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# Status of the MUonE experiment

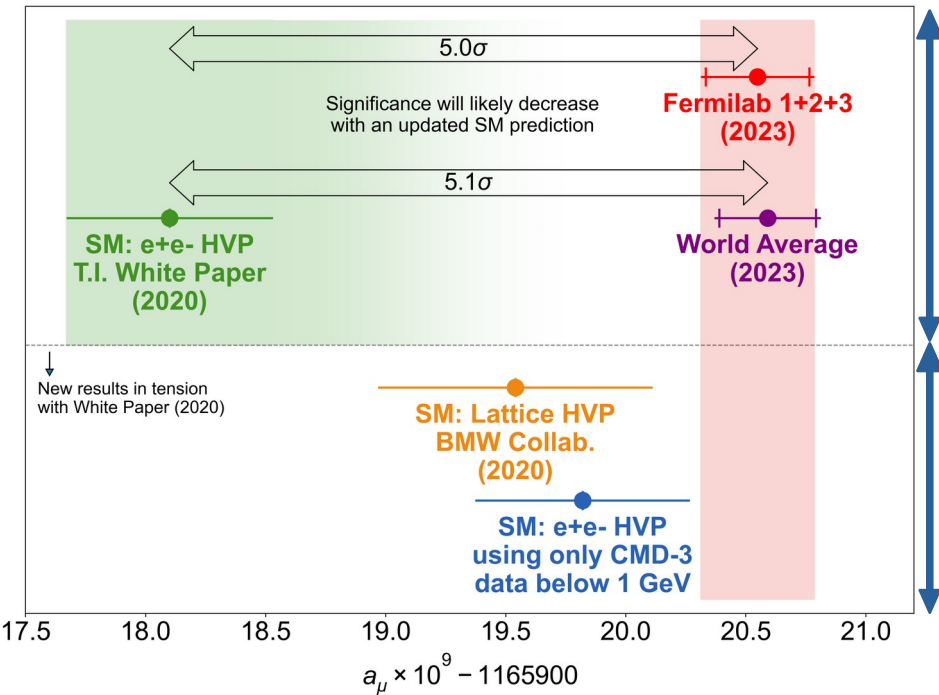
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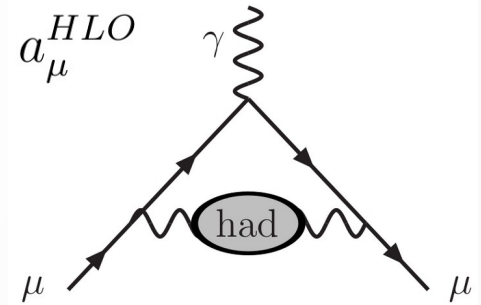
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# Muon g-2: current status



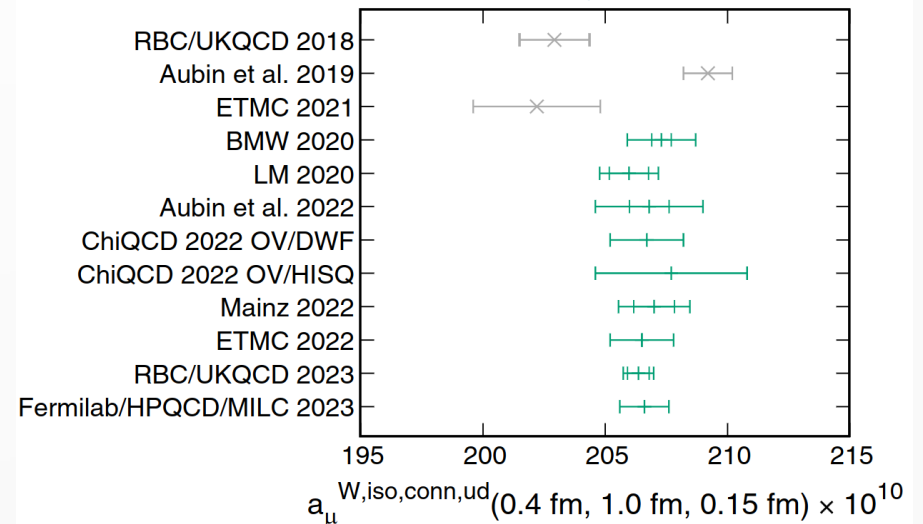
Comparison with WP20

New results after WP20



New lattice results in the intermediate window ( $\sim 30\%$   $a_\mu^{HLO}$ ):

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A clarification of the theoretical prediction is needed.

# The MUonE experiment

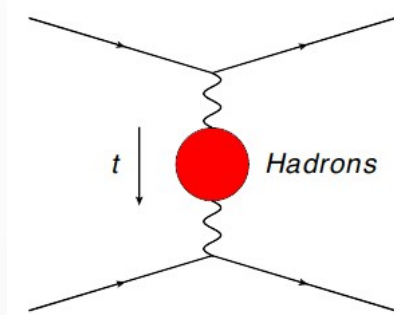


MUonE: a new independent evaluation of  $a_\mu^{\text{HLO}}$

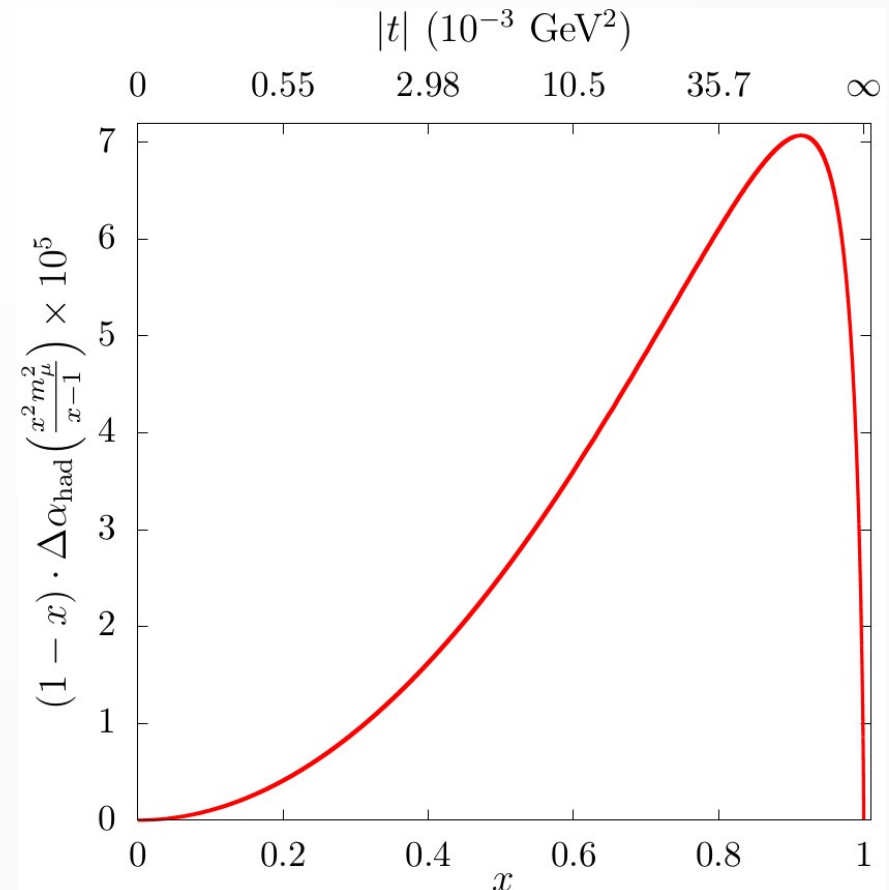
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$$a_\mu^{\text{HLO}} = \frac{\alpha_0}{\pi} \int_0^1 dx (1-x) \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}[t(x)]$$

$$t(x) = \frac{x^2 m_\mu^2}{x-1} < 0$$



Based on the measurement of  $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(t)$ :  
hadronic contribution to the running of the  
electromagnetic coupling constant.

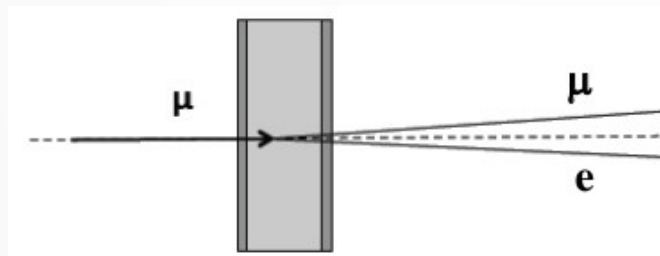


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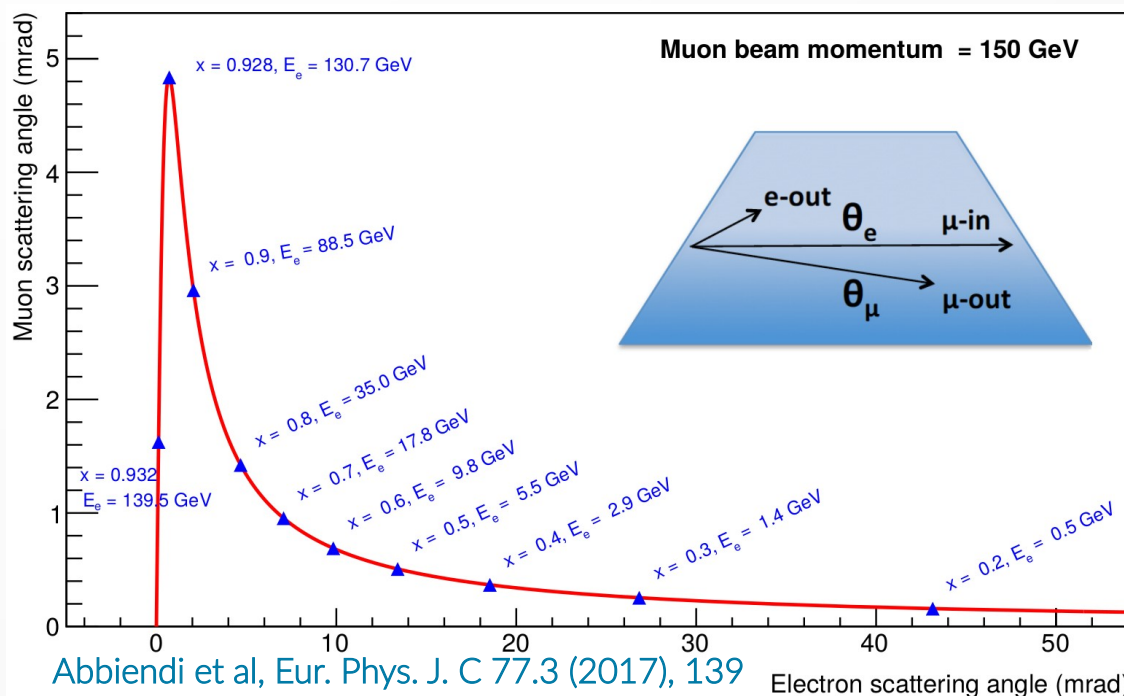
Extraction of  $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(t)$  from the *shape* of the  $\mu e \rightarrow \mu e$  differential cross section



$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{data}}(\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}})}{d\sigma_{\text{MC}}(\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}} = 0)} \sim 1 + \frac{2\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(t)}{\text{To be measured}}$$

From theoretical calculation

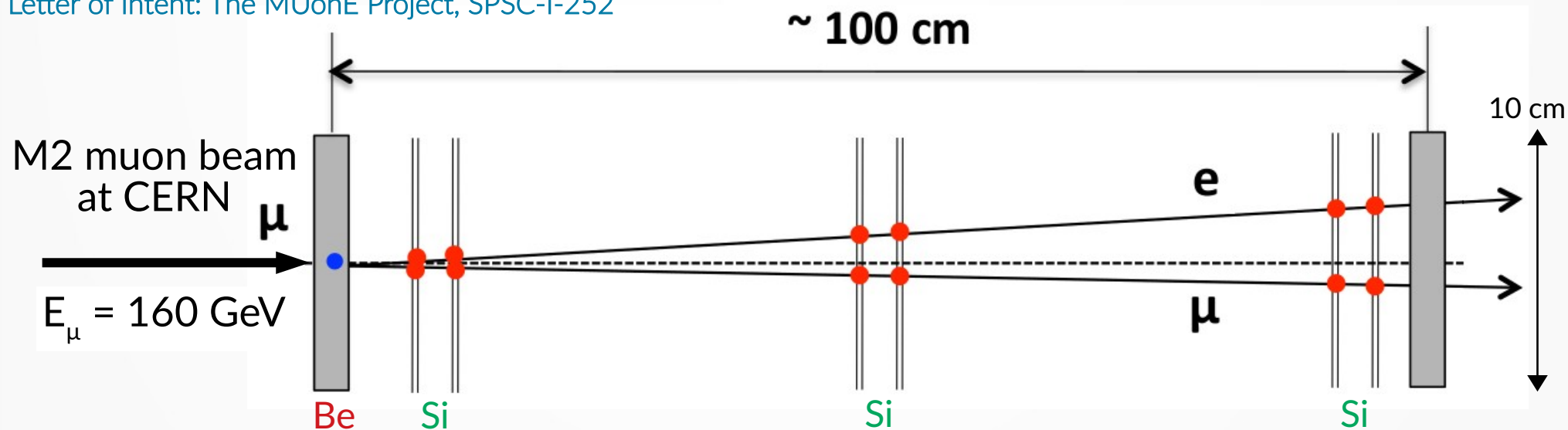
- Compute  $a_{\mu}^{\text{HLO}}$  using data from one single experiment.
- Correlation between muon and electron angles allows to select elastic events and reject background ( $\mu N \rightarrow \mu N e^+e^-$ ).
- Boosted kinematics:  $\theta_{\mu} < 5 \text{ mrad}$ ,  $\theta_e < 32 \text{ mrad}$ .



# The experimental apparatus

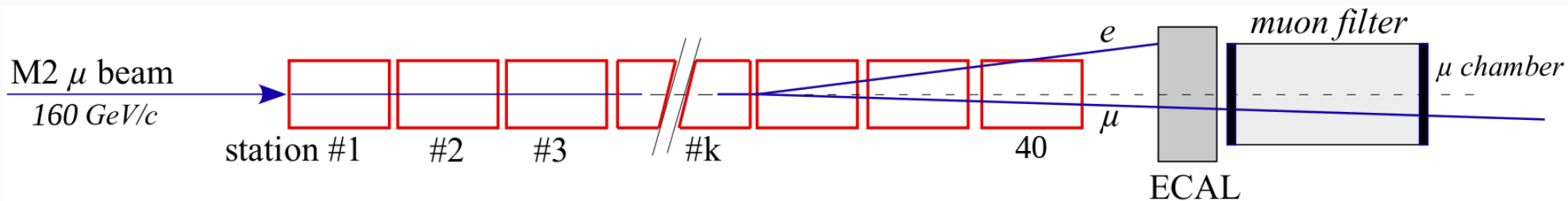


Letter of Intent: The MUonE Project, SPSC-I-252



Be (or C) target  
1.5 cm thickness

Tracking system:  
3 pairs of silicon strip detectors (CMS 2S modules)



# Achievable accuracy



40 stations  
(60 cm Be) + 3 years of data taking =  
( $\sim 4 \times 10^{12}$  events  
 $E_e > 1$  GeV)

$\sim 0.3\%$  statistical  
accuracy on  $a_{\mu}^{\text{HLO}}$

Competitive with the latest  
theoretical predictions.

Main challenge:  
keep systematic accuracy at the  
same level of the statistical one



Systematic uncertainty  
of 10 ppm in the signal region.

Main systematic effects:

- Longitudinal alignment ( $< 10 \mu\text{m}$ )
- Knowledge of the beam energy (few MeV)
- Multiple scattering ( $< 1\%$ )
- Angular intrinsic resolution
- Non-uniform detector response

# Extraction of $a_\mu^{\text{HLO}}$

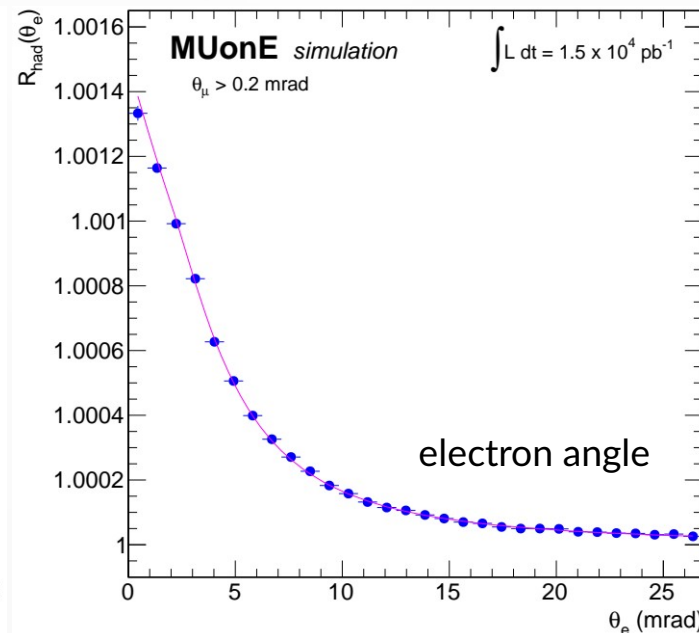
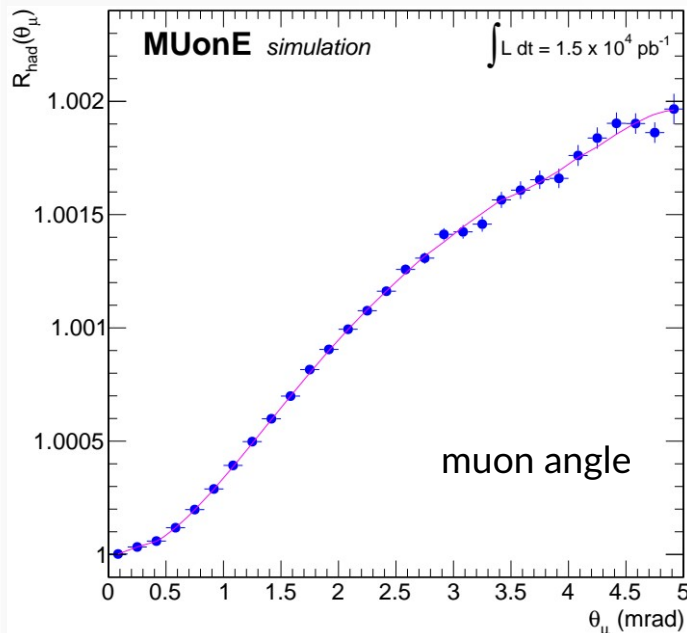


$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(t)$  parameterization: inspired from the 1 loop QED contribution of lepton pairs and top quark at  $t < 0$

$$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(t) = KM \left\{ -\frac{5}{9} - \frac{4M}{3t} + \left( \frac{4M^2}{3t^2} + \frac{M}{3t} - \frac{1}{6} \right) \frac{2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{4M}{t}}} \ln \left| \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{4M}{t}}}{1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{4M}{t}}} \right| \right\}$$

2 parameters:  
K, M

Extraction of  $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(t)$  through a template fit to the 2D  $(\theta_e, \theta_\mu)$  distribution:



$$R_{\text{had}} = \frac{d\sigma(\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}})}{d\sigma(\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}} = 0)}$$

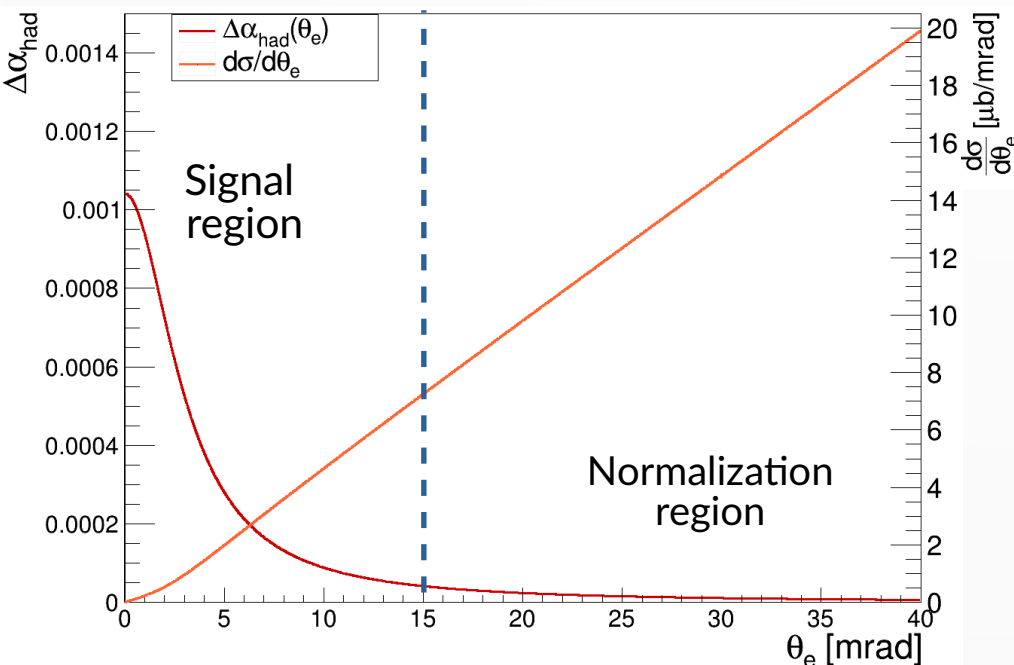
$$a_\mu^{\text{HLO}} = (688.8 \pm 2.4) 10^{-10}$$

Input value:

$$a_\mu^{\text{HLO}} = 688.6 10^{-10}$$

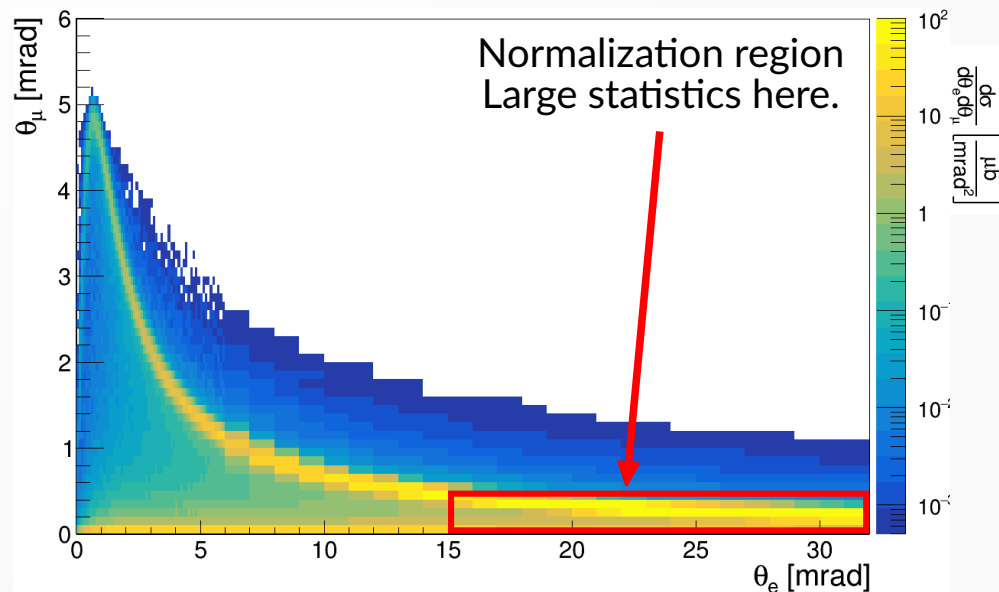
# Strategy for the systematic effects

Main systematics have large effects in the normalization region.  
(no sensitivity to  $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}$  here)



Promising strategy:

- Study the main systematics in the normalization region.
- Include residual systematics as nuisance parameters in a combined fit with signal.



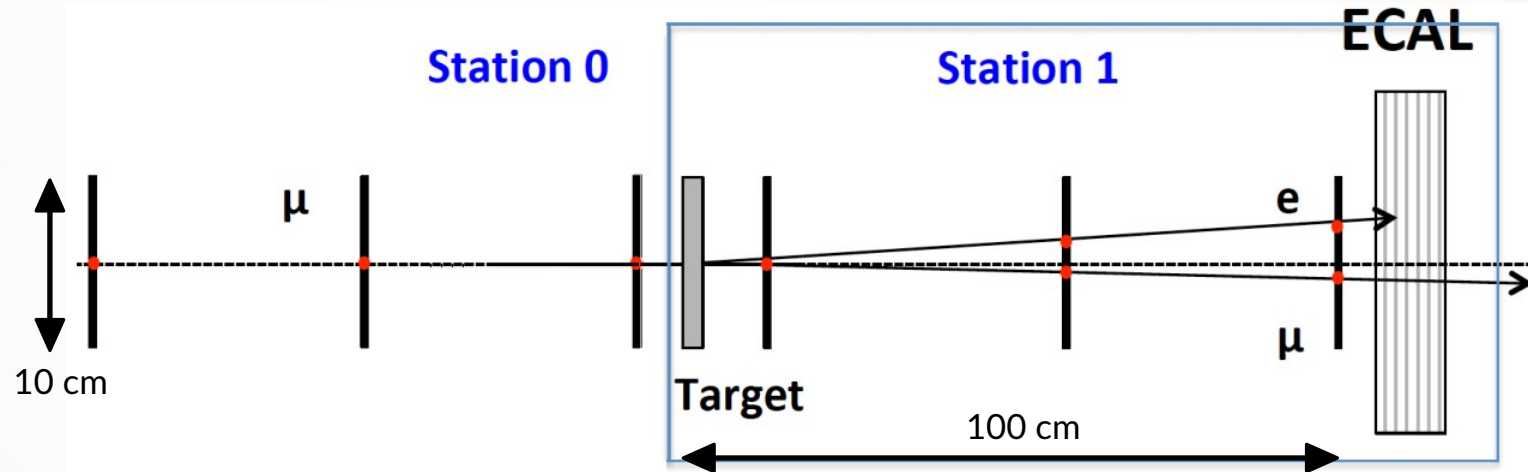


# Test Run 2023 (21 Aug – 10 Sept)



A 3 weeks Test Run with a reduced detector has been approved by SPSC, to validate our proposal.

- Pretracker +
- 1 station +
- ECAL



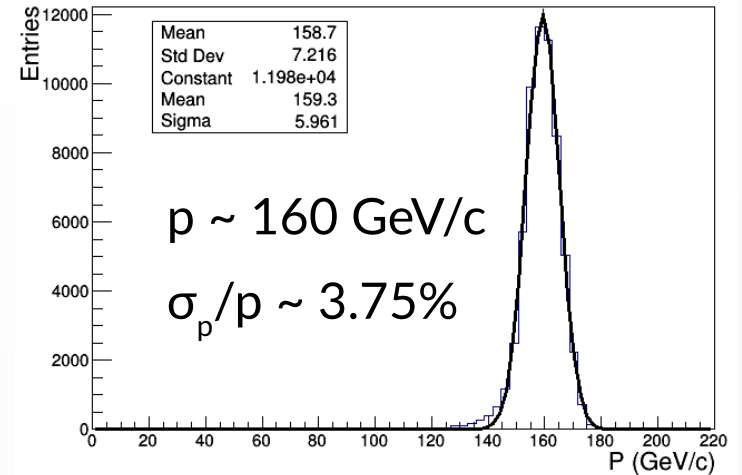
Main goals:

- Confirm the system engineering.
- Test the detector performance.
- Test the reconstruction algorithms and event selection.
- Study the background processes and the main sources of systematic error.
- Demonstration measurement:  $\Delta\alpha_{\text{lep}}(t)$ .

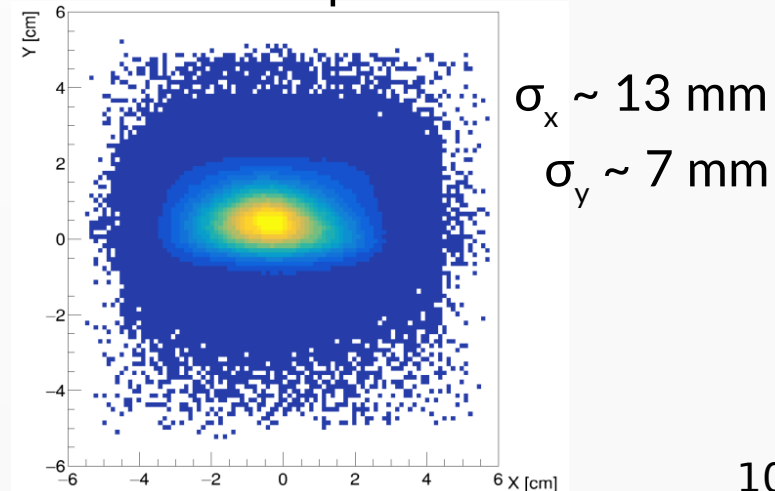
# Location: M2 beamline at CERN



## Beam momentum



## Beam spot

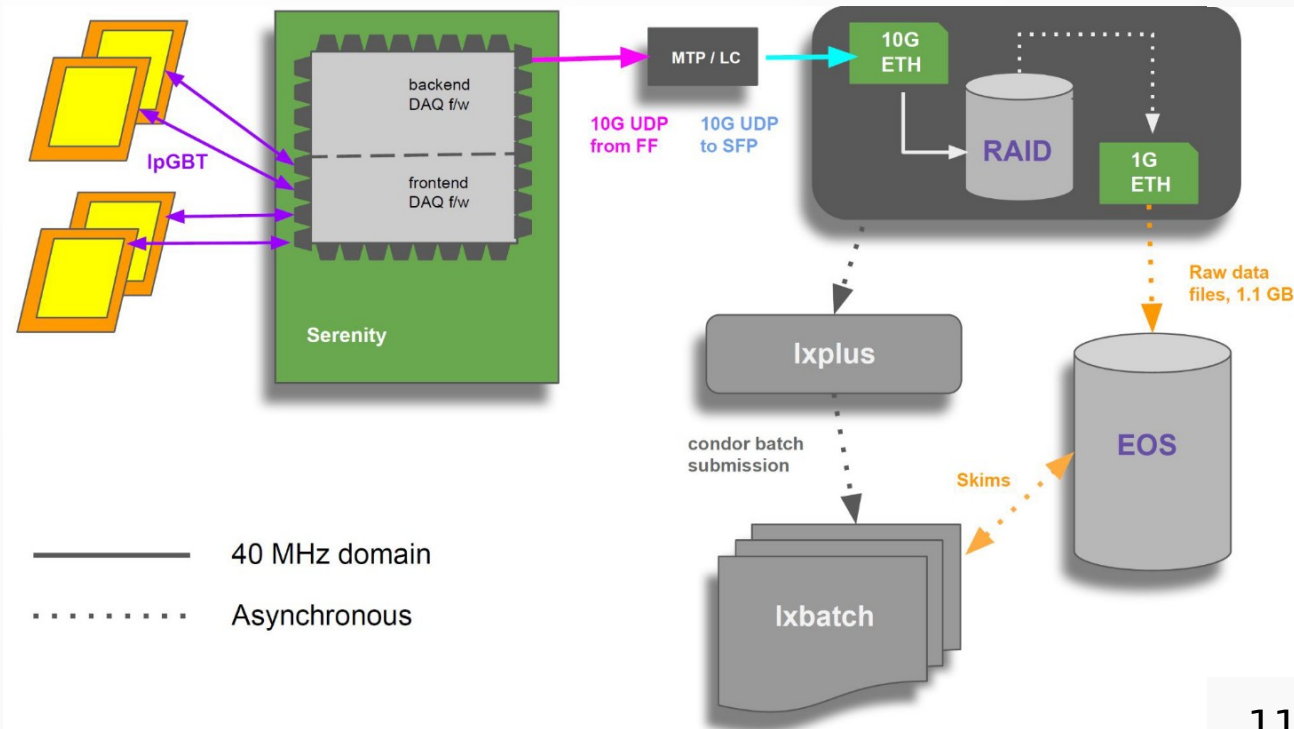


- Location: upstream the COMPASS detector (CERN North Area).
- Low divergence muon beam:  $\sigma_{x'} \sim \sigma_{y'} < 1 \text{ mrad}$ .
- Spill duration  $\sim 5 \text{ s}$ . Duty cycle  $\sim 25\%$ .
- Maximum rate:  $50 \text{ MHz}$  ( $\sim 2\text{-}3 \times 10^8 \mu^+/\text{spill}$ ).

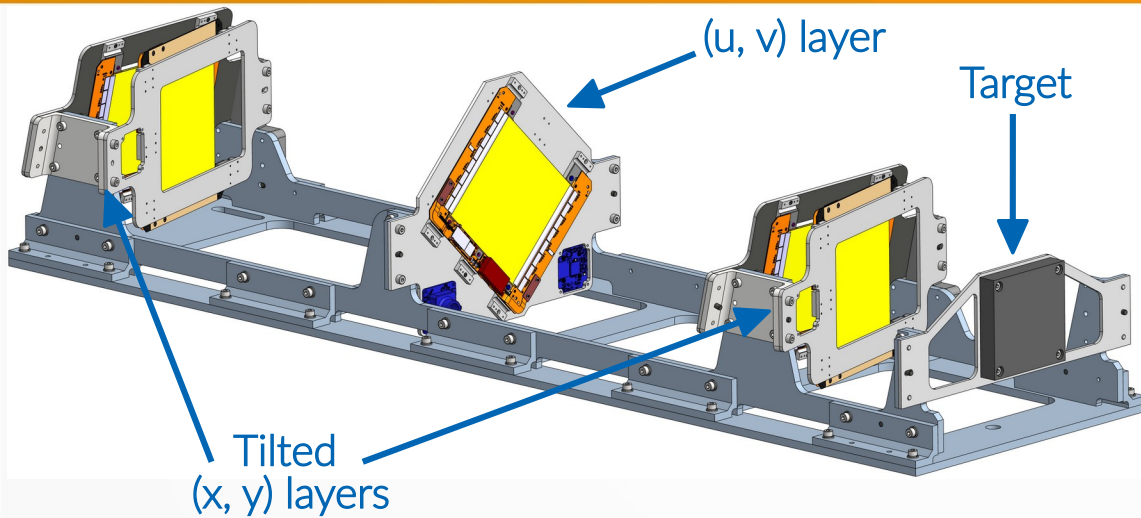
# DAQ system

Frontend control and readout via **Serenity** board  
(to be used in the CMS-Phase2 upgrade).

- **Asynchronous beam:** triggerless readout of the tracking modules @40MHz.
- Event aggregator on FPGA.
- Further data aggregation on the PC.
- Transmission to EOS into ~1GB files.



# Tracking station

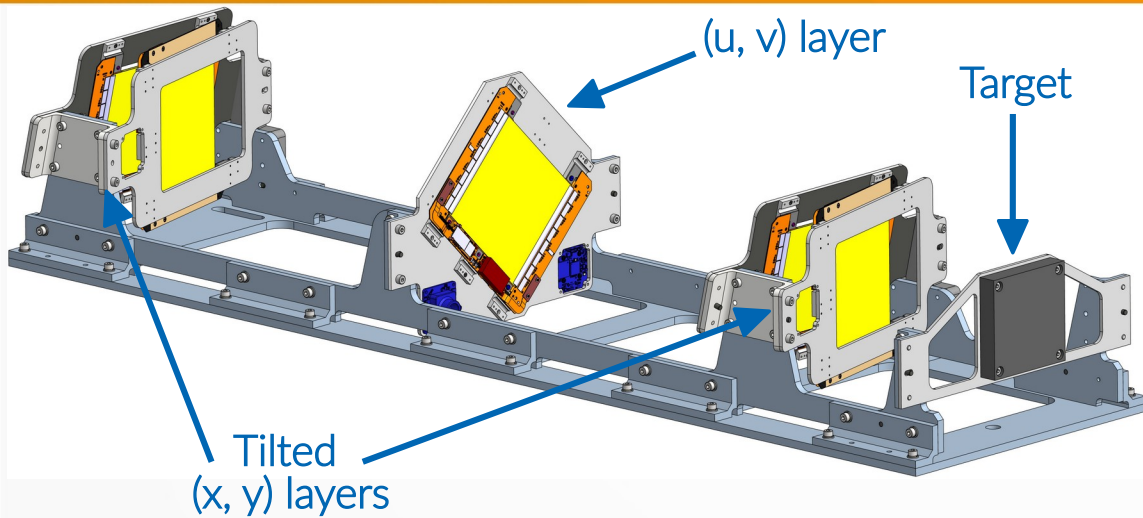


Stringent request:  
relative position within a station  
must be stable  $< 10 \mu\text{m}$ .



Low CTE material: INVAR  
( $\text{CTE} \sim 1.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$ )  
Laser holographic system  
to monitor stability.

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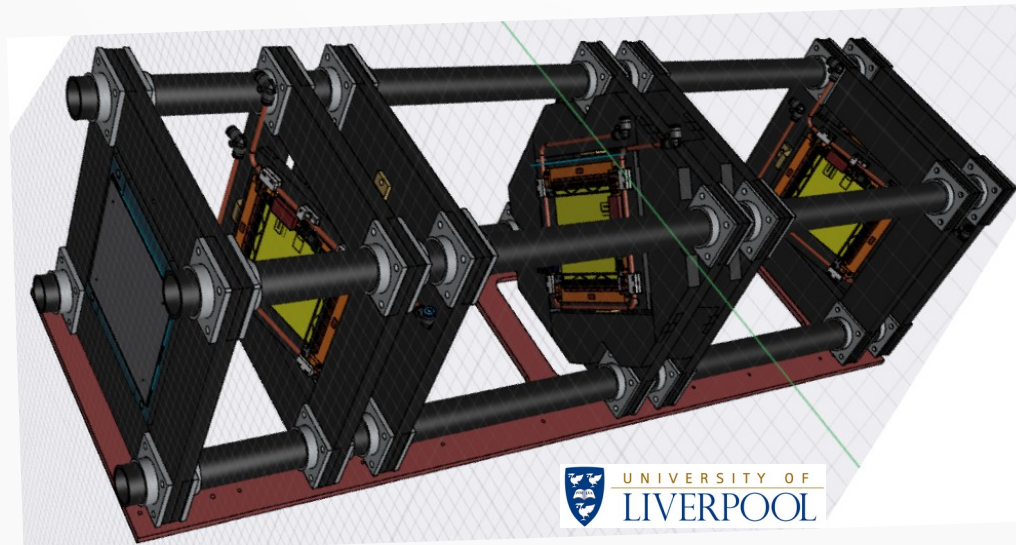


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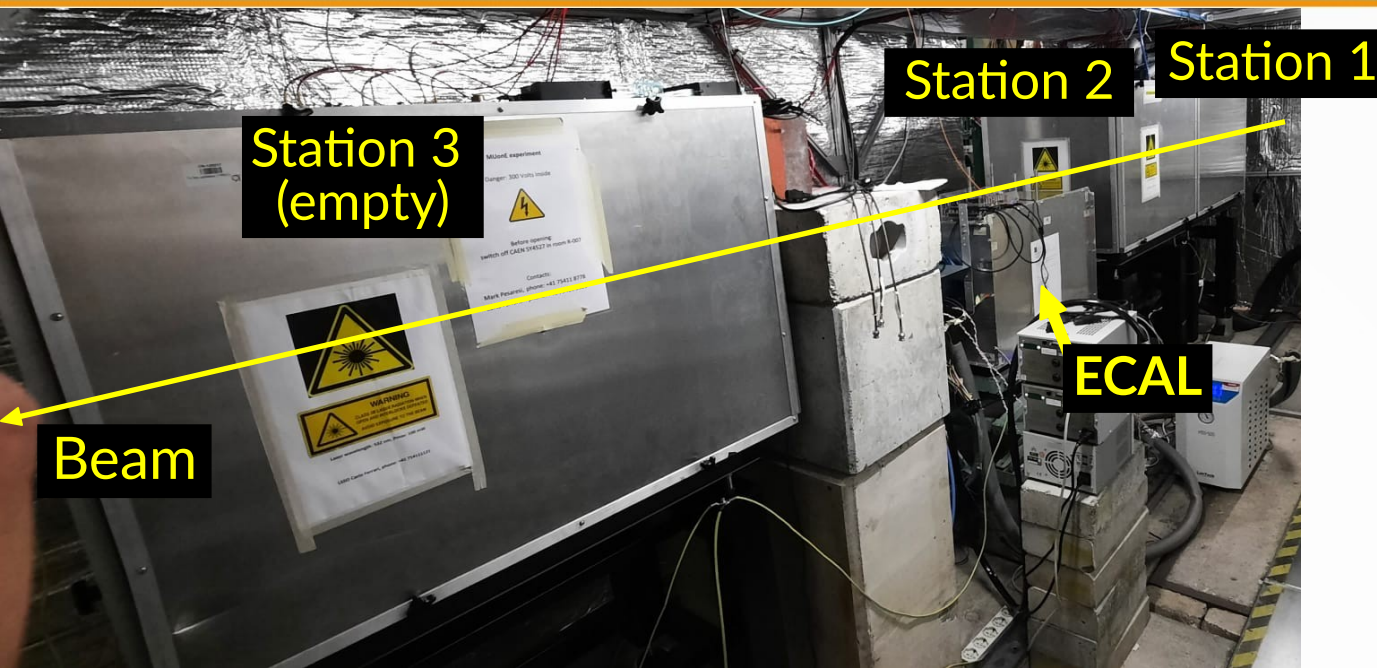
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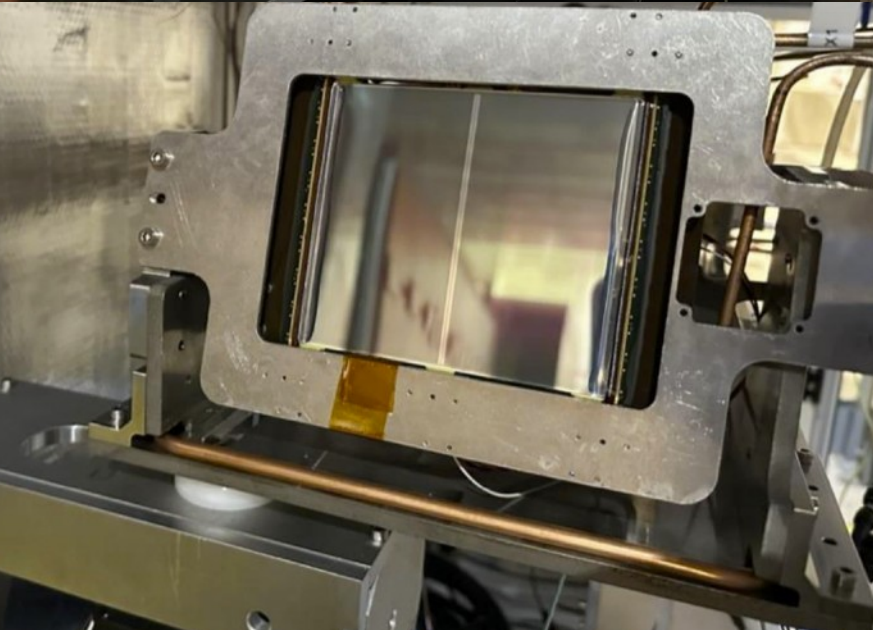


New layout under development  
at Liverpool: Carbon fiber

- Light material
- $\text{CTE} < 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$
- Lower cost
- Easy to machine



# Test Run Analysis



- Determine selection algorithms to be applied on FPGA.
- Beam rate measurements.
- Background suppression.
- Hardware metrology.
- Software alignment.
- Detector performance.

# Test Run Analysis: elastic events

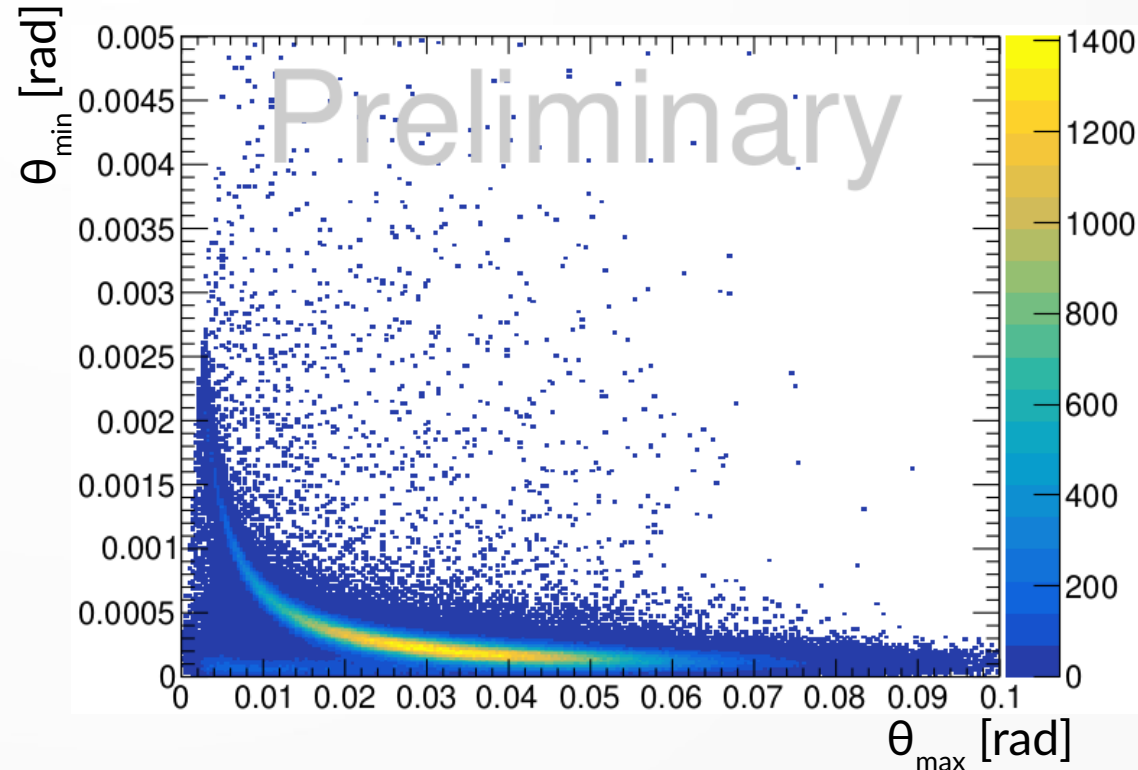


## Golden event selection:

- 1 hit/module in 1<sup>st</sup> station.
- 2 hits/module in 2<sup>nd</sup> station.
- Vertex with 1 incoming and 2 outgoing tracks with good  $\chi^2$ .
- Cut on  $z_{\text{vertex}}$  to select interactions in the target.
- Reject events where the 3 tracks are not planar.

## Ongoing work:

- Refine the selection cuts.
- Data/MC comparison to study the largest systematic effects.



# Test Run 2023 - extraction of $\Delta\alpha_{lep}(t)$ : expectations



$O(10^{12})$   $\mu$  on target, expected  $\sim 2.5 \times 10^8$  elastic events  $E_e > 1$  GeV

Not enough for  $\Delta\alpha_{had}(t)$ ,  
but we can measure  $\Delta\alpha_{lep}(t)$

1 loop QED contribution of lepton pairs:

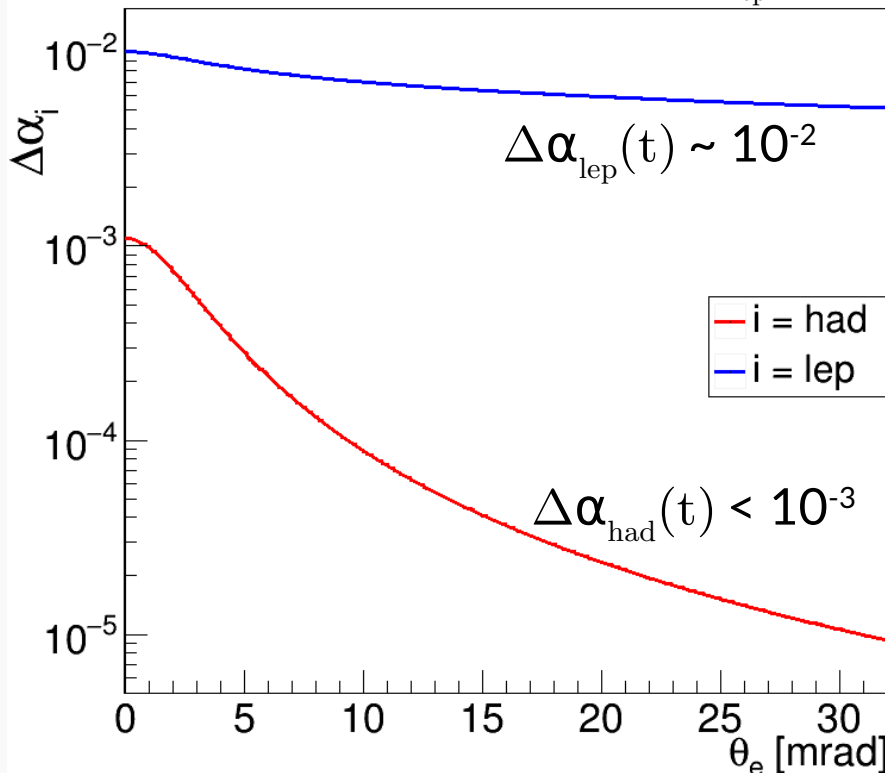
$$\Delta\alpha_{lep}(t) = k [f(m_e) + f(m_\mu) + f(m_\tau)]$$

$$f(m) = -\frac{5}{9} - \frac{4m^2}{3t} + \left(\frac{4m^4}{3t^2} + \frac{m^2}{3t} - \frac{1}{6}\right) \frac{2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{4m^2}{t}}} \ln \left| \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m^2}{t}}}{1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m^2}{t}}} \right|$$

1 parameter template fit:  
Fix lepton masses and fit k

$$k = \frac{\alpha}{\pi}$$

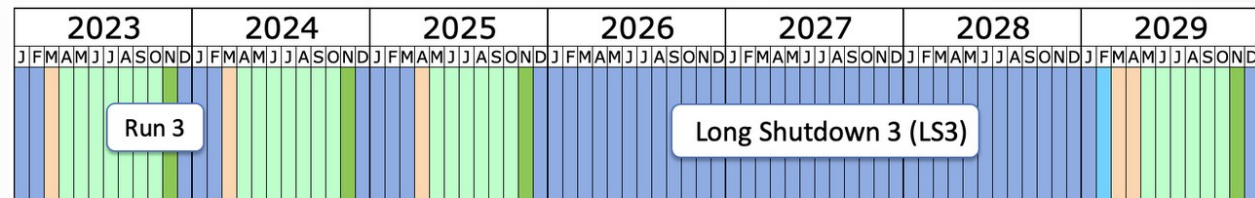
Expected precision:  $\sim 5\%$





# Conclusions

- MUonE will provide an independent calculation of  $a_\mu^{\text{HLO}}$ , competitive with the latest evaluations.
- 3 weeks Test Run 2023: proof of concept of the experimental proposal. Data analysis ongoing.
- Experiment proposal to be submitted soon to the SPSC, to request for a  $\sim 1$  month run in 2025 instrumenting more tracking stations: first sensitivity to  $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(t)$ .
- Full apparatus (40 stations) after CERN Long Shutdown 3 to achieve the target precision ( $\sim 0.3\%$  stat and similar syst).

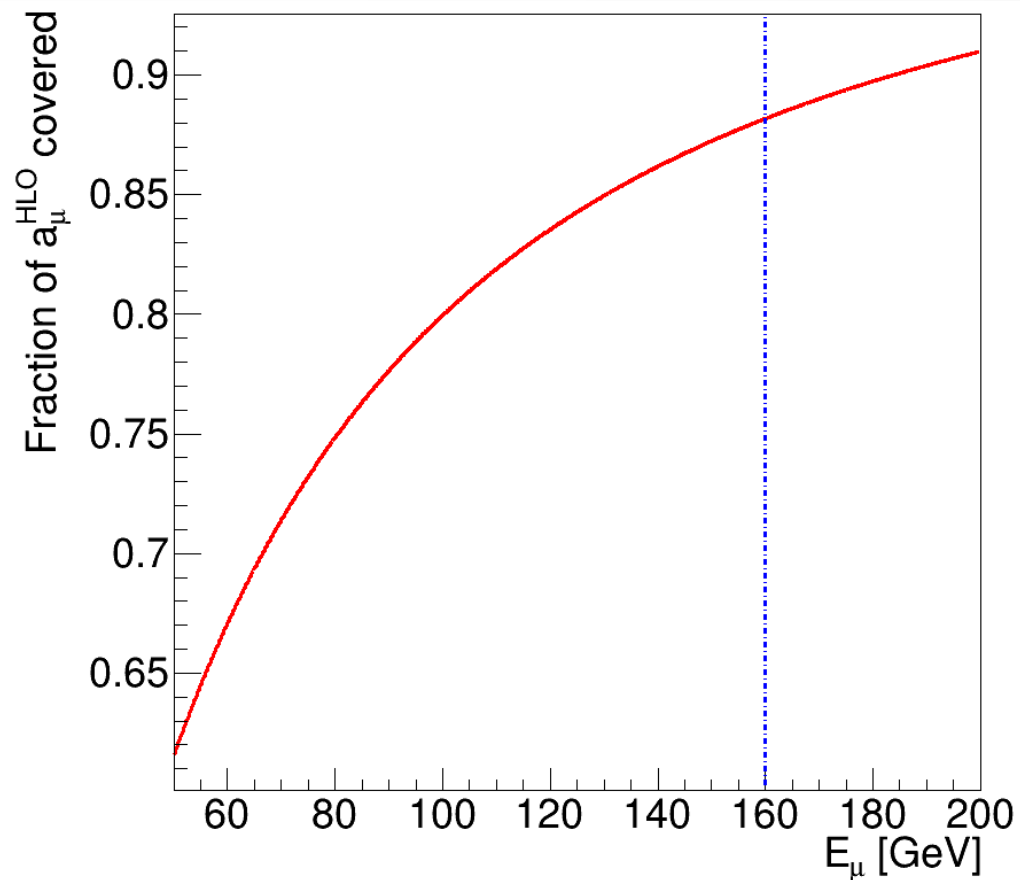
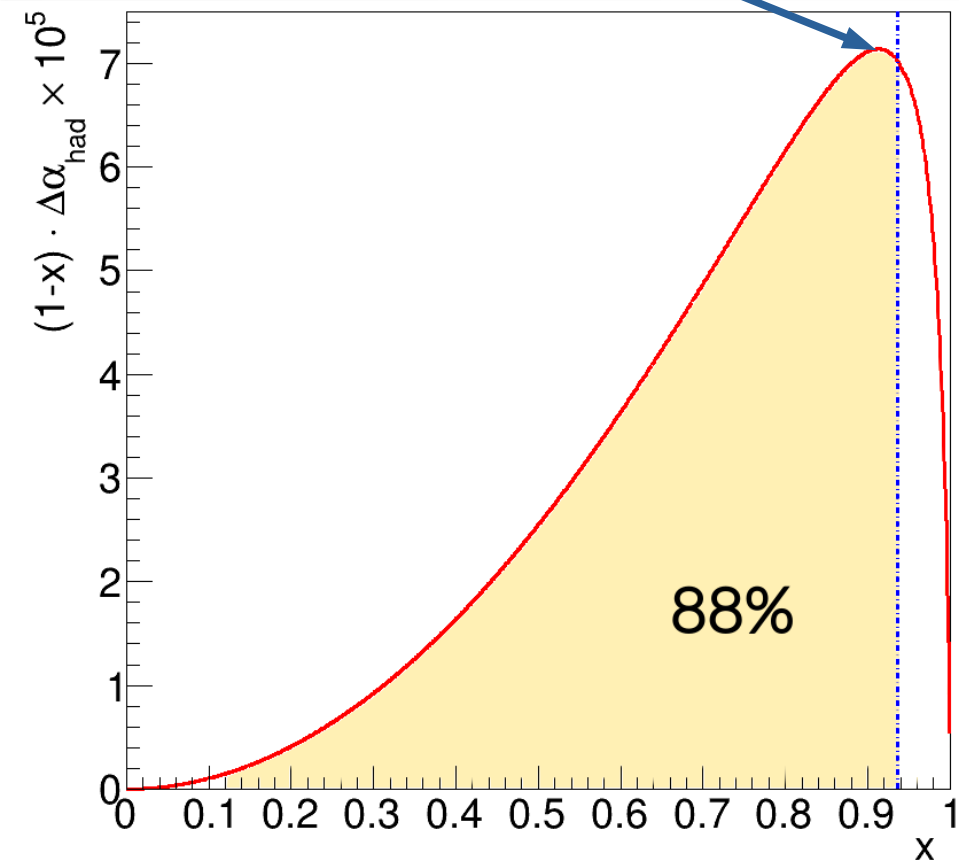


**BACKUP**

$$x < 0.936$$

$$t_{peak} \sim -0.108 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$x_{peak} \sim 0.92$$

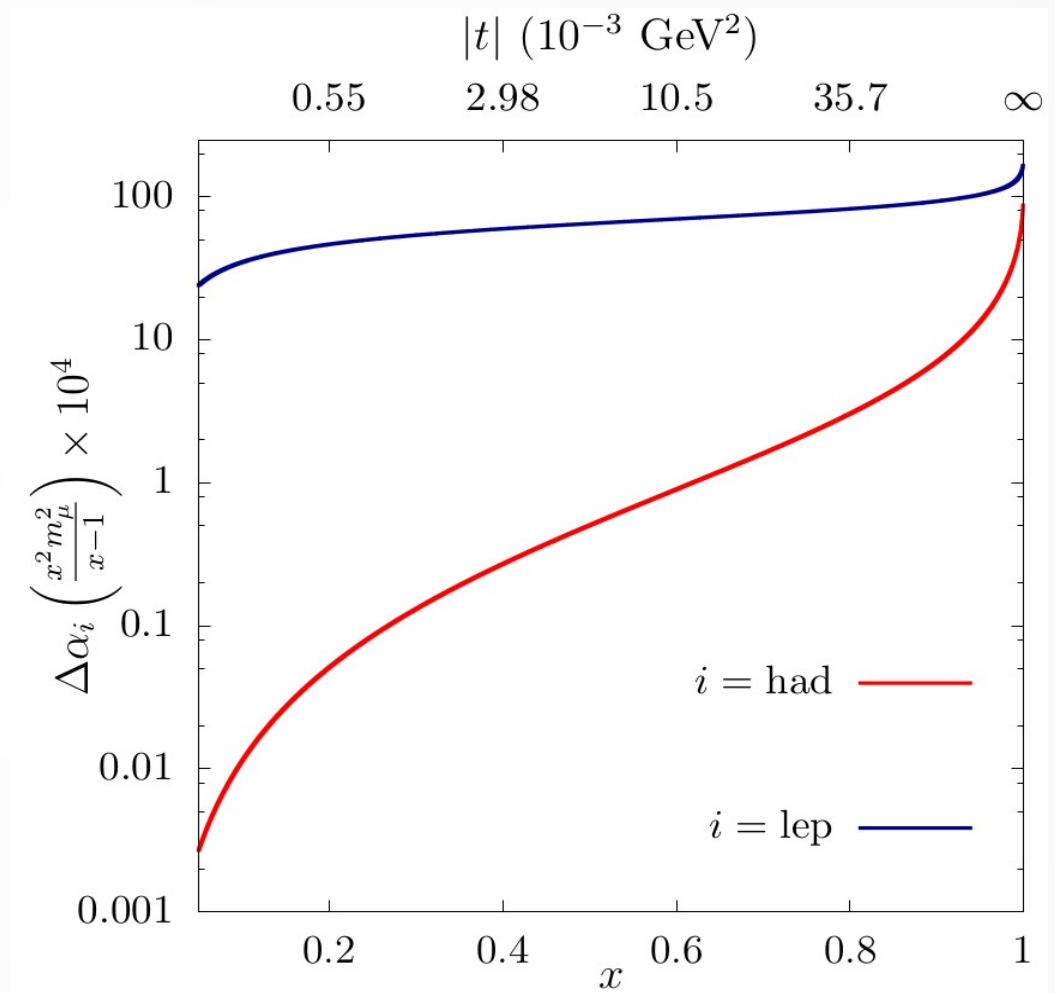


- 160 GeV muon beam on atomic electrons.

$$\sqrt{s} \sim 420 \text{ MeV}$$

$$-0.153 \text{ GeV}^2 < t < 0 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$\Delta\alpha_{had}(t) \lesssim 10^{-3}$$



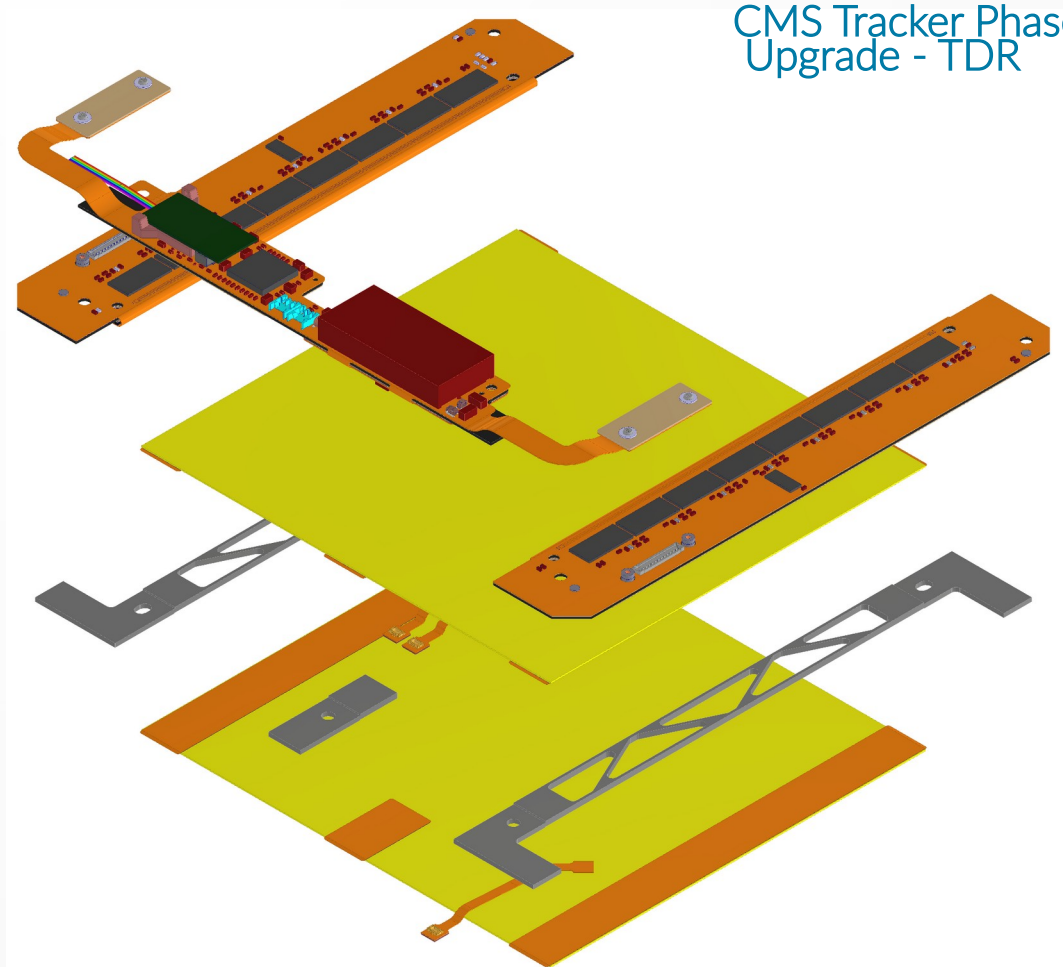
# Tracker: CMS 2S modules



Silicon strip sensors currently in production for the CMS-Phase2 upgrade.

Two close-by strip sensors reading the same coordinate:

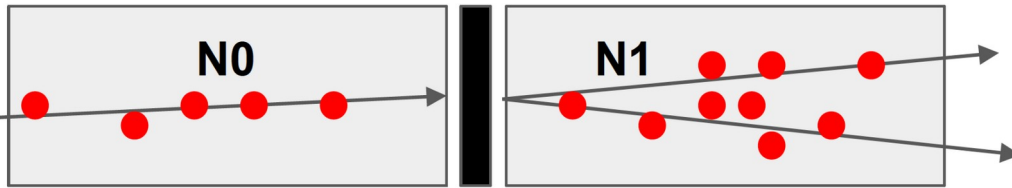
- Suppress background of single sensor hits.
- Reject large angle tracks.
- Pitch:  $90\ \mu\text{m}$
- Digital readout
- Readout rate: 40 MHz
- Area:  $10 \times 10\ \text{cm}^2$  ( $\sim 90\ \text{cm}^2$  active)
- Thickness:  $2 \times 320\ \mu\text{m}$



# Test Run Analysis



## Online event selection



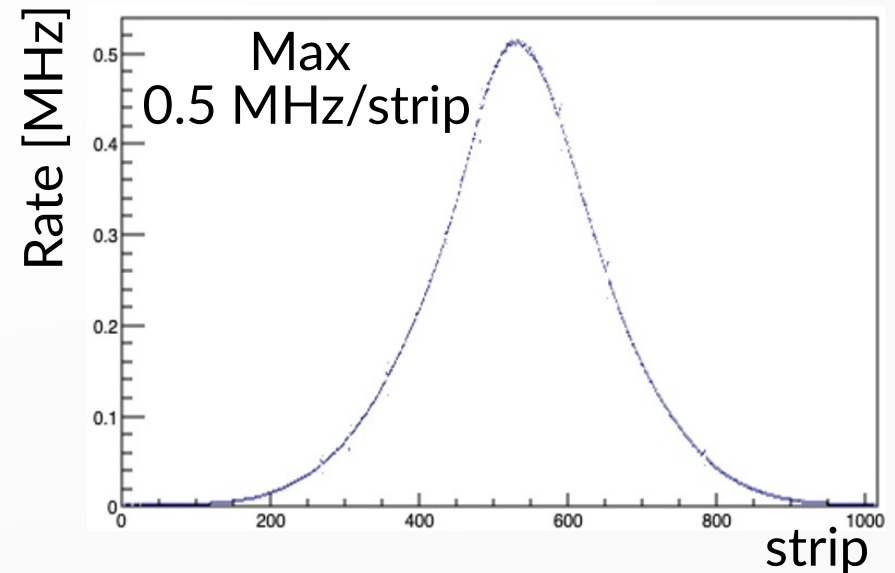
Select potential elastic events by looking at the number of hits in two consecutive stations:

- $N_{\text{hits}}^0 \geq 5 \ \&\&$
- $N_{\text{hits}}^1 \geq 5 \ \&\&$
- $N_{\text{hits}}^1 - N_{\text{hits}}^0 \geq 3-5$

Reduce the data flow to 1%-2%  
Can be easily implemented on FPGA.

## Beam rate

$1-2 \times 10^8 \ \mu/\text{spill}$   
(1 spill = 5s)



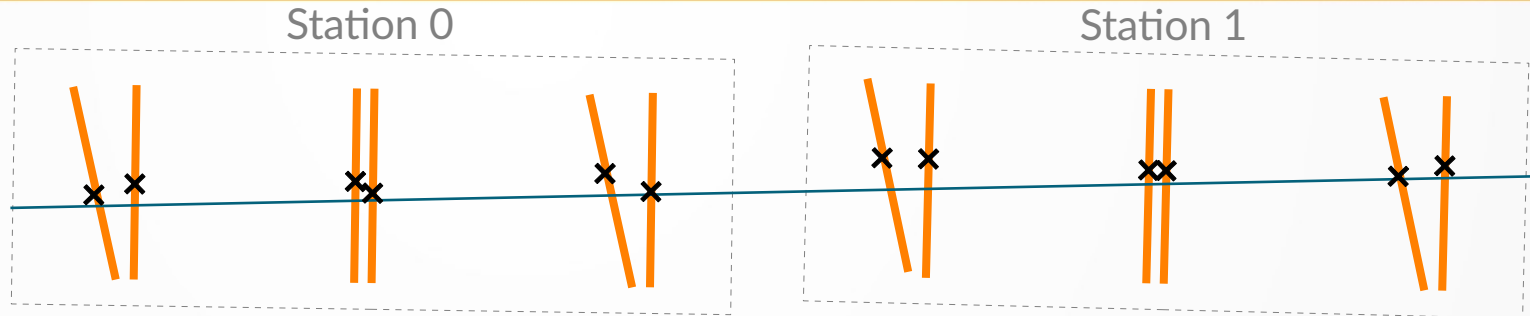
Goal:  
count the total number of muons per run (input for expected luminosity)

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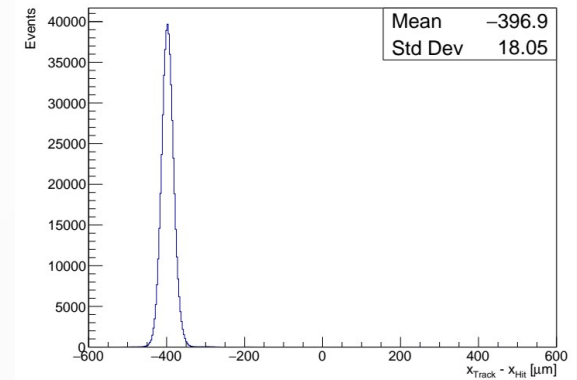


## Alignment

Currently:

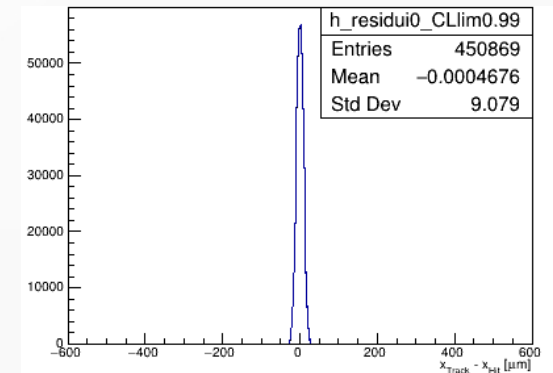


- Track based iterative procedure:  
2 alignment parameters per module  
(offset in the measured direction  
and rotation angle around the beam axis).
- Align the coordinate orthogonal to the  
measurement direction by measuring  
the image of module's middle line.



## Ongoing work:

- Include the hardware metrology measurements  
as starting point of the track based alignment.
- Global alignment.



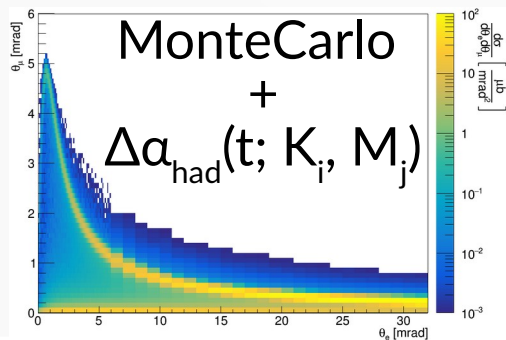
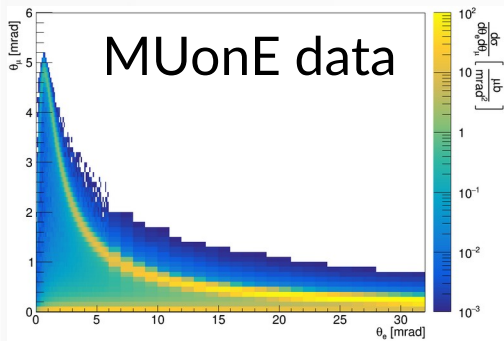
# Extraction of $\Delta\alpha_{had}(t)$

$\Delta\alpha_{had}(t)$  parameterization:

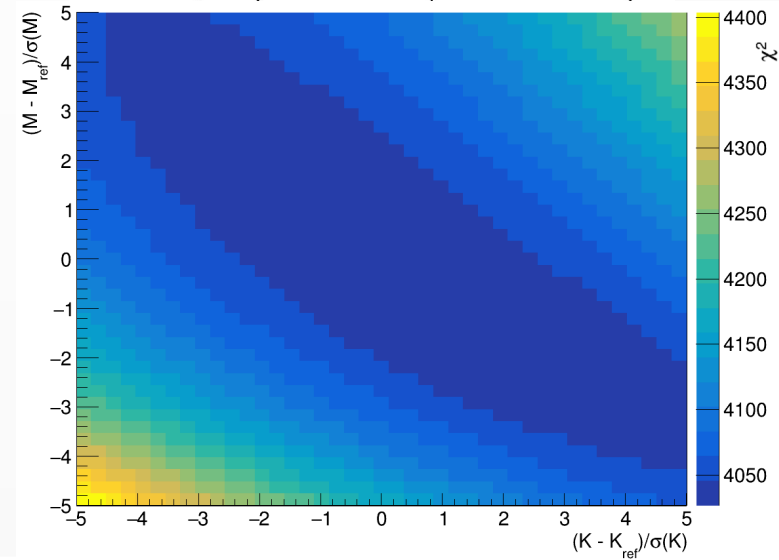
inspired from the 1 loop QED contribution of lepton pairs and  $t$ -quark at  $q^2 < 0$

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Extraction of  $\Delta\alpha_{had}(t)$  through a template fit to the 2D  $(\theta_e, \theta_\mu)$  distribution:



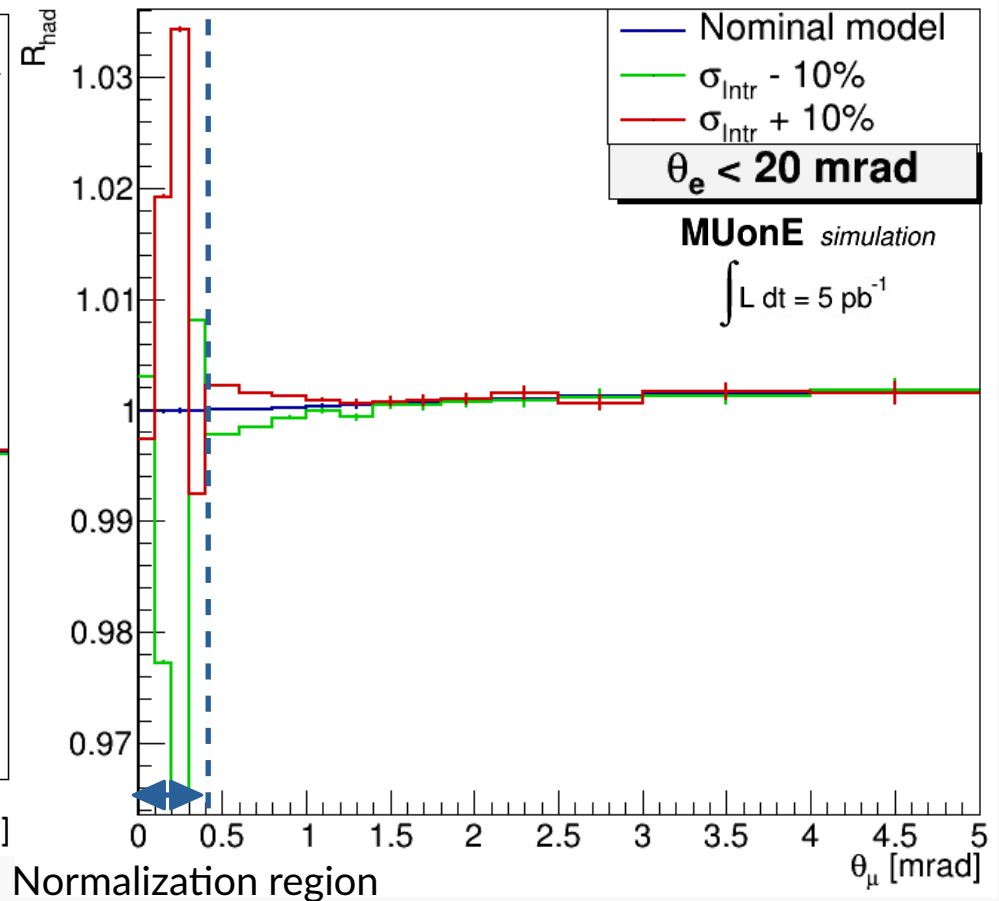
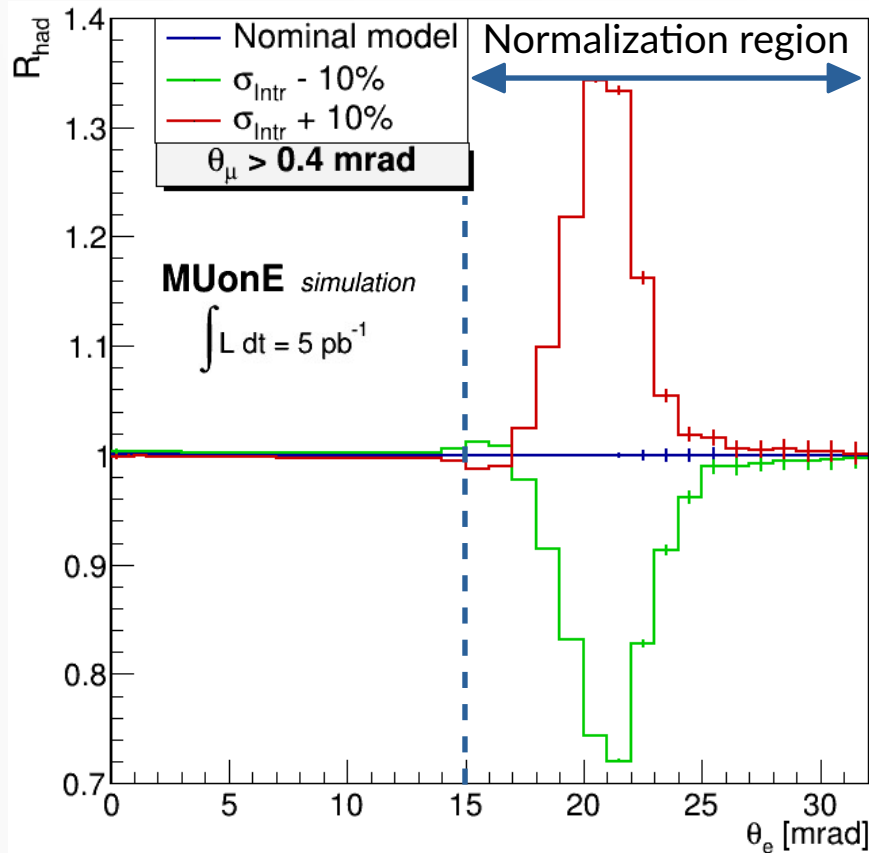
$$\chi^2 = \sum_{\text{bins}} \left( \frac{\text{data}_i - \text{templ}(K, M)_i}{\sigma_i^{\text{data}}} \right)^2$$

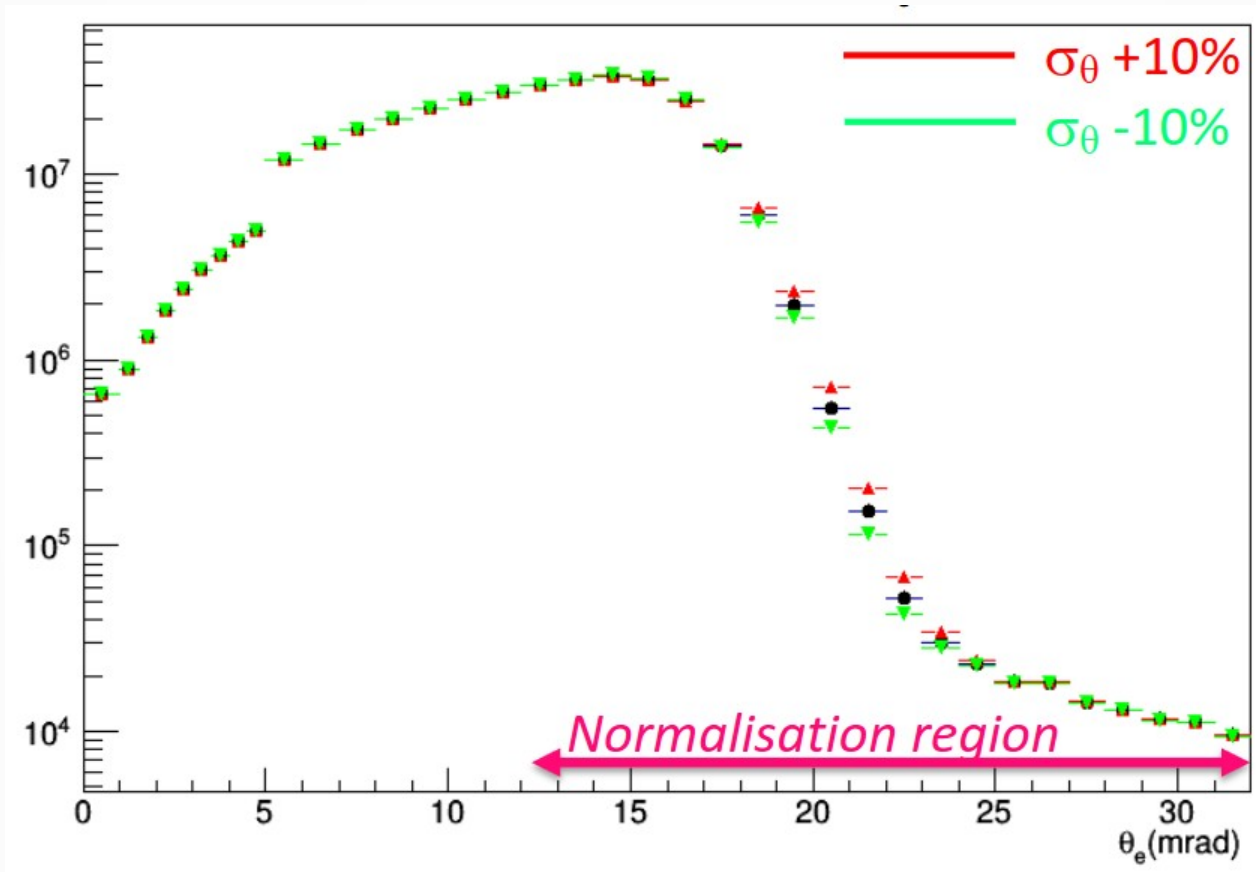




# Systematic error on the angular intrinsic resolution

$\pm 10\%$  error on the angular intrinsic resolution.





# The need of including systematic effects in the analysis



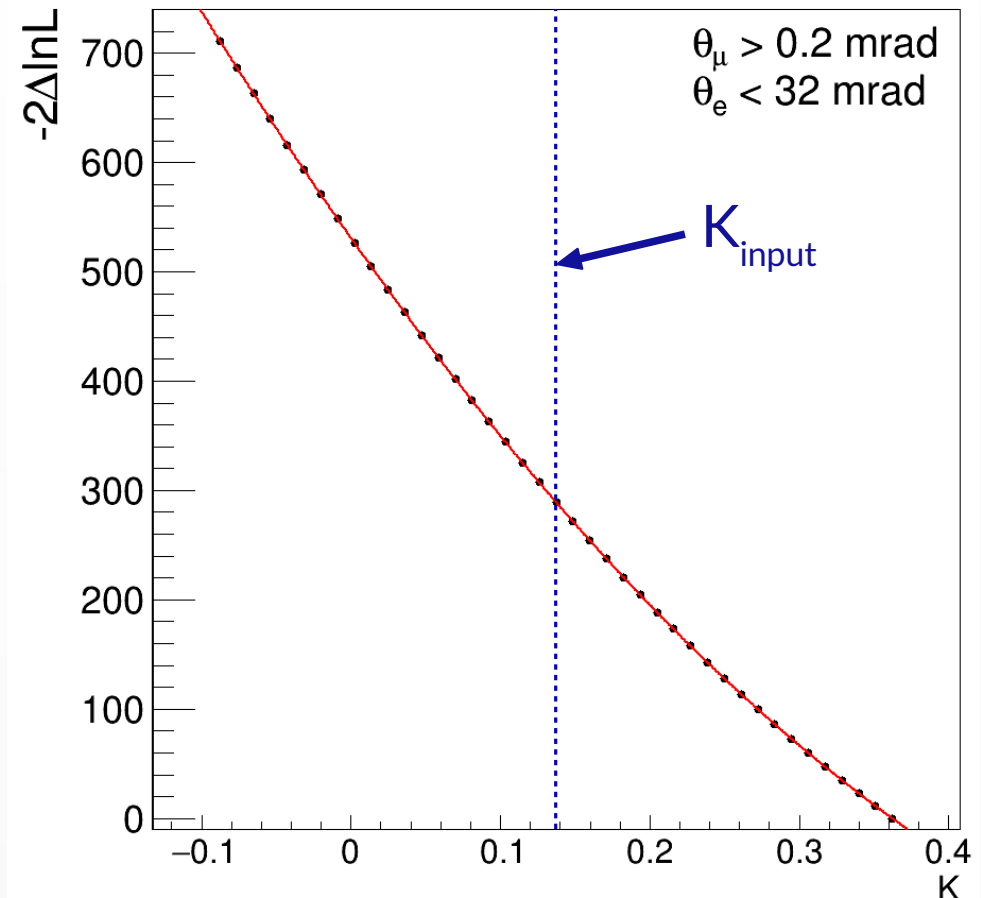
What if systematic effects are not included in the template fit?

Simplified situation:

- 1 fit parameter (K).

$$\Delta\alpha_{had}(t) \simeq -\frac{1}{15}Kt$$

- $L = 5 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ .  
 $\sim 10^9$  elastic events  
( $\sim 4000$  times less than the final statistics)
- Shift in the pseudo-data sample:  
 $\sigma_{\text{Intr}} \rightarrow \sigma_{\text{Intr}} + 5\%$ .

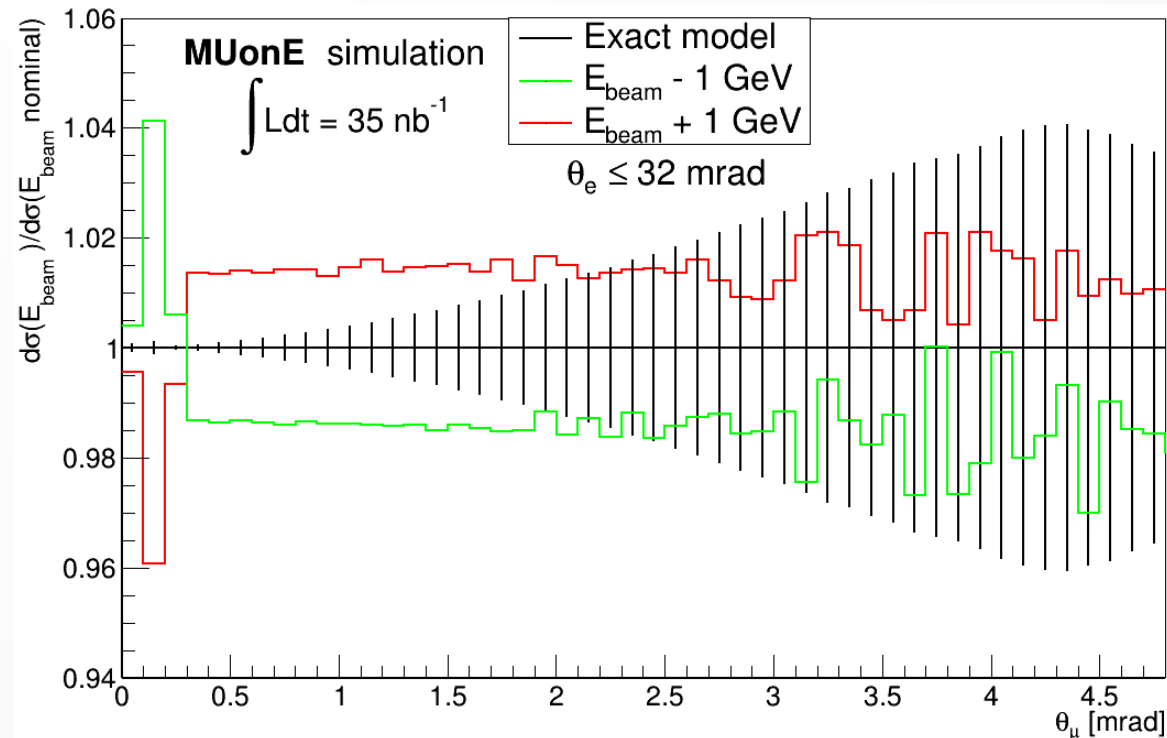


# Systematic error on the muon beam energy



Accelerator division provides  $E_{\text{beam}}$  with  $O(1\%)$  precision ( $\sim 1$  GeV).

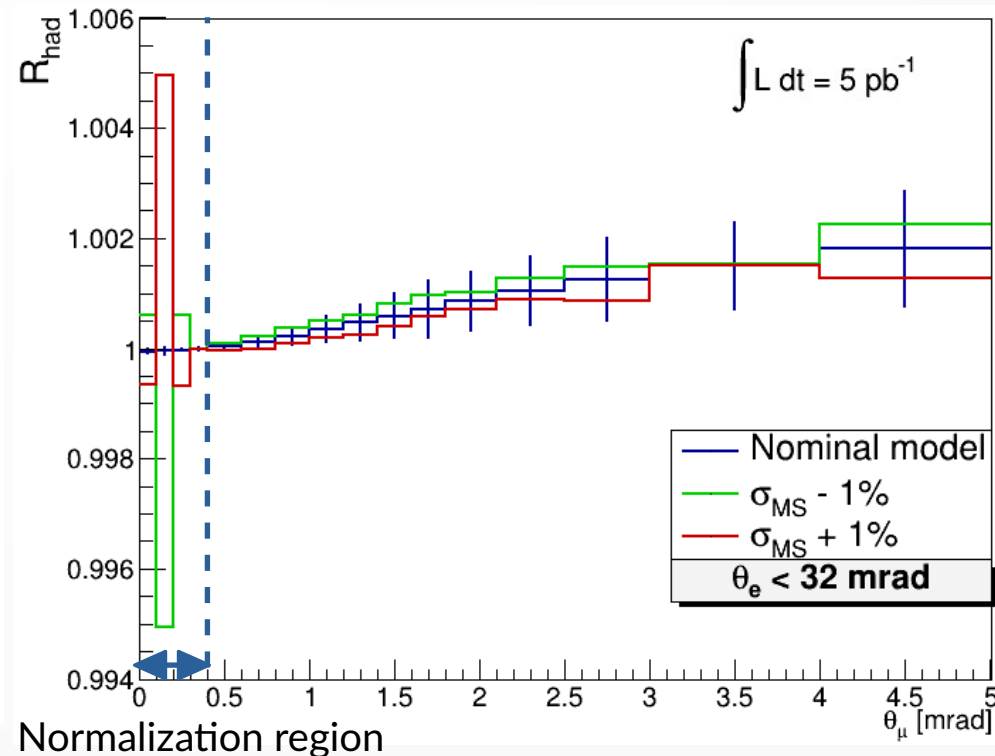
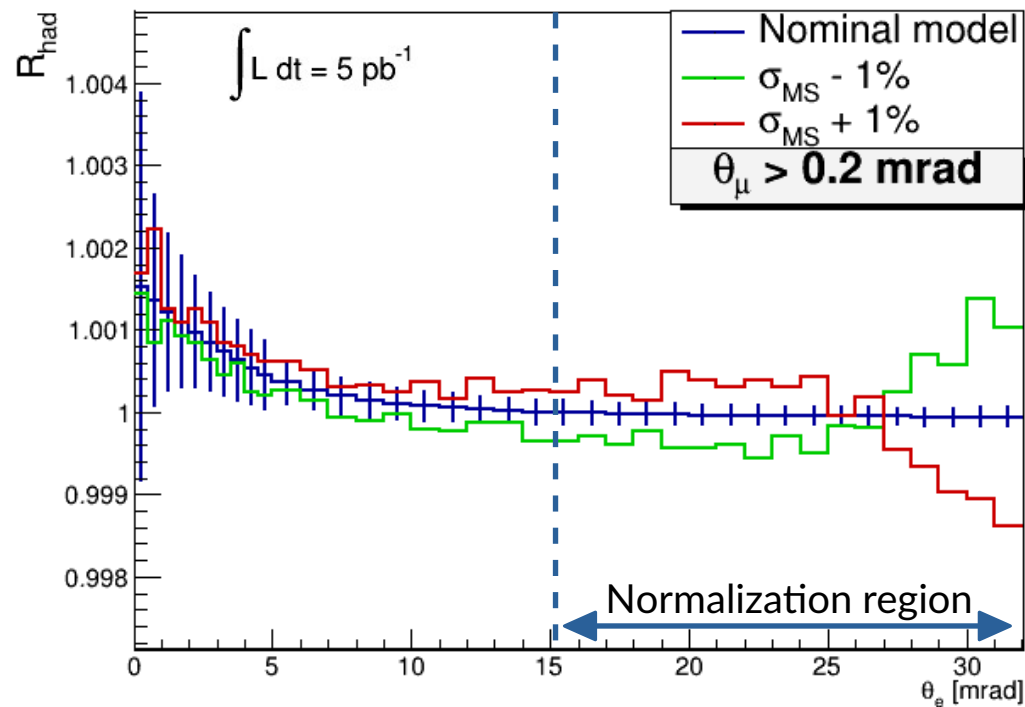
This effect can be seen from our data in 1h of data taking per station.



# Systematic error on the multiple scattering

Expected precision on the multiple scattering model:  $\pm 1\%$

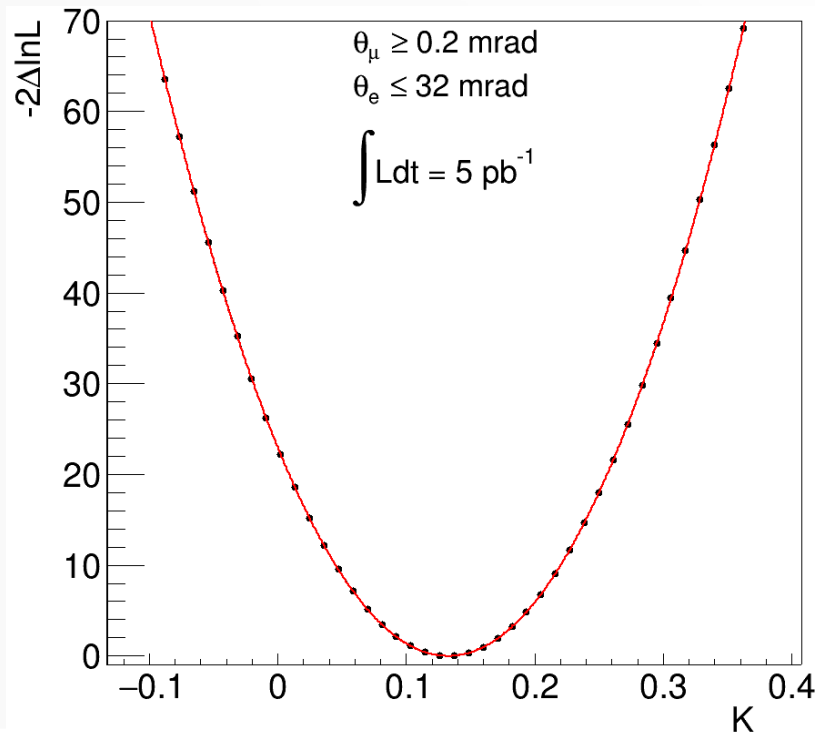
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# Combined fit signal + systematics



- Include residual systematics as nuisance parameters in the fit.
- Simultaneous likelihood fit to  $K$  and systematics using the Combine tool.



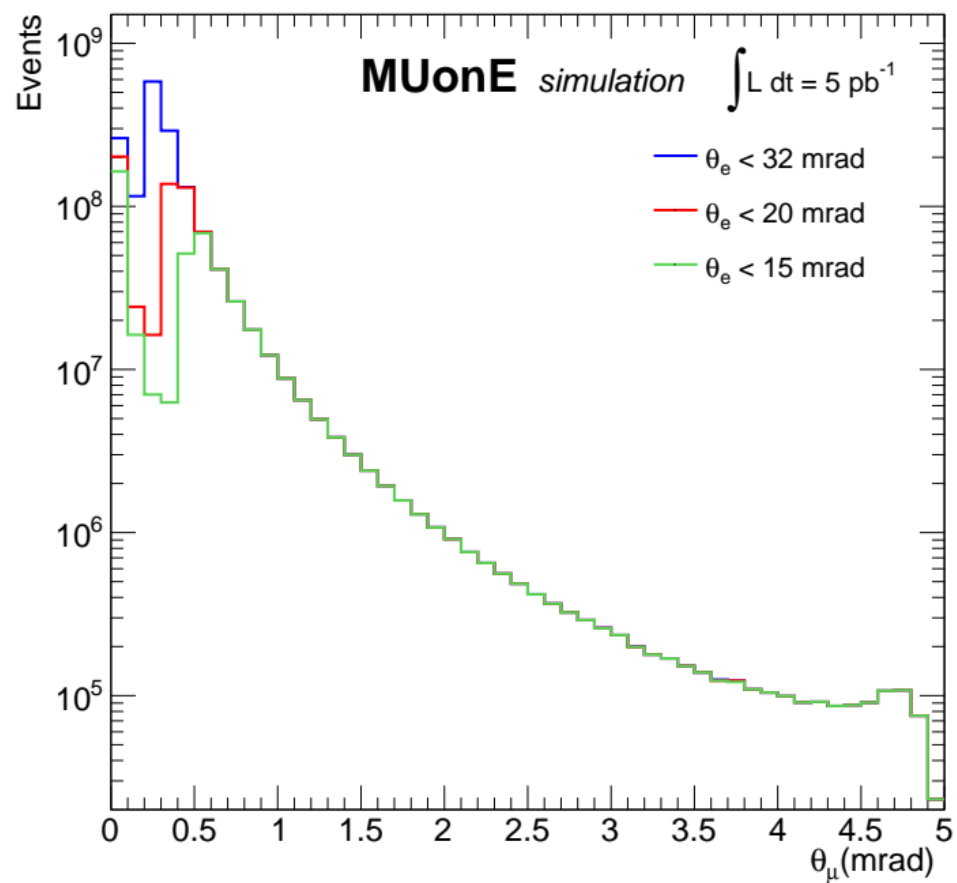
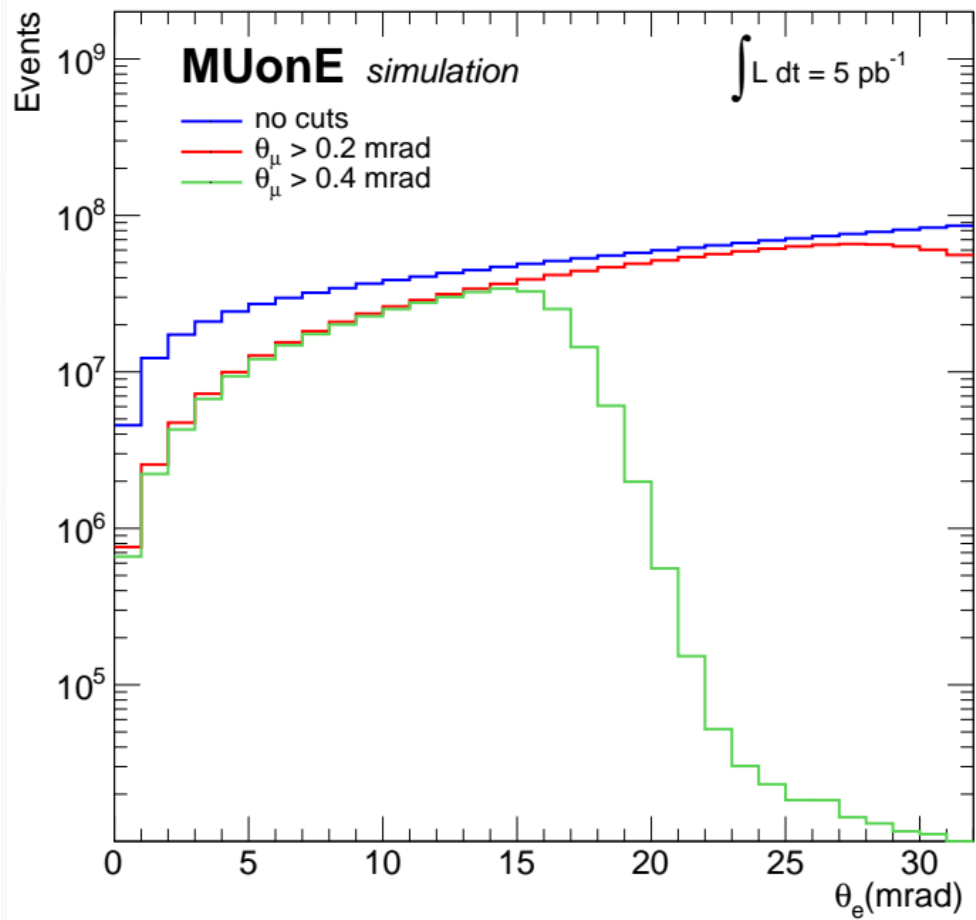
- $K_{\text{ref}} = 0.137$
- shift MS: +0.5%
- shift intr. res: +5%
- shift  $E_{\text{beam}}$ : +6 MeV

Selection cuts	Fit results
	$K = 0.133 \pm 0.028$
$\theta_e \leq 32 \text{ mrad}$	$\mu_{\text{MS}} = (0.47 \pm 0.03)\%$
$\theta_\mu \geq 0.2 \text{ mrad}$	$\mu_{\text{Intr}} = (5.02 \pm 0.02)\%$
	$\mu_{E_{\text{Beam}}} = (6.5 \pm 0.5) \text{ MeV}$
	$\nu = -0.001 \pm 0.003$

Similar results also for different selection cuts.

Next steps:

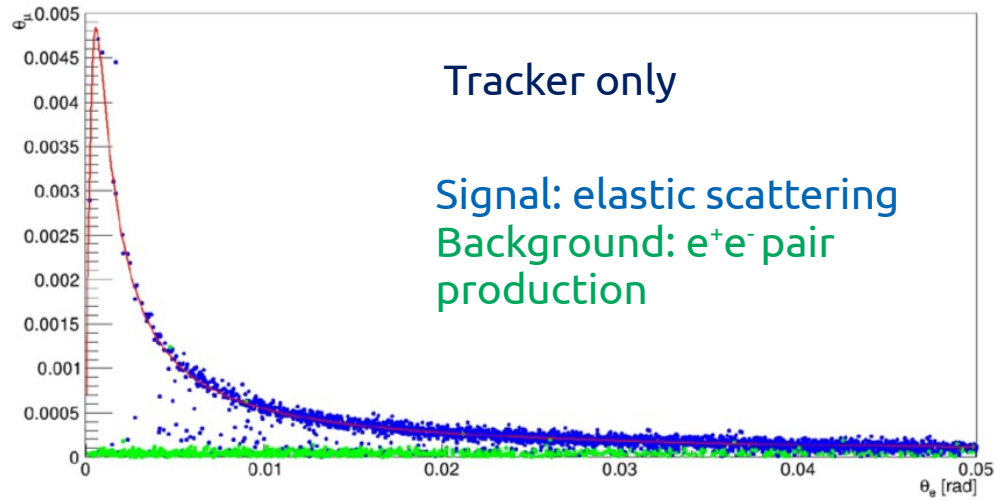
- Test the procedure for the MuonE design statistics.
- Improve the modelization of systematic effects.



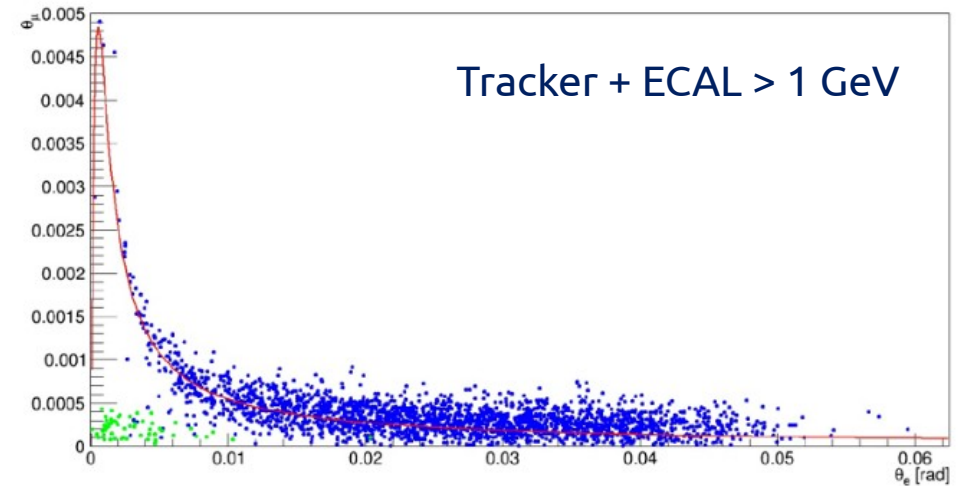
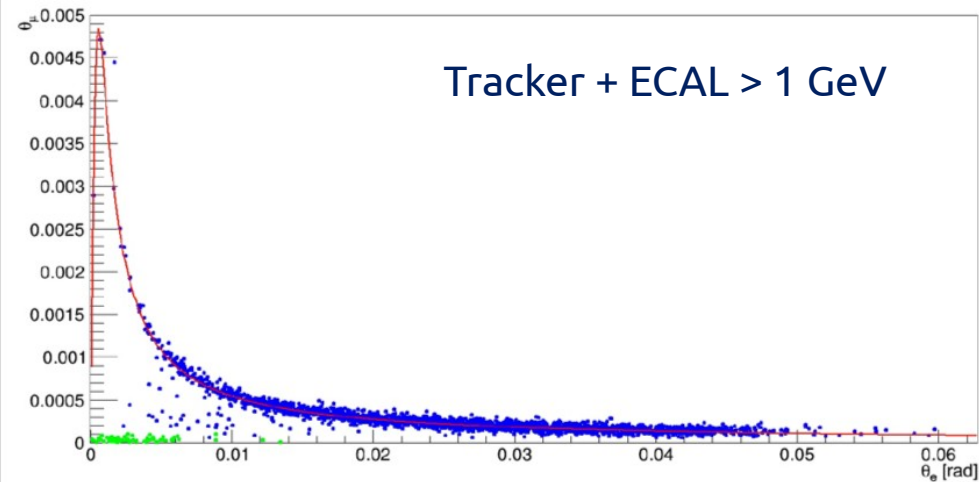
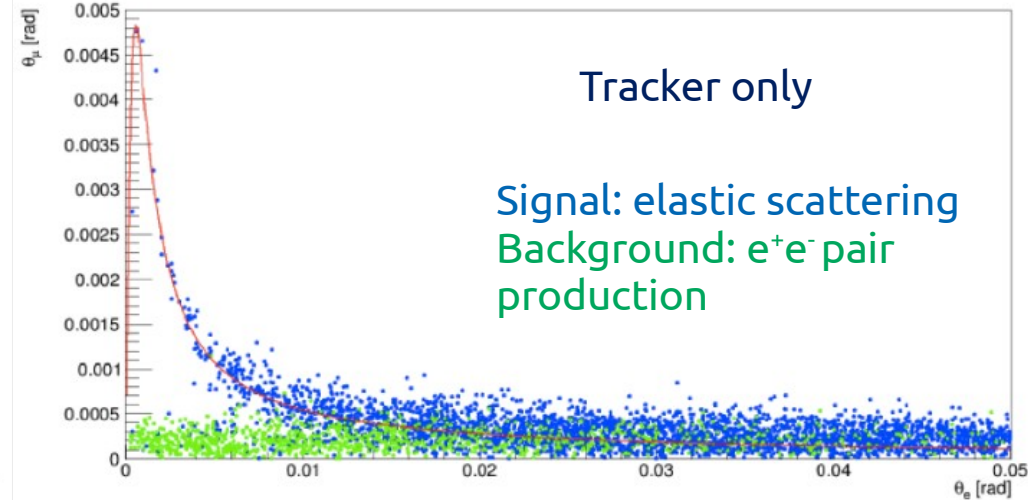
# GEANT4 simulations



TB2017 (resolution  $\sim 7\mu\text{m}$ )

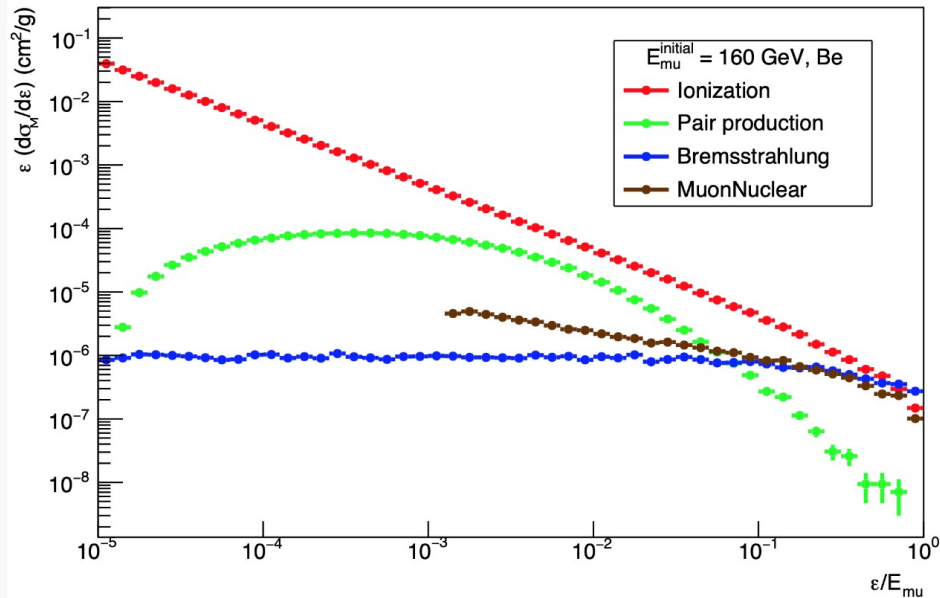


TB2018 (resolution  $\sim 40\mu\text{m}$ )



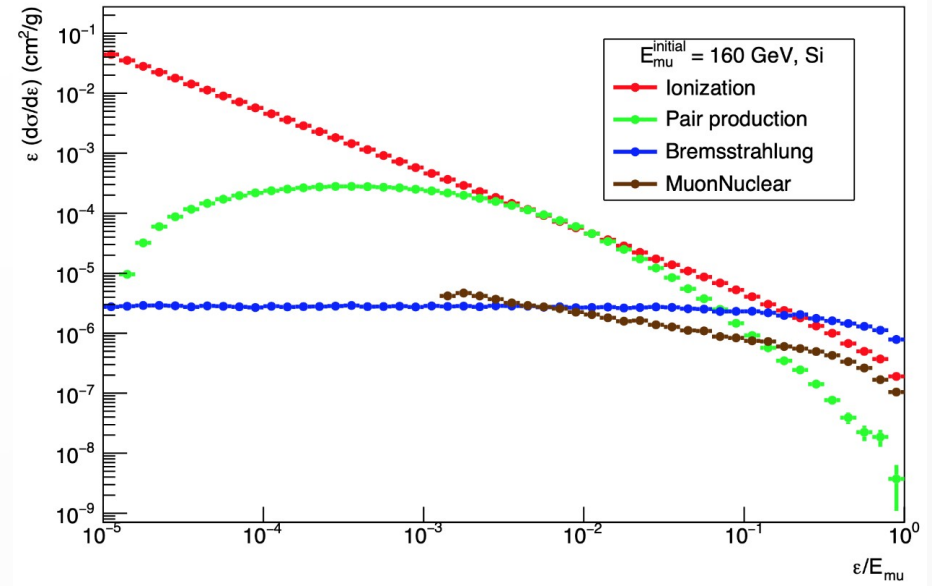


# Backgrounds



## MESMER

- $\mu e^{-} \rightarrow \mu e^{-} \gamma$
- $\mu e^{-} \rightarrow \mu e^{-} e^{+} e^{-}$
- $\mu N \rightarrow \mu N e^{+} e^{-}$



## GEANT4

- $\mu N \rightarrow \mu N \gamma$
- $\mu N \rightarrow \mu X$

# Calorimeter



- 5x5 PbWO<sub>4</sub> crystals:  
area:  $2.85 \times 2.85 \text{ cm}^2$ ,  
length: 22cm ( $\sim 25 X_0$ ).
- Total area:  $\sim 14 \times 14 \text{ cm}^2$ .
- Readout: APD sensors.

## Dedicated beam tests:

- July 2022: 1-4 GeV.  
Overall detector & DAQ debug.  
Absolute energy calibration.
- 31/05–10/06 2023: 20–150 GeV  $e^-$ .
- 21–26/06 2023: 1–10 GeV  $e^-$ .
- Energy resolution studies ongoing.

