## Status of MCORD detector

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### MCORD applications for MPD

- 1. Trigger for cosmic muons for:
  - laboratory tests of MPD subsystems (2 separate MCORD sections)
  - MPD off-beam calibration in service position (6 MCORD modules) (E > 1.6 GeV)
- 2. Muon identifier (E > 0.8 GeV) for:
  - pions and kaons decays
  - rare mesons decays  $(\eta, \rho)$
- 3. Astrophysics (muon showers and bundles)
  - identification of extremely high energy particle sources
  - sensitivity for horizontal events
- 4. Modular construction easy upgrade and/or alternative use





#### 2. Detector





**Plastic scintillator:** 

WLS fiber: SiPM (MPPC): Housing:



polystyrene (Nuvia) 162 x 7.2 x 2.2 cm 1 mm dia. (Kuraray) 3x3 mm<sup>2</sup> (Hamamatsu) aluminum profile 174 x 8 x 3 cm



### **3. Electronics**



Analog front-end (AFE): **Digital electronics (DSP):** Data acquisition (DAQ):

custom design (WUT) custom design (WUT) **MicroTCA** 







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#### 4. Laboratory tests



Plastic detector + 2 plastic hodoscopes (muon triggers) DAQ: CAEN DT5730





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#### 4. Laboratory tests



#### Plastic (150 x 7.2 x 2.2 cm) + WLS fiber (1 mm) MPPC 3 x 3 mm (pixel size 75um)







#### 2 sections (2 x 8 scintillators) + AFE + DSP + DAQ, under construction until the end of 2020.



#### ! Feasible for laboratory tests of MPD subsystems !





## Angular distributions of Extensive Air Shower (EAS) components, calculated for location near Dubna city (at sea level).



# CORSIKA 7.74 code simulation (model QGSJETII-04 + UrQMD).







## Propagation of cosmic muons through the MPD - rescattering angel



	$< \theta_{eff} >$						
μ Energy[GeV]	with ECal	without Ecal					
3	2.68	2.24					
4	1.85	1.65					
5	1.41	1.31					
7.5	0.91	0.87					
10	0.65	0.63					

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	For TPC (D=281cm) $\langle R_{max} \rangle$						
μ	with ECal	without ECal					
Energy[GeV]	[cm]	[cm]					
3	12.78	11.00					
4	9.07	8.07					
5	6.93	6.43					
7.5	4.44	4.25					
10	3.21	3.12					





#### Propagation of cosmic muons through the MPD



Energy threshold for muons able to pass through the MPD: with ECal assembled: 2.0 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> without ECal assembled: 1.6 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>







#### Cofluxim – cosmic ray generator for MPD subsystems calibration study





The concept of particle generation: drawing particles on the generation cube walls. Plot of all hits on the surfaces of TPC, ToF and MCORD detectors.







MCORD<br/>configurationMCORD modules<br/>ID numbersMCORD & TPC<br/>(tracks per hour)A(6 or 7 or 8)<br/>and (20 or 21 or 22)246 800B(9 or 10 or 11)<br/>and (23 or 24 or 25)158 262C(12 or 13 or 14)<br/>and (26 or 27 or 0)20 634







## Calculated for muons with momentum **p > 1.6 GeV/c.**

MCORD configuration	MCORD modules (ID numbers)	MCORD & TPC (tracks per hour)
D	(5 or 7 or 9) and (19 or 21 or 23)	178 822
Έ	(10 or 12 or 14) and (24 or 26 or 0)	50 894



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#### **TPC and ToF calibration using MCORD triggers**

MCORD configuration	MCORD modules (ID numbers)	ToF modules (ID numbers)	MCORD & ToF (tracks per hour)	MCORD & ToF & TPC (tracks per hour)
F	(6 or 7 or 8) and (20 or 21 or 22)	3 and 10	43493	39 768
G	(4 or 5 or 6) and (18 or 19 or 20)	2 and 9	35554	32 958
н	(2 or 3 or 4) and (16 or 17 or 18)	1 and 8	17516	16 254
	(0 or 1 or 2) and (14 or 15 or 16)	0 and 7	3143	2 932

Calculated for muons with momentum **p > 1.6 GeV/c** 







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F	(6 or 7 or 8) and (20 or 21 or 22)	3 and 10	6648	6 069
G	(4 or 5 or 6) and (18 or 19 or 20)	2 and 9	5590	5 196
н	(2 or 3 or 4) and (16 or 17 or 18)	1 and 8	2713	2 503
I	(0 or 1 or 2) and (14 or 15 or 16)	0 and 7	480	445

Calculated for muons with momentum **p > 10 GeV/c** (minimum of rescattering angel)





### 6. Simulations (Collisions)







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#### The points of creation of negative and positive muons.

Top plots corresponds to  $\mu^+$  whereas  $\mu^-$  are at the bottom. Left plots represents points of creations any muon whereas right plots shows points of creations muons that can be detected by MCORD. The structure of detector (contribution from decays of "stationary" particles) is clearly visible for positive muons.







Cable routes from the MCORD to the NICA-MPD-PLATFORM. Left: along with other cables. On the right: a separate dedicated channel. **We chose this one** 







MCORD module, HUB, and cables system on the MPD surface.

Cable channels and HUBs are located next to the MCORD modules.

Cable channels and HUBs are located on MCORD modules.

#### We chose an intermediate solution.









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#### Alternative MCORD modules mounting



#### Alternative mounting via clasical one









#### 8. Summary



Year		20	)18			20	19			20	20			20	)21			20	22	
Task name	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Preliminary design									1											
Detector optimization										2 7				2 7				2 73		
AFE design				_			_			2. 73			0	2: 7)				2 73		
DAQ design		0		_			_		-					2: 71				2 73		
Detector simulations					-			-		_		_						2 73		
Detector prototype						2 71				_			S	FAGE				2 73		
AFE prototype		ST	AGE	1		2 71				_				2: 71				2 73		
DAQ prototype						2 71				2 72	-			2: 21				2 73		
Prototype integration						1: 71			2	2 72		_	-	2: 2)			0	2: 73		-
Prototype laboratory test		2 7	2			41 71		ST	AGE			_		a 71		1 1		10 71		
Prototype installation		2 7				4. 71									1			2 73		
MCORD design						2: 71								1. II			C.			
MCORD production		2 7	2			1: 71				2 72							3			
MCORD laboratory tests		2 7				2 71				2 73						_	1	-k 71		
MCORD installation						2 71				2 72				2 71		_				
MCORD operation					<u> </u>	1: 71				2 72				2: 7)						
MCORD extend		2																		
Documentation				_	_			-			_	-			_	_	-			
Administration		-		_	_			_	_	-	_	_	_	-	-	_	_			

- STAGE I Design and preliminary tests
- STAGE II Demonstrator construction

STAGE III – Construction of the first 6 modules next year

STAGE IV – Construction of additional modules











Description	USD	Total cost of MCORD
Scintillators	667 296 USD	(without labor cost)
SiPM sensors	172 200 USD	
Aluminum profiles	9 408 USD	
AFE modules	141 120 USD	
USB-C cables	83 700 USD	One MCORD section: ~20 000 USD
Passive HUB	55 568 USD	First Sections: ~30 000 USD
SAS cables	55 568 USD	
SMA cables	93 450 USD	Demonstrator: ~60 000 USD
FMC-TDC carts	79 976 USD	(2 Sections)
AMC-FMC carts	113 360 USD	
MTCA crate	49 052 USD	
PoE switch	3 845 USD	
Module frames	210 000 USD	
TOTAL	1 687 475 USD	

**Recommended startup setup for MPD sub-detectors calibration:** 

#### **6 MCORD Modules**

#### Total cost: ~400 000 USD



#### 8. Summary

- 1. MCORD is necessary for calibration of TPC, TOF and ECAL detectors during off-beam operation of the MPD (during and after instalation of other sub-detectors).
- 2. The demonstrator (2 MCORD sections) should be ready by the end of 2020 **useful for TOF and ECal laboratory characterization**.
- 3. The first **6 MCORD modules** should be ready by the end of 2021 for **installation on MPD surface**.
- 4. We Ask MPD DAC for:

Formal approval of MCORD CDR, Recomend finalization of MCORD TDR, Recommend intensive detector construction activities

- 5. MCORD can be useful for identification of **high energy muons from ion-ion collisions**.
- 6. MCORD can be used for **unique astrophysics observations** similar to past collider experiments.

















### Thank You for Attention!



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# **Backup slides**











#### 2. Detector



#### **MCORD Section**



Position resolution In X axis – up to 5 cm In Y axis – 5-10 cm

Time Resolution – about 300-500 ps

Legend: **S** (violet) – plastic scintillator, **M** (blue) – SiPM, **P** (red) – power supply with temperature compensation circuit, **T** (brown) – temperature sensor, **A** (green) – amplifier, **H** (orange) – Passive Signal Hub & Power Splitter, **D** (yellow) – MicroTCA system with ADC boards.

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#### Motivation for the study of muon production in nucleusnucleus interactions with MCORD at NICA.

In the existing NICA program the study of  $e^+e^-$  dileptons is mentioned as one of important goals. When the available energy in the process is larger than the two muon mass (2.105 = 210 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>), the lepton universality lead to the production of muonic dileptons.

#### The major sources of dileptons are:

- 1. The decays of light scalar ( $\eta$ ,  $\eta'$  ...) and vector ( $\rho$ ,  $\omega$  ,  $\phi$  ...) mesons.
- 2. Open charm meson decays.
- 3. Drell-Yan processes.
- 4. Thermal muon pairs from dense, hot matter.
- 5. Possible decays of new, beyond SM, "dark" particles (dark photon and Higgs-like particles).

#### These are very rare processes



### 1. Astrophysics



• Recently, a new muon data type has been acquired from the extensive air showers (EAS) generated by primary cosmic rays (PRC), in particular multiplicity distribution of muons produced in EAS has been obtained.

• The existing ALEPH, DELPHI, and ALICE cosmic ray data contain information on muon production in EAS only for vertical showers (those with zenith angles not far from zero degree).



Comparisons with simulation results (KORSIKA+QGSJET) are in agreement for low multiplicities (for low energy). For high multiplicities (only few events) results are almost an order of magnitude above the simulations results. Problem with current hadronic interaction model

for extremely high energy >10E15 eV ???

• The proposed MCORD detector along with the MPD time projection show the unique opportunity of the very precise measurement of atmospheric muon multiplicity distributions as a function of the zenith angle of PRC, up to nearly horizontal showers. **Such measurements, up to now, were never possible.** 

Bibliography: Bruno Allesandro prezentation on ALICE collaboration workshop Feb 2013 ALICE Collaboration, JCAP 01 (2016) 032 K. Shtejer: CERN-THESIS-2016-371



### 1. Astrophysics



#### GZK-cutoff problem

- 4x10E19 eV
- 50 Mega Parsec
- Cosmic Microwave Background

Example: DECOR exp. 2002-2003y (near horizontal observation (60-90 deg. angular range) 1-10 PeV primary particle) (see ref. 2)



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Very low statistics – many years of observation. A special attention is paid to muon groups of large multiplicity.

Horizontal Events Experiments needs more data.

#### 4. Laboratory tests



#### Plastic (150 x 7.2 x 2.2 cm) + WLS fiber (2 mm) MPPC 3 x 3 mm (pixel size 75um)



#### Number of detected photons = 150 CRT ( $\sigma$ ) = 0.80 ns ===> $\sigma_x$ = 6.1 cm









2. Present status of work

### 2. Testing procedure

Laboratory tests at NCBJ Swierk

Summary of Tests of Silicon Photomultipliers for MCORD

Test procedure



- 1. Installation of SiPM sensors on electronic boards checking if SiPM works (in a dark chamber or on a prepared stand), power connection. Is there a signal from SiPMa? What current (range)? Are there noises?
- 2. Testing a scintillator with optical fiber light source and receiver
- 3. Installation in an aluminum profile and dedicated electronics and fixings the last test on the table. SiPMa test single photoelectron spectrum dark current (few minutes). Cobalt test energy spectrum and timing (several minutes). Cosmic muons (trigger plus up to 3 scintillators on top of each other) (24 hours)
- 4. Test of several scintillators (4 or 8 pcs) placed crosswise (or two sections of 16 pcs). The test if the software detects the passage of particles through any two pairs. When the scintillators are placed crosswise, we get as many signals as there are intersection points.
- 5. Assembly of sections plus test documentation.



### 6. Simulations





Angular distributions of Extensive Air Shower components. Location near and see level at Dubna city, with energies above fourth thresholds. Corsika 7.74 code sumullation (model QGSJETII-04 + UrQMD).



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F	(6 or 7 or 8) and (20 or 21 or 22)	3 and 10	84558	77460
G	(4 or 5 or 6) and (18 or 19 or 20)	2 and 9	68853	63792
Н	(2 or 3 or 4) and (16 or 17 or 18)	1 and 8	34244	31740
I	(0 or 1 or 2) and (14 or 15 or 16)	0 and 7	6136	5682

Calculated for muons with momentum **p > 0.1 GeV/c.** 















