

# Status of the MUon Scattering Experiment (MUSE) at PSI

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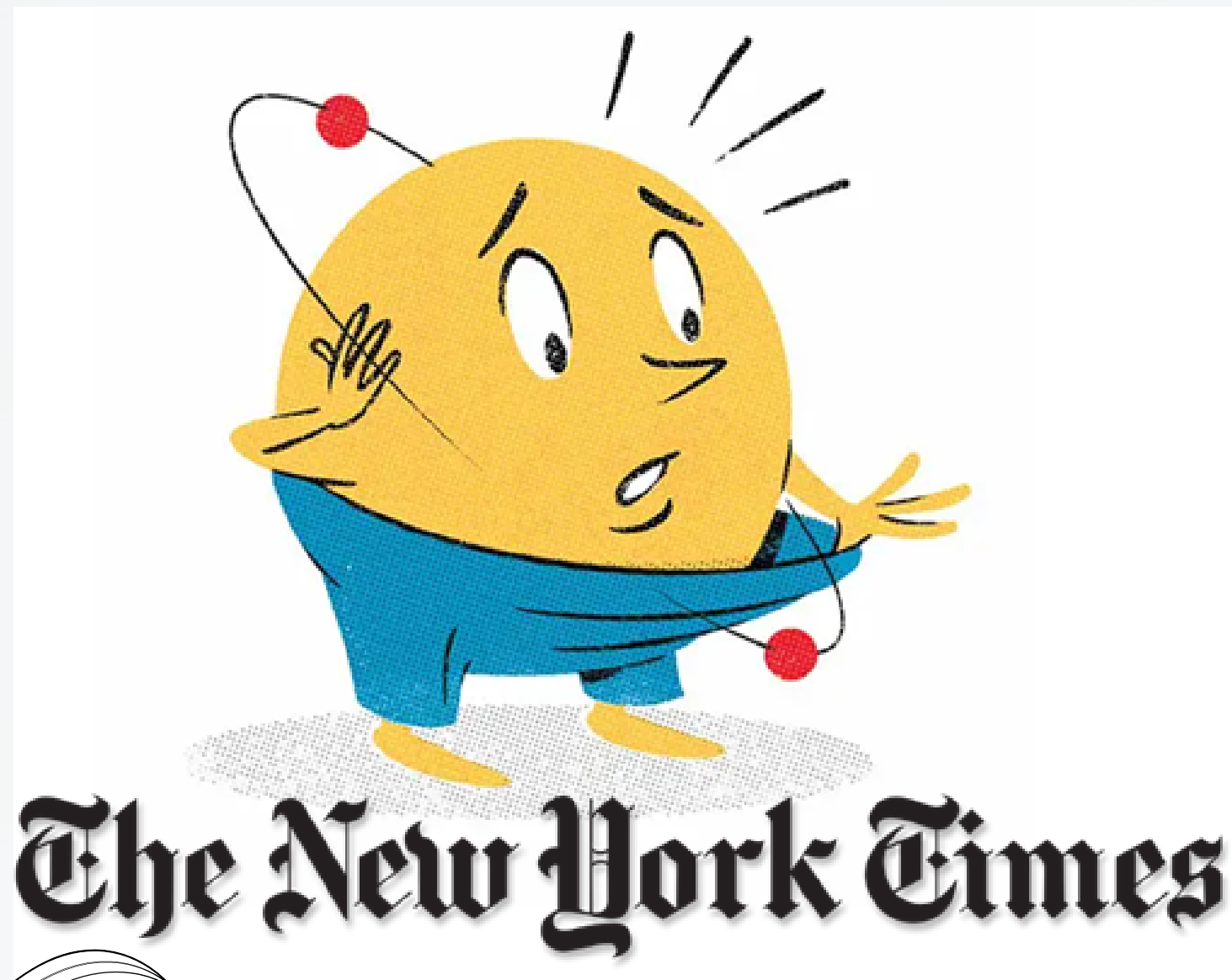
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# 1. Proton Radius Puzzle

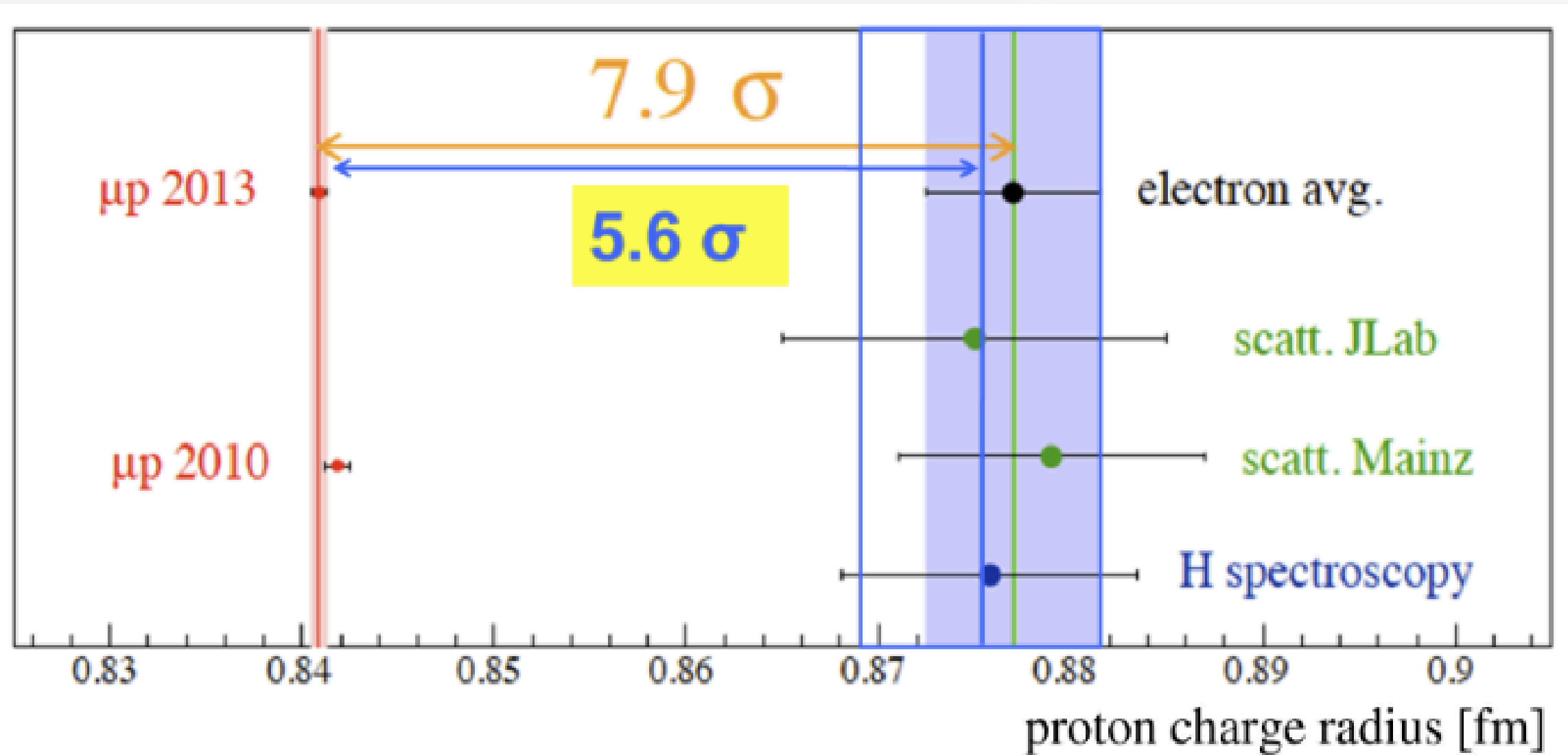
# Proton radius puzzle

Discrepancy between radius measured by electrons and muons



Nature 466, 213 (2010)

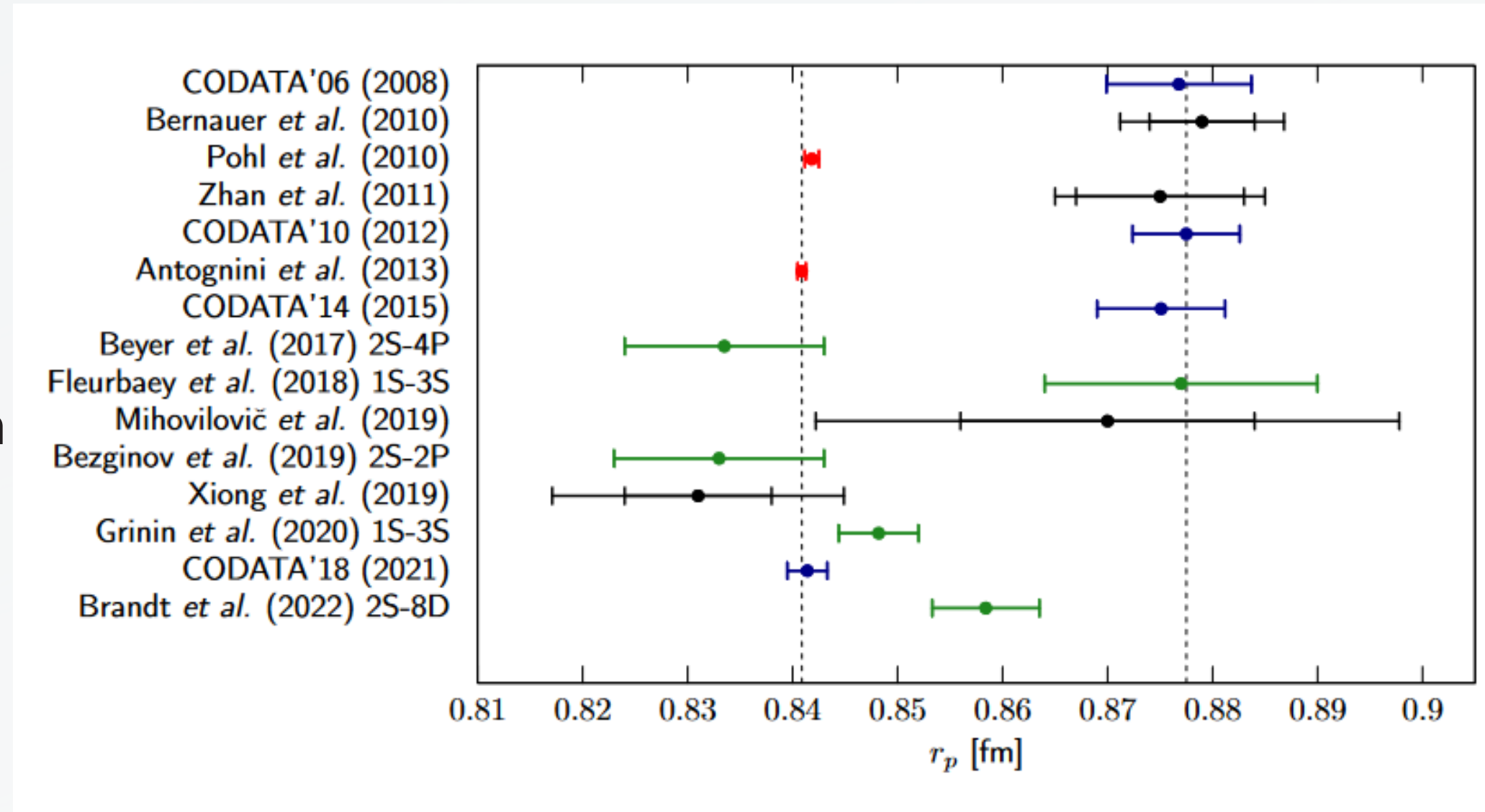
# Proton radius puzzle: 2013



- Atomic-hydrogen spectroscopy and electron scattering agree
- First muonic-hydrogen spectroscopy measurement of proton radius published in 2010
- Significant disagreement between muon and electron results
- Muonic-hydrogen confirmation measurement in 2013

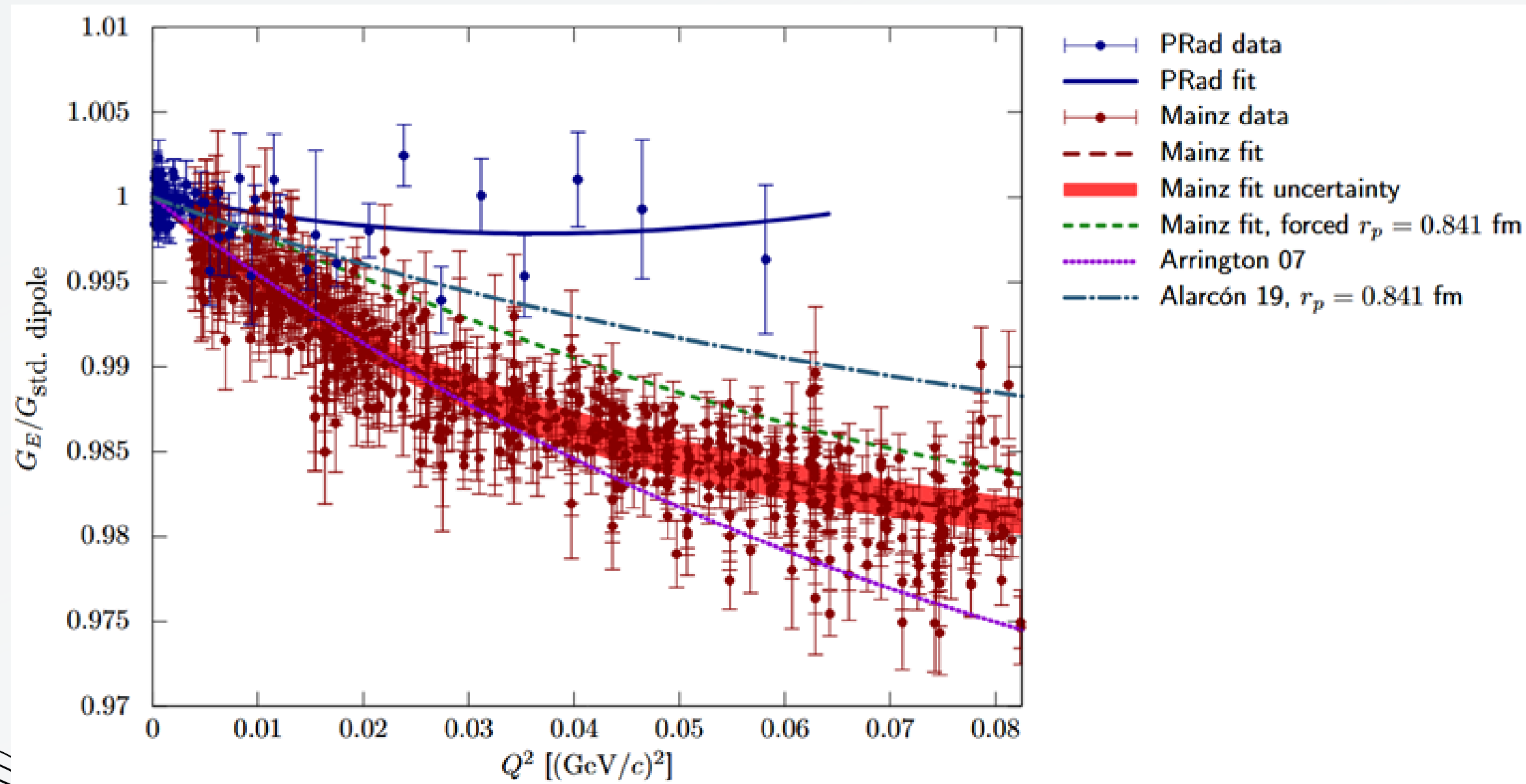
# Proton radius puzzle: now

- Inconsistent electron-proton scattering and atomic-hydrogen data
- Muonic-hydrogen value 0.8409 fm
- No adequate muon-proton scattering data



- CODATA
- Electron-proton scattering
- Atomic hydrogen spectroscopy
- Muonic hydrogen spectroscopy

# Proton radius puzzle



Two electron-proton scattering experiments.

Why are form factors different?

Which result should be favoured and why?

Independent checks needed:

- MUSE
- ISR
- ULQ2

## Radiative corrections

Do we know these well enough?

## Lepton universality

Are leptons universal or do we go beyond the standard model?

## Experiment or analysis

Errors in experiment or analysis?

**Why so different?**



# Scattering Experiments

**Data taken**

Beam	e <sup>-</sup>	e <sup>+</sup>	μ <sup>-</sup>	μ <sup>+</sup>
PRad	✓			
Mainz 2010	✓			
Mainz ISR	✓			
Mainz Jet	✓			
<b>MUSE PSI</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓
ULQ2 ELPH	✓			
AMBER CERN			✓	✓
MAGIX MESA	✓			
PRES MAMI	✓			
PRad-II JLab	✓			

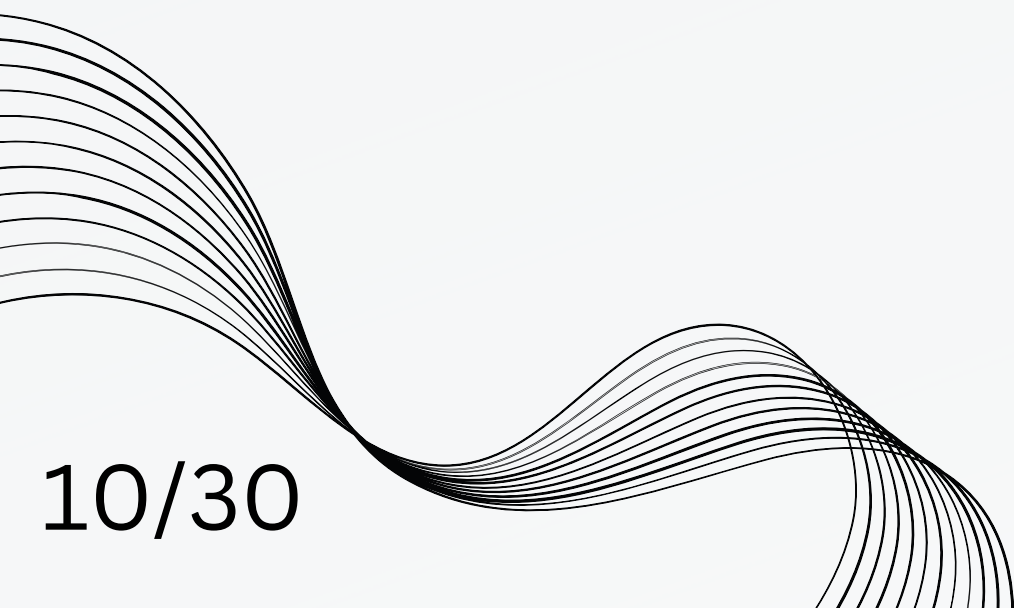
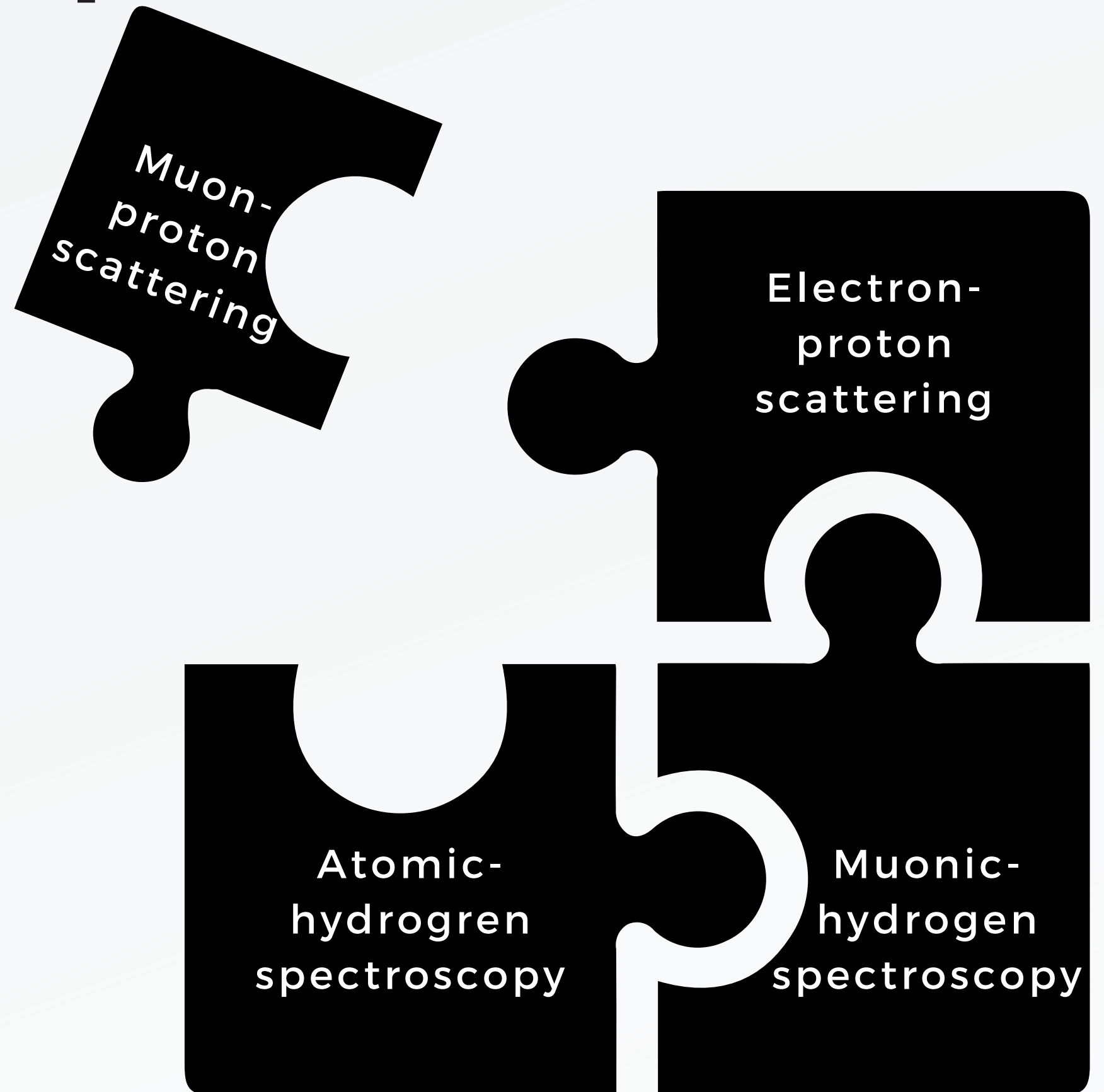
**Running**

**Future**

- Many different scattering experiments underway and to come
- MUSE is first muon-scattering experiment
  - AMBER to follow soon
- MUSE is the only simultaneous electron- and muon-scattering experiment

# Scattering Experiments

**Is muon-proton scattering  
the missing piece to this  
puzzle?**





# 2. MUSE Experiment

# MUSE Experiment: Possibilities

Simultaneous  
electron and  
muon scattering

**Lepton  
universality**

Radiative effects  
much smaller  
for muons than  
electrons

**Radiative  
corrections**

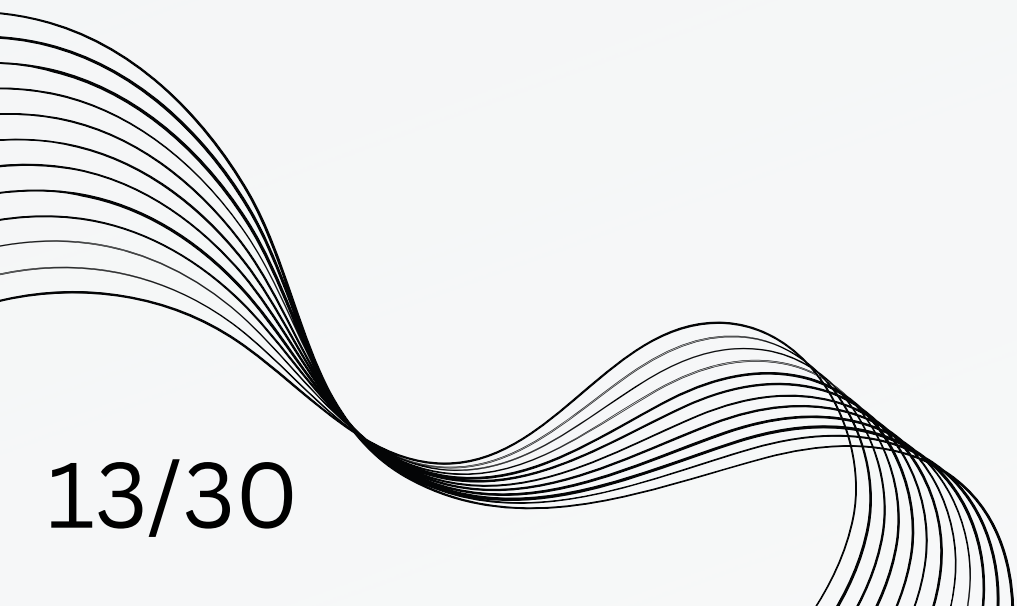
Both charge  
polarities gives  
access to  
explore

**Two-photon  
exchange**

# MUSE Experiment: PSI

Secondary beams of  $\pi, e, \mu$  produced at M-target with 590 MeV protons

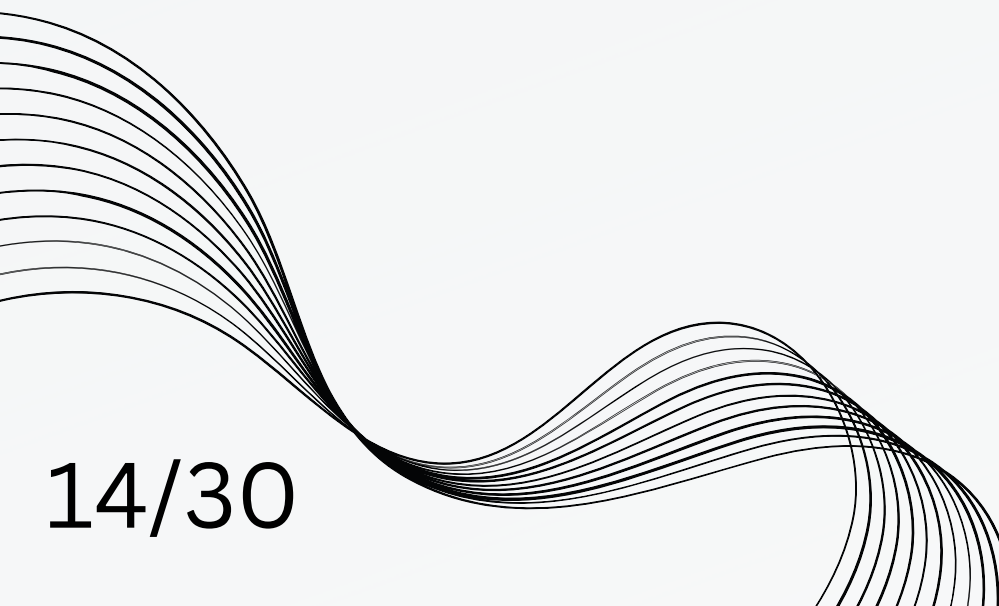
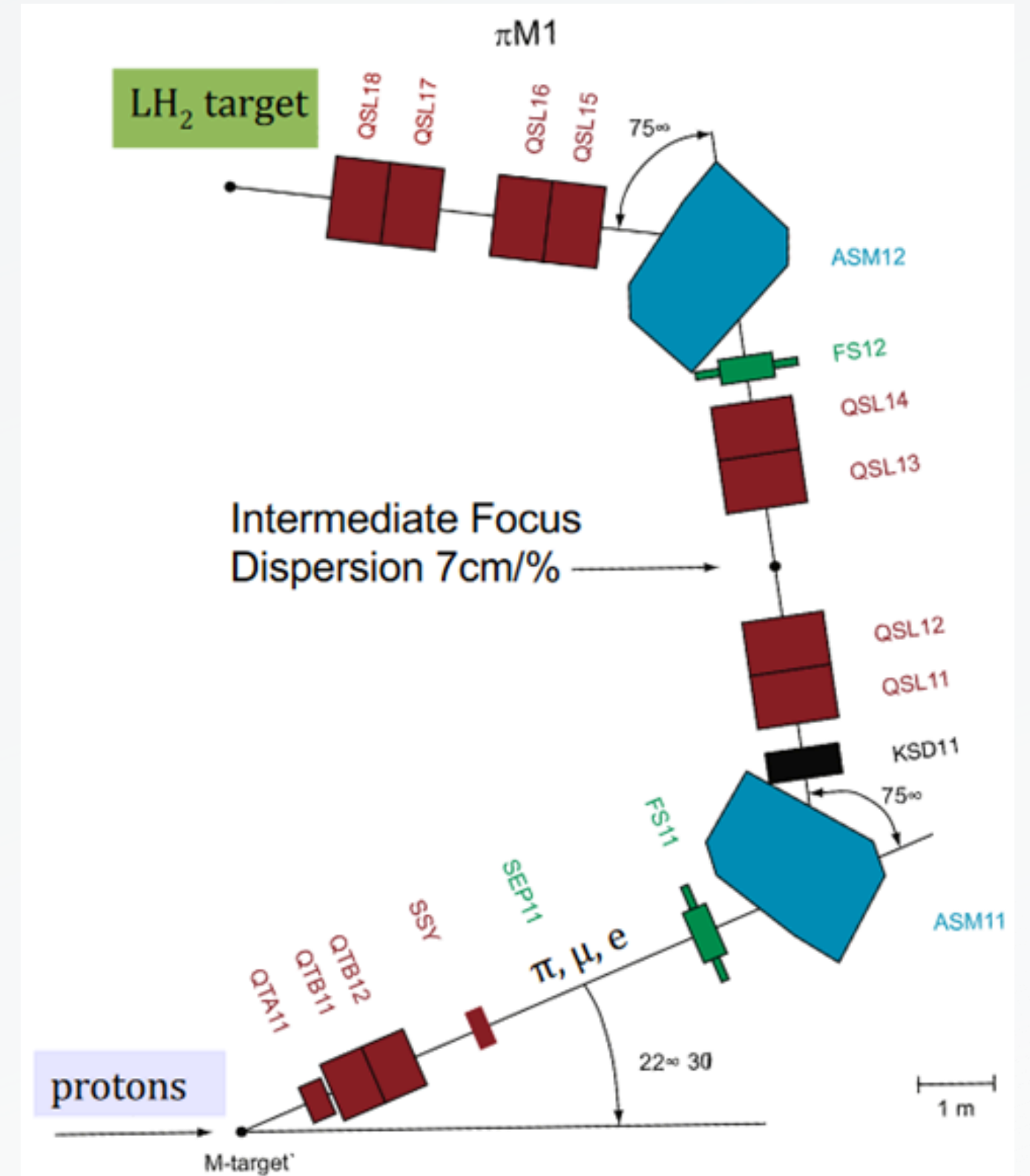
The world's most powerful low-energy, separated  $\pi, e, \mu$  beam



# MUSE Experiment: $\pi$ M1 Beamline

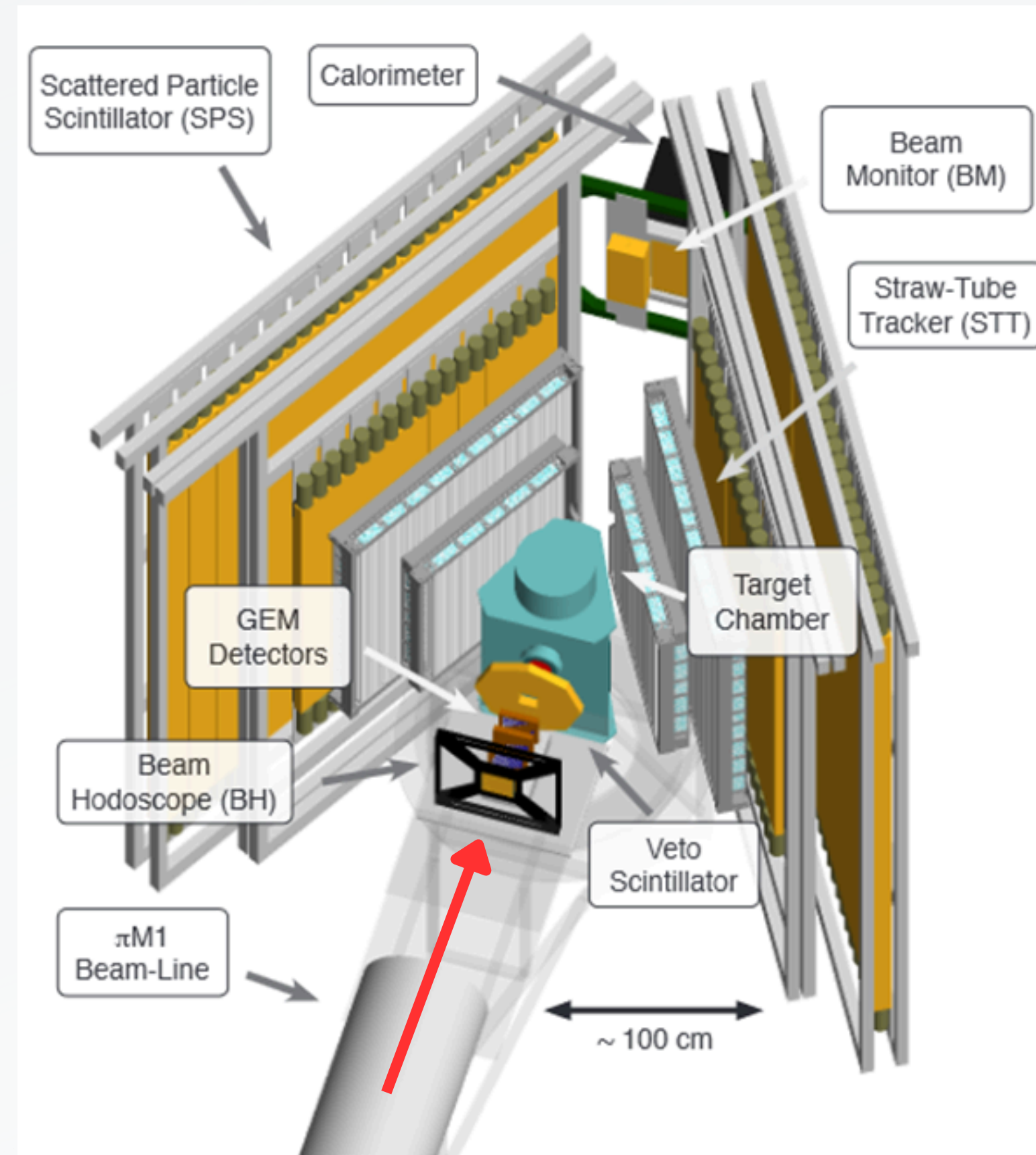
Secondary beam directed to  $\pi$ M1 experimental hall

Beam properties well understood with TRANSPORT, TURTLE, and G4Beamline (E. Cline et al., PRC105, 055201 (2022))



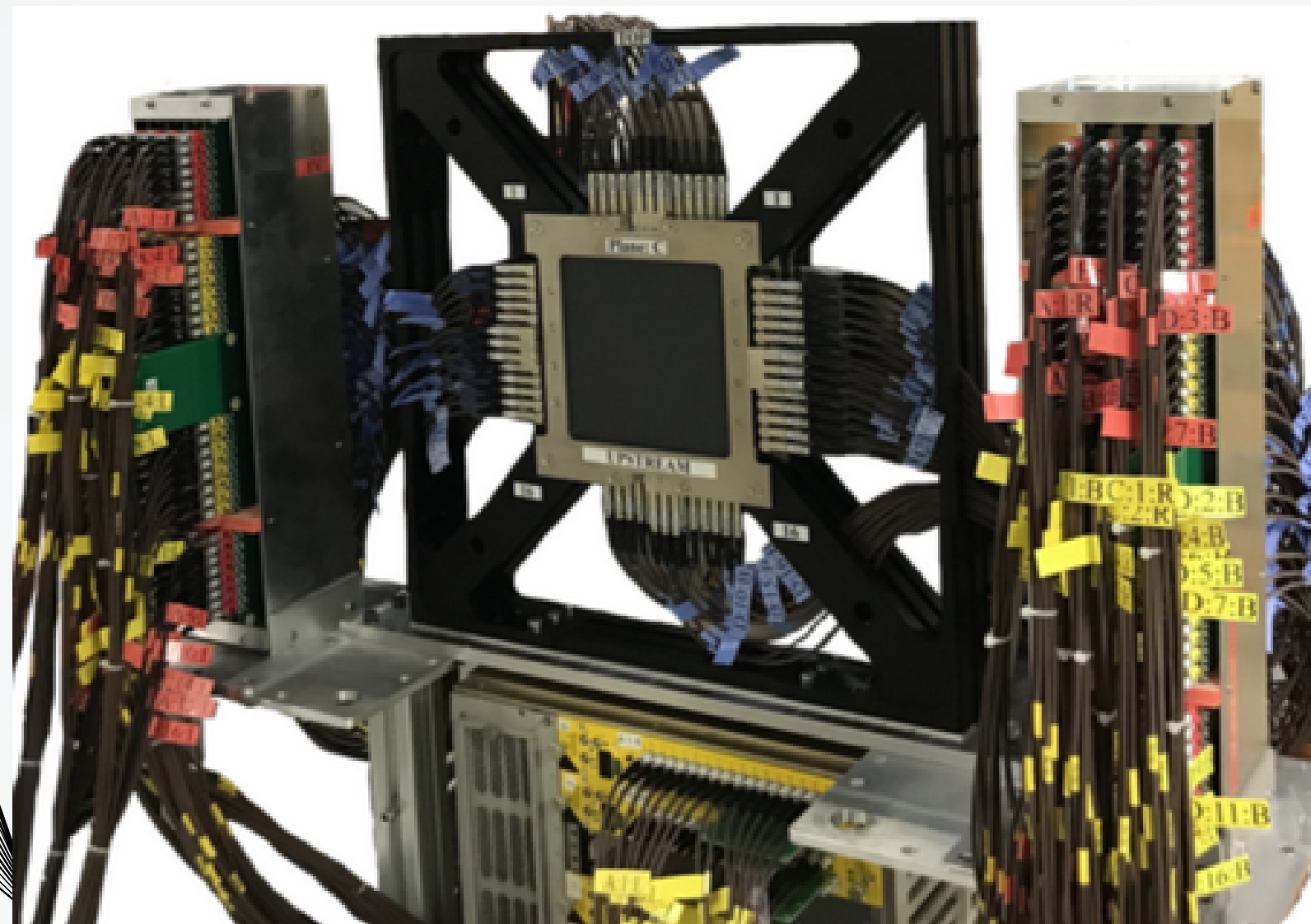
# MUSE Experiment: Overview

- 3.3 MHz total beam flux
  - $\approx 2-15\%$   $\mu$ 's
  - $\approx 10-98\%$  e's
  - $\approx 0-80\%$   $\pi$ 's
- $p = 115, 160, 210$  MeV/c
- $Q^2 \approx 0.002 - 0.07$  GeV<sup>2</sup>
- $\theta \approx 20^\circ - 100^\circ$
- $180^\circ$  coverage in  $\phi$

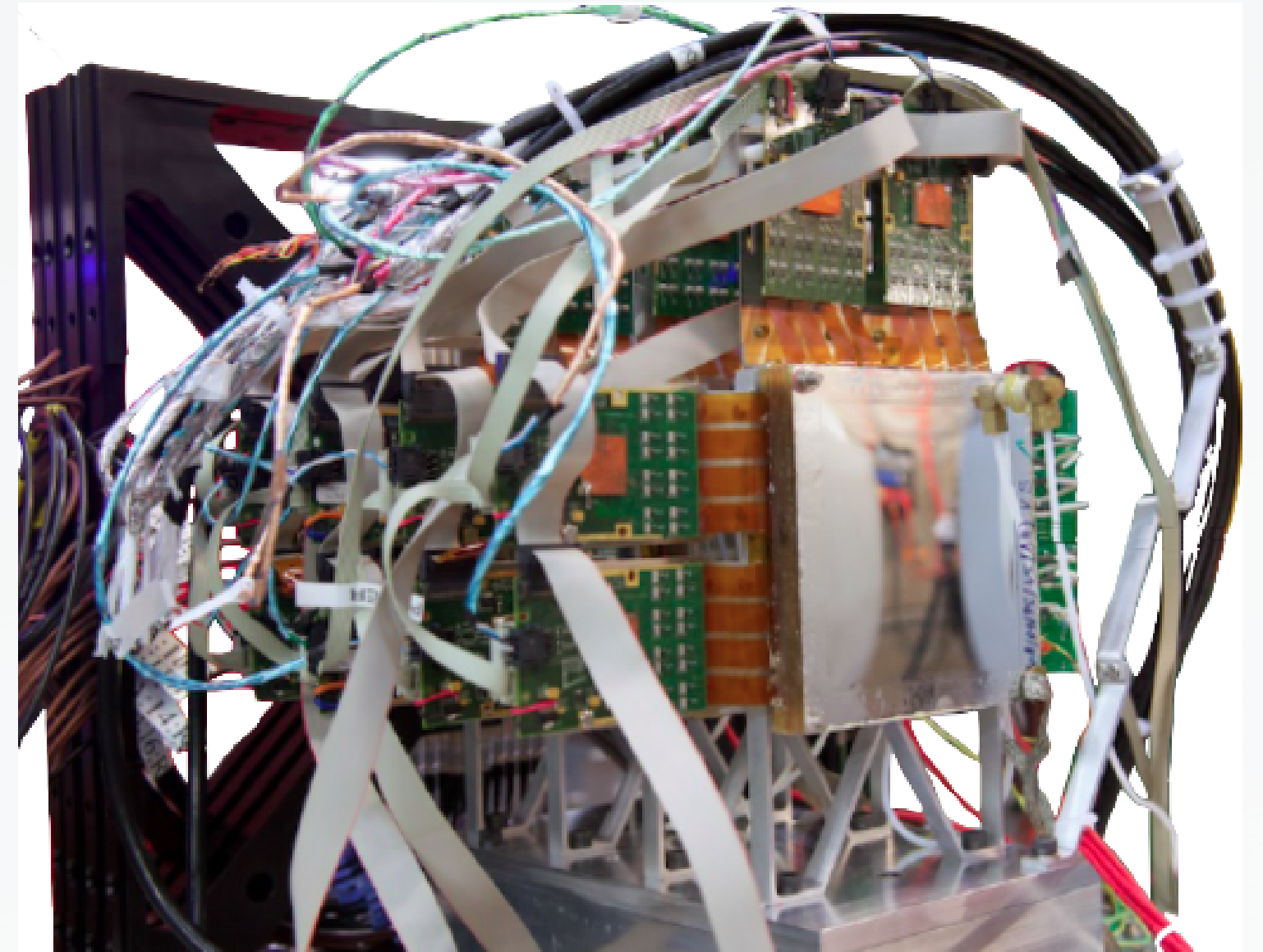


# MUSE Experiment: Beamline Detectors

**Beam Hodoscope**  
Timing and particle ID



**GEMs**  
Tracking of incident  
particle





# MUSE Experiment: Scattering Detectors

## Straw Tube Tracker

Tracking of scattered particle

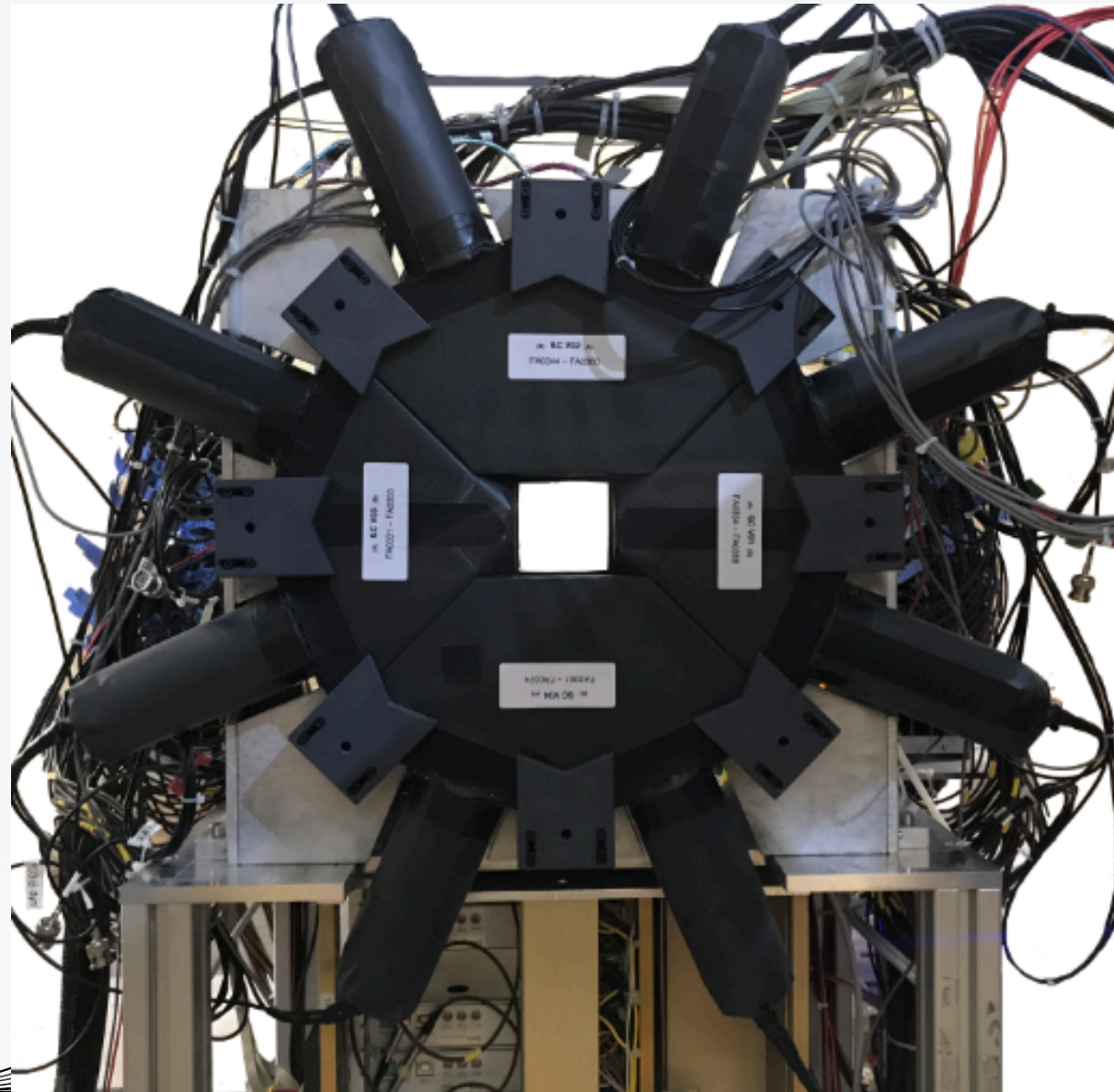
## Scattered Particle Scintillator

Scatter trigger and reaction ID

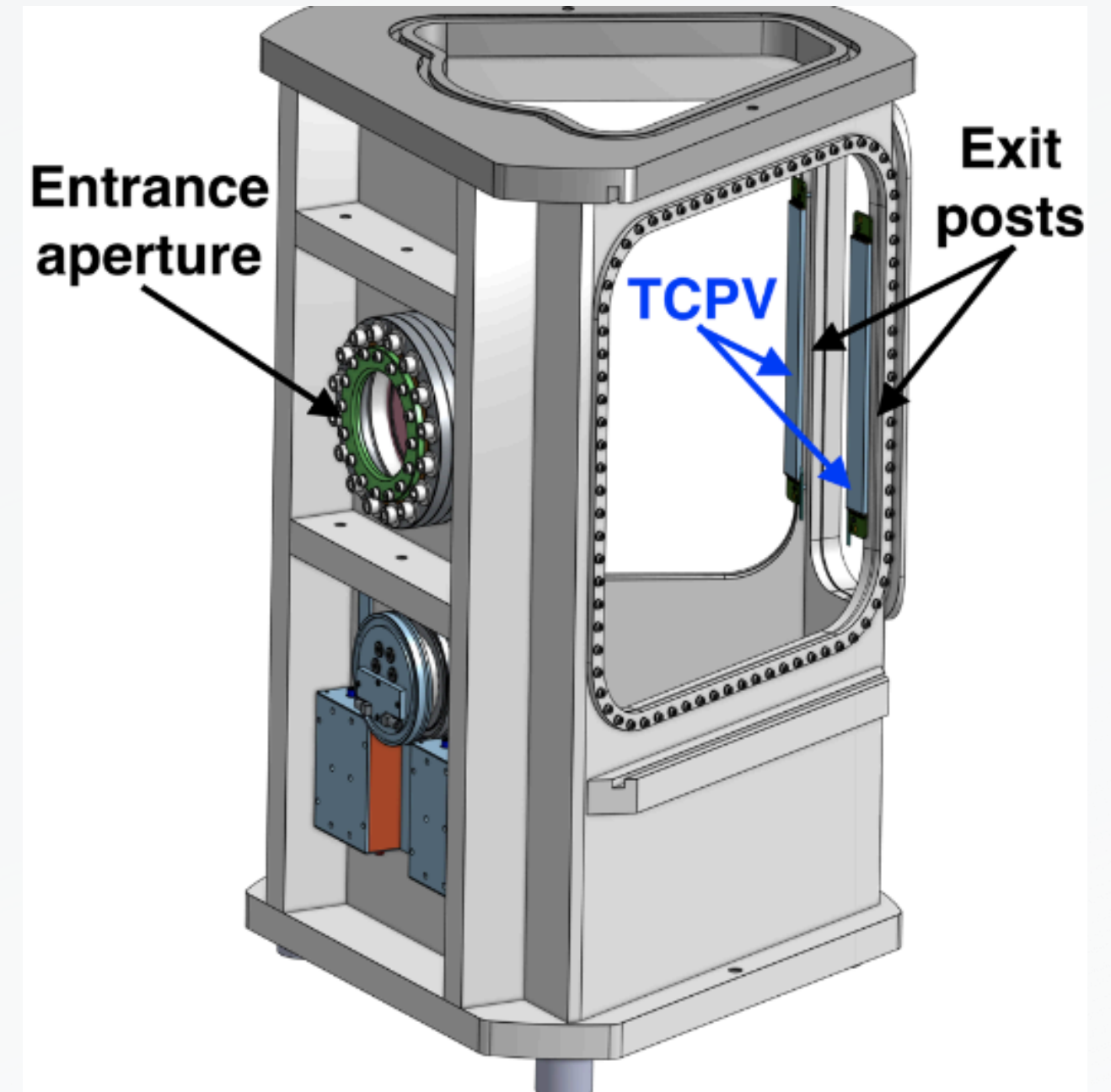


# MUSE Experiment: VETO Detectors

**Beamline VETO**  
Remove decays



**Target Chamber Post VETOs**  
Remove scatters from exit posts



# MUSE Experiment: VETO Detectors

## Beam Monitor

Remove Moller and  
Bhabha scattering

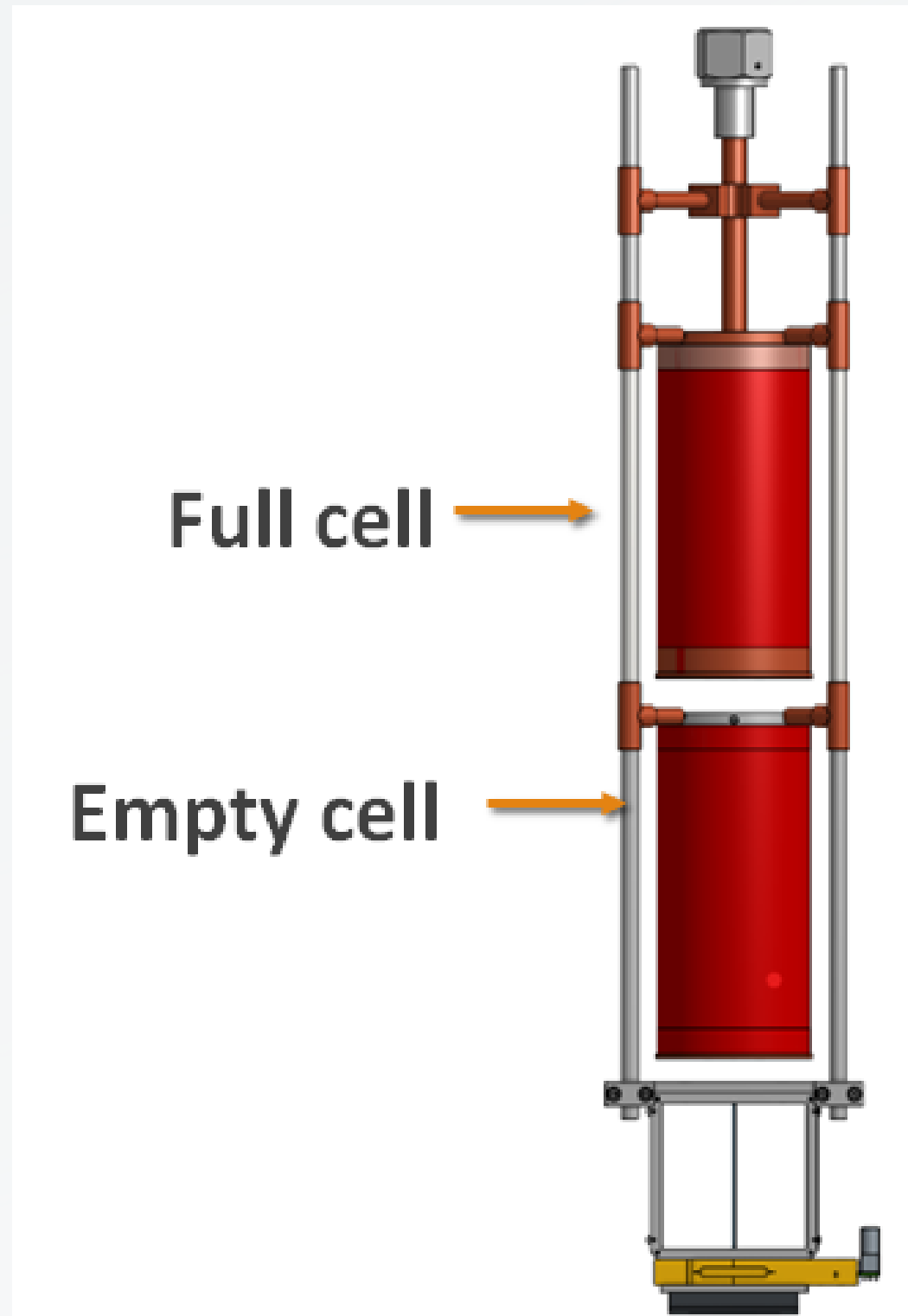


## Calorimeter

Remove hard initial-state  
radiation events



# MUSE Experiment: Target



**Full cell**  
For proton scattering

**Empty cell**  
For background subtraction

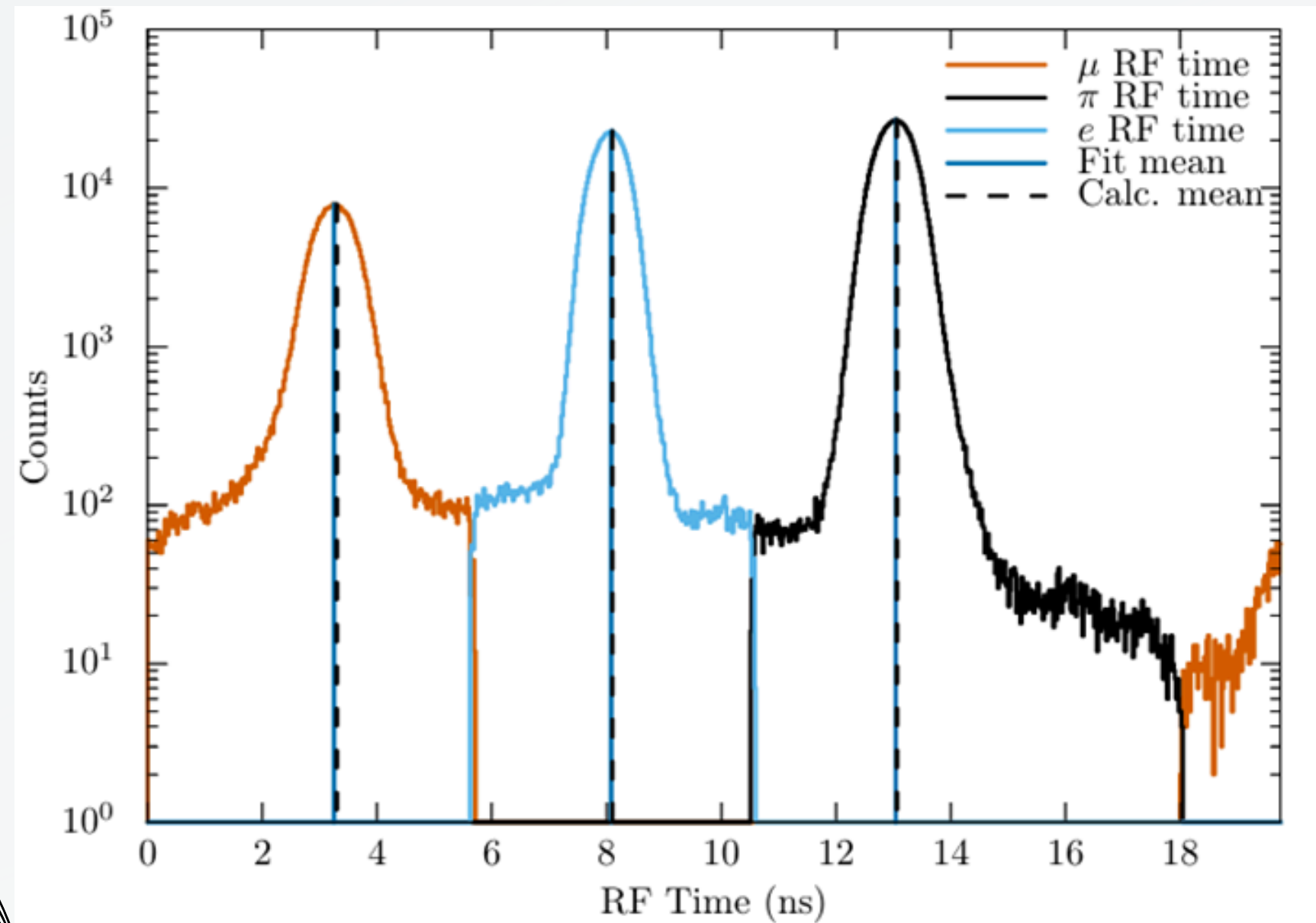
**Rod Target**  
For alignment and resolution



# 3. MUSE Analysis

# MUSE Analysis: Beam particle ID

RF of all planes,  $p = 160 \text{ MeV}/c$

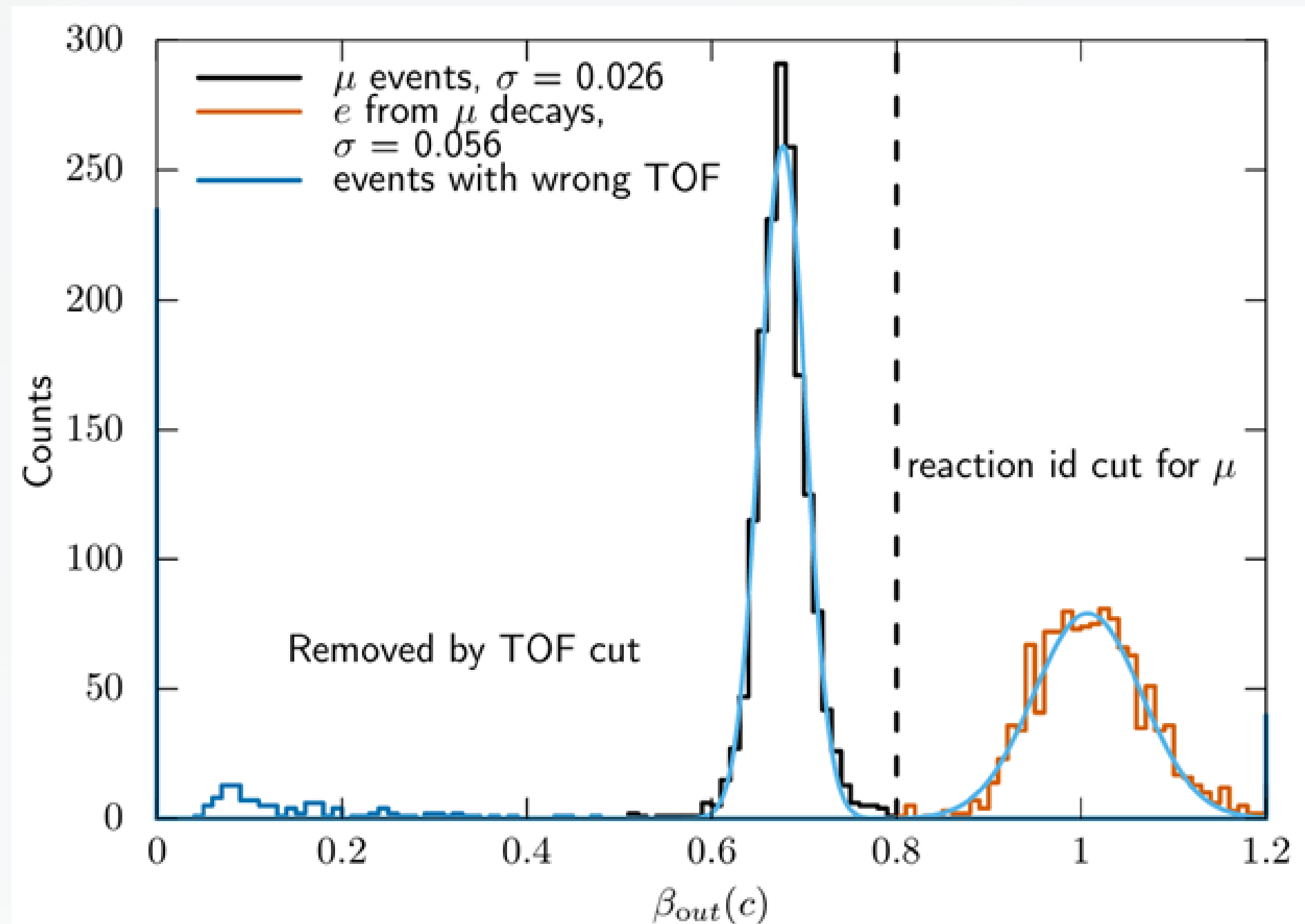


- Proton beam pulses every 19.75 ns
- Time from accelerator and BH used to give RF time
- $\pi, e, \mu$  beam particles separated by RF

# MUSE Analysis: Reaction ID

- Muons decay after identification in beamline detectors
- Time of Flight between BH and SPS used for reaction identification

Outgoing beta of particles identified as muons,  $p = +115 \text{ MeV}/c$



# MUSE Analysis: Vertex Reconstruction

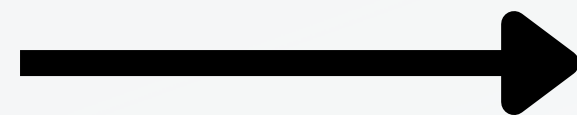
Incident tracking (GEMs)

+

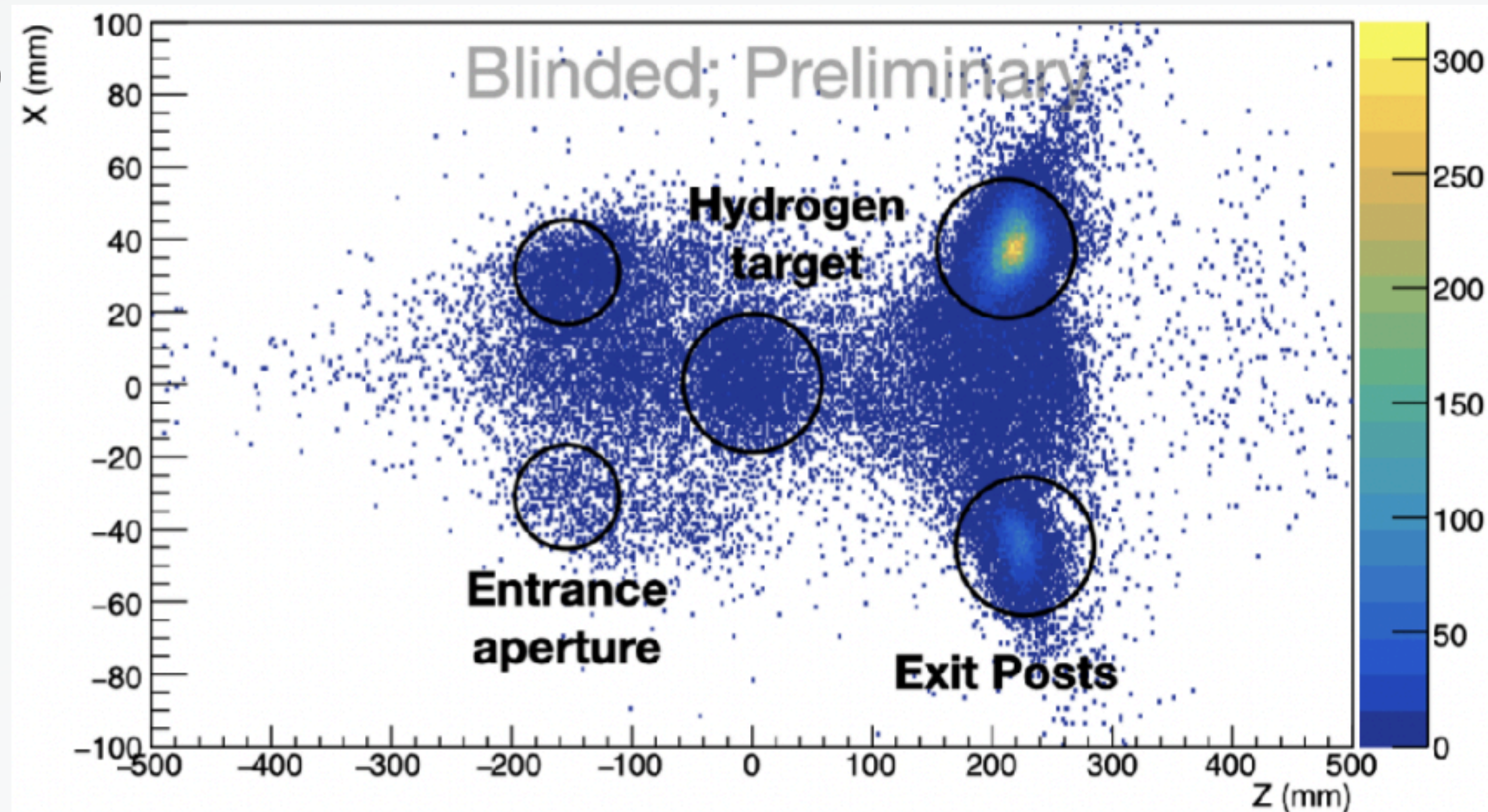
scattered particle tracking (STT)



Vertex



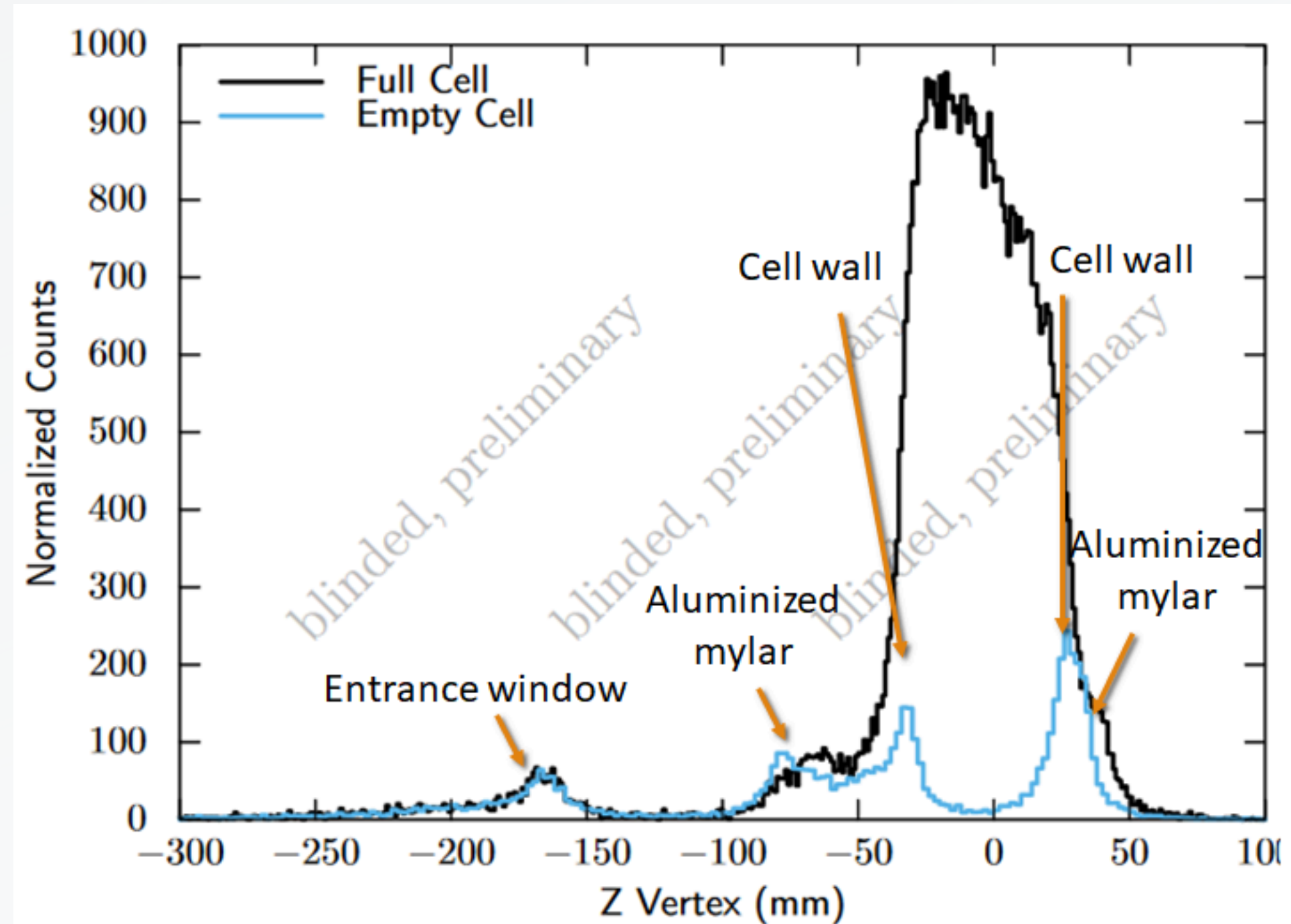
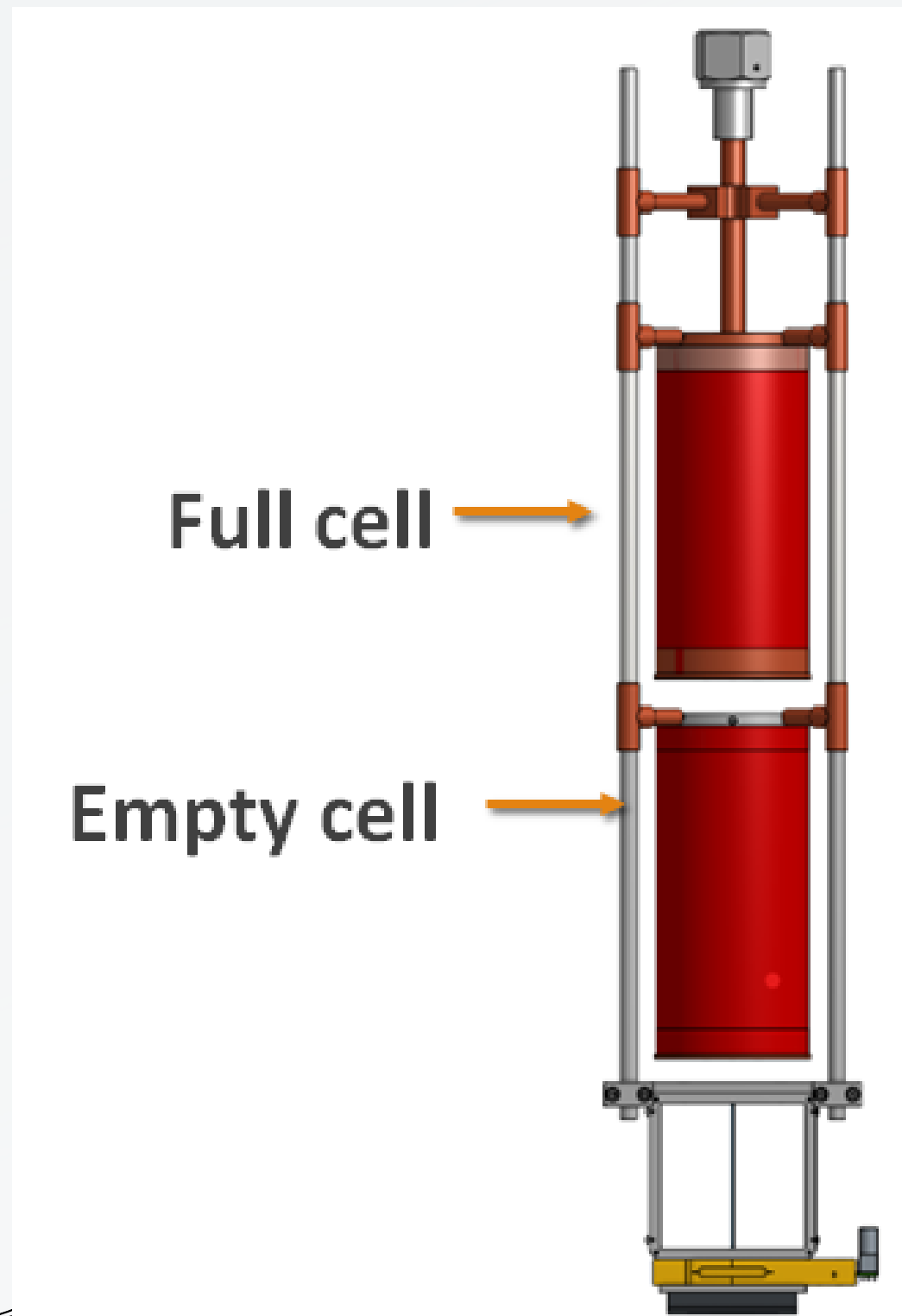
Vertex reconstruction for -115 MeV/c





# MUSE Analysis: Vertex Reconstruction

Luminosity-normalised full and empty cells  
for 210 MeV/c  $\pi^+$  beam



P. Roy et al., A Liquid Hydrogen Target for the MUSE Experiment at PSI, NIM A, 2019, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2019.162874>



# 4. MUSE Outlook

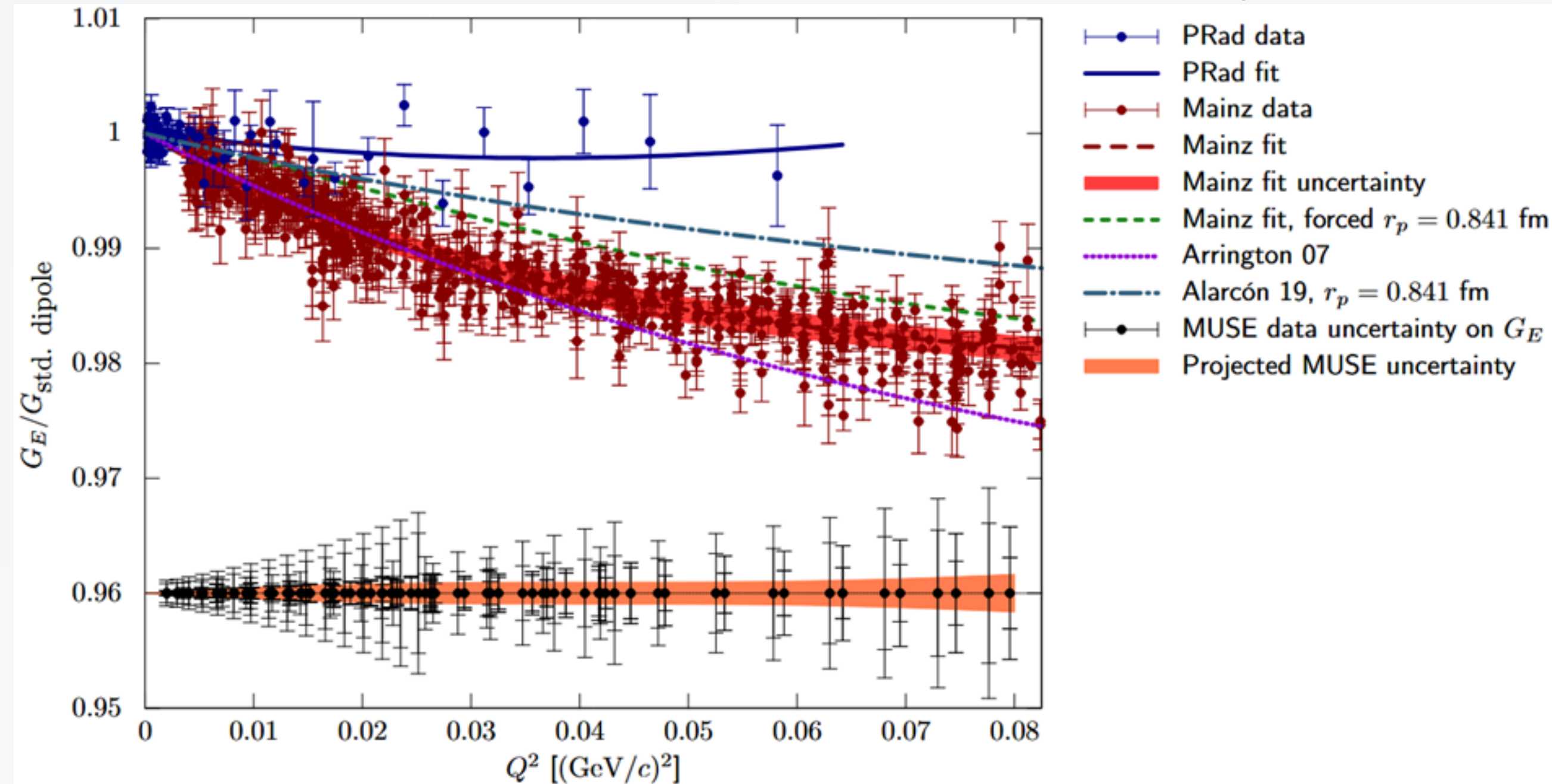
# MUSE Outlook: Anticipated Results

MUSE could help understand the discrepancies between Mainz and the PRad data

Sub-percent uncertainties

PRad-II will provide an improvement on PRad by a factor of 4

Anticipated form factor uncertainty



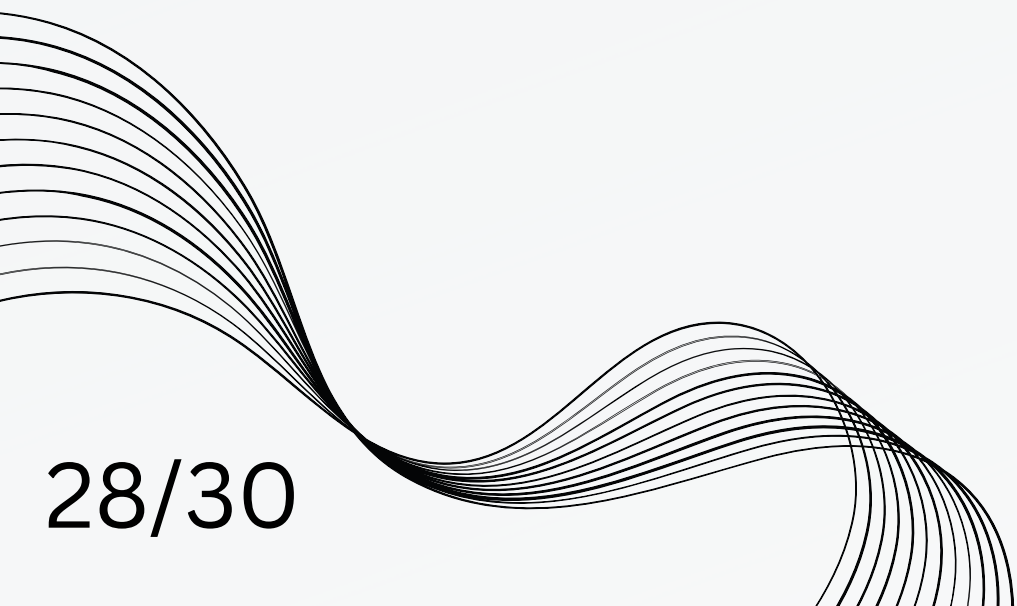
E. Cline, et al., SciPost Phys. Proc. 5, 023(2021)

# MUSE Outlook: Current Status

MUSE taking ~5 months data this year  
Anticipate similar in 2025

Preliminary, blinded cross-sections are being  
extracted

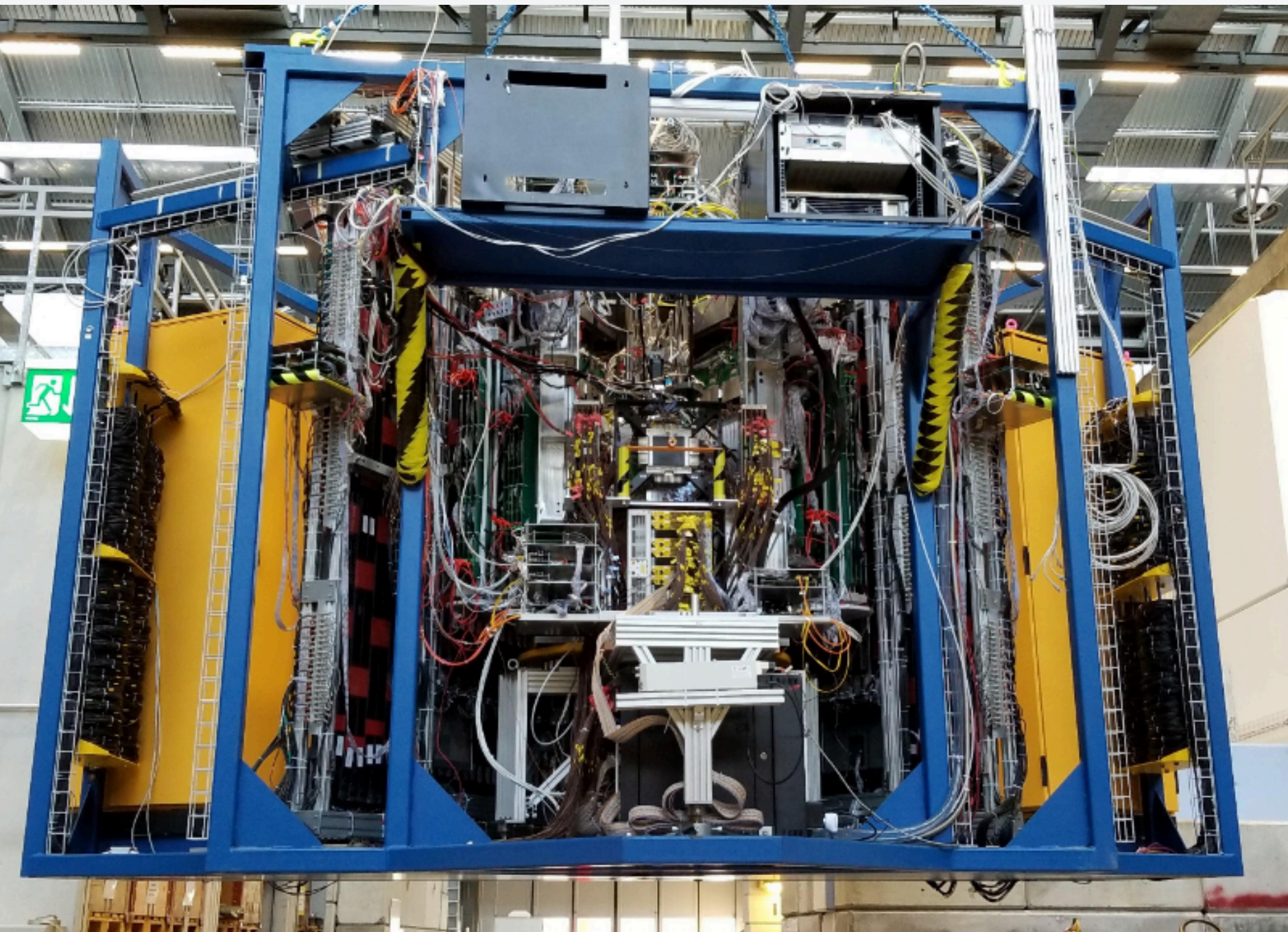
Discussions about path to unblinding underway





# 5. Summary

# Summary



MUSE will be the first ever **muon-proton scattering** measurement looking to address the proton radius puzzle

Anticipated results with **sub-percent uncertainties**

Data taking on track to achieve statistical goals