Inclusive Cross Sections at HERA and Determinations of F_L

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HERA: 15 years of operation (1992–2007)





located at DESY, Hamburg peak luminosity 5 10^{31} cm⁻² sec⁻¹ $Q^2_{max} = 10^5 GeV^2$ $\lambda_{min} \sim 1/1000 r_{proton}$ longitudinal e-beam polarisation

H1+ZEUS in total ~1 fb⁻¹

about equally shared between

- experiments (H1, ZEUS)
- e⁺ and e⁻,
- positive and negative P_e

low proton energy running for ${\rm F}_{\rm L}$

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Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS)



$Q^2 = -q^2 = -(k-k')^2$	virtuality of γ^* , Z ⁰ , W
$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{Q}^2 / 2(\mathbf{P}\mathbf{q})$	Bjorken x
$\mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{P}\mathbf{q})/(\mathbf{P}\mathbf{k})$	inelasticity

 $\mathbf{Q}^2 = \mathbf{s} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{y} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{s} = (\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{P})^2$

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Neutral Current (NC): $e^{\pm}p \rightarrow e^{\pm}X$



Charged Current (CC): $e^{\pm}p \rightarrow v X$



Factorisation:

 $\sigma_{DIS} \sim \hat{\sigma} \otimes pdf(x)$

 σ – perturbative QCD cross section pdf – universal parton distribution functions

Inclusive NC and CC at HERA



$$\begin{split} \tilde{\sigma}_{NC}^{\pm} &\equiv \frac{d^2 \sigma_{NC}^{e^{\pm}p}}{dx dQ^2} \frac{xQ^4}{2\pi \alpha^2} \frac{1}{Y_+} \equiv \tilde{F}_2 - \frac{y^2}{Y_+} \tilde{F}_L \mp \frac{Y_-}{Y_+} x \tilde{F}_3 \\ F_2(x,Q^2) &= x \sum A_i(q_i + \bar{q}_i) \quad xF_3(x,Q^2) = x \sum B_i(q_i - \bar{q}_i) \\ F_L &= F_2 - 2xF_1 = 0 \quad (\text{QPM}) \quad Y_{\pm} = 1 \pm (1 - y)^2 \\ \tilde{\sigma}_{CC} &= \frac{2\pi x}{G_F^2} \left[\frac{M_W^2 + Q^2}{M_W^2} \right]^2 \frac{d^2 \sigma_{CC}}{dx dQ^2} \\ \tilde{\sigma}_{CC}^+ \sim (x\overline{u} + x\overline{c}) + (1 - y)^2 (xd + xs) \\ \tilde{\sigma}_{CC}^- \sim (xu + xc) + (1 - y)^2 (xd + x\overline{s}) \end{split}$$

Large number of individual data sets from H1 and ZEUS, covering different parts of the phase space, obtained in different periods, using different detector components, different beam energies, ...

 \rightarrow combine

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Combination of H1 and ZEUS

The goal is to have "the unique HERA data set" which includes expert knowledge in the treatment of the correlations between many individual data sets from H1 and ZEUS \rightarrow most precise, complete and easy in use

Combine inclusive unpolarised NC & CC cross sections from H1 and ZEUS at HERA I (1994-2000) \rightarrow all HERA I analyses are completed and published.

Exploit differences between H1 and ZEUS in detectors, methods and systematics to "cross-calibrate" and hence to reduce the systematic uncertainties. °

- for each channel move measured points to a common $x-Q^2$ grid
- correct $E_{pbeam}{=}820~GeV$ data to $E_{pbeam}{=}920~GeV$ average H1 and ZEUS points at given x,Q^2 at y < 0.35
- keep all data points at y > 0.35, modifying them to account for the determined shifts in the correlated systematic sources.

The averaging exploits a concept of correlated syst. errors, assuming that systematic uncertainties are proportional to expected values and statistical uncertainties are defined by $\sqrt{}$ of expected number of events:

$$\chi^{2}_{\exp}(\boldsymbol{m}, \boldsymbol{b}) = \sum_{i} \frac{\left[m^{i} - \sum_{j} \gamma^{i}_{j} m^{i} b_{j} - \mu^{i}\right]^{2}}{\delta^{2}_{i,\text{stat}} \mu^{i} \left(m^{i} - \sum_{j} \gamma^{i}_{j} m^{i} b_{j}\right) + \left(\delta_{i,\text{uncor}} m^{i}\right)^{2}} + \sum_{j} b_{j}^{2}$$



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combined data set:

110 corr. syst. sources from individual data sets

3 correlated errors from averaging procedure:

- difference between "multiplicative" treatment of errors and "additive"
- photoproduction background
- hadronic energy scale

more than just double statistics:

→ significant reduction of systematics and little difference then how to treat 110 corr. syst. sources in QCD fits - the simplest approach is to added them in quadrature to the uncorrelated errors

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Combination of HERA I and HERA II

The combination is extended to include unpolarised NC, CC high Q² data from HERA II : HERA I+II, $e^{\pm}p$ NC, CC $\chi^2/ndf = 967/1032$

> \rightarrow for polarised effects in NC, CC and xF₃ see talks of S. Habib, T. Stewart \rightarrow for EW&QCD fit of polarised data see talk of E. Rizvi



HERA I vs HERA I+II



- inclusion of the HERA II high Q² data improves precision at high Q² and high x

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HERAPDF: QCD Fits using HERA data only

PDFs : xg, xuv, xdv, xS (xS=xUbar+xDbar) at the scale $Q^2 = 10$ GeV2



 inclusion of the HERA II high Q² data improves uncertainties of PDFs in the high x region especially visible for the valence quark distributions

> → for HERAPDF NLO/NNLO inclusive, with jets, and with F_2^{cc} see talk of A. M. Cooper-Sarkar

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The longitudinal structure function $F_L(x,Q^2)$

- F_L is a pure QCD effect which allows to make critical tests of

- the perturbative QCD framework used for pdf determinations
- F_L is directly sensitive to gluon density

in QPM

due to helicity and angular momentum conservation for spin $\frac{1}{2}$ quarks

> $F_L = F_2 - 2xF_1 = 0$ Callan-Gross relation

in QCD:

$$F_L(x,Q^2) = \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} x^2 \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z^3} \left[\frac{16}{3} F_2 + 8 \sum_q e_q^2 (1 - \frac{x}{z}) \cdot xg \right]$$

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$$\tilde{\sigma}_{NC} = F_2 - \frac{y^2}{1 + (1 - y)^2} F_L$$

→ F_L and F_2 can be determined from linear fits at each x and Q^2



into account correlation of systematic errors

Combination of the H1 and ZEUS F_L data



F_L measurements at HERA and QCD predictions

Using backward silicon tracker (BST) H1 extended F_L measurements down to $Q^2 \ge 1.5 \text{ GeV}^2$



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- perfect description of the F_L data by QCD at $Q^2 \ge 10 \text{ GeV}^2$ - large spread/uncertainty of the QCD predictions at low Q^2 $\rightarrow F_L$ data are a valuable input to the QCD fits

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The Ratio $R = F_L / (F_2 - F_L)$



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Summary

- Combination of the H1 and ZEUS inclusive NC and CC e[±]p data
 - HERA I: all inclusive results are published and combined using a model independent approach leading to significant reduction of systematic uncertainties
 - HERA I+II: extension of the combination to include HERA II data leads to improved precision at high Q^2 and high x

→ the combined data sets have small errors (down to ~1%) and used to make HERAPDF fits (HERAPDF1.0, HERAPDF1.5, ...) with inclusive HERA data alone and including jets and charm data

- The low proton beam energy data are used to measure the longitudinal structure function $\rm F_{\rm L}$
 - combination of the H1 and ZEUS $F_{\rm L}$ data for 2.5 \leq $\rm Q^2$ \leq 800 $\rm GeV^2$
 - H1 extended the $F_{\rm L}$ measurement down to Q^2 \geq 1.5 ${\rm GeV^2}$
 - \rightarrow HERA data are consistent with R = $F_L / (F_2 F_L) = 0.26 + 0.05$

