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Precise measurements of the proton structure towards the new physics discoveries at the LHC

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Early ideas ...

Ideas for detecting quarks were formulated since

Rutherford's gold foil experiment 1909 (performed by Geiger and Marsden)





Rutherford's gold foil experiment set the scene for a century of ever-deeper and more precise resolution of the constituents of the atom, the nucleus and the nucleon.

To probe the interiors of target, point-like and easily produced particle needed to be used.

Probing the Proton Structure via DIS

The world's cleanest microscope



(taken from M. Klein's slides - LHeC workshop 2015)



Why do we need precise PDFs?

Discovery of new exciting physics relies on precise knowledge of proton structure.

- PDFs are one of the main theory uncertainties in Mw, sinTheta measurements —> stress tests of SM
- PDFs are one of main theory uncertainties in Higgs production
- PDF uncertainties very large (>100%) for new heavy particle production

Factorisation theorem:

Cross section can be calculated by convoluting short distance partonic reactions (calculable in pQCD) with PDFs:

$$\mathrm{d}\sigma(\mathrm{h_1h_2}
ightarrow cd) = \int_0^1 \mathrm{d}x_1 \mathrm{d}x_2 \sum_{a,b} f_{a/\mathrm{h_1}}(x_1,\mu_F^2) f_{b/\mathrm{h_2}}(x_2,\mu_F^2) \mathrm{d}\hat{\sigma}^{(ab
ightarrow cd)}(Q^2,\mu_F^2)$$

 PDFs cannot be calculated in perturbative QCD, however they are process independent (universal) and their evolution with the scale is predicted by pQCD:



Today's data on proton structure



The cleanest way to probe Proton Structure is via Deep Inelastic Scattering [DIS]:

▶ Neutrinos, muons, electrons



—> probes linear combination of quarks: sea quarks, gluon

HERA provides the basis of any PDFs

Precision of PDFs can be complemented by the Drell Yan [DY] processes at the collider experiments

 $\sigma_{hh\to X} = f_{h\to a} \otimes \widehat{\sigma}_{ab\to X} \otimes f_{h\to b}$

 --> can provide flavour separation and more insight into gluons
 --> probes bilinear combination of quarks

- H1 and ZEUS experiments at HERA collected ~1/fb of data
 - Ep=460/575/820/920 GeV and Ee=27.5 GeV
- * 4 type of processes accessed at HERA: Neutral Current and Charged Current ep



$$\frac{d\sigma_{NC}^{\pm}}{dxdQ^2} = \frac{2\pi\alpha^2}{x} \left[\frac{1}{Q^2}\right]^2 \left[Y_+\tilde{F}_2 \mp Y_-x\tilde{F}_3 - y^2\tilde{F}_L\right]$$
$$\frac{d\sigma_{CC}^{\pm}}{dxdQ^2} = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi x} \left[\frac{M_W^2}{M_W^2 + Q^2}\right]^2 \left[Y_+\tilde{W}_2^{\pm} \mp Y_-x\tilde{W}_3^{\pm} - y^2\tilde{W}_L^{\pm}\right]$$

$$\tilde{F}_2 \propto \sum (xq_i + x\overline{q_i}) \qquad x\tilde{F}_3 \propto \sum (xq_i - x\overline{q_i}) \qquad \tilde{F}_L \propto \alpha_s \cdot xg(x,Q^2)$$

dominant contribution (all Q2 plane)

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significant high y contributions at high Q2

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		from	to	from	to	pb ⁻¹		GeV
HERA I $E_p = 820 \text{ GeV}$ and $E_p = 920 \text{ GeV}$ data sets								
H1 svx-mb[2]	95-00	0.000005	0.02	0.2	12	2.1	e ⁺ p	301,319
H1 low Q^2 [2]	96-00	0.0002	0.1	12	150	22	e^+p	301,319 🏼 🚄
H1 NC	94-97	0.0032	0.65	150	30000	35.6	e^+p	301
H1 CC	94-97	0.013	0.40	300	15000	35.6	e^+p	301
H1 NC	98-99	0.0032	0.65	150	30000	16.4	e ⁻ p	319
H1 CC	98-99	0.013	0.40	300	15000	16.4	<i>e</i> ⁻ <i>p</i>	319
H1 NC HY	98-99	0.0013	0.01	100	800	16.4	e ⁻ p	319
H1 NC	99-00	0.0013	0.65	100	30000	65.2	e^+p	319
H1 CC	99-00	0.013	0.40	300	15000	65.2	e^+p	319
ZEUS BPC	95	0.000002	0.00006	0.11	0.65	1.65	e^+p	300
ZEUS BPT	97	0.0000006	0.001	0.045	0.65	3.9	e^+p	300
ZEUS SVX	95	0.000012	0.0019	0.6	17	0.2	e^+p	300
ZEUS NC [2] high/low Q^2	96-97	0.00006	0.65	2.7	30000	30.0	e^+p	300
ZEUS CC	94-97	0.015	0.42	280	17000	47.7	e^+p	300
ZEUS NC	98-99	0.005	0.65	200	30000	15.9	e^-p	318
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ZEUS NC	99-00	0.005	0.65	200	30000	63.2	e^+p	318
ZEUS CC	99-00	0.008	0.42	280	17000	60.9	e^+p	318
HERA II $E_p = 920 \text{ GeV}$ dat	a sets							
H1 NC ^{1.5p}	03-07	0.0008	0.65	60	30000	182	e ⁺ p	319
H1 CC 1.5p	03-07	0.008	0.40	300	15000	182	e^+p	319
H1 NC ^{1.5} <i>p</i>	03-07	0.0008	0.65	60	50000	151.7	e^-p	319
H1 CC ^{1.5} <i>p</i>	03-07	0.008	0.40	300	30000	151.7	e^-p	319
H1 NC med $Q^2 * y.5$	03-07	0.0000986	0.005	8.5	90	97.6	e^+p	319
H1 NC low $Q^2 \cdot y.5$	03-07	0.000029	0.00032	2.5	12	5.9	e^+p	319
ZEUS NC	06-07	0.005	0.65	200	30000	135.5	e^+p	318
ZEUS CC ^{1.5p}	06-07	0.0078	0.42	280	30000	132	e^+p	318
ZEUS NC 1.5	05-06	0.005	0.65	200	30000	169.9	e^-p	318
ZEUS CC 1.5	04-06	0.015	0.65	280	30000	175	e^-p	318
ZEUS NC nominal *9	06-07	0.000092	0.008343	7	110	44.5	e^+p	318
ZEUS NC satellite *9	06-07	0.000071	0.008343	5	110	44.5	e^+p	318
HERA II $E_p = 575 \text{GeV}$ data sets								
H1 NC high Q^2	07	0.00065	0.65	35	800	5.4	e^+p	252
H1 NC low Q^2	07	0.0000279	0.0148	1.5	90	5.9	e^+p	252
ZEUS NC nominal	07	0.000147	0.013349	7	110	7.1	e ⁺ p	251
ZEUS NC satellite	07	0.000125	0.013349	5	110	7.1	e^+p	251
HERA II $E_p = 460 \text{ GeV}$ dat	a sets							
H1 NC high Q^2	07	0.00081	0.65	35	800	11.8	e ⁺ p	225
H1 NC low Q^2	07	0.0000348	0.0148	1.5	90	12.2	e^+p	225
ZEUS NC nominal	07	0.000184	0.016686	7	110	13.9	e ⁺ p	225
ZEUS NC satellite	07	0.000143	0.016686	5	110	13.9	e^+p	225

 41 data sets: 2927 data points are combined to1307 averaged measurements with 169 sources of correlated systematic uncertainties.

> HERAPDF1.0 JHEP01 (2010) 109

HERAPDF1.5

HERAPDF2.0

[arxiv:1506.06042] Voica Radescu (Marseille, 2015

Combination of the H1 and ZEUS Measurements

FINAL HERA I+II inclusive data combination [arxiv:1506.06042]



The combination procedure is performed before QCD analysis using χ² minimisation

• $\chi^2 / dof = 1687 / 1620$

- Improvement on Statistical precision:
- Improvement of Systematic precision:
 - H1 and ZEUS are different detectors and use different analysis techniques;
 - The H1 and ZEUS cross sections have different sensitivities to similar sources of correlated systematic uncertainty.

--> total uncertainty < 1.3% for Q2 up to 400 GeV2

 $0.045 < Q^2 < 50000 \text{ GeV}^2$ 6. $10^{-7} < x_{Bj} < 0.65$



$$\sigma_{r,\mathrm{NC}}^{\pm} = \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 \sigma_{\mathrm{NC}}^{e^{\pm}p}}{\mathrm{d}x_{\mathrm{Bj}} \mathrm{d}Q^2} \cdot \frac{Q^4 x_{\mathrm{Bj}}}{2\pi\alpha^2 Y_+} = \tilde{F}_2 \mp \frac{Y_-}{Y_+} x \tilde{F}_3 - \frac{y^2}{Y_+} \tilde{F}_{\mathrm{L}}$$

Combination of data is now actively used at LHC for ex W, Z for muon and electron channels Voica Radescu (Marseille, 2015

- Extraction of PDFs relies on the factorisation: $\sigma = \hat{\sigma} \otimes PDF$
- Typical measurements sensitive to PDFs are precise, with statistical uncertainties < 10%, so they follow normal distribution —> use of χ^2 minimisation for PDF extraction.

Main Steps:

- Parametrise PDFs at a starting scale
- Evolve PDFs to the scale corresponding to data point
- Calculate the cross section
- Compare with data via χ^2
- Minimise χ^2 with respect to PDF parameters which takes about ~2000 iterations:
 - \rightarrow it is crucial to have fast tools:

(i.e. fastNLO, APPLGRID)



herafitter.org: open source QCD platform arxive:1503.05221 Voica Radescu Marseille, 2015

Modern understanding of PDFs

Different types of PDF uncertainties are considered:

Experimental:

- Hessian method used: MMHT, CT, ...
 - * Consistent data sets \rightarrow use $\Delta \chi^2 = 1$
- Monte Carlo Method: replicas of data(NNPDF)

Model:

variations of all assumed input parameters in the fit

Variation	Standard Value	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
$Q_{\rm min}^2$ [GeV ²]	3.5	2.5	5.0
$Q_{\rm min}^2$ [GeV ²] HiQ2	10.0	7.5	12.5
M _c (NLO) [GeV]	1.47	1.41	1.53
M _c (NNLO) [GeV]	1.43	1.37	1.49
M_b [GeV]	4.5	4.25	4.75
f_s	0.4	0.3	0.5
$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	0.118	_	-
μ_{f_0} [GeV]	1.9	1.6	2.2



Parametrisation:

only HERAPDF includes this as an additional uncertainty

NNPDFs use neural network approach based on data driven regularisation

Q2 cut dependence on PDFs

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low Q2 data very important to constrain low x PDFs!`

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- * the validity of the DGLAP mechanism
- the various scheme dependence (fixed vs variable flavours)



H1 and ZEUS

HERAPDF2.0 vs other PDF sets

 HERAPDF sets are extracted solely from ep data and require no assumptions or corrections, hence provide an important cross check of PDF universality (process independence):



high x valence different: new high- x data and use of proton target only



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Global proton PDF groups used at the LHC

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- inclusion of various data sets
- account for possible tensions
- different fit methodologies

· List of latest PDF sets:

- NNPDF3.0
- MMHT2014
- CT14
- HERAPDF2.0
- ABM12

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- —> uses only HERA data
 - --> based on Fixed Flavour scheme and free alphas
- CJ12 —> addresses high x phenomenology (NLO)

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The difference reduced, however still very large uncertainties at high Masses

Combined (averaged) PDFs http://benasque.org/2015lhc/cgi-bin/talks/allprint.pl

To simplify the life of analysers, instead of building an envelope of 3-5 PDF sets with their uncertainties, a proposal is to provide already an averaged PDFs set to account for differences in PDFs and their uncertainties (especially for searches and Higgs physics)

- -> METAPDF set: based on the meta data from various PDF fitting groups
- -> CMC set: compressed PDFs using MC replicas



S. Carazza et al: arXiv:1505.06736



P. Nadolski, J. Gao

For any analysis where PDF systematics are important, one should not use combined sets, but use individual sets: to understand what drives PDF uncertainties, and to learn how to reduce them!

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W total	$\sigma=94.51\pm0.194\pm3.726~{\rm hb}~{\rm (data)}\\ {\rm FEWZ+HERA1.5~NNLO}~{\rm (theory)}$		4	4	0.035	PRD 85, 072004 (2012)
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VVE	$\sigma = 27.2 \pm 2.8 \pm 5.4 \text{ pb} (\text{data})$	X	Theory		20.3	ATLAS-CONF-2013-100
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total	MCFM (theory)	_ ^ L	HC pp \sqrt{s} = 8 TeV		20.3	ATEA3-GONF-2013-020
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* PDF discrimination
by confronting theory with data
* PDF improvement
by using LHC data
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Much of theory error is from PDFs —> it is crucial to improve our knowledge on PDFs Voica Radescu Marseille, 2015

The LHC measurements from Run1for PDFs





Low and high x are linked together at the LHC

- 1. W and Z production
- 2. W+c production
- 3. Drell-Yan: low and high invariant mass
- 4. Inclusive Jet, Di-Jet and Tri-jet production
- 5. Prompt Photon + Jets
- 6. Top, ttbar
- 7. W,Z +jets or ZpT

- --> valence, light sea quarks
- —> strange
- --> sea quarks at high-x, test evolution formalism at low x
- --> gluon and alphas
- —> gluon
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Flavour decomposition at LHC (EW bosons)

Inclusive cross sections of W and Z are well understood theoretically at NNLO
 exploit different PDF flavour sensitivity:



- * At the LHC, we can access PDFs at 7, 8, and now 13 TeV
 - * access to a different kinematic region in x which provides different PDF sensitivity

W charge asymmetry

- The interplay between the flavour asymmetries can be enhanced via ratio measurements:
 - W-asymmetry measurement
 - sensitive to uv, dv

$$\mathcal{A}^l_{\mathrm{W}} = rac{d\sigma_{W^+}/d\eta_{l^+} - d\sigma_{W^-}/d\eta_{l^-}}{d\sigma_{W^+}/d\eta_{l^+} + d\sigma_{W^-}/d\eta_{l^-}} \hspace{0.5cm} \mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{W}} pprox rac{u_v - d_v}{u+d_v}$$



- CMS measures directly the electron asymmetry data from 2011
- ATLAS differential measurements of W⁺ and W⁻ (combined muon and electron) based on 2010 data translated into charge asymmetry AI:
 - proper treatment of correlations are accounted for.
- LHCb extends the measurement to forward region
 Selection criteria are optimized for each experiment—> a challenge for data combination

W charge asymmetry

- The interplay between the flavour asymmetries can be enhanced via ratio measurements:
 - W-asymmetry measurement
 - sensitive to uv, dv





 A PDF fit of these CMS muon asymmetry data together with the combined HERA-I inclusive deep inelastic scattering (DIS) data shows the potential of the LHC data to constrain valence quarks

Neutral Current Drell Yan di-lepton measurements

 $L dt = 20.3 fb^{-1}$

Photon Top quarks Multi-Jet & W+Jets Diboson

> Δ₁₁ = 14 TeV 1. = 14 TeV

ee:

- Drell Yan Mass Spectra data are sensitive to new physics at high-scale and can give information on sea quark PDFs. • Data 2012 ATLAS Preliminary $\Box Z/\gamma^*$
 - High Mass: sensitive to sea quarks at high x

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Low Mass: sensitive to low x region (test of DGLAP?) **



Z Differential Cross Section (off resonance region)



Data is confronted with NNLO predictions corrected for NLO EW effects

- Currently predictions based on various PDFs give a good description
- for HM DY: the photon induced piece brings up to 4% effect at high mll —> can be used for extracting QED PDF
- for LM DY: highest order calculations must be used to describe data

13 TeV data can bring considerable improvement in the statistical uncertainty compared to Run 1 * can extend the measurement up to 3 TeV in di-lepton mass —> important coverage in x for PDFs

Strange quark from W, Z measurements at LHC

1.8

1.6

1.4

1.2

0.8

0.6 0.4

0.2 0

r_s(1.9 GeV²)

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NLO PDFs

10⁻²

MSTW08 ABKM09

NNPDF2.1

10⁻¹

🔶 HERAPDF1.5

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—>consistent with CT10

—>consistent with ATLAS-epWZ12 (PDF set from ATLAS Z, W inclusive) W

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Jet Production at the LHC

- Jet production at the highest scales may reveal new physics and the reliability of the predictions depends on how well we know the high-x gluon PDF
- * Jet production at LHC provides information about hard QCD, PDFs , strong coupling:
 —> PDFs and alphas depend on scale of the process (Pt of the jet)





- jet data can help to improve gluon in high-x region
- Data can be used in extracting strong coupling, however one limitation is that jet calculations are still only available to NLO and there is thus still a substantial scale dependence on predictions



Sensitivity to PDFs from Top Production

- Top-quark pair production at the LHC probes high-x gluon (x \approx 0.1): —> there is a strong correlation between g(x), α s and the top-quark mass mt
- Precise measurements of the total and differential (normalised and absolute) cross section of ttbar pair production can constrain and de-correlate α s, gluon, mt
 - compared with theory (NLO) using different PDFs

 NNLO theory calculations are becoming available ...





- QCD analysis with ATLAS and CMS ttbar data (together with HERA, Tevatron and W production data at LHC)
- moderate improvement of the uncertainty on the gluon
 distribution for x > 0.1 and significant change of the shape of the
 gluon distribution observed

Impact of LHC data on PDFs

Abundant LHC data with constraints on PDFs are investigated:



Compare global NNPDF3.0 fit with a fit without LHC data

PDF uncertainties on large-x gluon reduced due to top quark and jet data

PDF uncertainties on light quarks reduced from the Drell-Yan and W+charm data

The description of all new LHC data, already good in NNPDF2.3, is further improved in NNPDF3.0



Future proposals for better PDFs?

 Future Circular Collider project: ee, eh, hh (100 TeV proton) https://espace2013.cern.ch/fcc/Pages/default.aspx





* EIC project (JLAB/Brookhaven) and LHeC (CERN)





Summary



Many Thanks!

PDFs are very important as they still limit our knowledge of cross sections whether SM or BSM.

- HERA has finalised its separate measurements relevant to PDFs and has combined them into final measurements to reach its ultimate precision:
 - PDFs, mc, mb, alphas ...
- Standard Model LHC measurements can themselves contribute to PDF discrimination and PDF improvement:

... Many more valuable measurements are already available, but not covered in this talk ...

- More precision measurements from LHC to come from Run I and soon from Run 2:
 - The Run 2 is expected to impact PDFs by accessing a different kinematic region
- Future Facilities to further push our limits are being considered

back-up slides not necessarily useful ...

Jet measurements from Run 2

- Precise understanding of systematic uncertainties is essential if we want to use inclusive jet measurements in the PDF fits
- Jet measurements of 2015 bring a new kinematic reach with jet p_T up to 3.5 TeV, interesting to observe if it will help to further constrain PDFs
- Exploiting ratio measurements to better control the dominant JES uncertainty, as done for 2010 data:



- Other measurements:
 - Dijet invariant mass,
 - multijet measurements, etc..



Prompt Photon production at LHC

- Prompt photon data at LHC is sensitive to gluon content at high x
 - Dominantly via Compton-like process



- ATLAS study of the inclusive photon data sensitivity to parton distributions
 - data show potential to improve gluon distribution
 - currently limited by scale uncertainty



* large differences observed with theory (NLO) using different PDFs

Vector boson Pt spectrum at the LHC

- ATLAS and CMS both studied the Pt spectrum in rapidity bins
 - low Pt region: dominated by the emission of soft partons (resummation and shower models, fixed order calculations don't work)
 - high Pt region: quark-gluon scattering (PDFs)



sensitive data for W mass measurement, PDFs at high x

currently, limited by precision in theory (needs NNLO and EW corrections)

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Studies of theoretical uncertainties of Mw mass at the LHC ATL-PHYS-PUB-2014-015

The measurement of the mass of the W boson provides a stringent test of the SM

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- At the LHC, the best experimental precision on Mw might be achieved from the pT distribution of the charged electron/muon from leptonic decay of W:
- A quantitative study of the theoretical uncertainties due to the incomplete knowledge of the quark PDF, and to the uncertainties on the modelling of the low-pT region of W/Z bosons, was performed using HERAFitter platform.
 - Theoretical predictions is based on MCFM and CuTe (interfaced to APPLGRID)
 - A PDF set is generated using simply HERA I data to study the model variations (mc, strange) and propagated via chi2 profiling method to study the effect of PDF uncertainties



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ggH benchmark studies

- * Efforts in reducing the PDF uncertainties arising from discrepancy between PDF groups:
 - Benchmark comparisons of NNLO neutral current DIS cross sections (Exercise on HERA-I only data)



- * predictions from MSTW, CT, NNPDF and HERAPDF all consistent within PDF uncertainties
- however the tendency among NNPDF, MSTW and CT is maintained
- Next step:
 - * continue this exercise by adding additional experimental data sets into the PDF fits sequentially:
 - * benchmarking the theoretical predictions used by each group for the different observables -
 - ==> HERAFitter will continue to participate in these studies.

HERAFitter Program at glance

- HERAFitter code is a combination of C++ and Fortran 77 libraries with minimal dependencies and modular structure with interface to external packages:
 - QCDNUM for evolution of PDFs
- DIS inclusive processes in ep and fixed target
 - Different schemes of heavy quark treatment
 - VFNS, FFNS:
 - * OPENQCDRAD (ABM)
 - TR' (MSTW)
 - ACOT (CT)
 - Diffractive PDFs
 - Dipole Models
 - Unintegrated PDFs (TMDs)
- Jet production (ep, pp, ppbar)
 - FastNLO and APPLGRID techniques
- Drell-Yan processes (pp, ppbar)
 - * LO calculation x NLO k-factors
 - APPLGRID technique
- Top pair production
 - total inclusive ttbar cross sections (HATHOR)
 - differential (DiffTop approx NNLO via fastNLO grids)

- --enable-openmp enable openmp support --enable-trapFPE Stop of floating point errors (default=no) --enable-checkBounds add -fbounds-check flag for compilation (default=no) --enable-nnpdfWeight use NNPDF weighting (default=no) --enable-lhapdf use lhapdf (default=no) --enable-applgrid use applgrid for fast pdf convolutions (default=no) --enable-genetic use genetic for general minimia search (defaults=no) --enable-hathor use hathor for ttbar cross section predictions (default=no)
- --enable-updf
 --enable-doc
- use uPDF evolution (default=no) Build documentation (default=no)

Experimental Data	Process	Reaction	Theory schemes calculations
HERA, Fixed Target	DIS NC	$ep \rightarrow eX$ $\mu p \rightarrow \mu X$	TR', ACOT, ZM (QCDNUM), FFN (OPENQCDRAD, QCDNUM), TMD (uPDFevolv)
HERA	DIS CC	$ep \rightarrow v_e X$	ACOT, ZM (QCDNUM), FFN (OPENQCDRAD)
	DIS jets	$ep \rightarrow e \text{ jets}X$	NLOJet++ (fastNLO)
	DIS heavy quarks	$ep \rightarrow ec\bar{c}X, \\ ep \rightarrow eb\bar{b}X$	TR', ACOT, ZM (QCDNUM), FFN (OPENQCDRAD, QCDNUM)
Tevatron, LHC	Drell-Yan	$pp(\bar{p}) \rightarrow l\bar{l}X,$ $pp(\bar{p}) \rightarrow l\nu X$	MCFM (APPLGRID)
	top pair	$pp(\bar{p}) \rightarrow t\bar{t}X$	MCFM (APPLGRID), HATHOR, DiffTop
	single top	$\begin{array}{c} pp(\bar{p}) \rightarrow t l \nu X, \\ pp(\bar{p}) \rightarrow t X, \\ pp(\bar{p}) \rightarrow t W X \end{array}$	MCFM (APPLGRID)
	jets	$pp(\bar{p}) \rightarrow \text{jets}X$	NLOJet++ (APPLGRID), NLOJet++ (fastNLO)
LHC	DY heavy quarks	$pp \rightarrow VhX$	MCFM (APPLGRID)

Longitudinal Structure Function

Longitudinal structure function FL is a pure QCD effect:

--> an independent way to probe sensitivity to gluon

Direct measurement of FL at HERA required differential cross sections at same x and Q^2 but different y —> different beam energies: Ep= 460, 575, 920 GeV

 $F_{L} = \frac{\alpha_{s}}{4\pi} x^{2} \int_{x}^{1} \frac{dz}{z^{3}} \left| \frac{16}{3} F_{2} \right| + 8 \sum_{q} e_{q}^{2} (1 - \frac{x}{z}) zg(z)$

quarks

radiating a gluon

aluons

splitting into guarks



Heavy Flavour Production at HERA

- Heavy Flavour (HF) production: multi-hard scales pose a challenge for pQCD
 - * m_c , m_b , p_T , Q^2 —> several calculations (schemes) exist
 - * Zero-Mass Variable Flavour Number Scheme (ZMVFNS) massless scheme
 - * Fixed Flavour Number Scheme (FFNS) massive scheme
 - * General-Mass Variable Flavour Number Scheme (GM-VFNS) matched scheme
- Main process of heavy quark production at HERA is Boson Gluon Fusion

- Measurements of heavy quarks:
 - * are sensitive to the gluon PDF
 - * are sensitive to the masses of the heavy quarks
 - are sensitive to the fragmentation process of heavy flavour hardons



F2 charm Structure Function

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- * Rates at HERA in DIS regime $\sigma(b) : \sigma(c) \approx O(1\%) : O(20\%)$ of σ_{TOT}
 - Charm data combination is performed at charm cross sections level:
 - they are obtained from xsec in visible phase space and extrapolated to full space



New Measurement of Charm Mass Running

H1-prelim-14-071 ZEUS-prel-14-006 and S. Moch

The running of the charm mass in the MS scheme is measured for the first time from the same HERA combined charm data:

- Extract m_c(m_c) in 6 separate kinematic regions
- Translate back to $m_c(\mu)$ [with $\mu = \sqrt{Q^2 + 4m_c^2}$] using OpenQCDrad [S.Alekhin's code].



Running beauty mass from F2b

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- The value of the running beauty mass is obtained using HERAFitter (via OPENQCDRAD):
 - chi2 scan method from QCD fits in FFN scheme to the combined HERA I inclusive data + beauty measurements, beauty-quark mass is defined in the MS scheme.



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Transverse Momentum Distributions

QCD applications to multiple-scale scattering problems and complex final-state observables require in general formulations of factorisation which involve transverse-momentum dependent (TMD) - or known also as unintegrated PDFs.

$$\sigma_j(x,Q^2) = \int_x^1 dz \int d^2k_t \; \hat{\sigma}_j(x,Q^2,z,k_t) \; \mathcal{A}\left(z,k_t,\mu
ight) \; .$$

a convolution in both longitudinal and transverse momenta of TMD with off-shell partonic matrix elements

HERAFitte

Fits to combined measurements of proton's structure functions from HERA using transverse momentum dependent QCD factorisation and CCFM evolution is performed using HERAFitter platform



The extracted gluon TMD with experimental and theory uncertainty [JH-2013-set1] is then used as ** prediction to vector boson+jet production process at the LHC [Phys. Rev. D 85 (2012) 092002.]

- This process is important both for SM physics and for new physics searches at the LHC **
- Results compare well with the measurements of jet multiplicities and transverse momentum spectra within the pdf uncertainties Voica Radescu | 🙀 | PDF4LHC |CERN

QCD Settings for HERAPDF2.0

The QCD settings are optimised for HERA measurements of proton structure functions: PDFs are parametrised at the starting scale $Q_0^2 = 1.9$ GeV² as follows:

 $\begin{aligned} xg(x) &= A_g x^{B_g} (1-x)^{C_g} - A'_g x^{B'_g} (1-x)^{C'_g}, \\ xu_v(x) &= A_{u_v} x^{B_{u_v}} (1-x)^{C_{u_v}} \left(1 + D_{u_v} x + E_{u_v} x^2\right), \\ xd_v(x) &= A_{d_v} x^{B_{d_v}} (1-x)^{C_{d_v}}, \\ x\bar{U}(x) &= A_{\bar{U}} x^{B_{\bar{U}}} (1-x)^{C_{\bar{U}}} \left(1 + D_{\bar{U}} x\right), \\ x\bar{D}(x) &= A_{\bar{D}} x^{B_{\bar{D}}} (1-x)^{C_{\bar{D}}}. \end{aligned}$

fixed or constrained by sum-rules parameters set equal but free NC structure functions

$$F_2 = \frac{4}{9} \left(xU + x\bar{U} \right) + \frac{1}{9} \left(xD + x\bar{D} \right)$$

$$xF_3 \sim xu_v + xd_v$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathsf{CC \ structure \ functions} \\ W_2^- = x(U+\overline{D})\,, & W_2^+ = x(\overline{U}+D) \\ xW_3^- = x(U-\overline{D})\,, & xW_3^+ = x(D-\overline{U})\,. \end{array}$$

Due to increased precision of data, more flexibility in functional form is allowed —> 15 free parameters

- PDFs are evolved via evolution equations (DGLAP) to NLO and NNLO (as(MZ)=0.118)
- Thorne-Roberts GM-VFNS for heavy quark coefficient functions as used in MSTW
- Chi2 definition used in the minimisation [MINUIT] accounts for correlated uncertainties:

$$\chi_{tot}^{2}(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{b}) = \sum_{i} \frac{[\mu^{i} - m^{i}(1 - \sum_{j} \gamma_{j}^{i} b_{j})]^{2}}{\delta_{i,stat}^{2} \mu^{i} m^{i}(1 - \sum_{j} \gamma_{j}^{i} b_{j}) + (\delta_{i,unc} m^{i})^{2}} + \sum_{j} b_{j}^{2} + \sum_{i} \ln \frac{\delta_{i,unc}^{2} m_{i}^{2} + \delta_{i,stat}^{2} \mu^{i} m^{i}}{\delta_{i,unc}^{2} \mu_{i}^{2} + \delta_{i,stat}^{2} \mu_{i}^{2}}$$

HERA ep collider (1992-2007) @ DESY H1 and ZEUS experiments at HERA collected ~1/fb of data ** Ep=460/575/820/920 GeV and Ee=27.5 GeV **Neutral Current** event sample in H1 detector * Charged Current event sample in ZEUS detector NC: $e p \rightarrow e' X$ CC: $e p \rightarrow v_a X$ γ/Z р Date 19/09/1995 Run 122145 Event 69506 $Q^2 = \overline{25030 \,\, { m GeV}^2, \ \ y = 0.56, \ \ M = 211 \,\, { m GeV}}$ Ee

 $E_t/\text{GeV} E_p$

Determination of the Event Kinematics:

- using lepton information (E_e', $\theta_e)$

Ee

eH15

- using hadronic final state particles
- using both lepton and hadronic final state variables

et



Parton Distribution Functions

Parton Model was introduced by Feynman (1969) to explain the Bjorken scaling:





Concept of Scaling:

if proton is made up from point-like particles, then the cross section becomes approximately independent on the scale; [as we know, later with higher resolving power scaling violations were proven]

inelastic scattering with nucleon is viewed as elastic scattering between lepton and a point-like constituent of the target – partons (non-interacting) – explicitly assumed to be spin-1/2 particles



Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs): Each parton carries the fraction x with a probability q(x)

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dxdQ^2}\right)_{ep \to eX} = \sum_i \int dx e_i^2 q_i(x) \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dxdQ^2}\right)_{eq_i \to eq_i}$$

Enhanced Strange

CT10 vs ATLAS_epWZ



DIS Cross Sections

- Differential cross section is experimentally measured: theory meets the experiment
- Factorisable nature of interaction: Inclusive scattering cross section is a product of leptonic and hadronic tensors times propagator characteristic of the exchanged particle:

Leptonic tensor: related to the coupling of the lepton with the exchanged boson

- contains the electromagnetic or the weak couplings
- can be calculated exactly in the standard electroweak $U(1) \times SU(2)$ theory.

Hadronic tensor: related to the interaction of the exchanged boson with proton

• can't be calculated, but only be reduced to a sum of structure functions:

$$\mathbf{W}^{\alpha\beta} = -\mathbf{g}^{\alpha\beta}\mathbf{W}_1 + \frac{\mathbf{p}^{\alpha}\mathbf{p}^{\beta}}{\mathbf{M}^2}\mathbf{W}_2 - \frac{\mathbf{i}\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}\mathbf{p}_{\gamma}\mathbf{q}_{\delta}}{2\mathbf{M}^2}\mathbf{W}_3 + \frac{\mathbf{q}^{\alpha}\mathbf{q}^{\beta}}{\mathbf{M}^2}\mathbf{W}_4 + \frac{\mathbf{p}^{\alpha}\mathbf{q}^{\beta} + \mathbf{p}^{\beta}\mathbf{q}^{\alpha}}{\mathbf{M}^2}\mathbf{W}_5 + \frac{\mathbf{i}(\mathbf{p}^{\alpha}\mathbf{q}^{\beta} - \mathbf{p}^{\beta}\mathbf{q}^{\alpha})}{2\mathbf{M}^2}\mathbf{W}_6$$

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dxdQ^2} = A^i \left\{ (1 - y - \frac{x^2y^2M^2}{Q^2})F_2^i + y^2xF_1^i \mp (y - \frac{y^2}{2})xF_3^i \right\}$$

Aⁱ: process dependent

~m_{lepton}

- Extraction of PDFs relies on the factorisation: $\sigma = \hat{\sigma} \otimes PDF$
- Typical measurements sensitive to PDFs are precise, with statistical uncertainties < 10%, so they follow normal distribution —> use of χ^2 minimisation for PDF extraction.

Main Steps:

Parametrise PDFs at a starting scale

HERAPDF style has standard polynomial form: $xf_j(x) = A_j x^{B_j} (1-x)^{C_j} P_j(x)$

where $P_j(x) = (1 + \epsilon \sqrt{x} + Dx + Ex^2)$ for HERA PDF style, or $P_j(x) = e^{a_3x}(1 + e^{a_4}x + e^{a_5}x^2)$ for CTEQ PDF style A: overall normalisation B: small x behavior C: $x \rightarrow 1$ shape

Bi Log-Normal Distribution style: $xf_j(x) = a_j x^{p_j - b_j \log(x)} (1-x)^{q_j - d_j \log(1-x)}$

Chebyshev is a flexible parametrisation (polynomials with argument log(x)) which can be employed for the gluon and sea distributions (see A. Glazov, S. Moch, and V. Radescu, Phys. Lett. B 1149 695, 238 (2011), [arXiv:1009.6170])

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DY integration code:

Simple LO cross section formulae: DY NC: $pp \rightarrow Z/\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\gamma}^{2}}{dMdydcos\theta^{*}} = N_{c}C_{q\bar{q}}^{2}\frac{8\alpha^{2}}{3M^{3}}\tau$$

$$\times \sum_{q}e_{q}^{2}f_{q}(x_{1},M)f_{\bar{q}}(x_{2},M)F_{q\bar{q}}(1+\cos^{2}\theta^{*},\cos\theta^{*})$$
DY CC: $pp \rightarrow W^{\pm} \rightarrow e^{\pm}\nu$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{W^{\pm}}^{3}}{dMdydcos\theta^{*}} = \frac{\pi\alpha^{2}}{48s_{W}^{4}}M\tau \frac{(1-\cos\theta^{*})^{2}}{(M^{2}-M_{W}^{2})^{2}+\Gamma_{W}^{2}M_{W}^{2}}$$

$$\times \sum_{qq'}V_{qq'}f_{q}(x_{1},M)f_{q'}(x_{2},M)$$
Theory:

necessary to have fast tools (APPLGRID, FASTNLO) 59

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Covariance Matrix Representation:

 $\chi^{2}(m) = \sum_{i,k} (m_{i} - \mu_{i}) C_{ik}^{-1}(m_{k} - \mu_{k})$ is $C_{ik}^{-1}(stat), C_{ik}^{-1}(syst)$ or $C_{ik}^{-1}(stat) + C_{ik}^{-1}(syst)$

Mixed form representation:

$$\chi^{2}_{\exp}(\boldsymbol{m}, \boldsymbol{b}) = \sum_{ij} \left(m^{i} - \sum_{l} \Gamma^{i}_{l}(m^{i})b_{l} - \mu^{i} \right) C^{-1} {}_{ij}(m^{i}, m^{j}) \left(m^{j} - \sum_{l} \Gamma^{j}_{l}(m^{j})b_{l} - \mu^{j} \right) + \sum_{l} b_{l}^{2}$$

 $\chi^2_{min}/N_{D,F} \approx 1$ if model is consistent with the data.

Nuisance parameter case:

$$\chi^{2}(m,b) = \sum_{i} \frac{\left[\mu_{i} - m_{i}\left(1 - \sum_{j} \gamma_{j}^{i} b_{j}\right)\right]^{2}}{\delta_{i,\text{unc}}^{2} m_{i}^{2} + \delta_{i,\text{stat}}^{2} \mu_{i} m_{i}\left(1 - \sum_{j} \gamma_{j}^{i} b_{j}\right)} + \sum_{j} b_{j}^{2} + \log \text{ penalty}$$

 $\delta_{i,\mathrm{stat}} \, \delta_{i,\mathrm{uncor}}$ are relative statistical and uncor related systematic uncertainties of the measurement i

 $\gamma^i_{\ i}$ quantifies the sensitivity of the measurement to the correlated systematic source j

nuisance parameter

→ for more details see e.g. HERAPDF1.9, JHEP 1001, 109 (2010)

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- extract PDFs, and build predictions based on PDFs



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DIS Cross Sections

General Form for the Differential cross section:

 $T = \sum (m \pi m \pi)$

QCD scaling and EW effects

EW effects clearly seen at high Q2:

QCD scaling violations nicely seen:





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- * 4 type of processes accessed at HERA: Neutral Current and Charged Current ep



• using both lepton and hadronic final state variables

$$s=4E_eE_p$$

 $Q^2=E_eE'(1+\cos heta_e)$
 $y=1-rac{E'}{E_e}rac{1}{2}(1-\cos heta_e)$
 $x=rac{Q^2}{sy}$

Modern understanding of PDFs

Different types of PDF uncertainties are considered:

* Experimental:

- Hessian method used: MSTW, CT, ABM, JR, HERAPDF, CJ..
 - * Consistent data sets \rightarrow use $\Delta \chi^2 = 1$ (HERAPDF, ABM, ...) or larger tolerance (MMHT, CT)
- Monte Carlo Method: replicas of data (NNPDF)
- Method consists in preparing replicas of data sets allowing the central values of the cross sections to fluctuate within their systematic and statistical uncertainties taking into account all point to point correlations [A.Glazov and VR, HERA-LHC proceedings, arXiV:0901.2504, page 41-42]
 - Shift central values randomly within the <u>uncorrelated errors</u> assuming Gauss distribution of the errors:

 $\sigma_i = \sigma_i (1 + \delta_i^{uncorr} RAND_i)$

• Shift central values with the same probability of the corresponding <u>correlated systematic</u> shift assuming Gauss distribution of the errors:

$$\sigma_{i} = \sigma_{i}(1 + \delta_{i}^{uncorr}RAND_{i} + \sum_{j}^{N_{sys}} \delta_{ij}^{corr}RAND_{j})$$

- Preparation of the data is repeated for N times (N>100)
 - For each MC replica, NLO QCD fit is performed to extract the N PDF sets
- Errors on the PDFs are estimated from the RMS of the spread of the N curves corresponding to the N individual extracted PDFs