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Probing Cold Nuclear Medium Effects with W/Z Production in Heavy-ion Collisions

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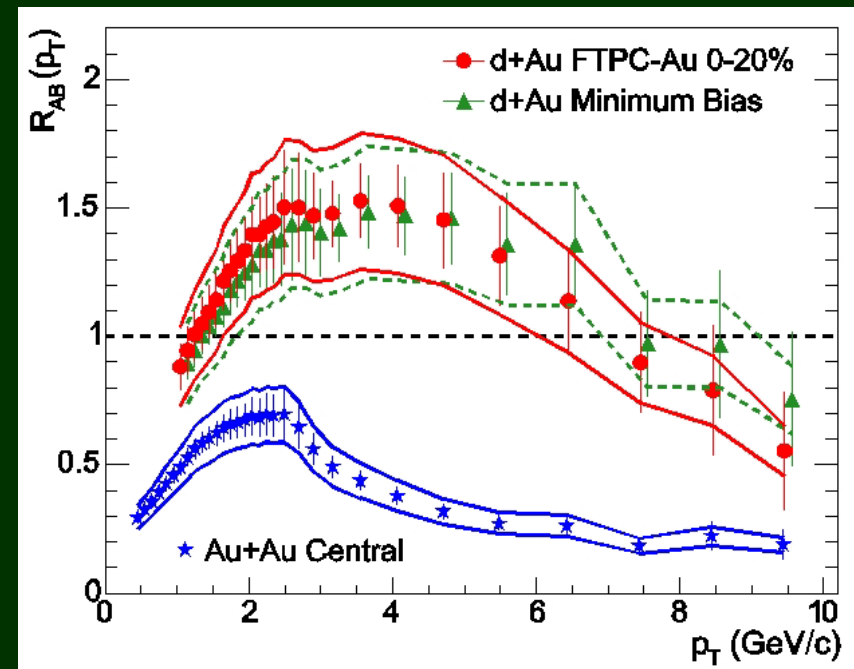
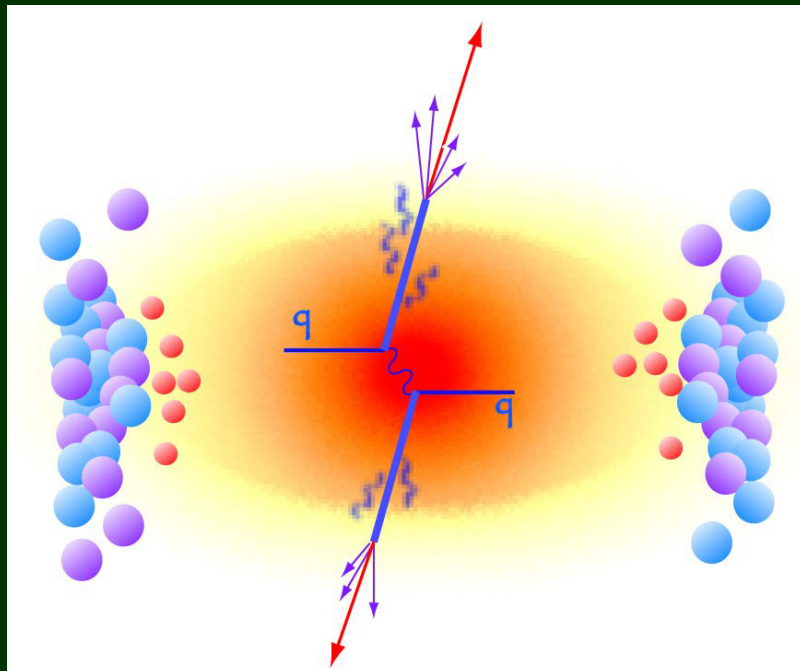
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Publications: [1412.2930 \[nucl-th\]](#), [1505.08106 \[nucl-th\]](#), [1608.06835 \[nucl-th\]](#)

CNM effect or NPDFs: baseline of the study on jet quenching



Gyulassy, Vitev, X.N.Wang, B.W.Zhang, 《QGP3》 p123-191 (2004); nucl-th/0302077.

Outline

- I. **Framework** of the study
- II. Vector boson production in HIC **at the LHC**
- III. W/Z production in p+Pb collisions with **KP NPDFs**
- IV. W/Z production in **future** heavy-ion collisions
- V. Summary

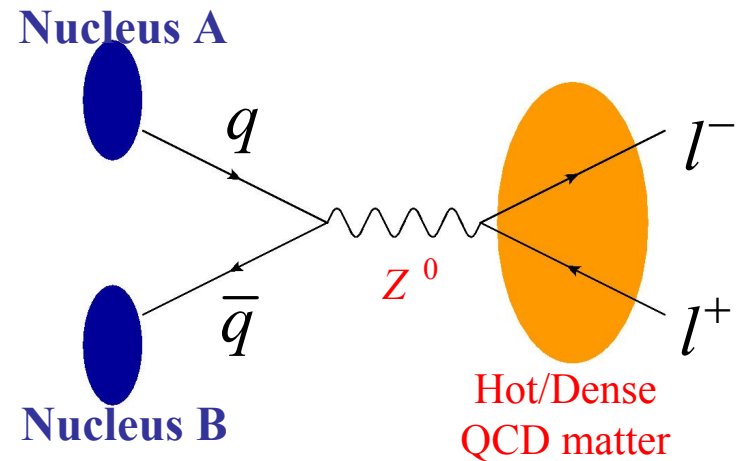
I. Framework of the study

Vector boson as a probe of Cold Nuclear Medium effect

Features of W/Z production:

- **Drell-Yan process**
- **High-invariant mass**
 $m_{W/Z} \sim 80 - 90 \text{ GeV}$
- **Produced in early stage**
 $\sim 1/m_{W/Z} \sim 10^{-3} \text{ fm/c}$
- **Decay later**
 $\sim 0.08 - 0.09 \text{ fm/c}$
- **Colorless lepton pair in final state**

In nucleus-nucleus collisions at LHC:



$$\lambda_{\text{mfp}} > l_{\text{QGP}} \sim 10 \text{ fm}$$

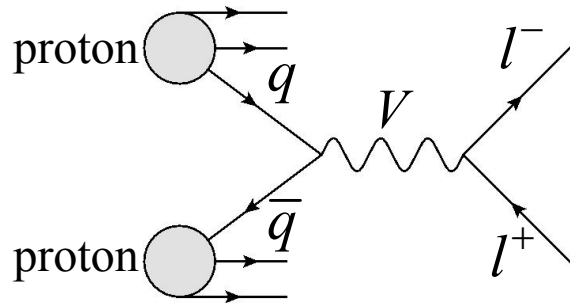
Clean signal of initial state of the collision, e.g. parton distributions (**PDFs**), and cold nuclear medium effects or **NPDFs**.

The created hot/dense nuclear environment (after $\sim 1 \text{ fm/c}$) can hardly pollute the signal of initial CNM effect.

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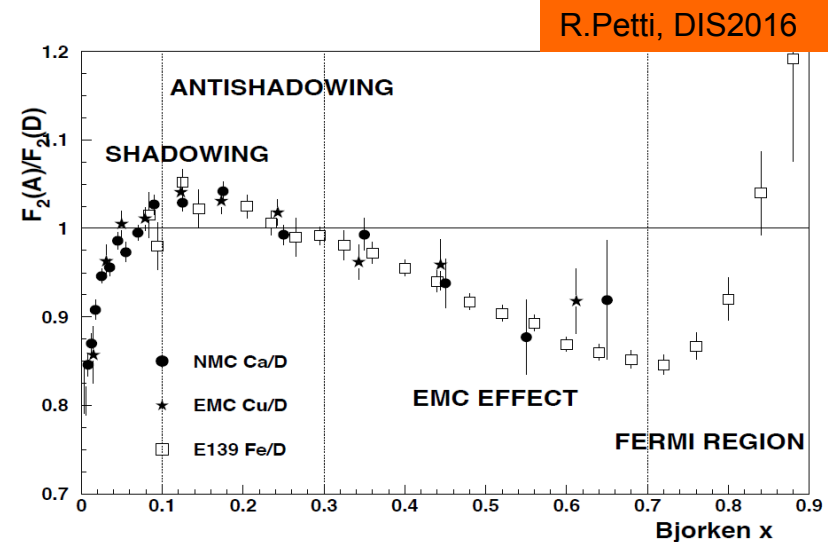
Factorization in pQCD

Drell-Yan in hadronic collision



$$\sigma_{AB \rightarrow VX \rightarrow llX}^{DY} = \sum_{a,b} \int dx_a dx_b \underbrace{f_a^A(x_a, Q^2) f_b^B(x_b, Q^2)}_{\text{PDFs}} \underbrace{\hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow VX \rightarrow llX}}_{\text{Partonic cross section}}$$

In nuclear collisions:



- Factorization theorem holds
- Parton distributions is altered in the cold nuclear medium

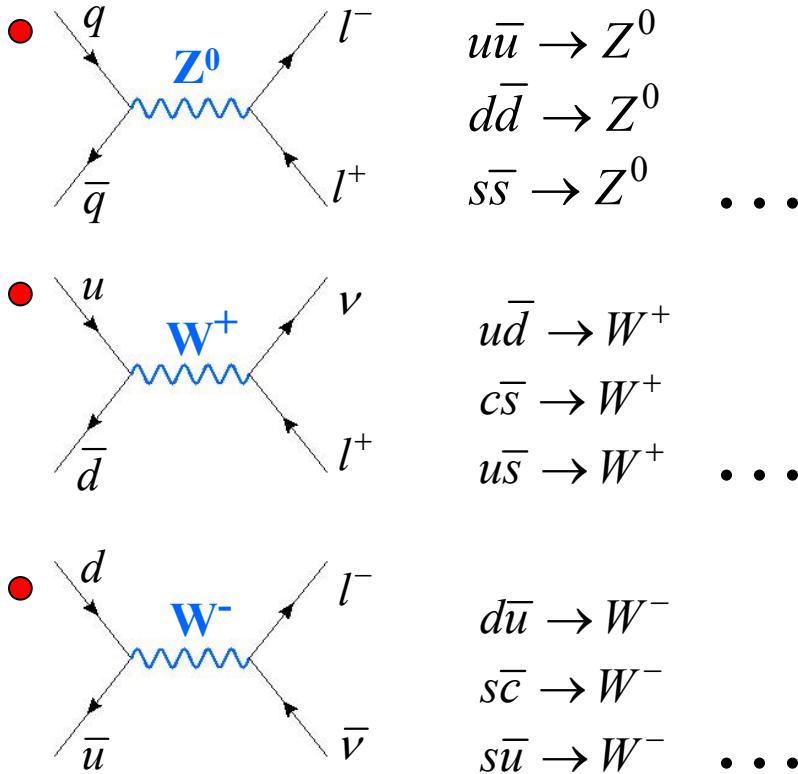
QCD Factorization theorem

PDFs \rightarrow NPDFs (EPS09, DSSZ, ...)

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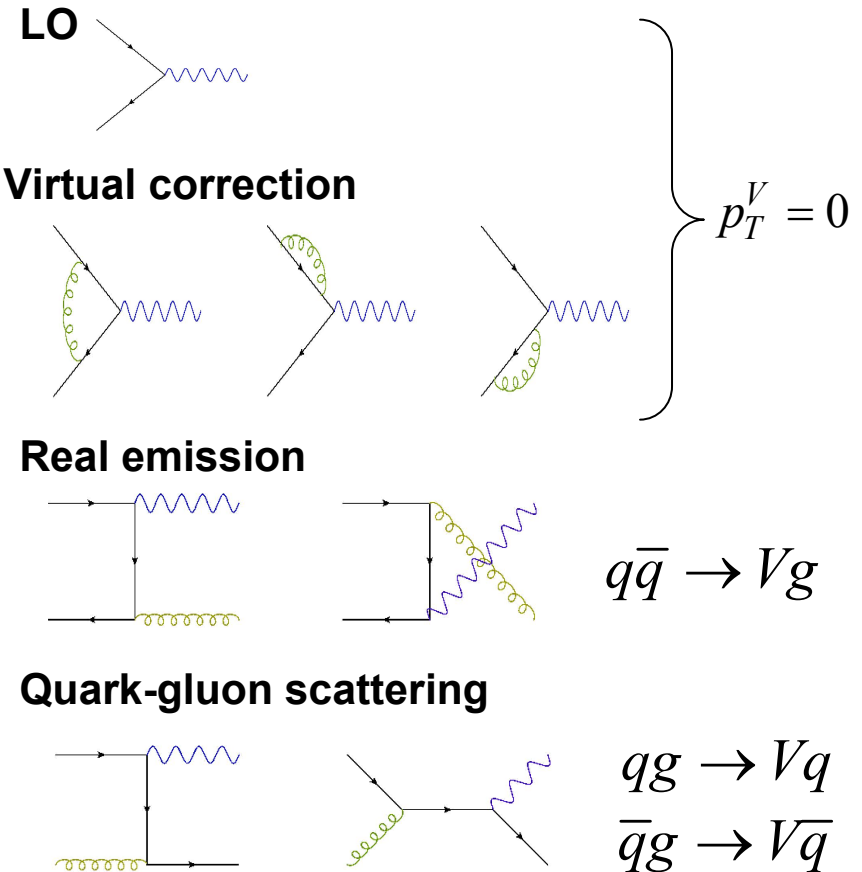
Partonic sub-process in pQCD

Leading order (LO)



Weak interaction at LO

Next-to-leading order (NLO)



I. Framework of the study

Numerical simulation in pp collision

Program :DYNNLO

Code :Drell-Yan Next-to-Next-to Leading Order (DYNNLO)

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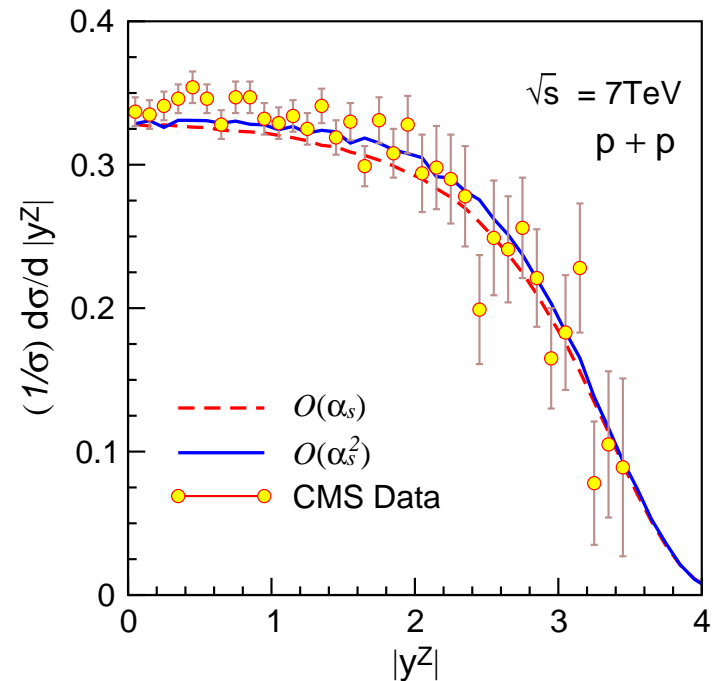
- High-order QCD correction:
NLO[$O(\alpha_s)$], NNLO[$O(\alpha_s^2)$]
- Renormalization and factorization scales

$$\mu_R = \mu_F = m_{W/Z}$$

- PDFs: MSTW08, CT10, ABMP15

Comparison with the LHC data

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Both NLO and NNLO agree with data.

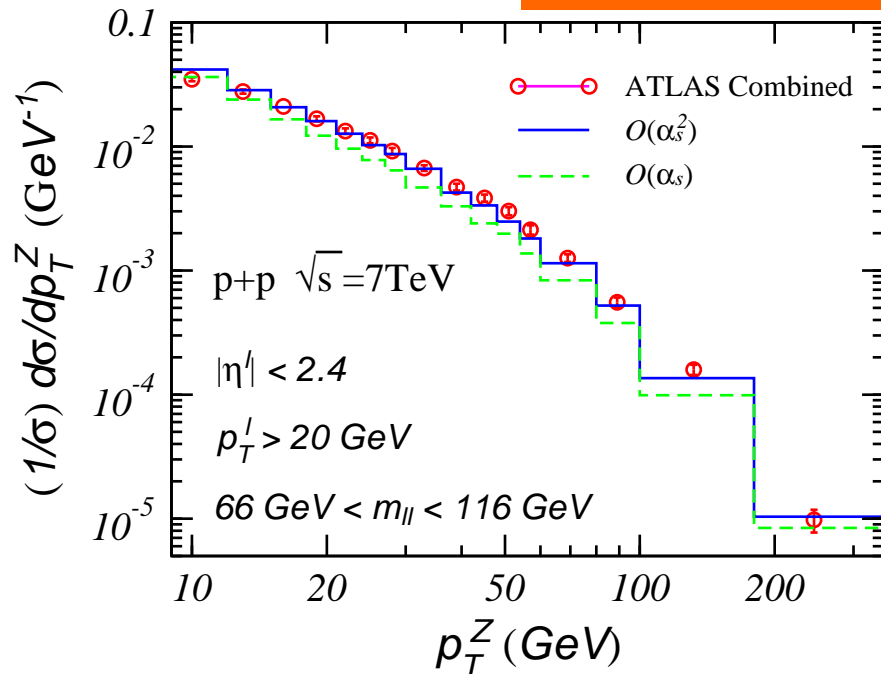
NNLO corrections are small.

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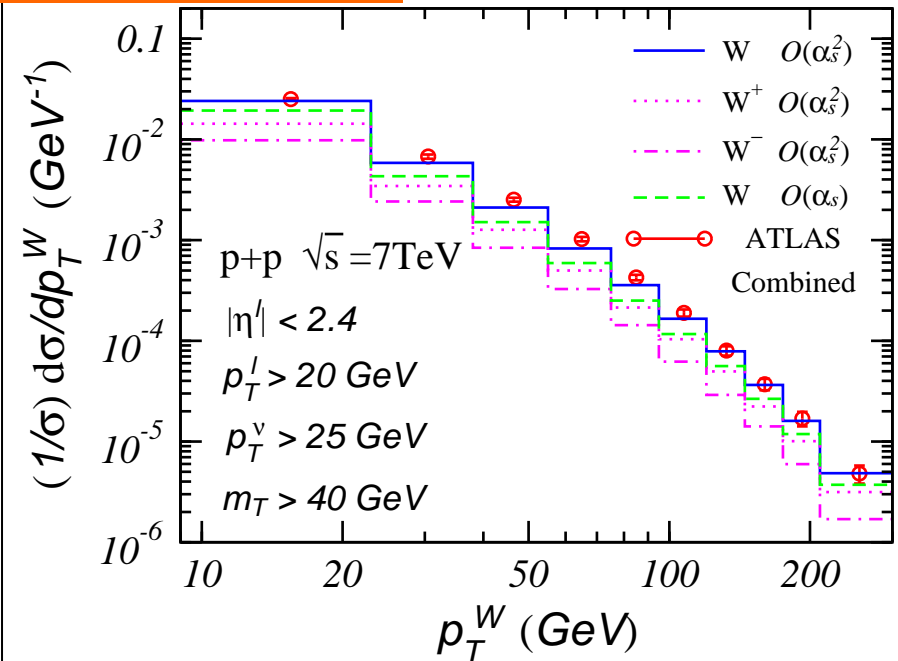
Numerical simulation in pp collision: pT spectra

Z Boson

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W Boson



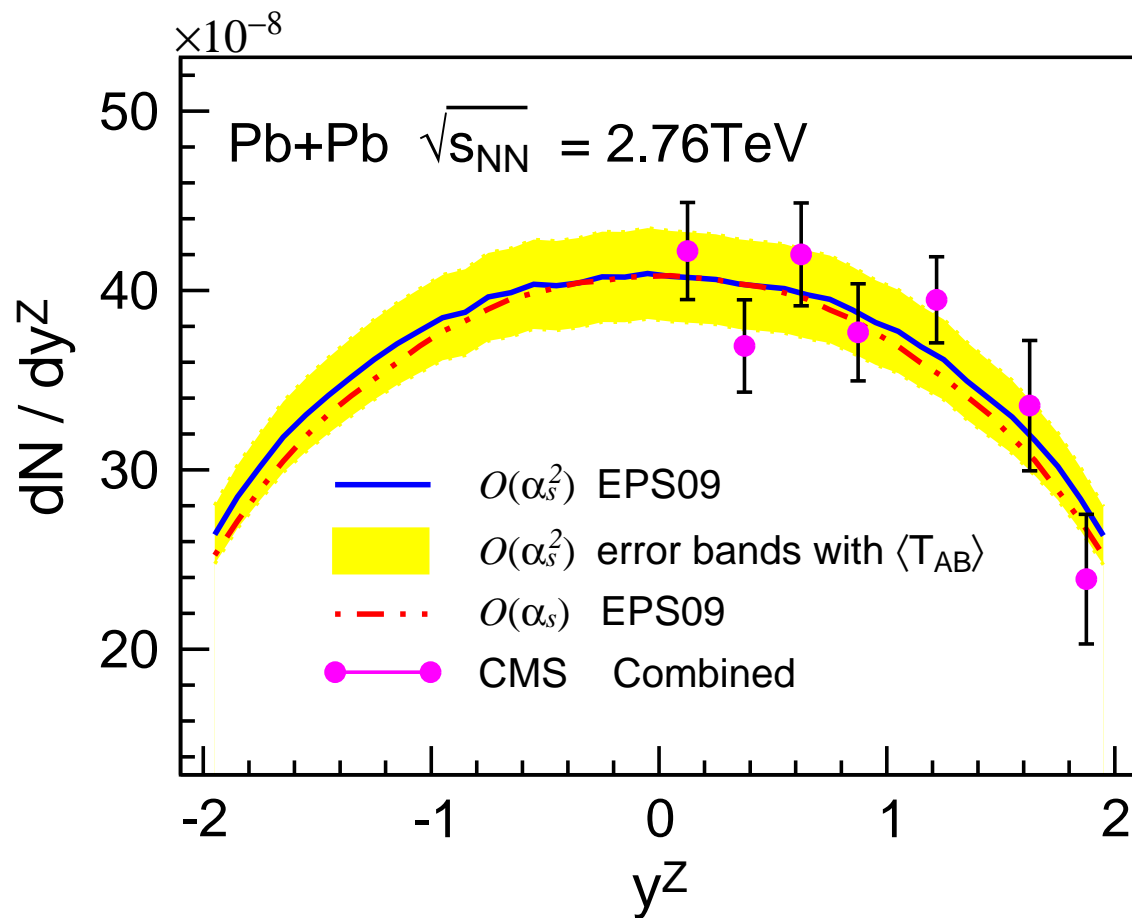
- Different process from the rapidity distribution
- NLO calculation agree well with the high-pT data

I. Framework of the study

- Sensitive to the initial-stage cold nuclear medium effect or NPDFs in nuclear collisions
- Well understood process in pQCD (Drell-Yan)
- Numerical results agree well with the LHC proton-proton data

II. Vector boson production in heavy-ion collisions at the LHC

Rapidity distribution in Pb+Pb collisions



Results with EPS09 NPDFs show a good agreement with the data.

NNLO correction is small.

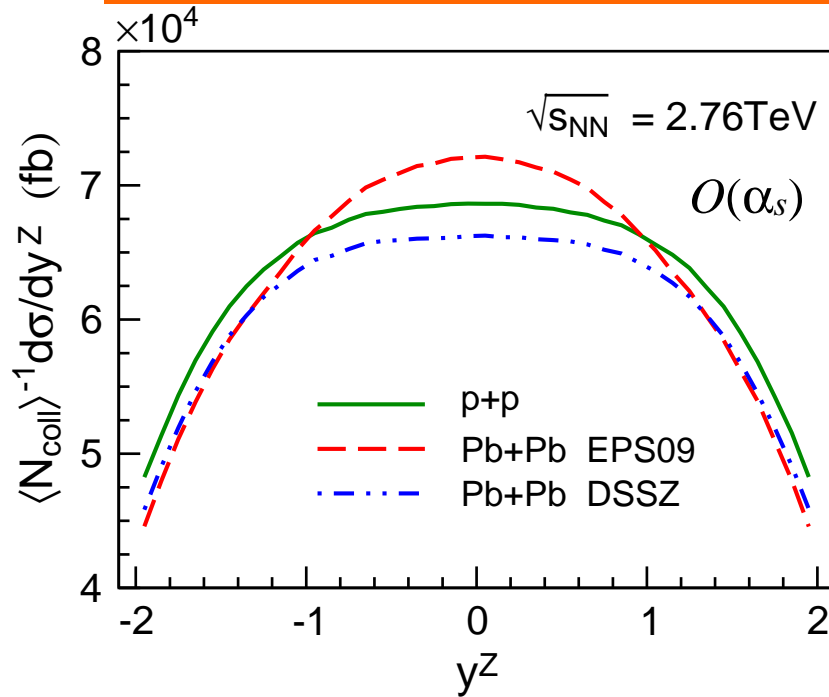
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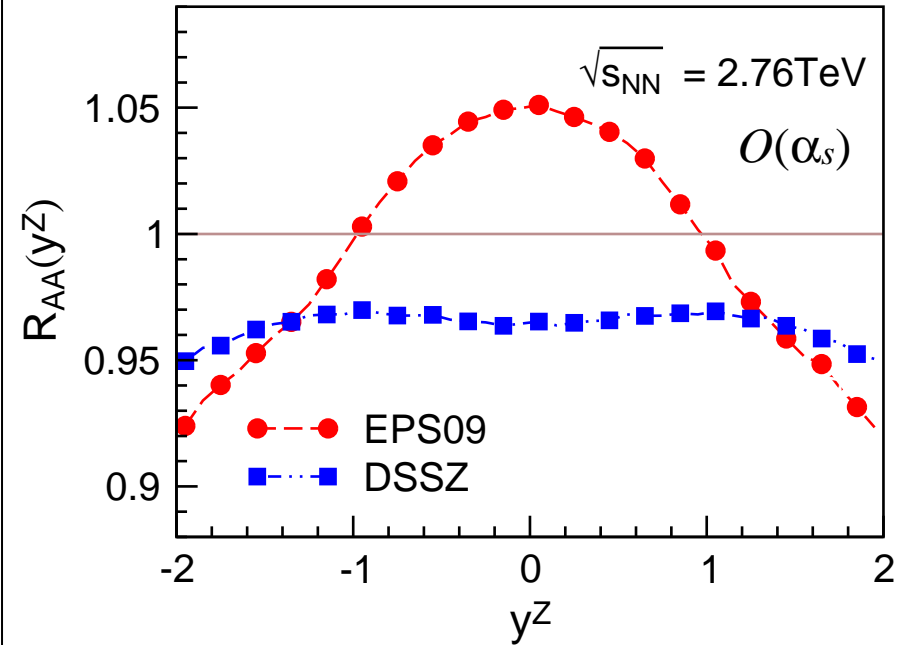
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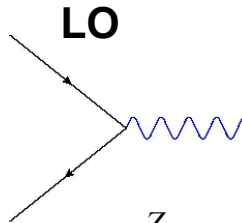
- Different nuclear corrections from EPS09 and DSSZ
- A good probe of the NPDFs

II. Vector boson production in heavy-ion collisions at the LHC

Rapidity distribution in Pb+Pb collisions: Parton Level

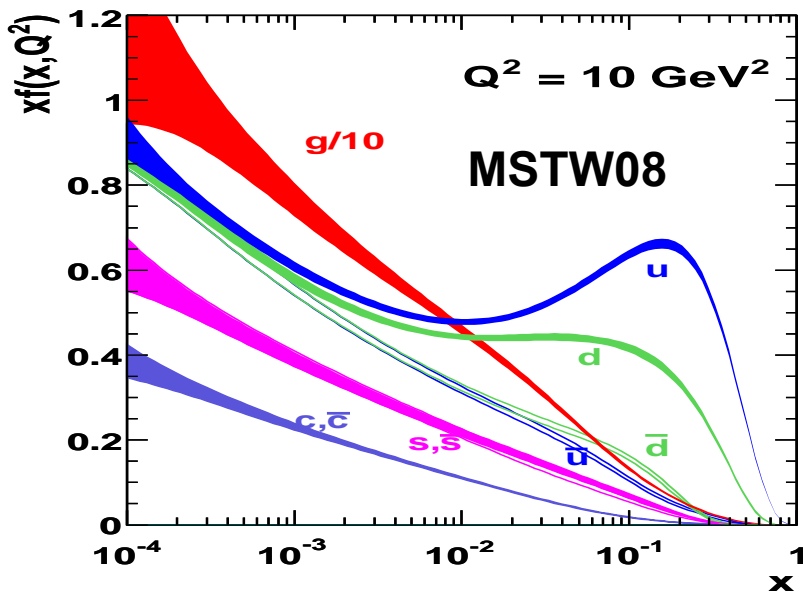
Momentum fraction at LO

LO



$$x_1 = \frac{m_Z}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}} e^{y^Z}, \quad x_2 = \frac{m_Z}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}} e^{-y^Z}$$

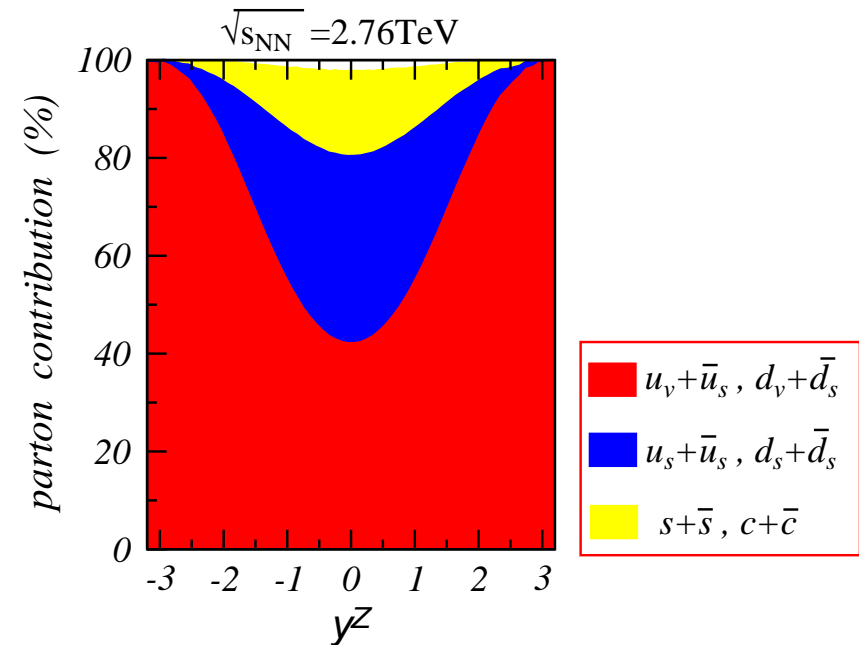
$y^Z \sim 0 : \quad x_1 \sim x_2 \sim m_Z / \sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 0.033$



Parton contributions

Initial partons are mainly quarks and anti-quarks.

Gluon give small high-order contribution.



II. Vector boson production in heavy-ion collisions at the LHC

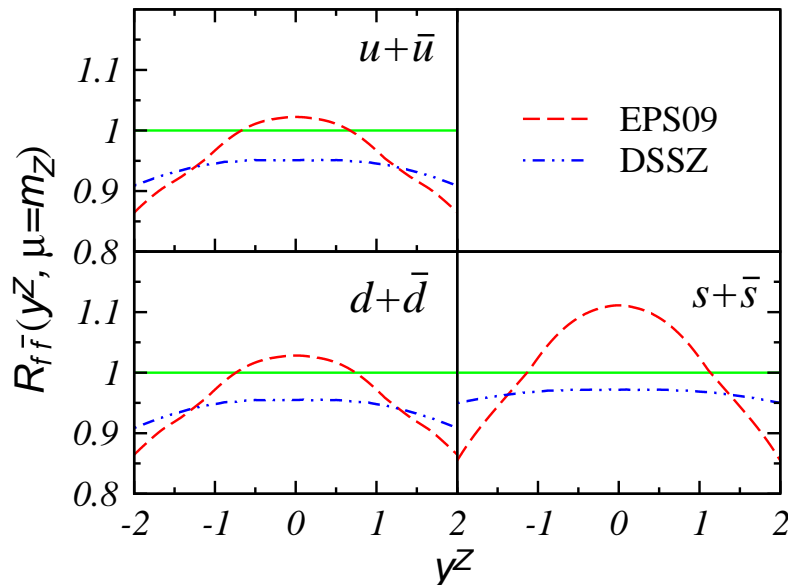
Rapidity distribution in Pb+Pb collisions: Parton Level

$$R_f(x, Q^2) = f^{Pb}(x, Q^2) / f^p(x, Q^2) \quad \text{and} \quad x_1 = \frac{m_Z}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}} e^{y^Z}, \quad x_2 = \frac{m_Z}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}} e^{-y^Z}$$

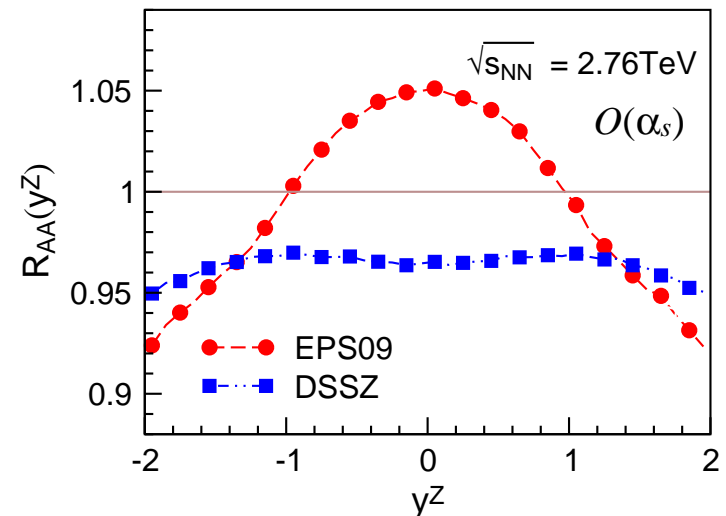
Define : $R_{f\bar{f}}(y^Z) = \alpha(y^Z) R_f(x_1) R_{\bar{f}}(x_2) + \beta(y^Z) R_f(x_2) R_{\bar{f}}(x_1)$

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A naïve choice: $\alpha(y^Z) = \beta(y^Z) = 1/2$



Probe of the nuclear corrections on quark PDFs



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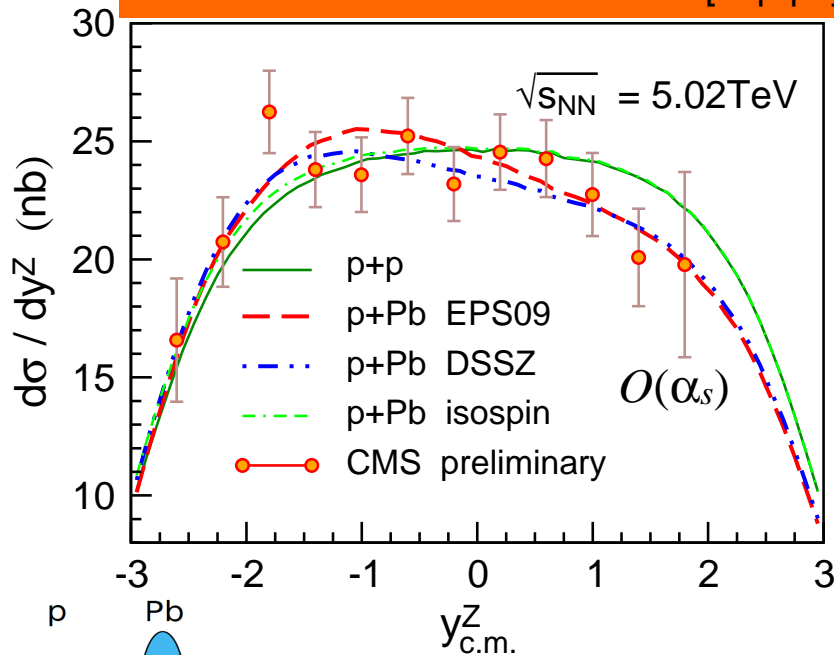
Rapidity distribution in p+Pb collisions

Differential cross section at NLO

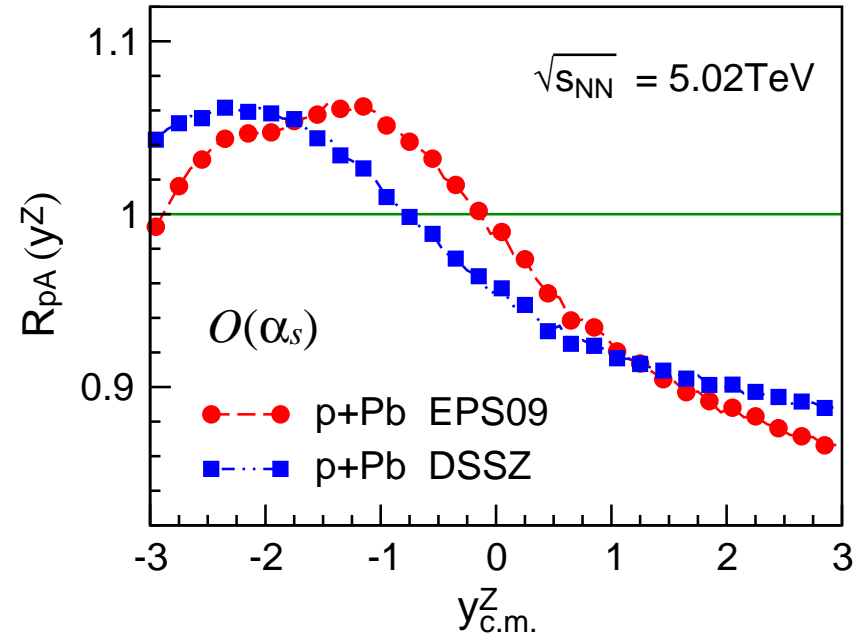
R_{pA}

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Nuclear corrections result in an asymmetric distribution



Differences between EPS09 and DSSZ are observed

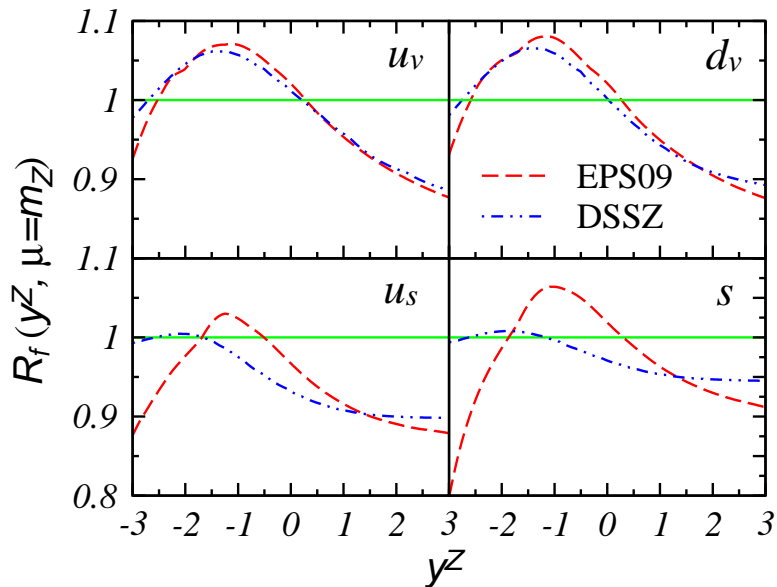
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Nuclear correction at parton level

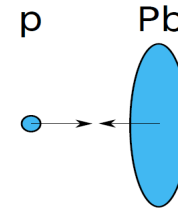
$$x_{Pb} = x_2 = \frac{m_Z}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}} e^{-y^Z}$$

$$R_f(x_{Pb}) \rightarrow R_f(y^Z)$$

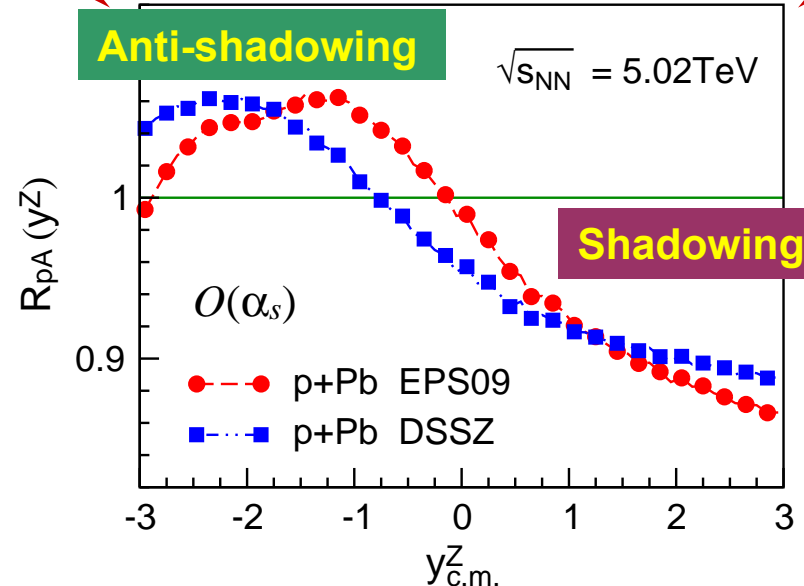


R_{pA} provides an image of the nuclear corrections on quark PDFs.

Large- x ,
valence
dominated

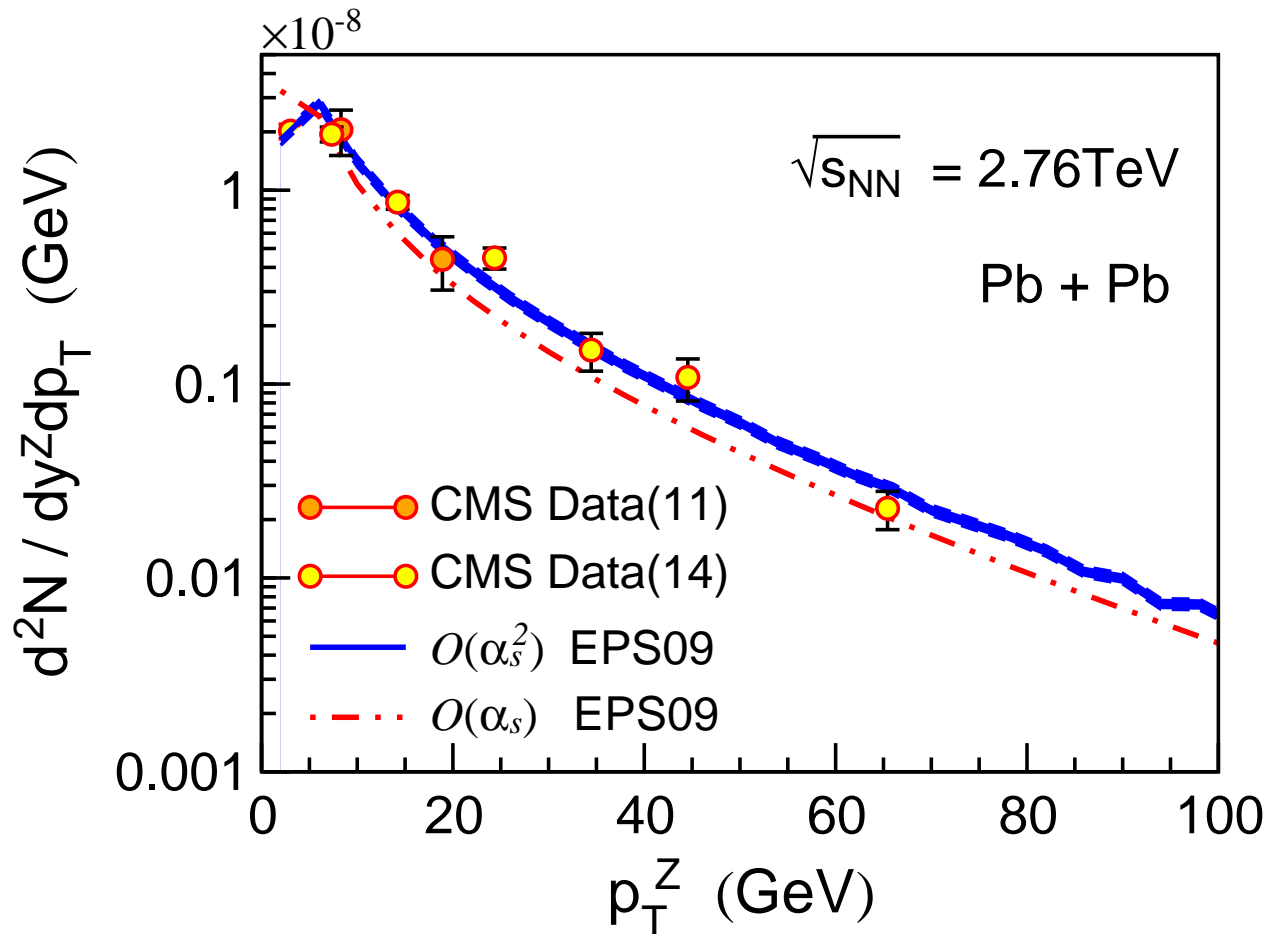


small- x ,
sea quark
dominated



II. Vector boson production in heavy-ion collisions at the LHC

Transverse momentum (p_T) spectra



NLO results with
EPS09 NPDFs show
good agreement with
the data.

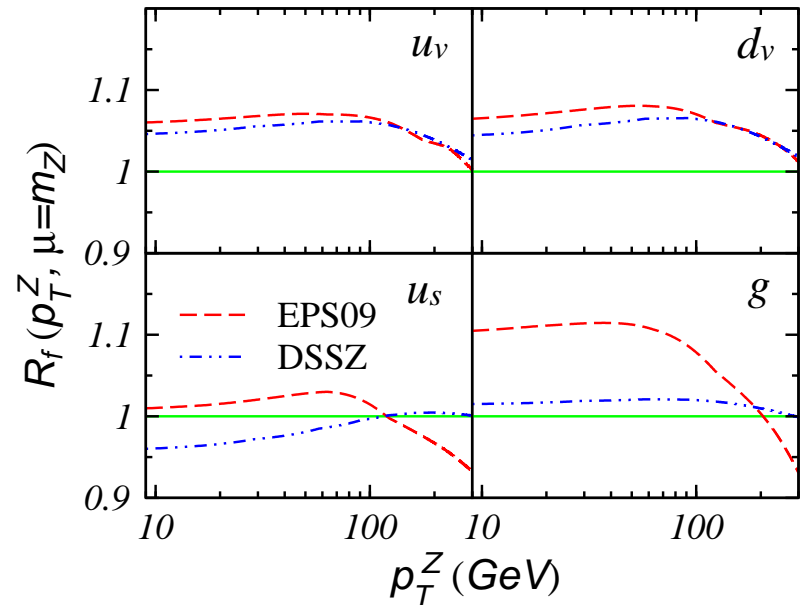
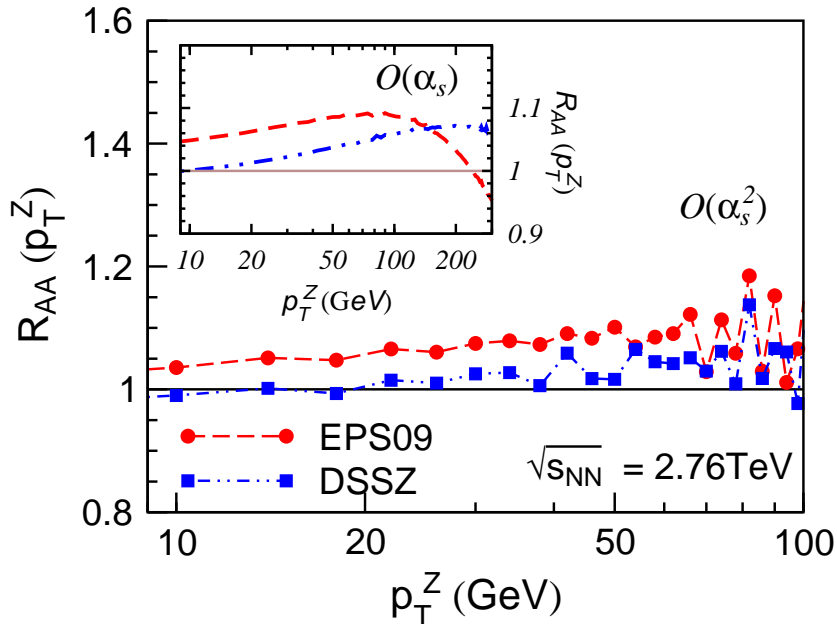
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Nuclear corrections on pT spectra: Parton Level

$$y^Z \sim 0: \quad x \sim \frac{p_T + \sqrt{p_T^2 + m_{Z/W}^2}}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}}$$

$$R_f(x_{Pb}) \rightarrow R_f(p_T)$$



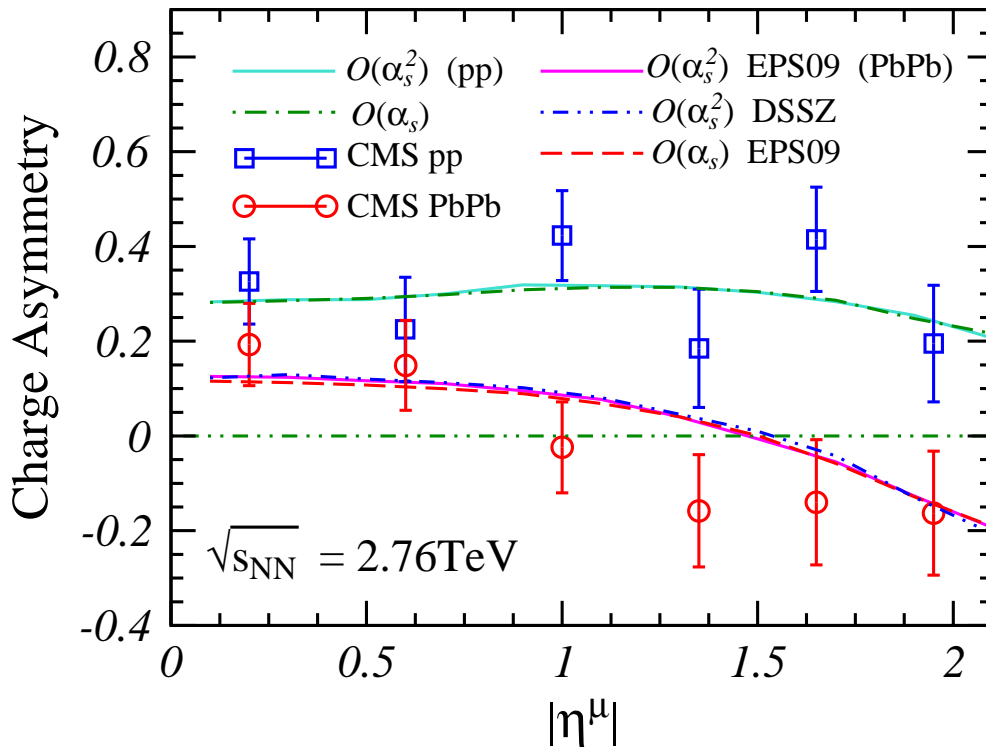
pT spectrum provides more knowledge of nuclear correction on gluon PDFs

II. Vector boson production in heavy-ion collisions at the LHC

W Boson: Charge Asymmetry

$$A = \frac{N_{W^+} - N_{W^-}}{N_{W^+} + N_{W^-}} \longrightarrow \frac{u(x)}{d(x)}$$

$$\frac{u^{Pb}(x)}{d^{Pb}(x)} = \frac{R_u(x)}{R_d(x)} \cdot \frac{u^P(x)}{d^P(x)}$$

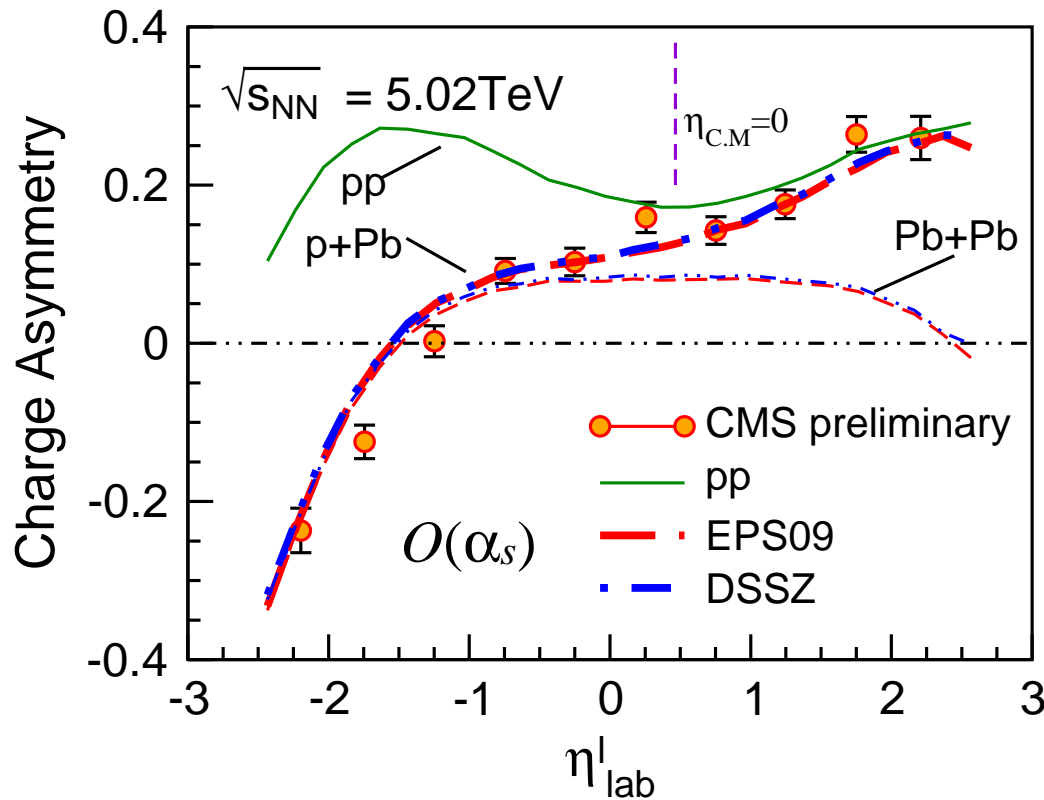


In p+p and Pb+Pb

- Not sensitive to the order.
- Not sensitive to the choice of NPDF.

II. Vector boson production in heavy-ion collisions at the LHC

W Boson: Charge Asymmetry



In p+Pb

- Not sensitive to the choice of NPDF.
 - Somewhat deviation from the data in negative rapidity.
 - At the same colliding energy(5.02TeV)
 - P+Pb → p+p in forward region
 - P+Pb → Pb+Pb in backward region
- At small-x(sea-quark dominated), isospin effect is small

III. W/Z production in p+Pb collisions with KP NPDFs

KP nuclear parton distribution

- Predicted from the semi-microscopic model developed by S. A. Kulagin and R. Petti.

NPA 756 (2006) [126](#); **PRC** 90 (2014) [045204](#)

- Not a fit, unlike conventional approaches.
- Offer insights on the underlying nuclear physics mechanisms.
- The KP nuclear PDFs have been validated with data from a wide range of processes including lepton-nucleus DIS, Drell-Yan production in pA collisions, Z,W production in heavy ion collisions at colliders.

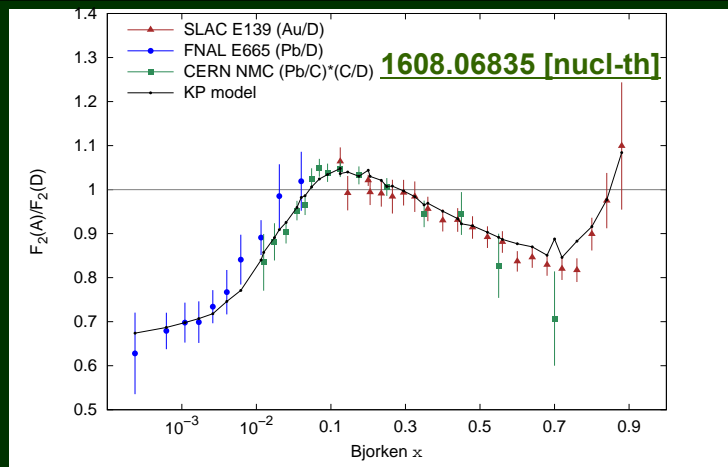
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KP nuclear parton distribution

Different nuclear effects on parton distributions (PDF) are taken into account:

$$q_{a/A} = q_a^{p(n)/A} + q_a^{n/A} + \delta q_a^{MEC} + \delta q_a^{coh}$$

- $q_a^{p(n)/A}$: PDF in bound p(n) with Fermi Motion, Binding (**FMB**), and Off-Shell effect (**OS**)
- δq_a^{MEC} : nuclear Meson Exchange Current (**MEC**) correction
- δq_a^{coh} : Contribution from coherent nuclear interactions: Nuclear Shadowing (**NS**)



KP model prediction

vs

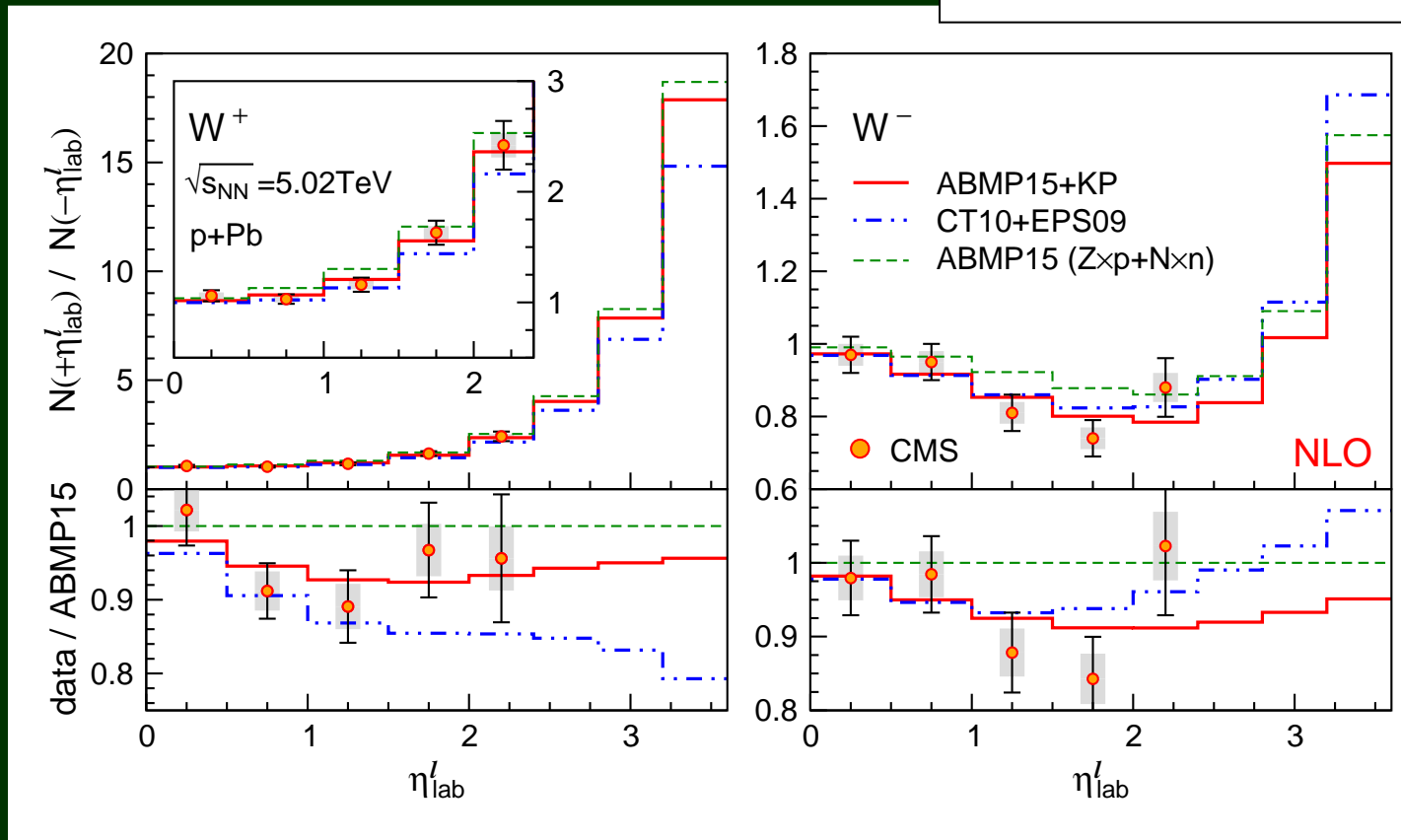
DIS data

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Results on p+Pb at the LHC

Forward-backward asymmetry of W boson

$$R_{FB}(y) = N(+y) / N(-y)$$



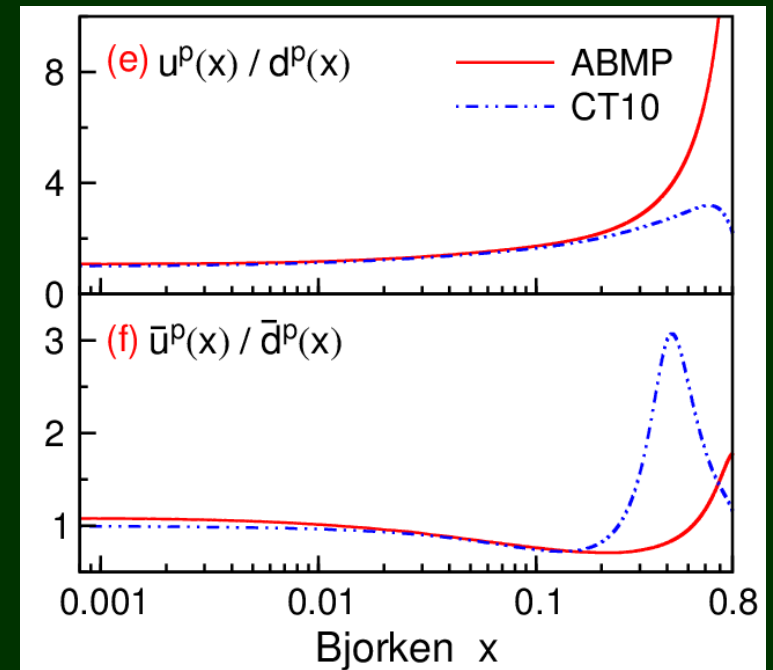
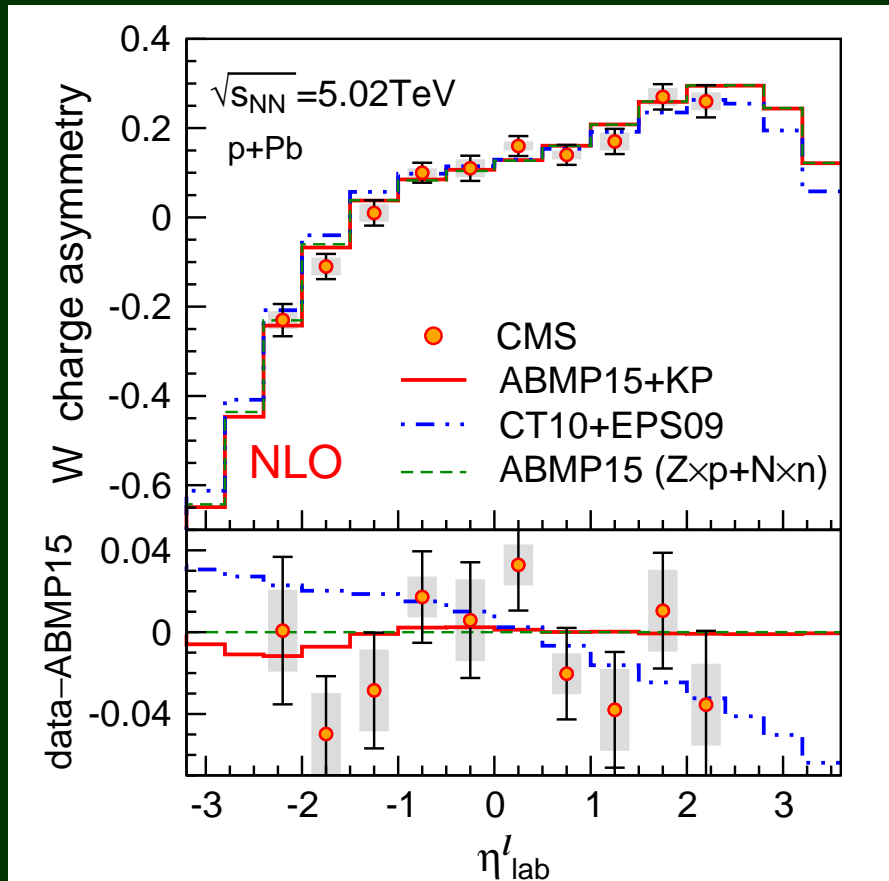
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Charge asymmetry of W boson

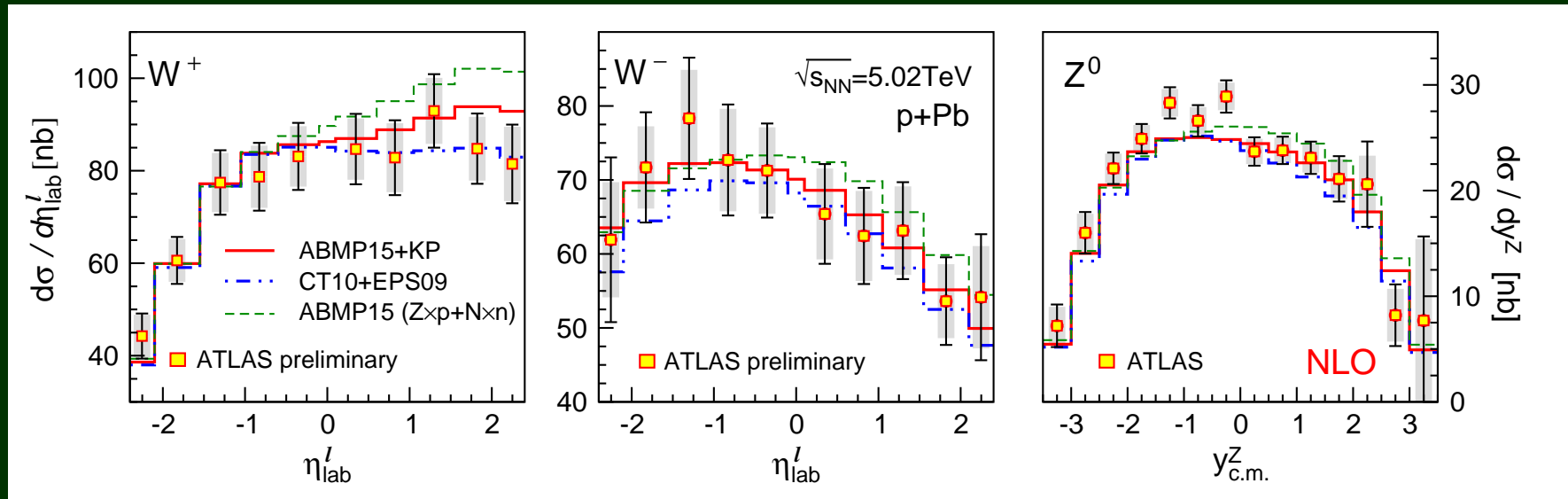
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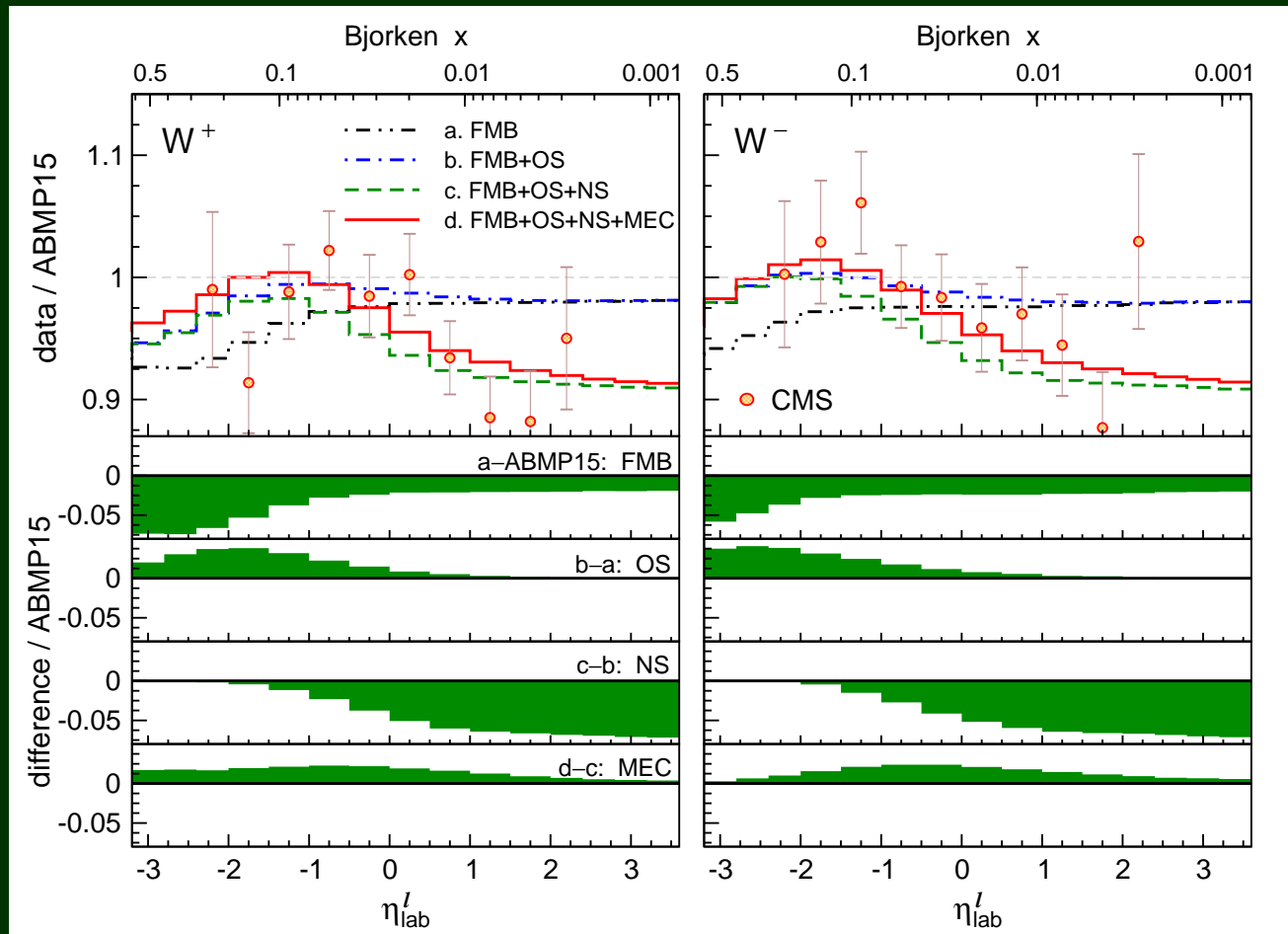
Comparison with the ATLAS data



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Nuclear corrections with different effects



W differential cross section

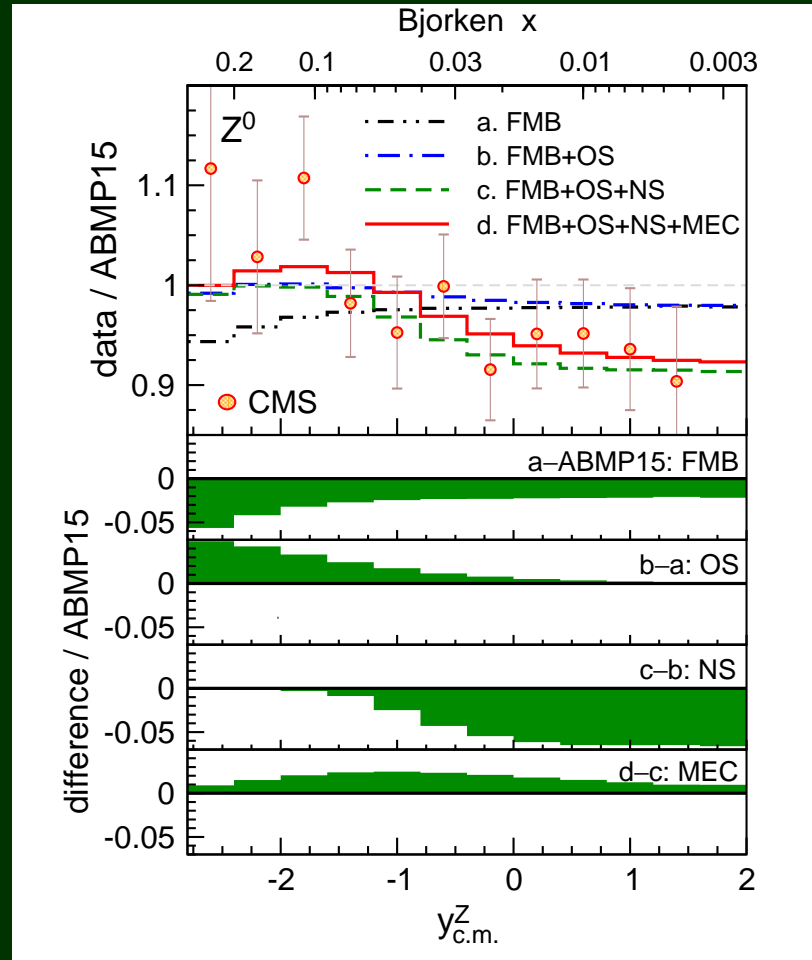
4 nuclear effects (FMB, OS, NS, MEC) play roles at the LHC.

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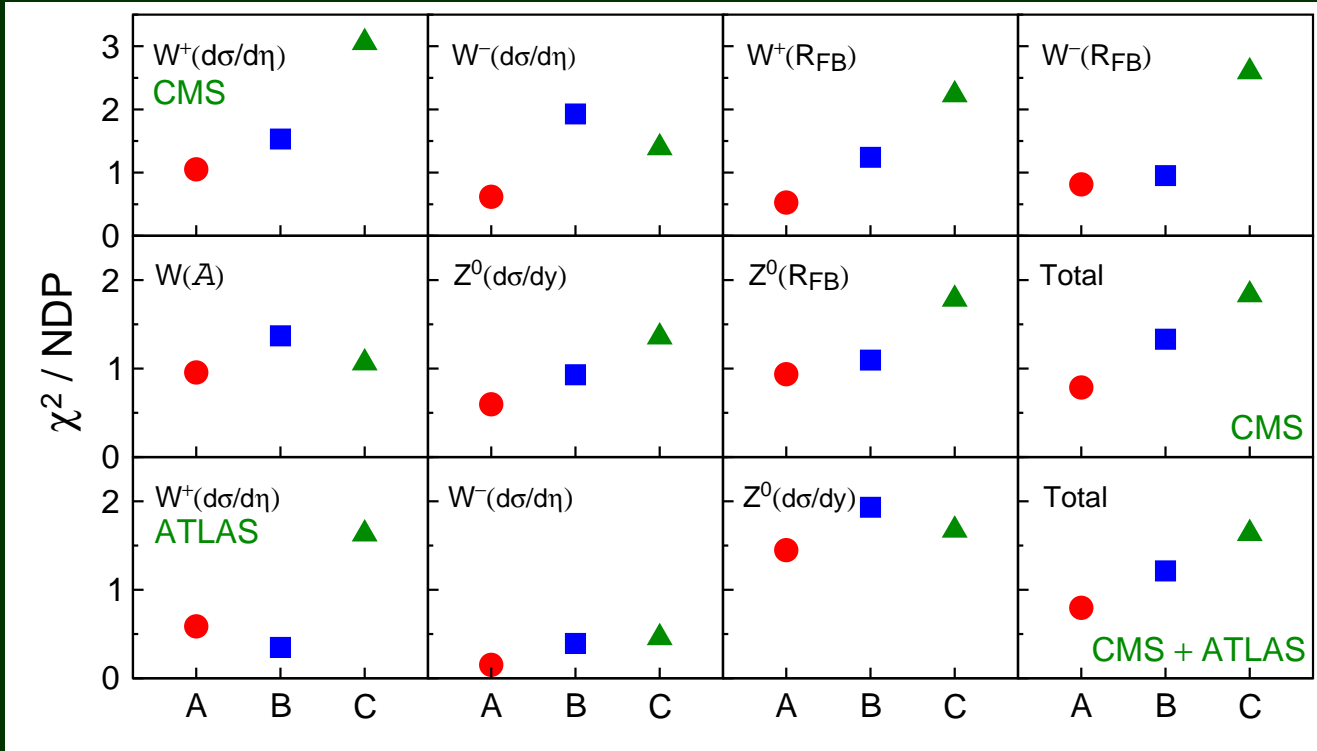
Z boson



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χ^2/N_{Data} between model and measurement



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- A. ABMP15 + KP
- B. CT10 + EPS09
- C. ABMP15 (Zxp+Nxn)

$$\chi^2/N_{Data} = \frac{1}{N_{Data}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{Data}} \left[\frac{(O_{th} - O_{exp})^2}{\varepsilon_{stat}^2 + \varepsilon_{syst}^2} \right]_i$$

- Good agreement between KP model predictions and the latest LHC data.
- Evidence of nuclear modification.

IV. W/Z production in future heavy-ion collisions

Pb+Pb at 39TeV
p+Pb at 63TeV

$$x \sim \frac{m_{Z,W}}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}}$$

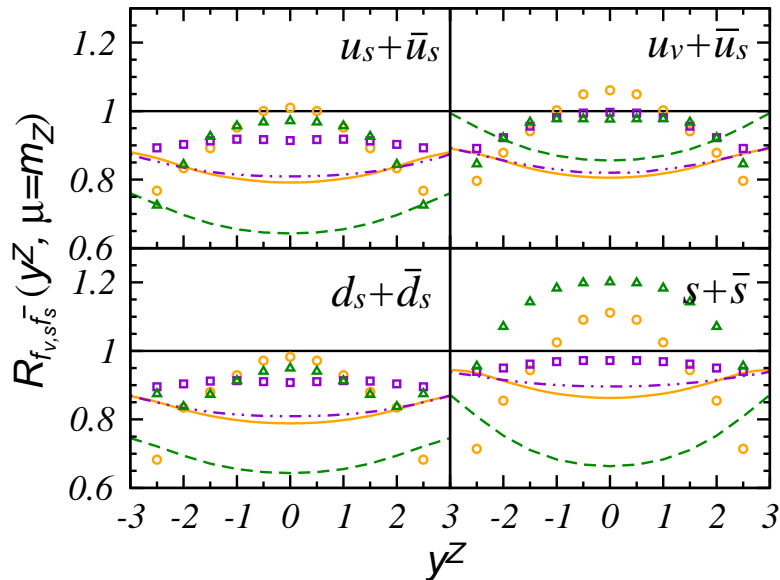
- Vector boson will be produced by smaller-x initial partons.
- The shadowing effect of the sea quark and gluon would be significant.
- Valence quark contribution and isospin effect would be small.

IV. W/Z production in future heavy-ion collisions

Pb+Pb: Z boson rapidity distribution

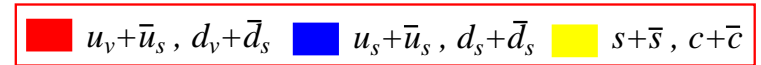
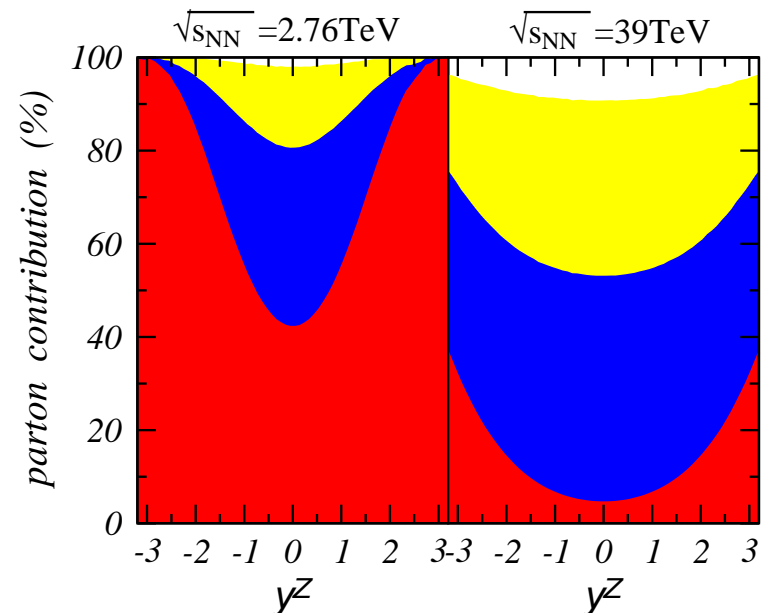
Nuclear correction at parton level

$$R_{f\bar{f}}(y^Z) = 1/2 \left[R_f(x_1)R_{\bar{f}}(x_2) + R_f(x_2)R_{\bar{f}}(x_1) \right]$$



Differences between LHC and future

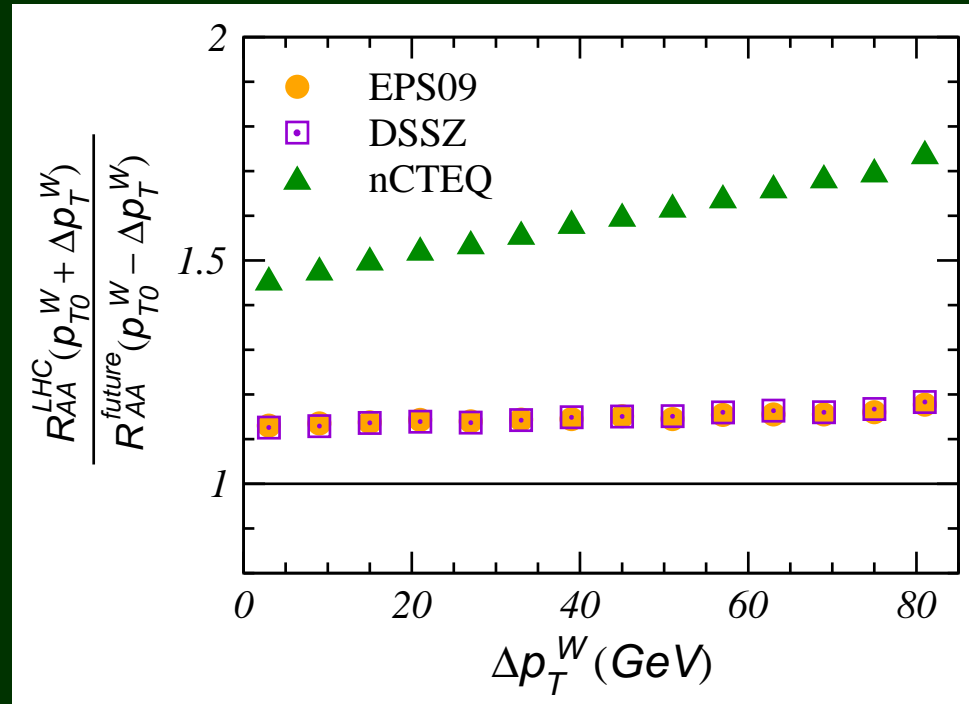
Parton contributions at LO



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LHC + Future



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$$\mathcal{R}(\Delta p_T^W) = \frac{R_{AA}^{LHC}(p_{T0}^W + \Delta p_T^W)}{R_{AA}^{Futu}(p_{T0}^W - \Delta p_T^W)}$$

● Valuable constraints on NPDFs

V. Summary

- **Nuclear corrections** on W/Z boson **rapidity** and **transverse momentum** distribution at the LHC are studied at **partonic level**. EPS09 and DSSZ predict different rapidity dependences.
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- The predictions with **KP nuclear effect show a better agreement** with the latest LHC p+Pb data, than those without nuclear correction. The KP NPDFs well describe the W charge asymmetry.
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Comparison with the LHC data

Total cross section

Vector boson	Cross-section(nb) at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$	Cross-section(nb) at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$
Z^0	0.45 ± 0.0002	0.458 ± 0.0008
W^+	3.000 ± 0.0016	3.062 ± 0.0092
W^-	2.025 ± 0.001	2.045 ± 0.0048

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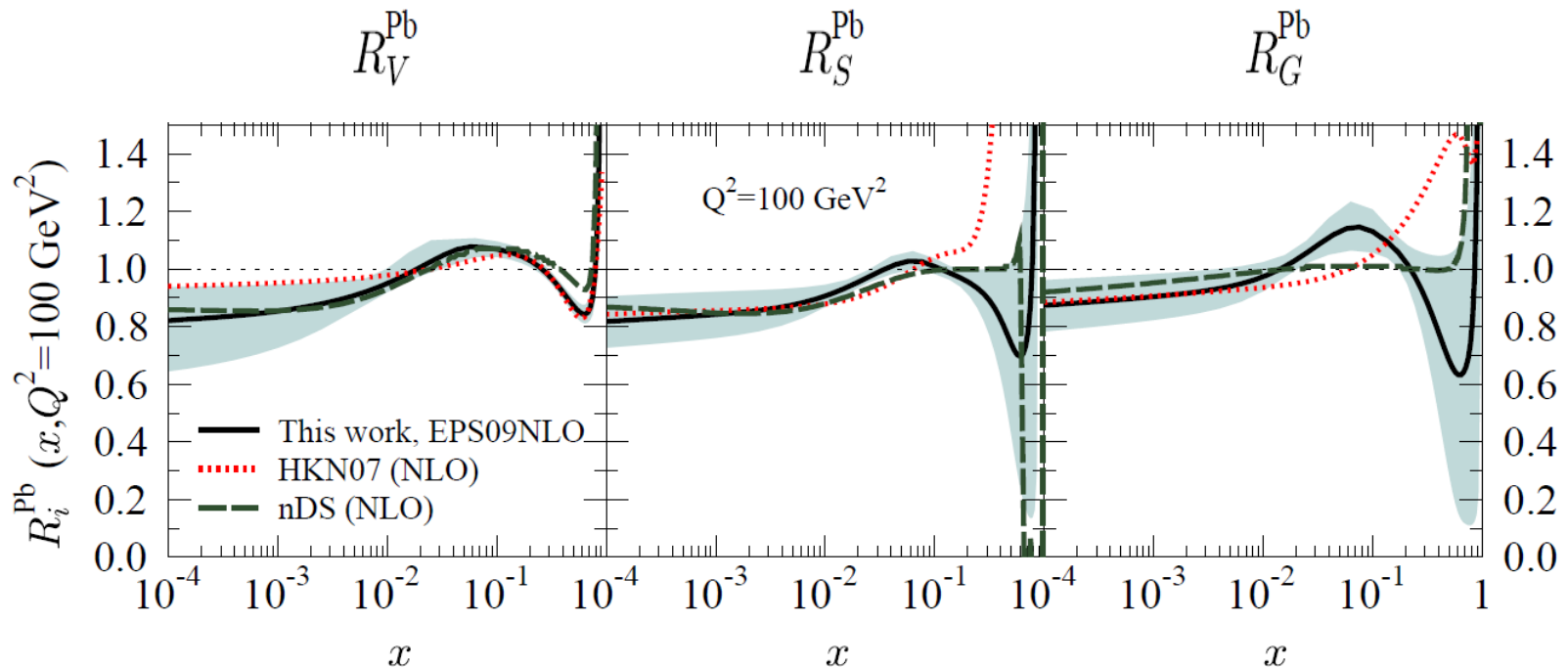
NNLO corrections are quite small

~1-2%

II. Vector boson production in heavy-ion collisions at the LHC

Nuclear corrections on PDFs

$$R_f(x, Q^2) = f^{Pb}(x, Q^2) / f^p(x, Q^2)$$



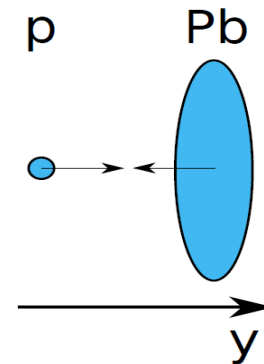
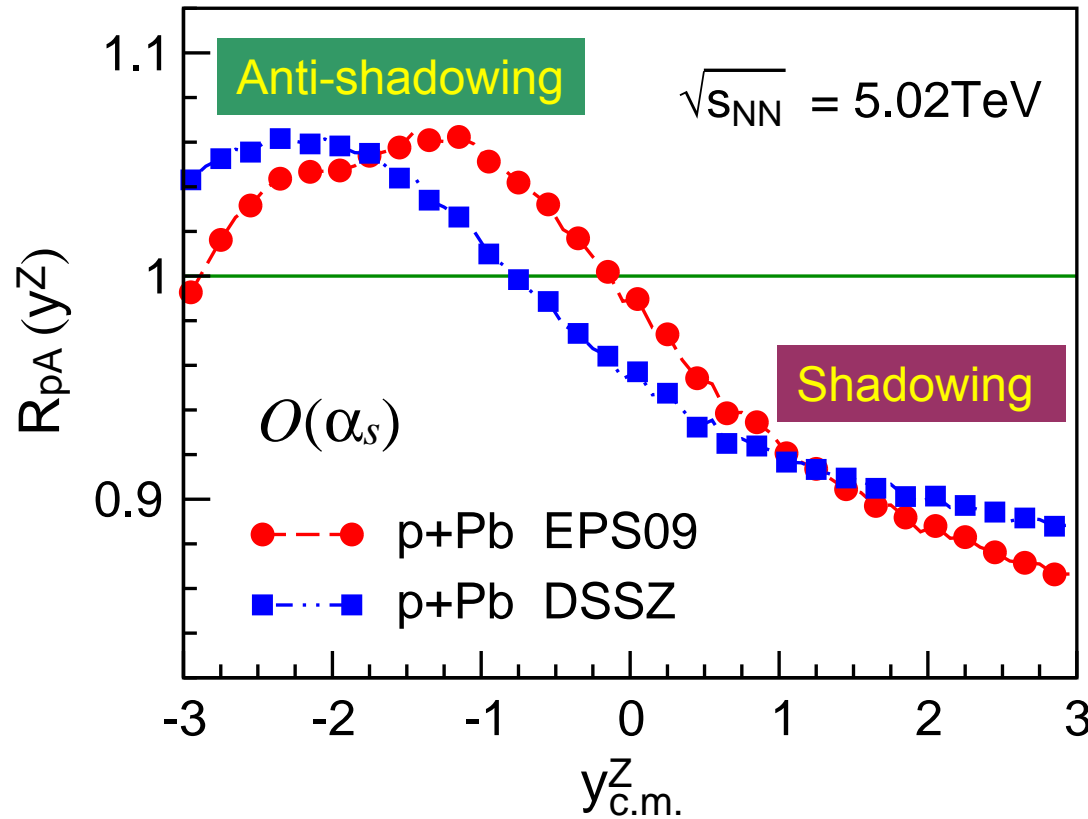
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Nuclear corrections on rapidity distribution in p+Pb collisions

Large-x, valence dominated

small-x, sea quark dominated

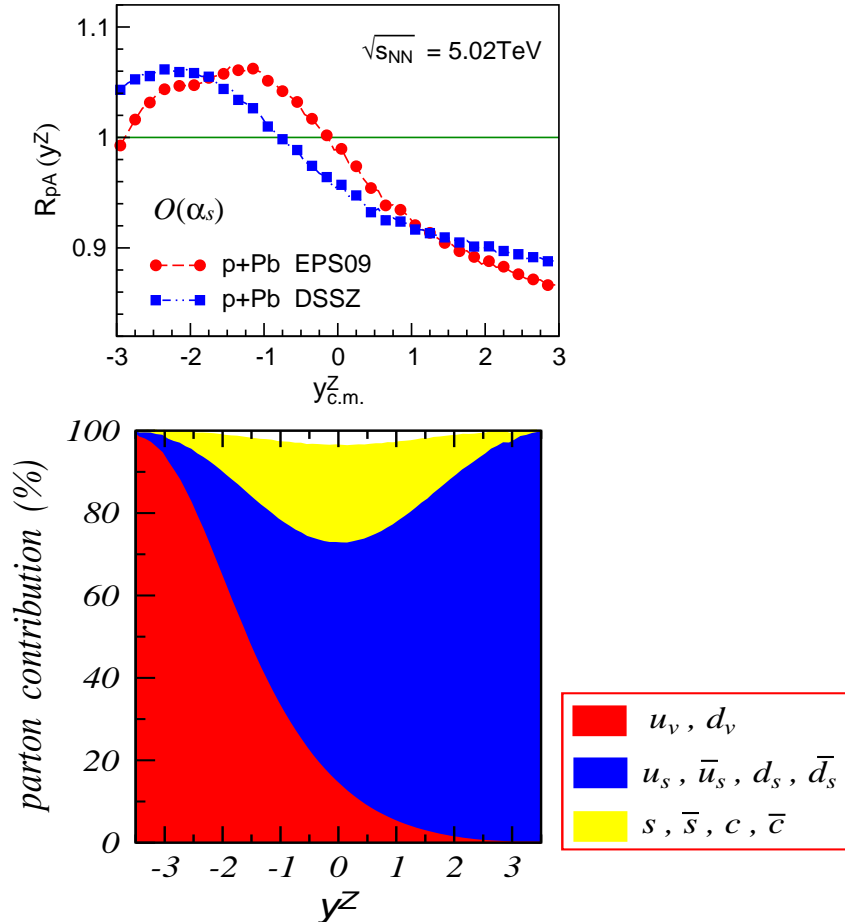


$R_{pA}(y)$ provides an image of the nuclear corrections on quark PDFs.

II. Vector boson production in heavy-ion collisions at the LHC

Rapidity distribution in p+Pb collisions: Parton Level

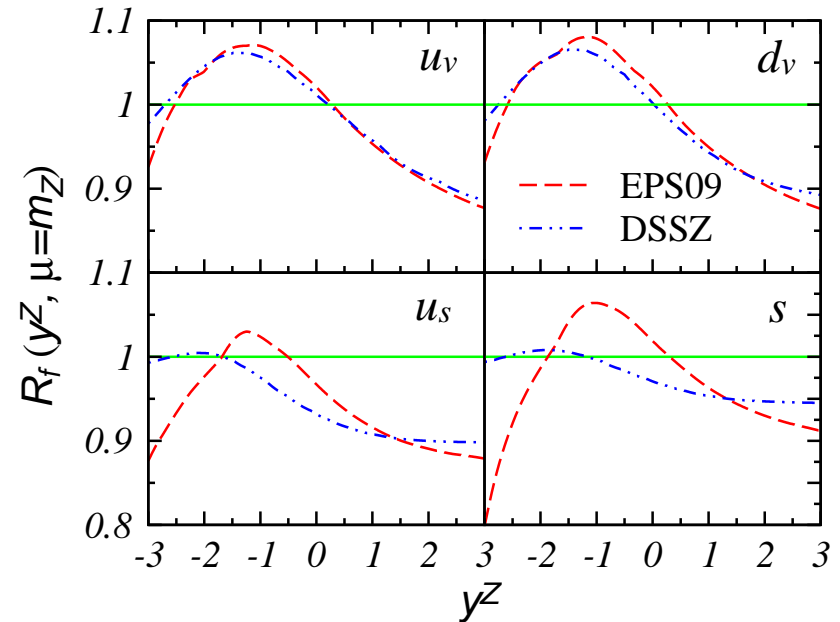
Parton contributions at LO



Nuclear correction at parton level

$$x_{Pb} = x_2 = \frac{m_Z}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}} e^{-y^Z}$$

$$R_f(x_{Pb}) \rightarrow R_f(y^Z)$$



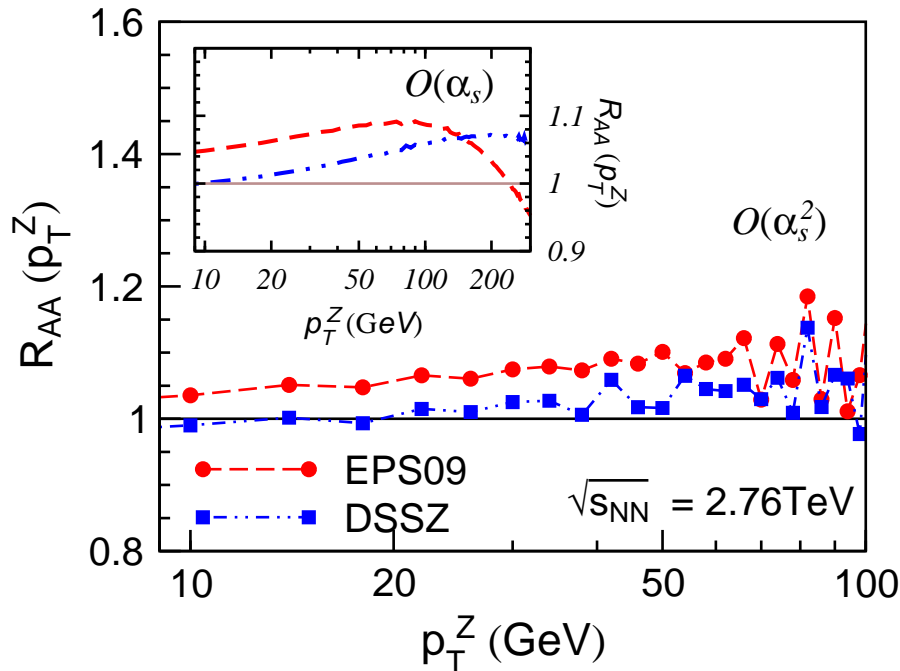
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Nuclear corrections on Transverse momentum (p_T) spectra: Pb+Pb

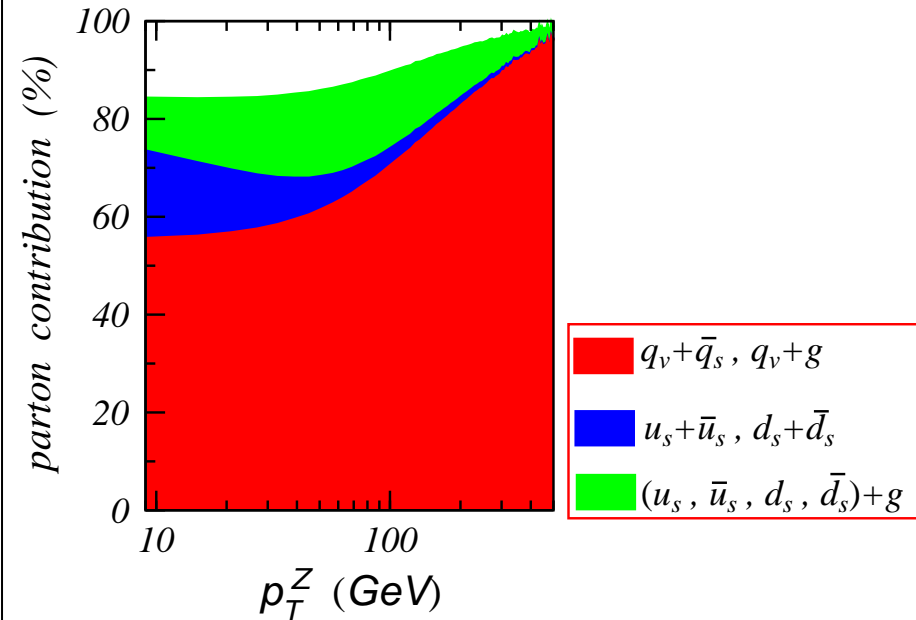
R_{AA}

Parton contributions at LO

Difference between EPS09 and DSSZ are observed.



Gluon gives LO contributions.



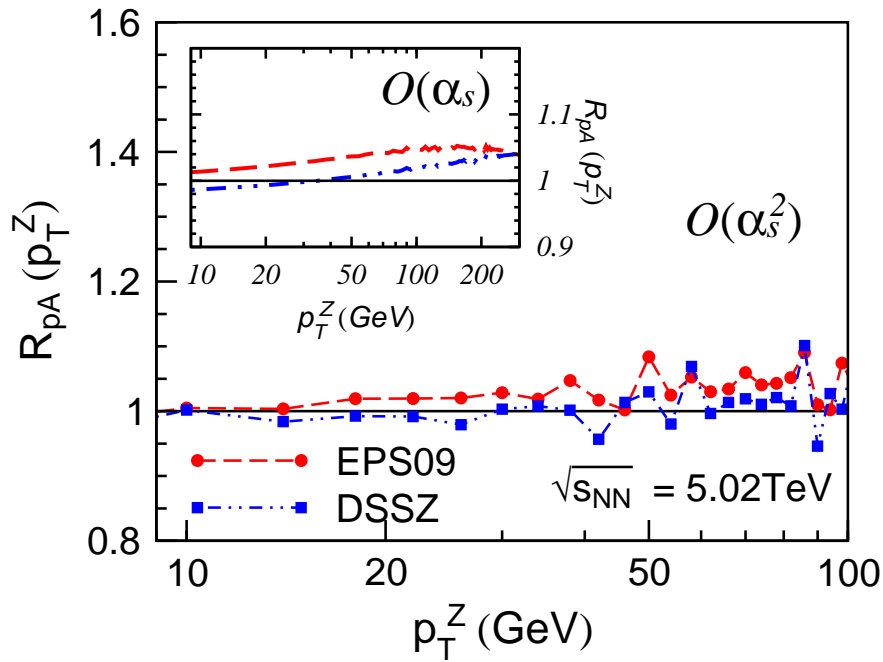
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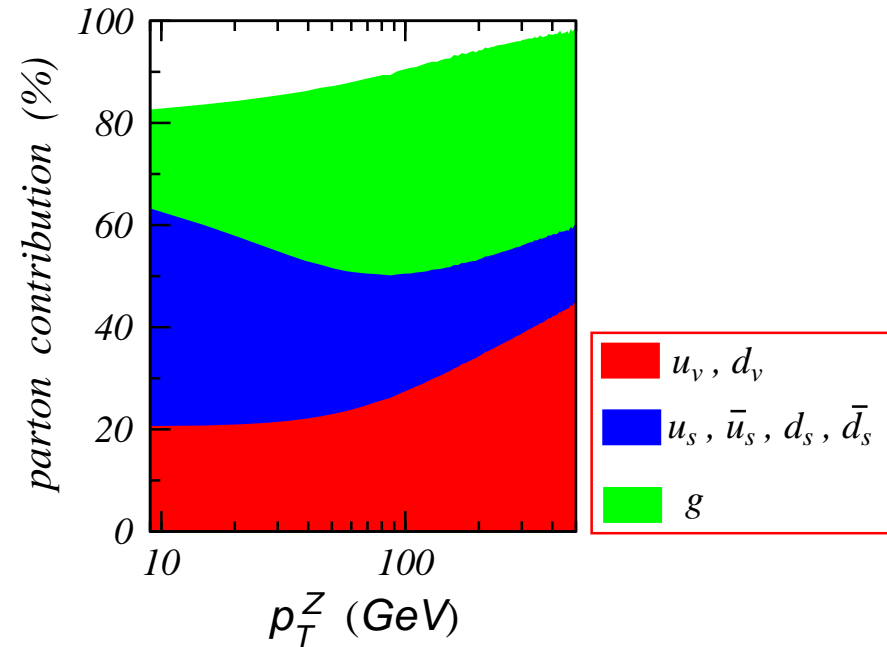
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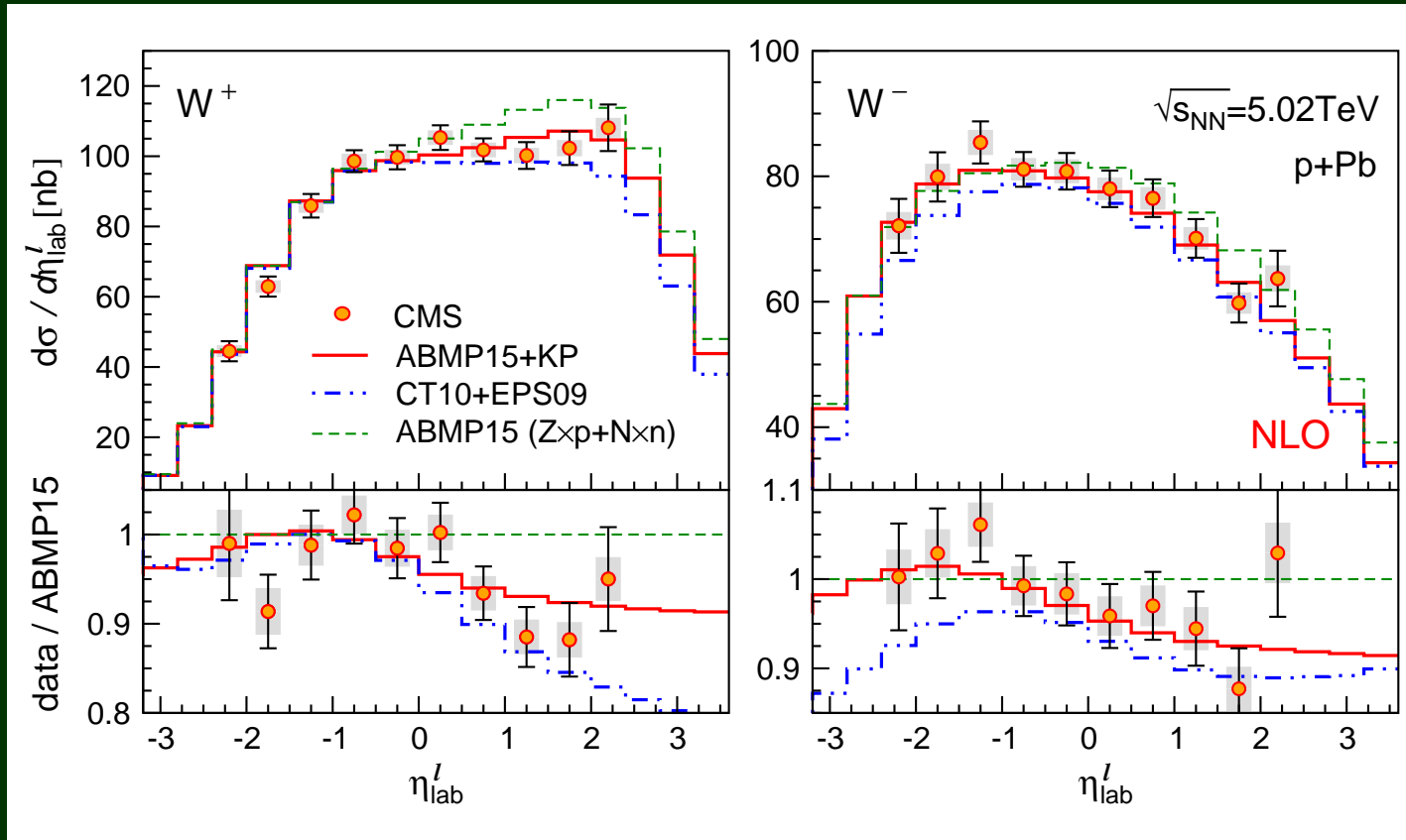
II. Vector boson production in heavy-ion collisions at the LHC

- **Rapidity distribution:** Sensitive to the CNM effect (shadowing and anti-shadowing) on **quark distribution** (both valence and sea).
- **pT spectrum:** Valuable probe of nuclear **gluon distribution**.
- **Differences** between predictions with different NPDF are observed.
- **W boson asymmetry:** Sensitive to the isospin effect.
A good probe of flavor dependent nuclear corrections on PDFs.

III. W/Z production in p+Pb collisions with KP NPDFs

Results on p+Pb at the LHC

Differential cross section of W boson

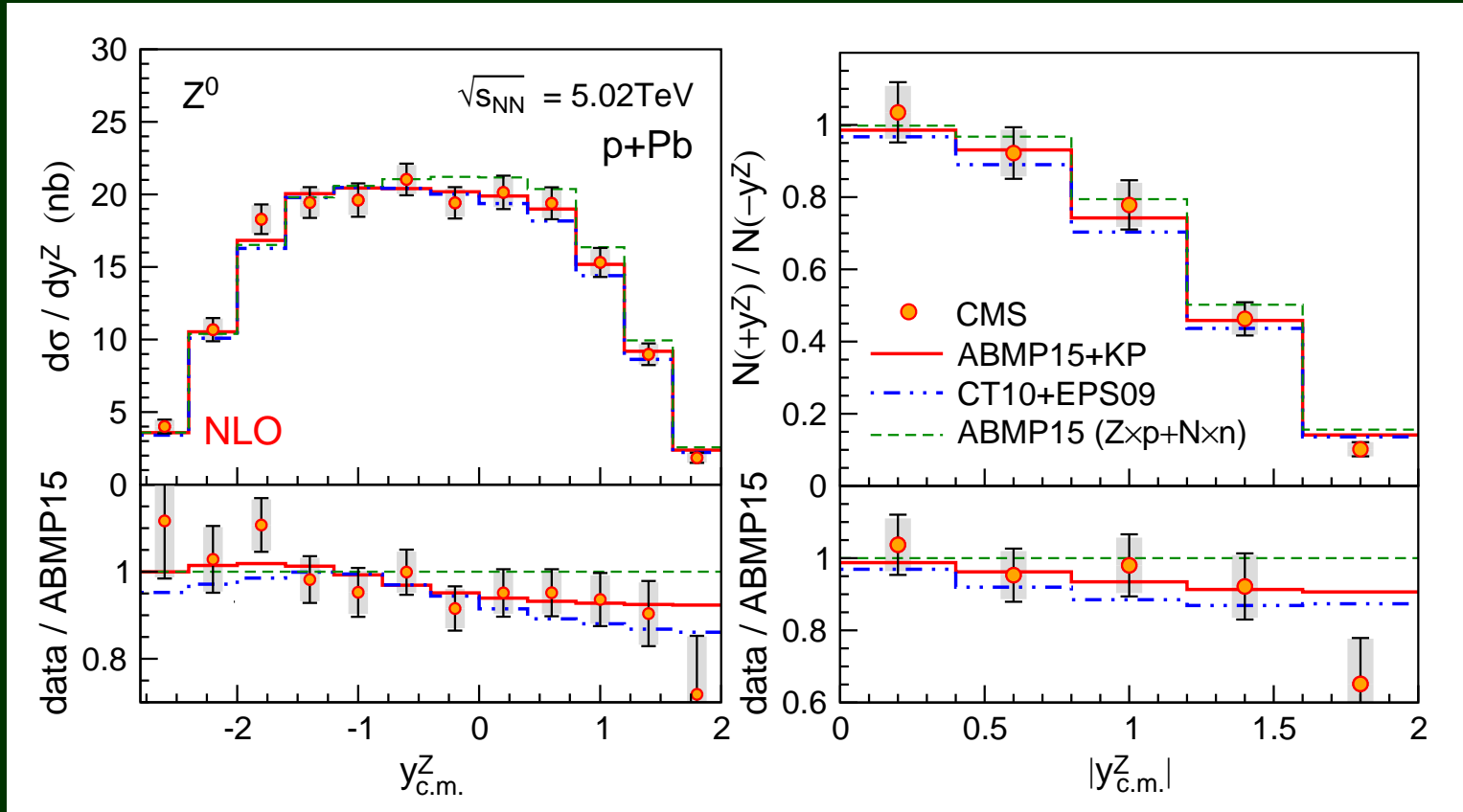


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χ^2/N_{Data} between model and measurement

TABLE I. Normalized χ^2 (per degree of freedom) for the various observables (rows) shown in the plots listed in the first column, calculated between each data set and three different model predictions: ABMP15+KP, CT10+EPS09, and ABMP15 without nuclear modifications (last column).

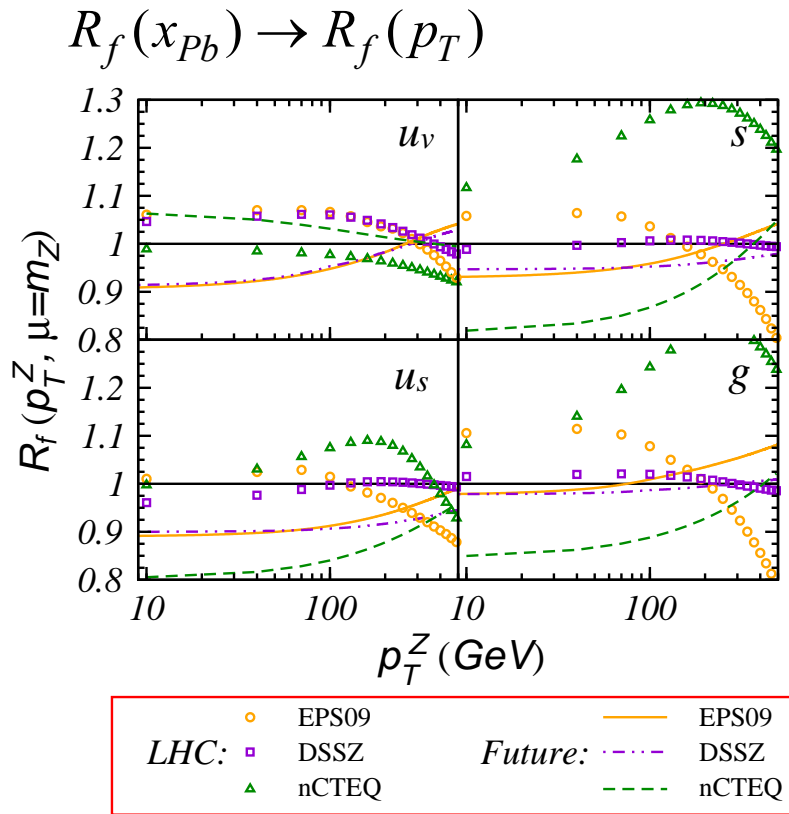
Observable	N_{Data}	ABMP15 + KP	CT10 + EPS09	ABMP15 ($Z_p + N_n$)
CMS experiment:				
$d\sigma^+/d\eta^l$	10	1.052	1.532	3.057
$d\sigma^-/d\eta^l$	10	0.617	1.928	1.393
$N^+(+\eta^l)/N^(-\eta^l)$	5	0.528	1.243	2.231
$N^-(+\eta^l)/N^-(-\eta^l)$	5	0.813	0.953	2.595
$(N^+ - N^-)/(N^+ + N^-)$	10	0.956	1.370	1.064
$d\sigma/dy^Z$	12	0.596	0.930	1.357
$N(+y^Z)/N(-y^Z)$	5	0.936	1.096	1.785
CMS combined	57	0.786	1.332	1.833
ATLAS experiment:				
$d\sigma^+/d\eta^l$	10	0.586	0.348	1.631
$d\sigma^-/d\eta^l$	10	0.151	0.394	0.459
$d\sigma/dy^Z$	14	1.449	1.933	1.674
CMS+ATLAS combined	91	0.796	1.213	1.635

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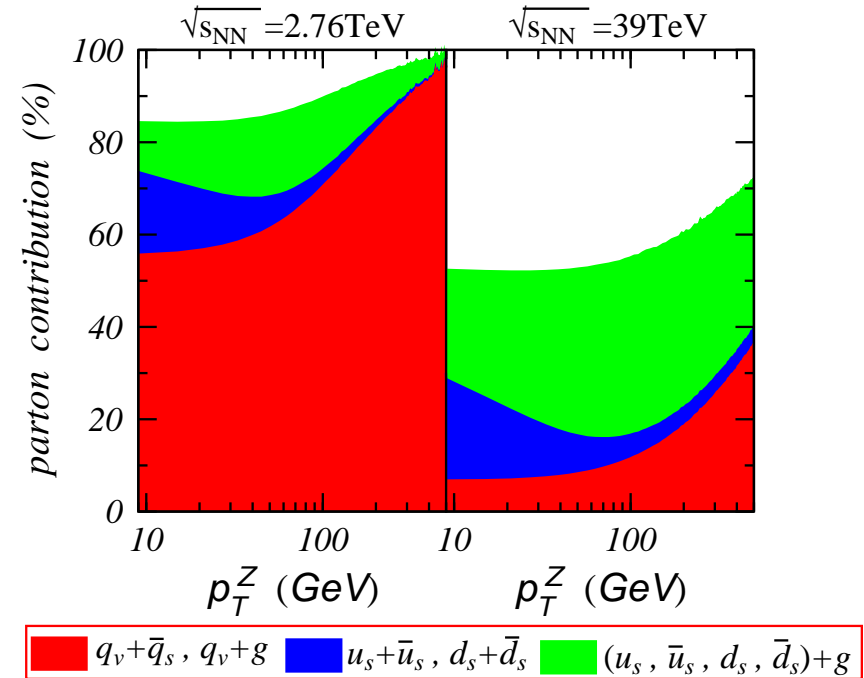
IV. W/Z production in future heavy-ion collisions

Pb+Pb: Z boson pT spectra

Nuclear correction at parton level

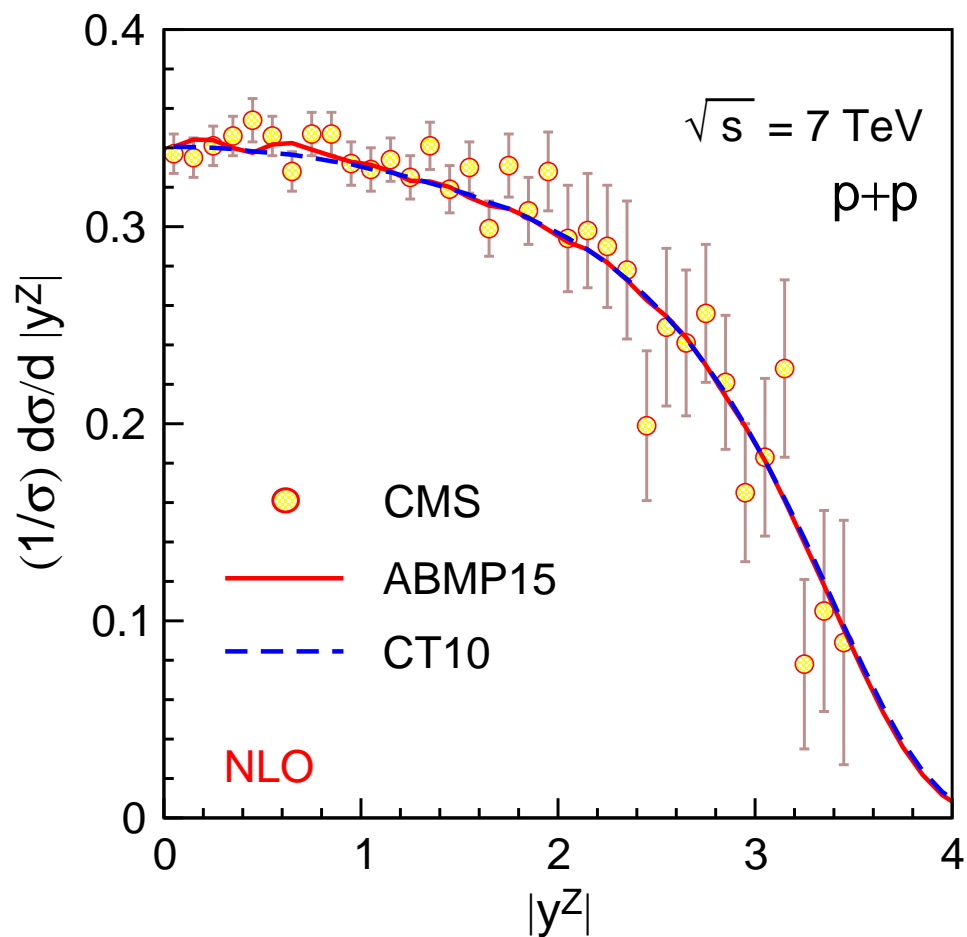


Parton contributions at LO

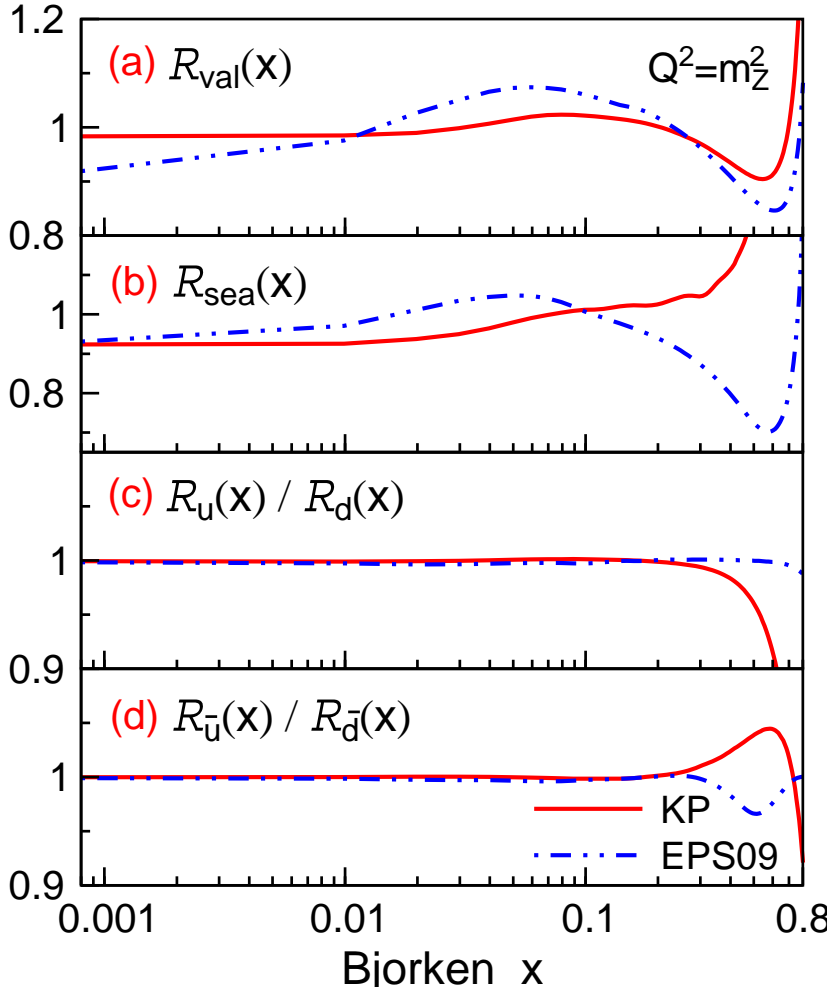


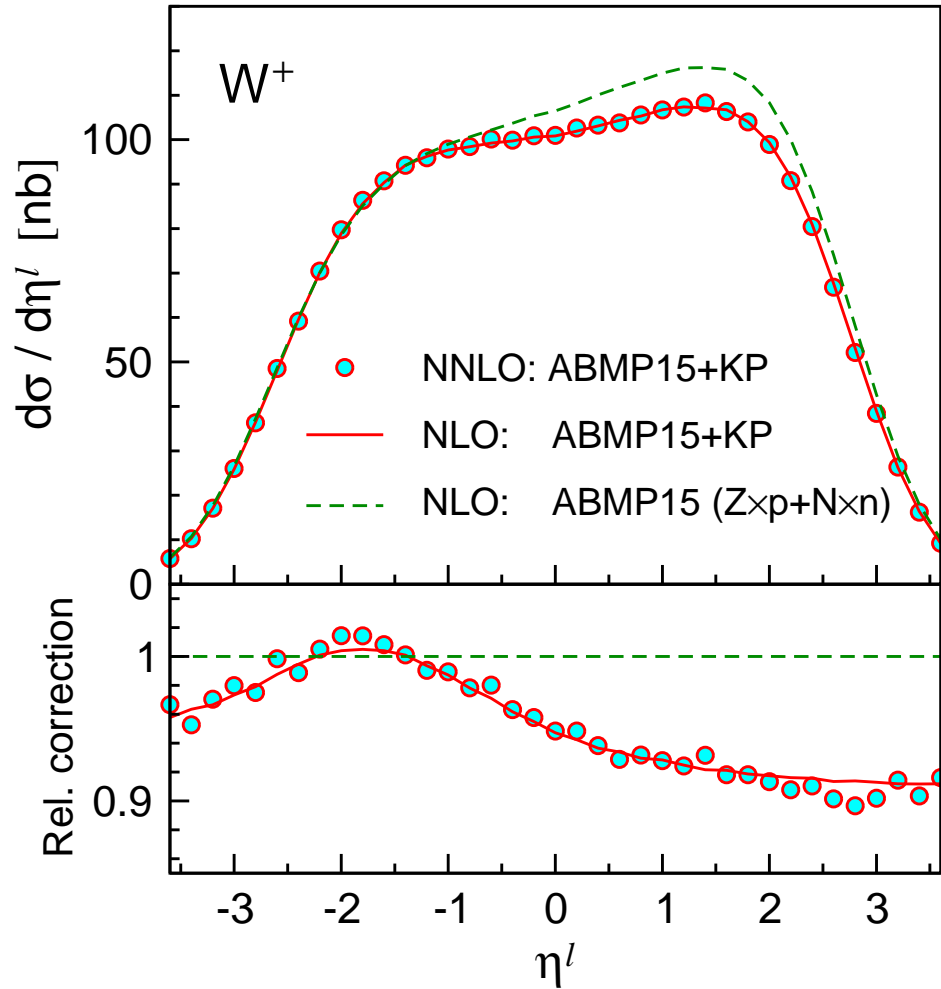
Differences between LHC and future

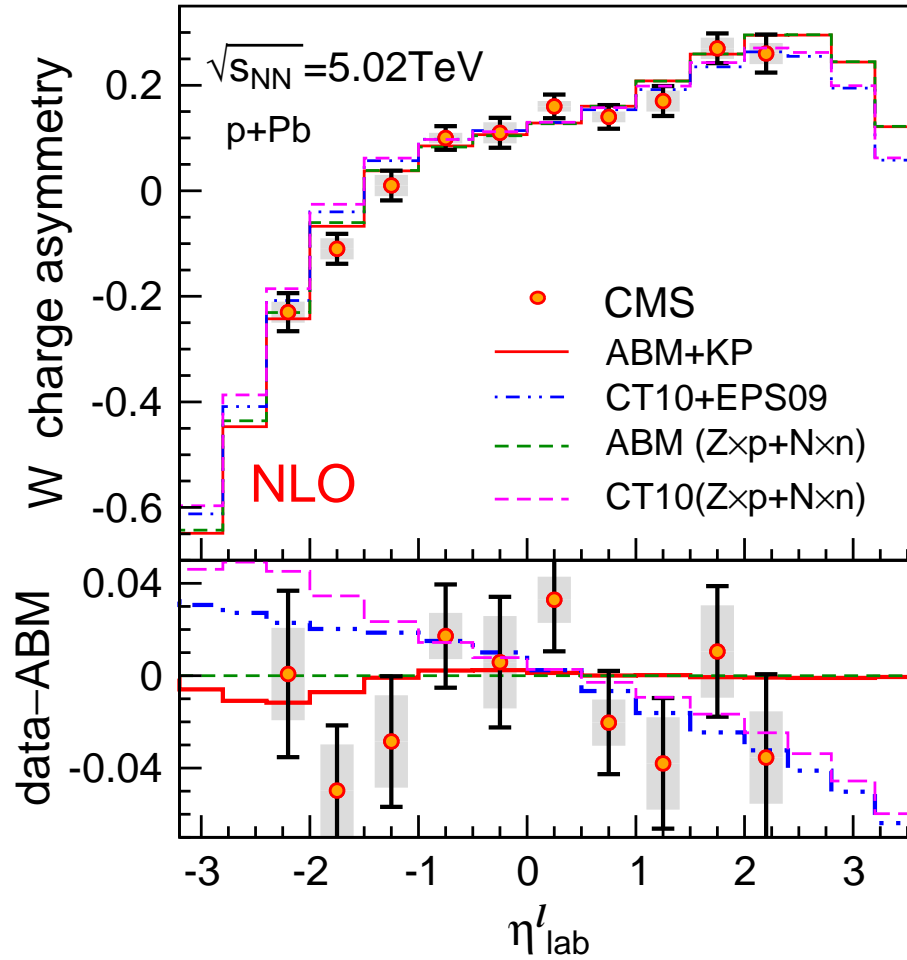
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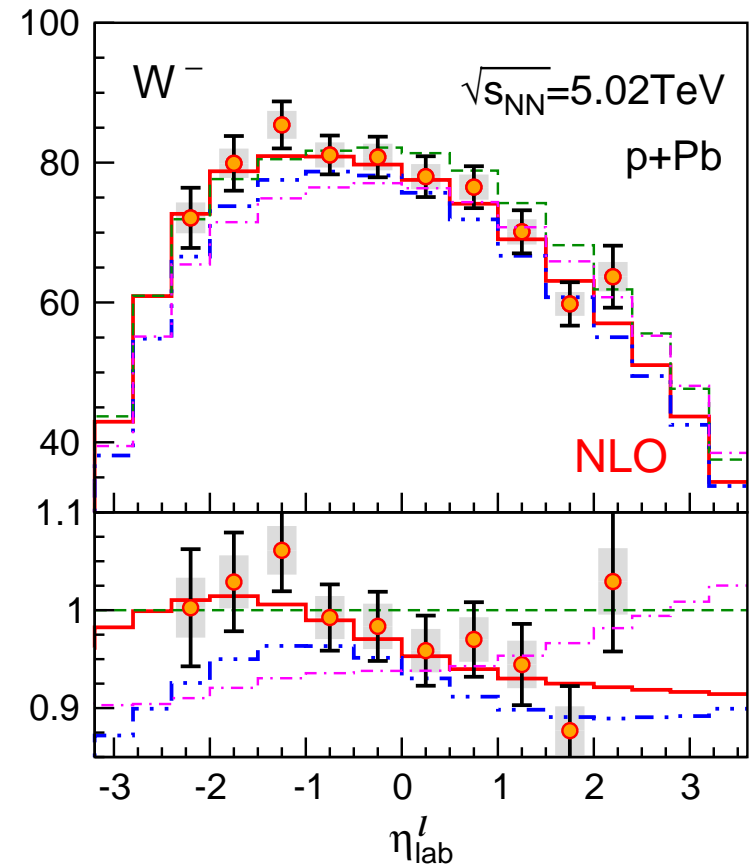
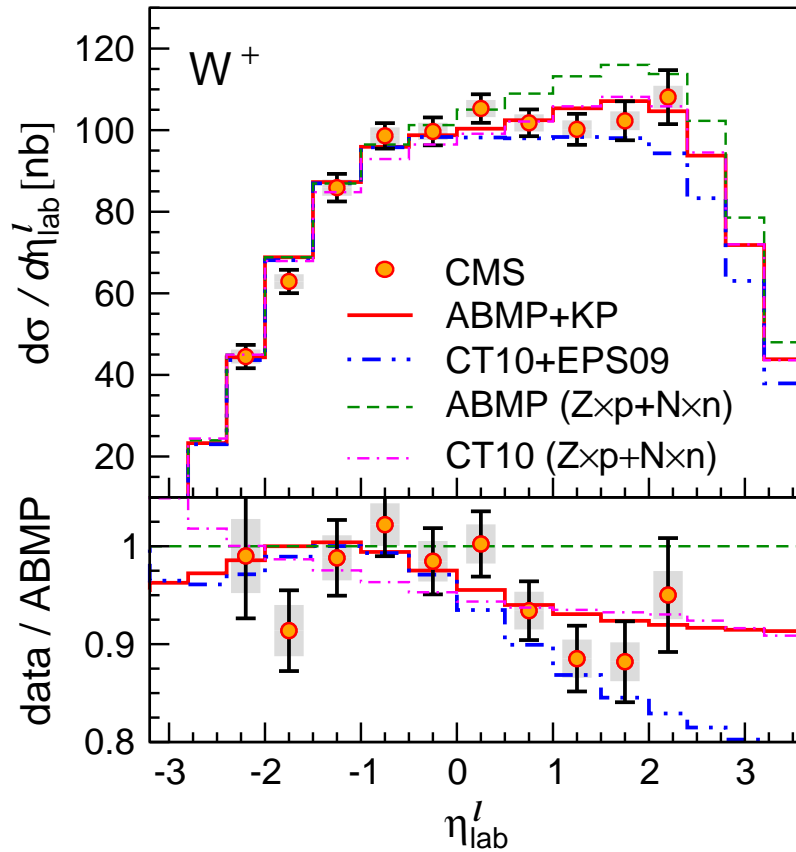
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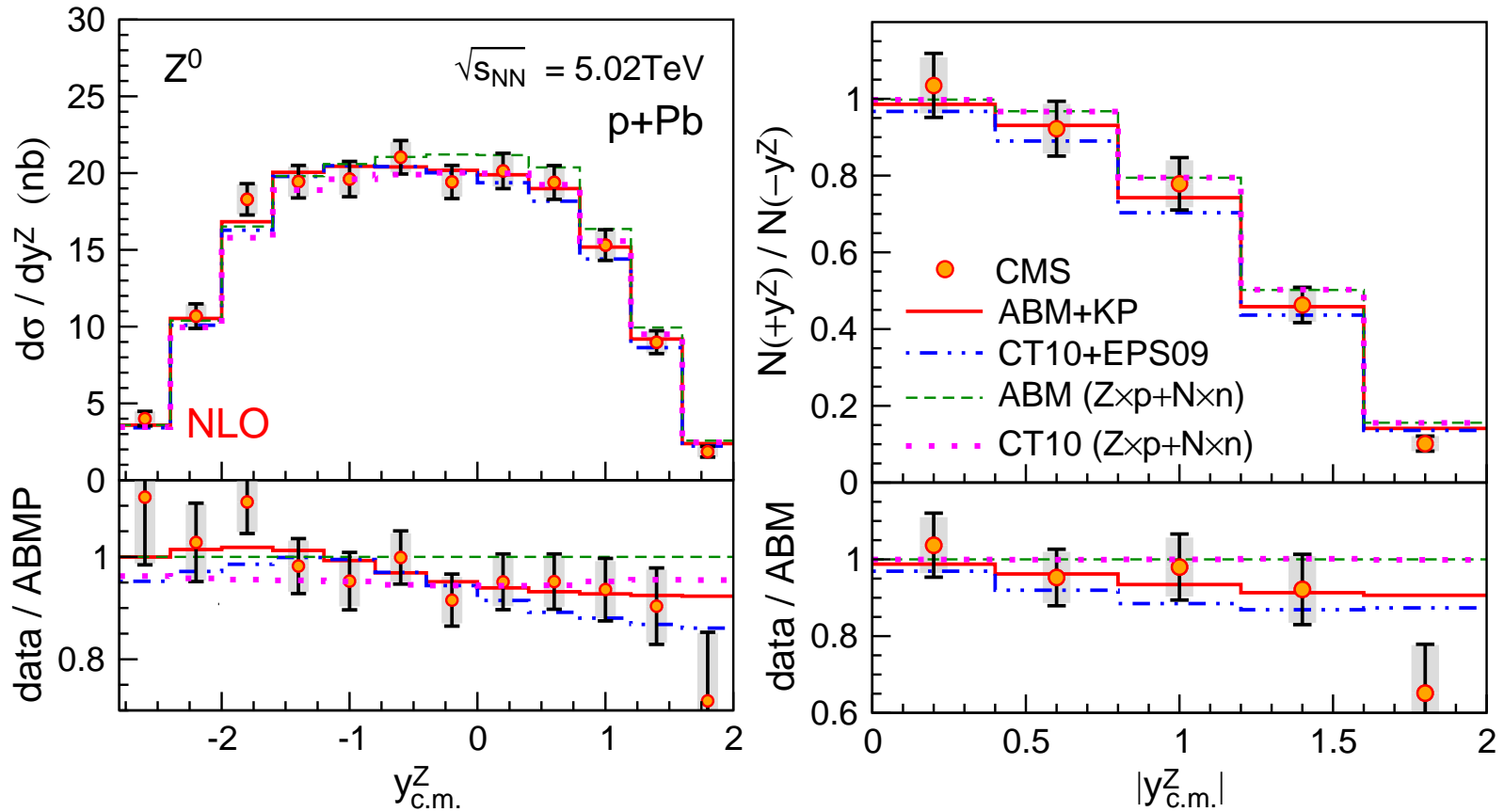






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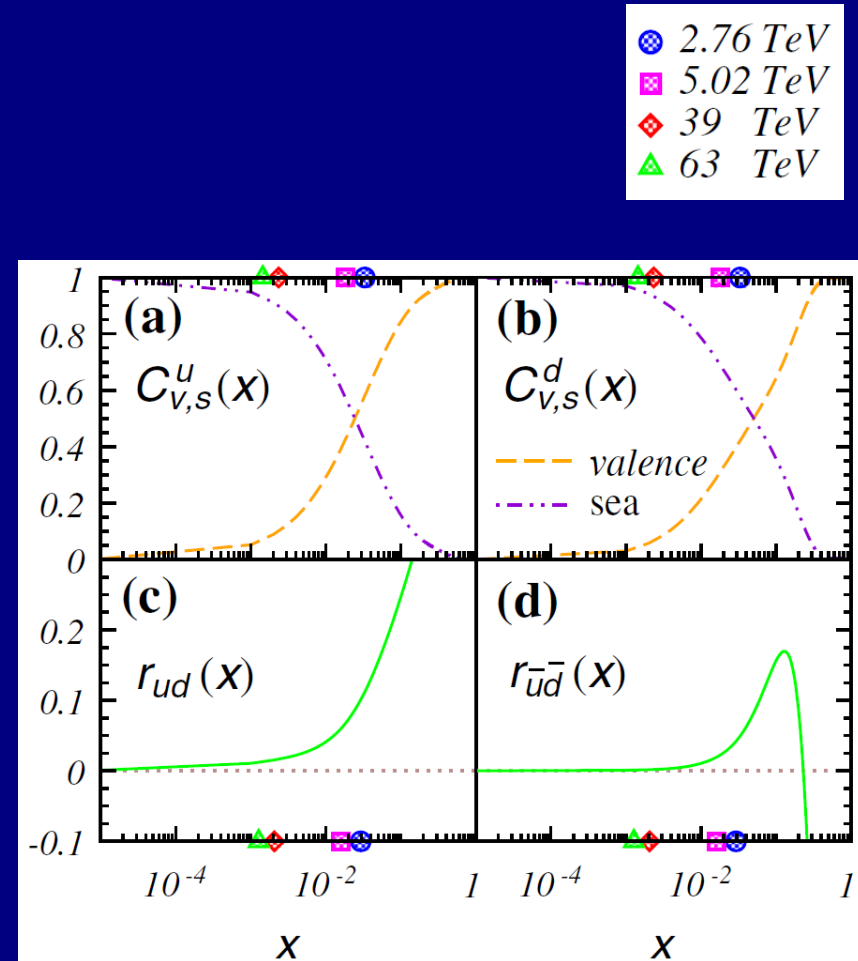
In future heavy-ion collisions

$$C_v^f(x) = \frac{f_v(x)}{f_v(x) + f_s(x)}$$

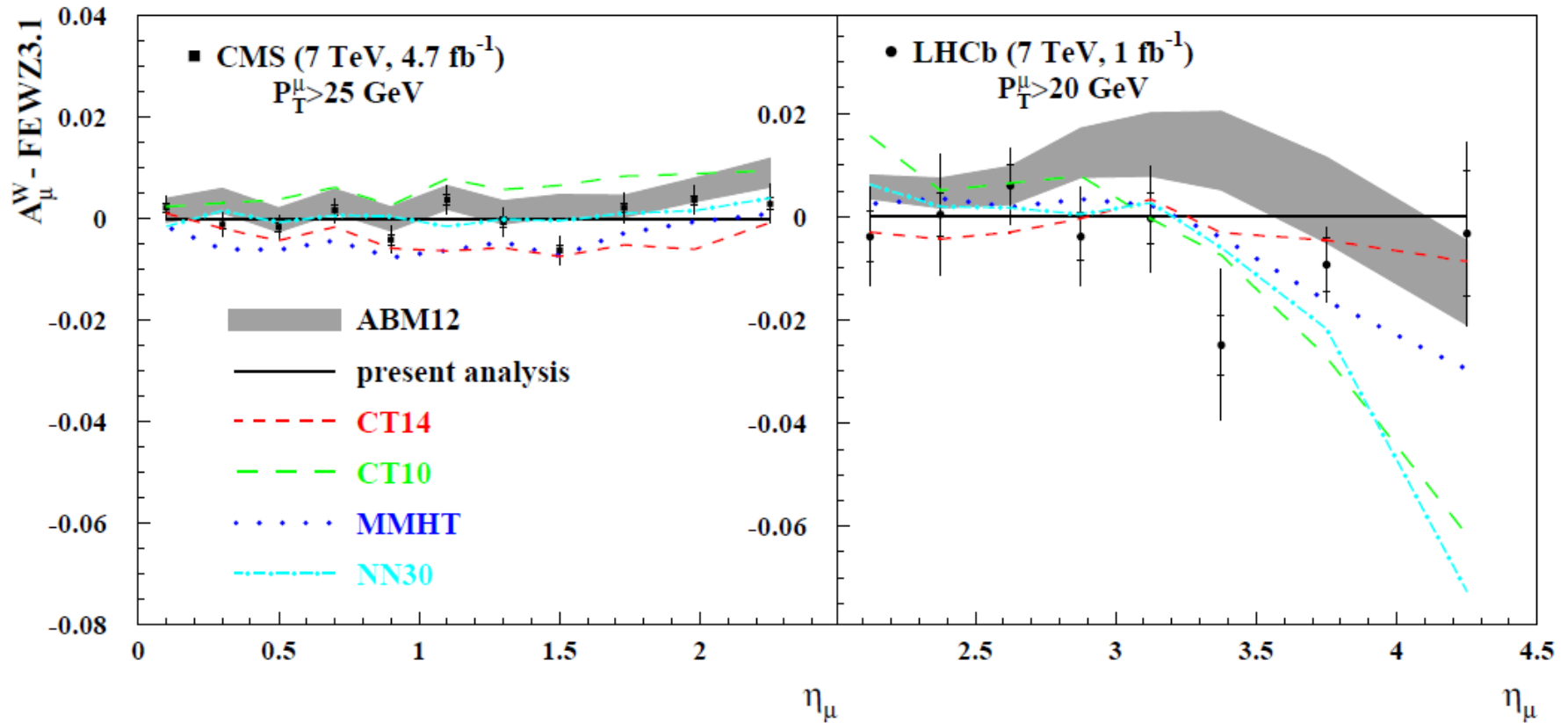
$$C_s^f(x) = \frac{f_s(x)}{f_v(x) + f_s(x)}$$

$$r_{ud}(x) = \frac{u(x) - d(x)}{u(x) + d(x)},$$

$$r_{\bar{u}\bar{d}}(x) = -\frac{\bar{u}(x) - \bar{d}(x)}{\bar{u}(x) + \bar{d}(x)}$$



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