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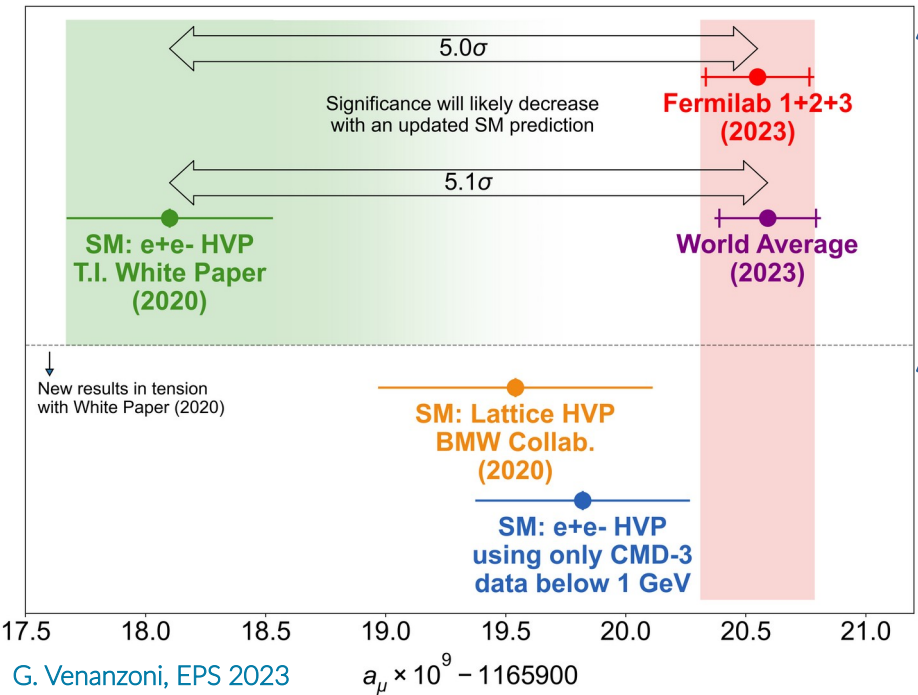
# Status of the MUonE experiment

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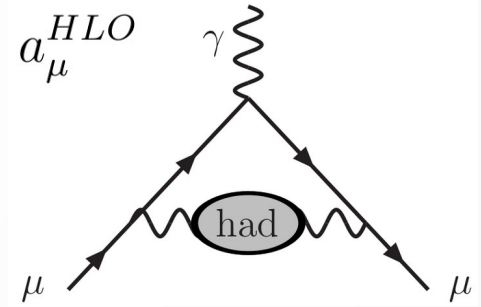
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# Muon g-2: current status



Comparison with WP20

New results after WP20



Main source of uncertainty of the theoretical prediction

A clarification of the theoretical prediction is needed.

Disclaimer on new results after WP20:

- Plot is purely for demonstration purposes. It does not represent an update from the g-2 Theory Initiative.
- Lattice HVP taken from [A. Keshavarzi, Lattice 2023 talk](#).
- Prediction from CMD3: substitute TI White Paper by CMD3 only for [0.33-1] GeV (see [A. Keshavarzi, Lattice 2023](#)).

# The MUonE experiment



New independent evaluation of  $a_\mu^{HLO}$ , based on the measurement of  $\Delta\alpha_{had}(t)$ :  
hadronic contribution to the running of the electromagnetic coupling constant

Phys. Lett. B 746 (2015), 325

Eur. Phys. J. C 77.3 (2017), 139

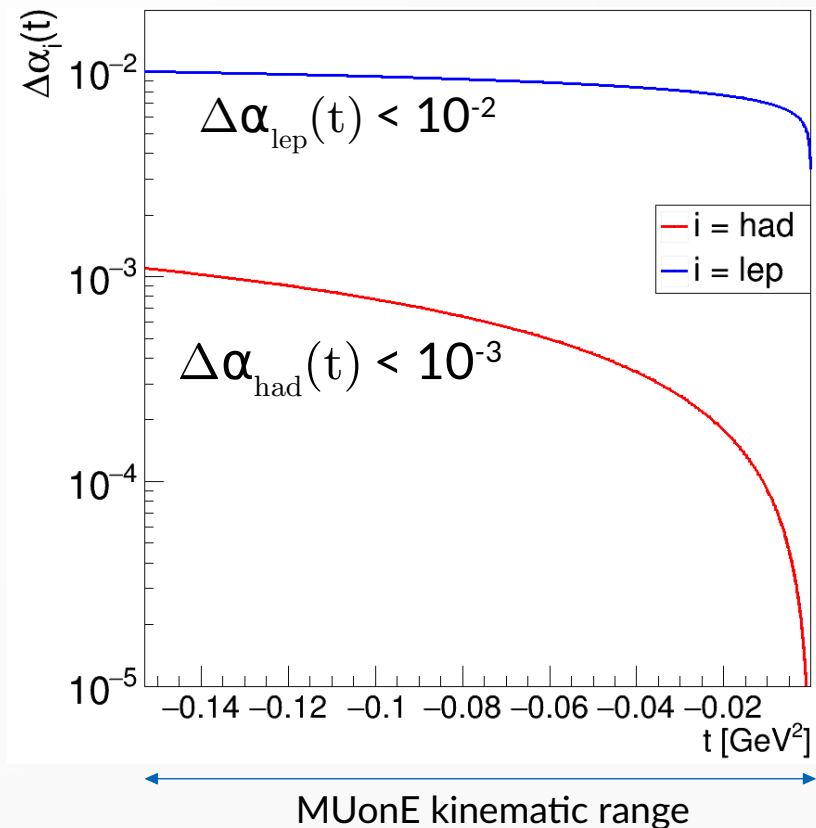
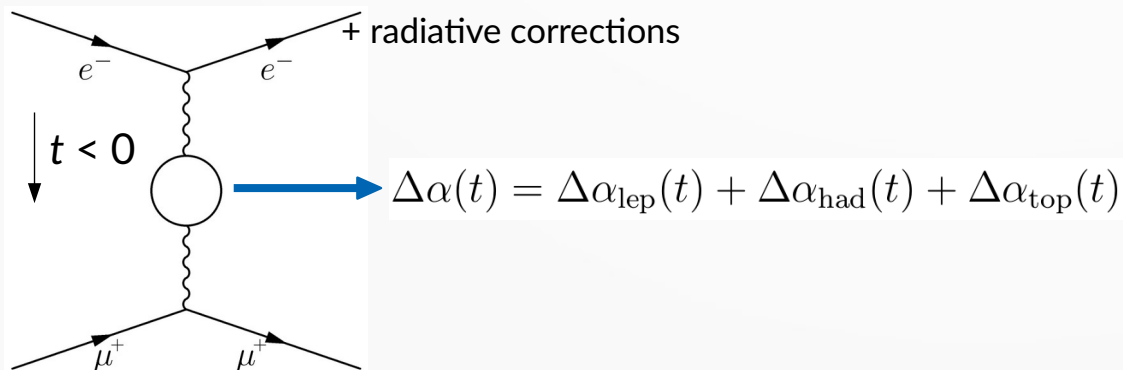
Letter of Intent CERN-SPSC-2019-026

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

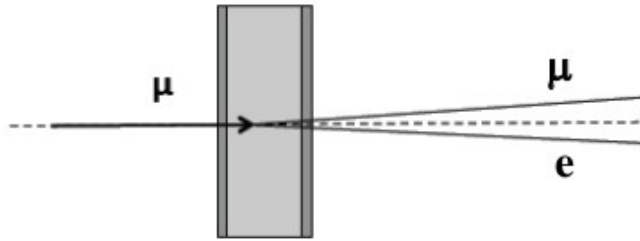
$$t(x) = \frac{x^2 m_\mu^2}{x-1} < 0$$

Phys. Rep. C 3 (1972), 193

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



# The $\mu$ - $e$ elastic scattering



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

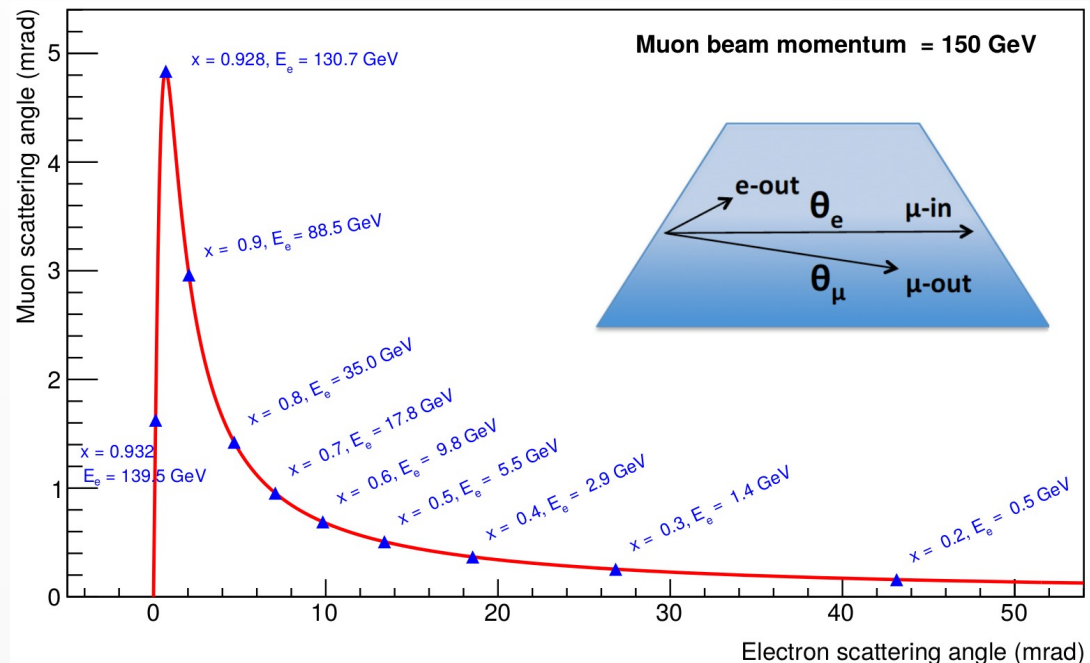
From theoretical calculation (>NNLO needed)

Great effort of the theory community

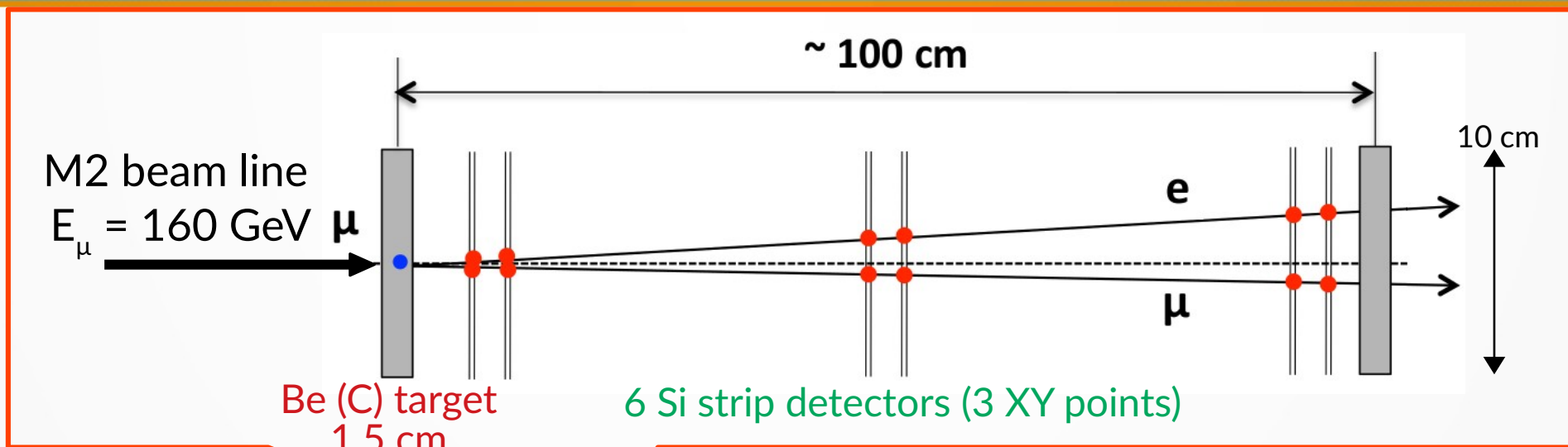


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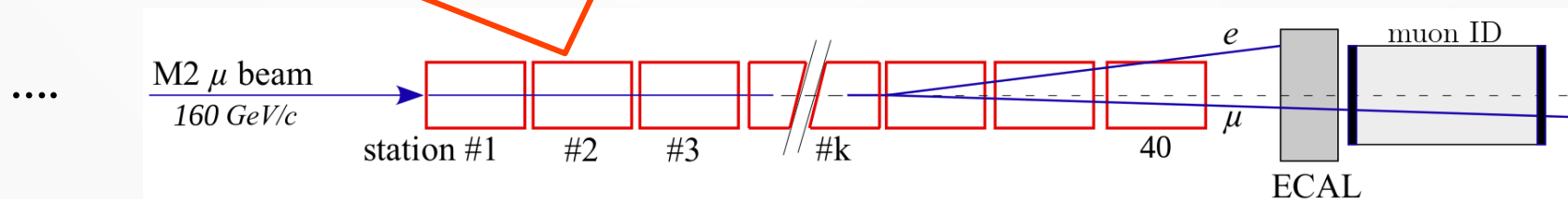
- Angular measurement: extract  $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(t)$  from the 2D distribution  $(\theta_{\mu}, \theta_e)$ .
- Correlation between  $\theta_{\mu}$  and  $\theta_e$  allows to select elastic events and reject background (main source:  $\mu N \rightarrow \mu N e^+e^-$ ).
- Boosted kinematics:  $\theta_{\mu} < 5 \text{ mrad}$ ,  $\theta_e < 32 \text{ mrad}$ .



# The experimental apparatus



BMS



After LS3:  
full apparatus  
with 40 stations

Final goal:  
provide a measurement of  $a_{\mu}^{\text{HLO}}$  competitive  
with the current results ( $\sim 0.6\%$  precision)

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

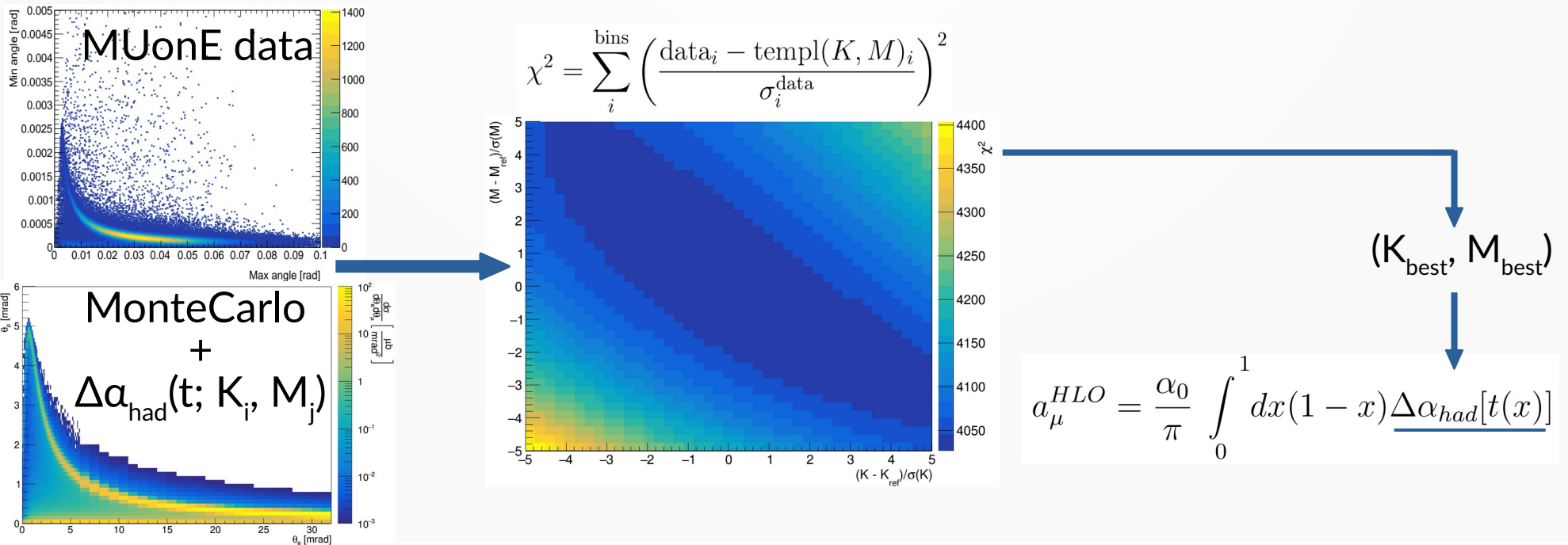


$\Delta\alpha_{had}(t)$  parameterization:

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

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

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



# Alternative method to compute $a_\mu^{\text{HLO}}$ from MUonE data



$$a_\mu^{\text{HLO}} = a_\mu^{\text{HLO (I)}} + a_\mu^{\text{HLO (II)}} + a_\mu^{\text{HLO (III)}} + a_\mu^{\text{HLO (IV)}}$$

$$a_\mu^{\text{HLO (I)}} = -\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^3 \frac{c_n}{n!} \frac{d^{(n)}}{dt^n} \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(t) \Big|_{t=0}$$

$$a_\mu^{\text{HLO (II)}} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|s|=s_0} \frac{ds}{s} c_0 s \Pi_{\text{had}}(s) \Big|_{\text{pQCD}}$$

$$a_\mu^{\text{HLO (III)}} = \frac{\alpha^2}{3\pi^2} \int_{s_{\text{th}}}^{s_0} \frac{ds}{s} [K(s) - K_1(s)] R(s)$$

$$a_\mu^{\text{HLO (IV)}} = \frac{\alpha^2}{3\pi^2} \int_{s_0}^{\infty} \frac{ds}{s} [K(s) - \tilde{K}_1(s)] R(s)$$

MUonE  
99%

Time-like  
data  
+  
pQCD  
1%

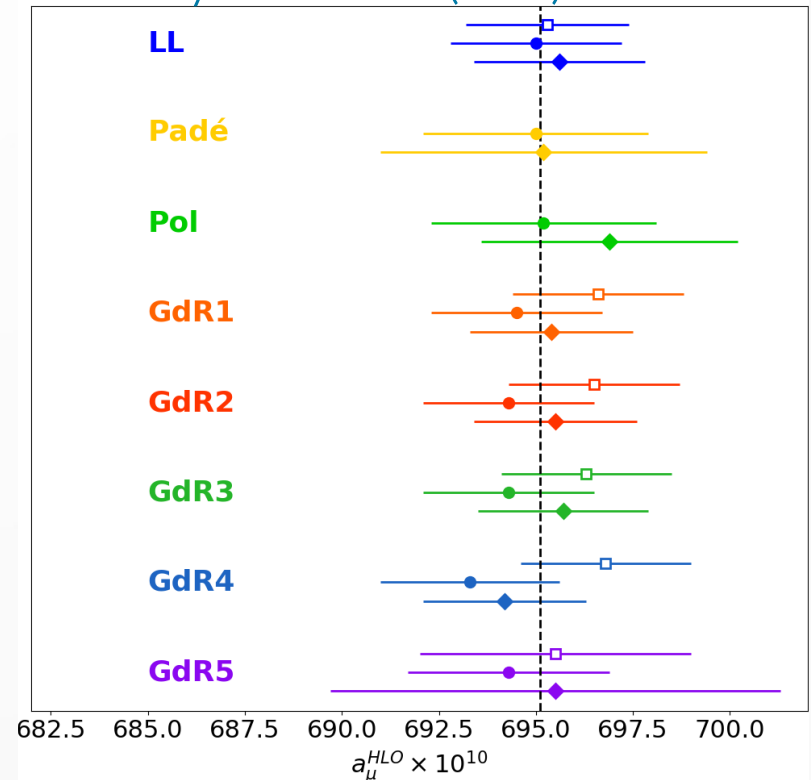
Competitive results independently of the  $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(t)$  fit function



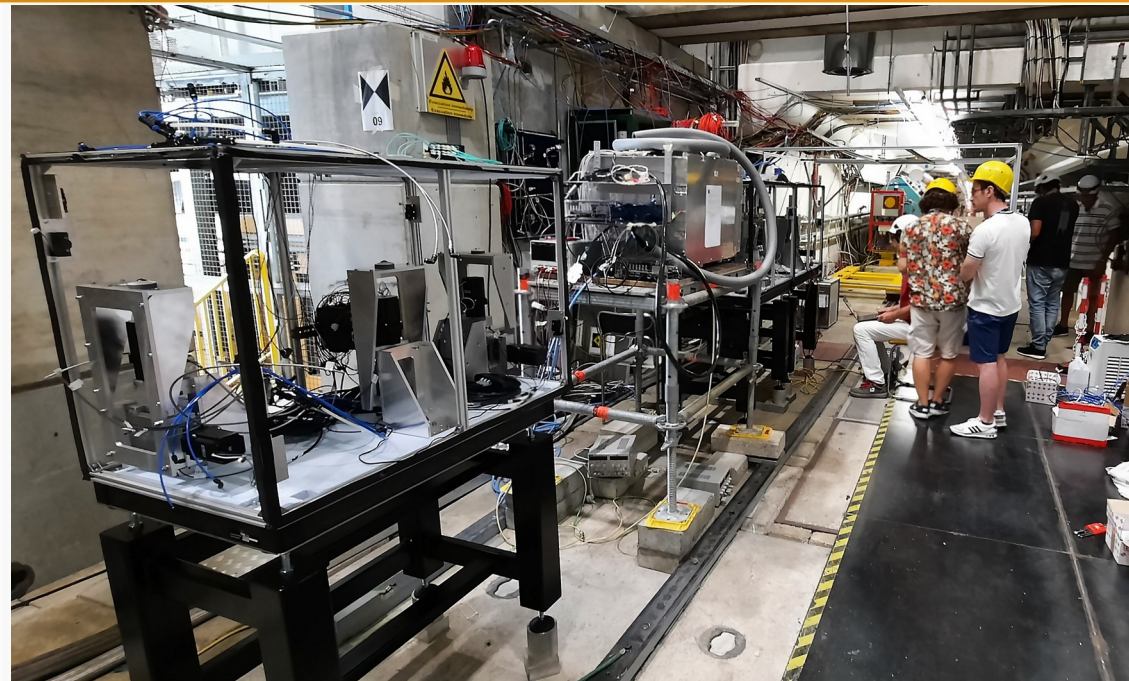
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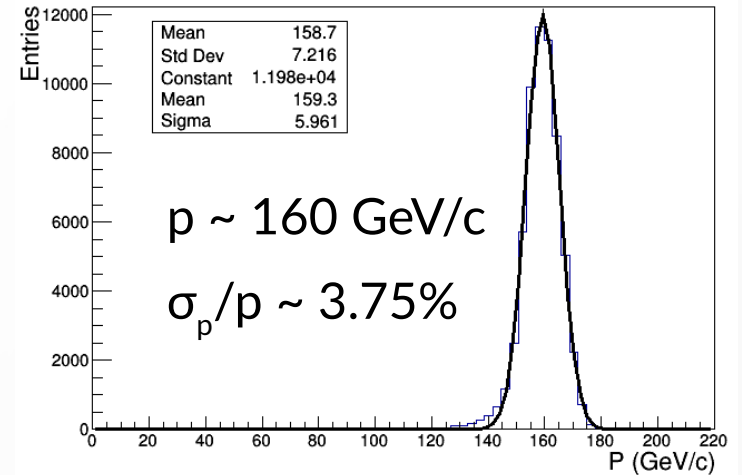
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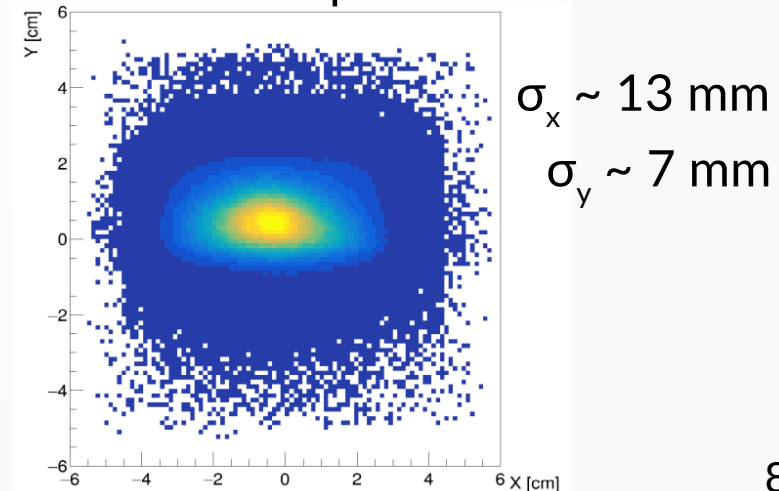
# The M2 beamline



## Beam momentum



## Beam spot



- MUonE location: upstream of the AMBER detector (EHN2).
- Low divergence muon beam:  $\sigma_{x'}$ ,  $\sigma_{y'} < 1 \text{ mrad}$ .
- Spill duration  $\sim 5 \text{ s}$ . Duty cycle  $\sim 25\%$ .
- Maximum rate: **50 MHz** ( $\sim 2 \times 10^8 \mu^+/\text{spill}$ ).



# Tracker: CMS 2S modules

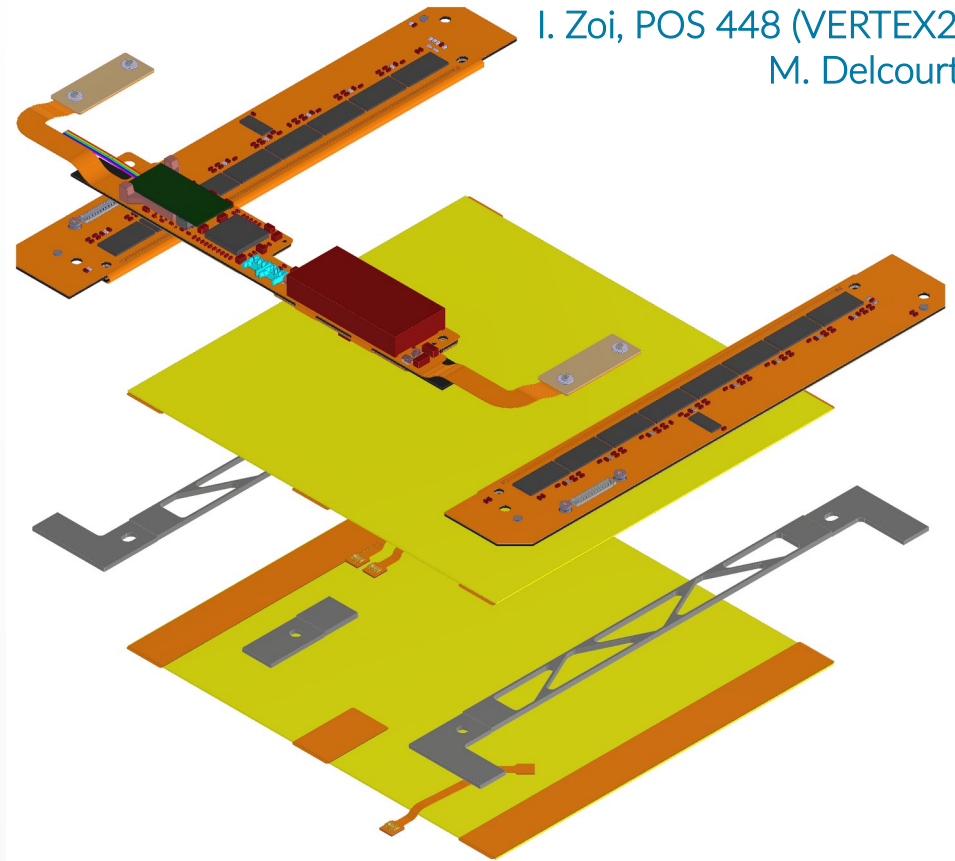


Silicon strip sensors developed for the CMS-Phase2 upgrade.  
Pre-production started in 2024.

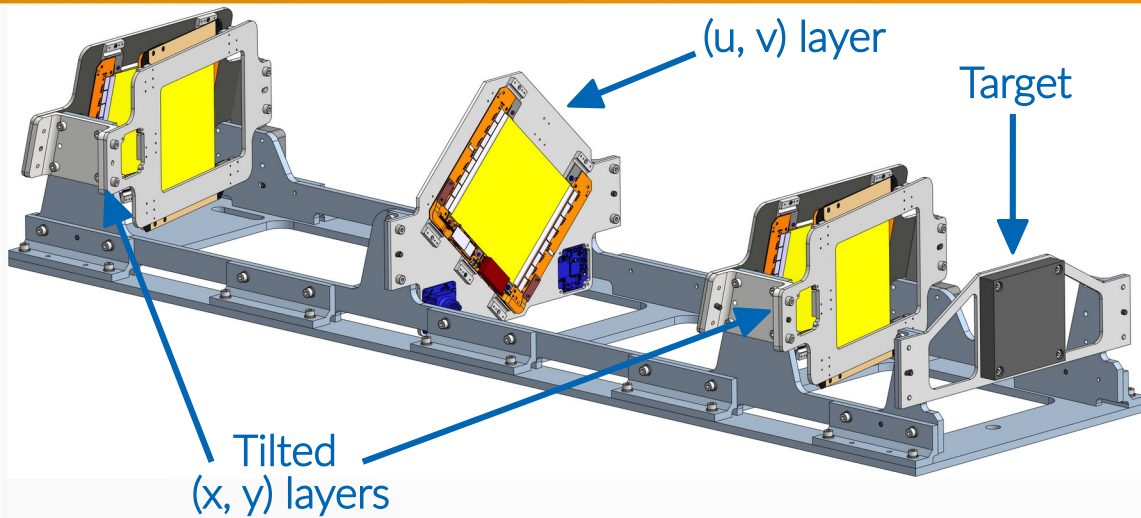
Two close-by strip sensors reading the same coordinate and read out by the same electronics

- Readout rate: 40 MHz.  
Adequate to sustain the maximum beam rate of ~50 MHz.
- Area:  $10 \times 10 \text{ cm}^2$  (~90  $\text{cm}^2$  active).
- Digital readout, 90  $\mu\text{m}$  pitch:  
~26  $\mu\text{m}$  resolution.
- Thickness:  $2 \times 320 \mu\text{m}$ .

TDR CMS Tracker Phase2 Upgrade  
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# Tracking station



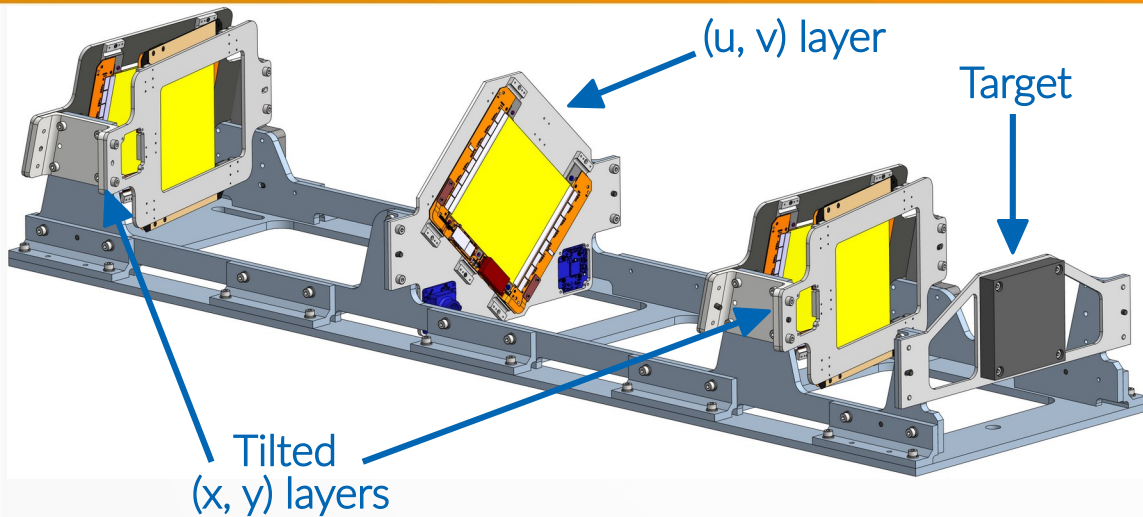
Stringent request:  
relative position within a station  
must be stable  $< 10 \mu\text{m}$ .



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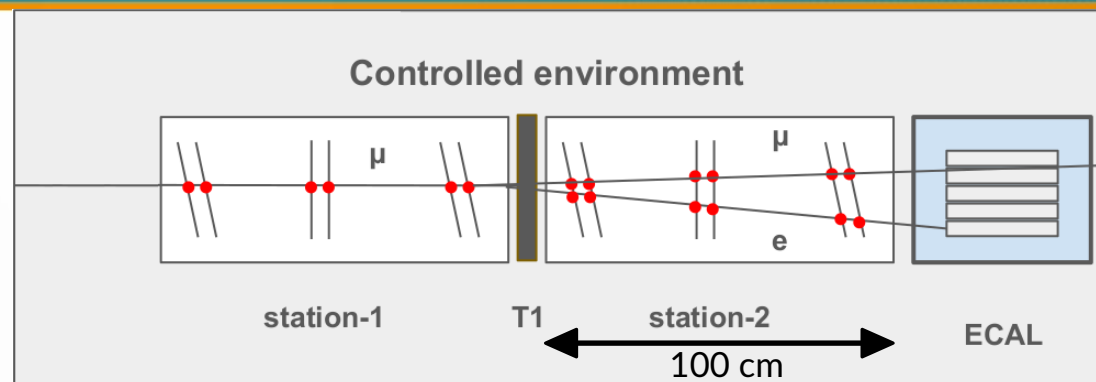


New layout under development  
at Liverpool: Carbon fiber

- Light material
- CTE  $< 1 \text{ ppm/K}$
- Lower cost
- Easy to machine

# Test Beam 2023 (3 weeks Aug/Sep)

- 2 tracking stations;
- 1 graphite target (2–3 cm thickness);
- ECAL.



## Achievements:

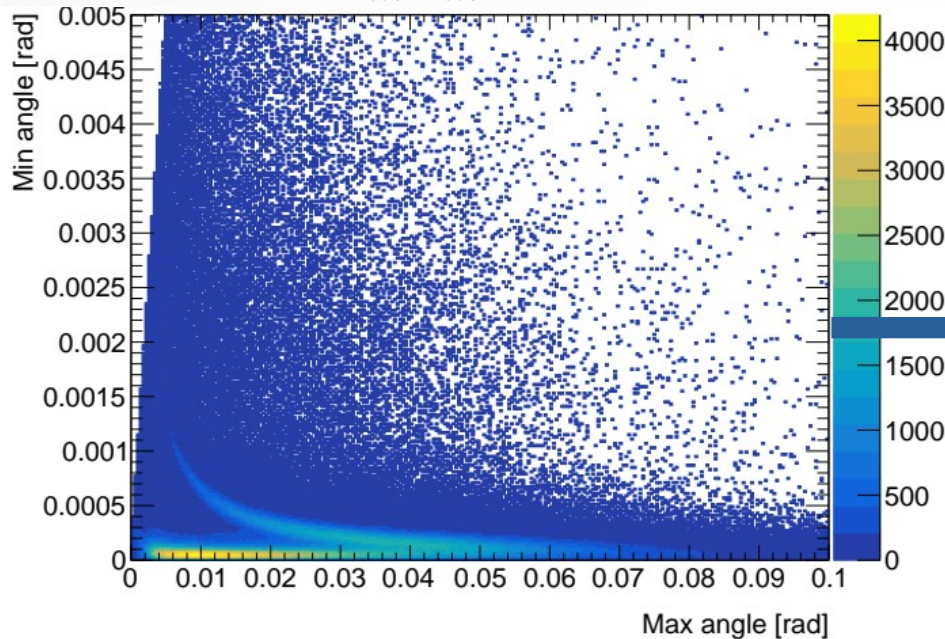
- Demonstrated continuous readout @40 MHz.
- 350 TB raw data recorded to disk:
  - 3 cm (2 cm) target:  
~1(2) × 10<sup>8</sup> elastic events;
- ECAL integrated in the DAQ @40 MHz in the final part of the run.

## Data analysis: Liverpool is the leading group!

- Test the detector performance, reconstruction algorithms and event selection.
- Study background and main sources of systematic error.
- Goal: measure  $\Delta\alpha_{\text{lep}}(t)$  with O(5%) stat. accuracy.

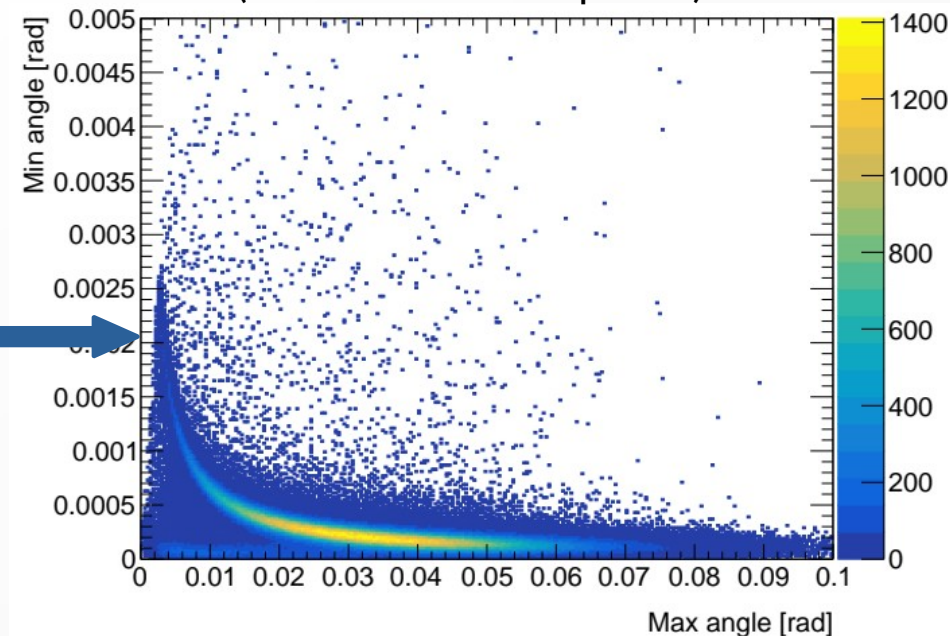
## Pre-selection

- Single  $\mu_{in}$  candidate.
- 2 outgoing tracks ( $\mu_{out}$ ,  $e_{out}$  candidates).



## Initial selection

- $\chi^2_{vtx}$  cut;  $|z_{vtx} - z_{target}| < 3$  cm.
- Acoplanarity cut (elastic events are planar).



# Run 2025



- MUonE recently submitted a proposal for a phase 1 of the experiment to the SPSC, concerning a small scale version of the final apparatus.
- If approved, MUonE will request 4 weeks of data taking in 2025.

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MUonE Phase 1 Experiment Proposal

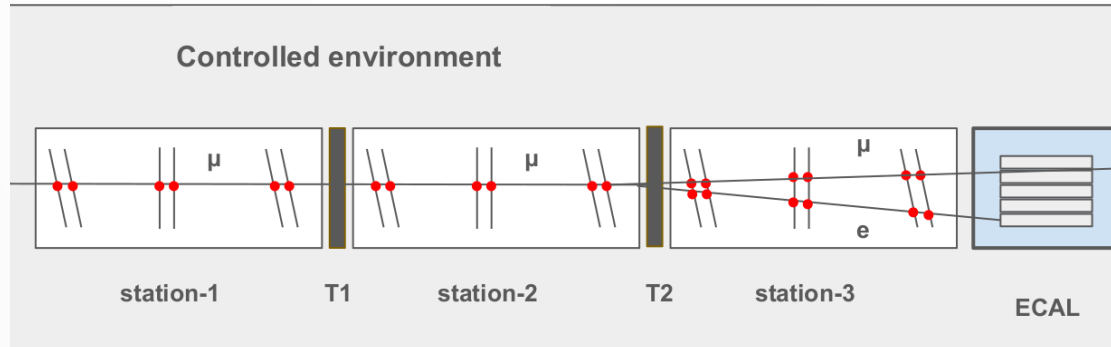


April 25, 2024

**Proposal for phase 1 of the MUonE Experiment**

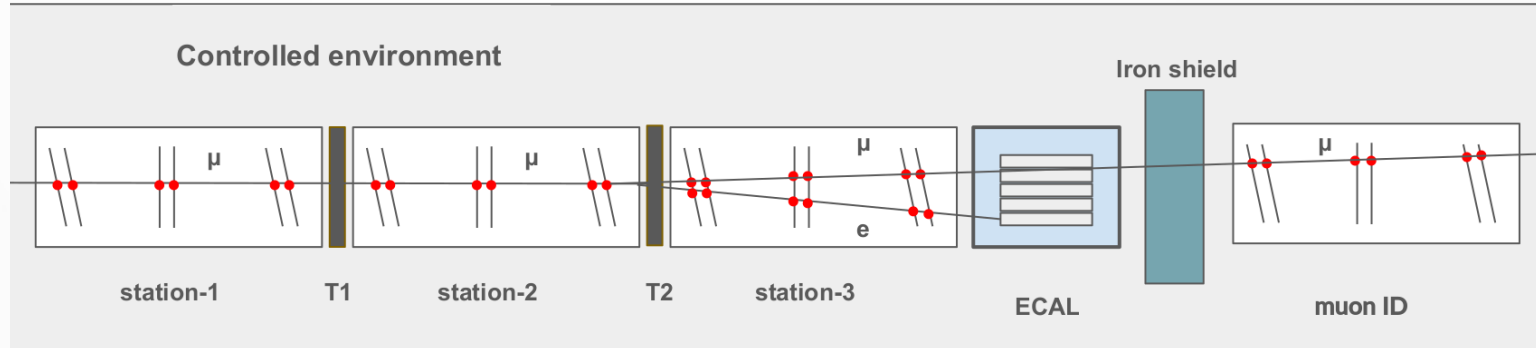
The MUonE Collaboration

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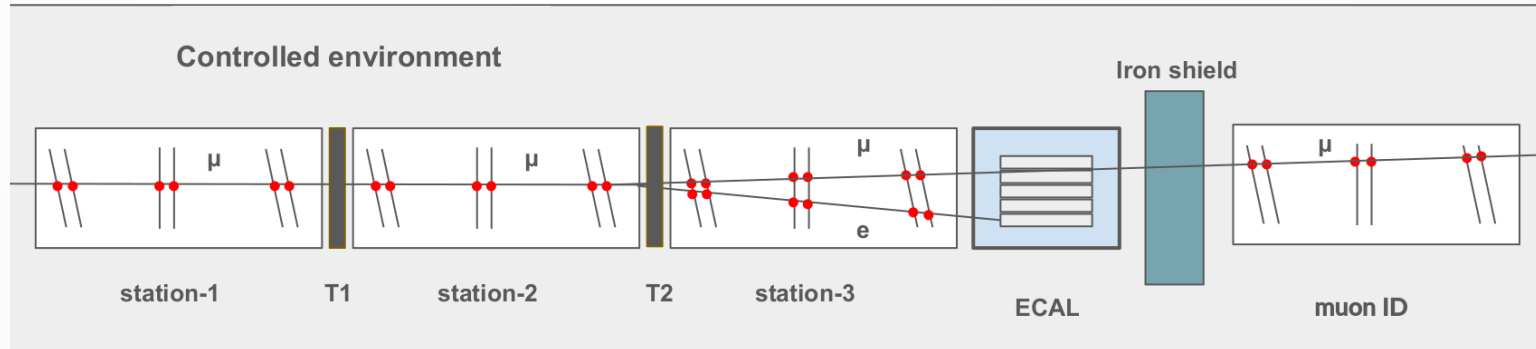
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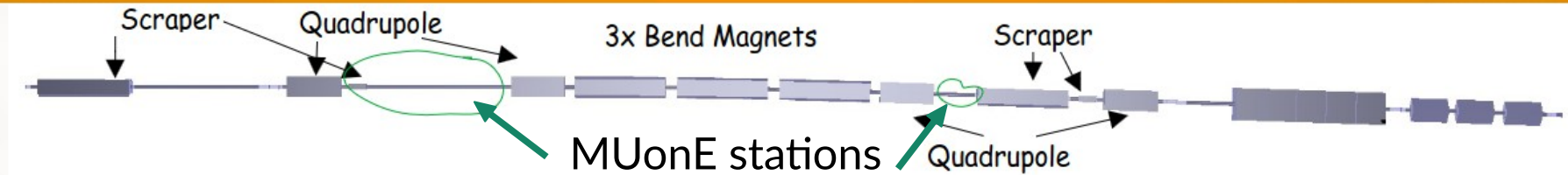
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  - Event-by-event  $p_\mu$  measurement: reduce systematics related to the beam energy scale.

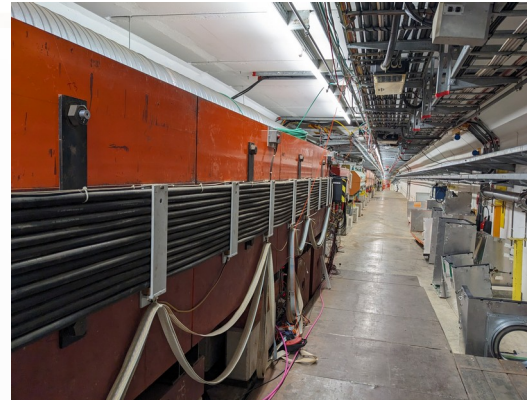
# BMS (Beam Momentum Spectrometer)



- Bending power:  $16 \text{ T}\cdot\text{m}$  (30 mrad @160 GeV).
- Determine the muon momentum event by event.
- Goal:  $< 0.5\%$  momentum resolution.



- Mechanics.
  - Simulation and analysis.
- Longer term tasks:
- Magnetic field measurement.
  - Development of new Si sensors.



T. Bowcock  
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+ Graziano  
taking the picture

# Run 2025: goals



- **Detector operations:**

- Assemble a system containing all the basic elements of the final system.
- Prove the capability of the DAQ to synchronize all the sub-detectors and operate efficiently in the 4 weeks run.

- **Systematic error studies:**

- Exploit data from all the sub-detectors to study backgrounds and systematics.
- Study uniformity of tracking efficiency, PID, backgrounds, detector modelization, beam control.
- Demonstrate control of the systematic errors at  $O(500\text{ppm})$ .

- **Physics results:**

- Preliminary measurement of  $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(t)$  with  $O(20\%)$  statistical accuracy.
- Measure  $\Delta\alpha_{\text{lep}}(t)$  with a few percent precision, and compare with the measurement currently being performed with 2023 data.

# Conclusions



## Exciting times for MUonE:

- Test beam 2023 analysis:  
first opportunity to study elastic scattering with a minimal setup.
- Recently submitted a proposal for MUonE phase 1  
(4 weeks of data taking in 2025).
- Great contribution of the Liverpool group:

PhD students: G. Cacciola, C. Devanne, K. Ferraby.

Staff: T. Bowcock, J. Carroll, S. Charity, A. Greenall, F. Ignatov,  
T. Jones, R. Pilato, T. Smith, G. Venanzoni, J. Vossebeld, C. Zhang.

Theory:

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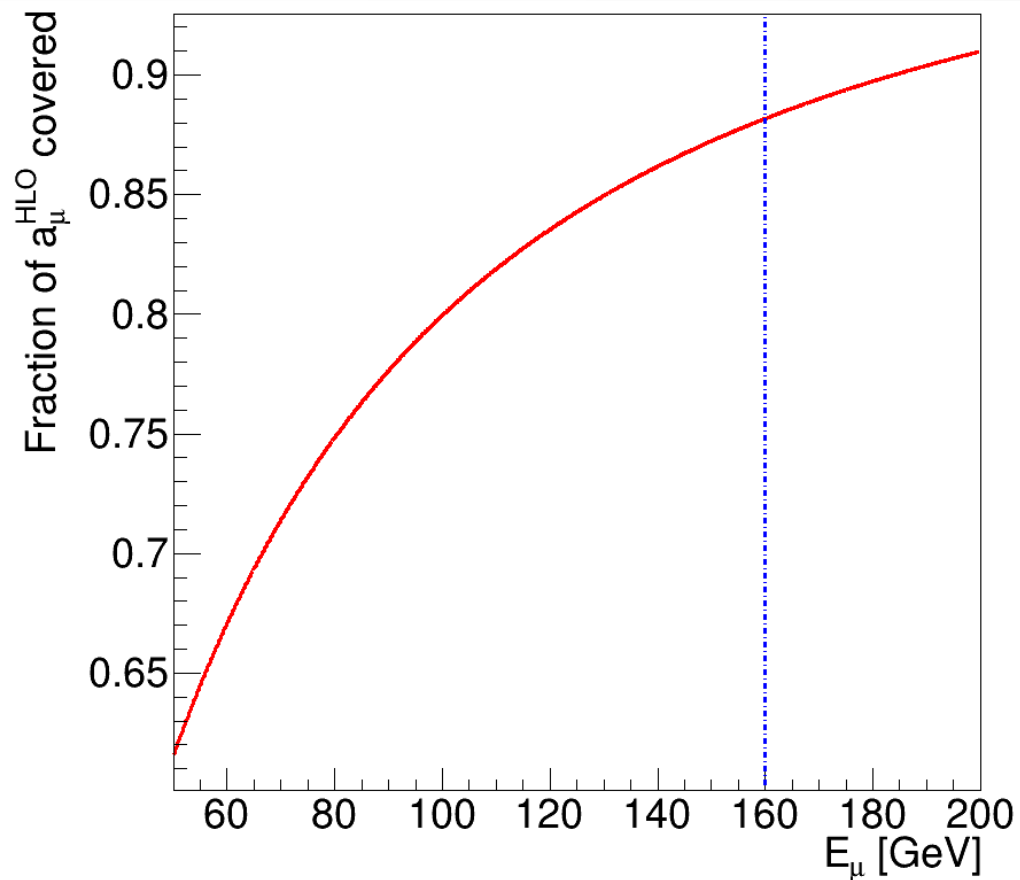
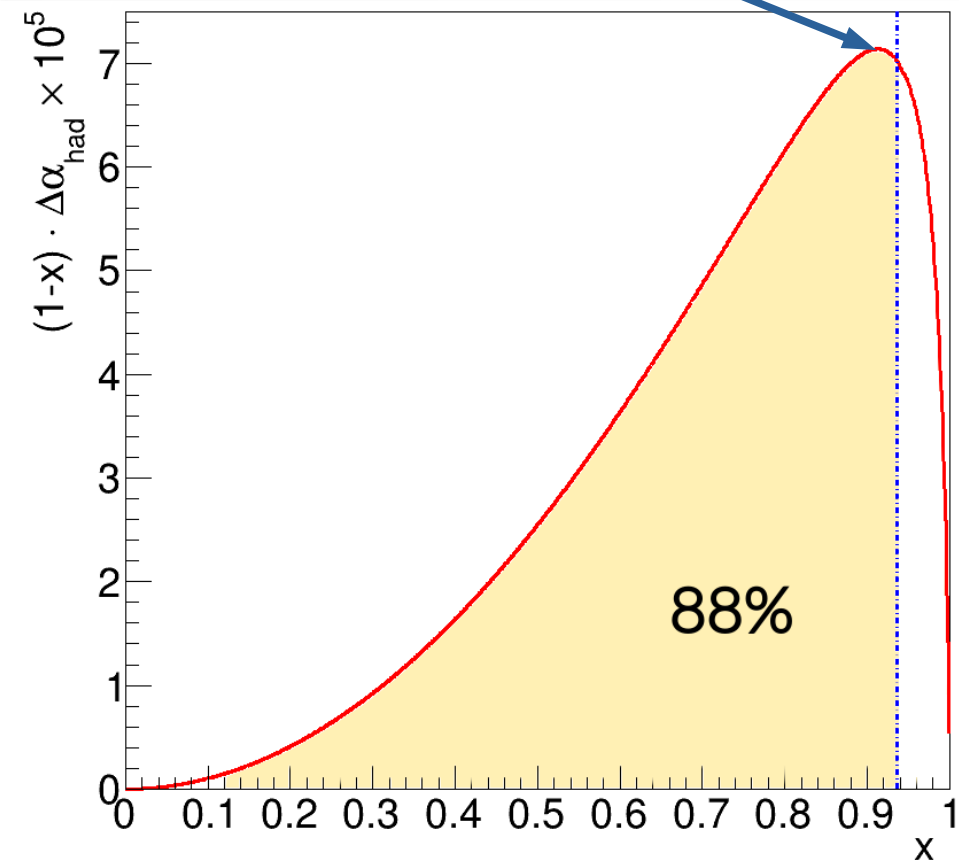
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**BACKUP**

$$x < 0.936$$

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

$$x_{peak} \sim 0.92$$

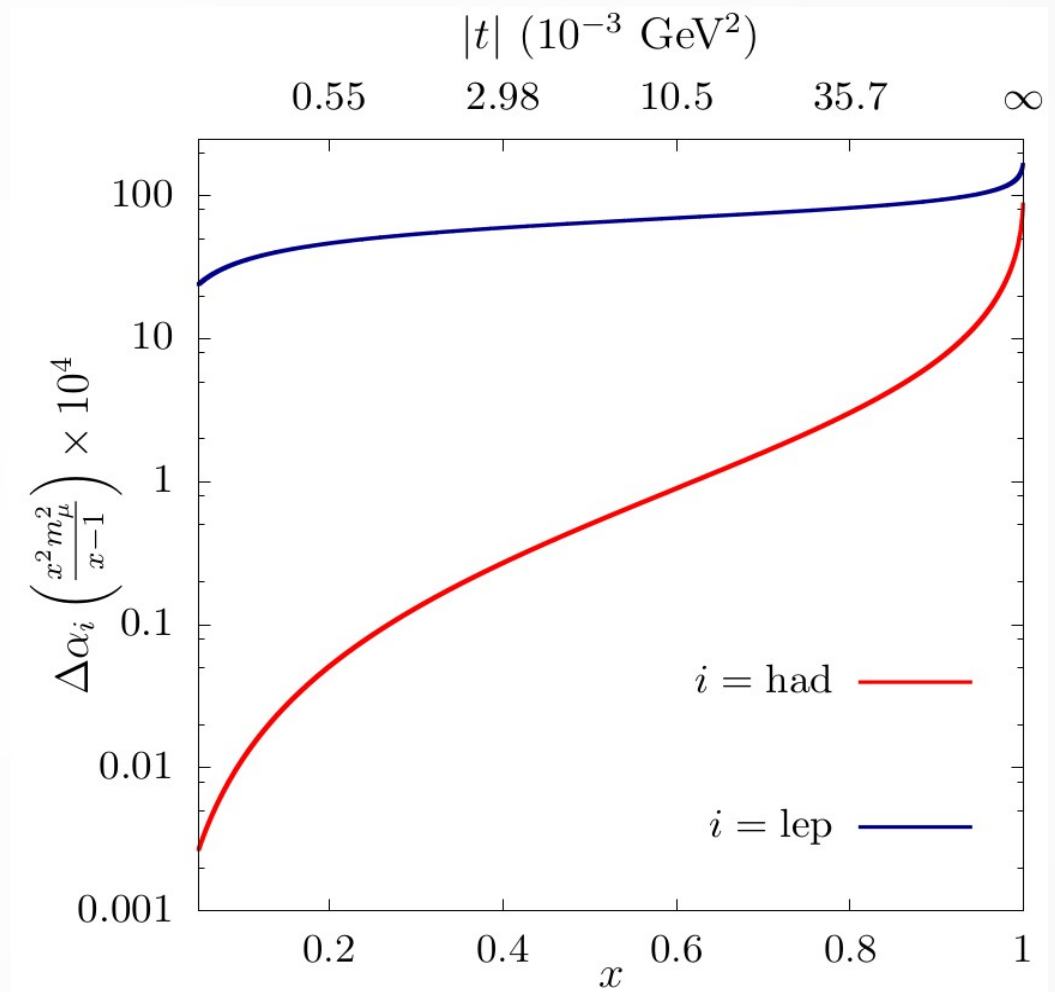


- 160 GeV muon beam on atomic electrons.

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

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

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

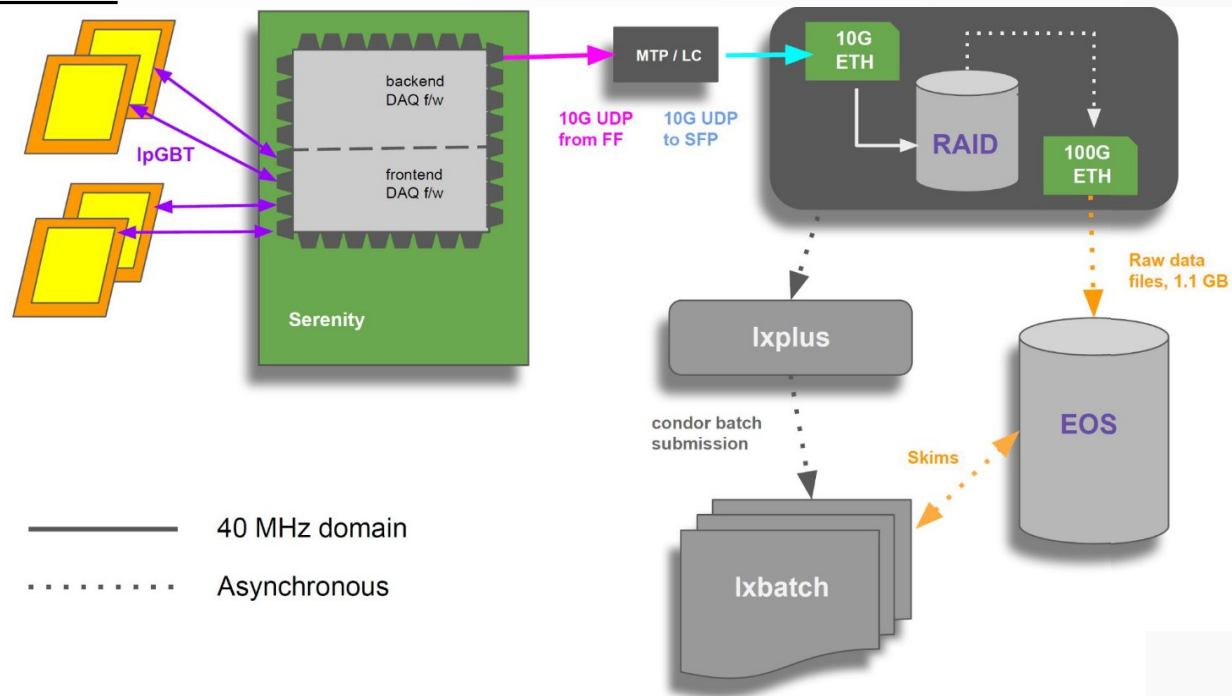


# DAQ system



Frontend control and readout via Serenity board  
(developed for the CMS-Phase2 upgrade).

- M2 beam asynchronous to the reference clock.
- Triggerless readout @40MHz.
- Event aggregator on FPGA (+ online event filtering in 2025).
- Further data aggregation on the PC.
- Transmission to EOS into ~1GB files.

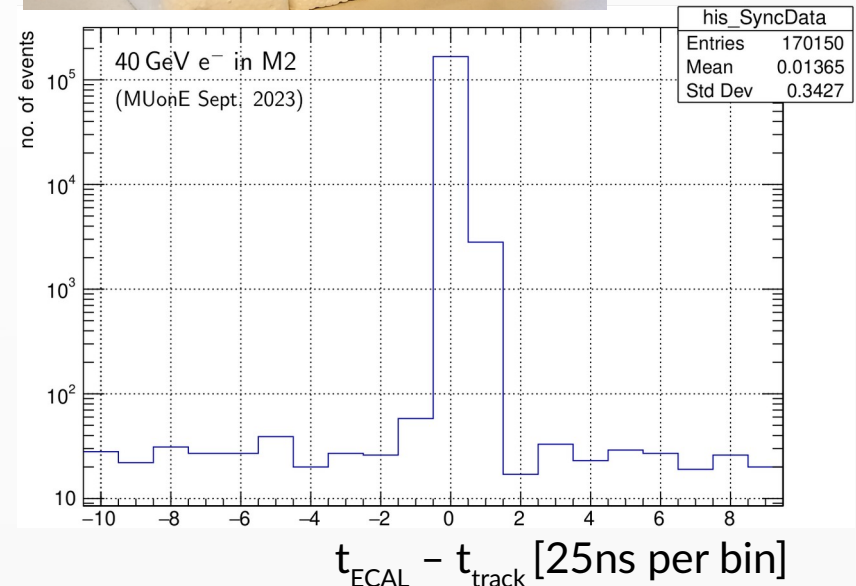




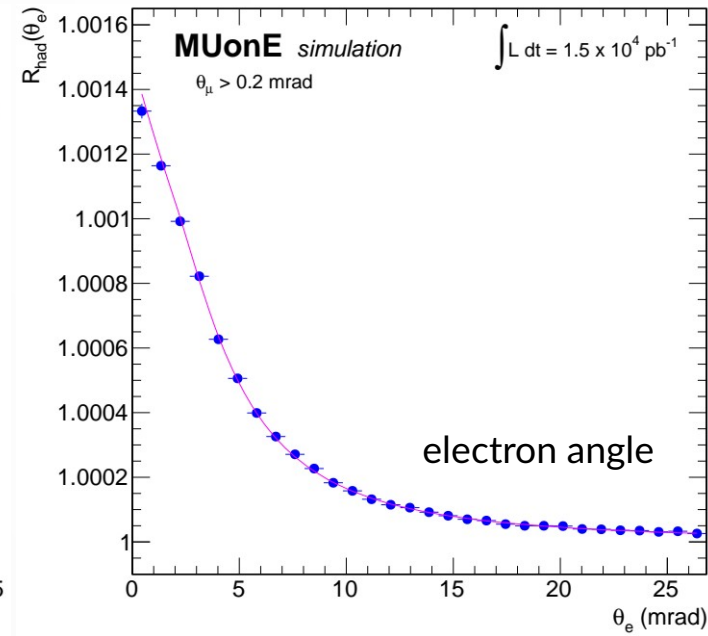
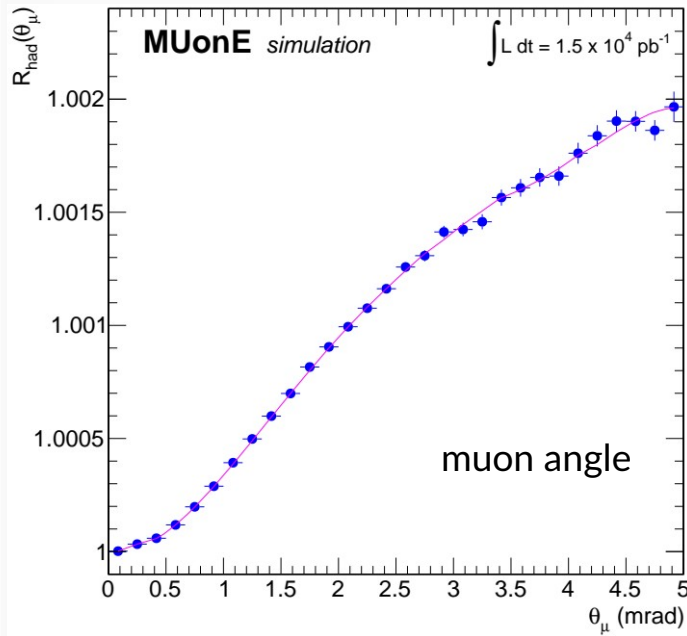
# Calorimeter



- 5x5 PbWO<sub>4</sub> crystals, used in the CMS ECAL:
  - area: 2.85 × 2.85 cm<sup>2</sup>;
  - length: 23 cm (~25 X<sub>0</sub>).
- Total area: ~14 × 14 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- Readout: 10x10 mm<sup>2</sup> APD.
- Integration in the main DAQ @40 MHz achieved at the end of Test Beam 2023.
- ECAL commissioning in high muon rate environment must be completed.



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



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

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

Input value:

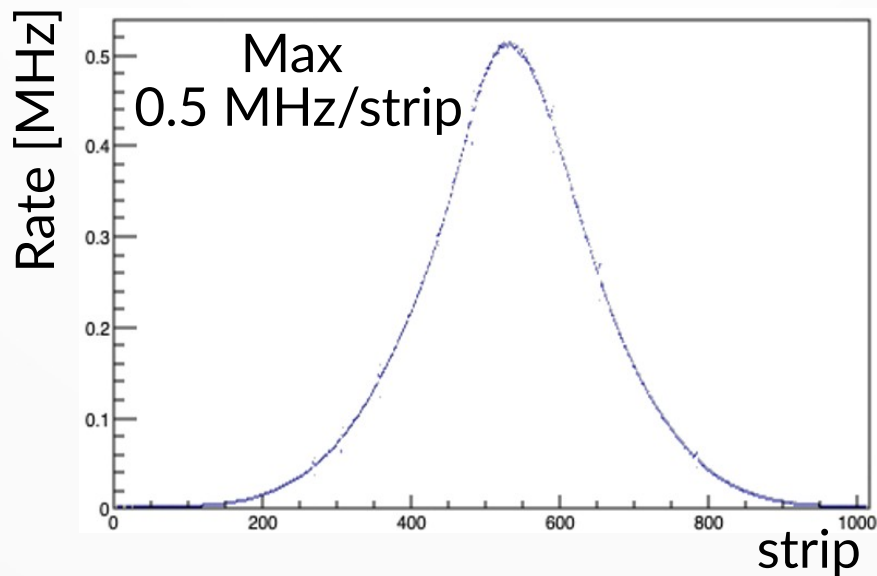
$$a_\mu^{\text{HLO}} = 688.6 10^{-10}$$

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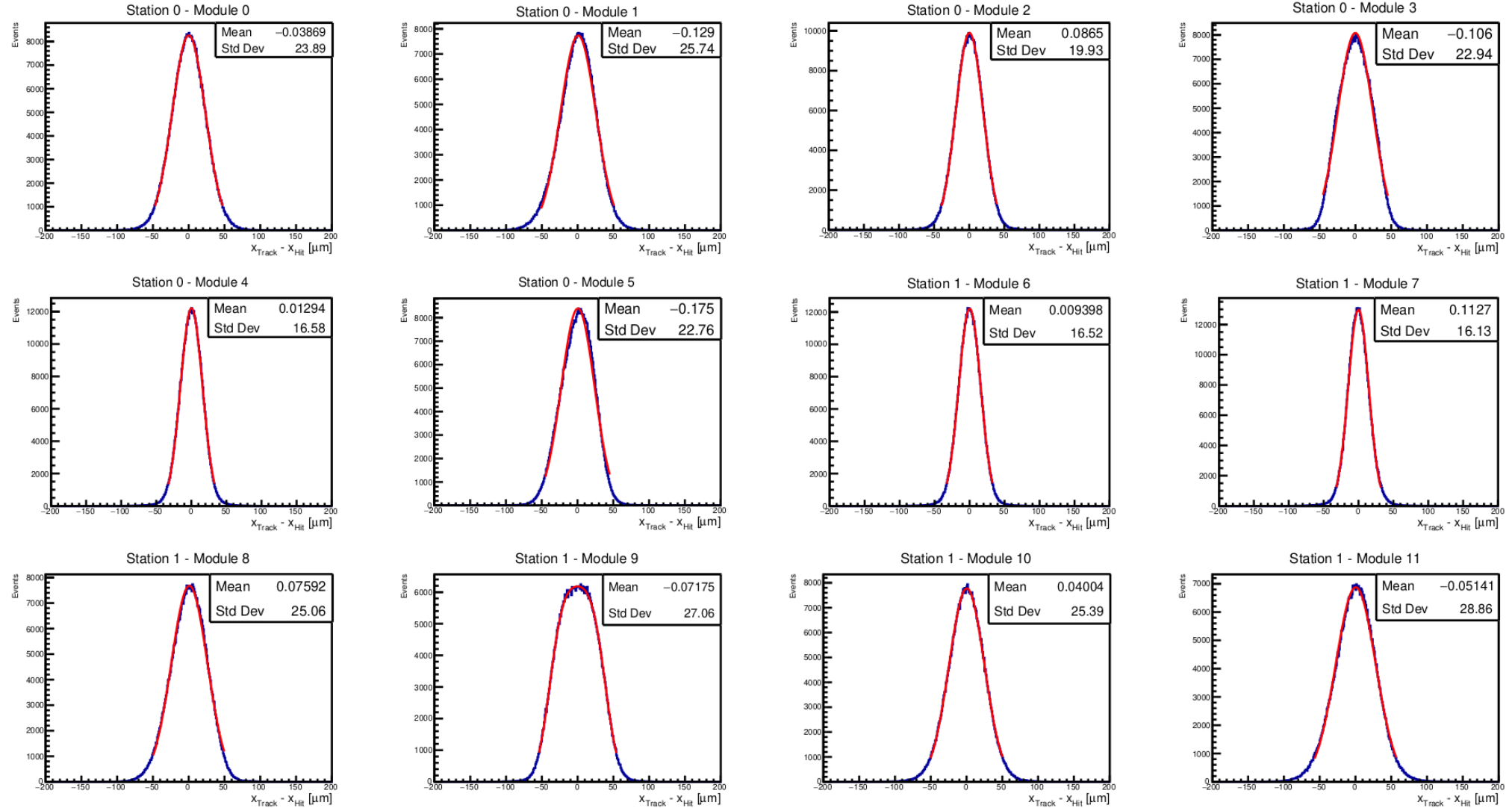
## Beam rate

$\sim 2 \times 10^8 \mu/\text{spill}$

(1 spill =  $\sim 5\text{s}$ )



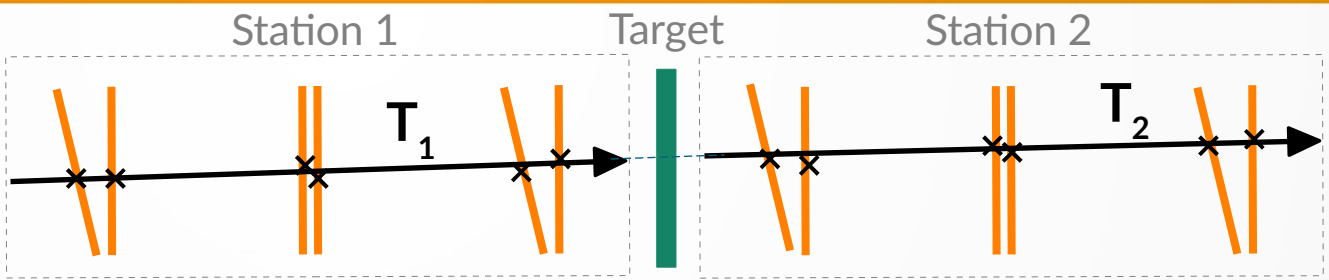
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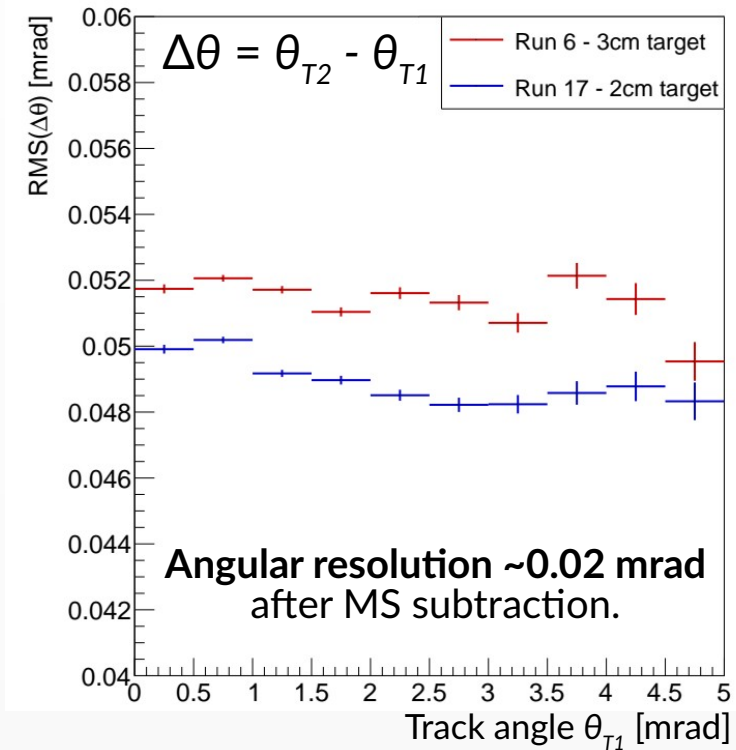
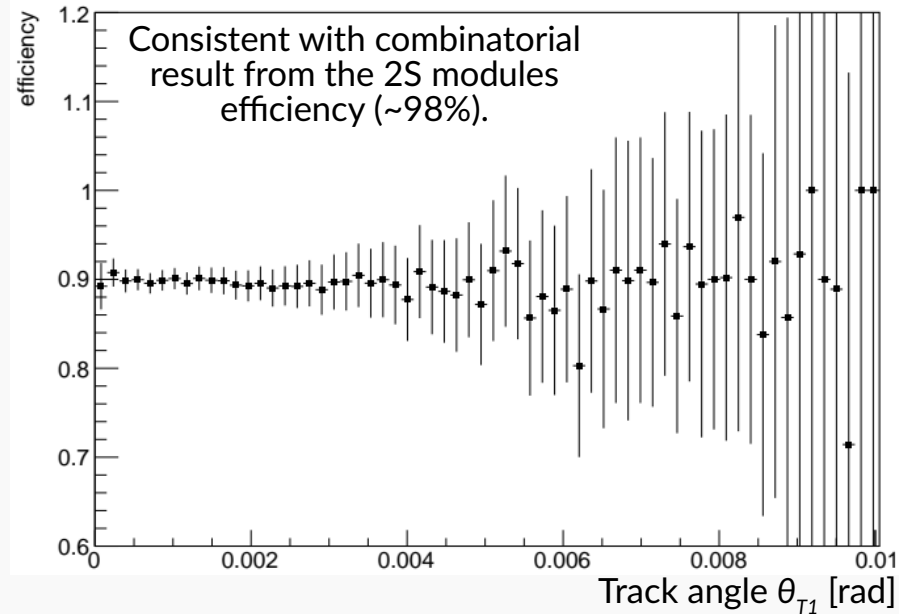
# TB 2023 - tracking performance: efficiency and angular resolution



Select events with single passing muons.



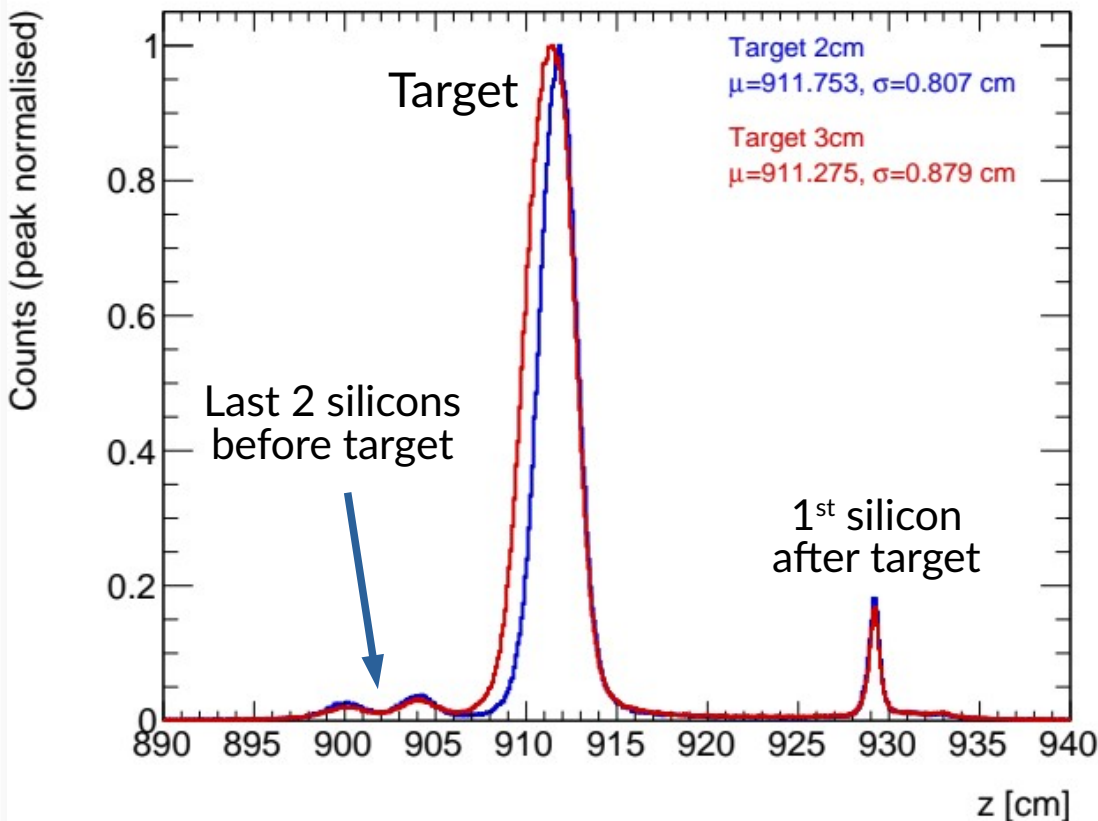
$$\text{Tracking efficiency} = \frac{N(T_2 \cdot T_1)}{N(T_1)}$$



# Vertexing



Simple selection: events with 2 outgoing tracks within geometrical acceptance (0.2 – 32 mrad).



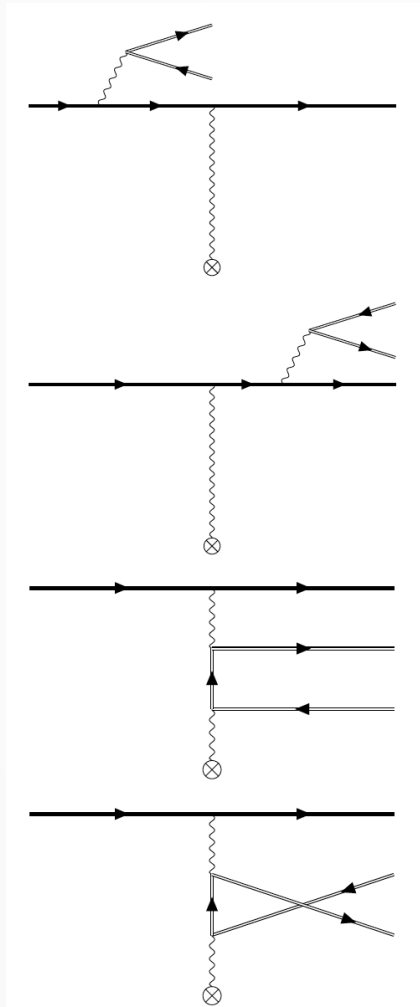
- The target center is shifted by 0.5 cm by changing between 3cm and 2cm target (OK!).
- **Vertex resolution: ~0.8 cm.** (Slightly worse for 3cm target due to MS).

# New Background MC generator

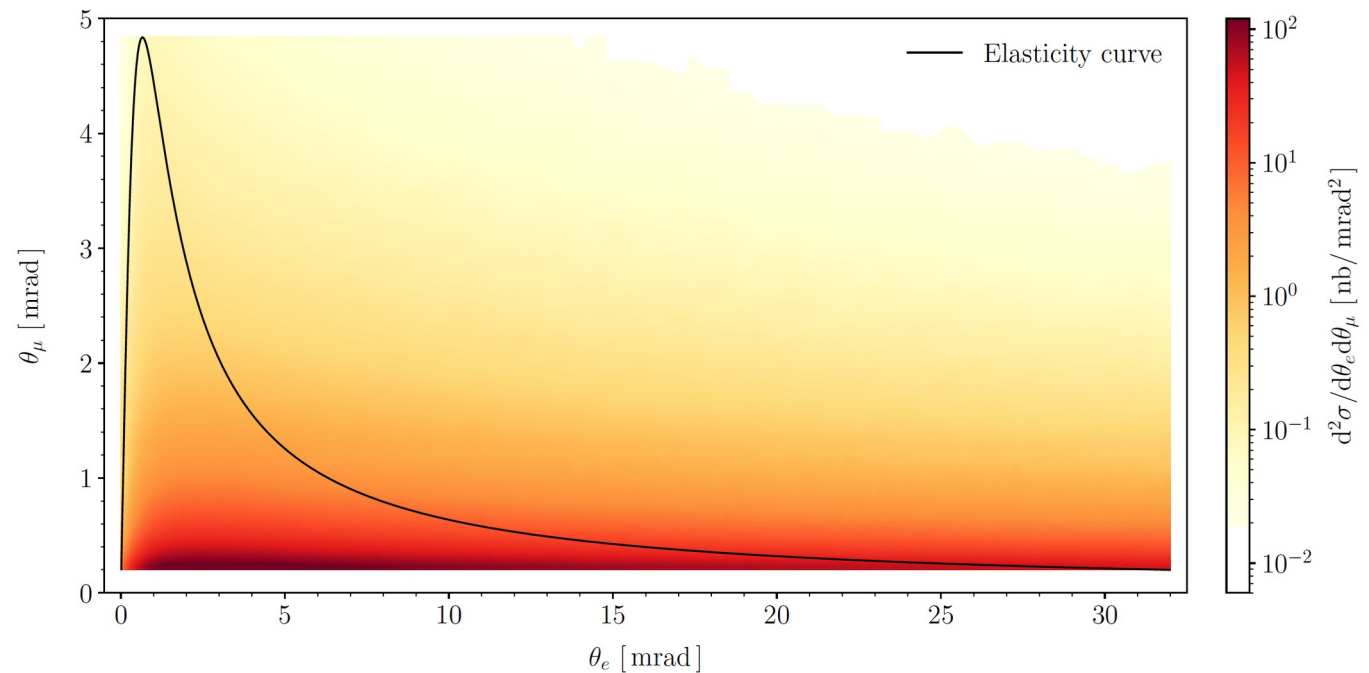
Main background:  $e^+e^-$  pair production

Implemented in MESMER

and interfaced with the MUonE detector simulation



Numerical results for  $\mu^+ C \rightarrow \mu^+ C e^+ e^-$  (3)





# TB 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:

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

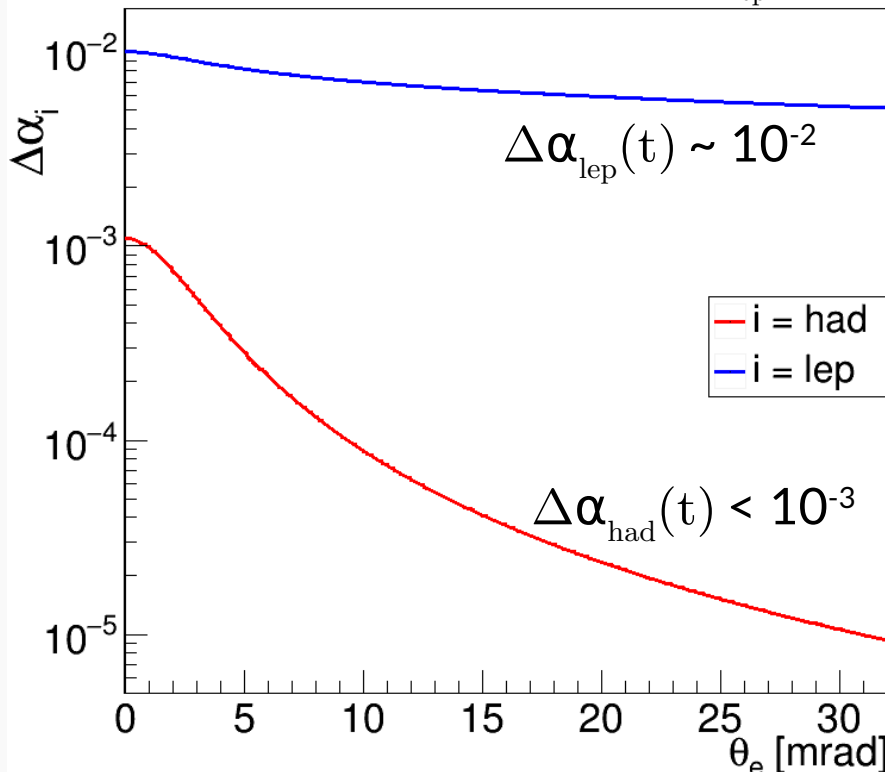
$$f(m) = -\frac{5}{9} - \frac{4m^2}{3t} + \left(\frac{4m^4}{3t^2} + \frac{m^2}{3t} - \frac{1}{6}\right) \frac{2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{4m^2}{t}}} \ln \left| \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m^2}{t}}}{1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m^2}{t}}} \right|$$

1 parameter template fit:  
Fix lepton masses and fit k

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

Expected precision:  $\sim 5\%$

Studied on fast simulation  
neglecting background.



# Production of Monte Carlo templates

FairMUonE

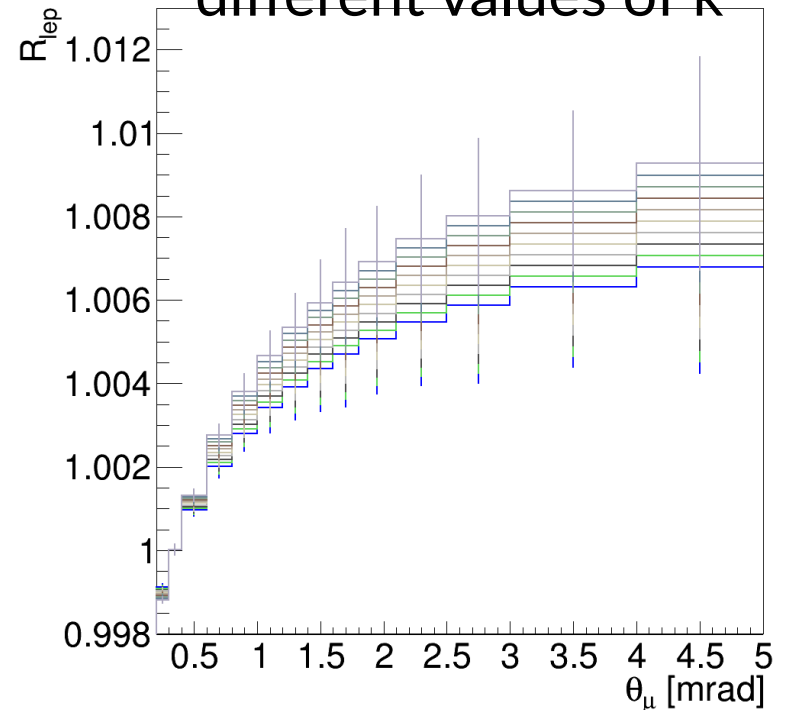
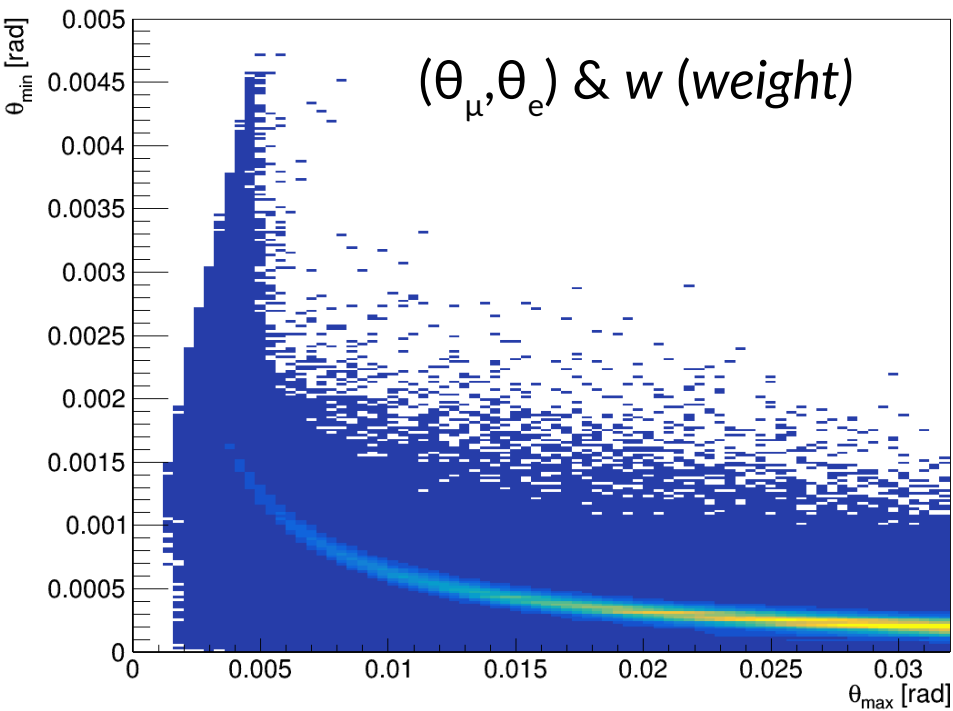


Reweighting

$(\theta_\mu, \theta_e) & w \rightarrow w(k_i)$

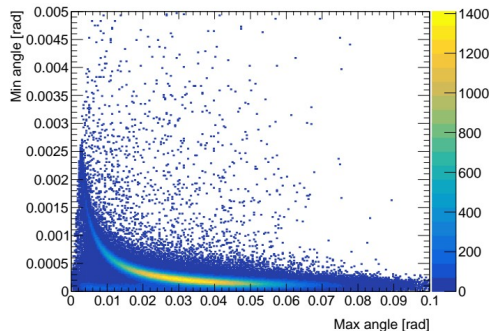
- Geant4 simulation
- Track reconstruction

Templates for  
different values of  $k$



# Analysis workflow

Data



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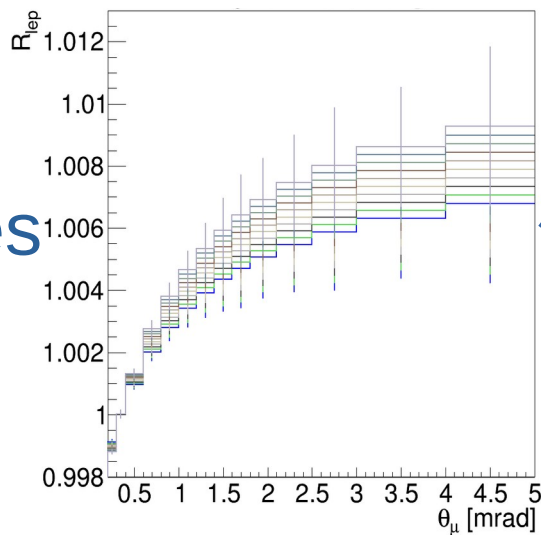
Take into account systematic effects

Likelihood/ $\chi^2$   
fit

Data vs  
each template

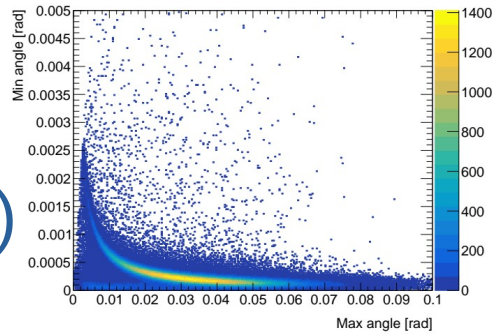
$k_{\text{best}} \pm \Delta k$

Monte Carlo  
templates

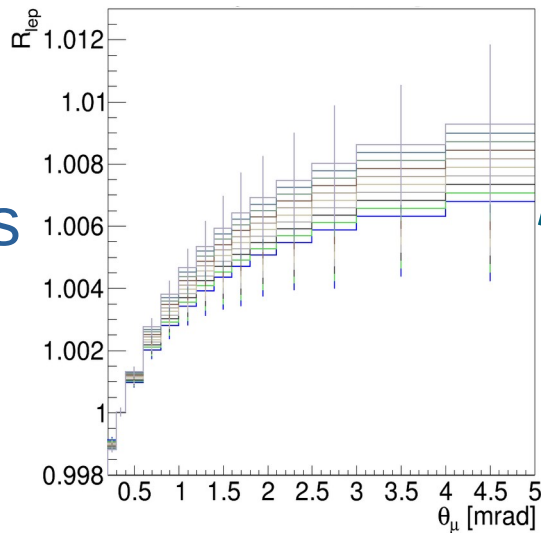


# Test using pseudodata (Monte Carlo)

Pseudo data (MC)



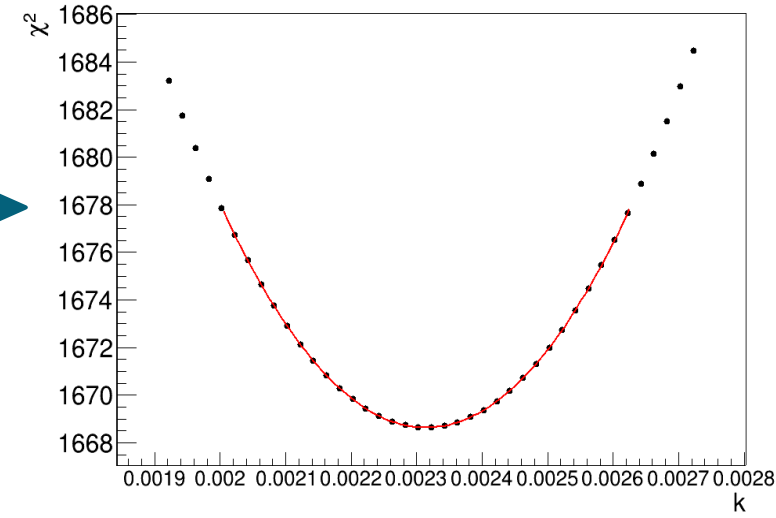
Monte Carlo templates



combine  
Take into account systematic effects

Likelihood/ $\chi^2$  fit

Data vs each template

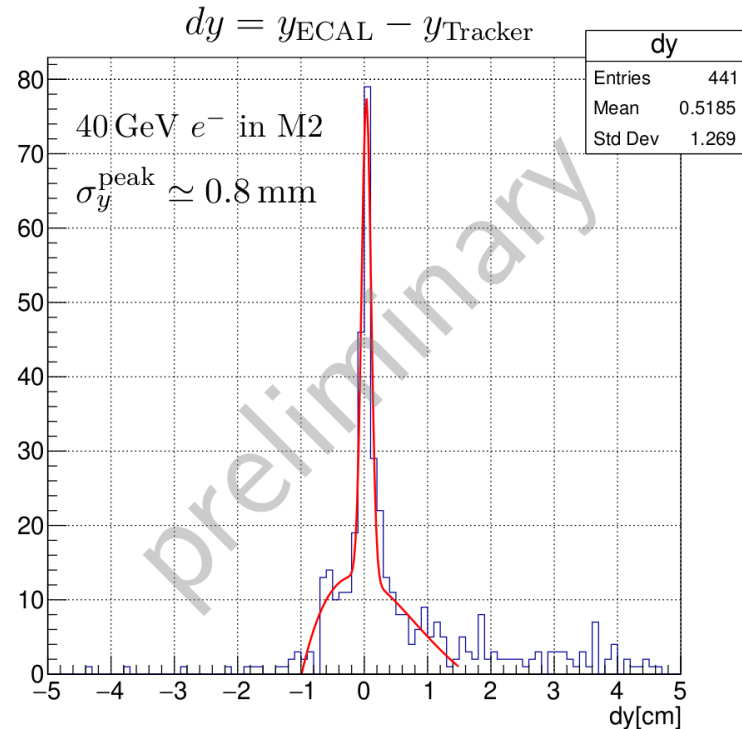
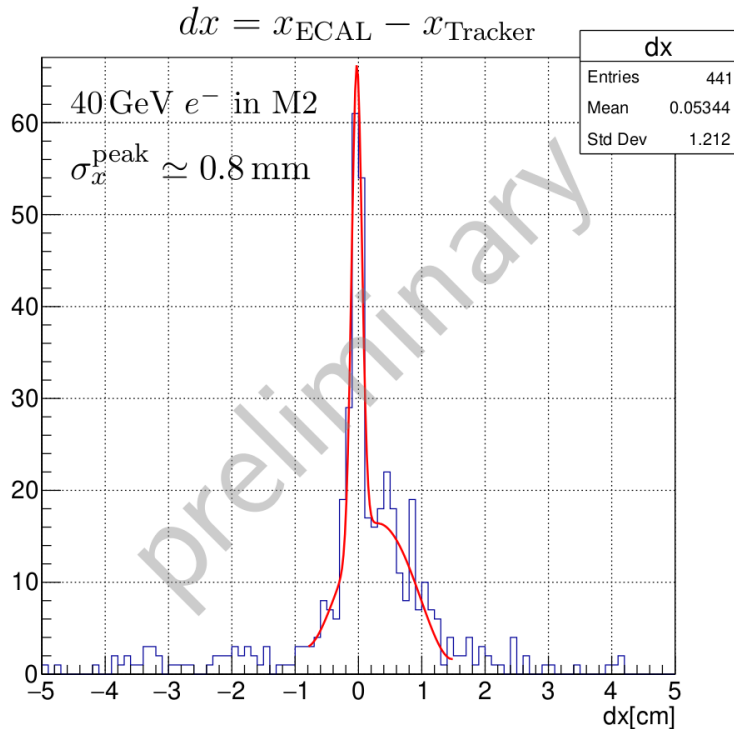


$$k_{best} = 0.00232(10) \rightarrow \sim 5\%$$

$$k_{input} = 0.00232$$

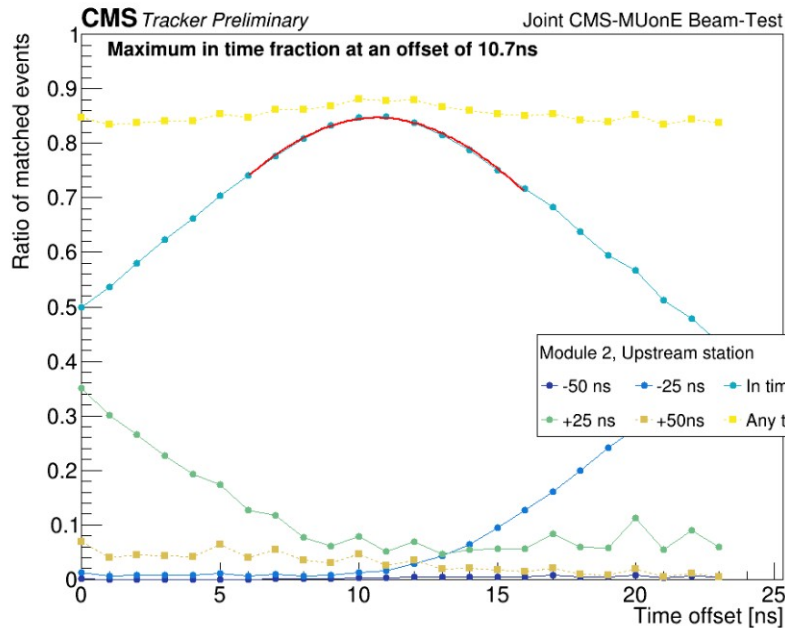
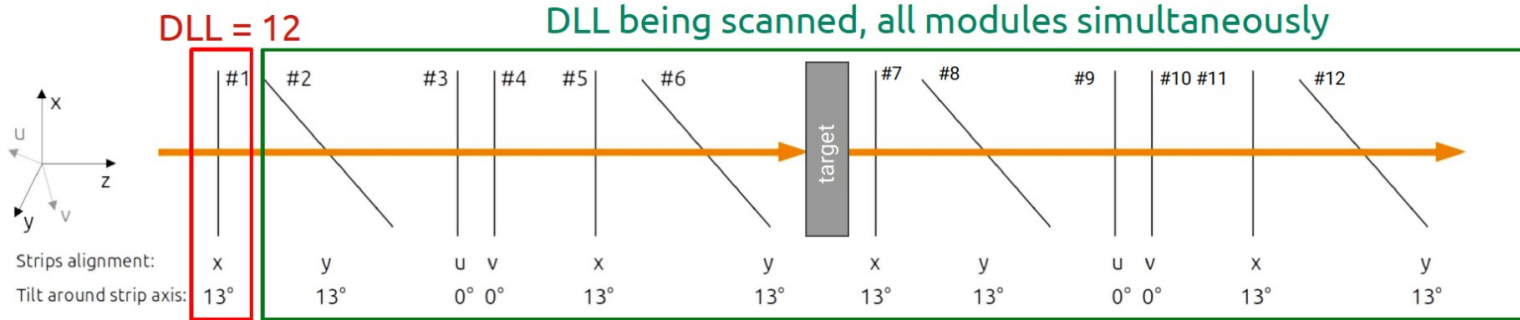
# ECAL – spatial resolution

Sub-mm peak resolution in good agreement with simulations.

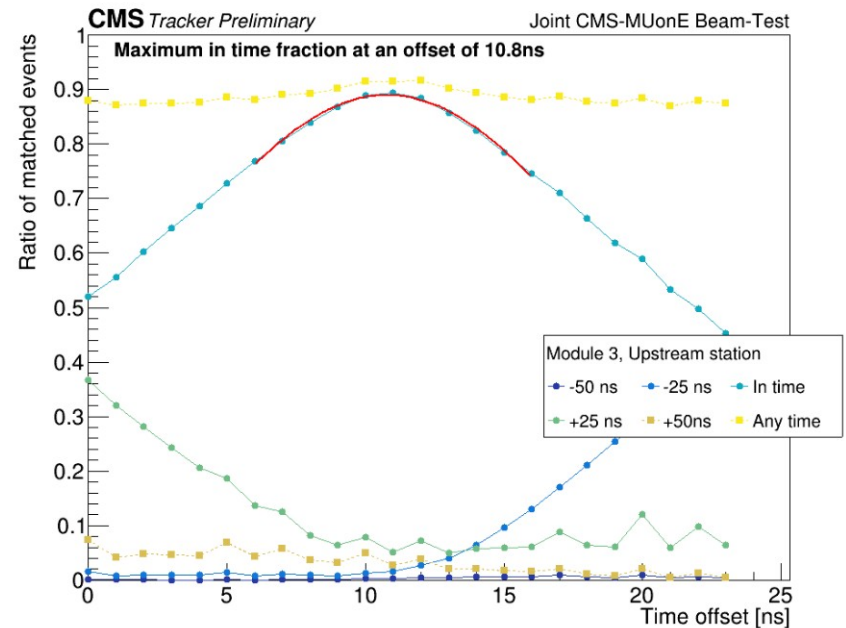


- Small sample (ECAL integrated in the main DAQ only at the end of the run).
- Technical issues limited ECAL data quality (now solved).

# 2S modules synchronization



Compute the fraction of events with a hit in #1, if a hit is found in the DUT.

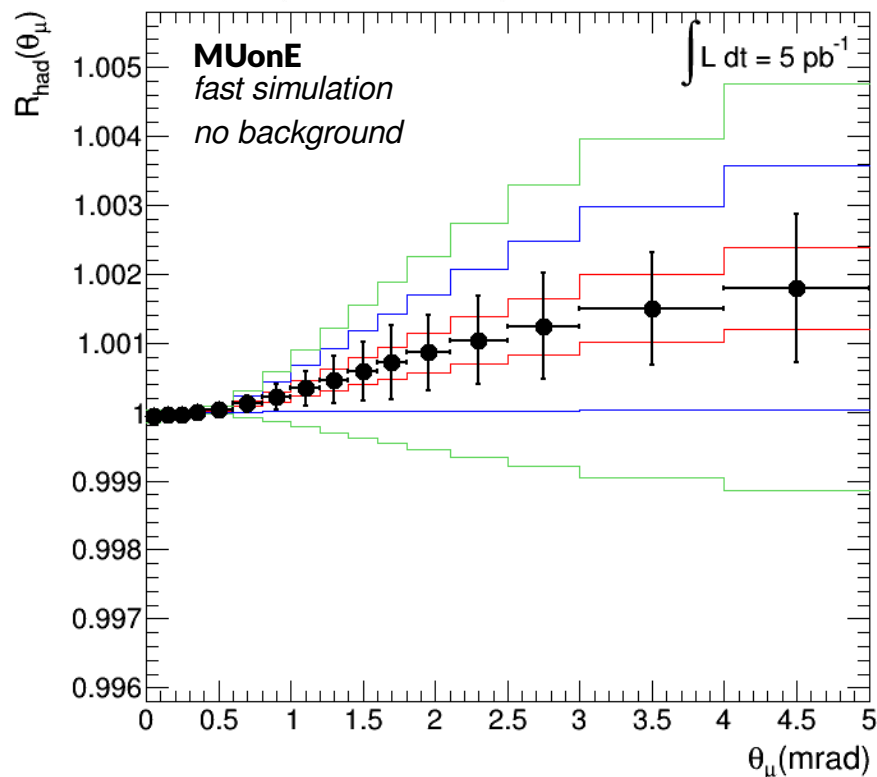


The relative timing of the modules can be determined (here ~0.1 ns between #2 and #3).

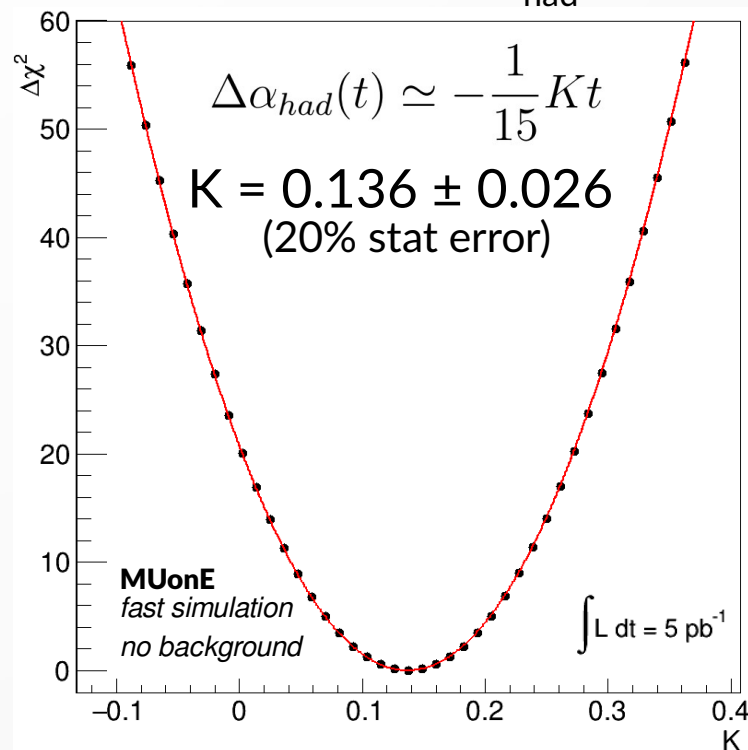
# First measurement of $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(t)$

Expected event yield:  $\sim 10^9$  elastic events within acceptance  
(one order of magnitude larger than 2023)

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



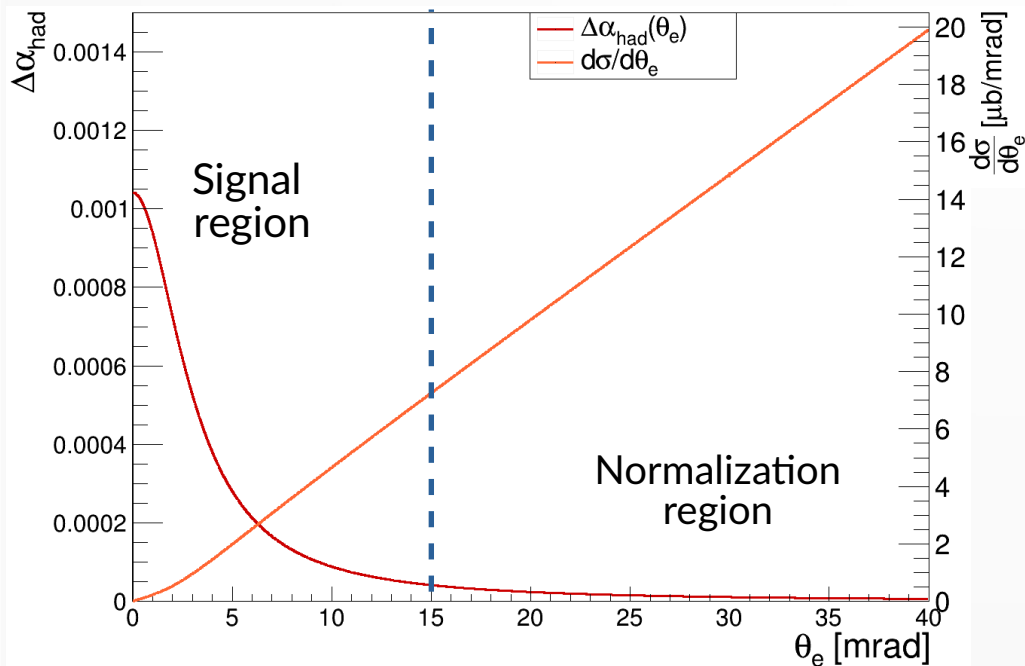
Template fit procedure  
to extract  $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(t)$



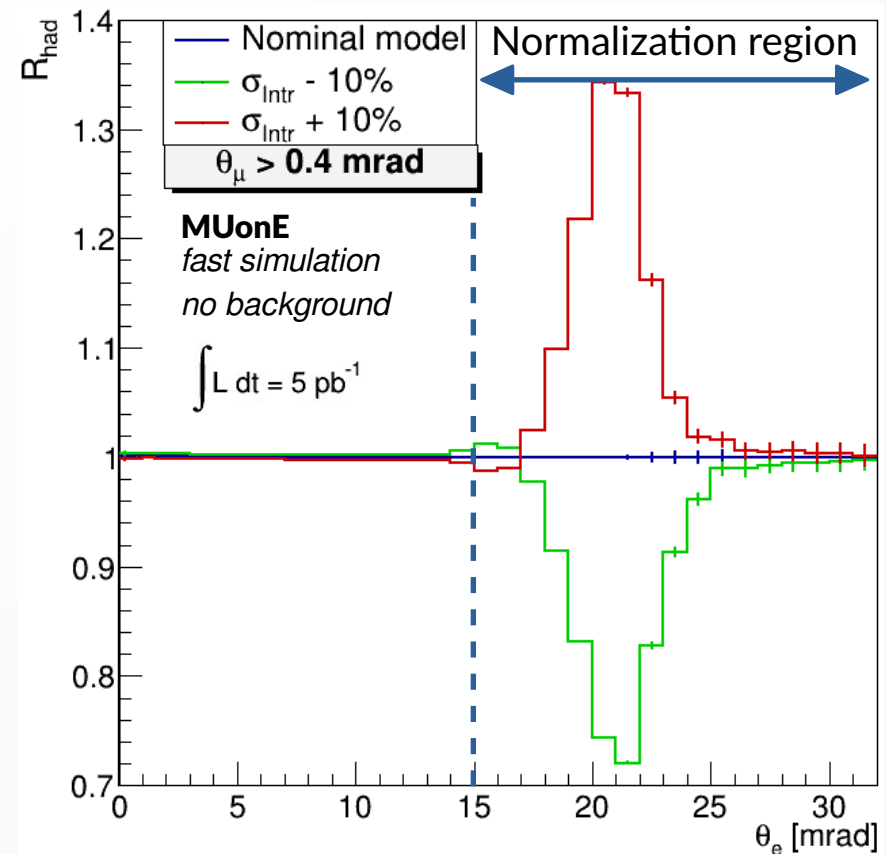
# Systematic effects

## Promising strategy:

- Study the main systematics in the normalization region (no sensitivity to  $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(t)$  here).
- Include residual systematics as nuisance parameters in a combined fit with signal.



Example:  
 $\pm 10\%$  systematic error  
 on the intrinsic resolution





# The need of including systematic effects in the analysis



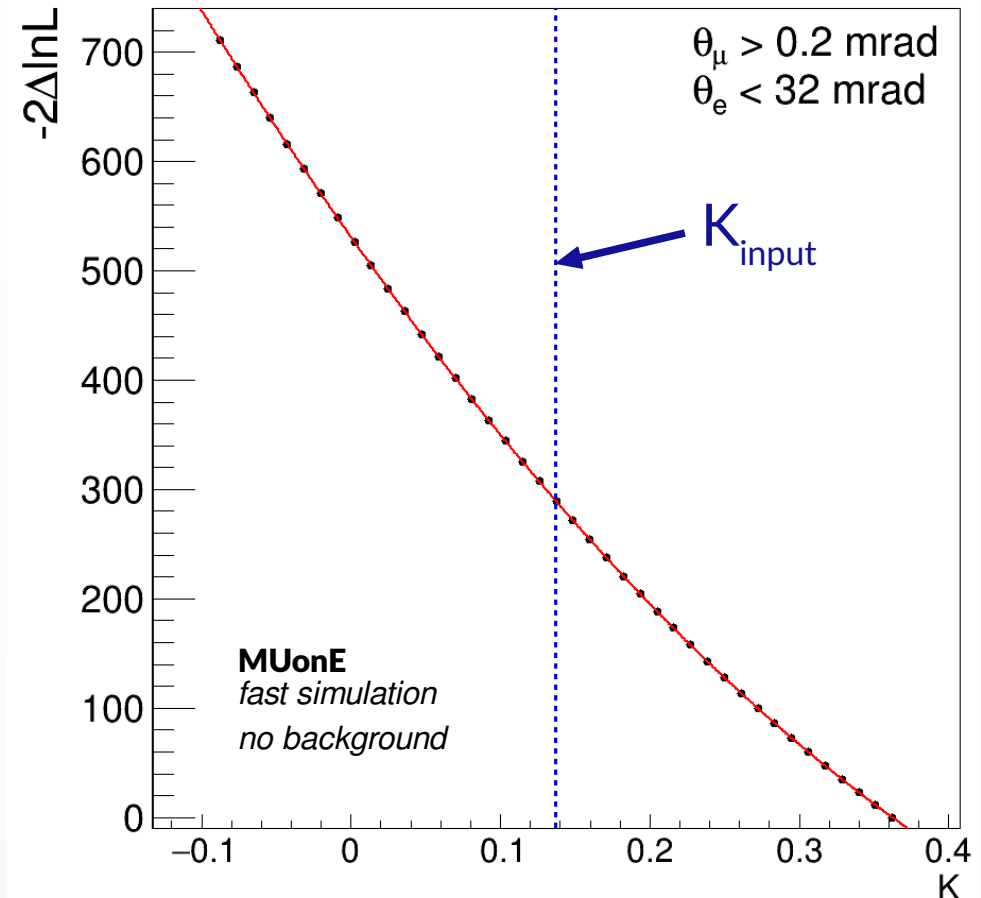
What if systematic effects are not included in the template fit?

Simplified situation:

- 1 fit parameter (K).

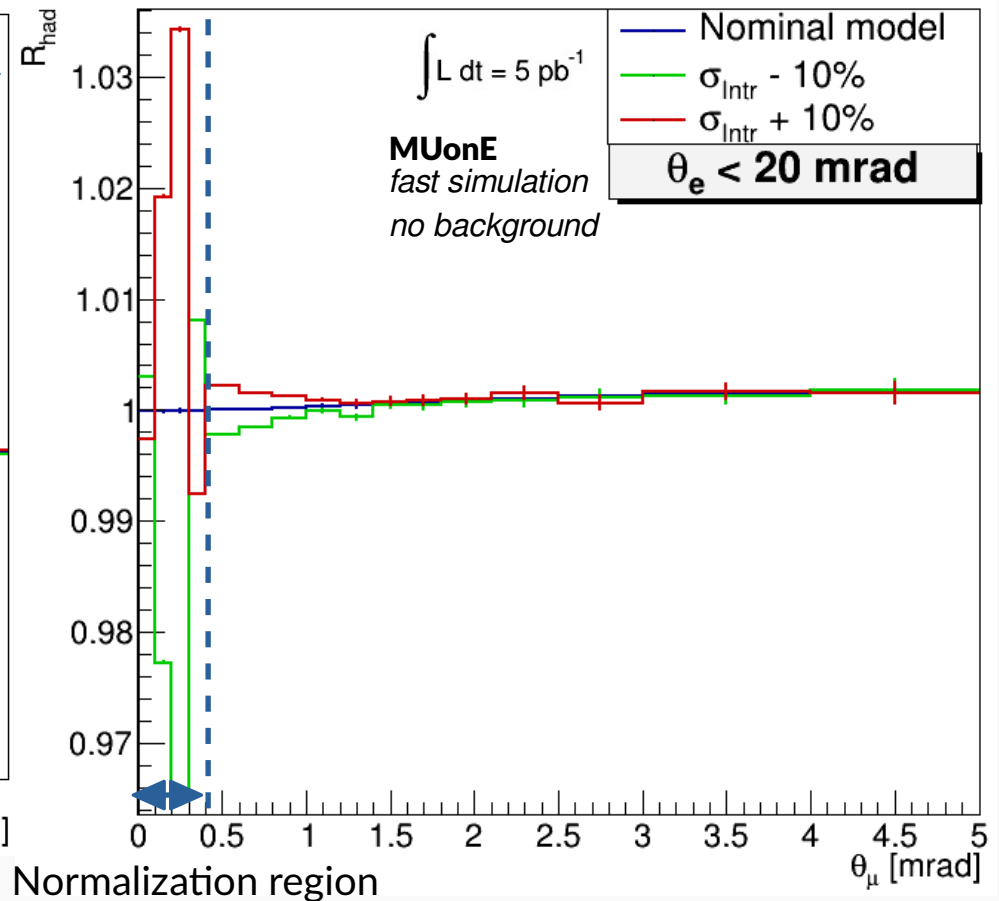
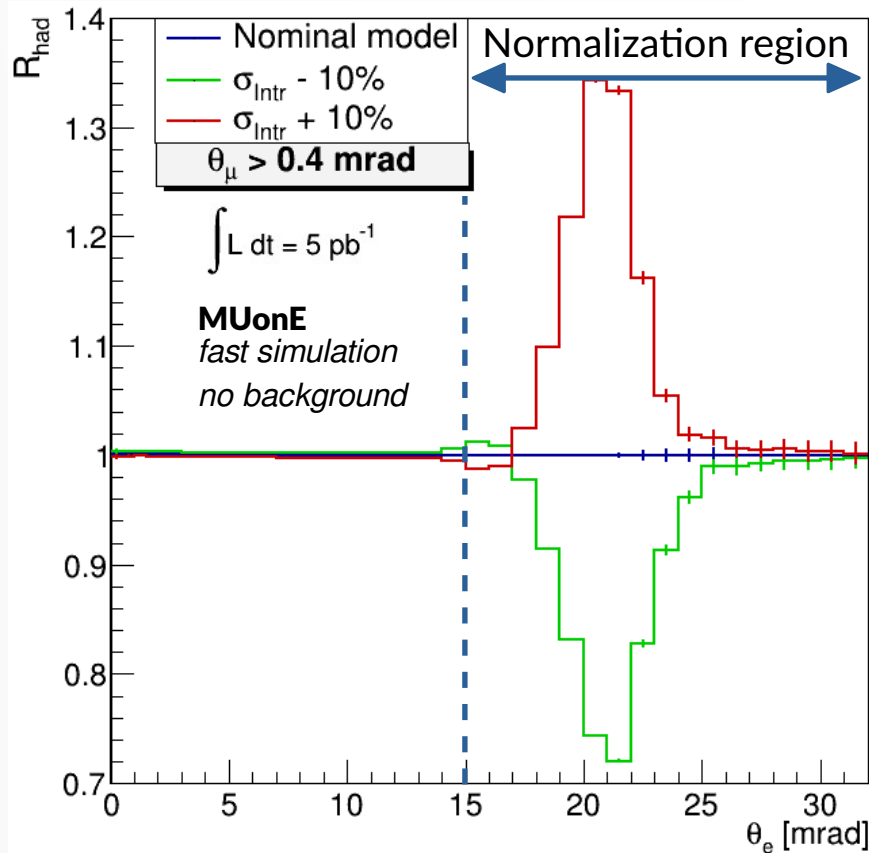
$$\Delta\alpha_{had}(t) \simeq -\frac{1}{15}Kt$$

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



# Systematic error on the angular intrinsic resolution

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

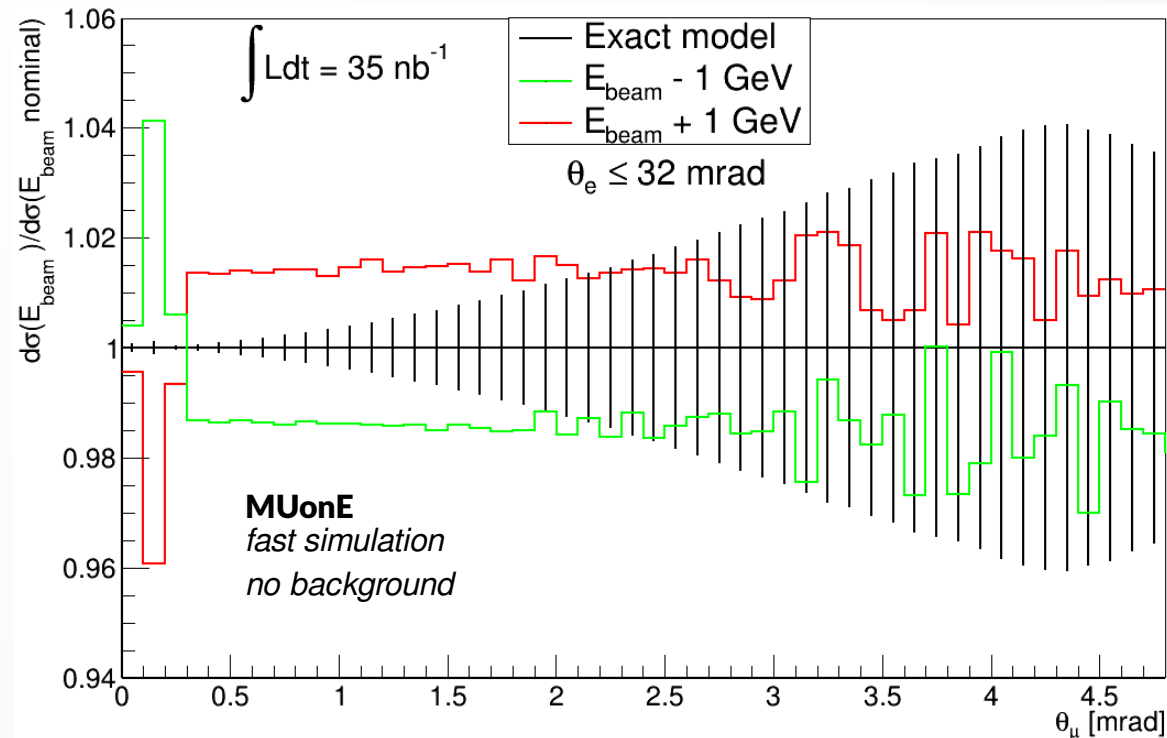


# Systematic error on the muon beam energy



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

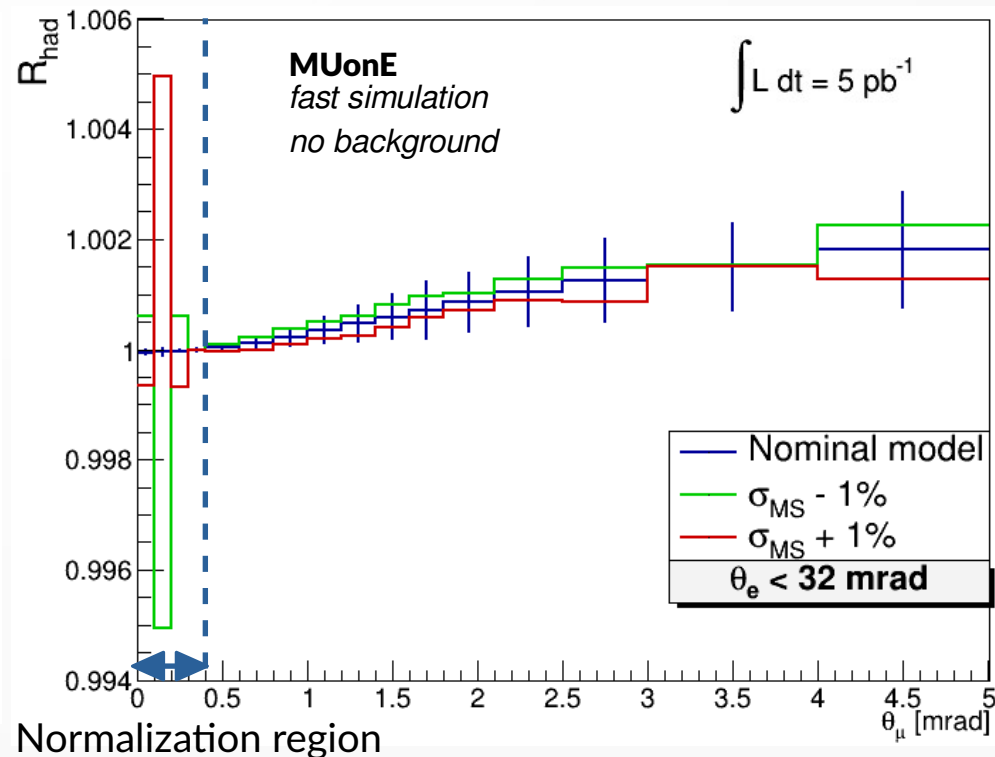
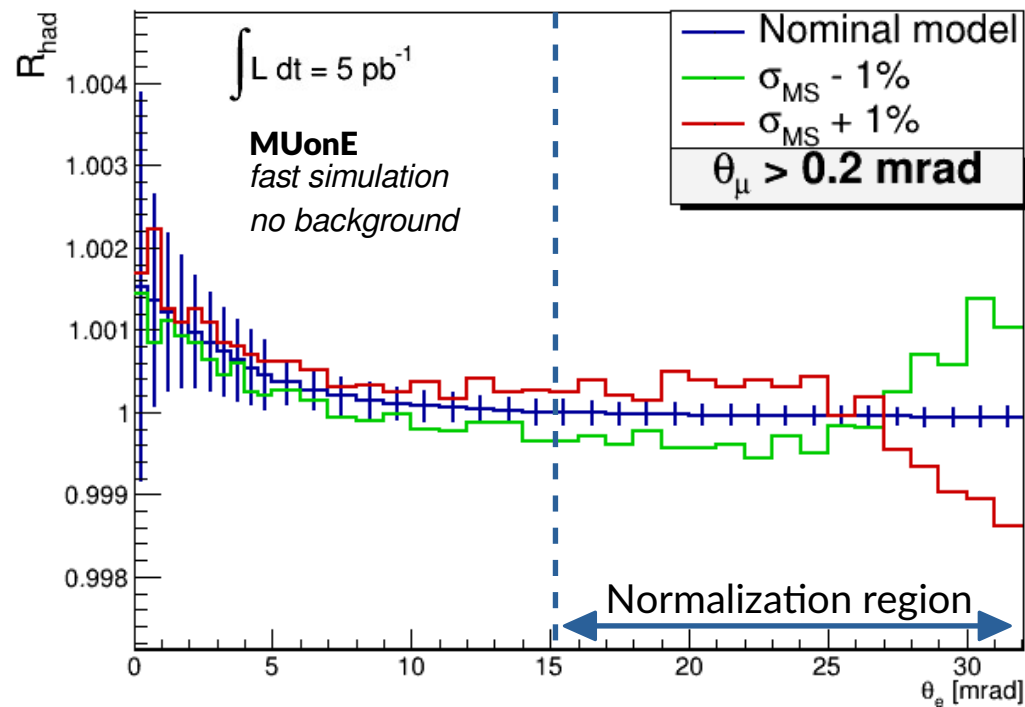
This effect can be seen from our data in 1h of data taking per station.



# Systematic error on the multiple scattering

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

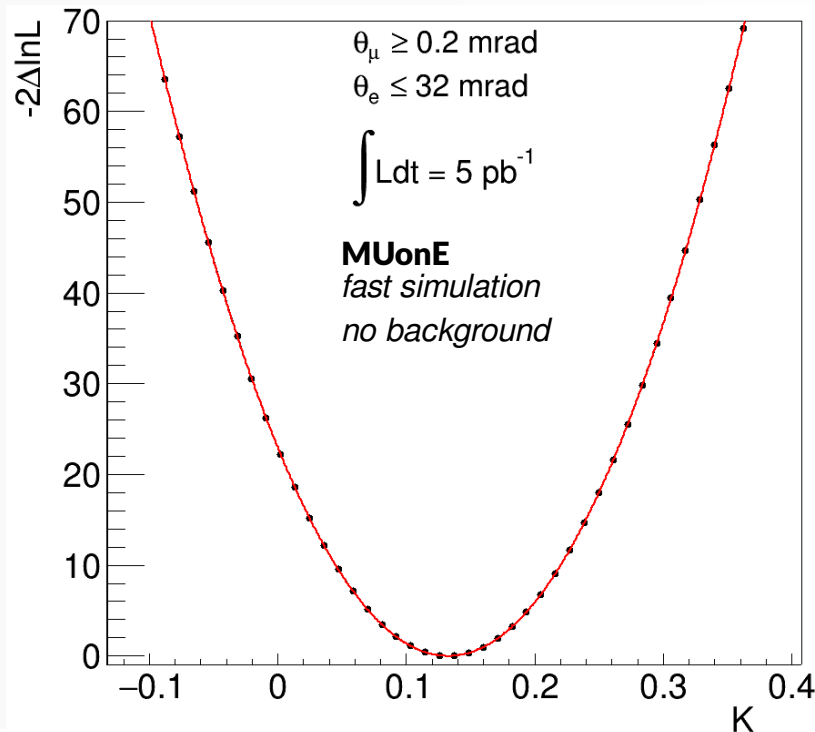
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# Combined fit signal + systematics



- 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.

# $\Delta\alpha_{had}$ parameterization



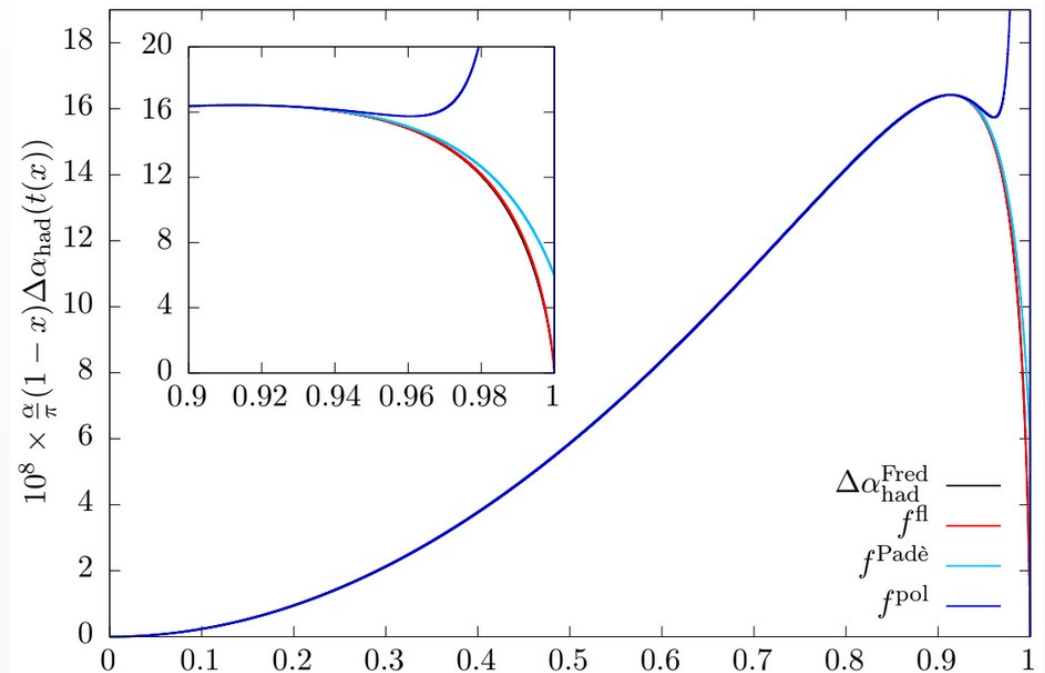
Inspired from the 1 loop QED contribution of lepton pairs and top quark at  $t < 0$

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

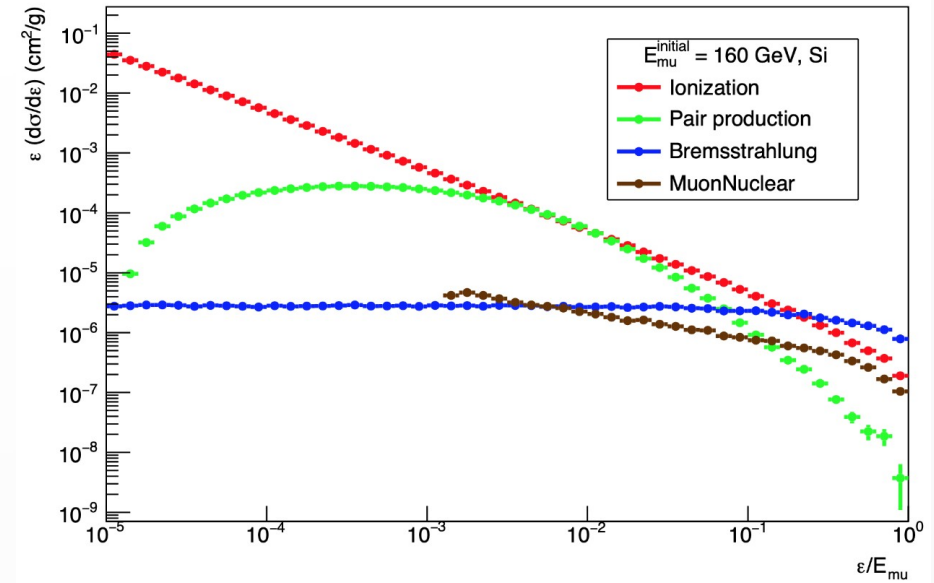
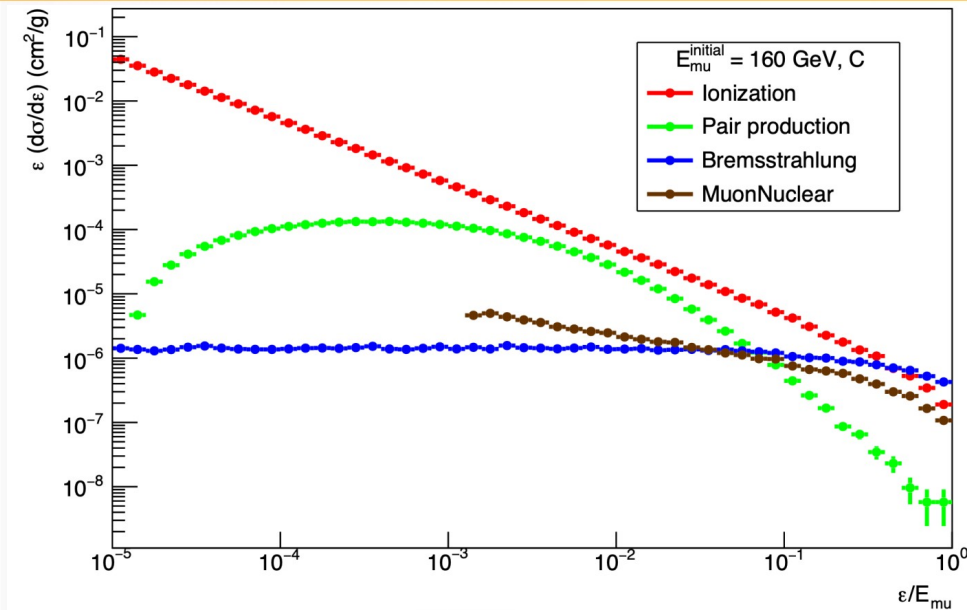
Allows to calculate  
the full value of  $a_{\mu}^{HLO}$

Dominant behaviour in the  
MUonE kinematic region:

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



# Backgrounds



$\theta_e$  [mrad]      32      0

MESMER

- $\mu e^- \rightarrow \mu e^- \gamma$
- $\mu e^- \rightarrow \mu e^- l^+ l^-$
- $\mu N \rightarrow \mu N l^+ l^-$

$l = e, \mu$

GEANT4

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

# GEANT4 simulations



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

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

Tracker only

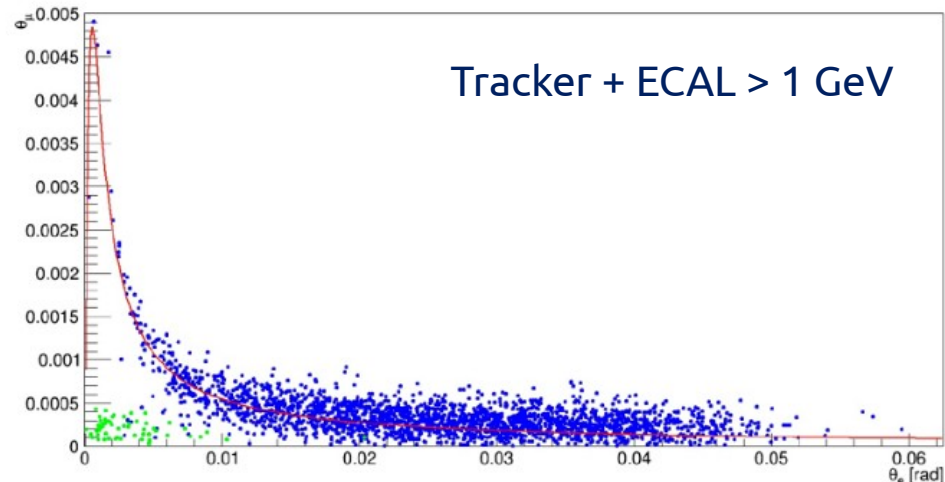
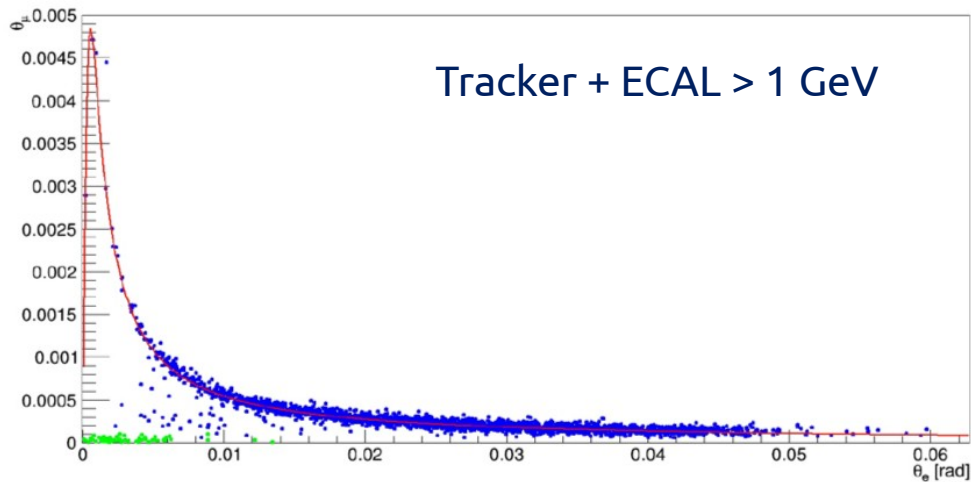
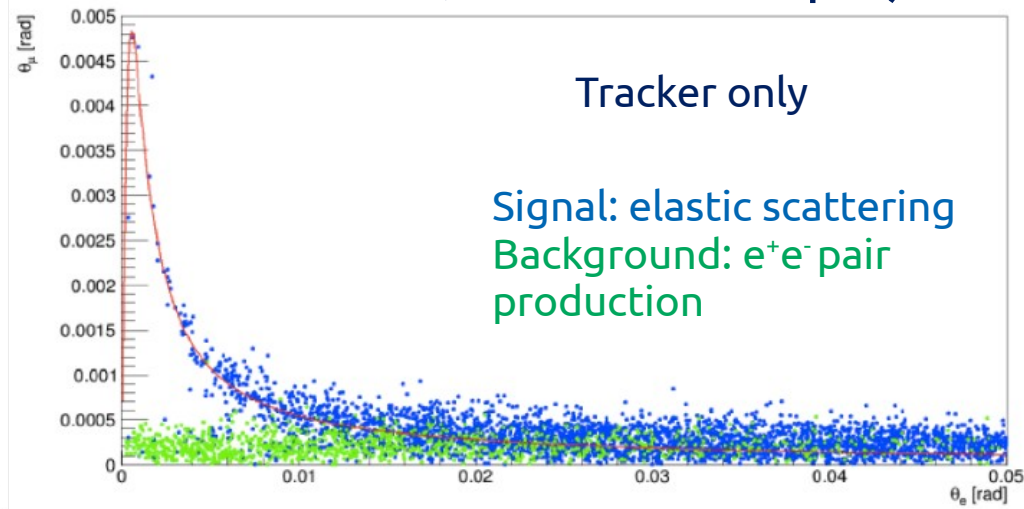
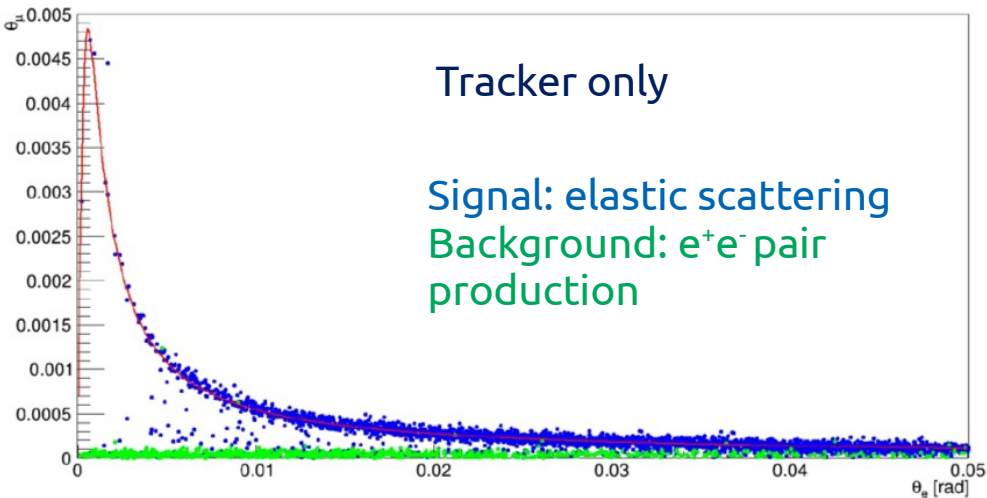
Signal: elastic scattering  
Background:  $e^+e^-$  pair  
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Tracker + ECAL  $> 1$  GeV

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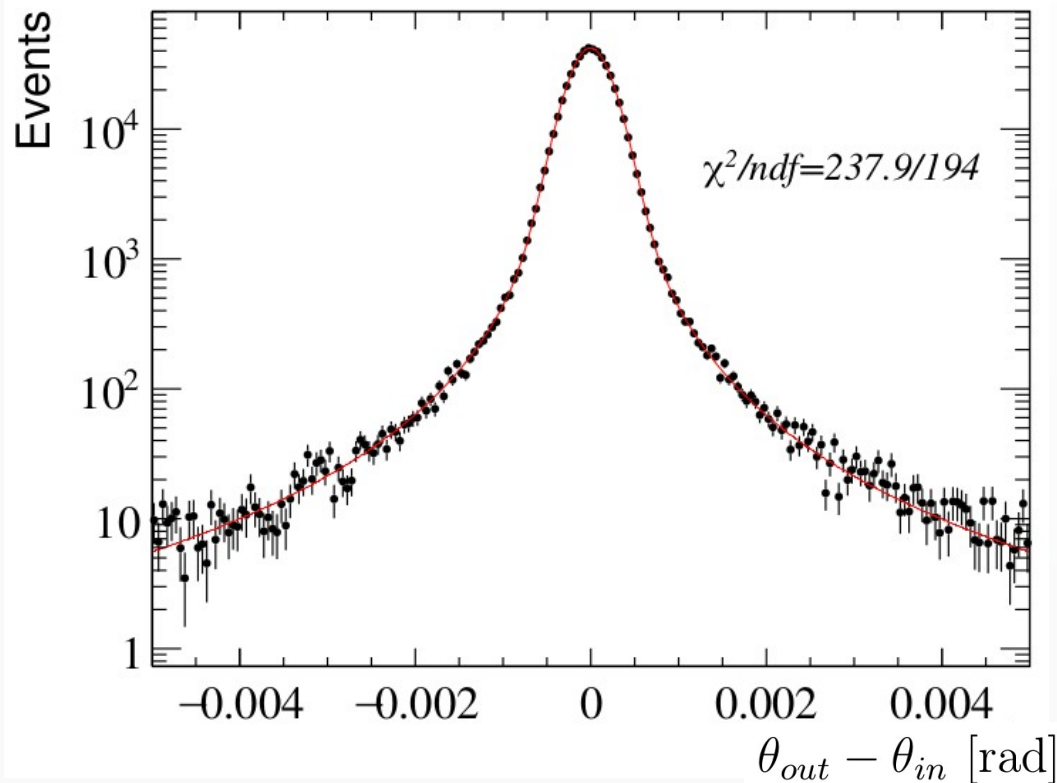




# Multiple scattering: results from TB2017



$$f_e(\delta\theta_e^x) = N \left[ (1 - a) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_G} e^{-\frac{(\delta\theta_e^x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma_G^2}} + a \frac{\Gamma(\frac{\nu+1}{2})}{\sqrt{\nu\pi}\sigma_T\Gamma(\frac{\nu}{2})} \left( 1 + \frac{(\delta\theta_e^x - \mu)^2}{\nu\sigma_T^2} \right)^{-\frac{\nu+1}{2}} \right]$$



$$\vec{p} = [N, a, \mu, \sigma_G, \nu, \sigma_T]$$

Results show a ~1% agreement between data and MC for the Gaussian core

