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Measurements of vector boson production in lead-lead and proton-lead collisions with the ATLAS detector

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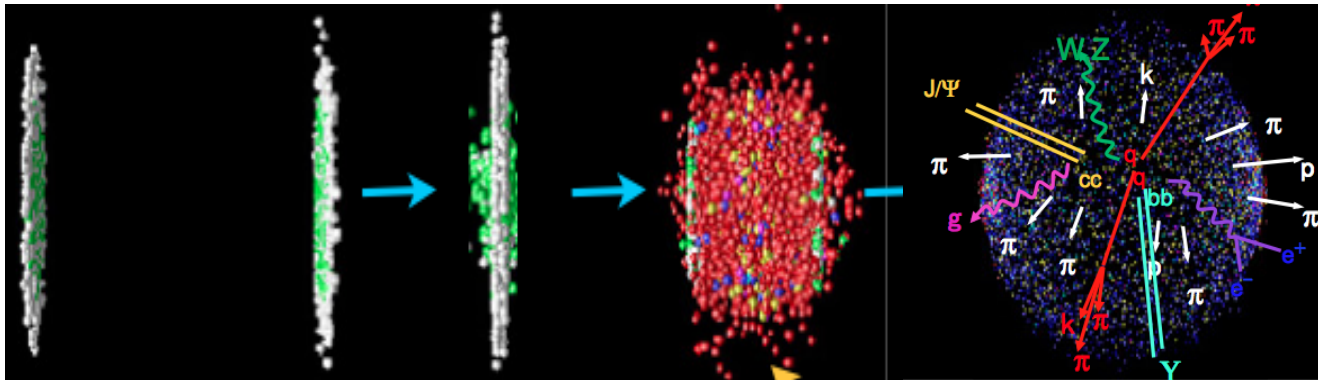
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Physics motivation



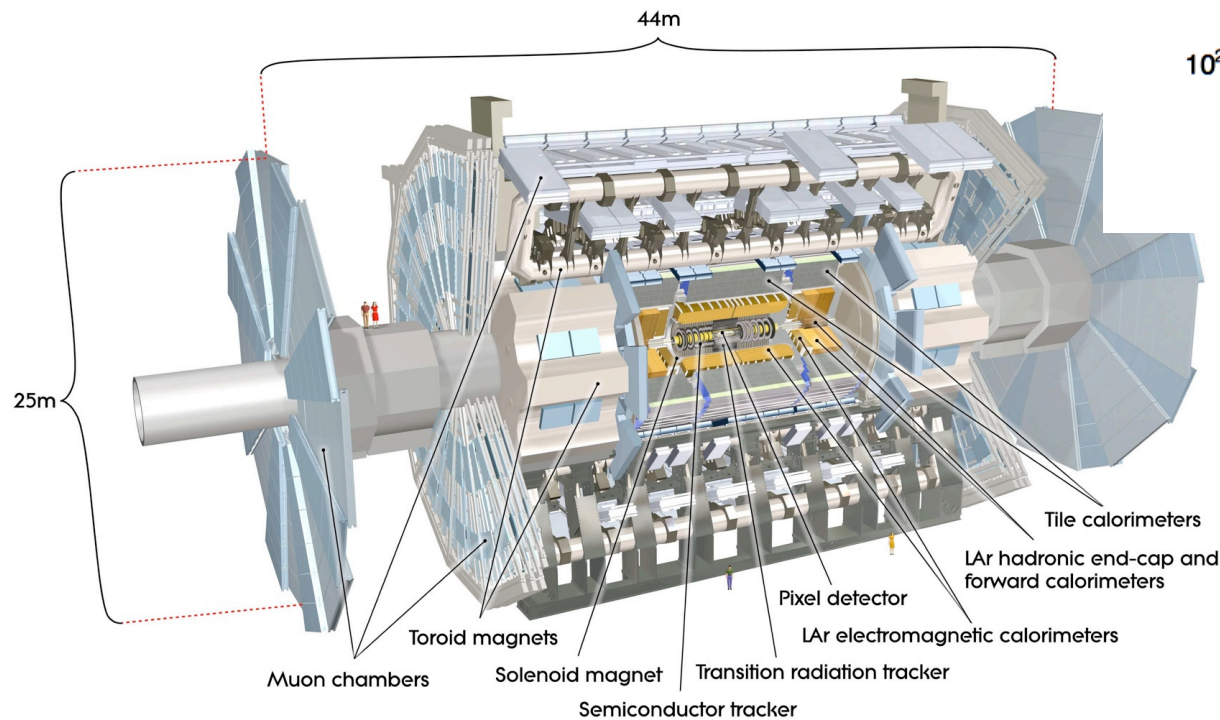
One of the main goals of heavy-ion physics is to study QGP

- *Electroweak (EW) bosons* are produced in hard processes before quark-gluon plasma (QGP) is formed
- They are colorless probes which are supposed not to interact with QGP
 - Leptons which are produced as decay products of weak bosons are colorless as well \rightarrow QGP is transparent to them
- One can explore *jet quenching* in EW+jet events using EW bosons as calibration tools
- In addition, the EW boson production mechanism (e.g. via $q\bar{q}$ annihilation) makes them sensitive to *parton distribution functions* (PDFs)
 - Since studies are done in the heavy-ion (HI) environment, one can investigate nuclear modifications to PDFs (nPDFs)
 - Proton-lead collisions are a perfect tool to disentangle initial- from final-state effects

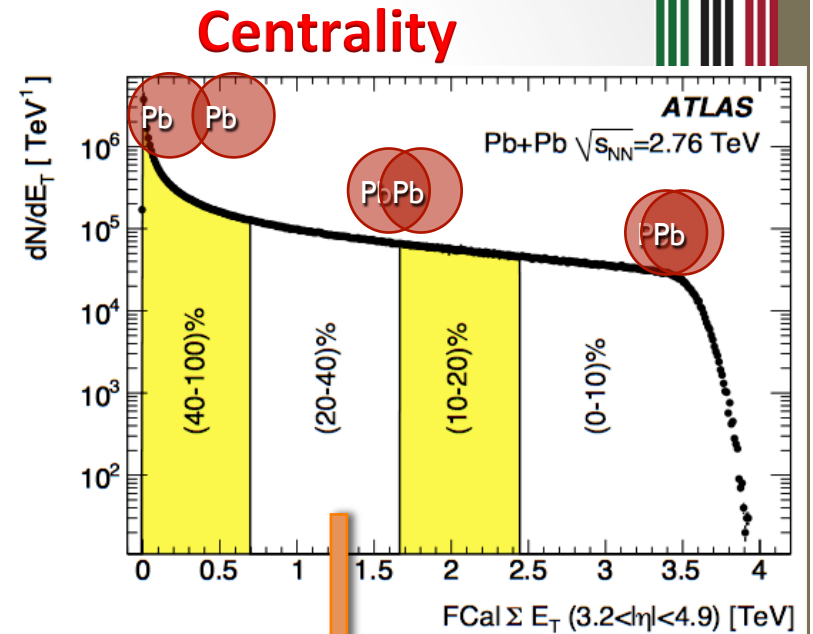


ATLAS detector

Three main components: Inner tracker, electromagnetic (EM) and hadronic (HAD) calorimeters, and muon system



Full azimuthal acceptance



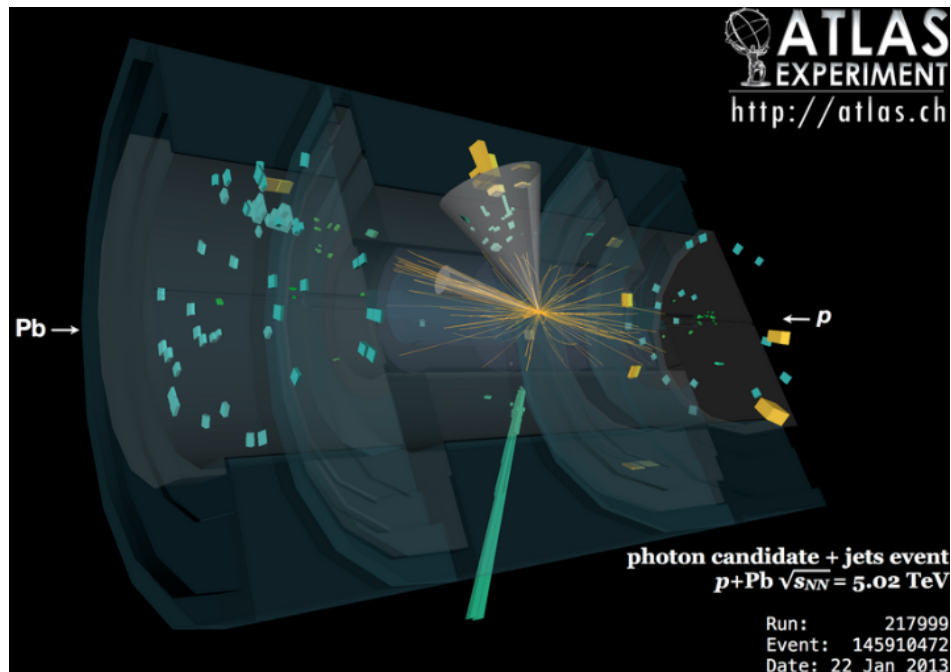
$\text{FCal } E_T \rightarrow \text{centrality} \rightarrow N_{\text{part}} N_{\text{coll}}$

In Pb+Pb: total FCal E_T
 In p+Pb: FCal E_T on Pb-going side

Sub-detectors	$ \eta $ coverage
Inner Tracker	< 2.5
Muon Spectrometer	< 2.7
EM Calorimeter	< 3.2
HAD Calorimeter	< 4.9



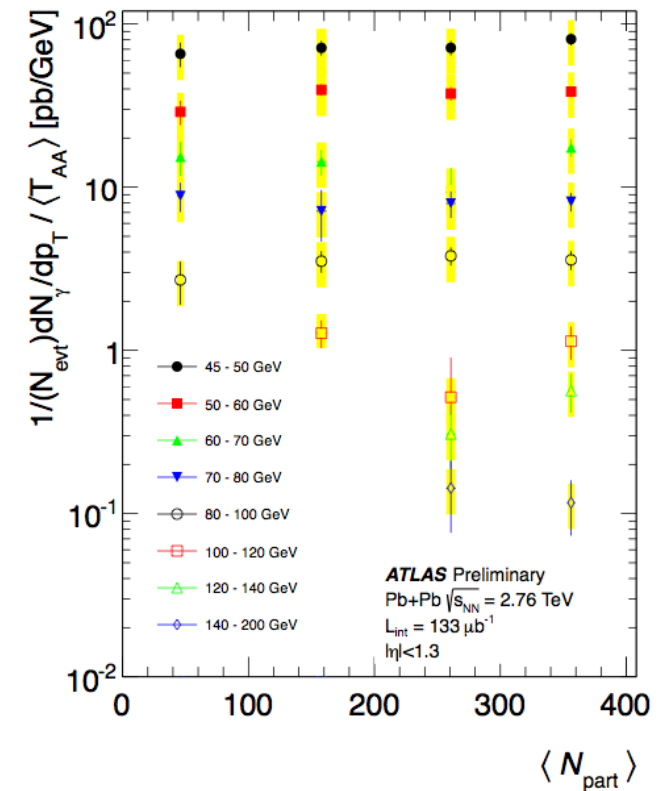
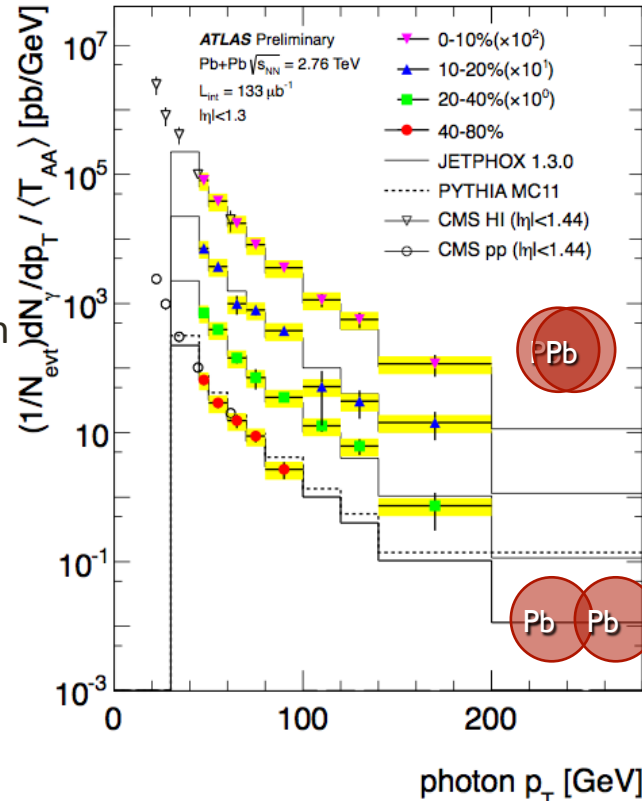
PHOTONS





Inclusive direct photons in Pb+Pb

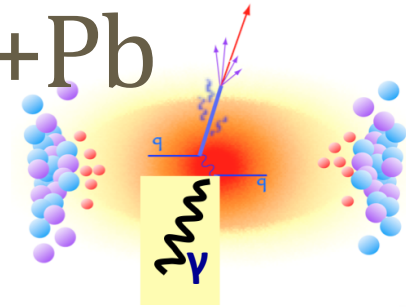
- Photons with $45 < p_T < 200$ GeV and $|\eta| < 1.3$ in ATLAS
- CMS $p+p$ and Pb+Pb at 2.76 TeV: *Phys. Lett. B* **710**, 256 (2012)
 - 10% larger interval in η
 - Isolation condition: $E_T(R_{\text{iso}}=0.4) < 5\text{GeV}$
 - Good agreement with the ATLAS measurement
- PYTHIA and JETPHOX shown for comparisons
- [Update on inclusive photons in Peter Steinberg's talk on Tuesday](#)



- No centrality dependence in any of the measured p_T intervals
- Photon yields in HI collisions scale linearly with $\langle T_{AA} \rangle$ (nuclear thickness function) or equivalently with $\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle$ → **no interaction with QGP**



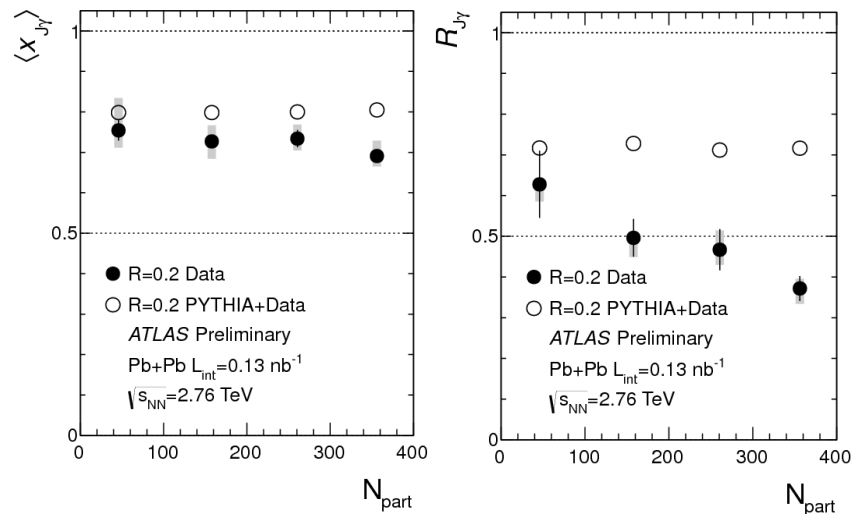
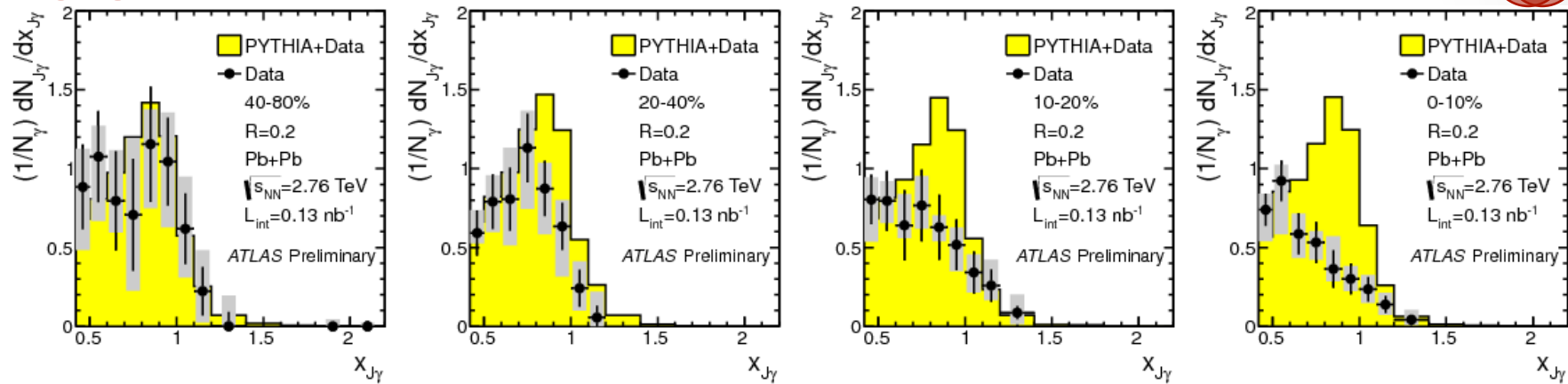
γ + jet correlations in Pb+Pb



PbPb

Pb Pb

$$x_{J\gamma} = p_T^{\text{jet}} / p_T^{\gamma}$$

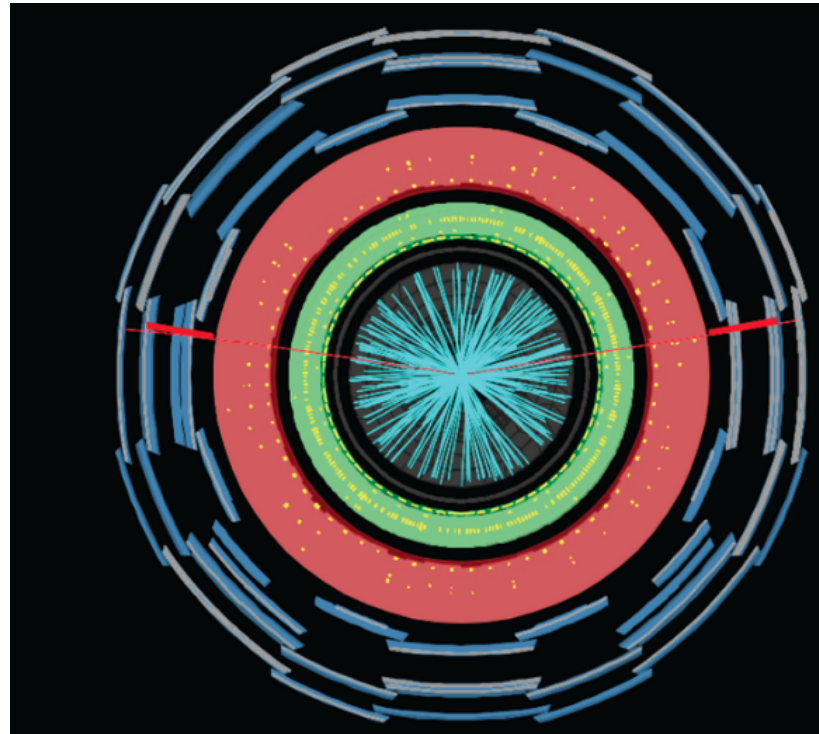


Photons: $60 < p_T < 90$ GeV and $|\eta| < 1.3$
 Jets: $p_T > 25$ GeV and $|\eta| < 2.1$
 $|\Delta\phi| > 7\pi/8$

$\langle x_{J\gamma} \rangle$ - mean energy fraction
 $R_{J\gamma}$ - fraction of jet/gamma pairs to the total number of photons
 Significant change in $R_{J\gamma}$ in central events, which is inconsistent with the PYTHIA-based model

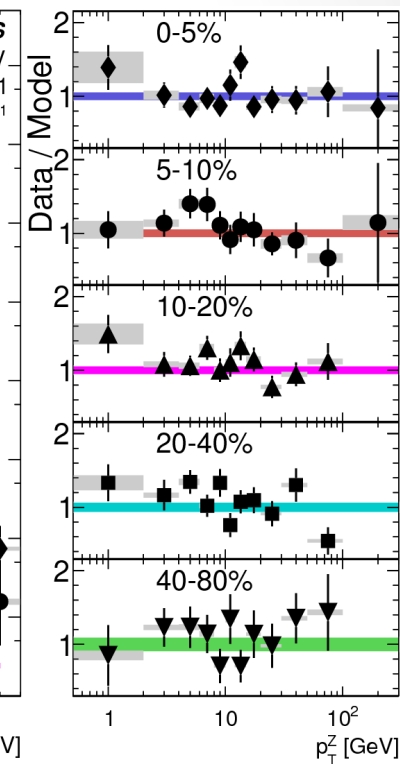
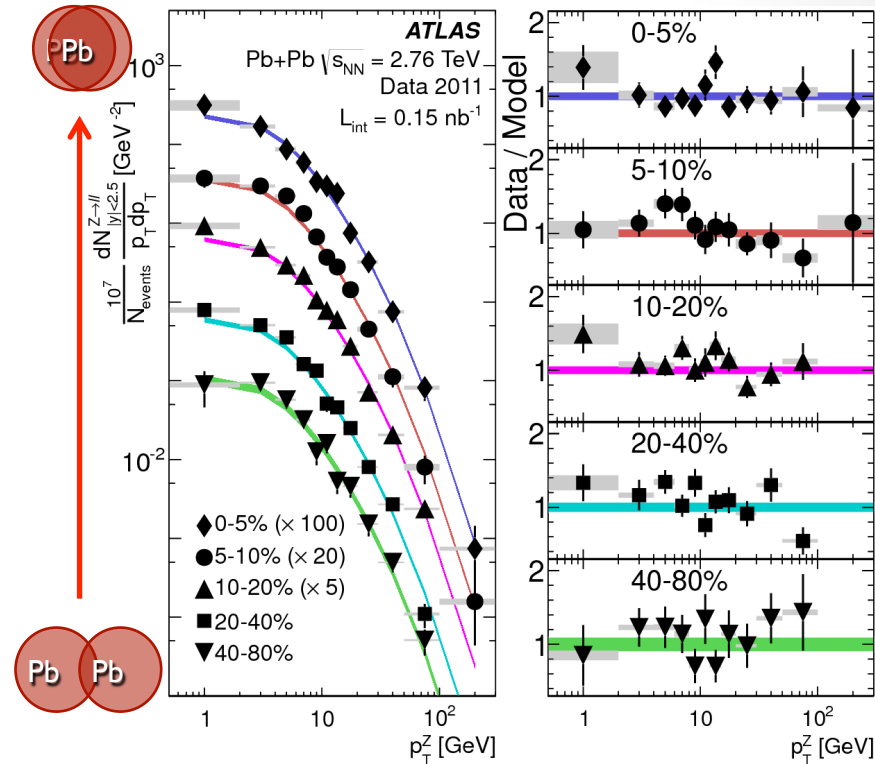
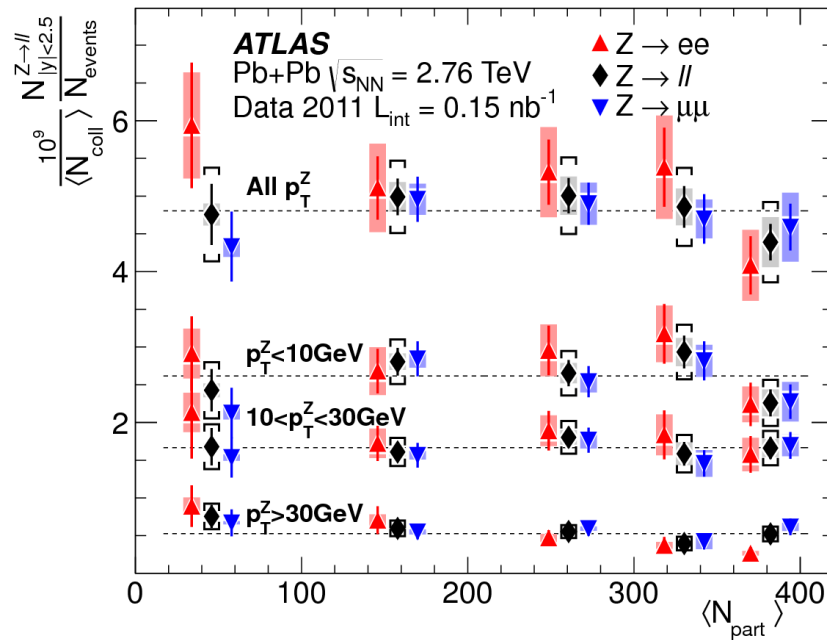


Z BOSONS



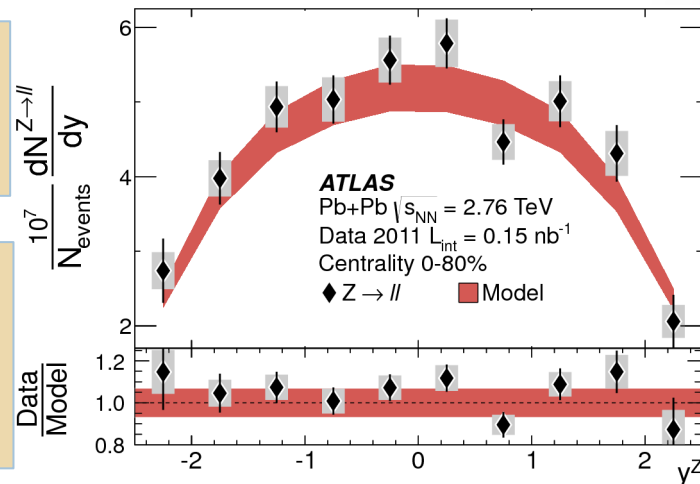


Z boson yields in Pb+Pb



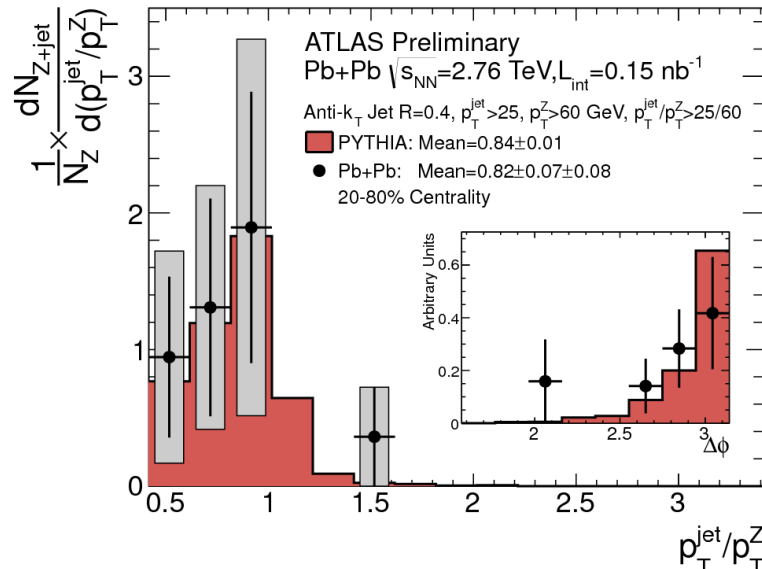
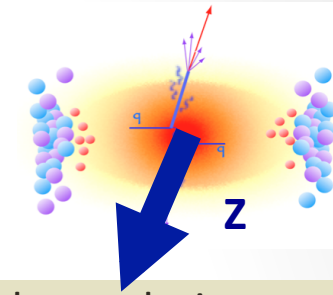
- Electron and muon channels consistent
- Binary collision scaling appears to hold true
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→No centrality dependence of this shape is observed

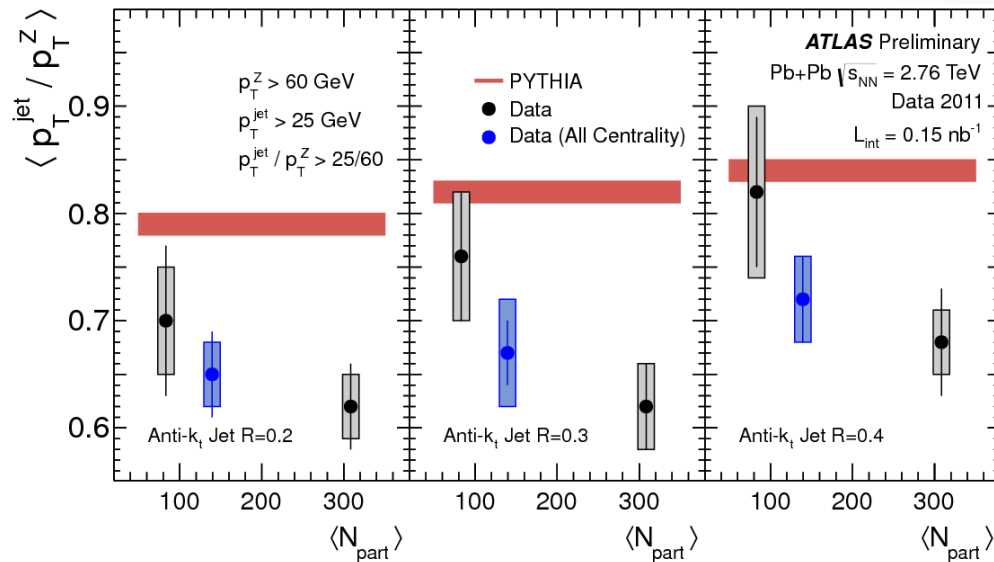
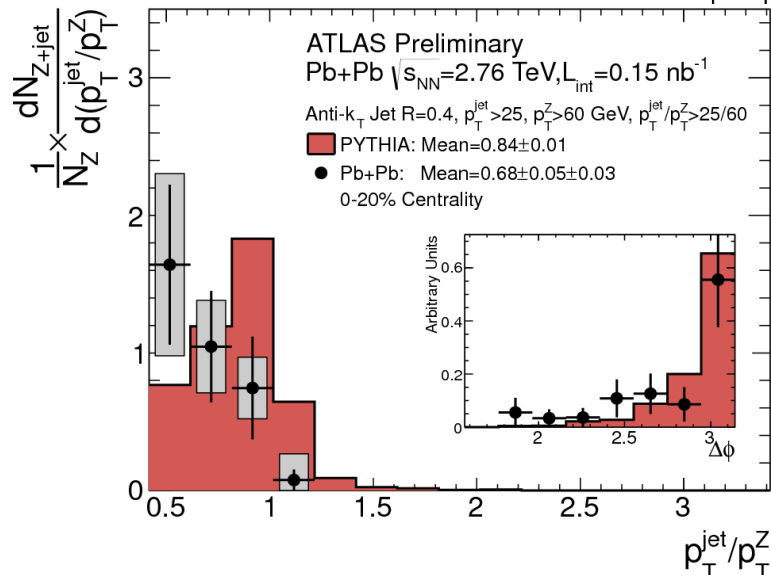




p_T imbalance of Z+jet in Pb+Pb



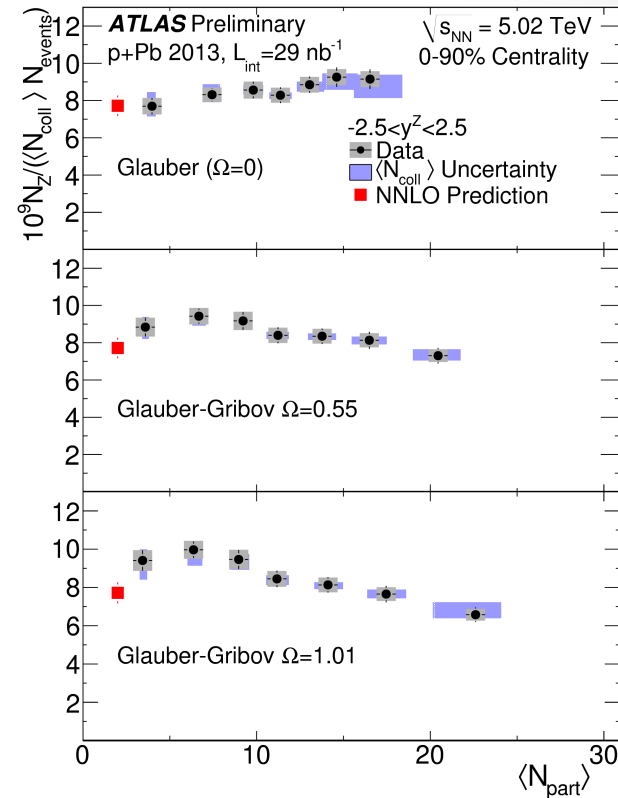
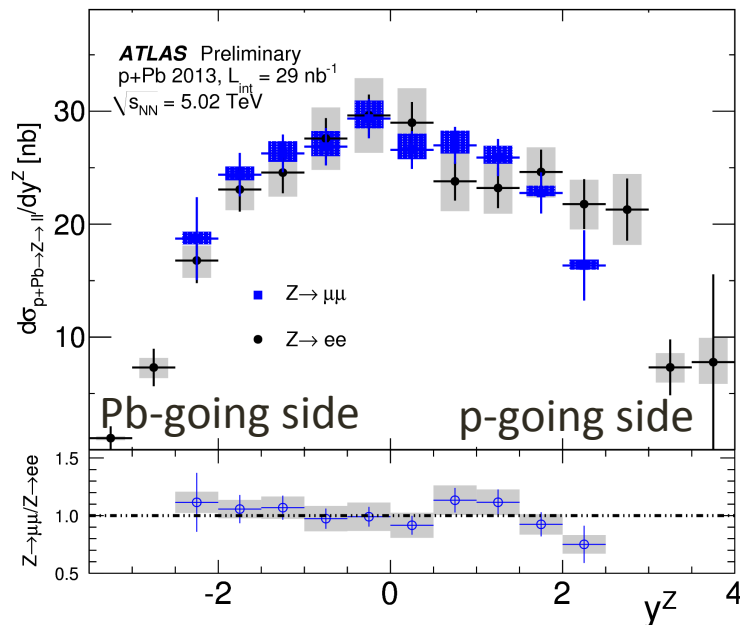
- Only 36 events satisfy the analysis criteria in the entire Pb+Pb data sample
 - Unfolded and efficiency corrected ratio p_T^{jet}/p_T^Z
 - Statistical uncertainty dominates
- Three jet sizes: 0.2, 0.3, 0.4
- Data compared to the PYTHIA-based model which contains no energy loss mechanism – significant deviation from the model
 - Both normalized by a number of Z bosons with $p_T^Z>60$ GeV





Z bosons in p+Pb

- Proton-lead collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.02$ TeV
 - System sensitive to initial-state effects
- Rapidity boost: $y^*=y-0.465$
- Z bosons reconstructed via di-muon and di-electron decays
- Di-muons: $-2.5 < y^Z < 2.5$, $p_T^{\text{leading}} > 20$ GeV
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- Good agreement between channels
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→ Z boson production yields per minimum bias event divided by $\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle = \langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle - 1$

- Centrality calibrated based on FCal E_T^{Pb}
- Various models explored for collision geometry: standard Glauber ($\Omega=0$), Glauber-Gribov ($\Omega=0.55$, $\Omega=1.01$)

→ Z boson production scales with centrality



Z boson cross-sections in p+Pb

→ Total cross-sections for two channels

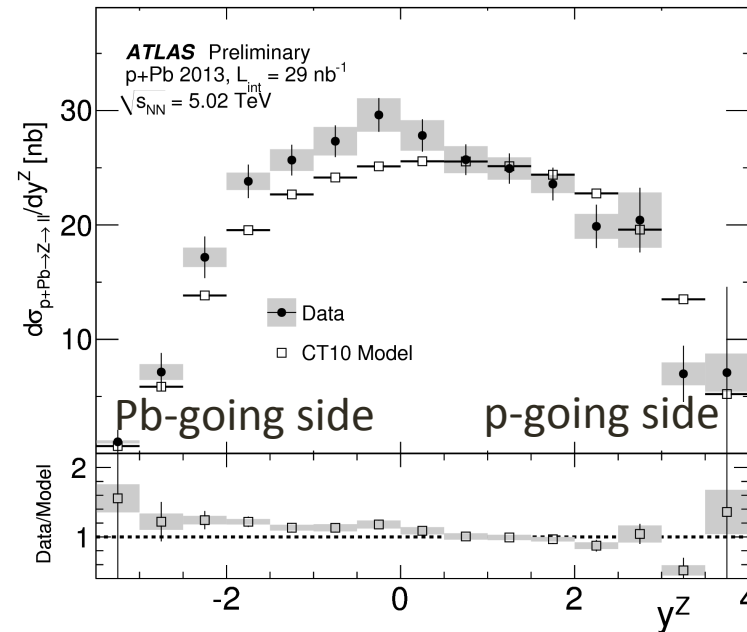
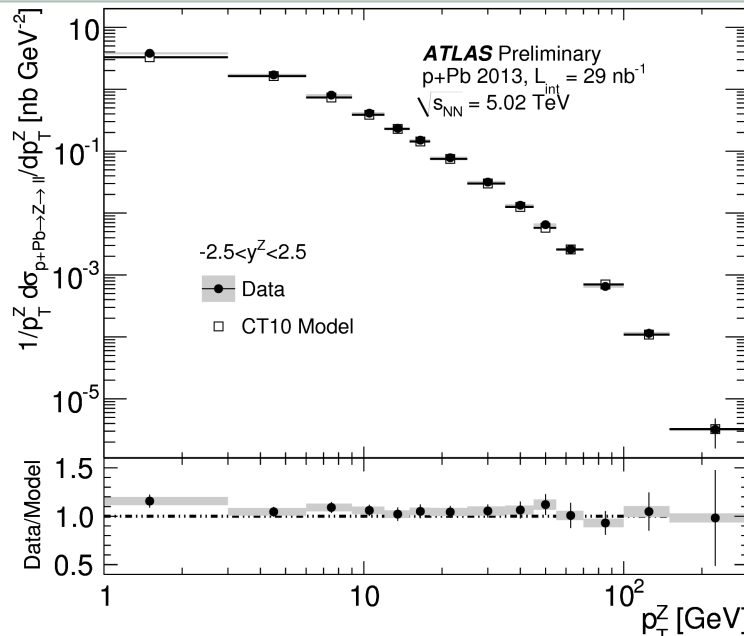
	$ y^Z < 2.5$	$-3.5 < y^Z < 4.0$
$Z \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$	$122.1 \pm 3.4 \pm 6.2 \pm 4.2$	N/A
$Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$	$122 \pm 3 \pm 13 \pm 4$	$144 \pm 5 \pm 17 \pm 5$
$Z \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$	$122.7 \pm 2.4 \pm 5.3 \pm 4.2$	$144.1 \pm 4.9 \pm 8.3 \pm 4.9$
Model	114.4	136.8



Good agreement

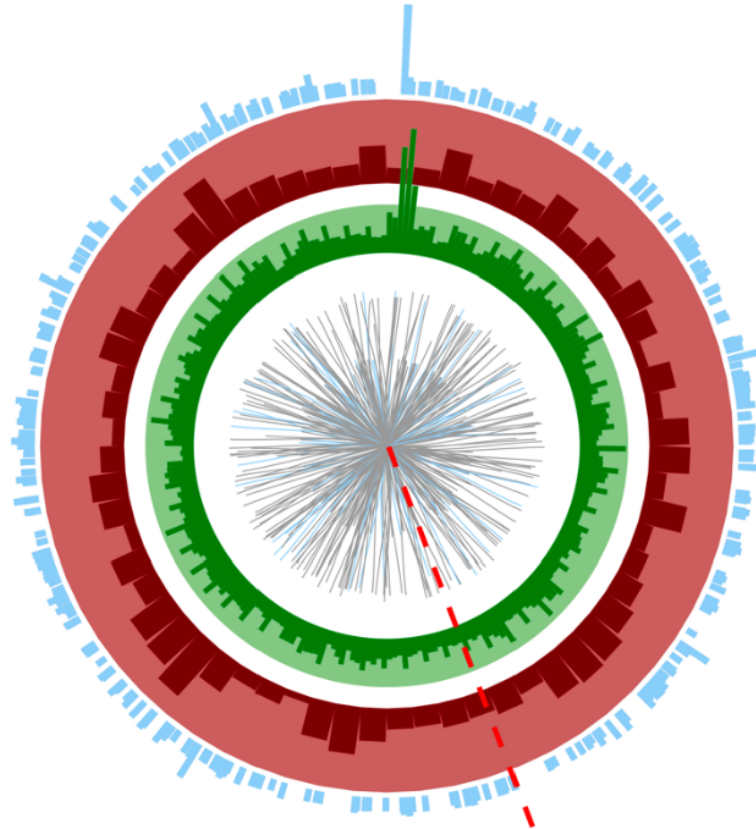
→ Differential cross-sections in p_T^Z and y^Z are compared to NNLO predictions with CT10 PDFs

- Good shape description by the model in p_T^Z
- Data reveals excess at negative y^Z (Pb-going side)





W BOSONS





Centrality dependence of W boson production in Pb+Pb

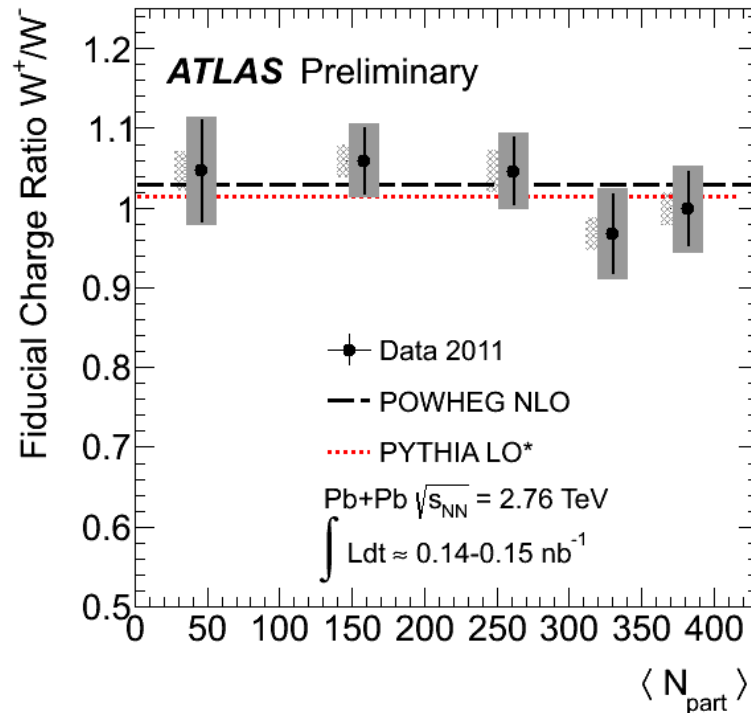
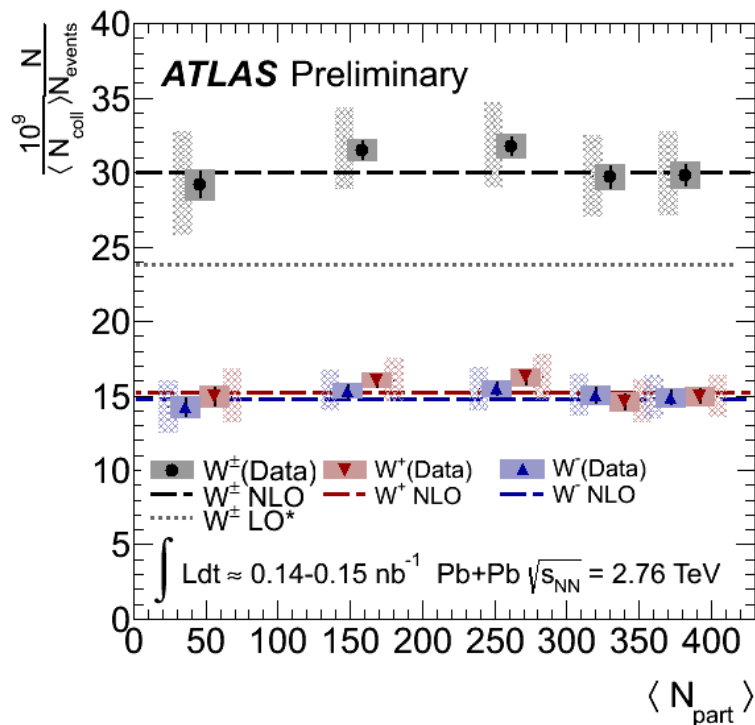
- Measured via muon and electron channels
 - Yields extracted in the fiducial volume:
 $p_T^l > 25$ GeV, $p_T^{\nu} > 25$ GeV, $m_{T} > 40$ GeV
 and $|\eta| < 2.5$
 - Two channels agree, thus they can be combined
- [More details on poster by Rafał Bielski](#)

→ Yields are consistent with binary scaling for W^{\pm} , W^+ and W^-

→ W^+ and W^- yields are almost identical

→ Yields are consistent with NLO predictions, inconsistent with LO*

→ Fiducial charge ratio less sensitive to LO*/NLO differences



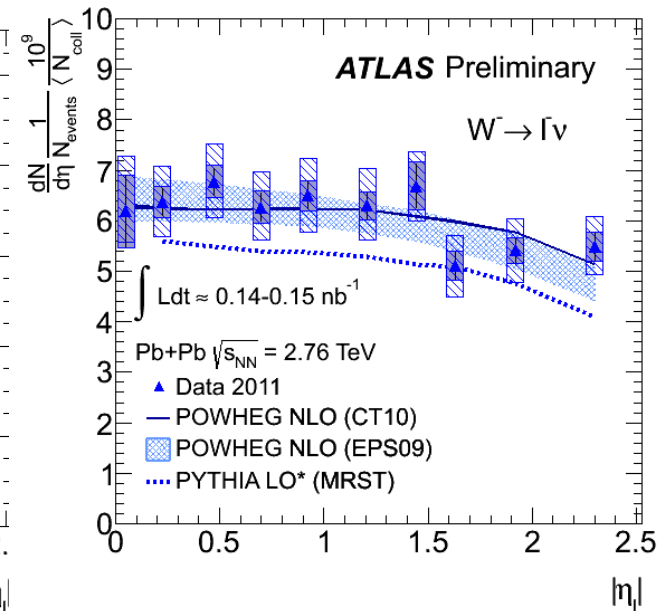
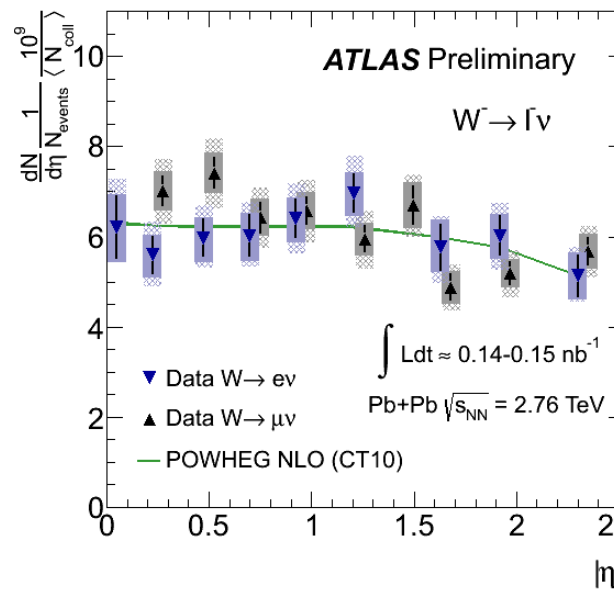
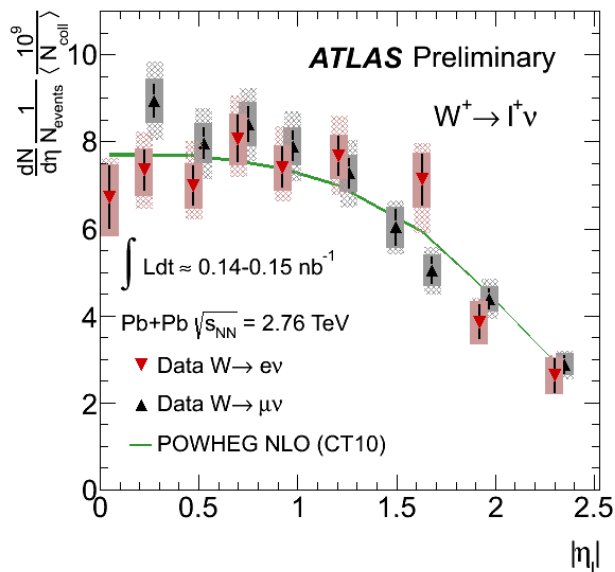
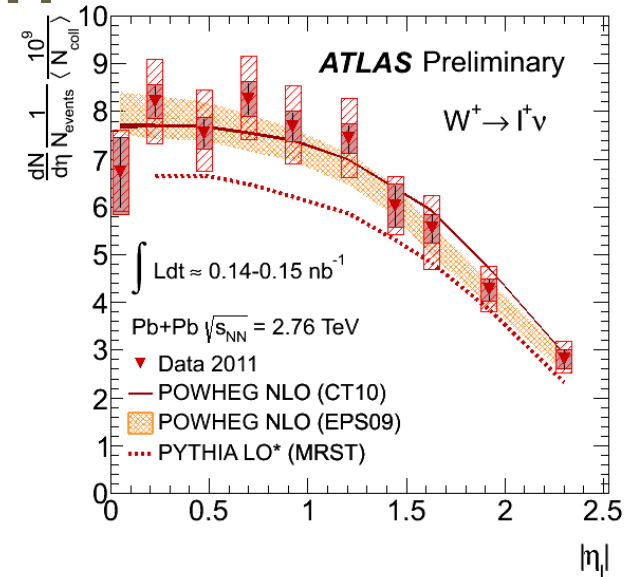


Differential yields in $|\eta|$



- Differential yields measured in the fiducial volume for W^+ and W^-

→ Yields are consistent between muons and electrons
 → They can be combined
 → Differences in shapes of W^+ and W^- are due to isospin effect and spin conservation
 → NLO pQCD describes data well while LO* is underestimated
 → No sensitivity of the measurement to nuclear modifications



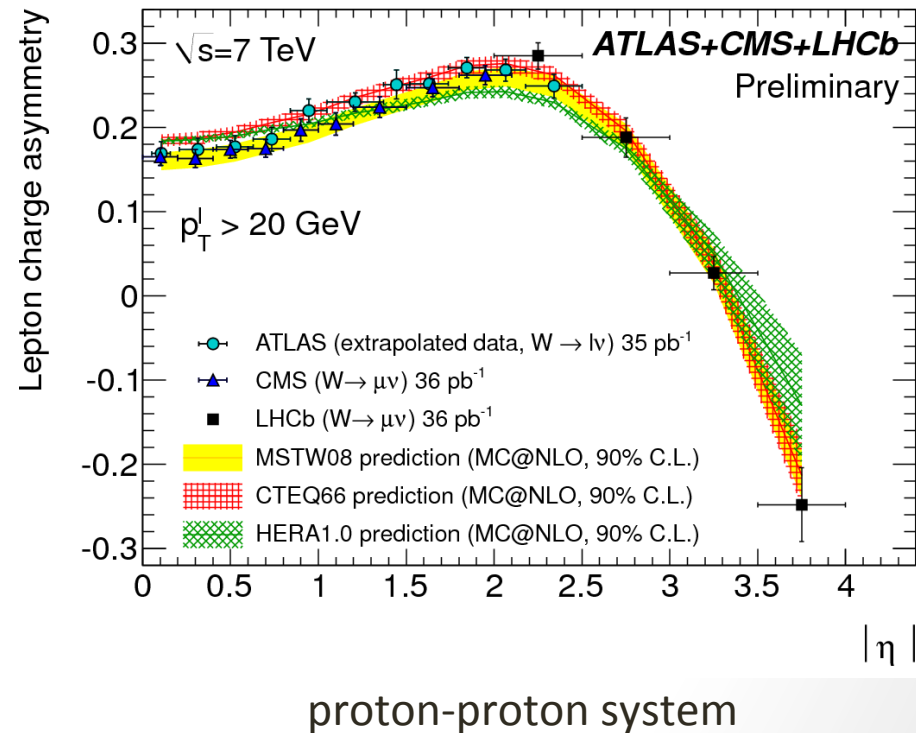
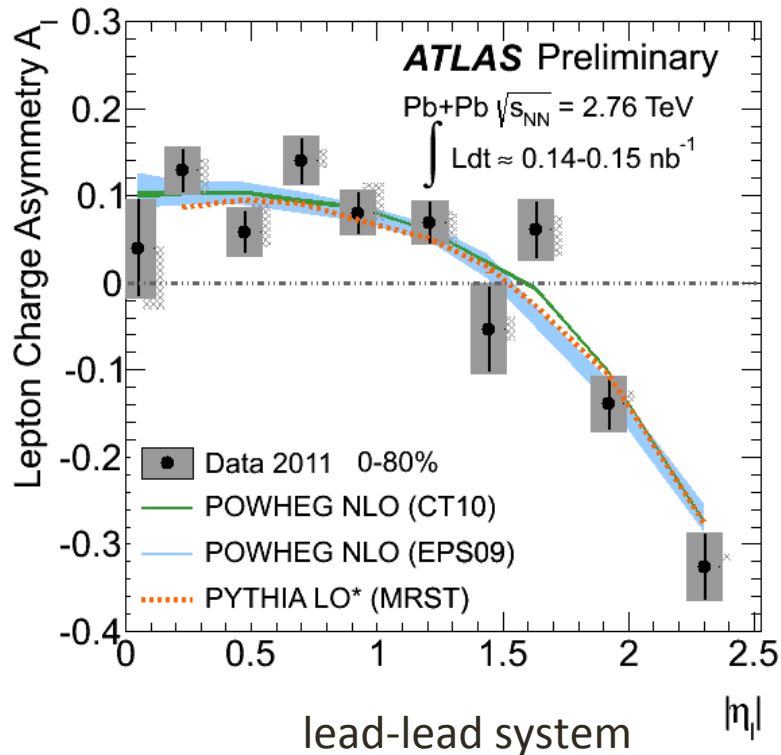


Lepton charge asymmetry

$$A_\ell = \frac{dN_{W^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu} / d\eta_\ell - dN_{W^- \rightarrow \ell^- \bar{\nu}} / d\eta_\ell}{dN_{W^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu} / d\eta_\ell + dN_{W^- \rightarrow \ell^- \bar{\nu}} / d\eta_\ell}$$

- Many correlated systematics cancel out in the ratio
- Observable which is sensitive to initial-state content + spin conservation

→ Clear difference between A_ℓ in Pb+Pb and p+p systems
 → Each theoretical prediction describes data well
 → Nuclear modifications remain unclear within the experimental precision



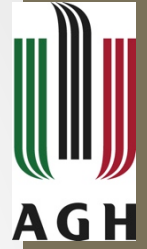


Summary

- ATLAS experiment has a variety of measurements with vector boson production in heavy-ion collisions based on **Run 1** data
 - Direct isolated **photons** inclusive and in association with jets
 - **Z bosons** inclusive and in association with jets
 - **W bosons** inclusive
 - Weak bosons have been measured via **leptonic decay modes**
 - Both **lead-lead** and **proton-lead** systems explored
- **Linear scaling** of EW boson production yields with centrality ($\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle$) has been established
 - Followed by no suppression of leptonic decay products in the QGP
- **NLO/NNLO pQCD predictions** describe data very well both in shape and normalization
 - Some departure from the predictions in the proton-lead system
- Sensitivity to the **isospin effect** and **nPDFs** has been tested
 - W boson yields in $|\eta|$ can be only described taking into account the isospin effect
 - No much sensitivity to nuclear modifications to PDFs within the current experimental precision



Back-up slides

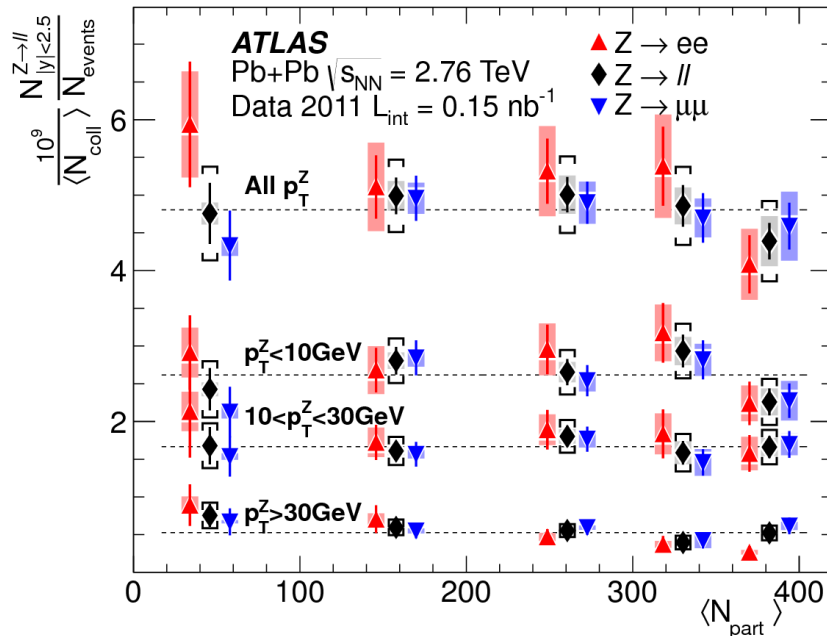
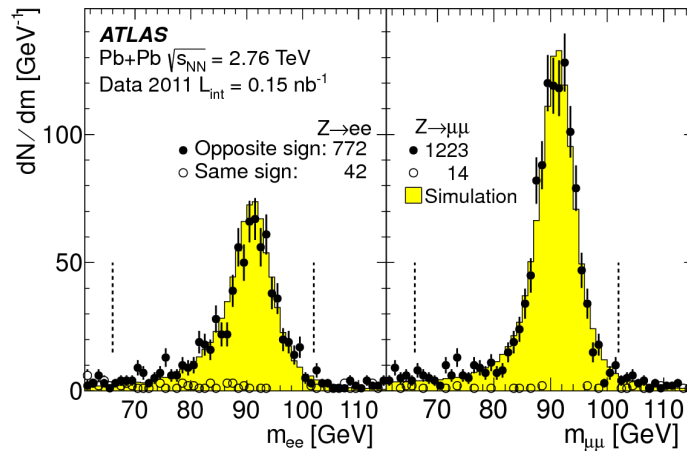


Vector Bosons in ATLAS, May 19th,
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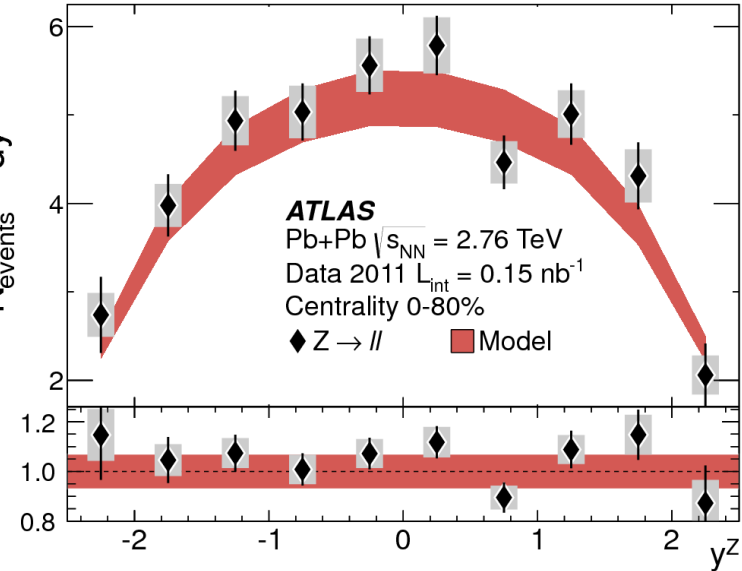
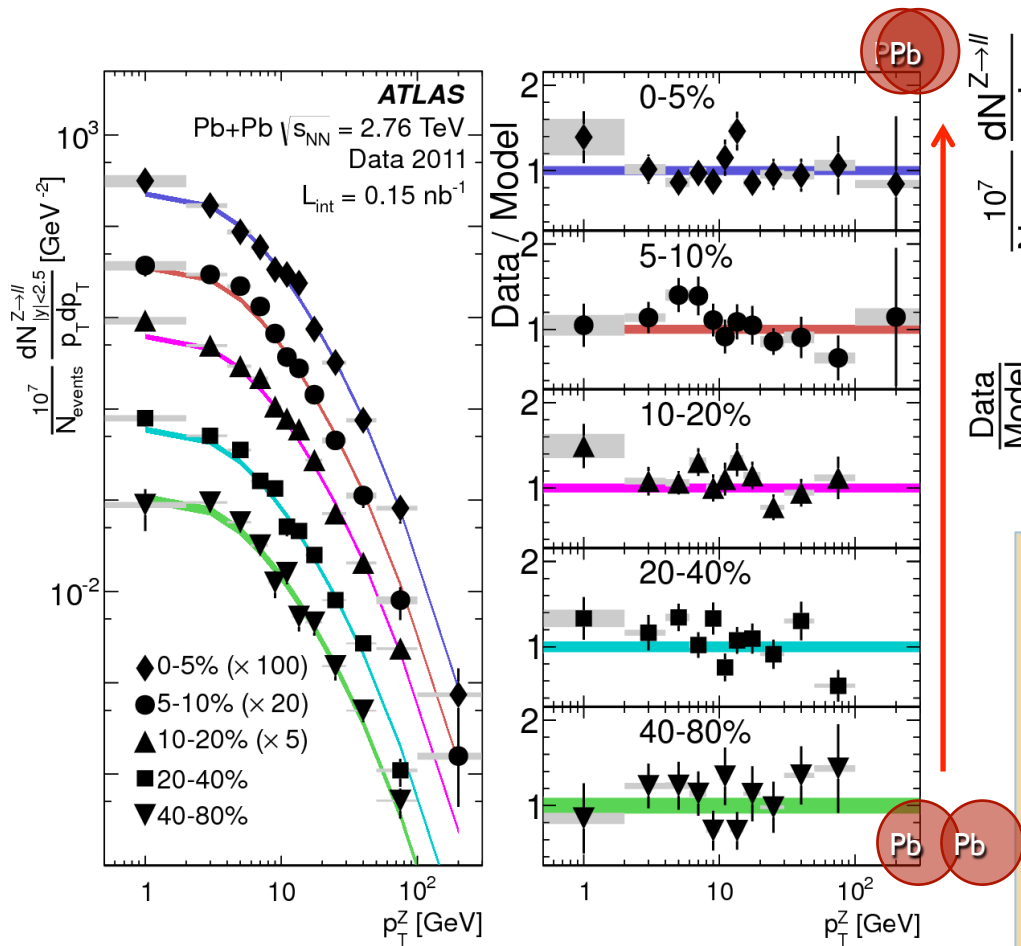
Z yield centrality dependence in Pb+Pb



- Clean measurement: very high purity 95% for electrons and 99% for muons
- Corrected Z boson yield scaled by $\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle$
- Electron and muon channels consistent
- Bars: stat uncertainty, boxes: syst uncertainty, brackets: combined, including $\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle$
- Dashed lines are constant fits to combined yields
- Binary collision scaling appears to hold true \rightarrow no interaction with QGP



p_T and η distributions of Z's in Pb+Pb



→ Each decay channel corrected and background subtracted, then channels combined

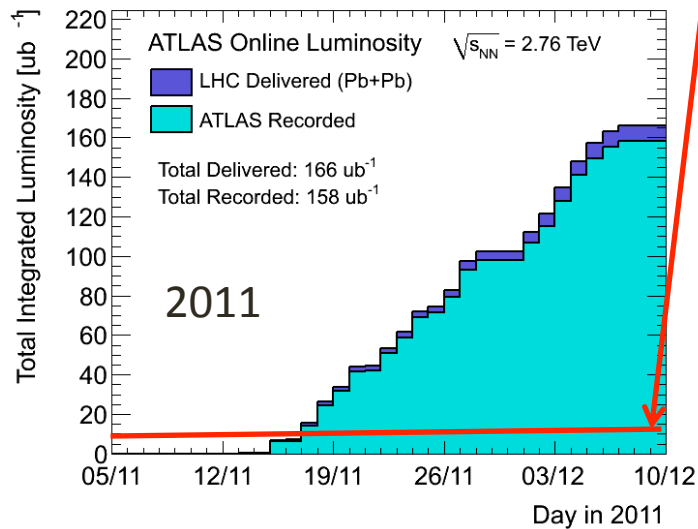
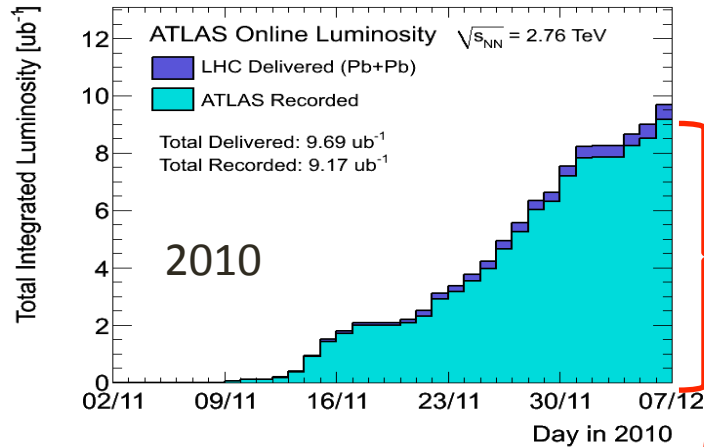
→ PYTHIA normalized to the $Z \rightarrow l^+l^-$ cross section in p+p from NNLO calculations and scaled by $\langle T_{AA} \rangle$ – agrees well

→ Incorporating p+n and n+n collisions would increase the cross section by 3%

→ No centrality dependence of this shape is observed



Heavy Ions in ATLAS



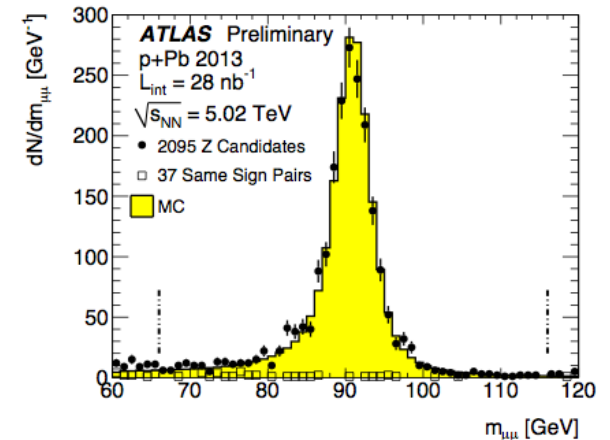
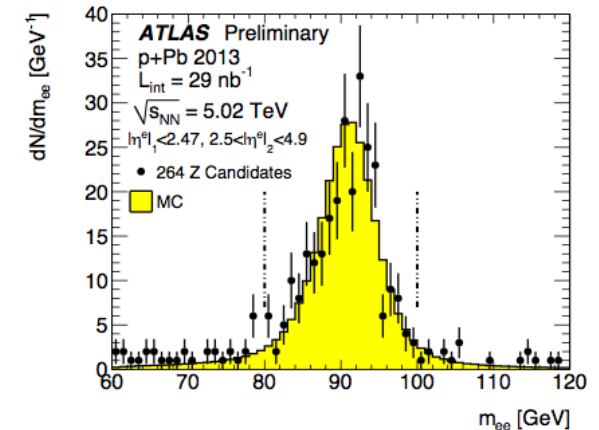
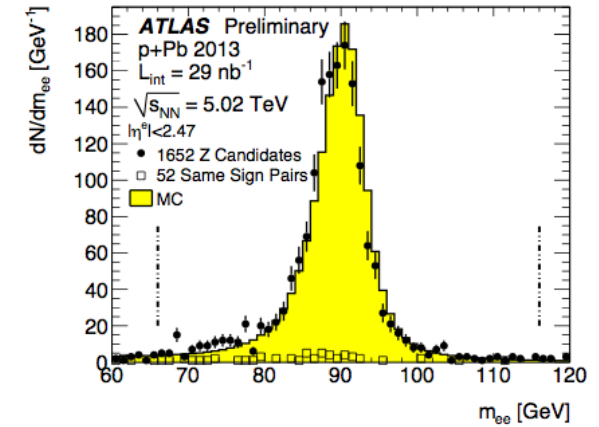
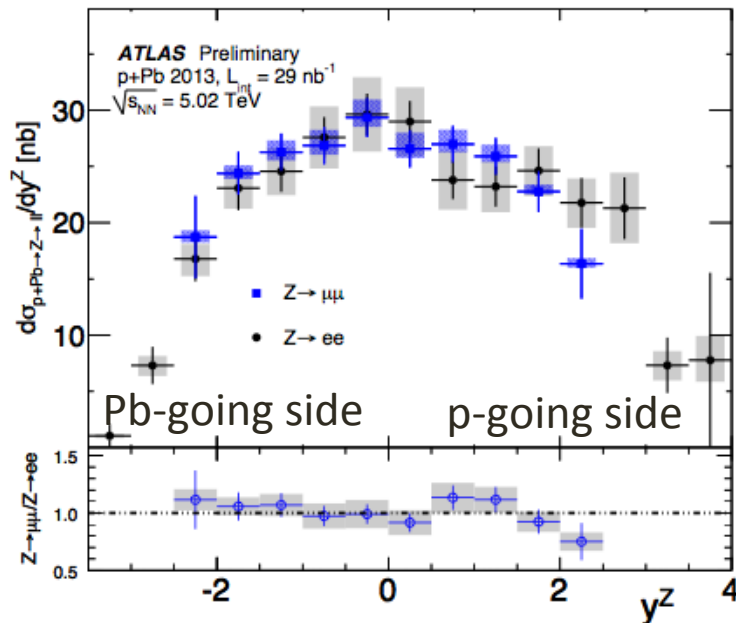
Heavy-ion runs at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$

- Data recording efficiency $> 95\%$
- Fraction of data passing data-quality criteria $> 99\%$
- ◆ In 2010 ATLAS recorded $9.2 \text{ } \mu\text{b}^{-1}$ of Pb+Pb data
 - With $1 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$ magnetic field-off data
 - Minimum bias triggers only
 - Pile-up negligible
- ◆ In 2011 ATLAS recorded $158 \text{ } \mu\text{b}^{-1}$ of Pb+Pb data
 - Various High Level Triggers used
 - $N_{\text{event}} = (1.03 \pm 0.02) \times 10^9$ events probed
 - Pile-up = 0.05%



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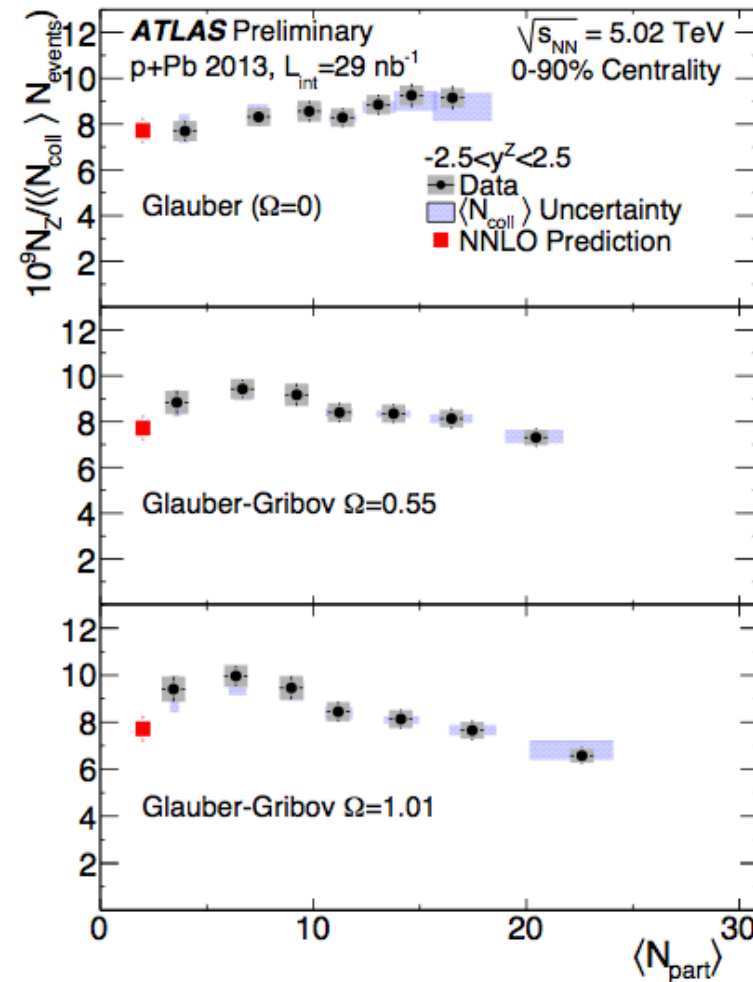
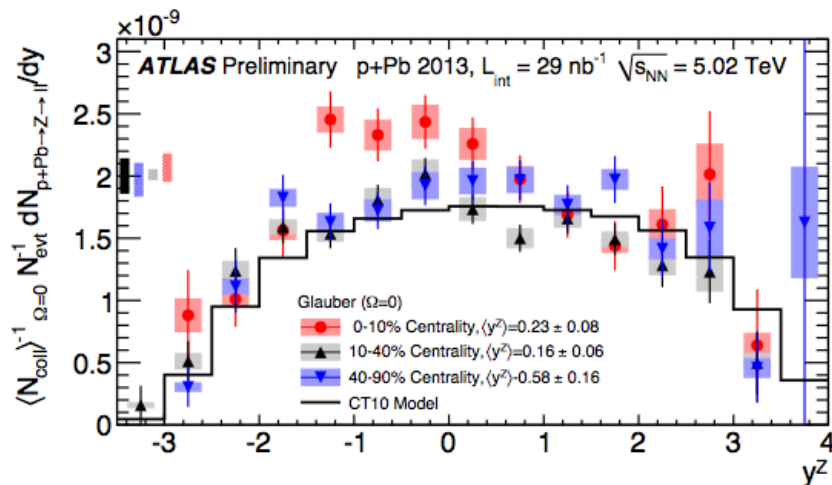


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→ Z boson production scales with centrality
 → Similar behavior to charged particle yields
 → Excess of Z boson production for 0-10% bin





Z boson centrality dependence in p+Pb

