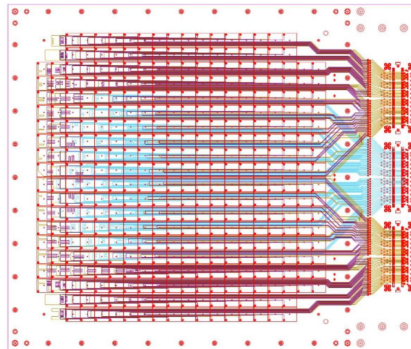
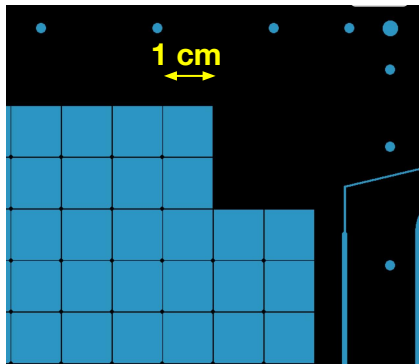
Prototypes produced and tested within **RD51 common project**:

- 7 μ -RWELL
- 4 MicroMegas
- 1 RPWELL

Detector design:

- Active area 20x20 cm², pad size 1x1 cm²
- **Common readout** board

Prototype characterization performed in all the laboratories



Request for Project Funding from the RD51 Common Fund

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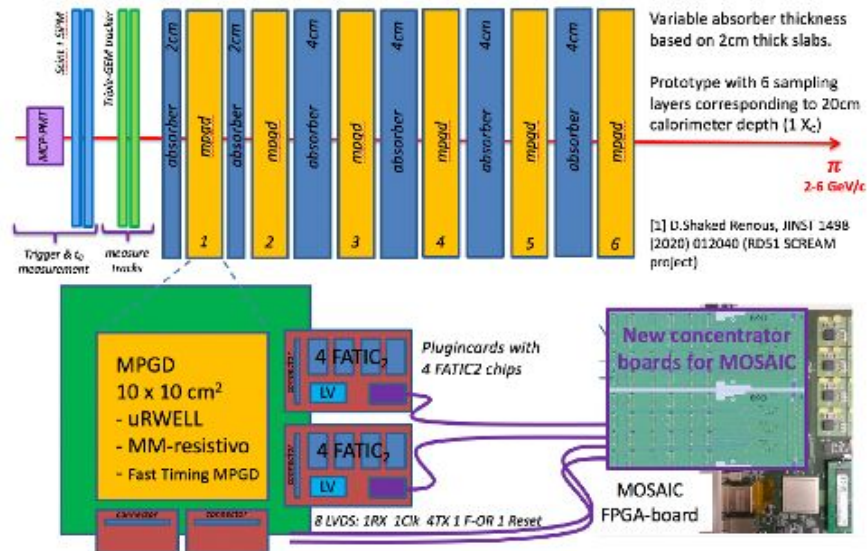
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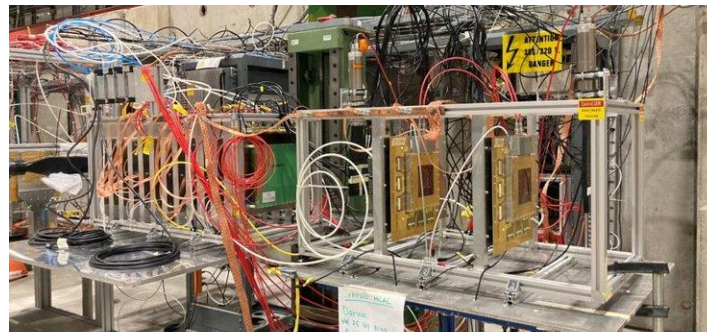
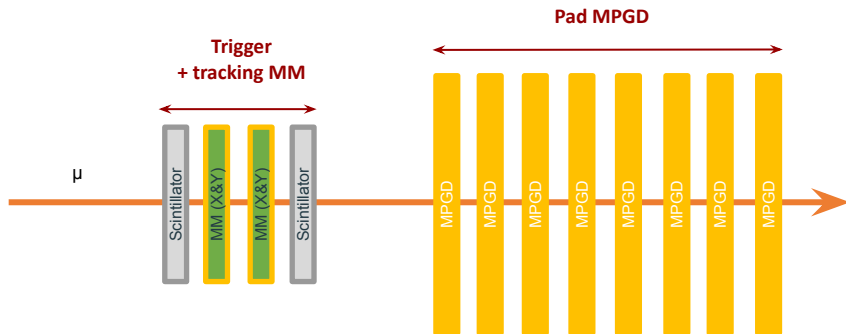
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Design of MPGD-based HCAL cell



MPGD performance at SPS test beam



Test beam setup at SPS

Readout layers operated in two **test beams at SPS**

(July 2023, June 2024)

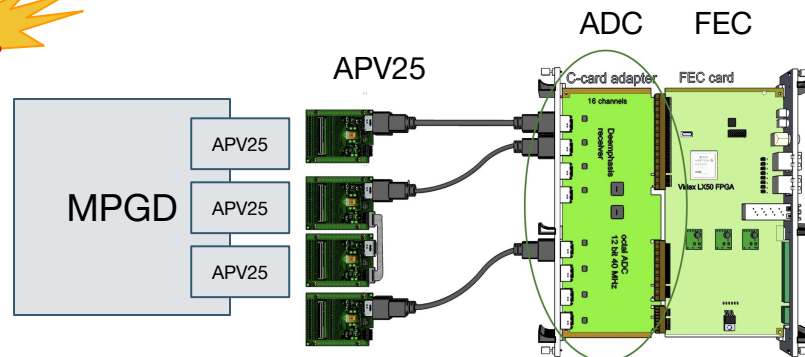
- Tracking: 2 MicroMegs (256 μm -strip) + 1 triple GEM
- Tested: 12 MPGD prototypes
- Gas: **Ar:CO₂:C₄H₁₀** (MicroMegs & RPWELL),
Ar:CO₂:CF₄ (μ -RPWELL)
- Particle: O(100) GeV/c **muons**

No absorbers

Readout **electronics**:

- **APV25** front-end chip (analog readout + time information)
- **SRS** back-end

Goal: **validating** the readout detectors **with MIPs** and **compare** the three **technologies**



Readout electronics based on the APV25 SRS

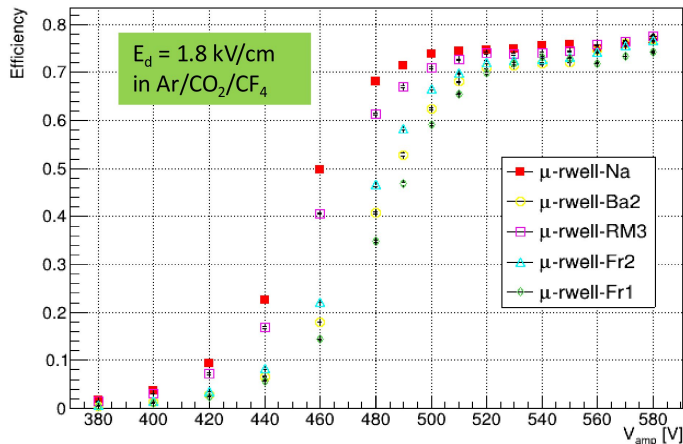
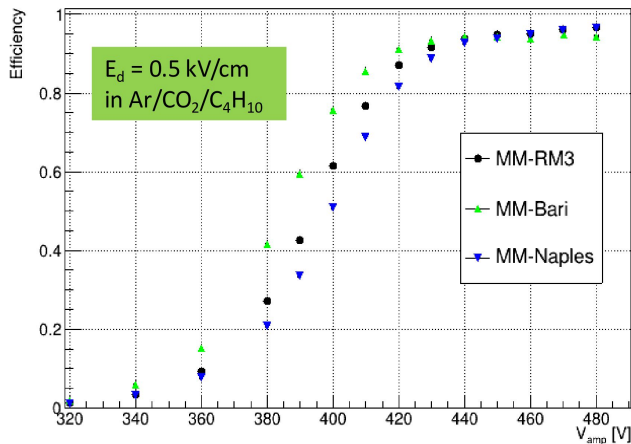
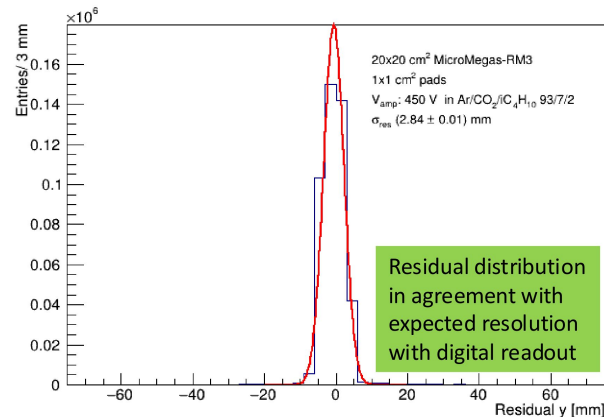
Detector performance with MIPs

Reconstruction:

- Observed high probability of **cross-talk** between pads
Due to routing of readout vias from pads to front-end
- Patched **offline** by clustering pads based on charge sharing fraction
- Tracks built with 2 tracking MicroMegas (256 μm pitch)

Plateau efficiency: about **90% for MicroMegas**, **75% for μ -RWELL**

Response uniformity: 10% MicroMegas, 16% μ -RWELL, 22% RPWELL



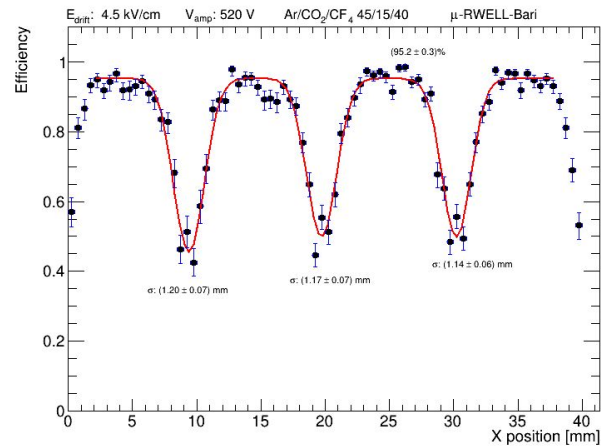
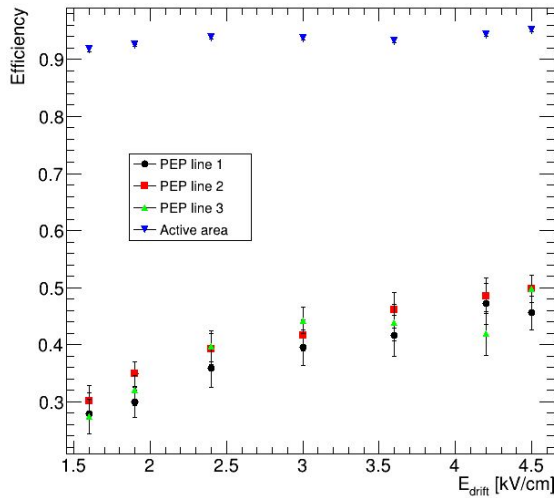
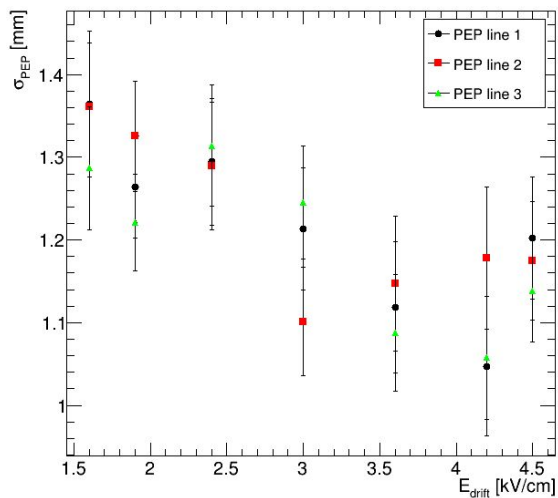
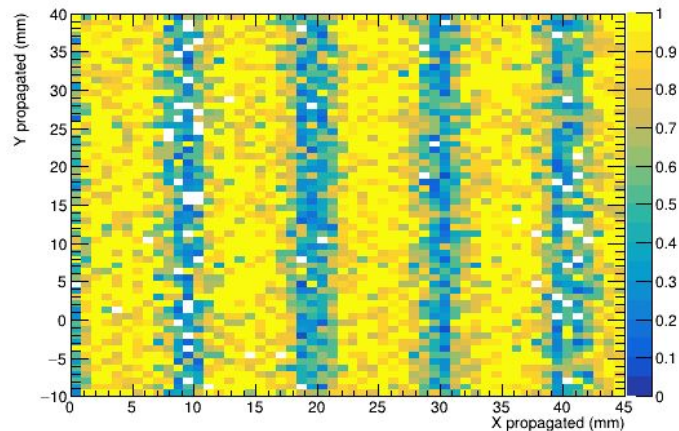
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Inefficiency of μ -RWELL due to PEP lines introducing dead areas

- **Locally very high** efficiency
- PEP lines introduce a **region of ~ 1 mm with ~50% efficiency drop**
- At **increasing drift field**, efficiency drop region **gets thinner and smaller**

Excluding PEP areas, the efficiency is up to 95%

→ **Optimization of drift field** to be repeated with cosmics



μ -RWELL prototype tested with VMM (cosmics and TB)See also [Darina's talk at MPGD24](#)

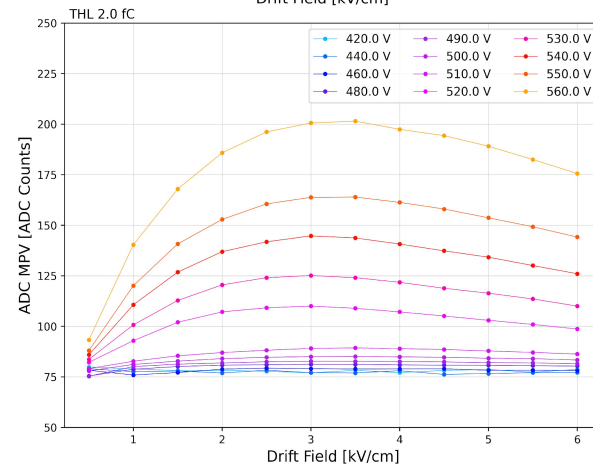
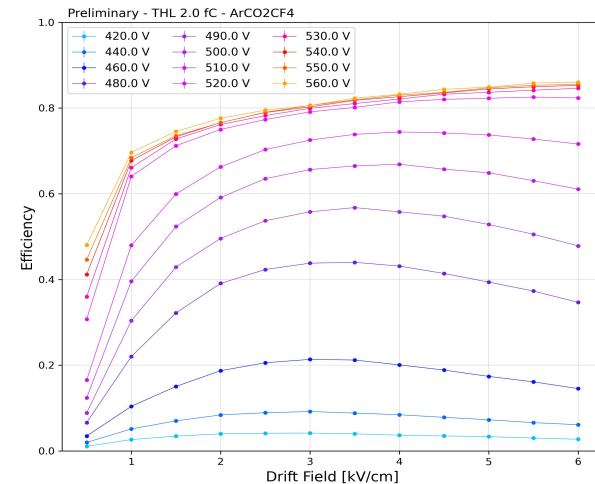
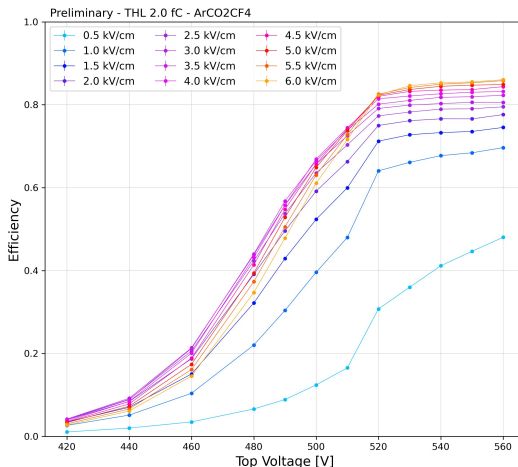
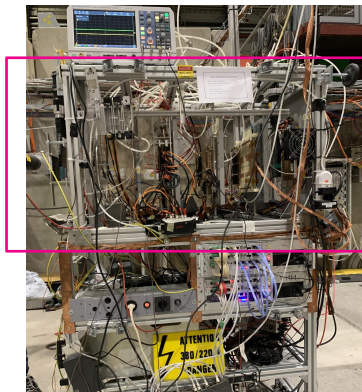
- **Rate** (1 night data taking with APV \rightarrow two spills with VMM)
- Lower **thresholds** reachable (down to 0.8 fC)
- Potentially better **timing**, to be checked

Scans vs fields give further understanding of **charge collection and inefficiencies**:

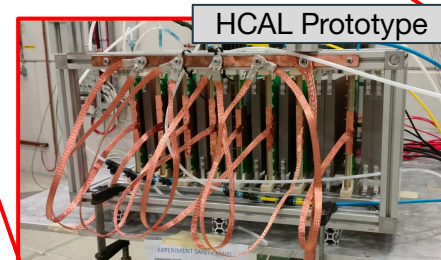
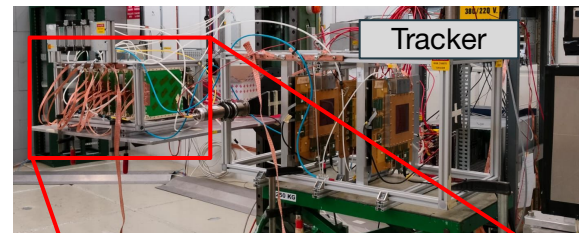
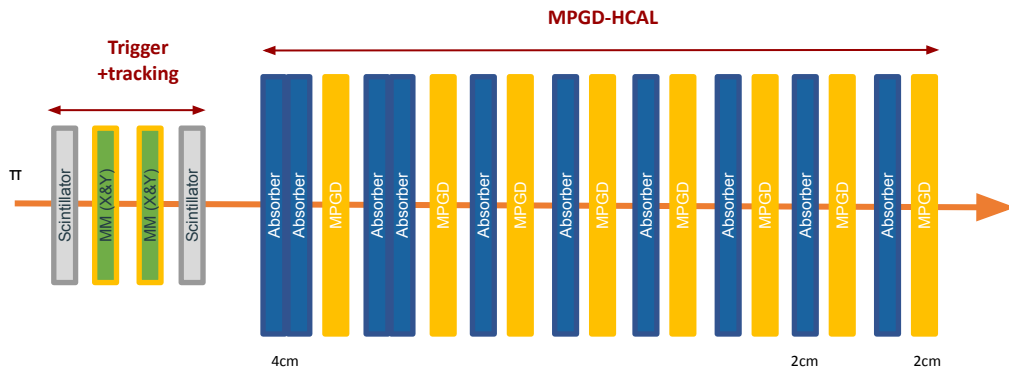
- For any amplification field, **charge MPV has a peak** at drift field ~ 3 kV/cm
- For high enough gain, the **efficiency keeps increasing with drift field**
- **Plateau efficiency increases with drift field**

Interpretation:

- The **drift field increases the charge collection** in the PEP lines, increasing the average efficiency, but only if the **amplification field is high** enough

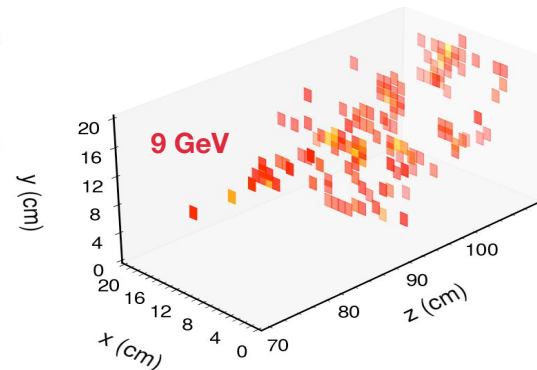
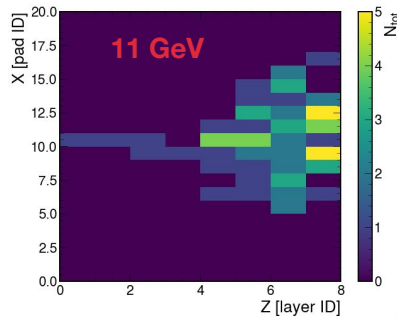
*Otherwise, you lose acceptance by lower collection efficiency in the holes**To be confirmed with track-based efficiency (ongoing)*

Calorimeter prototype at PS test beam



Two test beams at PS with calorimeter prototype (September 2023, July 2024)

- Goal: **measuring** the energy resolution of a 1λ calorimeter prototype with 1-10 GeV pions beam
- Developed **G4 simulation** for the **small prototype**, including a **digitization algorithm** to account for charge-sharing among adjacent pads and detector efficiency
- **Issue for 2023:** problematic electronics for the first 2 MPGD layers
→ taken into account for data/MC comparison



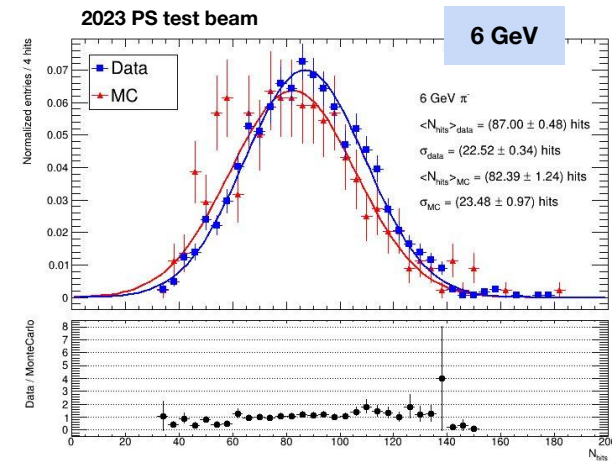
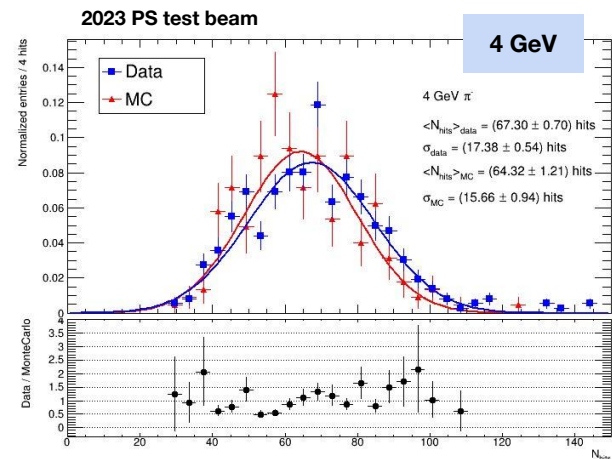
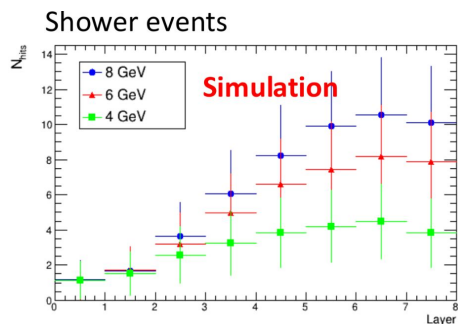
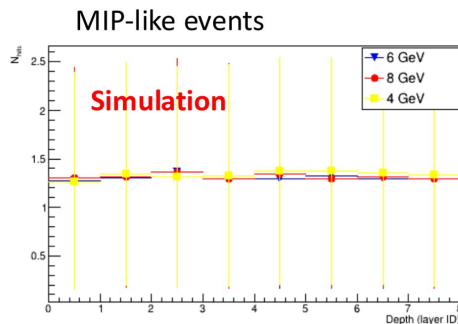
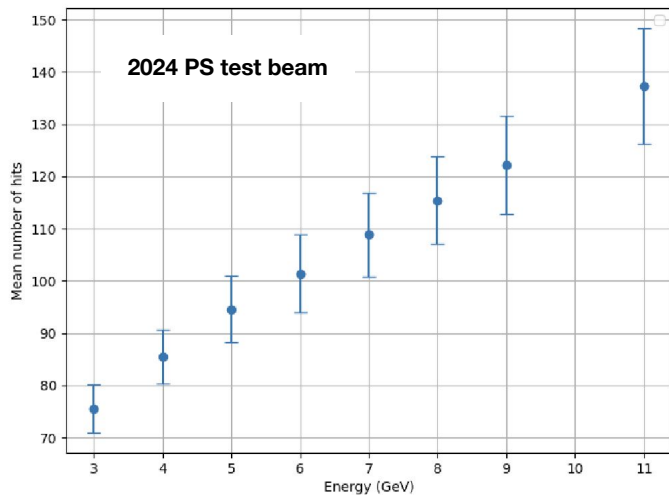
INFN Pion shower studies

Preliminary results for digital readout (hit charge not used)

- MIP events identified as having at most one hit per layer
- Good **data/MC comparison** in number of hits per shower
- Good **linearity** in number of hits with energy

Saturation at high energy due to shower containment

Studies to fully exploit all the data are ongoing

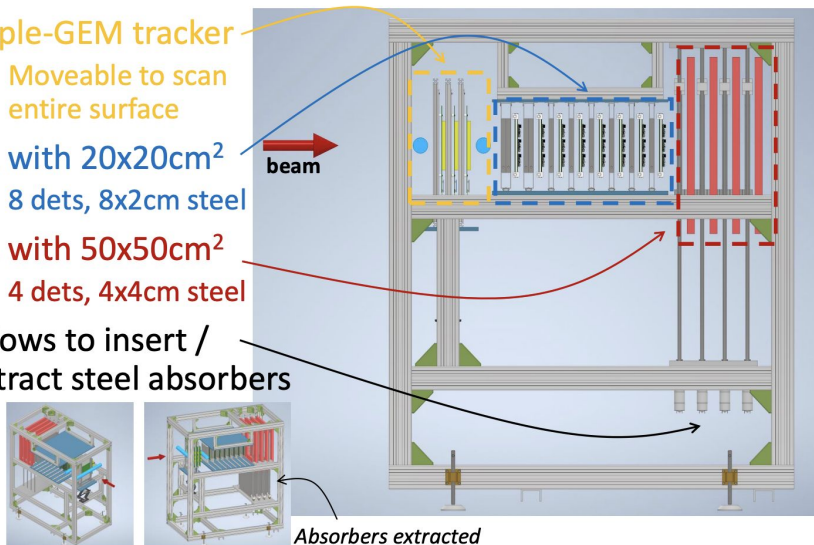


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INFN Plans for 2025

- Development of a new cell **prototype of $\sim 2 \lambda$** :
 - New $50 \times 50 \text{ cm}^2$ detectors to be produced in beginning of 2025:
121 mm² pads, read out by 16 APV/VMM cards
 - 8 old $20 \times 20 \text{ cm}^2$ chambers + 4 **new $50 \times 50 \text{ cm}^2$** chambers
 - To be operated in **common test beam with CRILIN** (Muon collider ECAL)
- Continuing integration with **VMM** and testing **FATIC3**

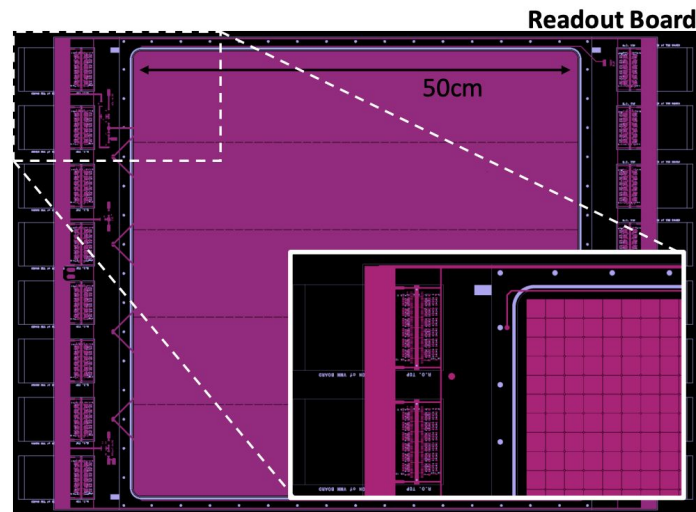
- Triple-GEM tracker**
 - Moveable to scan entire surface
- 1λ with $20 \times 20 \text{ cm}^2$
 - 8 dets, $8 \times 2 \text{ cm}$ steel
- 1λ with $50 \times 50 \text{ cm}^2$
 - 4 dets, $4 \times 4 \text{ cm}$ steel
- Allows to insert / extract steel absorbers



The majority of data still has to be analyzed:

- Energy resolution using **semi-digital** approach
- Tracking data with **VMM**
- Timing, timing, timing**

Thanks to Rui and the MPT workshop for all the support and discussions!



Development of MPGD-HCAL ongoing in **simulations** and **hardware**

- Tested 12 MPGDs and small cell calorimeter within RD51 **common project**
- In 2024 we consolidated previous 2023 results with present prototypes in two test beams:
 - SPS: efficiency and acceptance, response uniformity, field optimizations
 - PS: test of a fully equipped 8 MPGD layers prototype

Analysis focusing on timing and energy resolution now

- First integration with VMM performed, with good results

2025 plans:

- 4 **large detectors** (50×50 cm²) to be built in 2025:
 - Design **optimization** to exclude cross-talk and simplify manufacturing
 - Ongoing work on designing a mechanical structure hosting 8 MPGD layers 20×20cm² + 4 new 50×50cm² MPGD layers
- **Electronics**: further testing with **VMM** + integration with **FATIC3** (but looking for synergies as well)

Further on:

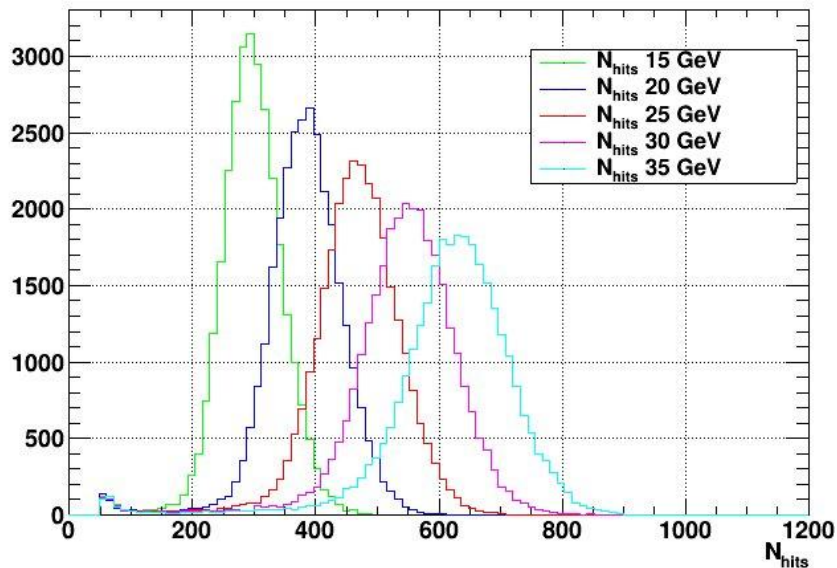
- Understanding most **suitable technology** between MicroMegas, μ -RWELL, RPWELL
- Producing **50×100 cm² detectors**
- Producing detectors with **integrated electronics and cooling**



Backup

- **Digitization:** 1 hit --> 1 cell with energy deposit higher than the applied threshold

$$E_{hit} > t_1$$

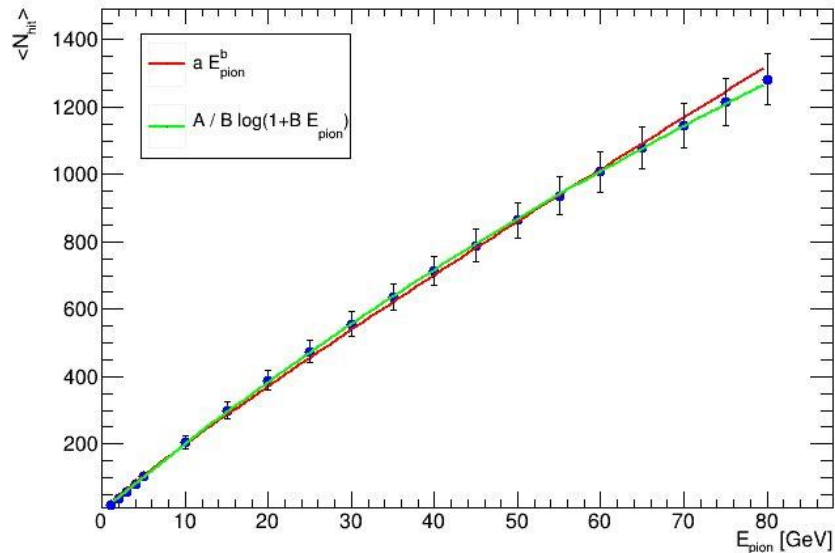


- **Calorimeter response function:**

$$\langle N_{hit} \rangle = f(E_{\pi})$$

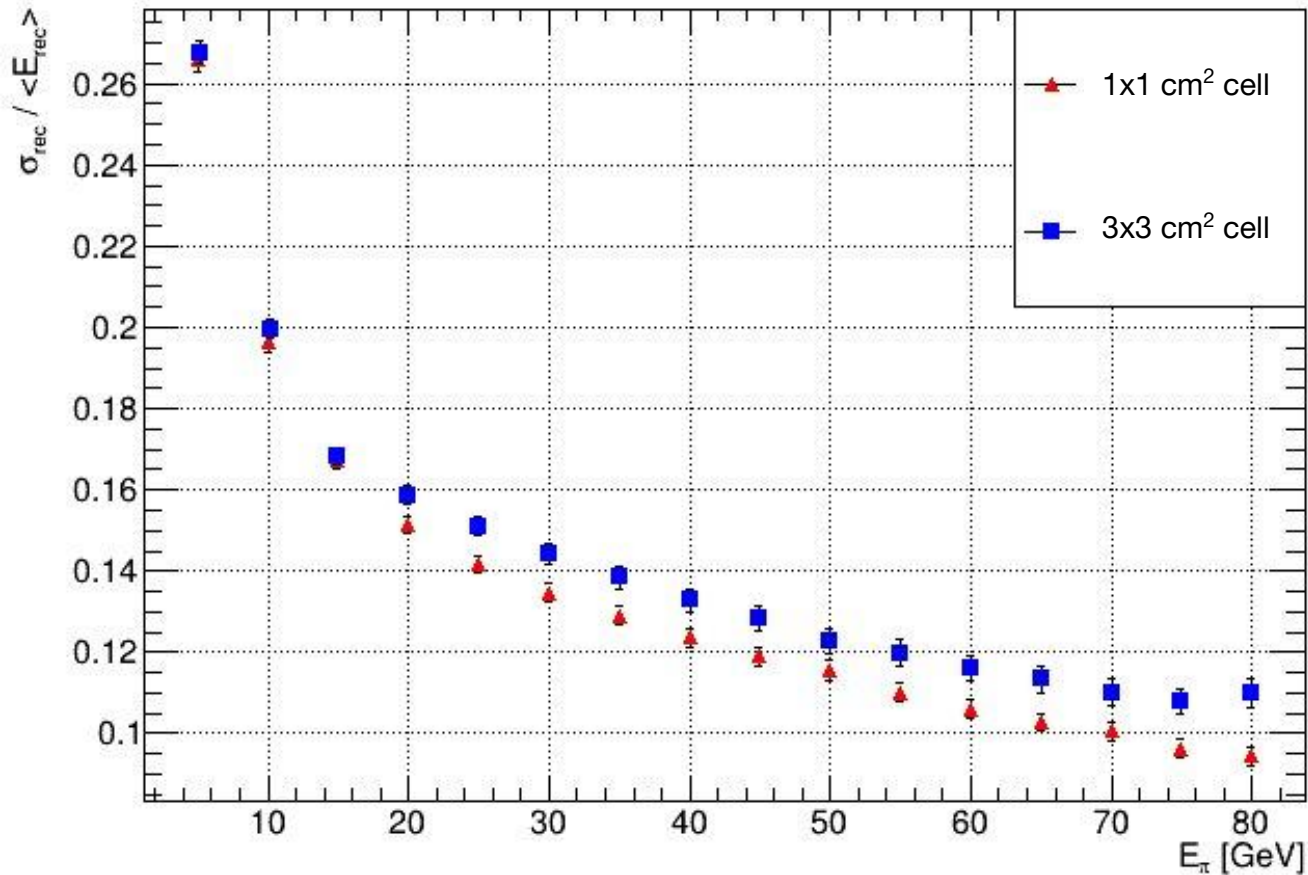
- **Reconstructed energy:**

$$E_{\pi} = f^{-1}(\langle N_{hit} \rangle)$$



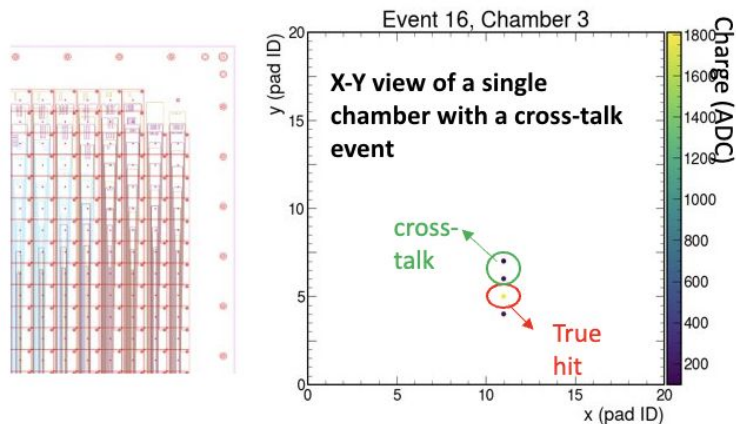
Simulation: Semi-Digital readout

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Cluster reconstruction

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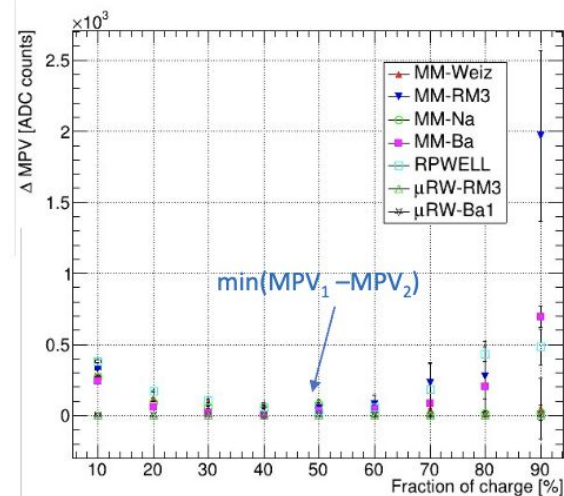
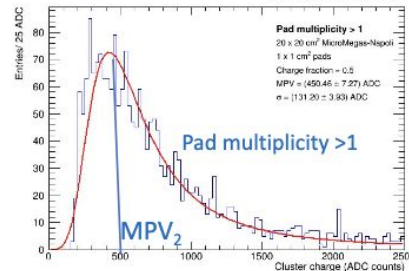
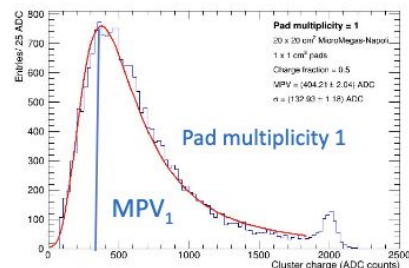


High probability of cross-talk effect observed among adjacent pads due to routing of the vias connecting pads to the connectors

Developed ad-hoc clustering algorithm

based on charge sharing criterium

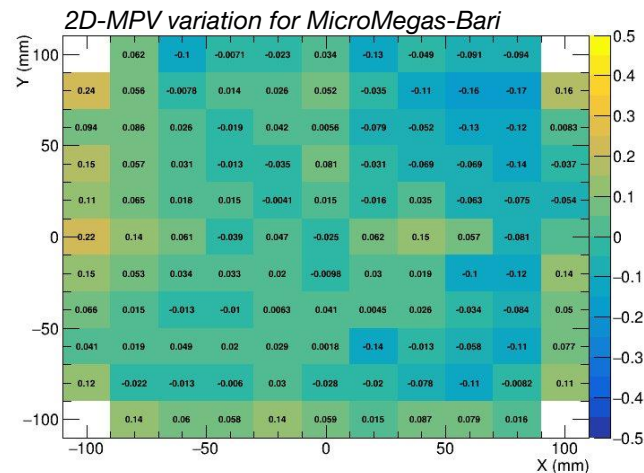
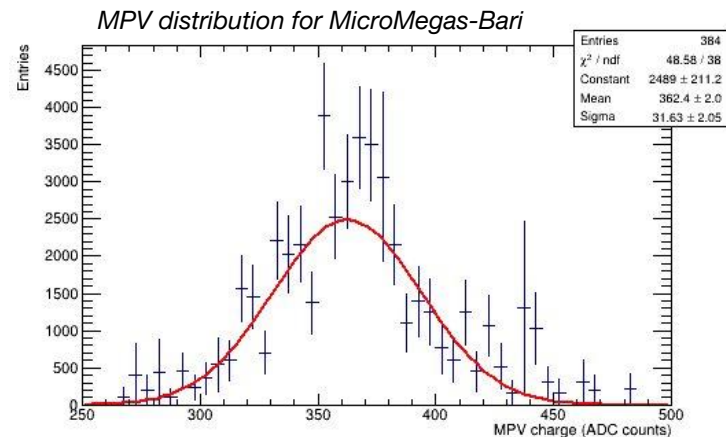
- Selected pad with highest charge Q_{\max}
- Add a second pad if $Q = 50\% Q_{\max}$

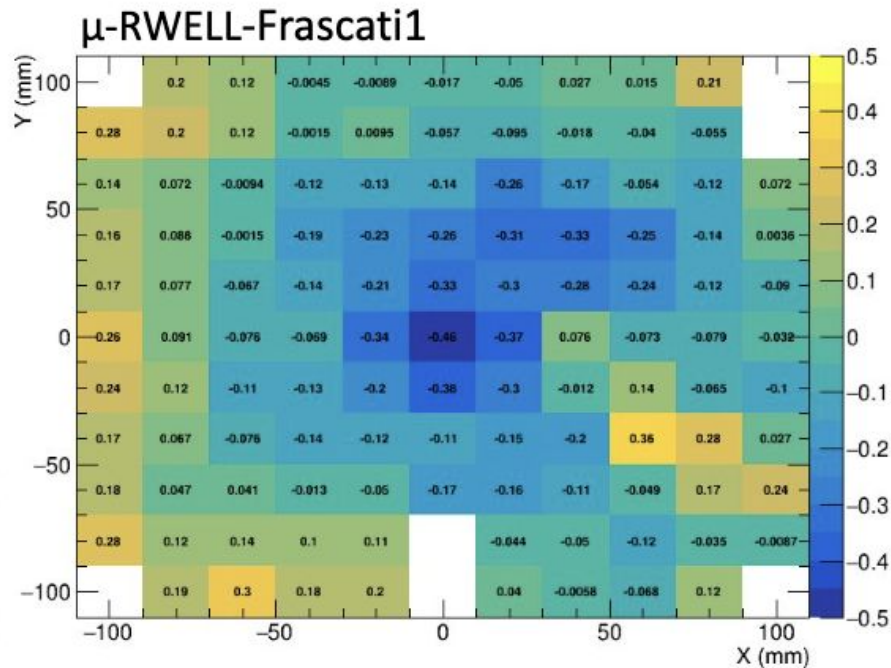
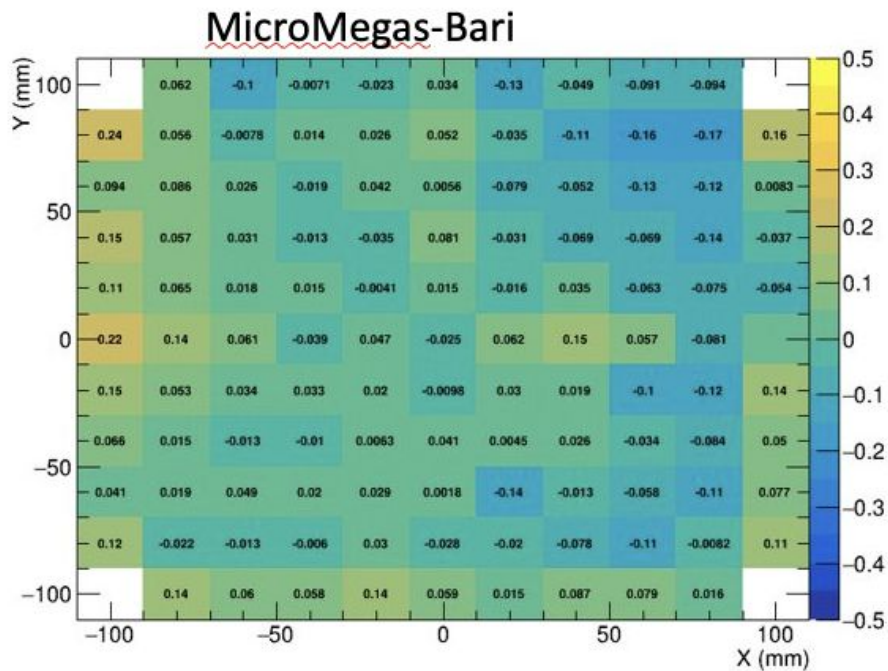


Response uniformity measured using clusters matching muon tracks

- Good uniformity for **MicroMegas** (~10%)
- Regions of non-uniformity observed on some **μ -RWELLS**
→ under investigation in lab
- Slightly worse uniformity for **RPWELL**

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Detector performance (2023)

Test beam **analysis workflow**:

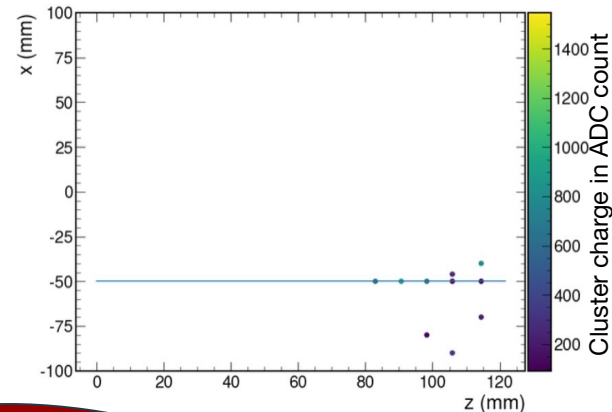
- **Tracking detectors unused** in reconstruction for the moment (high noise → possible to recover the tracker offline, currently ongoing). **Tracks built using MPGDs** under test (5 out of 6 at a time)

Track residuals:

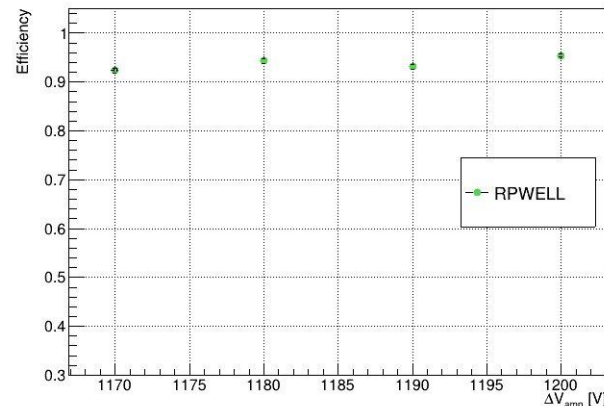
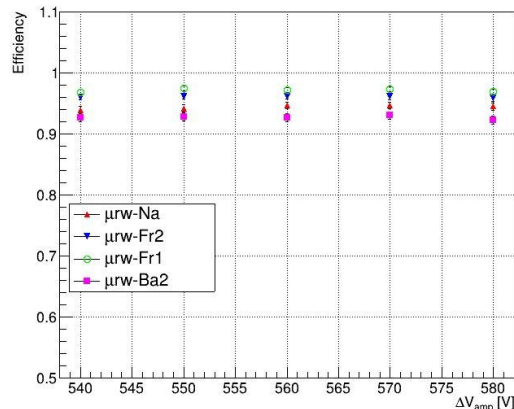
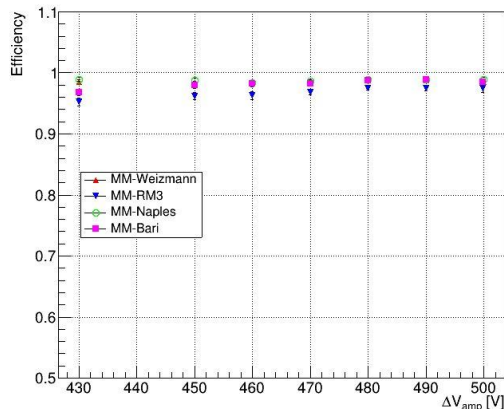
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High average **efficiency** (detectors always operated at plateau)

Track reconstructed using 4 detectors out of 5



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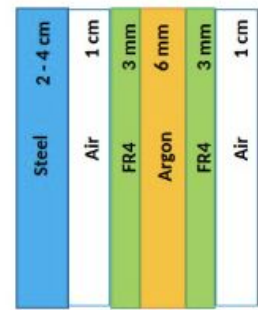
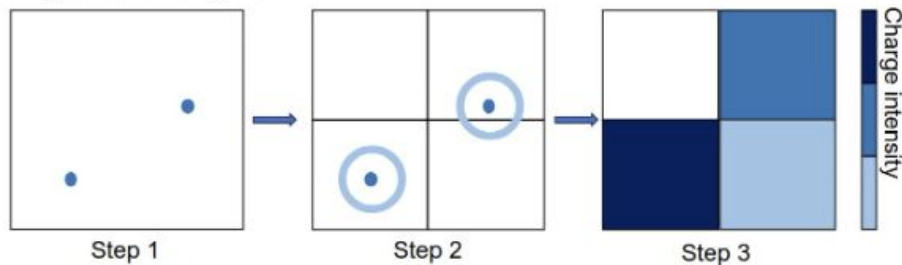


INFN G4 simulation: small prototype

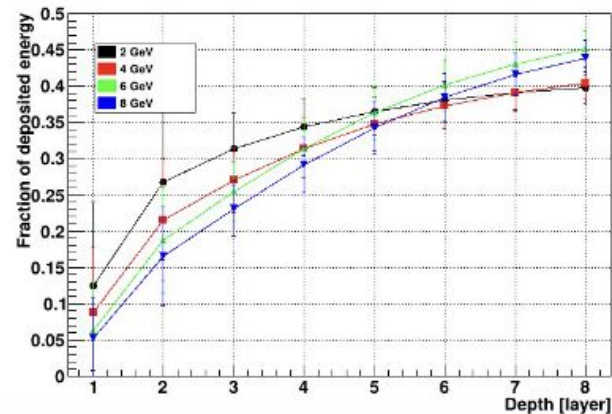
Preliminary

- Small detector geometry implemented
 - 8 layers of alternating of 2 cm stain-less steel absorbers and MPGD
 - First 2 layers with 4 cm absorbers to increase probability of shower development in the first layers
 - 20x20 cm² active surface
 - 1x1 cm² pad granularity
- Pion gun of energy range available at PS (4 – 8 GeV)
- **Digitization algorithm** implemented to account for charge-sharing among adjacent pads and detector efficiency

Digitization algorithm



Shower containment



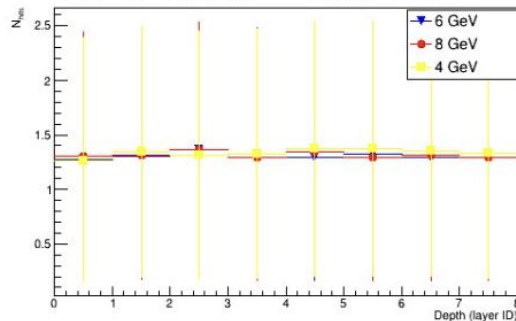
INFN PS data / G4Sim prototype - event selection

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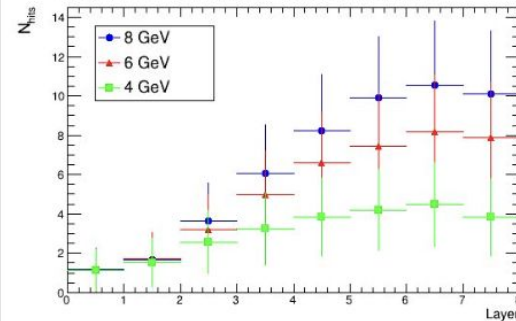
Event **selection criteria** supported by **simulation** using MC truth

- MIP-like events:
 - single hit in each layer
- Shower events:
 - more than 4 hits per layer starting from layer 3

MIP-like events - simulation

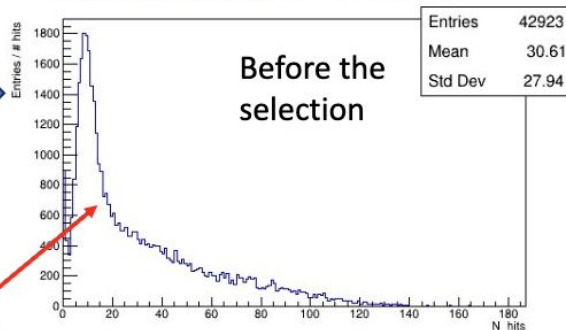


Shower events - simulation



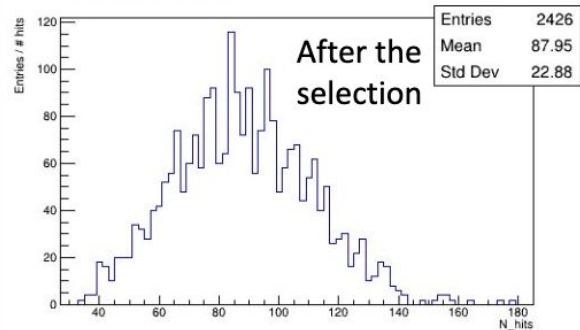
Distribution of the **number of hits** in all active layer from the **experimental data**

Number of hits for all events



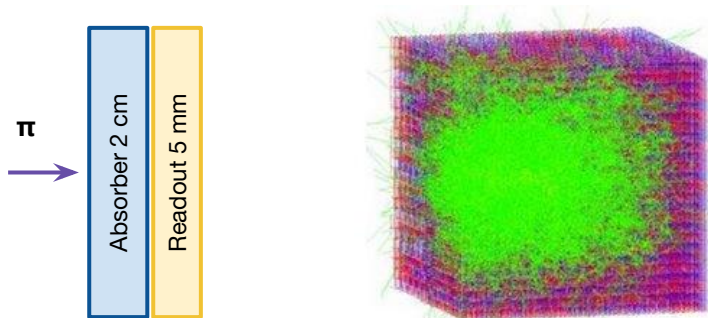
Peak at ~ 10 hits
-> MIP-like events

Number of hits for showers event



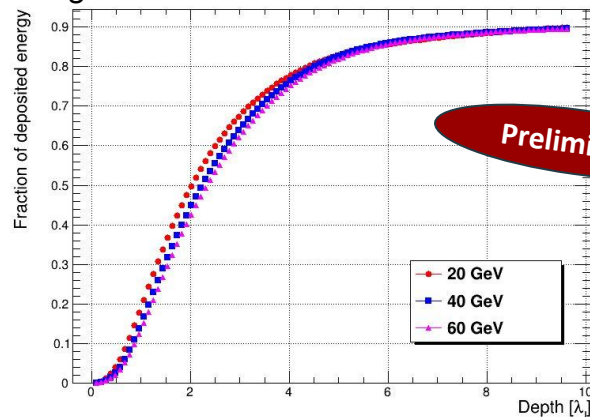
Simulation: shower containment studies

Geant4 simulation of a 100 layers calorimeter

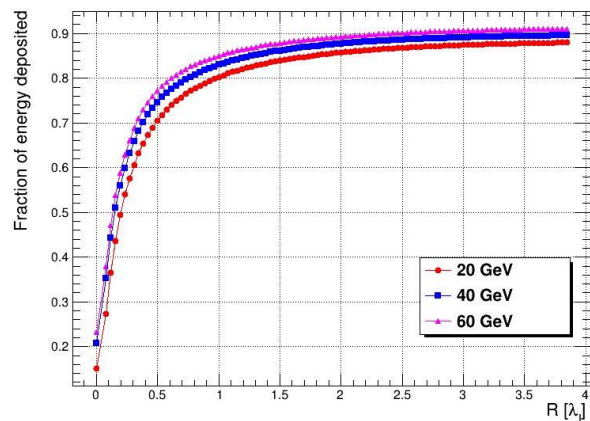


- Geometry: 2 cm iron, 5 mm gas (Ar/CO₂)
- Readout granularity → cell size of
 - 1×1 cm²
 - 3×3 cm²
- Pion guns of different energies
- **Result:** longitudinal containment in $\sim 10 \lambda_1$, transversal in $\sim 2 \lambda_1$

Longitudinal shower containment

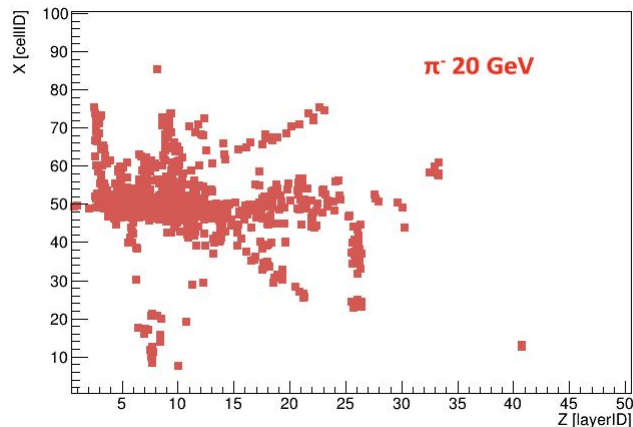


Transversal shower containment



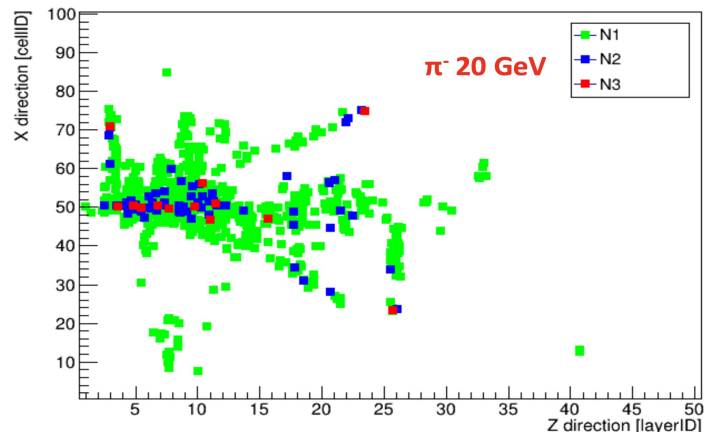
Digital Readout

- **Digitization:** 1 hit=1cell with energy deposit higher than the applied threshold
- **Calorimeter response function:**
 $\langle N_{hit} \rangle = f(E_\pi)$
- **Reconstructed energy:** $E_\pi = f^{-1}(\langle N_{hit} \rangle)$



Semi-digital Readout

- **Digitization:** defined multiple thresholds
- **Reconstructed energy:** $E_\pi = \alpha N_1 + \beta N_2 + \gamma N_3$
with:
 - $N_{i=1,2,3}$ number of hits above i -threshold
 - α, β, γ parameters obtained by χ^2 minimization procedure



The case for a muon collider

A high-energy lepton collider: combining cutting edge discovery potential with precision measurements

Motivations

- No synchrotron radiation: **higher energy** reachable than e^+e^-
- **Point-like** particles: comparable physics reach at lower centre-of-mass than pp
- Good **luminosity** to beam power ratio: high s-channel cross sections at high energy

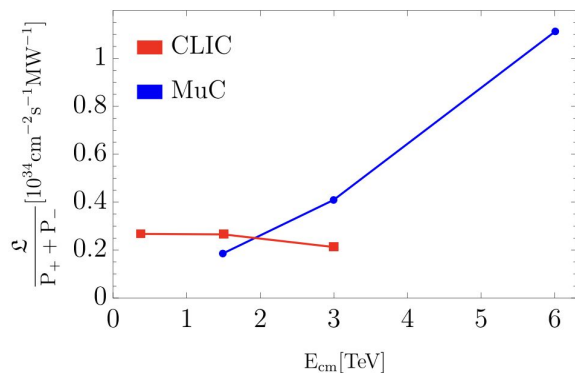
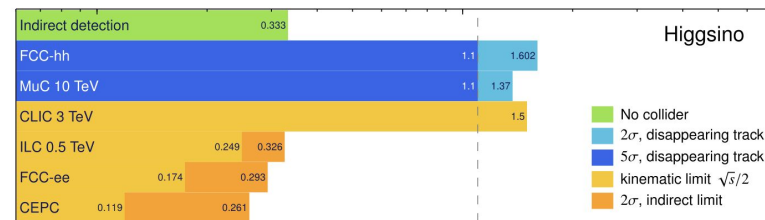


Fig. 10 MuC luminosity normalised to the muon beam power and compared to CLIC, for different beam energies

[Towards a muon collider. Eur. Phys. J. C **83**, 864 \(2023\)](#)

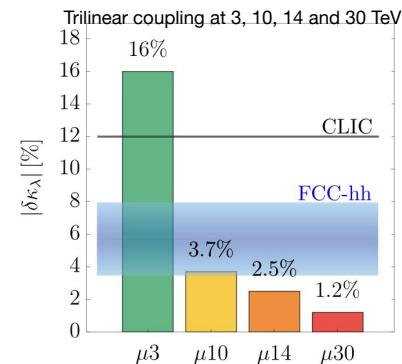
Physics reach

- Potential for new **discoveries**
- Precise **Higgs** studies
- Direct reach for physics coupled to **muons and neutrinos**



	HL-LHC	HL-LHC +10 TeV	HL-LHC +10 TeV + ee
κ_W	1.7	0.1	0.1
κ_Z	1.5	0.4	0.1
κ_g	2.3	0.7	0.6
κ_γ	1.9	0.8	0.8
$\kappa_{Z\gamma}$	10	7.2	7.1
κ_c	-	2.3	1.1
κ_b	3.6	0.4	0.4
κ_μ	4.6	3.4	3.2
κ_τ	1.9	0.6	0.4
κ_ν^*	3.3	3.1	3.1

* No input used for the MuC



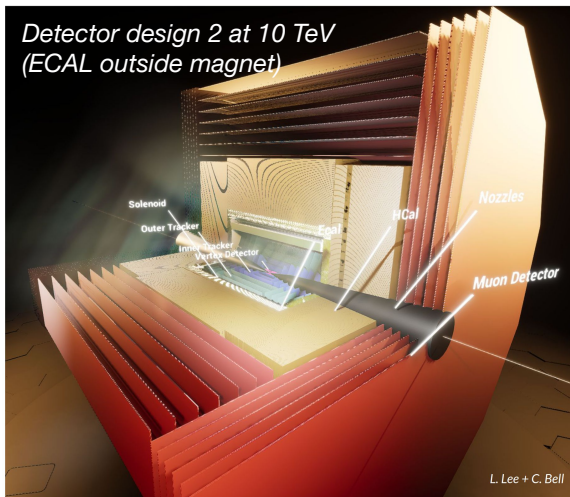
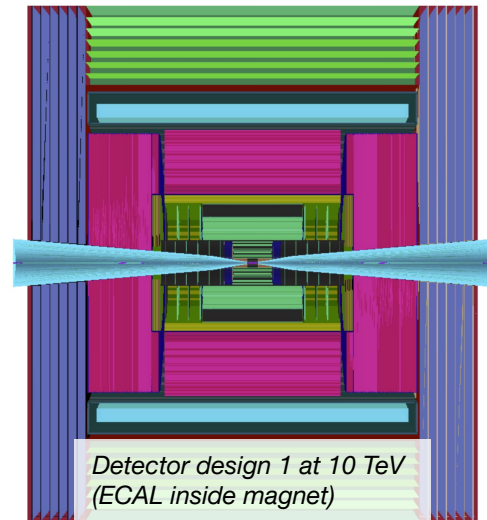
Detector design for 3 and 10 TeV

Design constrained by

- **BIB** levels
- **Machine** design: focusing quadrupoles at ± 6 m from IP
- **Physics** requirements: detector has to be sensitive to
 - **Central** objects from massive particle decays
 - **Low- p_T** objects from standard model processes (e.g. Higgs decays)
 - **Non-standard** signatures (e.g. displaced vertices and jets)

Has effects on

- detector design
- detector technologies
- software (e.g. reconstruction)



Experiment requirements

- Need **shielding** (nozzles) in forward region
- For BIB rejection:
 - High-**granularity** to handle high occupancy
 - Excellent **time resolution** to reject asynchronous BIB component
 - Good **energy resolution** to reject soft BIB spectrum by thresholds

Can be reached with technology available at HL-LHC

Two experimental designs

- **Two interaction points** allowed by the machine
- Generic detector design adapted **from CLIC**
Several improvements moving to 10 TeV, also valid for 3 TeV design
- Main change from 3 to 10 TeV design: moving **solenoid inside calorimeters** (higher B field)