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Search for light Dark Sectors with HIAF Muon Beams: HFRS-PKMu experiment proposal

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PKMu@HFRS



Introduction and Motivation

Z' gauge boson in $L_\mu - L_\tau$ vanilla model

$$\mu e \rightarrow \mu e \nu \bar{\nu}$$

Lagrangian

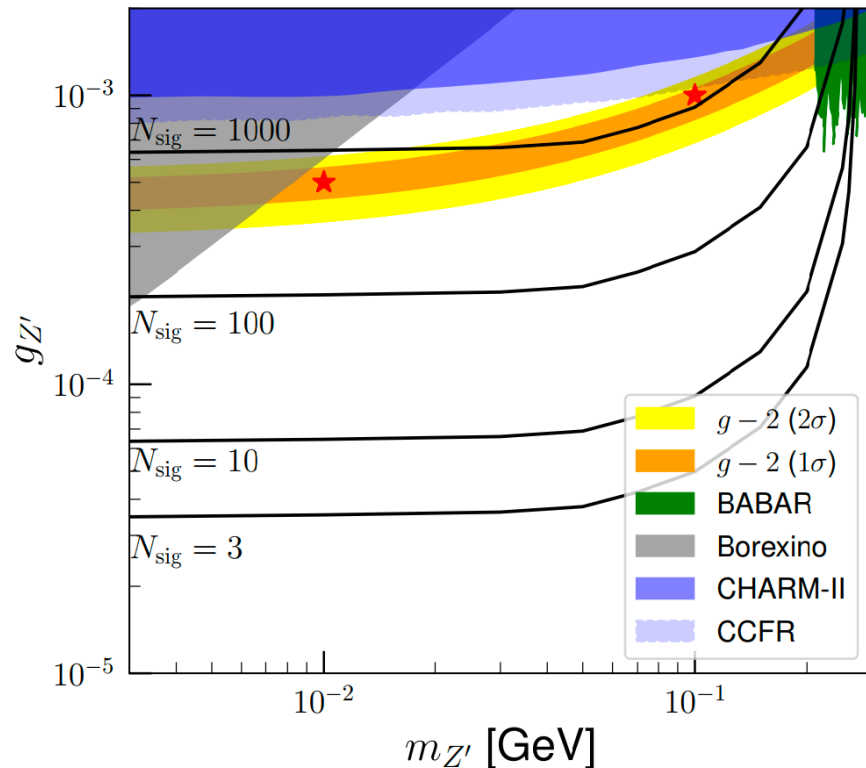
$$\mathcal{L}_{Z'} = -gZ'_\mu \left(\bar{L}_2 \gamma^\mu L_2 + \bar{l}_2 \gamma^\mu l_2 - \bar{L}_3 \gamma^\mu L_3 - \bar{l}_3 \gamma^\mu l_3 \right)$$

$$L_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\mu \\ \mu \end{pmatrix}_L, \quad l_2 = \mu_R, \quad L_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\tau \\ \tau \end{pmatrix}_L \quad \text{and} \quad l_3 = \tau_R$$

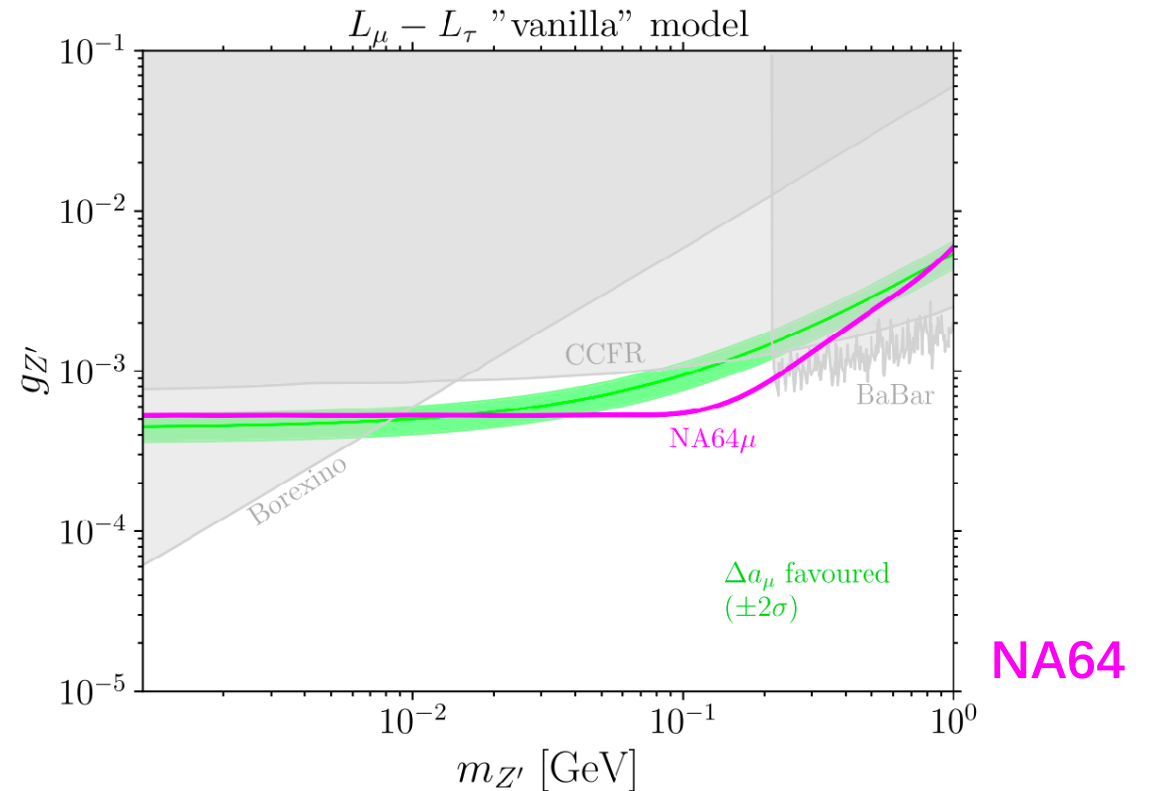
Decay

$$\Gamma(Z' \rightarrow \bar{\nu}\nu) = \frac{\alpha_{Z'} m_{Z'}}{3}$$

$$\alpha_{Z'} = g_{Z'}^2 / (4\pi)$$



MUonE

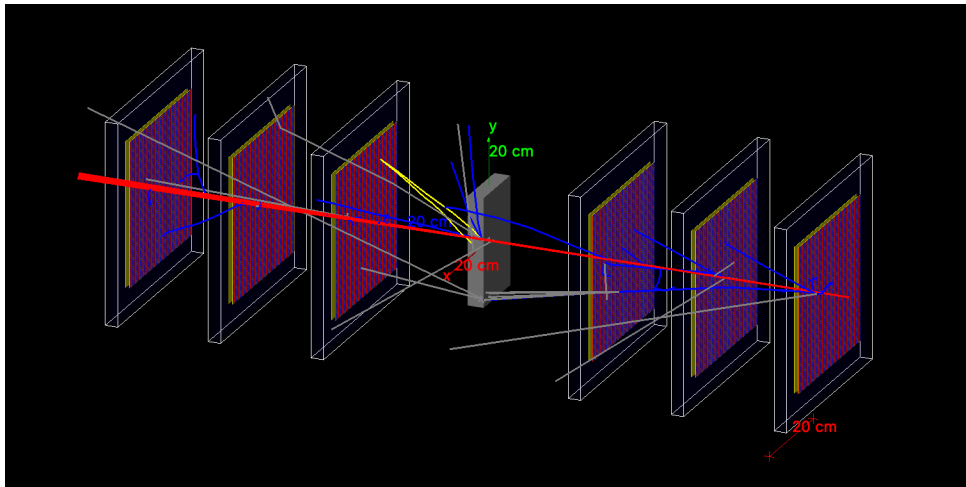
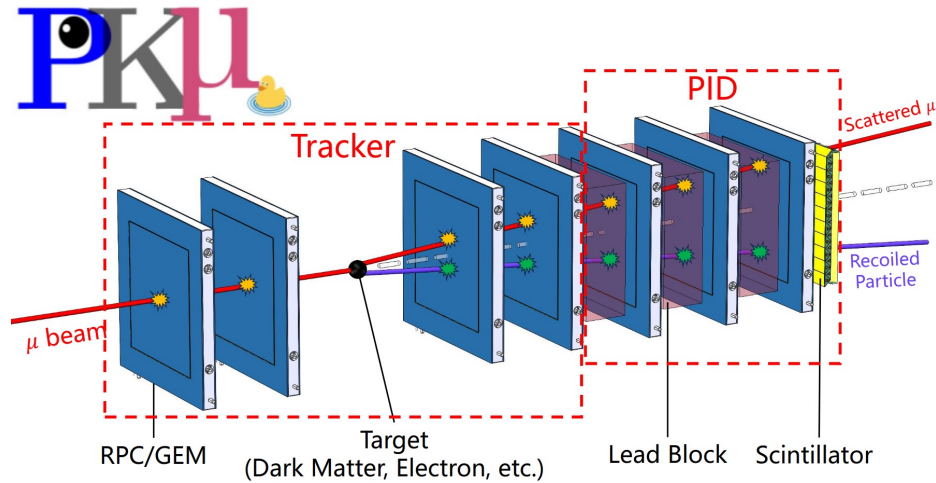
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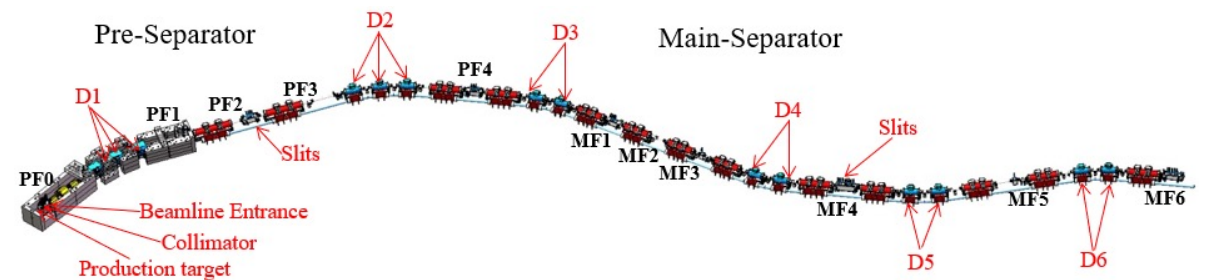
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Experiment setup: *the joint HFRS-PKMU experiment*

→ Geometry configuration of the PKMuon



→ Schematic layout of the HFRS



→ Main parameters of the HFRS

Parameters	Value
Length [m]	192
RMS of beam spot at the target [mm]	$\sigma_x = 0.4$, $\sigma_y = 0.6$
Max. magnetic rigidity [Tm]	25
Max. angular acceptance [mrad]	$x' = \pm 30$, $y' = \pm 25$
Max. momentum acceptance	$\pm 2\%$

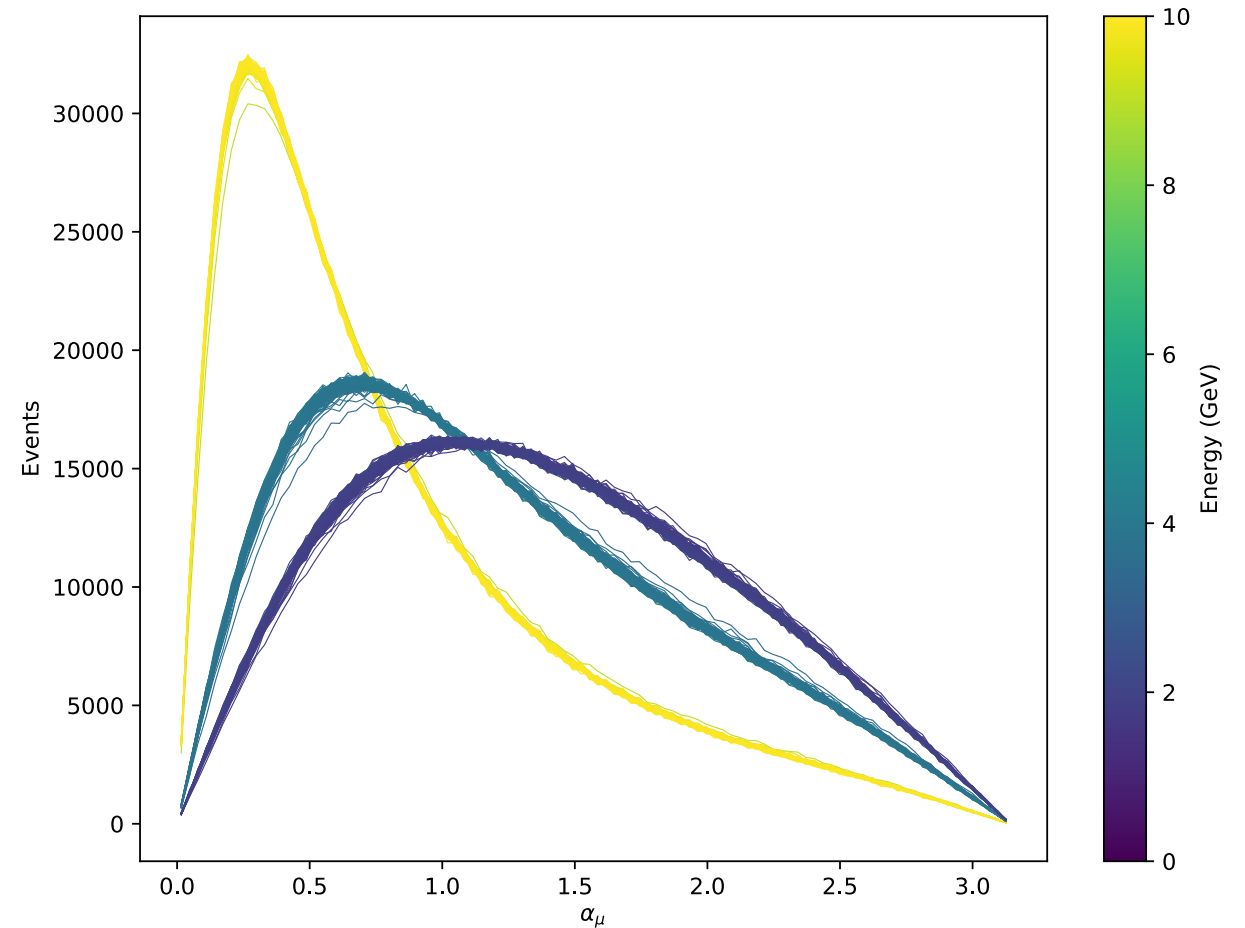
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2502.20915>

Simulation framework

MC simulation of RPC-based detector based on **Madgraph** & **Geant4**

E_μ/GeV	$(m_{Z'})_{\min}/\text{GeV}$	$(m_{Z'})_{\max}/\text{GeV}$
10	0.001	0.040
4	0.001	0.020
2	0.001	0.010

- Target setting : **210 mm * 120 mm * 30 mm Pb**
- Step limit : **1 mm**
- Scattering point : random sampling
- Energy points : **100**
- Event numbers at each energy point : **10^6**
- Total grid points : **10^8**



Distributions of the polar angle of the outgoing μ in the center of mass frame, colored by the varying E_μ

MC simulation of RPC-based detector based on **Madgraph** & **Geant4**

Sampler: Linear interpolation

$$\mu^+ e^- \rightarrow l^+ l^- \longrightarrow \mu e \rightarrow \mu e$$

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function GenerateMuELL( $E_\mu, \vec{p}_\mu, m_\ell$ )
   $E_{\mu 1}, E_{\mu 2}, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, H_1, H_2 \leftarrow \text{AdjacentGridPoints}(E_\mu)$ ;
  if  $E_\mu$  is out of the grid range then
    return no  $\mu^+ e^- \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$  happens;
  end if
   $w_1 \leftarrow \frac{E_\mu - E_{\mu 2}}{E_{\mu 1} - E_{\mu 2}}, w_2 \leftarrow \frac{E_{\mu 1} - E_\mu}{E_{\mu 1} - E_{\mu 2}}$ ;
   $\sigma \leftarrow w_1 \sigma_1 + w_2 \sigma_2$ ; // cross section
  if  $\text{Random}(0, 1) < w_1$  then
     $\alpha \leftarrow H_1.\text{Sample}()$ ;
  else
     $\alpha \leftarrow H_2.\text{Sample}()$ ;
  end if // equivalent to  $\alpha \leftarrow (w_1 H_1 + w_2 H_2).\text{Sample}()$ 

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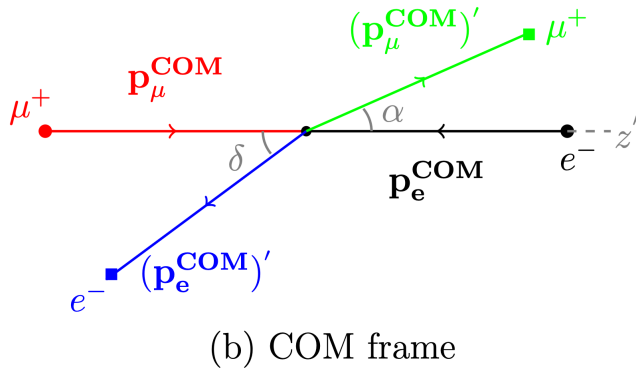
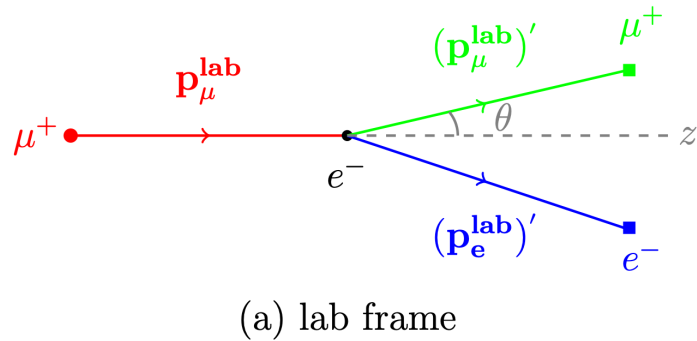
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 $\phi \leftarrow \text{Random}(0, 2\pi)$ ;
 $E', p', \gamma, \beta \leftarrow \text{Kinematics}(E_\mu, m_\ell)$ ; // see Appendix A
 $p_{x+} \leftarrow p' \sin \alpha \cos \phi, p_{y+} \leftarrow p' \sin \alpha \sin \phi$ ;
 $p_{z+} \leftarrow \gamma (p' \cos \alpha + \beta E' / 2)$ ;
 $\vec{p}_+ \leftarrow \text{ThreeVector}(p_{x+}, p_{y+}, p_{z+})$ ; // see Fig. 3a
 $\vec{p}_+ \leftarrow \vec{p}_+.\text{RotateZAxisTo}(\hat{p}_\mu)$ ;
 $\vec{p}_- \leftarrow \vec{p}_\mu - \vec{p}_+$ ; //  $\hat{z} \leftarrow \hat{p}_\mu$  in Fig. 3a in rotation
return  $\sigma, \vec{p}_+, \vec{p}_-$ ;
end function

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<https://arxiv.org/abs/2410.20323>

Reconstruction of **momentum** & **polar angle**



$$P_\mu + P_e + P_{Z'} = (E_{com}, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$(P_{\mu x} + P_{Z' x})^2 + (P_{\mu y} + P_{Z' y})^2 + (P_{\mu z} + P_{Z' z})^2 + m_e^2 = (E_{com} - E_\mu - E_e)^2$$

$$P_\mu P_{Z'} \cos < \mu, Z' > = \frac{E_{com}^2 + m_\mu^2 + m_{Z'}^2 - m_e^2}{2} - E_{com} E_{Z'} - E_\mu (E_{com} - E_{Z'})$$

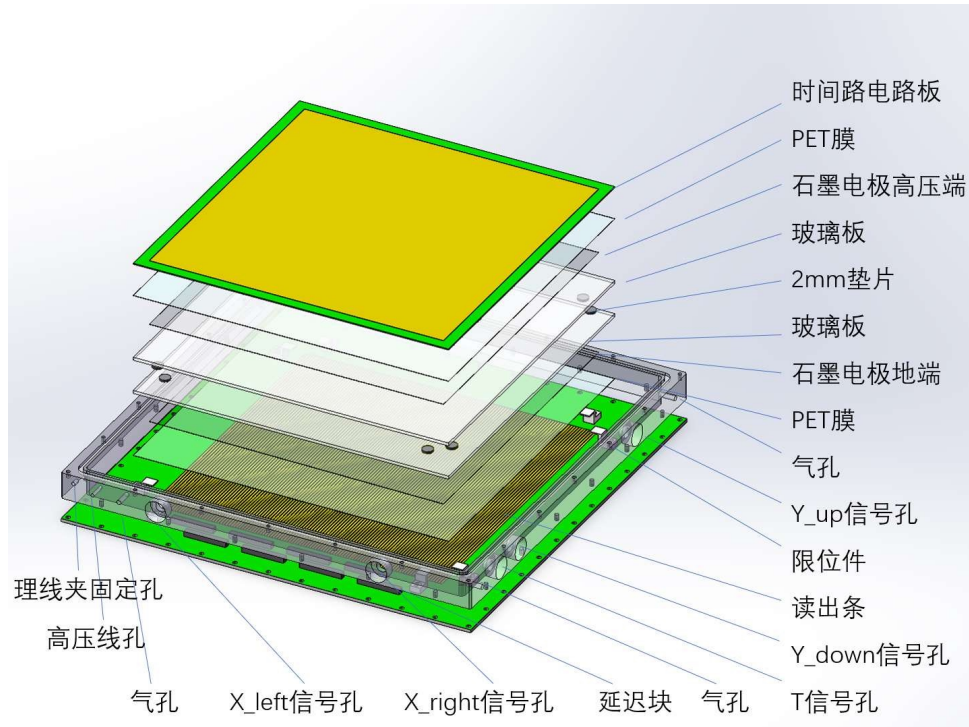
A **B** **C**

$$(A^2 - C^2)P_\mu^2 - 2ABP_\mu + (B^2 - C^2m_\mu^2) = 0$$

$$P_\mu = \frac{AB + \sqrt{A^2B^2 - (A^2 - C^2)(B^2 - C^2m_\mu^2)}}{(A^2 - C^2)}$$

$$R = P_e^2 + m_e^2 - E_e^2 (\sim 0.1\%)$$

Reconstruction of **momentum** & **polar angle**



- Incoming muon: 3 hits on RPCs (layer 1, 2, 3) ✓
- Outgoing muon :3 hits on RPCs (layer 4, 5, 6) ✓
- Outgoing electron :3 hits on RPCs (layer 4, 5, 6) ?

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event_95:
- [0, 1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, ..., 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5]
- [-13, -13, -13, 11, 11, 11, 11, 11, 11, ..., 11, 11, 11, -13, 11, 11, 11, -13]
- [0.25, 0.25, 0.25, -3.75, -3.25, -2.75, ..., 1.25, 0.25, 0.75, 1.25, 1.25, 0.75]
- [-0.25, -0.25, -0.25, -3.25, -3.25, -2.25, ..., 0.25, 0.25, -0.25, 0.25, 0.75]
- [-658, -458, -258, 242, 242, 242, 242, ..., 242, 242, 442, 442, 442, 642]
- [1.82, 1.09, 1.3, 0.24, 0.0969, 0.00608, ..., 0.218, 2.16, 0.395, 0.0742, 2.481]

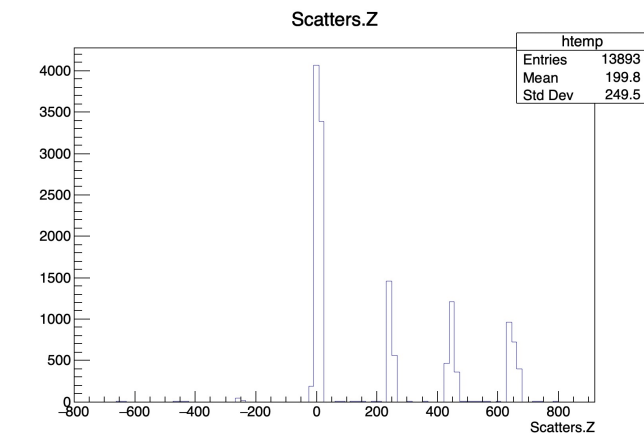
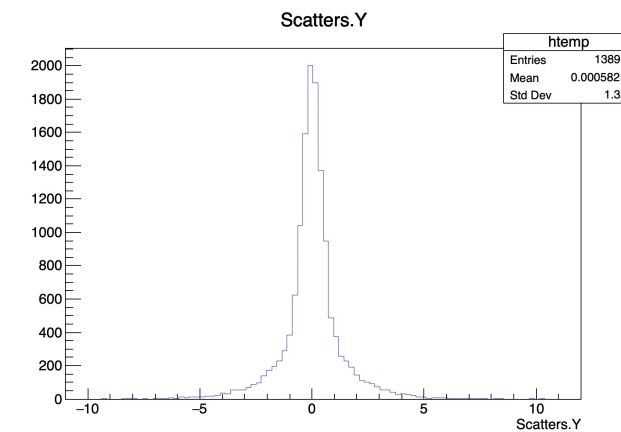
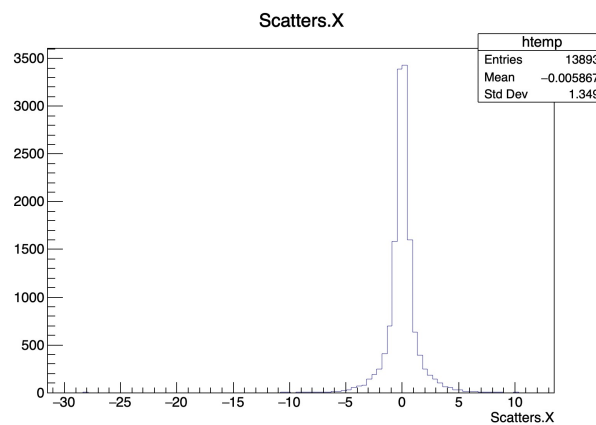
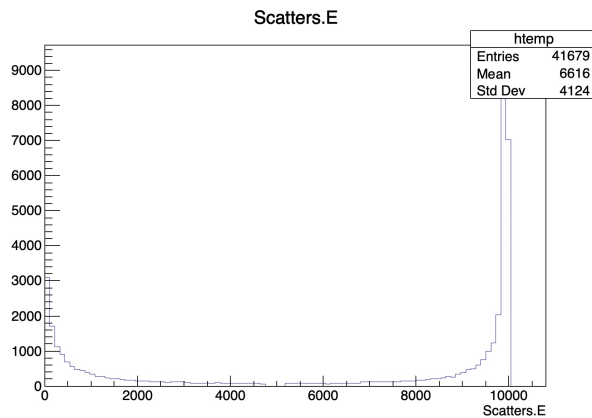
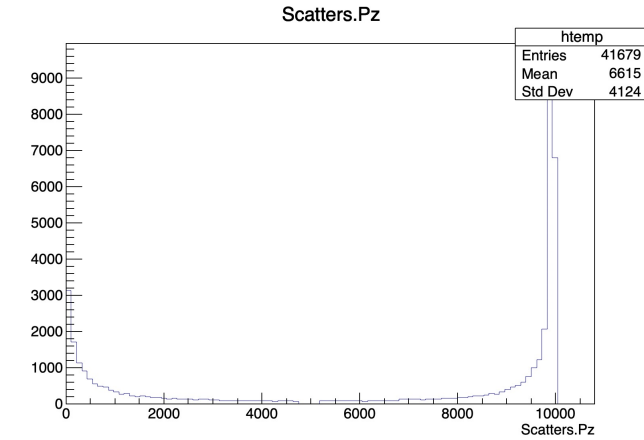
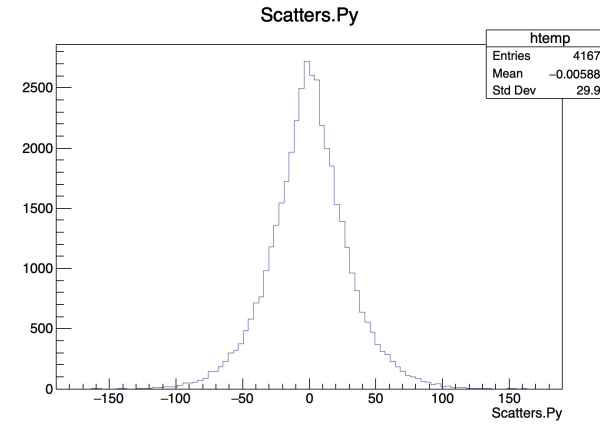
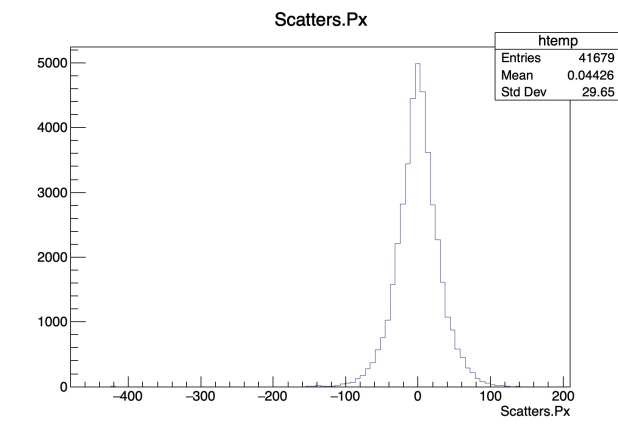
event_96:
- [0, 1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, ..., 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 5]
- [-13, -13, -13, 11, 11, 11, 11, 11, 11, 22, ..., 11, 11, -13, -13, -13, 11, 11, 11]
- [-0.25, 0.25, 0.25, -26.8, -26.2, -25.8, ..., 0.75, 0.75, 0.25, 0.75, 0.75]
- [-0.25, -0.25, -0.75, -19.8, -19.8, ..., -2.75, -3.75, -5.25, -5.75, -5.25]
- [-658, -458, -258, 242, 242, 242, 242, ..., 242, 242, 242, 442, 642, 642]
- [2.42, 1.76, 0.989, 0.119, 0.452, 0.377, ..., 0.981, 1.01, 2.46, 0.202, 0.485]
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- New RPC readout: 2D pixel readout
- Spatial resolution: 5 mm

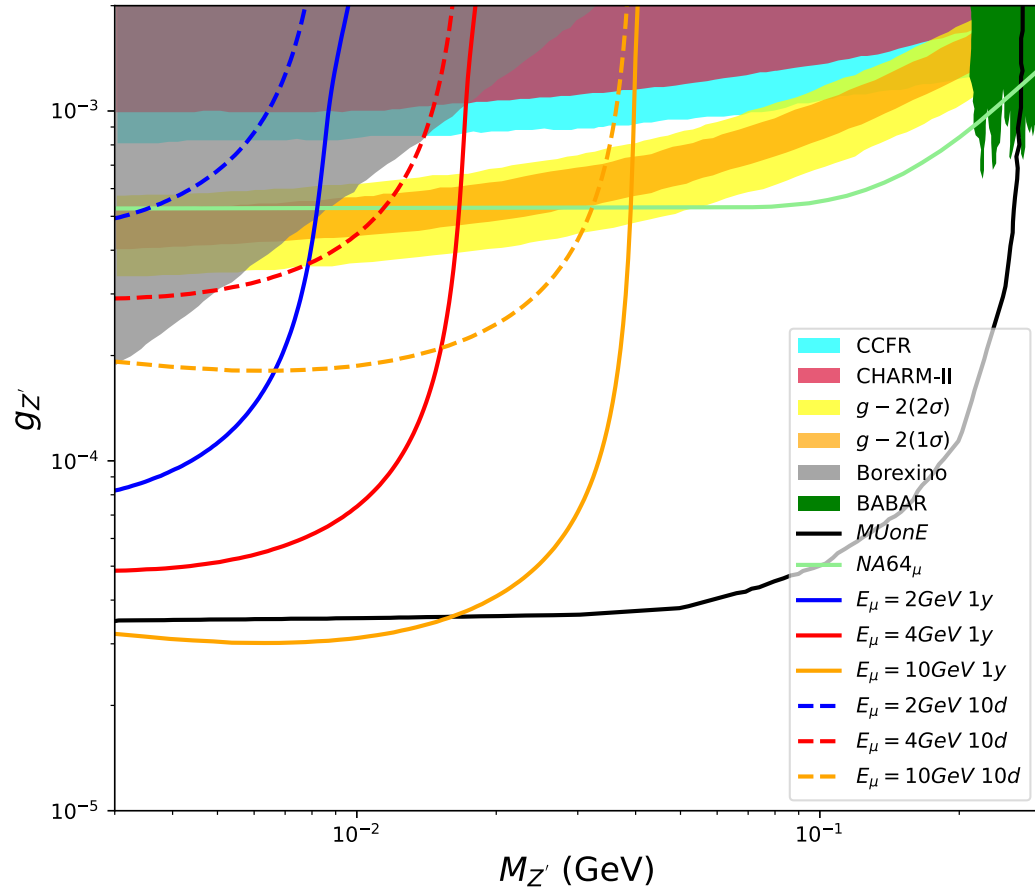
→ Electronic signal confusion !!!

Reconstruction of **momentum** & **polar angle**

- $E_\mu = 10$ GeV
- $m_\mu = 10$ MeV
- Events number: 10^6
- Single rate: $\sim 1\%$



Results



Preliminary result based on MadGraph

Samples

Done

- Muon energy: 3 (10 GeV, 4 GeV, 2 GeV)
- Zprime mass: 3 * 100
- Event number of each: 10^7
- Total statistics: $3 * 10^9$ (non-normalized)

Analysis

Ready

- Reconstruct positions and angles
- Minimal Chi2 matching
- 3D line fit
- Compute process contributions
- Drop multiple scattering events
- Store MC truth
- Split signal and background

Summary & Outlook

- Search for Z' gauge boson (in $L_\mu - L_\tau$ vanilla model) through $\mu e \rightarrow \mu e \nu \bar{\nu}$
- Combine HIAF-HFRS muon beam & PKMuon RPC-based detector system
- Generate samples using Madgraph & Geant4 at 10^9 muon yield on target
- Reconstruct momentum & angle of muon/electron
- Split signal and background by MC truth

Some kind of cut like coordinate?
Scintillator?
2 layer or 3 layer?
Hits fitting?

Any suggestions are welcome!

Stronger sensitivity for Z' at low mass region around 10 MeV!

Still working on it ^_^

Backup
