

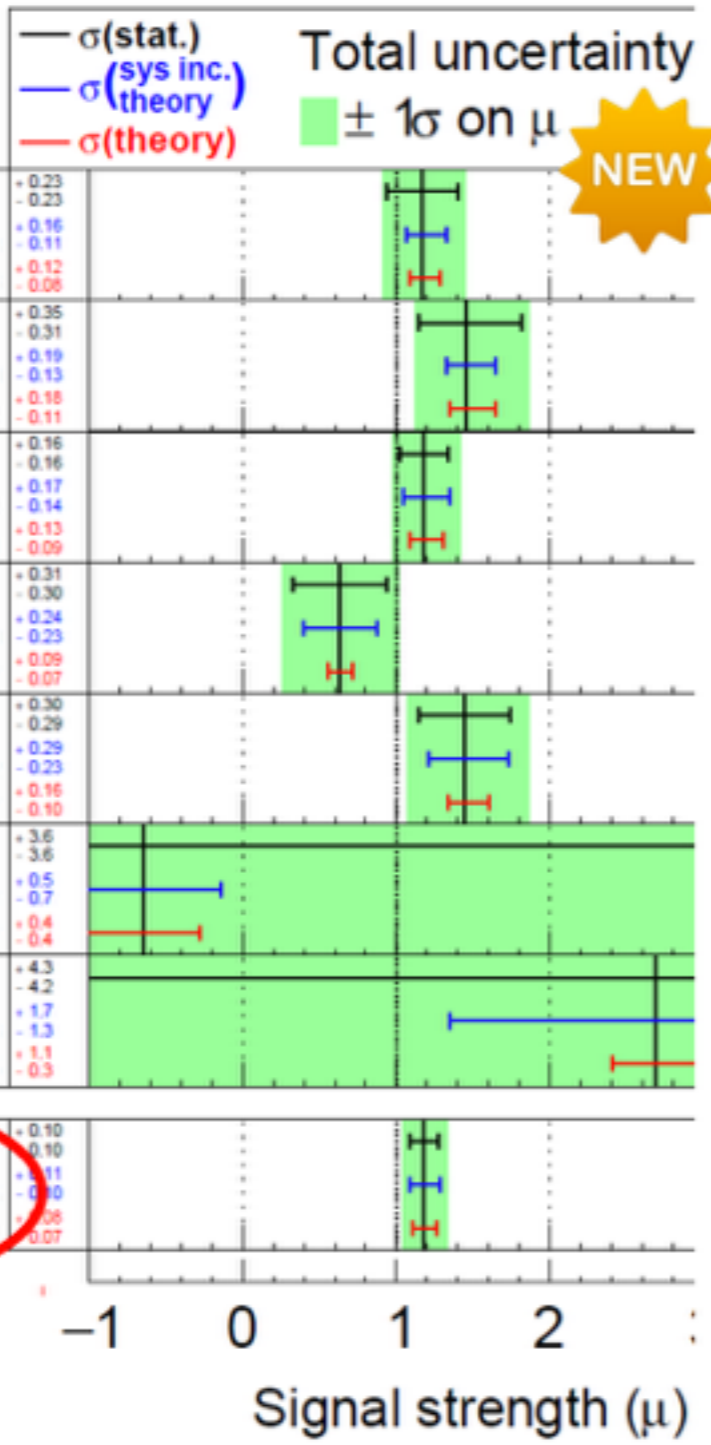
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HIGH PRECISION DETERMINATION OF THE GLUON FUSION CROSS SECTION AT THE LHC

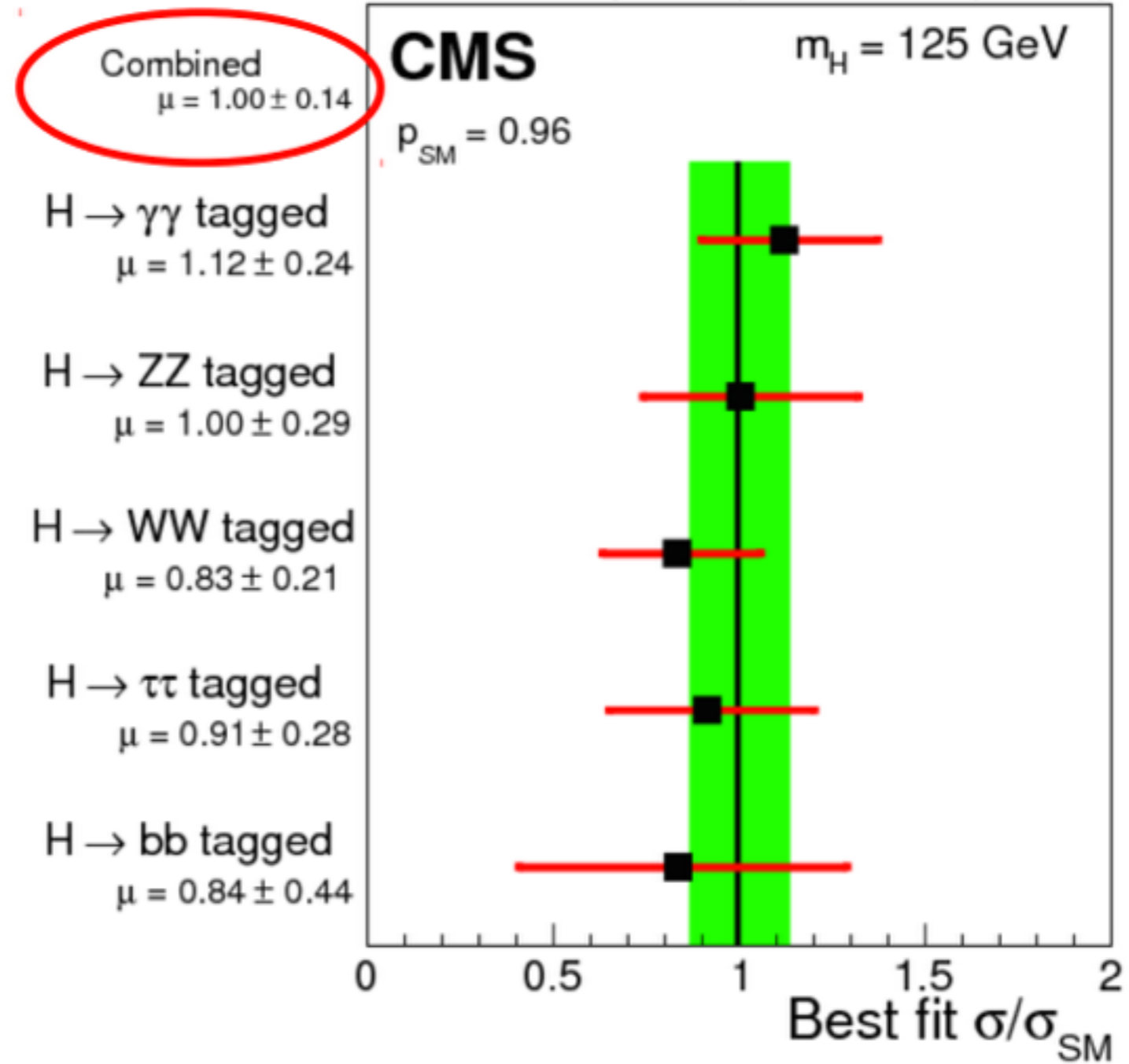
THE N3LOTEAM

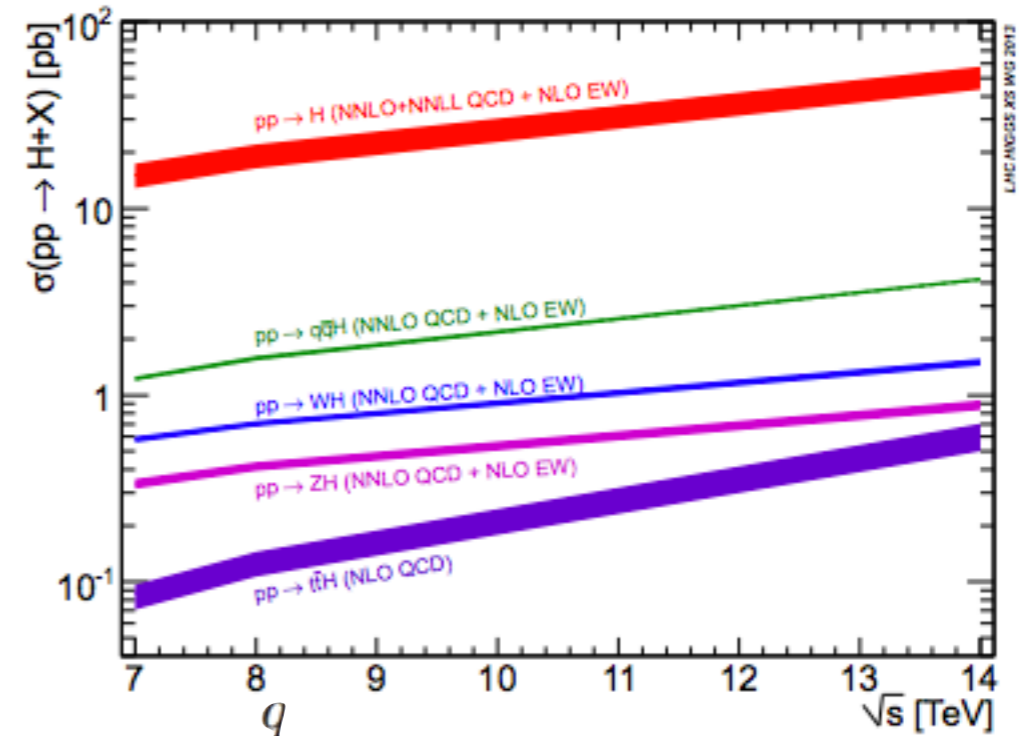
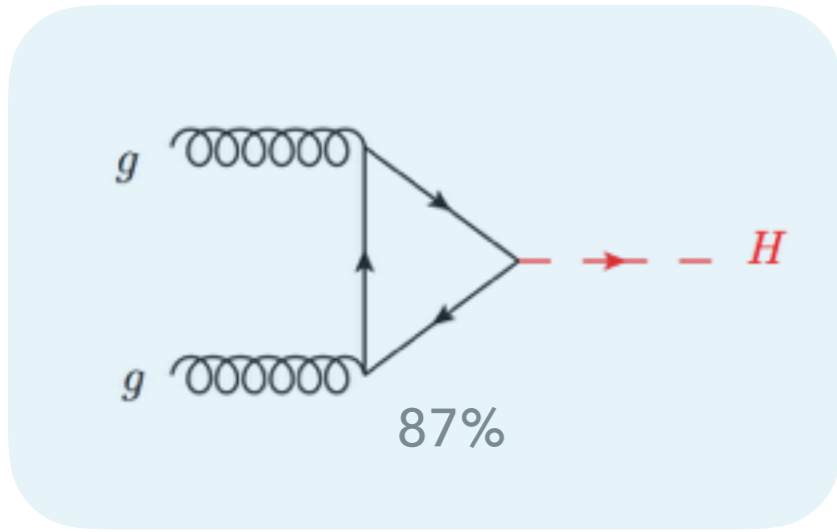
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ATLAS Preliminary
 $m_H = 125.36 \text{ GeV}$

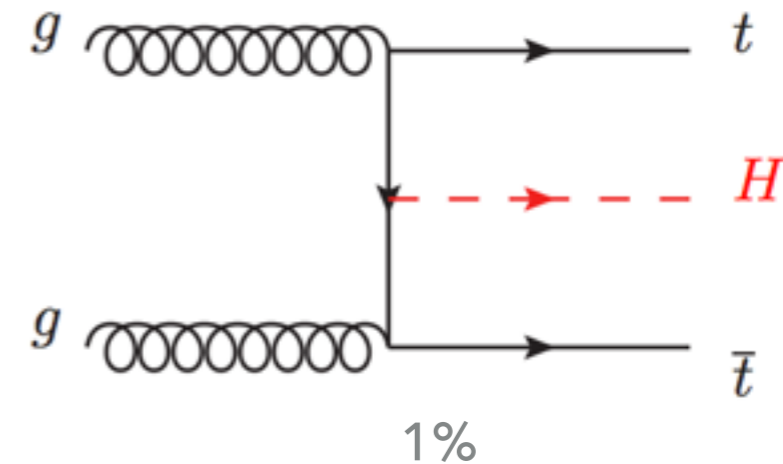
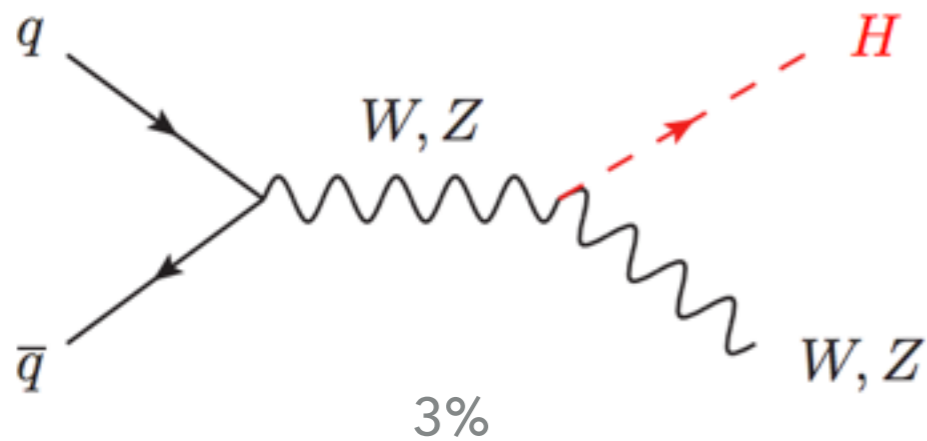
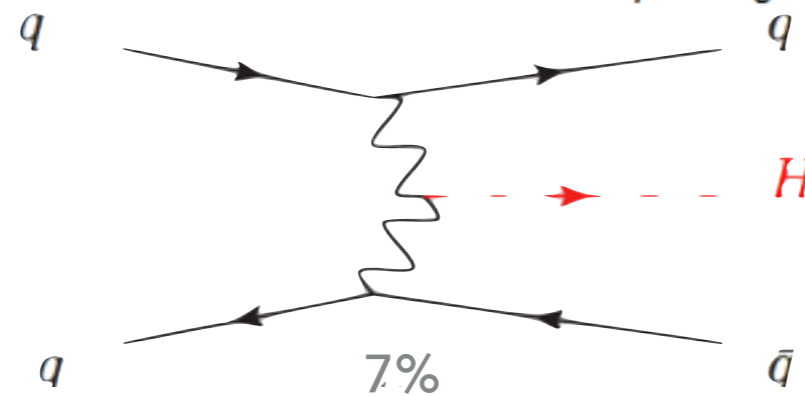


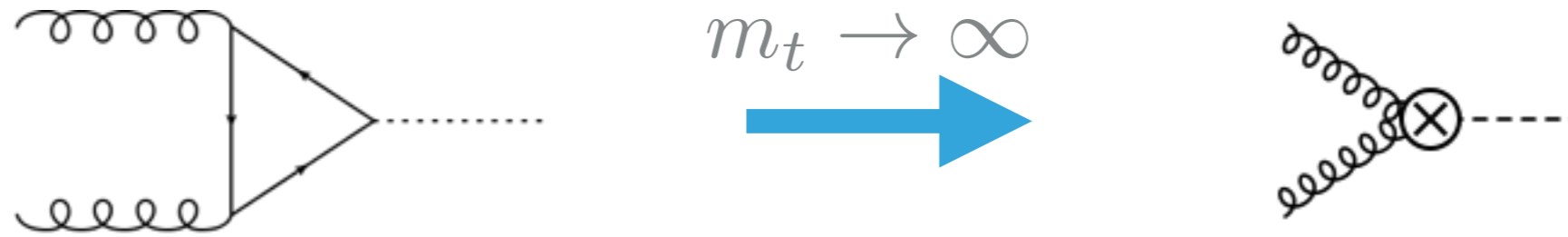
19.7 fb^{-1} (8 TeV) + 5.1 fb^{-1} (7 TeV)





LHC@14TEV

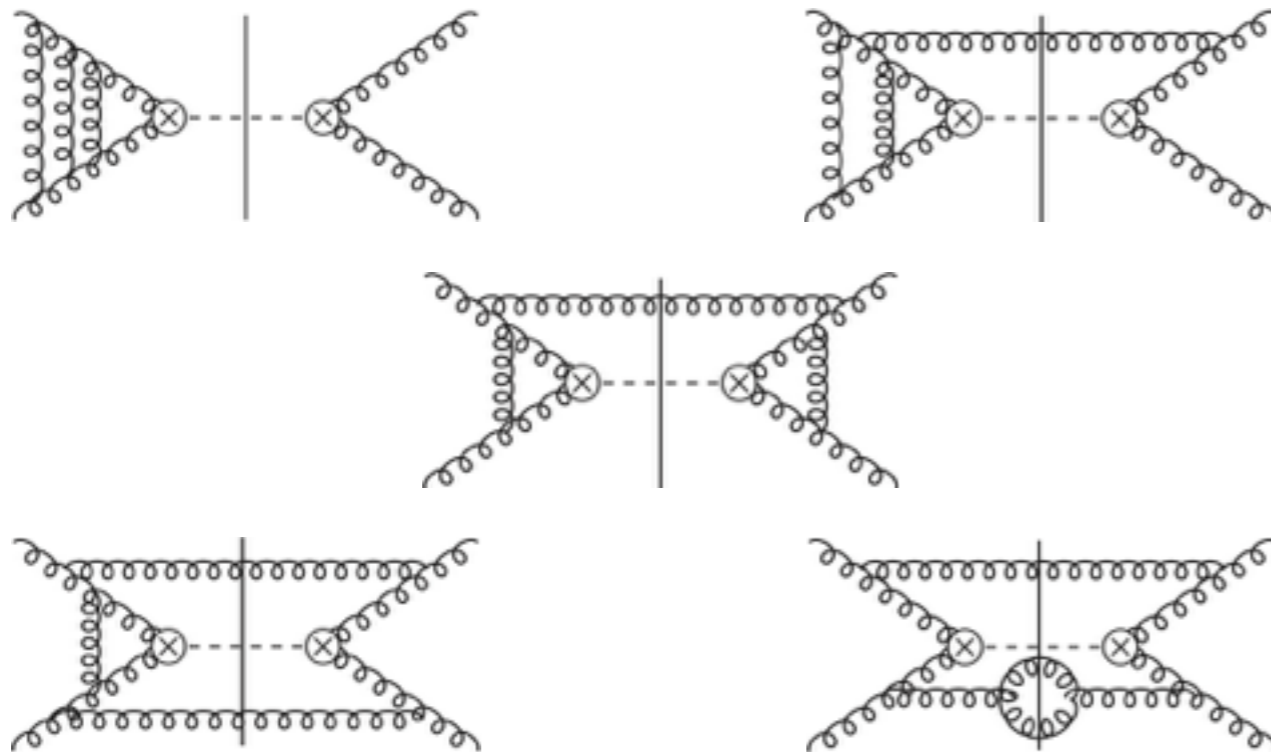




$$\hat{\sigma} = \alpha_s^2 \sigma^{\text{LO}} + \alpha_s^3 \sigma^{\text{NLO}} + \alpha_s^4 \sigma^{\text{NNLO}} + \alpha_s^5 \sigma^{\text{N3LO}}$$

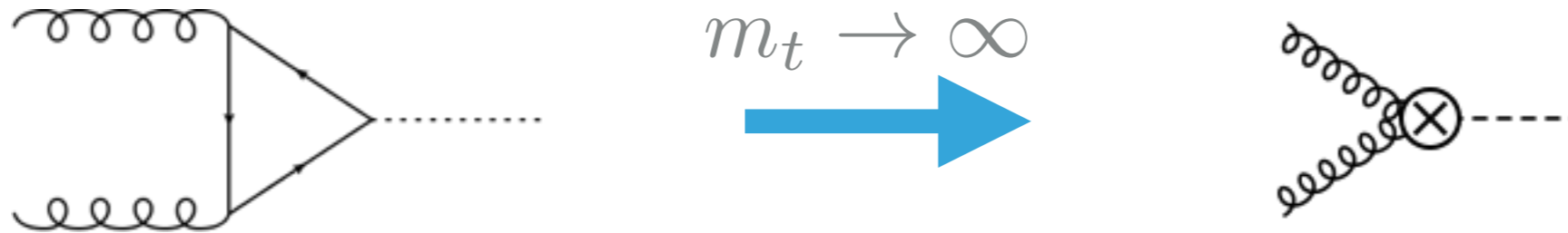
Partonic cross section is a function of the threshold variable $z = \frac{m_h^2}{s}$

$\hat{\sigma} = \hat{\sigma}(z)$
Measure of energy available for radiation



$$\sigma = \mathcal{L}(z) \otimes \hat{\sigma}(z)$$

FIRST N3LO CALCULATION FOR HADRON COLLIDERS



The heavy top effective theory receives corrections due to the finite top mass already at LO

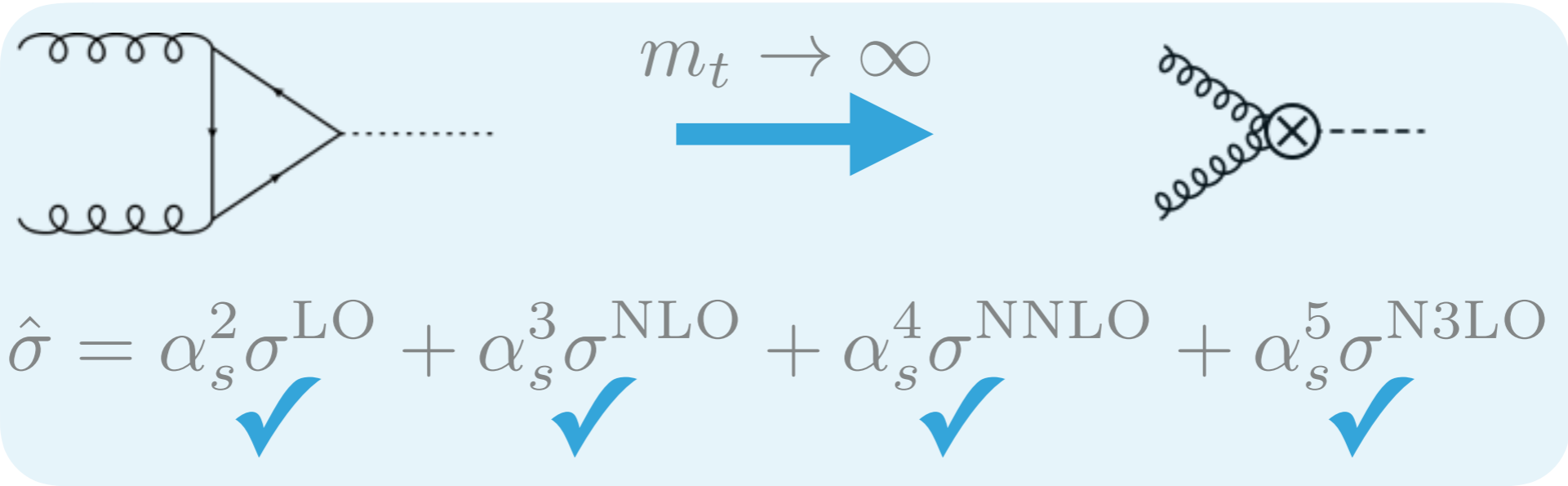
Good phenomenological approximation to rescale the effective theory cross sections with LO top dependence

$$K_{\text{LO}} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{exact}}^{\text{LO}}}{\sigma_{\text{EFT}}^{\text{LO}}}$$

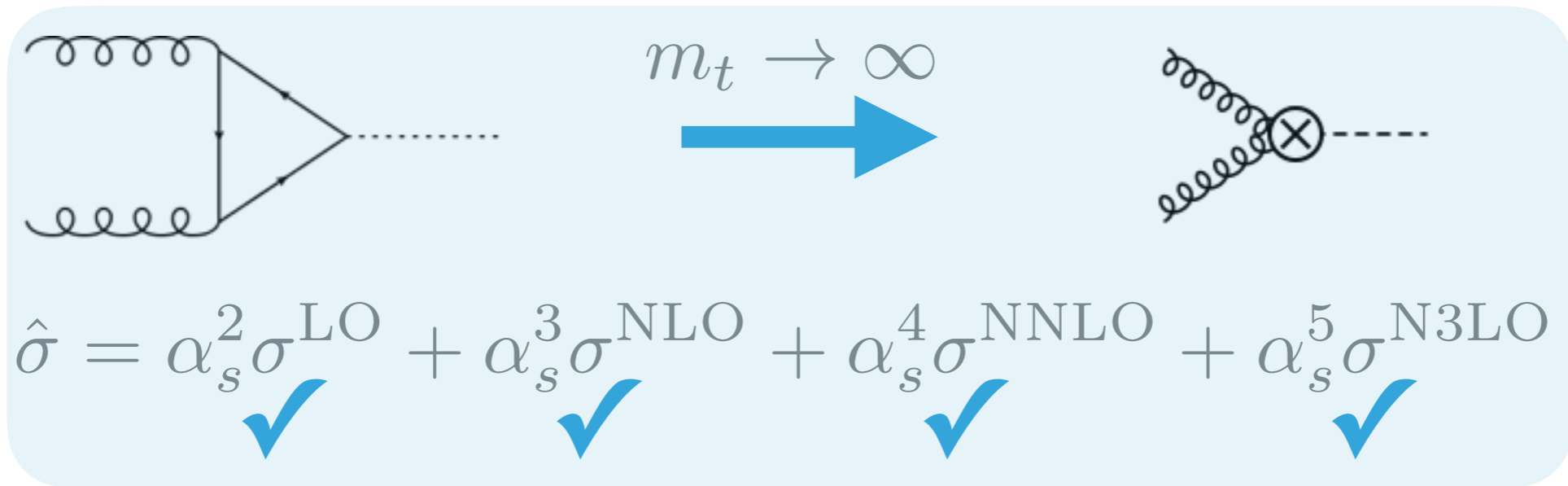
\sqrt{S}	13TeV
m_h	125GeV
PDF	PDF4LHC15_nnlo.100
$\alpha_s(m_Z)$	0.118
$m_t(m_t)$	162.7 (\overline{MS})
$m_b(4.18\text{GeV})$	4.18 (\overline{MS})
$m_c(3\text{GeV})$	0.986 (\overline{MS})
$\mu = \mu_R = \mu_F$	62.5 (= $m_h/2$)

$$\sigma_{\text{rEFT}}^{\text{NLO}} = K_{\text{LO}} \times \sigma_{\text{EFT}}^{\text{NLO}} = 37.00\text{pb} \longleftrightarrow \sigma_{\text{exact}}^{\text{NLO}} = 37.76\text{pb}$$

BETTER THAN 0.6%



Experiments



UNCERTAINTY OF EFT

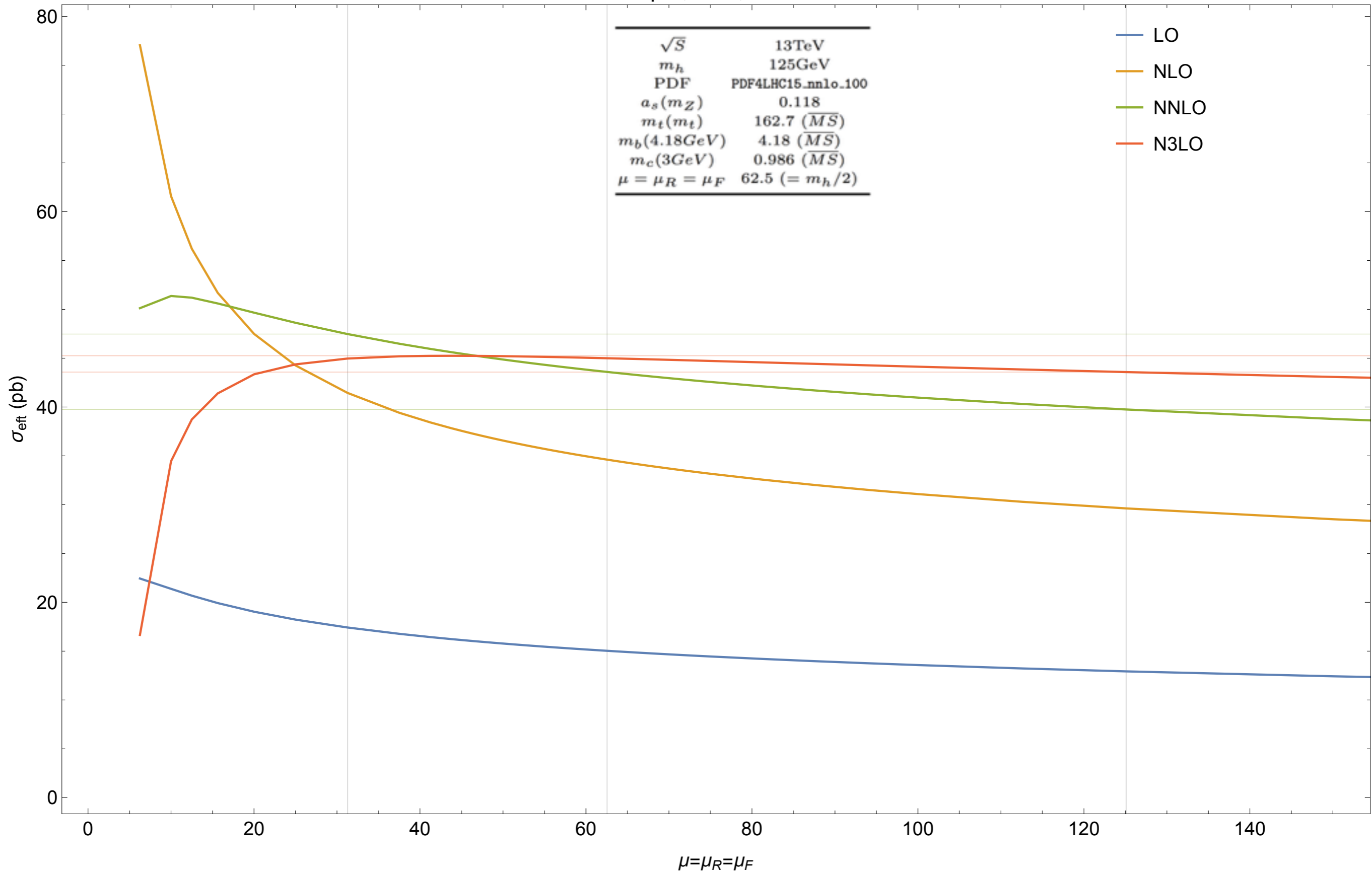
FINITE QUARK MASSES

CONVOLUTION WITH PDFS

Experiments

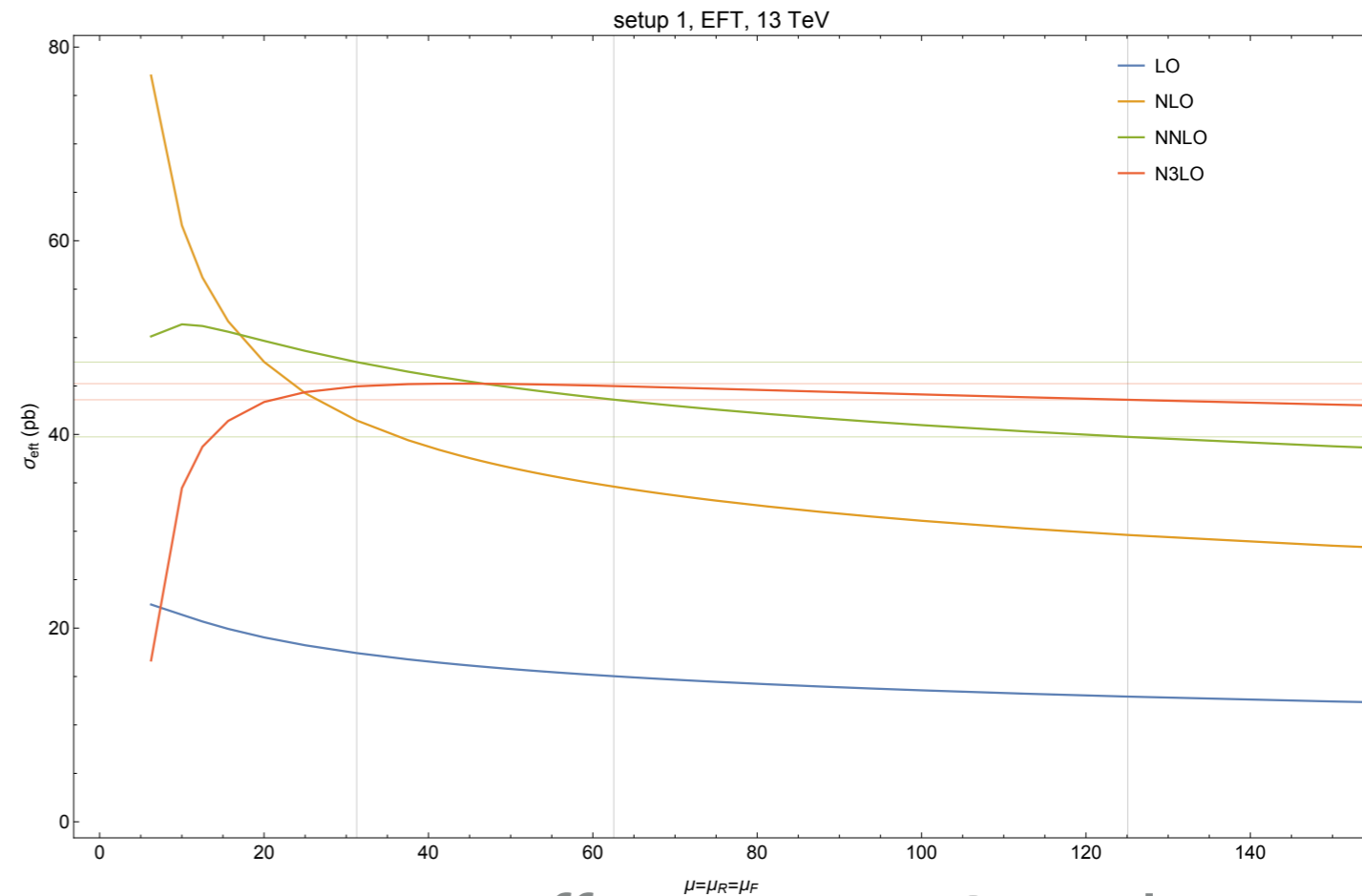
SCALE VARIATION UNCERTAINTY

setup 1, EFT, 13 TeV



Estimate missing higher orders (MHO) from scale variation

Vary scale in interval $\left[\frac{m_H}{4}, m_H \right]$



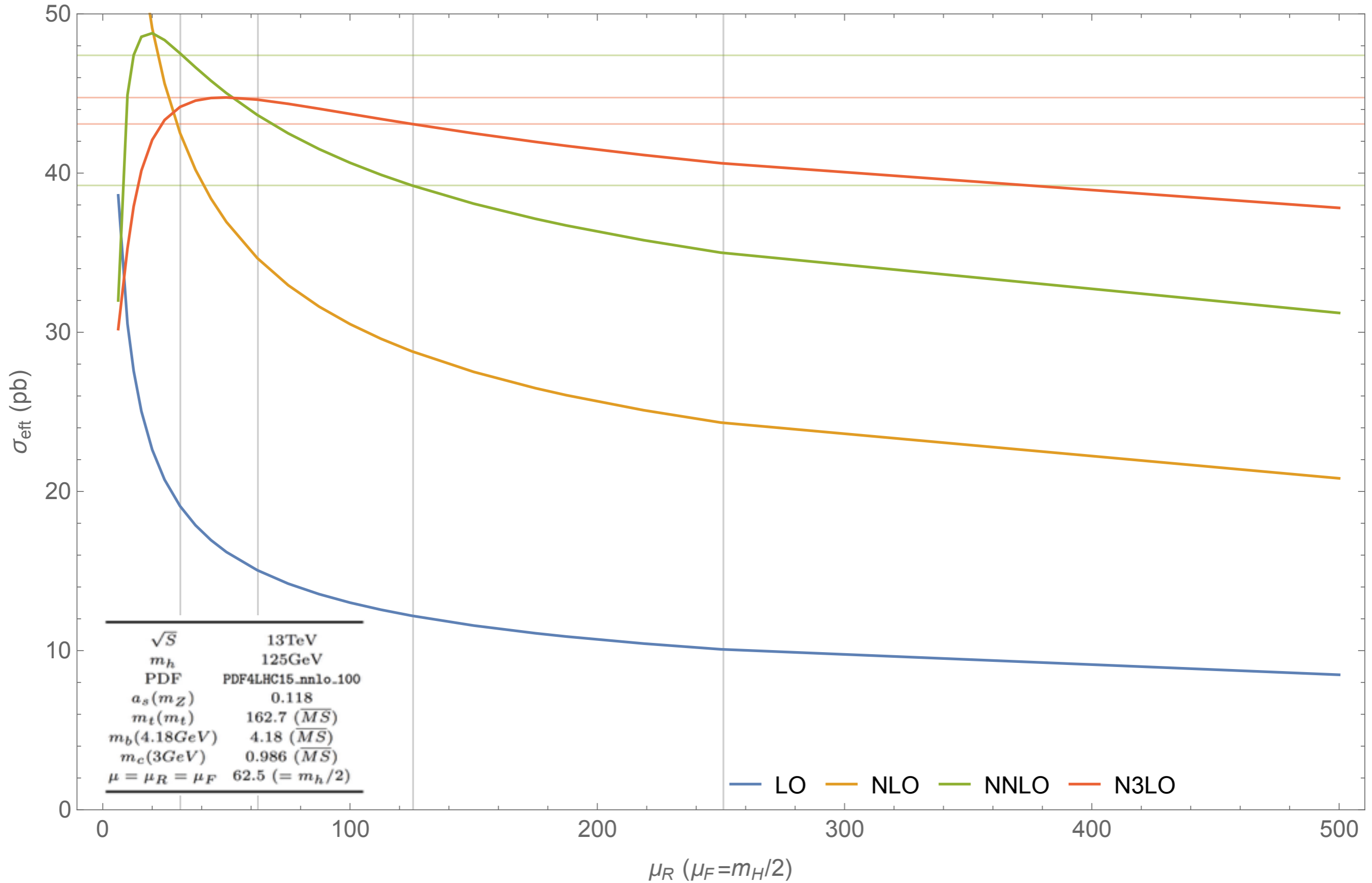
Estimating MHO from scale variations not very effective at LO and NLO because of larger corrections

Perturbative series seems to stabilize from NNLO on

$$\pm \frac{\sigma_{\max} - \sigma_{\min}}{\sigma_{\max} + \sigma_{\min}}$$

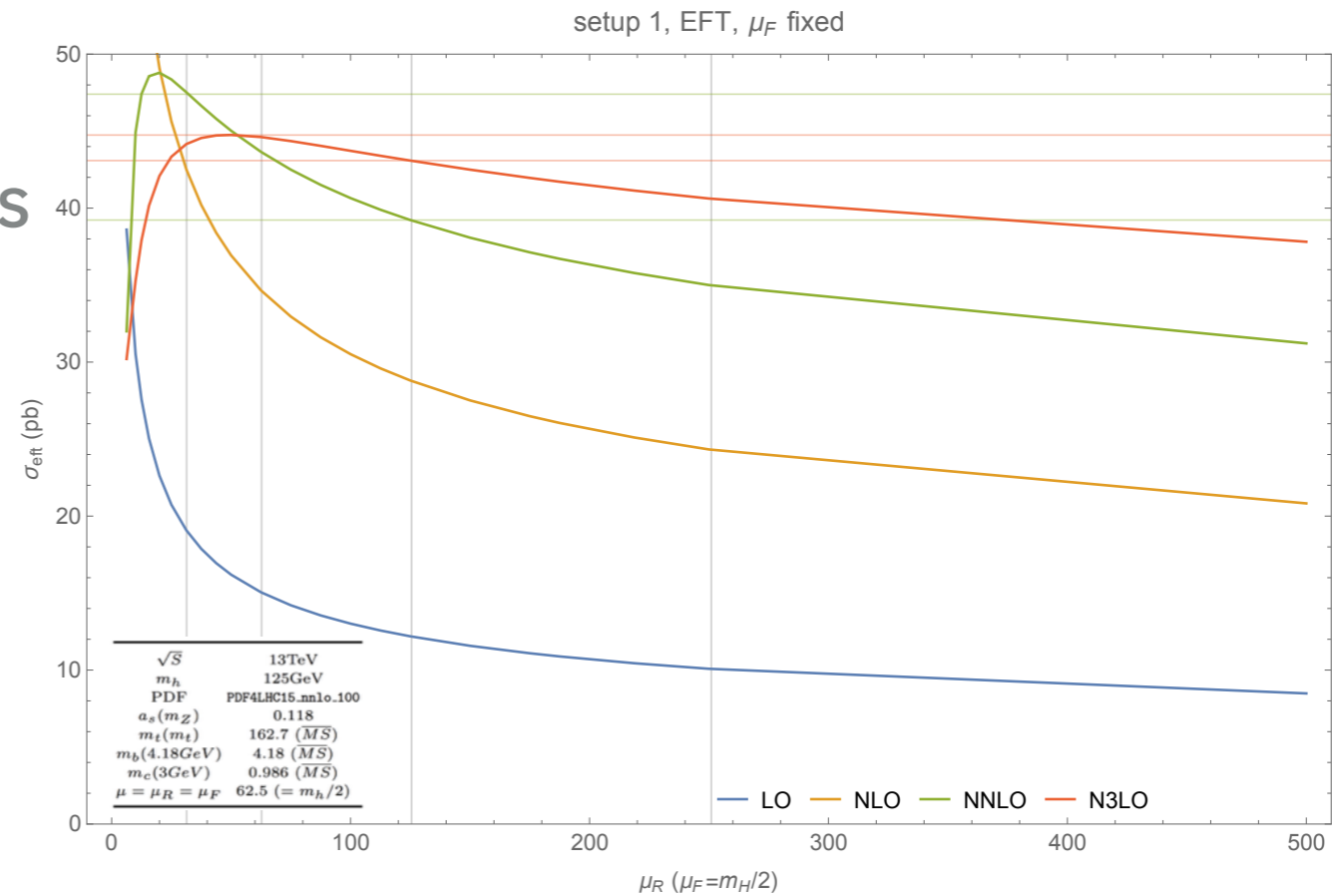


LO	$\pm 14.8\%$
NLO	$\pm 16.6\%$
NNLO	$\pm 8.8\%$
N ³ LO	$\pm 1.6\%$

setup 1, EFT, μ_F fixed

Faster convergence for low scales

Vary scale in interval $\left[\frac{m_H}{4}, m_H \right]$

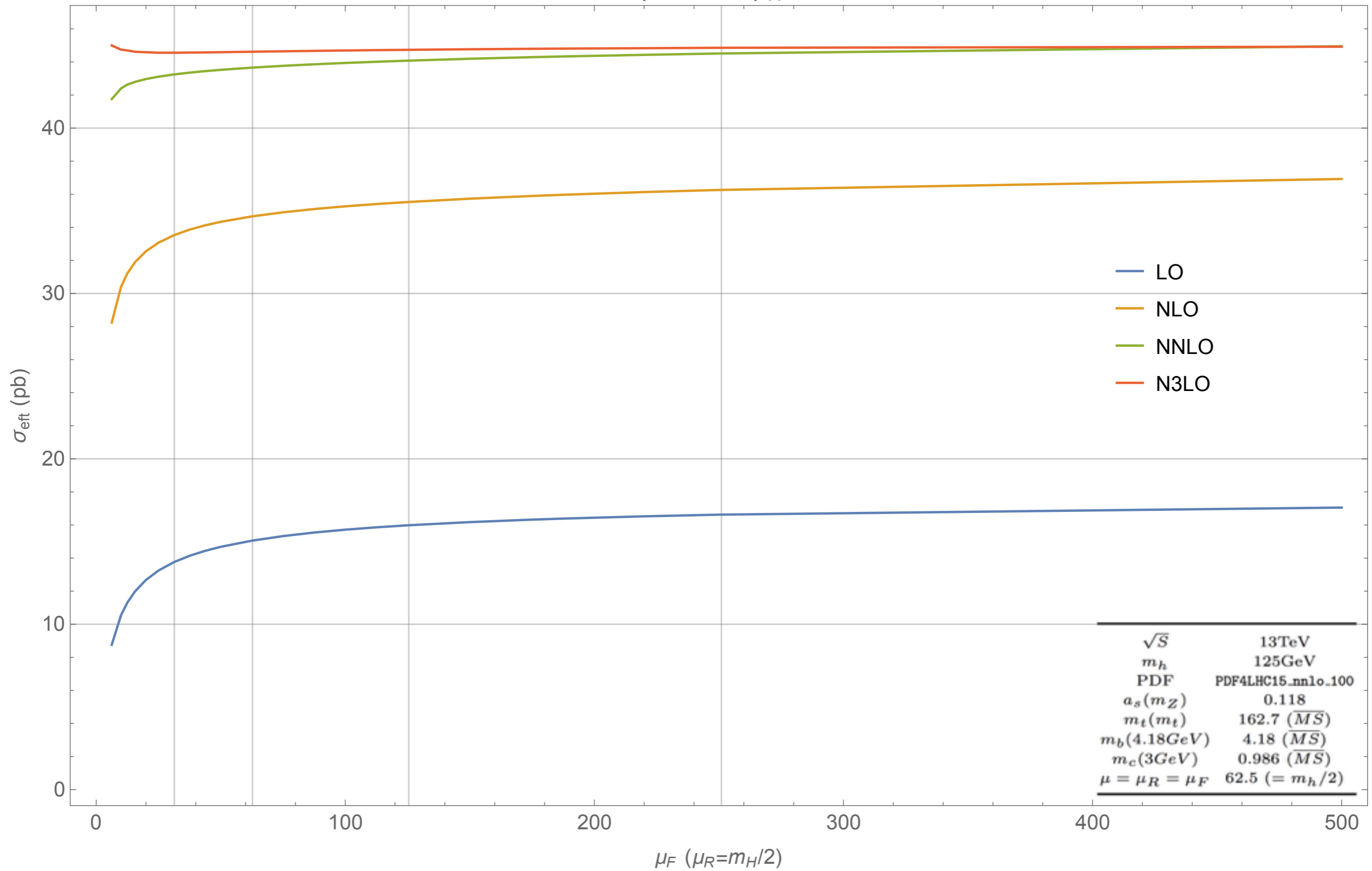


Scale variation relative to average cross section

$$\pm \frac{\sigma_{\max} - \sigma_{\min}}{\sigma_{\max} + \sigma_{\min}}$$



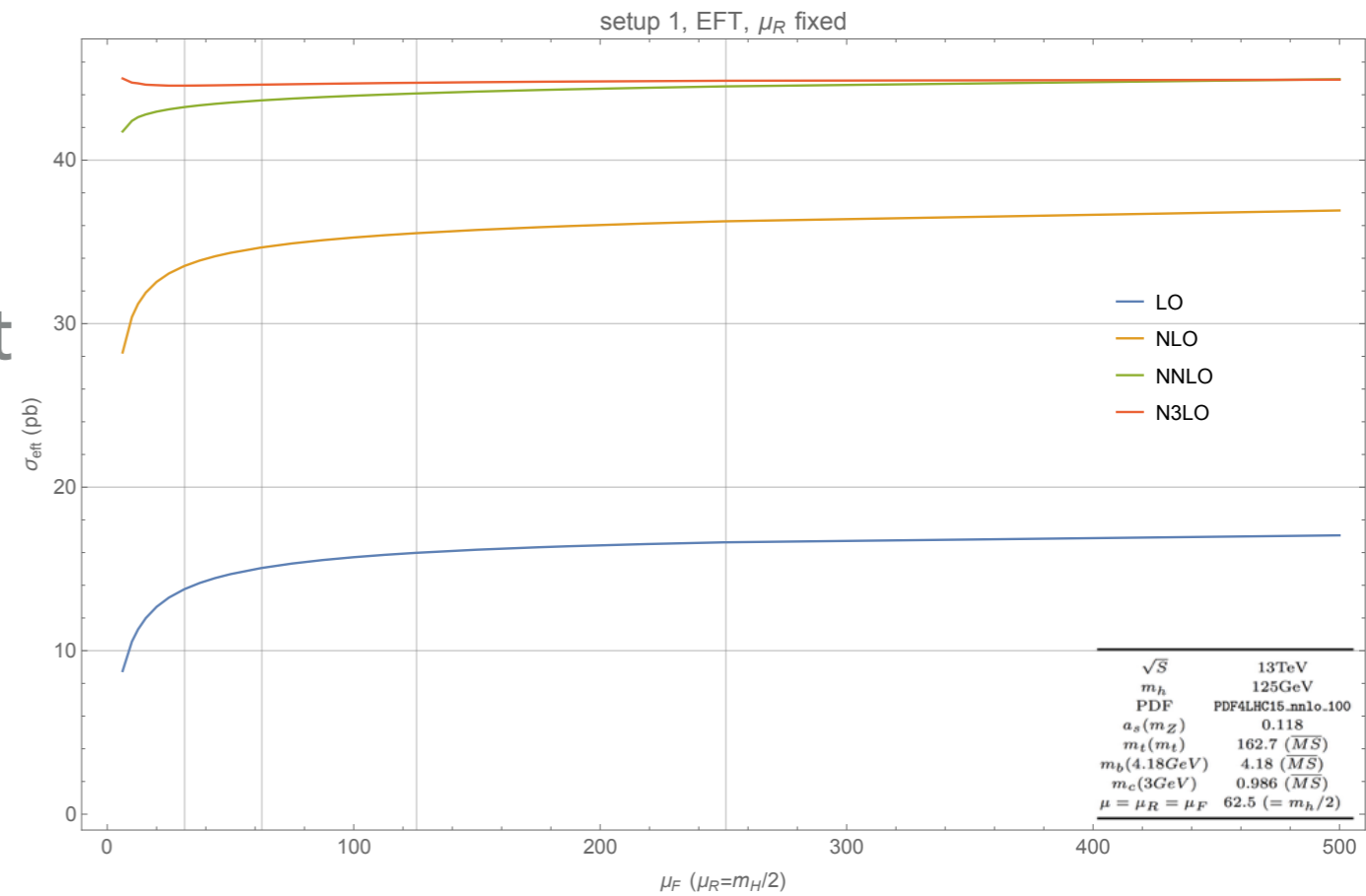
LO	$\pm 22.0\%$
NLO	$\pm 19.2\%$
NNLO	$\pm 9.5\%$
N ³ LO	$\pm 1.9\%$

setup 1, EFT, μ_R fixed

Traditionally:

PDFs at LO are not constant but evolved with one-loop splitting functions

Improved LO agreement with data



This approach would require the unknown four loop splitting functions at N3LO

Order	Traditional	Minimal
LO	$P^{(0)}$	const.
NLO	$P^{(1)}$	$P^{(0)}$
NNLO	$P^{(2)}$	$P^{(1)}$
N ³ LO	$P^{(3)}$	$P^{(2)}$

Improved Phenomenology (arrow pointing to Traditional column)

Unreliable (arrow pointing to Minimal column)

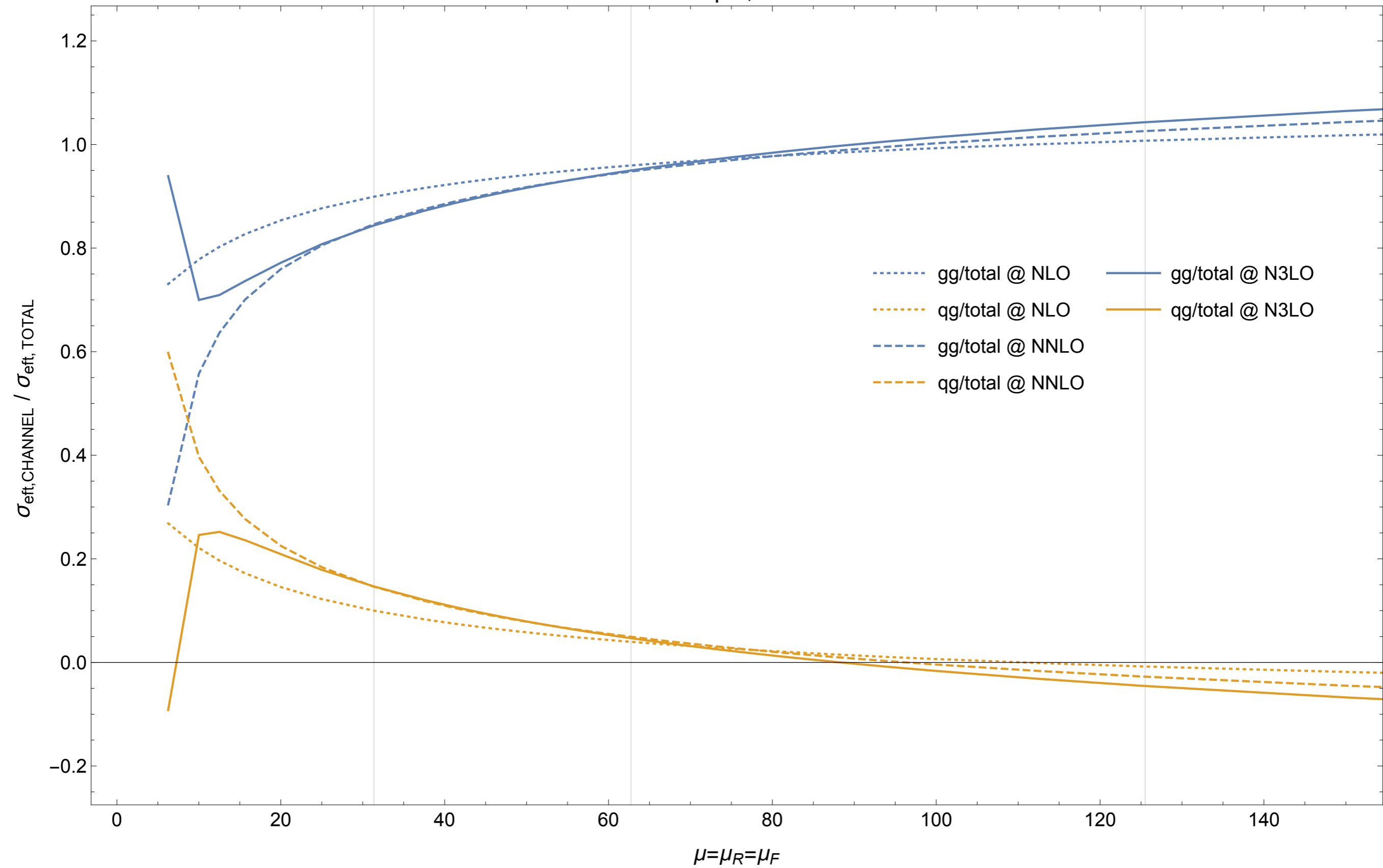
Reliable (arrow pointing to Minimal column, N³LO row)

Reliable (arrow pointing to Minimal column, P⁽²⁾ row)

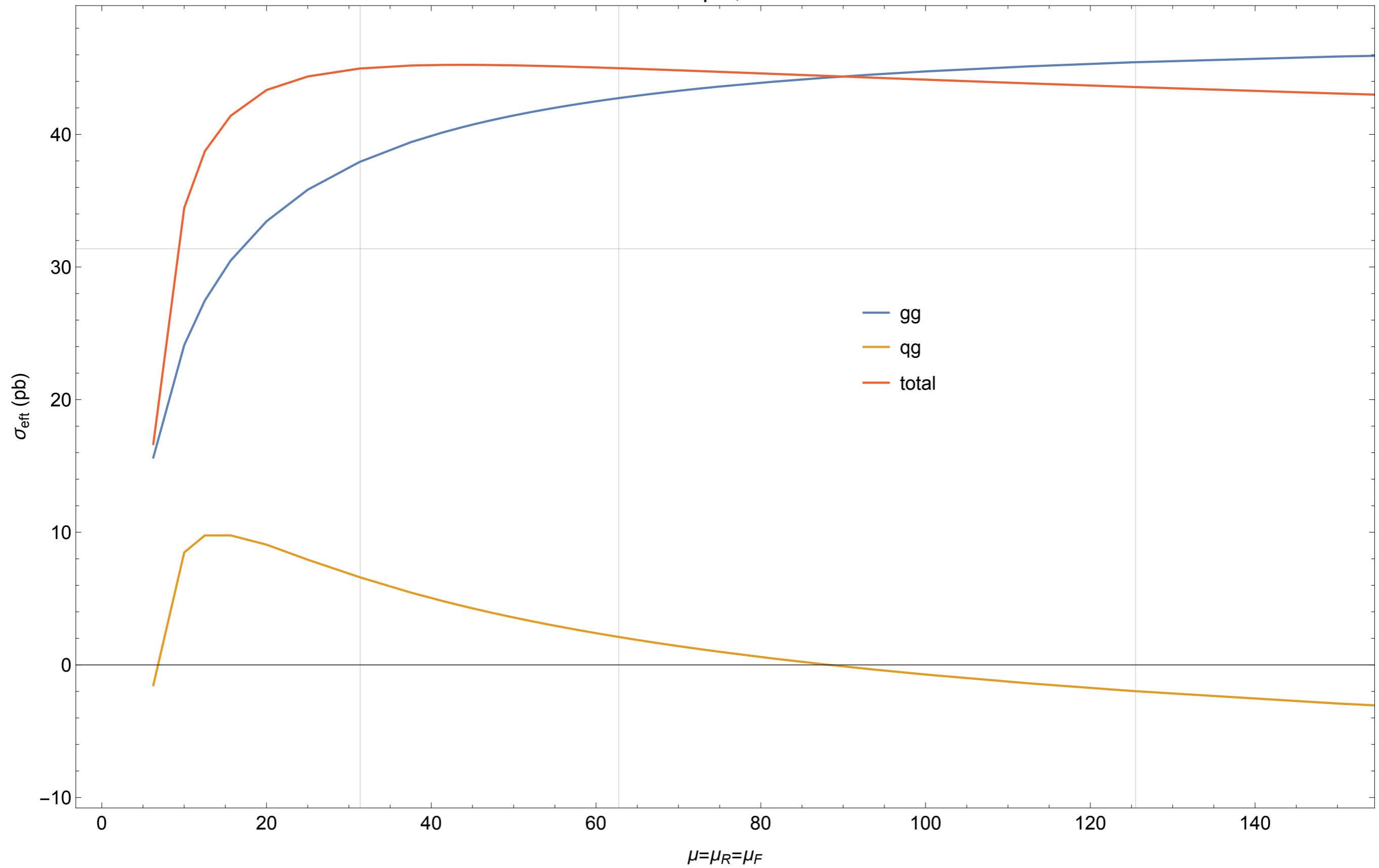
Reliable Not yet possible (arrow pointing to Traditional column, N³LO row)

CONSISTENT FIXED ORDER QCD (blue box)

setup 1, EFT



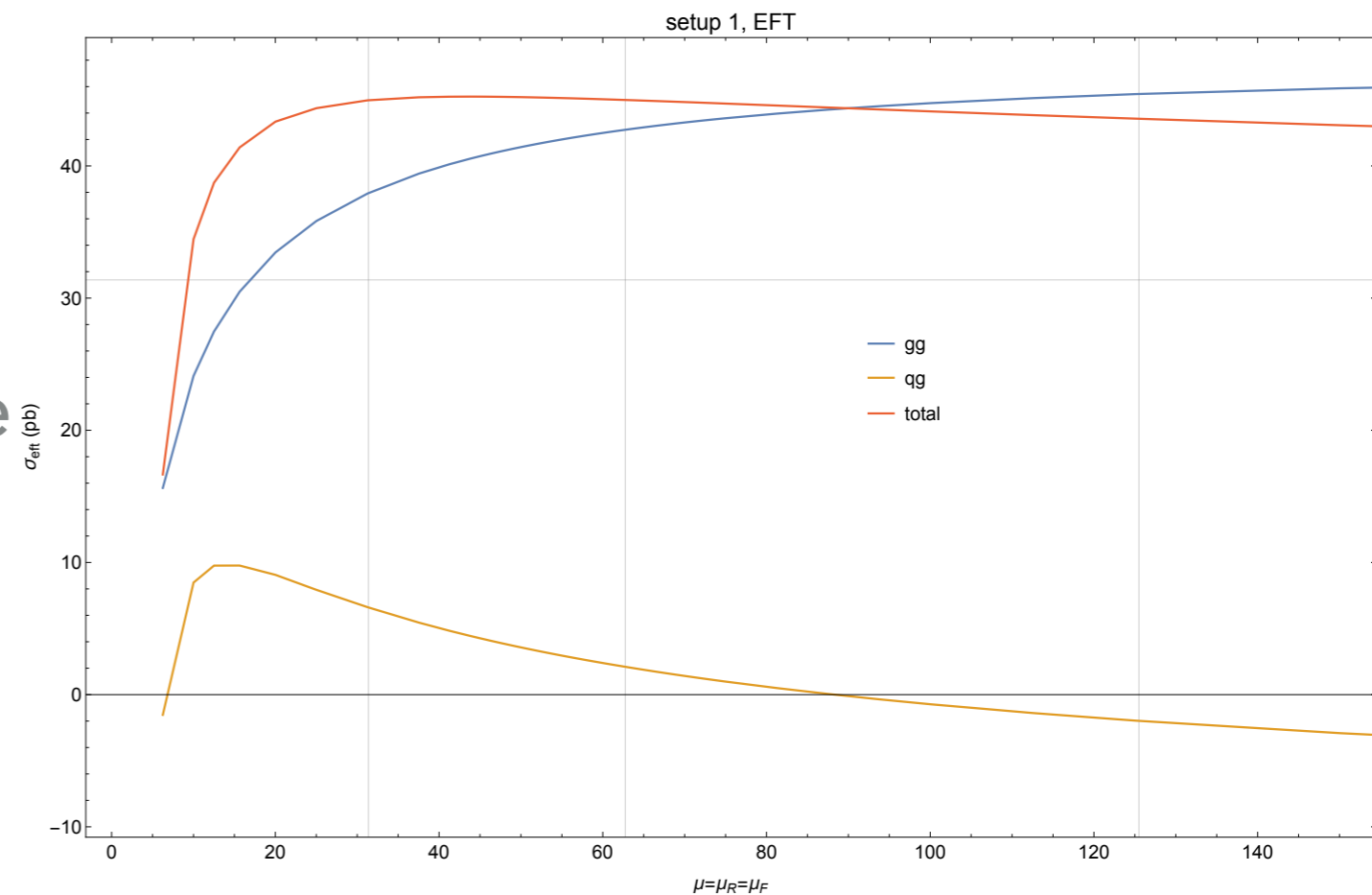
setup 1, EFT



qg channel is important for scale variation

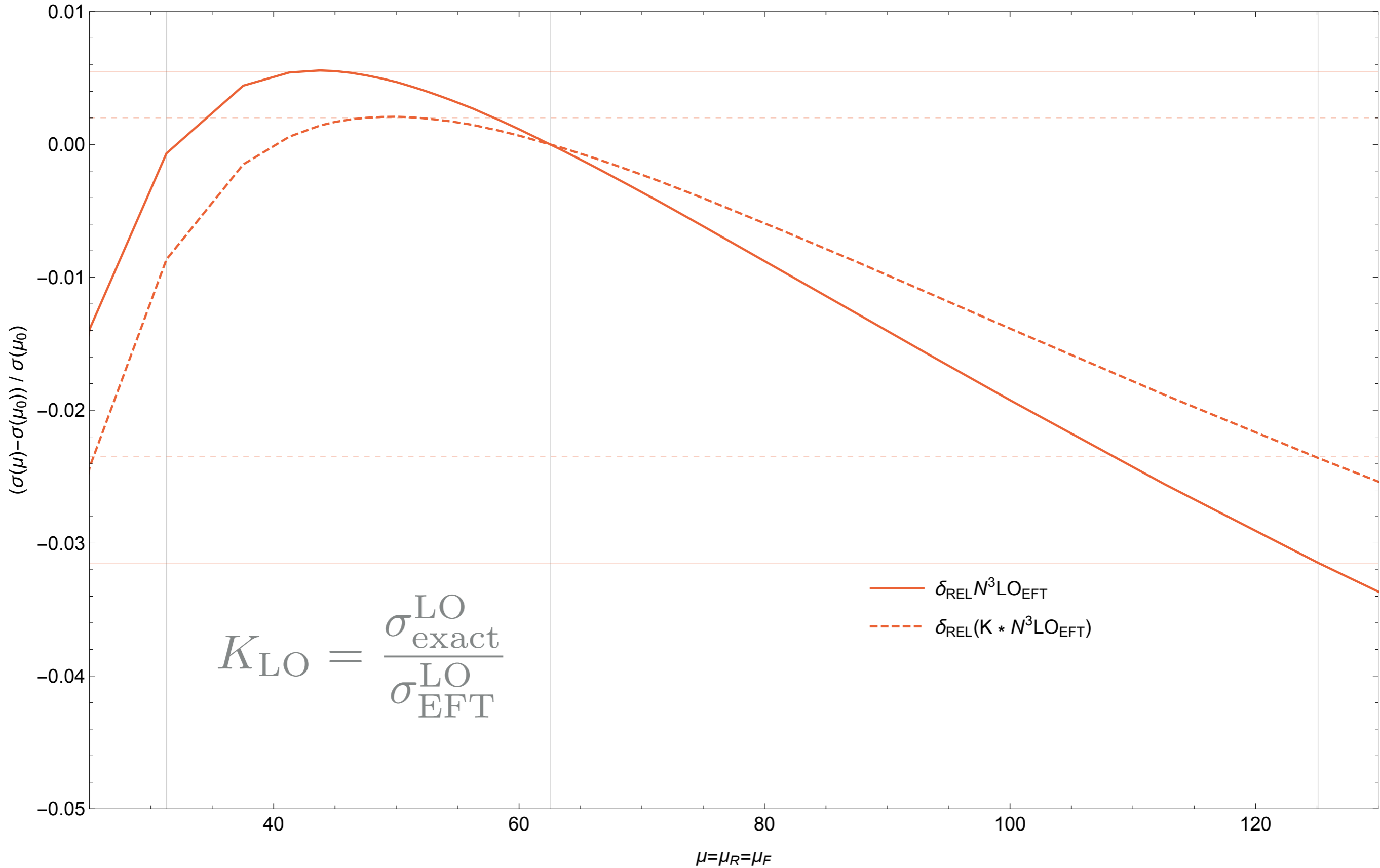
Cross section is stabilized by the qg channel at lower scales

Approximations based on the soft term miss this effect



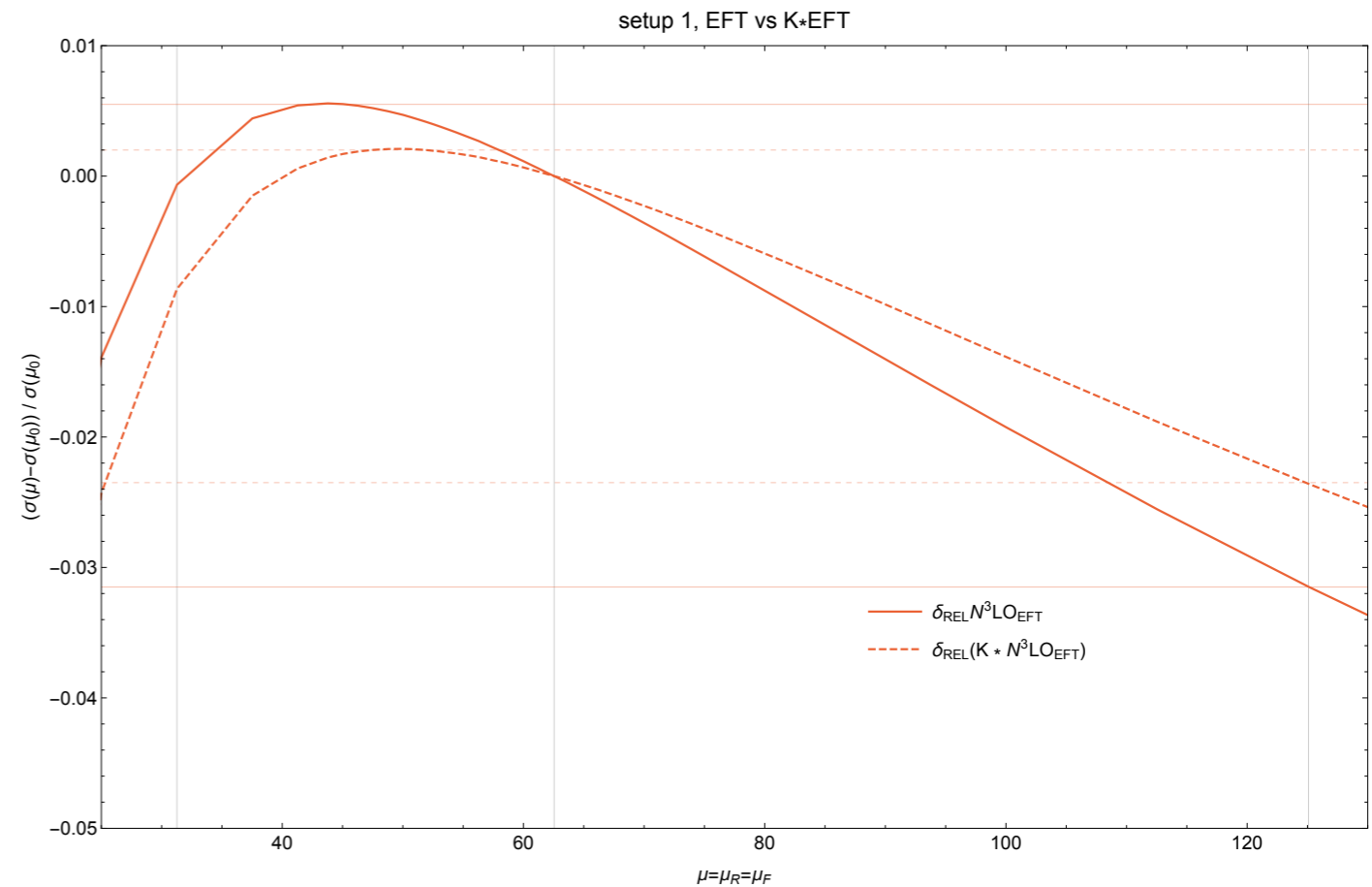
Scale variation receives correction from rescaling of the EFT

setup 1, EFT vs K*EFT



Scale dependence is improved by inclusion of the rescaled LO

Running of the top mass in $\overline{\text{MS}}$ compensates partially the running of the cross section



Scale uncertainty from variation with all channels in $\left[\frac{m_H}{4}, m_H \right]$

$$\delta_{\text{scale}} = \begin{matrix} +0.13 \\ -1.24 \end{matrix} \text{ pb} = \begin{matrix} +0.30 \\ -2.79 \end{matrix} \%$$

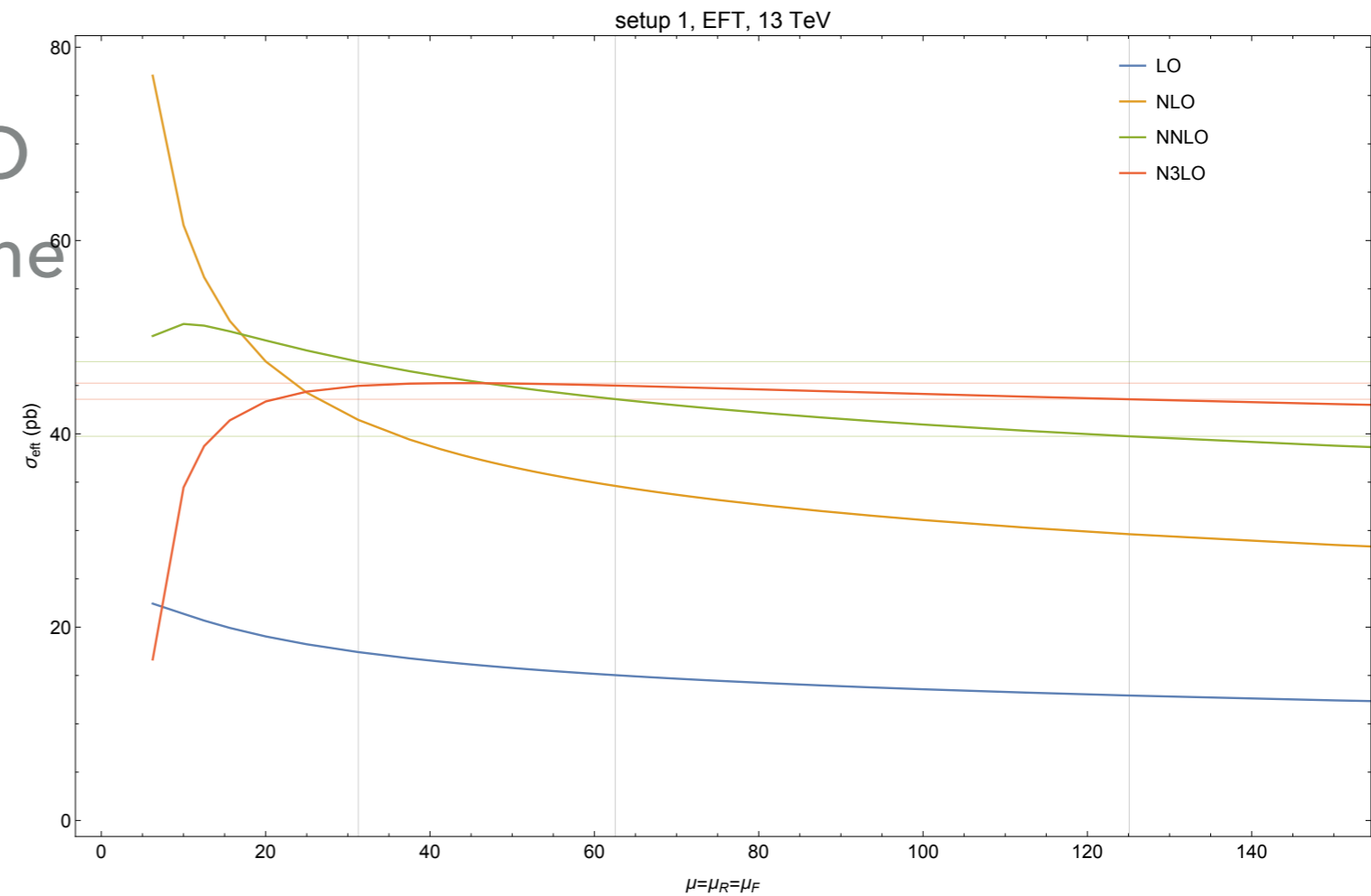
IS SCALE

VARIATION A

GOOD ESTIMATOR

Scale variation at LO and NLO notoriously underestimates the corrections from MHO

Is scale variation at N3LO a good estimator?



We need to understand the convergence of the perturbative series

Reshuffle orders in the perturbative expansions

**USE FACTORIZATION TO RESHUFFLE
PERTURBATIVE ORDERS**

Two types of factorization in inclusive Higgs cross section

$$m_{\text{top}} \rightarrow \infty$$

EFT

**FACTORIZE WILSON
COEFFICIENT**

$$z \rightarrow 1$$

soft limit

RESUMMATION

Wilson coefficient receives QCD corrections

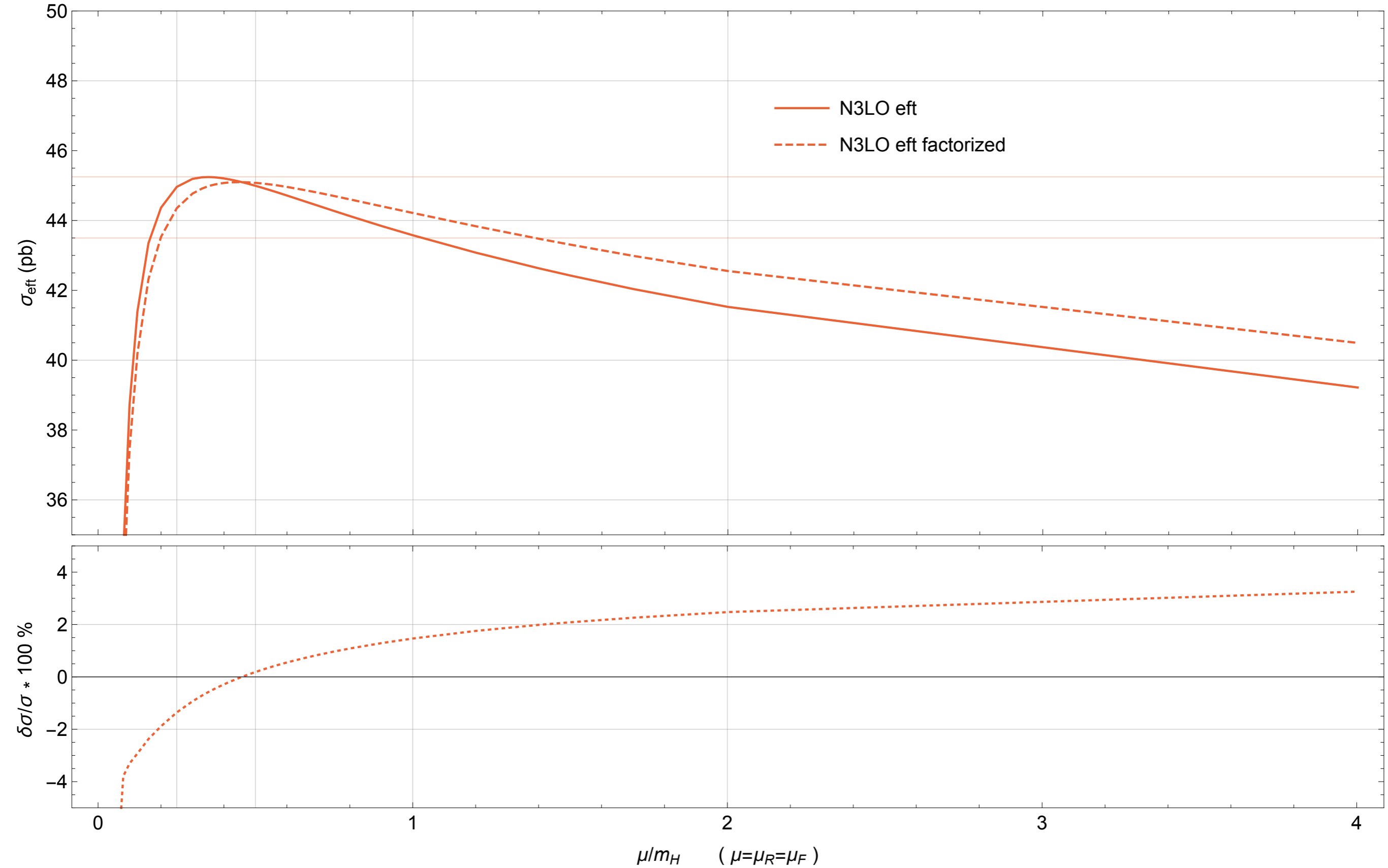
$$\hat{\sigma} = |C(\alpha_s)|^2 \times \eta(\alpha_s)$$

The diagram illustrates the perturbative expansion of the Wilson coefficient and the anomalous dimension. A blue box labeled "PERTURBATIVE SERIES" has two arrows pointing to the terms $|C(\alpha_s)|^2$ and $\eta(\alpha_s)$ in the equation above. A blue arrow points from the text $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^n)$ to the $|C(\alpha_s)|^2$ term, and another blue arrow points from the same text to the $\eta(\alpha_s)$ term.

Conventional approach: Expand the product to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^n)$

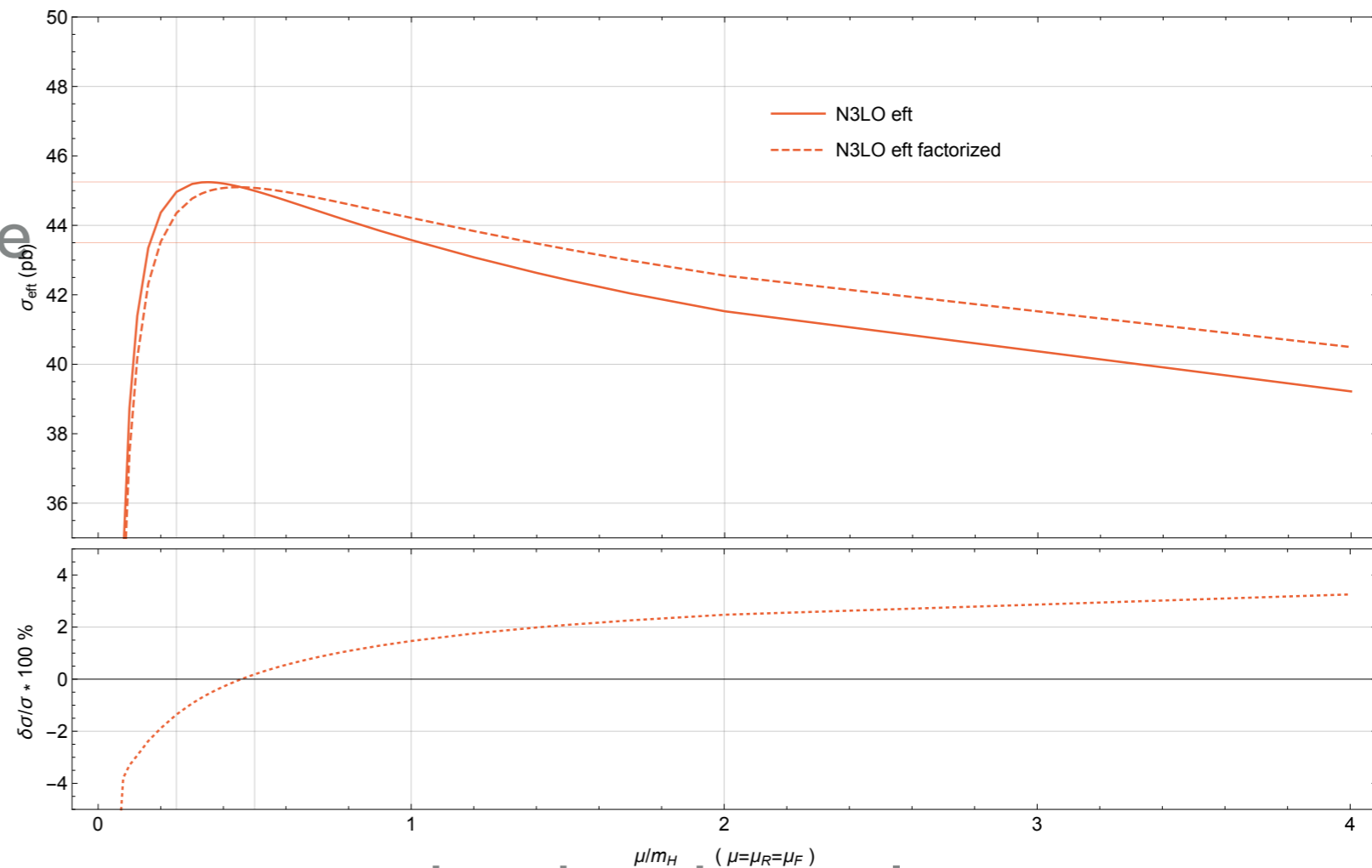
Alternative approach: Keep terms of up to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^{2n})$ in the product

Captures some pieces of higher order cross sections



Factorizing the Wilson coefficient reduces the scale dependence

Both approaches exactly equivalent at the preferred scale $m_h/2$



Change of the scale variation is contained within the scale variation in the conventional approach

Scale variation in the conventional approach is a more conservative estimator

Cross section factorizes in the soft limit in Mellin space $z \rightarrow 1$

$$\sigma_{res} = \alpha_s^2(\mu_r) e^{\mathcal{G}(\alpha_s, \mu_r, \mu_f)} C_{gg}(\alpha_s(\mu_r), \mu_r, \mu_s)$$

EXPONENTIATE DIVERGENT TERMS

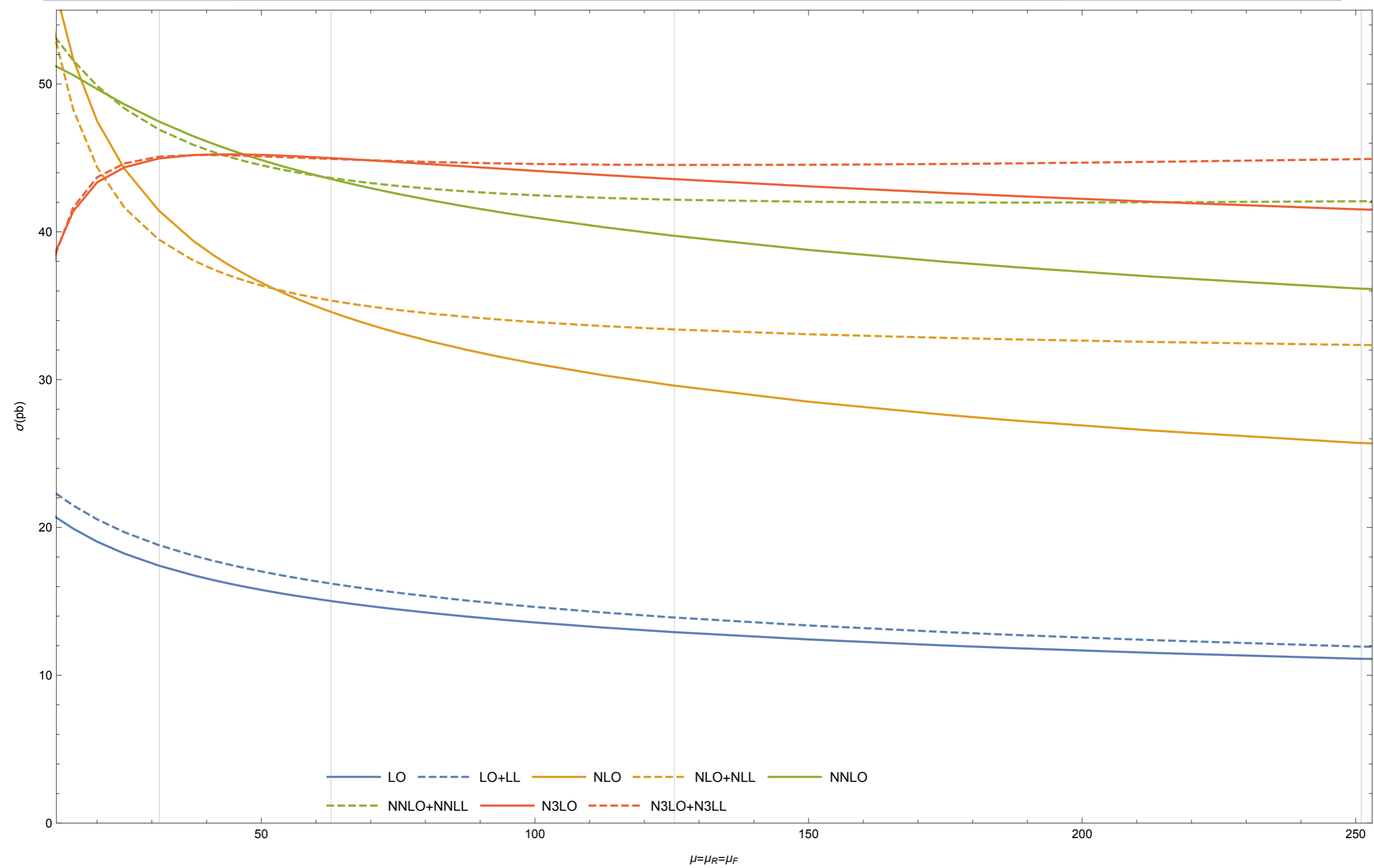
FINITE PIECES

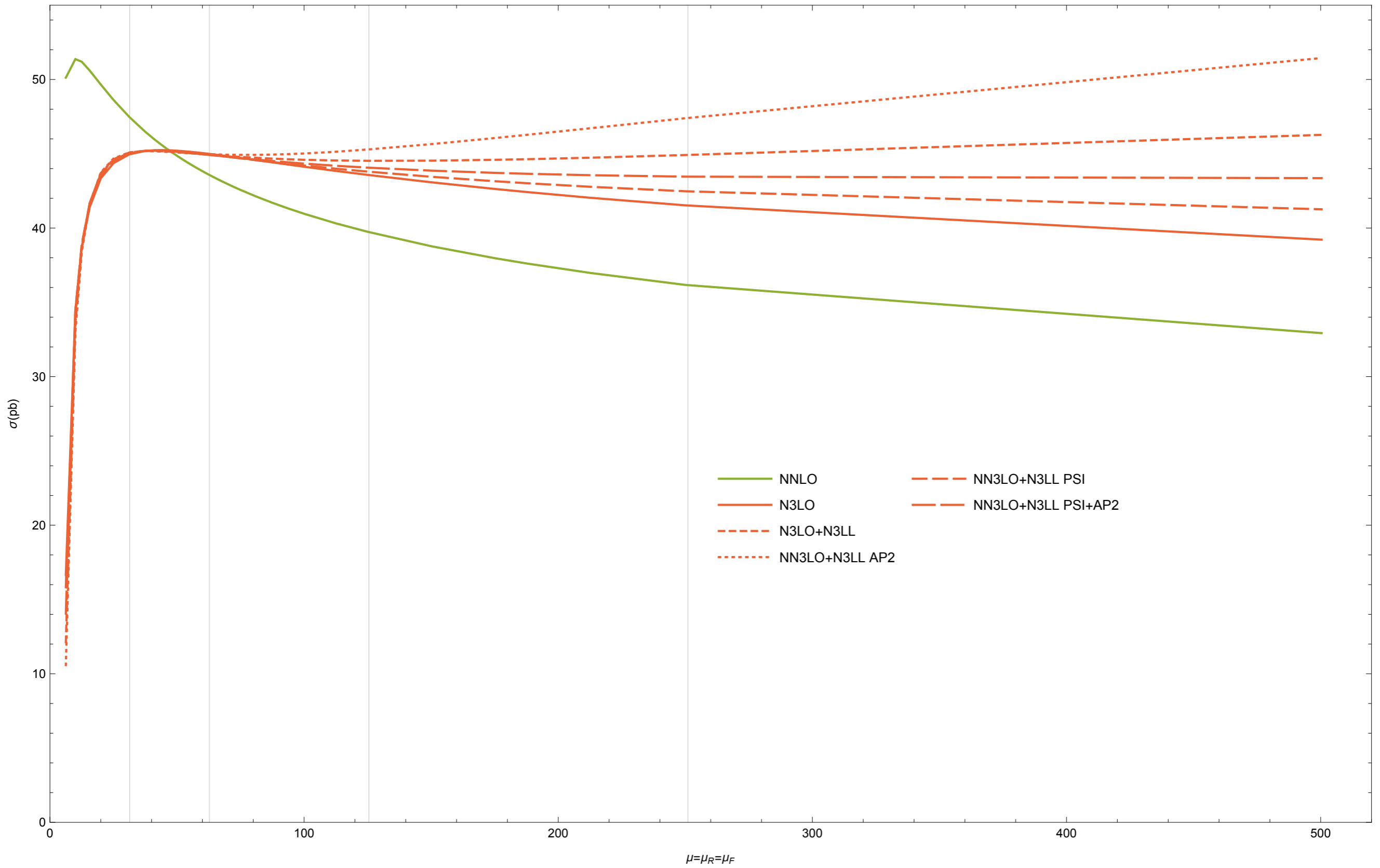
Exponentiate universal emission of soft gluons

MELLIN SPACE

Captures the n most leading threshold logarithms

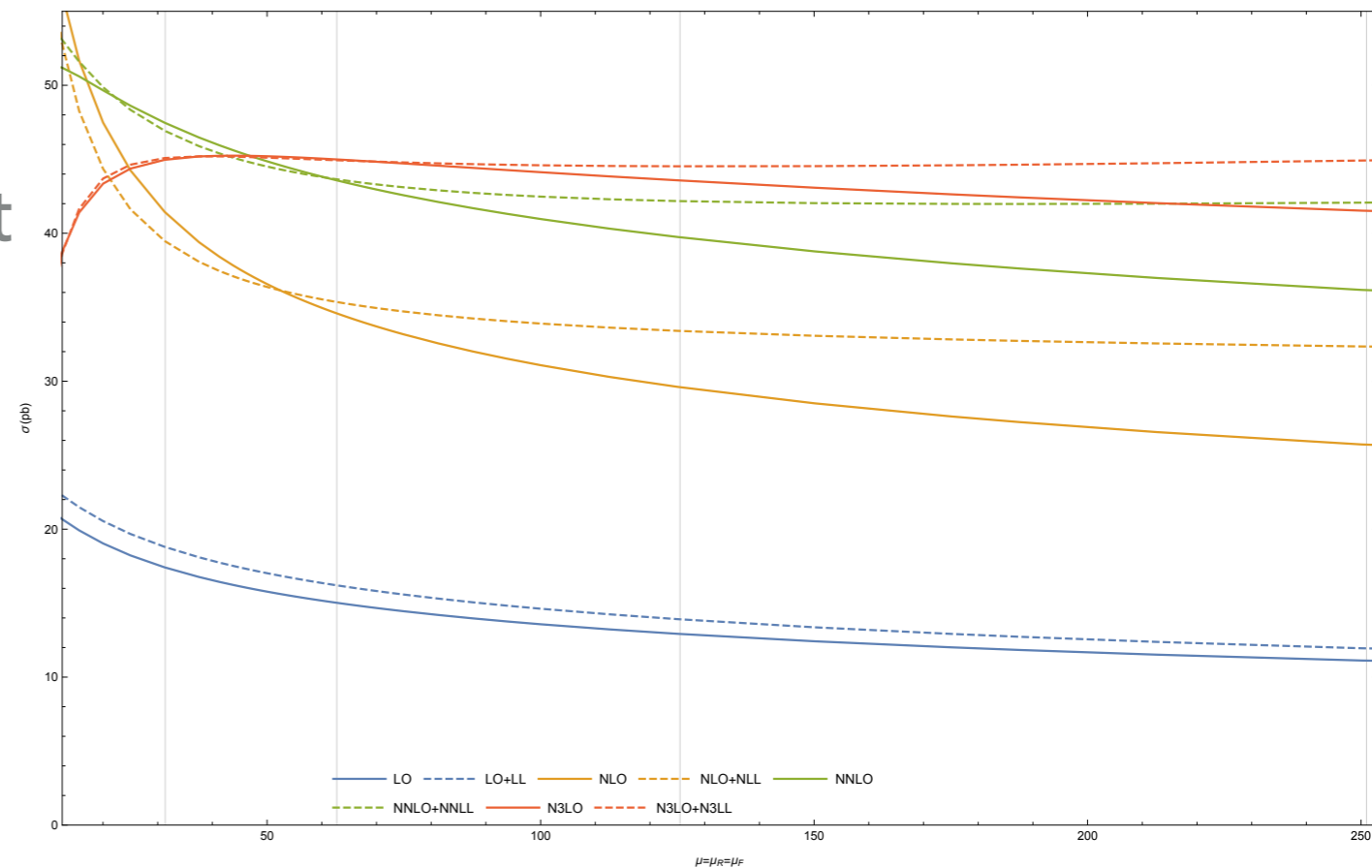
Different resummation prescriptions differ by subleading terms





Leading logarithms not the most important piece numerically

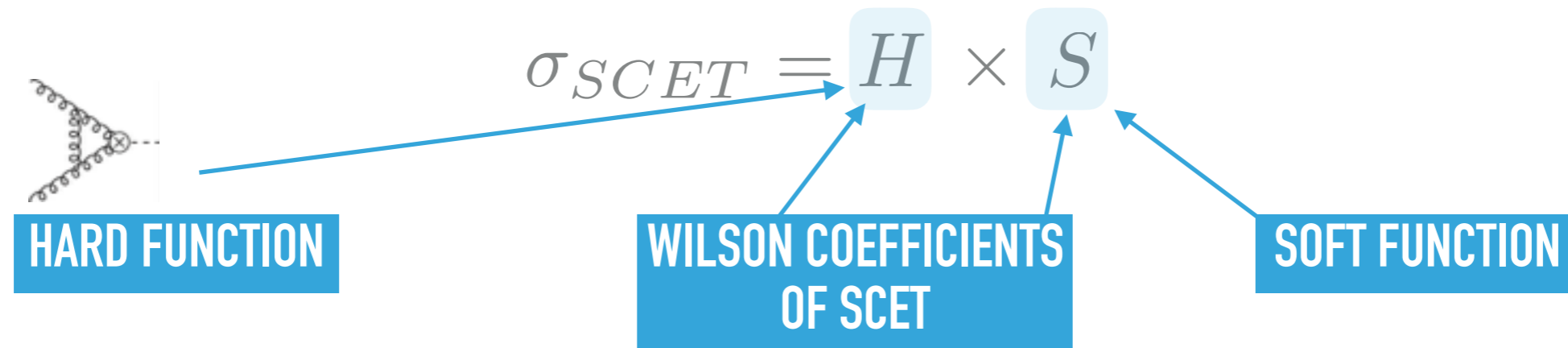
Formally equivalent prescriptions differ strongly at high scales



No correction from resummation at the preferred scale $m_h/2$

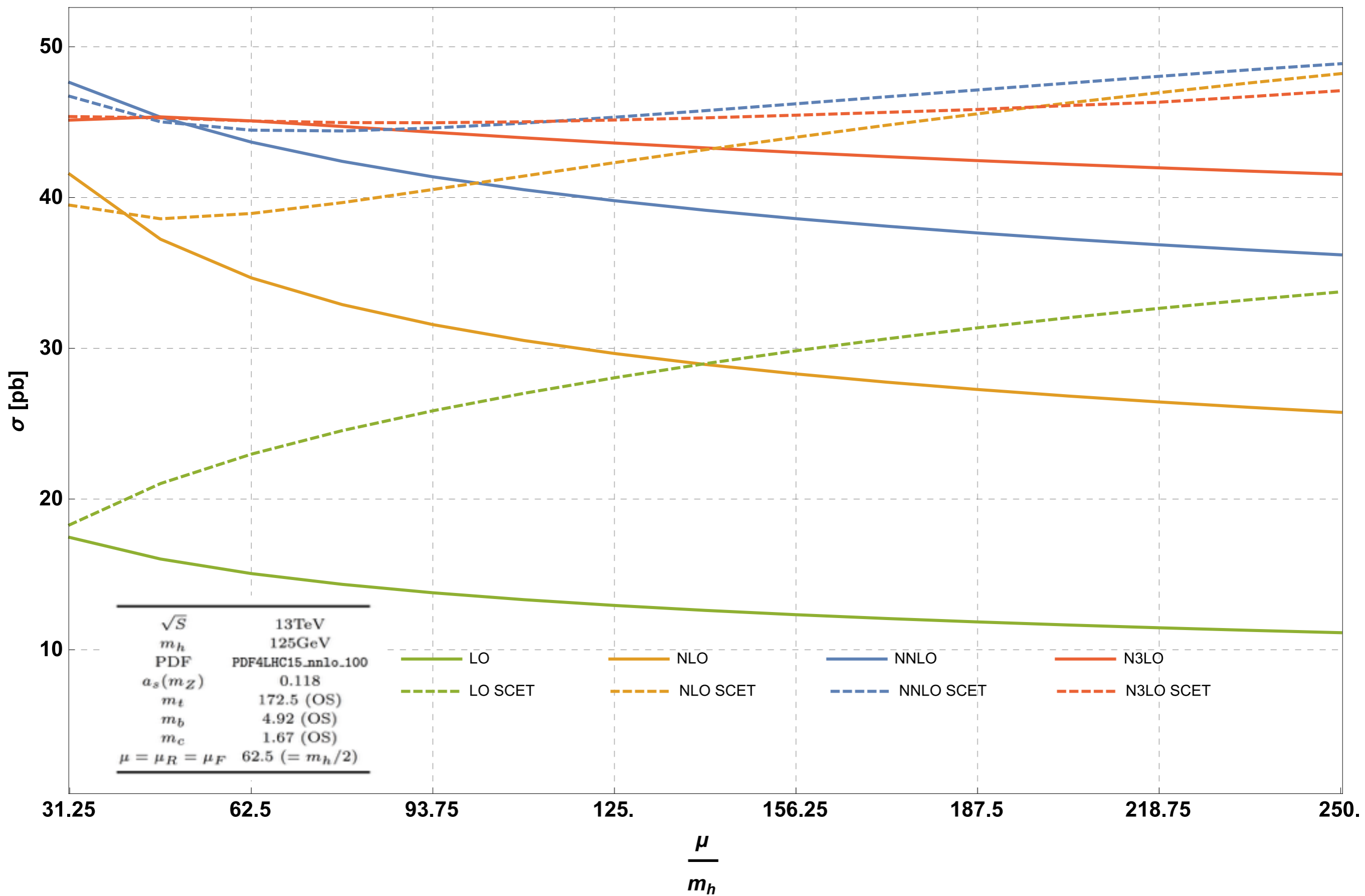
Resummation correction within the preferred interval contained inside scale variation

Cross section factorizes in the soft limit in Laplace space $z \rightarrow 1$



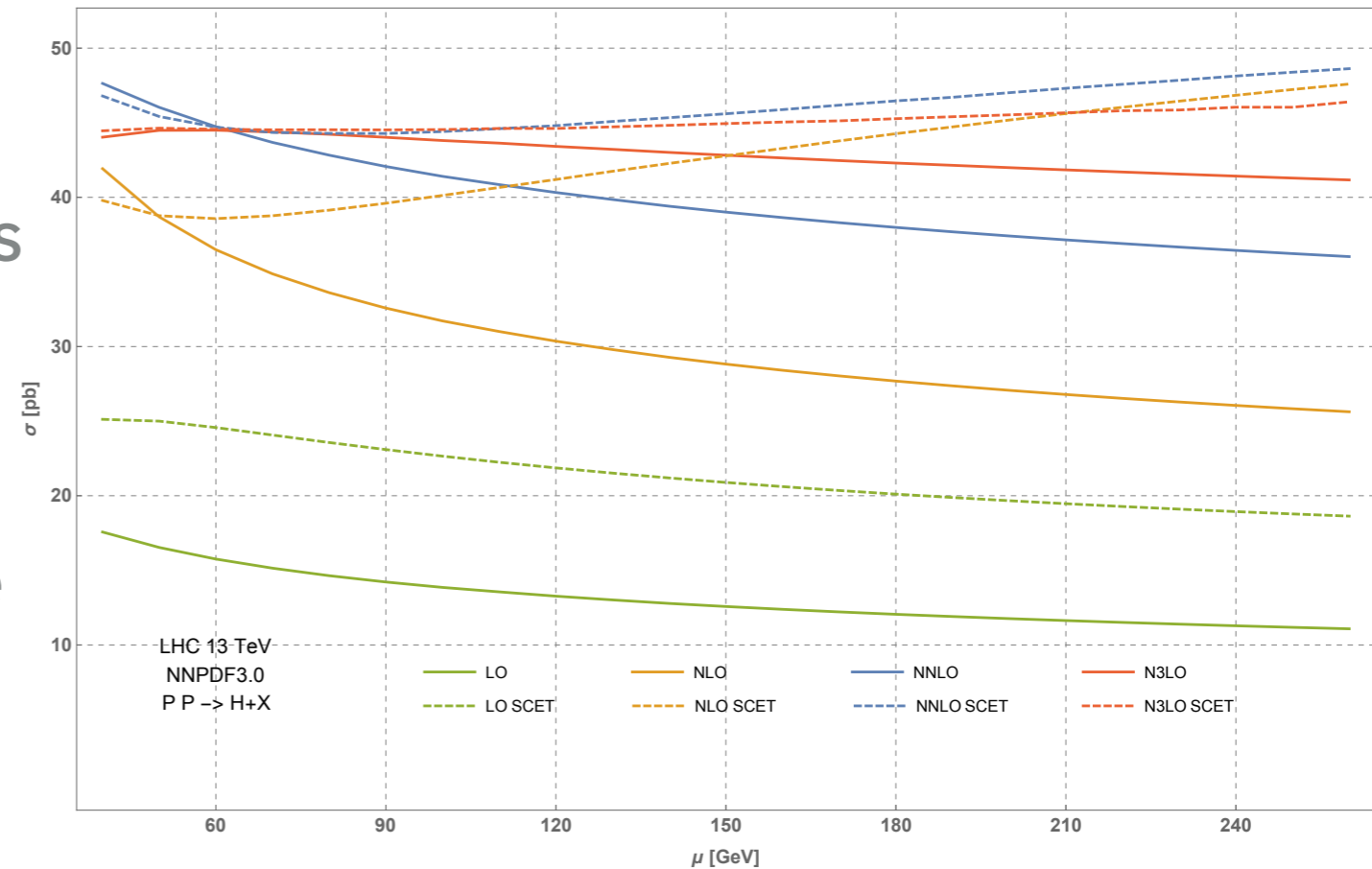
Solve RGE for the wilson coefficients

Reduces the scale dependence of the cross section



Large corrections for high scales

No correction at preferred scale $m_h/2$



Scale variation captures the correction from SCET in the preferred interval

Scale variation is a good conservative estimator of missing higher order effects

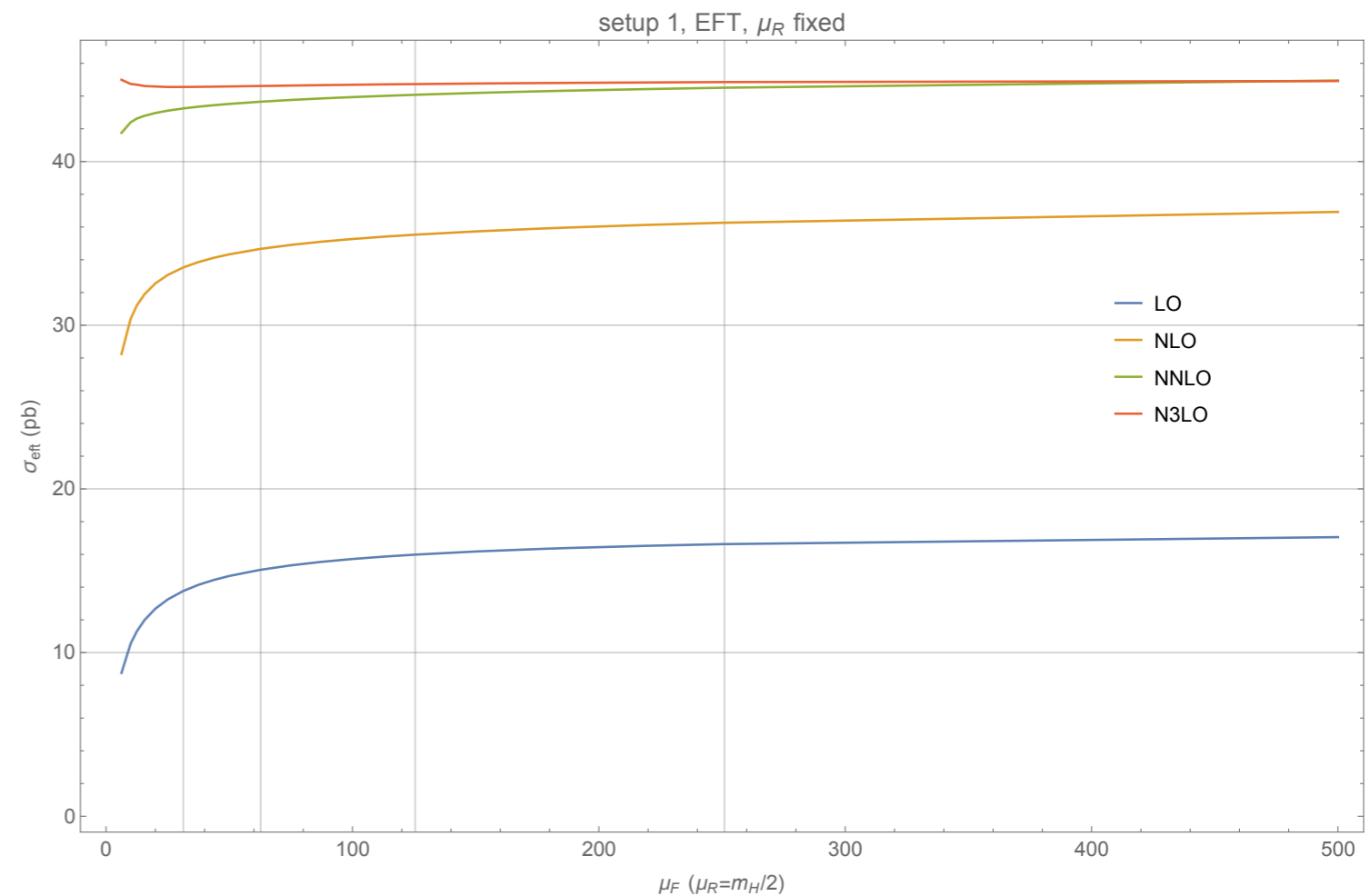
MISSING N3LO

PDFS

We use NNLO PDFs

Contain data extracted using
(almost) NNLO calculations

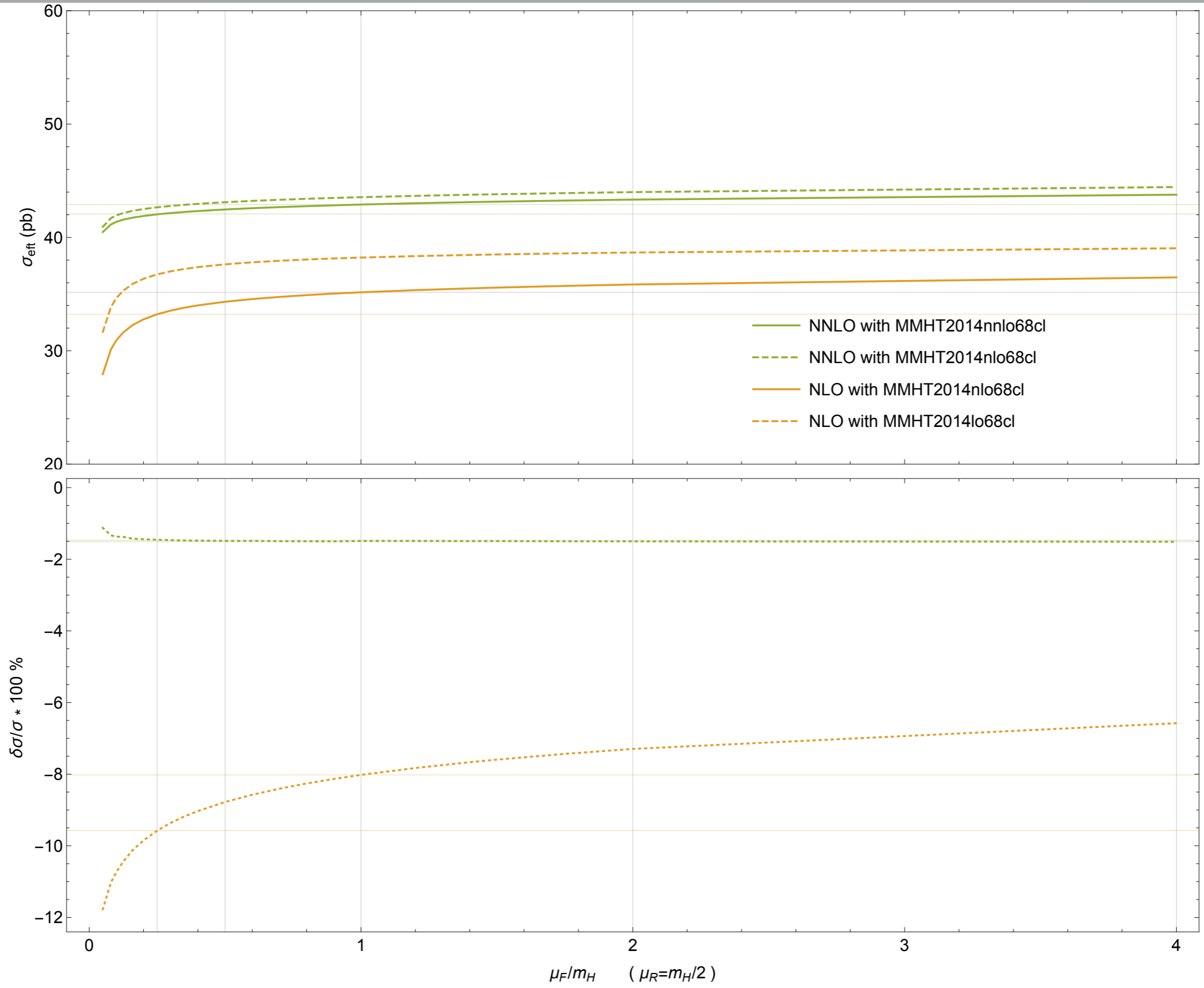
We should be using
N3LO PDFs

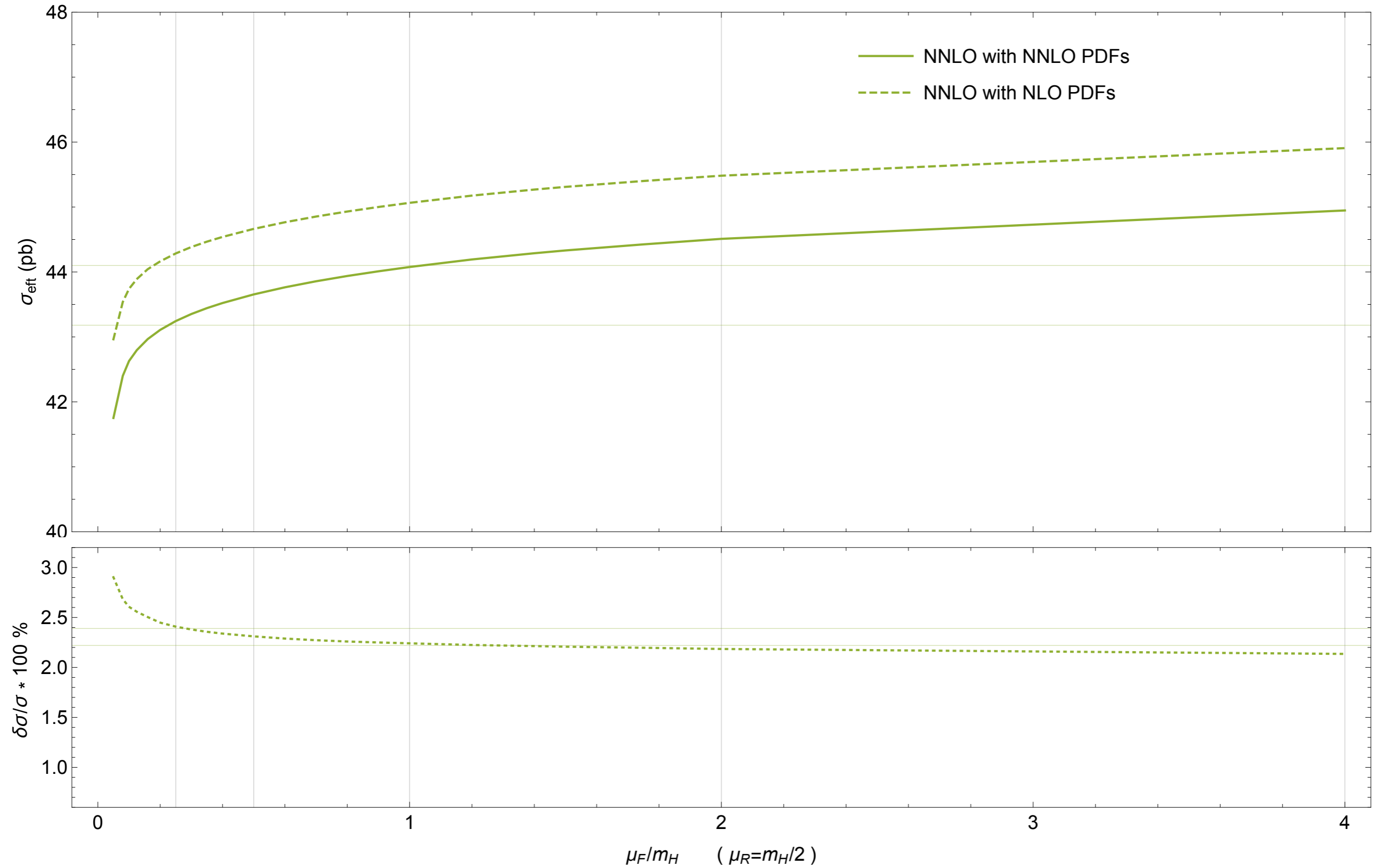


Missing N3LO corrections in the extraction processes

This uncertainty is not accounted for by the PDF uncertainties

Estimate the effect of higher orders in the extraction processes

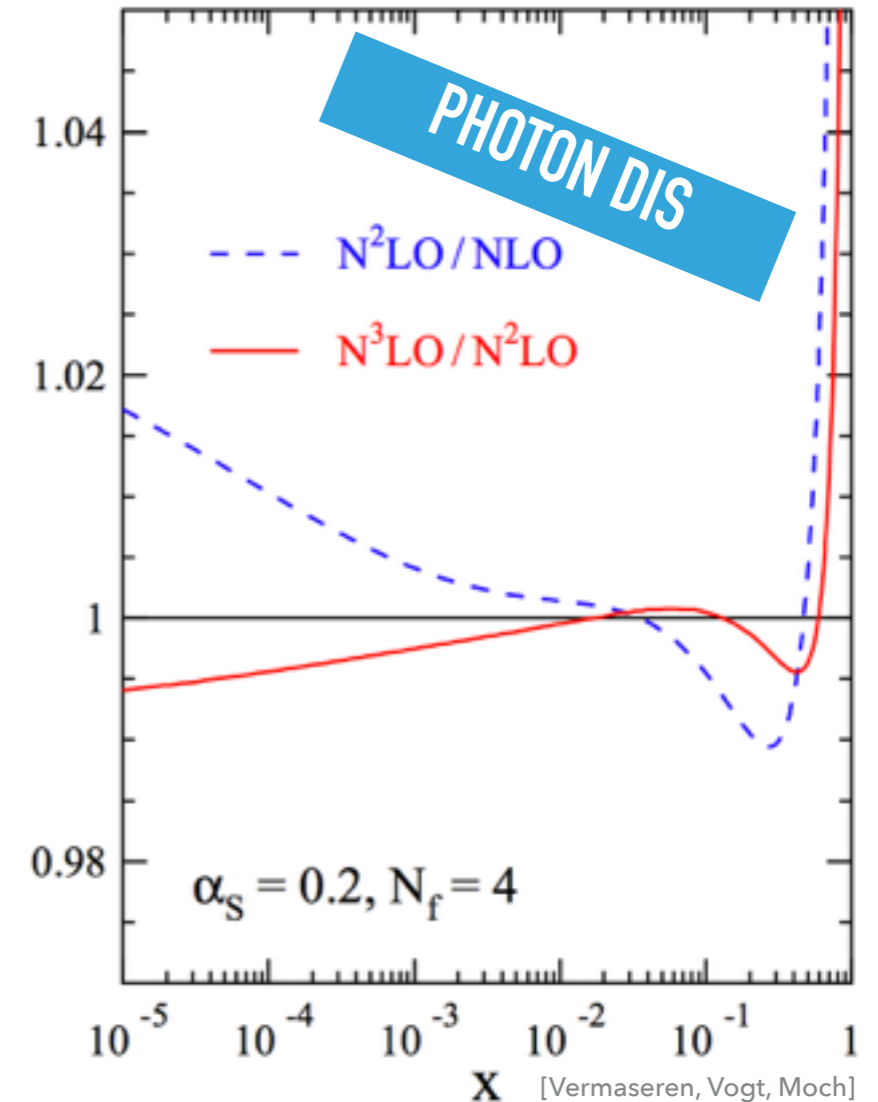




Estimation based on the change from NLO PDFs to NNLO PDFs at NNLO

Conservative estimator, N3LO corrections likely smaller

DIS coefficients are smaller at N3LO



$$\delta_{\text{pdfTh}} = \pm \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\sigma_{\text{NNLO PDF}}^{\text{NNLO}} - \sigma_{\text{NLO PDF}}^{\text{NNLO}}}{\sigma_{\text{NLO PDF}}^{\text{NNLO}}} \sigma_{\text{NNLO PDF}}^{\text{N}^3\text{LO}}$$

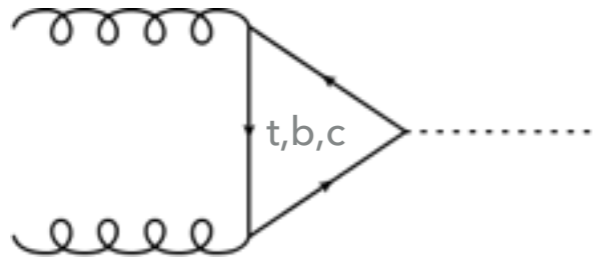
$$\delta_{\text{pdfTh}} = \pm 0.55 \text{pb} = \pm 1.15\%$$

CONSISTENT WITH
PDF FROM HIGGS
@ N3LO ESTIMATE

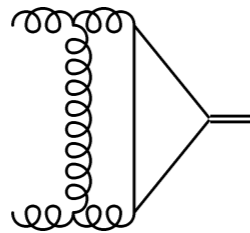
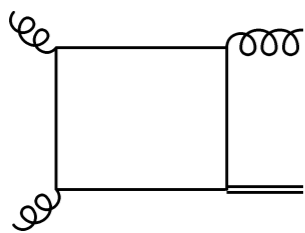
FINITE QUARK MASS EFFECTS

$$m_t \neq \infty$$

$$m_b \neq 0$$



We know LO fully, including interferences



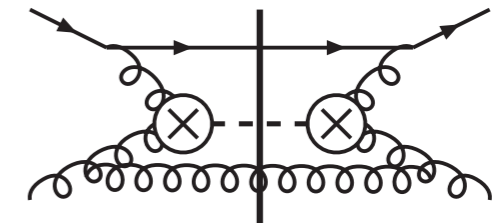
NLO also known fully, including interferences

[Djouadi, Graudenz, Spira, Zerwas;
Aglietti, Bonciani, Degrassi, Vicini; ...]

σ_{eft}^{LO}	15.13	σ_{eft}^{NLO}	34.81
$\sigma_{eft;R}^{LO}$	16.08	$\sigma_{eft;R}^{NLO}$	37.00
$\sigma_{ex.;t}^{LO}$	16.08	$\sigma_{ex;t}^{NLO}$	36.76
$\sigma_{ex.;t+b}^{LO}$	15.02	$\sigma_{ex;t+b}^{NLO}$	35.09
$\sigma_{ex.;t+b+c}^{LO}$	14.90	$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{NLO}$	34.91

\sqrt{s}	13TeV
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$\mu = \mu_R = \mu_F$	62.5 (= $m_h/2$)

No exact mass effects starting from NNLO



We rescale the effective theory with the exact LO k-factor at NNLO and N3LO

$$K_{\text{LO}} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{exact}}^{\text{LO}}}{\sigma_{\text{EFT}}^{\text{LO}}} \approx 1.062$$

$$\sigma_{\text{rEFT}}^{\text{N}^3\text{LO}} = K_{\text{LO}} \times \sigma_{\text{EFT}}^{\text{N}^3\text{LO}}$$

At NNLO corrections beyond rescaled EFT as $1/m_t$ expansion

[Harlander, Mantler, Marzani, Ozeren]

We add these corrections to the rescaled gg and qg channels

$$gg \sim 1.2\%$$

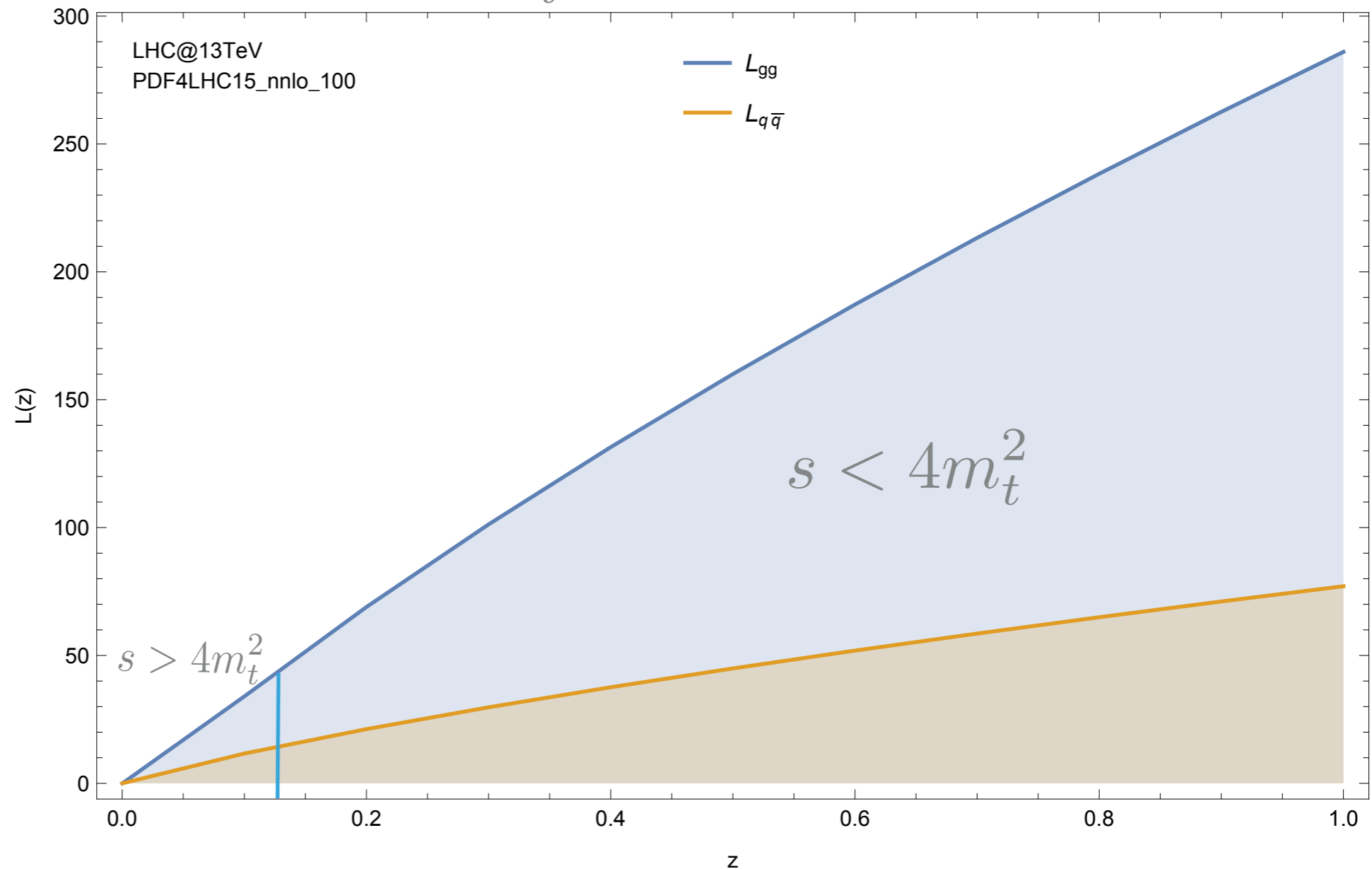
$$qg \sim -0.5\%$$

Expansion at NNLO is an expansion in $\frac{\hat{s}}{4m_t^2} = \frac{m_h^2}{4m_t^2} \frac{1}{z}$

Potentially problematic because z is integrated over

Expansion of order 1 for $z < \frac{m_h^2}{4m_t^2} \approx 0.13$

Only luminosity suppressed



Expansion can be matched to
the BFKL limit $z \rightarrow 0$

BFKL limit at NNLO is only
known to leading log accuracy

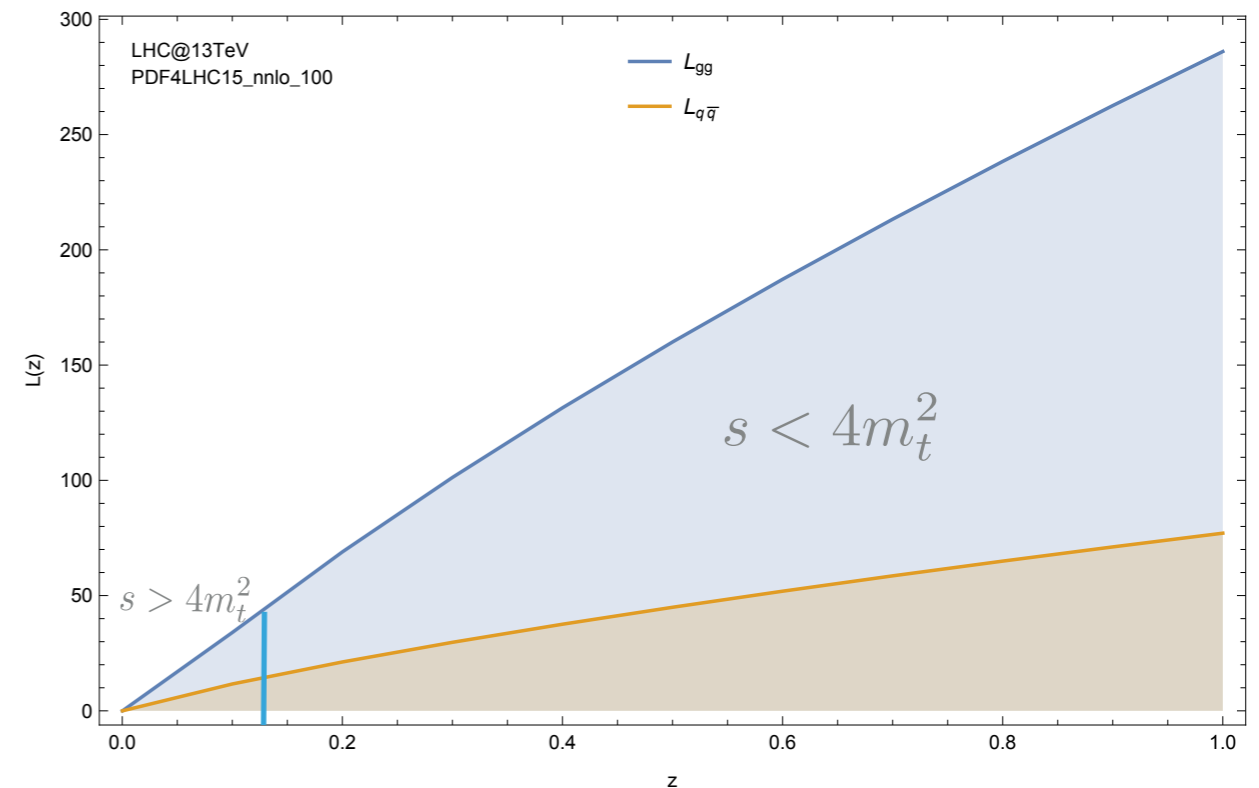
BFKL is missing the constant piece of uncontrolled size

A proper inverse expansion would be useful

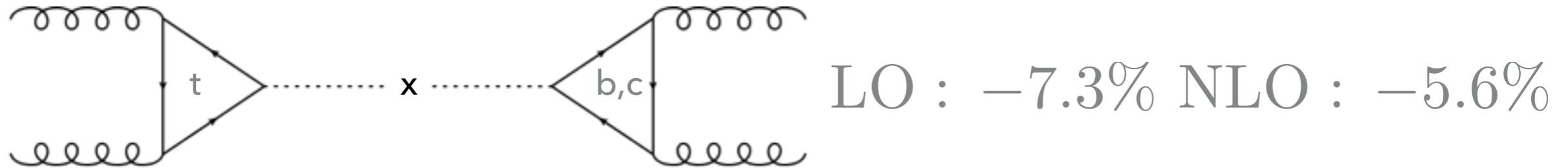
The corrections come with a matching uncertainty

$$\delta_{1/m_t} = \pm 0.54 \text{ pb} = \pm 1\%$$

[Harlander, Mantler, Marzani, Ozeren]



Contributions from light quarks at LO and NLO



t-b interference not known at NNLO

We estimate the uncertainty as

$$\delta_{tb} = \Delta_{\text{rEFT}}^{\text{NNLO}} \frac{\Delta_{t+b}^{\text{NLO}} - \Delta_t^{\text{NLO}}}{\Delta_t^{\text{NLO}}}$$

$$\delta_{tb} = \pm 0.38 \text{pb} = \pm 0.7\%$$

Quark masses are renormalization scheme dependent

EFT wilson coefficient also depends on the scheme at NNLO

For the top these effects cancel

The rescaling coefficient is scheme dependent

$$K_{LO} = 1.062 \text{ vs } K_{LO;OS} = 1.066$$

For the top these effects cancel

Scheme change for the top changes the cross section by 0.1%

2.1% with bottom and charm

OS scheme not recommended for
bottom and charm

	\overline{MS}		OS
$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{LO}$	14.90[1]	$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{LO}$	16.12[1]
$\sigma_{ex;t}^{NLO}$	36.76[1]	$\sigma_{ex;t}^{NLO}$	36.80[1]
$\sigma_{ex;t+b}^{NLO}$	35.09[1]	$\sigma_{ex;t+b}^{NLO}$	34.63[1]
$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{NLO}$	34.91[1]	$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{NLO}$	34.15 [1]

We follow the HXSWG recommendation for the quark mass parametric uncertainties

Quark mass uncertainties are clearly negligible $< 0.17\%$ at NLO

If we triple the b uncertainty the effect is still below 0.35% at NLO

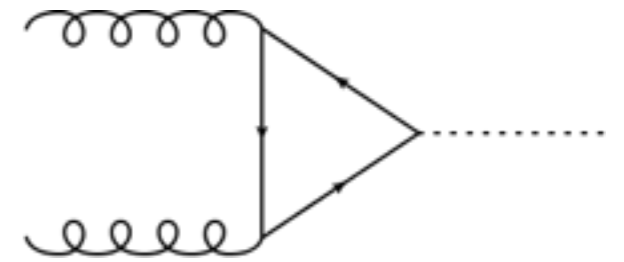
The effect of the t uncertainty on the rescaling coefficient is below 0.1%

$\delta m_t = 1\text{GeV}$	$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{NLO}$	34.91[1]
$m_t + \delta m_t$	$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{NLO}$	34.85[1]
$m_t - \delta m_t$	$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{NLO}$	34.93[1]
$\delta m_b = 0.03\text{GeV}$	$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{NLO}$	34.91[1]
$m_b + \delta m_b$	$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{NLO}$	34.89[1]
$m_b - \delta m_b$	$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{NLO}$	34.92[1]
$\delta m_c = 0.026$	$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{NLO}$	34.91[1]
$m_c + \delta m_c$	$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{NLO}$	34.90[1]
$m_c - \delta m_c$	$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{NLO}$	34.91[1]

ELECTROWEAK CORRECTIONS

Electroweak corrections to LO process are known

$$\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s^2)$$



5.2% corrections to the LO cross section

[Actis, Passarino, Sturm, Uccirati]

Exact EW corrections to the NLO QCD correction are unknown

Mixed corrections due to light quarks are computed in an EFT

$$\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s^3)$$

Light quarks account for 80% of the LO EW correction

Leads to 5.1% correction at NLO and 5% correction at NNLO

[Anastasiou, Boughezal, Petriello]

$$C_{\text{QCD}} \rightarrow C_{\text{QCD}} + \lambda_{\text{EW}} (1 + C_{1w}\alpha_s + C_{2w}\alpha_s + \dots)$$

Almost complete
factorisation

EXACT

LIGHT QUARKS

UNKNOWN

Estimate uncertainty by
varying the wilson coefficient

1% uncertainty from varying
by a factor in $[-3,+6]$

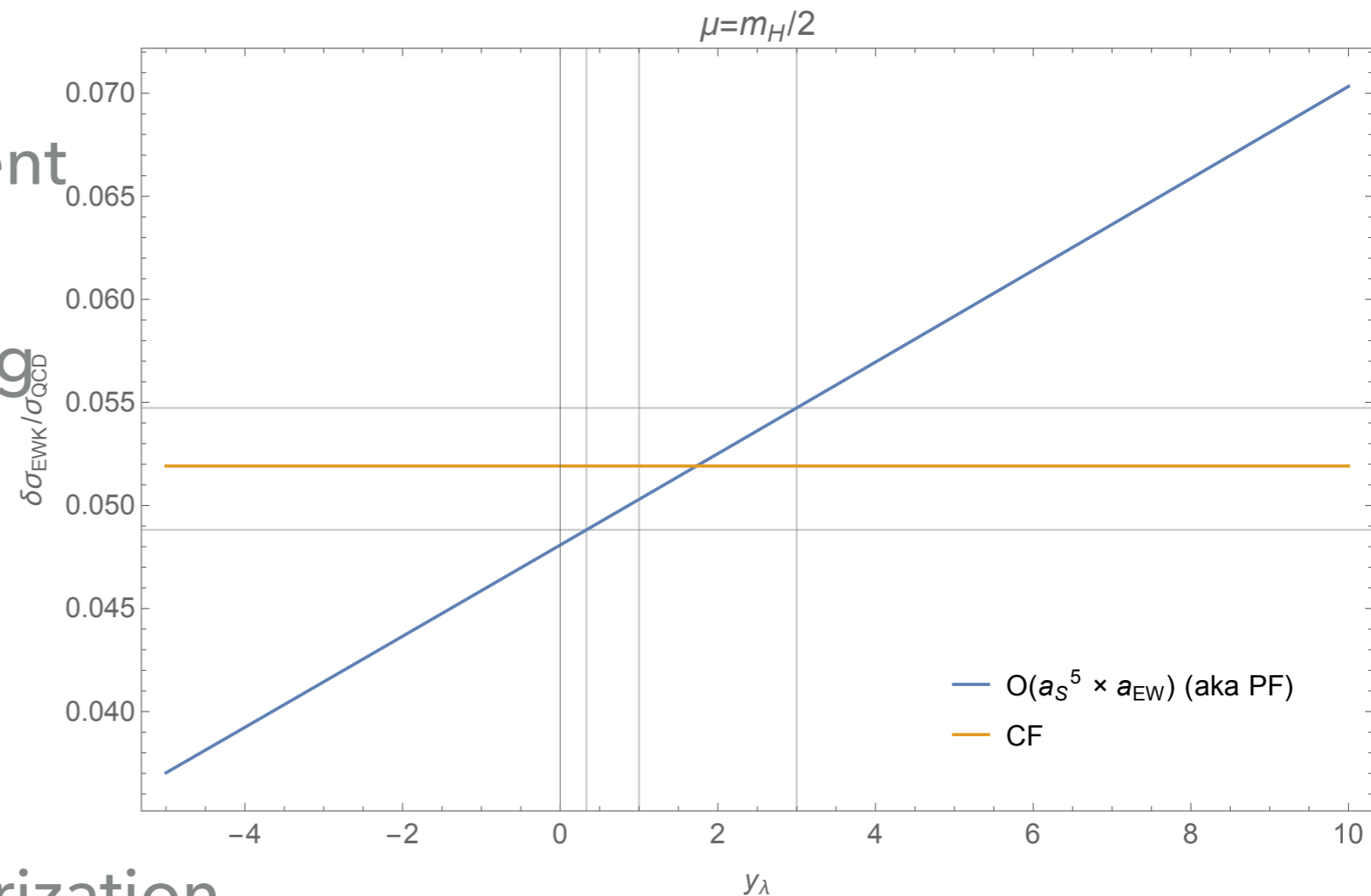
Alternative argumentation

Calculation based on factorization

Hard part of the NLO QCD cross section is $\sim 40\%$

Calculation misses the hard part of the corrections

$$\delta_{EW} = \pm 0.48 \text{pb} = \pm 1$$



PDF + ALPHA_S
UNCERTAINTY

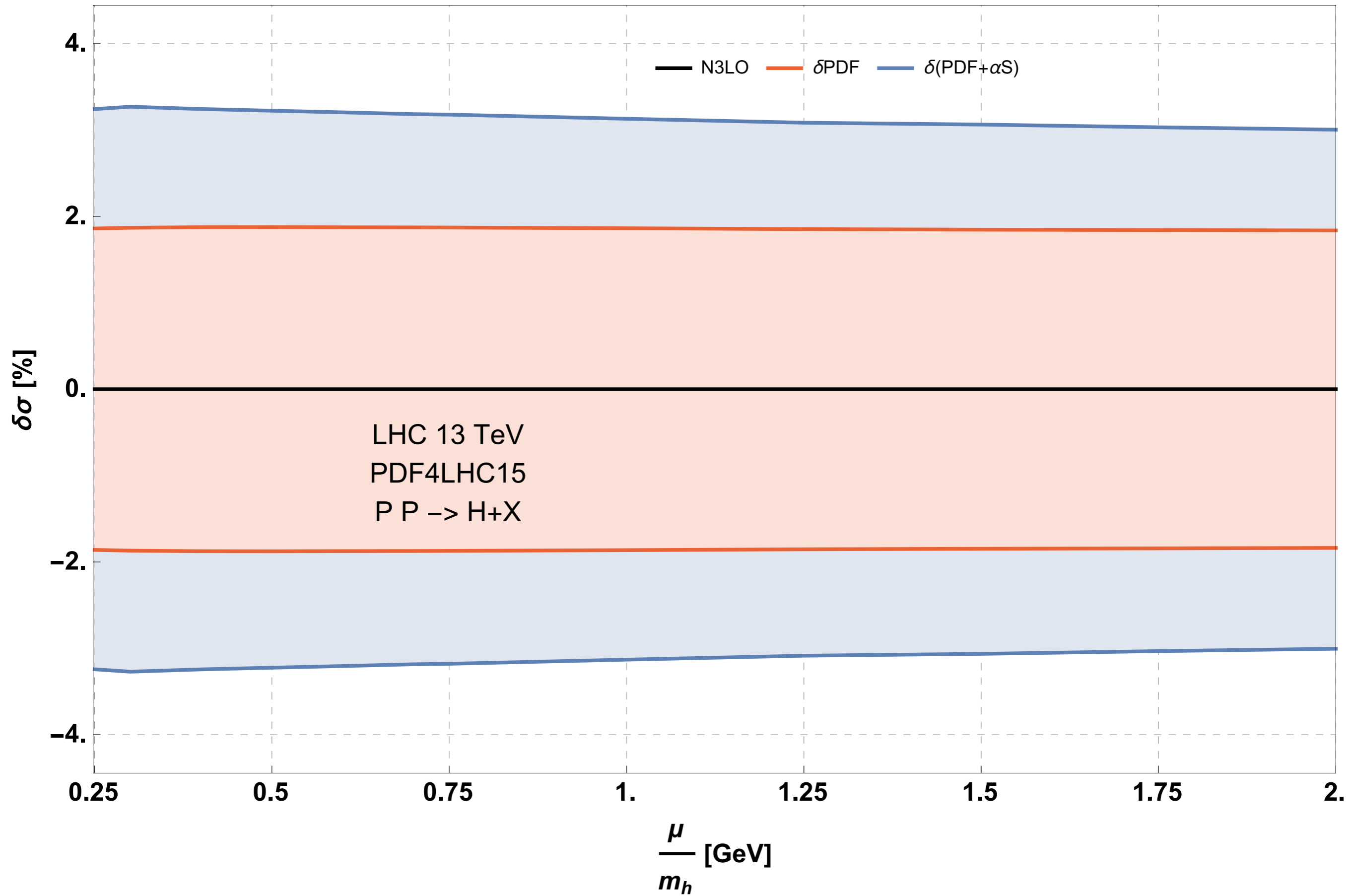
We follow the PDF4LHC recommendation for the PDF and α_s treatment

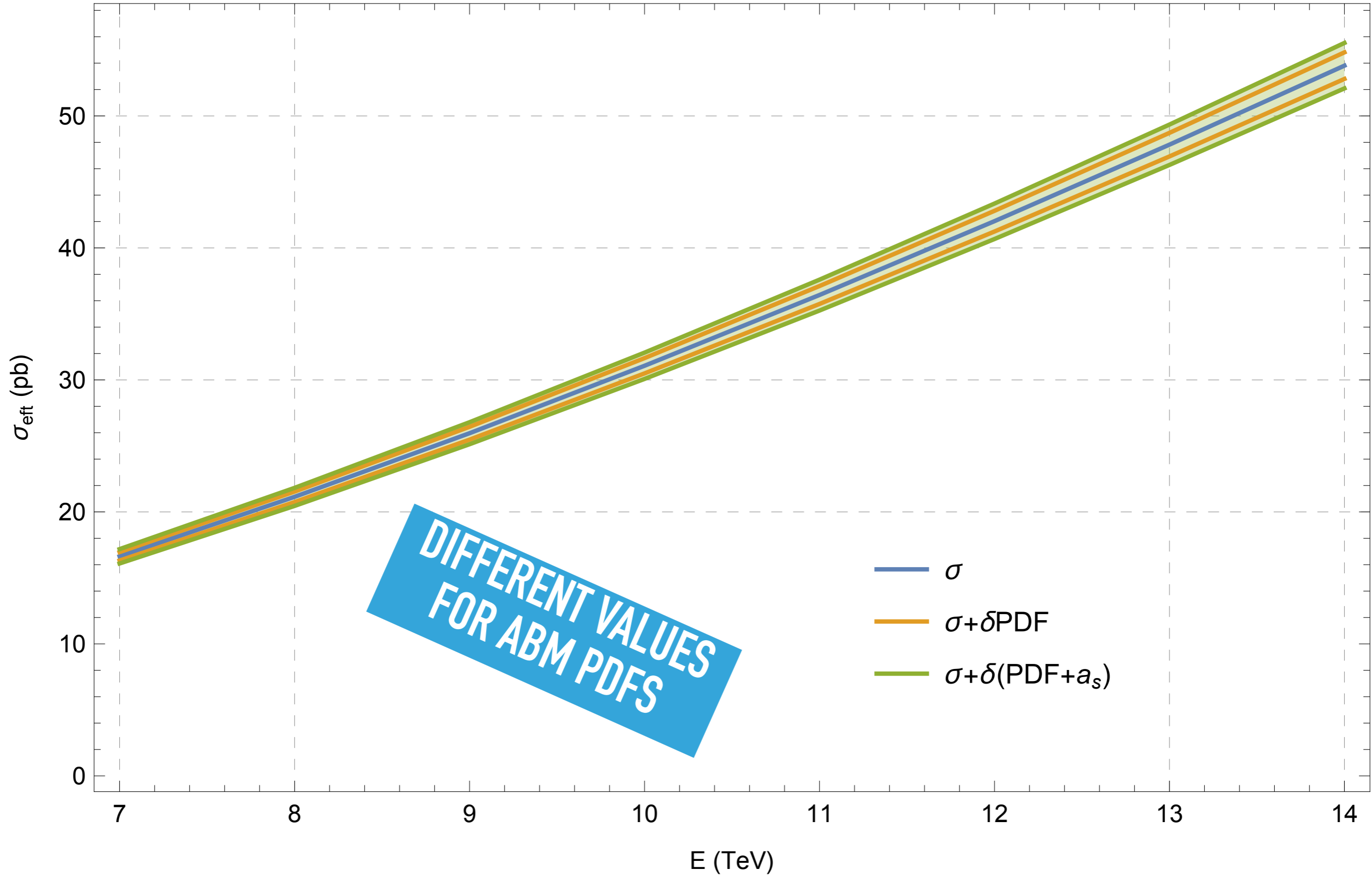
We use the Hessian PDF sets for the determination of the PDF uncertainty

$$\delta_{\text{PDF}} = \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^N (\sigma^{(k)} - \sigma^{(0)})^2}$$

$$\delta_{\alpha_s} = \frac{1}{2} (\sigma(\alpha_s = \alpha_s^0 + \Delta\alpha_s) - \sigma(\alpha_s = \alpha_s^0 - \Delta\alpha_s))$$

$$\alpha_s^0(m_Z) = 0.1180 \quad \Delta\alpha_s = 0.0015$$





**TRUNCATION
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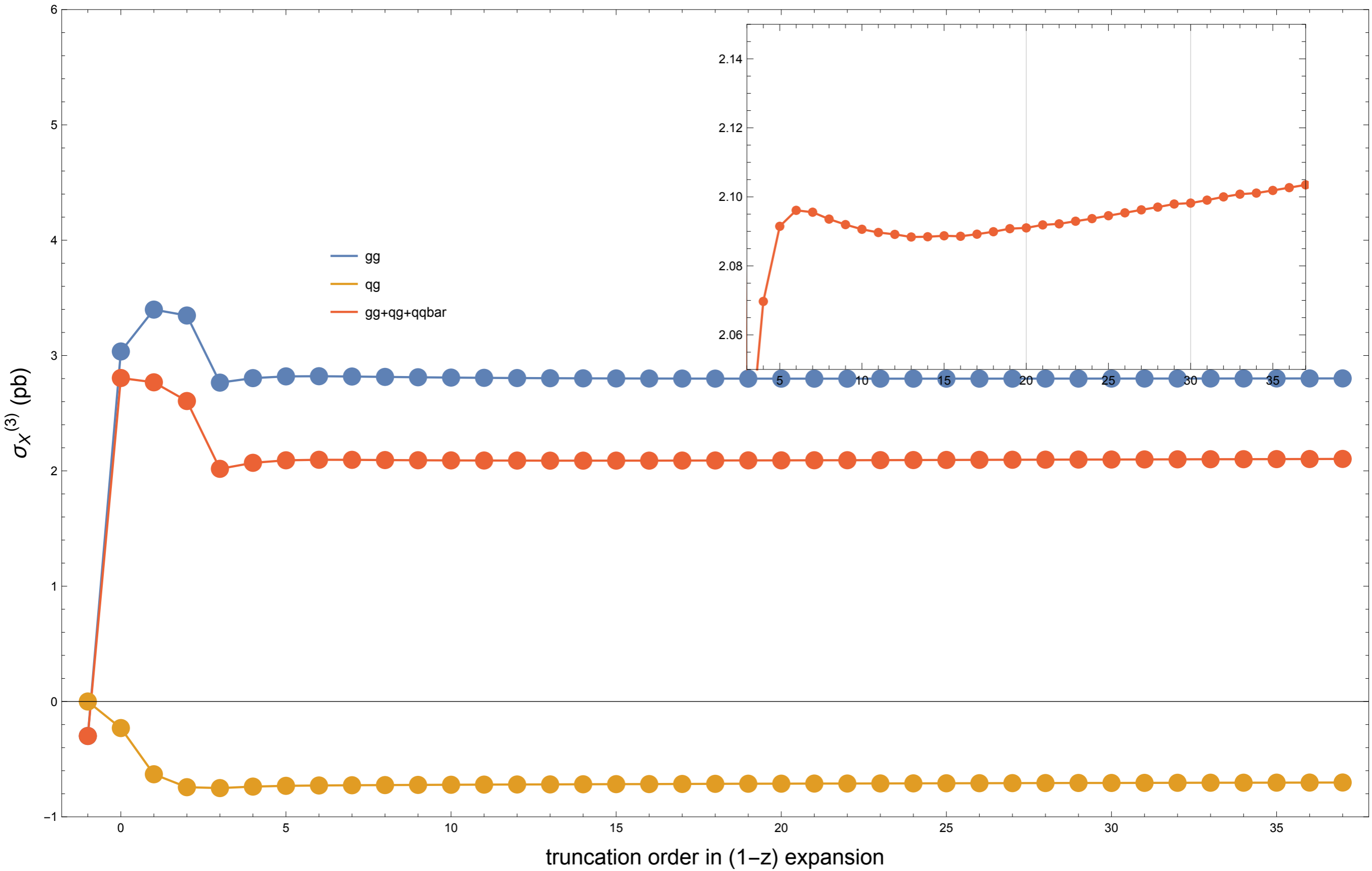
All available threshold energy is used to produce the Higgs

Any radiation has to be soft \rightarrow soft limit of the cross section

Possible to systematically expand around the limit

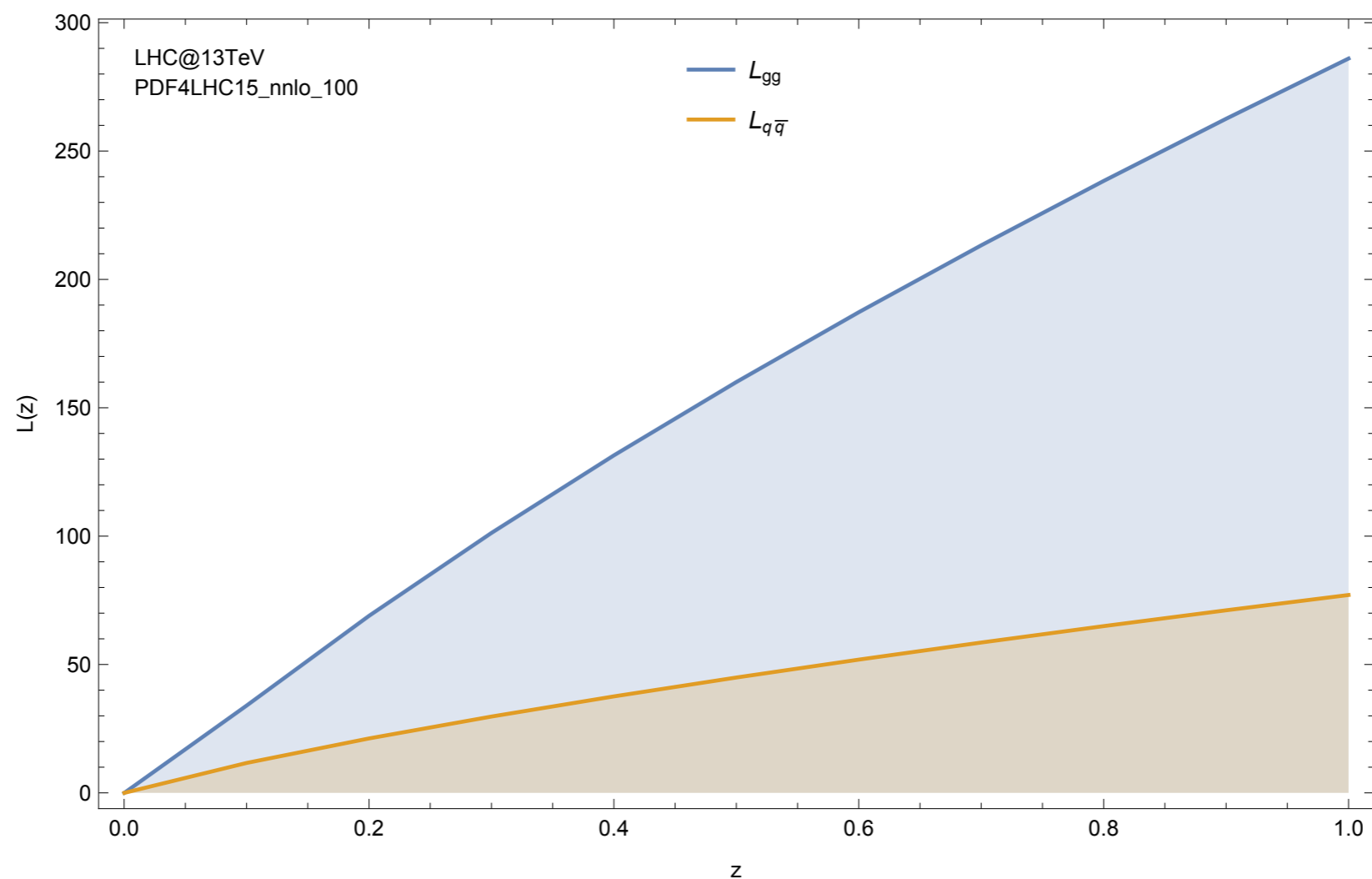
$$\hat{\sigma}(z) = \sigma^{\text{SV}} + \sigma^0 + (1 - z)\sigma^1 + \dots$$

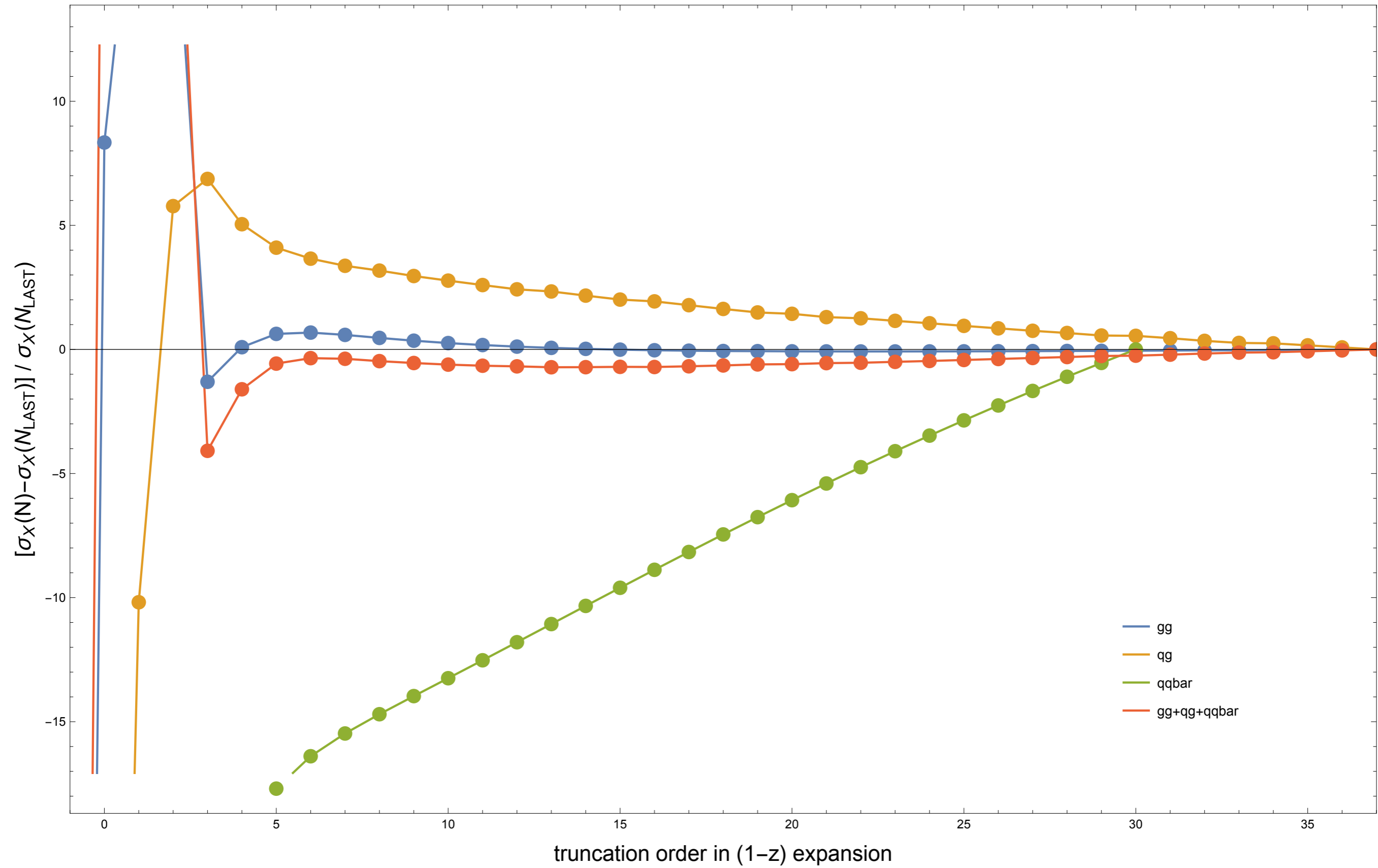
z is not fixed, is this a good expansion? $\sigma = \mathcal{L}(z) \otimes \hat{\sigma}(z)$



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$$\hat{\sigma}(z) = f_0(z) + \log(1-z)f_1(z) + \log^2(1-z)f_2(z) + \log^3(1-z)f_3(z) + \log^4(1-z)f_4(z) + \log^5(1-z)f_5(z)$$

EXACT



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EXPANSION

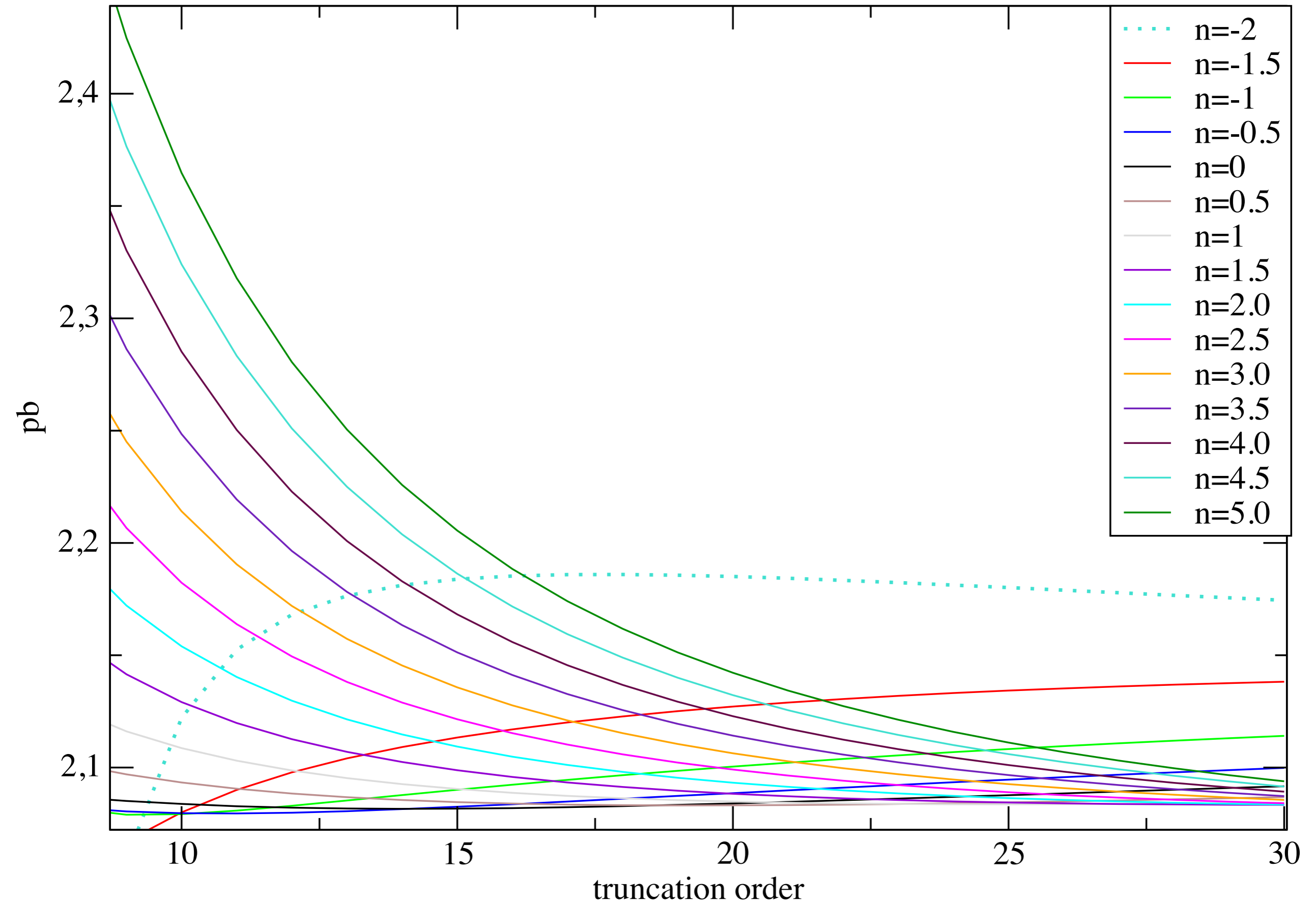
Redefine expansion slightly

$$\sigma = (\mathcal{L}(z)z^n) \otimes \left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}(z)}{z^n} \right)$$

Formally equivalent

Reshuffles some orders

Exactly equivalent for infinitely many terms in the expansion

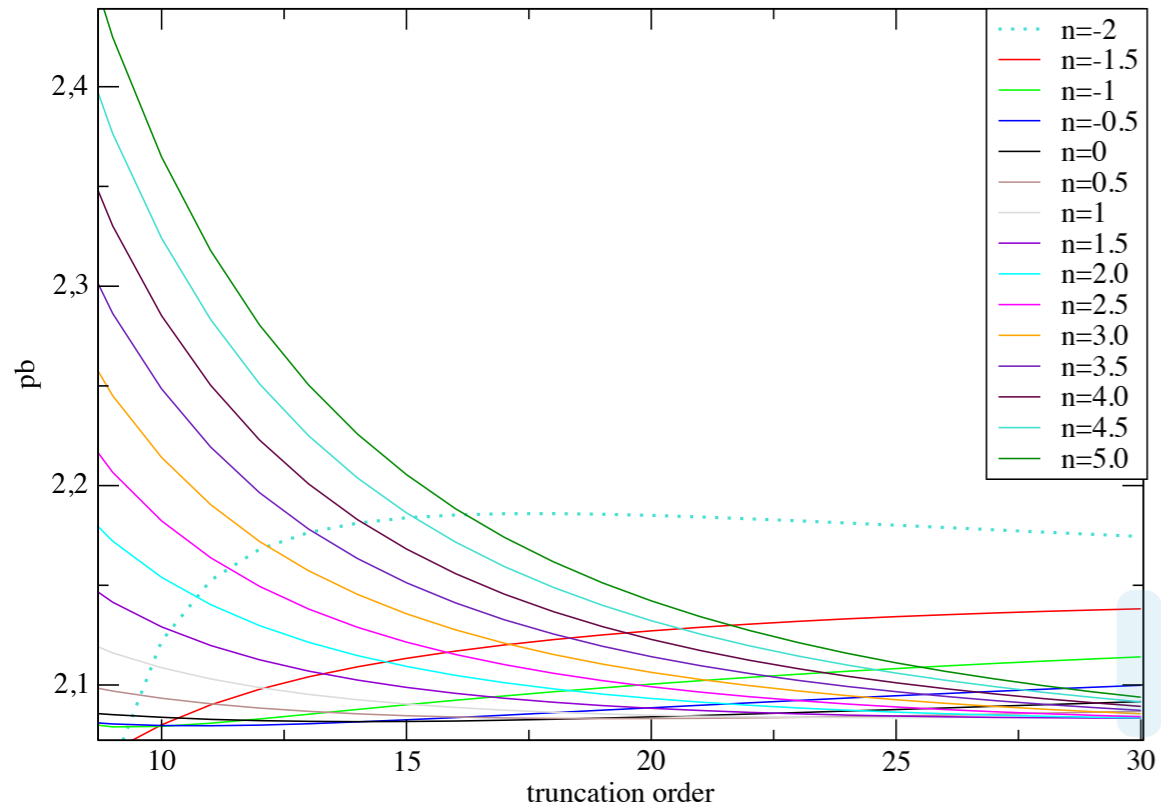
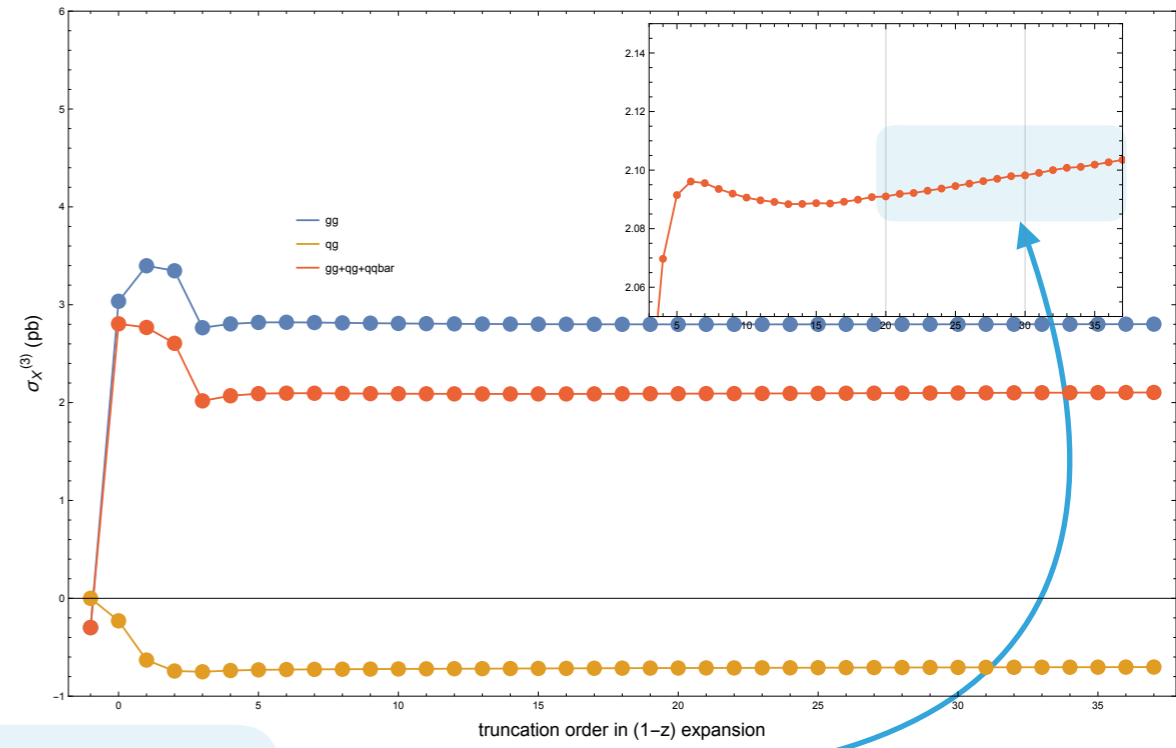


13 TEV

Estimate truncation uncertainty from progression of the series

CONSERVATIVE FACTOR

$$\delta_{\text{trunk}} = 10 \times \left(\sigma_{\text{total}}^{(3)}(30) - \sigma_{\text{total}}^{(3)}(20) \right) = 0.29 \text{ pb} = 0.6\%$$



Consistent with spread from different expansions

Consistent with analysis in Mellin space

CONCLUSION

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σ/pb	$\delta_{\text{PDF}}/\text{pb}$	$\delta_{\alpha_s}/\text{pb}$	$\delta_{\text{scale}}/\text{pb}$	$\delta_{\text{trunc}}/\text{pb}$	$\delta_{\text{pdfTH}}/\text{pb}$	$\delta_{\text{EW}}/\text{pb}$	δ_{tb}/pb	$\delta_{1/m_t}/\text{pb}$
48.48	± 0.90	± 1.26	$^{+0.09}_{-1.11}$	± 0.12	± 0.56	± 0.48	± 0.34	± 0.48
48.48	$\pm 1.86\%$	$\pm 2.60\%$	$^{+0.20}_{-2.3}\%$	$\pm 0.25\%$	$\pm 1.15\%$	$\pm 1.00\%$	$\pm 0.70\%$	$\pm 1.00\%$

ADD IN QUADRATURE

ADD LINEARLY

$$\sigma = \left(48.48 \pm 1.55 \begin{matrix} +2.08 \\ -3.10 \end{matrix} \right) \text{pb}$$

$$\sigma = 48.48\text{pb} \pm 3.19 \begin{matrix} +4.29\% \\ -6.40\% \end{matrix}$$

$$\sigma = 48.48 \begin{matrix} +2.60 \\ -3.47 \end{matrix} \text{pb} = 48.48\text{pb} \begin{matrix} +5.36\% \\ -7.15\% \end{matrix}$$

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Great effort to reduce the scale uncertainty

Now it is time to work on other sources of uncertainty

Full massive calculation at NNLO will drastically reduce the uncertainty

PDFs at N3LO will also reduce the uncertainty considerably