

# Higgs Production at N3LO

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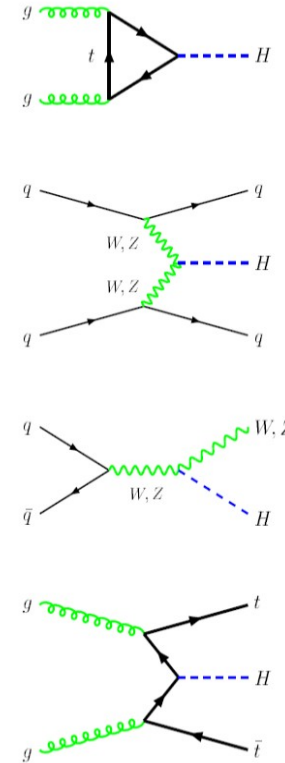
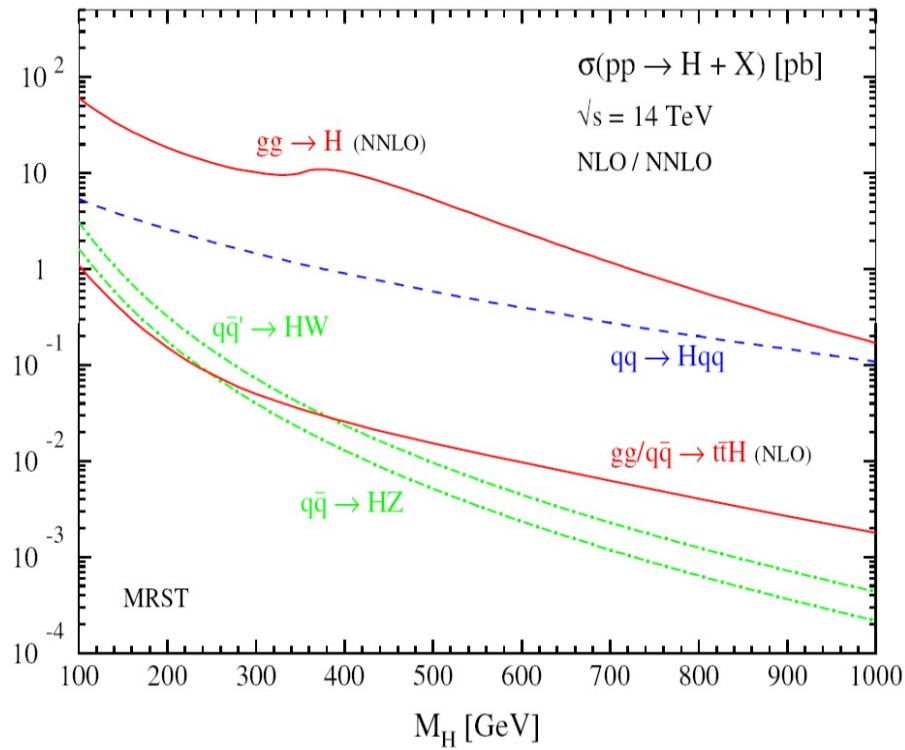
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# Overview

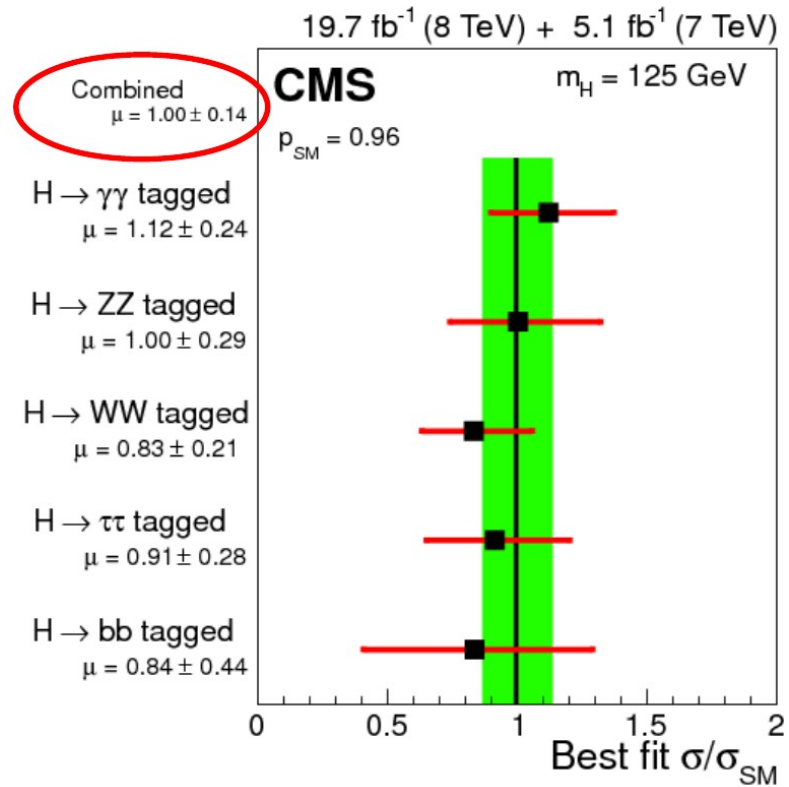
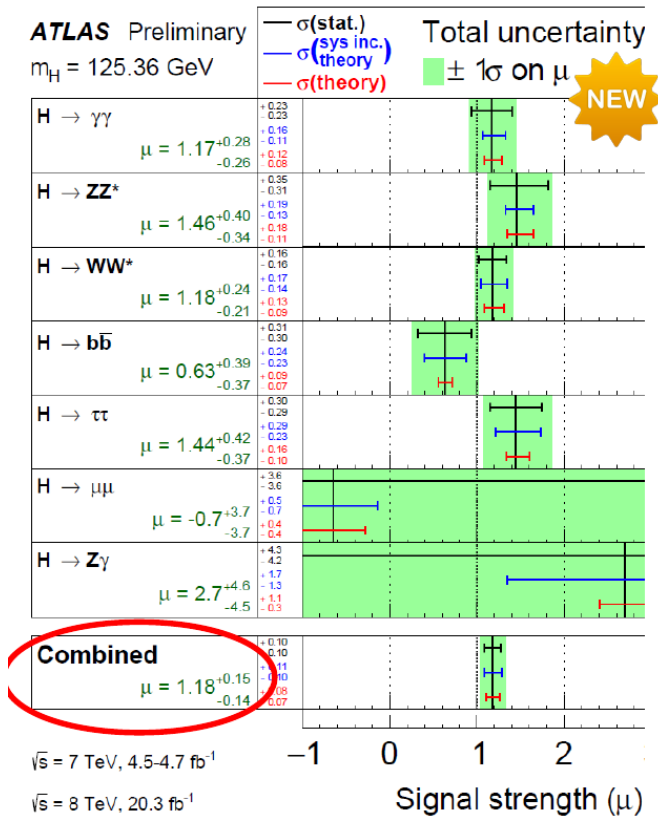
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- Soft Expansion
- Results

# LHC Higgs Production



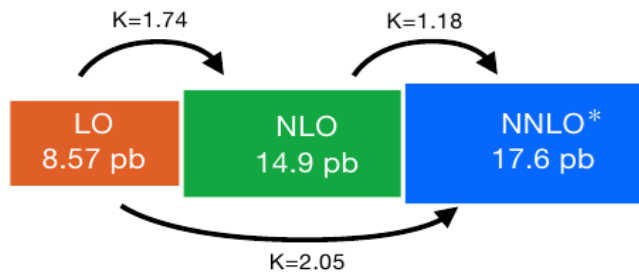
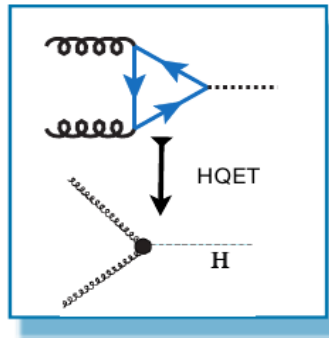
The dominant Higgs production mechanism is gluon fusion.

# LHC Coupling measurements require precise knowledge of the Higgs Boson Cross Section

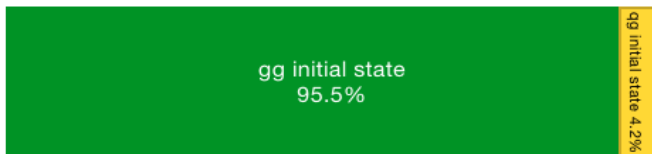


[Dührssen at EW Moriond 2015]

# Total Higgs Cross section as of 2014



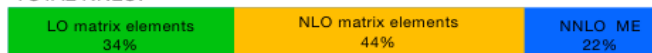
QCD CONTRIBUTIONS BY INITIAL STATE CHANNEL



TOTAL NNLO: QCD vs EW



TOTAL NNLO:

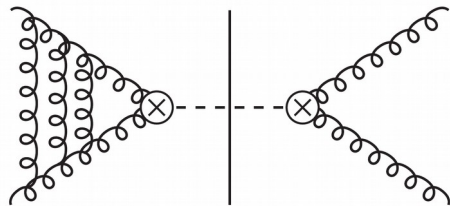


[graphics by A.Lazopoulos]

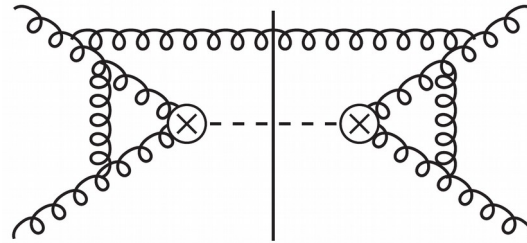
- NLO QCD corrections known exactly (with top-bottom interference) [Graudenz et al 93, Spira et al 95, Harlander et al 05, Anastasiou 06, Aglietti 06]
- NNLO QCD in HQET [Harlander et al 02, Anastasiou et al 02, Ravindran et al 03]
- Subleading terms in the heavy top expansion [Pak et al 09, Harlander et al 09]
- EW corrections [Actis et al 08+09, Aglietti et al 04, Degrandi et al 04]
- mixed QCD EW corrections [Anastasiou et al 09]
- Soft gluon NNLL [Catani et al 03] SCET NNLL [Ahrens et al 08]
- Approximate N3LO [Moch et al 05, Ball et al 13]
- N3LL resummation of threshold logs [Bonvini et al 14, Catani et al 14]
- Soft Virtual and next to soft Approximation for N3LO [Anastasiou et al 14]

$\% \delta_{PDF}$	$\% \delta_{\mu}$
+7.79	+8.37
-7.53	-9.26

# Meaningful Interpretation of future LHC Higgs data demand N3LO QCD Corrections!

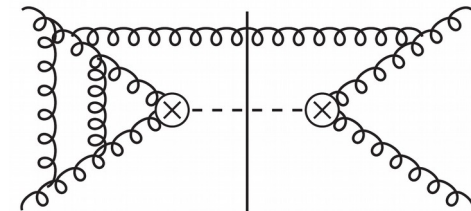


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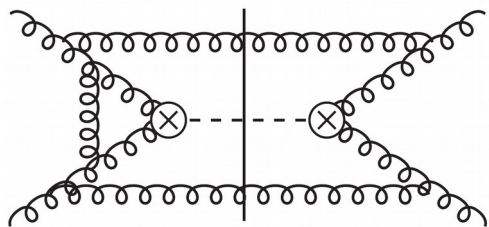
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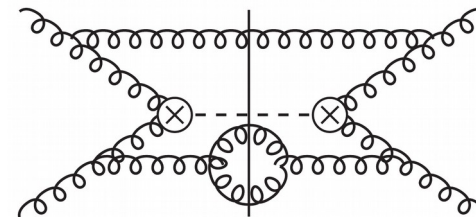


Double Virtual- Real

## N3LO



Double Real - Virtual



Triple Real

# Towards analytic evaluation at N3LO

- The Higgs Cross section depends only on a single dimensionless variable:

$$z = \frac{m_H^2}{\hat{s}}$$

- Analytic evaluation likely in terms of harmonic polylogarithms, or at least multiple polylogarithms.

However..

- Number of cut-diagrams to be evaluated is around 100.000
- Infra-red divergences up to

$$\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^6}\right)$$

- Phase Space Integrals “were” completely unknown from other processes

# Reverse Unitarity, IBPs and Differential Equations

- Write cut-propagators as difference of Feynman Propagators

$$2\pi i\delta^+(p^2) \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{p^2}\right)_c = \frac{i}{p^2 + i0} - \frac{i}{p^2 - i0}$$

- Cut Propagators can be differentiated just like normal propagators

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial p^\mu} \left(\frac{1}{p^2}\right)_c = -2p_\mu \left(\frac{1}{p^2}\right)_c^2$$

- This allows to derive IBP identities and reduce integrals to a smaller set of independent master integrals, which satisfy a linear system of differential equations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mathcal{M}_i(z, \epsilon) = \sum_j C_{ij}(z, \epsilon) \mathcal{M}_j(z, \epsilon)$$

- If the system can be decoupled (or brought into canonical form) a solution can be found given a suitable boundary condition.

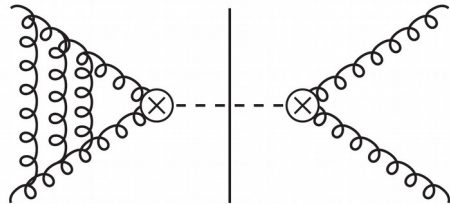


# Integral Statistics

	NNLO	N3LO
# diagrams	~1.000	~100.000
# integrals	~50.000	517.531.178
# masters	27	1.028

- Even after IBP reduction the number of integrals to be computed is large!
- Some of the systems of differential equation are very large and decoupling them is very non-trivial.

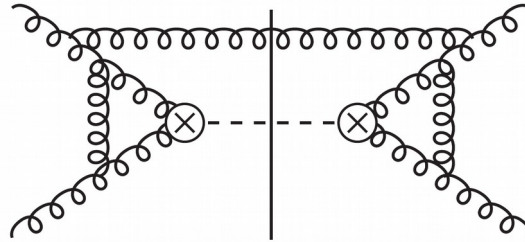
# Status of Analytic Evaluation



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Known from QCD Form Factor

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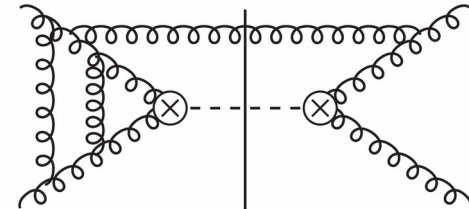


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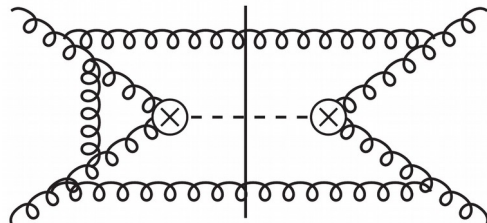
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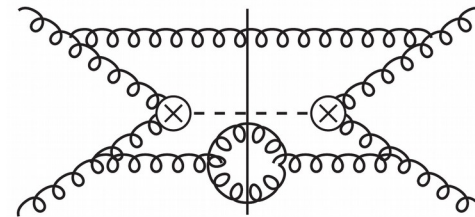
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## N<sup>3</sup>LO



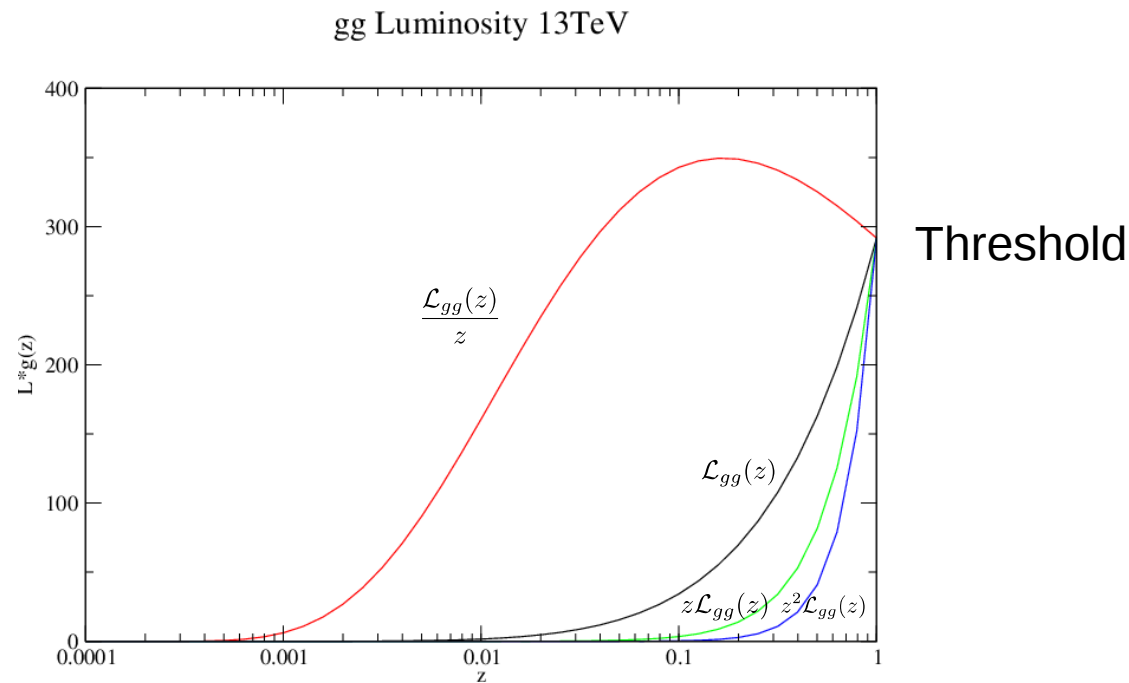
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# Alternative Approach: Series Expansion around Threshold

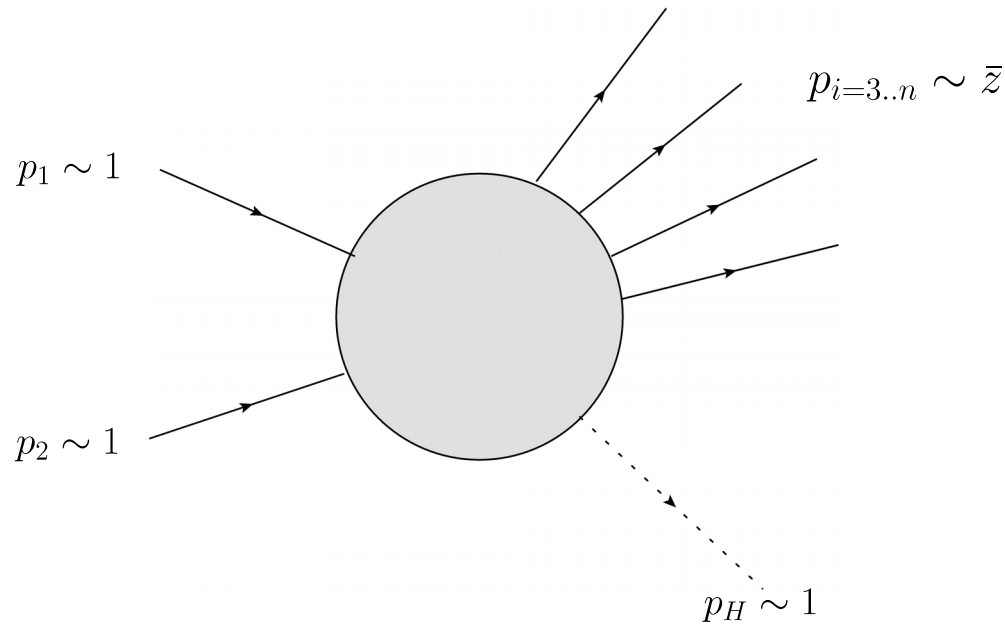
$$\sigma_{PP \rightarrow HX}(\tau) \sim \int_{\tau}^1 \frac{dz}{z} \mathcal{L}_{gg}(z) \sigma_{gg \rightarrow HX}(z)$$



Gluon Luminosity enhances the Threshold contribution at  $z = 1$ .

# Threshold Expansion for Phase Space Integrals

$$\bar{z} = 1 - z$$



Given the scalings of all momenta, Cut-diagrams can be Taylor-expanded around Threshold in momentum space.

## Example: Soft Expansion of the Double Real Phase Space Volume

$$\Phi_3(z; \epsilon) = \int d^D p_3 \delta^+(p_3^2) d^D p_4 \delta^+(p_4^2) d^D p_H \delta^+(p_H^2 - m_H^2) \delta^D(p_1 + p_2 - p_3 - p_4 - p_H)$$

has the following cut propagator representation

$$= \int d^D p_3 d^D p_4 \left( \frac{1}{p_3^2} \right)_c \left( \frac{1}{p_4^2} \right)_c \left( \frac{1}{s_{12}\bar{z} - 2p_{12}\cdot p_{34} + 2p_3\cdot p_4} \right)_c$$

$\sim \bar{z}$                        $\sim \bar{z}^2$

Expanding the Cut propagators around Threshold we obtain

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int d^D p_3 d^D p_4 \left( \frac{1}{p_3^2} \right)_c \left( \frac{1}{p_4^2} \right)_c \left( \frac{1}{\bar{z}s_{12} - 2p_{12}\cdot p_{34}} \right)_c^{1+n} (-2p_3\cdot p_4)^n$$

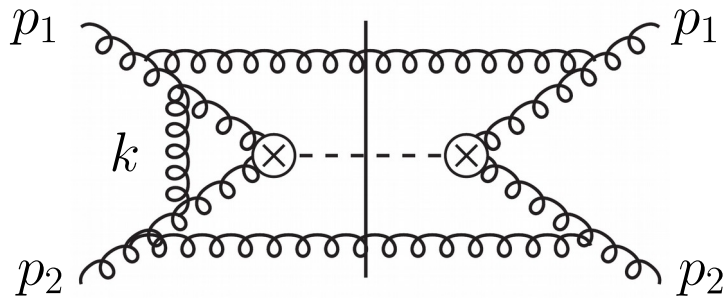
Diagrammatically this can be written as

$$\Phi_3(\bar{z}; \epsilon) = \bar{z}^{3-4\epsilon} \left[ \text{Diagram 1} - \bar{z} \text{Diagram 2} + \bar{z}^2 \text{Diagram 3} + \mathcal{O}(\bar{z}^3) \right]$$

Since the soft expansion just raises or lowers powers of denominators, soft IBPS can be used to reduce to write everything back in terms of the first term in the expansion:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Diagram 2} &= -\frac{1-\epsilon}{2} \text{Diagram 1}, \\ \text{Diagram 3} &= \frac{(1-\epsilon)(2-\epsilon)(3-2\epsilon)}{4(5-4\epsilon)} \text{Diagram 1} \end{aligned}$$

# Soft Expansion for combined Loop and Phase Space Integrals



$$k = \alpha p_1 + \beta p_2 + k^\perp$$

- Several soft scalings or regions are possible for Loop Momenta.
- We find that these regions can be classified according to:
  - Hard  $k \sim 1$
  - Soft  $k \sim \bar{z}$
  - Collinear  $(\alpha, k^\perp) \sim \bar{z}$  or  $(\beta, k^\perp) \sim \bar{z}$
- Although more complicated for the collinear regions we have managed to find soft Master Integrals for all regions in the double real virtual.

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#soft masters	5	78

- The number of soft masters is much smaller than the number of full masters.
- Soft Master Integrals can be used to express the Higgs Cross section and/or the full kinematic Master Integrals to all orders in the soft expansion by direct Integrand expansion.
- Soft Master Integrals can be used as a boundary condition to solve the differential equations.
- Soft Master Integrals can be used to construct an Ansatz for the full Master Integrals, which can be fixed by the differential equations.



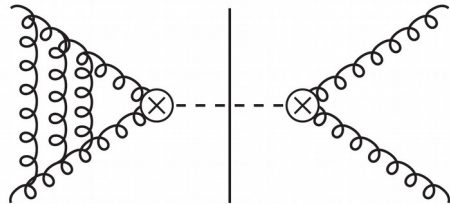
# Truncated Series Solution via Differential Equation

$$\text{Ansatz: } \mathcal{M}_i(z, \epsilon) = \sum_{k=0}^6 \bar{z}^{-k\epsilon} \sum_{l=l_0}^n \mathcal{M}_i^{(k,l)} \bar{z}^l + \mathcal{O}(\bar{z}^{n+1})$$


$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mathcal{M}_i(z, \epsilon) = \sum_j C_{ij}(z, \epsilon) \mathcal{M}_j(z, \epsilon)$$

- Substituting the Ansatz into the differential equations yields a linear system which can be solved order by order in  $\bar{z}$ .
- Solved for the first 38 coefficients of the full Masters in terms of Soft Masters from knowledge of boundary.
- First few terms checked by explicit computation via Integrand Expansion.

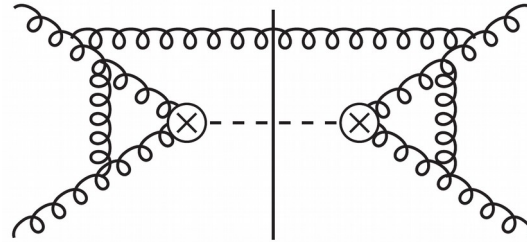
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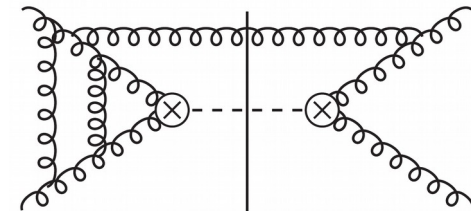


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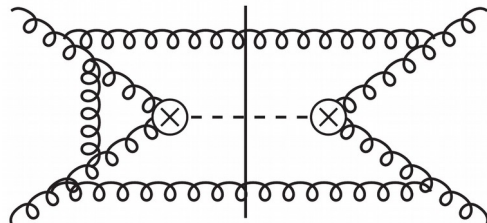
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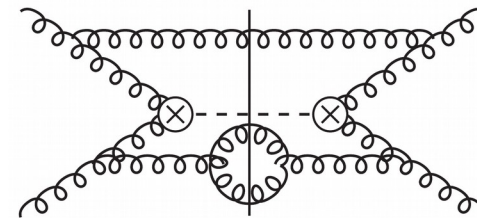
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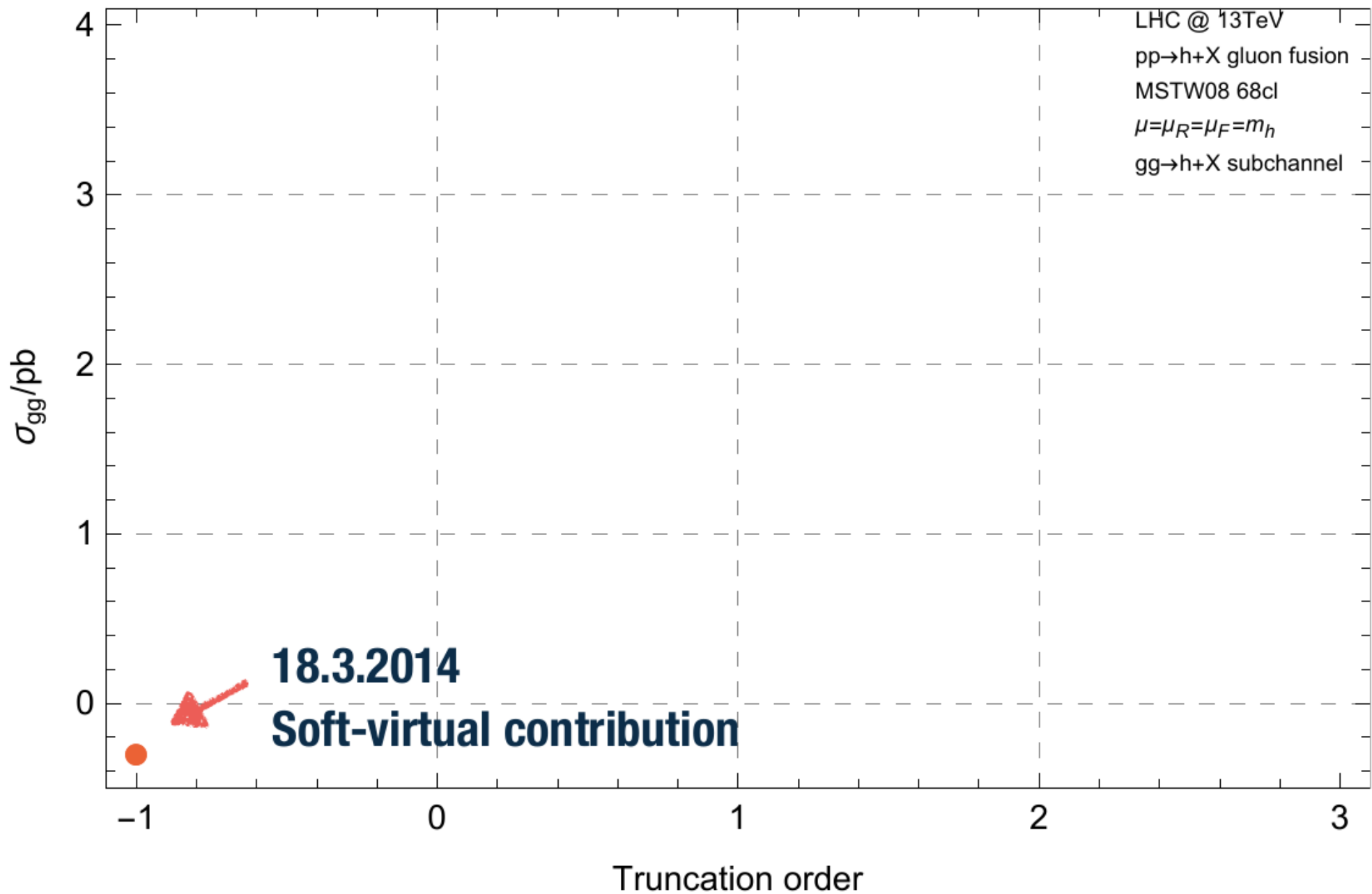
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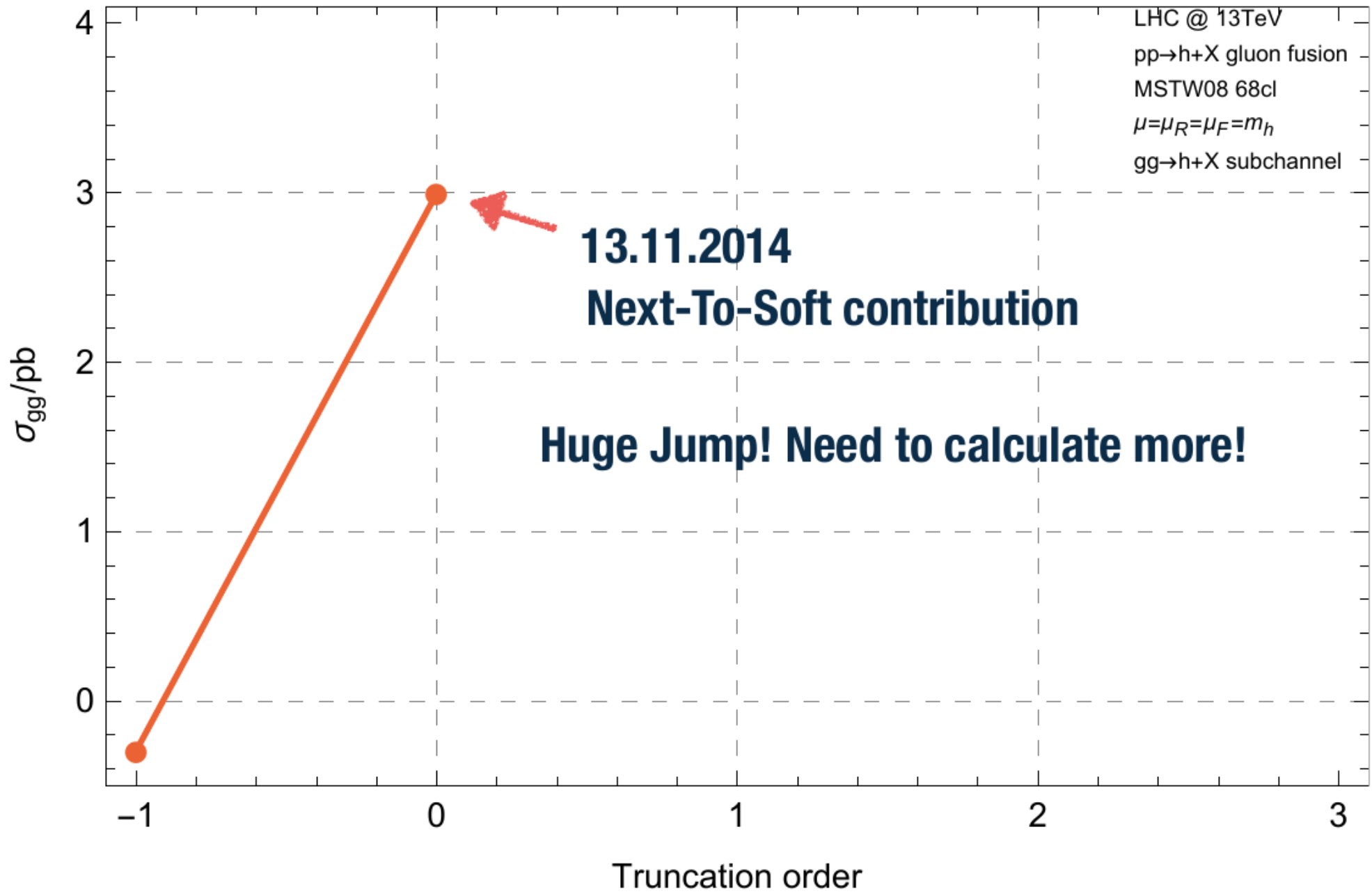


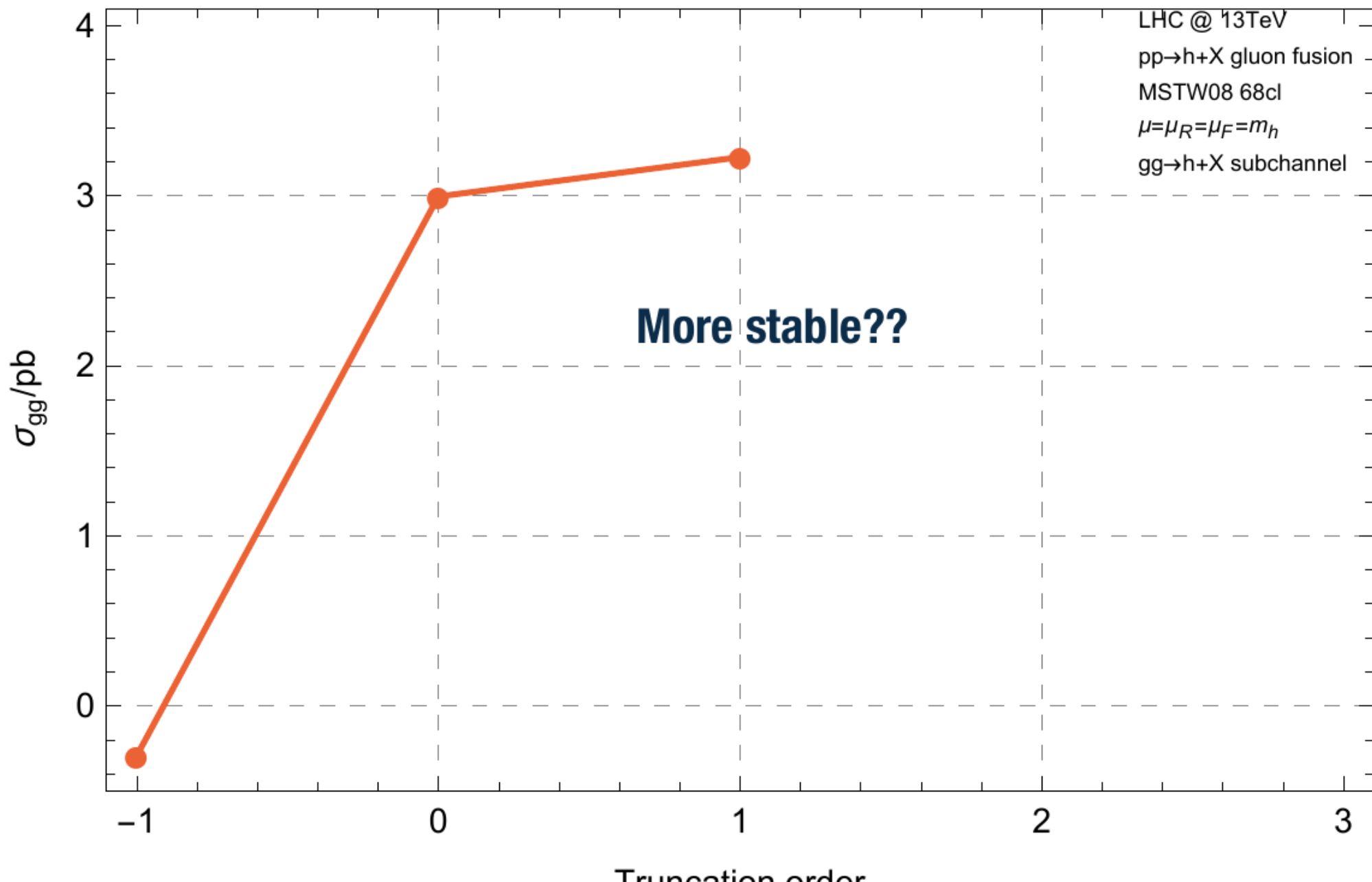
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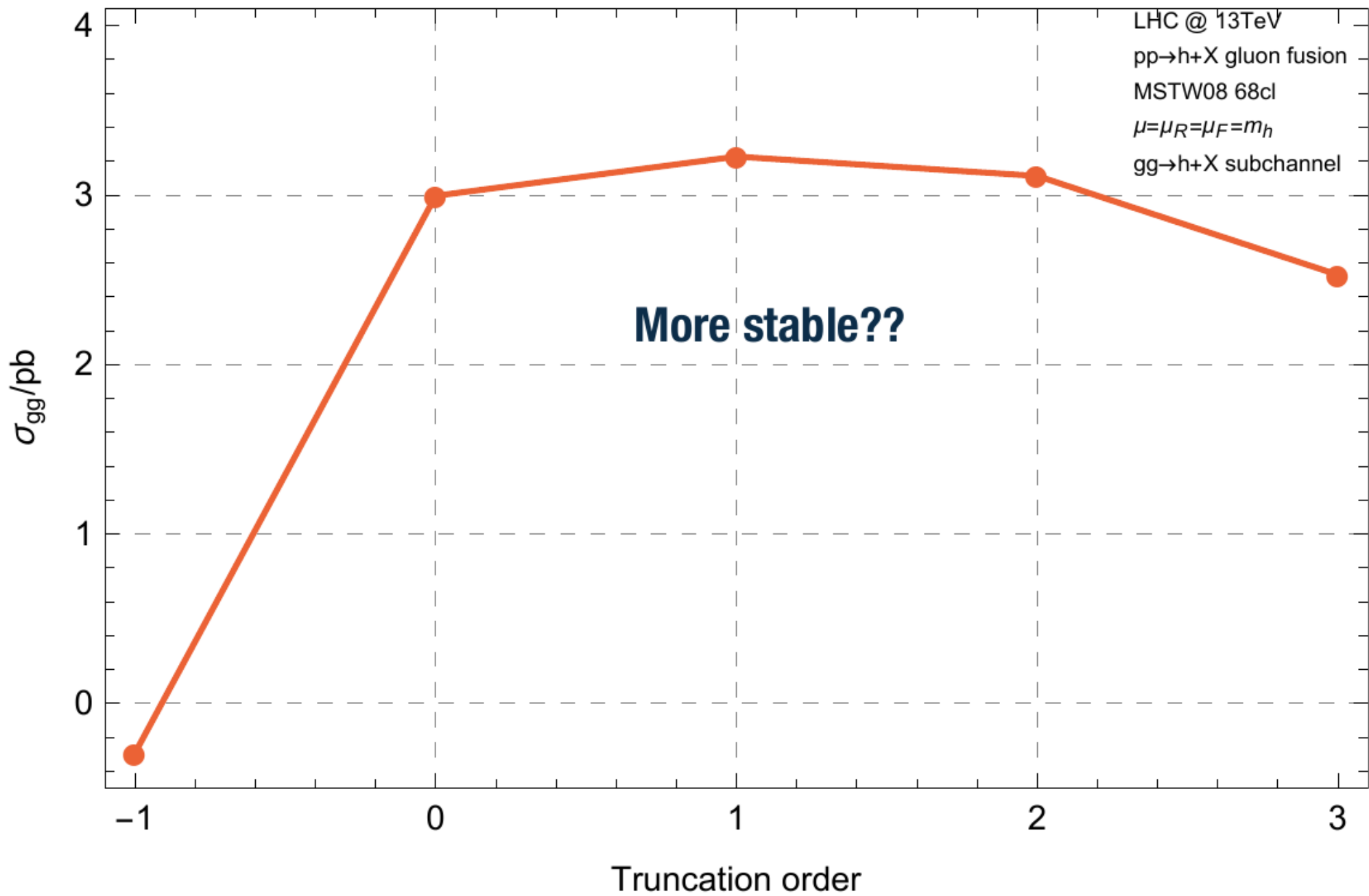
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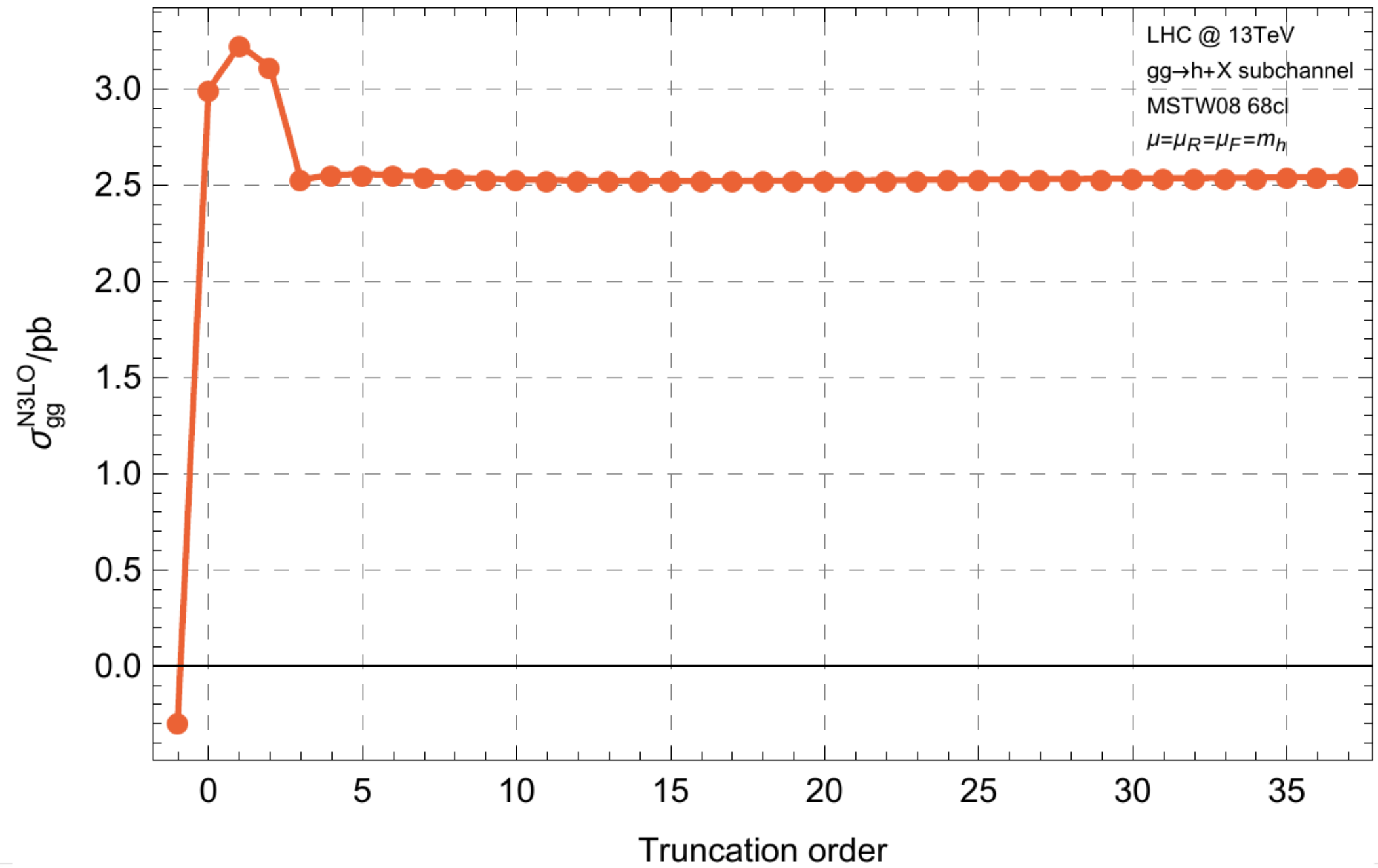
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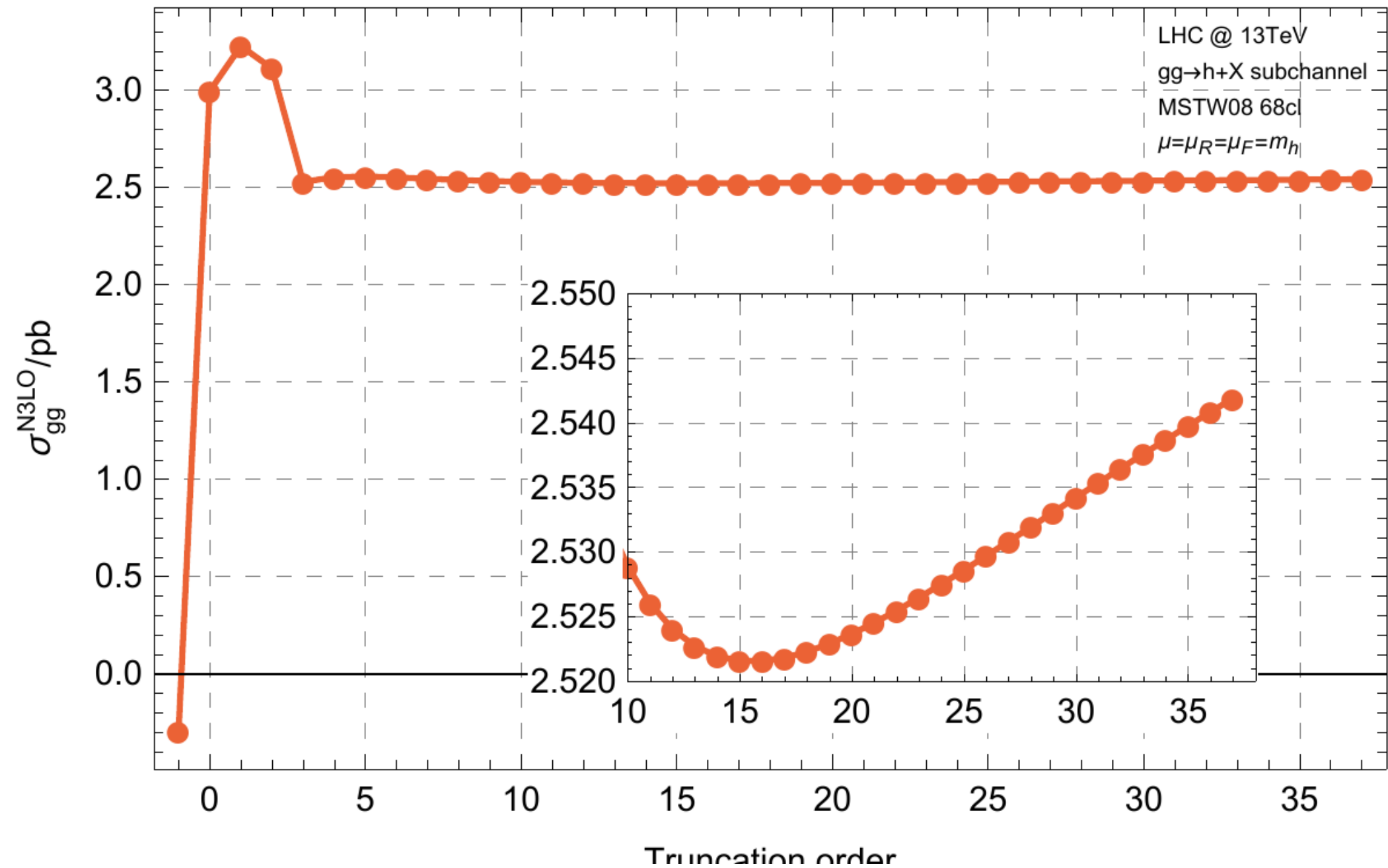


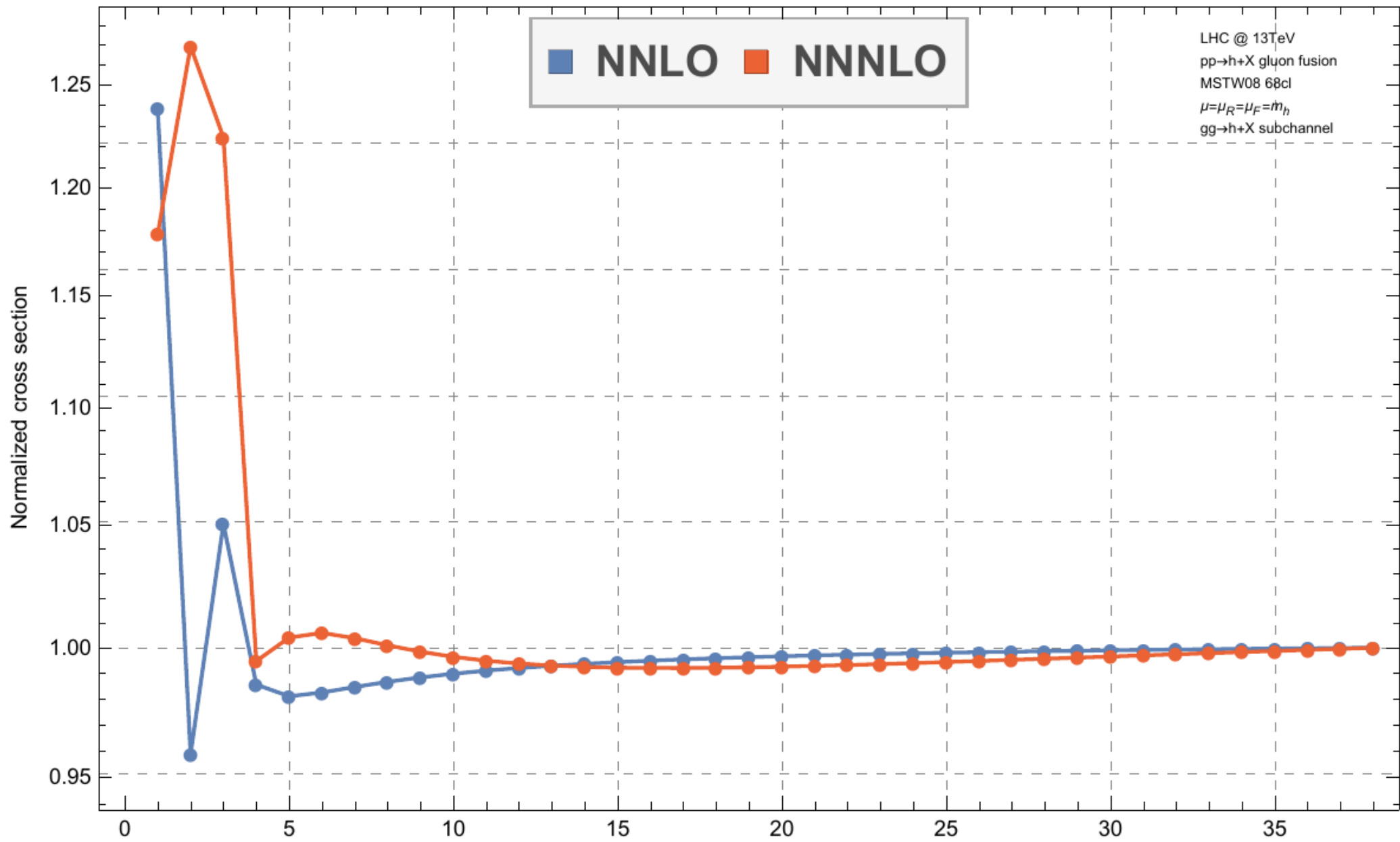


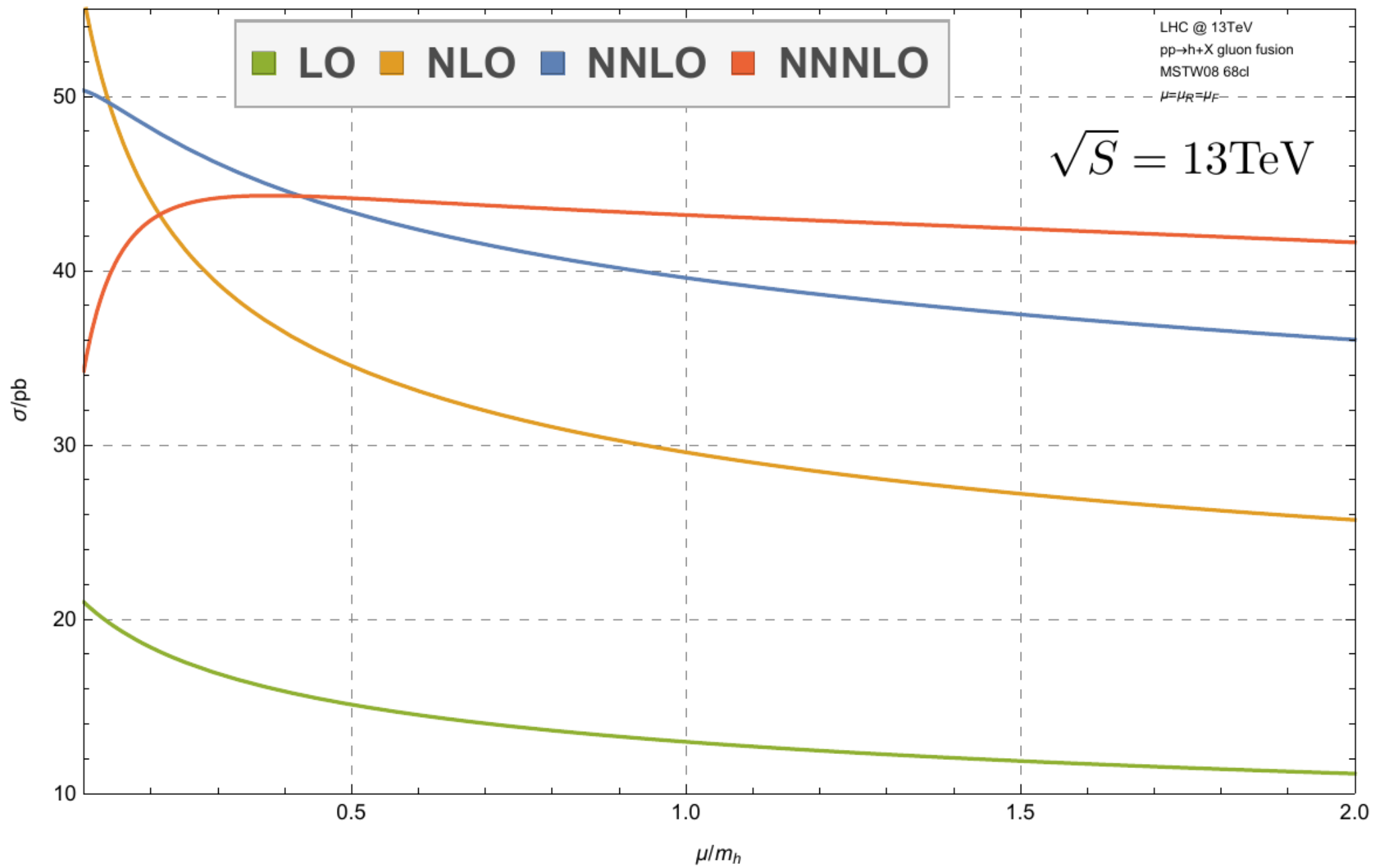


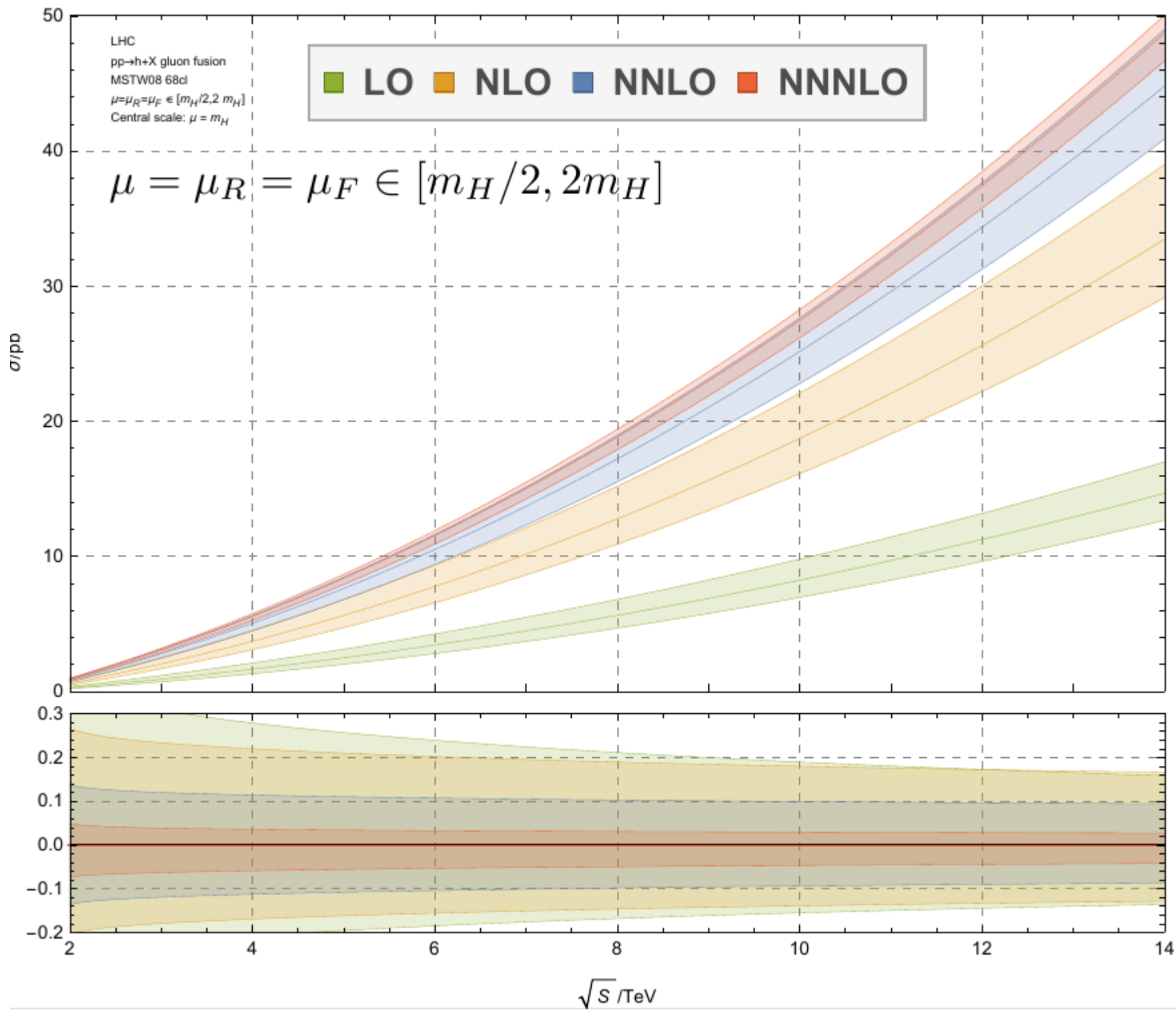


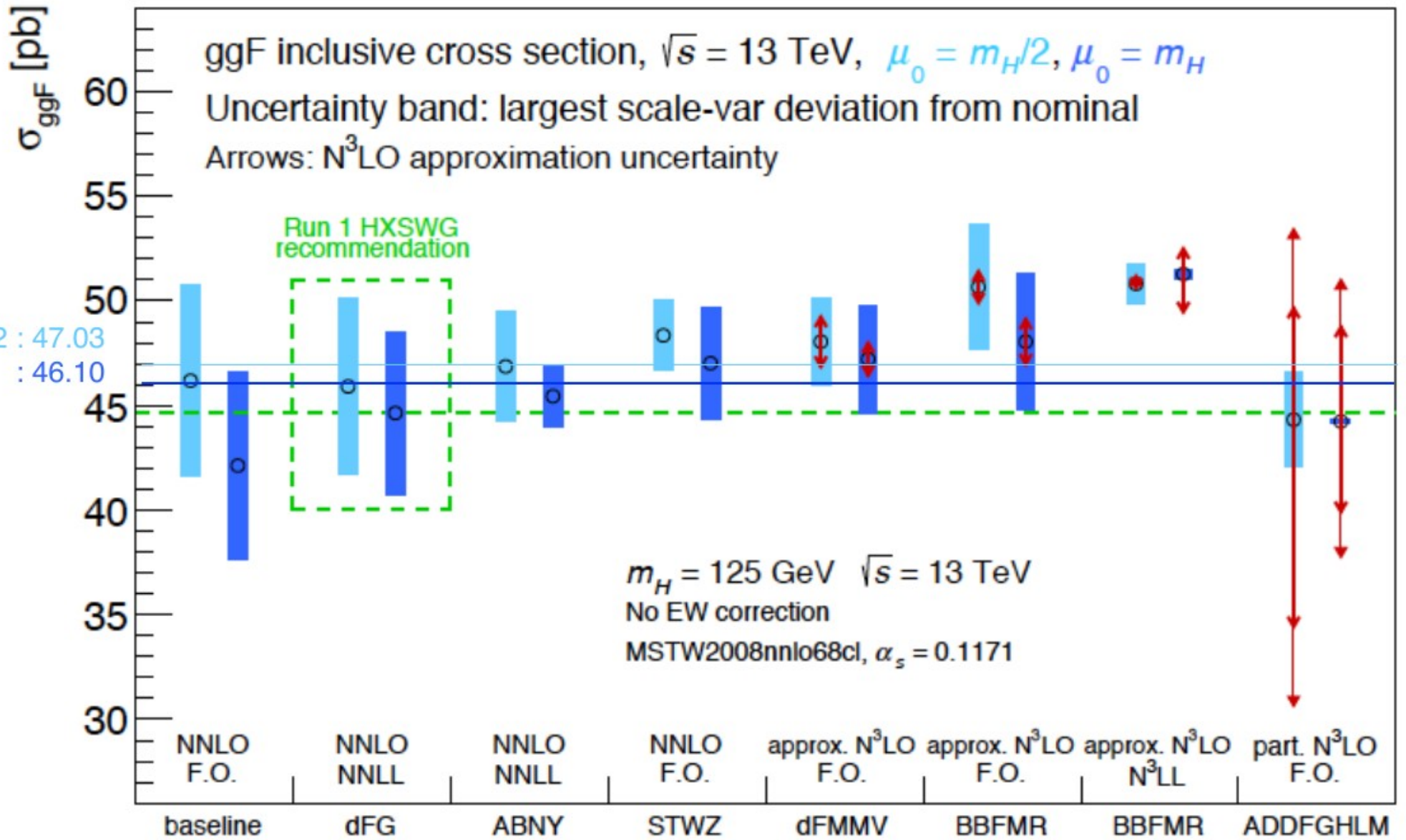


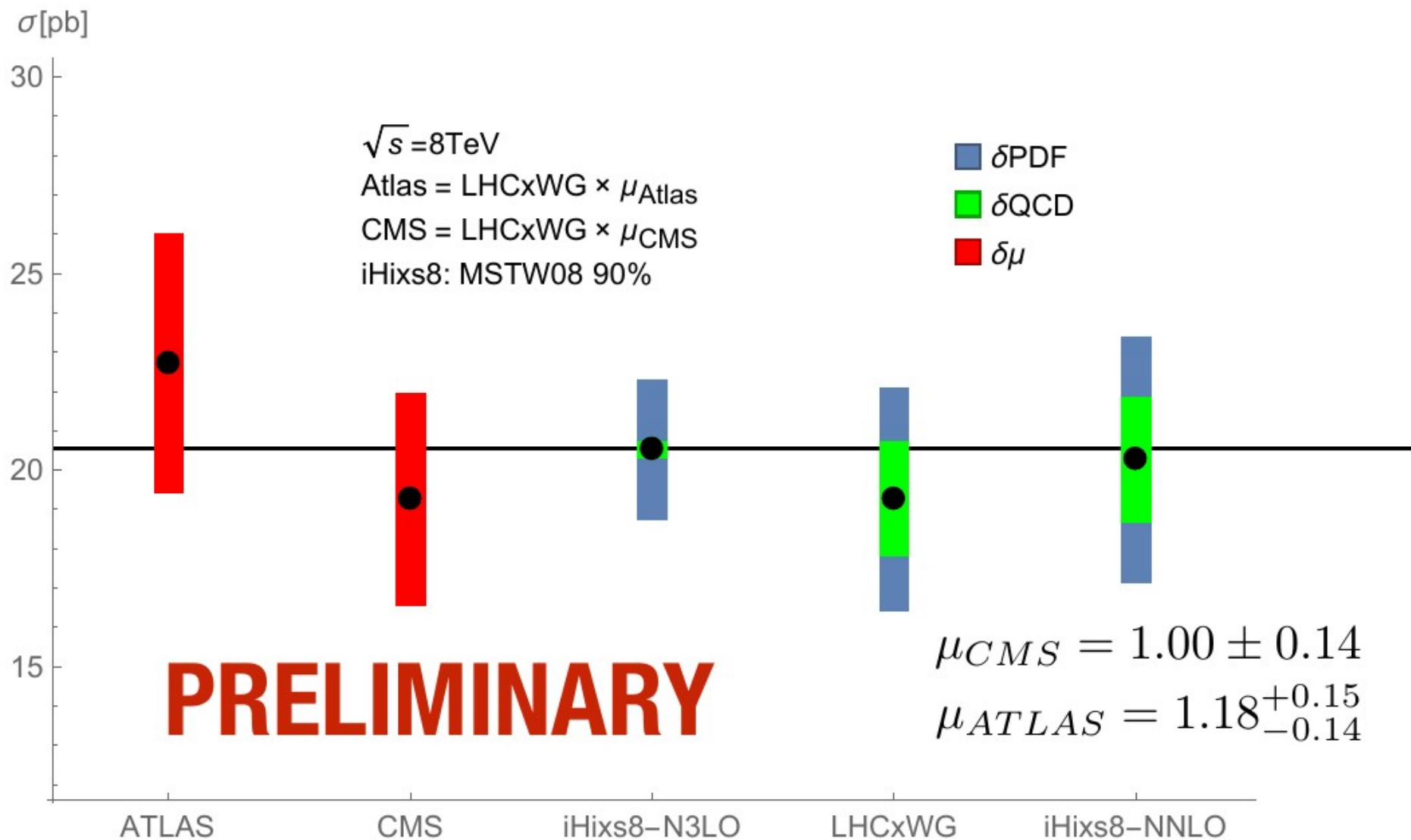












# Conclusions

- A new Era of N3LO QCD Precision Physics has begun at the LHC!
- The theory uncertainties in Higgs Production have decreased dramatically.
- It is now time to re-investigate other effects in Higgs Production:
  - PDF +  $\alpha_s$  Uncertainties
  - Electroweak corrections
  - Top, bottom mass corrections
  - ...

# Convergence of N3LO $\mu=mh$

