



Computing Requirements and Challenges for Muon Collider Detector Simulation

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Why Build a Muon Collider?

- **Muons** provide unique opportunities and challenges for building the next high energy collider **massive**, **fundamental** particle, however, **unstable**
- Combines high luminosity, high energy, and precision measurements, unlike previously built colliders





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Muon Collider Computing Requirements & Challenges

Beam-Induced Background

- Main challenge computing and detector from Beam-Induced Background (BIB)
- High energy muon decays absorbed by tungsten nozzle, resulting in constant shower of low energy particles in detector
- $\sigma(10^5) \,\mu \,\text{decays}$ / meter / event $\rightarrow \sigma(10^8) \,\text{BIB particles}$ / event



Single Beam Muon Decay:

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Simulation Workflow



Computing Requirements & Resources

CPU Time:

- Simulation: BIB takes up to 24 hours / event, $\mu^+\mu^-$ signal $\sigma(10 \text{ min})$ / event
- BIB overlay: ~5 mins / event, very IO intensive
- Full reconstruction (100% BIB): $\sigma(1 \text{ day})$ / event

• Memory:

- Up to 32 GB/event increases with more advanced reconstruction algorithms
- Disk:
 - Without BIB: 1 MB/event (throughout all chains)
 - 100% BIB overlay: 20 GB/event, SimHits only

- Major Computing Clusters:
 - lxplus, DESY, INFN, global analysis facilities
 - **OSG** (dedicated resources), Fermilab LPC
- Storage:
 - OSG, INFN have dedicated storage
- Data Management:
 - Many data formats, files to keep track of across different clusters
- Person Power:
 - Lack of dedicated funding → lack of dedicated computing staff

Solutions to General Computing Challenges

BIB Simulation:

- Simulate, and split 1 BIB event into large number of files, randomly select some percentage of these to be used for overlay
- Accelerate using heterogenous computing (GPUs, FPGAs), train a generative ML algorithm

• Reconstruction:

- Apply reconstruction level cuts to minimize BIB fake objects
- Reconstruct objects from only some sub-detectors
- Run reconstruction only in large cone around truth objects

Data Management:

• Rucio could provide a community-based, ground up solution

Experience with the OSG / Condor

- Running **Condor jobs** on **OSG** for full simulation workflow with **10% BIB** overlay, accessing already generated BIB simulation files through CernVM-File System (cvmfs)
- Our study: more advanced reconstruction, extended timing windows (more BIB hits)→ requires significantly more memory
- Challenges:
 - Require ~15 GB of BIB files per event for 100% overlay
 - Up to ~48 GB RAM for reconstruction (10% overlay), previously saw scaling by factor of 6x from 10% → 100% BIB
 - Storage: final reconstructed files ~60 MB/event

• Solutions:

- Use only part of the detector
- Process 1 event / job
- **Storage Options:** ~50 TB available for future collider work, already half used
- **Remaining Question:** How to scale up to 100% BIB when testing new configurations, reconstruction methods

Conclusions

- Muon collider has many unique computing challenges driven by Beam-Induced Background, different data formats
- Need to continue optimizing simulation, overlay, reconstruction
- OSG as a dedicated resource has proven extremely useful
 - Novel ideas are required to address remaining challenges introduced with new reconstruction techniques
- Use of ML, heterogenous computing resources could provide solutions
- See <u>muoncollider.us</u> and <u>muoncollider.web.cern.ch</u> for more info!

Thank you!