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THE STRUCTURE OF THE PROTON IN THE LHC HERA

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Outline

- Motivation
- What PDFs are
- The NNPDF approach
- Experimental constraints on PDFs and theoretical accuracy
- Beyond the state of the art

- Hadron colliders regarded as discovery machines, while lepton colliders seen as precision machines for characterisation
- <u>LHC</u>: change of paradigm, getting close to precision physics at pp collider, thanks to theoretical and experimental progress
- 20 years of exciting LHC physics in front of us and perturbative QCD could be the key for new discoveries



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Are there new particles within the reach of LHC Run-II?

- Need robust search strategies not to miss any signal
- Need solid predictions for SM background to establish significance and characterise it





Beyond state-of-the-art theoretical predictions are the key for success

Why PDFs? Motivation

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2a) The role of PDF uncertainty

Example in Higgs physics...



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2b) The role of PDF uncertainty



Beenakker et al. arXiv 1510.00375

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What PDFs are

Collinear Factorisation Theorem

$$\frac{d\sigma_H^{pp\to ab}}{dX} = \sum_{i,j=1}^{N_f} f_i(x_1,\mu_F) f_j(x_2,\mu_F) \frac{d\sigma_H^{ij\to ab}}{dX} (x_1 x_2 S_{\text{had}},\alpha_s(\mu_R),\mu_F) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^{2n}}{S_{\text{had}}^n}\right)$$



- PDFs cannot be computed in perturbative QCD but they are universal and their evolution with Q² is predicted by pQCD by mean of DGLAP evolution equations
- They can be extracted from available experimental data and used as a phenomenological input for theory predictions

DGLAP evolution equations

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$$\mu^2 \frac{\partial f(x,\mu^2)}{\partial \mu^2} = \int_z^1 \frac{dz}{z} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P(z) f\left(\frac{x}{z},\mu^2\right)$$

Dokshitzer, Gribov, Lipatov, Altarelli, Parisi renormalization group equations

LO - Dokshitzer; Gribov, Lipatov; Altarelli, Parisi, 1977

NLO - Floratos,Ross,Sachrajda; Floratos,Lacaze,Kounnas, Gonzalez-Arroyo,Lopez,Yndurain; Curci,Furmanski Petronzio, 1981

NNLO - Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt, 2004

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The PDF extraction process

- Choose **experimental data** to fit
- Theory settings: factorization scheme, perturbative order, heavy quark mass scheme, EW corrections
- Choose a starting scale where pQCD applies Q₀
- Parametrise quarks and gluon distributions at the starting scale
- Solve DGLAP equations from initial scale to scales of experimental data and build up **observables**
- Fit PDFs to data
- Provide error sets to compute PDF uncertainties

$$\sigma_{\mathcal{F}} = \left(\sum_{k=1}^{N_{\text{set}}} \left(\mathcal{F}[\{f^{(k)}\}] - \mathcal{F}[\{f^{(0)}\}]\right)^2\right)^{1/2}$$

error sets central set

mem > 1

mem = 0



LHAPDF interface <u>http://lhapdf.hepforge.org</u>



Not as simple as it may look (I)

$$\langle \mathcal{F}[f_{\{i\}}(x)] \rangle = \int [\mathcal{D}f] \mathcal{F}[f_{\{i\}}(x)] \mathcal{P}[f_{\{i\}}(x)]$$

- Given a finite number of experimental point want a set of functions with error
- Standard approach: project into a n-dimensional space of parameters and use linear approximation around the minimum of the χ^2 (Hessian method)

$$f_i(x, Q_0^2) = a_0 x^{a_1} (1 - x)^{a_2} P(x, a_3, a_4, \dots)$$

• Possible issues:

(I) Linear approximation and Gaussian assumption(II) Tolerance > 1 equivalent to blow up uncertainties

• $\Delta \chi^2 = 1$, ABKM fits and HERA (non global) • $\Delta \chi^2 = 10$ [CT10], $\Delta \chi^2 \sim 7.5$ [MRST2001], dynamical tolerance [MSTW08], $3 < \Delta \chi^2 < 5$ • Uncertainty inflated by a factor 2/5?



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(III) Parametrisation: what is the error associated to a given functional form? If it is not flexible enough PDFs may be not able to adapt to new data or present unrealistically small errors where data do not constrain PDF uncertainties



A steady progress





PDG "Structure Functions"2013

< 2002: sets without uncertainty</p>

• 2003-2004: first MRST, CTEQ, Alekhin sets with uncertainties

• 2004-now: huge progress made in statistical and theoretical understand, new players

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The N(eural)N(etwork)PDFs:

- Monte Carlo techniques: sampling the probability measure in PDF functional space
- Neural Networks: all independent PDFs are associated to an unbiased and flexible parametrization: O(300) parameters versus O(20) in polynomial parametrization

Precise error estimate not driven by theoretical prejudice
 Statistical interpretation of uncertainty bands

Advantages



- No need to add new parameters when new data are included
- Reliable estimate of theoretical uncertainties not driven by parametrisation bias
- Possibility to include data via reweighting: no need to refit





Determinations of the weak mixing angle $sin^2 \theta_W$

A fast-pace growth

2008

2016 First PDF set with fitted charm <u>2015</u> First PDF set with threshold resummation 2014 First PDF set with methodology validated with closure test First PDF set with fitted photon PDF 2013 First PDF set with LHC data 2012 **Reweighting PDFs** Heavy quark mass effects 201 Determination of $\alpha_{\rm S}$ from PDF fit 2010 First NNPDF global set <u>2009</u> Determination of the proton strangeness: solved NuTeV anomaly First NNPDF set - only DIS data

Example: resummed PDFs

fixed order

<u>all order</u> (L = some large logarithm)



• Various kinds of logs:

L = log (1-x)threshold (soft-gluon) resummationBall et al, JHEP09(2015)091L = log (1/x)high-energy (small-x) resummationL = log (pT/M)transverse momentum resummation

Example: resummed PDFs



- Threshold-resumed PDFs will be suppressed as compared to fixed-order PDFs
- Mostly due to enhancement of NLO+NLL xsecs used in the fir of DIS structure functions and DY distributions
- This suppression partially or totally compensates enhancements in partonic cross sections
- Phenomenologically relevant for new physics processes

Experimental constraints and theoretical accuracy



NC
$$F_1^{\gamma, Z} = \sum_i e_i^2 (q_i + \bar{q}_i)$$

CC $F_1^{W^+} = \bar{u} + d + s + \bar{c}$
CC $-F_3^{W^+}/2 = \bar{u} - d - s + \bar{c}$
 $F_2 = 2xF_1$

HERA DIS data

- Backbone of any PDF fit
- Structure functions known up to order a_S³
- Constrain q, qbar at 10⁻⁴
- Constrain g at small and moderate x



 $x > 10^{-2}$



• Ubar and Dbar separation





Jet data

Constrain quarks and gluons at large x

 So far cross section known only at NLO + threshold approximation

The LHC data



PDFs

PDF uncertainties are a crucial input at the LHC, often being the limiting factor in the accuracy of theoretical predictions, both SM and BSM



LHC

Exploit the power of precise LHC data to reduce PDF uncertainties and discriminate among PDF sets

The LHC data

<u>Inclusive jets and dijets</u> (medium/large x) Isolated photon and γ+jets (medium/large x) <u>Top pair production</u> (large x) <u>High p_T V(+jets) distribution</u> (small/medium x)

High p_T W(+jets) ratios (medium/large x) W and Z production (medium x) Low and high mass Drell-Yan (small and large x) Wc (strangeness at medium x)

Low and high mass Drell-Yan WW production



New constraints on PDFs







- PDF uncertainty of large-x gluon reduced by inclusion of jet and top data
- Uncertainty of light quarks at small x reduced by DY data and W+c

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Pure EW C-factors included in theoretical predictions at NLO and NNLO in NNPDF30 fit



$$C_{\text{fact}}^{\text{NNLO}} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{\text{NNLO}} \otimes f_{\text{NNLO}}^{i}}{\hat{\sigma}_{\text{NLO}} \otimes f_{\text{NNLO}}^{i}}$$
$$C_{\text{fact}}^{\text{EW}} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{\text{NLO}+\text{EW}} \otimes f_{\text{NLO}}^{i}}{\hat{\sigma}_{\text{NLO}} \otimes f_{\text{NLO}}^{i}}$$

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Correlation between photon PDF and cross sections

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DIS



DIS+LHC

A final remark

Q: As more data at higher energy will be released, how can we make sure that we will not absorb new physics in the PDFs?

- Inconsistencies between data that enter a global PDF analysis can distort statistical interpretation of PDF uncertainties
- Inconsistency of any individual dataset with the bulk of global fit may suggest that its understanding (theory or experiment) is incomplete
- Set of conservative partons based on measure of consistency are crucial to systematically study inclusion of new data



NNPDF collaboration, JHEP04(2015)040





Introduce a way to measure residual **theoretical uncertainty** in PDF fits

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- PDF fits are all made at a given theoretical accuracy (fixed order perturbative QCD)
- PDF uncertainties only reflect lack of information from data given the theory
- Changes in theory may cause shifts outside the error band: lack of accuracy!
- No longer an option!

Exploit precise **LHC data** to reduce PDF uncertainties

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The higher the energy regime, the more theory boundaries are probed The smaller the experimental uncertainty, the more crucial is theory uncertainty

Conclusions

- Parton Distribution Functions are an essential ingredient for LHC phenomenology
- Accurate PDFs are required for precision SM measurements, Higgs characterisation and New Physics searches
- Fast progress in recent months, new PDF sets, inclusion of new data, more solid theory and methodology
- The NNPDF approach provides parton distributions based on a robust, unbiased methodology, the most updated theoretical information and all the relevant hard scattering data including LHC data
- Still a lot of work ahead!

- * Fast interface to NNLO observables
- * N(N)LO+NLO EW fits with initial photon
- * Effect of parton shower resummation in PDF fits
- * Small-x resummation
- * Definition of theoretical uncertainties in PDF fits
 - *Statistically-sound PDF
 - combination
 - Closure tests and measure of data consistency
 - * HERA I+II combination
 - * Loads of new data from LHC and new observables to be investigated