

Coherent Soft-Photon Resummation in Phokhara

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Why bother?

Fixed-order calculations beyond one-loop are difficult: for radiative return experiments, this requires the calculation of a **5-point amplitude at two-loops with two masses**: many scales!

By approximating the amplitude, can probe the dominating effects coming from **radiative corrections**.

When two-loop amplitudes become available, these will provide checks on **soft phase-space regions**.

Recently observed tensions in fixed-order calculations: could be resolved with an independent calculation.

[E. Budassi, C.M.C. Calame, M. Ghilardi et al. \[2601.19530\]](#)

Route chosen: **YFS exponentiation**.

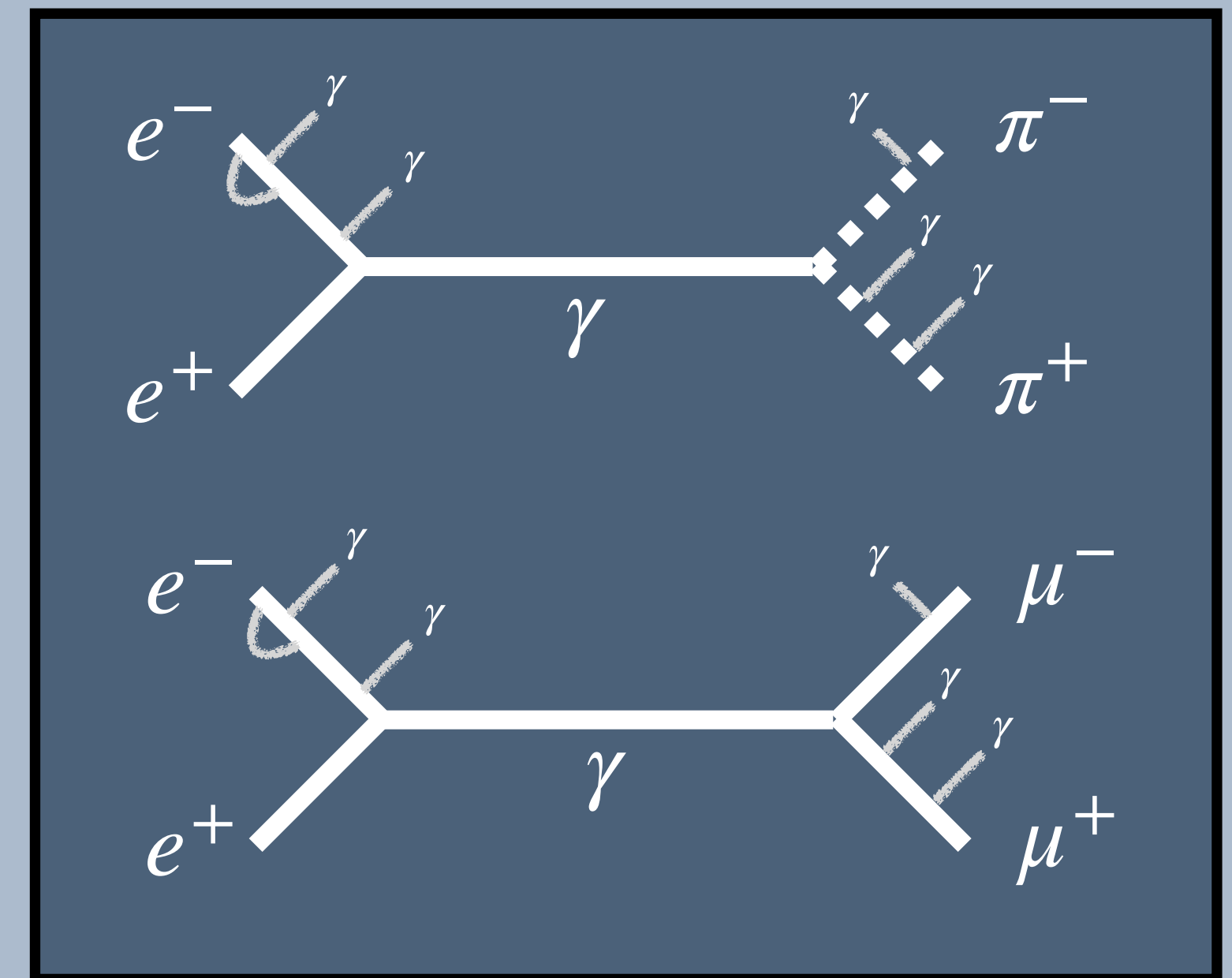
[Yennie, Frauschi, Suura \[Annals Phys. 13 \(1961\) 379-452\]](#)

[S. Jadach, B.F.L. Ward, Z. Was \[0006359\]](#)

[Frank Krauss, Alan Price, Marek Schönherr \[2203.10948\]](#)

This talk: **pions** only, with **FxsQED** (same analyses can be done for muons)

William, Tom and Mattia's talks



tree-level process corrected with soft photons

GVMD: Pau's talk

Master Formula

Controls the **IR divergences** in QED at all orders.

Assumption: all fermions must be **massive**: no collinear singularities (but collinear logs).

YFS FF (contains IR divergences)

Regularised amplitudes

$$d\sigma = \sum_{n_\gamma=0}^{\infty} \frac{\exp Y(\Omega)}{n_\gamma!} d\Phi_Q \frac{1}{4} \sum_h \left| \sum_\phi \left[\prod_{i=1}^{n_\gamma} d\phi_i^\gamma S(k_i) \Theta(k_i, \Omega) \right] \left(\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{n_\gamma} \frac{\beta_1(k_j)}{S(k_j)} + \sum_{1=j<k}^{n_\gamma} \frac{\beta_2(k_j, k_k)}{S(k_j)S(k_k)} + \dots \right) \right|^2$$

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Partitions (ISR/FSR) Eikonal factors Resolved domain

No approximations here!

Accuracy at fixed-order directly related to the accuracy of the β 's.

Note: need **momenta mappings** to map n-photon events to i-photon events for β_i .

YFS Form Factor

$$d\sigma = \sum_{n_\gamma=0}^{\infty} \frac{\exp Y(\Omega)}{n_\gamma!} d\Phi_Q \sum_{\phi} \left[\prod_{i=1}^{n_\gamma} d\phi_i^\gamma S(k_i) \Theta(k_i, \Omega) \right] \left| \left(\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{n_\gamma} \frac{\beta_1(k_j)}{S(k_j)} + \sum_{1=j<k}^{n_\gamma} \frac{\beta_2(k_j, k_k)}{S(k_j)S(k_k)} + \dots \right) \right|^2$$

with the **YFS Form Factor** $Y(\Omega) = 2\alpha \sum_{i<j} \mathcal{R} \left(B(p_i, p_j) + \tilde{B}(p_i, p_j, \Omega) \right)$ fermions and hadrons dipoles

Virtual

Real

$$B(p_i, p_j) \propto \int \frac{d^4k}{k^2} \left(\frac{2p_i - k}{k^2 - 2k \cdot p_i} - \frac{2p_j + k}{k^2 + 2k \cdot p_j} \right)^2$$

$$\tilde{B}(p_i, p_j, \Omega) \propto \int_{\Omega} d^4k \delta(k^2) \left(\frac{p_i}{p_i \cdot k} - \frac{p_j}{p_j \cdot k} \right)^2$$

YFS Form Factor

Schematically:

$$\sigma = \sum_{n_\gamma} \int_{\Omega} (dLips)_{n_\gamma+2} \frac{e^{\alpha Y_{\text{FF}}(\tilde{\Omega})}}{n_\gamma!} \sum_{\text{hel}} |\mathcal{M}_{\text{reg}}|^2$$

The real photons are emitted in the **resolved** domain Ω

The form factor is calculated in the **unresolved** domain $Y_{\text{FF}}(\tilde{\Omega}) = Y_R(\tilde{\Omega}) + Y_V$

After integration, the cross-section is independent of the definition of $\tilde{\Omega}$

Sherpa, KKMC use a non Lorentz-Invariant parametrisation of the domain.

Results for the integrals are analytical, but weights have to be corrected.

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We compute it in dim-reg in a **Lorentz-Invariant way**: no further corrections needed.

The integral is evaluated numerically (quadrature).

[J. Williams \[Quadpack github\]](#)

YFS Form Factor

$$Y(\Omega) = 2\alpha \sum_{i < j} \mathcal{R} \left(B(p_i, p_j) + \tilde{B}(p_i, p_j, \Omega) \right) \quad \text{Sum over dipoles (electrons and pions)}$$

$$B(p_i, p_j) \propto \int \frac{d^4k}{k^2} \left(\frac{2p_i - k}{k^2 - 2k \cdot p_i} - \frac{2p_j + k}{k^2 + 2k \cdot p_j} \right)^2 \quad \text{Virtual}$$

$$\tilde{B}(p_i, p_j, \tilde{\Omega}) \propto \int_{\tilde{\Omega}} d^4k \delta(k^2) \left(\frac{p_i}{p_i \cdot k} - \frac{p_j}{p_j \cdot k} \right)^2 \quad \text{Real}$$

Define: $\tilde{\Omega} = \left\{ K \cdot k < \sqrt{s}\omega \right\}$ with: $K = p(e^-) + p(e^+)$ In the lab frame: $\tilde{\Omega} = \left\{ E_\gamma < \omega \right\}$

In the (p_i, p_j) rest frame, rotated, we have $\tilde{\Omega} = \left\{ |k| (p^0 - \vec{p} \cdot \vec{k}) \right\}$ with:

By Lorentz Invariance, we calculate the real integral in this domain.

$$p^0 = E_{ij}^{(1)}$$

$$p^x = \sqrt{(E_{ij}^{(1)})^2 - s_{ij}} \sin \Theta$$

$$p^y = 0$$

$$p^z = \sqrt{(E_{ij}^{(1)})^2 - s_{ij}} \cos \Theta$$

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$$Y_{FF}(p_i, p_j, \tilde{\Omega}) = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left(p_{ij} \log \frac{\omega^2}{s} + q_{ij} + v_{ij} \right)$$

The remainder after
cancellation of the
IR poles: universal

Finite part from
real: 1D integral

Finite part from virtual:
analytical: logs and dilogs

Extensive list of checks possible, from small photon mass result or direct dim-reg result.

Form Factor Decomposition / Tensor Decomposition

$$\sigma_{LO}^{res.} = \sum_{n_\gamma} \int_{\Omega} (dLips)_{n_\gamma+2} \frac{e^{\alpha Y_{FF}}}{n_\gamma!} \sum_{\text{hel}} \left| \sum_{\phi \in [I, F]^{n_\gamma}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{n_\gamma} s_i^{\phi_i} \right) \beta^0(P) \right|^2$$

At LO, we have $\beta^0 = \mathcal{M}^0$

Form Factor Decomposition at l loops:

$$\mathcal{M}^l(ee \rightarrow f\bar{f}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{F}_i^l \times \mathcal{T}^i$$

Depends on **kinematics**
(not helicities)

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(Spin tensors)

Example:



$$\mathcal{M}^0(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = (\bar{v}\gamma^\nu u \bar{u}\gamma_\nu v) \times \left(\frac{1}{s}\right) = \mathcal{F}^0 \times \mathcal{T}^0$$

Structure of the amplitude

$$\sigma_{LO}^{res.} = \sum_{n_\gamma} \int_{\Omega} (dLips)_{n_\gamma+2} \frac{e^{\alpha Y_{FF}}}{n_\gamma!} \sum_{\text{hel}} \left| \sum_{\phi \in [I, F]^{n_\gamma}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{n_\gamma} s_i^{\phi_i} \right) \beta^0(P) \right|^2$$

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Notes

- Works for massless or massive particles
- The number of tensors / FFs does not depend on the number of loops
- The coefficients in the FFs can be huge beyond LO, optimisation required (ongoing work)

Eikonal Approximation

In the **soft limit** (all photons soft):

$$\mathcal{M}(\pi\pi\gamma(k_1)\dots\gamma(k_n)) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(\pi\pi) \times s(k_1)\dots s(k_n)$$

In particular, for radiative return processes at LO+resummation, we need for each helicity:

$$\mathcal{M}(\pi\pi\gamma(k)) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(\pi\pi) \times s(k)$$

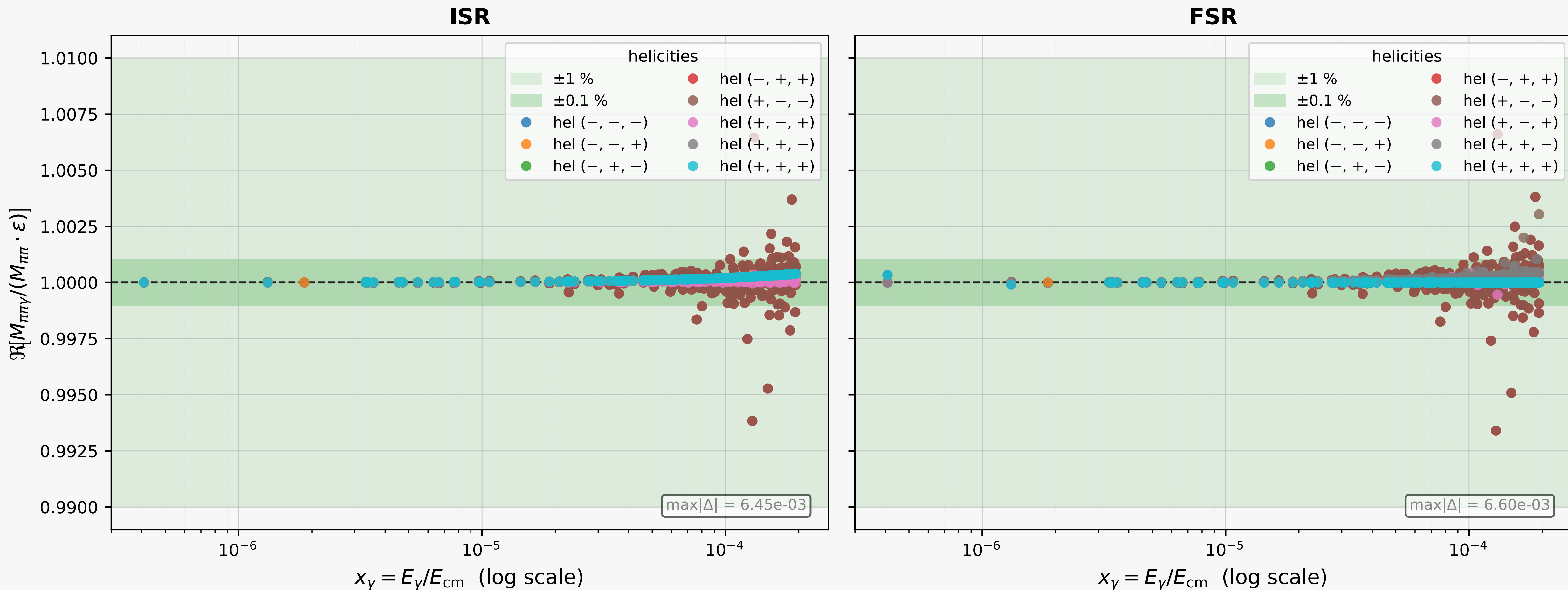
To ensure that the **phases are right**, rewrite all spinors for $\pi\pi\gamma$ and $\pi\pi$ in a consistent way:

$$p_i^b = p_i - x_i p_\gamma \quad x_i = \frac{p_i^2}{2p_i \cdot p_\gamma}, \quad i = e^+, e^-, \pi^+, \pi^-$$
$$p_\gamma^b = p_\gamma$$

Note: phases must be consistent between ISR and FSR.

Form Factor decomposition of the amplitude

Eikonal check - $\Re(\text{ratio})$, all helicities



Ratio of amplitudes $\frac{\mathcal{M}(\pi\pi\gamma(k))}{\mathcal{M}(\pi\pi) \times s(k)}$ for ISR and FSR for each helicity configurations (~200 events)

Momenta mappings

To evaluate the resummed amplitudes, we need momenta mappings:

$$\Phi_{n \rightarrow i} : (e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma_1 \dots \gamma_n) \rightarrow (e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma_1 \dots \gamma_i)$$

which map n-photon events to i-photon events ($i < n$).

Scan mode:

- LO resummed: $\Phi_{n \rightarrow 0}$
- NLO resummed: $\Phi_{n \rightarrow 1}$

Radiative return:

- LO resummed: $\Phi_{n \rightarrow 0}, \Phi_{n \rightarrow 1}$
- NLO resummed: $\Phi_{n \rightarrow 2}$

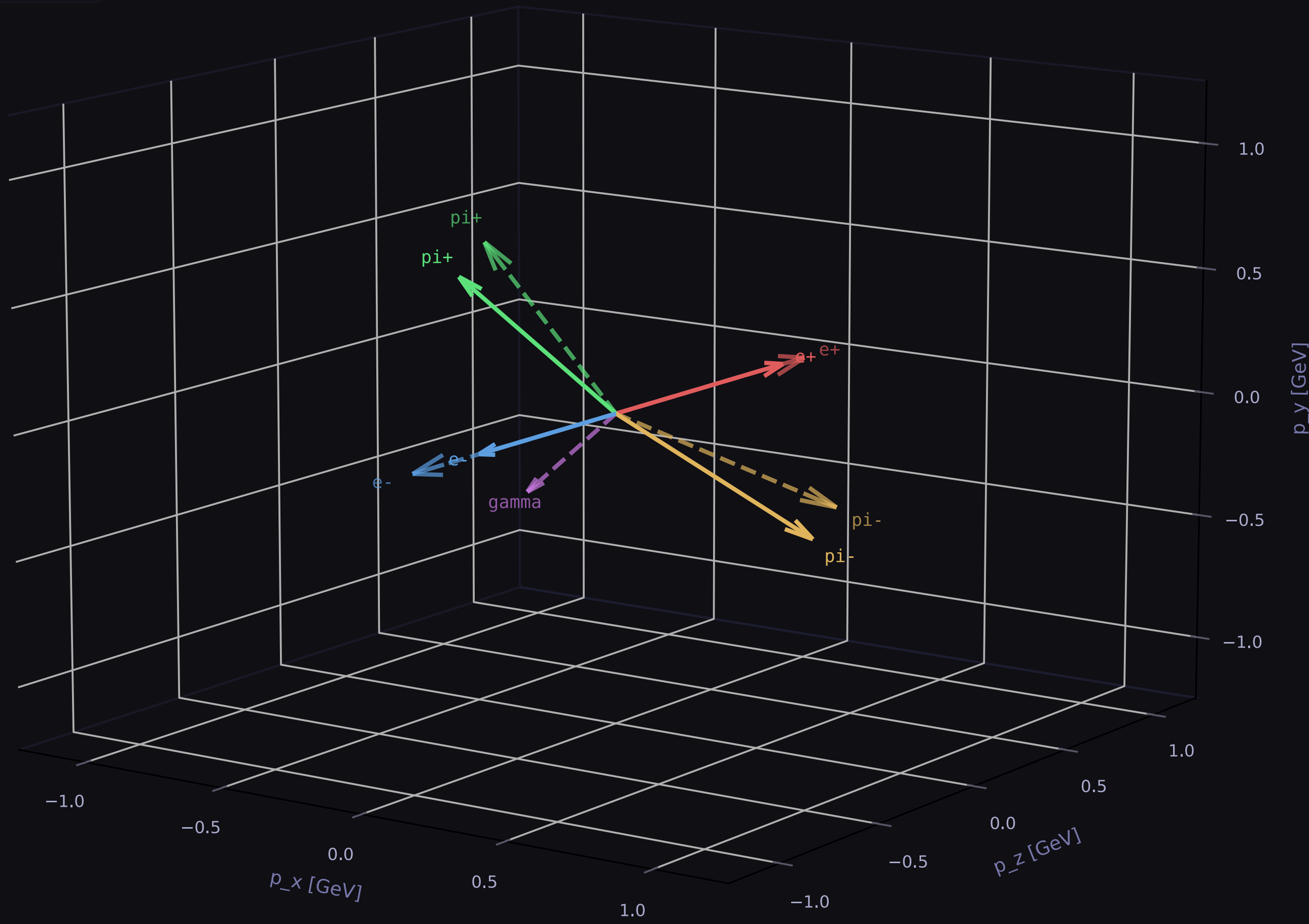
In particular, the eikonal limit should be written as:

$$\mathcal{M}(\pi\pi\gamma(k)) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(\Phi_{1 \rightarrow 0}(\pi\pi\gamma)) \times s(k)$$

Momentum Mapping: 1-photon → 0-photon

dashed = before | solid = after | axes: x, z (horiz), y (vert)

- - e+ before
- e+ after
- - e- before
- e- after
- - pi+ before
- pi+ after
- - pi- before
- pi- after
- - gamma before only



Non-soft event

Invariant masses [GeV]		
particle	m before	m after
e+	0.00051	0.00051
e-	0.00051	0.00051
pi+	0.13957	0.13957
pi-	0.13957	0.13957
gamma	0.00000	—

Momentum conservation

$$P = P(e^+) + P(e^-) - P(\pi^+) - P(\pi^-) - P(\gamma)$$

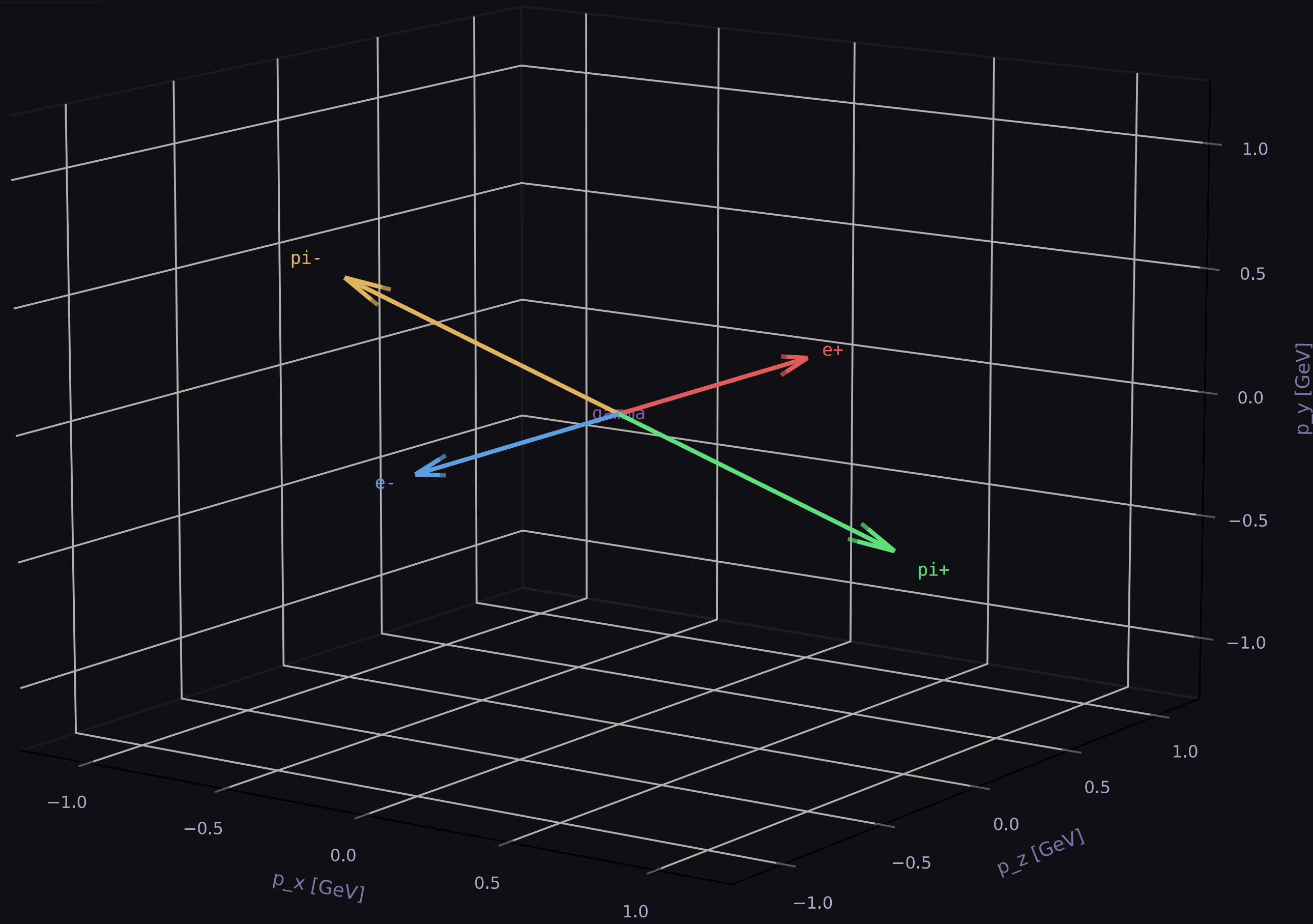
BEFORE $P = (+0.0000, -0.0000, -0.0000, -0.0000)$
 $\|P\| = 1.161099e-16$ GeV

AFTER $P = (+0.0000, +0.0000, +0.0000, +0.0000)$
 $\|P\| = 1.494683e-16$ GeV

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- - e+ before
- e+ after
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- pi- after
- - gamma before only



Soft event

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Momentum conservation

$$P = P(e^+) + P(e^-) - P(\pi^+) - P(\pi^-) - P(\gamma)$$

BEFORE $P = (-0.0000, -0.0000, -0.0000, -0.0000)$

$$\|P\| = 1.191825e-16 \text{ GeV}$$

AFTER $P = (+0.0000, +0.0000, +0.0000, +0.0000)$

$$\|P\| = 5.551115e-17 \text{ GeV}$$

Scan experiment processes, LO+ Resummation

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For each photon multiplicity

Generate event

Phase-space algorithm, VEGAS for integral optimisation

[G. P. Lepage \[VEGAS\]](#)

[G. P. Lepage \[2009.05112\]](#)

Evaluate amplitude

Form Factor Decomposition, polarised amplitudes, Collier for numerical evaluation of one-loop integrals

[T. Dave, P. Petit Rosàs, W. Torres Bobadilla, J.P. \[2604.16251\]](#)

[A. Denner, S. Dittmaier, L. Hofer \[1407.0087\]](#)

Evaluate YFS form factor

Calculated in Dimensional Regularisation without approximations

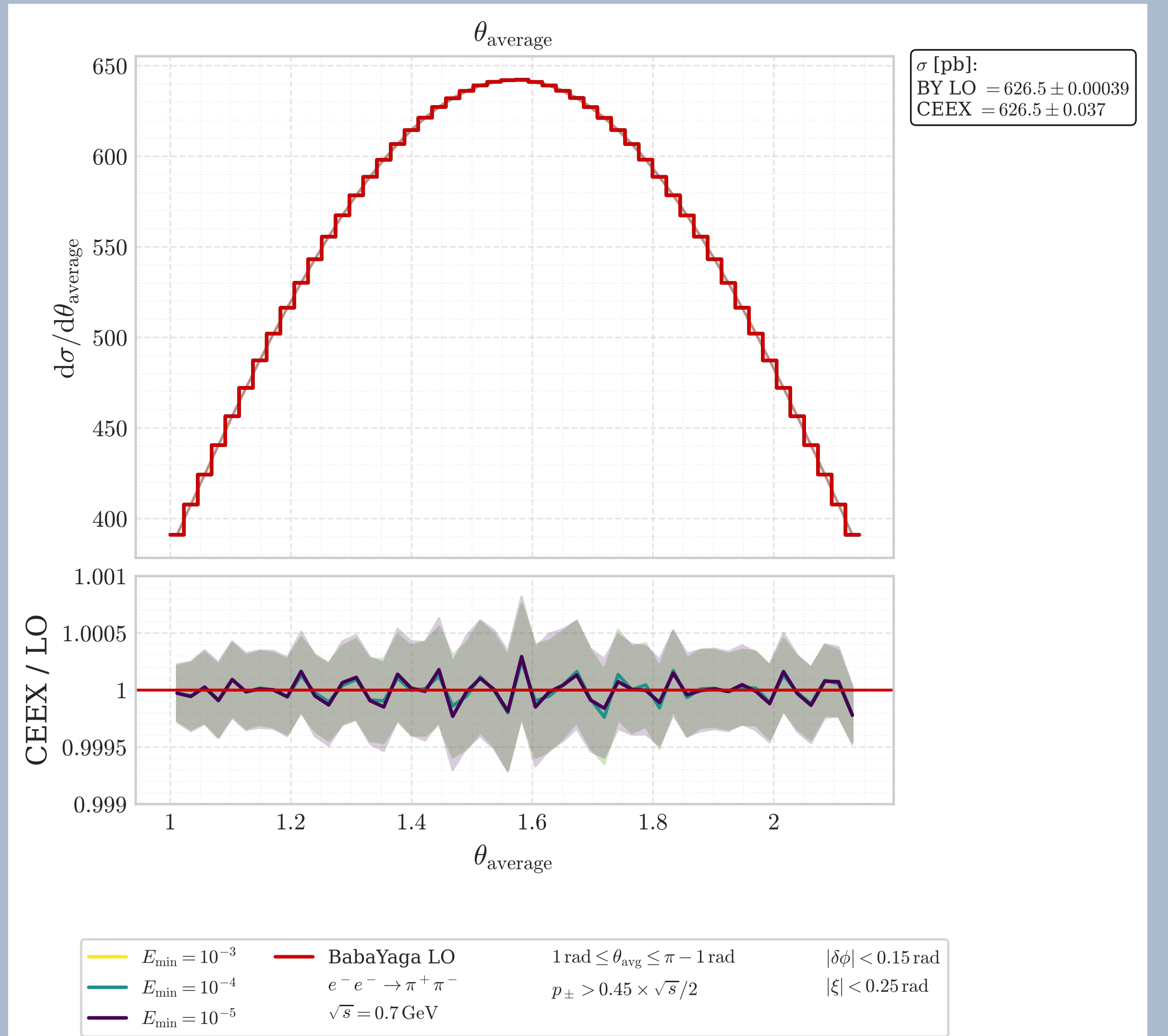
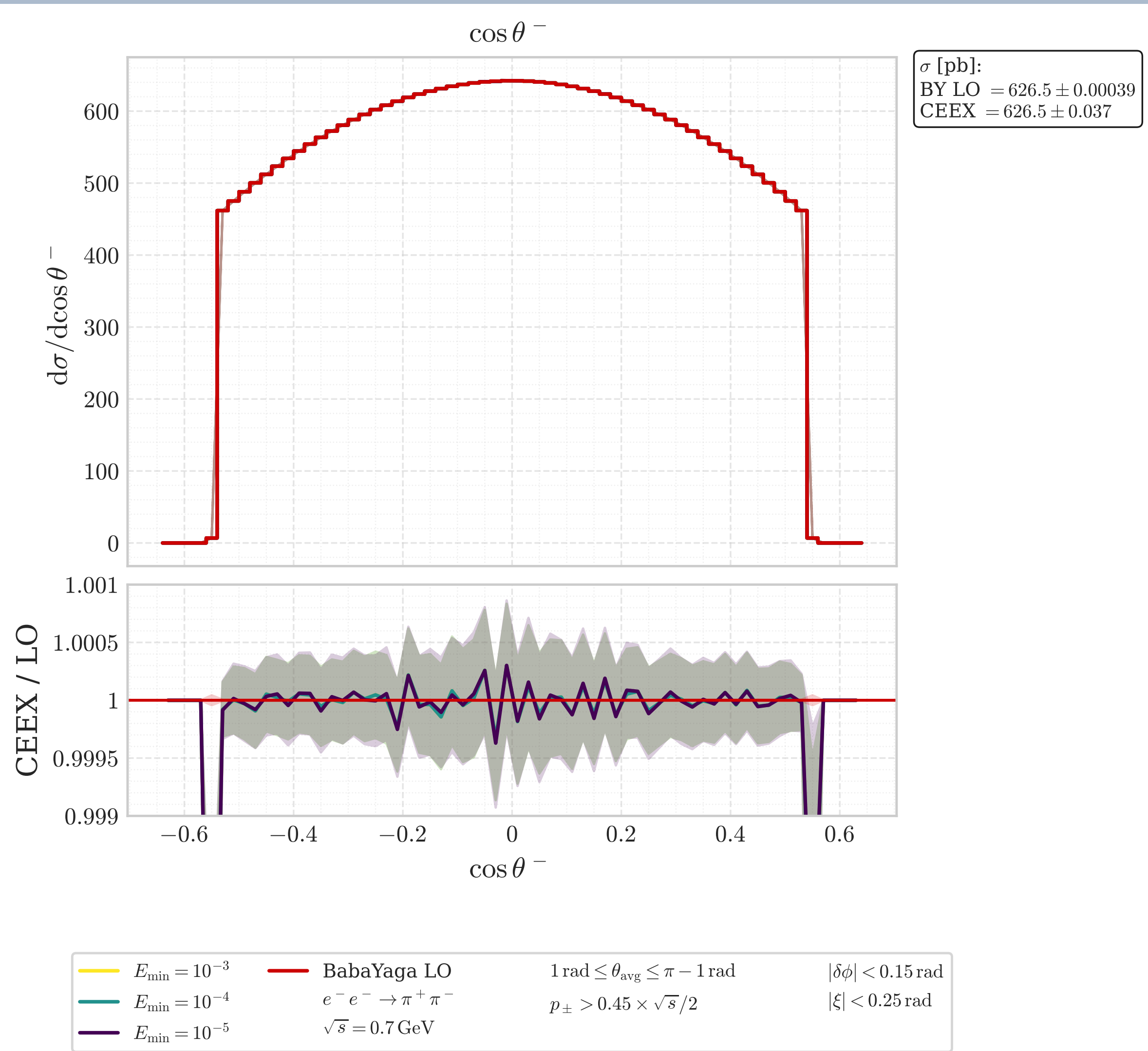
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Fill histograms

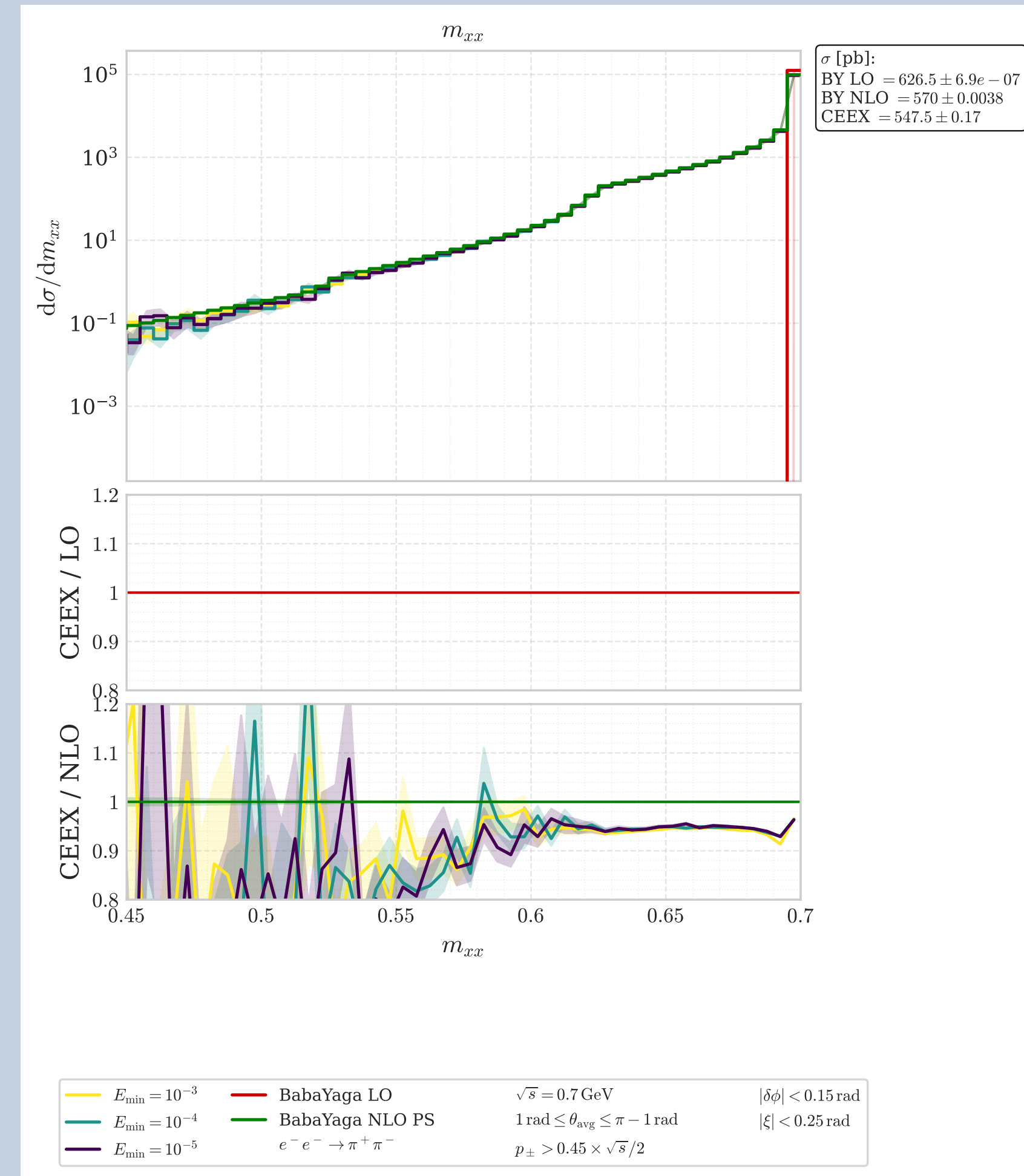
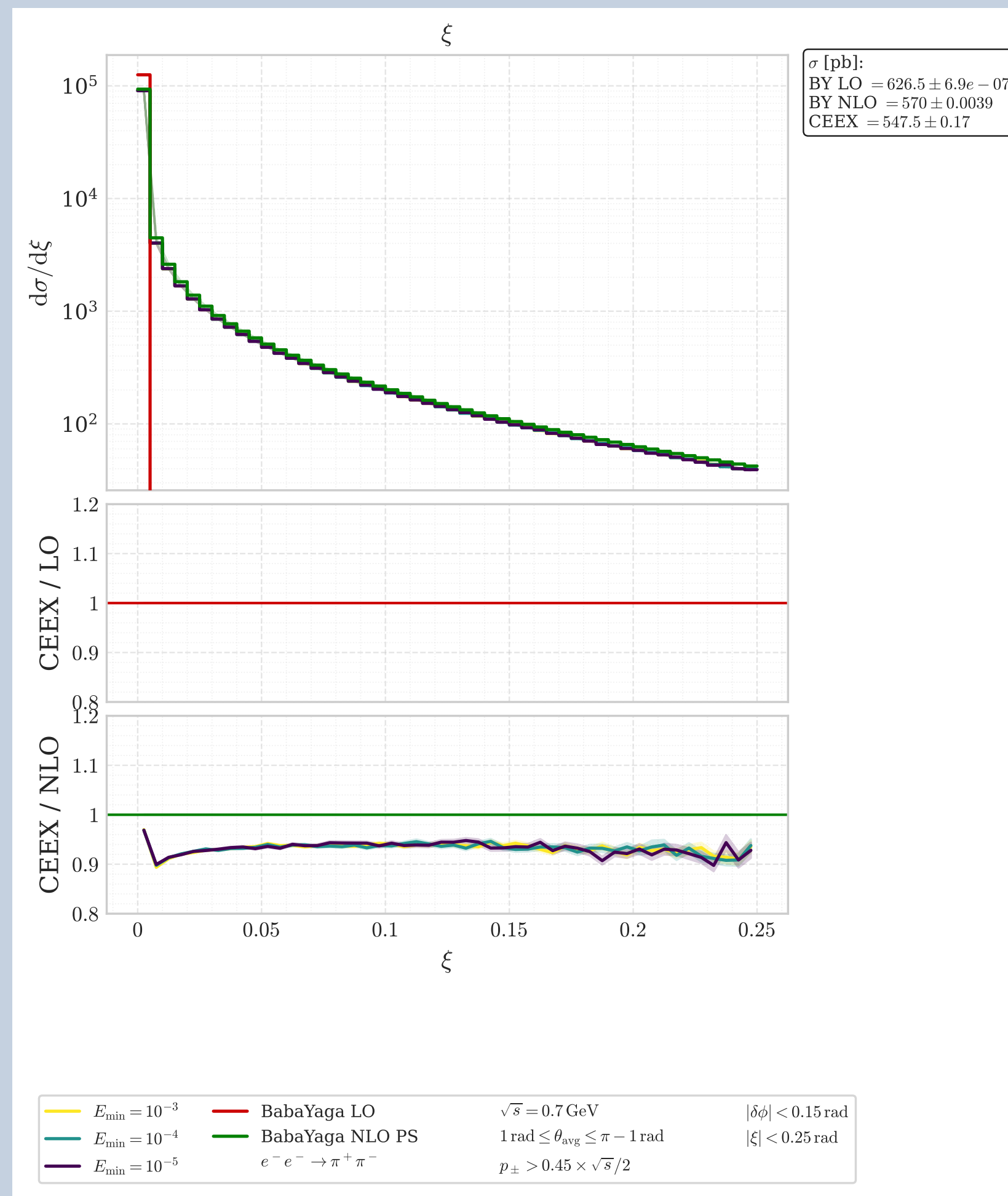
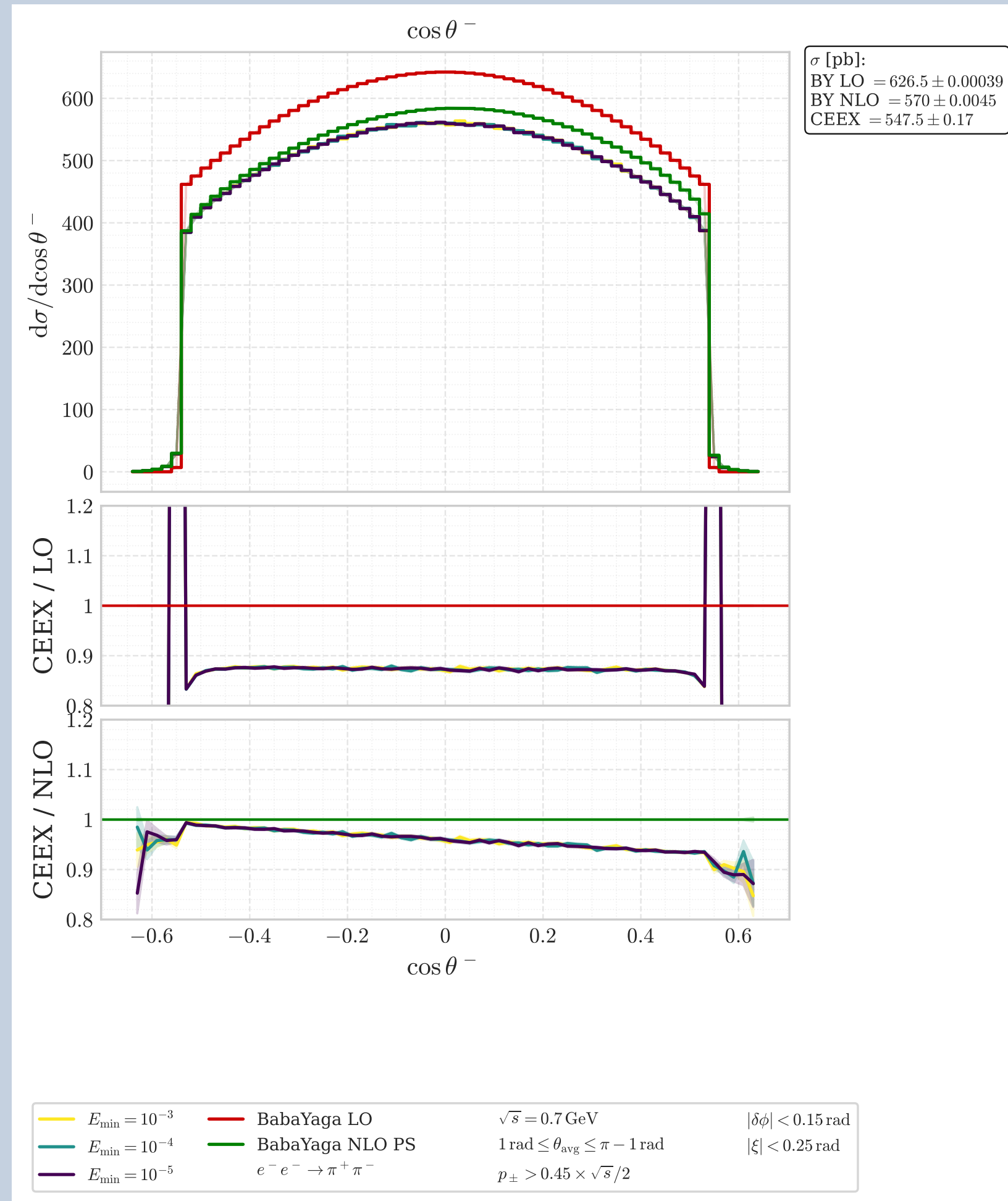
With user-friendly interface and pre-coded scenarios according to RMCL2

SCAN MODE

LO Test



Results from LO + resummation, CMD scenario



Resummed results **do not depend on Emin**: strong test of the **soft limit** handling in the code
 The K-factor between LO and LO-resummed is similar to LO-NLOPS K-factor

Next-to-Leading Order truncation

Master Formula:

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Truncate this (YFS FF, eikonal products, betas):

$$\sigma_{NLO}^{trunc.} = \int (dPS)_2 \left(\underbrace{|\mathcal{M}_{LO}|^2 (1 + \alpha Y_V + \alpha Y_R)}_{\text{Finite}} + 2 \text{Re} \left(\underbrace{\mathcal{M}_{LO}^\dagger}_{\text{Finite}} \left(\underbrace{\mathcal{M}_{1L}^{ren}}_{\text{Finite}} - \frac{1}{2} \alpha Y_V \mathcal{M}_{LO} \right) \right) \right) + \int_{\Omega} (dPS)_3 \underbrace{|\mathcal{M}_R|^2}_{\text{Finite}}$$

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Exactly equivalent to a subtraction scheme:

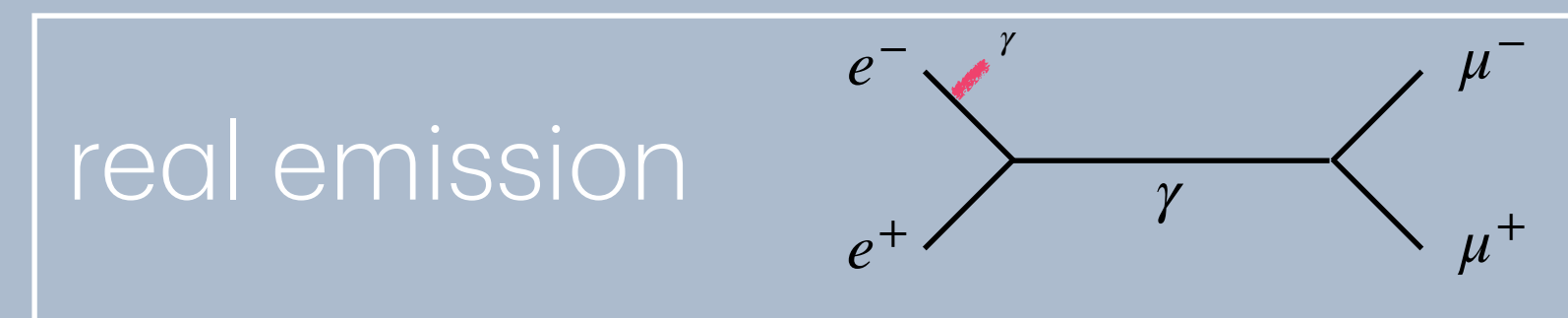
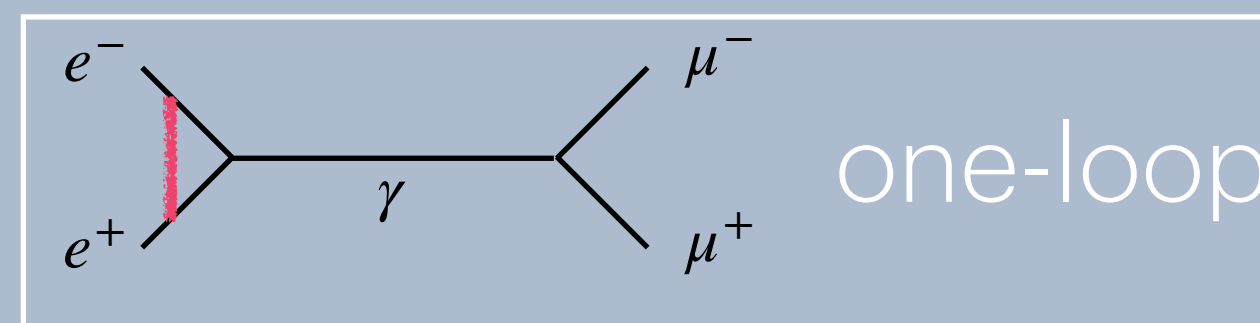
$$\mathcal{S} = \int S \equiv \alpha Y_R |M_{LO}|^2$$

$$\sigma_{NLO}^{sub.sch.} = \int (dPS)_2 (\mathcal{B} + \mathcal{V} + \mathcal{S}) + \int (dPS)_3 (\mathcal{R} - S)$$

$$\int (dPS)_3 (\mathcal{R} - S) = \int_{\Omega} (dPS)_3 |R|^2$$

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One loop:

$$\beta_0^{(1)} = a_0 + \frac{a_{-1}^{IR}}{\epsilon_{IR}} + \frac{a_{-1}^{UV}}{\epsilon_{UV}} - \alpha \sum_{i < j} YFS_{ij}^{virtual} + \frac{ct}{\epsilon_{UV}}$$

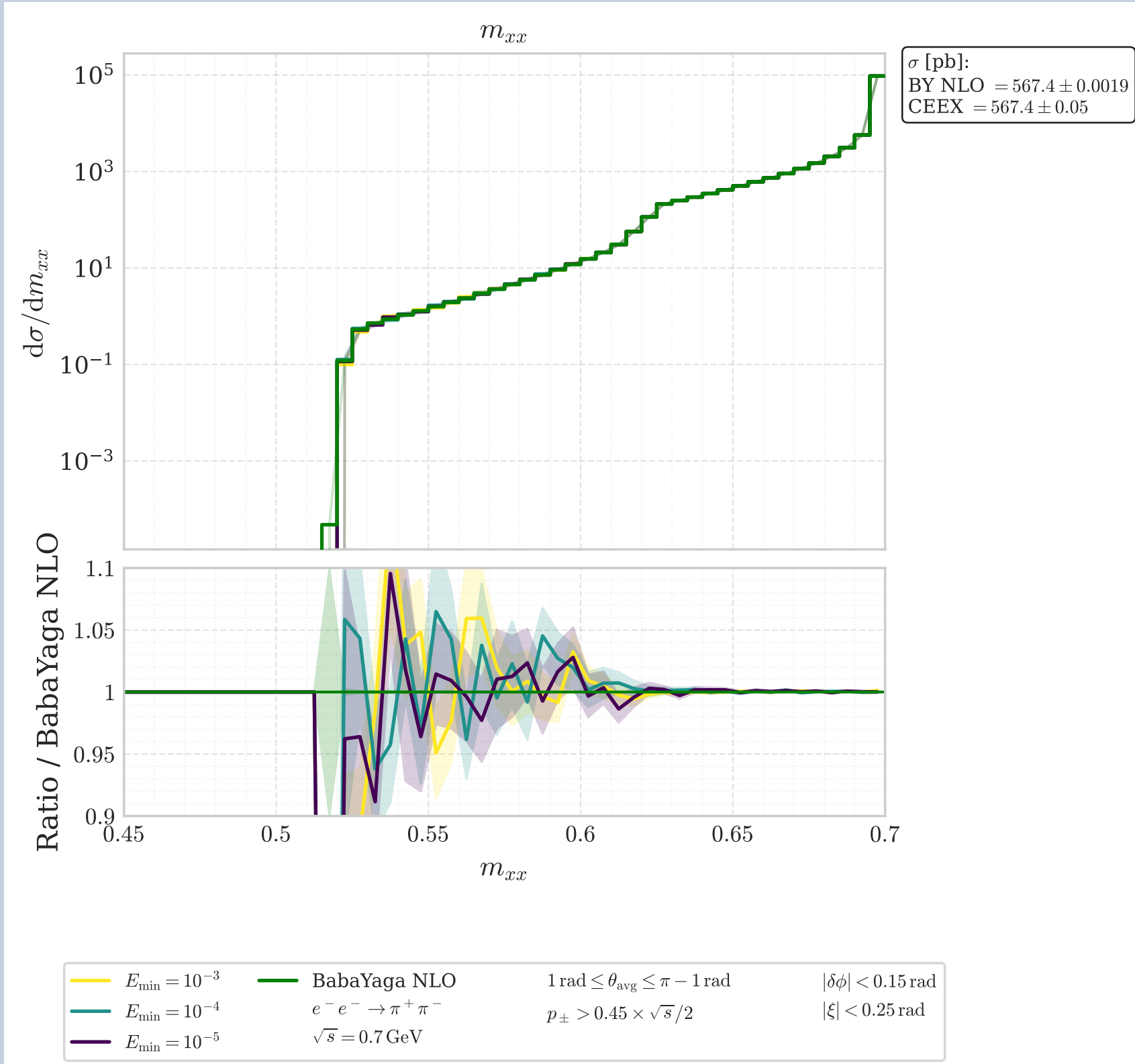
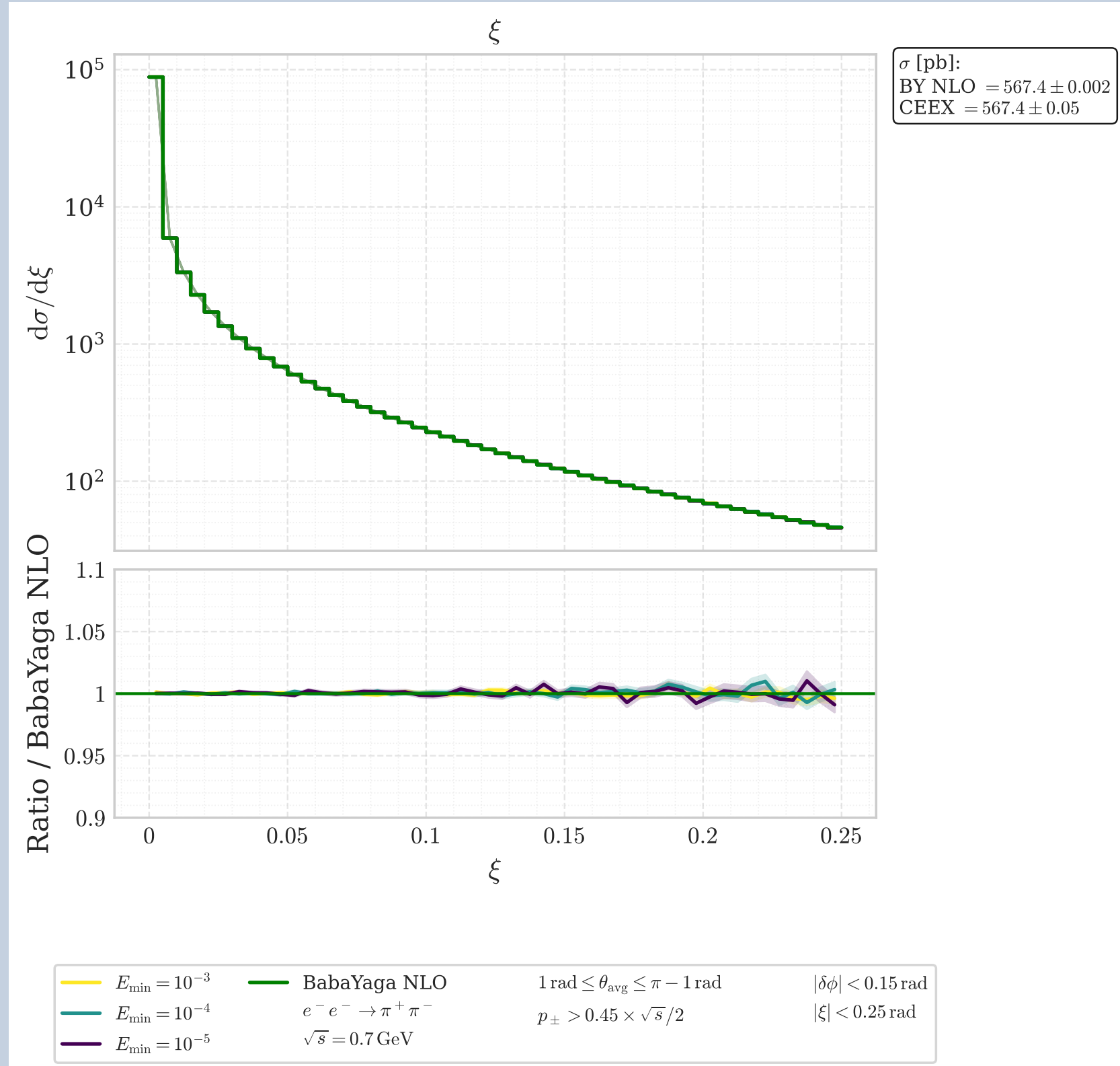
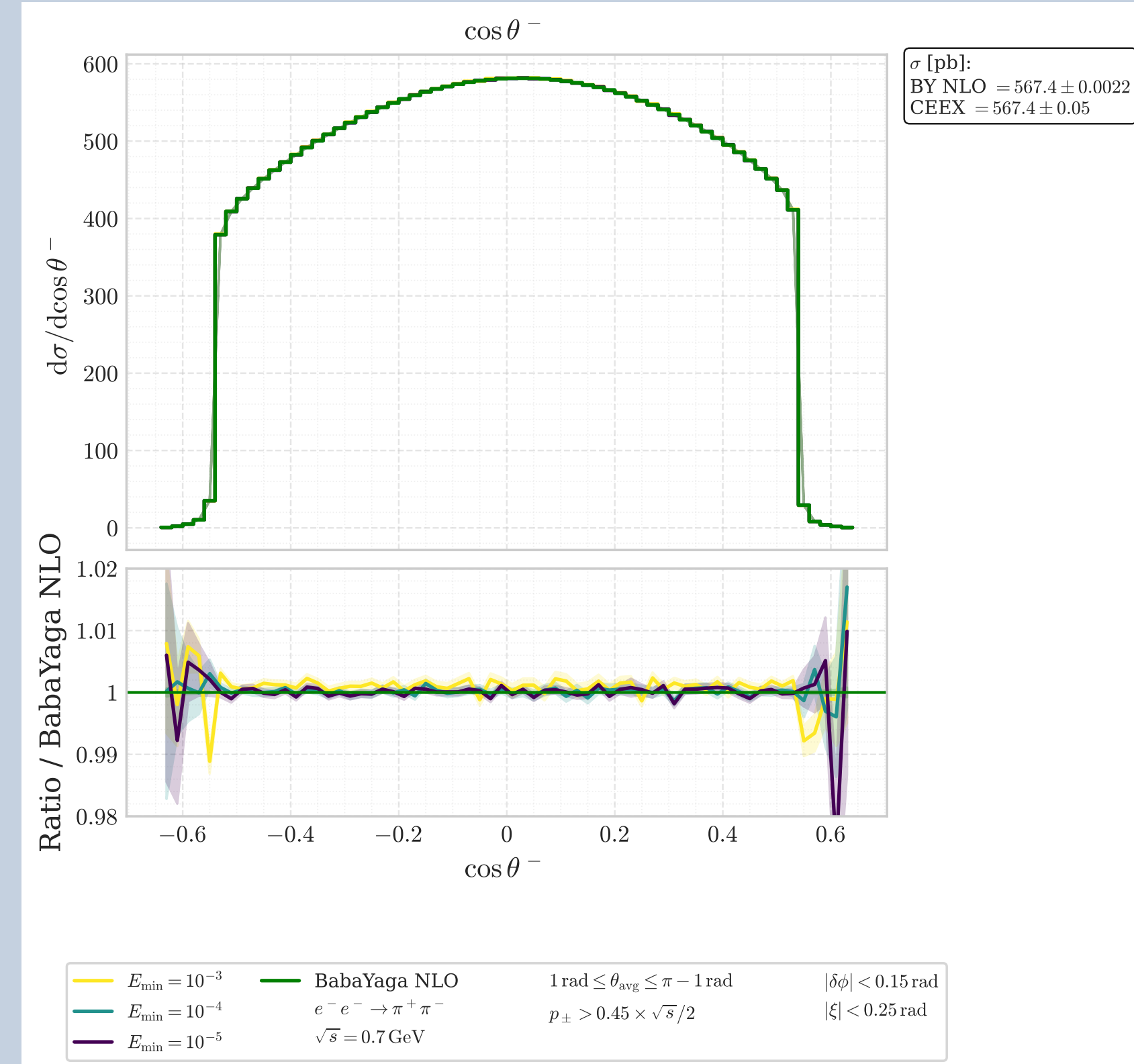
IR pole cancels exactly with the virtual YFS form factor pole and has expected structure from known IR operators

UV pole cancels with renormalisation

S. Catani, S. Dittmaier, Z. Trocsanyi [0011222]

Real emission: For $\pi\pi\gamma$, $\beta_1^{(1)}$ is known up to $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$ (needed for higher-order calculations)

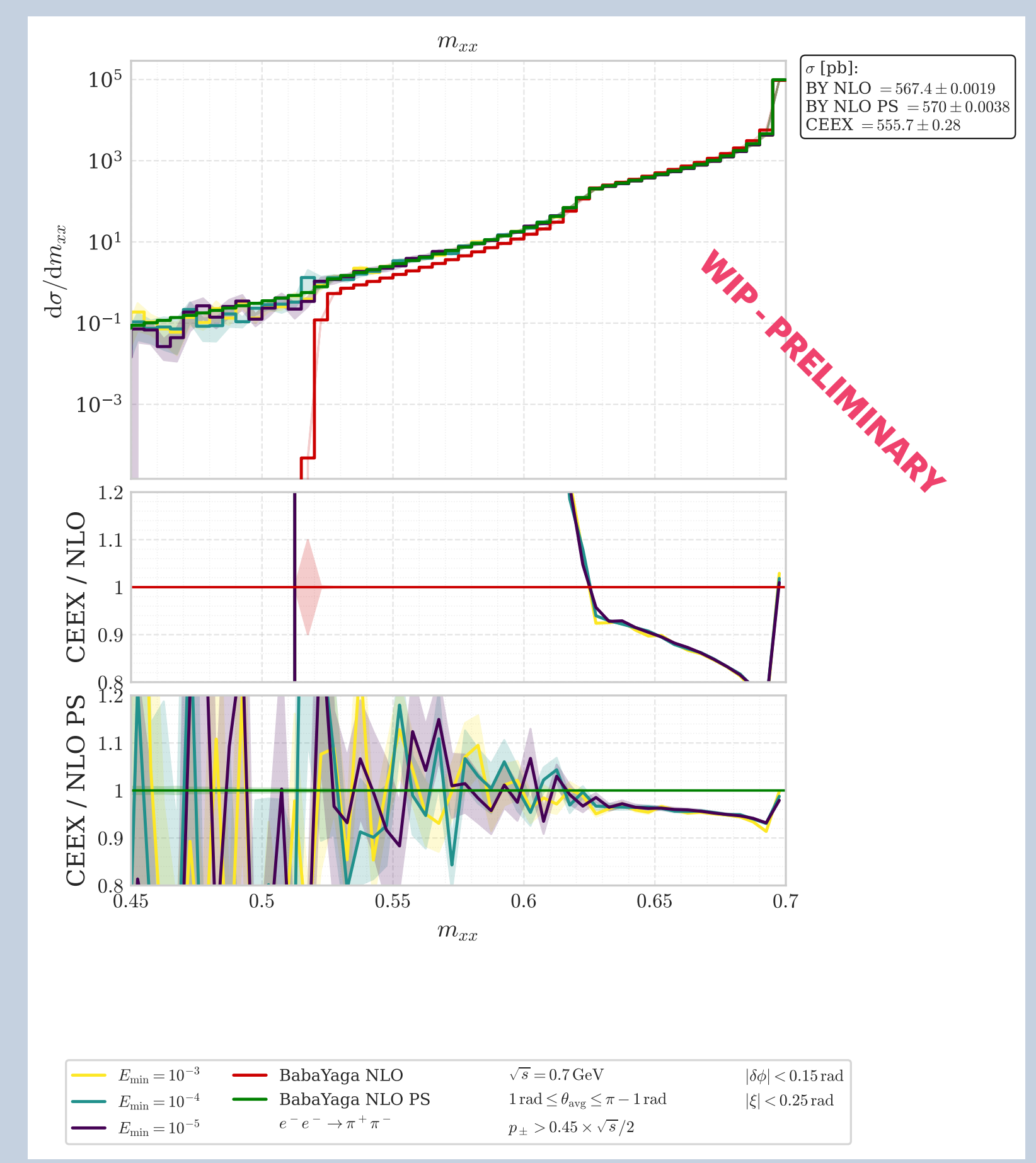
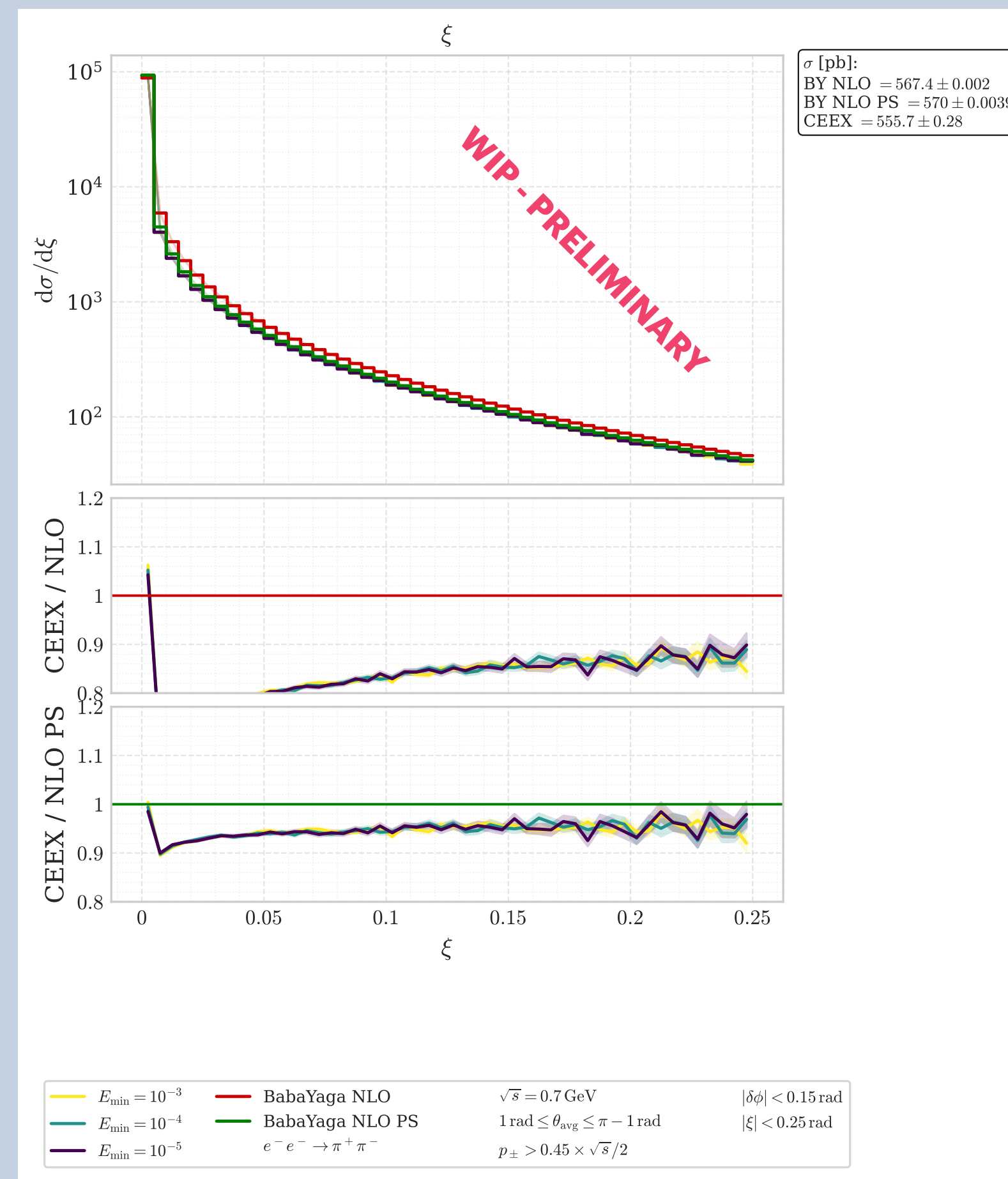
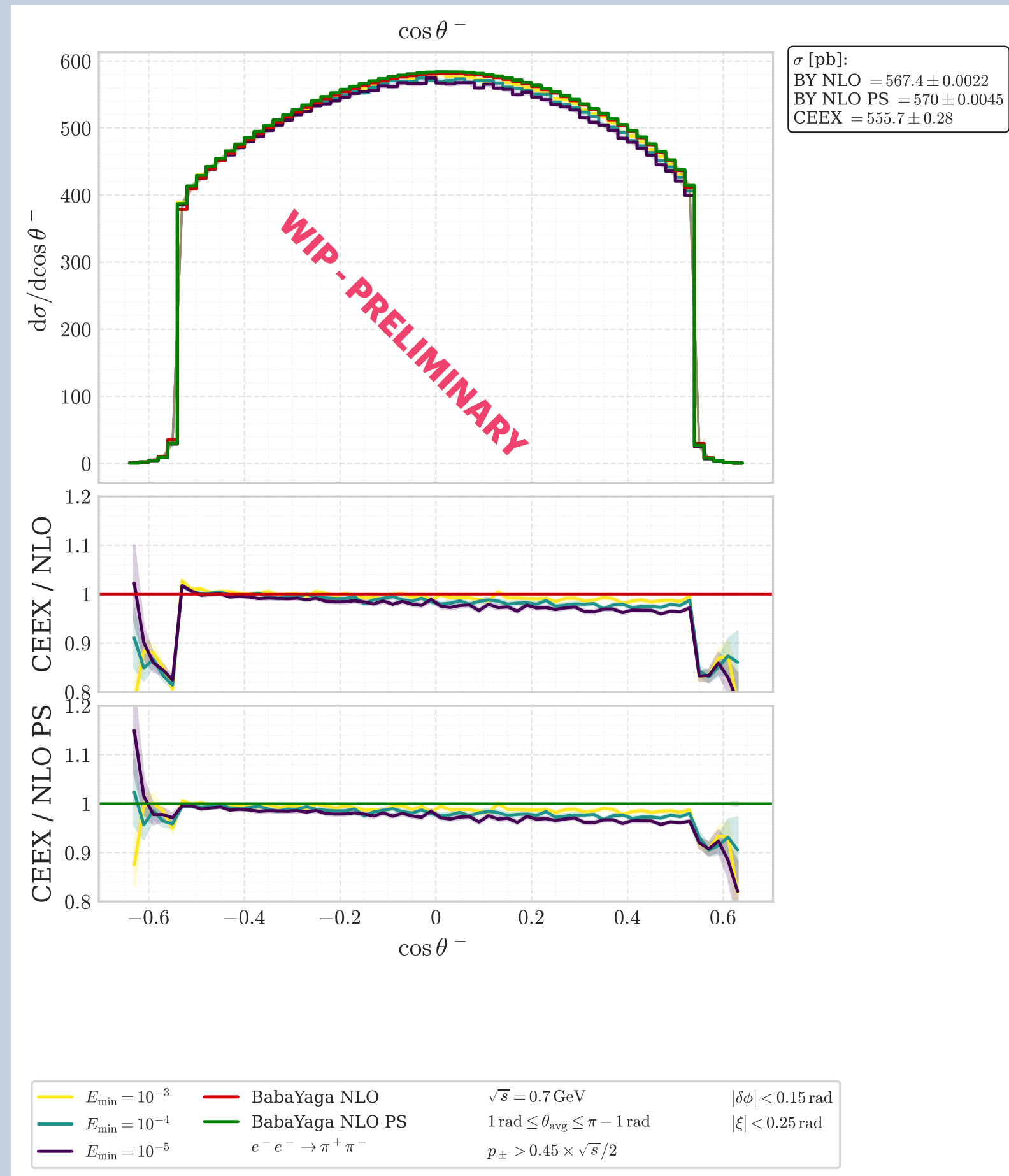
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As E_{\min} goes to 0, the predictions converge to NLO: perfect agreement with BabaYaga

This is the result of the **truncation of the resummed results** (up to 1 photon).

NLO resummed, CMD scenario



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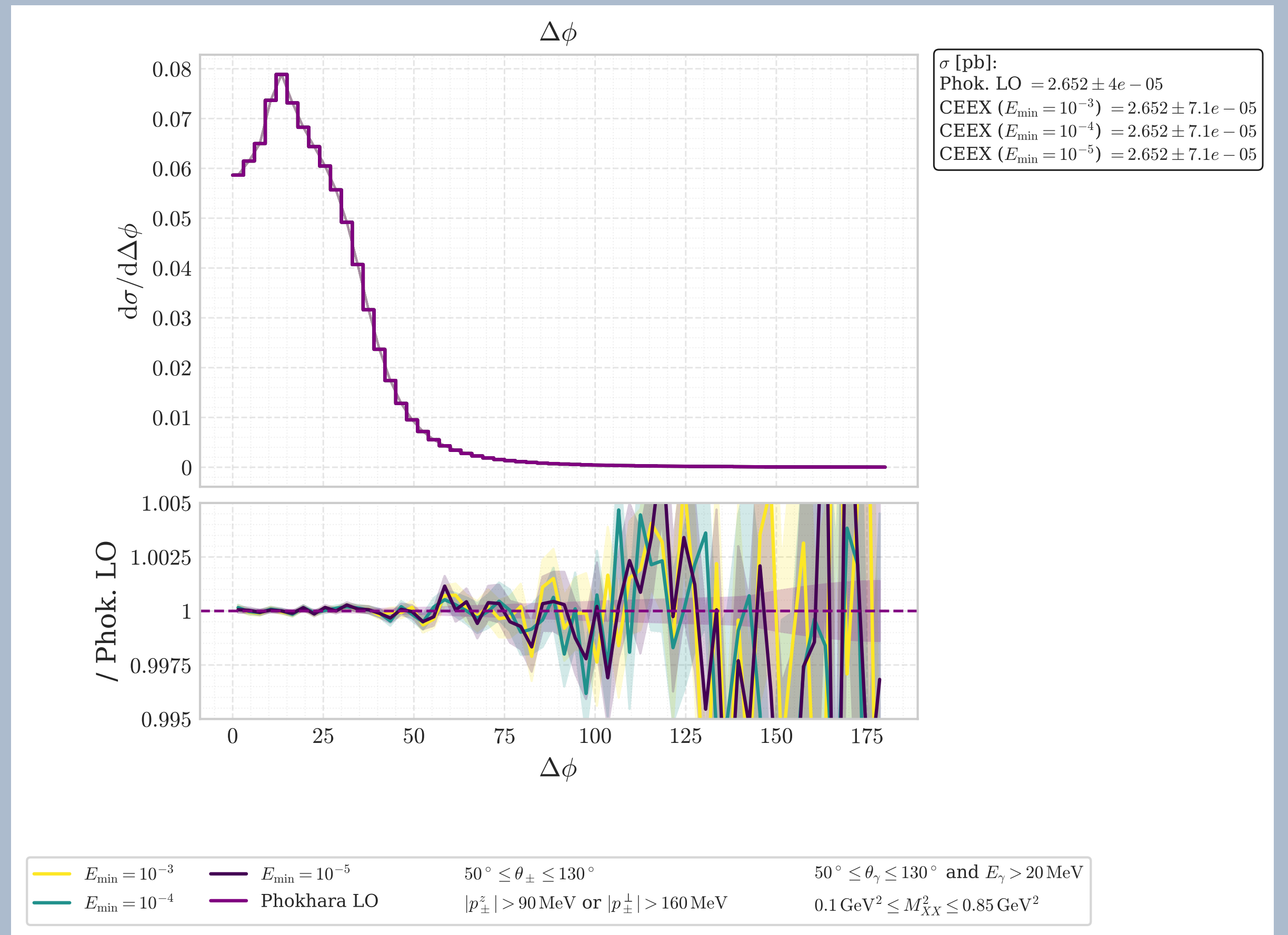
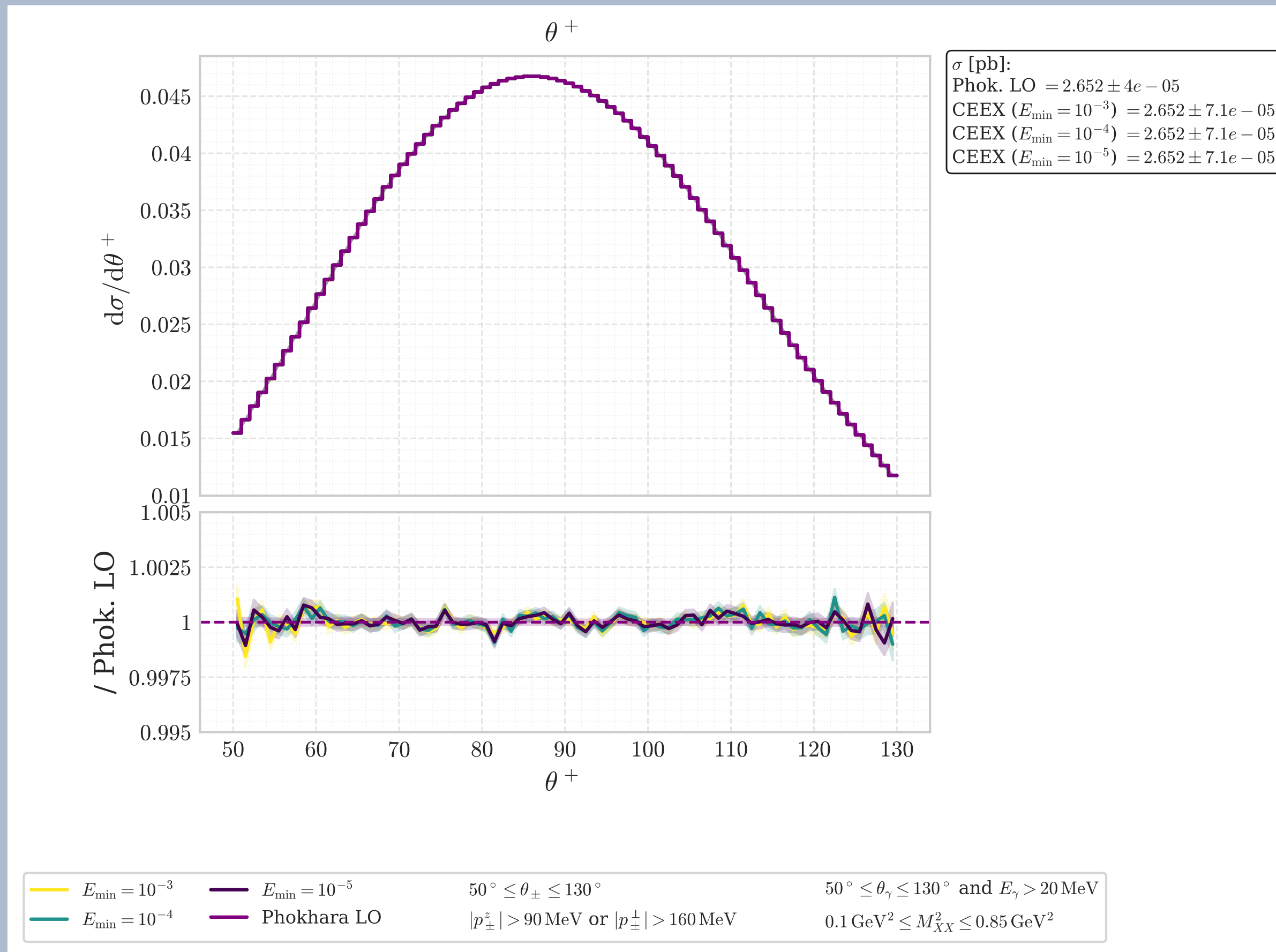
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Radiative Return

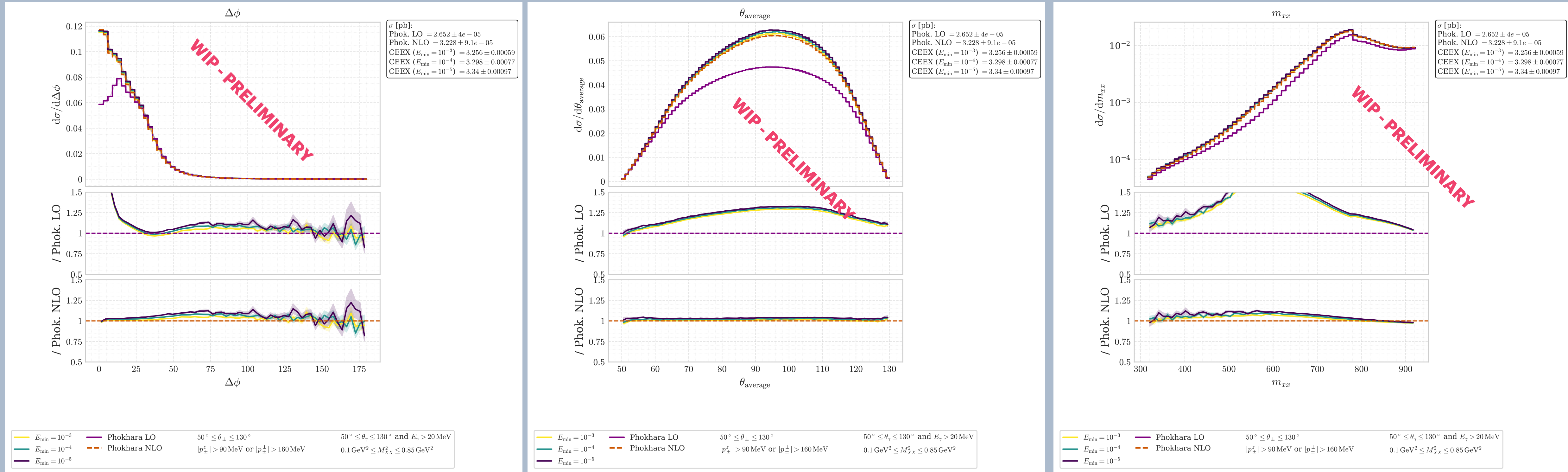
Radiative Return

KLOE-LA

LO Test - KLOE Large Angle



LO Resummation Test - KLOE Large Angle



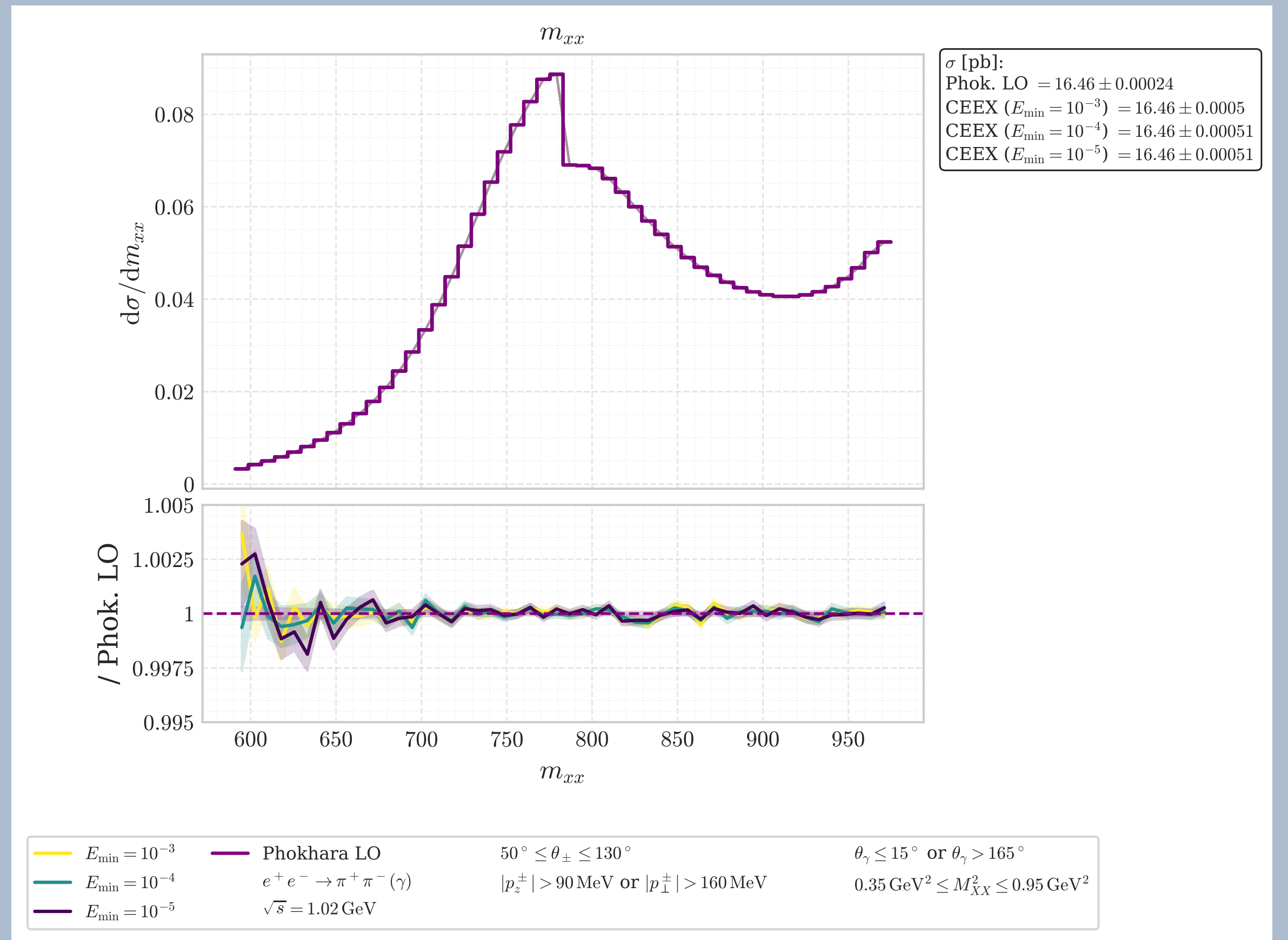
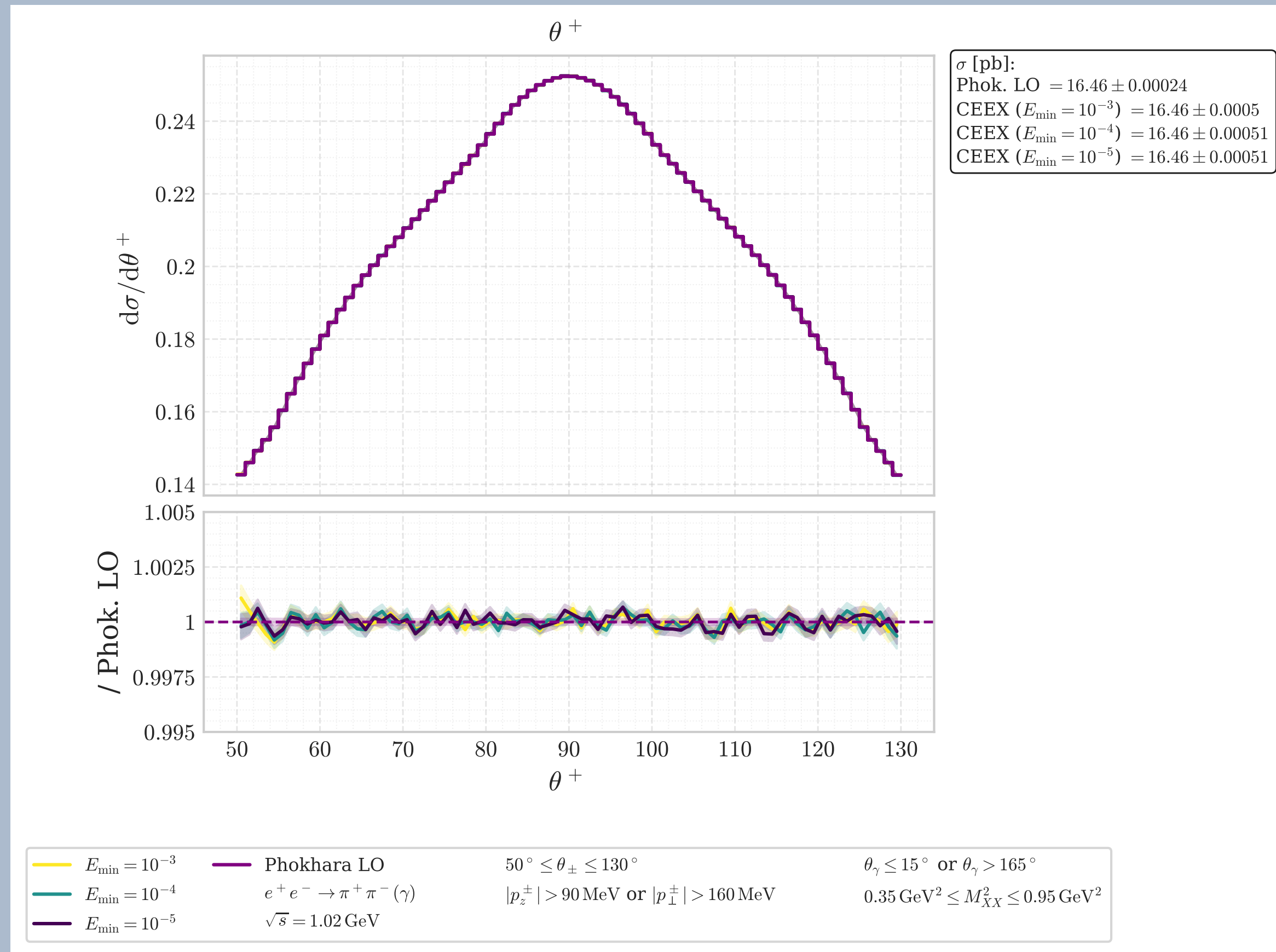
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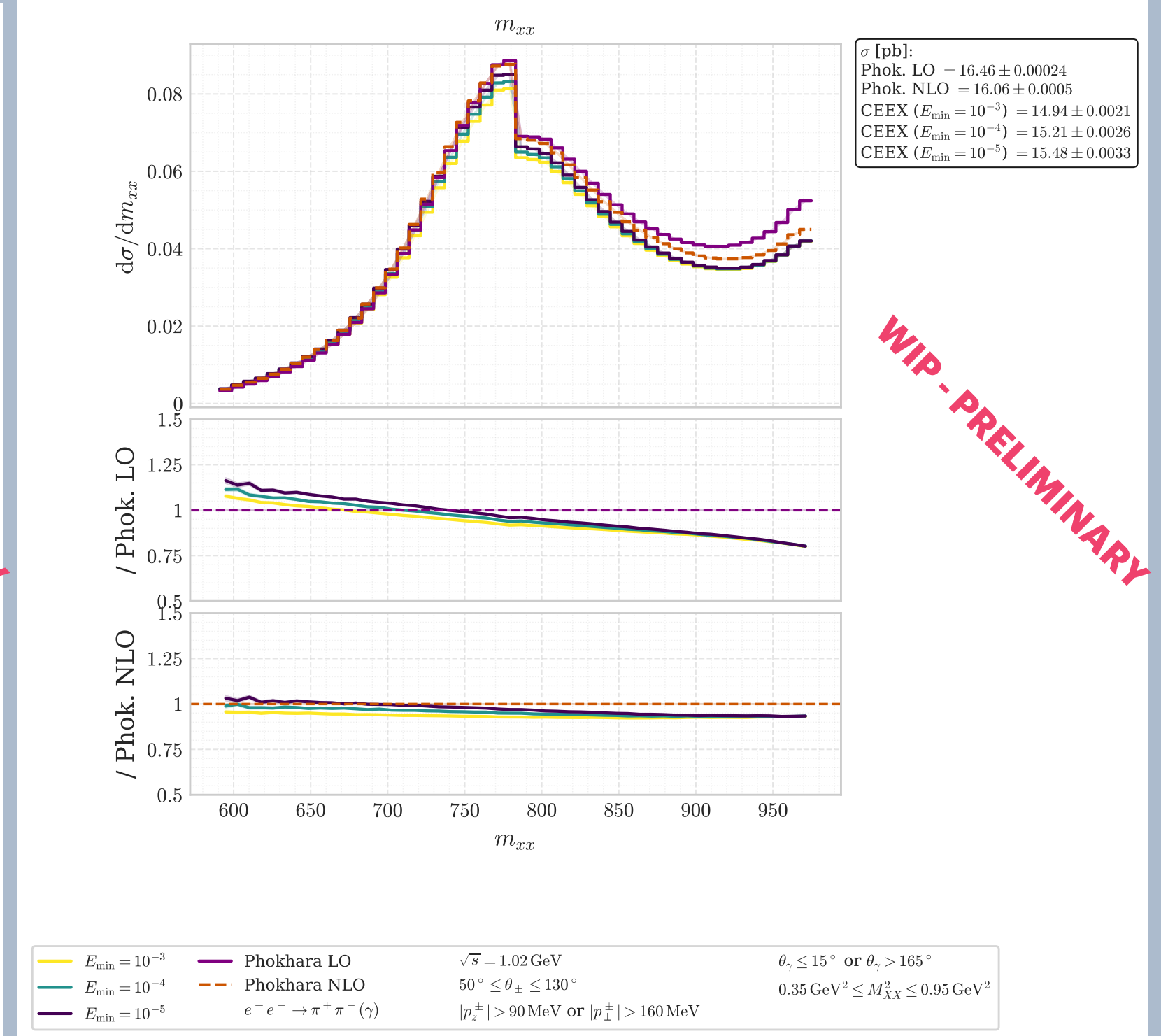
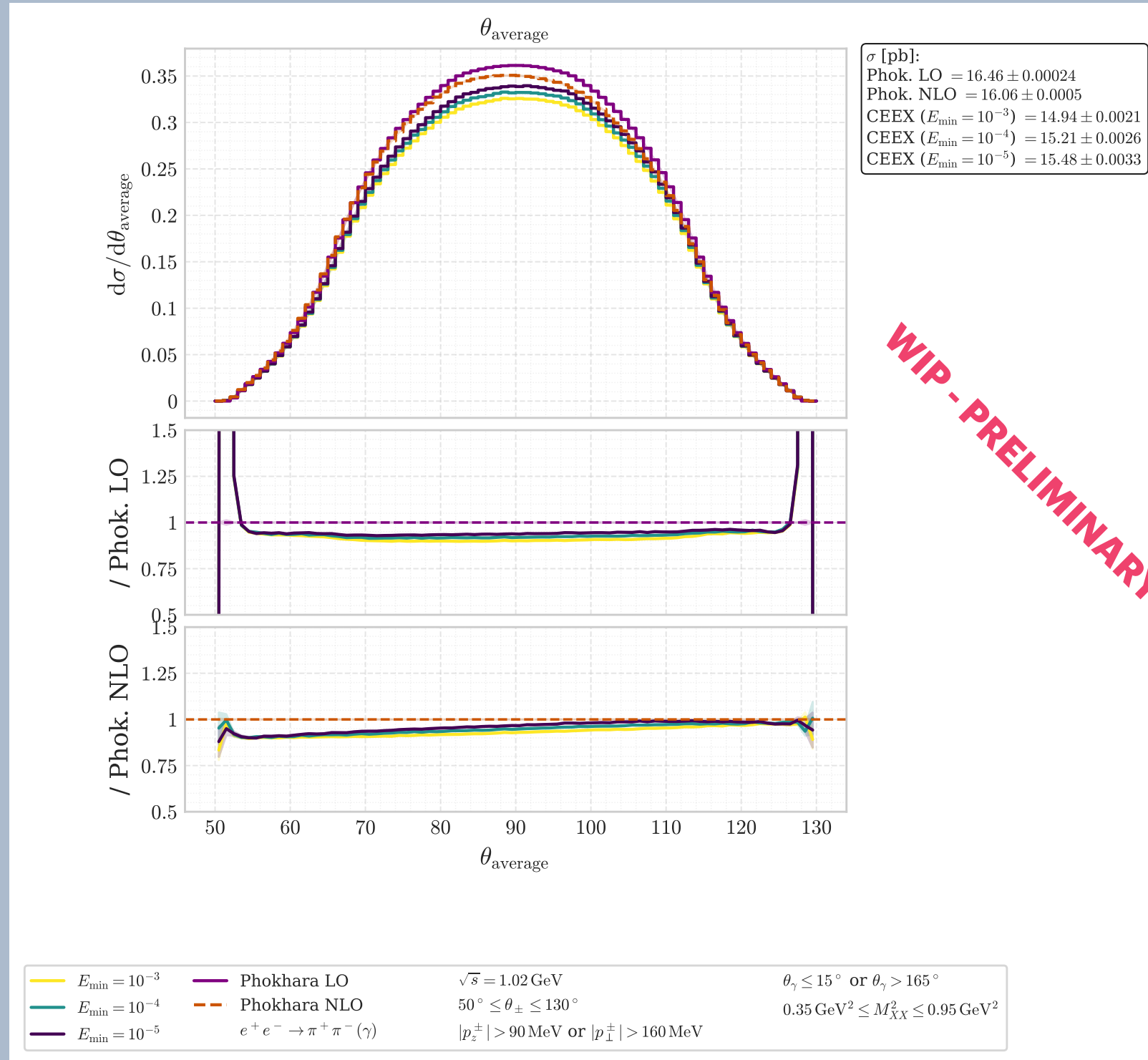
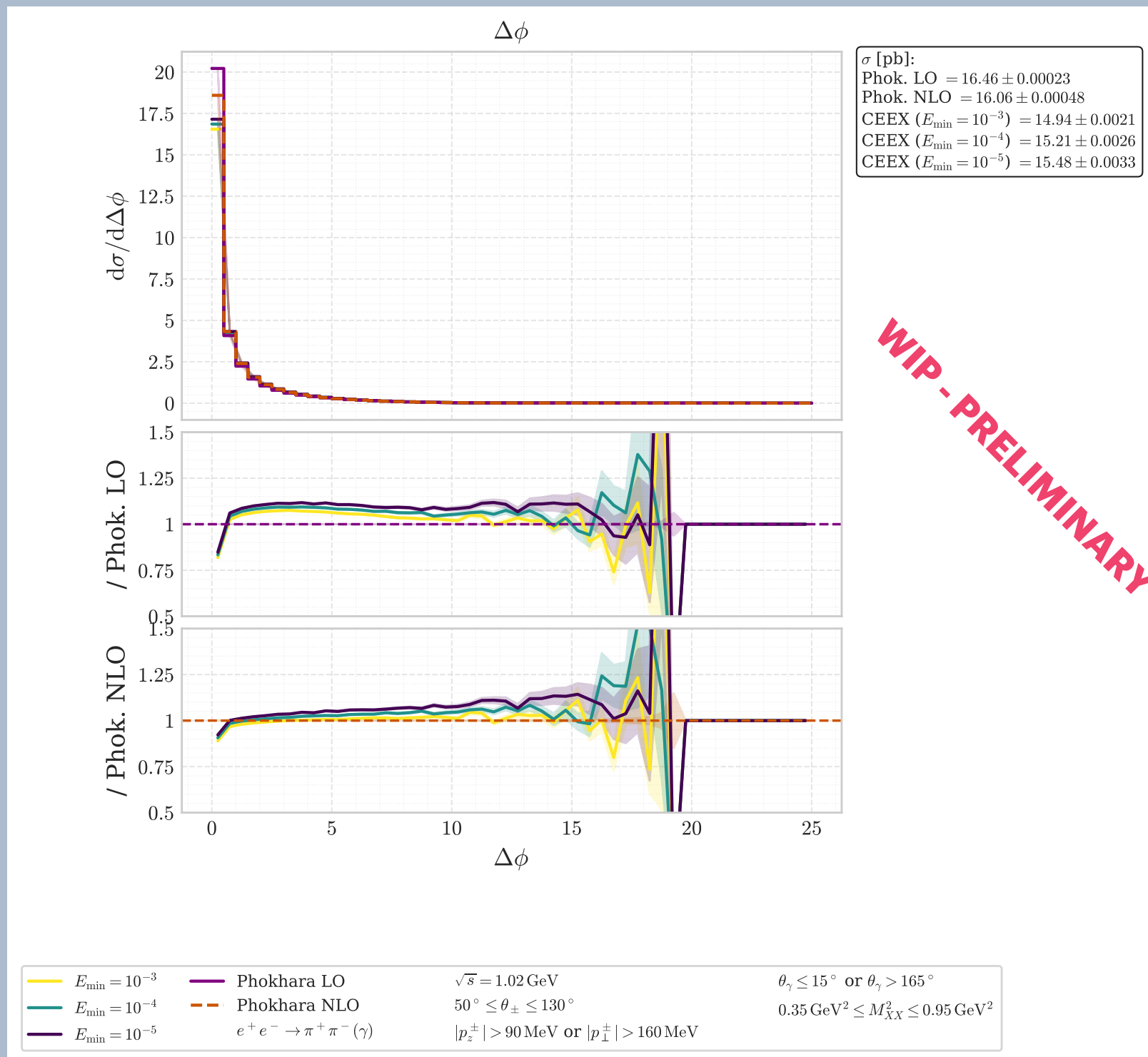
Radiative Return

KLOE-SA

LO Test - KLOE Small Angle



LO Resummation Test - KLOE Small Angle



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Conclusion

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Summary

- YFS Form Factor calculation is **understood**: checked against known results in the literature.
- Eikonal approximation works at the level of the **amplitude**, for multi-photon events.
- Truncation of resummation to **LO** (radiative return) and **NLO** (scan mode) **accuracy** is working.
- Preliminary resummed results are encouraging.

Outlook

- Convergence with respect to E_{min} : needs to be understood for NLO scan mode, LO radiative return: need to perform more tests on the soft limit.
- NLO exact (truncation) for radiative return, using YFS as a **subtraction scheme**.
- NLO resummed for radiative return, using **helicity amplitudes already obtained**.
- MC comparisons with BabaYaga@NLOPS, Sherpa YFS, KKMC to **test the resummation**.

Thank you!