Higher twist effects in small x neutrino DIS

The non-conservation of charmed-strange current in the neutrino deep inelastic scattering strongly affects the longitudinal structure function, F_L , at small values of Bjorken x. The corresponding correction to F_L is a higher twist effect enhanced at small-x by the rapidly growing gluon density factor. As a result, the component of F_L induced by the charmed-strange current prevails over the light-quark component and dominates $F_L = F_L^{cs} + F_L^{ud}$ at x lsim 0.01 and $Q^2 \sim m_c^2$. The color dipole BFKL analysis clarifies the physics behind the phenomenon and provides a quantitative estimate of the effect.

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