

RD MuCol Bari

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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

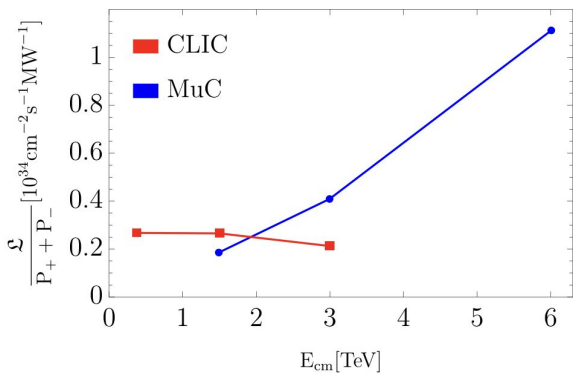
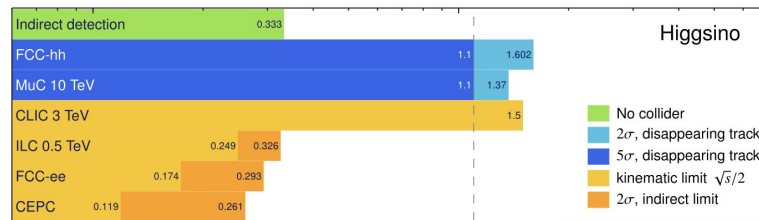


Fig. 10 MuC luminosity normalised to the muon beam power and compared to CLIC, for different beam energies

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

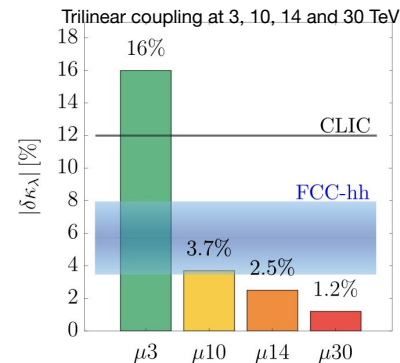
Physics reach

- 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



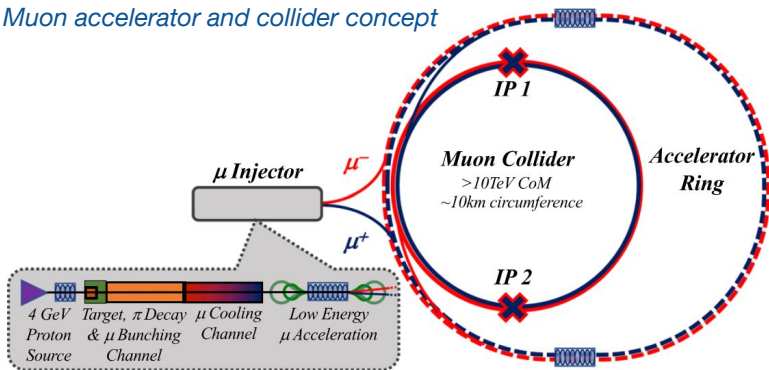
INFN Muon collider challenges

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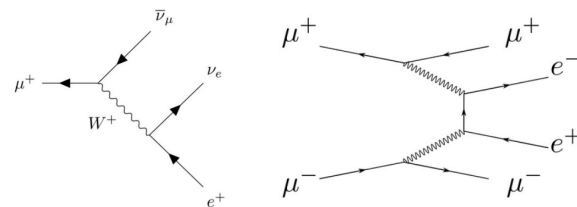
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Requires fast production, cooling (transverse emittance reduction) and acceleration

Muon accelerator and collider concept



Addressed first by US muon acceleration program (MAP), now by IMCC

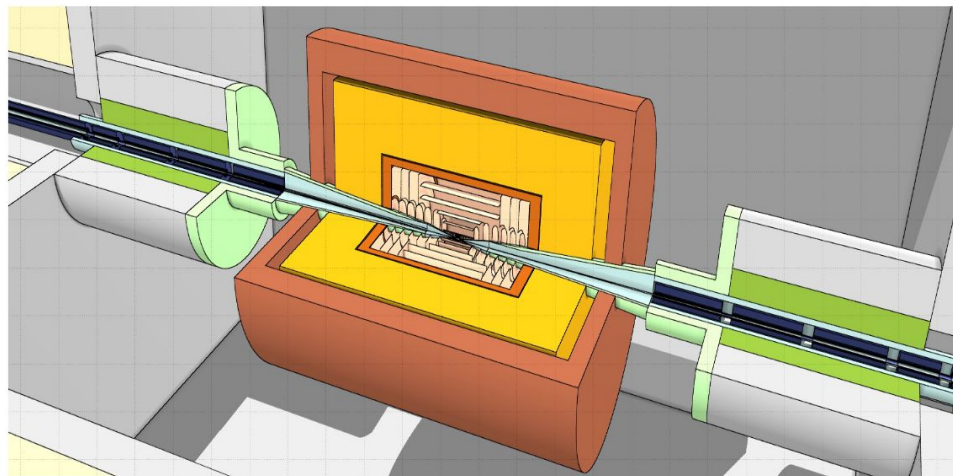


Muon decay

Asynchronous **beam-induced background** (BIB) in experiments

1. Mostly photons, neutrons and electrons
2. Incoherent e^+e^- pairs produced at bunch crossing

Mitigation by **shielding** and choice of **detector** technologies



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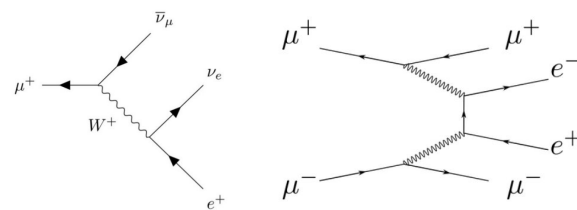
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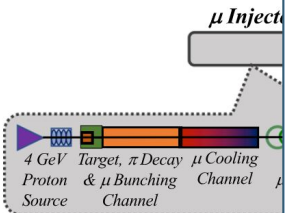
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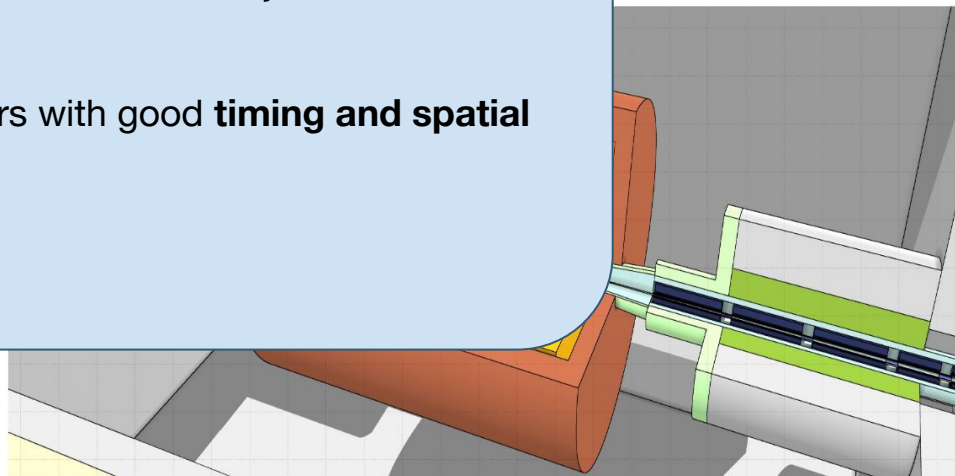
What do we need?

- A **demonstrator** to prove that we are able to reduce the transverse emittance of a muon beam by at least a factor 2.
- **Radiation hard** detectors with good **timing and spatial resolution**

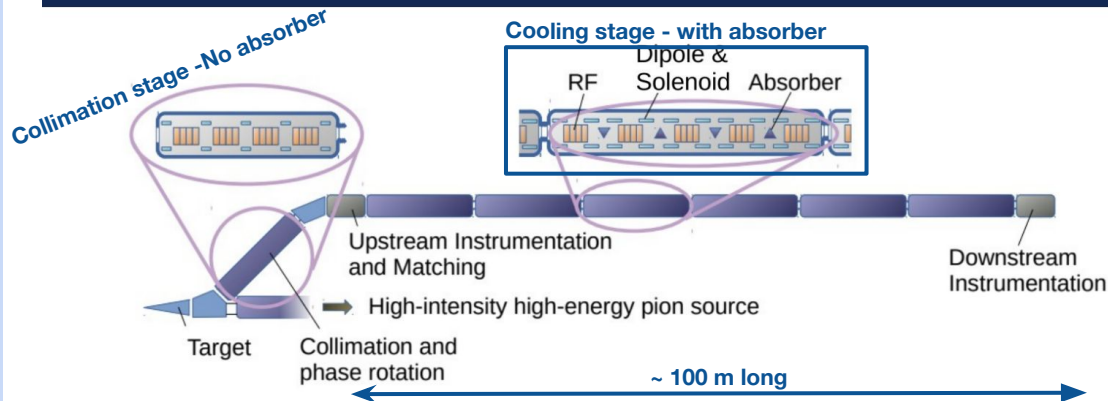
Muon accelerator and cooling



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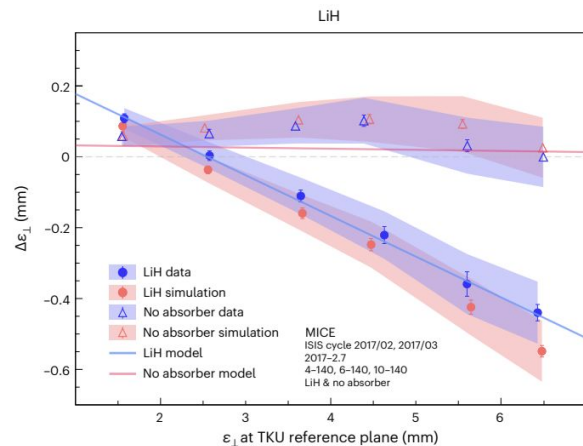
Muon Cooling Demonstrator – Layout



- Design in progress
 - Muon source – target and pion capture
 - Beam transport
 - Pion decay
 - Chicane (momentum selection & beam dump)
 - Muon phase rotation & collimation (beam preparation system)
 - Matching section
 - Cooling channel/lattice
- Design process may be informed by the siting options



Muon Ionization Cooling Experiment (MICE) has already demonstrated that transverse emittance can be reduced ([link](#)), by means of low-Z absorber



Goal: reach 25 μm of transverse emittance

INFN Demonstrator at CERN

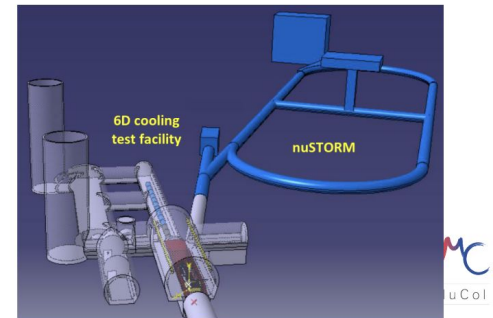
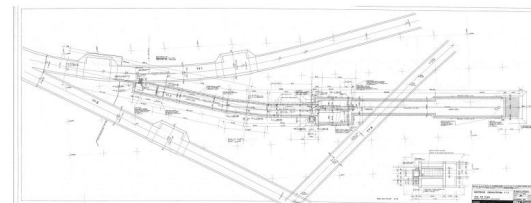
[Cooling Demonstrator Design Update - IMCC Annual meeting 2024](#)



Demonstrator facility siting options at CERN

Two siting options at CERN are currently considered

- Intersection Storage Rings (ISR) complex
 - In the TT7 extraction line
 - Proton beam from the PS
 - Near surface level, lower proton beam power required (10kW), 14 GeV
- TT10
 - Pion production system could be shared with the nuSTORM facility
 - Proton beam from the PS (26 GeV) or SPS (100 GeV)
 - Underground, beam power up to 80 kW (first phase)



Main differences:

- Repetition rate
- Cost

A TPC for the demonstrator?

Precision measurement of the muon beam emittance is a crucial aspect for the validation of the demonstrator. A TPC with optical readout represents the ideal detector for this purpose:

- already study for beam monitoring in the past, ex. [GEMINI](#)
- full particle parameters (x , p) reconstructed in 3D
- very low material budget
- excellent track resolution
- light structures
- higher rate w.r.t. a traditional pad plane thanks to the optical readout
- NOT required pressurized operation

In 2023 the Bari group proposed to realize a large prototype of a TPC (30 cm diameter, 50 cm drift) with optical readout (TimePix4 or similar) tailored to precise, particle-by-particle muon emittance measurement during beam setup phases

- A field-cage suitable for atmospheric-pressure operation is already available.
- The readout part can be easily replaced with an optical one.
- Once ready, the size allows to insert it in a solenoid (available at CERN) and test it in a muon beam.

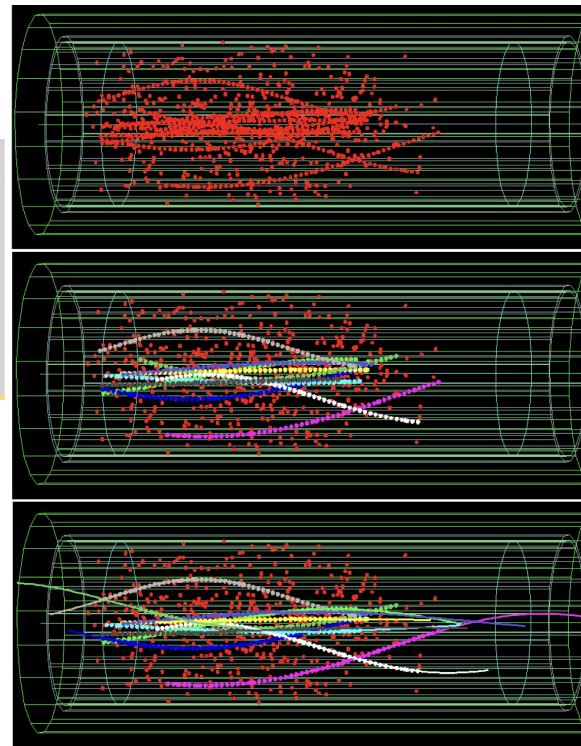
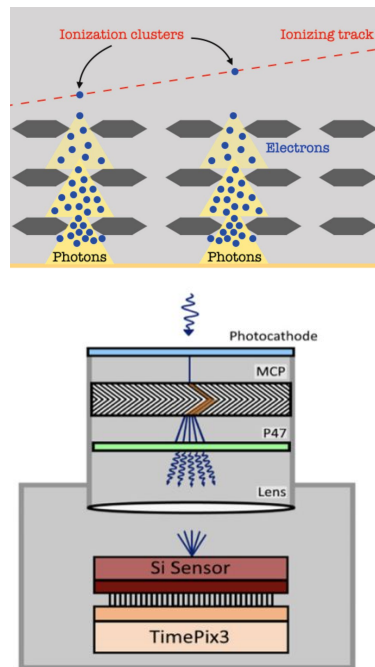


Figure 8.7: top: simulated track and noise hits in the TPG; middle: highlighted hits are those assigned by the pattern recognition to belong to the same track; bottom: track fitted on the selected hits.

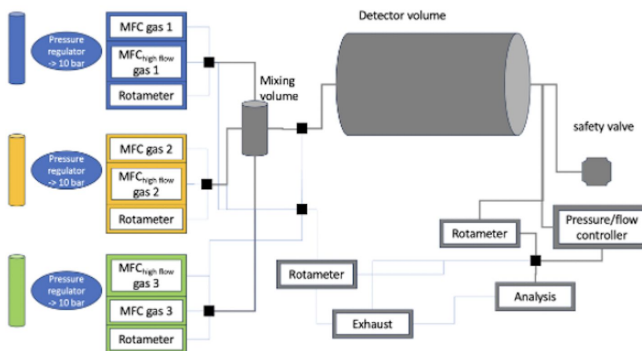
INFN TPC Bari activities status

TPC prototype with optical readout will be assembled and characterized in the same Bari lab, where the tests for a high-pressure TPC will be performed (AIDA+DRD1):

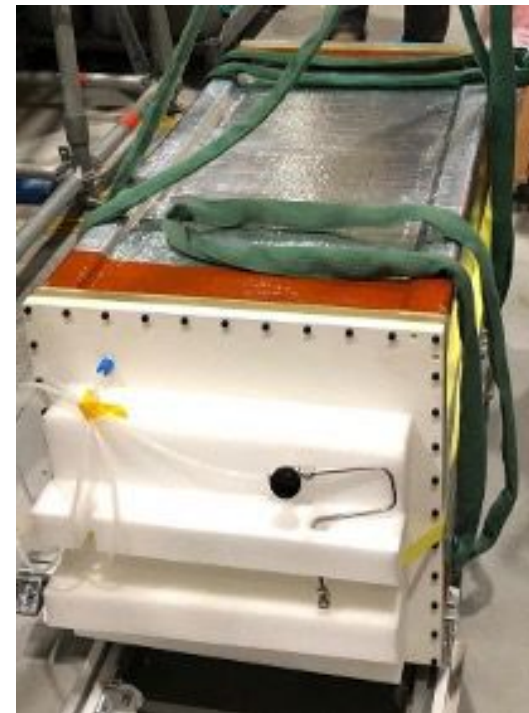
- HV system ready;
- Gas:
 - system designed and under construction,
 - flowmeters with all the components of the gas system already tested;
- Field Cage:
 - tables have been designed and built;
 - one of the 2 Field-Cage T2K prototype (50x50x100 cm³);
- Optical Readout:
 - under procurement.

The TPC R&D is well included in the DRD1-WP4 program (tracking TCP); moreover all the R&D on optical readout can be re-used for high-pressure TPC, under the hat of DRD1-WP8 (reaction/decay TPC)

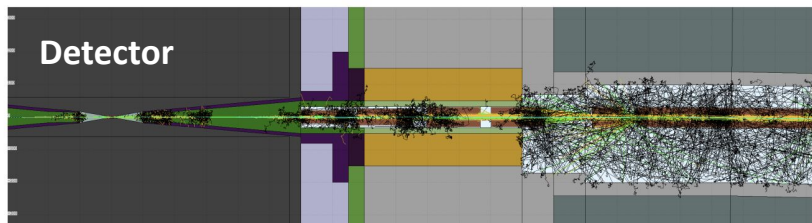
Gas system



Field Cage



Beam-Induced Background



Challenges:

- muon is an **unstable particle**; its decay products interact with the machine elements generating an intense flux $O(10^{10})$ of background particles: **beam-induced background (BIB)**.
- Two conical tungsten shieldings (**nozzles**), clad with borated polyethylene, allow the reduction of background by 2-3 orders of magnitude:
 - photons ($\sim 10^8$),
 - neutrons ($\sim 10^8$),
 - electrons/positrons ($\sim 10^6$)

[Advanced assessment of beam-induced background at a muon collider \[2021 JINST 15 P11009\]](#)

The **BIB** comes mainly from **photons** (96%) and **neutrons** (4%):

- BIB depends on increasing the distance from the beam axis;
- average deposited energy lower than 1 GeV.

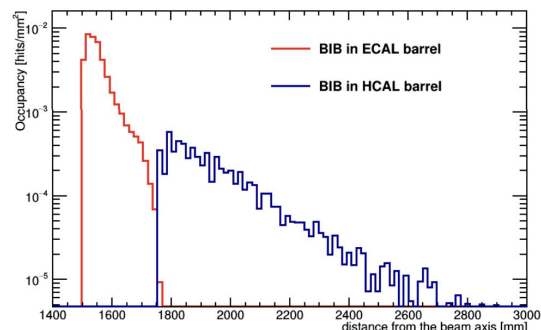


Fig. 25 BIB hit occupancy in the calorimeter barrel region in a single bunch-crossing.

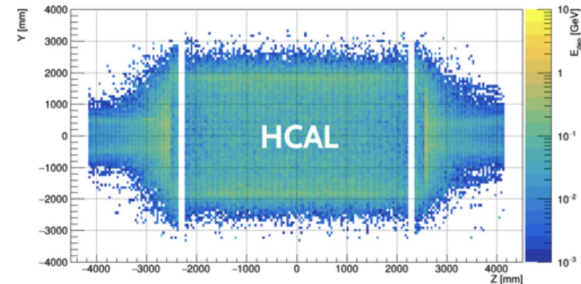


Fig. 28 Energy deposited by the BIB in a single bunch-crossing in the HCAL.

Bari group proposal: a sampling hadronic calorimeter with micro-pattern gaseous detector as readout layers

MPGD features:

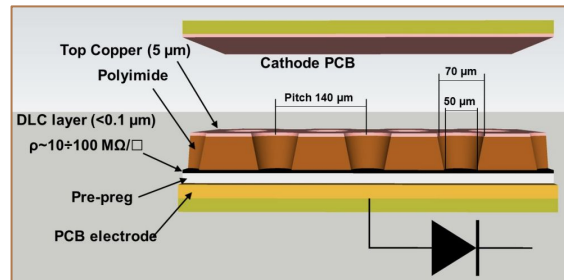
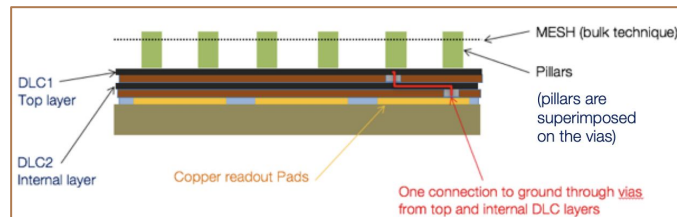
- **cost-effectiveness** for large area instrumentation
- radiation hardness up to several C/cm^2
- **discharge rate** not impeding operations
- rate capability $O (MHz/cm^2)$
- high granularity
- time resolution of **few ns**

Past work:

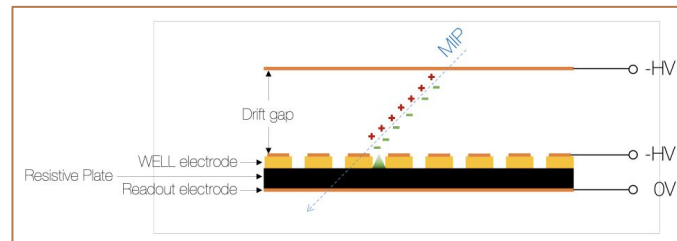
- **CALICE collaboration**: a sampling calorimeter using **gaseous detectors** (RPC) but also tested MicroMegas
- **SCREAM collaboration**: a sampling calorimeter combining RPWELL and resistive MicroMegas

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

Micromegas (MM)



RPWELL

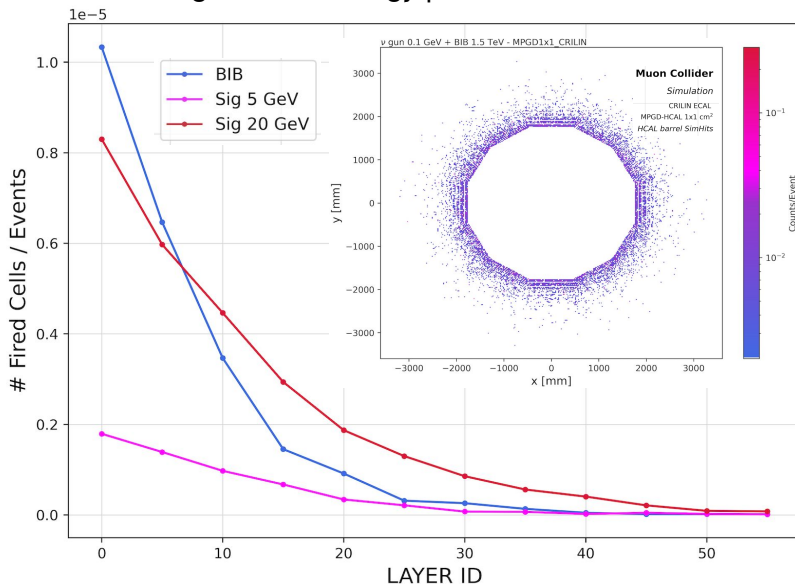


HCAL R&D well included in DRD1-WP5 (Calorimetry) and DRD6-WG1 (Sampling Calorimeter)

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

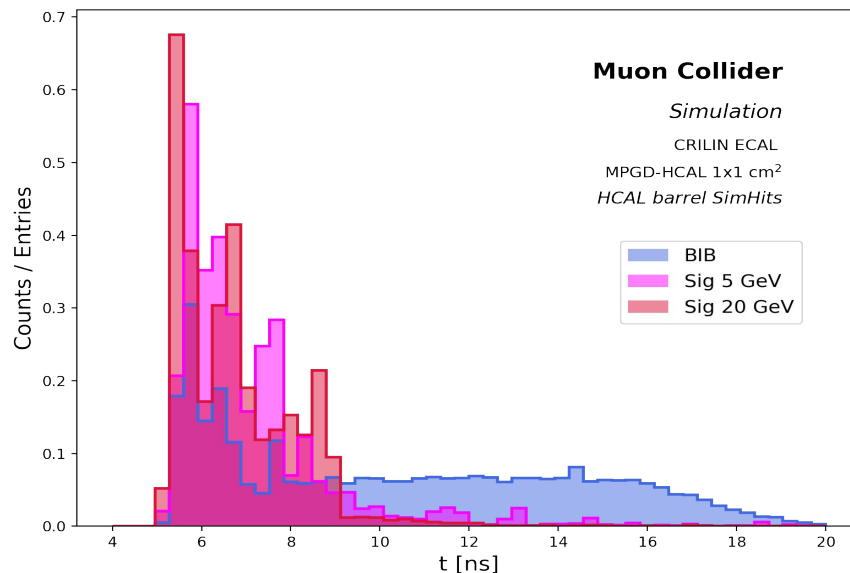
Hit Occupancy:

- **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** → **achievable with MPGD detectors**



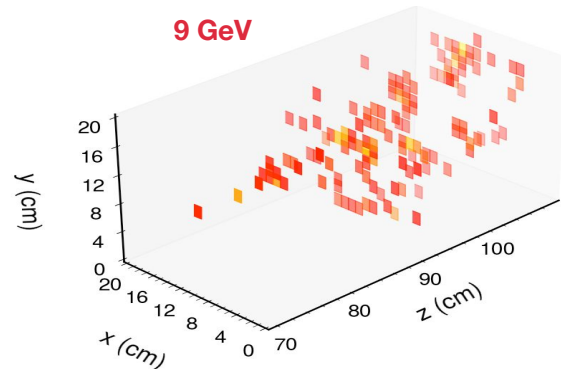
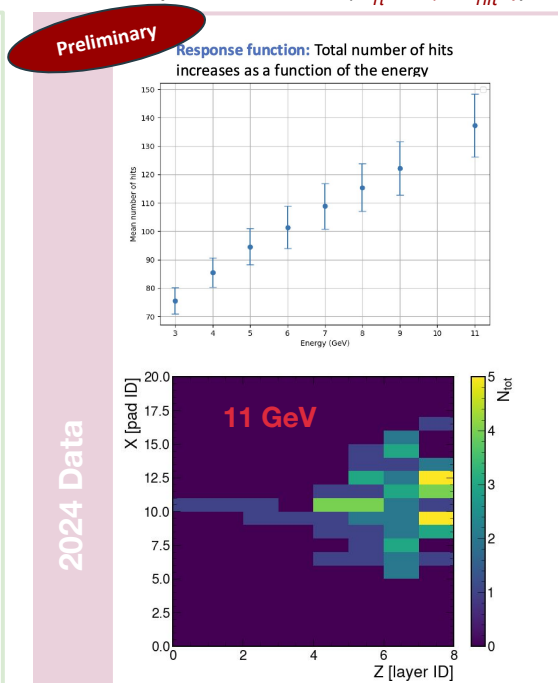
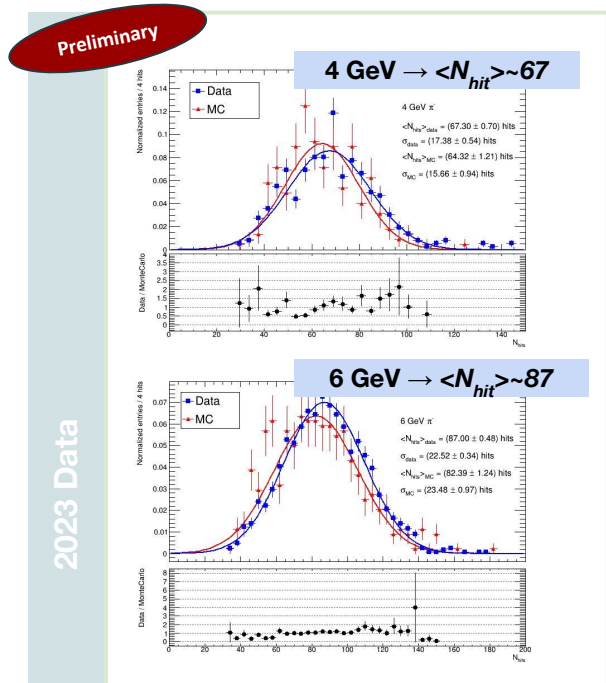
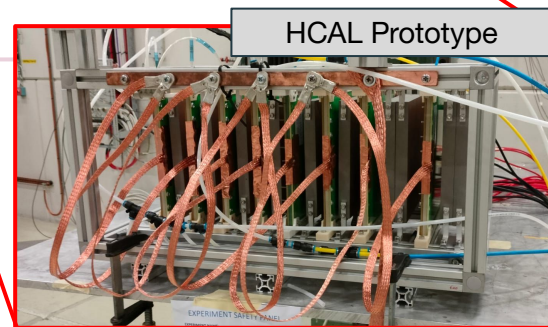
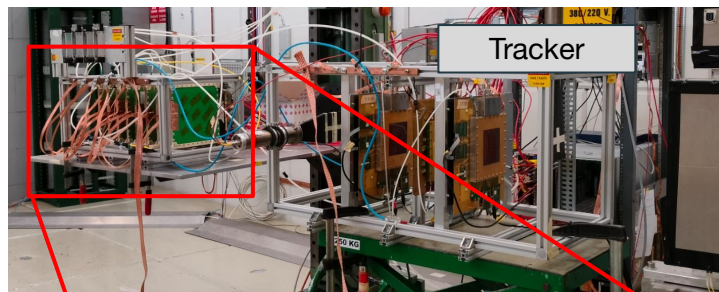
INFN MPGD-HCAL Test Beam

R&D effort in collaboration with INFN-RM3, INFN-Fr, INFN-Na, Weizmann and CERN

2 test beam campaigns in 2023 and 2024:

- without absorbers for detector characterization,
- with absorber for shower studies ($\sim 1\lambda$).

Number of hits distributions for MC and data at different pion energies ($E_\pi = f^{-1}(\langle N_{hit} \rangle)$)



MPGD-HCAL future activities

- Development of a new cell prototype of $\sim 2\lambda_1$, including 8 $20 \times 20 \text{cm}^2$ chambers plus 4 $50 \times 50 \text{cm}^2$ chambers (2 Micromegas & 2 μRWELL , their production foreseen for beginning of next year):

- Triple-GEM tracker

- Moveable to scan entire surface

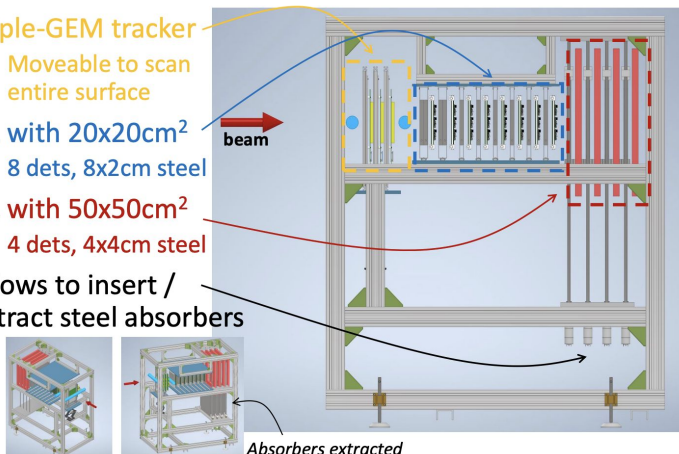
- 1λ with $20 \times 20 \text{cm}^2$

- 8 dets, 8x2cm steel

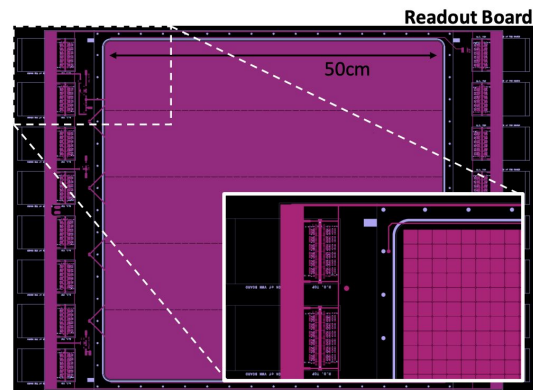
- 1λ with $50 \times 50 \text{cm}^2$

- 4 dets, 4x4cm steel

- Allows to insert / extract steel absorbers



Absorbers extracted



- Test beam with CRILIN (a Crystal calorimeter with Longitudinal Information) electromagnetic calorimeter and with CALICE.
- Understand the best technology between Micromegas and μRWELL , balancing performances and large area production feasibility & cost.
- Electronics:
 - so far data collected with APV hybrids; too old, not able to sustain high rate and not supported;
 - preliminary tests with VMM hybrids (ATLAS chip) show good results compatible with what observed with APVs;
 - Interest in FAST Timing Integrated Circuit (FATIC) chip developed by our BARI electronics team.
- (>>2026) Development of $50 \times 100 \text{cm}^2$ MPGD detectors with and without embedded electronics, starting thinking about cooling

INFN Inputs for ESPP

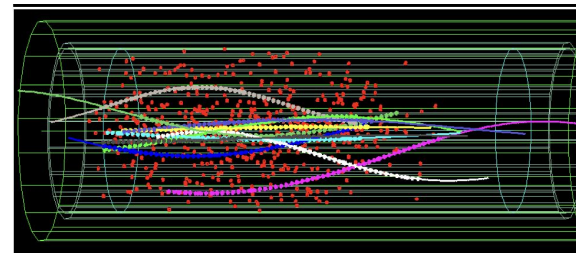
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Implementation at CERN: a possible roadmap

- 2028-2035
 - FCC is approved:
 - We (already have) convinced the management that the demonstrator is essential
 - We continue on the low power side, at a pace compatible with running HL-LHC and the FCC programme, still aiming at a reasonable facility by 2035.
 - FCC is further delayed or not clearly approved
 - We request the full budget for the high-power option
 - We speed up in order to start installation in TT10 by 2033, first beam 2035.

- Next European Strategy Update to get support for the demonstrator
- In all the scenarios (even with a demonstrator at Fermilab), the aim is to have a facility by 2035



Full interest for a TPC with optical readout for beam monitoring



INFN Inputs for ESPP?

MPGD-HCAL is an excellent alternative for a Hadronic Calorimeter

- cost-effectiveness for large area instrumentation
- radiation hardness up to several C/cm^2
- rate capability O (MHz/cm²)
- high granularity
- different pad size segmentation, being capable to achieve good space resolution ($O(100\mu m)$)→express interest, from colleagues involved into the MAIA experiment concept at MuCol, for a MPGD-HCAL capable to also perform muon tracking
- good timing resolution ($O(ns)$)
- easy to cover large areas
- MPGDs:
 - both Micromegas and μ RWELL are ones among the main MPGD technologies for detectors at future colliders, thanks to their versatility
 - **Strong synergies with other FCC R&Ds currently on-going**

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Preshower and Muon detectors

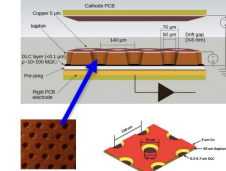
Based on μ -RWELL technology

Preshower:

- High resolution after the magnet to improve π^{\pm}/e^{\pm} and 2γ separation
- Space Resolution < 100 μm
- pitch = 0.4 mm
- 1.3 million channels

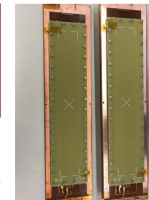
Muon detector:

- Identify muons and search for LLPs
- Space resolution < 400 μm
- pitch = 1.2 mm
- 5 million channels



Ongoing development

- Mass production
- Optimization of FEE channels/cost
- 50x50 cm² 2D tiles to cover more than 1650 m²



New μ -RWELL prototypes with 40 cm long strips

RD_FCC

Resistive Micromegas in RD_FCC

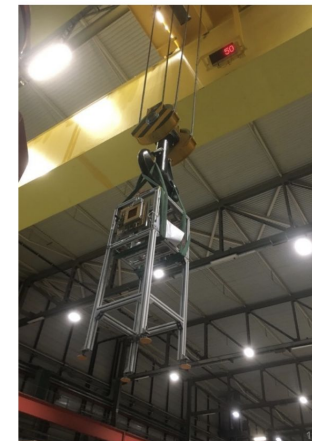
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Incontro con i Referee 26 Luglio 2024



Synergies and common effort

Bari team: 15 people for 3.6 FTE for 2025 (starting from 2.3 FTE of 2024)

Crucial synergies

Inauguration Muon Collider US meeting

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Precision physics benefits from exploiting the best possible energy and time resolution

HL-LHC

Tough challenges on a short timescale

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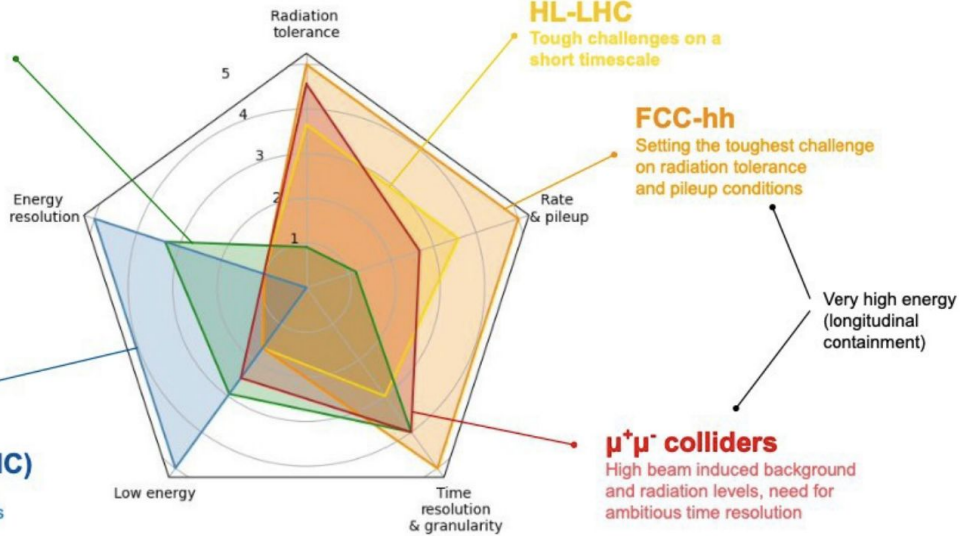
Setting the toughest challenge on radiation tolerance and pileup conditions

Strong interaction experiments (e.g. EIC)

Requiring the highest energy resolution for low energy photons

μ⁺μ⁻ colliders

High beam induced background and radiation levels, need for ambitious time resolution



Inspired from <https://indico.cern.ch/event/994685/>