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Measurement of the centre-of-mass energy and of its spread with dimuon events at FCC-ee

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At FCC-ee, beamstrahlung is pushed at its limits to maximize the luminosity, which causes a large beam energy spread, from 60 MeV at the Z pole to 350 MeV at the top energies, and therefore a centre-of-mass energy spread from 90 to 500 MeV. Because the pertaining biases to the measurements of ΓZ and αQED are two-to-three orders of magnitude larger than their target precisions, the centre-of-mass energy spread must be measured to a few per mil. Dimuon events are instrumental for this purpose. The effect of energy spread is to slightly boost the two muons along the "beam axis" and modify their directions –in a way similar to the radiation of a photon (ISR) by one of the two incoming particles. This "longitudinal" boost can be determined with the help of (E, p) conservation from the muon polar and azimuthal angles, $\theta \pm$ and $\phi \pm$. After unfolding ISR effects, the mean value and shape of the boost distribution give - with the necessary precision - the difference between the $e \pm$ beam energies and the relative centre-of-mass energy spread, within a few minutes. The measurement of the centre-of-mass energy and of its spread also requires an absolute knowledge of the beam crossing angle α and of the two muon directions, and therefore an absolute alignment of the detector with respect to the beam directions. The beam crossing angle α can be determined for each event from the muon directions and (E, p) conservation, with a precision of 0.3 μ rad within 5 minutes at the Z pole at FCC-ee. An absolute alignment of the detector can be achieved by minimizing the spread of the α distribution.

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