# Muon Collider Detector Design

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- A muon collider is a promising proposal for a future collider
- Combines the benefits of both hadron and lepton colliders
  - Can reach high energies just like a hadron collider
  - Clean environment like a lepton collider
- Dominant background for muon colliders: beam induced backgrounds
  - Originates from muon decay and subsequent interactions within the detector
- Detector design and subsequent reconstruction in progress to minimize this background

# **Detector Design**



• Vertex detector is the focus at Berkeley lab: barrel

# Impact of the nozzle on BIB



- BIB composed of: photons, neutrons, electrons, charged hadrons, muons
- Comparison of BIB with the nozzles (Y) and without (N)
- Major increase in particle flux without the nozzles for electrons and photons, smaller for charged hadrons and muons
- Energy spectra also affected without nozzles:
  - Reach very high energies
  - Compromise detector performance

#### **BIB characteristics**

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- Late hits almost always due to BIB (assuming interaction at t = 0)
- Selecting a small window (ns) around the expected arrival time can suppress a large fraction of the background

#### **Event simulation and reconstruction**



- Part of the work at LBNL is on digitization
- Make use of cluster properties to minimize BIB background

#### Digitization requirements for vertex detector



- Digitization accounts for detector performance and effects
- Threshold dispersion: account for threshold non-uniformity
  - Threshold differences from HL-LHC readout chips used to determine dispersion
- Charge discretization: finite resolution of readout
  - 4 bits selected based on current ATLAS readout
  - Compromise between small bit size and performance
- Also wants to discretize timing in 4 bits based on time-of-flight
  - BIB has different beta values than signal muons

#### Pixel size and incidence angle to filter out BIB



- We can make use of cluster properties used to differentiate BIB from single muon events
- Muon events show correlation between cluster size vs. incident angle
  - Larger cluster size has larger θ
  - Filter hits using the angular and pixel size information
- Hit filtering reduces the BIB by 50% while retaining single muon requirements

#### Additional studies to suppress BIB

- Additional features can be used to suppress the BIB
- Want to make use of machine learning to help discriminate between signal muons and BIB
- Also want to test separation between muons and other heavier particles such as protons



### Impact of threshold smearing



- No large impact due to threshold smearing
- More of a validation that this was implemented correctly