



RD_FCC @ LNF

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RD_FCC

Work packages conveners:

WP1: Physics and Simulation

- P. Azzi (PD), N. De Filippis (BA)

WP2: Accelerators

- **M. Boscolo (LNF)**

WP3: Si Vertex Detectors

- F. Palla (PI), A. Andreazza (MI)

WP4: Drift Chamber

- M. Primavera (LE), N. De Filippis (BA)

WP5: MPGD for muon/preshower

- **M. Poli Lener (LNF)**

WP6: Dual Readout Calorimetry

- R. Ferrari (PV), M. Lucchini (MIB)

WP7: Magnet

- L. Rossi (MI)

Sezione	FTE FCC	FTE altro	FTE tot
BA	5.80	0.00	5.80
BO	4.80	0.40	5.20
CT.DTZ	1.40	0.00	1.40
FE	2.30	0.00	2.30
GE.DTZ	1.05	0.80	1.85
LE	2.40	0.00	2.40
LNF	5.80	0.00	5.80
LNL	2.00	1.15	3.15
MI	3.40	11.95	15.35
MIB.DTZ	0.25	0.25	0.50
NA	4.65	0.00	4.65
PD	2.50	0.75	3.25
PG	2.40	1.00	3.40
PI	3.55	1.05	4.60
PV	1.95	1.80	3.75
RM1.DTZ	1.20	0.00	1.20
RM2.DTZ	0.70	0.00	0.70
RM3	2.00	0.00	2.00
TO.DTZ	2.40	0.00	2.40
UD	2.90	0.00	2.90
Totali	53.45	19.15	72.60

❖ **2024: 19 sezioni**

- 9 sigle RD_FCC locali
- R/T: 186 persone
- FTE: 27.20+13.10=40.30

❖ **2025: 19 sezioni**

- 13 sigle RD_FCC locali
- R/T: 214 persone
- FTE: 42.90+11.30=54.20

❖ **2026: 20 sezioni**

- Continua crescita!
- 14 sigle RD_FCC locali
- R/T: 272 persone
- FTE: 53.45+19.15=72.60

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Responsabile Locale: A. Ciarma da Luglio 2025
(M. Boscolo fino a Giugno 2025)

WP1: Physics and Simulations

- B-physics

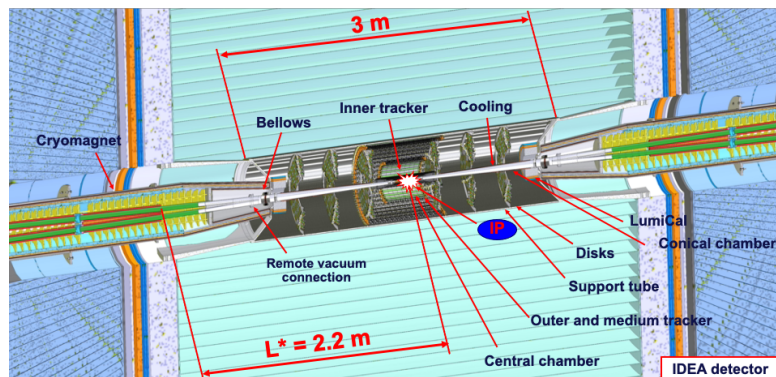
WP2: Accelerators (Convener: M. Boscolo)

- Engineering Design of Interaction Region
- IR Optics
- Backgrounds and Radiation Sources
- Collective Effects

WP5: MPGD for muon/preshower (Convener: M. Poli Lener)

- μ -RWELL Technology
- Application in IDEA Detector Concept

Cognome e Nome	FTE
Bencivenni Giovanni	0.30
Bertani Monica	0.10
Boscolo Manuela	*****
Broggi Giacomo	1.00
Cantarella Sergio	0.10
Cianfrini Marta	0.10
Ciarma Andrea	1.00
De Lucia Erika	0.10
Domenici Danilo	0.05
Francesini Francesco	1.00
Morello Gianfranco	0.30
Nigrelli Giulia	1.00
Poli Lener Marco	0.30
Ricci Ruggero	0.05
Rotondo Marcello	0.10
Zobov Mikhail	0.30
Totale FTE	5.80



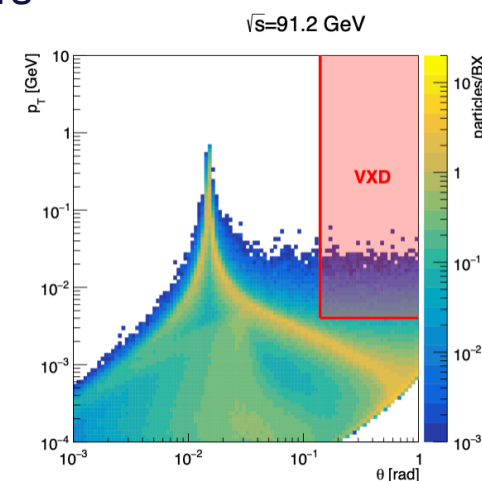
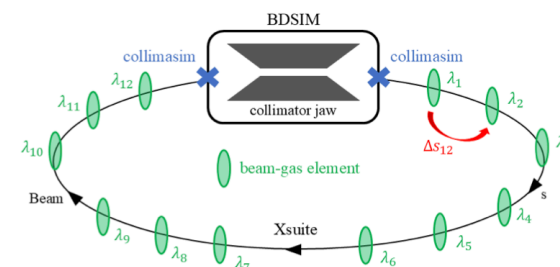
WP2 - FCC-ee MDI activities

IR Mechanical Model

Engineered design of beam pipe, cooling system and support
Material budget and structural optimization
Assembly strategy for innermost detectors

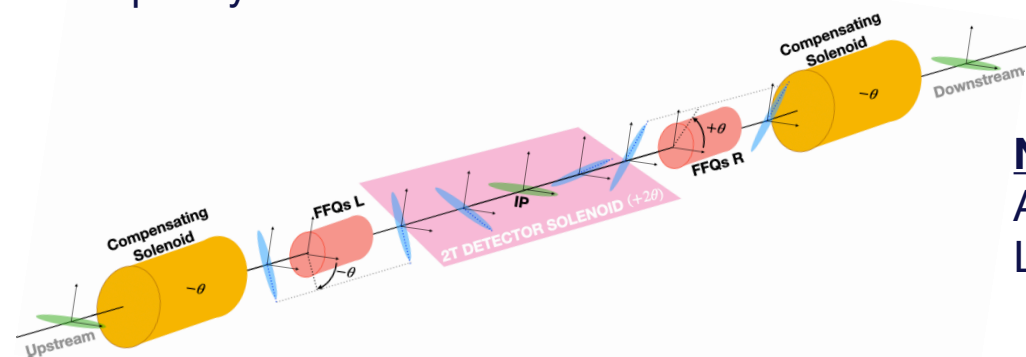
Background Simulations

Estimation of beam losses in the MDI region
Halo collimation scheme and SR maskings
Beam-gas and Touschek scattering
Dedicated interface tool for single beam background studies
Occupancy calculation in the subdetectors



Non-local Solenoid Compensation Scheme

Alternative scheme inspired by DAFNE rotating frame method
Lower SR and coupling, easier spatial constraints



Expression of Interest for

FCC-ee Machine-Detector-Interface (MDI) Integration

Involved Laboratories

Italy: INFN Laboratori Nazionali di Frascati, Pisa

United States of America: BNL, FNAL, JLAB, SLAC

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Scientific Context and Objectives

The FCC-ee Interaction Region (IR) is compact and complex accommodating both the detector and accelerator, aimed to reach the highest luminosities at all centre-of-mass energies, from the Z pole to the t-tbar threshold [1,2]. Its layout, based on the crab-waist scheme, must integrate accelerator components such as lightweight and actively cooled beam pipes, superconducting (SC) IR-magnets, expansion bellows, remote vacuum connections, beam and detector diagnostics, vertex and luminosity detectors. The SC final quadrupoles (FFQ), around which will be placed windings for high order correctors, screening solenoids, and shielding for backgrounds, will reside inside a cryo-module well inside the detector.

The concept of the Machine Detector Interface (MDI) of FCC-ee mostly close to the detector aspects is based on some of the following design parameters, which are the result of a compromise between the accelerator and detector needs:

- the free space between IP and face of final quadrupole of $L^*=2.2$ m;
- the angular size of the cryostat, as seen from the IP, 100 mrad;
- a beam crossing angle, in the horizontal plane, +/- 30 mrad;
- a central beam pipe of 10 mm inner radius and 18 cm long, with thin wall, actively cooled;
- a lightweight carbon fibre tube supporting the beam pipe, vertex and LumiCal detectors;
- the SC final focus quadrupoles magnetic strength of about 100 T/m;
- Two flat beams with nominal vertical emittances of about 1-pm at the Z-pole.

The above design parameters require pushing the technologies to their current limits, and at the same time guarantee the largest system robustness.

This EoI collaboration endeavors to concentrate on work for the MDI issues of FCC-ee over the next five years. The collaboration will pursue a "complete design" of the interaction region for accelerator and detector components that synergistically share common space, equipment routings, and are affected by the same backgrounds.

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Status of the FCC-ee interaction region design

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Abstract

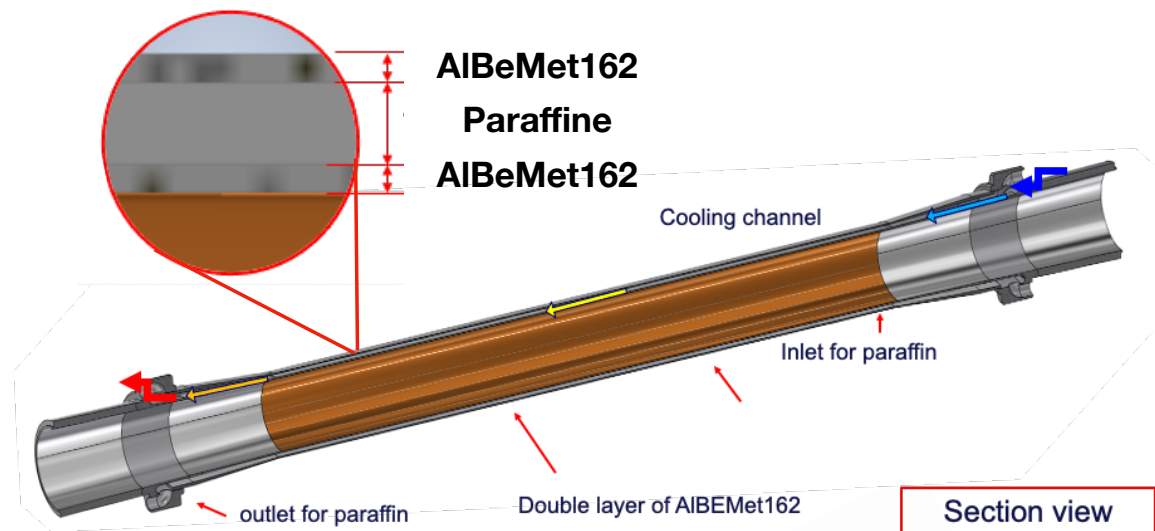
This paper presents a comprehensive overview of the Machine Detector Interface (MDI) design developed for the FCC-ee Feasibility Study. It highlights novel studies related to the lightweight interaction region, including a mechanical model of the vacuum chambers, integration of the vertex detector, the MDI alignment system, and assessments of machine-induced backgrounds. The small beam pipe radius and thickness, as well as the high power to be dissipated, require state-of-the-art mechanical design. The integration of all mechanical elements and detectors is challenging, necessitating careful studies to allow fulfilling conflicting requirements. The optimisation of the machine detector interface against formidable backgrounds is presented.

Keywords: Electron-positron collider; Machine-detector interface; Beam-induced backgrounds; Mechanics; Tracking and vertex detectors; Calorimeters

IR beam pipe design

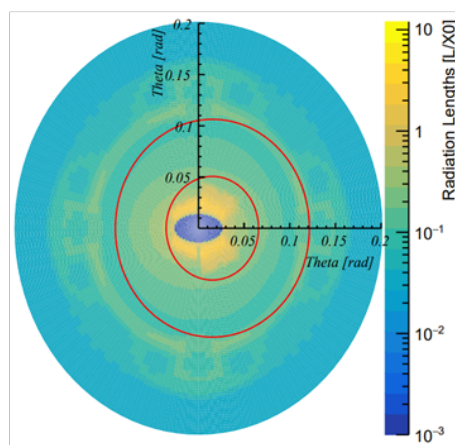
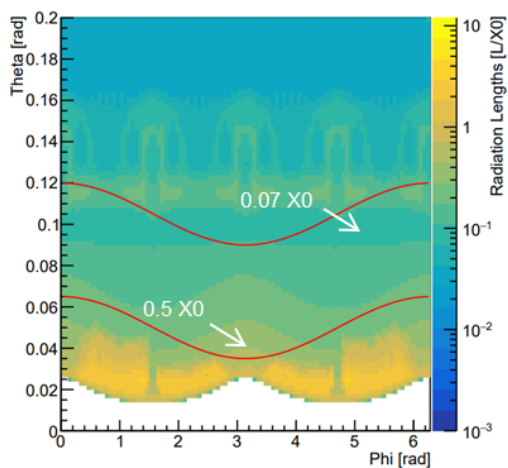
Central Chamber

- Extending $\pm 90\text{mm}$ from the IP
- Double layered **AlBeMet162** pipe
 - 1mm **Paraffine** cooling
- Geometry studied to integrate central chamber with vertex detector



Elliptoconical Chamber

- Two AlBeMet162 chambers from 90mm to 190mm
- Assembled using **Electron-Beam Welding**.
- **Asymmetric water cooling** manifolds to **minimise material budget** in the LumiCal angular acceptance.

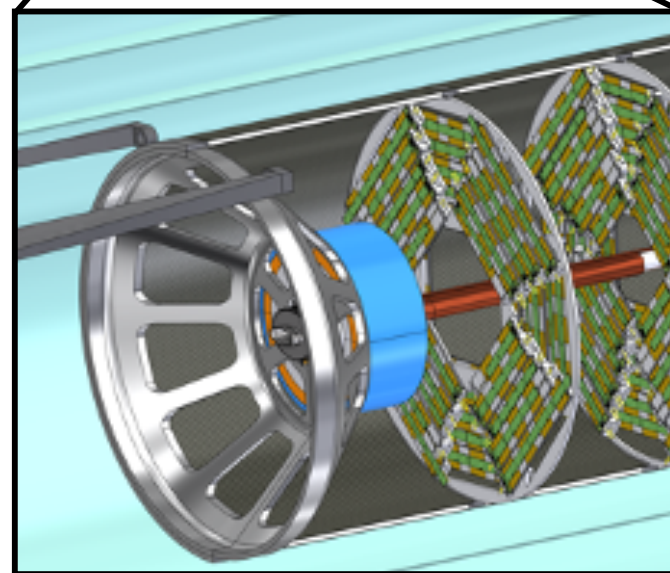
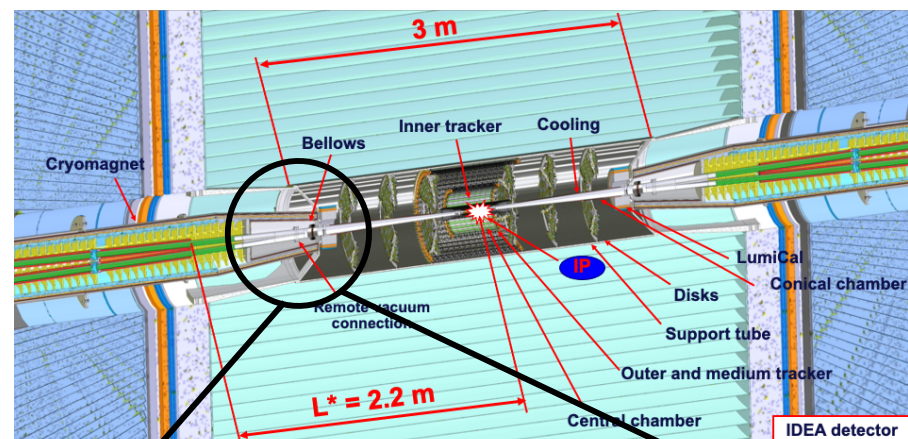
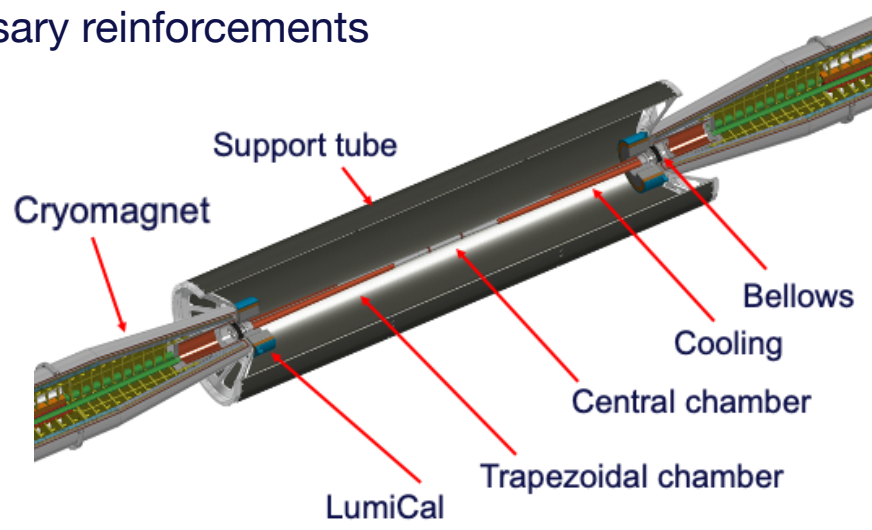


Support Tube for Vertex Detector and LumiCal Integration

Carbon Fibre support tube + Aluminum endcaps for IR integration

- **Cantilevered support** for the beam pipe
- Ease **assembly procedure** for thin-walled central chamber
- Provide support for LumiCal and Vertex Detector

ANSYS structural analysis performed to optimise thickness and necessary reinforcements



Sources of Background in the MDI area

Luminosity backgrounds

- **Incoherent Pairs Creation (IPC):** Secondary e^-e^+ pairs produced via the interaction of the beamstrahlung photons with real or virtual photons during bunch crossing.
- **Radiative Bhabha:** beam particles which lose energy at bunch crossing and exit the dynamic aperture

Single beam induced backgrounds:

- **Beam halo losses:** high rate of beam losses in the IR coming from halo (transverse or longitudinal) being diffused by the collimators after lifetime drop
- **Synchrotron Radiation:** photons escaping the tip of the upstream SR mask at large angles
- **Beam-gas scattering** (elastic, inelastic) and **Touschek scattering** implemented in X-Suite for multiturn studies, benchmarked with SuperKEKB
- **Injection backgrounds** currently under study

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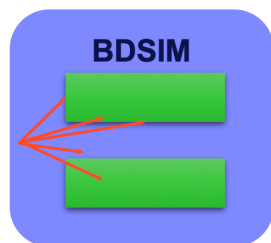
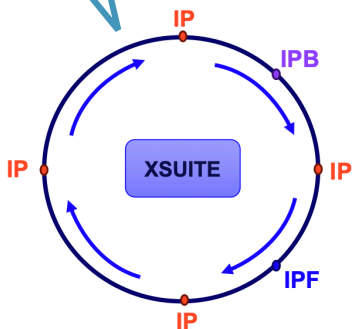
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Single beam backgrounds simulation workflow

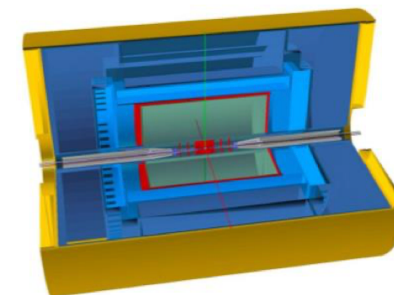
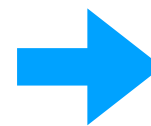
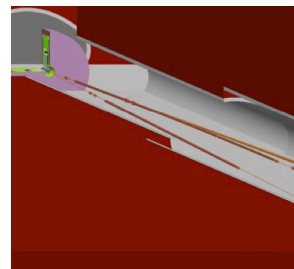
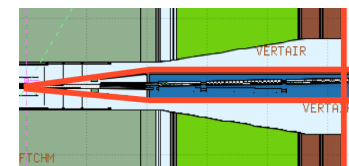
Dedicated workflow for single beam backgrounds to accurately account for upstream material in the tunnel.

1) Multi-turn XSUITE tracking with realistic apertures and collimation system to produce loss maps

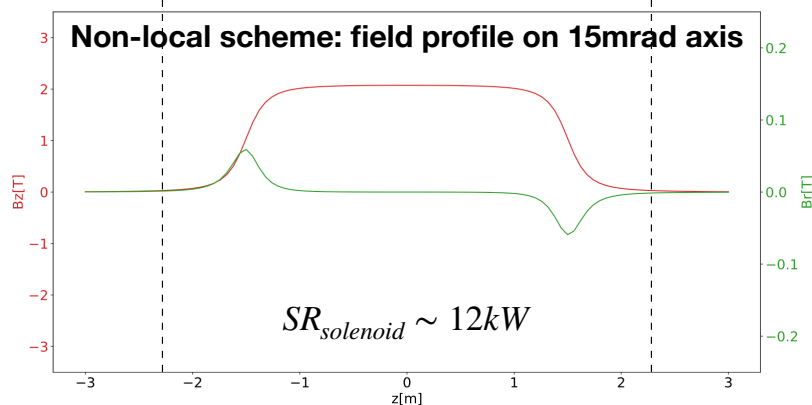
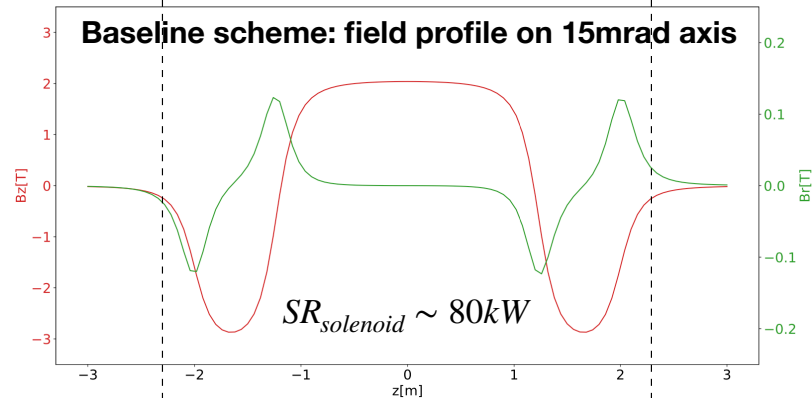
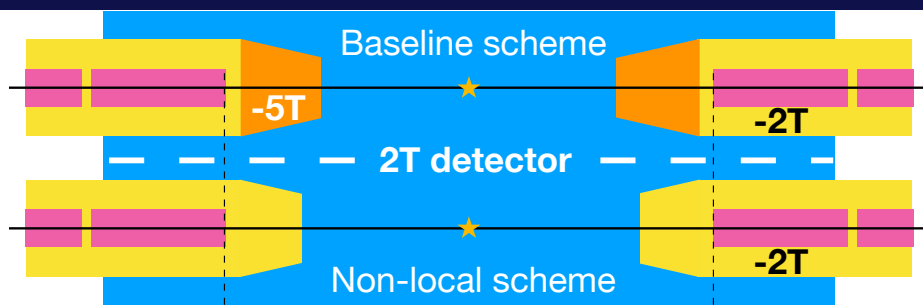


2) Particles hitting collimators are processed in BDSIM (G4 libs) to simulate interaction with material

3) Particles propagated from the tertiary collimators (upstream IP) using FLUKA until dedicated “MDI interface surface”



4) Tracking of background particles in the detectors using DD4HEP for occupancy estimate



Coupling Correction Scheme at FCC-ee

The **2T detector solenoids** induce coupling in the FCC-ee lattice.

The current correction scheme uses:

- **-5T compensating solenoids** to cancel the magnetic field integral
- **-2T screening solenoids** to shield the **FFQs** from the detector field

A **non-local correction scheme** inspired by DAFNE (KLOE run) would allow to move the **compensating solenoids** outside the IR. Emittance degradation mitigated via weak **skew components on FFQs** (equivalent to a small rotation) and dedicated orbit correctors.

- relaxed mechanical constraints in the IR
- technical R&D of a -5T compact magnet
- **Synchrotron Radiation** from B-field transition region ($\sim 80kW$).

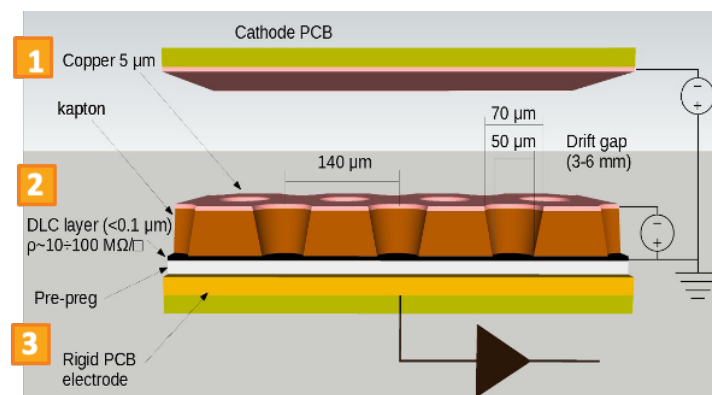
WP5 - The IDEA Muon System with μ -RWELL

Gaseous detectors have historically been favoured for muon detection at colliders like LEP and LHC due to their **cost-effectiveness** for **large areas**, **high time and position resolution** and **robustness**.

μ -RWELL are an innovative type of **Micro-Pattern Gaseous Detectors (MPGDs)**, expected to have significantly improved capabilities in high-rate intensity environments such as in **LHCb Phase II**.

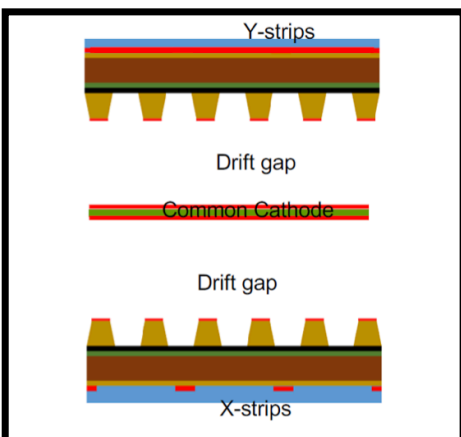
Muon requirements:

- Tiles: 50x50 cm² with X-Y readout
- Efficiency $\geq 98\%$
- Space resolution $\leq 200 \mu\text{m}$
- Particle Flux $< 1\text{kHz/cm}^2$
- Instrumented Surface/FEE: 1500 m² (6000 det.), $\sim 5 \times 10^6$ ch.
- Mass production \rightarrow Technology Transfer to Industry
- FEE Cost reduction \rightarrow custom made ASIC (based on TIGER or the new TORA CHIP)



- 1** A **WELL** patterned Kapton foil acting as **amplification stage** (GEM-like)
- 2** a **resistive DLC** layer (Diamond Like Carbon) for discharge suppression w/surface resistivity $\sim 100 \text{ M}\Omega/\square$
- 3** a standard readout PCB

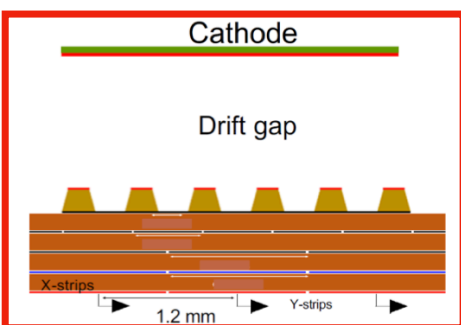
2D layouts performance with APV25



2x1D layout (2 u-RWELL with a 1D readout):

$\sigma_x < 200\mu\text{m}$ (pitch 0.8 mm), $\epsilon \geq 98\%$
low gain operating point 700 (HV~520V)

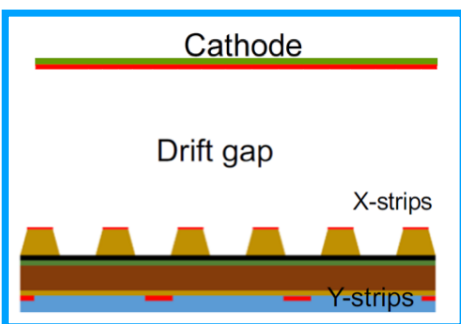
► High Costs



CS layout (1 u-RWELL with 2D Charge Sharing readout):

$\sigma_x < 200\mu\text{m}$ (with pitch 1.2 mm), $\epsilon \geq 98\%$
high gain operating point 4000 (HV $\geq 600\text{V}$)

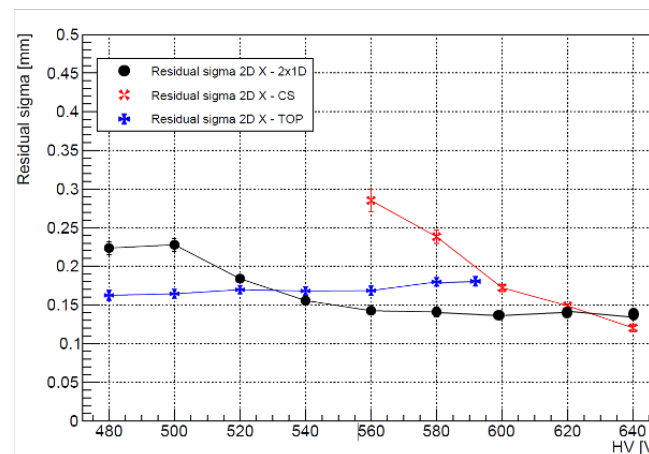
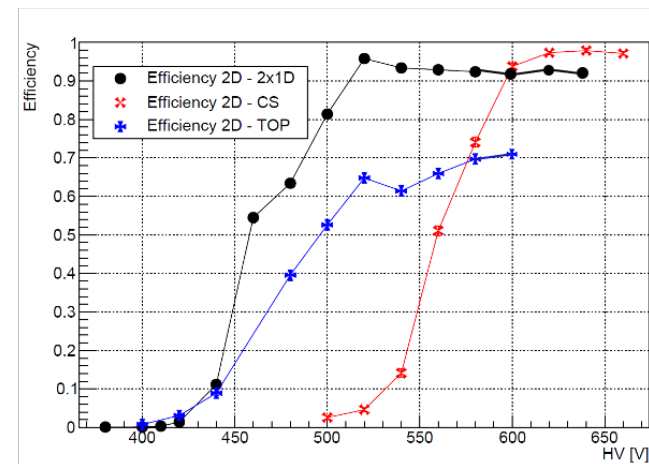
► Stability Operation at Limit



Top layout (1 u-RWELL 1D readout and segmented top amplification for second coordinate):

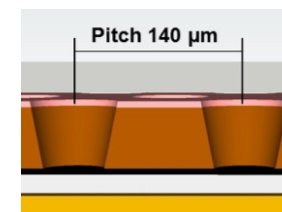
$\sigma_x < 200\mu\text{m}$ (pitch 0.8 mm), $\epsilon \geq 70\%$ (dead zones)
low voltage operating point ~520V

► Limited Efficiency



Solutions under study to increase detector stability:

μ -RWELL well optimization: well pitch from 140 μm to 90 μm with x2 gain increase.
Protos cleaned @CERN, ready to be tested with X-ray



New layouts under study for Muon systems:

GEM + CS μ -RWELL: GEM pre-amplification to lower operating point, greatly improving stability and maintaining high spatial performance with millimetric pitches.

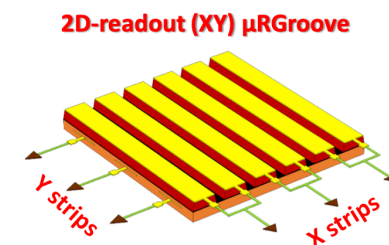
- **10x10 cm²** and **50x50 cm²** prototypes ready at LNF for characterization

DOUBLE DLC FOIL μ -RWELL: new idea of layout, where the first DLC foil will be used as standard resistive layer (100 M Ω /square), while the second one (1 M Ω /square) to spread the charge on the readout.

μ -RGROOVE 10x10 CM² \rightarrow amplification based not on **wells but on grooves**.

Easier realization of the **top readout strips**, without introducing dead-zones.

Protos cleaned @CERN, ready to be tested with X-ray



The FCC Feasibility Study

2020 Update of European Strategy for Particle Physics prompted the launch of the **FCC Feasibility study**:



*“Europe, together with its international partners, should investigate technical and financial feasibility of a **future hadron collider at CERN** with a centre-of-mass energy of at least 100 TeV and with an **electron-positron Higgs and electroweak factory as a possible first stage.**”*

- **geological, technical, environmental and administrative** (with Host States) feasibility of the tunnel
- surface areas and optimisation of **tunnel placement**
- **cost estimate and funding models** for technical design completion, implementation and operation
- identification of **external resources** for first stage (tunnel + FCC-ee)
- **collider design optimisation**, injector chains, R&D to develop needed key technologies
- consolidation of the **physics case** and **detector concepts** for both colliders

Feasibility Study Report has been published on 31 March 2025 and submitted as input for the next ESPPU2026

Vol. 1: Physics, Experiments and Detectors

Vol. 2: Accelerators, Technical Infrastructures, Safety Concepts

Vol. 3: Civil Engineering, Implementation & Sustainability

News from the world



16/07/2025 - European Commission presents the proposal for the Multiannual Financial Framework 2028-2034

“Investing in the European Organization for Nuclear Research’s (CERN) Future Circular Collider, alongside other CERN’s participating countries. The objective is to maintain Europe’s leadership in particle physics research. The funding (up to 20% of the overall cost) could come from Horizon Europe.”

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52025PC0543>

2026 UPDATE
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FCC integrated project is the most advanced in terms of readiness and is considered the **flagship option** for Europe, with a completed feasibility study, no identified technical showstoppers, and broad community support.

Overwhelming support in favour of the integrated FCC programme by CERN member states (21 out of 24). No strongly preferred plan B for now (LC, muon, LEP3, ...)

Mini-workshop: Highlights from the Future Circular Collider Design with Path to Construction, and theory aspects of the upcoming precision physics program (ACC+TH)

Monday 13 Oct 2025, 14:25 → 21:05 Europe/Rome
Aula Salvini (Laboratori Nazionali di Frascati)

14:25 → 14:30	Introduction Speaker: Manuela Boscolo (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)	5m
14:30 → 15:30	Highlights from the Future Circular Collider Design and Path to Construction The proposed Future Circular Collider (FCC) integrated programme consists of two stages: An electron–positron collider serving as a highest luminosity Higgs-boson, electroweak and top-quark factory, followed by proton–proton collider with a collision energy around 100 TeV. In 2021, the CERN Council launched the FCC Feasibility Study. This study covered, inter alia, physics objectives and potential, geology, civil engineering, technical infrastructure, territorial implementation, environmental aspects, R&D needs for the accelerators and detectors, socio-economic benefits, and cost. The Feasibility Study was completed on 31 March 2025. The subsequent European Strategy Symposium has singled out the FCC as the by-far preferred future collider option for CERN. We present a few study highlights, the status, and the next steps. Speakers: Frank Zimmermann (CERN), Michael Benedikt (CERN)	1h
15:30 → 15:45	Coffee break	15m
15:45 → 15:50	Introduction Speaker: Emanuele Angelo Bagnaschi (INFN LNF)	5m
15:50 → 16:50	Gearing up for the precision frontier: theory challenges at HL-LHC and FCC As the High-Luminosity LHC prepares to deliver an order of magnitude more data, and the planning of future colliders such as the FCC gains momentum, the collider physics programme for the upcoming decades relies critically on the precision of theoretical predictions for scattering observables. Delivering predictions with the necessary accuracy and flexibility is paramount to enhance the discovery potential of future experiments as well as to stress test the Standard Model and explore its complex structure. Meeting this challenge requires a collective effort and entails a multitude of obstacles in several areas of theoretical calculations. In this talk, I will discuss the road ahead and highlight some of the key opportunities and the conceptual and technical challenges that must be tackled in the upcoming years. Speaker: Pier Francesco Monni (CERN)	1h

In this mini-workshop we will focus first on the FCC-ee, and then more broadly on the role of the upcoming precision physics program.

The first presentation will be from **Frank Zimmermann** and **Michael Benedikt** from CERN, who will discuss the technical aspects related to the construction of the FCC-ee collider.

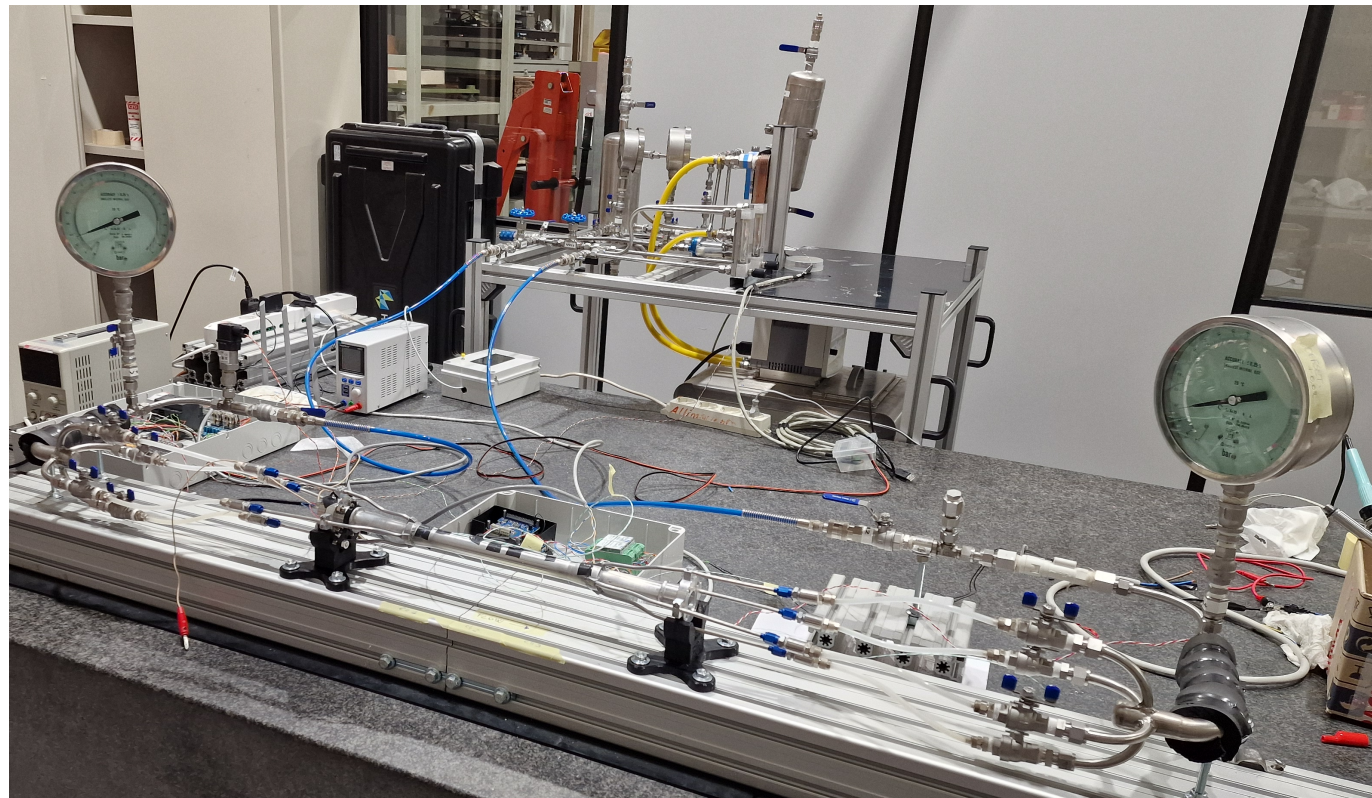
The second contribution will be from **Pier Monni**, also from CERN, who will discuss the role (and the challenges) of the precision physics program at the FCC, as well as at the HL-LHC.

BACKUPS

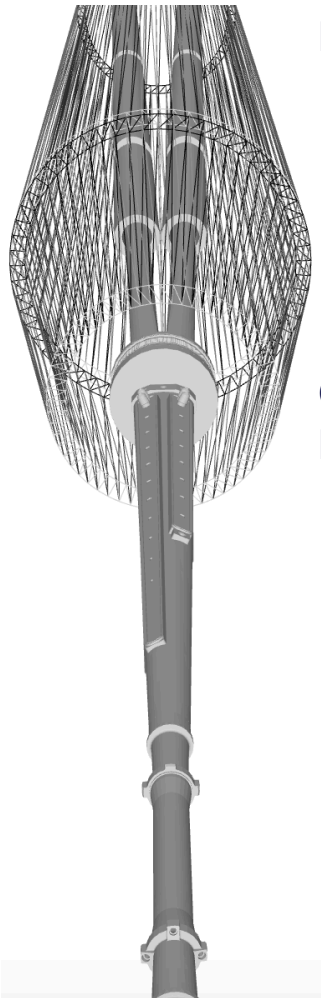
FCC-ee IR Mockup @INFN-LNF

- 1:1 Aluminium model of the Central Chamber (double layered)
- Hydraulic characterization of the cooling manifolds
- Thermal tests of the cooling system
 - exp. power loads 54W (CST)
 - PT1000 sensors
- Ellipticoconical chambers in final stage of manufacture
- VXD integration tests with INFN-Pisa

Funded with ESPP_A_FCCMDI
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Key4hep MDI modelization



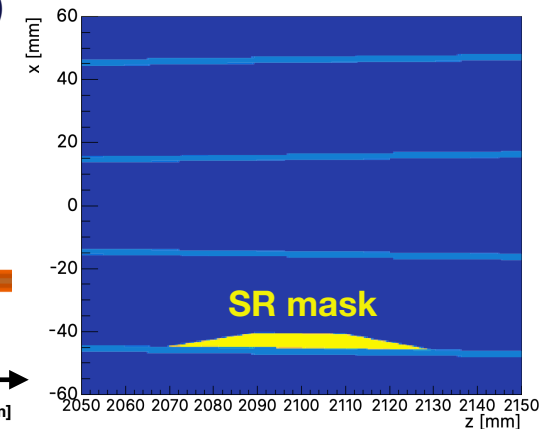
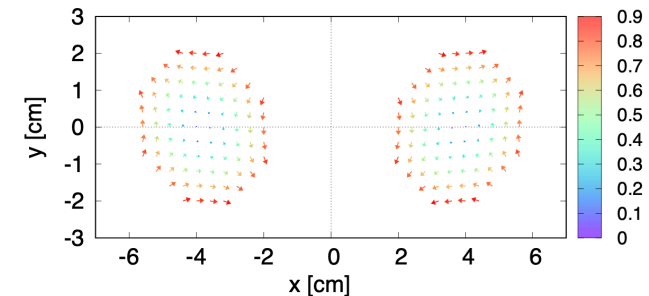
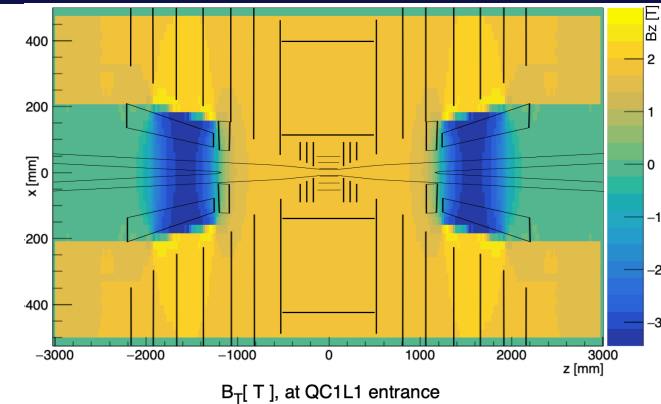
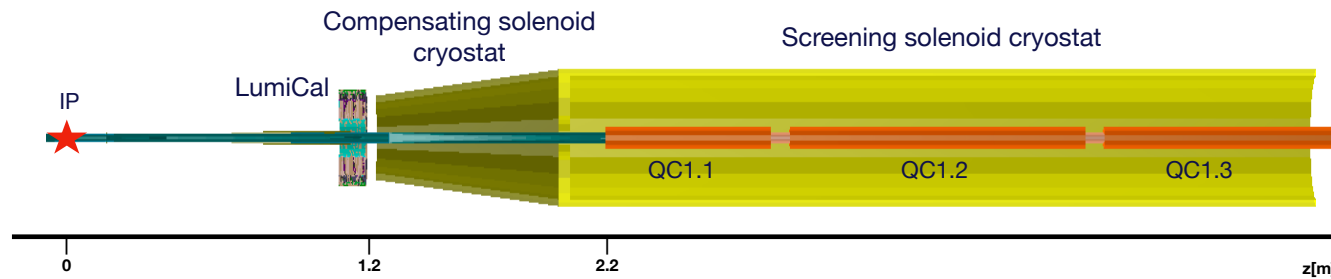
Engineered CAD model of IR beam pipe imported in **Key4hep**.

- Double-layered central section for paraffine cooling
- **Cooling manifolds** for ellipto-conical chambers implemented
- Bellows
- Beam pipe **separation region**
- Tungsten **SR masks** after final focus

Compensating and Screening solenoid cryostats

Final Focus Quadrupoles simple equivalent material model

- Field coming from the **anti-solenoids** (screening-S, compensating-S) imported via **field map** to account for fringe effects
- Implementation of **FF quadrupole fields** in the Key4hep geometry

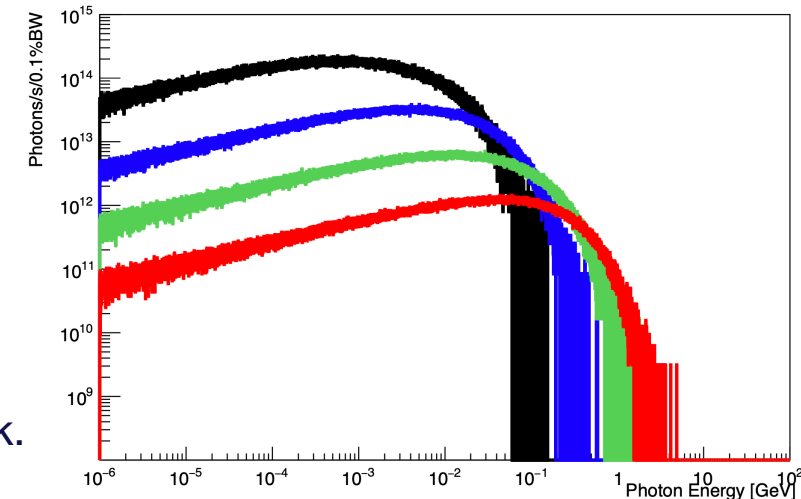


Beamstrahlung radiation

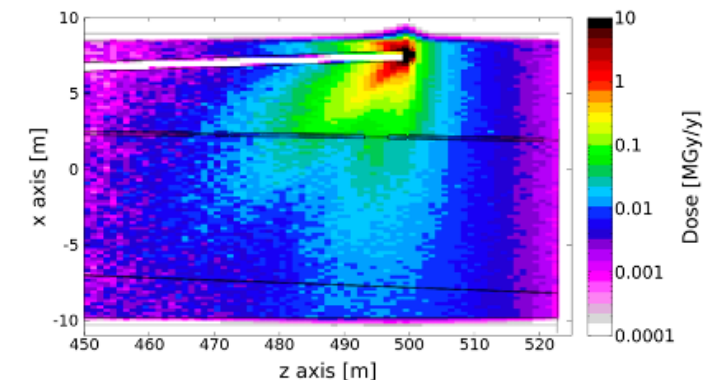
Extremely intense radiation **O(100kW)** produced by the deflection of a beam under the EM field of the other at the IP. The photons are emitted **collinear to the beam** with an angle proportional to the beam-beam kick.

A **dedicated extraction line** collects the intense radiation to a photon beam dump. The downstream **magnets** need to be **redesigned** to allow the passage of the extraction line.

Integration with the tunnel show that a possible location of the beamstrahlung dump is **500m from the IP**. First FLUKA studies to determine **power absorption** in the dump and tunnel ongoing.



	Total Power [kW]	Mean Energy [MeV]
Z	370	1.7
WW	236	7.2
ZH	147	22.9
Top	77	62.3



M. Boscolo and A. Ciarma, "Characterization of the beamstrahlung radiation at the future high-energy circular collider" Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams **26**, 111002

Muon physics

Flavour and rare decays

Beauty and charm hadron production at the Z^0 pole enables flavour-physics studies beyond Belle II and complementary to the LHC.

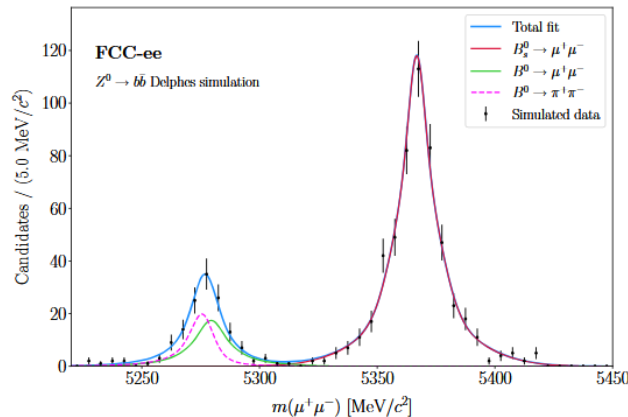
Rare flavour-changing neutral currents sensitive to new physics

Mass resolution and muon identification \rightarrow crucial for separating close-in-mass states like

$$B^0_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \text{ (5366 MeV}/c^2\text{)}$$

$$B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \text{ (5279 MeV}/c^2\text{)}$$

with their branching fractions \rightarrow powerful test of minimal flavour viol



Heavy Neutral Lepton searches

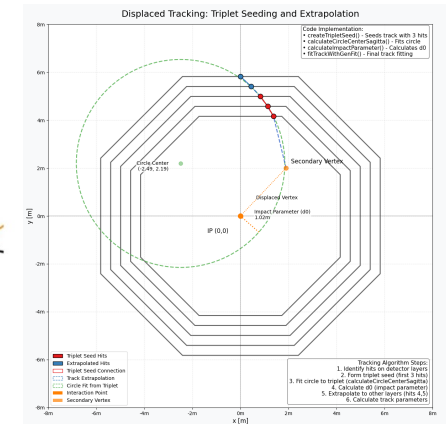
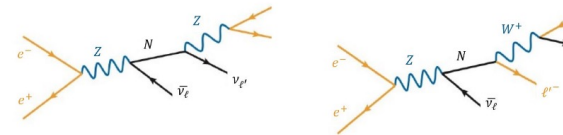
Detecting HNLs at FCC_ee vs LHC:

LLP signature discrimination due a clean background

Reconstruction displaced decays with precise tracking/vertexing

Sensitive to low-mass HNLs ($5 \div 85$ GeV) via rare Z or W decays

- Fully leptonic decay $\mu \mu \nu_\mu$
- Semi-leptonic decay into $\mu j j'$ where j and j' are jets from $q \bar{q}'$ pairs coming from the charged vector boson coupling with HNL and muon



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