

MUSE

Progress Report

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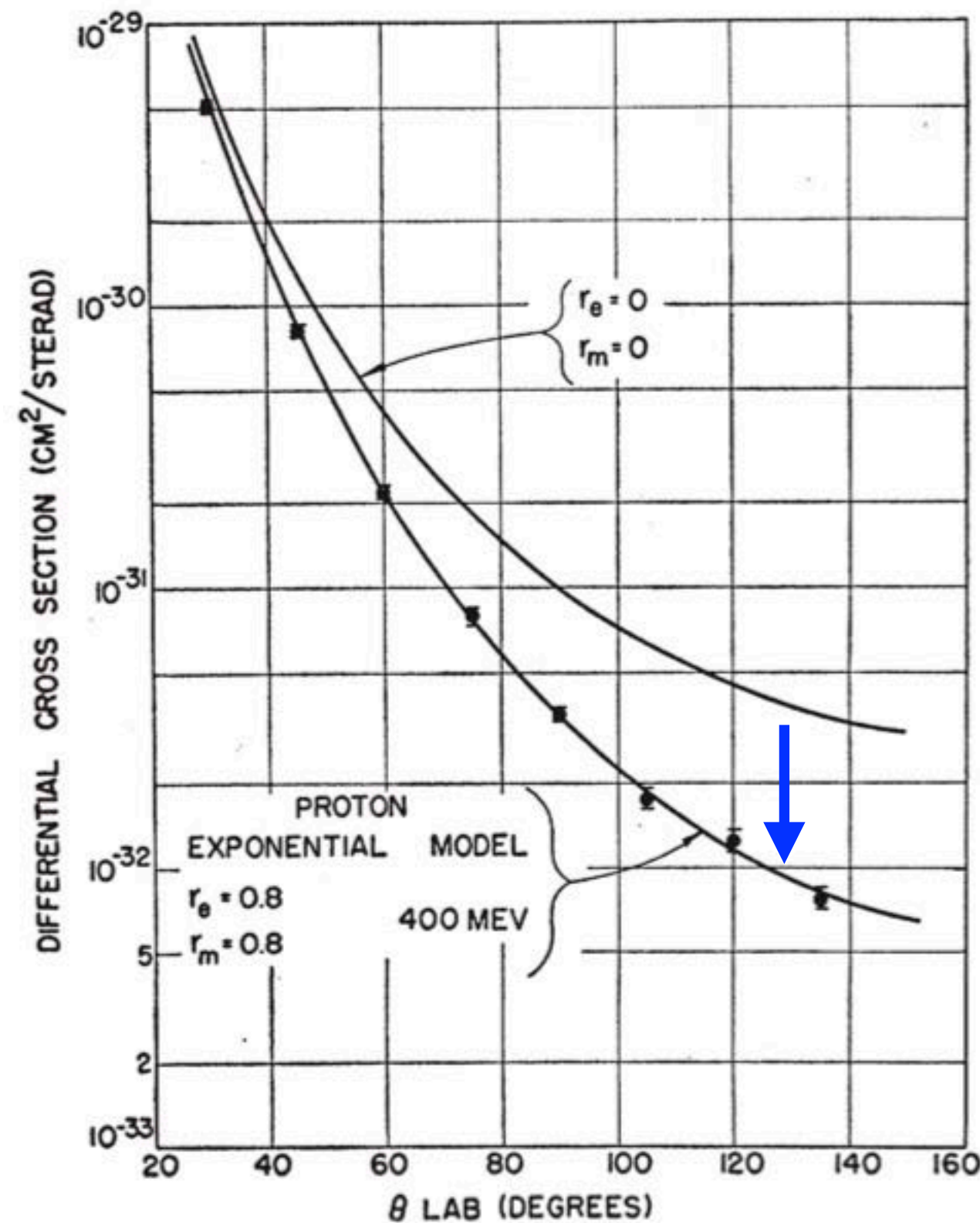
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Measuring the proton charge radius

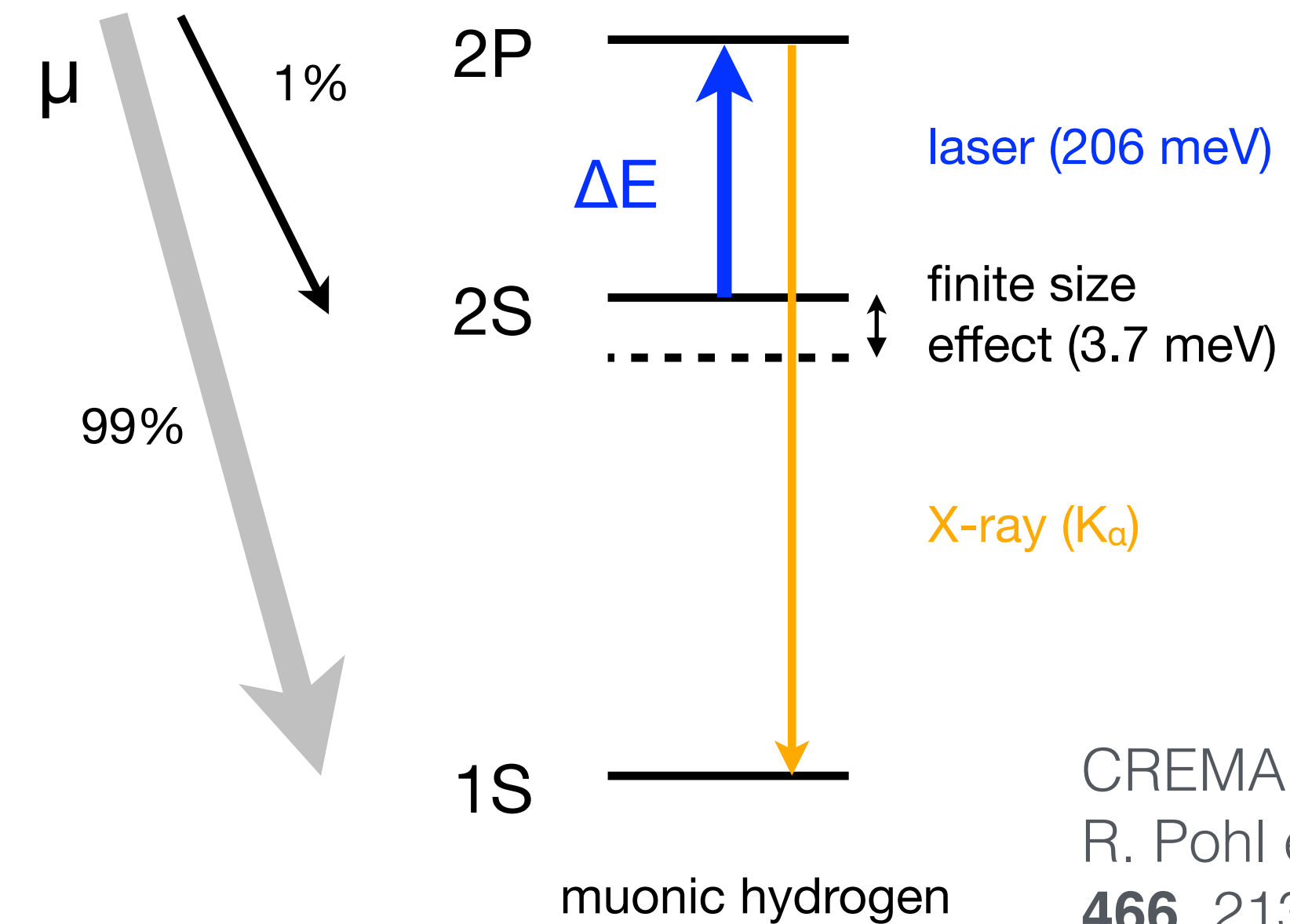
Lepton scattering experiments

R. Hofstadter, Rev. Mod. Phys. **28**, 214 (1956)



Spectroscopy

μ beam stopped in H₂ gas

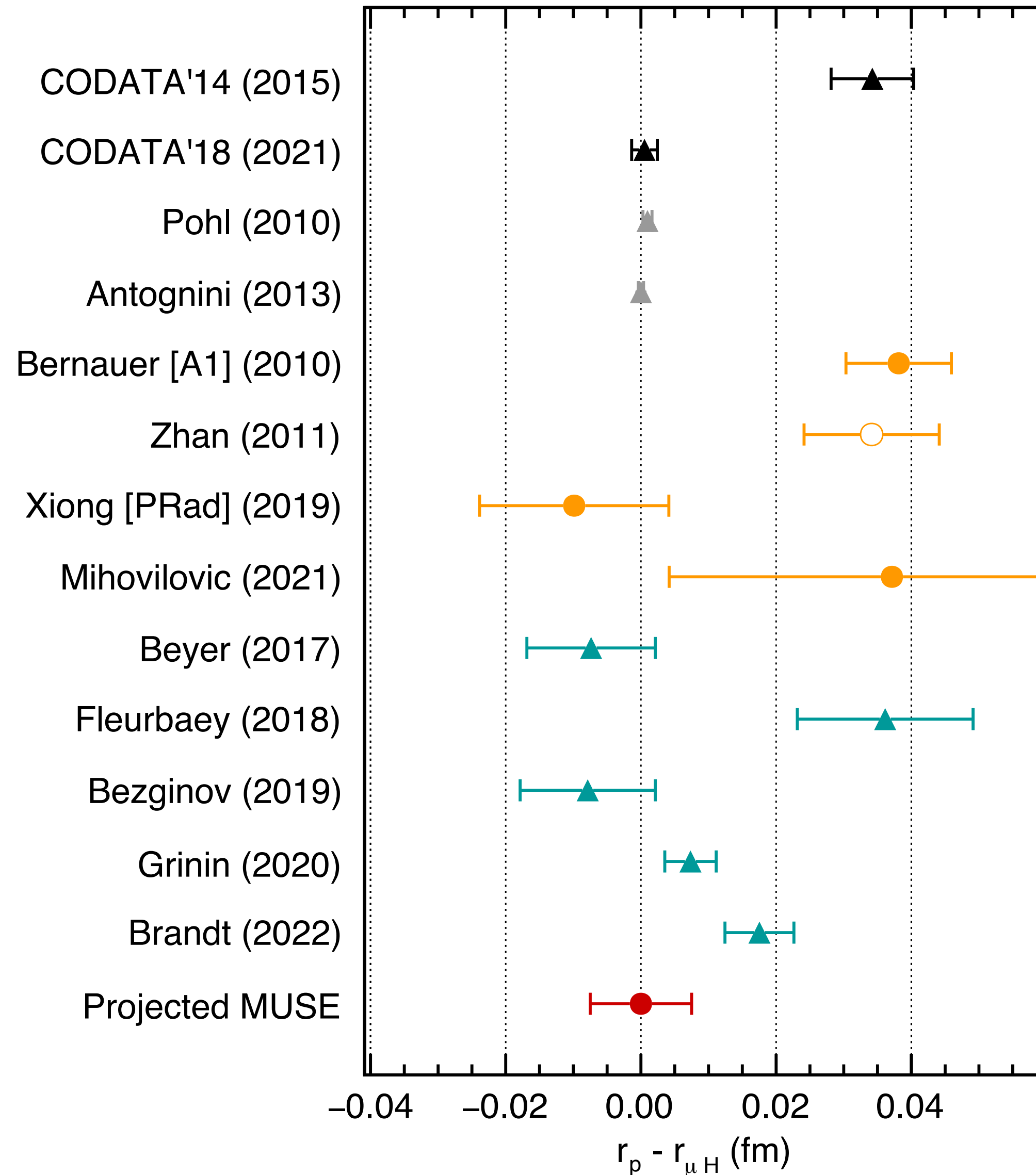


CREMA collaboration:
 R. Pohl et al., Nature **466**, 213 (2010),
 A. Antognini et al., Science **339**, 417 (2013)

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = -6\hbar^2 \left. \frac{dG_E(Q^2)}{dQ^2} \right|_{Q^2=0}$$

$$\Delta E = \Delta E(\langle r^2 \rangle)$$

MUSE and The Proton-Radius Puzzle



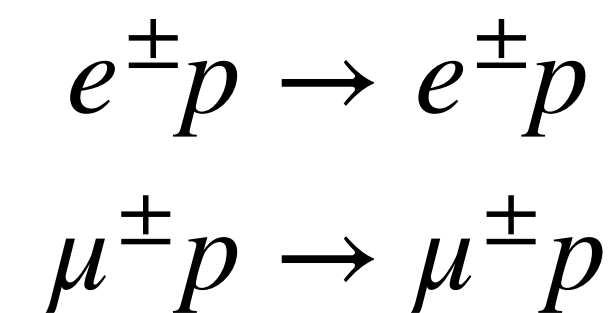
Possible explanations of the proton charge-radius puzzle:

- Experimental issues
- Radiative Correction Effects
- Two Photon Exchange (TPE) / Polarizability
- Physics Beyond Standard Model (Violation of Lepton Universality)

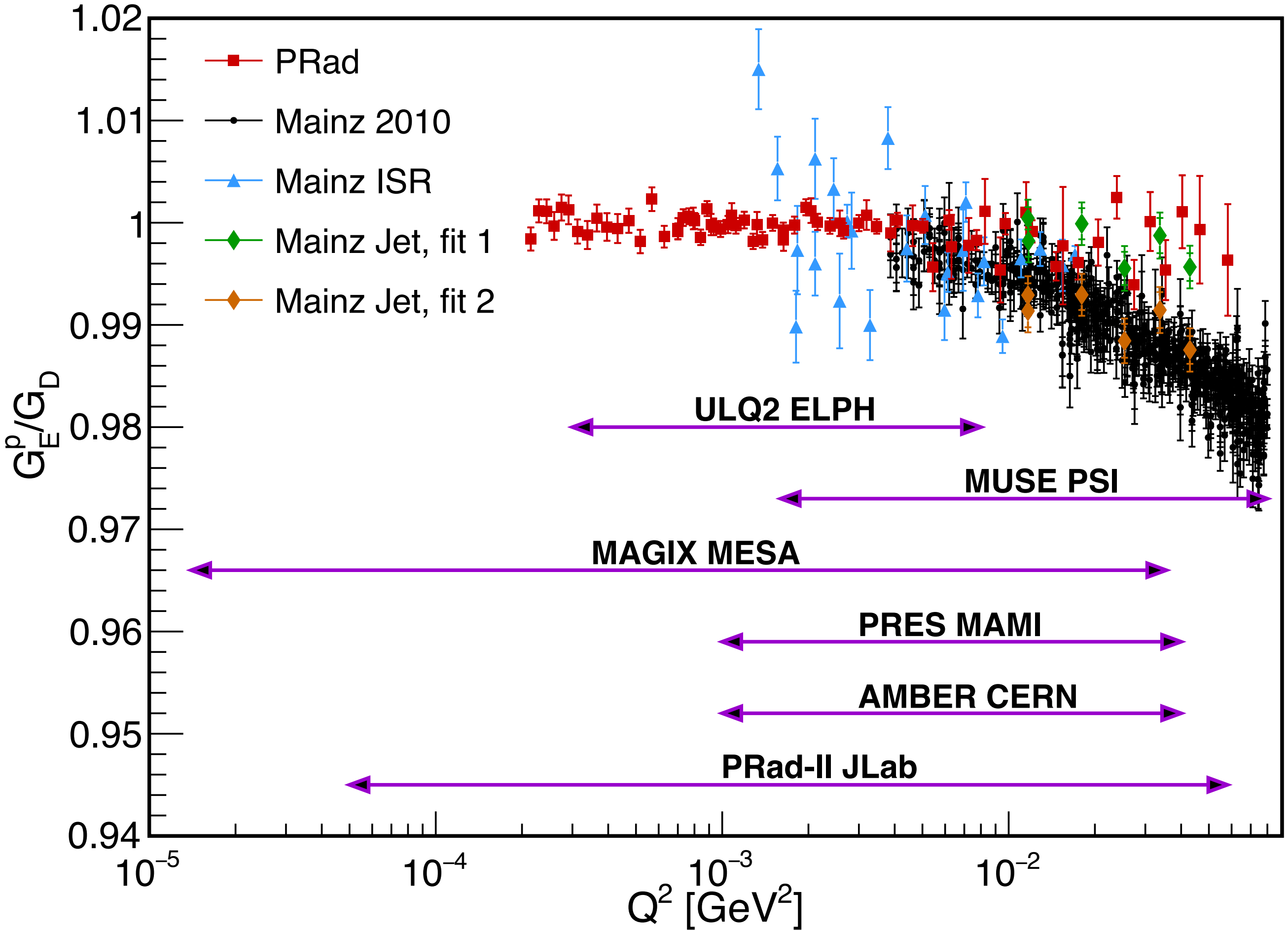
Inconsistent **electron-scattering** data

Inconsistent **hydrogen-spectroscopy** data

MUSE



MUSE is only low- Q^2 scattering experiment using e^\pm and μ^\pm beams



Beam	e^-	e^+	μ^-	μ^+	
Mainz 2010	✓				completed
PRad	✓				
Mainz ISR	✓				
Mainz Jet	✓				
MUSE PSI	✓	✓	✓	✓	ongoing
ULQ2 ELPH	✓				future
AMBER CERN			✓	✓	
MAGIX MESA	✓				
PRES MAMI	✓				
PRad-II JLab	✓				

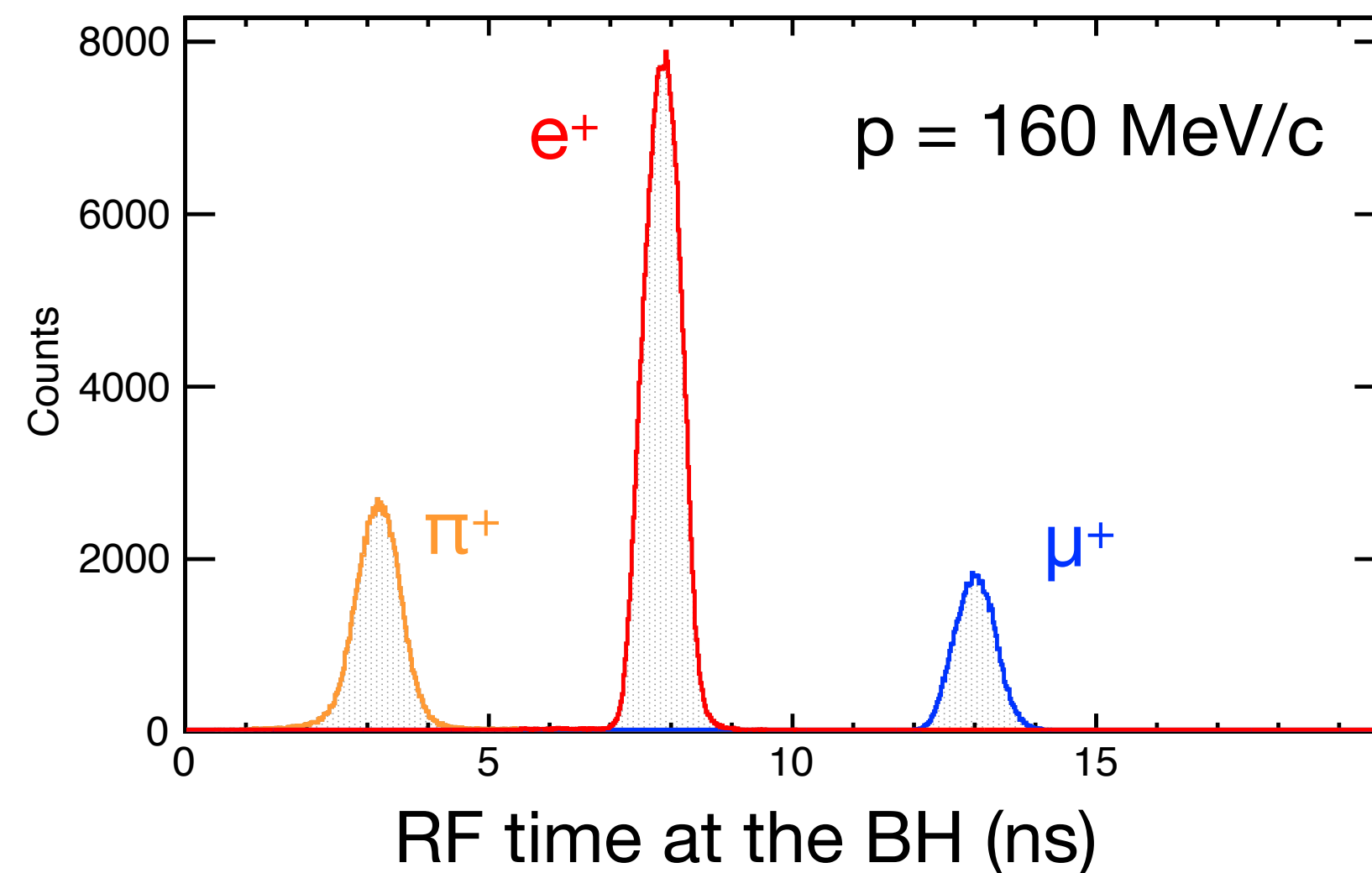
high-energy / small-angle experiments

Figure from W. Xiong and C. Peng, "Proton Electric Charge Radius from Lepton Scattering," Universe 9, no.4, 182 (2023), doi:10.3390/universe9040182, [arXiv:2302.13818 [nucl-ex]].

MUSE at the secondary beam line π M1 at PSI

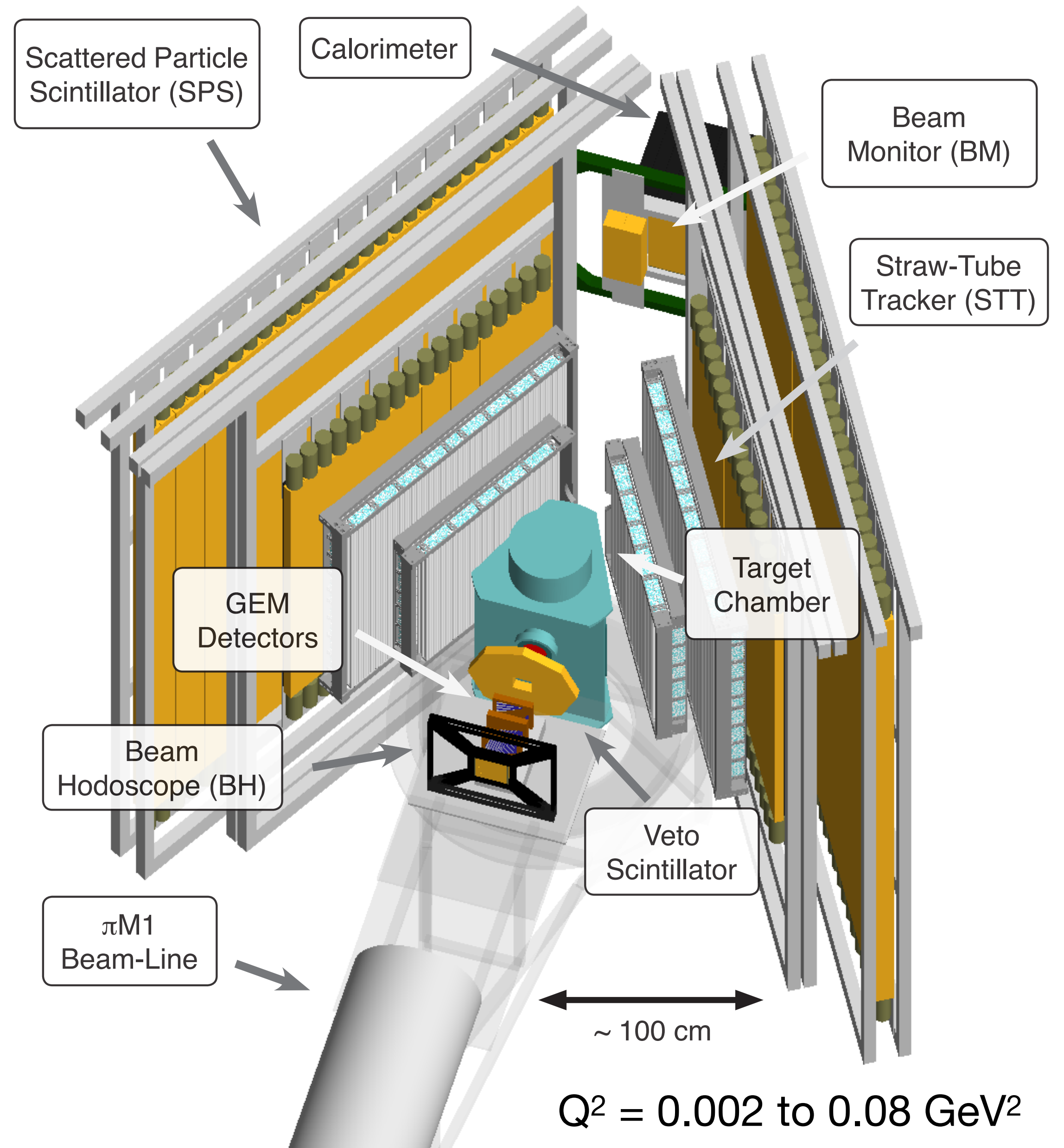
Beam

- 50 MHz RF (20 ns bunch separation)
- e, μ , π beams with large emittance
- Momenta: 115, 160, 210 MeV/c



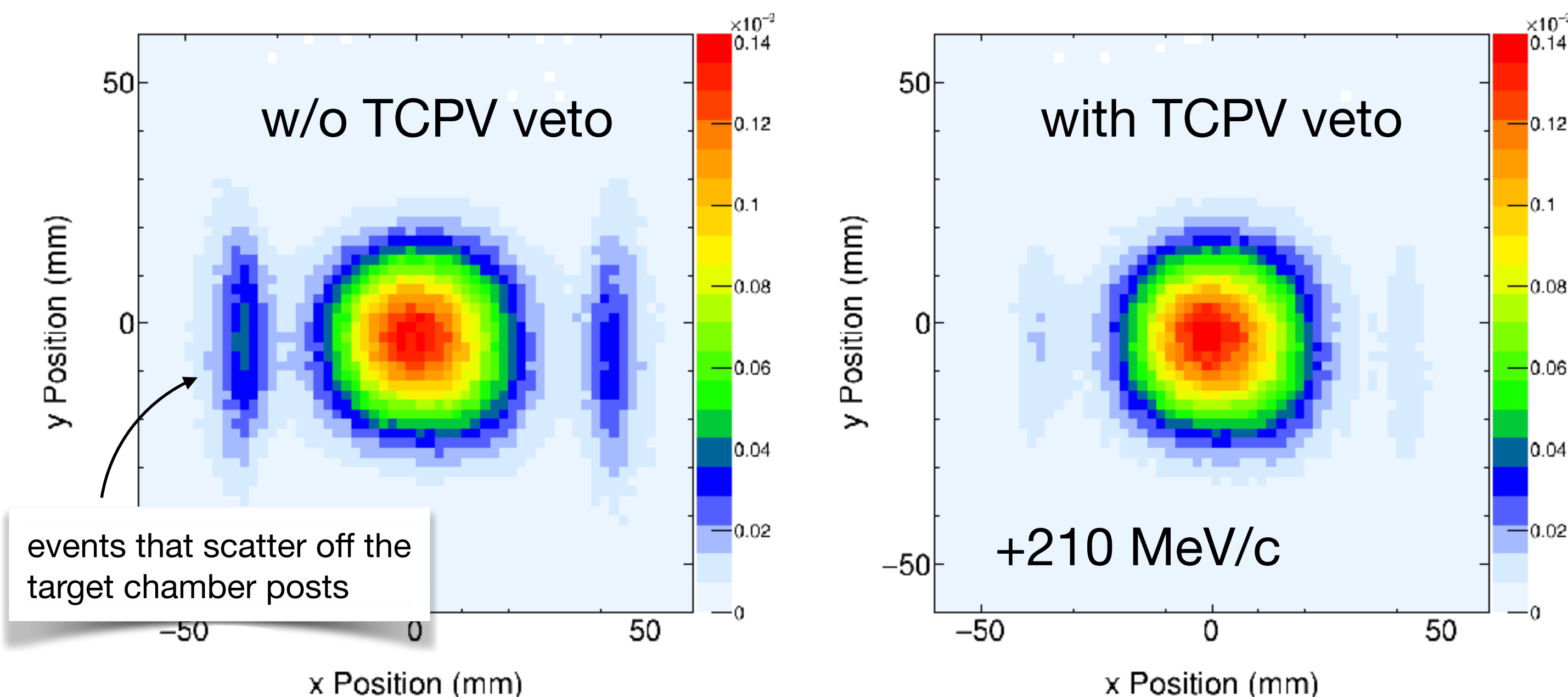
Beam line detectors

Scattered particle detectors

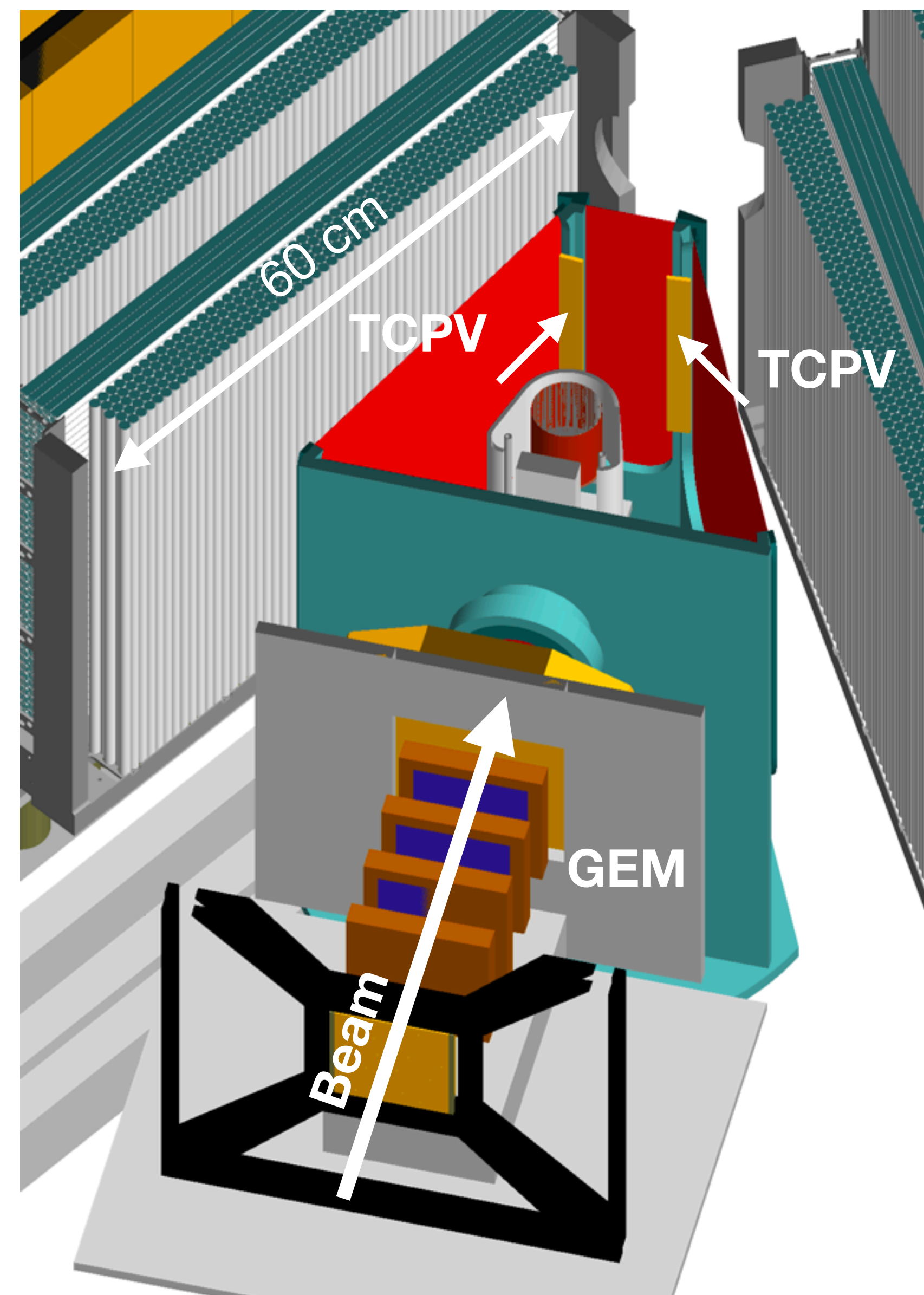


The Target Chamber Post Veto detectors help reducing the trigger rate from background events

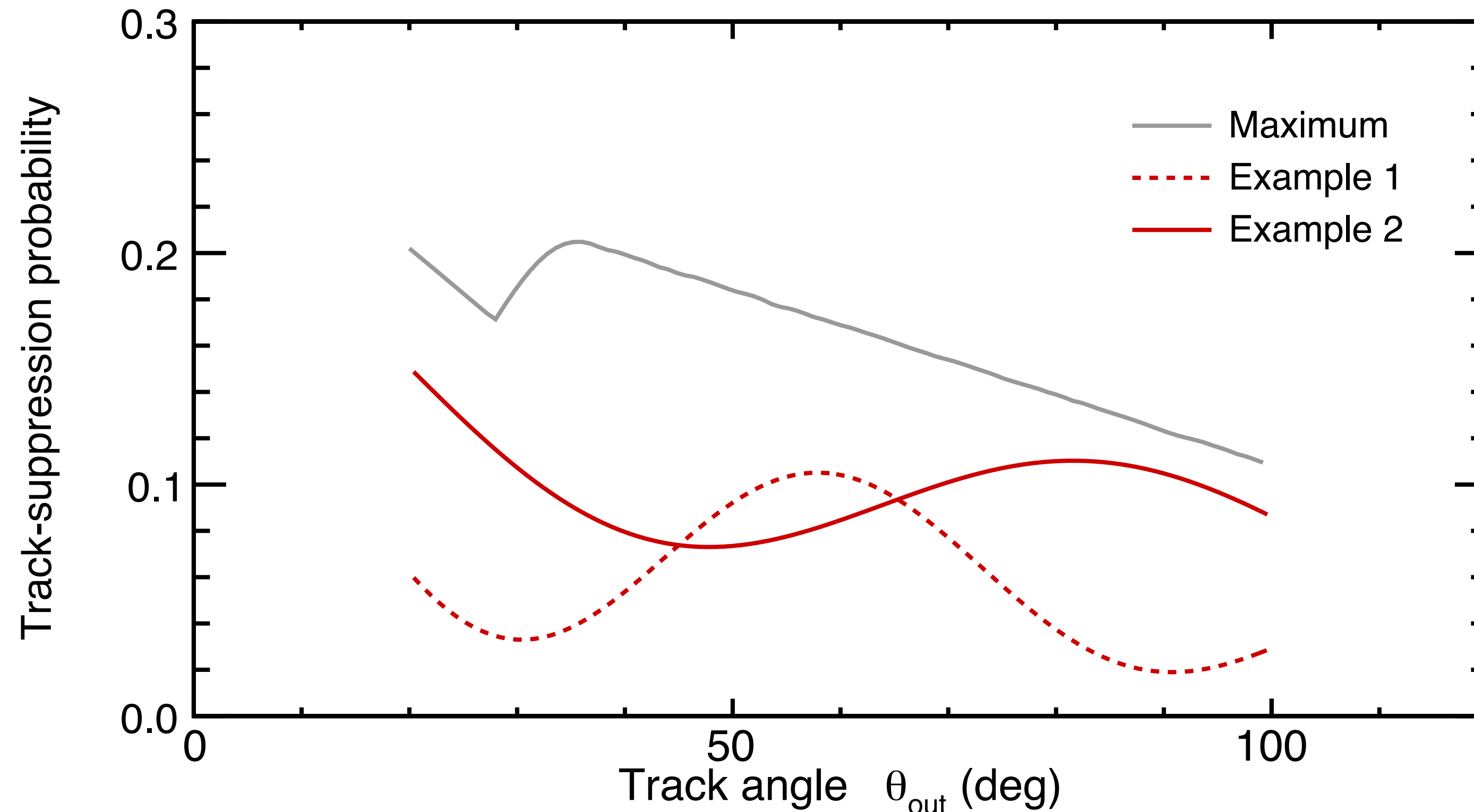
GEM tracked 210 MeV/c beam particles that trigger the DAQ readout



The **in-chamber** readout of the SiPM detectors was first employed during the 2024 beam time and resulted in superior data quality compared to the optical fibers readout.



MUSE data analysis is blinded: Tracked particles are suppressed in the analysis chain



Suppress track with track angle θ_{out} if

$$20 \% (A_i + 0.3 \cos B_i \theta_{out}) \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} \theta_{out}\right) > R,$$

where $0 \leq R \leq 1$ is a uniformly distributed variable chosen pseudorandomly for each event, and $0.25 \leq A_i \leq 1$, $3 \leq B_i \leq 10$, $i = 1, \dots, 36$.

\Rightarrow minimally biased analysis

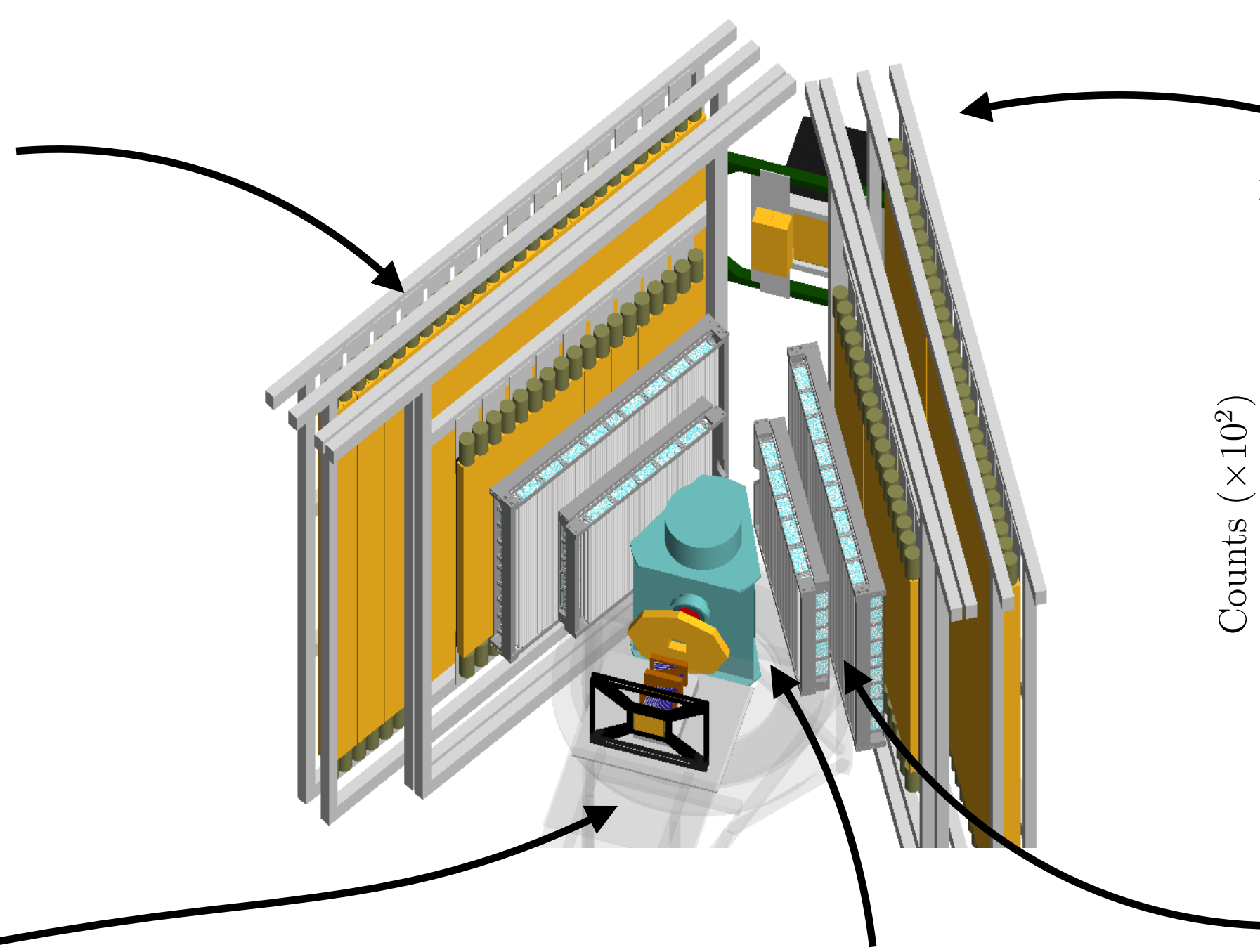
Differently encrypted for data 36 groups

$(e, \mu, \pi) \times (+, -) \times (115, 160, 210 \text{ MeV}/c) \times (\text{data}, \text{MC})$

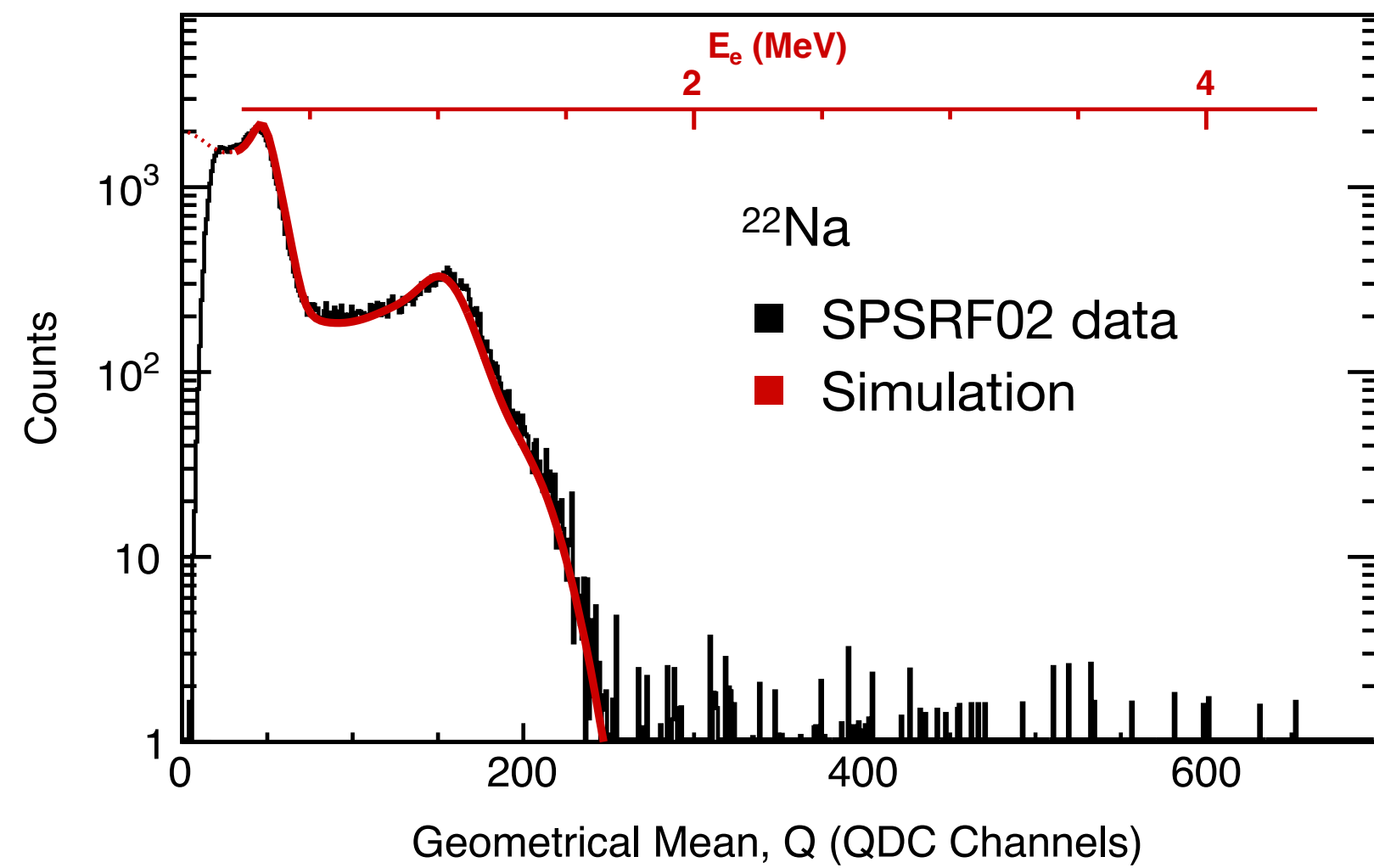
Effect of blinding can be larger or smaller than one for ratios, e.g., $x(\text{data}) / x(\text{MC})$

Detector calibrations are unaffected by blinding

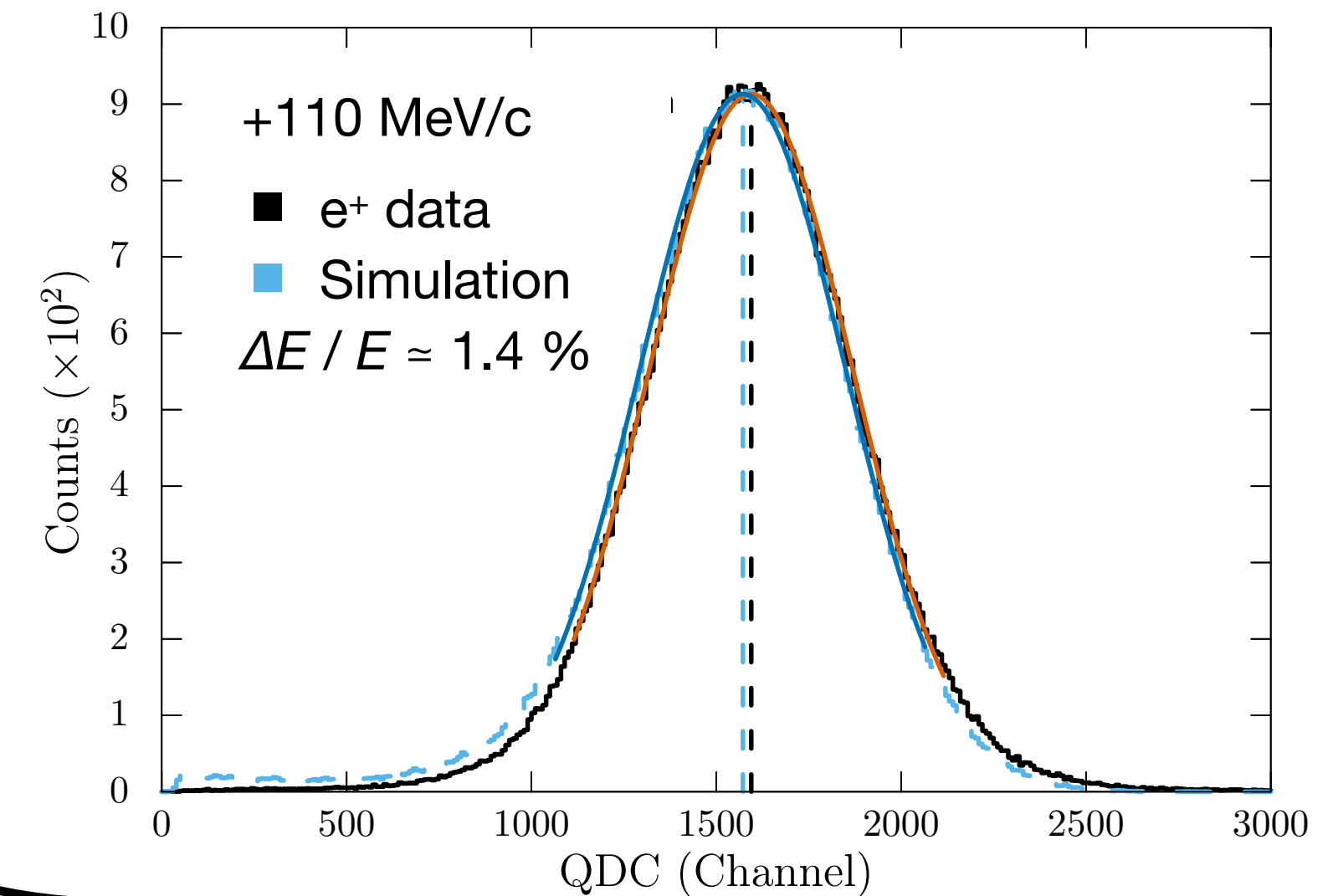
Examples of preliminary results



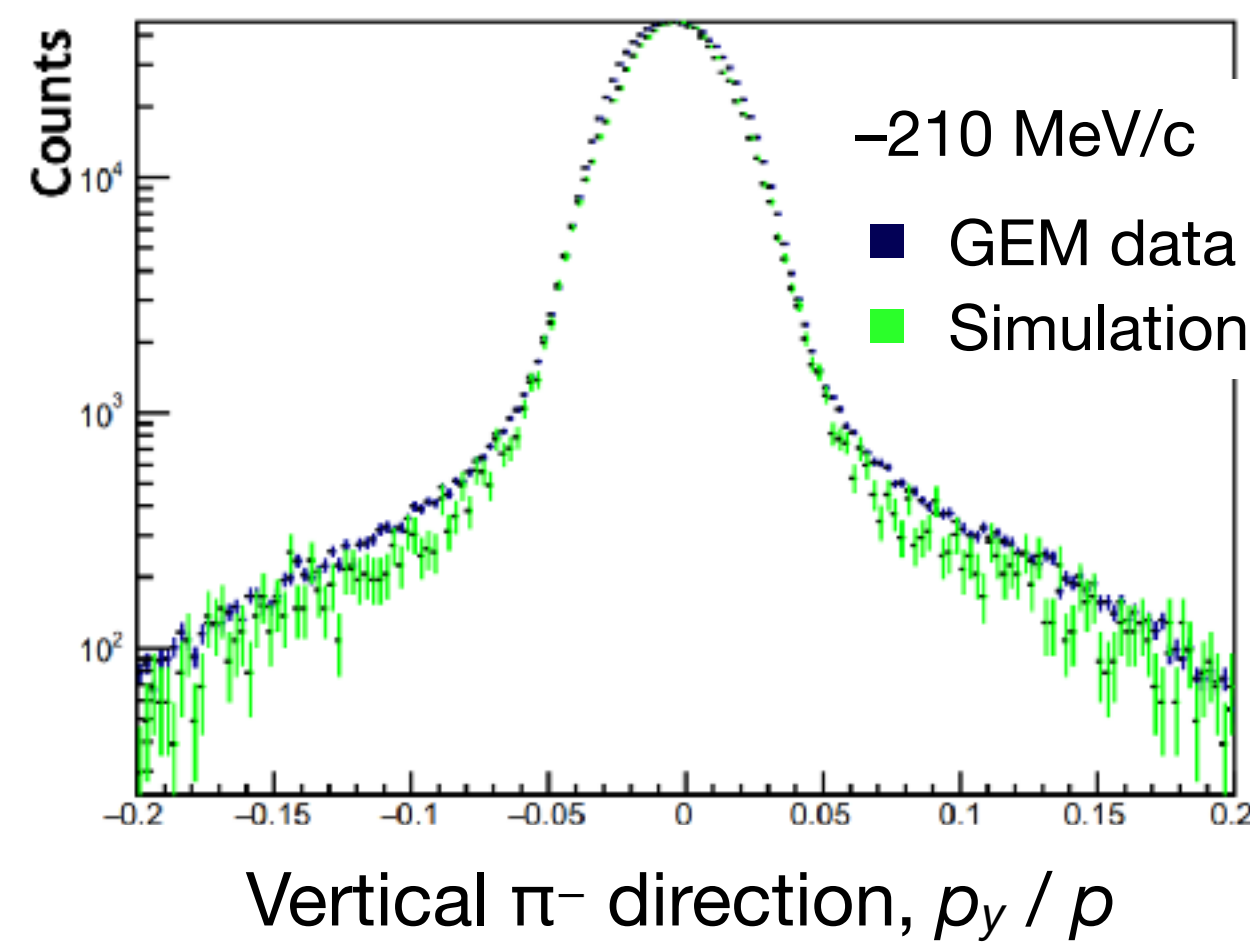
Scintillation detector calibration



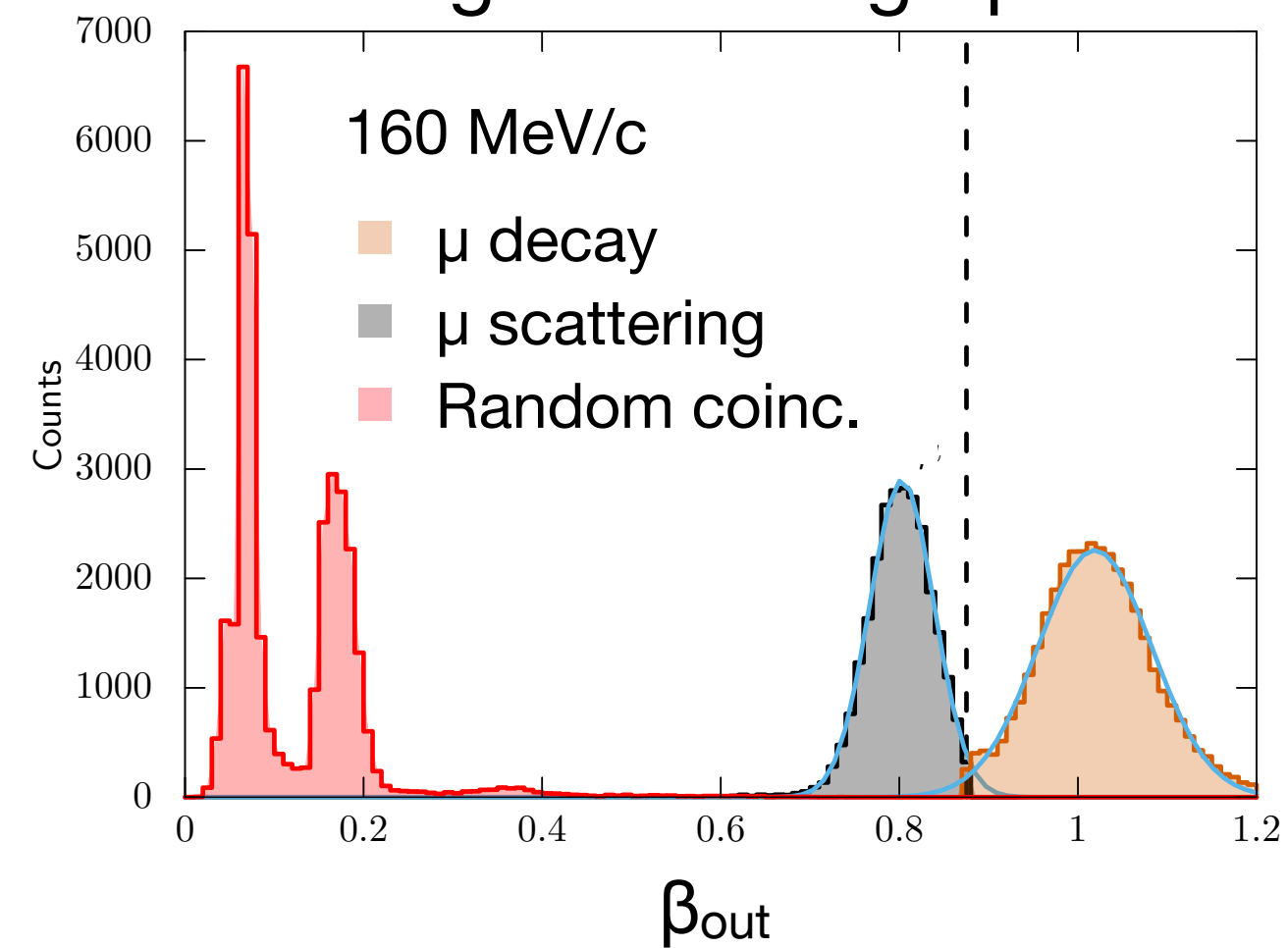
Calorimeter calibration



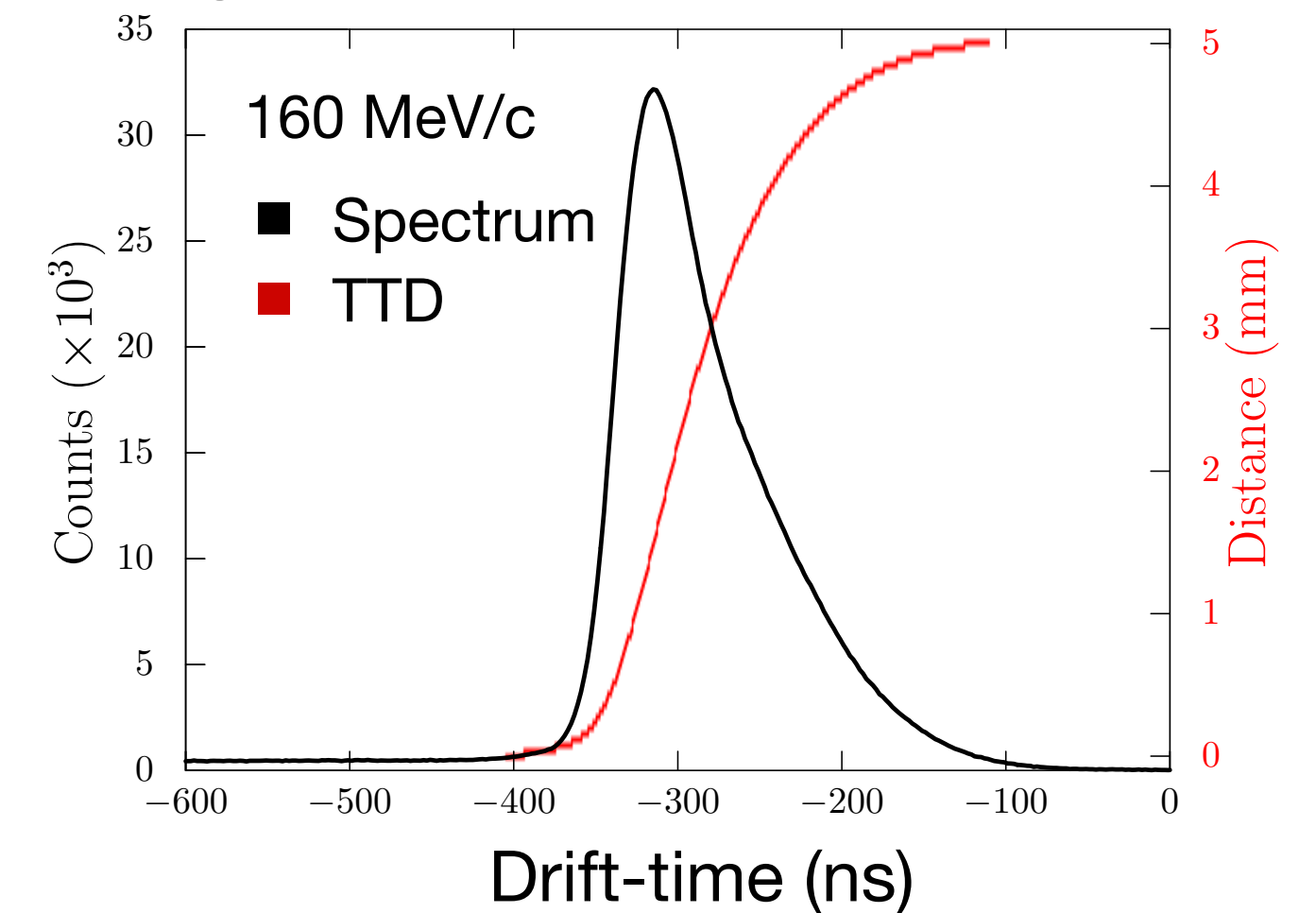
Beam characterization



Tracking and timing optimization

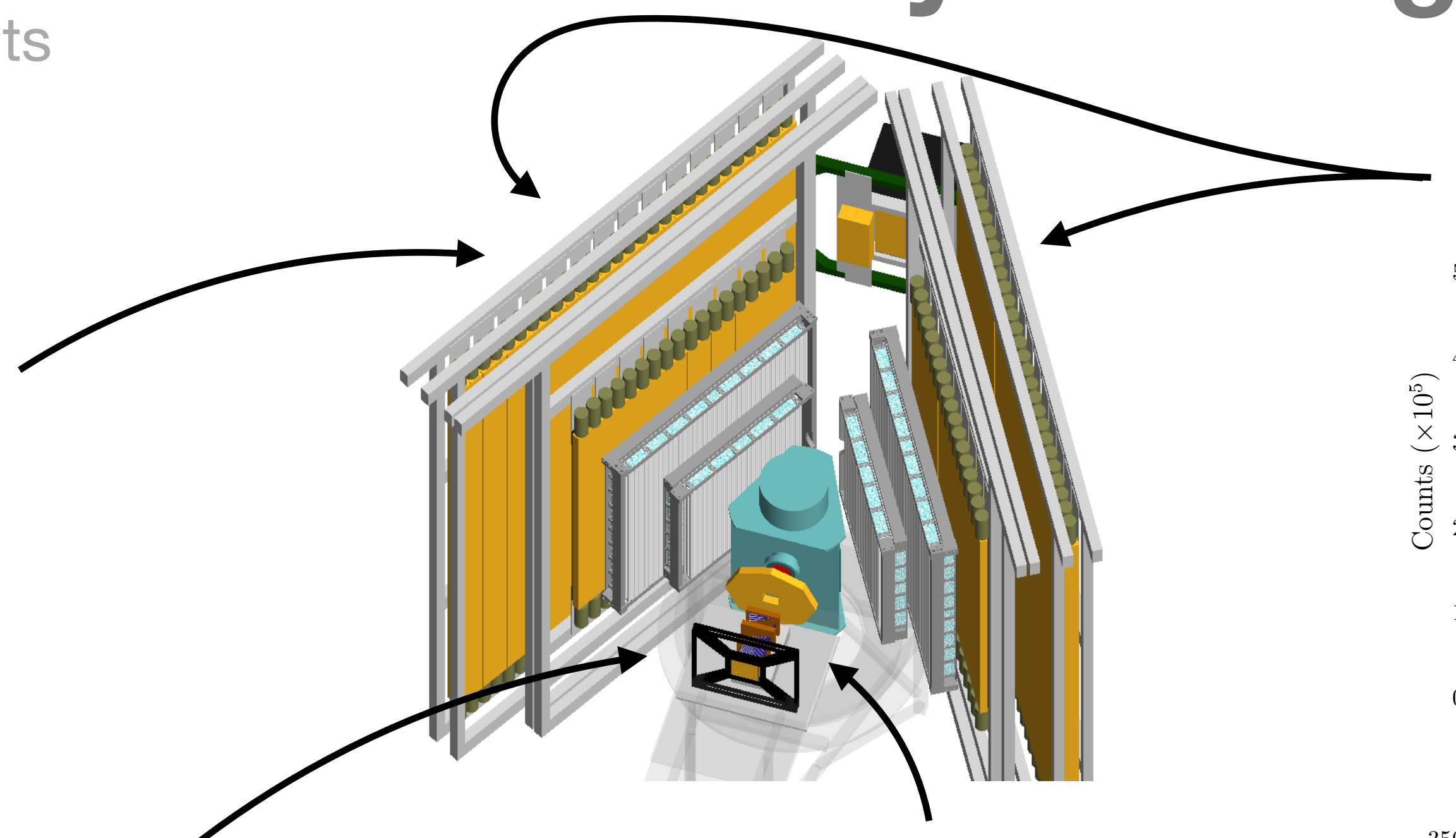


STT calibration

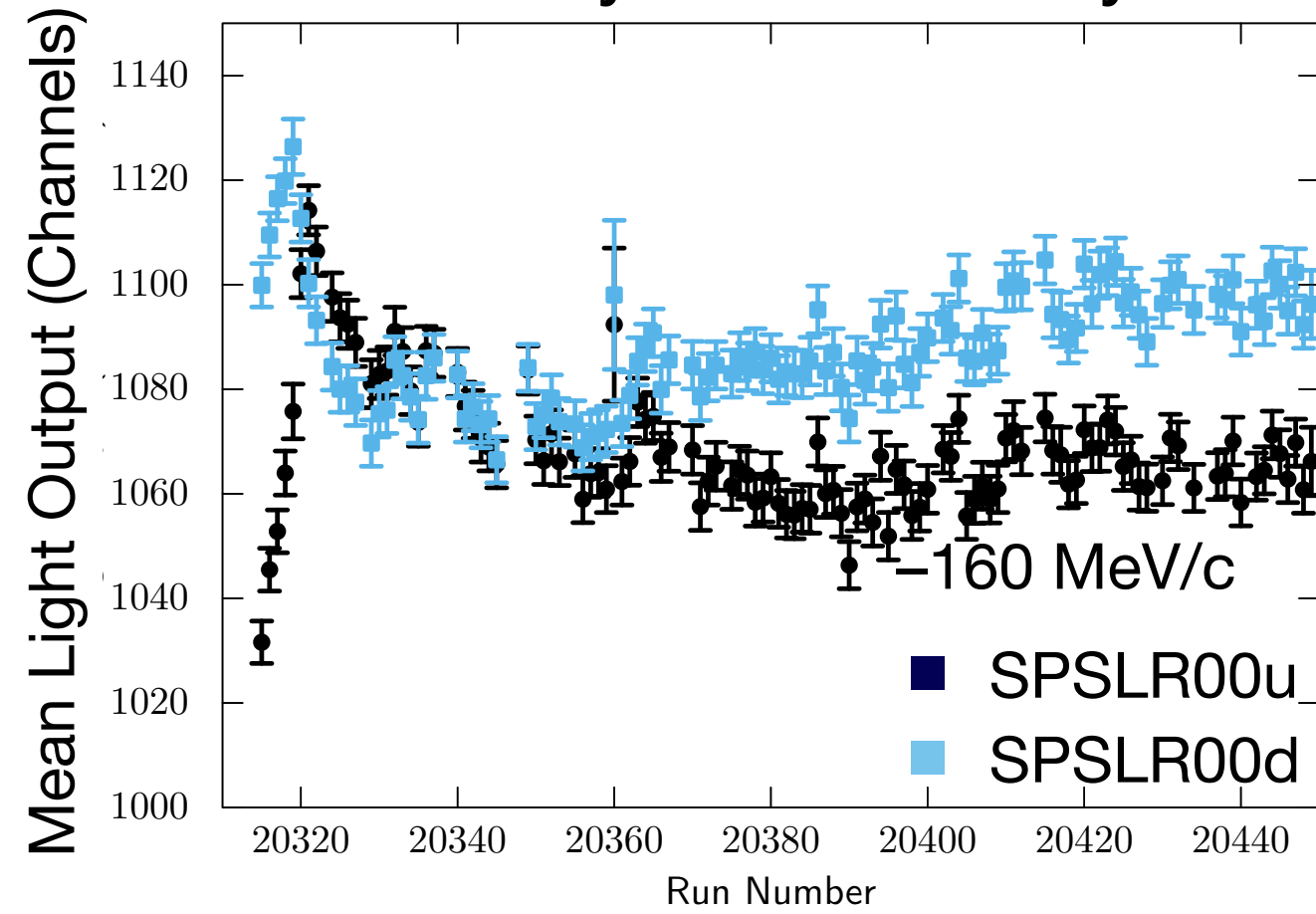


Quality tests are unaffected by blinding

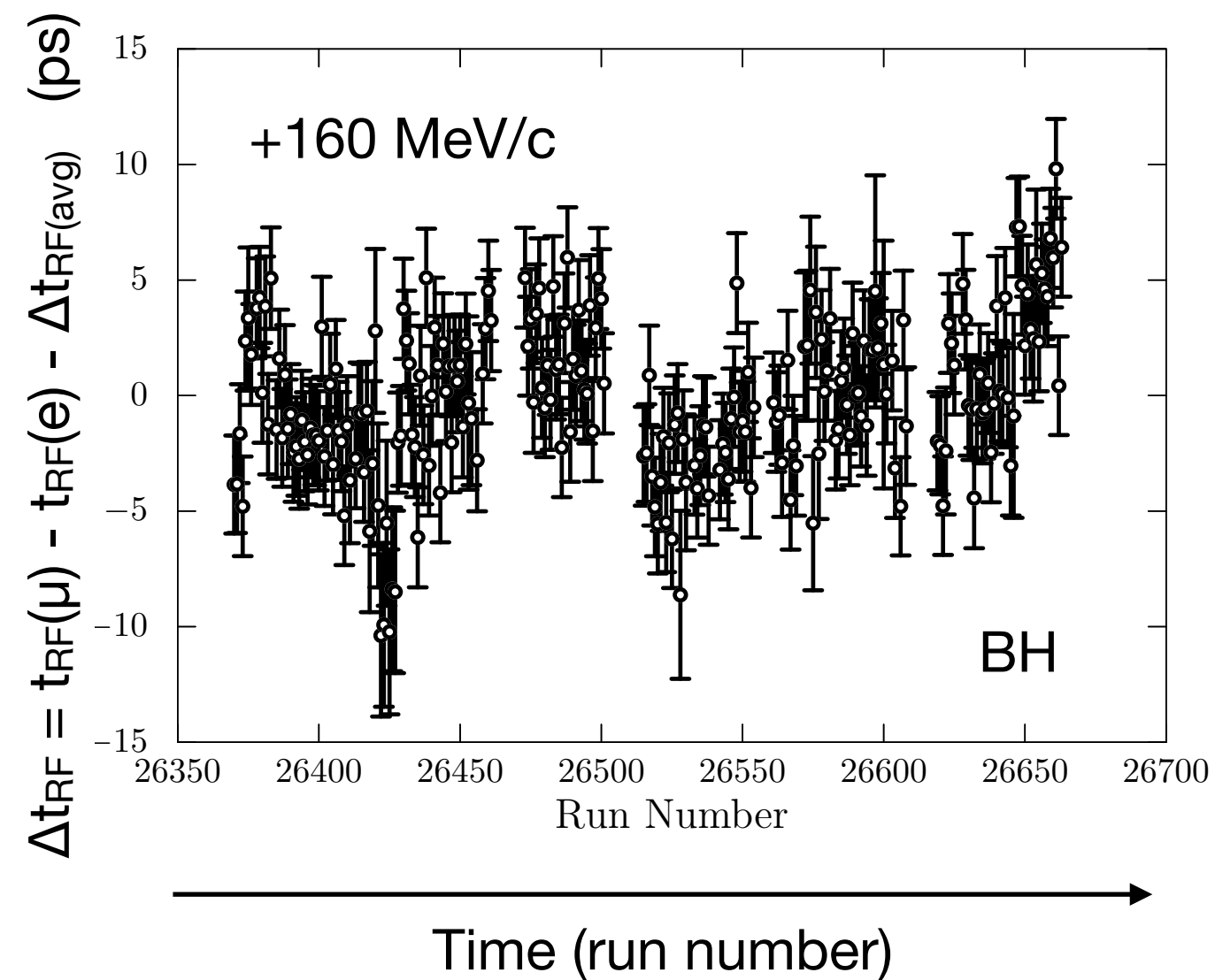
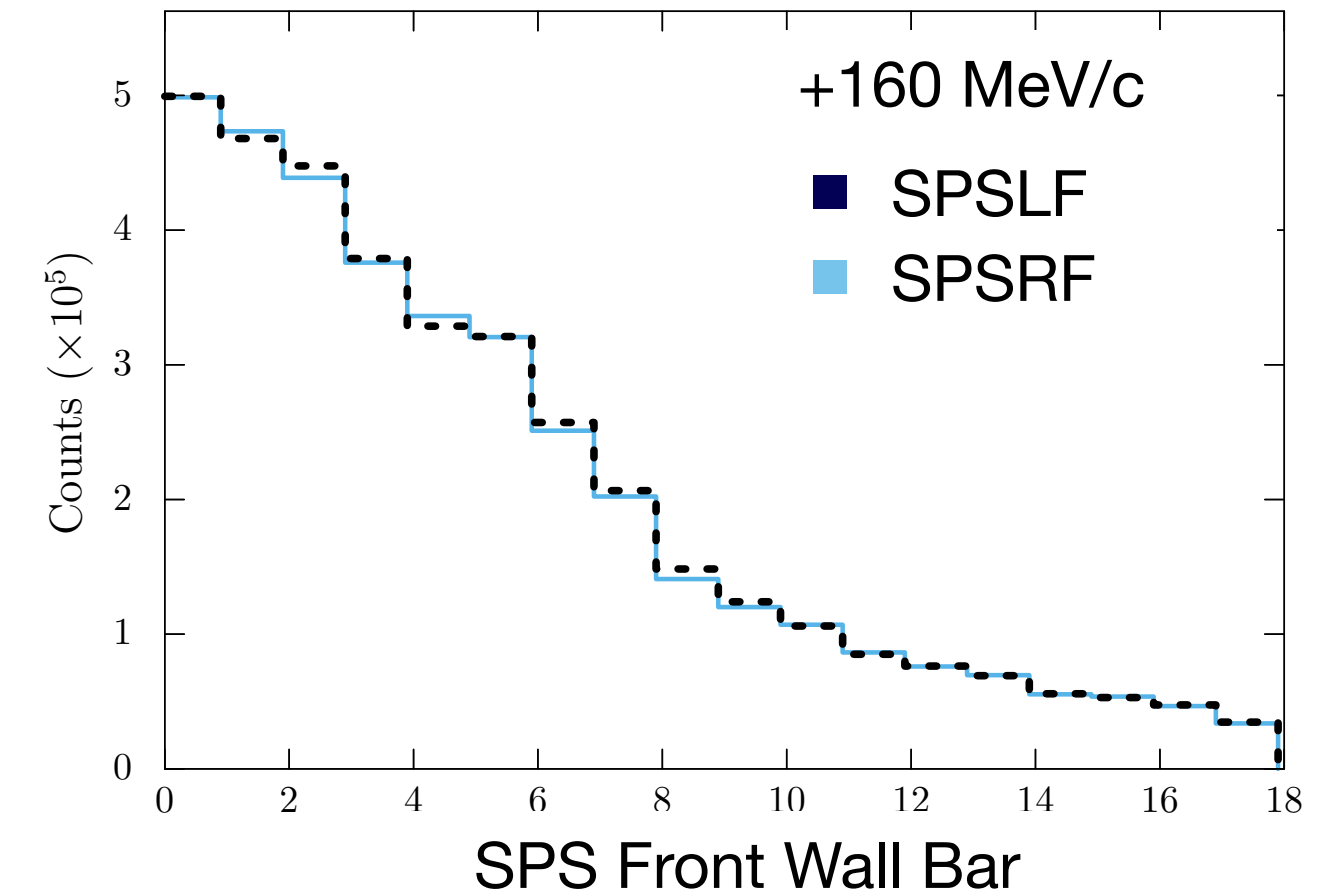
Examples of preliminary results



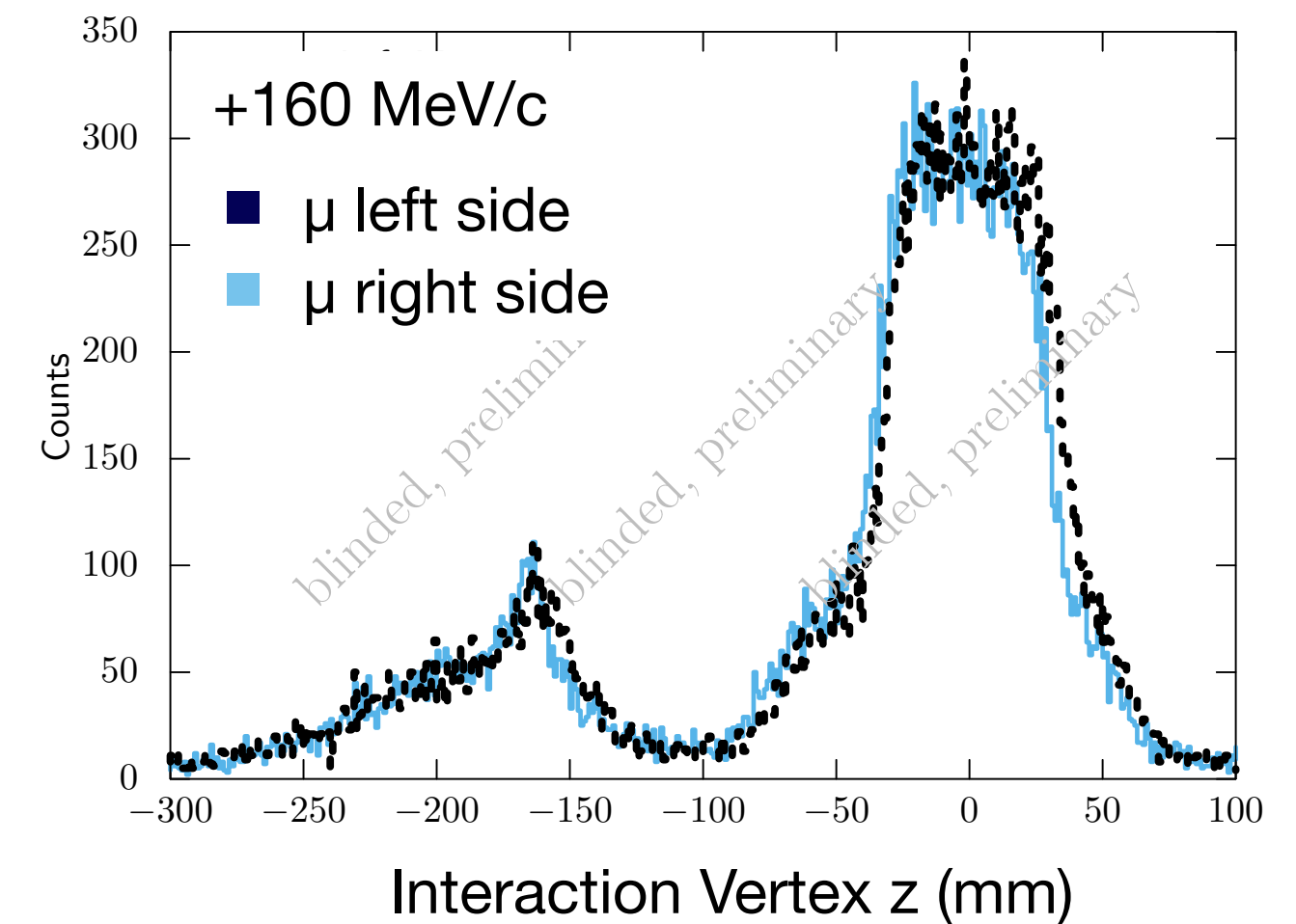
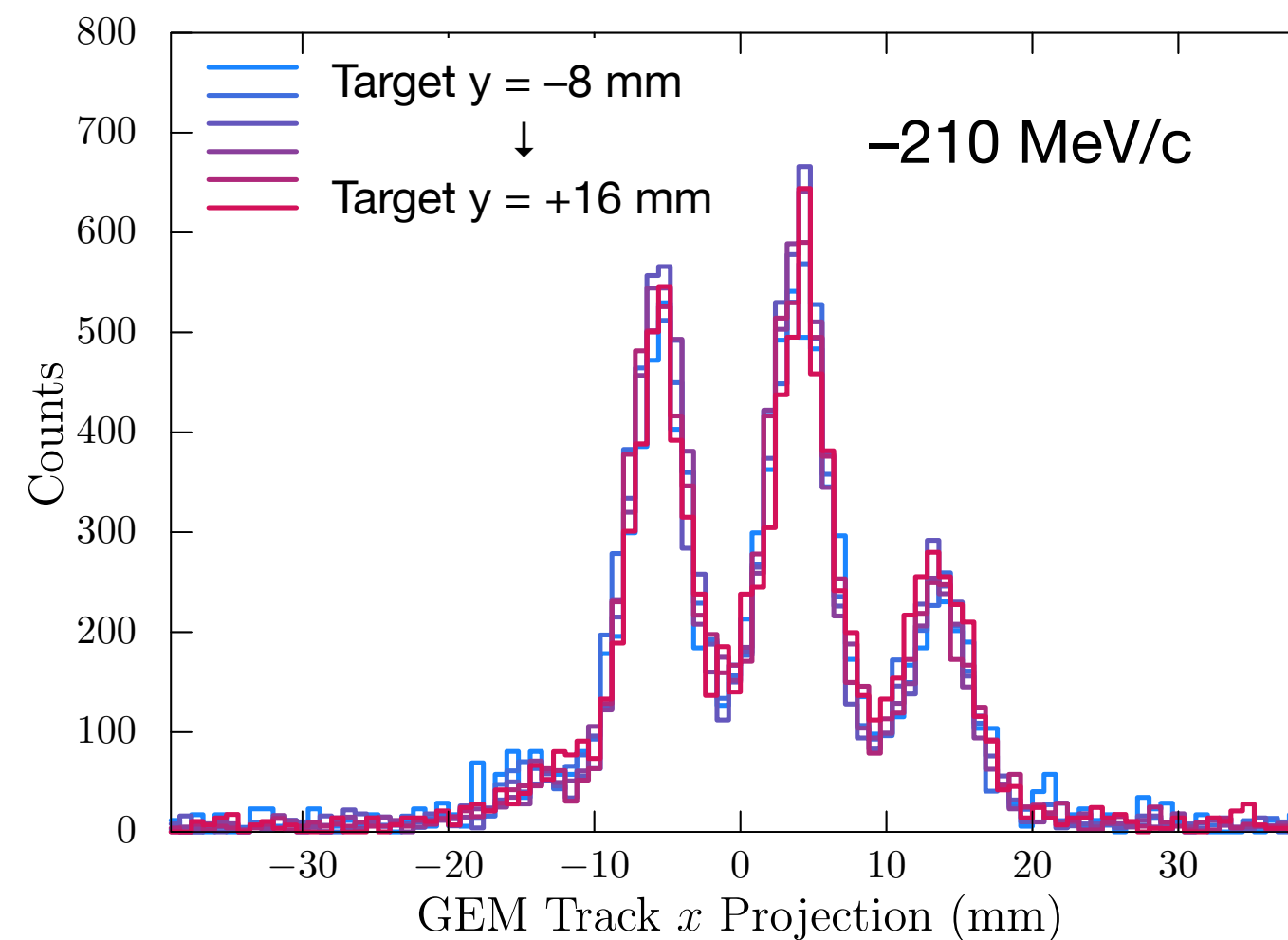
Tests of system stability



Left/Right asymmetry



Tracking and geometry tests



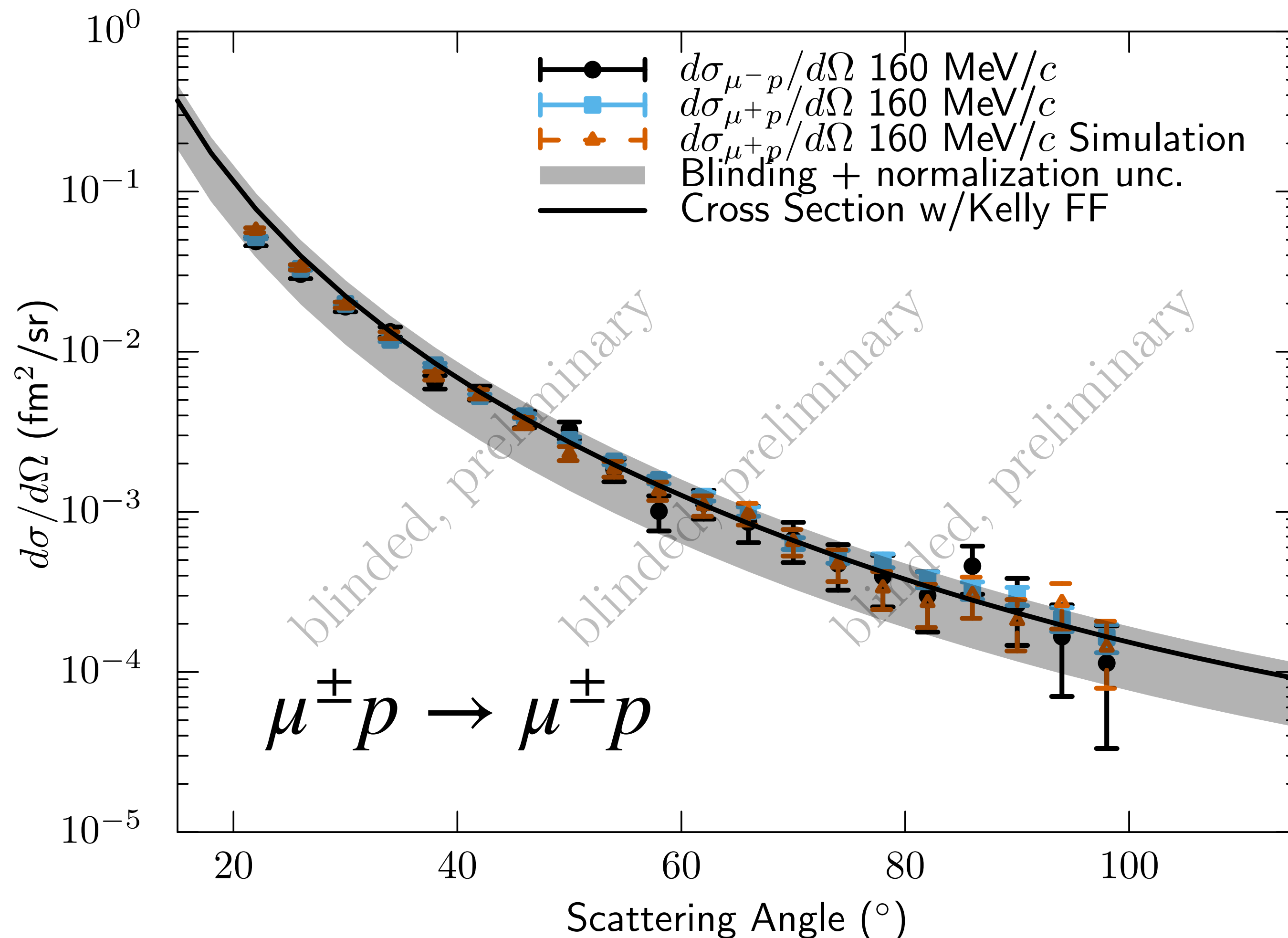
Surveyed detector positions are not yet fully included in the analysis and lead to offsets in the reconstructed tracks.

Order and time-frame of tests prior to unblinding our primary lepton scattering physics

Order	Tests of data quality, MC, and analysis techniques	Blinding	Year
1.1	Stability and direct comparison of basic scintillator and calorimeter responses with MC simulations	blinded	2026
1.2	Efficient and precise track reconstruction (GEM-STT straight through tracks, and scattering vertices using rod and production targets)	blinded	2026
1.3	Verification of physics model, geometry, beam characteristics, and trigger digitization in the MC	blinded	2026
2	Verify φ independence: direct comparison of quantities using <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • left and right sides of the experiment • up and down halves of the experiment 	blinded	2027
3	Verify results independent of analysis procedures and cuts	blinded	2027
4	Determination of pion -scattering cross sections	π -data unblinded	2027+
5	Determination of muon -decay distributions	μ -data unblinded	2027+

Expected uncertainties of MUSE proton charge-radius extraction

Blinded, preliminary analysis of 2023 $\mu^\pm p$ scattering data



What is the radius?

Absolute values of extracted e/ μ radii (assuming no +/- difference seen):

$$\sigma(r_e), \sigma(r_\mu) \approx 0.008 \text{ fm}$$

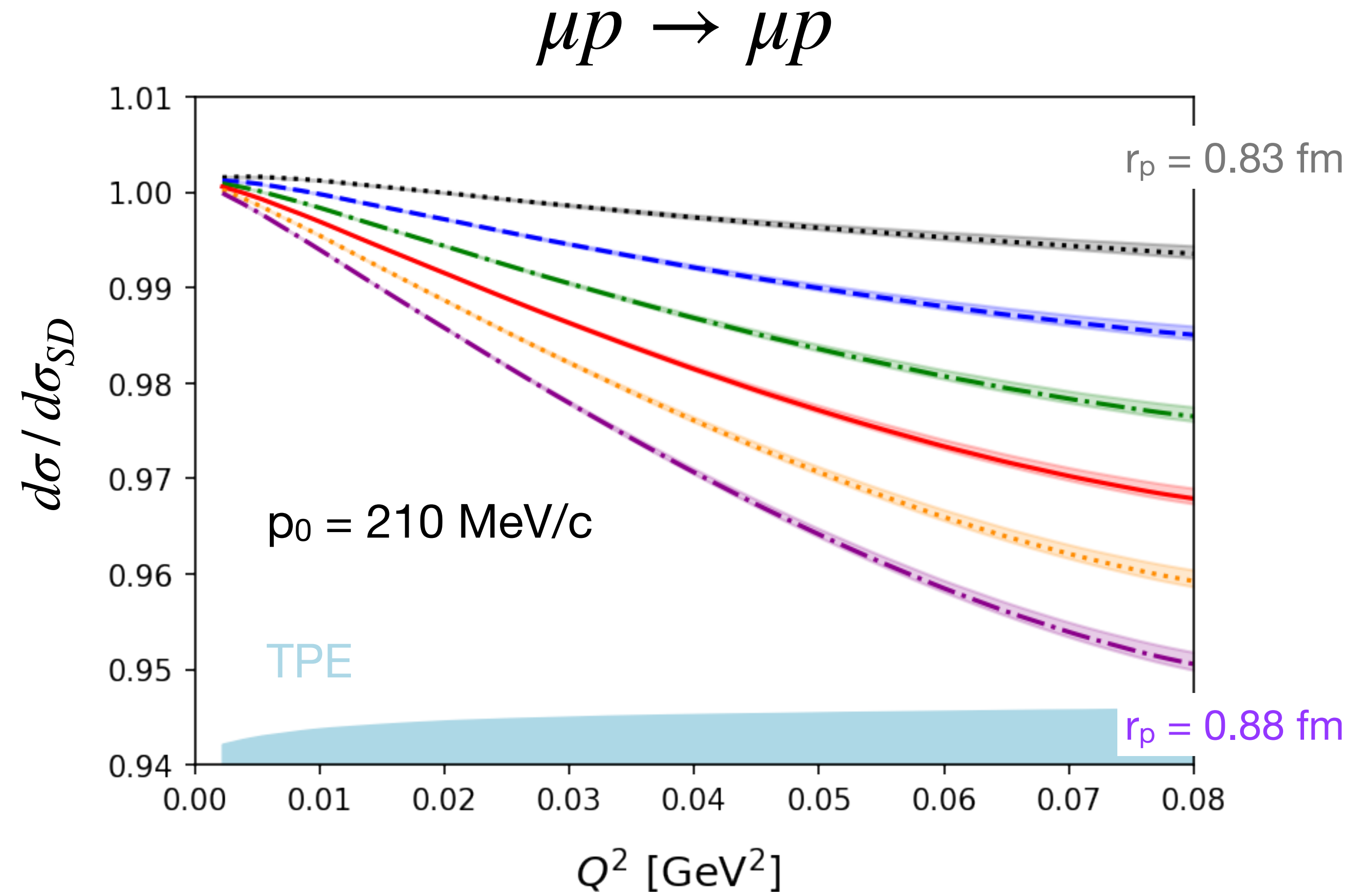
Are the r_e and r_μ radii different?

The most sensitive test is a **direct comparison of $G_E(Q^2)$** from ep and μp scattering.

Comparisons of **e to μ** or of **positive to negative** data are insensitive to many of the systematics.

Dispersively improved chiral effective field theory shows sensitivity of the μp cross section to the proton charge radius

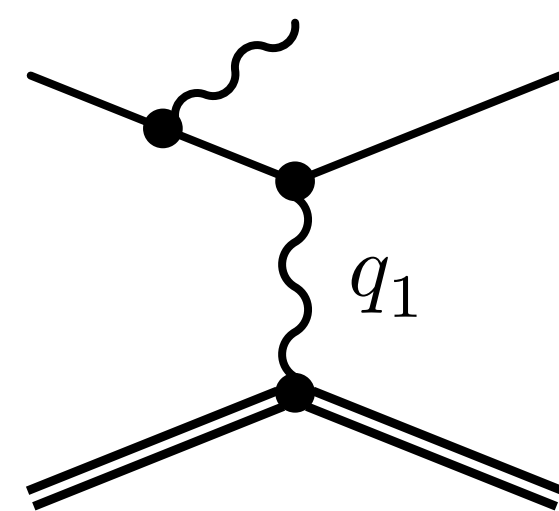
- A 0.01 fm change in radius corresponds to about 0.9 % change in cross section.
- Good control of systematic uncertainties is required to achieve the goal of the experiment.
- **Radiative corrections** are the largest contributor to systematic uncertainties in MUSE.



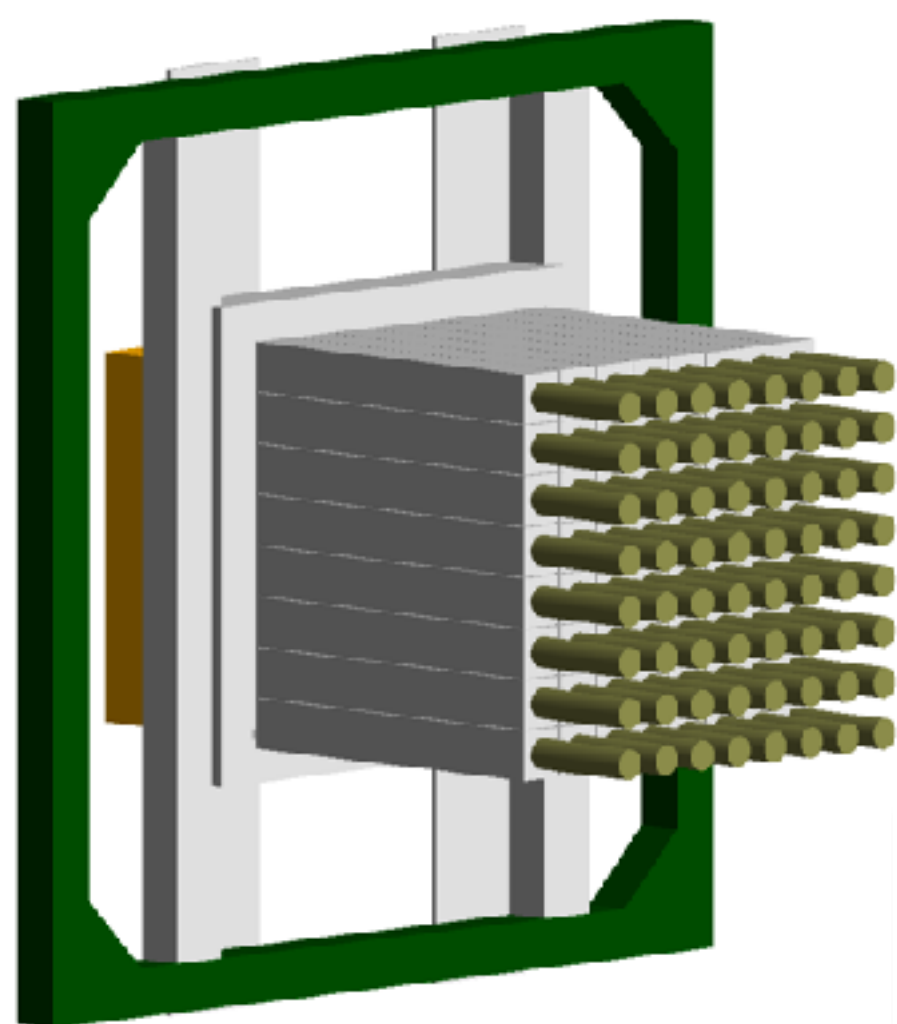
$ep \rightarrow e'p\gamma$ and $\mu p \rightarrow \mu'p\gamma$ cross sections in MUSE

kinematics – study of radiative corrections

Initial-state radiation detectable by the downstream calorimeter

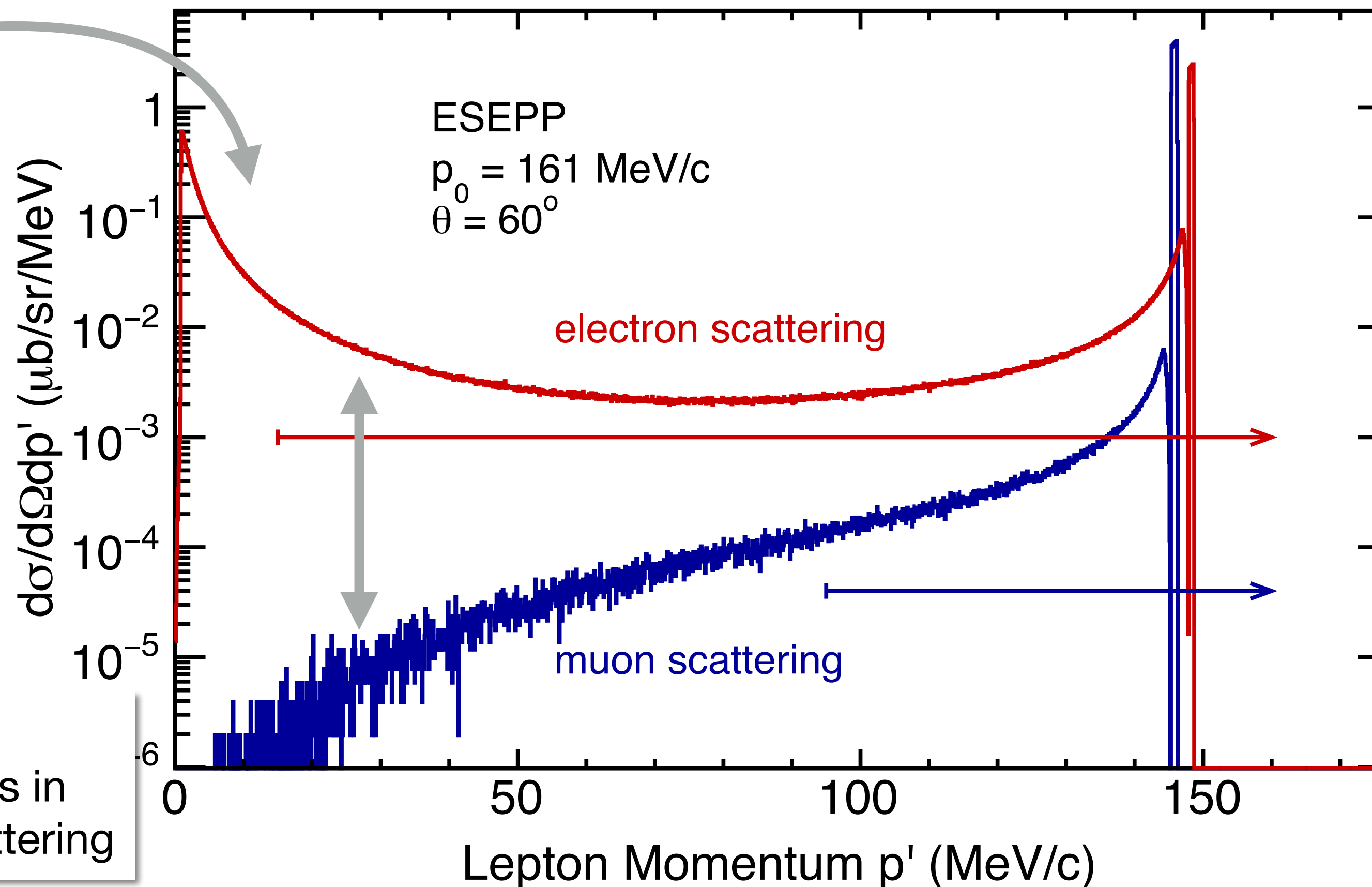


γ - beam



Very different radiative effects in ep and μp scattering

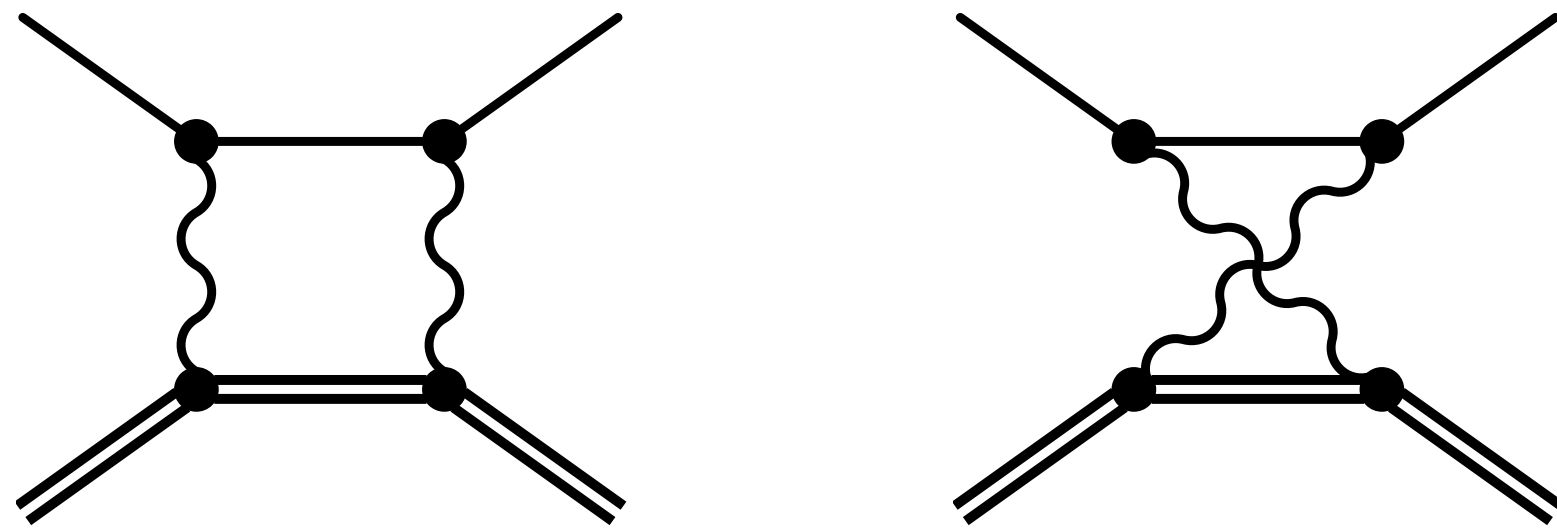
MUSE will integrate over a large momentum range.



64 lead-glass crystals (4 cm x 4 cm x 30 cm)

L. Li et al. (MUSE Collaboration), Eur. Phys. J. A 60:8 (2024)

MUSE allows the study of two-photon exchange



MUSE covers wide ε range, at small values of Q^2
 Projected systematic uncertainties: 0.1% in $\delta_{2\gamma}$.

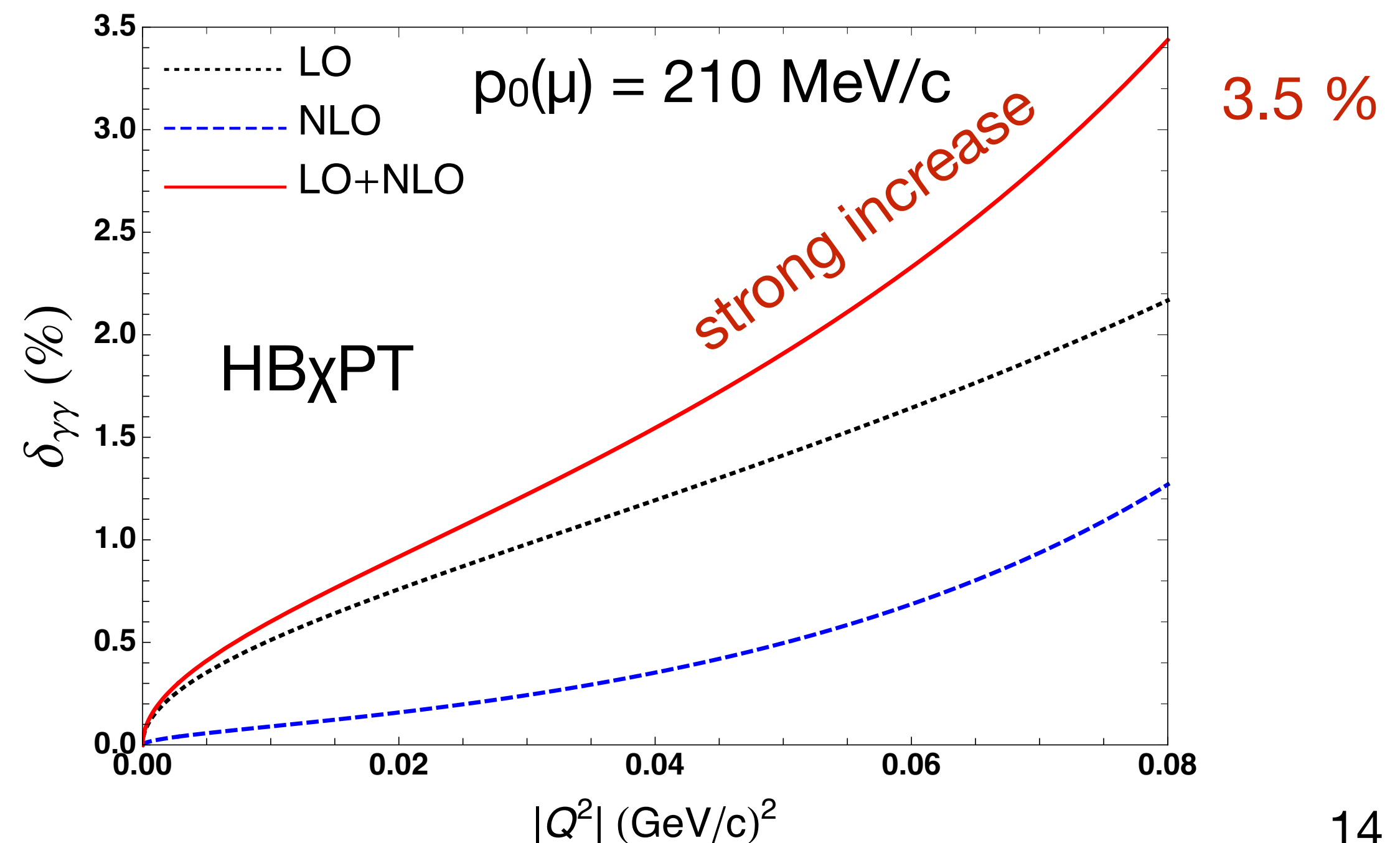
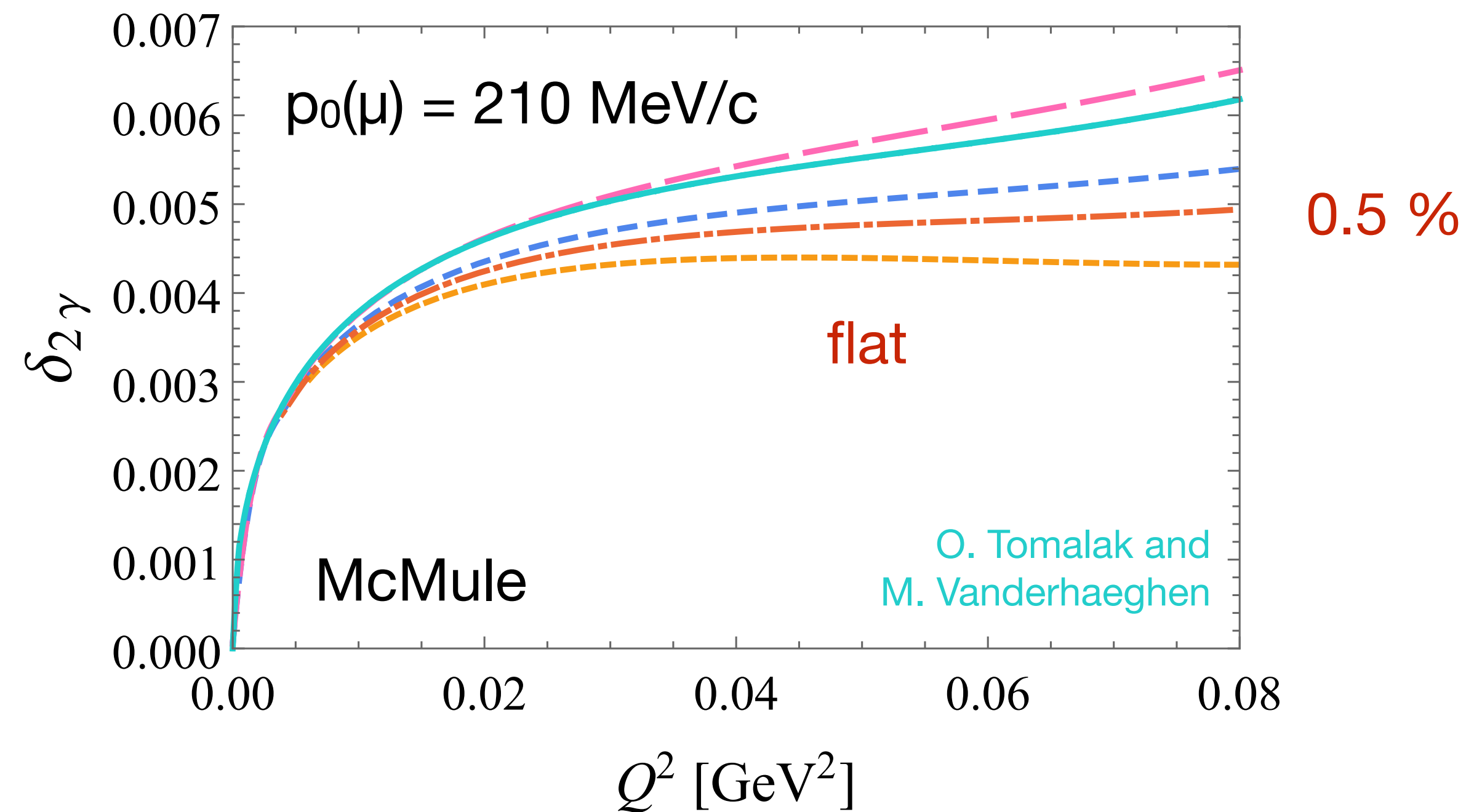
MUSE TDR, arXiv:1709.09753 [physics.ins-det].

TPE correction at leading order, $\delta_{2\gamma}$

$$\sigma^\pm = \sigma_{1\gamma}(1 \pm \delta_{2\gamma})$$

$$\frac{\sigma^+}{\sigma^-} \approx 1 + 2\delta_{2\gamma}$$

Oleksandr Tomalak, Few-Body Systems, 59, 87 (2018)
 T. Engel, et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 59, 253 (2023) - McMule
 P. Choudhary, et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 60, 69 (2024) - HB χ PT



Beam-time Request and Outlook

MUSE requests **6 months of beam time in 2025** at PiM1.

With the 2025 beam time, MUSE will achieve its statistics goals to provide valuable insights into the proton charge radius puzzle:

- the **comparison between ep and μp** (cross section, form factor, radius) will be a direct test for lepton-universality violation and any related new physics;
- ep and μp comparison and the photon calorimeter can test **radiative corrections**;
- the use of both positive and negative polarities allows the study of **two-photon exchange** mechanisms.

Year	Events
2023	3×10^9
2024	6×10^9
2025 anticipated	6×10^9
Goal	15×10^9