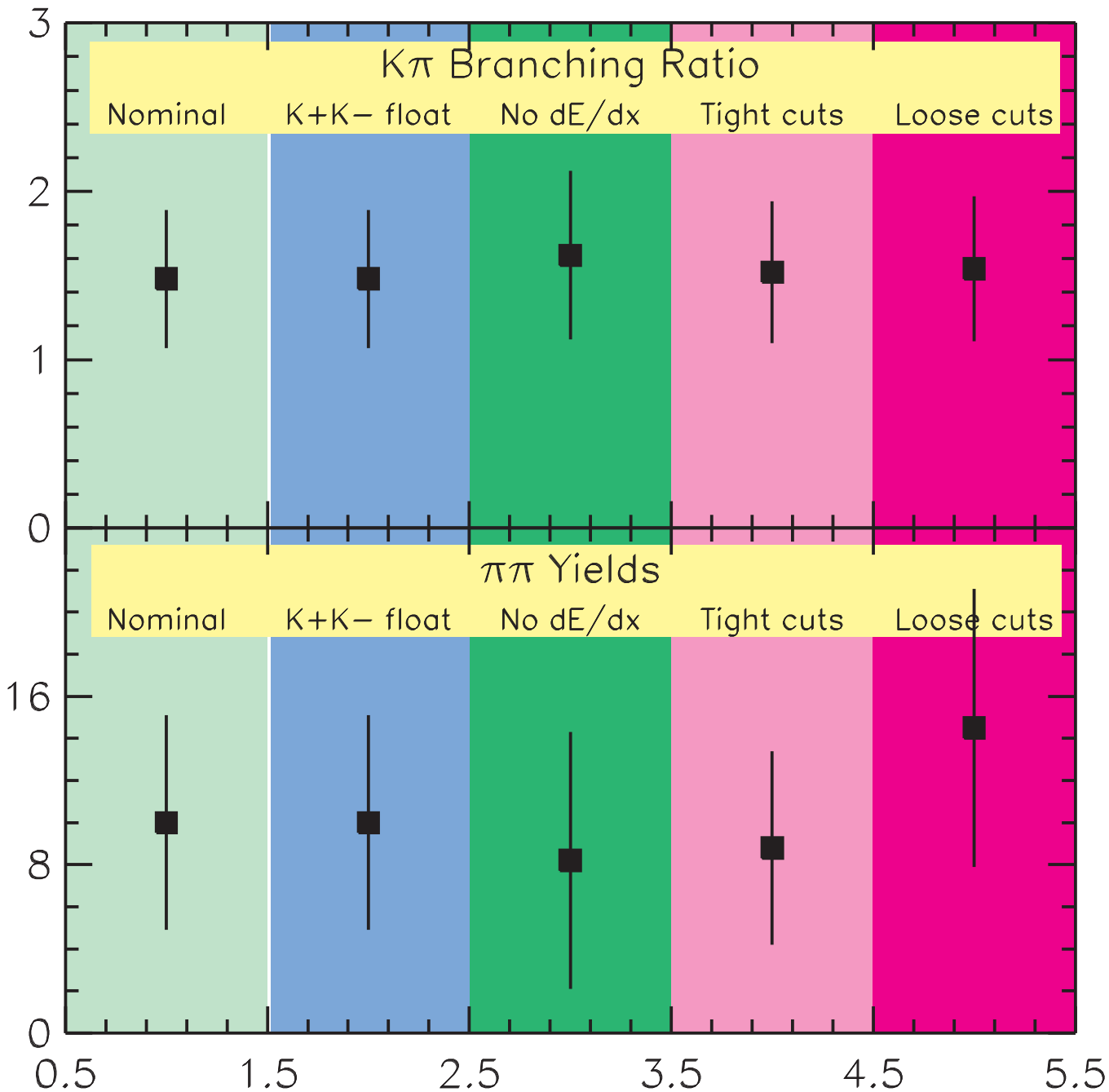Consistency Checks