# LES FONCTIONS DE DISTRIBUTION DES PARTONS: THÉORIE ET PHÉNOMÉNOLOGIE

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# **PARTONS FOR LHC:**

THE ACCURATE COMPUTATION OF PHYSICAL PROCESS AT A HADRON COLLIDER **REQUIRES GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF PARTON DISTRIBUTIONS OF THE NUCLEON** il faut maîtriser la physique standard pour extraire la nouvelle physique



• IS THIS ASPECT OF LHC PHYSICS UNDER CONTROL?

• WILL LHC TEACH US SOMETHING ABOUT QCD TOO?

IN ORDER TO EXTRACT THE RELEVANT PHYSICS SIGNAL,

WE NEED TO KNOW THE PARTON DISTRIBUTIONS AND THEIR UNCERTAINTY

# SUMMARY

### • FACTORIZATION

- factorization for DIS & hadronic processes
- evolution equations
- sum rules
- DETERMINING PDFs:
  - valence, sea and isospin  $\Rightarrow$  case study: the NuTeV puzzle I
  - strange quarks  $\Rightarrow$  case study: the NuTeV puzzle II
  - scaling violations and the gluon  $\Rightarrow$  case study: large  $E_T$  jets
- THEORETICAL ISSUES
  - higher order corrections
  - resummation
  - heavy quarks  $\Rightarrow$  case study: W production at LHC
- PDFS WITH ERRORS
  - the problem of PDF uncertainties
  - the standard solution and its difficulties
  - new ideas: Bayesian inference and neural networks
- CONCLUSION: PDFS AT LHC

FACTORIZATION

### FACTORIZATION I: DEEP-INELASTIC SCATTERING

#### STRUCTURE FUNCTIONS...



 $\lambda_l \rightarrow \text{lepton helicity}$ 

 $\lambda_p \rightarrow$  proton helicity

Lepton fractional energy loss:  $y = \frac{p \cdot q}{p \cdot k}$ ; gauge boson virtuality:  $q^2 = -Q^2$  scale of proc. Bjorken x:  $x = \frac{Q^2}{2p \cdot q}$  dimensionless var.. lepton-nucleon CM energy:  $s = \frac{Q^2}{xy}$ ; virtual boson-nucleon CM energy  $W^2 = Q^2 \frac{1-x}{x}$ ;

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 $F_3$ 

*g*<sub>4</sub>, *g*<sub>5</sub>

$$\frac{d^2 \sigma^{\lambda_p \lambda_\ell}(x, y, Q^2)}{dx dy} = \frac{G_F^2}{2\pi (1 + Q^2/m_W^2)^2} \frac{Q^2}{xy} \left\{ \left[ -\lambda_\ell y \left( 1 - \frac{y}{2} \right) x F_3(x, Q^2) + (1 - y) F_2(x, Q^2) \right] \right\}$$

$$+y^{2}xF_{1}(x,Q^{2})\right]-2\lambda_{p}\left[-\lambda_{\ell}y(2-y)xg_{1}(x,Q^{2})-(1-y)g_{4}(x,Q^{2})-y^{2}xg_{5}(x,Q^{2})\right]$$

	PARITY CONS.
UNPOL.	$F_1, F_2$
POL.	$g_1$

### ...AND PARTON DISTRIBUTIONS



# STRUCTURE FUNCTION=Hard coeff. (partonic structure function) $\otimes$ parton distn.

 $F_2^{\mathrm{NC}}(x,Q^2) = x \sum_{\text{flav. } i} e_i^2(q_i + \bar{q}_i) + \alpha_s \left[C_i[\alpha_s] \otimes (q_i + \bar{q}_i) + C_g[\alpha_s] \otimes g\right]$ 

 $q_i$  quark,  $\bar{q}_i$  antiquark, g gluon

**LEADING PARTON CONTENT** ( $O[\alpha_s]$  corrections  $\Rightarrow$  gluons)

$$q_{i} \equiv q_{i}^{\uparrow\uparrow} + q_{i}^{\uparrow\downarrow} \qquad \Delta q_{i} \equiv q_{i}^{\uparrow\uparrow} - q_{i}^{\uparrow\downarrow}$$

$$NC \qquad F_{1}^{\gamma, Z} = \sum_{i} e_{i}^{2} (q_{i} + \bar{q}_{i}) \qquad g_{1}^{\gamma, Z} = \sum_{i} e_{i}^{2} (\Delta q_{i} + \Delta \bar{q}_{i})$$

$$CC \qquad F_{1}^{W^{+}} = \bar{u} + d + s + \bar{c} \qquad g_{1}^{W^{+}} = \Delta \bar{u} + \Delta d + \Delta s + \Delta \bar{c}$$

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$$F_{2} = 2xF_{1} \qquad g_{4} = 2xg_{5}$$

 $W^+ \to W^- \Rightarrow u \leftrightarrow d, c \leftrightarrow s;$  more combinations using Isospin:  $p \to n \Rightarrow u \leftrightarrow d$ 

FACTORIZATION II: HADRONIC PROCESSES  $\sigma_X(s, M_X^2) = \sum_{a,b} \int_{x_{\min}}^1 dx_1 dx_2 f_{a/h_1}(x_1) f_{b/h_2}(x_2) \hat{\sigma}_{q_a q_b \to X} \left( x_1 x_2 s, M_X^2 \right)$ LEAD. ORD. =  $\sigma_0 \sum_{a,b} \int_{\tau}^1 \frac{dx}{x} f_{a/h_1}(x) f_{b/h_2}(\tau/x) \equiv \sigma_0 \mathcal{L}(\tau) \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  parton lumi



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## LHC: KINEMATICS AND PHYSICAL PROCESSES



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- EVOLUTION OF SINGLET  $\Sigma(x, Q^2) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_f} \left( q_i(x, Q^2) + \bar{q}_i(x, Q^2) \right)$  coupled to gluon
- All "Nonsinglet" quark combinations  $q^{NS}(x,Q^2) = q_i(x,Q^2) q_j(x,Q^2)$  evolve independently

# PERTURBATIVE EVOLUTION



recall large/small  $n \Leftrightarrow \text{large/small } x$ 

- AS  $Q^2$  increases, PDFS decrease at large x & increase at small x due to radiation
- Gluon sector singular at  $N=1 \Rightarrow$  gluon grows more at small x
- $\gamma_{qq}(1) = 0 \Rightarrow$  number of quarks conserved

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CAN EXTRACT FROM PHYSICAL OBSERVABLES: BARYON NUMBER

- GROSS-LLEWELLYN-SMITH SUM RULE  $\frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 dx \left( F_3^{\nu p}(x,Q^2) + F_3^{\nu n}(x,Q^2) \right) = C_{\text{GLS}}(Q^2) \int_0^1 dx \left[ u(x,Q^2) \overline{u}(x,Q^2) + d(x,Q^2) \overline{d}(x,Q^2) \right]$
- BJORKEN (UNPOLARIZED) SUM RULE  $\frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 dx \left( F_1^{\nu p}(x,Q^2) F_1^{\nu n}(x,Q^2) \right) = C_{\text{BjU}}(Q^2) \int_0^1 dx \left[ u(x,Q^2) \overline{u}(x,Q^2) \left( d(x,Q^2) \overline{d}(x,Q^2) \right) \right]$

FROM DATA TO PDFS

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#### TASKS:

- STRUCTURE FUNCTION (OR XSECT) IS A CON-VOLUTION OVER x OF PARTON DISTNS. AND PERTURBATIVE CROSS SECTION  $\rightarrow$  MUST DECONVOLUTE
- EACH STRUCTURE FUNCTION (OR XSECT) IS A LINEAR COMBINATION OF MANY PARTON DISTNS ( $2N_f$  QUARKS + 1 GLUON)  $\rightarrow$  MUST COMBINE DIFFERENT PROCESSES
- DATA GIVEN AT VARIOUS SCALES, WANT PAR-TON DISTNS. AS FCTN OF x AT COMMON SCALE  $Q^2$ 
  - $\rightarrow$  MUST EVOLVE
- TH UNCERTAINTIES: HIGHER ORDERS, RESUMMATION, HEAVY QUARK THRESH-OLDS, NUCLEAR CORRECTIONS, HIGHER TWIST...

### DISENTANGLING QUARKS: UP VS. DOWN WITH THE HELP OF ISOSPIN SYMMETRY PROTON + NEUTRON⇔UP + DOWN

 $u^{p}(x,Q^{2}) = d^{n}(x,Q^{2}); \quad d^{p}(x,Q^{2}) = u^{n}(x,Q^{2})$ 

 $F_2^p(x,Q^2) - F_2^d(x,Q^2) = \frac{1}{3} \left[ (u^p + \bar{u}^p) - \left( d^p + \bar{d}^p \right) \right] \left[ 1 + O(\alpha_s) \right]$ 



### CASE STUDY I: THE NUTEV ANOMALY THE PASCHOS-WOLFENSTEIN RATIO: DATA... NuTeV 2001 $\sin^2 \theta_W = 0.2272 \pm 0.0013(\text{stat}) \pm 0.0009(\text{syst})$ Global Fit 2003 $\sin^2 \theta_W = 0.2229 \pm 0.0004$

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### **ISOSPIN VIOLATION**

QED EFFECTS LEAD TO ISOSPIN VIOLATION:  $u - \bar{u}$  radiate more photons than  $d - \bar{d}$ :  $\frac{d}{dt}q_i \propto e_i^2 q_i$  $\Rightarrow$  MORE PHOTON MOMENTUM IN PROTON THAN NEUTRON

 $\Rightarrow |u(x) - \bar{u}(x)| < |d(x) - \bar{d}(x)|$  at large x



- SIGN OF EFFECT AS REQUIRED TO EXPLAIN NUTEV
- SIZE OF EFFECTS WITH REASON-ABLE ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT 1/2 OF NUTEV ANOMALY

MRST 2005: "QED" PARTON SET

### SYMMETRIES OF THE SEA

#### THE GOTTFRIED SUM

SIMPLEST ASSUMPTION: LIGHT SEA IS SYMMETRIC:  $\bar{u}(x) = \bar{d}(x)$ 

LO EVOLUTION WOULD PRESERVE THIS SYMMETRY (BUT NOT NLO) ... THEN:  $S_G(Q^2) \equiv \int_0^1 \left[ F_2^p(x, Q^2) - F_2^d(x, Q^2) \right] = C(\alpha_s) \frac{1}{3} \left[ (u^p + \bar{u}^p) - \left( d^p + \bar{d}^p \right) \right]$  $= C(\alpha_s) \frac{1}{3} \left[ (u^p - \bar{u}^p) - \left( d^p - \bar{d}^p \right) \right] = \frac{1}{3} C(\alpha_s); C(\alpha_s) = 0.998 \text{ FOR } Q^2 = 3 \text{ GeV}^2$ 



#### WEAK EVIDENCE FOR SUMMETRY VIOLATION,

STRONG EVIDENCE FOR UNRELIABILITY OF EXTRAPOLATION!

### **DISENTANGLING QUARKS FROM ANTIQUARKS**

 $\gamma^*$  DIS only measures  $q + \bar{q}$  combination!

DRELL-YAN p/d Asymmetry



**DISENTANGLING STRANGENESS**  $\gamma^*$  SCATTERING VS.  $W^{\pm}$  SCATTERING:

IN NC, CHARGED LEPTON DIS, ONLY MEASURE COMBINATION  $\sum_{i} e_i^2 (q_i + \bar{q}_i)$ 

- ONLY C-EVEN  $q_i + \bar{q}_i$
- ONLY FIXED COMBINATION  $\frac{4}{9}(u+\bar{u}) + \frac{1}{9}(d+\bar{d}) + \frac{1}{9}(s+\bar{s})$

IN NEUTRINO DIS, CAN DISENTANGLE INDIVIDUAL PDFS BY LINEAR COMBINATION: AT LO





ERRORS ON PDFS AT A NUFACT

COMPARED TO A PURE DIS FIT

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### THE NUTEV ANOMALY, PART II

**Q**: ARE WE SURE THAT MOMENTUM FRACTION  $s - \bar{s} = 0$ ?

A: MEASURE IT!: CHARM IS COPIOUSLY PRODUCED IN  $W^+ + s \rightarrow c$ 

easily tagged through dimuon signal, 2nd muon from subsequent c decay

 $\Rightarrow$  ACCURATE EXTRACTION OF THE STRANGE DISTRIBUTION  $Q^2=20GeV^2$ 



CCFR/NUTEV  $s - \bar{s}$  determination

5000  $\nu$  & 1500  $\bar{\nu}$  DIMUON EVENT SAMPLE: ASSUMED PARM.:  $s(x) = \kappa \frac{\bar{u}(x) + \bar{d}(x)}{2} (1 - x)^{\alpha}$ NEGATIVE  $s - \bar{s}$  AT SMALL x $\Rightarrow$  MOM. FRACT.  $s - \bar{s} = -0.003 \pm 0.001$ NUTEV ANOMALY WORSE!

HOWEVER, BPZ GLOBAL FIT TO NEUTRINO INCLUSIVE DIS (Barone et al 2003)  $\Rightarrow$  POSITIVE (TINY) ASYMMETRY

### COMBINING INCLUSIVE AND EXCLUSIVE INFORMATION

CTEQ DEDICATED DIMUON ANALYSIS (April 2004)

- $\int_0^1 (s(x) \bar{s}(x)) dx = 0$  in proton  $\Rightarrow$  Either  $s(x) - \bar{s}(x)$  has a node or it vanishes everywhere
- $[s(x) \bar{s}(x)] < 0$  for small  $x \leq 0.05$  constrained by dimuon
- LARGE x REGION WEIGHS MORE IN MOMENTUM FRACTION
- POSITIVE MOM. FRACTION  $s \bar{s} \approx 0.02$ :



### DETERMINING THE GLUON

#### **EVOLUTION:**

SINGLET SCALING VIOLATIONS  $\frac{d}{dt}F_2^s(N,Q^2) = \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{2\pi} \left[ \gamma_{qq}(N)F_2^s + 2n_f\gamma_{qg}(N)g(N,Q^2) \right] + O(\alpha_s^2)$   $F_2(N,Q^2) \equiv \int_0^1 dx \, x^{N-1}F_2(x,Q^2); \qquad \gamma_{ij}(N) \equiv \int_0^1 dx \, x^{N-1}P_{ij}(x,Q^2)$   $LARGE/SMALL X \Leftrightarrow LARGE/SMALL N$  AT LARGE x



AT LARGE N



#### CASE STUDY II: THE CDF LARGE $E_T$ JETS CDF 1995

- DISCREPANCY BETWEEN QCD CALCULATION AND CDF JET DATA (1995)
- EVIDENCE FOR QUARK COMPOSITENESS?
- BUT NO INFO ON PARTON UNCERTAINTY  $\Rightarrow$ RESULT STRONGLY DEPENDS ON GLUON AT  $x \ge 0.1$



DISCREPANCY REMOVED IF JET DATA INCLUDED IN THE FIT NEW CTEQ FIT (1996)







#### THE STATE OF THE ART: FUNCTIONAL PARTON FITTING

#### • CHOOSE A FIXED FUNCTIONAL FORM:

- MRST: 24 parms., some fixed  $\rightarrow$  15 parms.

$$xq(x,Q_0^2) = A(1-x)^{\eta}(1+\epsilon x^{0.5}+\gamma x)x^{\delta}, \quad x[\bar{u}-\bar{d}](x,Q_0^2) = A(1-x)^{\eta}(1+\gamma x+\delta x^2)x^{\delta}.$$

$$xg(x,Q_0^2) = A_g(1-x)^{\eta_g} (1+\epsilon_g x^{0.5} + \gamma_g x) x^{\delta_g} - A_-(1-x)^{\eta_-} x^{-\delta_-}$$

- CTEQ: 20 PARMS.

$$x f(x, Q_0) = A_0 x^{A_1} (1-x)^{A_2} e^{A_3 x} (1+e^{A_4} x)^{A_5}$$

with independent params for combinations  $u_v \equiv u - \bar{u}$ ,  $d_v \equiv d - \bar{d}$ , g, and  $\bar{u} + \bar{d}$ ,  $s = \bar{s} = 0.2 (\bar{u} + \bar{d})$  at  $Q_0$ ; NORM. FIXED BY SUM RULES

- Alekhin: 17 parms.

$$xu_{\rm V}(x,Q_0) = \frac{2}{N_{\rm u}^{\rm V}} x^{a_{\rm u}} (1-x)^{b_{\rm u}} (1+\gamma_2^{\rm u} x); \quad xu_{\rm S}(x,Q_0) = \frac{A_{\rm S}}{N_{\rm S}} \eta_{\rm u} x^{a_{\rm S}} (1-x)^{b_{\rm S} {\rm u}}$$

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- EVOLVE TO DESIRED SCALE & COMPUTE PHYSICAL OBSERVABLES
- DETERMINE BEST-FIT VALUES OF PARAMETERS
- DETERMINE ERROR BY PROPAGATION OF ERROR ON PARMS ('HESSIAN METHOD') OR BY PARM. SCANS ('LAGRANGE MULTIPLIER METHOD')

### HOW WELL DOES IT WORK?



#### HOW WELL DOES IT WORK? DIS+DY ONLY (Alekhin 2003-2006)



### HOW WELL DOES IT WORK? GLOBAL FITS (MRST-CTEQ 2002-2006)

#### CTEQ ERROR BAND & MRST/CTEQ CURVE



# MRST GLUON ERROR BAND &CTEQ/MRST CURVE

Uncertainty of gluon from Hessian method



-FEW PERCENT ERROR ON VALENCE & GLUE -OTHER PDFS: ERROR NOT WELL CONTROLLED

### CASE STUDY III: W PRODUCTION @ LHC



- W/Z RAPDITY SPECTRA & TOTAL CROSS SECTIONS:  $\sim 15\%$  PRE-HERA ACCURACY  $\sim 3 - 5\%$  POST-HERA ACCURACY
- GOOD AGREEMENT BETWEN DIFFERENT PDF SETS

PDF Set	$\sigma(W^+).B(W^+ \to l^+\nu_l)$	$\sigma(W^-).B(W^- \to l^- \bar{\nu}_l)$	$\sigma(Z).B(Z \to l^+l)$
ZEUS-S NO HERA	$10.63 \pm 1.73~\mathrm{NB}$	$7.80 \pm 1.18~\mathrm{NB}$	$1.69\pm0.23~\mathrm{NB}$
ZEUS-S	$12.07\pm0.41~\mathrm{NB}$	$8.76\pm0.30~\mathrm{NB}$	$1.89\pm0.06~\mathrm{nb}$
CTEQ6.1	$11.66\pm0.56~\mathrm{NB}$	$8.58\pm0.43~\mathrm{NB}$	$1.92\pm0.08~\mathrm{nb}$
MRST01	$11.72\pm0.23~\mathrm{NB}$	$8.72\pm0.16~\mathrm{NB}$	$1.96\pm0.03~\mathrm{nb}$

THEORETICAL ISSUES
## **NNLO** CORRECTIONS

HOW BIG IS THE IMPACT OF HIGHER ORDER PERTURBATIVE CORRECTIONS? NNLO SPLITTING FUNCTIONS AVAILABLE (Moch, Vermaseren and Vogt, 2004) NNLO HARD XSECTS FOR DIS, DY, W AND HIGGS PRODUCTION (incl.,  $m_{top} \rightarrow \infty$ )  $\Rightarrow$  NNLO GLOBAL FITS AROUND THE CORNER

PERTURBATIVE COEFFICIENTS

**EVOLUTION** 



- USUALLY ( $F_2$ , large x quark) (BUT NOT ALWAYS ( $F_L$ , very small x gluon) )  $\Rightarrow$  MODERATE EFFECT
- MANDATORY TO ASSESS UNCERTAINTY

#### **The Results**

#### Anomalous dimensions in Mellin space

- One-loop : Gross, Wilczek '73

$$\gamma_{\rm ns}^{(0)}(N) = C_F (2(N_- + N_+)S_1 - 3)$$

- Two-loop : Floratos, Ross, Sachrajda '79; Gonzalez-Arroyo, Lopez, Ynduráin '79

$$\begin{split} \gamma_{\rm ns}^{(1)+}(N) &= 4C_A C_F \left( 2N_+ S_3 - \frac{17}{24} - 2S_{-3} - \frac{28}{3}S_1 + (N_- + N_+) \left[ \frac{151}{18}S_1 + 2S_{1,-2} - \frac{11}{6}S_2 \right] \right) \\ &+ 4C_F n_f \left( \frac{1}{12} + \frac{4}{3}S_1 - (N_- + N_+) \left[ \frac{11}{9}S_1 - \frac{1}{3}S_2 \right] \right) + 4C_F^2 \left( 4S_{-3} + 2S_1 + 2S_2 - \frac{3}{8} + N_- \left[ S_2 + 2S_3 \right] - (N_- + N_+) \left[ S_1 + 4S_{1,-2} + 2S_{1,2} + 2S_{2,1} + S_3 \right] \right) \\ \gamma_{\rm ns}^{(1)-}(N) &= \gamma_{\rm ns}^{(1)+}(N) + 16C_F \left( C_F - \frac{C_A}{2} \right) \left( (N_- - N_+) \left[ S_2 - S_3 \right] - 2(N_- + N_+ - 2)S_1 \right) \end{split}$$

- Compact notation :  $\mathbf{N}_{\pm}f(N) = f(N \pm 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{N}_{\pm \mathbf{i}}f(N) = f(N \pm i)$ 

#### - Three-loop :

S.M., Vermaseren, Vogt '04

$$\begin{split} \gamma_{115}^{(2)+}(N) &= 16C_{A}C_{F}n_{f}\Big(\frac{3}{2}\zeta_{3} - \frac{5}{4} + \frac{10}{9}S_{-3} - \frac{10}{9}S_{3} + \frac{4}{3}S_{1,-2} - \frac{2}{3}S_{-4} + 2S_{1,1} - \frac{25}{9}S_{2} + \frac{257}{27}S_{1} - \frac{2}{3}S_{-3,1} - N_{+}\Big[S_{2,1} - \frac{2}{3}S_{3,1} - \frac{2}{3}S_{4}\Big] \\ &- (N_{+} - 1)\Big[\frac{23}{18}S_{3} - S_{2}\Big] - (N_{-} + N_{+})\Big[S_{1,1} + \frac{1237}{216}S_{1} + \frac{11}{18}S_{3} - \frac{317}{108}S_{2} + \frac{16}{9}S_{1,-2} - \frac{2}{3}S_{1,-2,1} - \frac{1}{3}S_{1,-3} - \frac{1}{2}S_{1,3} - \frac{1}{2}S_{2,1} \\ &- \frac{1}{3}S_{2,-2} + S_{1}\zeta_{3} + \frac{1}{2}S_{3,1}\Big]\Big) + 16C_{F}C_{A}^{2}\Big(\frac{1657}{576} - \frac{15}{4}\zeta_{3} + 2S_{-5} + \frac{31}{6}S_{-4} - 4S_{-4,1} - \frac{67}{9}S_{-3} + 2S_{-3,-2} + \frac{11}{3}S_{-3,1} + \frac{3}{2}S_{-2} \\ &- 6S_{-2}\zeta_{3} - 2S_{-2,-3} + 3S_{-2,-2} - 4S_{-2,-2,1} + 8S_{-2,1,-2} - \frac{1883}{54}S_{1} - 10S_{1,-3} - \frac{16}{3}S_{1,-2} + 12S_{1,-2,1} + 4S_{1,3} - 4S_{2,-2} - \frac{5}{2}S_{4} + \frac{1}{2}S_{5} \\ &+ \frac{176}{9}S_{2} + \frac{13}{3}S_{3} + (N_{-} + N_{+} - 2)\Big[3S_{1}\zeta_{3} + 11S_{1,1} - 4S_{1,1,-2}\Big] + (N_{-} + N_{+})\Big[\frac{9737}{432}S_{1} - 3S_{1,-4} + \frac{19}{6}S_{1,-3} + 8S_{1,-3,1} + \frac{91}{9}S_{1,-2} \\ &- 6S_{1,-2,-2} - \frac{29}{3}S_{1,-2,1} + 8S_{1,1,-3} - 16S_{1,1,-2,1} - 4S_{1,1,3} - \frac{19}{4}S_{1,3} + 4S_{1,3,1} + 3S_{1,4} + 8S_{2,-2,1} + 2S_{2,3} - S_{3,-2} + \frac{11}{12}S_{3,1} - S_{4,1} - 4S_{2,-3} \\ &+ \frac{1}{6}S_{2,-2} - \frac{1967}{216}S_{2} + \frac{121}{72}S_{3}\Big] - (N_{-} - N_{+})\Big[3S_{2}\zeta_{3} + 7S_{2,1} - 3S_{2,1,-2} + 2S_{2,-2,1} - \frac{1}{4}S_{2,3} - \frac{3}{2}S_{3,-2} - \frac{29}{6}S_{3,1} + \frac{11}{4}S_{4,1} + \frac{1}{2}S_{2,-3} - S_{2,-2}\Big] \\ &+ N_{+}\Big[\frac{28}{9}S_{3} - \frac{2376}{216}S_{2} - \frac{8}{3}S_{4} - \frac{5}{2}S_{5}\Big]\Big) + 16C_{F}n_{f}^{2}\Big(\frac{17}{144} - \frac{13}{12}S_{1} + \frac{2}{9}S_{2} + (N_{-} + N_{+})\Big[\frac{2}{9}S_{1} - \frac{11}{15}S_{2} + \frac{1}{18}S_{3}\Big]\Big) + 16C_{F}^{2}C_{A}\Big(\frac{45}{4}\zeta_{3} - \frac{151}{64} - 10S_{-5} - \frac{89}{6}S_{-4} + 20S_{-4,1} + \frac{134}{9}S_{-3} - 2S_{-3,-2} - \frac{31}{3}S_{-3,1} + 2S_{-3,2} - \frac{9}{2}S_{-2} + 18S_{-2}\zeta_{3} + 10S_{-2,-3} - 6S_{-2,-2} \\ &+ 8S_{-2,-2,1} - 28S_{-2,1,-2} + 46S_{1,-3} + \frac{26}{3}S_{1,-2} - 48S_{1,-2,1} + \frac{28}{3}S_{1,2} - \frac{185}{6}S_{3} - 8S_{1,$$

$$\begin{split} &+16S_{1,-2,-2} + \frac{103}{3}S_{1,-2,1} - 2S_{1,-2,2} - 36S_{1,1,-3} + 56S_{1,1,-2,1} + 8S_{1,1,3} - \frac{109}{9}S_{1,2} - 4S_{1,2,-2} + \frac{43}{3}S_{1,3} - 8S_{1,3,1} - 11S_{1,4} + \frac{11}{3}S_{2,2} \\ &+21S_{2,-3} - 30S_{2,-2,1} - 4S_{2,1,-2} - 5S_{2,3} - S_{4,1} + \frac{31}{6}S_{2,-2} - \frac{67}{9}S_{2,1} \right] + (\mathbf{N}_{-} - \mathbf{N}_{+}) \left[9S_{2}\zeta_{3} + 2S_{2,-3} + 4S_{2,-2,1} - 12S_{2,1,-2} - 2S_{2,3} \\ &+13S_{4,1} + \frac{1}{2}S_{2,-2} + \frac{11}{2}S_{4} - \frac{33}{2}S_{3,1} + \frac{59}{9}S_{3} + \frac{127}{6}S_{2,1} - \frac{1153}{72}S_{2} \right] + \mathbf{N}_{+} \left[8S_{3,-2} + \frac{4}{3}S_{3,1} - 2S_{3,2} + 14S_{5} + \frac{23}{6}S_{4} + \frac{73}{3}S_{3} + \frac{151}{24}S_{2} \right] \right) \\ &+16C_{\mathbf{F}}^{2}n_{f} \left(\frac{23}{16} - \frac{3}{2}\zeta_{3} + \frac{4}{3}S_{-3,1} - \frac{59}{36}S_{2} + \frac{4}{3}S_{-4} - \frac{20}{9}S_{-3} + \frac{20}{9}S_{1} - \frac{8}{3}S_{1,-2} - \frac{8}{3}S_{1,1} - \frac{4}{3}S_{1,2} + \mathbf{N}_{+} \left[\frac{25}{9}S_{3} - \frac{4}{3}S_{3,1} - \frac{1}{3}S_{4} \right] \\ &- (\mathbf{N}_{+} - 1) \left[\frac{67}{36}S_{2} - \frac{4}{3}S_{2,1} + \frac{4}{3}S_{3} \right] + (\mathbf{N}_{-} + \mathbf{N}_{+}) \left[S_{1}\zeta_{3} - \frac{325}{144}S_{1} - \frac{2}{3}S_{1,-3} + \frac{32}{9}S_{1,-2} - \frac{4}{3}S_{1,-2,1} + \frac{4}{3}S_{1,1} + \frac{16}{9}S_{1,2} - \frac{4}{3}S_{1,3} \\ &+ \frac{11}{18}S_{2} - \frac{2}{3}S_{2,-2} + \frac{10}{9}S_{2,1} + \frac{1}{2}S_{4} - \frac{2}{3}S_{2,2} - \frac{8}{9}S_{3} \right] \right) + 16C_{\mathbf{F}}^{3} \left(12S_{-5} - \frac{29}{32} - \frac{15}{2}\zeta_{3} + 9S_{-4} - 24S_{-4,1} - 4S_{-3,-2} + 6S_{-3,1} \\ &- 4S_{-3,2} + 3S_{-2} + 25S_{3} - 12S_{-2}\zeta_{3} - 12S_{-2,-3} + 24S_{-2,1,-2} - 52S_{1,-3} + 4S_{1,-2,1} - 4S_{3,-2} + \frac{67}{2}S_{2} - 17S_{4} \\ &+ (\mathbf{N}_{-} + \mathbf{N}_{+} - 2) \left[6S_{1}\zeta_{3} - \frac{31}{8}S_{1} + 35S_{1,1} - 12S_{1,1,-2} + S_{1,2} + 10S_{2,-2} + S_{2,1} + 2S_{2,2} - 2S_{3,1} - 3S_{5} \right] + (\mathbf{N}_{-} + \mathbf{N}_{+} \right] \left[23S_{1,-3} \\ &- 22S_{1,-4} + 32S_{1,-3,1} - 2S_{1,-2} - 8S_{1,-2,-2} - 30S_{1,-2,1} - 6S_{1,3} + 4S_{1,-2,2} + 40S_{1,1,-3} - 48S_{1,1,-2,1} + 8S_{1,2,-2} + 4S_{1,2,2} + 8S_{1,3,1} \\ &+ 4S_{1,4} + 28S_{2,-2,1} + 4S_{2,1,2} + 4S_{2,2,1} + 4S_{3,1,1} - 4S_{3,2} + 8S_{2,1,-2} - 26S_{2,-3} - 2S_{2,3} - 4S_{3,-2} - 3S_{2,2,-2} - 3S_{2,2} - 3S_{2,2} - 3S_{2,2} - 3S_{2,2} \\ &+ (\mathbf{N}_{-} - \mathbf{N$$

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$x_{cut}$ :	0	0.0002	0.001	0.0025	0.005	0.01
# DATA POINTS	2097	2050	1961	1898	1826	1762
$\chi^2(x > 0)$	2267					
$\chi^2(x > 0.0002)$	2212	2203				
$\chi^2(x > 0.001)$	2134	2128	2119			
$\chi^2(x > 0.0025)$	2069	2064	2055	2040		
$\chi^2(x > 0.005)$	2024	2019	2012	1993	1973	
$\chi^2(x > 0.01)$	1965	1961	1953	1934	1917	1916
$\Delta_i^{i+1}$	0.	19 0.10	0.24	0.28	0.02	

DATA-THEORY AGREEMENT FOR EVOLUTION OF  $F_2$ IMPROVES IF SMALL x DATA REMOVED (MRST 2003)  $\chi^2$  improves with fixed # of pts (same row)



# THRESHOLD (LARGE x) RESUMMATION

AT  $O(\alpha_s^n)$ ,  $O\left[ln^{2m}(1-x)\right]$  CONTRIBUTIONS:

LEFTOVER OF KLN REAL/VIRTUAL CANCELLATION CLOSE TO THRESHOLD

 $\Rightarrow$  PERT. THEORY UNSTABLE AT LARGE x (C.M. ENERGY  $\sim$  FINAL STATE MASS) THEORY KNOWN: CAN BE DONE UP TO THIRD LOG ORDER (Catani, Trentadue, Sterman 1987-89)

- DIS: SIZABLE ONLY @ VERY LARGE x, WHERE XSECT & PDF TINY (Corcella, Magnea 2005)
- DY: CAN HAVE SIZABLE EFFECTS, ESPECIALLY ON RAP. DISTN. (Bolzoni 2006)
- NOT INCLUDED IN CURRENT FITS



# HEAVY QUARKS

HOW CAN ONE ACCOUNT FOR HEAVY FLAVOURS (CHARM, BEAUTY...)? SIMPLE OPTION: (CTEQ6, Alekhin) CHARM PDF VANISHES BELOW THRESHOLD, INCLUDED ALONG OTHER PDFS ABOVE THRESHOLD  $\Rightarrow$  EFFECTIVELY,  $m_c \approx 0$  FOR  $Q^2 > Q_{th}^2$ .

- HQ PDF GENERATED DYNAMICALLY BY PERTURBATIVE EVOLUTION (HQ PAIR-PRODUCED BY RADIATION FROM GLUONS)
- TREATMENT NOT ACCURATE IN  $Q^2 \approx Q_{th}^2$  region

MORE REFINED TREATMENT OF THRESHOLD: [Collins, Tung et al (ACOT) 1986-2006]



- $m_c \neq 0$  in hard XSECT  $\Rightarrow$  Rele-VANT AROUND THRESHOLD
- $m_c = 0$  IN CHARM PDF  $\Rightarrow$  RELE-VANT AT LARGE SCALE

• SUBTRACT DOUBLE COUNTING

# W PRODUCTION @ LHC PART II



- $\int_{0.5^{-1}}^{10^{-1}0^{-1}0^{-1}0^{-1}} 01.02 0.05 1 2.3 4.5 8.7.8.91$
- NEW (CTEQ6.5) PARTON SET IN-CLUDES HQ MATCHING
- EFFECT OF IMPROVED HW MASS FELT MOSTLY IN SMALL x QUARK SUPPRESSION OF CHARM  $\Rightarrow$  EN-HANCEMENT OF LIGHT SEA
- IN COMPARISON TO PREVIOUS (CTEQ76.1), SIGNIFICANT CHANGE OF u, d QUARK DISTNS AT  $x \sim 0.01$
- W, Z TOTAL XSECT NO LONGER AGREES WITH MRST THOUGH MRST INCLUDES HQ MATCHING!
- EFFECT OF INTRINSIC CHARM (IC) MINOR

PDF UNCERTAINTIES

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## CAN WE TRUST GLOBAL FITS? PARTON SETS DO NOT AGREE WITHIN RESPECTIVE ERRORS!

# W production cross-section Tevatron

#### HIGGS PRODUCTION AT LHC

# PDF SETXSEC [NB]PDF UNCERTAINTYALEKHIN2.73 $\pm 0.05$ (TOT)MRST20022.59 $\pm 0.03$ (EXPT)CTEQ62.54 $\pm 0.10$ (EXPT)

THORNE 2003

- ALEKHIN VS. MRST/CTEQ  $\rightarrow$  W production xsect at TEVATRON DO NOT AGREE WITHIN RESPECTIVE ERRORS
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DJOUADI AND FERRAG, 2004

# **INCOMPATIBLE DATA?**

GLOBAL  $\chi^2$  MINIMUM MAY NOT CORRESPOND TO LOCAL MINIMA



E866 DY DATA DISAGREE WITH DIS DATA:  $\sigma_{DY} \sim q(x_1)q(x_2)$  disagrees with DIS QUARK AT SAME x and  $Q^2$ 



ALEKHIN 2005

**MRST 2003** 

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We do not seem to have the optimum parameterization for both finding the best fit and also investigating fluctuations about this best fit (...) This might then influence our error analysis...(MRST 2004)

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TOLERANCE  $\rightarrow \Delta \chi^2 = 100 \; (\mathrm{CTEQ6})$ 

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ALTERNATIVE (ALEKHIN 2006): DISCARD INCONSISTENT DATA, RETAIN SUBSET

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## THE BAYESIAN MONTE CARLO (GIELE, KOSOWER, KELLER 2001)

- generate a Monte-Carlo sample of fcts. with "reasonable" prior distn. (e.g. an available parton set)  $\rightarrow$  representation of probability functional  $\mathcal{P}[f_i]$
- calculate observables with functional integral
- update probability using Bayesian inference on MC sample: better agreement with data  $\rightarrow$  more functions in sample
- iterate until convergence achieved

PROBLEM IS MADE FINITE-DIMENSIONAL BY THE CHOICE OF PRIOR, BUT RESULT DO NOT DEPEND ON THE CHOICE IF SUFFICIENTLY GENERAL HARD TO HANDLE "FLAT DIRECTIONS" (Monte Carlo replicas which lead to same agreement with data); COMPUTATIONALLY VERY INTENSIVE; DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE INDEP. FROM PRIOR

# **RESULT: FERMI PARTONS (2001)**



 $F_2^{\text{singlet}}$  and gluon ratios fermi/MRST

ONLY SUBSET OF DATA FITTED (H1, E665, BCDMS DIS DATA)

GOOD AGREEMENT WITH TEVATRON W XSECT TROUBLE WITH VALUE OF  $\alpha_s$ FINAL PARTON SET NEVER ACHIEVED

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# WHAT ARE NEURAL NETWORKS?



#### MULTILAYER FEED-FORWARD NETWORKS

- Each neuron receives input from neurons in preceding layer and feeds output to neurons in subsequent layer
- Activation determined by weights and thresholds

$$\xi_i = g\left(\sum_j \omega_{ij}\xi_j - \theta_i\right)$$

• Sigmoid activation function  $g(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\beta x}}$ 

# JUST ANOTHER SET OF BASIS FUNCTIONS!

A 1-2-1 NN: 
$$\xi_1^{(3)}(\xi_1^{(1)}) = \frac{1}{\substack{\theta_1^{(3)} - \frac{\omega_{11}^{(2)}}{1+e^{\theta_1^{(2)} - \xi_1^{(1)}\omega_{11}^{(1)}} - \frac{\omega_{12}^{(2)}}{1+e^{\theta_2^{(2)} - \xi_1^{(1)}\omega_{21}^{(1)}}}}$$

THANKS TO NONLINEAR BEHAVIOUR, ANY FUNCTION CAN BE REPRESENTED BY A SUFFICIENTLY BIG NEURAL NETWORK

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A: STOP THE FIT BEFORE OVERLEARNING SETS IN!

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#### TOO LATE!

#### A NEURAL NONSINGLET FIT (NNPDF 2007) http://sophia.ecm.ub.es/nnqns/

NLO RESULTS: THE STRUCTURE FUNCTION  $F_2^{NS}(x, Q^2)$ VS x AT  $Q^2 = 15$  GeV<sup>2</sup> VS  $Q^2$  AT x = 0.15



- COMPATIBLE WITH EXISTING FITS WITHIN ERROR (even when they disagee with each other)
- UNCERTAINTY MUCH LARGER IN EXTRAPOLATION BUT ALSO IN DATA REGION (note no other global fit data constrain  $q_{\rm NS}$ )
- CENTRAL FIT DISAGREES WITH EXISTING FITS IN VALENCE REGION  $0.1 \leq x \leq 0.3$

### STABILITY

CAN CHECK STABILITY BY COMPARING RESULTS IF THE WHOLE PROCEDURE IS REPEATED WITH A DIFFERENT SET OF REPLICAS

DEFINE R.M.S. DISTANCE 
$$\langle d[q] \rangle = \sqrt{\left\langle \frac{\left( \langle q_i \rangle_{(1)} - \langle q_i \rangle_{(2)} \right)^2}{\sigma^2 [q_i^{(1)}] + \sigma^2 [q_i^{(2)}]} \right\rangle_{dat}}$$

NOTE  $\sigma \Rightarrow$  ERROR ON AVERAGE = (ERROR ON  $q_i$ )/ $\sqrt{N}$  $\Rightarrow$  TESTS BOTH ACCURACY OF CENTRAL VALUE & ERRORS

#### SELF-STABILITY: DIFFERENT SETS OF 100 REPLICAS

$\langle d\left[q\right] \rangle_{\mathrm{dat}}$	0.96
$\left\langle d\left[q ight] ight angle _{\mathrm{extra}}$	0.99
$\langle d\left[\sigma_{q}\right] \rangle_{\mathrm{dat}}$	0.88
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CHANGE OF ARCHITECTURE: 2-4-3-1 VS. 2-5-3-1

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DISTANCE COMPUTED FOR 14 POINTS LINEARLY SPACED IN THE DATA REGION  $(0.05 \le x \le 0.75)$  & 14 POINTS LOG SPACED IN THE EXTRAPOLATION REGION  $(10^{-3} \le x \le 10^{-2})$ 

TOWARDS THE LHC

# WHERE DO WE STAND NOW? WHAT WE HAVE LEARNT

- LIGHT QUARK STRUCTURE IN "VALENCE" REGION  $0.1 \le x \le 0.5$  (old fixed target dis data)
- SINGLET AND GLUON AT SMALL  $x < 10^{-2}$  (HERA)
- SEA ASYMMETRY AT MEDIUM  $x \sim 0.1 \div 0.2$  (Drell-Yan)
- HINTS ON STRANGENESS (neutrinos)

#### WHAT WE ARE STILL MISSING

- GLUONS AT LARGE x (large  $E_T$  jet problem)
- NONSINGLET & VALENCE AT SMALL x
- DETAILED INFO ON STRANGENESS (NuTeV problem)
- INFO ON HEAVY QUARKS (small x W xsect problem)

#### IS IT A PROBLEM?

# **EXAMPLE:** LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF LARGE x GLUON LIMITS DISCOVERY POTENTIAL FOR EXTRA DIMENSIONS

UPPER LIMIT ON COMPACTIFICATION SCALE FROM DIJET CROSS SECTIONS FROM 100  $FB^{-1}$  AT LHC Ferrag (ATLAS, 2006)

	2	4	6
	extra dimensions	extra dimensions	extra dimensions
THEORETICALLY	5 TeV	5 TeV	5 TeV
INCLUDING PDF UNCERTAINTIES	$< 2~{ m TeV}$	< 3  TeV	< 4  TeV

CROSS-SECTION IN FIXED  $p_t$  BINS PDF UNC.: QG CHANNEL

GG CHANNEL





SOLUTIONS: LARGE  $E_T$  JETS @ LHC DETERMINING THE GLUON AT LARGE x

#### UNCERTAINTY IN THE GLUON GREATLY REDUCED PROVIDED SYSTEMATICS CAN BE KEPT AT FEW PERCENT LEVEL



D. Clements (Atlas 2006)

# SOLUTIONS: W ASYMMMETRY @ LHC DETERMINING QUARKS AT SMALL x

- W production at LHC probes  $x \sim 10^{-2}$
- $W^{\pm}$  asymmetries sensitive to  $\bar{u}/\bar{d}$
- $\Rightarrow$  IF SMALL *x* BEHAVIOUR IS NOT AS CURRENTLY ASSUMED ("REGGE"),  $W^{\pm}$  ASYMMETRY CHANGES BY UP TO FACTOR 5!



E. Perez (CMS 2006)

#### SOLUTIONS: W DISTRIBUTION @LHC PRECISION PHYSICS @ SMALL x

- MRST03  $\Rightarrow$  BEST FIT VS.  $MRST02 \Rightarrow VERY SMALL x HERA DATA NOT INCLUDED$
- DIFFERENCE IN ASYMETRY SEEN AFTER FEW HOURS OF RUNNING!



A. Cooper-Sarkar (Atlas 2006)

#### 200 kevents

 $e^+$  RAPIDITY DISTRIBUTION

# CONCLUSIONS

# AT LHC, WE NEED PRECISION PHYSICS

- SOME WE'VE GOT ALREADY (small x gluons, large x valence quarks,...)
- SOME WE'LL MEASURE AT LHC ITSELF (small x quarks, large x gluons,...)

# FOR DISCOVERY PHYSICS!



Higgs decay in  $e^+e^- + 2$  jets at CMS