

# On the inclusive N3LO Higgs cross section in ggF

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18% on behalf of the ggF task force

from summer '15 meeting (within Les Houches)

- Discussions on residual uncertainties (beyond N3LO EFT)
- EW corrections: suggested to vary NLO EW WC by a factor of 3.
- Parametric uncertainties: small (with internal report on SM parameters that followed, 'small' can be more precise)
- Quark mass effects beyond NLO

# DISCLAIMER

- The following is a summary of the results by the N3LO collaboration, **not yet processed** by the ggf task force.
- No attempt is made to compare uncertainties with uncertainty estimates published in the past (this will be done within the WG soon).

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Presented also at: 11 dec @ CERN by F. Dulat and 6 jan @ ZPW by C. Duhr

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO TOTAL XS

$$\hat{\sigma}_{ij} \simeq R_{LO} \left( \hat{\sigma}_{ij,EFT} + \delta_t \hat{\sigma}_{ij,EFT}^{NNLO} + \hat{\sigma}_{ij,EW} \right) + \delta \hat{\sigma}_{ij,ex;t,b,c}^{LO} + \delta \hat{\sigma}_{ij,ex;t,b,c}^{NLO}$$

$$R_{LO} \equiv \frac{\sigma_{ex;t}^{LO}}{\sigma_{EFT}^{LO}}$$

### INPUT PARAMETERS

### SETUP I

$\sqrt{S}$	13 TeV
$m_h$	125 GeV
PDF	PDF4LHC15_nnlo_100
$a_s(m_Z)$	0.118
$m_t(m_t)$	162.7 GeV ( $\overline{\text{MS}}$ )
$m_b(m_b)$	4.18 GeV ( $\overline{\text{MS}}$ )
$m_c(3\text{GeV})$	0.986 GeV ( $\overline{\text{MS}}$ )
$\mu = \mu_R = \mu_F$	62.5 GeV ( $= m_H/2$ )

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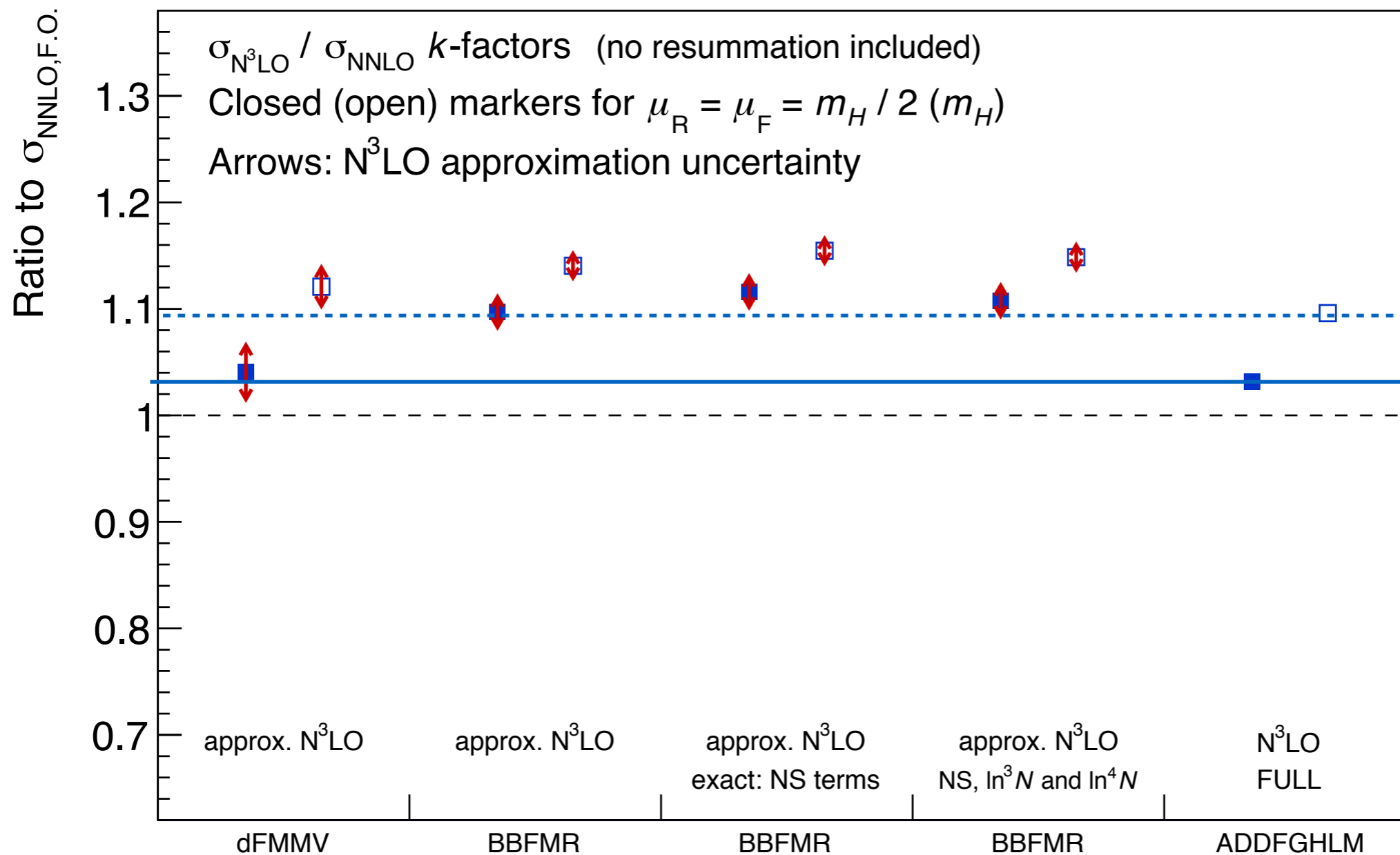
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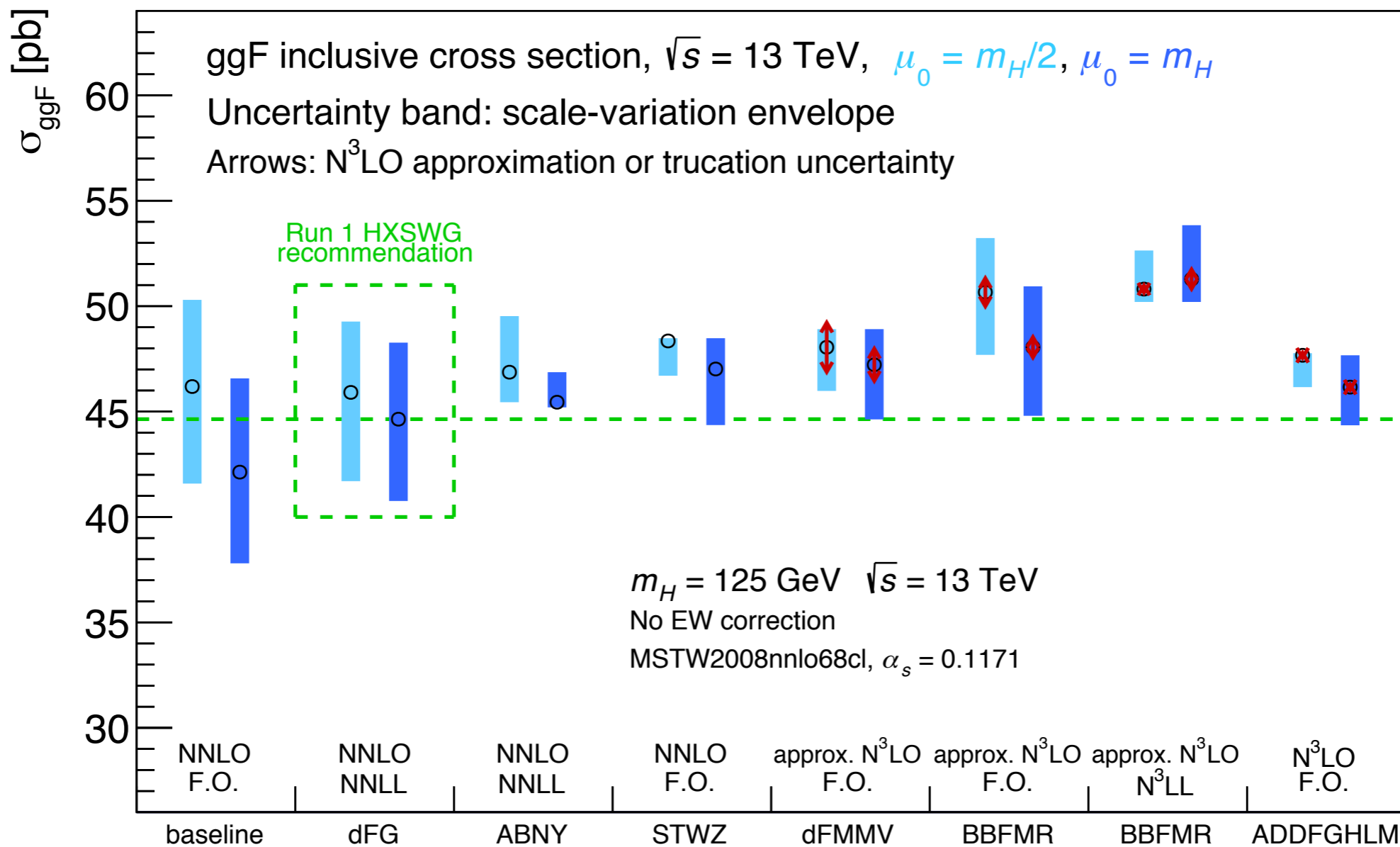
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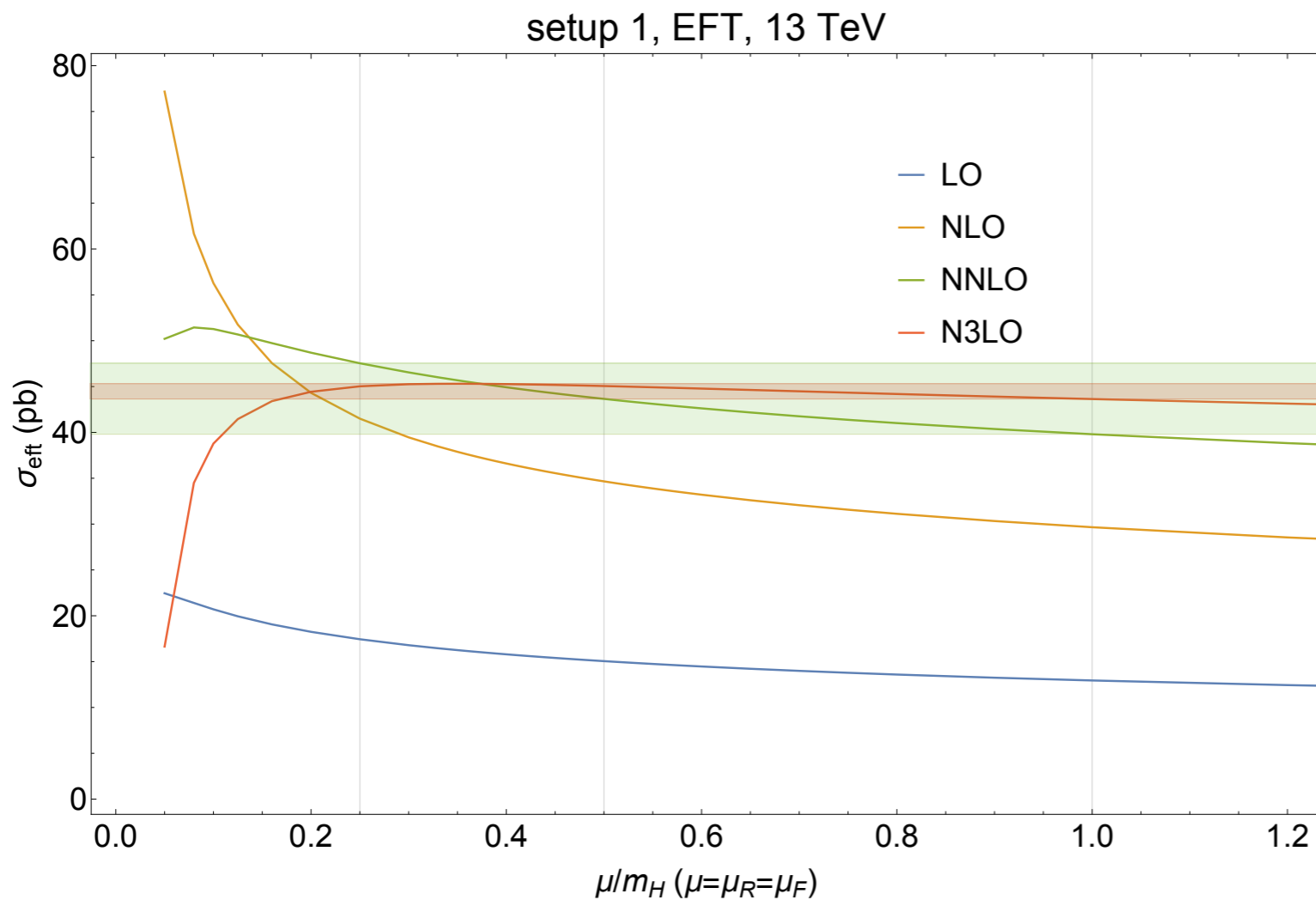


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## UNCERTAINTIES: EFT (from scale uncertainty)



pure EFT symmetric

LO:  $\pm 14.8\%$

NLO:  $\pm 16.6\%$

NNLO:  $\pm 8.8\%$

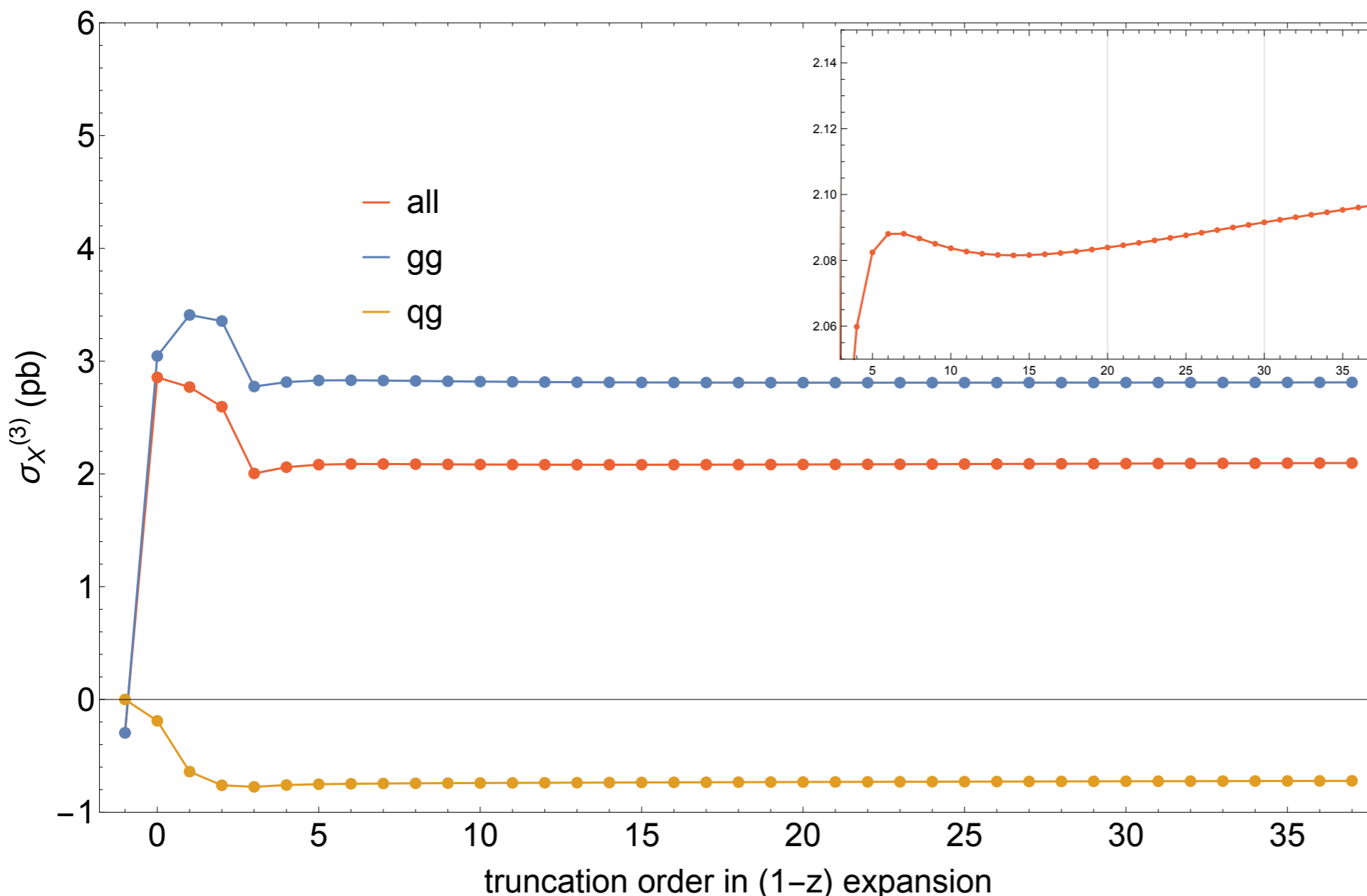
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## UNCERTAINTIES: truncation of threshold expansion



$$\sigma_{EFT}^{(3)} \Big|_{\text{expansion}} - \sigma_{EFT}^{(3)} \Big|_{\text{full logs}} = 0.006 \text{ pb}$$

TRUNCATION UNCERTAINTY

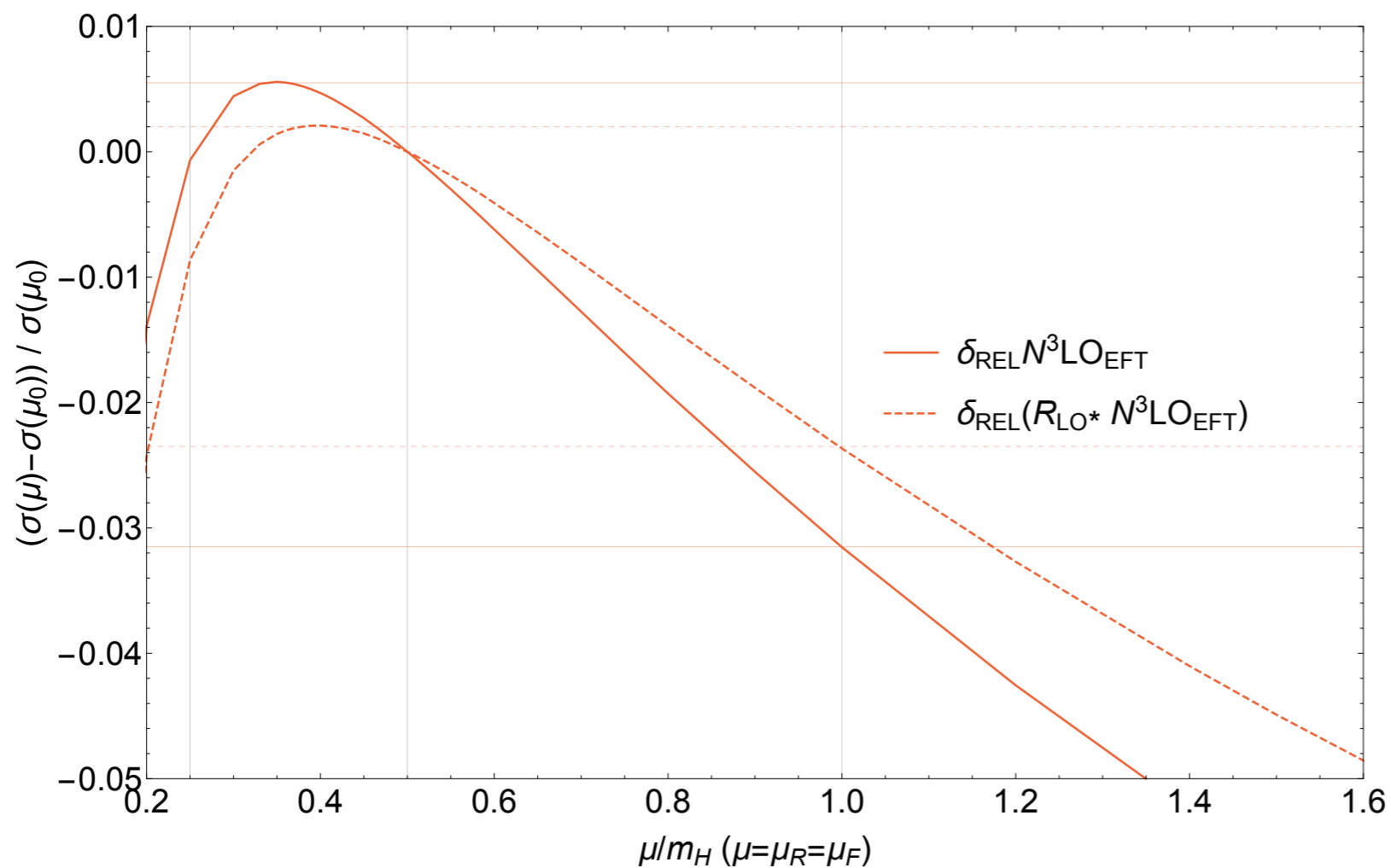
$$5 \times \frac{\sigma_{EFT}^{(3)}(30) - \sigma_{EFT}^{(3)}(20)}{\sigma_{EFT}^{N^3LO}} = 0.25\%$$

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## UNCERTAINTIES: EFT RESCALED



R \* EFT (symmetric)  
N3LO:  $\pm 1.3\%$   
asymmetric  
 $+0.2\% -2.4\%$

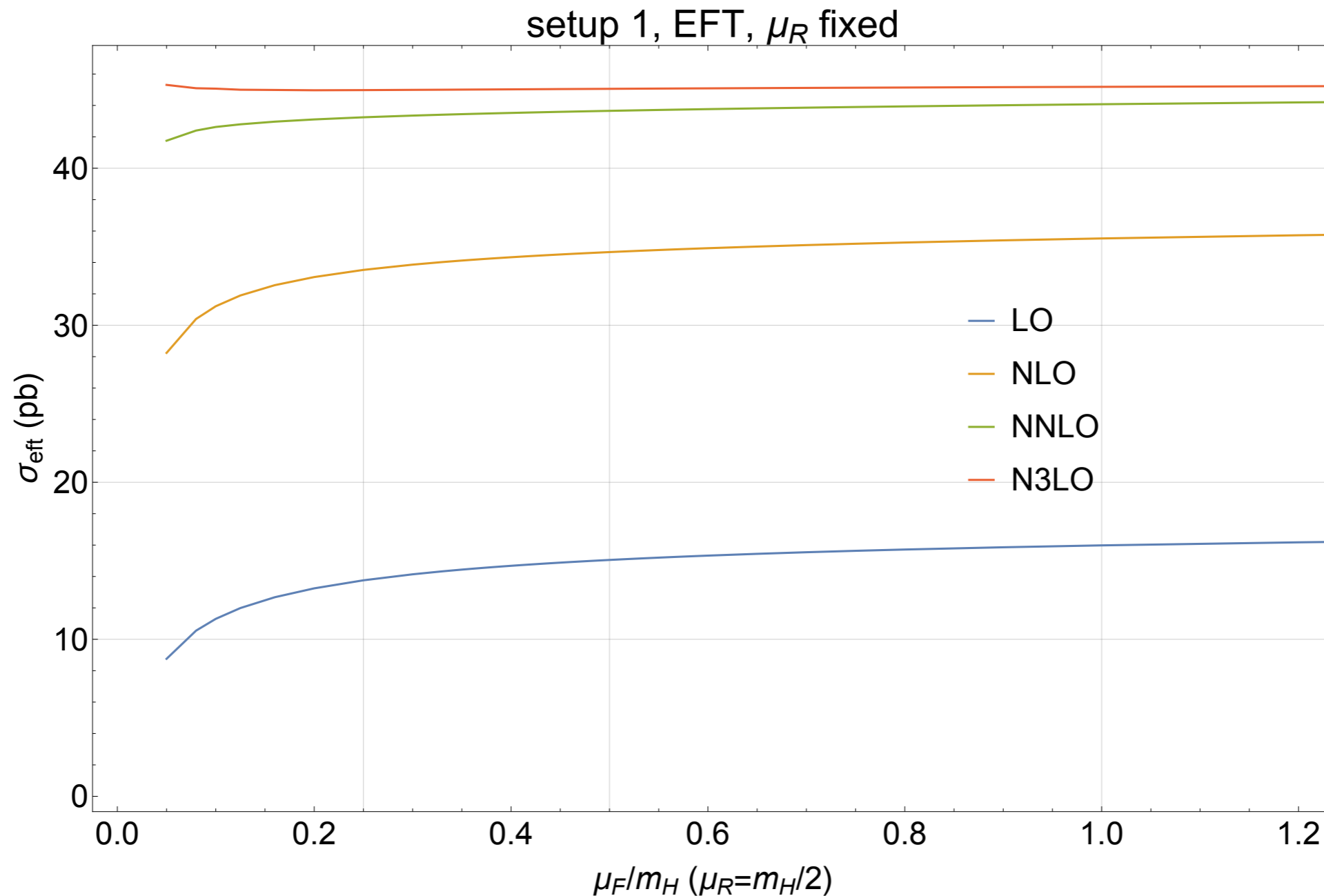
We use this scale uncertainty as an estimate of missing higher orders beyond N3LO

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## UNCERTAINTIES: factorisation scale dependence

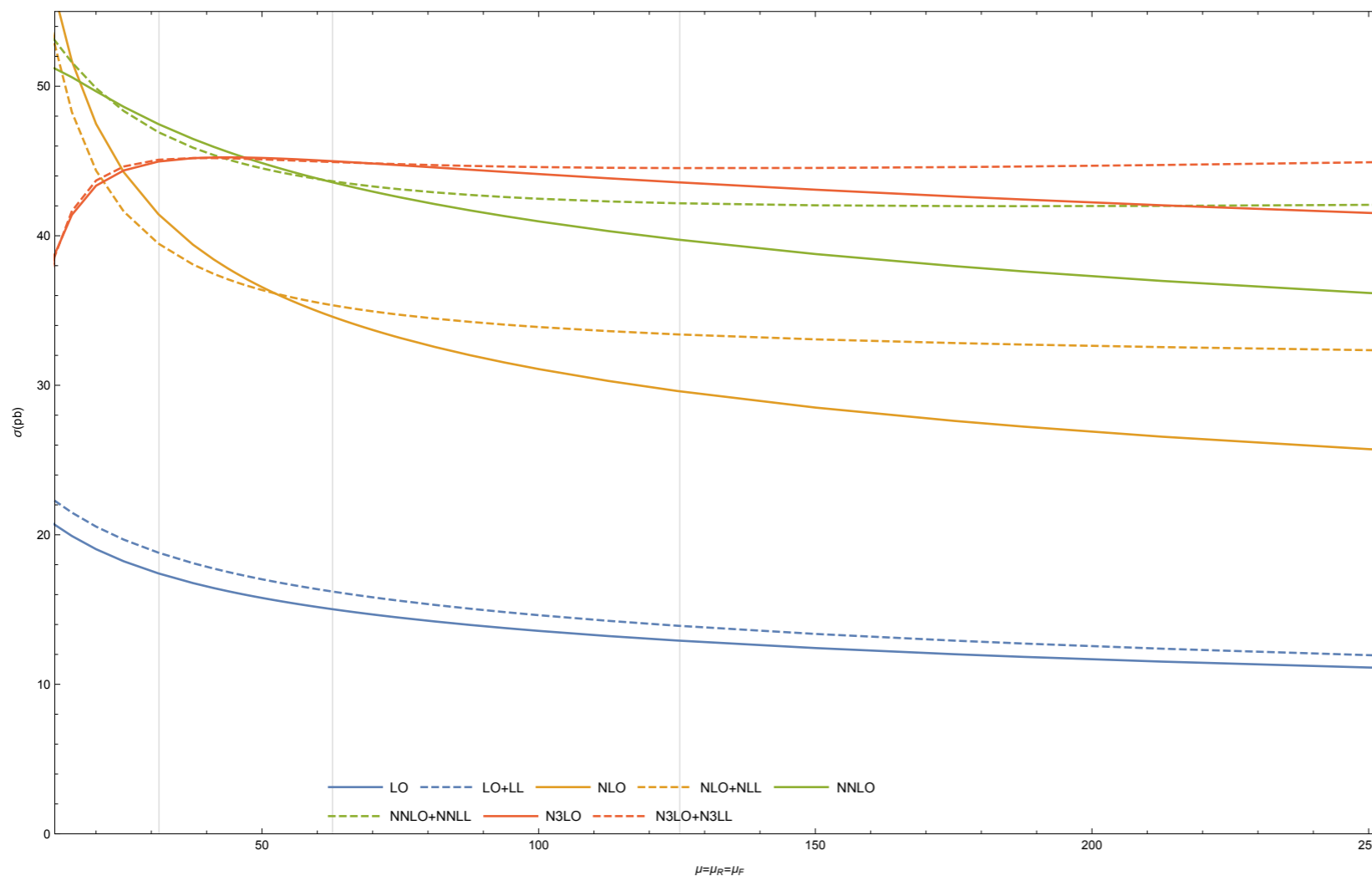


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## beyond N3LO: threshold resummation



Negligible contribution at central scale.

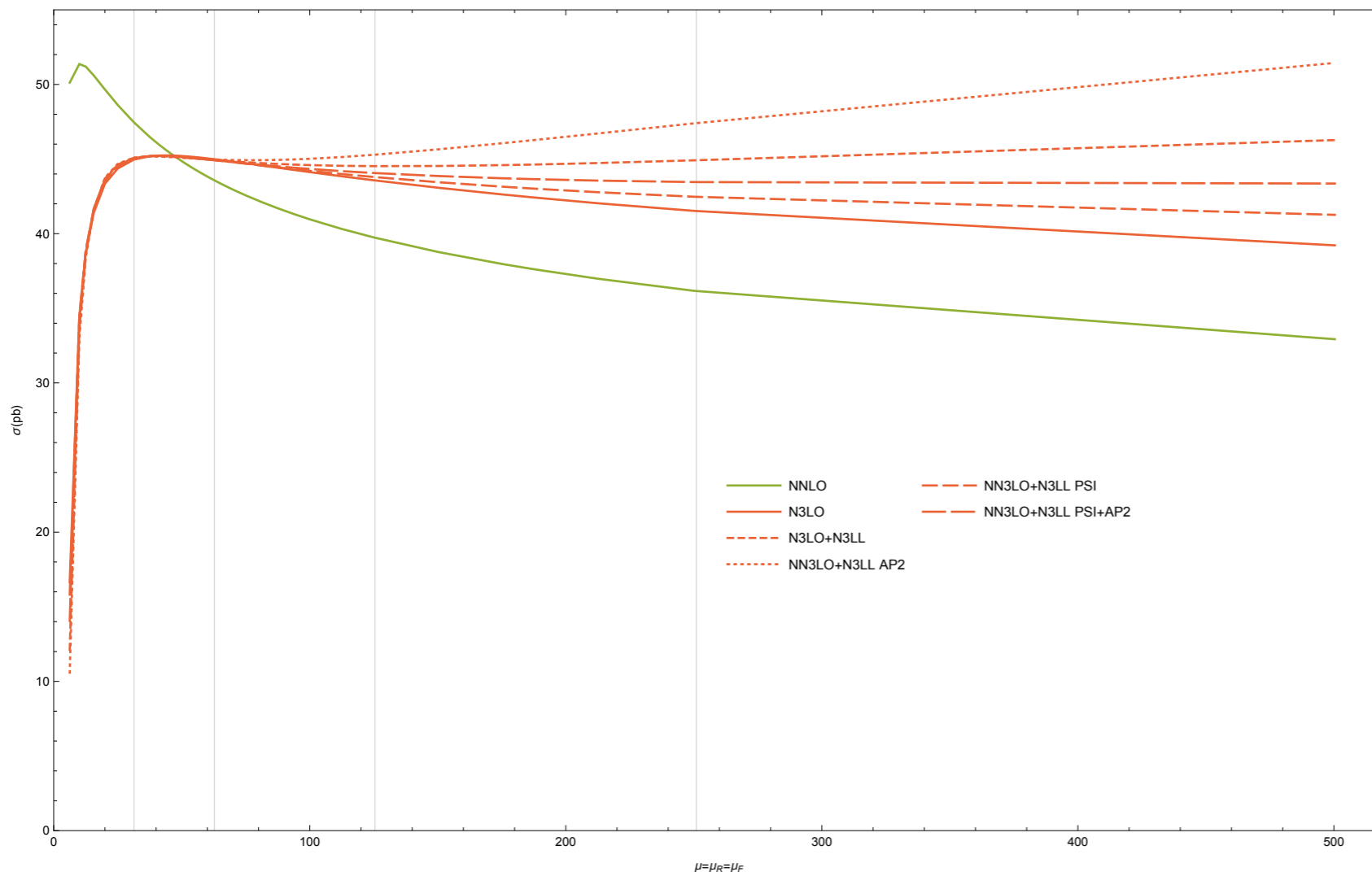
Within the scale uncertainty range in the entire interval.

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## beyond N3LO: threshold resummation variants



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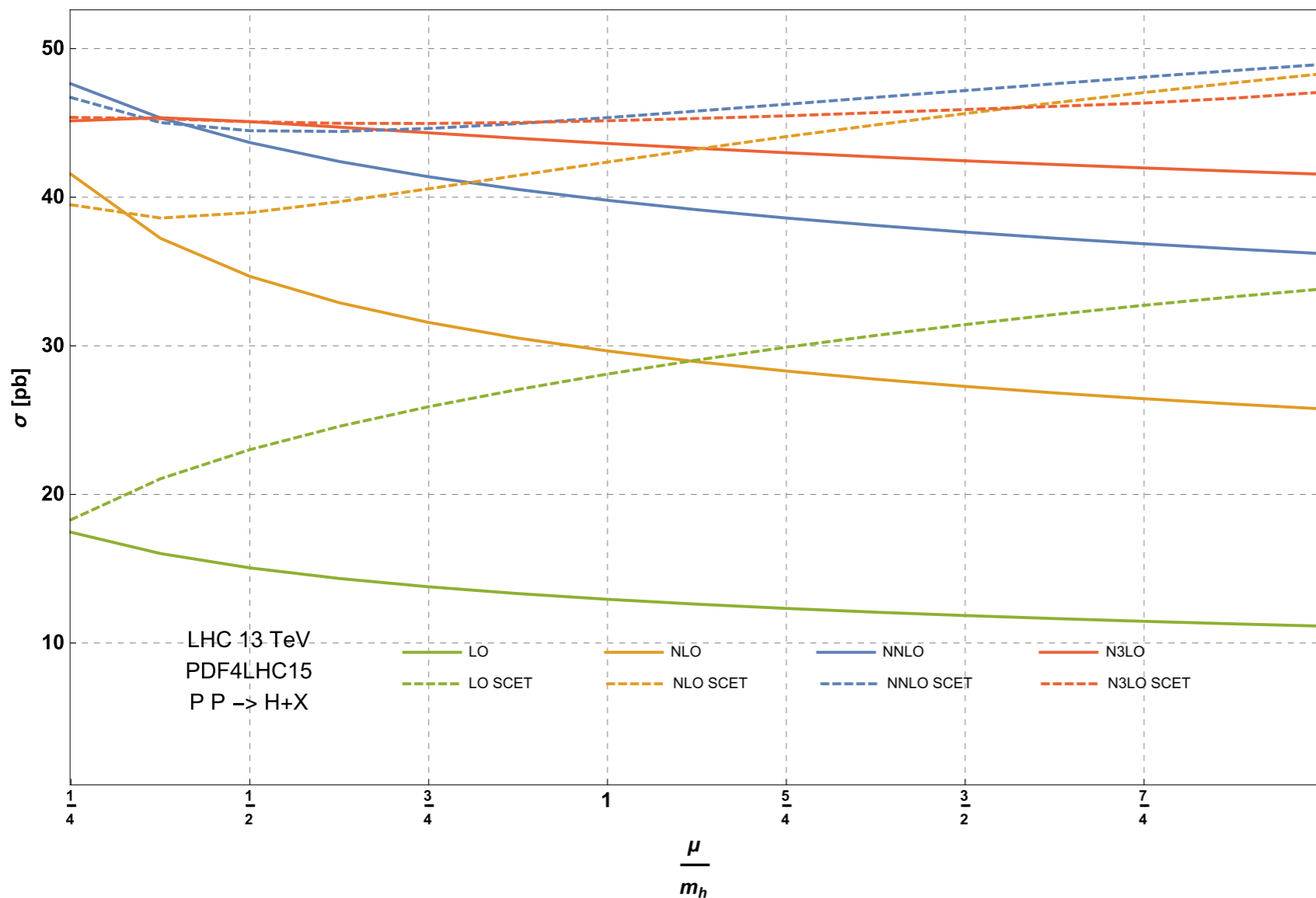
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## beyond N3LO: SCET resummation



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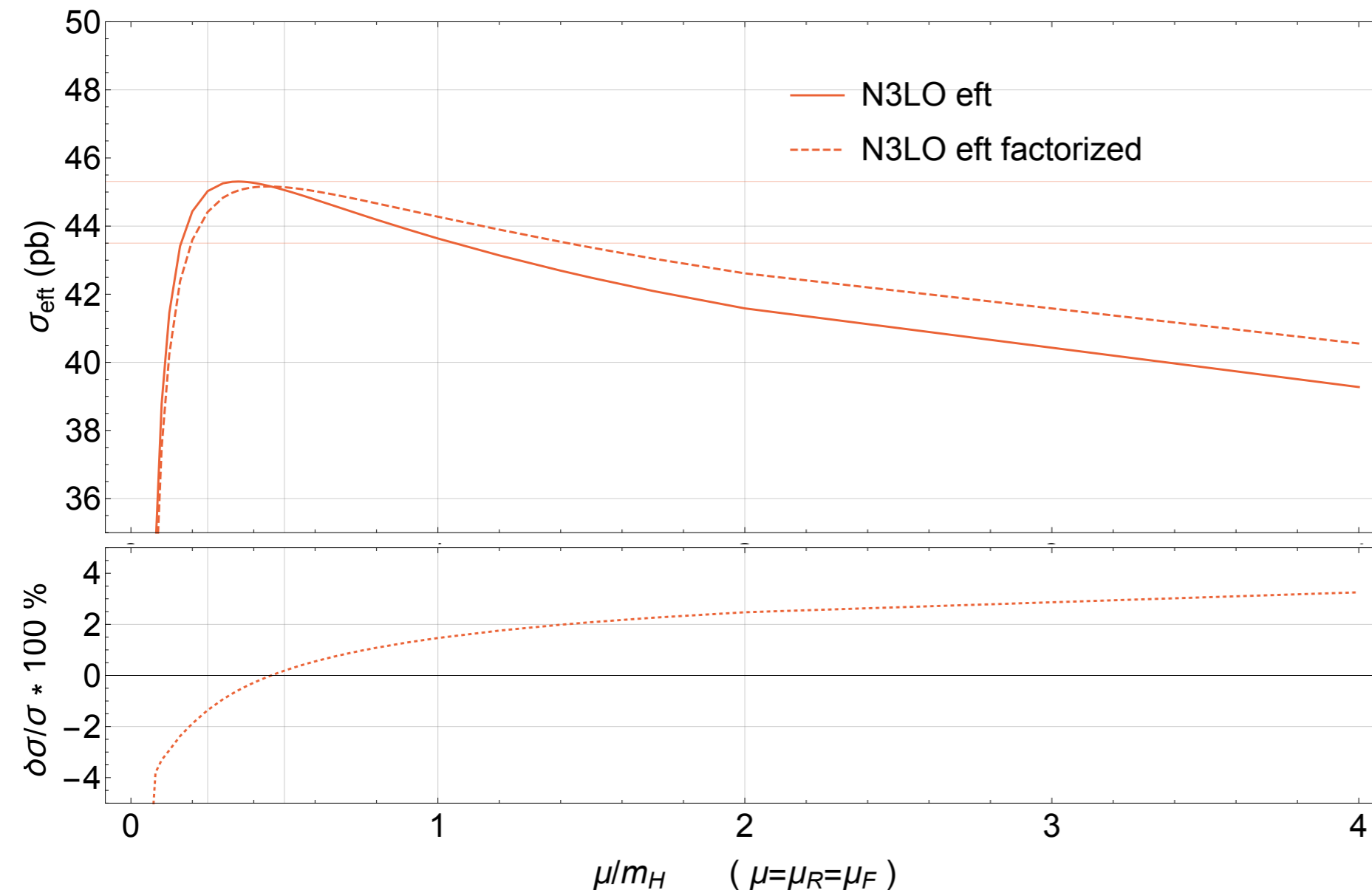
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## beyond N3LO: factorized Wilson coefficient



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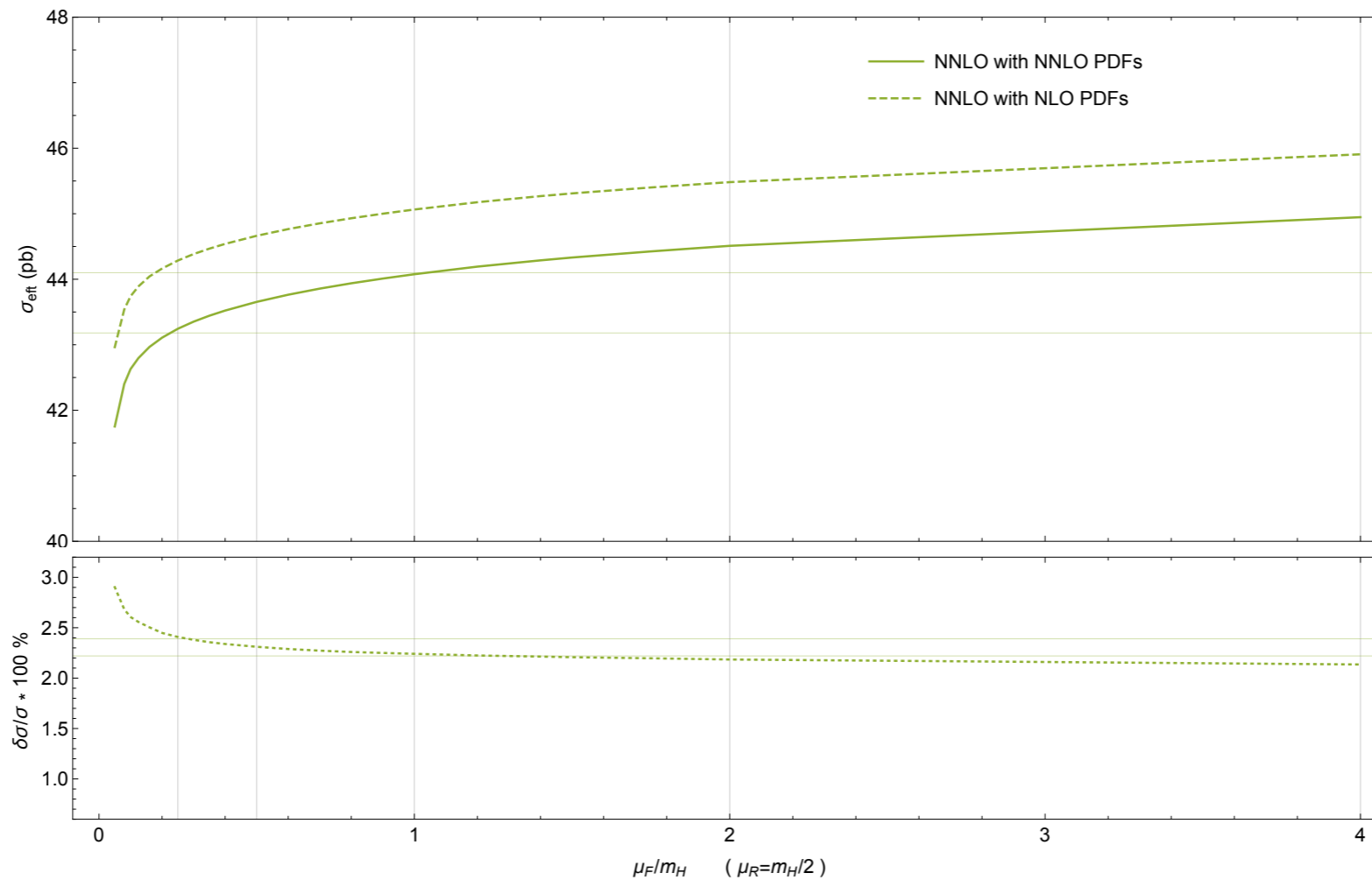


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## Uncertainties: Missing N3LO PDFs



$$\delta(\text{PDF} - \text{TH}) = \frac{1}{2} 2.5\% = \mathbf{1.25\%}$$

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## Uncertainties: $1/m_t$ effects

We've used the expressions provided by R. Harlander et al., and also their prescription for small- $z$  matching. Due to the unknown sub-leading coefficient of the small- $z$  limit we assign an uncertainty of  $\sim 1\%$  (which is also the size of the net effect) following their recommendation.

Uncertainty for  $1/m_t$  NNLO contribution = **1%**

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## Uncertainties: Light Quark effects

Table 6: QCD effects for the parameters of Setup 1.

$\sigma_{EFT}^{LO}$	15.05 pb	$\sigma_{EFT}^{NLO}$	34.66 pb
$R_{LO} \sigma_{EFT}^{LO}$	16.00 pb	$R_{LO} \sigma_{EFT}^{NLO}$	36.84 pb
$\sigma_{ex.;t}^{LO}$	16.00 pb	$\sigma_{ex;t}^{NLO}$	36.60 pb
$\sigma_{ex.;t+b}^{LO}$	14.94 pb	$\sigma_{ex;t+b}^{NLO}$	34.96 pb
$\sigma_{ex.;t+b+c}^{LO}$	14.83 pb	$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{NLO}$	34.77 pb

$$\pm \left| \frac{\delta\sigma_{ex,t}^{NLO} - \delta\sigma_{ex,t+b+c}^{NLO}}{\delta\sigma_{ex,t}^{NLO}} \right| (R_{LO} \delta\sigma_{EFT}^{NNLO} + \delta_t \hat{\sigma}_{gg+qg,EFT}^{NNLO}) \simeq \pm 0.32 \text{ pb}$$

**0.7% on total XS**

$$\delta\sigma_X^{NLO} \equiv \sigma_X^{NLO} - \sigma_X^{LO} \quad , \quad \delta\sigma_X^{NNLO} \equiv \sigma_X^{NNLO} - \sigma_X^{NLO}$$

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## Quark mass scheme dependence

	$\overline{\text{MS}}$	OS	$\delta\sigma^{sc}$
$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{LO}$	14.83 pb	13.81 pb	-6.9%
$\sigma_{ex;t}^{NLO}$	36.60 pb	36.63 pb	0.08%
$\sigma_{ex;t+b}^{NLO}$	34.96 pb	34.49 pb	-1.3%
$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{NLO}$	34.77 pb	34.04 pb	-2.1%
$\sigma_{eft}^{NNLO}$	43.65 pb	43.66 pb	0.02%
$R_{LO} \sigma_{eft}^{NNLO}$	46.39 pb	46.53 pb	0.3%
$\sigma_{eft}^{N3LO}$	45.06 pb	45.06 pb	0%
$R_{LO} \sigma_{eft}^{N3LO}$	47.88 pb	48.03 pb	0.3%

We expect the scheme dependence to decrease to below 1% at NNLO, and be accounted by the uncertainty due to light quark masses. We do not assign an extra uncertainty due to scheme choice.

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## Uncertainties: Parametric uncertainties

Table 8: Parametric uncertainties on quark masses.

Top quark			Bottom quark			Charm quark		
$\delta m_t = 1 \text{ GeV}$	$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{NLO}$	34.77	$\delta m_b = 0.03 \text{ GeV}$	$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{NLO}$	34.77	$\delta m_c = 0.026 \text{ GeV}$	$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{NLO}$	34.77
$m_t + \delta m_t$	$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{NLO}$	34.74	$m_b + \delta m_b$	$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{NLO}$	34.76	$m_c + \delta m_c$	$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{NLO}$	34.76
$m_t - \delta m_t$	$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{NLO}$	34.80	$m_b - \delta m_b$	$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{NLO}$	34.79	$m_c - \delta m_c$	$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{NLO}$	34.78

Entirely negligible

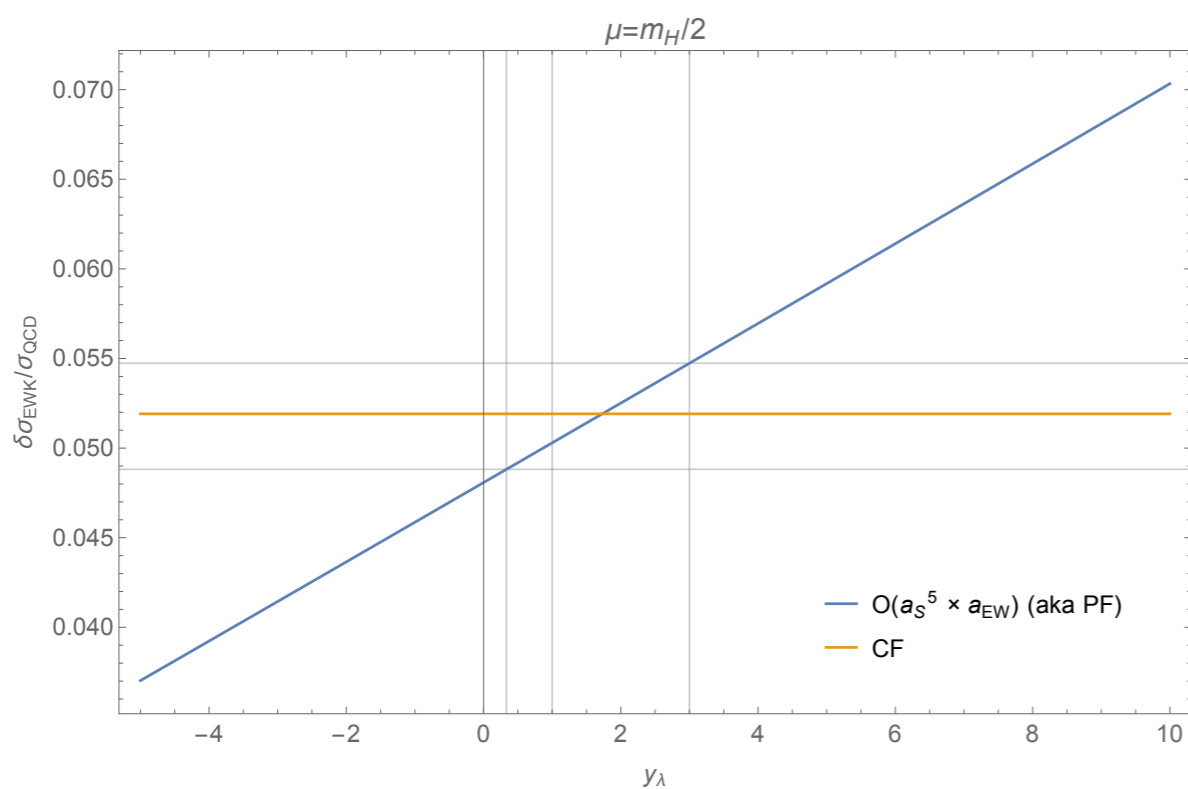
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## Uncertainties: EW corrections at NLO

$$C \equiv C_{QCD} + \lambda_{EW} (1 + C_{1w} a_s + C_{2w} a_s^2 + \dots) \quad \lambda_{EW} (1 + C_{1w} a_s + \dots) \rightarrow \lambda_{EW} (1 + y_\lambda C_{1w} a_s + \dots)$$



ew rescaled as <sup>2</sup>	= 0.84
ew rescaled as <sup>3</sup>	= 1.04
ew rescaled as <sup>4</sup>	= 0.45
ew rescaled as <sup>5</sup>	= 0.07
ew rescaled	= 2.39

EW beyond LO: 3.2% of total

→ +0.4%  
-0.2%

Assume: EW factorization misses entirely  
the HARD contribution at NLO  
(~40% of NLO contribution to NLO XS)

→ 40% \* 3.2% = **1.3%**

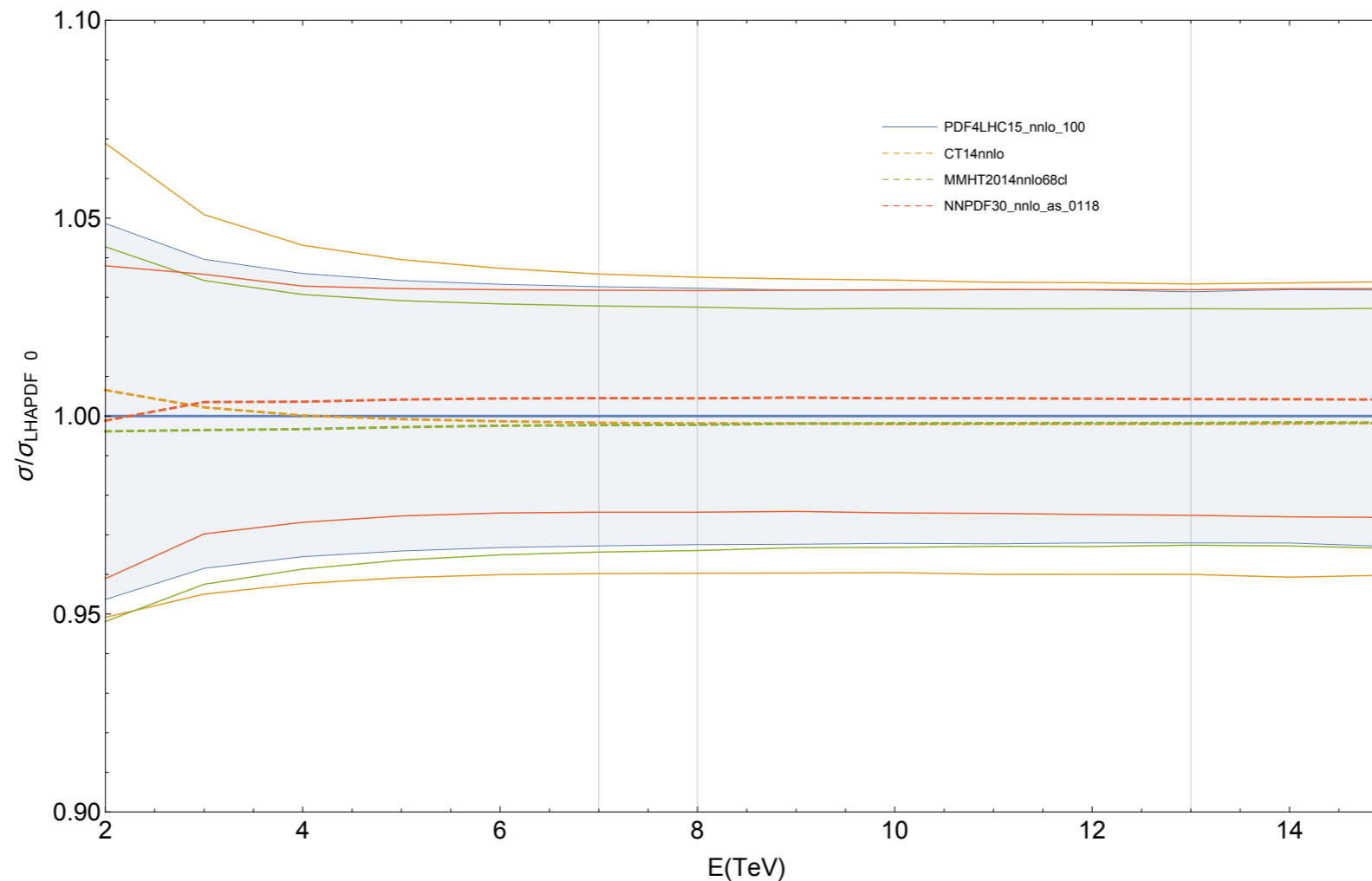
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## Uncertainties: PDFs & $\alpha_s$

$$\delta(\text{PDF} + \alpha_s) = \sqrt{\delta(\text{PDF})^2 + \delta(\alpha_s)^2} \quad \alpha_s(m_Z^2) = 0.118$$



**3.15%**

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adding up the theory uncertainties linearly

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+0.10 -1.15	$\pm 0.12$	$\pm 0.56$	$\pm 0.49$	$\pm 0.34$	$\pm 0.49$
+0.20% -2.37%	$\pm 0.25\%$	$\pm 1.16\%$	$\pm 1\%$	$\pm 0.7\%$	$\pm 1\%$

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-6.47%

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Note, however that using ABM12  
(and their best fit value for  $\alpha_s$ )

$$\sigma_{\text{ABM12}} = 45.07 \text{ pb}$$

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## current HXSWG recommendation = 44.14 pb

by M. Grazzini

differences due to  
HXSWG vs N3LO

1. NNLO+NNLL vs N3LO
2. central scale at mh vs mh/2
3. b,c at OS scheme vs MSBAR
4. no 1/mt vs included 1/mt
5. EW treatment



to be clarified soon  
within the ggf task  
force

# Roadmap to recommendation

- we discuss about organising a meeting soon on the various sources of theory uncertainties and their combination.
- As soon as the N3LO paper is published the ggf task force will process it and proceed to form a recommendation.
- This should be in time for the YR3 deadline of 29 Feb.