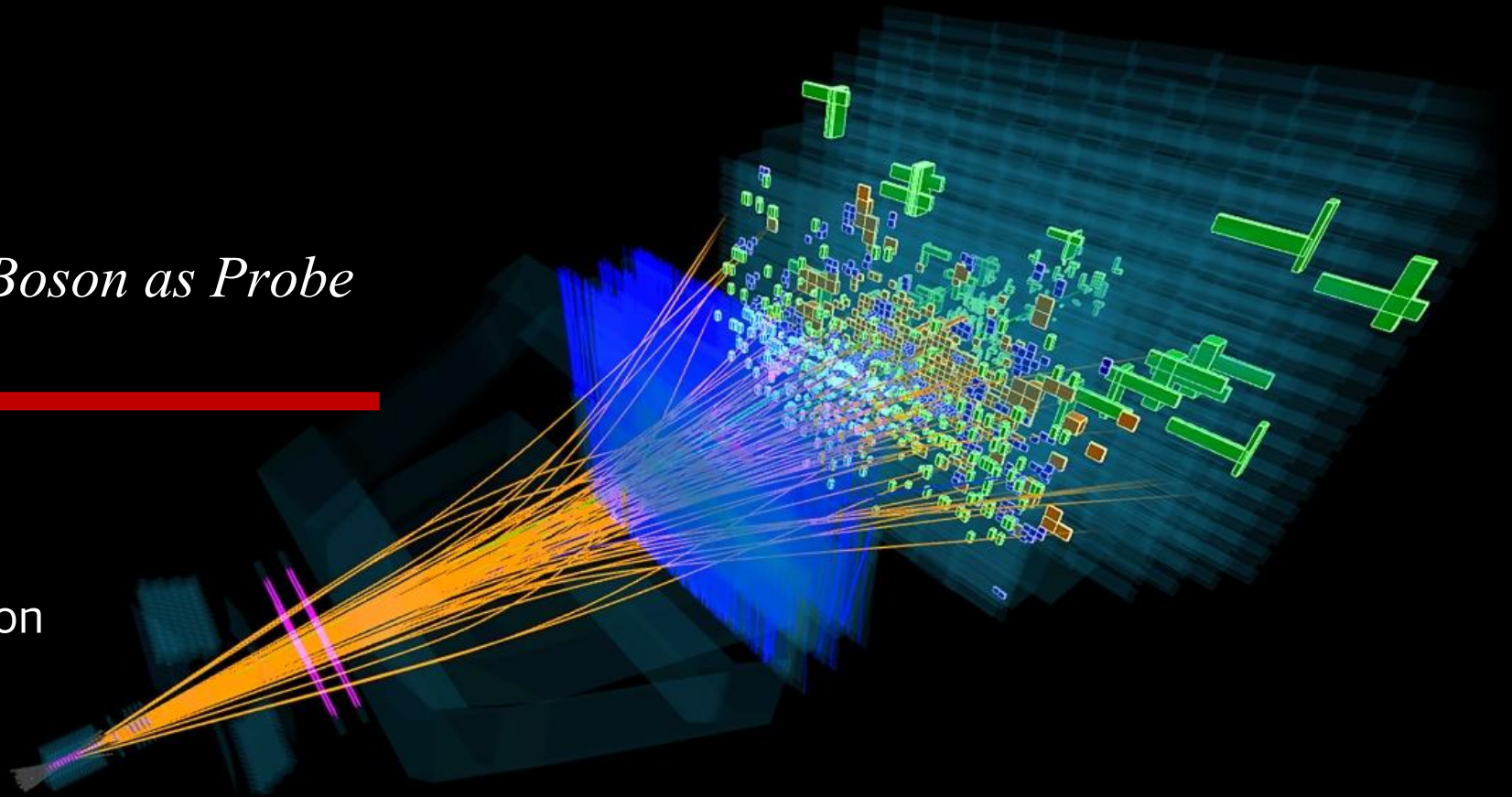


News from LHCb :

Measurement Results with Z Boson as Probe

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Overview

Only concentrate on the **most recent results** from LHCb since the last PDF4LHC meeting :

- **Measurement of Z boson angular coefficient @ 13 TeV**
[Phys. Rev. Lett. 129 \(2022\) 091801](#)
- **Measurement of Z boson production cross-section @ 5.02 TeV**
[arXiv:2308.12940 \(submitted to JHEP\)](#)

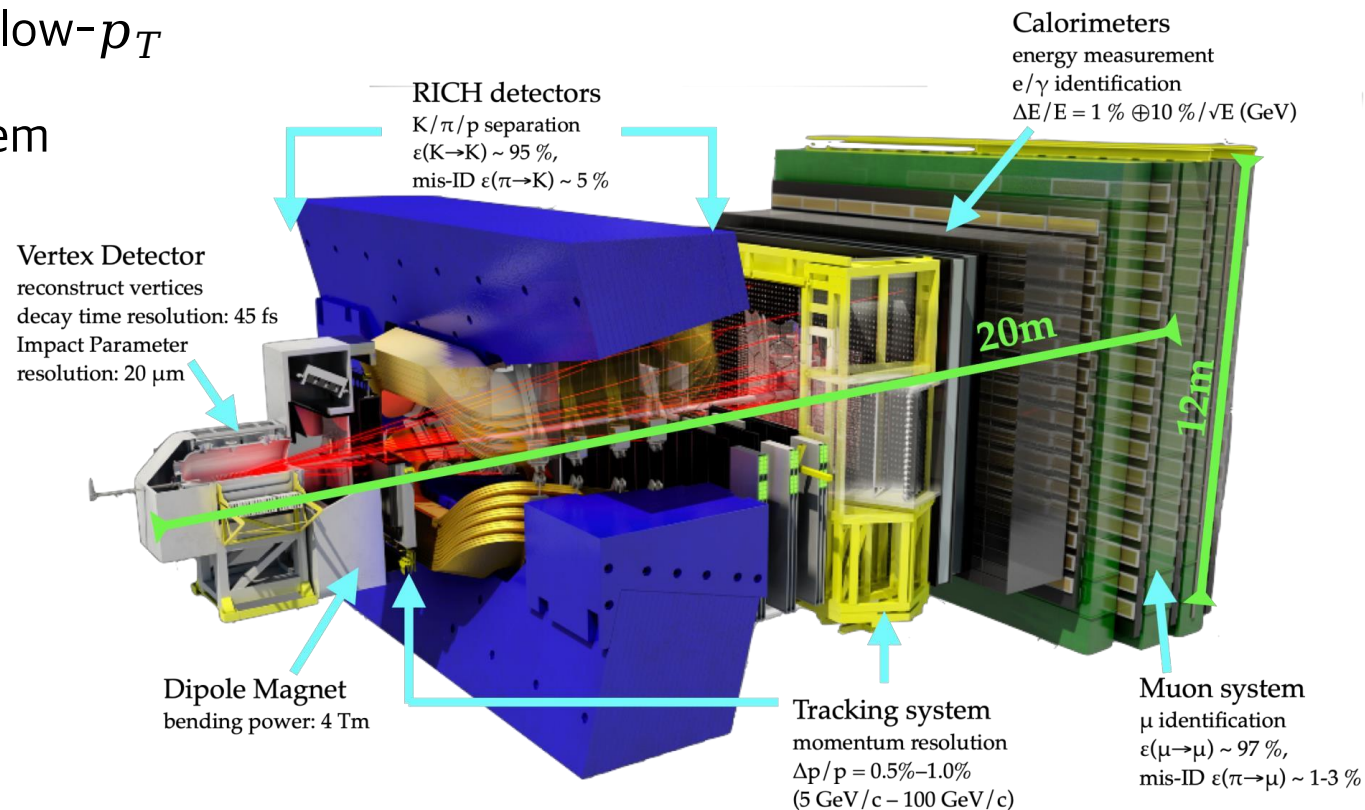
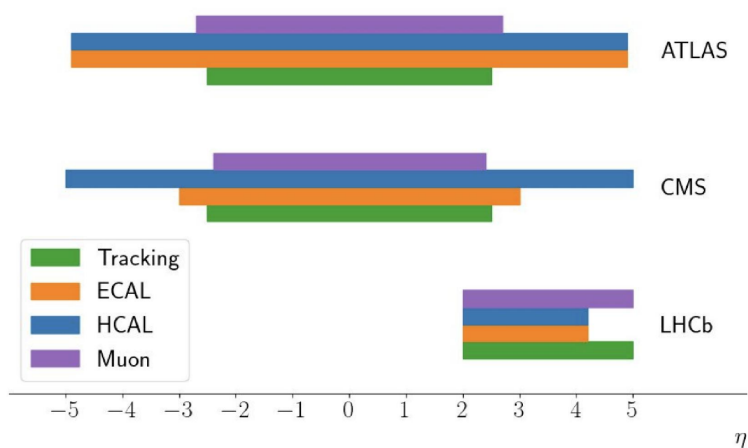
The summary of completed cross-section measurements for W/Z (+jets) production in pp collisions :

<i>Z + jets @ 7 TeV</i>	JHEP 01 (2014) 33	<i>W and Z @ 7 TeV (partial dataset)</i>	JHEP 06 (2012) 58
<i>Z + b – jets @ 7 TeV</i>	JHEP 01 (2015) 064	<i>W and Z @ 8 TeV</i>	JHEP 01 (2016) 155
<i>W + b/c – jets @ 7 TeV</i>	PRD92 (2015) 052001	<i>W @ 7 TeV (full dataset)</i>	JHEP 12 (2014) 079
<i>W + jets and Z + jets @ 8 TeV</i>	JHEP 05 (2016) 131	<i>W → eν @ 8 TeV</i>	JHEP 10 (2016) 030
<i>Z+c–jets @ 13 TeV</i>	PRL 128 (2022) 082001	<i>Z → μμ @ 7 TeV (full dataset)</i>	JHEP 08 (2015) 039
		<i>Z → ee @ 7 TeV</i>	JHEP 02 (2013) 106
		<i>Z → ee @ 8 TeV</i>	JHEP 05 (2015) 109
		<i>Z → ττ @ 7 TeV</i>	JHEP 01 (2013) 111
		<i>Z → ττ @ 8 TeV</i>	JHEP 09 (2018) 159
		<i>Z @ 13 TeV (partial dataset)</i>	JHEP 09 (2016) 136
		<i>Z → μμ @ 13 TeV (full dataset)</i>	JHEP 07 (2022) 26

Working in progress at 13 TeV !

LHCb detector

- A single-arm **forward** spectrometer down to very low- p_T
- Excellent performance of tracking and muon system
- Excellent particle ID and vertex reconstruction
- Complementary η range to ATLAS and CMS
 - ❑ **Overlap** for cross check : $2.0 < \eta < 2.5$
 - ❑ **Unique** to LHCb : $2.5 < \eta < 5.0$



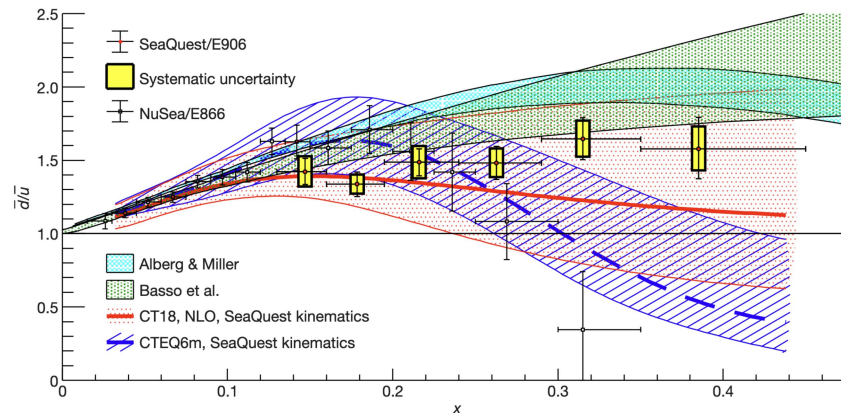
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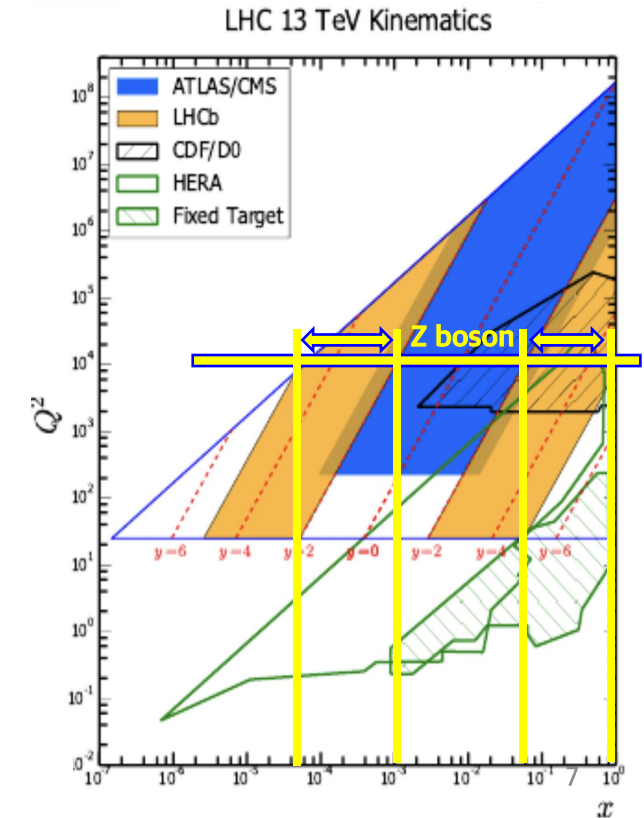
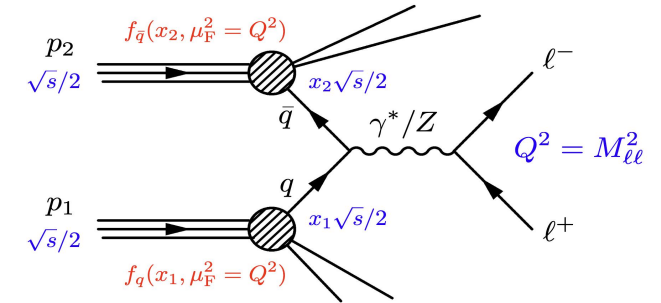
Z boson probe and PDF Measurement

- Ideal probe of the initial and final states:
 - ❑ clean final states, **unaffected by hadronic activities**
 - ❑ contributes to the measurement of **proton PDFs, nuclear modifications**, etc
- LHCb can provide important information in unique Bjorken- x regions with $Q^2 \sim m_Z^2 \sim 10^4$ (GeV²):
 - ❑ Bjorken- x : $x_{min} \sim 5 \times 10^{-5}$, $x_{max} \sim 0.8$
 - ❑ the only **clean** data to clarify the inconsistency in SeaQuest and NuSea results

[Nature volume 590, pages 561–565 \(2021\)](#)

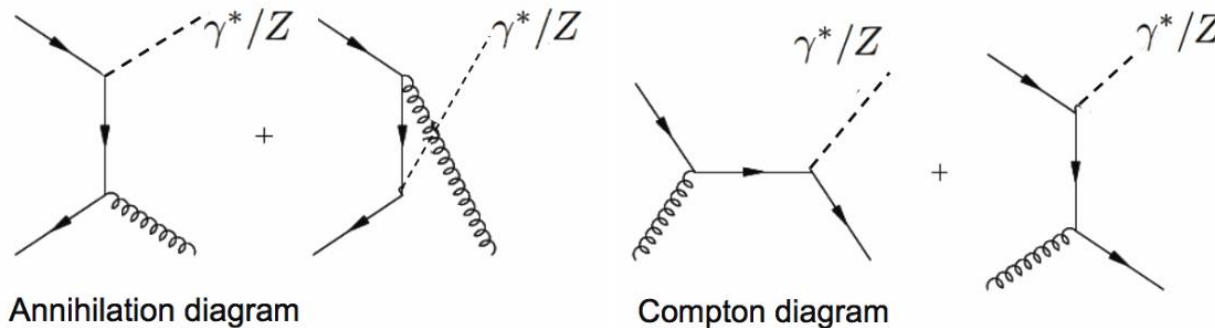


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Z Angular Coefficients Measurement

- LHCb pp data @ 13 TeV (2016-2018), $L = 5.1 \pm 0.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
 - ▣ High signal purity : $N_{bkg}/N_{sig} \sim 0.2\%$
- The QCD process of $pp \rightarrow \gamma^*/Z + X \rightarrow \ell\ell + X$ can be described by a set of angular coefficients $A_i (i = 0 \dots 7)$:
 - ⇒ more complex variables, **providing precise validation of QCD production mechanisms**
- Kinematic distribution : a **direct probe of the polarization** of the intermediate gauge boson
 - ⇒ sensitive to **the underlying QCD production mechanisms**



Tree-level digrams for Z-boson with finite p_T

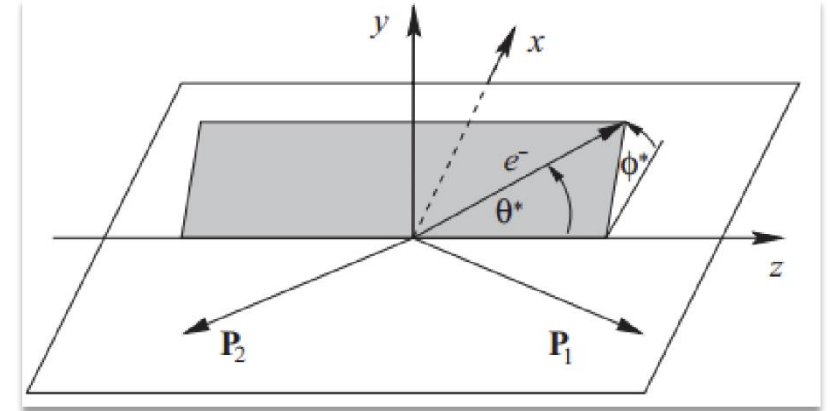
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta d\phi} \propto & (1 + \cos^2\theta) \\ & + \frac{1}{2}A_0(1 - 3\cos^2\theta) + A_1\sin 2\theta\cos\phi \\ & + \frac{1}{2}A_2\sin^2\theta\cos 2\phi + A_3\sin\theta\cos\phi \\ & + A_4\cos\theta + A_5\sin^2\theta\sin 2\phi \\ & + A_6\sin 2\theta\sin\phi + A_7\sin\theta\sin\phi. \end{aligned}$$

General expression for angular distribution

Z Angular Coefficients Measurement

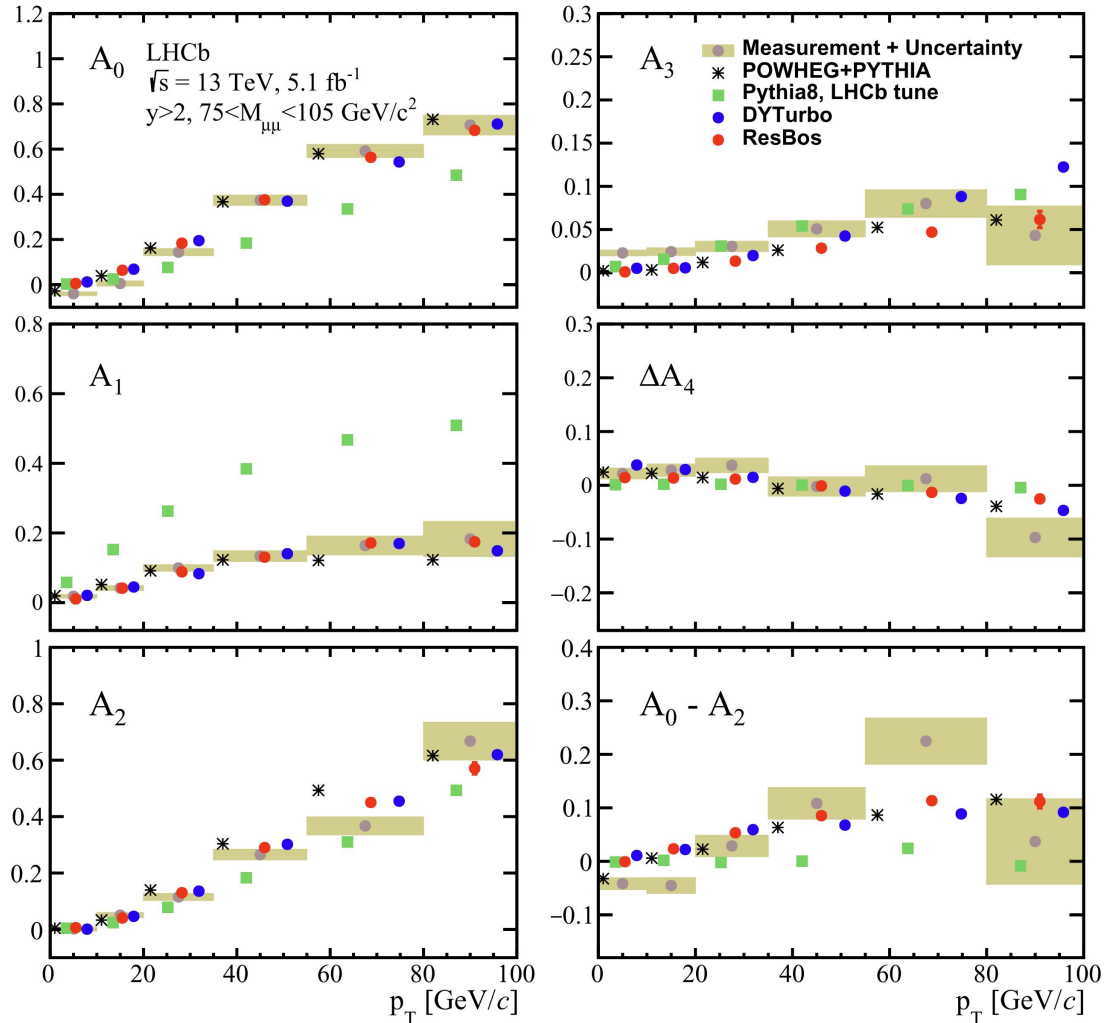
- Differential cross-section of lepton decay angle (θ, ϕ) in CS frame is parametrized by angular coefficients:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dP_T^2 dy d\cos\theta d\phi} \propto \begin{aligned} & (1 + \cos^2\theta) \quad \xrightarrow{\text{green}} \quad \text{LO term} \\ & + \frac{1}{2}A_0(1 - 3\cos^2\theta) \quad \xrightarrow{\text{blue}} \quad \cos^2\theta : \text{higher order term} \\ & + A_1 \sin 2\theta \cos\phi + \frac{1}{2}A_2 \sin^2\theta \cos 2\phi + A_3 \sin\theta \cos\phi \quad \rightarrow \quad (\theta, \phi) \text{ terms} \\ & + A_4 \cos\theta \quad \xrightarrow{\text{green}} \quad \text{LO term : determine } A_{fb} \\ & + A_5 \sin^2\theta \sin 2\phi + A_6 \sin 2\theta \sin\phi + A_7 \sin\theta \sin\phi \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{very small terms} \end{aligned}$$



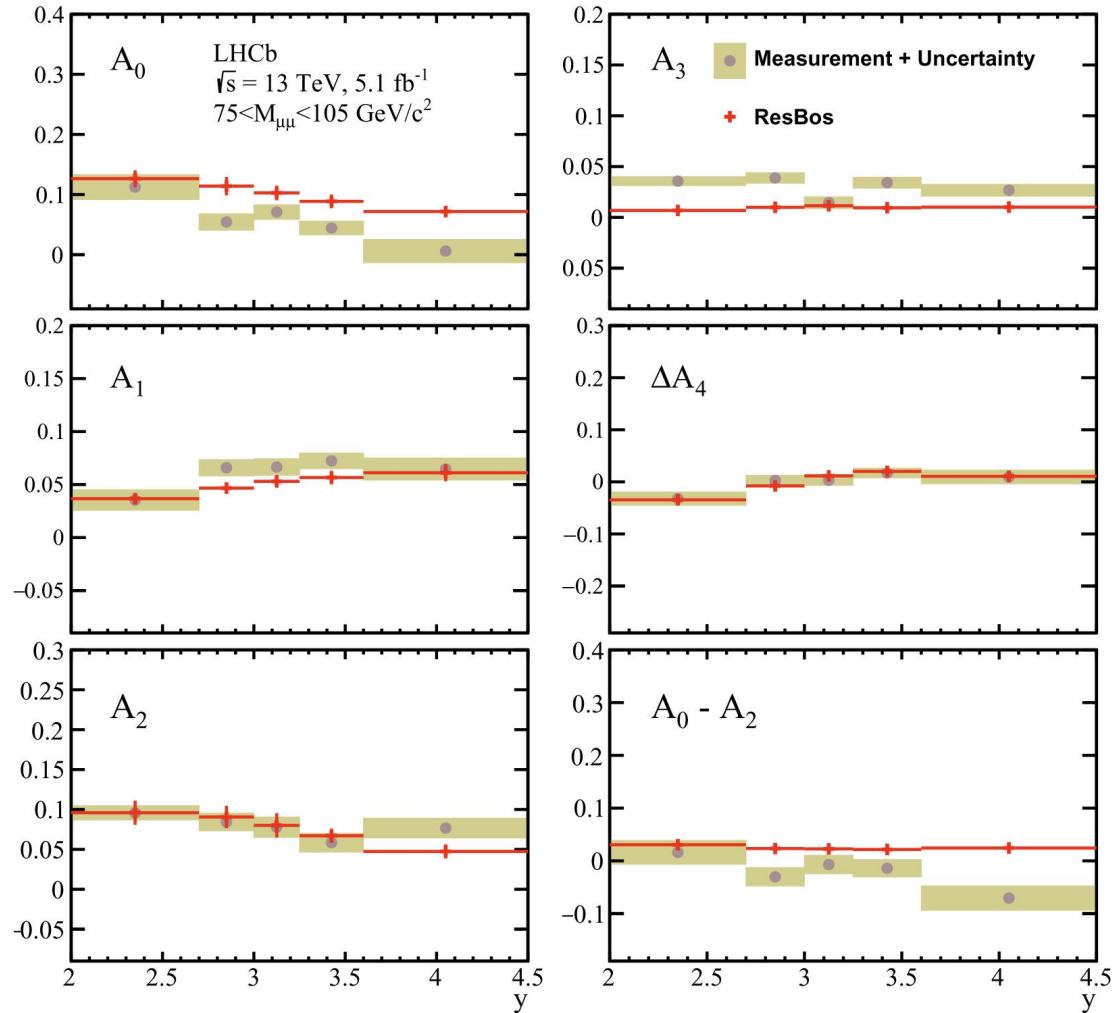
- A_i , the ratio of helicity dependent cross-section over the unpolarized cross-section
 - ❑ A_1 : the difference in the probability of emission of gluons by low x and high x partons
 - ❑ Lam-Tung relation : $A_0 = A_2$
 - ❑ A_2 : sensitive to the Boer-Mulders transverse momentum dependent PDFs
 - ❑ A_3 : is expected to be small
 - ❑ A_4 : sensitive to the weak mixing angle (investigate its variation ΔA_4)

A_i at LHCb - p_T Dependent



- The first measurements of the angular coefficients of Drell-Yan $\mu^+\mu^-$ pairs in the forward rapidity region of pp collisions at 13TeV
- Measurements are corrected to the Born level
- The uncertainty is dominated by statistical uncertainty

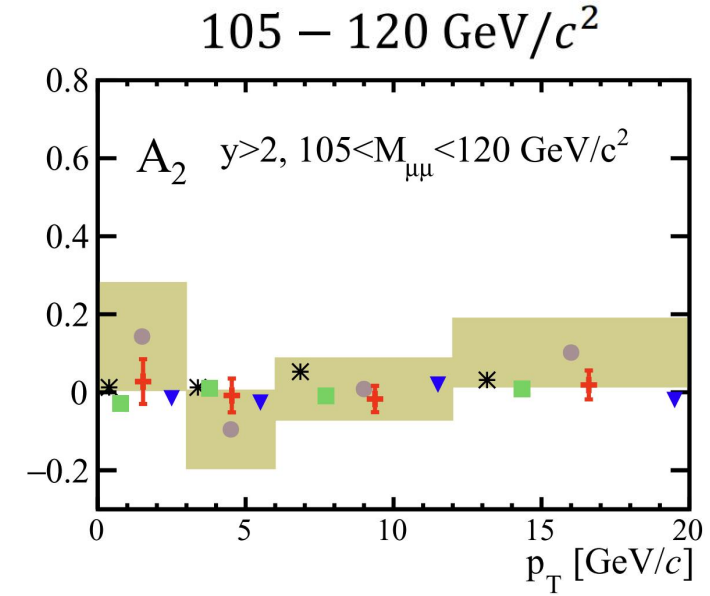
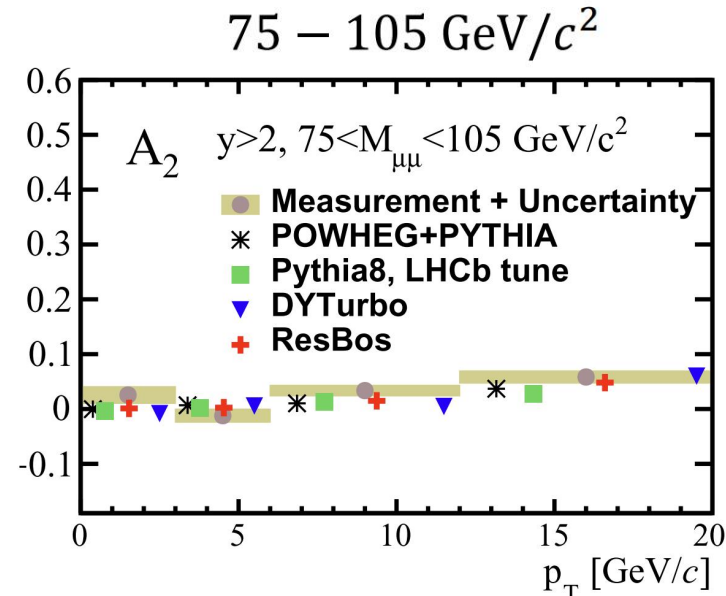
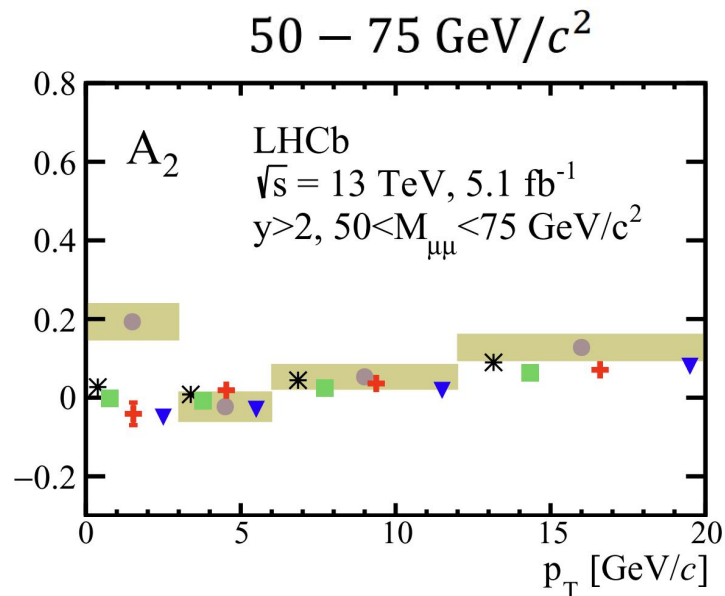
A_i at LHCb - y Dependent



- Reasonable agreement between the measurements and ResBos calculations for A_0 to ΔA_4
- The $A_0 - A_2$ (Lam-Tung relation) has noticeable differences in the highest y region
 ⇒ indicate a y dependence in the QCD resummation or higher-order effects

A_i at LHCb - Boer-Mulders TMD

- A_2 is sensitive to the TMD
- The measured A_2 deviates significantly from all predictions in the lowest p_T region for the low-mass region
- None of the predictions include nonperturbative spin-momentum correlations
- The total uncertainty (shown in the figure) is dominated by the statistical component.



Z Production Cross-section Measurement

➤ LHCb pp data @ 5.02 TeV (2017), $L = 100 \pm 2 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

❑ High signal purity : $N_{bkg}/N_{sig} \sim 2\%$

❑ Fiducial region :

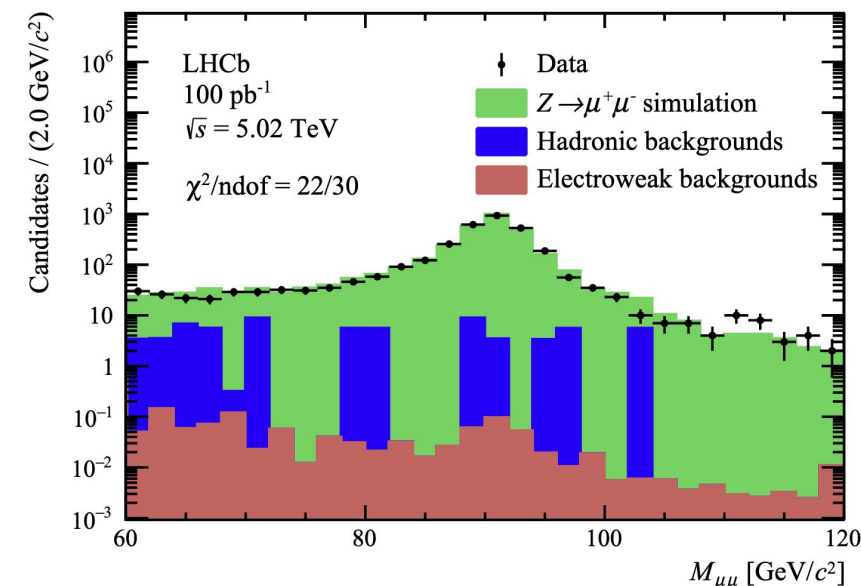
μ^\pm	di-muon
$p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}/c$	$60 < M_{\mu^+\mu^-} < 120 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
$2 < \eta < 4.5$	

➤ Provide important tests of the QCD and the EW sectors

➤ Constrain the uncertainties of PDFs and nuclear modification factors

➤ Differential cross-section in bins of $a = y^Z, p_T^Z, \phi_\eta^*$:

$$\frac{d\sigma_{Z \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-}}{da}(i) = \frac{N_Z(i) \cdot f_{FSR}^Z(i)}{\mathcal{L} \cdot \varepsilon^Z(i) \cdot \Delta a(i)},$$

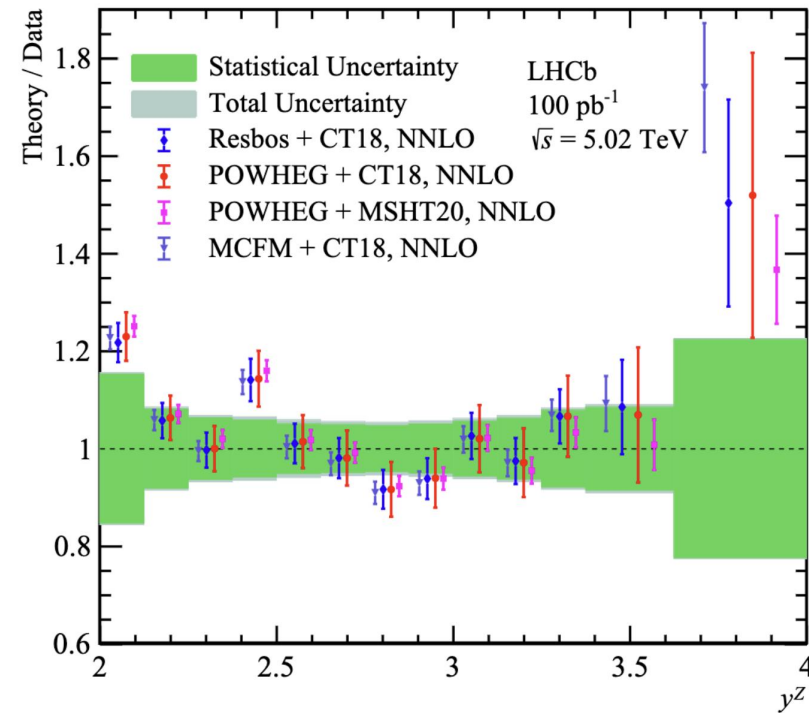
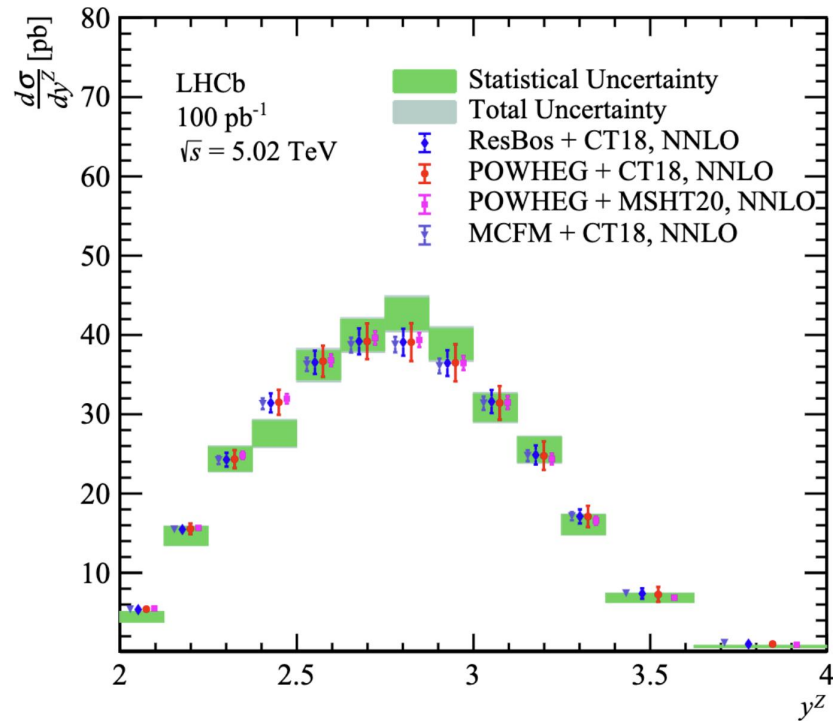


Source	$\Delta\sigma$ [pb]	$\Delta\sigma/\sigma$ [%]
Luminosity	0.79	2.00
Statistical	0.70	1.77
Tracking	0.40	1.01
Efficiency Closure	0.24	0.61
Trigger	0.21	0.54
Background	0.19	0.48
Identification	0.10	0.25
FSR	0.07	0.18
Calibration	$< 4.0 \times 10^{-3}$	< 0.01
Total Systematic (excl. lumi.)	0.56	1.42

Z Production Cross-section Measurement

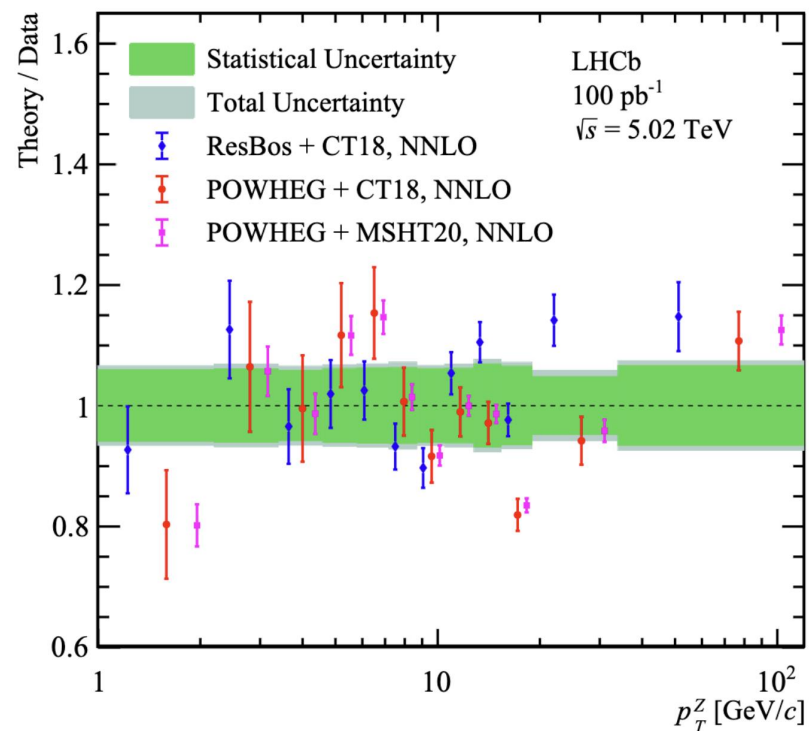
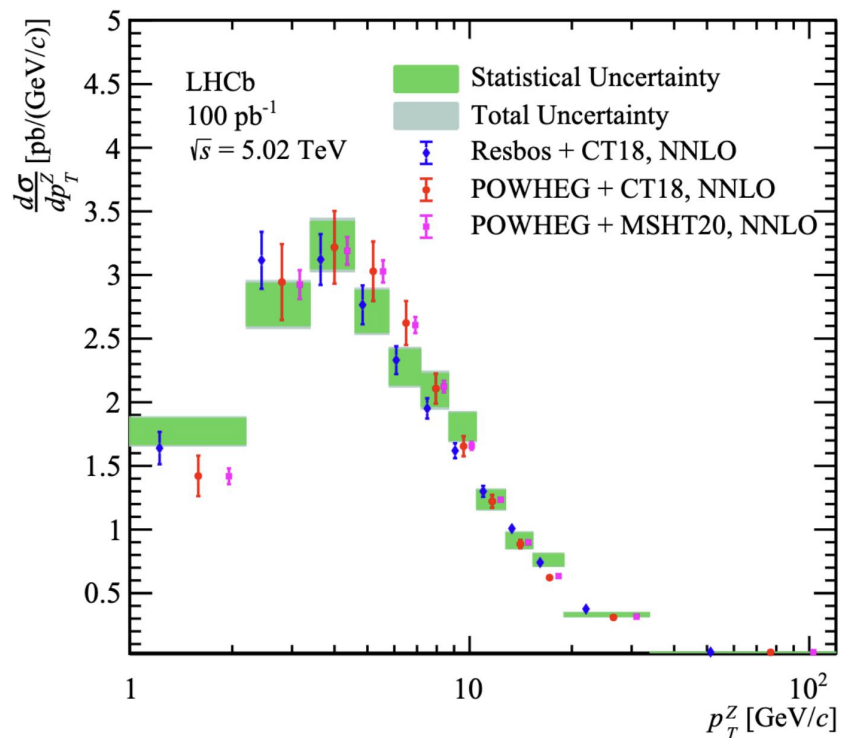
➤ Single differential cross-section - Z boson rapidity y^Z :

- ❑ Consistent with theoretical predictions.
- ❑ Difference observed at lowest and highest rapidity bins due to the statistical fluctuations



Z Production Cross-section Measurement

- Single differential cross-section - Z boson transverse momentum p_T^Z
 - ❑ Consistent with theoretical predictions.
 - ❑ Difference observed at low p_T^Z region



Z Production Cross-section Measurement

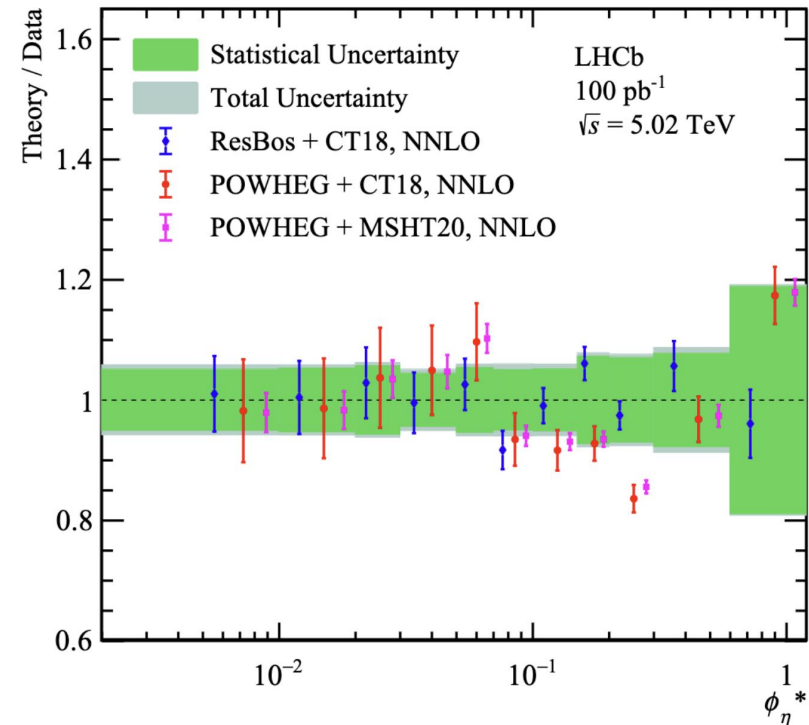
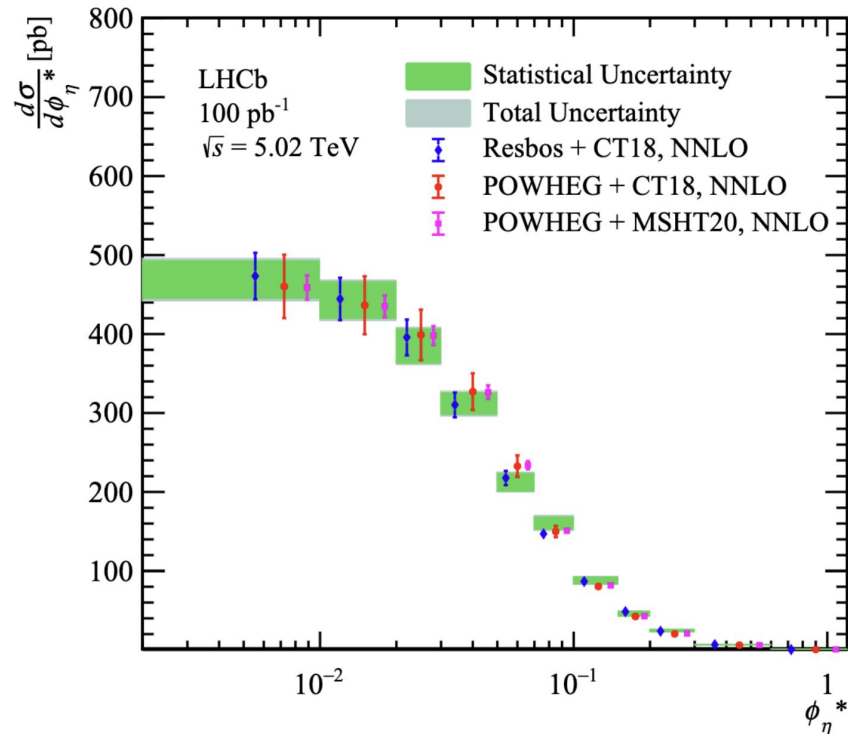
➤ Single differential cross-section - ϕ_η^* :

$$\phi_\eta^* = \tan[(\pi - \Delta\phi^{ll})/2] / \cosh(\Delta\eta^{ll}/2)$$

□ Consistent with theoretical predictions.

[Eur.Phys.J.C71,1600\(2011\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/1008.4874)

□ ϕ_η^* is equivalent to p_T^Z , but **less impacted by detector resolution effects**



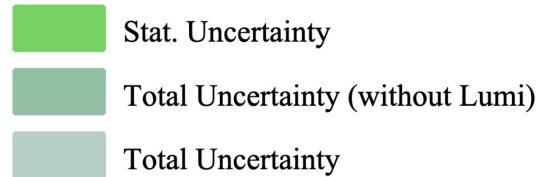
Z Production Cross-section Measurement

➤ Integrated cross-section at 5.02 TeV in the forward region:

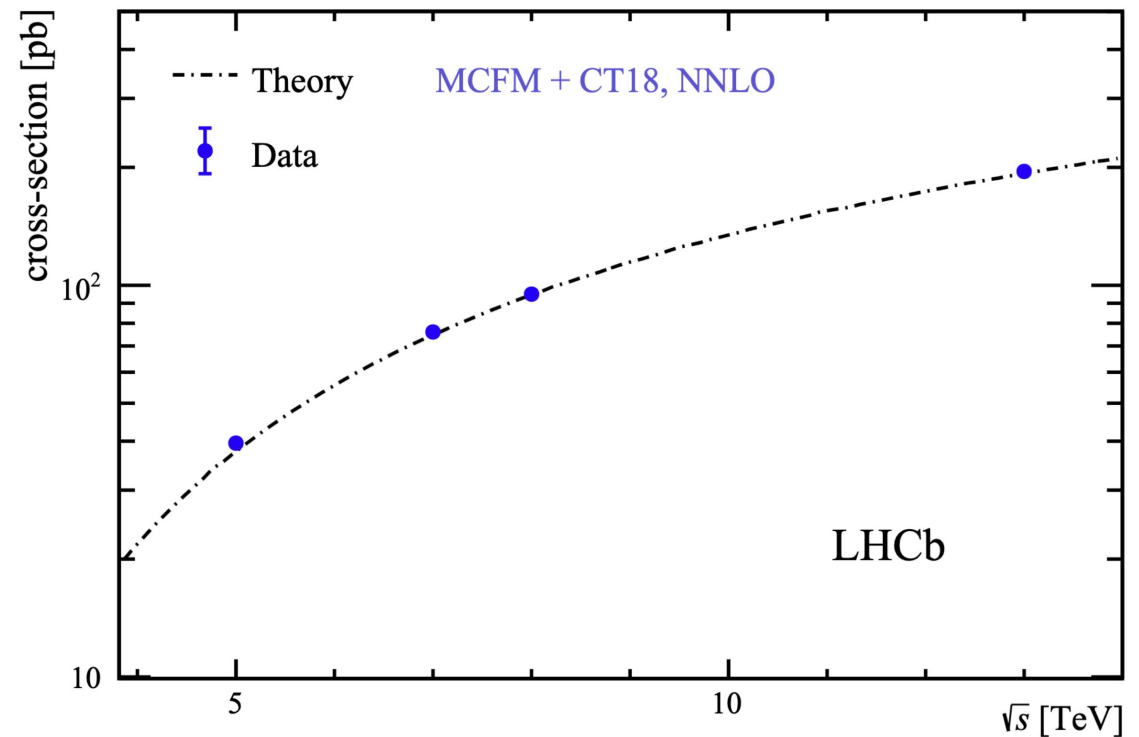
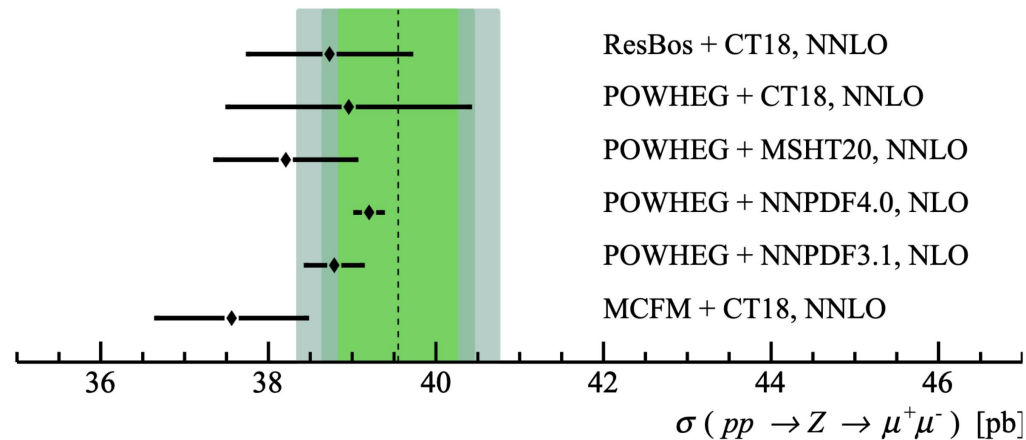
$$\sigma_{Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-} = 39.6 \pm 0.7 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.6 \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.8 \text{ (lumi)} \text{ pb}$$

□ The MCFM predictions are **consistent** with current measurements of the Z boson at different energies

LHCb $\sqrt{s} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$, 100 pb^{-1}
 $p_T(\mu) > 20 \text{ GeV}/c$
 $2.0 < \eta(\mu) < 4.5$
 $60 < M_{\mu\mu} < 120 \text{ GeV}/c^2$



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Z Production Cross-section Measurement

➤ Update of nuclear modification factors at 5.02 TeV

❑ The first Z boson production measurement in pPb collisions :

[JHEP 09\(2014\)030](#)

$$\sigma_{Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-}(\text{fwd}) = 13.5_{-4.0}^{+5.4}(\text{stat.}) \pm 1.2(\text{syst.}) \text{ nb}$$

$$\sigma_{Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-}(\text{bwd}) = 10.7_{-5.1}^{+8.4}(\text{stat.}) \pm 1.0(\text{syst.}) \text{ nb}$$

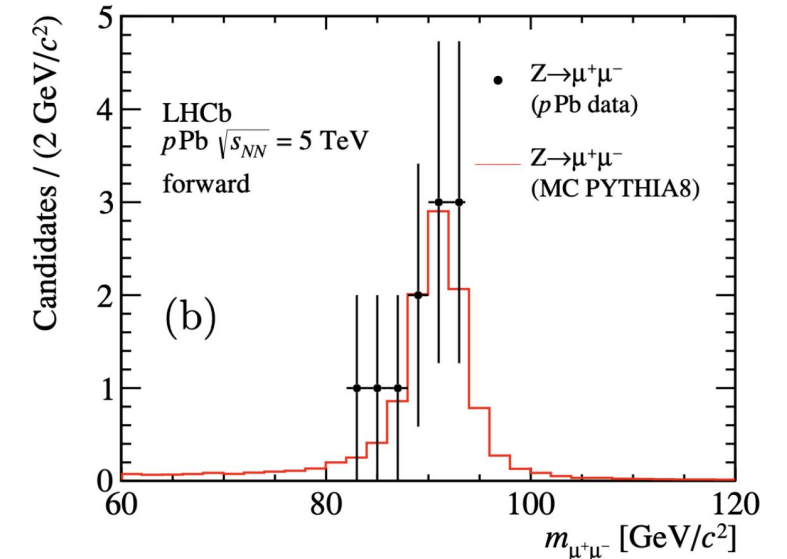
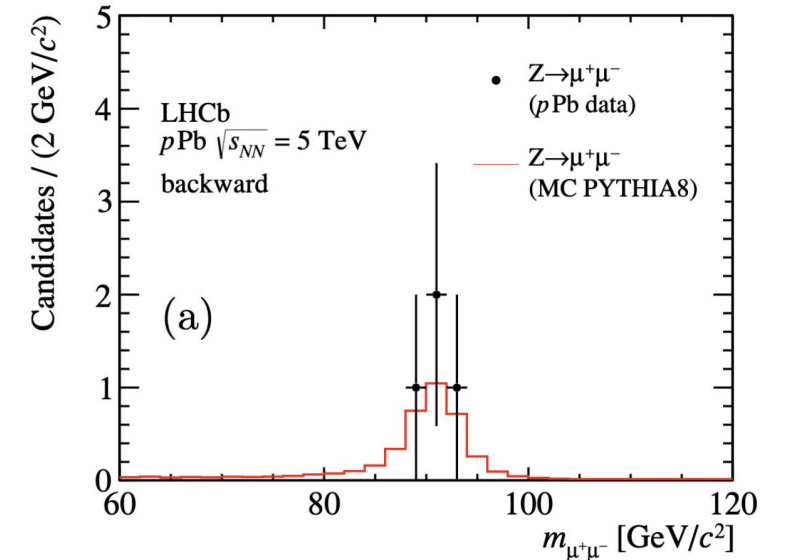
❑ With **latest results in pp collisions**, the NMF in the forward ($1.53 < y_{\mu}^* < 4.03$) and backward ($-4.97 < y_{\mu}^* < -2.47$) region **are first measured** as :

$$R_{pPb}^F = 1.2_{-0.3}^{+0.5}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.1(\text{syst}) \quad R_{pPb}^B = 3.6_{-0.9}^{+1.6}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.2(\text{syst})$$

❑ The theoretical predictions are :

$$R_{pPb}^{F, \text{theo.}} = 0.906_{-0.007}^{+0.002} \quad R_{pPb}^{B, \text{theo.}} = 0.929_{-0.028}^{+0.011}$$

⇒ about **2.3 sigma** difference mainly due the low statistics



Summary

- Highlights of last year's LHCb measurements using Z boson as probe:
 - ✓ The **first study** of the **angular coefficients** of Drell-Yan $\mu\mu$ pairs in pp collisions at 13 TeV in the forward region
 - ✓ The **first measurement** of Z boson **production cross-section** in pp collisions at 5.02 TeV in the forward region
 - ✓ The **first measurement** of **nuclear modification factor** in pPb collisions at 5.02 TeV in the forward region
- **A lot of analyses are working in progress for new exciting measurements !**
 - ❑ W cross-section @ 13 TeV
 - ❑ Zee cross-section @ 13.6 TeV
 - ❑ Z + jets cross-section @ 13.6 TeV
 - ❑ ...

Many thanks for your attention !