

$\bar{p}p \rightarrow e^+e^-$ @ NLO with PANDA at FAIR
cross section and event generator

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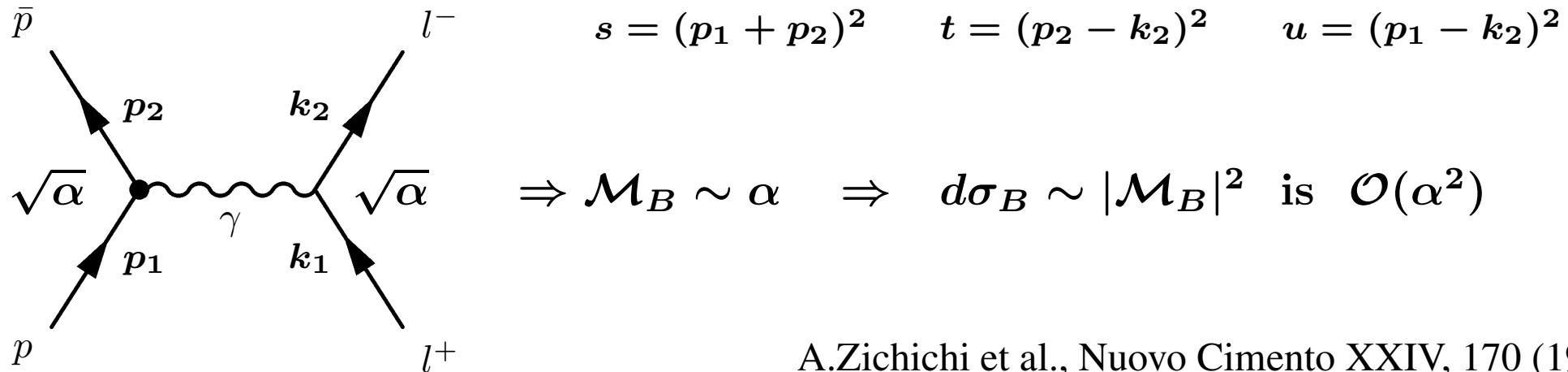


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The $\bar{p}p \rightarrow e^+e^-$ cross section : leading order

- at leading order (BORN approximation), only one diagram contributes to the amplitude:



A.Zichichi et al., Nuovo Cimento XXIV, 170 (1962):

$$\frac{d\sigma_B}{d\cos\theta^*} = \frac{\pi\alpha^2}{2s\beta} \left\{ |G_M|^2(1 + \cos^2\theta^*) + |G_E|^2(1 - \beta^2)(1 - \cos^2\theta^*) \right\}$$

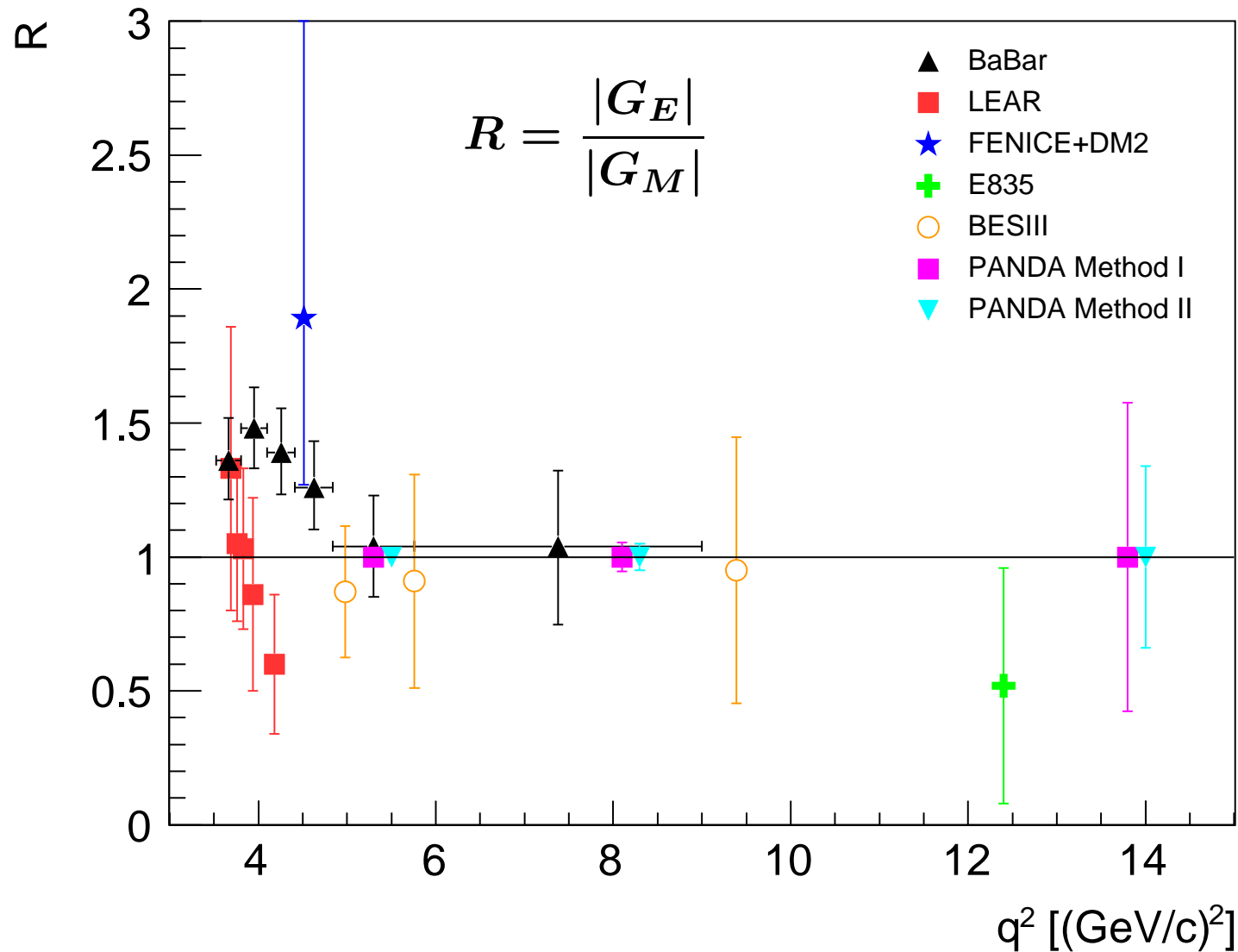
θ^* = angle (electron, antiproton) in $\bar{p}p$ CM frame, $1 - \beta^2 = 4M_p^2/s$

\Rightarrow fit function to extract $|G_E|$ and $|G_M|$ at leading order

- having sufficiently precise data, we would like to attempt a form factor extraction at next to leading order:

\Rightarrow we need an $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^3)$ differential cross section

Future precision measurements of proton FFs with PANDA



at low q^2 ,

$$\frac{\Delta R}{R} \sim \text{few percent}$$

⇒ radiative corrections
will be needed

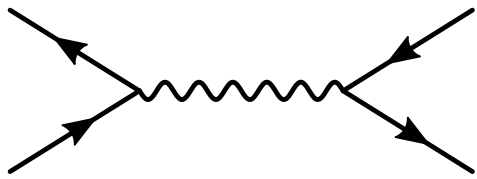
existing packages (i.e. PHOTOS)
not entirely adequate:

we are developing
a complete calculation /
package for PANDA

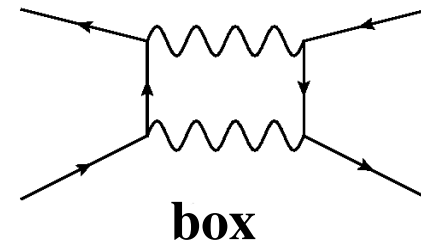
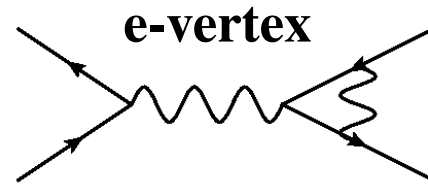
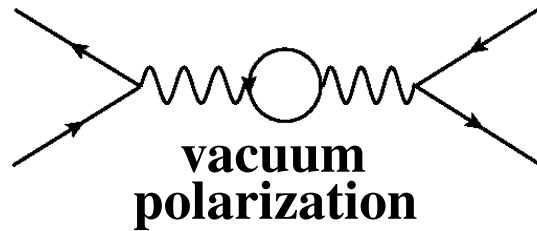
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The $\bar{p}p \rightarrow e^+e^-$ cross section : next to leading order

at next to leading order (NLO), many more diagrams contribute to the amplitude:

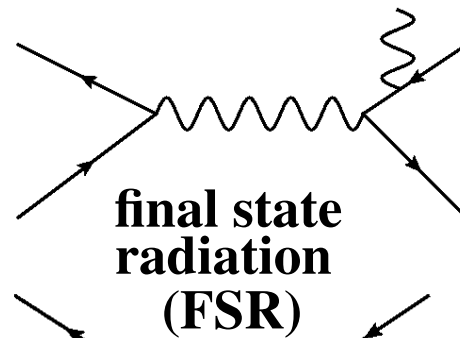
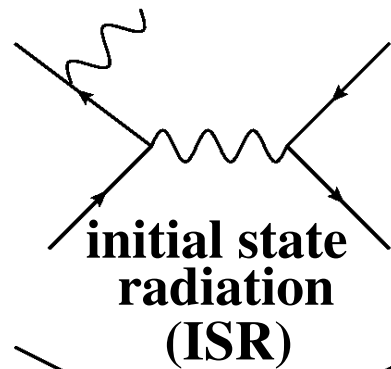
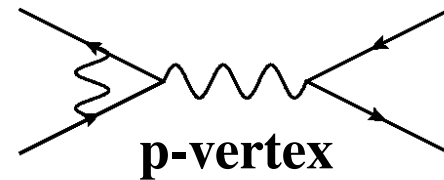


born $\mathcal{M} \sim \alpha$



virtual corrections

$\mathcal{M} \sim \alpha^2$



real corrections

$\mathcal{M} \sim \alpha^{3/2}$

The $\bar{p}p \rightarrow e^+e^-$ cross section : next to leading order

at NLO, we have two different (i.e. non-interfering) final states:

- * e^+e^- : born, virtual corrections (vacuum polarization, ...)
- * $e^+e^-\gamma$: real corrections (initial state radiation, final state radiation)

$$\mathcal{O}(\alpha) \quad \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2) \quad \mathcal{O}(\alpha^{3/2})$$

$$\Rightarrow d\sigma \sim |\mathcal{M}_B + \sum_i \mathcal{M}_i|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_{ISR} + \mathcal{M}_{FSR}|^2 \quad \text{truncated at } \mathcal{O}(\alpha^3)$$

$$\sim |\mathcal{M}_B|^2 + \sum_i 2\text{Re}(\mathcal{M}_B \mathcal{M}_i^*) + |\mathcal{M}_{ISR}|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_{FSR}|^2 + 2\text{Re}(\mathcal{M}_{ISR} \mathcal{M}_{FSR}^*)$$

$$\sim |\mathcal{M}_B|^2 \left\{ 1 + \sum_i \frac{2\text{Re}(\mathcal{M}_B \mathcal{M}_i^*)}{|\mathcal{M}_B|^2} + \frac{|\mathcal{M}_{ISR}|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_B|^2} + \frac{|\mathcal{M}_{FSR}|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_B|^2} + \frac{2\text{Re}(\mathcal{M}_{ISR} \mathcal{M}_{FSR}^*)}{|\mathcal{M}_B|^2} \right\}$$

$$\sim |\mathcal{M}_B|^2 \left\{ 1 + \delta_{\text{vacuum}} + \delta_{\text{e-vertex}} + \delta_{\text{p-vertex}} + \delta_{\text{box}} + \underbrace{\delta_{\text{ISR}} + \delta_{\text{FSR}} + \delta_{\text{interference ISR/FSR}}}_{\equiv \delta_\gamma} \right\}$$

therefore, at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^3)$, we write

$$d\sigma = d\sigma_B \left\{ 1 + \delta_{\text{vacuum}} + \delta_{\text{e-vertex}} + \delta_{\text{p-vertex}} + \delta_{\text{box}} + \delta_\gamma \right\}$$

interference born, virtual diagrams

ISR, FSR,
interference

Calculation at NLO : virtual corrections, real corrections

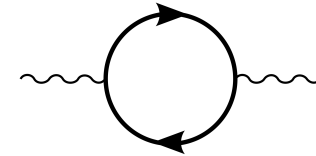
- our calculation of virtual corrections is not novel, but it relies heavily on

A.I. Ahmadov et al. Phys. Rev. D **82**, 094016 (2010)

G. Bonneau et al. Nucl. Phys. B **27**, 381 (1971)

- * proton treated as a point-like particle

- * all leptons (i.e. e, μ, τ), and point-like pion are included as contributions to vacuum polarization



- formalism for real corrections (ISR, FSR) depends on the photon kinematics:
soft photon and hard photon regime

- * soft photon:
 - i) $E_\gamma < \omega$, no experimental detection of the photon
threshold ω determined by theory/experiment

- ii) cross section integrated over the photon degrees of freedom

- * hard photon: $E_\gamma > \omega$, photon is detected in the experiment /
experiment is sensitive to the energy loss

currently, our calculation includes full virtual corrections and soft real corrections
(hard photon emission is work in progress)

Calculation at NLO : real corrections (soft photon)

- **real corrections (ISR, FSR, interference) have been completely re-calculated**

[Ahmadov et al. does not separate explicitly ISR/FSR terms;

[kinematic regime $s, t, u \gg M^2, m^2$ assumed in interference term not adequate for PANDA]

following F. A. Berends et al. Nucl. Phys. B **57** 381 (1973)

F. A. Berends et al. Nucl. Phys. B **63** 381 (1973)

on $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

in the soft photon limit: $E_\gamma < \omega = b\sqrt{s}/2$ $b < 10^{-2}$

- **infrared divergences regularized by giving the photon a small mass λ (infrared cutoff)**

* **real diagrams:** $E_\gamma > \lambda = a\sqrt{s}$ $10^{-6} < a < 10^{-3}$

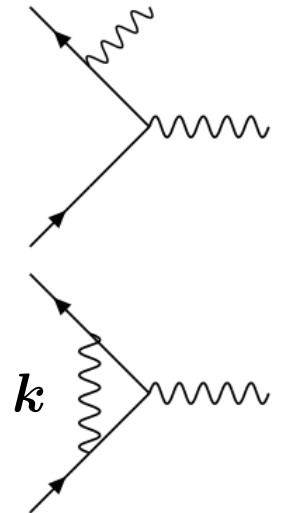
* **virtual diagrams:** $\int_0 dk^2 \rightarrow \int_{\lambda^2} dk^2$

- **cancellation of divergences:**

$$\delta_{\text{e-vertex}} + \delta_{\text{FSR}} = \text{finite}$$

$$\delta_{\text{p-vertex}} + \delta_{\text{ISR}} = \text{finite}$$

$$\delta_{\text{box}} + \delta_{\text{interference ISR/FSR}} = \text{finite}$$



- **full cross section is λ -independent (more accurately, λ -stable)**

Calculation at NLO : codes

- previous cross section is used as a basis for two codes: **σ -calculator and event generator**, including born amplitude, virtual and real (soft photon only) corrections
- user can freely switch on/off correction terms (as long as cancellation of divergences is not violated), define parameters (center of mass energy \sqrt{s} , form factors G_E and G_M , photon cutoffs λ and ω), and kinematic region (angular range)

```

1000000      ! #events
1            ! RANLUX seed
1.5          ! pbar momentum LAB-frame (GeV)
-0.999      ! cos(theta*) min
0.999       ! cos(theta*) max
1.279       ! |G_E|/|G_M|
0.00001     ! soft photon MIN energy controller
0.01        ! soft photon MAX energy controller
1           ! leptons (vacuum polarization)
1           ! pion (vacuum polarization)
1           ! box
1           ! electron vertex
1           ! proton vertex
1           ! final state radiation
1           ! initial state radiation
1           ! interference ISR/FSR
../output   ! pathout
output      ! outfile

```


Initialisation stage : checking parameters

- both programs check that all parameters are correct, otherwise printing an error message and killing the job; examples:

```
WARNING: anti-proton momentum larger than PANDA upper limit 15.00 GeV
        [P = 20.00 GeV]
```

```
ERROR: cos(theta*) range NOT allowed! [-0.80 < cos(theta*) < -0.80]
=> cos(theta*) range [cos(theta*) min, cos(theta*) max]
    should be contained within the interval [-1.0,1.0]
=> job killed!!!
```

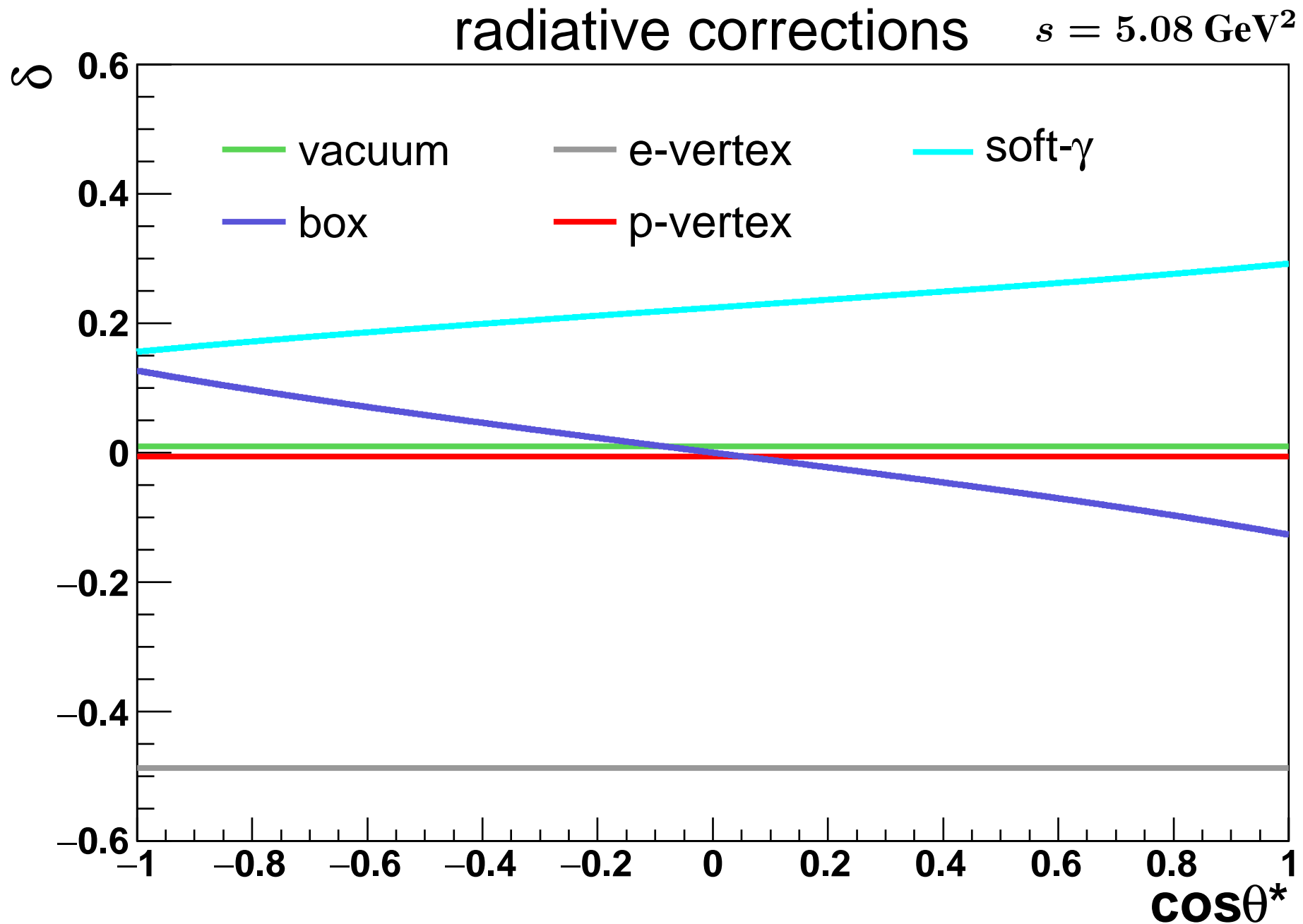
```
ERROR: b-parameter out of range! [b-parameter = 0.020000]
=> b-parameter should be contained within the interval
    (2.0 * a-parameter, 0.01]
    (with user's choice a-parameter = 0.000010, this interval is
    (0.000020,0.010000] )
=> job killed!!!
```

```
ERROR: vacuum polarization flag out of range! [flag = 2]
=> vacuum polarization flag should take the value 0 or 1
=> job killed!!!
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⇒ no way to run a job with wrong parameters!

- kinematic information printed to the log file, RANLUX initialised

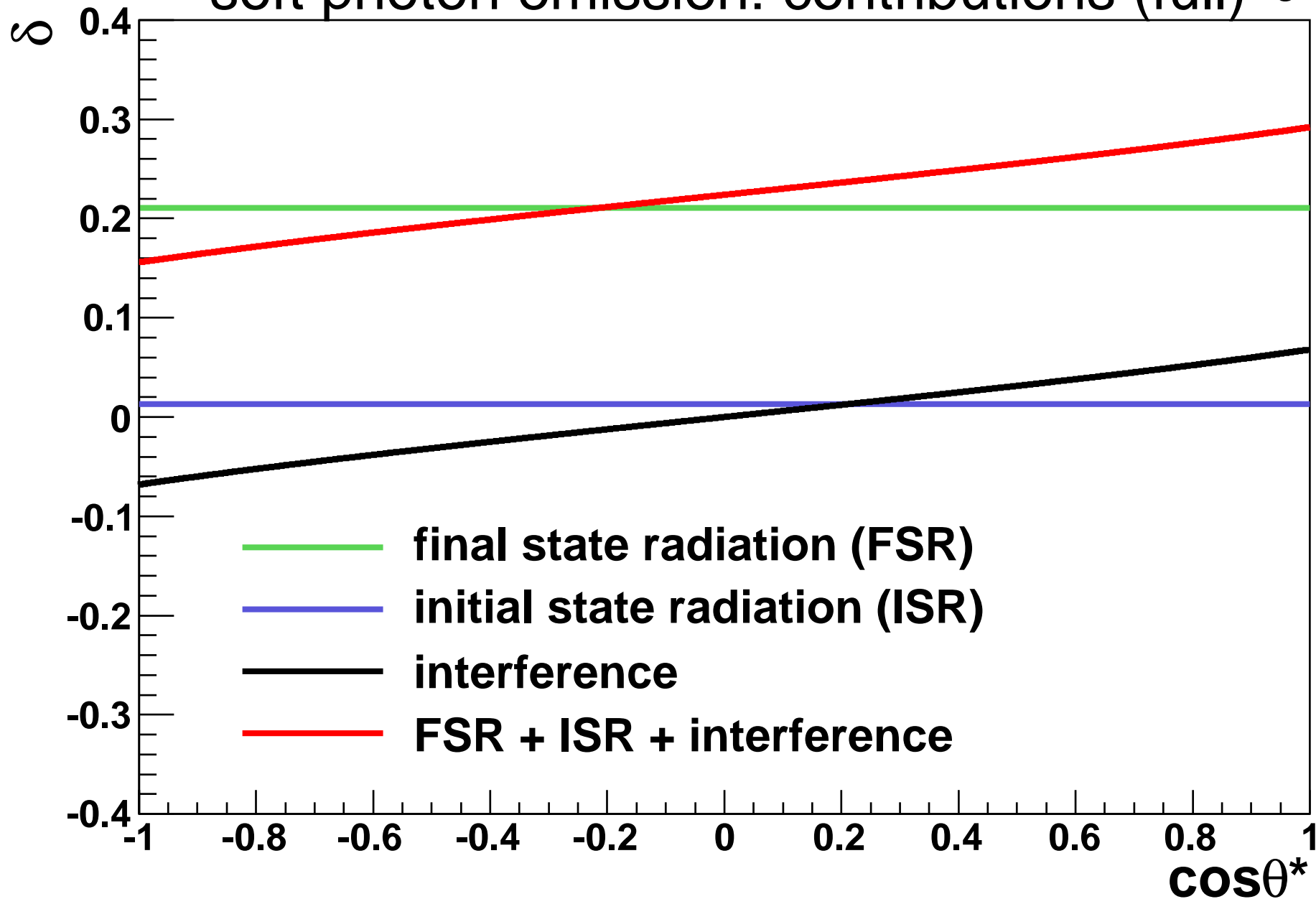
Cross section calculator : radiative corrections



box, proton vertex and ISR/FSR interference are t, u -dependent

Cross section calculator : contributions to soft photon emission

soft photon emission: contributions (full) $s = 5.08 \text{ GeV}^2$

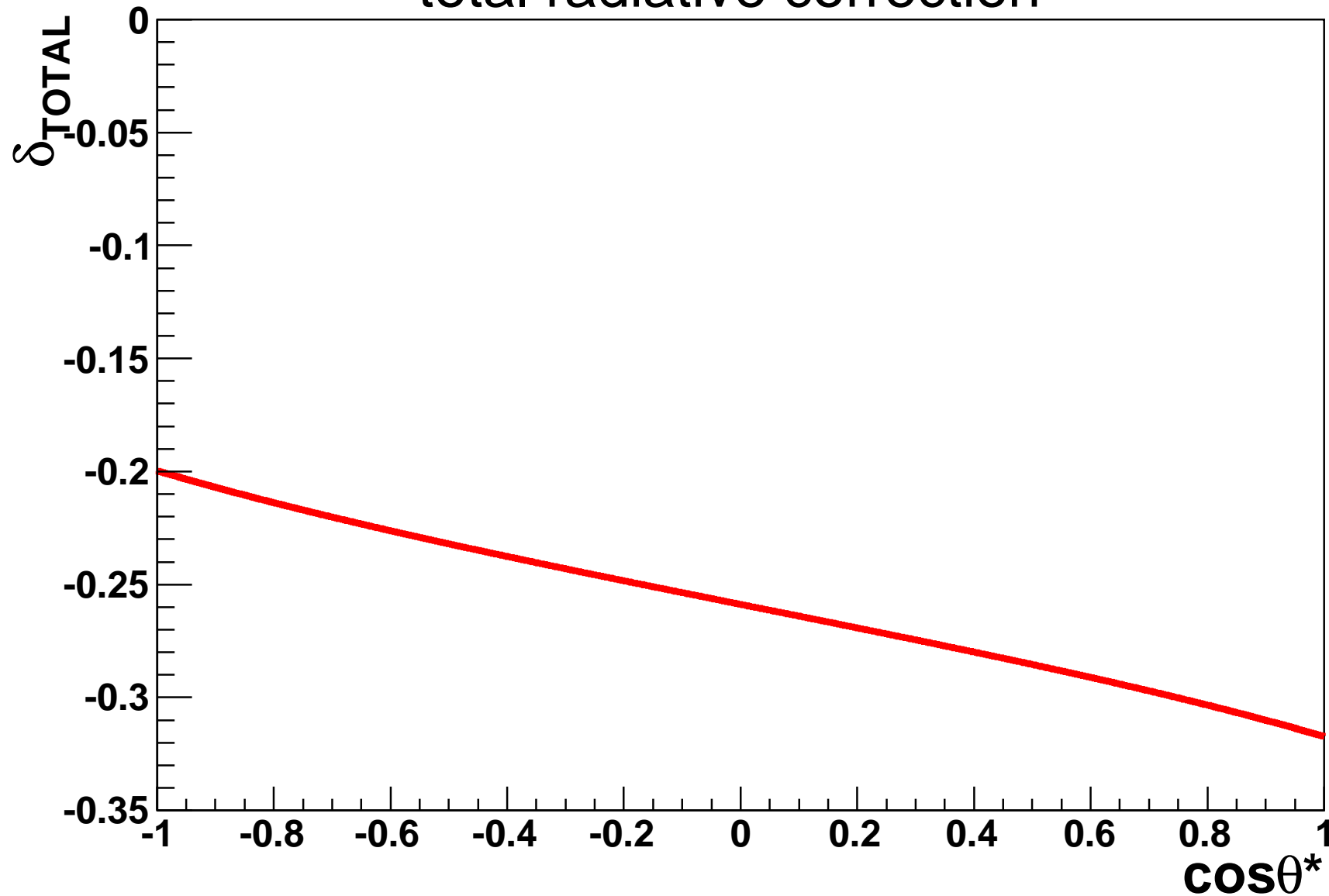


Cross section calculator : total radiative correction

$$d\sigma/d\cos\theta^* = (d\sigma_B/d\cos\theta^*)(1 + \delta_T)$$

$$s = 5.08 \text{ GeV}^2$$

total radiative correction

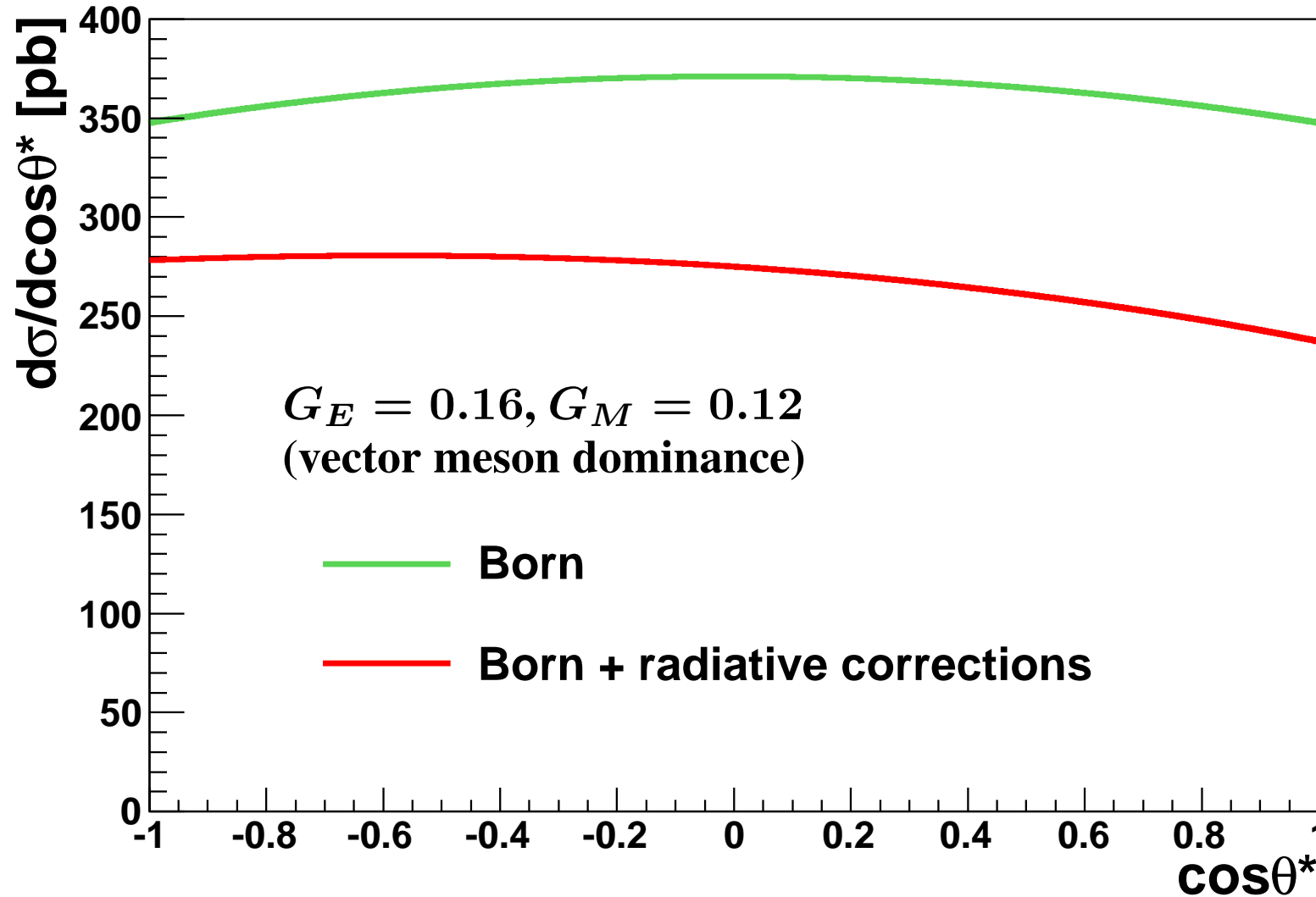


Cross section calculator : differential and integrated cross section

$$d\sigma/d\cos\theta^* = (d\sigma_B/d\cos\theta^*)(1 + \delta_T)$$

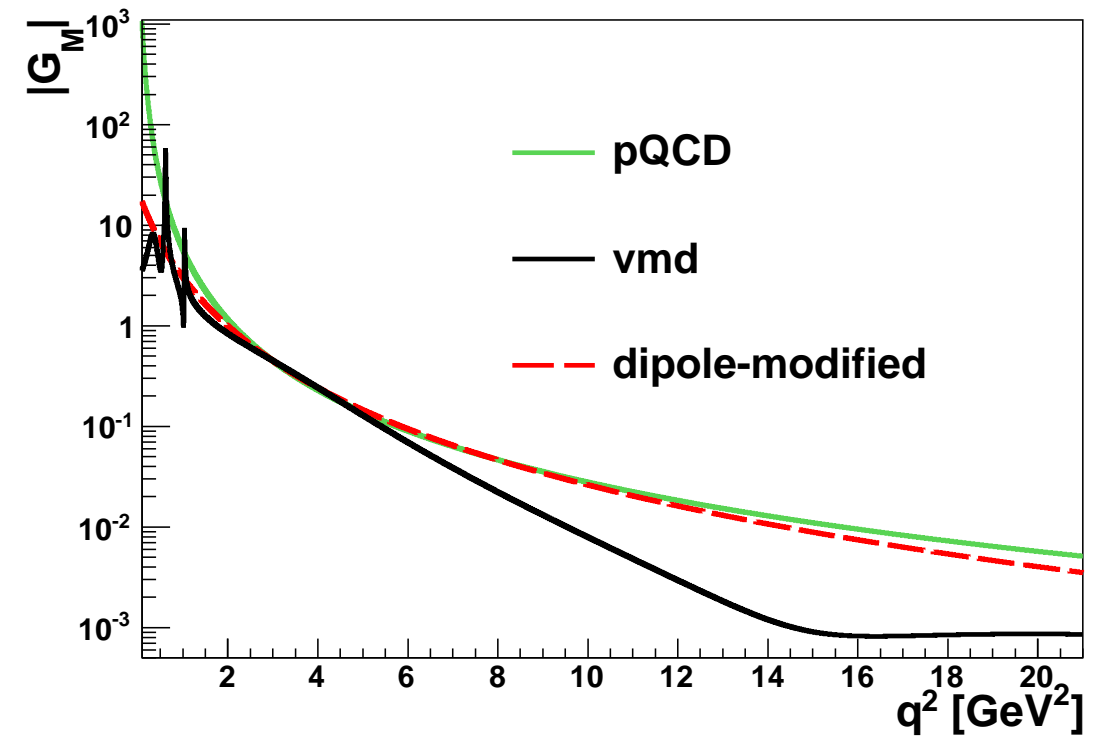
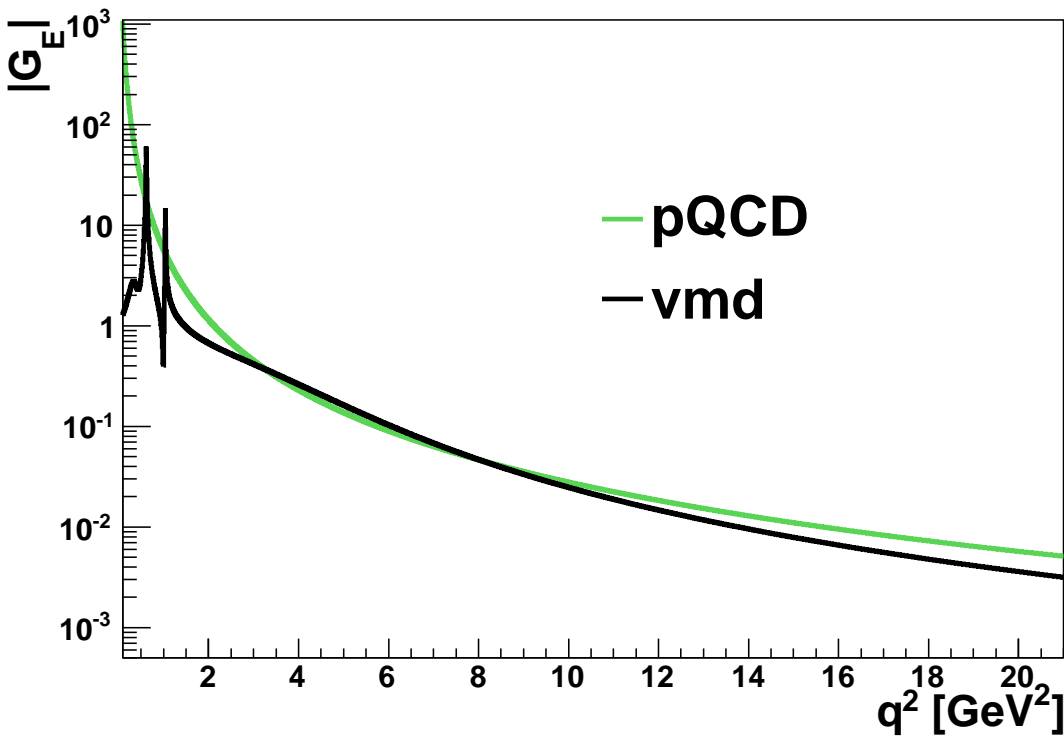
$$s = 5.08 \text{ GeV}^2$$

differential cross section



$$\sigma = \int_{\cos\theta^*_{\min}}^{\cos\theta^*_{\max}} d\cos\theta^* \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta^*} = 434 \text{ pb} \quad -0.8 < \cos\theta^* < 0.8$$

Models for the form factors



- “perturbative QCD - inspired”: [1], and references therein
- “vector meson dominance”: [2]
- “dipole-modified”: [1], and references therein

[1] M. Sudol et al., Eur. Phys. J. A **44**, 373 (2010)

[2] F. Iachello, and Q. Wan, Phys. Rev. C **69**, 055204 (2004)

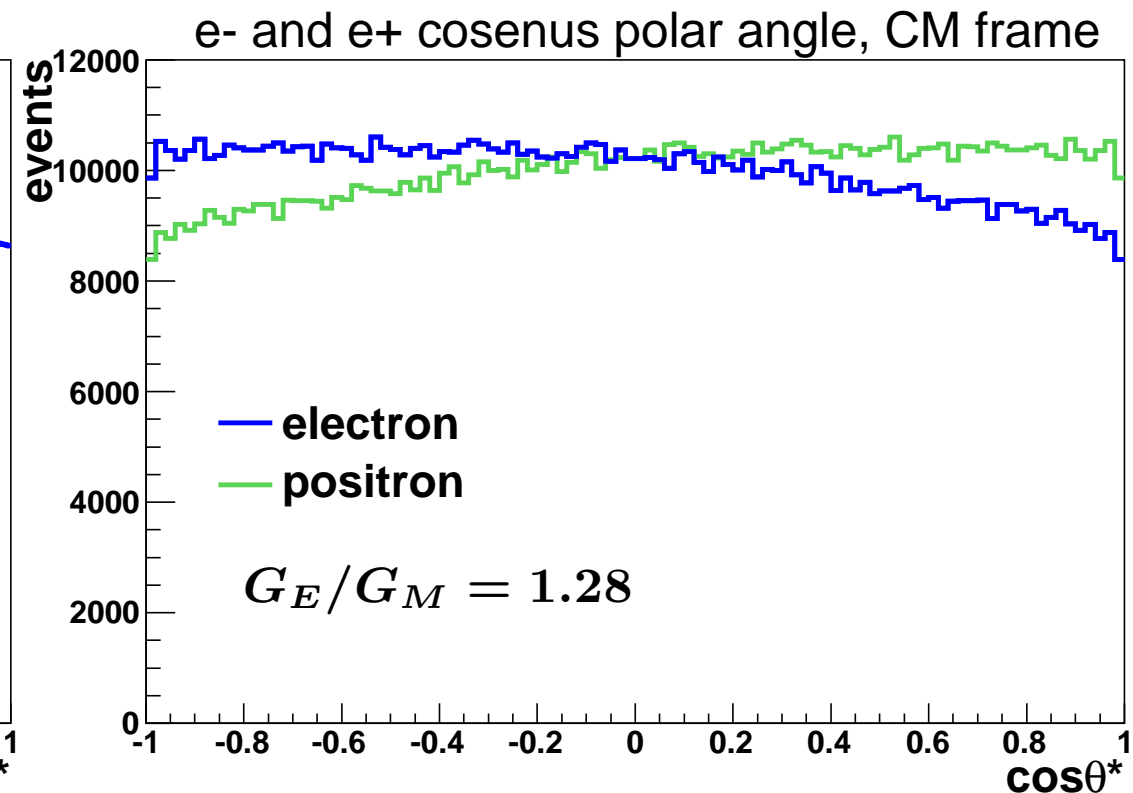
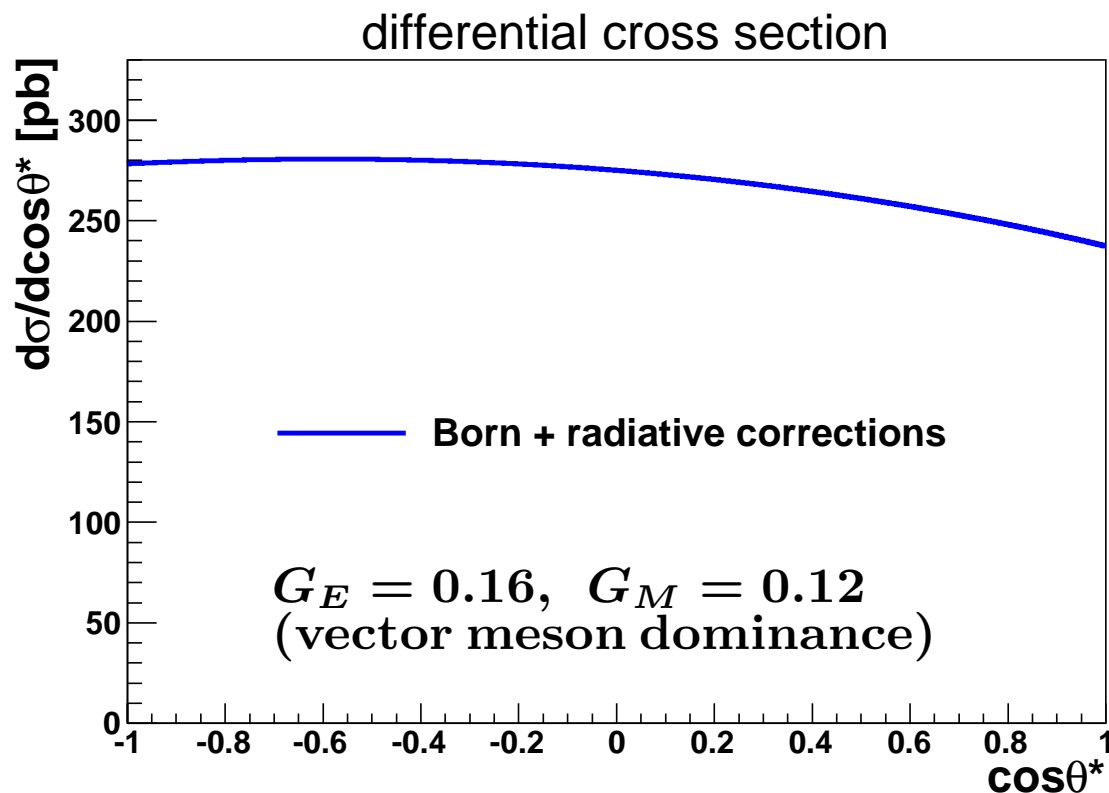
Event generator @ NLO

The NLO differential cross section is the basis of a Monte Carlo **event generator** to be used in PANDA physics analyses for the extraction of the proton form factors (currently being interfaced to PandaRoot, the full PANDA simulation software)

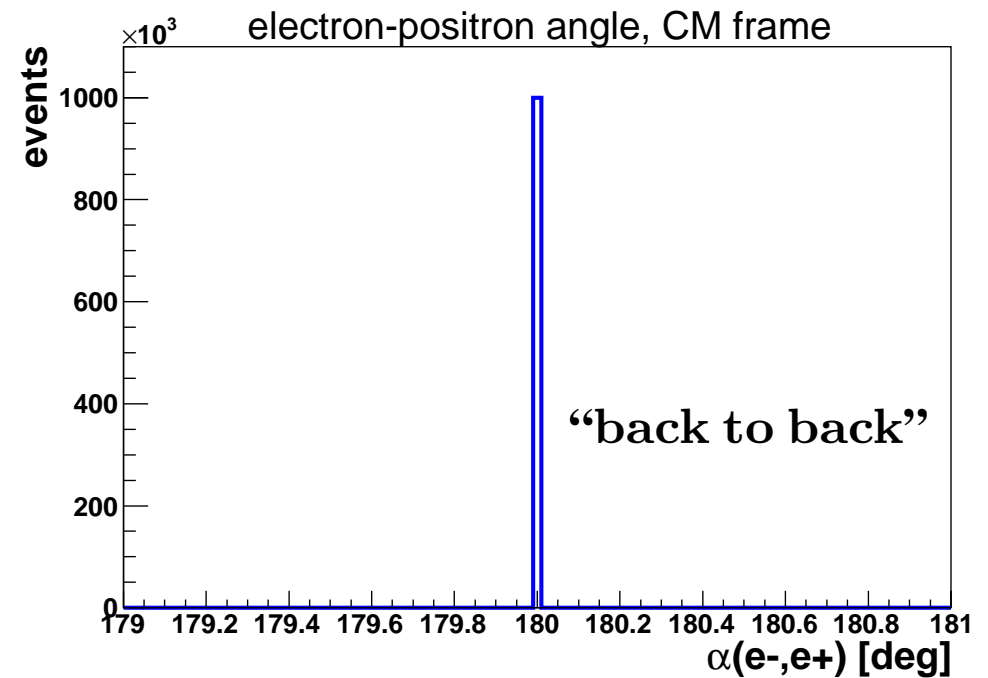
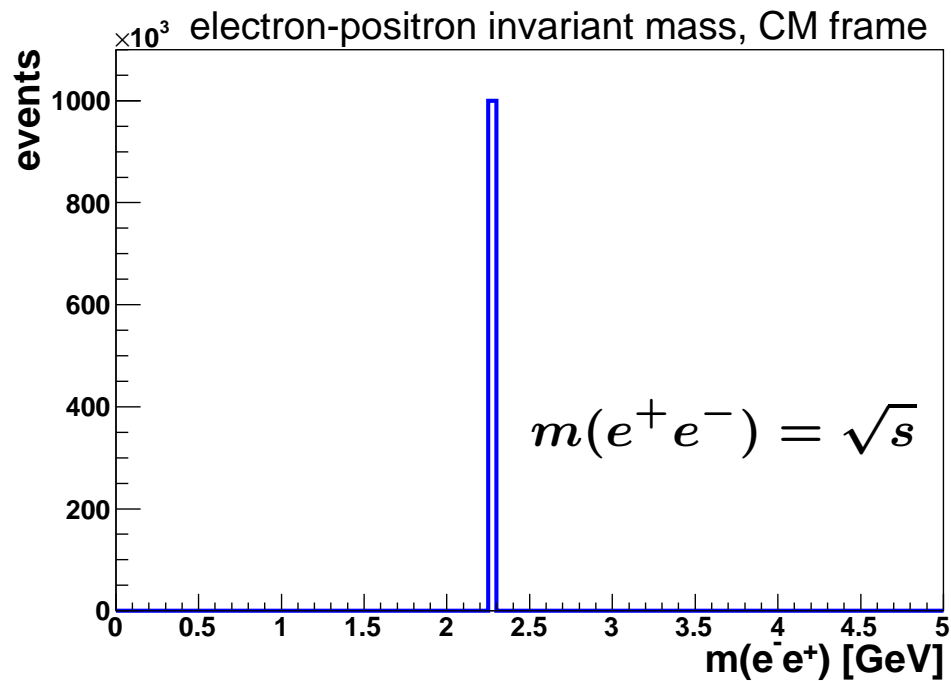
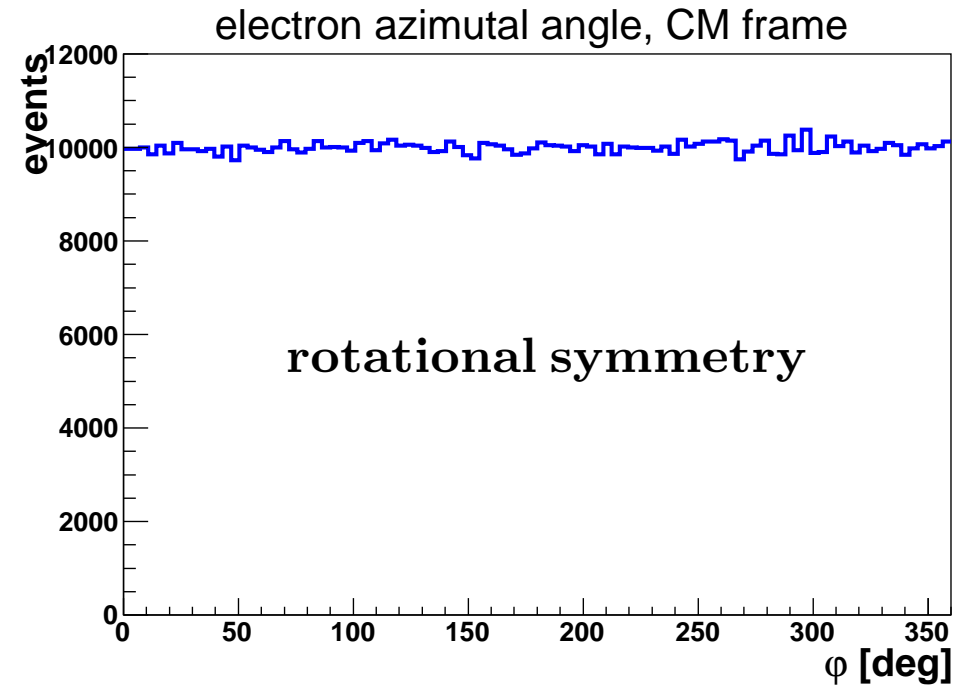
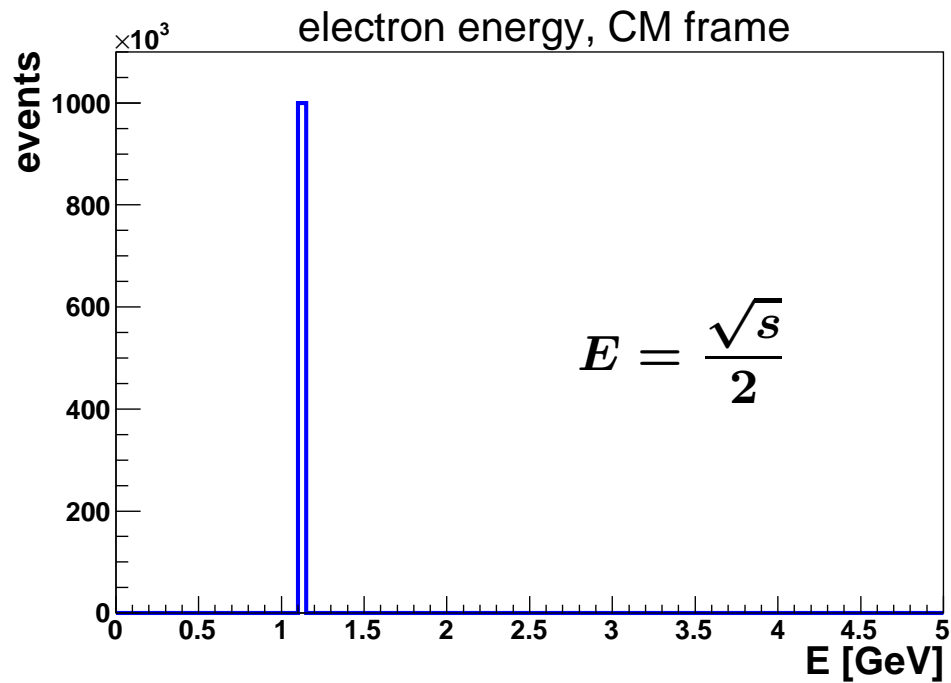
$$s = 5.08 \text{ GeV}^2 \quad N = 10^6 \text{ generated events}$$

radiative corrected cross section

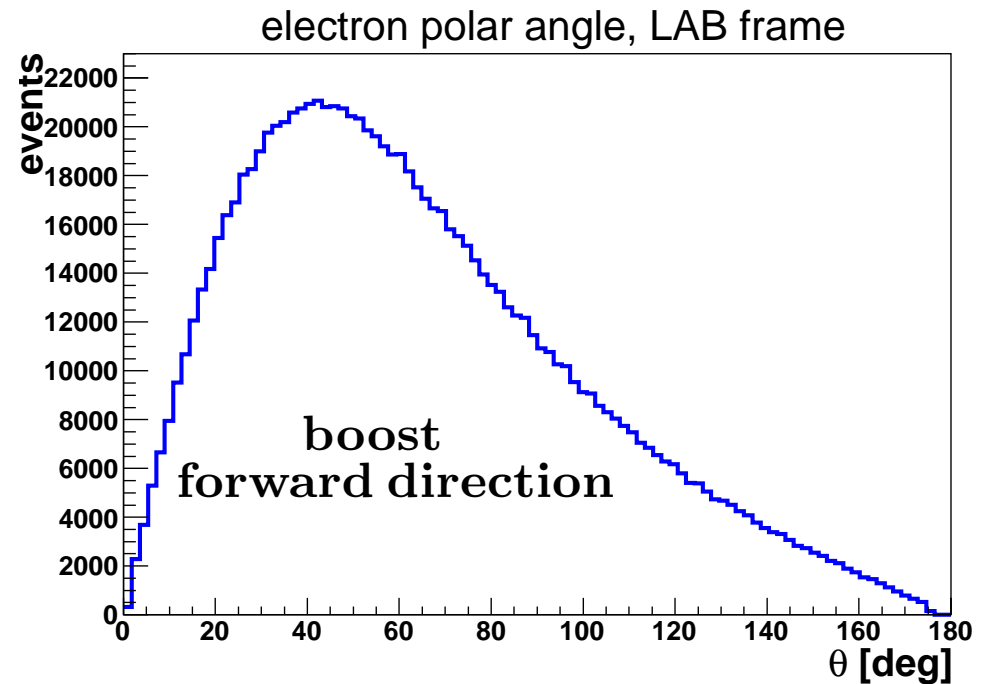
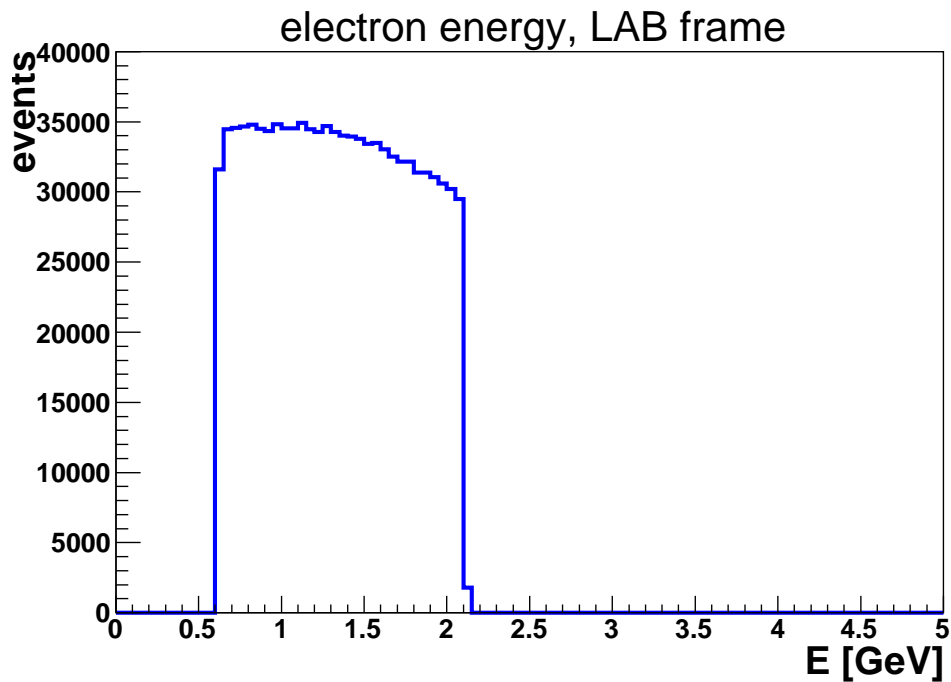
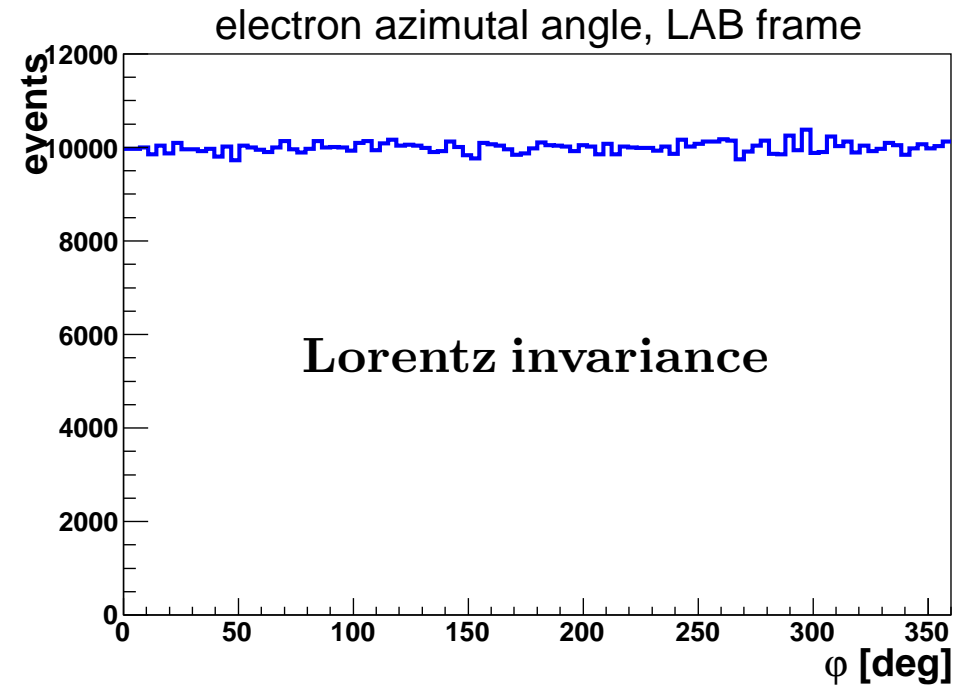
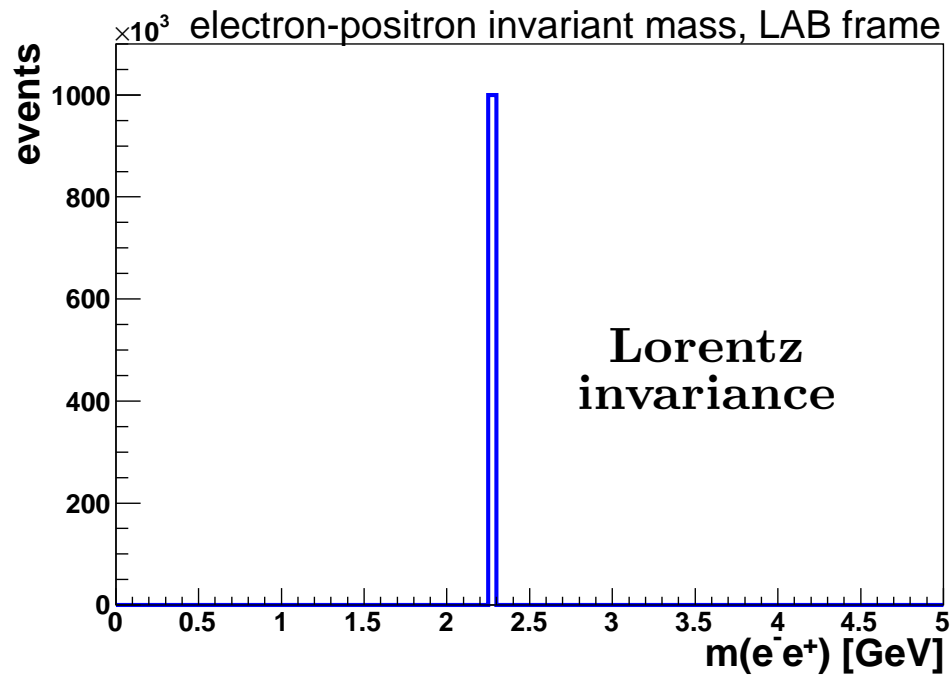
generated events



Event generator : example distributions (CM frame)

 $\sqrt{s} = 2.25 \text{ GeV}$


Event generator : example distributions (LAB frame)

 $\sqrt{s} = 2.25 \text{ GeV}$ 

Summary, conclusions, and perspectives

- **the NLO $\bar{p}p \rightarrow e^+e^-$ differential cross section, (including Born amplitude, full virtual corrections, and soft real corrections), has been calculated**
- **two codes fully finished and available for PANDA physics analyses: cross section calculator and event generator**

work in progress :

- i) **completion with the inclusion of hard photon emission**
- ii) **interface to PANDA full simulation software (PandaRoot)**