





# The Structure of the Proton in the Higgs Boson Era

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# **Exploring the high-energy frontier: The Large Hadron Collider**



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### Particle Physics in the headlines

- **The Higgs Boson** is the most important discovery in particle physics in 25 years
- The Higgs completes the **extremely successful** Standard Model of particle physics, but at the same time opens a number of crucial questions for the field that we need to address
- The LHC will play a crucial role in exploring the energy frontier in the next 20 years

#### El CERN anuncia el descubrimiento de una partícula que podría ser el bosón de Higgs

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## The inner life of the protons

- The Large Hadron Collider collides proton, but these are not fundamental particles: really what the LHC is doing is colliding quarks and gluons
- ✓ The distribution of momentum that the quarks and gluons carry is quantified by the Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs), determined by non-perturbative dynamics: cannot be computed from first principles and need to be extracted from experimental data
- An accurate determination of PDFs is of paramount importance to be able to do precision physics at hadronic colliders as the LHC



### LHC collisions in a nutshell



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### LHC collisions in a nutshell



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### QCD: The Toolbox for Discoveries at the LHC

The days of "guaranteed" discoveries or of no-lose theorems in particle physics are over, at least for the time being ....

.... but the big questions of our field remain wild open (hierarchy problem, flavour, neutrinos, DM, BAU, .... ) Mangano, Aspen 14

This simply implies that, more than for the past 30 years, future HEP's progress is to be driven by experimental exploration, possibly renouncing/reviewing deeply rooted theoretical bias

Improving our **quantitative understanding of the Standard Model** is essential in this new era for HEP, where we need to hunt, unbiased, **for answers to the big questions of our field** Now, more than ever, **sharpening our QCD tools** could be the **key for new discoveries at the LHC** 



Prime example: extraction of Higgs couplings from LHC data soon to be limited by QCD uncertainties

More accurate determination of PDFs

Improved indirect **sensitivity to New Physics** via deviations of Higgs couplings from SM expectations

### Parton Distributions and LHC phenomenology



2) Very large PDF uncertainties (>100%) for new heavy particle production



3) PDFs dominant systematic for precision measurements, like W boson mass, that test internal consistency of the Standard Model



# The inner life of protons : Parton Distribution Functions



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### Deep-Inelastic scattering and the discovery of quarks

- Deep-inelastic lepton-proton scattering: First evidence for proton structure (SLAC, 70s)
- Measured scattering cross-section constant as **resolution scale 1/Q decreases**.
- Evidence for **point-like constituents in the proton: the quarks**



$$x_{\mathrm{Bj}} = \frac{Q^2}{2 p \cdot q}, \quad Q^2 = -q^2 \quad y = \frac{q \cdot p}{k \cdot p}$$

- If the proton had a different structure, a form factor F(Q) would be expected
- Analogous to **Rutherford's discovery of the point-like atomic nucleus**, while expecting Thomson's Plum model



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### QCD Factorization and PDFs

QCD Factorization Theorem: separate the hadronic cross section into a perturbative, process dependent partonic cross section and non-perturbative, process independent Parton Distributions. In DIS we have:

$$F_i(x,Q^2) = x \sum_i \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} C_i\left(\frac{x}{z}, \alpha_s(Q^2)\right) f_i(z,Q^2).$$

Parton-level cross-section



The same Factorization Theorem allows to use the same universal PDFs to provide predict ions for proton-proton collisions at the LHC:

$$\sigma_X(s, M_X^2) = \sum_{a,b} \int_{x_{\min}}^1 dx_1 \, dx_2 \, f_{a/h_1}(x_1, M_X^2) f_{b/h_2}(x_2, M_X^2) \hat{\sigma}_{ab \to X}\left(x_1 x_2 s, M_X^2\right)$$

Hadron-level cross section

Hadron-level cross section

(2) Parton Distributions

**Parton Distribution** 

Parton-level cross-section

To make sense of LHC collisions, we need first of all to determine the parton distributions of the proton with good precision!



### Parton Distributions

- There is one independent PDF for each parton in the proton: u(x,Q<sup>2</sup>), d(x,Q<sup>2</sup>), g(x,Q<sup>2</sup>), …
- A total of **13 PDFs**, but **heavy quark PDFs generated radiatively** from gluon and light quarks
- At Leading Order, PDFs understood as the **probability of finding a parton of a given flavor that carries a fraction x** of the total proton's momentum
- Once QCD corrections included, PDFs become schemedependent and have no probabilistic interpretation
- Shape and normalization of PDFs are very different for each flavor, reflecting the different underlying **dynamics** that determine each PDF flavor
- QCD imposes valence and momentum sum rules valid to all orders in perturbation theory

#### **Momentum Sum Rule**

$$\int_0^1 dx \ x \left[ \Sigma(x) + g(x) \right] = 1$$

#### Valence Sum Rules

$$\int_0^1 dx \ (u(x) - \bar{u}(x)) = 2 \ , \quad \int_0^1 dx \ (d(x) - \bar{d}(x)) = 1$$



#### PDG Review 2014

### Perturbative evolution equations

The dependence of PDFs on Bjorken-x (momentum fraction) is determined by non-perturbative QCD dynamics, but that on the scale Q<sup>2</sup> (resolution) is instead known from perturbative QCD: the DGLAP evolution equations

$$\frac{\partial q_i(x,Q^2)}{\partial \ln Q^2} = \frac{\alpha_s\left(Q^2\right)}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} P_{ij}\left(z,\alpha_s\left(Q^2\right)\right) q_j\left(\frac{x}{z},Q^2\right)$$

Once *x*-dependence q(x,Q<sup>2</sup><sub>0</sub>) extracted from data, pQCD determines PDFs at other scales q(x,Q<sup>2</sup>)
 Evolution kernels have been computed up to next-to-next-to-leading order (NNLO):

$$P(z, \alpha_s(Q^2)) = P^{(0)}(z) + \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{2\pi} P^{(1)}(z) + \left(\frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{2\pi}\right)^2 P^{(2)}(z)$$

Reasonable **convergence of the perturbative expansion** of PDFs up to NNLO



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Once *x*-dependence  $q(x,Q^2_0)$  extracted from data, pQCD determines PDFs at other scales  $q(x,Q^2)$ 



# Global PDF analysis

**Parton Distributions**, and their associated **uncertainties**, need to be determined from a **global analysis of hard-scattering data** that requires as input the most updated **theory calculations**, precise and varied **experimental data** and robust **statistical methodology** 

### Theory

- **Martonic cross-sections**
- **M** DGLAP evolution
- Meavy quark treatment
- Fast interfaces to NLO calculations
- MNLO QCD effects
- ☑ QED and electroweak corrections

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### Data

- **M** Deep-inelastic scattering structure functions
- **M** DIS charm production
- **Markon Structure Structure DIS Neutrino production**
- **I**ets at pp colliders
- **M** Drell-Yan (dilepton pair) production at pp colliders
- 🗹 Top quark data

### Methodology

- **M** PDF parametrisation
- PDF uncertainty estimation and error propagation to LHC crosssections
- **Matheoretical uncertainties**
- Minimisation strategy

### **Parton Distributions for the LHC**

- Higgs cross-sections
- SSM New Physics searches
- Precision Standard Model measurements

### Experimental data in global PDF fits

Q<sup>2</sup> dependence of PDFs: determined by pQCD



A global dataset covering a wide set of hard-scattering observables is required to constrain all possible PDF combinations in the whole range of Bjorken-x

For example, **inclusive jets** are sensitive to the **large-x gluon**, while **HERA neutral current** data pins down the **small-x quarks** 

LHC data is introducing completely new observables to be used for PDF constraints

Process	Subprocess	Partons	x range		
$\ell^{\pm} \{p, n\} \to \ell^{\pm} X$	$\gamma^* q \to q$	$q, \bar{q}, g$	$x \gtrsim 0.01$		
$\ell^{\pm} n/p \rightarrow \ell^{\pm} X$	$\gamma^* d/u \to d/u$	d/u	$x \gtrsim 0.01$		
$pp  ightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X$	$u\bar{u}, d\bar{d} \rightarrow \gamma^*$	$\overline{q}$	$0.015 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.35$		
pn/pp $ ightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ X	$(u\bar{d})/(u\bar{u}) \rightarrow \gamma^*$	ā∕ū	$0.015 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.35$		
$ u(\bar{\nu}) N \to \mu^-(\mu^+) X$	$W^*q  ightarrow q'$	q, ar q	$0.01 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.5$		
$\nu N  ightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ X$	$W^*s \rightarrow c$	5	$0.01 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.2$		
$\bar{\nu} N \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X$	$W^*\bar{s} \to \bar{c}$	5	$0.01 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.2$		
$e^{\pm} \ p  ightarrow e^{\pm} \ X$	$\gamma^* q \rightarrow q$	$g, q, \bar{q}$	$0.0001 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.1$		
$e^+ p \rightarrow \bar{\nu} X$	$W^+ \left\{ d, s  ight\}  ightarrow \left\{ u, c  ight\}$	d, s	$x \gtrsim 0.01$		
$e^{\pm}p \rightarrow e^{\pm}c\bar{c}X$	$\gamma^* c  ightarrow c$ , $\gamma^* g  ightarrow c ar c$	с, g	$0.0001 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.01$		
$e^{\pm}p  ightarrow$ jet $+ X$	$\gamma^*g  ightarrow q \bar{q}$	g	$0.01 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.1$		
$p\bar{p}  ightarrow$ jet $+ X$	$gg, qg, qq \rightarrow 2j$	g, q	$0.01 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.5$		
$p\bar{p} \to (W^{\pm} \to \ell^{\pm} \nu) X$	$ud \rightarrow W, \bar{u}\bar{d} \rightarrow W$	$u, d, \overline{u}, \overline{d}$	$x \gtrsim 0.05$		
$p\bar{p} \to (Z \to \ell^+ \ell^-) X$	$uu, dd \rightarrow Z$	d	$x \gtrsim 0.05$		

MSTW08, arXiv:0901.0002



# The Neural Network Approach to Parton Distributions

### The NNPDF approach

- The limitations of available PDF sets circa 2005, and the requirements of precision physics at the upcoming LHC, prompted us to develop a completely novel approach to PDF determination
- PDF sets typically based on **restrictive functional forms** leading to strong theoretical bias

$$g(x, Q_0^2) = A_g(1-x)^{m_{\Sigma}} x^{-n_{\Sigma}} \left(1 + a_g \sqrt{x} + b_g x + \ldots\right)$$

**MINTERS** NNPDF solution: use **artificial neural networks** as universal unbiased interpolants

$$g(x, Q_0^2) = A_g(1-x)^{m_{\Sigma}} x^{-n_{\Sigma}} \operatorname{NN}_g(x)$$

PDF sets often rely on the the Gaussian/linear approximation for error estimation and propagation

$$F_0 = F(S_0), \quad \sigma_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{par}}} [F(S_i) - F(S_0)]^2}.$$

**MODE** Solution: Use the **Monte Carlo method** to create a probability distribution in the space of PDFs

$$F_{I,p}^{(\text{art})(k)} = S_{p,N}^{(k)} F_{I,p}^{(\text{exp})} \left( 1 + \sum_{l=1}^{N_c} r_{p,l}^{(k)} \sigma_{p,l} + r_p^{(k)} \sigma_{p,s} \right) , \ k = 1, \dots, N_{\text{rep}}$$
Consistent error propagation no LHC xsecs no Gaussian assumptions

 $\Im$  Traditional PDF analyses based on **deterministic minimisation** of the  $\chi^2$  to reach convergence in the fit

**MACHAE** NNPDF solution: Use **Genetic Algorithms** to be able to explore efficiently the vast parameter space

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{dat}}} \sum_{i'=1}^{N_{\text{dat}}} (D_i - T_i) (V^{-1})_{ii'} (D_{i'} - T_{i'}).$$

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## Artificial Neural Networks

Inspired by biological brain models, Artificial Neural Networks are mathematical algorithms widely used in a wide range of applications, from high energy physics to targeted marketing and finance forecasting



Artificial neural networks aimed to excel in the same domains as their biological counterparts: pattern recognition, forecasting, classification, .... where our evolution-driven biology outperforms traditional algorithms

## Artificial Neural Networks



Example 2: **Marketing.** A bank wants to offer a new credit card to their clients. Two possible strategies:

- Contact all customers: slow and costly
- Contact 5% of the customers, **train a ANN with their input** (sex, income, loans) and **their ourput** (yes/no) and use the information to contact only clients likely to accepy the offer

Cost-effective method to improve marketing performance

Example 1: **Pattern recognition.** During the Yugoslavian wars, the NATO used ANNs to recognise hidden military vehicles

A military aircraft is identified, despite being hidden below a commercial plane.

Many other applications of ANN in **pattern recognition**: OCR software, hand writing recognition, automated anti-plagiarism software, .....



## Artificial Neural Networks

Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs) provide universal unbiased interpolants to parametrize PDFs at

low input scales

$$\begin{split} \Sigma(x, Q_0^2) &= (1-x)^{m_{\Sigma}} x^{-n_{\Sigma}} \mathrm{NN}_{\Sigma}(x) \\ g(x, Q_0^2) &= A_g (1-x)^{m_{\Sigma}} x^{-n_{\Sigma}} \mathrm{NN}_g(x) \end{split}$$

We The ANN class that we adopt are **feed-forward multilayer neural networks** (perceptrons)



Solutional PDF determinations, the input *ansatz* is a simple **polynomial** 

$$\Sigma(x, Q_0^2) = (1-x)^{m_{\Sigma}} x^{-n_{\Sigma}} \left( 1 + a_{\Sigma} \sqrt{x} + b_{\Sigma} x + \dots \right) ,$$
  
$$g(x, Q_0^2) = A_g (1-x)^{m_{\Sigma}} x^{-n_{\Sigma}} \left( 1 + a_g \sqrt{x} + b_g x + \dots \right)$$

The use of Artificial Neural Networks allows:

So theory bias introduced in the PDF determination by the choice of *ad-hoc* functional forms

- The use of very flexible parametrizations for all PDFs regardless of the dataset used. The NNPDF analysis allow for **O(400) free parameters**, to be compared with **O(10-20) in traditional PDFs**
- **Faithful extrapolation**: PDF uncertainties **blow up** in regions with scarce experimental data Juan Rojo NIKHEF Theory Seminar, Amsterdam, 22/01/2015

### PDF Uncertainties: The Monte Carlo Method

Generate a large number of Monte Carlo replicas of the experimental data with the same underlying probability distribution

$$F_{I,p}^{(\operatorname{art})(k)} = S_{p,N}^{(k)} F_{I,p}^{(\exp)} \left( 1 + \sum_{l=1}^{N_c} r_{p,l}^{(k)} \sigma_{p,l} + r_p^{(k)} \sigma_{p,s} \right) , \ k = 1, \dots, N_{\operatorname{rep}} >> \mathsf{I}$$
  
lumi error random numbers

Perform a **PDF determination** on each of these MC replicas

The set of PDF replicas form a **representation of the probability density in the space of parton distribution functions** 

PDF uncertainties can be propagated to physical cross sections using textbook statistics, no need of linear/gaussian assumptions

Central PDF prediction = Expectation  
Value of MC sample
$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \int \mathcal{O}[f] \mathcal{P}(f) Df = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \mathcal{O}[f_k]$$
PDF Uncertainty = Standard  
Deviation of MC sample
$$\Delta f = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} f_k^2 - \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} f_k\right)^2}$$

### PDF Replica Neural Network Learning

The minimisation of the **data vs theory chi2** is performed using **Genetic Algorithms** Each **green curve** corresponds to a **gluon PDF Monte Carlo** replica



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### Artificial Neural Networks vs. Polynomials

• Compare a **benchmark PDF analysis** where **the same dataset** is fitted with **Artificial Neural Networks** and with **standard polynomials** (everything else identical)

**ANN** avoid biasing the PDFs, **faithful extrapolation at small-x** (very few data, thus error blow up)



### Adding more data: better or worse?

Fin traditional Hessian PDF approach, unexpected behaviors might arise when data added

New data

Need more flexible PDFs to fit data: increase # of params More directions in Larger Hessian space to explore PDF uncertainties?

Fin the NNPDF approach, more data always leads to an improvement of PDF uncertainties



CT10 (Traditional approach)



NNPDF approach

# PDFs at the LHC: From Higgs and SM to BSM searches

### Higgs Boson Characterisation



- **gg fusion, ttH**: gluon luminosity
- vector-boson fusion: quark-quark luminosity
- **associated production with W/Z**: quark-antiquark luminosity For many crucial channels, **QCD uncertainties, including PDFs, hatched**

areas, limit the accuracy of Higgs coupling extraction form LHC data



### Parton Distributions with LHC data

A major breakthrough in the recent years has been the inclusion of LHC data into global PDF fits
 PDF constraints from a wide variety of LHC processes have been studied, many of which for first time



Isolated photon LHC data constraints gluons at medium-x: relevant for Higgs production in gluon fusion Juan Rojo



Large-x gluon from inclusive Jet production



W production in association with charm quarks provides direct access to the proton strangeness NIKHEF Theory Seminar, Amsterdam, 22/01/2015

### Top quarks as gluon luminometers

Free recent NNLO top quark cross section make top data the only LHC observable that is both directly sensitive to the gluon PDF and can be included consistently in a NNLO global analysis

The precise 7 and 8 TeV LHC data can be used to discriminate between PDF sets and to reduce the PDF uncertainties on the poorly known large-x gluon
 Czakon, Mangano, Mitov, J.R. 13



Figure The improved large-x gluon leads to more accurate theory predictions for BSM searches

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### PDFs with QED corrections

**QED** and **electroweak corrections** are essential for **precision LHC phenomenology**: **W** and **Z production**, **W mass determination**, **WW boson pair** production, **TeV scale** jet and top quark pair production, searches for new **W'**, **Z' bosons** 

- Generation of electroweak effects require PDFs with **QED corrections** and a **photon PDF**
- NNPDF2.3 QED: first-ever determination of the photon PDF from LHC data
- Solution Neglecting photon-initiated contributions leads to systematically underestimating theory errors in crucial BSM search channels



### Closure Testing of Parton Distributions

**PDF uncertainties** have been often criticised by a **potential lack of statistical interpretation** 

In the recent NNPDF3.0 paper, we performed a systematic **closure tests analysis** based on pseudo-data, and verified that **PDF uncertainties** show **a statistically robust behaviour** 



### **Closure Testing of Parton Distributions**

Level 0 Closure Tests: Pseudo data = Theory

**Central values of input PDF** reproduced with arbitrary accuracy

**PDF uncertainties on the fitted data points** can become arbitrarily small



**Level 2 Closure Tests:** Pseudo data with "exp" fluctuations  $\mathbf{V}$  Reproduced  $\chi^2$  of input PDF - both total and individual experiments

**Fitted PDF central values** fluctuate around input values by the same amount as expected from the **size of the PDF uncertainties ->** PDF errors indeed correspond to **68**% **Confidence Levels** 



### PDFs and Monte Carlo generators

**PDFs** are an essential ingredient for the **tuning of soft and semi-hard physics** in LO Monte Carlo event generators like **Pythia8**, **Herwig++** or **Sherpa** 

- Most updated tune of **Pythia8**, the **Monash 2013 Tune**, is based on the **NNPDF2.3LO** set
- The harder small-x gluon in NNPDF2.3LO is essential to improve the description of the LHC forward data

Sext step: specific tunes for NLO Monte Carlo event generators



### Precision tests of the Factorisation Theorem

Perturbative QCD requires that the **momentum integral** should be unity to all orders

$$[M]\left(Q^{2}\right) \equiv \int_{0}^{1} dx \left(xg\left(x, Q^{2}\right) + x\Sigma\left(x, Q^{2}\right)\right)$$

Figure F



NNPDF, II

$$\begin{split} [M]_{\rm LO} &= 1.161 \pm 0.032\,, \\ [M]_{\rm NLO} &= 1.011 \pm 0.018\,, \\ [M]_{\rm NNLO} &= 1.002 \pm 0.014\,. \end{split}$$

Experimental data beautifullyconfirms the pQCD expectation

**Extremely non trivial test** of the global analysis framework and the **factorization hypotheses** 

♀ Very good convergence of the QCD perturbative expansion

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### PDF comparisons made easy: APFEL-Web

Comparing different PDF sets is now really easy thanks to the new APFEL-Web online PDF plotter
 Just log in, select the PDF sets that you want to compare, the plotting settings, and have fun!

# Welcome to **APFEL** online cluster!

This web-application is a tool designed for High Energy Physics by providing a simple and intuitive interface to plot and compute the most common observables with Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs).

To begin to produce on-line plots, please register and login!

### **The APFEL library**

APFEL, a PDF evolution library, is a computer library specialized in the solution of DGLAP evolution equations up to NNLO in QCD and to LO in QED, both with Pole and  $\overline{\rm MS}$  masses. With APFEL you can replace the evolution of LHAPDF sets and check the impact on the choice of evolution parameters. APFEL also computes deep-inelastic scattering processes using multiple schemes.



xg(x,Q), NNPDF23 nio as 0118.LHgrid member

Web developers: D. Palazzo, S. Carrazza, A. Ferrara APFEL developers: V. Bertone, S. Carrazza, J. Rojo. (Contact)

Bertone, Carrazza, J.R. 13

### Cross section Ratios between 7, 8 and 14 TeV

The staged increase of the LHC beam energy provides a new class of interesting observables: cross section ratios for different beam energies

$$R_{E_2/E_1}(X) \equiv \frac{\sigma(X, E_2)}{\sigma(X, E_1)} \quad R_{E_2/E_1}(X, Y) \equiv \frac{\sigma(X, E_2)/\sigma(Y, E_2)}{\sigma(X, E_1)/\sigma(Y, E_1)}$$

- These ratios can be computed with very high precision due to the large degree of correlation of theoretical uncertainties at different energies
- **Experimentally** these ratios can also be measured accurately since many systematics, like luminosity or jet energy scale, **cancel partially in the ratio**s
- These ratios allow stringent precision tests of the SM, like PDF discrimination





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Mangano, J. R., 12

### Cross section Ratios between 7, 8 and 14 TeV

 If SM theory systematics under control, these cross section ratios can provide an improved sensitivity to New Physics than absolute cross sections

$$\sigma(pp \to X) = \sigma^{SM}(pp \to X) + \sigma^{BSM}(pp \to X)$$

• The **visibility of a BSM contribution** in the **evolution with energy** of the cross section requires that it evolves in Q2 **differently from the SM contribution** 

$$R_{E_{1}/E_{2}}^{X} \sim \frac{\sigma_{X}^{SM}(E_{1})}{\sigma_{X}^{SM}(E_{2})} \times \left\{ 1 + \frac{\sigma_{X}^{BSM}(E_{1})}{\sigma_{X}^{SM}(E_{1})} \Delta_{E_{1}/E_{2}} \left[ \frac{\sigma_{X}^{BSM}}{\sigma_{X}^{SM}} \right] \right\}$$
$$\Delta_{E_{1}/E_{2}}(A) = 1 - \frac{A(E_{2})}{A(E_{1})}$$

Example: a **gluon-gluon initiated BSM** contribution to **high-mass Z production**. The cross section ratio enhanced by:

$$\frac{\sigma_Z^{\text{BSM}}(m_X)}{\sigma_Z^{\text{SM}}(m_X)} \Delta_{E_1/E_2} \left[ \frac{\mathcal{L}_{gg}(m_X)}{\mathcal{L}_{q\bar{q}}(m_X)} \right].$$

With greatly reduced experimental and theoretical uncertainties

But **theory systematics, mostly PDFs**, need to be known accurately for this new approach to show its **full potential** 



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### Determination of Standard Model parameters

Accurate PDFs are required for precision determination of fundamental Standard Model parameters in processes involving initial state hadrons

Fraction These include, among many others, the **strong coupling constant**  $\alpha_s$ , the **W boson mass**, the effective **lepton mixing angle**, **CKM** matrix elements, ....

The **unbiased** nature of the NNPDF approach approach to **faithfully disentangle** PDF uncertainties from other parametric uncertainties. One example in neutrino DIS:



CKM matrix element V<sub>cs</sub> can be determined from **neutrino DIS data** - but large uncertainties from **strange PDF** 

NNPDF analysis manages to obtain the **most accurate ever determination** of  $V_{cs}$  from a single process:

 $V_{cs} = 1.04 \pm 0.06$  (PDG average)  $V_{cs} = 0.96 \pm 0.07$  (NNPDF from NuTeV data)

0.245

The same analysis shows that the **strangeness asymmetry** in the proton has just the right size to **cancel the NuteV anomaly** 

$$R_{\rm PW} \equiv \frac{\sigma(\nu \mathcal{N} \to \nu X) - \sigma(\bar{\nu} \mathcal{N} \to \bar{\nu} X)}{\sigma(\nu \mathcal{N} \to \ell X) - \sigma(\bar{\nu} \mathcal{N} \to \bar{\ell} X)}$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{2} - \sin^2 \theta_{\rm W} + \left[\frac{([U^-] - [D^-]) + ([C^-] - [S^-])}{[Q^-]} \frac{1}{6} \left(3 - 7\sin^2 \theta_{\rm W}\right)\right]$ 

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NNPDF, arXiv:0906.1958

### Determination of Standard Model parameters

Accurate PDFs are required for precision determination of fundamental Standard Model parameters in processes involving initial state hadrons

From strong coupling constant  $\alpha_s$  can be determined from a global PDF analysis, mostly from scaling violations in Deep-Inelastic Scattering and in inclusive jet production

From a QCD global fit, and nicely consistent with the latest PDG average, to which is one of the dominant contributions



PDG 2013 average

 $\alpha_s(M_Z^2) = 0.1184 \pm 0.0007$ 

#### NNPDF2.1 NNLO

 $\alpha_s^{\text{NNLO}}(M_Z) = 0.1173 \pm 0.0007^{\text{stat}} \pm 0.0001^{\text{proc}}$ 

#### NNPDF, 11

**Consistency check of the global PDF framework**: the distributions of pulls for  $\alpha_s$  fitted to **individual experiments** follows a Gaussian distribution



# **Polarised PDFs: Unraveling the origin of the proton spin**

### Polarised Parton Distributions

- Up to know in this talk everything was valid for **unpolarised protons**
- **The polarised case is also** extremely interesting: unique windows on the **spin structure of the proton**.
- How the proton spin is distributed among its constituents is a crucial issue for our understanding of non-perturbative QCD and confinement

How do quarks (including sea quarks) and gluons carry the proton spin

$$\mathcal{S}(\mu) = \frac{1}{2} = \sum_{f} \left\langle P; S | \hat{J}_{f}^{z}(\mu) | P; S \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1} dx \Delta \Sigma(x, \mu) + \int_{0}^{1} dx \Delta g(x, \mu) + L_{z}$$

Quarks?

**Gluons**?

Angular Mom?

$$e.g. \text{ DIS } d\Delta\sigma = \sum_{q,\bar{q},g} \Delta f(x,Q^2) \otimes d\Delta\hat{\sigma}_{\gamma^*f}(xP,\alpha_s(Q^2)) \quad d\Delta\hat{\sigma}_{\gamma^*f} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^n d\Delta\hat{\sigma}_{\gamma^*}^{(n)}$$

	Reaction	Partonic subprocess	PDF probed	x	$Q^2 \; [\text{GeV}^2]$
	$\ell^{\pm}\{p,d,n\} \to \ell^{\pm}X$	$\gamma^* q  ightarrow q$	$\Delta q + \Delta ar q \ \Delta g$	$0.003 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.8$	$1 \lesssim Q^2 \lesssim 70$
sidis	$\ell^{\pm}\{p,d\} \to \ell^{\pm}hX$ $\ell^{\pm}\{p,d\} \to \ell^{\pm}DX$	$\gamma^* q  o q$ $\gamma^* g  o c \bar{c}$	$\begin{array}{c} \Delta u \ \Delta \bar{u} \\ \Delta d \ \Delta \bar{d} \\ \Delta g \\ \Delta g \end{array}$	$0.005 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.5$ $0.06 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.2$	$1 \lesssim Q^2 \lesssim 60$ $\sim 10$
PP	$\overrightarrow{p} \overrightarrow{p} \to jet(s)X$ $\overrightarrow{p} p \to W^{\pm}X$ $\overrightarrow{p} \overrightarrow{p} \to \pi X$	$egin{array}{c} gg  ightarrow qg \ qg  ightarrow qg \ u_L ar{d}_R  ightarrow W^+ \ d_L ar{u}_R  ightarrow W^- \ gg  ightarrow qg \ qg  ightarrow qg \end{array}$	$\Delta g$ $\Delta u \ \Delta \overline{u}$ $\Delta d \ \Delta \overline{d}$ $\Delta g$	$0.05 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.2$ $0.05 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.4$ $0.05 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.4$	$30 \lesssim  ho_T^2 \lesssim 800$ $\sim M_W^2$ $1 \lesssim  ho_T^2 \lesssim 200$

First measurements with polarised DIS (80s) showed that quark contribution much smaller than expected (proton spin crisis)

Nocera, SPIN14

- With the availability of polarised hadronic and semi-inclusive data, global polarised PDF fits possible
- The NNPDF framework has also been applied here: NNPDFpol sets

### Unraveling the gluon polarisation

- Contribution of **gluon polarisation to the proton spin** has been of the **big unknowns** in the last 30 years
- The analysis of recent RHIC polarised jet data in the NNPDFpol and DSSV frameworks has provided first ever evidence for positive (non-zero) polarisation of the gluon in the proton
- Figure American Figure 1 Importance of this important result recognised by the popular media, *i.e.* Scientific American





# **Proton Spin Mystery Gains a New Clue**

Physicists long assumed a proton's spin came from its three constituent quarks. New measurements suggest particles called gluons make a significant contribution July 21, 2014 | By Clara Moskowitz

Protons have a constant spin that is an intrinsic particle property like mass or charge. Yet where this spin comes from is such a mystery it's dubbed the "proton spin crisis." Initially physicists thought a proton's spin was the sum of the spins of its three constituent quarks. But a 1987 experiment showed that quarks can account rear comparison.



**Total** contribution of gluons to proton spin still unknown since **large uncertainties at small-x** from lack of data: need an **Electron-Ion Collider** 

### The polarised quark sea

- Justice DIS data does not allow to separate polarised quarks from antiquarks
- © Recent data on polarised **semi-inclusive DIS** and **hadronic** *W* **production** allow this separation for first time
- Stringent constraints on **non-perturbative models of the proton**



### Summary

- Parton Distributions are an essential ingredient for LHC phenomenology
- Accurate PDFs are required for precision SM measurements, Higgs characterisation and New Physics searches
- The determination of **fundamental SM parameters** like the **W mass** or α<sub>S</sub> **from LHC data** also greatly benefit from improved PDFs
- PDFs are also a basic component for Monte Carlo event generators
- 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**
- Sear future developments in **NNPDF** include
  - Inclusion of more HERA and LHC data
  - Generators for NLO Monte Carlo event generators at the LHC
  - PDFs with **threshold** and **high energy resummation**, impact on Higgs and top physics
  - PDFs with and **electroweak effects** (both in evolution and in partonic xsecs)
  - PDFs with Intrinsic Charm

### Going Beyond: PDFs at a 100 TeV collider



Growing consensus that the next big machine more suitable to **explore the energy frontier** should be a **100 TeV hadron collider**, possibly with also **e+e-** and **ep** operation modes

The phenomenology of PDFs at such extreme energies is very rich: top quark PDFs, electroweak effects on PDFs and W/Z boson PDFs, ultra-low-x physics, BFKL dynamics, BSM physics with polarized PDFs, ...., lots of fun!

First studies being now performed in the context of the CERNFCC working group



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