

Detectors for Muon Collider

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UK Muon Collider

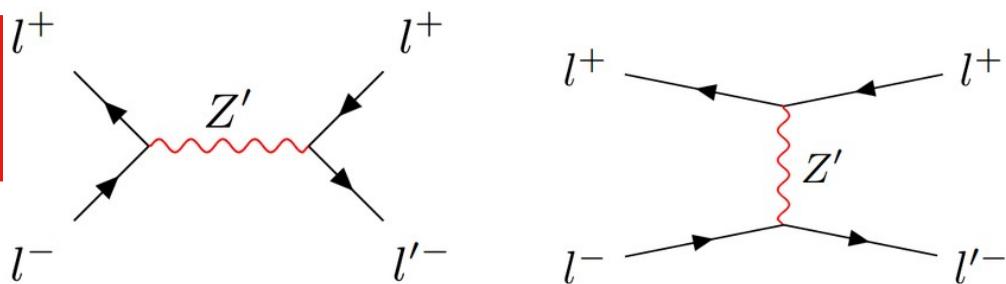
Three Challenges

The Physics

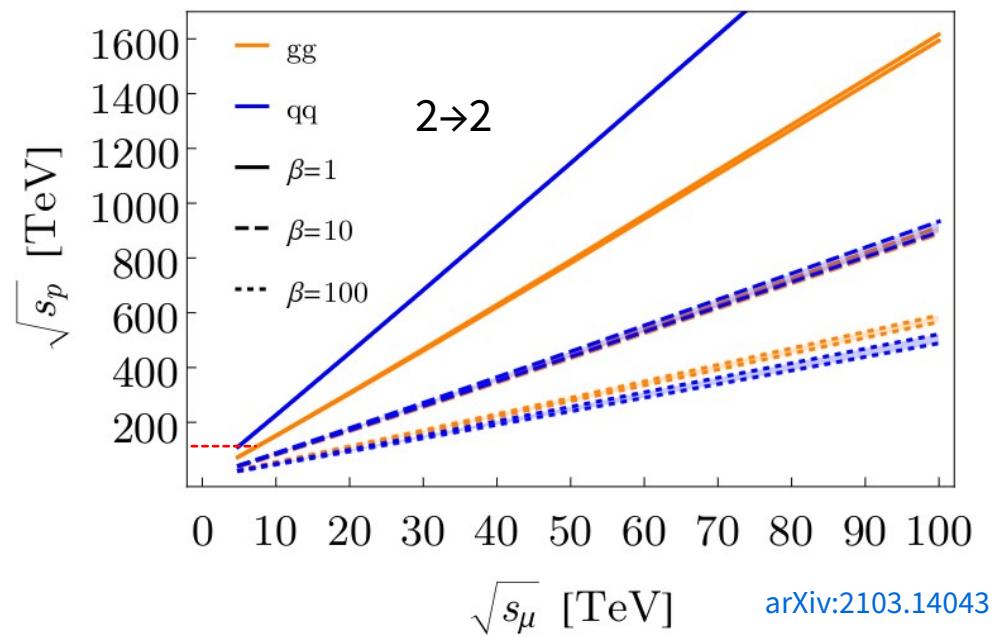
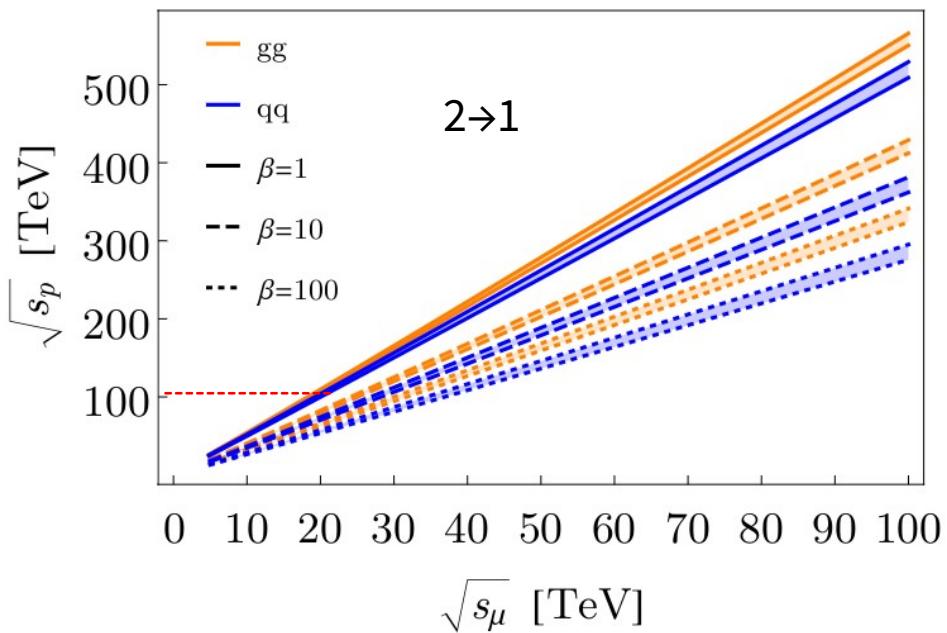
Will a Muon Collider
satisfy the physics goals?

- Precision Higgs
couplings
- BSM at higher energies

Direct Searches



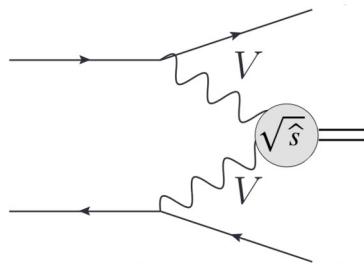
Muons are elementary = full beam energy used in collision



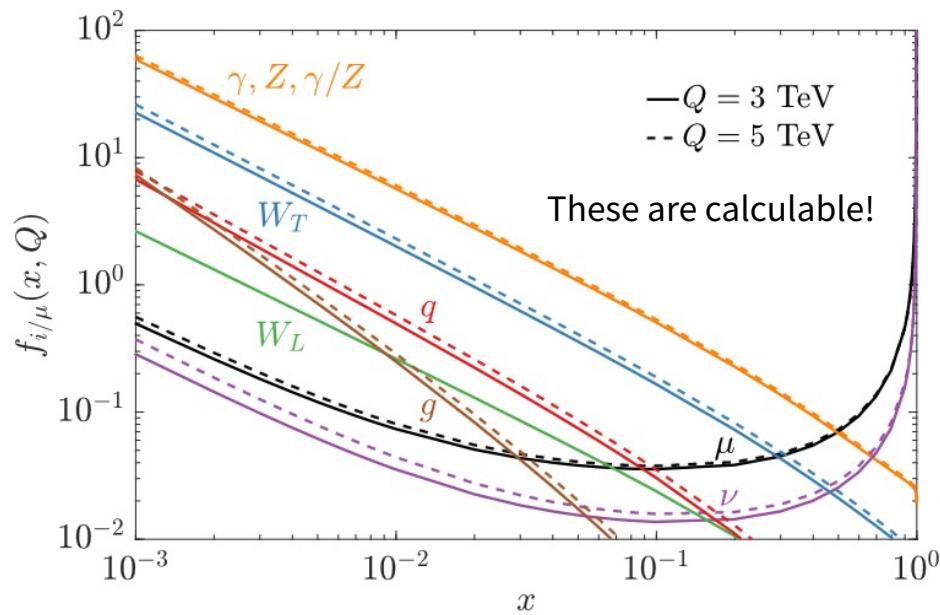
arXiv:2103.14043

100 TeV pp \approx 10-20 TeV $\mu\mu$

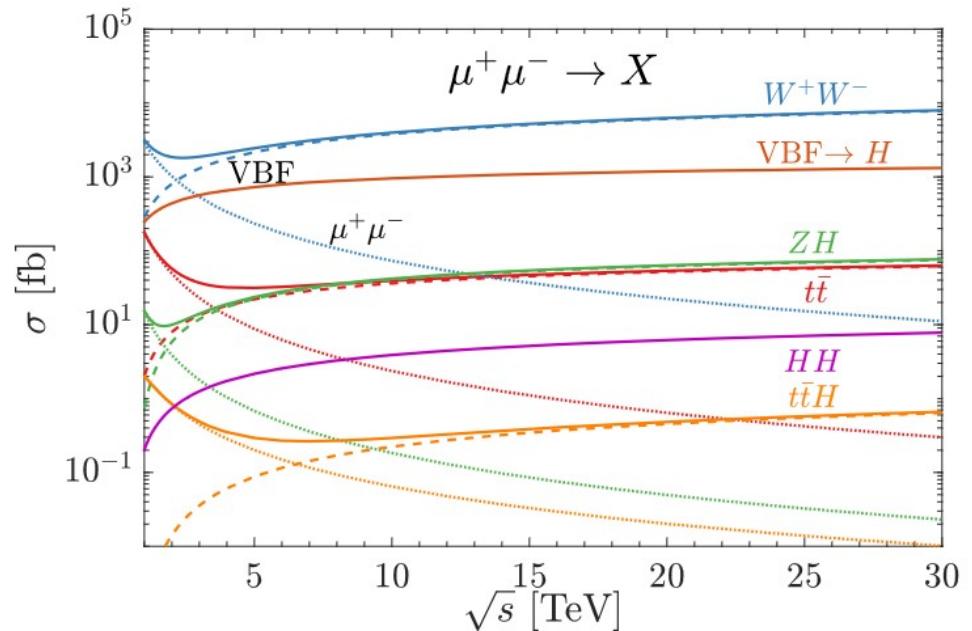
Vector Boson Fusion ($x \ll 1$)



Concept of **EW PDFs** useful for parametrizing productions.



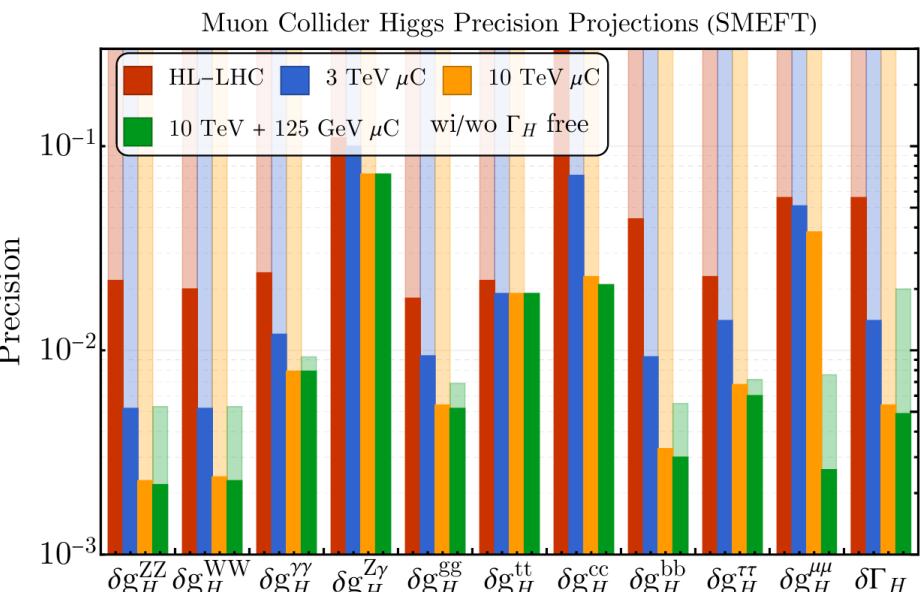
Standard Model (background) cross-sections.
VBF (solid) dominates over annihilation (dashed).



arXiv:2007.14300

Muon collider is a vector-boson collider

Couplings and Higgs Width

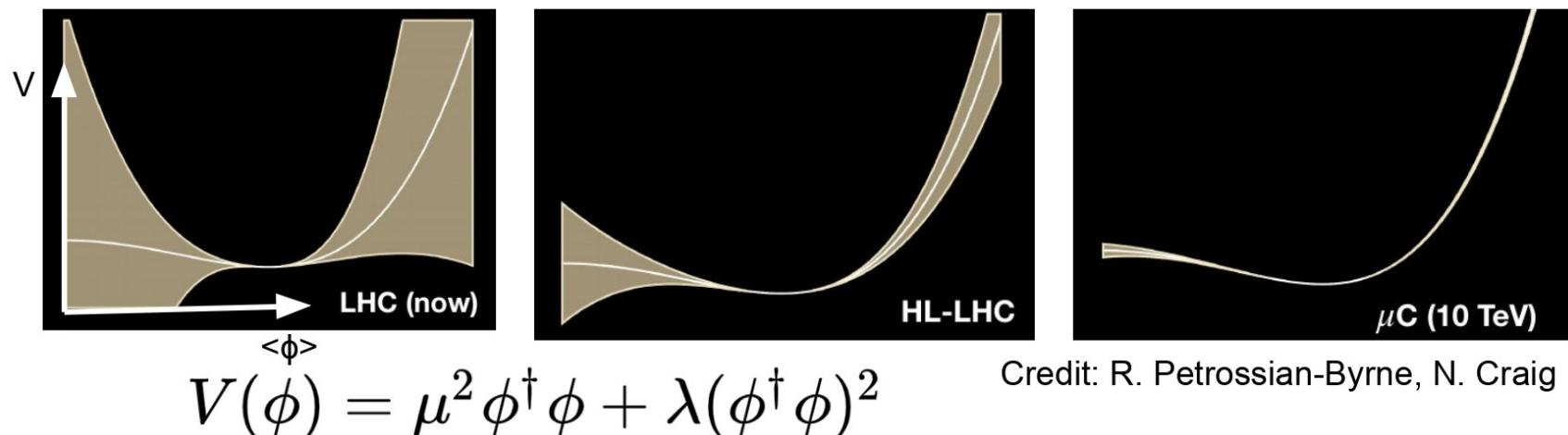


	HL-LHC	ILC (500)	FCC-ee/hh	μ C (10 TeV)
hzz	1.5	0.17	0.12	0.33
hww	1.7	0.20	0.14	0.10
hbb	3.7	0.50	0.43	0.23
$hy\gamma$	3.4	0.58	0.44	0.55
hgg	2.5	0.82	0.49	0.44
hcc	-	1.22	0.95	1.8
htt	1.8	1.22	0.29	0.71
hyz	9.8	10.2	0.69	5.5
$h\mu\mu$	4.3	3.9	0.41	2.5
htt	3.4	2.82	1.0	3.2
Γ_{tot}	5.3	0.63	1.1	0.5

- **>10 TeV μ C required for Higgs physics**
- **Precision competitive with FCC-ee/hh**
 - Except couplings with small BR's

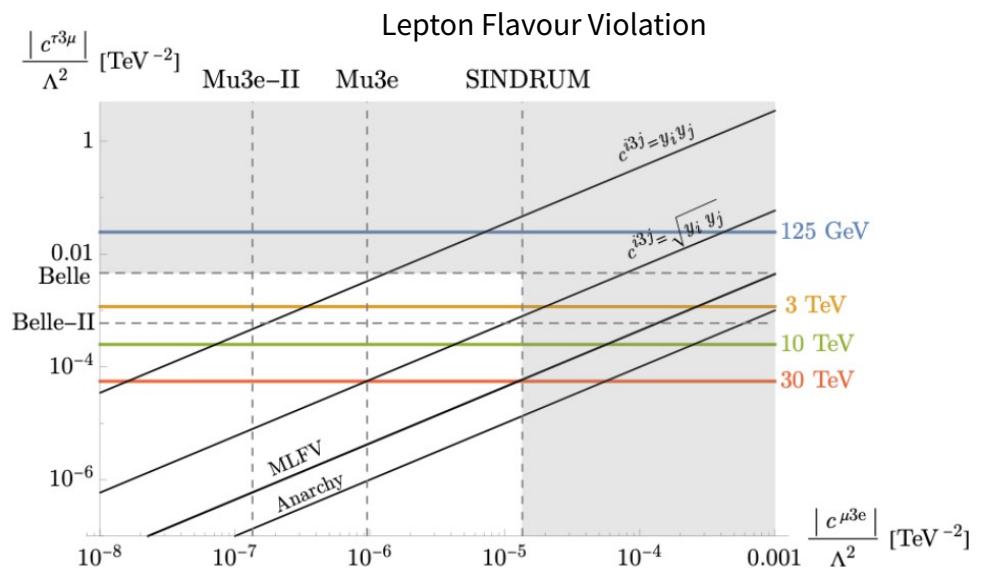
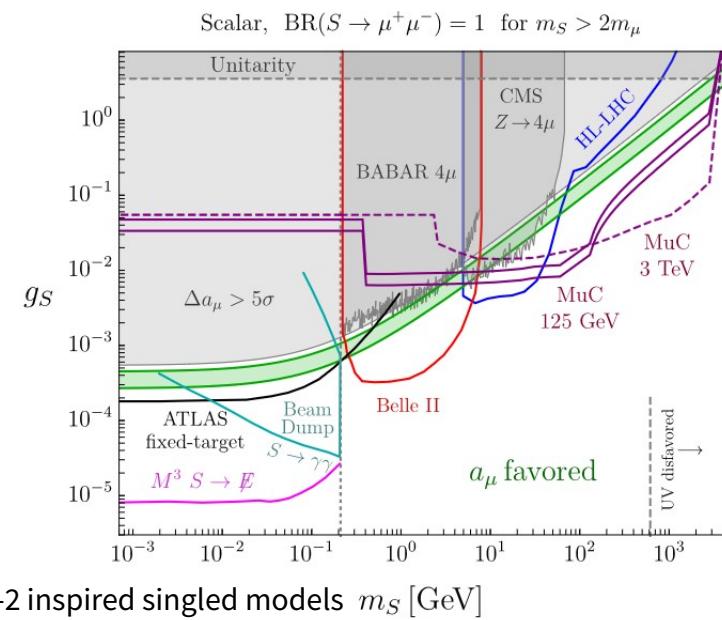
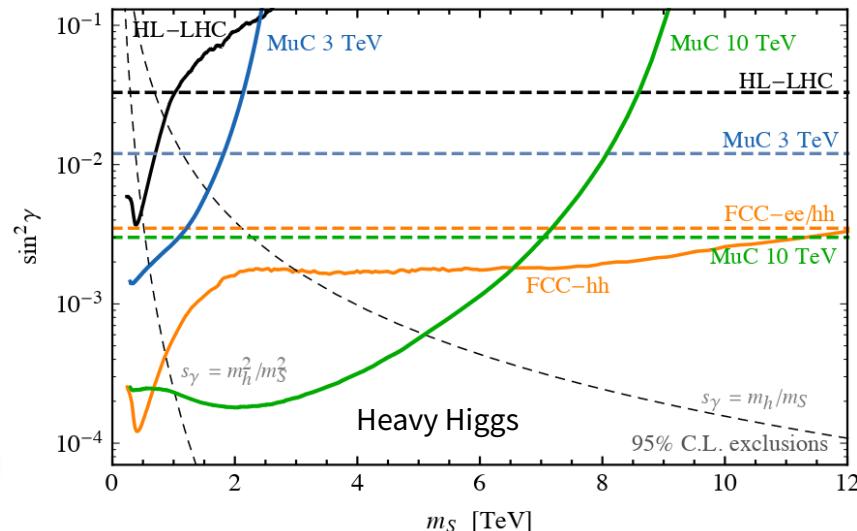
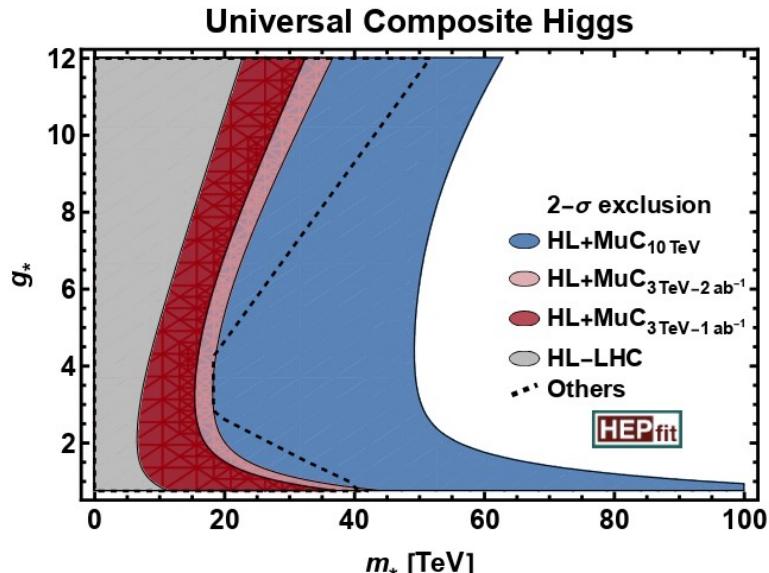
Higgs Self-Coupling (SM DiHiggs)

collider	Indirect- h	hh	combined
HL-LHC [78]	100-200%	50%	50%
ILC ₂₅₀ /C ³ -250 [51, 52]	49%	—	49%
ILC ₅₀₀ /C ³ -550 [51, 52]	38%	20%	20%
CLIC ₃₈₀ [54]	50%	—	50%
CLIC ₁₅₀₀ [54]	49%	36%	29%
CLIC ₃₀₀₀ [54]	49%	9%	9%
FCC-ee [55]	33%	—	33%
FCC-ee (4 IPs) [55]	24%	—	24%
FCC-hh [79]	—	3.4-7.8% 3.4-7.8%	Multi-TeV collider is required for higgs self-coupling
μ (3 TeV) [64]	—	15-30% 15-30%	
μ (10 TeV) [64]	—	4% 4%	



And many more...

Towards a muon collider



Three Challenges

The Detector

Is the collision environment clean for precision physics?

- How to deal with Beam Induced Background

The MUSIC Detector

MUSIC Detector Concept

Muon Collider

Simulation

Hadronic Calorimeter

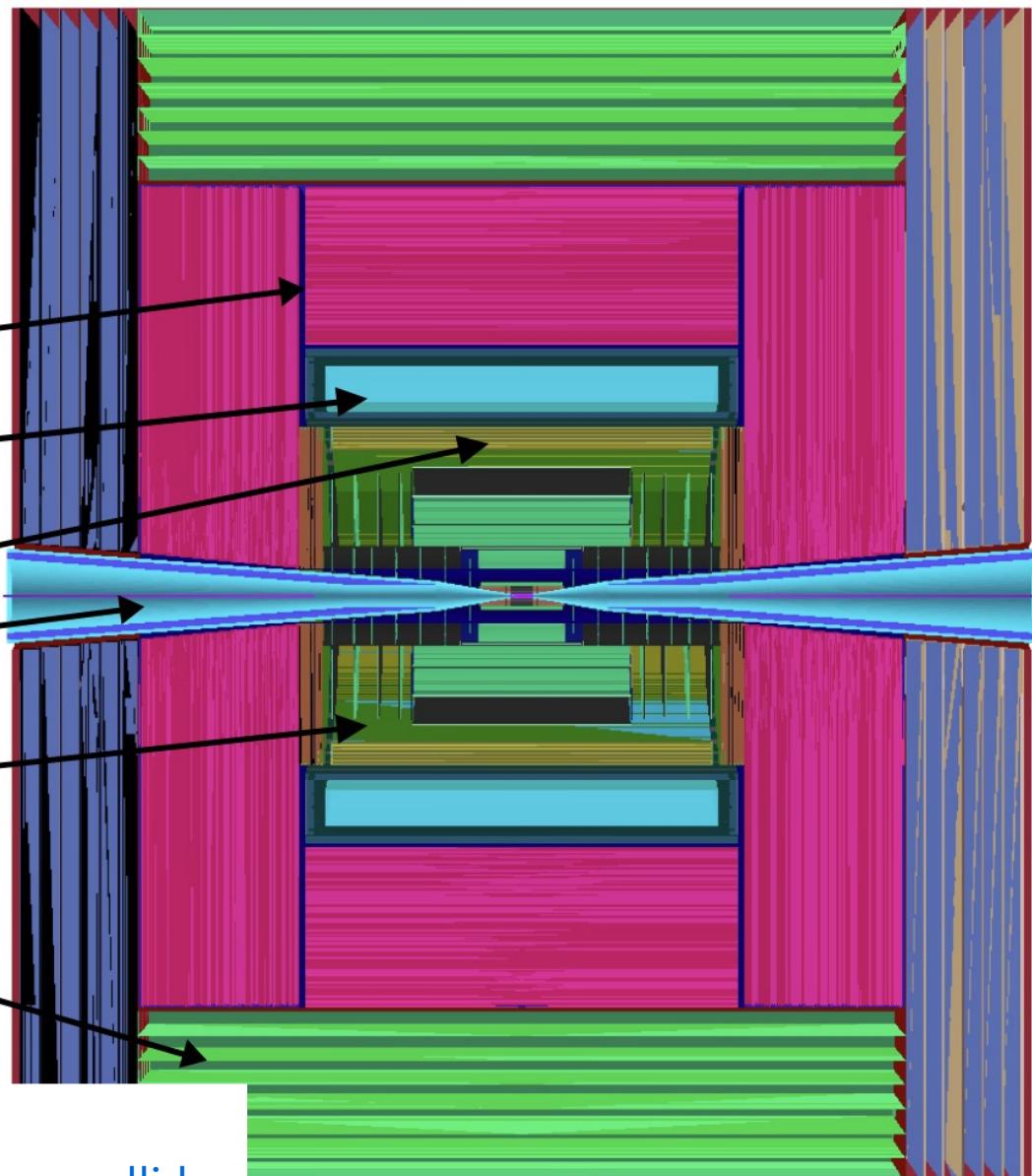
Solenoid

Electromagnetic Calorimeter



Silicon Tracker

Muon System

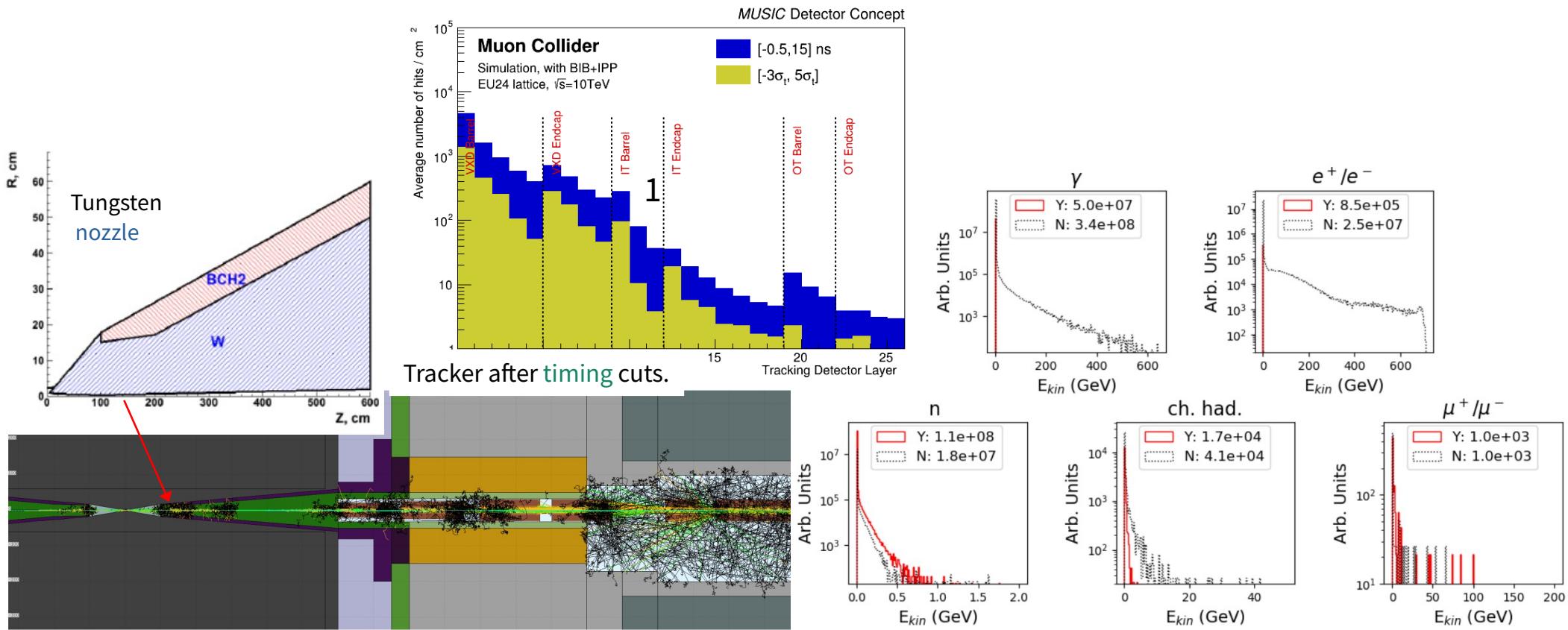


A similar concept being developed in “US”.

MAIA: A new detector concept for a 10 TeV muon collider

Beam Induced Background

- BIB = muon beam decays and strike the detector
- Several main mitigation
 - 10° tungsten nozzle to shield from beam decay products
 - Precision timing information from detectors

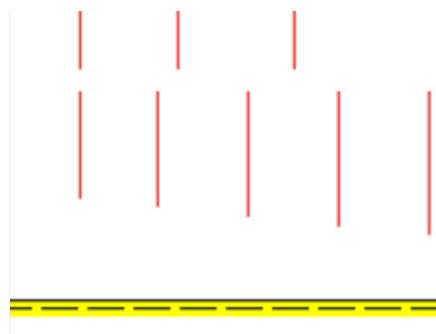
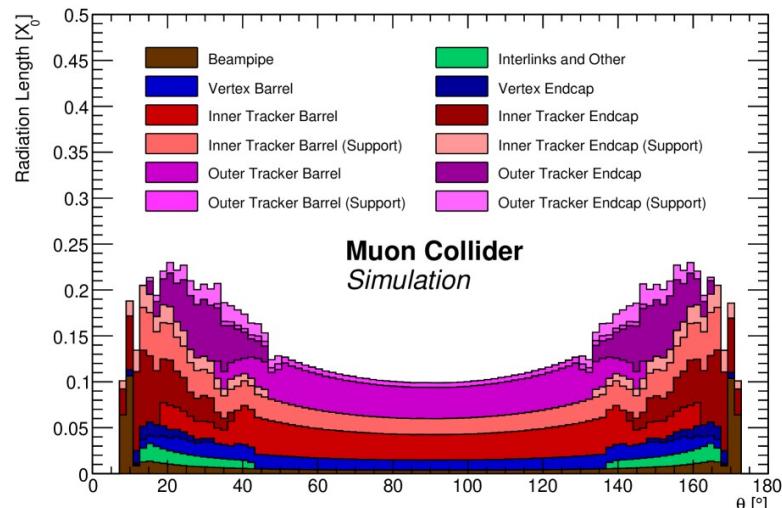


FLUKA simulation of BIB before reaching the detector. (1.5 TeV study)

Particle energy spectra with (Y) and without (N) nozzle. (1.5 TeV study)

All-Silicon Tracking Detector

Material description



Vertex Detector (VXD)

- pixels
- $25 \mu\text{m} \times 25 \mu\text{m}$
- $\sigma_t = 30 \text{ ps}$



Outer Tracker (OT)

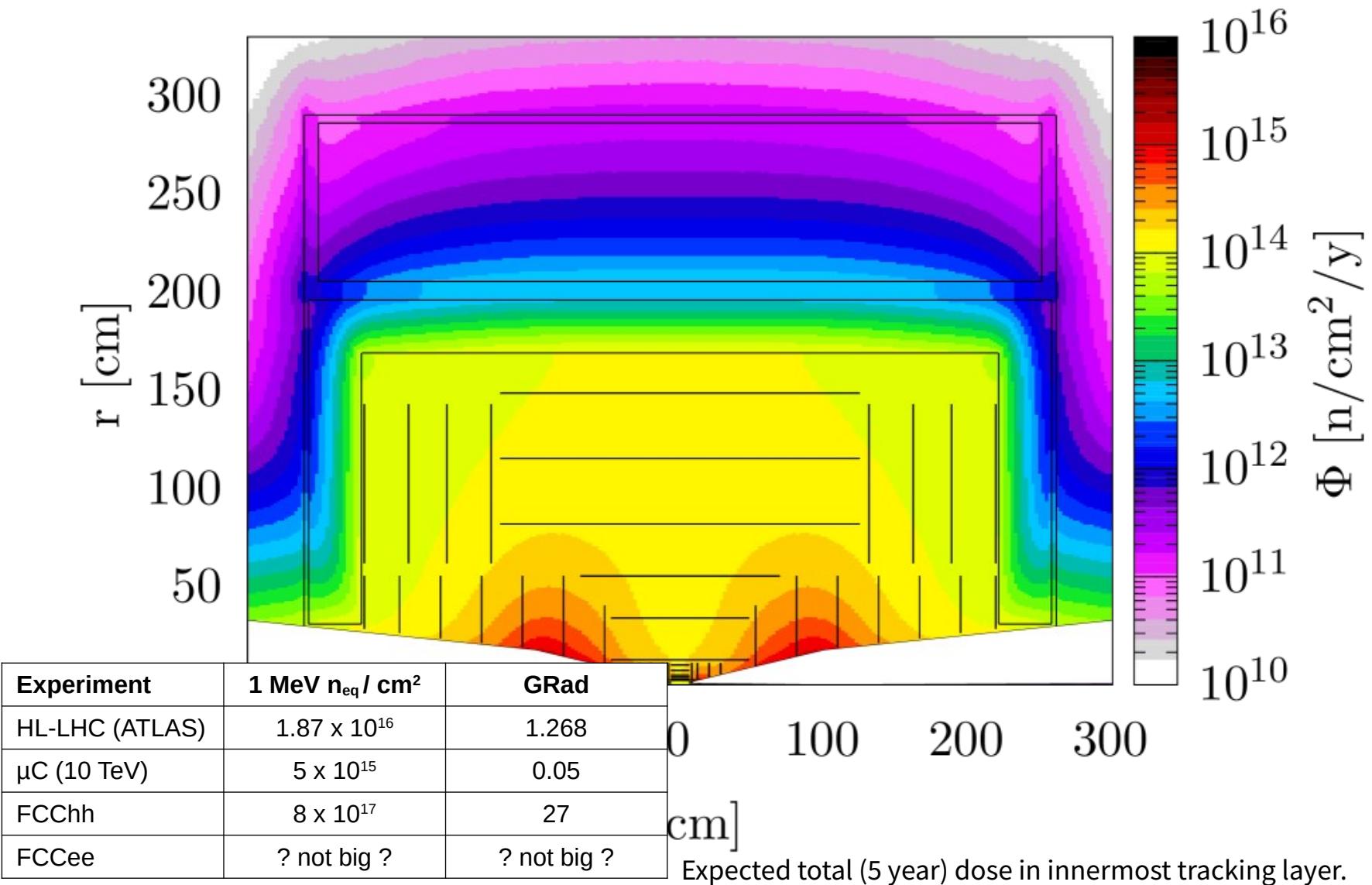
- micro-strips
- $50 \mu\text{m} \times 10 \text{ mm}$
- $\sigma_t = 60 \text{ ps}$

Inner Tracker (IT)

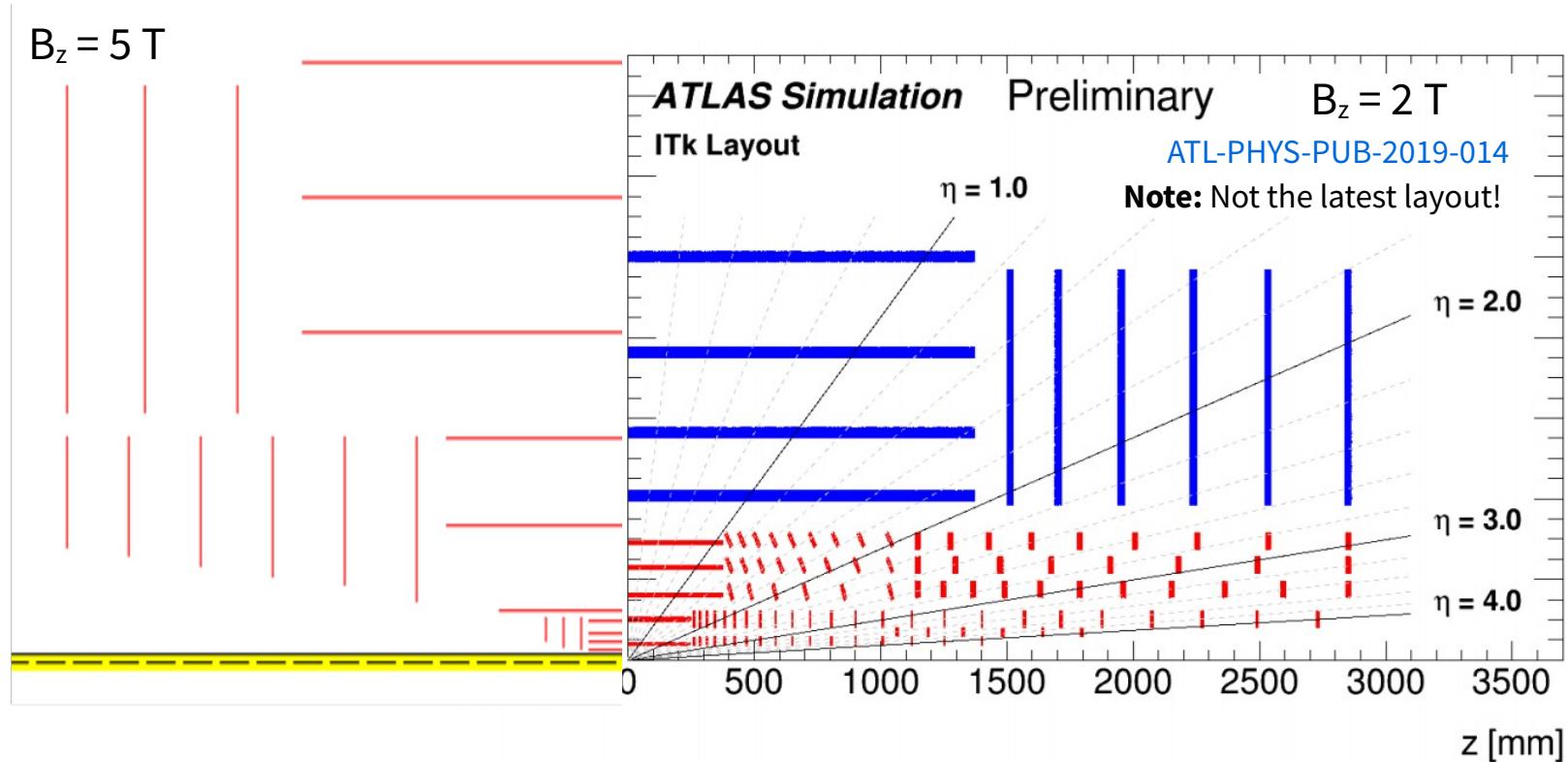
- macro-pixels
- $50 \mu\text{m} \times 1 \text{ mm}$
- $\sigma_t = 60 \text{ ps}$

Radiation Damage From BIB

Yearly 1 MeV n. eq. fluence in Si in MUSIC detector



The Scale of BIB



Hit density
after timing cuts
10x HL-LHC

	ITk Hit Density [mm ⁻²]	MCC Equiv. Hit Density [mm ⁻²]
Pix Lay 0	0.643	3
Pix Lay 1	0.022	0.5
Str Lay 1	0.003	0.1

ITk Pixels TDR, ITk Strips TDR

Detector R&D

Similar challenges at FCChh and μ C, but μ C is easier.

** Sorry for tracking bias.

Source: [The 2021 ECFA detector research and development roadmap](#) (with updates).

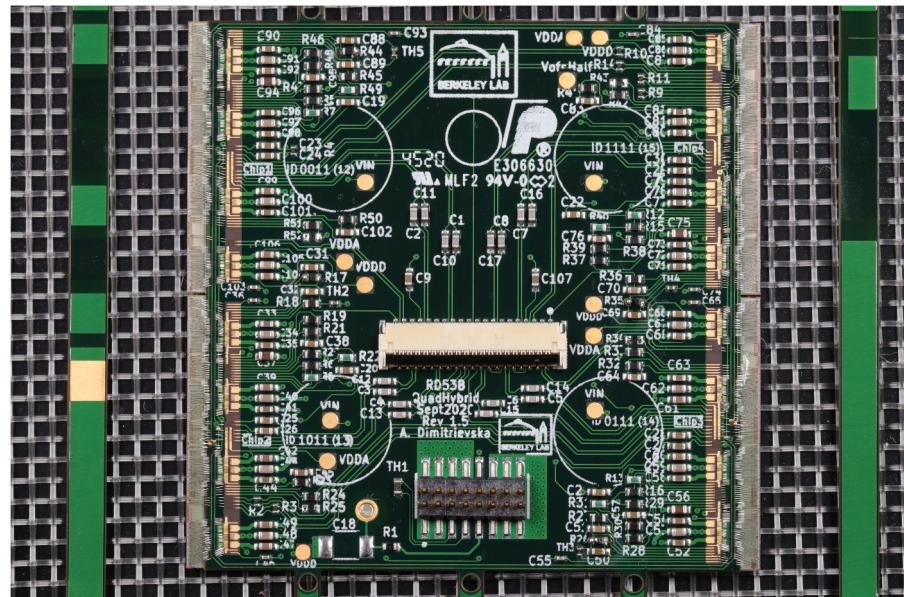
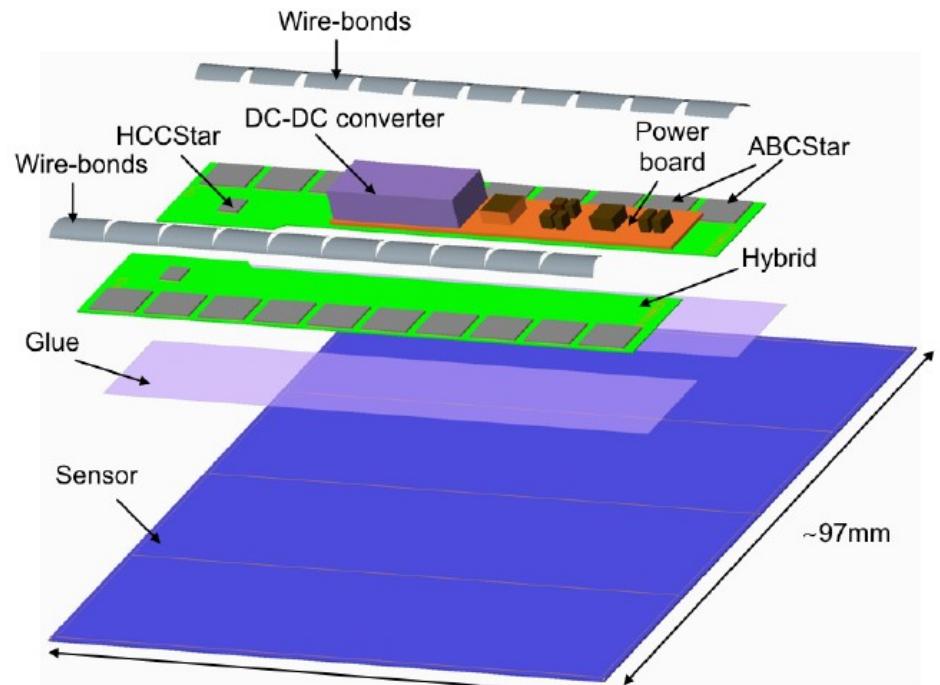
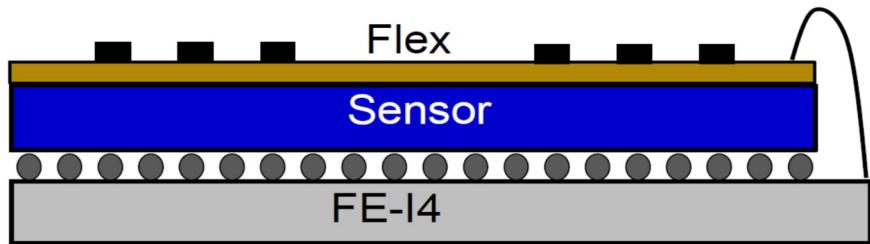
"Technical" Start Date of Facility (This means, where the dates are not known, the earliest technically feasible start date is indicated - such that detector R&D readiness is not the delaying factor)				< 2030				2030-2035				2035 - 2040		2040-2045		> 2045			
				Panda 2025	CBM 2025	HICKE 2030 :=	Belle II 2026	ALICE LS3 ¹⁾	ALICE 3	LHCb (\geq LS4 ¹⁾)	ATLAS/CMS (\geq LS4 ¹⁾)	EIC	LHeC	ILC ²⁾	FCC-ee	CLIC ²⁾	FCC-hh	FCC-eh	Muon Collider
Vertex Detector ³⁾	MAPS Planar/3D/Passive CMOS LGADs	DRDT 3.1 DRDT 3.4	Position precision σ_{hit} (μm)		≈ 5		$\lesssim 5$	≈ 3	$\lesssim 3$	$\lesssim 10$	$\lesssim 15$	$\lesssim 3$	≈ 5	$\lesssim 3$	$\lesssim 3$	≈ 7	≈ 5	$\lesssim 5$	
			X/X ₀ (%/layer)	$\lesssim 0.1$	≈ 0.5	≈ 0.5	$\lesssim 0.1$	≈ 0.05	≈ 0.05	≈ 1		≈ 0.05	$\lesssim 0.1$	≈ 0.05	$\lesssim 0.2$	≈ 1	$\lesssim 0.1$	$\lesssim 0.2$	
		DRDT 3.2	Power (mW/cm ²)		≈ 60			≈ 20	≈ 20			≈ 20		≈ 20	≈ 50				
			Rates (GHz/cm ²)		≈ 0.1	≈ 1	$\lesssim 0.1$		$\lesssim 0.1$	≈ 6		$\lesssim 0.1$	≈ 0.1	≈ 0.05	≈ 0.05	≈ 5	≈ 30	≈ 0.1	50
			Wafers area (") ⁴⁾					12	12			12			12	12	12	12	
	DRDT 3.3	Timing precision σ_t (ns) ⁵⁾	10		$\lesssim 0.05$	100			25	$\lesssim 0.05$	$\lesssim 0.05$	25	25	500	25	≈ 5	$\lesssim 0.02$	25	$\lesssim 0.02$
		Radiation tolerance NIEL ($\times 10^{16}$ neq/cm ²)			1					≈ 6	≈ 2						$\approx 10^2$	0.5	
		Radiation tolerance TID (Grad)								≈ 1	≈ 0.5						≈ 30	0.05	

Technology demonstrators?

4D tracking, high data rates, rad hard

ATLAS ITk: Example of Current Trackers

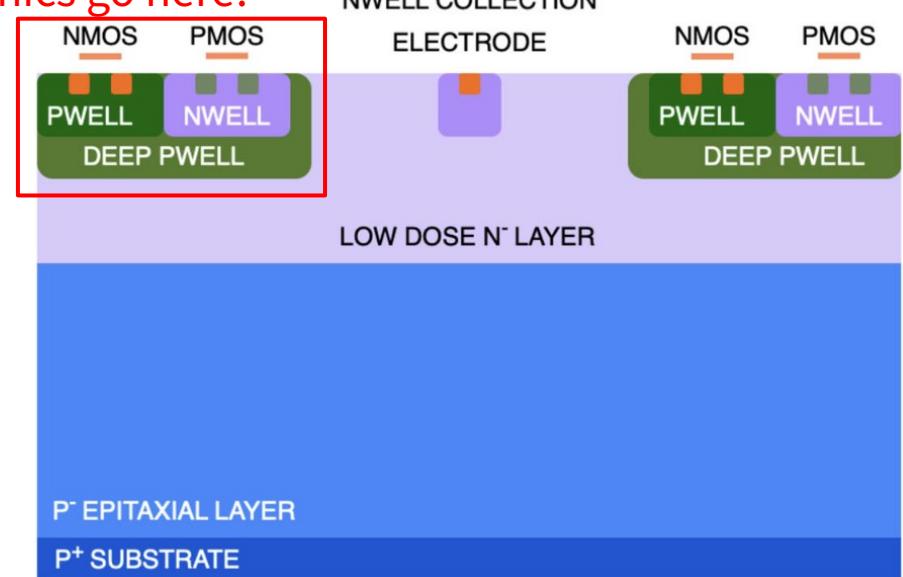
Neither contain precision timing information!



Key Theme in Tracker (Sensor) R&D: Monolithic

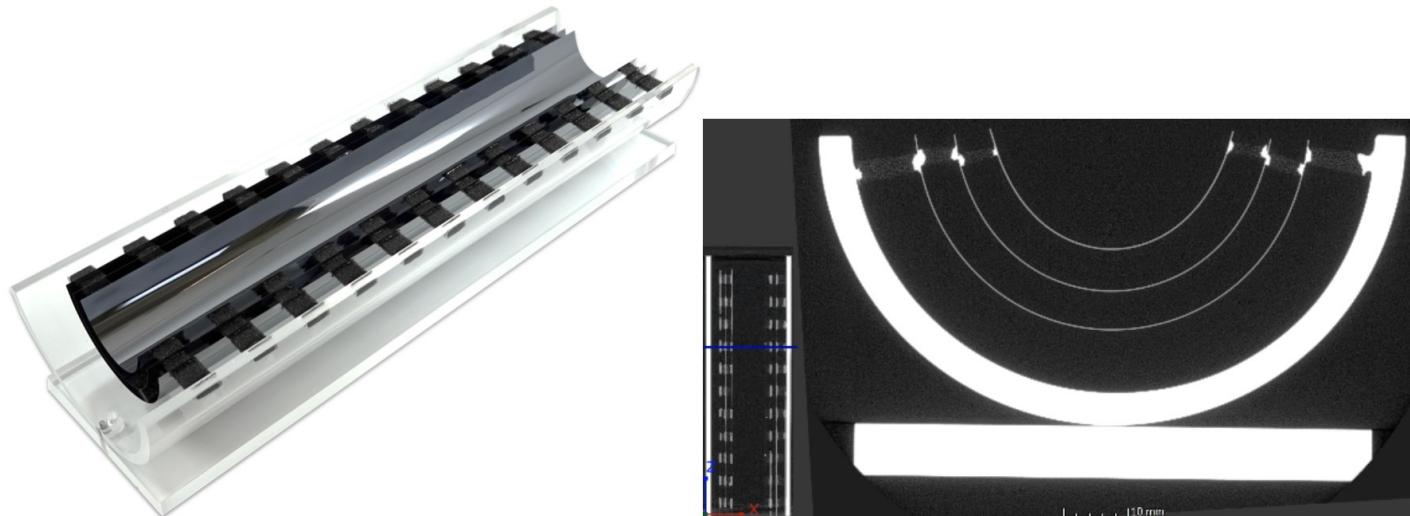
- Thin → low scattering → precision
- Fully integrated → “easier” construction

Electronics go here!



Example Applications:

- ALICE ITS3
- ePIC experiment at EIC
- Pretty much anything that needs a tracker...

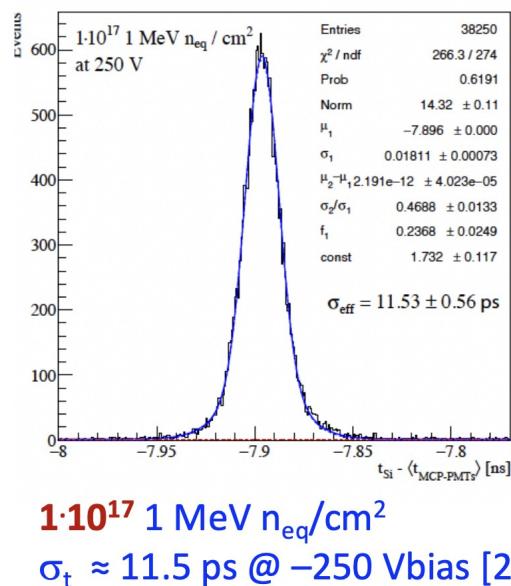


Key Theme in Tracker (Sensor) R&D: Timing

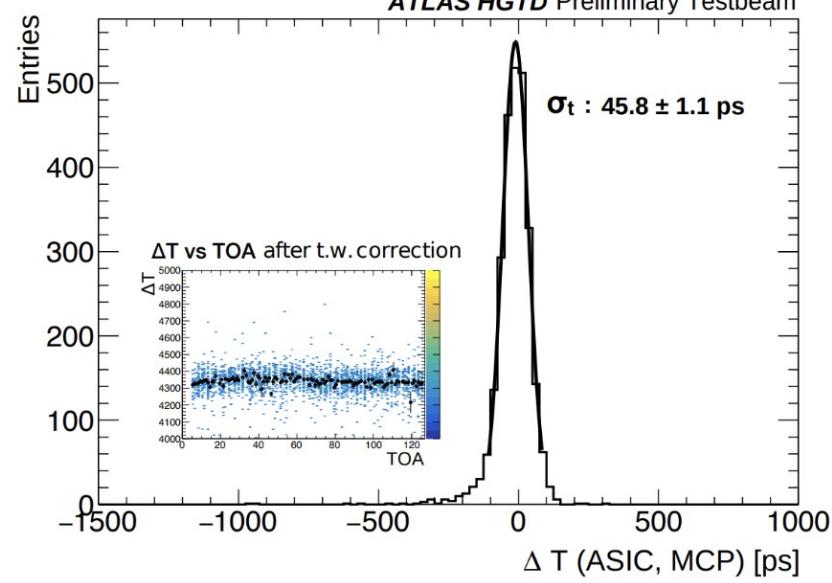
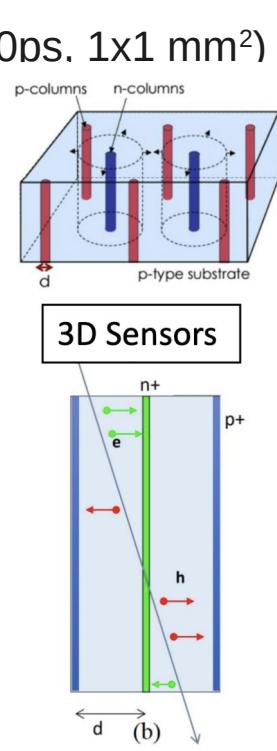
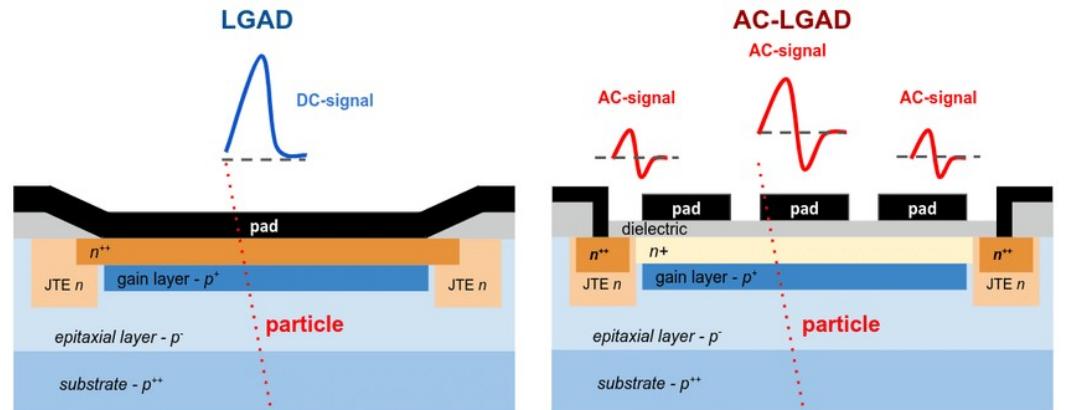
- Need “fast” (thin) sensors.
- Need Time-To-Digital circuitry.

Example Applications:

- NA62 (100ps, 300x300 μm^2)
- LHCb VELO Phase 2 (50ps, 50x50 μm^2)
- ATLAS HGTD and CMS ETL (50ps, 1x1 mm 2)



3D sensor performance from TIMESPOT

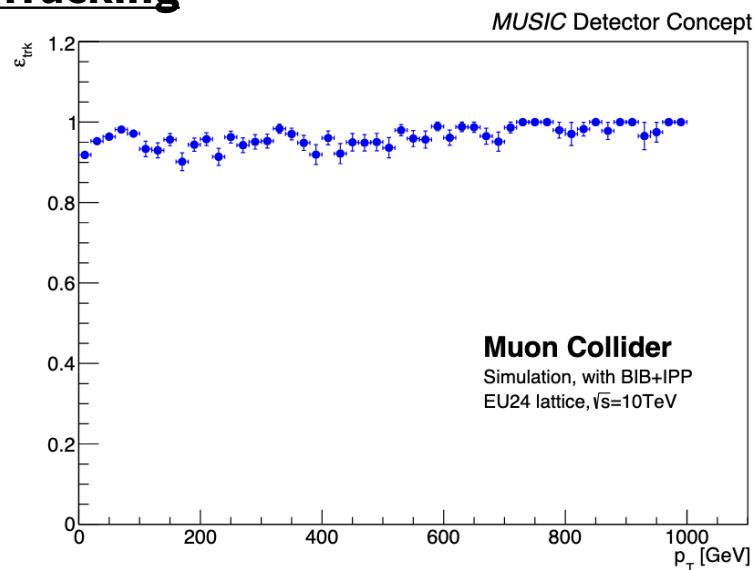


HGTD results from ATLAS HGTD hybrid.

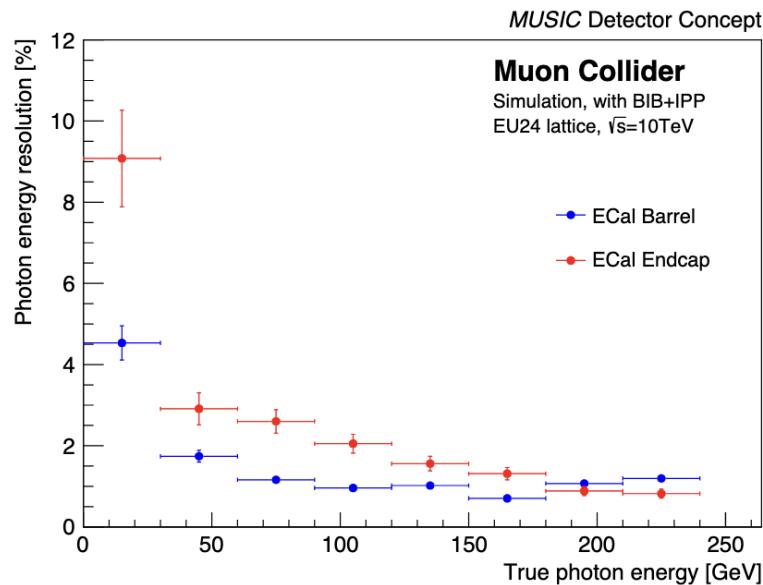
Object Reconstruction

[Similar plots exist for MAIA.](#)

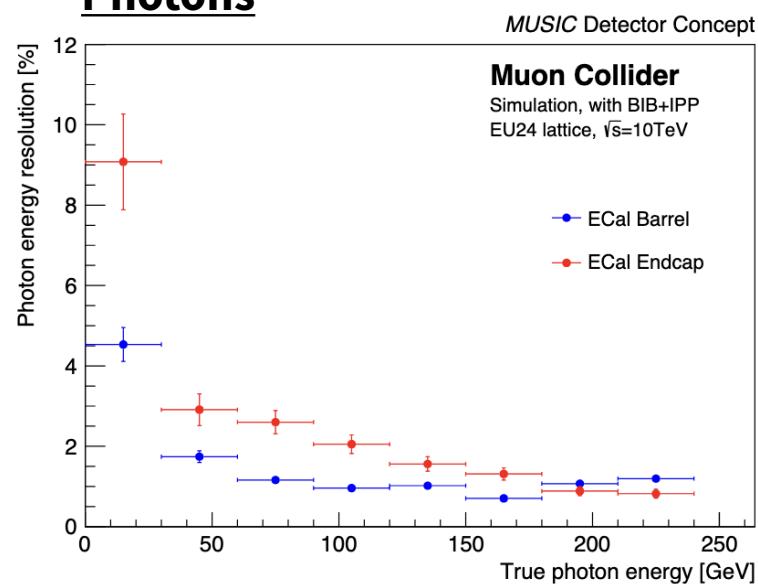
Tracking



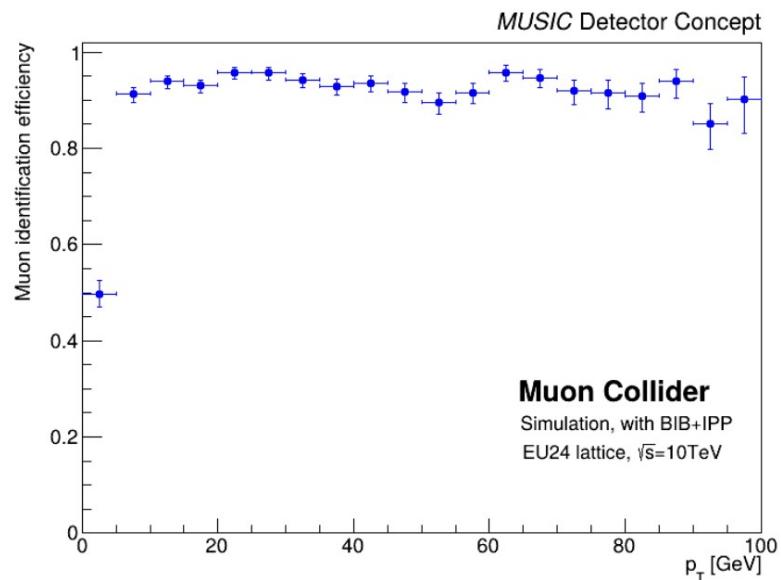
Jets



Photons

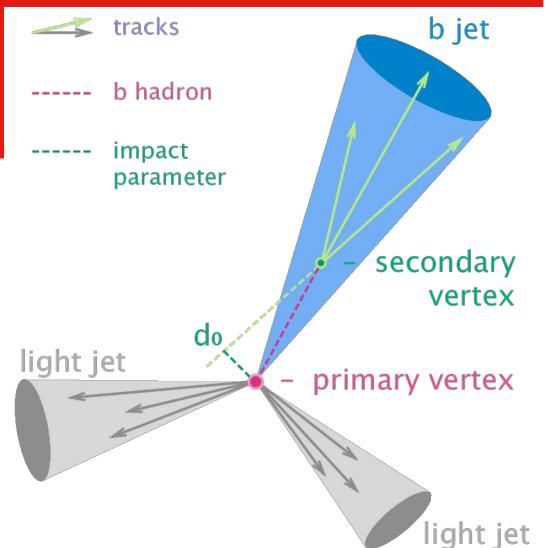


Muons

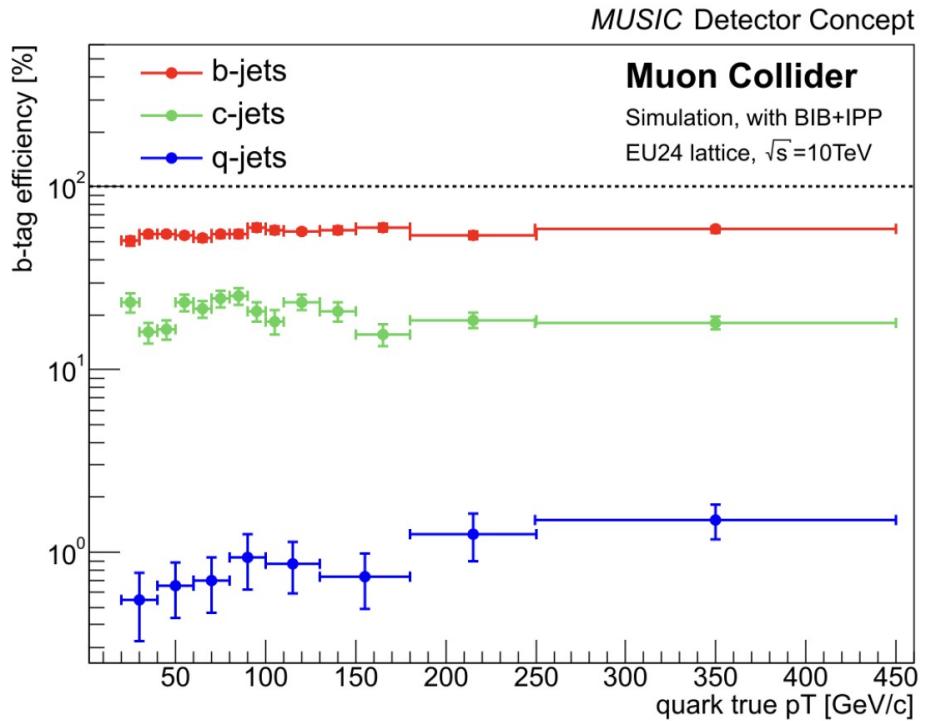


b-jet identification

- Important for Higgs studies.
 - Most common decays is into two b-quarks.

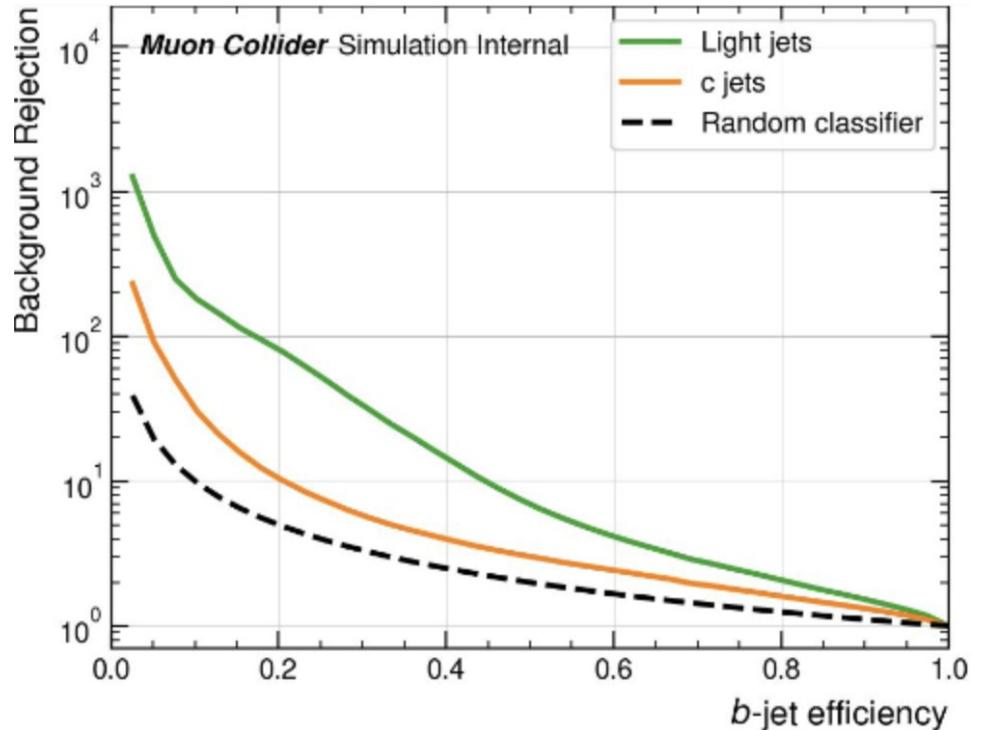


by explicit secondary vertex reconstruction



by Machine Learning (ATLAS SALT framework)

Prelim work by Saurabh Saini (Sussex) and Abigail McIntosh (Birmingham)



Conclusions

Muon Collider is competitive with FCC, but “simpler”.

Physics

- Increase in activity as part of ESPPU/Snowmass studies.
- 10 TeV collider meets the necessary goals.

Accelerator

- See all other talks today!

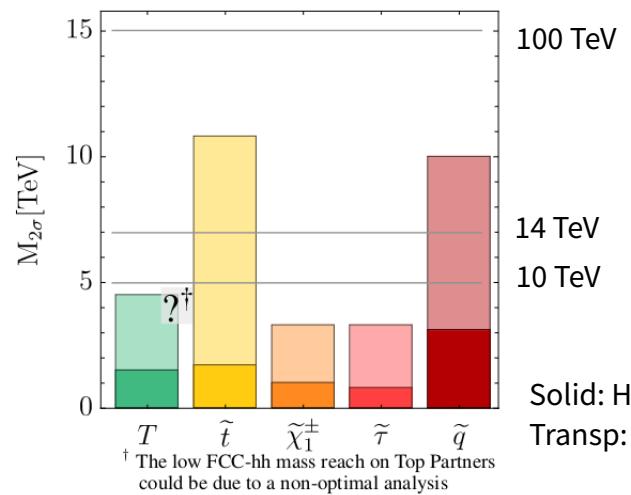
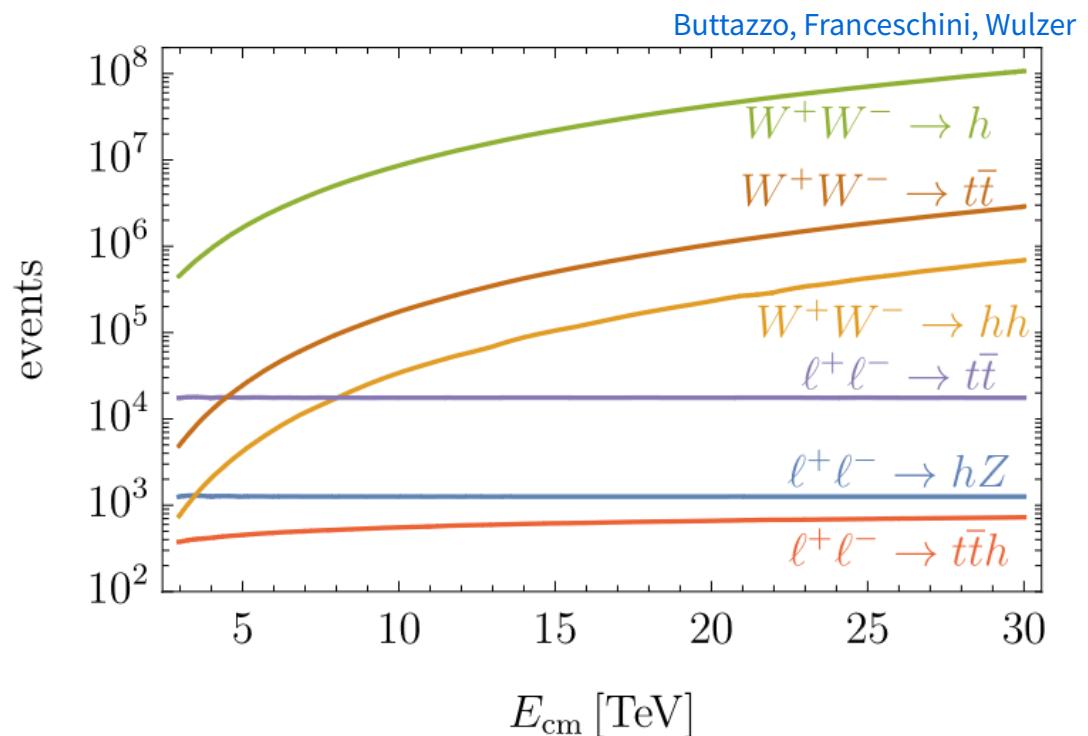
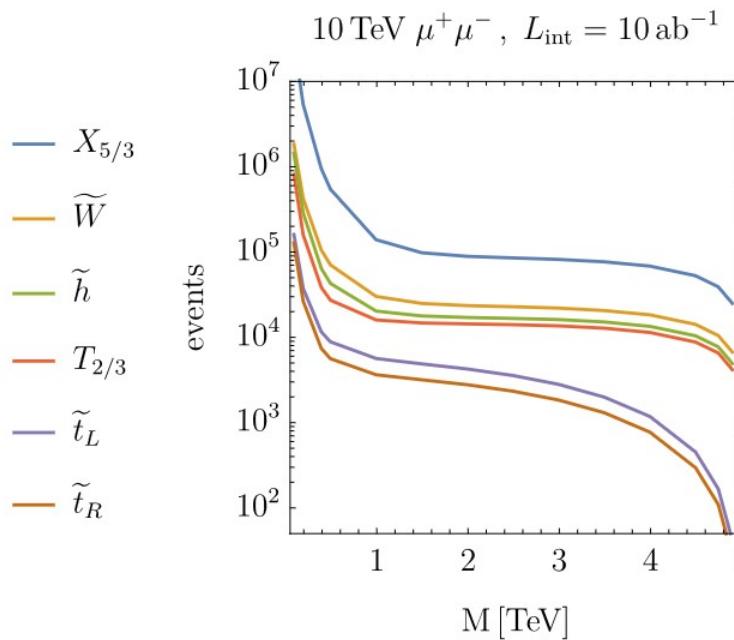
Detector

- Beam Induced Backgrounds creates a very unclean environment.
- Two concepts with advanced object reconstruction studies.
 - Created since Snowmass. Shows maturity of framework.
- *Lots of progress, but still need to understand effect on physics goals.*

BACKUP SLIDES

Event Counts

A few common BSM signals (left)
and backgrounds (right).



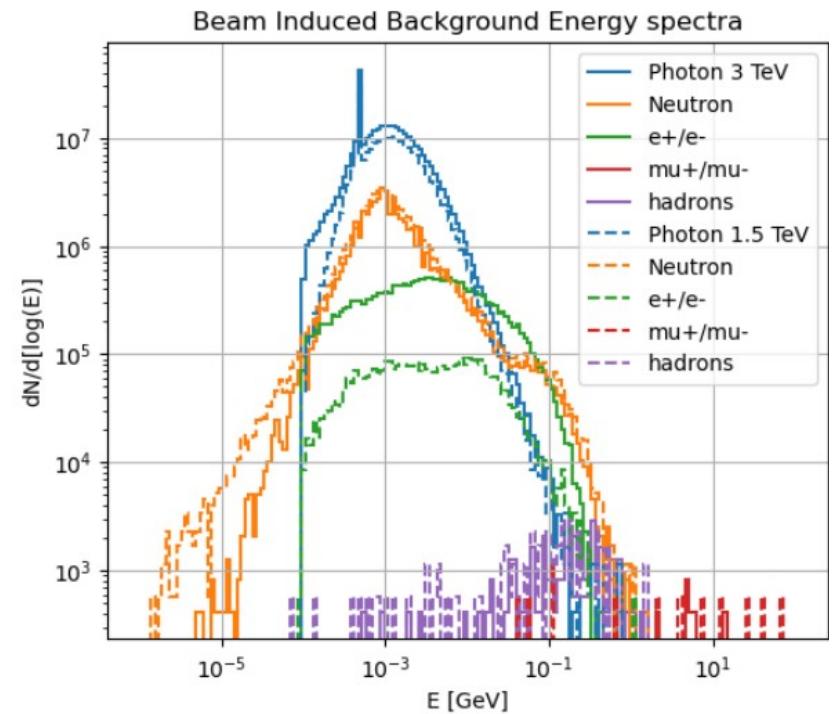
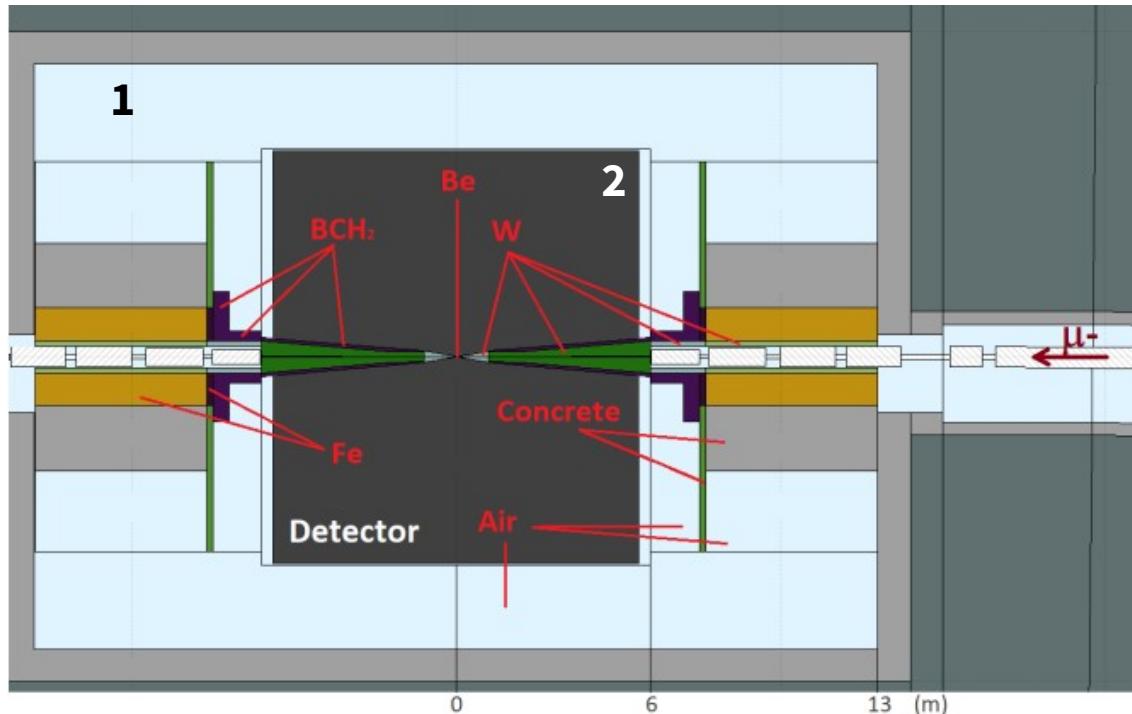
Tentative event reach *competitive* with FCChh for **EW states**.
Reach is tentative as detector effects and more detailed analysis needed.

Simulating Beam Induced Background

1) Muon trajectory, decay and transport of products via FLUKA

- Full beam optics present through LineBuilder Interface

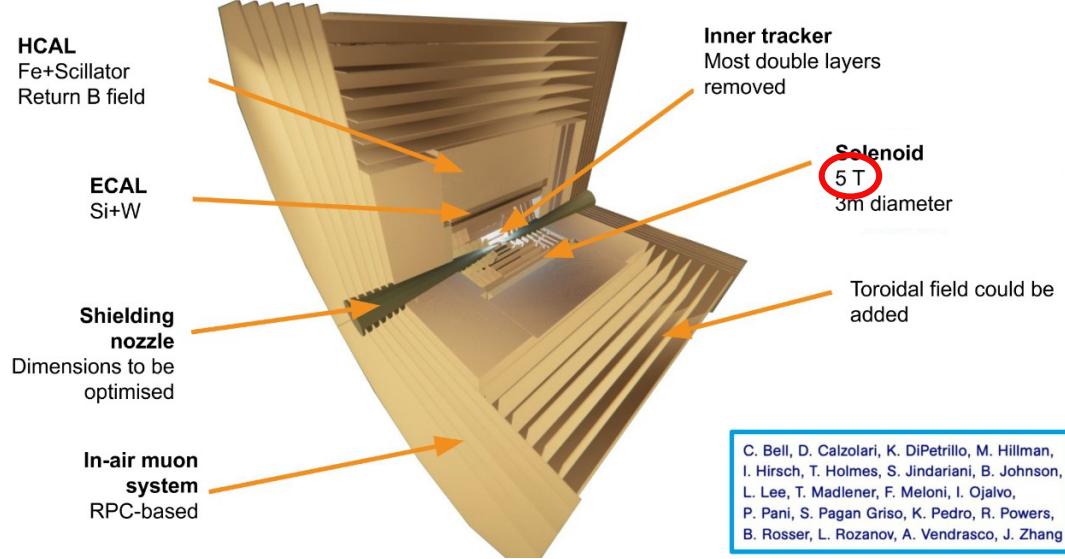
2) GEANT simulation of particles entering the detector



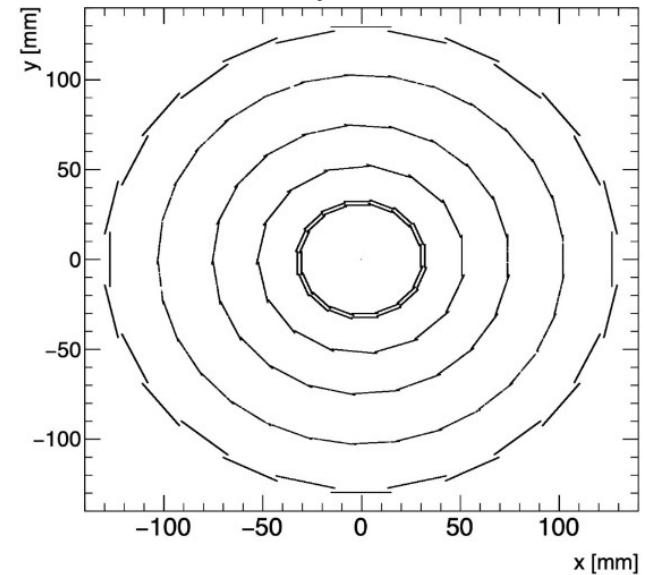
1.5 TeV vs 10 TeV

Summary by B. Rosser

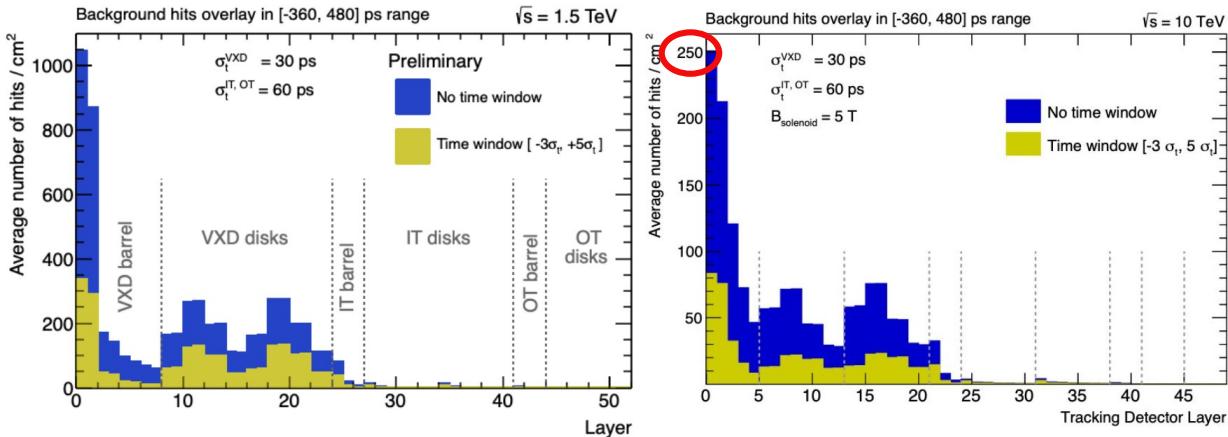
Concept developed at [KITP workshop at Santa Barbara](#)



Removed double layers in tracker



BIB is less of an issue.



But scattered muons from ZZ are more forward (nozzle)

