

# The Muon Scattering Experiment (MUSE) at PSI

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# Outline

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- The Proton Radius Puzzle: A  $>7\sigma$  discrepancy
- Lepton universality
- Two-photon exchange
  
- The MUSE experiment
  - Sensitivity
  - Overview
  - Status

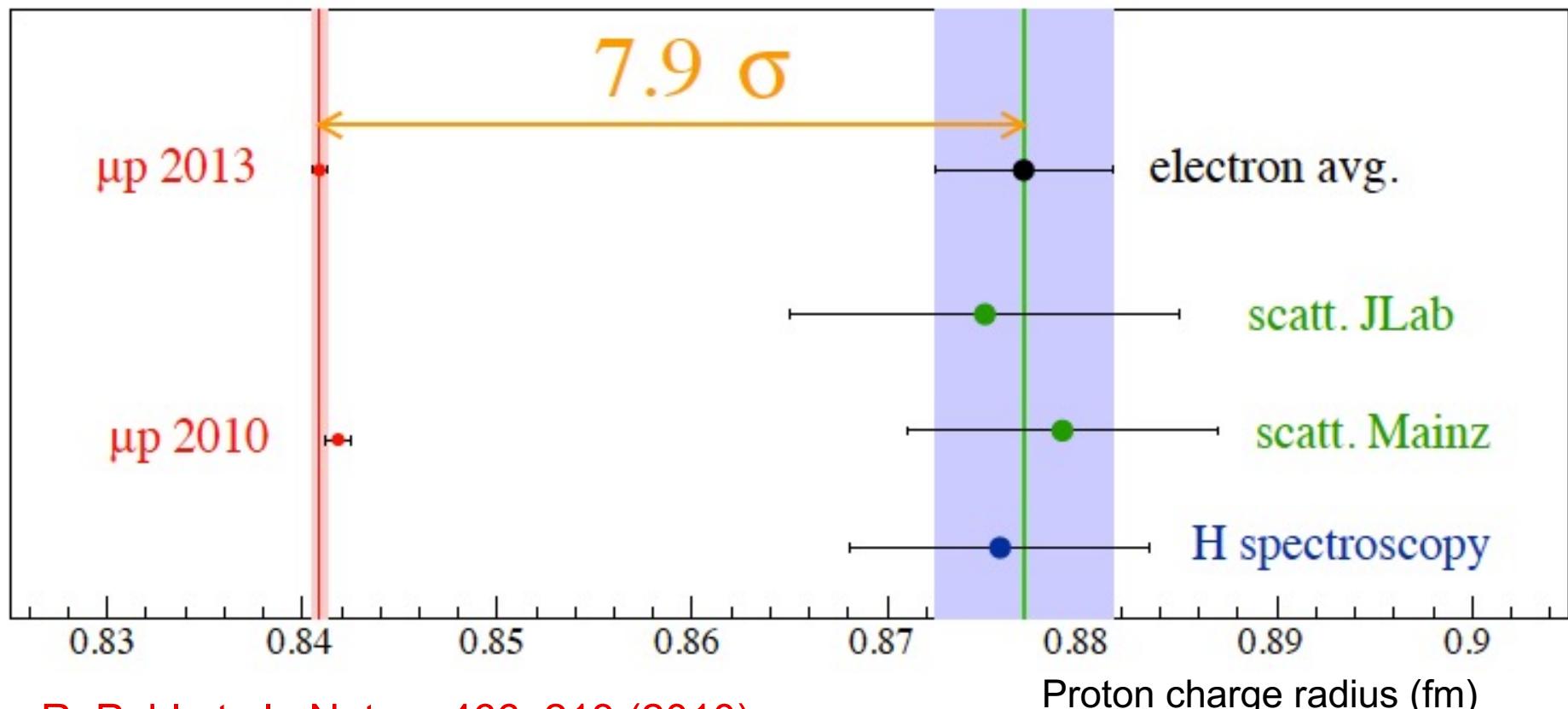


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R. Pohl et al., Nature 466, 213 (2010)

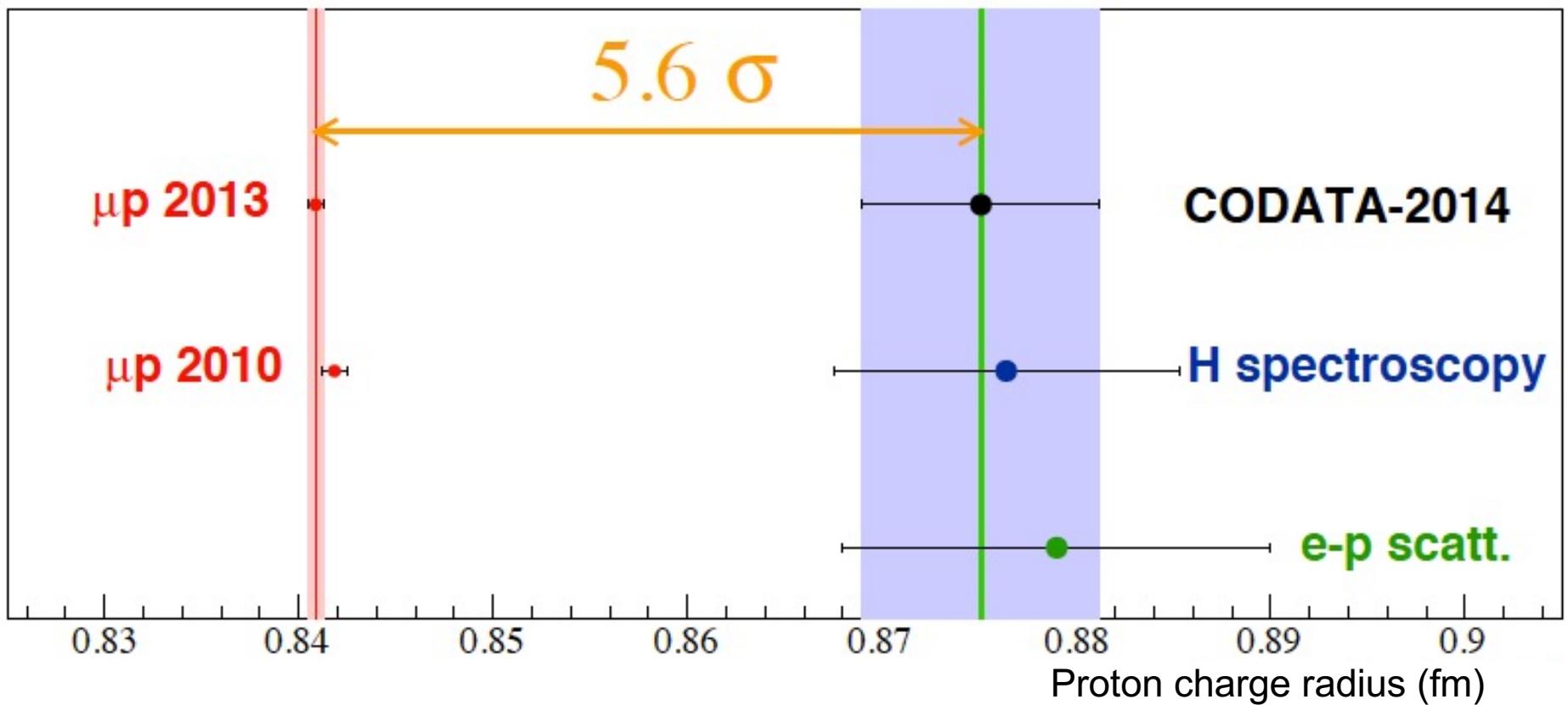
A. Antognini et al., Science 339, 417 (2013)

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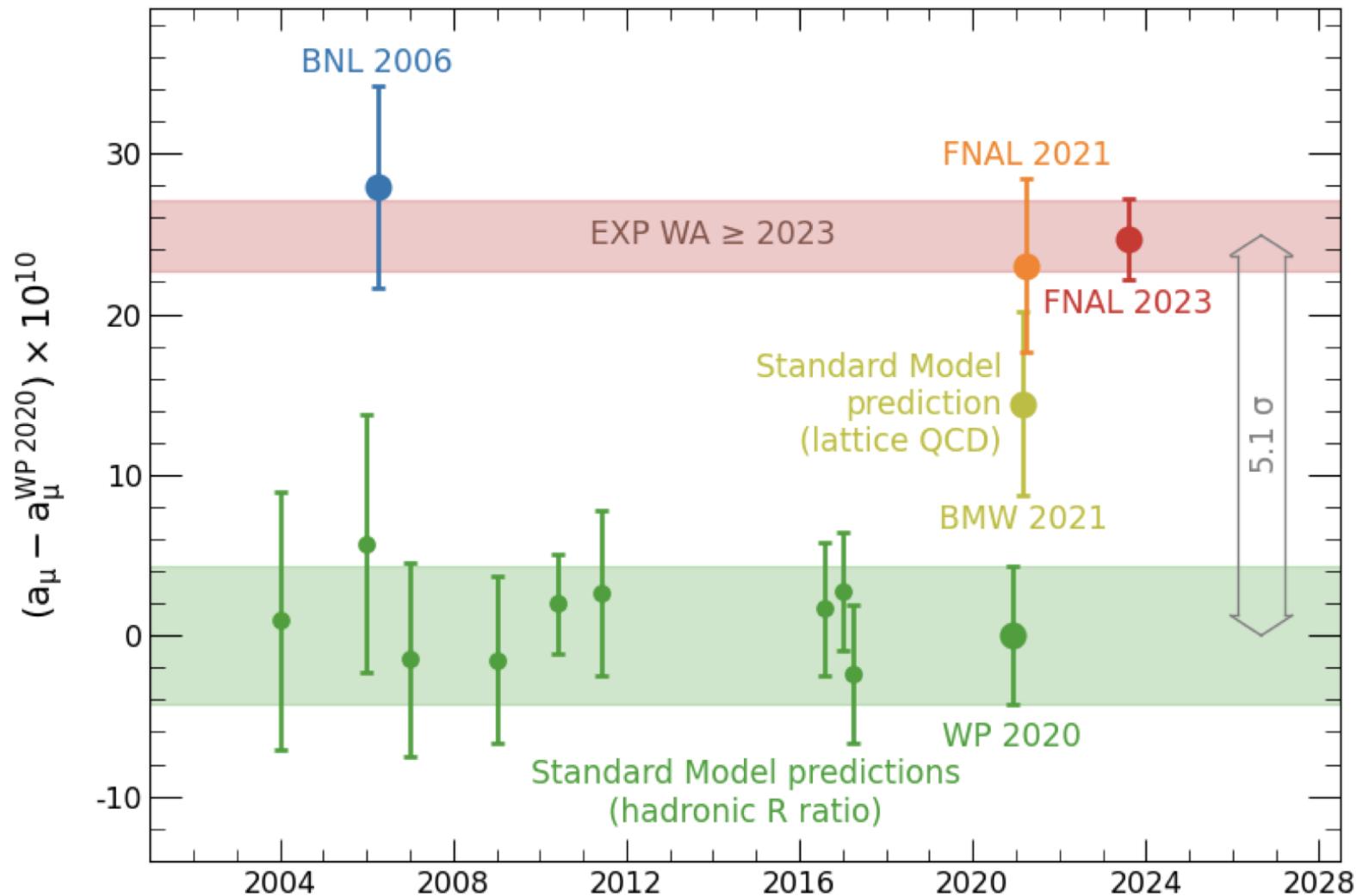
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# Lepton non-universality: Muon g-2



A. Driutti, MENU23

D.P. Aguillard, PRL 131, 161802 (2023)

# Lepton non-universality in B-decays ( $\mu$ -e)

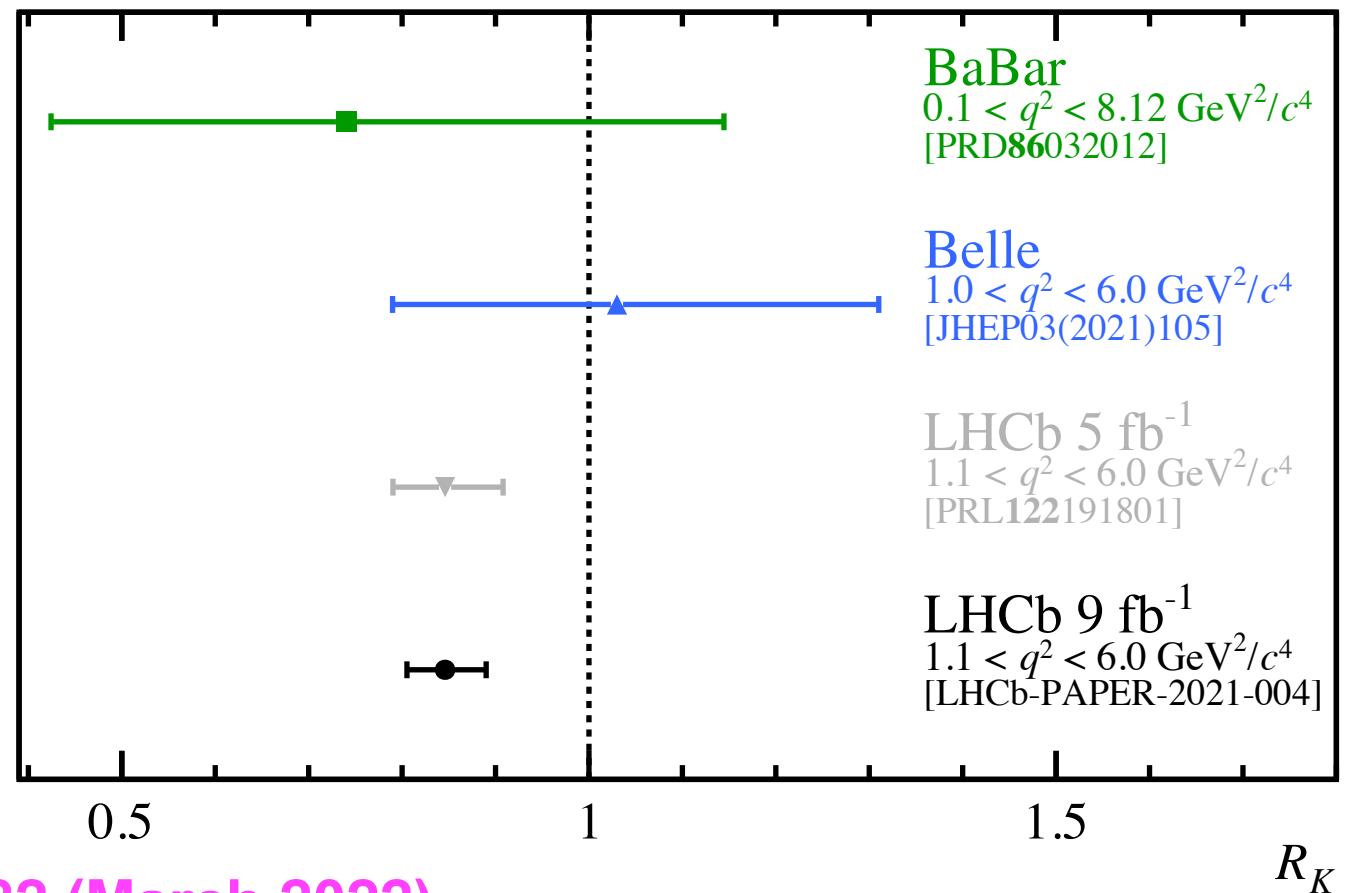
- LHCb:  $R(K^+) = \Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-) / \Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-)$
- Spring 2021:  $R(K^+)$  different from SM at  $3.1\sigma$  level

[LHCb, PRL 113 (2014) 151601]  
 [BaBar, PRD 86 (2012) 032012]  
 [Belle, PRL 103 (2009) 171801]

R. Aaji, PRL 122,  
 191801 (2019)

**Full Run1 + Run2**  
**arXiv:2103.11769**

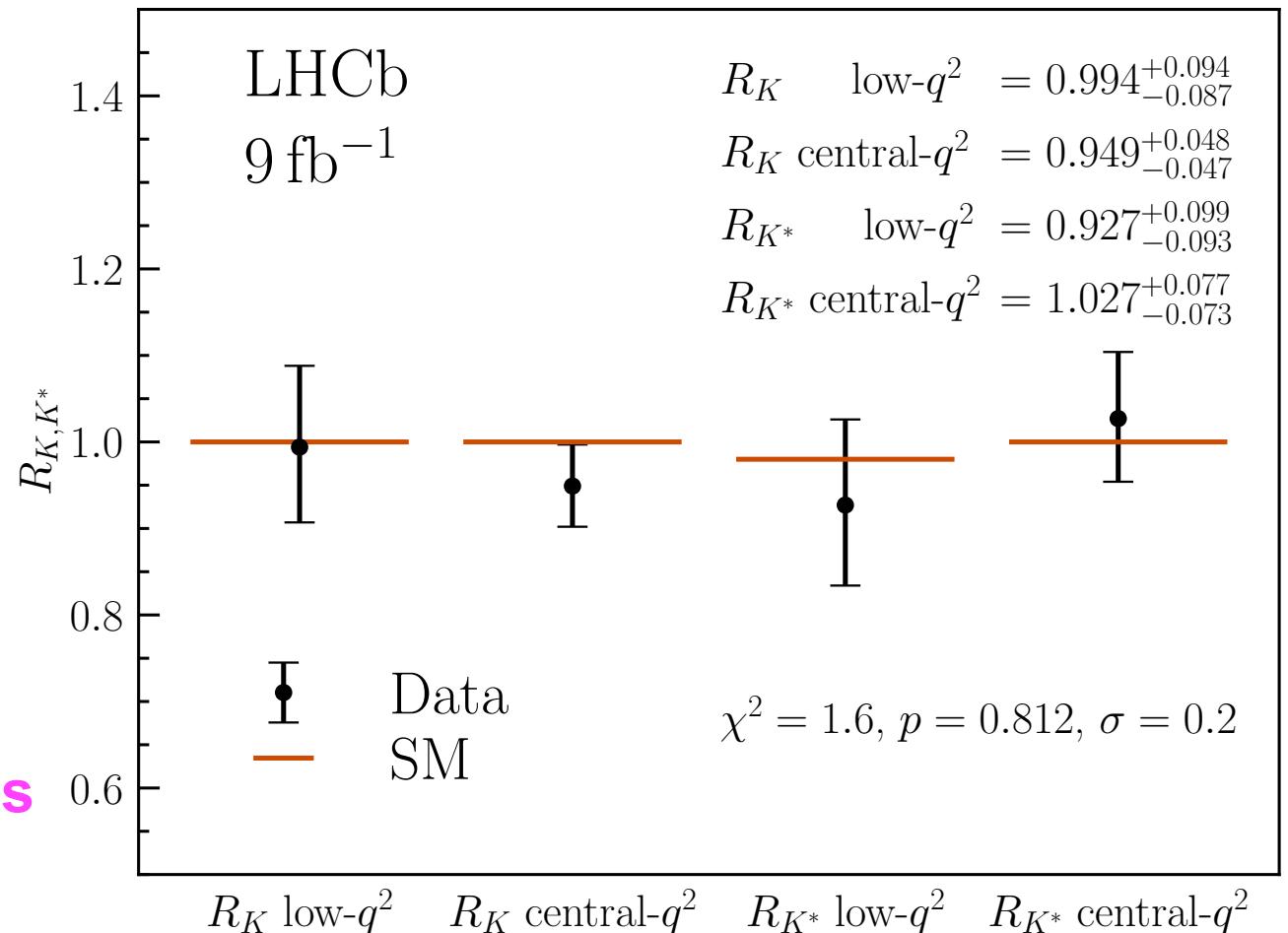
Nature 18, 277–282 (March 2022)



$$R_K = 0.846^{+0.042}_{-0.039} \text{ (stat)}^{+0.013}_{-0.012} \text{ (syst)}$$

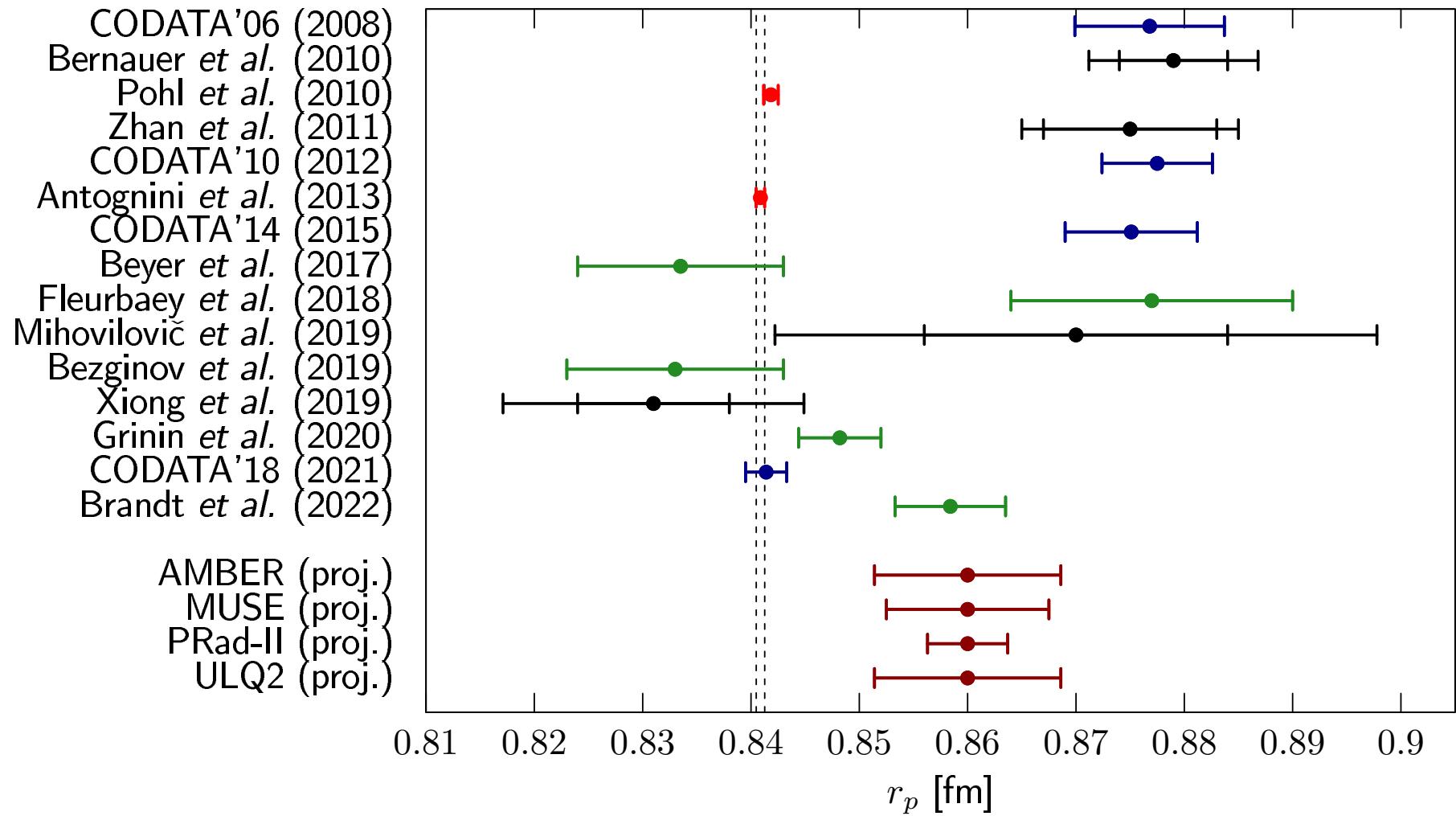
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- December 2022:  $R(K^{(+,*)})$  consistent with Standard Model



Full Run1 + Run2  
arXiv:2212.09153  
Supersedes previous  
results!

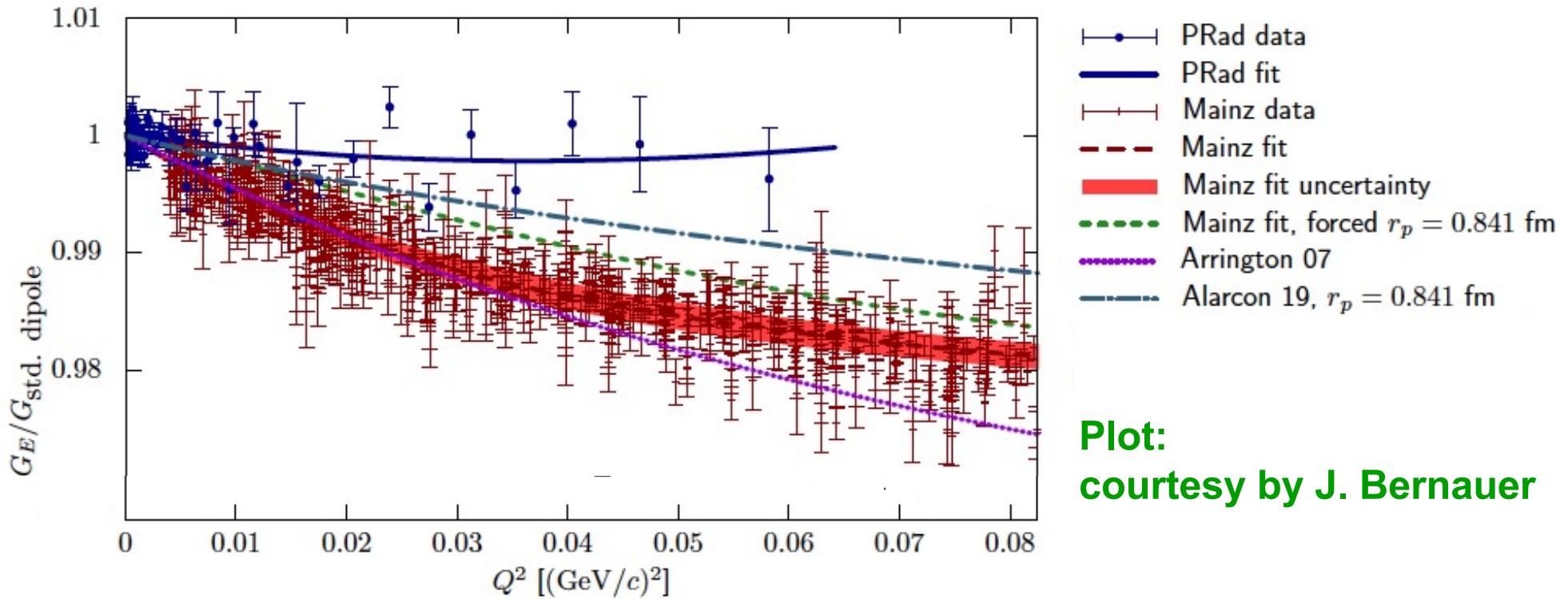
# The proton radius puzzle in 2023



Plot: courtesy by J. Bernauer

# Puzzle solved?

- Cross sections and form factors of PRad are different – why?



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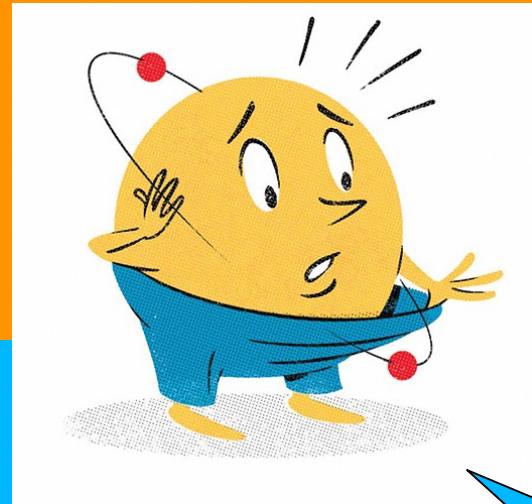
- Accuracy of radiative corrections?
- What did previous experiments do wrong?
- Which result is to be preferred, and why?
- Need independent checks and validations ( $\rightarrow$  ISR, ULQ2, MUSE)

# Motivation for $\mu p$ scattering

Electronic hydrogen

$0.8758 \pm 0.0077$

Spectroscopy



Muonic hydrogen

$0.84184 \pm 0.00067$

$0.84087 \pm 0.00039$

Electron scattering

$0.8770 \pm 0.0060$

Scattering

Muon scattering

???

# Possible resolutions to the puzzle

- **The  $\mu p$  (spectroscopy) result is wrong**

Discussion about theory and proton structure for extracting the proton radius from muonic Lamb shift measurement

- **The  $e p$  (spectroscopy) results are wrong**

Accuracy of individual Lamb shift measurements?

Rydberg constant could be off by 5 sigma

- **The  $e p$  (scattering) results are wrong**

Fit procedures not good enough

$Q^2$  not low enough, structures in the form factors

- **Proton structure issues in theory**

Off-shell proton in two-photon exchange leading to enhanced effects differing between  $\mu$  and  $e$

Hadronic effects different for  $\mu p$  and  $e p$ :

e.g. proton polarizability ( $effect \propto m_p^{-4}$ )

- **Physics beyond Standard Model differentiating  $\mu$  and  $e$**

Lepton universality violation, light massive gauge boson

Constraints on new physics e.g. from kaon decays (TREK@J-PARC)

**MUSE**  
**will test**

# MUon Scattering Experiment (MUSE) at PSI

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**PSI**



Appollo and the nine muses

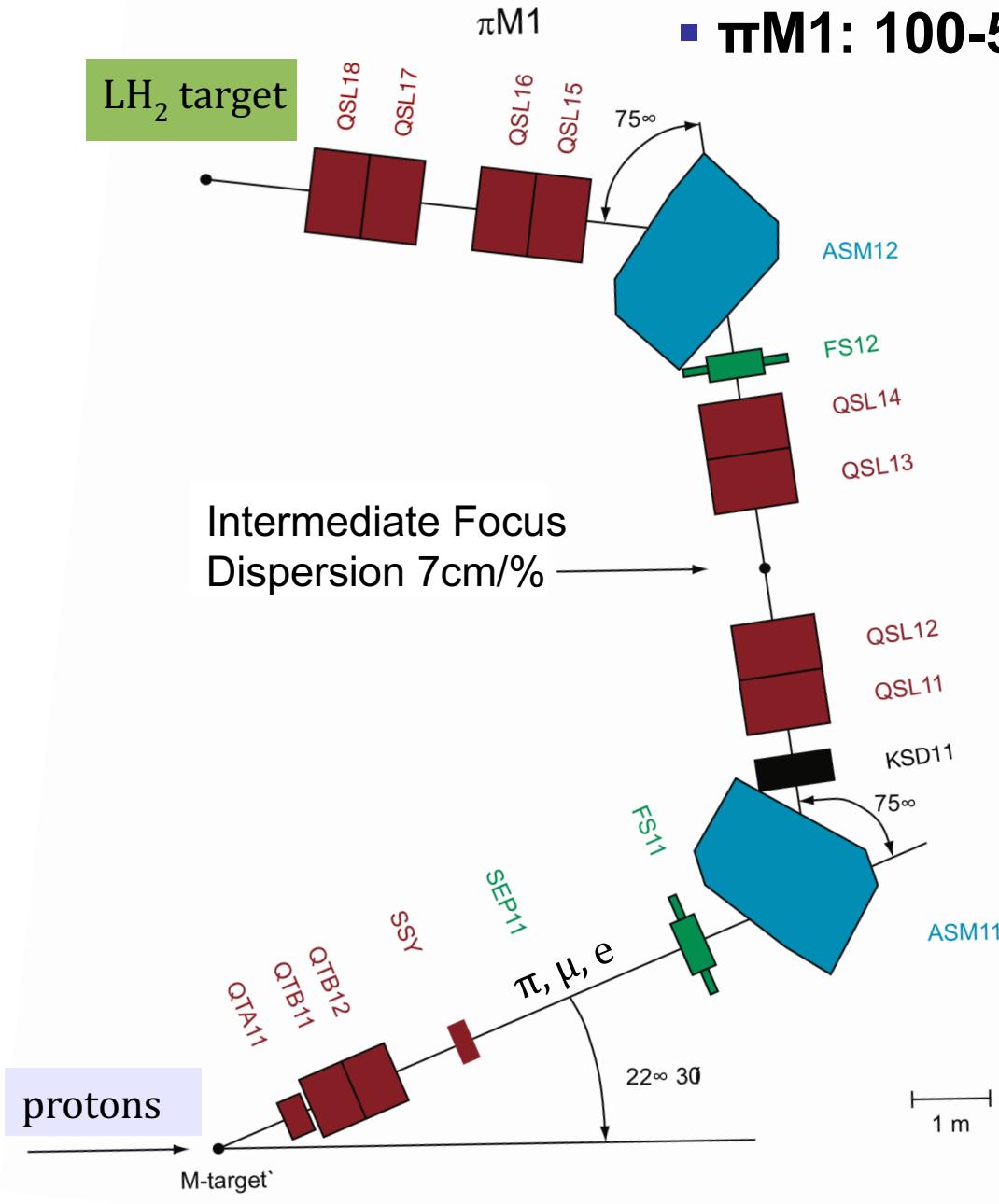
# MUSE: MUon Scattering Experiment at PSI



Use the world's most powerful low-energy separated  $e/\pi/\mu$  beam for a direct test if  $\mu p$  and  $e p$  scattering are different:

- Simultaneous, separated beam of  $(e^+/\pi^+/\mu^+)$  or  $(e^-/\pi^-/\mu^-)$  on liquid  $H_2$  target
  - Separation by time of flight
  - Measure absolute cross sections for  $e p$  and  $\mu p$
  - Measure  $e^+/\mu^+$ ,  $e^-/\mu^-$  ratios to cancel certain systematics
  - If radii differ by 4%, then form factor slope by 8%, x-section slope by 16%
- Directly disentangle effects from two-photon exchange (TPE) in  $e^+/e^-$ ,  $\mu^+/\mu^-$
- Multiple beam momenta 115-210 MeV/c for broad low- $Q^2$  range to be covered

# $\pi$ M1 / MUSE beamline



- $\pi$ M1: 100-500 MeV/c RF+TOF sep.  $\pi, \mu, e$

Secondary beams of  $\pi, \mu, e$  produced at M-target with 2 mA protons (590 MeV), 1-10 MHz flux collected with quads, jaws, and double-C

### Point-like source

- $\pi^\pm$  produced directly
- $e^\pm$  from  $\pi^0$  decay + conv.

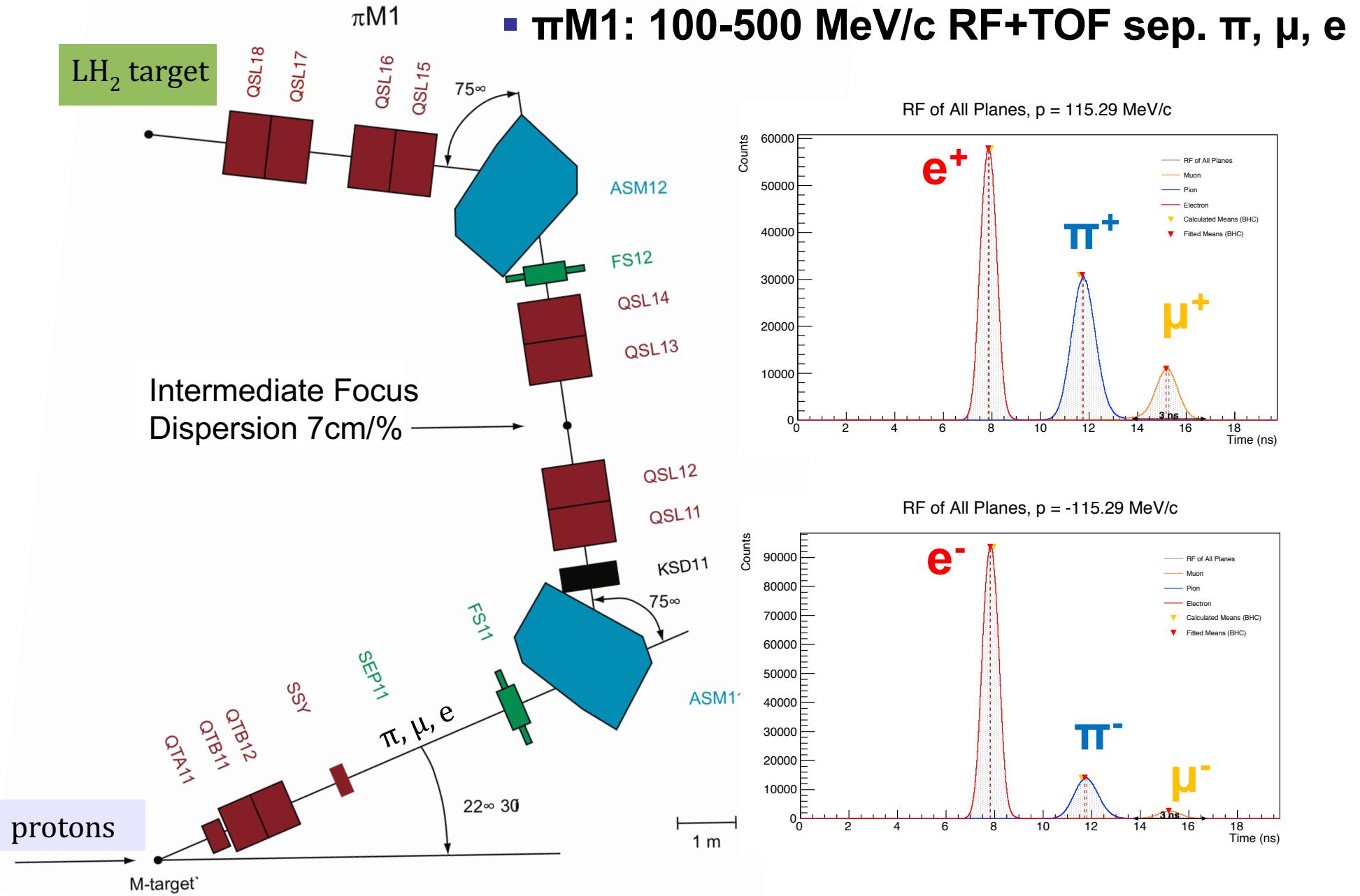
### Extended source

- $\mu^\pm$  from  $\pi^\pm$  decay in flight  $O(cm)$  transv.,  $O(m)$  longit.

Beam properties well understood with TRANSPORT, TURTLE, and G4Beamline

E. Cline et al., PRC105, 055201 (2022)

# $\pi$ M1 / MUSE beamline



# MUSE experiment layout

- Beam particle tracking
- Liquid hydrogen target
- Scattered lepton detected

Measure  $e^\pm p$  and  $\mu^\pm p$   
elastic scattering

$p = 115, 153, 210 \text{ MeV}/c$

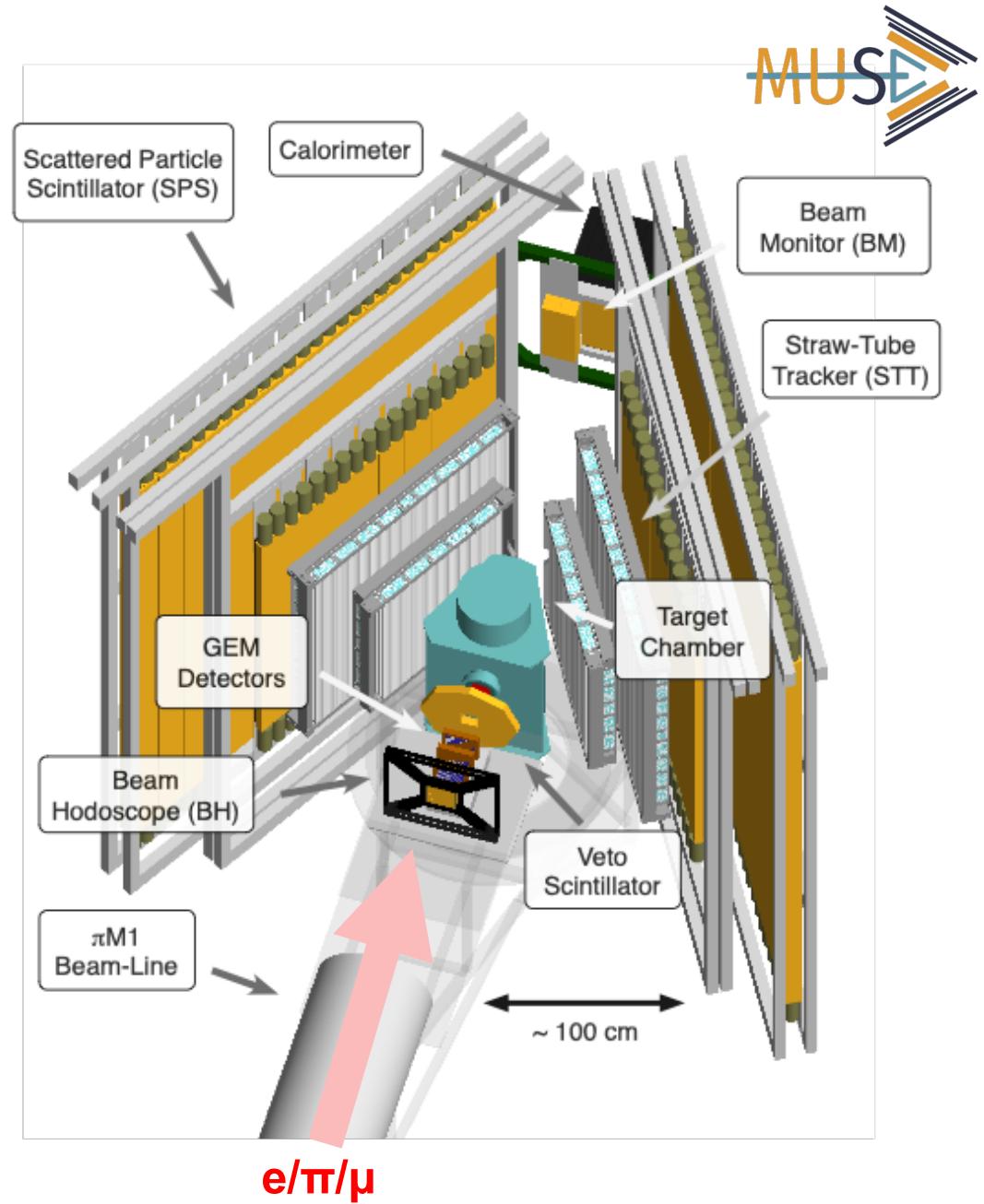
$\theta = 20^\circ \text{ to } 100^\circ$

$Q^2 = 0.002 - 0.07 \text{ (GeV}/c)^2$

$\varepsilon = 0.256 - 0.94$

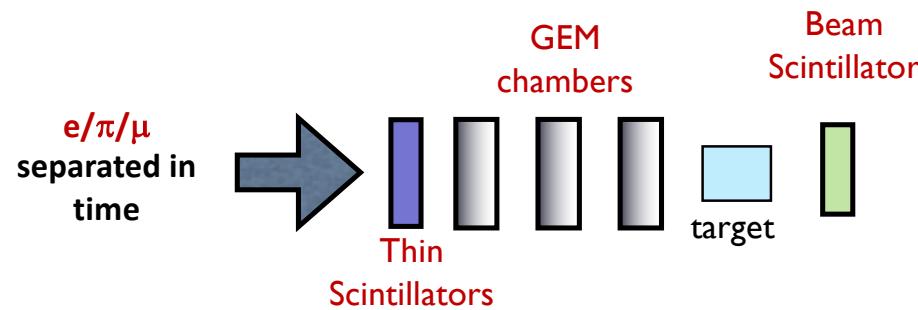
## Challenges

- Secondary beam with  $\pi$  background – PID in trigger
- Non-magnetic spectrometer
- Background from Møller scattering and muon decay in flight



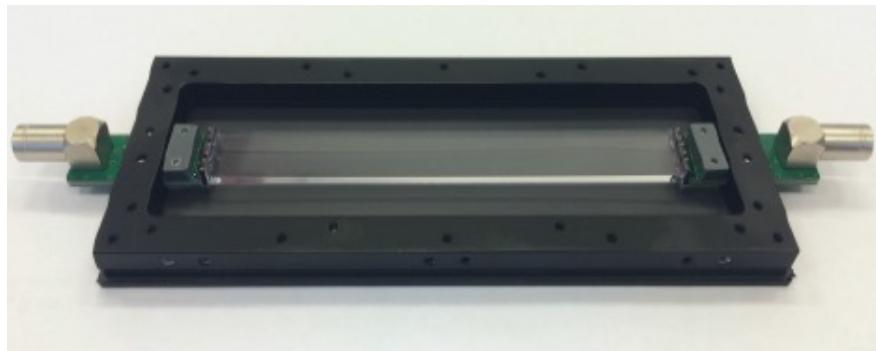
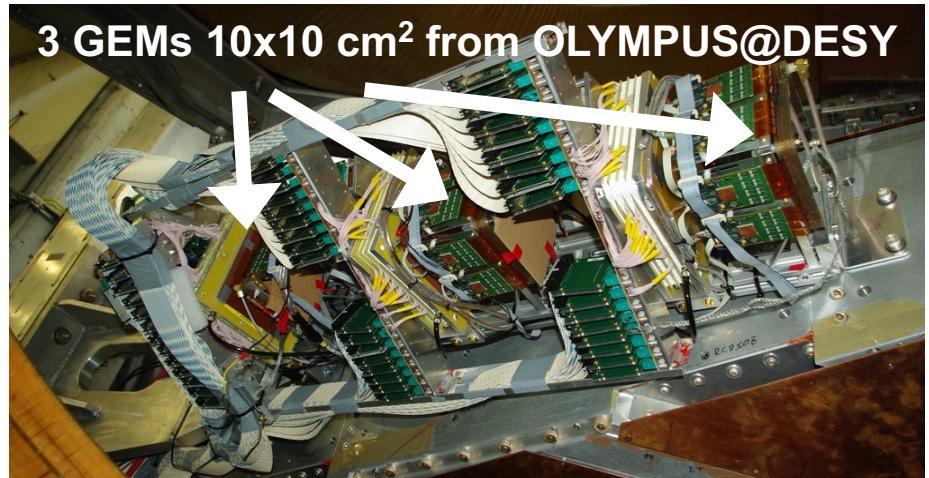
# Beamline instrumentation

## Beamline Elements:



### GEM telescope (Hampton University)

- Incident track angle to ~0.5 mr intrinsic; <5 mr mult.sc.
- Third GEM to reject ghost tracks
- Existing chambers from OLYMPUS



SiPM + 2 mm thin scintillators

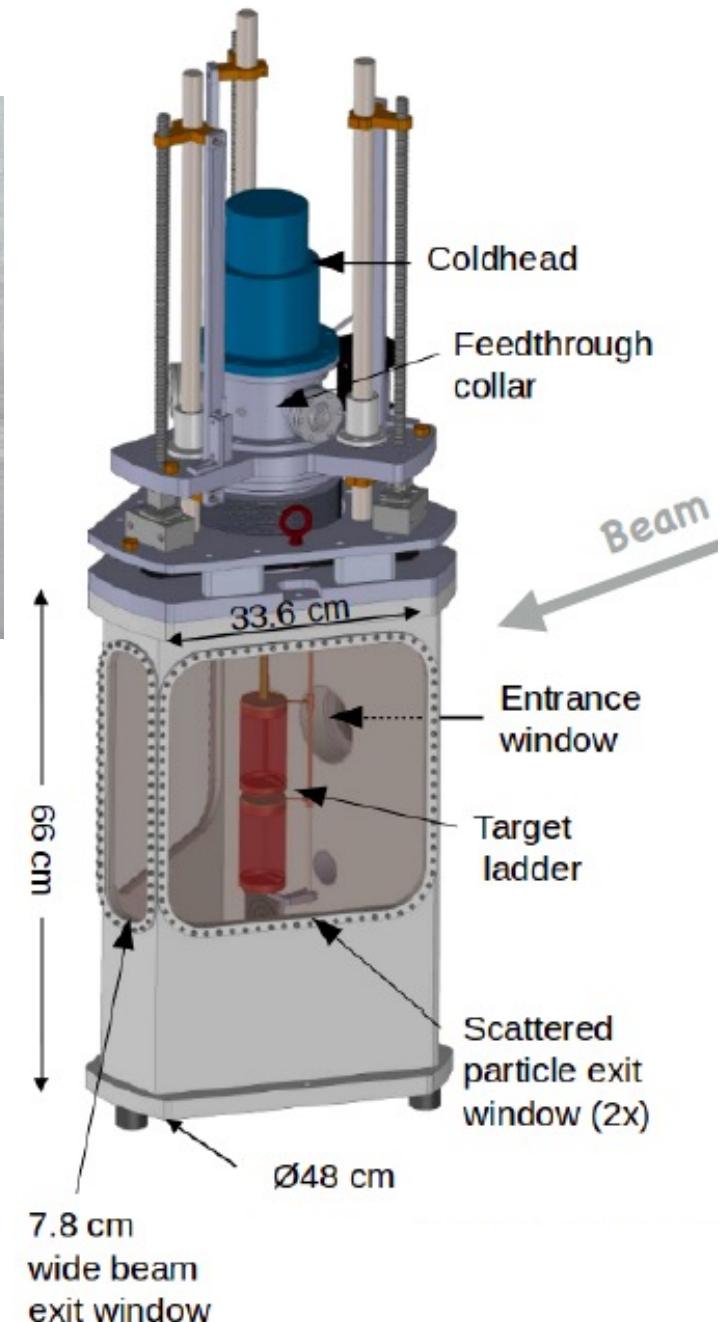
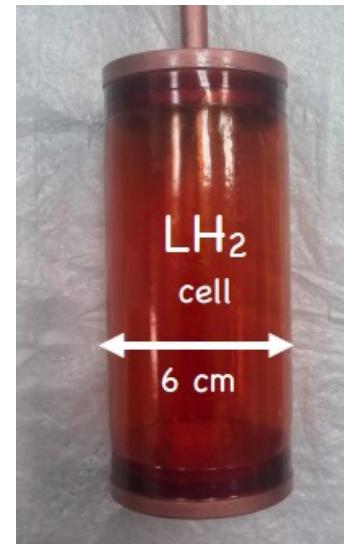
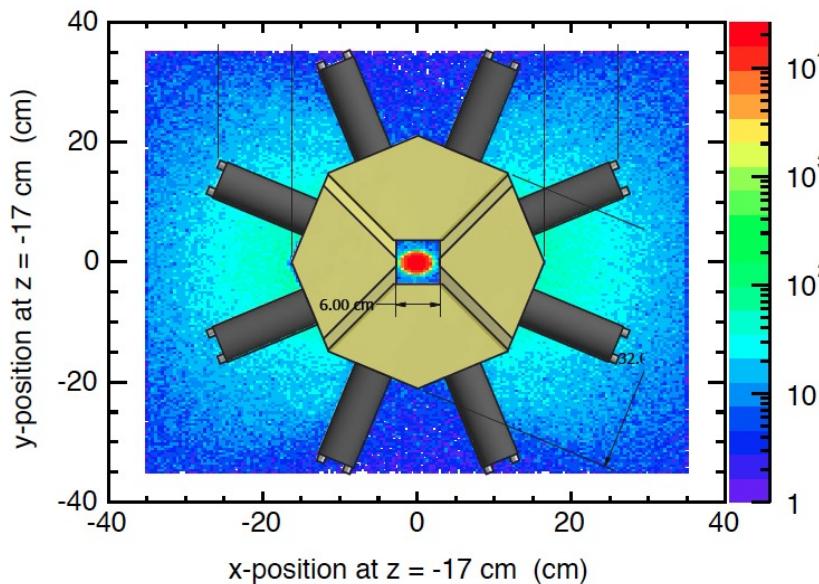
### Thin scintillators with SiPM+CFD readout (PSI/Rutgers/TAU)

- Fast timing (~60ps): RF time and scattered particle TOF
- Flux, PID, Trigger, TOF, momentum
- Reject false tracks in GEMs

# Target and veto

## Low-power liquid hydrogen target (UMich, GWU, Creare, PSI)

Target cell prototype



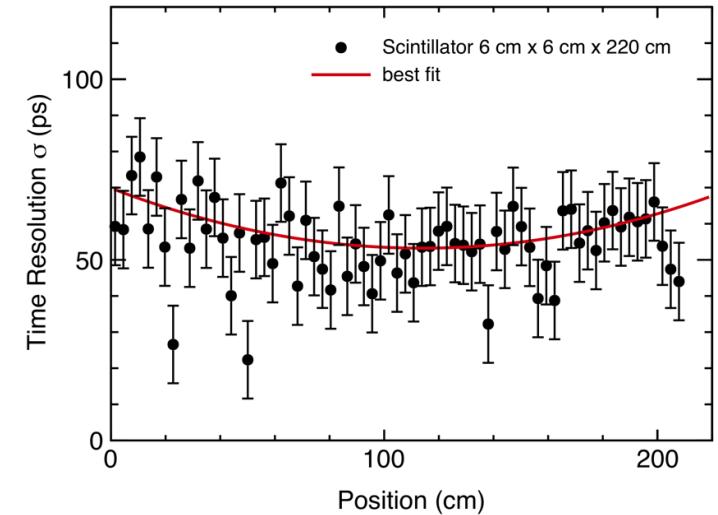
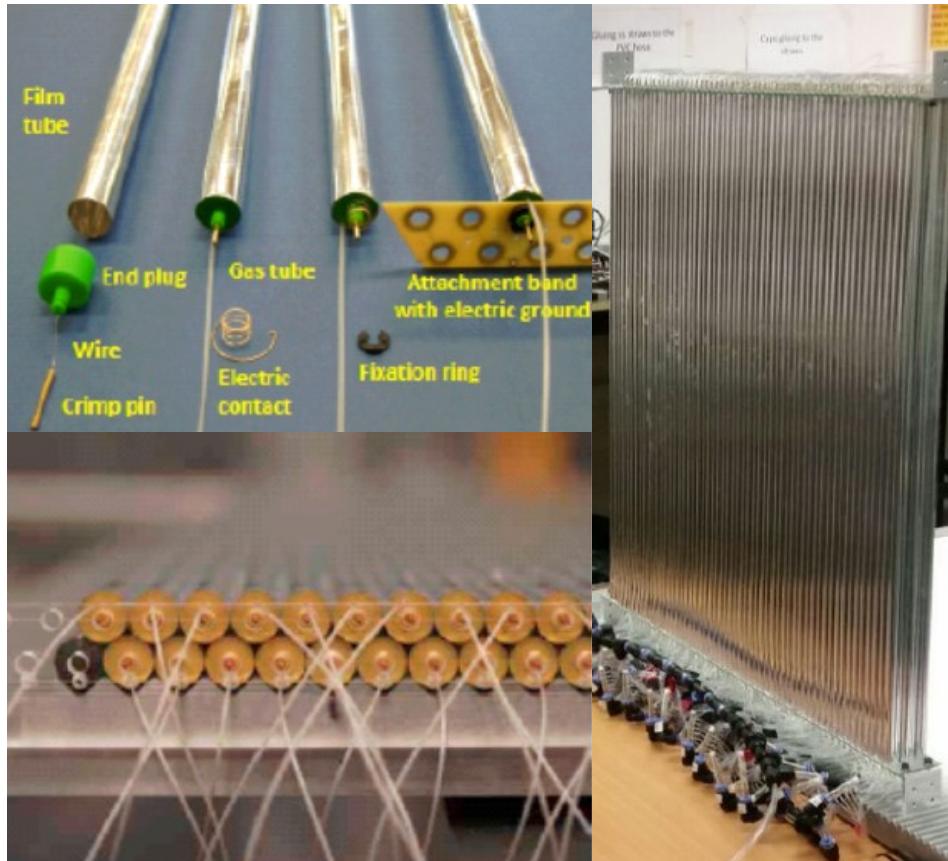
## Veto scintillators (USC):

Annular veto ring defines accepted beam aperture, smaller than transverse target cell diameter (6 cm)

# Main detector instrumentation

## Scattered particle scintillators (USC)

- 2 planes of scintillators (CLAS12 design)
- 94 bars (2 sides + beam)
- High precision ( $\sim 50$  ps) timing
- PID and trigger, background rejection

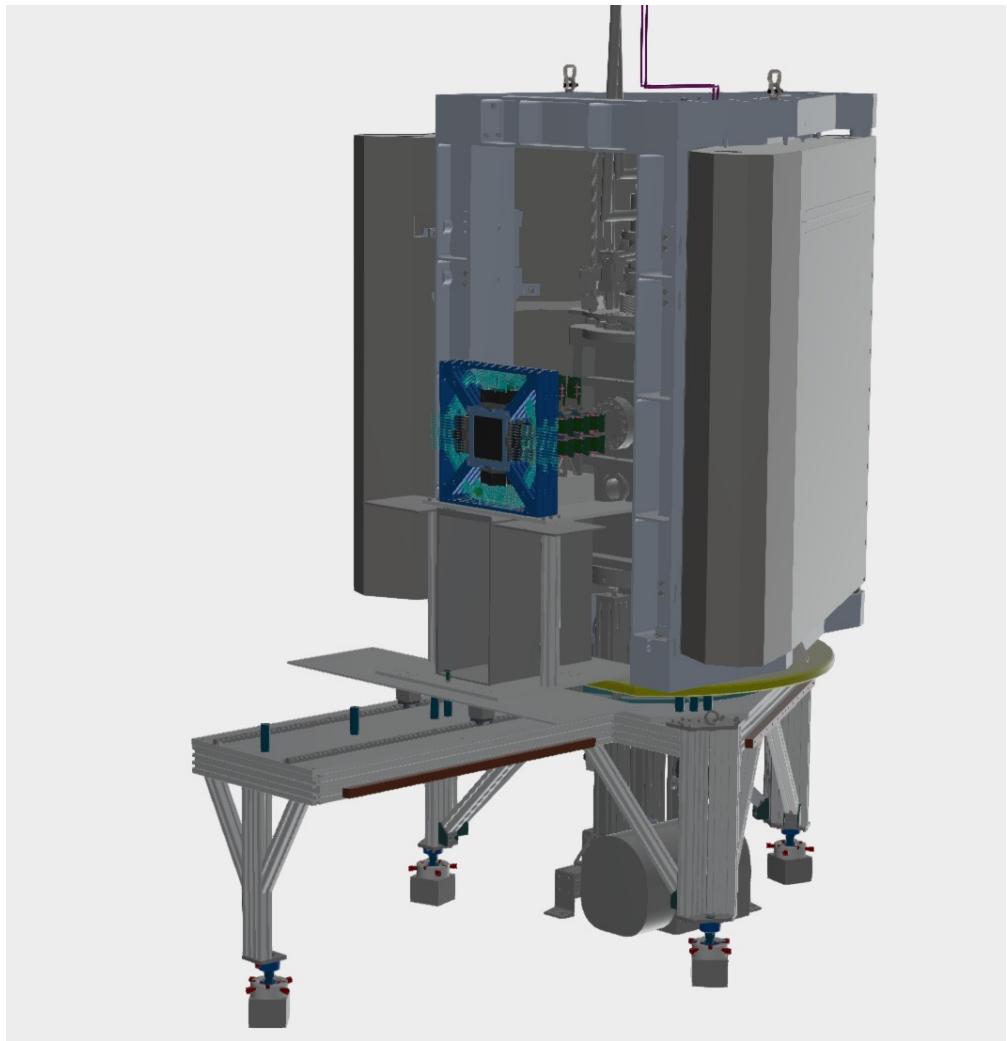
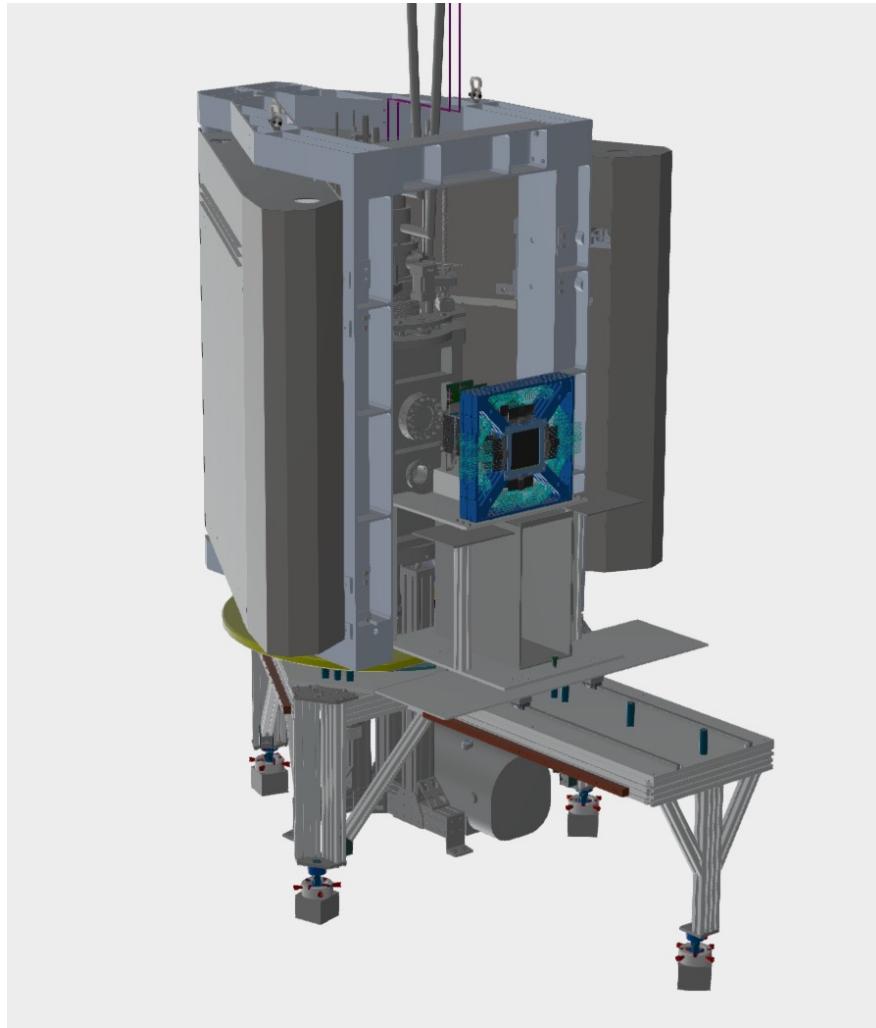


## Straw tube tracker (HUJI, Temple)

- Straw Tube Tracker (STT), ~3000 straws
- Determine scattered particle trajectory
- Existing PANDA design –  $140 \mu\text{m}$  resol.
- Thin walls ( $25\mu\text{m}$ ), overpressured (2 bar)
- Directly coupled to fast readout boards

# Mechanical assembly

T. O'Connor (ANL)



**Rotating table**  
**Retractable beam tracker**  
**Dedicated alignment procedures**

# DAQ and trigger



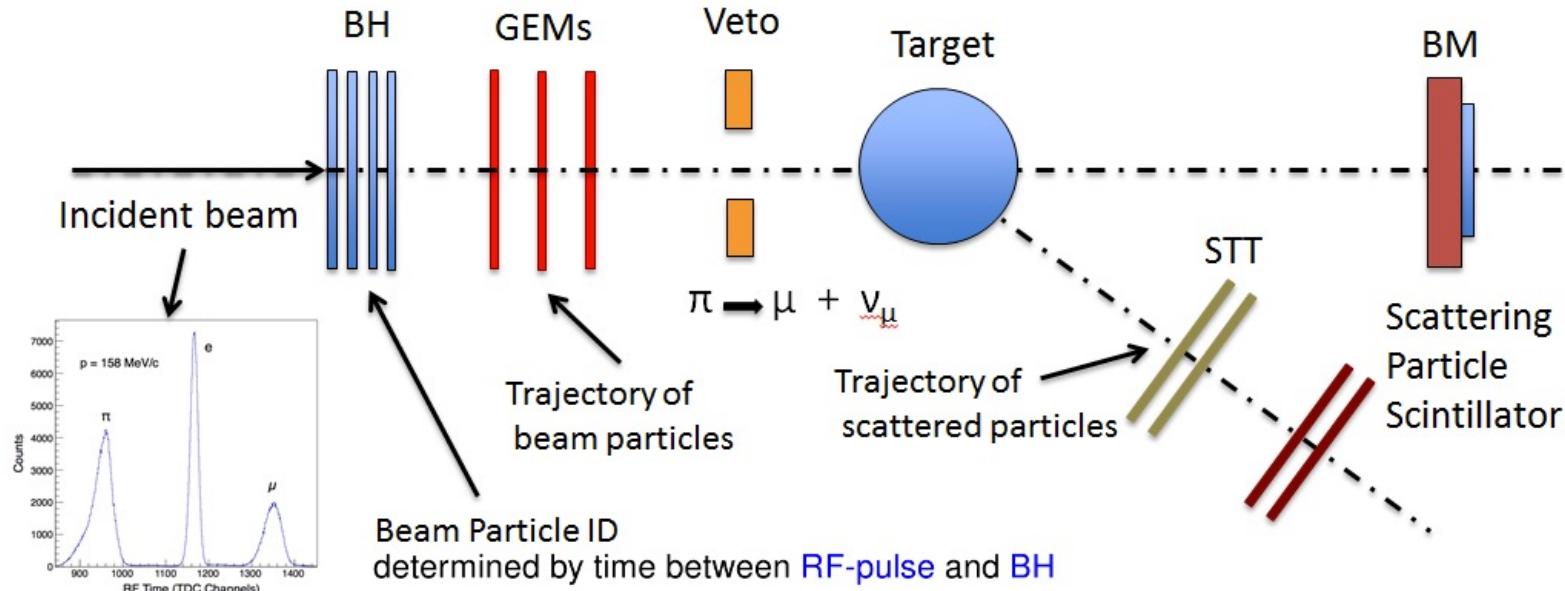
## DAQ system (**GWU and Montgomery Coll.**)

- FPGAs as frontend discriminator/amplifier, custom designed TDCs (PADIWA/TRB3)
- High channel density (192ch/board)
- VME QDCs (MESYTEC)

## Trigger (**Rutgers**)

- FPGA design for beam PID (TRB3)
- Beam hodoscope + beam RF → beam PID
- Count particles and reject pions
- e or  $\mu$  beam part. + scattered part. + no veto

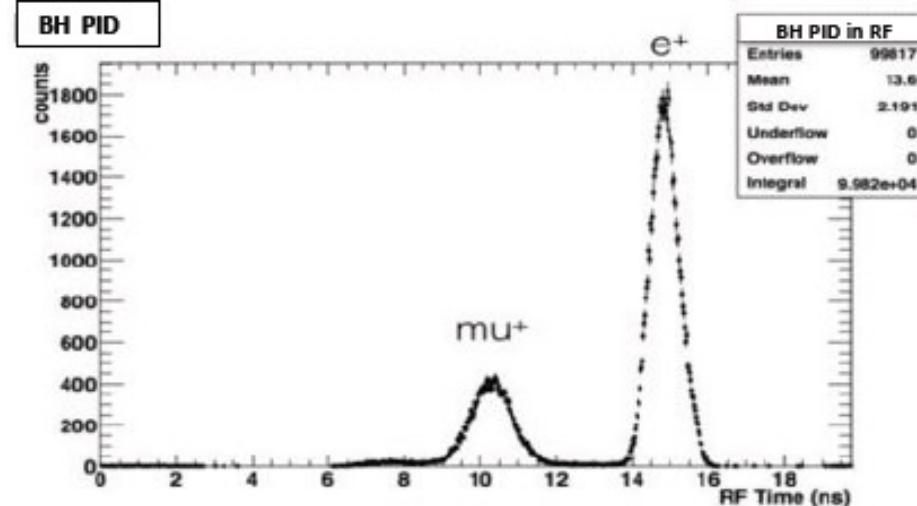
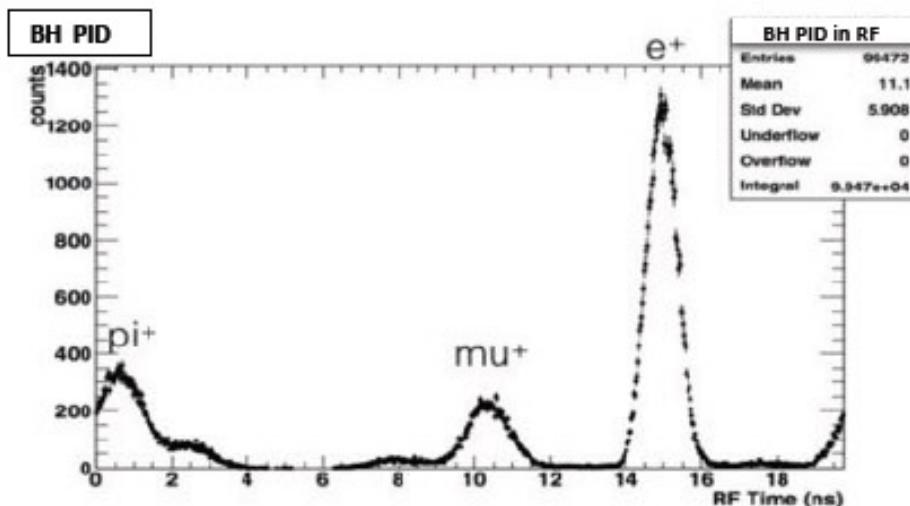
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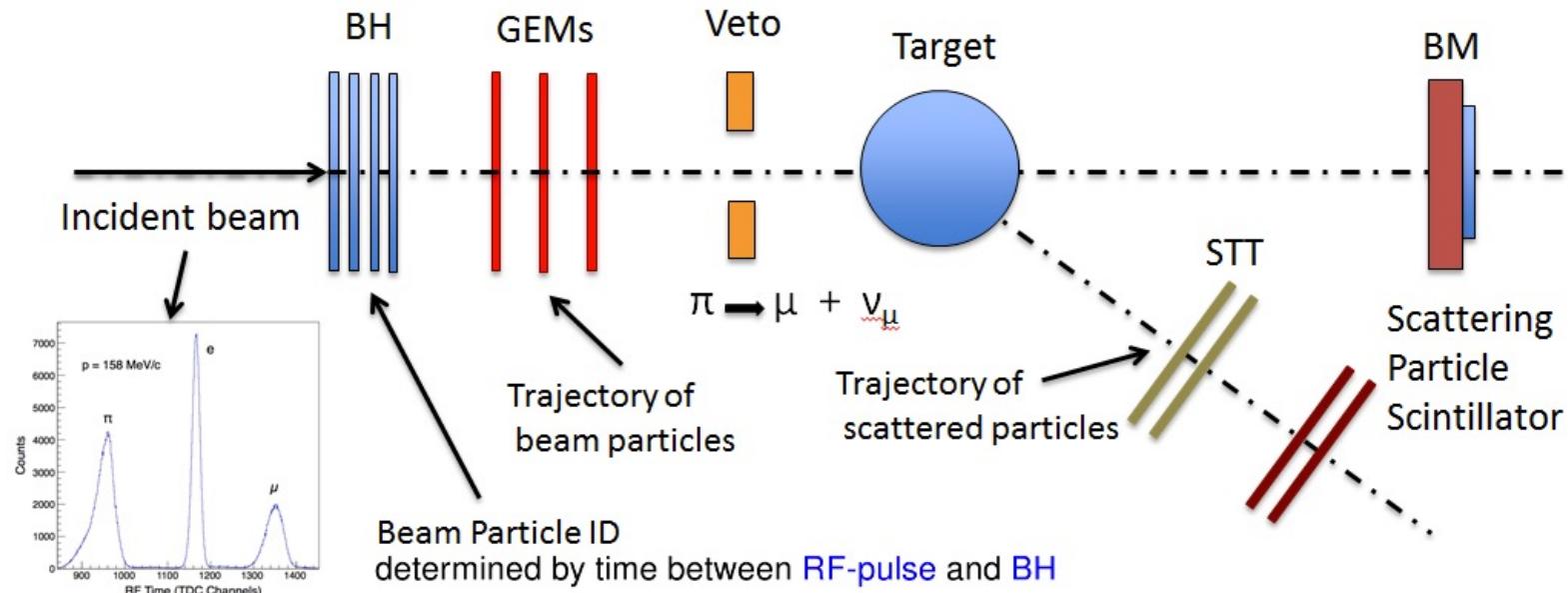
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accept  $e^\pm, \mu^\pm$ , reject  $\pi^\pm$

( $e$  OR  $\mu$ ) AND (no  $\pi$ ) AND (scatter) AND (no veto)



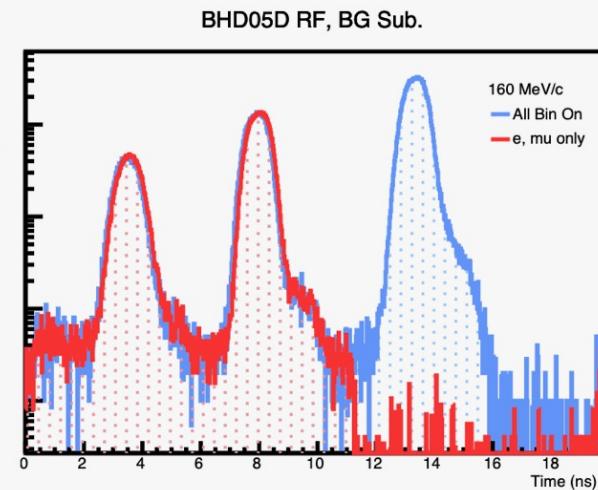
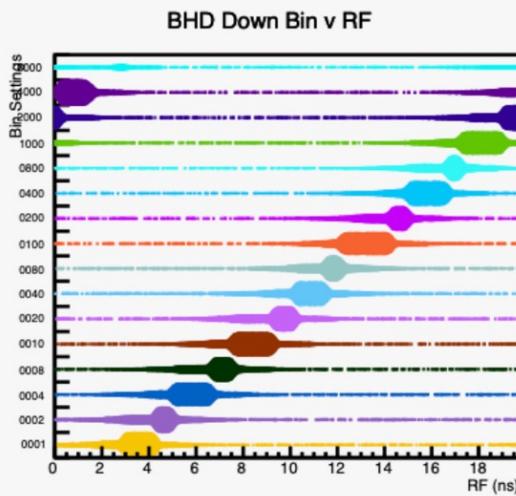
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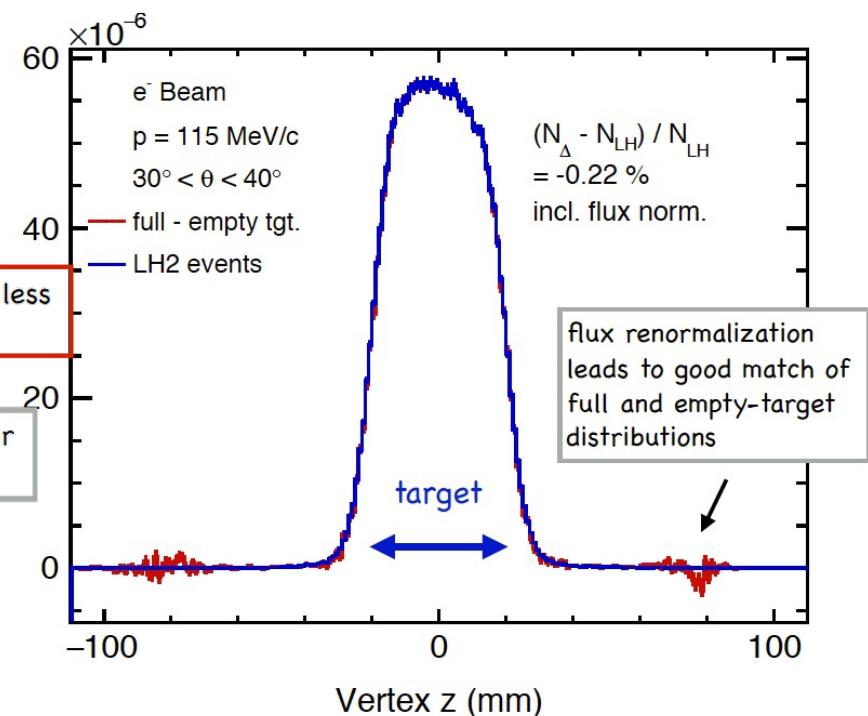
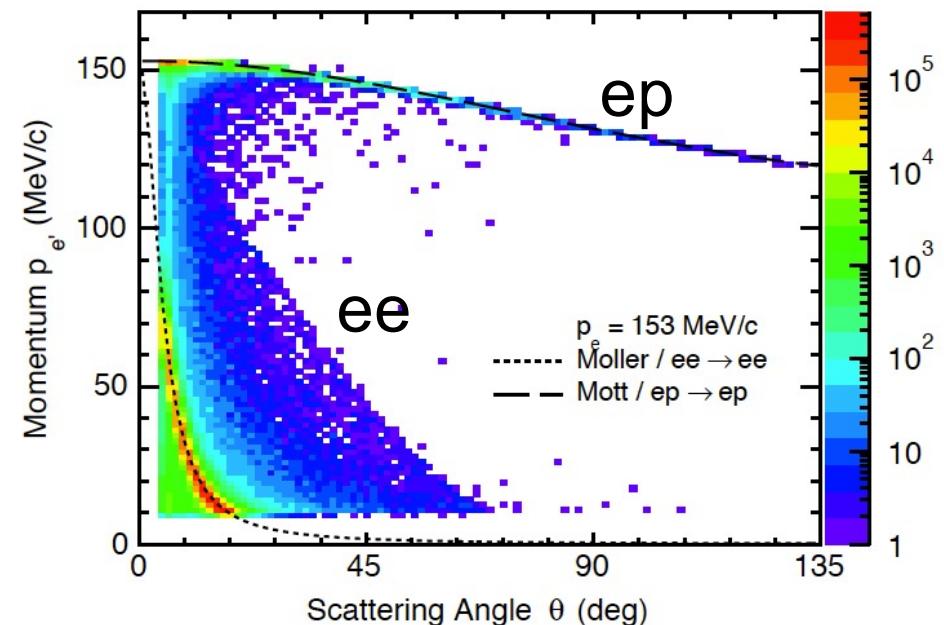
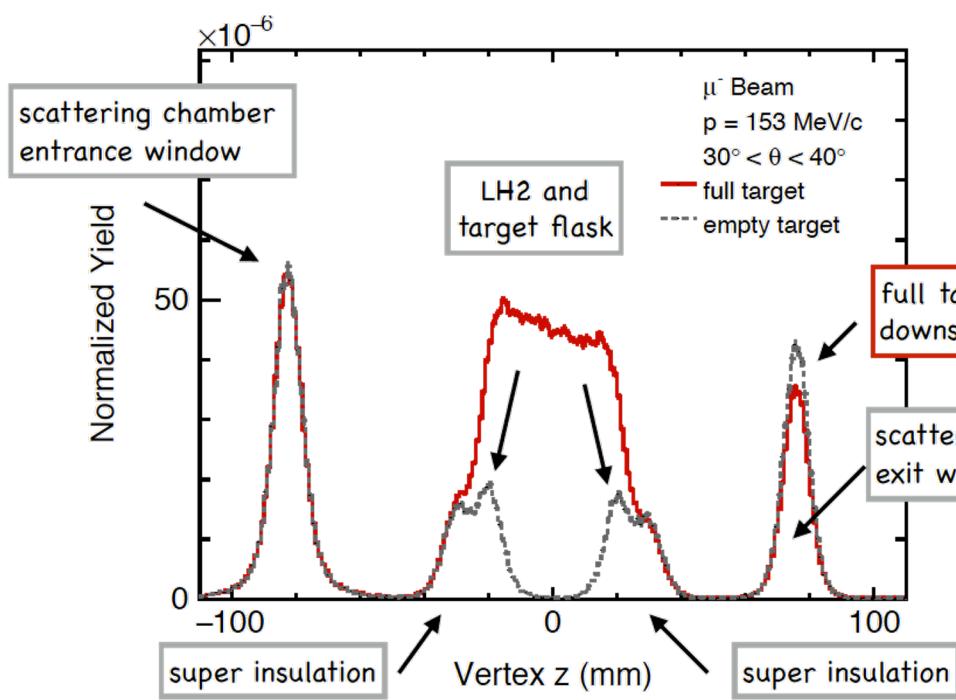
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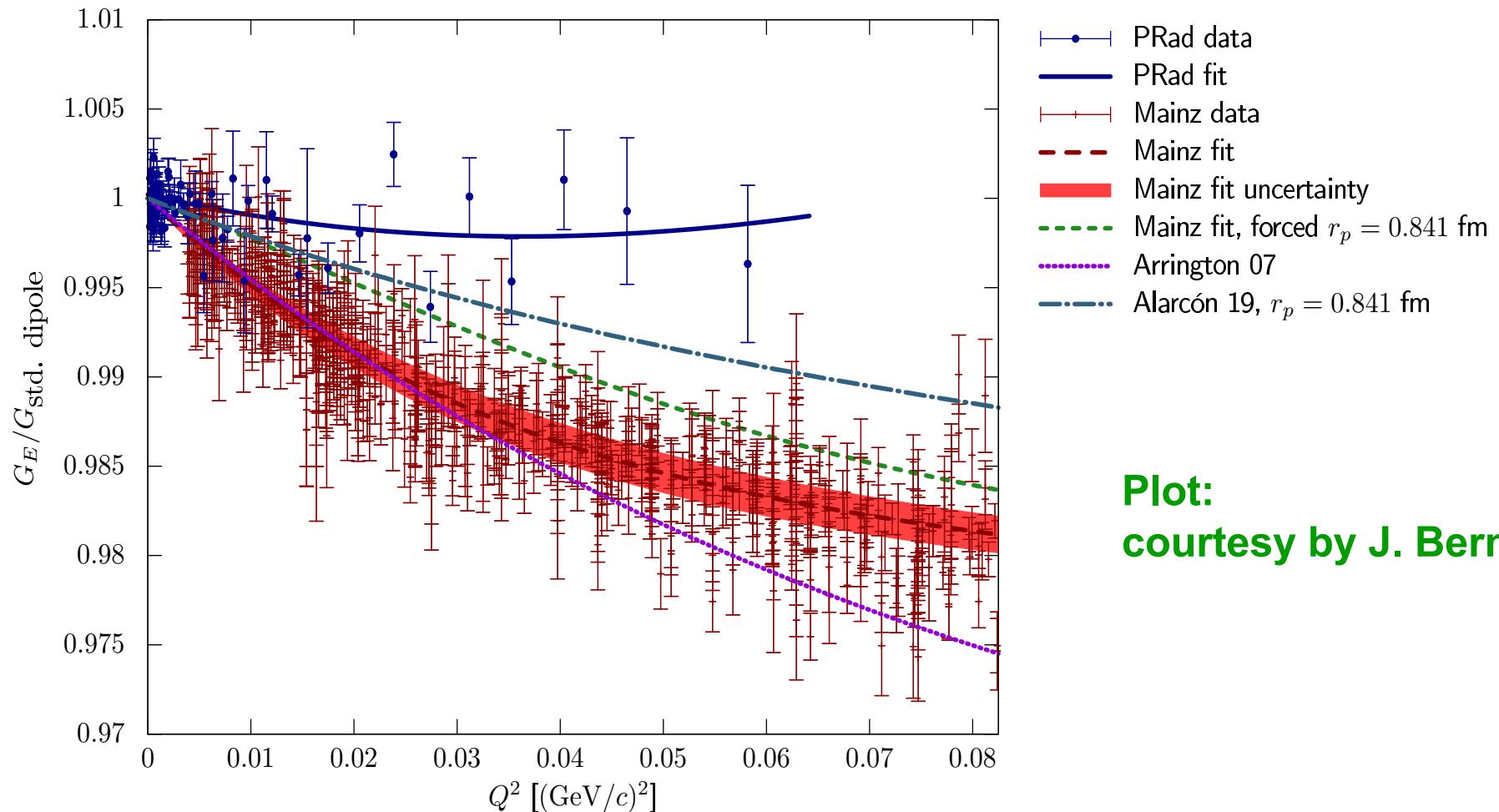


# Simulations (S. Strauch, USC)

- Particle vertex and scattering-angle reconstruction meet MUSE requirements
- Background from target walls and windows can be cleanly eliminated or subtracted

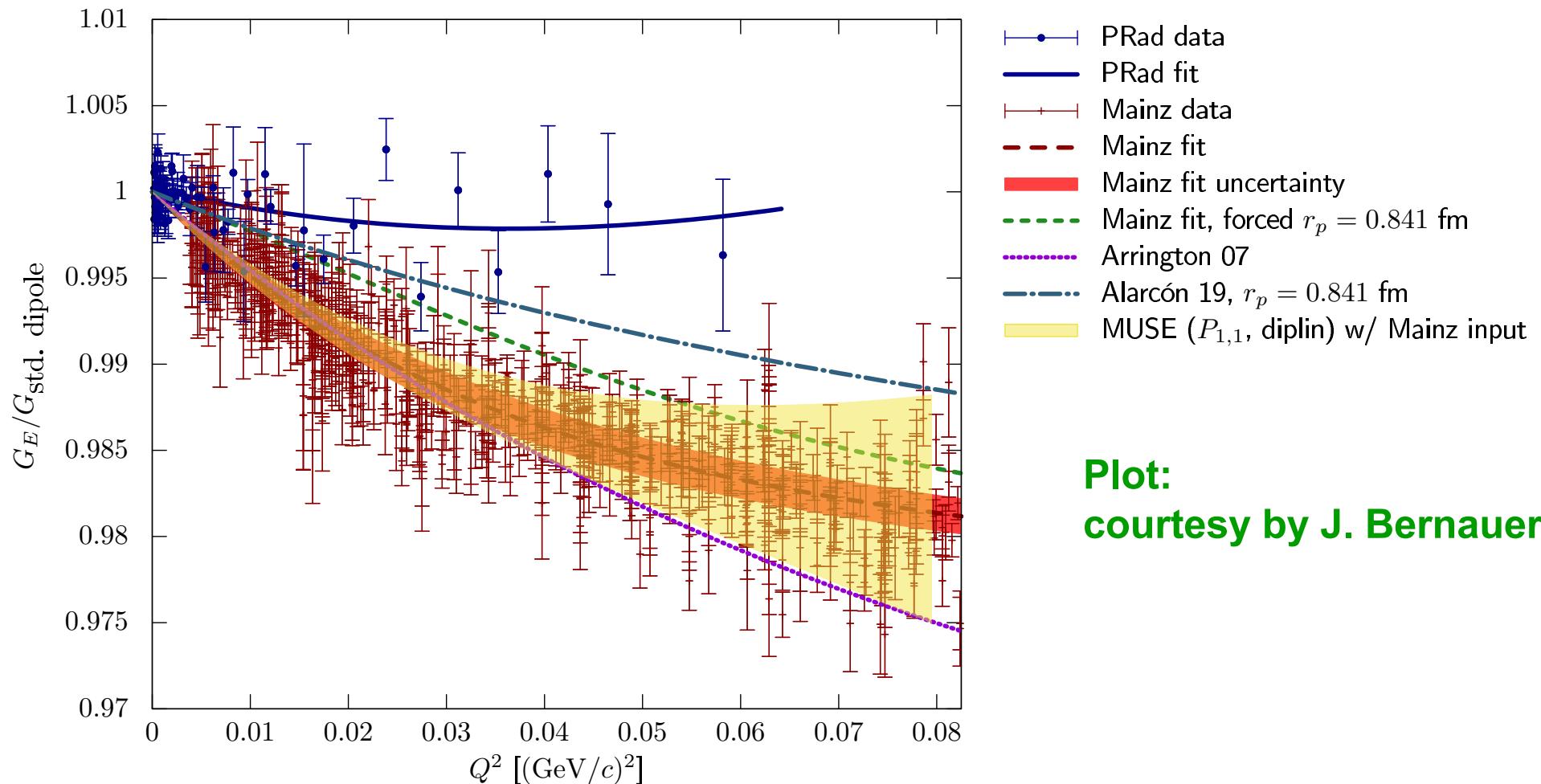


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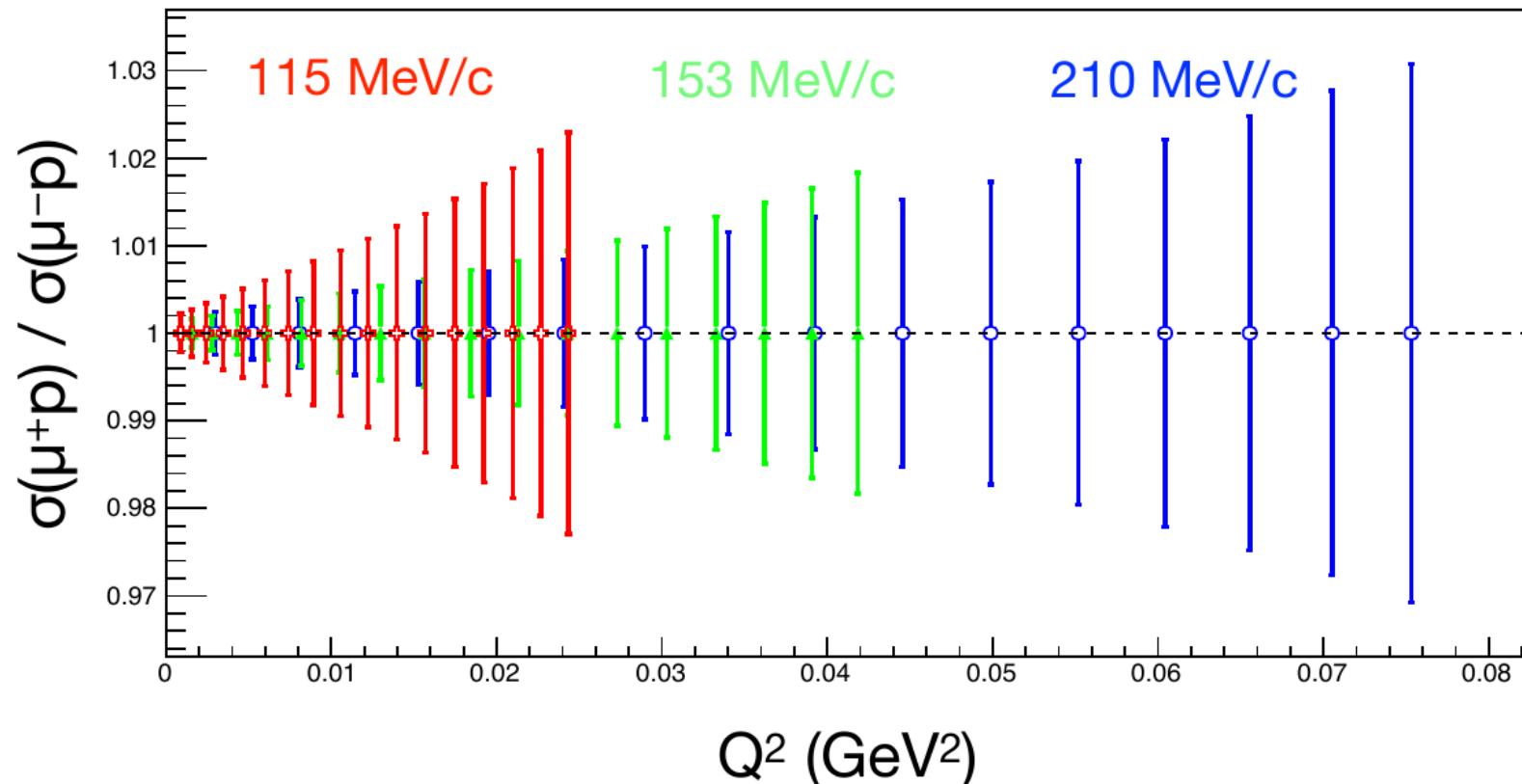
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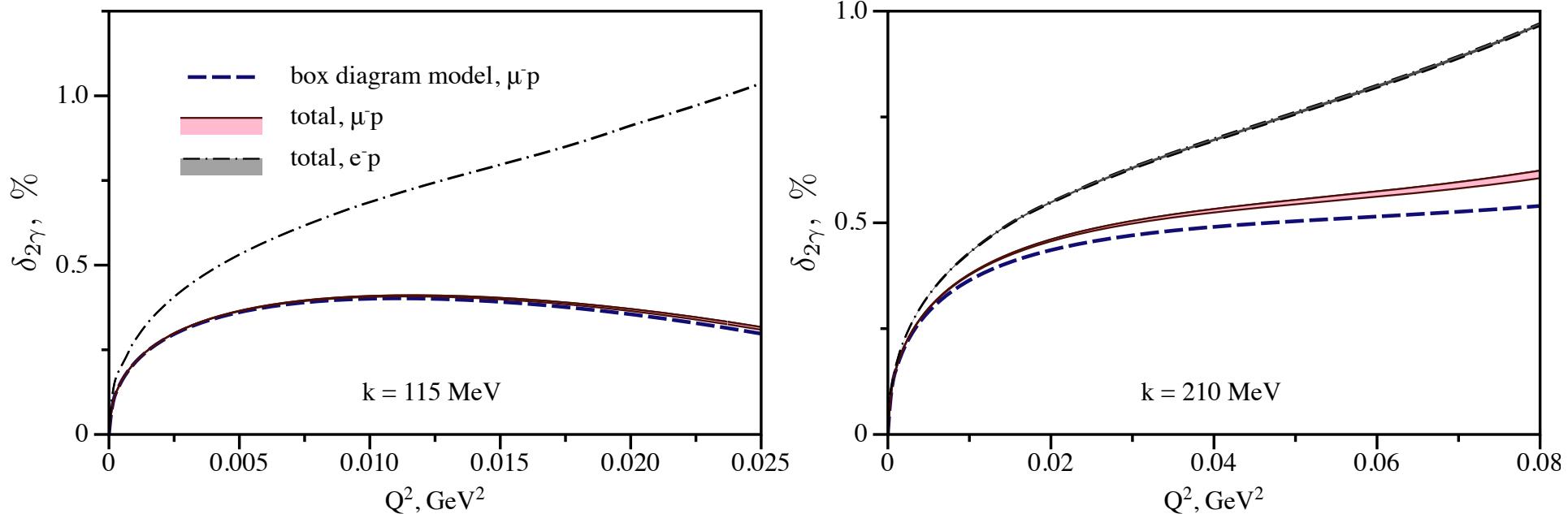
- Error band projected for MUSE data, using  $G_E$  and  $G_M$  from Mainz

# MUSE: expected precision for TPE (muons)



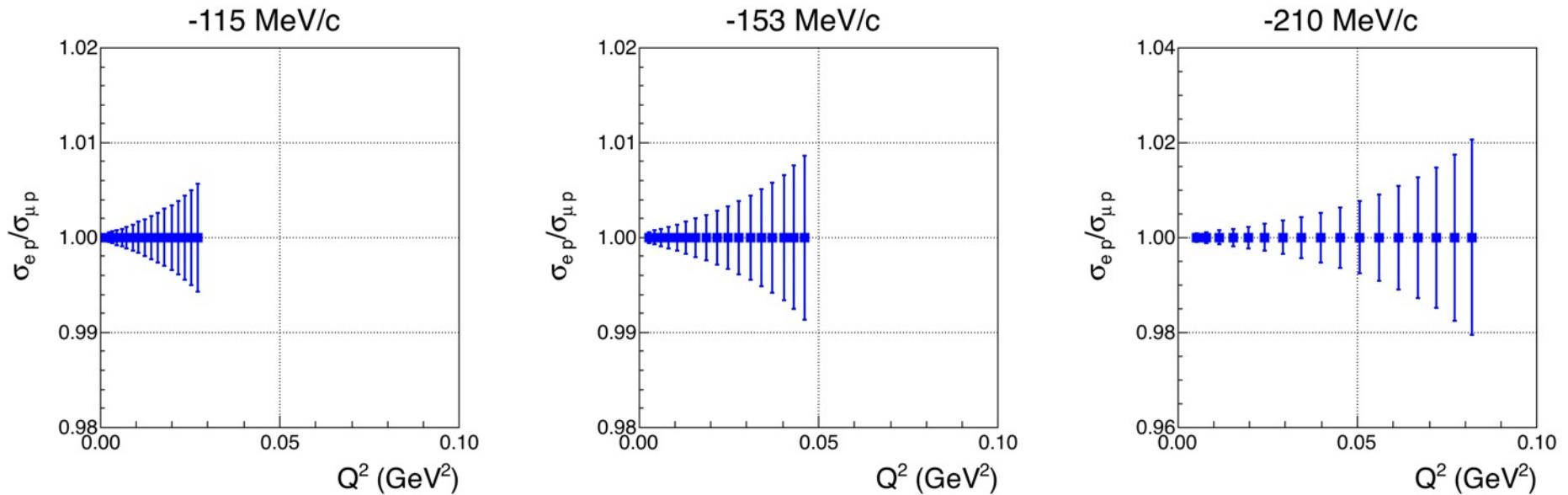
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  - TPE even smaller for muons (helicity-flip and non-flip cancel)
- O. Tomalak, Few-Body Systems, 59, 87 (2018)

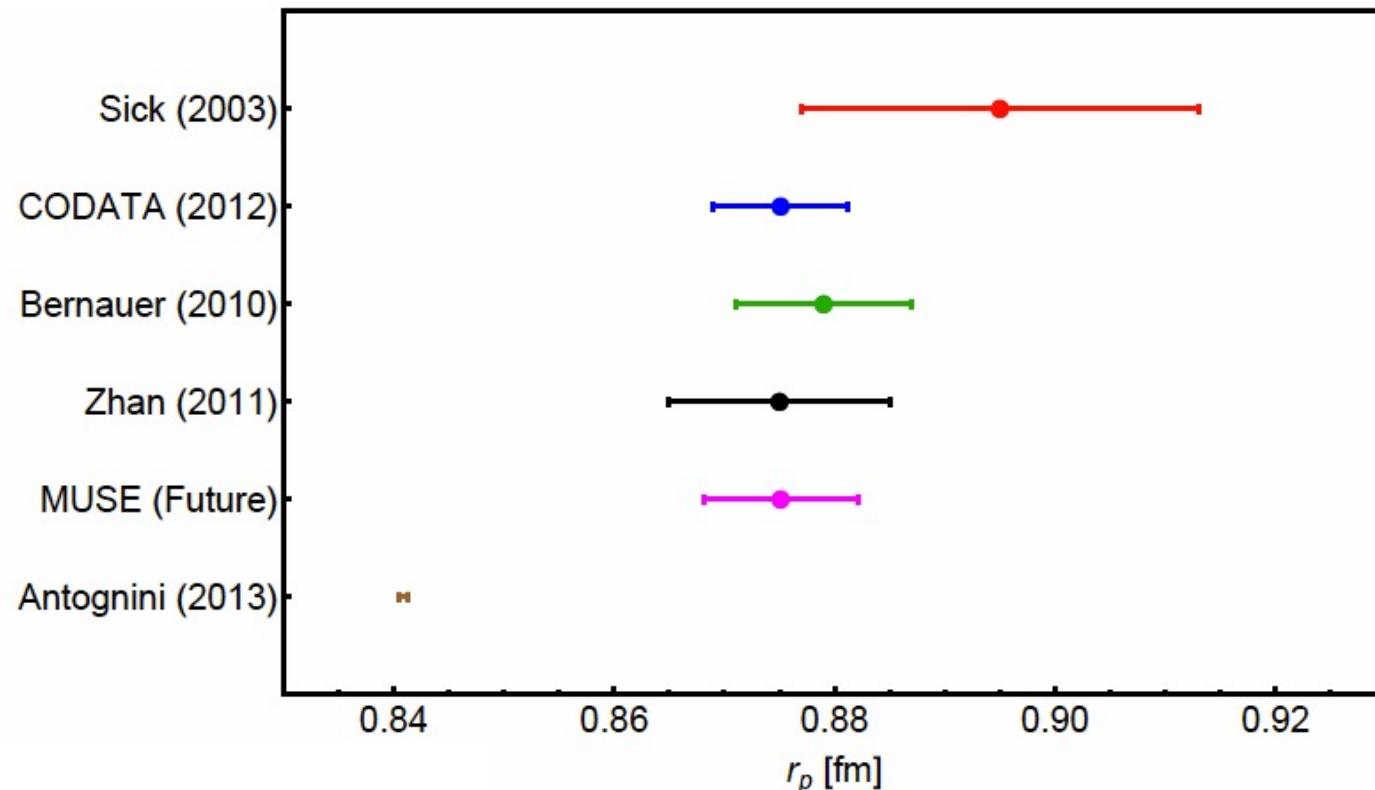
# MUSE: expected precision for LU ratio



- Comparison of ep and  $\mu p$  cross section statistical uncertainty, systematic better than 0.5%
- *The MUon Scattering Experiment at PSI (MUSE), MUSE Technical Design Report, arXiv:1709.09753 [physics.ins-det]*

# MUSE: expected precision for charge radius

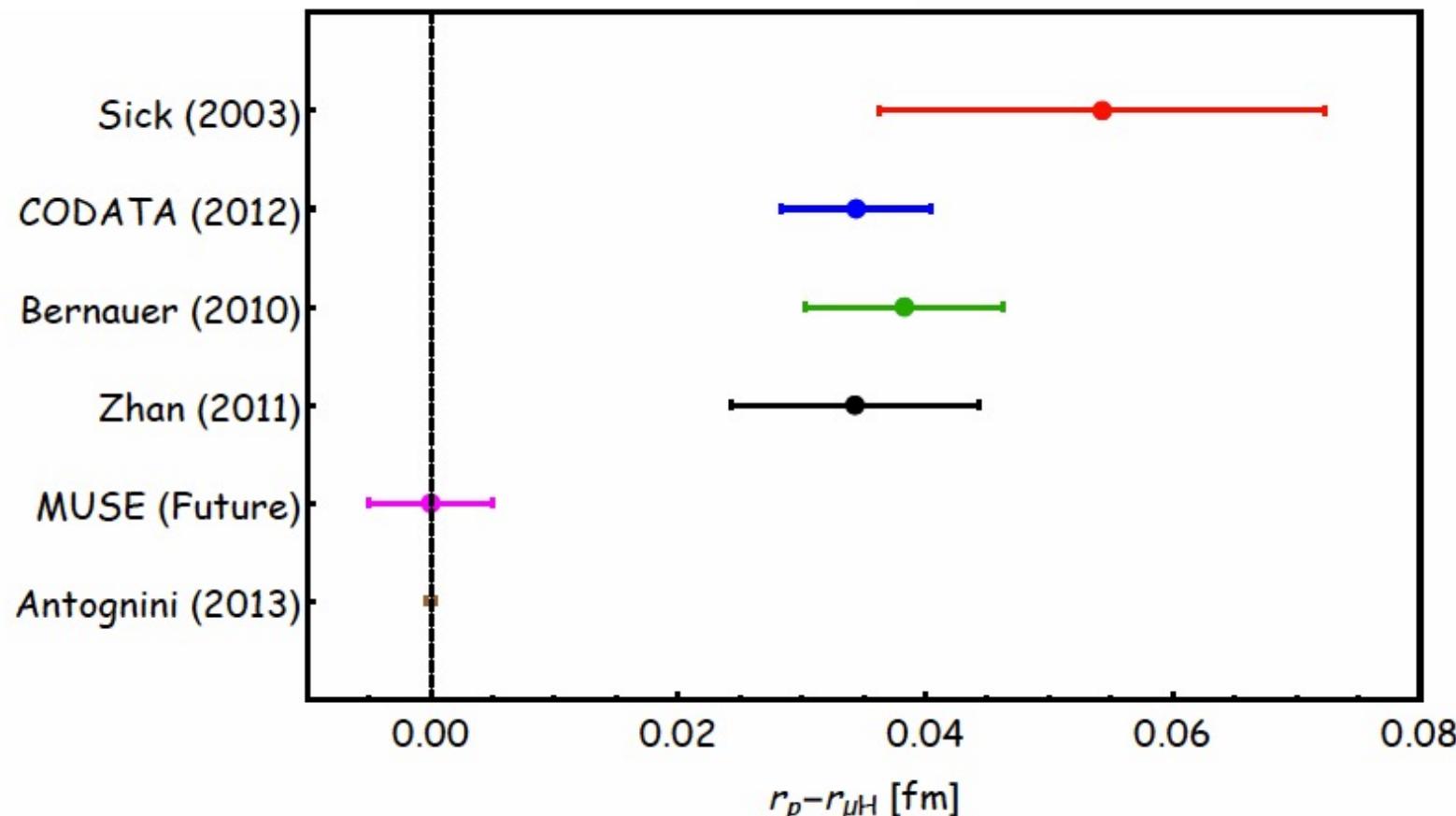
- **Cross sections** to <1% stat. for backward  $\mu$ , <<1% for e and forward  $\mu$   
Absolute 2%, point-to-point relative uncertainties **few  $\times 10^{-3}$**
- **Individual radius extractions** from  $e^\pm, \mu^\pm$  each to **0.010 fm**
- Compare  $e^\pm p$  and  $\mu^\pm p$  for TPE. Charge-average to eliminate TPE.
- From  $e/\mu$  xsec ratios: extract **e- $\mu$  radius difference** with minimal truncation error to **0.0045 fm or  $\sim 8\sigma$**  (1st-order fits)
- If no difference, extract **combined radius to 0.007 fm** (2nd-order fit)



# MUSE: expected precision for radius diff.

- Charge radius extraction limited by systematics, fit uncertainties
- Many uncertainties are common to all extractions in the experiment: Cancel in  $e^+/e^-$ ,  $\mu^+/\mu^-$ , and  $\mu/e$  comparisons
- $R_e - R_\mu = 0.034 \pm 0.006$  fm ( $5.6\sigma$ ), MUSE:  $\delta(R_e - R_\mu) = 0.0045$  fm ( $7.6\sigma$ )

**MUSE suited to verify  $5.6\sigma$  effect (CODATA2014) with  $7.6\sigma$  significance**

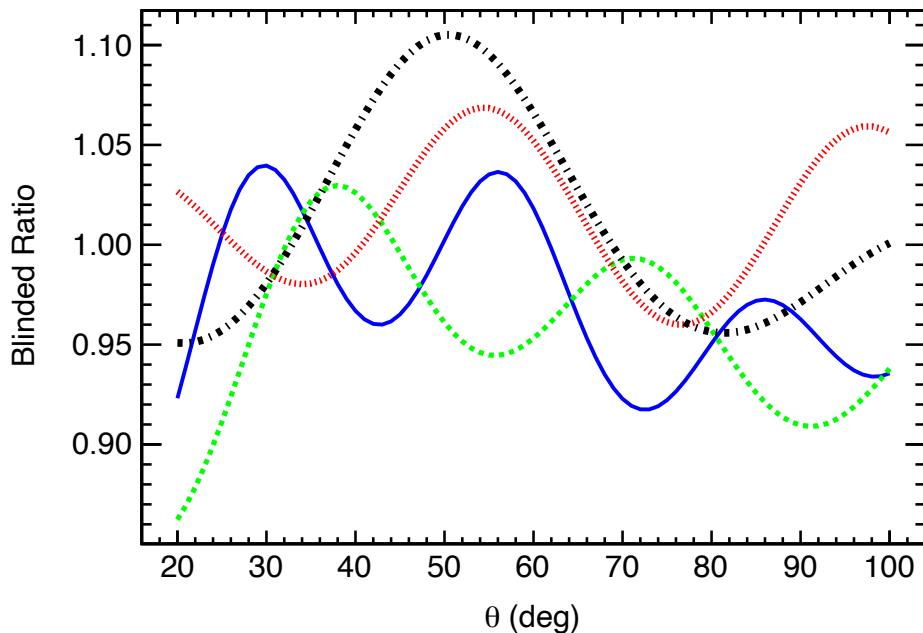


# MUSE performance: data are blinded

J.C. Bernauer *et al.*,

*Blinding for precision scattering experiments: The MUSE approach as a case study*

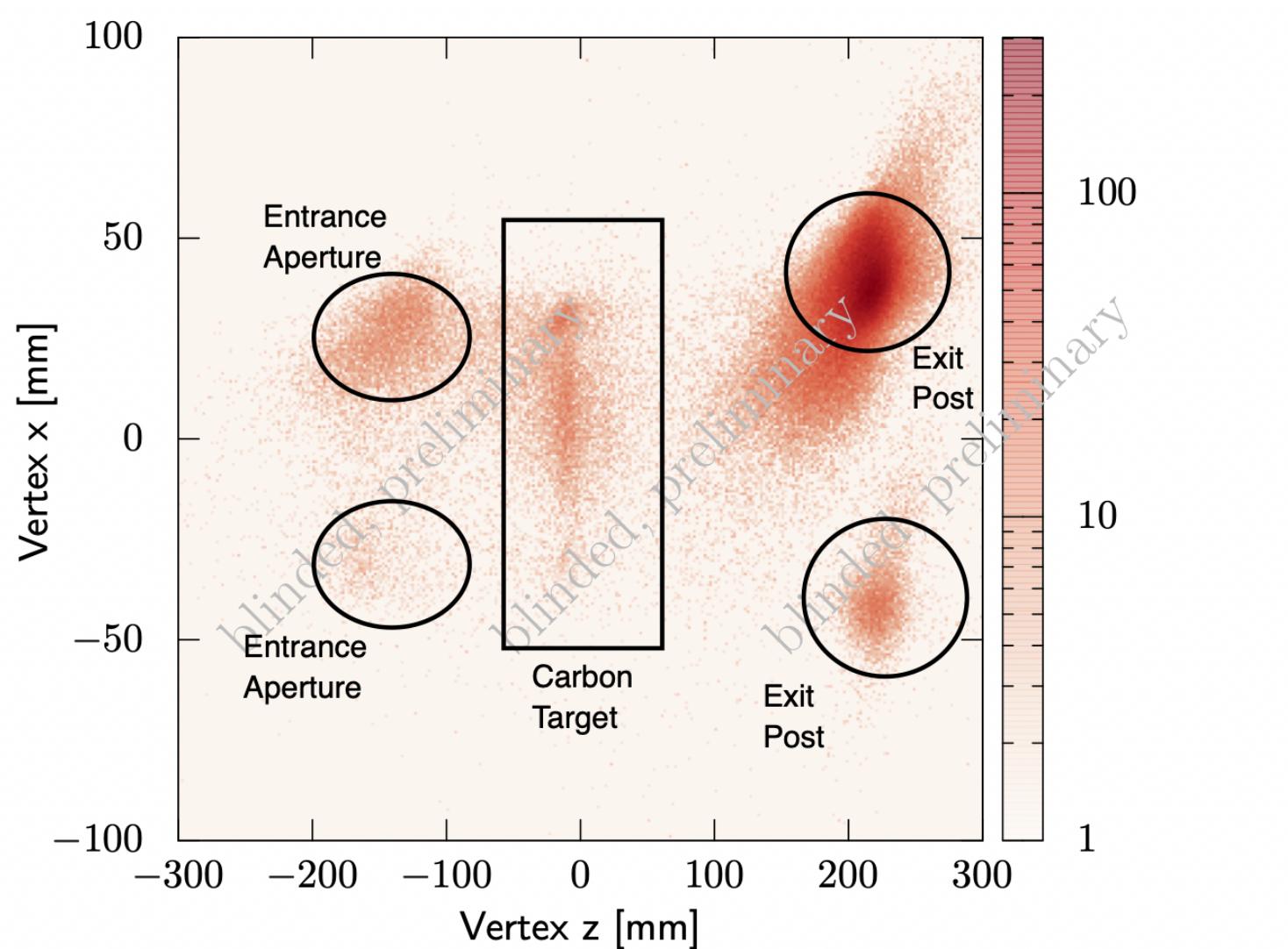
<https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2310.11469>



- Four randomly generated blinding examples
- Randomized fractions of tracks suppressed
- Data and simulation blinded independently
- Change of ratios  $\gg$  expected size of physics
- Data/MC, TPE (+/-), LU ( $e/\mu$ )

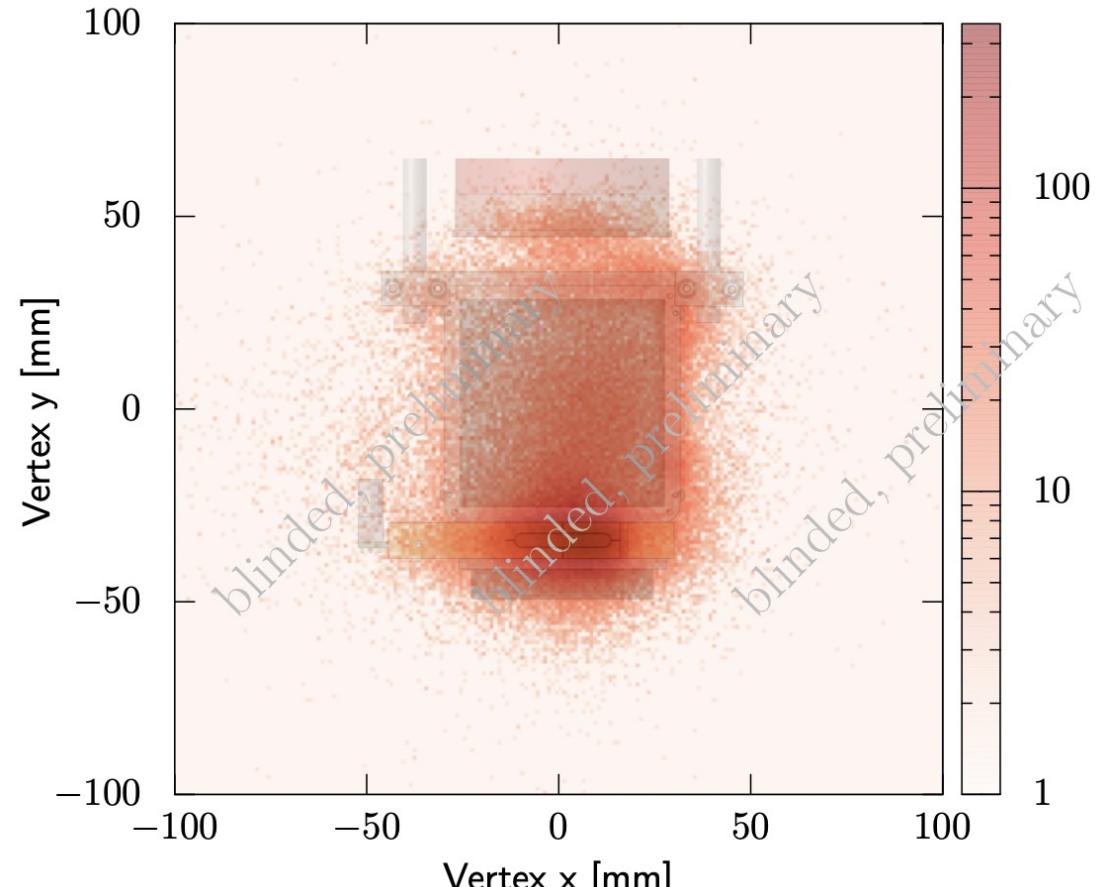
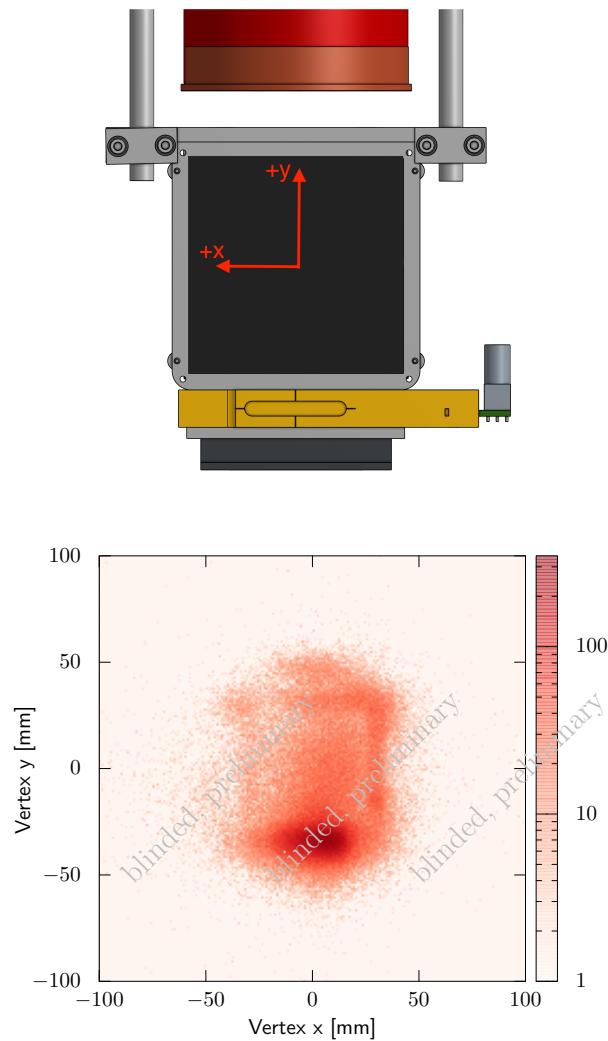
# MUSE performance: $e^\pm$ scattering from C

$e^-C$  and  $e^+C$  scattering at 115 MeV/c , 14M events (7 runs, 2022 data)



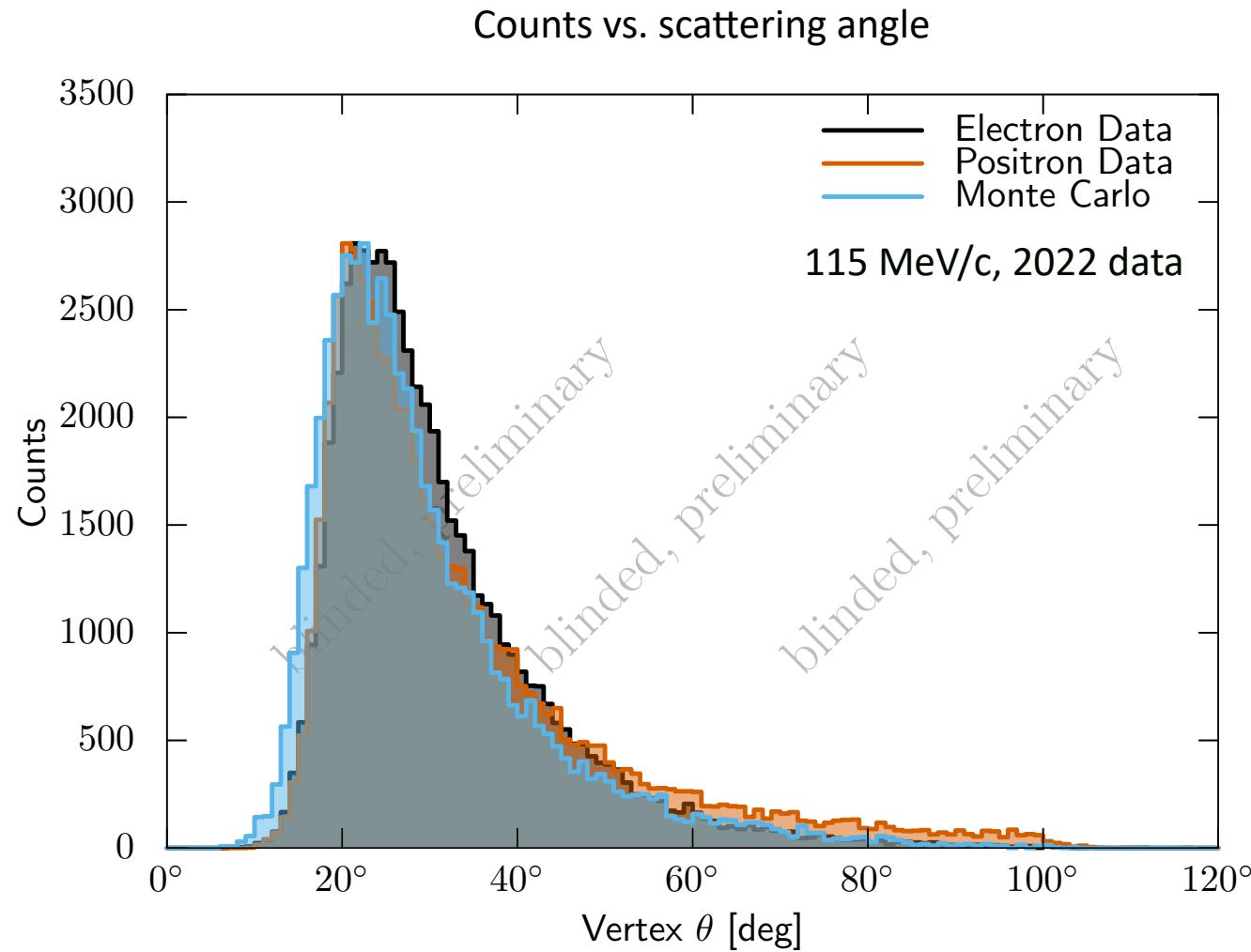
Cut on  $|y| < 25$  mm. Carbon target x y z vertex reconstruction

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Cut on  $|z| < 80$  mm. Carbon target y vs. x vertex reconstruction ( $+x$  toward beam-left)

# MUSE performance: $e^\pm$ scattering from C



Cut on  $|x| < 25$  mm,  $|y| < 25$  mm, and  $|z| < 80$  mm

Blinded data!

Monte Carlo in progress

# MUSE performance: $e^+$ scattering from LH<sub>2</sub>

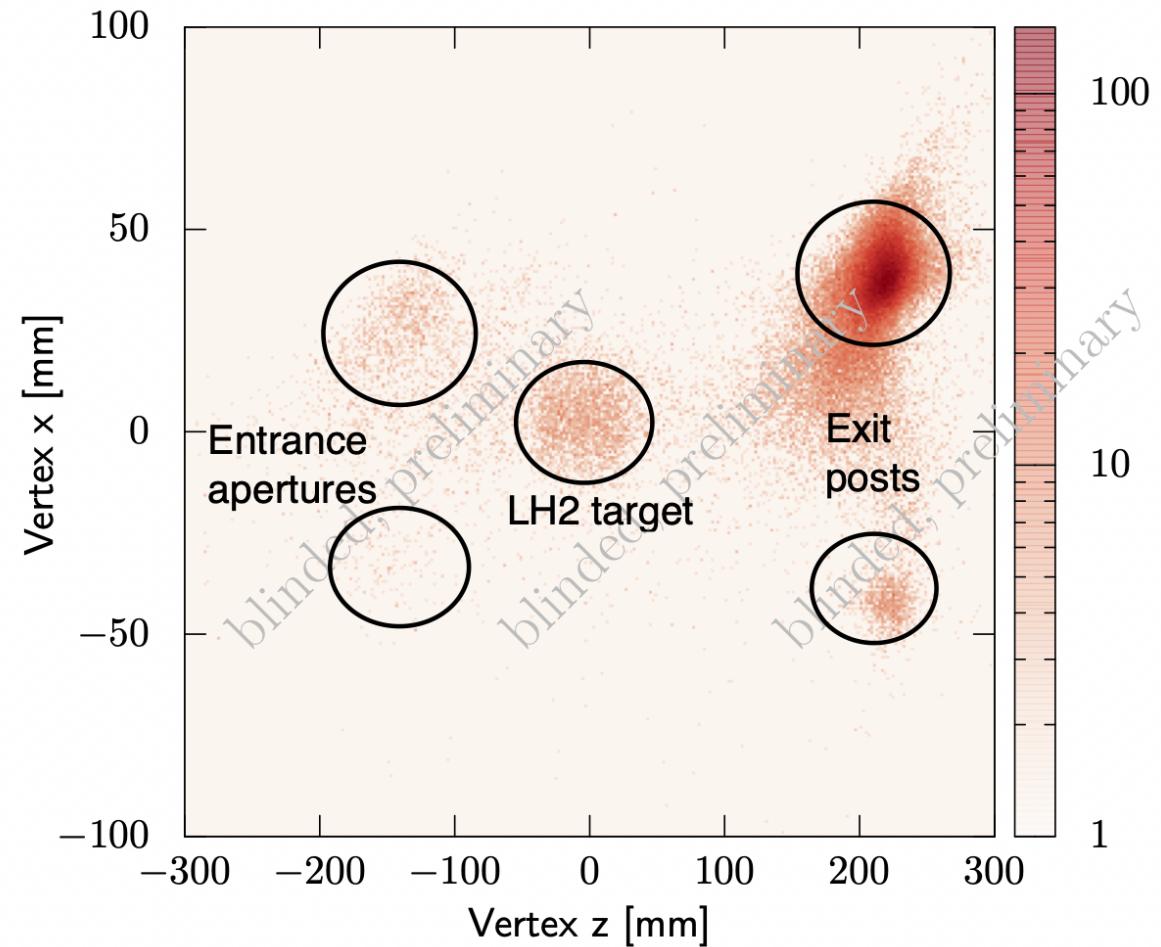
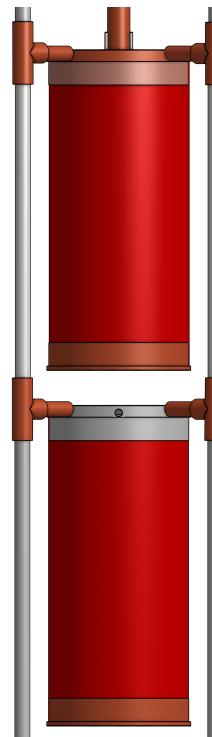
$e^+$  scattering from LH<sub>2</sub> at +160 MeV/c

2022 data: initial vertex analysis

Top:  
filled with LH<sub>2</sub>

Bottom:  
empty cell

6 cm diameter  
13.7 cm tall

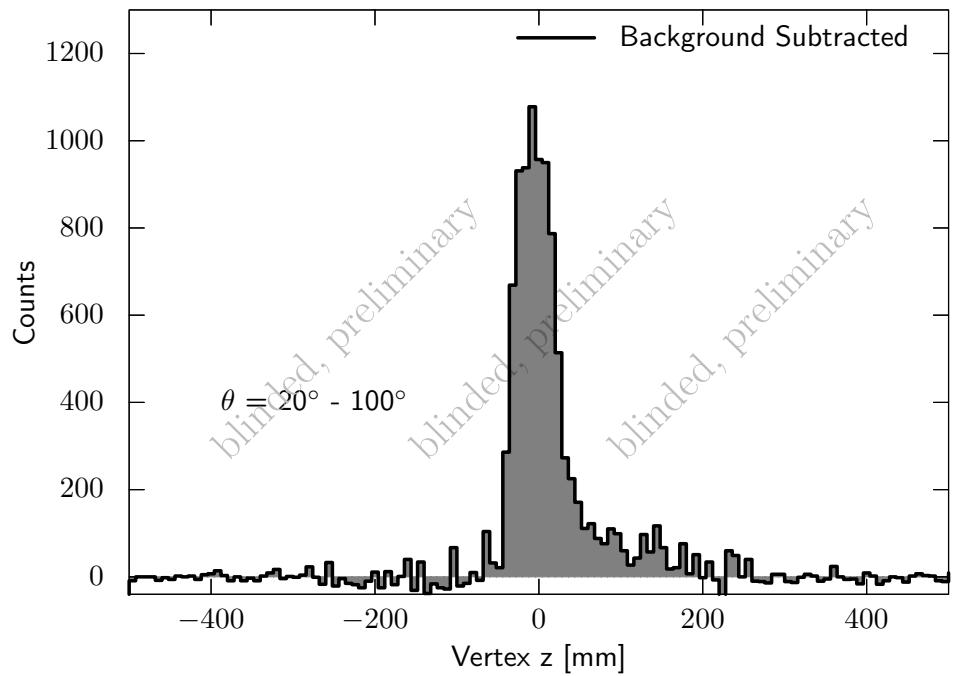
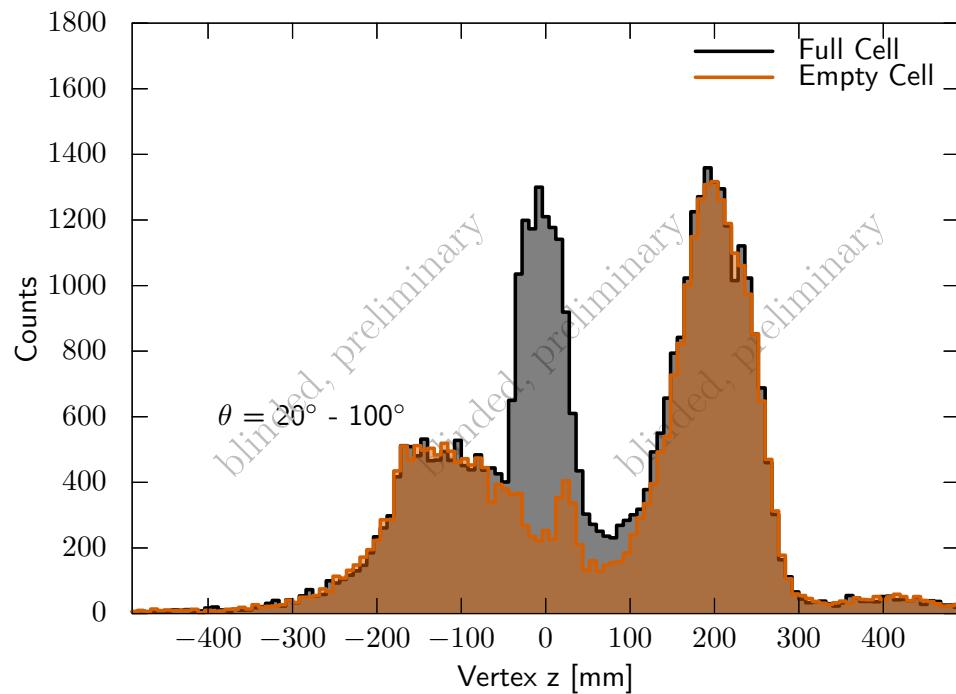


Cut on  $|y| < 50$  mm

# MUSE performance: scattering from LH2

+160 MeV/c, full vs. empty target, reconstructed vertices

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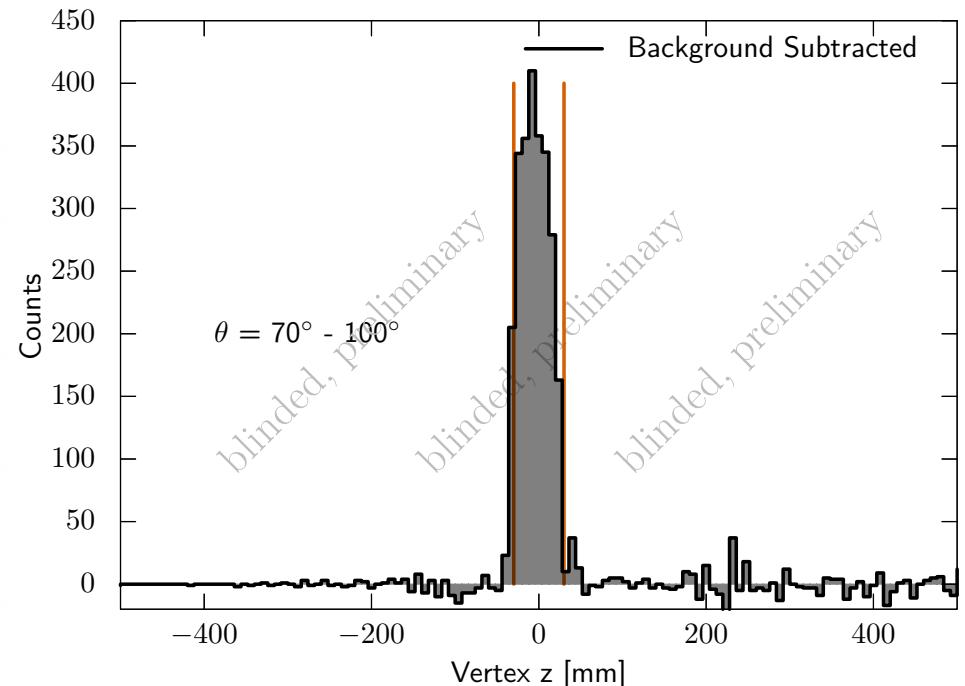
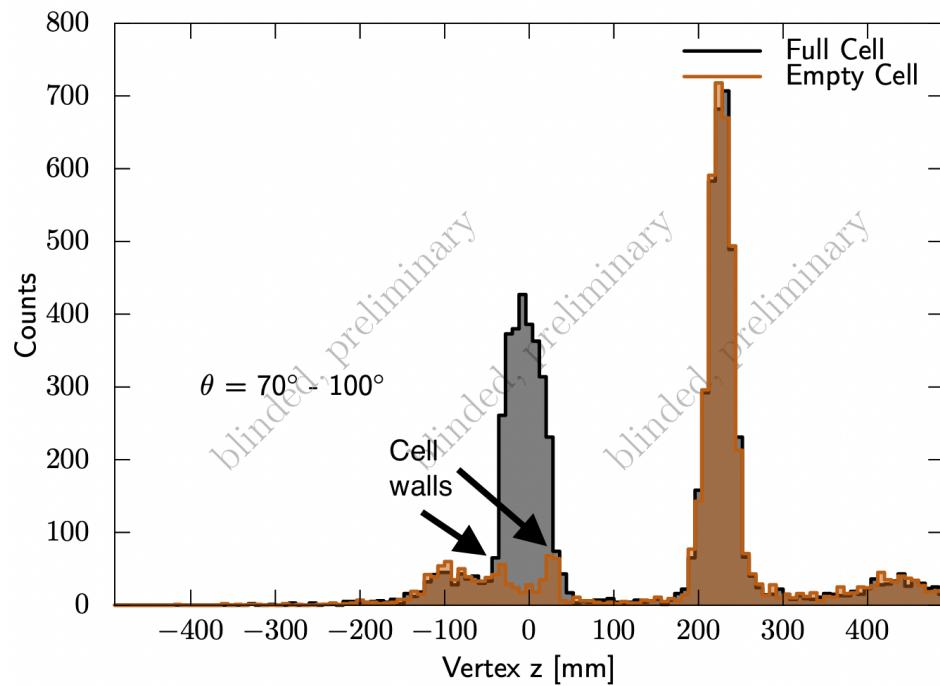


Cut on  $|x| < 25$  mm,  $|y| < 25$  mm,  $20 < \theta < 100$   
Localized backgrounds, more pronounced at forward angles

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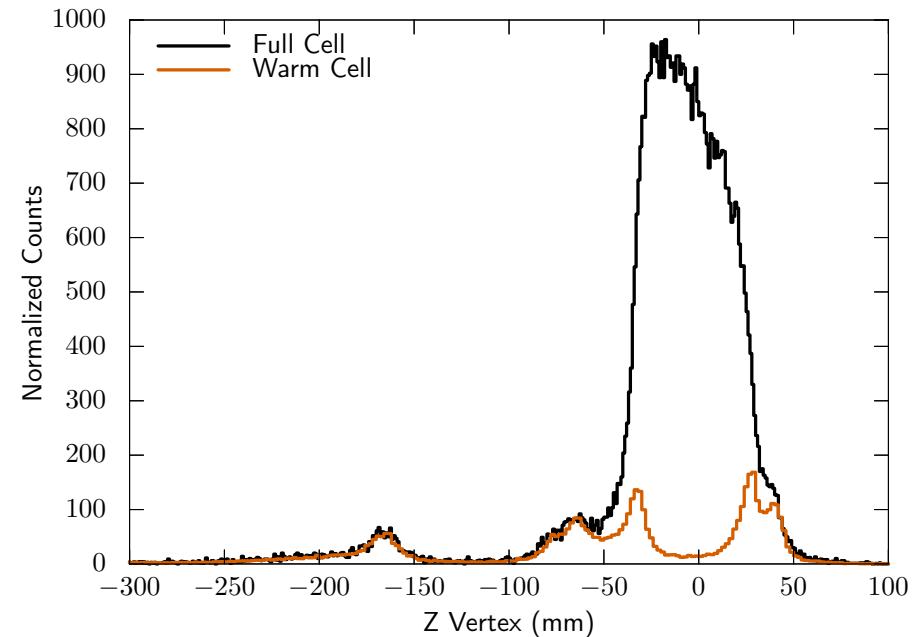
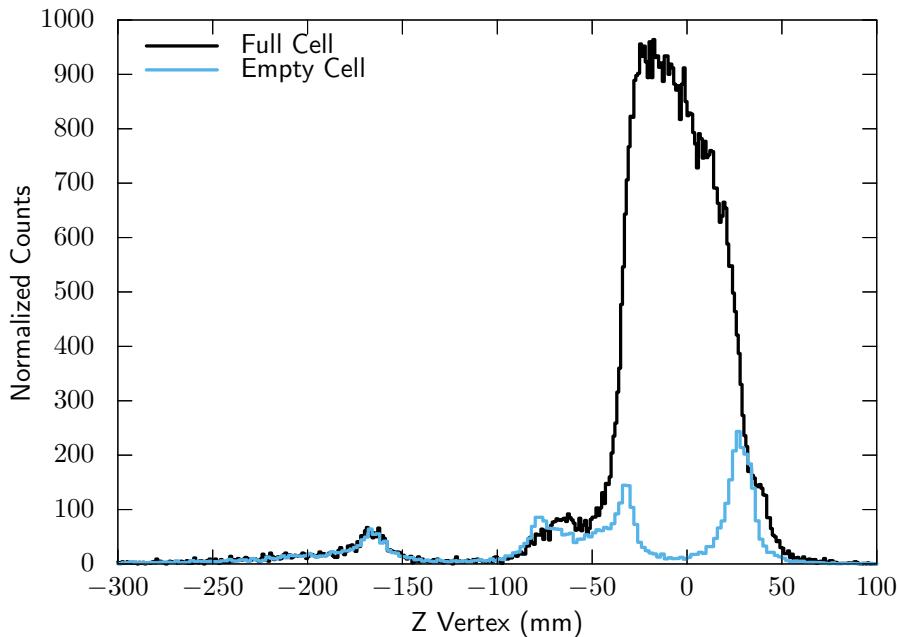
Cut on  $|x| < 25$  mm,  $|y| < 25$  mm,  $70 < \theta < 100$

Localized backgrounds, more pronounced at forward angles

# MUSE performance: scattering from LH2

+210 MeV/c, full vs. empty and warm target, reconstructed vertices

**2023 data: improved vetoing, improved vertex analysis**



Cut on  $|x| < 20$  mm, no  $|y|$  cut, max angular range  $20 < \theta < 100$

# MUSE performance: scattering from LH2

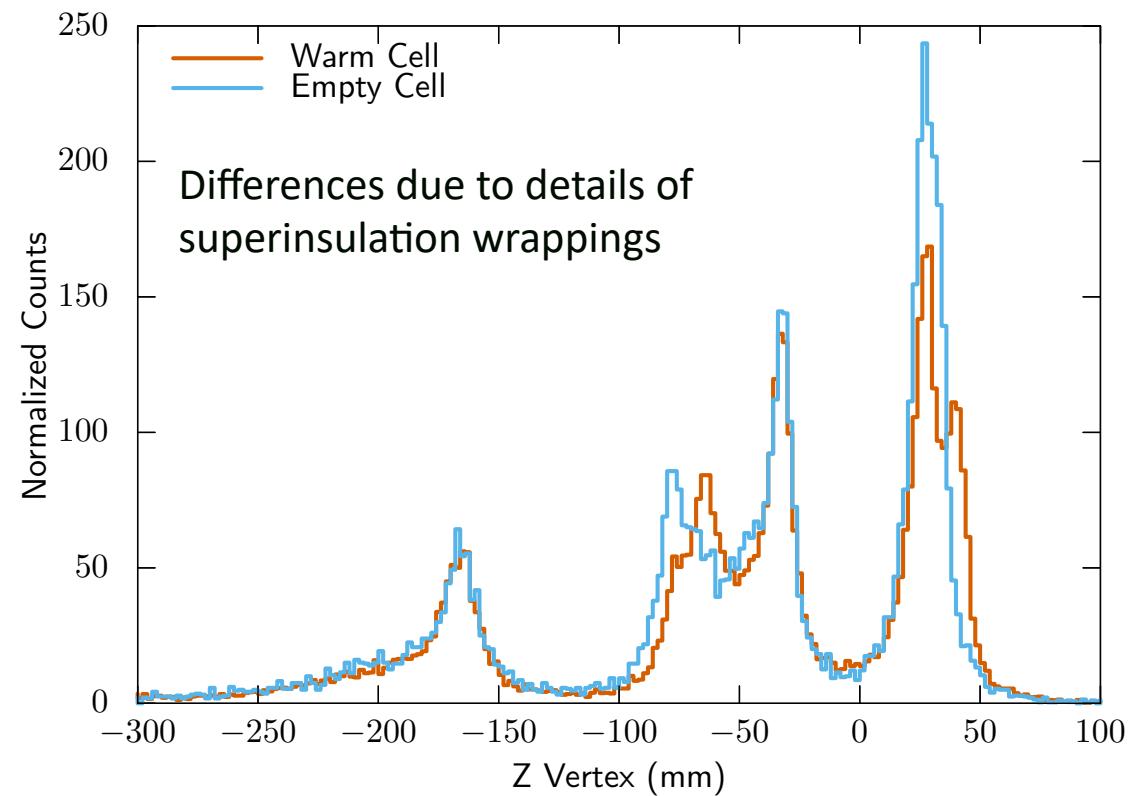
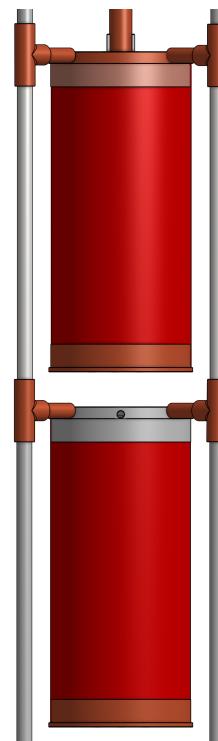
+210 MeV/c, full vs. empty and warm target, reconstructed vertices

2023 data: Improved target post vetos, improved vertex analysis

Top:  
warm cell

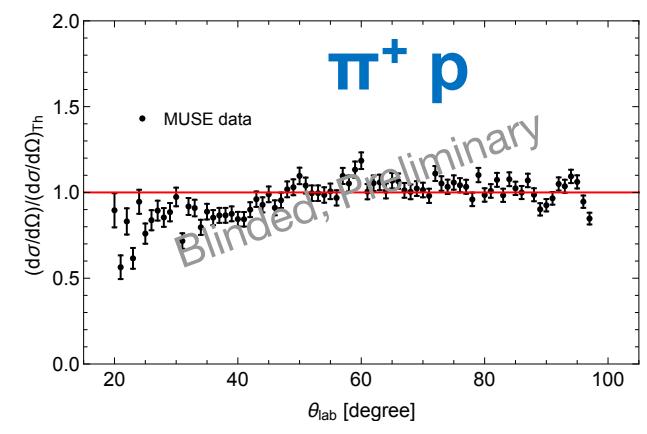
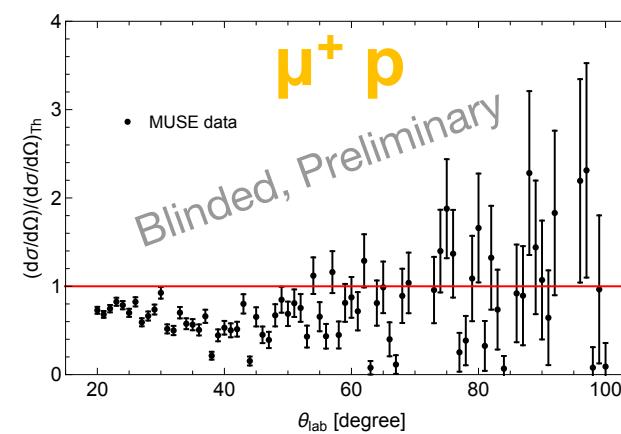
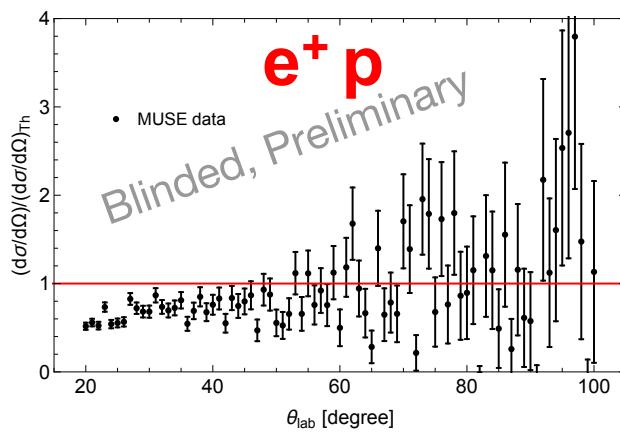
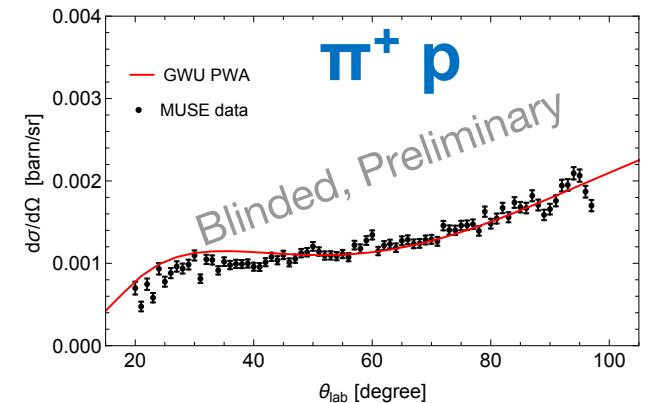
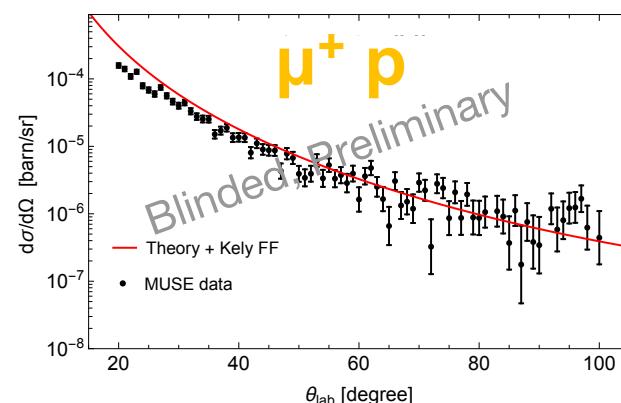
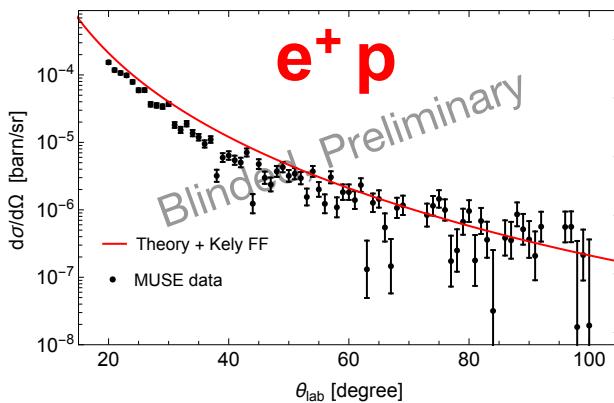
Bottom:  
empty cell

6 cm diameter  
13.7 cm tall



# Cross sections for +160 MeV/c

Two independent analyses: W. Lin (Rutgers); I. Lavrukhin (U Mich., shown here)



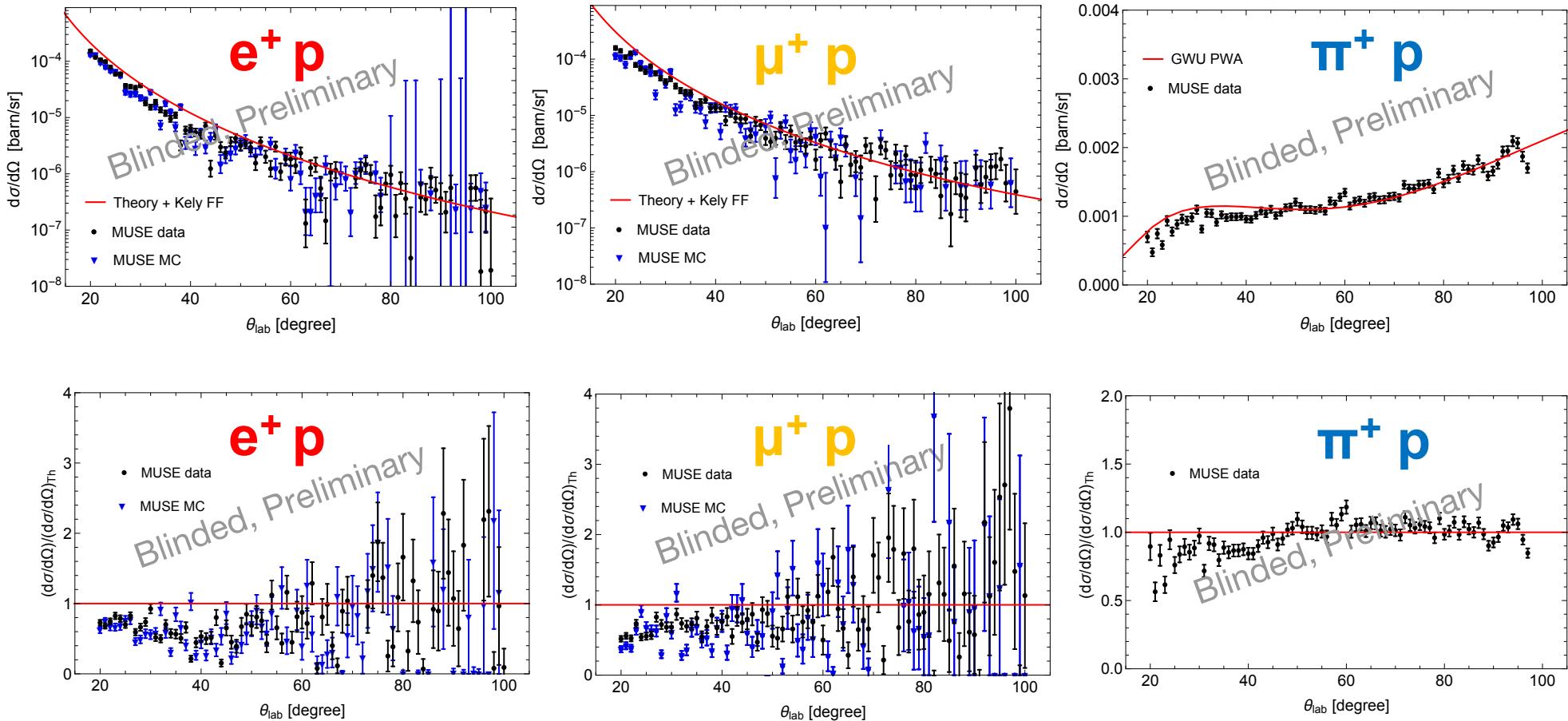
## Data:

Acceptance, target thickness  
nominal

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{N_{scat}(p, \theta)}{N_{inc} \times (x\rho)_{target} \times \Omega_D \times \epsilon_{total}}$$

# Cross sections for +160 MeV/c

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**MC:**

Acceptance, target thickness  
nominal, without radiative  
correction

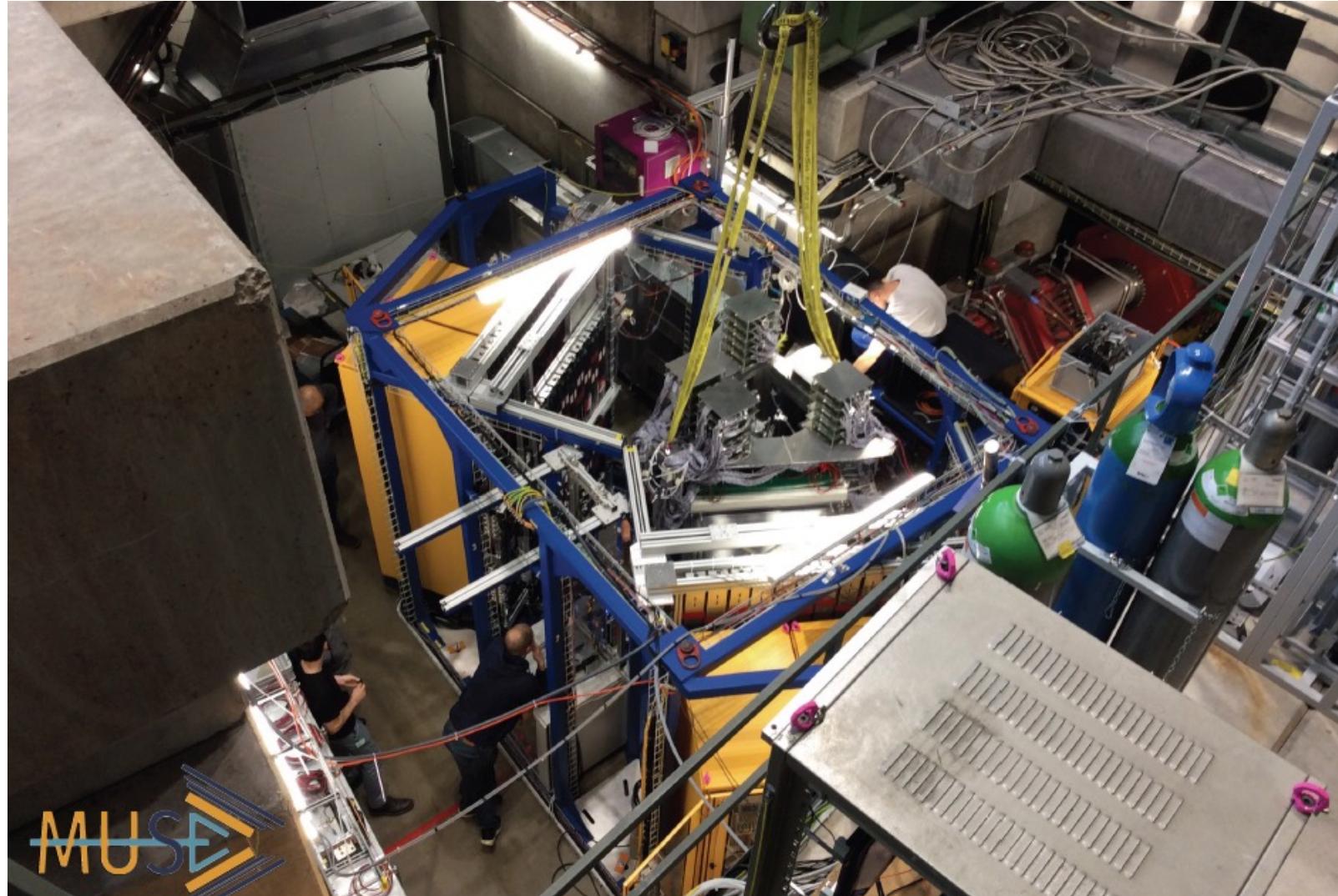
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# 2018-2022 installation and commissioning

Dec. 2018: Assembly complete; Summer/fall 2019: Initial commissioning

Fall 2020-2022: Commissioning cont'd under Covid-19 constraints

From Sum. 2023: Start production data for 12 beam months over ~2 years

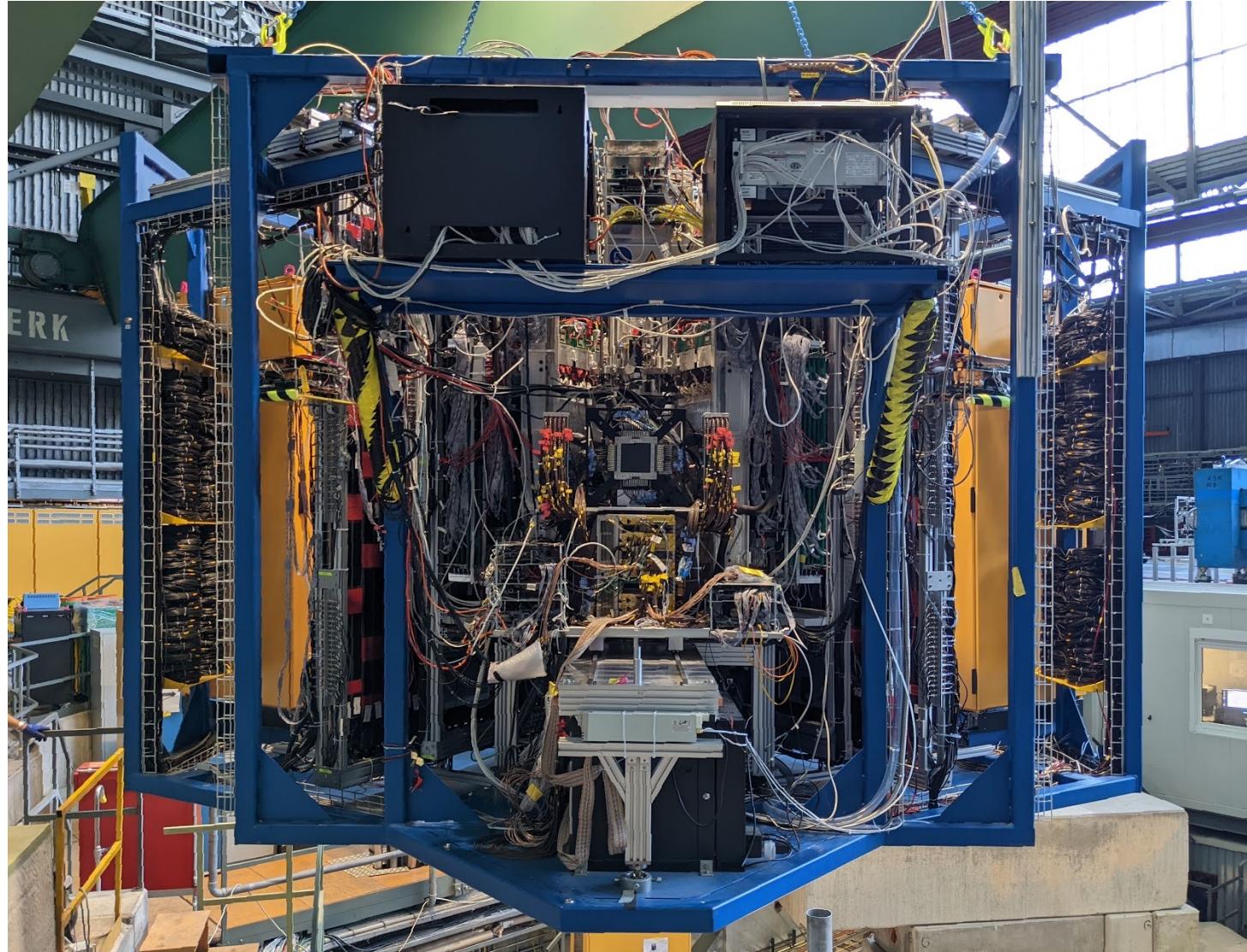


# 2023-2025: production data taking

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# MUSE timeline and status

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- Proton radius puzzle not solved in 2023 – 13 years later
- Lepton non-universality in the center of beyond-SM effects
- MUSE first proposed in 2012, PAC-approved in 2013
- R&D program with NSF, BSF, and DOE support 2014 – 2016
  
- Technical design report November 2015
- Collaborative funding proposal to NSF in Nov 2015: Mid-scale
- NSF technical review February 2016
  
- Target conceptual design March 2016
- MOU with PSI April 2016
- Project management review May 2016 → award recommendation!
  
- Funding for construction has begun in fall 2016
- Construction and commissioning of MUSE 2016-2022
- Initial scattering data collected in Fall 2021 and Fall 2022
  
- Data taking for 12 calendar months – 5 months in 2023 approved

# MUSE current status

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- MUSE took 14 weeks of production data taking since June 2023
- Additional 3 weeks scheduled in late Nov/early Dec 2023
- Took initial data at 115 MeV/c in Fall 2022
- This year (2023) focused on 210 and 160 MeV/c, under analysis
- Plan to continue data taking in 2024 and 2025



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