

# Detecting disappearing tracks and other exotica at a Muon Collider

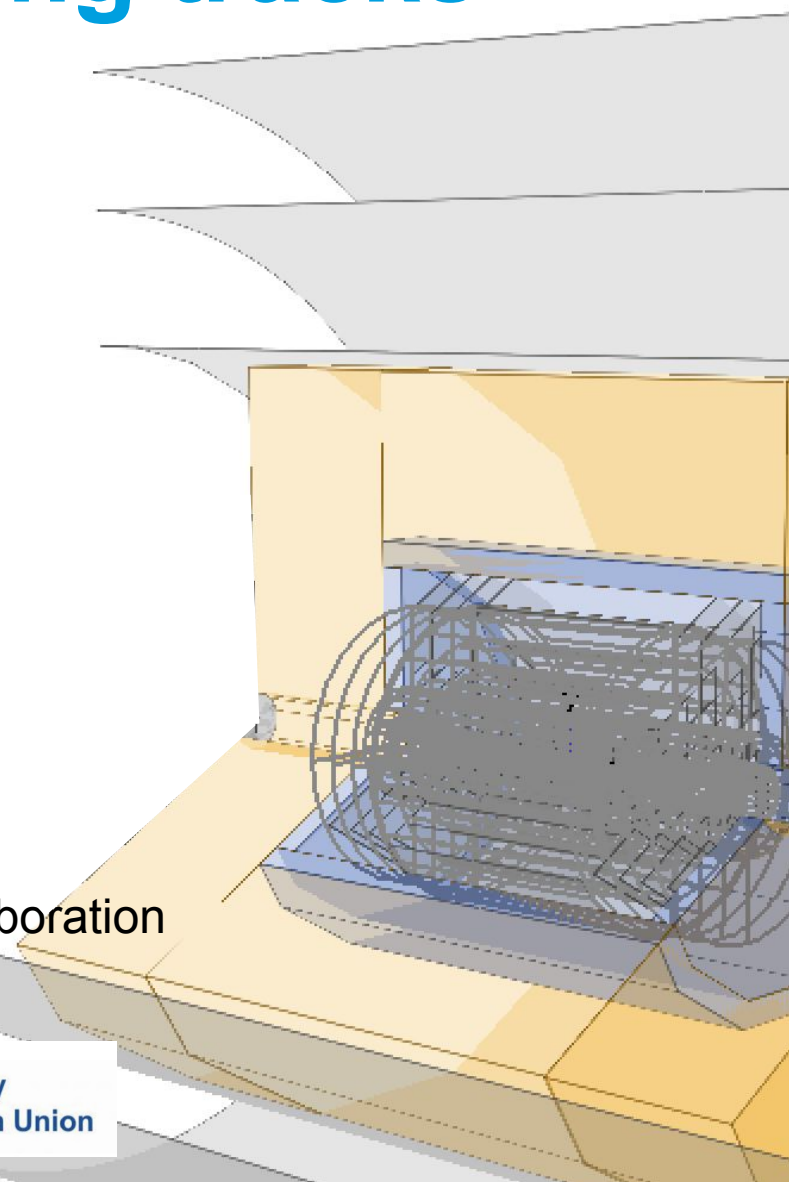
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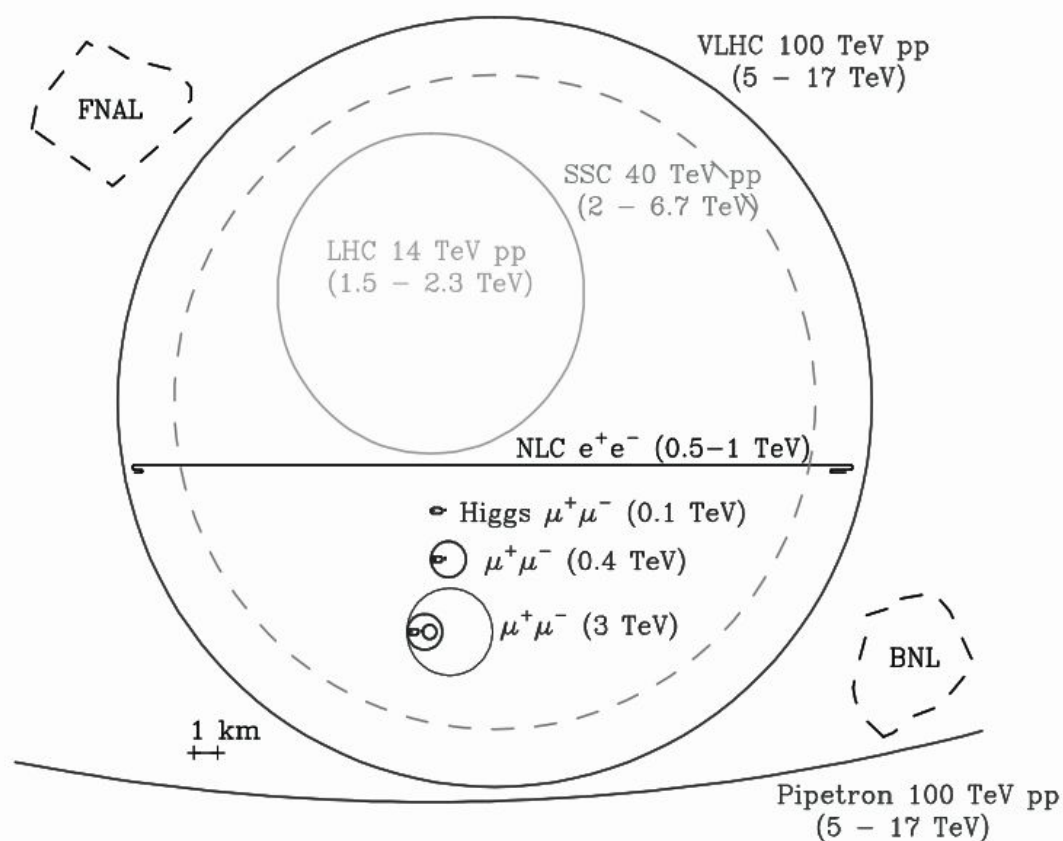
# High-energy microscopes

We conventionally pursue HEP research by probing shorter distances with either precision (indirect) or energy (direct)

## Muon colliders blur this dichotomy

The muon mass ( $105.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ ,  $207 \times e^\pm$  mass) means:

- Negligible synchrotron radiation emission
- Negligible beamstrahlung at collision

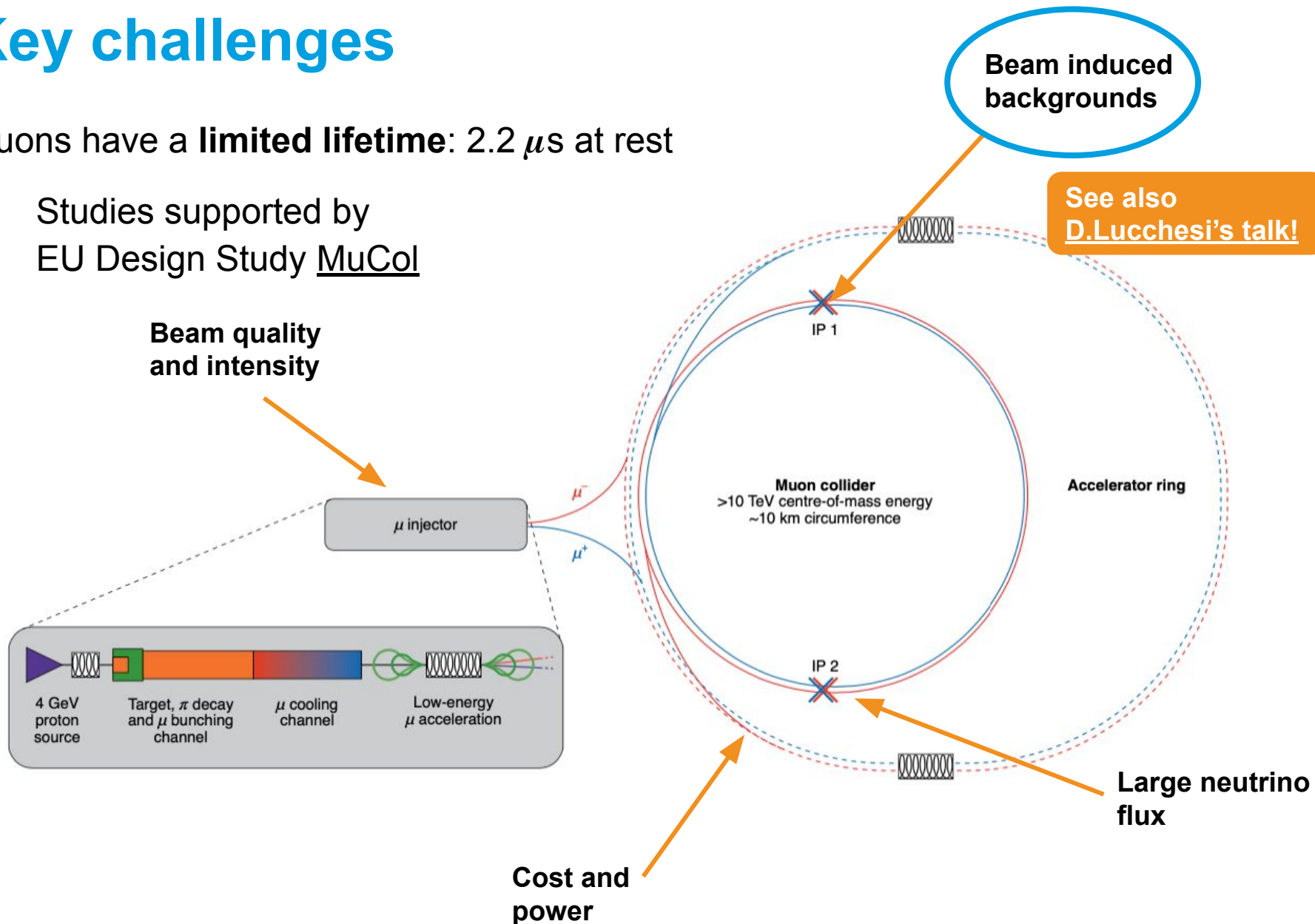


## Major technical challenges

# Key challenges

Muons have a **limited lifetime**:  $2.2 \mu\text{s}$  at rest

- Studies supported by EU Design Study MuCol



# A new detector for 10 TeV

The detectors need to be ready to measure **both TeV-scale particles as well as GeV-scale**

**Detector sizes need to grow**

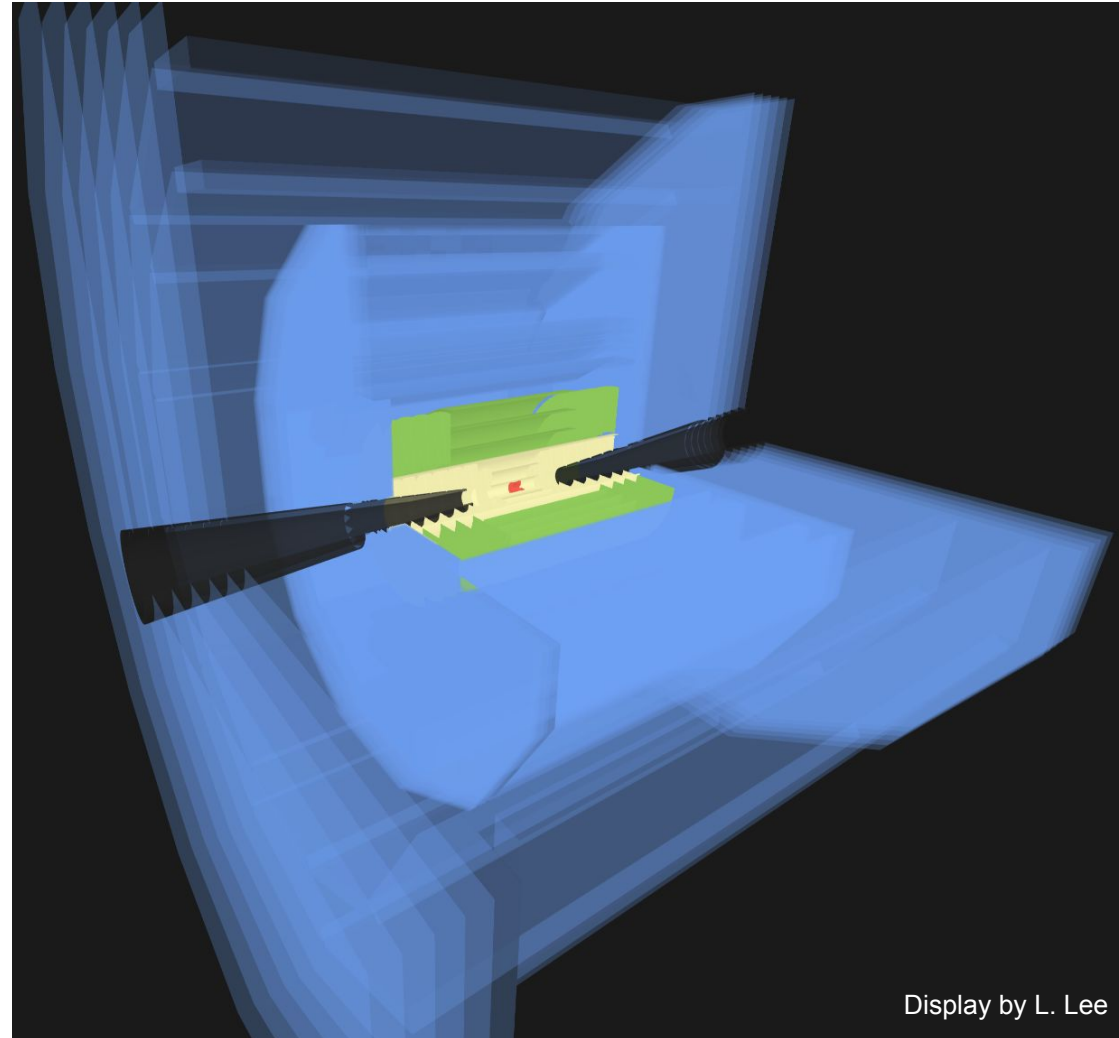
- Thicker calorimeters
- Bigger trackers with high precision in more places

See also [L. Sestini's talk!](#)

Physics benchmarks are key to guide the detector a design

In this talk:

- Winos and higgsinos
- Heavy Vector Triplets

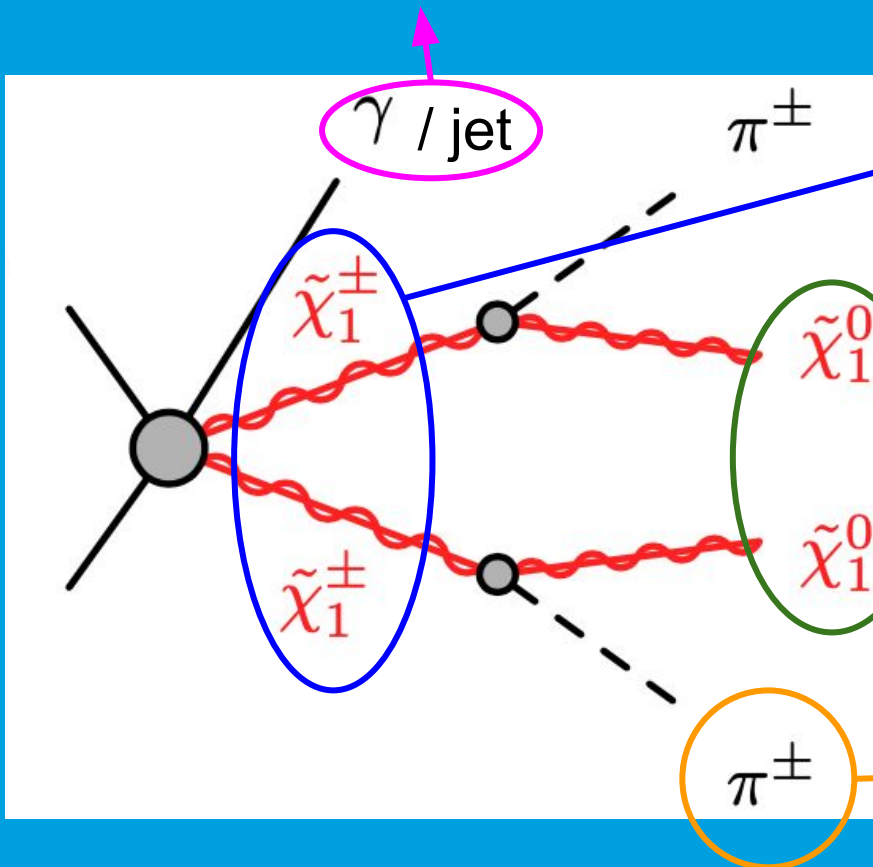


Display by L. Lee

# Disappearing tracks

ISR/FSR:

- “Trigger” the event



Charginos:

- Long lived, charged
- Reconstructable as “tracklets”

Neutralinos:

- Stable, neutral
- Invisible

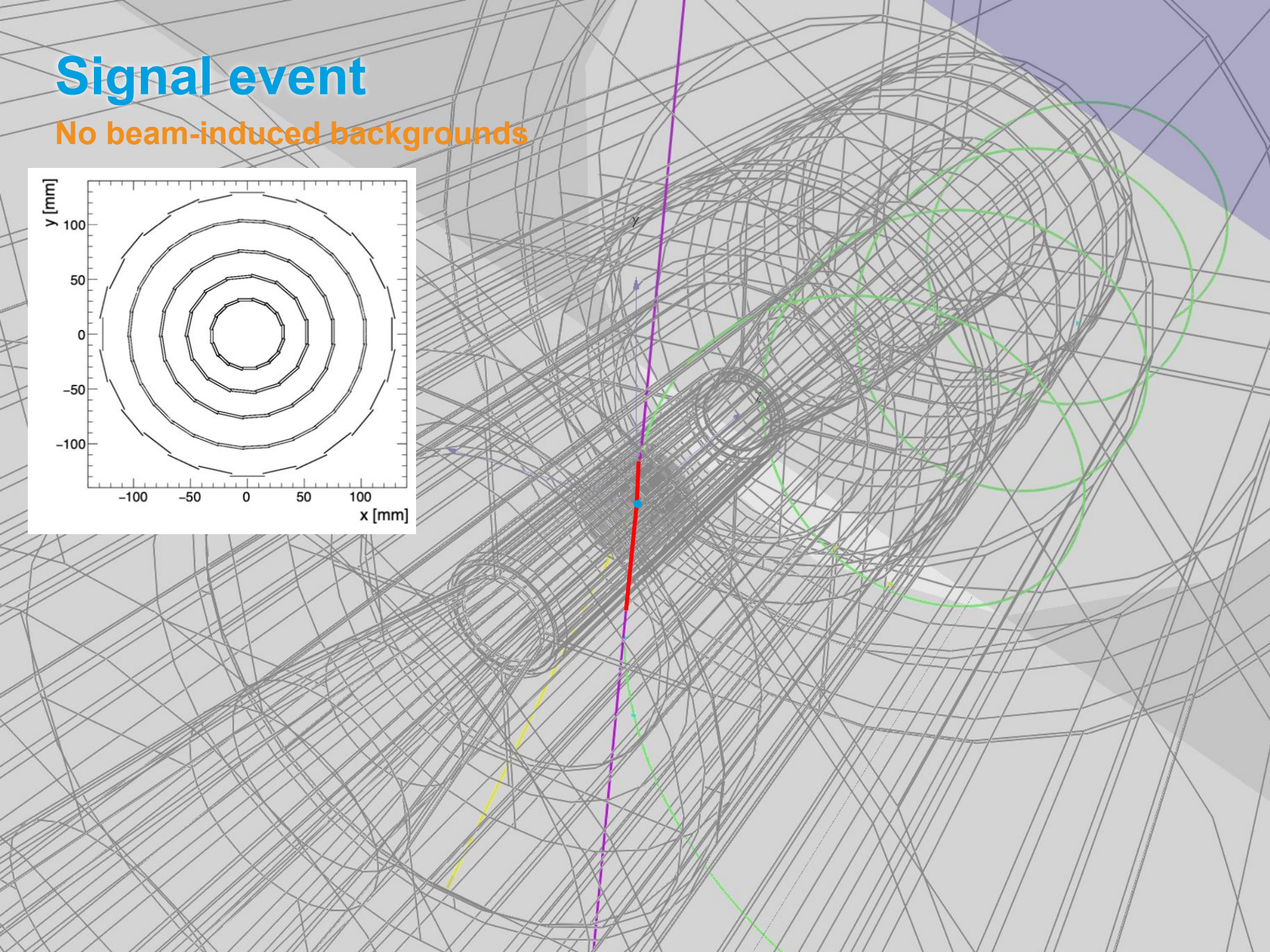
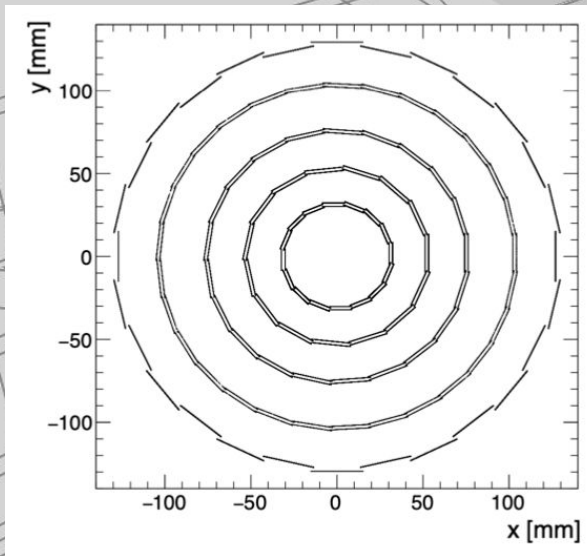
Displaced pions:

- Possibly reconstructable
- Not considered here



# Signal event

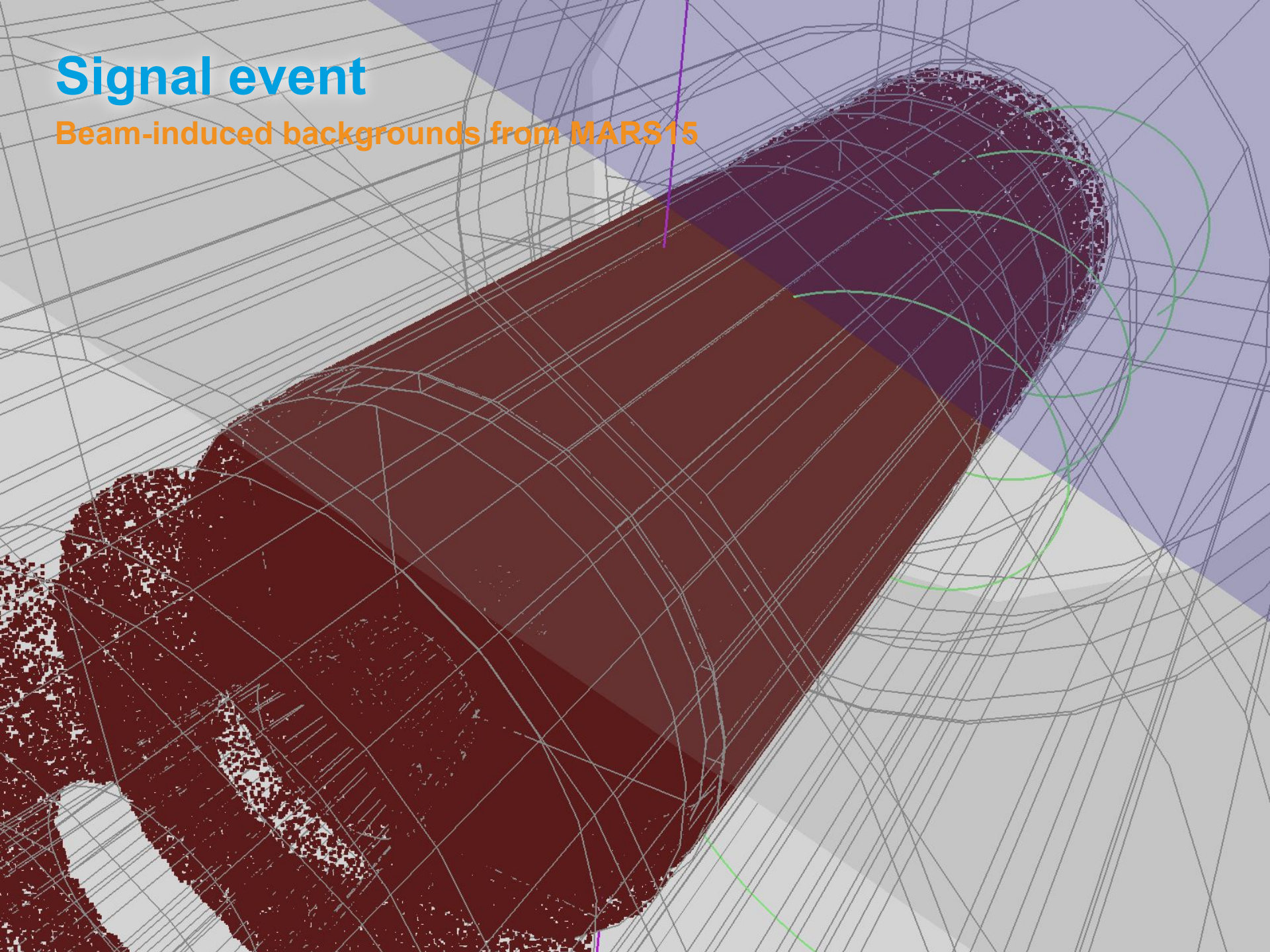
No beam-induced backgrounds





# Signal event

Beam-induced backgrounds from MARS15

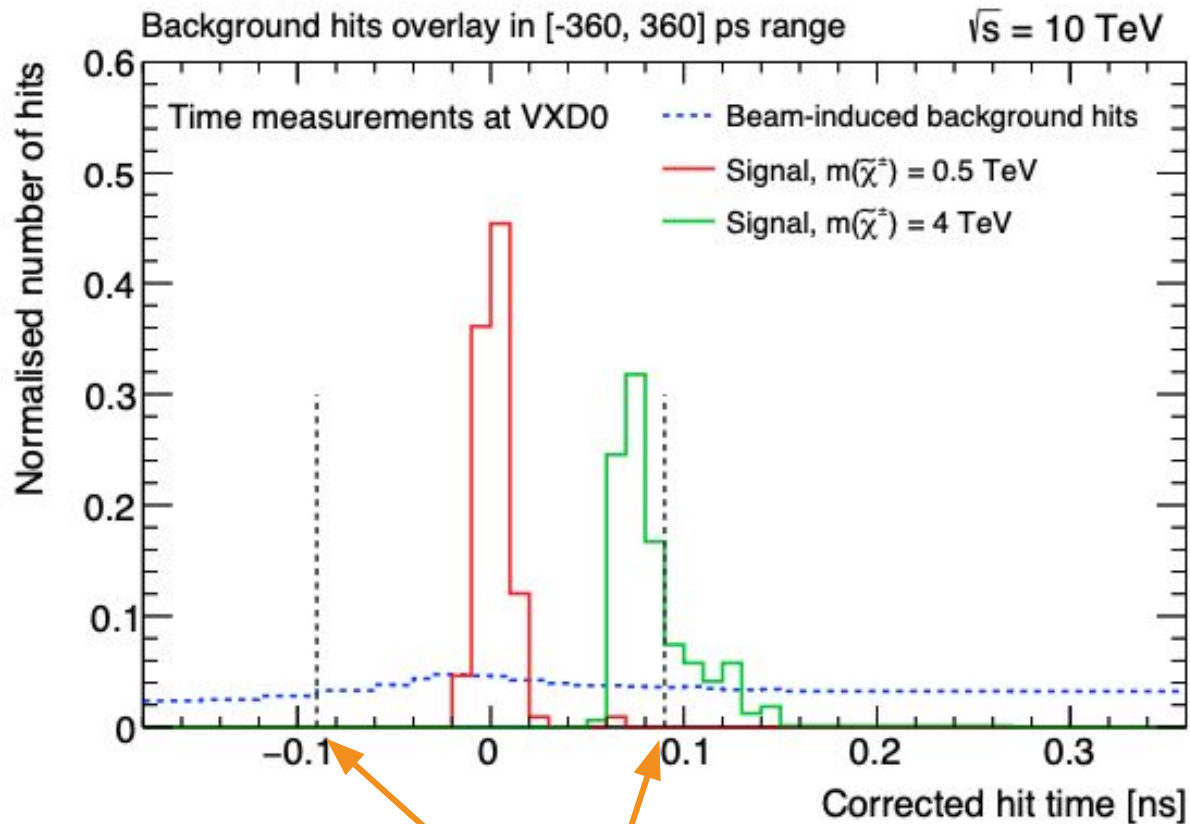


# BIB rejection: timing

3 TeV detector  
1.5 TeV BIB overlay  
Extrapolated to 10 TeV

Exploit particle arrival times to reduce BIB

- Correct for time of flight     Corrected time =  $t_{measured} - \frac{|r|}{c}$



Select hits within a time window

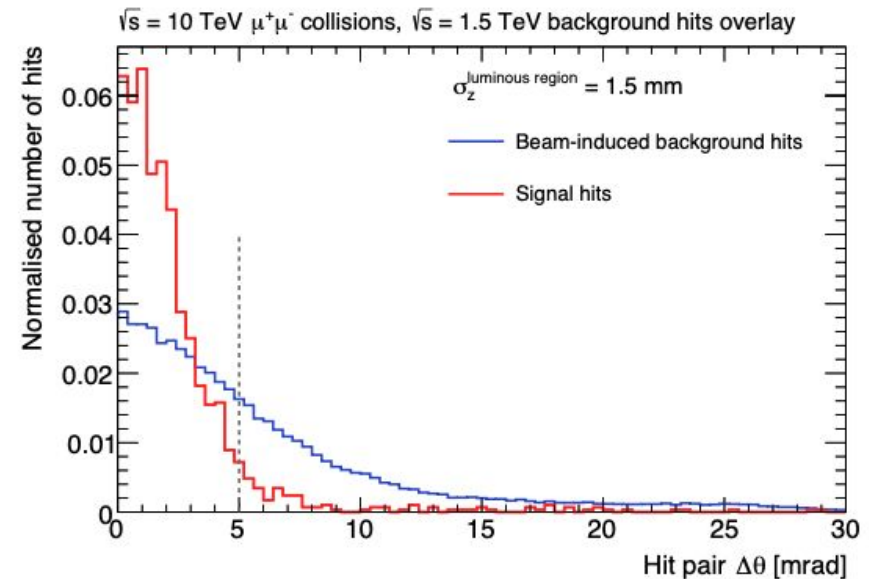
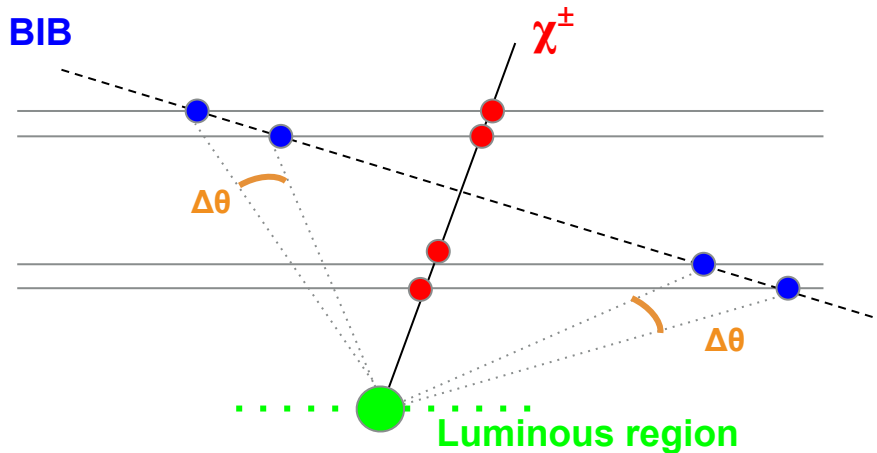


# BIB rejection: stubs

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The layout of the vertex detector can be exploited to reject hits from BIB particles

- Look for pairs of hits in neighbouring double-layers forming “**stub tracks**” that point back to the luminous region
- Work ongoing to apply a similar approach at the cluster level



# Tracklet reconstruction

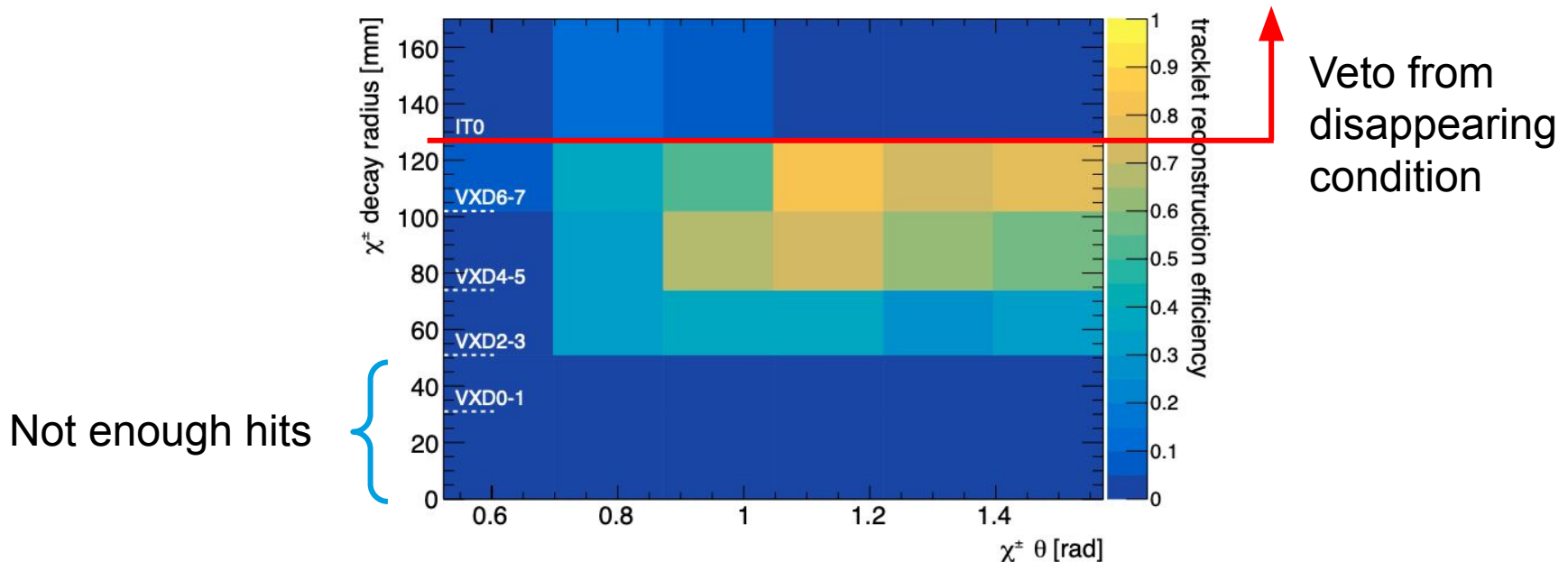
After BIB rejection cuts

3 TeV detector  
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Impose a “disappearing condition” (hit veto) at the first layer of the IT (12.7 cm)

Efficiencies evaluated with truth matching to  $\chi^\pm$

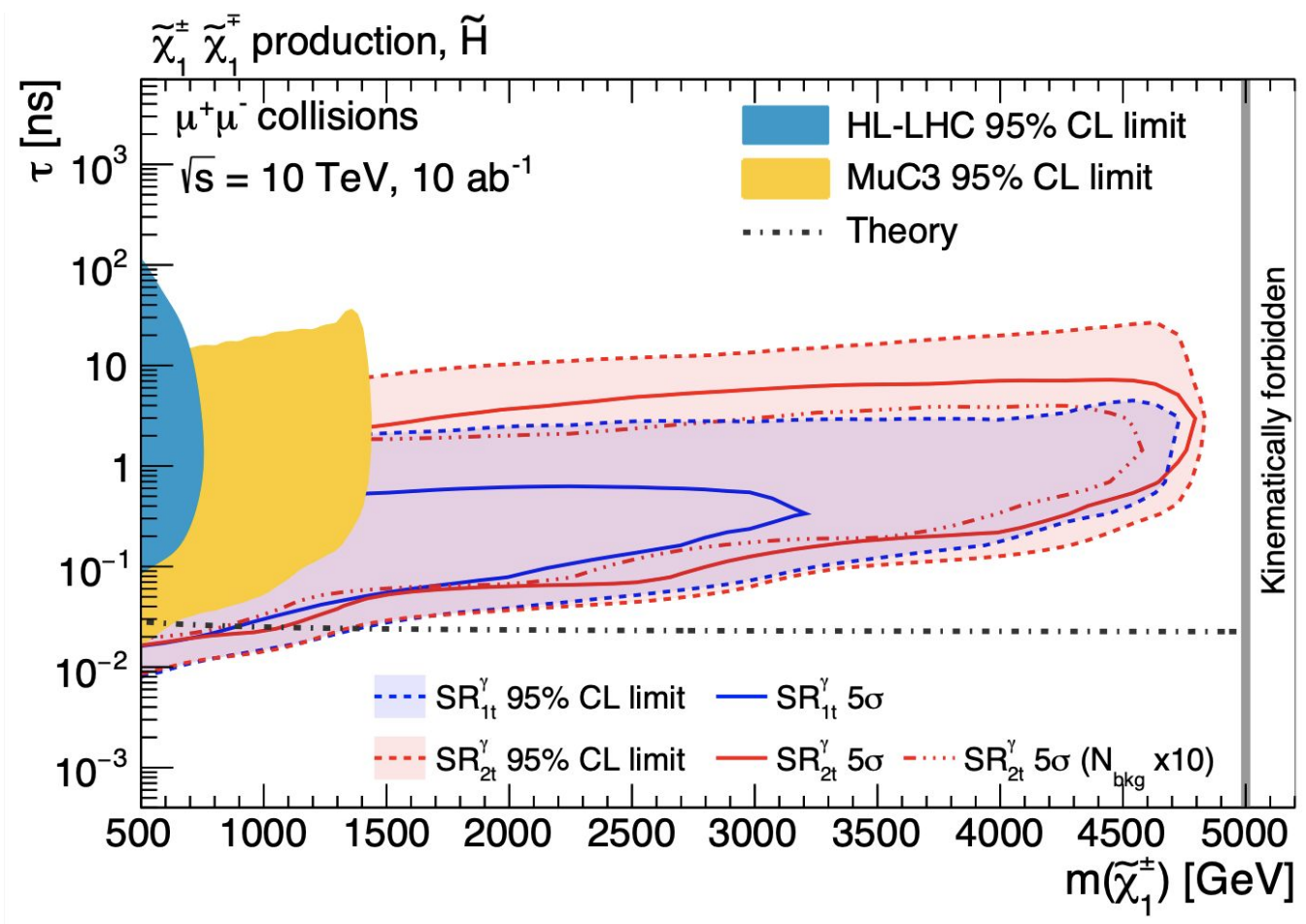
- Evaluated vs the  $\chi^\pm$  decay radius and polar angle  $\theta$



# Expected sensitivity

## Pure higgsino models at MuC 10

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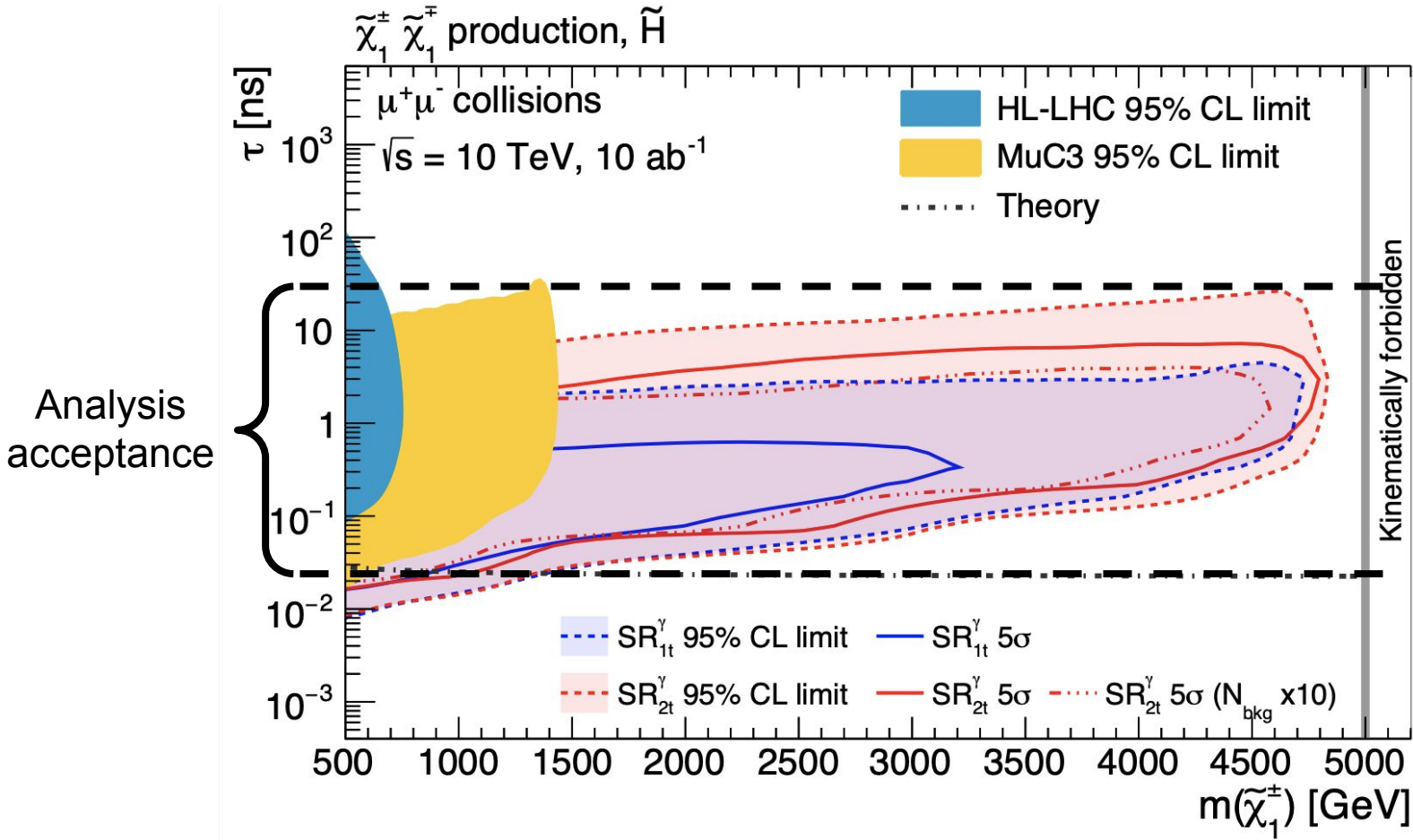




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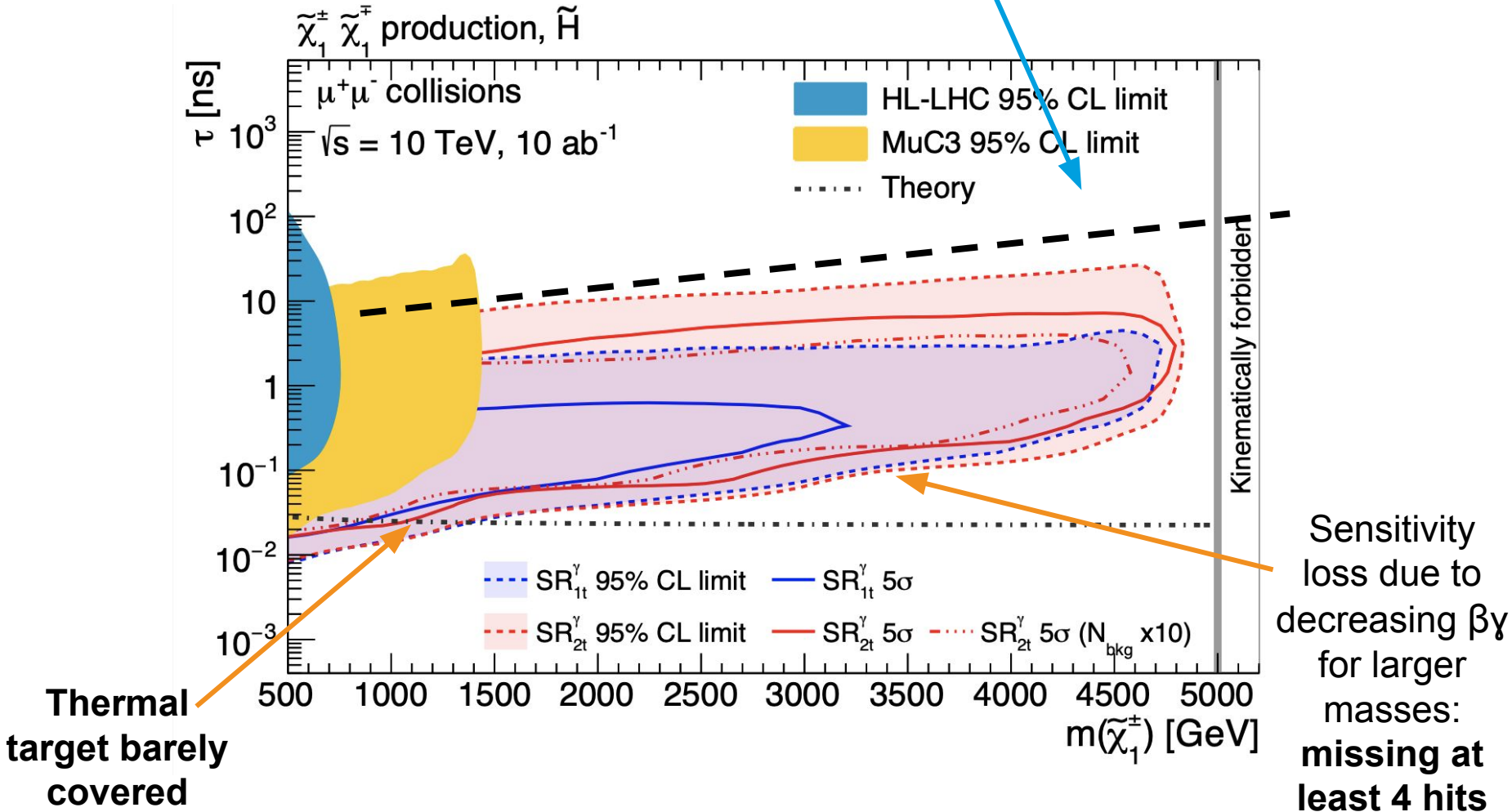


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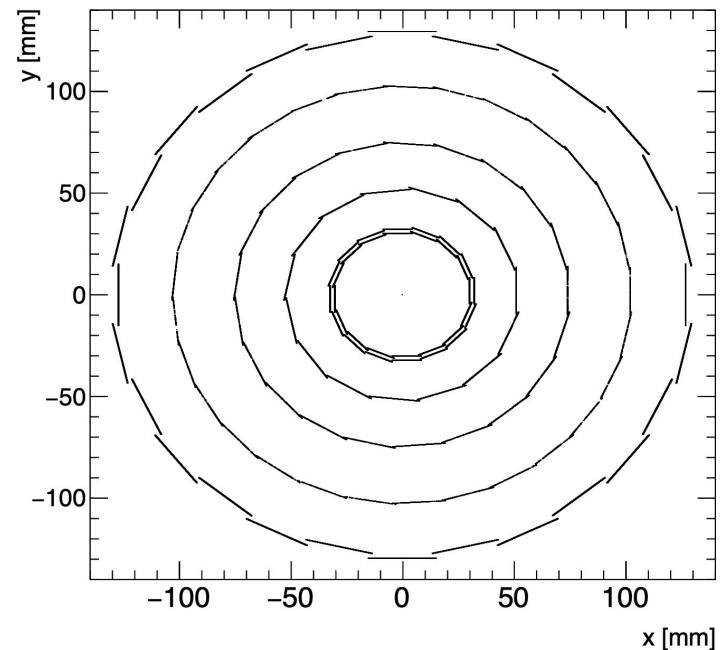
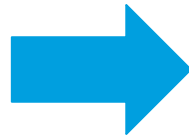
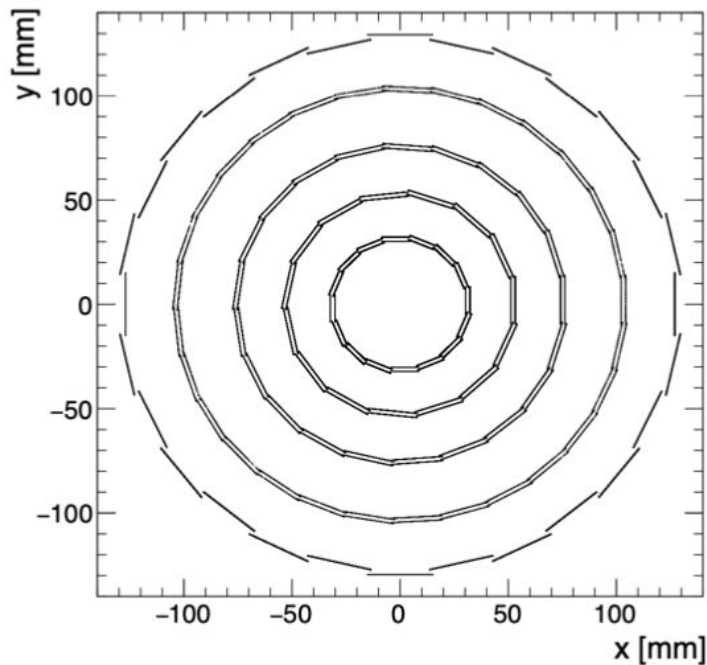
Decreasing  $\beta\gamma$ :  
fewer signal  
tracklets rejected by  
**veto layer**



# Updating to a new tracker

Power considerations and a greatly improved tracking software (now based on the ACTS library) made the double layers questionable.

- Barrel region of vertex detector revised keeping only one double layer pair





# Updating to a new tracker

10 TeV detector  
Preliminary 10 TeV BIB  
overlay

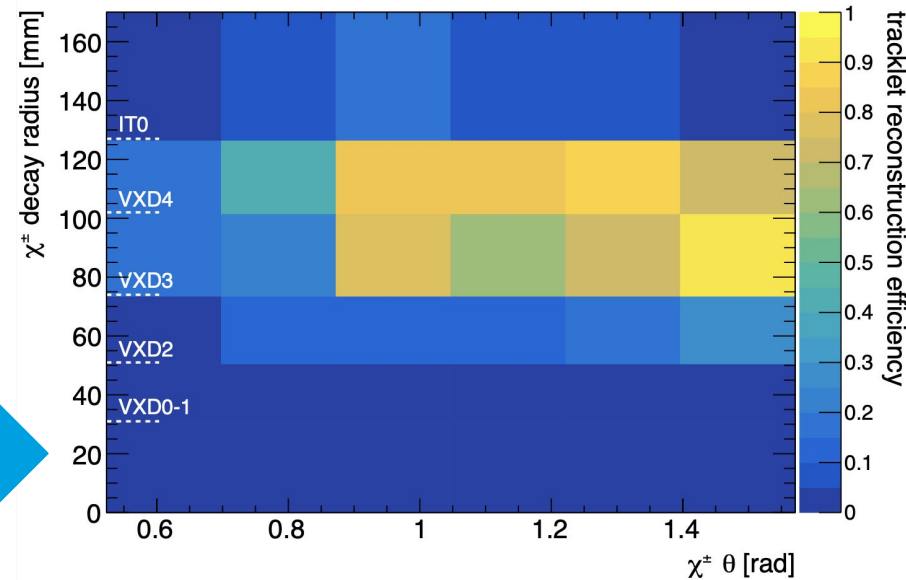
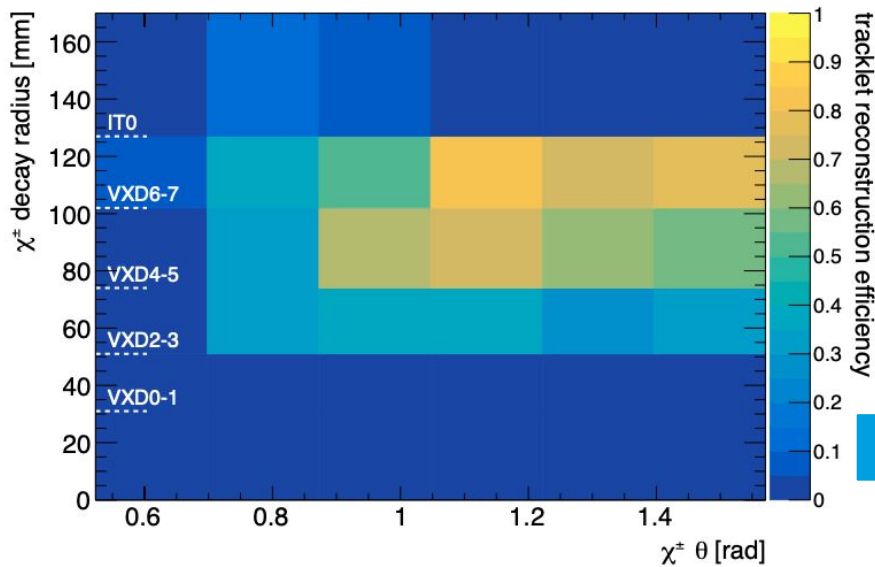
New tracker layout and tracking algorithm

Kept all tracklet quality requirements as before except:

$$N_{\text{hit}} \geq 3 \text{ hits}$$

No stub track requirement

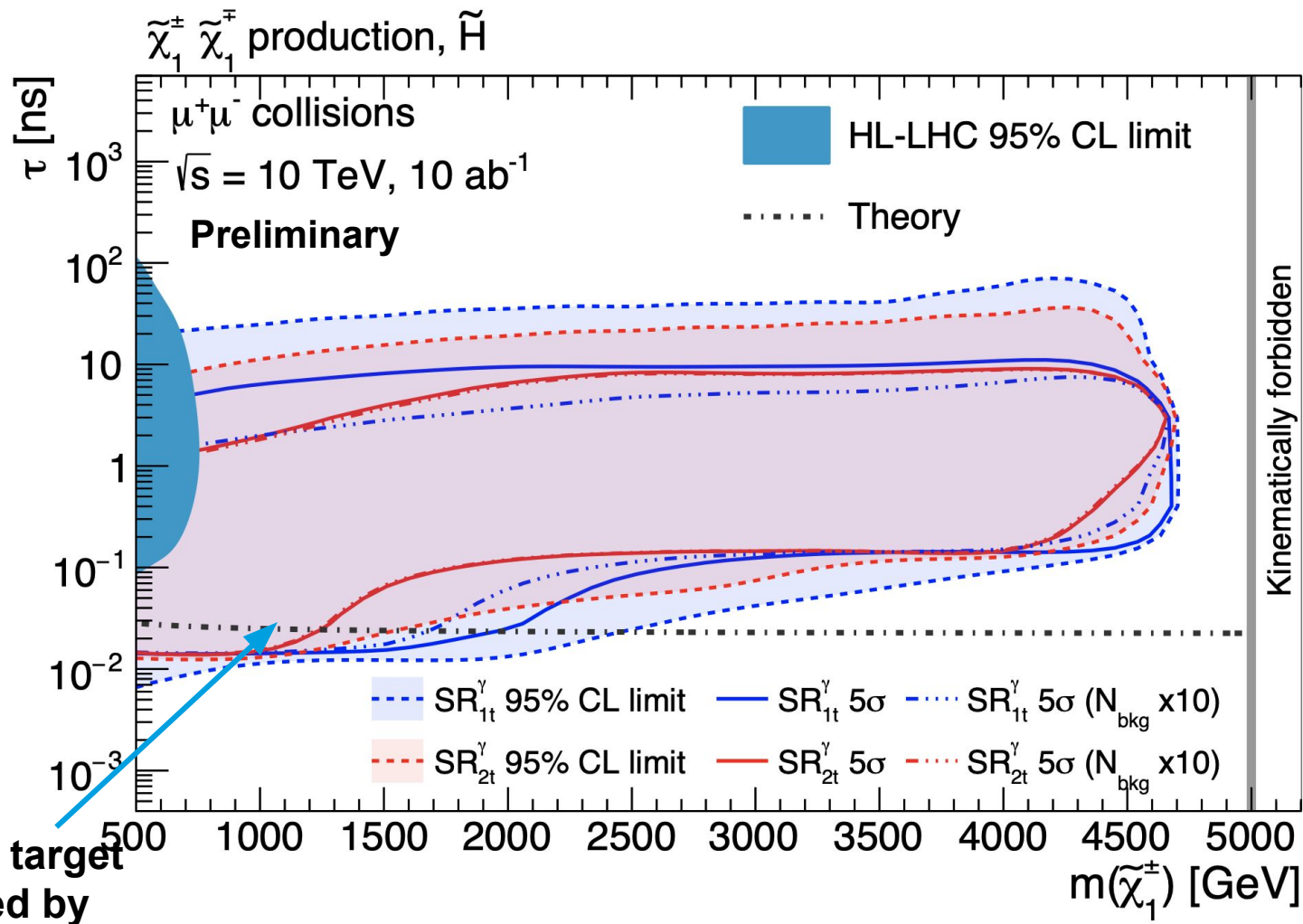
Found **similar detection efficiency**, and **greatly reduced fake tracklet rate**



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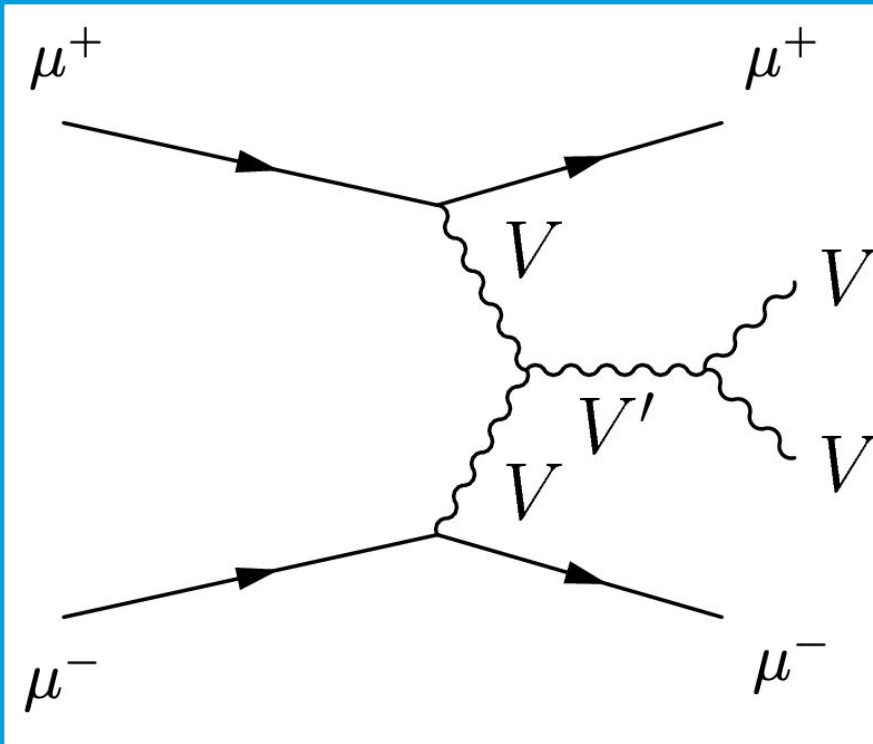
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Thermal target covered by both selections

# Heavy resonances



Very large set of final states

- Leptons, quarks
- Bosons

Equally large set of production modes

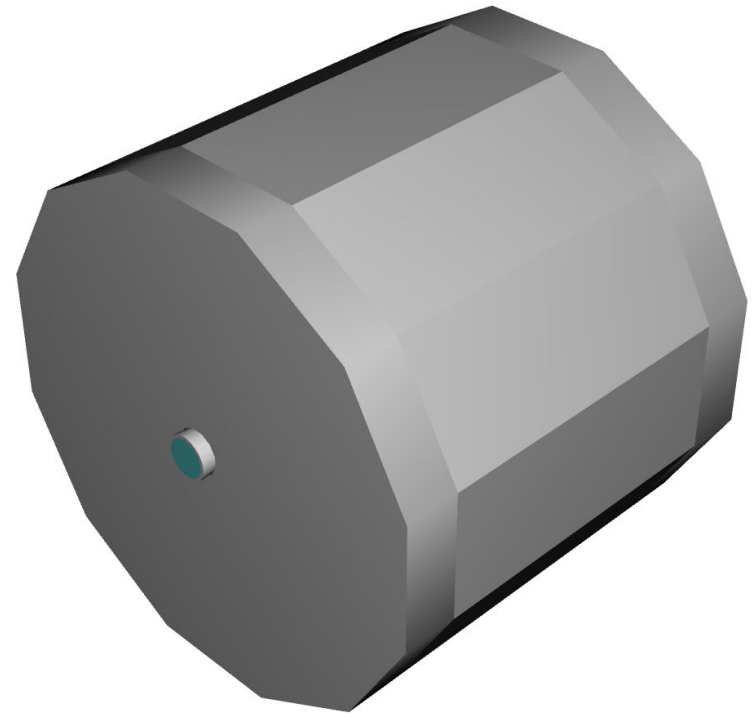
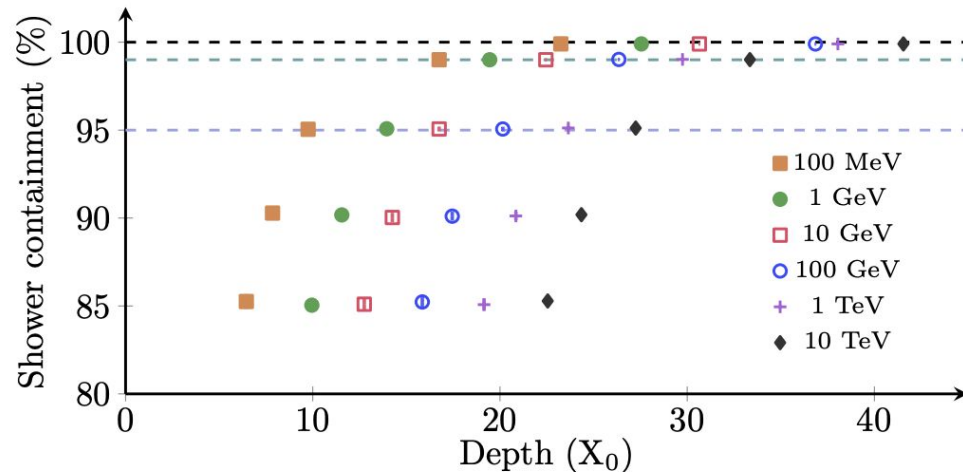
- Powerful probe of high-energy final states



# Heavy vector triplets and calorimetry

Design of 10 TeV detector concept started and progressing vigorously

- **Want to measure, not only discover**
- Many opportunities to experiment with new ideas



# Updated calorimetry

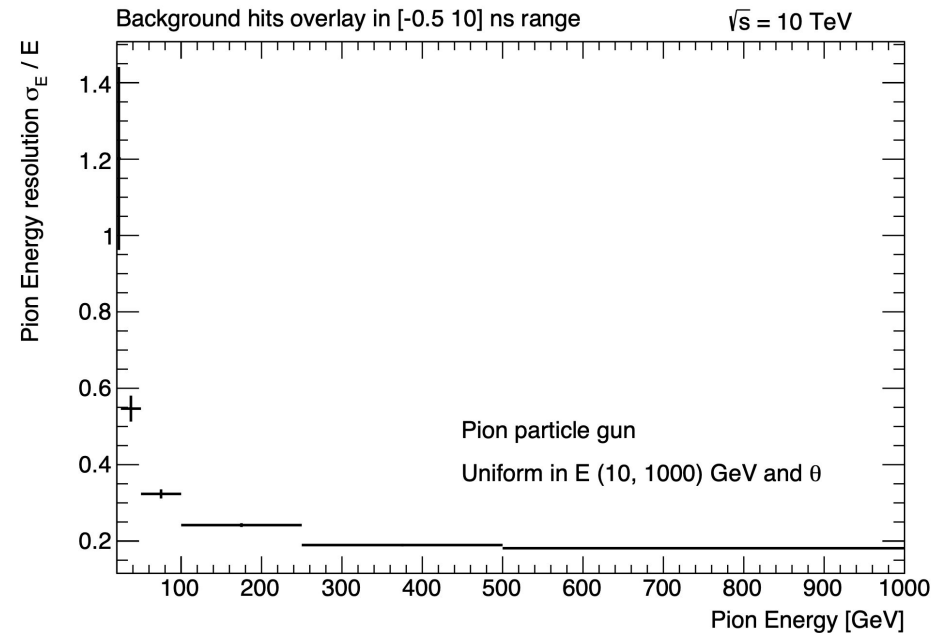
10 TeV detector  
Preliminary 10 TeV BIB  
overlay

## Changes to EM calorimeter:

- Kept same Si-W technology
- 40  $\rightarrow$  50 layers
- Tungsten absorber 1.9  $\rightarrow$  2.20 mm

## Changes to Hadron calorimeter:

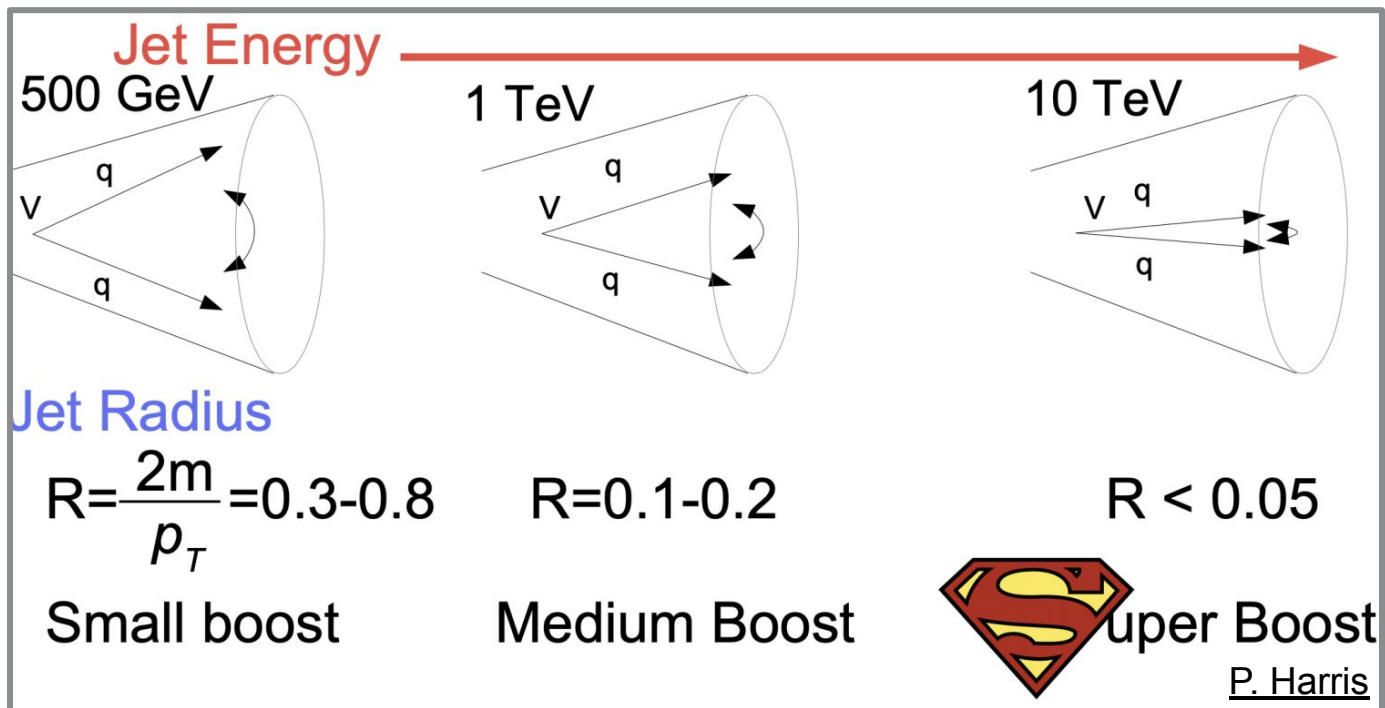
- Kept same Fe-Scintillator technology
- 60  $\rightarrow$  75 layers



# Towards 10 TeV reconstruction

The reconstruction algorithms that were designed at 3 TeV are not guaranteed to work at 10 TeV

- Significantly different energy regime
- Higher detector granularity might require new approaches



# Summary

The muon collider presents **enormous potential for fundamental physics research** at the energy frontier

Physics reach of a multi-TeV  $\mu C$  relies on (among other things) **successful detector design programme today**

The road ahead is filled with challenging and **interesting R&D!**



# Thank you!

## Interested?

Join the IMCC physics studies (<https://indico.cern.ch/category/12792/>)  
and Detector and MDI (<https://indico.cern.ch/category/13145/>) communities!

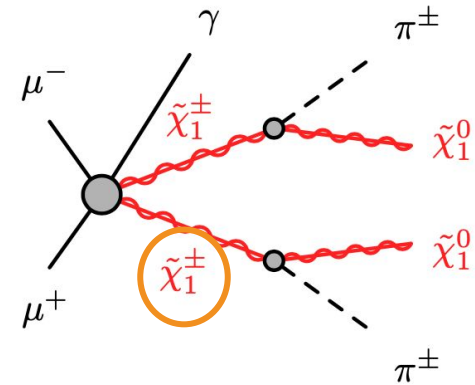
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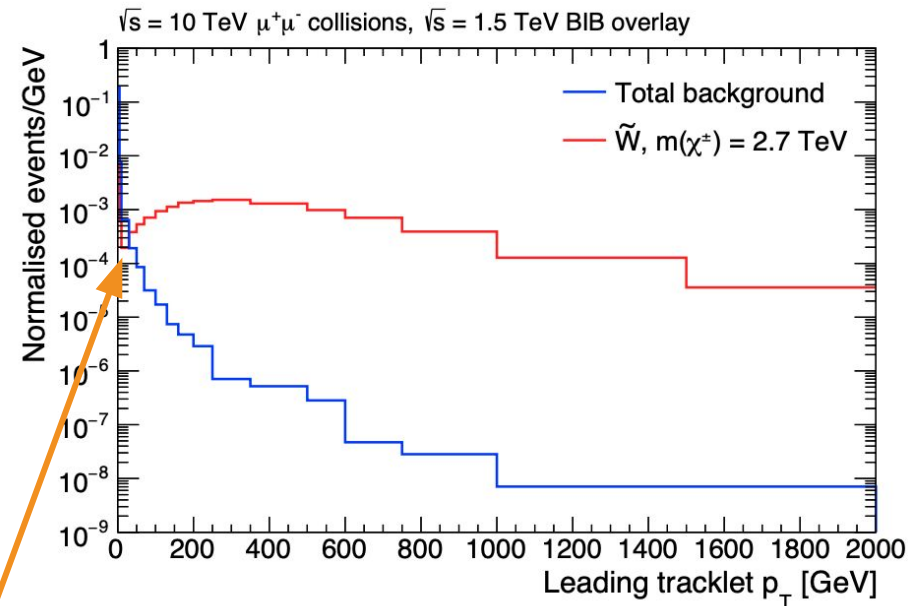
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Relatively simple event selection:

- Tracklet  $p_T$  (single most important quantity)



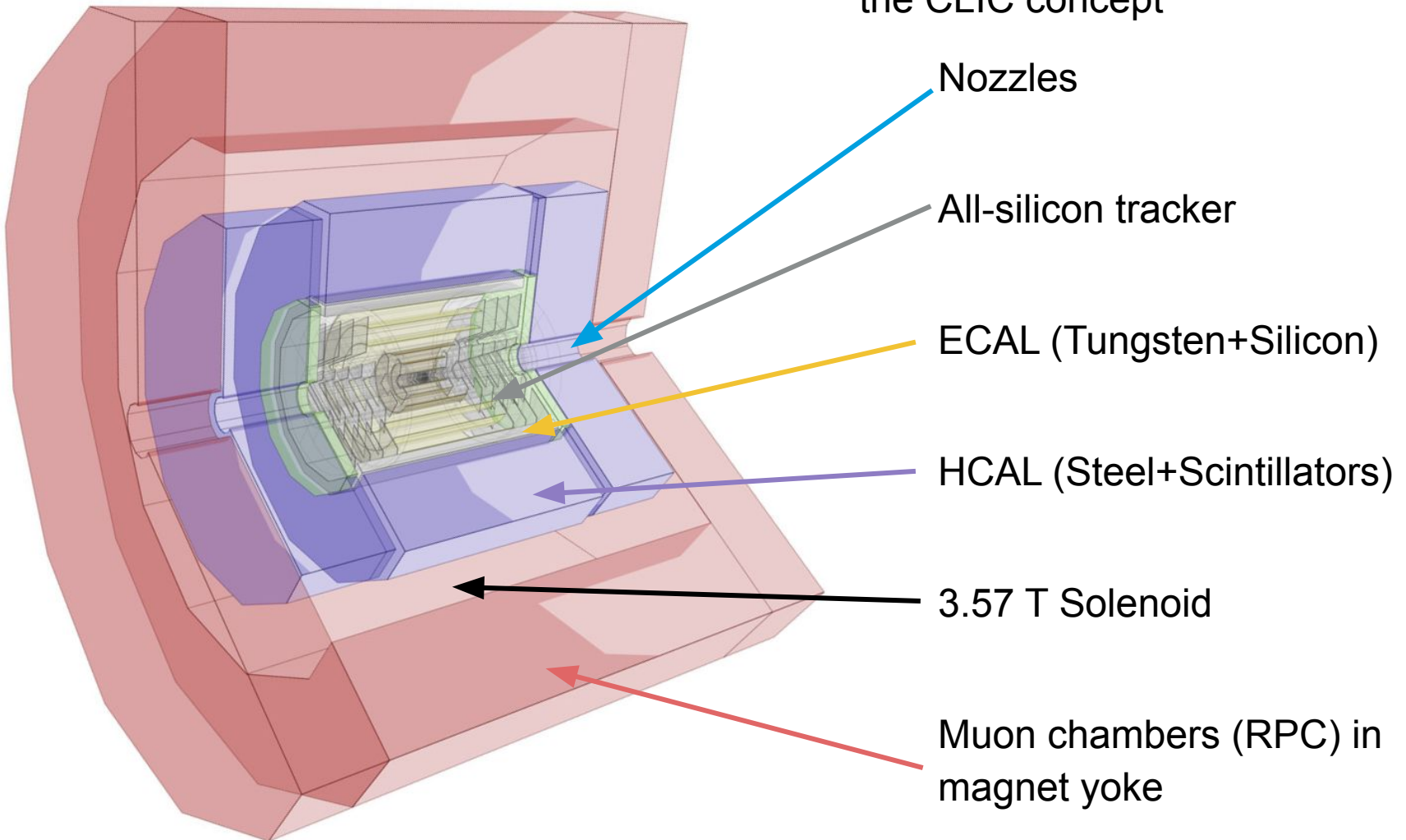
Requirement / Region	$SR_{1t}^\gamma$	$SR_{2t}^\gamma$
Veto	leptons and jets	
Leading tracklet $p_T$ [GeV]	> 300	> 20
Leading tracklet $\theta$ [rad]	$[2/9\pi, 7/9\pi]$	
Subleading tracklet $p_T$ [GeV]	-	> 10
Tracklet pair $\Delta z$ [mm]	-	< 0.1
Photon energy [GeV]	> 25	> 25



Peak at low  $p_T$  in signal events due to BIB overlay

# Current detector design

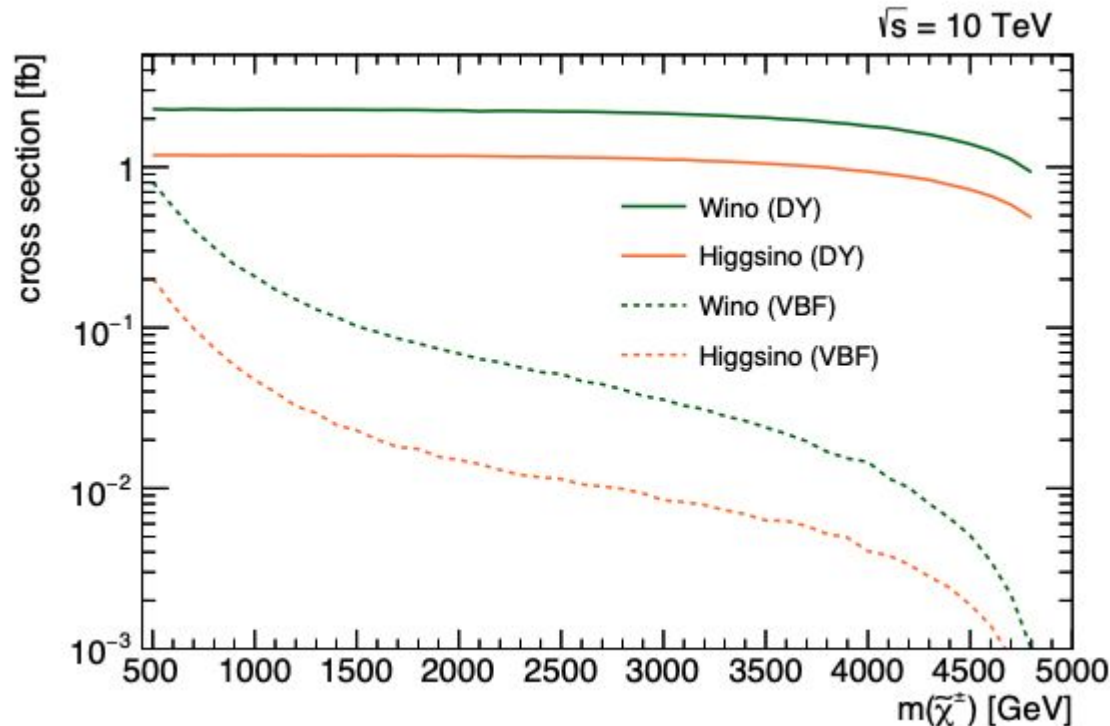
The detector model is based on the CLIC concept



# Expected signal production rates

At the MuC 10

Cross-section predictions from  
MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO 2.8.2



Expect to produce about 10000  $\tilde{\chi}^{\pm}\tilde{\chi}^{\mp}$ .

- Similar expectation for MuC 3 (1/10 int. luminosity but x10 cross-section)
- s-channel 2→2 “Drell-Yan” dominant in the range of masses considered
- Photon-initiated production possible ([arXiv: 2009.11287](https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.11287)) but sub-dominant



# The 12 challenges of a MuC

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	Target	Status	Notes	Future work
<b>Pulse compression</b>	1-3 ns	SPS does O(1) ns	Need higher intensity. O(30) ns loses only factor 2 in the produced muons.	Refine design, including proton acceleration. Accumulation and compression of bunches.
<b>High-power targets</b>	2 MW	2 MW	Available for neutrino and spallation neutrons. Aim for 4 MW to have margin.	Develop target design for 2 MW, O(1) ns bunches create larger thermal shocks. Prototype in 2030s.
<b>Capture solenoids</b>	15 T	13 T	ITER central solenoid.	Study superconducting cables and validate cooling. Investigate HTS cables.
<b>Cooling solenoids</b>	50 T	30-40 T	30 T leads to a factor 2 worse transverse emittance with respect to design.	Extend designs to the specs of the 6D cooling channel. Demonstrator.
<b>RF in magnetic field</b>	>50 MV/m	65 MV/m	MUCOOL published results. Requires test in non-uniform B.	Design to the specs of 6D cooling. Demonstrator.
<b>6D cooling</b>	$10^{-6}$	0.9 (1 cell)	MICE result (no re-acceleration). Emittance exchange demonstrated at g-2.	Optimise with higher fields and gradients. Demonstrator.
<b>RCS dynamics</b>	-	-	Simulation. 3 TeV lattice design in place.	Develop lattice design for a 10 TeV accelerator ring.
<b>Rapid cycling magnets</b>	2 T/ms 2 T peak	2.5 T/ms 1.81 T peak	Normal conducting magnets. HTS demonstrated 12 T/ms, 0.24 T peak.	Design and demonstration work. Optimise power management and re-use.
<b>Ring magnets aperture</b>	20 T quads	12-15 T (Nb3Sn)	Need HTS or revise design to lower fields.	Design and develop larger aperture magnets, 12-16 T dipoles and 20 T HTS quads.
<b>Collider dynamics</b>	-	-	3 TeV lattice in place with existing technology.	Develop lattice design for a 10 TeV collider.
<b>Neutrino radiation</b>	10 $\mu$ Sv/year	-	3 TeV ok with 200 m deep tunnel. 10 TeV requires a mover system.	Study mechanical feasibility of the mover system impact on the accelerator and the beams.
<b>Detector shielding</b>	Negligible	LHC-level	Simulation based on next-gen detectors.	Optimise detector concepts. Technology R&D.

# Muon collider target parameters

Parameter	Symbol	Unit	Target value			CLIC
Centre-of-mass energy	$E_{\text{cm}}$	TeV	3	10	14	3
Luminosity	$\mathcal{L}$	$10^{34}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	1.8	20	40	5.9
Luminosity above $0.99 \times \sqrt{s}$	$\mathcal{L}_{0.01}$	$10^{34}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	1.8	20	40	2
Collider circumference	$C_{\text{coll}}$	km	4.5	10	14	—
Muons/bunch	$N$	$10^{12}$	2.2	1.8	1.8	0.0037
Repetition rate	$f_r$	Hz	5	5	5	50
Beam power	$P_{\text{coll}}$	MW	5.3	14.4	20	28
Longitudinal emittance	$\epsilon_L$	MeVm	7.5	7.5	7.5	0.2
Transverse emittance	$\epsilon$	$\mu\text{m}$	25	25	25	660/20
Number of bunches	$n_b$		1	1	1	312
Number of IPs	$n_{\text{IP}}$		2	2	2	1
IP relative energy spread	$\delta_E$	%	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.35
IP bunch length	$\sigma_z$	mm	5	1.5	1.07	0.044
IP beta-function	$\beta$	mm	5	1.5	1.07	
IP beam size	$\sigma$	$\mu\text{m}$	3	0.9	0.63	0.04/0.001

Beamstrahlung

Based on extrapolation of the MAP parameters

- Plan to operate 5 years at each centre-of-mass energy (FCC-hh to operate for 25 years)

# A brief history of muon colliders

## 1970/90 Initial proposal

G.I. Budker, *Accelerators and colliding beams*, 1969

A.N. Skirnsky, *Intersecting storage rings at Novosibirsk*, 1971

D. Neuffer, *Multi-TeV muon colliders*, 1986

## 2013 - LEMMA

- Propose positron-driven scheme

## 2019 - MICE

- Demonstrates ionisation cooling

Today  
IMCC

## 2011 - 2014 US Muon Accelerator Program MAP

- Short- and long-baseline neutrino facilities
- Higgs factory with good energy resolution
- TeV-scale muon collider

*Muon Accelerators for Particle Physics*

## European Strategy for Particle Physics Update 2020

- Set up an international collaboration

Time