



$\mu^+\mu^-$ colliders

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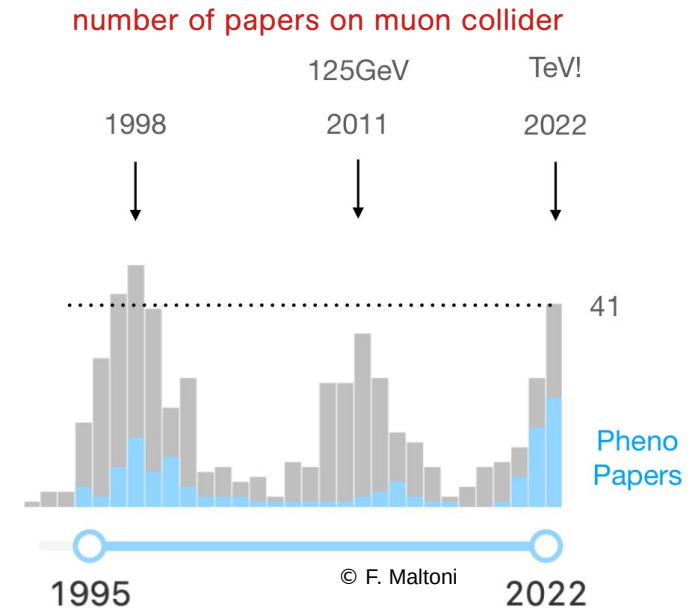
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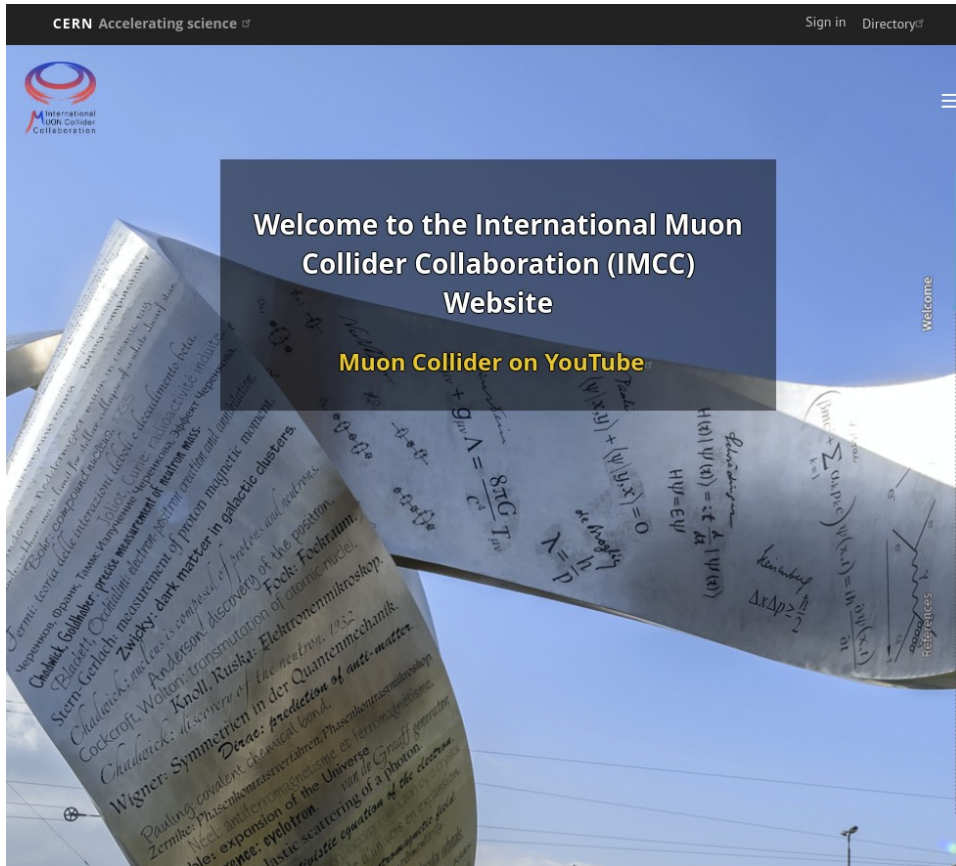
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- The International Muon Collider Collaboration:
 - ▶ goals, plans and a tentative work timeline.
- Concept design of a 10-TeV muon collider:
 - ▶ overview of the main components of the accelerator complex and the related technical challenges;
 - ▶ detector operation conditions and a glance to some preliminary physics results.
- Conclusions.

- Milestones:

- ▶ US Muon Accelerator Program (**MAP**): main focus on key elements of the accelerator complex for colliders at center of mass energies of 125 GeV and 1.5 TeV
 - JINST Volume “Muon Accelerators for Particle Physics”.
- ▶ Muon Ionization Cooling Experiment (**MICE**) in UK: proof of principle of the ionization cooling
 - Nature 578, 58 (2020).
- ▶ Low Emittance Muon Accelerator (**LEMMA**) in Italy: studies for an alternative technique to produce muons based on the process $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$
 - Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 807, 101 (2016).
- ▶ 2020 Update of the European Strategy for Particle Physics (**ESPPU**): recommended R&D on muon beams
 - “ESPP - Accelerator R&D Roadmap”, arXiv:2201.07895.
- ▶ US **Snowmass** 2021: very strong interest of the US HEP community in muon colliders
 - “Muon Collider Forum Report”, arXiv:2209.01318.





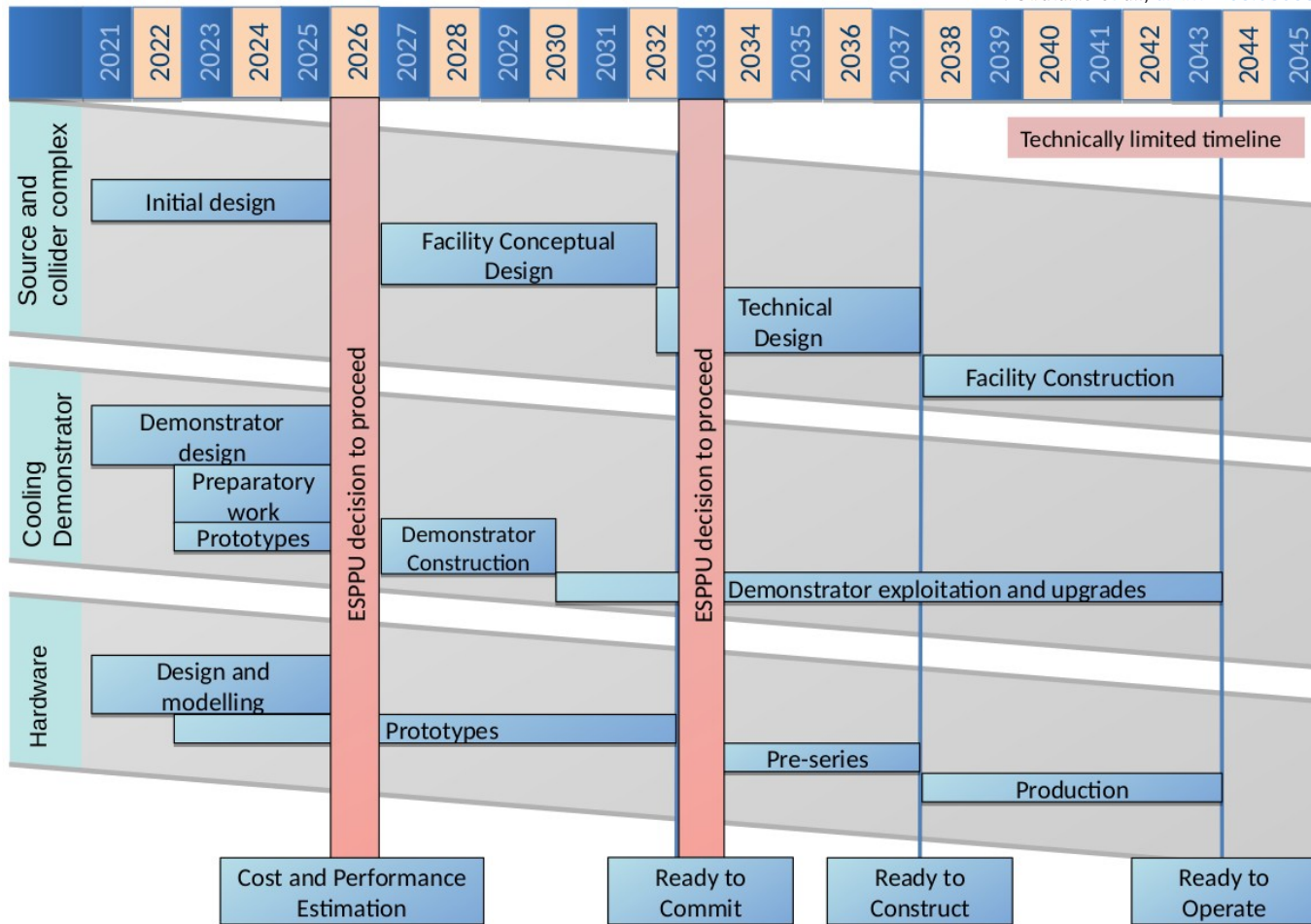
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- Following the recommendation of the Update of the European Strategy for Particle Physics, an **International Muon Collider Collaboration (IMCC)** has been formed at CERN to foster and coordinate the muon collider R&D efforts.
- IMCC main goals for the next ESPP Update:
 - ▶ assessing the potential of a muon collider;
 - ▶ defining an R&D plan towards the collider;
 - ▶ explore possible synergies with other fields.
- Two options currently considered with focus on high energy and high luminosity:
 - ▶ a **10+ TeV machine**;
 - ▶ a possible intermediate stage (e.g., **3 TeV**).

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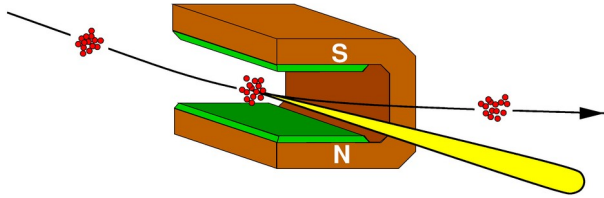
Tentative timeline for a 3-TeV collider

D. Stratakis *et al.*, [arXiv:2203.08033](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.08033)



Why to collide muons?

Basically, to get collisions at center-of-mass energies of several TeVs with leptons.

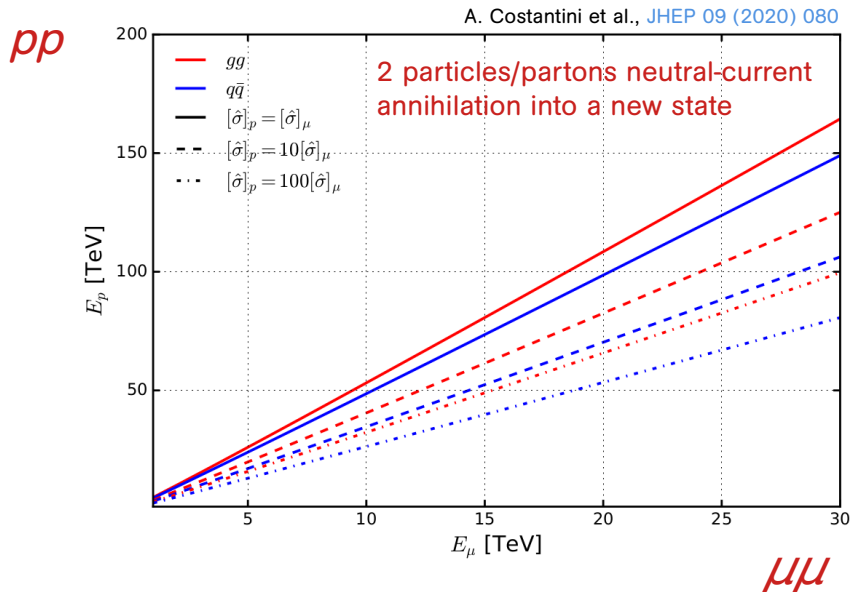


$$P_{\text{synchrotron}} \propto \frac{E^4}{m^4 R^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{m_{\mu}}{m_e}\right)^4 = 1.8 \cdot 10^9.$$

- Being ~ 207 times heavier than electrons, muons are **less sensitive to synchrotron radiation losses** when curved in the field of dipole magnets:
- Muons can be accelerated to multi-TeV energies in relatively **compact rings** with all the advantages of circular machines.

Advantages of leptonic collisions

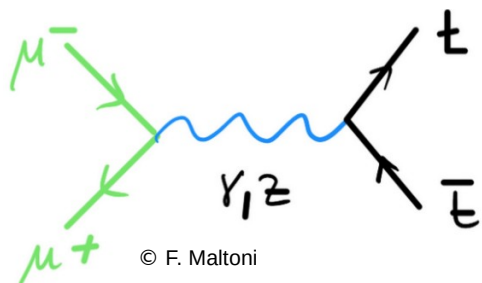


- Unlike protons used at LHC, muons are fundamental point-like particles:

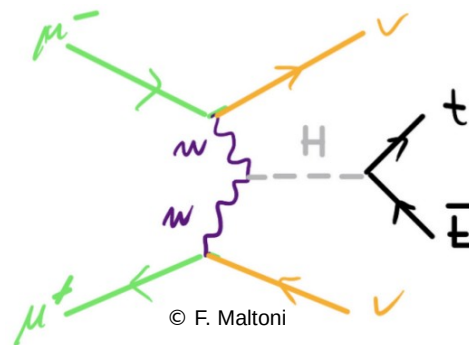
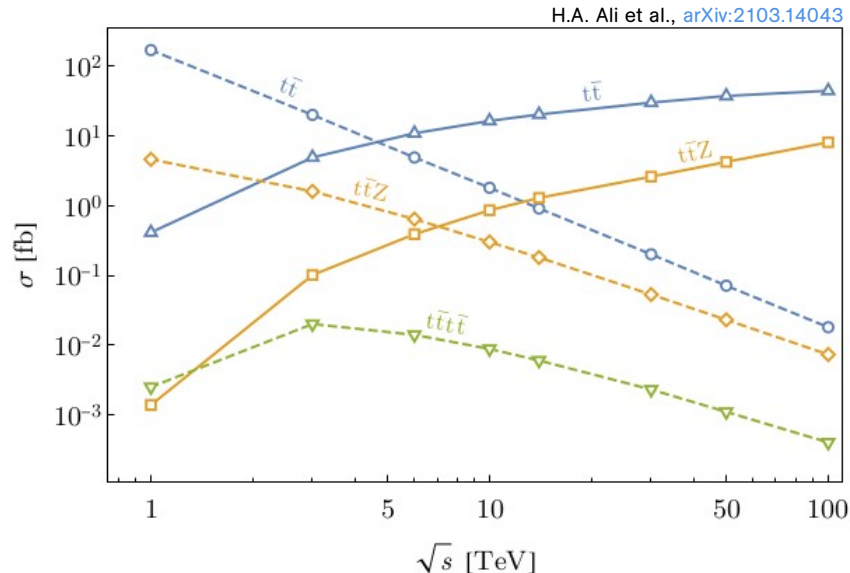
- ▶ all collision energy is available to the hard-scattering process;
- ▶ the energy and momentum of the colliding muons are precisely known;
- ▶ final states are in general “cleaner”.

A muon collider combines precision physics and discovery reach.

Multi-TeV muon colliders are effectively
vector boson colliders!

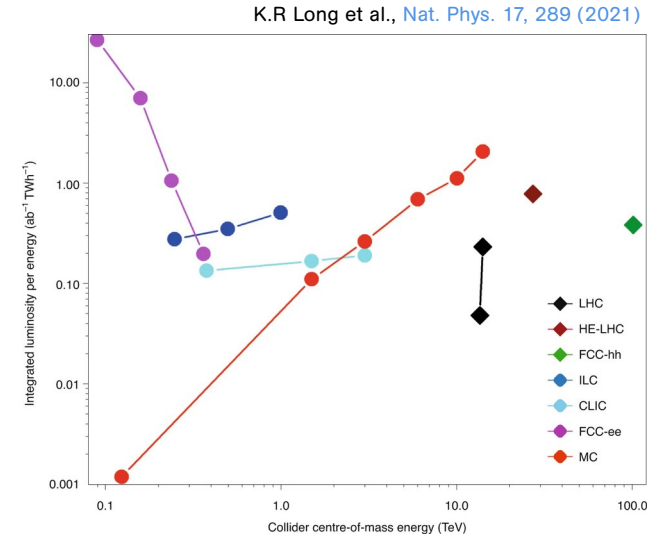
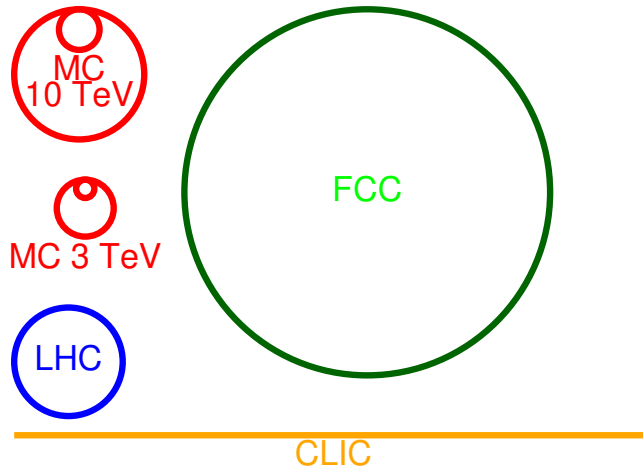


$$\sigma(s) \sim \frac{1}{s}$$



$$\sigma(s) \sim \frac{1}{M} \log^n \left(\frac{s}{M} \right)$$

- At the highest collision energies a muon collider is the **most power-efficient machine**.
- **No severe beam-strahlung effects** like in e^+e^- linear colliders: expected a beam energy spread of $dE/E < 10^{-3}$ up to 14 TeV.



- A muon collider facility may be built with a relatively **smaller footprint w.r.t.** to other future accelerators.

Likely to be cost effective and more sustainable.

Parameter	Unit	3 TeV	10 TeV	14 TeV	CLIC @ 3 TeV
L	$10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	1.8	20	40	2 (6)
N	10^{12}	2.2	1.8	1.8	
f_r	Hz	5	5	5	
P_{beam}	MW	5.3	14.4	20	28
C	km	4.5	10	14	
$\langle B \rangle$	T	7	10.5	10.5	
ϵ_L	MeV m	7.5	7.5	7.5	
σ_E / E	%	0.1	0.1	0.1	
σ_z	mm	5	1.5	1.07	
β	mm	5	1.5	1.07	
ϵ	μm	25	25	25	
$\sigma_{x,y}$	μm	3.0	0.9	0.63	

- Initial parameters based on MAP studies.
- Integrated luminosity target per IP in **5 years** of operation:

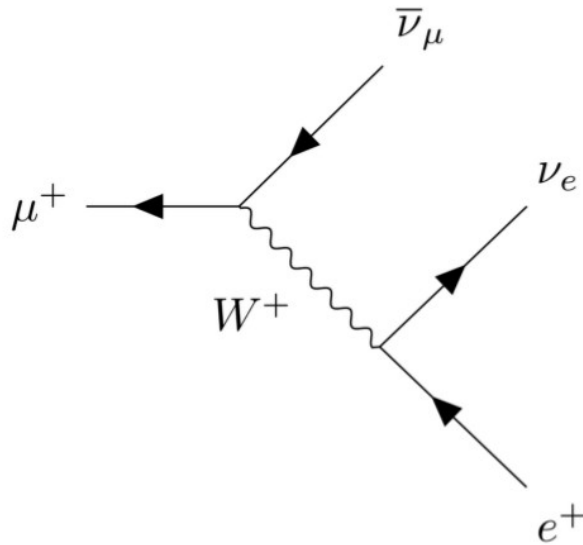
\sqrt{s}	$\int \mathcal{L} dt$
3 TeV	1 ab^{-1}
10 TeV	10 ab^{-1}
14 TeV	20 ab^{-1}

- Unfortunately, the huge physical potential of a muon collider is not coming for free
 - muons are **unstable particles** with $\tau_\mu = 2.2 \mu\text{s}$ at rest.

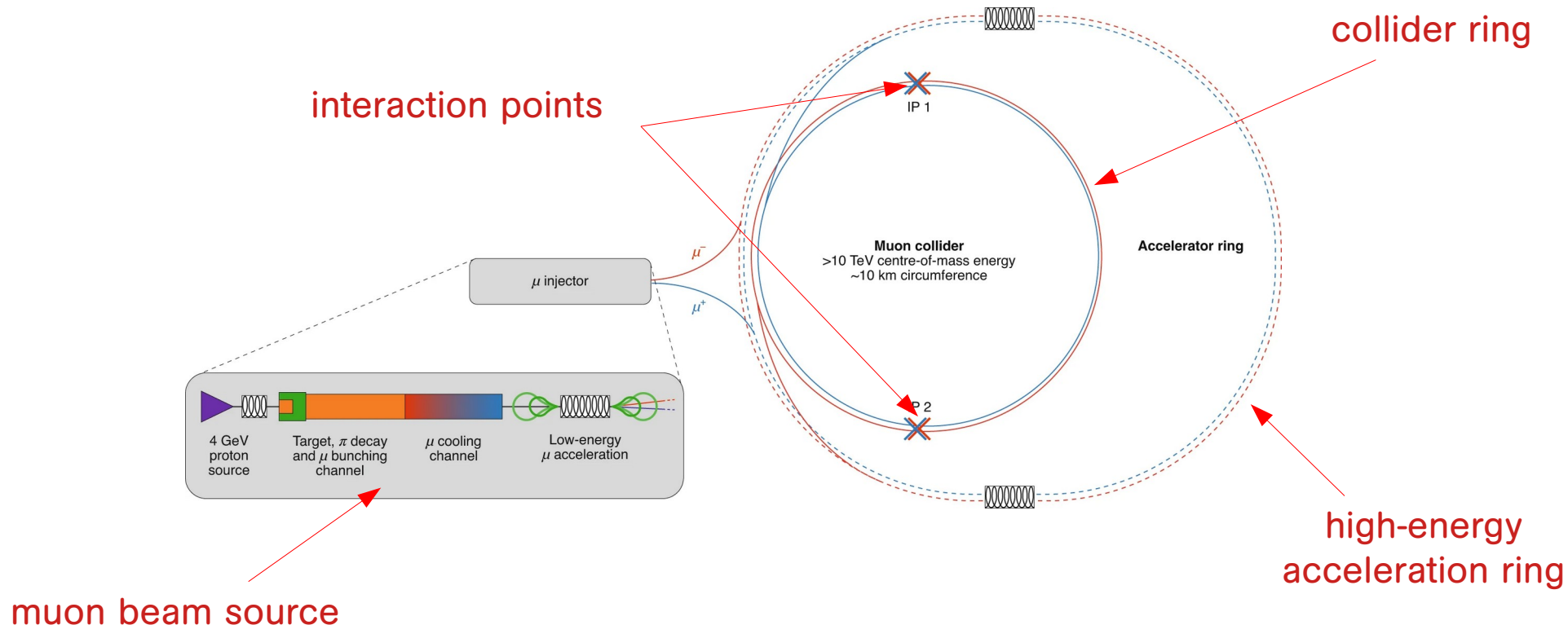
- Fortunately, the **relativistic time dilation** $t_\mu = \gamma\tau_\mu$ in the laboratory system allows enough time to properly prepare, accelerate and bring to collision the μ^+ and μ^- beams (e.g. for 5-TeV muons $t_\mu = 105 \text{ ms}$ in the lab).

- The electrons and positrons from beam muon decays and photons radiated by them interact with the machine elements, producing a **very intense flux of background particles** (e.g., at 10 TeV with $2 \times 10^{12} \mu/\text{bunch}$ expected on average 6.4×10^4 decays/m):

- ▶ this beam-induced background has to be dealt with at all stages of the accelerator complex.



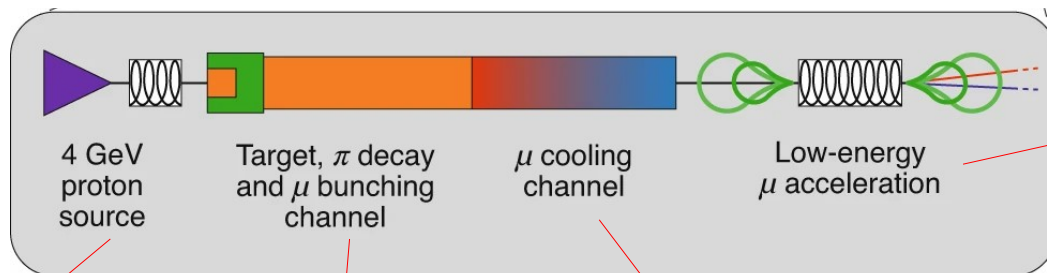
Muon collider concept



Design fully driven by the muon lifetime.

Muon beam source

MAP's proton-driver scheme



The muon beam is **pre-accelerated** to ~ 100 GeV in a LINAC.

A **proton beam** with short high-intensity bunches hits a target and produces **pions**.

Pions are captured in a decay channel and **muons from pion decays** are collected and guided to a buncher.

The muon beam is **cooled**.

Key technical challenges:

- ▶ multi-MW proton beam with short high-charge bunches;
- ▶ high-power target;
- ▶ radiation-resistant capture superconducting magnet.

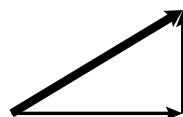
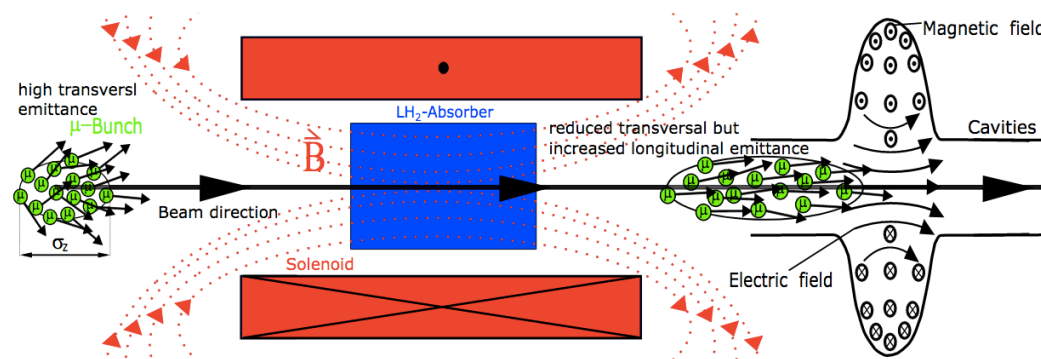
Muon beam source drives the beam quality.

- Muons from pions decays exhibit a **large 6D phase-space volume**.
- In order to achieve the **luminosity goal** it must be reduced (“cooled”) by a factor of 10^6 .
- The only cooling technique that satisfies the strict timing requirements is the **ionization cooling**.

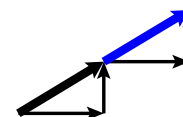
Key technical challenges:

- ▶ high-gradient RFs operating in magnetic fields;
- ▶ high-field solenoids (~ 50 T);
- ▶ integration of all components in a dense lattice.

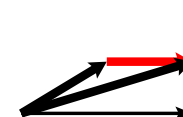
ionization cooling principle



Muons have large transverse momenta at production.



Crossing an absorber, muons lose energy in longitudinal and transverse directions.

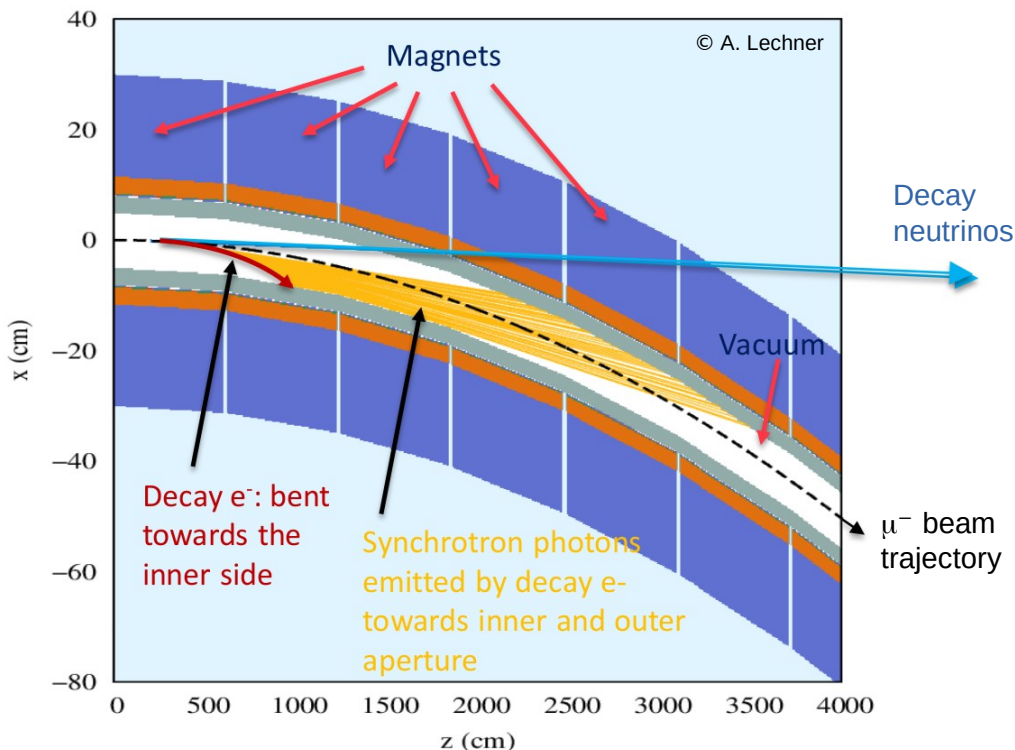


Muon acceleration in the longitudinal direction.

- High-energy complex:
 - ▶ a **rapid-cycling synchrotron** (~30km long at 10 TeV) accelerates the μ^\pm beams to the collision energy;
 - ▶ **collision ring** (~10 km long at 10 TeV) with two interaction points (IP).
- The components of both machines must be **shielded**: a 5-TeV beam with 2×10^{12} μ /bunch injected at 5 Hz frequency is expected to generate a power load of ~0.5 kW/m.

Key technical challenges:

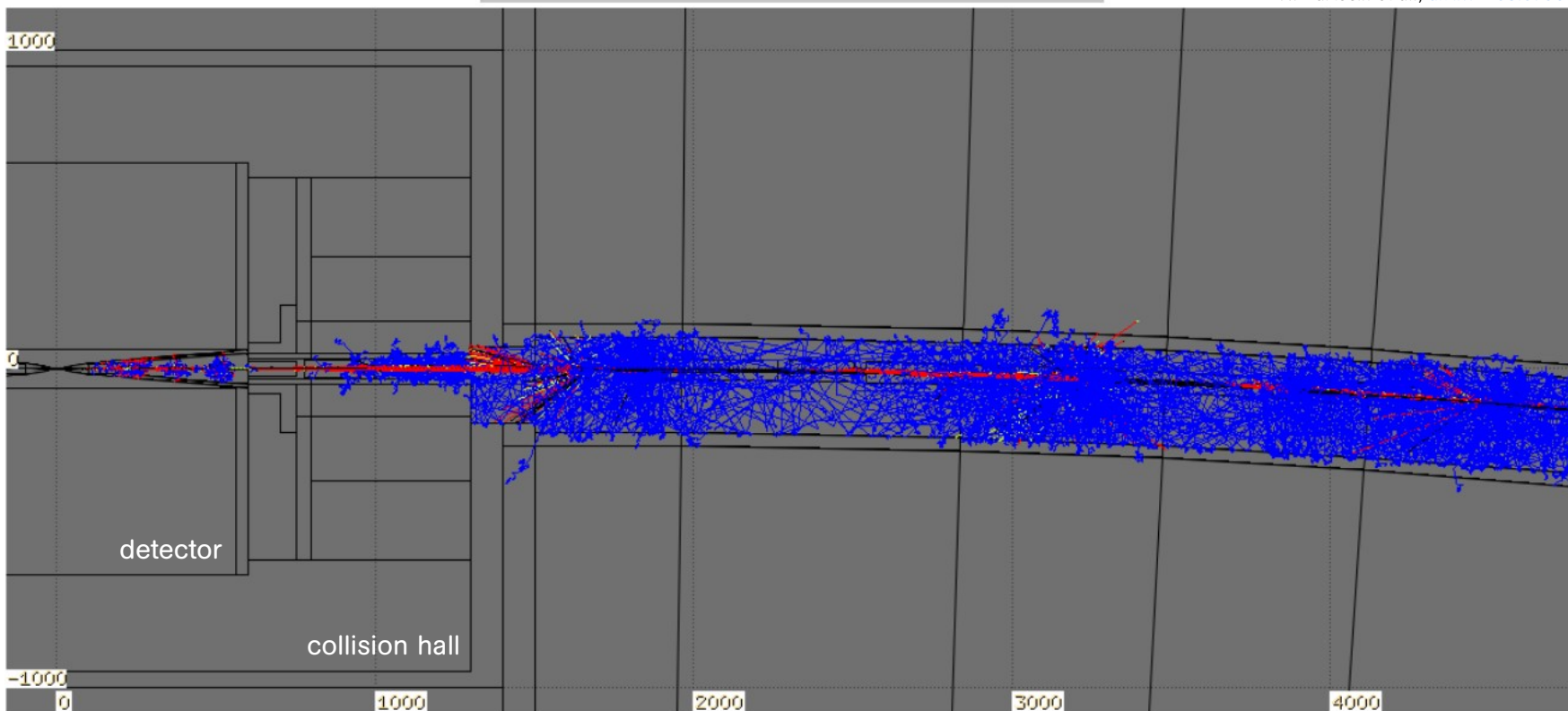
- ▶ high-field dipoles ($\gtrsim 16$ T) with a 15-cm bore;
- ▶ fast-ramping magnets with cycling times of ms (possibly high-temperature superconductors);
- ▶ high-gradient radio-frequencies.



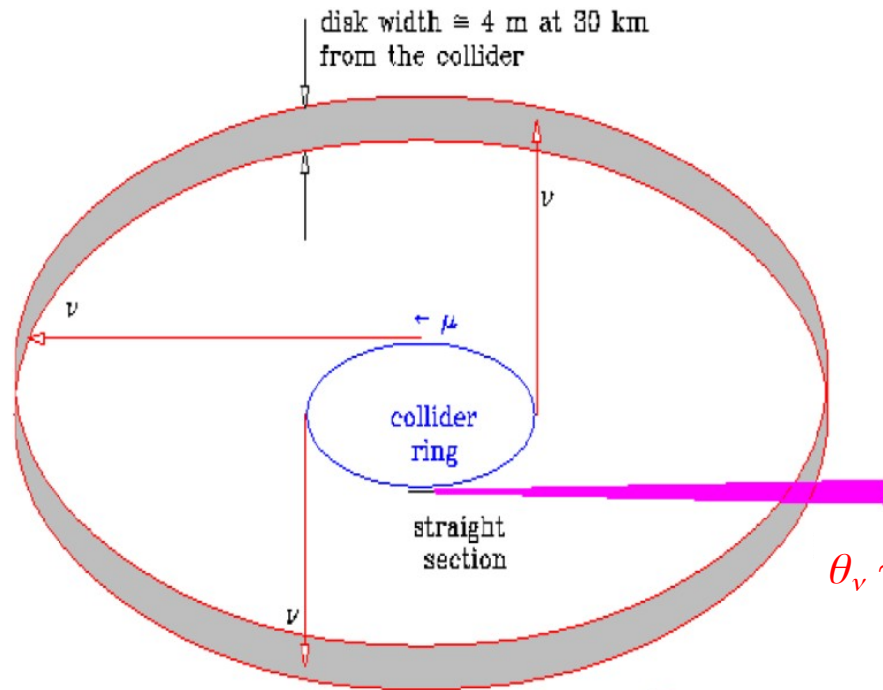
FLUKA simulation



N. Bartosik *et al.*, [arXiv:2203.07964](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.07964)



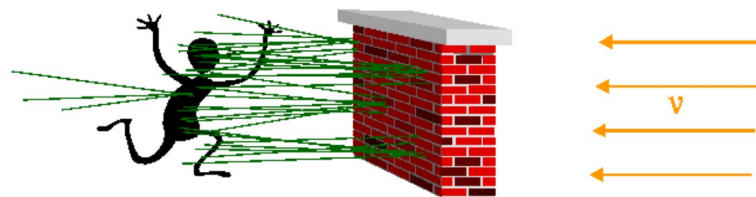
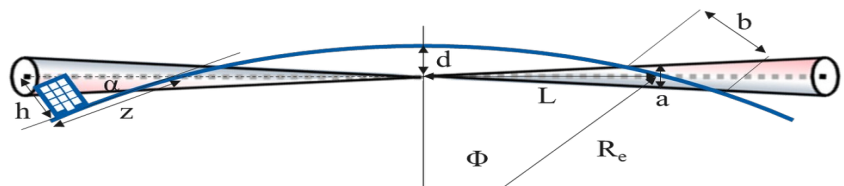
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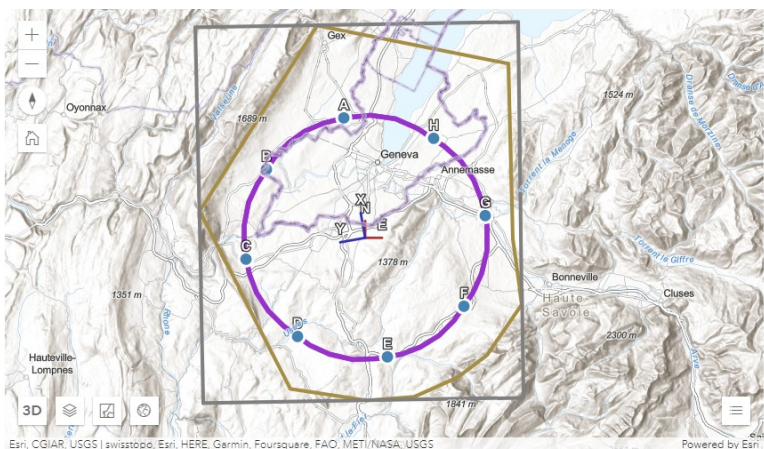
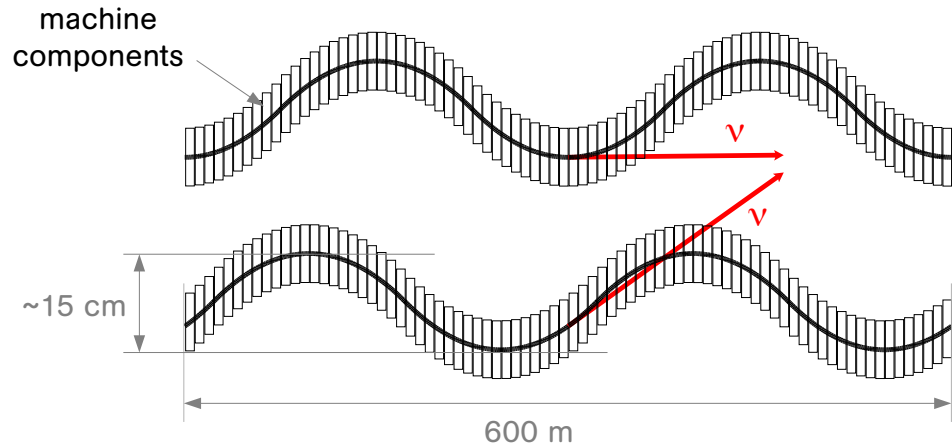
$$\theta_\nu \sim \frac{10^{-4}}{E_\mu [\text{TeV}]}$$

- Intense and highly collimated ν fluxes, emerging on the earth surface even very faraway from the muon collider complex, may activate in the long run the materials they cross:
 - ▶ arc sections → radiation disk;
 - ▶ straight sections → radiation hot spots.

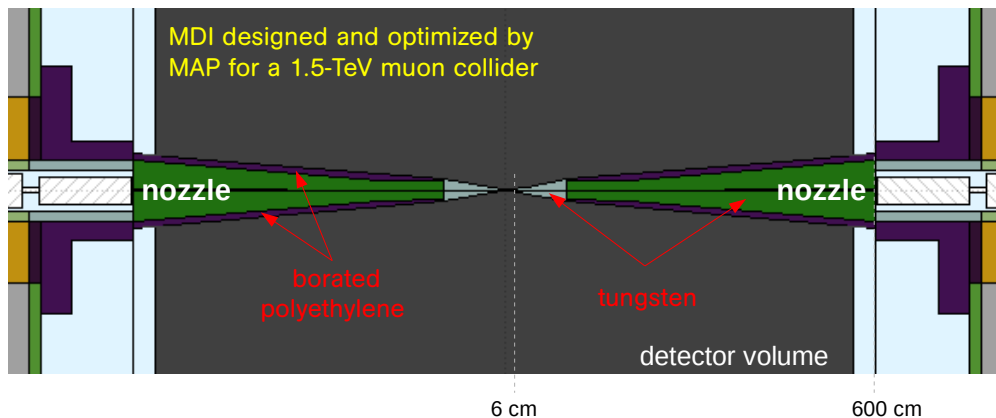
B.J. King, [arXiv:hep-ex/0005006v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ex/0005006v1)



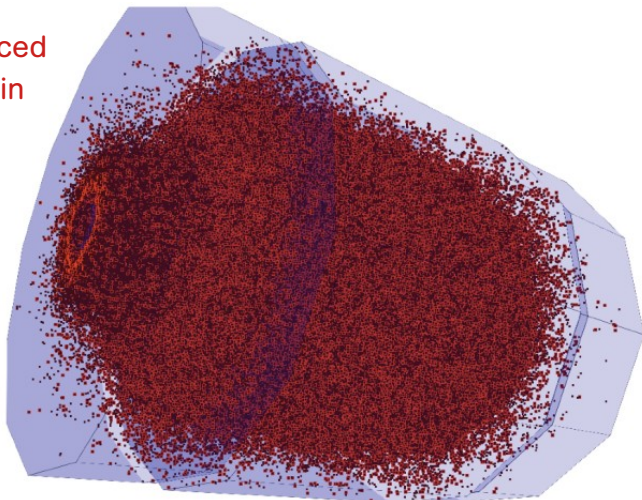
$$\langle \text{dose} \rangle \sim \frac{E_\mu^3}{d}$$



- The final goal is to keep the radiation field at a **negligible level** (i.e. below 10 mSv/year).
- MAP studies demonstrated that up to 3 TeV depth (~300 m at 3 TeV) and beam movements with optics adjustments might be sufficient.
- For a 10-TeV machine additional mitigation measures are necessary:
 - ▶ **beam wobbling** at a frequency of a few months by means of a mechanical mover system of the accelerator components to spread the neutrino flux;
 - ▶ a well-thought **site selection**: a team at CERN is carrying out a geological, environmental, land and radiological analysis of the area to assess the impact of a muon collider in the LHC tunnel.



calorimeter hits produced by beam-induced bkg in one bunch-crossing



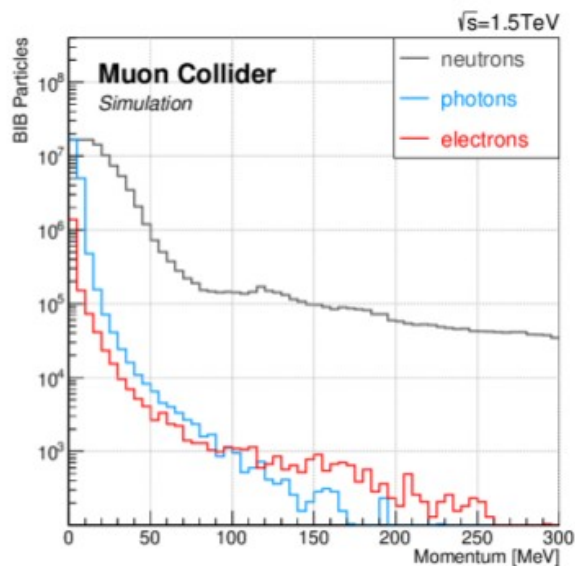
- The detectors have to operate under **extreme background conditions**: at every bunch crossing a flux of $O(10^{10})$ background particles is estimated to reach the detector.
- Background mitigation measures are necessary:
 - ▶ **shielding** in the machine-detector interface (MDI);
 - ▶ suitable **magnet configuration** in the interaction-region.

Detector key technical challenges:

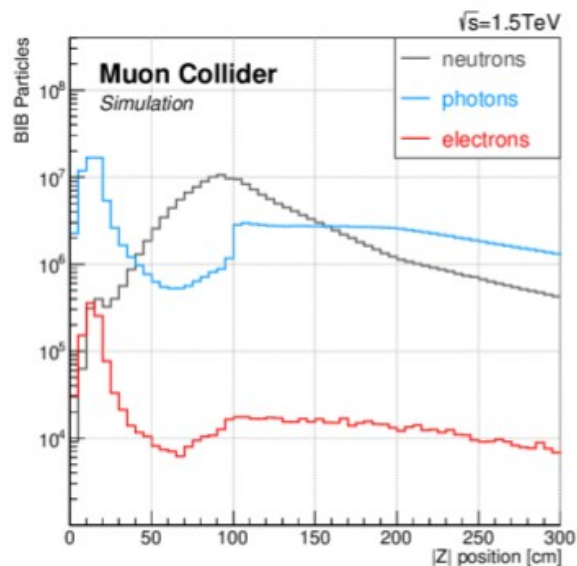
- ▶ very high-granularity;
- ▶ precision timing for all hits;
- ▶ radiation-hard sensors and electronics;
- ▶ cutting-edge reconstruction algorithms.

- Main BIB components entering the detector per bunch crossing:
 - ▶ photons ($\sim 10^8$), neutrons ($\sim 10^8$), electrons/positrons ($\sim 10^6$).

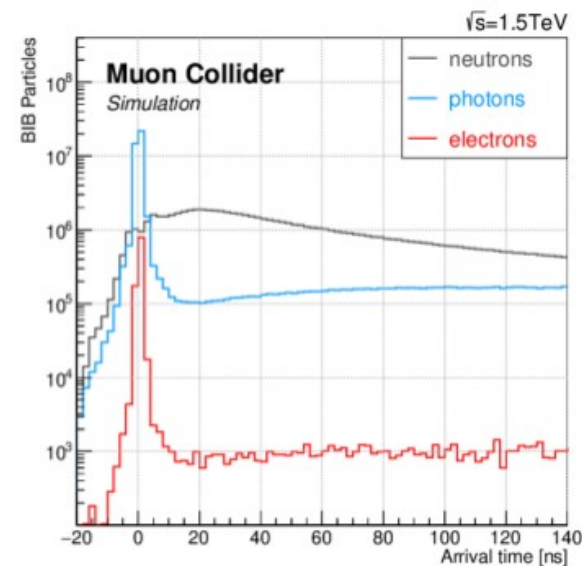
very soft momenta



displaced origin
w.r.t. the interaction region



asynchronous time of arrival
w.r.t. the bunch crossing



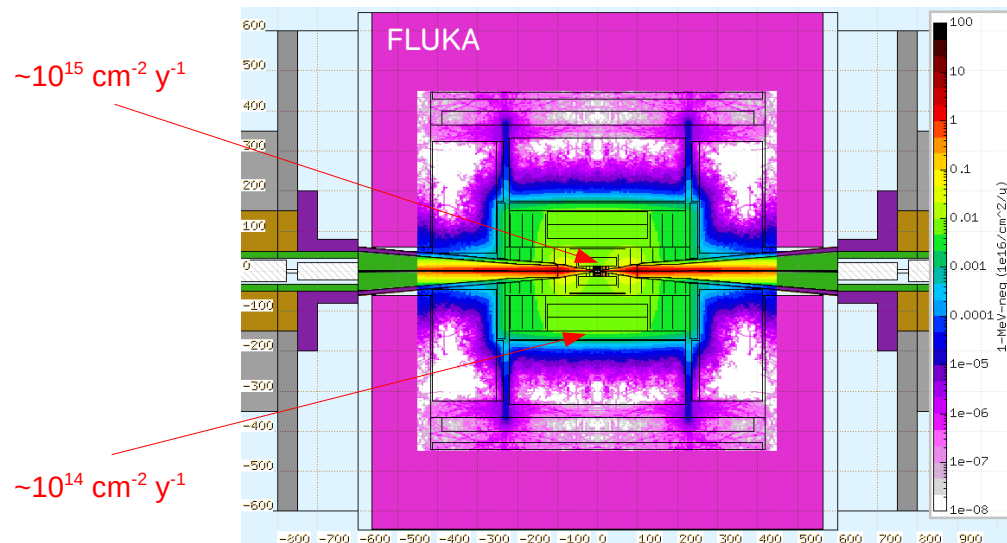
Radiation levels in the detector

- A muon collider detector must be **radiation hard**.
- Radiation levels in the detector will strongly depend on the collider operation mode.

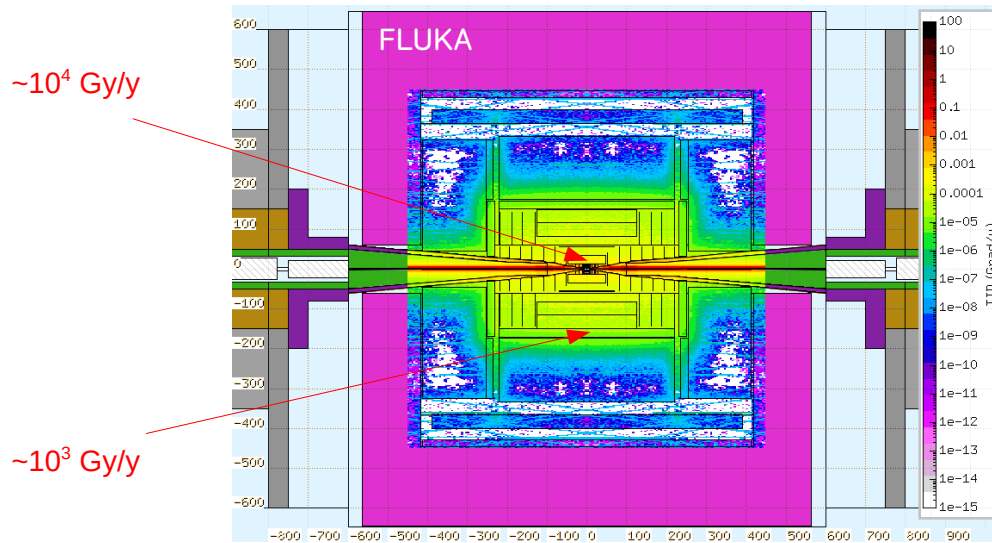
Assumptions:

- ◆ collision energy: 1.5 TeV;
- ◆ collider circumference: 2.5 km;
- ◆ beam injection frequency: 5 Hz;
- ◆ days of operation per year: 200.

1-MeV neutron equivalent fluence per year



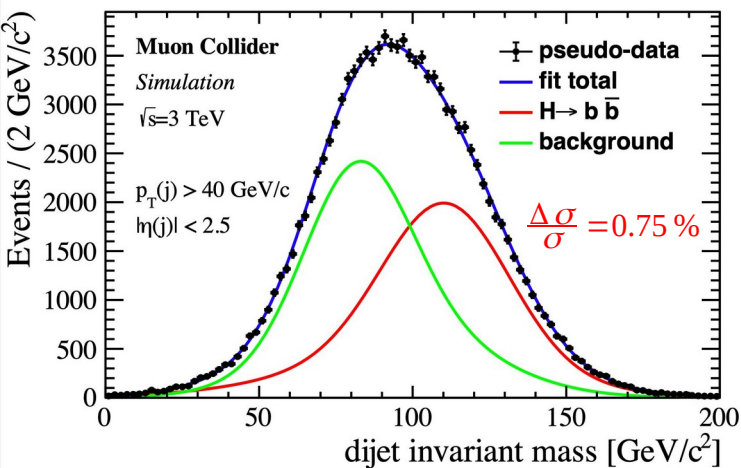
total ionizing dose per year



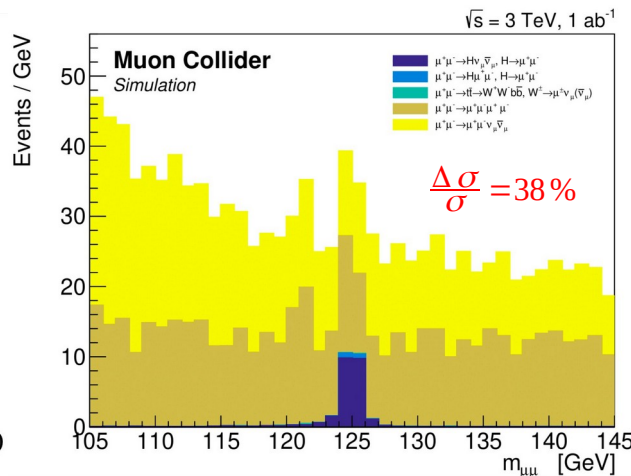
Physics can be done even at a muon collider!

- A campaign of **physics studies** is ongoing with a **detector detailed simulation**:
 - ▶ detector, background mitigation measures and reconstruction algorithms have not been fully optimized yet.

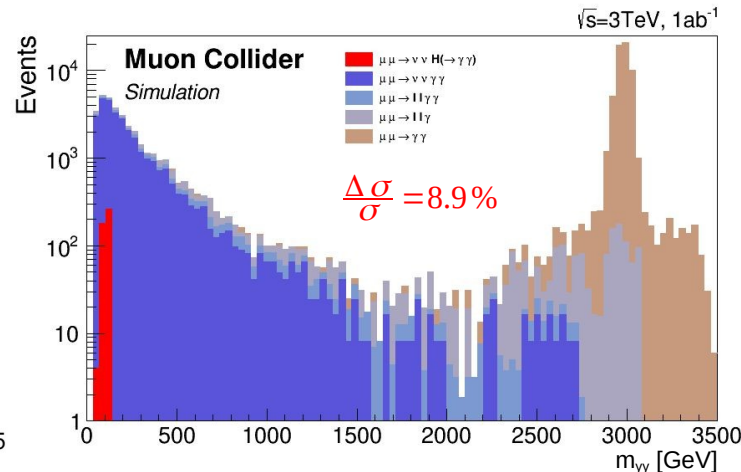
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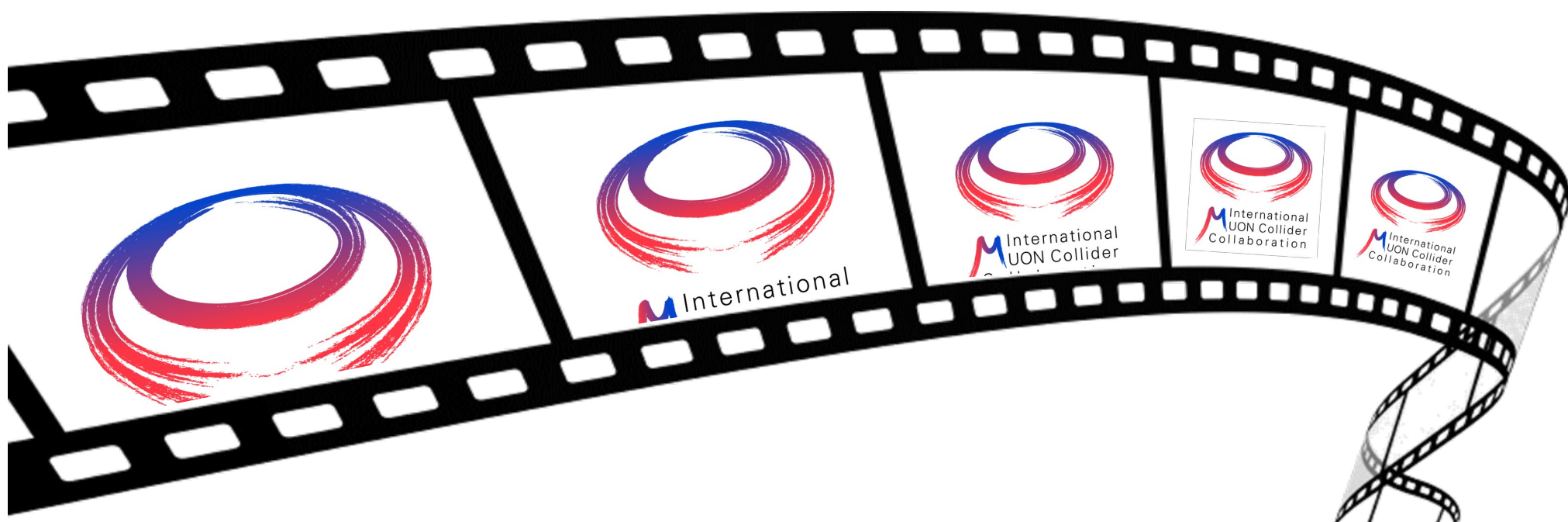
- On the machine side, there are **no evident insurmountable obstacles** identified towards a 10+ TeV muon collider:
 - ▶ but challenging technologies and design require R&D.
- On the detector side, many ongoing detector and physics studies with a detailed detector simulation show:
 - ▶ **satisfactory reconstruction performance** for all physics objects, despite a non-optimal detector and still crude reconstruction algorithms and background mitigation measures;
 - ▶ extremely **competitive physics results** w.r.t. the other future accelerators.

Colliding muons will be very challenging, but highly rewarding in terms of both physics outcome and technical advances!

A great potential for high-energy physics!

- The muon collider potential is well summarized in a short video on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=s_px84ukX9Q



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- Physics Study Group:

CERN e-group *MUONCOLLIDER-DETECTOR-PHYSICS*

- Detector and Physics Studies with full simulation:

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Backup

hadronic calorimeter

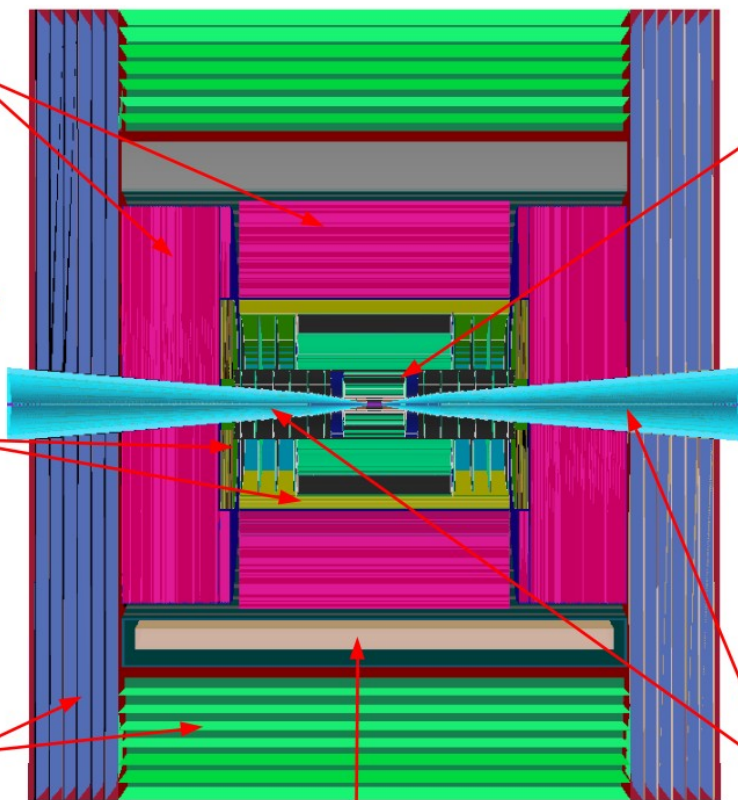
- ◆ 60 layers of 19-mm steel absorber + plastic scintillating tiles;
- ◆ 30x30 mm² cell size;
- ◆ 7.5 λ_I .

electromagnetic calorimeter

- ◆ 40 layers of 1.9-mm W absorber + silicon pad sensors;
- ◆ 5x5 mm² cell granularity;
- ◆ 22 $X_0 + 1 \lambda_I$.

muon detectors

- ◆ 7-barrel, 6-endcap RPC layers interleaved in the magnet's iron yoke;
- ◆ 30x30 mm² cell size.



superconducting solenoid (3.57T)

tracking system

- ◆ **Vertex Detector:**
 - double-sensor layers (4 barrel cylinders and 4+4 endcap disks);
 - 25x25 μm^2 pixel Si sensors.
- ◆ **Inner Tracker:**
 - 3 barrel layers and 7+7 endcap disks;
 - 50 μm x 1 mm macro-pixel Si sensors.
- ◆ **Outer Tracker:**
 - 3 barrel layers and 4+4 endcap disks;
 - 50 μm x 10 mm micro-strip Si sensors.

shielding nozzles

- ◆ Tungsten cones + borated polyethylene cladding.