Nuclear suppression in inelastic nucleon-nucleon cross section

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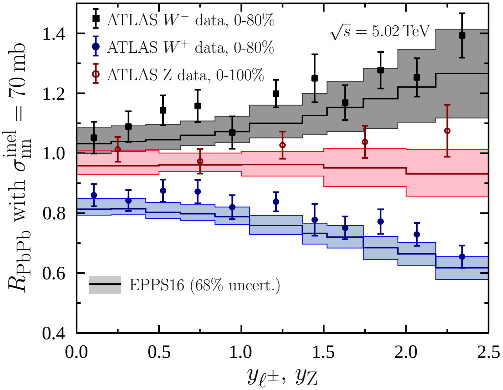
Motivation

ATLAS Pb+Pb data from Run 2

- $W^{\pm}$ production (0-80%)
  [EPJC 79 (2019) 11, 935]
- Z production (0-100%)
  [PLB 802 (2020) 135262]
- Percent-level uncertainties
- Not sensitive to QGP

⇒ Allows precision studies for

- Initial state nuclear effects
- Glauber model calibration/validation
  [Paukkunen, Salgado, JHEP 03 (2011) 071]



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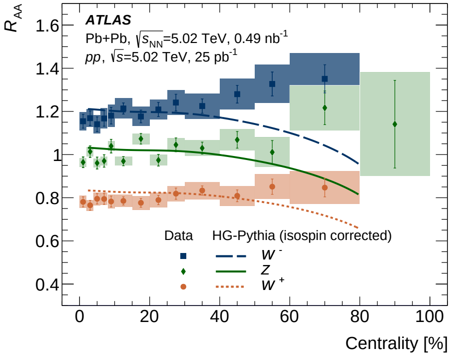

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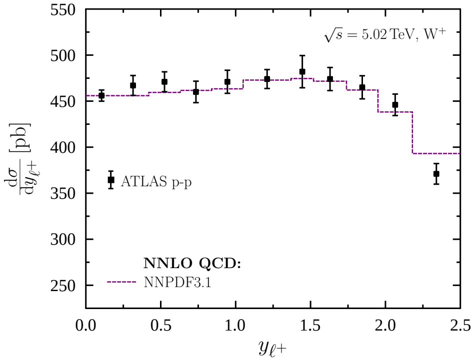

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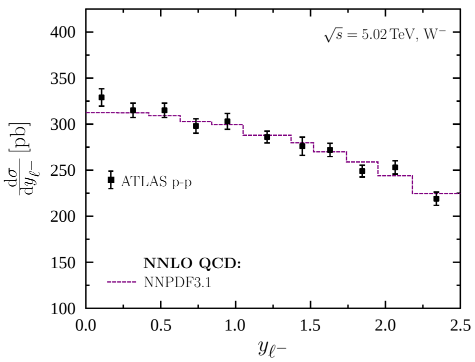

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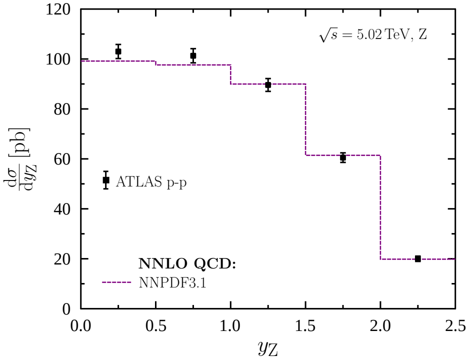

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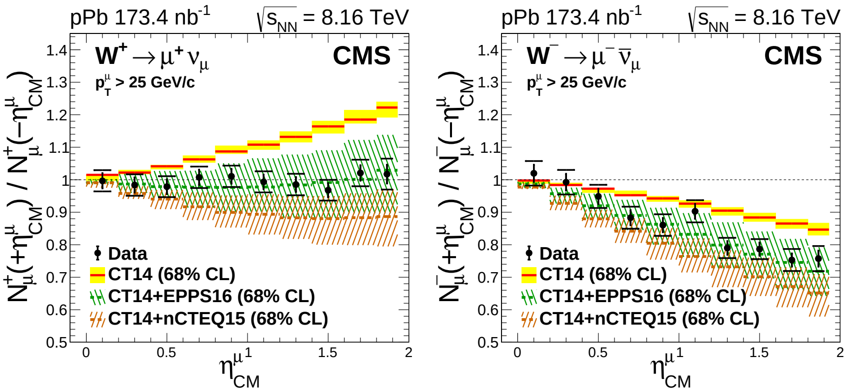

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- Collinear factorization ⇒ Absorb nuclear effects into nuclear PDFs (nPDFs)
- Strong preference for nPDFs, excellent agreement with EPPS16 nPDFs

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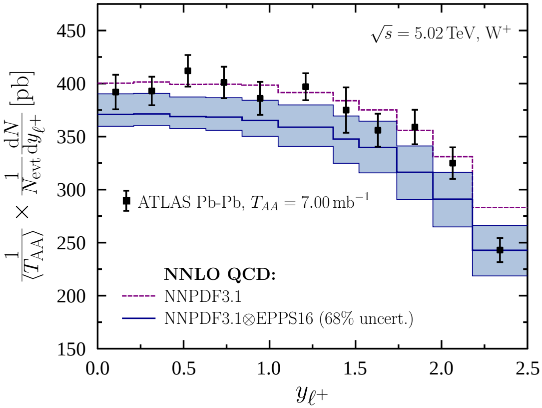

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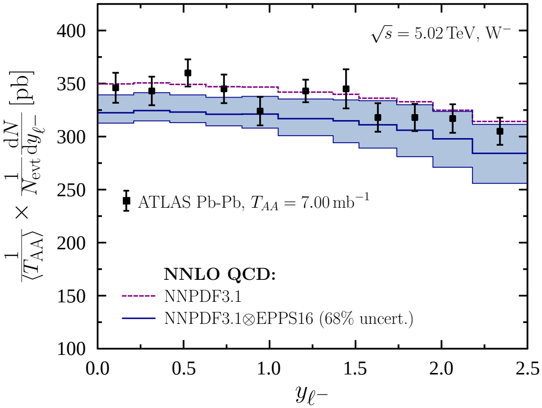

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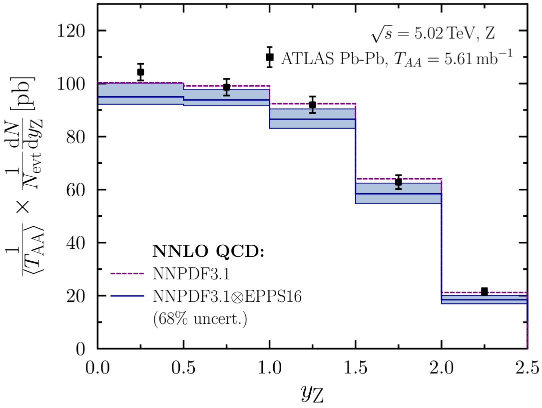


⇒ Can the agreement be improved by varying Glauber inputs?

Electroweak-boson production in Pb+Pb

To study nuclear effects it is useful to consider nuclear modification ratio R_{AA}

Experimental definition

$$R^{\rm exp}_{\rm PbPb}(y) = \frac{1}{\langle T_{\rm PbPb}\rangle} \frac{\frac{1}{N_{\rm evt}} {\rm d}N^{W^\pm,Z}_{\rm PbPb}/{\rm d}y}{{\rm d}\sigma^{W^\pm,Z}_{\rm pp}/{\rm d}y}$$

- $\langle T_{\rm PbPb}\rangle = \langle N_{\rm bin}\rangle_c / \sigma^{\rm inel}_{\rm nn}$
- $\langle N_{\rm bin}(\sigma^{\rm inel}_{\rm nn})\rangle_c$ from MC Glauber
- Conventionally $\sigma^{\rm inel}_{\rm nn} = \sigma^{\rm inel}_{\rm pp}$ ($\approx 70 \pm 5$ mb at $\sqrt{s} = 5.02$ TeV)

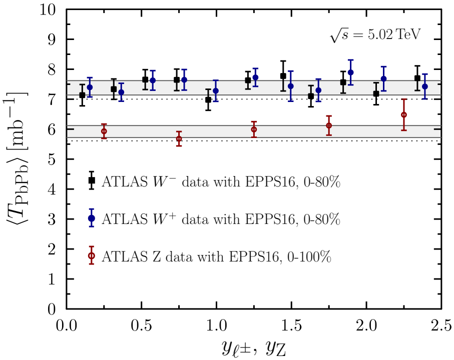
Theoretical definition

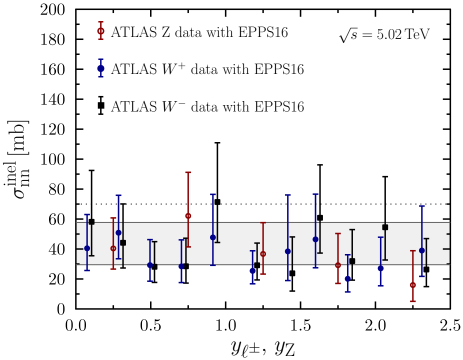
$$R^{\rm theor}_{\rm PbPb}(y) = \frac{1}{(208)^2} \frac{{\rm d}\sigma^{W^\pm,Z}_{\rm PbPb}/{\rm d}y}{{\rm d}\sigma^{W^\pm,Z}_{\rm pp}/{\rm d}y}$$

- Min.bias ${\rm d}\sigma_{\rm PbPb}$ normalized with number of nucleons
- Nuclear effects for ${\rm d}\sigma_{\rm PbPb}$ derived from nuclear PDFs (nPDFs)

Our idea: Use EW bosons as a standard candle and equate ~min.bias $R^{\rm exp}_{\rm PbPb}$ with $R^{\rm theor}_{\rm PbPb}$ to obtain data-preferred values for $\langle T_{\rm PbPb}\rangle$ and $\sigma^{\rm inel}_{\rm nn}$ in Pb+Pb

Fit normalization factors

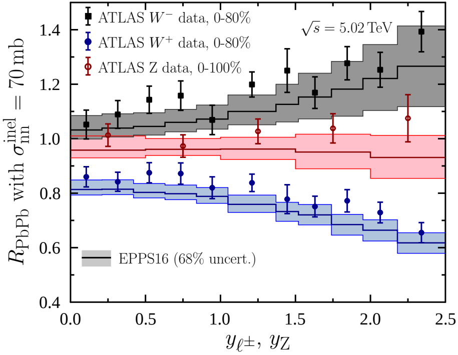




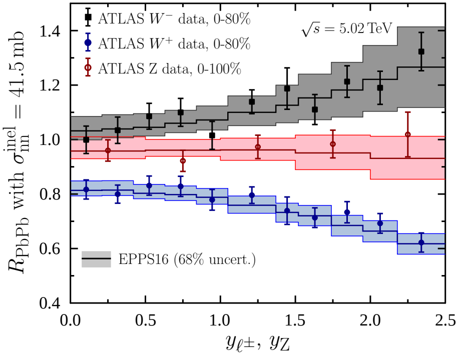
- Data points converted into $\langle T_{\text{PbPb}} \rangle$ by equating $R_{\text{PbPb}}^{\text{exp}}$ with $R_{\text{PbPb}}^{\text{theor}}$
- Use MC-glauber to map $\langle T_{\text{PbPb}} \rangle$ into $\sigma_{\text{nn}}^{\text{inel}}$ for both centralities
- Obtain the preferred value for $\sigma_{\text{nn}}^{\text{inel}}$ by fitting the normalization

Result: $\sigma_{\text{nn}}^{\text{inel}} = 41.5^{+16.2}_{-12.0}$ mb instead of $\sigma_{\text{pp}}^{\text{inel}} = 70 \pm 5$ mb used by ATLAS

Original analysis



Fitted $\sigma_{\text{nn}}^{\text{inel}}$



- Original data lie systematically above the theory predictions
- Data re-normalized with $\langle T_{\text{PbPb}} \rangle$ using $\sigma_{\text{nn}}^{\text{inel}} = 41.5$ mb are well described with the NNLO pQCD setup with EPPS16 nPDFs

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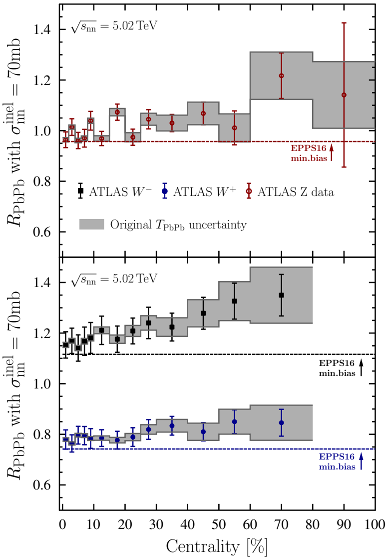

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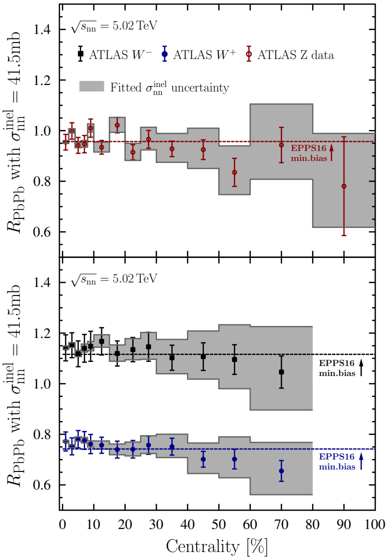

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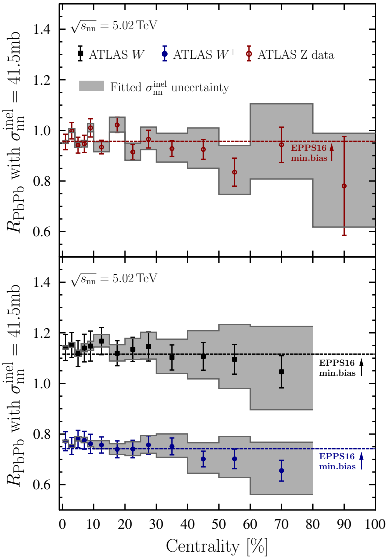

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- Also some other centrality-dependent effects expected

An eikonal minijet model

- No soft component, all cross section purely from (LO) pQCD

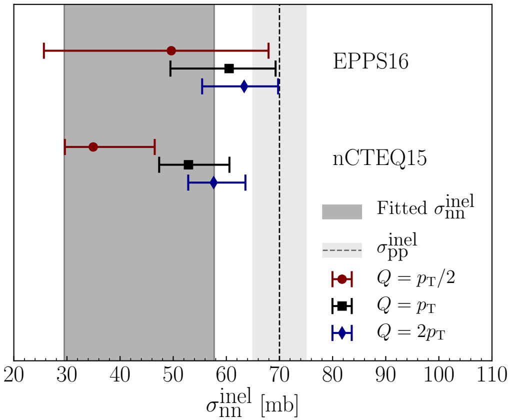
$$\sigma_{\rm nn}^{\rm inel}(s,p_0,\lambda,Q) = \pi\int_0^\infty {\rm d}b^2 \left[1-{\rm e}^{-\sigma_{\rm jet}(s,p_0,Q)T_{\rm pp}(b,\lambda)}\right]$$

$$\sigma_{\rm jet}(s,p_0,Q) = \int_{p_0} {\rm d}p_{\rm T} \sum_{i,j,k,l} f_i(Q)\otimes f_j(Q)\otimes \hat{\sigma}_{ij\to kl}(Q)$$

$$T_{\rm pp}(b,\lambda) = \frac{1}{4\pi\lambda^2}{\rm e}^{-\frac{b^2}{4\lambda^2}}$$

- Fit cut off p_0 to $\sigma_{\rm pp}^{\rm inel}$ and fix proton width parameter λ using $\sigma_{\rm pp}^{\rm tot}$
- Apply nPDFs to compute $\sigma_{\rm nn}^{\rm inel}(s,p_0,\lambda,Q)$ in Pb+Pb

Results from eikonal minijet model



Nuclear suppression from shadowing

- Two nPDF sets, EPPS16 and nCTEQ15, error bands scaled to 68% cl.
- Three scale choices, $Q = p_T/2, p_T, 2p_T$
- Suppression derived from ATLAS EW data in line with nuclear shadowing

Summary & Outlook

Summary

- We have used ATLAS EW boson Pb+Pb data and a state-of-the-art pQCD-based calculation to calibrate Glauber model and its input parameters
- We find that these data prefer significantly suppressed $\sigma_{\rm nn}^{\rm inel}$ at $\sqrt{s_{\rm nn}} = 5.02$ TeV

$$\sigma_{\rm nn}^{\rm inel} = 70 \pm 5 \text{ mb} \rightarrow 41.5^{+16.2}_{-12.0} \text{ mb}$$

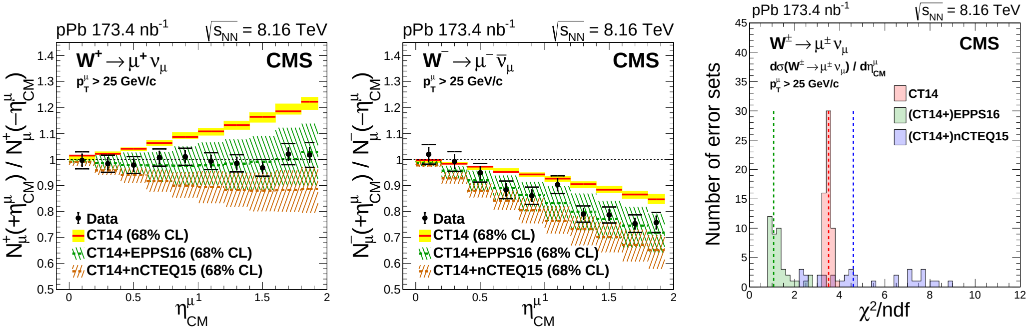
- In line with an eikonal minijet model including nuclear shadowing of PDFs
- Explains also unexpected centrality dependence of $R_{\rm PbPb}^{W^\pm,Z}$

Outlook

- Preliminary CMS Z-boson data show an opposite centrality dependence, is the tension real or related to different MC Glauber modelling?
- Preliminary ALICE $W^\pm$ data in line with ATLAS (but larger uncertainties)
- Study further by including other centrality-dependent effects

Backup slides

Electro-weak boson production in p+Pb



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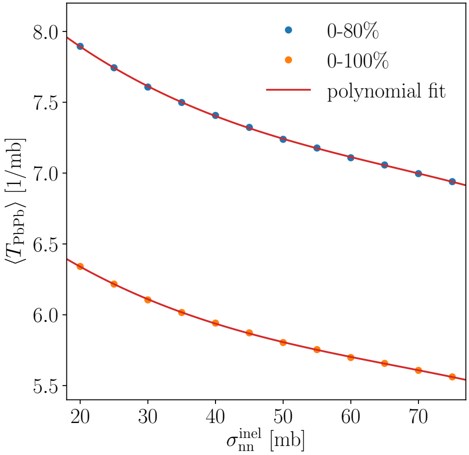
MC Glauber model for heavy-ion collisions



MC Glauber simulations

- We use TGlauberMC (version 2.4)
  [SoftwareX 1-2 (2015) 13-18]
- Centrality classification with two-component model including negative binomial fluctuations

$$N_{\text{ancest}} = \lfloor x\, N_{\text{part}} + (1-x)\, N_{\text{bin}} \rfloor$$

$$N_{\text{final}} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{ancest}}} P^{n}_{\text{NBD}}(\mu, \kappa)$$

with $x = 0.801$, $\mu = 46.4$, $\kappa = 1.5$

[ALICE-PUBLIC-2018-011]

Fitting procedure for $\sigma_{\mathrm{nn}}^{\mathrm{inel}}$

Fit $\sigma_{\mathrm{nn}}^{\mathrm{inel}}$ by minimizing χ^2 defined as

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \left[\frac{R^{\mathrm{exp}}_{\mathrm{PbPb},i} \frac{\langle T^i_{\mathrm{PbPb}}(\sigma^{\mathrm{inel}}_{\mathrm{pp}})\rangle}{\langle T^i_{\mathrm{PbPb}}(\sigma^{\mathrm{inel}}_{\mathrm{nn}})\rangle} - R^{\mathrm{theor}}_{\mathrm{PbPb},i} + \sum_k f_k \beta_i^k}{\delta_i^{\mathrm{exp}} \frac{\langle T^i_{\mathrm{PbPb}}(\sigma^{\mathrm{inel}}_{\mathrm{pp}})\rangle}{\langle T^i_{\mathrm{PbPb}}(\sigma^{\mathrm{inel}}_{\mathrm{nn}})\rangle}} \right]^2 + T \sum_k f_k^2$$

wrt. $\sigma_{\mathrm{nn}}^{\mathrm{inel}}$ and f_k (1+20 parameters)

- $\beta_i^k = \frac{1}{2}[R_i^{\mathrm{theor}}(S_k^+) - R_i^{\mathrm{theor}}(S_k^-)]$ accounts for EPPS16 uncertainties
- $T = 1.645^2$ from scaling the uncertainties from 90% into 68% confidence level
- Monte-Carlo (MC) Glauber maps $\sigma_{\mathrm{nn}}^{\mathrm{inel}}$ to $\langle T_{\mathrm{PbPb}}\rangle$ for both centrality classes, 0-80% for $W^\pm$ and 0-100% for Z

Glauber results for $\langle T_{\mathrm{PbPb}} \rangle$

ATLAS and suppressed $\sigma_{\mathrm{nn}}^{\mathrm{inel}}$

centrality	ATLAS	70.0 mb	57.7 mb	41.5 mb	29.5 mb
0 – 2%	28.30	28.26	28.39	28.55	28.69
2 – 4%	25.47	25.51	25.67	25.91	26.10
4 – 6%	23.07	23.09	23.28	23.55	23.80
6 – 8%	20.93	20.94	21.14	21.45	21.73
8 – 10%	18.99	19.00	19.23	19.56	19.86
10 – 15%	16.08	16.08	16.31	16.67	17.02
15 – 20%	12.59	12.58	12.83	13.22	13.59
20 – 25%	9.77	9.762	10.01	10.40	10.78
25 – 30%	7.50	7.487	7.722	8.102	8.469
30 – 40%	4.95	4.933	5.138	5.474	5.808
40 – 50%	2.63	2.628	2.780	3.036	3.300
50 – 60%	1.28	1.281	1.378	1.550	1.733
60 – 80%	0.39	0.395	0.435	0.510	0.595
80 – 100%	0.052	0.052	0.060	0.076	0.096
0 – 80%	7.00	6.993	7.143	7.385	7.624
0 – 100%	5.61	5.605	5.726	5.923	6.118

CMS compared to suppressed $\sigma_{\mathrm{nn}}^{\mathrm{inel}}$

centrality	CMS	70.0 mb	57.7 mb	41.5 mb	29.5 mb
0 – 5%	25.70	26.24	26.39	26.61	26.79
5 – 10%	20.40	20.48	20.69	21.00	21.29
10 – 20%	14.39	14.33	14.57	14.95	15.30
20 – 30%	8.80	8.624	8.866	9.251	9.623
30 – 40%	5.12	4.933	5.138	5.474	5.808
40 – 50%	2.78	2.628	2.780	3.036	3.300
50 – 70%	0.996	0.9223	0.9986	1.134	1.281
70 – 90%	0.165	0.1519	0.1708	0.2073	0.2509
0 – 90%	6.27	6.225	6.359	6.577	6.793
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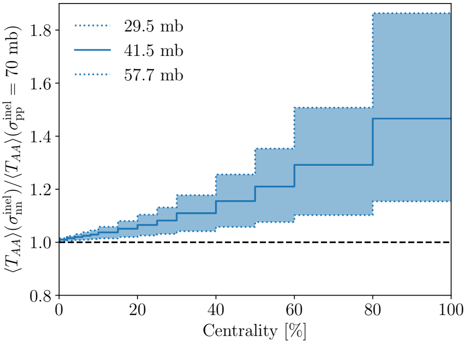


Suppressed σ_{nn}^{inel}

- Small effect for central collisions
- More pronounced effect for peripheral collisions

Other possible effects

- Neutron-skin effect
- Decreasing shadowing towards more peripheral collisions
- Geometrical bias
- Selection bias

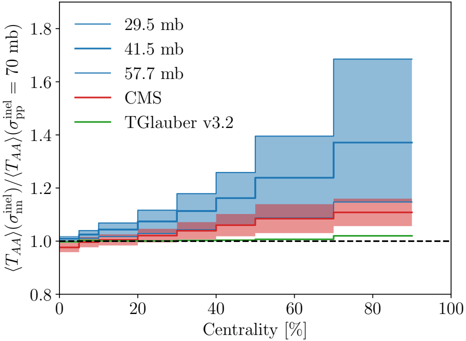
CMS Glauber simulations

Resulting $\langle T_{\mathrm{PbPb}} \rangle$

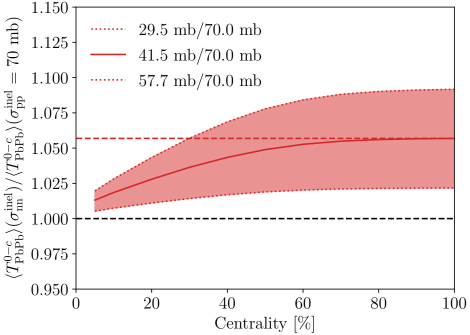
- Compare CMS results to ATLAS-type setup with nominal and suppressed values of $\sigma_{\mathrm{nn}}^{\mathrm{inel}}$
- Different centrality dependence between ATLAS and CMS

$\Rightarrow$ Part of the mismatch with ATLAS due to Glauber simulations but not enough to resolve the tension

- TGlauber version (2.4 vs 3.2) does not make much difference



How the effect accumulates towards peripheral collisions

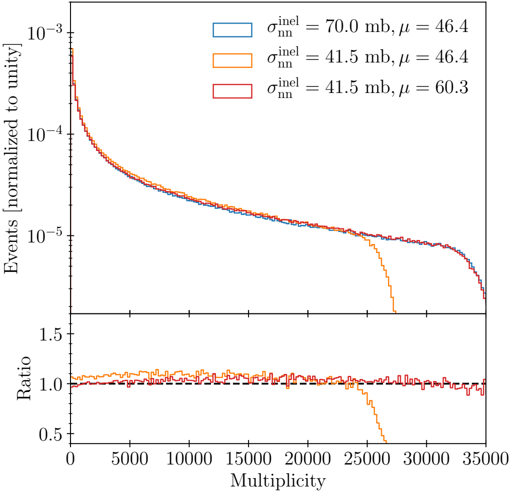


Integrate from 0 to c%

- Most of the modification builds up already from 0–60%
- Less weight from peripheral collisions

⇒ Uncertainties in the periphery do not have large impact in $\sigma^{\mathrm{inel}}_{\mathrm{nn}}$ determination from min. bias data

Does modified σ_{nn}^{inel} ruin Glauber fits?

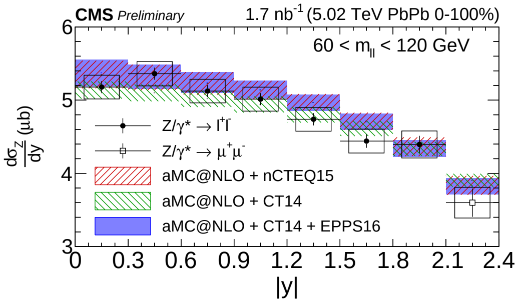


Centrality classification

- Fit multiplicity (or ΣE_T) to fix Glauber parameters
  - x, fractions of N_{part} and N_{bin}
  - μ, mean of NBD
  - κ, width of NBD

  [ALICE-PUBLIC-2018-011]
- Reduced $\sigma_{nn}^{inel} \Rightarrow$ less multiplicity
- Can be compensated by increasing μ
- Very small impact on $\langle T_{PbPb} \rangle$

Preliminary CMS data for Z



[CMS PAS HIN-19-003]

CMS result

- Reasonable agreement with NLO pQCD baseline
- Is normalization from measured luminosity or Glauber simulations?

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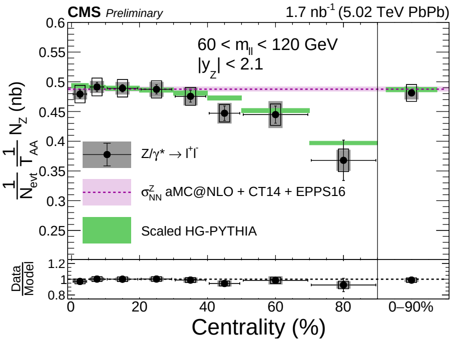

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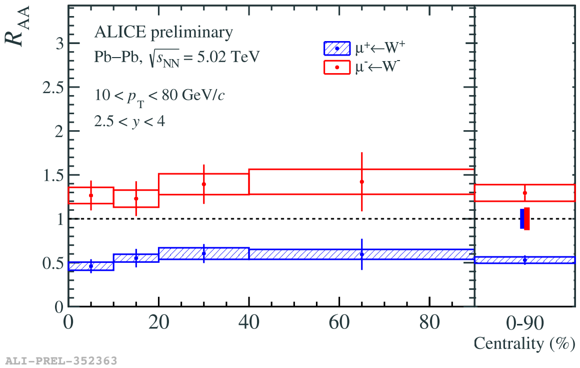
CMS result

- Decreasing normalized yield with centrality (opposite to ATLAS)
- Data consistent with HG-PYTHIA accounting for geometrical (HIJING) and selection biases (PYTHIA)
- No support for σ_{nn}^{inel} suppression?

Preliminary ALICE data for $W^{\pm}$



ALICE result

- Hints of increase with centrality (similar to ATLAS)
- But consistent also with flat centrality dependence