Deep Inelastic Scattering and Hadronic Structure



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1) Collinear Proton PDFs from HERA and LHC

- 2) Extension to Nuclei
- 3) Future Prospects at LHC / CERN
- 4) Future DIS and the Electron Ion Collider



HERA at DESY: Still the Backbone of Proton Parton Density Functions (PDFs)



Data used in current PDF fits



Including LHC data brings: Advantages: improve precision, exploit all available inputs

Caveats: use of data that may contain BSM effects, theoretical complexity (eg non-perturbative input), some incompatibilities between data sets

Current State of the Art / Motivation

e.g. Comparisons between current global fits on LHC $q\bar{q}$ and gg luminosities



Many more reasons to improve PDF precision:

- Cosmic ray air showers
- Neutrino interactions with matter
- Understanding strong interaction dynamics ...



e.g. Jets & the Gluon Density

CMS 13 TeV inclusive jets versus PDF sets that include LHC run 1 data

Deviations at typically 5% level, getting worse at largest p_T (highest x)

... improved constraints on gluon density

D

a

q



e.g. W, Z, Drell-Yan & Quark Densities



p

Nuclear Parton Densities

- Nuclear effects in PDFs still not fully understood.
- Important e.g. for initial State in QGP studies
- Progress with Jlab, RHIC and LHC pPb \rightarrow Examples from EPPS21



Ultra-peripheral Collisions and the Gluon





Ultra-peripheral collisions being studied in AA at RHIC and LHC: e.g. ${\rm J}/{\Psi}$

→ $\gamma A \rightarrow J/\Psi A$ cross-sections → Clear₁₀ suppressions₁₀ relative to simply scaled protons, extending to x~10⁻⁵. Corresponding pp, pPb data: → $\gamma P \rightarrow J/\Psi Pb$ → Sensitivity to gluons in the proton H1 Excellent data, limitations are in partonic interpretation H1 H1 H

FASER: Neutrinos from the LHC





 $0 + \frac{10^2}{10^2}$



Forward Proton Facility for the HL-LHC





[COMPASS @ CERN also took muon data on polarised deuterons in 2021-22]

Physics at JLab CEBAF 12 GeV

Extensive programme emphasizing 3D tomography, including:

- High x longitudinal structure
- Unravelling the spin puzzle
- Precision nuclear effects in valence region [much of which is mirrored in EIC context]





e.g. Recent data on t dependences of J/Ψ photoproduction near threshold

Interpreted in terms of proton gravitational form factors:

- Mass radius notably smaller than charge radius

- Extraction of QCD trace anomaly (contribution to proton mass)



The Electron-Ion Collider (BNL)



New electron ring, to collide with RHIC p, A

- Construction scheduled from 2025
- Operations / science from early 2030s
- Energy range 28 < \sqrt{s} < 140 GeV, accessing moderate / large x values compared with HERA

World's first ...

- High lumi ep Collider (~ 10³⁴ cm⁻² s⁻¹)
- Double-polarised DIS collider
 - (~70% for leptons and light hadrons)
- eA collider (lons ranging from H to U)

Specifications driven by science goals:

- 3D proton structure
- Proton mass
- Proton spin
- Dense partonic systems in nuclei



A Detector for the EIC

- New 1.7 T SC solenoid, 2.8 m bore diameter

Tracking

- Si Vertex Tracker MAPS wafer-level stitched sensors (ALICE ITS3)
- Si Tracker MAPS barrel and disks
- Gaseous tracker: MPGDs (µRWELL, MMG) cylindrical and planar

PID

- high performance DIRC (hpDIRC)
- dual RICH (aerogel + gas) (forward)
- proximity focussing RICH (backward)
- ToF using AC-LGAD (barrel+forward)

EM Calorimetry

- imaging EMCal (barrel)
- W-powder/SciFi (forward)
- PbWO₄ crystals (backward)

Hadron calorimetry

- FeSc (barrel, re-used from sPHENIX)
- Steel/Scint W/Scint (backward/forward)

- Optimised for inclusive, semi-inclusive and exclusive DIS

- Emphasis on forward & backward instrumentation, integrated in interaction region design
- Ongoing work towards a second, complementary detector





EIC Physics Motivation: Inclusive DIS on Proton



EIC Physics Motivation: Proton Spin



EIC Physics Motivation: 3D Structure

Exclusive processes, yielding intact protons, require (minimum) 2 partons exchanged
→ Sensitivity to correlations between partons in longitudinal / transverse momentum and spatial coordinates
→ access to 3D tomography

P.0 1.1



 10^{-2}

 10^{-1}



 Q^2 (GeV²)

[arXiv:1304.007

10

 10^{-3}

EIC Physics Motivation: Dense Gluonic Systems

Nuclei enhance density of partons (" $A^{1/3}$ " factor)

 \rightarrow Very large impact on eA phase space, extending into expected region of density effects

Mandelstam t in exclusive processes conjugate to transverse spatial distributions

 \rightarrow Fourier transform the target





LHeC (>50 GeV electron beams) $E_{cms} = 0.2 - 1.3$ TeV, (Q²,x) range far beyond HERA run ep/pp together with the HL-LHC (\gtrsim Run5)



Future ep and eA Options at CERN

Renewed mandate, structure and coordination (J d'Hondt) See https://indico.cern.ch/event/1335332/



Example LHeC and FCC-eh Physics

Revolutionary proton PDF precision

- → Facilitates LHC / FCC-hh precision measurements and BSM searches
- \rightarrow Elucidates very low x dynamics in ep / eA

Impactful Higgs programme

→ Complements HL-LHC (and FCC-ee / FCC-hh)





SUMMARY

Progress continues on proton and nuclear longitudinal (and spin) structure → Better understanding may yet be needed for full exploitation of LHC

Current / future facilities are revealing the 3D structure and dynamics of strongly interacting matter in new ways

→ Electron-Ion Collider on course to transform the picture from early 2030s

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