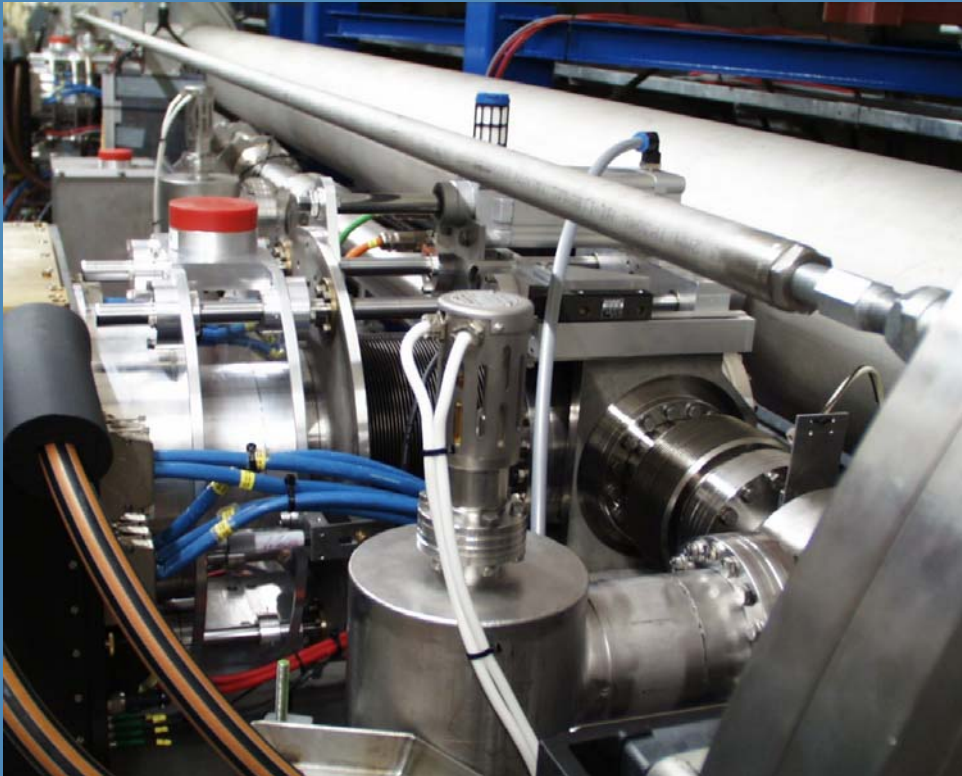


Alignment of the VFPS.



Through *elastic ρ production at the central detector* and through the kinematic peak method.

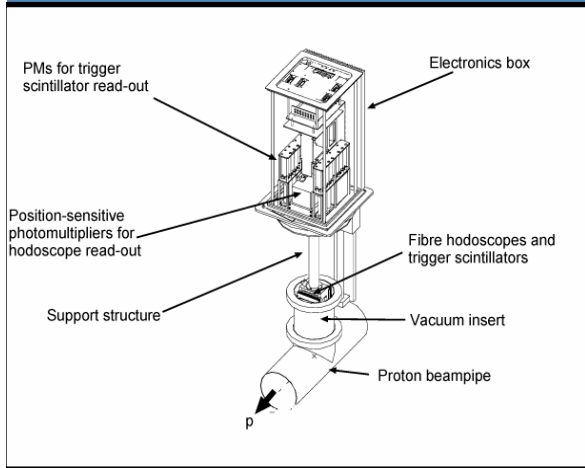
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Outline: HERA with H1 and VFPS.



HERA

VFPS 220m

electrons/
positrons

protons

Experimental Hall North – H1

Volkspark stadium

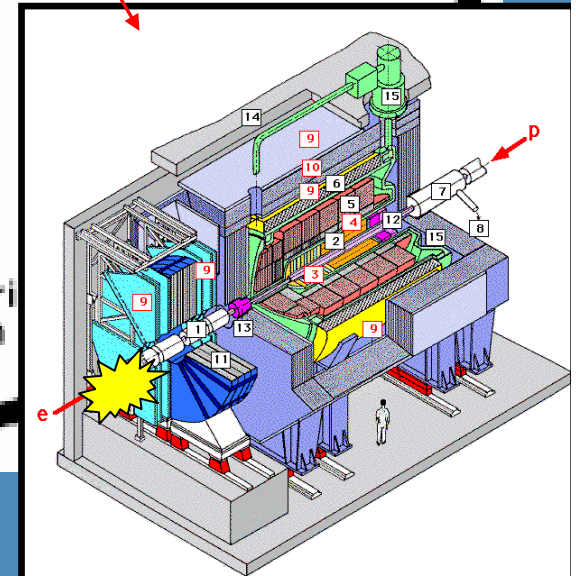
Experimental Hall East – HERMES

Experimental Hall West – HERA-B
PETRA

Experimental Hall South

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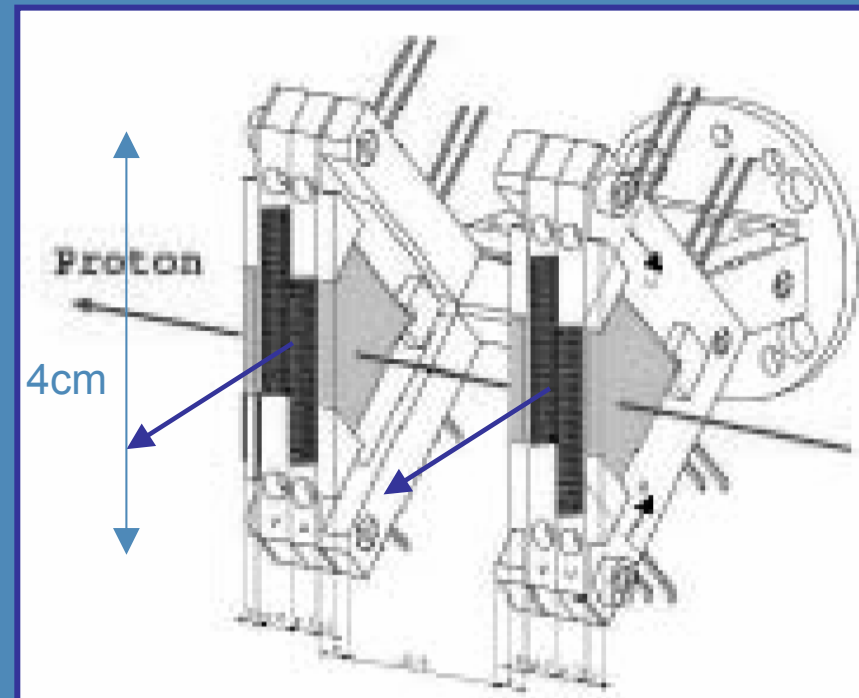
VFPS:
Roman Pot
movable device
i.o. to approach
the diffracted
proton beam.



The Very Forward Proton Spectrometer



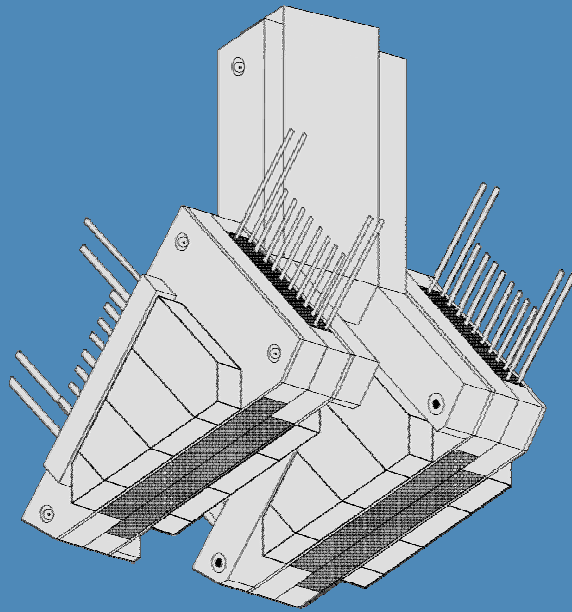
- 220 m after the interaction point of H1 (in the arch of **HERA**)
- Measures **diffractively scattered proton** (use HERA bend)
- Mechanical gear provides 2 movable **horizontal Roman Pot** stations to approach the scattered proton beam.
- Roman Pots **retracted** during injection and beam dump
- Moved in **as close as possible** to the proton beam during stable beam conditions



Status of the VFPS:

- Installation 2003
- Tests 2004
- Due to problems in the readout fibres: no real data available (everything presented here is based on simulations)

Detector Design



VFPS is a **Tracking Detector**:

Each Roman Pot station has 2 planes of scintillating fibers perpendicular to the beam line

One in the u-orientation one in the v-orientation

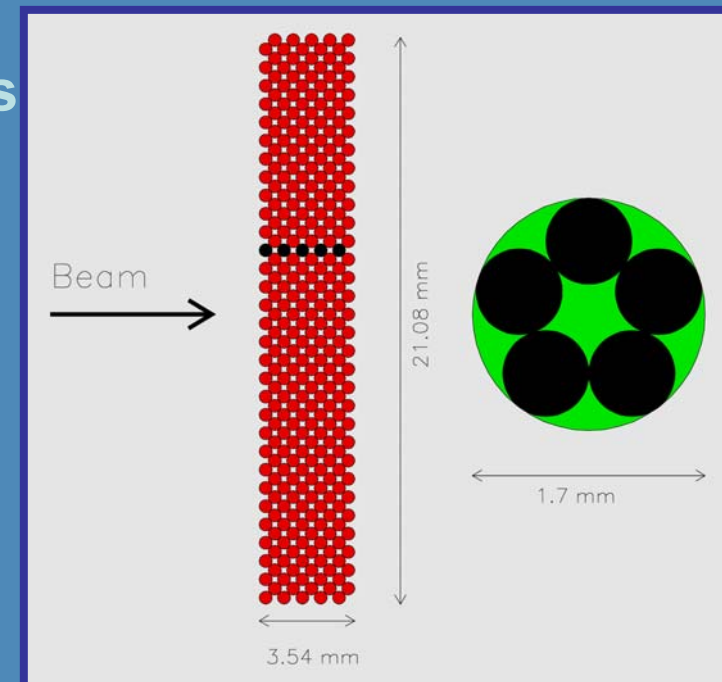
=> **4 coordinates** of impact points measured

1 plane = 5 **layers** of 120 scintillating fibres
→ Resolution 100 micron

Signals become amplified by **Photo Multipliers**.

Goal: reconstruct diffractive kinematics:
 x_{pom} ($=1-E_p'/E_p$); θ_x, θ_y

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Trajectory simulation.

Beam position, divergence and proton energy at H1 detector.

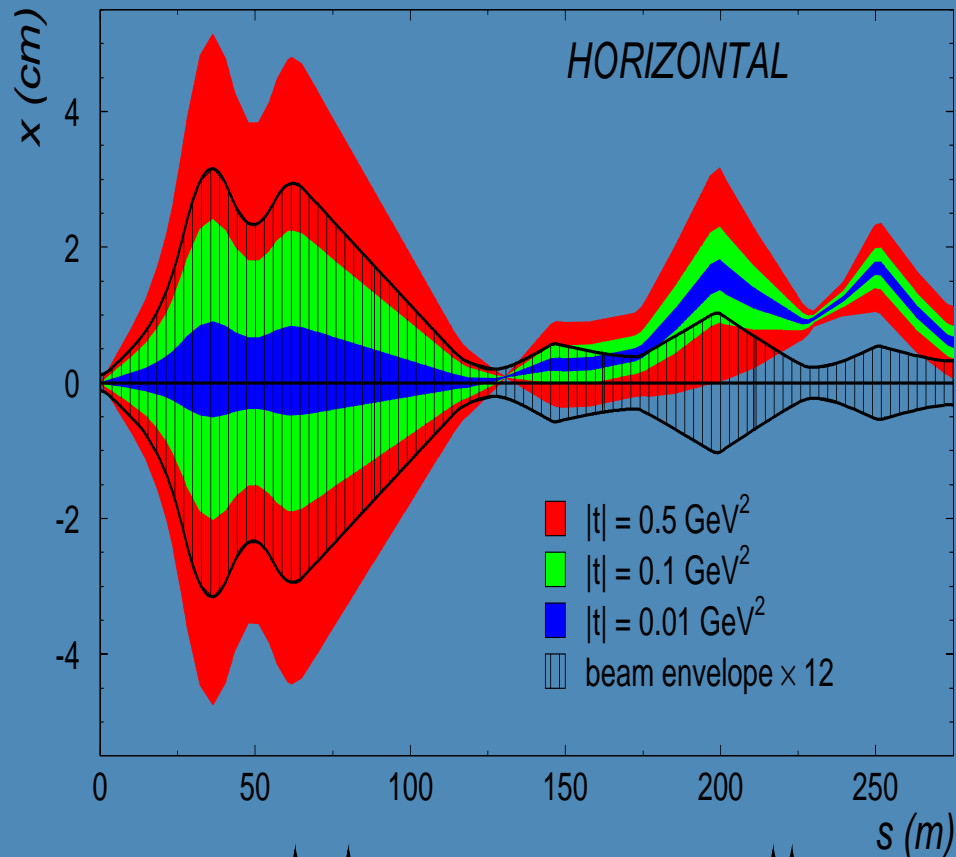


Position, slope and proton energy at the VFPS detector

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(s) \\ x'(s) \\ \xi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} T_x^{11}(s_0, s) & T_x^{12}(s_0, s) & D_x(s_0, s) \\ T_x^{21}(s_0, s) & T_x^{22}(s_0, s) & D'_x(s_0, s) \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \left[\begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x'_0 \\ \xi_0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \theta_x \\ x_P \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

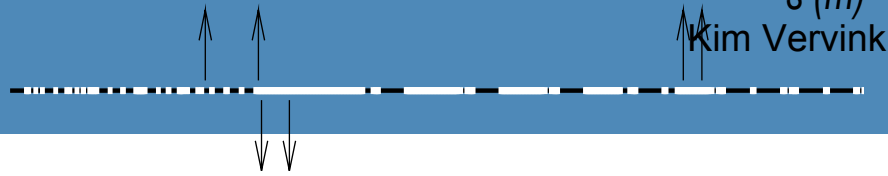
Beam optics
Transport matrix

Diffractive variables



- Contains non-linear effects
- Sextupole magnets.

The spectroscopic effect makes that scattered protons follow a trajectory closer to the inside of the circle. It will leave the nominal beam and therefore be available for access for the VFPS.



Calibration: I



- Changes in **beam position** during one lumi-run
 - Relative position
 - Measured by Beam Position Monitors
- Changes in position of **Roman Pots** (approaching the beam) very well known.
- Positioning of **VFPS detectors w.r.t. nominal proton beam**
 - Absolute position
 - Time-dependent calibration / run



Calibration: II

→ Minimization procedure between a **measured** variable (dependent of position) and “**true**” values:

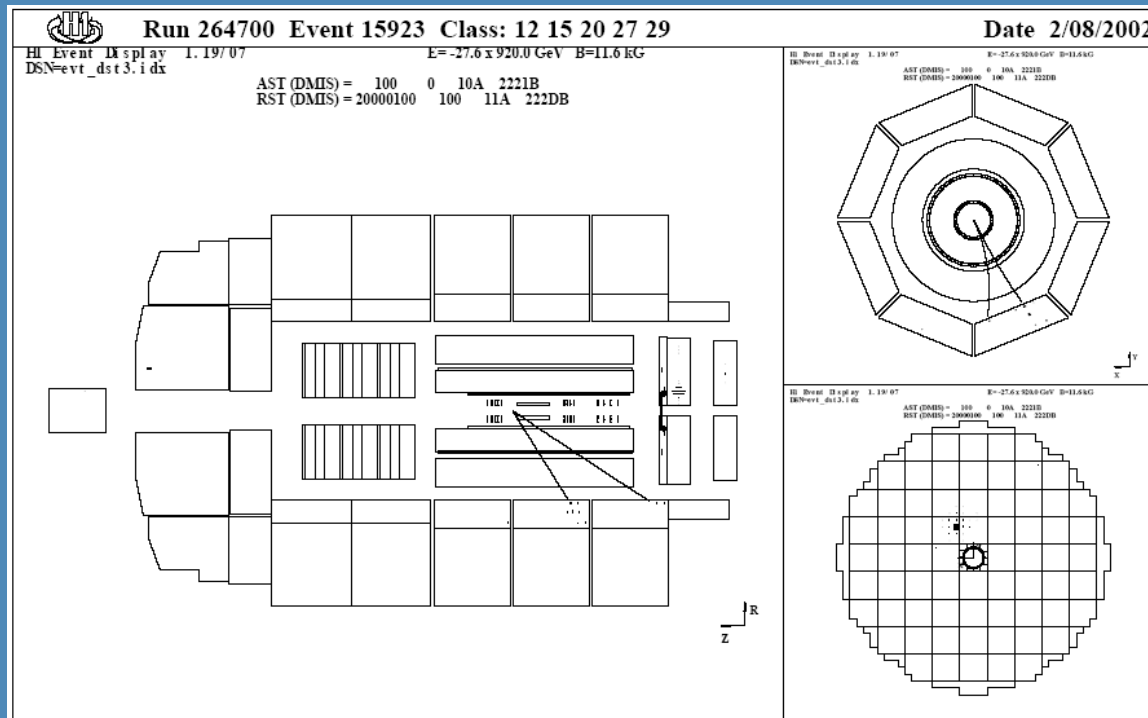
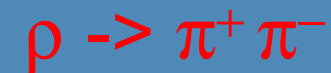
$$\chi^2 = \sum_{events} \left(\sum_{variables} \frac{(x_i^{exp} - x_i^{true})^2}{\sigma_{x_i}^2} \right)$$

Parameters of minimization: the position offsets.
Get as **fast as possible** a minimum in χ^2 by having lots of **statistics** or a low **sigma** value.

Calibration VFPS through elastic production of ρ mesons in H1



- Principle: look at a **clean and precise** measurable process in central detector:



Selection:

- Quality of data
- 1 electron SpaCal
- Two tracks of opposite charge
- Minimise background

Suppress background:



Background introduced by **similar** looking processes. Selection on **tracks** has no effect.

$$\rho \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$$

$$\omega \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^0$$

$$\phi \rightarrow K^- K^+$$

Selection on **energy** \rightarrow cluster without track

Selection on **reconstructed mass** \rightarrow use difference of mass of mother particles.

Control: invariant ρ mass



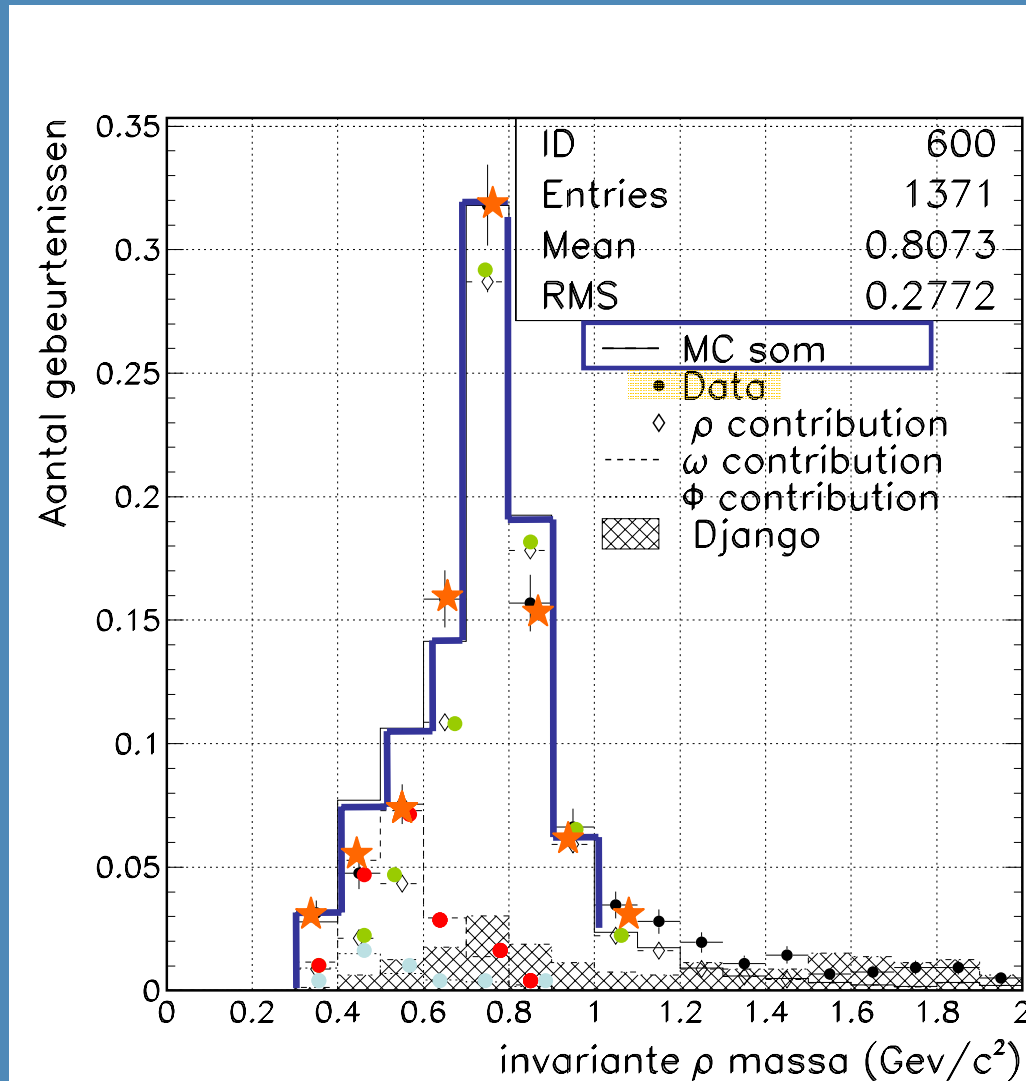
Compare distribution of data + cuts with simulation of the different (ρ and BG) contributions

→ Selected data need to look **similar** to ρ contribution
=> ok

Resolutions on ρ ($\sim p$):

$p_x^\rho = p_y^\rho = 300$ MeV;

$p_z^\rho = 900$ MeV; $E^\rho = 1$ GeV





Use this information for calibration.

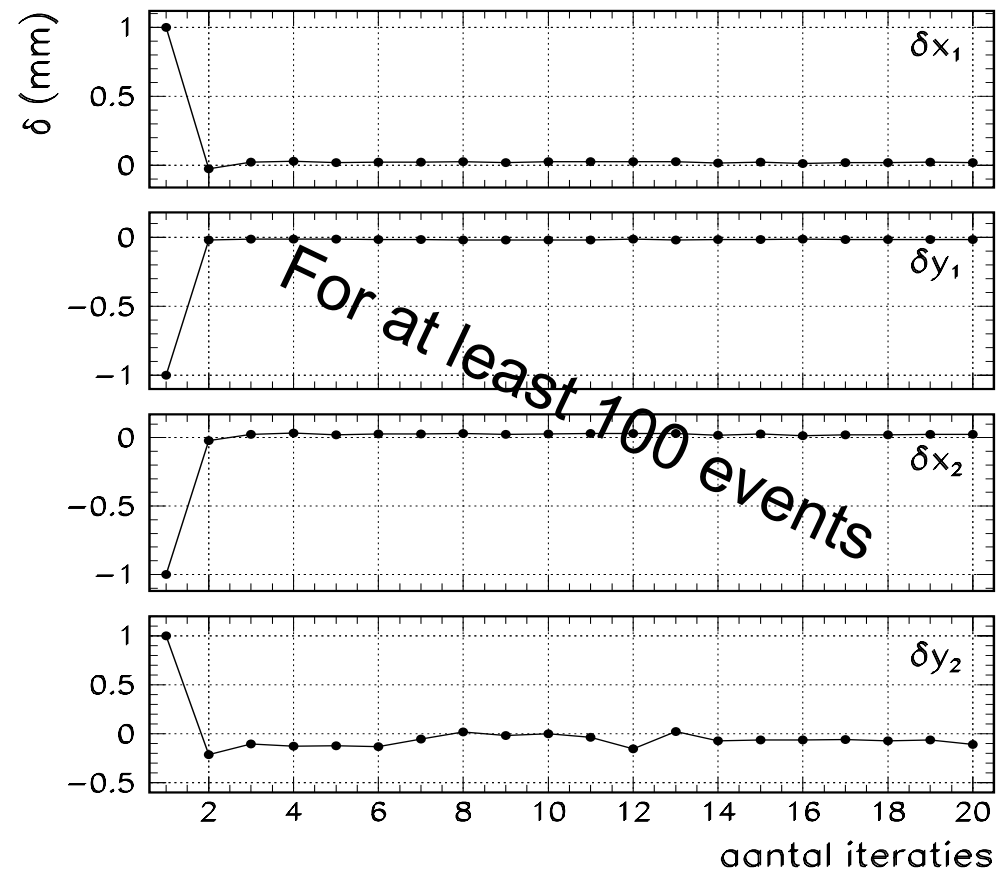
- **Compare** kinematic variables from p' (H1) with the ones measured by VFPS
 - Properties: low statistics ☹, high precision ☺
- Cross check method

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{events} \frac{(\vartheta_x^\rho - \vartheta_x^{VFPS})^2}{\sigma_{\vartheta_x}^2} + \frac{(\vartheta_y^\rho - \vartheta_y^{VFPS})^2}{\sigma_{\vartheta_y}^2} + \frac{(xpom^\rho - xpom^{VFPS})^2}{\sigma_{xpom}^2}$$

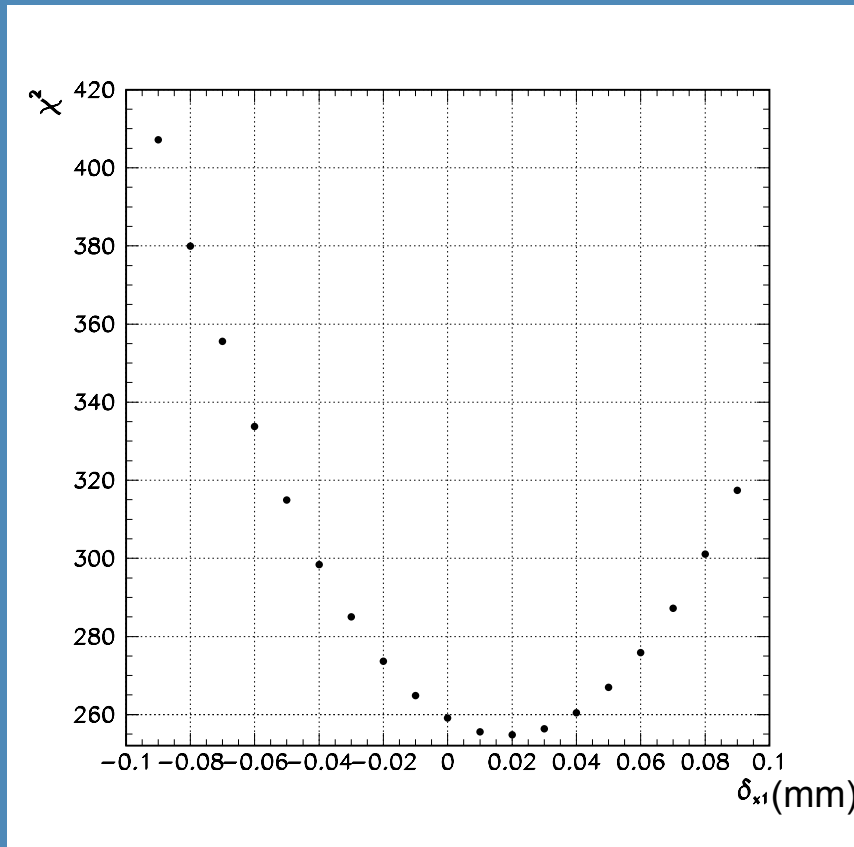
Results of the calibration.



Place VFPS on a
wrong offset
→ does
it find back the
position with the
correct alignment?
After a few
iterations in the
minimization
procedure.



χ^2 minimum in function of offset.



**Resolution of
glassfibers \approx 100 micron**

Results (all in micron)

	gene	reco
$\delta x_1 \pm \sigma(\delta x_1)$	20 ± 27	120 ± 87
$\delta y_1 \pm \sigma(\delta y_1)$	-15 ± 13	-20 ± 63
$\delta x_2 \pm \sigma(\delta x_2)$	20 ± 26	150 ± 85
$\delta y_2 \pm \sigma(\delta y_2)$	-100 ± 68	400 ± 257

Calibration of the VFPS through kinematic peak method.

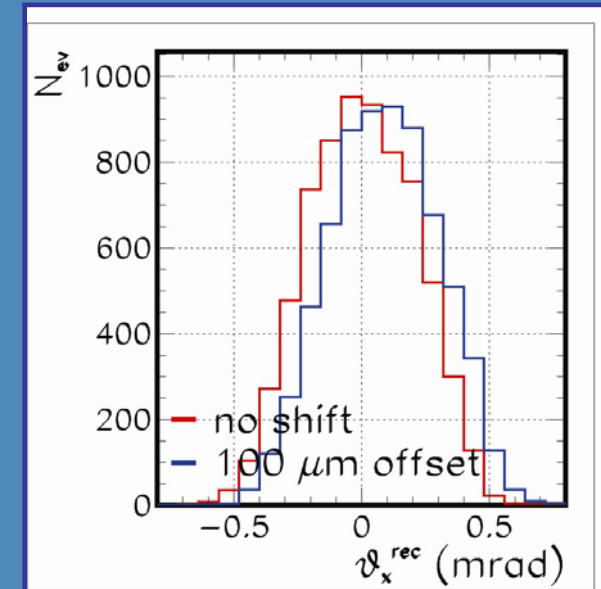


Principle: VFPS measures $|t|$ $0 \rightarrow 0.25$
 $|t| = (p-p')^2 = -2p^2(1-\cos\theta)$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} = \frac{1}{x_p} e^{-bt}$$

$\rightarrow \theta$: distributed around 0°

Misalignment $\Rightarrow \theta$ distribution won't peak anymore at 0° !



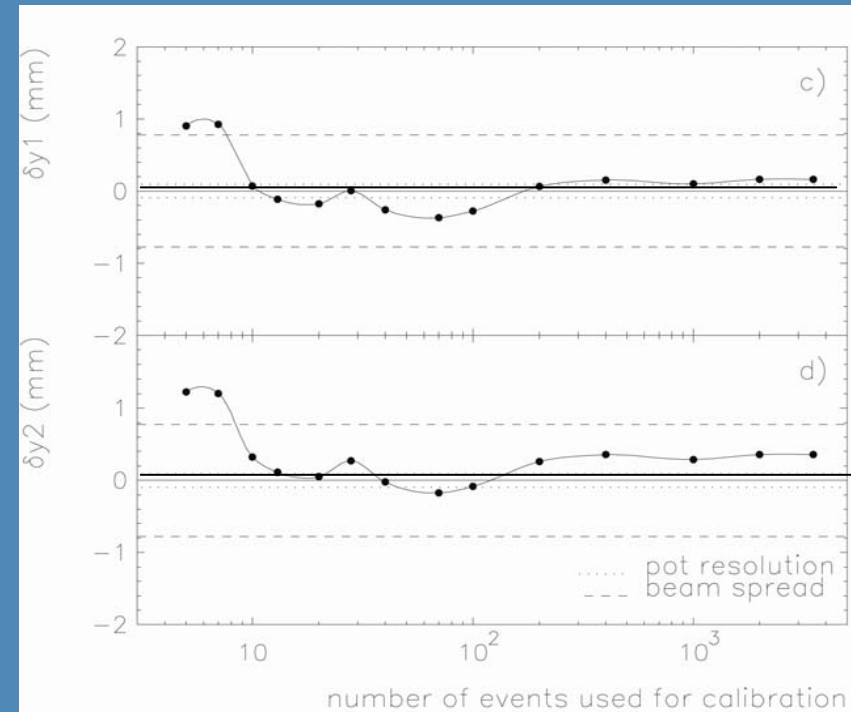
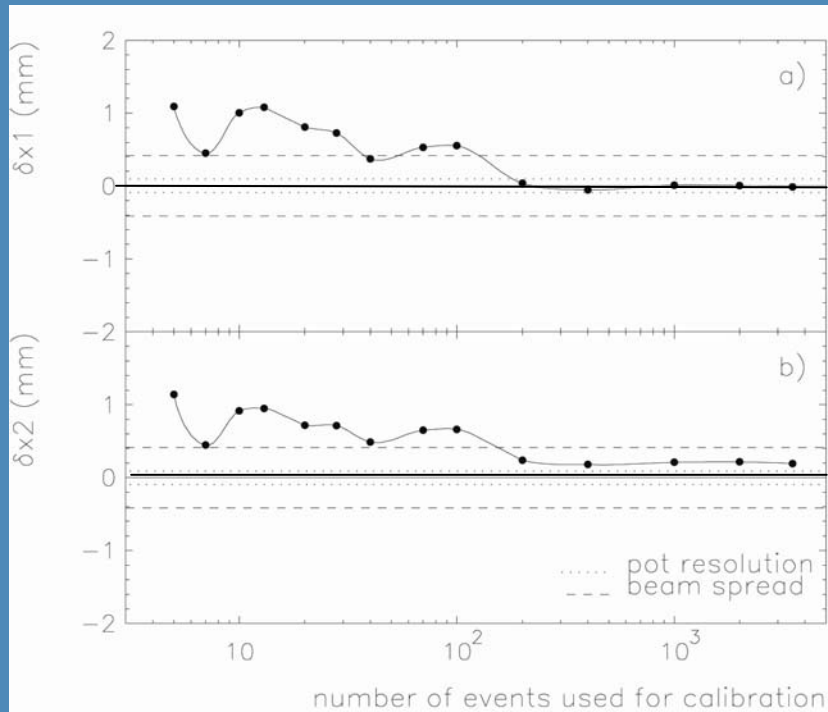
$$\chi^2 = \frac{\theta_x^2}{\sigma_{\theta_x}^2} + \frac{\theta_y^2}{\sigma_{\theta_y}^2} + \frac{(x_P - x_P^{H1})^2}{\sigma_{(x_P - x_P^{H1})}^2}$$

Properties: high statistic 😊,
 large sigma ☹️

Results...



Difference from perfect value



events

Alignment possible up to the same order of the resolution of the detector.

Lots of events needed to compensate large sigma → time consuming.



Conclusion

- **Beam Position Monitors** not enough to calibrate!!
- **Kinematic peak** calibration method will be used to align VFPS within one lumi-run but the **elastic ρ** production method will be a useful **cross check**.
- Both methods have a **calibration resolution** less than 100 micron (= resolution of scintillating fibres)