



LABORATÓRIO DE INSTRUMENTAÇÃO E  
FÍSICA EXPERIMENTAL DE PARTICULAS

# MUOGRAPHY OF A WATER-CHERENKOV DETECTOR OF THE PIERRE AUGER OBSERVATORY

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# Main Objectives

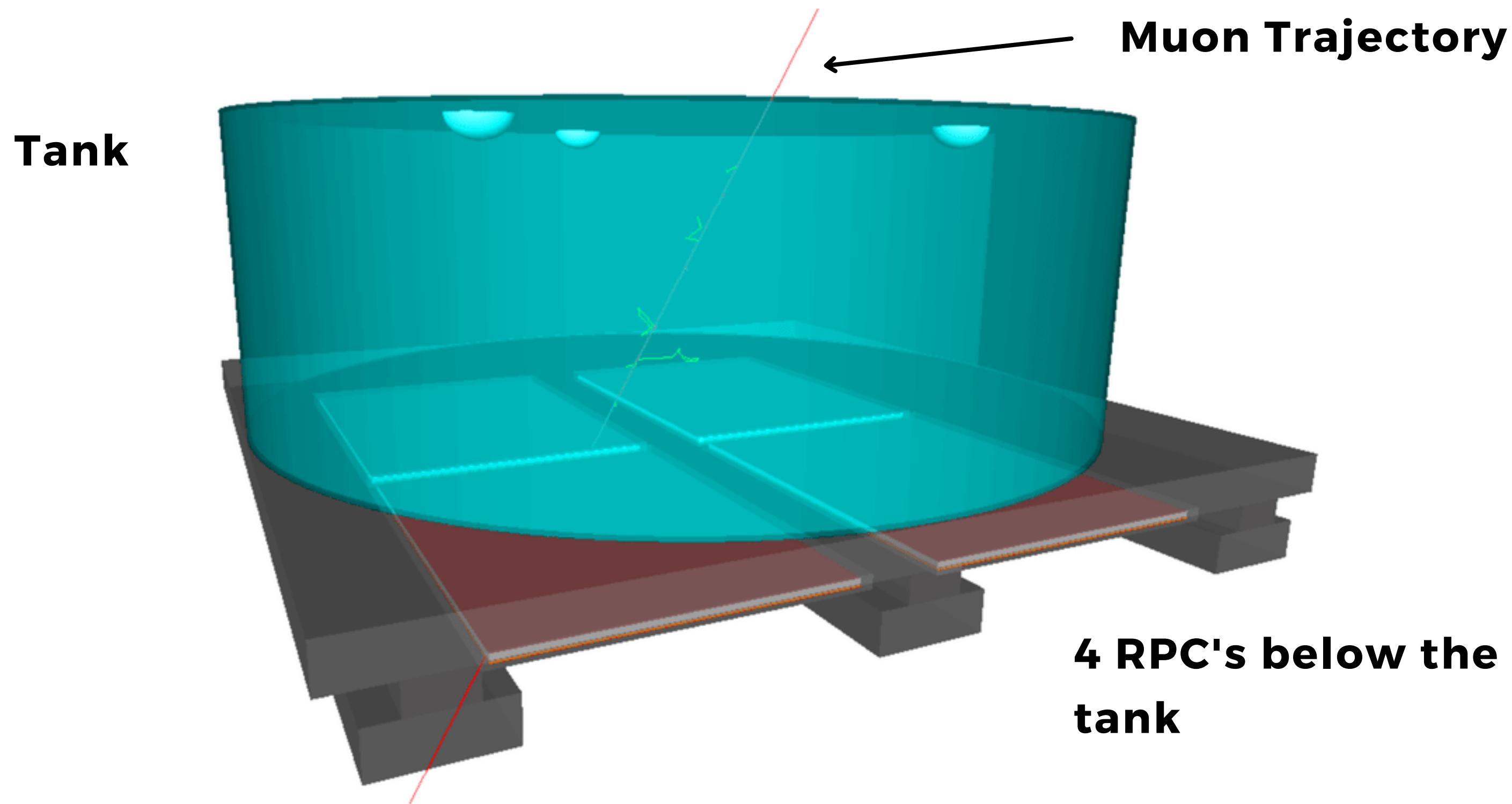
**i. Muography  
Technique**

**ii. Energy Spectrum  
of the muons of the  
particle shower**

# Pierre Auger Observatory

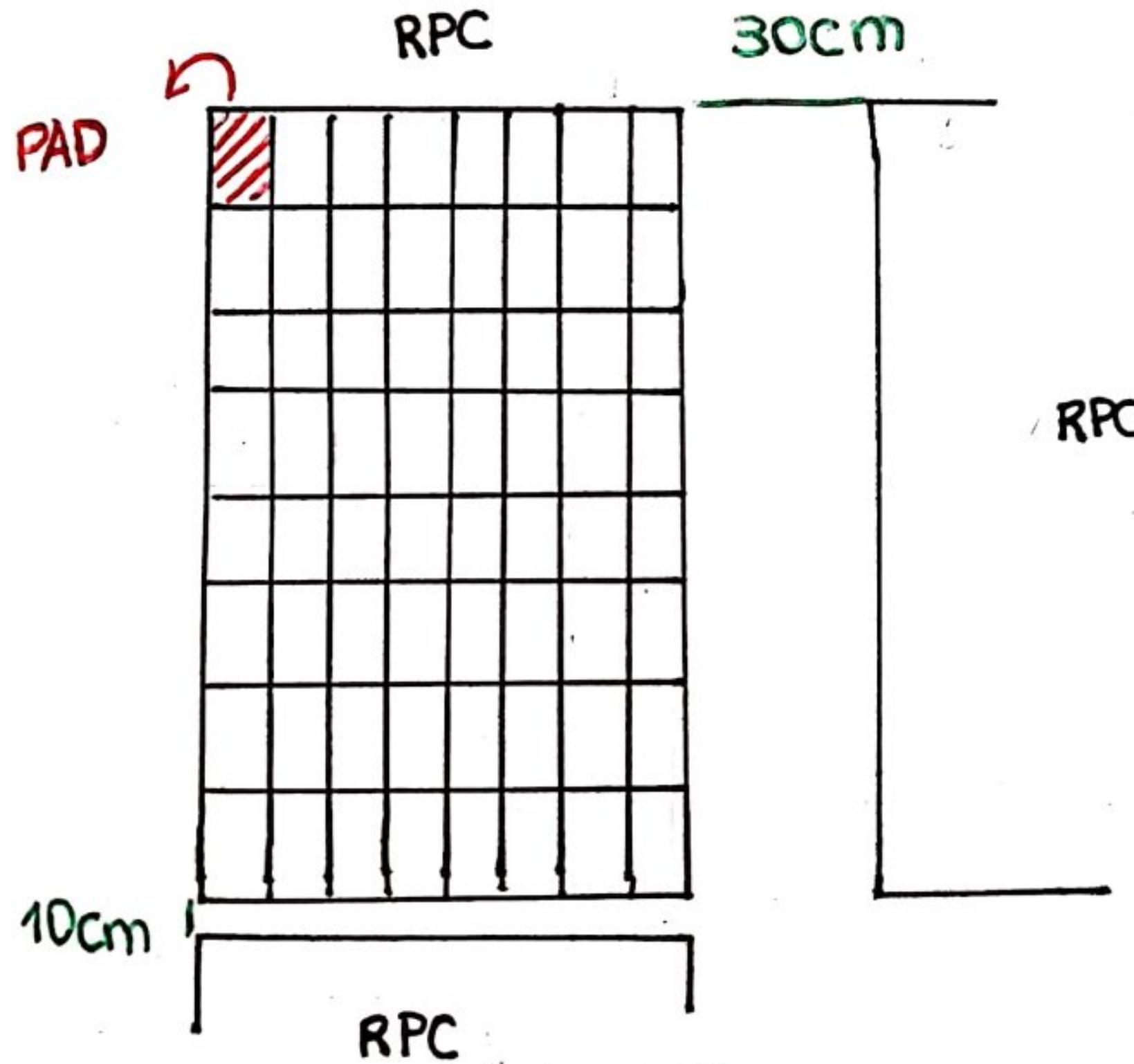


## Structure Scheme



## RPC Scheme

**Total:  
4 RPC's  
256 Pad's**



# First Steps

**Information search: muons, muography, Pierre Auger Observatory, particle shower, detectors...**

**Analyse a file with simulation data of several atmospheric particles at an altitude of 1400 m, imitating the conditions of the Observatory.**

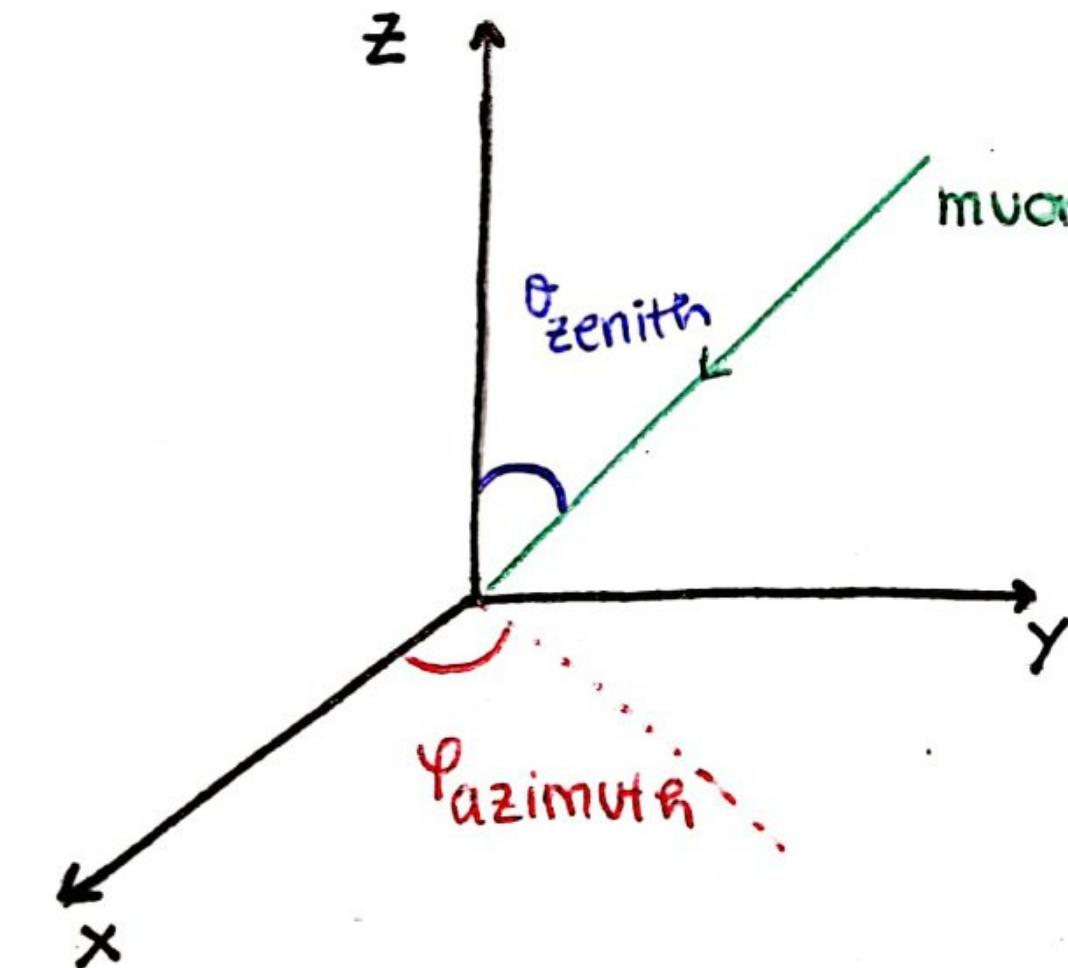
# First Steps

## Formulas:

$$E_k = \sqrt{m^2 + p^2} - m$$

$$\theta_{zenith} = \cos^{-1} \frac{p_z}{p}$$

$$\varphi_{azimuth} = \tan^{-1} \frac{p_y}{p_x}$$



$E_k$  – Kinetic Energy

$\varphi_{azimuth}$  – Azimuth Angle

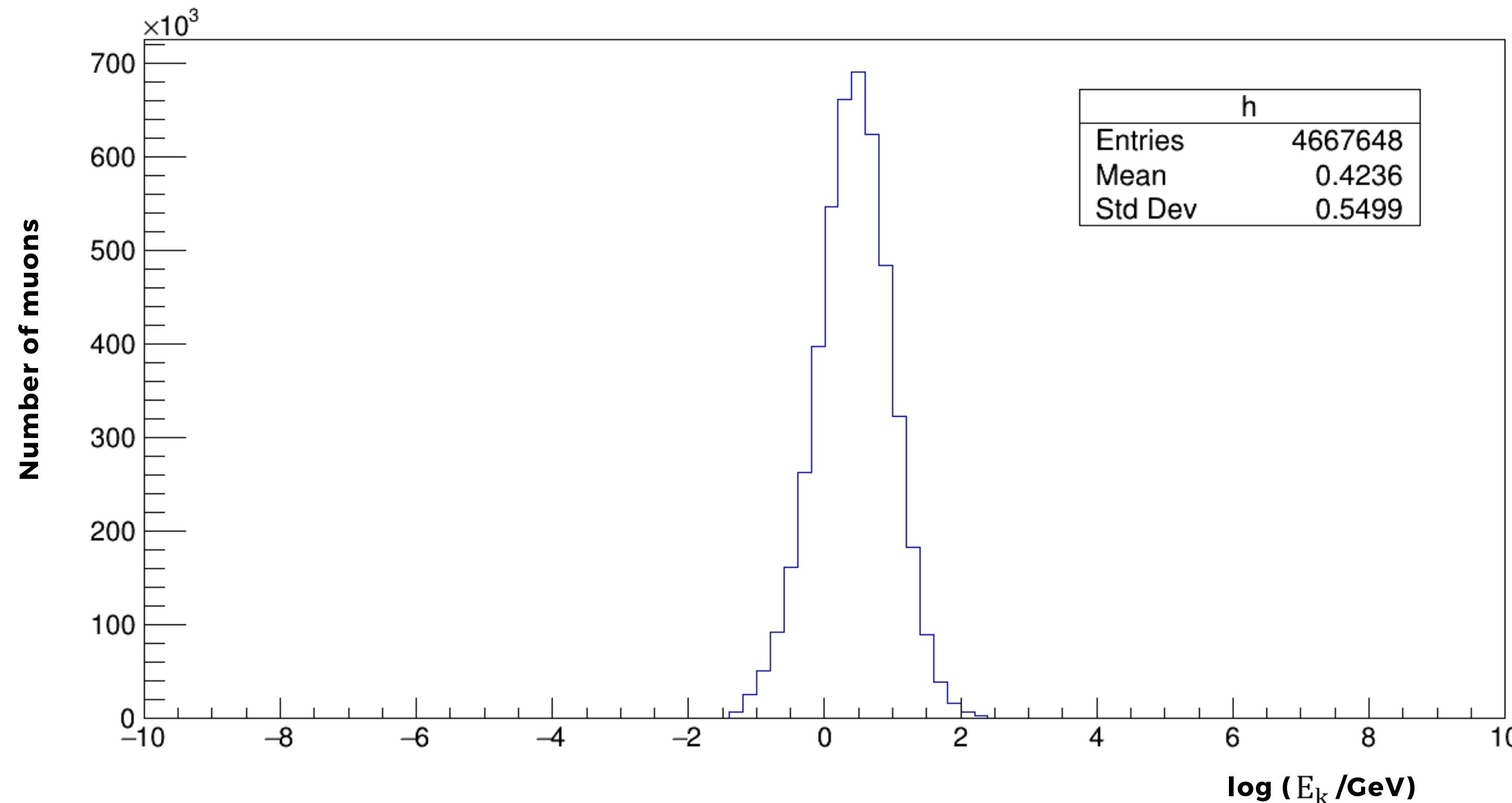
$m$  – Mass (105.66 GeV)

$p$  – Linear Momentum

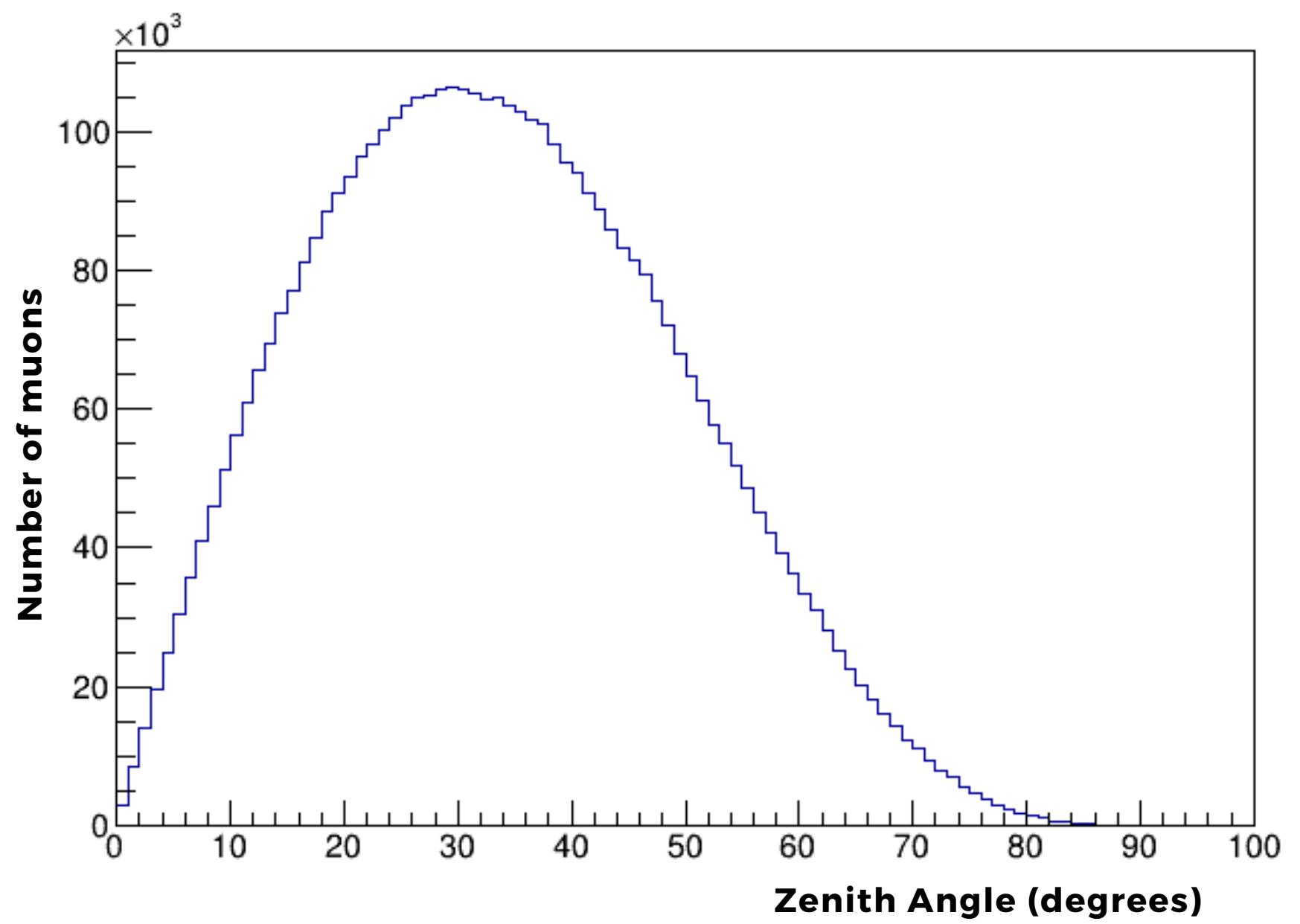
$\theta_{zenith}$  – Zenith Angle

$p_x, p_y, p_z$  – Moment Components

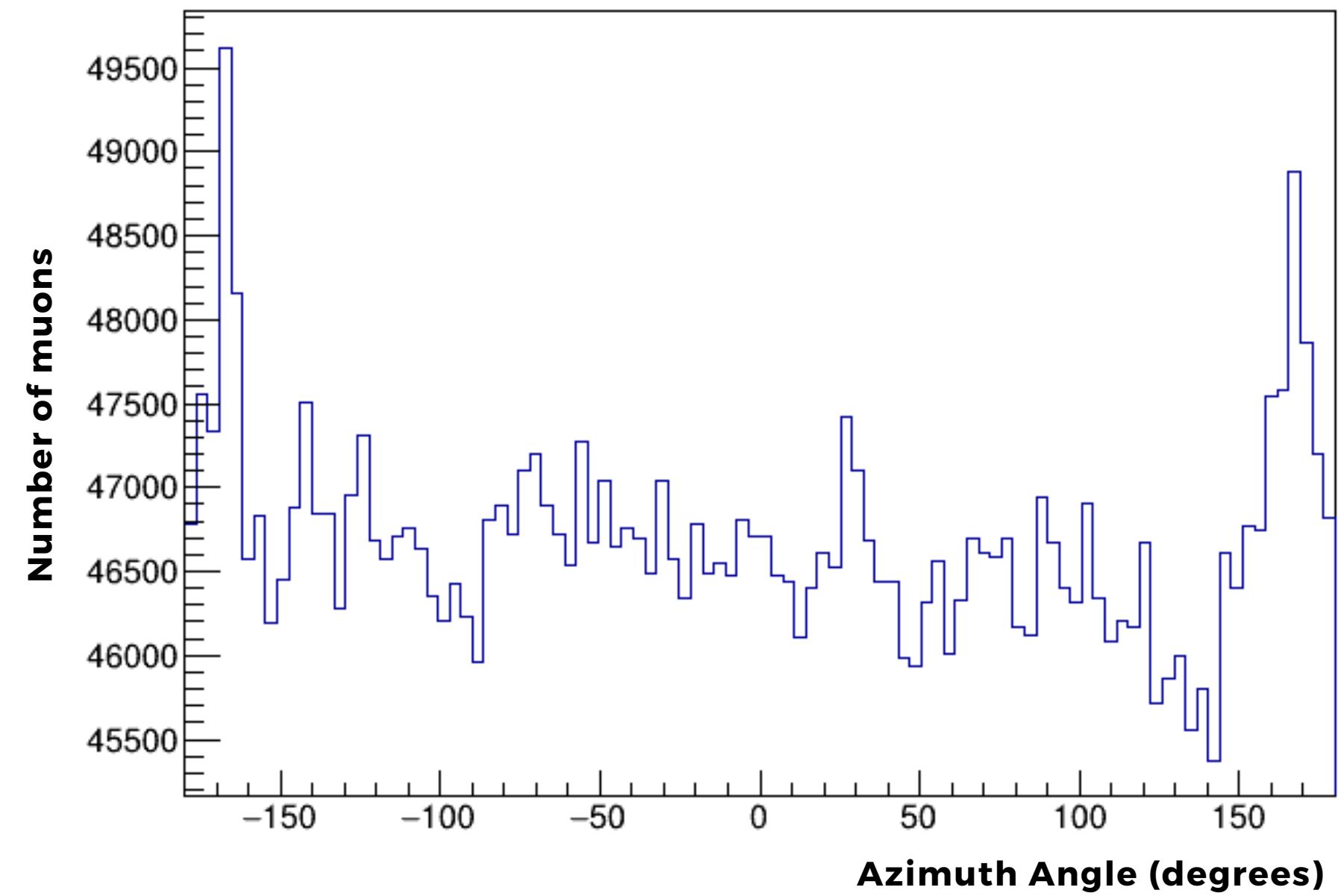
## Kinetic Energy of muons



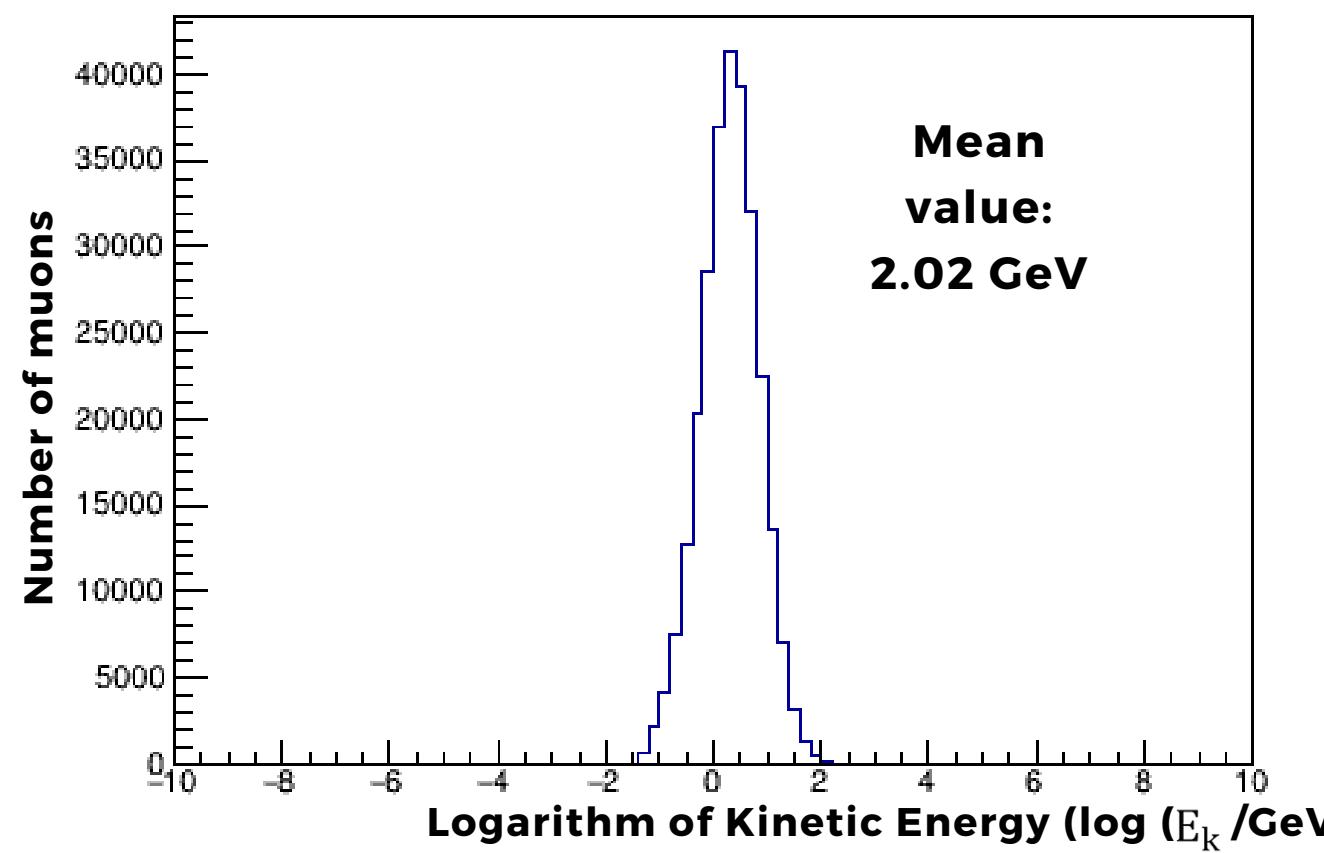
## Zenith Angle of muons



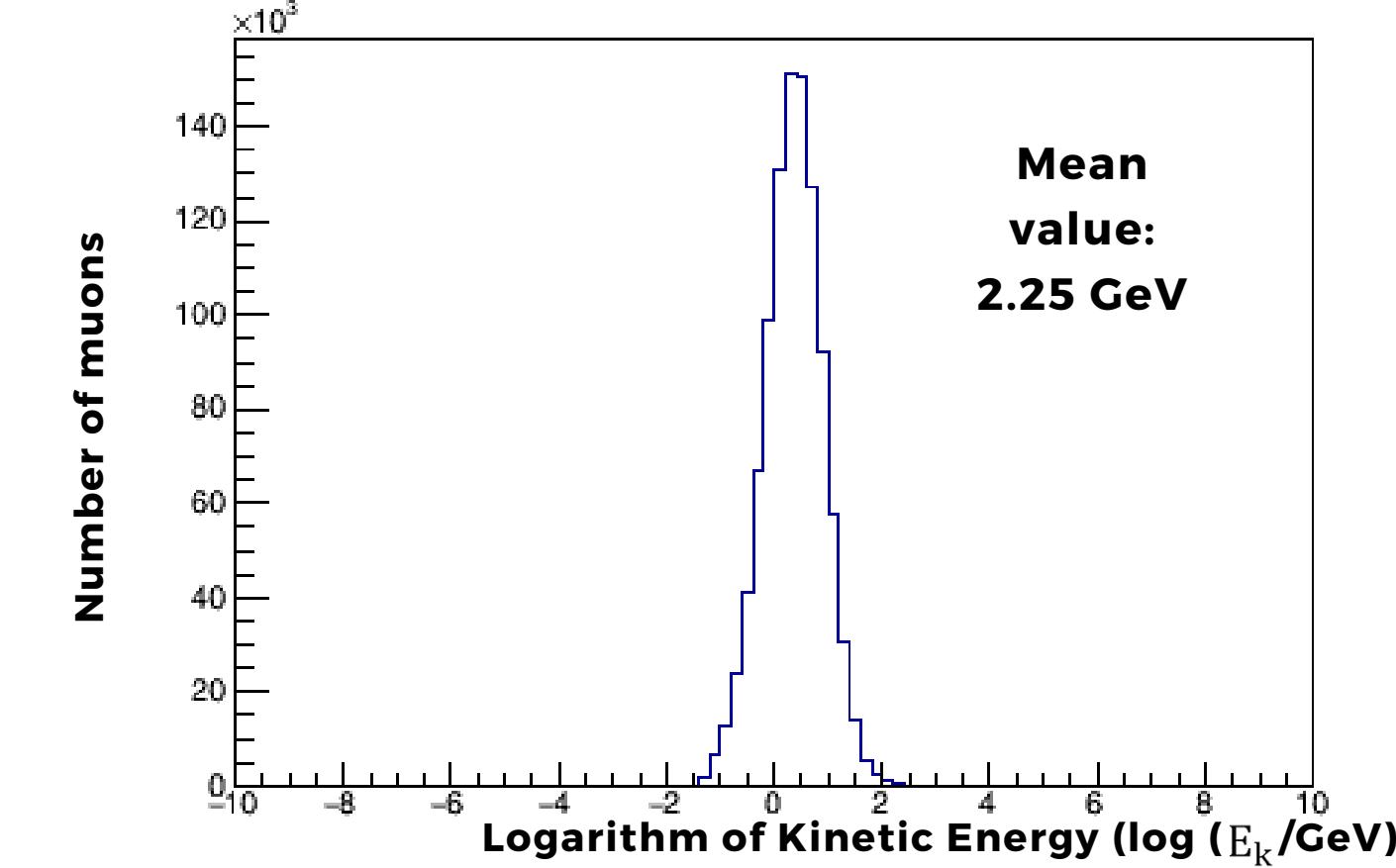
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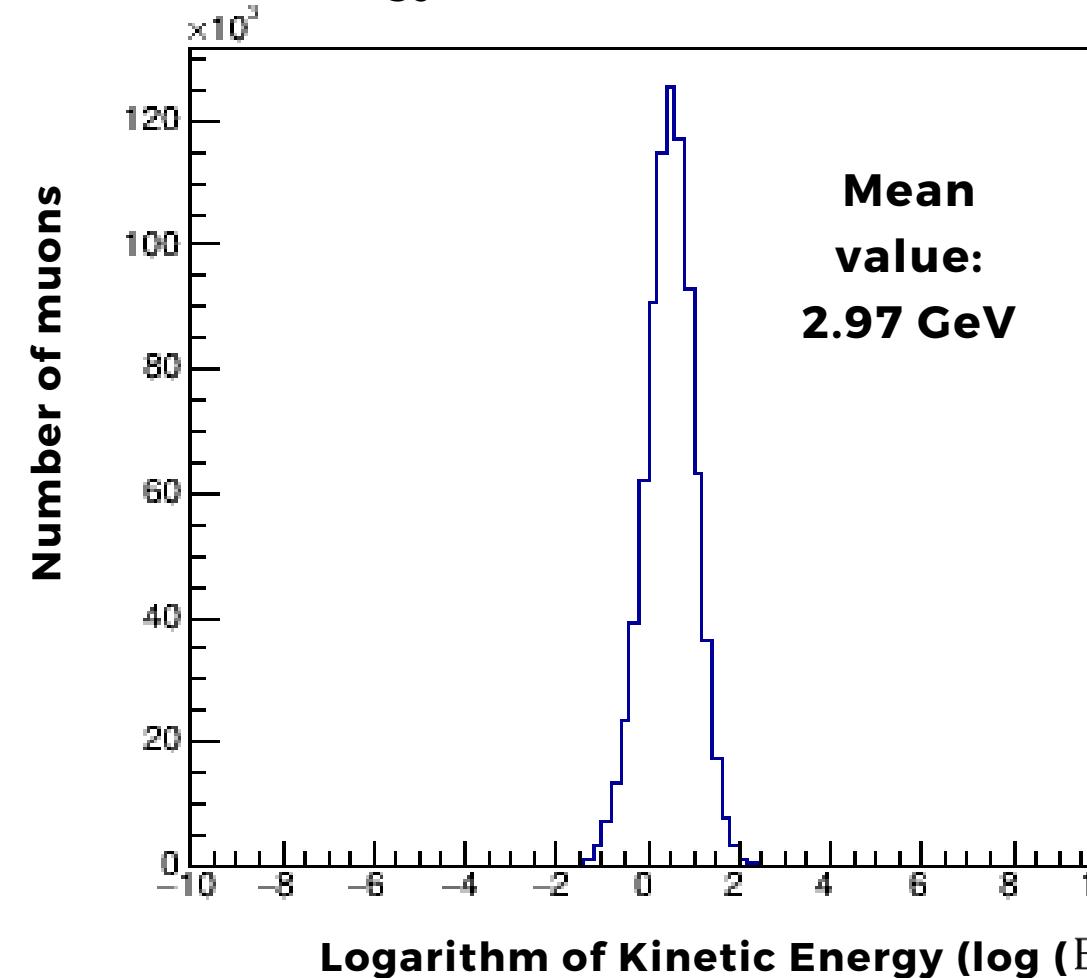
**Kinetic Energy of muons for  $0^\circ$ - $10^\circ$  Zenith Angle**



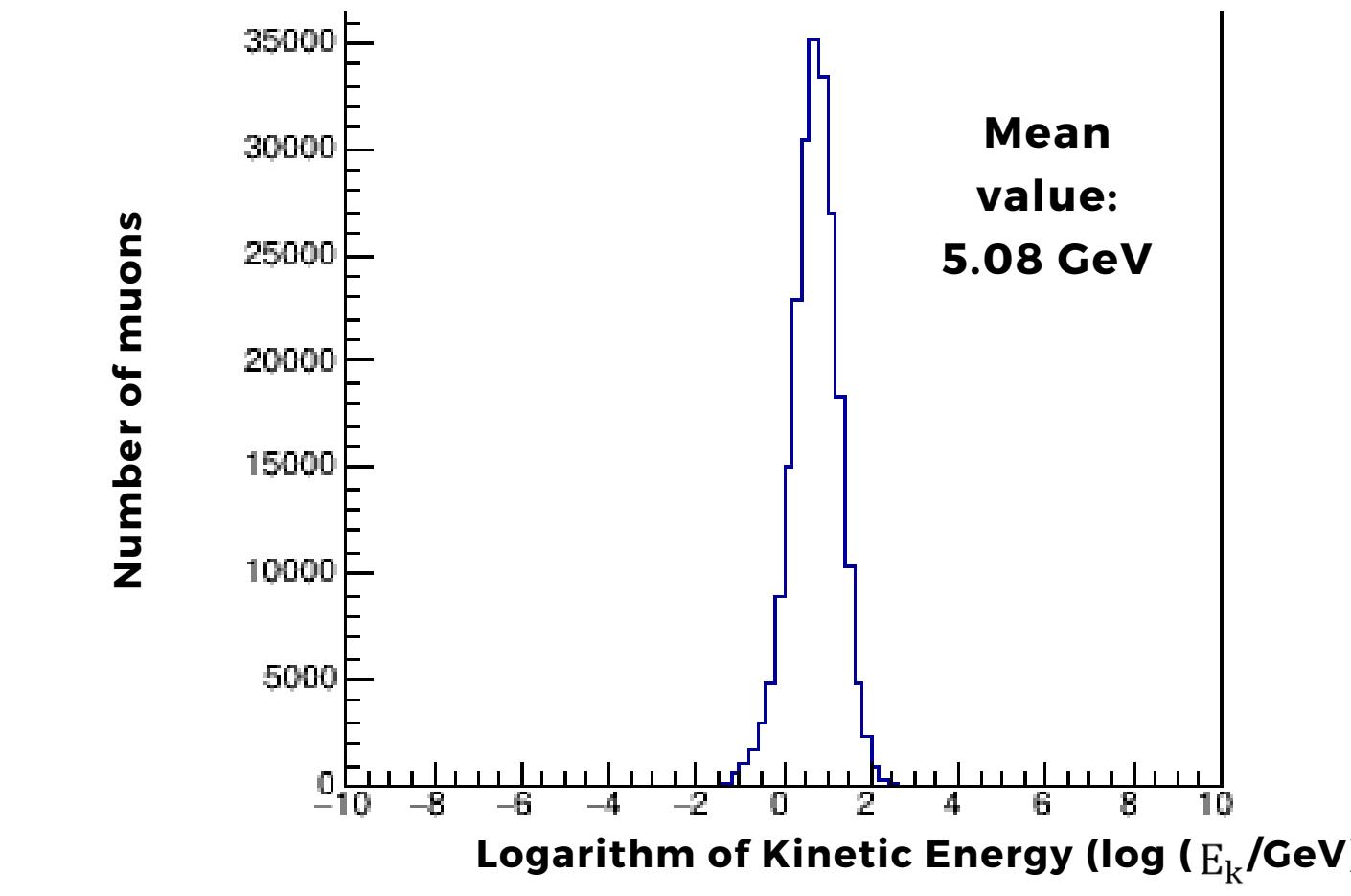
**Kinetic Energy of muons for  $20^\circ$ - $30^\circ$  Zenith Angle**



**Kinetic Energy of muons for  $40^\circ$ - $50^\circ$  Zenith Angle**



**Kinetic Energy of muons for  $60^\circ$ - $70^\circ$  Zenith Angle**

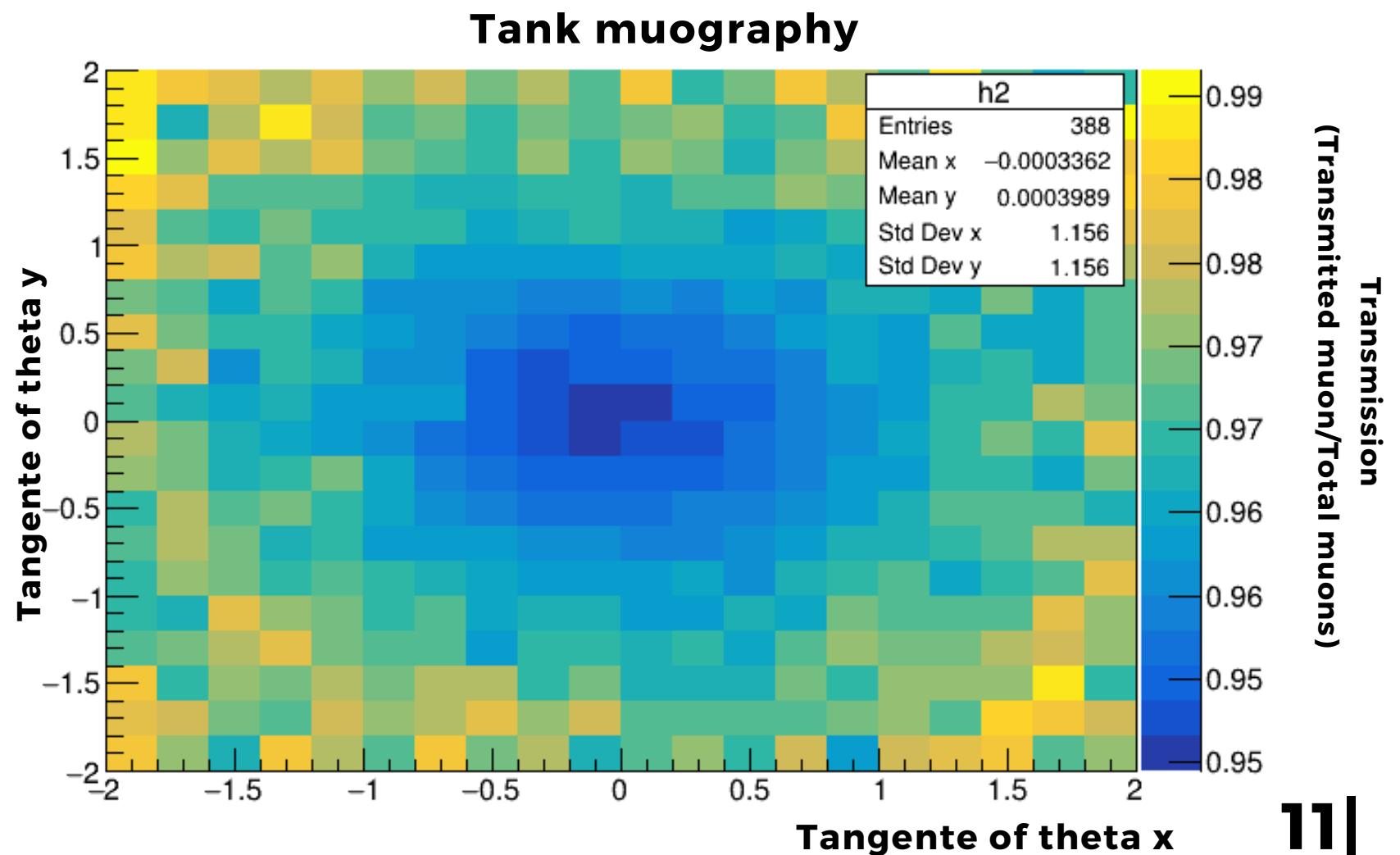
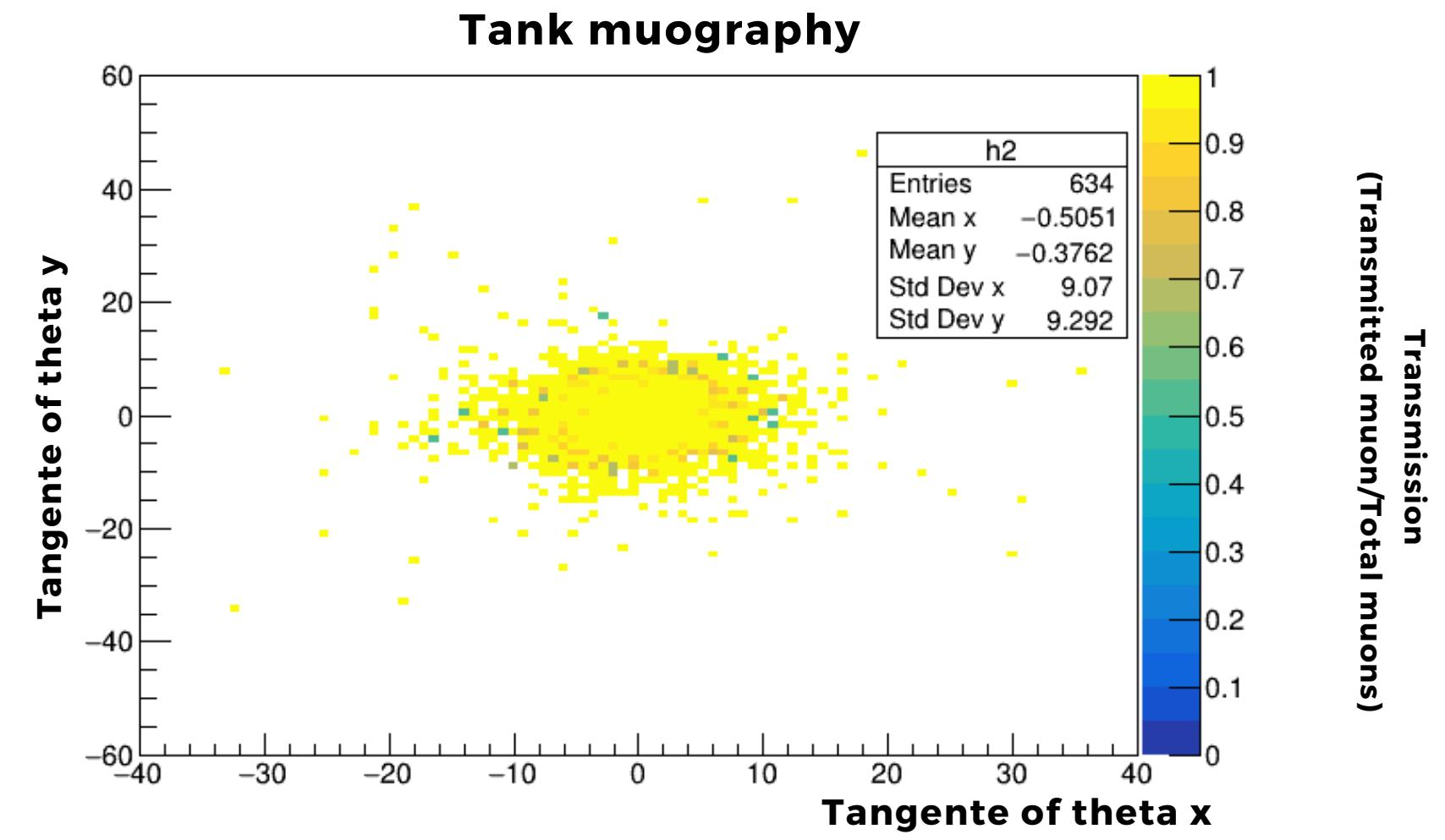
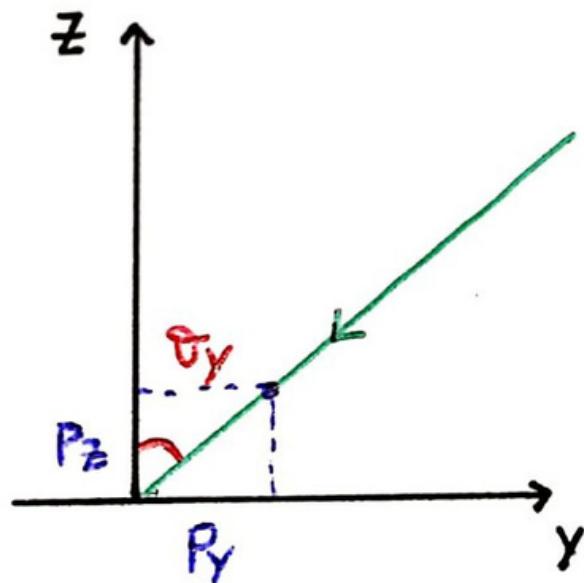
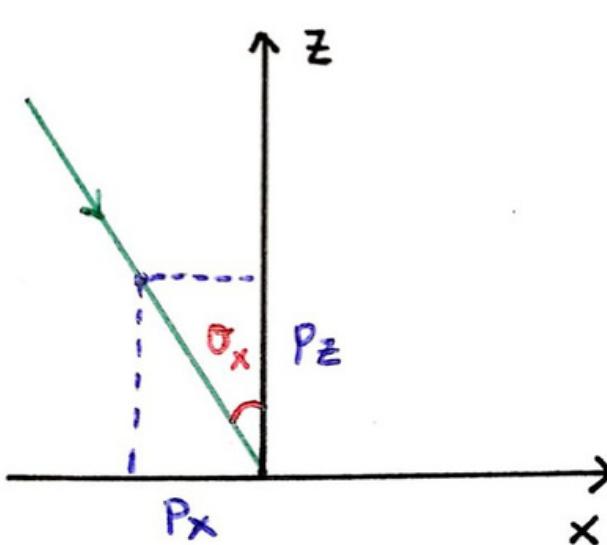


# First Muography

## Formulas:

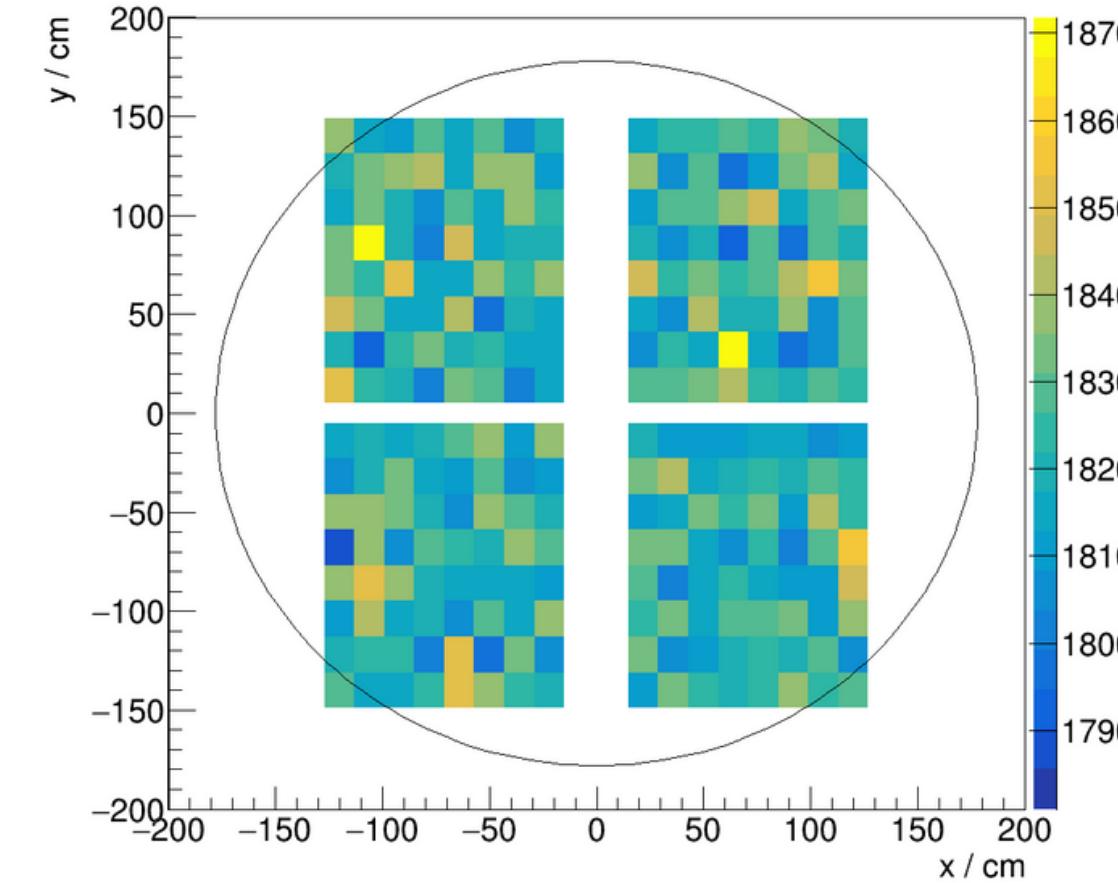
$$\tan \theta_x = \frac{p_x}{p_z}$$

$$\tan \theta_y = \frac{p_y}{p_z}$$

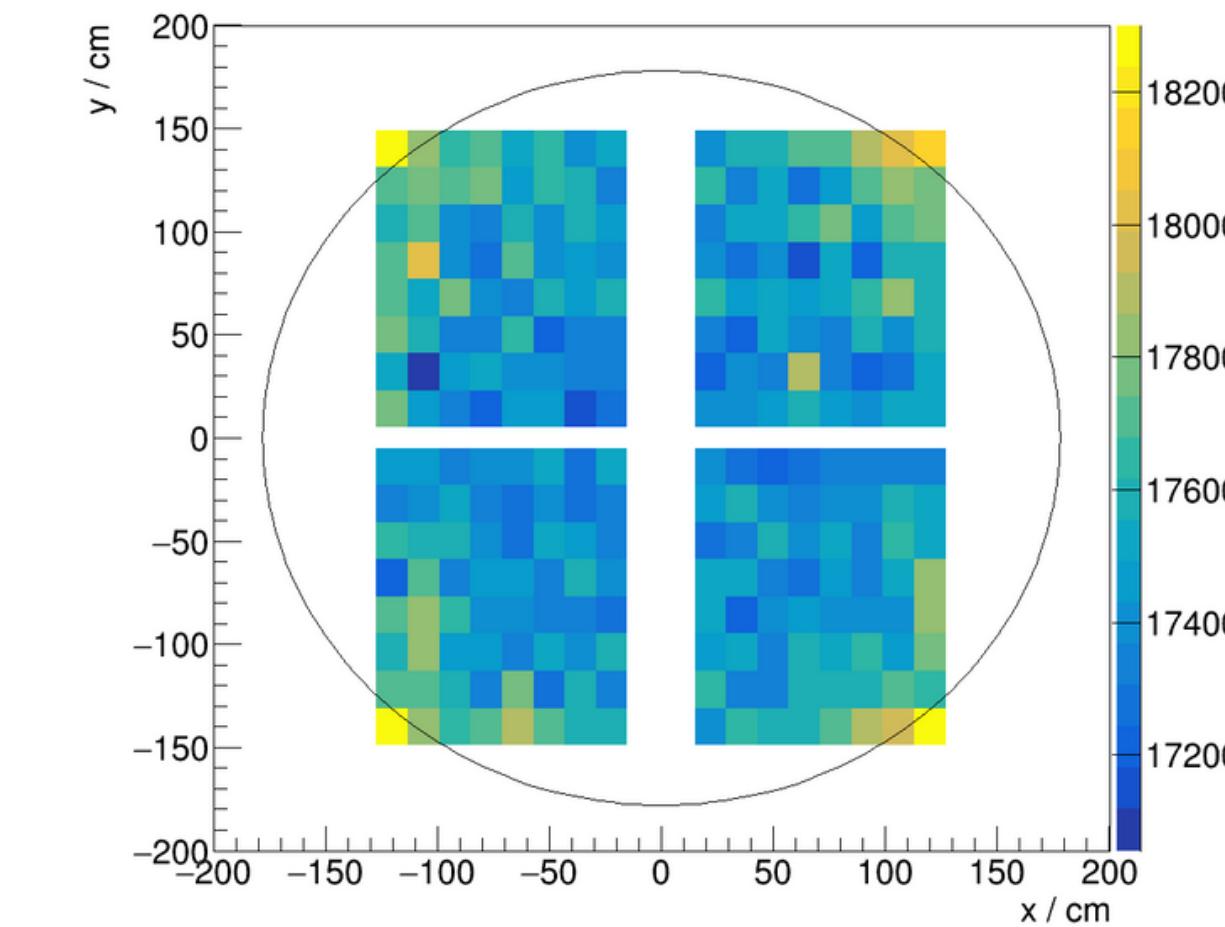


# A Different Type of Muography

**A total number of muons**

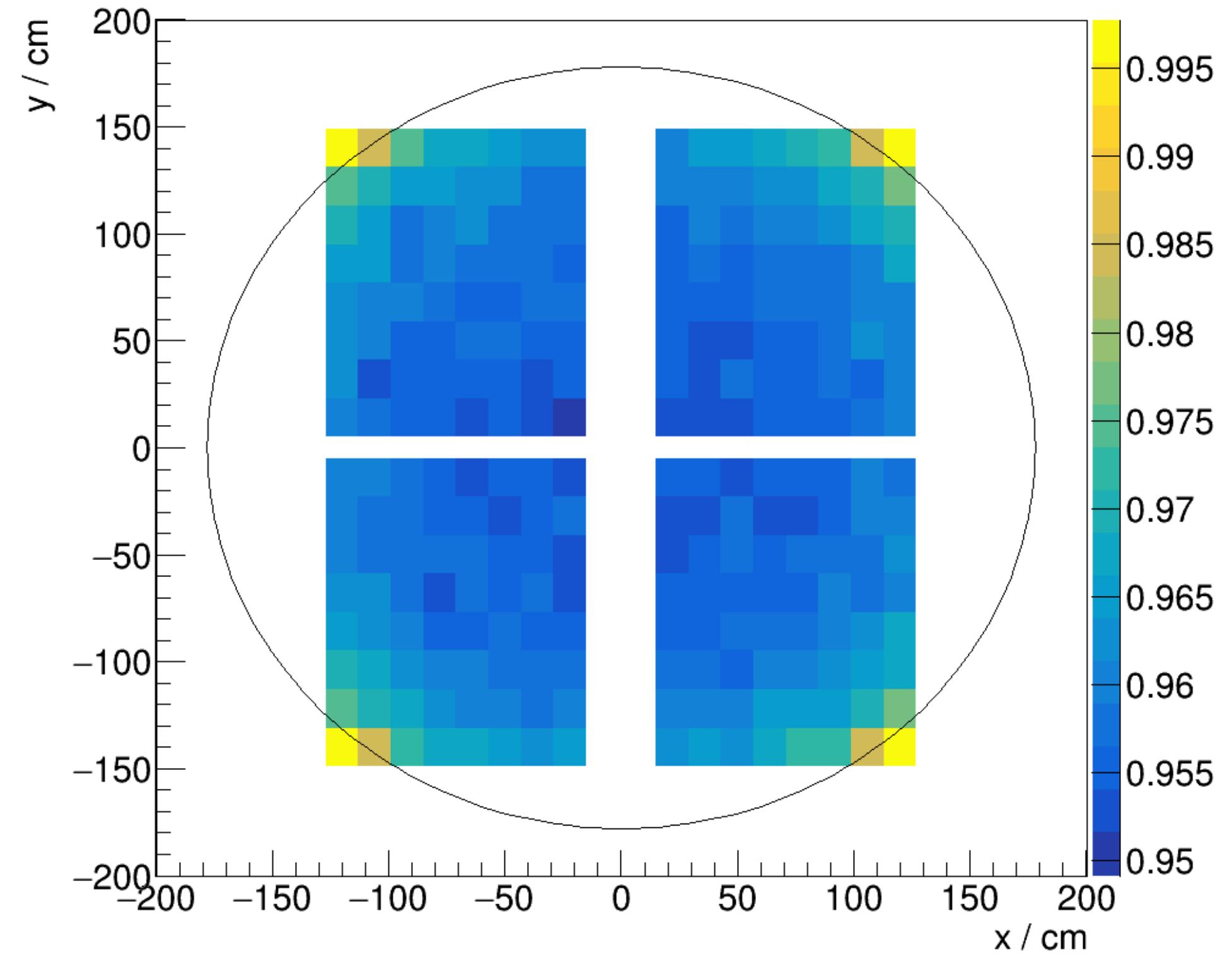


**A total number of muons transmitted**



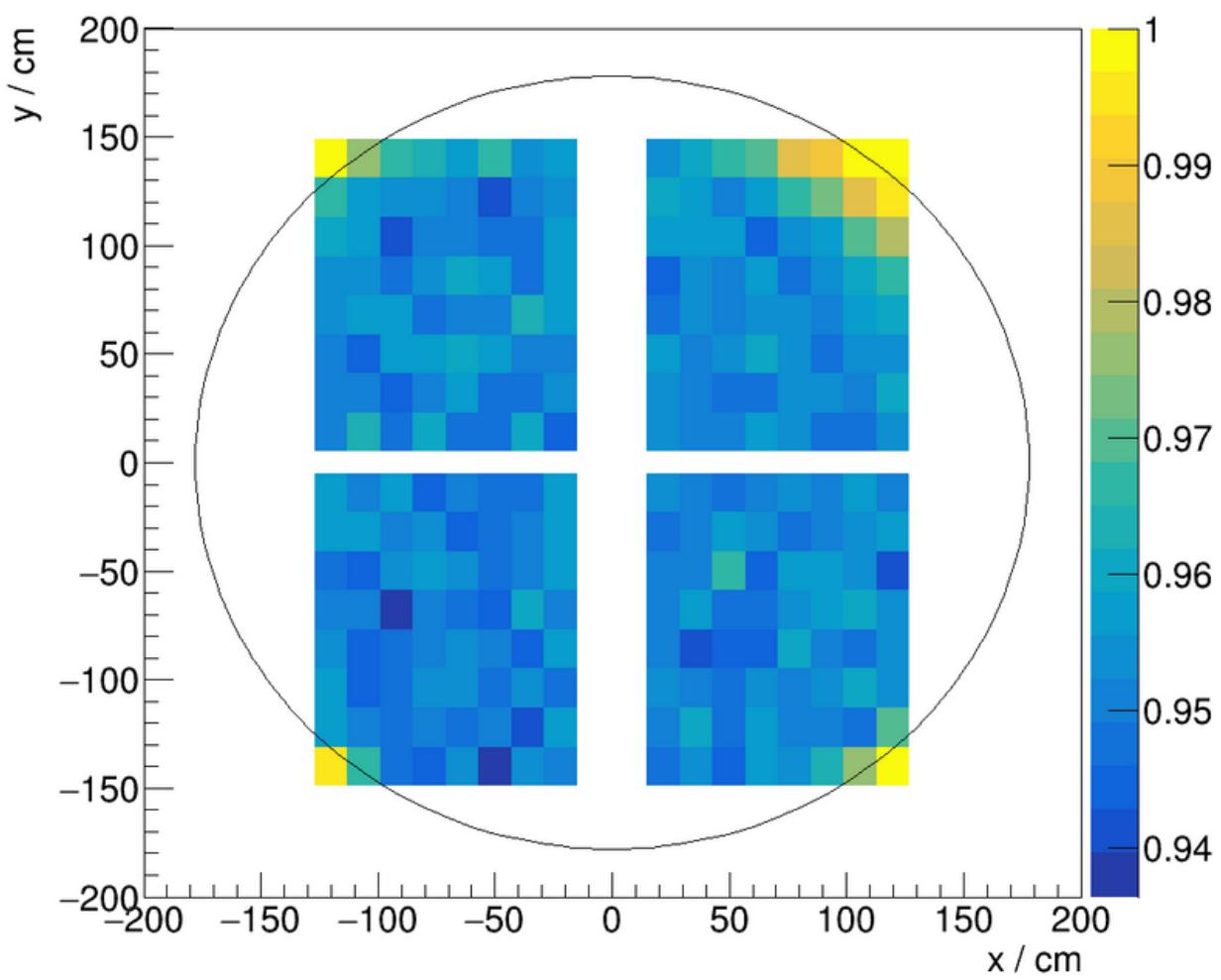
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**Transmission of the muons**

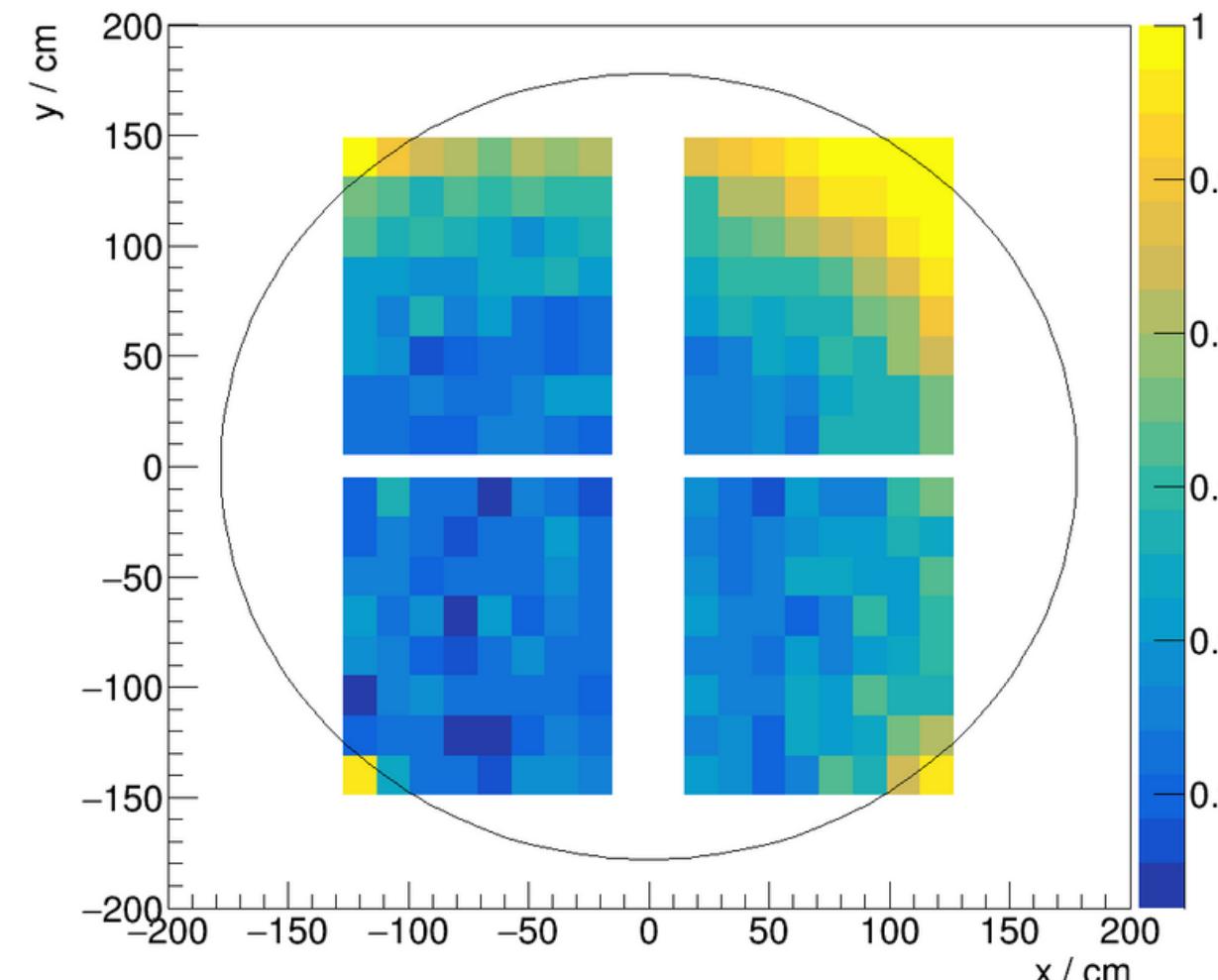


# Some Graphics about Transmission with cuts in the Zenith and Azimuth Angles

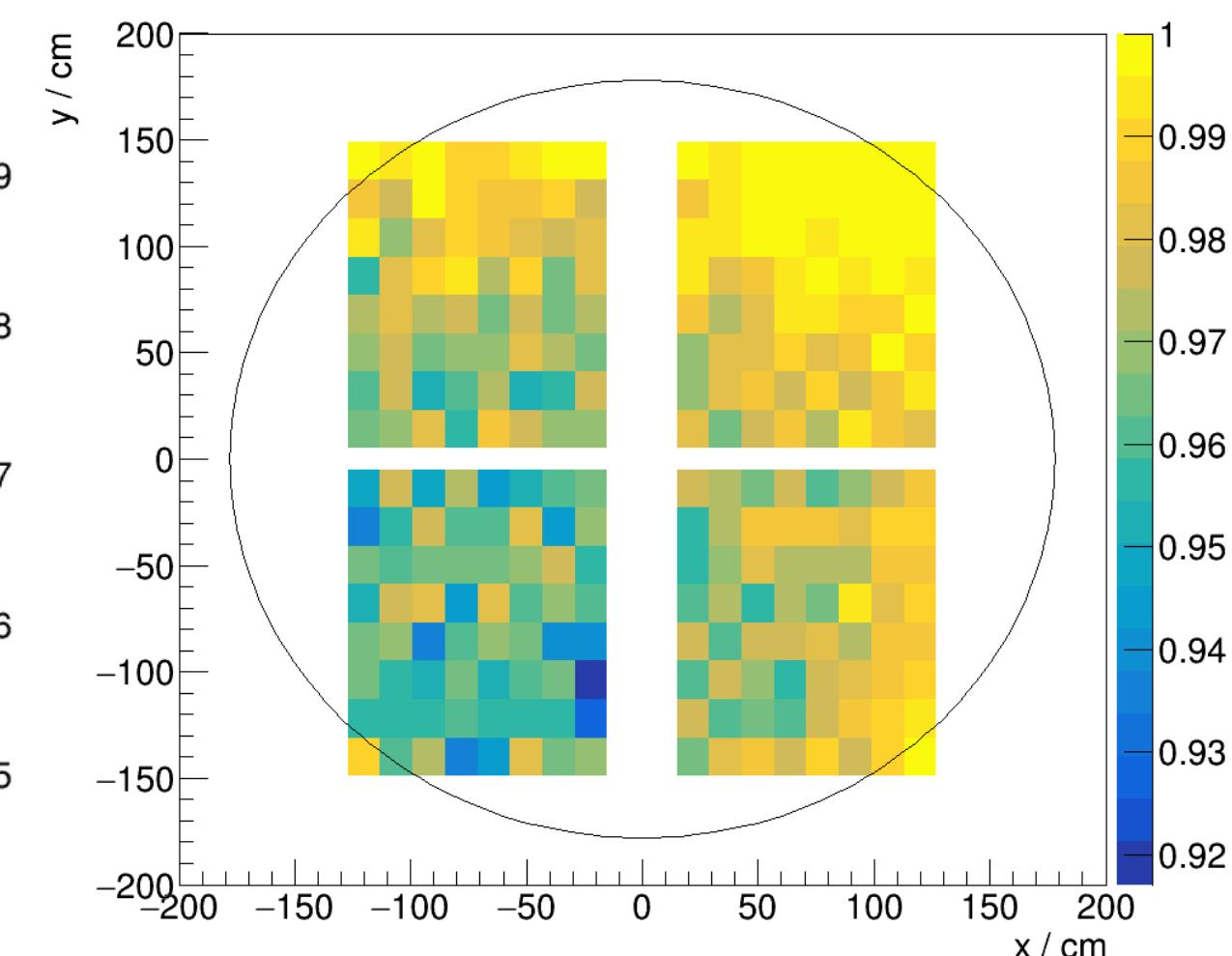
**$\Theta$  : between  $0^\circ$  and  $30^\circ$**   
 **$\varphi$  : between  $0^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$**



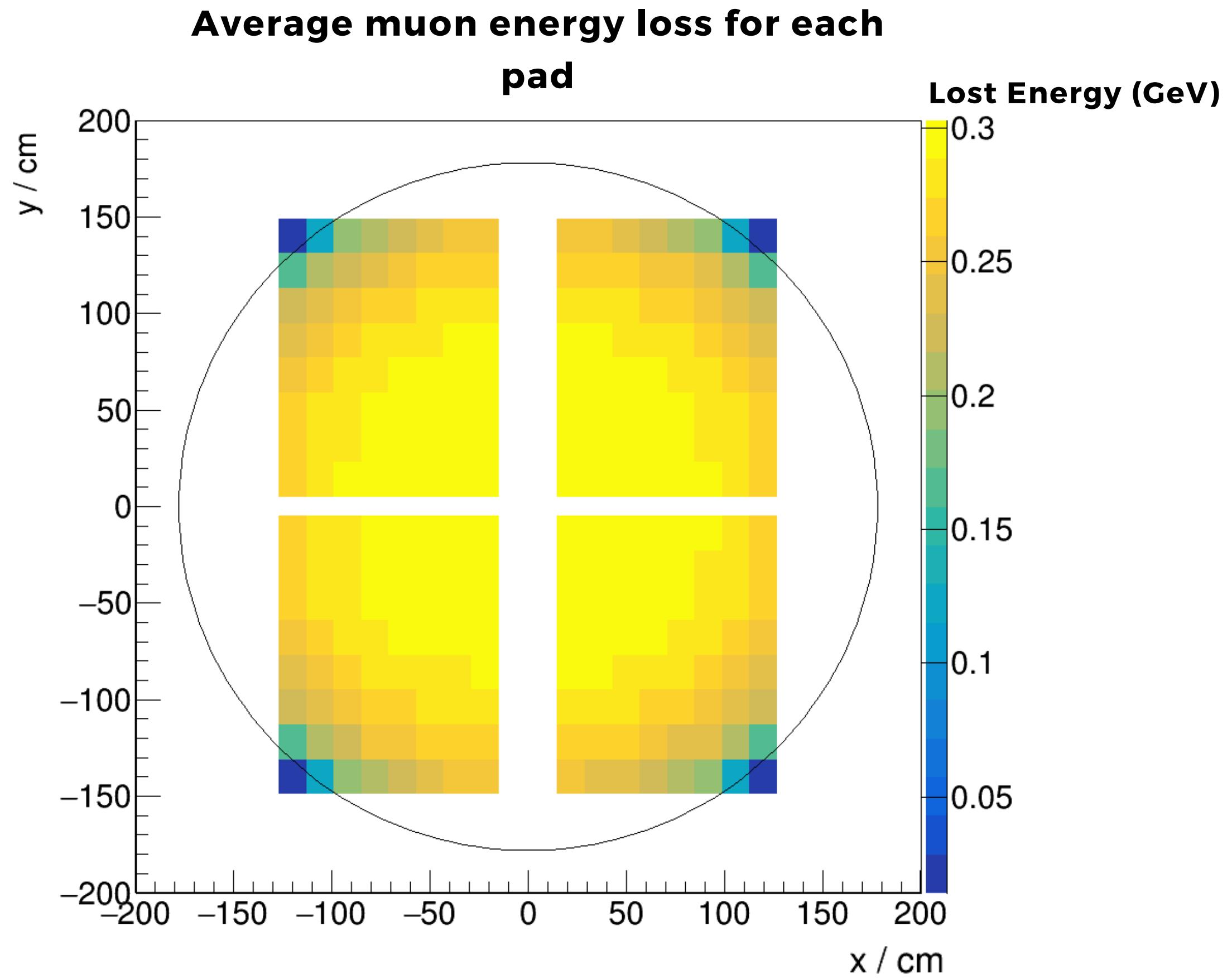
**$\Theta$  : between  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$**   
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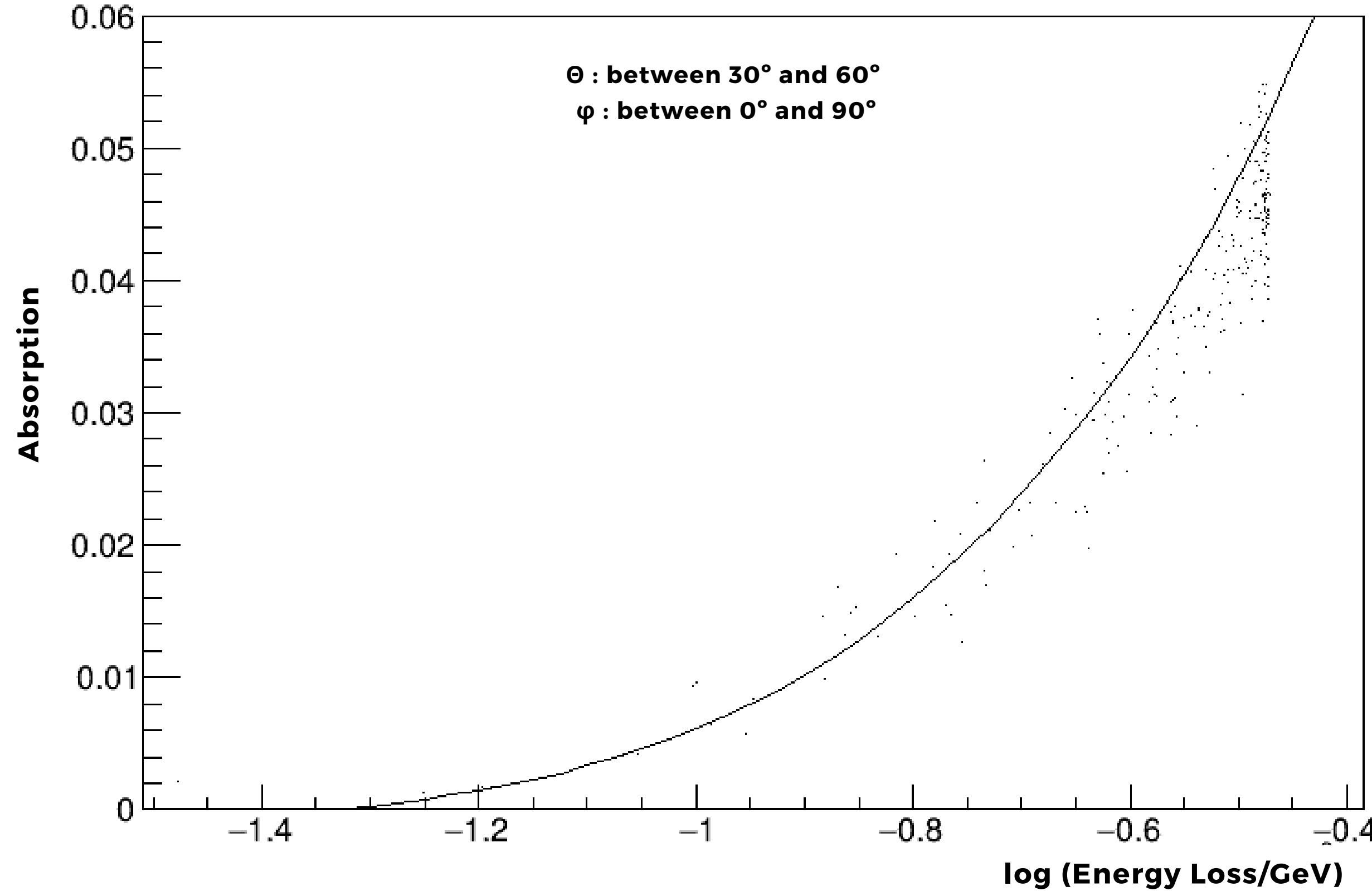
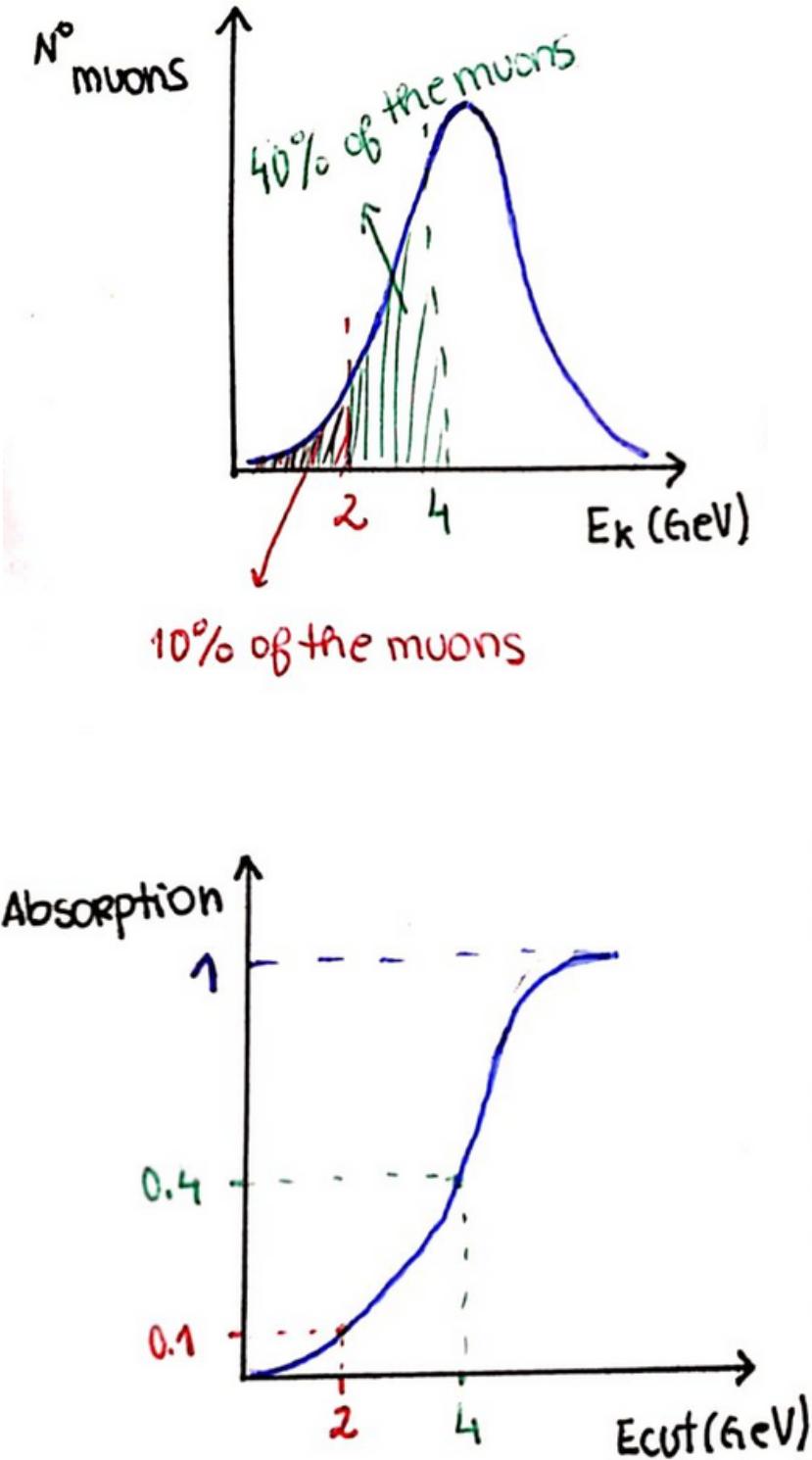
**$\Theta$  : between  $60^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$**   
 **$\varphi$  : between  $0^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$**



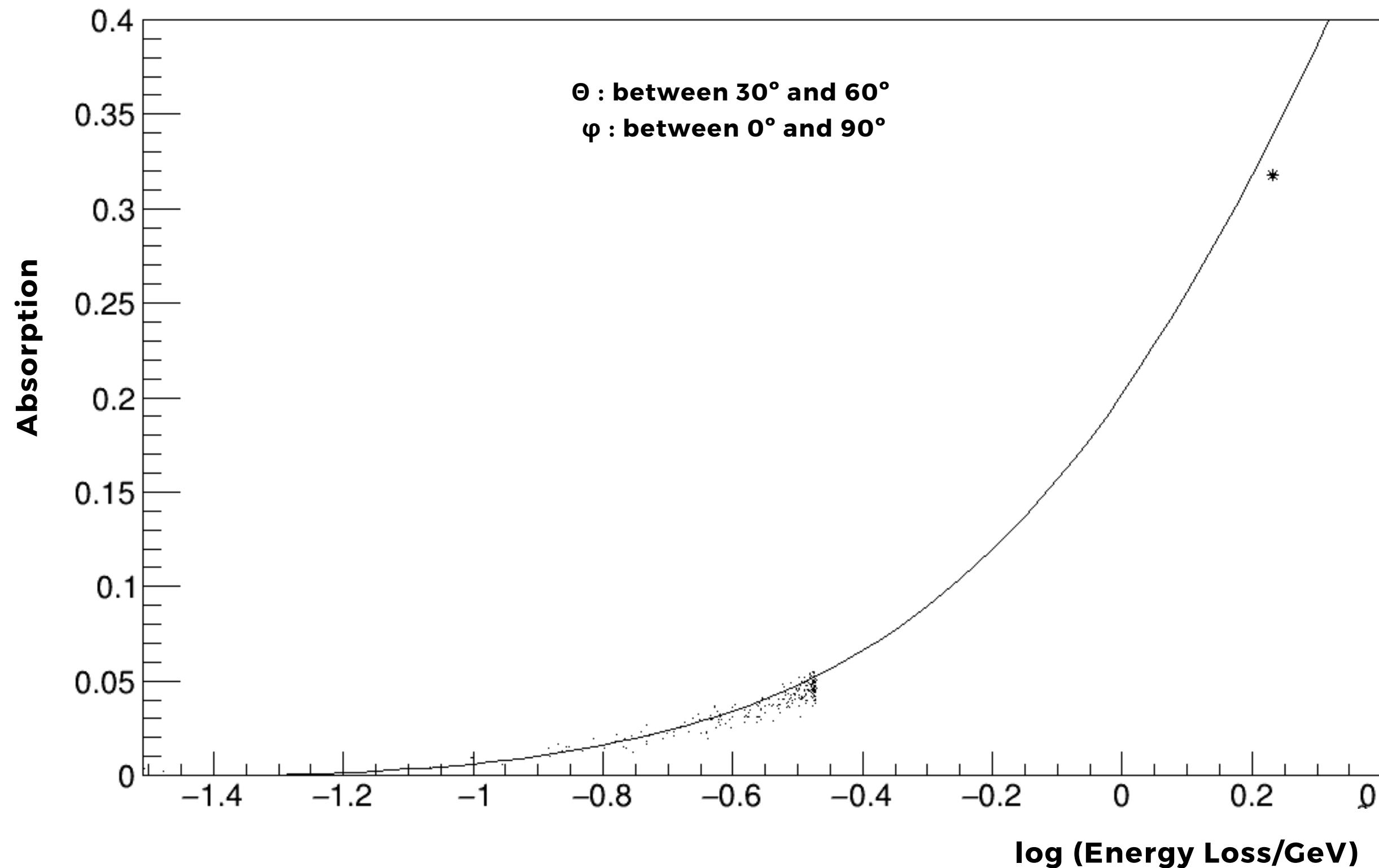
# Towards of the muon Energy Spectrum



## Absorption graphic in the function of the average energy loss in each pad with a cut in the Zenith and Azimuth Angles



## Absorption graphic in the function of the average energy loss in each pad with a cut in the Zenith and Azimuth Angles



# Conclusion

- We managed to achieve results that may be considered to discover the energy spectrum of higher energy shower muons;
- In the future, a way to achieve different and more promising results may go through a reformulation of our setup.



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# THANK YOU!!

## ANY QUESTIONS?

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