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# Recent calculations for MUonE with MESMER

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# NNLO LEPTONIC CORRECTIONS

*E. Budassi et al., JHEP (2021) 098,  
arXiv:2109.14606v2 [hep-ph]*

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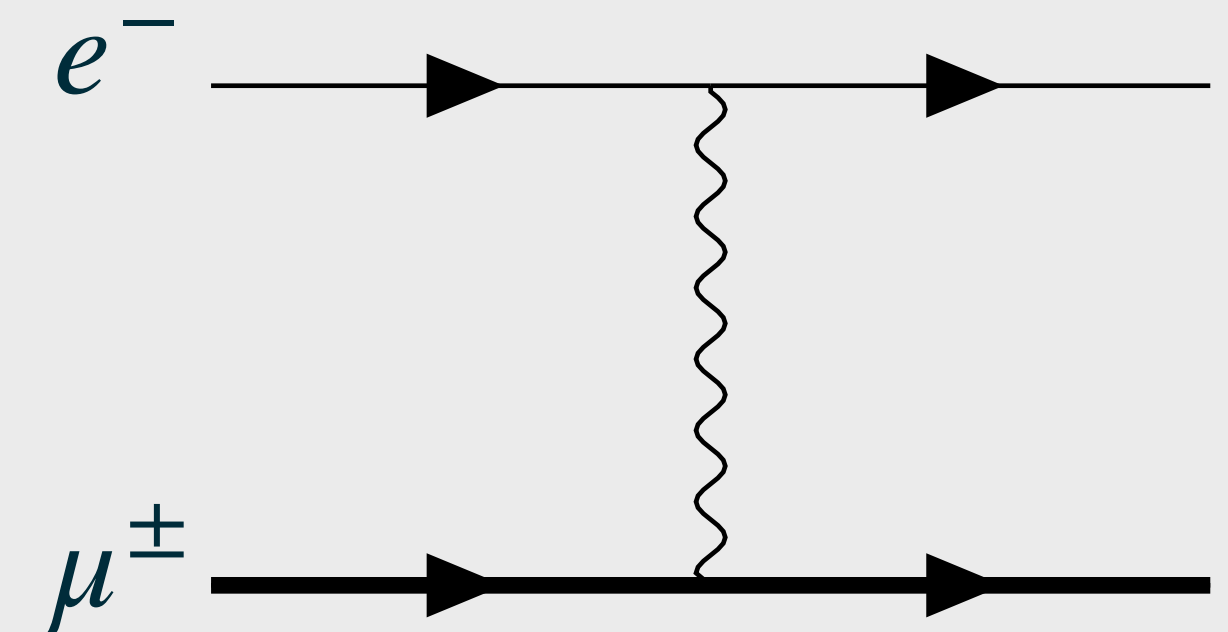
# Motivation

Calculation of complete fixed-order NNLO QED corrections that include one virtual/real leptonic pair

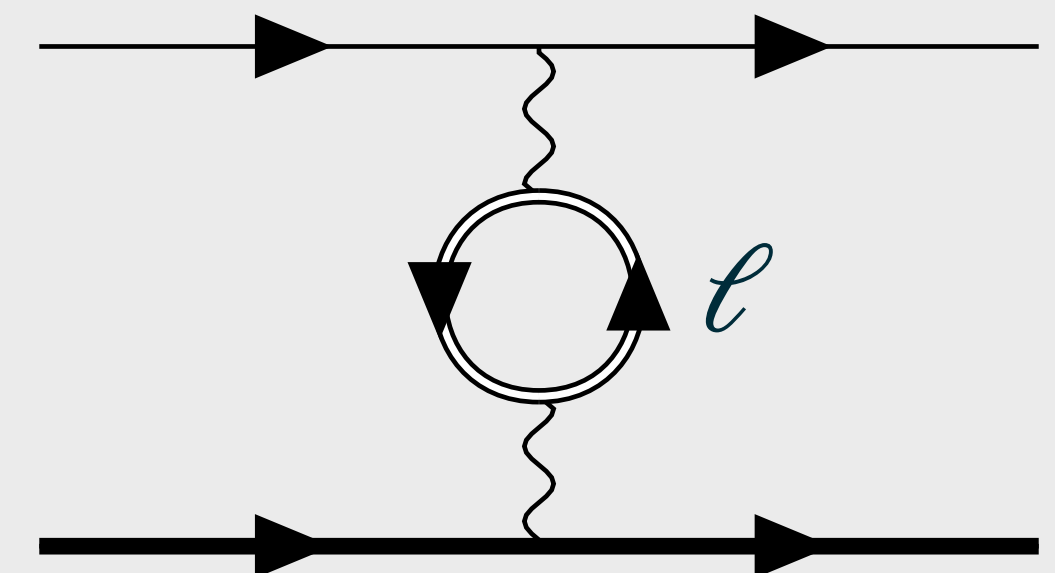
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Real pair emission particularly important:

- Reducible background to elastic process  $\mu^{\pm}e^{-} \rightarrow \mu^{\pm}e^{-}$
- Partial cancellation between virtual diagrams and interference of real ones



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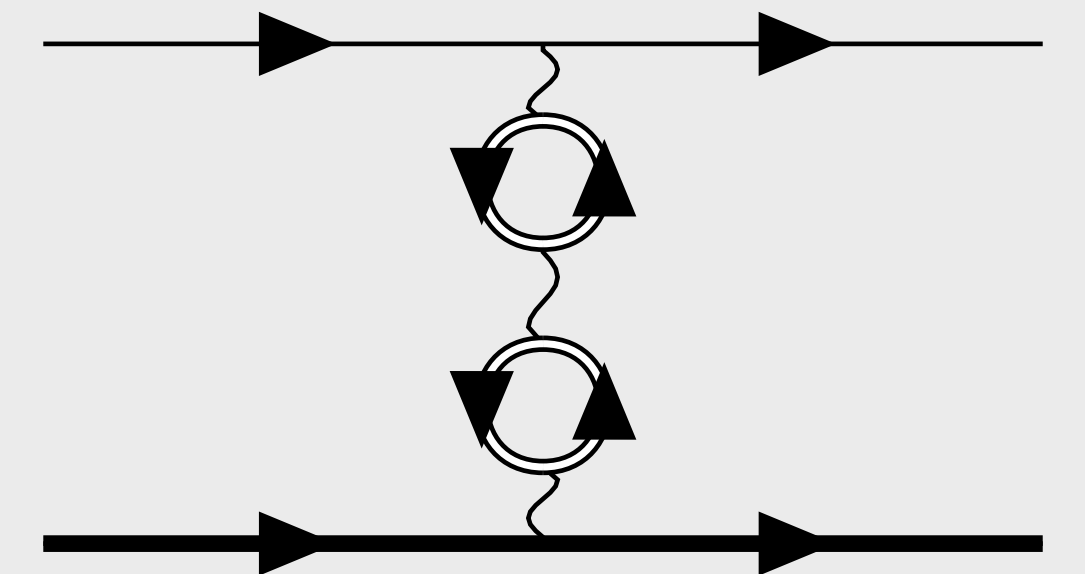
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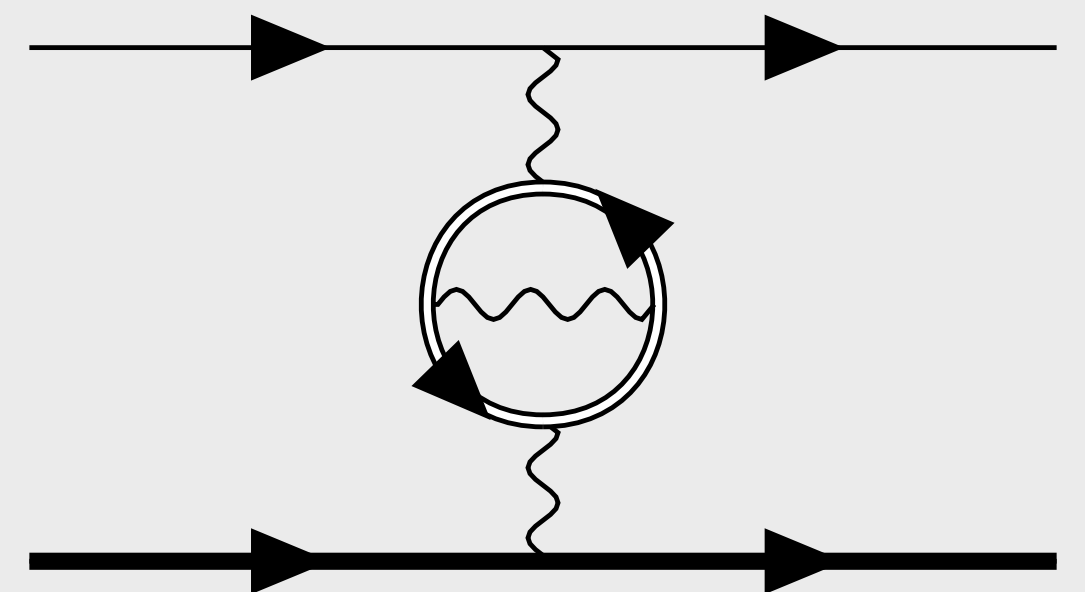
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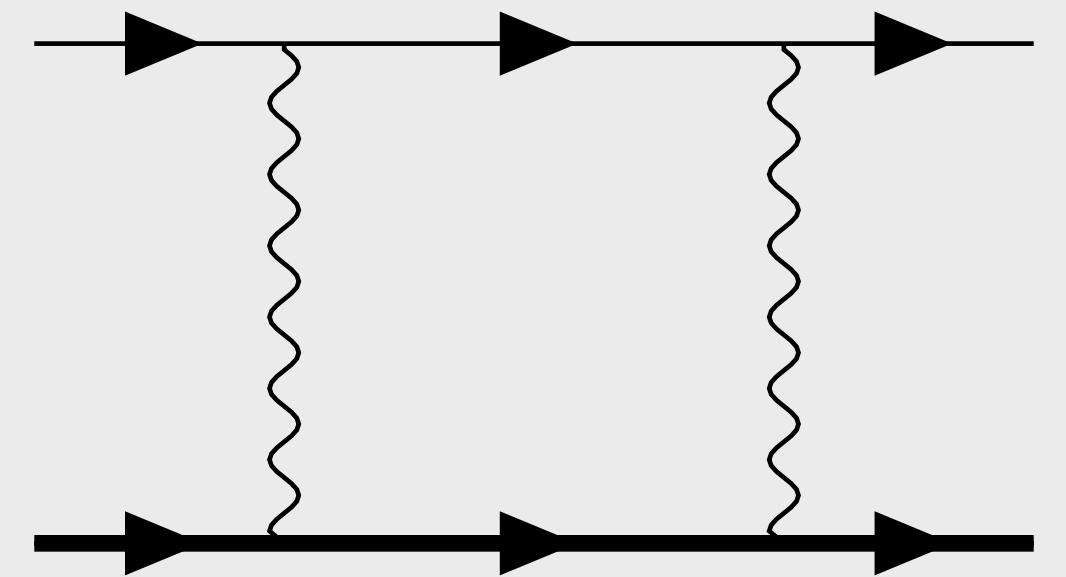
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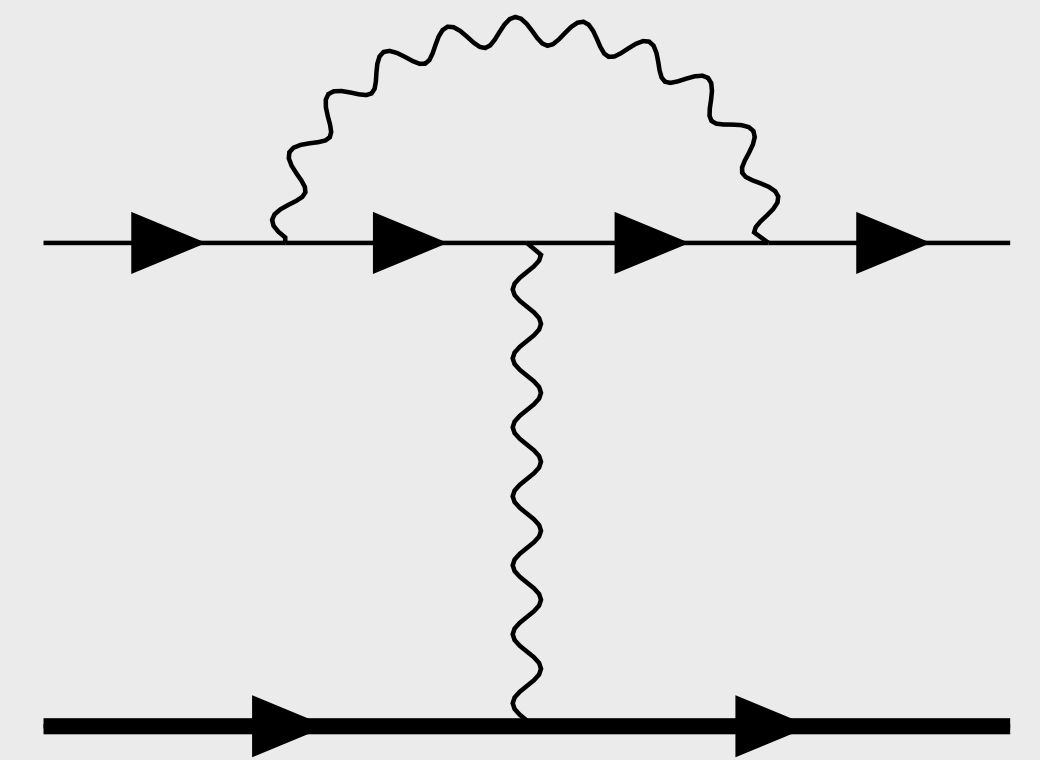
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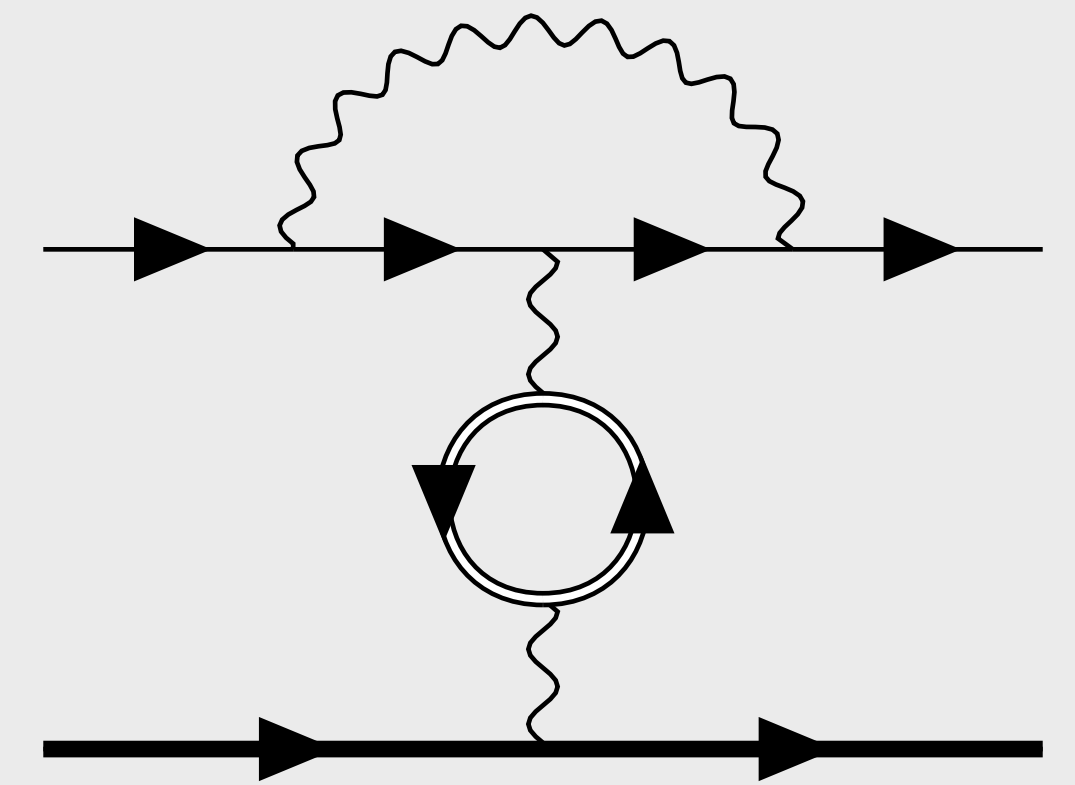
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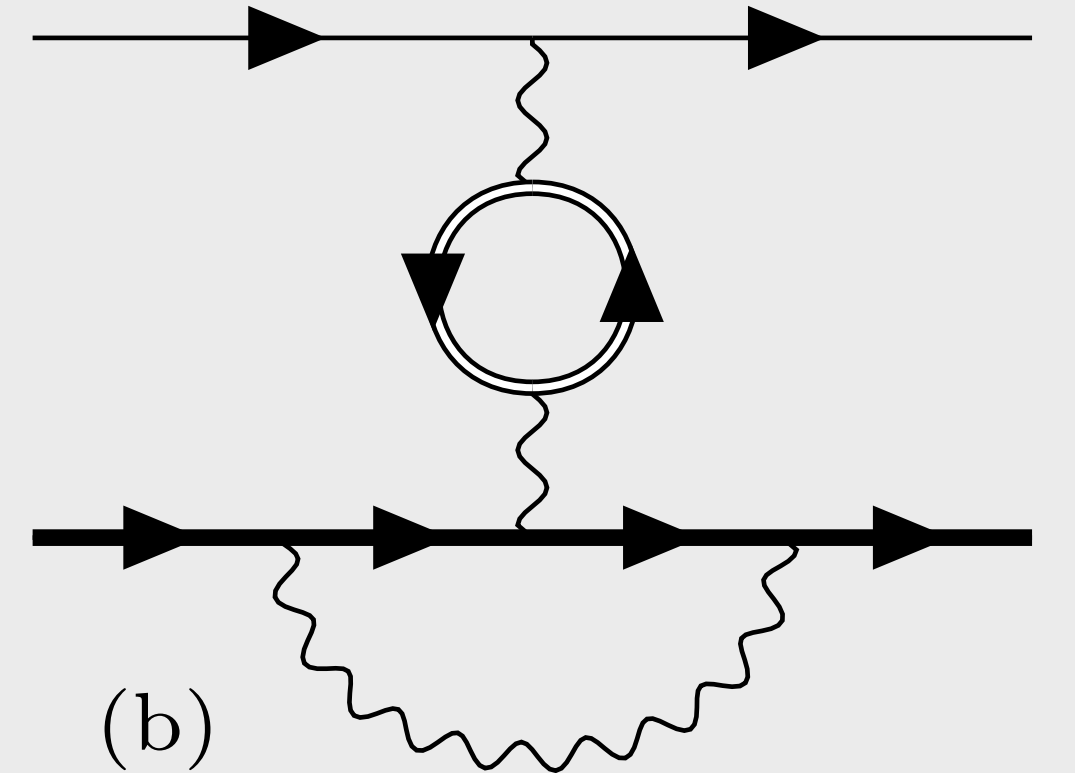
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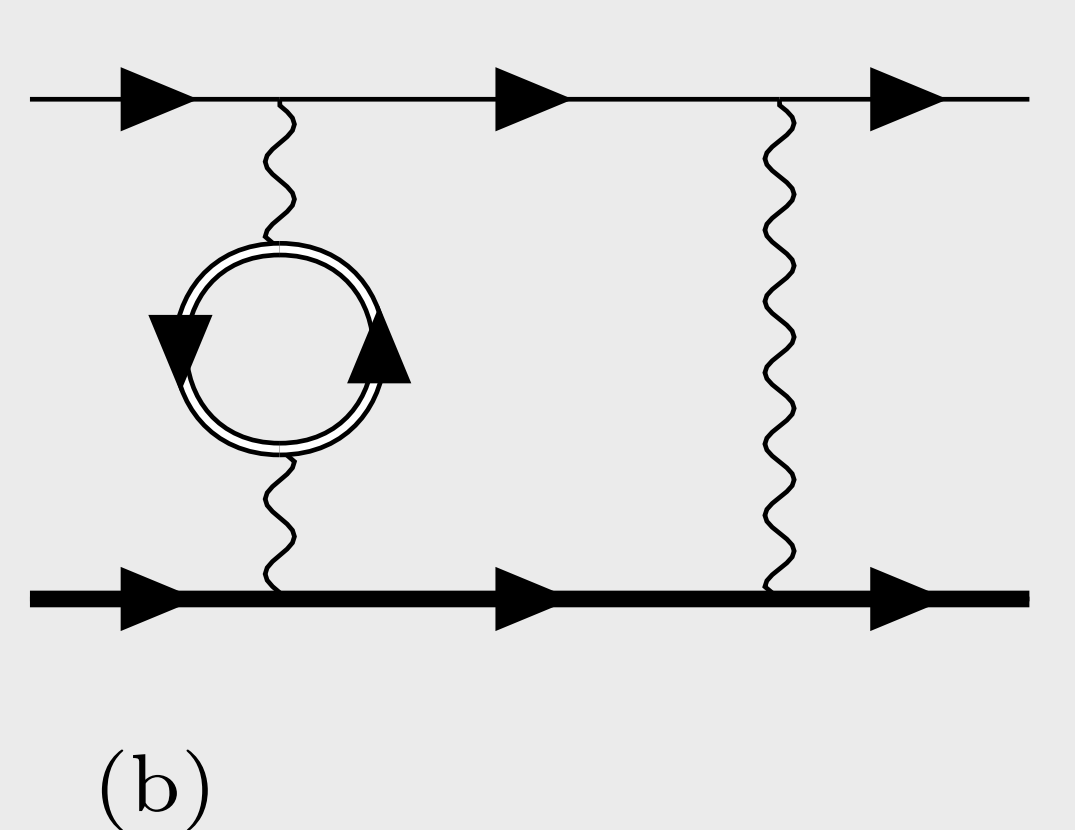
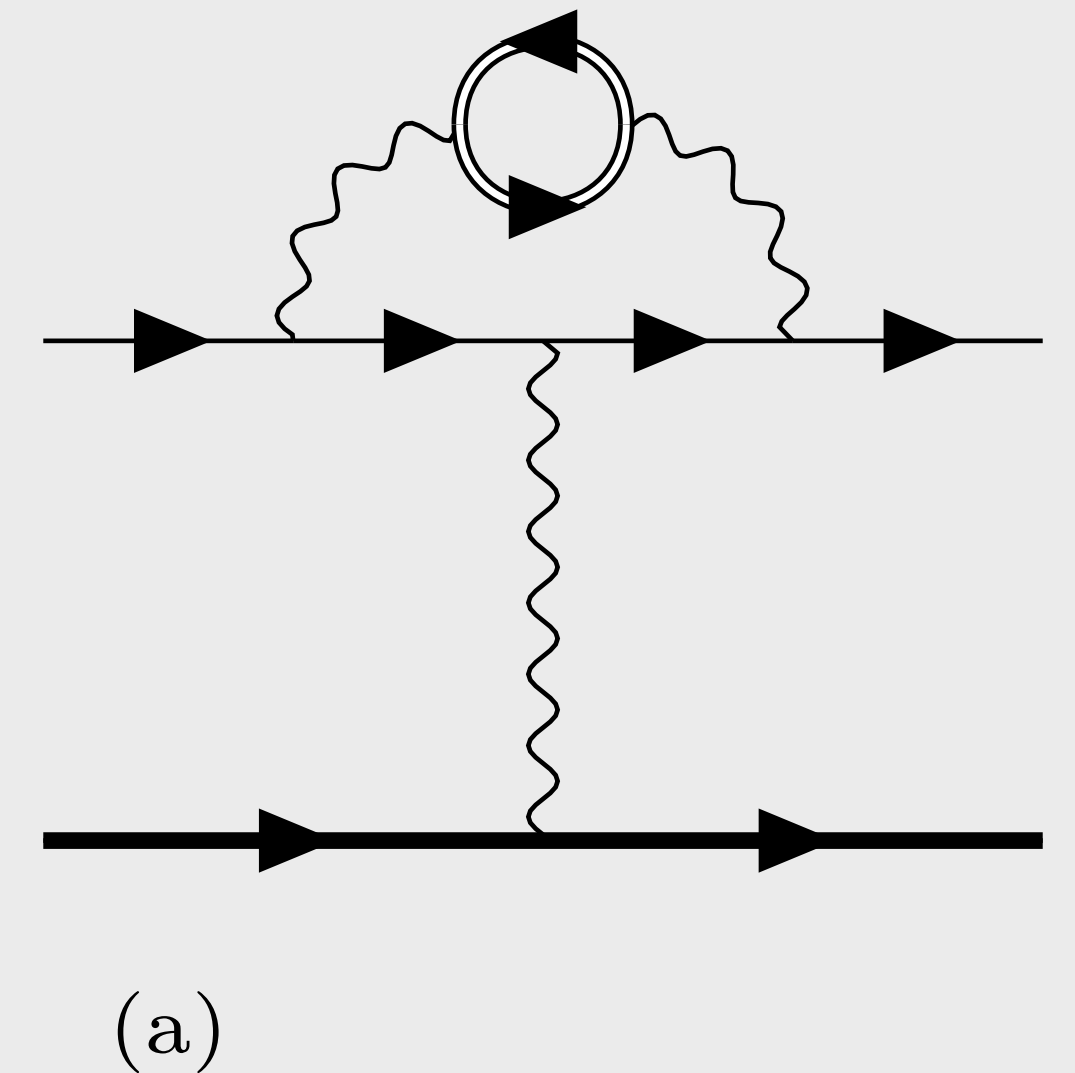
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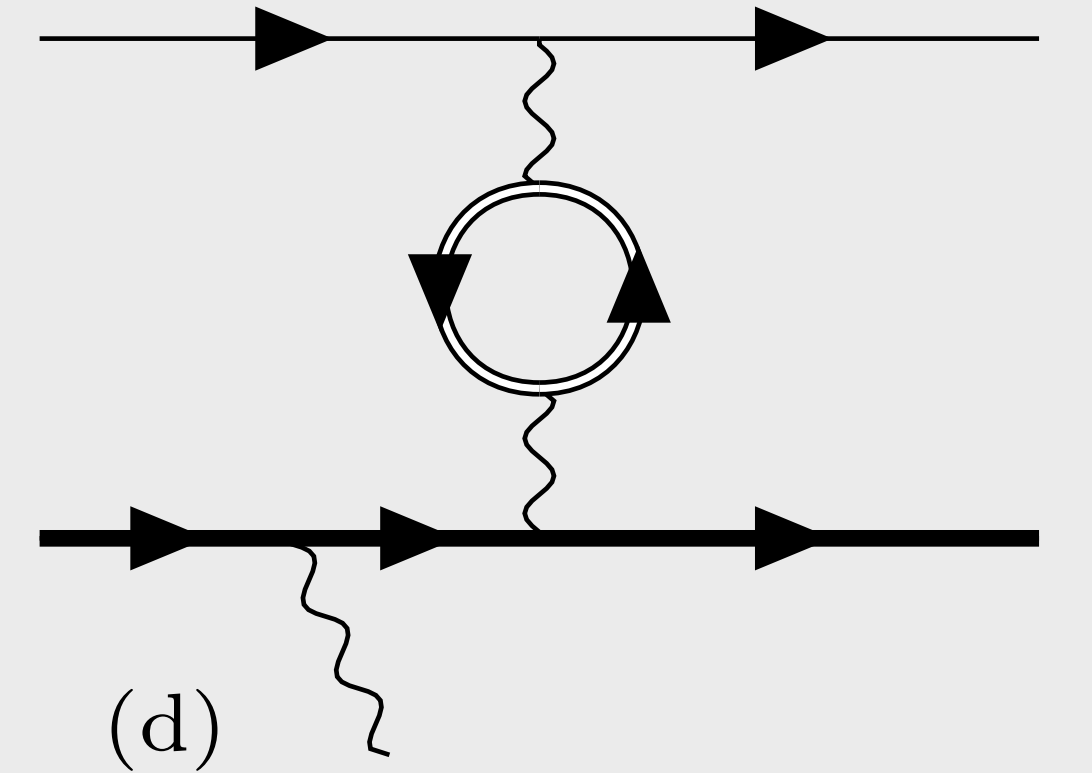
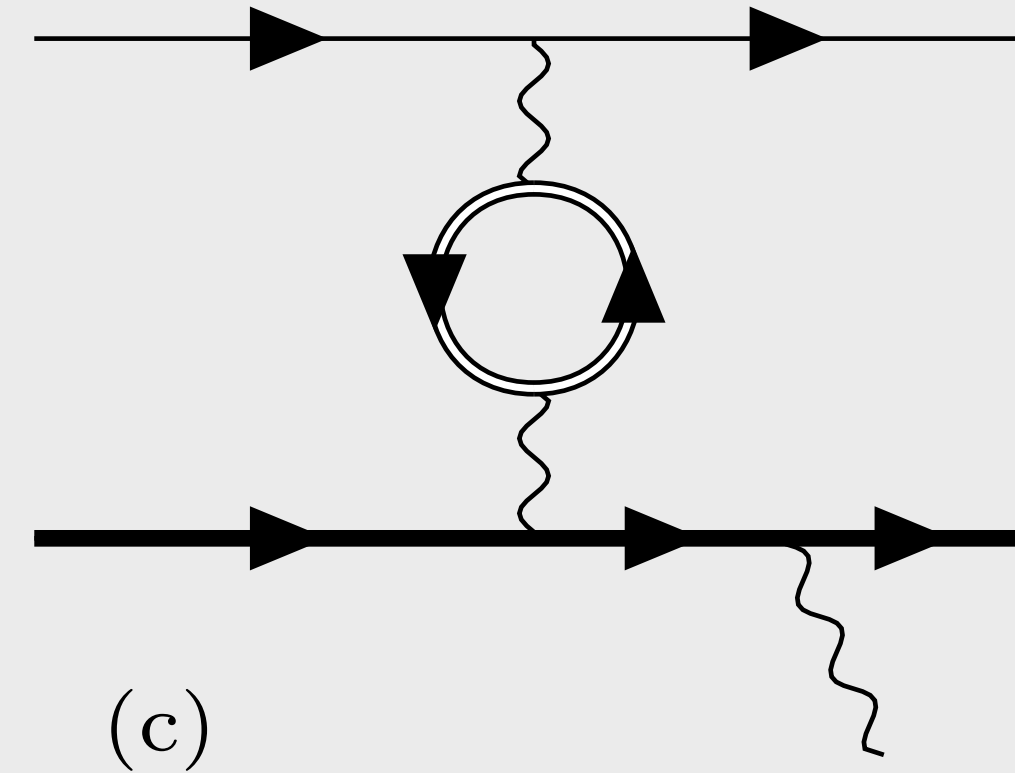
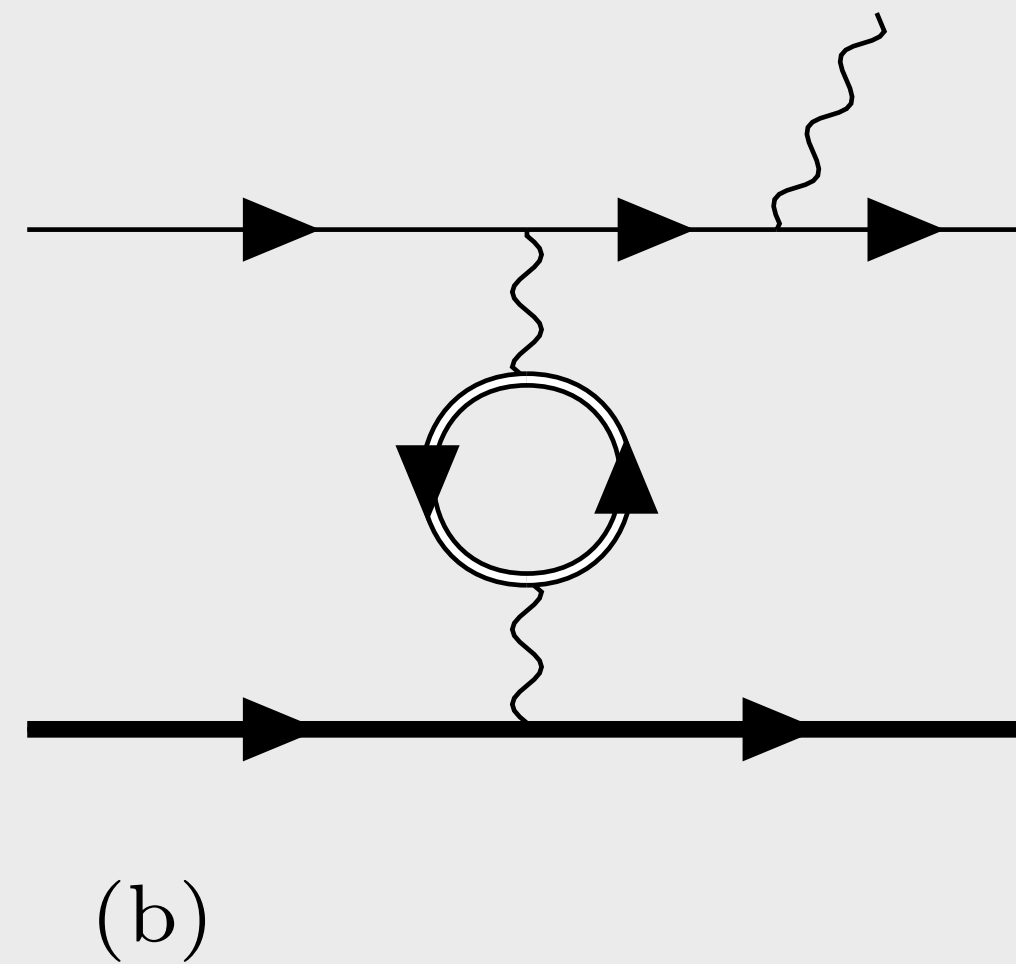
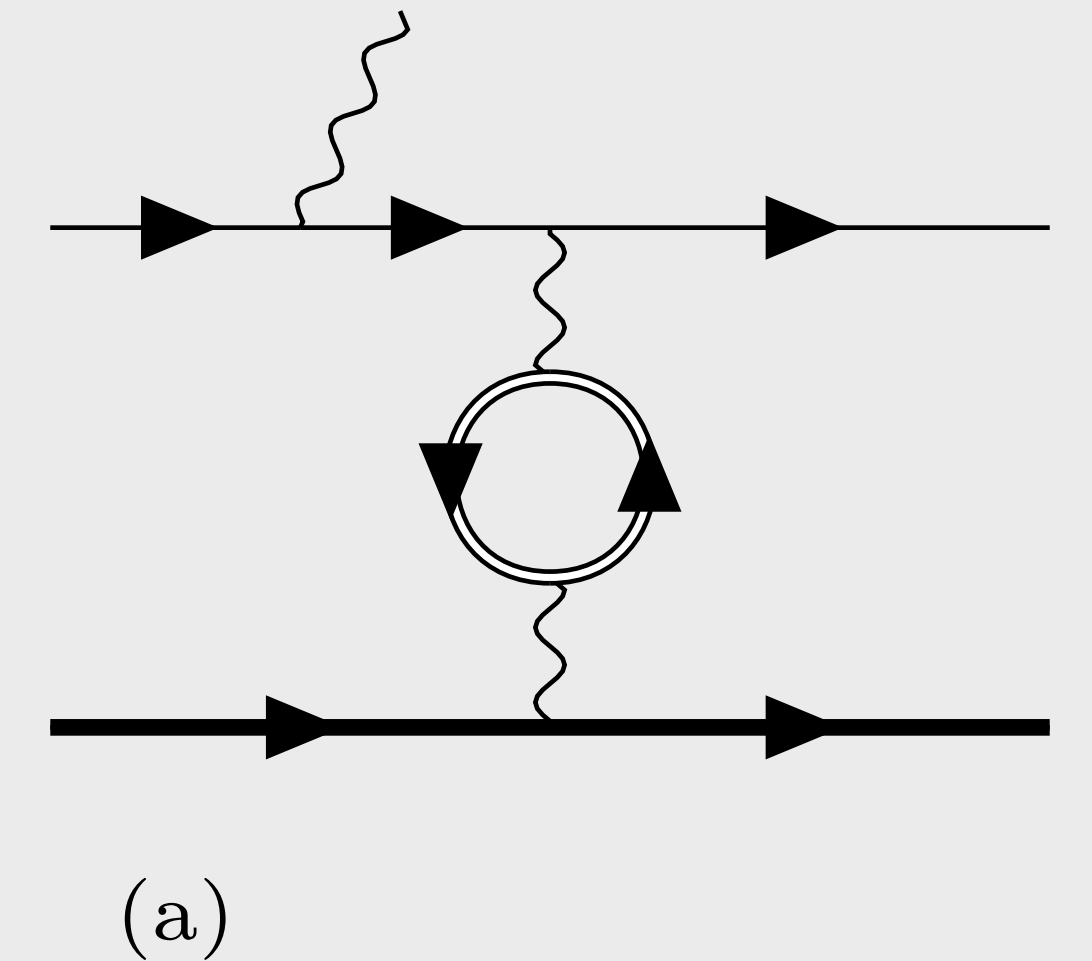
# Real photon contributions

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2. Interplay between real photon radiation and leptonic loops  $d\sigma_{\gamma}^{\alpha^2}$

$$\mu^{\pm}e^{-} \rightarrow \mu^{\pm}e^{-}\gamma$$

IR divergences cancelled against some of the virtual corrections





# Virtual and real-virtual calculation

Starting from photonic NLO vertex and box diagrams, replace photon propagator:

$$\frac{-ig_{\mu\nu}}{q^2 + i\epsilon} \rightarrow \frac{-ig_{\mu\delta}}{q^2 + i\epsilon} i (q^2 g^{\delta\lambda} - q^\delta q^\lambda) \Pi_\ell(q^2) \frac{-ig_{\lambda\nu}}{q^2 + i\epsilon}$$

*S. Actis et al., Nucl. Phys. B Proc. Suppl. 183 (2008) 174*

*S. Actis et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 100 (2008) 131602*

*J. H. Kuhn et al., Nucl. Phys. B 806 (2009) 300*

*A. H. Hoang et al., Nucl. Phys. B 452 (1995) 173*

*R. Barbieri et al., Nuovo Cim. A 11 (1972) 824*

*R. Barbieri et al., Nuovo Cim. A 11 (1972) 825*

The renormalised VP function can be obtained by a dispersion relation, so

$$\frac{-ig_{\mu\nu}}{q^2 + i\epsilon} \rightarrow -ig_{\mu\nu} \left( \frac{\alpha}{3\pi} \right) \int_{4m_\ell^2}^{\infty} \frac{dz}{z} \frac{1}{q^2 - z + i\epsilon} \left( 1 + \frac{4m_\ell^2}{2z} \right) \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_\ell^2}{z}} \underline{R_\ell(z)}$$

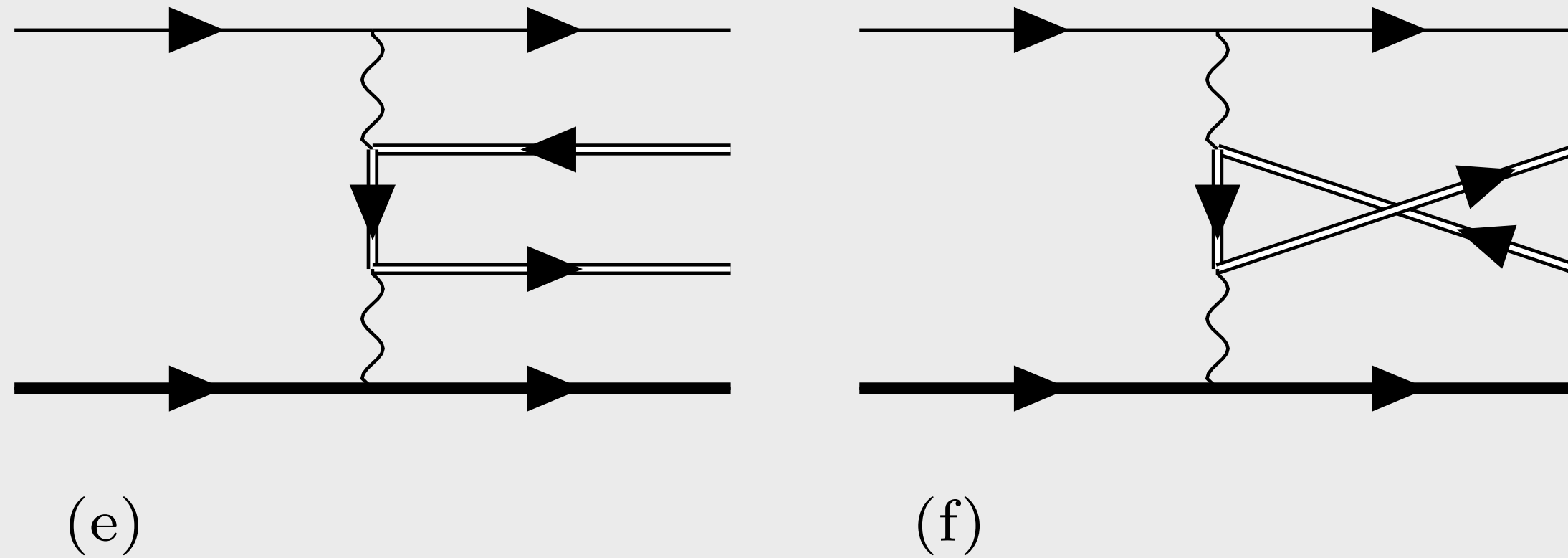
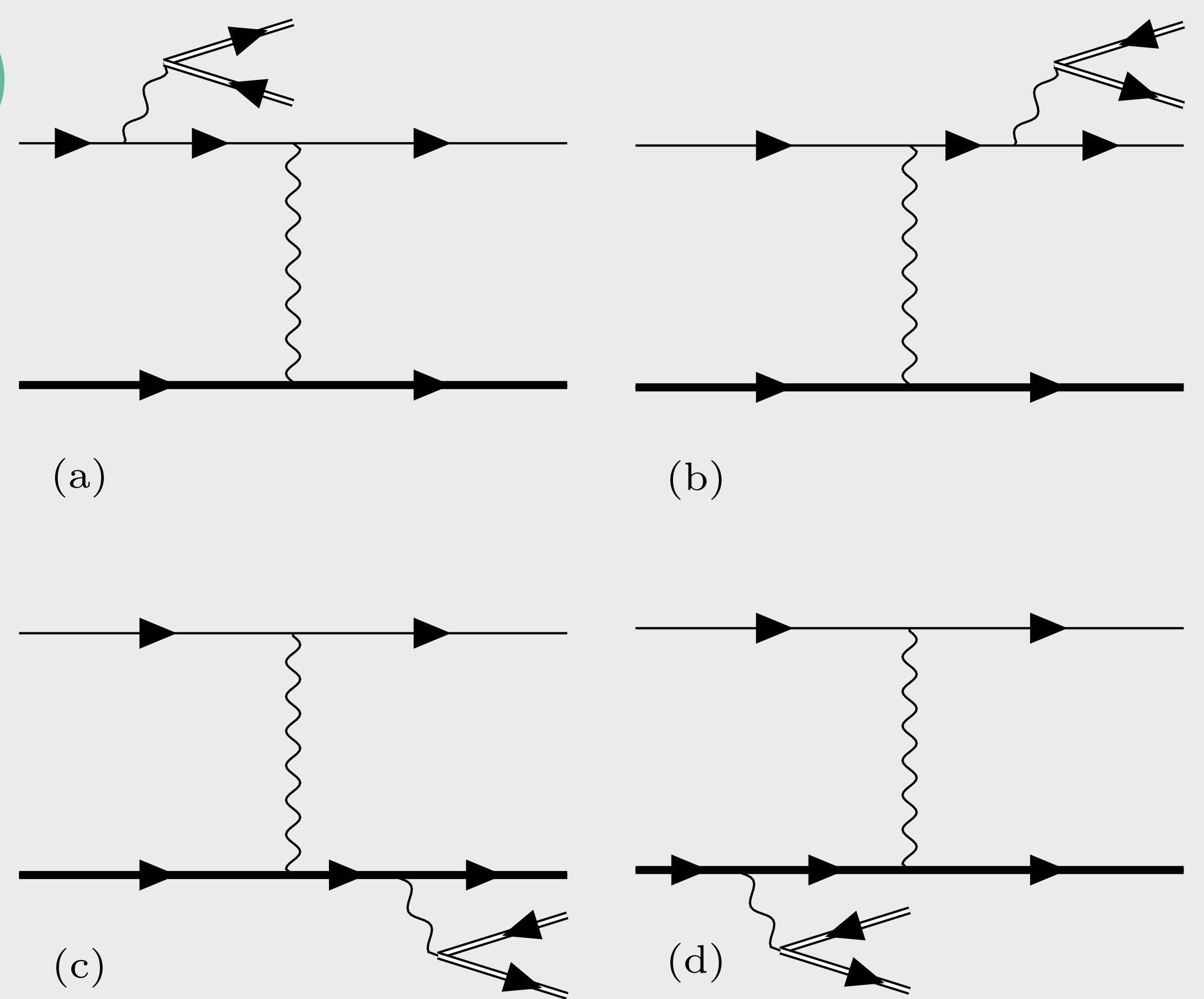
$$\mathcal{A}_{2L}(\mu^\pm e^- \rightarrow \mu^\pm e^-) = \left( \frac{\alpha}{3\pi} \right) \int_{4m_\ell^2}^{\infty} \frac{dz}{z} R_\ell(z) \mathcal{A}_{1L}(\mu^\pm e^- \rightarrow \mu^\pm e^-; z)$$

# Real pair production

$$d\sigma_{N_f}^{\alpha^2} = d\sigma_{\text{virt}}^{\alpha^2} + d\sigma_{\gamma}^{\alpha^2} + d\sigma_{\text{real}}^{\alpha^2}$$

3. Real pair production  $d\sigma_{\text{real}}^{\alpha^2}$

$$\mu^{\pm}e^{-} \rightarrow \mu^{\pm}e^{-}\ell^{+}\ell^{-} \quad \ell = e, \mu$$



# Real pair emission calculation

Matrix element implemented in MESMER - cross-check with RECOLA

*S. Actis et al., Comput. Phys. Comm. 214 (2017) 140-173*

*A. Denner et al., Comput. Phys. Comm. 224 (2018) 346-361*

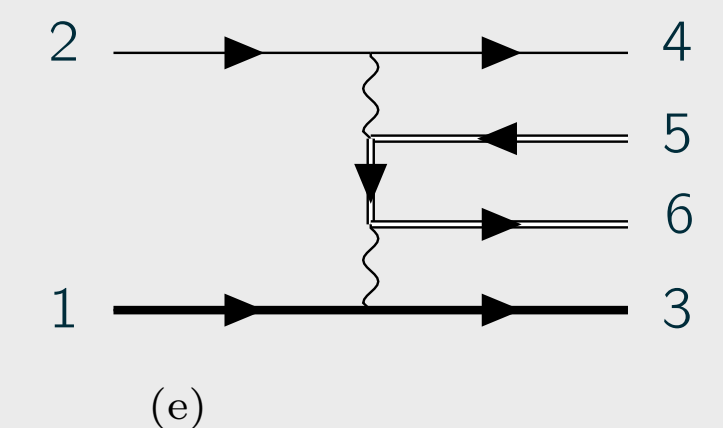
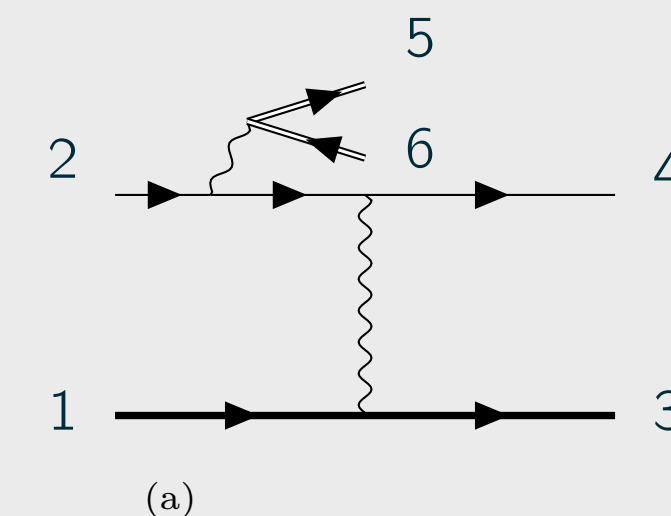
$$dLips = \int \frac{d^3p_3}{(2\pi)^3 2E_3} \frac{d^3p_4}{(2\pi)^3 2E_4} \frac{d^3p_5}{(2\pi)^3 2E_5} \frac{d^3p_6}{(2\pi)^3 2E_6} \delta^4 \left( p_1 + p_2 - \sum_{i=3}^6 p_i \right) \quad d\Phi_n = \int \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{d^3p_i}{(2\pi)^3 2E_i} \delta^4 \left( P - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \right)$$

2 → 4 phase-space in MESMER decomposed with multi-channel approach:

$$dLips = (2\pi)^6 \int dQ_{456}^2 dQ_{56}^2 d\Phi_2(P \rightarrow p_3 + Q_{456}) d\Phi_2(Q_{456} \rightarrow p_4 + Q_{56}) d\Phi_2(Q_{56} \rightarrow p_5 + p_6)$$

Identical particles  $p_{4(3)} \leftrightarrow p_6$

Numerical approach cross-checked with analytical formulae



MESMER is available at: [www.github.com/cmcc/mesmer](https://www.github.com/cmcc/mesmer)

# Event selection

Muon beam 150 GeV - basic acceptance cuts for  $2 \rightarrow 4$  process:

- one muon-like track  $\theta_\mu < \bar{\theta}_\mu \simeq 4.84$  mrad,  $E_\mu > \bar{E}_\mu \simeq 10.28$  GeV
- one electron-like track  $\theta_e < 100$  mrad,  $E_e > 1$  GeV

Three elasticity selection cuts

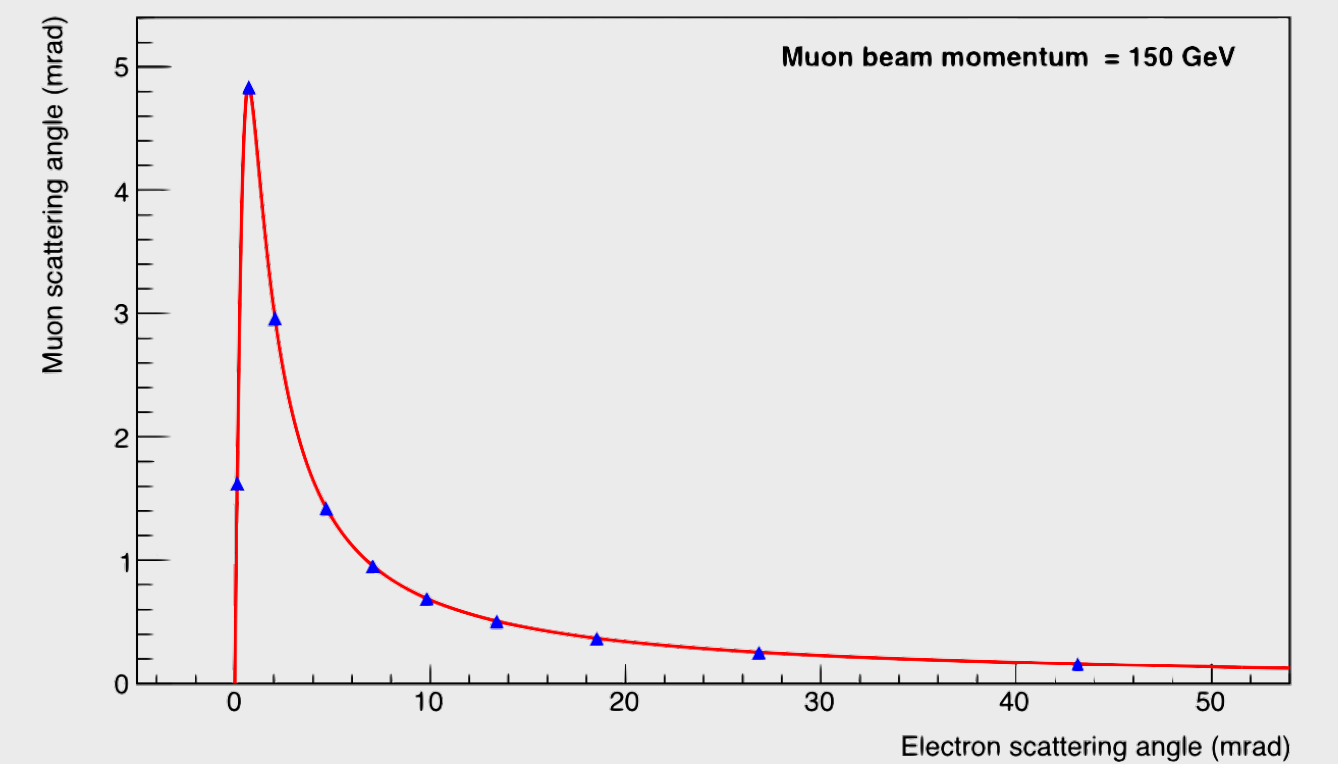
1. to reduce impact of peripheral diagrams  $\theta_e, \theta_\mu > \theta_c = 0.2$  mrad

2. acoplanarity cut  $\xi = \left| \pi - \left| \phi_e - \phi_\mu \right| \right| < \xi_c = 3.5$  mrad

$$\theta_\mu(\theta_e) = \arctan \left[ \frac{2m_e r \cos \theta_e \sin \theta_e}{E_\mu^i - r (r E_\mu^i + 2m_e) \cos^2 \theta_e} \right]$$

3. elasticity distance  $\delta < \delta_c = 0.2$  mrad with  $\delta = \min_{\theta_e} \sqrt{(\theta_e - \theta_e^0)^2 + (\theta_\mu(\theta_e) - \theta_\mu^0)^2}$

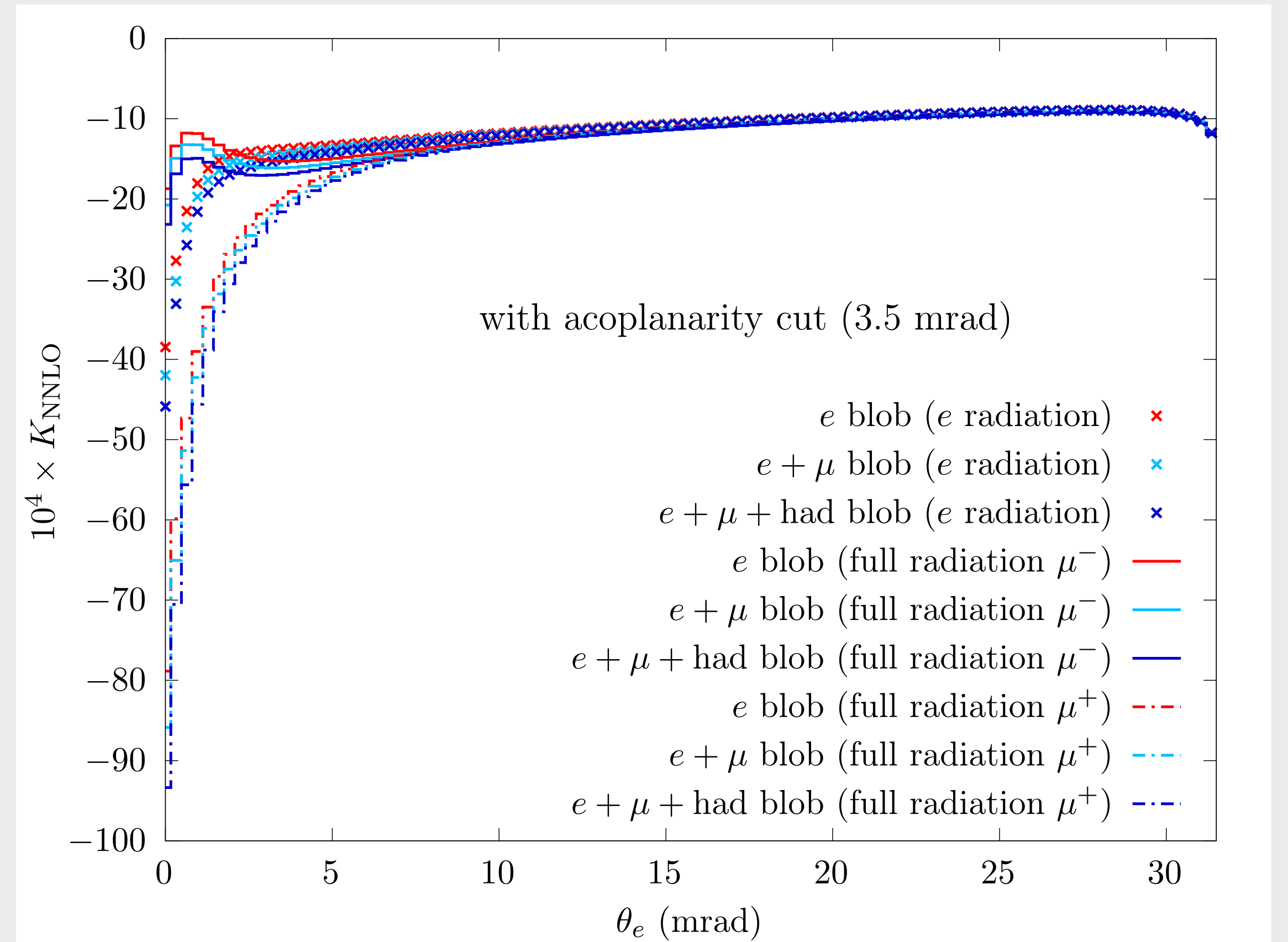
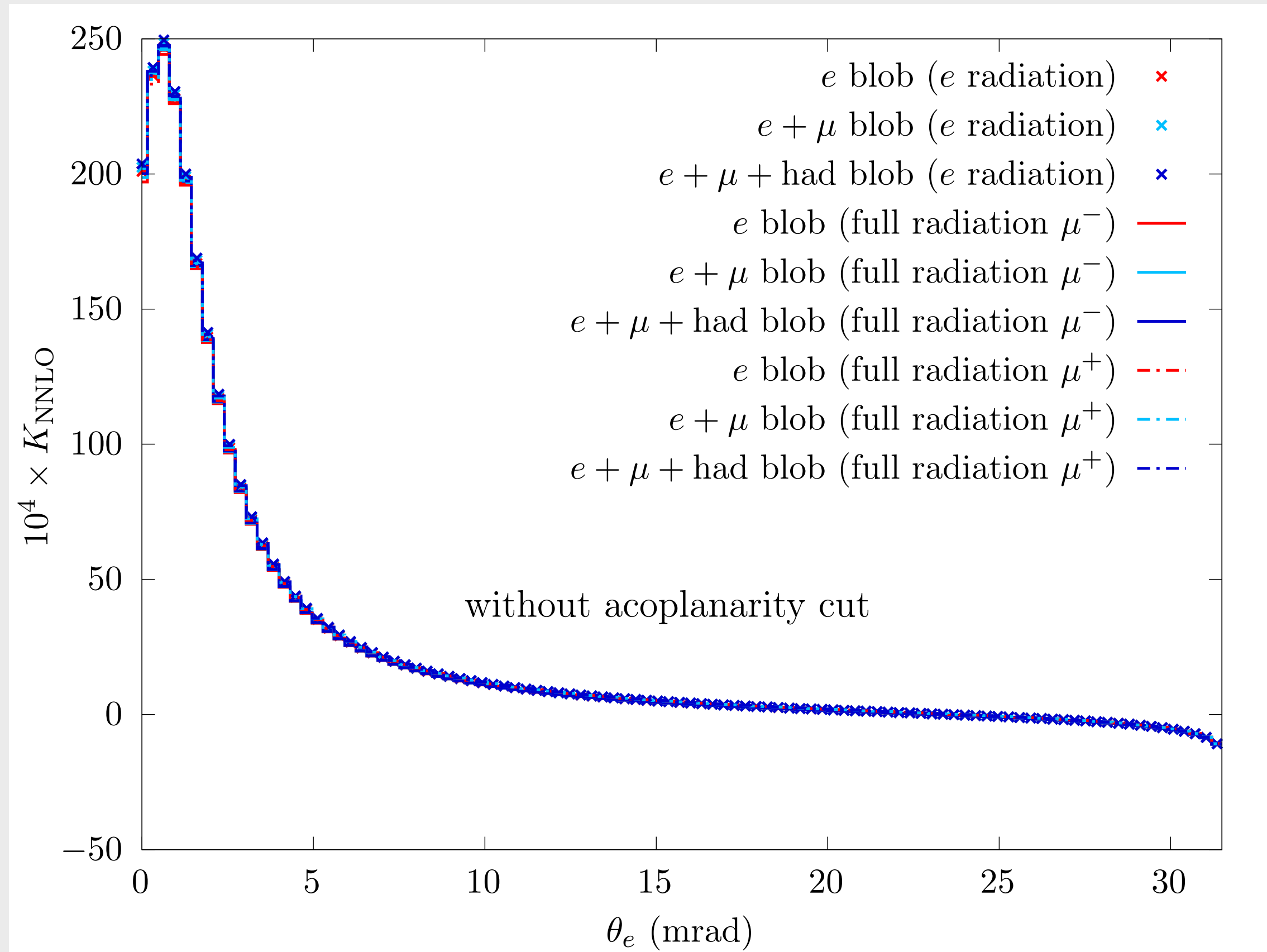
G. Abbiendi et al., arXiv:1609.08987 [hep-ph]



# Numerical results: virtual and real-virtual

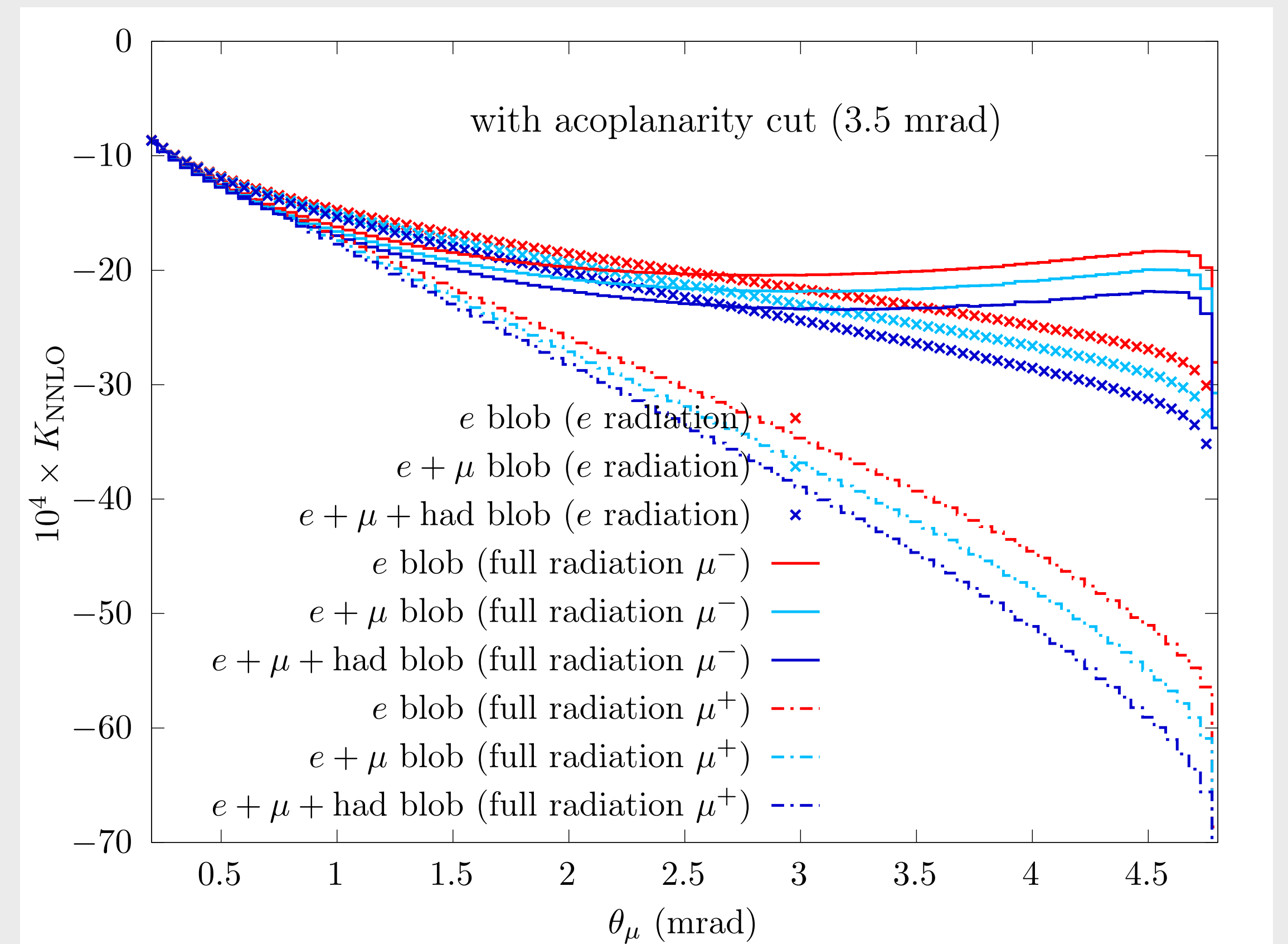
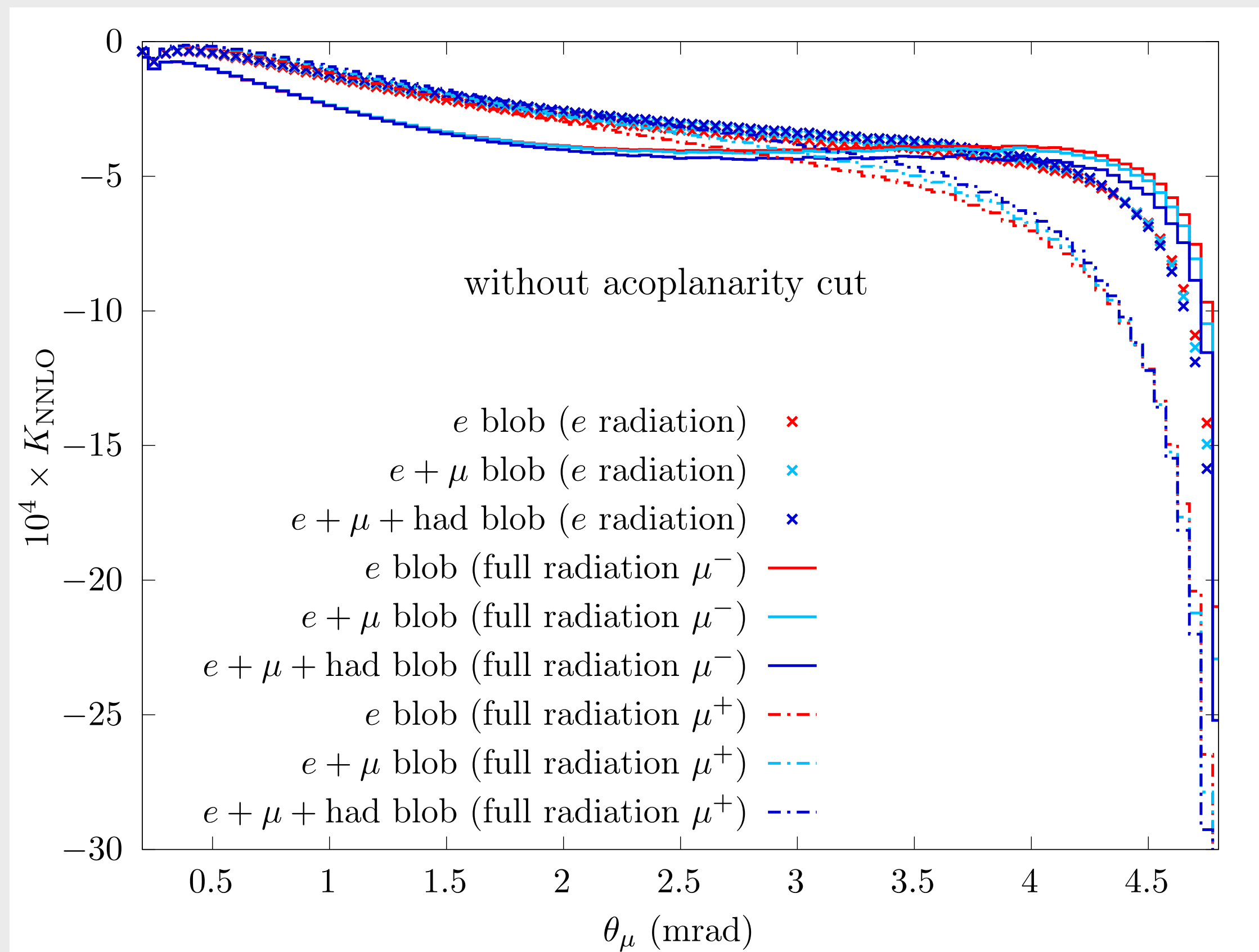
Electron scattering angle

$$K_{\text{NNLO}} = \frac{d\sigma_{N_f}^{\alpha^2}}{d\sigma_{\text{LO}}}$$



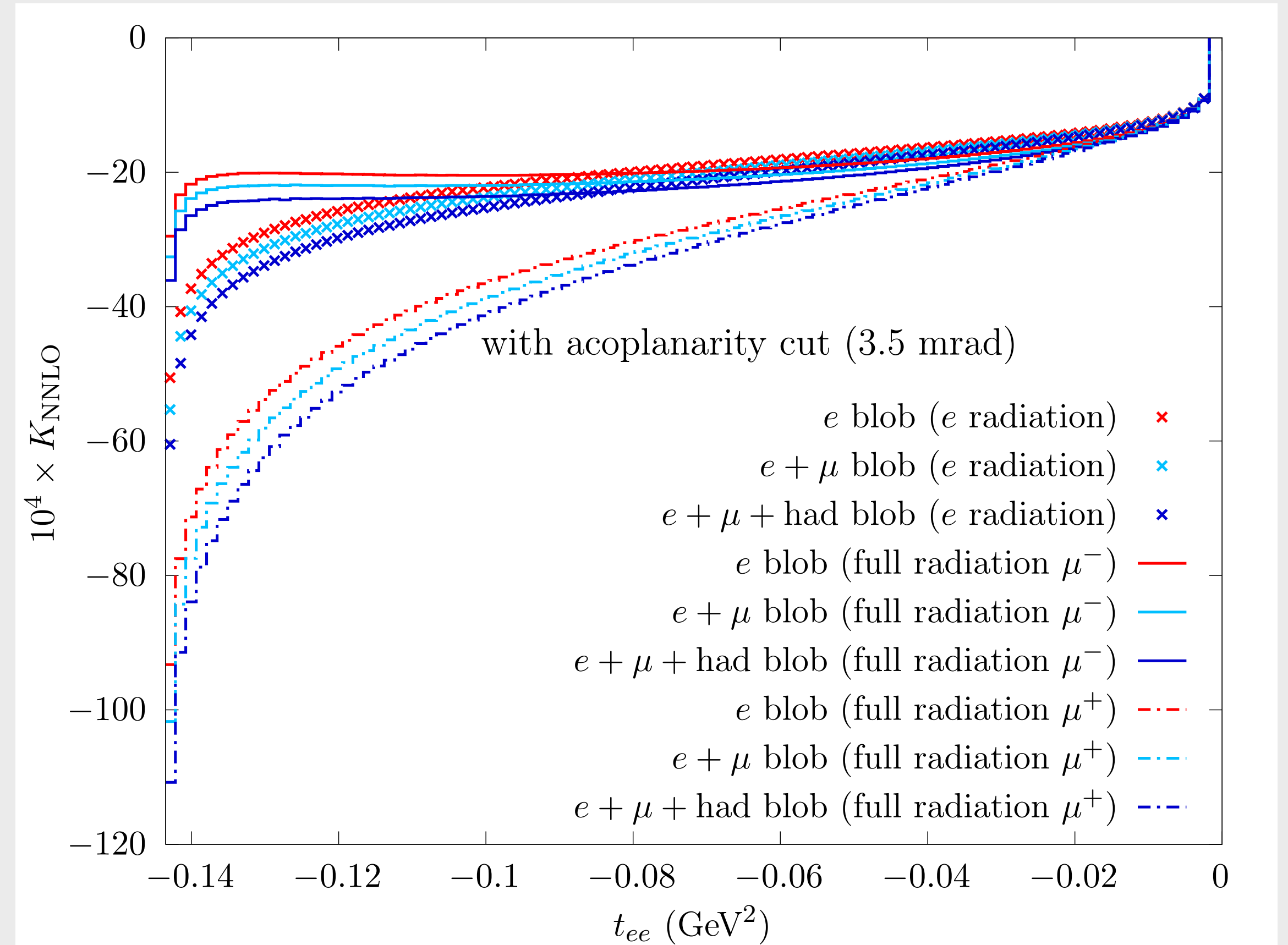
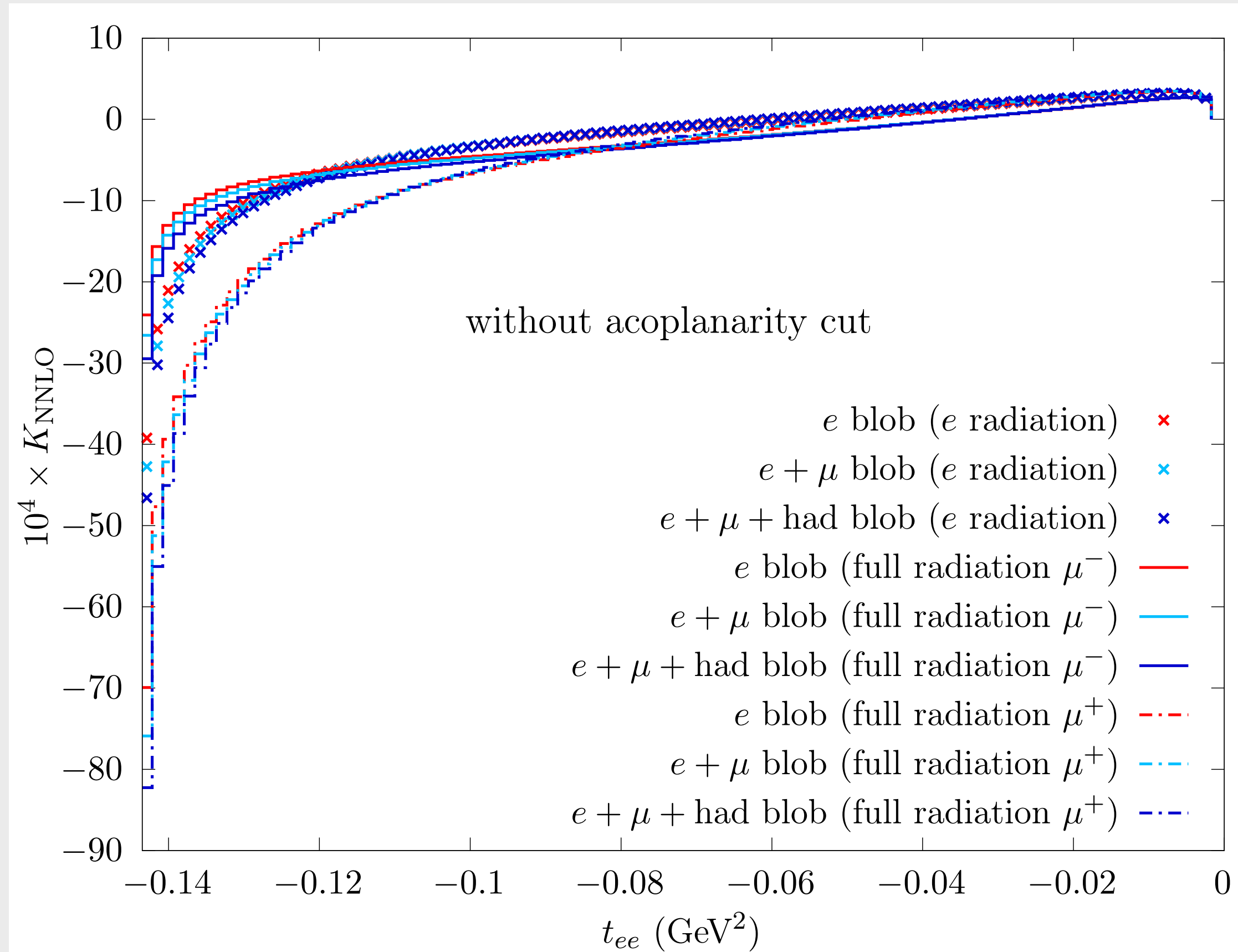
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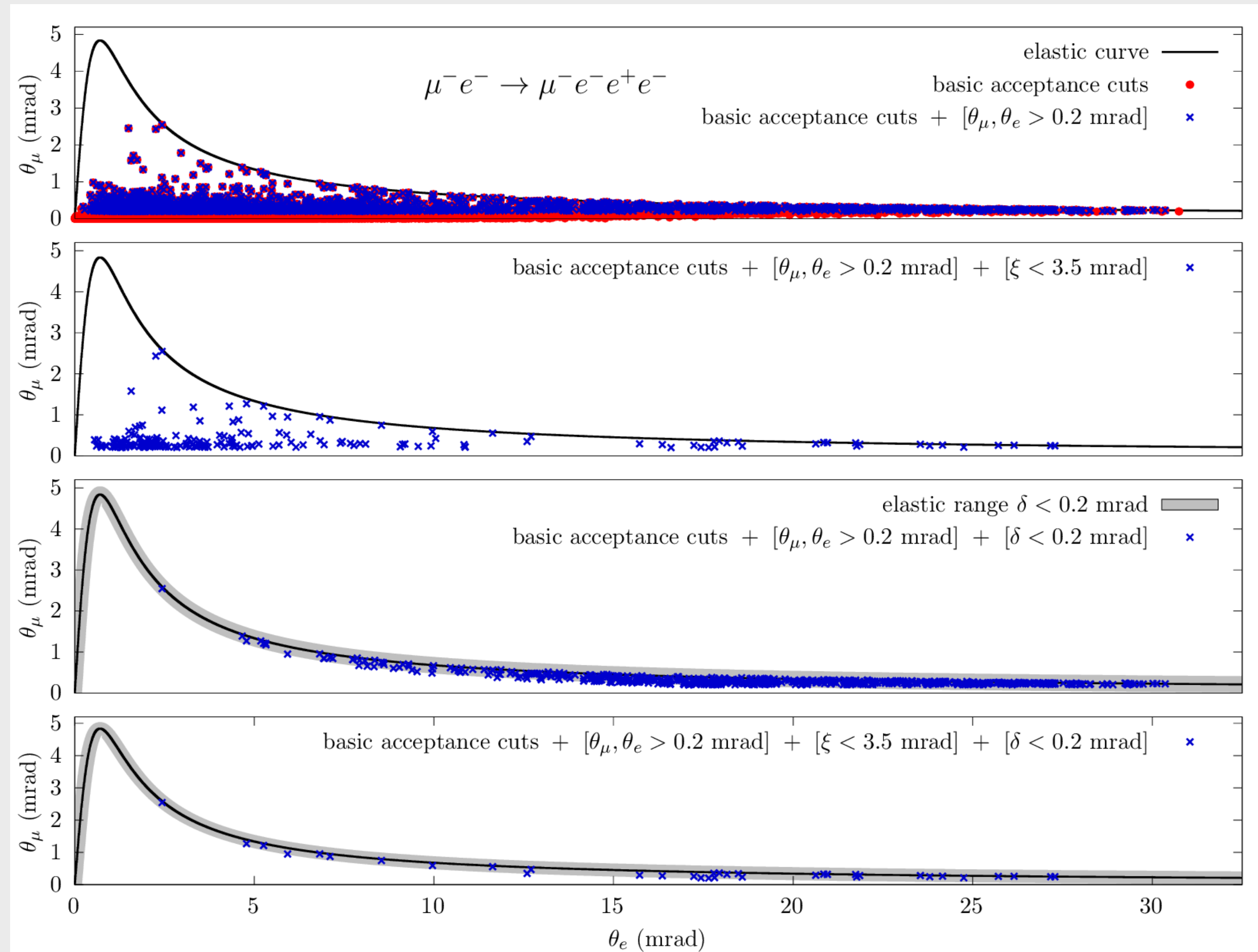


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Momentum transfer on electron line  $K_{\text{NNLO}} = \frac{d\sigma_{N_f}^{\alpha^2}}{d\sigma_{\text{LO}}}$



# Numerical results: real pair emission

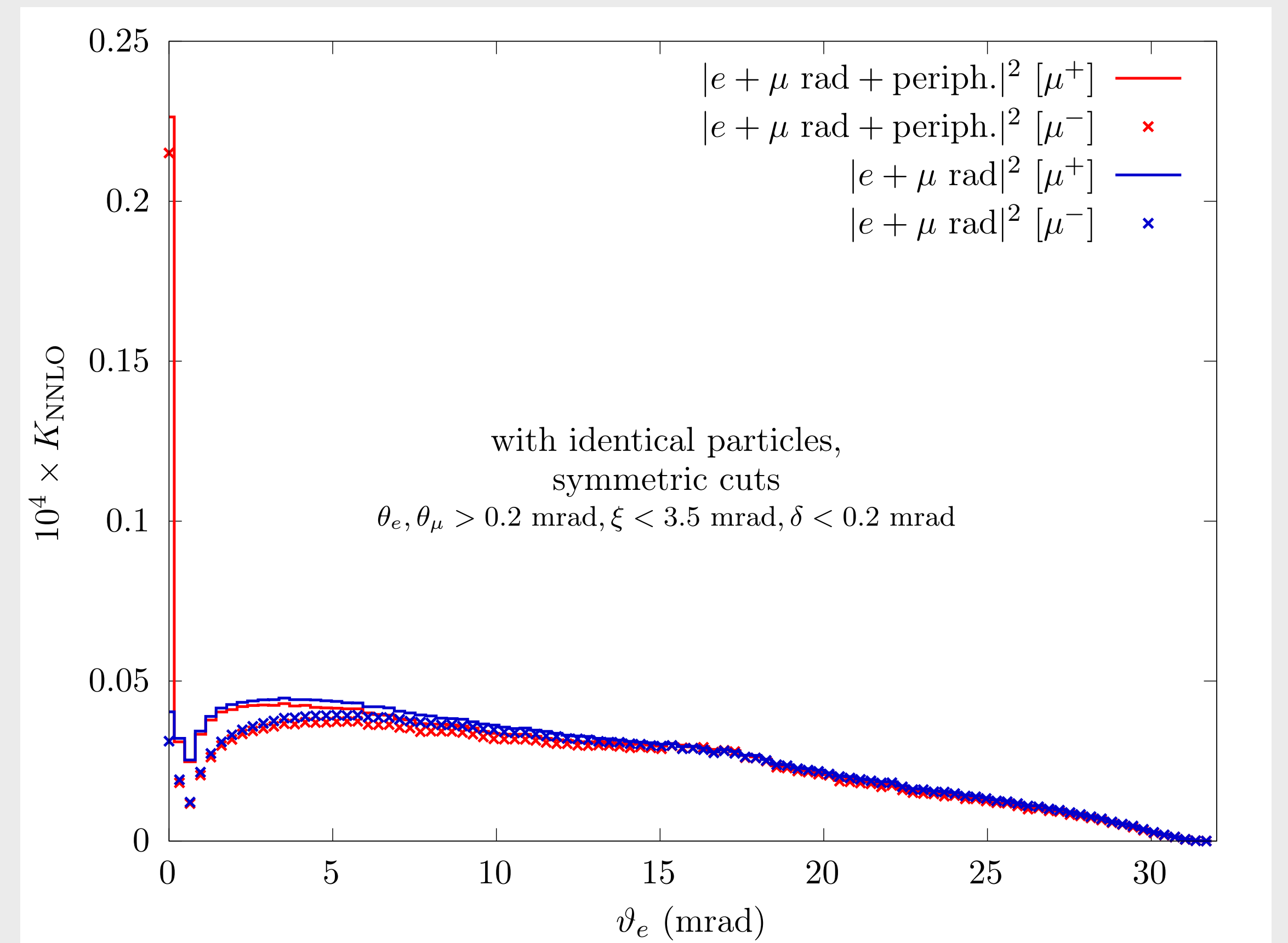
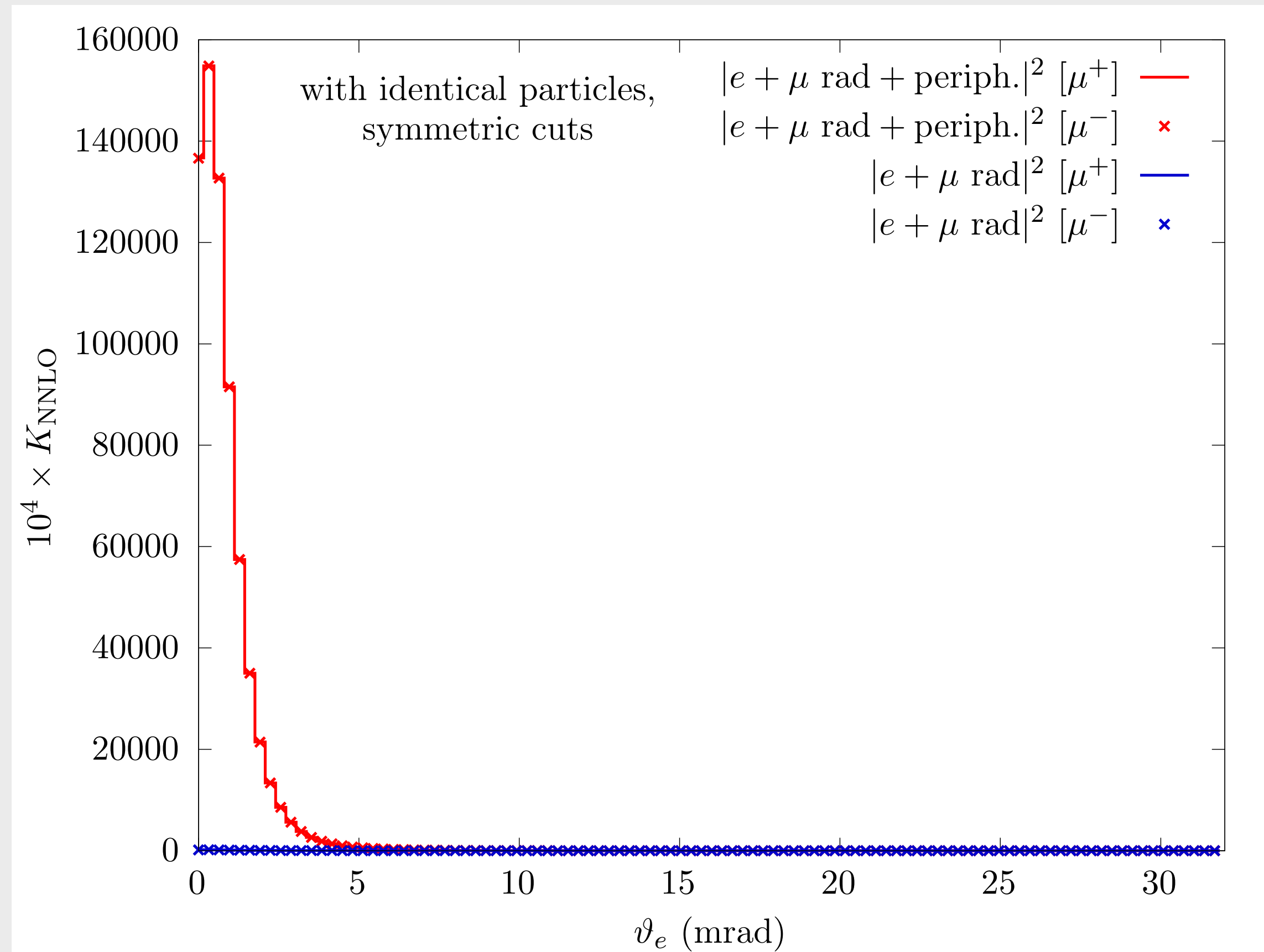




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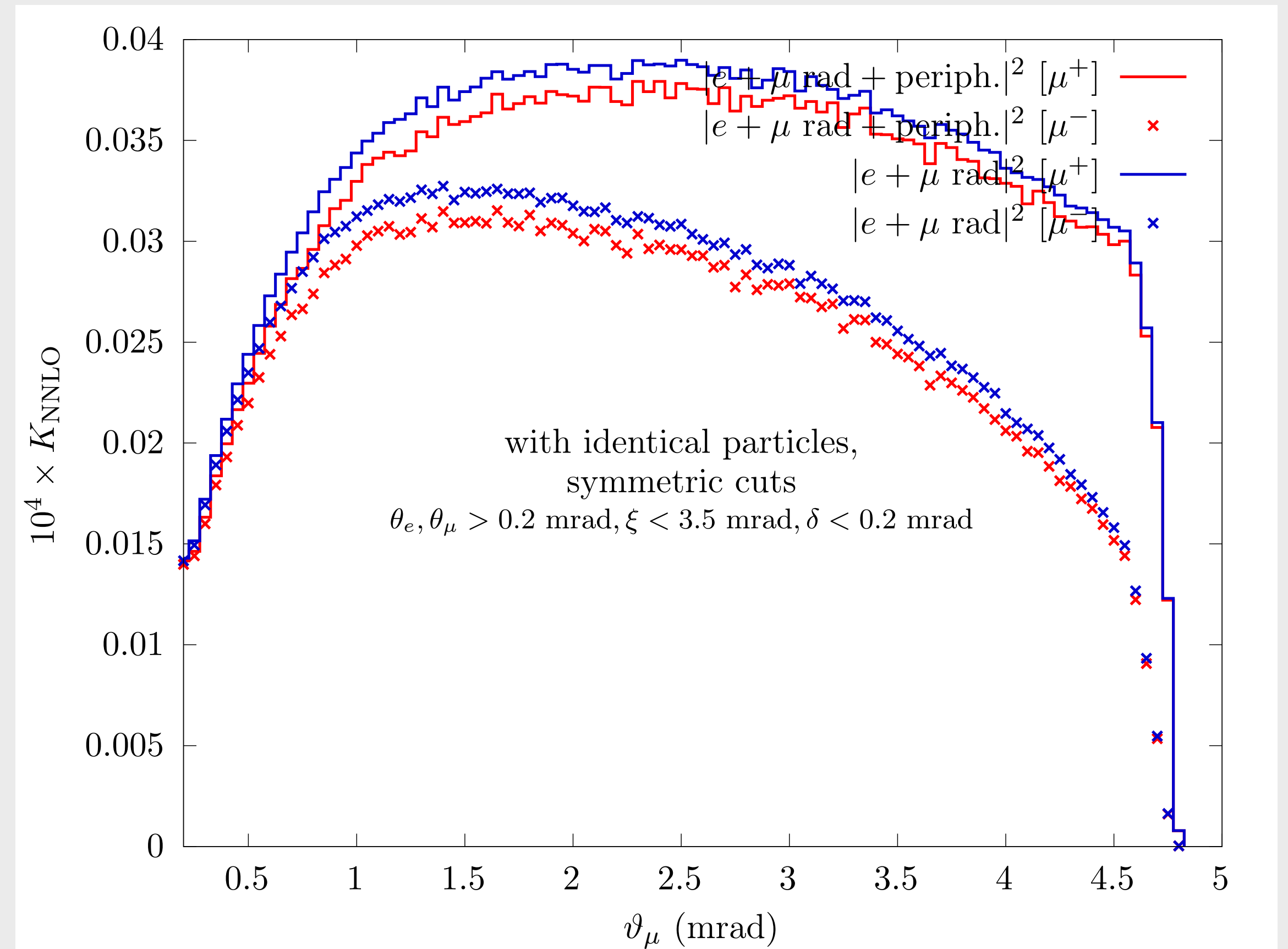
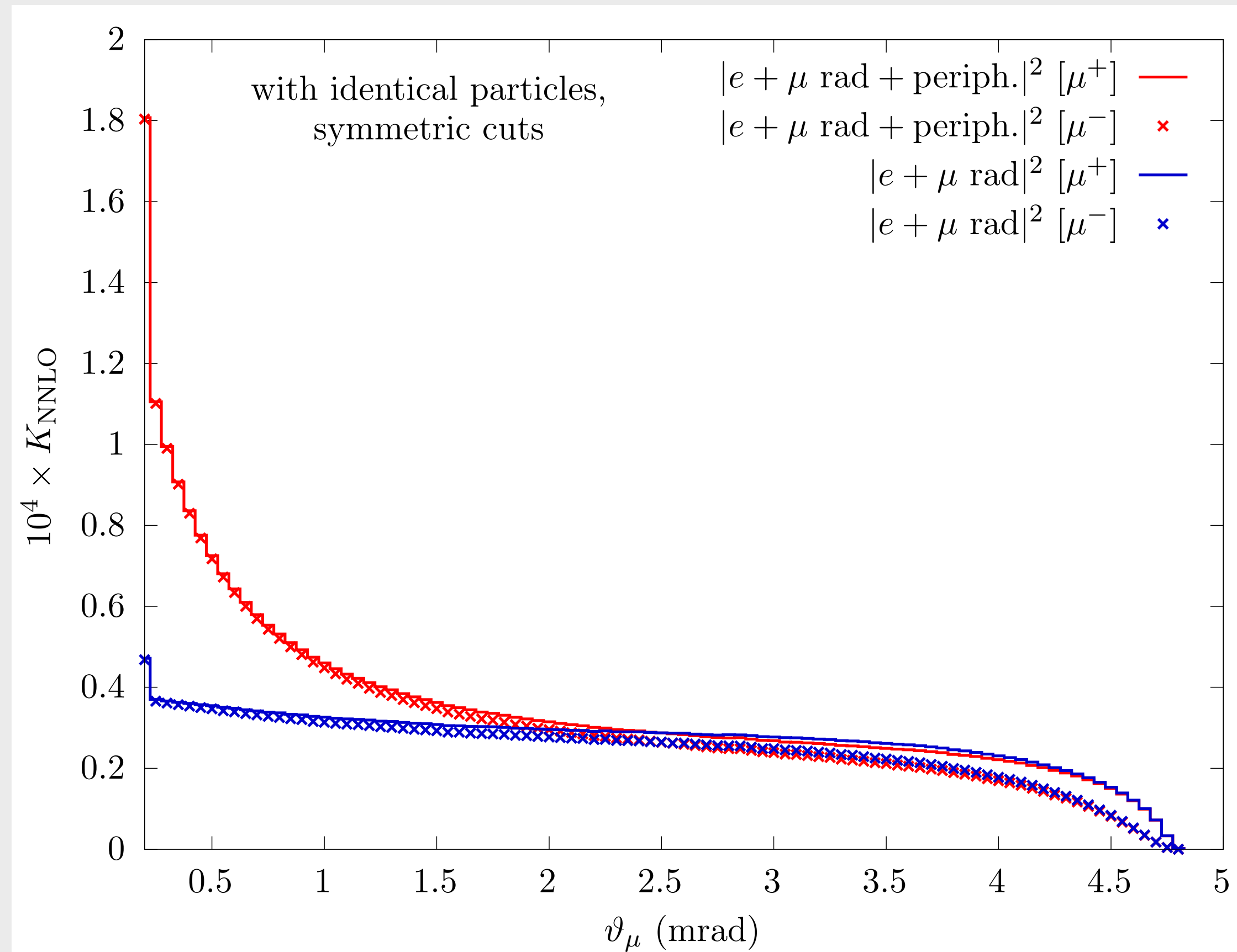
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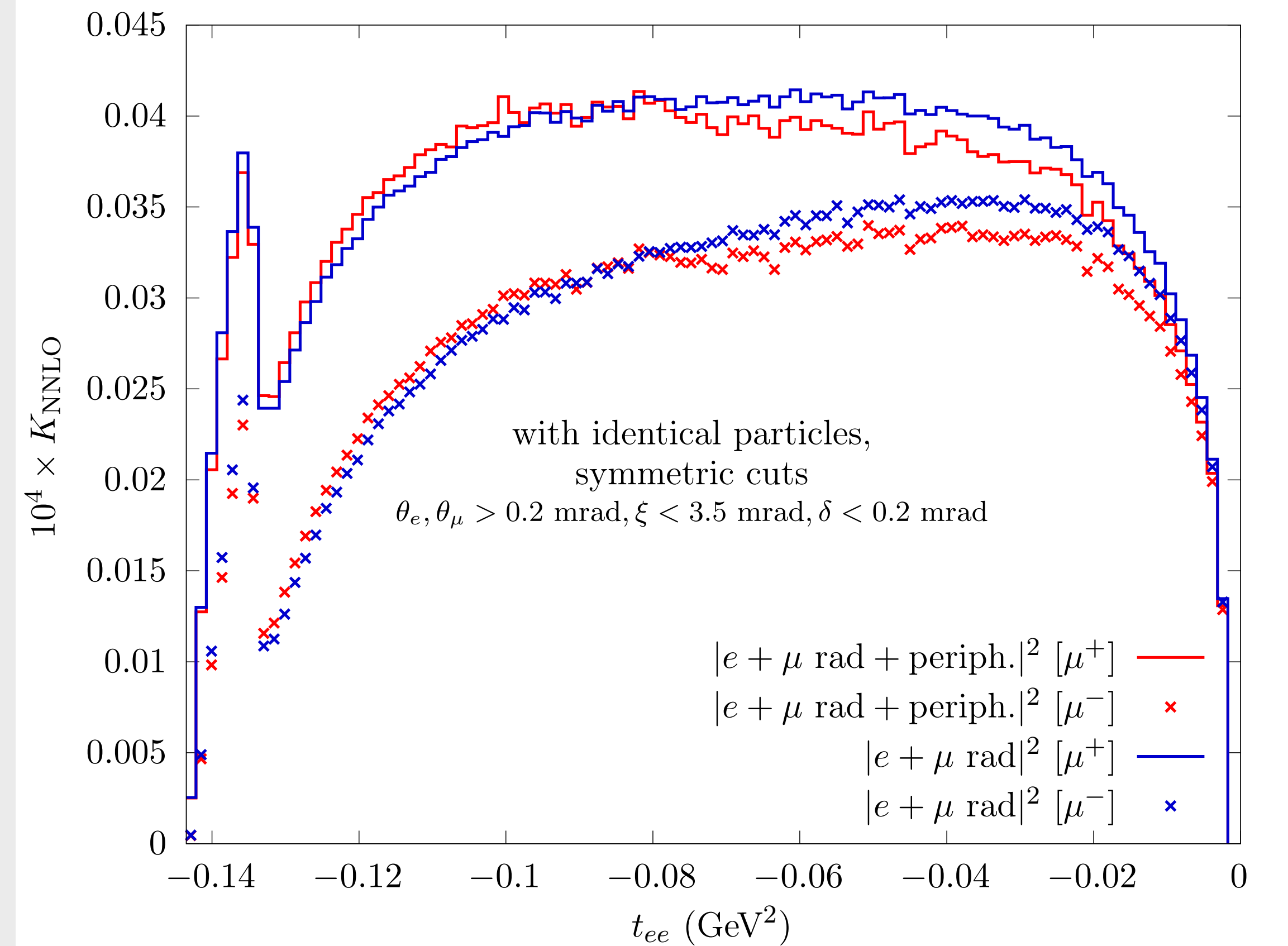
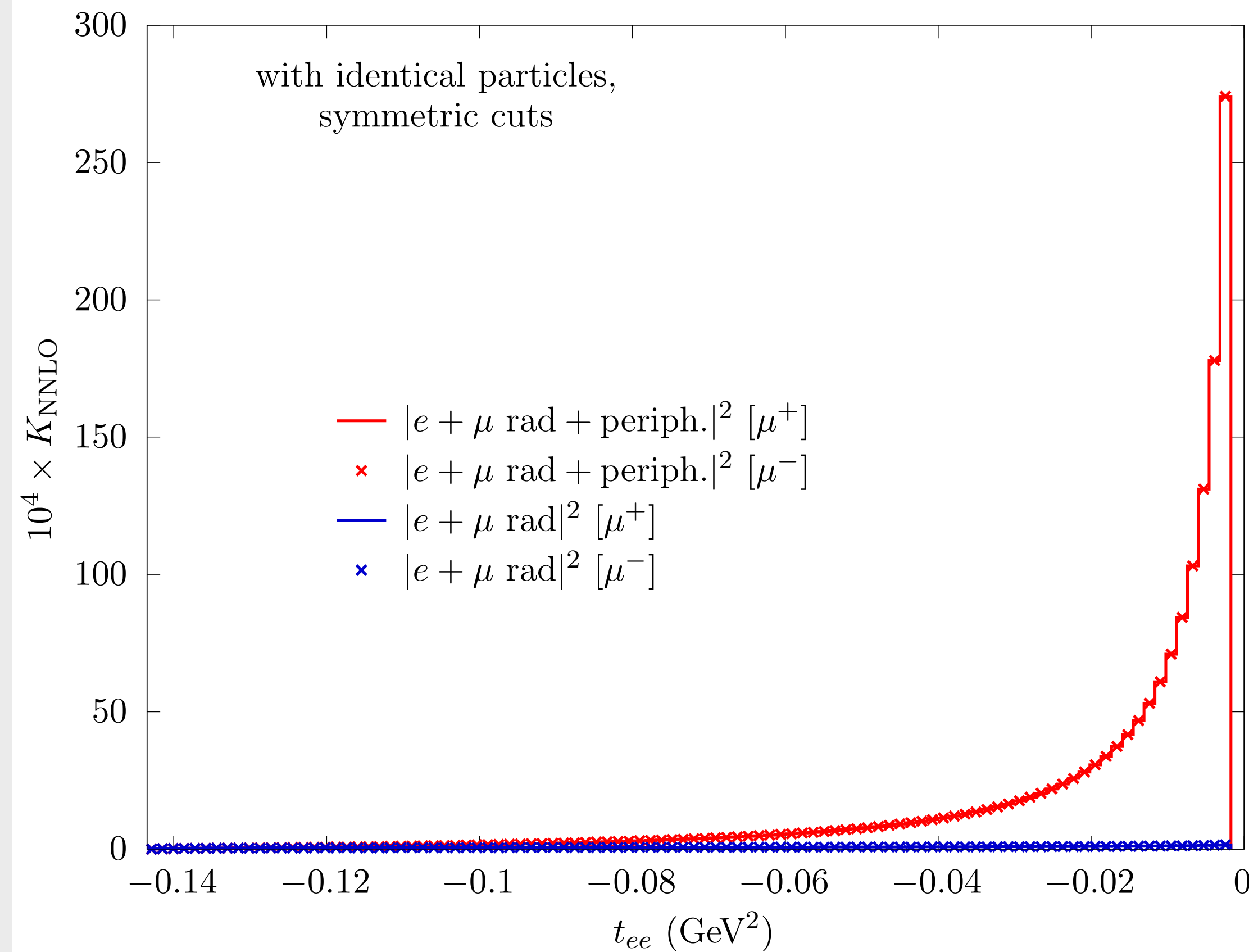
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# SINGLE PION PRODUCTION

*E. Budassi et al., Phys. Lett. B 829 (2022) 137138,  
arXiv:2203.01639 [hep-ph]*

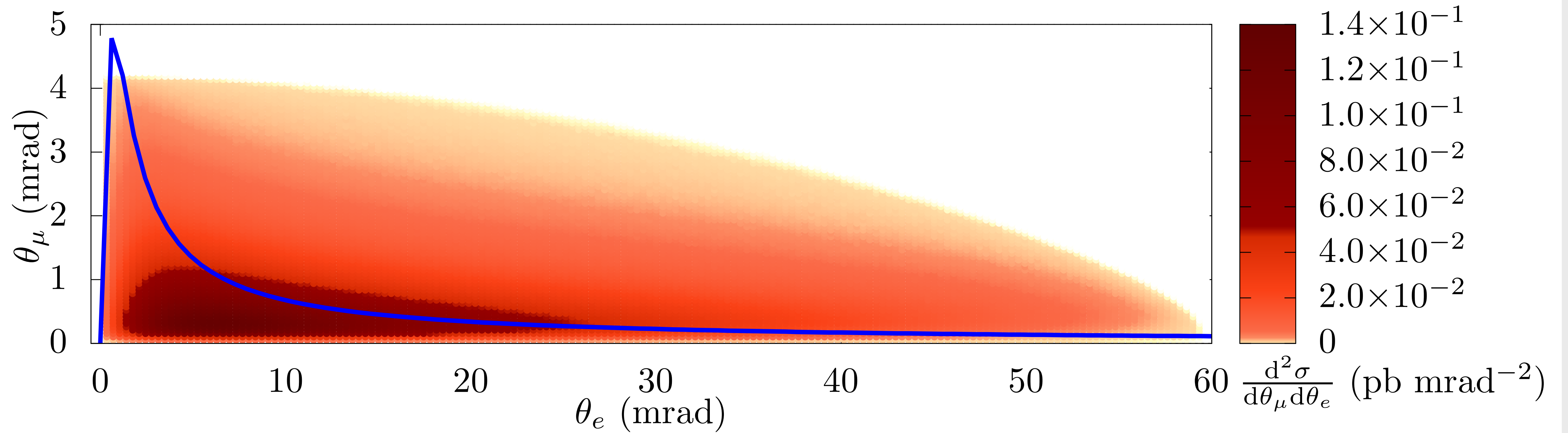
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# Motivation

- Reliable estimates of possible backgrounds such as real and virtual hadronic contributions are needed
- Virtual hadronic contributions have been already discussed *M. Fael et al., JHEP 02 (2019) 027*  
*M. Fael et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 122 (2019) 192001*
- Real-pair production does not contribute due to MUonE phase-space
- Potential important reducible background:  $\mu^\pm e^- \rightarrow \mu^\pm e^- \pi^0 \rightarrow \mu^\pm e^- \gamma\gamma$

# Single pion production



# Single pion production

$$\mathcal{L}_I = \frac{g}{2!} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\kappa\lambda} \Phi_\pi$$

$$g^2 = \frac{4\pi\Gamma_{\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}}{m_{\pi^0}^3}$$

$$\Gamma_{\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} = \frac{\alpha^2 m_{\pi^0}^3}{64\pi^3 f_\pi^2}$$

$$f_\pi = 0.092388 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Gamma_{\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} = 7.731 \text{ eV}$$

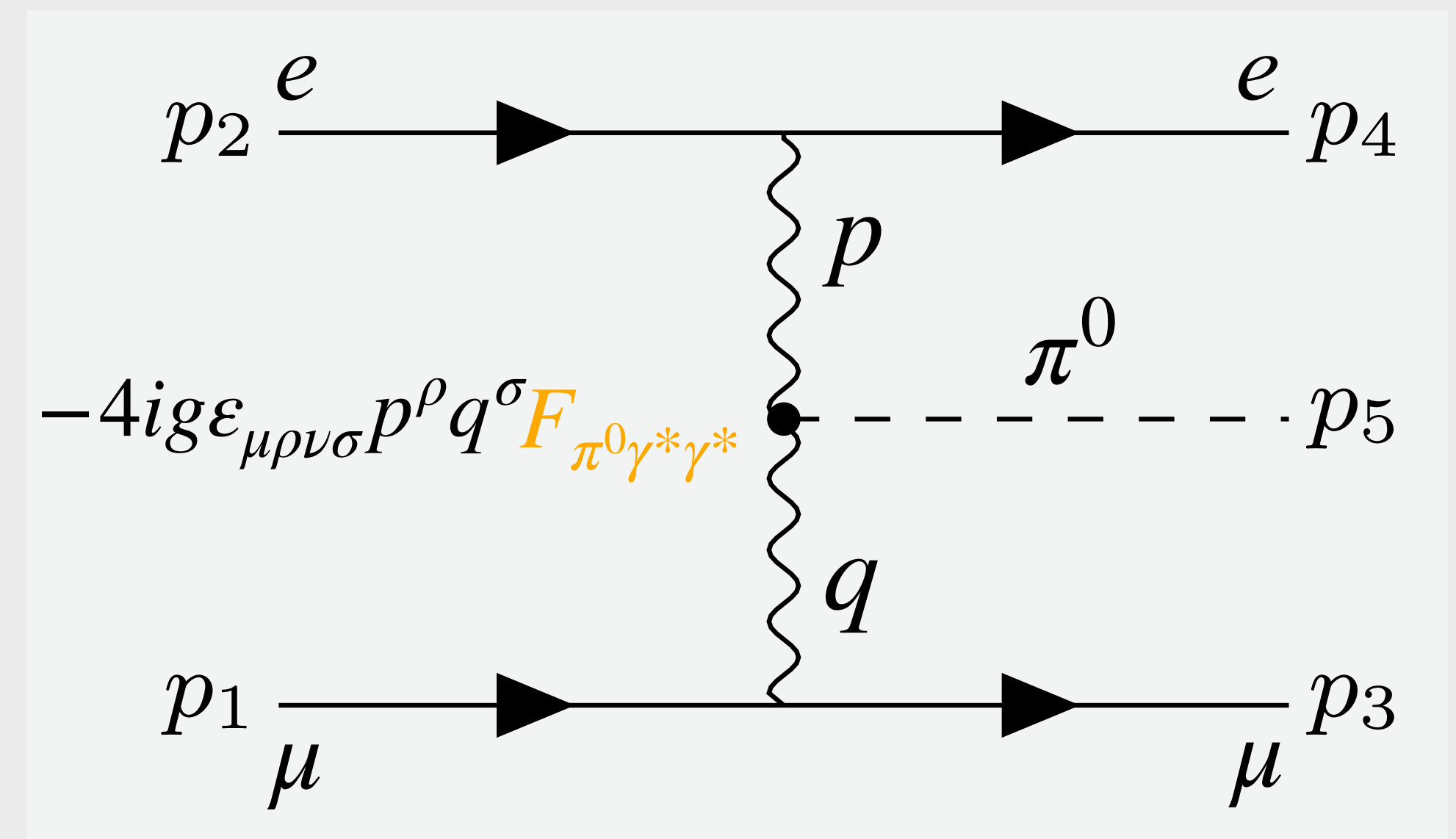
$$m_\pi = 134.9766 \text{ MeV}$$

ME and PS implemented in MESMER - Table 1  
from \* perfectly reproduced

Comparison with  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\pi^0$  (t-channel only)  
with EKHARA

\* Brodsky, S. J., et al., Phys. Rev. D 4 (1971) 1532-1557

Czyz, H., et al., Phys. Rev. D 97 (1) (2018) 016006



Czyz, H., et al., Comput. Phys. Commun. 182 (2011) 1338-1349

Czyz, H., et al., Comput. Phys. Commun. 234 (2019) 245-255

# Numerical results

Total cross section:  $\sigma_{\mu e \pi^0} = 6.53589(6) \text{ pb}$

## Basic acceptance cuts

$$\vartheta_{\mu} \leq 4.84 \text{ mrad}$$

$$\vartheta_e < 100 \text{ mrad}$$

$$E_{\mu} \geq 10.28 \text{ GeV}$$

$$E_e > 0.2 \text{ GeV}$$

- basic acceptance cuts:

$$\sigma_{\mu e \pi^0}^{0.2 \text{ GeV}} = 2.69836(4) \text{ pb} \quad \text{w.r.t.} \quad \sigma_{\text{LO}}^{0.2 \text{ GeV}} \sim 1265 \mu\text{b}$$

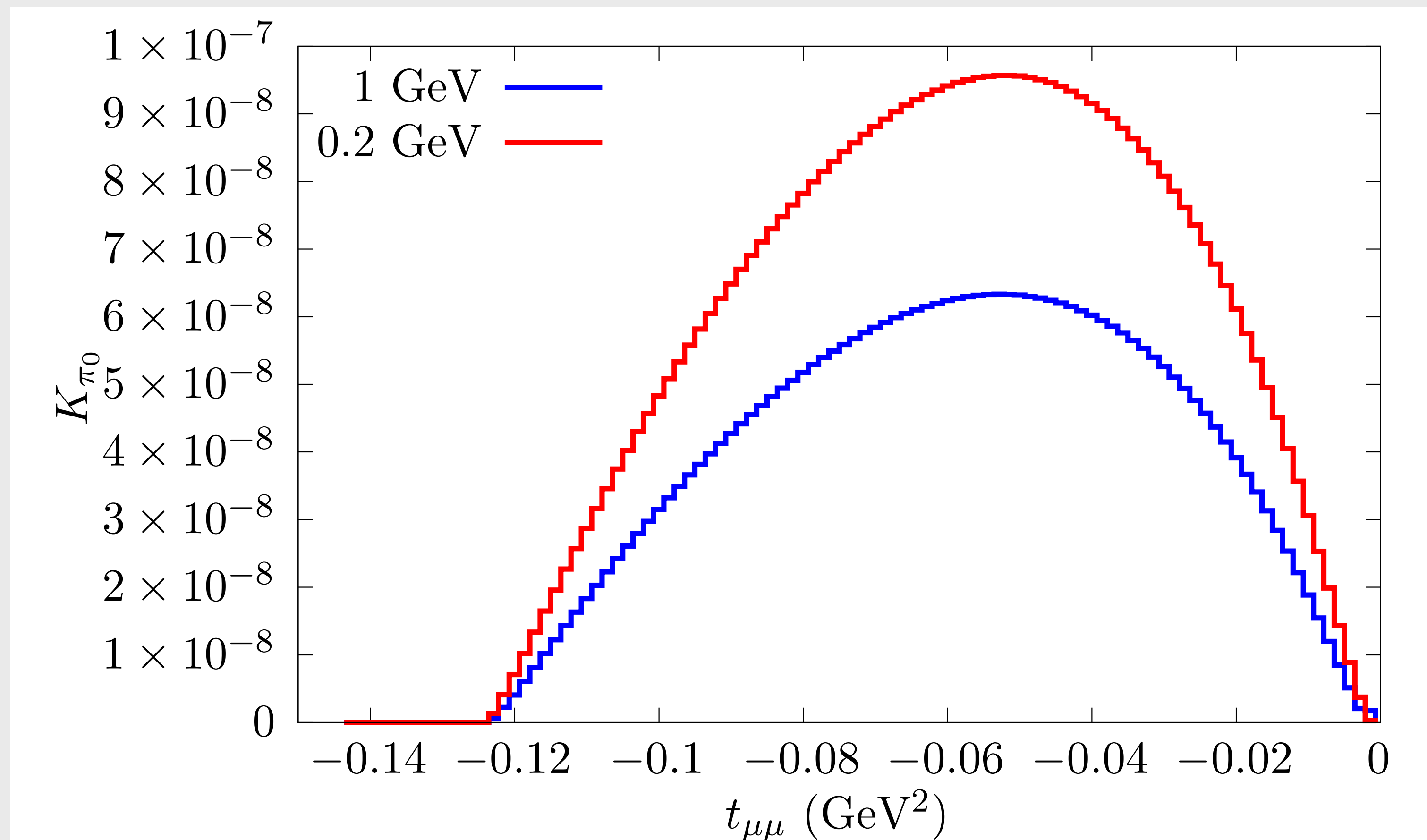
- basic acceptance cuts +  $E_e > 1 \text{ GeV}$

$$\sigma_{\mu e \pi^0}^{1 \text{ GeV}} = 1.61597(3) \text{ pb} \quad \text{w.r.t.} \quad \sigma_{\text{LO}}^{1 \text{ GeV}} \sim 245 \mu\text{b}$$



# Numerical results

Momentum transfer along muon line



Negligible contribution  
in differential distributions

$$K_{\pi^0} = \frac{d\sigma_{\pi^0}}{d\sigma_{\text{LO}}}$$

# New physics searches @ MUonE

*Asai, K., et al., arXiv:2109.10093 [hep-ph]*

*Galon, I., et al., arXiv:2202.08843 [hep-ph]*

*Grilli di Cortona, G., Nardi, E., Phys.Rev.D 105 (2022) 11, L111701*

Background for possible NP searches at MUonE in  $2 \rightarrow 3$  processes:  $\mu e \rightarrow \mu e Z' \rightarrow \mu e \nu \bar{\nu}$

$L_\mu - L_\tau$  gauge model with  $m_{Z'} = 10 \sim 200$  MeV

Selection criteria:  $\theta_\mu > 1.5$  mrad

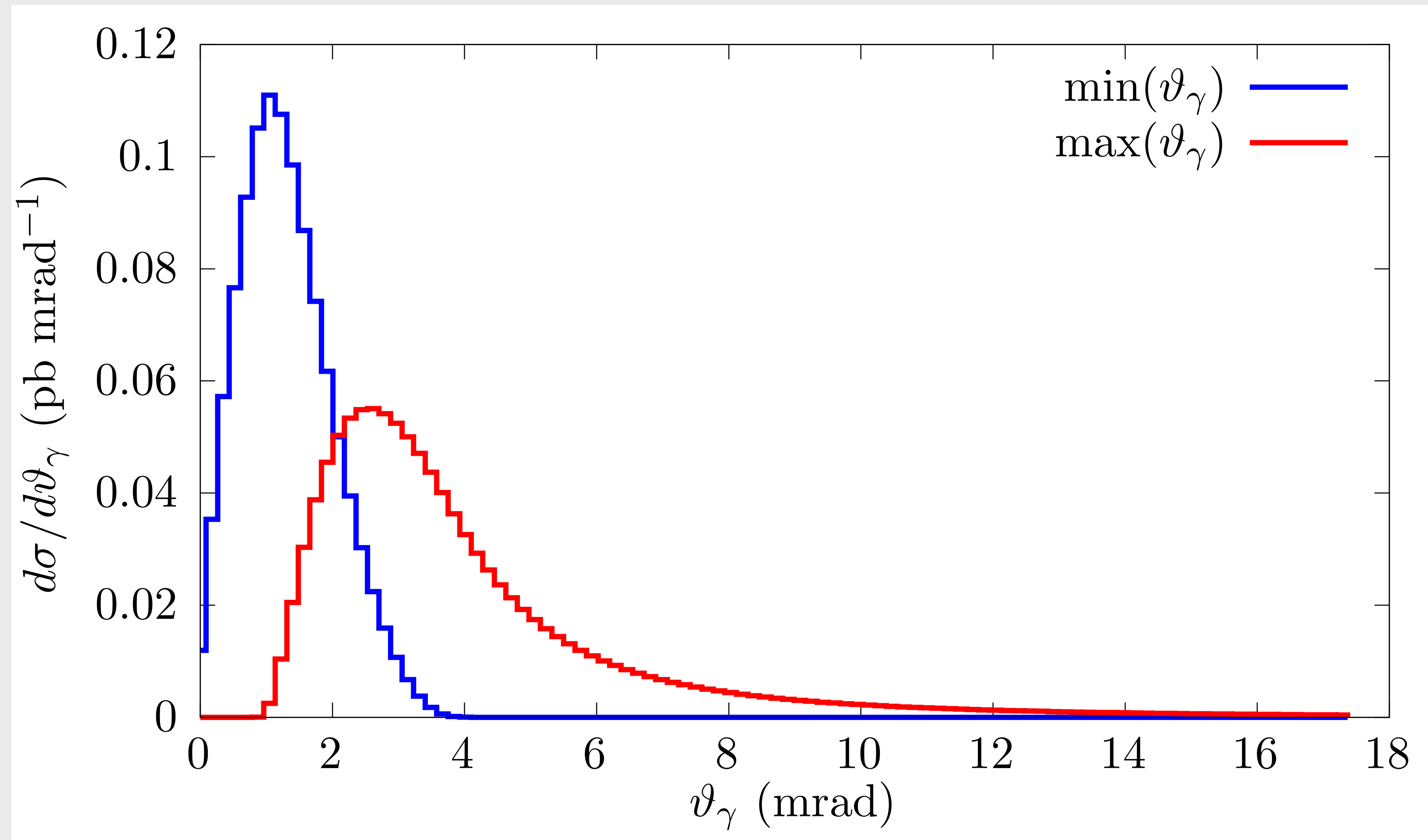
$1 \text{ GeV} < E_e < 25 \text{ GeV}$

$\sigma_{\mu e \pi^0} = 0.19210(1) \text{ pb}$

Integrated luminosity =  $15 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   $\rightarrow$   $N_{\pi^0} \sim N_{Z'} \sim 3 \times 10^3$   $\rightarrow$  photon veto strategy

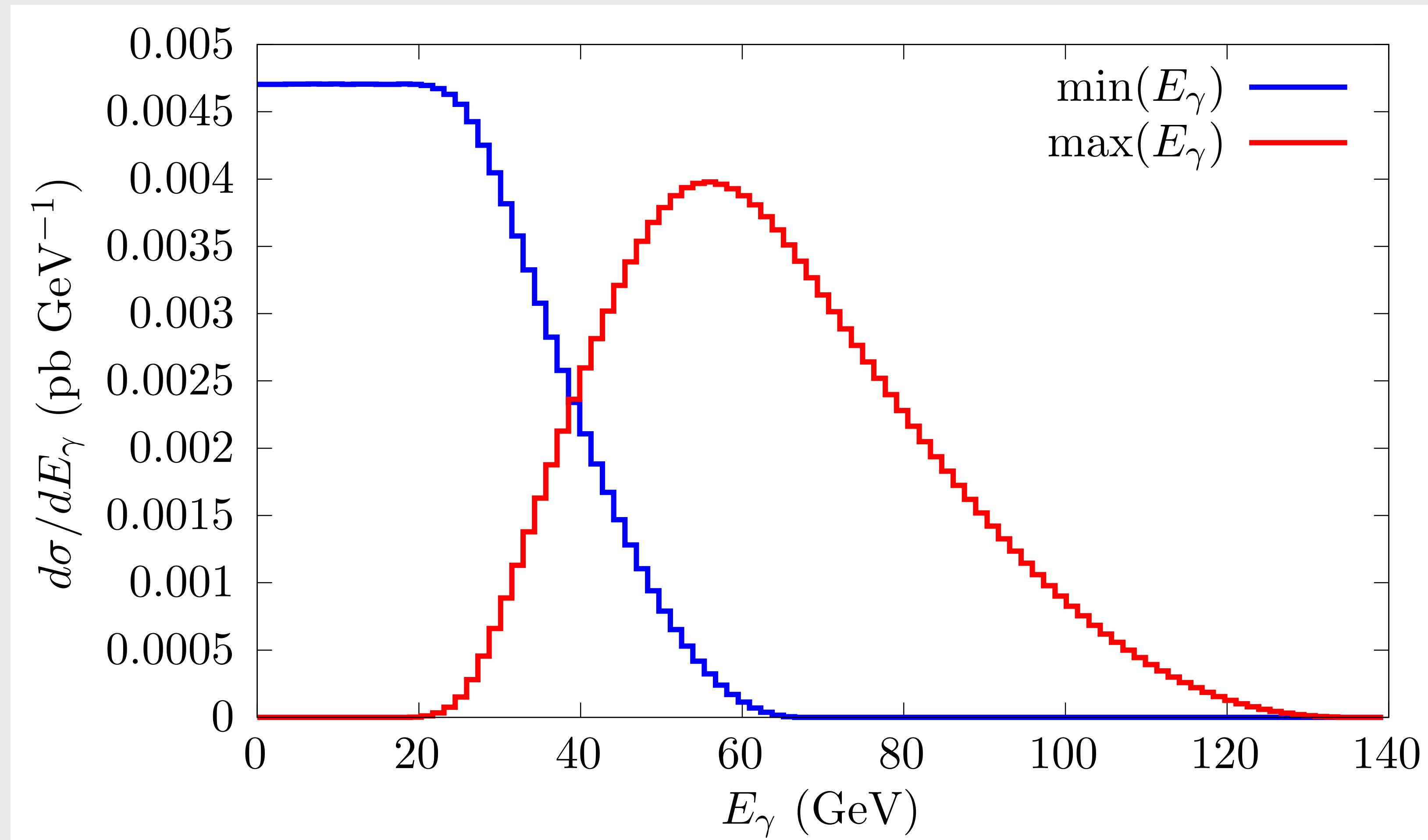
# New physics searches @ MUonE

Decay photon angle



# New physics searches @ MUonE

Decay photon energy



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# Summary and prospects

- NNLO leptonic corrections add an important piece to full NNLO calculation
- Quantification of this contribution important for background control at MUonE
- Single pion production has been excluded as a possible background for MUonE
  
- Now the effort is towards a fully fledged NNLO QED Monte Carlo generator
- Include also a matching of fixed-order calculation to multiple photon emission

Thank you!

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**BACK-UP**

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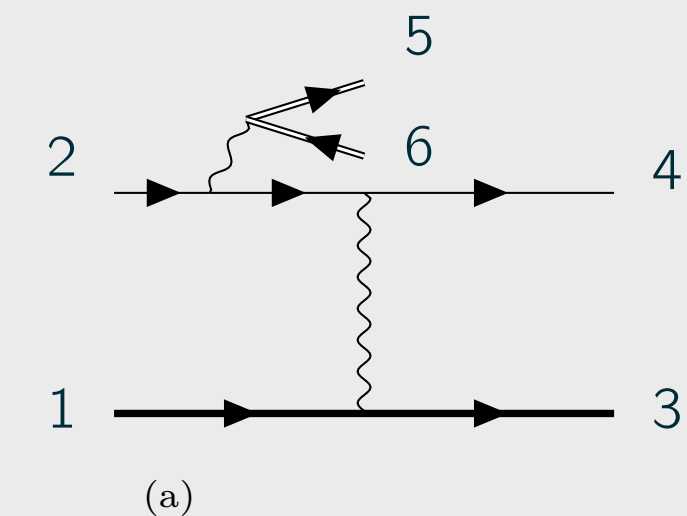
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Matrix element implemented in MESMER - cross-check with RECOLA

Phase space cross-checked with independent code

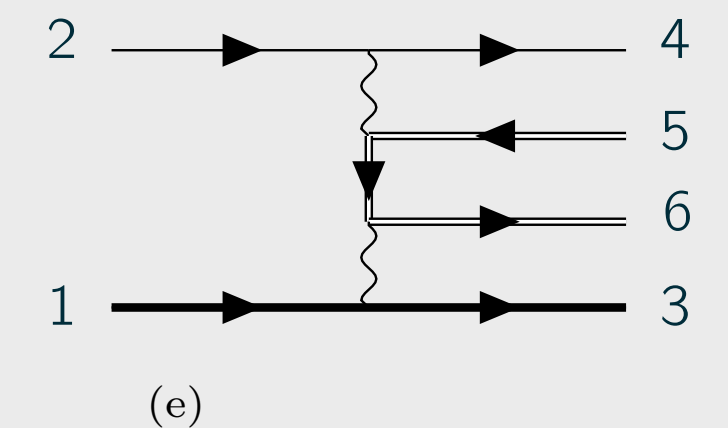
2 → 4 phase-space in independent code decomposed in:

- $dLips = (2\pi)^3 \int dQ^2 d\Phi_3(P \rightarrow p_3 + p_4 + Q) d\Phi_2(Q \rightarrow p_5 + p_6)$



- No dedicated parametrisation for emission from muon line because  $\sqrt{s} \sim m_\mu$

- $dLips = (2\pi)^6 \int dQ_{356}^2 dQ_{56}^2 d\Phi_2(P \rightarrow p_4 + Q_{356}) d\Phi_2(Q_{356} \rightarrow p_3 + Q_{56}) d\Phi_2(Q_{56} \rightarrow p_5 + p_6)$





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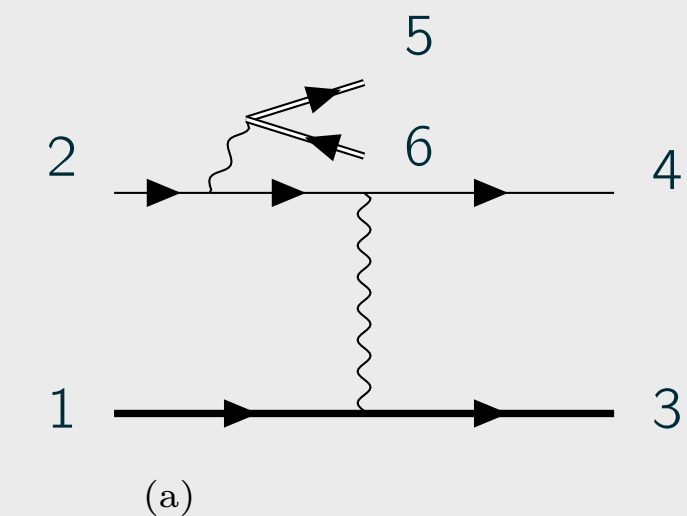
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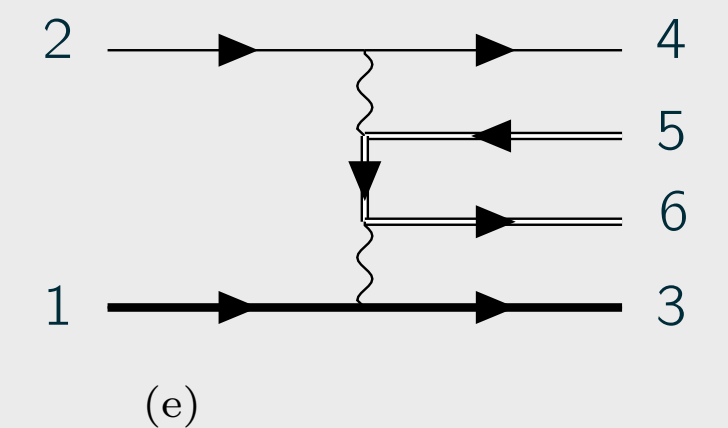
2 → 4 phase-space in independent code decomposed in:

- $Q^2, \cos \theta_4, \phi_4, \phi_3, \cos \theta_{56}, \phi_{56}, \cos \theta_5^*, \phi_5^*$
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- $Q_{356}^2, Q_{56}^2, \cos \theta_4, \phi_4, \phi_3^{**}, \cos \theta_3^{**}, \cos \theta_5^*, \phi_5^*$

★ →  $p_5 + p_6$  rest frame



★★ →  $p_1 - p_4 + p_2$  rest frame



# Real pair emission phase-space

Multi-channel approach

Identical particles  $p_4 \leftrightarrow p_6$

2  $\rightarrow$  4 phase-space in MESMER parametrised by:

$$Q_{456}^2, Q_{56}^2, t_{13}, \phi_3, \cos \theta_{56}^\dagger, \phi_{56}^\dagger, \cos \theta_5^\star, \phi_5^\star$$

$\dagger \rightarrow p_1 - p_3 + p_2$  rest frame

$\star \rightarrow p_5 + p_6$  rest frame

$$Q_{456}^2 = (p_4 + p_5 + p_6)^2 \text{ sampled as } 1/Q_{456}^2$$

$\phi_3, \phi_{56}^\dagger, \phi_5^\star$  sampled uniformly

$$Q_{56}^2 = (p_5 + p_6)^2 \text{ sampled as } 1/Q_{56}^2$$

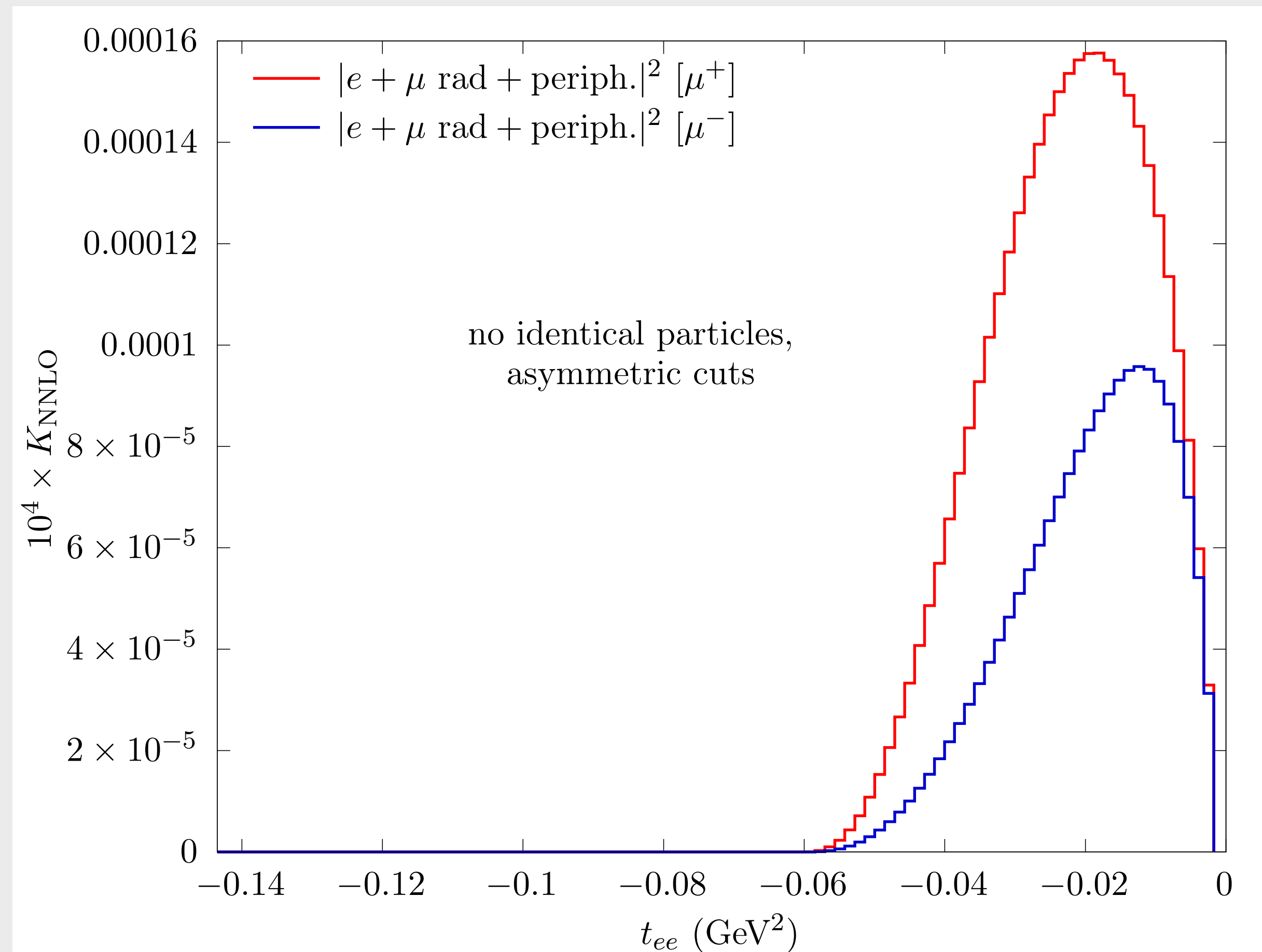
$\cos \theta_{56}^\dagger$  sampled as  $1/(1 - \beta_2 \cos \theta_{56}^\dagger)$  or  $1/(1 - \beta_{13} \cos \theta_{56}^\dagger)$

$$t_{13}^2 = (p_1 - p_3)^2 \text{ sampled as } 1/t_{13}$$

$\cos \theta_5^\star$  sampled as  $1/(1 - \beta_{13} \cos \theta_5^\star)$  or  $1/(1 - \beta_{24} \cos \theta_5^\star)$

# Numerical results: real pair emission

Momentum transfer on electron line



Negligible contribution  
due to  $\mu^\pm e \rightarrow \mu^\pm e \mu^+ \mu^-$